

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Phthalic Acid Derivatives via Pd-Catalyzed Alkoxy carbonylation of Aromatic C–H Bonds with Alkyl Chloroformates

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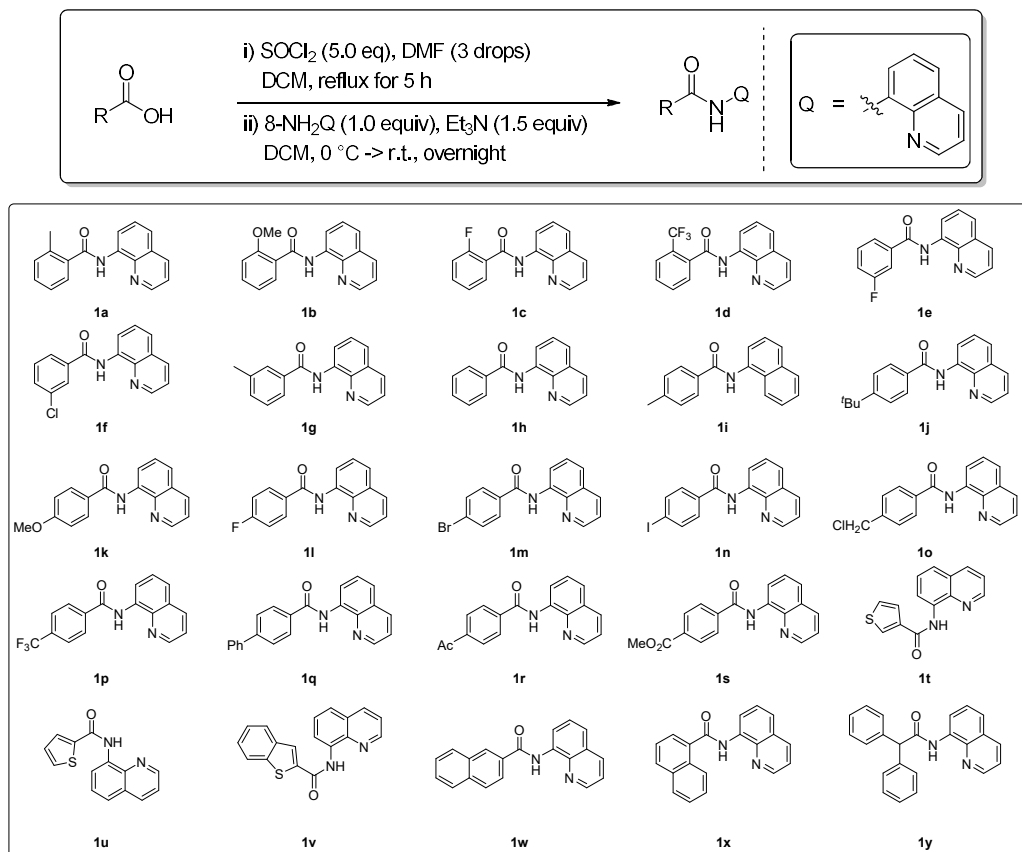
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General Information: Unless otherwise noted, all commercial materials were used without further purification. Solvents obtained from Aladdin were used directly without further purification, and solvents obtained from other commercial suppliers were used after purification as specified in *Purification of Laboratory Chemicals, 6th Ed.* Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded with a Bruker AVANCE 400MHz instrument. ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield of tetramethylsilane and referenced to residual solvent peak ($\text{CHCl}_3 = 7.26$ (^1H NMR), DMSO = 2.50 (^1H NMR), $\text{CDCl}_3 = 77.16$ (^{13}C NMR)) unless otherwise noted. ^{19}F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal standard ($\text{CFCl}_3 = 0.0$ (^{19}F NMR)). Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad resonance. High-resolution mass spectra for new compounds were recorded at Mass Spectrometry Facilities, Zhejiang University. X-ray diffraction experiments were performed at X-Ray Facilities, Zhejiang University.

Experimental Procedures:

Preparation of Aromatic Acid Substrates

1. General Procedures (GP1) for the Preparation of Aromatic Acid Substrates

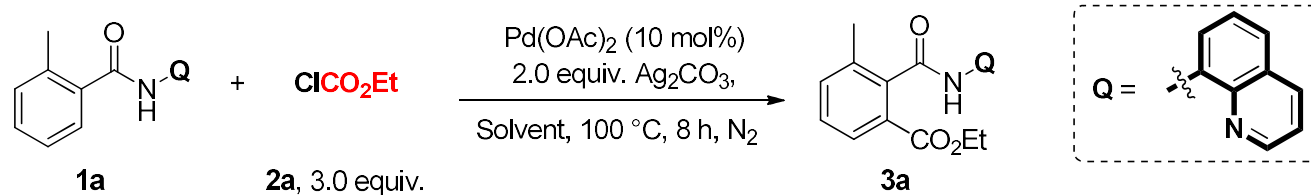


The Aromatic acid (24 mmol), thionyl chloride (8.70 mL, 120 mmol), and 3 drops of DMF were heated in DCM (50 mL) at 55 °C for 5 h. After the reaction, DCM and excess of thionyl chloride were removed under vacuum. The acid chloride was then dissolved in dry DCM (50 mL) and used for the coupling with 8-aminoquinoline (8-NH₂Q).

To a stirred solution of 8-NH₂Q (2.88g, 20 mmol) and Et₃N (4.0 mL, 30 mmol) in dry DCM (50 mL) was added the solution of the acid chloride (20 mmol) in DCM (50 mL) slowly at 0 °C. After the solution was stirred overnight, the mixture was quenched by DCM (30 mL). Then the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite to remove the undissolved salts and washed by DCM (30 mL). The collected solution was then washed by aqueous HCl (50 mL, 1 M), saturated NaHCO₃ (50 mL), brine (50 mL), and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Evaporation of the solvent and purification by column chromatography or recrystallization afforded pure 8-aminoquinoline amides. All the substrates were prepared according to literature.¹

Optimization of Reaction Conditions for Alkoxycarbonylation of C(sp²)-H Bonds

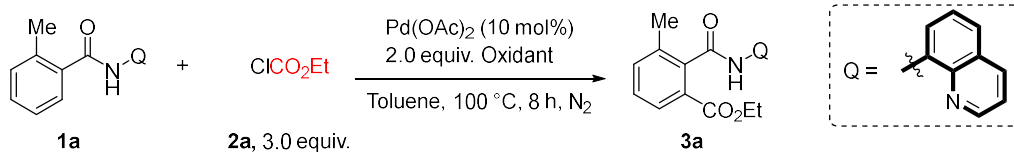
Table S1 Screening of solvents



Entry	Solvent	Yield of 3a (%)	1a (%)
1	DCE	72	4
2	CH_3CN	n.d.	72
3	DMF	n.d.	76
4	DMSO	n.d.	81
5	HFIP	n.d.	64
6	CH_3OH	n.d.	62
7	<i>t</i> BuOH	38	37
8	<i>t</i> -AmylOH	55	20
9	HOAc	n.d.	69
10	1, 4-dioxane	73	26
11	THF	39	21
12	Toluene	83 (81) ^b	--
13 ^c	Toluene	42	28
14 ^d	Toluene	trace	76%
15 ^e	Toluene	76	--
16 ^f	Toluene	76	--

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.15 mmol), **2a** (3.0 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (10 mol%), Ag_2CO_3 (0.3 mmol) in 2.0 mL solvent at 100 °C under N_2 for 8 h. Yields were determined by ¹H NMR using CH_2Br_2 as the internal standard. ^b Isolated yield in parenthesis. ^c 1.0 equiv. Ag_2CO_3 was used. ^d Without Ag_2CO_3 . ^e 2.0 equiv. ClCO_2Et was used. ^f Under air. n.d. = no detected.

Table S2 Screening of oxidant



Entry	Oxidant	Yield (%) ^a	S.M. (%)
1	Oxone	8	51
2	TBHP	4	72
3	BQ	5	75
4	AgOAc	59	--
5	Ag ₂ O	8	23
6	AgNO ₃	8	29
7	AgTFA	--	61
8	Ag ₃ PO ₄	--	11
9	AgF	44	30
10	AgOTs	7	19

^aYields were determined by ¹H NMR using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

Table S3 Screening of directing groups

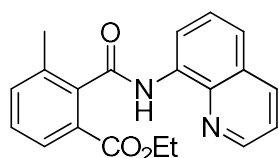
Entry	Starting Material	Product
1		
2		n.d.
3		n.d.
4		
5		 +

Standard Conditions: **1** (0.15 mmol), ClCO₂Et (0.45 mmol, 3.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), Ag₂CO₃ (0.3 mmol) in 2.0 mL toluene at 100 °C under N₂ for 8 h. isolated yield.

General Procedures (GP) for Alkoxycarbonylation of C(sp²)-H Bonds

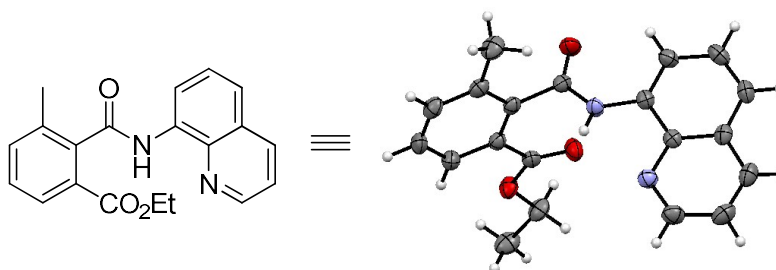
To a 50 mL Schlenk tube, were added **1** (0.15 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (3.5 mg, 0.015 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (82.7 mg, 0.3 mmol), ClCO₂R (0.45 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and toluene (2.0 mL). The tube was sealed under N₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes then heated at 100 °C for 8 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and filtered through a pad of Celite. Evaporation of the solvent under vacuum and further purification column chromatography afforded the pure corresponding products.

Ethyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (**3a**)



The title compound **3a** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3a** was obtained as pale yellow solid (40.6 mg, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 9.00 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.77 – 8.65 (m, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.0, 166.1, 148.3, 138.6, 138.5, 136.4, 135.9, 134.7, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 128.1, 127.5, 121.8, 121.7, 116.8, 61.4, 19.3, 14.0; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₃ (M⁺): 334.1312; Found: 334.1310;

X-ray Crystal Structure for **3a**



Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0027 Å	Wavelength=0.71073
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	Calculated	Reported
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Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc
Moiety formula	C20 H18 N2 O3	C20 H18 N2 O3
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Mr	334.36	334.36

Dx, g cm ⁻³	1.321	1.321
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F000'	704.32	
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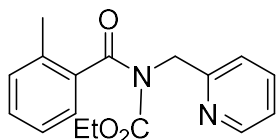
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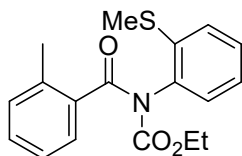
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Ethyl (2-methylbenzoyl)(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)carbamate (**3ad**)



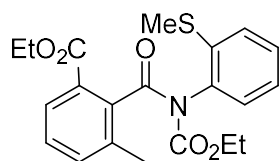
The title compound **3ad** was prepared according to GP and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 6: 1). **3ad** was obtained as an oil (24.0 mg, 54%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 (m, 3H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 3.96 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 0.83 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 172.83, 156.87, 154.53, 149.53, 138.12, 136.60, 135.06, 130.40, 129.50, 125.87, 125.39, 122.24, 121.20, 63.09, 49.38, 19.44, 13.49. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₃(M⁺): 298.1312; Found: 298.1315.

Ethyl (2-methylbenzoyl)(2-(methylthio)phenyl)carbamate (**3ae**)



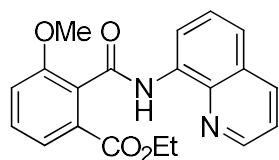
The title compound **3ae** was prepared according to GP and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 8: 1). **3ae** was obtained as pale yellow oil (16.1 mg, 33%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 153.6, 138.0, 137.4, 136.5, 135.7, 130.6, 129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 127.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.4, 63.3, 19.7, 15.9, 13.8. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₈H₁₉NSO₃(M⁺): 329.1080; Found: 329.1083.

Ethyl 2-((ethoxycarbonyl)(2-(methylthio)phenyl)carbamoyl)-3-methylbenzoate (**3af**)



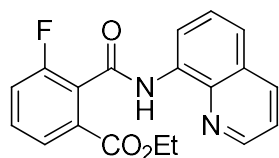
The title compound **3af** was prepared according to GP and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 8: 1). **3af** was obtained as pale yellow oil (18.3 mg, 31%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.47 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 4.12 – 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 166.2, 153.1, 140.6, 137.6, 135.9, 135.3, 134.6, 129.6, 129.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.6, 126.3, 126.1, 63.0, 61.3, 19.8, 15.7, 14.4, 13.9. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₁H₂₃NSO₅(M⁺): 401.1291; Found: 401.1290.

Ethyl 3-methoxy-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (**3b**)



The title compound **3b** was prepared according to GP and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3b** was obtained as a white solid (32.0 mg, 61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.22 (s, 1H), 8.99 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 165.3, 156.9, 148.2, 138.6, 136.4, 135.1, 131.1, 130.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 122.3, 121.7, 121.6, 116.9, 115.2, 61.6, 56.4, 14.0; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₄(M⁺): 350.1261; Found: 350.1258.

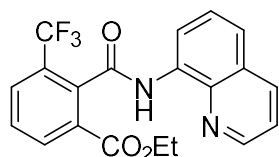
Ethyl 3-fluoro-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (**3c**)



The title compound **3c** was prepared according to GP and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3c** was obtained as a white solid (36.0 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.12 (s, 1H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.80 – 8.71 (m, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.0. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.1 Hz), 162.7, 159.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 249.8 Hz), 148.4, 138.5, 136.5, 134.5, 131.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 128.1, 127.6, 126.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 20.0 Hz), 126.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz),

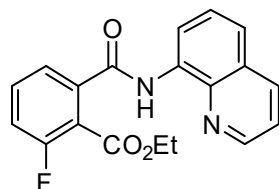
122.2, 121.8, 120.2(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.3$ Hz), 117.1, 61.9, 13.9. HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3(\text{M}^+)$: 338.1061; Found: 338.1063;

Ethyl 2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (3d)



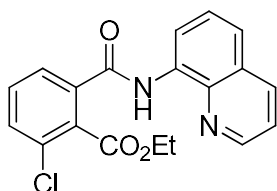
The title compound **3d** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3d** was obtained as a white solid (30.3mg, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 8.93 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.73 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -115.0. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.2, 164.6, 148.4, 138.5, 136.7(q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.5$ Hz), 136.5, 134.6, 134.3, 130.7, 130.2(q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.9$ Hz), 129.7, 128.7(q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 31.9$ Hz), 128.1, 127.6, 123.5(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 275.6$ Hz), 122.2, 121.8, 117.1, 62.2, 13.9. HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3(\text{M}^+)$: 388.1029; Found: 388.1028.

Ethyl 2-fluoro-6-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (3e)



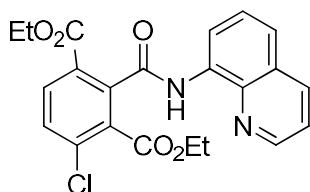
The title compound **3e** was prepared under the optimized conditions and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3e** was obtained as a white solid (21.3 mg, 42%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.03 (s, 1H), 8.91 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.76 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, $J = 8.7, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (td, $J = 8.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -105.42. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 6.7$ Hz), 165.5, 164.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 256.7$ Hz), 148.5, 141.4(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.6$ Hz), 138.5, 136.5, 134.5, 133.4(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.1$ Hz), 128.1, 127.6, 125.4(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.4$ Hz), 122.23, 121.9, 117.0, 116.9(d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 21.5$ Hz), 115.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.6$ Hz), 61.8, 14.0. HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3(\text{M}^+)$: 338.1061; Found: 338.1060.

Ethyl 2-chloro-6-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (3fa)



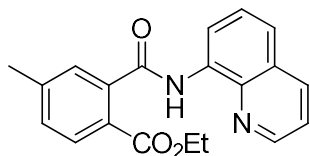
The title compound **3fa** was prepared according to **GP3** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3fa** was obtained as a white solid (23.9 mg, 45%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 8.90 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.3, 165.6, 148.4, 140.3, 138.7, 138.5, 136.5, 134.5, 132.1, 130.0, 128.09, 123.0, 127.6, 127.6, 122.2, 121.9, 117.0, 61.9, 14.0; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₉H₁₅ClN₂O₃ (M⁺): 354.0766; Found: 354.0752

Diethyl 4-chloro-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (**3fb**)



The title compound **3fb** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3fb** was obtained as a white solid (9.6 mg, 15%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 8.86 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 3.90 (m, 4H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.1, 165.0, 164.5, 148.5, 138.5, 138.5, 136.4, 136.0, 134.5, 133.0, 132.7, 131.0, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 122.3, 121.9, 117.0, 62.6, 62.2, 13.9; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₉H₁₅ClN₂O₃ (M⁺): 354.0766; Found: 354.0760.

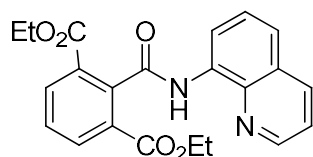
Ethyl 4-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (**3g**)



The title compound **3g** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3g** was obtained as a white solid (38.6 mg, 77%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.94 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 166.4, 148.3, 143.2, 139.0, 138.5, 136.4, 134.8, 130.6, 130.5, 128.3,

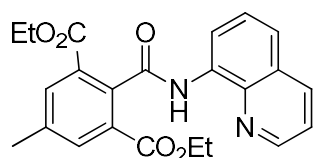
128.1, 127.6, 126.3, 121.9, 121.7, 116.8, 61.4, 21.6, 14.0; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₃ (M⁺): 334.1312; Found: 334.1314;

Diethyl 2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3h)



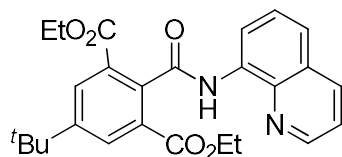
The title compound **3h** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: tetrahydrofuran = 3: 1). **3h** was obtained as a white solid (47.0 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 8.89 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 7.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 165.6, 148.2, 136.4, 135.0, 134.6, 129.9, 129.3, 128.1, 127.7, 121.7, 116.9, 61.9, 13.9. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₂H₂₀N₂O₅ (M⁺): 392.1367; Found: 392.1368.

Diethyl 5-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3i)



The title compound **3i** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3i** was obtained as a white solid (46.3 mg, 76%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 8.95 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 165.7, 148.2, 139.6, 138.4, 136.6, 136.3, 135.0, 134.9, 129.8, 128.0, 127.6, 121.6, 121.5, 116.7, 61.8, 21.1, 13.9; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₃H₂₂N₂O₅ (M⁺): 406.4306; Found: 406.4301.

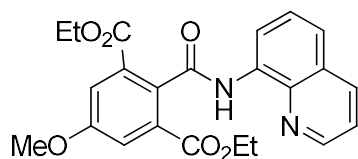
Diethyl 5-(tert-butyl)-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3j)



The title compound **3j** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3j** was obtained as a white solid (51.8 mg, 77%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 8.95 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

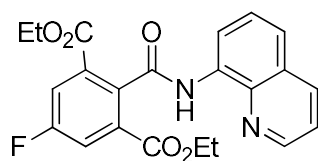
166.9, 166.1, 152.8, 148.2, 138.4, 136.4, 136.4, 135.0, 131.5, 129.7, 128.1, 127.6, 121.6, 121.6, 116.7, 61.8, 35.1, 31.1, 13.9; HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{26}H_{28}N_2O_5$ (M^+): 448.1993; Found: 448.1990.

Diethyl 5-methoxy-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3k)



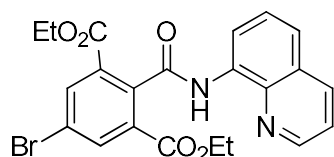
The title compound **3k** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3k** was obtained as a white solid (49.2 mg, 78%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 8.94 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 166.6, 165.5, 159.6, 148.2, 138.5, 136.4, 135.1, 131.9, 131.5, 128.1, 127.7, 121.6, 121.5, 119.6, 116.7, 62.0, 56.0, 13.9; HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{23}H_{22}N_2O_6$ (M^+): 422.1472; Found: 422.1470.

Diethyl 5-fluoro-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3l)



The title compound **3l** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3l** was obtained as a white solid (46.8 mg, 76%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.91 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -109.6 (s, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.7, 164.4 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.5 Hz), 162.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 252.4 Hz), 148.3, 138.4, 136.5, 135.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.9 Hz), 134.8, 132.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 7.2 Hz), 128.1, 127.7, 121.8, 121.7, 121.6 (d, J_{C-F} = 23.5 Hz), 116.9, 62.4, 13.9. HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{22}H_{19}FN_2O_5$ (M^+): 410.1273; Found: 410.1360.

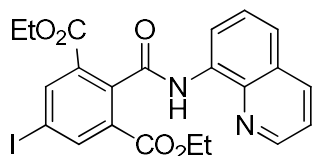
Diethyl 5-bromo-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3m)



The title compound **3m** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3:1). **3m** was obtained as a white solid (24.7 mg, 35%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.91 (s, 1H), 8.92 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (s, 2H), 8.17 (dd,

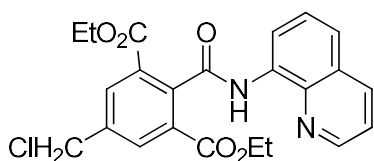
$J = 8.2, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.2, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.10 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 164.3, 148.3, 138.5, 137.9, 137.3, 136.5, 134.8, 131.5, 128.1, 127.7, 123.3, 121.9, 121.8, 116.9, 62.4, 13.9; HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_5$ (M^+): 470.0472; Found: 470.0458.

Diethyl 5-iodo-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3n)



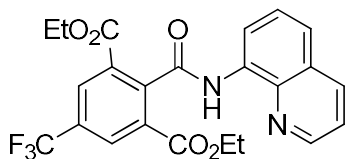
The title compound **3n** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3 : 1). **3n** was obtained as a white solid (24.1 mg, 31%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 8.92 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.56 (s, 2H), 8.16 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 164.2, 148.3, 143.1, 138.5, 138.4, 136.5, 134.8, 131.3, 128.1, 127.7, 121.9, 121.8, 116.9, 94.3, 62.4, 13.9; HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{IN}_2\text{O}_5$ (M^+): 518.0333; Found: 518.0333.

Diethyl 5-(chloromethyl)-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3o)



The title compound **3o** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3o** was obtained as a colourless oil (34.3 mg, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 8.92 (dd, $J = 7.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.75 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.2, 166.2, 148.4, 139.6, 138.6, 136.5, 134.7, 132.2, 130.5, 130.2, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 122.1, 121.8, 116.9, 61.9, 45.1, 14.0; HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5$ (M^+): 440.1134; Found: 440.1123.

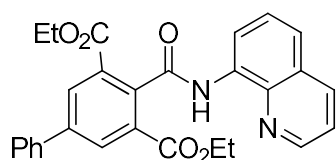
Diethyl 2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)isophthalate (3p)



The title compound **3p** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3: 1). **3p** was obtained as white solid (48.3 mg, 70%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.93 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 2H),

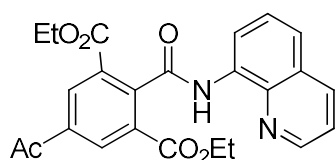
8.17 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.11 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.1; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2, 163.3, 147.4, 140.9, 137.4, 135.5, 133.6, 130.9 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 34.3$ Hz), 130.4 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.6$ Hz), 130.0, 127.1, 126.7, 122.0 (q, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 274.0$ Hz), 121.1, 120.8, 116.0, 61.6, 12.9; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_5(\text{M}^+)$: 460.1241; Found: 460.1221.

Diethyl 4-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,5-dicarboxylate (3q)



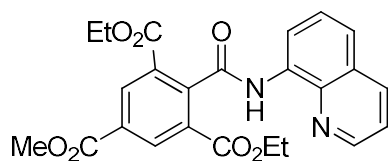
The title compound **3q** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4:1). **3q** was obtained as a white solid (42.8 mg, 61%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, $J = 4.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 2H), 8.17 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 14.1, 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.10 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H).; ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 165.7, 148.3, 142.5, 138.6, 138.5, 137.7, 136.4, 135.0, 132.9, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 121.7, 116.9, 62.1, 14.0; HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5(\text{M}^+)$: 468.1680; Found: 468.1768.

Diethyl 5-acetyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)isophthalate (3r)



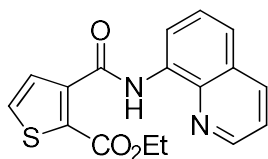
The title compound **3r** was prepared according to **GP** at 120 °C for 12 h and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1). **3r** was obtained as a white solid (49.5 mg, 76%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 8.95 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.78 (s, 2H), 8.71 (dd, $J = 4.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 7.62 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.8, 165.6, 164.8, 148.2, 142.2, 138.3, 137.4, 136.4, 134.6, 133.9, 130.6, 128.0, 127.6, 121.9, 121.7, 116.9, 62.3, 26.9, 13.8; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6(\text{M}^+)$: 434.1472; Found: 434.1472.

1,3-diethyl 5-methyl 2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate (3s)



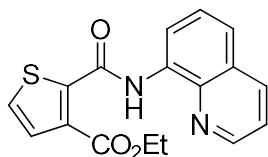
The title compound **3s** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3: 1). **3s** was obtained as a white solid (45.3 mg, 67%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.93 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.85 (s, 2H), 8.69 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 165.0, 164.7, 148.3, 142.4, 138.4, 136.4, 135.3, 134.7, 131.2, 130.5, 128.1, 127.6, 121.9, 121.7, 116.9, 62.2, 52.9, 13.9; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O₇(M⁺): 450.1422; Found: 450.1420.

Ethyl 3-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)thiophene-2-carboxylate (**3t**)



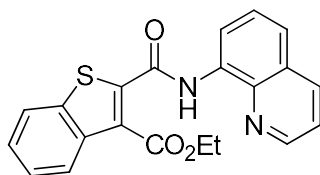
The title compound **3t** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 2: 1). **3t** was obtained as a yellow solid (26.0 mg, 53%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.06 (s, 1H), 8.95 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.83 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 162.1, 148.6, 142.6, 139.2, 136.4, 134.8, 131.3, 131.2, 130.8, 128.2, 127.5, 122.4, 121.7, 117.8, 62.2, 14.2; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₃S(M⁺): 326.0720; Found: 326.0721;

Ethyl 2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate (**3u**)



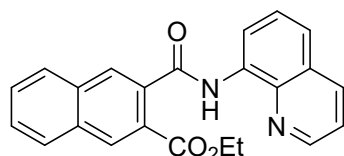
The title compound **3u** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3: 1). **3u** was obtained as a yellow solid (39.6 mg, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.42 (s, 1H), 9.11 – 8.78 (m, 2H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 4.47 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 162.1, 148.6, 142.6, 139.2, 136.4, 134.8, 131.3, 131.2, 130.8, 128.2, 127.5, 122.4, 121.7, 117.8, 62.2, 14.2; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₇H₁₄N₂O₃S(M⁺): 326.0720; Found: 326.0723;

Ethyl 2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (**3v**)



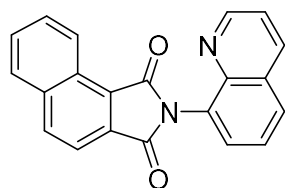
The title compound **3v** was prepared according to **GP3** at 140 °C and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3: 1). **3v** was obtained as a yellow solid (44.0 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.00 (s, 1H), 8.92 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 160.7, 148.6, 145.4, 139.0, 138.9, 137.6, 136.5, 134.5, 128.2, 127.5, 126.6, 126.0, 126.0, 125.7, 122.7, 122.4, 121.9, 117.7, 61.9, 14.1; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₁H₁₆SN₂O₃(M⁺): 376.0876; Found: 376.0886.

Ethyl 3-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)-2-naphthoate (**3w**)



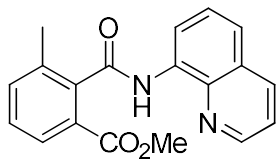
The title compound **3w** was prepared according to **GP3** at 100 °C and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3: 1, Note: 5% Et₃N was added). **3w** was obtained as a white solid (28.3 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.24 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 8.02 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8, 166.9, 148.4, 138.6, 136.5, 135.0, 134.9, 134.1, 133.0, 132.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 121.9, 121.8, 116.8, 61.7, 14.1. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₃(M⁺): 370.1312; Found: 370.1312.

2-(quinolin-8-yl)-1*H*-benzo[*e*]isoindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione (**3x**)



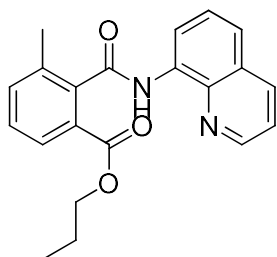
1x (0.15 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (3.5 mg, 0.015 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (82.7 mg, 0.3 mmol), ClCO₂Et (0.45 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and toluene (2.0 mL). The tube was sealed under N₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes then heated at 100 °C for 8 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and filtered through a pad of Celite. Evaporation of the solvent under vacuum. The reaction mixture was stirred in 1.0 mL HOAc for 6 h and was further purified by column chromatography afforded the pure corresponding products. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 8.04 – 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 168.7, 151.1, 144.7, 136.9, 136.3, 135.3, 131.9, 130.6, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 126.3, 125.4, 122.0, 119.1. HRMS (EI): calc. for C₂₁H₁₂N₂O₂ (M⁺): 324.0893; Found: 324.0894.

Methyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (4a)



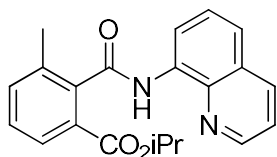
The title compound **4a** was prepared according to **GP** at 120 °C for 12 h and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3: 1). **4a** was obtained as a white solid (35.0 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 8.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 166.5, 148.3, 138.9, 138.6, 136.4, 136.1, 135.0, 134.8, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 121.9, 121.7, 116.9, 52.5, 19.3; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₃(M⁺): 320.1155; Found: 320.1153.

Propyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (4b)



The title compound **4b** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **4b** was obtained as a white solid (41.8 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 9.00 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 4.12 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 166.2, 148.3, 138.69, 138.6, 136.4, 136.0, 134.8, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 121.9, 121.7, 116.9, 67.2, 21.9, 19.3, 10.5; HRMS (ESI): calc. for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₃(M⁺): 348.1468; Found: 348.1467.

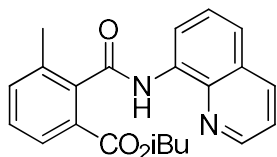
Isopropyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (4c)



The title compound **4c** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **4c** was obtained as a white solid (41.3 mg, 79%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.90 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 5.09 – 4.94 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

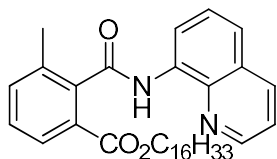
168.1, 165.7, 148.3, 138.5, 138.5, 136.4, 136.0, 134.9, 134.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 121.8, 121.7, 116.9, 69.1, 21.6, 19.3; HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{21}H_{20}N_2O_3(M^+)$: 348.1468; Found: 348.1469.

Isobutyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (4d)



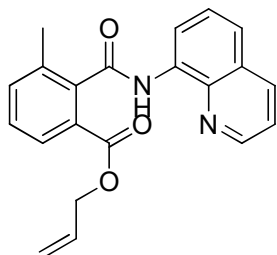
The title compound **4d** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate =4: 1). **4d** was obtained as a white solid (45.7 mg, 84%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 9.00 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.96 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.04, 166.17, 148.25, 138.75, 138.57, 136.41, 136.04, 134.81, 134.78, 129.04, 128.17, 128.09, 127.60, 121.85, 121.68, 116.91, 71.76, 27.71, 19.30, 19.18; HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_3(M^+)$: 362.1625; Found: 362.1622.

Hexadecyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (4e)



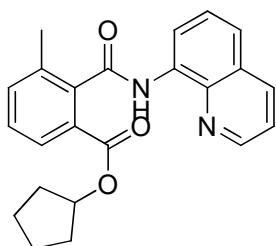
The title compound **4e** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 6 : 1). **4e** was obtained as a colourless oil (59.7 mg, 75%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.88 (s, 1H), 9.00 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.14 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.50 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.09 (m, 22H), 1.05 – 0.94 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 168.1, 166.3, 148.3, 138.6, 138.6, 136.4, 136.0, 134.8, 134.8, 129.1, 128.3, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 121.9, 121.7, 116.9, 65.9, 32.1, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 28.5, 26.0, 22.8, 19.3, 14.3; HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{34}H_{46}N_2O_3(M^+)$: 530.3503; Found: 530.3503.

Allyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (4f)



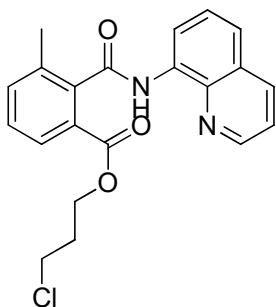
The title compound **4f** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3: 1). **4f** was obtained as a colourless oil (30.7 mg, 59%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 8.98 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 5.90 – 5.62 (m, 1H), 5.17 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 165.8, 148.3, 138.9, 138.6, 136.4, 136.1, 135.0, 134.8, 131.8, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 121.9, 121.7, 118.7, 117.0, 66.2, 19.3; HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(\text{M}^+)$: 346.1312; Found: 346.1310.

Cyclopentyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (**4g**)



The title compound **4g** was prepared according to **GP** and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **4g** was obtained as a colourless oil (39.8 mg, 71%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 8.93 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 5.20 (dq, J = 8.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.68 – 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.38 – 1.23 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 166.0, 148.3, 138.6, 138.4, 136.5, 136.0, 134.8, 134.7, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 121.9, 121.8, 116.9, 78.6, 32.6, 23.7, 19.4; HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(\text{M}^+)$: 374.1625; Found: 374.1620.

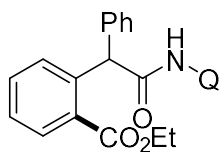
3-chloropropyl 3-methyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylcarbamoyl)benzoate (**4h**)



The title compound **4h** was prepared according to **GP** purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 3: 1). **4h** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (41.9 mg, 73%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.89 (s, 1H), 8.98 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 4.30 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.81 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 166.0, 148.4, 138.6, 138.5, 136.5, 136.1, 135.1, 134.6, 129.2,

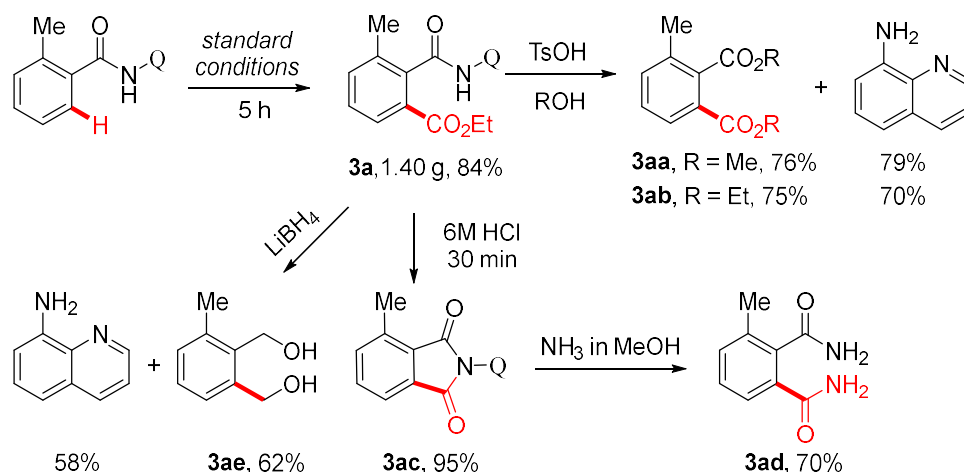
128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 122.1, 121.8, 116.9, 62.3, 41.3, 31.6, 19.3; HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{21}H_{19}ClN_2O_3(M^+)$: 382.1079; Found: 382.1077.

Ethyl 2-(2-oxo-1-phenyl-2-(quinolin-8-ylamino)ethyl)benzoate (**5**)



To a 50 mL Schlenk tube, were added **1w** (0.15 mmol), $Pd(OTFA)_2$ (5.0 mg, 0.015 mmol), Ag_2CO_3 (82.7 mg, 0.3 mmol), $ClCO_2Et$ (0.45 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and toluene (2.0 mL). The tube was sealed under N_2 . The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes then heated at 100 °C for 16 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and filtered through a pad of Celite. Evaporation of the solvent under vacuum and further purification with column chromatography. **5** was obtained as a white solid (27.7mg, 45%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.85 (dd, $J = 7.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.68 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 4.35 (qd, $J = 7.1, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.8, 167.8, 148.3, 140.6, 139.4, 138.7, 136.3, 134.8, 132.3, 130.9, 130.9, 130.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 121.7, 121.6, 116.5, 61.4, 56.1, 14.3. HRMS (EI): calc. for $C_{26}H_{22}N_2O_3(M^+)$: 410.1625; Found: 410.1620.

Synthetic Applications



1. Gram-scale Synthesis

Compound **3a** was prepared according to **GP** in 5.0 mmol scale (1.31 g) and was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). **3a** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (1.40 g, 84%).

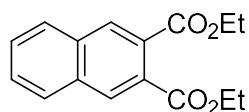
2. Removal of Directing Group

To a 50 mL Schlenk tube were added substrate **3** (0.2 mmol) and ROH (2.0 mL). $TsOH$ (344.4 mg, 2.0 mmol) was added to the solution in one portion and the resulting mixture was stirred for 36 hours at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched with an saturated aqueous solution of $NaHCO_3$ (10 ml), then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layer was dried over $MgSO_4$. Evaporation of the solvent under vacuum and further purification by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1).

For substrate **3a**, when MeOH was used as reaction solution, the product **5** was obtained as a white oil (31.6 mg, 76 %), and the 8-aminoquinoline was given in 79% (22.7 mg). When EtOH was used as reaction solution, the product **6** was obtained as a white oil (35.4 mg, 75%), and the 8-aminoquinoline was given in 70% yield (20.2 mg).

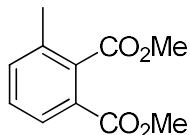
For substrate **3w**, a 50 mL Schlenk tube were added **3w** (66.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and EtOH (1.0 mL). $TsOH$ (172.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added to the solution in one portion and the resulting mixture was stirred for 36 hours at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched with an saturated aqueous solution of $NaHCO_3$ (10 ml), then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The product **3wa** was obtained as an oil in 42% yield (11.5 mg).

Diethyl naphthalene-2,3-dicarboxylate (**3wa**)



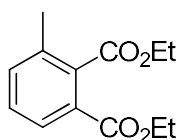
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (s, 2H), 7.97 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 4.42 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.9, 133.5, 130.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 61.8, 14.3. This compound was known^[2]

Dimethyl 3-methylphthalate (6)



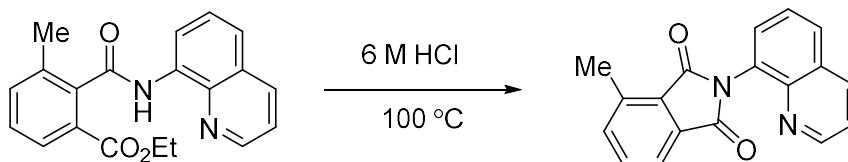
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 166.5, 135.7, 135.4, 134.6, 129.2, 127.9, 127.6, 52.6, 52.6, 19.2. HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4(\text{M}^+)$: 208.0730; Found: 208.0730.

Diethyl 3-methylphthalate (7)

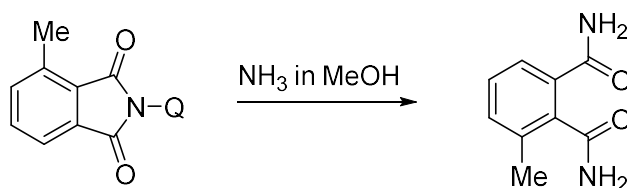


^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 4.41 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.48 – 1.20 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 166.0, 135.5, 134.4, 129.0, 128.2, 127.6, 61.5, 61.5, 19.1, 14.3, 14.2. HRMS (EI): calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4(\text{M}^+)$: 236.1043; Found: 236.1040.

3. Synthesis of Phthalamide 9

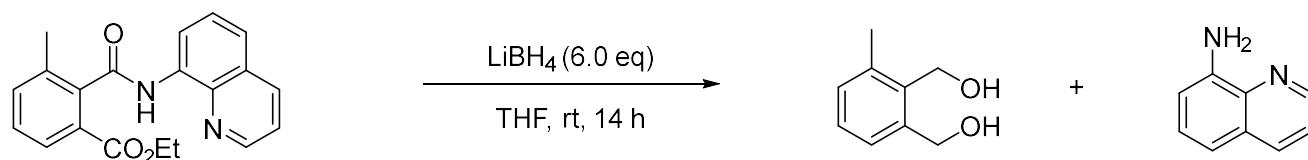


To a 50 mL Schlenk tube were added **3a** (66.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and HCl (2.0 mL, 6 M) for 30 minutes at 100 °C. The reaction was quenched with an saturated aqueous solution of Na_2CO_3 (20 ml), then the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 . Evaporation of the solvent under vacuum and further purification by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 4: 1). The product **8** was obtained as a pale yellow solid (54.8 mg, 95%), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm) δ 8.87 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H). This compound is known.^{1g} The product could also obtain via **3a** stirred in HOAc for 6 h.



To a 50 mL Schlenk tube were added **8** (28.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) and NH₃ in MeOH (5.0 mL, 7M) for 24 hours at rt. Evaporation of the solvent under vacuum and further purification by column chromatography (DCM: MeOH = 10: 1). The product **9** was obtained as a white solid (12.5 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.73 – 7.00 (m, 7H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 170.7, 169.4, 137.4, 134.1, 134.1, 131.6, 127.7, 125.0, 19.1; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₉H₁₀O₂N₂(M⁺): 178.0737; Found: 178.0737.

4. Synthesis of 1,2-dibenzyl alcohol **10**



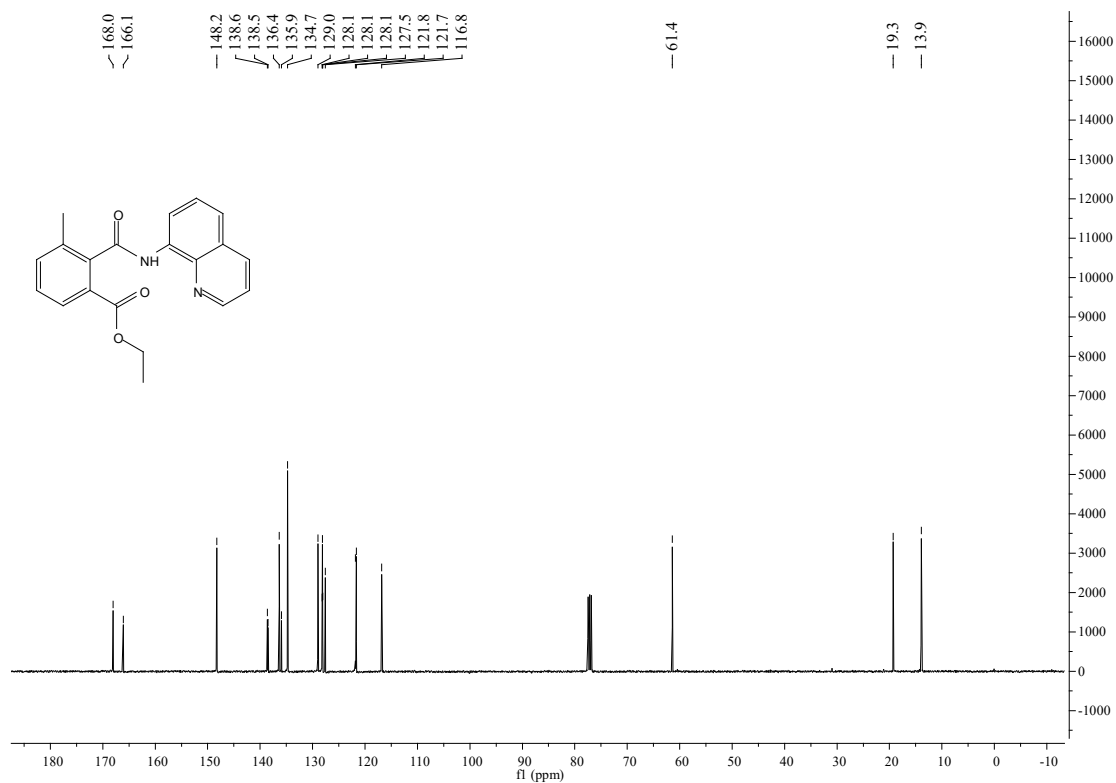
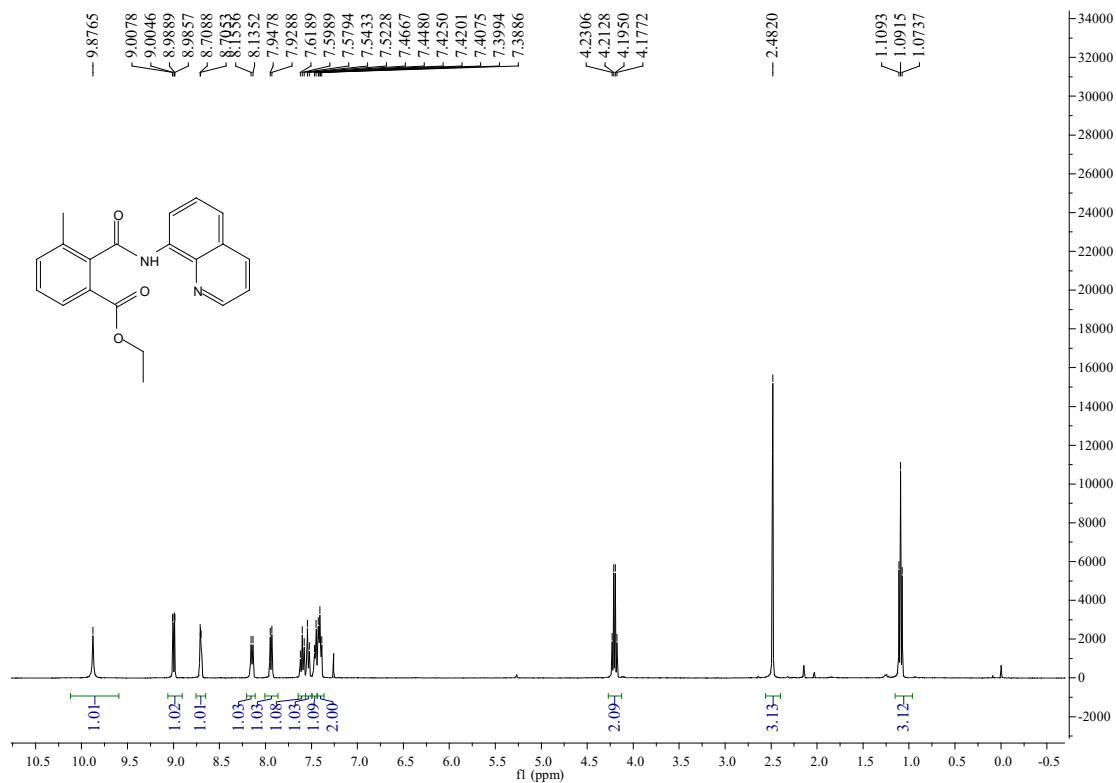
To a 50 mL Schlenk tube were added **3a** (33.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and dry THF (2.0 mL). The Solid LiBH₄ was added slowly. The reaction was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction was quenched by 2M HCl solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the solvent under vacuum and further purification by column chromatography (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1: 1). The product **10** was obtained in 62% yield (9.4 mg). The 8-aminoquinoline was recovered by extraction and further purification by column chromatography and was obtained in 58% yield (8.4 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.09 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.0, 137.9, 137.8, 131.1, 128.3, 127.8, 65.0, 59.2, 19.6; HRMS (EI): calc. for C₉H₁₁O₂(M⁺): 151.0754; Found: 151.0758.

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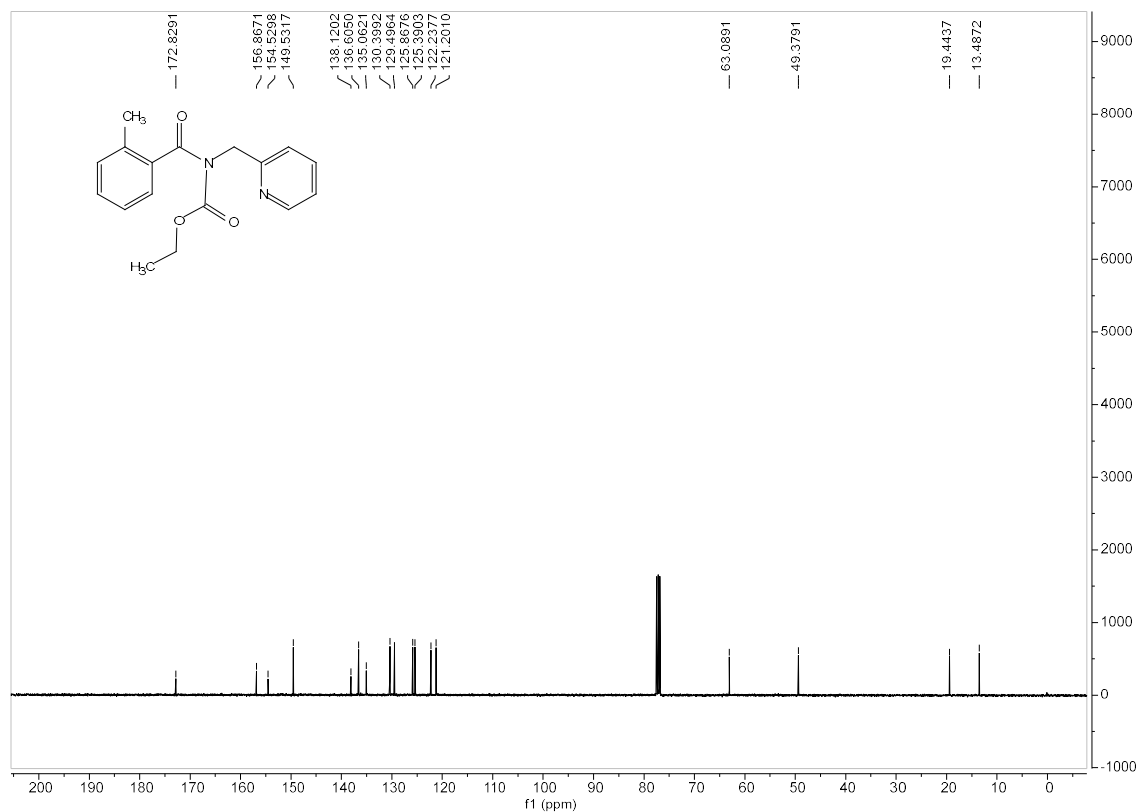
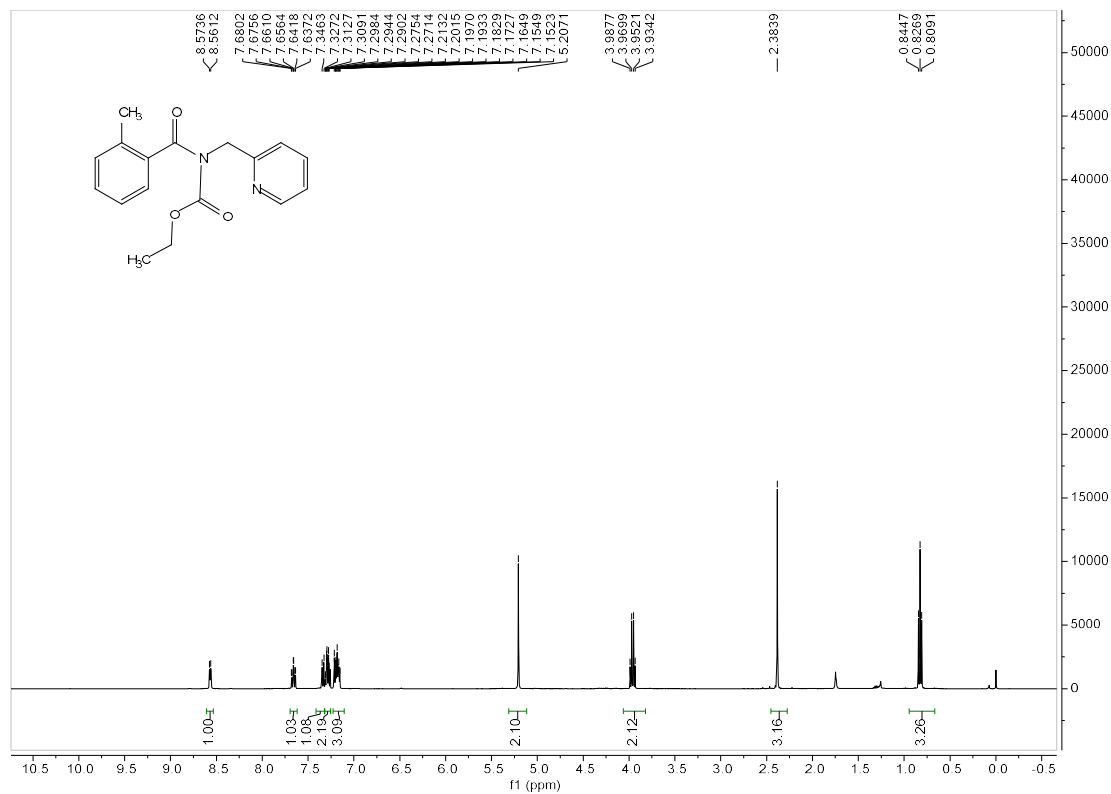
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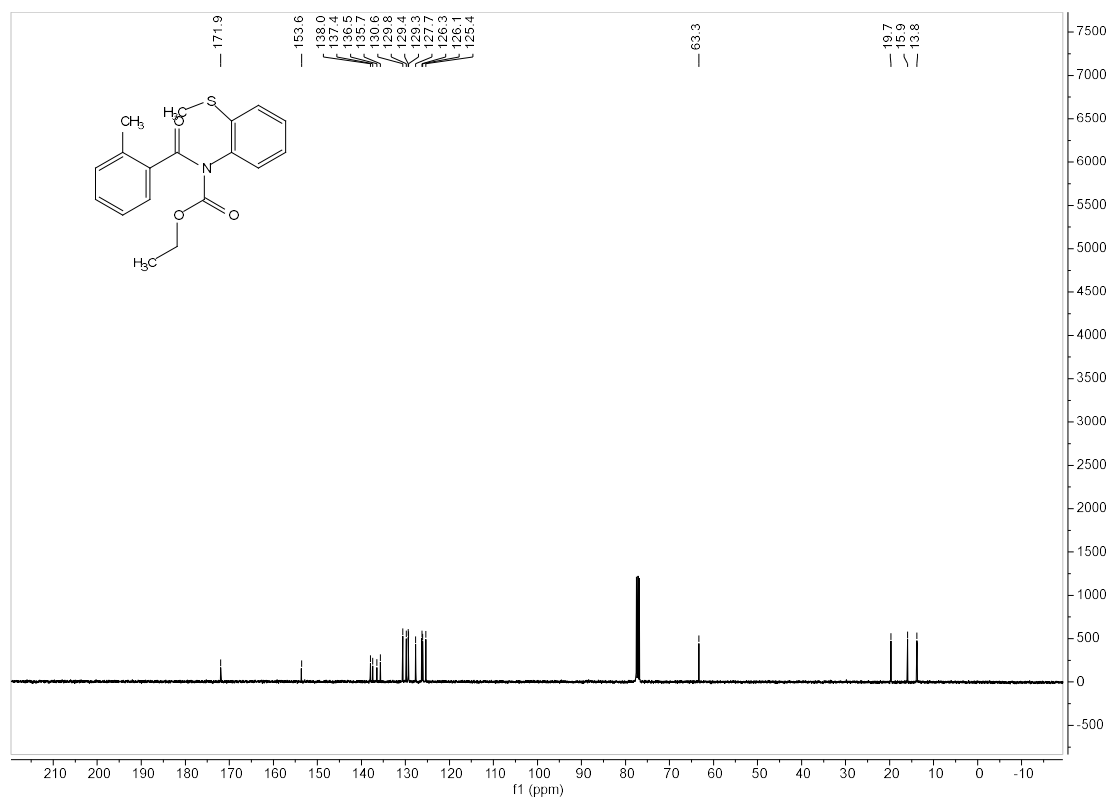
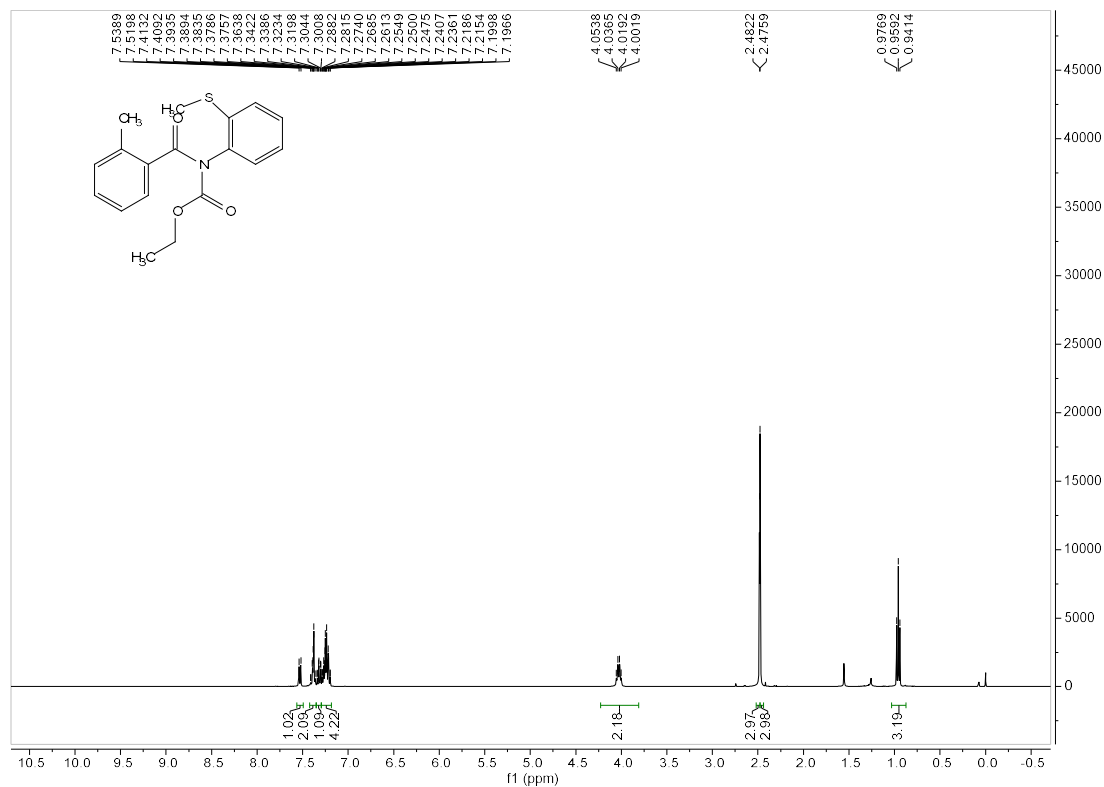
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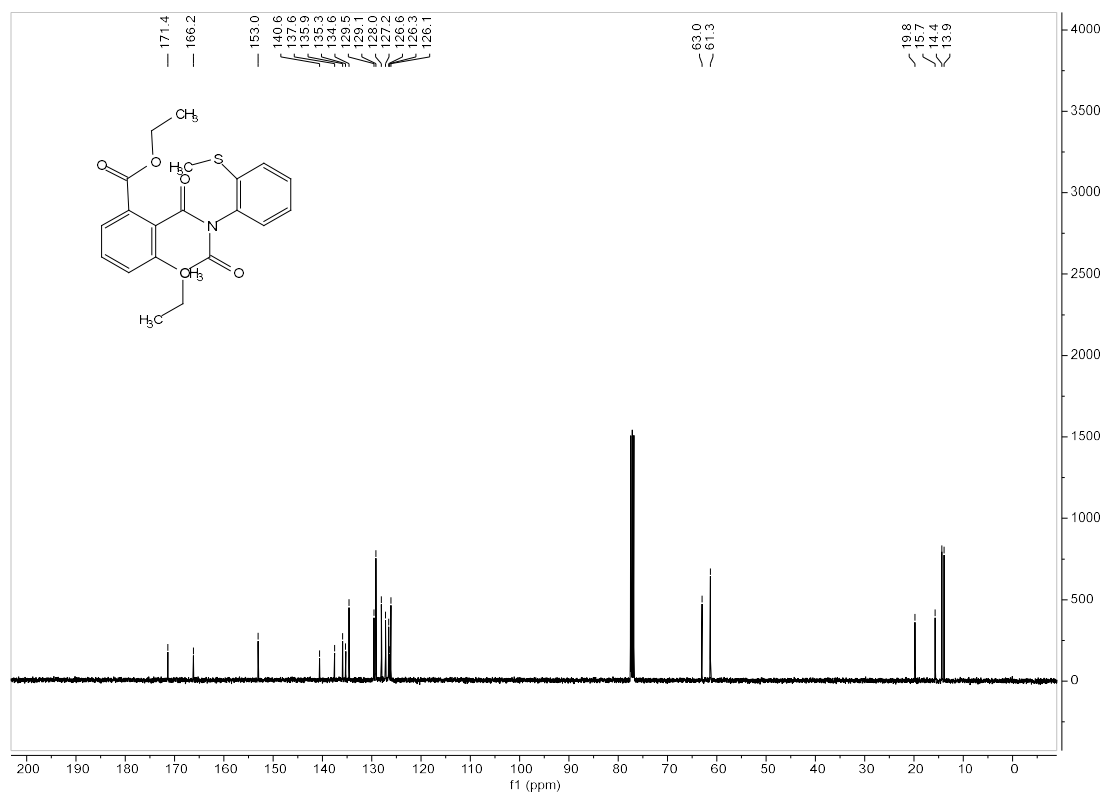
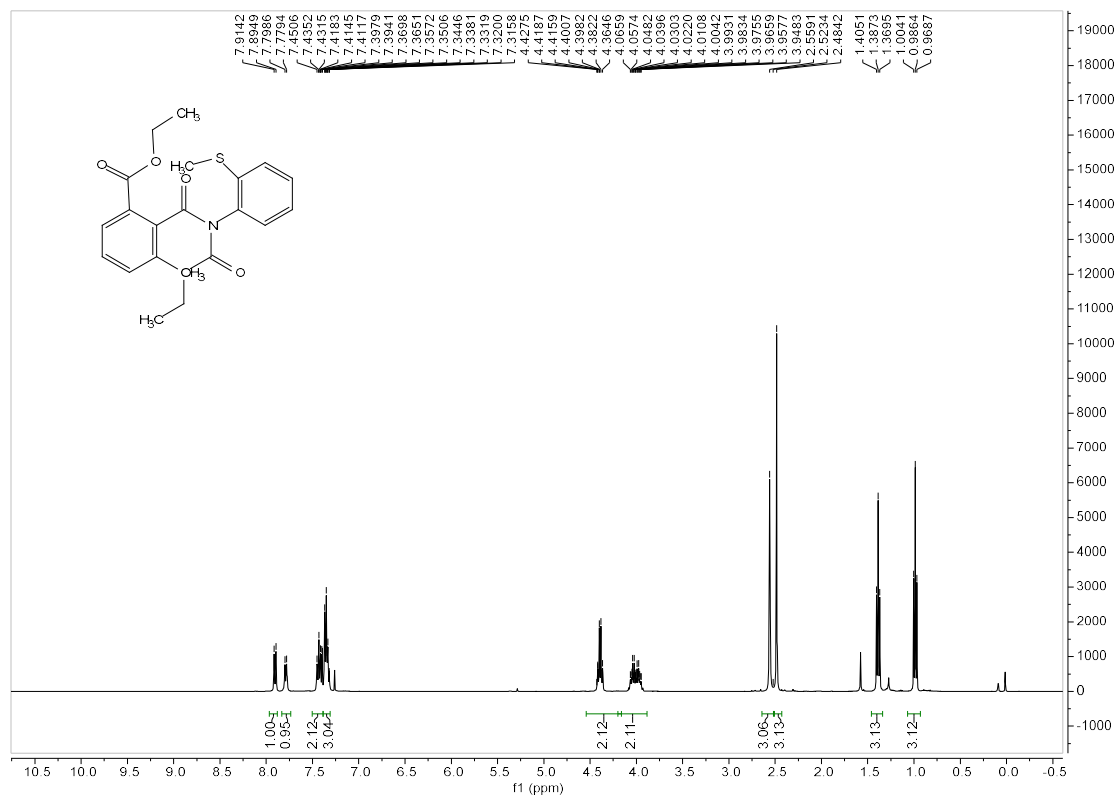
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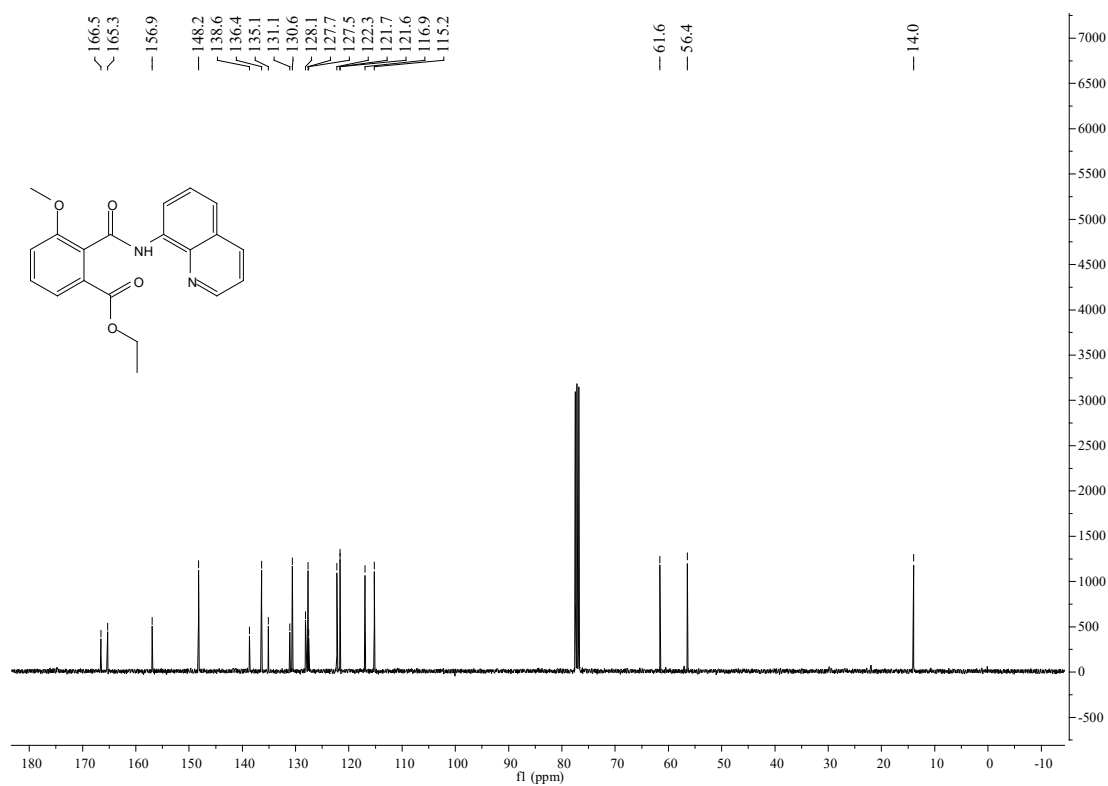
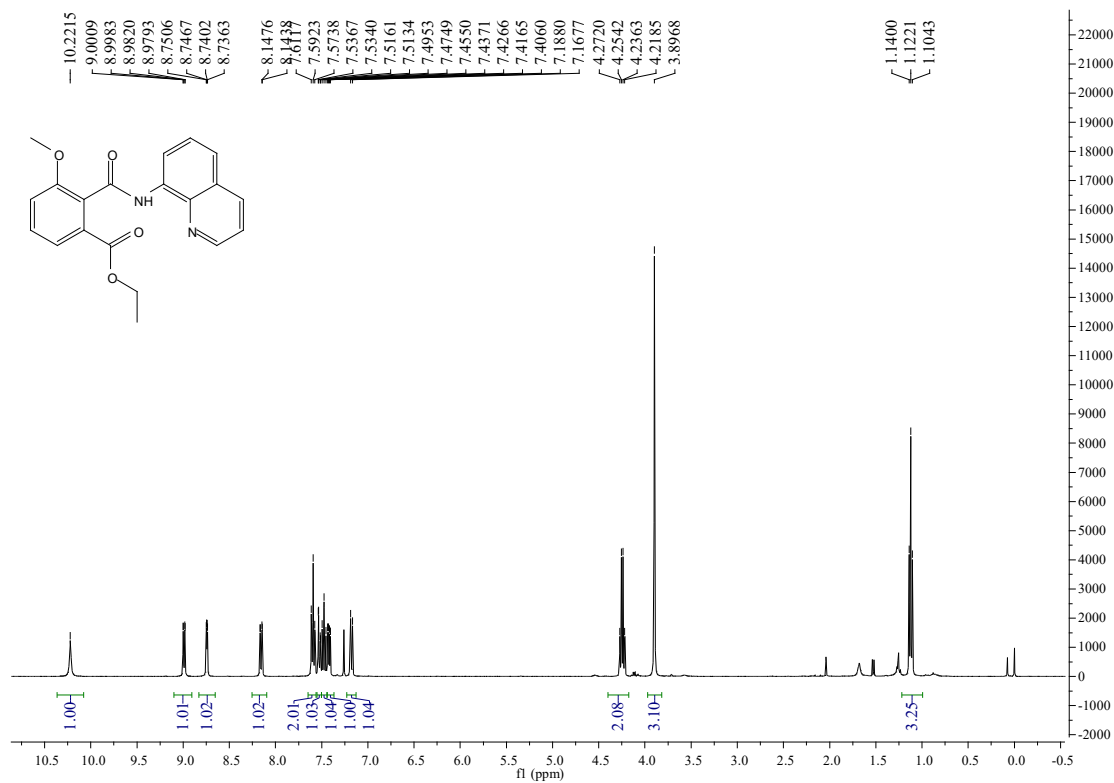
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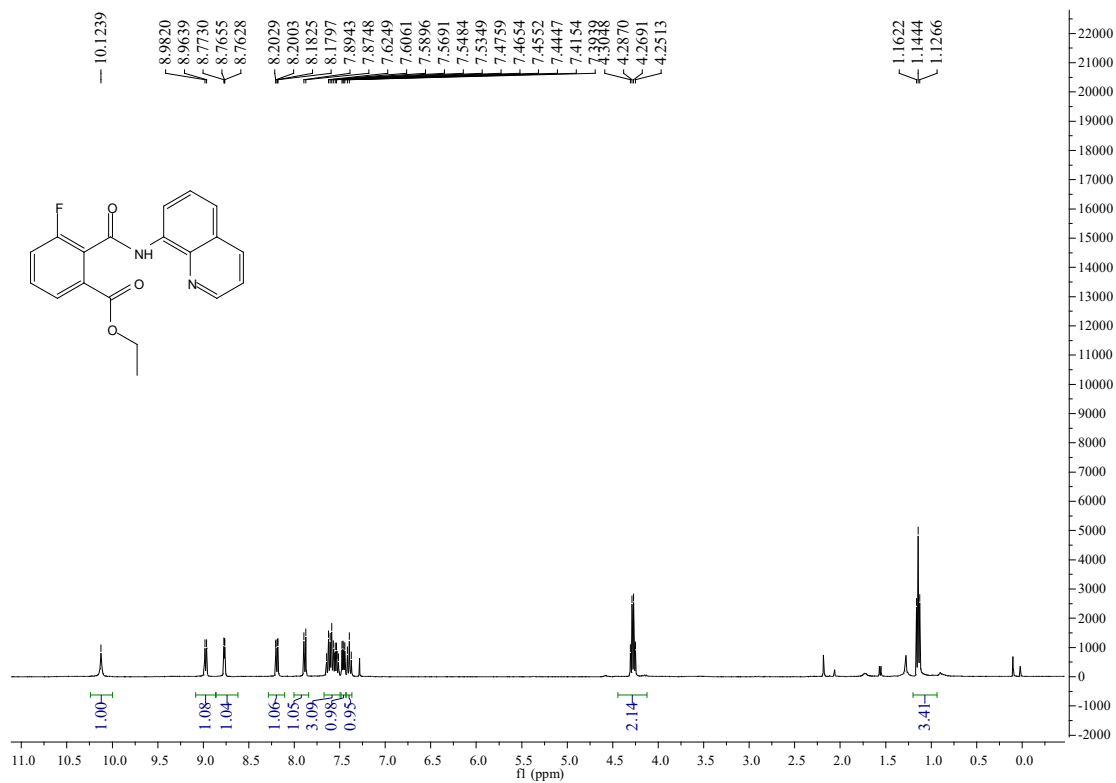
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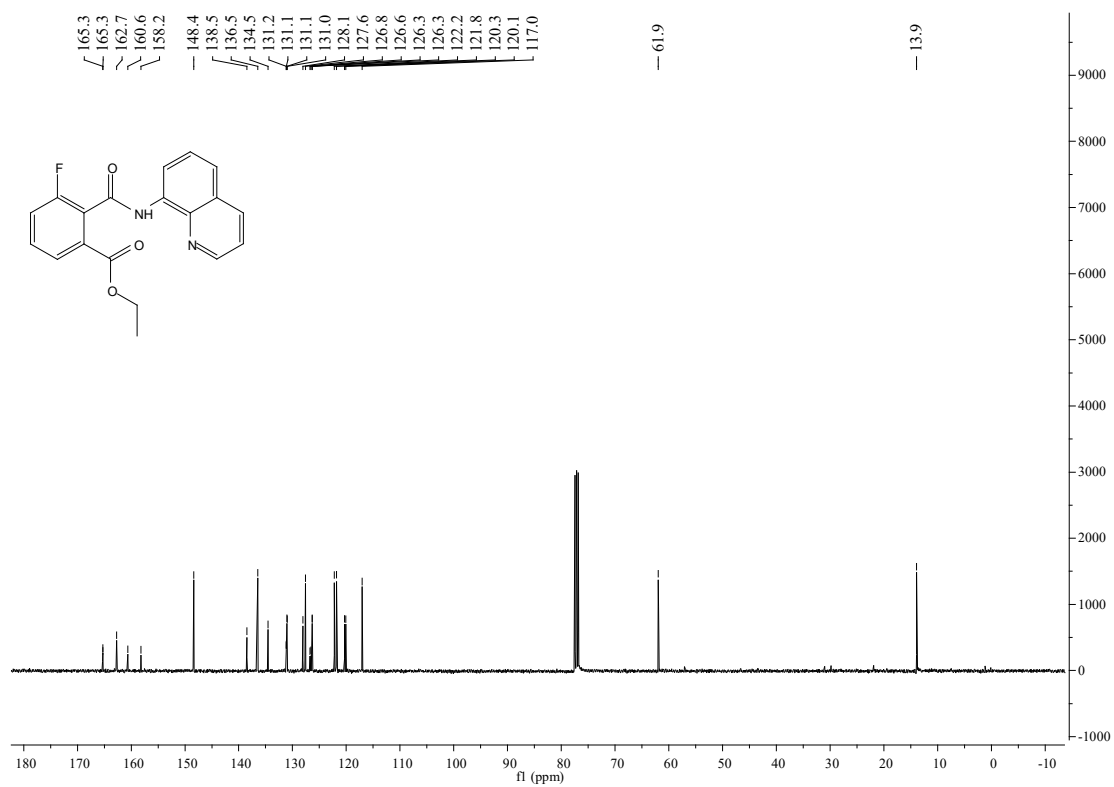


