

Supporting Information

Rh(III)-Catalyzed Regioselective Intermolecular *N*-Methylene Csp³-H Bond Carbenoid Insertion

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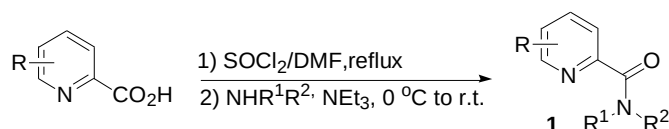
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I. General Methods

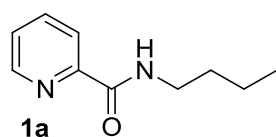
All reactions were carried out in flame-dried sealed tubes with magnetic stirring. Unless otherwise noted, all experiments were performed under argon atmosphere. All reagents were purchased from TCI, Acros or Strem. Solvents were treated with 4 Å molecular sieves or sodium and distilled prior to use. Purifications of reaction products were carried out by flash chromatography using Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co. Ltd silica gel (300-400 mesh). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR 27 FTIR spectrophotometer and are reported as wavelength numbers (cm^{-1}). Infrared spectra were recorded by preparing a KBr pellet containing the title compounds. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard at ambient temperature unless otherwise indicated on a Bruker Avance DPX 600 fourier Transform spectrometer operating at 400 MHz for ^1H NMR and 100 MHz for ^{13}C NMR. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants are reported as Hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are designated as singlet (s), broad singlet (bs), doublet (d), triplet (t). Splitting patterns that could not be interpreted or easily visualized are designated as multiple (m). Low resolution mass spectra were recorded using a Waters HPLC/ZQ4000 Mass Spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were recorded on an IF-TOF spectrometer (Micromass). Gas chromatograph mass spectra were obtained with a SHIMADZU model GCMS-QP5000 spectrometer.

II. Experimental procedures for the preparation of starting materials

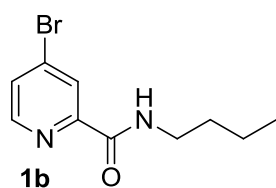
1. General procedure for the preparation of the picolinamides from amines.¹



All of the picolinamides including **1a-1x** were obtained according to the following procedure.¹ To a solution of the picolinic acid (5.0 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) at room temperature was added SOCl_2 (4 mL) and one drop of dry DMF. The reaction was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 4 hours. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure to afford the corresponding crude acid chloride. Then DCM (20 mL) was added and the solution was cooled to 0 °C followed by dropwise addition of NEt_3 (1.5 mL) and amine (10.0 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. overnight, extracted by DCM. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated, then purified through flash chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate/petroleum (v/v = 1/2) as the eluent to afford the desired products.

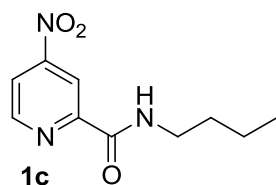


N-Butylpicolinamide (1a)¹: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.84 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 3.48 (q, J = 13.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 150.1, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.2, 39.1, 31.7, 20.2, 13.8. **MS (ESI)**: m/z = 178.1 $[\text{M}]^+$.



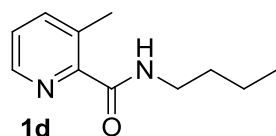
$m/z = 256.0$ $[M]^+$.

4-Bromo-N-butylpicolinamide (1b)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 151.2, 148.7, 134.3, 129.1, 125.7, 39.2, 31.6, 20.1, 13.7. **MS (ESI)**:



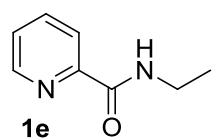
$m/z = 223.1$ $[M]^+$.

N-Butyl-4-nitropicolinamide (1c)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.12 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 13.6, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.61 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1,



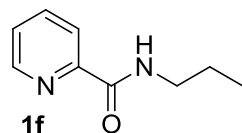
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N-Butyl-3-methylpicolinamide (1d)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 3.42 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 1.68 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.43 (dt, $J = 14.8, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 147.5, 145.4, 140.8, 135.3, 125.5, 39.0, 31.8, 20.6, 20.2, 13.8. **MS (ESI)**:



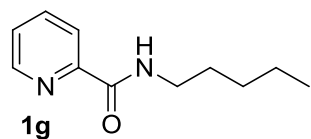
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N-Ethylpicolinamide (1e)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.82 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 150.1, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.1, 34.3, 14.8. **MS (ESI)**:



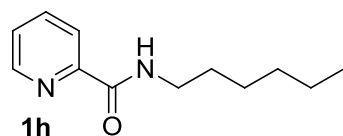
$m/z = 164.1$ $[M]^+$.

N-Propylpicolinamide (1f)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 13.4, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 150.1, 148.0, 137.3,



$m/z = 192.1$ $[M]^+$.

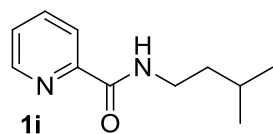
N-Pentylpicolinamide (1g)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.84 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 3.47 (q, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.29 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 150.1, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.2, 39.4, 29.3, 29.1, 22.4, 14.0. **MS (ESI)**:



$m/z = 206.1$ $[M]^+$.

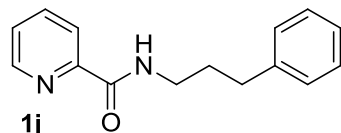
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Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.26 (m, 4H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 150.1, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.2, 39.5, 31.5, 29.6, 26.7, 22.5, 14.0. **MS (ESI):** $m/z = 206.1$ $[\text{M}]^+$.



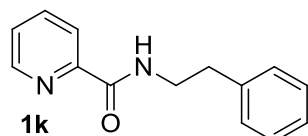
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0.92 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 150.1, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.1, 38.5, 37.7, 25.8, 22.4. **MS (ESI):** $m/z = 192.1$ $[\text{M}]^+$.



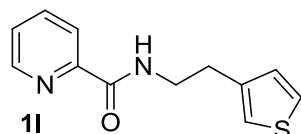
N-(3-Phenylpropyl)picolinamide (1j): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.5, 4.8$ Hz,

1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.77 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.96 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 149.9, 148.0, 141.4, 137.5, 128.4, 128.4, 126.2, 126.0, 122.3, 39.1, 33.3, 31.2; **MS (ESI):** $m/z = 240.1$ $[\text{M}]^+$.



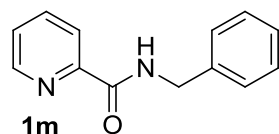
N-Phenethylpicolinamide (1k): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.51 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.83 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m,

2H), 7.25 (dd, $J = 14.2, 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 3.75 (dd, $J = 13.7, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3, 149.9, 148.1, 140.0, 137.3, 128.8, 128.6, 126.5, 126.1, 122.2, 40.8, 36.0. **MS (ESI):** $m/z = 226.1$ $[\text{M}]^+$.



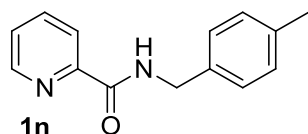
N-(2-(Thiophen-3-yl)ethyl)picolinamide (1l): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d,

$J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 3.78 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.4, 149.9, 148.1, 141.3, 137.3, 127.0, 126.2, 125.3, 123.9, 122.2, 40.9, 30.1; **MS (ESI):** $m/z = 232.1$ $[\text{M}]^+$.



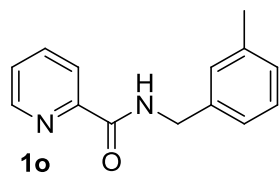
N-Benzylpicolinamide (1m): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.52 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d, $J =$

6.1 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3, 149.8, 148.1, 138.3, 137.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 126.2, 122.4, 43.5. **MS (ESI):** $m/z = 212.1$ $[\text{M}]^+$.

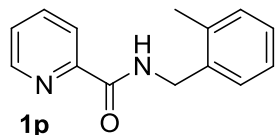


N-(4-Methylbenzyl)picolinamide (1n): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.50 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 7.4, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, $J =$

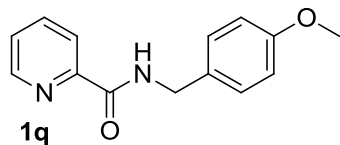
6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3, 149.9, 148.1, 137.4, 137.1, 135.2, 129.4, 127.9, 126.2, 122.4, 43.3, 21.1. **MS (ESI):** $m/z = 226.1$ $[\text{M}]^+$.



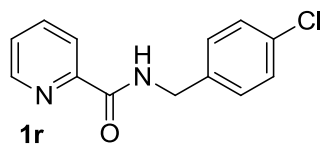
N-(3-Methylbenzyl)picolinamide (1o)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 149.9, 148.1, 137.4, 136.5, 135.9, 130.5, 128.6, 127.7, 126.2, 122.3, 41.7, 19.1. **MS (ESI)**: *m/z* = 226.1 [M]⁺.



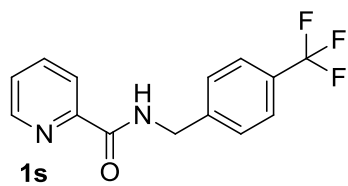
N-(2-Methylbenzyl)picolinamide (1p)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 149.9, 148.1, 138.4, 138.2, 137.4, 128.6, 128.2, 126.2, 124.9, 122.4, 43.5, 21.4. **MS (ESI)**: *m/z* = 226.1 [M]⁺.



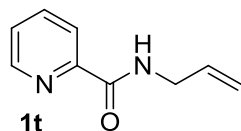
N-(4-Methoxybenzyl)picolinamide (1q)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 159.0, 149.9, 148.1, 137.4, 130.3, 129.2, 126.2, 122.4, 114.1, 55.3, 43.0. **MS (ESI)**: *m/z* = 242.1 [M]⁺.



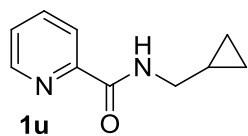
N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)picolinamide (1r)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.31 (s, 4H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 149.7, 148.1, 137.4, 136.7, 133.3, 129.2, 128.8, 126.3, 122.4, 42.8. **MS (ESI)**: *m/z* = 246.1 [M]⁺.



N-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl)picolinamide (1s)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 149.6, 148.2, 142.4, 137.5, 127.9, 126.4, 125.6, 122.4, 42.9. **MS (ESI)**: *m/z* = 280.1 [M]⁺.

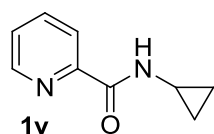


N-Allylpicolinamide (1t)^{1,4}: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 5.91 (qd, *J* = 10.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 149.9, 148.1, 137.3, 134.1, 126.2, 122.3, 116.4, 41.8. **MS (ESI)**: *m/z* = 162.1 [M]⁺.

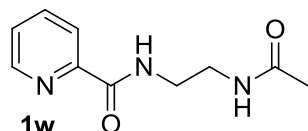


N-(Cyclopropylmethyl)picolinamide (1u)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t, *J*

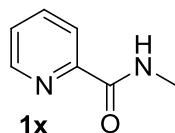
= 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.14 – 1.03 (m, 1H), 0.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.30 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 150.1, 148.0, 137.3, 126.0, 122.2, 44.2, 10.8, 3.5. **MS (ESI):** m/z = 176.1 $[\text{M}]^+$.



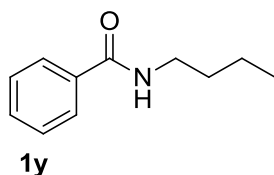
N-Cyclopropylpicolinamide (1v)¹: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 0.88 – 0.78 (m, 2H), 0.67 – 0.60 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 149.8, 148.0, 137.3, 126.2, 122.0, 22.5, 6.5. **MS (ESI):** m/z = 162.1 $[\text{M}]^+$.



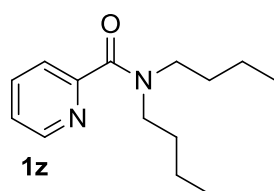
N-(2-acetamidoethyl)picolinamide (1w)⁴: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.62 (dd, J = 11.6, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 165.5, 149.4, 148.1, 137.6, 126.4, 122.3, 40.6, 39.4, 23.2. **MS (ESI):** m/z = 207.1 $[\text{M}]^+$.



N-Methylpicolinamide (1x)¹: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.84 (td, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.0, 150.0, 148.0, 137.3, 126.1, 122.1, 26.1. **MS (ESI):** m/z = 136.1 $[\text{M}]^+$.

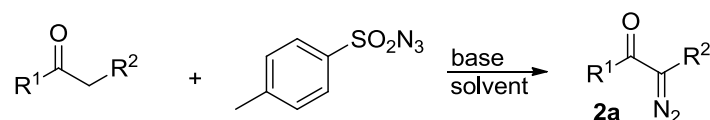


N-Butylbenzamide (1y)²: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.46 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.7, 134.9, 131.2, 128.4, 126.9, 39.8, 31.7, 20.2, 13.8. **MS (ESI):** m/z = 177.1 $[\text{M}]^+$.



N,N-Dibutylbenzamide (1z)¹: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.56 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 3.53 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 3.36 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 1.67 (dt, J = 15.3, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (dt, J = 15.1, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (dq, J = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.18 – 1.08 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.9, 155.3, 148.2, 136.8, 124.0, 123.1, 48.5, 45.5, 30.9, 29.7, 20.3, 19.8, 13.9, 13.6. **MS (ESI):** m/z = 234.2 $[\text{M}]^+$.

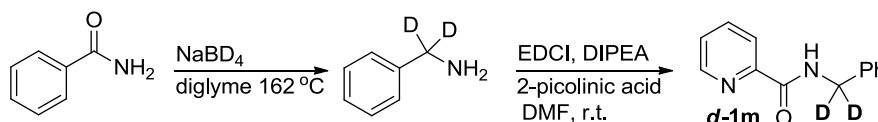
2. Procedure for the preparation of diazo compounds ³



To a solution of β -ketoester or β -diketone (15 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl azide (18 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in CH_3CN (20 mL) at 0°C was added

DBU (21 mmol, 1.4 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h and slowly brought to r.t. Upon completion as indicated by thin layer chromatography (TLC), the reaction was quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the crude products were purified by column chromatography.

3. Procedure for the preparation of **d-1m**.^{4,5}



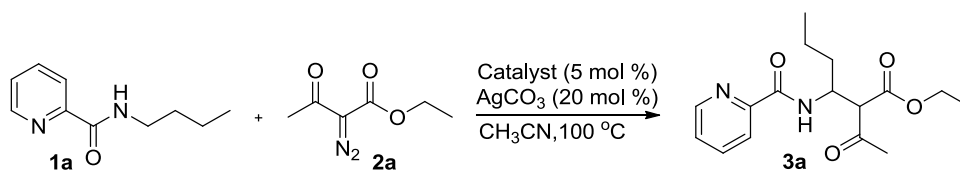
Benzamide (0.726 g, 6 mmol) was readily reduced to benzylamine NaBD₄ (26.5 mmol, 1 g) alone in diglyme for 1.5 h at 162 °C (reflux). The deuterated benzylamine was the only observed product. The product was characterized by GC/MS versus authentic benzylamine and the crude products were purified by column chromatography.

d-1m (0.69 g, 5 mmol), 2-picolinic acid (0.74 g, 6 mmol), EDCI (1.16 g, 6 mmol), HOBT (0.92 g, 6 mmol) and DIPEA (2.2 mL, 12.5 mmol) were dissolved in 15 mL of anhydrous DMF. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h. Water was then added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers was washed with H₂O and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc/Hex: 1/10) to give the desired product **d-1m** (78% D).

N-Benzylpicolinamide (d-1m): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 0.45H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 149.9, 148.1, 138.2, 137.3, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 126.2, 122.4, 43.5. IR (KBr): 1735, 1519, 1461, 1291, 742, 695 cm⁻¹.

III. Experimental procedure for the optimization study

1. Table S-1 .The effect of transition metal catalysts on the Csp³-H bond carbenoid insertion^a

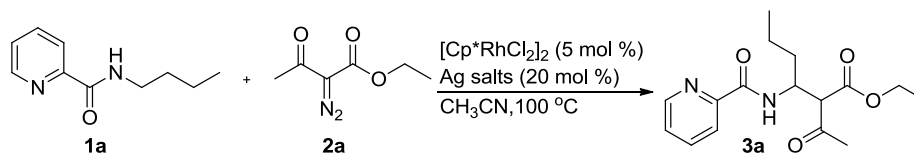


entry	catalyst	yield(%) ^b
1	[Cp*IrCl ₂] ₂	0
2	Cp*Co(CO)I ₂	0
3	Cp*Co(MeCN) ₃ SbF ₆	0
4	RhCl ₃	0
5	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	0
6	[Cp*RhCl ₂] ₂	47

^aUnless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out using

N-butyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid amide (**1a**) (0.10 mmol) and diazo compound (**2a**) (0.20 mmol) with metal catalysts (5.0 mol %) in the presence of AgCO₃ (20 mol %) in CH₃CN (1.0 mL) at 100 °C for 24 h under Ar in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO₂. ^b Isolated yield.

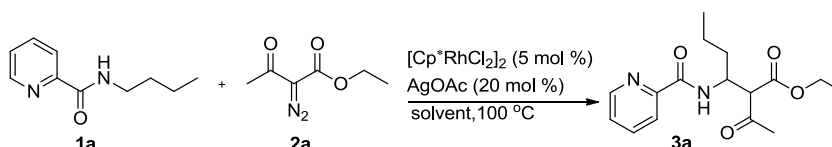
2. Table S-2. The effect of Ag salts on the Rh(III)-catalyzed Csp³-H bond carbenoid insertion^a



entry	Ag salts (20 mol %)	yield(%) ^b
1	AgClO ₄	0
2	AgSbF ₆	28
3	AgBF ₄	15
4	AgNTf ₂	63
5	Ag ₂ CO ₃	47
6	AgOAc	65

^aUnless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out using *N*-butyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid amide (**1a**) (0.10 mmol) and diazo compound (**2a**) (0.20 mmol) with [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (5 mol %) in the presence of Ag salts (20 mol %) in CH₃CN (1.0 mL) at 100 °C for 24 h under Ar in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO₂. ^bIsolated yield.

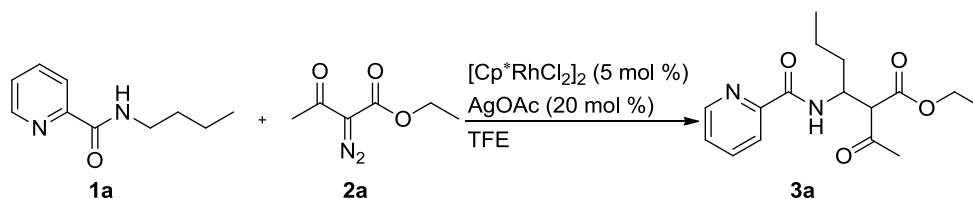
3. Table S-3. The effect of solvents on the Rh(III)-catalyzed Csp³-H bond carbenoid insertion^a



entry	solvent	yield(%) ^b
1	DMF	trace
2	DMSO	0
3	1,4-dioxane	26
4	TFE	89

^aUnless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out using *N*-butyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid amide (**1a**) (0.10 mmol) and diazo compound (**2a**) (0.20 mmol) with [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (5 mol %) in the presence of AgOAc (20 mol %) in solvents (1.0 mL) at 100 °C for 24 h under Ar in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO₂. ^b Isolated yield.

4. Table S-4. The effect of temperature on the the Rh(III)-catalyzed Csp³-H bond carbenoid insertion^a

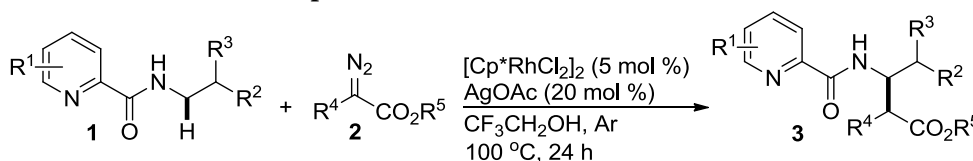


entry	temperature	yield(%) ^b
1	80 °C	63
2	100 °C	89
3	110 °C	71

^aUnless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out using *N*-butyl-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid amide (**1a**) (0.10 mmol) and diazo compound (**2a**) (0.20 mmol) with [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (5 mol %) in the presence of AgOAc (20 mol %) in TFE (1.0 mL) at different reaction temperature for 24 h under Ar in a sealed reaction tube, followed by flash chromatography on SiO₂. ^b Isolated yield.

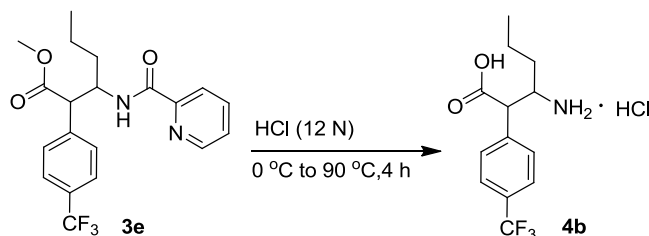
IV. Experimental procedure for the Rh(III)-catalyzed *N*-methylene Csp³-H bond carbenoid insertion

1. Procedure for the Rh(III)-catalyzed *N*-methylene C-H bond carbenoid insertion of picolinamides with diazo compounds.



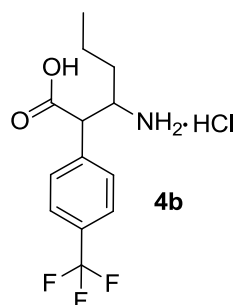
All of the products (**3a** ~ **3-1f**) were obtained according to the following procedure. To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added picolinamide (0.20 mmol), diazo compounds (0.4 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (7.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (2.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere conditions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite and then washed with ethyl acetate (3 ×10 mL). Organic solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with acetone/petroleum as the eluent to give the desired products.

2. Synthetic application of this transformation



3-Amino-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexanoic acid hydrochloride. The product **3e** (78.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added to a 25 mL jacketed reactor containing water (0.5 mL) to give a slurry. Hydrochloric acid (12 N, 0.5 mL, 0.34 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The

reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 4 h. The cooled solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give crude product. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel with dichloromethane/ methanol as the eluent to give the desired product.



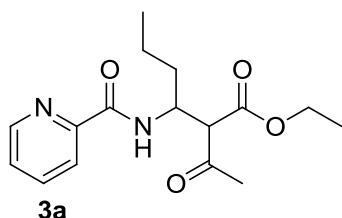
3-Amino-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexanoic acid hydrochloride

(4b). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO/CF₃CO₂H, 20:1) δ 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.81 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 2.92 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.75 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, DMSO/CF₃CO₂H, 20:1) δ 169.0, 136.2, 130.2, 126.4, 117.3, 114.5, 62.2, 46.0, 27.7, 19.6, 13.6; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, MeOD) δ -66.0. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1 - \text{HCl}]^+$: C₁₃H₁₇F₃NO₂:

276.1179, found: 276.1182; **IR** (KBr): 1683, 1328, 1192, 1017, 823, 764, 623 cm⁻¹.

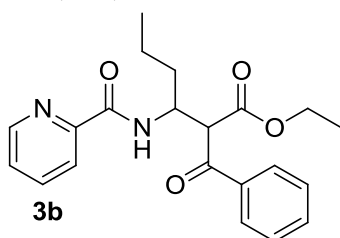
3. Spectroscopic data of all the isolated products



Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3a): (8:1 crude

dr), yellow oil, 89% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.26 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 4.40 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.73 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.53 (m, 2H),

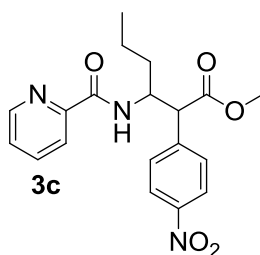
1.46 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.24 (m, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.5, 170.8, 169.6, 154.7, 148.1, 136.2, 124.1, 122.5, 108.6, 61.0, 50.0, 29.4, 20.5, 18.5, 14.2, 13.9. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: C₁₆H₂₃N₂O₄: 307.1652, found: 307.1655; **IR** (KBr): 3476, 2958, 2928, 2871, 1738, 1652, 1587, 1566, 1376, 855, 748 cm⁻¹.



Ethyl 2-benzoyl-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3b): (12:1 crude

dr), yellow oil, 43% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.81 (s, 1H), 8.58 – 8.41 (m, 1H), 8.05 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.42 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.92 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 2.91 –

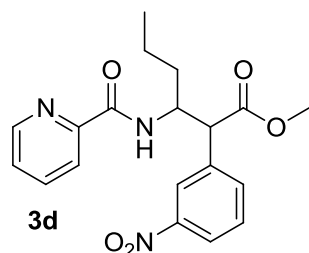
2.79 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.51 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.23 – 1.15 (m, 3H), 1.01 – 0.91 (m, 1H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.60 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 169.0, 168.3, 154.3, 148.4, 147.6, 136.2, 134.1, 133.3, 130.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 124.3, 123.9, 109.5, 62.5, 61.2, 50.9, 31.8, 29.2, 20.5, 19.8, 13.9, 13.3. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₄: 369.1809, found: 369.1806; **IR** (KBr): 3626, 2959, 2931, 2871, 1747, 1700, 1643, 1597, 1567, 1447, 1262, 1181, 1138 cm⁻¹.



Methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3c): (3:1

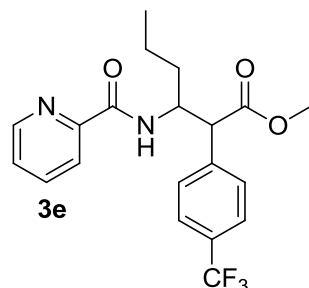
crude dr), yellow oil, 83% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.62 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.41 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 1.33 – 1.13 (m, 2H), 1.09 – 0.91 (m, 2H), 0.69 – 0.55 (m, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4,

169.2, 153.5, 148.3, 147.8, 142.2, 137.1, 130.3, 124.9, 123.9, 123.6, 63.0, 52.8, 49.3, 31.3, 19.7, 13.4. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[M + 1]^+$: $C_{19}H_{22}N_3O_5$: 372.1554, found: 372.1559; **IR** (KBr): 3430, 2955, 2868, 1746, 1639, 1523, 1420, 1345, 1209, 845, 743, 622 cm^{-1} .



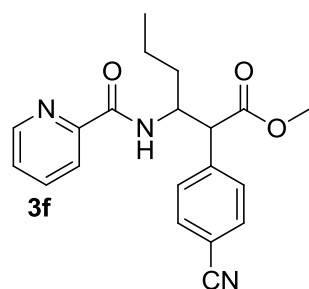
Methyl 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3d):

(2.5:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 65% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.48 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 1.42 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.00 (m, 2H), 0.79 – 0.65 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.4, 169.2, 153.6, 148.3, 137.1, 135.5, 129.6, 124.9, 124.3, 124.0, 123.3, 63.0, 52.9, 49.3, 31.3, 19.7, 13.4. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[M + 1]^+$: $C_{19}H_{22}N_3O_5$: 372.1554, found: 372.1561; **IR** (KBr): 3698, 2955, 1736, 1638, 1578, 1425, 1347, 1211, 811, 738, 684 cm^{-1} .



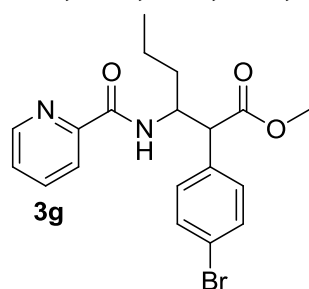
Methyl 3-(picolinamido)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)hexanoate (3e):

(2:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 91% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.65 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 7.87 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.43 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.20 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.03 – 0.85 (m, 2H), 0.77 – 0.58 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.8, 169.5, 153.9, 148.3, 147.9, 138.7, 137.4, 137.0, 129.9, 129.6, 125.5, 124.7, 123.8, 64.1, 62.7, 52.6, 48.4, 45.8, 31.4, 29.9, 20.2, 19.6, 13.5, 13.3. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[M + 1]^+$: $C_{20}H_{22}F_3N_2O_3$: 395.1577, found: 395.1549; **IR** (KBr): 3490, 2956, 1746, 1637, 1412, 1323, 1167, 1118, 750 cm^{-1} .



Methyl 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3f):

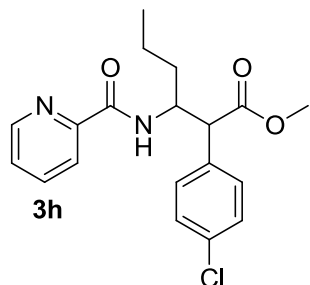
(2.5:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 82% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.56 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.43 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.17 (m, 1H), 1.11 – 0.94 (m, 2H), 0.75 – 0.60 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 169.4, 169.3, 153.6, 153.5, 148.3, 147.8, 140.4, 140.2, 137.5, 137.1, 132.3, 132.3, 130.1, 130.0, 124.9, 123.9, 118.5, 118.3, 112.4, 112.2, 64.0, 63.1, 52.8, 52.7, 49.2, 46.0, 31.3, 29.9, 20.2, 19.6, 13.6, 13.4. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[M + 1]^+$: $C_{20}H_{22}N_3O_3$: 352.1656, found: 352.1659; **IR** (KBr): 3697, 2955, 1746, 1644, 1463, 1022, 675 cm^{-1} .



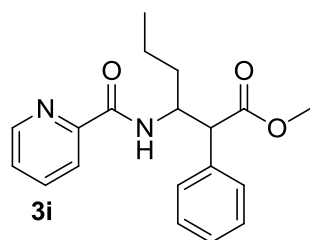
Methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3g):

(2:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 50% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 3H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.70 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 3H), 3.44 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.32 – 3.19 (m, 1H), 1.59

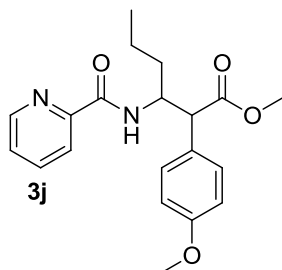
– 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.35 (dd, $J = 19.3, 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.03 (dt, $J = 18.9, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 0.93 – 0.76 (m, 1H), 0.67 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 0.53 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 169.6, 154.0, 148.3, 147.9, 137.4, 136.9, 133.6, 131.8, 131.3, 130.9, 124.8, 124.6, 123.8, 122.8, 64.0, 62.3, 52.6, 52.4, 47.8, 45.6, 31.5, 29.9, 20.2, 19.7, 13.6, 13.3. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3$: 405.0808, found: 405.0811; **IR** (KBr): 3495, 2951, 1741, 1634, 1405, 1171, 1102, 741 cm^{-1} .



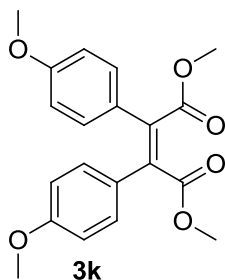
Methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3h): (1.7:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 62% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.67 – 8.56 (m, 1H), 7.88 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.88 – 3.76 (m, 3H), 3.51 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.31 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.51 – 1.38 (m, 1H), 1.18 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.02 – 0.86 (m, 1H), 0.76 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 0.62 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 169.6, 154.1, 148.3, 147.9, 137.4, 136.9, 134.6, 133.0, 131.0, 130.6, 128.9, 124.6, 123.8, 64.0, 62.2, 52.5, 52.4, 47.8, 45.6, 31.5, 29.9, 20.3, 19.7, 13.6, 13.3. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3$: 361.1313, found: 361.1315; **IR** (KBr): 2956, 1745, 1637, 1410, 1316, 1177, 1099, 1006 cm^{-1} .



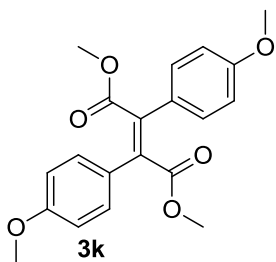
Methyl 2-phenyl-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3i): (1.7:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 51% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.61 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 3.85 – 3.78 (m, 3H), 3.44 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.36 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.17 – 1.01 (m, 1H), 0.99 – 0.90 (m, 1H), 0.72 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 0.56 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 169.8, 154.4, 148.3, 148.0, 137.3, 136.8, 134.2, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.7, 124.7, 124.5, 123.7, 64.8, 62.5, 52.4, 52.3, 47.1, 45.5, 31.6, 29.9, 20.3, 19.7, 13.6, 13.2. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + \text{H}]$: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$: 327.1703, found: 327.1706; **IR** (KBr): 2946, 1744, 1633, 1578, 1409, 1104, 742 cm^{-1} .



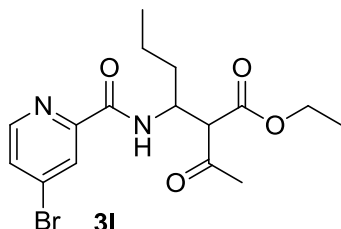
Methyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3j): 0% yield.



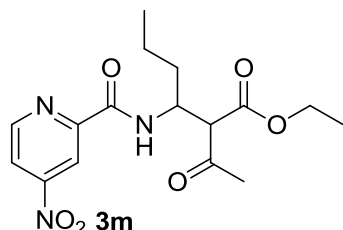
Dimethyl 2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)maleate (3k): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.95 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 4H), 6.65 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 4H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 6H).



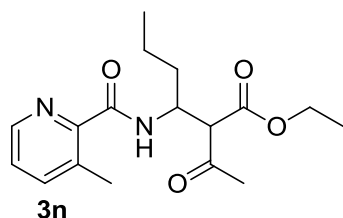
Dimethyl 2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)fumarate (3k): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.58 (s, 6H).



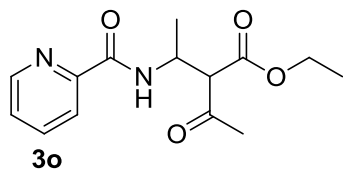
Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-bromopicolinamido)hexanoate (3l): (12:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 48% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.22 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.58 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.0, 170.6, 168.3, 155.8, 148.9, 132.9, 127.4, 126.1, 108.2, 61.1, 49.7, 29.4, 20.5, 18.6, 14.3, 13.9. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4$: 384.0752, found: 384.0755; **IR** (KBr): 3441, 2980, 1741, 1682, 1630, 1570, 1490, 1329, 1013, 660, 587 cm^{-1} .



Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(4-nitropicolinamido)hexanoate (3m): 0% yield.

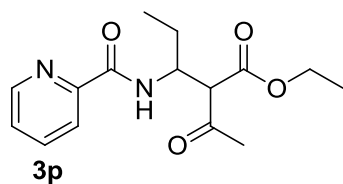


Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(3-methylpicolinamido)hexanoate (3n): (2:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 48% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.26 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 4.09 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.64 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.55 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 2H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 2.03 (s, 2H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.27 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.21 – 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.06 – 0.95 (m, 1H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.84 – 0.74 (m, 1H), 0.65 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.6, 176.1, 170.8, 170.0, 169.5, 154.5, 153.6, 146.5, 145.5, 138.3, 138.2, 130.8, 130.4, 123.7, 123.4, 107.5, 104.2, 61.0, 51.1, 49.0, 30.1, 29.7, 20.5, 19.8, 19.2, 18.2, 17.5, 14.2, 14.1, 14.0, 13.5. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 321.1795, found: 321.1779; **IR** (KBr): 3439, 2960, 2932, 2872, 1735, 1655, 1574, 1450, 1338, 1211, 799, 742 cm^{-1} .

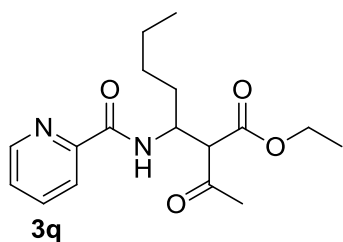


Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(picolinamido)butanoate (3o): (10:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 83% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.30 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 3.85 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.36 – 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.9, 171.2, 169.8, 155.1, 148.5, 136.6, 124.4, 122.8, 108.5, 61.3, 44.5, 18.9, 14.5, 12.8; **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$:

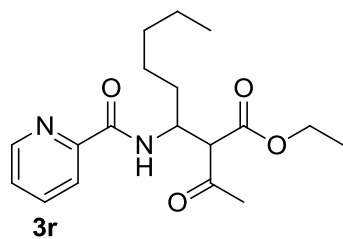
279.1339, found: 279.1346; **IR** (KBr): 2981, 2936, 1737, 1651, 1469, 1396, 1227, 749 cm^{-1} .



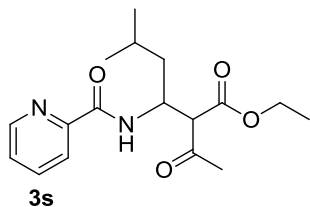
Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(picolinamido)pentanoate (3p): (10:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 86% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.27 (m, 3H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 170.8, 169.6, 154.8, 148.1, 136.2, 124.1, 122.5, 108.7, 61.0, 51.4, 20.6, 18.5, 14.2, 11.6. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 293.1536, found: 293.1502; **IR** (KBr): 3499, 2972, 2934, 2875, 1738, 1651, 1587, 1567, 1339, 1285, 748 cm^{-1} .



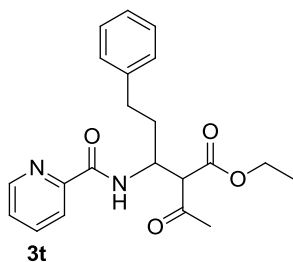
Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(picolinamido)heptanoate (3q): (10:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 82% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.26 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 7.5, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 3.70 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.59 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 3H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 170.8, 169.5, 154.7, 148.1, 136.2, 124.1, 122.5, 108.7, 61.0, 49.8, 29.4, 27.0, 22.5, 18.5, 14.2, 14.0. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 321.1809, found: 321.1813; **IR** (KBr): 2957, 2932, 2869, 1738, 1652, 1587, 1567, 1395, 1376, 855 cm^{-1} .



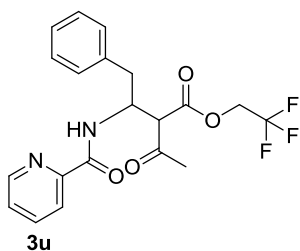
Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(picolinamido)octanoate (3r): (10:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 78% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.18 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 10.8, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.63 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.46 (dt, $J = 13.2, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 9H), 0.82 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 170.8, 169.5, 154.7, 148.1, 136.2, 124.1, 122.5, 108.7, 61.0, 49.8, 31.7, 27.3, 26.9, 22.6, 18.6, 14.2, 14.1. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 335.1965, found: 335.1985; **IR** (KBr): 3440, 2955, 2931, 2858, 1738, 1653, 1587, 1440, 1396, 1377, 1173, 787 cm^{-1} .



Ethyl 2-acetyl-5-methyl-3-(picolinamido)hexanoate (3s): (9:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 76% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.18 (s, 1H), 8.38 – 8.32 (m, 1H), 7.60 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 4.21 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.68 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.64 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 170.8, 169.5, 154.7, 148.0, 136.2, 124.1, 122.5, 108.7, 61.0, 48.3, 36.0, 26.5, 22.6, 18.6, 14.2. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 321.1809, found: 321.1812; **IR** (KBr): 3440, 2981, 2954, 2870, 1739, 1651, 1587, 1566, 1524, 1437, 1380, 1339, 748 cm^{-1} .

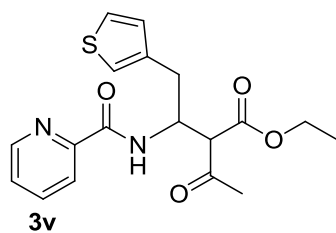


Ethyl 2-acetyl-5-phenyl-3-(picolinamido)pentanoate (3t): (9:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 83% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.28 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.80 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.70 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 2.73 (dd, $J = 8.7, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 170.8, 169.6, 154.6, 148.1, 141.6, 136.3, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 124.2, 122.6, 108.7, 61.1, 49.5, 33.5, 28.8, 18.6, 14.2. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 369.1180, found: 369.1811; **IR** (KBr): 3397, 2981, 2930, 2856, 1736, 1650, 1587, 1567, 1495, 1395, 1338, 808, 748 cm^{-1} .



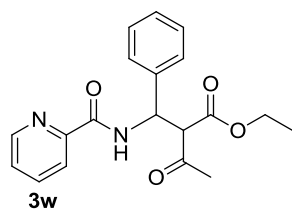
2,2,2-trifluoroethyl 2-acetyl-4-phenyl-3-(picolinamido)butanoate (3u): (10:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 73% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.67 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 12.5, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 4.52 (dq, $J = 12.6, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.92 – 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.75 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.02 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.2, 169.1, 169.0, 153.8, 147.9, 138.9, 136.6, 128.8, 128.6, 126.4, 124.6, 123.4, 108.4, 60.7 (q, $J = 36.9$ Hz), 51.9, 33.5, 18.6; ^{19}F

NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -73.4. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 409.1370, found: 409.1344; **IR** (KBr): 3437, 2952, 2923, 2851, 1734, 1709, 1637, 1587, 1566, 1525, 1167, 810, 701 cm^{-1} .



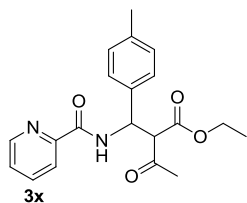
Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(picolinamido)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)butanoate (3v): (10:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 66% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.96 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.88 –

3.80 (m, 1H), 3.32 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.5, 170.7, 169.6, 154.2, 148.1, 141.3, 136.4, 127.0, 125.2, 124.4, 123.7, 122.8, 108.9, 61.2, 51.7, 29.7, 27.7, 18.4, 14.2. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 361.1217, found: 361.1226; **IR** (KBr): 3392, 2982, 2923, 2851, 1736, 1651, 1587, 1414, 1394, 852, 814 cm^{-1} .

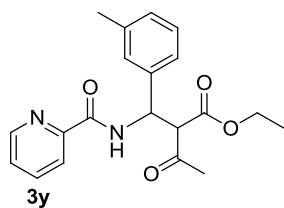


Ethyl 3-oxo-2-(phenyl(picolinamido)methyl)butanoate (3w): (3:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 51% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.00 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 14.7, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, $J = 14.7, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s,

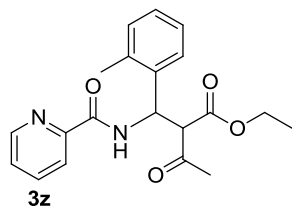
2H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.03 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.3, 172.2, 164.0, 149.9, 147.9, 137.8, 137.4, 134.5, 132.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.7, 126.2, 122.3, 101.9, 60.9, 41.6, 19.8, 14.1. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$: 363.1315, found: 363.1316; **IR** (KBr): 3387, 3060, 2981, 2924, 1740, 1712, 1671, 1570, 1433, 1398, 820, 751 cm^{-1} .



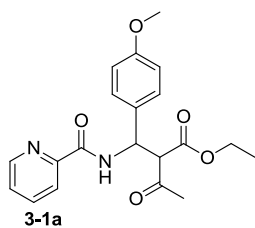
Ethyl 3-oxo-2-(picolinamido(p-tolyl)methyl)butanoate(3x): (2:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 63% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.06 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.18 (m, 1H), 8.18 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.87 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.59 – 4.51 (m, 1H), 4.46 – 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.20 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 1H), 1.77 (s, 2H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.3, 172.3, 163.9, 149.9, 147.9, 137.4, 137.4, 134.7, 134.4, 133.5, 132.7, 129.0, 128.9, 126.1, 122.3, 102.0, 100.0, 60.9, 41.4, 21.0, 19.8, 14.2. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 355.1652, found: 355.1658; **IR** (KBr): 3457, 2985, 2916, 2844, 1743, 1646, 1569, 1554, 1519, 1332, 818, 805 cm^{-1} .



Ethyl 3-oxo-2-(picolinamido(m-tolyl)methyl)butanoate (3y): (3:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 30% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.09 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 – 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, $J = 7.4, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, $J = 14.6, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, $J = 14.6, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 1.79 (s, 2H), 1.19 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.9, 174.4, 172.4, 168.9, 163.9, 149.9, 149.6, 148.1, 147.9, 137.9, 137.5, 137.4, 131.9, 131.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 126.3, 126.2, 122.3, 101.7, 61.5, 60.8, 41.7, 41.6, 21.2, 19.8, 14.2, 13.9. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 355.1652, found: 355.1658; **IR** (KBr): 3389, 3057, 2983, 2921, 1743, 1714, 1675, 1569, 1465, 1434, 1332, 1150, 750 cm^{-1} .

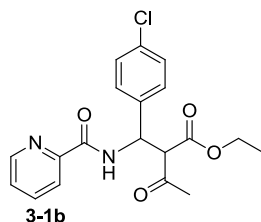


Ethyl 3-oxo-2-(picolinamido(o-tolyl)methyl)butanoate (3z): (2:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 25% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.05 (s, 1H), 8.42 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 4.25 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 2H), 1.42 (s, 1H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.4, 174.2, 172.4, 170.6, 169.7, 163.7, 154.7, 149.8, 148.2, 147.8, 138.2, 137.8, 137.4, 136.3, 135.9, 135.4, 134.2, 132.0, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 128.1, 127.9, 126.1, 125.9, 124.1, 122.3, 106.8, 102.5, 61.0, 61.0, 48.4, 38.9, 19.9, 19.8, 19.5, 17.9, 14.2, 14.1; **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 355.1652, found: 355.1656; **IR** (KBr): 3609, 3009, 2945, 2831, 1744, 1695, 1678, 1569, 1554, 1418, 1385, 1365, 1332, 745 cm^{-1} .

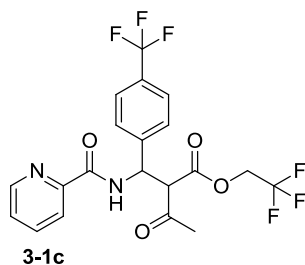


Ethyl 2-((4-methoxyphenyl)(picolinamido)methyl)-3-oxobutanoate (3-1a): (3:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 47% yield. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.04 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 – 8.17 (m, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.82 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, $J = 14.5, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, $J = 14.4, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 1H), 1.78 (s, 2H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.08 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz,

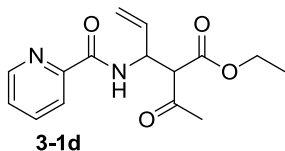
CDCl₃) δ 174.3, 172.2, 163.9, 159.0, 149.9, 147.9, 137.4, 135.9, 130.4, 130.0, 126.1, 122.3, 117.7, 113.3, 101.9, 60.9, 55.3, 41.2, 19.8, 14.1; **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for [M + 1]⁺: C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₅: 371.1601, found: 371.1605; **IR** (KBr): 3388, 2925, 1738, 1672, 1643, 1570, 1490, 1353, 1332, 867, 820 cm⁻¹.



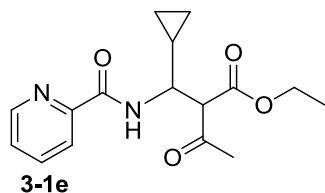
Ethyl 2-((4-chlorophenyl)(picolinamido)methyl)-3-oxobutanoate (3-1b): (4:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 45% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.72 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 – 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.49 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 1H), 1.49 (s, 2H), 1.29 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2, 169.1, 168.8, 153.5, 147.9, 136.6, 134.8, 133.9, 131.6, 128.6, 124.6, 123.4, 106.9, 52.0, 29.7, 18.3, 14.1; **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for [M + 1]⁺: C₁₉H₂₀ClN₂O₄: 375.1110, found: 371.1146; **IR** (KBr): 3476, 2989, 2945, 2888, 1785, 1743, 1663, 1568, 1535, 964 cm⁻¹.



2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 3-oxo-2-(picolinamido(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methyl)butanoate (3-1c): (10:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 40% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.74 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.36 (m, 2H), 1.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 169.2, 168.8, 153.3, 147.9, 136.6, 130.4, 125.5, 125.4, 125.4, 124.8, 123.5, 107.2, 107.1, 60.0, 52.5, 18.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.6, -73.4. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for [M + 1]⁺: C₂₀H₁₇F₆N₂O₄: 463.1087, found: 463.1060; **IR** (KBr): 3503, 3008, 2830, 1740, 1647, 1587, 1552, 1500, 1482, 1385, 971, 807 cm⁻¹.

