

Supplementary Information

Switchable intramolecular oxidative amidation of 4-arylquinoline-3-carboxamides: divergent access to dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridinones and spirocyclohexadienones

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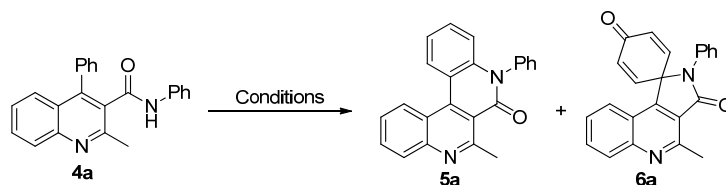
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1. General information

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AVIII-400 spectrometer at ambient temperature with CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ as the solvent. ^1H NMR spectra were referenced to tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm) or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ($\delta = 2.50$ ppm), and ^{13}C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl_3 ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm) or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ($\delta = 39.52$ ppm). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded by Bruker Apex IV Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometer. All melting points were measured on a WRS-2A melting point apparatus and uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a Nicolet Nexus 470 FTIR spectrometer. 2-Aminobenzophenones **S-1** ($\text{R}^1 = 4\text{-CO}_2^t\text{Bu}$ or $3\text{-CO}_2^t\text{Bu}$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{H}$) were prepared according to the literature procedure.^{1a} Acetoacetanilides **S-2** were prepared according to the literature procedure.^{1b-1d} Other chemicals were purchased from Energy Chemical without further purification.

2. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

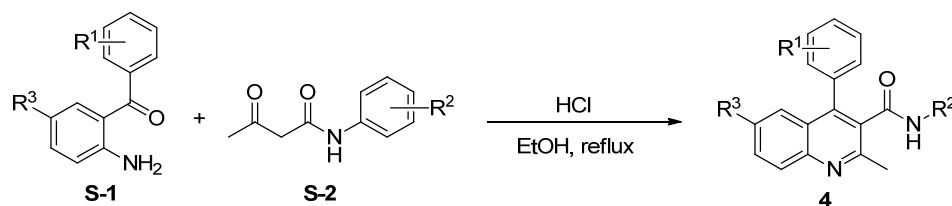
Table S1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions^{a,b}



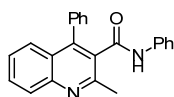
Entry	Oxidant (equiv.)	Catalyst	Solvent	Time (h)	Temp. (°C)	5a Yield (%)	6a Yield (%)
1 ^c	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	$\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 30 mL)	5	60	27	0
2 ^d	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	$\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 5 mL)	2	Reflux	32	0
3	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	$\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 10 mL)	2	Reflux	61	0
4	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	$\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 30 mL)	2	Reflux	76	0
5 ^d	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3)	AgNO_3	$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 5 mL)	8	RT	Trace	9
6 ^d	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3)	AgNO_3	$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 10 mL)	8	RT	Trace	26
7 ^d	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3)	AgNO_3	$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 30 mL)	8	RT	Trace	40
8	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3)	AgNO_3	$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 60 mL)	8	RT	Trace	47
9	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3)	AgNO_3	$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 120 mL)	8	RT	Trace	53
10 ^d	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	H_2O (15 mL)	2	Reflux	35	0
11 ^e	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	EtOAc (15 mL)	2	Reflux	0	0
12 ^e	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	MeCN (15 mL)	2	Reflux	Trace	0
13 ^e	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	AcOH (15 mL)	2	80	0	0
14 ^e	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	—	CH_3Cl (15 mL)	2	Reflux	0	0
15 ^e	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3)	AgNO_3	CH_3COCH_3 (60 mL)	8	RT	0	0

^a Reaction conditions: **4a** (1 mmol), catalyst (20 %mol), oxidant (2 or 3 equiv.). ^b Isolated yield. ^c 50% of **4a** was recovered. ^d Some insoluble side products were formed during the reaction. ^e **4a** remained unreacted as detected by TLC.

3. Preparation of Friedländer Products 4

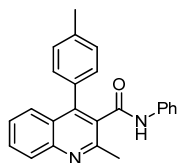


A mixture of 2-aminobenzophenone **S-1** (10 mmol), acetoacetanilide **S-2** (10 mmol), concentrated hydrochloric acid (36%, 2 ml), and EtOH (20 mL) was added to a round bottom flask (100 mL). The mixture was stirred under reflux (oil bath temperature 90 °C) for 1–5 h (monitored by TLC). After completion of reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then, ammonia water (25%) was added to adjust pH to 7–8. The solid was filtrated, washed with water for three times, and dried under vacuum to afford the product **4**, which was pure enough for NMR analysis.



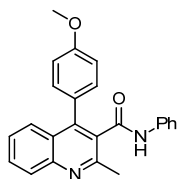
2-Methyl-N,4-diphenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4a**)²⁻⁴

White solid (2.8 g, 82%); mp > 280 °C (lit.² 279–285 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.38 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.35 (m, 9H), 7.30–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.7, 154.4, 146.8, 144.2, 138.4, 134.8, 130.8, 130.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 126.6, 125.9, 124.9, 123.8, 119.6, 23.1.



2-Methyl-N-phenyl-4-*p*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4b**)

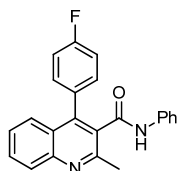
Yellow solid (2.4 g, 68%); mp 234–235 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.20 (m, 6H), 7.08–7.00 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.5, 154.1, 146.6, 143.9, 138.2, 137.3, 131.6, 130.6, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 126.3, 125.7, 123.5, 119.3, 22.8, 20.5; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3249, 3060, 2921, 1651, 1599, 1541, 1493, 1442, 1319, 755; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₁N₂O [M+H]⁺ 353.1648, found 353.1647.



4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-N-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4c**)

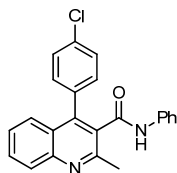
Pale yellow solid (3.0 g, 82%); mp 220–222 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.37 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 2H),

7.46 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.6, 158.8, 154.2, 146.6, 143.7, 138.2, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 128.4, 128.2, 126.6, 126.2, 125.7, 125.0, 123.5, 119.3, 113.3, 54.8, 22.8; IR (KBr): ν 3266, 3061, 2927, 1651, 1601, 1539, 1517, 1493, 1442, 1250, 758; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 369.1598, found 369.1598.



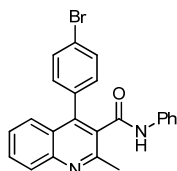
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-N-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4d)

White solid (2.6 g, 73%); mp 257–258 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.6, 162.00 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.3$ Hz), 154.4, 146.8, 143.2, 138.3, 131.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.5$ Hz), 131.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 131.0, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 126.8, 125.7, 124.9, 123.9, 119.6, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), 23.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3239, 3067, 2924, 1648, 1601, 1540, 1492, 1443, 1325, 1223, 757; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 357.1398, found 357.1395.



4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-N-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4e)⁴

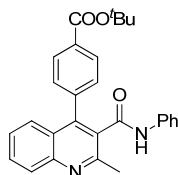
Pale yellow solid (3.1 g, 83%); mp 264–265 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.52 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.5, 154.4, 146.8, 143.0, 138.3, 133.7, 133.3, 131.2, 130.8, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 126.9, 125.7, 124.6, 124.0, 119.6, 23.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3265, 3062, 2923, 1649, 1598, 1538, 1485, 1442, 1318, 757; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 373.1102, found 373.1100.



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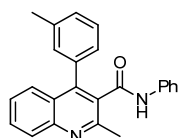
Pale yellow solid (3.3 g, 79%); mp 267–268 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.33 (m, 5H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.2, 154.1, 146.5, 142.7, 138.0, 133.8, 131.2, 130.9, 130.4, 129.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.6, 125.4, 124.3, 123.7, 121.7, 119.3,

22.8; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3251, 3062, 2924, 1650, 1598, 1541, 1485, 1442, 1319, 758, 691; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 417.0597, found 417.0597.



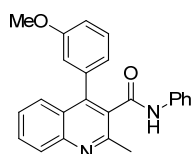
tert-Butyl 4-(2-methyl-3-(phenylcarbamoyl)quinolin-4-yl)benzoate (4g)

White solid (2.9 g, 66%); mp 137–138 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.85–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.9, 165.0, 154.9, 147.3, 143.7, 139.9, 138.9, 131.7, 131.0, 130.7, 130.2, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 127.4, 126.2, 125.0, 124.5, 120.0, 81.5, 28.2, 23.5; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3278, 3064, 2978, 1714, 1652, 1539, 1443, 1297, 1166, 756; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 439.2016, found 439.2015.



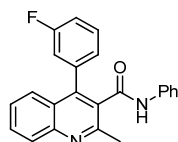
2-Methyl-N-phenyl-4-m-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4h)

Pale yellow solid (2.3 g, 65%); mp 262–263 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.38 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.21 (m, 5H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.7, 154.4, 146.8, 144.2, 138.4, 137.1, 134.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 126.6, 126.4, 126.0, 124.9, 123.8, 119.7, 23.0, 21.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3357, 3190, 2919, 2850, 1642, 1554, 1442, 1324, 757; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 353.1648, found 353.1649.



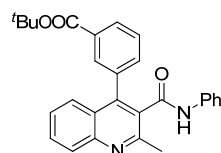
4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-N-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4i)

White solid (2.7 g, 74%); mp 249–251 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.07–6.97 (m, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 166.2, 159.2, 154.9, 147.3, 144.5, 139.0, 136.7, 131.1, 130.5, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 127.2, 126.4, 125.3, 124.4, 122.2, 120.1, 115.5, 114.5, 55.6, 23.6; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3237, 3066, 1646, 1601, 1544, 1443, 1240, 757; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 369.1598, found 369.1596.



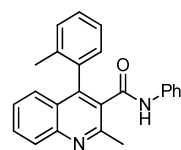
4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-N-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4j)

White solid (2.7 g, 76%); mp > 280 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.41 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.09–7.03 (m, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.4, 161.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 244.6 Hz), 154.4, 146.8, 142.7, 138.3, 137.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz), 130.7, 130.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.6 Hz), 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 126.9, 125.7, 125.6, 124.5, 124.0, 119.6, 116.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.3 Hz), 115.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 20.8 Hz), 23.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3233, 3066, 2922, 1641, 1554, 1443, 1323, 787, 766, 755; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 357.1398, found 357.1396.



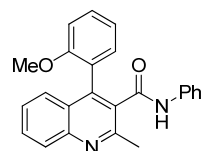
tert-Butyl 3-(2-methyl-3-(phenylcarbamoyl)quinolin-4-yl)benzoate (4k)

White solid (3.0 g, 68%); mp 176–177 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.10–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.99–7.93 (m, 1H), 7.86–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.9, 164.9, 154.9, 147.4, 143.7, 138.7, 135.7, 134.3, 131.4, 130.7, 130.2, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 127.4, 126.2, 125.1, 124.5, 120.2, 81.5, 40.6, 28.2, 23.6; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3282, 3063, 2977, 1714, 1652, 1537, 1442, 1299, 1162, 753; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 439.2016, found 439.2016.



2-Methyl-N-phenyl-4-o-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4l)

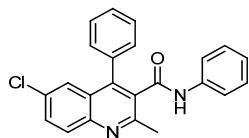
Pale yellow solid (2.0 g, 54%); mp 263–264 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.22 (m, 6H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 1H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.6, 154.5, 146.7, 144.0, 138.4, 136.0, 134.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 126.8, 125.4, 125.3, 124.7, 123.8, 119.6, 23.1, 19.5; IR (KBr): ν 3238, 3186, 3062, 2922, 2851, 1657, 1600, 1553, 1443, 1321, 754; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 353.1648, found 353.1647.



4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-N-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4m)

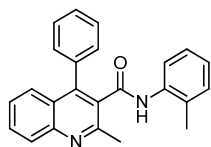
White solid (2.8 g, 76%); mp 250–251 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.28 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.00 (m, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.1, 157.1, 155.0, 147.1, 142.6, 139.0, 131.9, 131.0, 130.7,

130.3, 129.1, 128.9, 126.9, 126.5, 125.7, 124.2, 124.0, 120.6, 120.1, 111.9, 56.0, 23.6; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3271, 3136, 3071, 2954, 1646, 1602, 1553, 1487, 1443, 1248, 758; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 369.1598, found 369.1592.



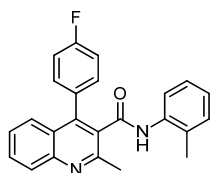
6-Chloro-2-methyl-N,4-diphenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4n)^{3,4}

White solid (2.5 g, 70%); mp 213–214 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.42 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.36 (m, 8H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.02–7.08 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.2, 155.3, 145.3, 143.5, 138.2, 134.1, 131.5, 131.1, 130.8, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.7, 128.3, 125.8, 124.4, 124.0, 119.7, 23.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3360, 3184, 2920, 1658, 1601, 1560, 1485, 1444, 829, 758, 692; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 373.1102, found 373.1102.



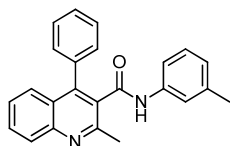
2-Methyl-4-phenyl-N-o-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4o)

White solid (2.9 g, 82%); mp 236–237 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 9.83 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.44 (m, 7H), 7.17–7.03 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.9, 154.6, 146.8, 144.0, 135.4, 135.0, 132.5, 130.9, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.6, 125.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.3, 124.9, 23.1, 17.4; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3230, 3059, 2924, 2853, 1646, 1580, 1524, 1455, 1307, 1257, 751, 701; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 353.1648, found 353.1647.



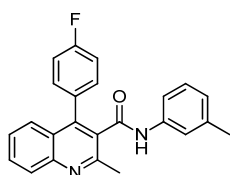
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-N-o-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4o')

White solid (3.2 g, 86%); mp 211–212 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.44–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.01 (m, 4H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.9, 162.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.4$ Hz), 154.5, 146.7, 143.1, 135.4, 132.5, 131.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.4$ Hz), 131.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 131.1, 130.3, 129.9, 128.5, 126.7, 125.9, 125.8, 125.7, 125.3, 125.0, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.5$ Hz), 23.1, 17.4; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3222, 3063, 2924, 2853, 1645, 1514, 1492, 1226, 761; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 371.1554 found 371.1554.



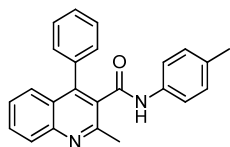
2-Methyl-4-phenyl-*N-m*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4p)

White solid (2.7 g, 77%); mp 212–213 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.40 (m, 7H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.6, 154.4, 146.8, 144.2, 138.4, 137.8, 134.9, 130.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.6, 125.8, 124.9, 124.5, 120.0, 116.8, 23.0, 21.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3357, 3058, 2919, 2849, 1653, 1613, 1563, 1488, 1318, 758, 692; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 353.1648, found 353.1644.



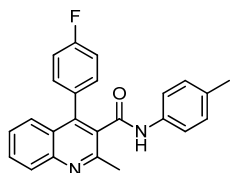
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N-m*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4p')

White solid (2.8 g, 76%); mp 184–185 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.11 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.6, 162.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 245.3 Hz), 154.4, 146.8, 143.2, 138.3, 137.9, 131.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.4 Hz), 131.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.4 Hz), 131.0, 130.0, 128.6, 128.5, 126.7, 125.7, 124.9, 124.6, 120.0, 116.7, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.6 Hz), 23.0, 21.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3249, 3063, 2923, 2854, 1650, 1610, 1549, 1490, 1228, 765; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 371.1554, found 371.1555.



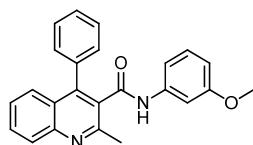
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Yellow solid (3.2 g, 91%); mp 264–265 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.38 (m, 7H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.0, 154.5, 135.8, 134.7, 132.9, 131.0, 130.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.0, 126.0, 125.0, 119.7, 22.6, 20.4; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3181, 3032, 2922, 2852, 1650, 1602, 1534, 1514, 1407, 1319, 1253, 764, 701; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 353.1648, found 353.1648.



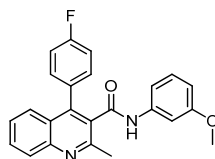
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N-p*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4q')

Yellow solid (2.9 g, 78%); mp 233–234 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.31 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.3, 162.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 245.0 Hz), 154.5, 146.6, 143.3, 135.8, 133.0, 131.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.4 Hz), 131.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.4 Hz), 131.1, 130.1, 129.0, 128.4, 126.8, 125.7, 124.9, 119.6, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.5 Hz), 23.0, 20.4; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3239, 3119, 2924, 2853, 1650, 1603, 1514, 1407, 1318, 1227, 817, 764; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 371.1554 found 371.1554.



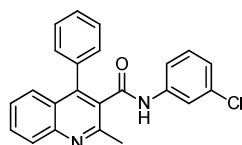
N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4r)⁴

White solid (2.9 g, 79%); mp 200–201 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.39 (m, 7H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.7, 159.4, 154.4, 146.8, 144.2, 139.5, 134.8, 130.8, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.7, 125.9, 124.9, 111.9, 109.1, 105.5, 54.9, 23.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3254, 3060, 2926, 1651, 1607, 1544, 1489, 1454, 1427, 1241, 766, 701; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 369.1598, found 369.1597.



4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4r')

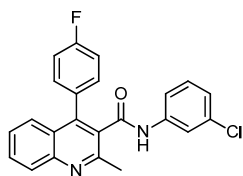
White solid (2.8 g, 73%); mp 170–171 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.37 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.6, 162.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 245.1 Hz), 159.4, 154.4, 146.8, 143.2, 139.4, 131.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.4 Hz), 131.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 3.3 Hz), 131.0, 130.0, 129.5, 128.5, 126.8, 125.7, 124.8, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 21.5 Hz), 111.8, 109.1, 105.5, 54.9, 23.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) ν 3250, 3064, 2925, 2853, 1650, 1606, 1492, 1230, 765; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.1503, found 387.1505.



N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4s)⁴

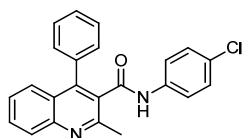
White solid (3.3 g, 88%); mp 215–216 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.59 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.40 (m, 6H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.0, 154.3, 146.9, 144.5, 139.8, 134.7, 133.0, 130.4,

130.4, 130.2, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.8, 125.9, 124.8, 123.6, 118.8, 117.8, 23.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3271, 3055, 2921, 1657, 1593, 1543, 1480, 1424, 1316, 756; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 373.1102, found 373.1100.



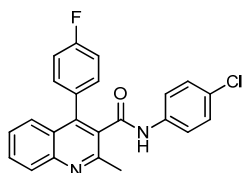
***N*-(3-Chlorophenyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4s')**

White solid (3.1 g, 79%); mp 198–197 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.61 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 1H); 7.51–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.16–7.08 (m, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.9, 162.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.0$ Hz), 154.2, 146.9, 143.4, 139.7, 133.0, 131.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.4$ Hz), 131.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 130.6, 130.5, 130.2, 128.6, 126.9, 125.7, 124.8, 123.6, 118.8, 117.8, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.8$ Hz), 23.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3237, 3176, 3062, 2924, 2853, 1655, 1594, 1538, 1514, 1482, 1424, 1231, 765; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 391.1008, found 391.1009.



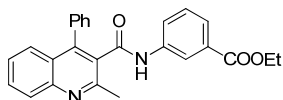
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White solid (3.4 g, 91%); mp 263–264 °C (lit.² 260–262 °C); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.59–7.52 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.40 (m, 8H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H).



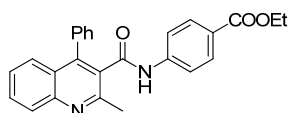
***N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4t')**

Yellow solid (3.2 g, 82%); mp 240–241 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.57 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 5H), 7.37–7.27 (m, 4H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 165.7, 162.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.4$ Hz), 154.3, 146.8, 143.5, 137.2, 131.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.4$ Hz), 131.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.3$ Hz), 130.8, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 126.9, 125.7, 124.8, 121.0, 115.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.5$ Hz), 23.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3236, 3176, 3110, 3045, 2925, 2853, 1652, 1598, 1514, 1492, 1400, 1231, 828, 764; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 391.1008 found 391.1008.



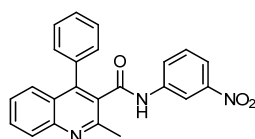
Ethyl 3-(2-methyl-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamido)benzoate (4u)

White solid (3.1 g, 76%); mp 131–132 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.60 (s, 1H), 8.12–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.84–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.39 (m, 7H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.5, 165.9, 154.8, 147.4, 144.9, 139.2, 135.3, 131.0, 130.9, 130.6, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.2, 126.4, 125.3, 125.0, 124.4, 120.4, 61.3, 23.6, 14.6; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3290, 3063, 2983, 1720, 1656, 1544, 1487, 1290, 755; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 411.1703, found 411.1707.



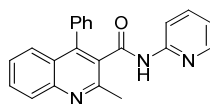
Ethyl 4-(2-methyl-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamido)benzoate (4v)⁴

White solid (3.1 g, 76%); mp 218–220 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.72 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.78 (m, 3H), 7.59–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 6H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.7, 165.7, 154.7, 147.4, 145.0, 143.2, 135.2, 130.9, 130.6, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 126.4, 125.3, 125.3, 119.2, 61.0, 23.6, 14.7; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3297, 2982, 1715, 1687, 1596, 1526, 1408, 1277, 1174, 1107, 766, 700; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 411.1703, found 411.1708.



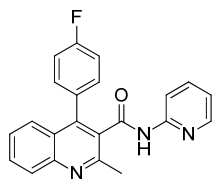
2-Methyl-N-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (4w)

Yellow solid (3.6 g, 94%); mp 230–231 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.48–8.44 (m, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.38 (m, 6H), 2.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.4, 147.9, 146.9, 144.7, 139.4, 134.6, 130.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.2, 128.5, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 125.9, 125.3, 124.7, 118.4, 113.3, 23.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3258, 3060, 2924, 2853, 1658, 1530, 1485, 1429, 1350, 766, 736; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 384.1343, found 384.1345.



2-Methyl-4-phenyl-N-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline-3-carboxamide (4x)²

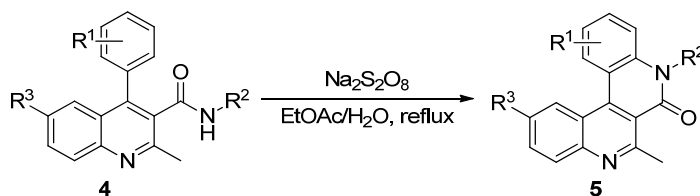
White solid (2.4 g, 71%); mp 272–273 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.28–8.23 (m, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.82–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.39 (m, 6H), 7.12–7.06 (m, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.7, 154.2, 151.4, 148.0, 146.9, 144.2, 138.1, 134.9, 130.6, 129.9, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 126.6, 125.9, 124.9, 119.9, 113.8, 23.1.



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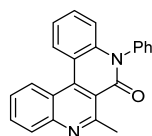
White solid (2.3 g, 64%); mp 240–241 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.30–8.24 (m, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.83–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.44 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 167.1, 162.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.3$ Hz), 154.7, 151.8, 148.5, 147.4, 143.7, 138.7, 132.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.4$ Hz), 131.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 131.2, 130.5, 129.1, 127.2, 126.3, 125.4, 120.5, 115.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.6$ Hz), 114.3, 23.6; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3177, 3018, 1682, 1599, 1528, 1434, 1307, 1227, 764; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 358.1350, found 358.1346.

4. Preparation of Dibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridinones 5



In a typical procedure, a mixture of substrate **4** (1 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2 mmol), and $\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 30 mL) was added to a round bottom flask (100 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred under reflux (oil bath temperature 90 °C) for 2–4 h (monitored by TLC). After completion of reaction, the mixture was cooled, and extracted with EtOAc (3×50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ EtOAc) to afford the product **5**.

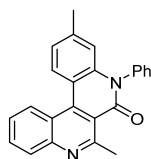
Note: The reaction was performed in $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 30 mL) for the preparation of products **5e–5g**, **5k** and **5u–5x**. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (6 mmol) was used for the preparation of product **5n**.



7-Methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5H)-one (5a)

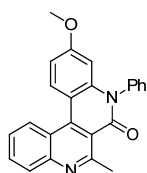
White solid (255 mg, 76%); mp 243–244 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.72 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.53 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.30 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 160.4, 148.6, 142.1, 140.9, 138.0, 131.0, 130.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 127.2, 126.3, 122.2, 121.8, 118.1, 117.6, 116.7,

28.06; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3060, 2921, 2850, 1657, 1601, 1554, 1492, 1453, 1397, 1309, 761, 699; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 337.1335, found 337.1334.



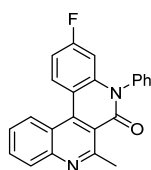
3,7-Dimethyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5b)

Yellow solid (272 mg, 78%); mp 268–270 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.4, 160.4, 148.6, 142.1, 141.7, 141.0, 138.0, 130.9, 130.3, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.2, 126.1, 123.5, 121.8, 117.6, 116.7, 115.3, 28.0, 21.8; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3058, 2922, 2851, 1656, 1611, 1490, 1399, 775, 760; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 351.1492, found 351.1490.



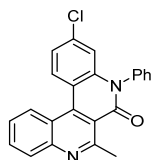
3-Methoxy-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5c)

White solid (121 mg, 33%); mp > 280 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.66 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.51 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, $J = 9.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.6, 161.5, 160.5, 148.6, 142.9, 142.3, 138.0, 131.4, 130.9, 130.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.9, 127.2, 126.0, 121.8, 116.7, 111.4, 109.4, 101.0, 55.3, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3044, 2919, 2849, 1656, 1607, 1488, 1398, 1311, 1226, 762, 748; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1441, found 367.1443.



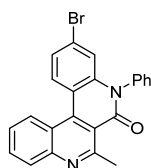
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Pale yellow solid (197 mg, 56%); mp > 280 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.64 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.60–8.52 (m, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 1H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 10.6, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 252.1$ Hz), 161.2, 160.3, 148.6, 142.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.0$ Hz), 137.5, 132.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 10.0$ Hz), 131.1, 130.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 126.8, 126.4, 126.4, 121.5, 117.3, 114.1, 110.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.9$ Hz), 103.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 27.0$ Hz), 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3045, 2928, 1659, 1617, 1551, 1490, 1377, 1187, 839, 745; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 355.1241, found 355.1238.



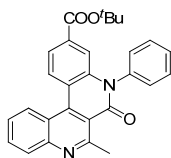
3-Chloro-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5H)-one (5e)

Pale yellow solid (178 mg, 48%); mp > 280 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.64 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 160.3, 148.7, 141.8, 141.4, 137.3, 137.0, 131.2, 131.0, 130.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 126.8, 126.5, 122.5, 121.6, 116.3, 116.1, 117.8, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3043, 2920, 2849, 1664, 1594, 1488, 1427, 1378, 771, 724; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 371.0946, found 371.0950.



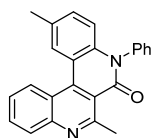
3-Bromo-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5H)-one (5f)

Pale yellow solid (200 mg, 48%); mp 264–265 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.73–7.53 (m, 4H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 160.3, 148.7, 141.8, 141.4, 137.3, 131.2, 131.0, 130.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 126.7, 126.5, 125.4, 125.3, 121.5, 119.3, 117.9, 116.4, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3044, 2920, 2850, 1666, 1589, 1489, 1423, 1378, 734, 715; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 415.0441, found 415.0441.



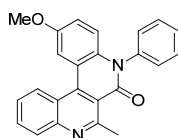
tert-Butyl 7-methyl-6-oxo-5-phenyl-5,6-dihydrodibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridine-3-carboxylate (5g)

White solid (183 mg, 42%); mp 206–207 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.69 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.21–8.17 (m, 1H), 7.93–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 3H), 7.61–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.34 (m, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 161.2, 160.4, 148.7, 141.2, 140.8, 137.5, 133.7, 131.3, 130.5, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 127.0, 126.7, 122.4, 121.8, 120.5, 118.7, 117.7, 81.9, 77.3, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3059, 3010, 2977, 2931, 1714, 1665, 1310, 1166, 763; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 437.1860, found 437.1865.

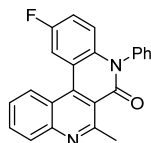


2,7-Dimethyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5h)

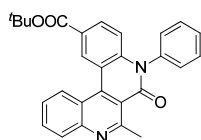
Yellow solid (214 mg, 61%); mp 160–172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 160.5, 148.6, 142.0, 138.9, 138.0, 131.9, 131.7, 130.9, 130.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.2, 126.2, 121.9, 118.1, 117.5, 116.6, 28.0, 21.0; IR (KBr): ν 2922, 2851, 1659, 1556, 1494, 760, 750; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₉N₂O [M+H]⁺ 351.1492, found 351.1493.

**2-Methoxy-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5i)**

Yellow solid (256 mg, 70%); mp 179–180 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20–8.14 (m, 1H), 8.08–8.04 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 160.5, 154.8, 148.6, 141.6, 138.1, 135.4, 131.0, 130.3, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 126.8, 126.3, 122.0, 118.5, 118.3, 118.0, 113.3, 55.9, 28.1; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3060, 3004, 2928, 1656, 1555, 1494, 1307, 759; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₉N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 367.1441, found 367.1440.

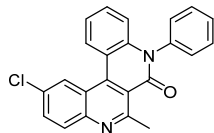
**2-Fluoro-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5j)**

Pale yellow solid (176 mg, 50%); mp 223–224 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.73–7.54 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.12 (m, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 160.4, 157.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 242.0 Hz), 148.6, 140.9 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.8 Hz), 137.8, 137.4, 131.2, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 126.7, 126.4, 121.6, 118.5, 118.5, 118.4, 118.3, 118.2, 115.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 25.0 Hz), 28.0; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3061, 2923, 2851, 1660, 1556, 1493, 1397, 1296, 774, 760, 697; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₁₆FN₂O [M+H]⁺ 355.1241, found 355.1237.

***tert*-Butyl 7-methyl-6-oxo-5-phenyl-5,6-dihydrodibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridine-2-carboxylate (5k)**

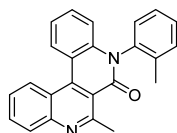
White solid (188 mg, 43%); mp 222–223 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.92–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.57 (m, 4H), 7.39–7.35 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H),

1.63 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.8, 161.4, 160.2, 148.8, 143.6, 141.8, 137.7, 131.8, 131.4, 130.5, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 127.0, 126.8, 125.9, 121.7, 118.1, 117.1, 116.5, 81.6, 77.2, 28.3; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3062, 3010, 2974, 2931, 1711, 1669, 1611, 1494, 1278, 1161, 1125, 759; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 437.1860, found 437.1865.



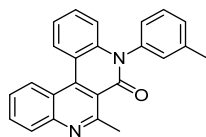
11-Chloro-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5n)

Yellow solid (253 mg, 68%); mp > 280 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.70 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.49–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 3H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 160.8, 147.0, 141.1, 141.0, 137.8, 132.3, 131.6, 131.1, 130.9, 130.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 126.2, 122.6, 122.6, 118.7, 117.2, 116.8, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3064, 2925, 2852, 1600, 1599, 1553, 1482, 1454, 1384, 1307, 762, 706; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 371.0946, found 371.0943.



7-Methyl-5-(*o*-tolyl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5o)

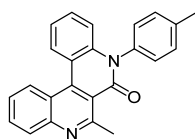
Pale yellow solid (244 mg, 70%); mp 225–226 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 160.5, 148.6, 142.0, 140.2, 136.7, 136.3, 131.7, 131.1, 131.0, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.2, 126.2, 122.2, 121.8, 118.1, 117.5, 116.0, 28.0, 17.5; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3061, 2924, 2852, 1658, 1601, 1557, 1191, 1454, 1398, 1308, 753; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 351.1492, found 351.1490.



7-Methyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (5p)

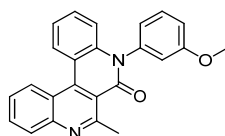
Pale yellow solid (258 mg, 74%); mp 217–218 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 160.4, 148.6, 142.0, 141.0, 140.4, 137.8, 130.9, 130.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 127.2, 126.2, 125.8, 122.1, 121.8, 118.1, 117.5, 116.7, 28.1, 21.4; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3057, 2923, 2852, 1659, 1601, 1560, 1490, 1454, 1398, 1308, 759; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 351.1492,

found 351.1491.



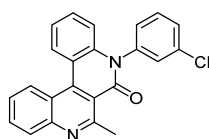
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Pale yellow solid (178 mg, 51%); mp 252–253 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.4, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.3, 160.4, 148.6, 142.0, 141.1, 138.9, 135.2, 130.9, 130.7, 129.7, 129.2, 128.6, 127.2, 126.2, 122.0, 121.8, 118.1, 117.5, 116.7, 28.0, 21.3; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3024, 2923, 2852, 1658, 1602, 1555, 1509, 1452, 1398, 1308, 763; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 351.1492, found 351.1492.



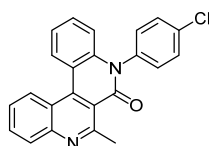
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Pale yellow solid (227 mg, 62%); mp 224–225 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.72 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 1H), 6.99–4.94 (m, 1H), 6.90 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 161.1, 160.4, 148.6, 142.0, 140.8, 139.0, 131.0, 131.0, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 127.2, 126.2, 122.1, 121.8, 121.0, 118.0, 117.5, 116.7, 114.9, 114.4, 55.4, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3061, 2921, 2850, 1658, 1601, 1490, 1453, 761; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1441, found 367.1439.



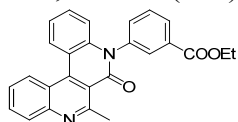
5-(3-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyldibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5H)-one (5s)

Yellow solid (218 mg, 59%); mp 256–257 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.71 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.91–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.28 (m, 4H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 160.2, 148.7, 142.1, 140.5, 139.0, 135.8, 131.2, 131.1, 130.9, 129.9, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 127.5, 127.2, 126.4, 122.4, 121.8, 117.9, 117.6, 116.4, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3046, 2919, 2850, 1658, 1550, 1489, 1455, 751; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 371.0946, found 371.0945.

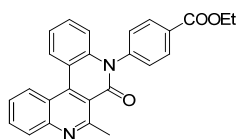


5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyldibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5H)-one (5t)

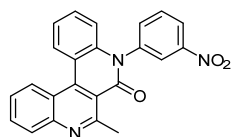
White solid (247 mg, 67%); mp 218–219 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.30 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2, 160.2, 148.7, 142.1, 140.6, 136.4, 134.9, 131.1, 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 129.9, 129.3, 127.1, 126.3, 122.4, 121.7, 117.9, 117.7, 116.4, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3046, 2923, 2851, 1658, 1601, 1561, 1491, 1307, 760; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₁₆ClN₂O [M+H]⁺ 371.0946, found 371.0948.

**Ethyl 3-(7-methyl-6-oxodibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-5(6H)-yl)benzoate (5u)**

White yellow solid (174 mg, 43%); mp 169–170 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.90–7.84 (m, 1H), 7.78–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 161.3, 160.3, 148.7, 142.2, 140.7, 138.2, 133.7, 133.0, 131.2, 131.0, 130.5, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.4, 127.2, 126.4, 122.5, 121.8, 118.0, 117.7, 116.5, 61.4, 28.1, 14.3; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3062, 2980, 1719, 1661, 1602, 1560, 1292, 1264, 756; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 409.1547, found 409.1549.

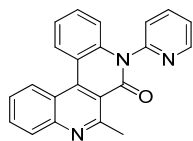
**Ethyl 4-(7-methyl-6-oxodibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-5(6H)-yl)benzoate (5v)**

Pale yellow solid (208 mg, 51%); mp 207–209 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.90–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 161.0, 160.3, 148.8, 142.2, 142.1, 140.5, 131.7, 131.2, 131.1, 131.0, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 127.2, 126.4, 122.5, 121.8, 117.9, 117.7, 116.4, 77.2, 61.4, 28.0, 14.4; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3160, 2981, 1717, 1660, 1603, 1560, 1274, 1104, 762; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 409.1547, found 409.1541.

**7-Methyl-5-(3-nitrophenyl)dibenzo[c,f][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5H)-one (5w)**

Pale yellow solid (132 mg, 35%); mp > 280 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 1H), 8.32 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.81–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.72–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.36 (m, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s,

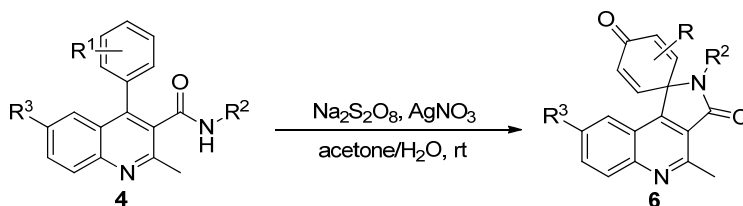
3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 160.1, 149.6, 148.8, 142.2, 140.1, 139.1, 135.8, 131.4, 131.1, 131.1, 130.2, 129.4, 127.1, 126.5, 124.9, 123.9, 122.8, 121.7, 117.9, 117.7, 116.0, 27.9; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3033, 2920, 2850, 1659, 1527, 1351, 750; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 382.1186, found 382.1181.



7-Methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5H)-one (5x)

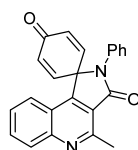
Yellow solid (107 mg, 32%); mp 230–231 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.86–8.80 (m, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08–8.02 (m, 1H), 7.88–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.62 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.4, 160.3, 151.6, 150.8, 148.8, 142.5, 140.0, 139.4, 131.2, 131.0, 130.0, 129.3, 127.3, 126.4, 124.8, 124.3, 122.6, 121.9, 118.0, 117.8, 116.1, 28.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3059, 3006, 2850, 1659, 1602, 1562, 1433, 1310, 761; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 338.1288, found 338.1290.

5. Preparation of Spirocyclohexadienones 6



In a typical procedure, a mixture of substrate **4** (1 mmol), AgNO_3 (0.2 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3 mmol), and $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 120 mL) was added to a round bottom flask (250 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature under air atmosphere for 5–24 h (monitored by TLC). After completion of reaction, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford the product **6**.

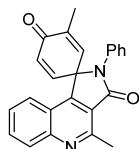
Note: AgNO_3 (0.5 mmol) and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (6 mmol) were used for the preparation of products **6h**, **6m–6p**. $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1, 10 mL) was used for the preparation of **6o** and **6p**. The corresponding fluorinated substrate **4'** ($\text{R}^1 = 4\text{-F}$) was used for the preparation of **6i–6n** and **6r**.



4'-Methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',

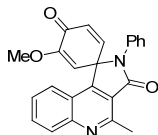
4(2'*H*)-dione (6a)

White solid (185 mg, 53% from **4a**); mp 267–268 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.0, 167.2, 157.2, 149.3, 148.4, 145.9, 134.7, 132.3, 131.8, 130.2, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 123.0, 122.2, 121.2, 65.1, 21.9; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3060, 2921, 2851, 1706, 1667, 1627, 1496, 1422, 1348, 883, 767, 747; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₁₇N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 353.1285, found 353.1284.



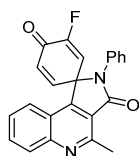
3,4'-Dimethyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6b)

Pale yellow solid (187 mg, 51%); mp 268–269 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69–6.55 (m, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.96 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.9, 167.2, 157.2, 149.3, 149.0, 145.6, 140.9, 139.4, 134.8, 132.1, 131.6, 130.1, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 123.0, 122.3, 121.2, 65.7, 21.8, 15.8; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3062, 2922, 2851, 1702, 1667, 1641, 1495, 1421, 1321, 755; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₉N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 367.1441, found 367.1440.



3-Methoxy-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6c)

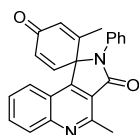
Yellow solid (140 mg, 37%); mp 240–241 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67–5.62 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.6, 167.1, 157.2, 153.2, 149.7, 149.4, 146.5, 134.7, 131.8, 131.6, 130.2, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 122.8, 122.4, 121.1, 112.8, 66.8, 55.5, 21.9; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): ν 3062, 2964, 2933, 1710, 1680, 1643, 1613, 1494, 1424, 1210, 770; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₁₉N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 383.1390, found 383.1388.



3-Fluoro-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6d)

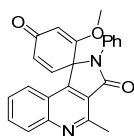
White solid (166 mg, 45%); mp 268–270 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (d, *J*

= 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.89–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 10.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.4 Hz), 166.8, 157.2, 155.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 273.0 Hz), 149.4, 148.0, 146.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.5 Hz), 134.1, 132.0, 131.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 4.1 Hz), 130.3, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 127.7, 122.8, 122.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 14.9 Hz), 121.9, 121.0, 66.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.6 Hz), 21.8; IR (KBr): ν 3059, 2920, 2850, 1708, 1687, 1658, 1494, 1422, 1334, 760; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 371.1190, found 371.1189.



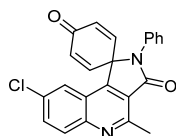
2,4'-Dimethyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6f)

White solid (202 mg, 55%); mp 225–226 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.29 (m, 5H), 6.72 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd, J = 9.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.51–6.48 (m, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.7, 167.6, 157.1, 154.7, 149.3, 149.3, 146.2, 134.9, 131.9, 131.7, 131.7, 130.2, 129.3, 128.2, 127.6, 126.8, 123.4, 121.9, 120.8, 67.6, 21.9, 18.5; IR (KBr): ν 3059, 2920, 2850, 1704, 1667, 1494, 1421, 1322, 760; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1441, found 367.1441.



2-Methoxy-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6g)

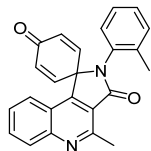
White solid (207 mg, 54%); mp 266–269 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 2H), 6.63–6.57 (m, 1H), 6.52–6.48 (m, 1H), 5.82–5.80 (m, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.2, 169.7, 168.1, 157.1, 149.2, 149.2, 141.9, 134.6, 131.8, 131.5, 130.1, 129.4, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 121.1, 123.6, 122.0, 105.8, 66.7, 56.3, 21.9; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3060, 3013, 2950, 1708, 1662, 1600, 1425, 1344, 1225, 756; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 383.1390, found 383.1389.



8'-Chloro-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6h)

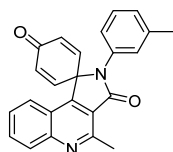
White solid (140 mg, 36%); mp 250–251 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.38 (m,

3H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.6, 166.8, 157.5, 147.7, 147.5, 145.3, 134.4, 133.4, 132.7, 132.6, 131.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 123.8, 121.8, 121.1, 65.0, 21.8; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3044, 2922, 1705, 1668, 1494, 1395, 1330, 753, 693; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.0895, found 387.0894.



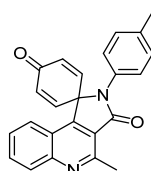
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White solid (197 mg, 54%); mp 261–262 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 10.0$, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, $J = 10.0$, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, $J = 10.0$, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, $J = 10.0$, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.0, 166.4, 157.3, 149.3, 146.1, 144.0, 137.5, 132.7, 132.6, 132.1, 131.8, 131.6, 130.1, 129.8, 129.3, 127.5, 126.5, 122.8, 122.2, 121.3, 65.6, 21.8, 18.9; IR (KBr): ν 2919, 2850, 1704, 1667, 1631, 1423, 1346, 1325, 758; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1441, found 367.1440.



4'-Methyl-2'-(*m*-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6j)

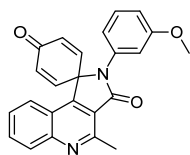
Pale yellow solid (262 mg, 72%); mp 269–270 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.4, 167.2, 157.2, 149.3, 148.5, 146.0, 139.4, 134.4, 132.3, 131.7, 130.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 127.4, 125.4, 123.1, 122.2, 121.2, 77.2, 65.1, 21.8, 21.3; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3040, 2920, 2850, 1708, 1666, 1630, 1423, 1346, 767; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1441, found 367.1441.



4'-Methyl-2'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (6k)

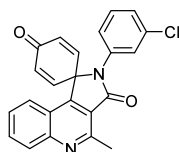
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1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.1, 167.3, 157.2, 149.3, 148.5, 146.0, 138.8, 132.3, 131.8, 131.7, 130.1, 130.0, 128.4, 127.4, 123.1, 122.2, 121.2, 65.1, 21.8, 21.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3057, 2920, 2851, 1706, 1669, 1629, 1509, 1421, 1346, 1324, 775; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.1441, found 367.1439.



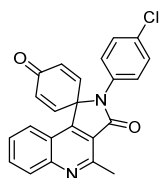
2'-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4'-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'H)-dione (6l)

White solid (268 mg, 70%); mp 268–270 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.95–6.84 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.1, 167.1, 160.1, 157.2, 149.3, 148.4, 146.0, 135.8, 132.3, 131.8, 130.2, 130.0, 127.5, 123.0, 122.2, 121.2, 120.4, 114.5, 114.0, 65.2, 55.4, 21.9; IR (KBr): ν 2920, 2850, 1711, 1666, 1600, 1486, 1422, 768; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 383.1390, found 383.1395.



2'-(3-Chlorophenyl)-4'-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'H)-dione (6m)

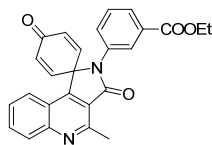
White solid (104 mg, 27%); mp 260–261 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.8, 167.1, 157.1, 149.4, 148.5, 145.6, 136.0, 134.9, 132.6, 132.0, 130.3, 130.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 126.2, 122.6, 122.1, 121.1, 65.1, 21.9; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3042, 2922, 2852, 1710, 1668, 1477, 1422, 1323, 762; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.0895, found 387.0896.



2'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4'-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'H)-dione (6n)

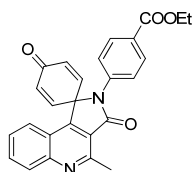
White solid (147 mg, 38%); mp 267–269 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.88–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz,

2H), 3.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.8, 167.2, 157.1, 149.4, 148.5, 145.6, 134.5, 133.3, 132.5, 131.9, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 127.6, 122.7, 122.1, 121.1, 65.1, 21.8; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 2920, 2850, 1706, 1667, 1491, 1422, 1327, 765; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 387.0895, found 387.0896.



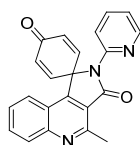
Ethyl 3-(4'-methyl-3',4-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-dien-2'(3'H)-yl)benzoate (6o)

White solid (140 mg, 33%); mp 265–267 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.88–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.48 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.9, 167.2, 165.4, 157.2, 149.4, 148.6, 145.7, 135.0, 132.6, 132.6, 132.0, 130.3, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 127.6, 122.8, 122.2, 121.2, 77.2, 65.2, 61.4, 21.9, 14.3; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3040, 2980, 1708, 1665, 1442, 1418, 1315, 1269, 760, 748; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 425.1496, found 425.1494.



Ethyl 4-(4'-methyl-3',4-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-dien-2'(3'H)-yl)benzoate (6p)

Pale yellow solid (123 mg, 29%); mp 254–256 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11–8.06 (m, 2H), 7.88–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.8, 167.1, 165.6, 157.2, 149.4, 148.4, 145.9, 139.3, 132.6, 132.1, 130.7, 130.3, 130.2, 127.7, 127.2, 122.7, 122.2, 121.1, 65.3, 61.3, 22.0, 14.3; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3060, 2981, 1712, 1669, 1510, 1422, 1276, 761; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 425.1496, found 425.1496.

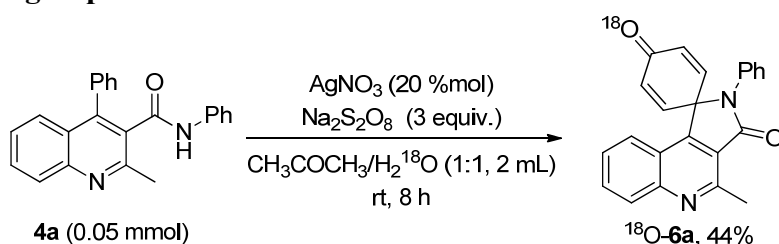


4'-Methyl-2'-(pyridin-2-yl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-c]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'H)-dione (6r)

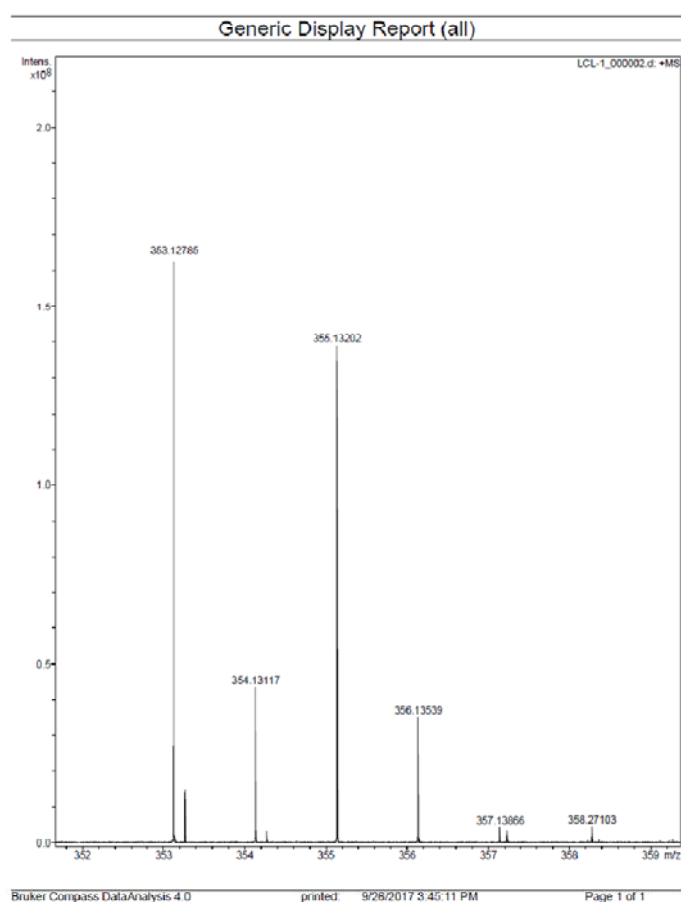
White solid (152 mg, 43%); mp 245–245 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40–8.12 (m, 3H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.5, 166.7, 157.1, 150.4, 149.5, 147.7, 147.6, 147.5, 137.9, 132.0, 131.6, 130.3, 127.5, 123.0, 122.5, 121.1, 120.9, 116.6, 65.5, 22.2; IR

(KBr, cm^{-1}): ν 3059, 3010, 1711, 1666, 1469, 1423, 1327, 1299, 766; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 354.1237, found 354.1230.

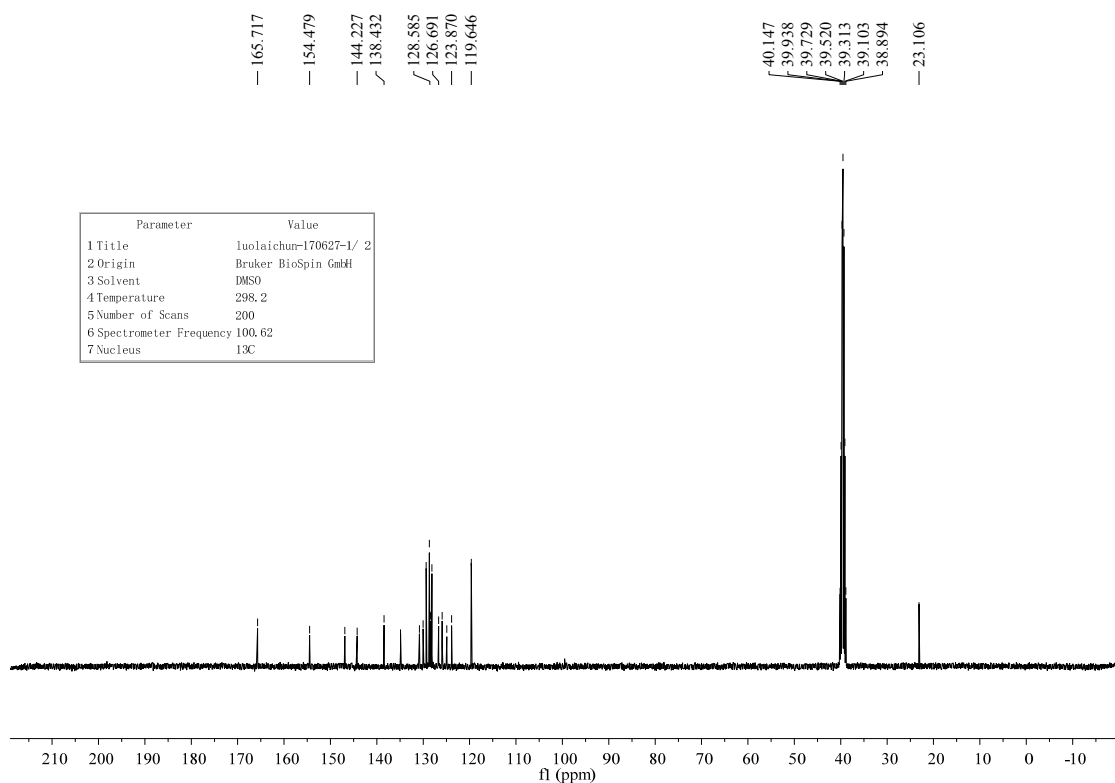
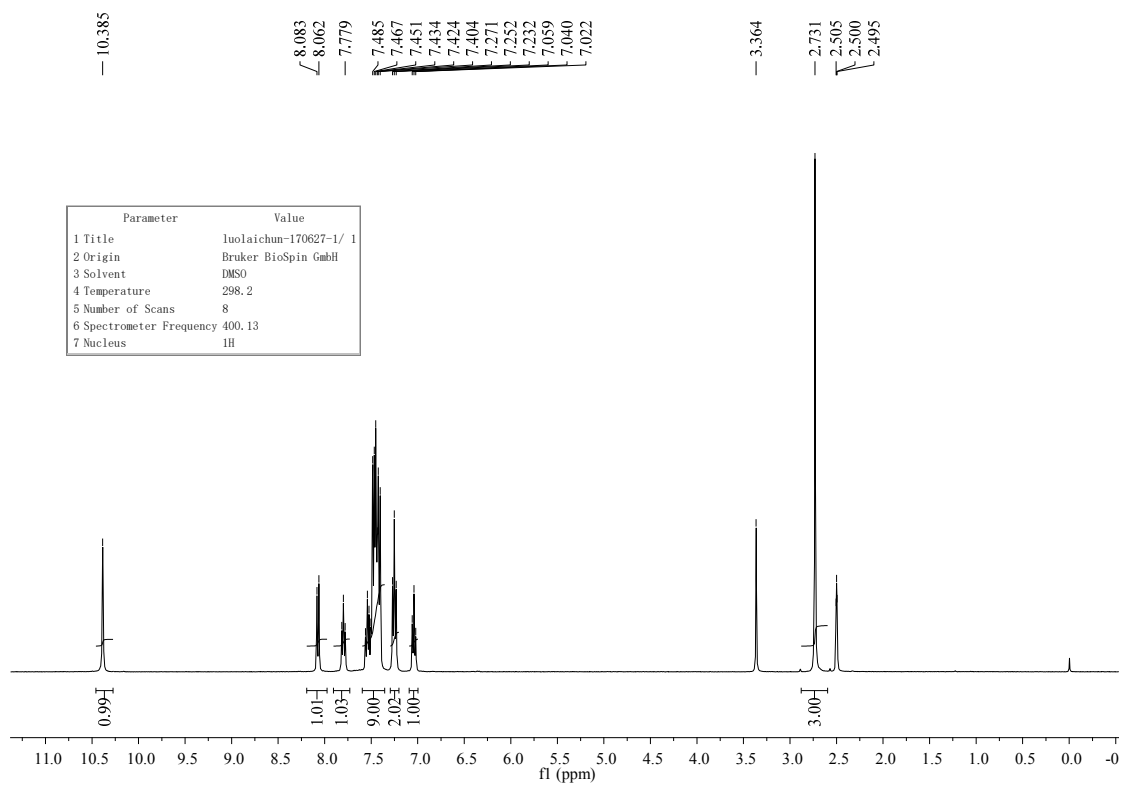
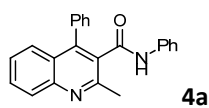
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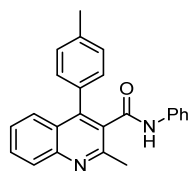


A mixture of substrate **4** (16.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), AgNO_3 (1.7 mg, 0.01 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (35.7 mg, 0.15 mmol), and $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3/\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$ (97 atom % ^{18}O , 1:1, 2 mL) was added to a round bottom flask (5 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 $\times$ 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried with anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc) to afford a white solid (5.6 mg, 44%). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $^{18}\text{O-6a}$: $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}^{18}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 355.1327, found 355.1320.

