

Supporting Information

Domino Cyclization and Oxidation Approach for One-Pot Access to Thiazoles and Benzothiazoles

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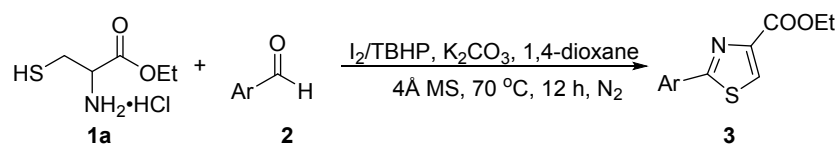
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I. General Methods.

All reactions were carried out in schlenk tubes. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography on silica gel 60-F254 coated 0.2 mm plates. Visualization was accomplished by UV light (254 nm). The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography using silica gel (normal phase, 200-300 mesh). ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature. Data were reported as follows: (1) chemical shift in parts per million (δ , ppm) from CDCl_3 (7.26 ppm), $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (2.50 ppm); (2) multiplicity (s = singlet, br = broad, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, and m = multiplet); (3) coupling constants (Hz). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 100 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from CDCl_3 (77.10 ppm), $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (39.52 ppm). Melting points were obtained on a melting point apparatus and the data are uncorrected. HR-MS analyses were carried out using a time-of-flight (TOF)-MS instrument with an electrospray ionization (ESI) source. All commercial materials were used as received unless otherwise noted. 4Å molecular sieves (powder) were activated at 100 °C

II. Analytical Characterization Data of Products

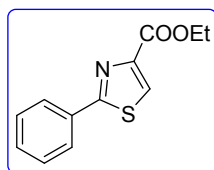
1) General procedure A:



A mixture of L-cysteine ethyl ester hydrochloride (**1a**, 0.8 mmol, 0.1486 g, 4.0 equiv.), benzaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 0.0212 g, 1.0 equiv.), K_2CO_3 (0.6 mmol, 0.0828 g, 3.0 equiv.), I_2 (0.06 mmol, 0.0152 g, 0.3 equiv.), 4Å molecular sieve (0.4 g) was charged in a schlenk tube and purged with nitrogen gas for three times. 1,4-Dioxane (1 mL), and TBHP (70% in cyclohexane, 0.8 mmol, 0.1029 g, 4 equiv.) were then added slowly to the mixture at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 hours. The resultant solution was quenched with aqueous saturated sodium

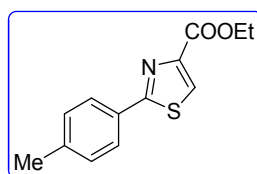
thiosulfate solution (4 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL). The organic phase was combined and washed with brine (3×30 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was further purified by silica gel flash chromatography (petroleum ether (PE) and ethyl acetate (EA) as the eluent).

Ethyl 2-phenylthiazole-4-carboxylate (**3a**)



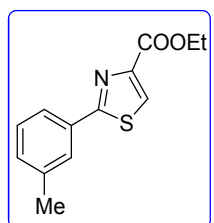
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=25:1 as the eluent) to give **3a** (88% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.01-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 3H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.9, 161.5, 148.1, 132.8, 130.7, 128.9, 127.1, 127.0, 61.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 234.0583, found 234.0582.

Ethyl 2-(p-tolyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3b**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=25:1 as the eluent) to give **3b** (79% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.1, 161.5, 147.9, 141.1, 130.2, 129.6, 126.9, 126.7, 61.5, 21.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 248.0740, found 248.0739.

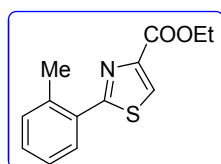
Ethyl 2-(m-tolyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3c**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=25:1 as the eluent) to

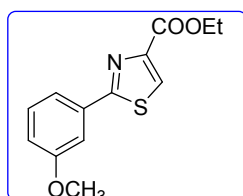
give **3c** (73% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.1, 161.5, 148.0, 138.8, 132.7, 131.5, 128.8, 127.5, 126.9, 124.2, 61.5, 21.3, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 248.0740, found 248.0740.

Ethyl 2-(o-tolyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3d**)



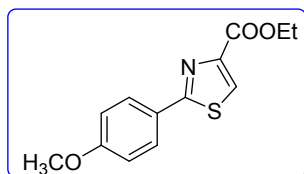
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=20:1 as the eluent) to give **3d** (83% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.69(d, $J = 7.52$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.25 (m, 3H), 4.44 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.3, 161.6, 147.5, 136.8, 132.4, 131.4, 130.2, 129.9, 127.7, 126.1, 61.4, 21.3, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 248.0740, found 248.0740.

Ethyl 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3e**)



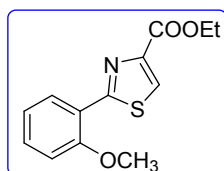
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3e** (95% yield) as a white solid. Mp 58 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 4.44 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.7, 161.4, 160.0, 147.9, 134.0, 129.9, 127.2, 119.6, 117.0, 111.6, 61.5, 55.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 264.0689, found 264.0690.

Ethyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3f**)



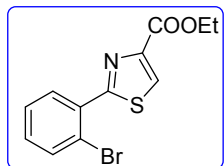
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3f** (85% yield) as a white solid. Mp 96 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.93 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.7, 161.6, 161.5, 147.8, 128.5, 126.3, 125.7, 114.3, 61.4, 55.4, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 264.0689; found 264.0689.

Ethyl 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3g**)



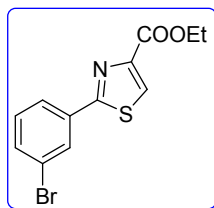
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3g** (89% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.52 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.0, 161.9, 156.52, 146.1, 131.3, 129.1, 127.9, 121.6, 121.1, 111.2, 61.3, 55.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 264.0689, found 264.0688.

Ethyl 2-(2-bromophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3h**)



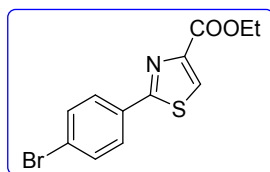
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=20:1 as the eluent) to give **3h** (66% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.7, 161.5, 146.9, 133.9, 133.5, 132.1, 131.1, 128.5, 127.7, 121.8, 61.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁BrNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 311.9688, found 311.9691.

2-(3-bromophenyl)-4-(ethylperoxy)thiazole (3i)



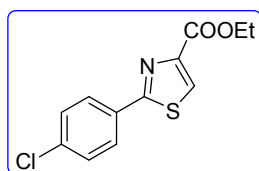
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=20:1 as the eluent) to give **3i** (56% yield) as a white solid. Mp 72 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 161.3, 148.3, 134.6, 133.6, 130.5, 129.8, 127.5, 125.6, 123.2, 61.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁BrNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 311.9688, found 311.9690.

Ethyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (3j)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=20:1 as the eluent) to give **3j** (81% yield) as a yellow solid. Mp 99 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 2H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.6, 161.3, 148.3, 132.2, 131.7, 128.4, 127.2, 125.1, 61.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁BrNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 311.9688, found 311.9690.

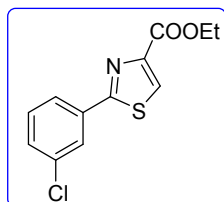
Ethyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (3k)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3k** (72% yield) as a white solid. Mp 90 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

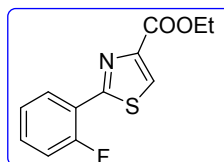
CDCl₃): δ 167.5, 161.3, 148.3, 136.8, 131.3, 129.2, 128.2, 127.2, 61.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 268.0194, found 268.0198.

Ethyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3l**)



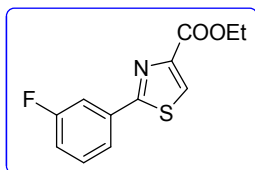
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3l** (75% yield) as a yellow solid. Mp 66 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.04 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dt, *J* = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 2H), 4.46 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.1, 161.3, 148.3, 135.2, 134.4, 130.6, 130.2, 127.5, 126.9, 125.1, 61.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 268.0194, found 268.0197.

Ethyl 2-(2-fluorophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3m**)



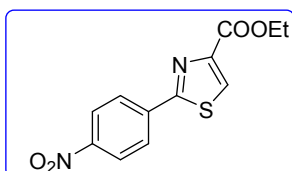
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3m** (65% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.41 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 9Hz, 1H), 4.456 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.5, 161.2 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 160.1 (d, *J* = 250.4 Hz), 146.94, 131.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 129.39, 128.25 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 124.69 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 120.63 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 116.02 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 61.50, 14.37. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁FNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 252.0489, found 252.0489.

Ethyl 2-(3-fluorophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3n**)



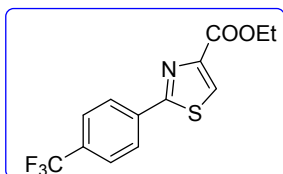
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3n** (62% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, $J = 13.9, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.08 (m, 1H), 4.45 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.3, 163.0 (d, $J = 245.8$ Hz), 161.3, 148.3, 134.78 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 127.5, 122.7 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 117.6 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 113.9 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 61.60, 14.36. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 252.0489, found 252.0492.

Ethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3o**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3o** (49% yield) as a white solid. Mp 143 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.33 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.47 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.45 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.8, 161.1, 148.9, 148.9, 138.2, 128.6, 127.7, 124.4, 61.8, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 279.0434, found 279.0435.

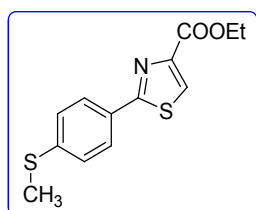
Ethyl 2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3p**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3p** (44% yield) as a white solid. Mp 99 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.47 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.9, 161.2, 148.6, 135.9, 132.5, 132.2, 127.9, 127.3, 126.0 (d, $J = 4.0$

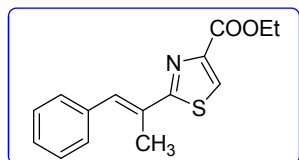
Hz), 61.7, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{13}H_{11}F_3NO_2S^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 302.0457, found 302.0454.

Ethyl 2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrothiazole-4-carboxylate (**3q**)



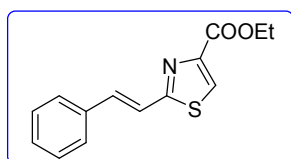
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3q** (78% yield) as a yellow solid. Mp 80 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.91 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 168.4, 161.5, 148.0, 142.4, 129.4, 127.2, 126.6, 125.9, 61.5, 15.2, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{12}H_{15}NO_2S_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 280.0460, found 280.0460.

Ethyl (E)-2-(1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3r**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3r** (49% yield) as a yellow oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 1H), 4.43 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 171.3, 160.5, 146.6, 135.3, 131.3, 129.7, 128.5, 127.4, 126.8, 125.4, 60.4, 15.7, 13.3. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{15}H_{16}NO_2S^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 274.0896, found 274.0898.

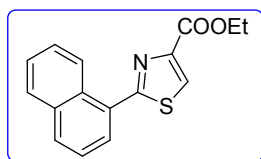
Ethyl (E)-2-styrylthiazole-4-carboxylate (**3s**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as

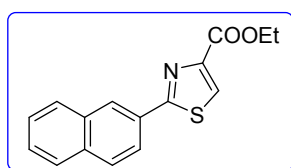
the eluent) to give **3s** (58% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.52(d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 1H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.7, 161.4, 147.8, 136.3, 135.3, 129.4, 128.9, 127.2, 126.4, 121.2, 61.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 260.0740, found 260.0741.

Ethyl 2-(naphthalen-1-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3t**)



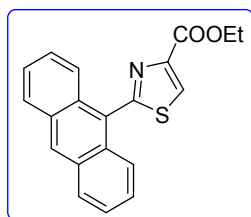
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=25:1 as the eluent) to give **3t** (64% yield) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J = 7.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.52 (m, 3H), 4.51 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.0, 161.60, 147.9, 133.9, 131.0, 130.6, 130.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 126.5, 125.6, 124.9, 61.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 284.0740, found 284.0739

Ethyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3u**)



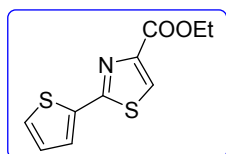
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3u** (83% yield) as a yellow solid. Mp 75 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.28 Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 4.47 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.9, 161.5, 148.2, 134.4, 133.1, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 124.1, 61.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 284.0740, found 284.0740.

Ethyl 2-(anthracen-9-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3v**)



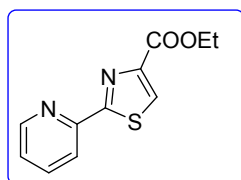
Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3v** (91% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H), 4.49 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.9, 161.6, 148.0, 131.3, 130.9, 129.8, 128.5, 126.9, 126.2, 125.5, 125.4, 61.6, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N₁O₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 334.0896, found 334.0898.

Ethyl 2-(thiophen-2-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3w**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3w** (66% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.4, 161.2, 147.8, 136.3, 128.7, 127.9, 127.68, 126.3, 61.5, 14.3. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₀NO₂S₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 240.0147, found 240.0154.

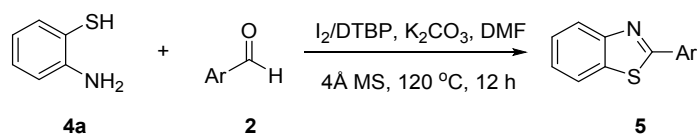
Ethyl 2-(pyridin-2-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylate (**3x**)



Following the general procedure A, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=15:1 as the eluent) to give **3x** (30% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.82 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.24 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 6.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.9, 161.5, 150.5, 149.4, 148.3,

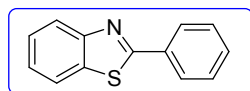
137.1, 129.5, 125.1, 120.3, 61.5, 14.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}N_2O_2S^+ [M+H]^+$ 235.0536, found 235.0536.

2) General procedure B:



A mixture of 2-aminothiophenol (**4a**, 0.8 mmol, 0.108 g, 4.0 equiv.), benzaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 0.0212 g, 1.0 equiv.), potassium carbonate (K_2CO_3 , 0.6 mmol, 0.0828 g, 3.0 equiv.), iodine (I_2 , 0.06 mmol, 0.0152 g, 0.3 equiv.), 4Å molecular sieve (0.4 g) was charged with DMF (0.2 mL) in a pressure bottle, di-*tert*-butyl peroxide (DTBP, 0.8 mmol, 0.1169 g, 4 equiv.) was then added slowly to the mixture at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 hours. The resultant solution was quenched with aqueous saturated sodium thiosulfate solution (4 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL). The organic phase was combined and washed with brine (3×30 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was further purified by silica gel flash chromatography (petroleum ether (PE) and ethyl acetate (EA) as the eluent).

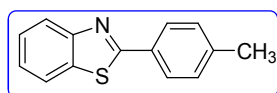
2-phenylbenzo[d]thiazole (5a)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5a** (99% yield) as a purple solid. Mp 112 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.09-8.06 (m, 3H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.0, 153.1, 134.0, 132.6, 129.9, 127.9,

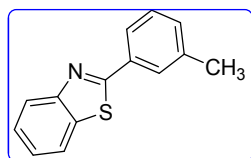
126.5, 125.3, 124.1, 122.2, 120.6. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{13}H_{10}NS^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 212.0528, found 212.0528.

2-(p-tolyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5b**)



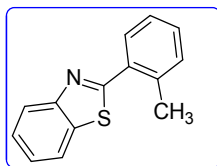
Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=30:1 as the eluent) to give **5b** (98% yield) as a purple solid. Mp 84 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.05 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44(m, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 167.2, 153.1, 140.4, 133.9, 129.9, 128.7, 126.4, 125.2, 123.9, 122.0, 120.5, 20.5. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}NS^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 226.0685, found 226.0685.

2-(m-tolyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5c**)



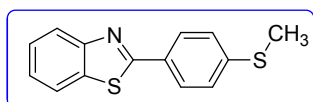
Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=50:1 as the eluent) to give **5c** (98% yield) as a white solid. Mp 60 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.26 (m, 4H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 166.9, 152.8, 136.2, 134.5, 132.0, 130.5, 129.5, 128.9, 125.1, 125.0, 124.0, 122.3, 120.3, 20.3. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}NS^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 226.0685, found 226.0684.

2-(o-tolyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5d**)



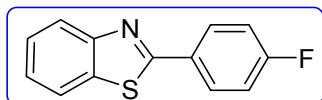
Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5d** (99% yield) as a orange solid. Mp 56 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.2, 153.1, 137.8, 134.0, 132.5, 130.7, 127.9, 126.9, 125.2, 124.0, 123.8, 122.1, 120.5, 20.3. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂NS⁺ [M+H]⁺ 226.0685, found 226.0685.

2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5e**)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5e** (77% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.6, 154.2, 142.8, 134.9, 130.1, 127.8, 126.34, 125.9, 125.2, 123.1, 121.6, 15.2. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂NS₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 258.0406, found 258.0413.

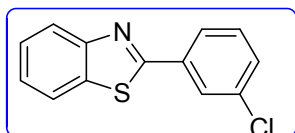
2-(4-fluorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5f**)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5f** (45% yield) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07-8.04 (m, 3H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.73, 164.47 (d, *J* = 251 Hz), 154.12, 135.08, 129.97 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 129.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 126.43, 125.26,

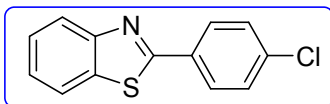
123.22, 121.63, 116.16 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{13}H_9FNS^+ [M+H]^+$ 230.0434, found 230.0437.

2-(3-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5g**)



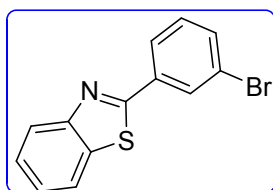
Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5g** (59% yield) as a yellow solid. Mp 95 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.08-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.89-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 166.2, 154.0, 135.3, 135.2, 135.1, 130.8, 130.2, 127.4, 126.5, 125.7, 125.6, 123.5, 121.7. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{13}H_9ClNS^+ [M+H]^+$ 246.0139, found 246.0135.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5h**)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5h** (83% yield) as a yellow solid. Mp 120 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 166.60, 154.1, 137.0, 135.1, 132.2, 129.3, 128.7, 126.5, 125.4, 123.3, 121.7. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $C_{13}H_9ClNS^+ [M+H]^+$ 246.0139, found 246.0135.

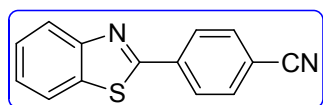
2-(3-bromophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5i**)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=50:1 as the eluent) to give **5i** (79% yield) as a white solid. Mp 100 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.25 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.95

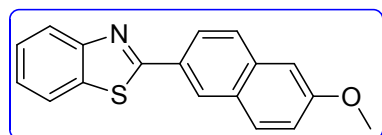
(d, $J = 7.8$, Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, $J = 8.0, 1.7, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.0, 152.9, 134.4, 134.0, 132.7, 129.4, 129.2, 125.5, 125.1, 124.5, 122.4, 122.1, 120.6. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{BrNS}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 289.9634, found 289.9627.

4-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)benzonitrile (**5j**)



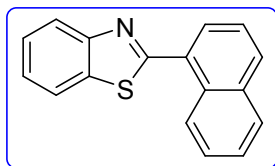
Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=30:1 as the eluent) to give **5j** (54% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.9, 132.8, 127.9, 126.9, 126.2, 126.1, 125.6, 123.8, 123.7, 121.9, 121.8. HR-MS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ requires 237.0481; found 237.0485.

2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5k**)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=30:1 as the eluent) to give **5k** (94% yield) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.17-8.15 (m, 2H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.9, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 167.5, 158.8, 153.7, 135.8, 134.4, 130.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.6, 125.4, 124.5, 122.7, 122.3, 119.7, 106.2, 55.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{NOS}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 292.0791, found 292.0789.

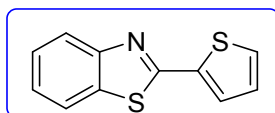
2-(naphthalen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5l**)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=30:1 as the eluent) to give **5l** (87% yield) as a white solid. Mp 126 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.96-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.1, 153.2, 134.1, 133.6, 132.1, 129.9, 127.8, 127.8, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 125.8, 125.3, 124.2, 123.4, 122.2, 120.6. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{NS}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 262.0685, found 262.0684.

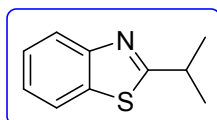
2-(thiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (**5m**)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5m** (75% yield) as a white solid. Mp 99 °C.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.02 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 13.4, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.4, 153.7, 137.4, 134.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.0, 126.4, 125.2, 123.0, 121.5. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{NS}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 218.0093, found 218.0089

2-isopropylbenzo[d]thiazole (**5n**)

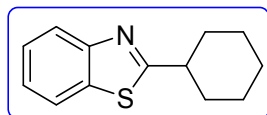


Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=40:1 as the eluent) to give **5n** (90% yield) as a colorless oil.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.47-3.36 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100

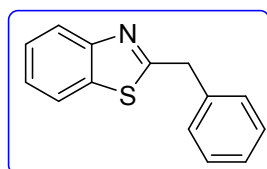
MHz, CDCl₃): δ 178.6, 153.2, 134.7, 125.8, 124.6, 122.6, 121.6, 34.1, 22.9. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₀H₁₂NS⁺ [M+H]⁺ 178.0685, found 178.0685

2-cyclohexylbenzo[d]thiazole (5o)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=30:1 as the eluent) to give **5o** (91% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (td, J = 8.0, 0.64 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (tt, J = 11.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (dt, J = 13, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.77-1.74 (m, 1H), 1.64 (qd, J = 12.36, 2.9 Hz, 2H) 1.44 (qt, J = 12.8, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (qt, J = 12.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H) ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 177.6, 153.1, 134.6, 125.8, 124.5, 122.6, 121.6, 43.5, 33.4, 26.1, 25.8. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈NS⁺ [M+H]⁺ 218.0998, found 218.0998.