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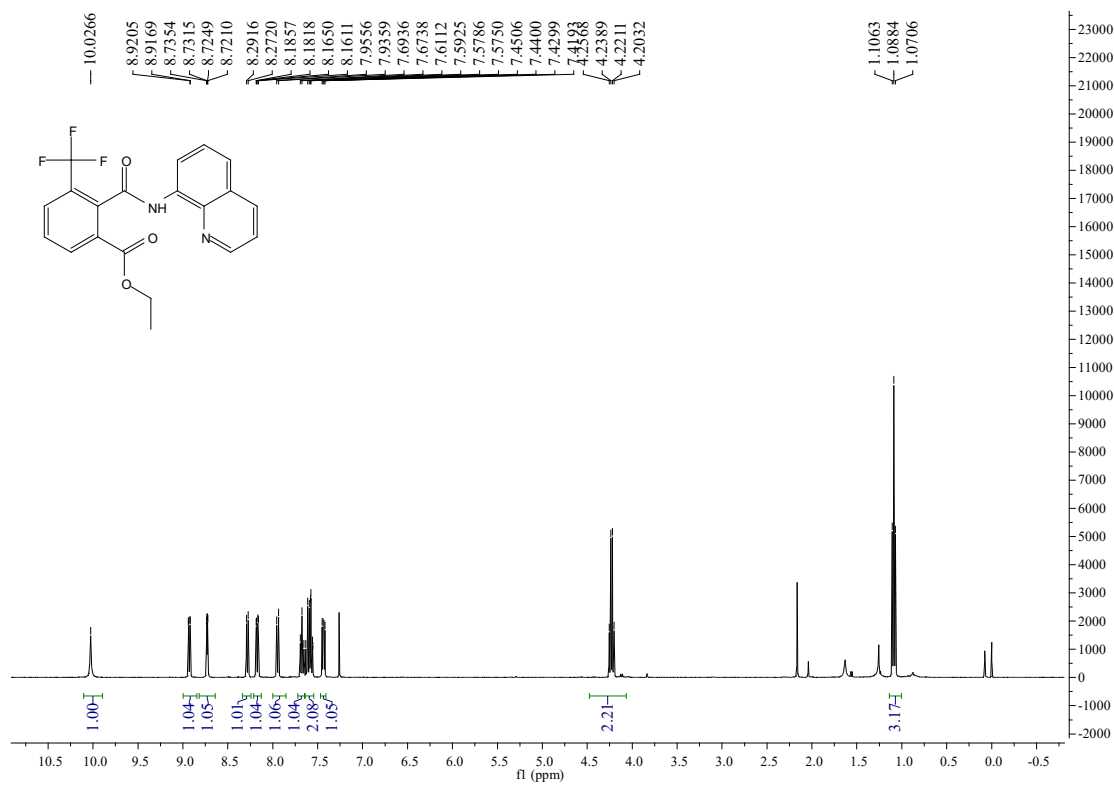


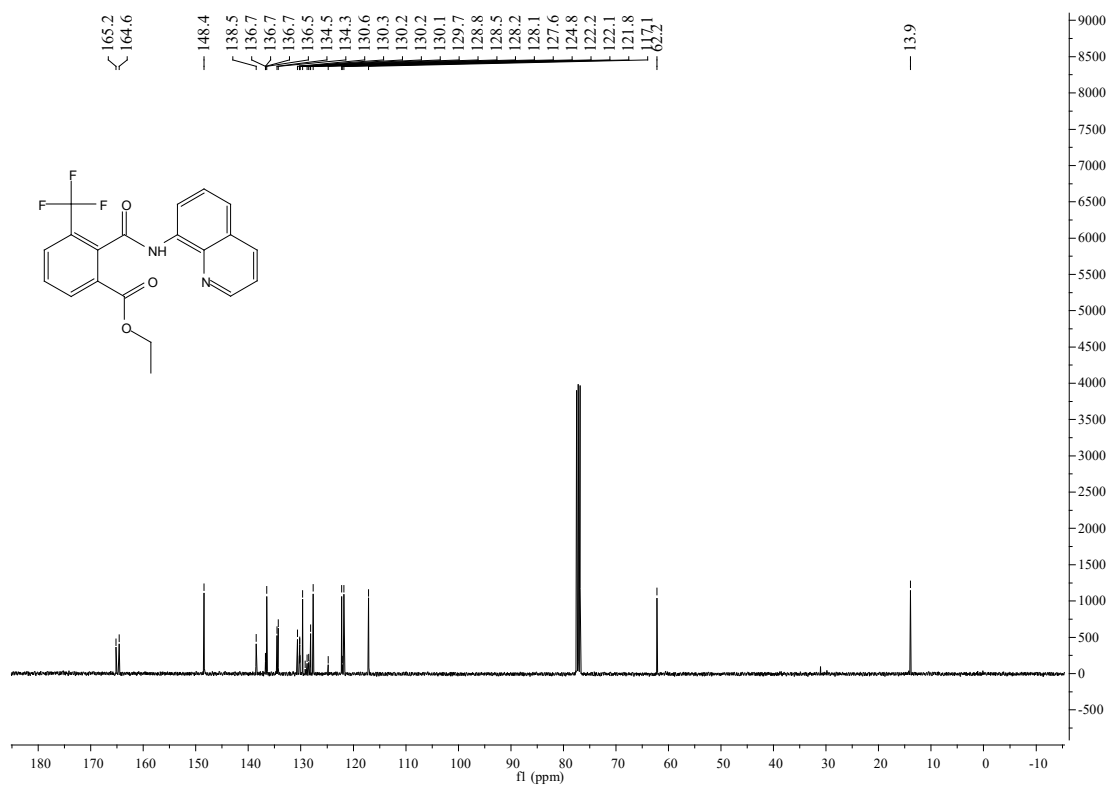
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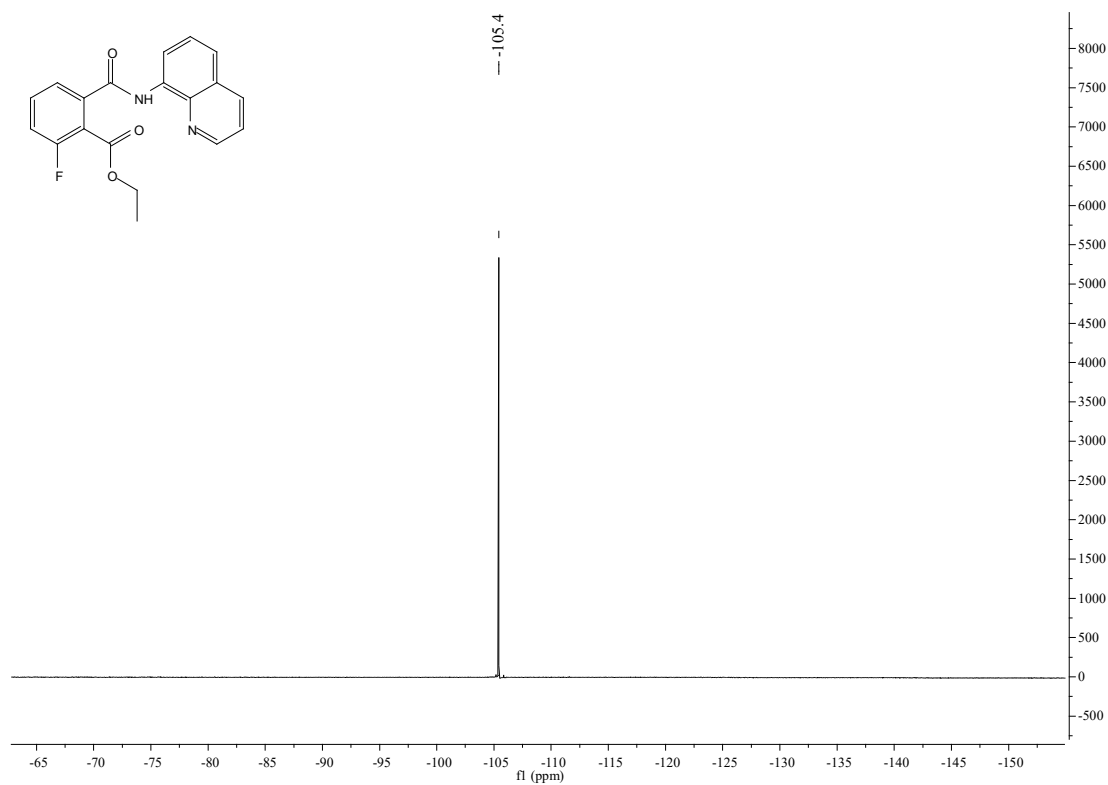
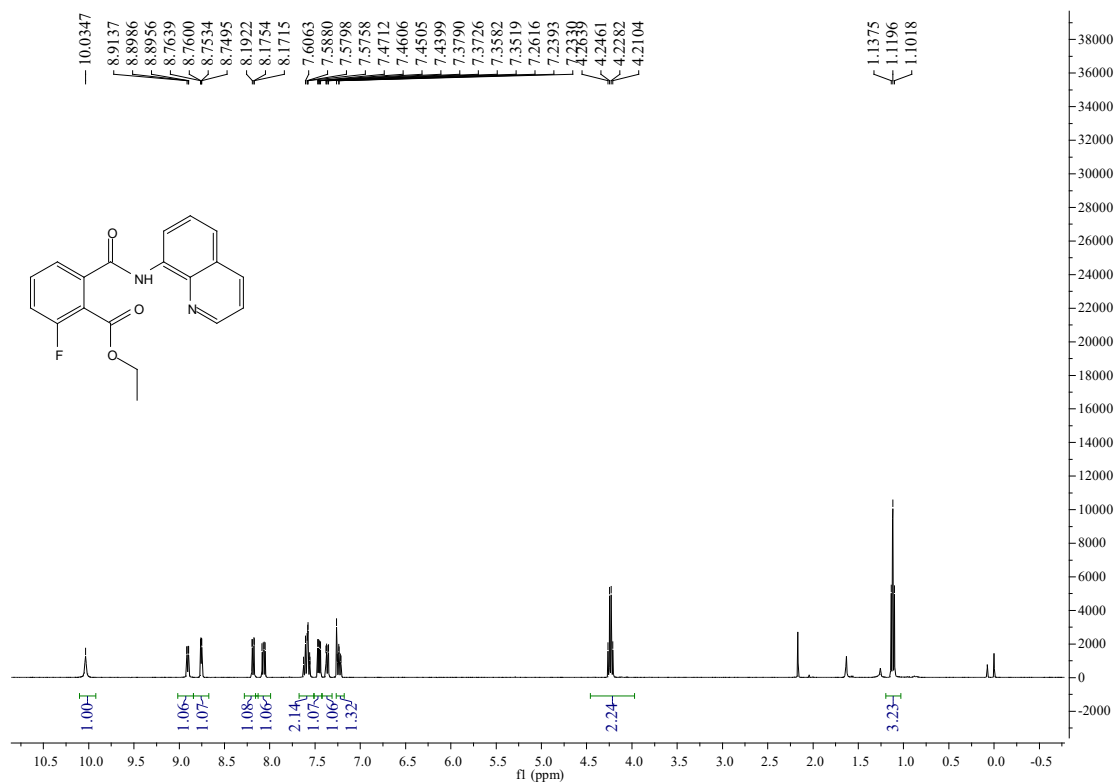


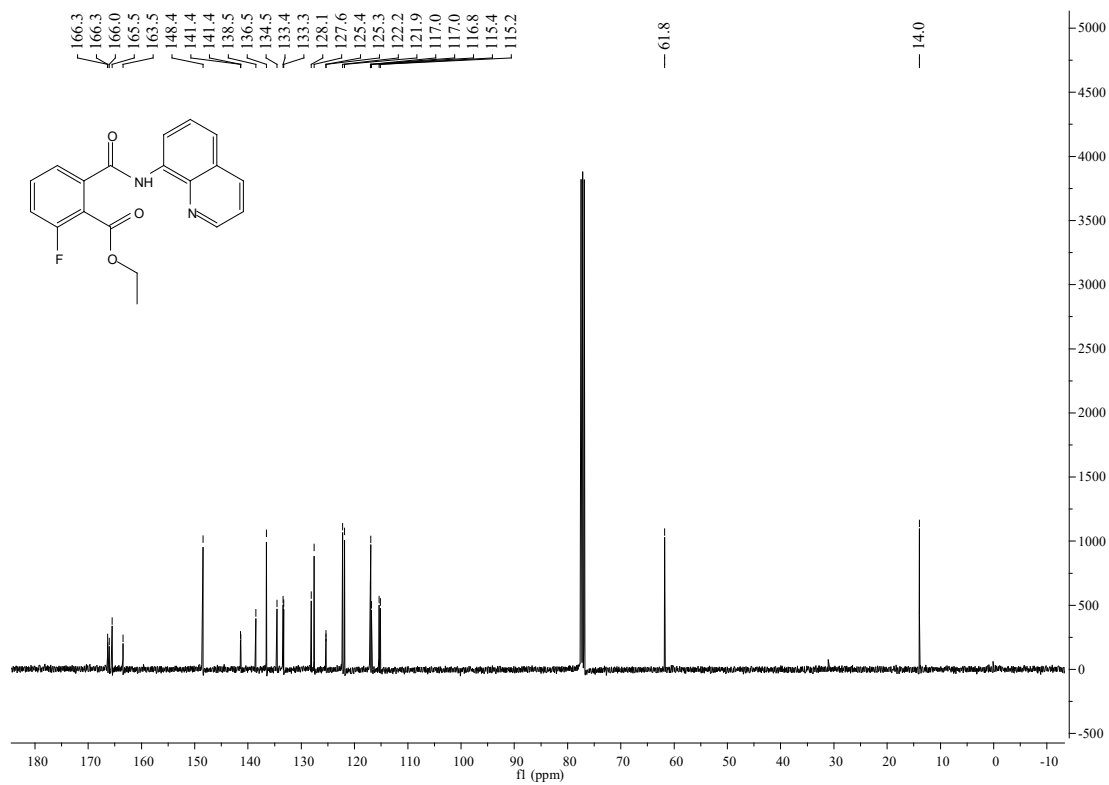
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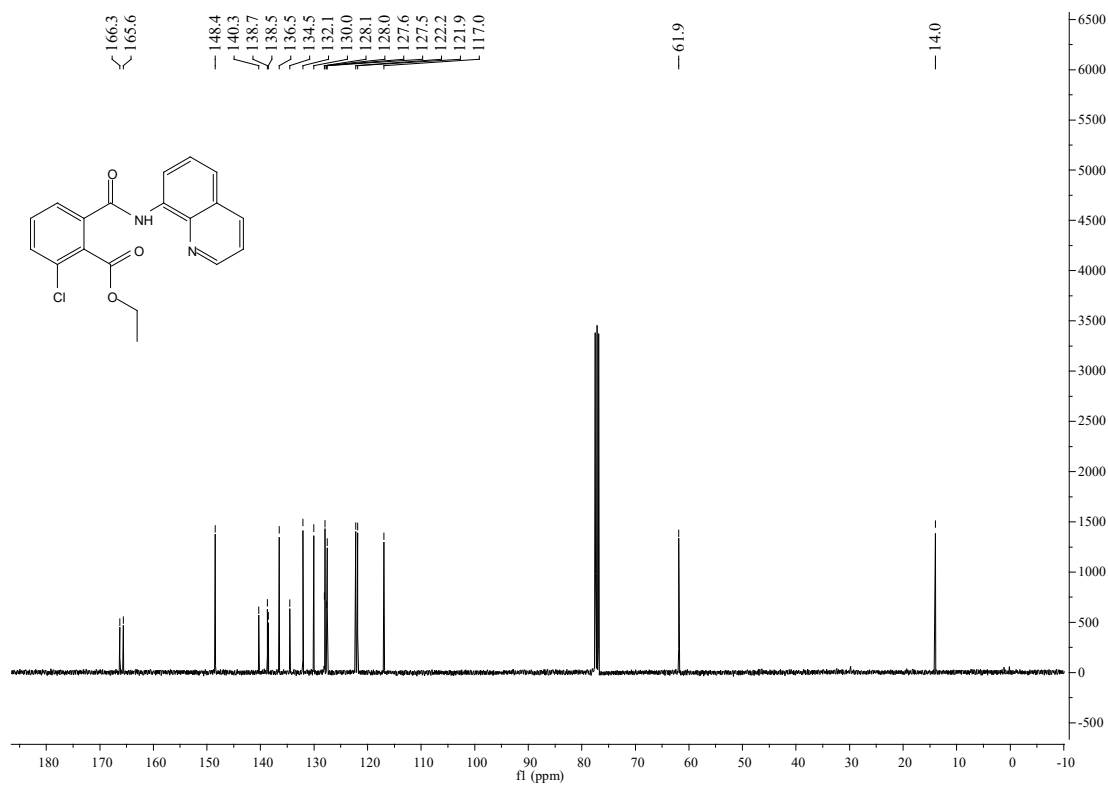
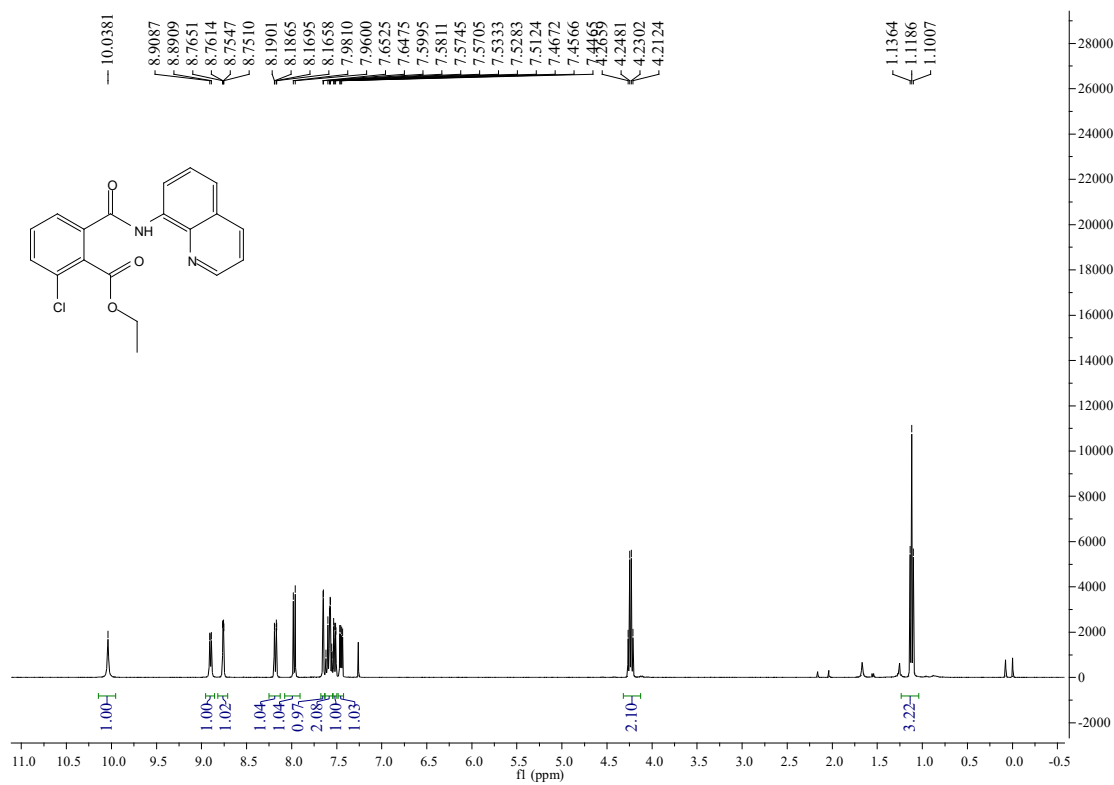