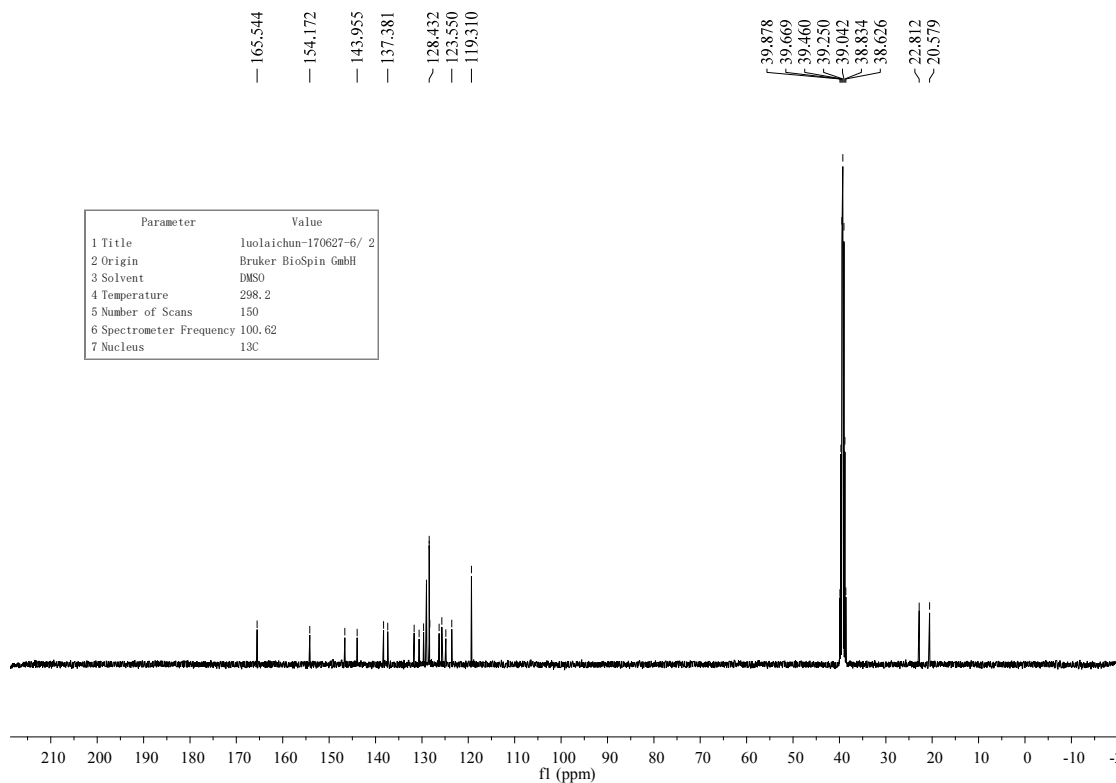
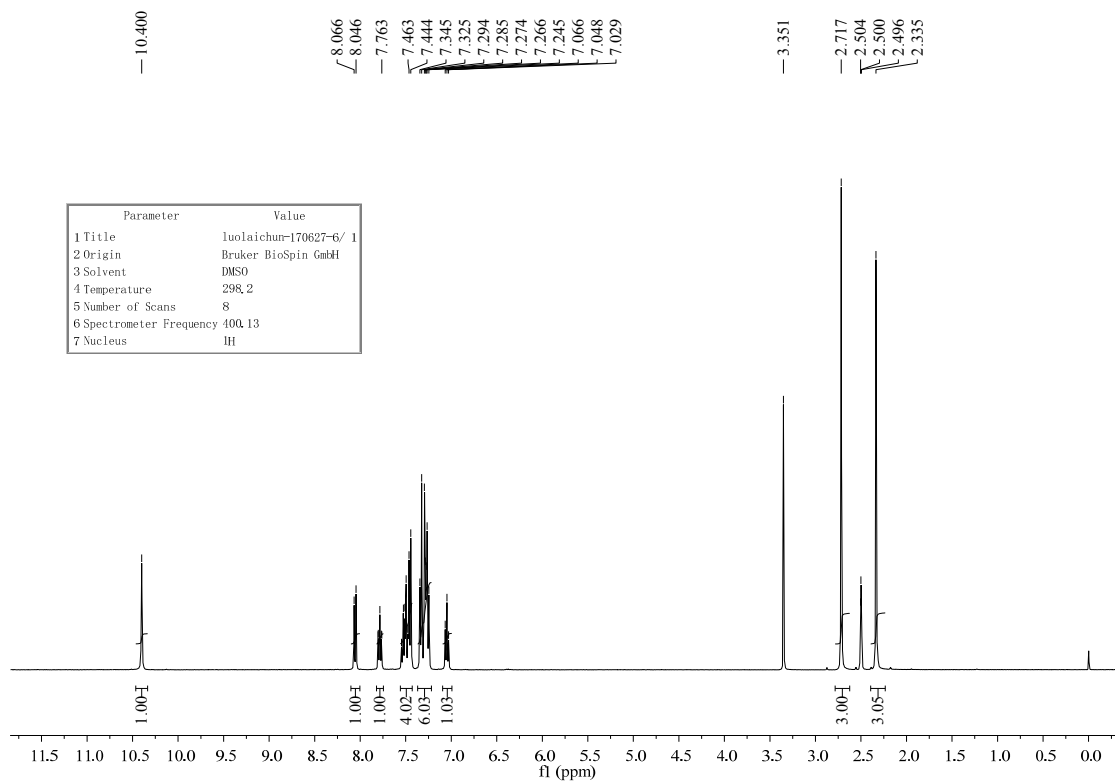


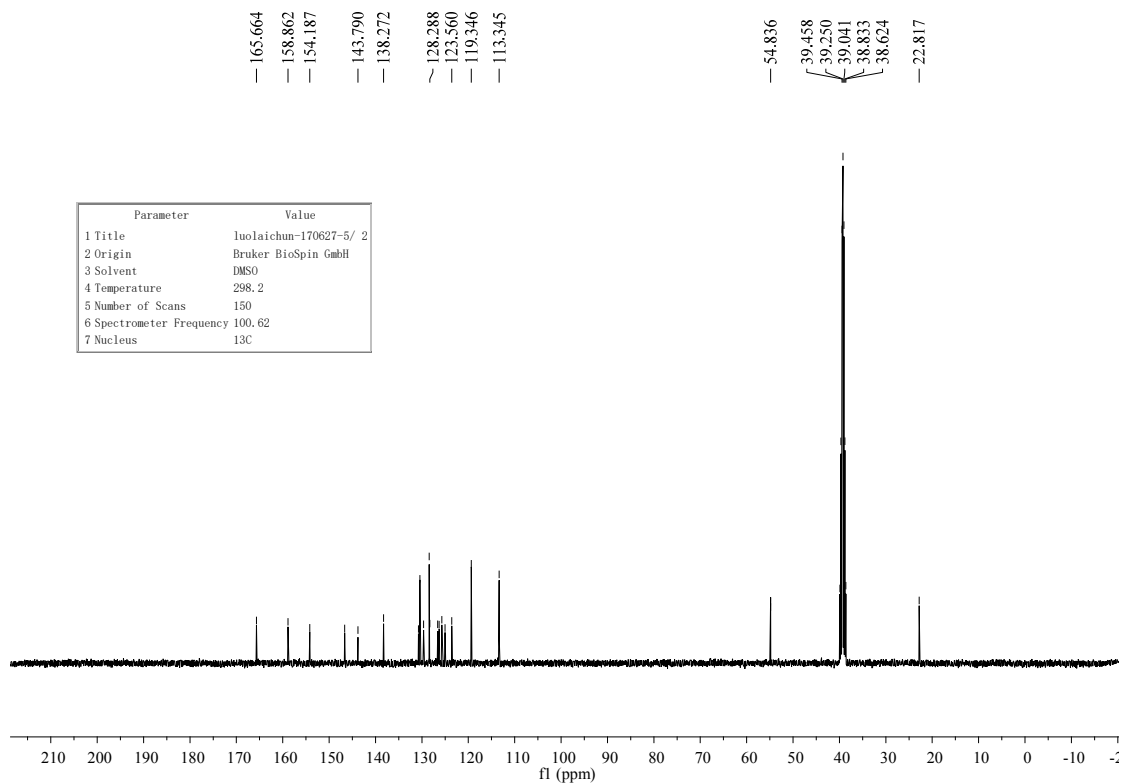
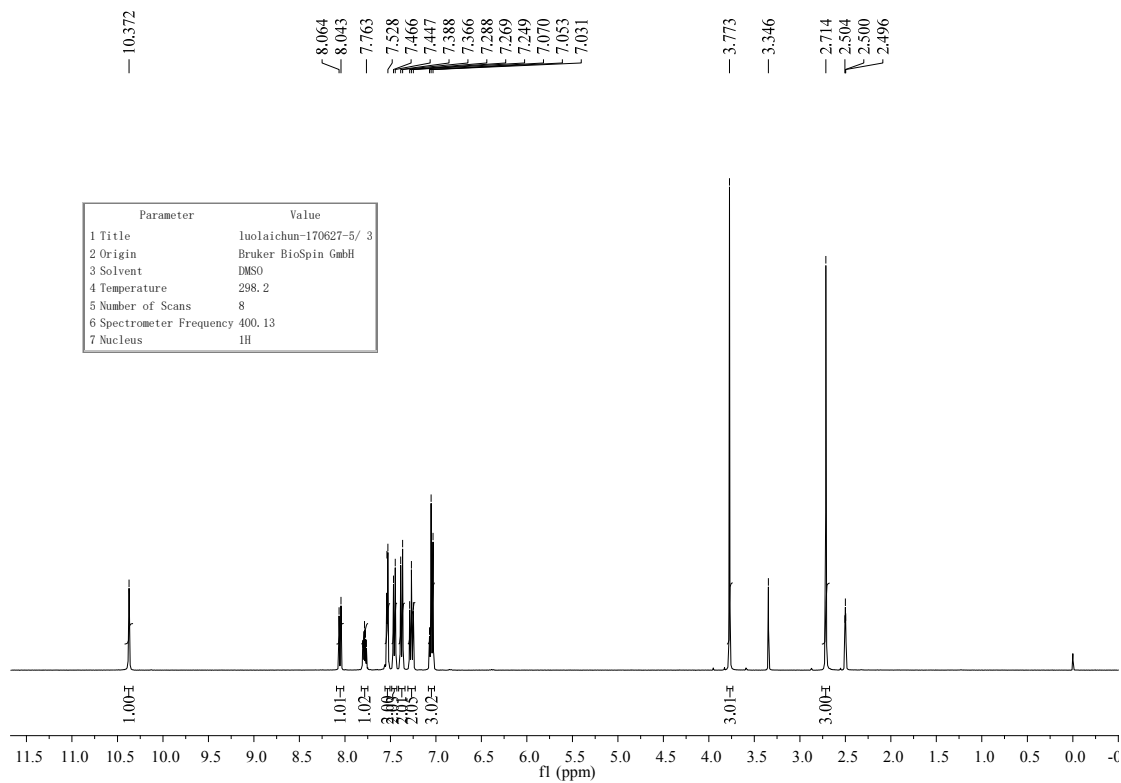
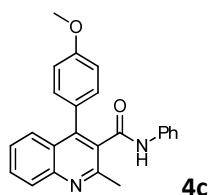
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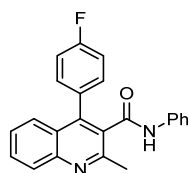




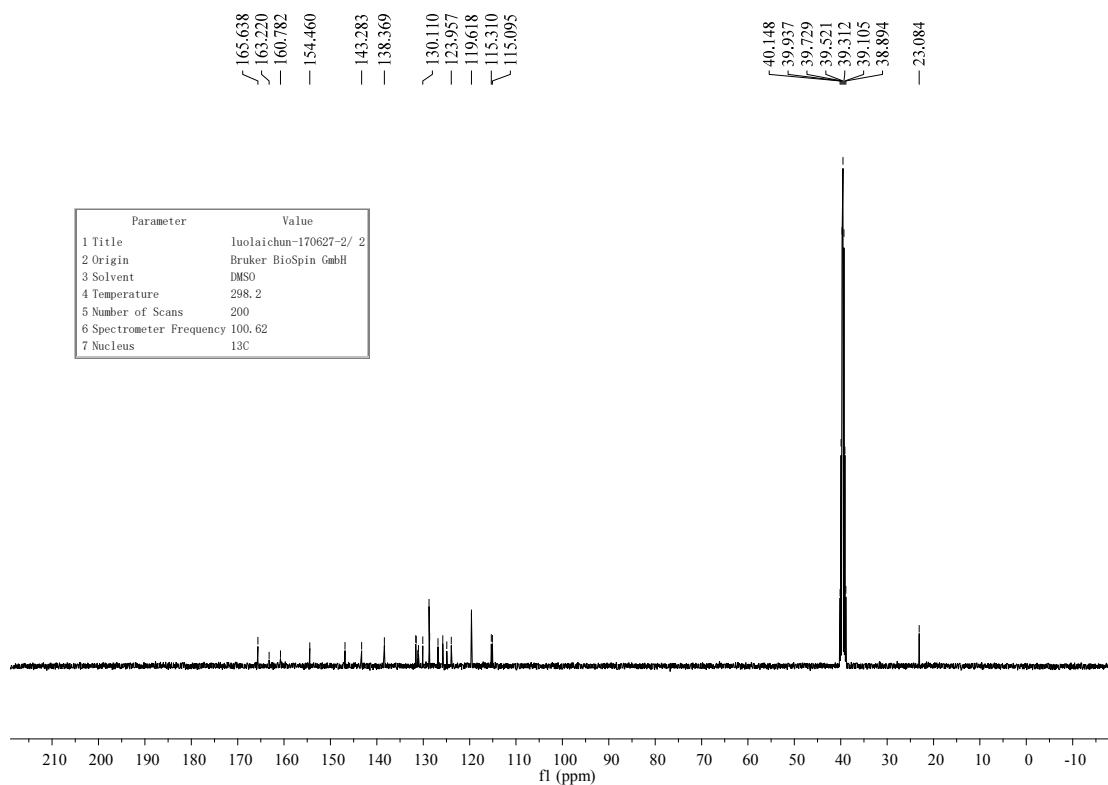
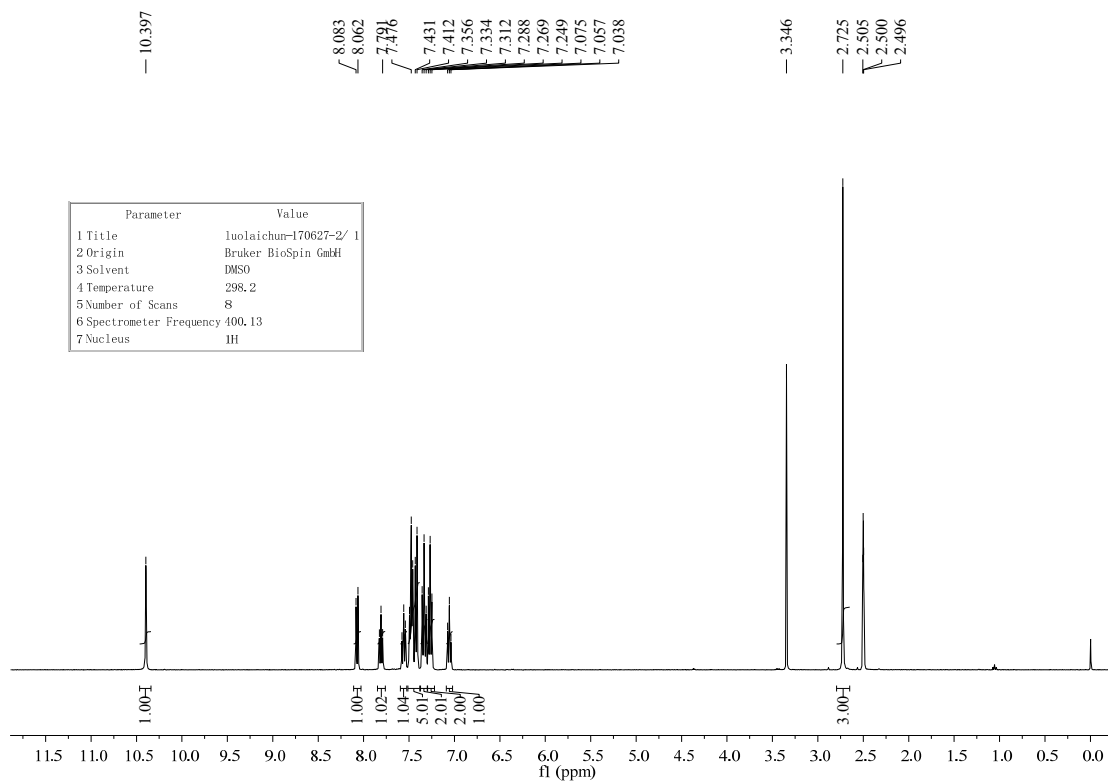
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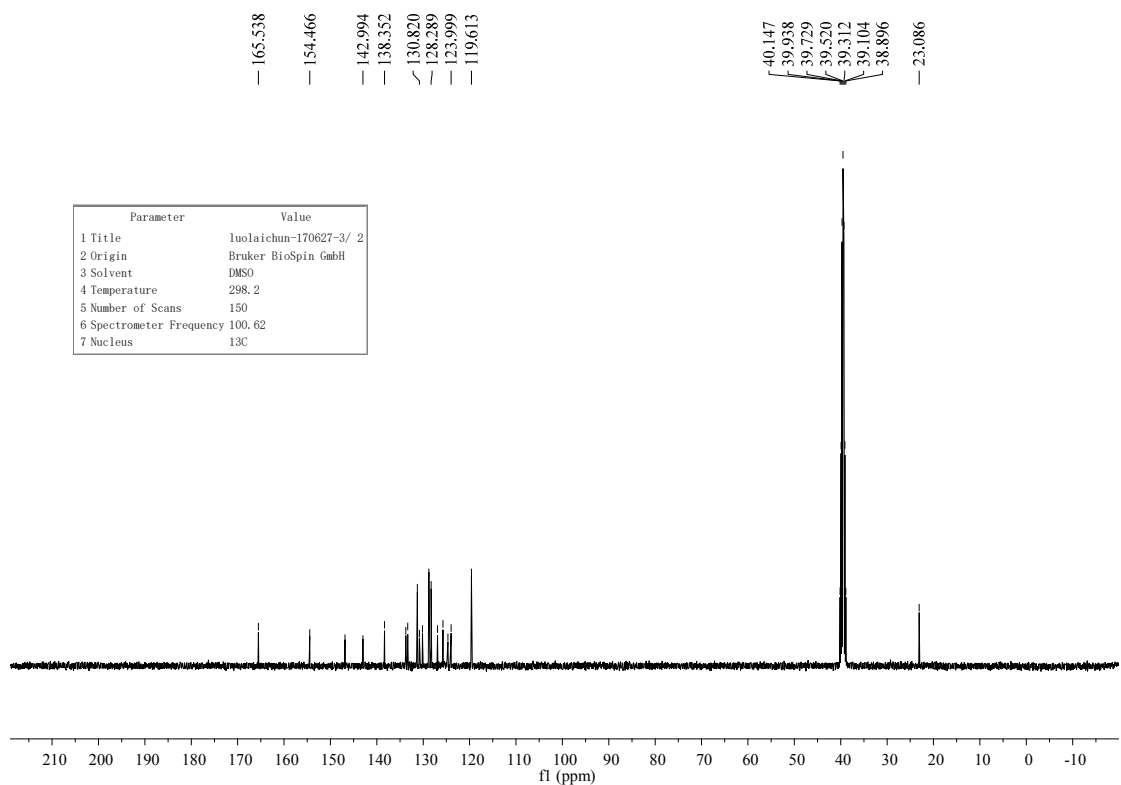
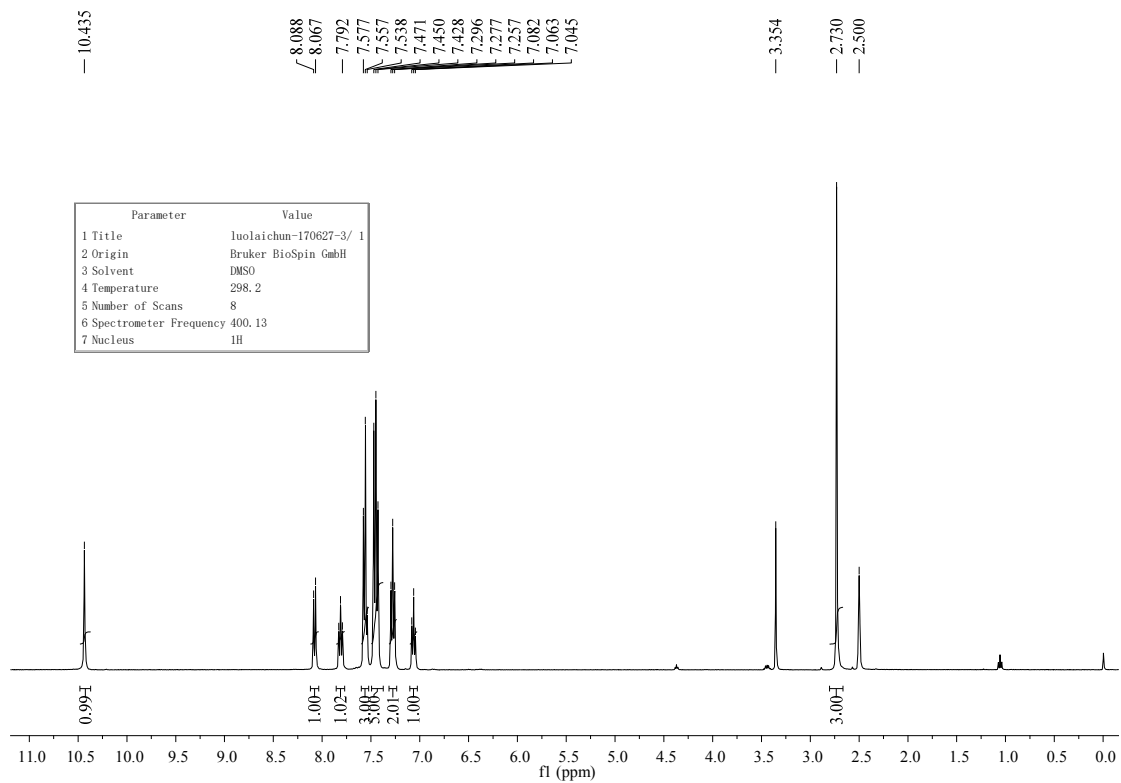
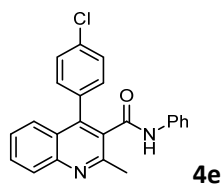


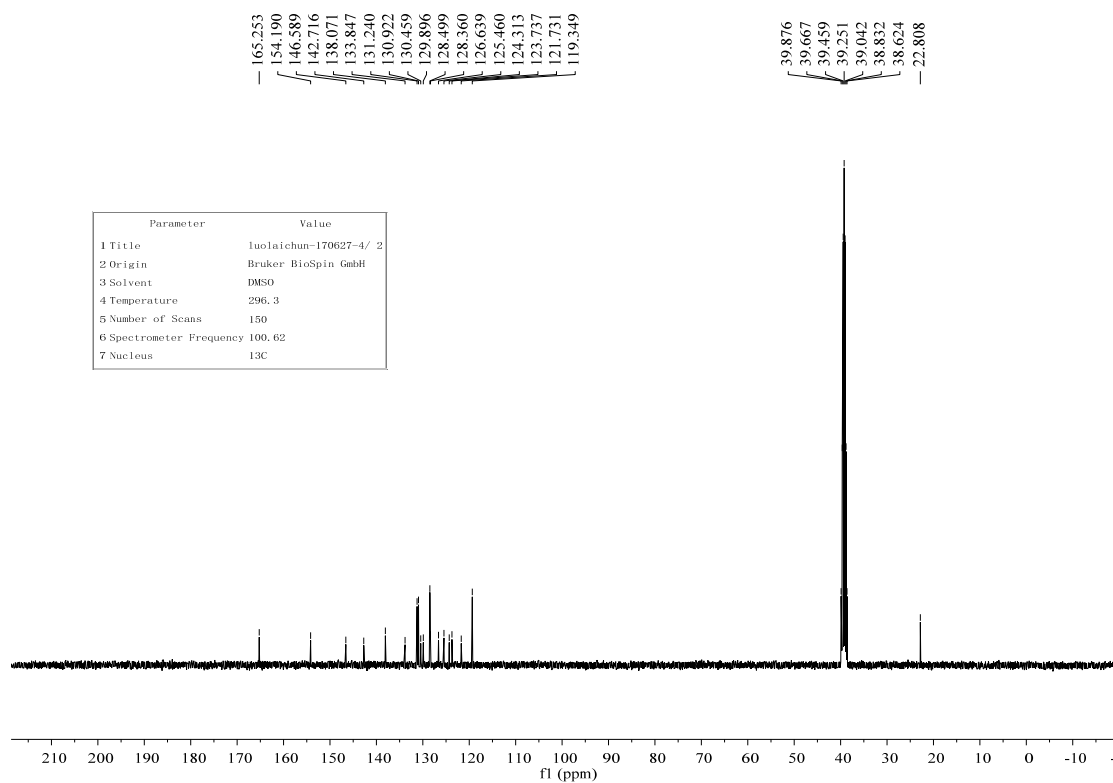
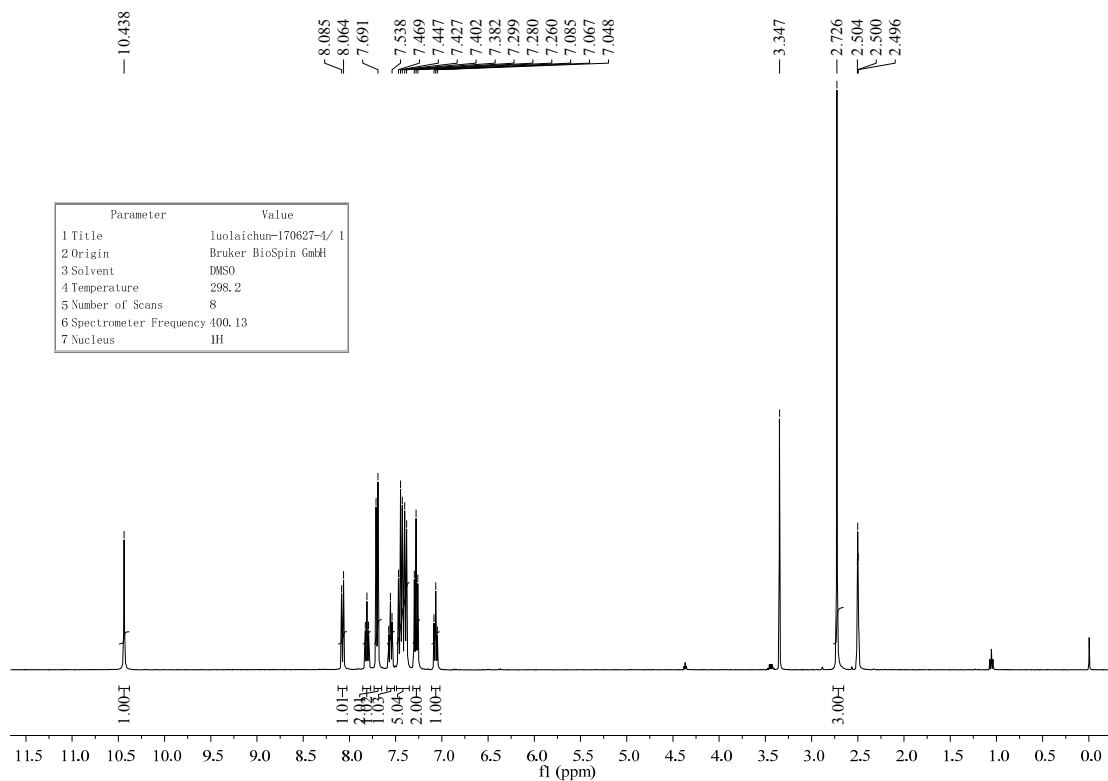
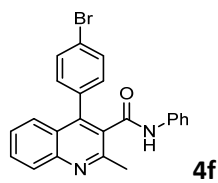


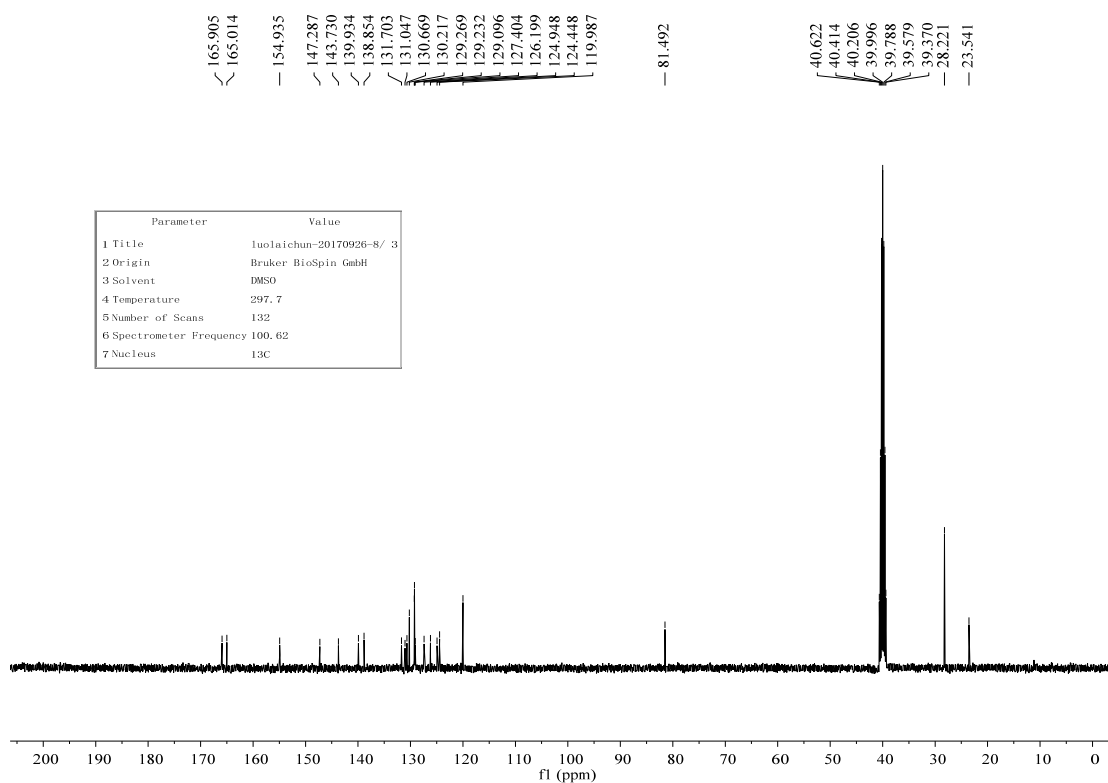
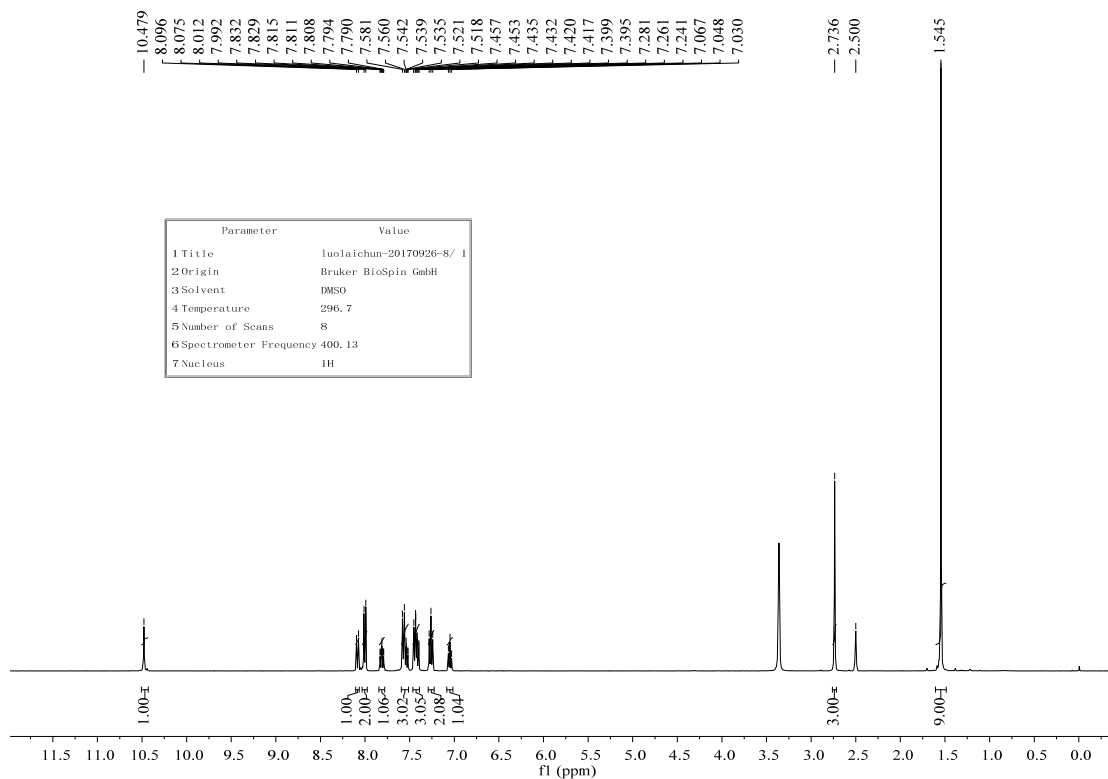
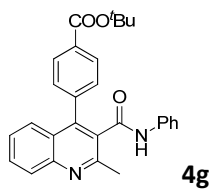


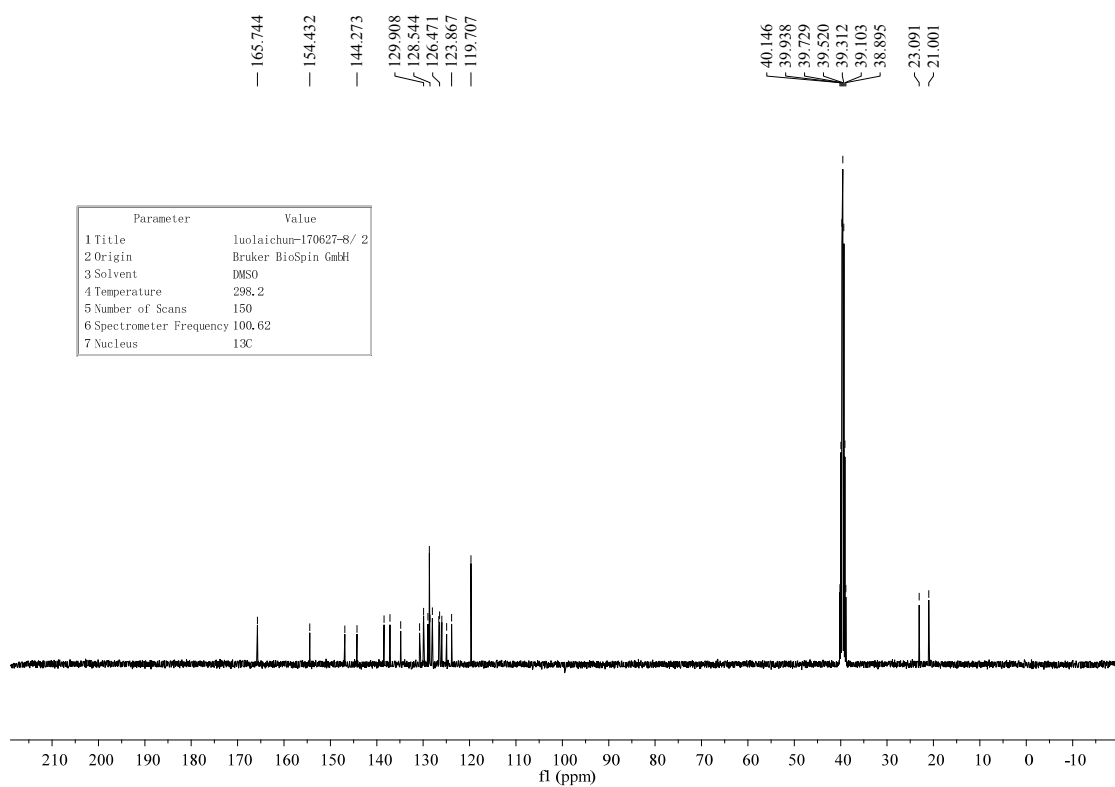
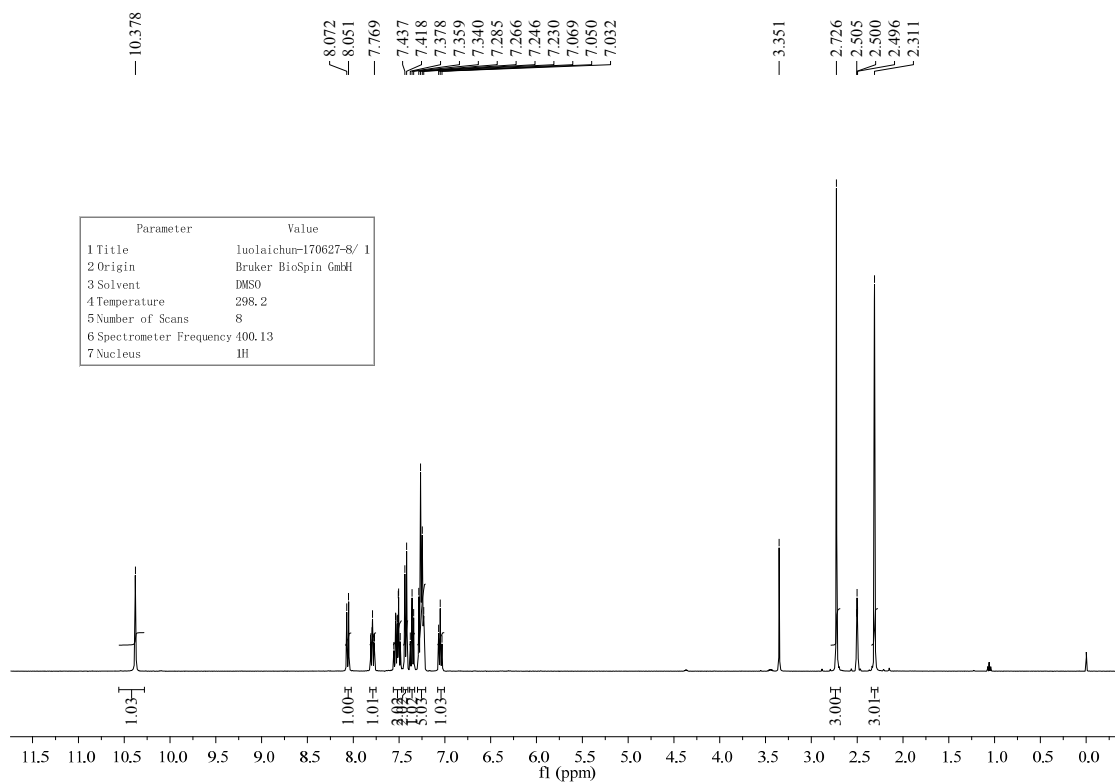
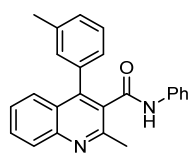
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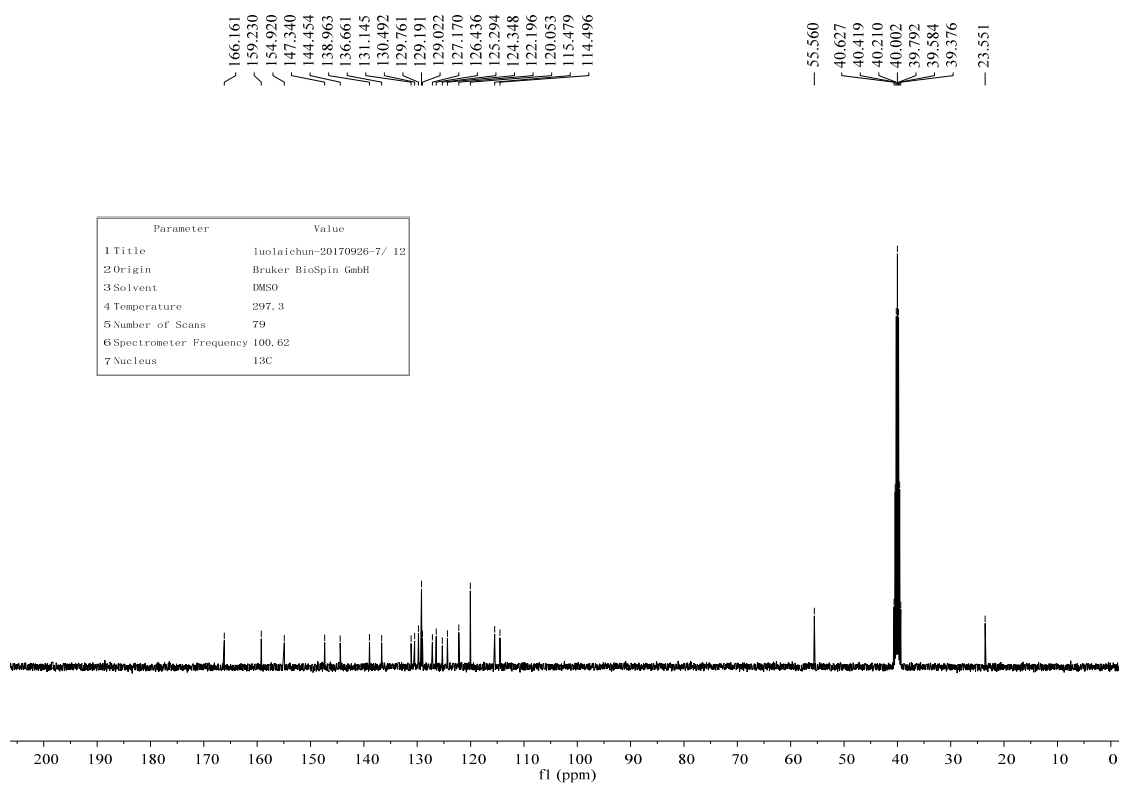
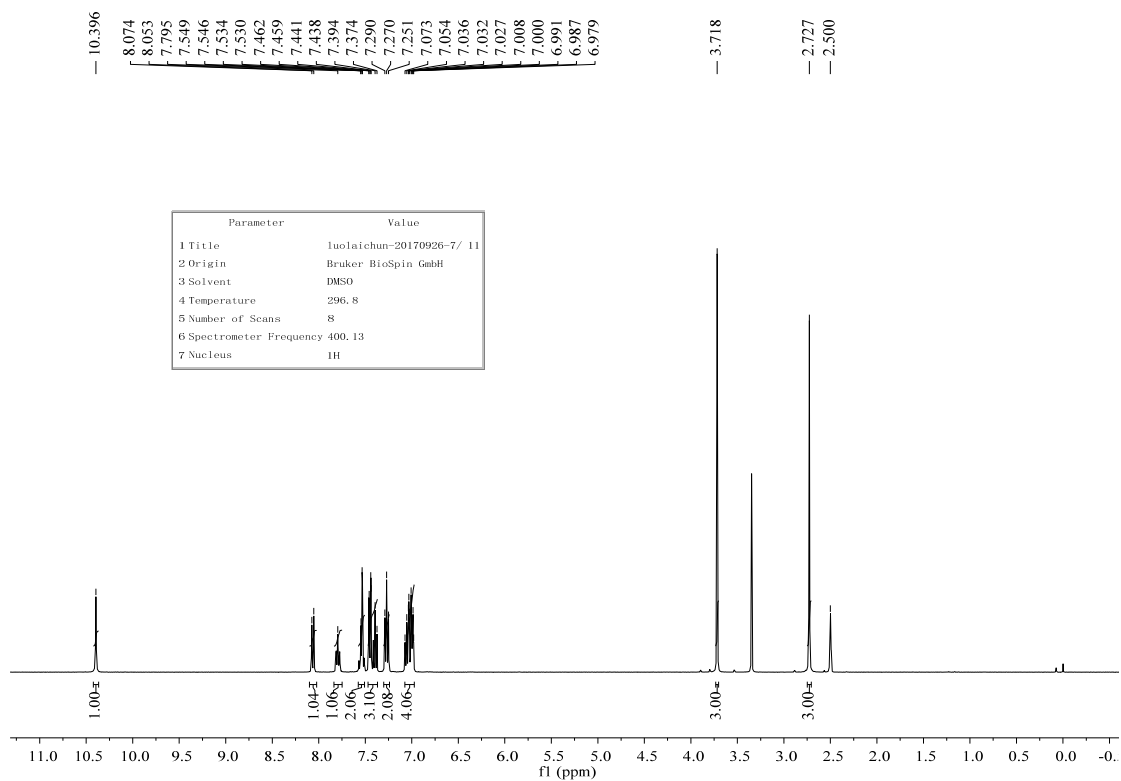
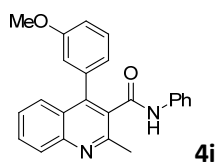


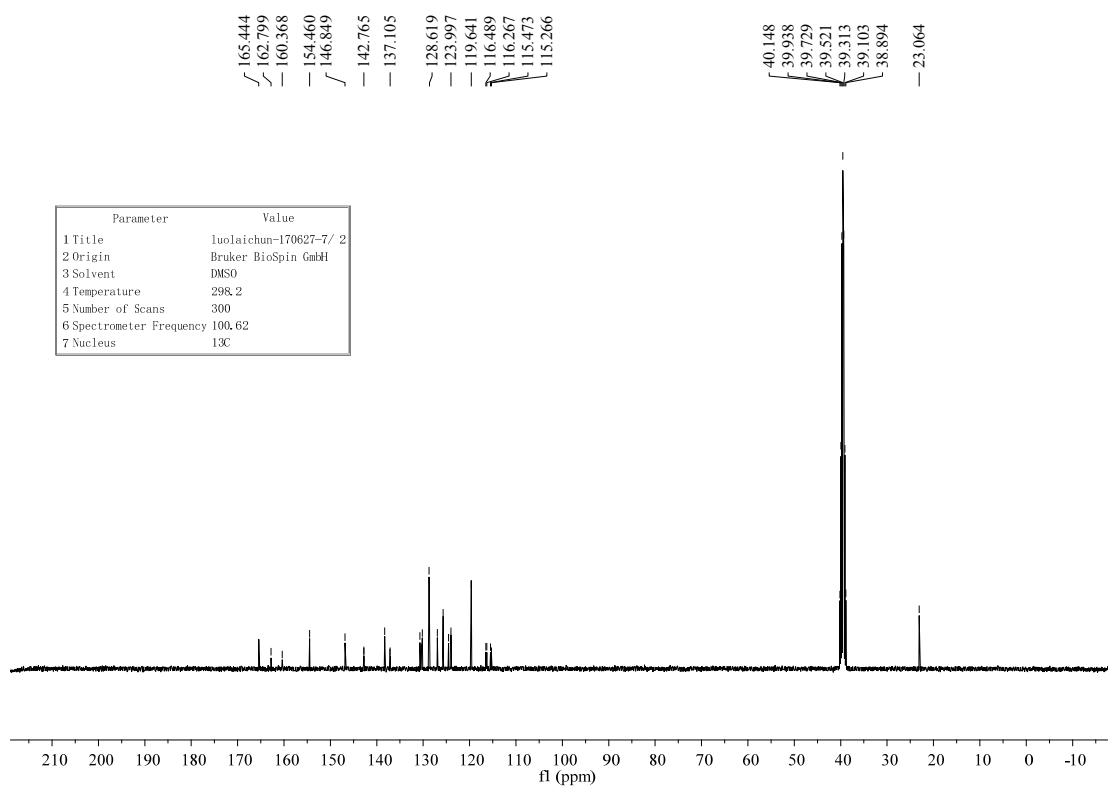
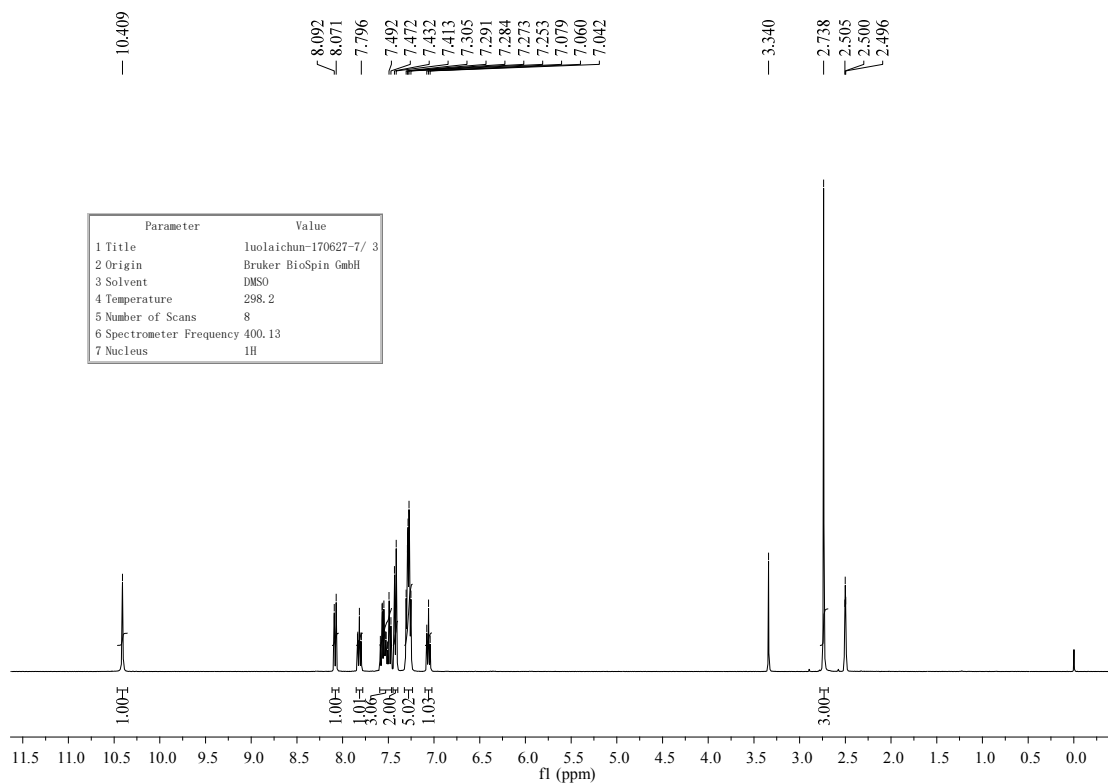
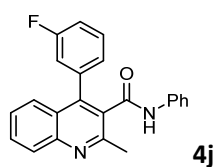