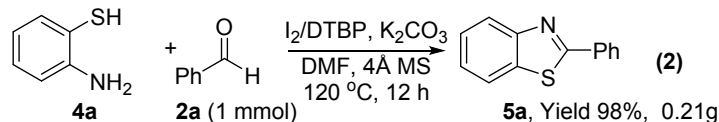
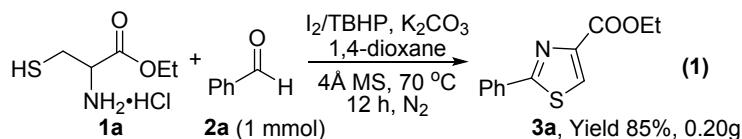
2-benzylbenzo[d]thiazole (5p)



Following the general procedure B, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=30:1 as the eluent) to give **5p** (84% yield) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.16 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.96 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.42 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.2, 153.3, 137.2, 135.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.4, 126.0, 124.8, 122.8, 121.6, 40.7. HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂NOS⁺ [M+H]⁺ 226.0685, found 226.0686.

III. Scale-up Synthesis and Synthetic Applications

a) Scale-up Synthesis

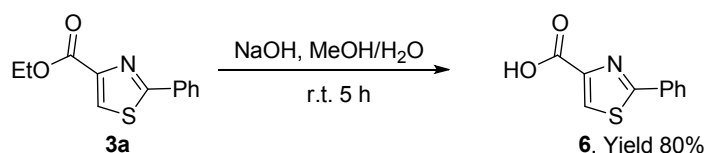


A mixture of L-cysteine ethyl ester hydrochloride (4 mmol, 0.743 g, 4.0 equiv.), benzaldehyde (1 mmol, 0.106 g, 1.0 equiv.), potassium carbonate (Na₂CO₃, 3 mmol, 0.414 g, 3.0 equiv.), iodine (I₂, 0.3 mmol, 0.076 g, 0.3 equiv.), and molecular sieve (MS, 2g) in 5 mL 1,4-dioxane in a schlenk tube, tert-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP, 70% in cyclohexane, 4 mmol, 0.5145 g, 4 equiv.) was added slowly to the mixture at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere, then the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 hours. The resultant solution was quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate (4 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL), the organic phase was combined and washed with brine (3×30 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE: EA=25:1 as the eluent) to give **3a** (85% yield) as a yellow oil.

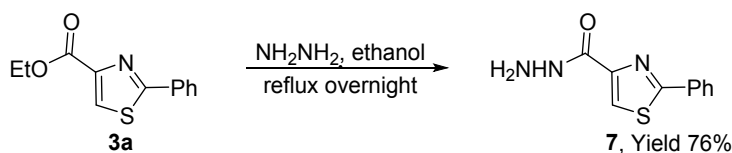
A mixture of 2-aminothiophenol (4 mmol, 0.54 g, 4.0 equiv.), benzaldehyde (1 mmol, 0.053 g, 1.0 equiv.), potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃, 3 mmol, 0.414 g, 3.0 equiv.), iodine (0.3 mmol, 0.076 g, 0.3 equiv.), and molecular sieve (2 g) in 1 mL N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF) in a pressure bottle, di-t-butyl peroxide (DTBP, 4 mmol, 0.5845 g, 4 equiv.) was added slowly to the mixture at room temperature, then the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12 hours. The resultant solution was quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate (4 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL), the organic phase was combined and washed with brine (3×30 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was further purified by silica gel flash chromatography (petroleum ether (PE) and ethyl acetate

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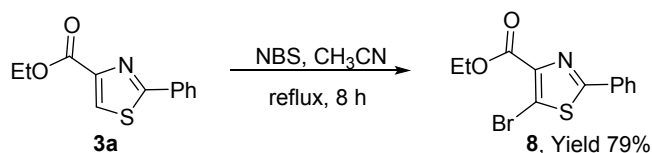
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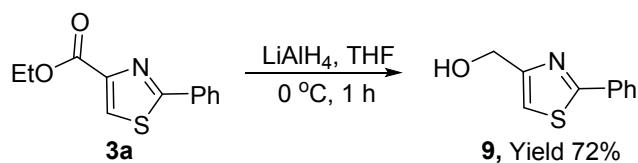
To a solution of **3a** (0.2 mmol, 47 mg, 1 equiv.) in methanol (0.5 mL), sodium hydroxide solution (2 mol/L, 0.2 ml, 2 equiv.) was added at room temperature. The mixture was kept stirring for 5 h. The methanol was removed in vacuo. The resultant mixture was adjusted to pH=5-6 with hydrochloric acid solution (1 mol/L). The solid was filtered and dried to give the product **6** (80%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.16 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.02-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*⁶) δ 167.88, 162.56, 148.67, 132.97, 131.23, 129.81, 129.23, 126.87. For characterization data, also see: S. N. Thore, S. V. Gupta and K. G. Baheti, *Med. Chem. Res.*, 2013, 22, 3802.



To a solution of **3a** (0.5 mmol, 117 mg, 1 equiv.) in ethanol (2 mL), hydrazine hydrate (NH₂NH₂·H₂O, 1.5 mmol, 89mg, 3 equiv.) was added at room temperature. The mixture was refluxed overnight. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the crude solid was recrystallized from dichloromethane/ethanol (4:1) to give the product **7** (76%) as a pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.45 (m, 3H), 4.14 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.65, 161.83, 149.04, 132.72, 130.77, 129.12, 126.64, 123.13.

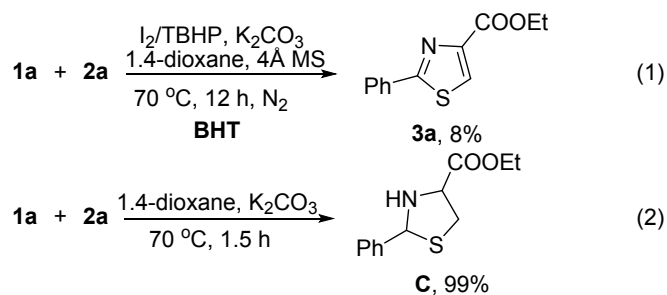


To a solution of **3a** (1 mmol, 0.23 g, 1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (3 mL), N-bromosuccinimide was added (NBS, 2 mmol, 0.36g, 2 equiv.) at room temperature. The mixture was refluxed for 8 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE:EA=30:1 as the eluent) to give product **8** (79%) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.45 (m, 3H), 4.49 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.88, 161.13, 144.38, 132.29, 131.08, 129.10, 126.68, 116.35, 61.83, 14.32.



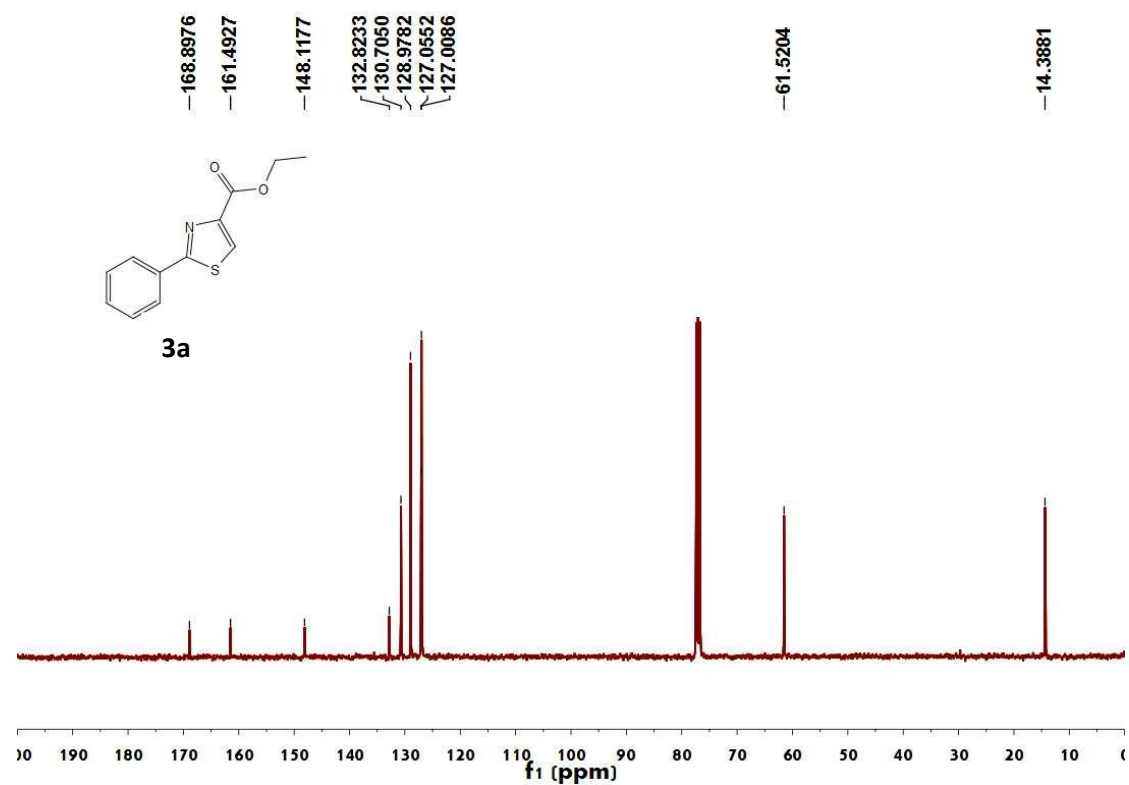
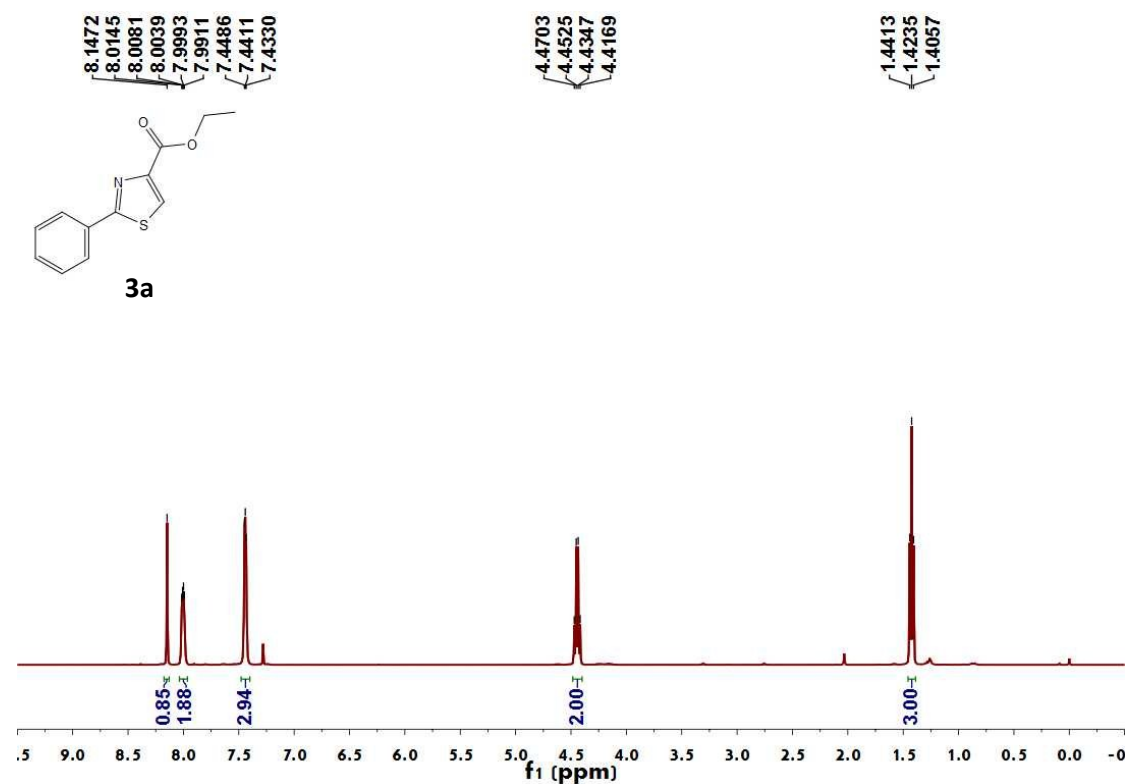
Lithium aluminium hydride (0.2 mmol, 77 mg, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in minimum amount of THF in a schlenk tube and cooled to 0 °C under N_2 atmosphere. To this was added drop-wise a solution of **3a** (0.14 mmol, 0.032g, 1.4 equiv.) in THF and stirred the reaction mixture for an hour. After completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched with 10% sodium carbonate solution at 0 °C and extracted with ethyl acetate. Organic layers were collected, dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE:EA=2:1 as the eluent) to give product **9** (72%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 2.90 (br, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.9, 157.3, 133.5, 130.2, 129.0, 126.6, 114.6, 61.2.

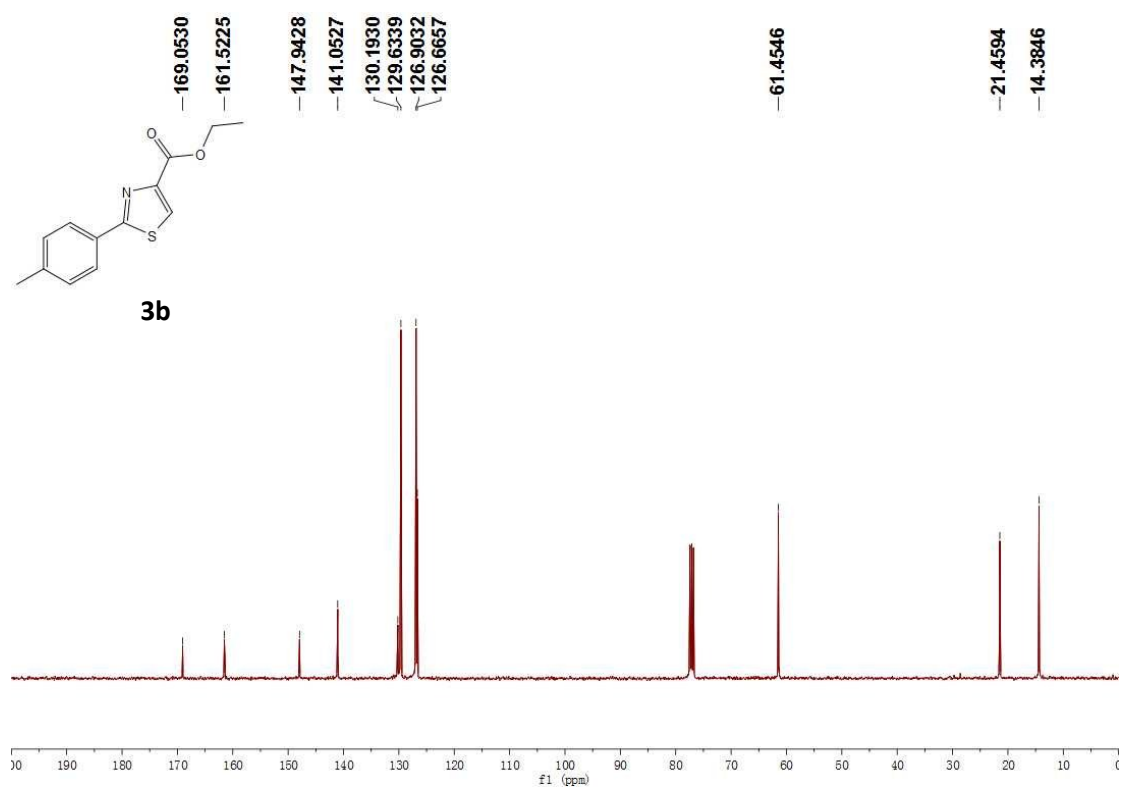
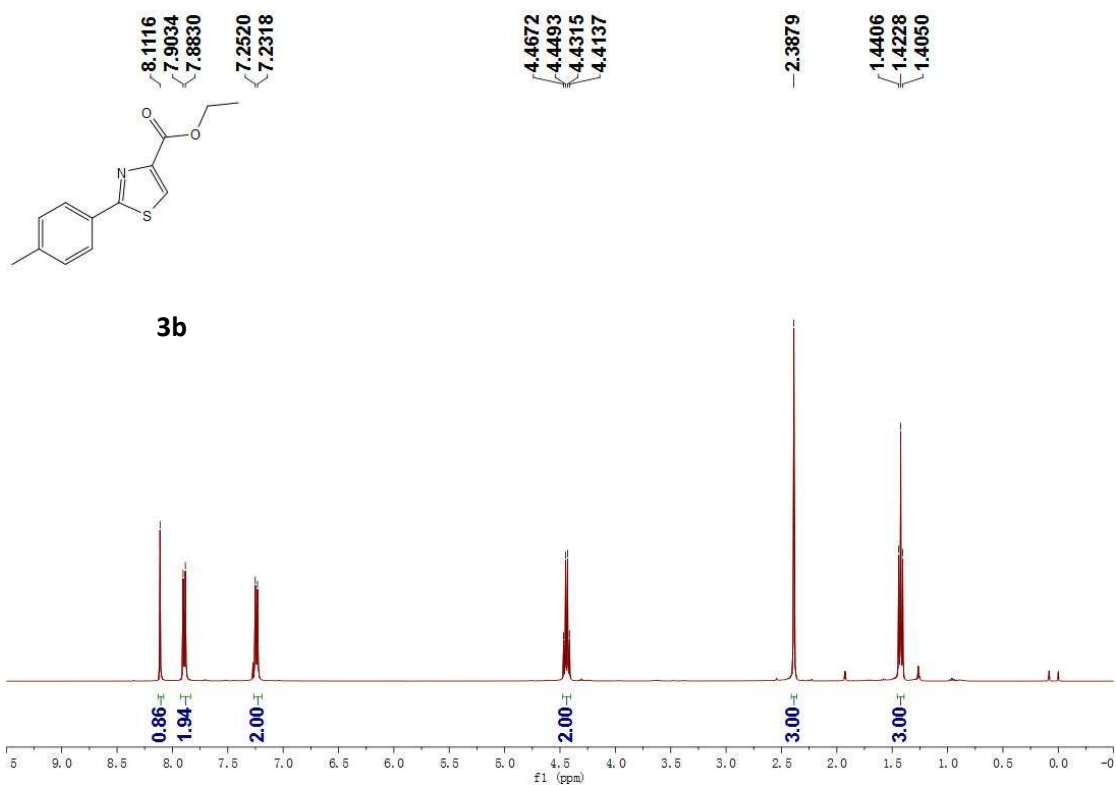
IV. Mechanistic Experiments