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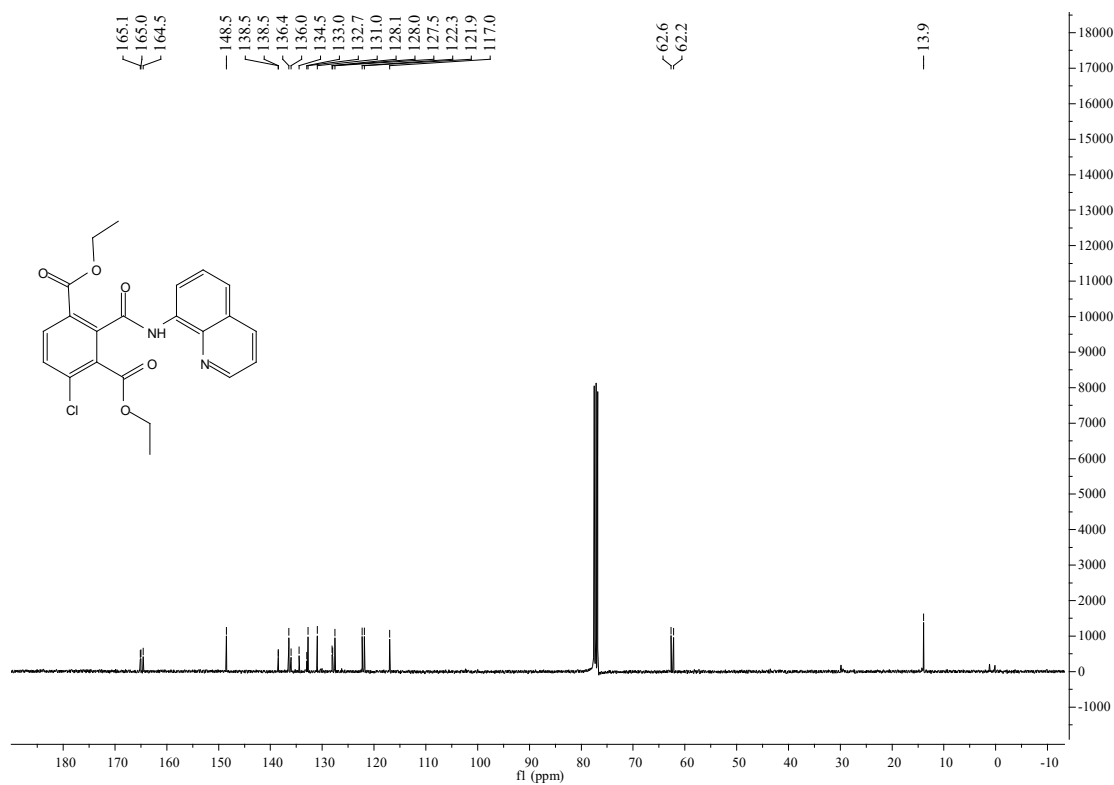
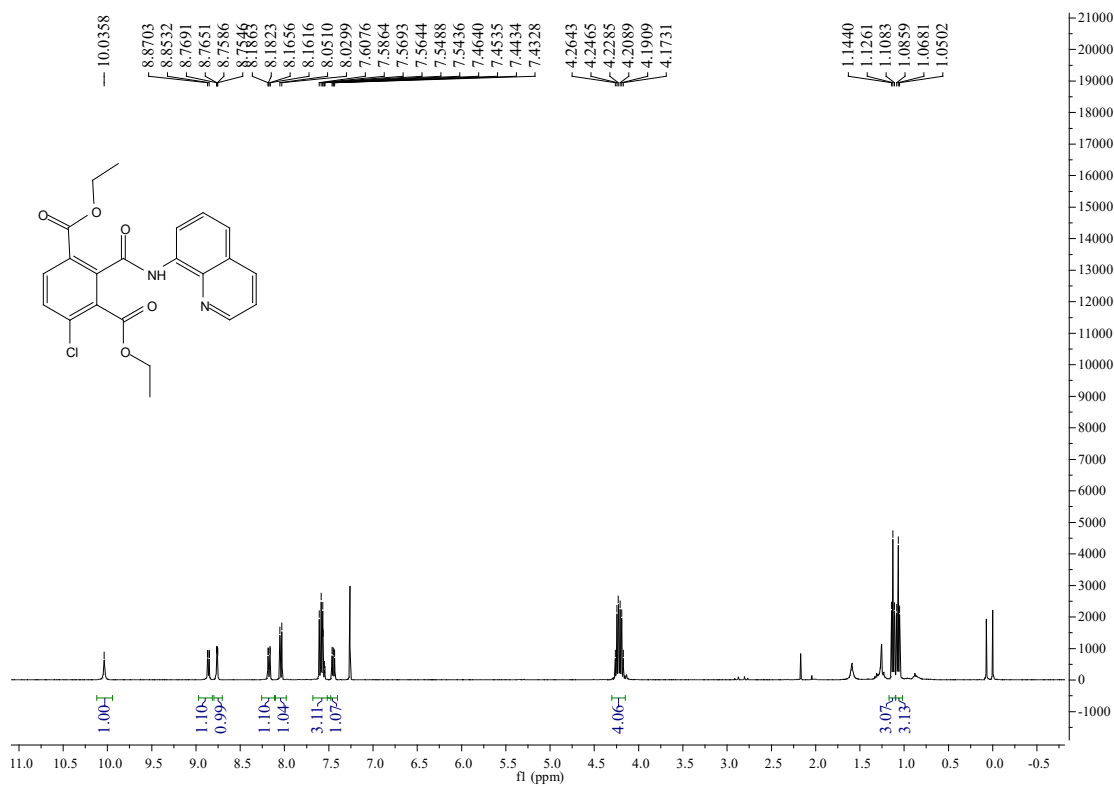




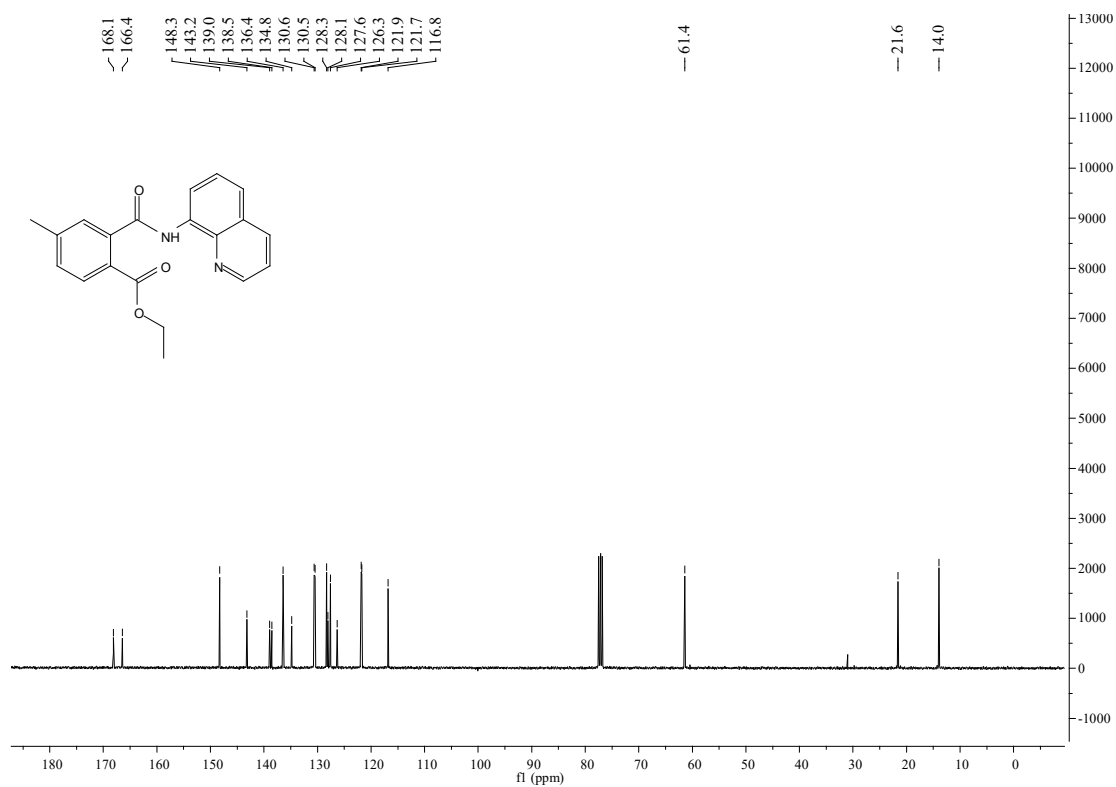
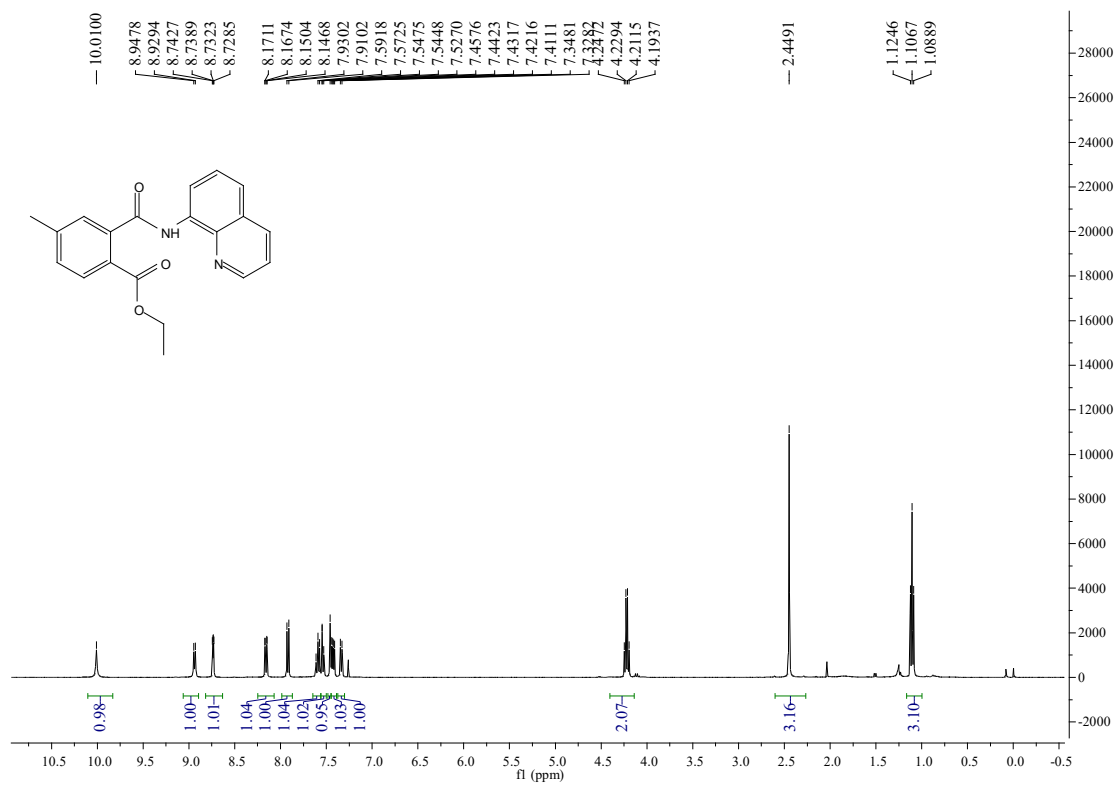
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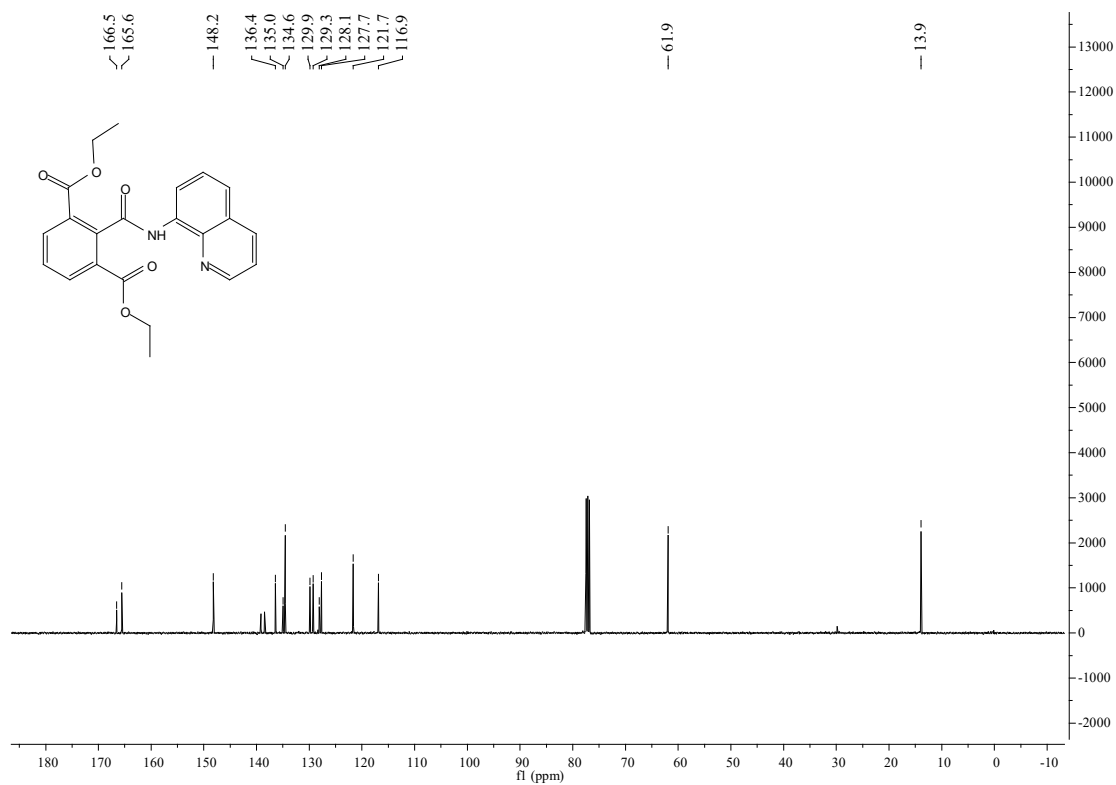
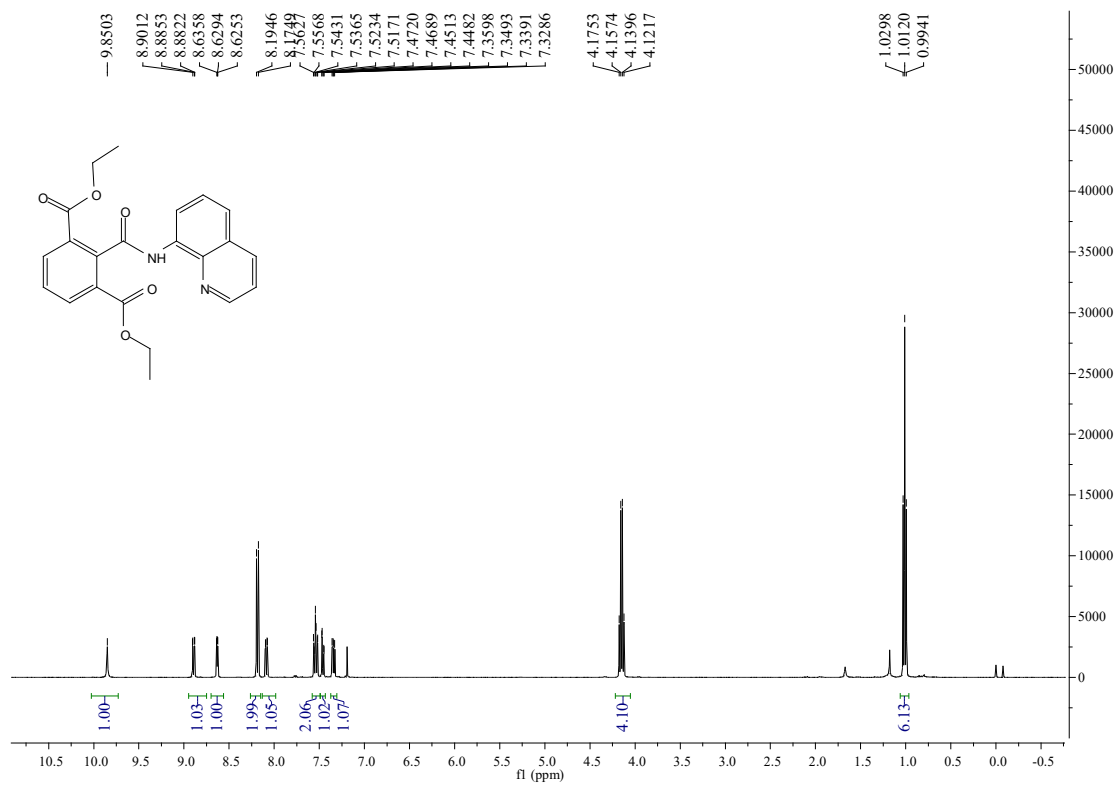
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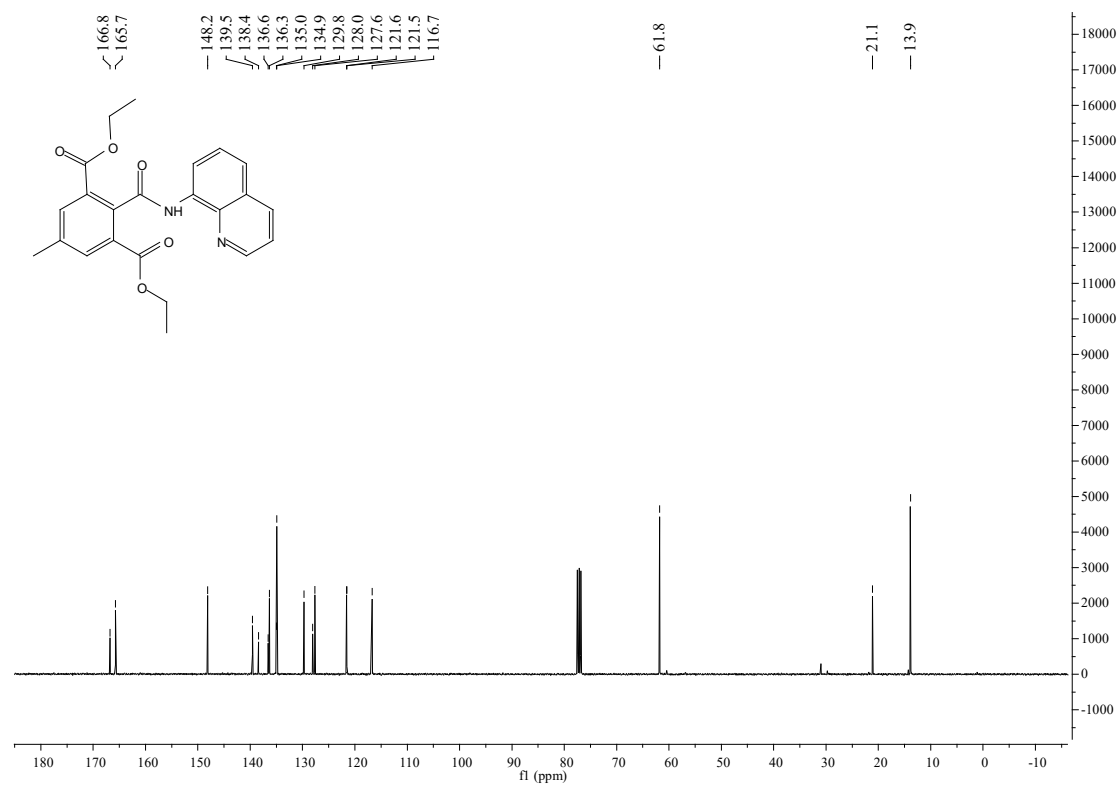
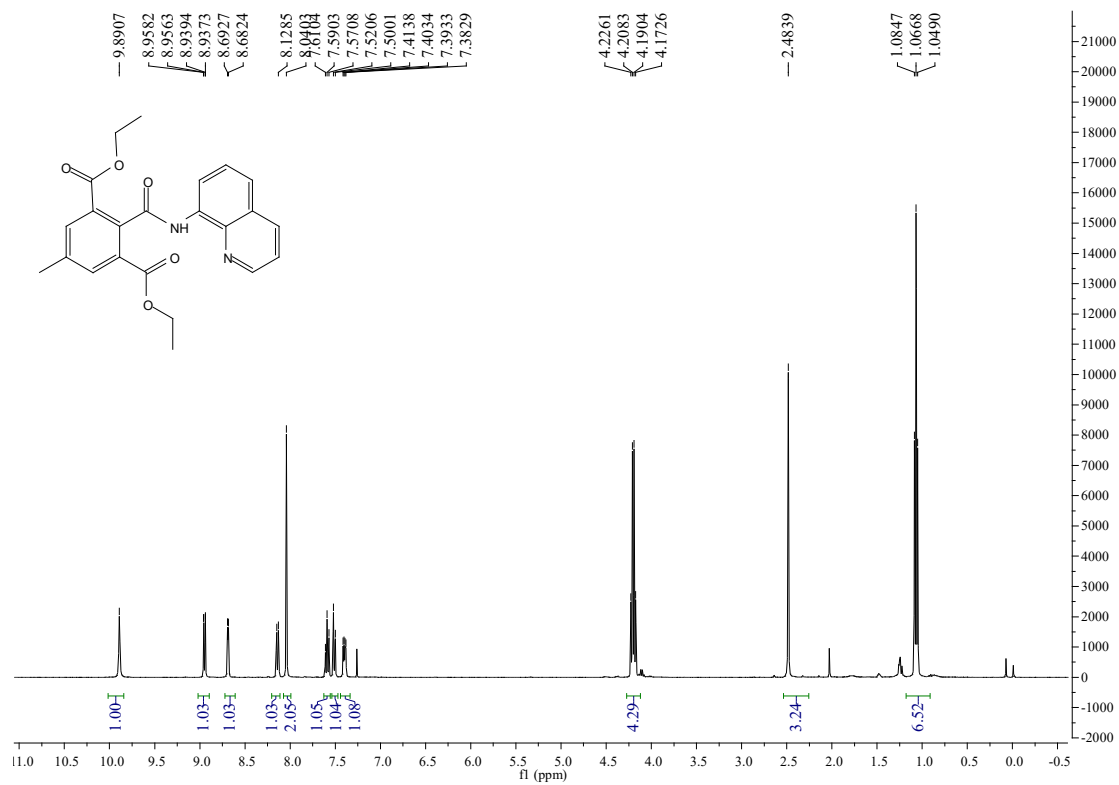
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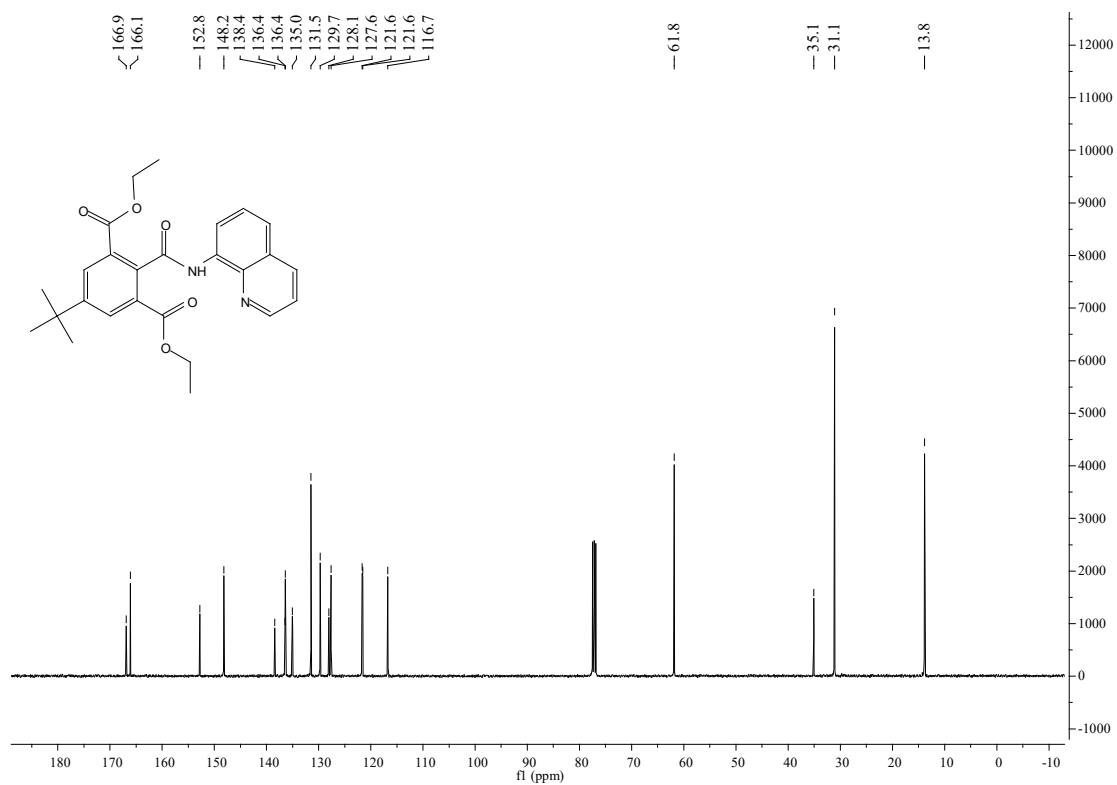
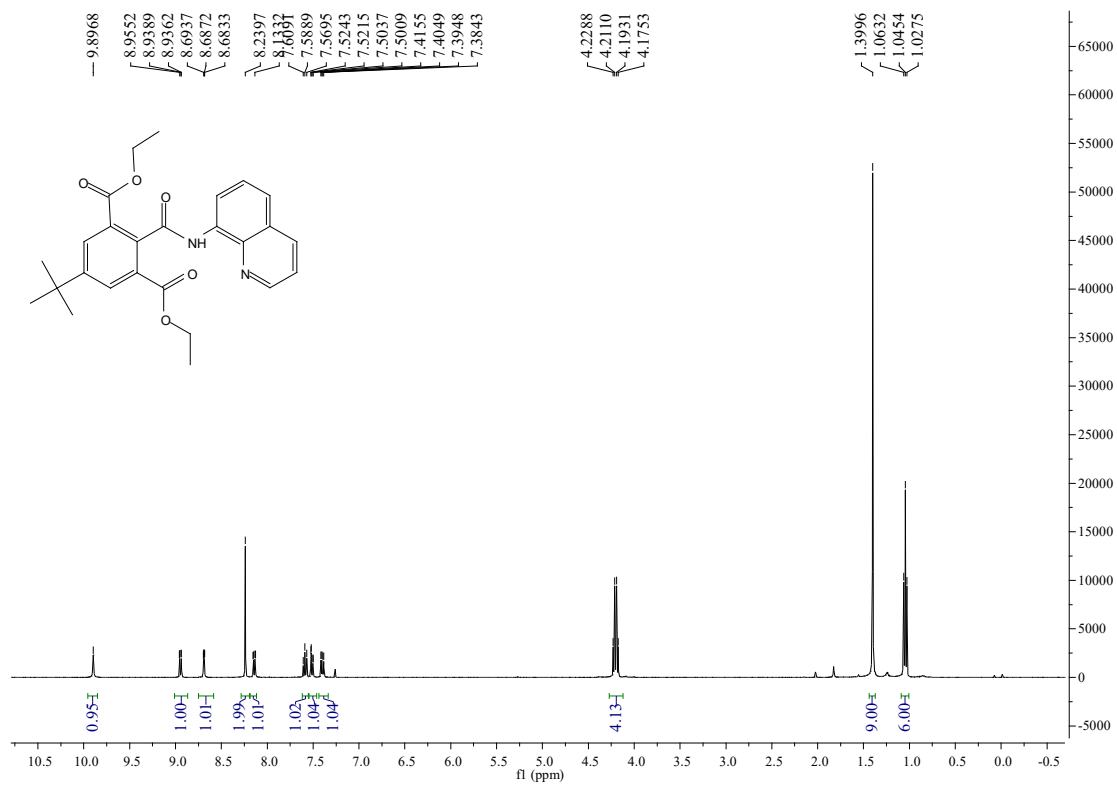
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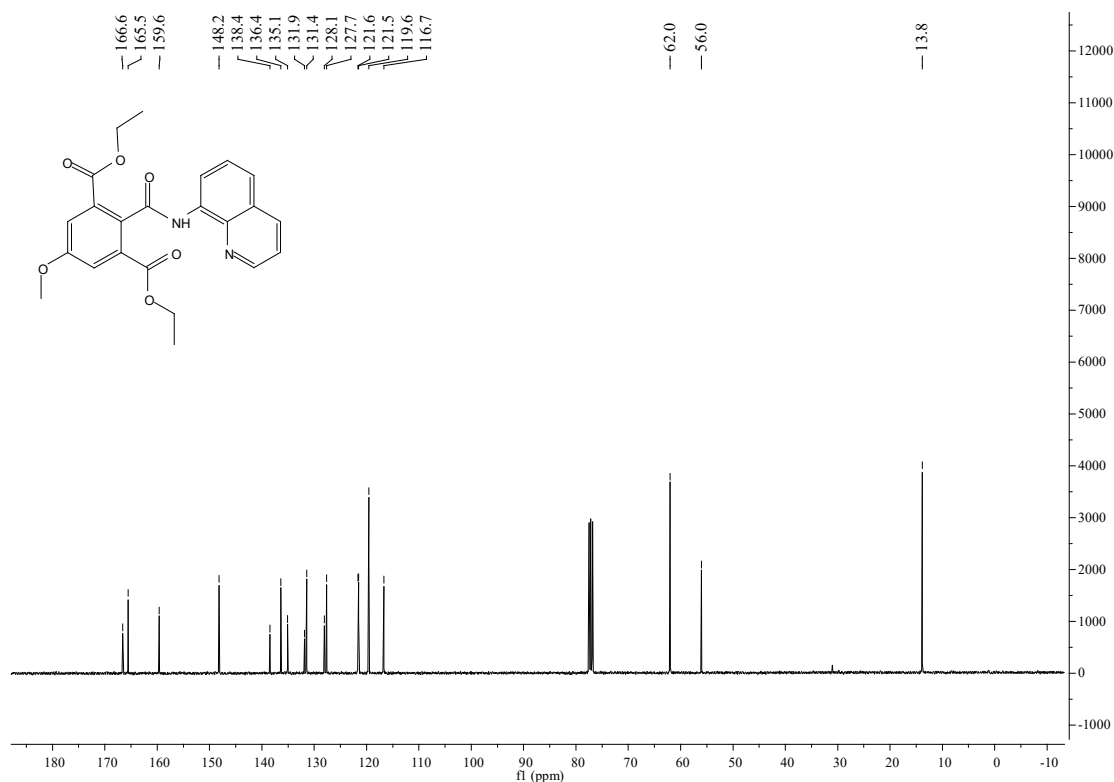
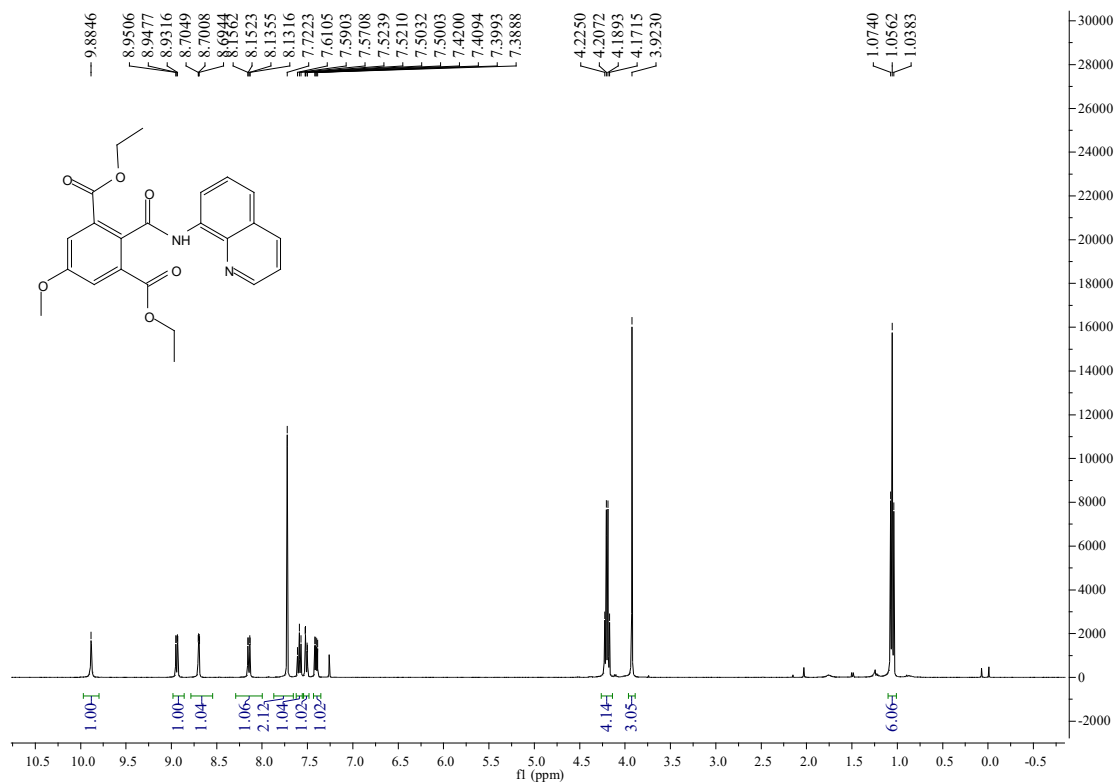
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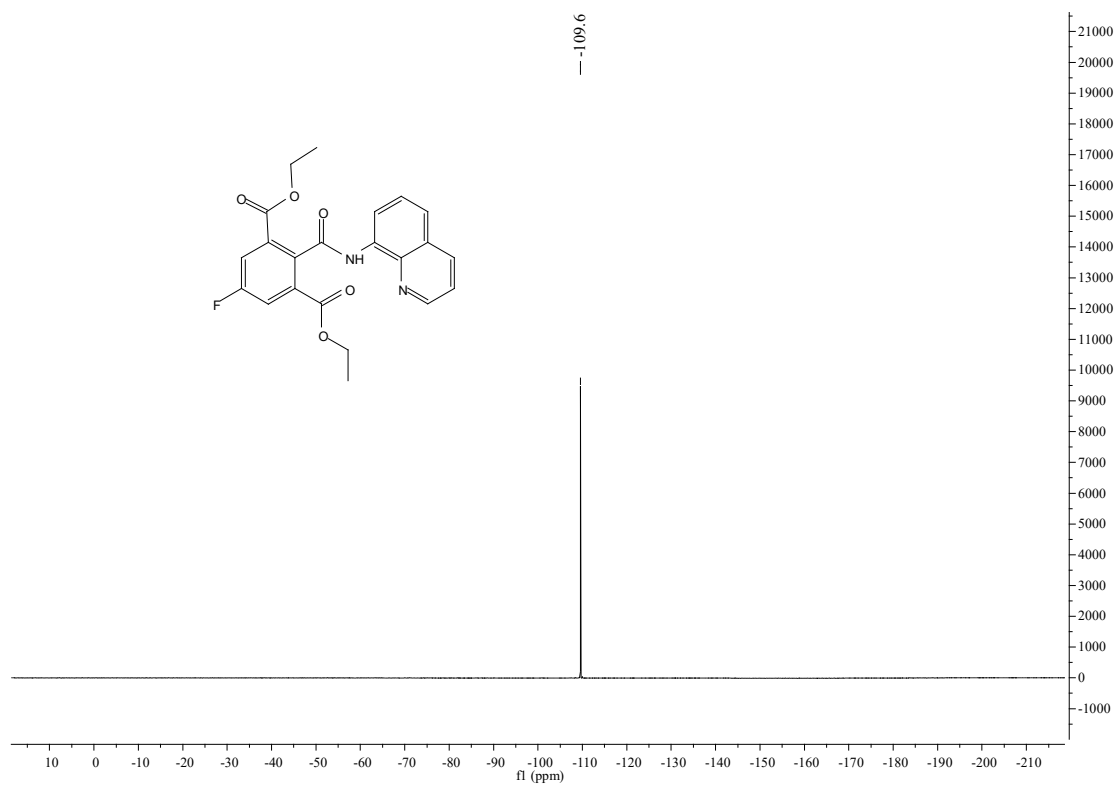
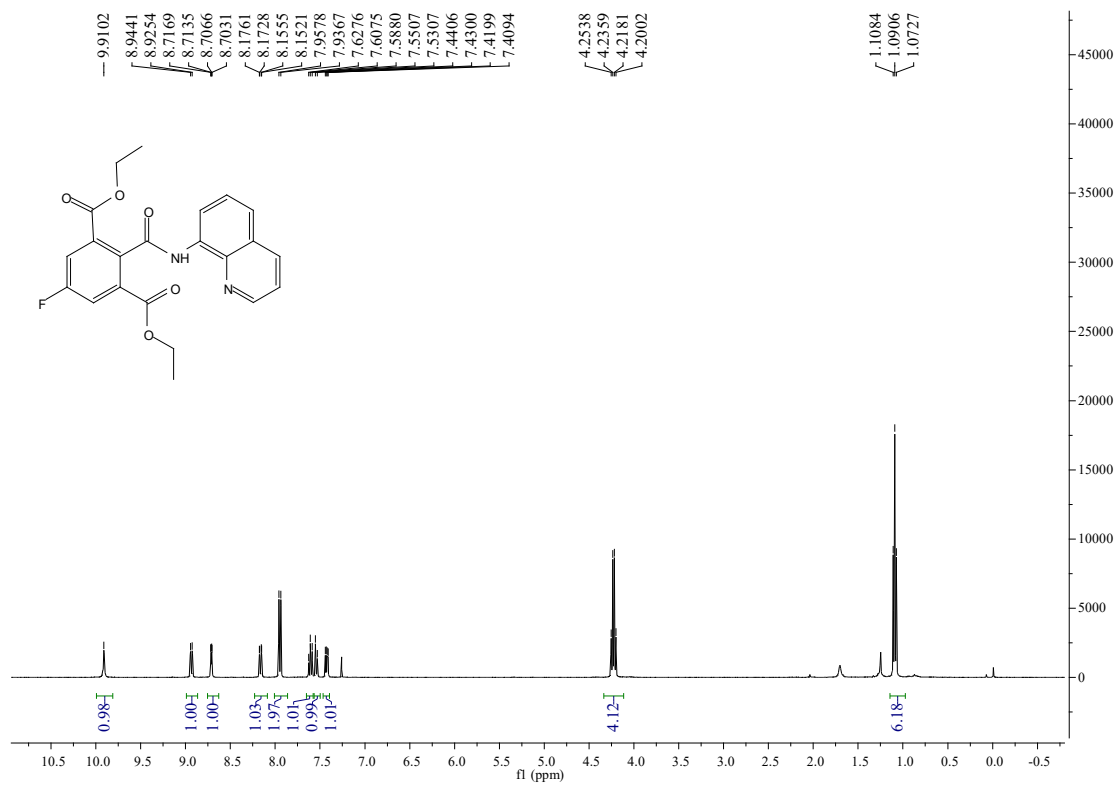
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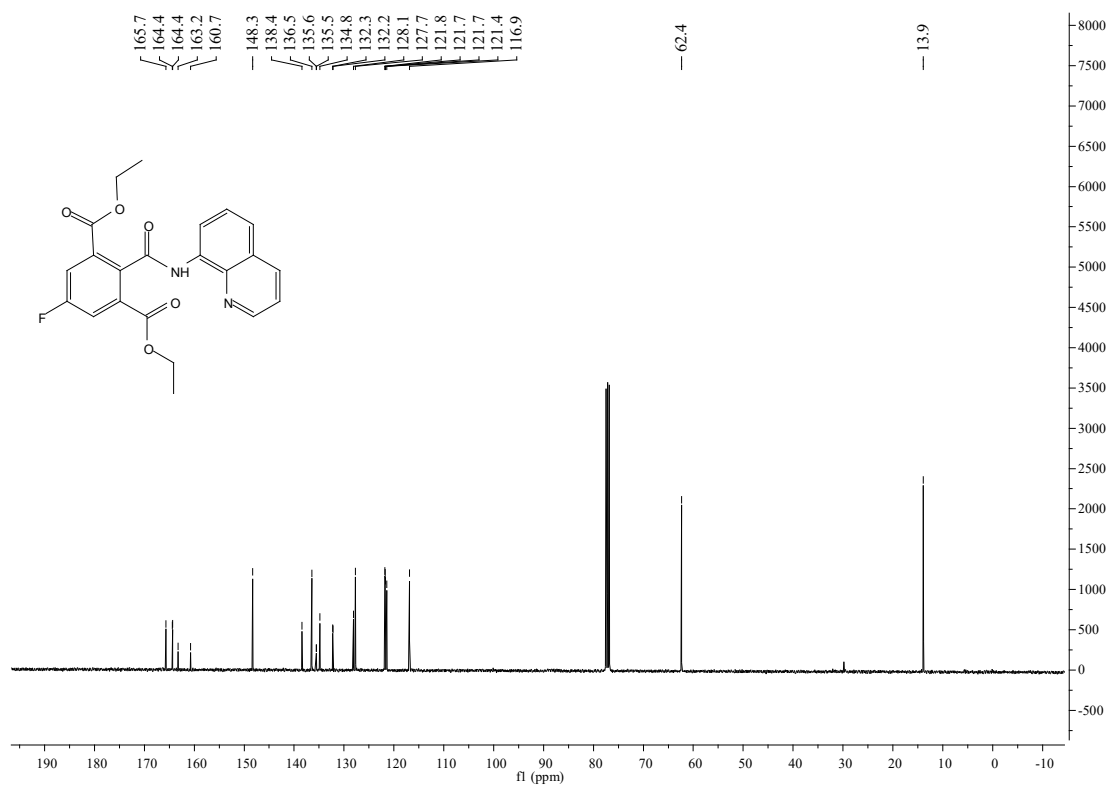