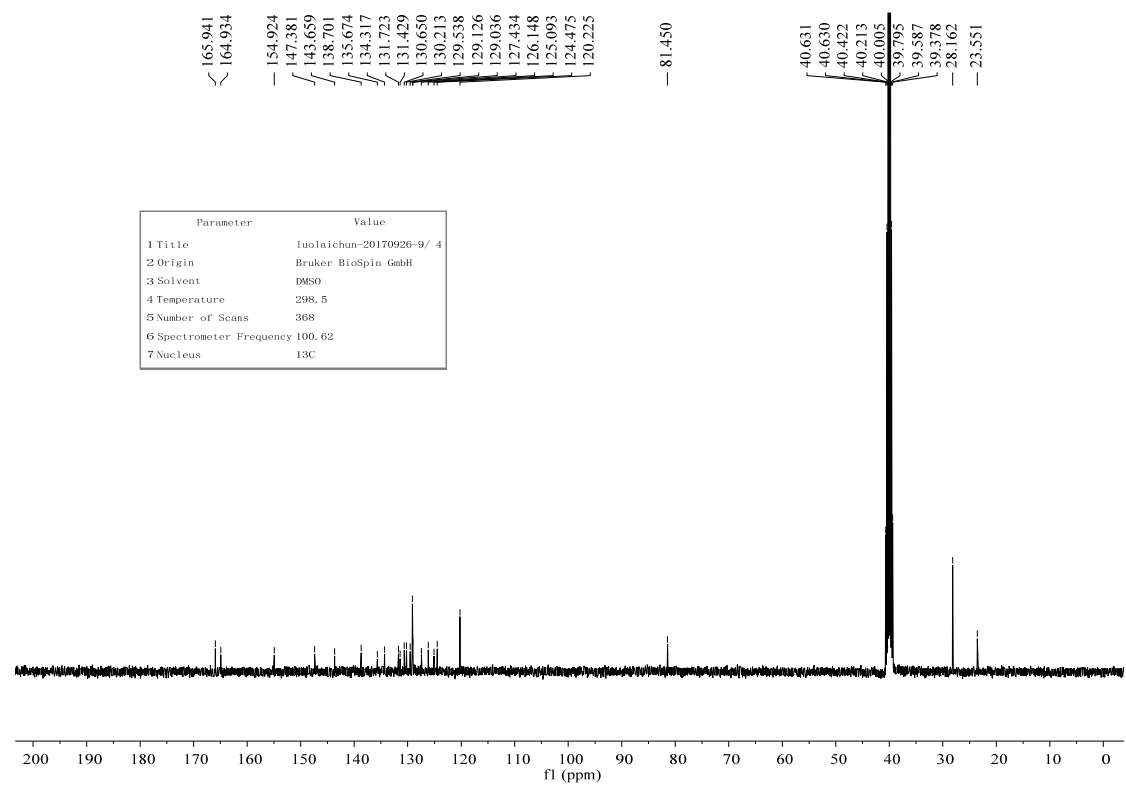
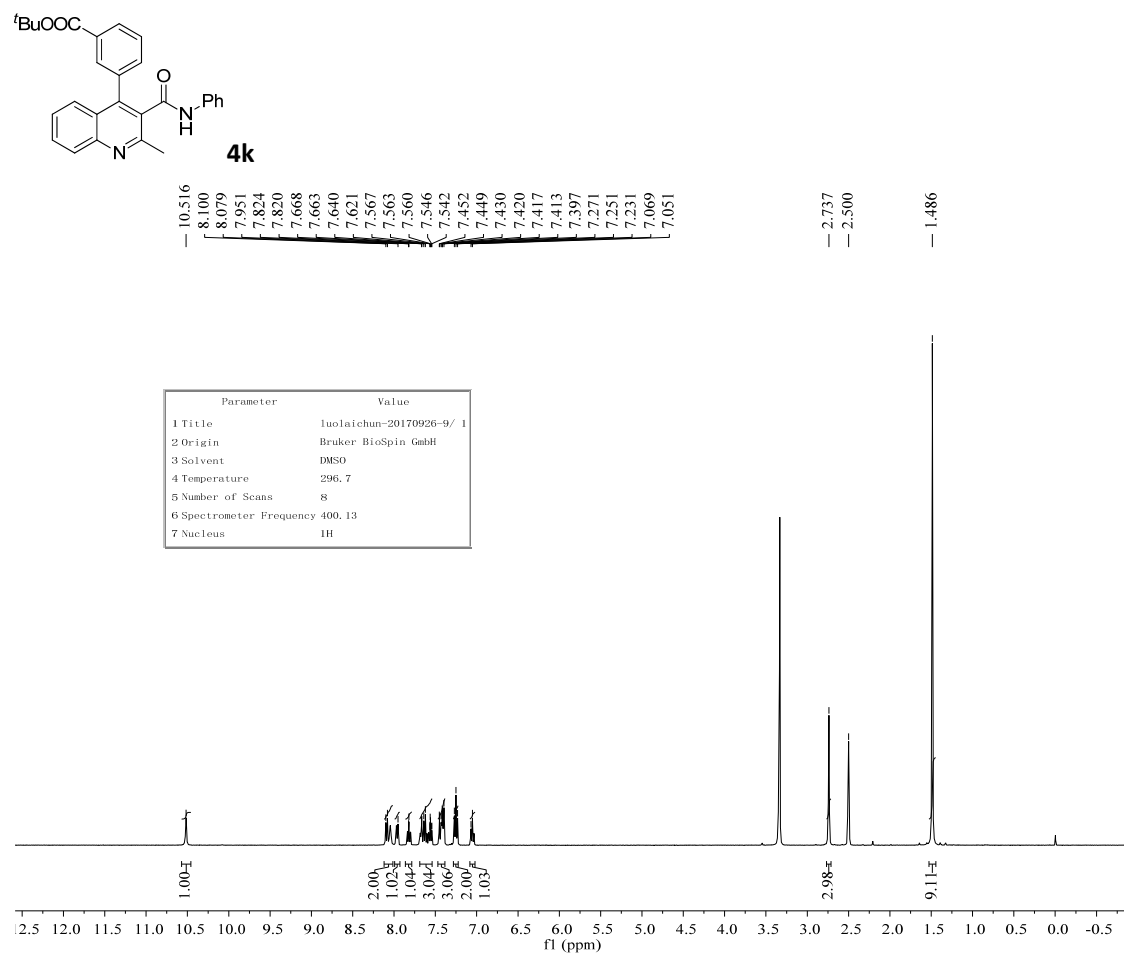


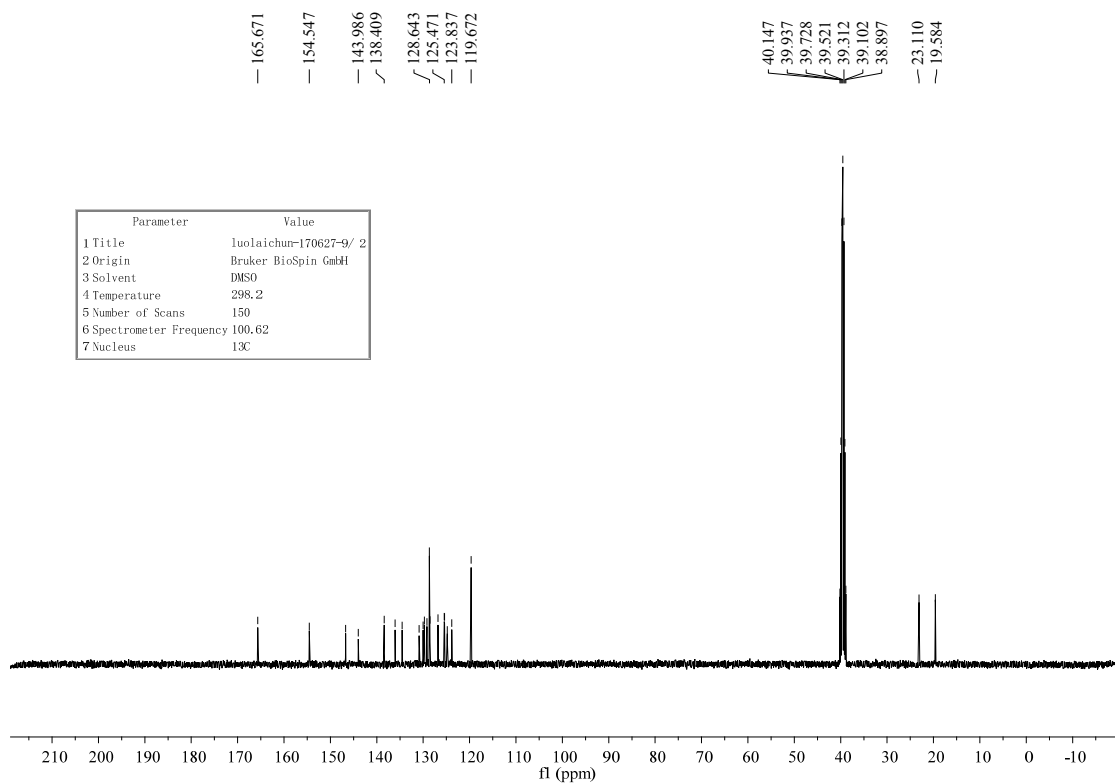
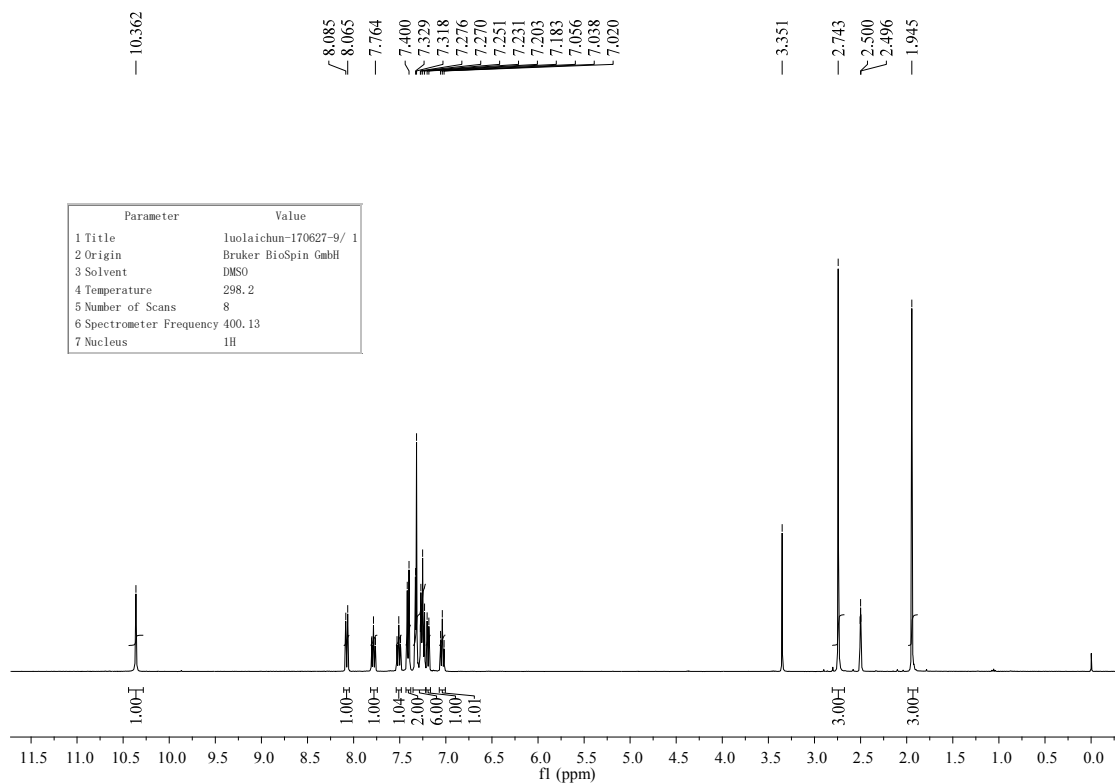
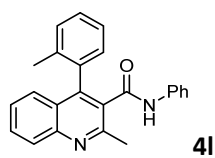


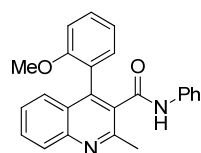




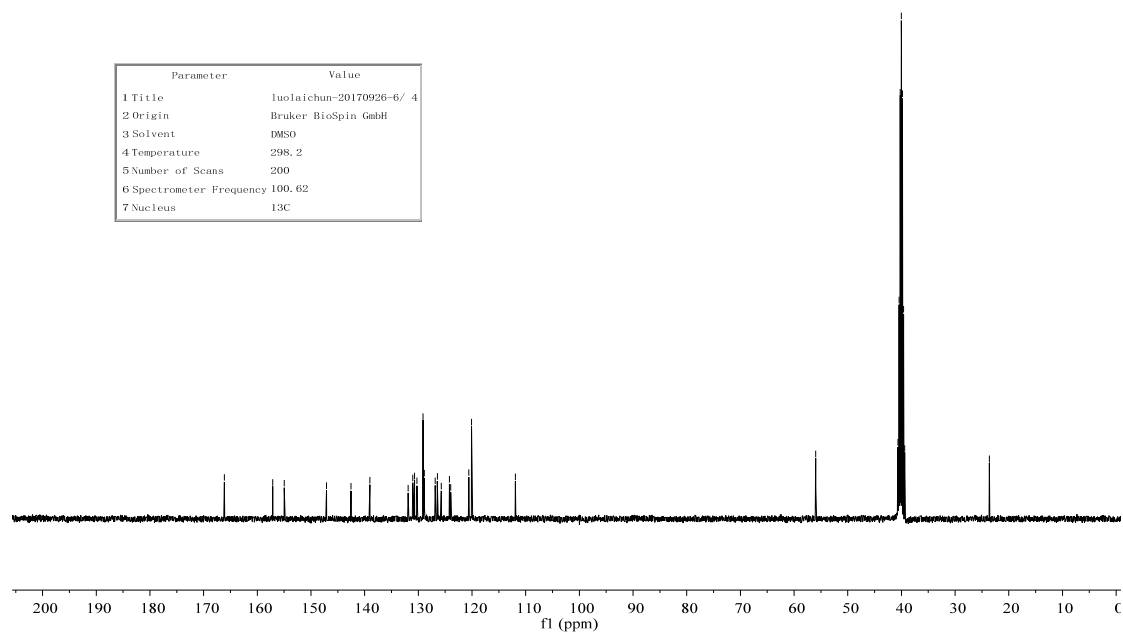
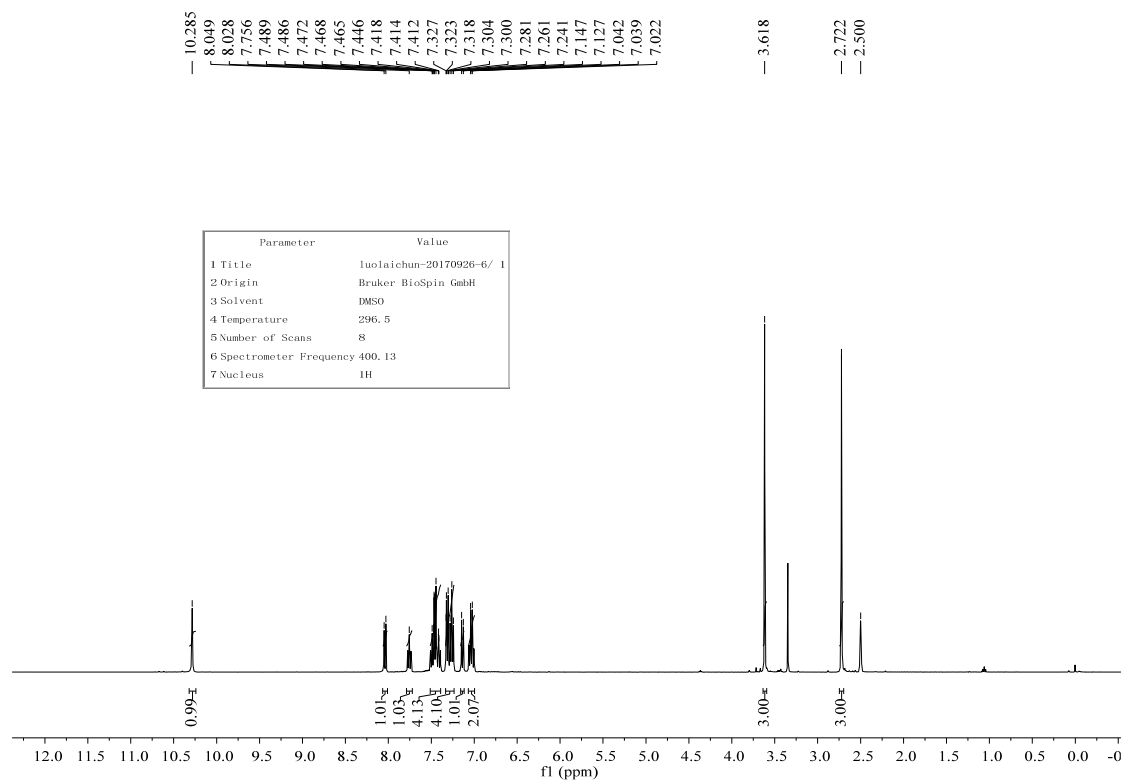


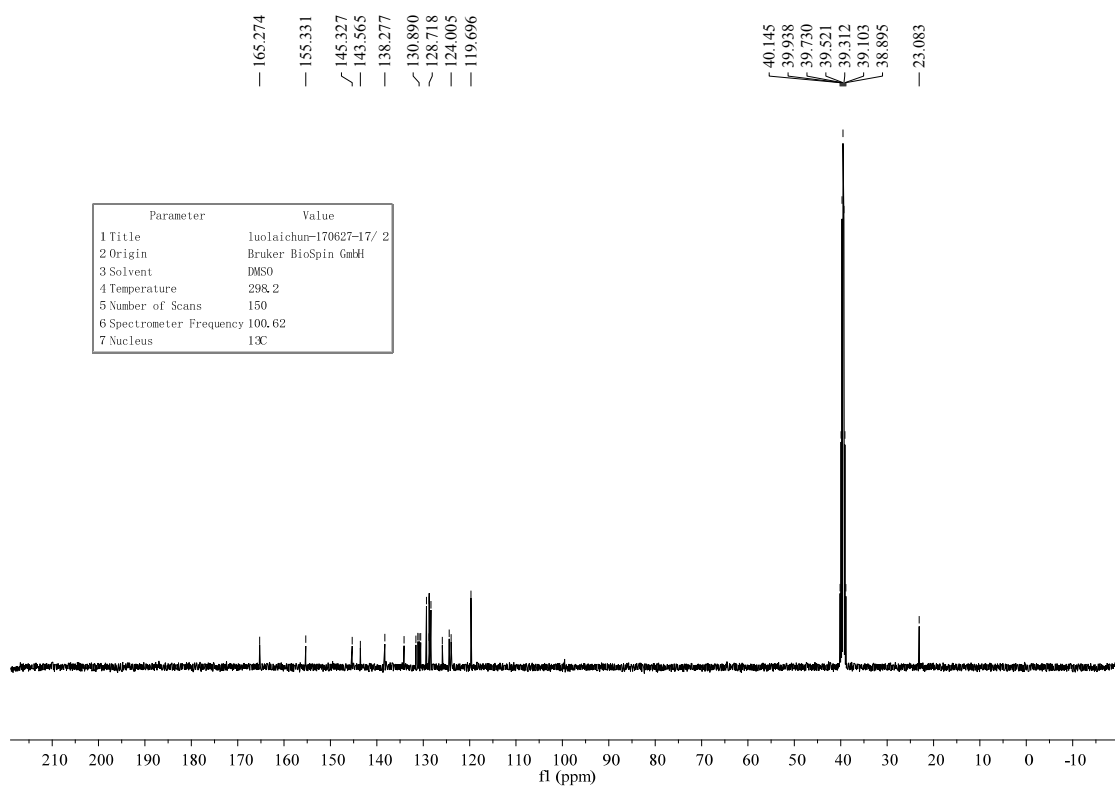
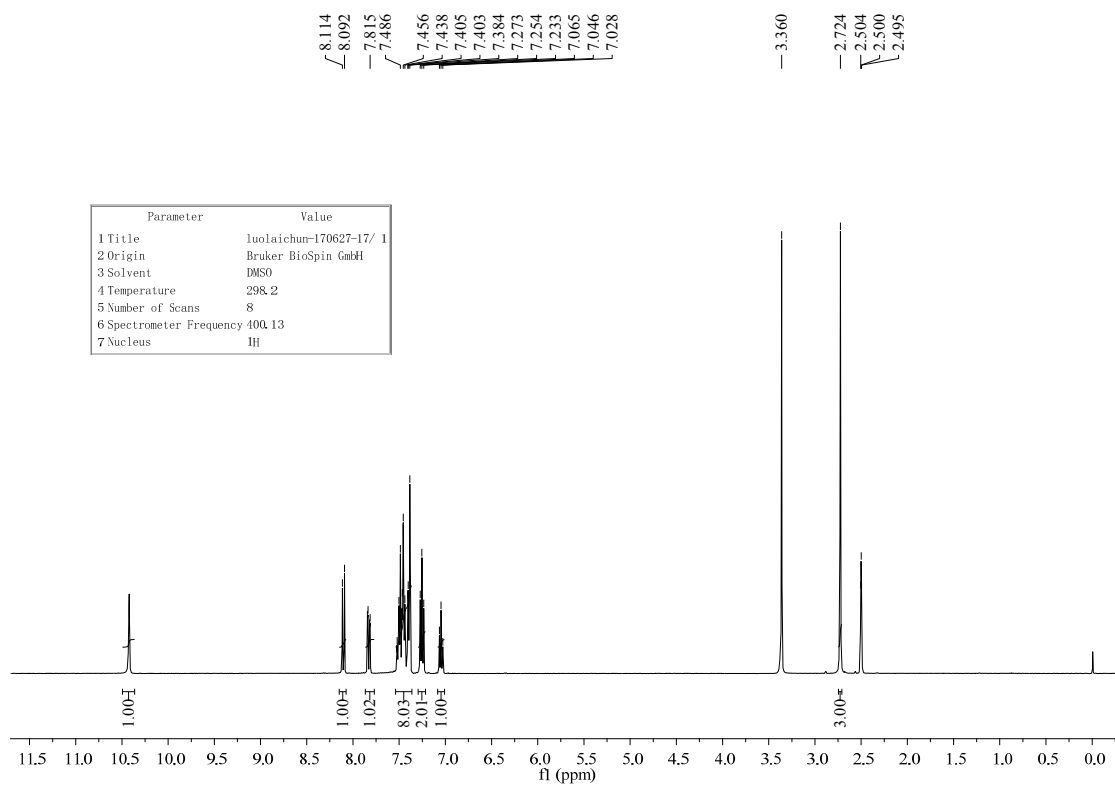
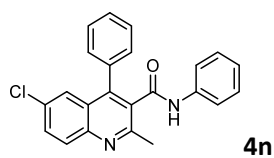


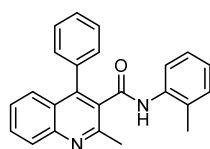




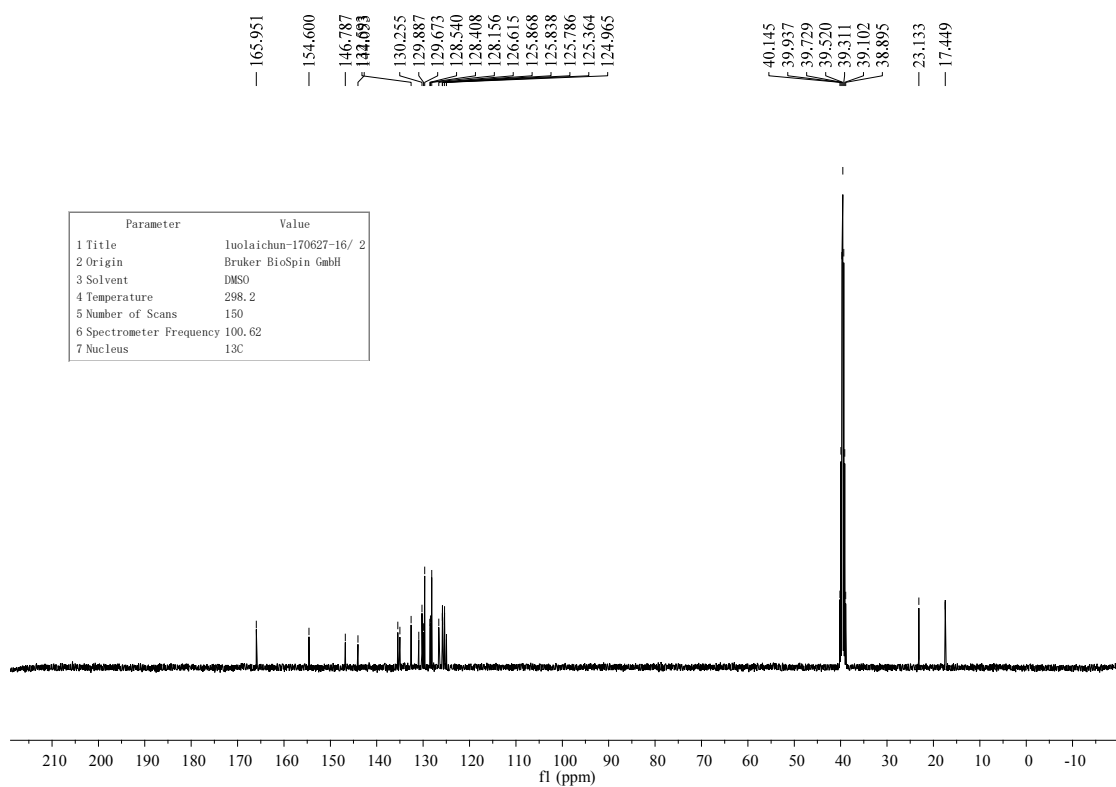
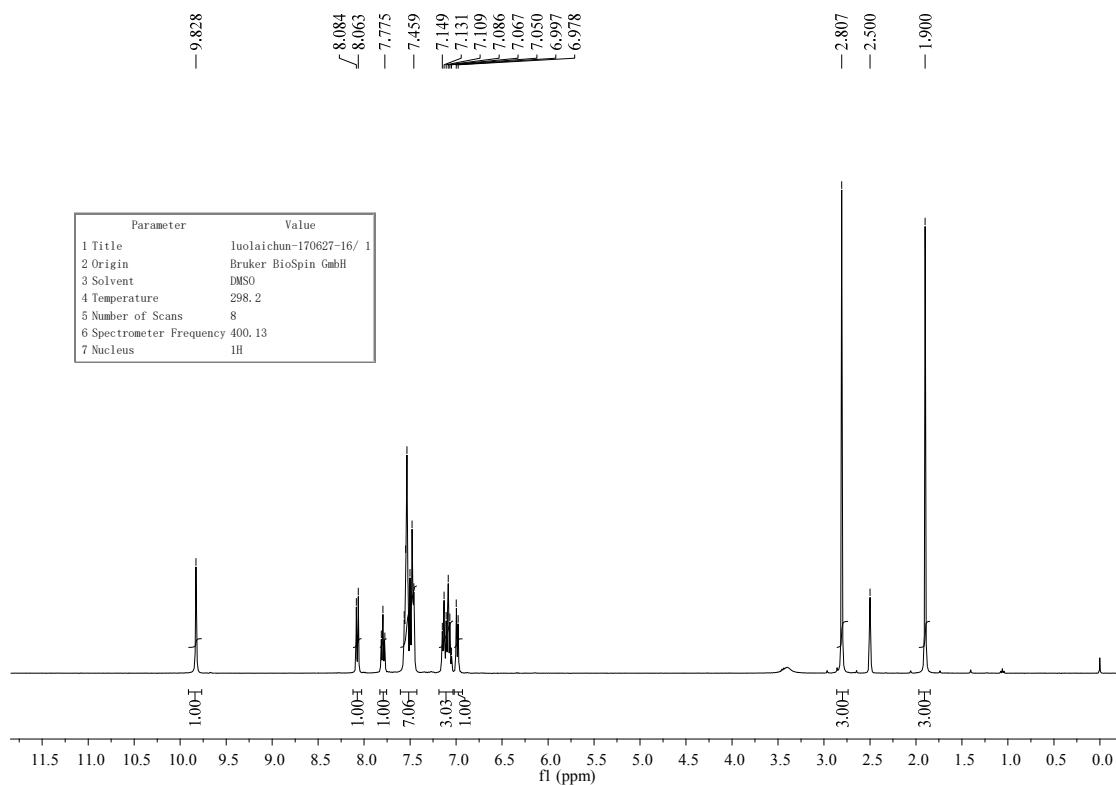
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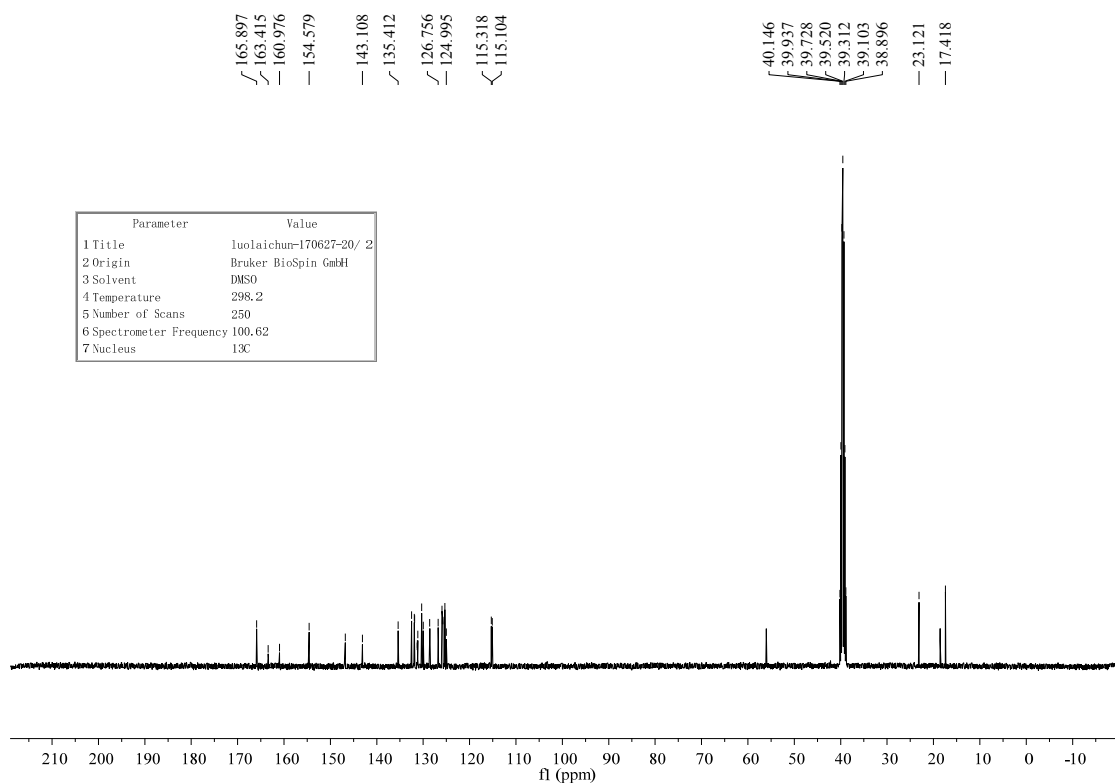
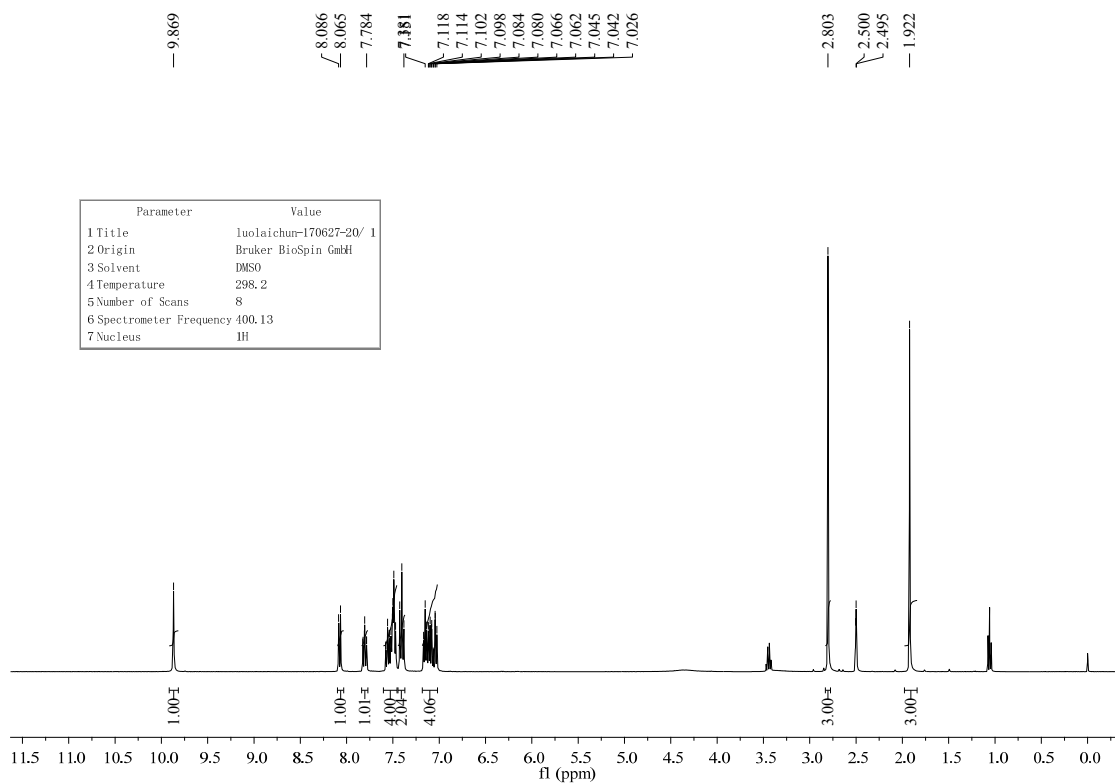
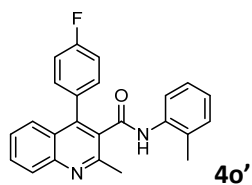


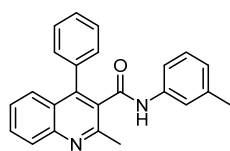




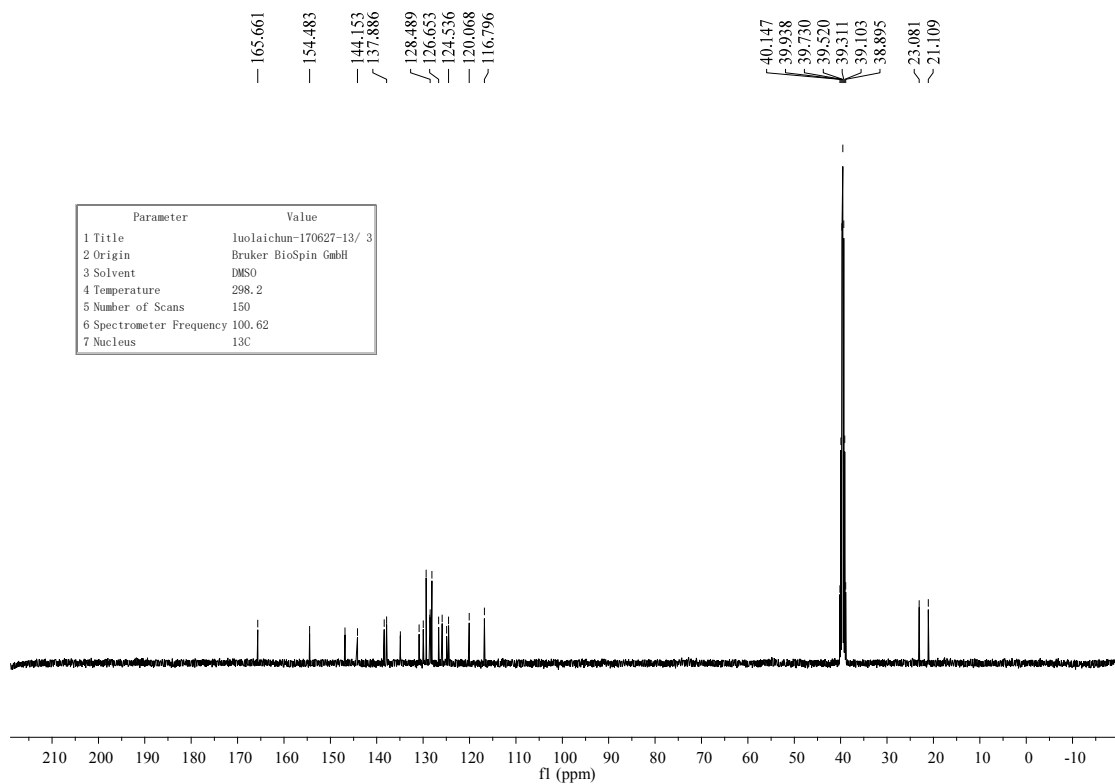
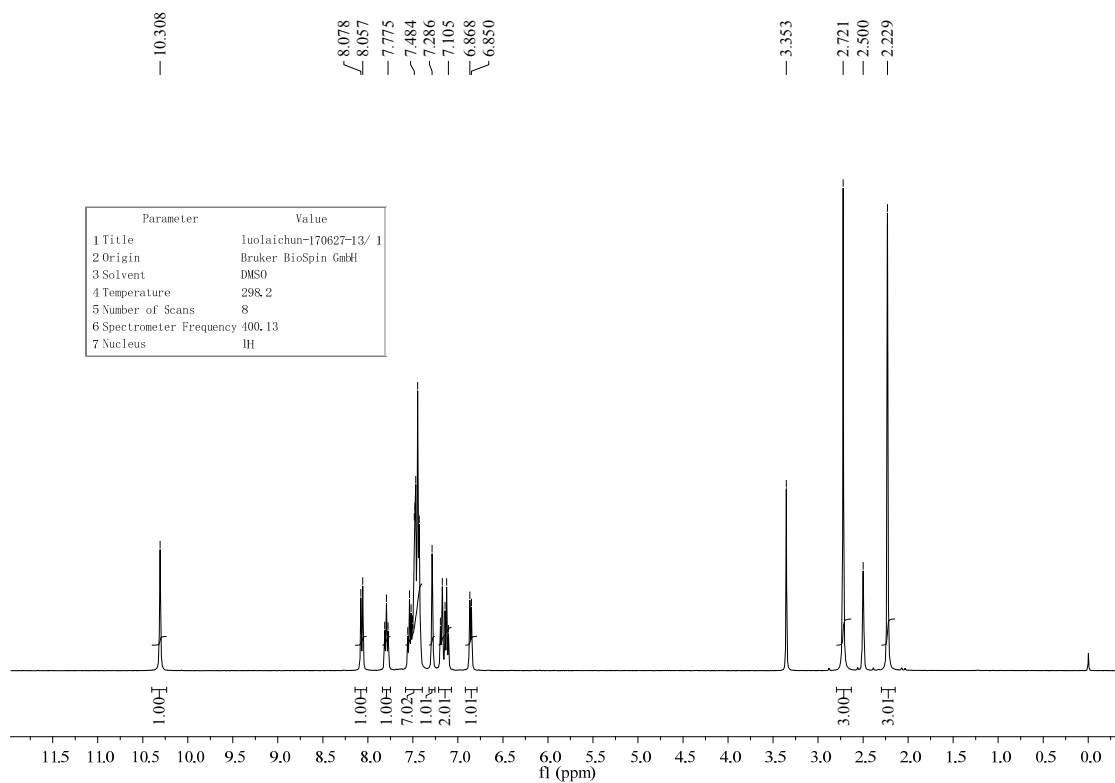
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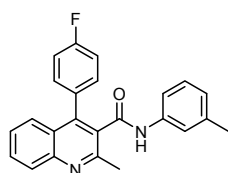




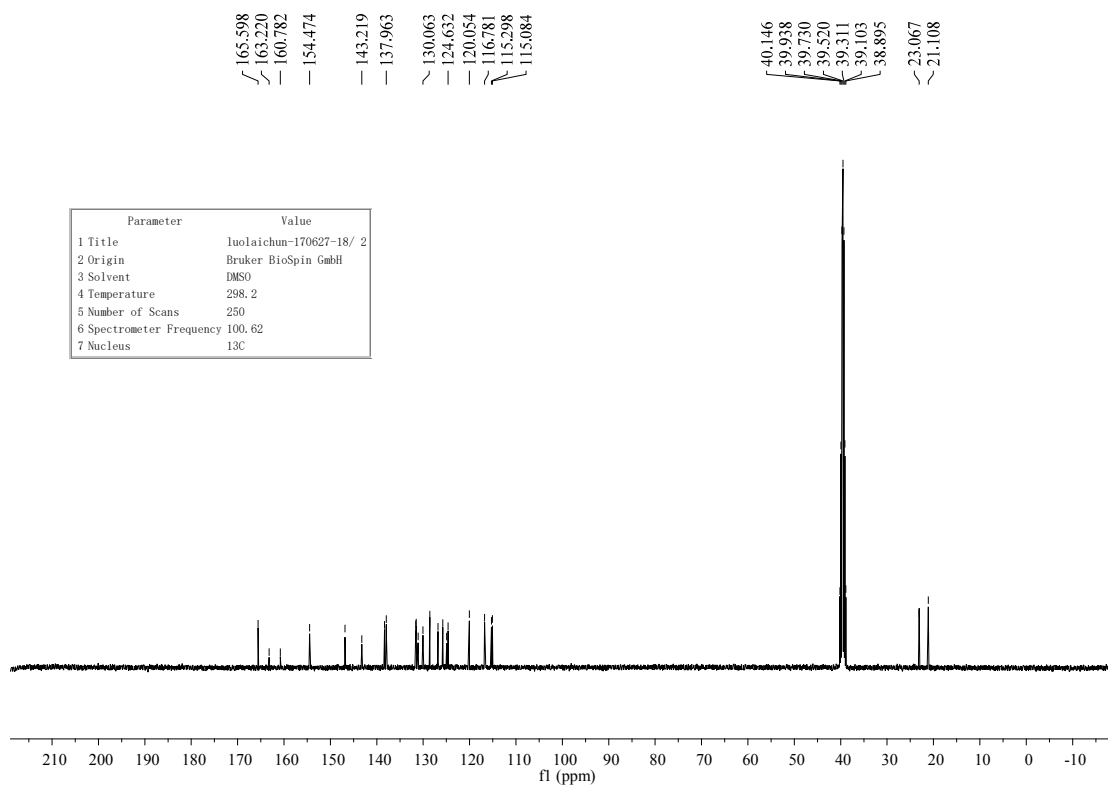
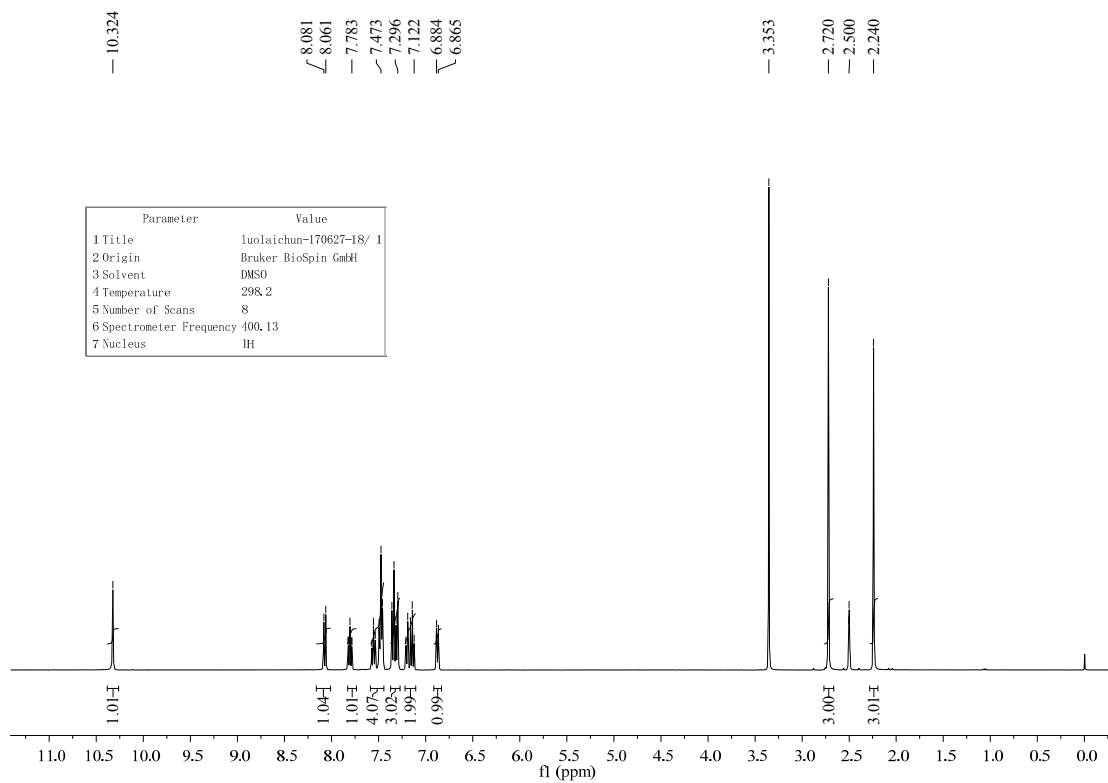


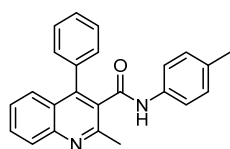
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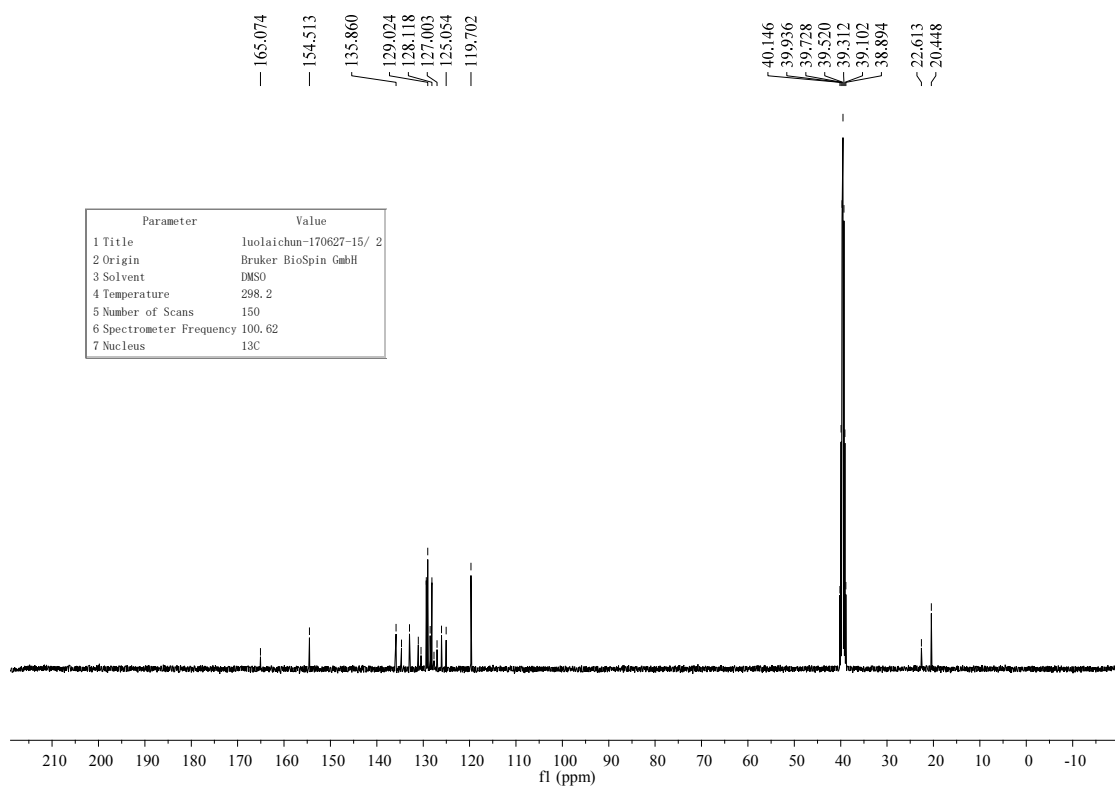
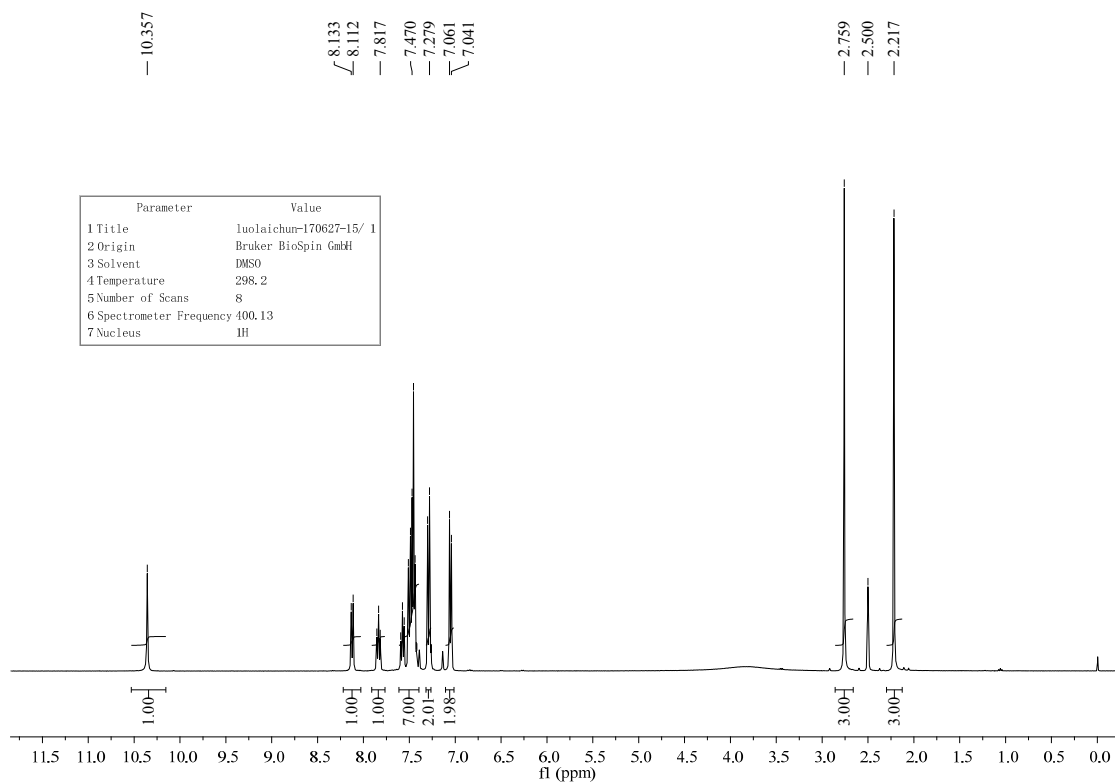


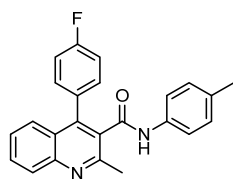
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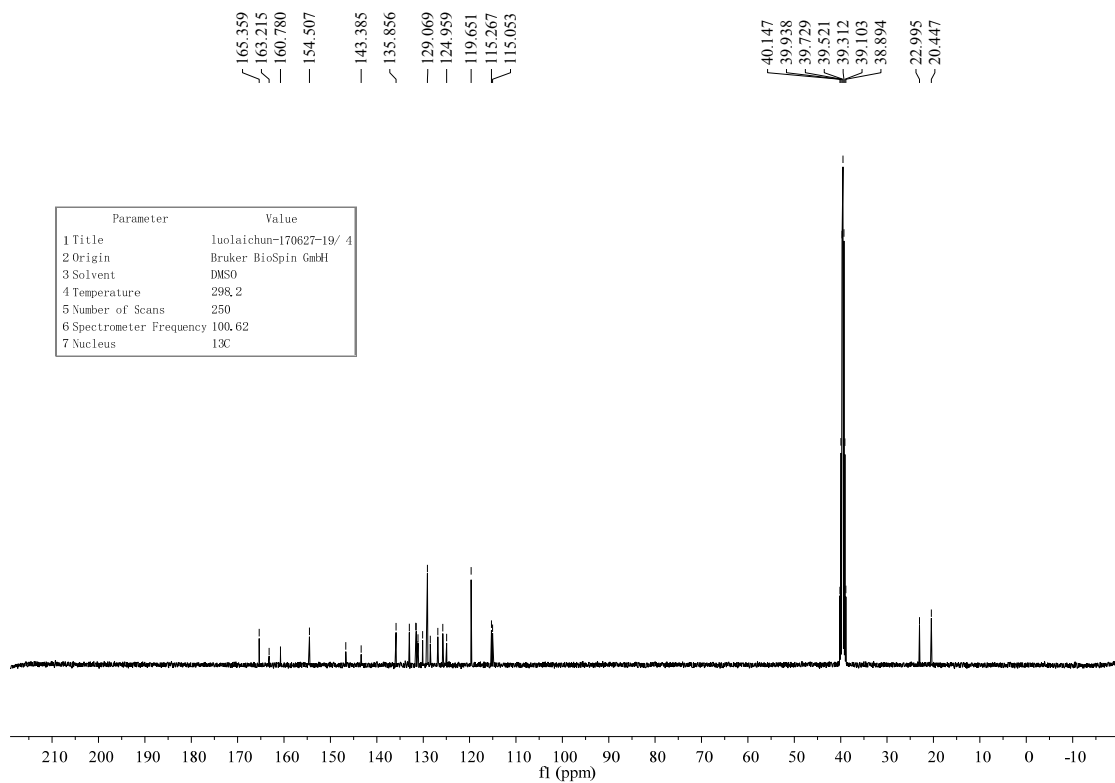
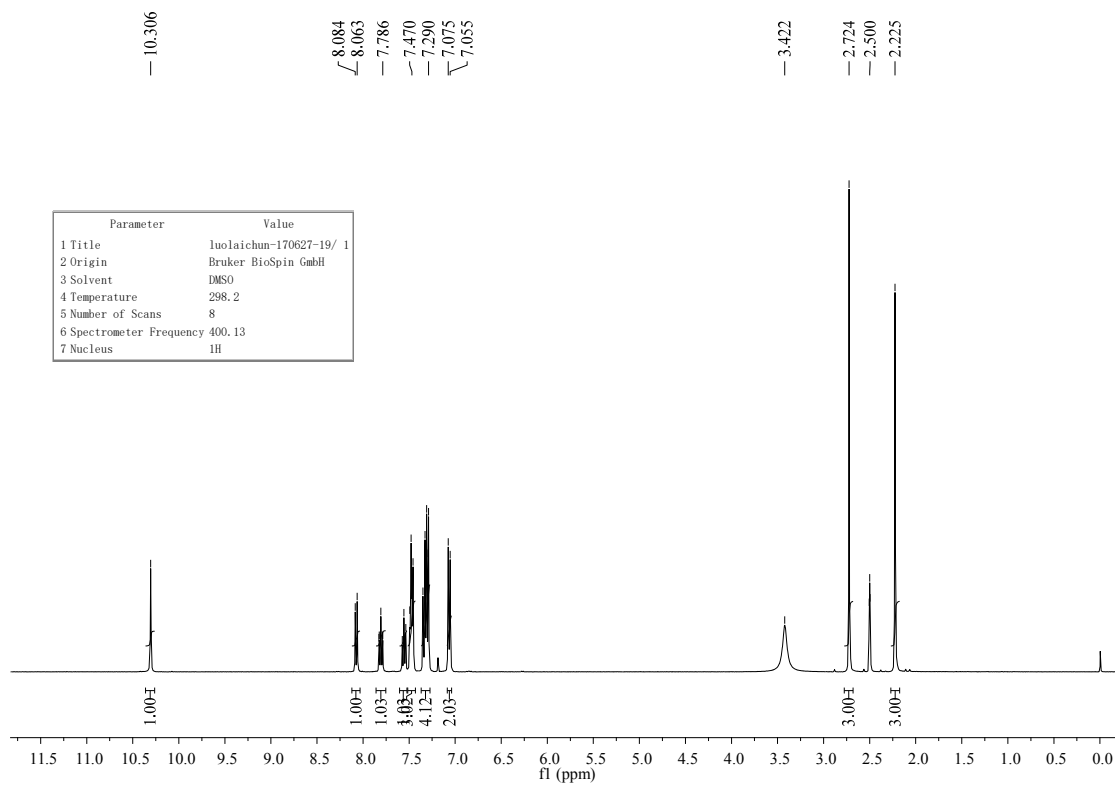