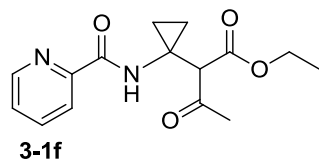


Ethyl 2-acetyl-3-(picolinamido)pent-4-enoate (3-1d): (8:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 40% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.15 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (td, *J* = 17.1, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 20.2, 13.6 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.23 – 1.20 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 170.7, 169.5, 154.4, 148.2, 136.3, 132.7, 124.2, 122.6, 119.2, 108.1, 61.0, 52.3, 18.7, 14.2. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for [M + Na]⁺: C₁₅H₁₈N₂O₄ Na: 313.1188, found: 313.1199; **IR** (KBr): 3469, 2983, 2903, 1742, 1652, 1568, 1470, 1439, 1391, 1184, 881 cm⁻¹.



Ethyl 2-(cyclopropyl(picolinamido)methyl)-3-oxobutanoate (3-1e): (7:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 49% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.66 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 4.60 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 4.47 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.26 – 1.16 (m, 3H), 0.85 – 0.74 (m, 1H), 0.55 – 0.39 (m, 2H), 0.28 – 0.16 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 172.4, 163.9, 149.9, 147.9, 137.9, 137.4, 131.9, 131.5, 129.7, 128.6, 126.2, 122.3, 101.7, 60.8, 41.6, 21.2, 19.8, 14.2. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for [M + 1]⁺: C₁₆H₂₁N₂O₄:

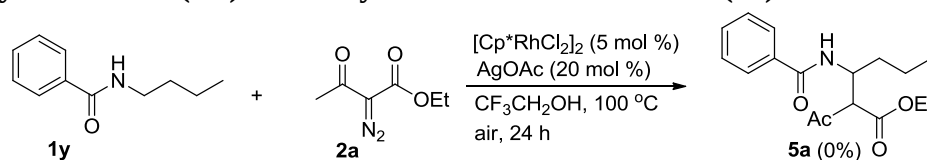
305.1496, found: 305.1506; **IR** (KBr): 3451, 3004, 2921, 2850, 1737, 1651, 1587, 1526, 1380, 804 cm^{-1} .



Ethyl 3-oxo-2-(1-(picolinamido)cyclopropyl)butanoate (3-1f): (2:1 crude dr), yellow oil, 46% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.11 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 4.31 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.19 – 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.02 (s, 1H), 1.85 (s, 2H), 1.29 – 1.23 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 0.83 – 0.71 (m, 2H), 0.66 – 0.56 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.8, 171.2, 170.9, 154.7, 148.1, 136.3, 124.2, 122.5, 107.6, 61.0, 31.7, 18.5, 14.2, 5.7, 5.5. **HR-MS (ESI)** calcd for $[\text{M} + 1]^+$: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 291.1339, found: 291.1338; **IR** (KBr): 3499, 3010, 2985, 2919, 1736, 1653, 1587, 1437, 1366, 1292, 847, 750 cm^{-1} .

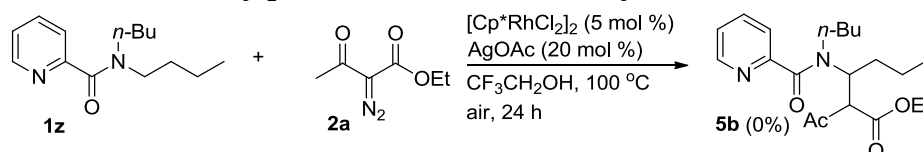
V. Control experiments for mechanism studies

1. Procedure for Rh(III)-catalyzed $\text{Csp}^3\text{-H}$ bond carbenoid insertion of *N*-butylbenzamide (**1y**) with ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**)



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N*-butylbenzamide (**1y**, 0.1 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**, 0.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol, (1.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere conditions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h, the reaction mixture was detected by TLC and ^1H NMR method, and no desired **5a** was found.

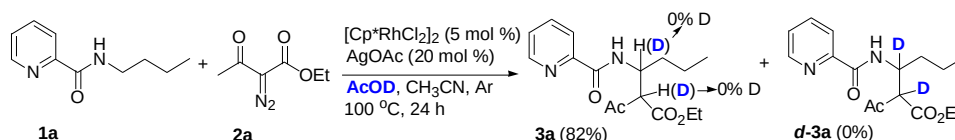
2. Procedure for Rh(III)-catalyzed *N*-methylene $\text{Csp}^3\text{-H}$ bond carbenoid insertion of *N,N*-dibutylpicolinamide (**1z**) with ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**)



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N,N*-dibutylpicolinamide (**1z**, 0.1 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**, 0.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (1.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h, the reaction mixture was detected by TLC and ^1H NMR method, and no desired **5b** was found.

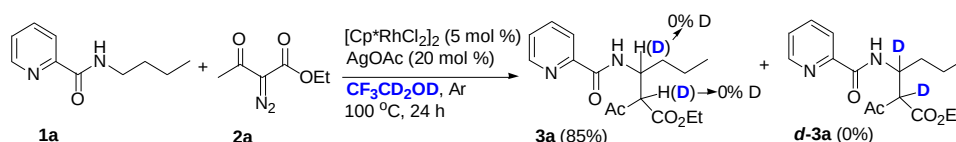
3. Rh(III)-catalyzed $\text{Csp}^3\text{-H}$ carbenoid insertion of **1a** with **2a** in different deuterated solvent system

3-1 Rh(III)-catalyzed Csp³-H carbenoid insertion of **1a** with **2a** in AcOD/CH₃CN system



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N*-butylpicolinamide (**1a**, 0.1 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**, 0.2 mmol), AcOD (2.0 equiv), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and CH₃CN (1.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere conditions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite and then washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel. The product **3a** (no D was incorporated) was obtained in 82% yield and **d-3a** deuterium was not observed by ¹H NMR method.

3-2 Rh(III)-catalyzed Csp³-H carbenoid insertion of **1a** with **2a** in solvent CF₃CD₂OD



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N*-butylpicolinamide (**1a**, 0.1 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and CF₃CD₂OD (1.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere conditions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite and then washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel. The product **3a** (no D was incorporated) was obtained in 85% yield and **d-3a** deuterium was not observed by ¹H NMR method.

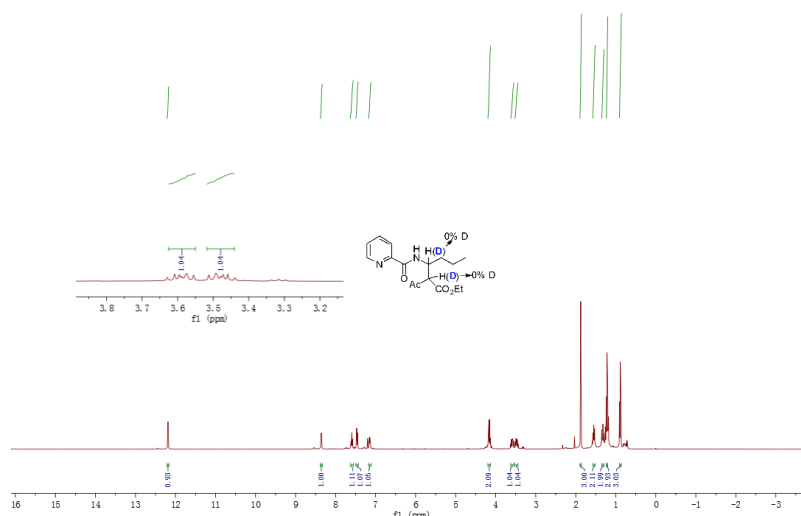
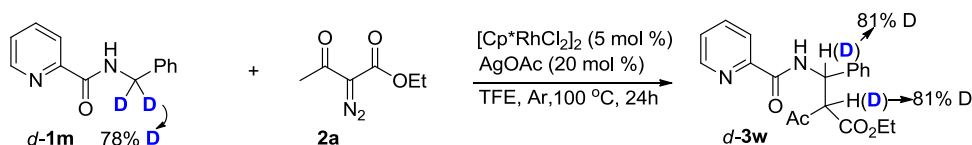


Figure S-1. ¹H NMR spectrum for **3a** derived from CF₃CD₂OD solvent system

4. Rh(III)-catalyzed Csp³-H carbenoid insertion of *d*-1m with 2a



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N*-benzylpicolinamide (*d*-**1m**, 78% D, 0.1 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol, (1.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite and then washed with ethyl acetate (3 ×10 mL). The combined organic layers were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel. The deuterated product *d*-**3w** (81% D) was obtained.

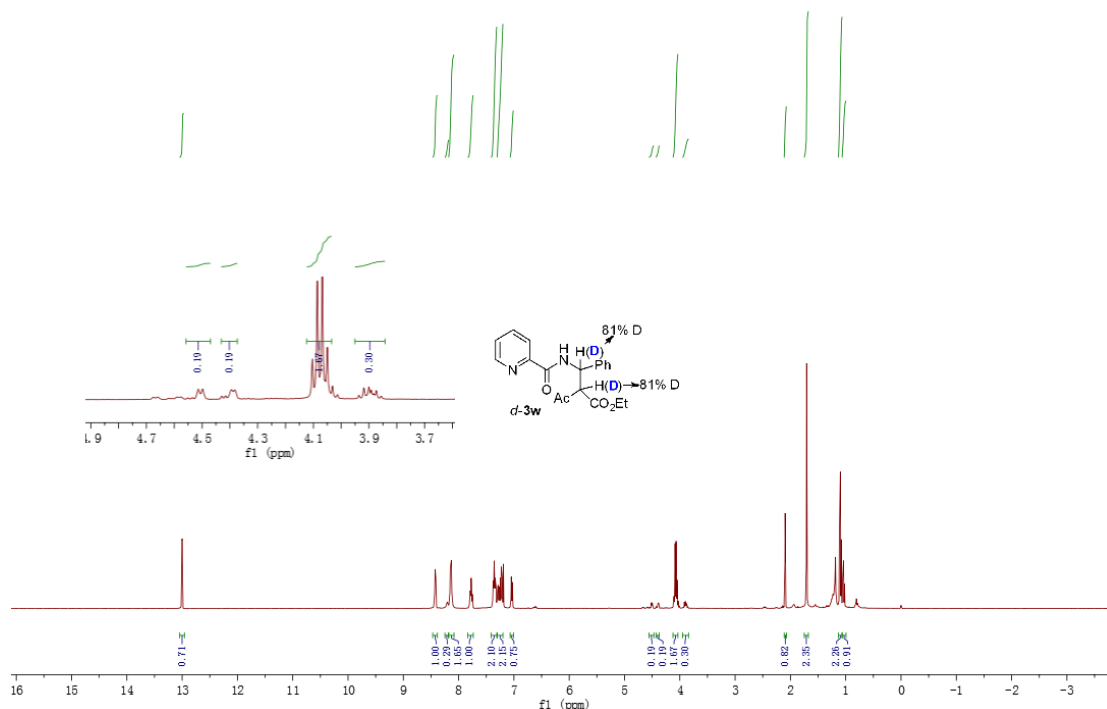
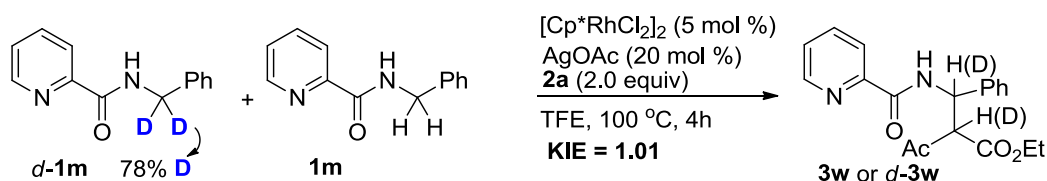


Figure S-2. ¹H NMR spectrum for *d*-**3w**

5. Kinetic isotope effect for this transformation



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N*-benzylpicolinamide [**1m**: 7.6 mg, 0.036 mmol and *d*-**1m** (78% D): 13.5 mg, 0.064 mmol],

ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate **2a** (31.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (1.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere conditions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 4 h, and then was cooled to room temperature. Then the organic solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to give the desired products **3w** and *d*-**3w**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.00 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 6.3 Hz, 0.47H), 4.40 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.4 Hz, 0.47H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 1H), 1.70 (s, 2H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.03 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H).

The reaction progress in the early stage (4 hours) indicated a kinetic isotope effect (KIE) of 1.01.

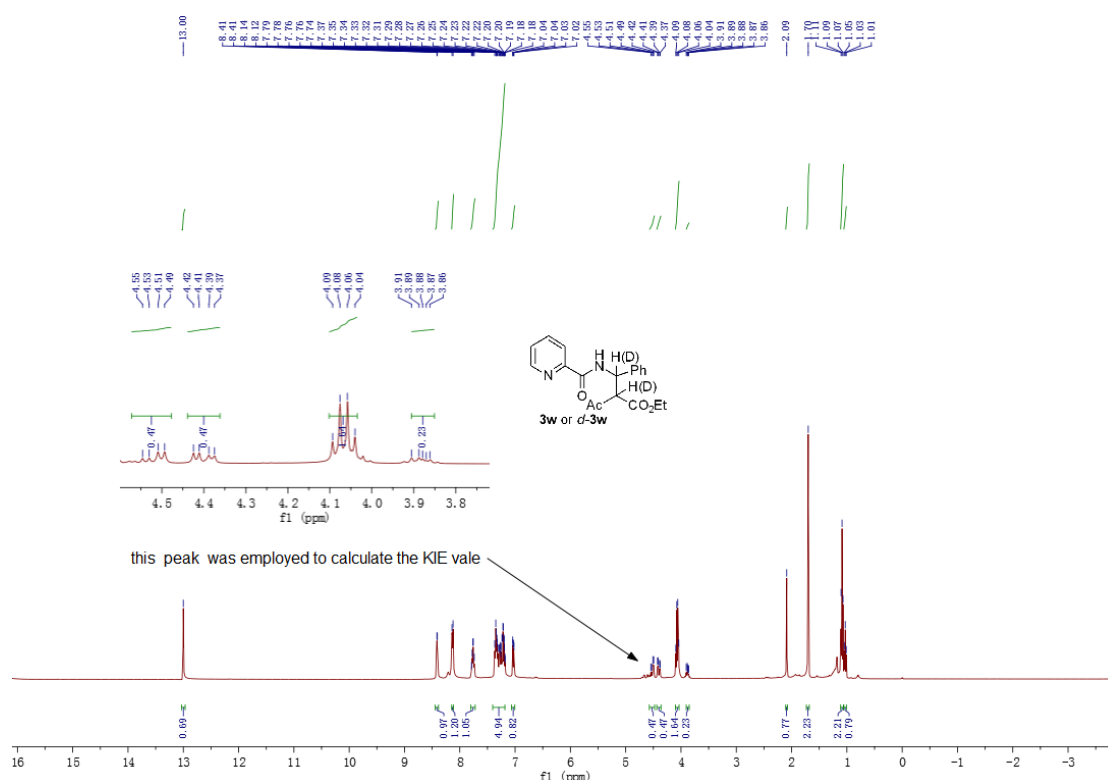
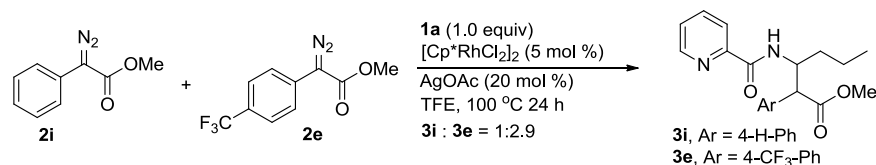


Figure S-3. ¹H NMR spectrum for competitive KIE analysis

6. Competition experiment for different diazo compounds differing in electron effects



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N*-butylpicolinamide (**1a**, 0.1 mmol), **2i** (17.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2e** (24.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (1.0 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h, and then was cooled to room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure conditions and the ratio of **3i/3e** was analyzed by the crude ¹H NMR spectrum.

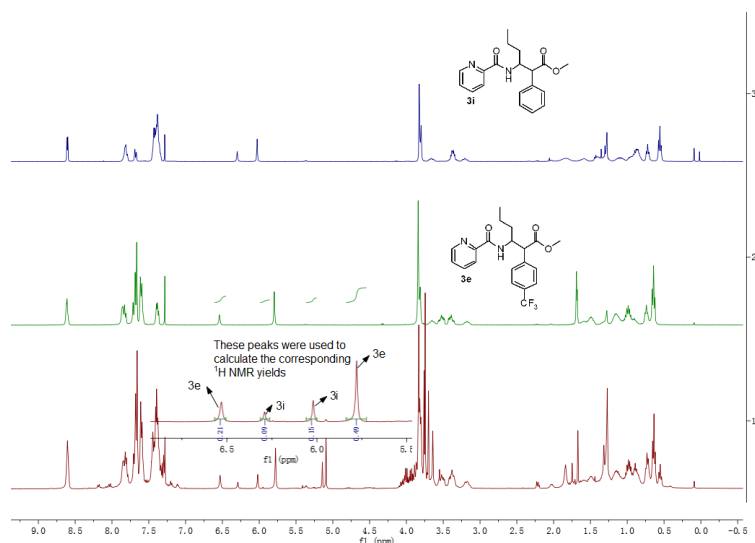
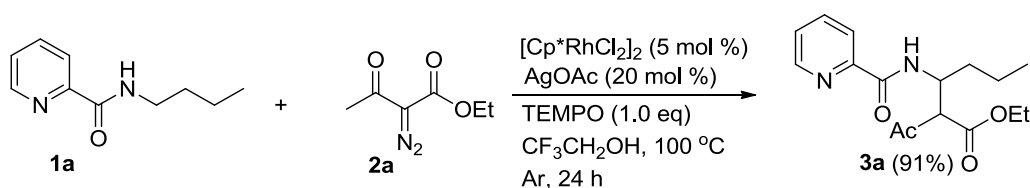


Figure S-4. The ^1H NMR spectrum of competition experiment of different diazo compounds **2i** and **2e**.

7. The effect of TEMPO on this transformation



To a screw capped vial with a spinvane triangular-shaped Teflon stir bar were added *N*-butylpicolinamide (**1a**, 0.1 mmol), ethyl 2-diazo-3-oxobutanoate (**2a**, 0.2 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (7 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), AgOAc (6 mg, 0.02 mmol, 20 mol %) and TEMPO (15.6 mg, 1.0 eq) under Ar atmosphere conditions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h, filtered through a pad of celite and then washed with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 10 mL). The combined organic layers were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel. The product **3a** was obtained in 91% yield.

VI. Computational details

All calculations were performed using Gaussian 09 D.01. Program.⁷ Geometry optimizations were carried out at the M06-L⁸/BSI level (BSI designates the basis set combination of SDD⁹ for metal atom and 6-31 G (d, p) for nonmetal atoms). Frequency analysis calculations were performed to characterize the structures to be the minima (no imaginary frequency) or transition states (one imaginary frequency). Transition states were verified by intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations. With M06-L/BSI geometries, the energy results were further refined by calculating single point energy at the M06-L/BSII level with larger basis set (BSII designates SDD for metal atom and 6-311++g (d, p) for nonmetal atoms). The solvation effect of 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol was simulated by the SMD continuum solvent mode.¹⁰ Since the calculation is based on ideal gas phase model, the ignorance of the suppression effect of solvent on the translational and rotational freedoms of reactants will cause the overestimation of the entropic contribution. Therefore, we adopt the MHP scheme proposed by Martin, Hay and Pratt, which is an approximate method to calculate entropy more accurately.¹¹ Based on this method, a correction of 4.3 kcal/mol is applied when a component of the reaction changes (i.e., a reaction from *m* components to *n* components, the correction is $(n-m) \times 4.3$ kcal/mol). The 3D optimized structure figures in this paper were displayed by CYLview visualization program.¹² All of the thermodynamic data were obtained at 398.15 K, and additional computational information and the cartesian coordinates of the optimized structure are given in the supporting information.

The possible reaction pathways were proposed (see Figure S-5) and their corresponding free energy profiles were also provided by DFT calculations (see Figure S-6). Our DFT study excluded the inner sphere mechanism *via* bidentate-assisted *N*-methylene Csp³-H bond activation, which is required to overcome an activation free energy of 49.1 kcal/mol (TS3, Figure S-5 and S-6) due to the three-membered ring strain. DFT calculations (Figure S-6, detailed pathways is shown in Figure S-5, SI) were carried out to further confirm the carbenoid insertion process. The whole process consists of two stages, the Rh-carbenoid formation and the carbene insertion into *N*-methylene Csp³-H bond. In the Rh-carbenoid formation stage, the Rh-carbenoid is formed via transition state TS1, with the release of a molecule of N₂, upon the approaching of the nitrogen source, ethyl diazoacetate, to the vacant site of the Rh center. The activation free energy of the formation of Rh-carbenoid is 33.8 kcal/mol (**Cat**→**TS1**). For the second stage, both the singlet and the triplet carbenoid insertion pathways were evaluated. The singlet carbenoid firstly abstracts the hydride of the *N*-methylene (14.3 kcal/mol, **Bs**→**TS2_s-a**) to form intermediate **C_s** (-22.5 kcal/mol). Then, the alkyl ligand in **IM_s** nucleophilically attacks Csp² of imine via **TS2_s-b** ($\Delta G^\ddagger = 20.0$ kcal/mol) to produce product **D_s** (-32.9 kcal/mol). On the other hand, the triplet carbenoid firstly abstracts the H-atom of the *N*-methylene (43.4 kcal/mol, **TS2_T-a**) to form a radical intermediate (**C_T**, 7.6 kcal/mol). Then, the intermediate dissociate from Rh via **TS2_T-b** to form diradical intermediate **IM_T**, which subsequently recombines via **TS2_T-c** (20.8 kcal/mol) to produce carbenoid insertion product **D_T** (-4.5 kcal/mol). DFT results suggest that the carbenoid insertion proceeds in a singlet Fischer type carbene manner ($\Delta G^\ddagger = 21.9$ kcal/mol). The triplet pathway through radical recombination is less feasible due to the high activation free energy ($\Delta G^\ddagger = 43.4$ kcal/mol). Noteworthily, the rate-determining step is suggested to be the release of N₂ to

form Rh-carbenoid via **TS1** ($\Delta G^\ddagger = 33.8$ kcal/mol), which is in good agreement with the control experiment in Eq. 4e, Scheme 2. The competitive *N*-methylene C-H carbenoid insertion between *alpha*-aryl-*alpha*-diazo esters differing in electronic effects indicates that an electron-deficient diazo compound tended to form rhodium carbene at a relatively higher rate. This is further supported by our observed KIE effect ($k_H/k_D = 1.01$), suggesting that C-H bond carbenoid insertion did not involve the rate-limiting step of this transformation.

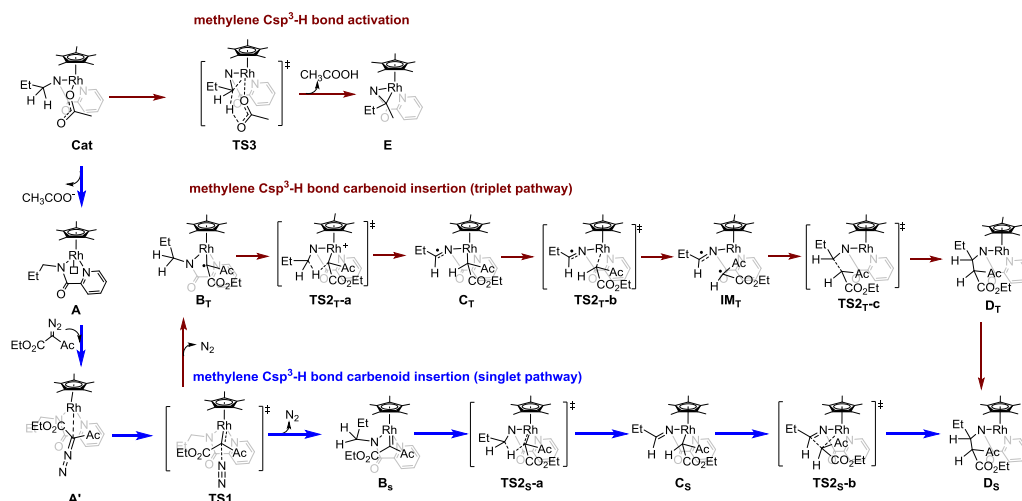


Figure S-5. The detailed reaction pathways for the Rh(III)-catalyzed regioselective methylene Csp³-H bond carbenoid functionalization.

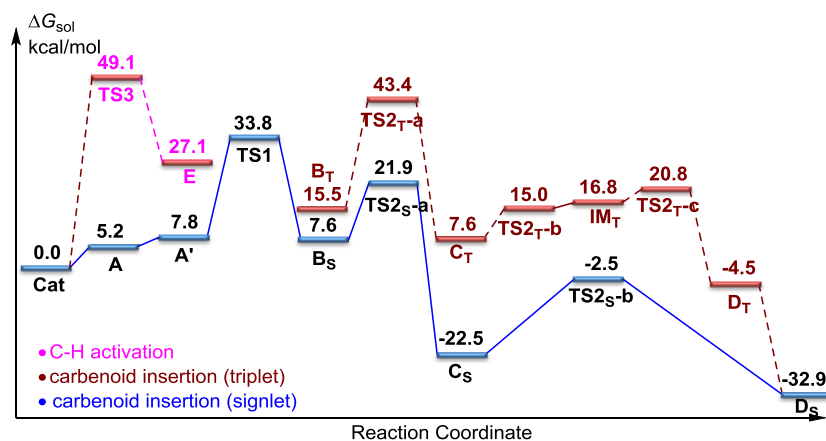


Figure S-6. The free energy profiles for the Rh(III)-catalyzed regioselective methylene Csp³-H bond carbenoid functionalization. The free energies are reported in kcal/mol at the M06-L/BSII/SMD (dichloroethane)/M06-L/BSI level of theory.

Table S-5. The absolute energies of all optimized structures

Species	Zero _c	H _c	G _c	deltaS	Gc(398 K)	E ₀	H	G	SP+SOL	Final
	(BSI)	(BSI)	(BSI)	(BSI)	(BSI)	(BSI)	(BSI)	(BSI)	(BSII)	Free energy
N ₂	0.005541	0.008846	-0.012916	7.29901E-05	-0.020215011	-109.509194	-109.505889	-109.527652	-109.539279	-109.5526415
CH ₃ COO ⁻	0.048337	0.053741	0.020761	0.000110615	0.009699454	-228.431995	-228.426591	-228.459571	-228.66656	-228.650008
CH ₃ COOH	0.062356	0.067803	0.035392	0.000108707	0.024521297	-229.004367	-228.99892	-229.031331	-229.13597	-229.1045962
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- The **Zero_c**, **H_c** and **G_c** designate the thermal correction to Energy, Enthalpy and Gibbs Free Energy.
- The **deltaS** is equal to $\frac{G_c - H_c}{298.15K}$. The **Gc(398 K)** is equal to $(H_c - \text{deltaS} \cdot 398.15K)$.
- The **E**, **H** and **G** designate the Electronic Energy with ZPE correction, Enthalpy and Gibbs Free Energy in gas phase, respectively.
- The **SP + Sol G** designates the sum of single point energy at BSII level and the solvation free energy.
- The Final Free energy results are given with the correction of MHP scheme.