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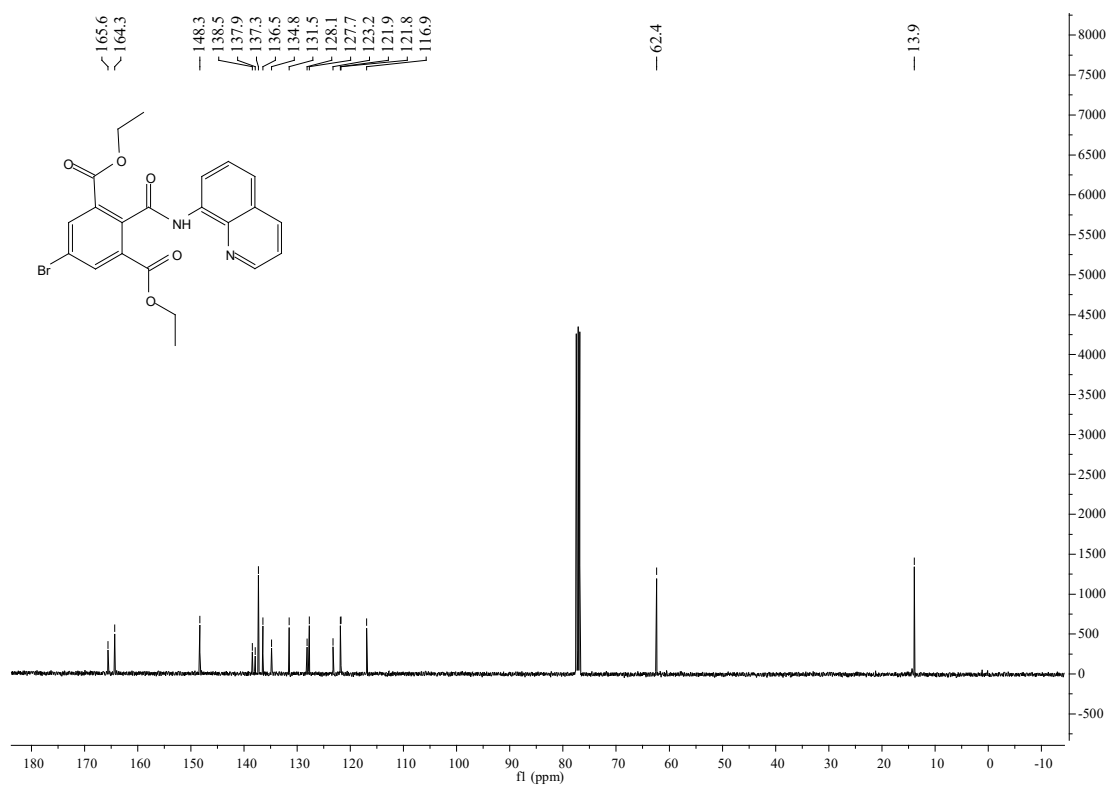
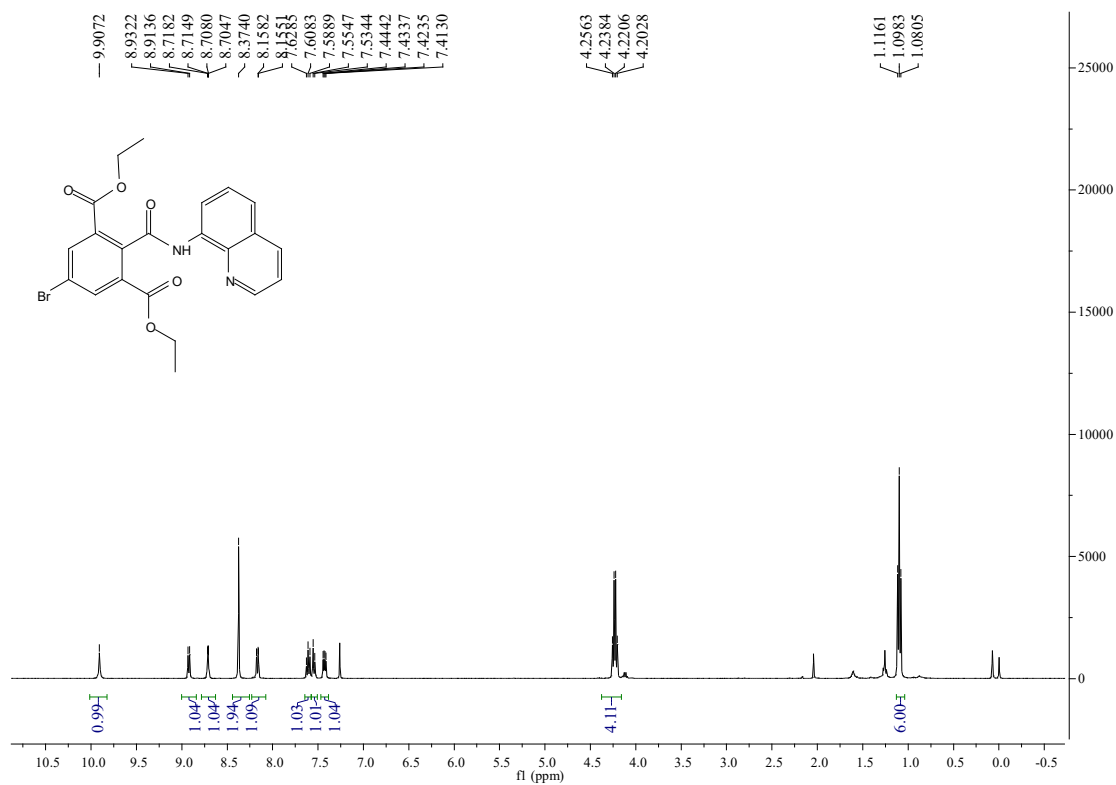


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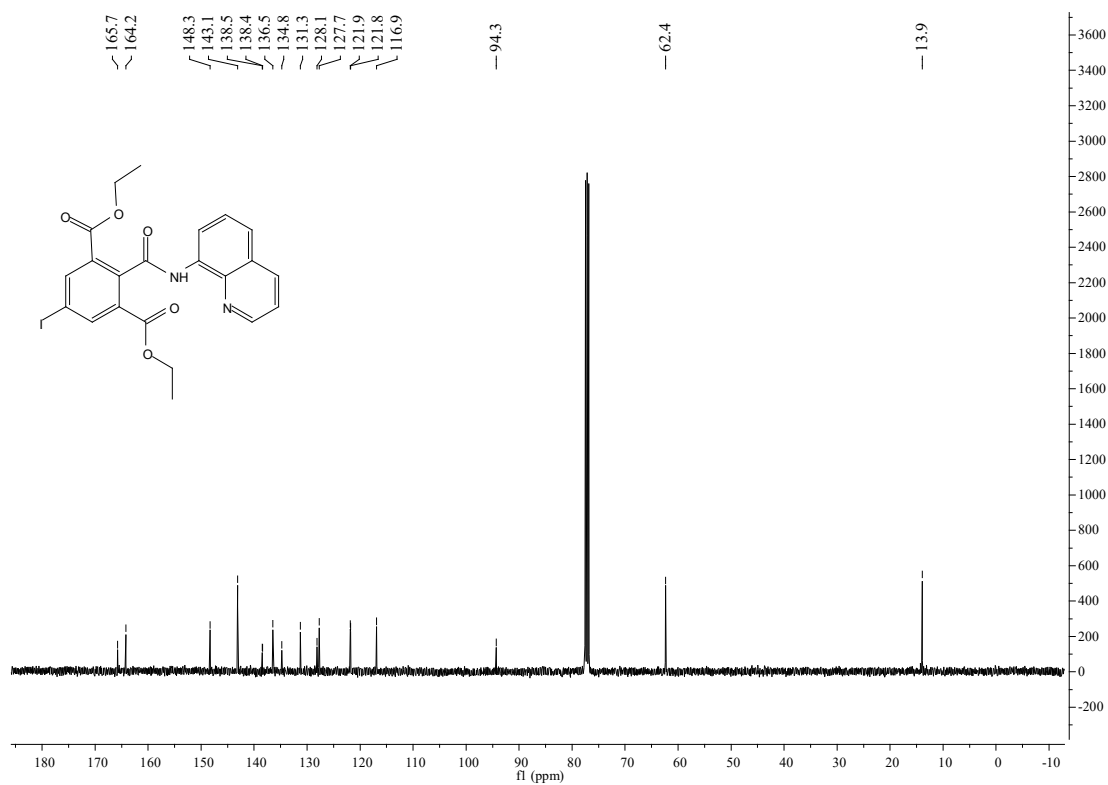
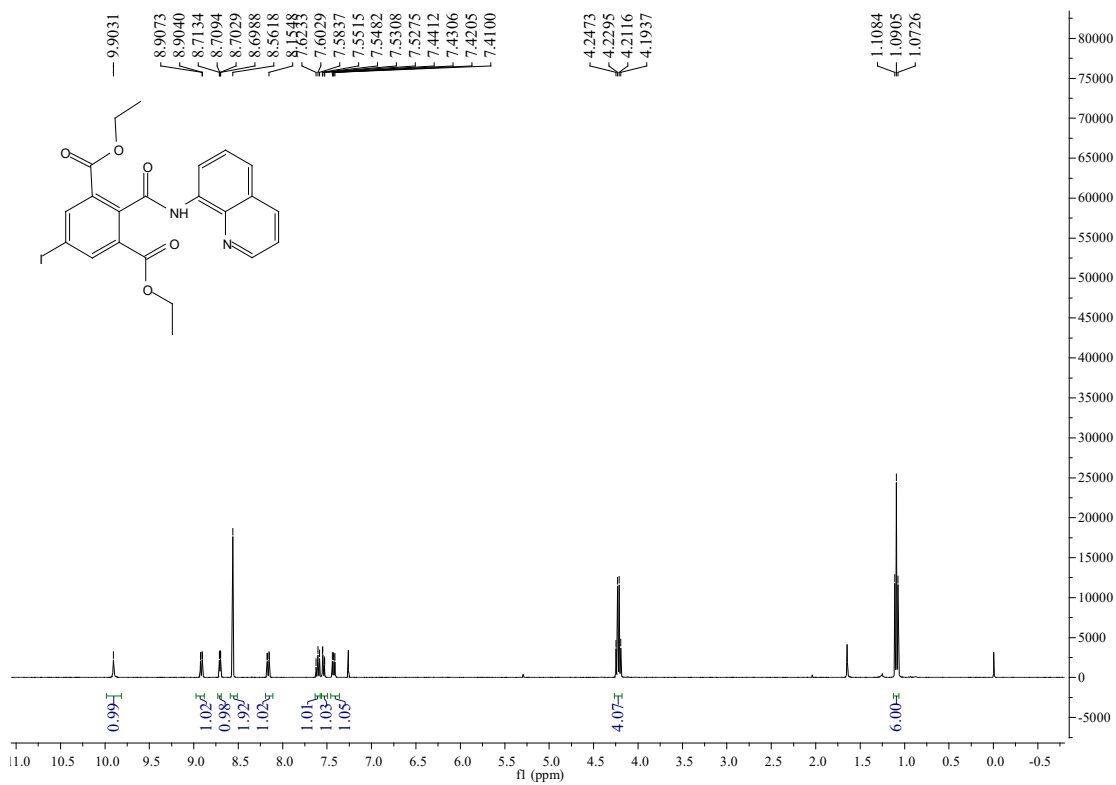




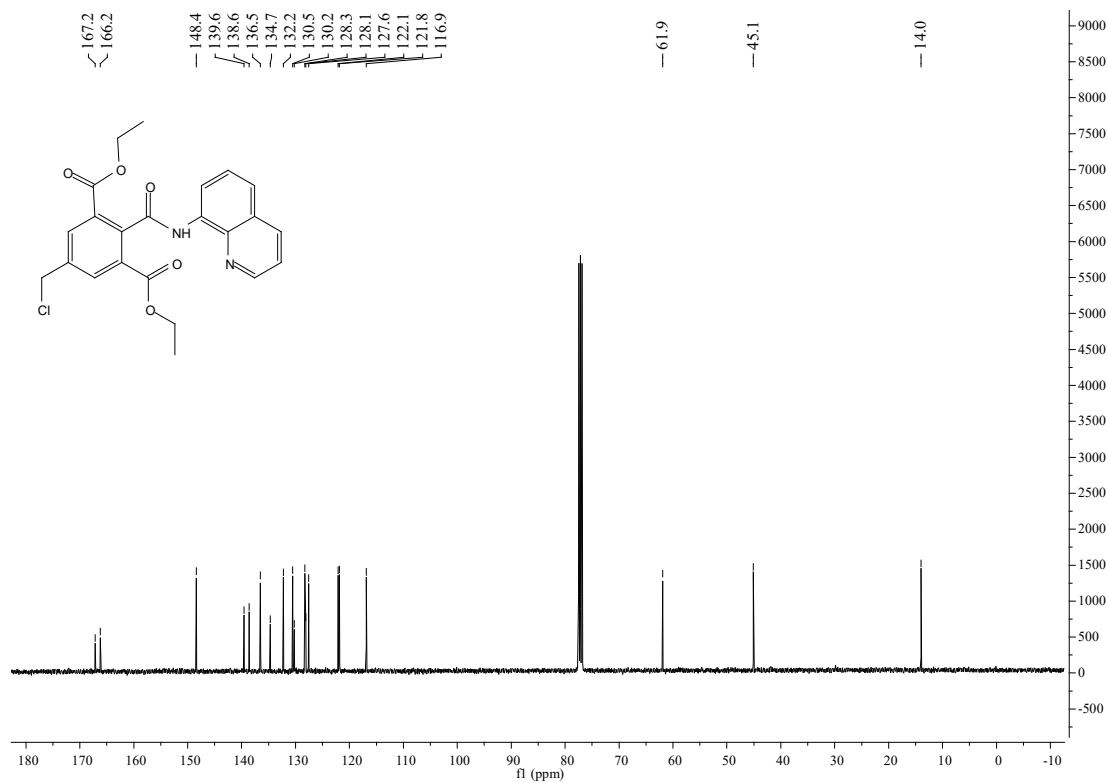
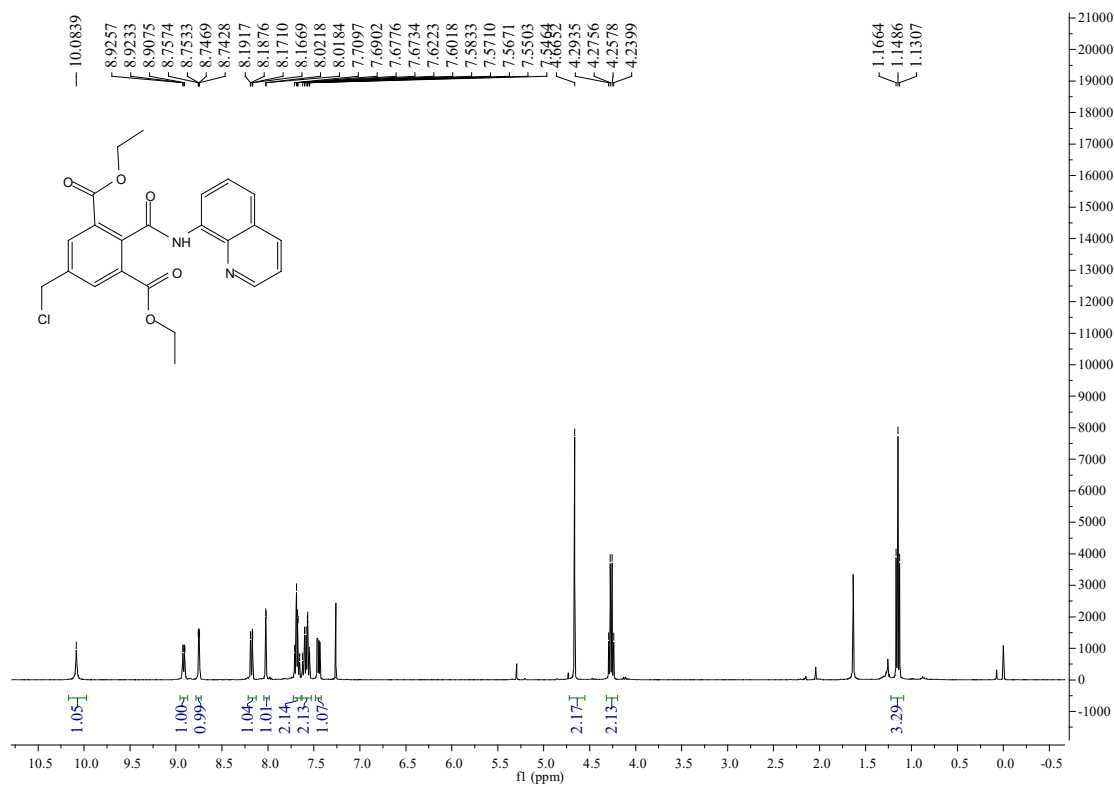
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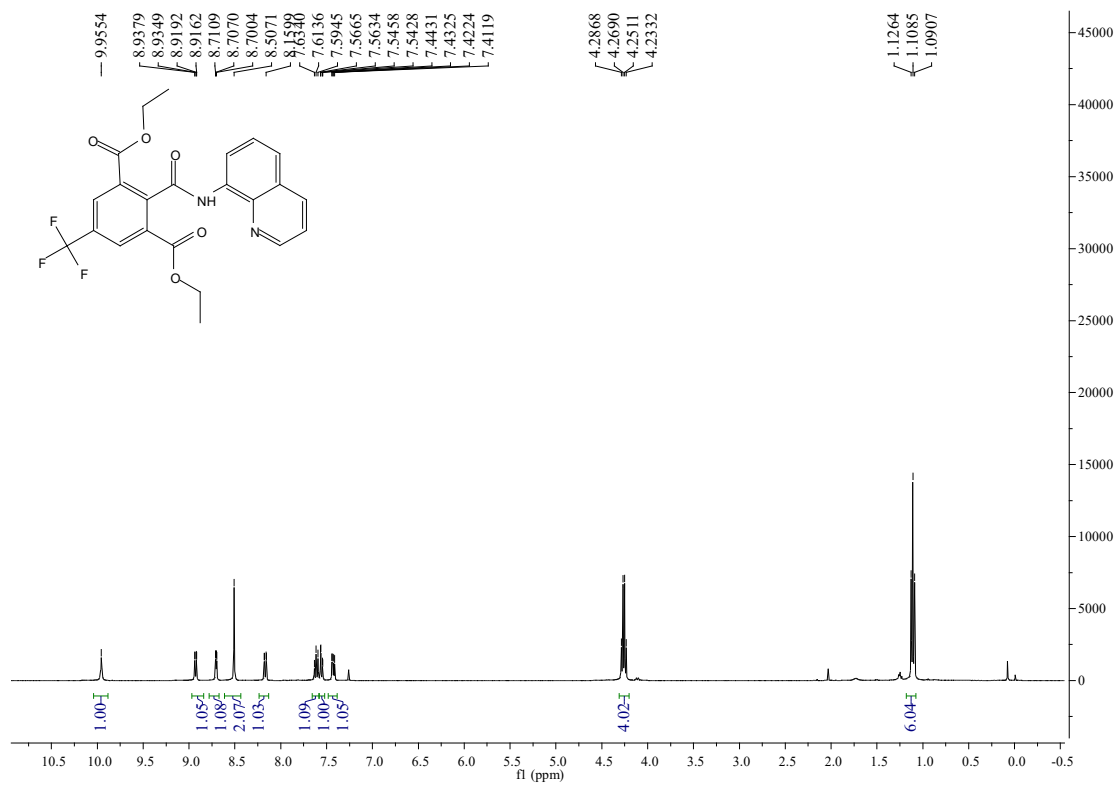
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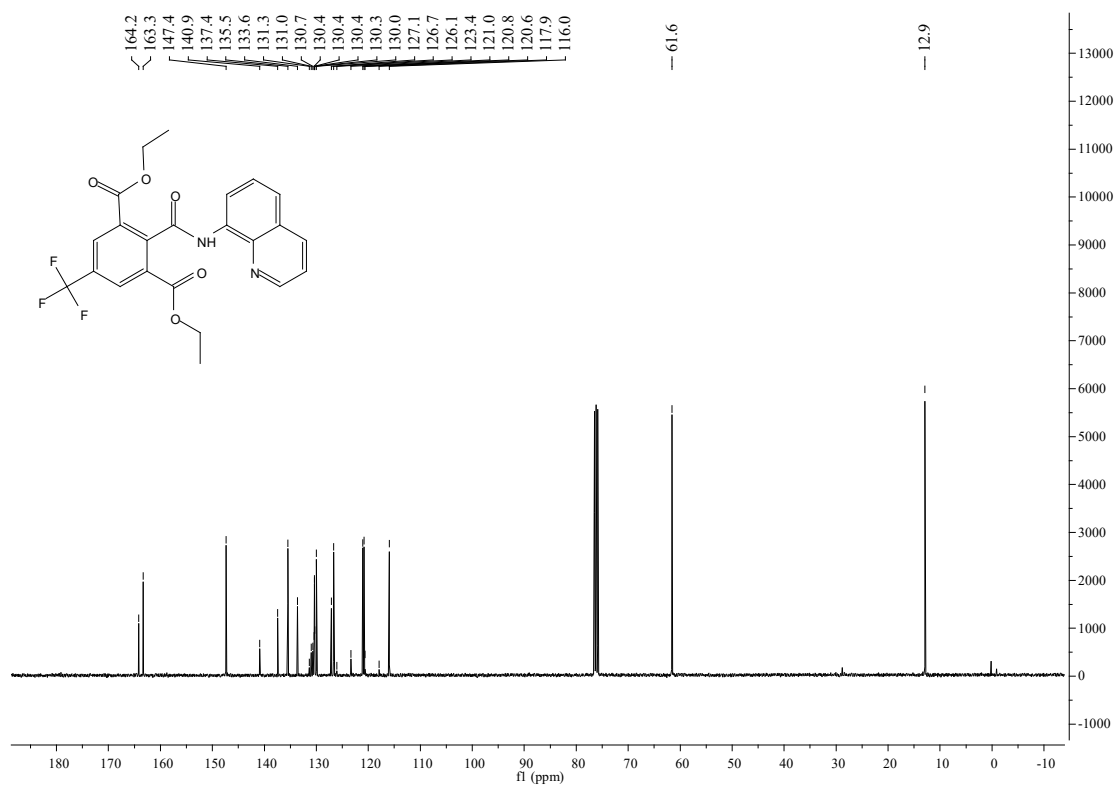