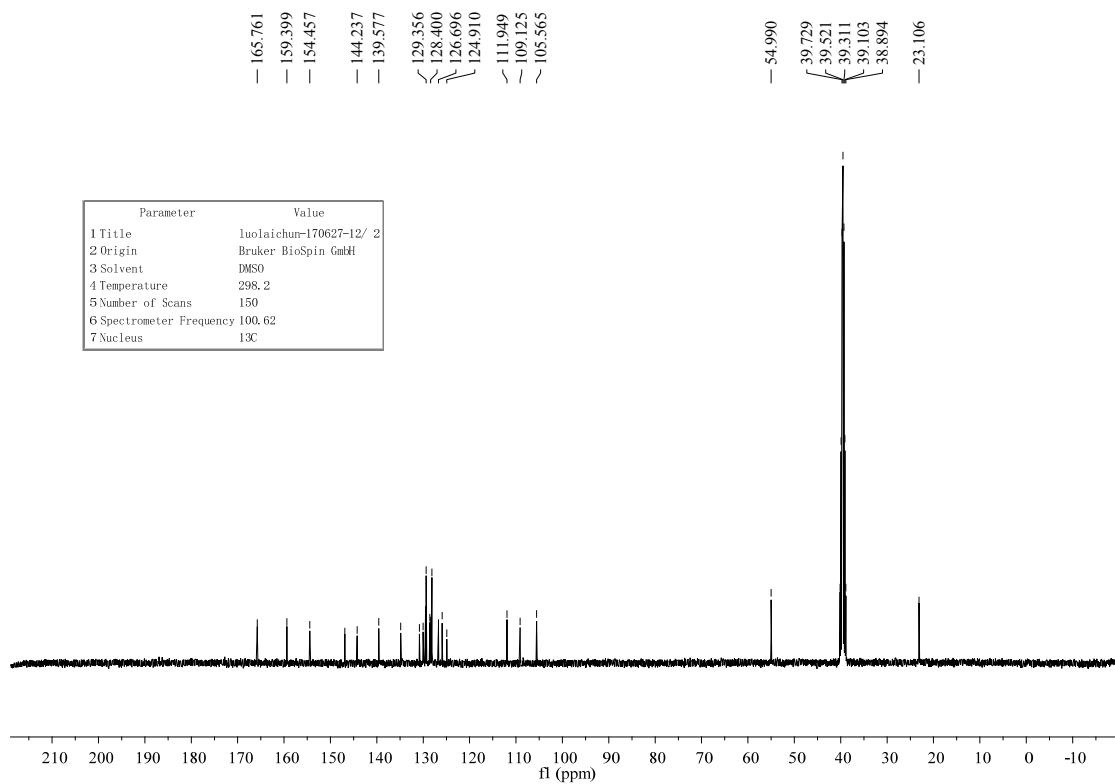
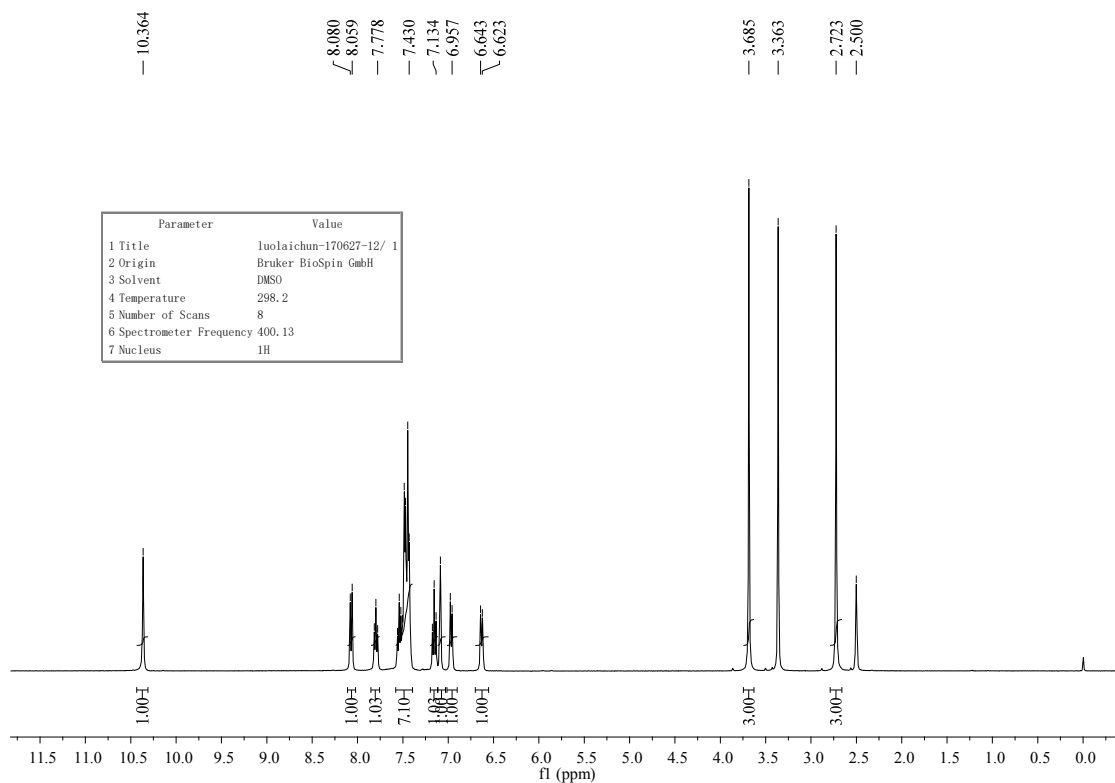
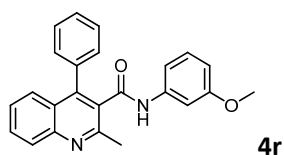
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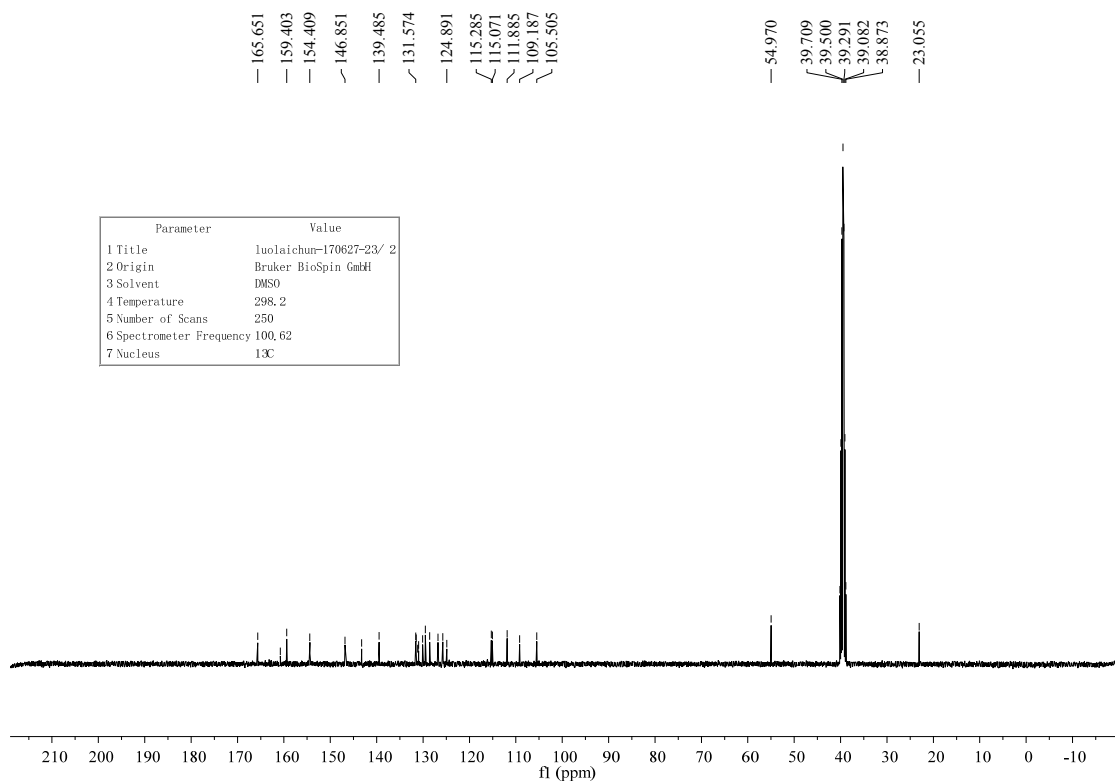
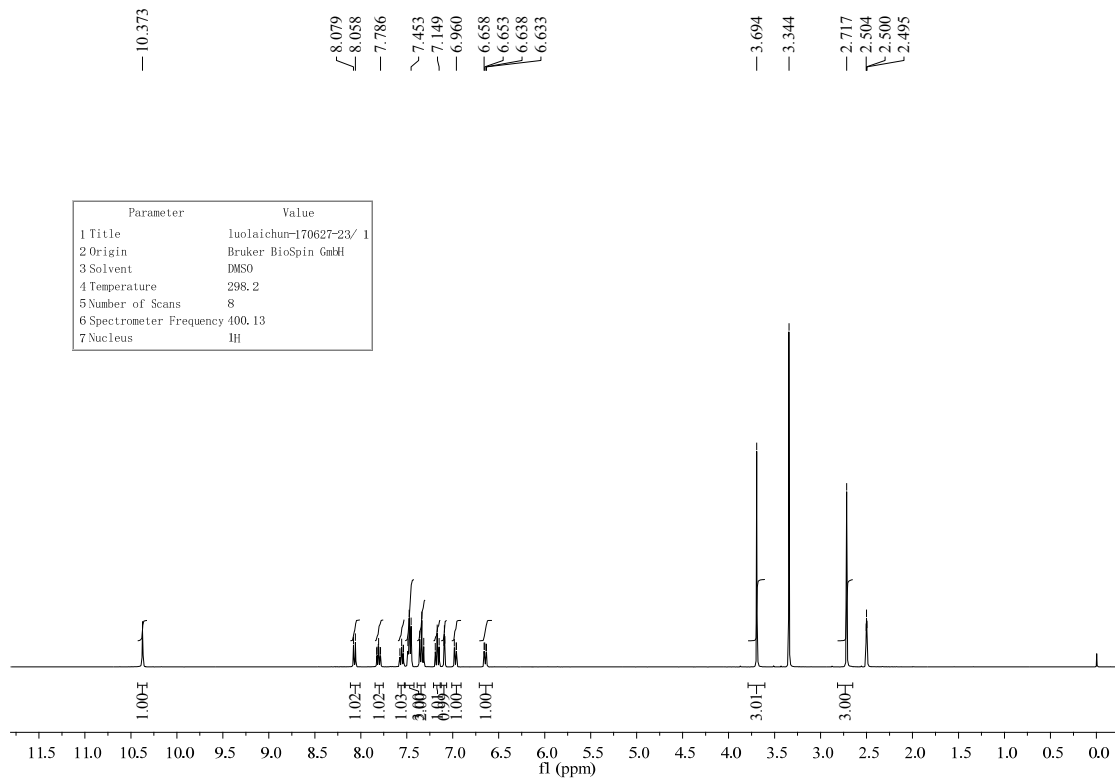
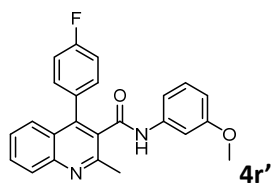


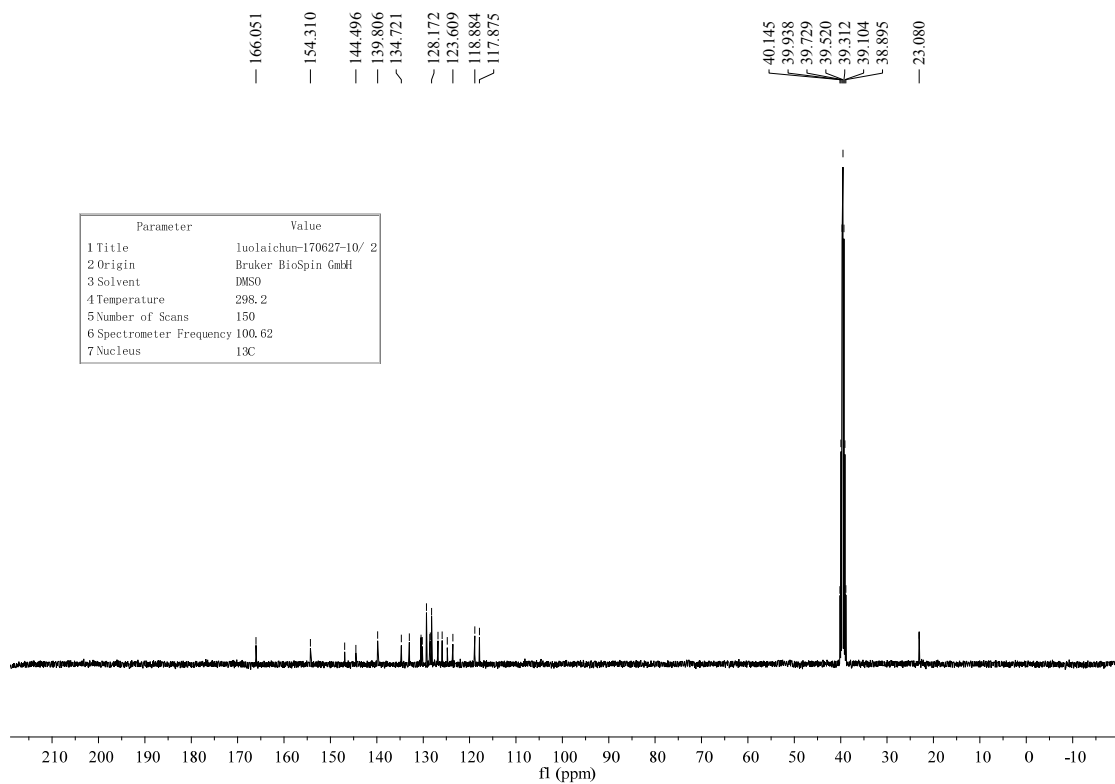
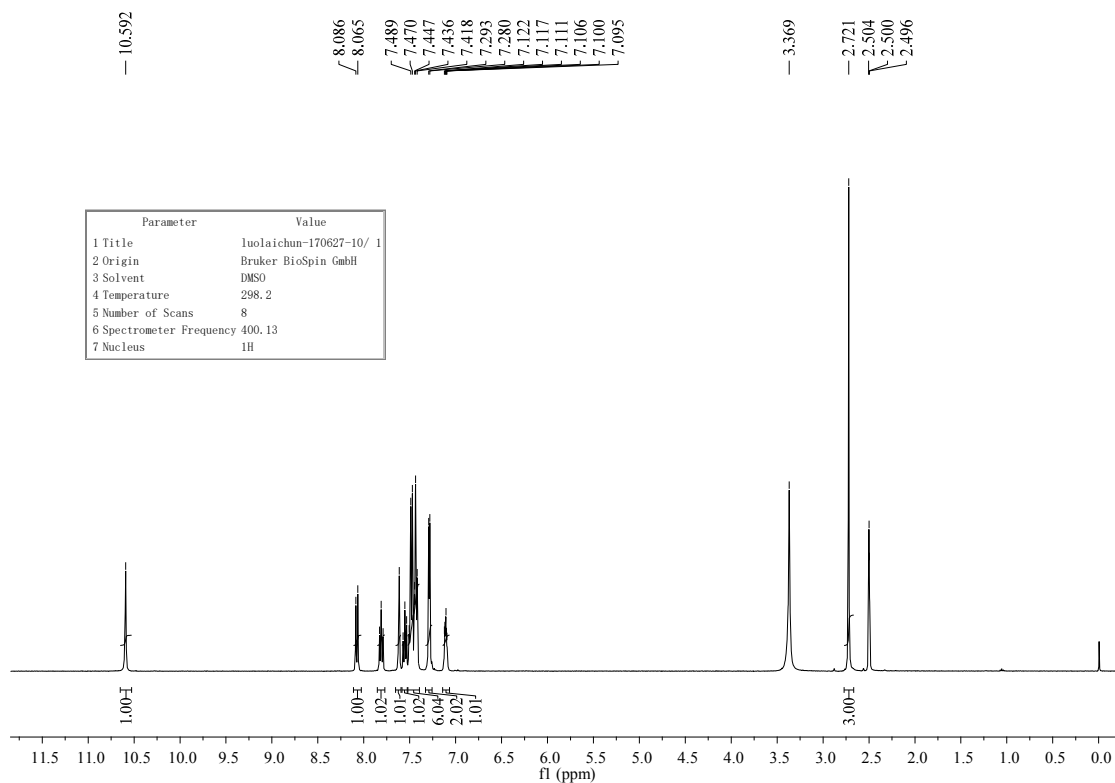
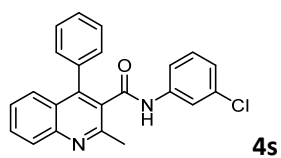


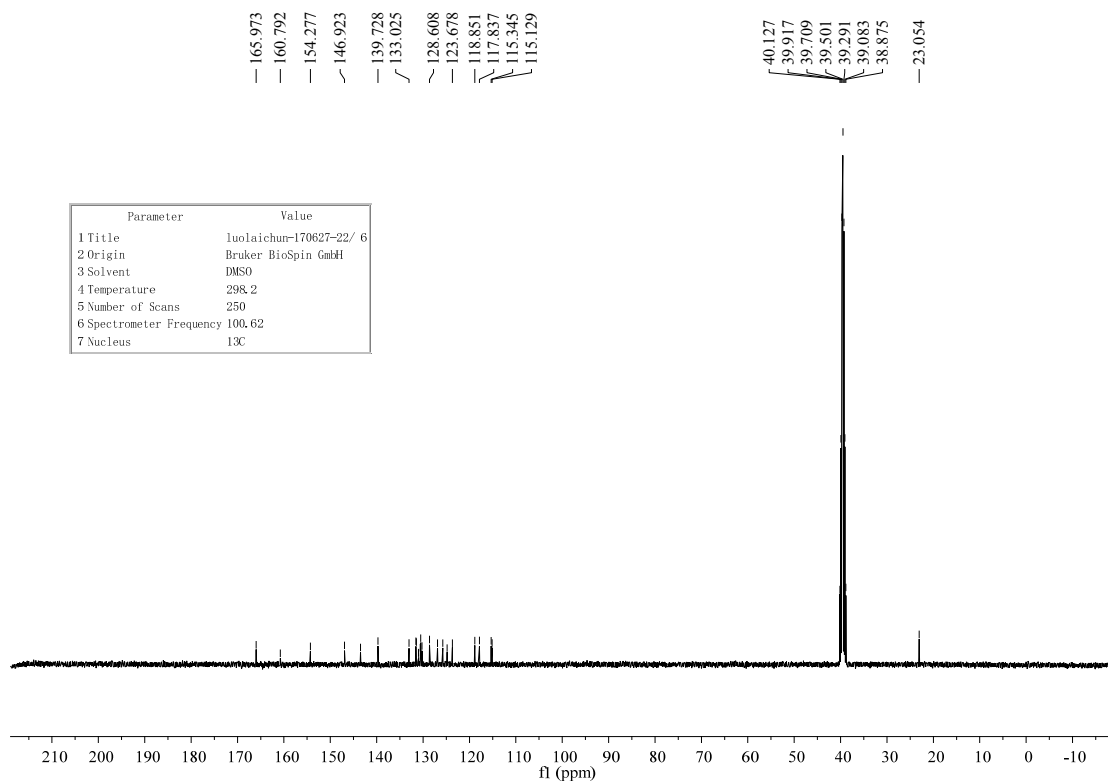
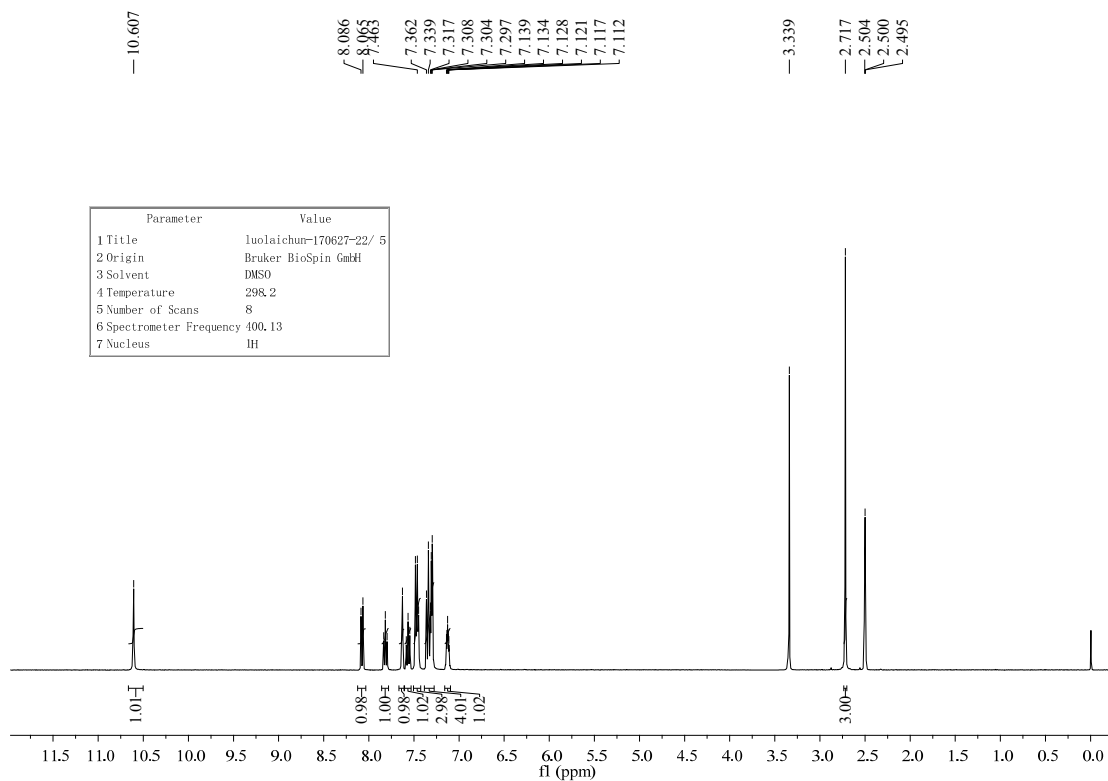
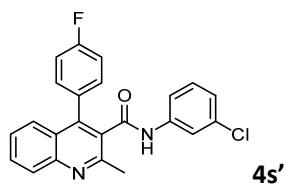
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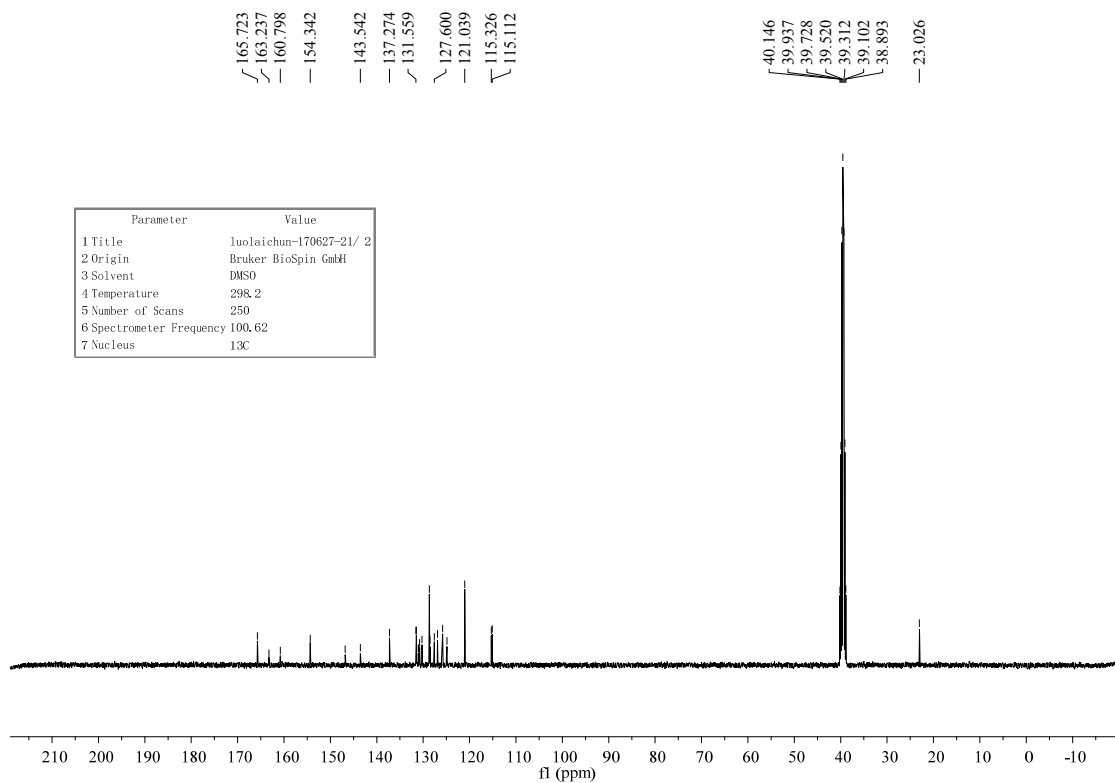
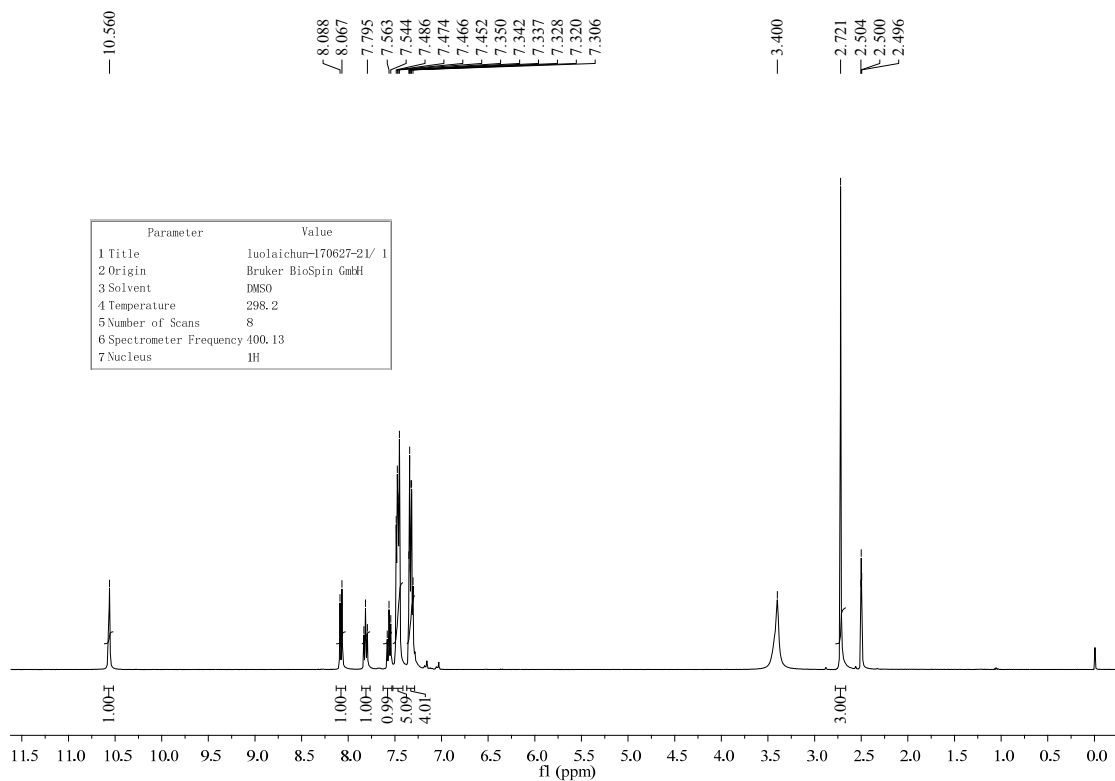
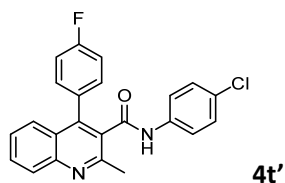


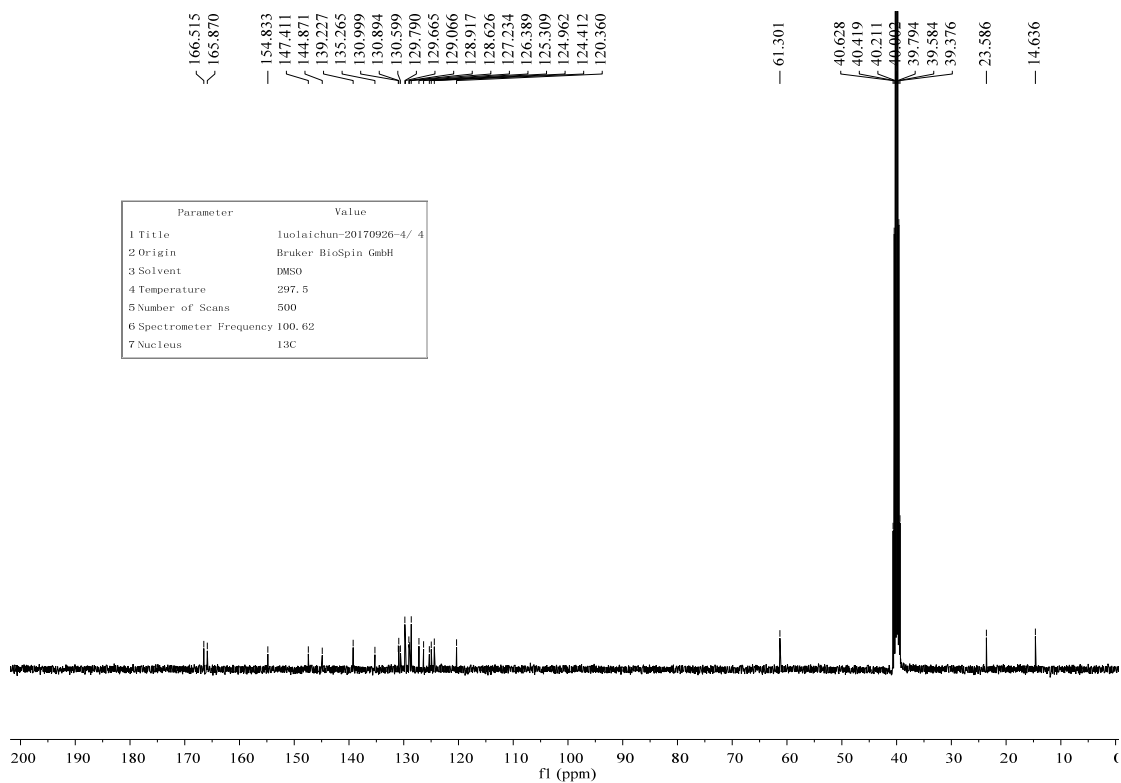
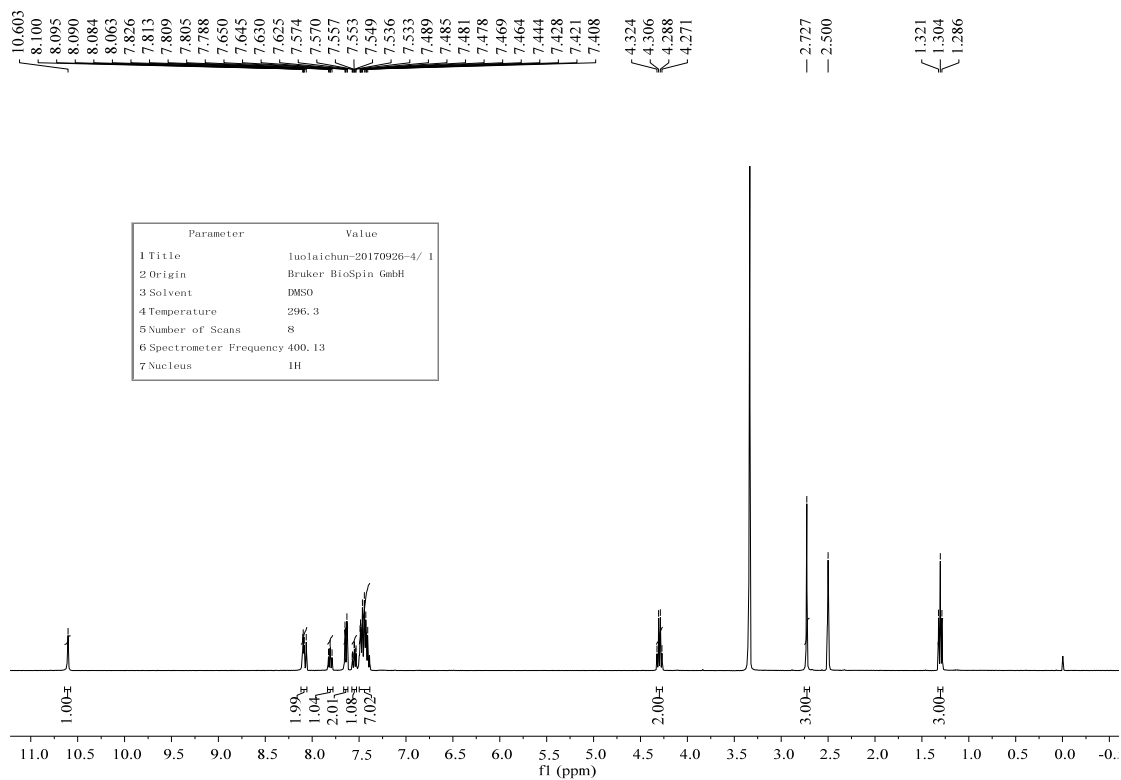
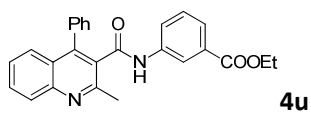


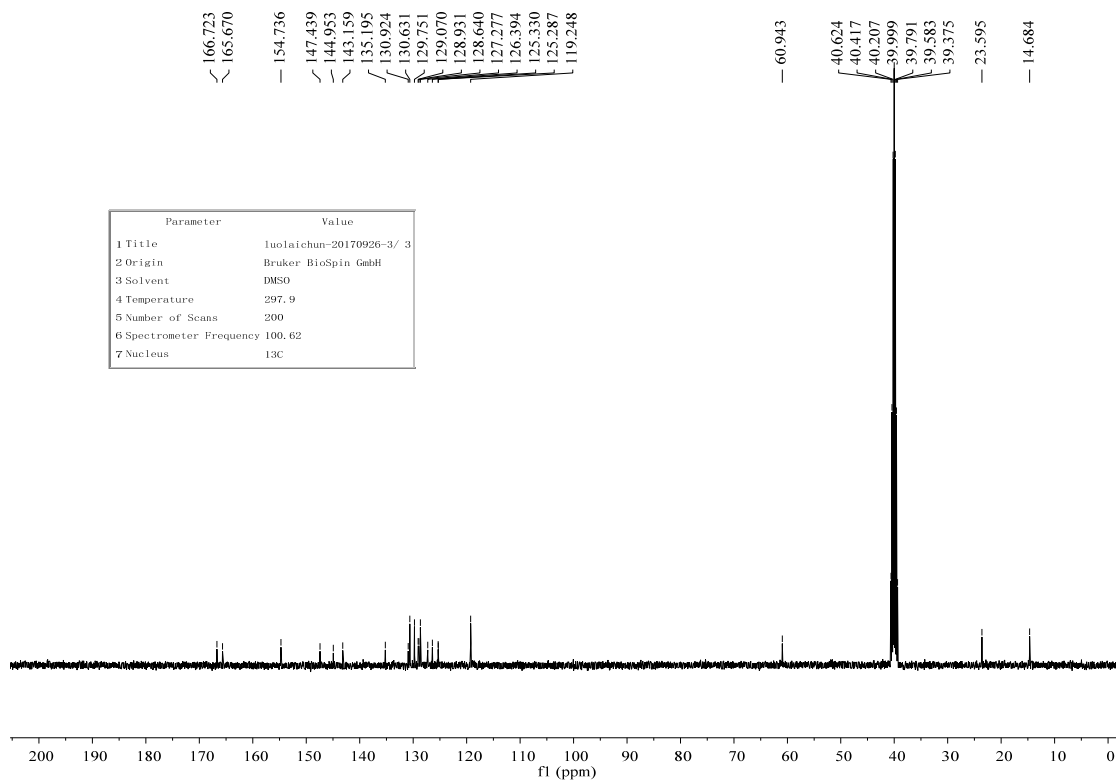
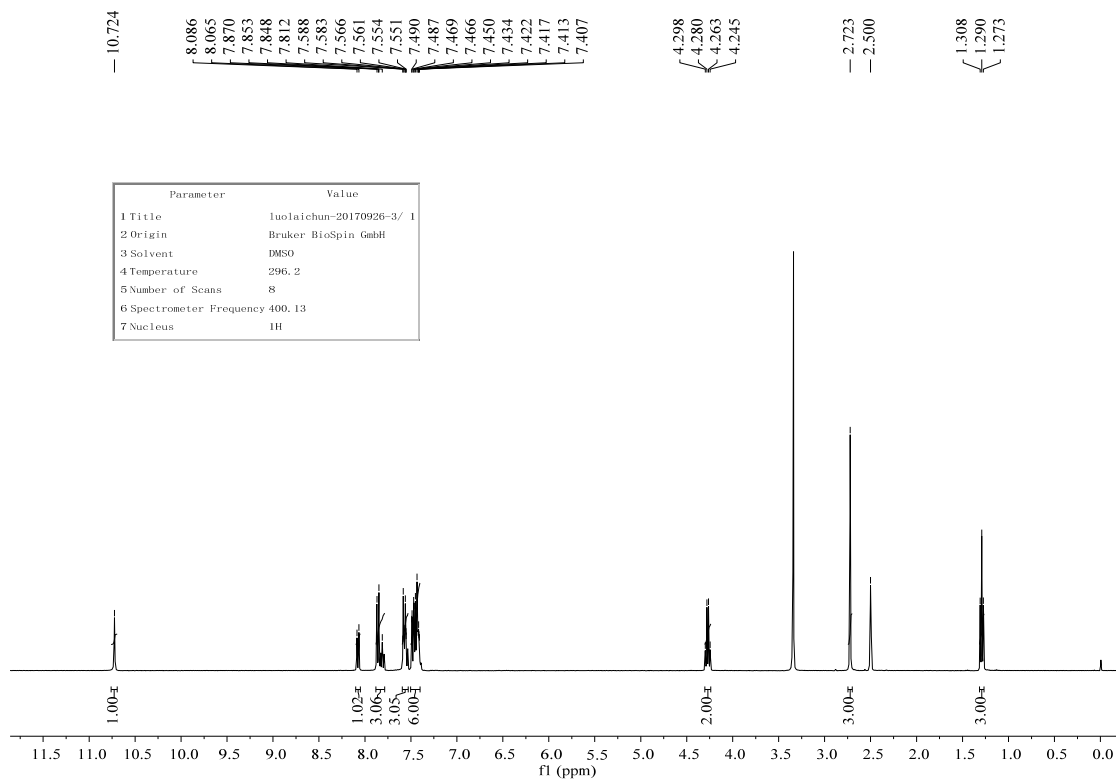
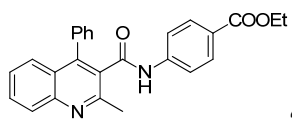


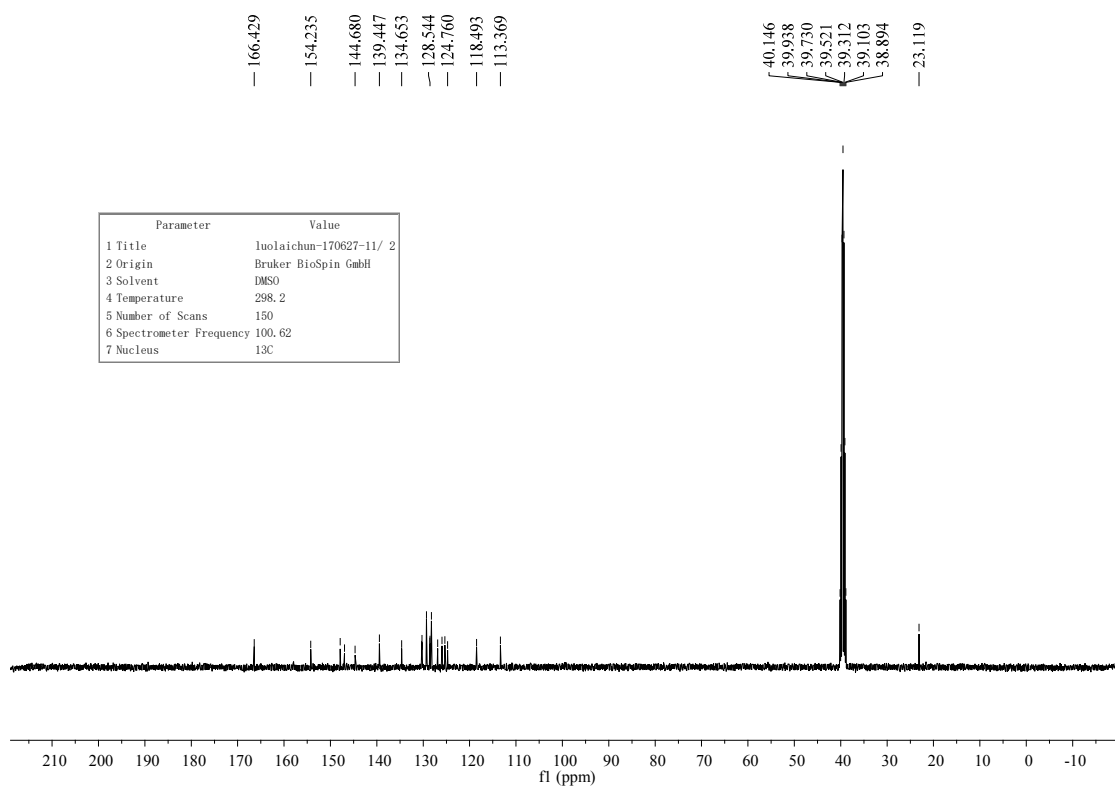
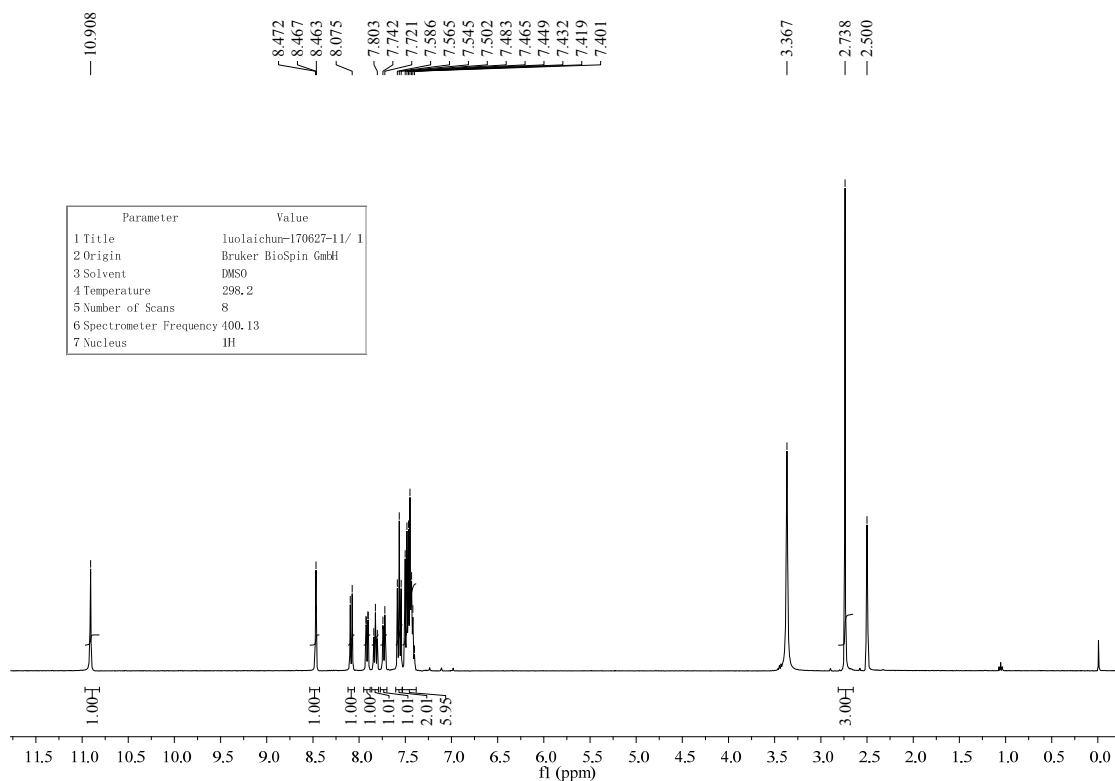
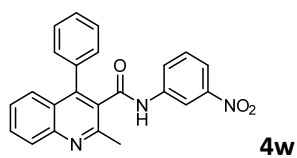