The Cartesian coordinates (xyz) for all optimized structures are presented

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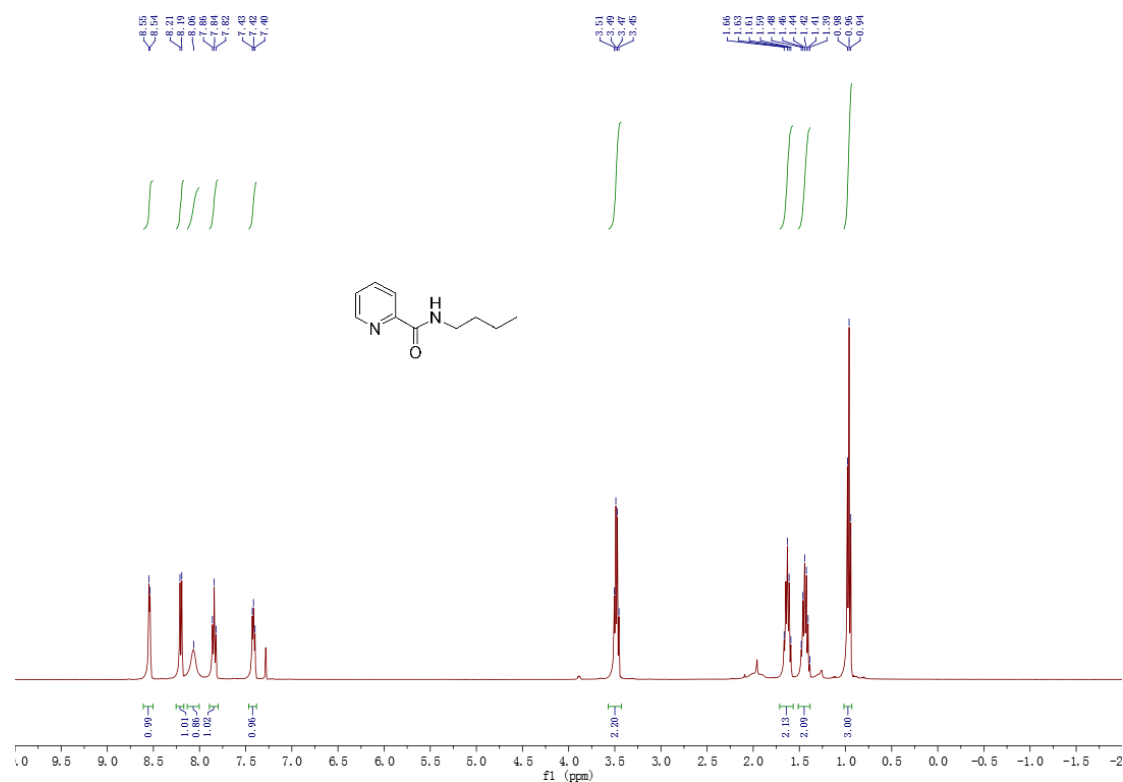
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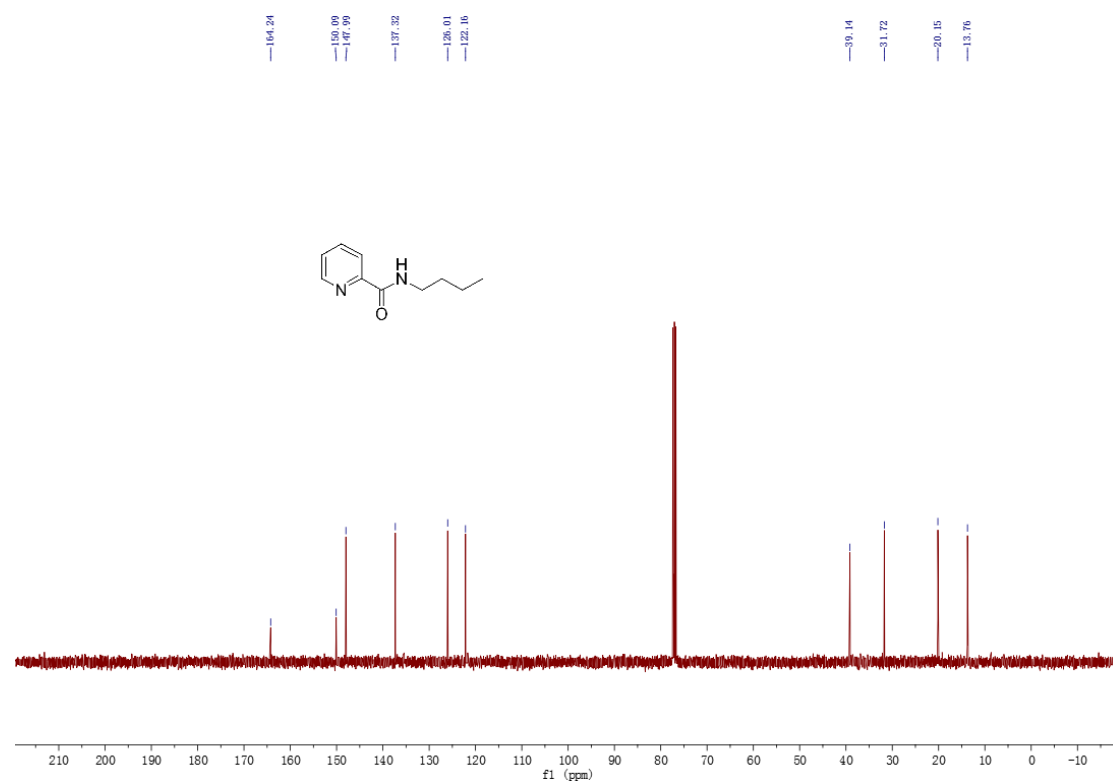
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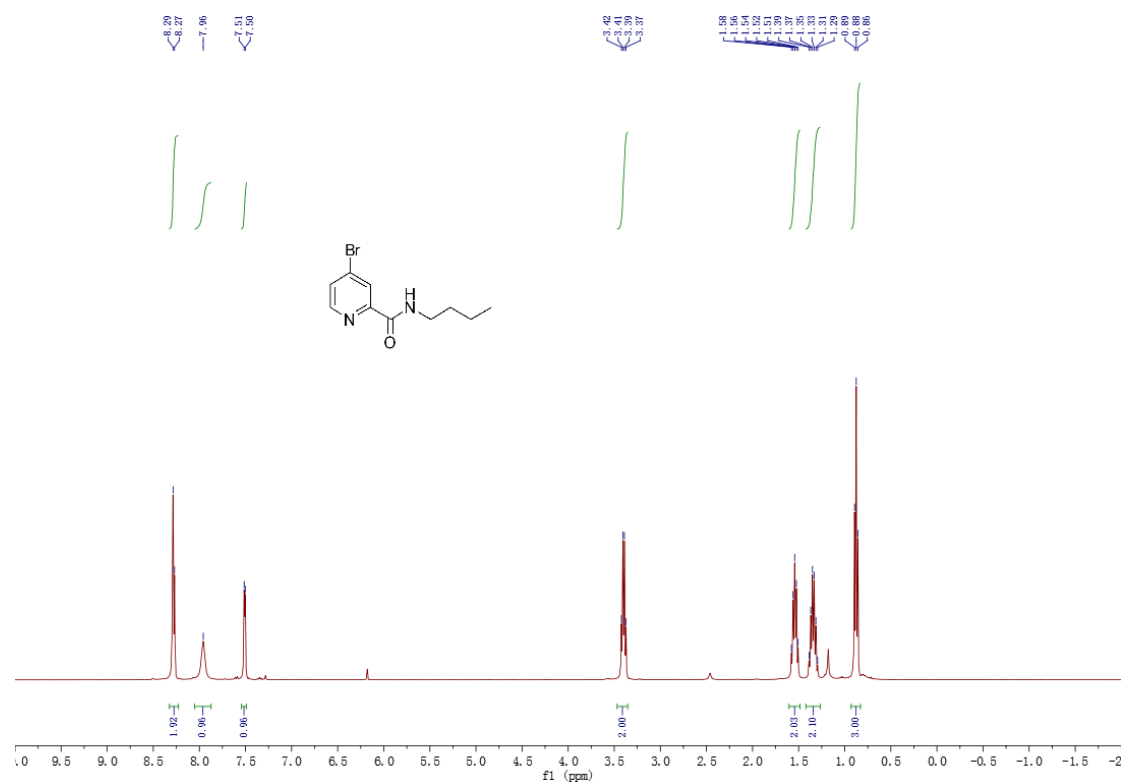
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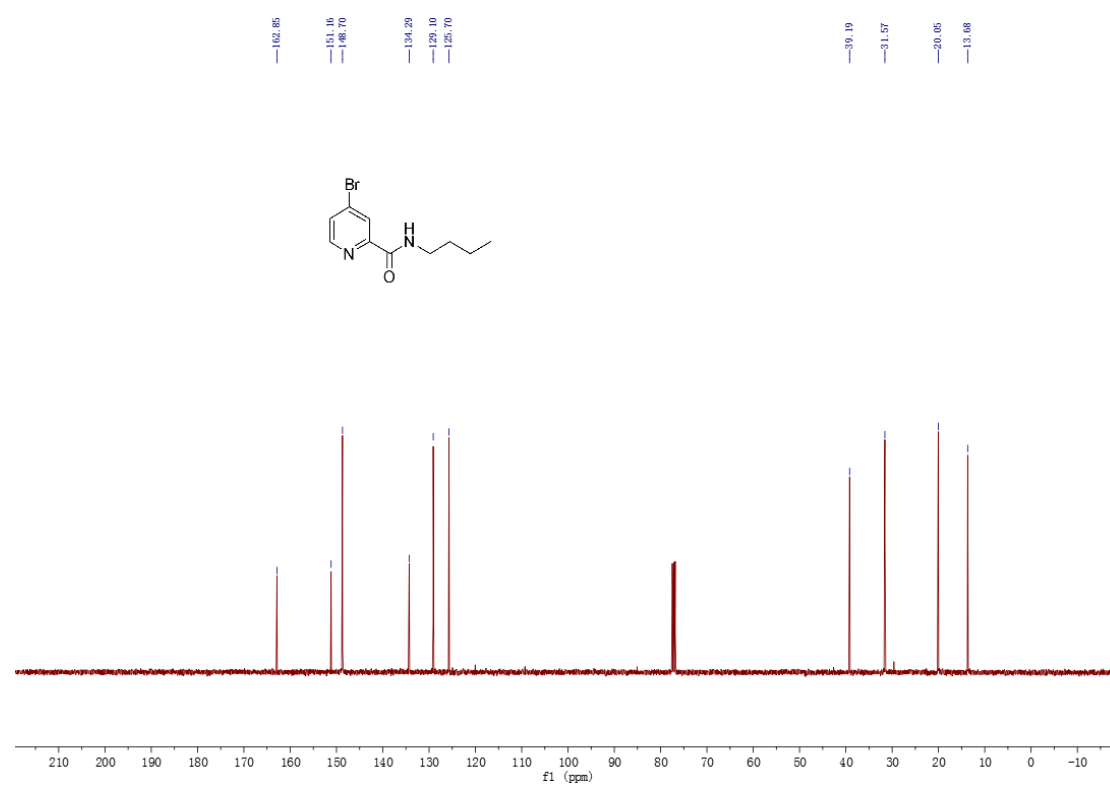
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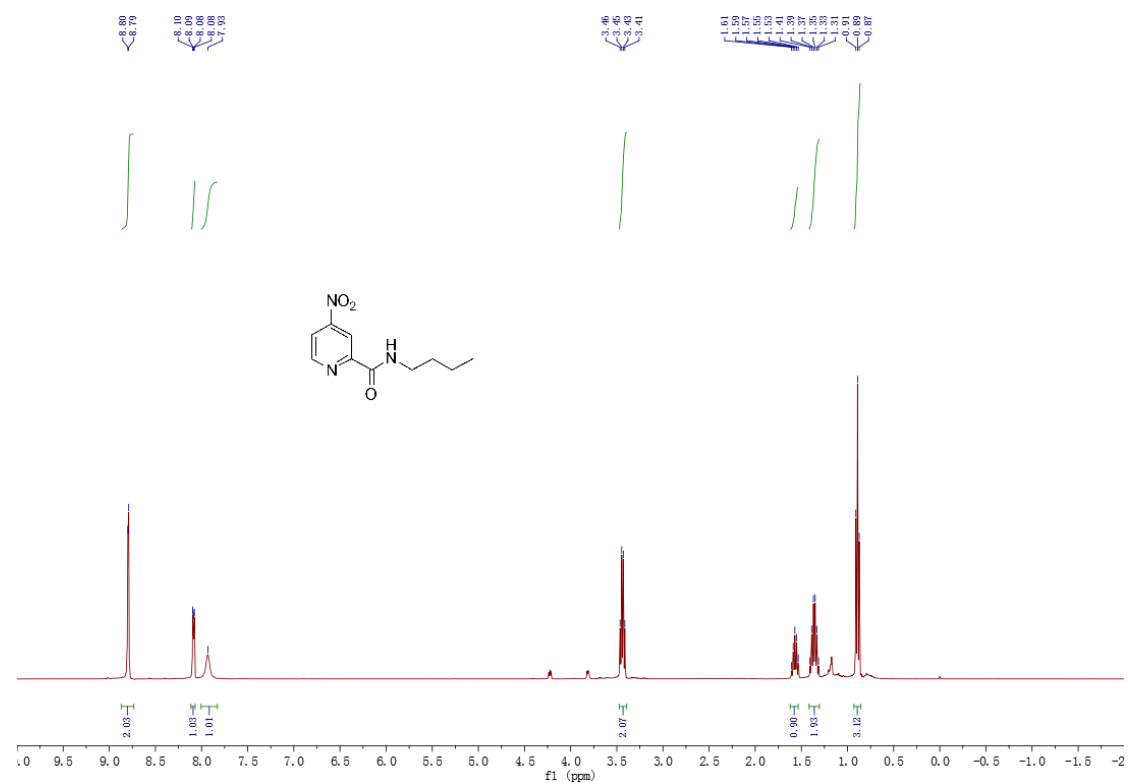
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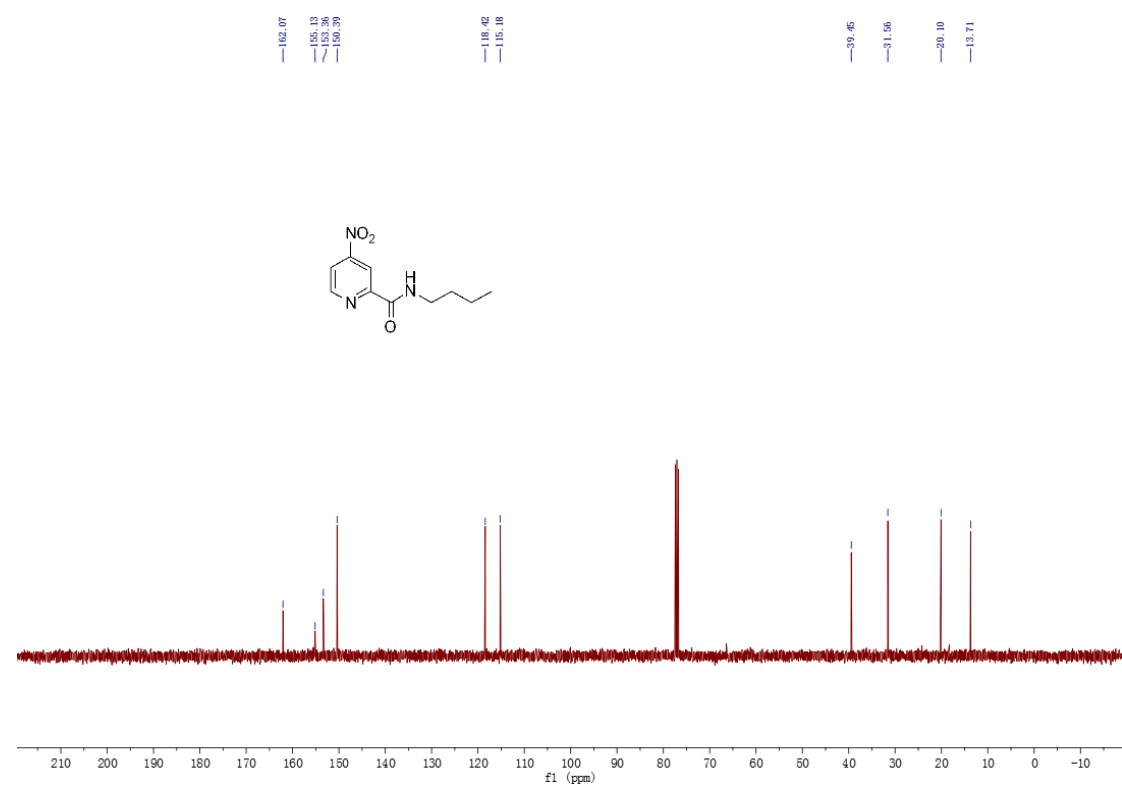
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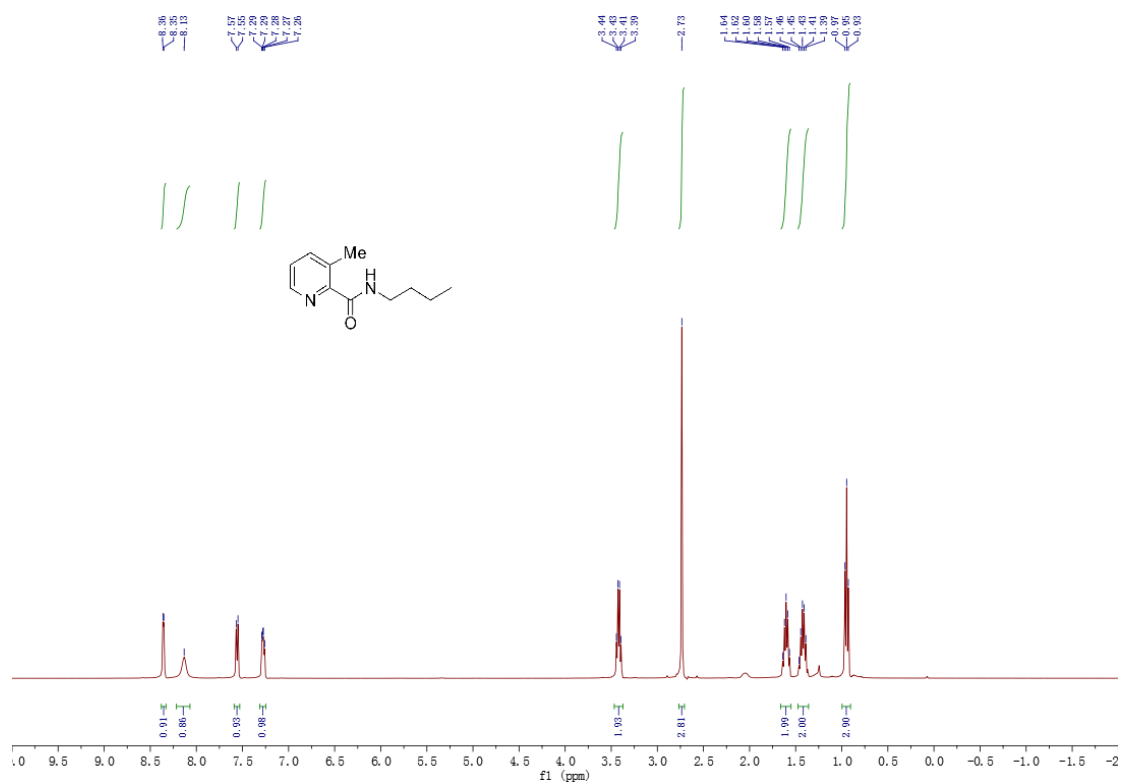
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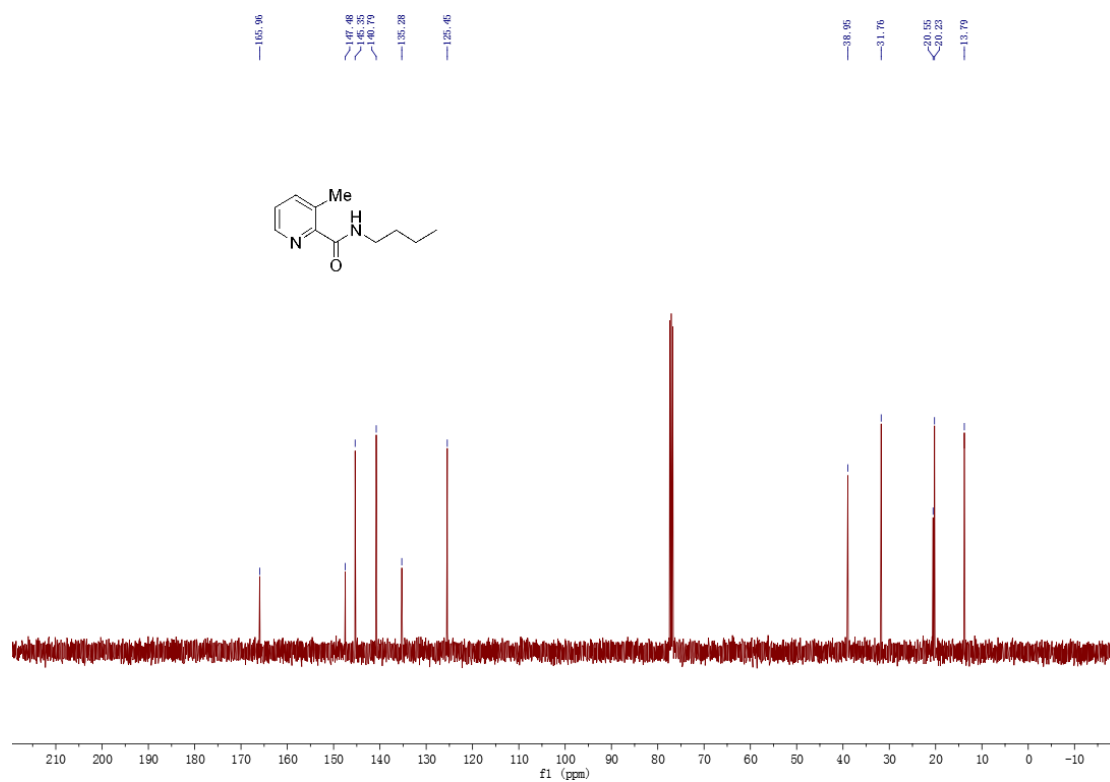
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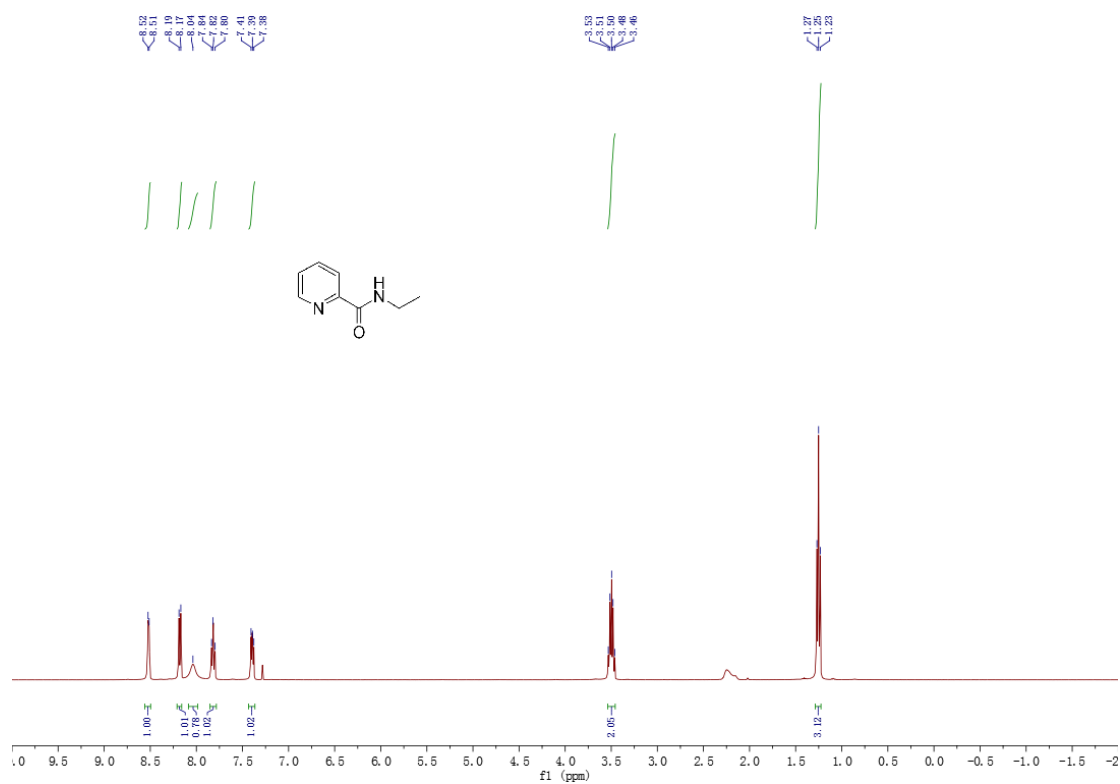
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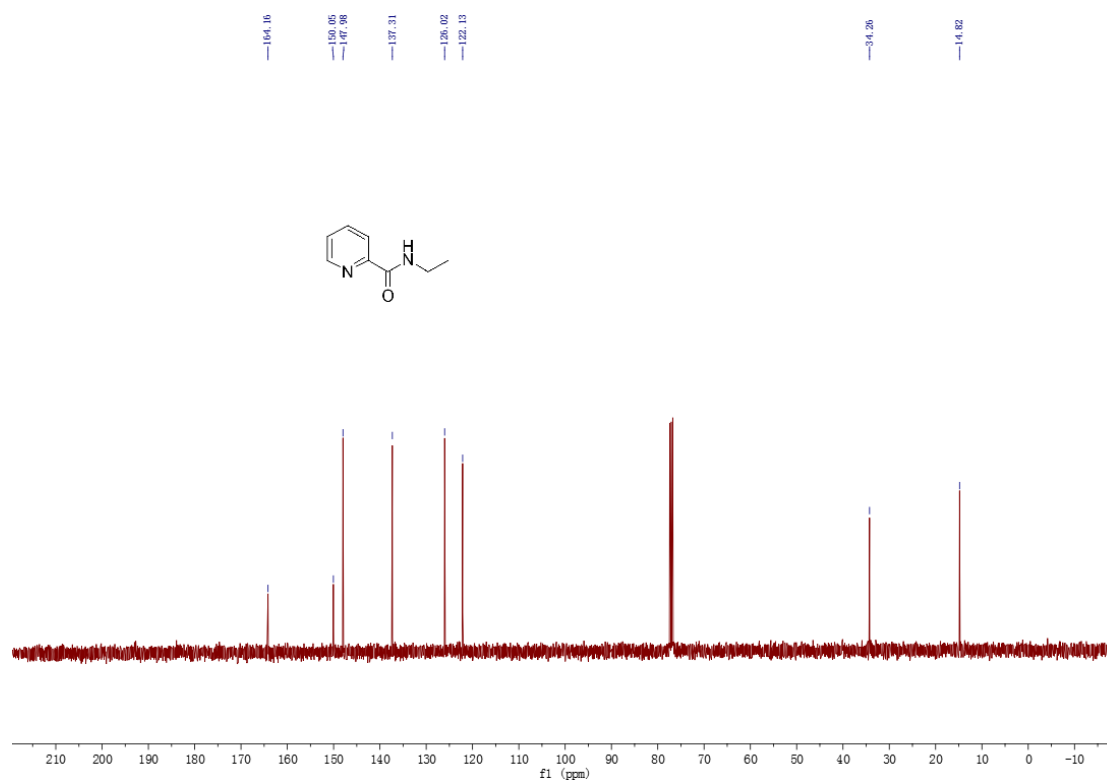
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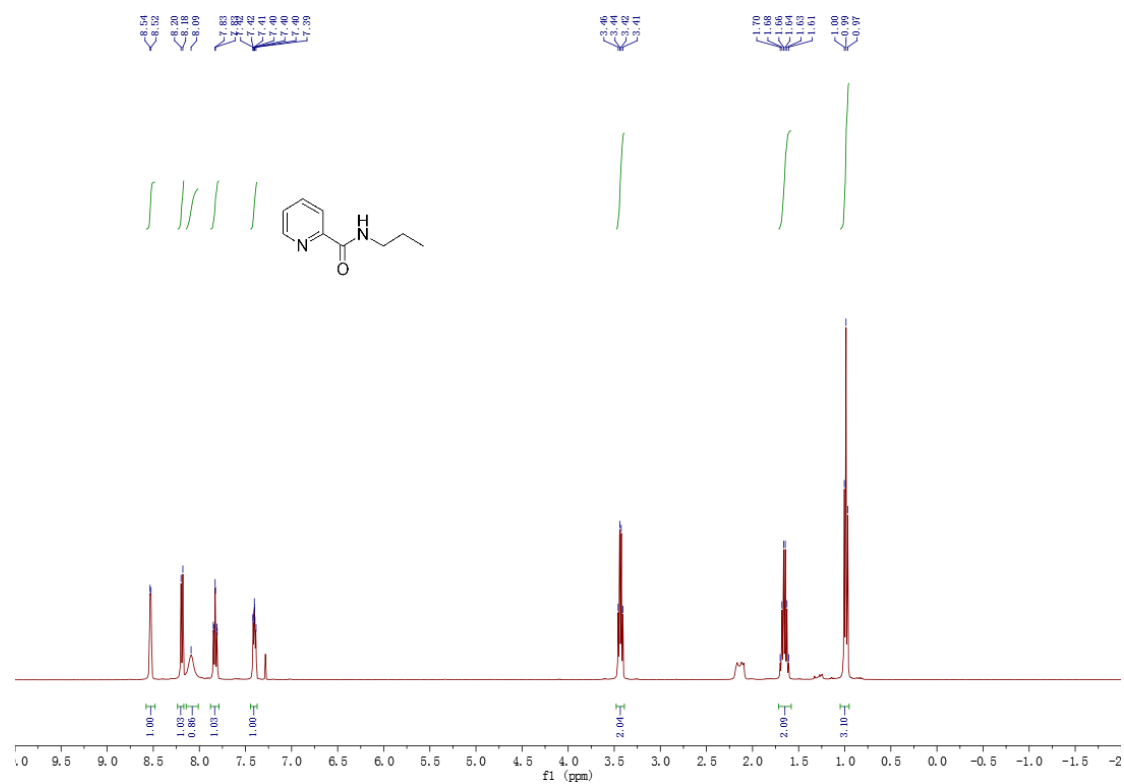
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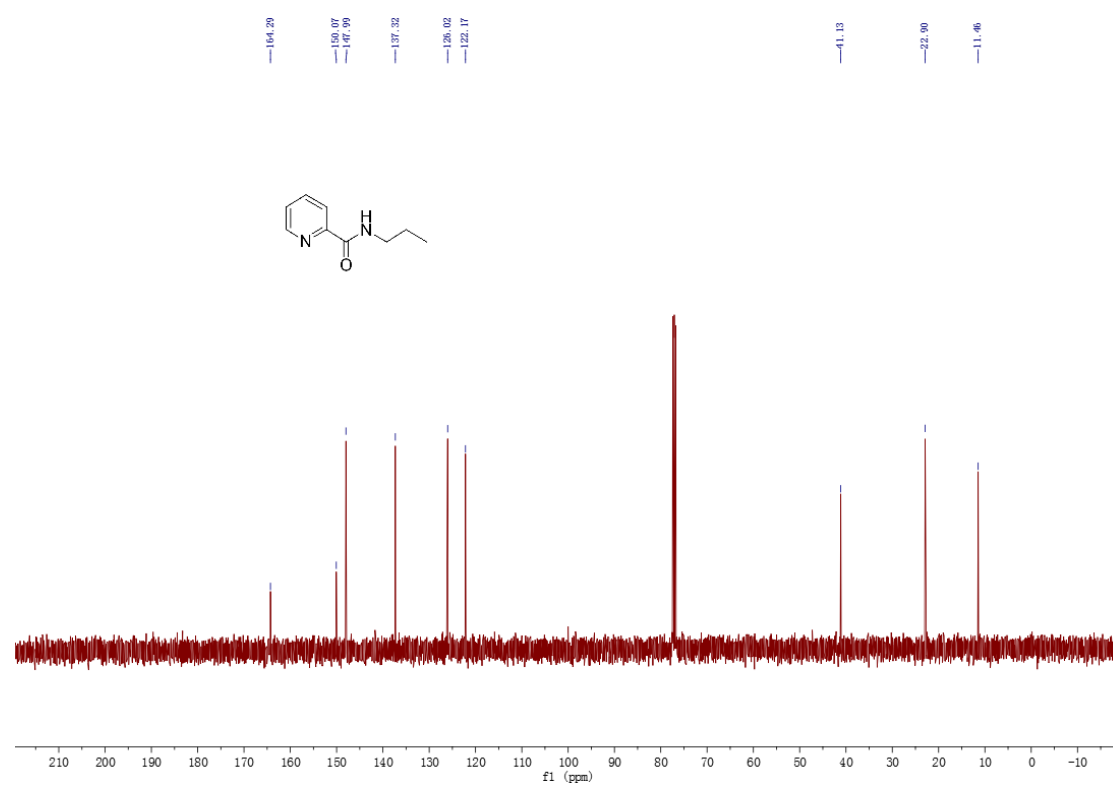
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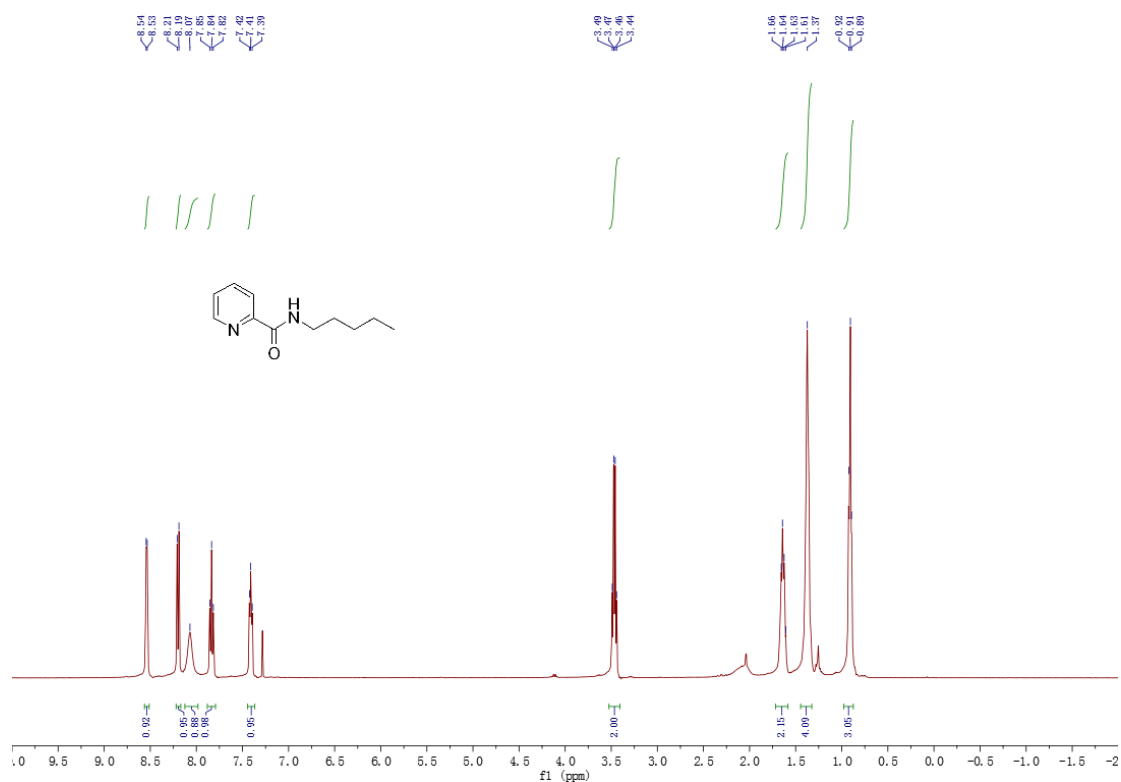
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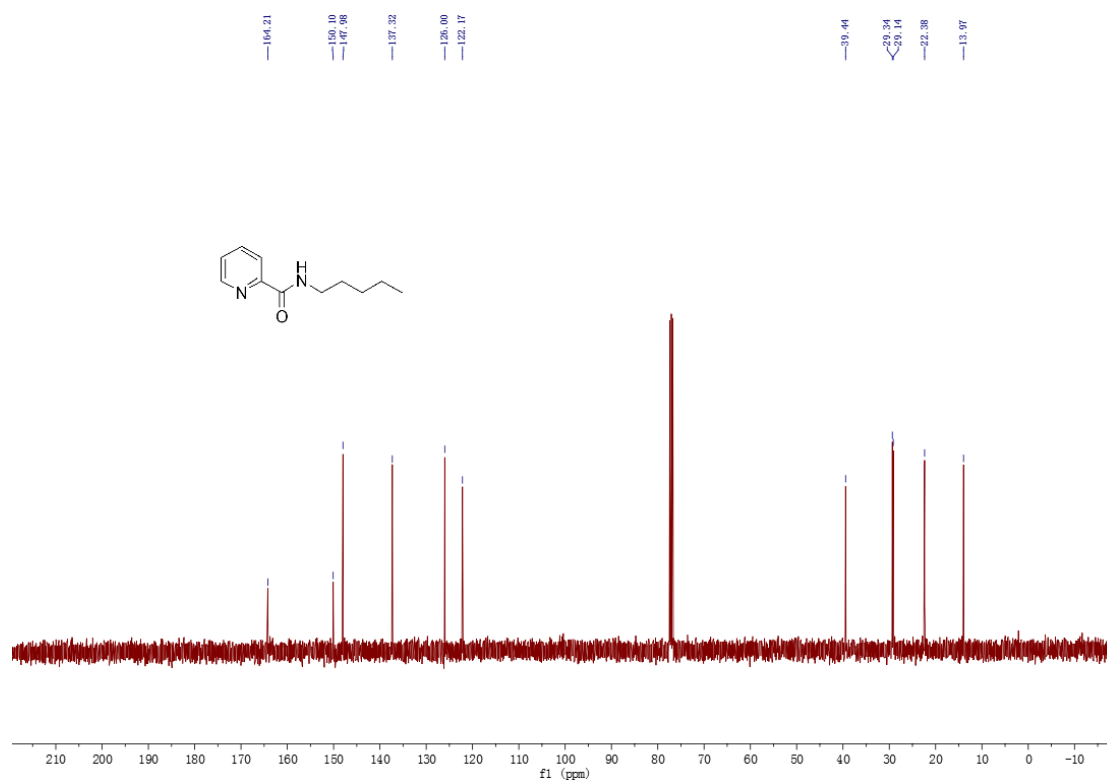
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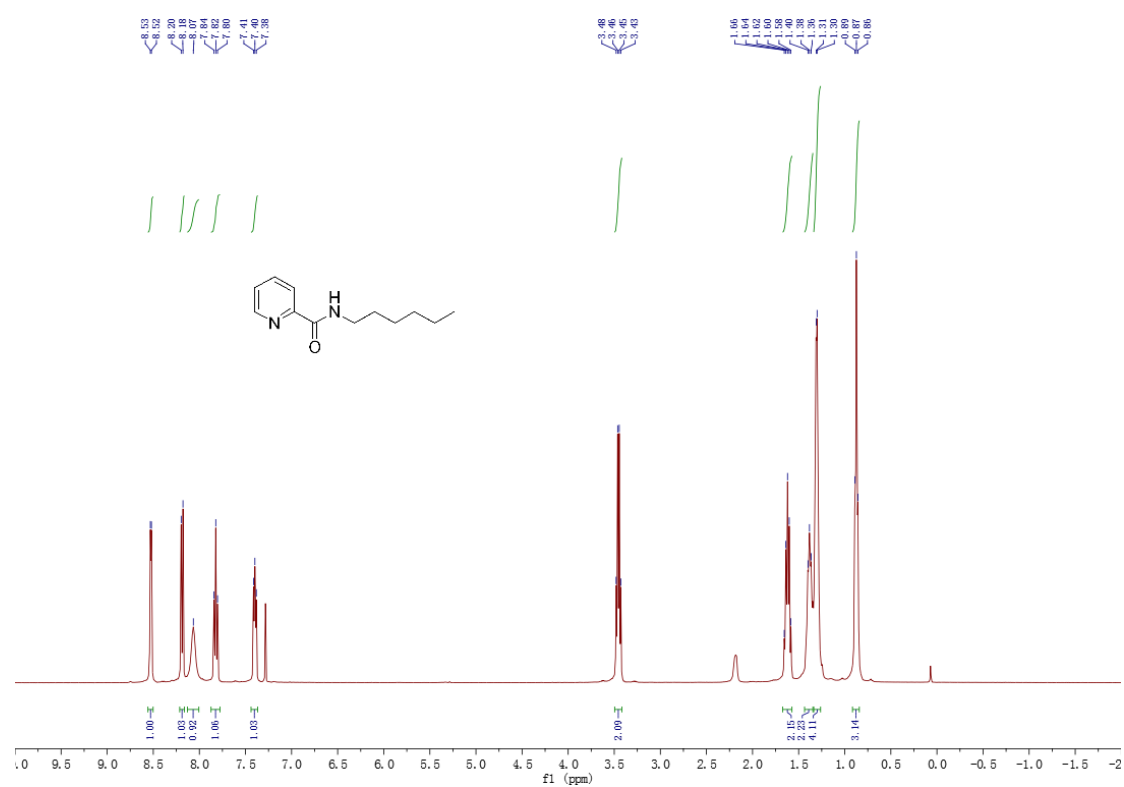
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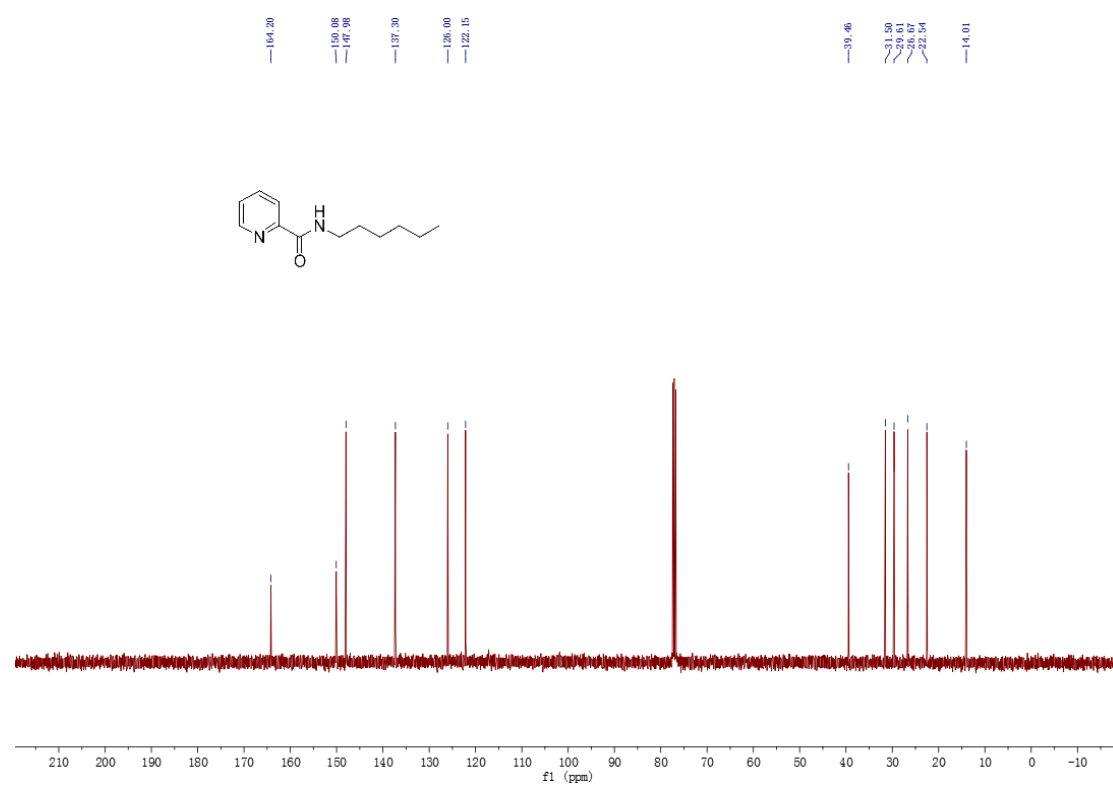
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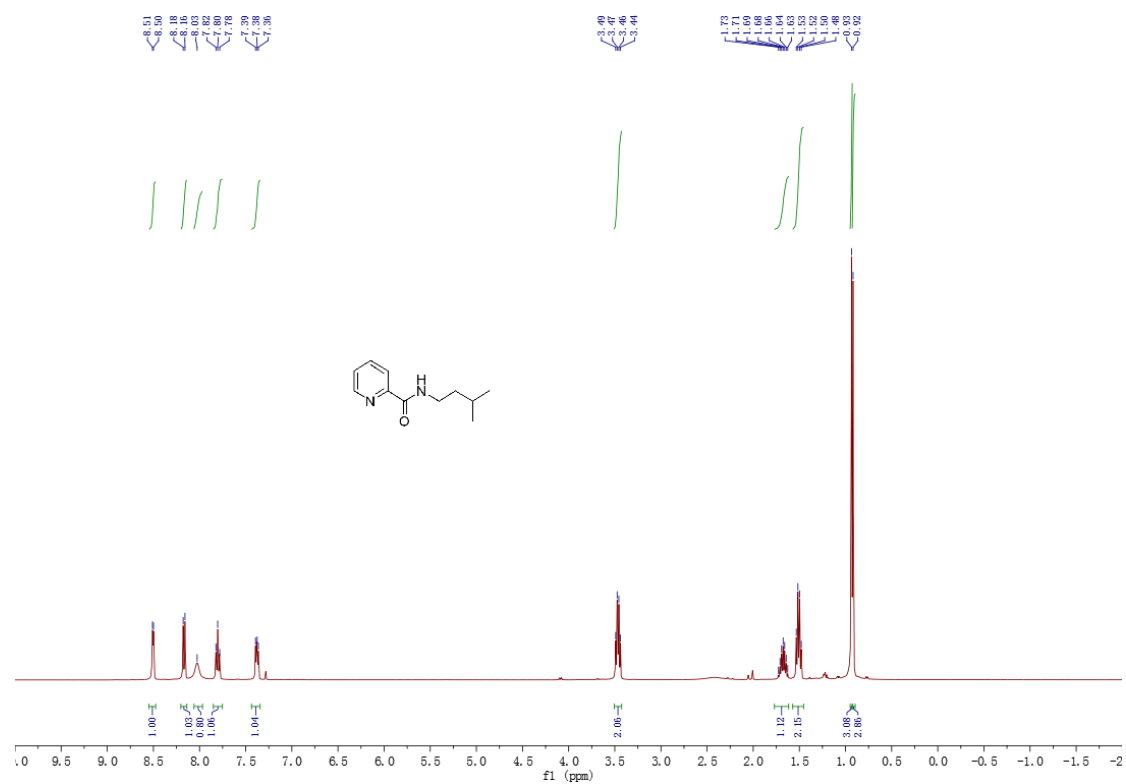
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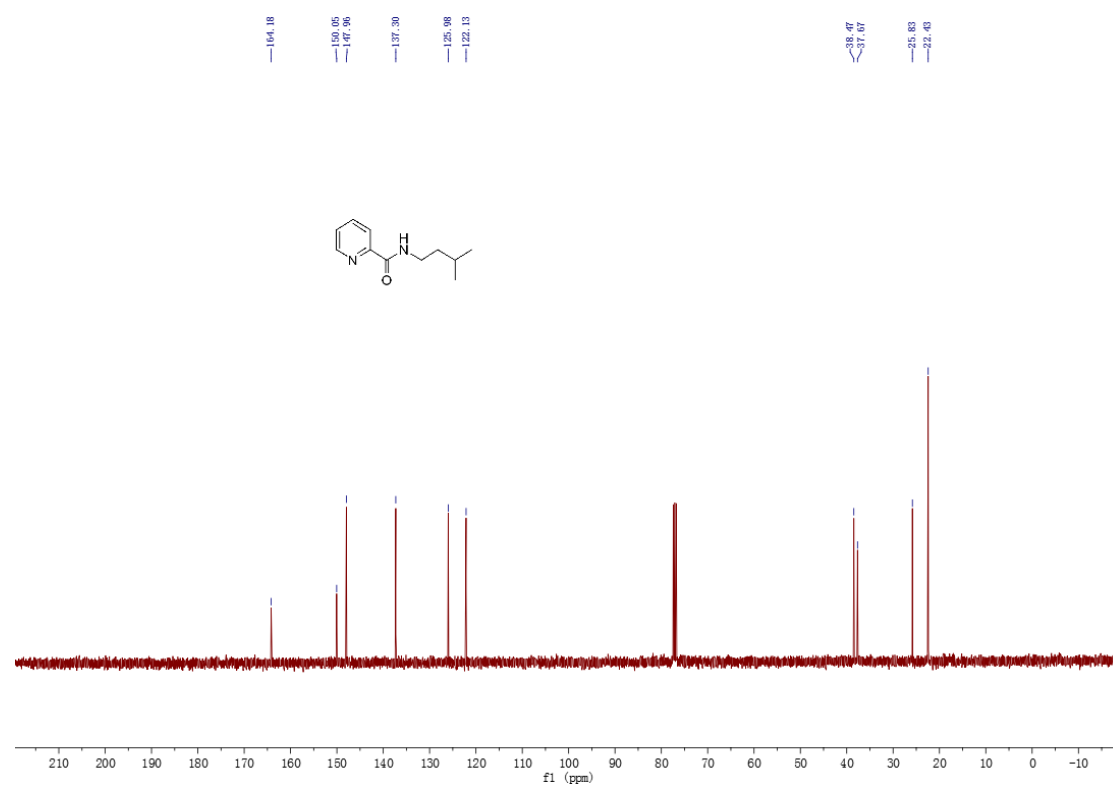
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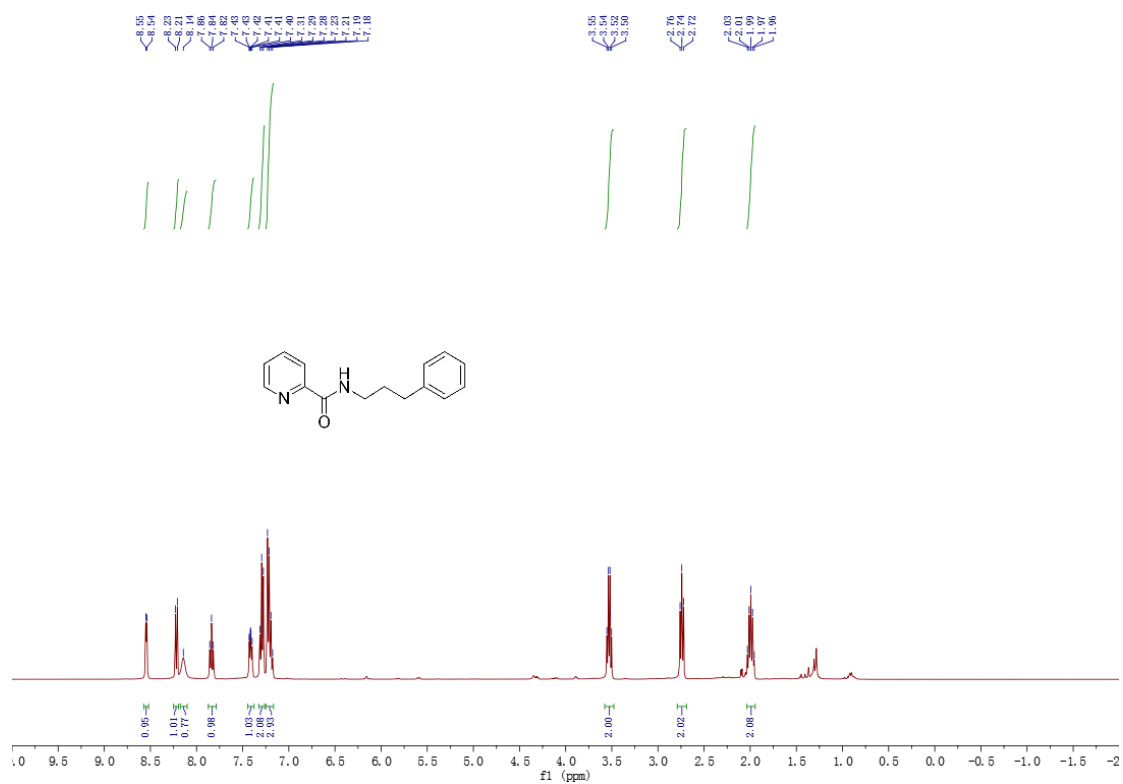
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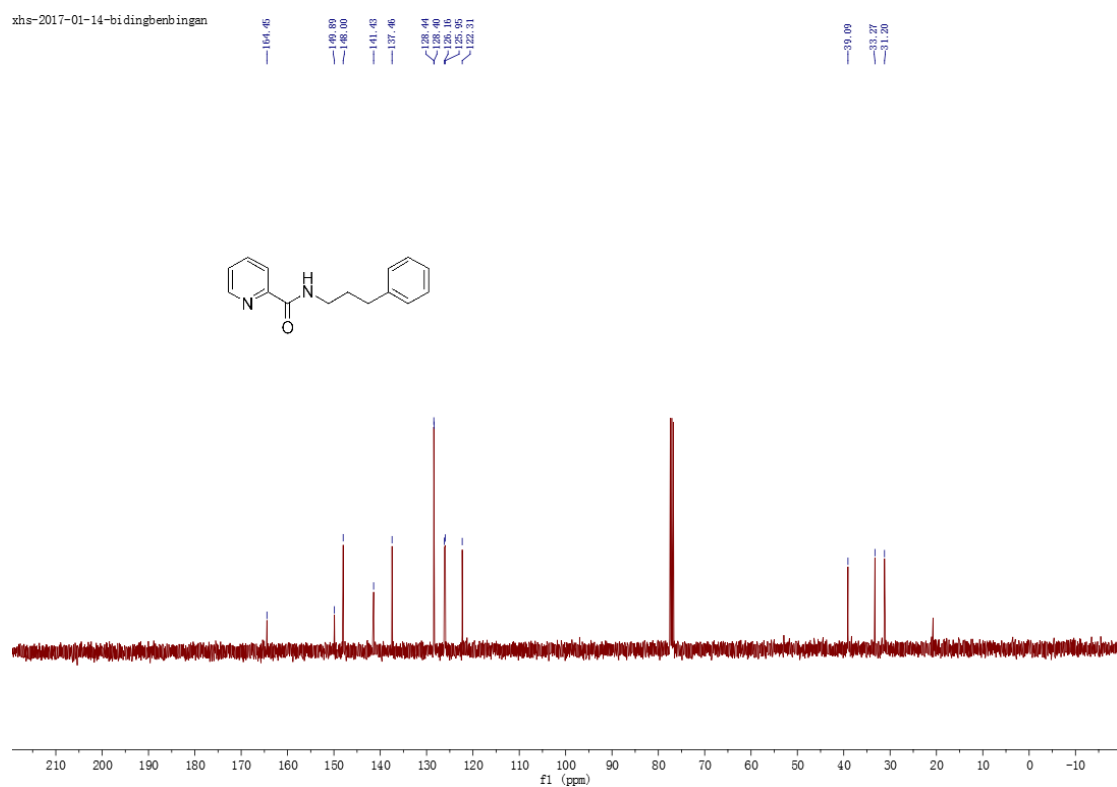
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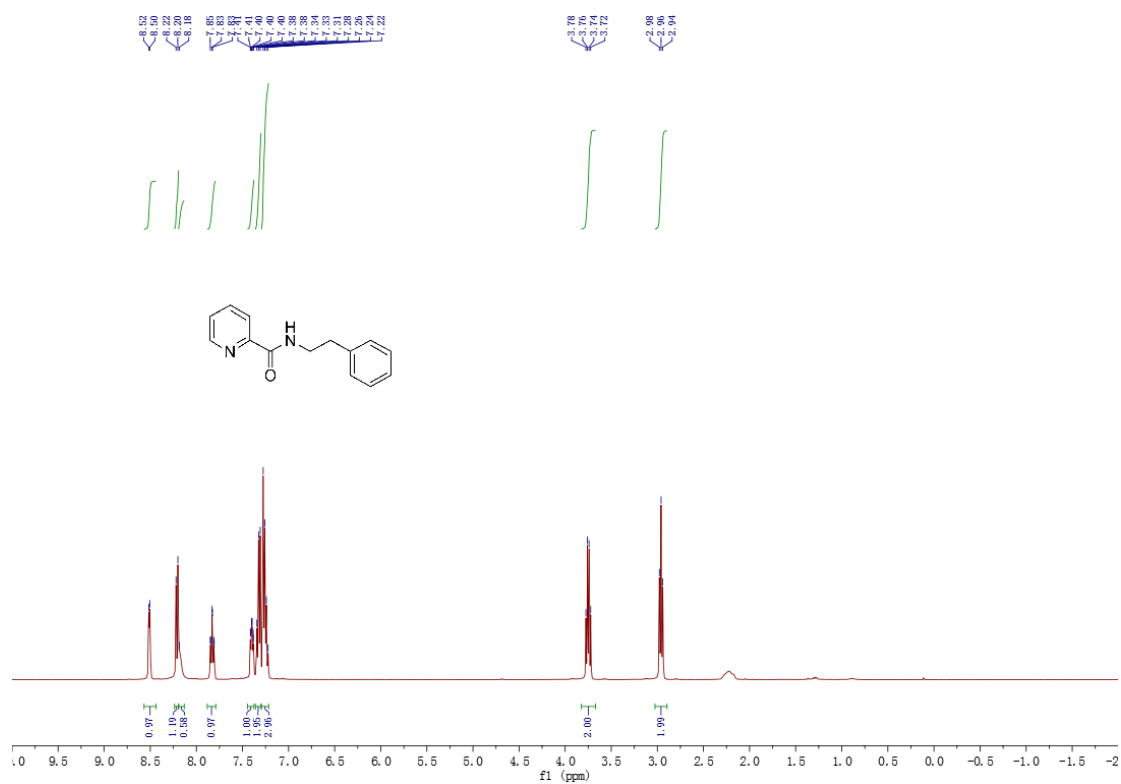
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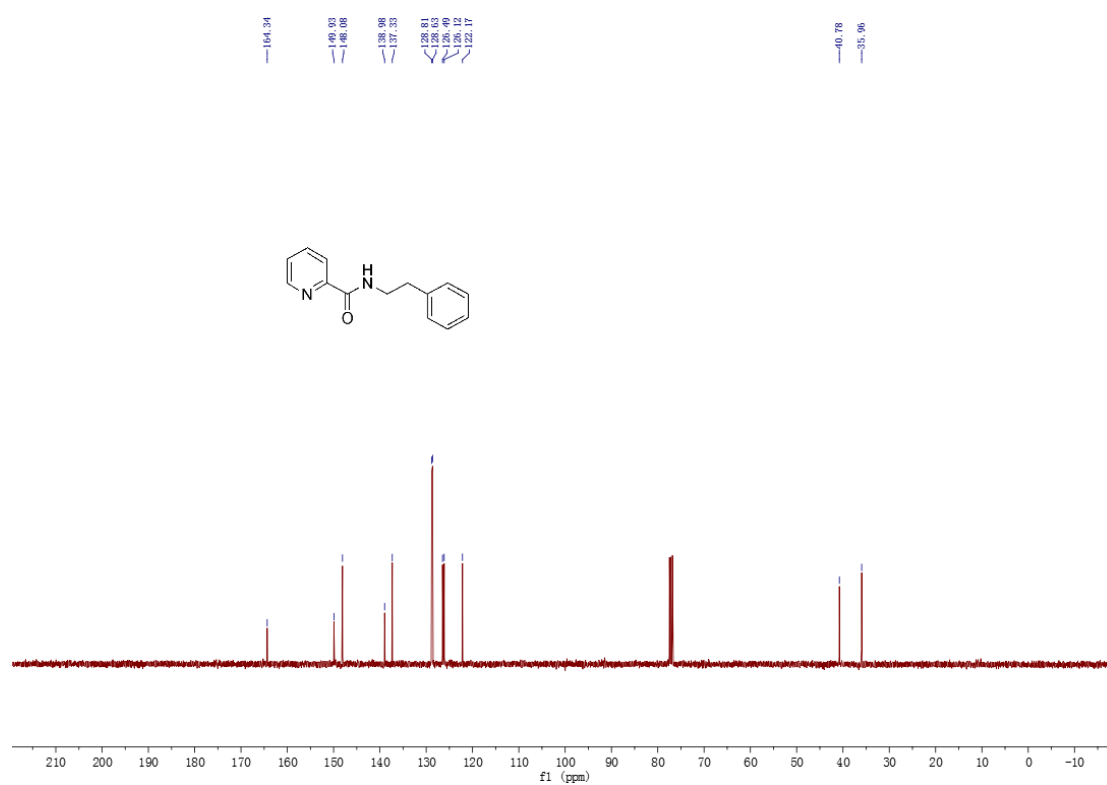