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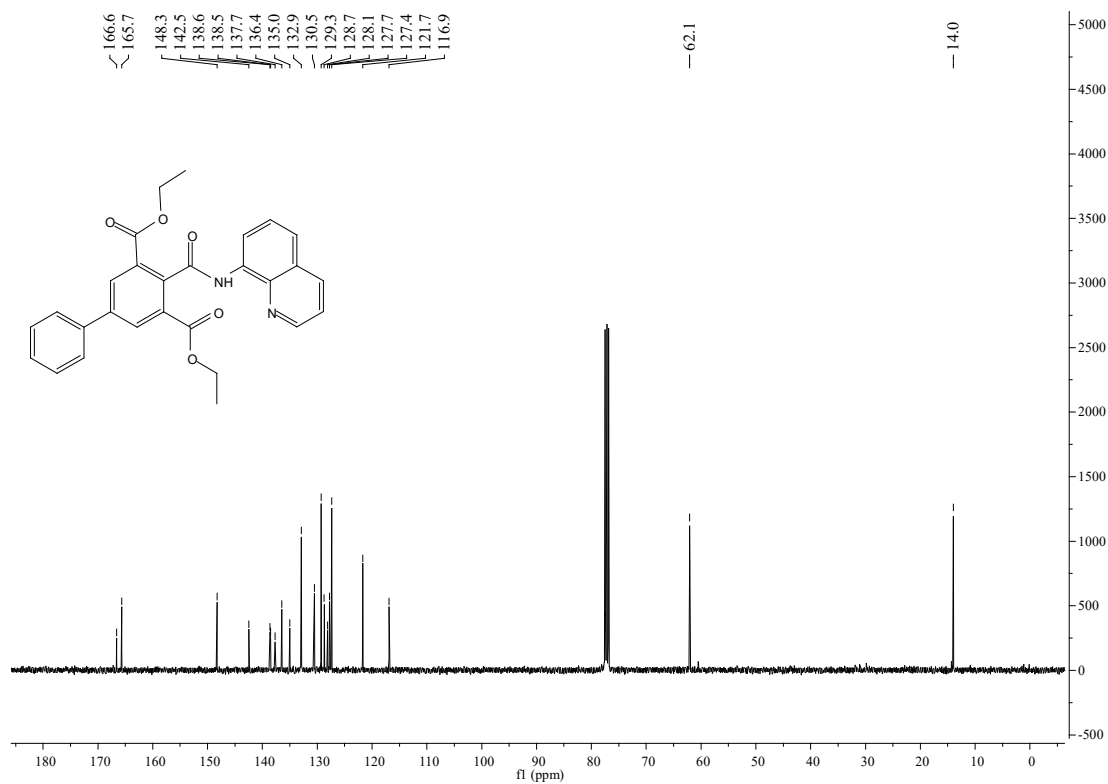
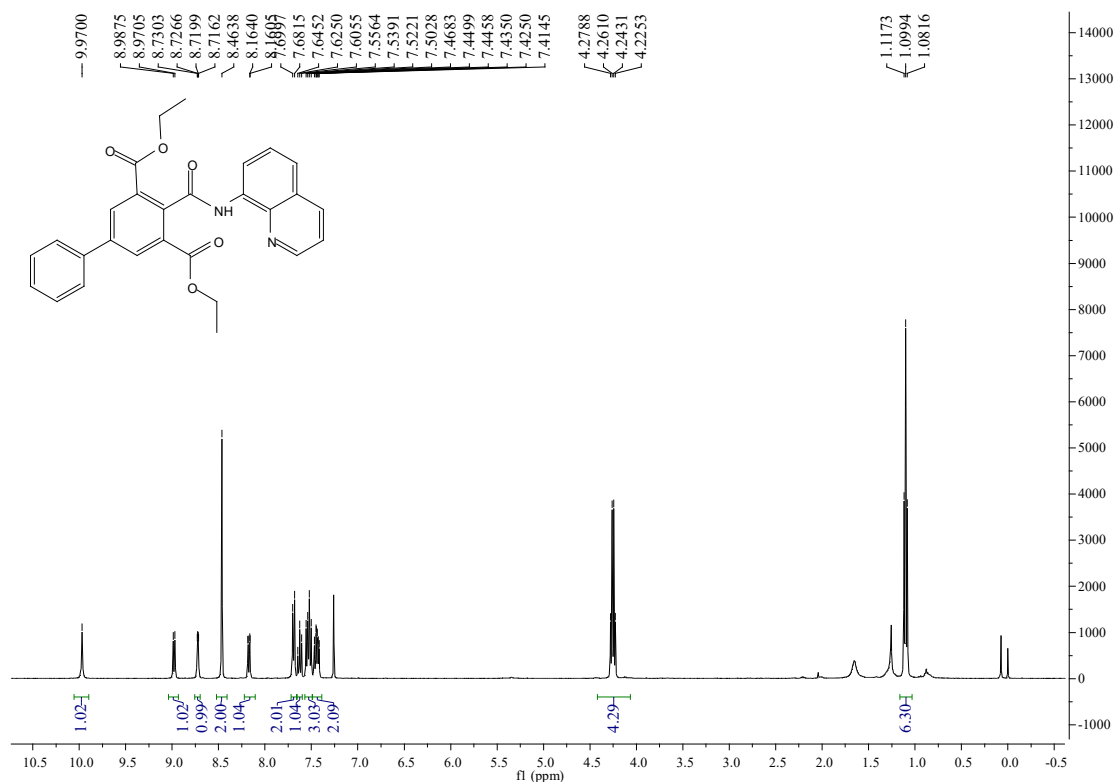


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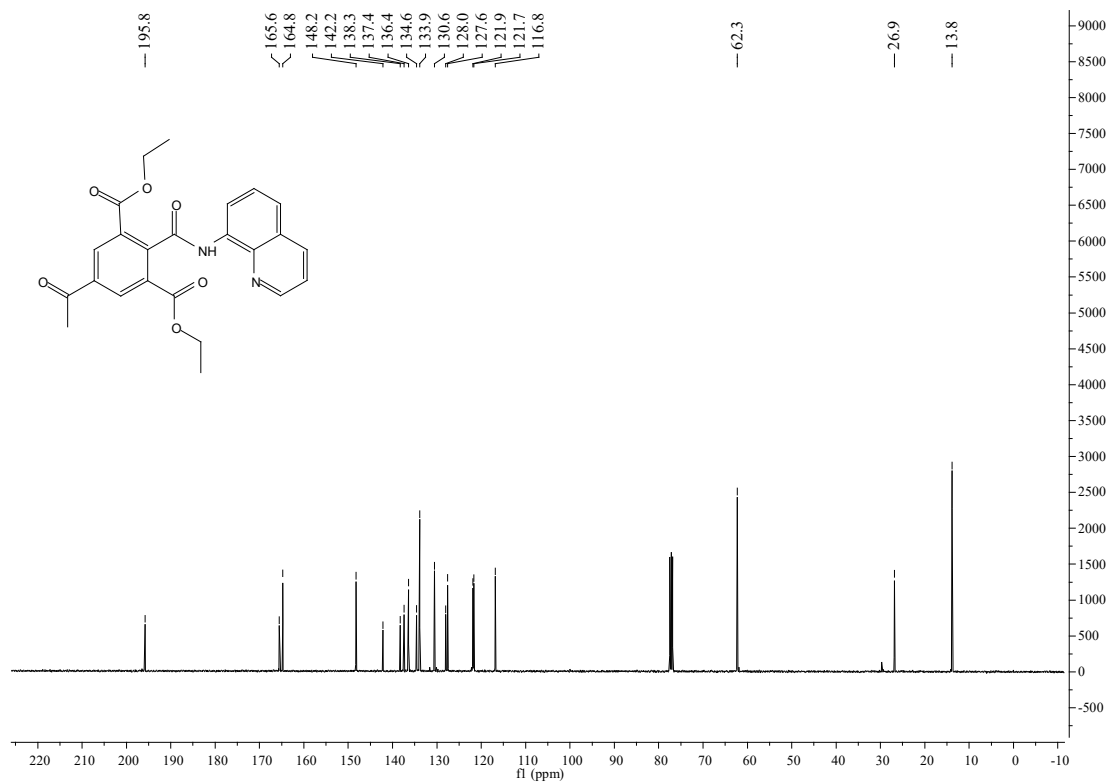
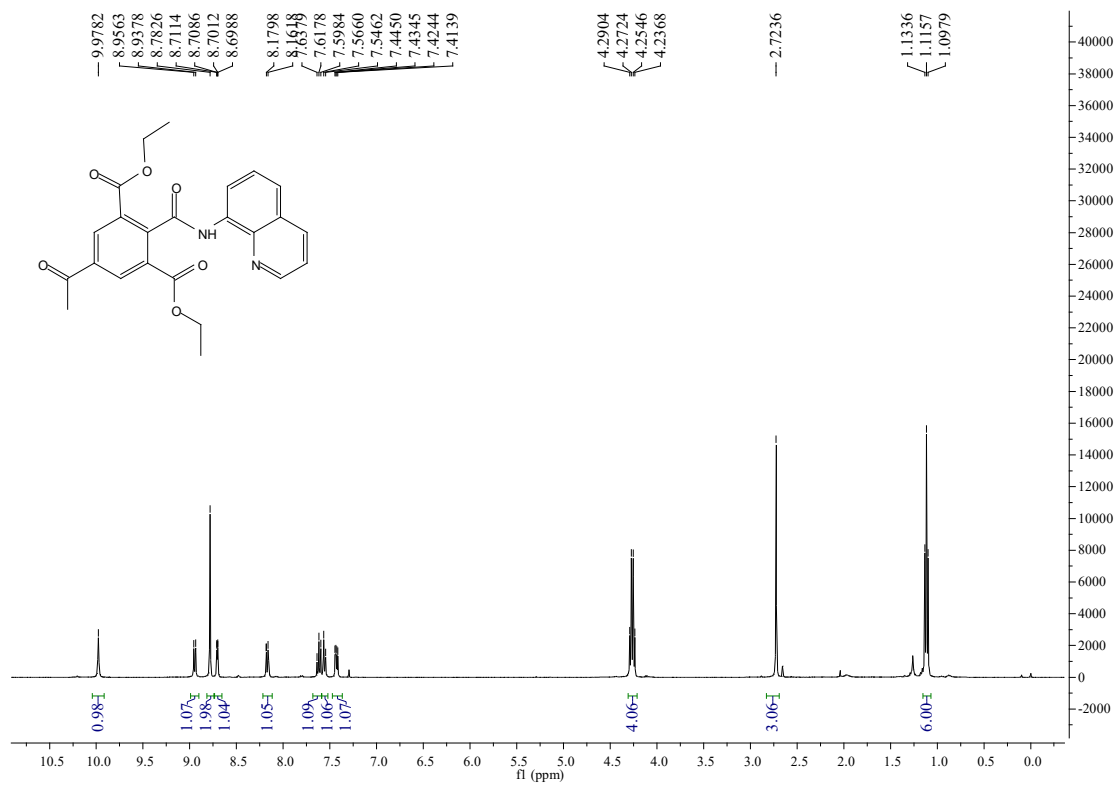