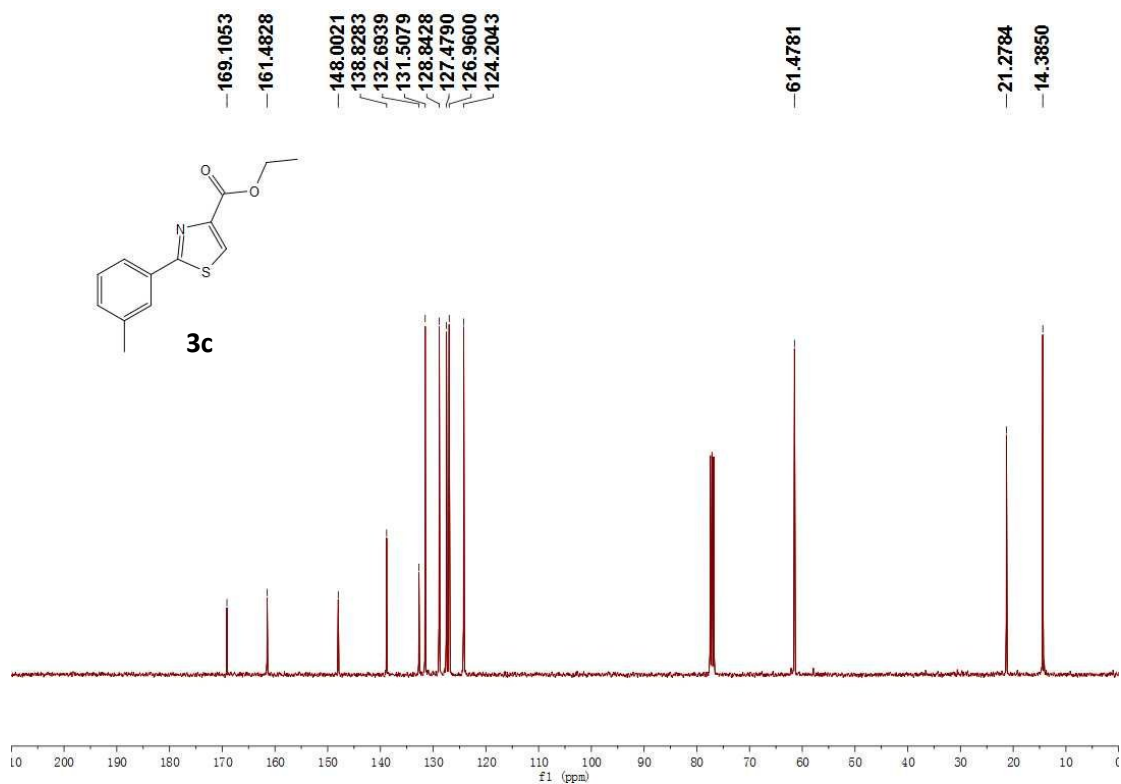
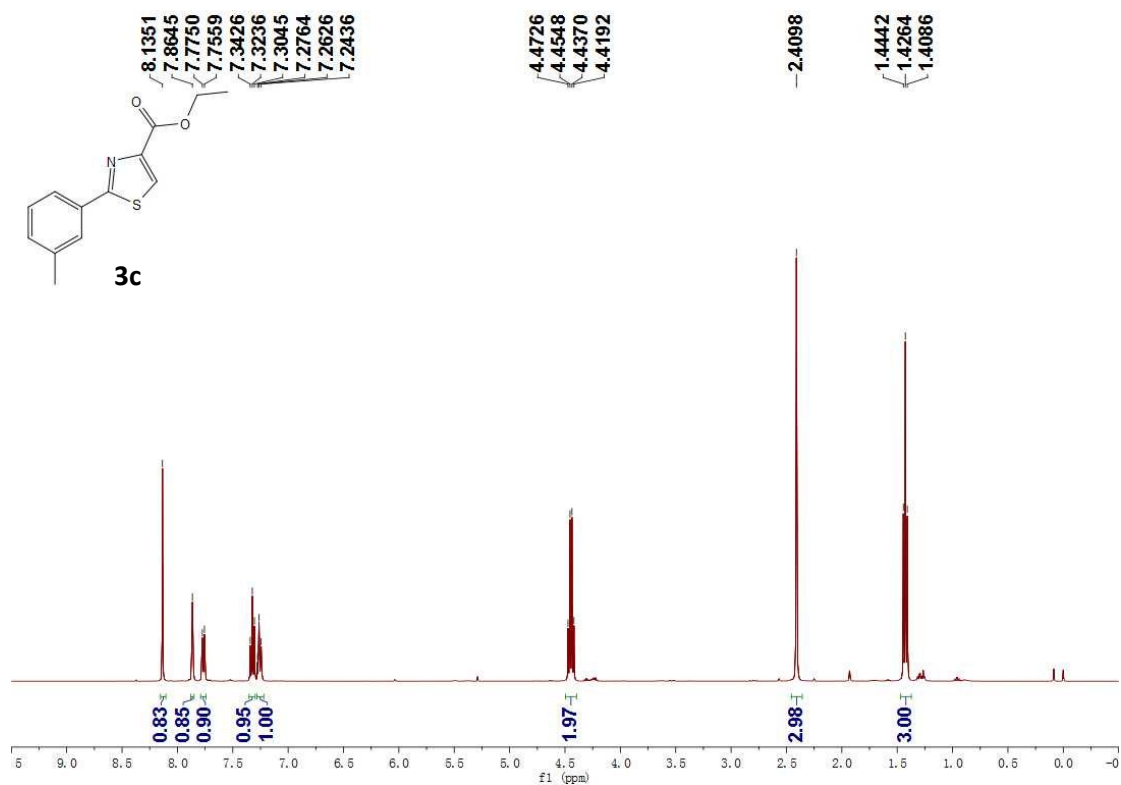


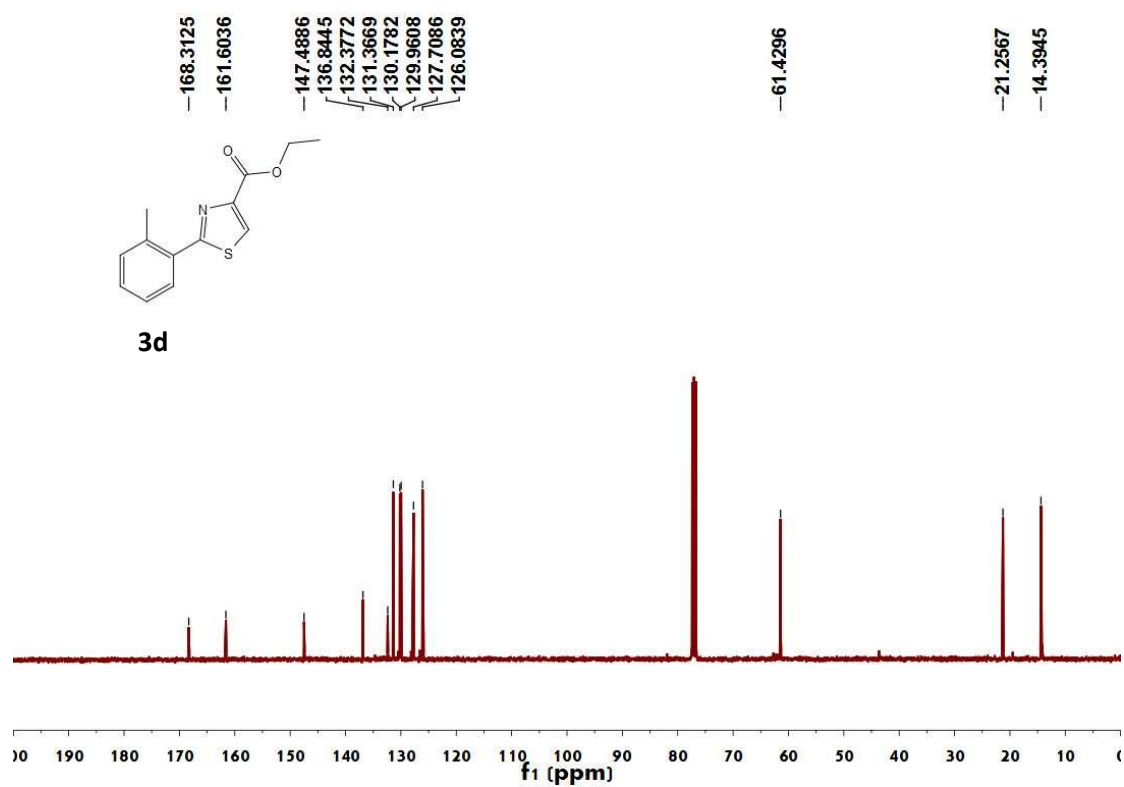
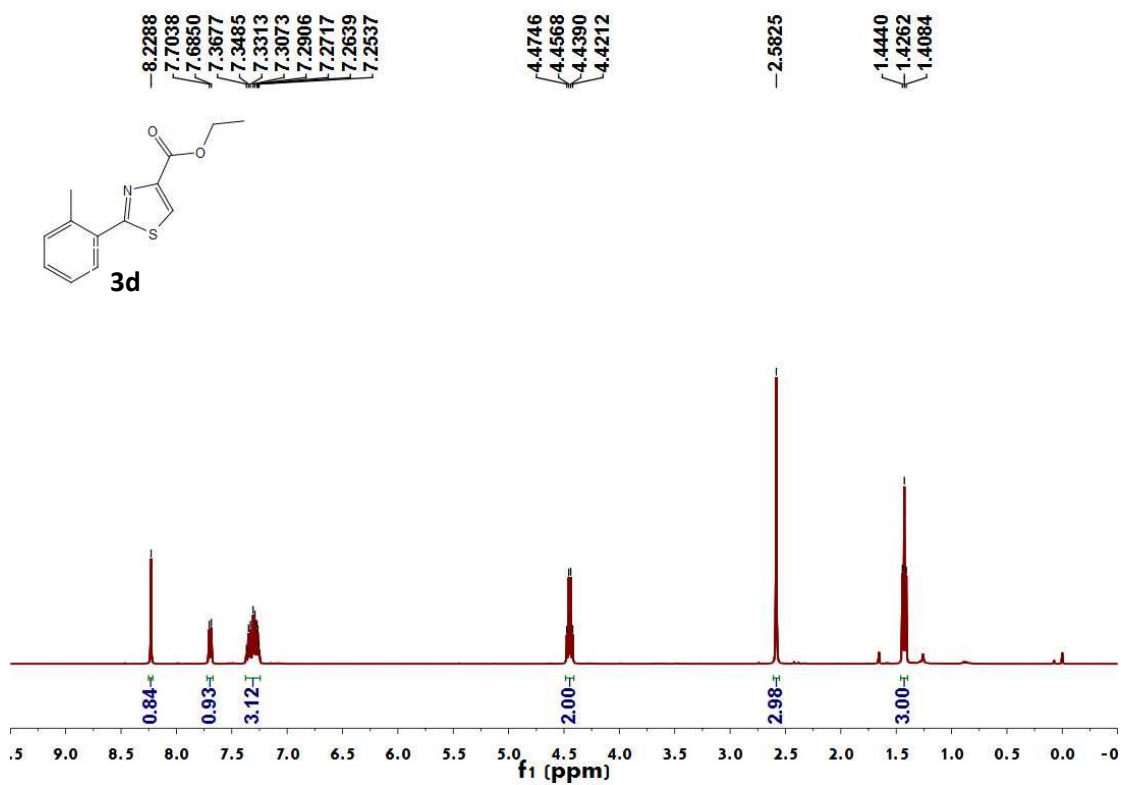
A mixture of L-cysteine ethyl ester hydrochloride (**1a**, 0.8 mmol, 0.1486 g, 4.0 equiv.), benzaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 0.0212 g, 1.0 equiv.), potassium carbonate (Na_2CO_3 , 0.6 mmol, 0.0828 g, 3.0 equiv.) in 1 mL 1,4-dioxane in a schlenk tube under nitrogen atmosphere, then the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 hours. The resultant solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL), the organic phase was combined and washed with brine (3×30 mL), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE:EA=10:1 as the eluent) to give product **C** (99%) as a yellow oil. For characterization data of compound **C**, see: C. Saiz, P. Wiof, E. Manta and G. Mahler, *Org. Lett.*, 2009, **11**, 3170.

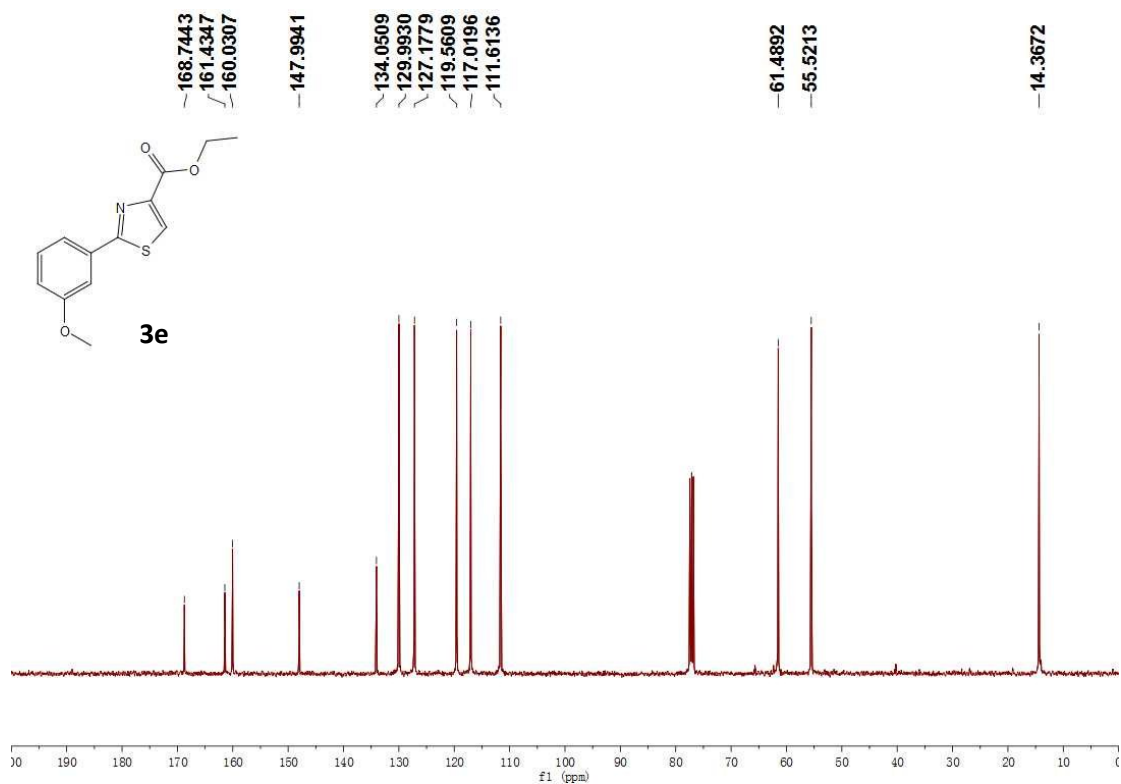
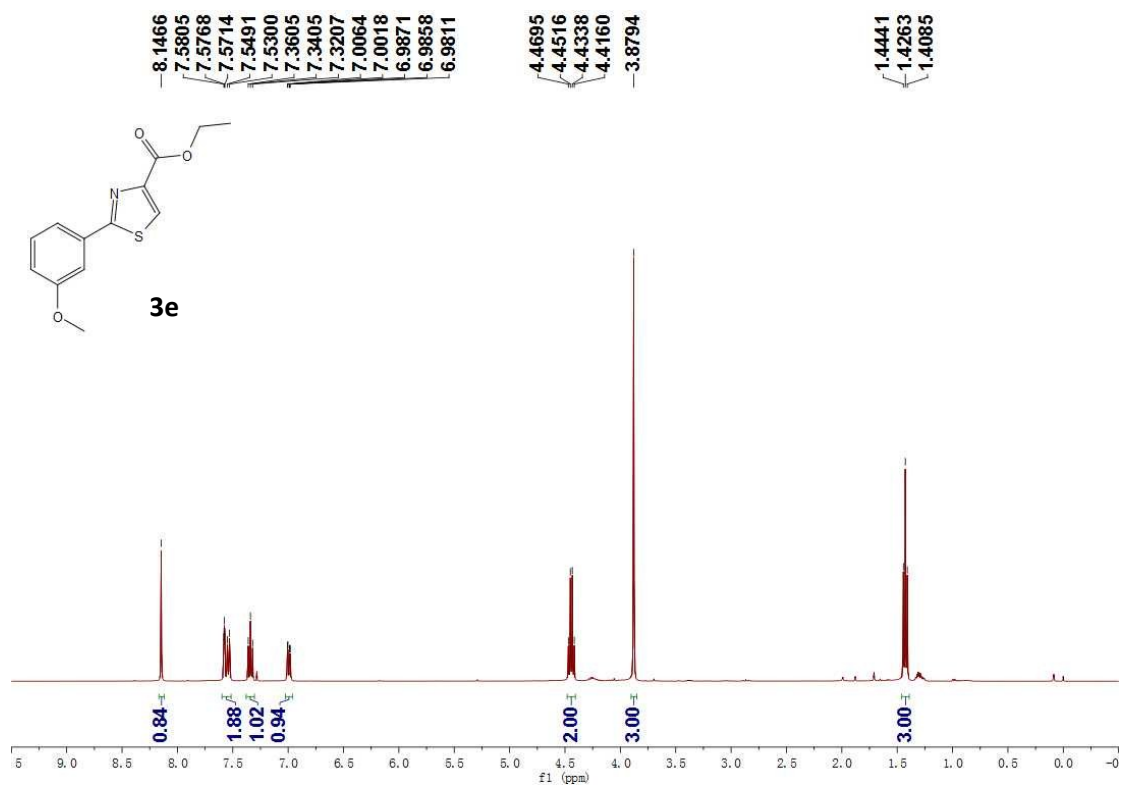
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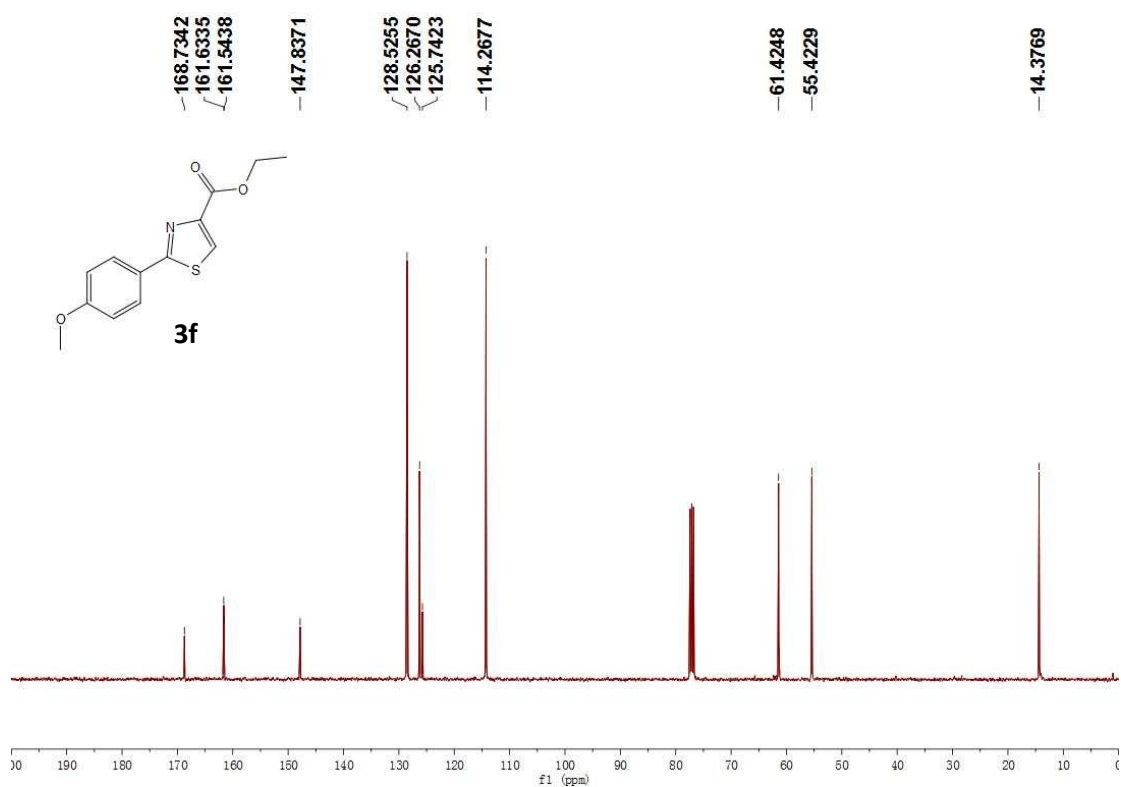
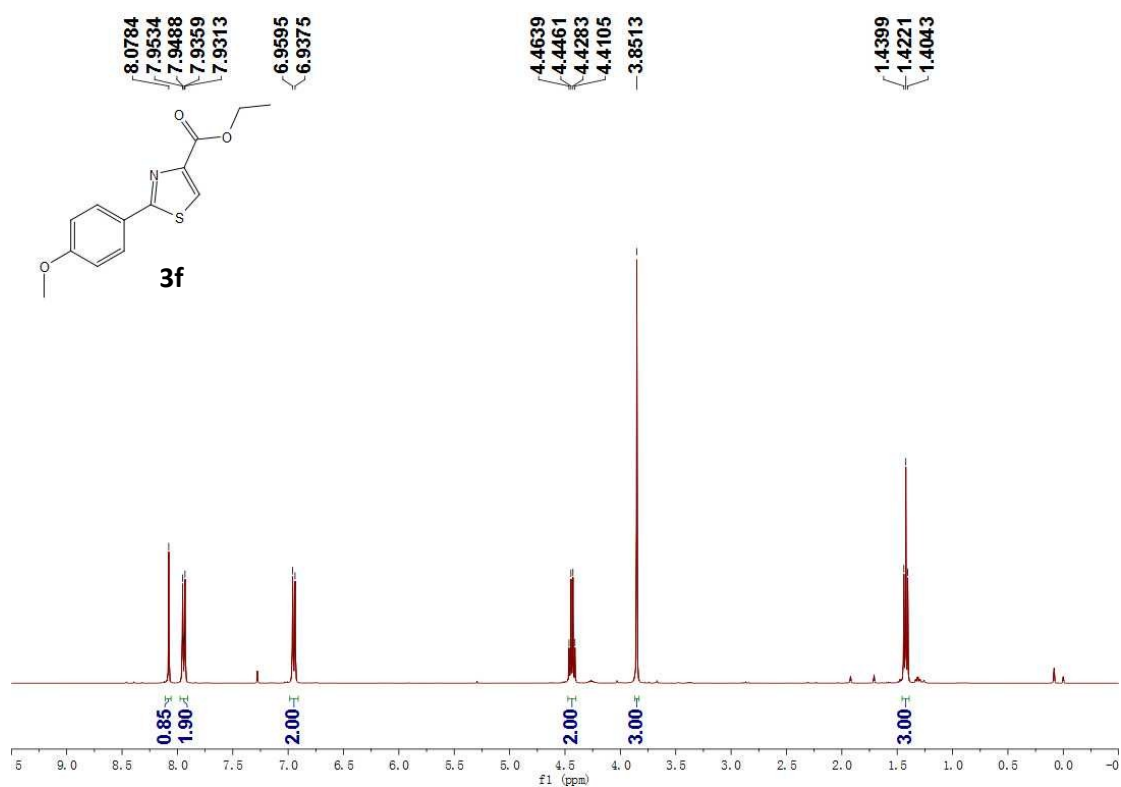