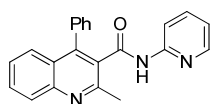




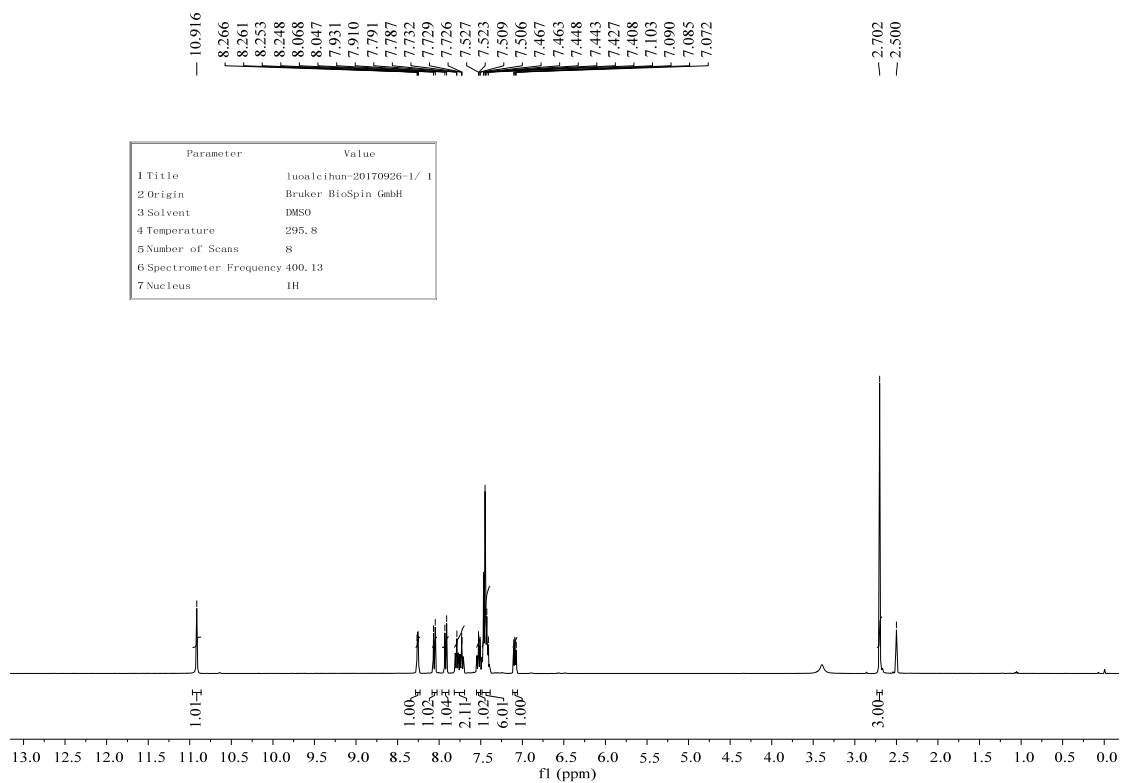




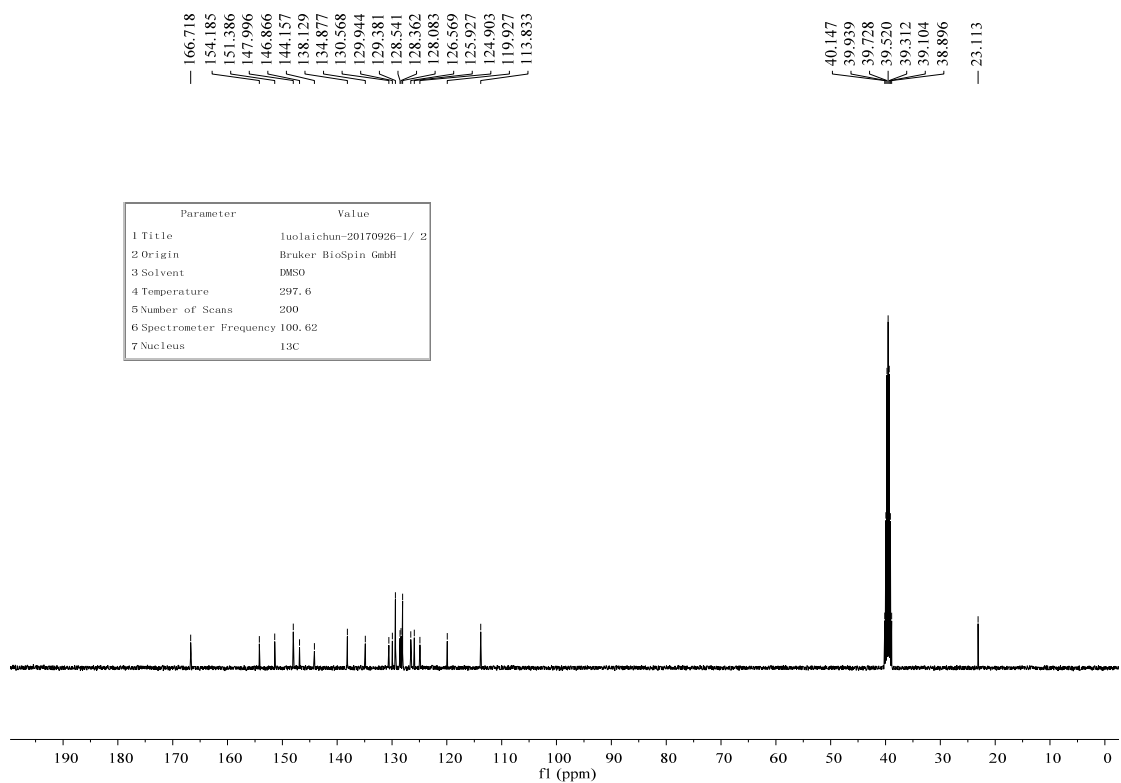




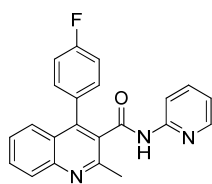
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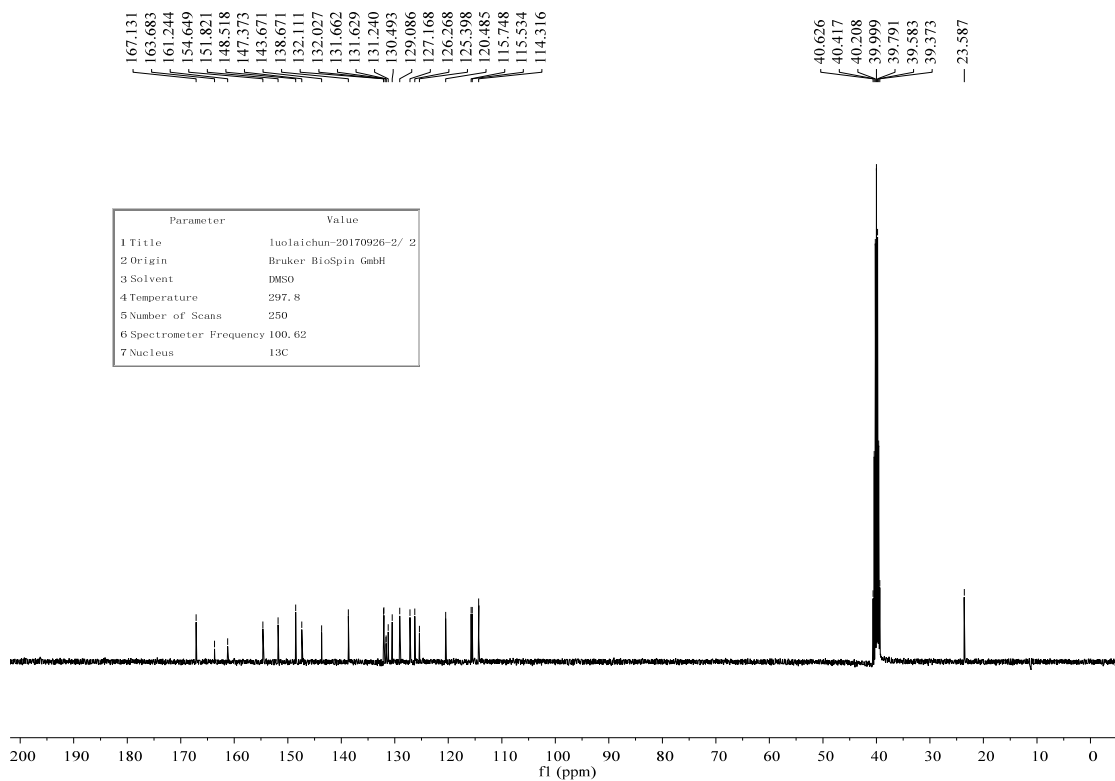
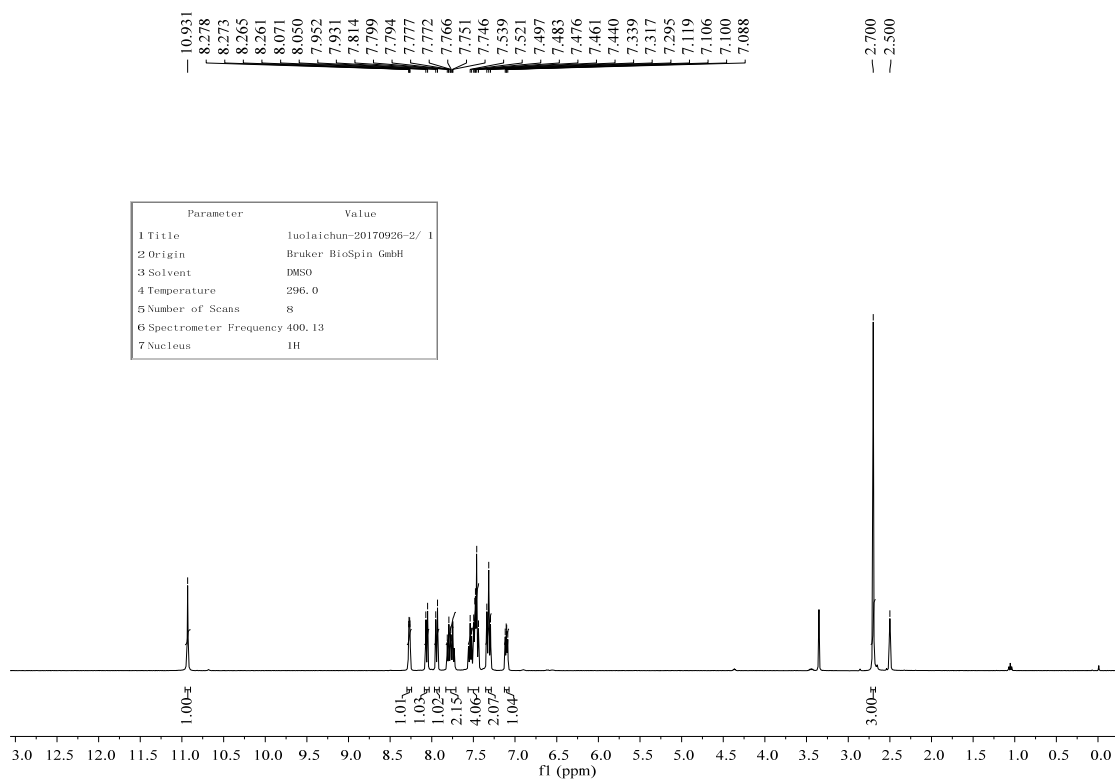
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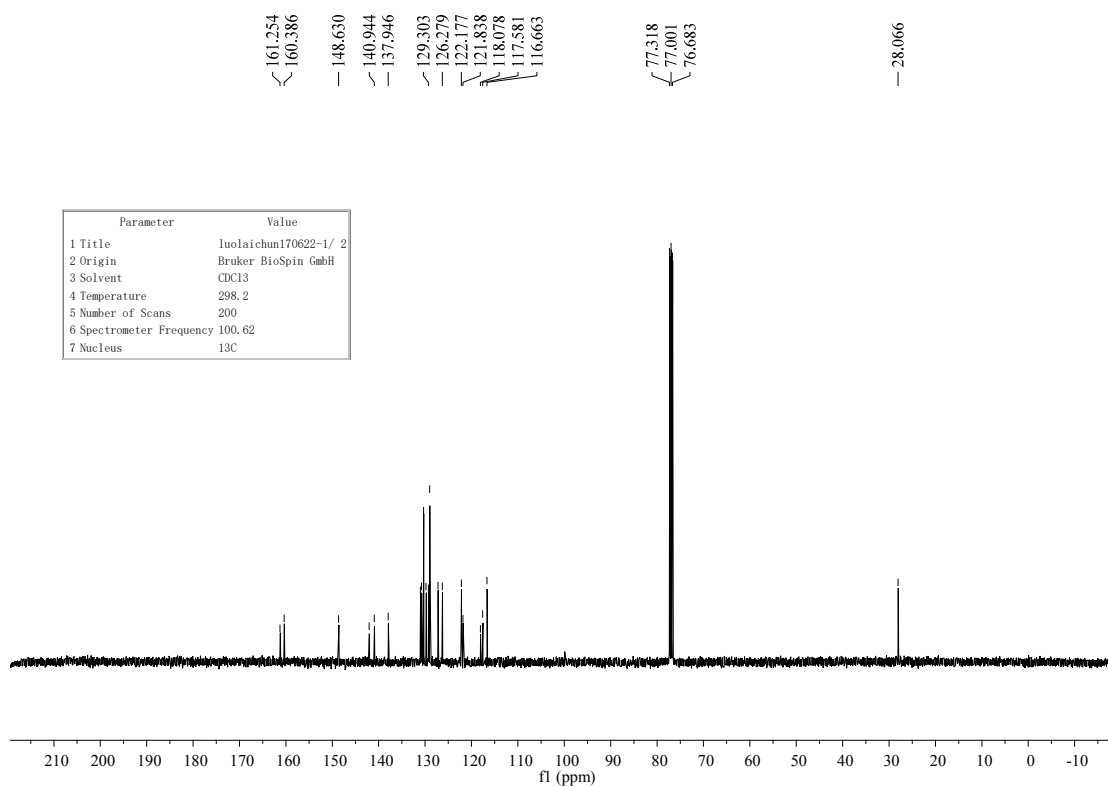
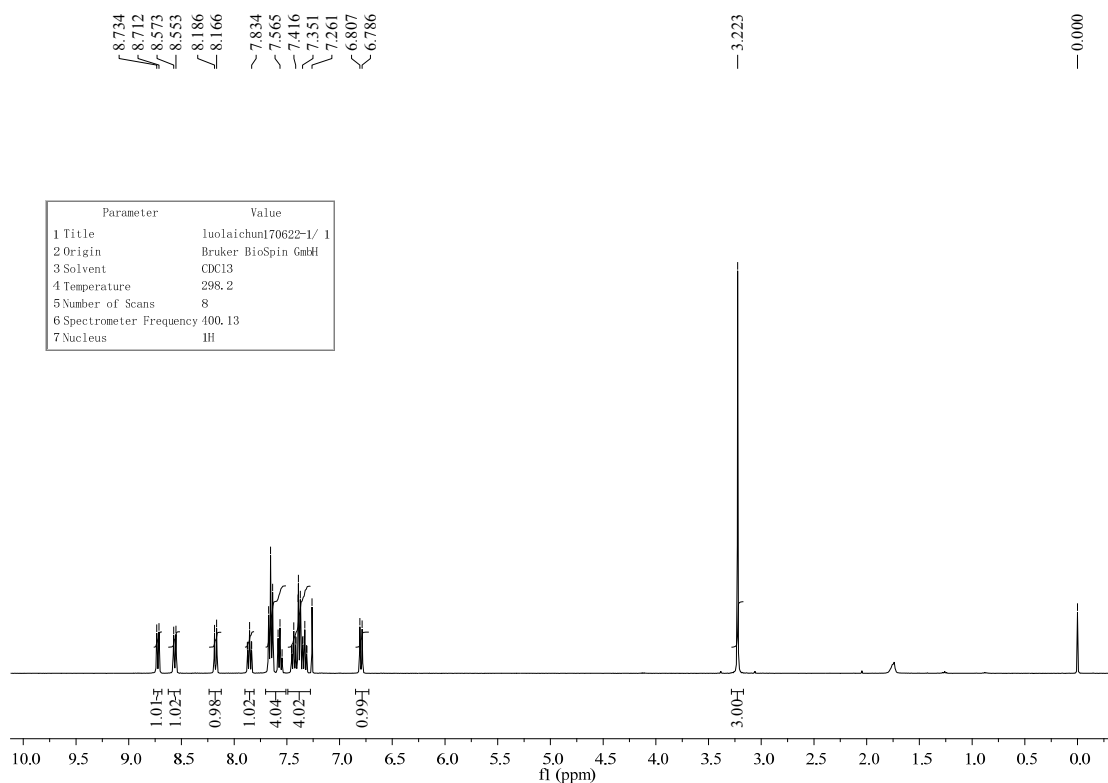
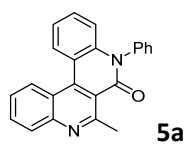


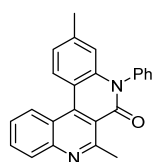
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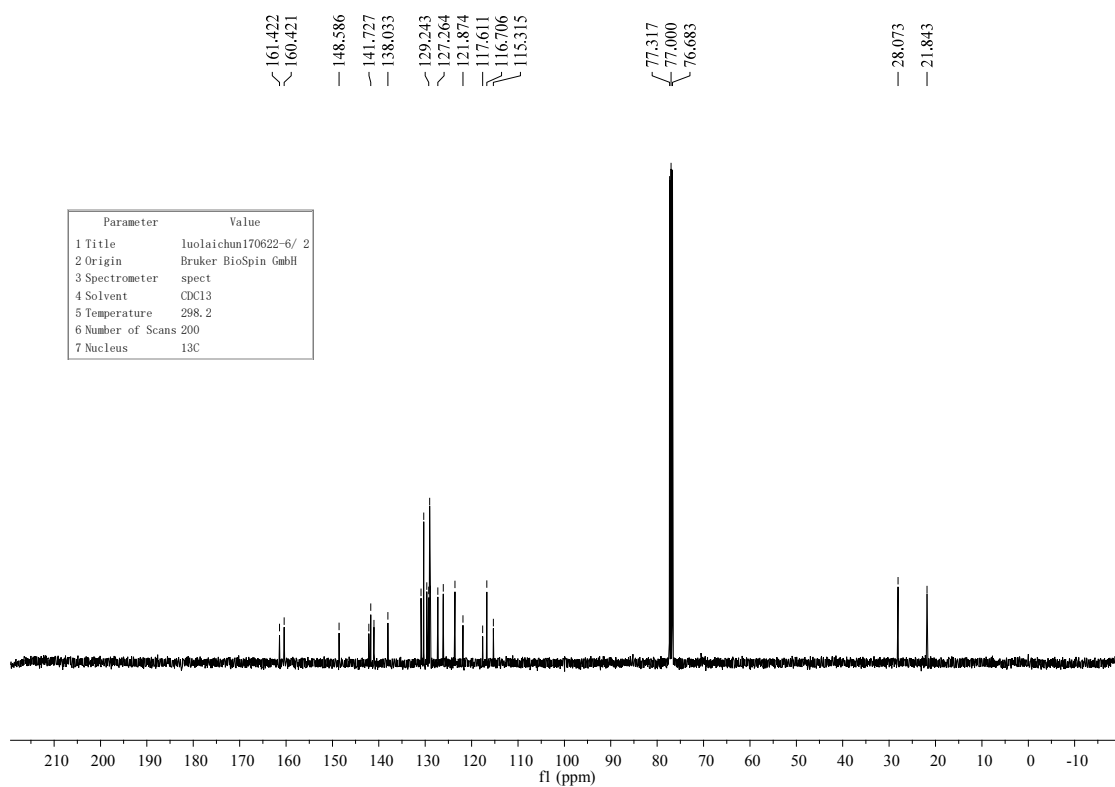
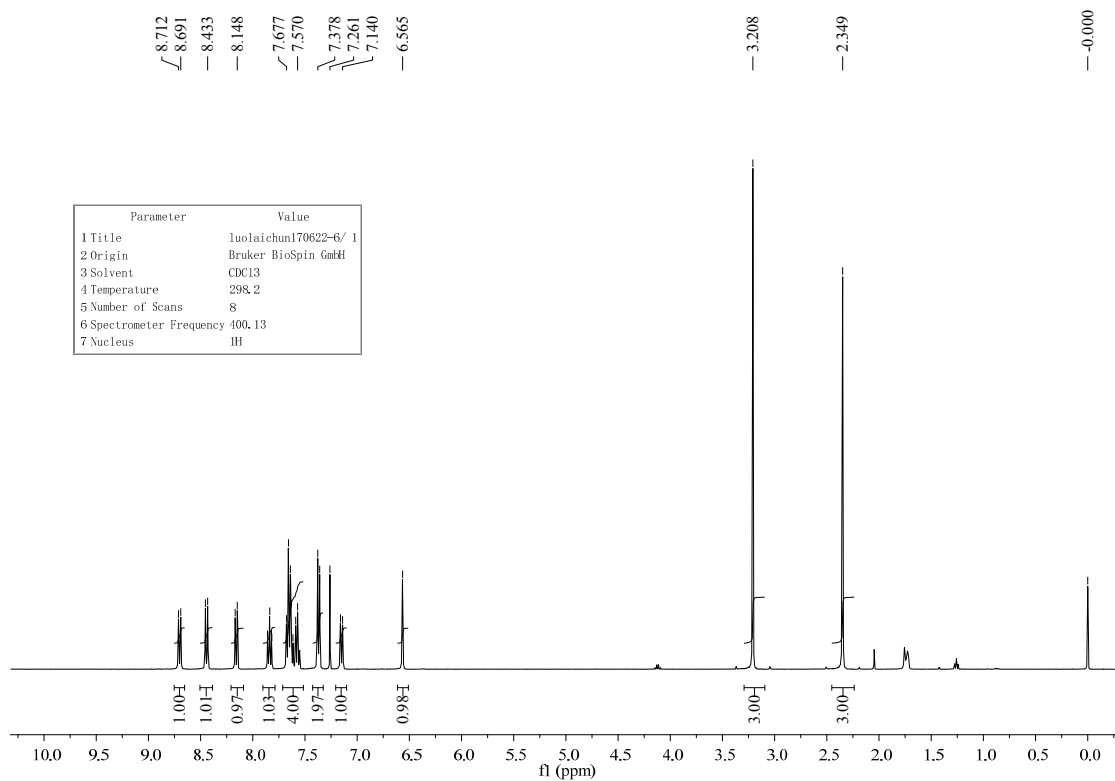
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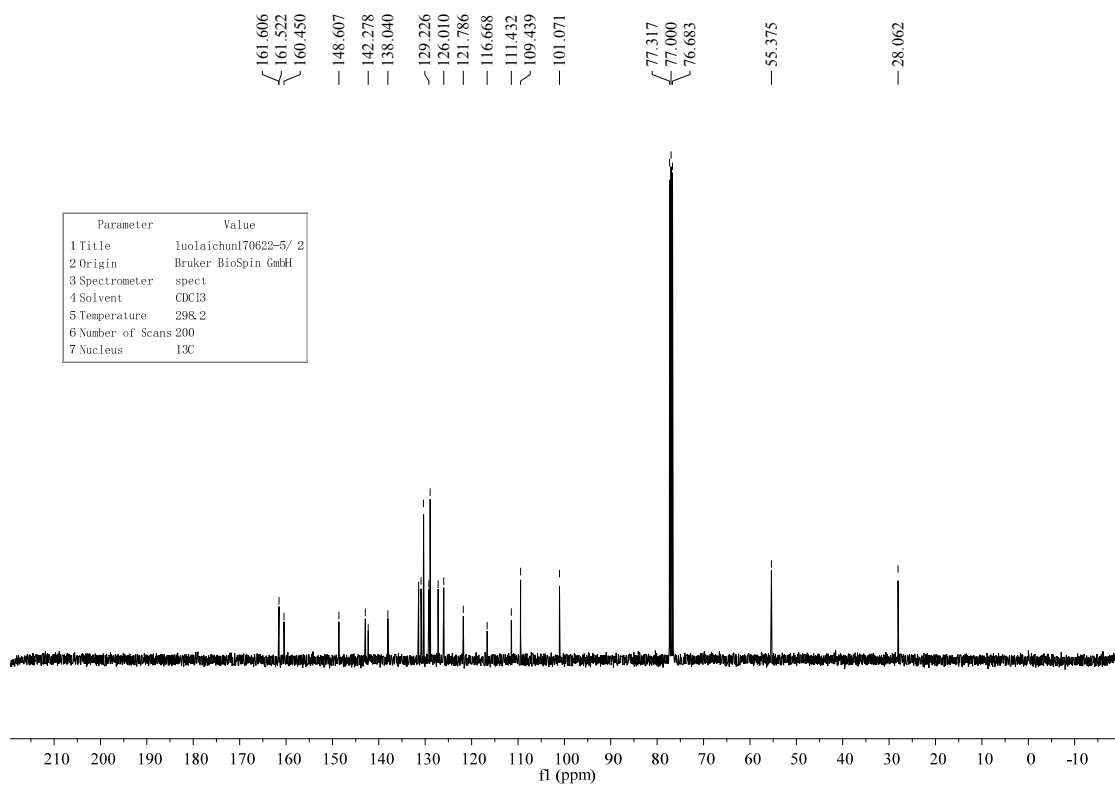
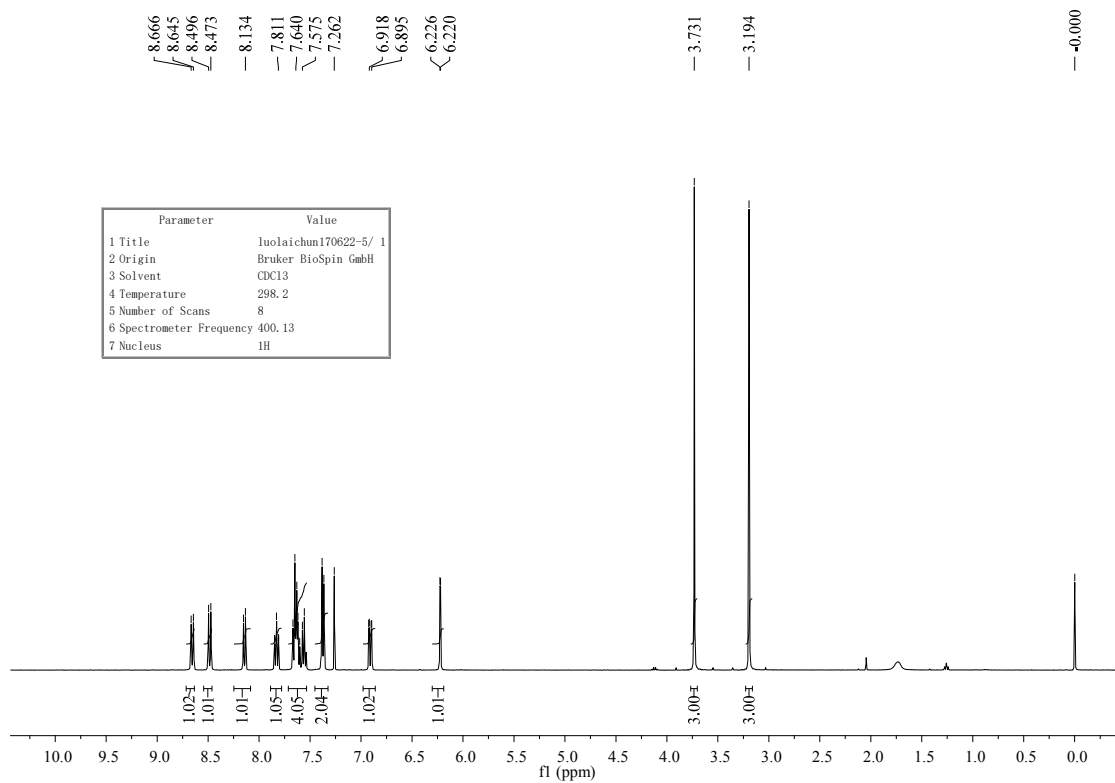
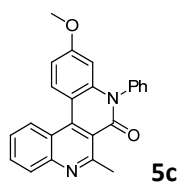


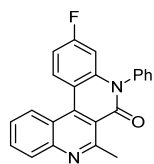




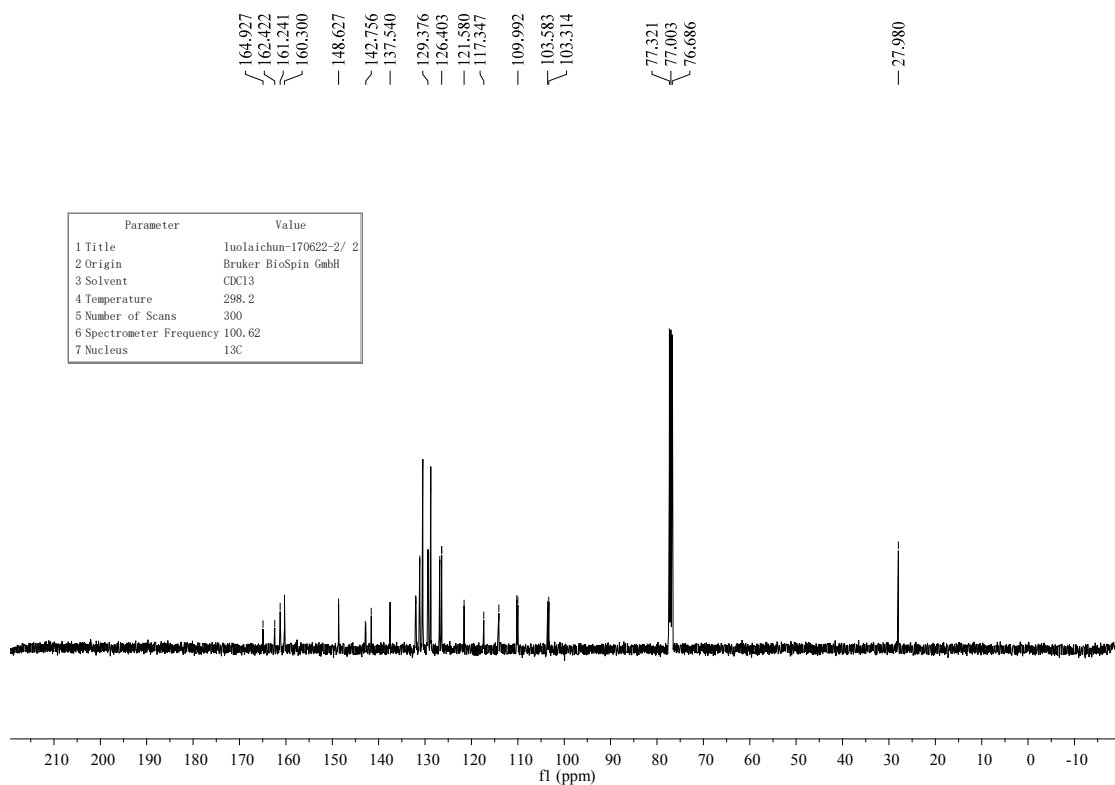
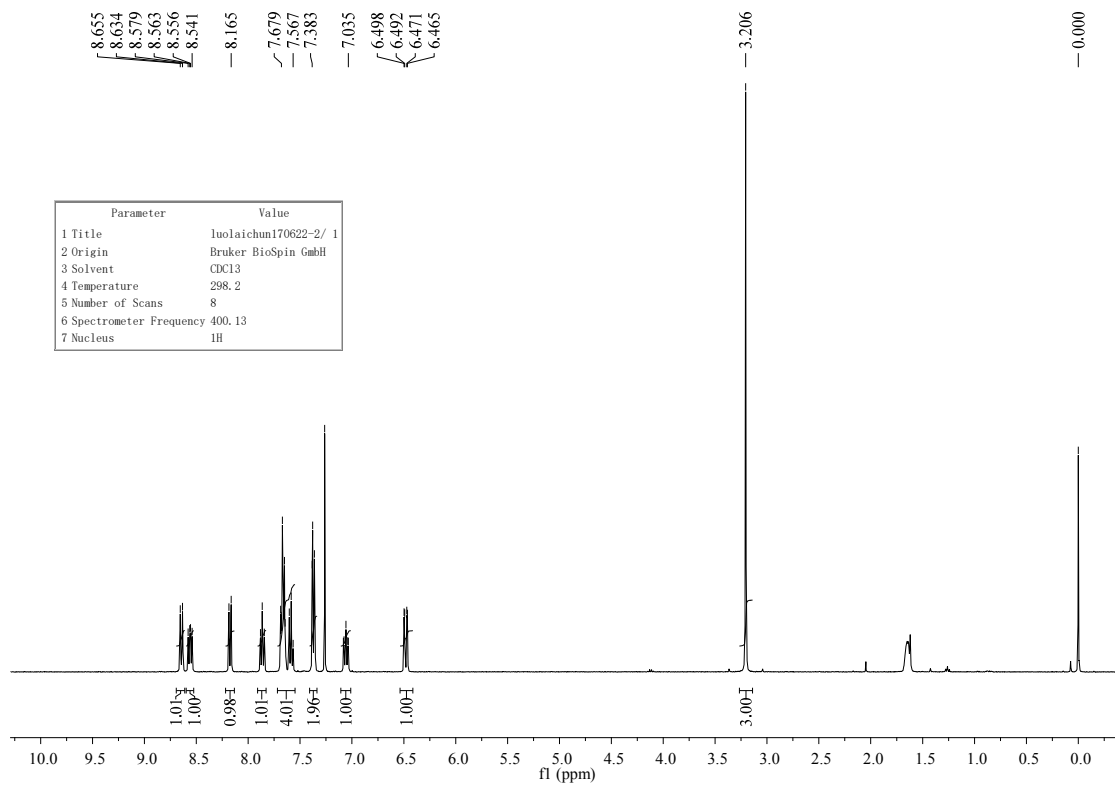
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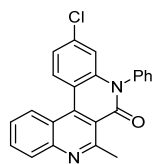




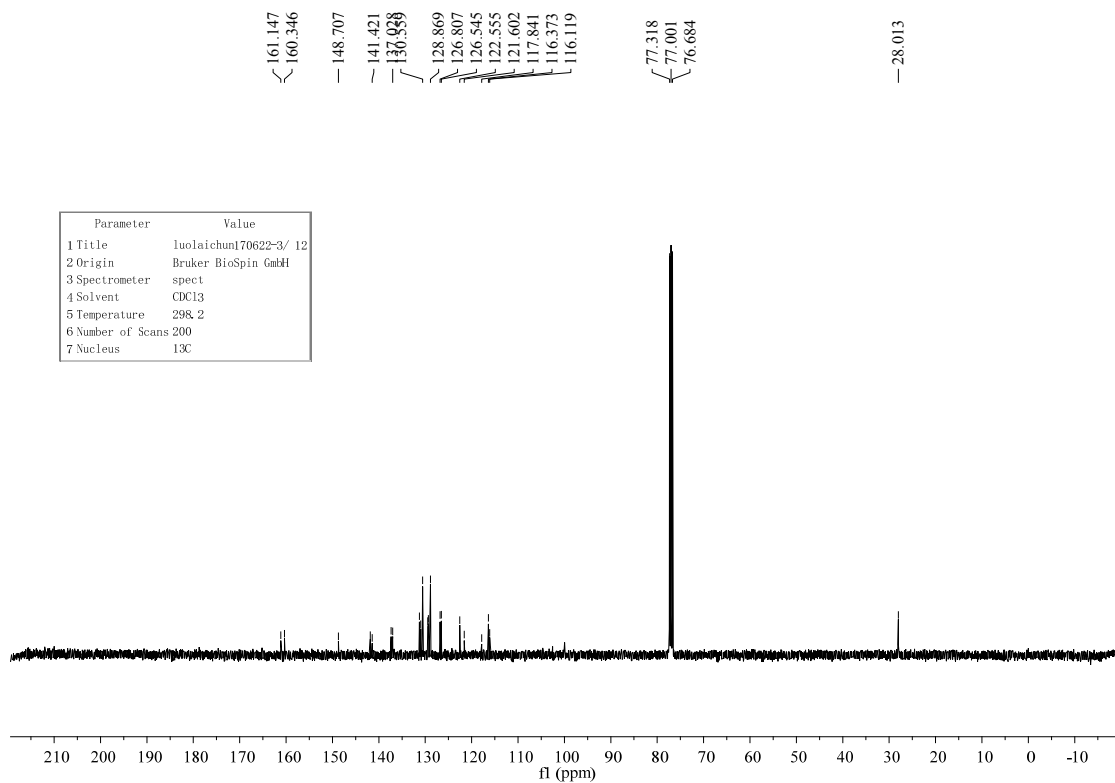
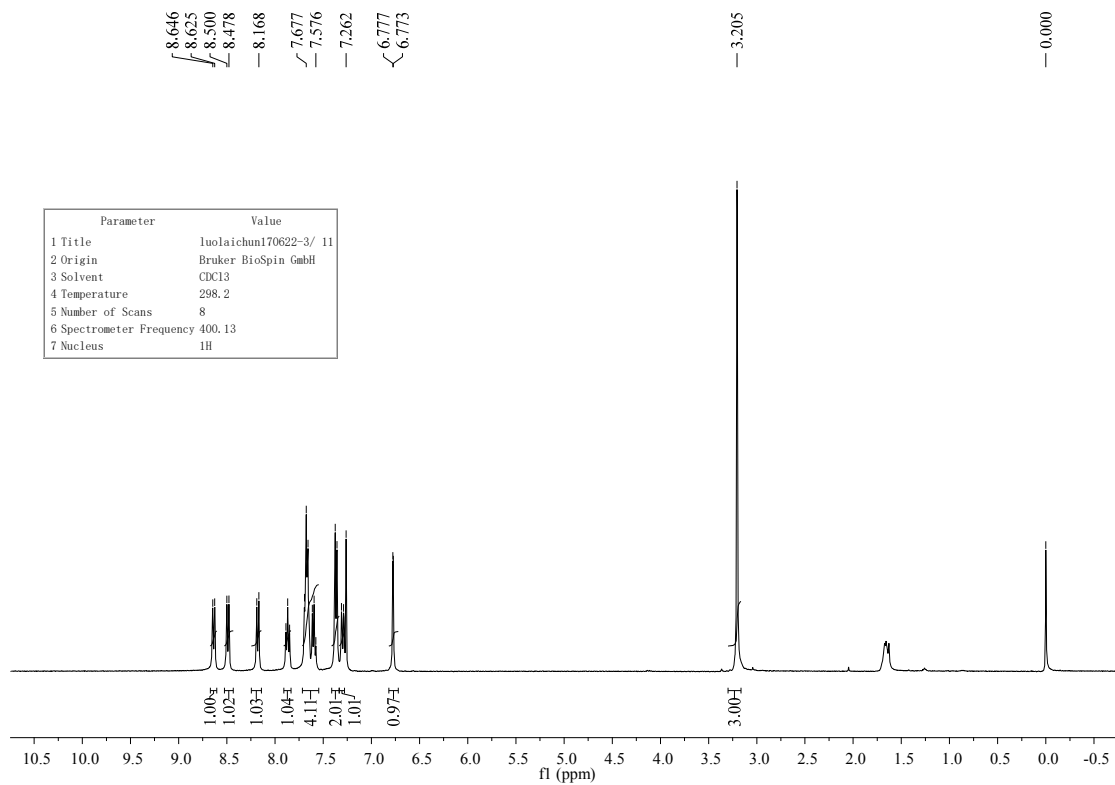


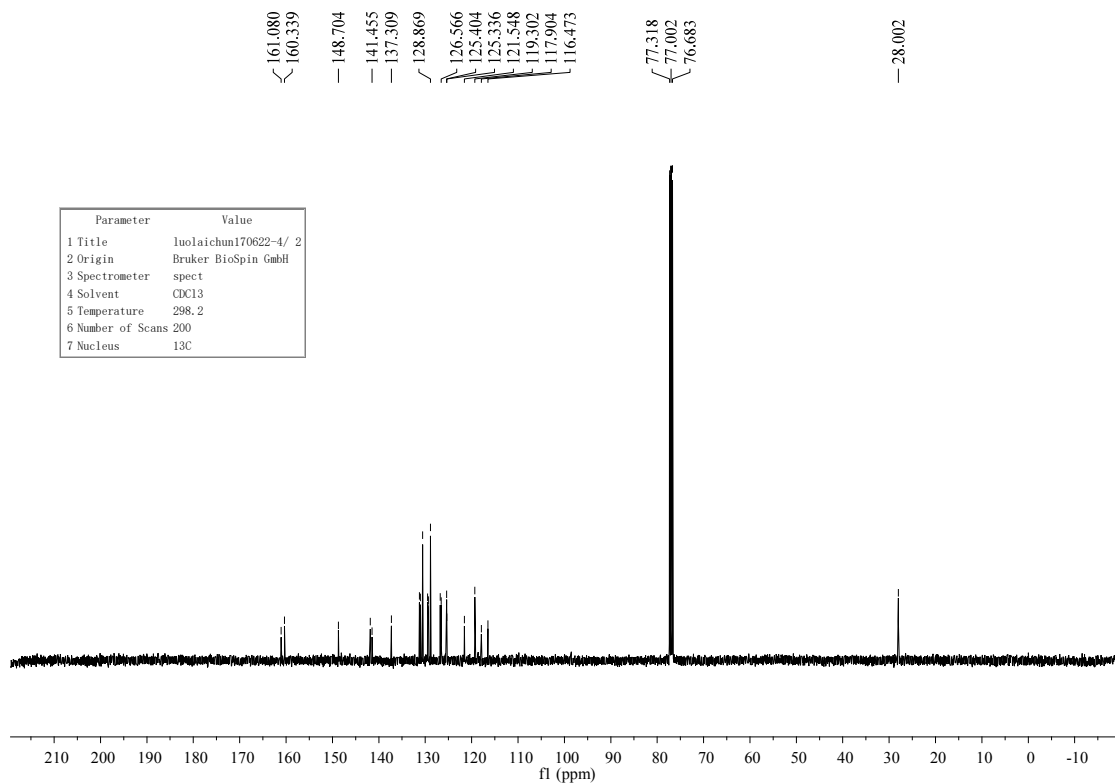
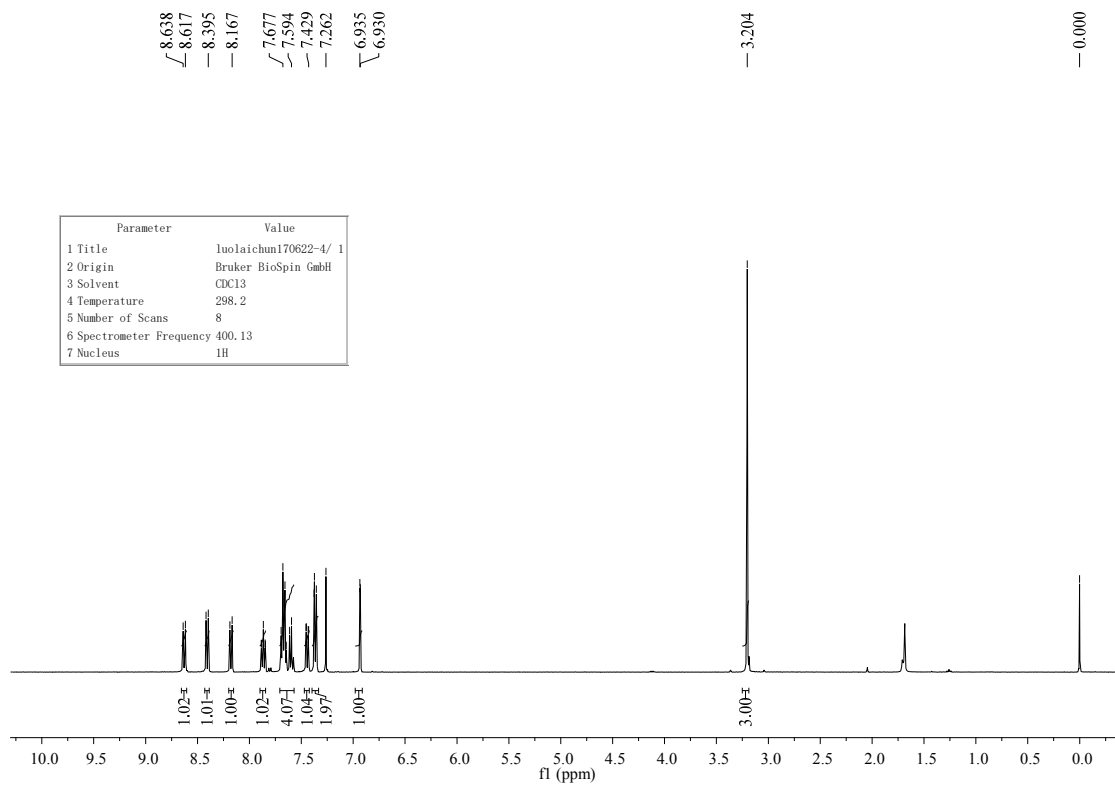
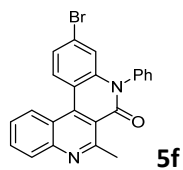
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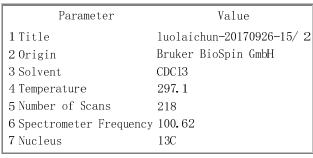
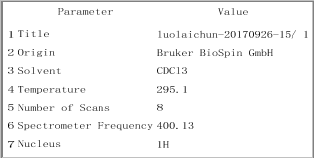


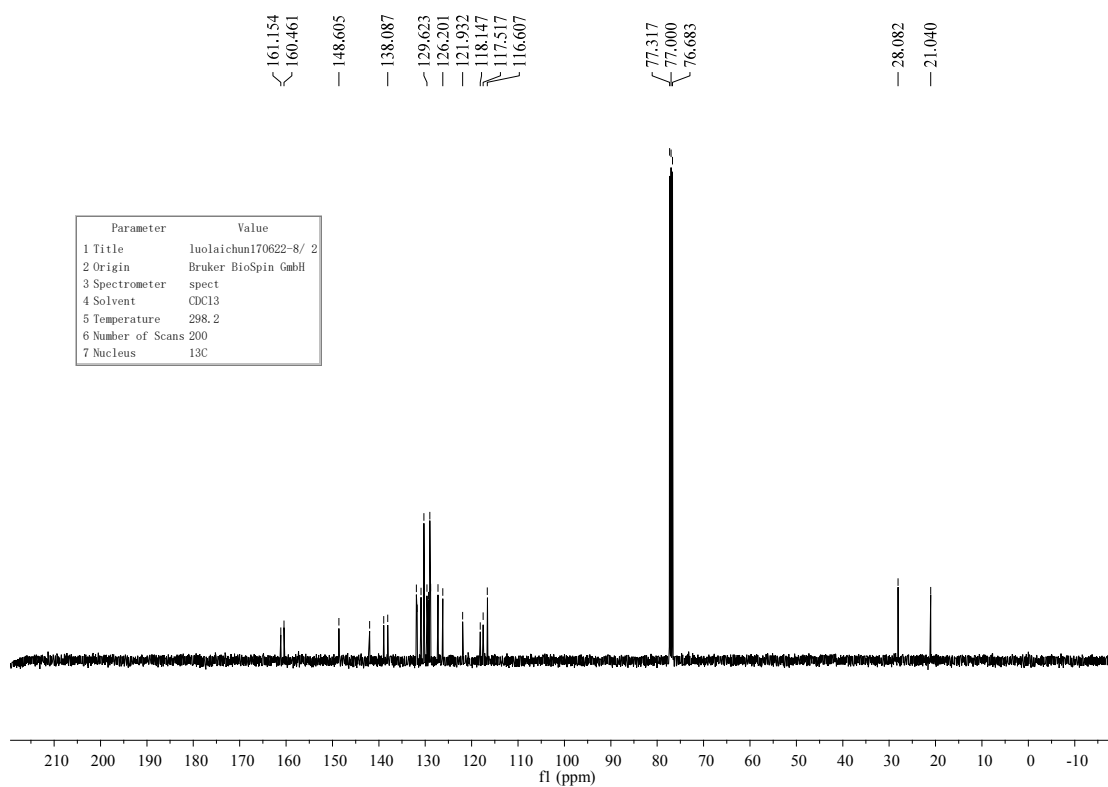
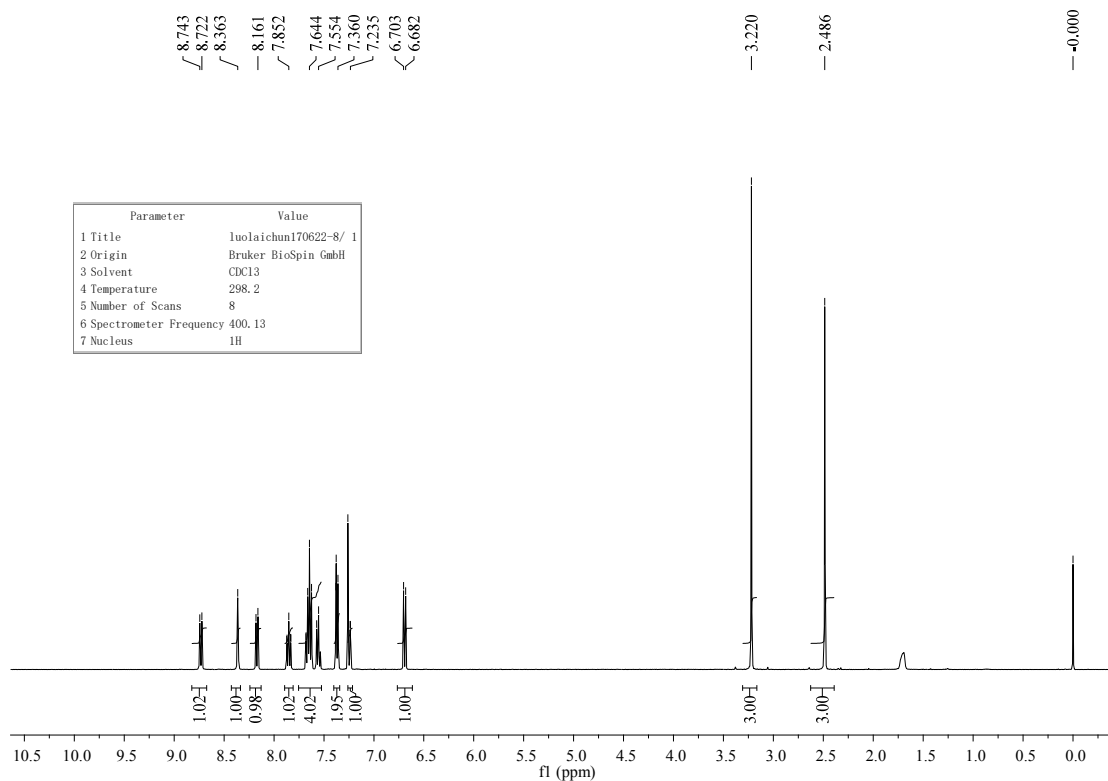
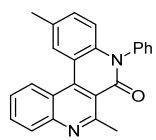


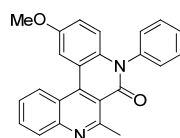
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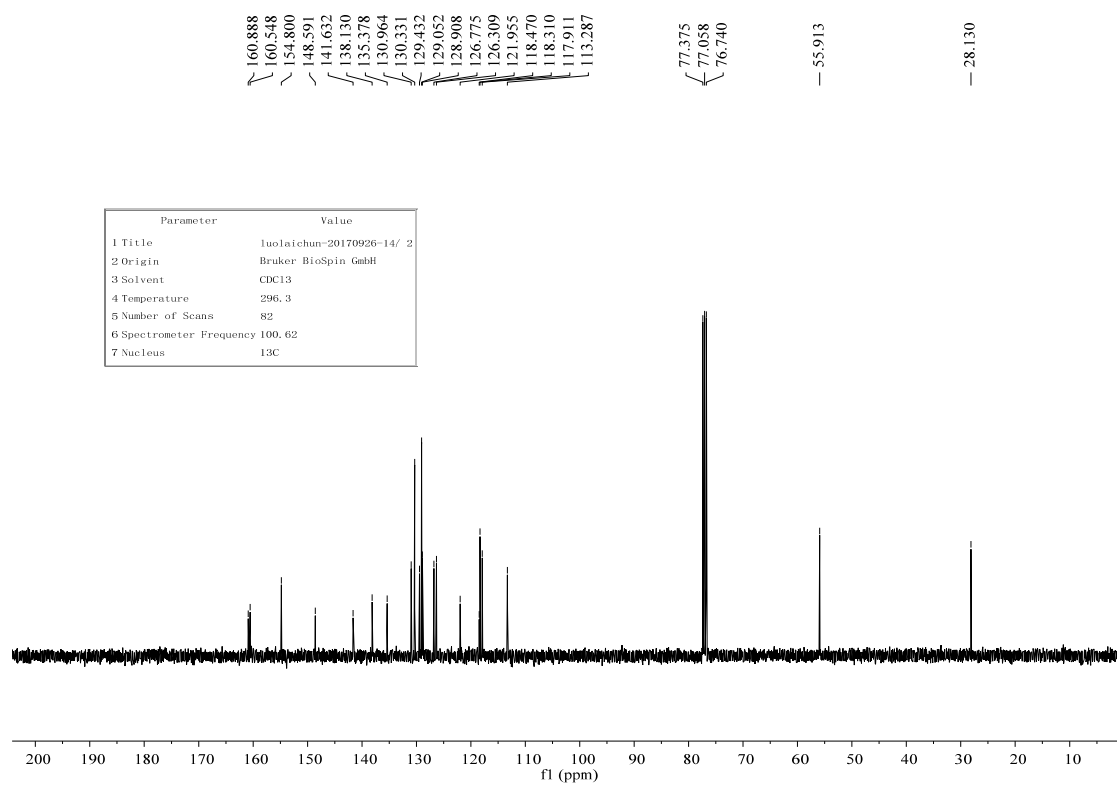
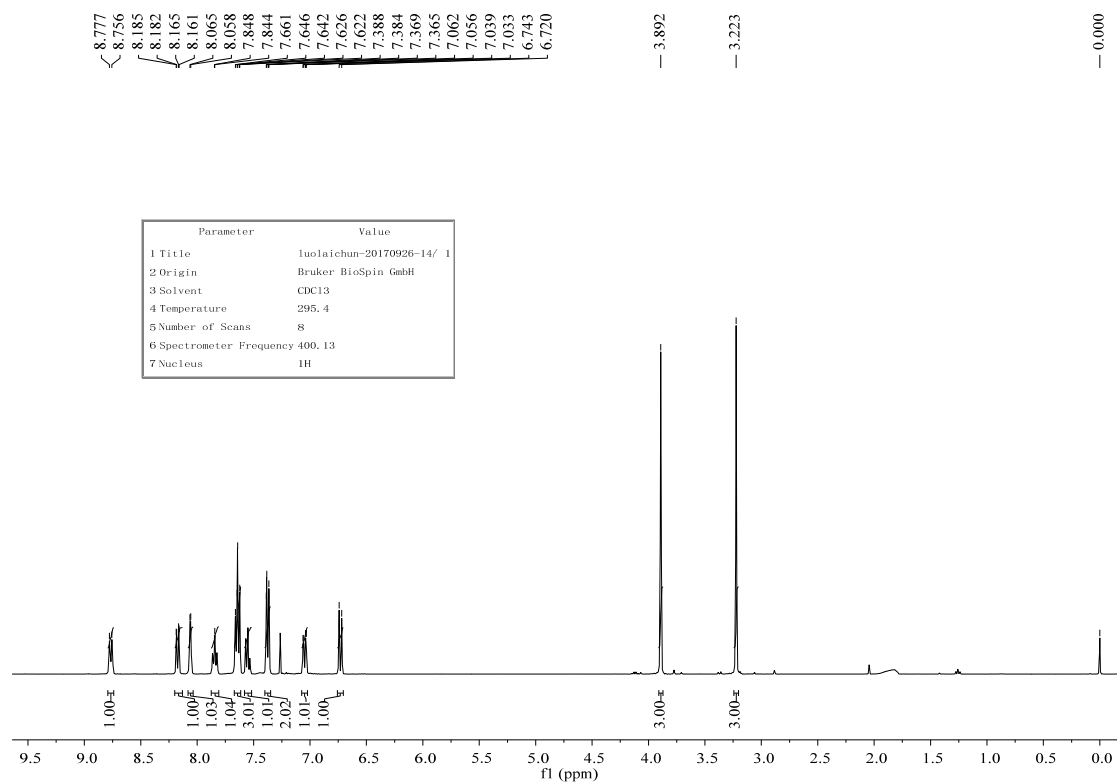


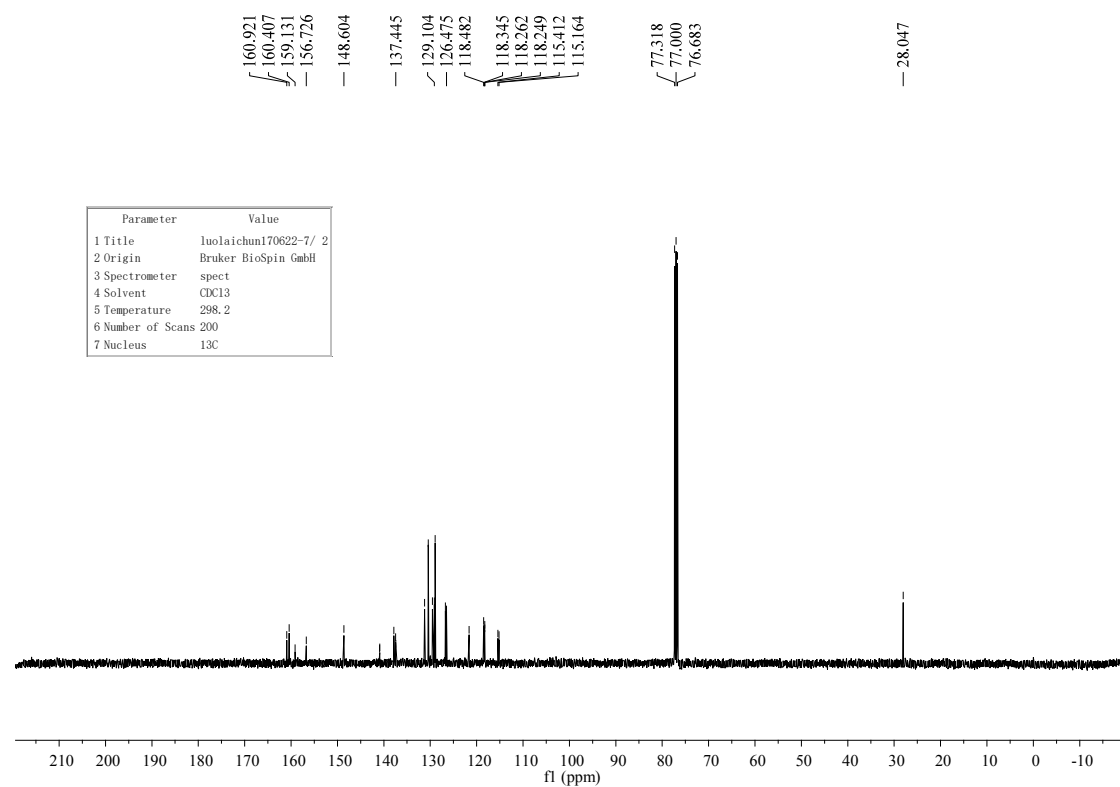
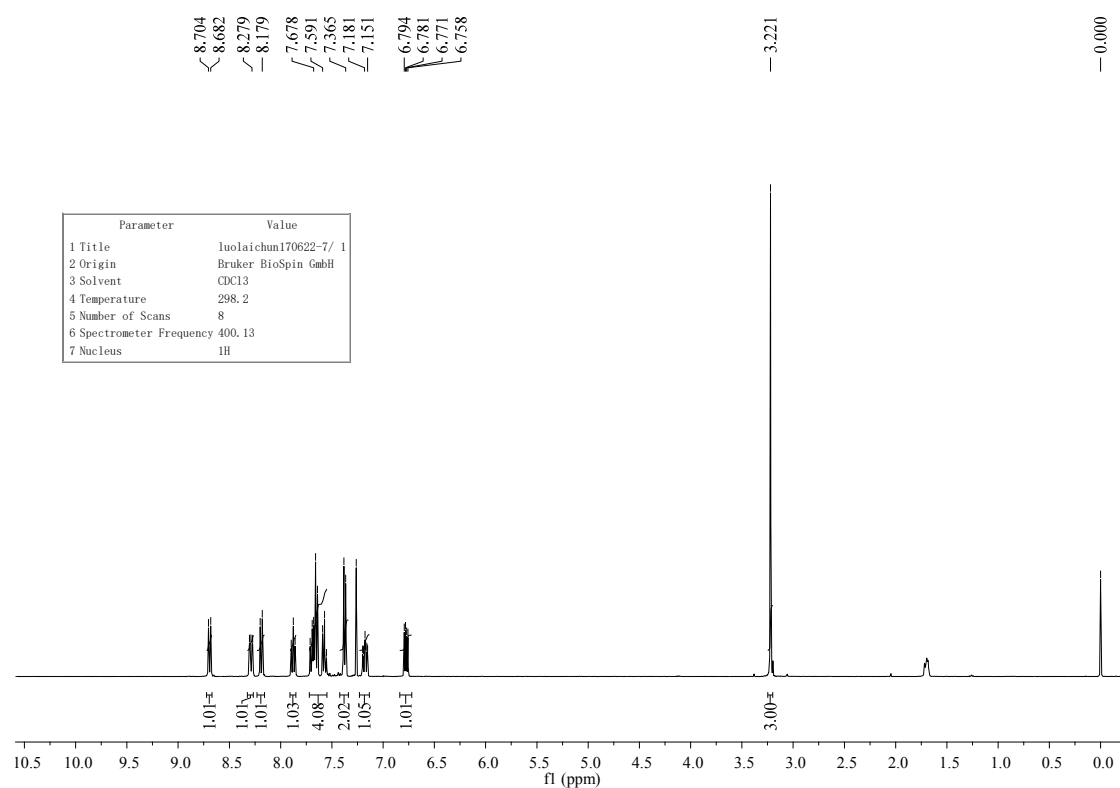
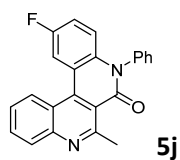