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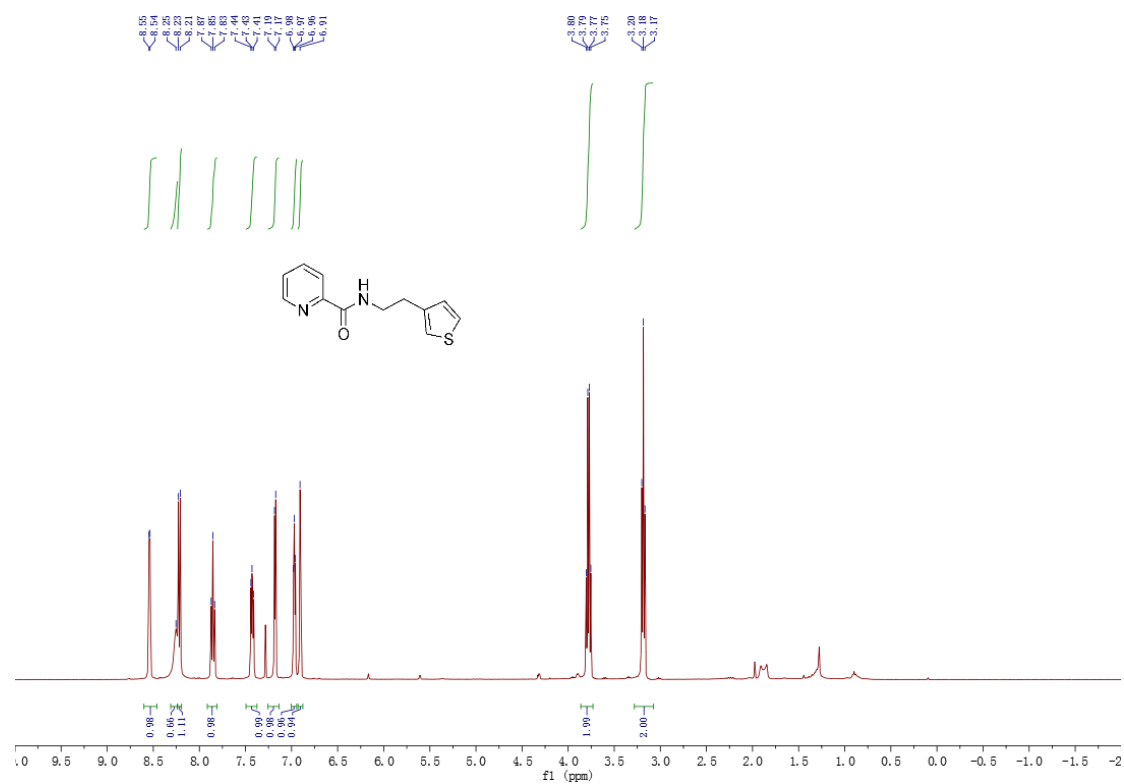
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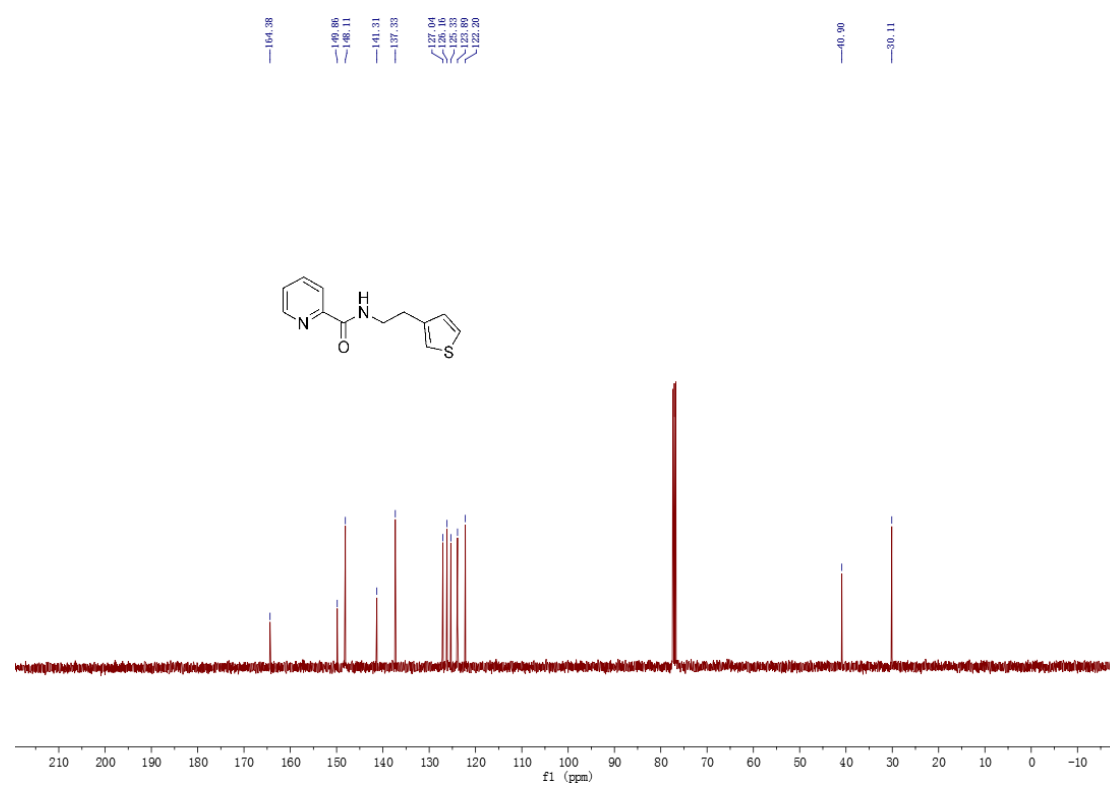
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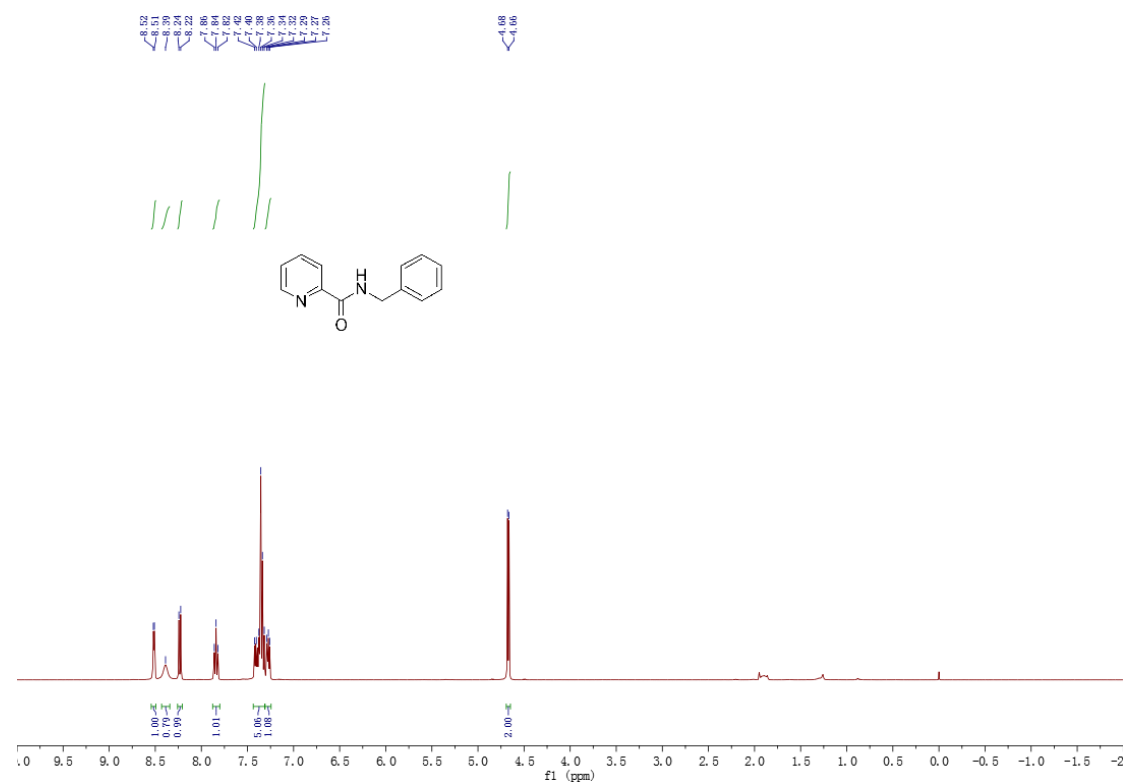
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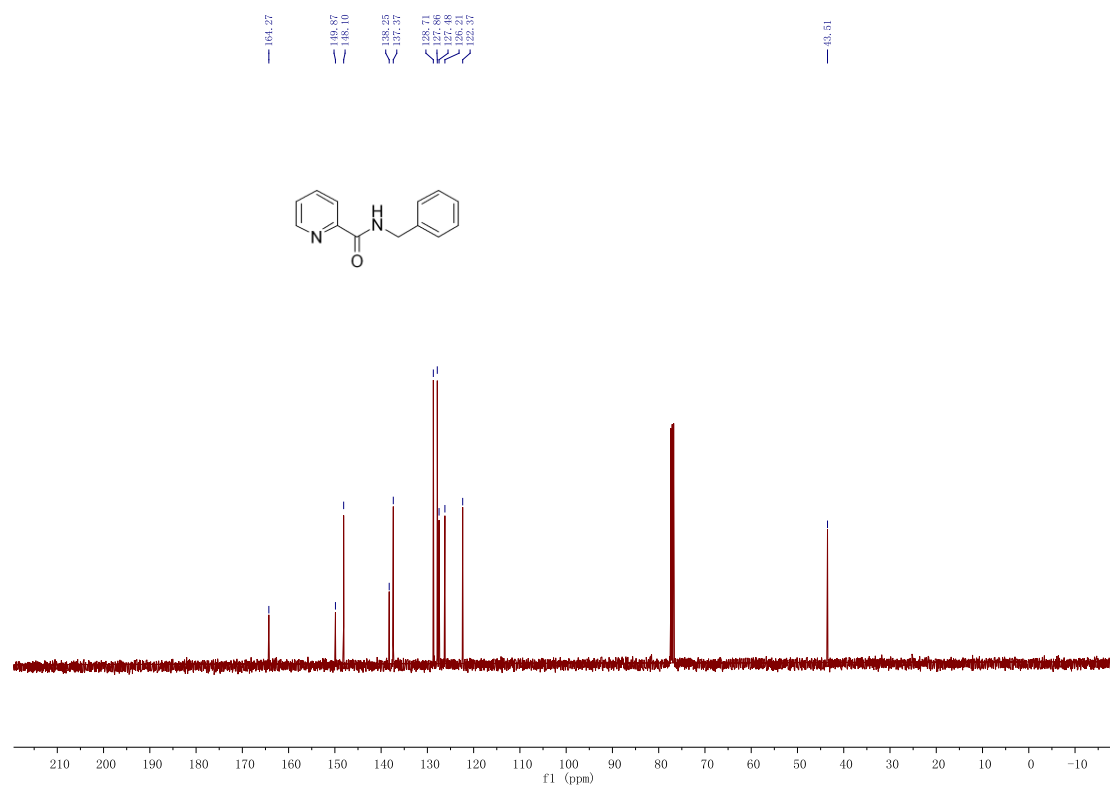
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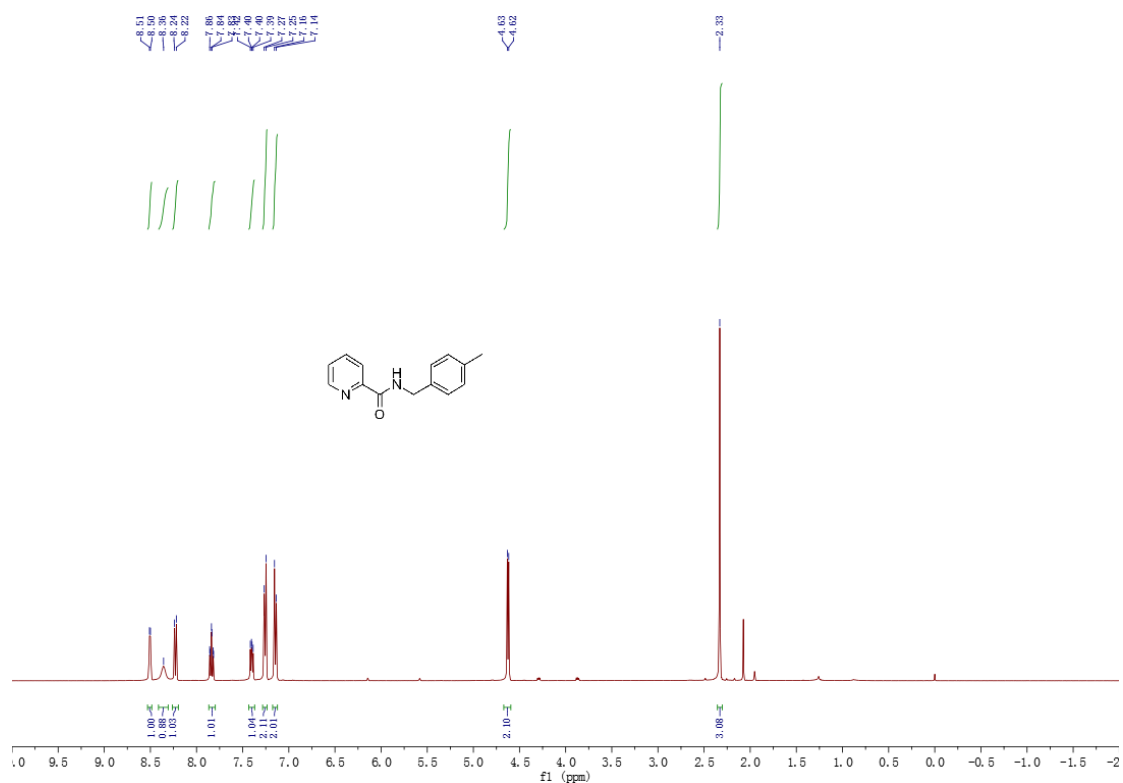
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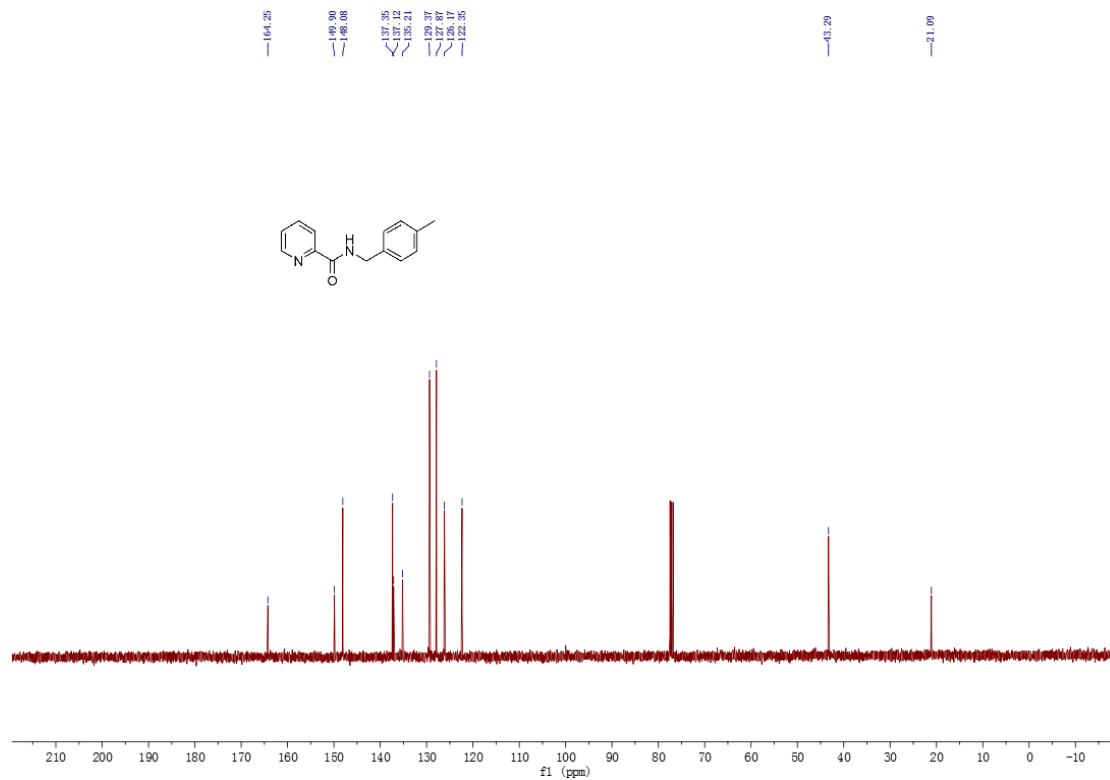
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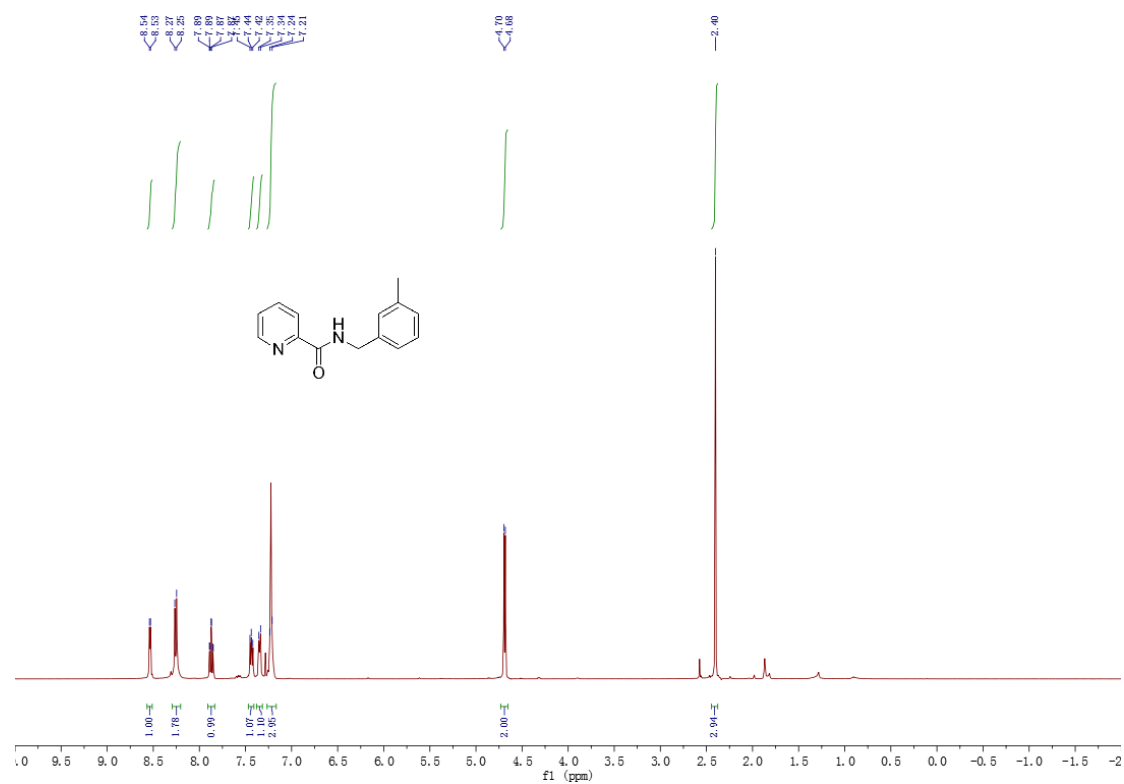
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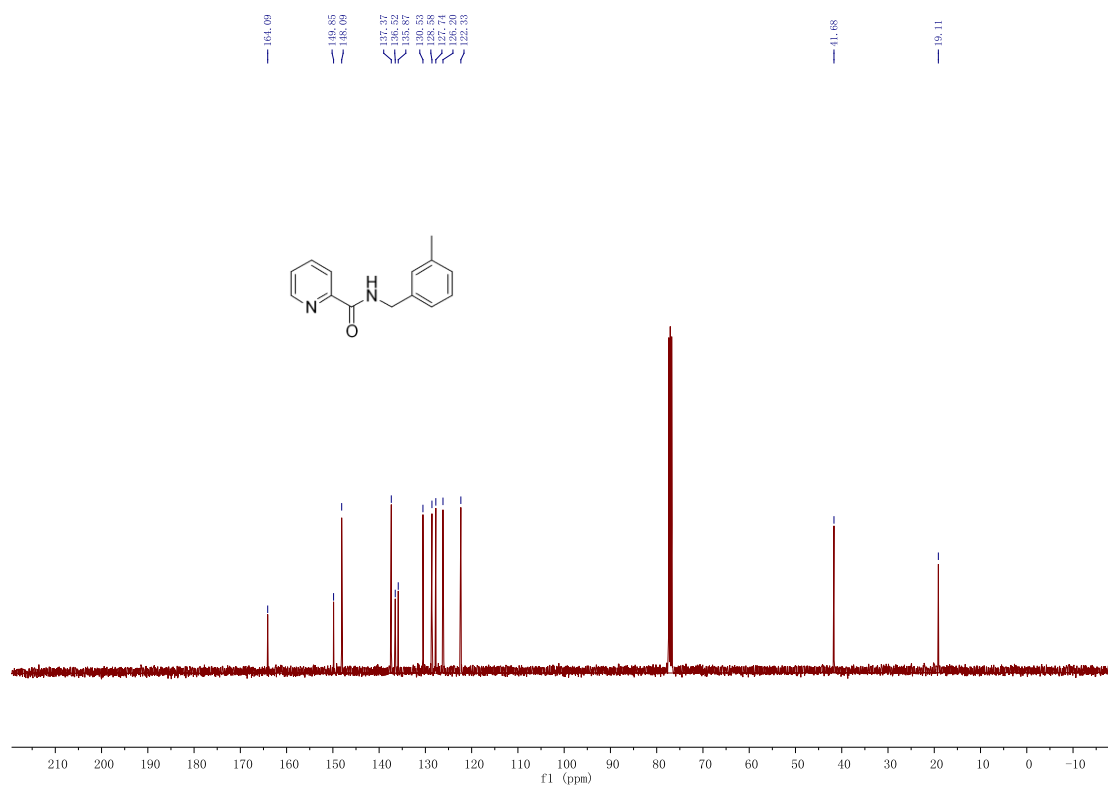
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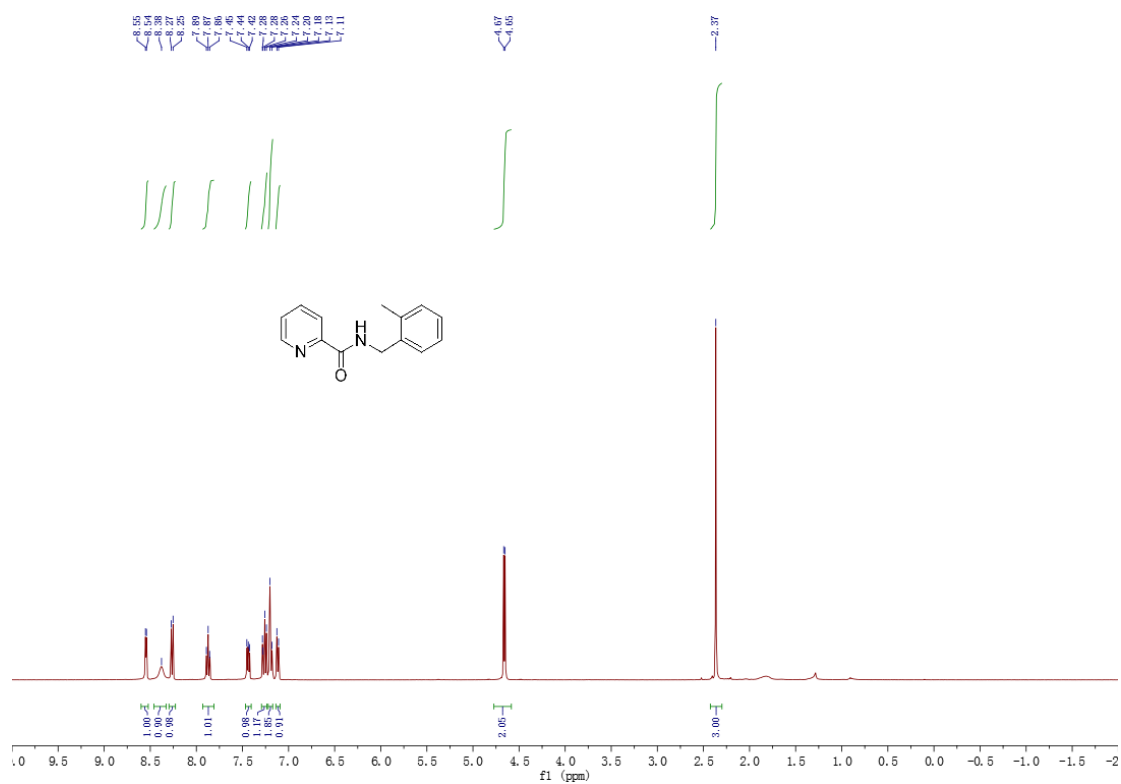
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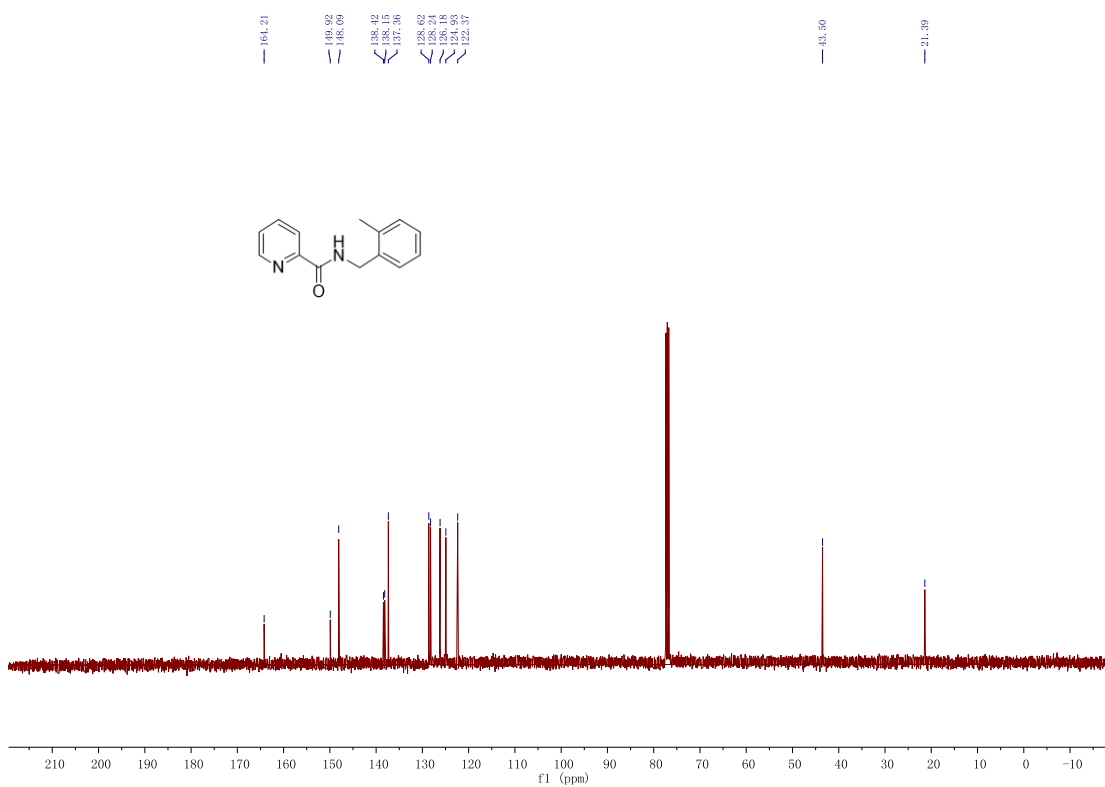
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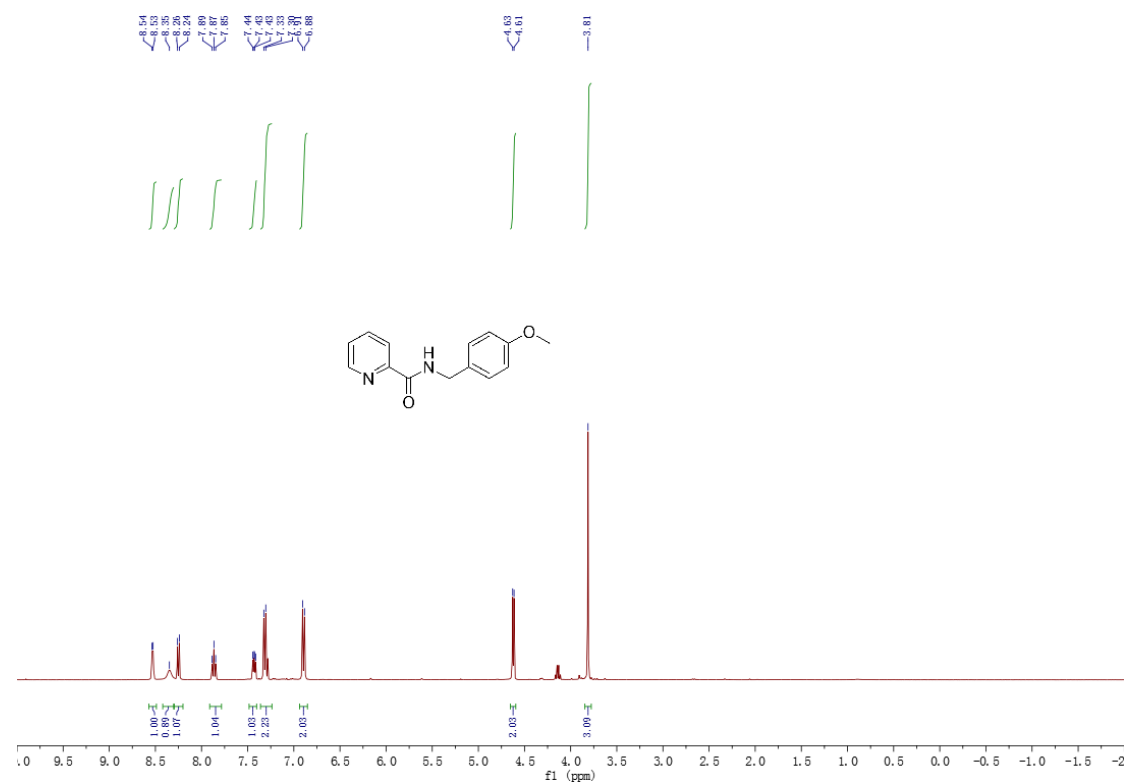
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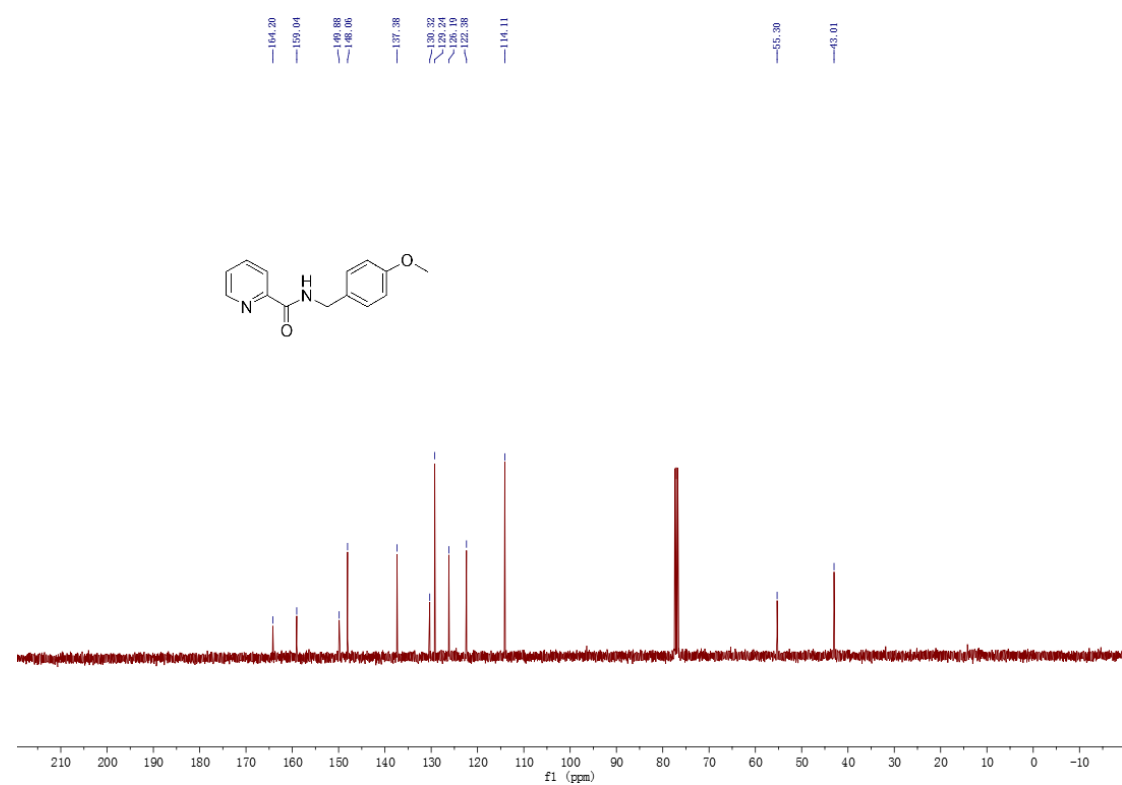
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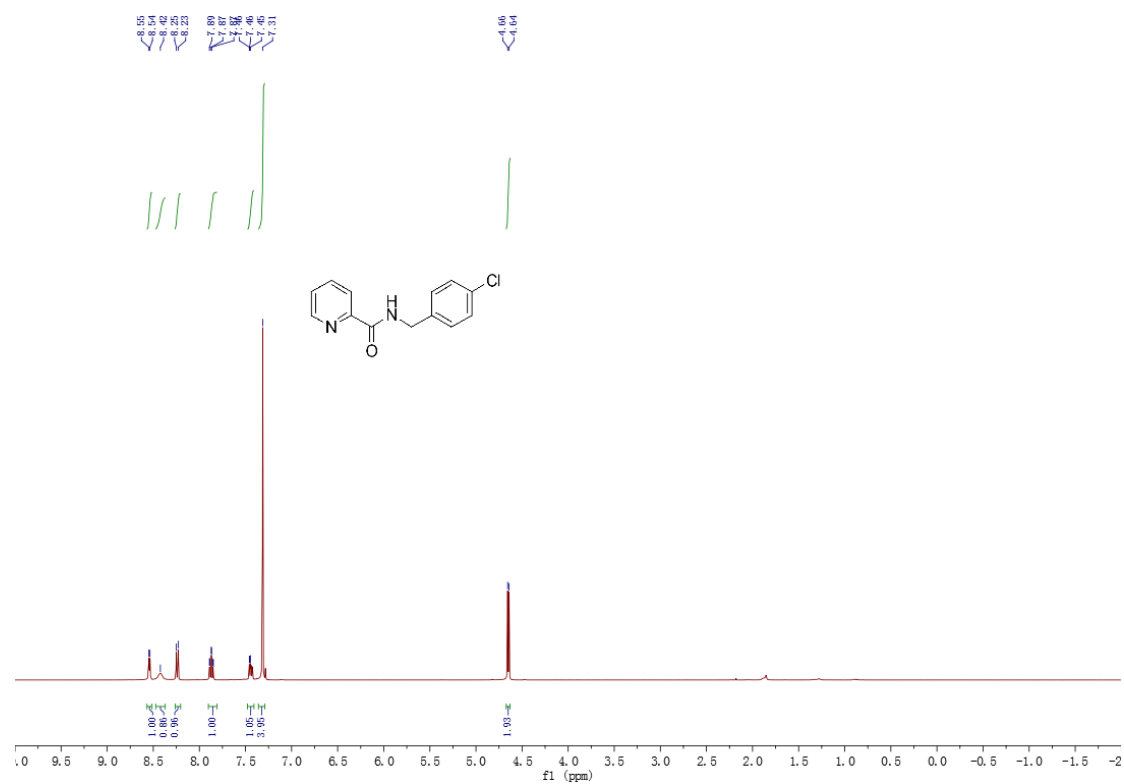
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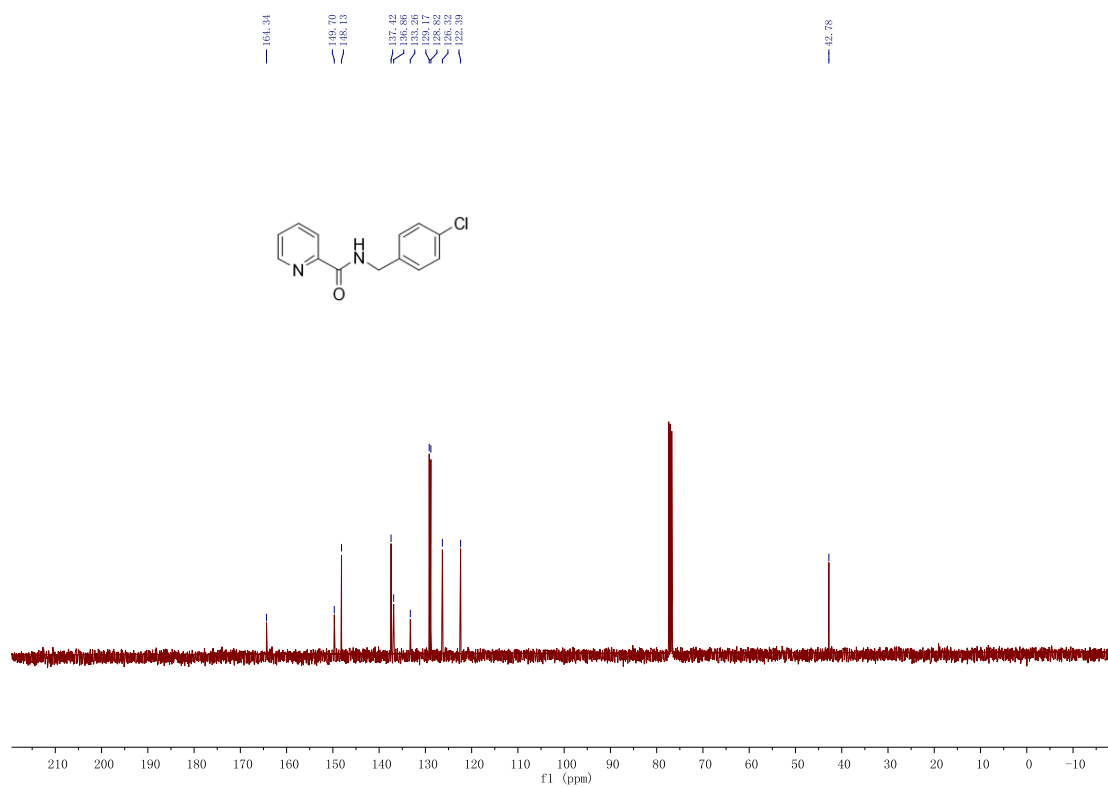
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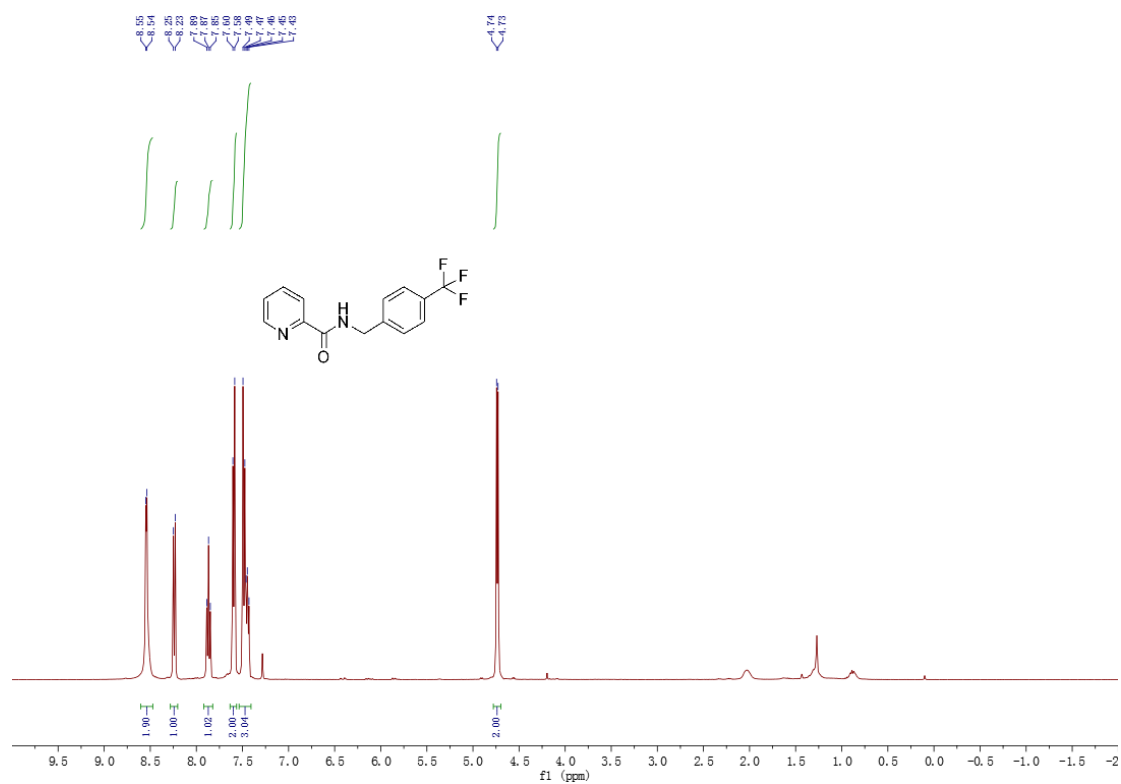
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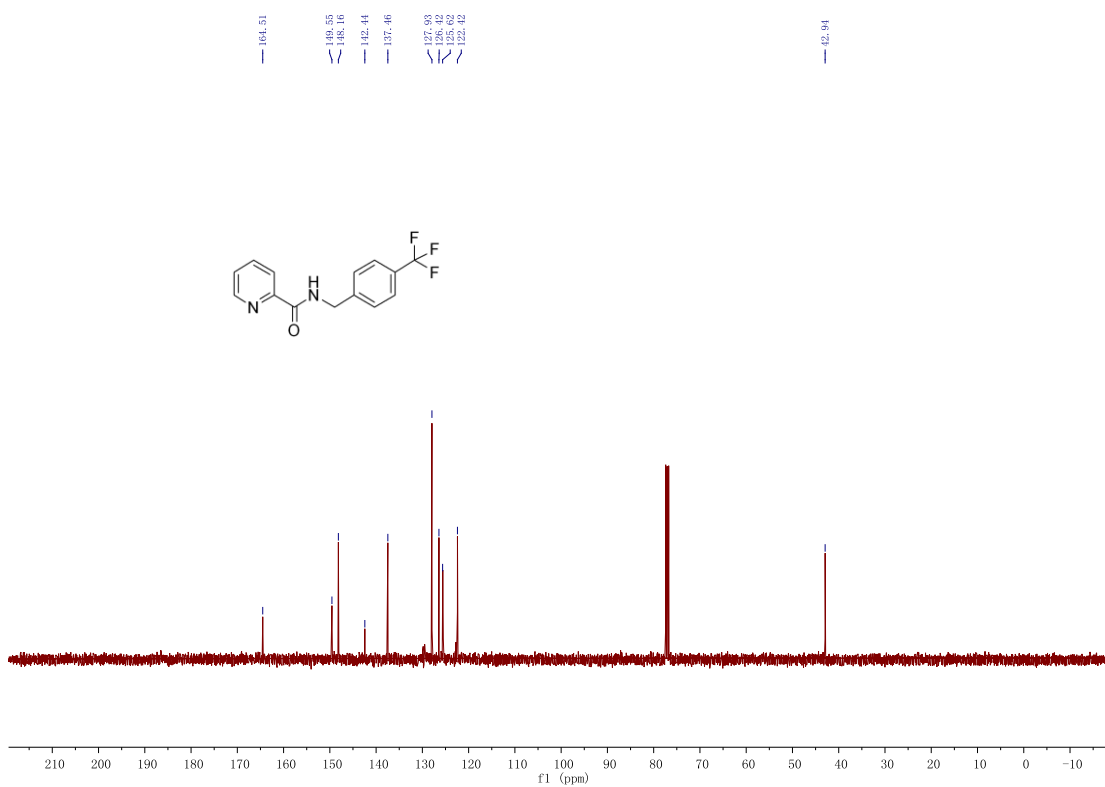
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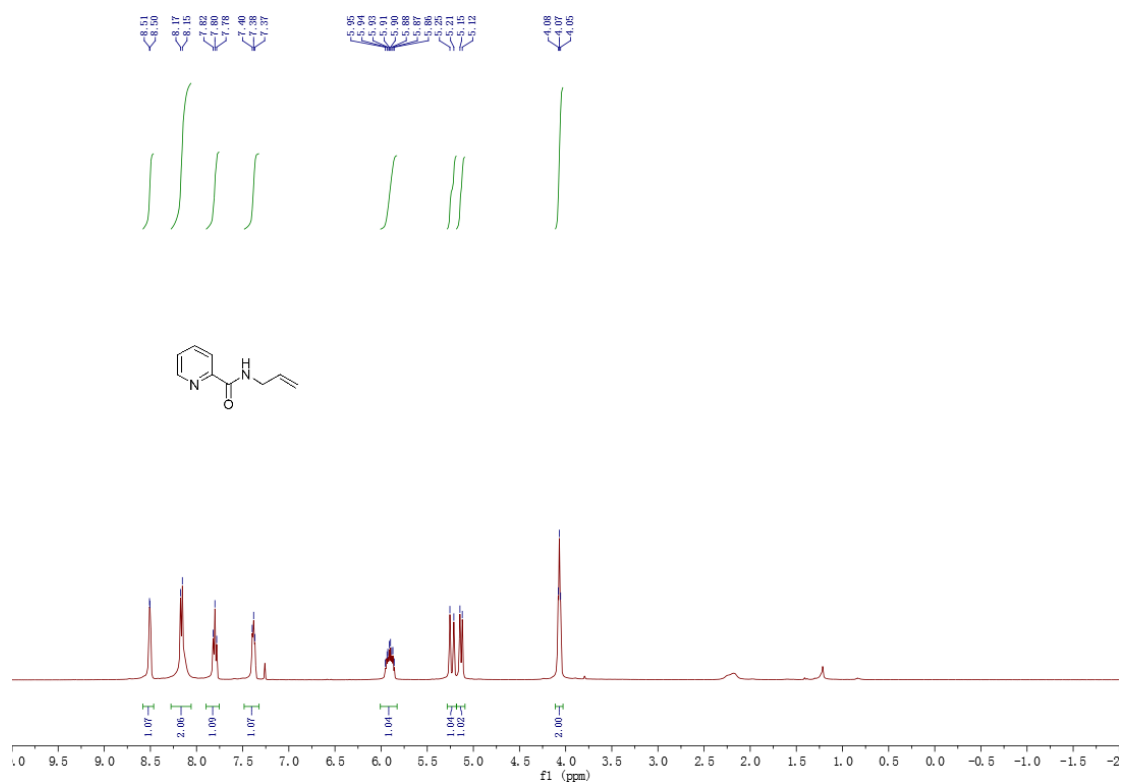
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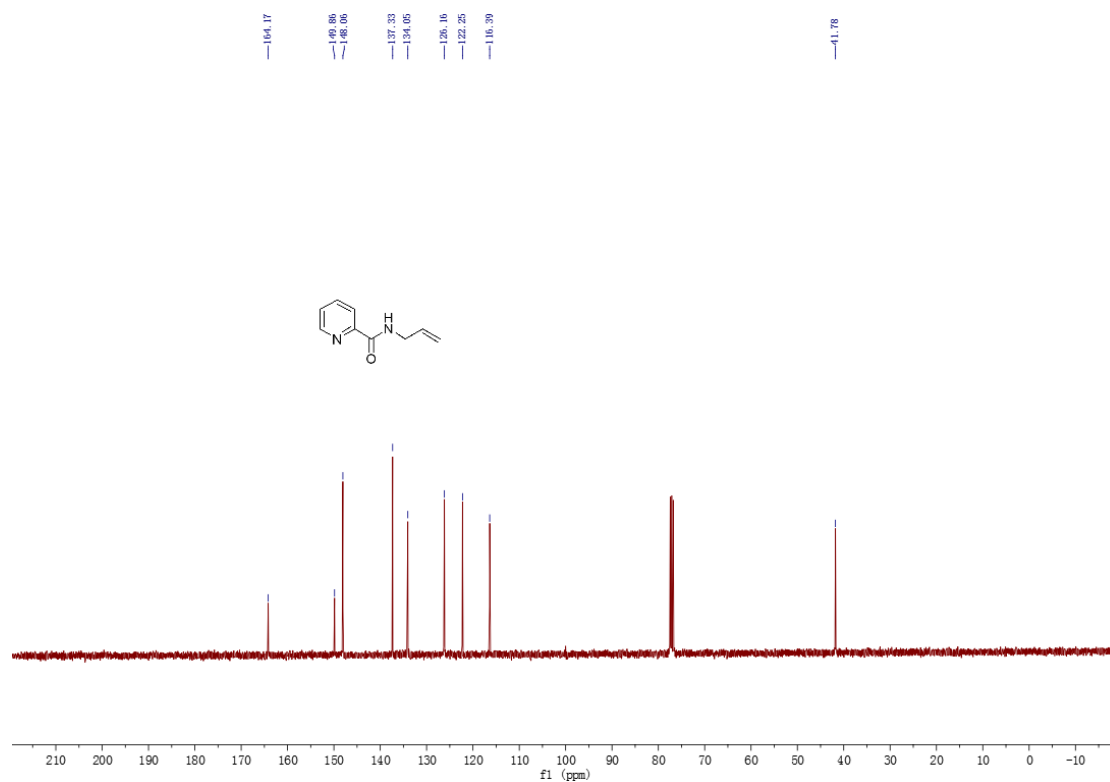
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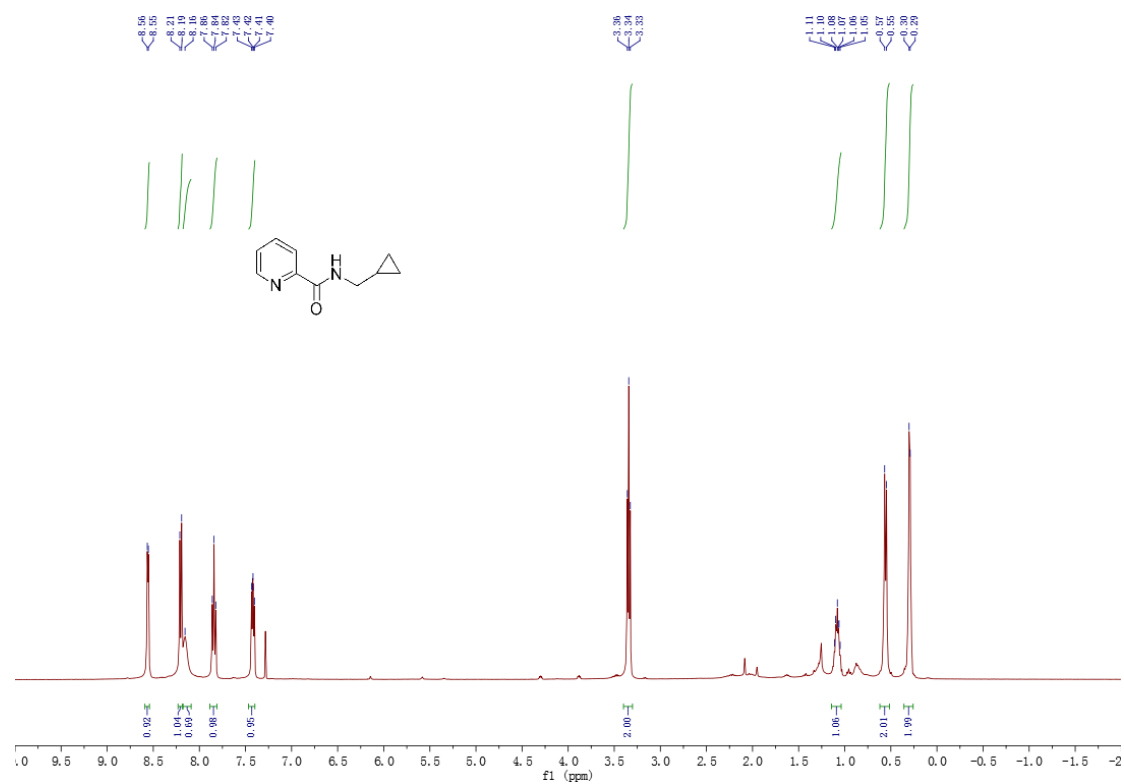
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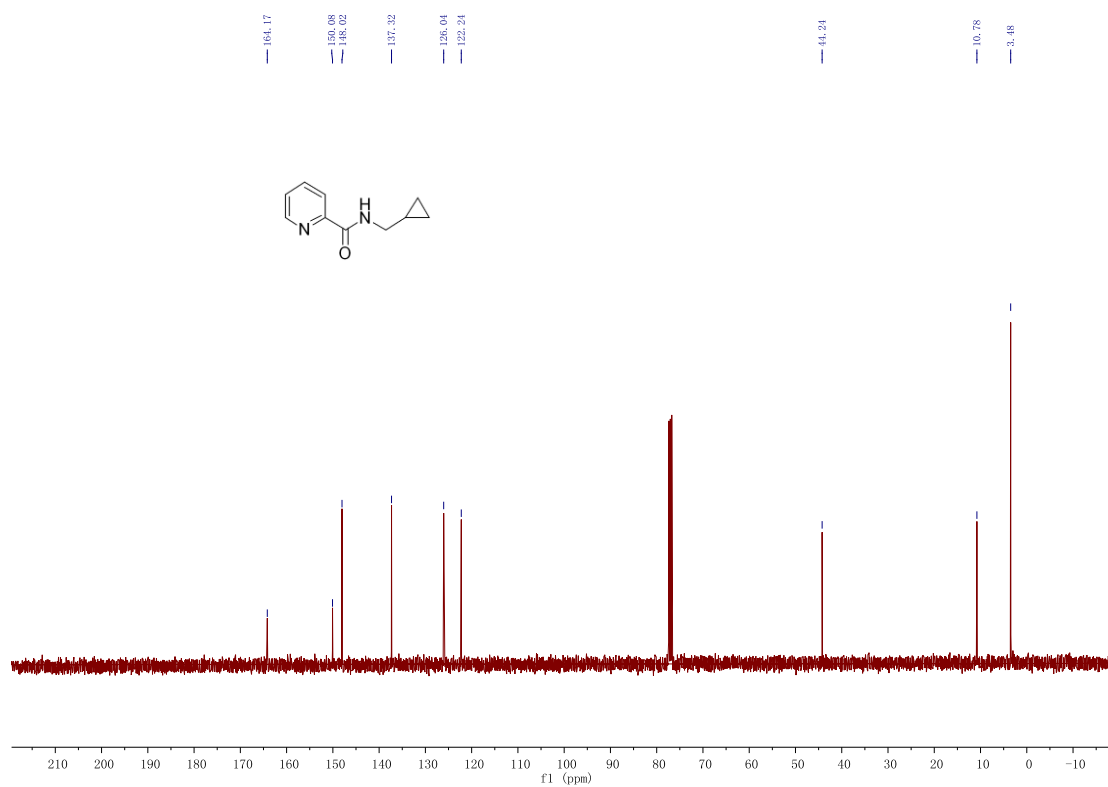
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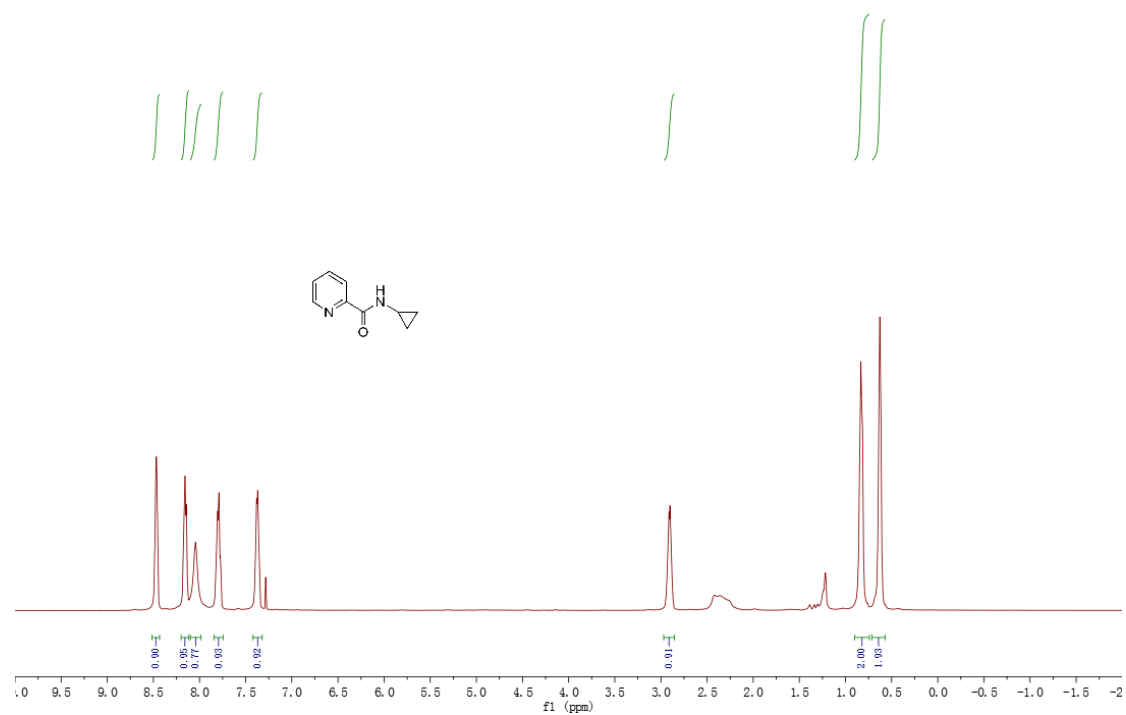
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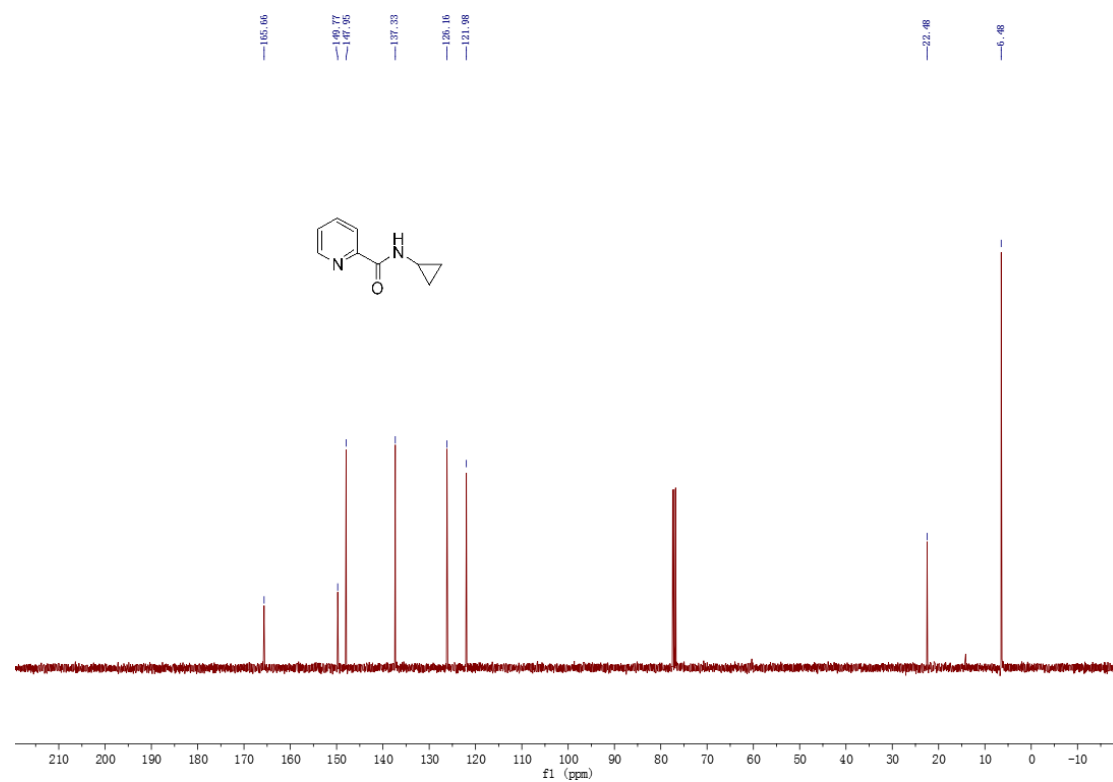
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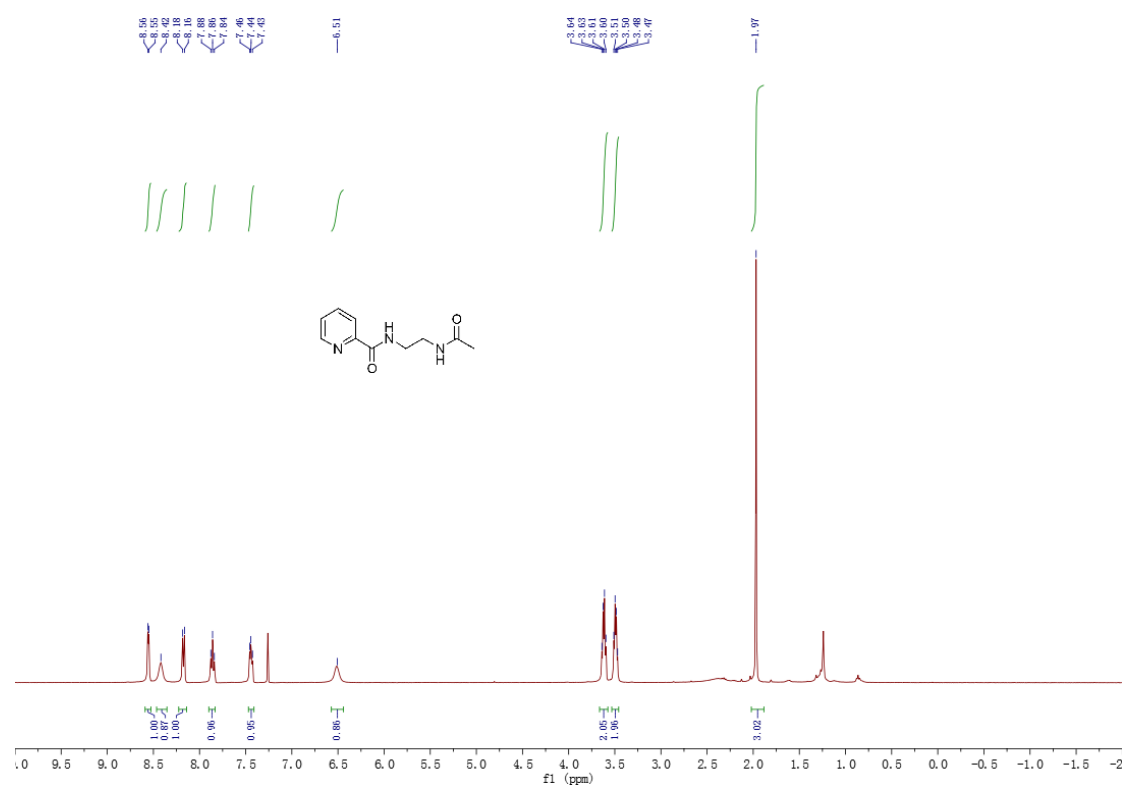