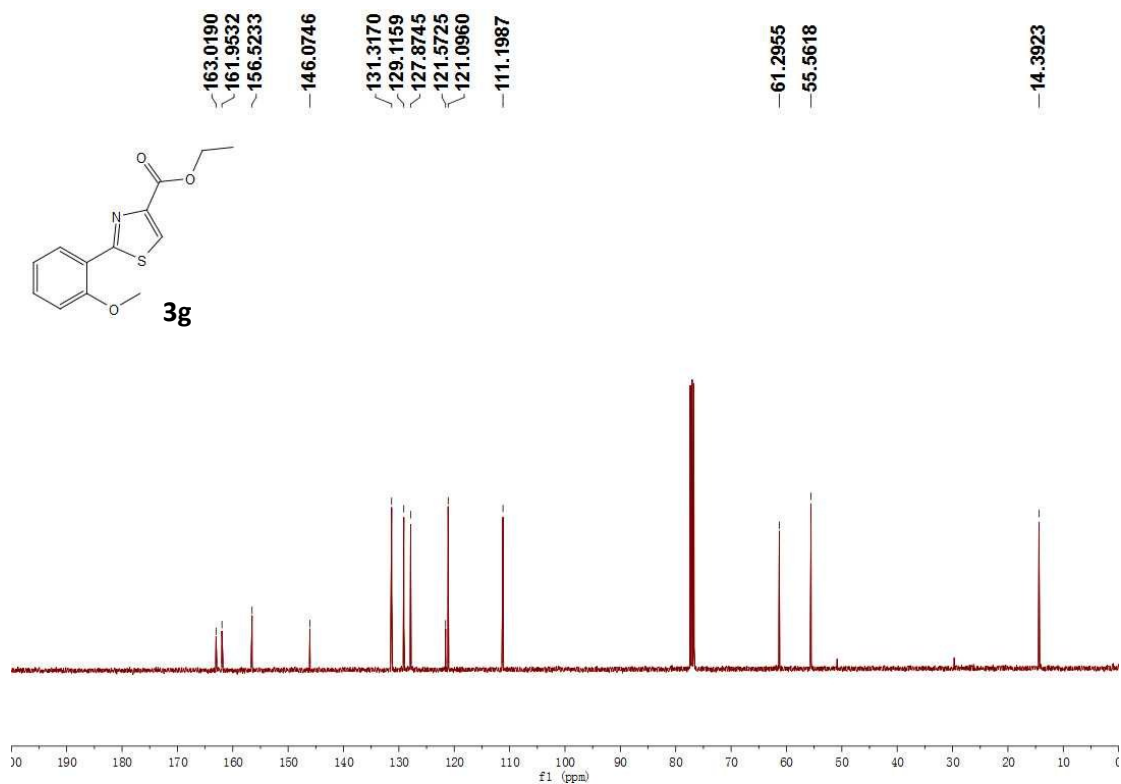
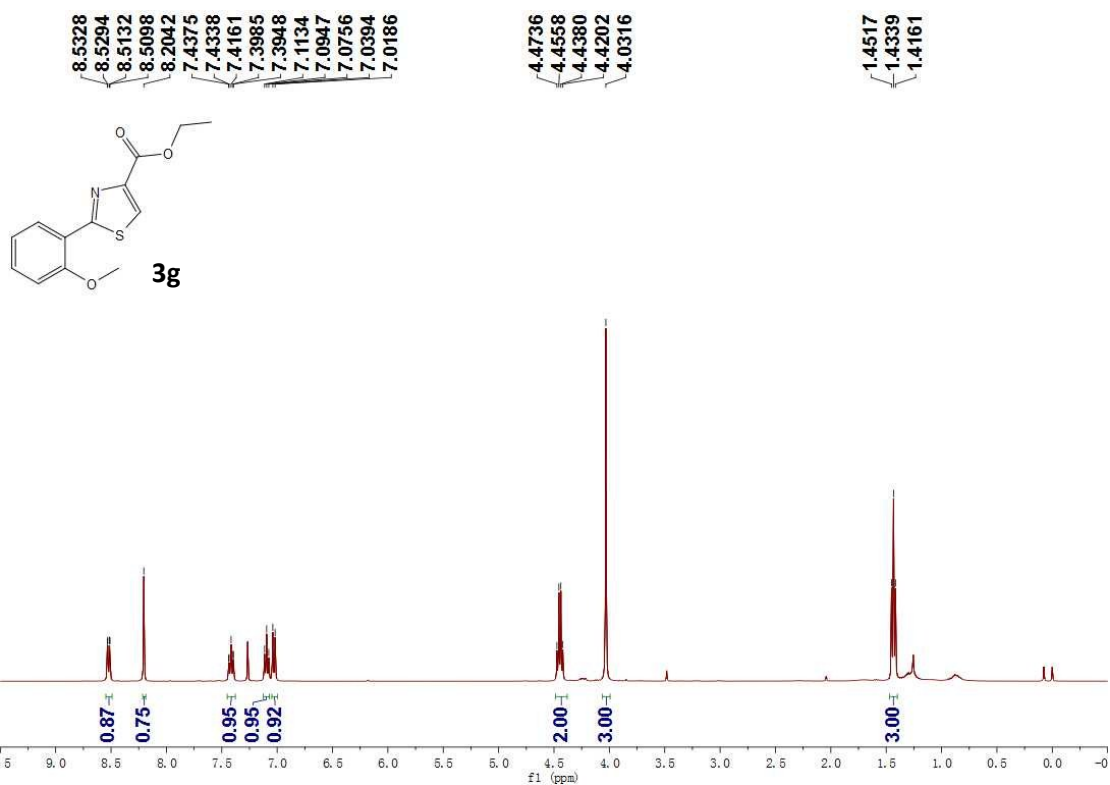


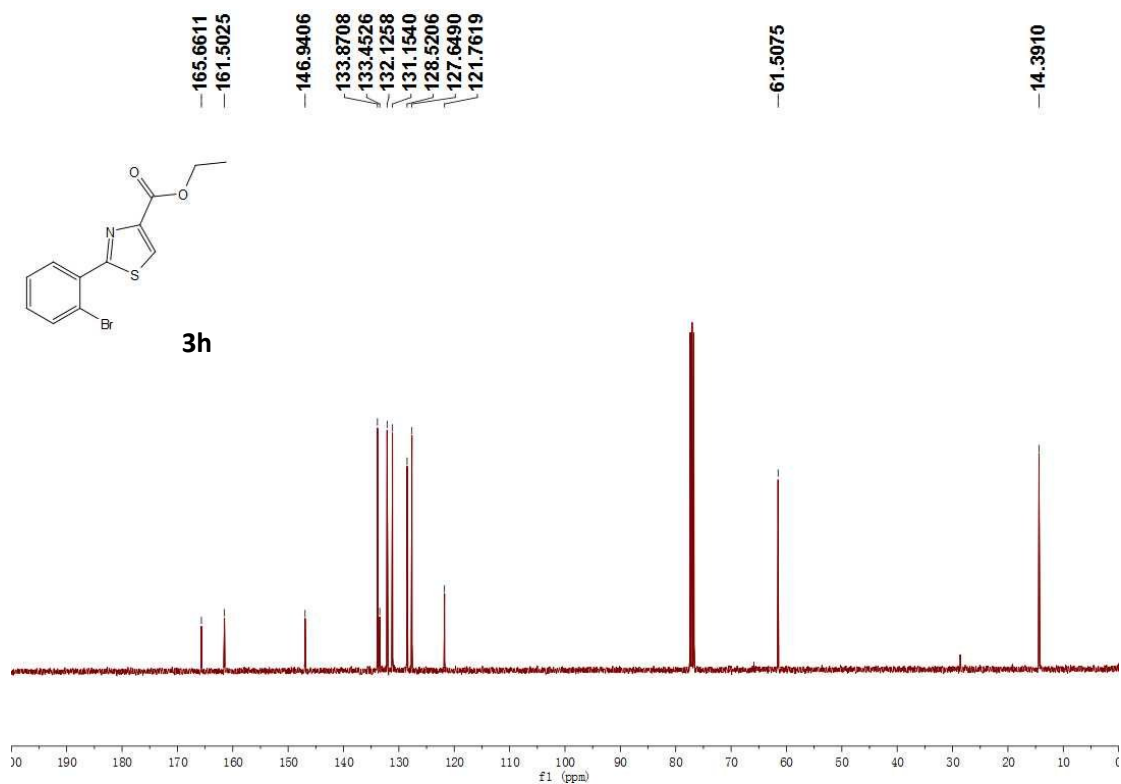
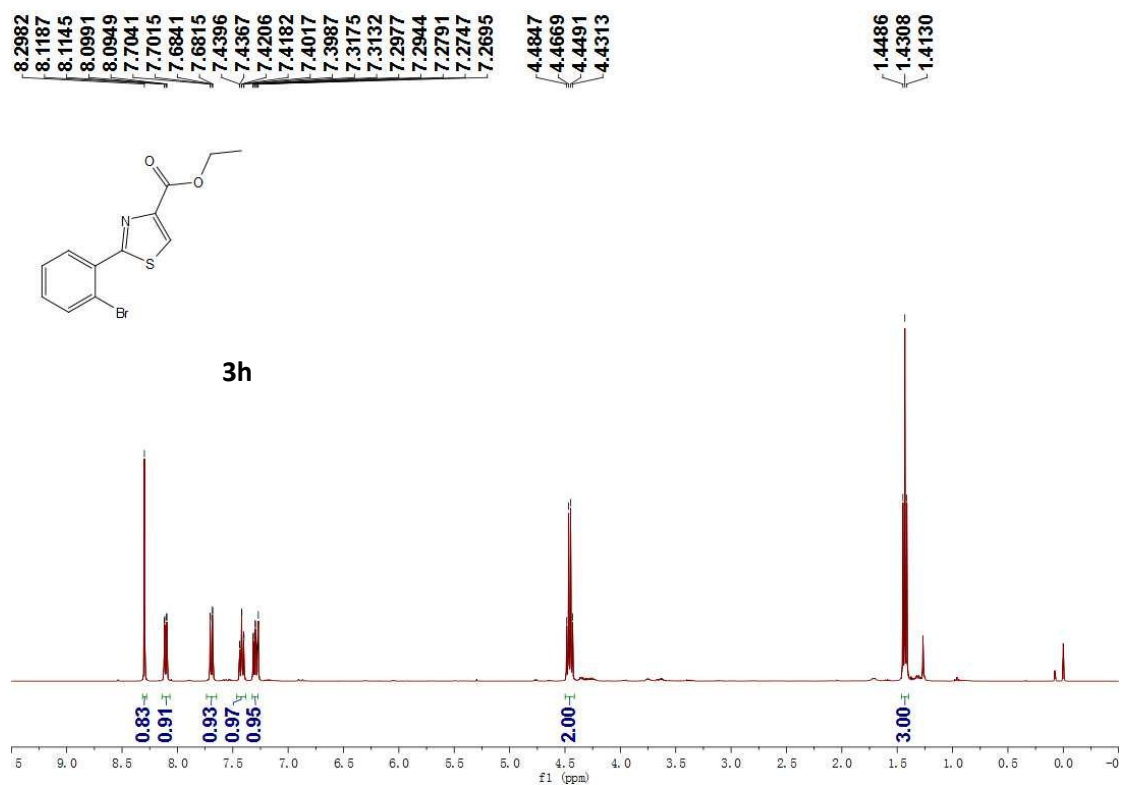


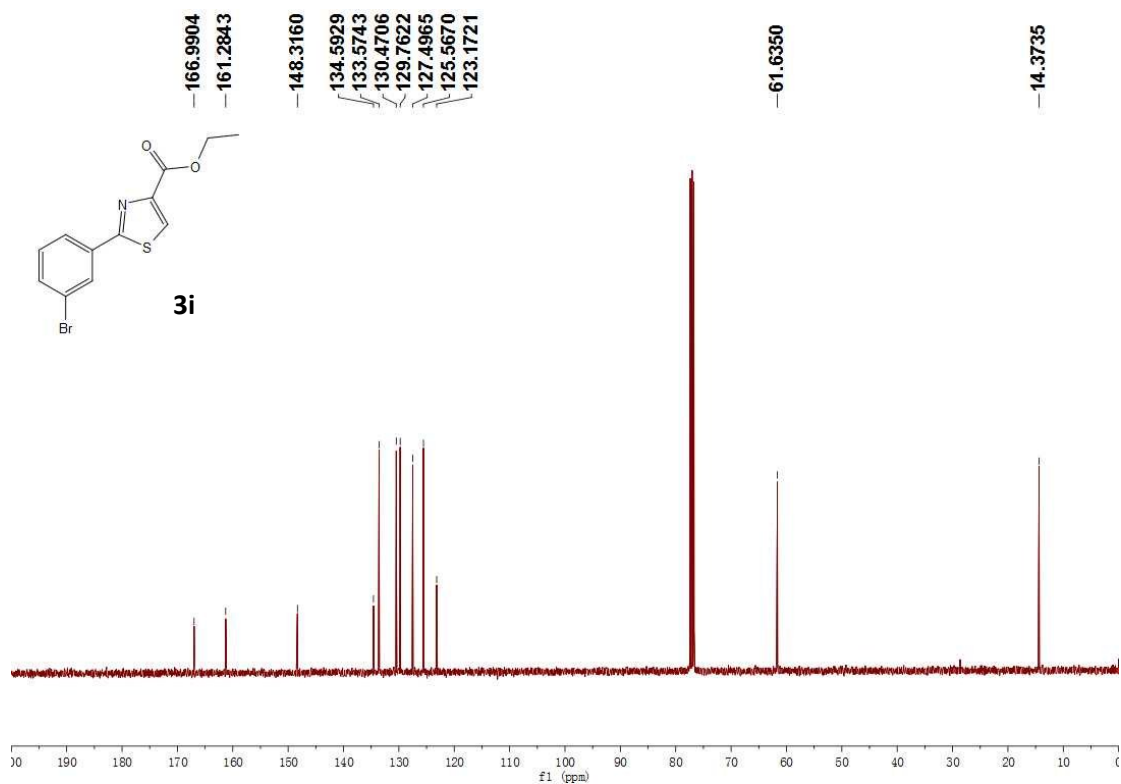
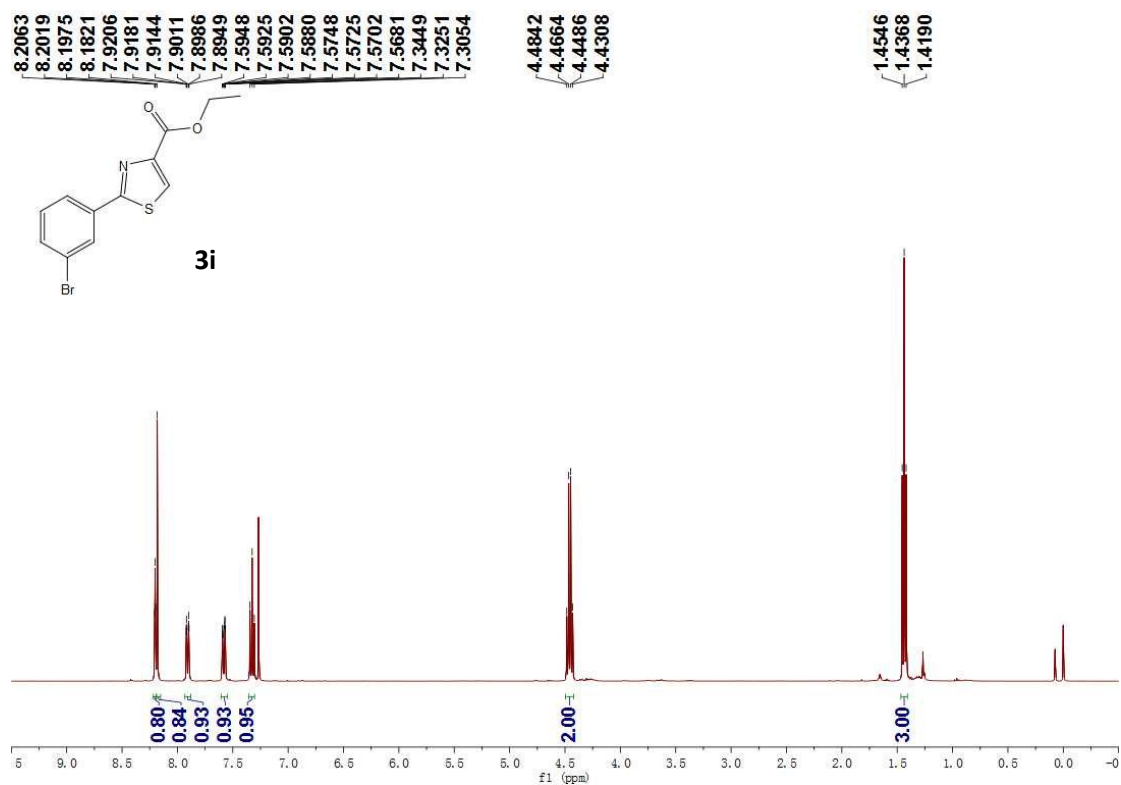


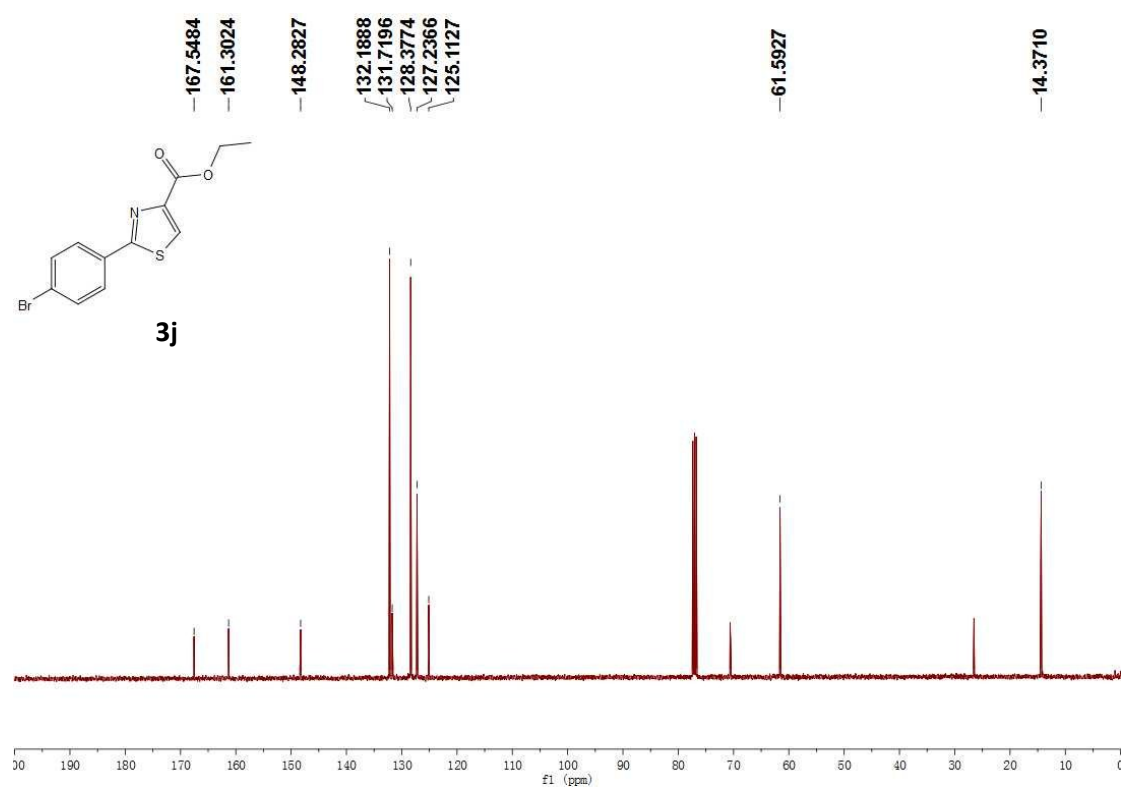
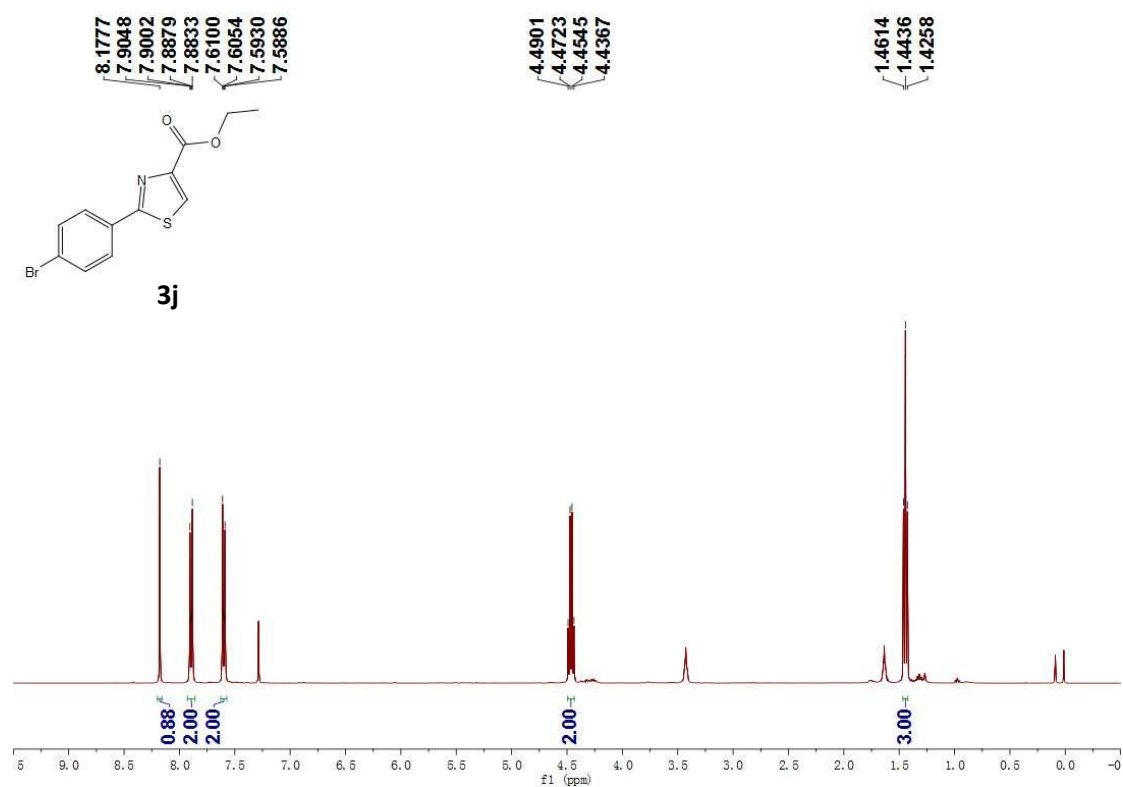