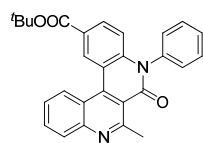




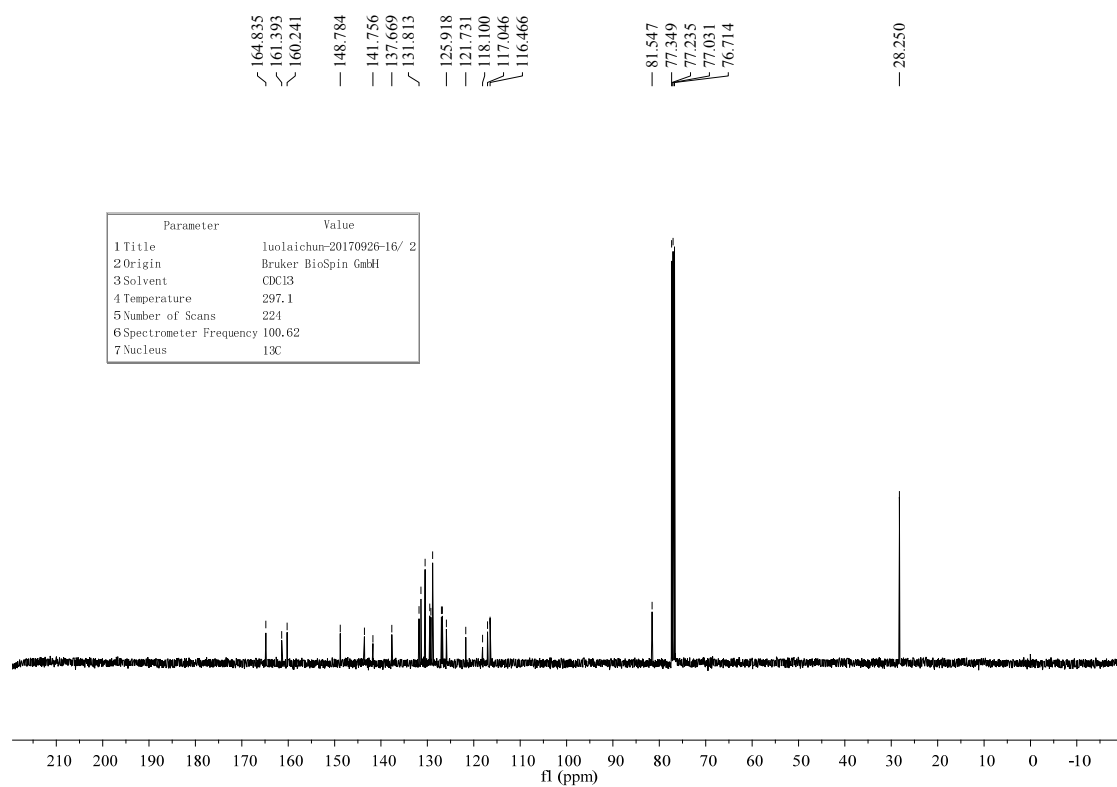
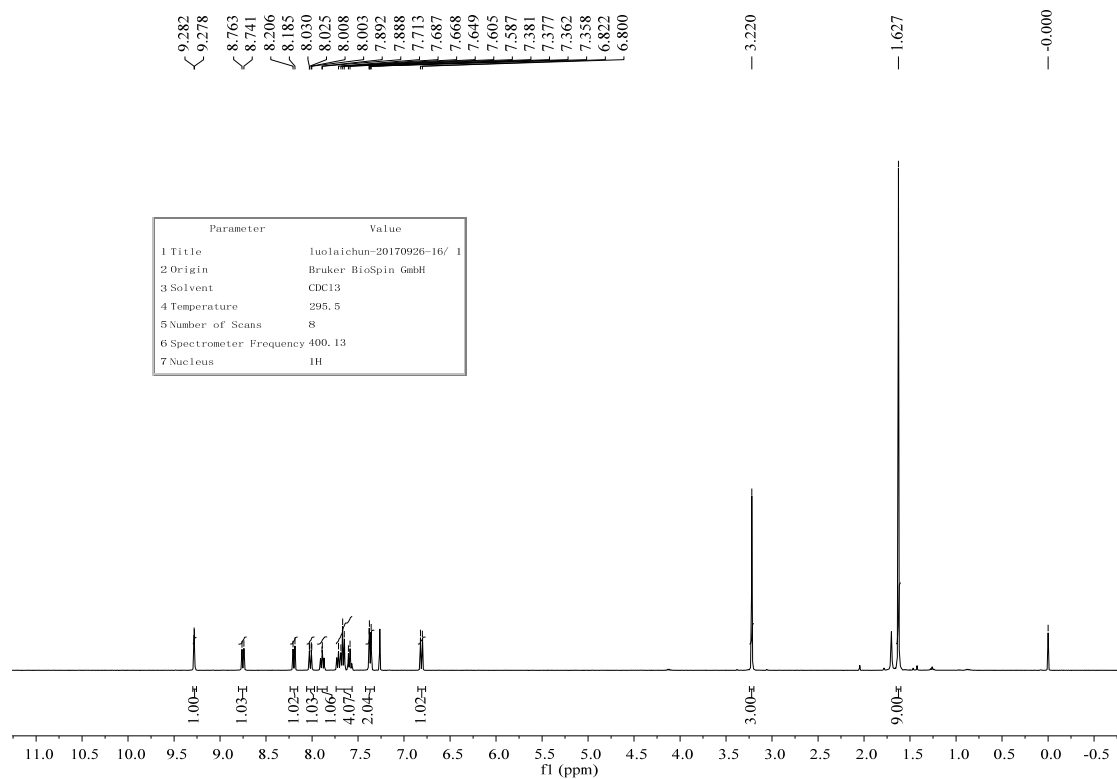
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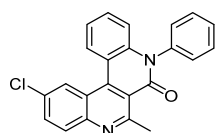




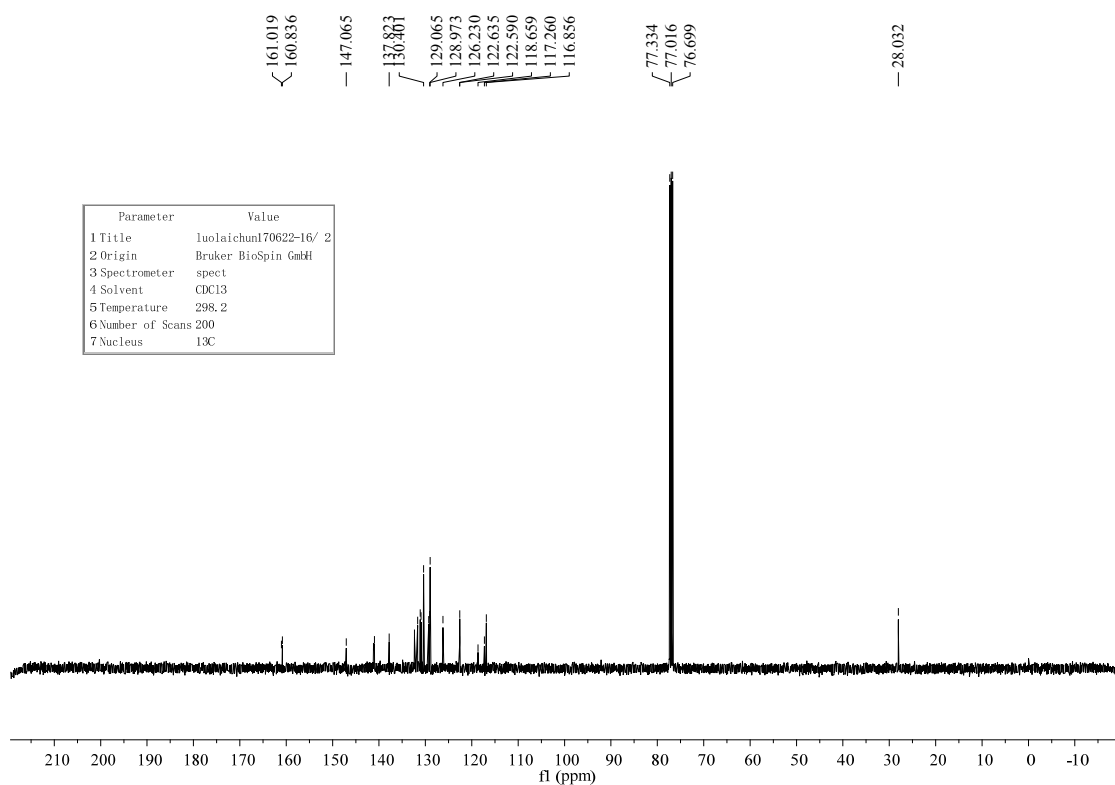
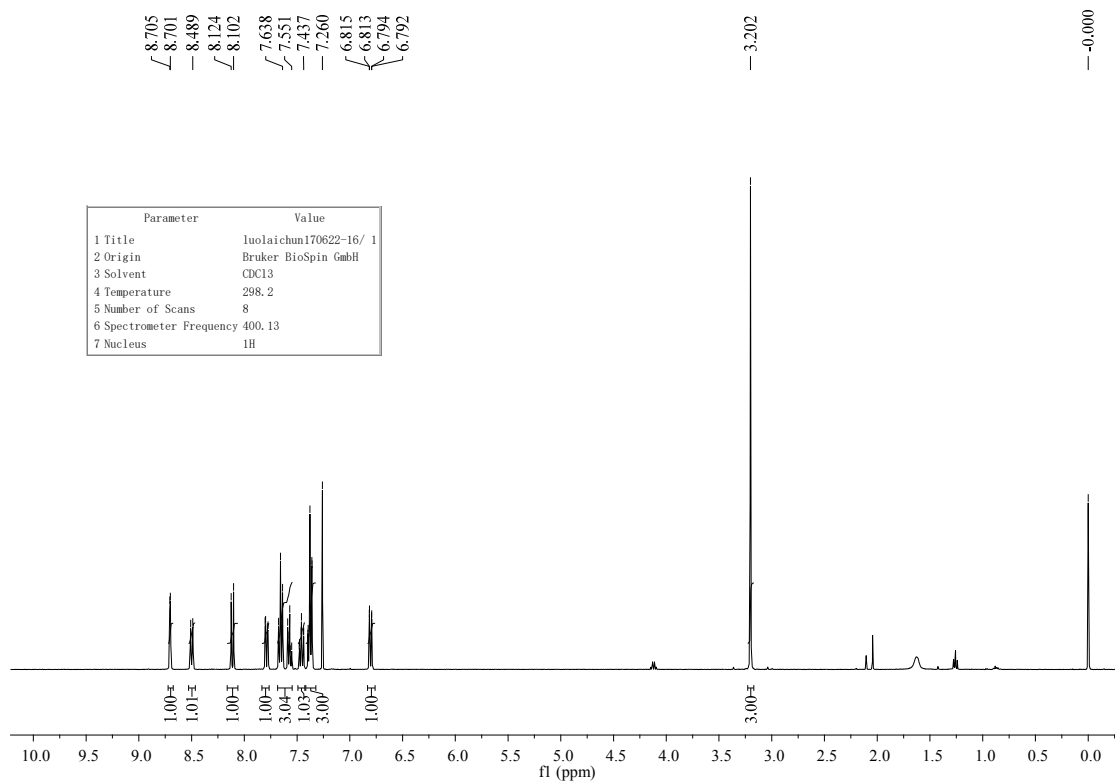


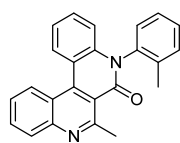
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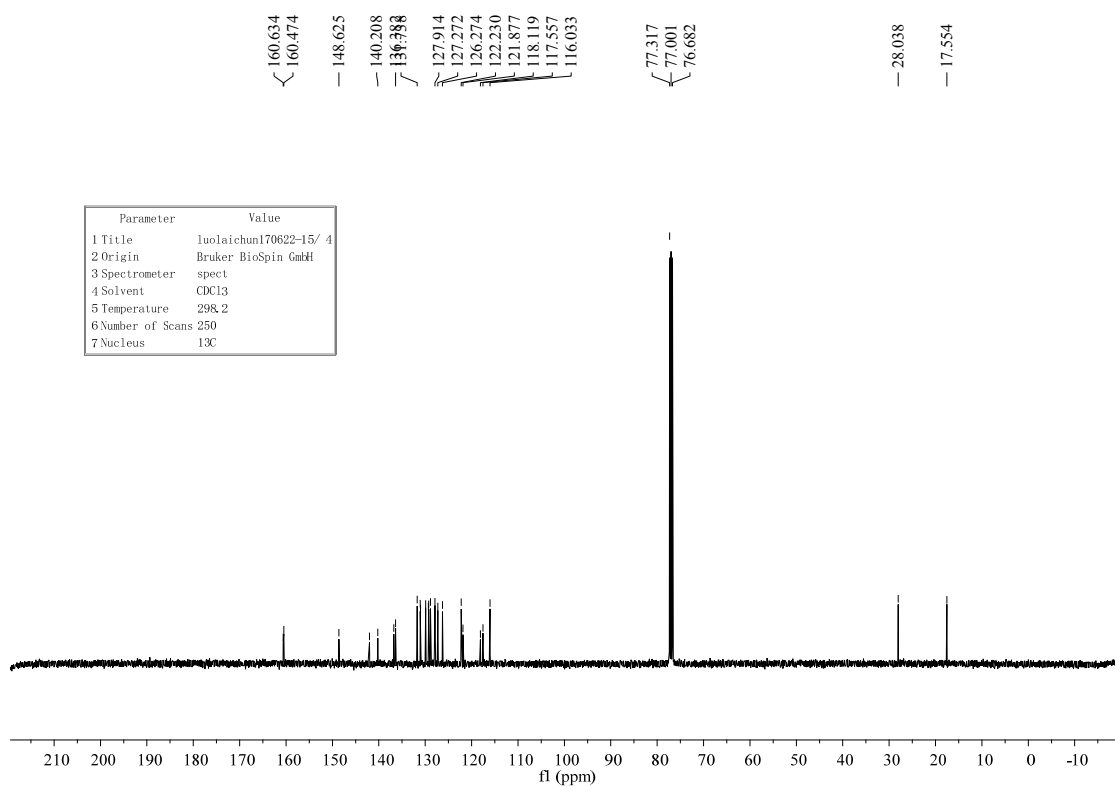
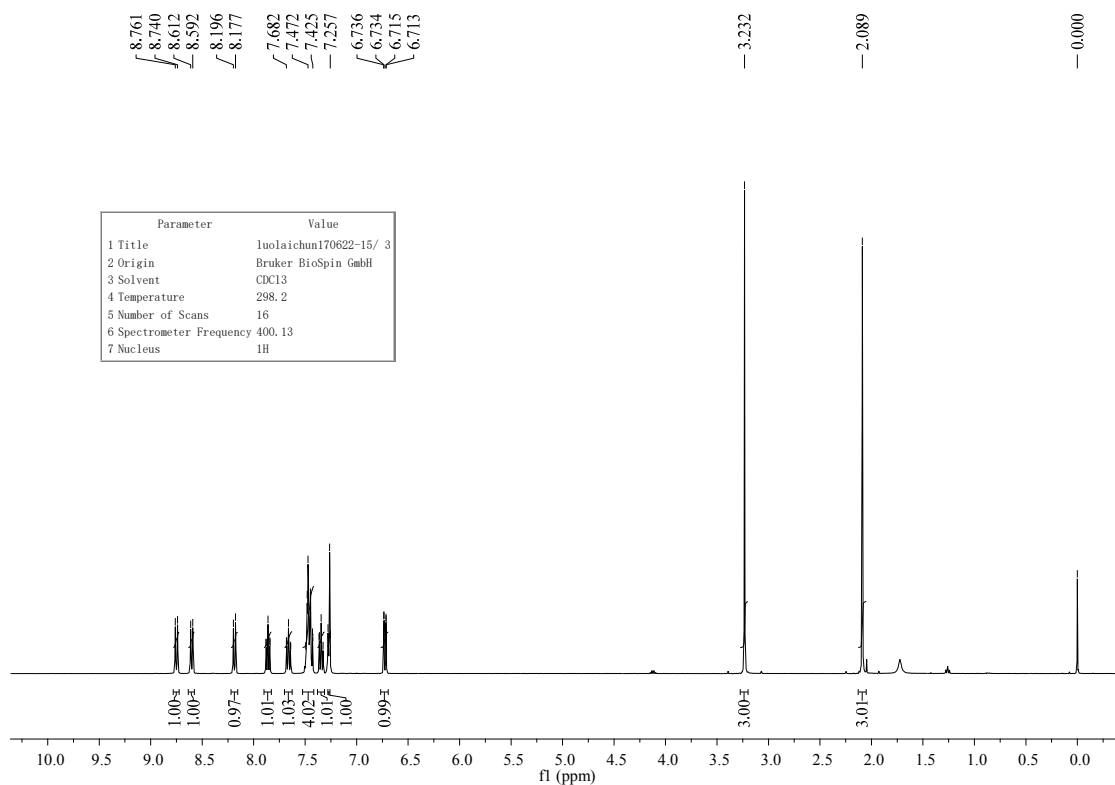


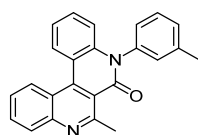
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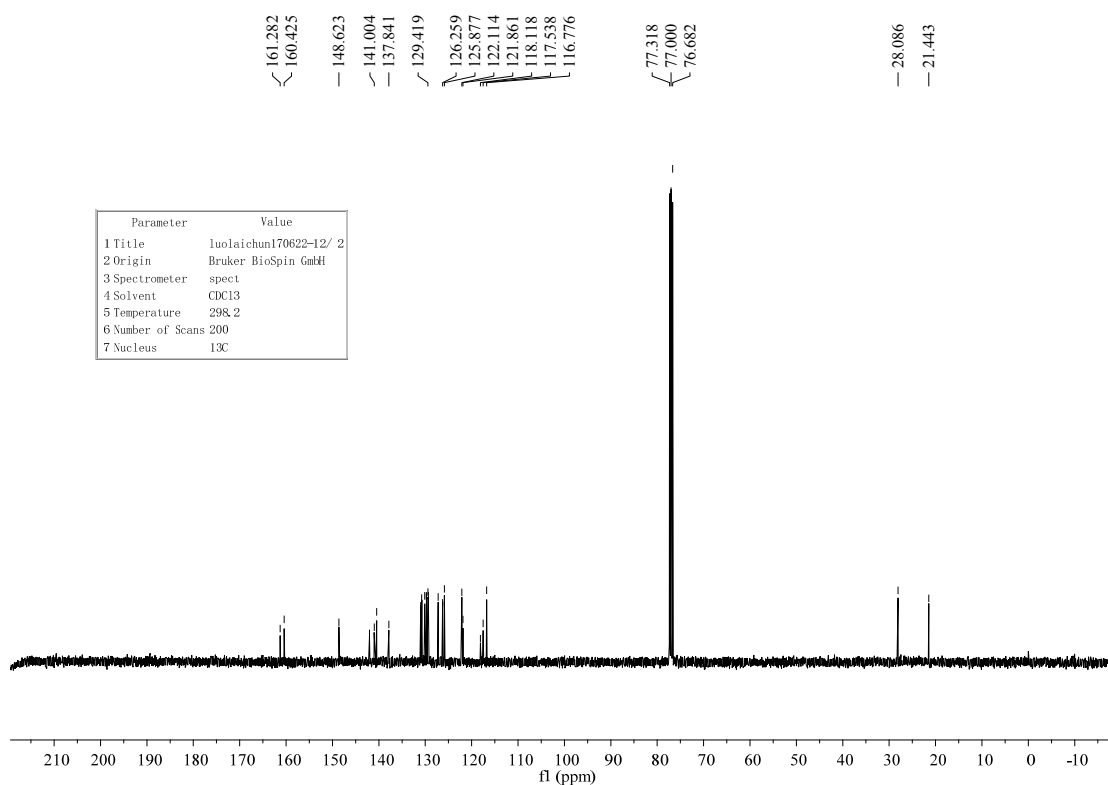
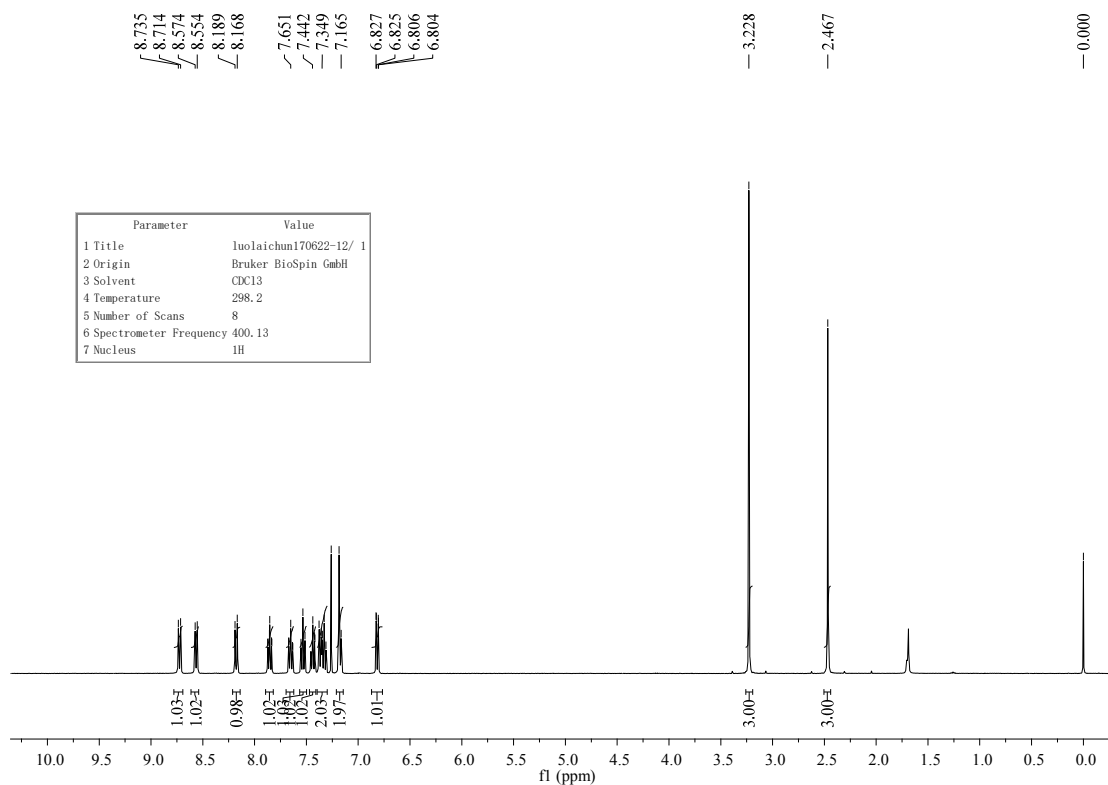


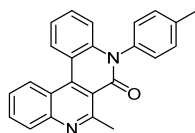
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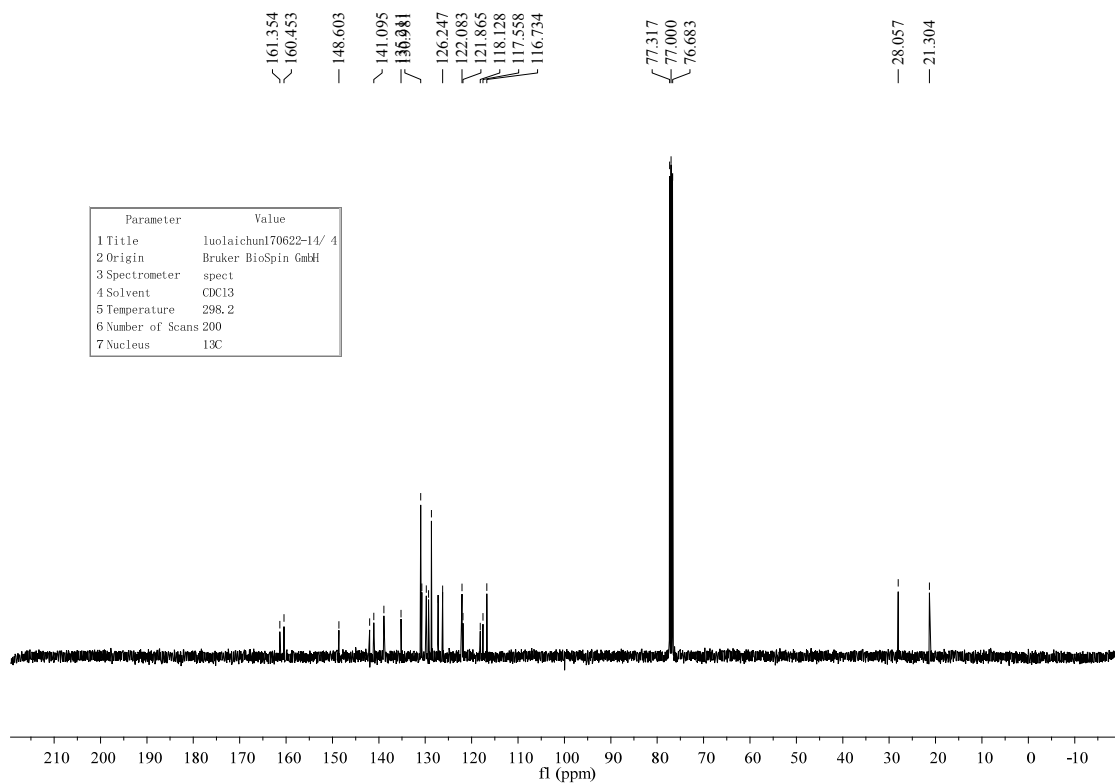
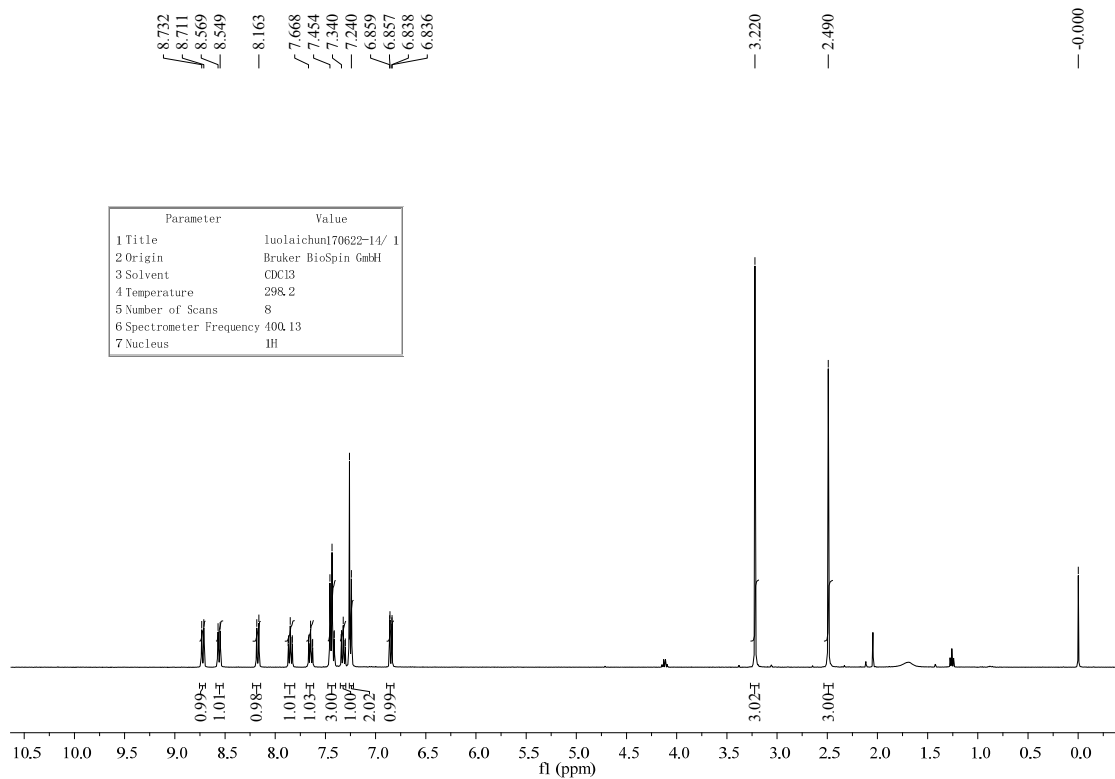


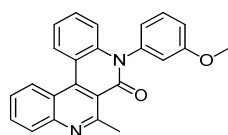
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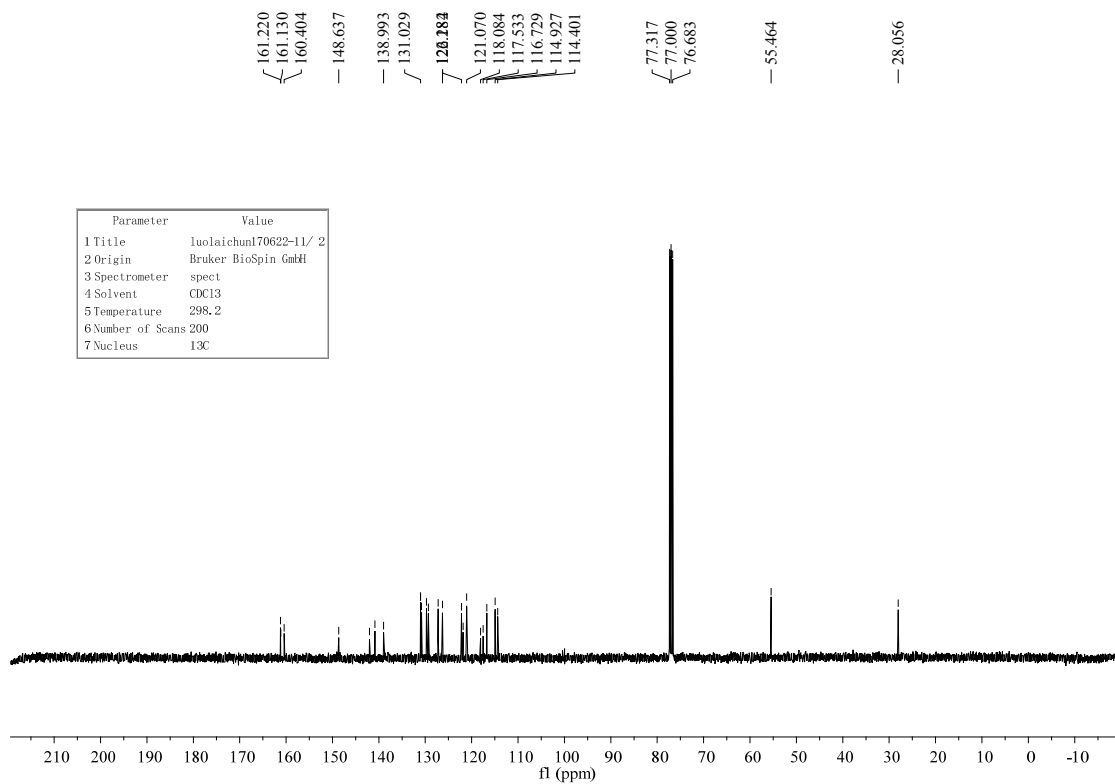
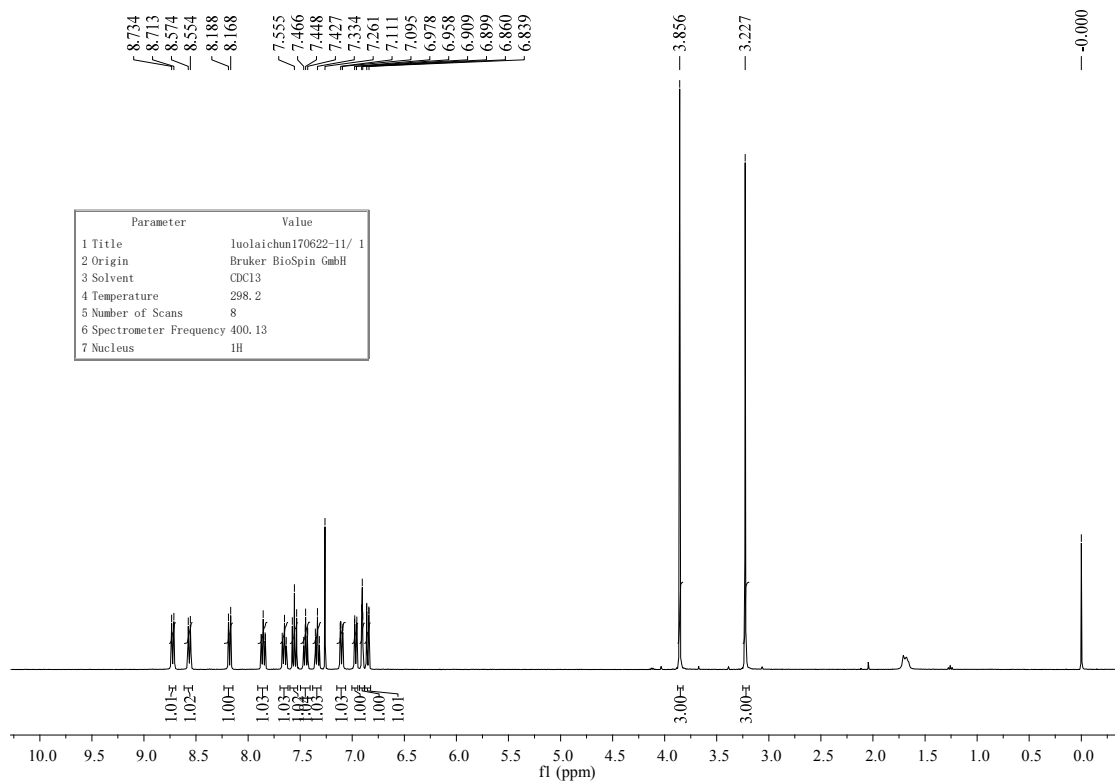


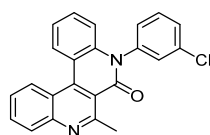
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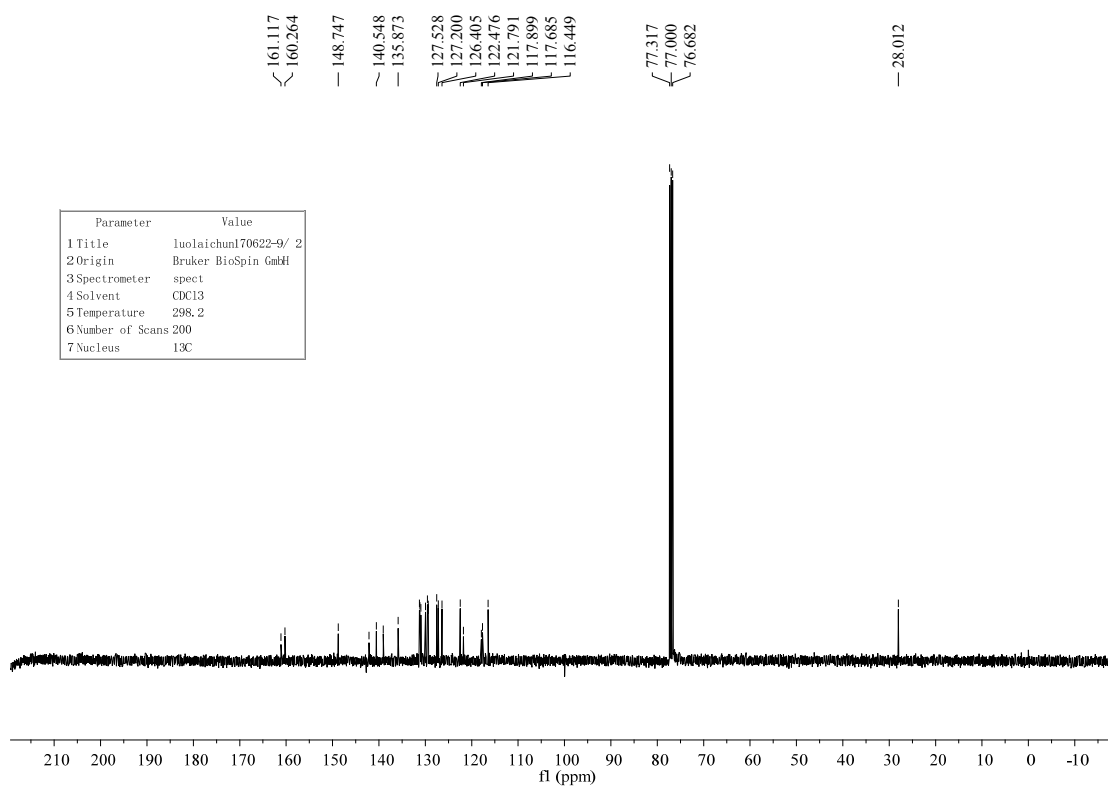
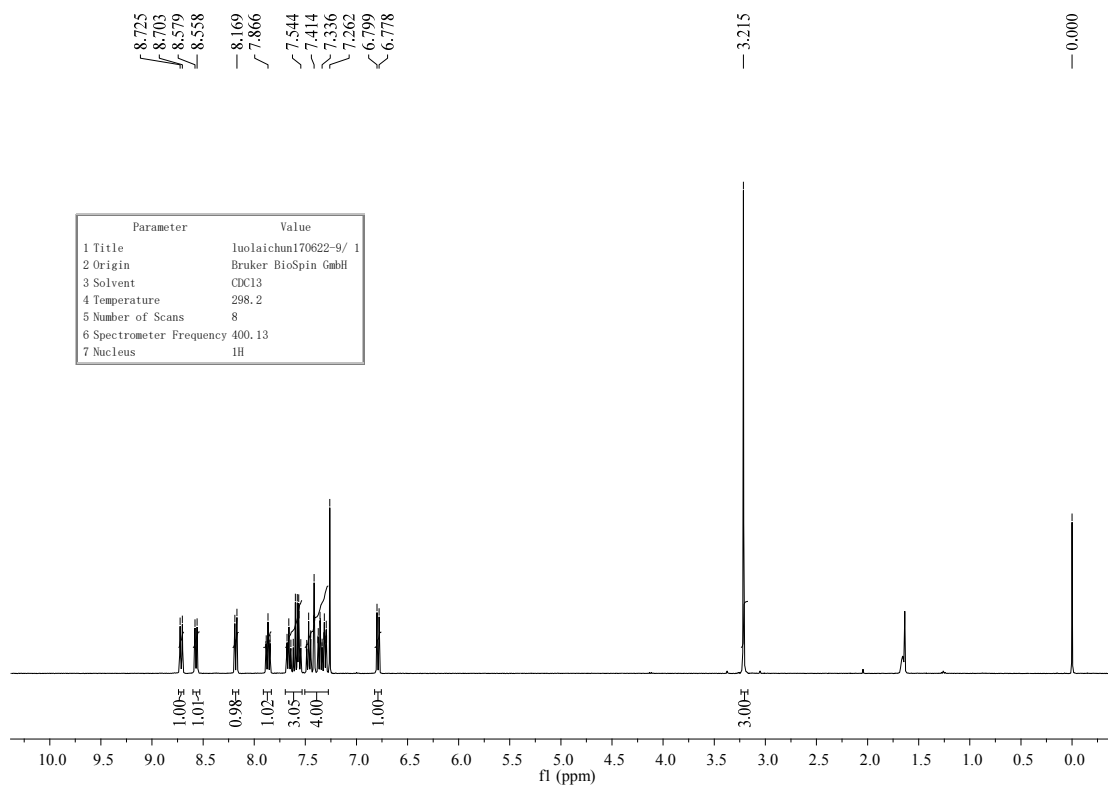


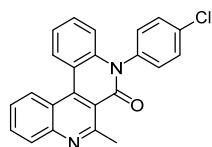
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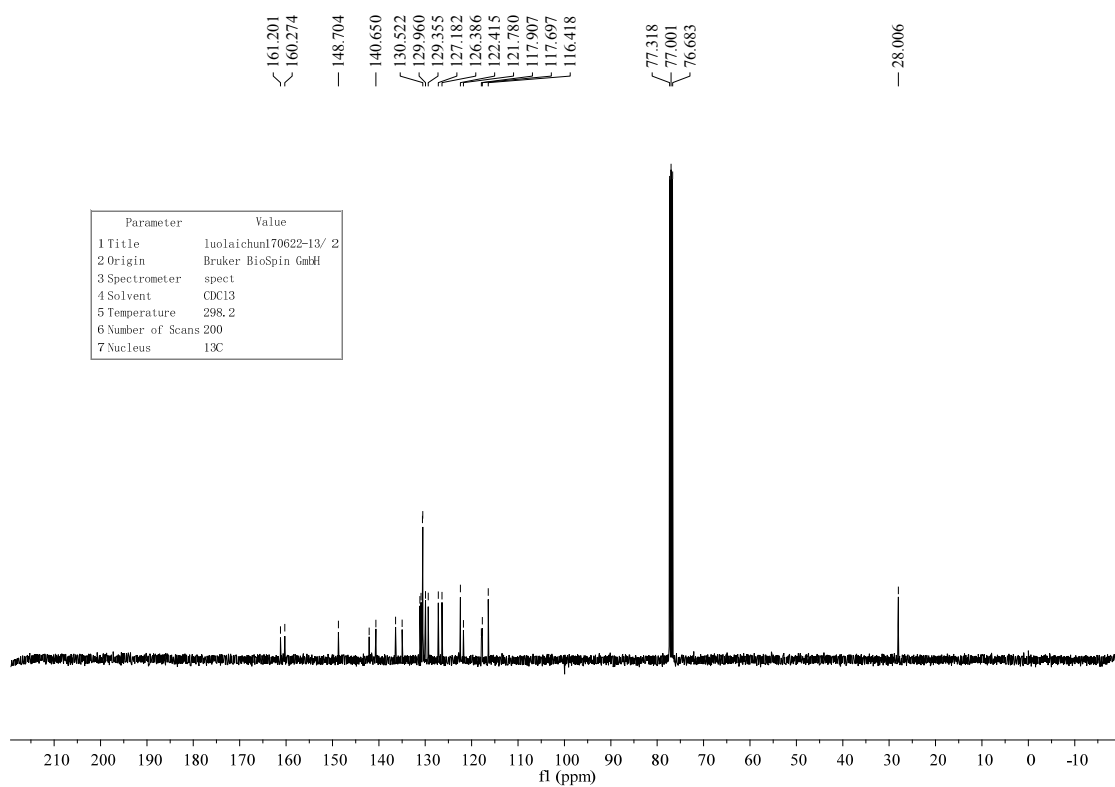
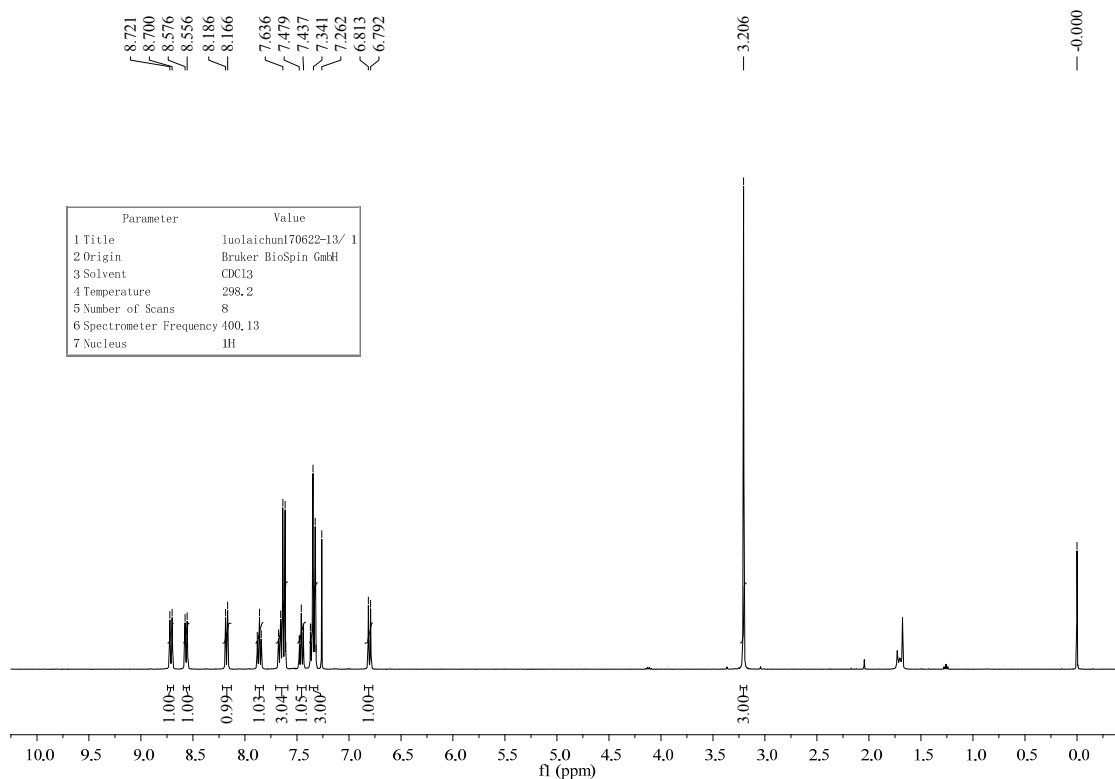


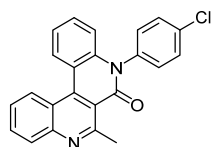
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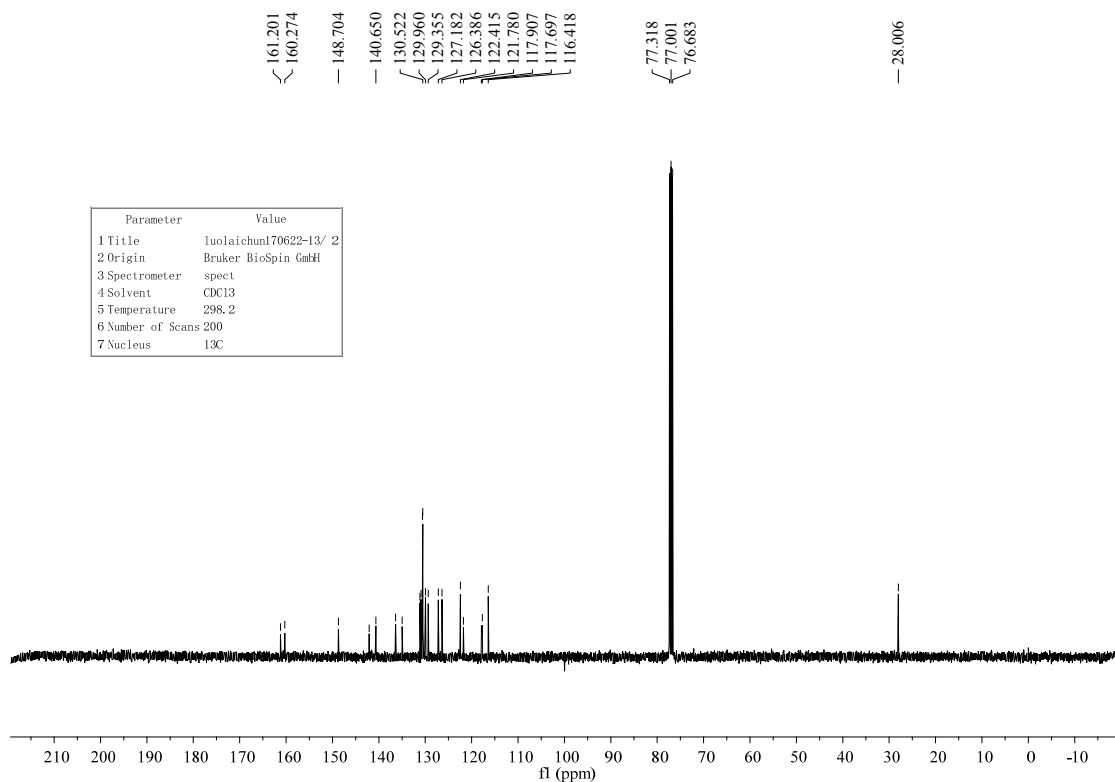
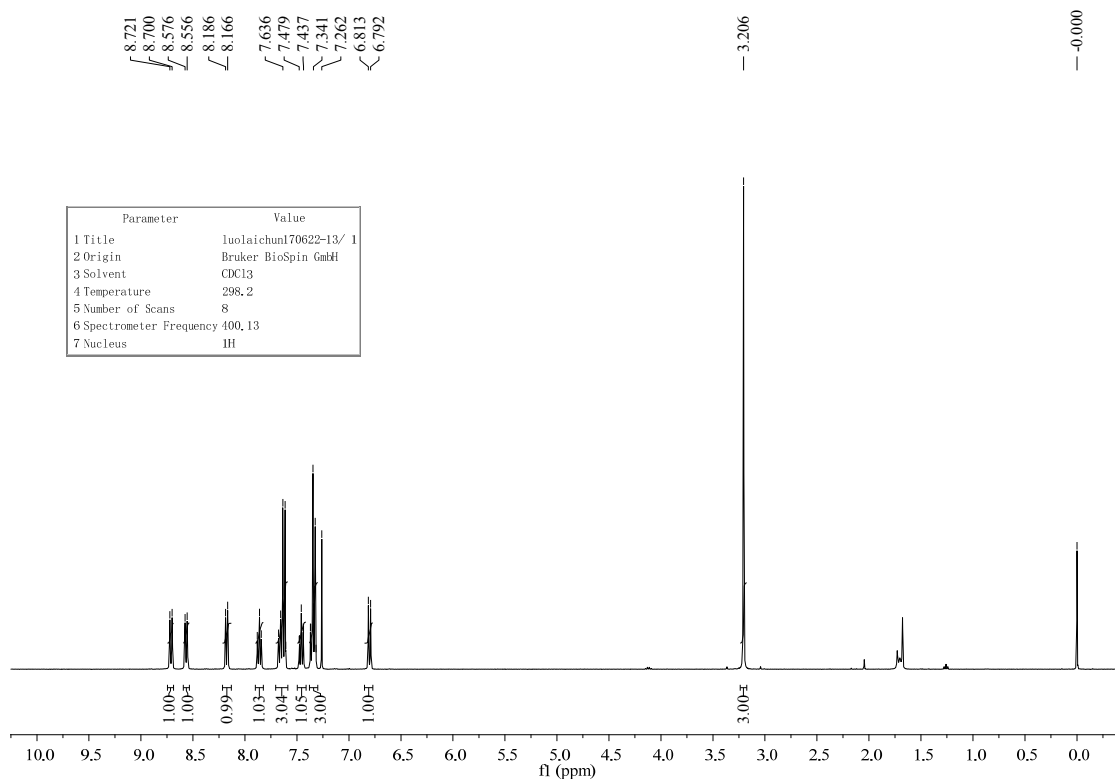


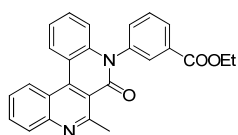
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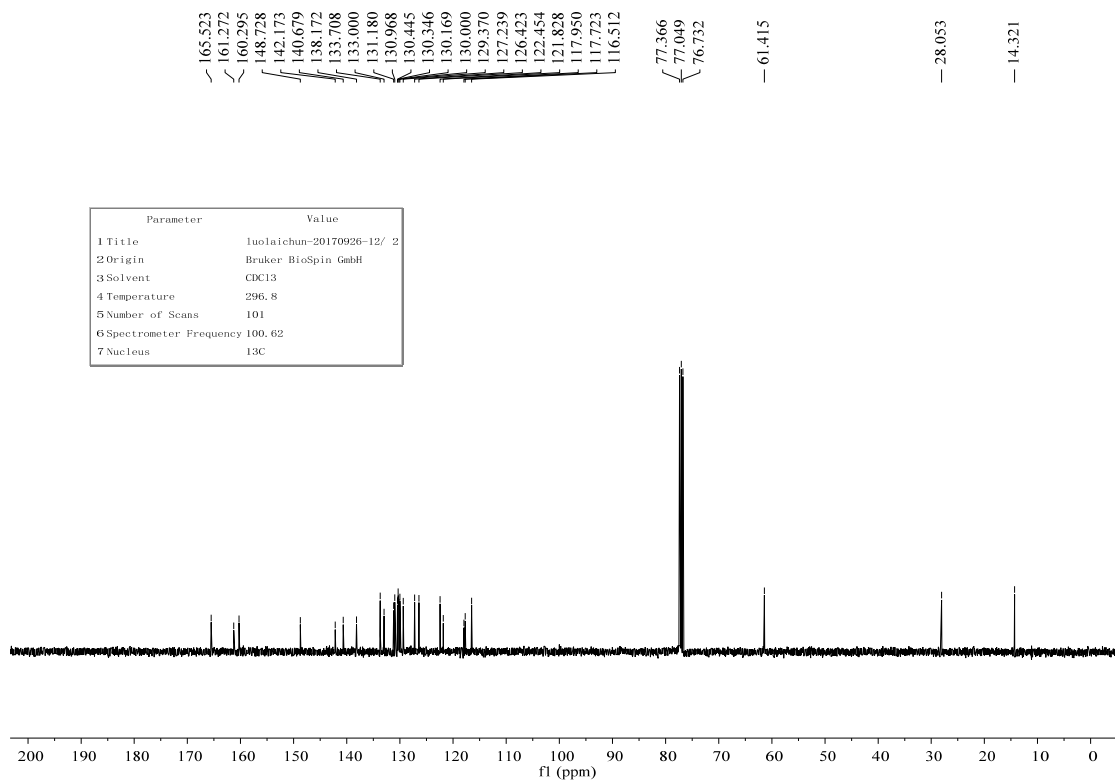
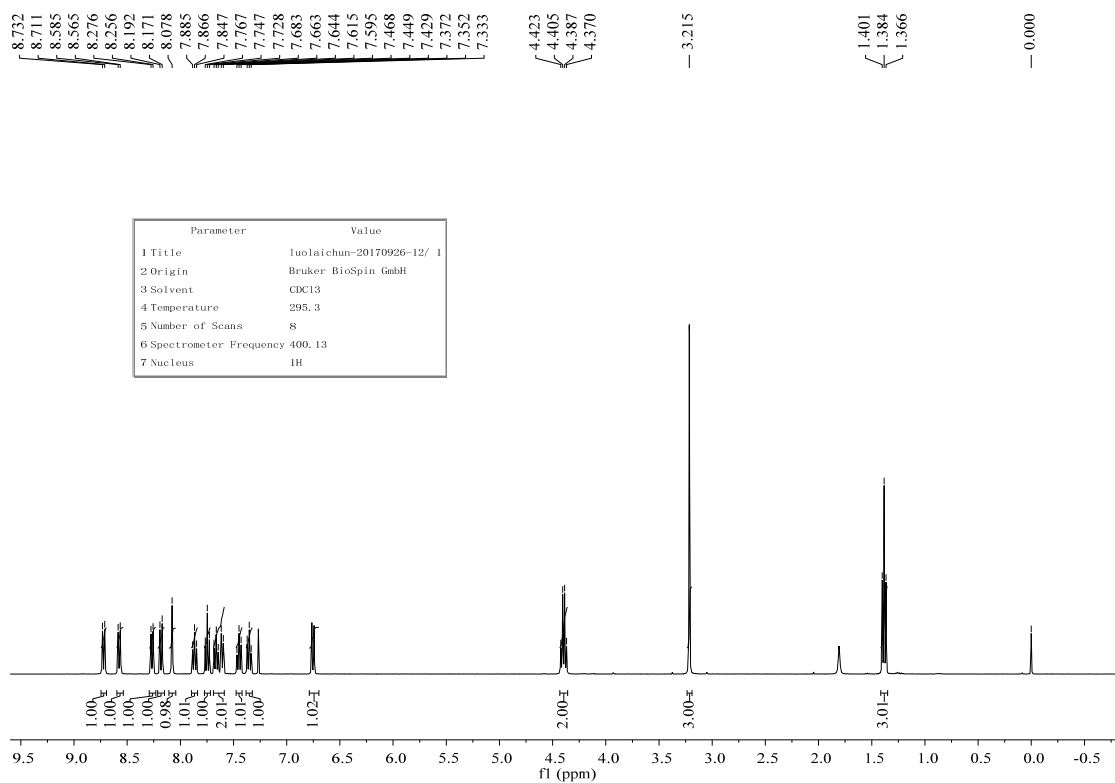