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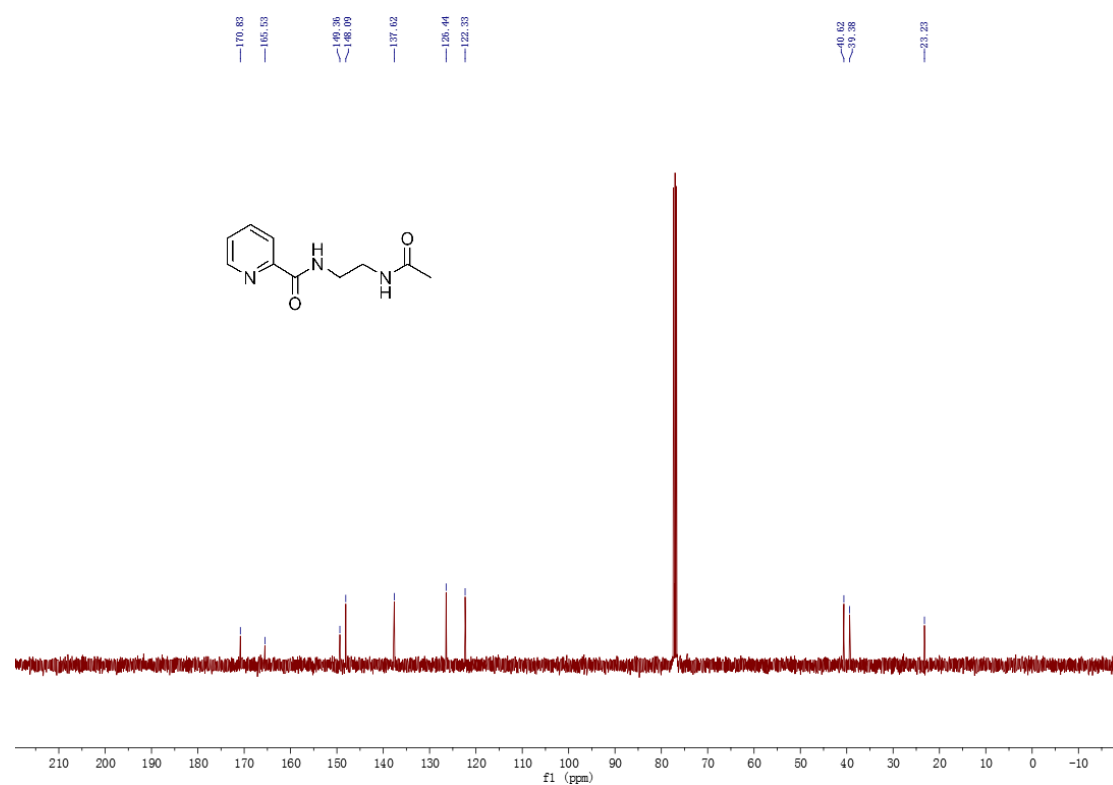
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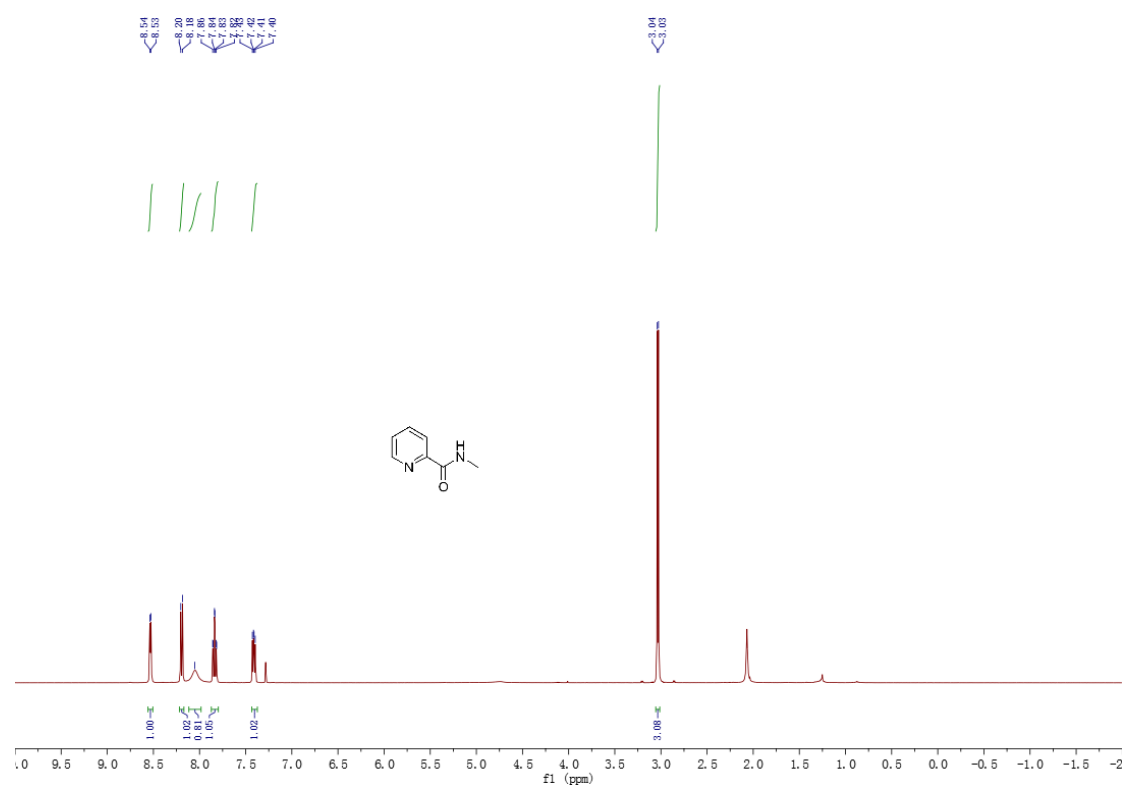
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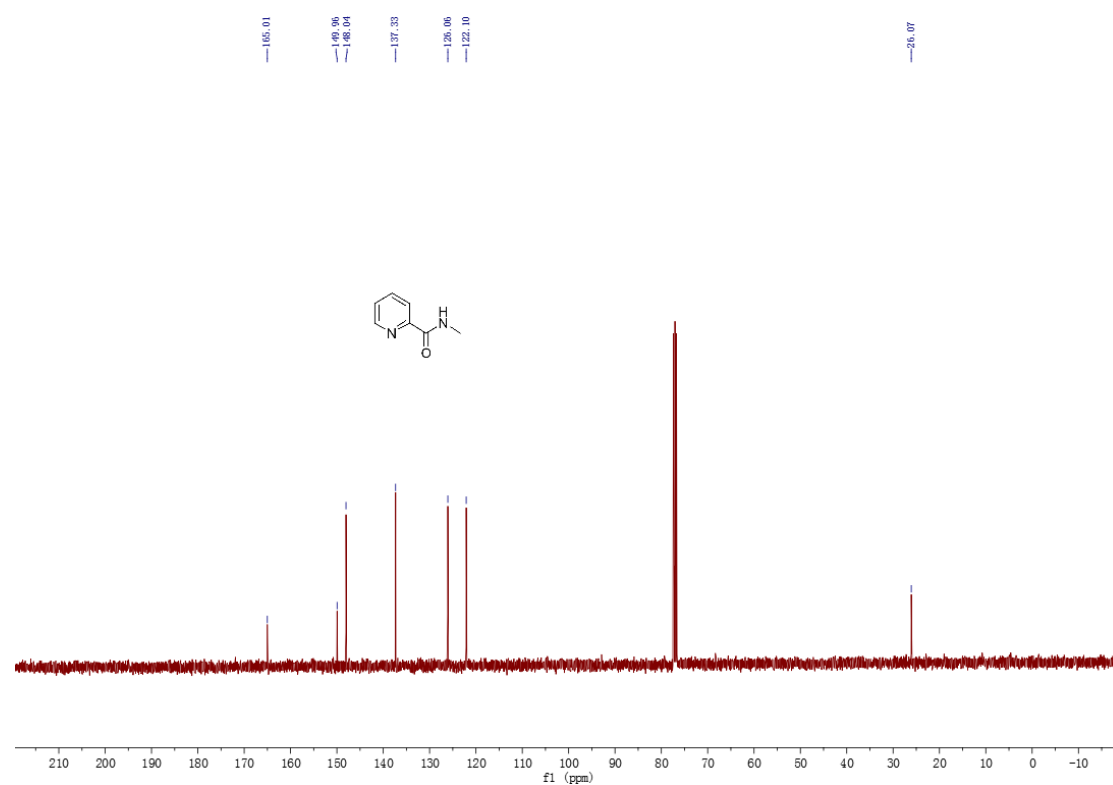
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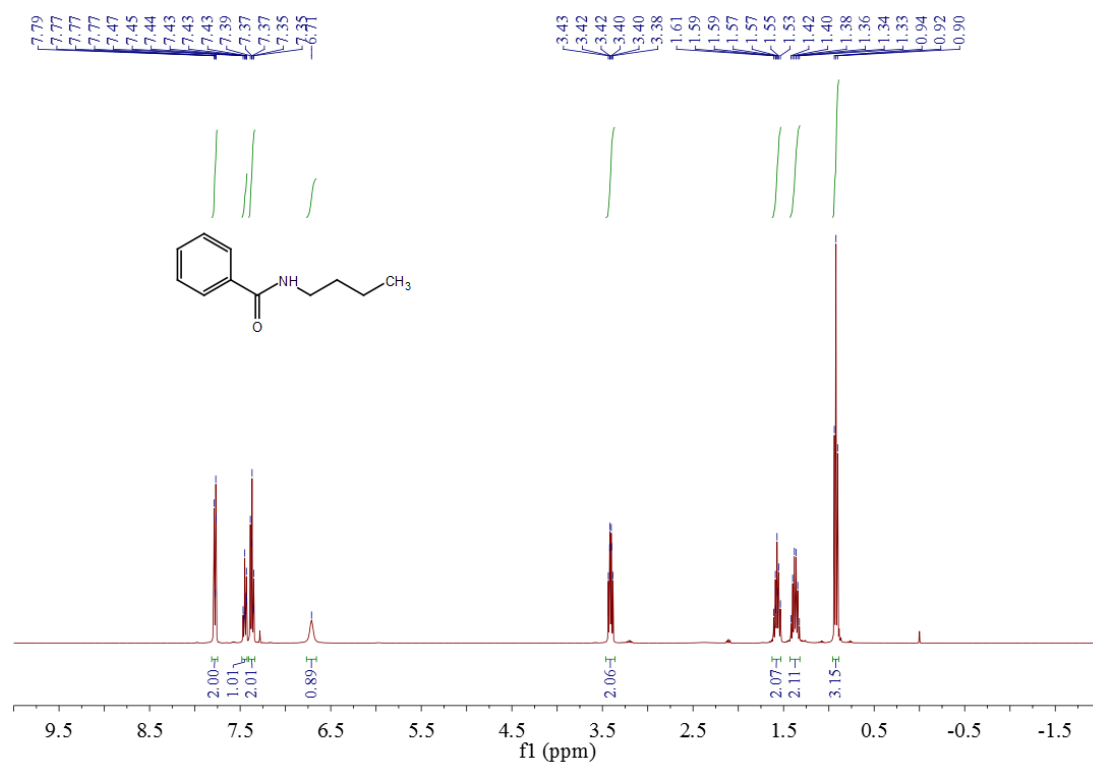
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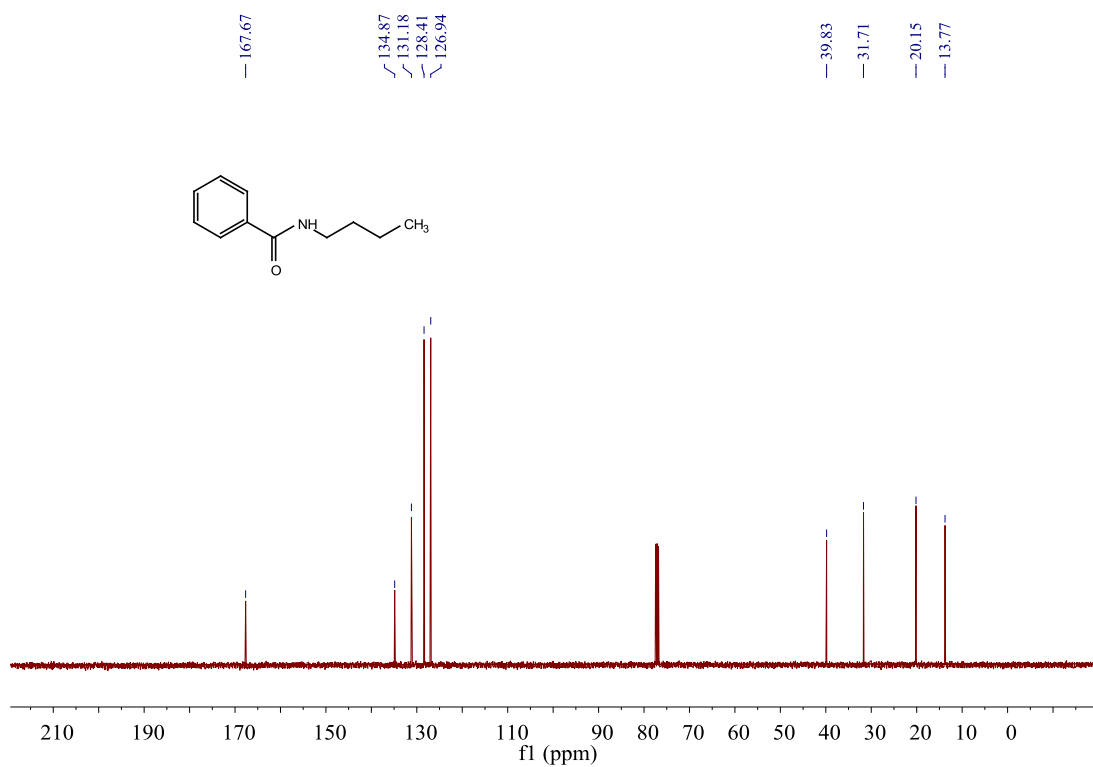
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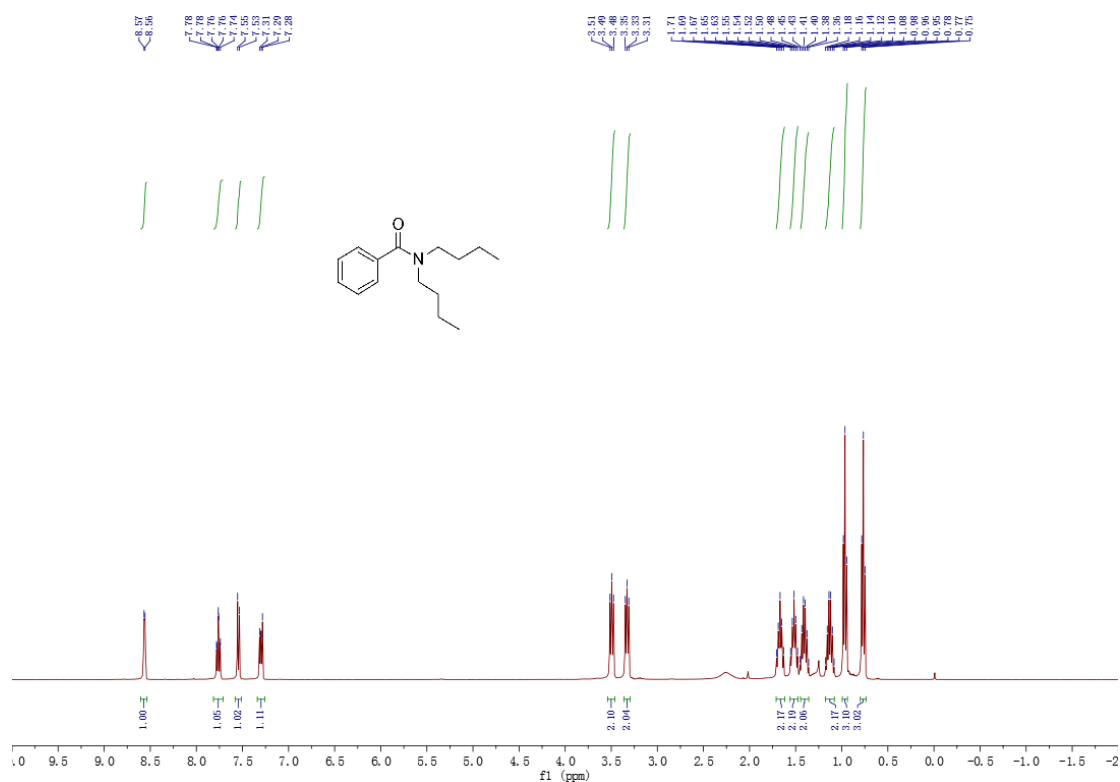
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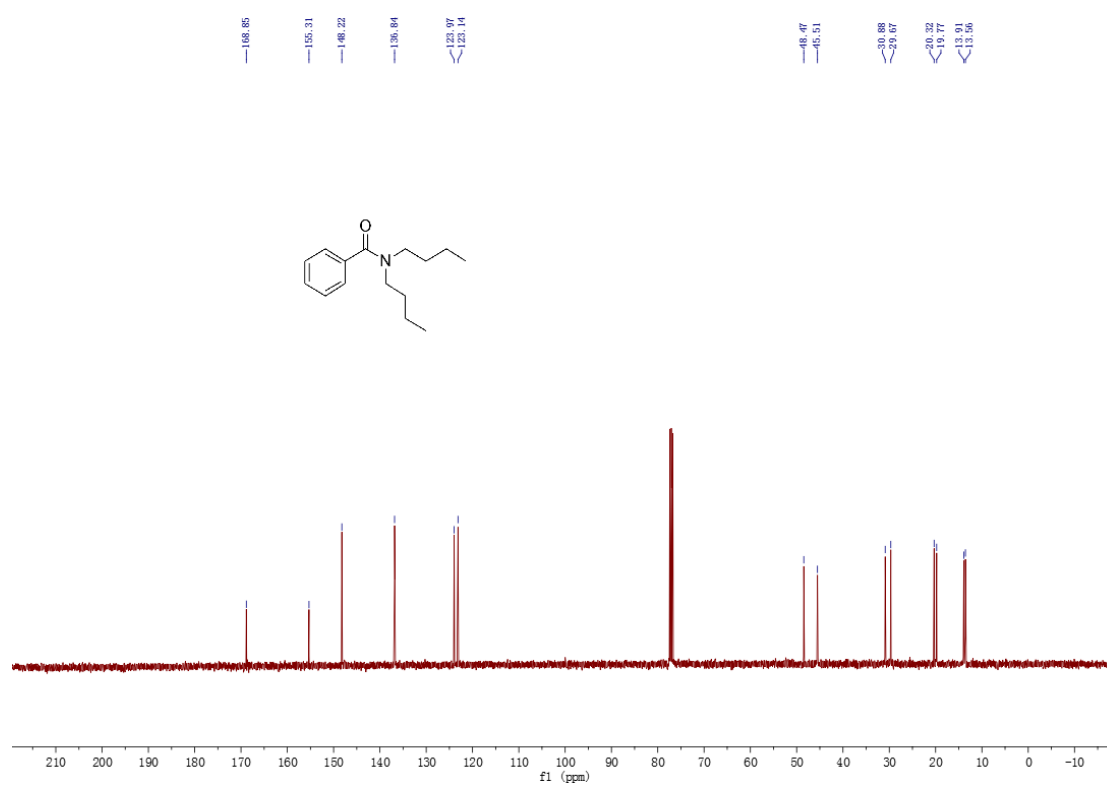
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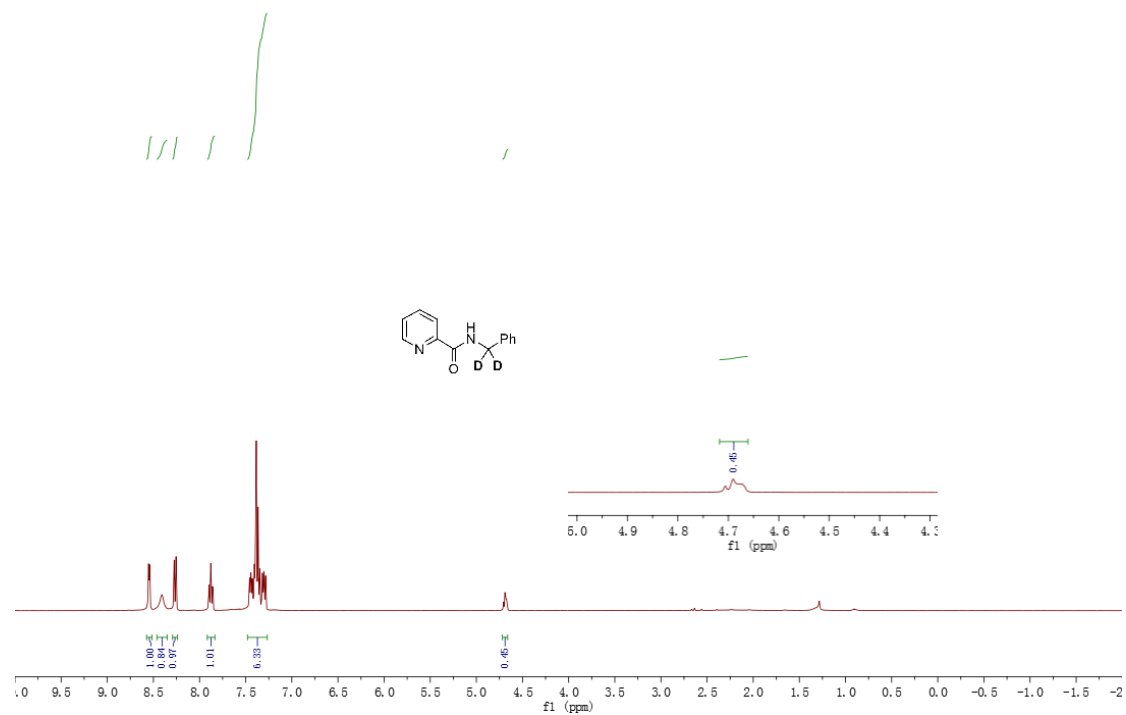
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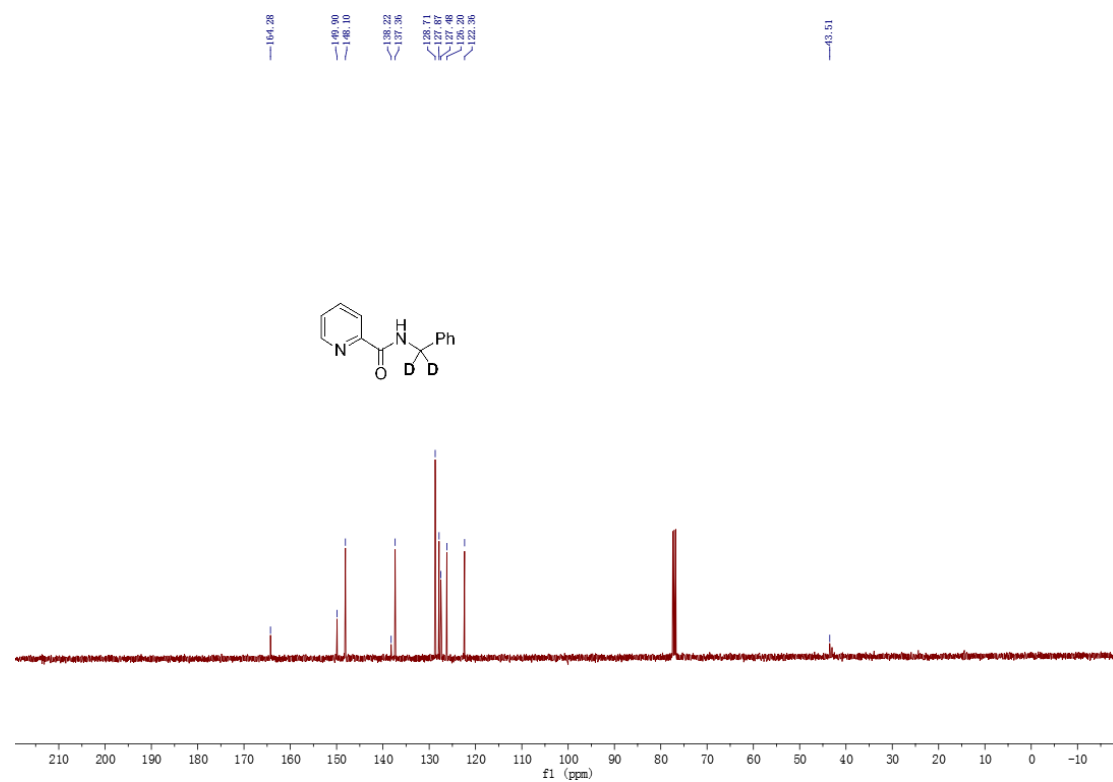
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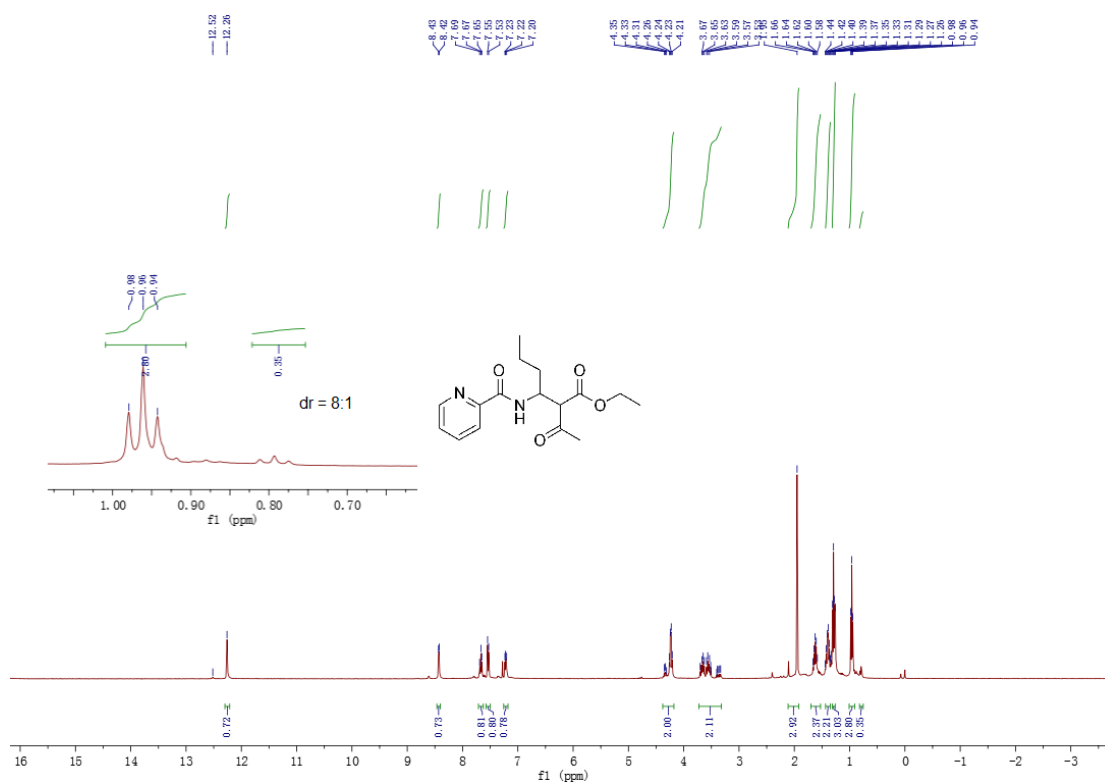
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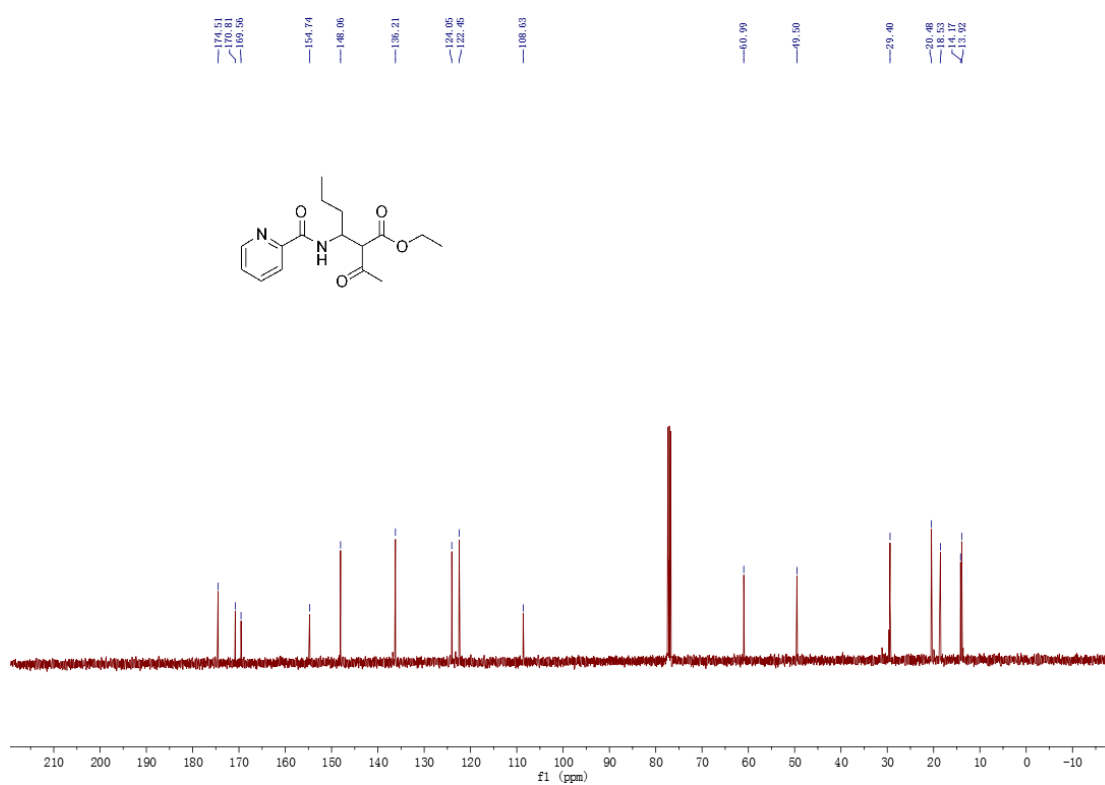
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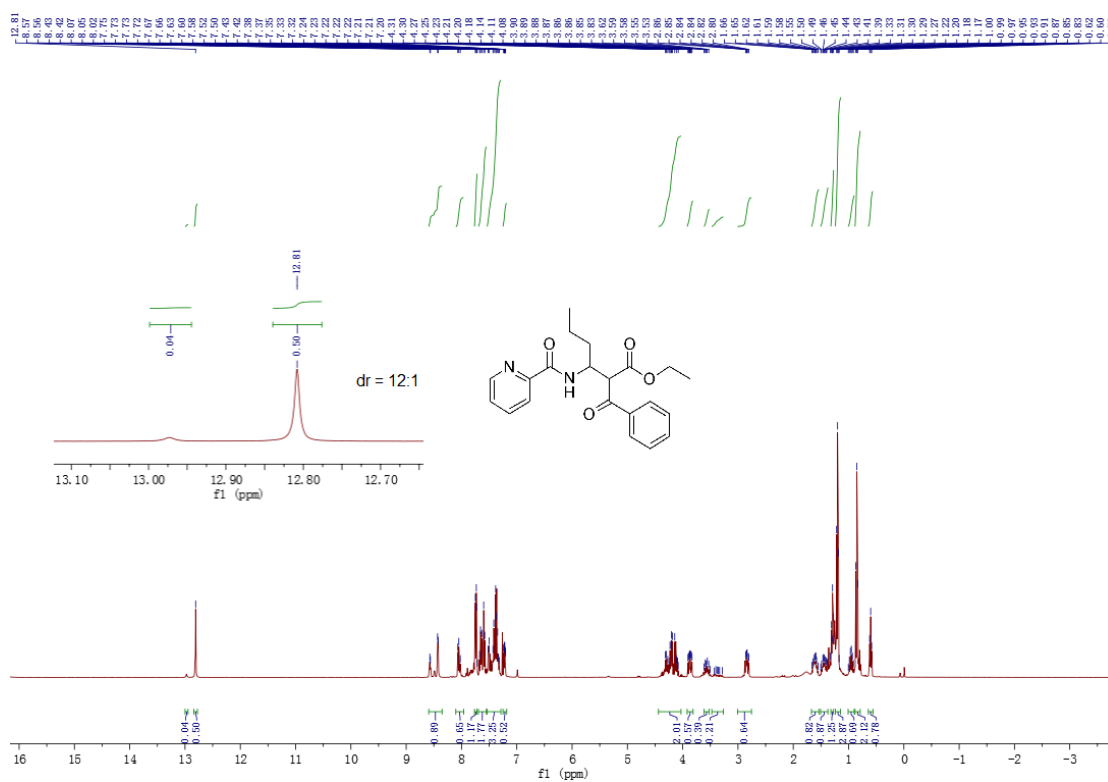
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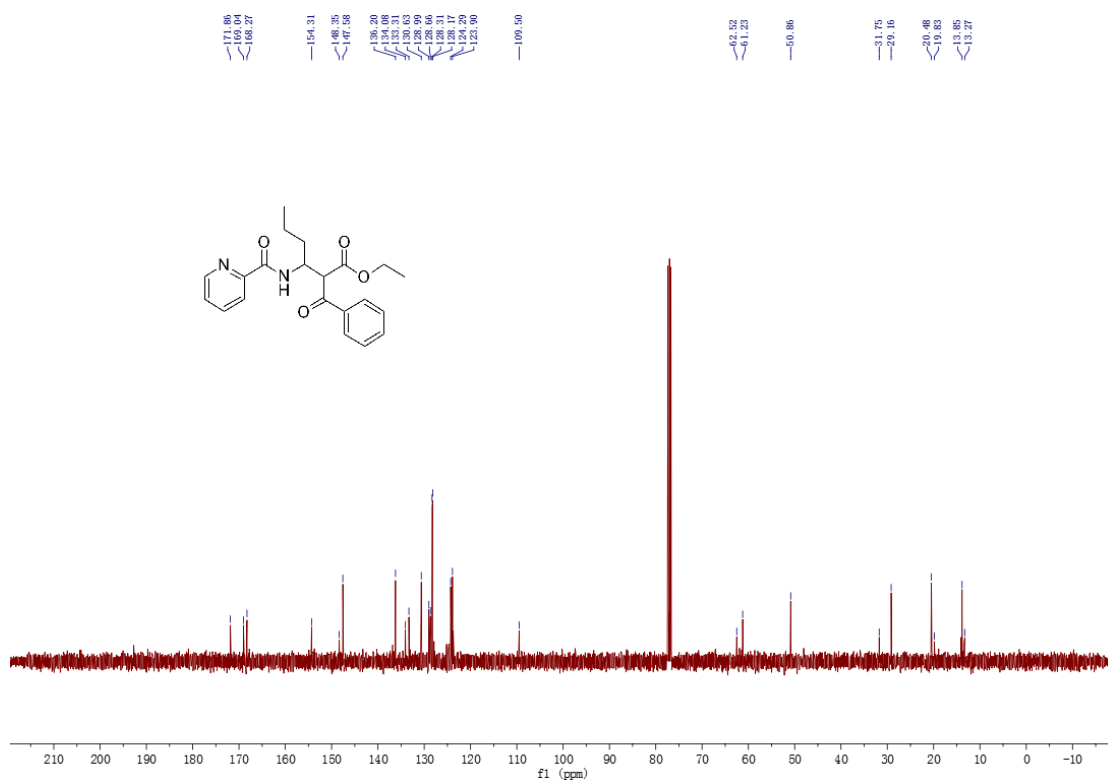
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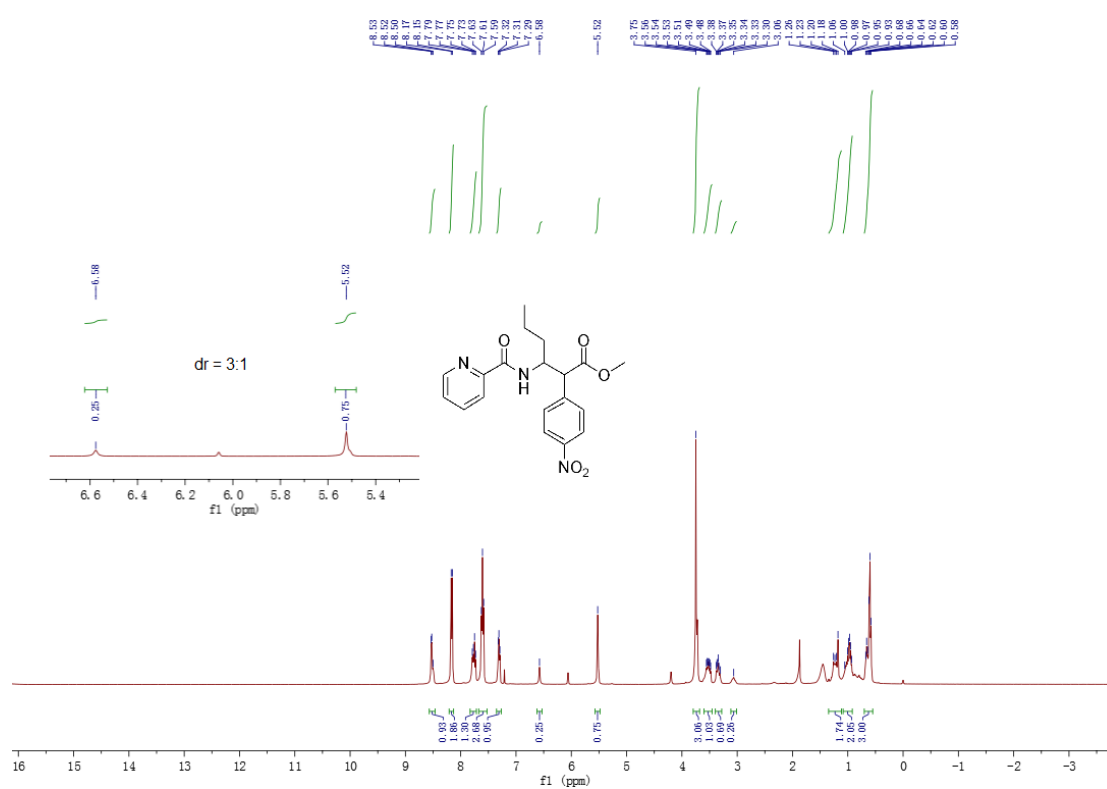
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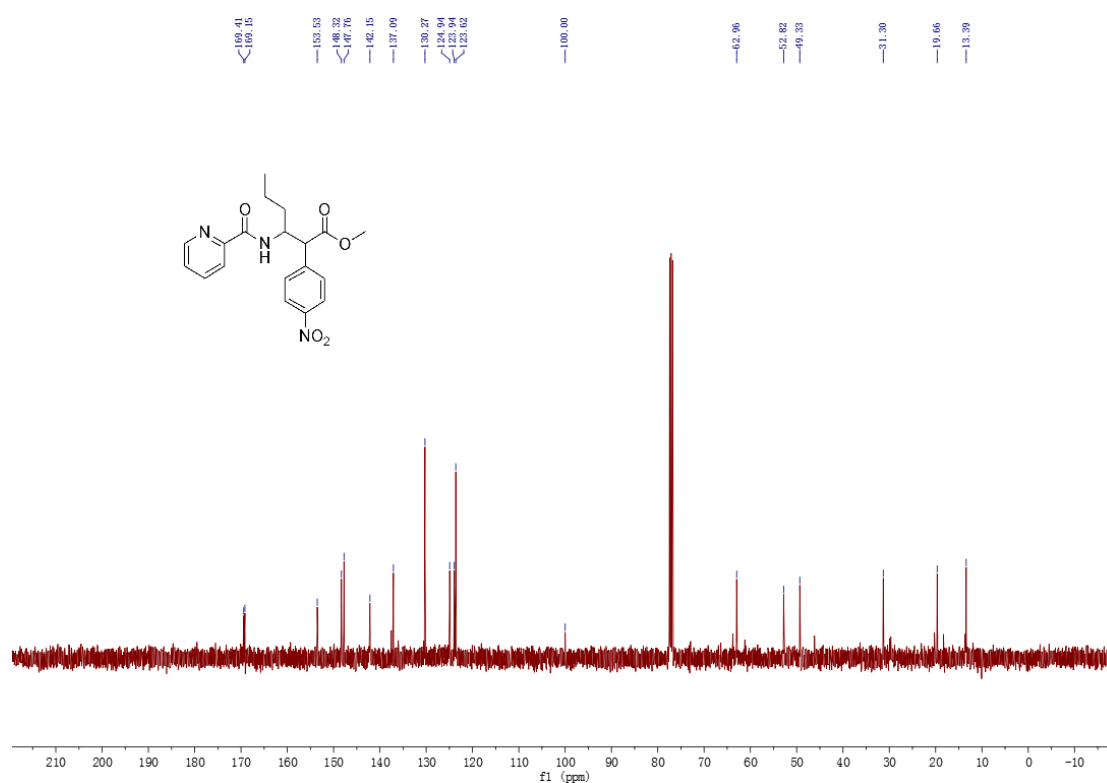
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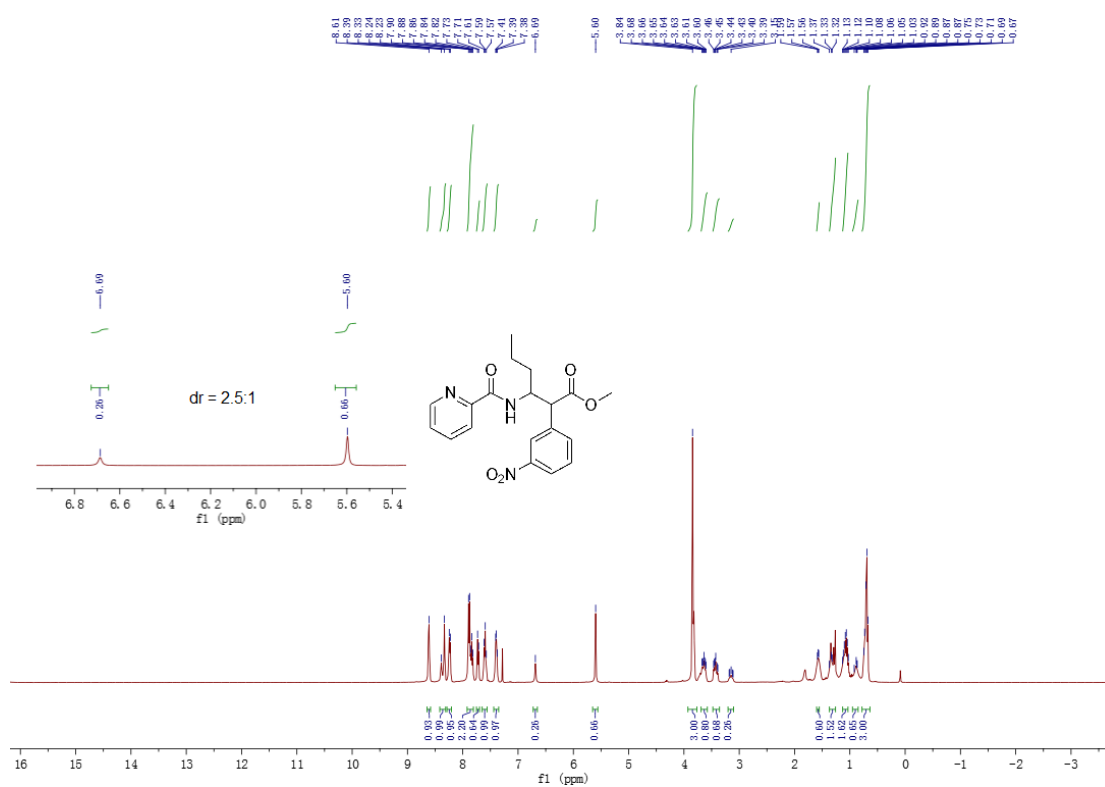
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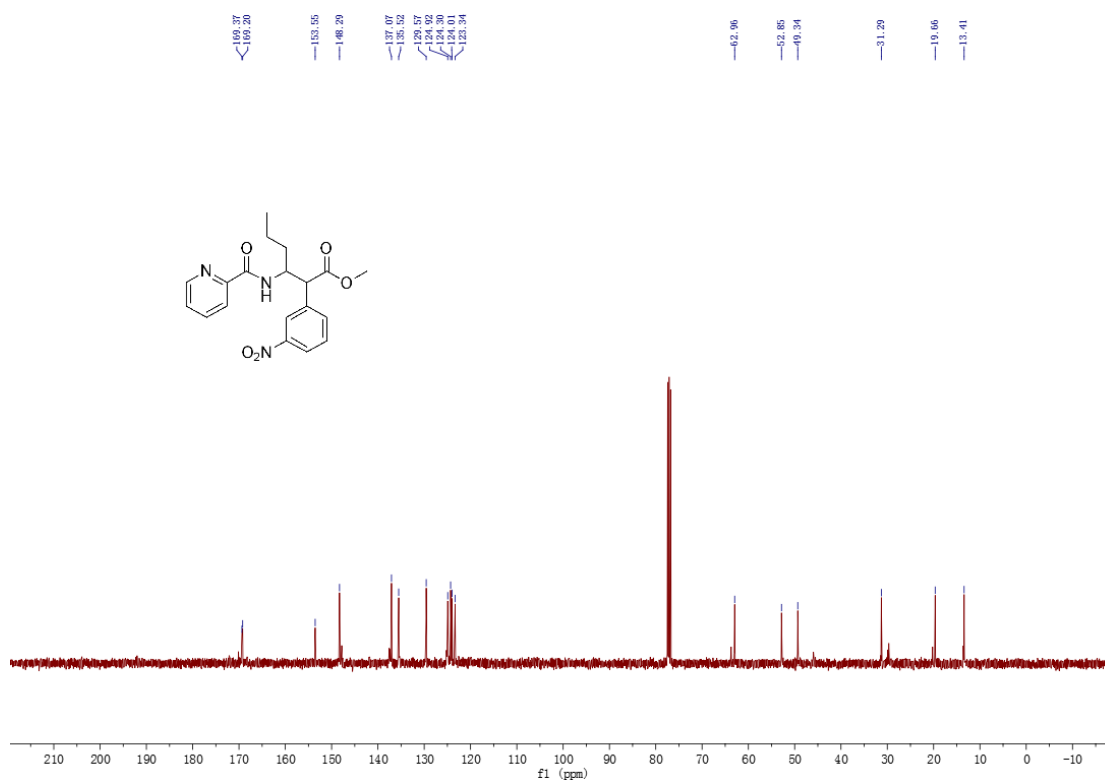
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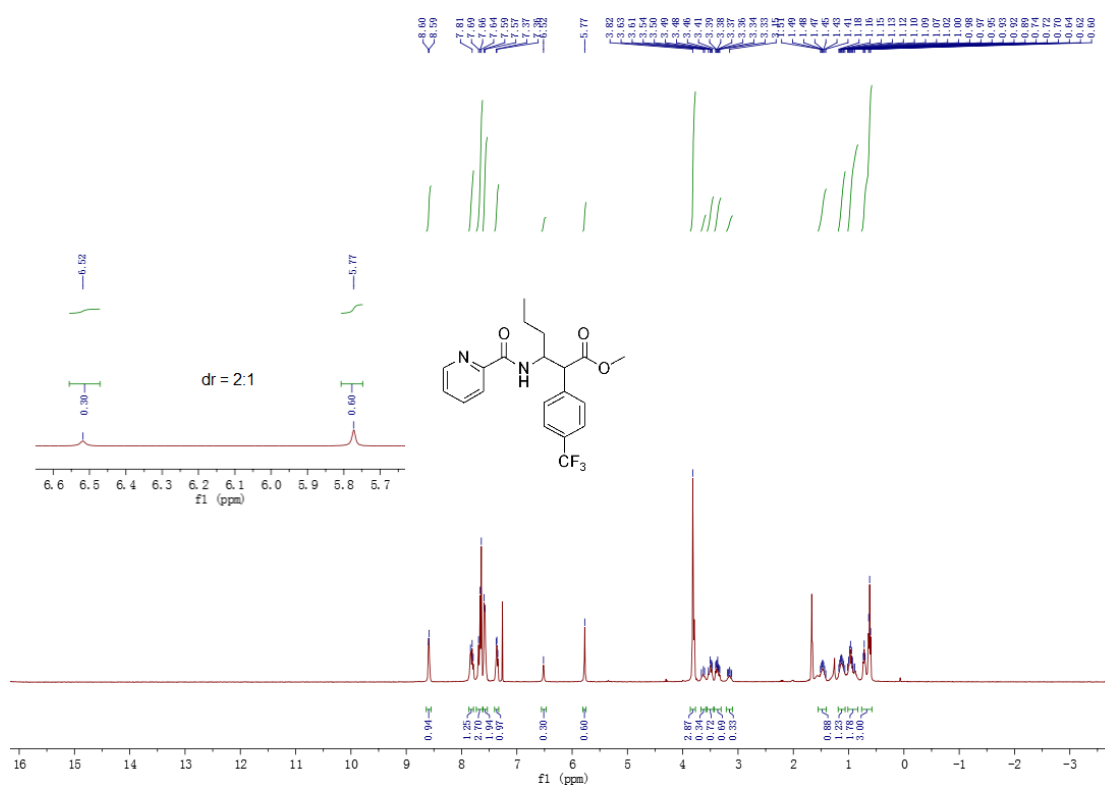
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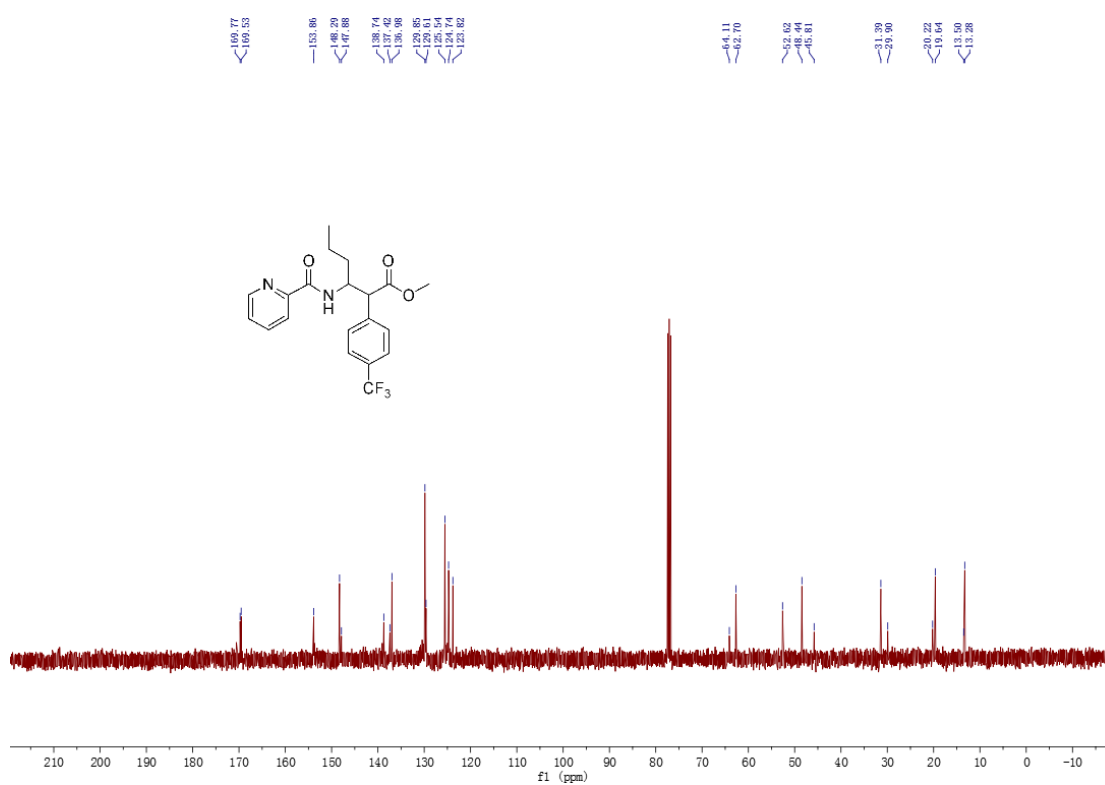
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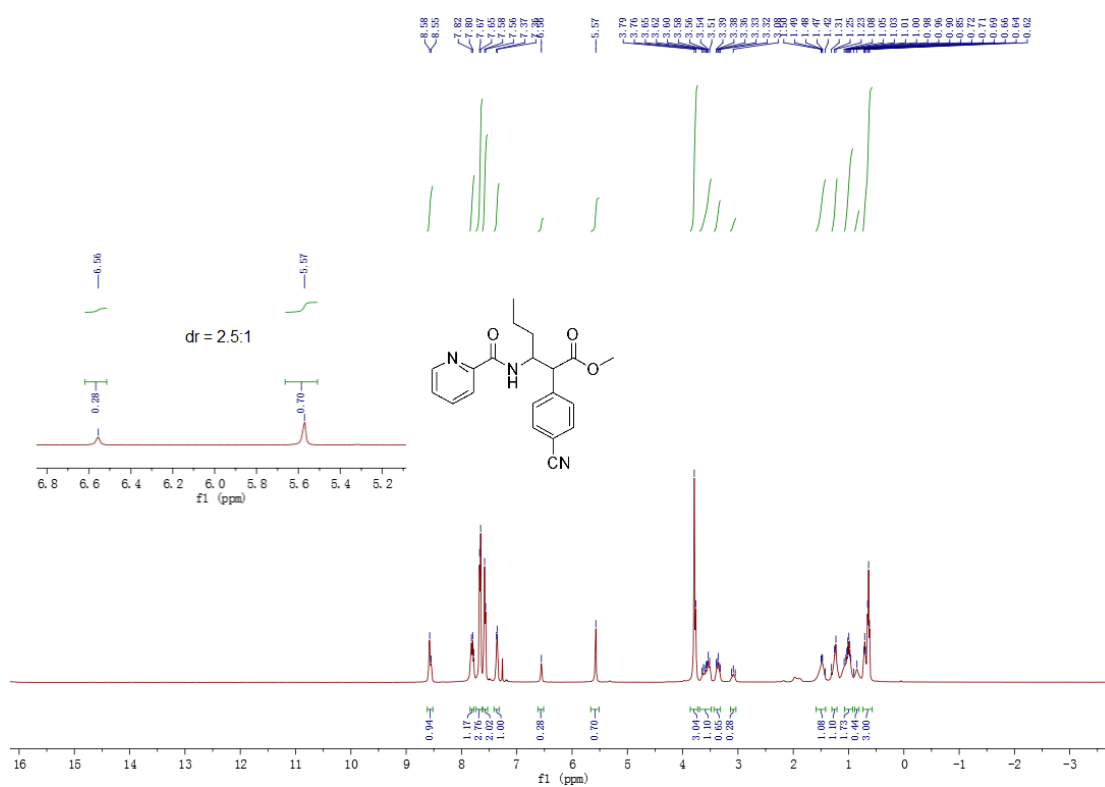
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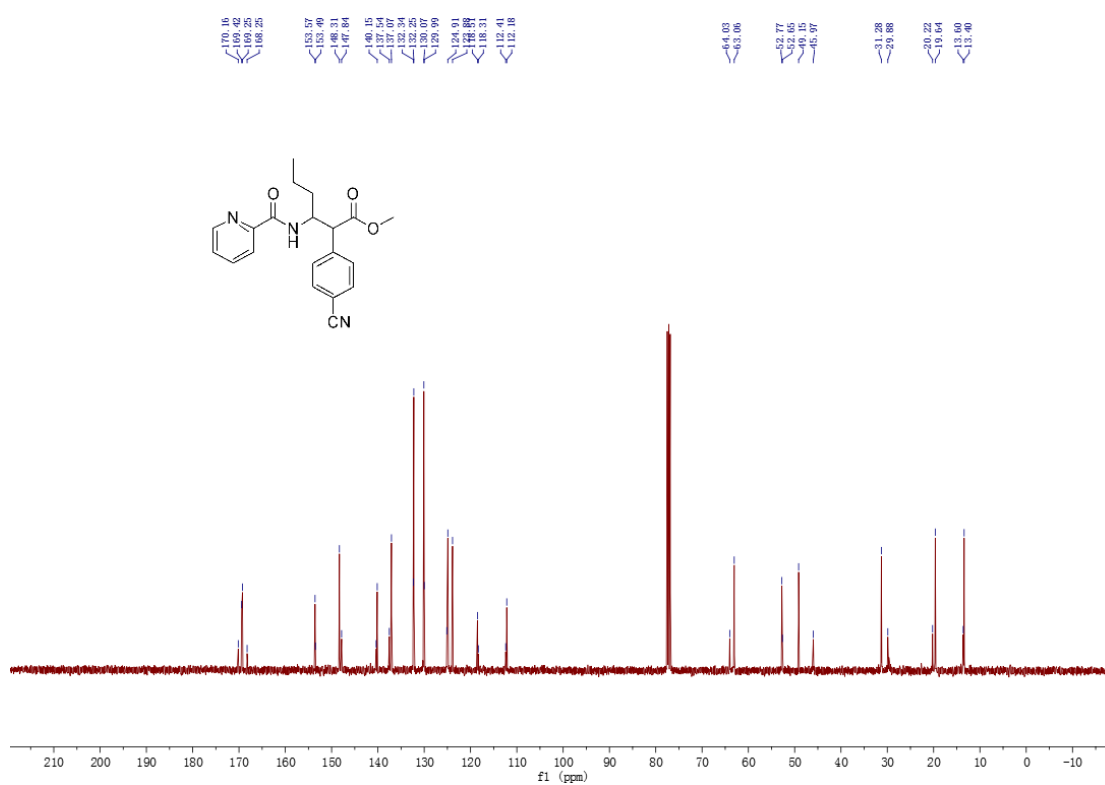
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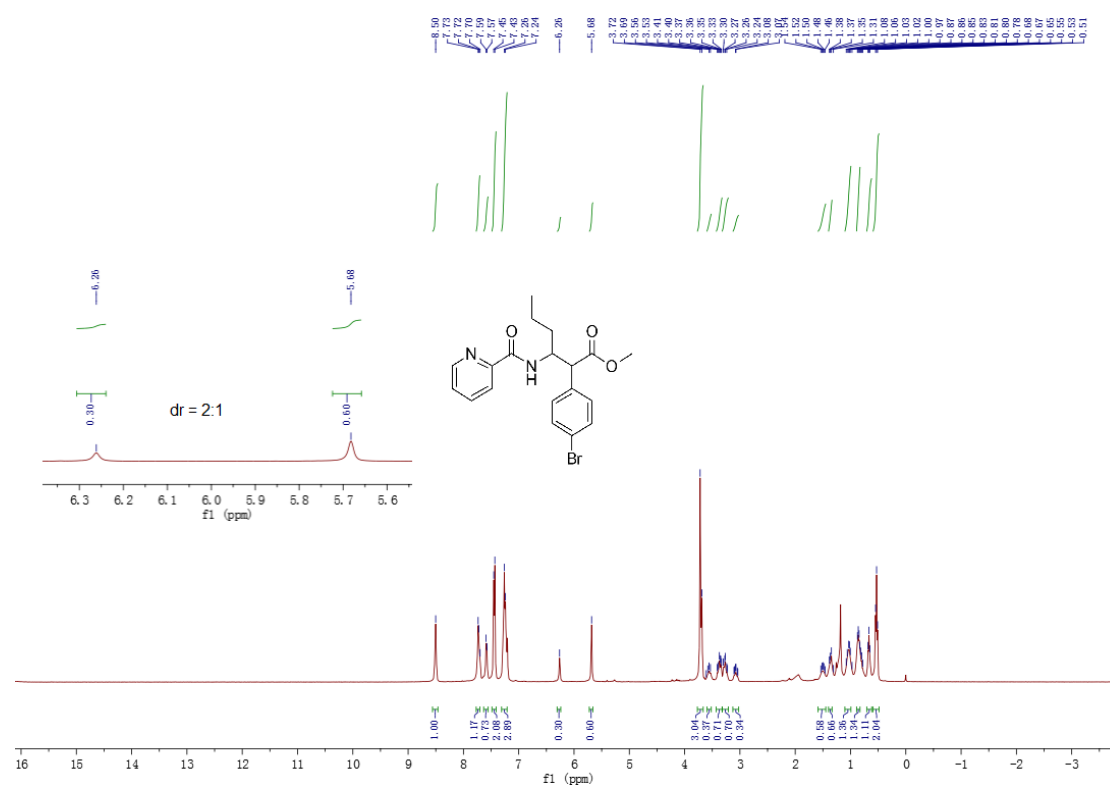
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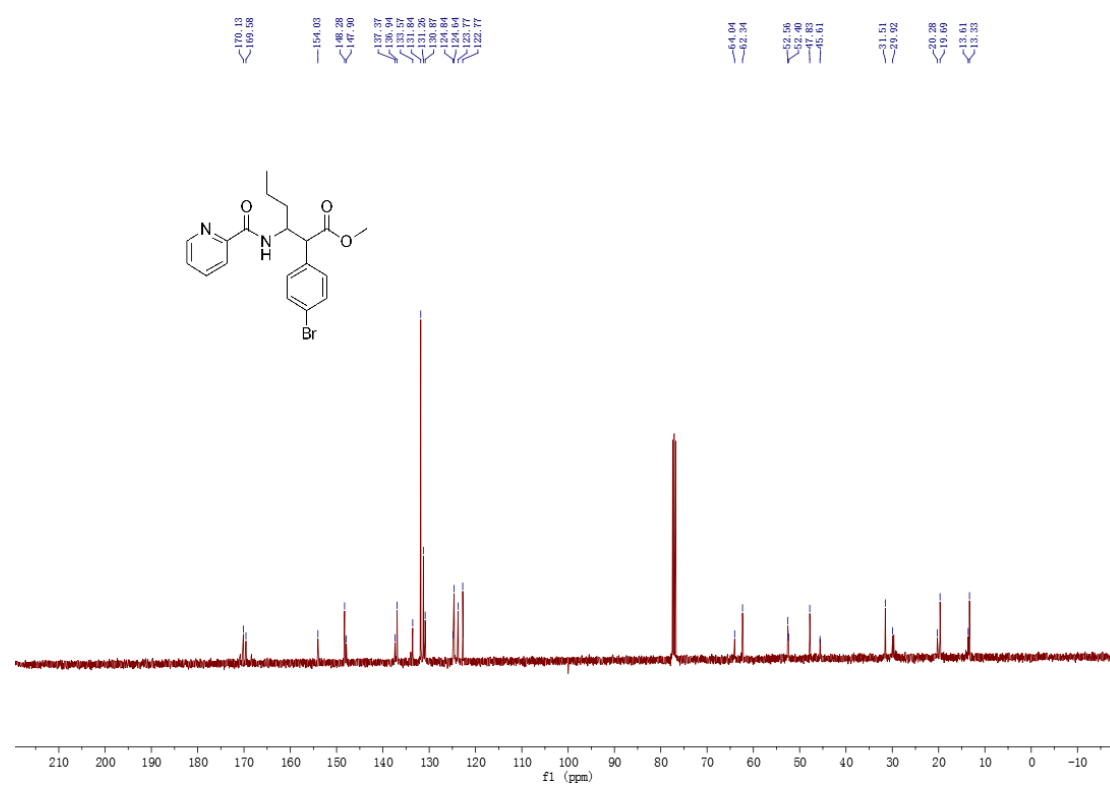