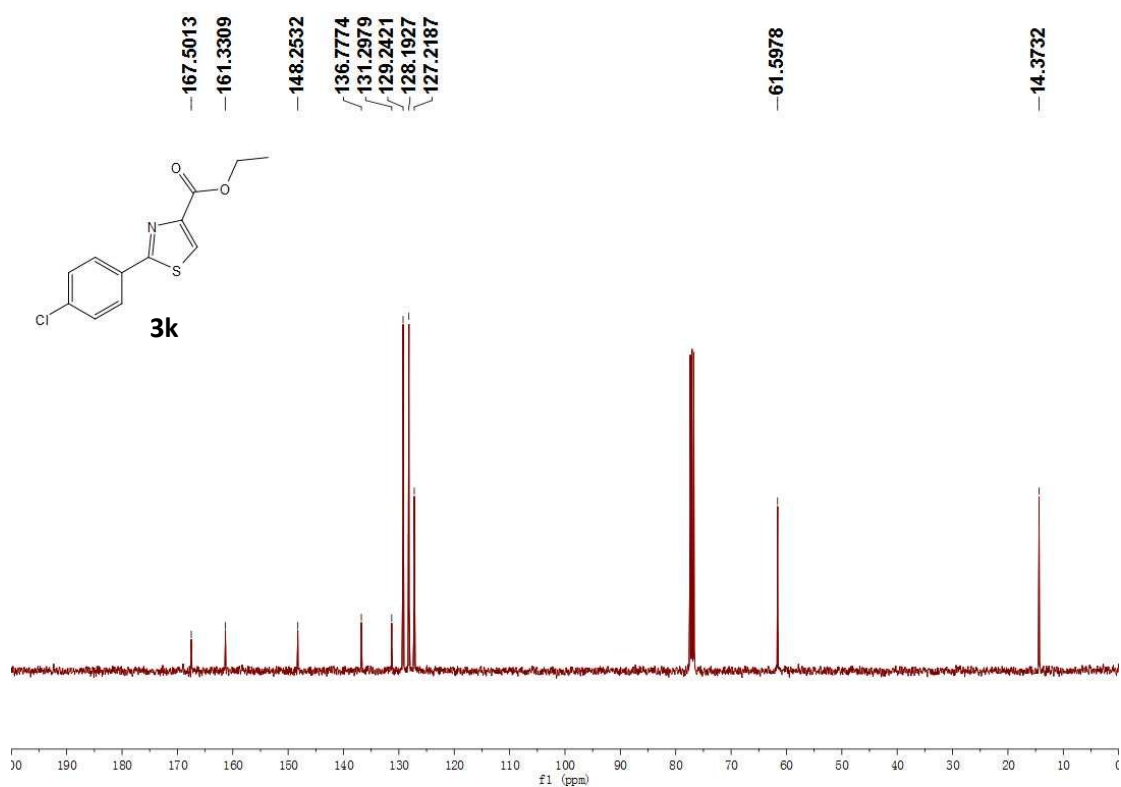
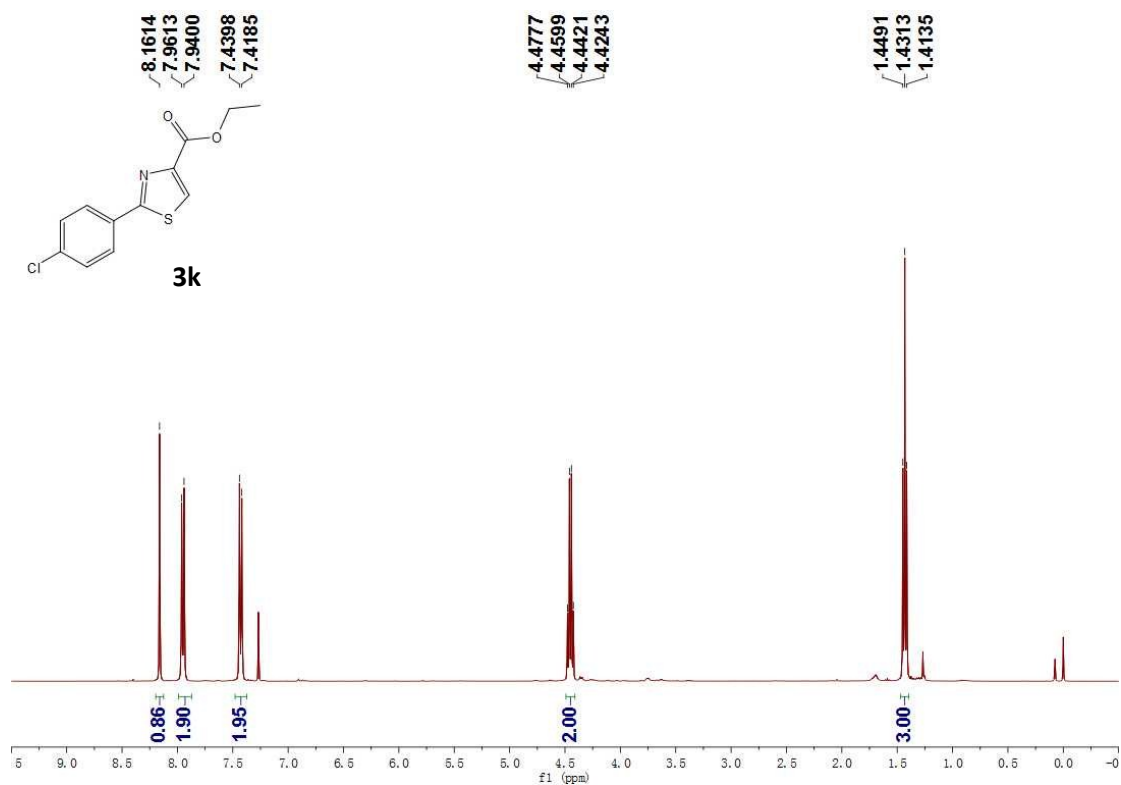


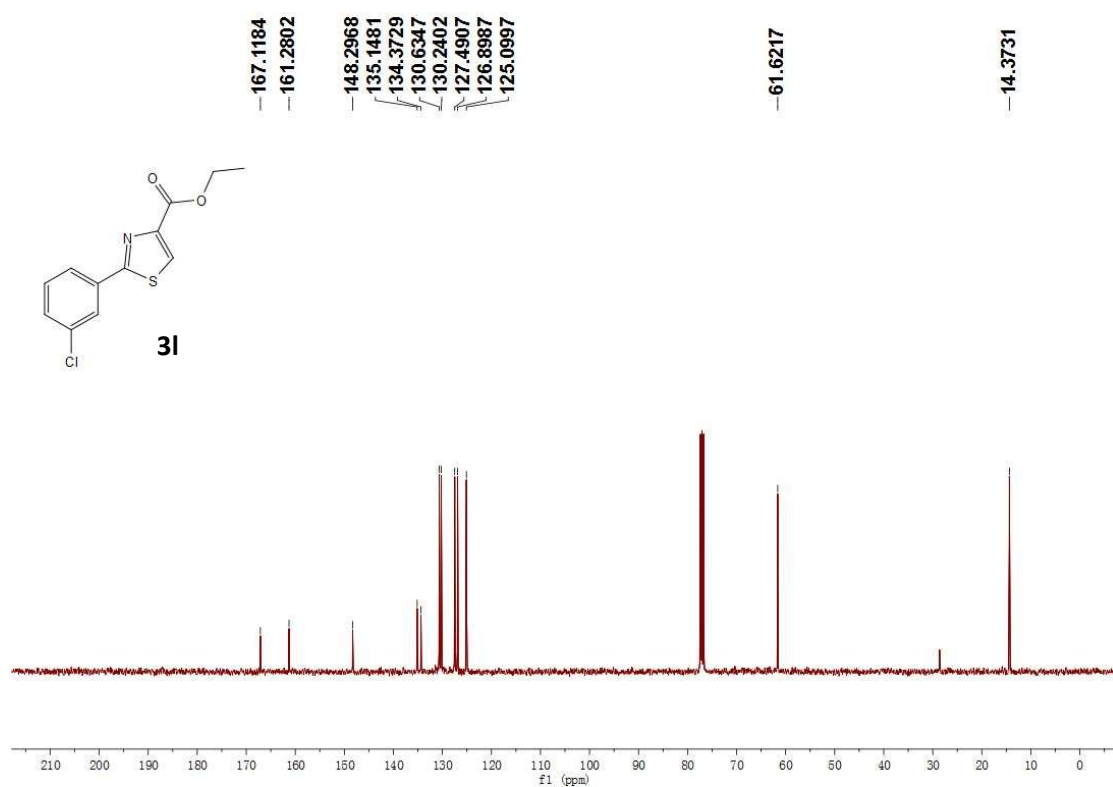
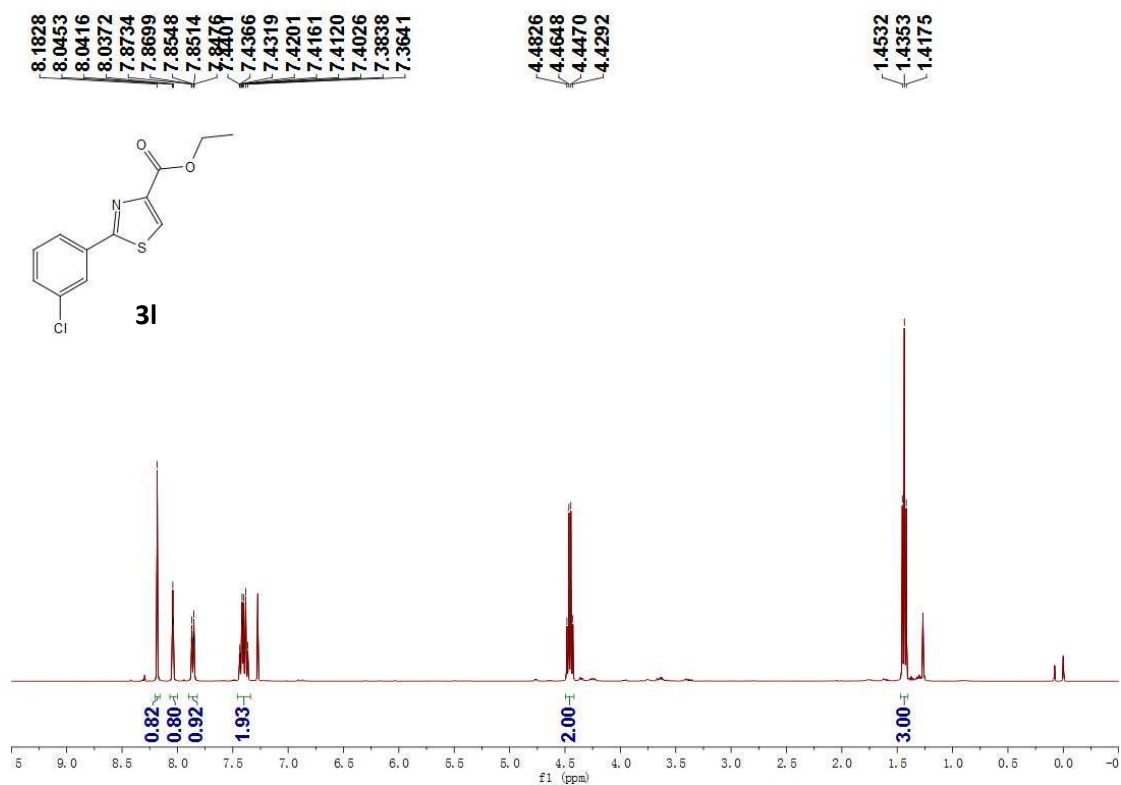


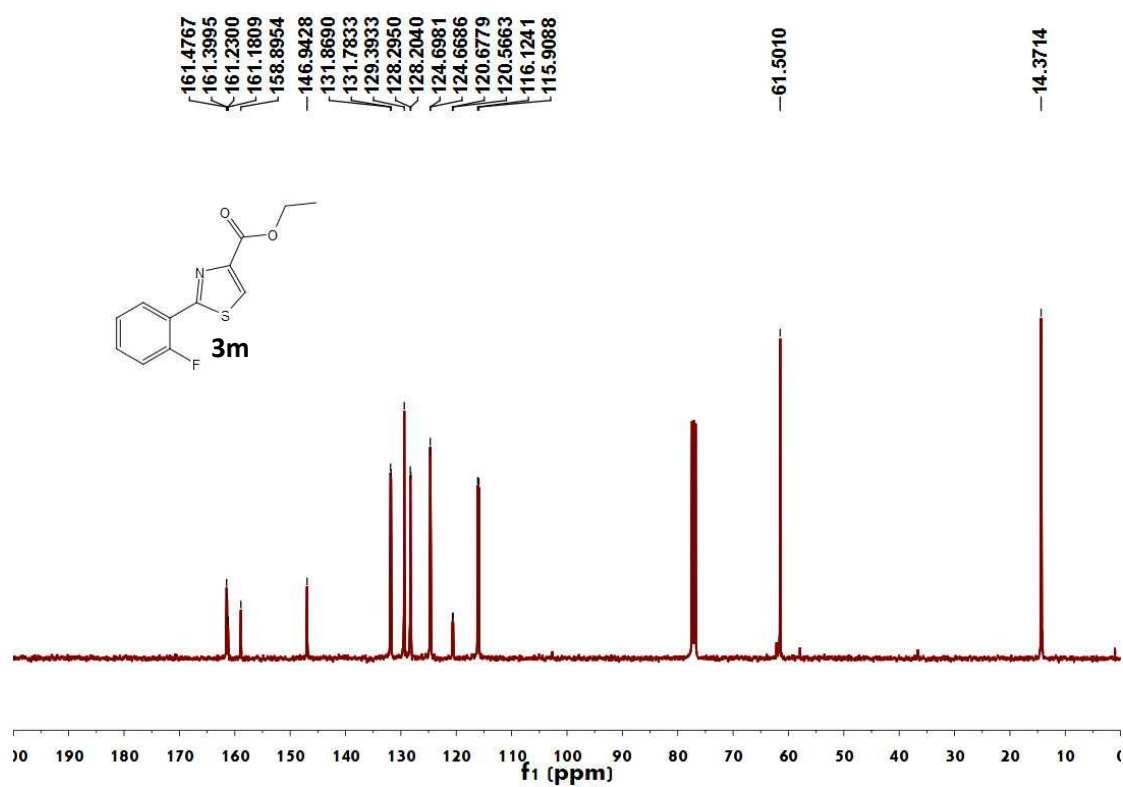
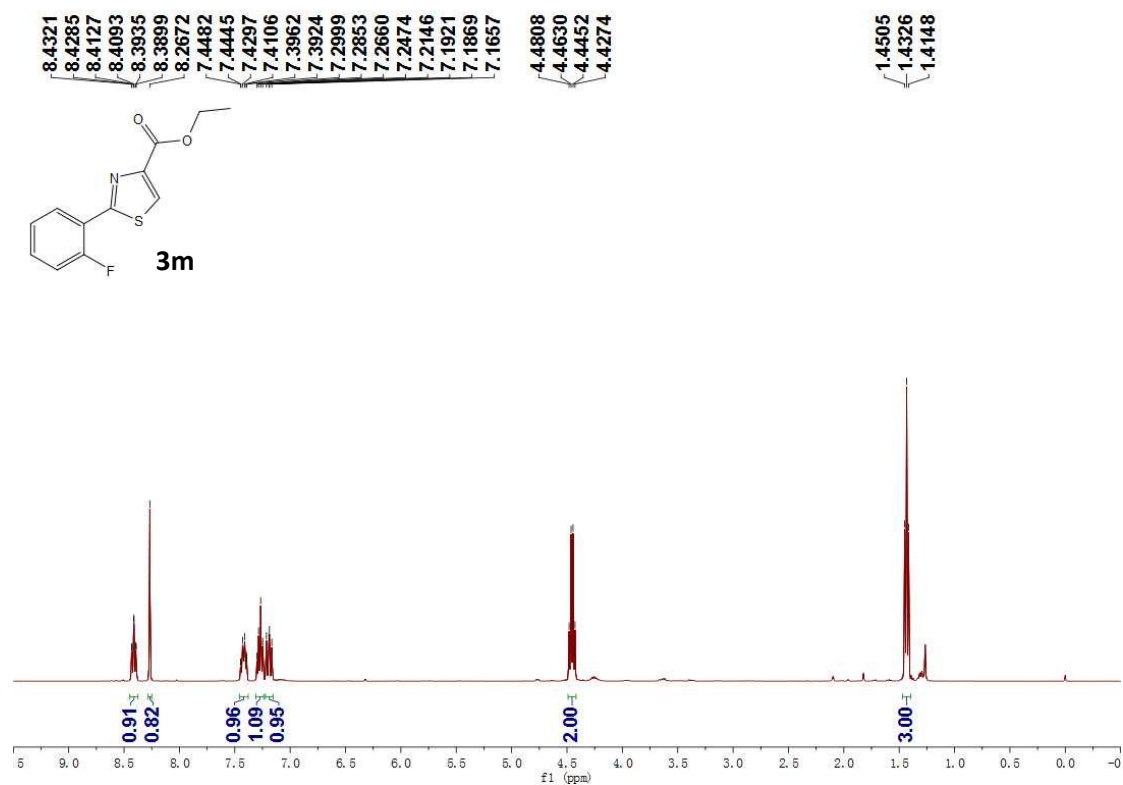