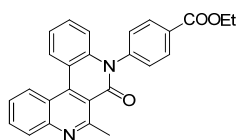
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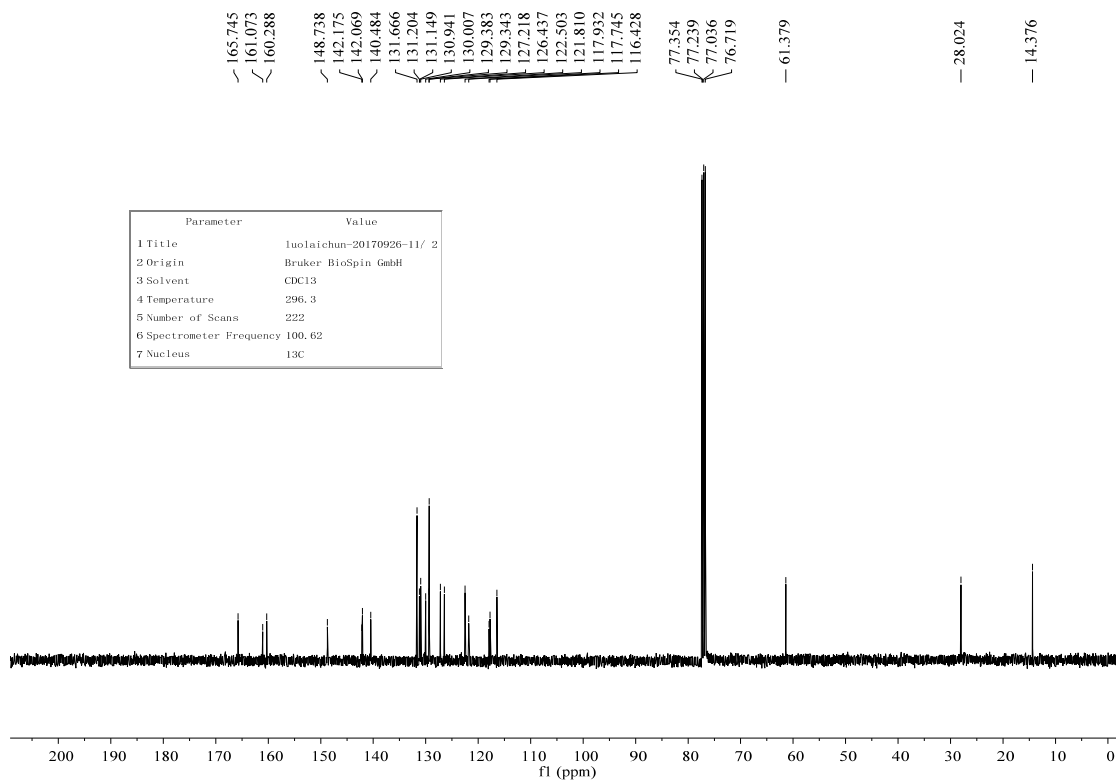
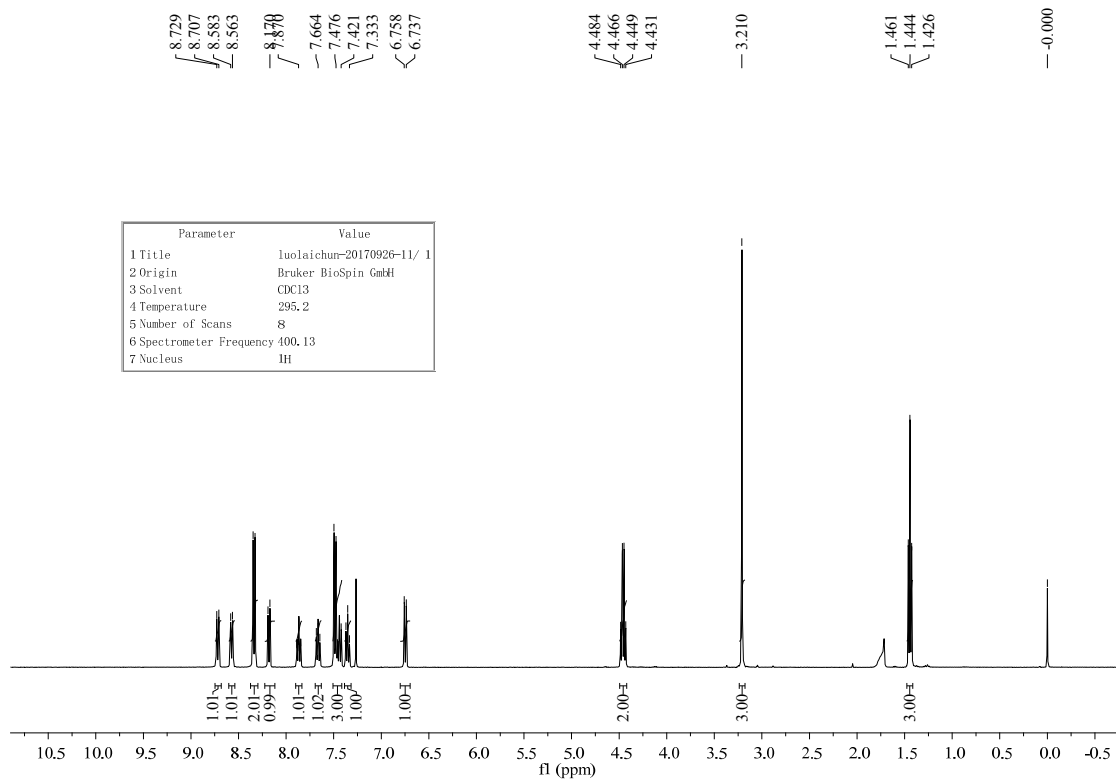


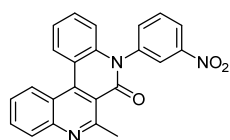
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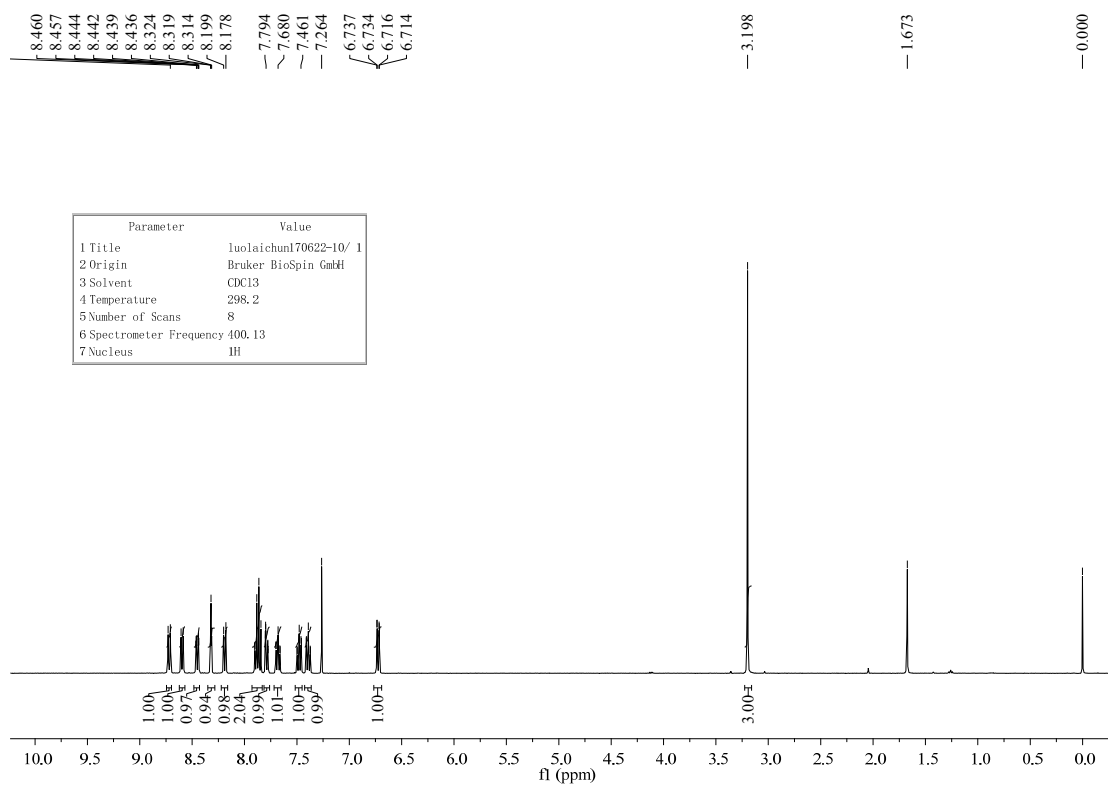


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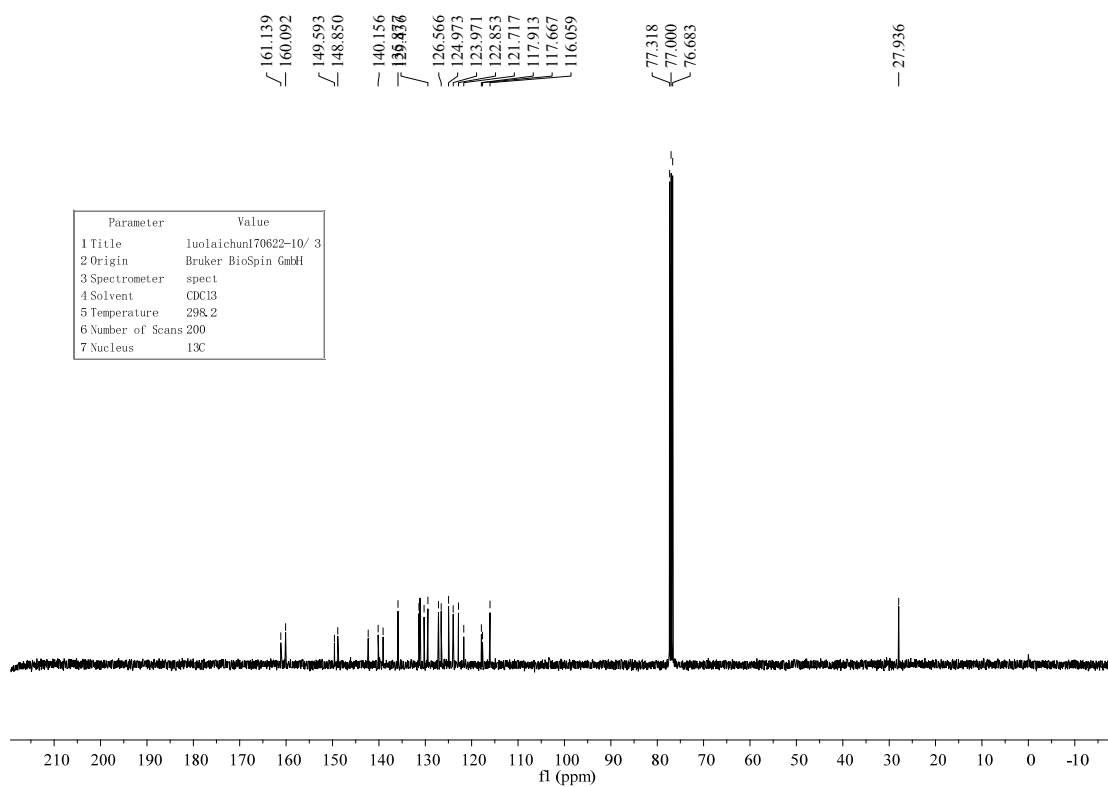




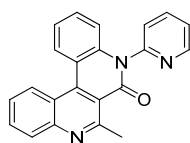
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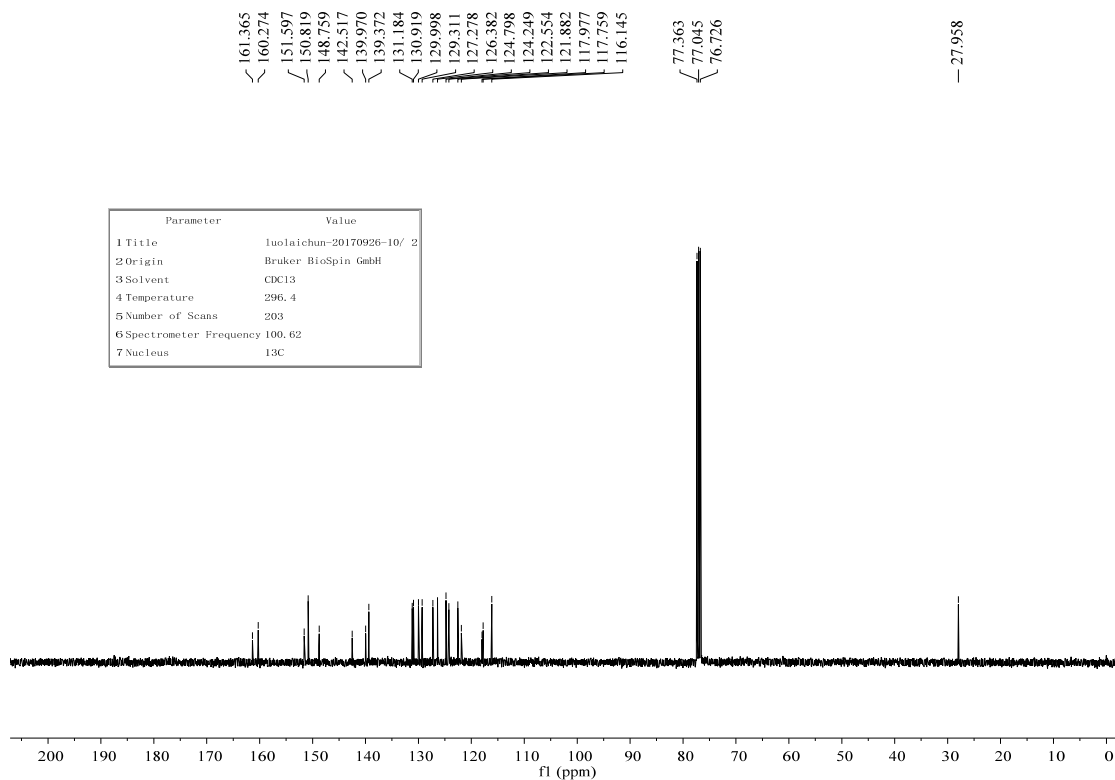
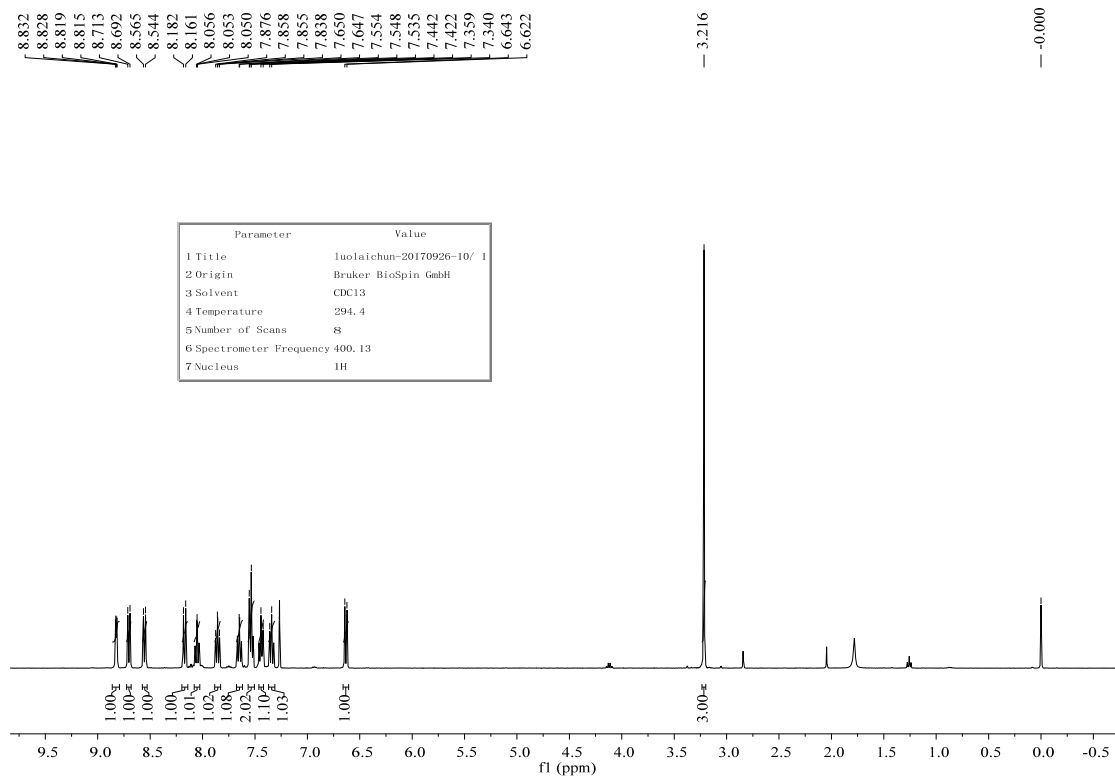
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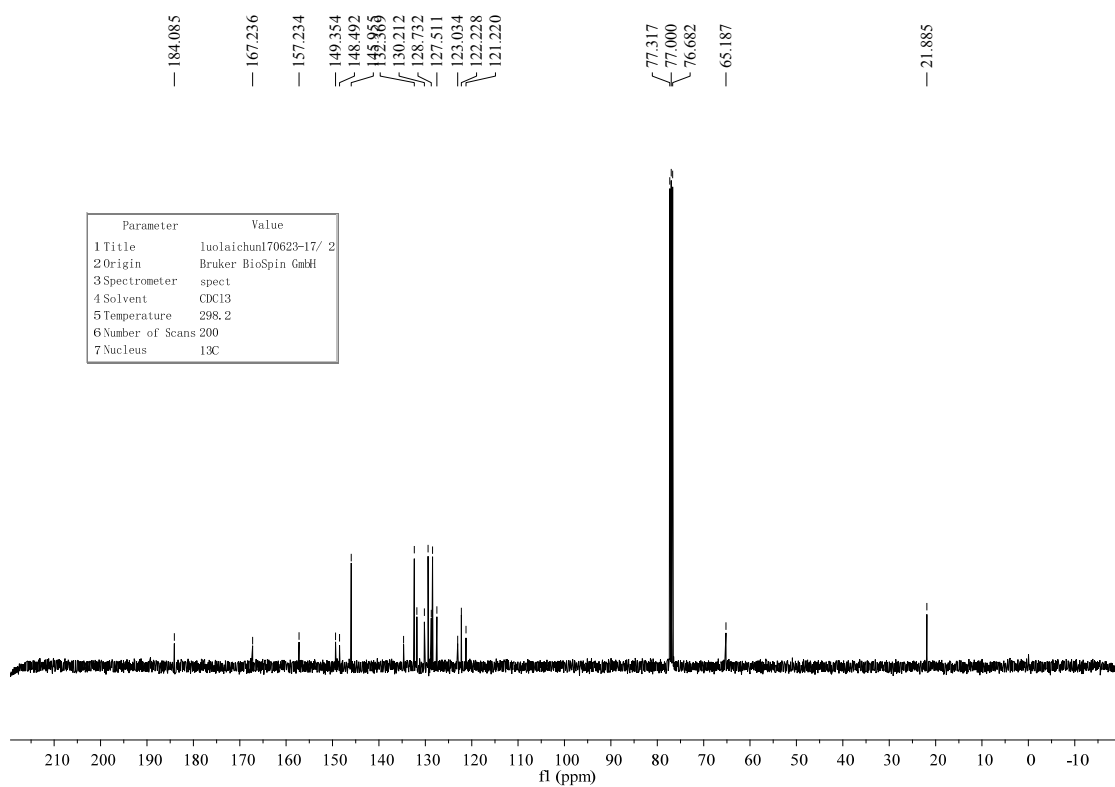
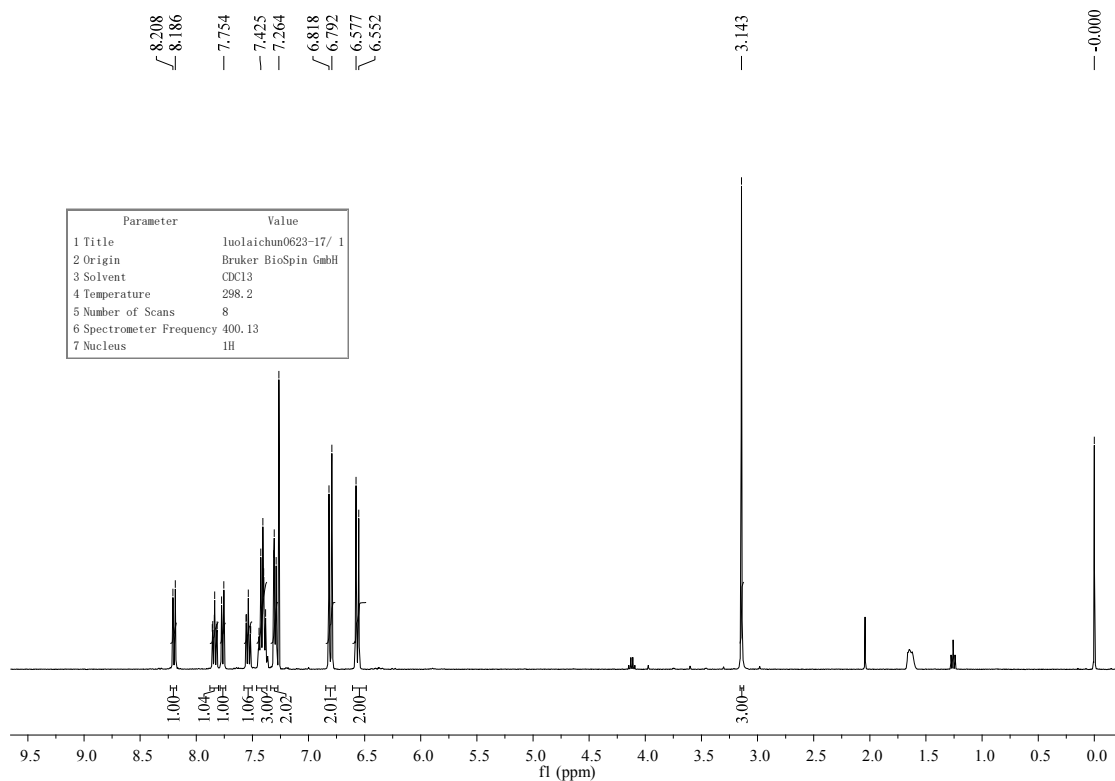
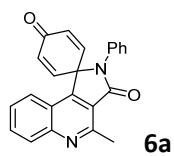


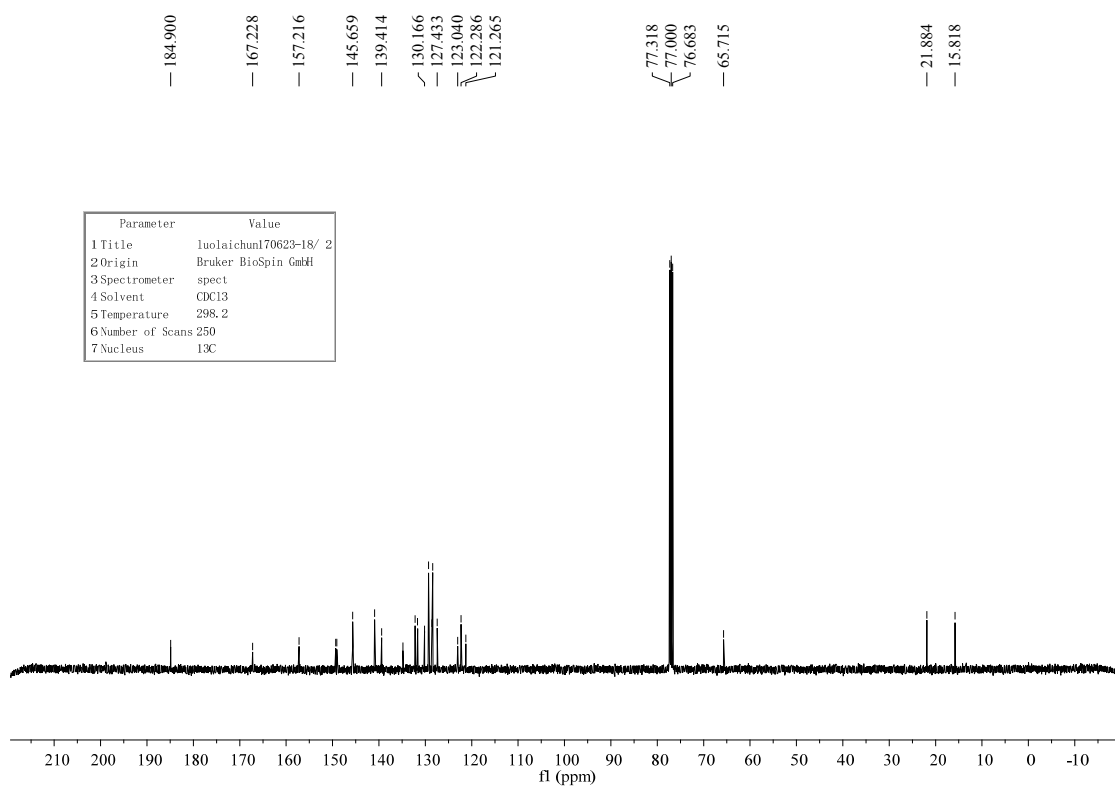
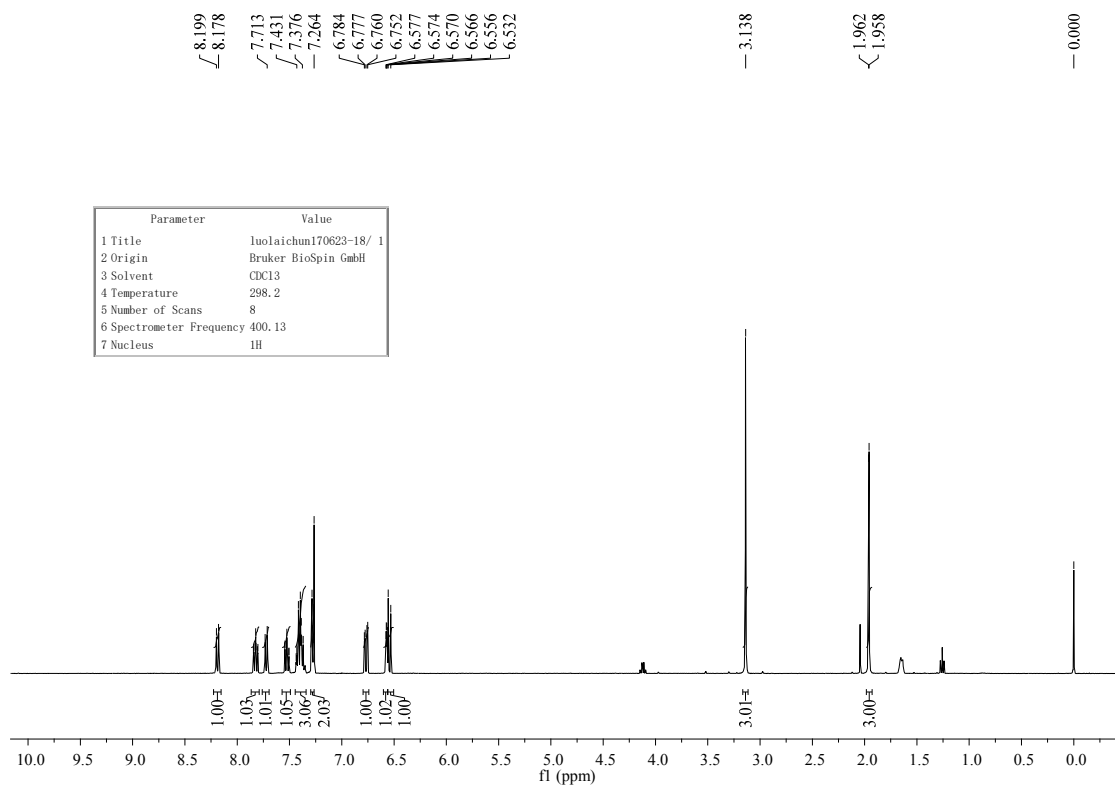
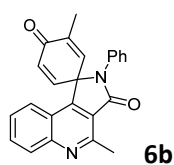
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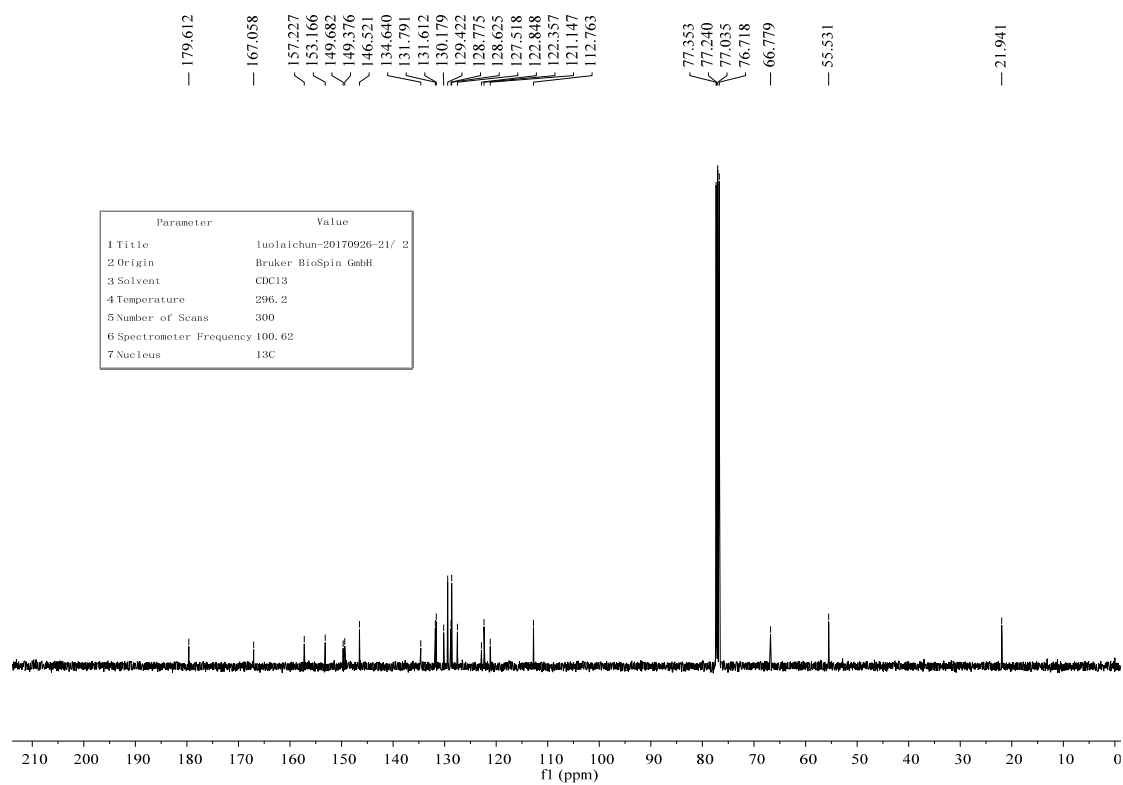
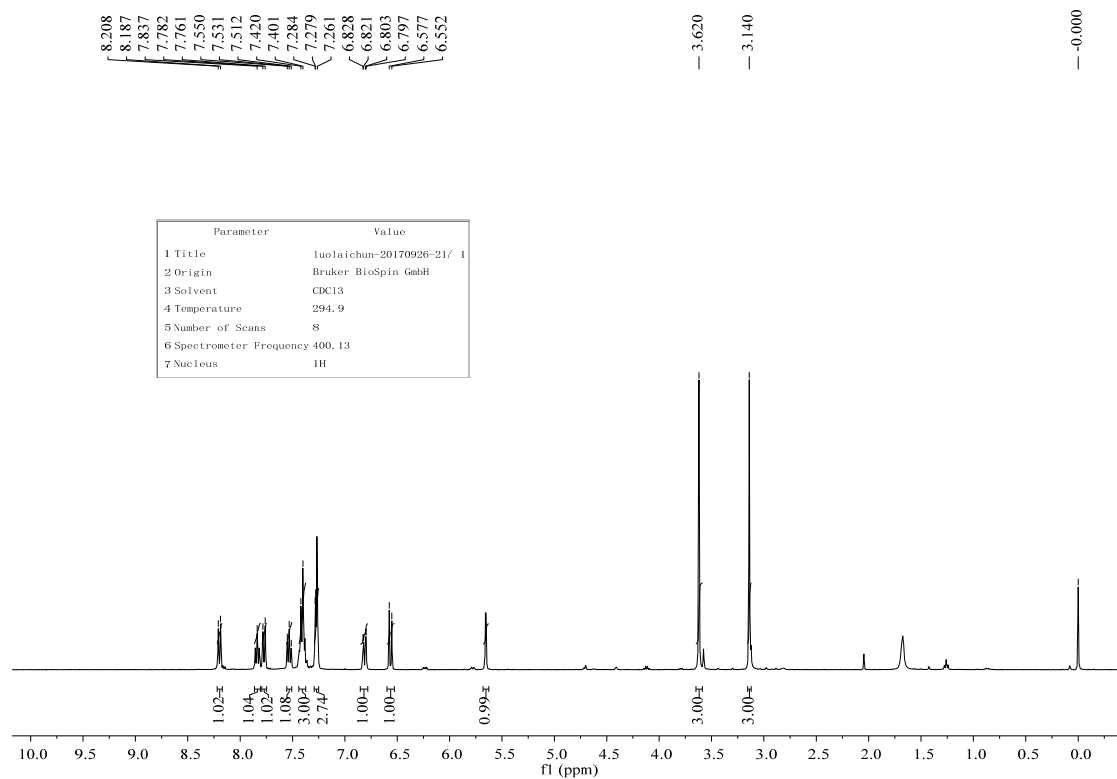
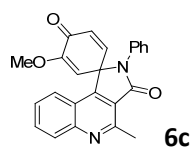


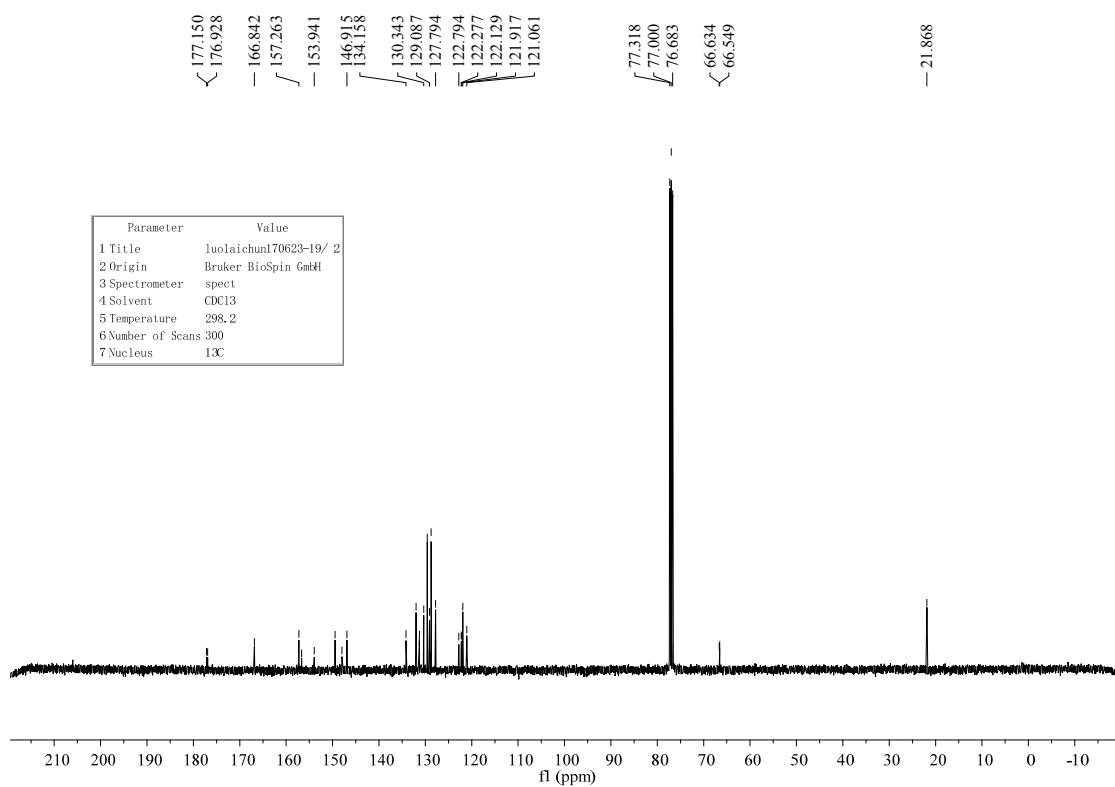
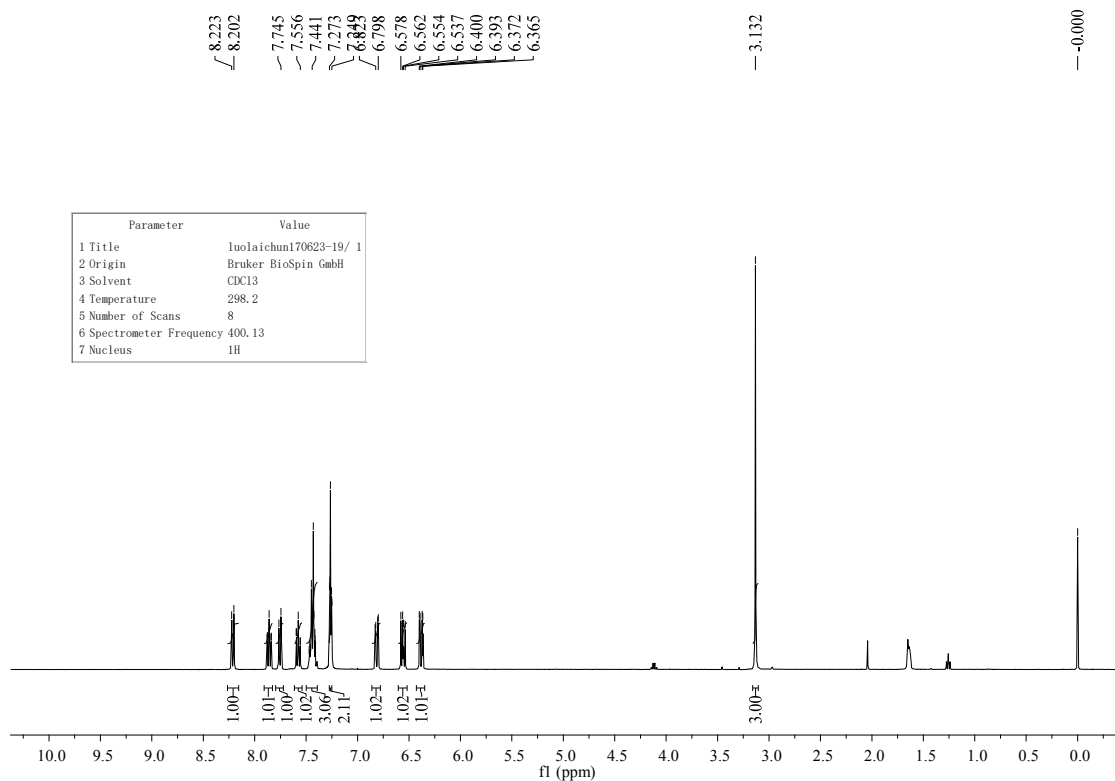
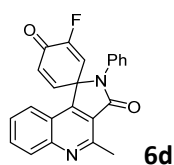
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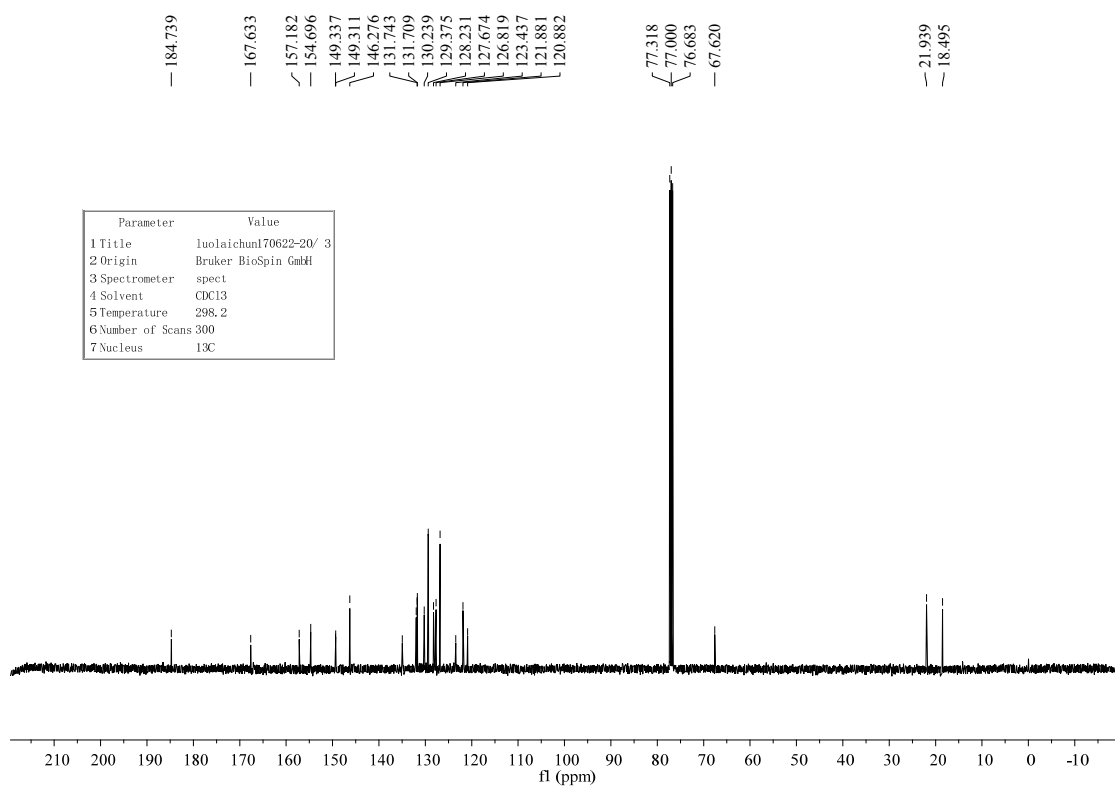
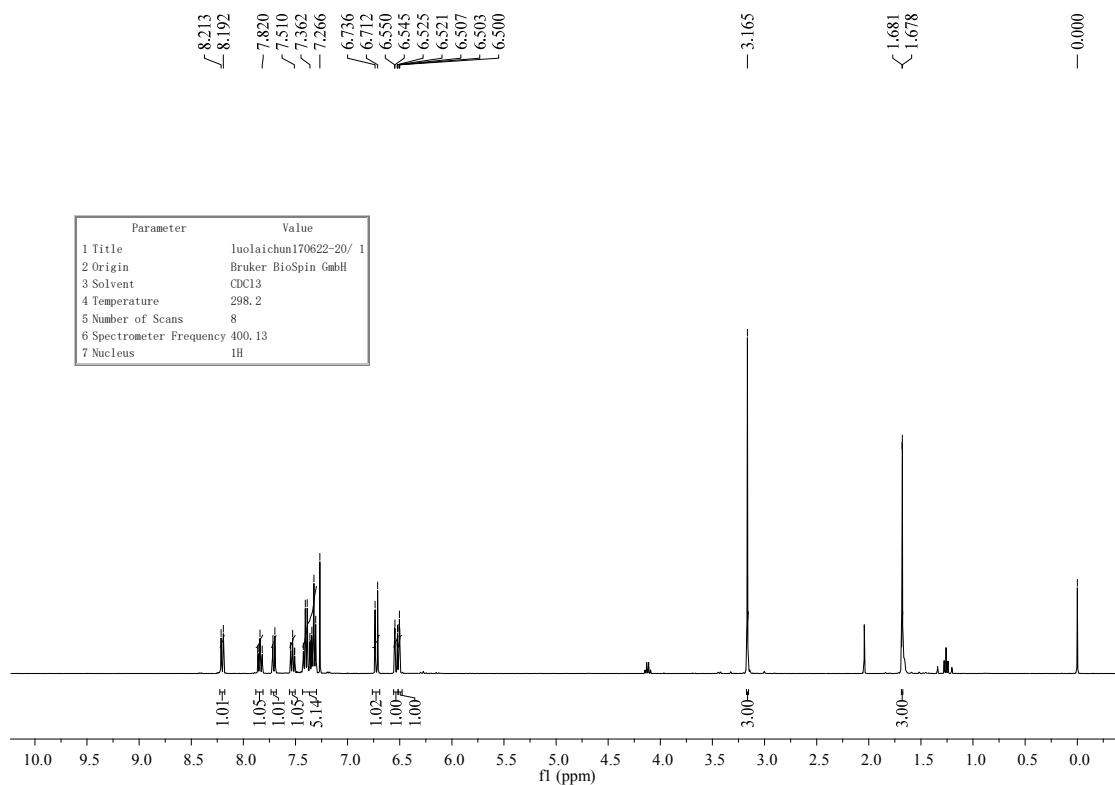
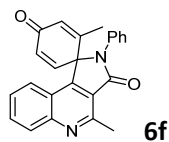


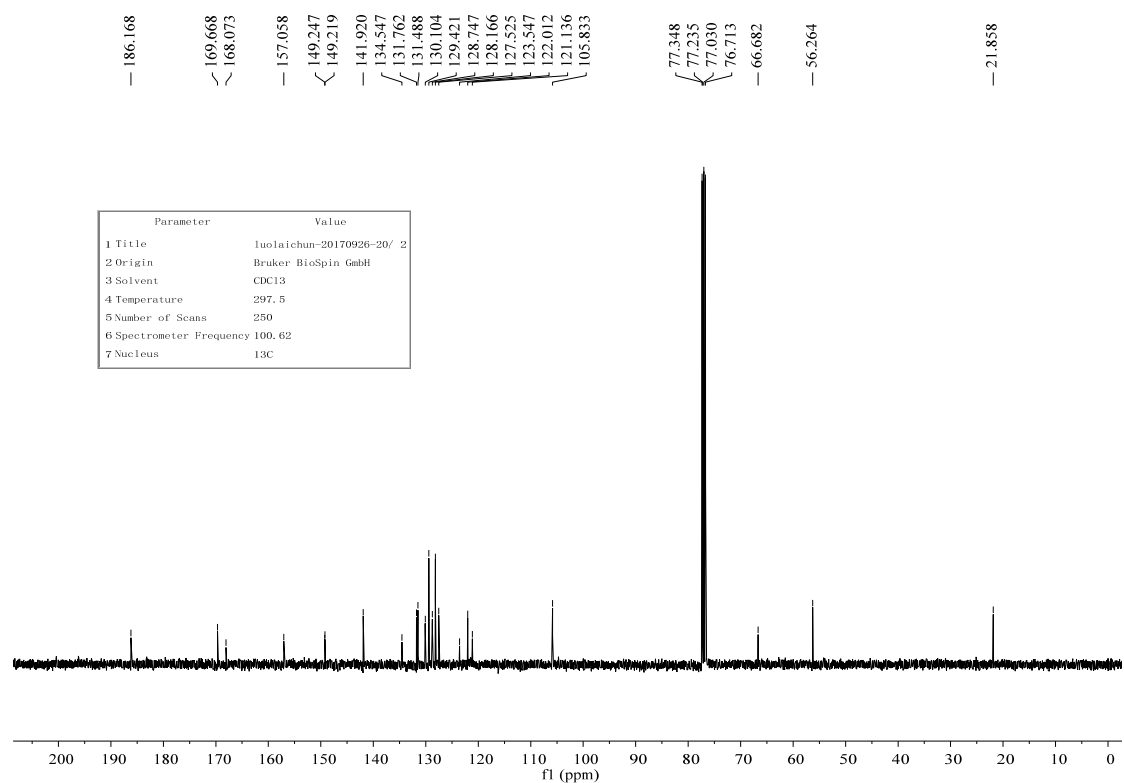
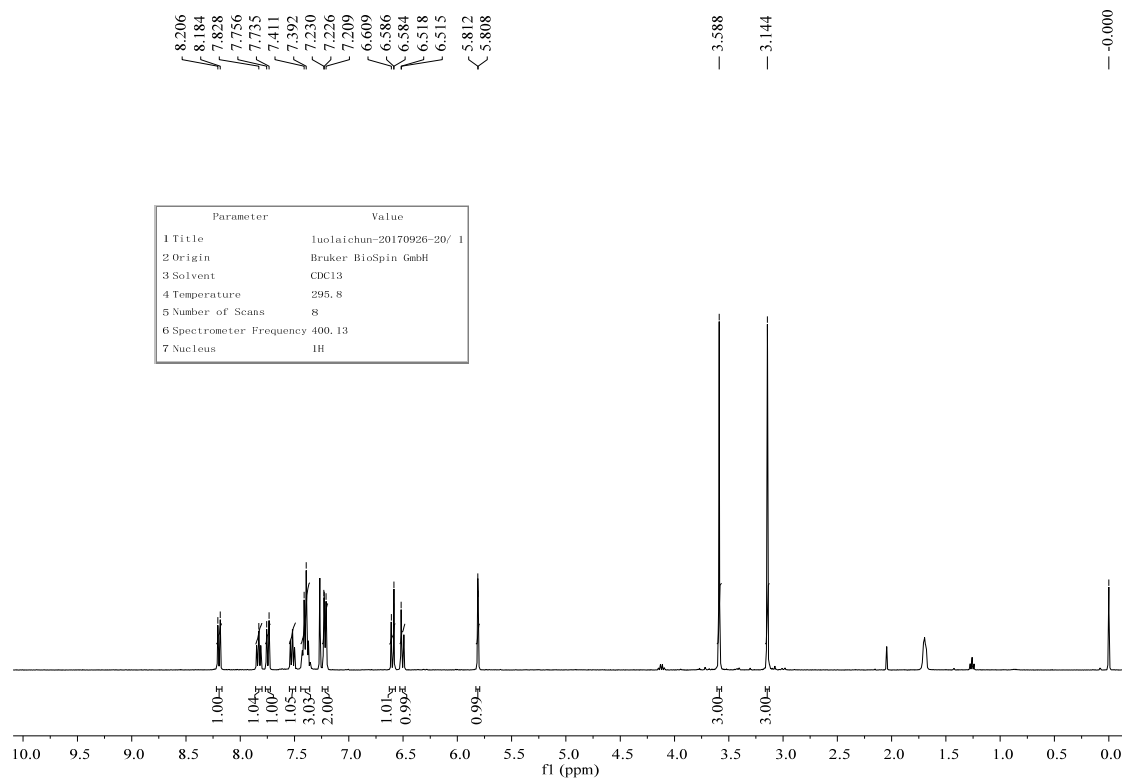
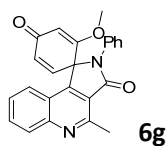