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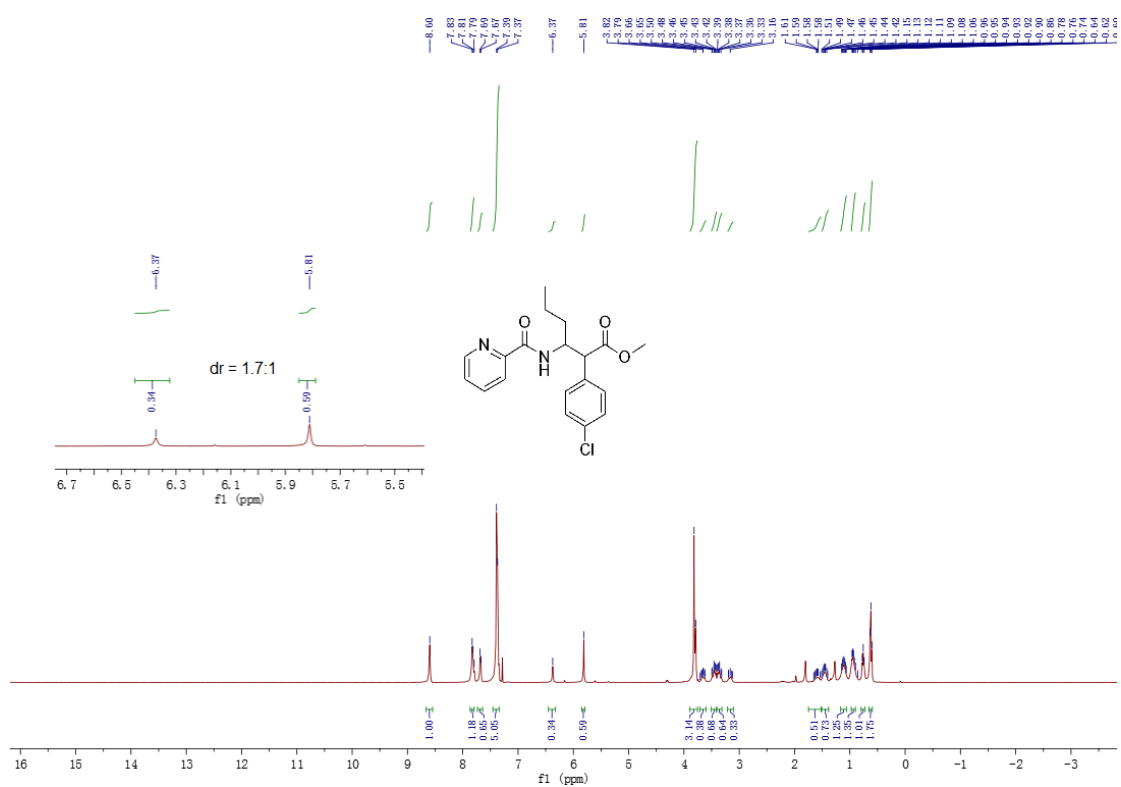
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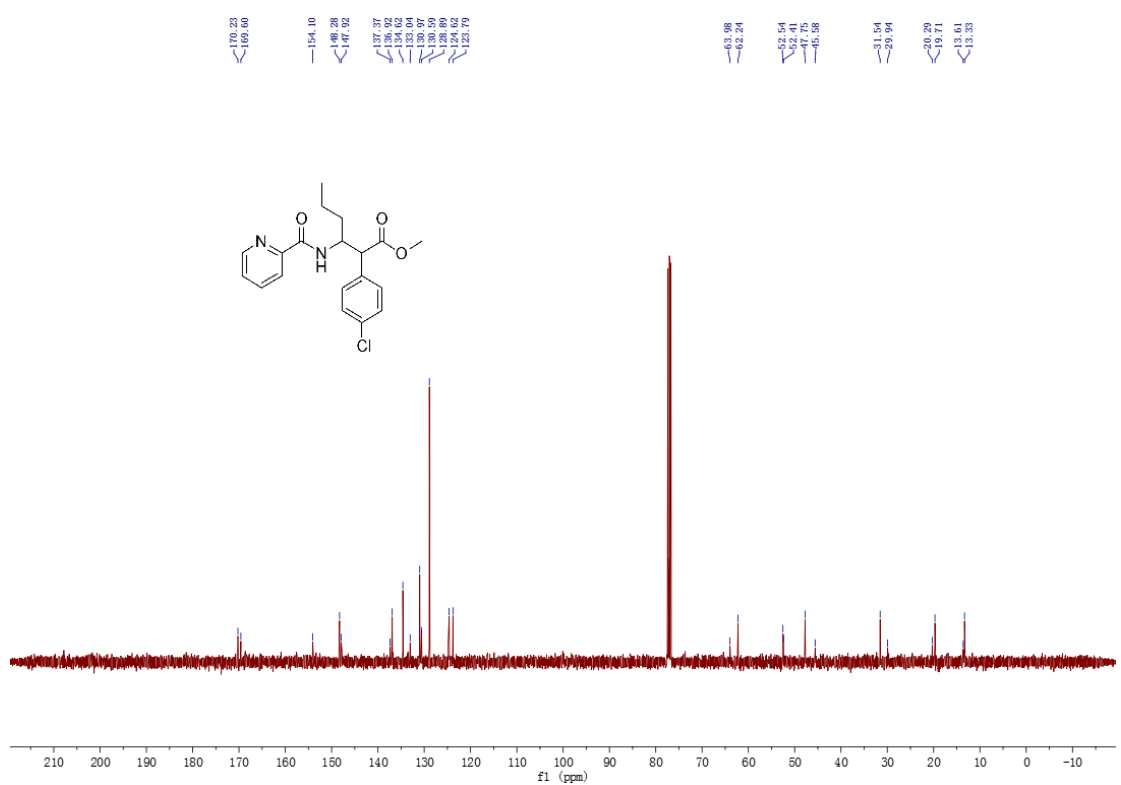
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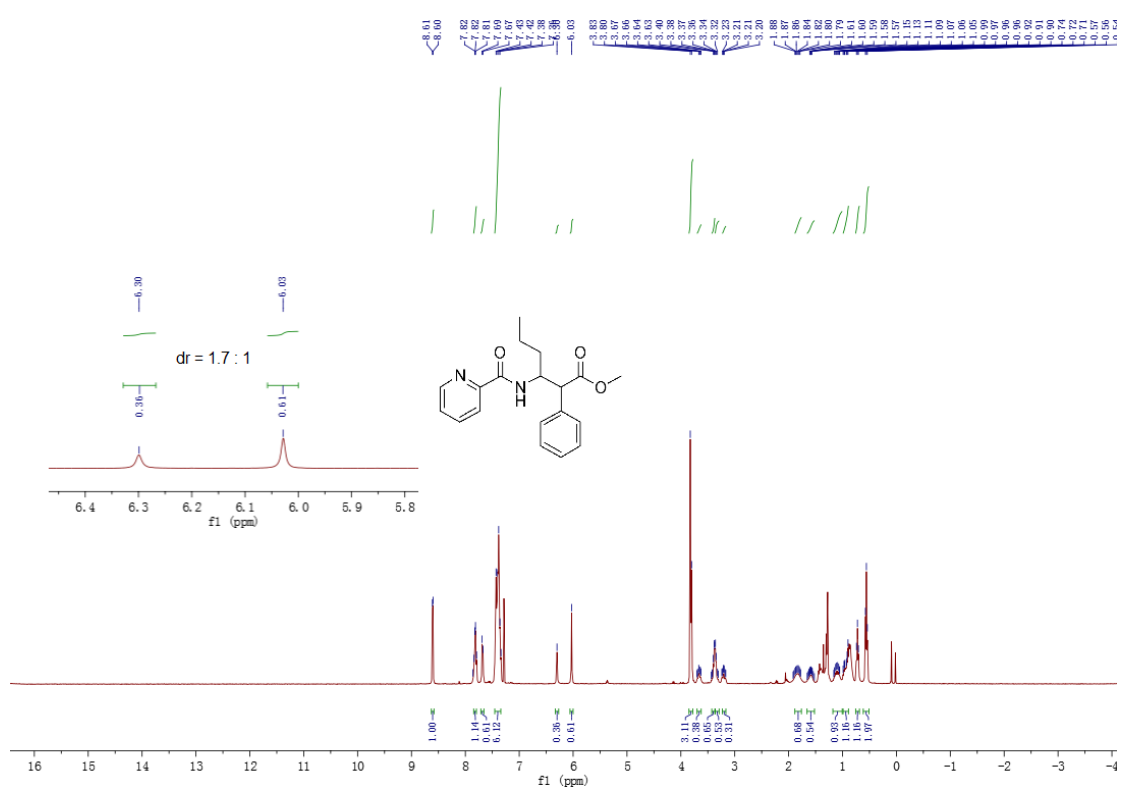
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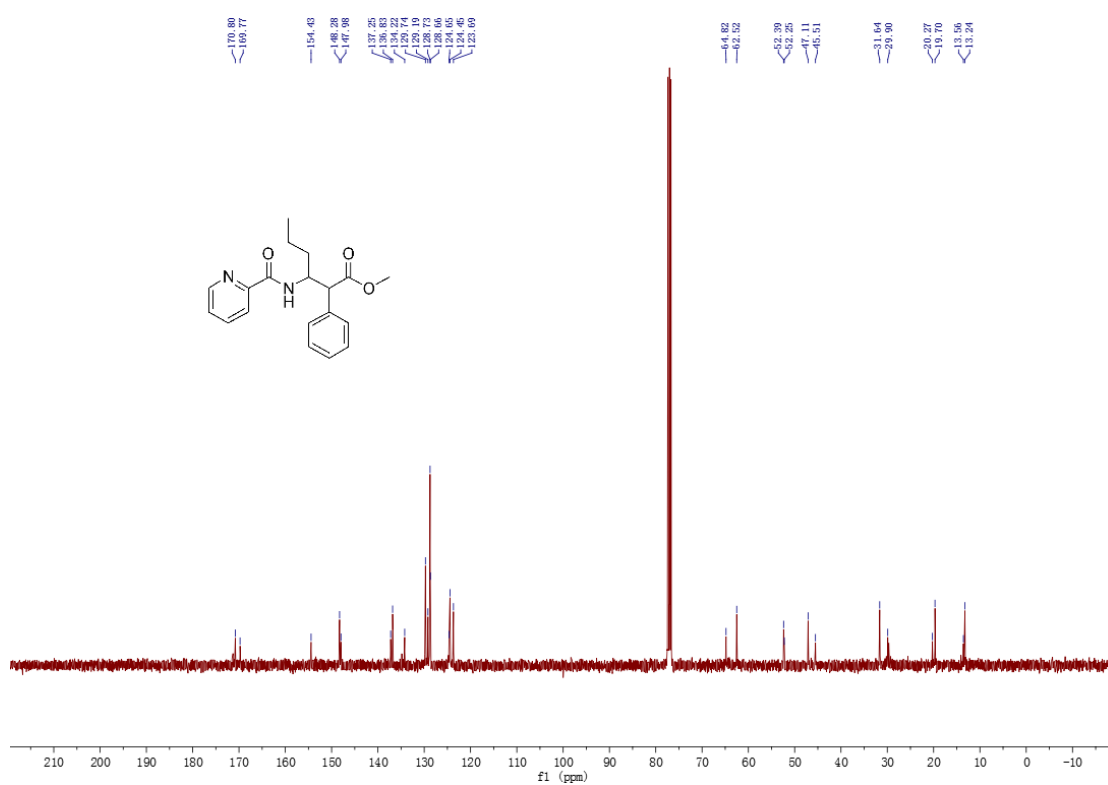
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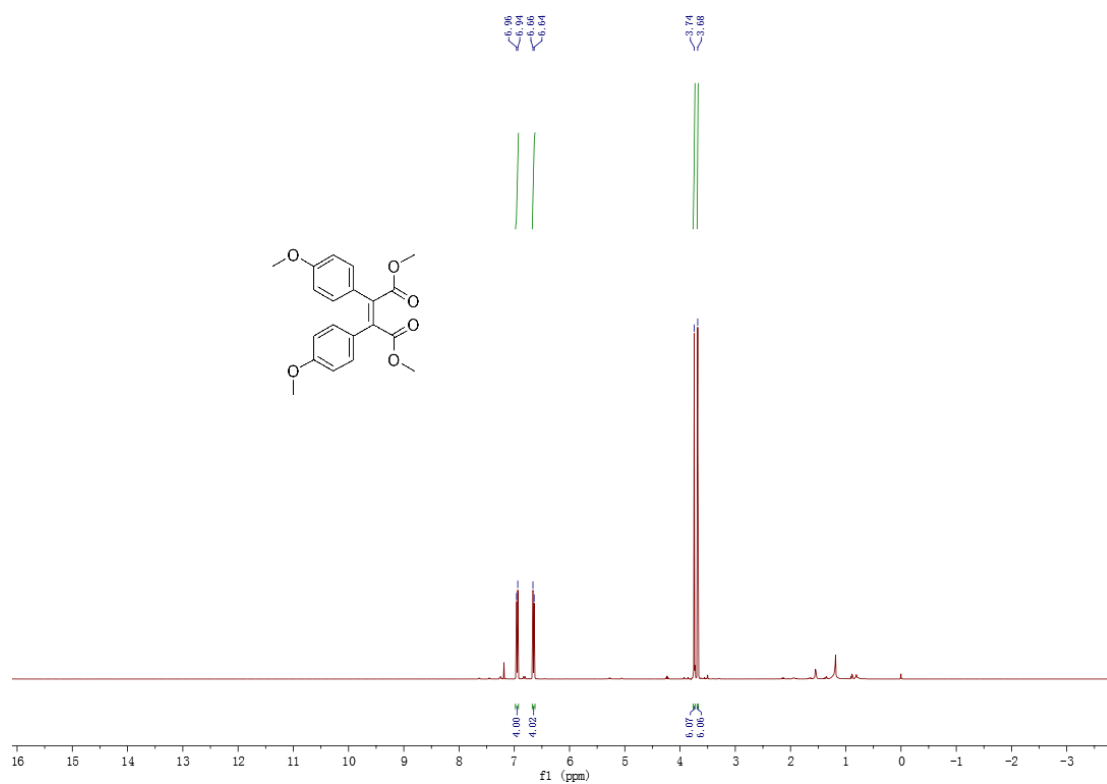
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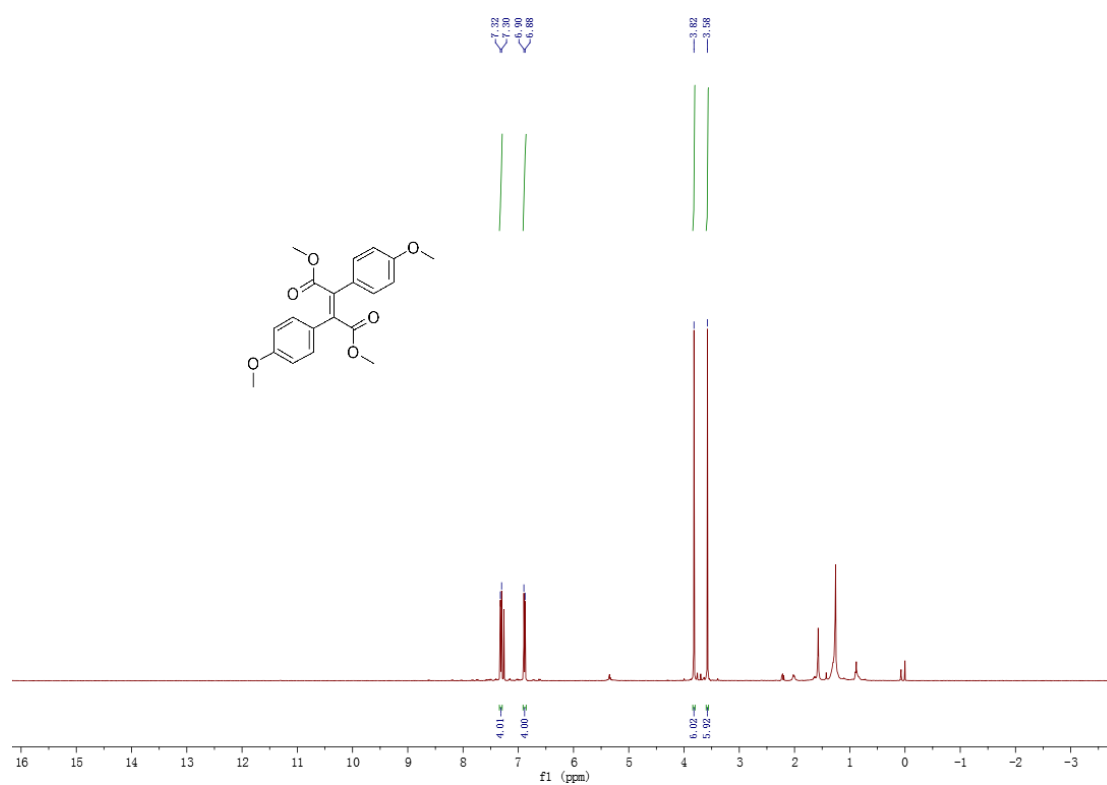
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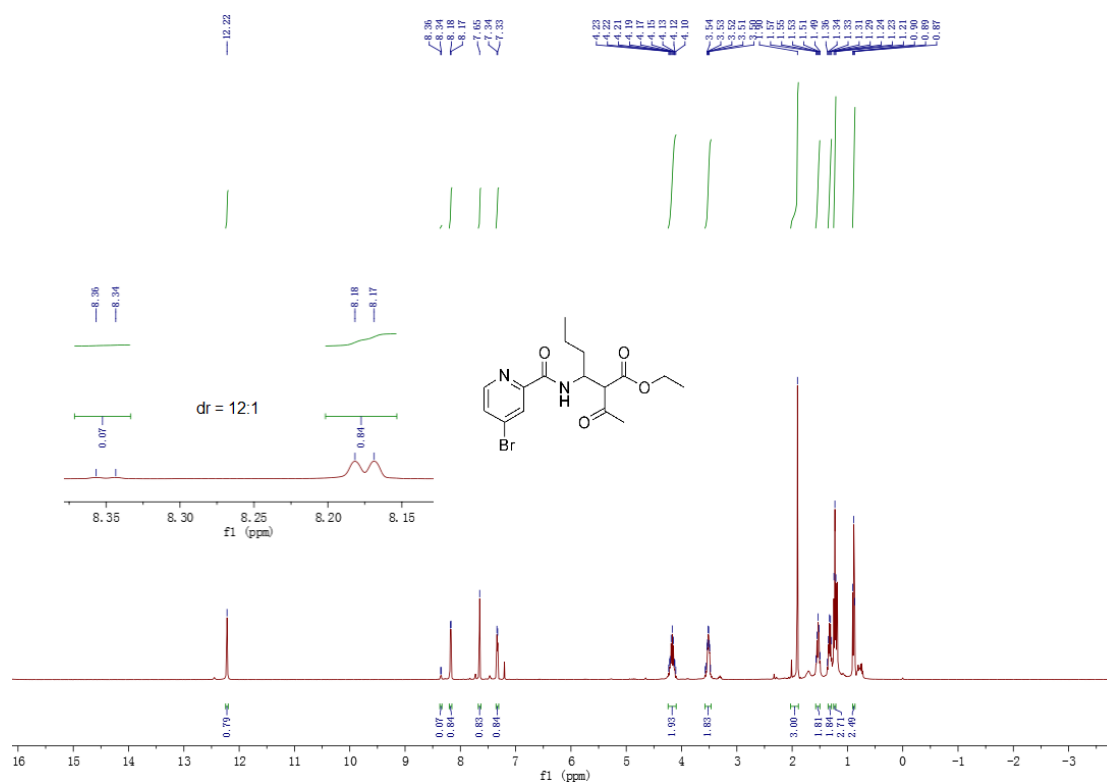
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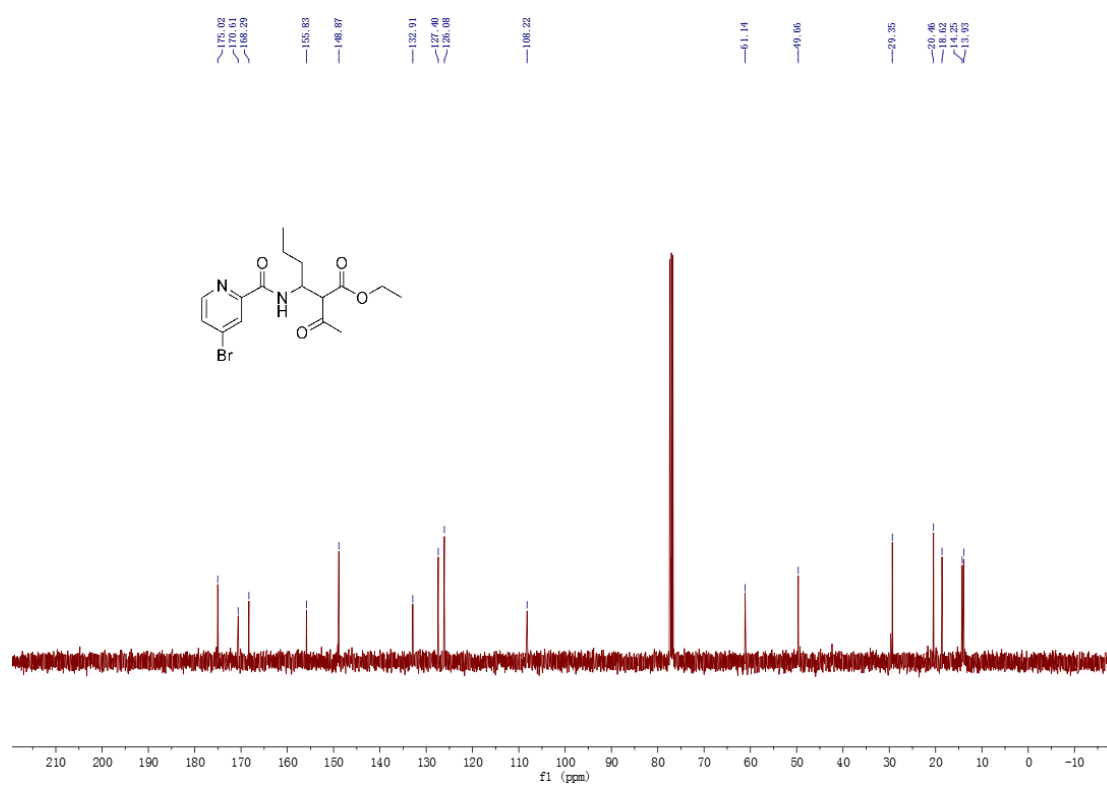
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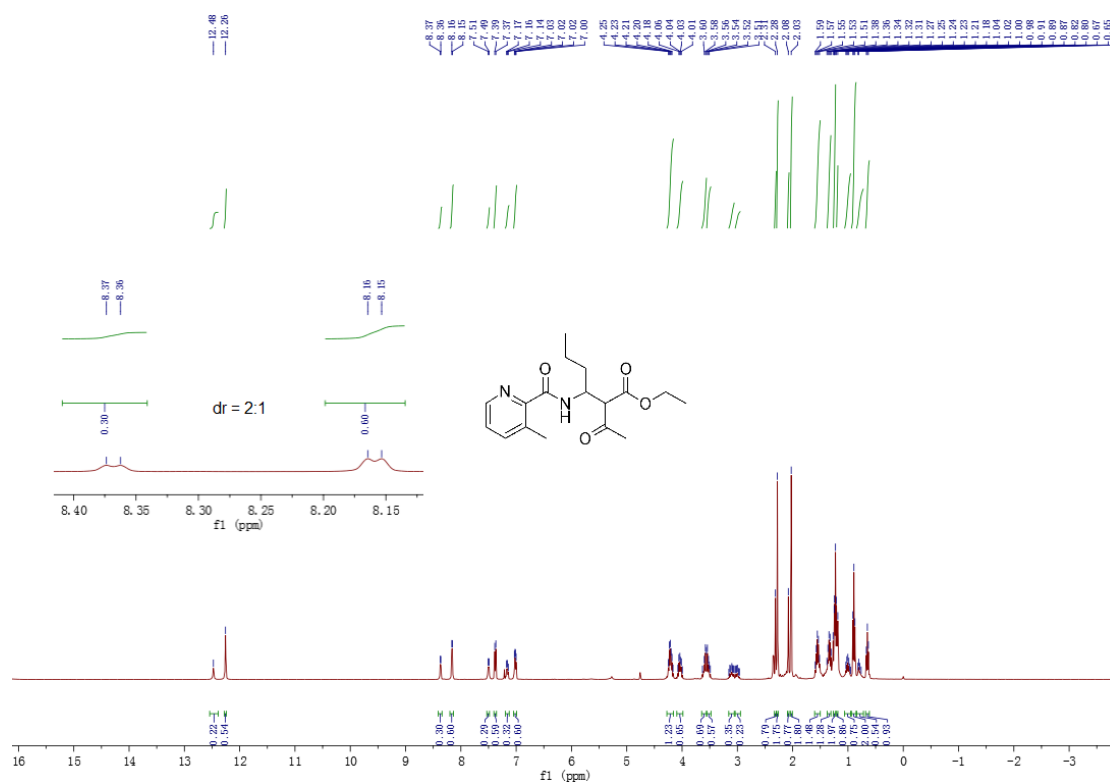
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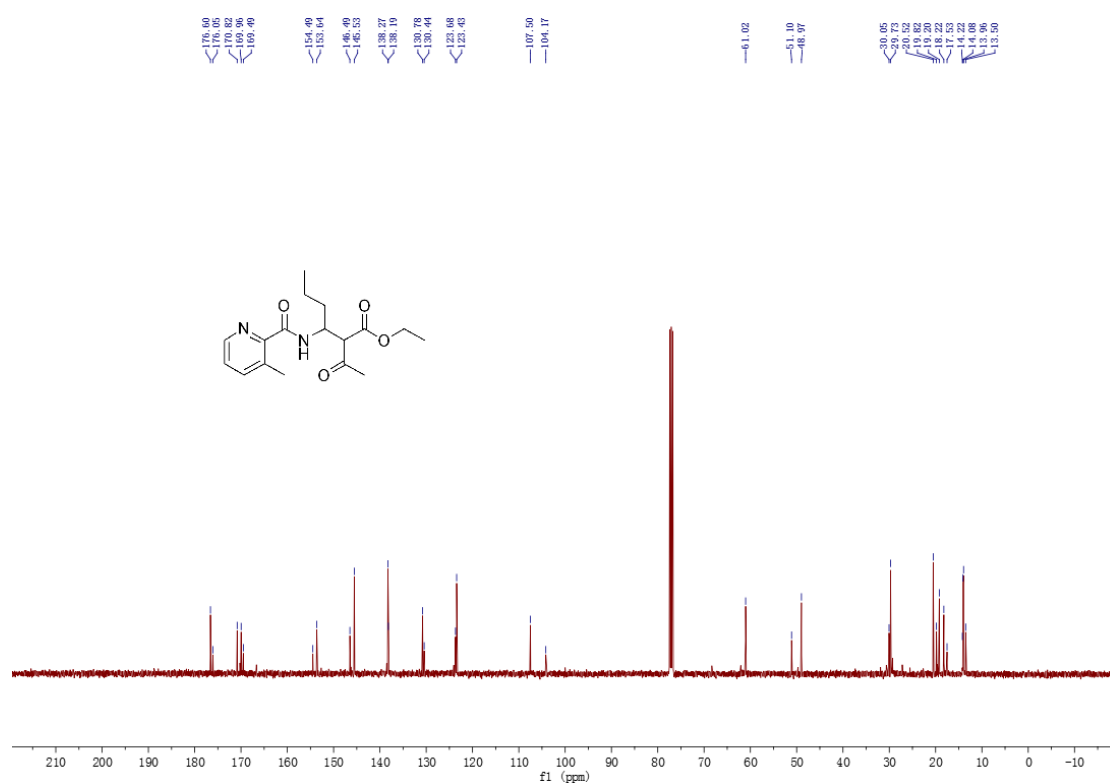
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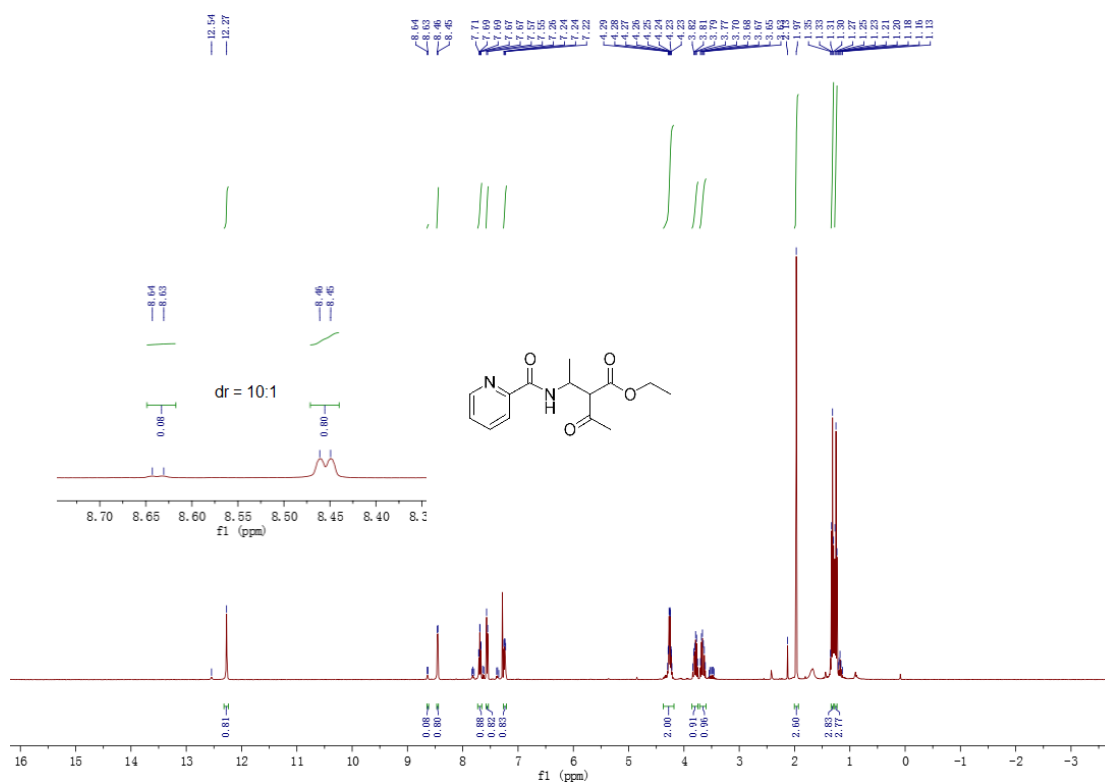
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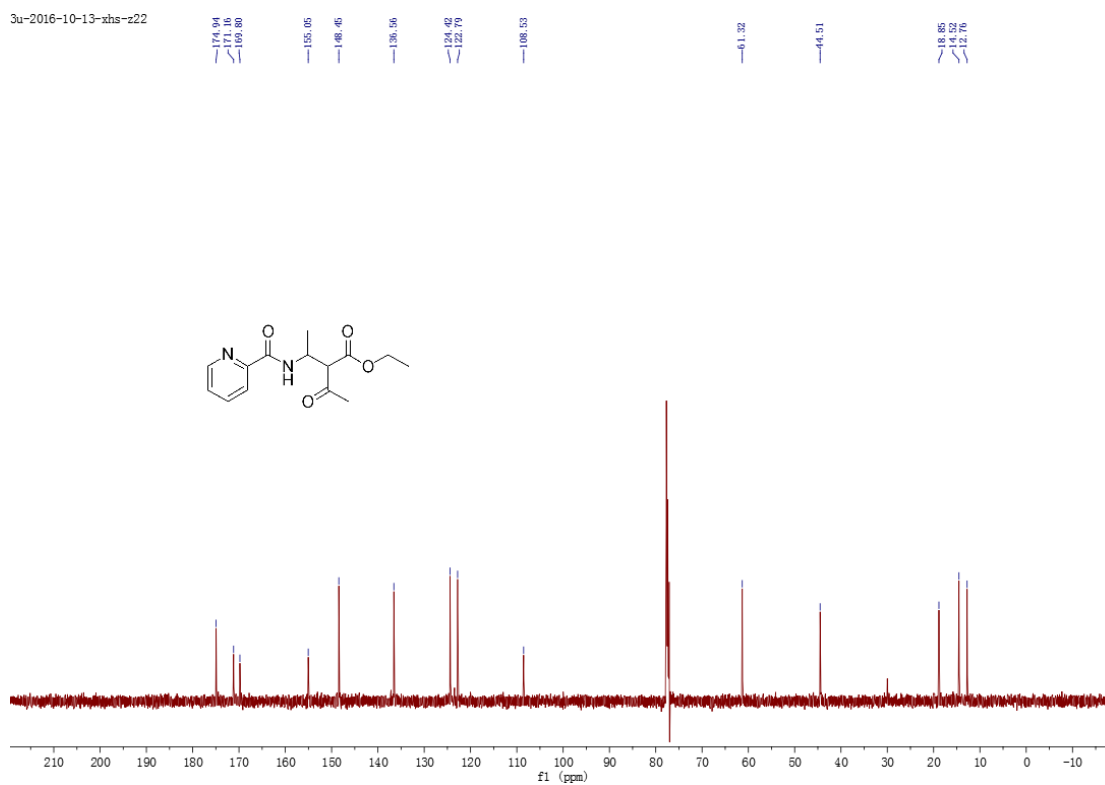
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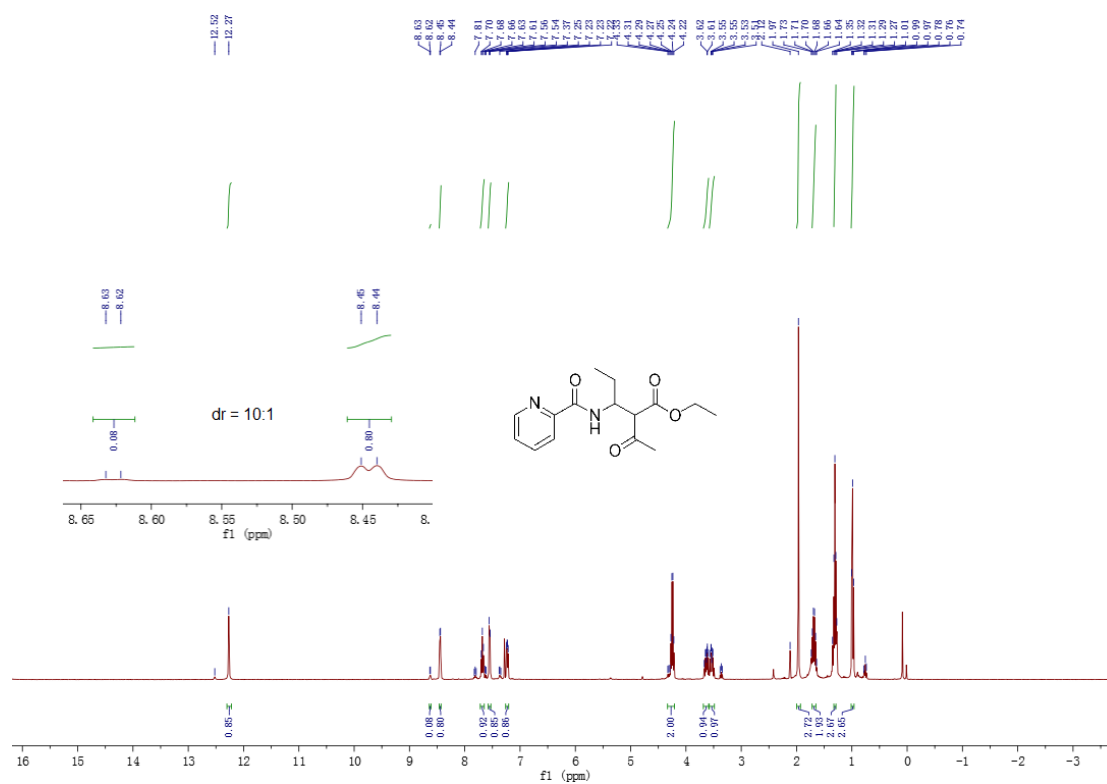
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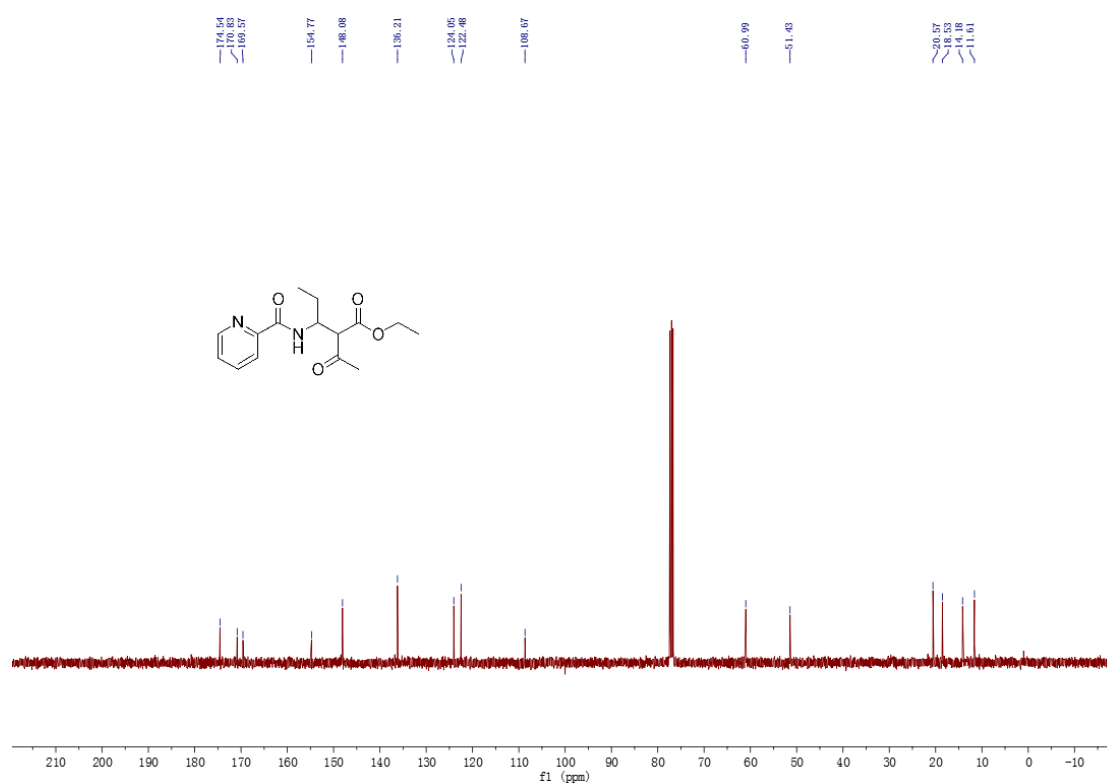
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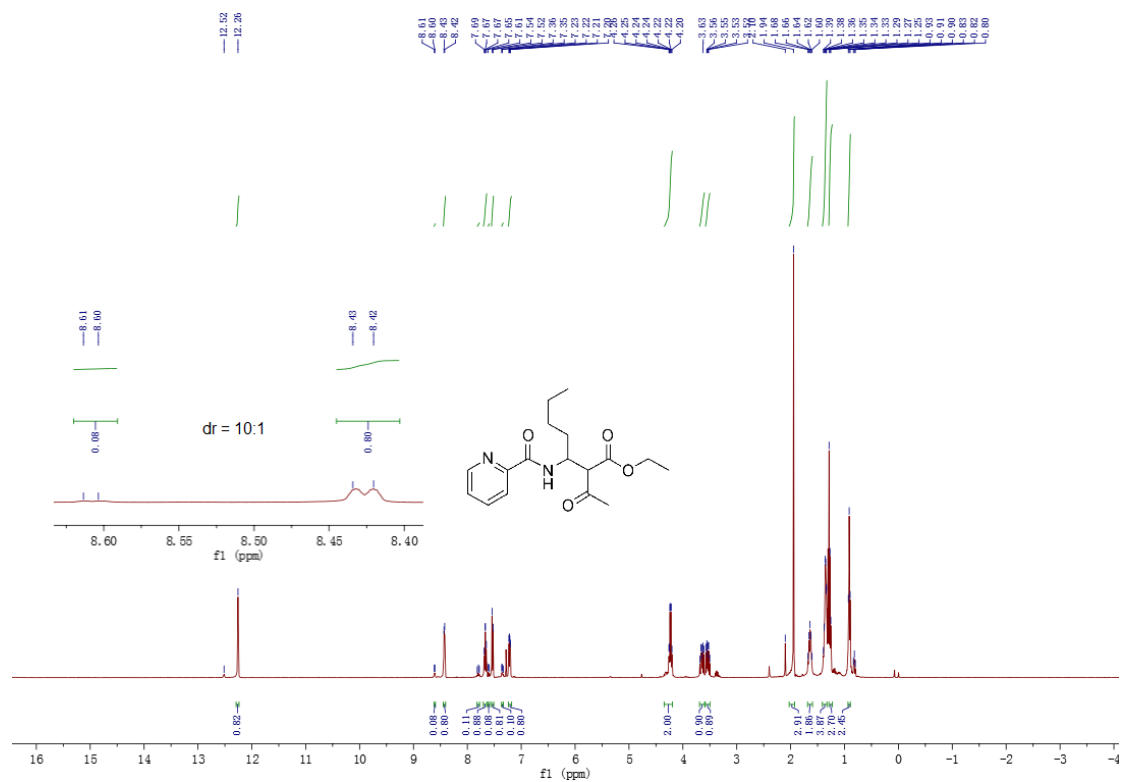
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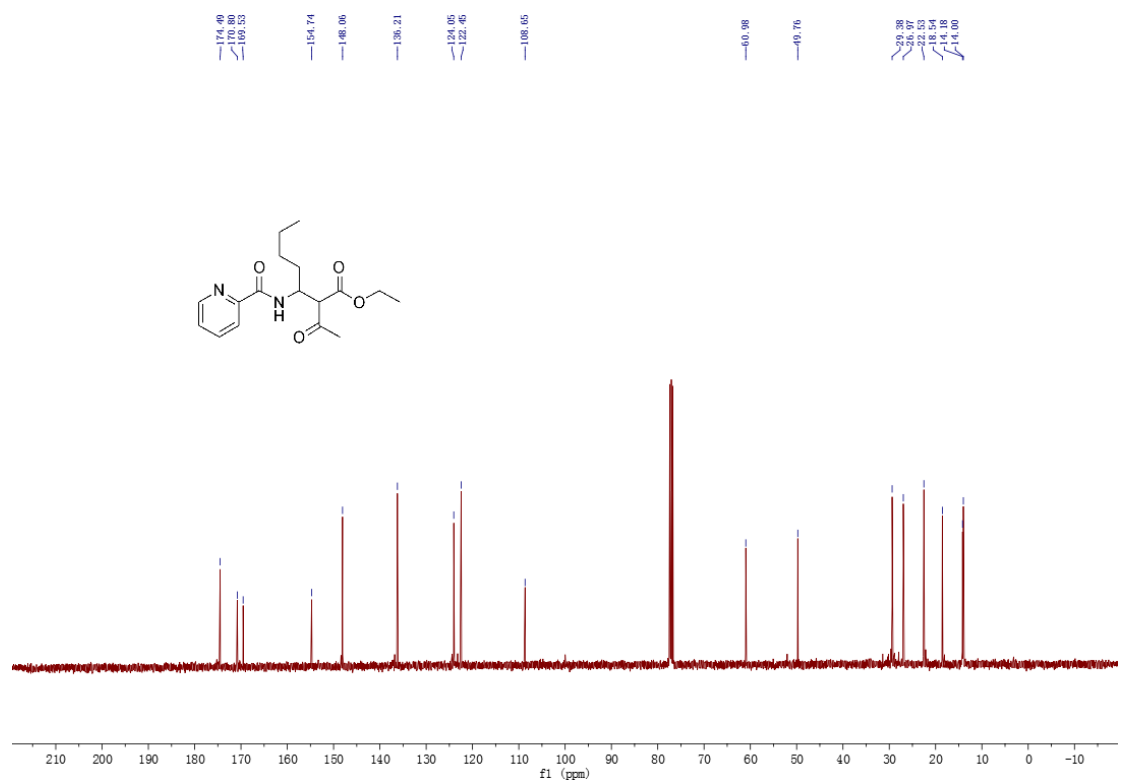
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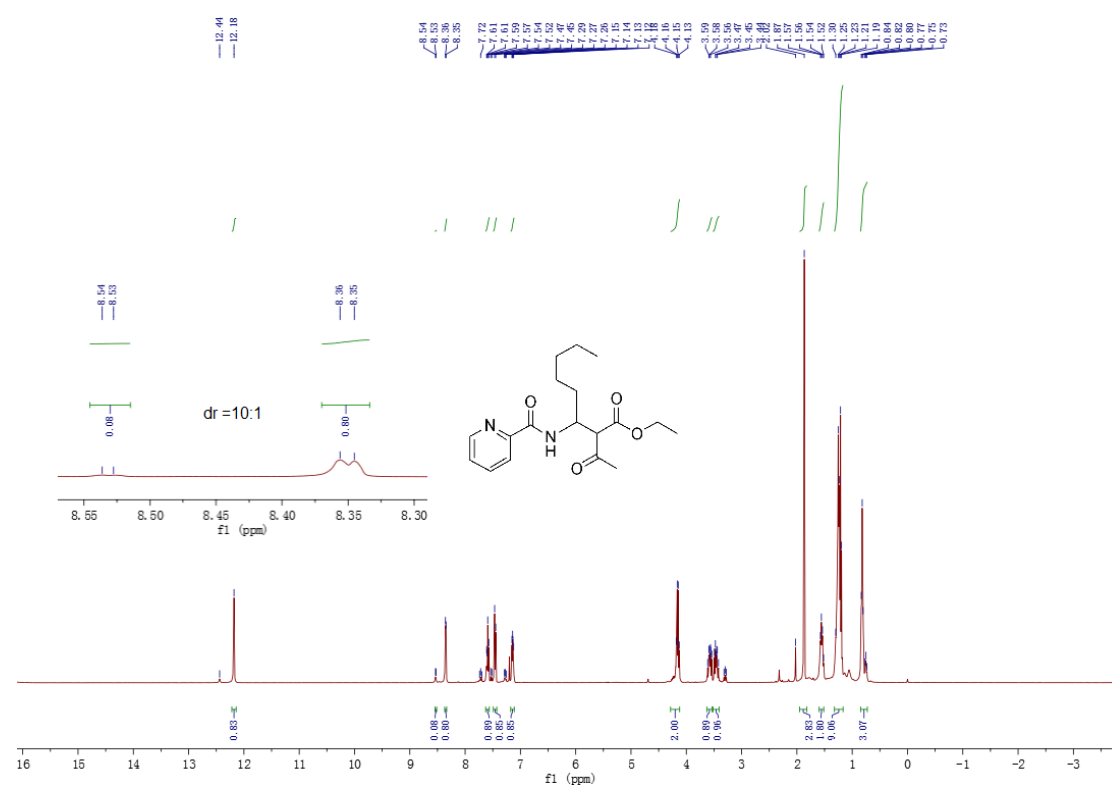
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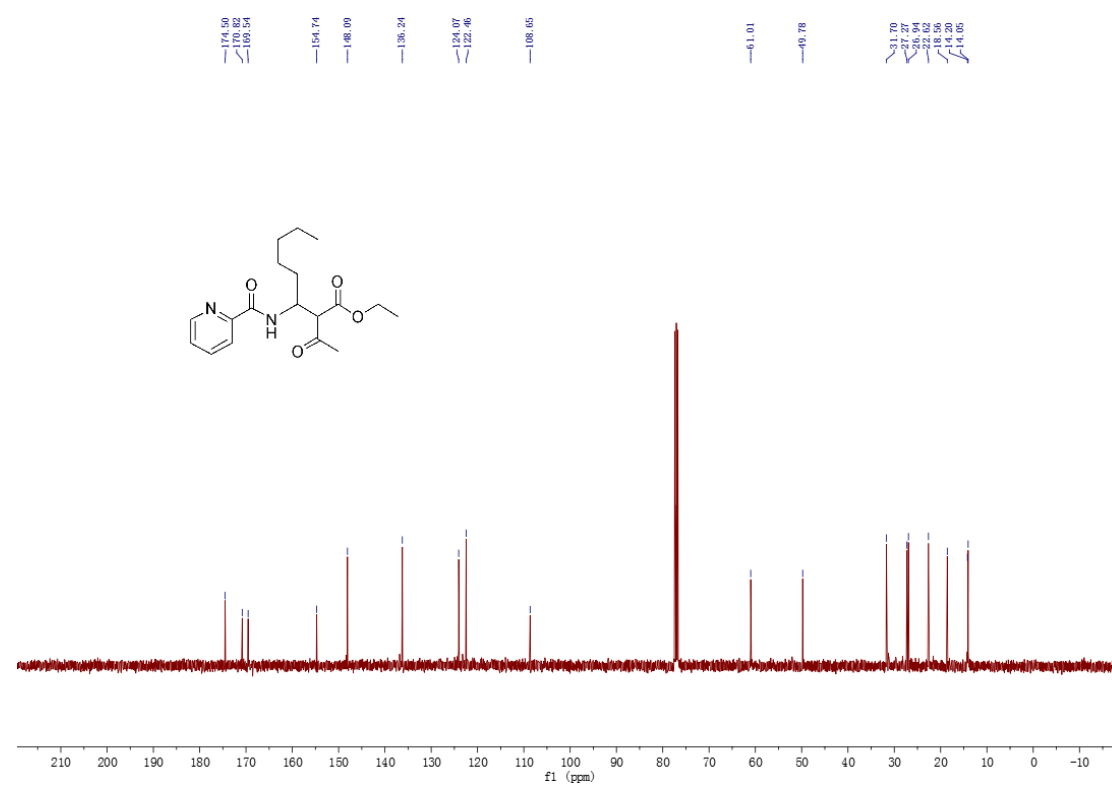
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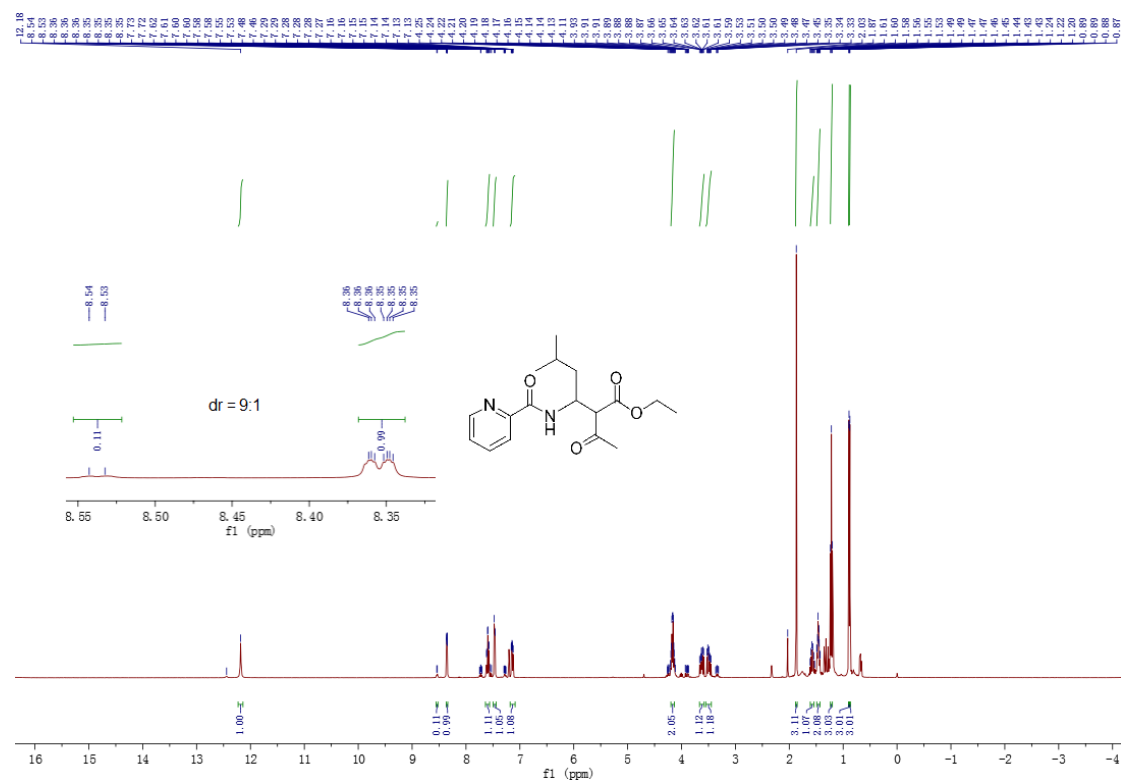
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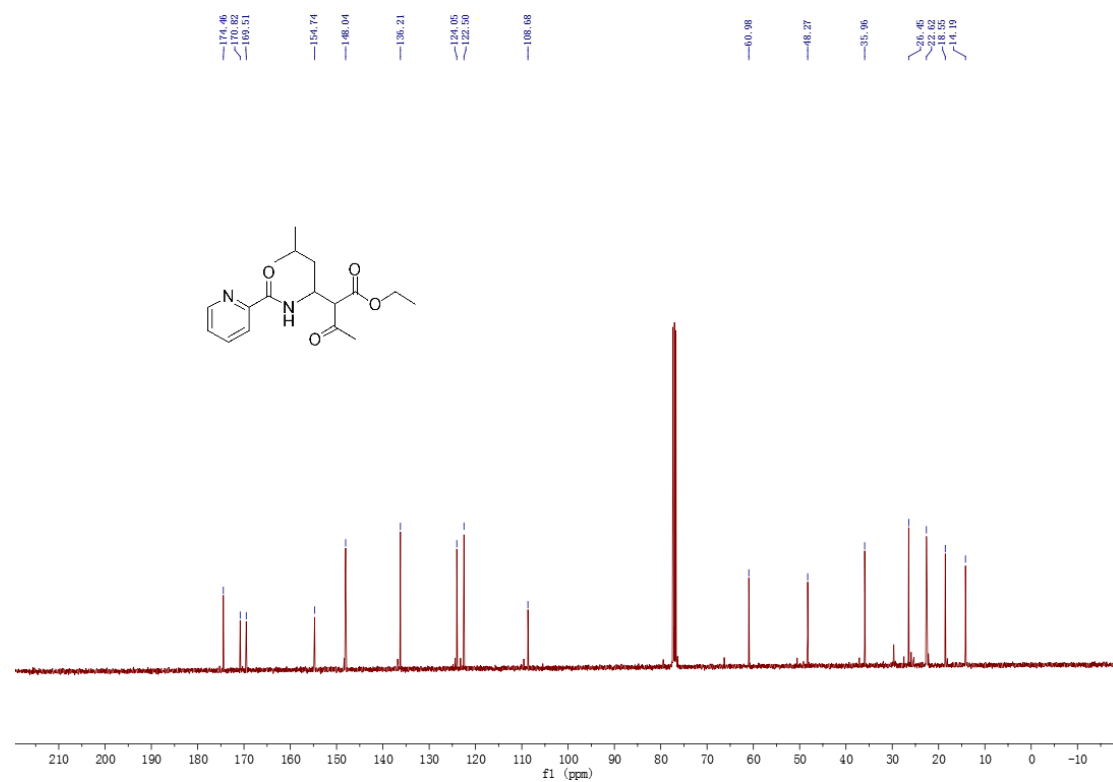
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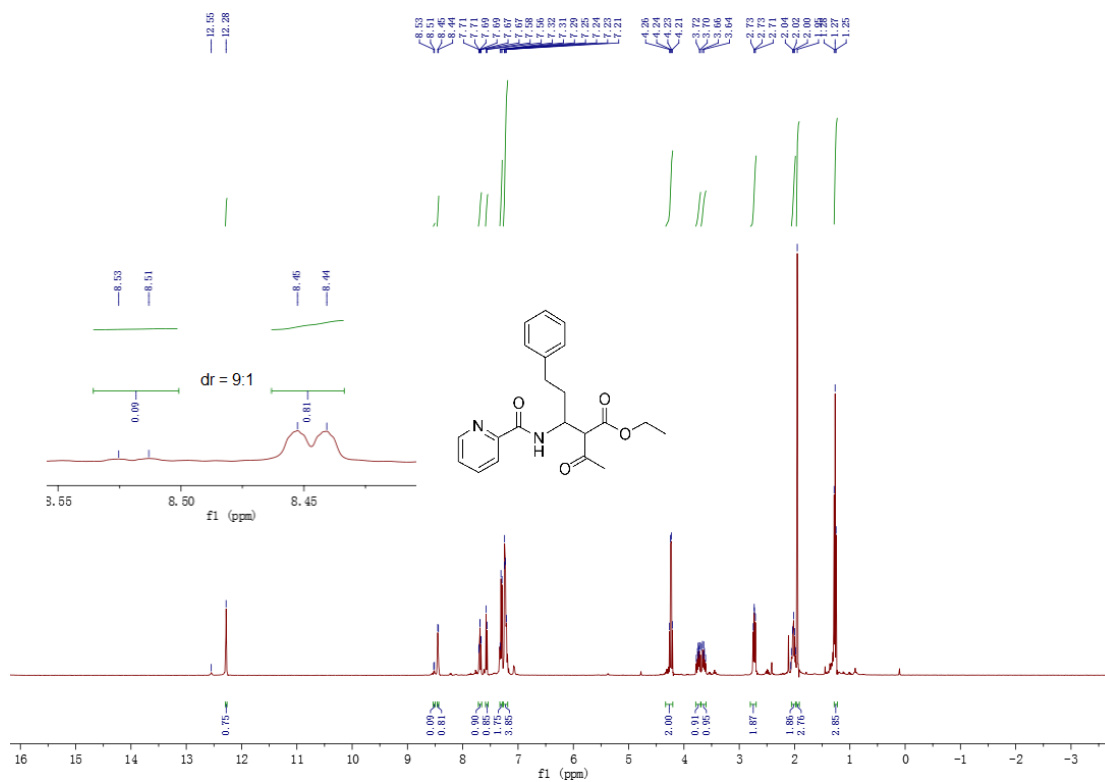
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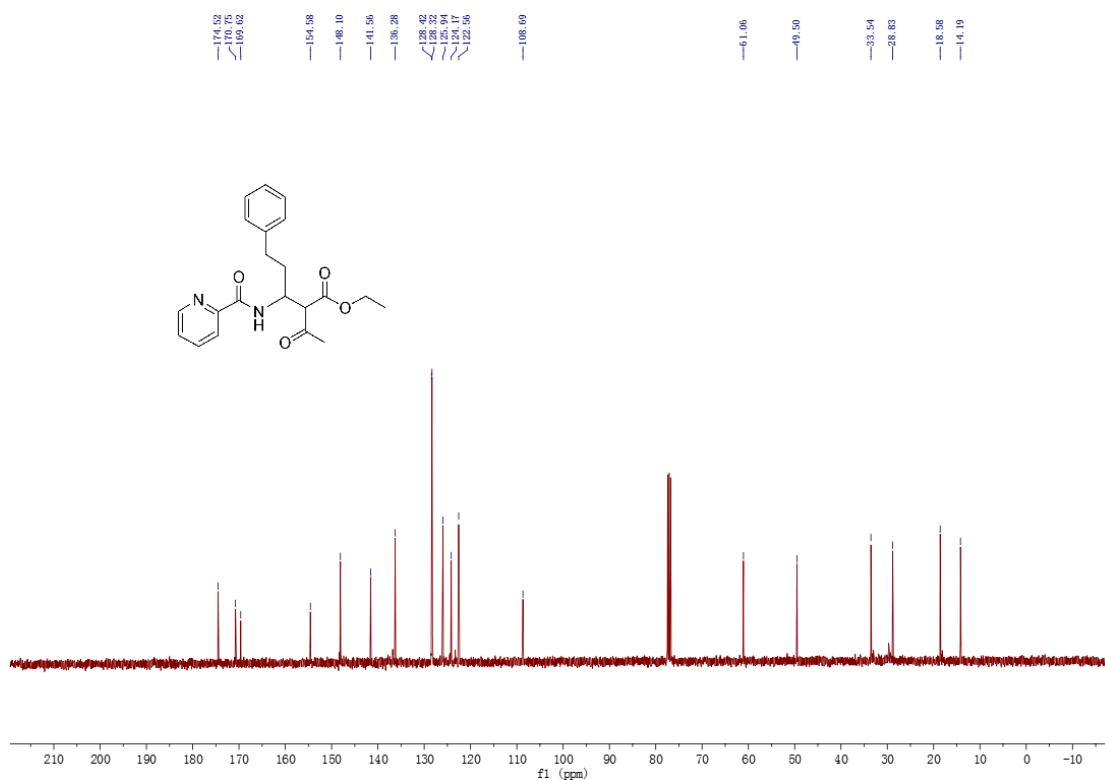
^{13}C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3s**