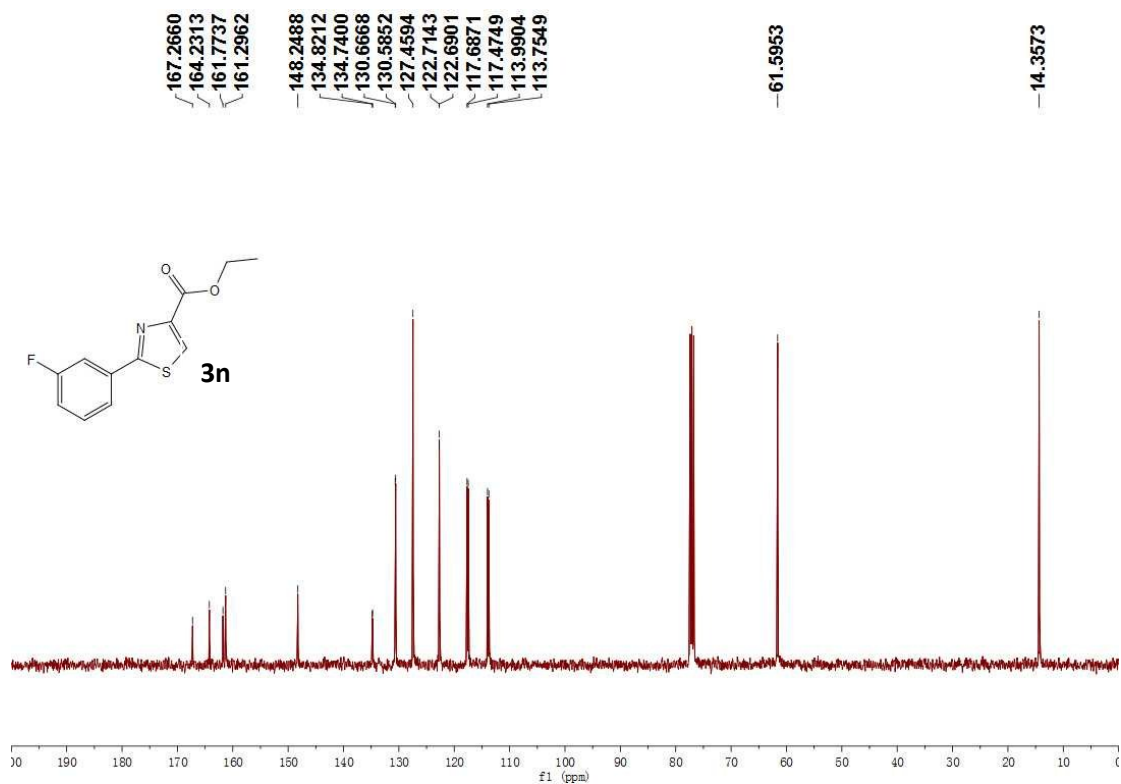
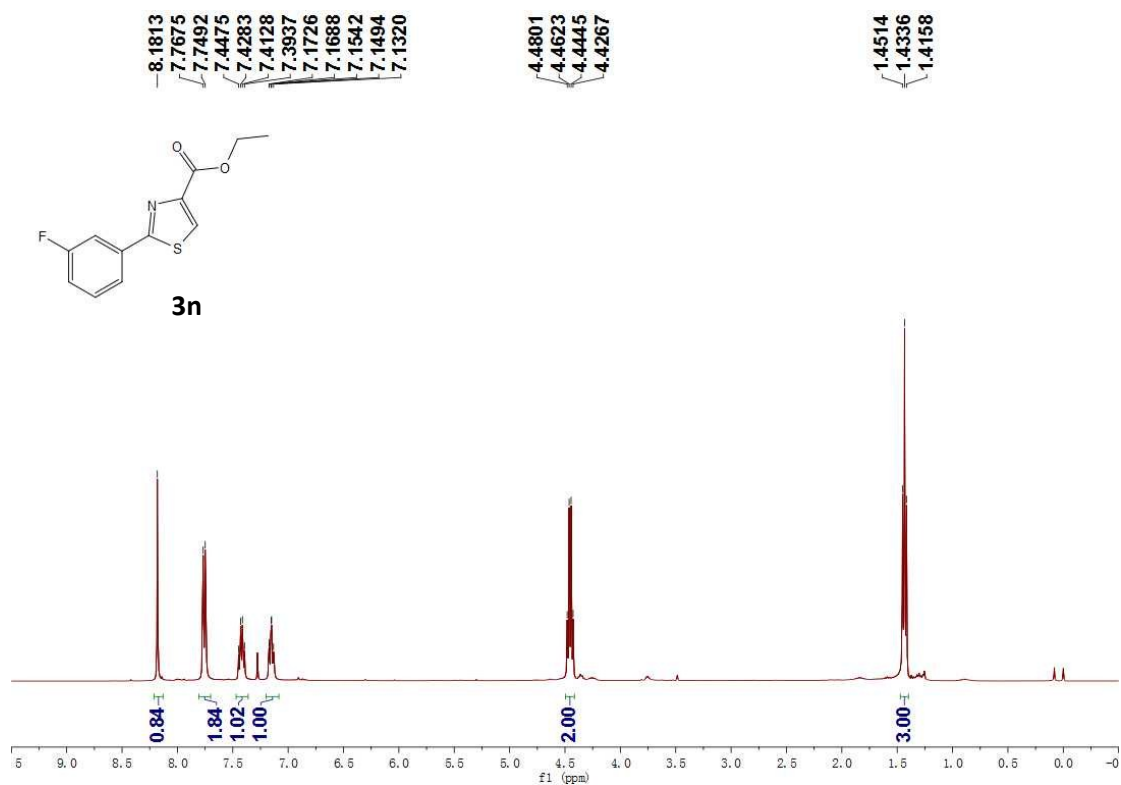


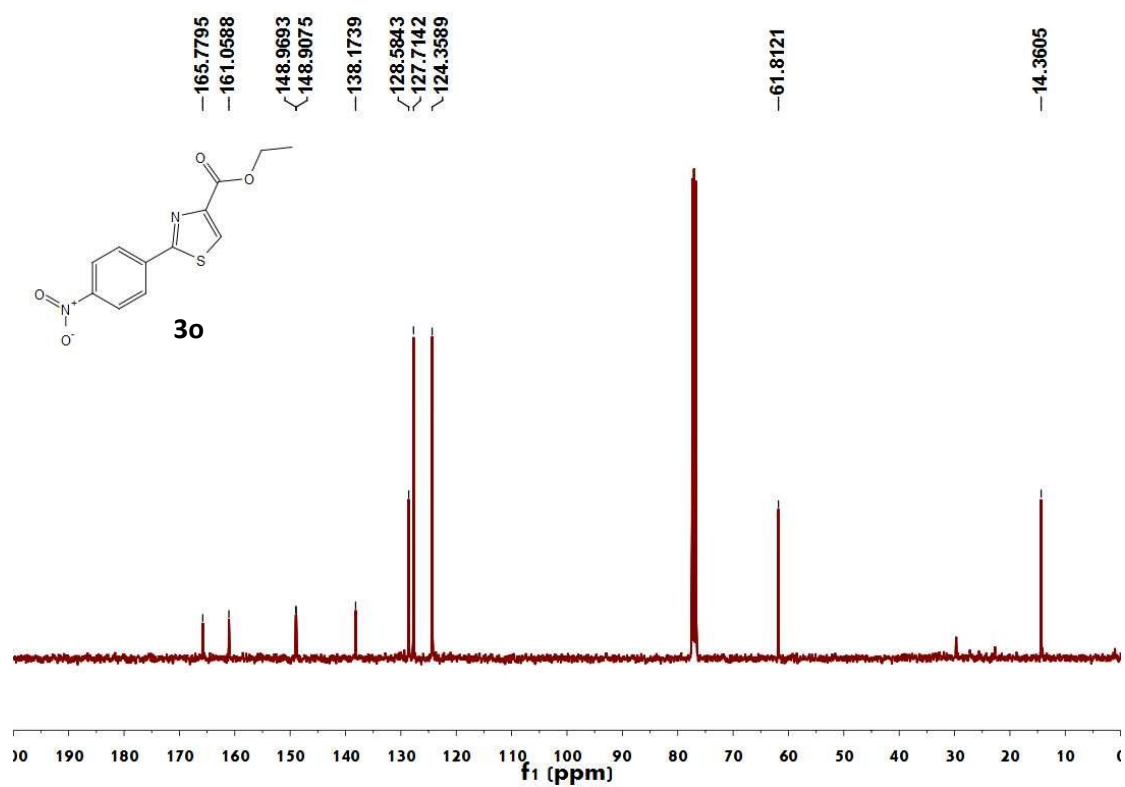
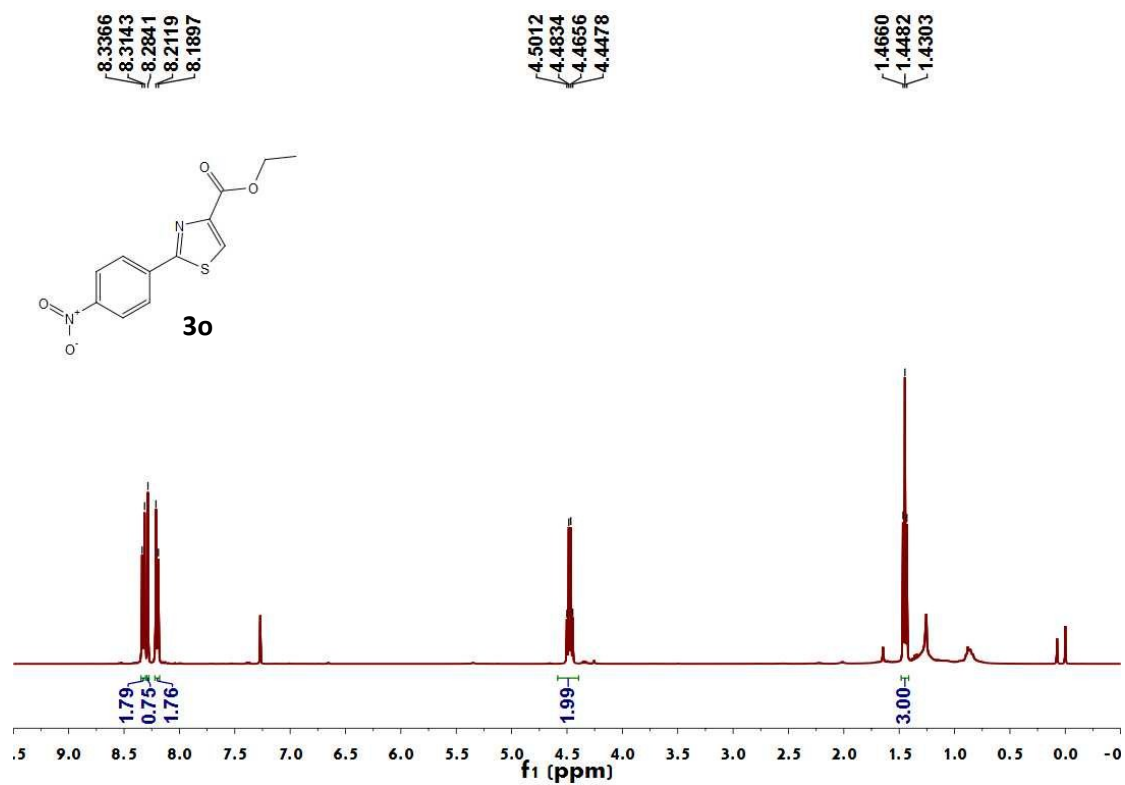


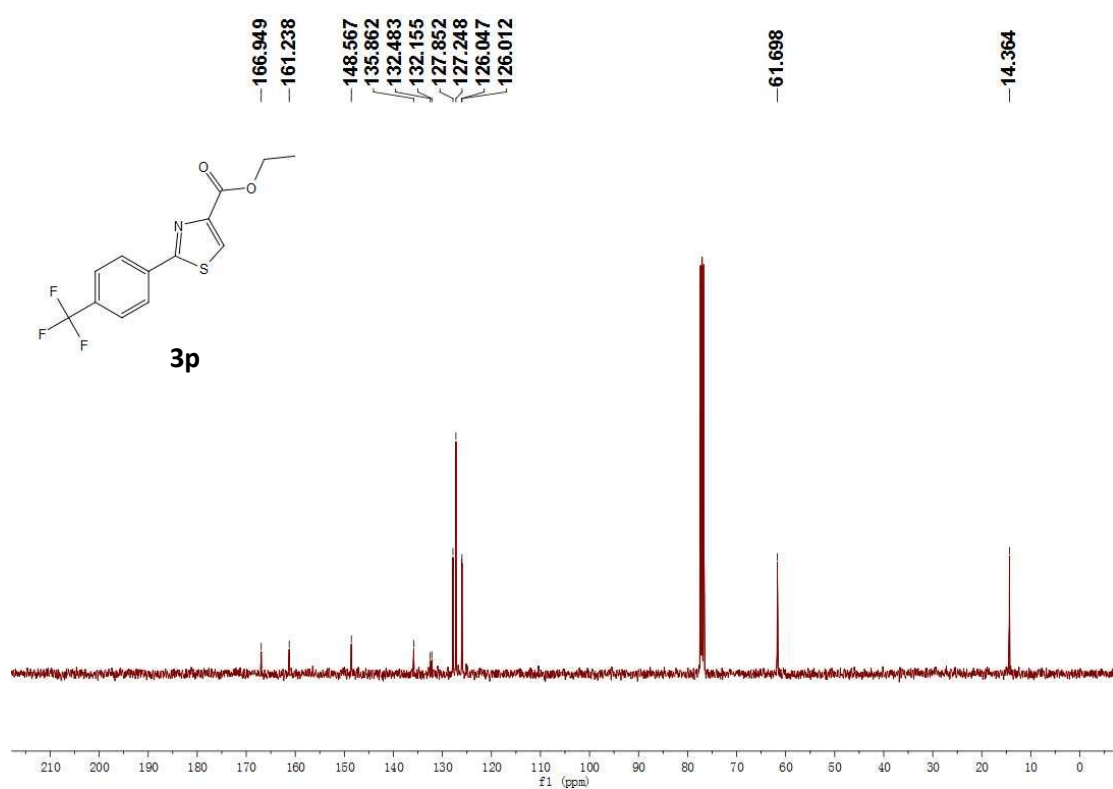
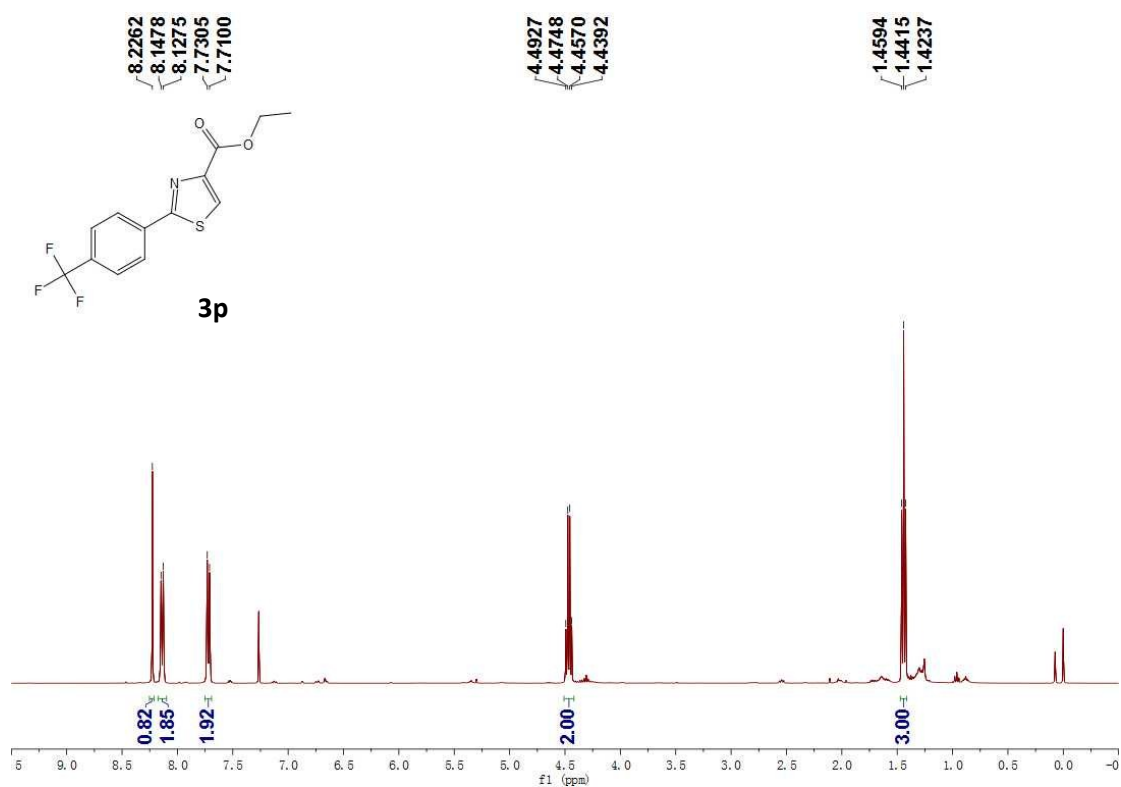


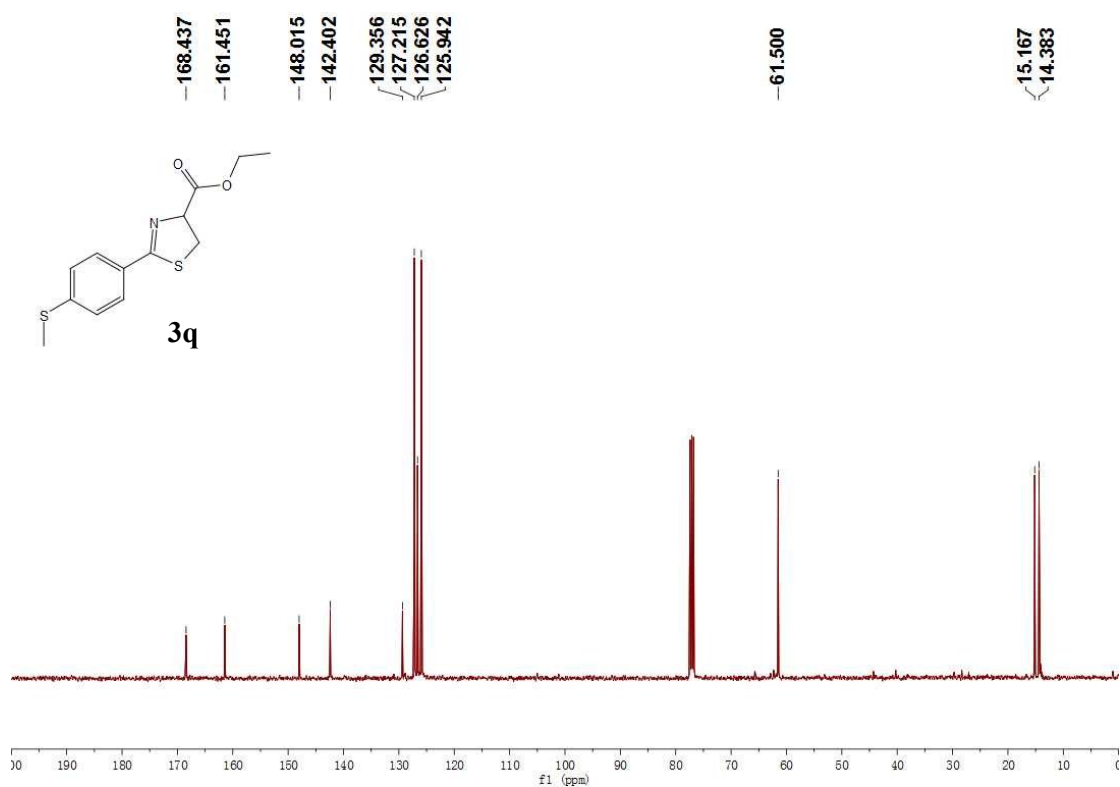
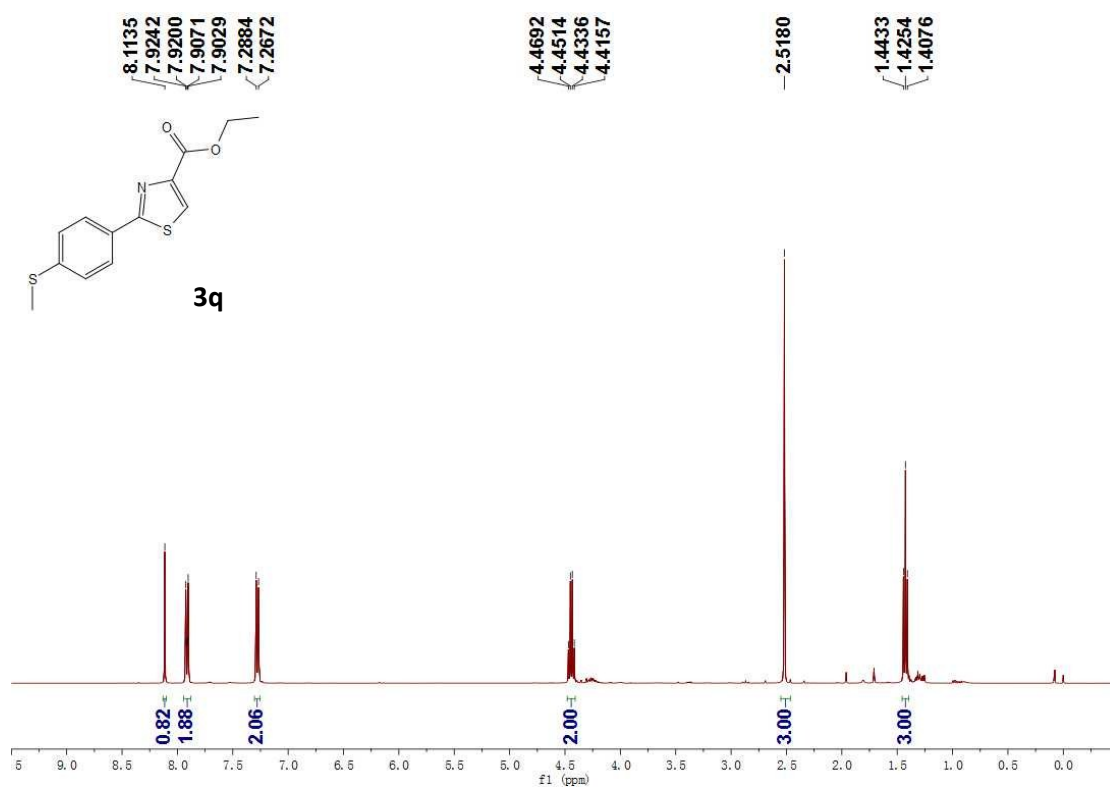