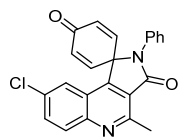




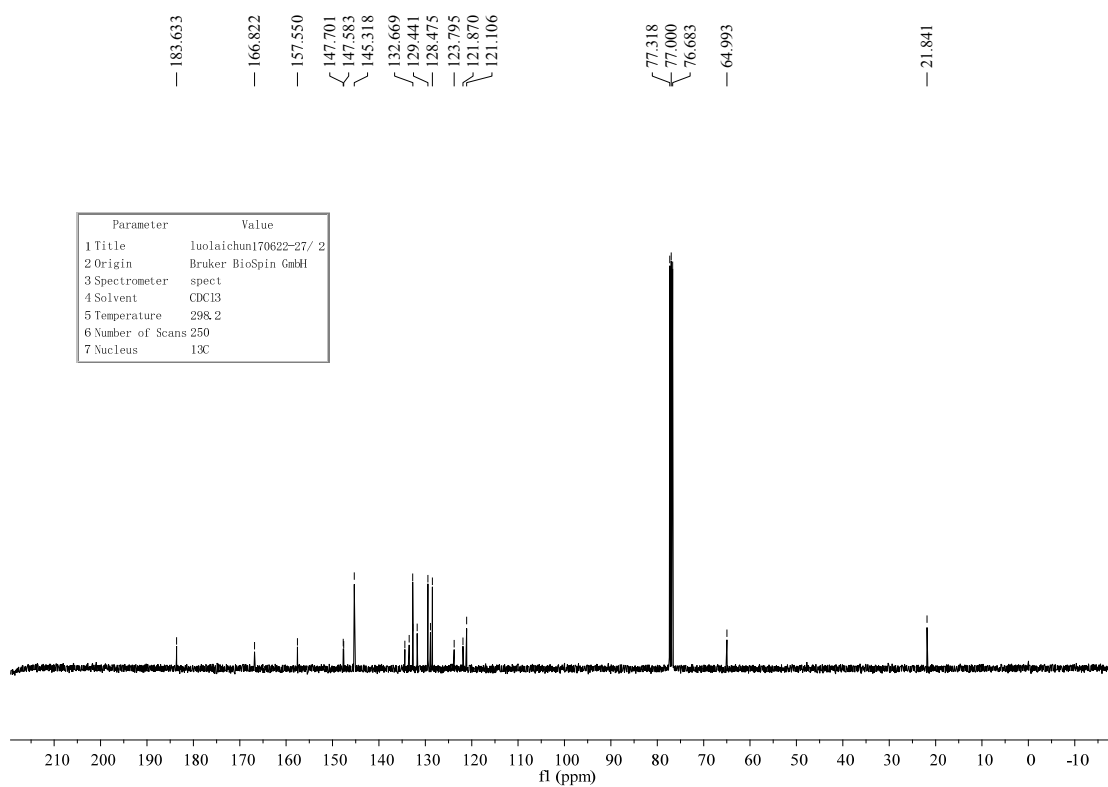
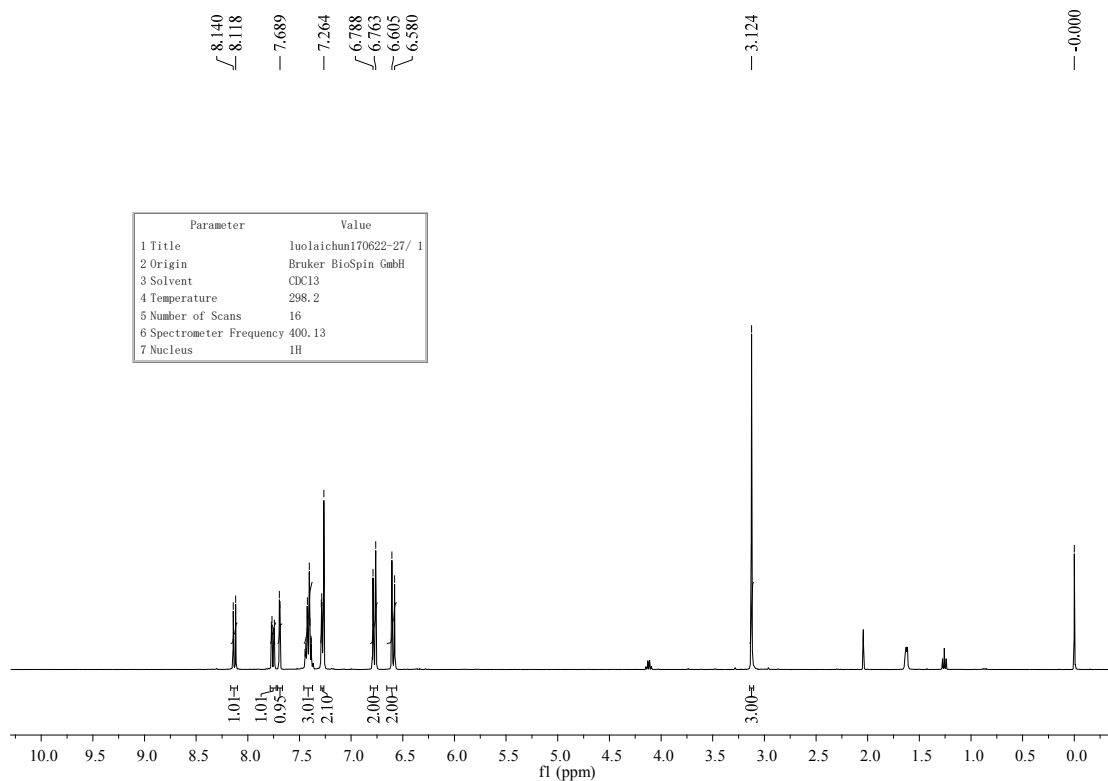


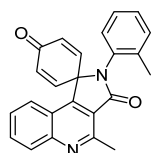




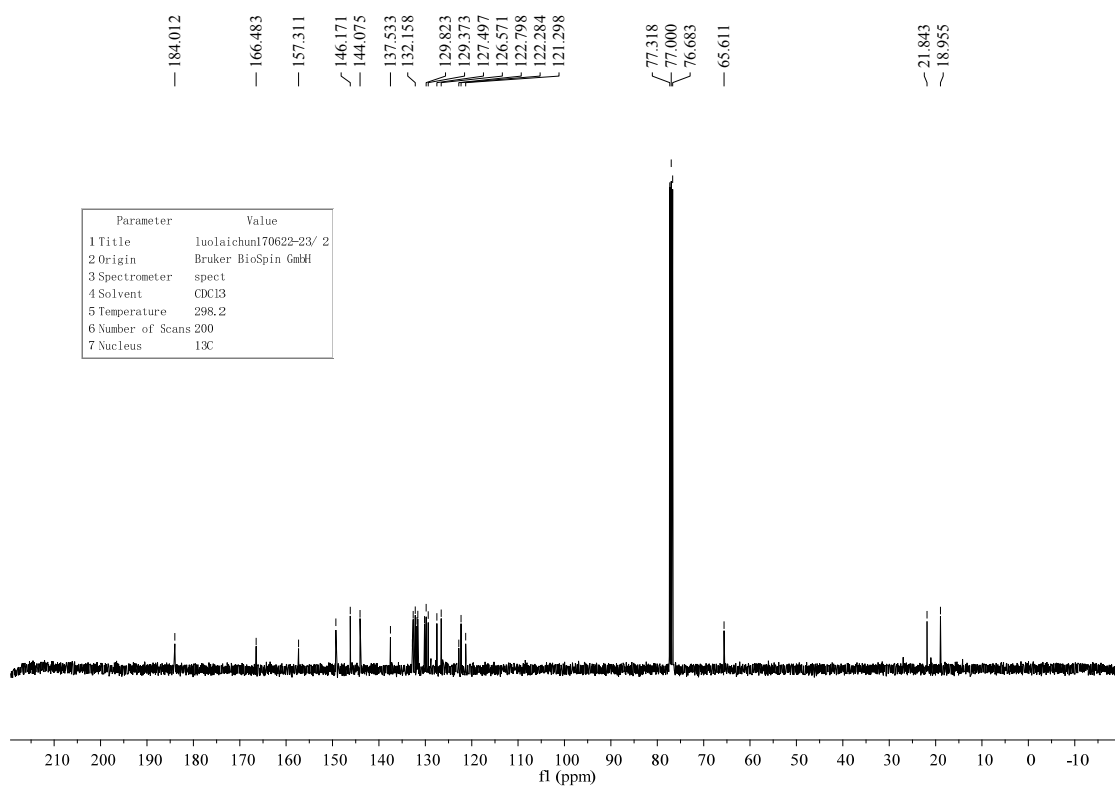
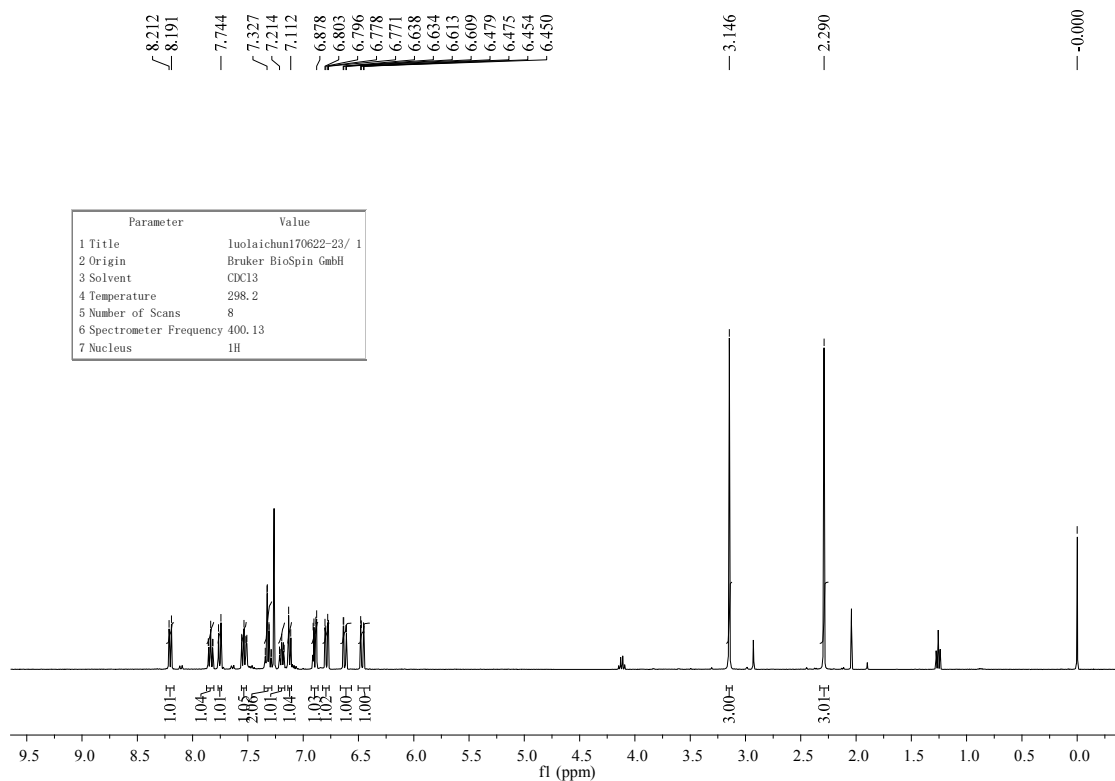


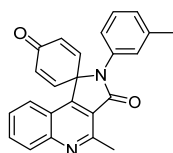
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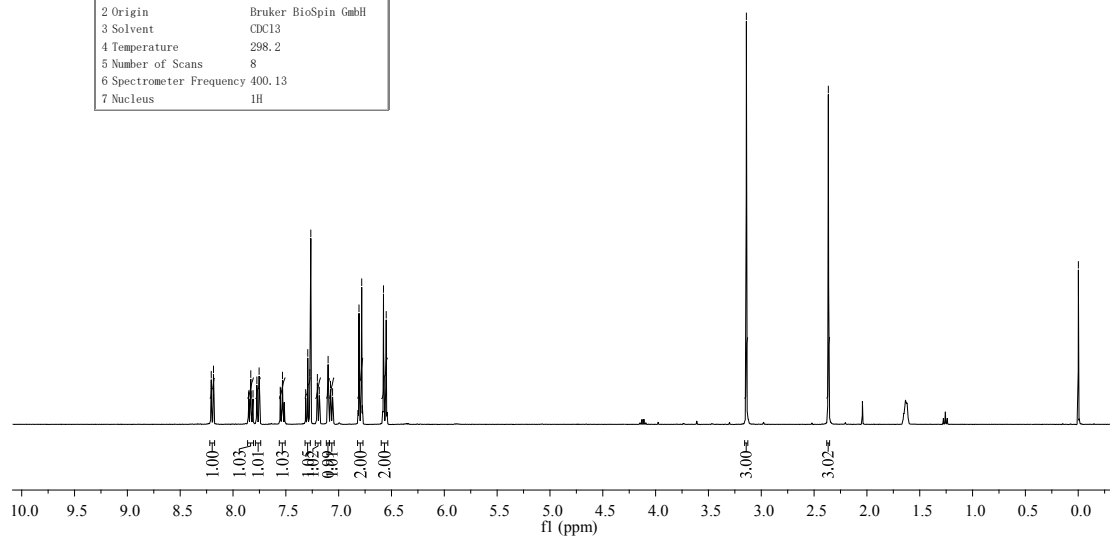
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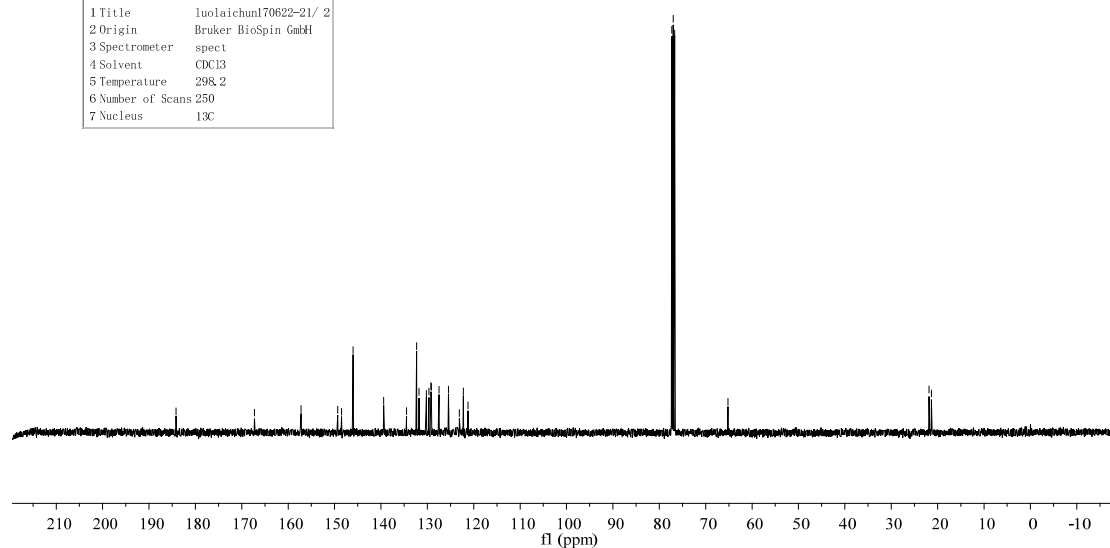
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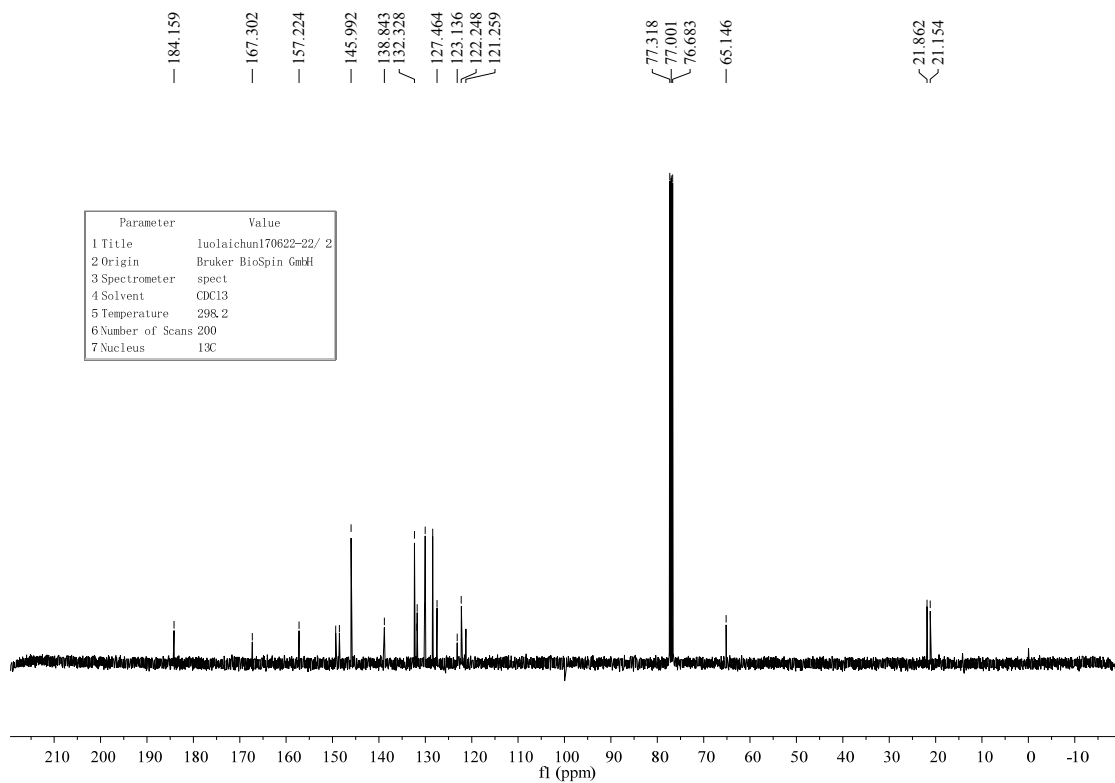
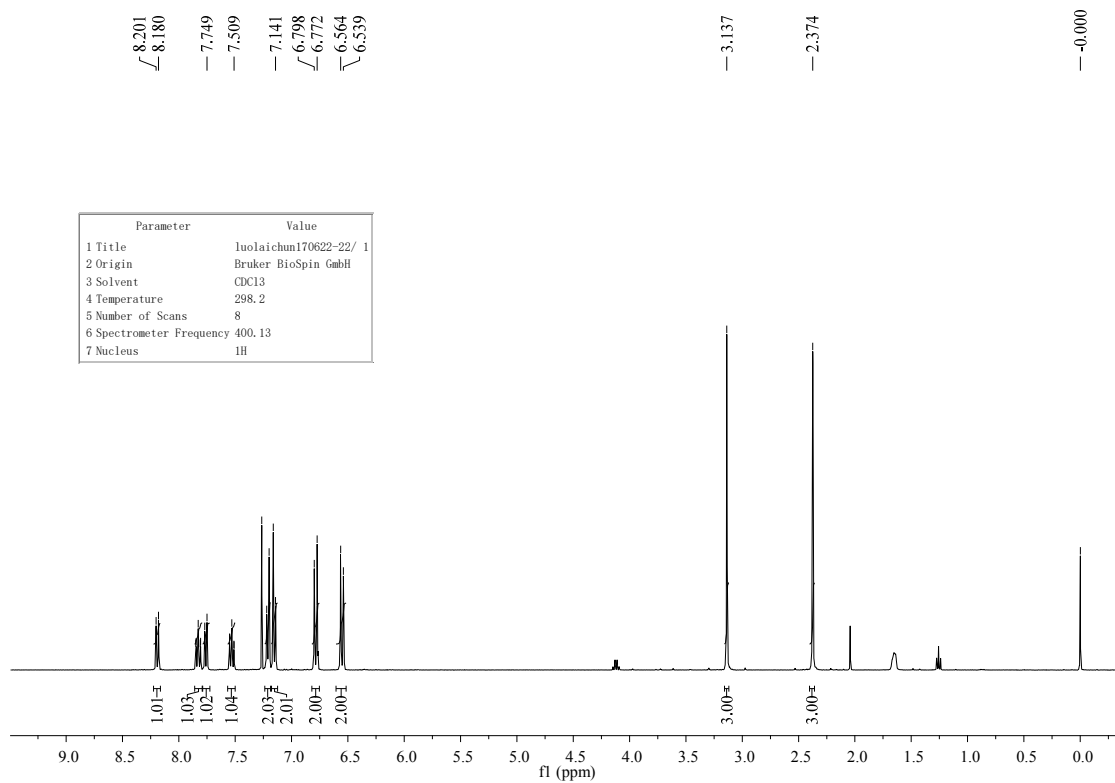
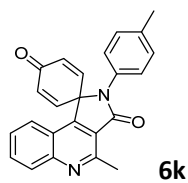
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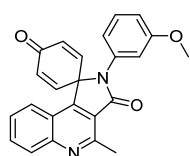


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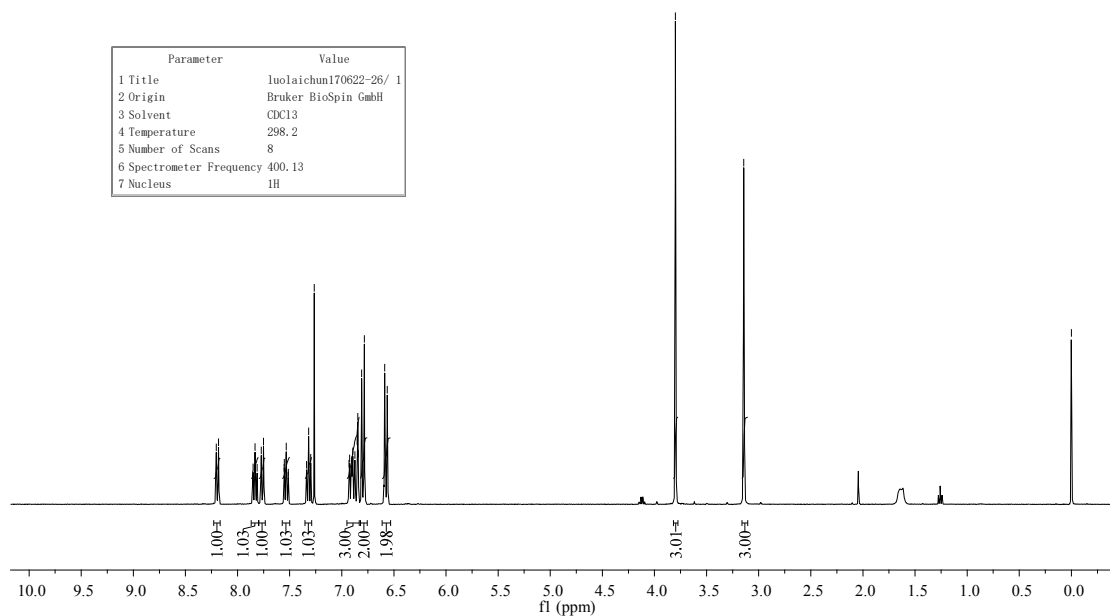
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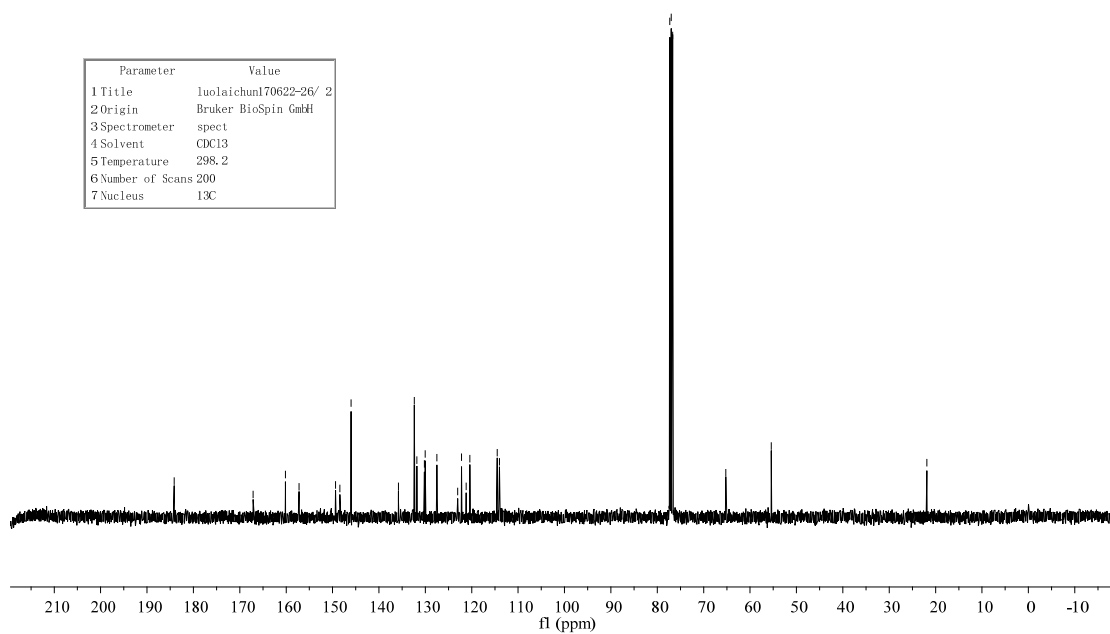
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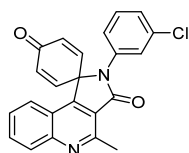


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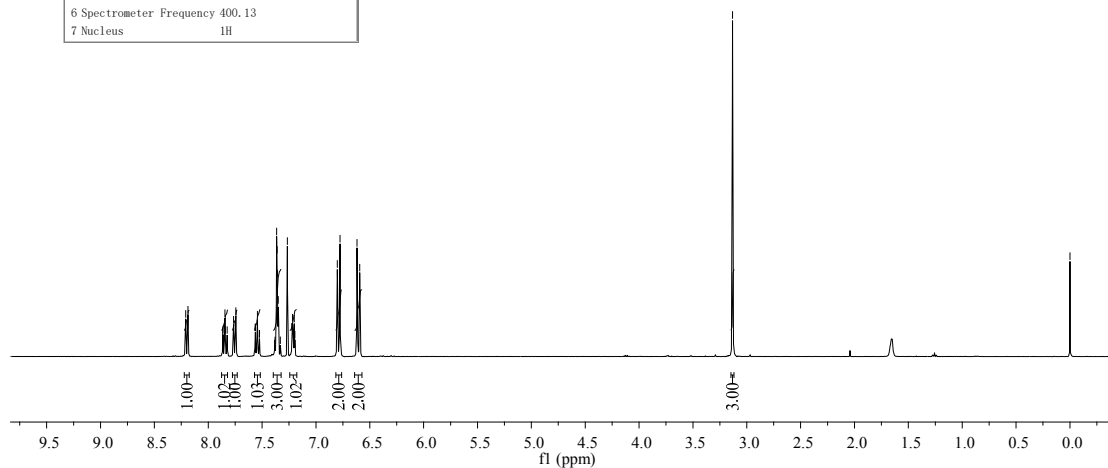
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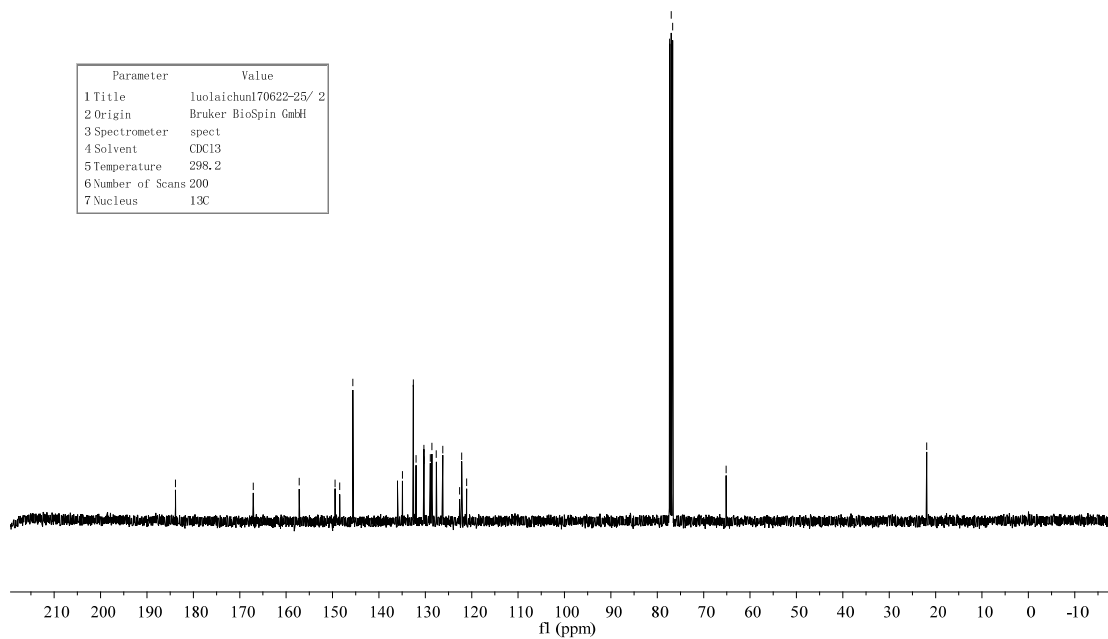
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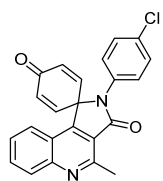
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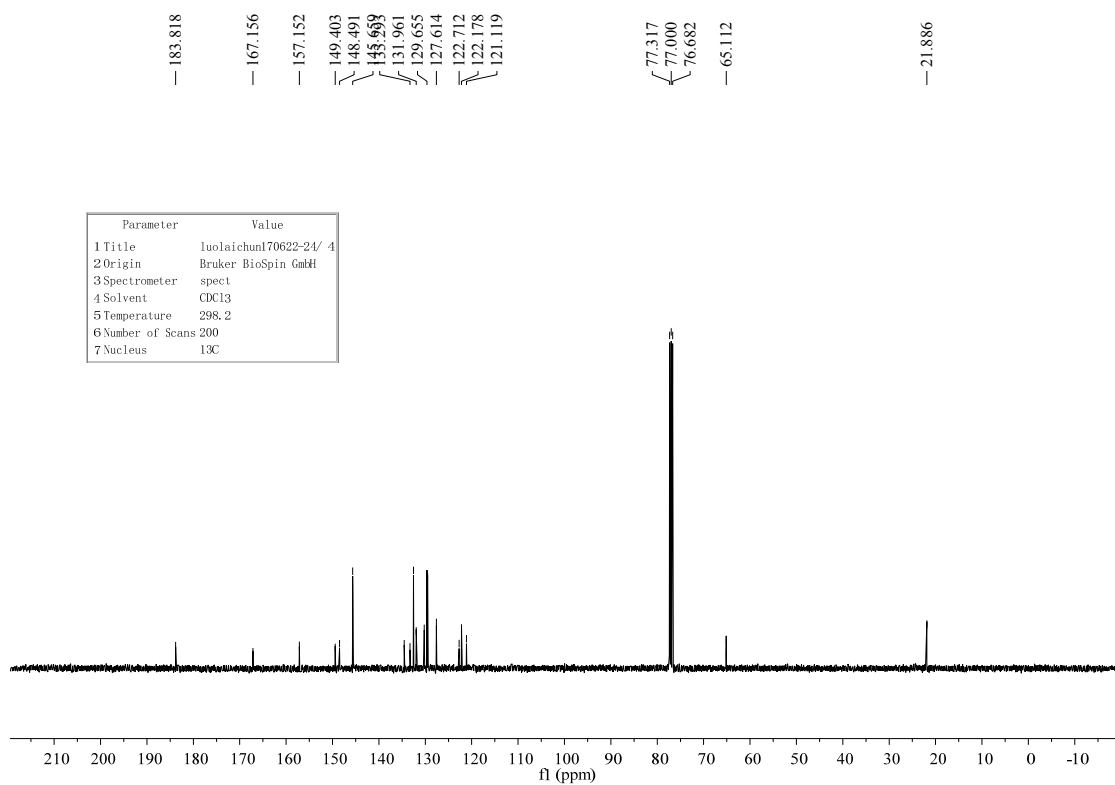
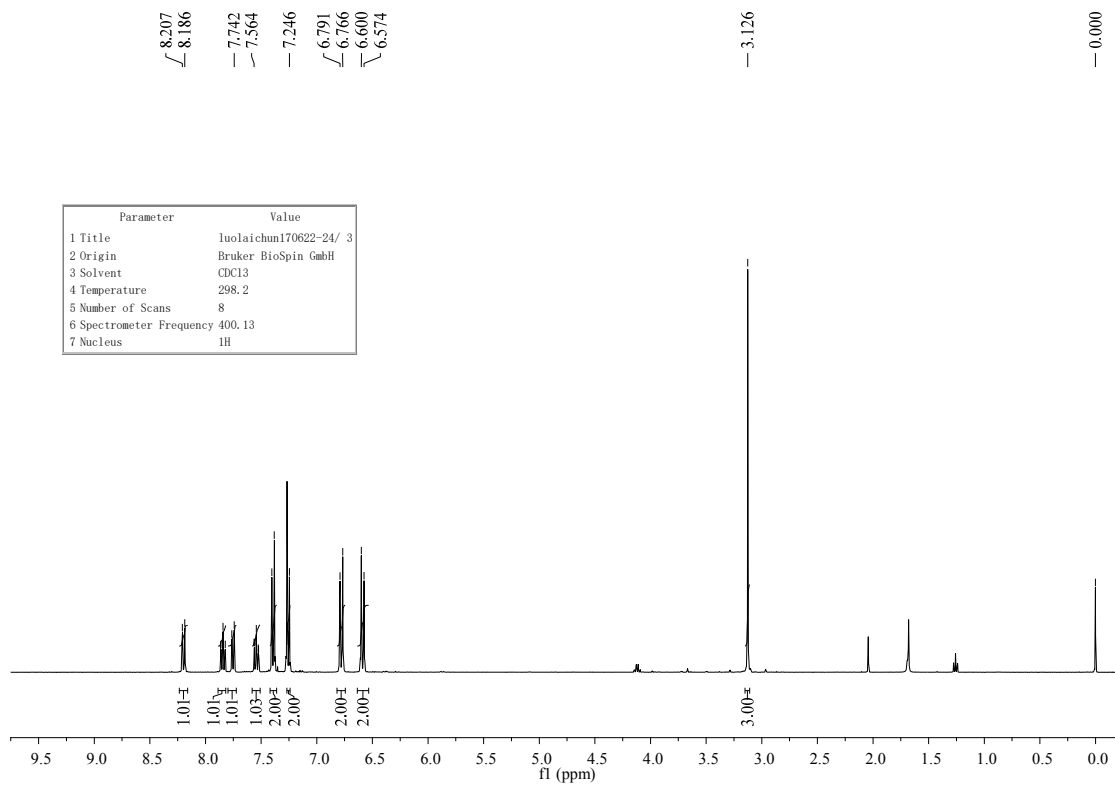
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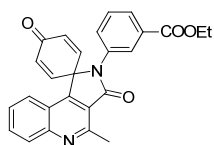
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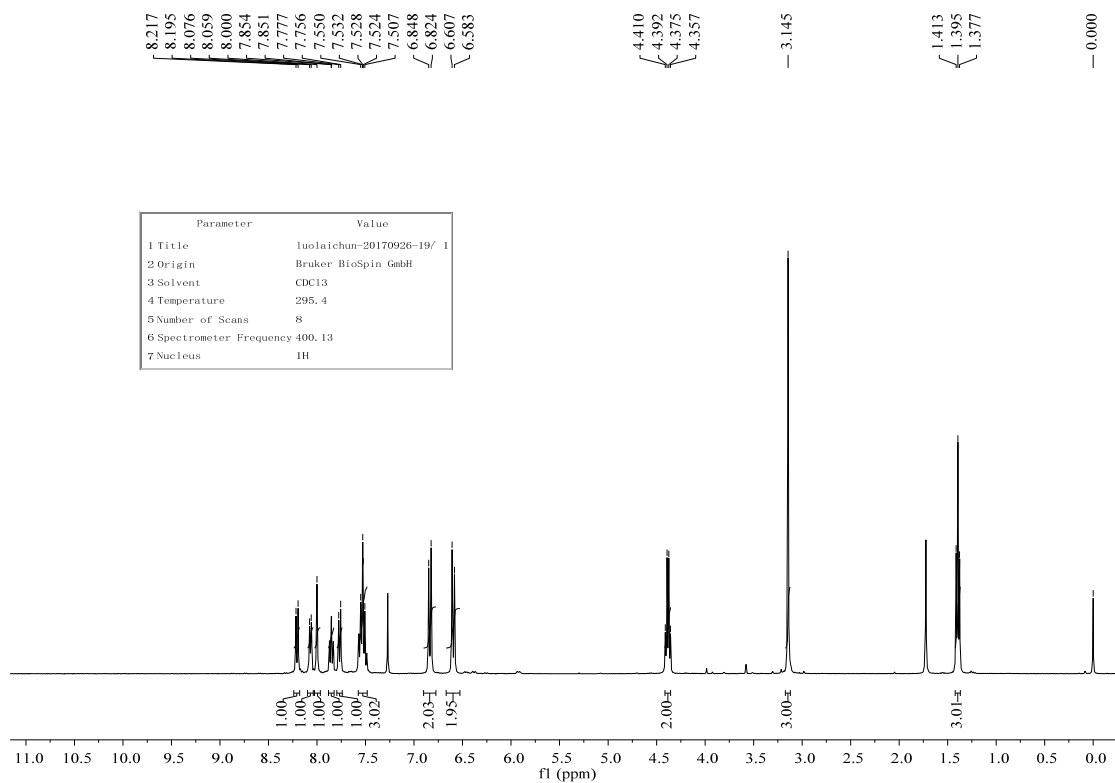


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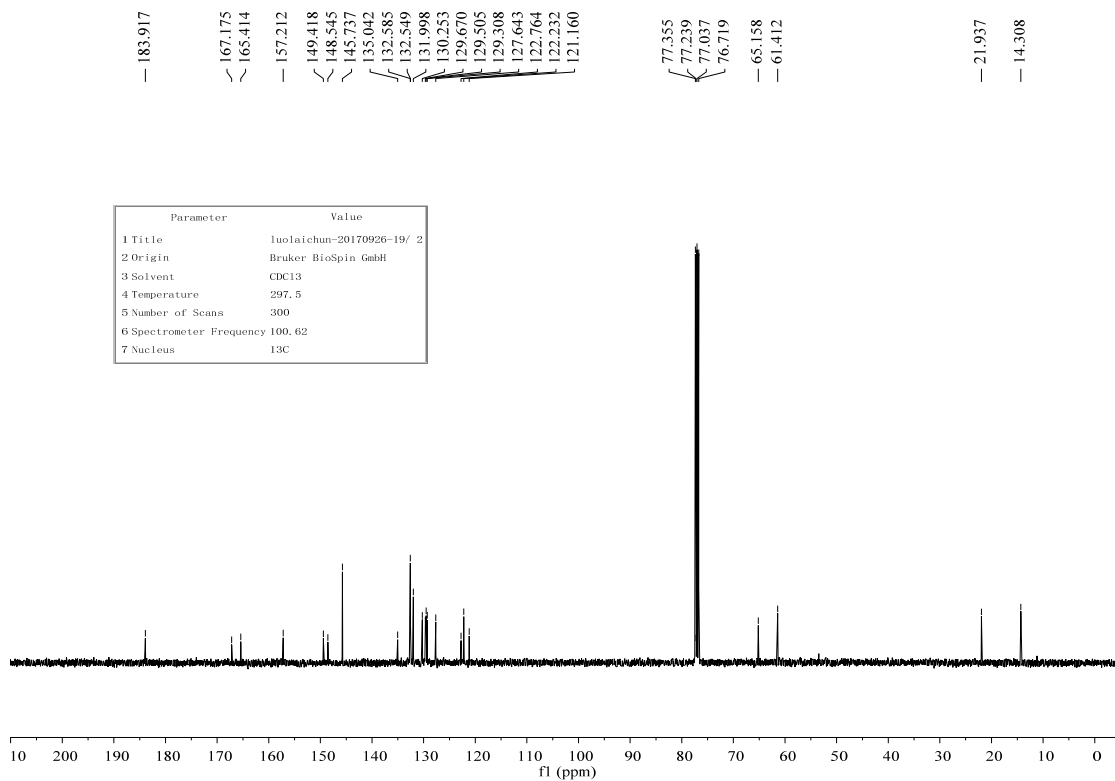




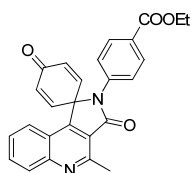
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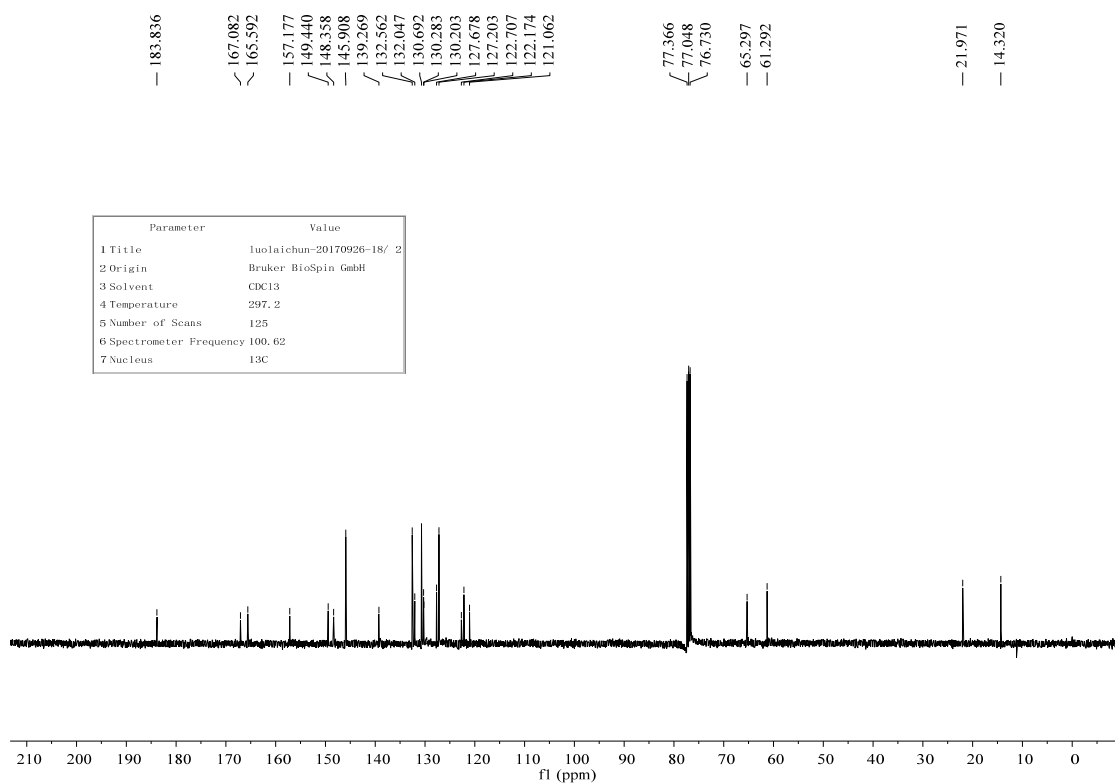
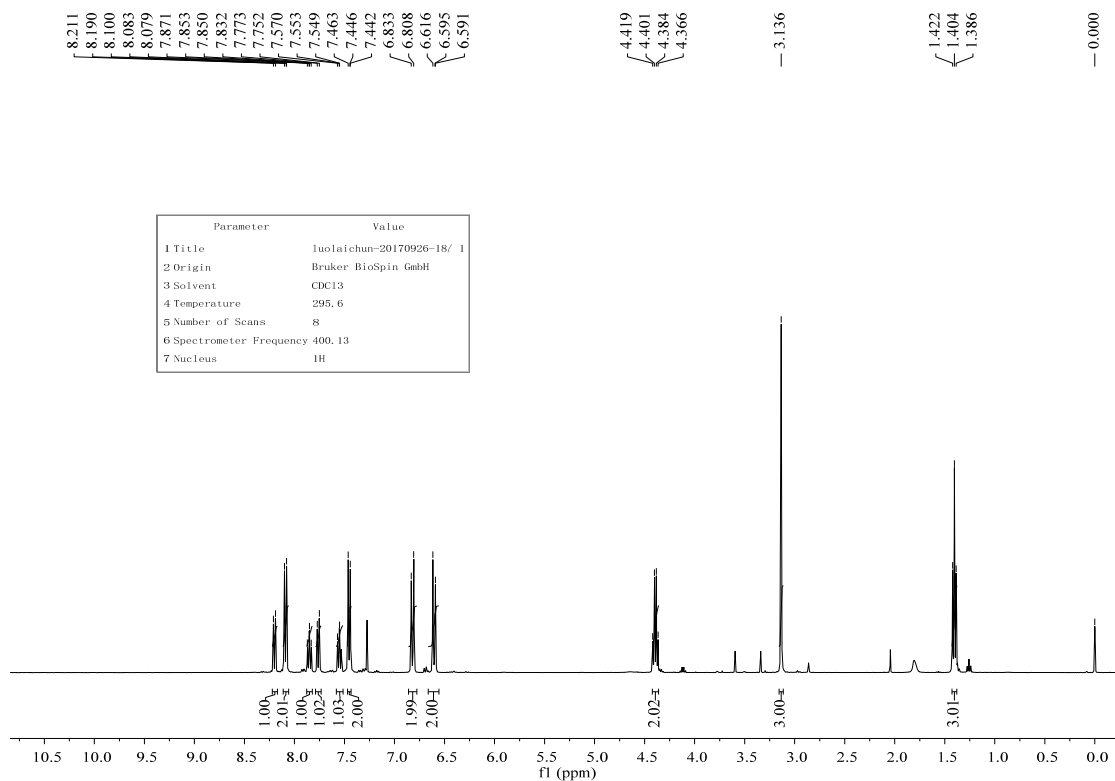
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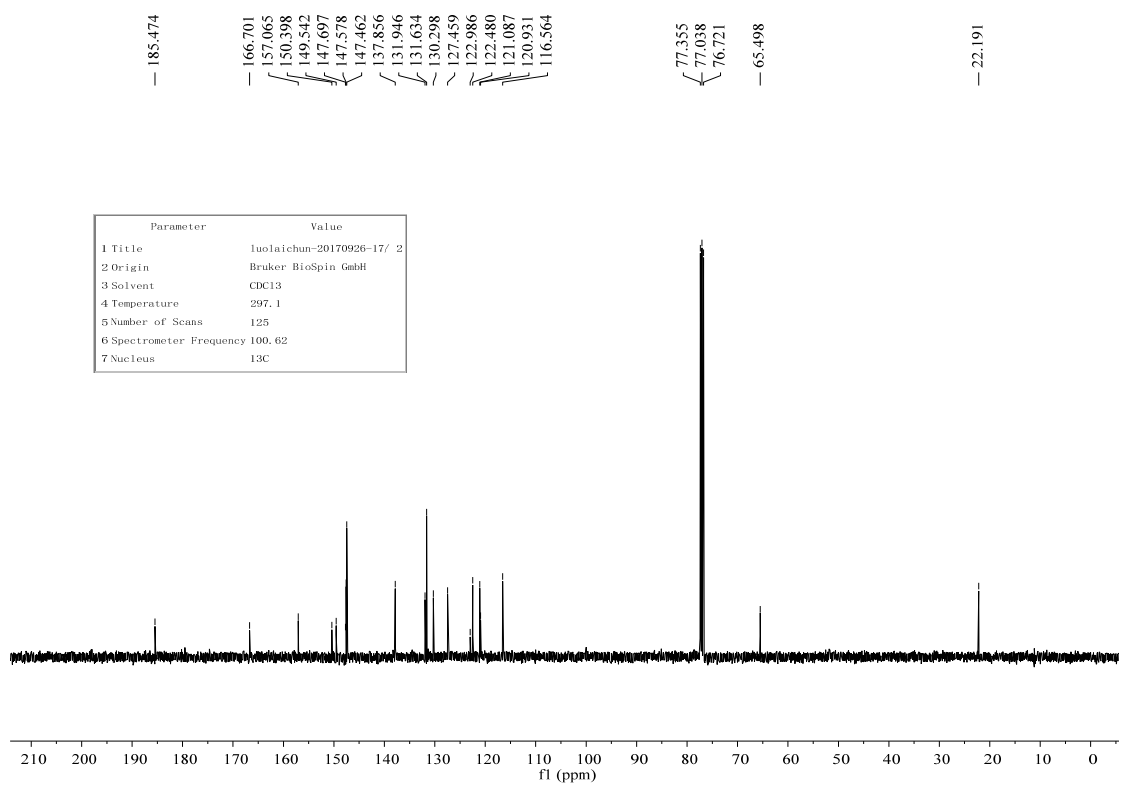
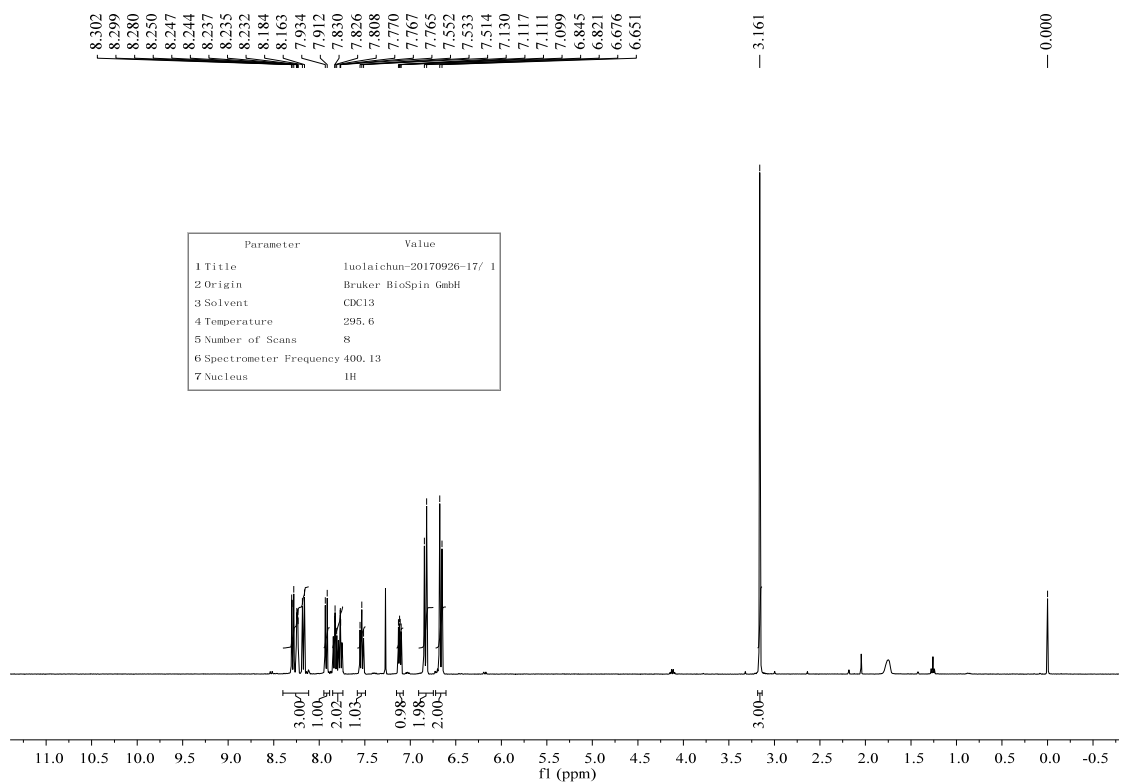
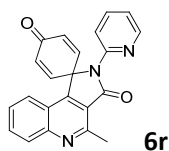


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7 Nucleus	13C



6p





8. New Compound Index

2-Methyl-*N*-phenyl-4-*p*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4b**)
4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4c**)
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4d**)
4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4f**)
tert-Butyl 4-(2-methyl-3-(phenylcarbamoyl)quinolin-4-yl)benzoate (**4g**)
2-Methyl-*N*-phenyl-4-*m*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4h**)
4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4i**)
4-(3-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4j**)
tert-Butyl 3-(2-methyl-3-(phenylcarbamoyl)quinolin-4-yl)benzoate (**4k**)
2-Methyl-*N*-phenyl-4-*o*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4l**)
4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4m**)
2-Methyl-4-phenyl-*N*-*o*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4o**)
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-*o*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4o'**)
2-Methyl-4-phenyl-*N*-*m*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4p**)
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-*m*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4p'**)
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-*p*-tolylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4q'**)
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-*N*-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4r'**)
N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4s'**)
N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4t'**)
Ethyl 3-(2-methyl-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamido)benzoate (**4u**)
2-Methyl-*N*-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-phenylquinoline-3-carboxamide (**4w**)
4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline-3-carboxamide (**4x'**)
7-Methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5a**)
3,7-Dimethyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5b**)
3-Methoxy-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5c**)
3-Fluoro-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5d**)
3-Chloro-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5e**)
3-Bromo-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5f**)
tert-Butyl 7-methyl-6-oxo-5-phenyl-5,6-dihydrodibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridine-3-carboxylate (**5g**)
2,7-Dimethyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5h**)
2-Methoxy-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5i**)
2-Fluoro-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5j**)
tert-Butyl 7-methyl-6-oxo-5-phenyl-5,6-dihydrodibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridine-2-carboxylate (**5k**)
11-Chloro-7-methyl-5-phenyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5n**)
7-Methyl-5-(*o*-tolyl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5o**)
7-Methyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5p**)
7-Methyl-5-(*p*-tolyl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5q**)
7-Methyl-5-(3-nitrophenyl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5r**)
5-(3-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5s**)
5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyldibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5t**)
Ethyl 3-(7-methyl-6-oxodibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-5(6*H*)-yl)benzoate (**5u**)

Ethyl 4-(7-methyl-6-oxodibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-5(6*H*)-yl)benzoate (**5v**)
 7-Methyl-5-(3-nitrophenyl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5w**)
 7-Methyl-5-(pyridin-2-yl)dibenzo[*c,f*][2,7]naphthyridin-6(5*H*)-one (**5x**)
 4'-Methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6a**)
 3,4'-Dimethyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6b**)
 3-Methoxy-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6c**)
 3-Fluoro-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6d**)
 2,4'-Dimethyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6f**)
 2-Methoxy-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6g**)
 8'-Chloro-4'-methyl-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6h**)
 4'-Methyl-2'-(*o*-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6i**)
 4'-Methyl-2'-(*m*-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6j**)
 4'-Methyl-2'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6k**)
 2'-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-4'-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6l**)
 2'-(3-Chlorophenyl)-4'-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6m**)
 2'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4'-methylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6n**)
 Ethyl 3-(4'-methyl-3',4'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-dien-2'(3'*H*)-yl)benzoate (**6o**)
 Ethyl 4-(4'-methyl-3',4'-dioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-dien-2'(3'*H*)-yl)benzoate (**6p**)
 4'-Methyl-2'-(pyridin-2-yl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-pyrrolo[3,4-*c*]quinoline]-2,5-diene-3',4(2'*H*)-dione (**6r**)

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