^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3t**



^{13}C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3t**



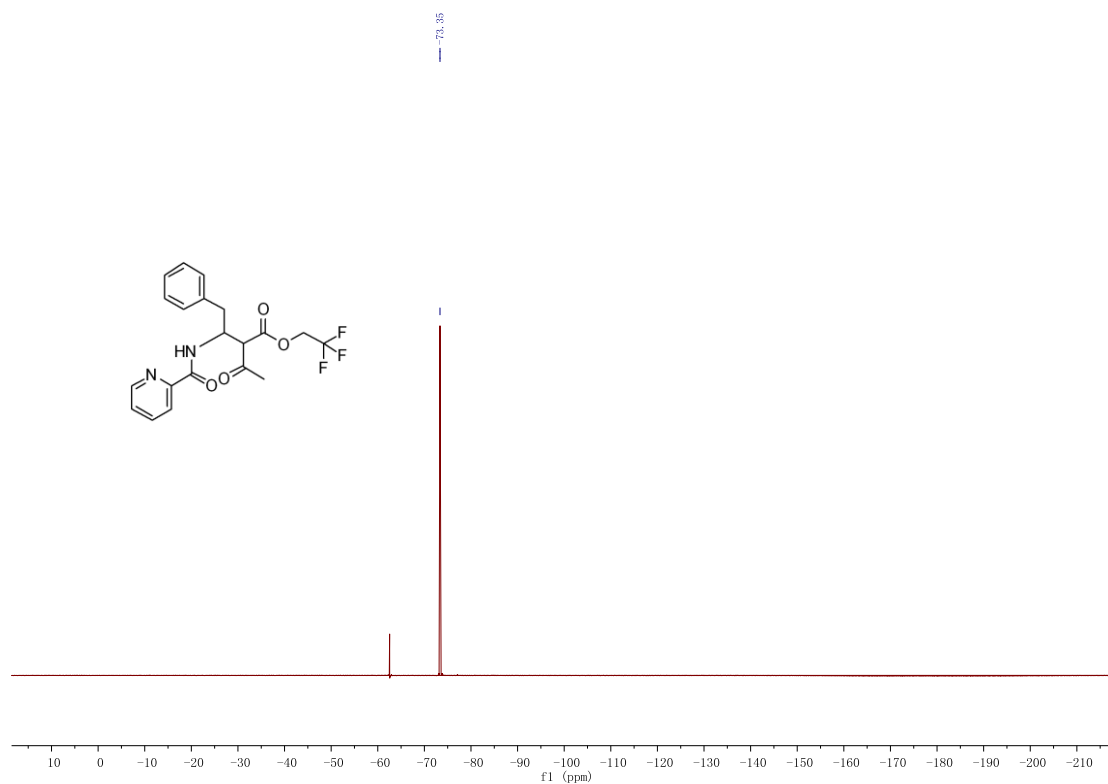
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Chemical structure of the compound is shown above the spectrum. The spectrum displays peaks corresponding to the chemical structure, with the following chemical shifts (ppm) labeled above the peaks:

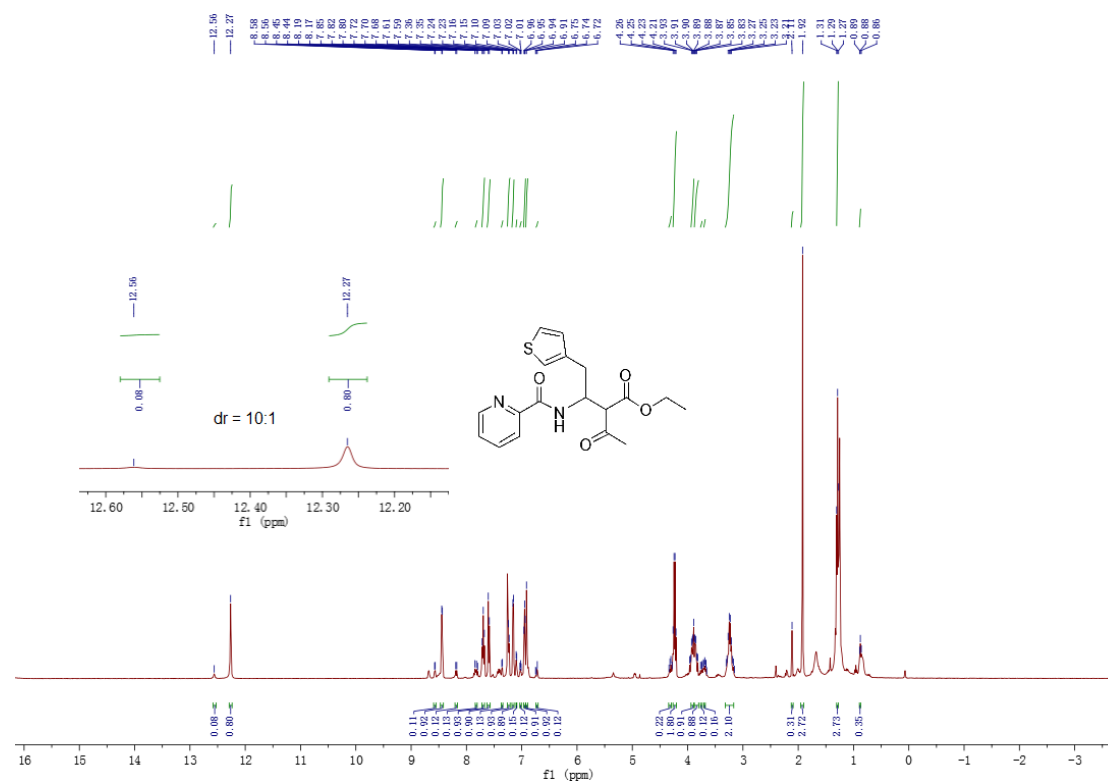
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CC(=O)OC(F)(F)F[C@@H](Cc1ccccc1)C(=O)Nc2cccnc2