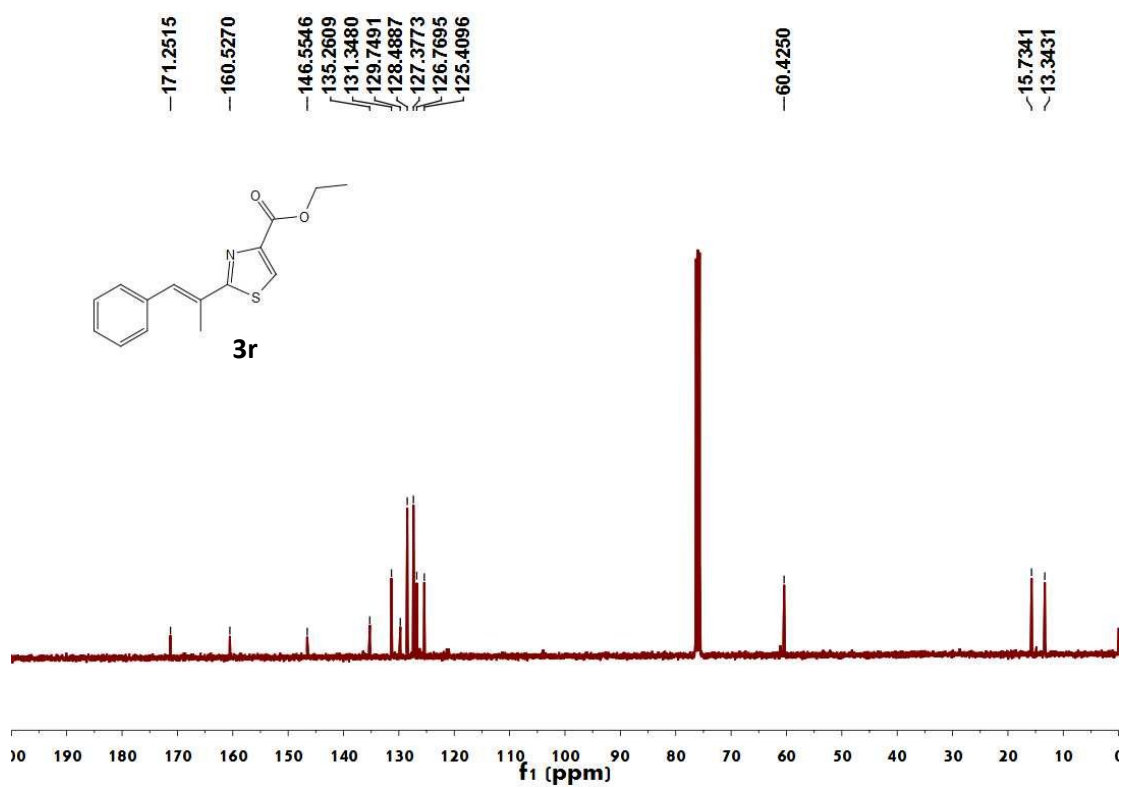
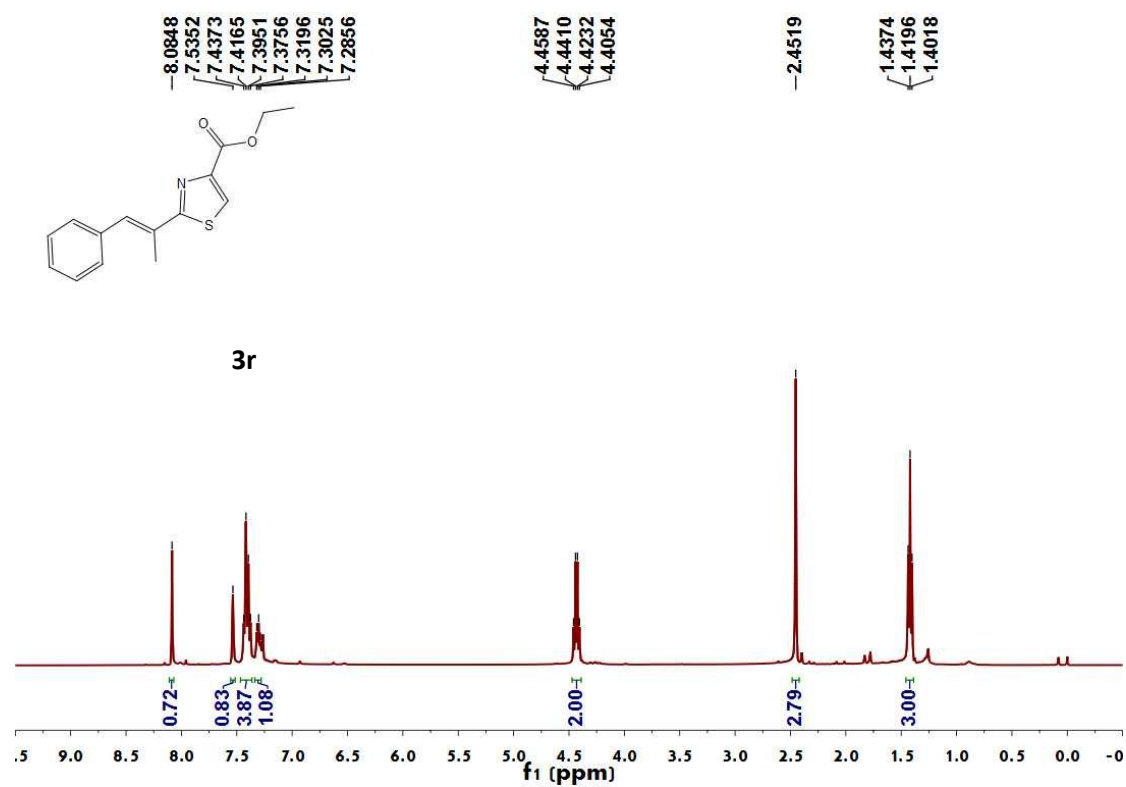


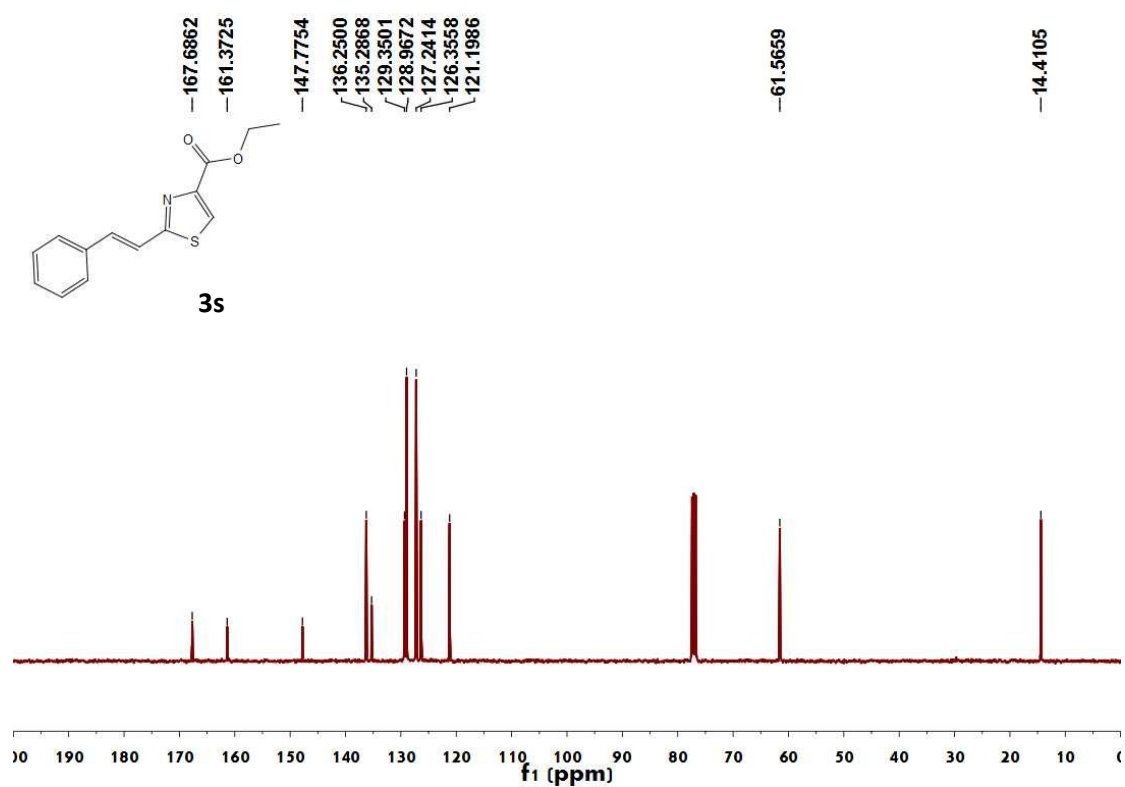
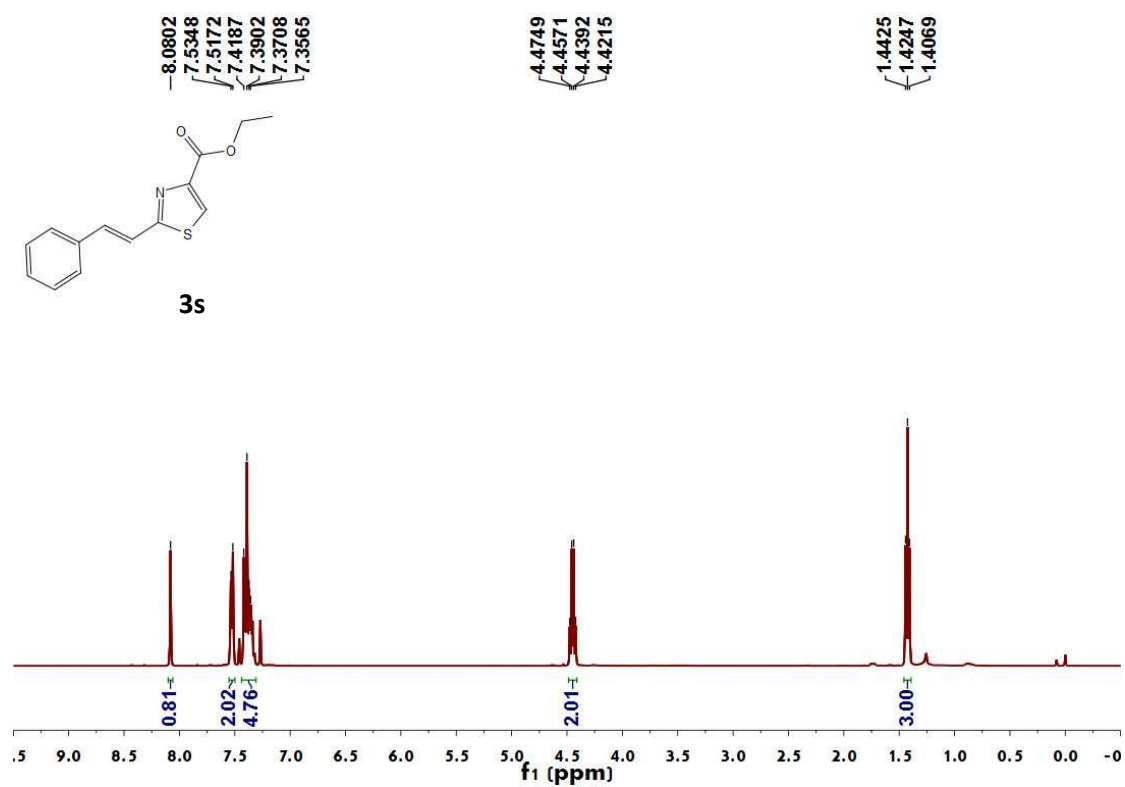


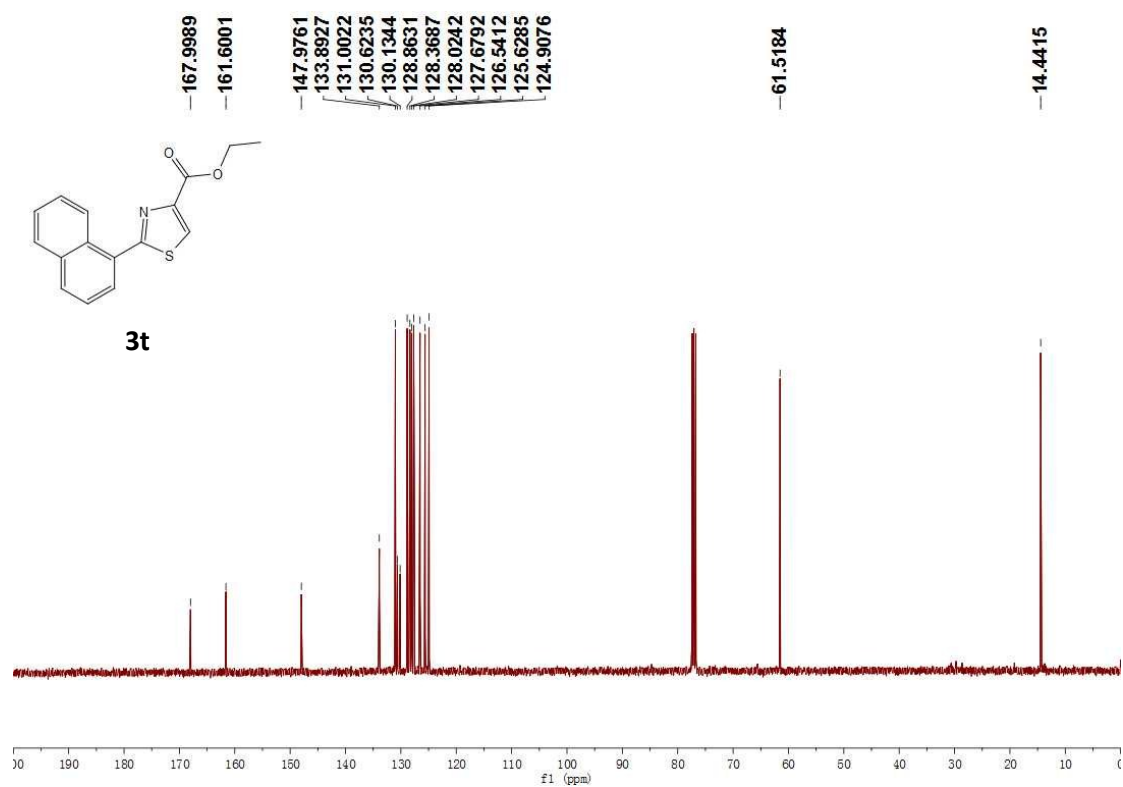
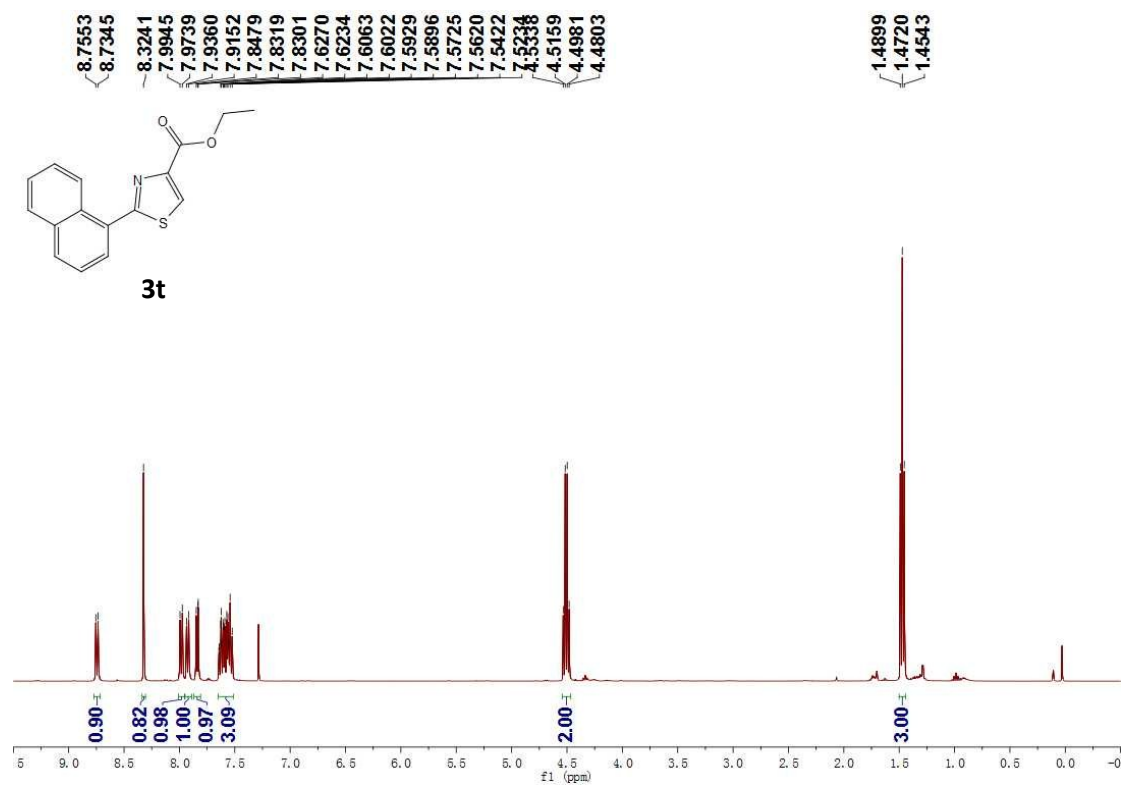


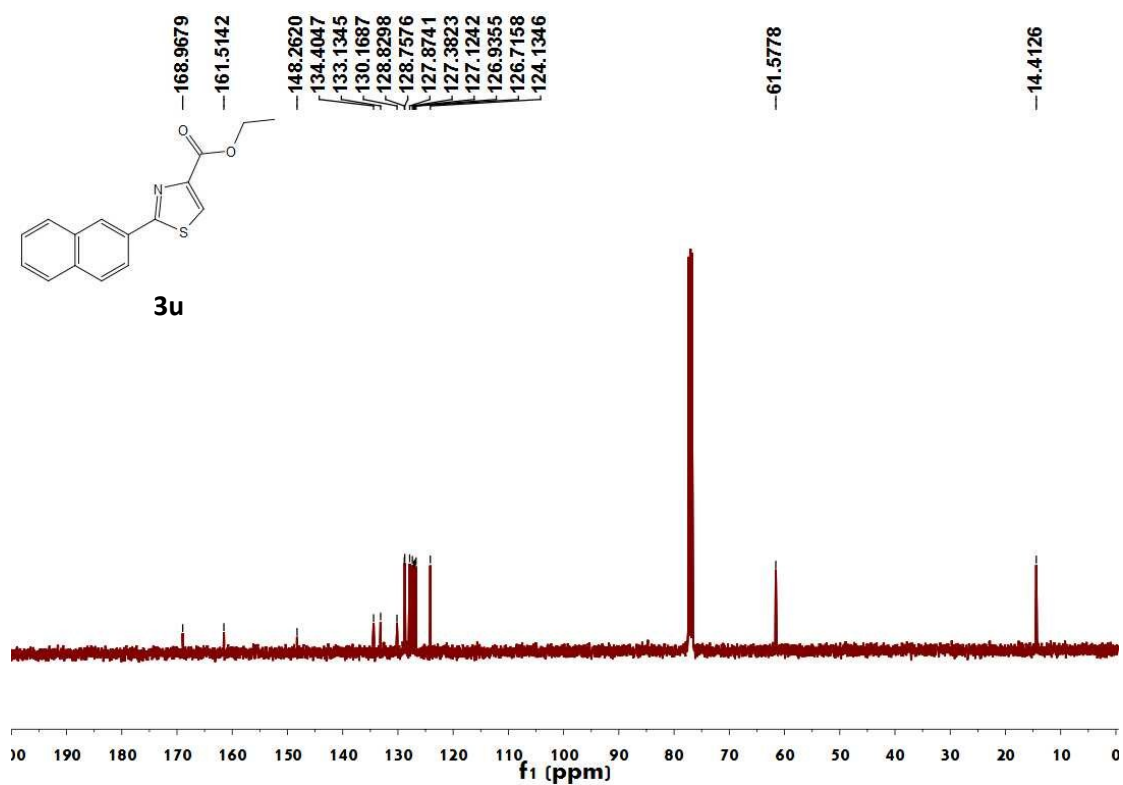
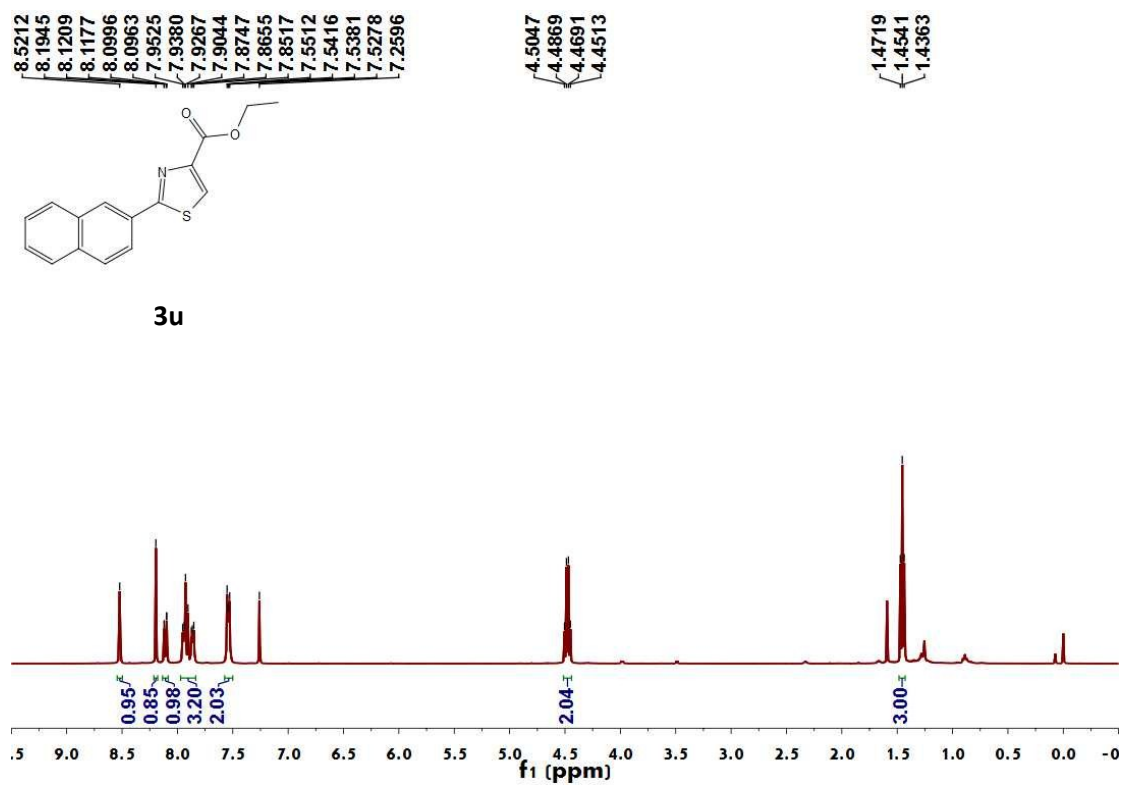