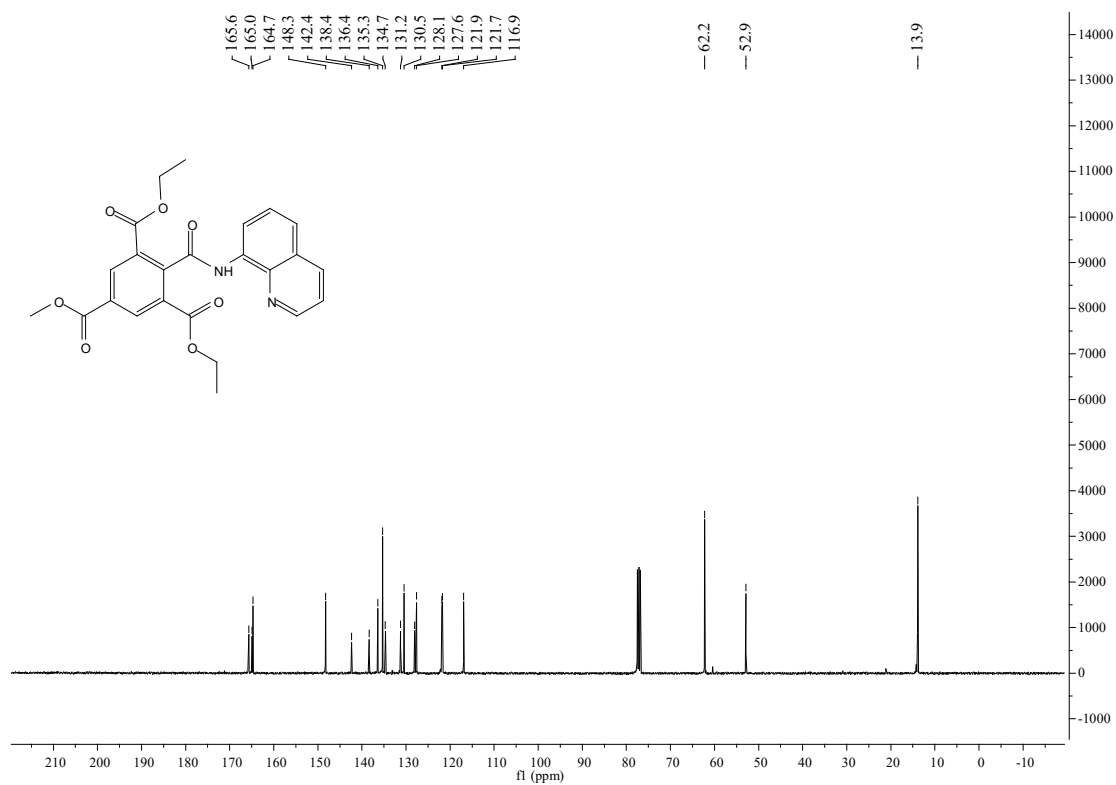
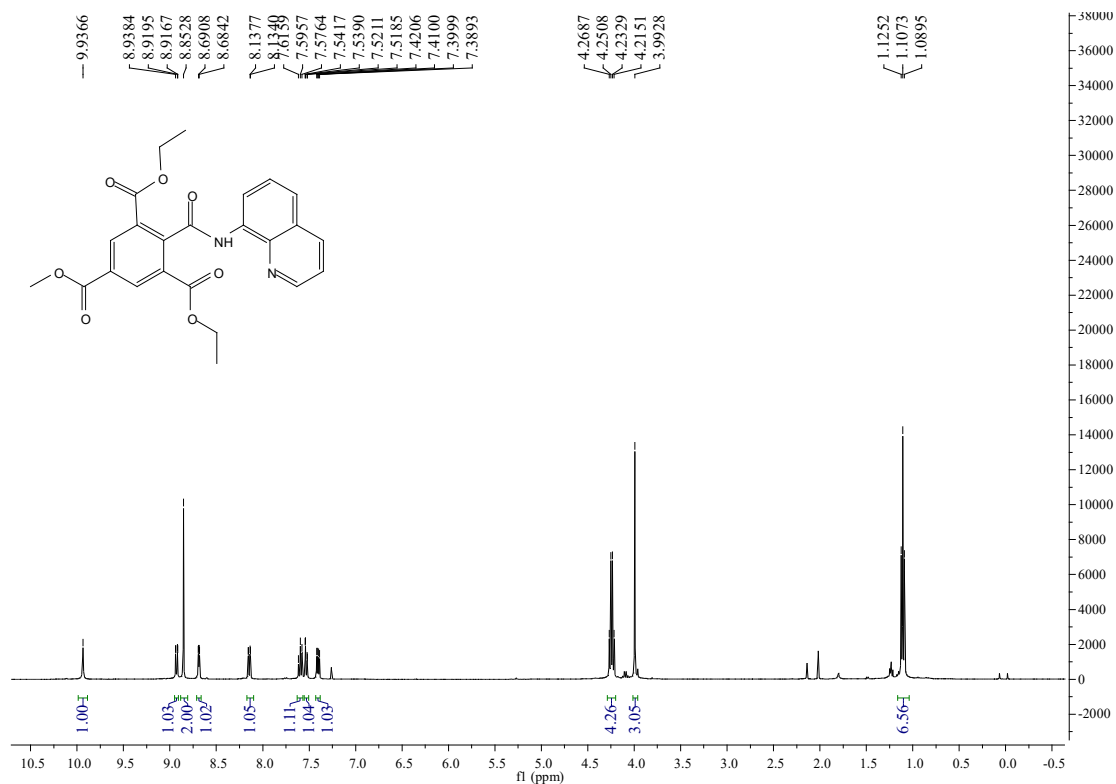
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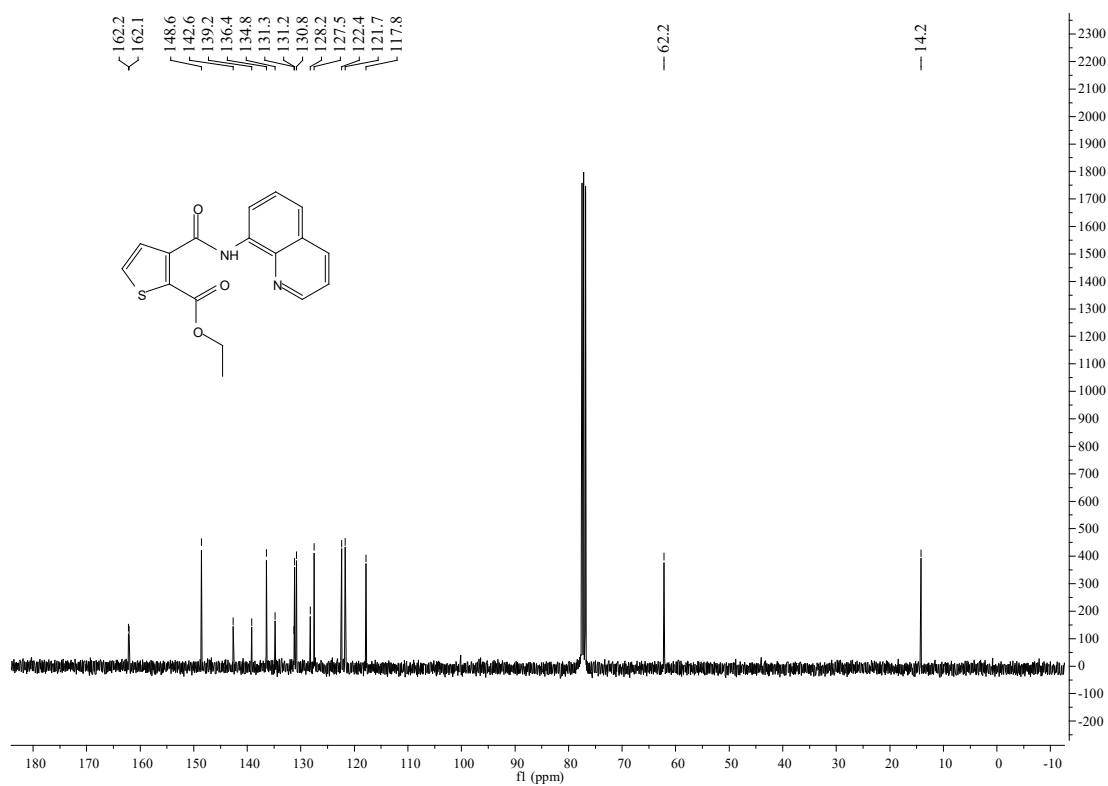
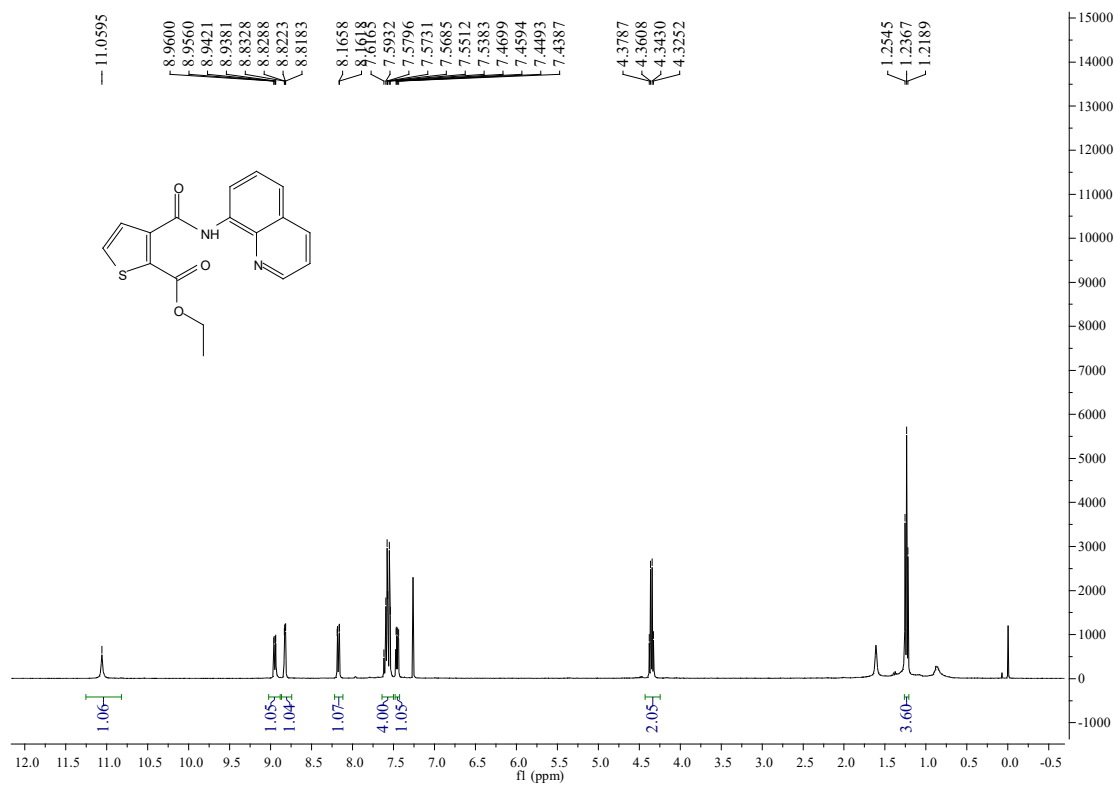
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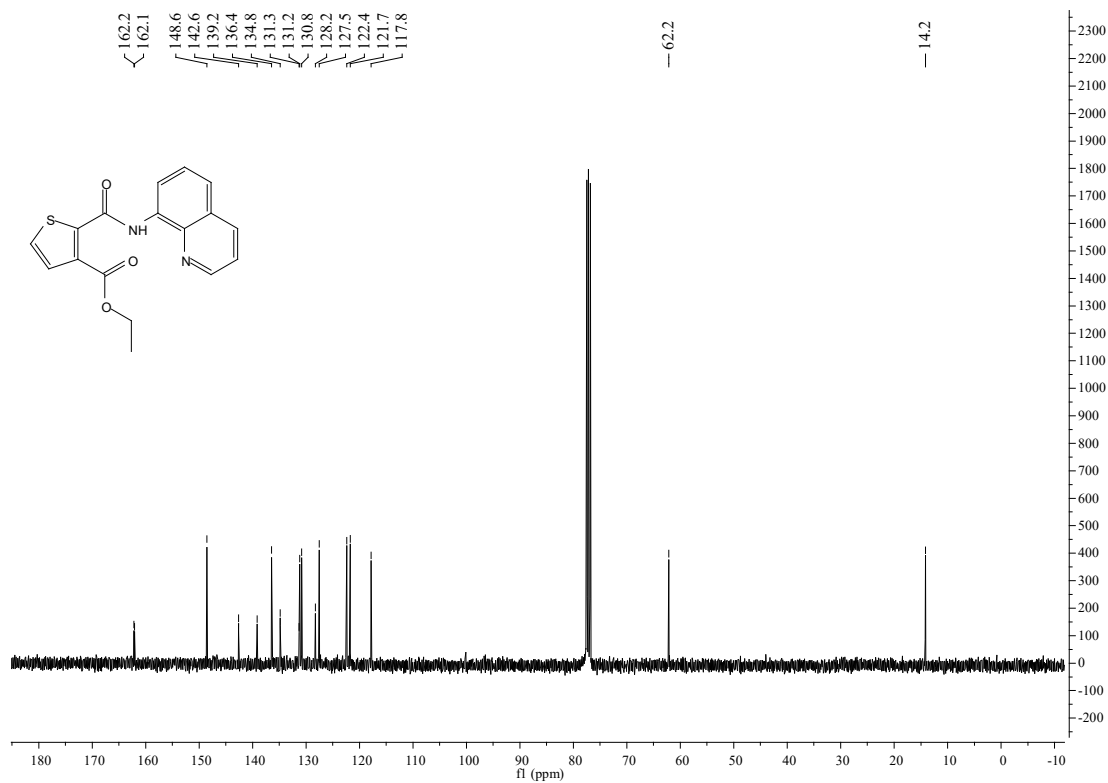
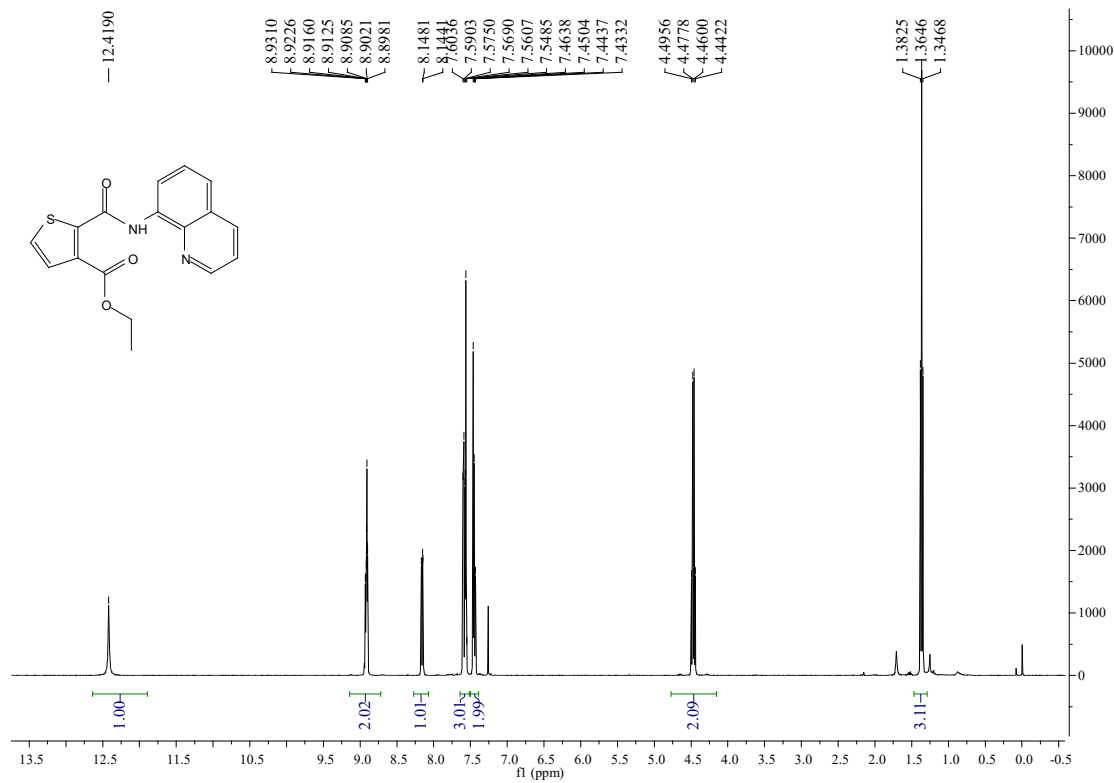
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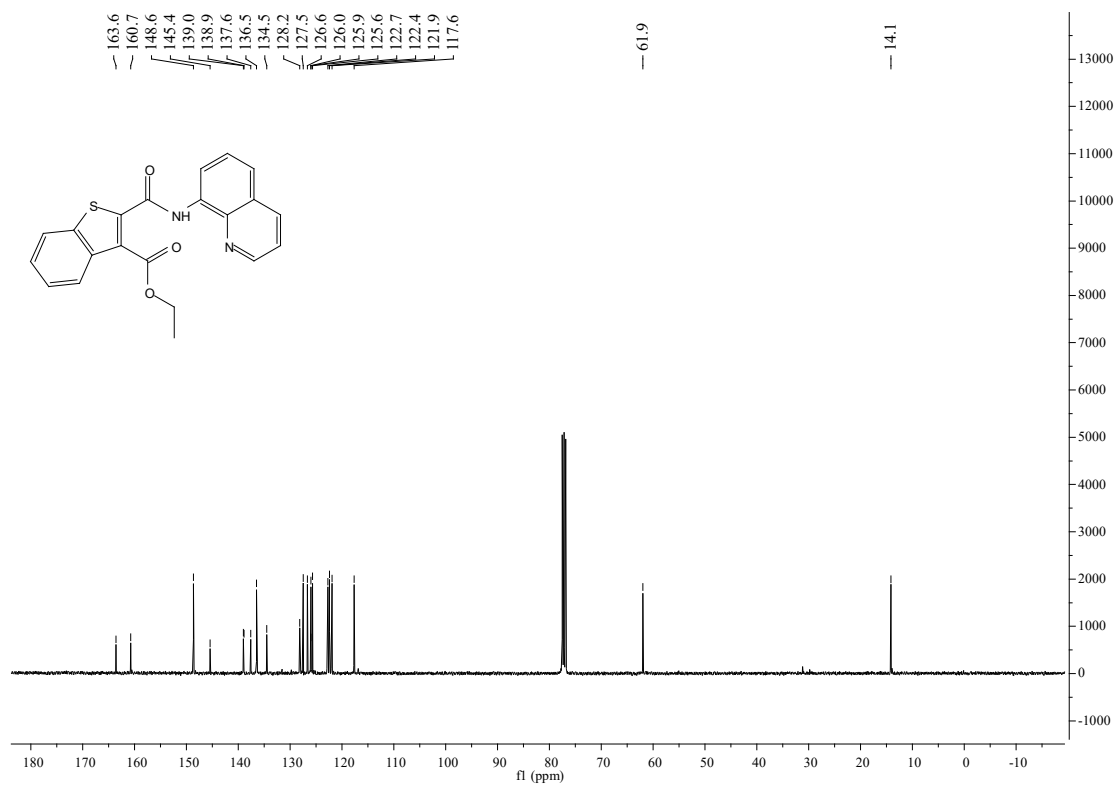
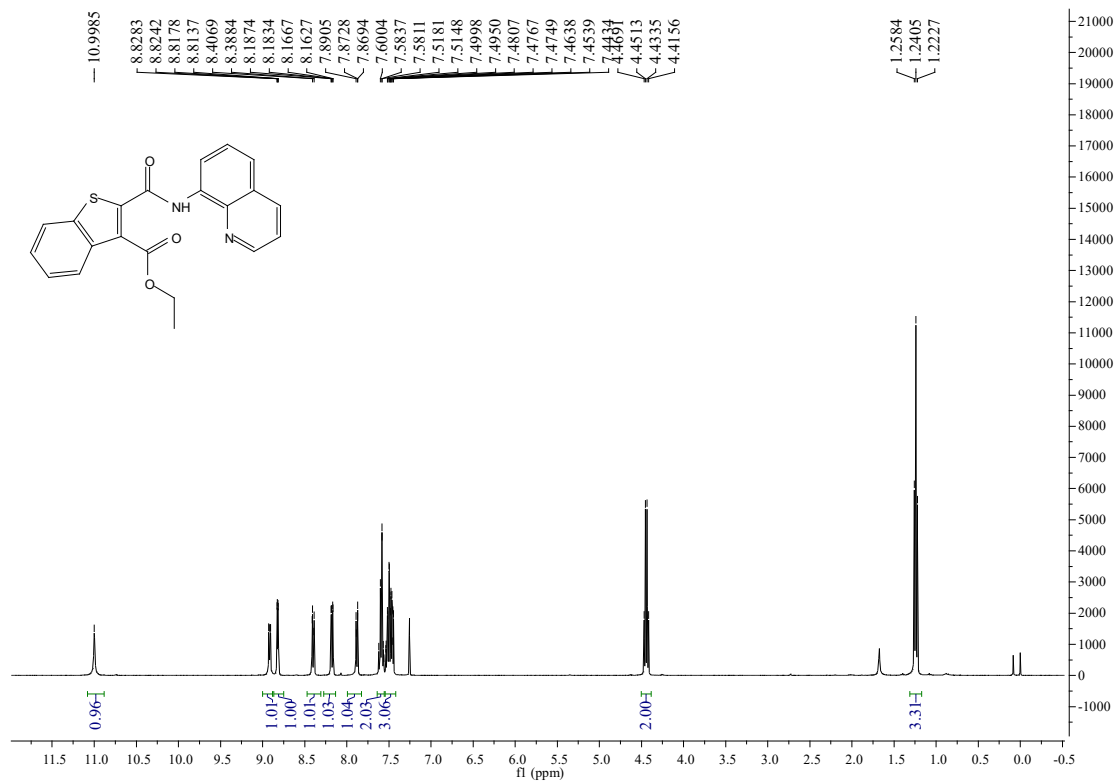
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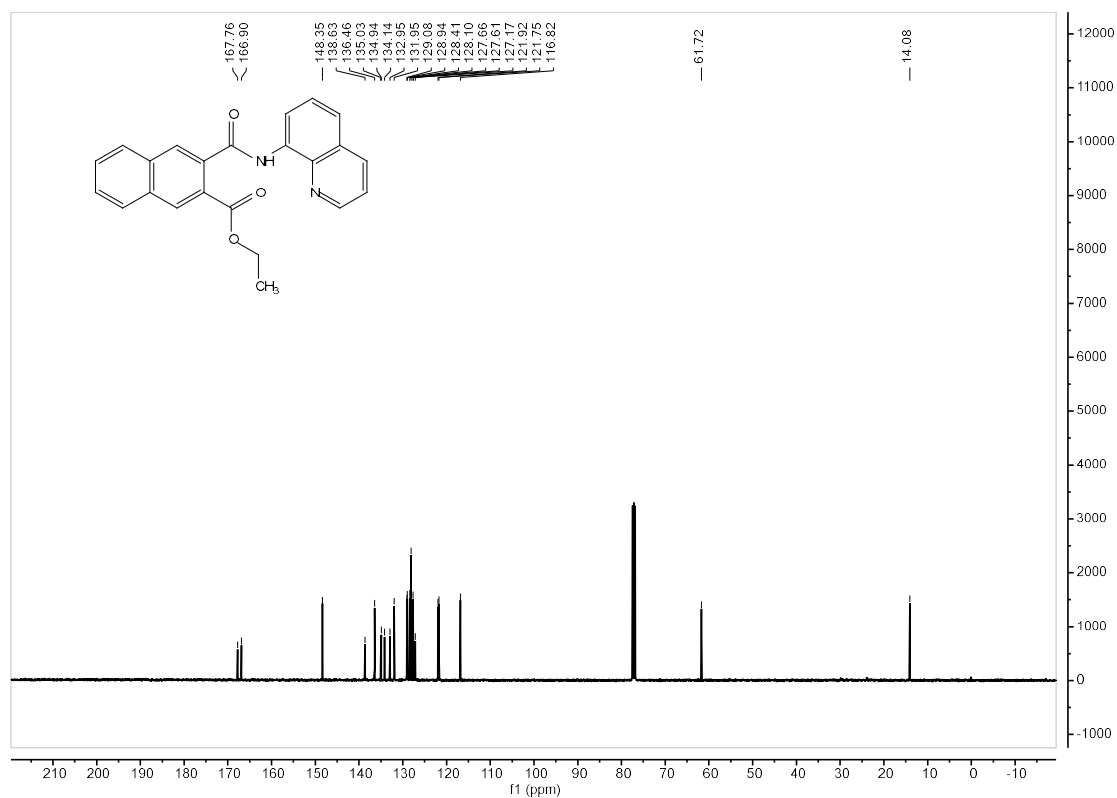
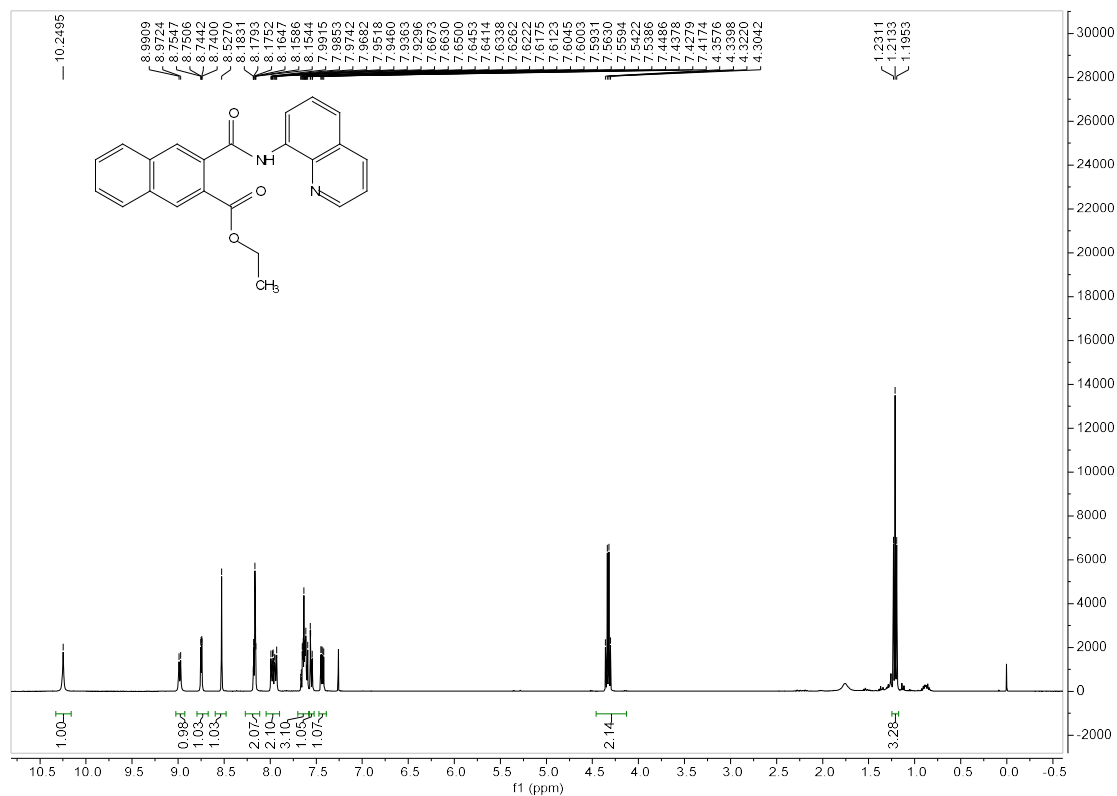
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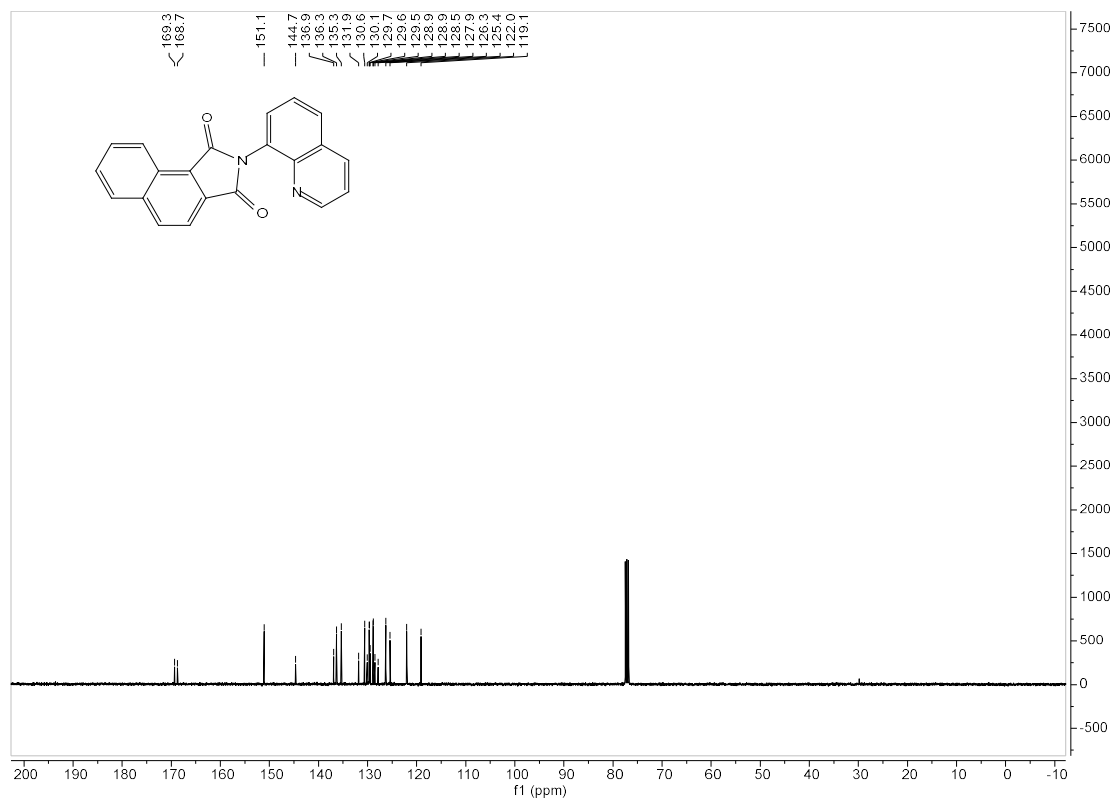
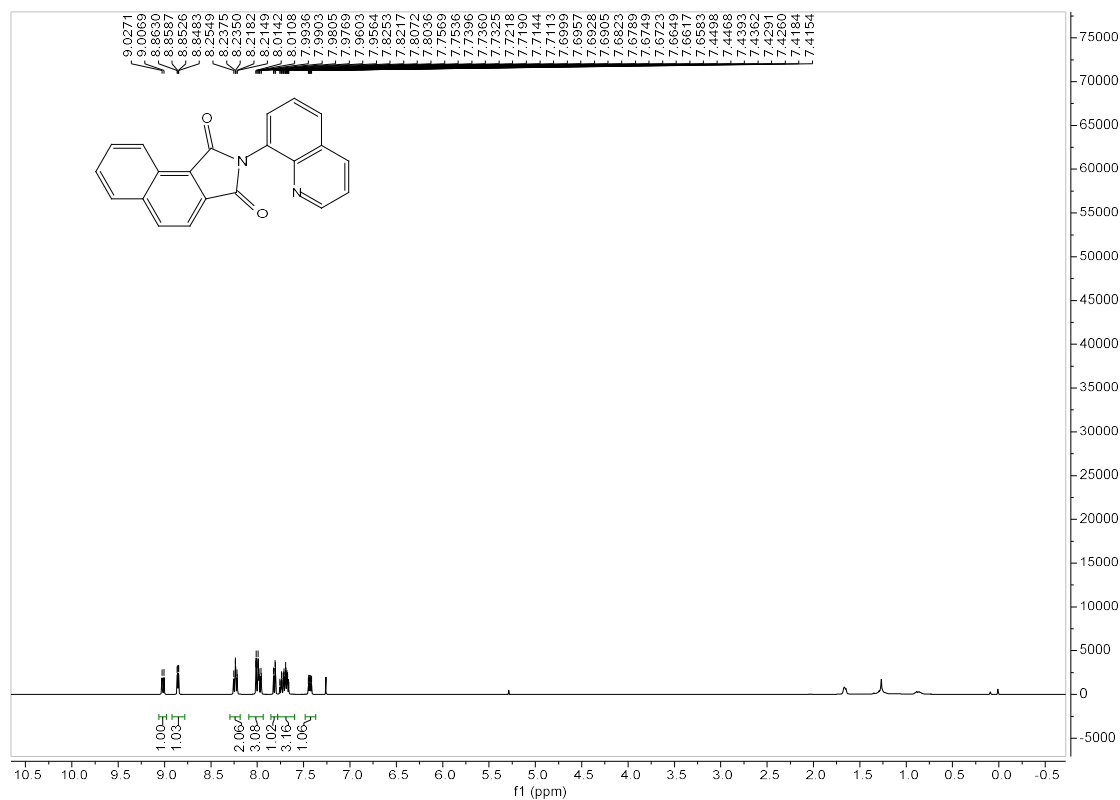
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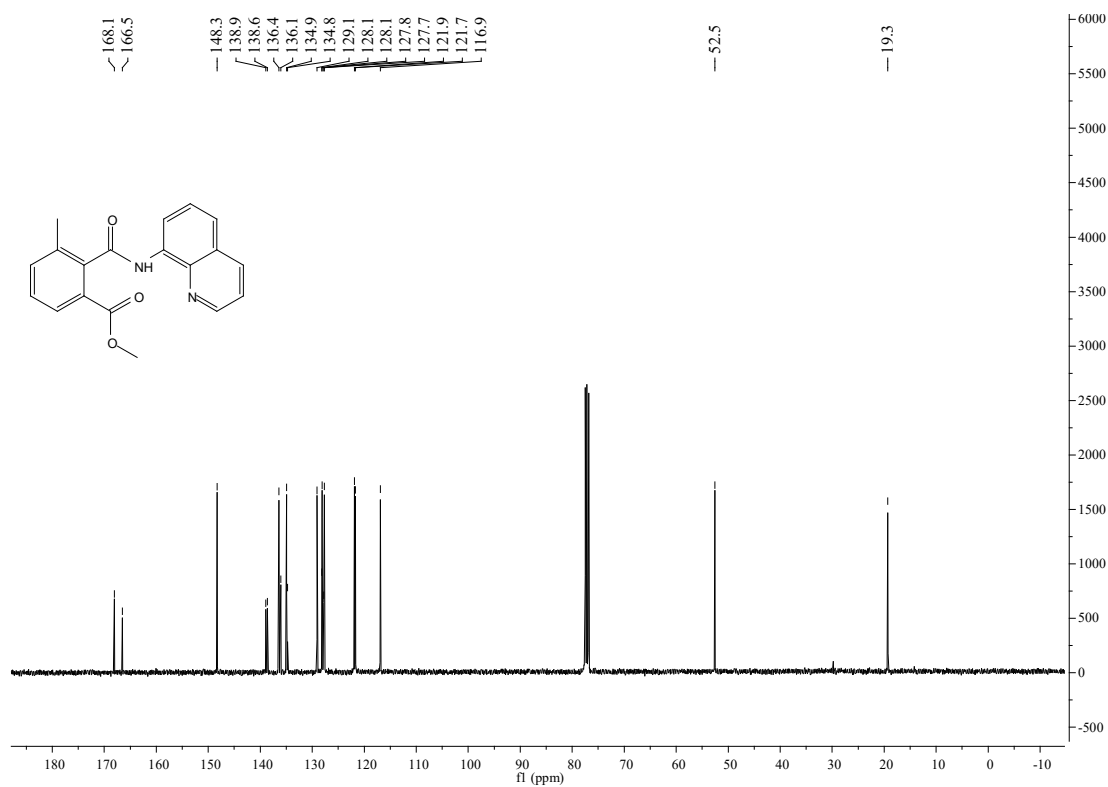
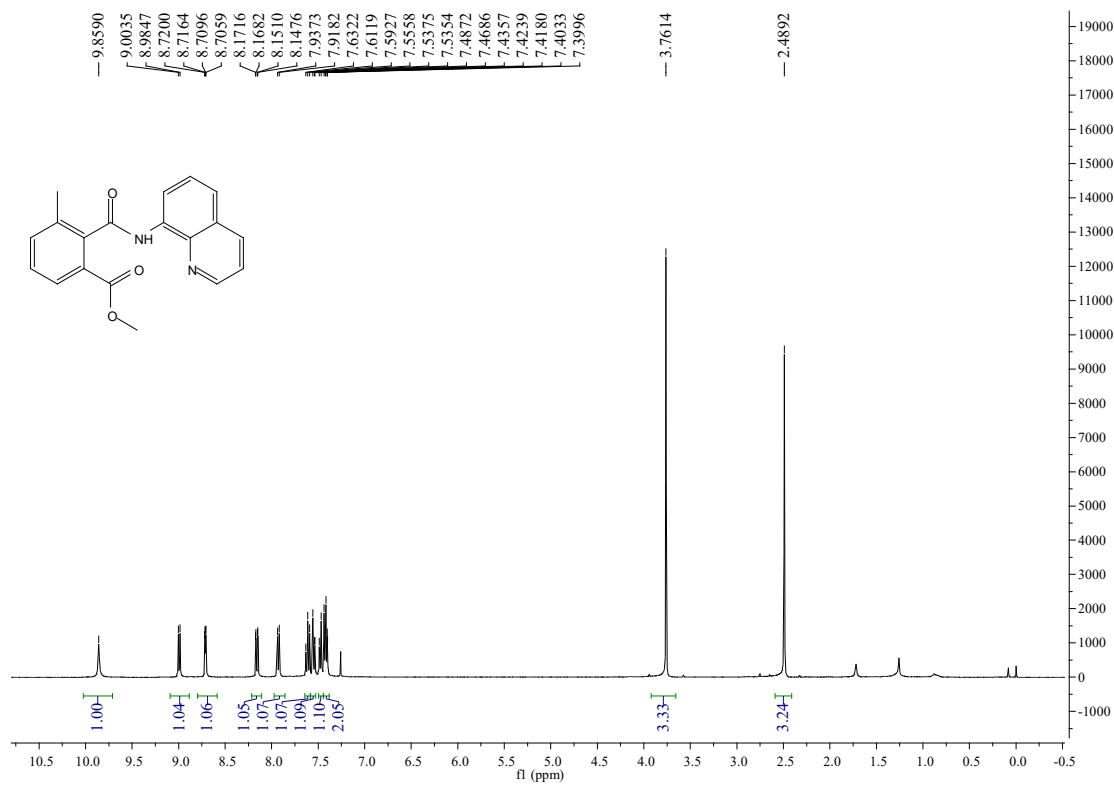
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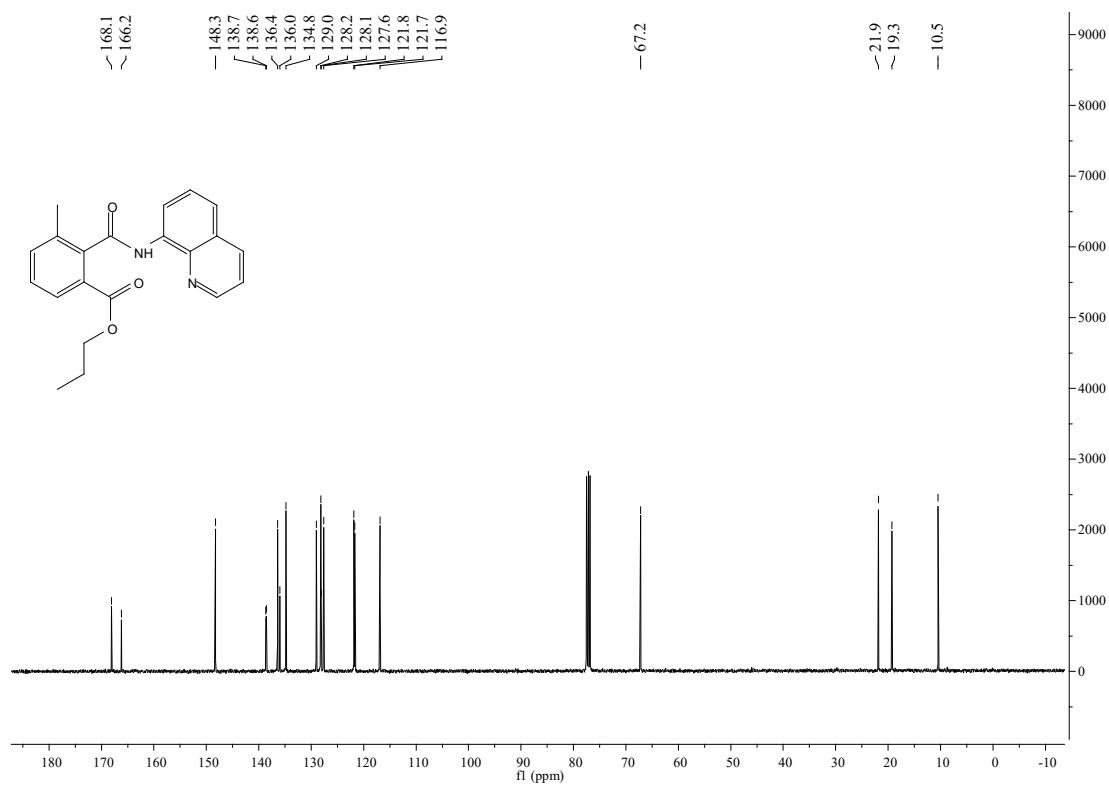
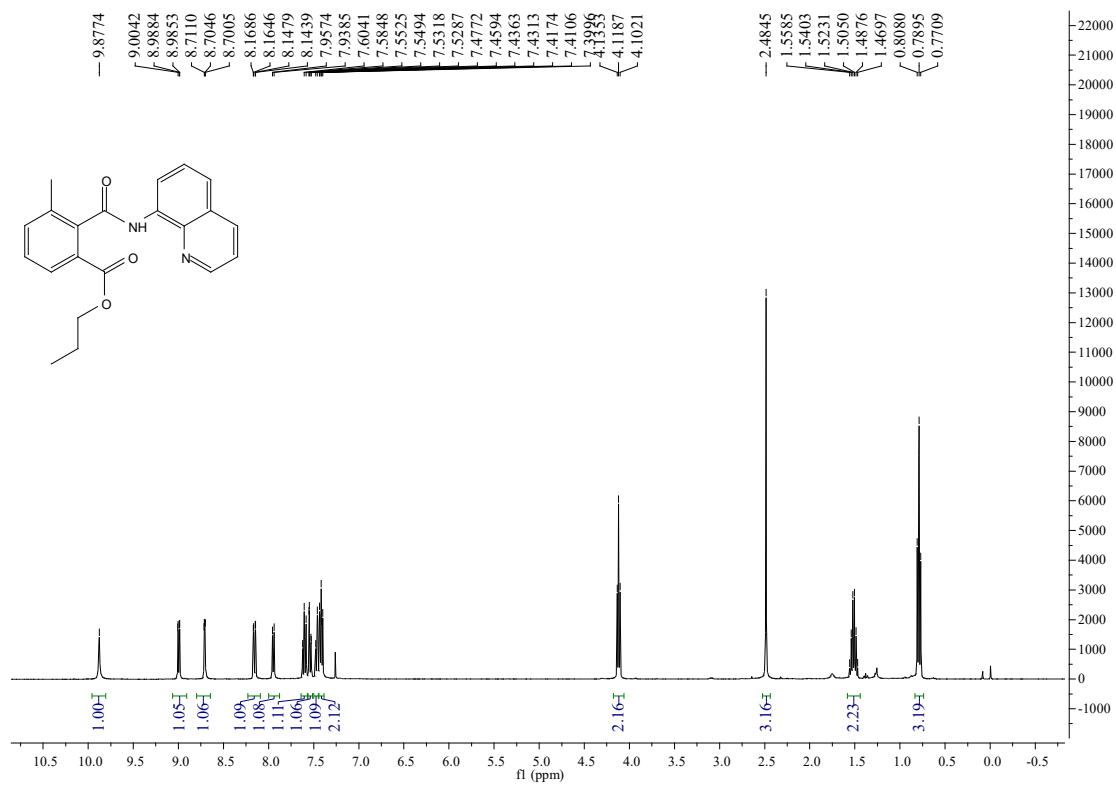