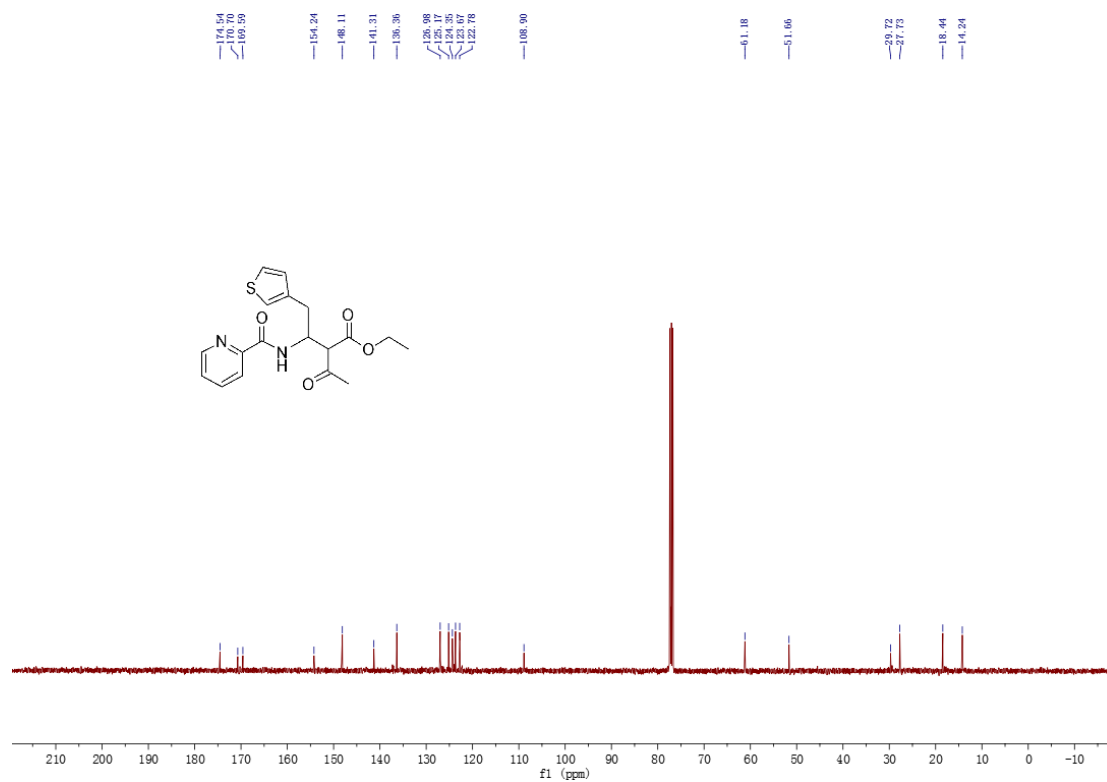
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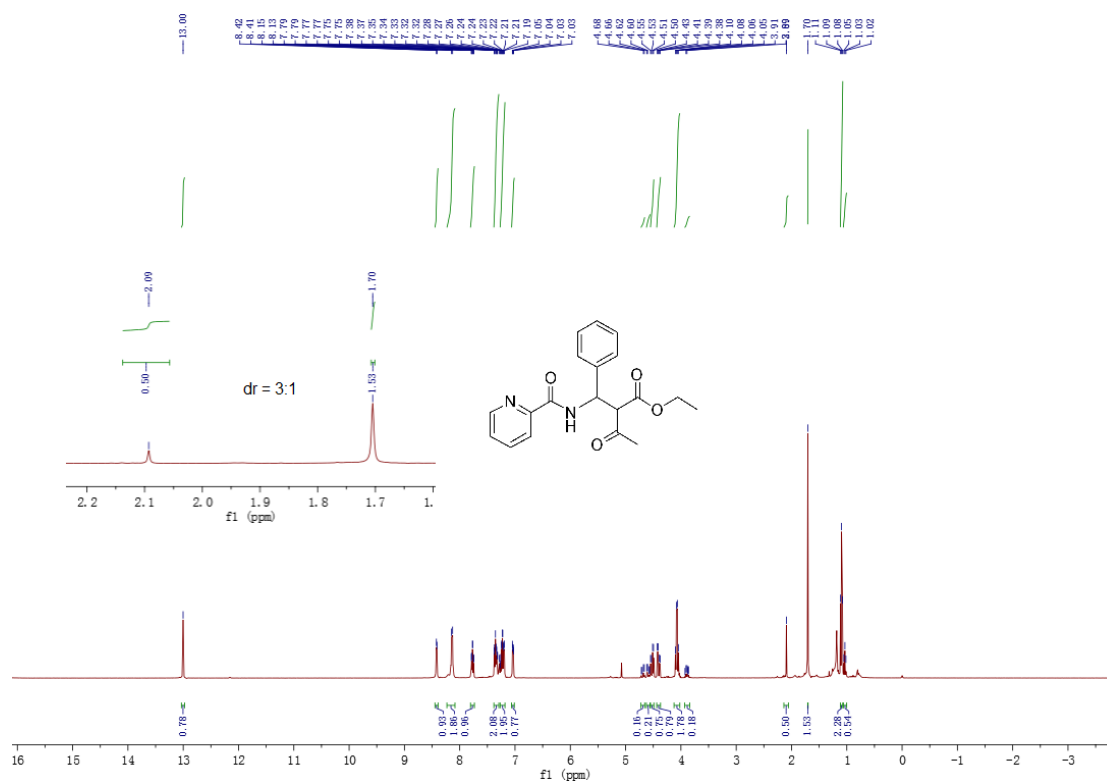
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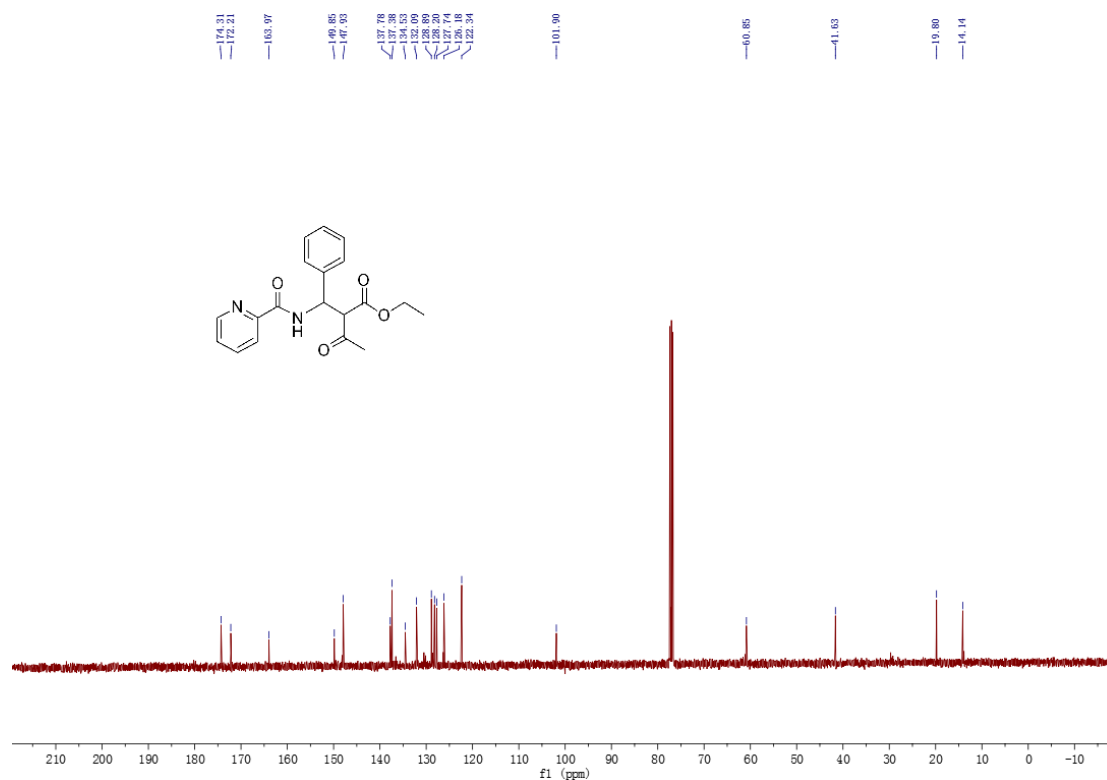
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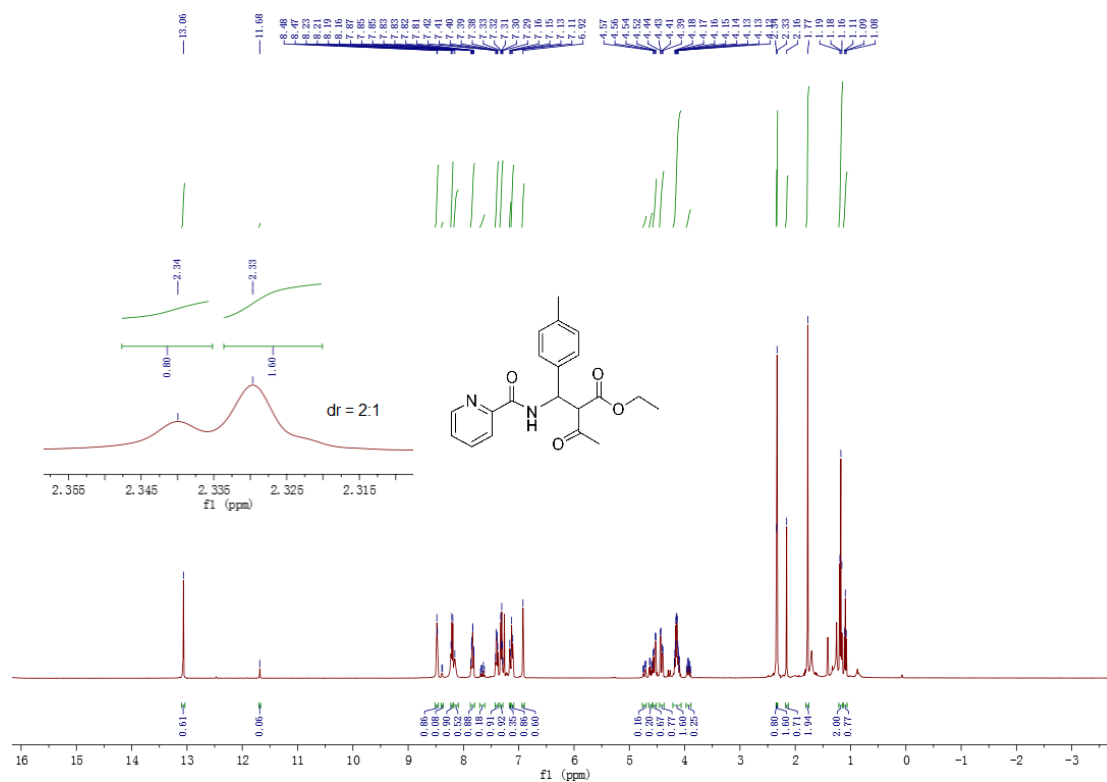
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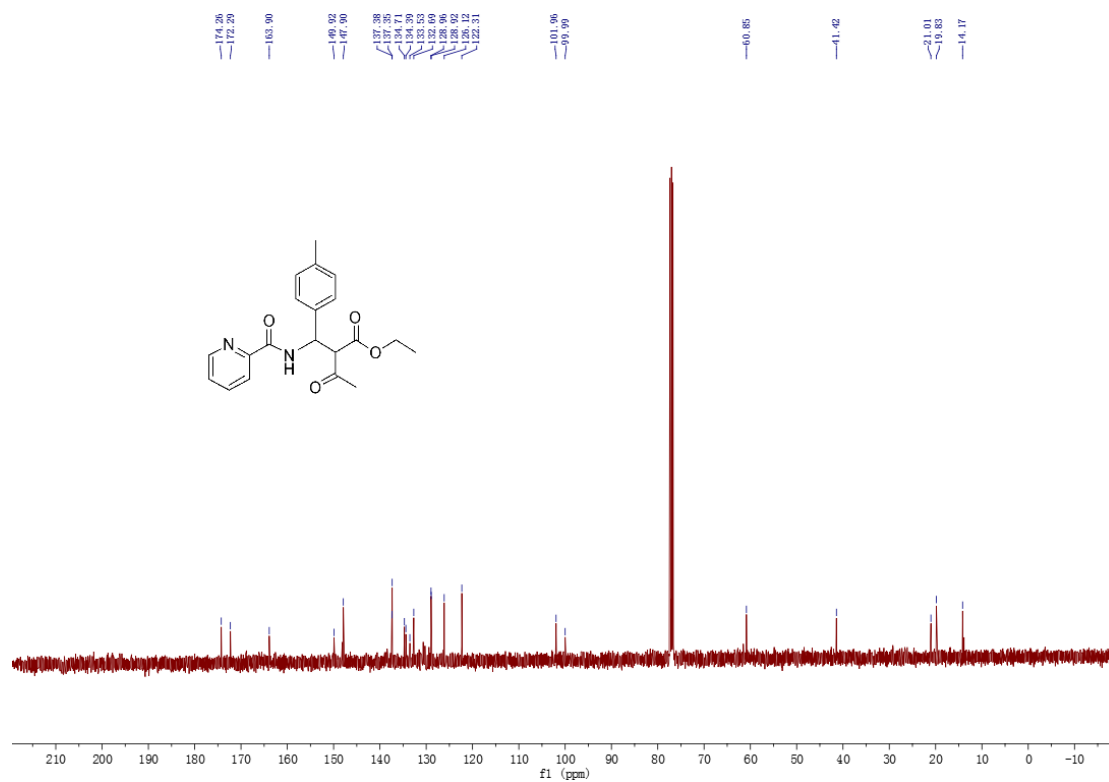
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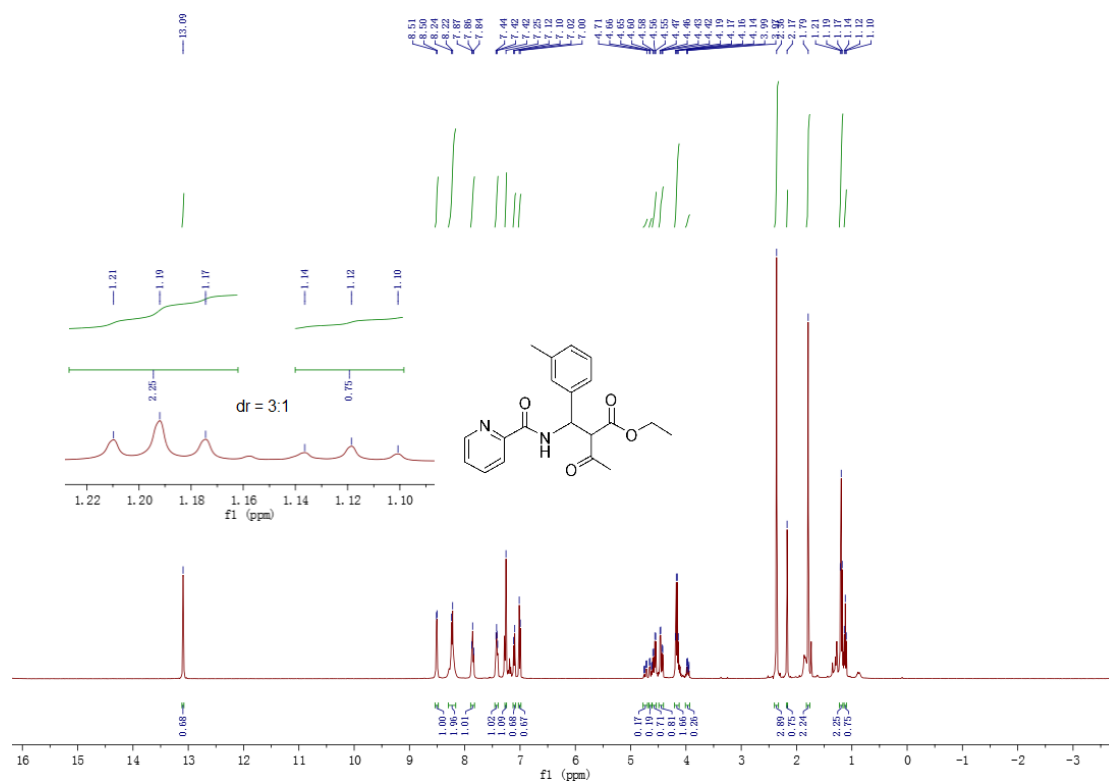
^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3x**



^{13}C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3x**



^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3y**



Chemical structure of the compound is shown above the spectrum. The structure is a substituted pyridine derivative, specifically 1-(4-methylphenyl)-2-((2-methyl-3-oxobut-3-en-1-yl)oxy)pyridine.

The spectrum displays the following chemical shifts (ppm):

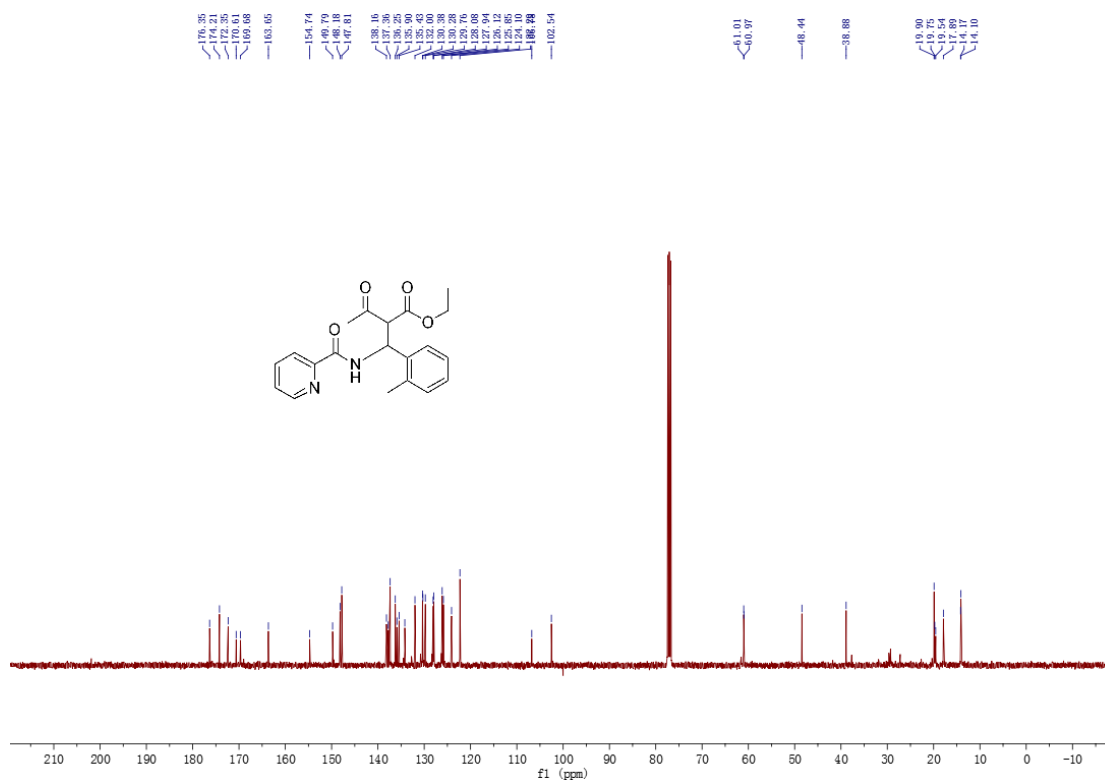
- 201.89
- 174.39
- 173.37
- 168.89
- 163.93
- 146.89
- 145.17
- 143.14
- 141.54
- 137.92
- 137.46
- 137.37
- 137.14
- 131.54
- 130.00
- 129.73
- 128.55
- 128.30
- 128.15
- 122.34
- 101.67
- 61.51
- 60.83
- 41.72
- 41.04
- 21.21
- 19.79
- 14.18
- 13.87

The spectrum shows a complex pattern of peaks, with a prominent peak at 101.67 ppm, likely corresponding to the solvent or a major component. The x-axis is labeled f1 (ppm) and ranges from 210 to -10.

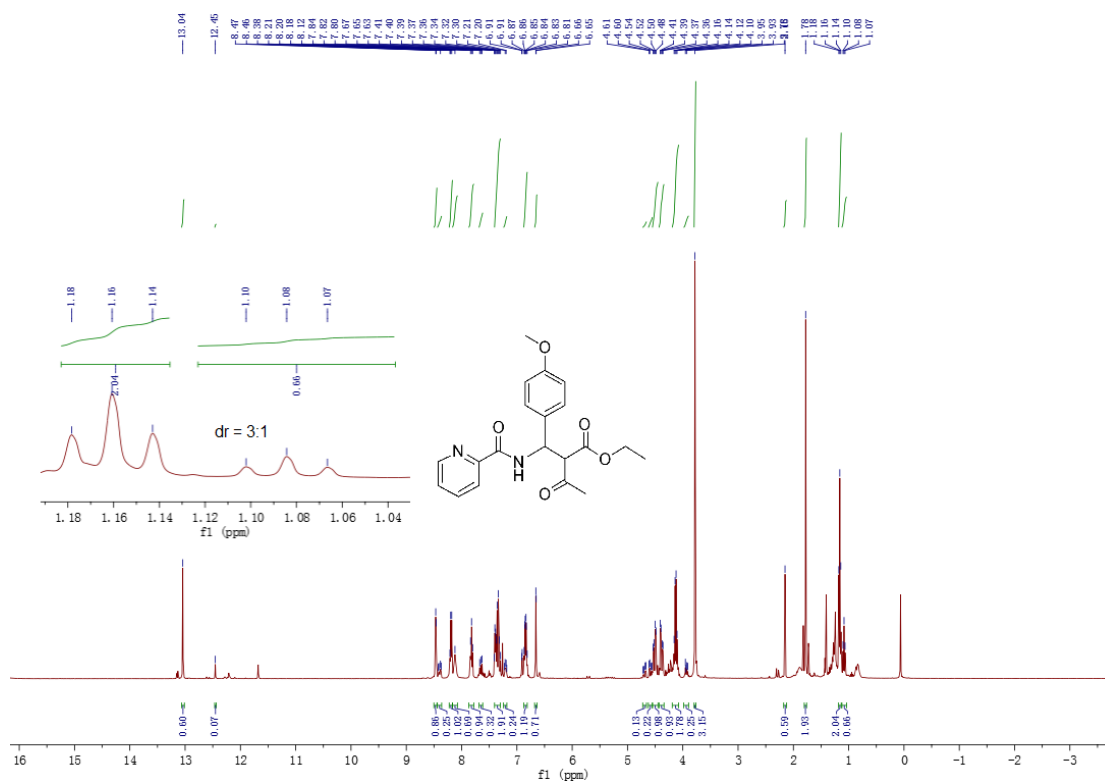
Chemical structure of compound 10: CCOC(=O)C(=O)C(c1ccccc1)C(=O)Nc2ccccn2

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound 10. The spectrum shows peaks from 0 to 8 ppm. A zoomed-in view of the 12.2-13.1 ppm region shows two peaks at 12.24 and 13.05 ppm with an integration of 0.54 and a dr = 2:1 ratio.

^{13}C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3z**



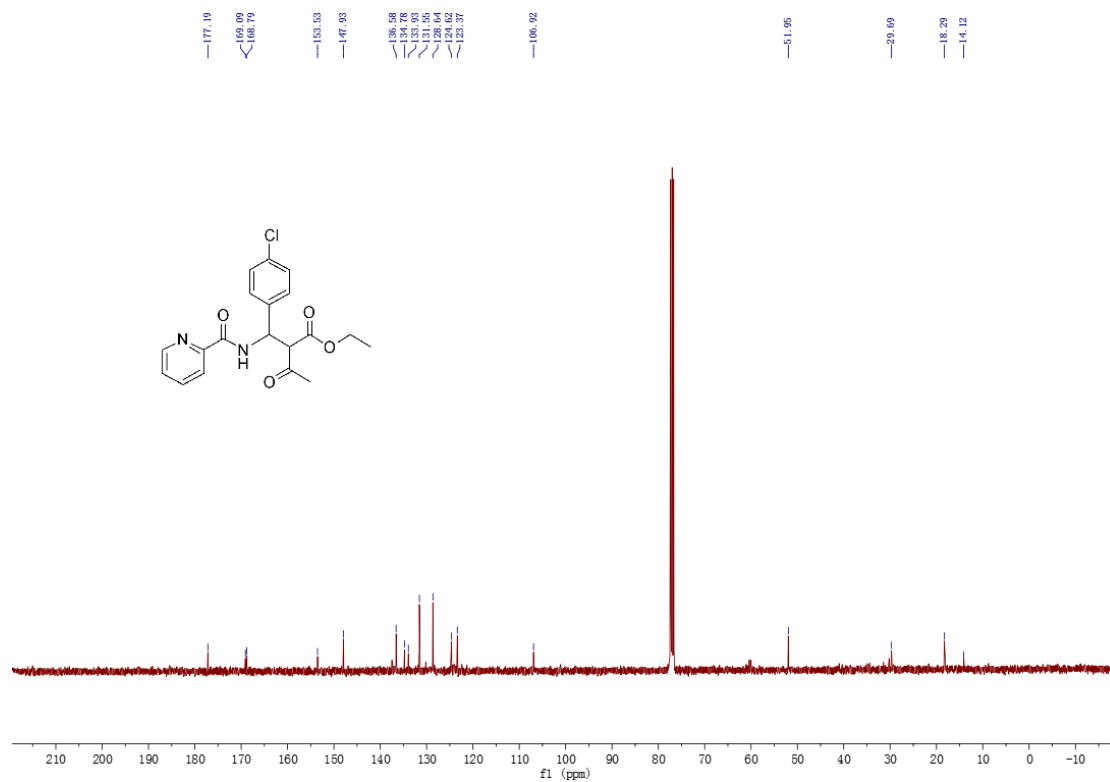
^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3-1a**



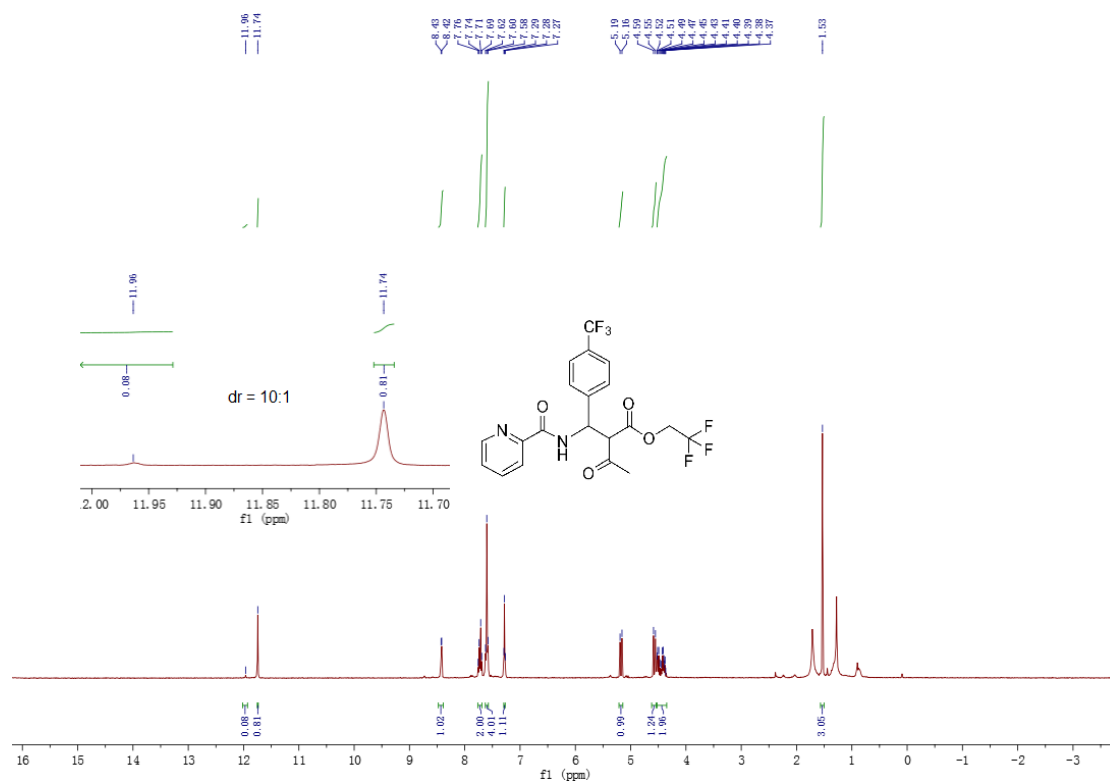
Chemical structure of the compound is shown above the spectrum. The spectrum displays peaks corresponding to the chemical structure, with the following chemical shifts (ppm) labeled above the peaks:

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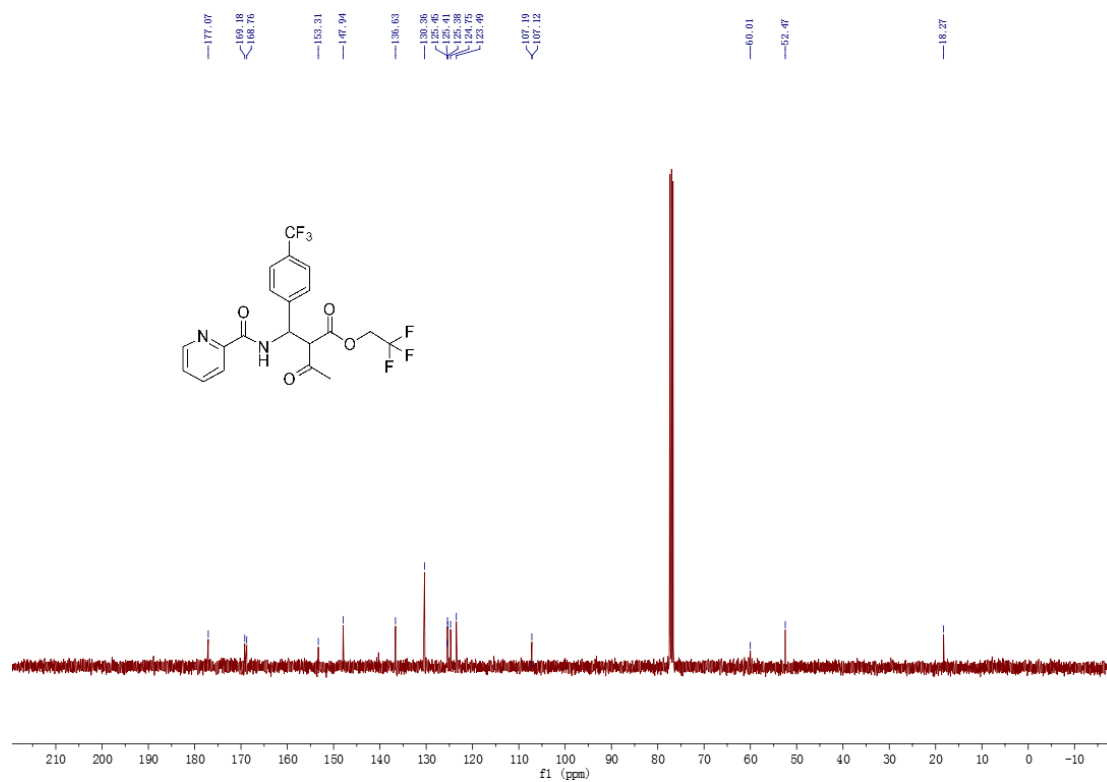
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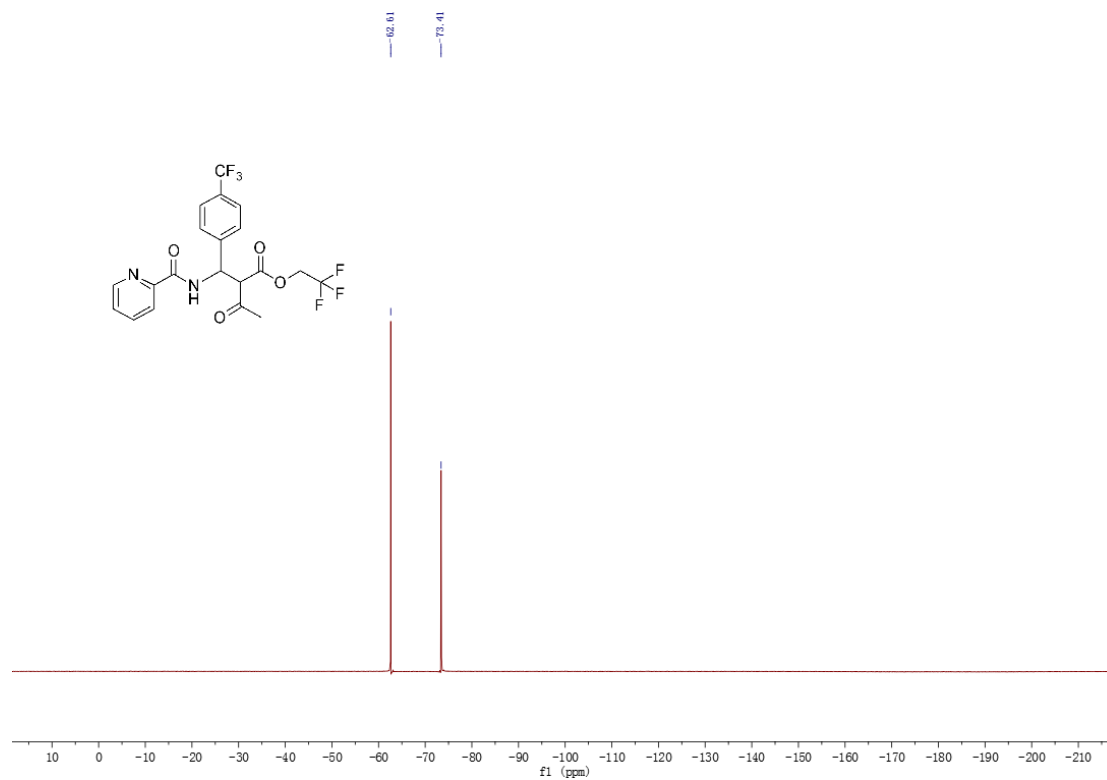
^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3-1c**



¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃) of **3-1c**



¹⁹F NMR spectrum (376 MHz, CDCl₃) of **3-1c**



¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of ethyl 2-(2-oxo-2-(pyridin-2-yl)vinyl)acrylate.

Chemical structure: CCOC(=O)C(=C)C(=O)Nc1ccncc1

Peak list (ppm): 8.56, 8.54, 8.37, 8.36, 7.61, 7.59, 7.50, 7.48, 7.18, 7.16, 7.15, 6.65, 6.53, 6.51, 6.37, 6.36, 6.18, 6.14, 6.12, 6.10, 6.09, 6.07, 6.05, 6.03, 6.01, 5.99, 5.98, 4.49, 4.47, 4.45, 4.43, 4.41, 4.39, 4.37, 4.35, 4.33, 4.31, 4.29, 4.27, 4.25, 4.23, 4.21, 4.19, 4.17, 4.15, 4.13, 4.11, 4.09, 4.07, 4.05, 4.03, 4.01, 3.99, 3.97, 3.95, 3.93, 3.91, 3.89, 3.87, 3.85, 3.83, 3.81, 3.79, 3.77, 3.75, 3.73, 3.71, 3.69, 3.67, 3.65, 3.63, 3.61, 3.59, 3.57, 3.55, 3.53, 3.51, 3.49, 3.47, 3.45, 3.43, 3.41, 3.39, 3.37, 3.35, 3.33, 3.31, 3.29, 3.27, 3.25, 3.23, 3.21, 3.19, 3.17, 3.15, 3.13, 3.11, 3.09, 3.07, 3.05, 3.03, 3.01, 2.99, 2.97, 2.95, 2.93, 2.91, 2.89, 2.87, 2.85, 2.83, 2.81, 2.79, 2.77, 2.75, 2.73, 2.71, 2.69, 2.67, 2.65, 2.63, 2.61, 2.59, 2.57, 2.55, 2.53, 2.51, 2.49, 2.47, 2.45, 2.43, 2.41, 2.39, 2.37, 2.35, 2.33, 2.31, 2.29, 2.27, 2.25, 2.23, 2.21, 2.19, 2.17, 2.15, 2.13, 2.11, 2.09, 2.07, 2.05, 2.03, 2.01, 1.99, 1.97, 1.95, 1.93, 1.91, 1.89, 1.87, 1.85, 1.83, 1.81, 1.79, 1.77, 1.75, 1.73, 1.71, 1.69, 1.67, 1.65, 1.63, 1.61, 1.59, 1.57, 1.55, 1.53, 1.51, 1.49, 1.47, 1.45, 1.43, 1.41, 1.39, 1.37, 1.35, 1.33, 1.31, 1.29, 1.27, 1.25, 1.23, 1.21, 1.19, 1.17, 1.15, 1.13, 1.11, 1.09, 1.07, 1.05, 1.03, 1.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25, 0.23, 0.21, 0.19, 0.17, 0.15, 0.13, 0.11, 0.09, 0.07, 0.05, 0.03, 0.01, 0.99, 0.97, 0.95, 0.93, 0.91, 0.89, 0.87, 0.85, 0.83, 0.81, 0.79, 0.77, 0.75, 0.73, 0.71, 0.69, 0.67, 0.65, 0.63, 0.61, 0.59, 0.57, 0.55, 0.53, 0.51, 0.49, 0.47, 0.45, 0.43, 0.41, 0.39, 0.37, 0.35, 0.33, 0.31, 0.29, 0.27, 0.25,

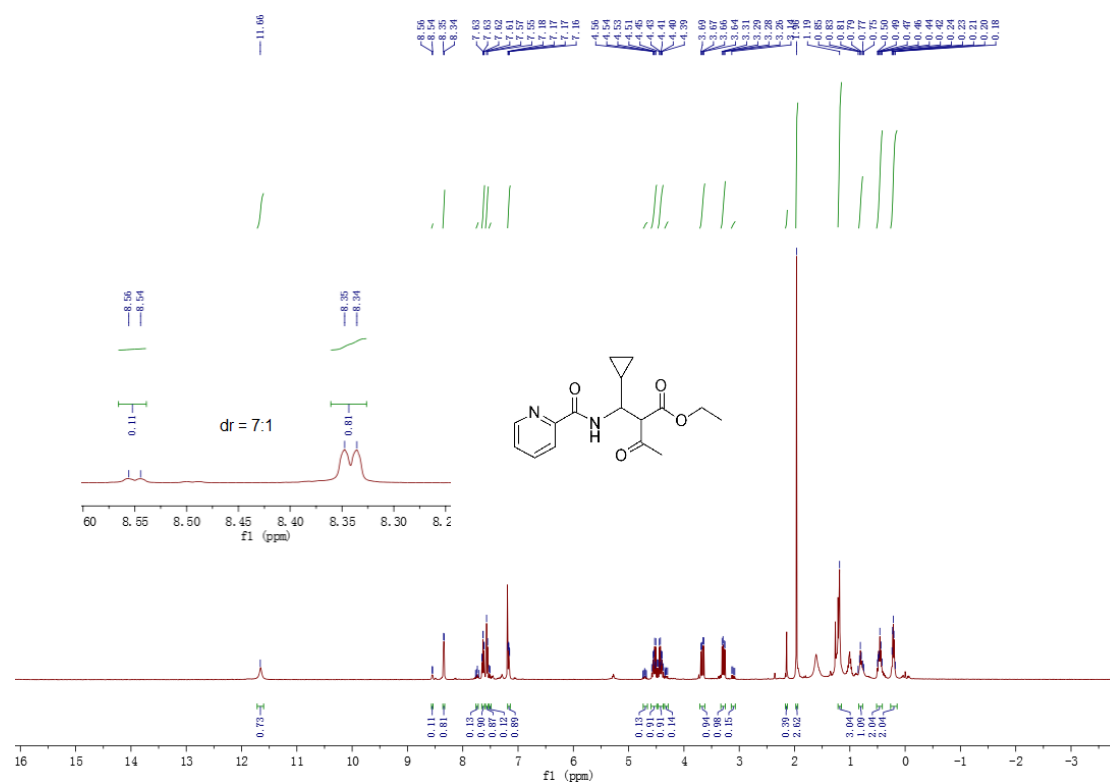
Chemical structure of the compound is shown above the spectrum:

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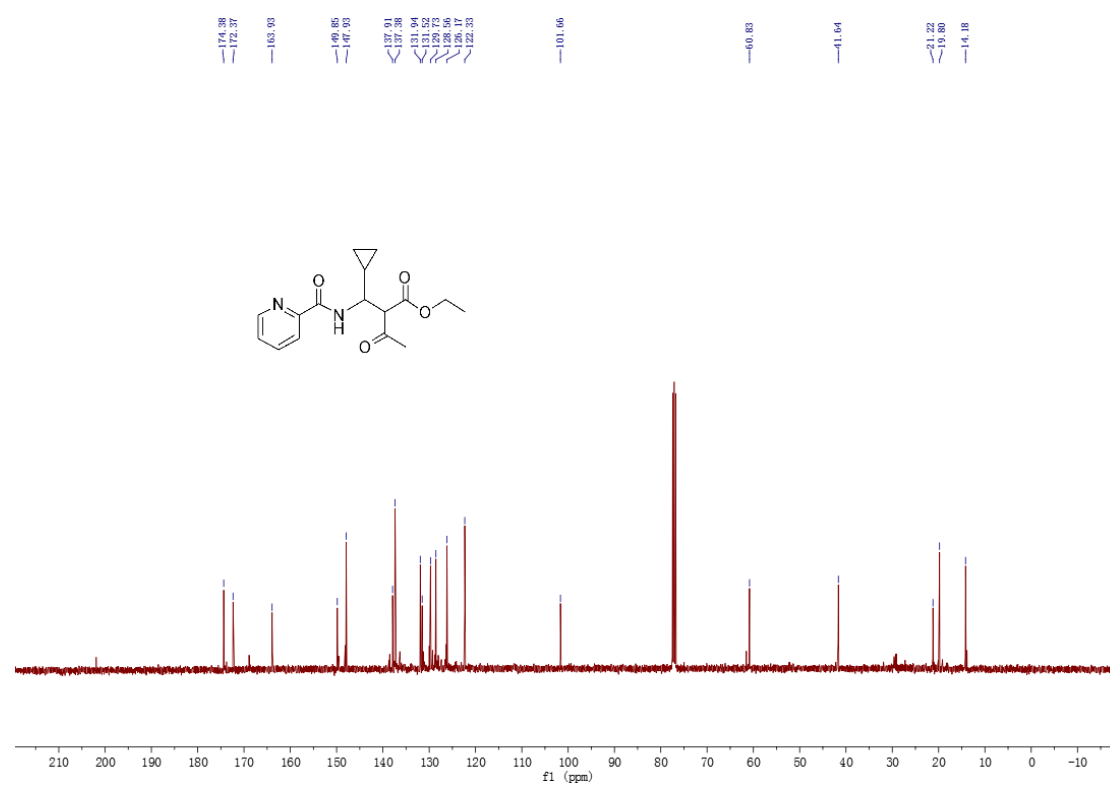
¹³C NMR spectrum (ppm):

- 174.95
- 170.67
- 169.48
- 154.40
- 148.15
- 138.28
- 132.65
- 124.23
- 122.58
- 119.17
- 108.05
- 60.99
- 52.31
- 18.74
- 14.23

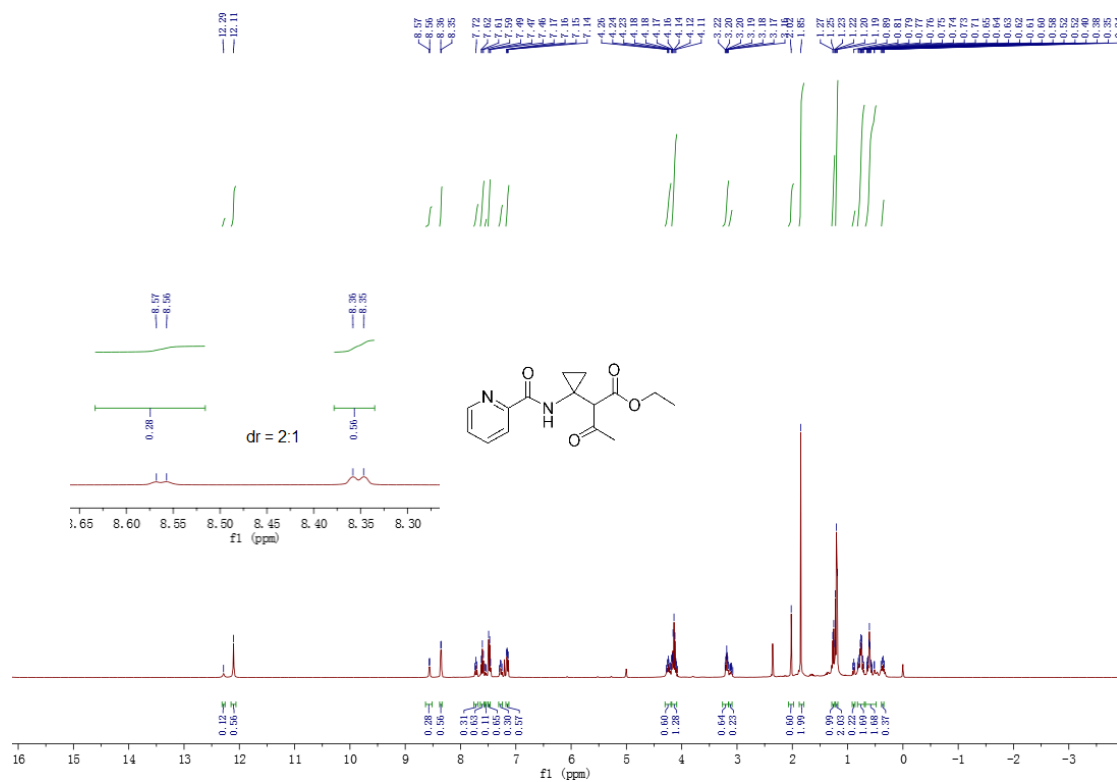
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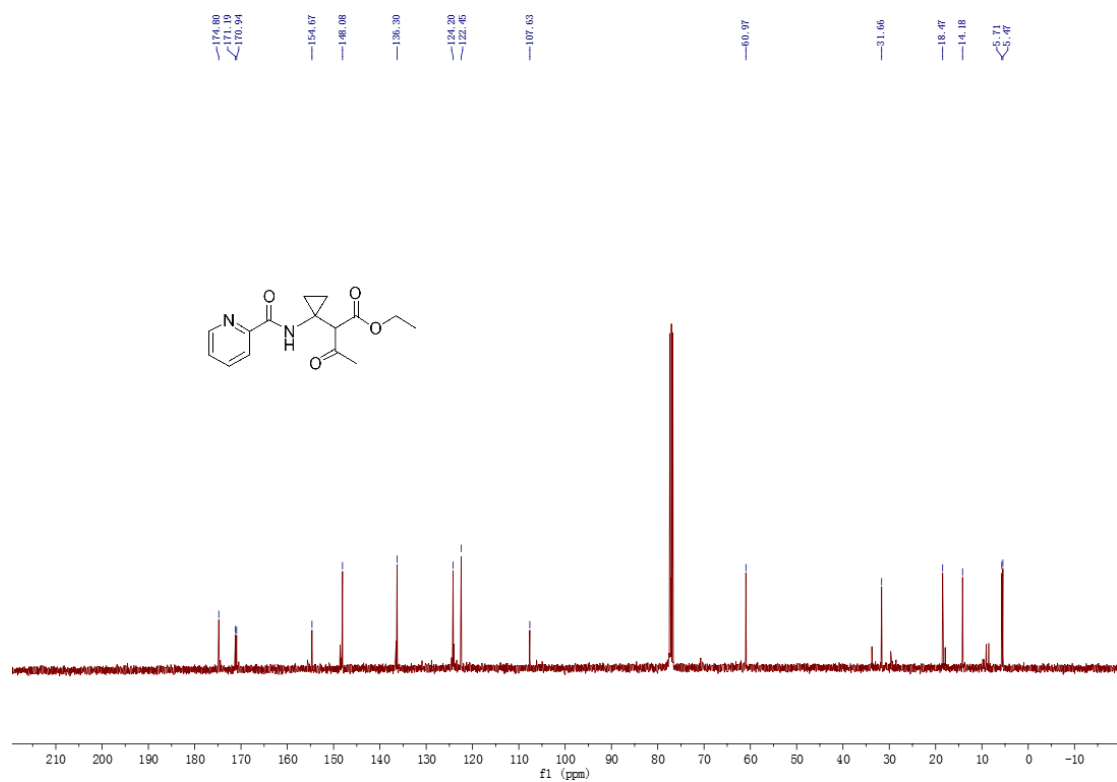
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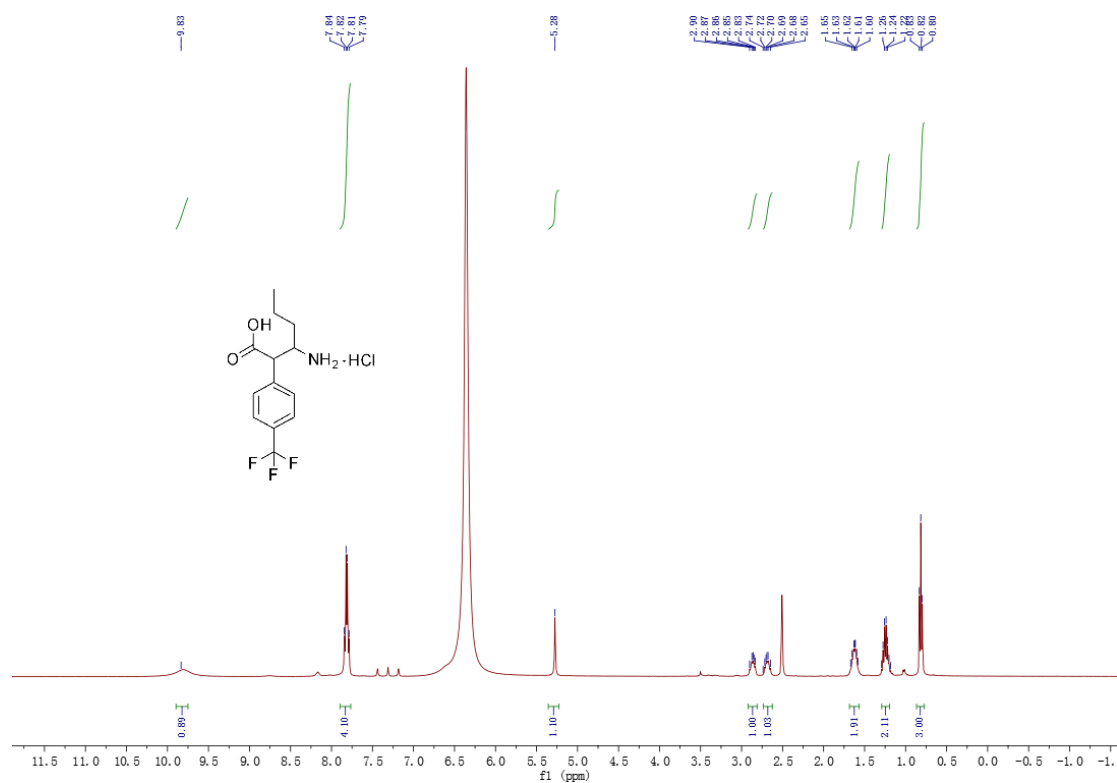
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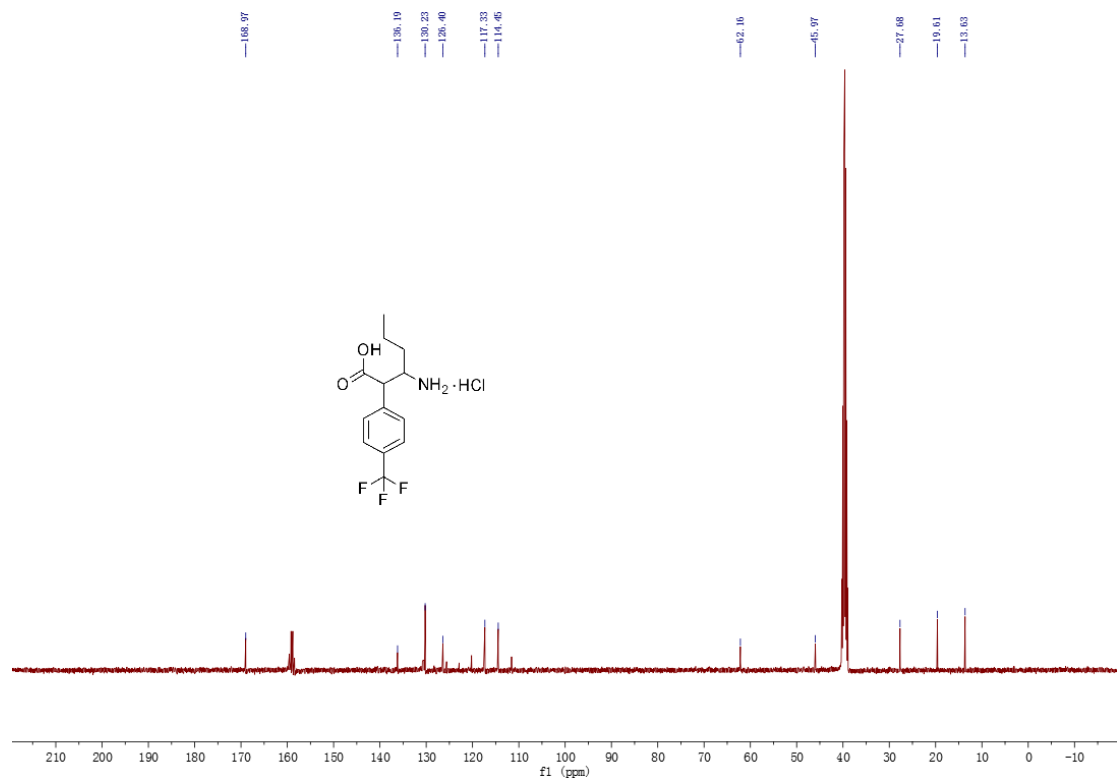
^{13}C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl_3) of **3-1f**



^1H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO/ $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, 20:1) of **4b**



^{13}C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, DMSO/ CF_3COOH , 20:1) of **4b**



^{19}F NMR spectrum (376 MHz, CDCl_3) of **4b**