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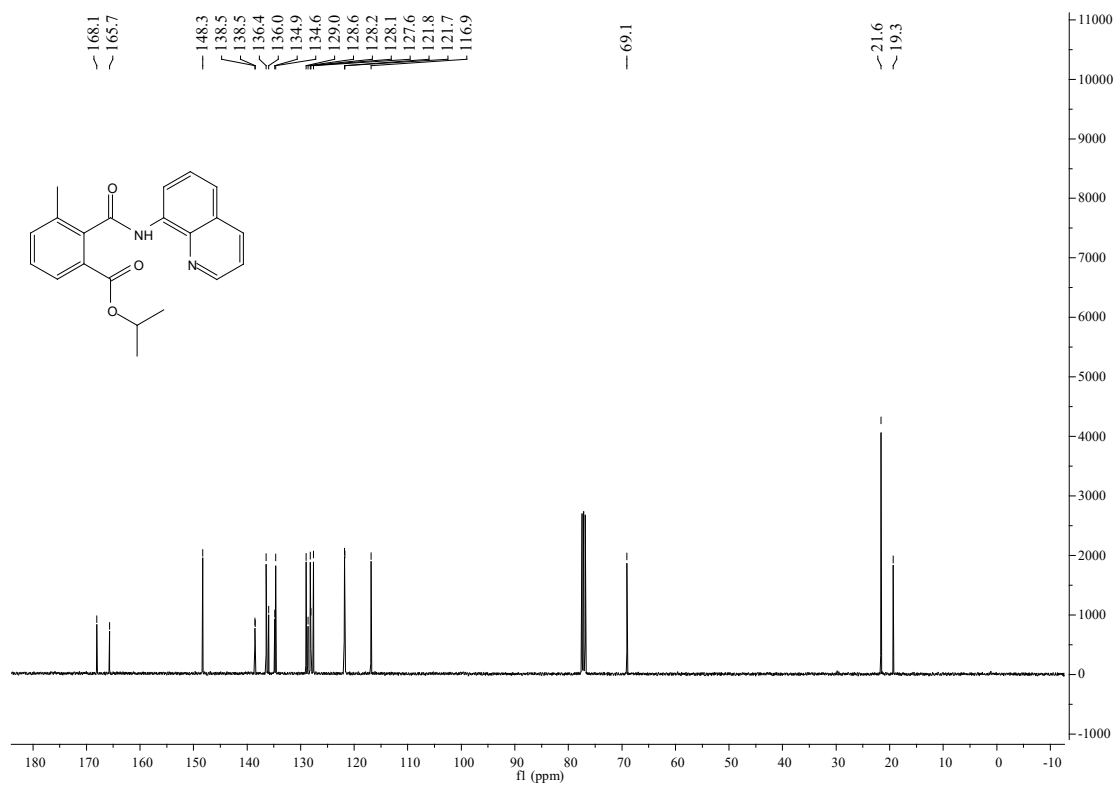
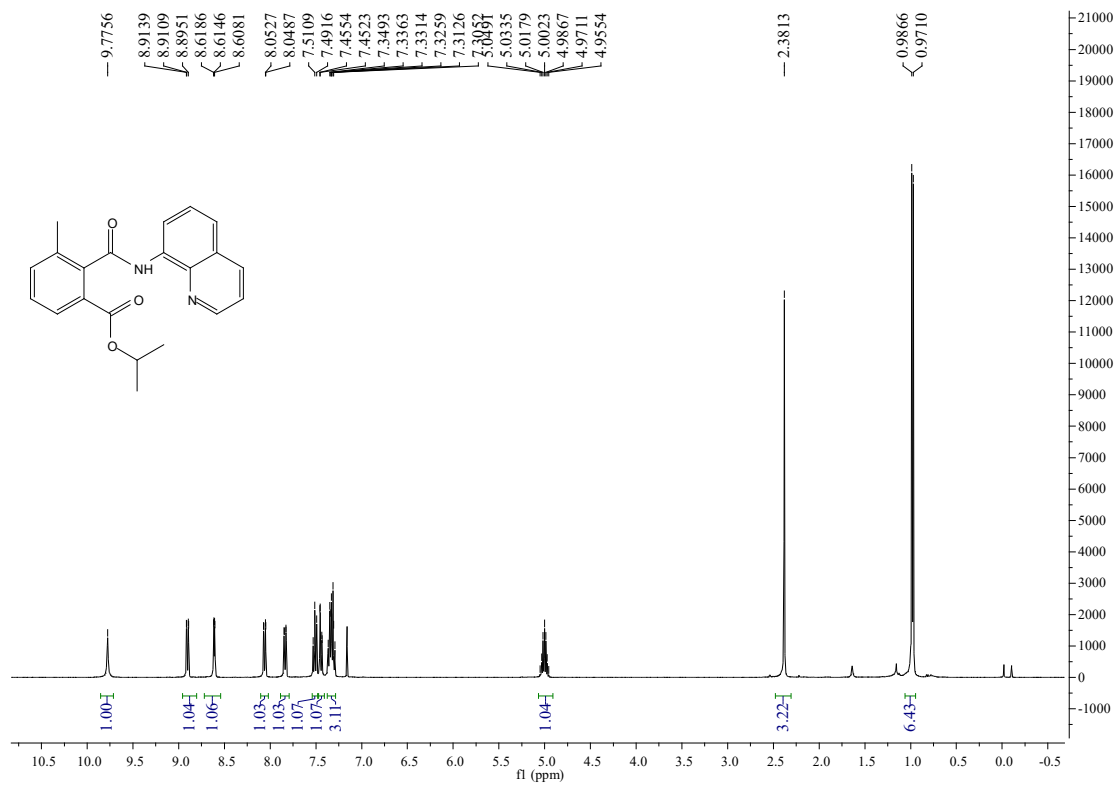
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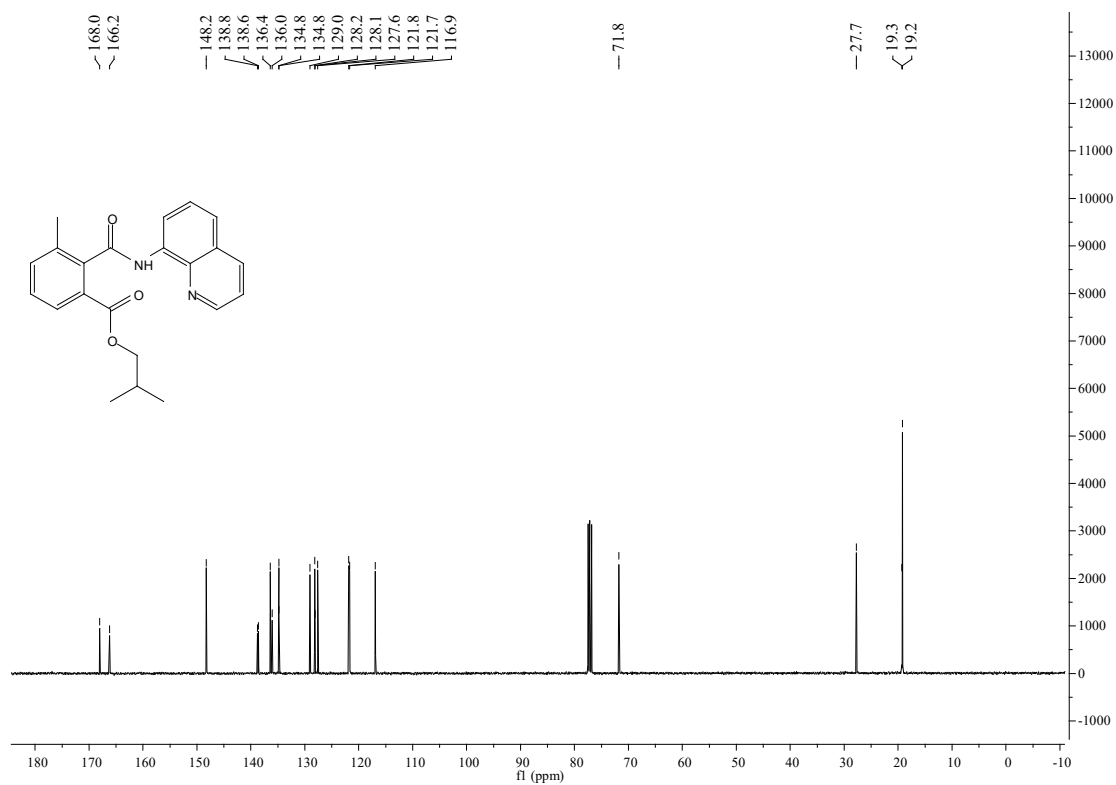
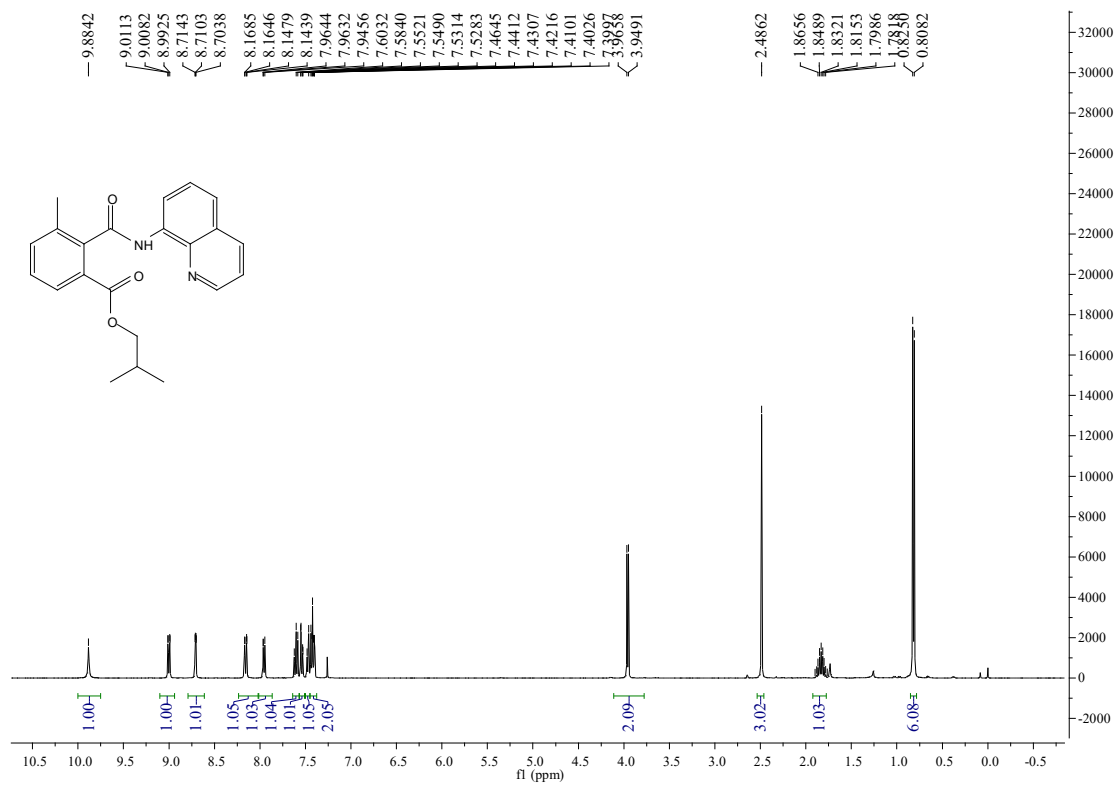
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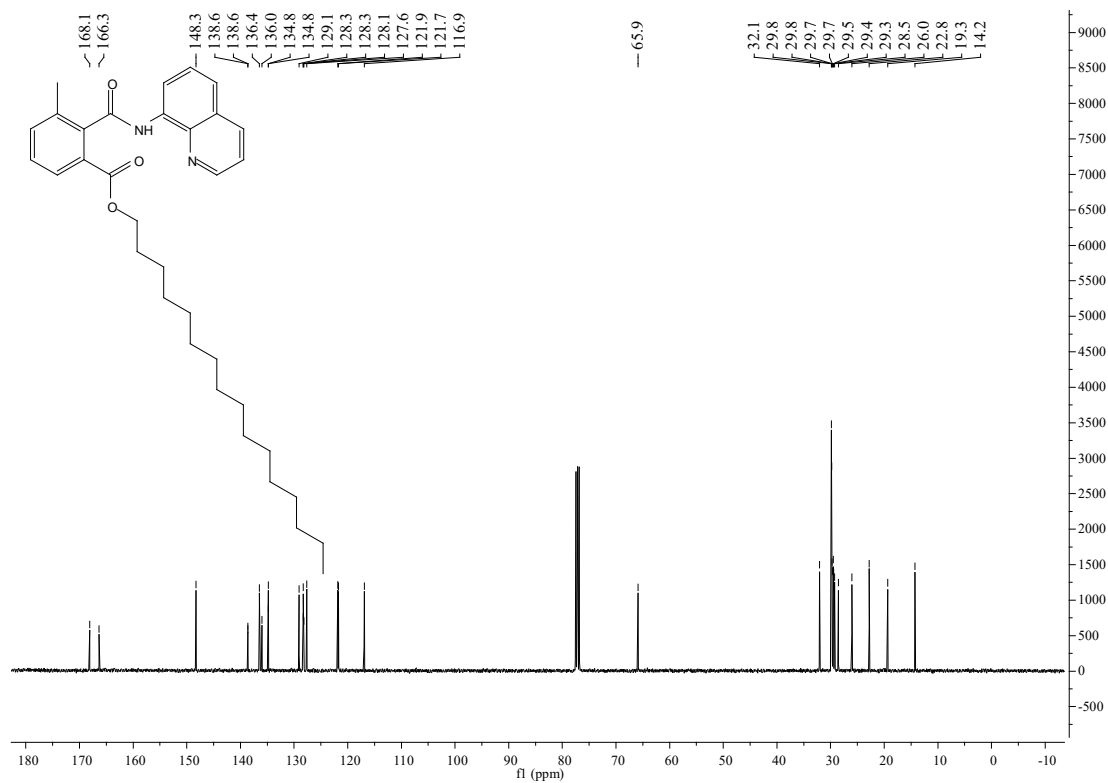
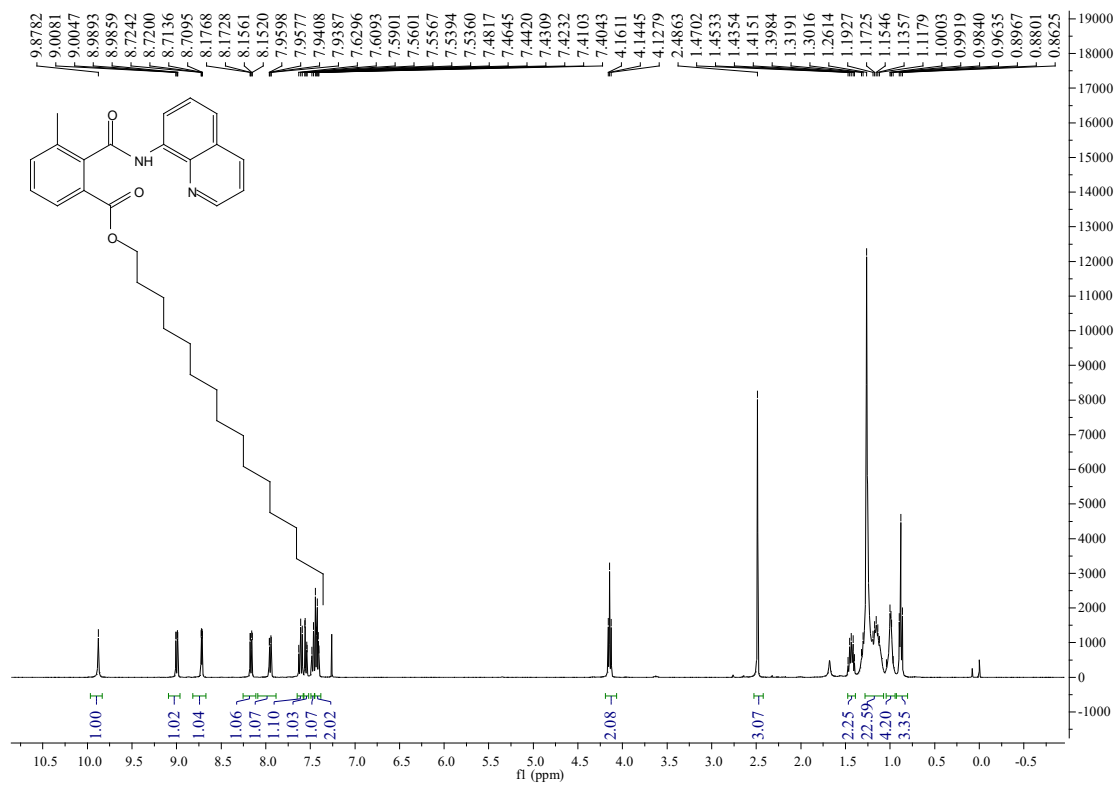
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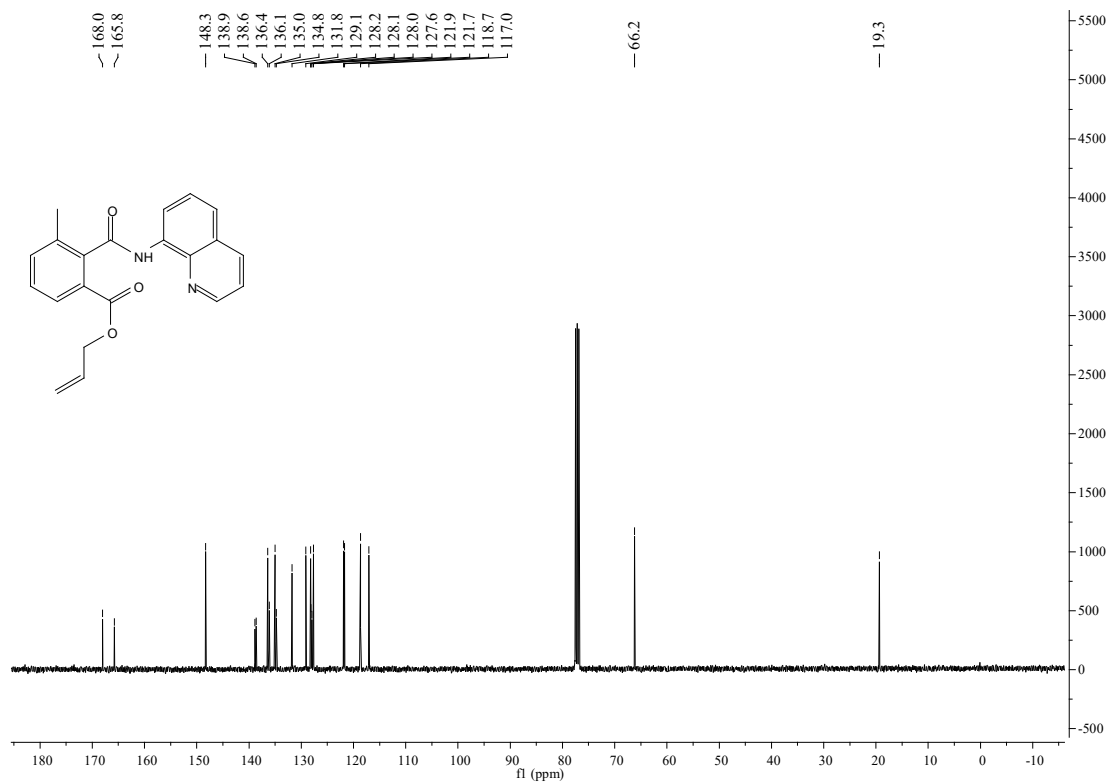
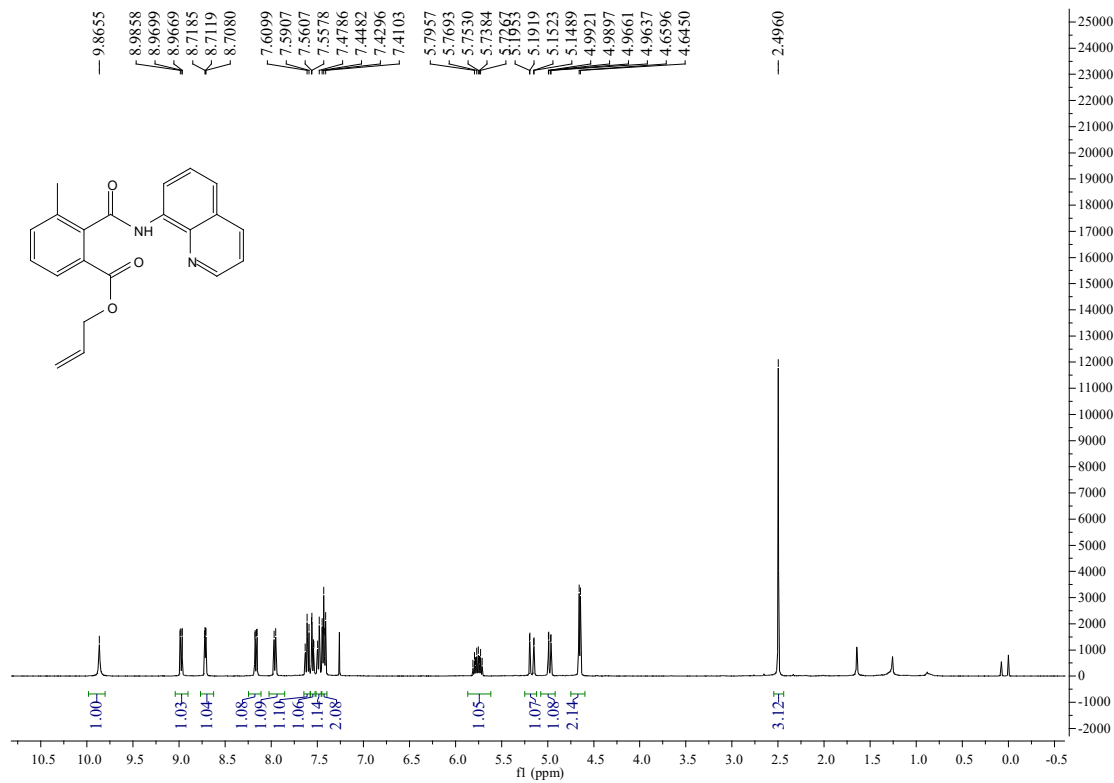
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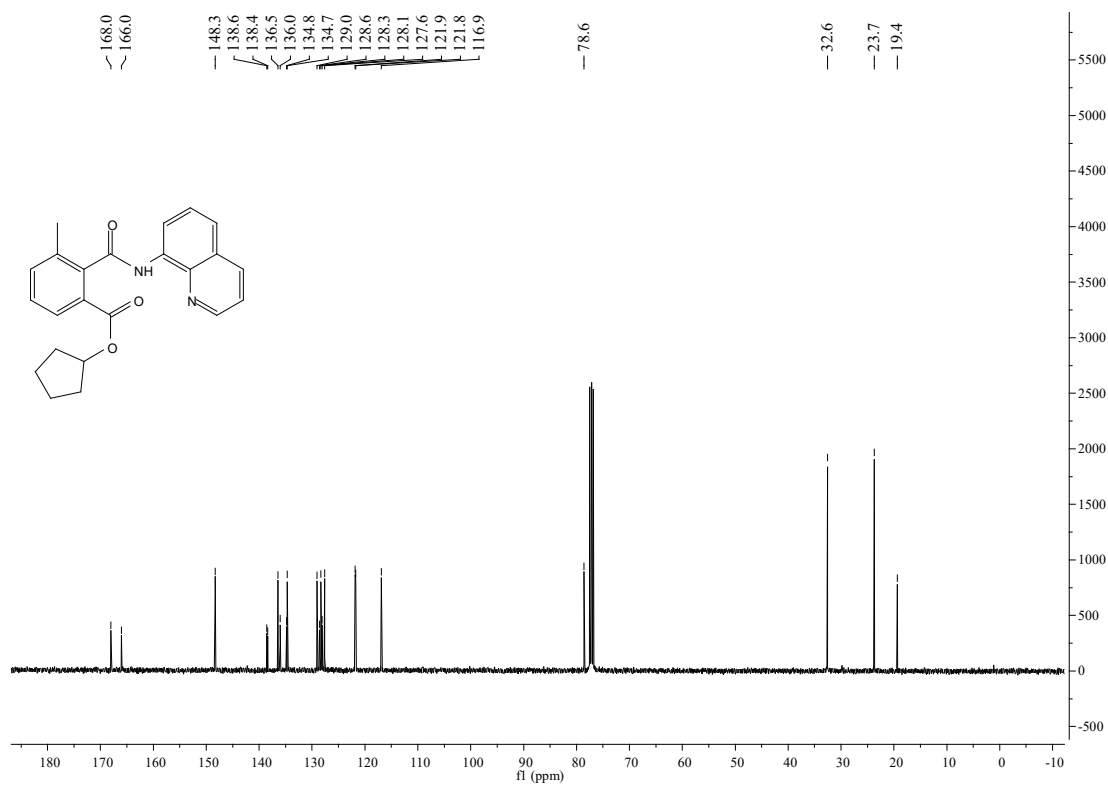
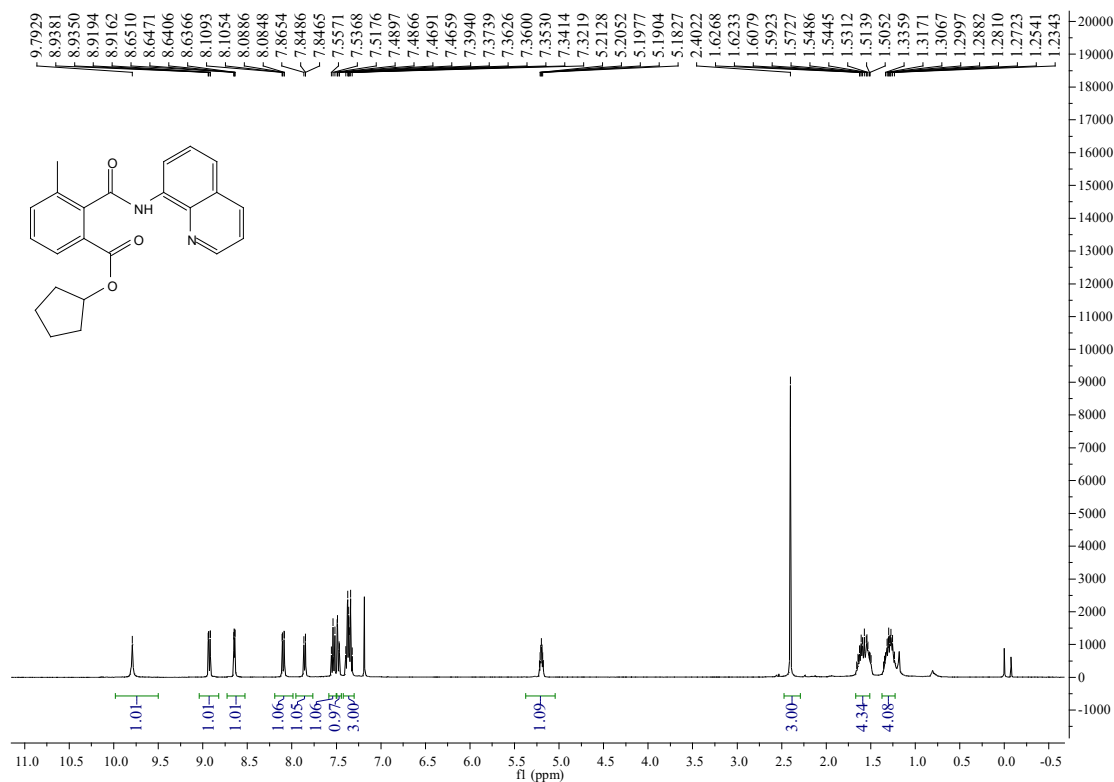
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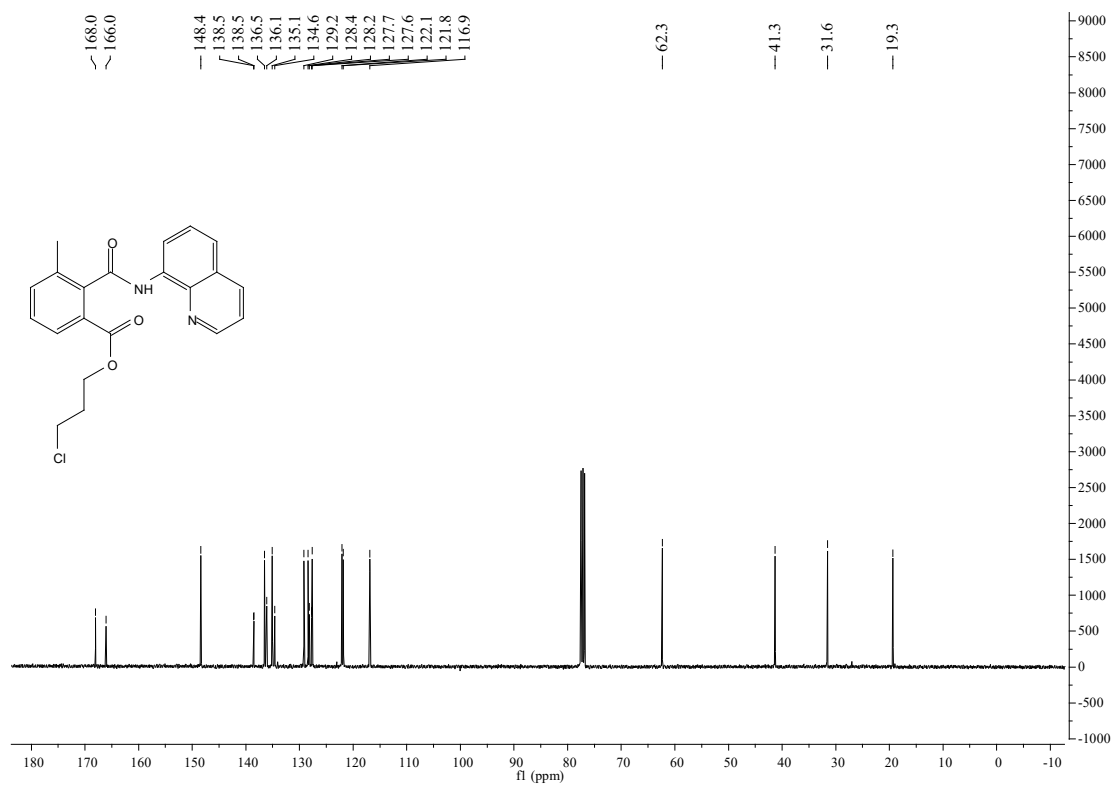
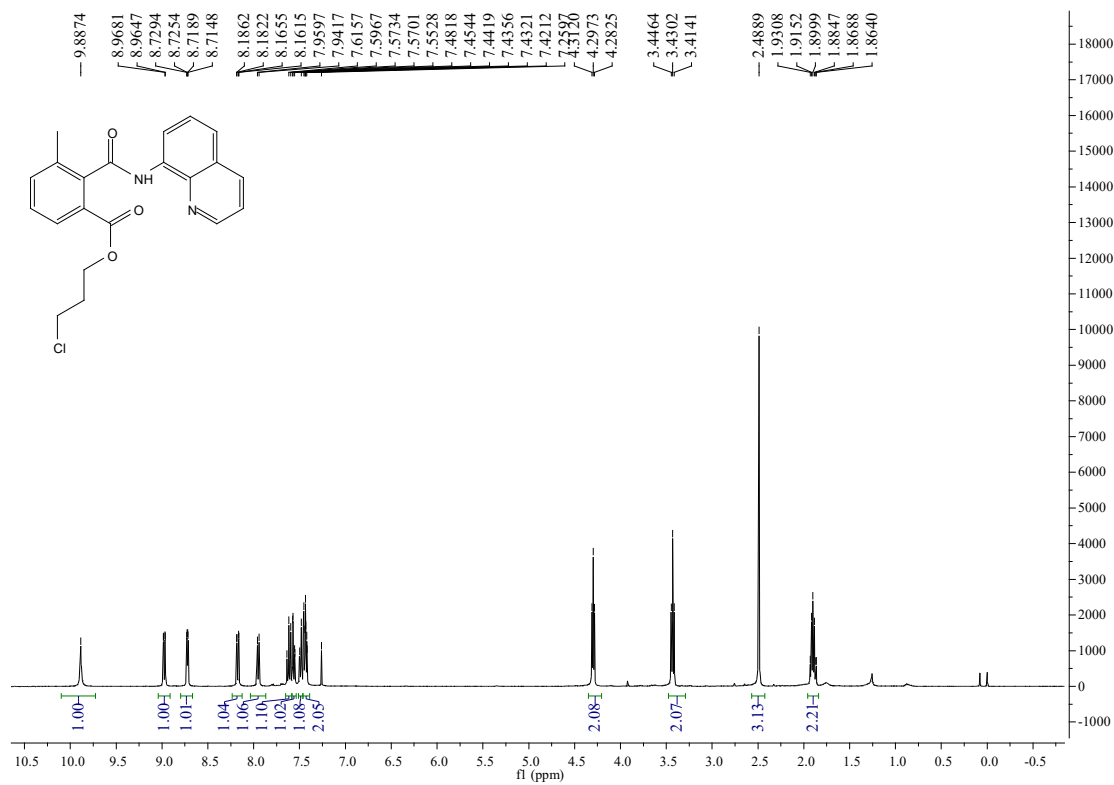
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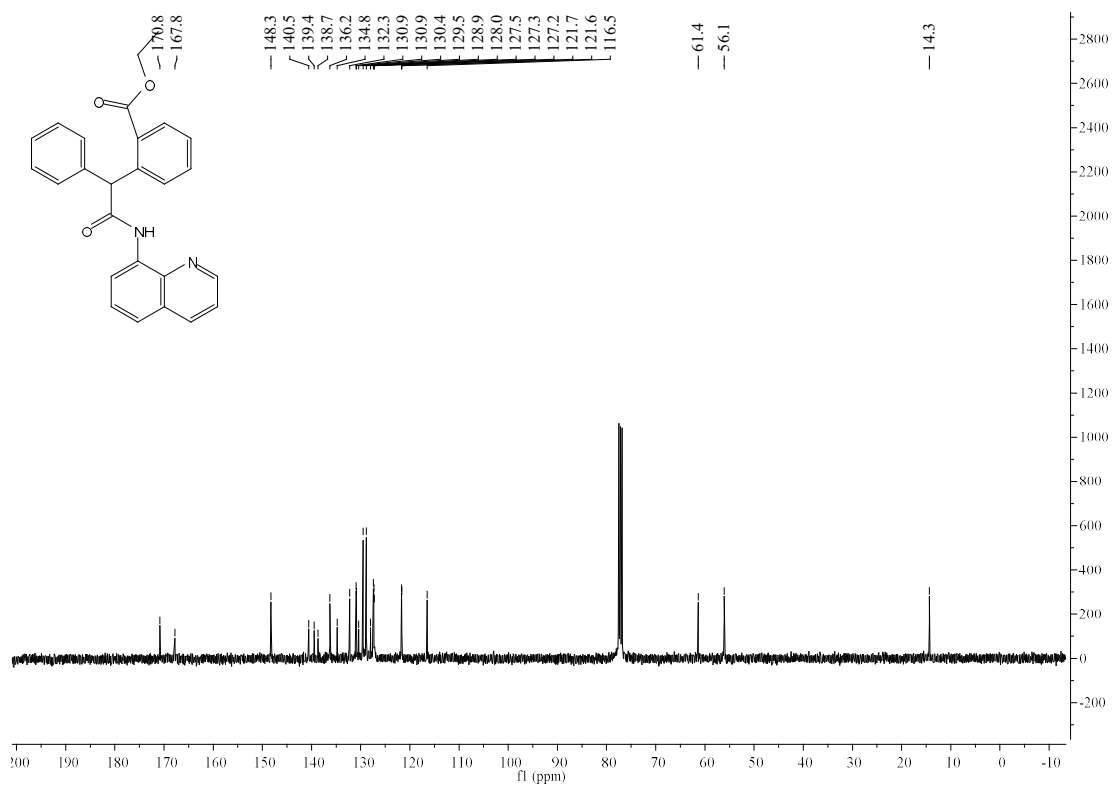
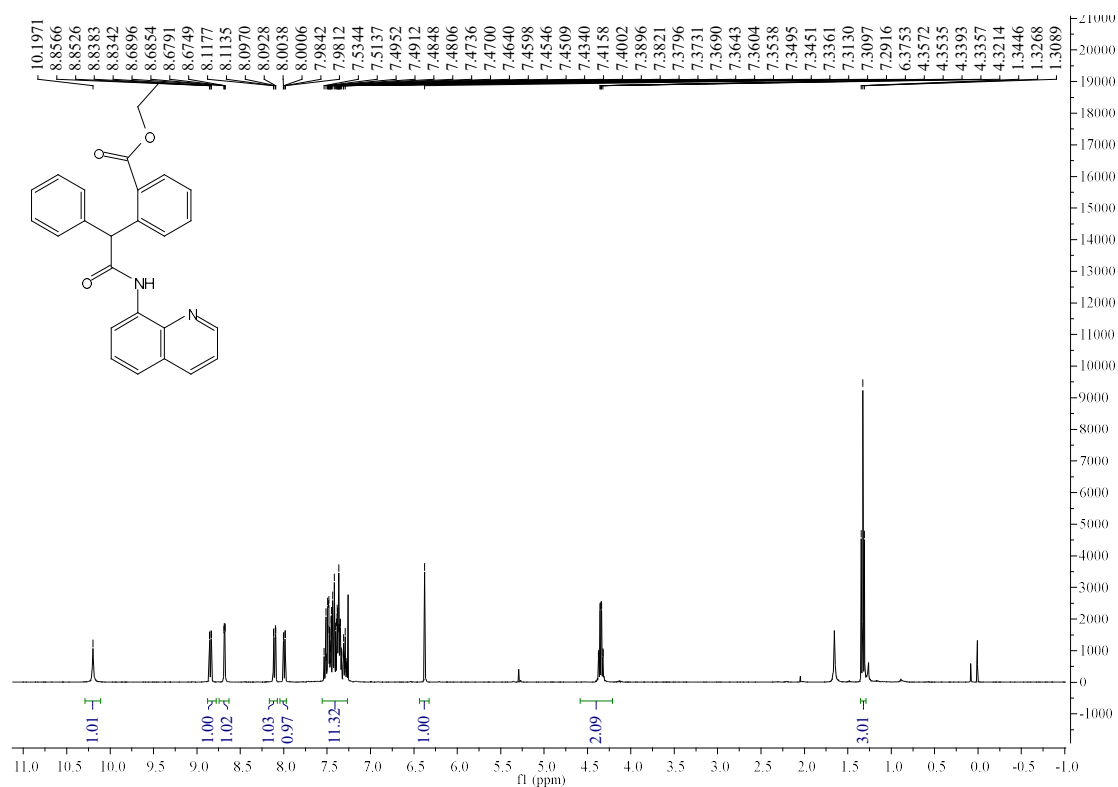
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