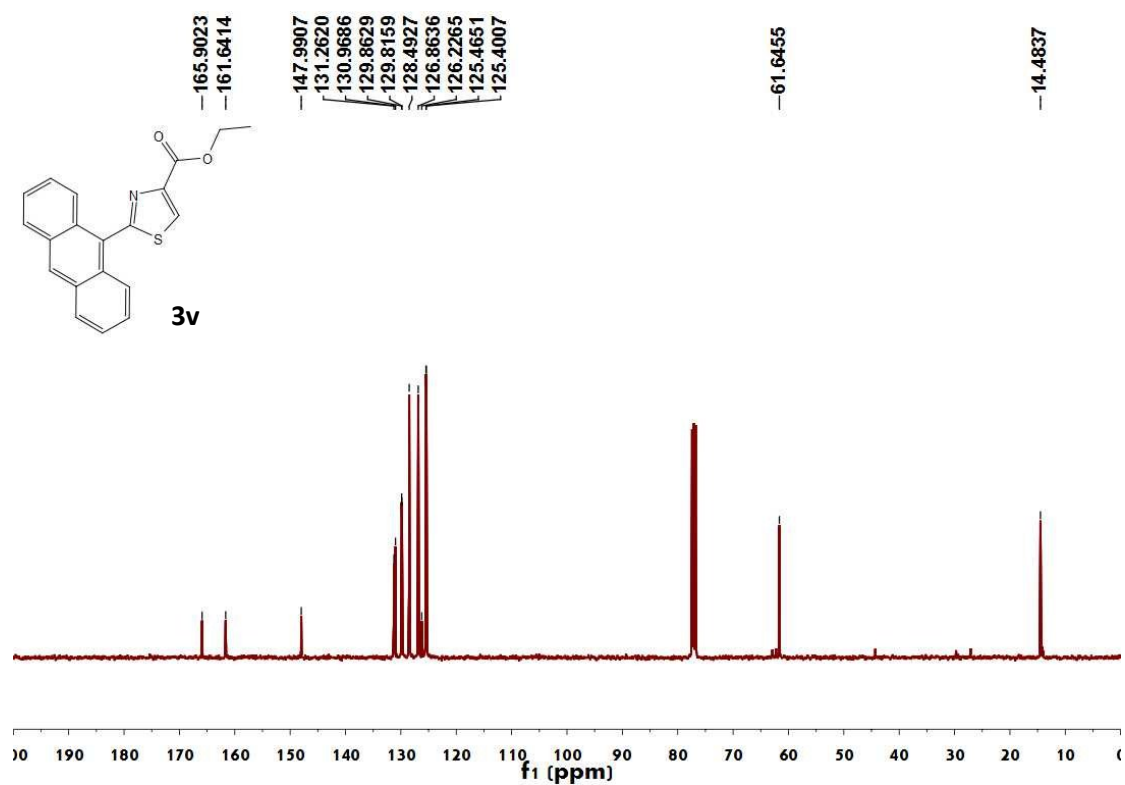
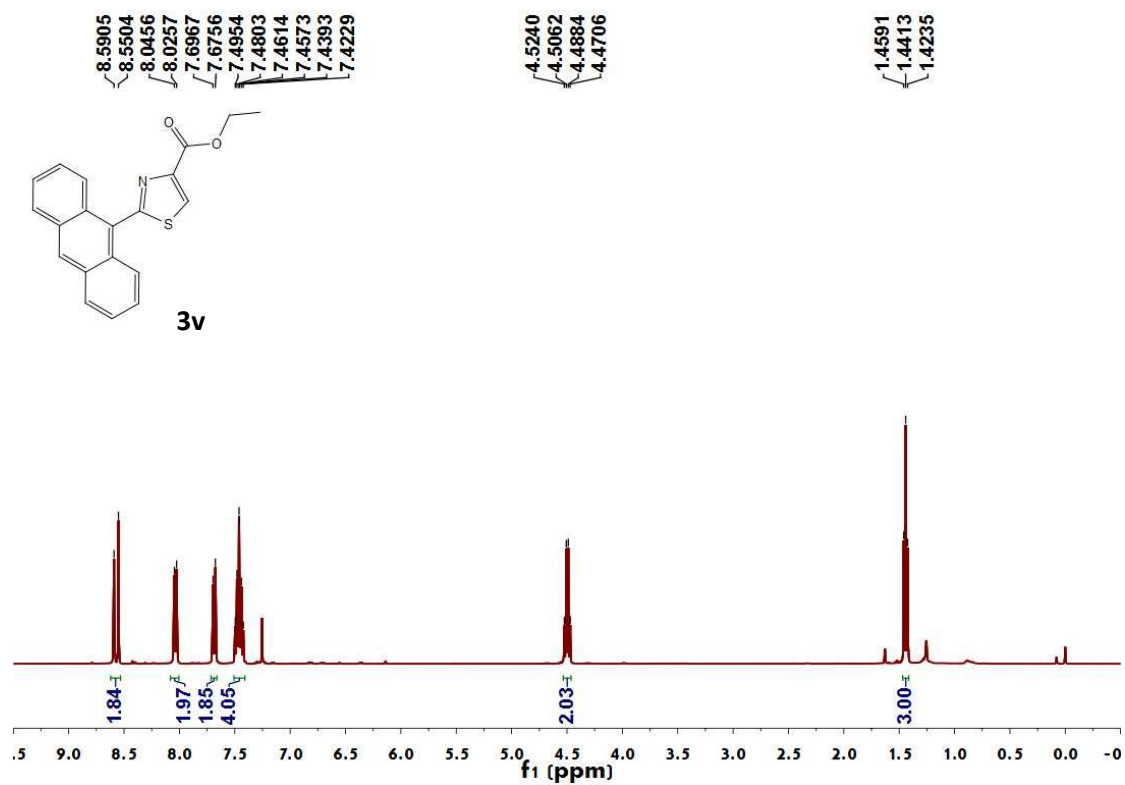


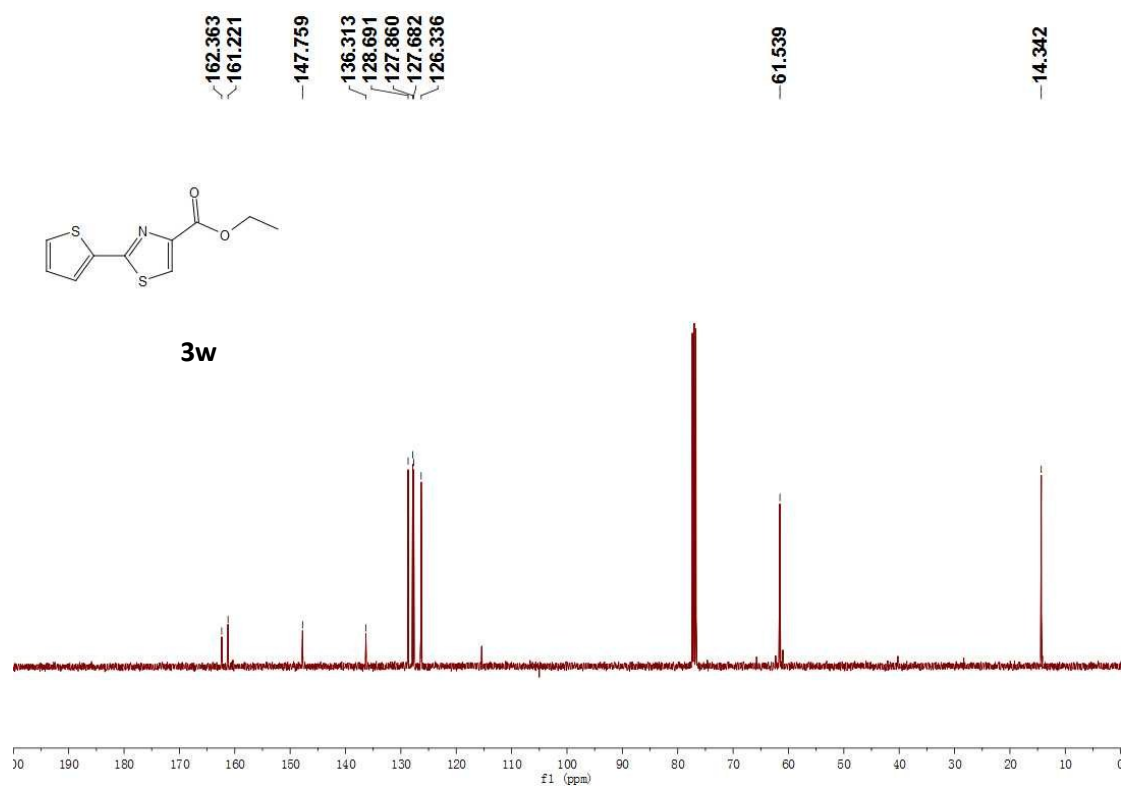
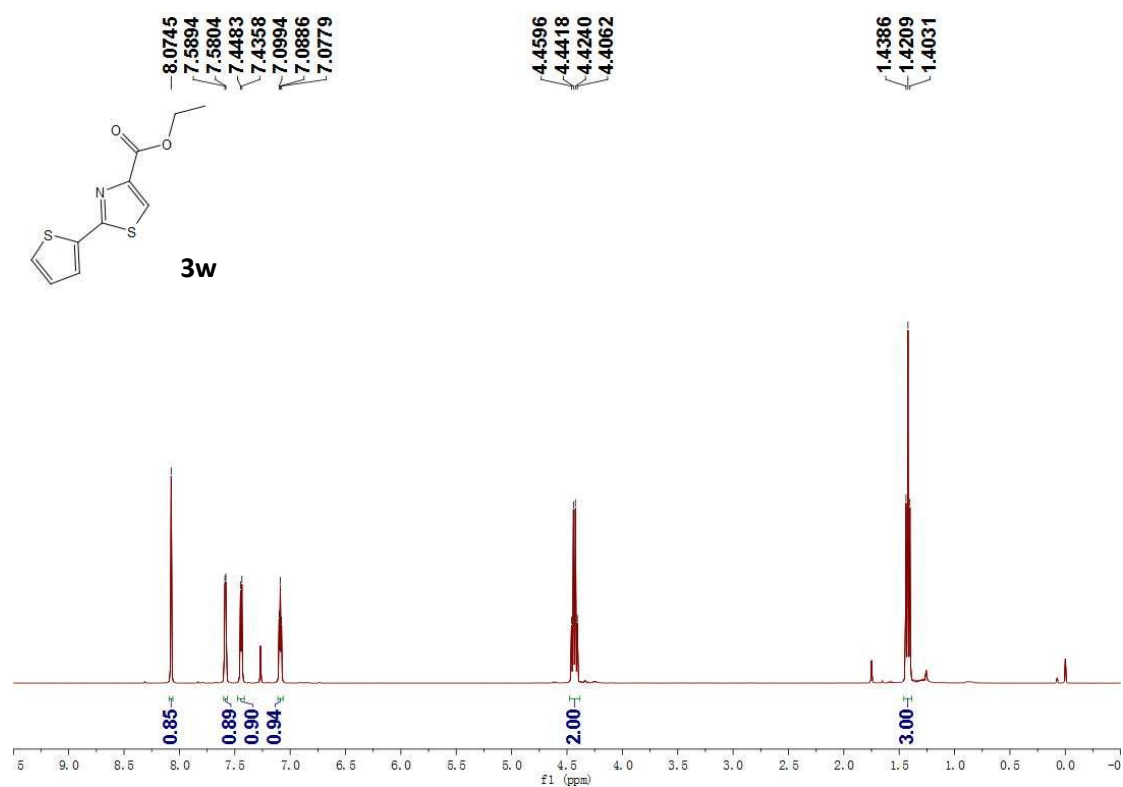


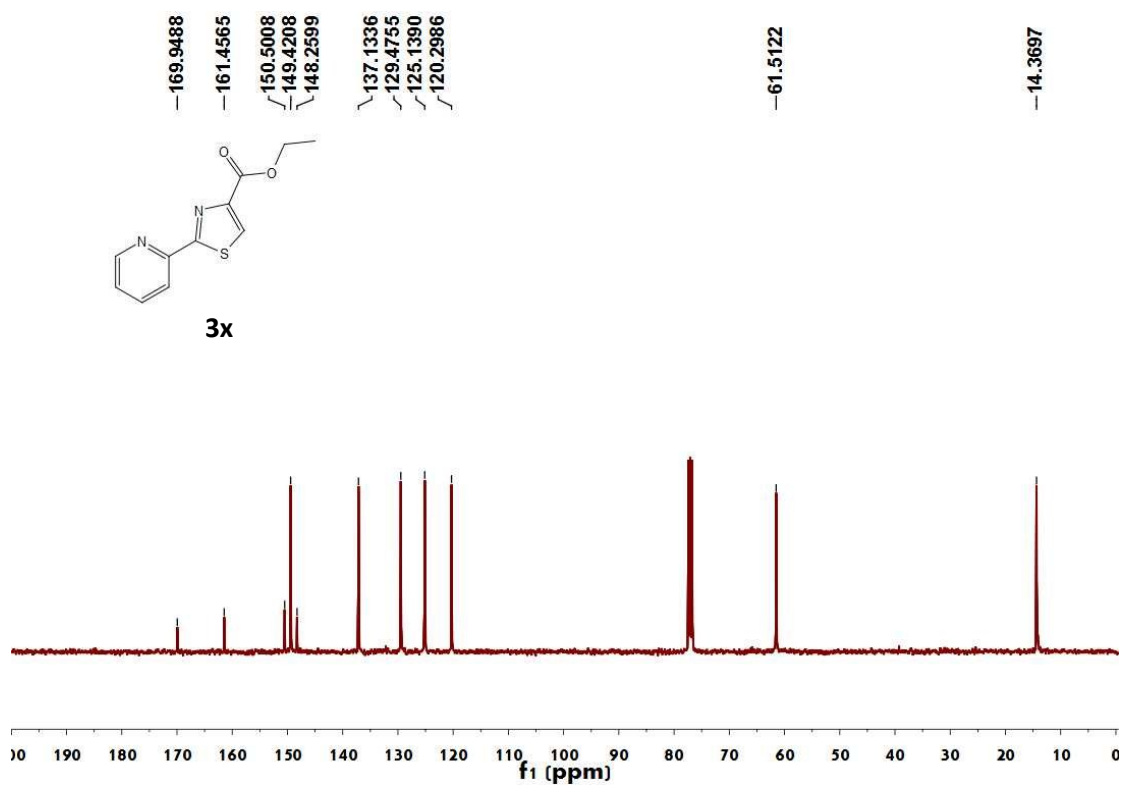
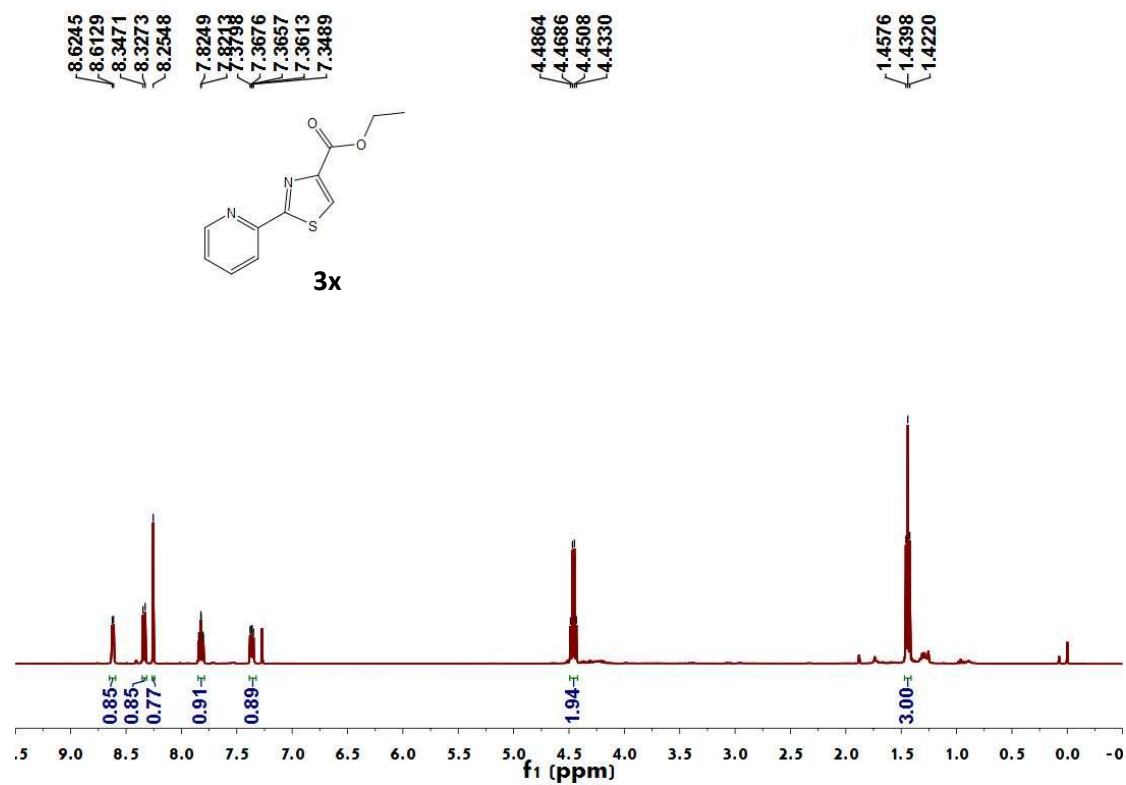


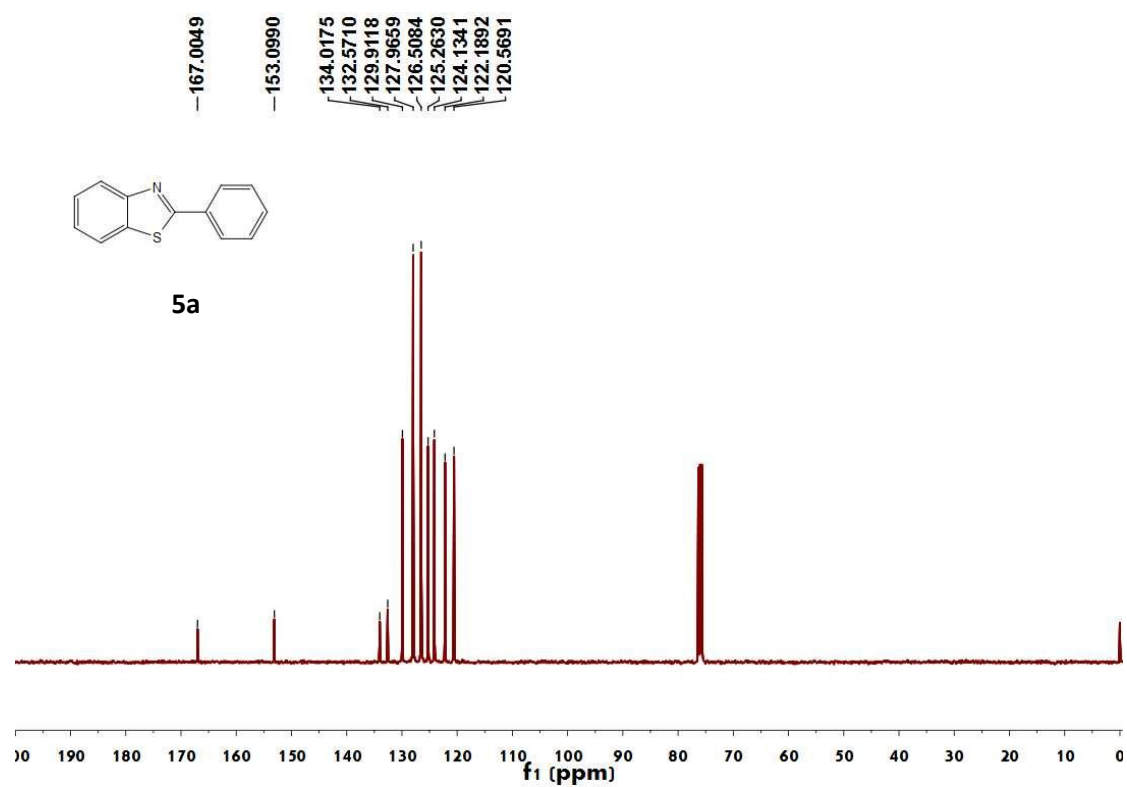
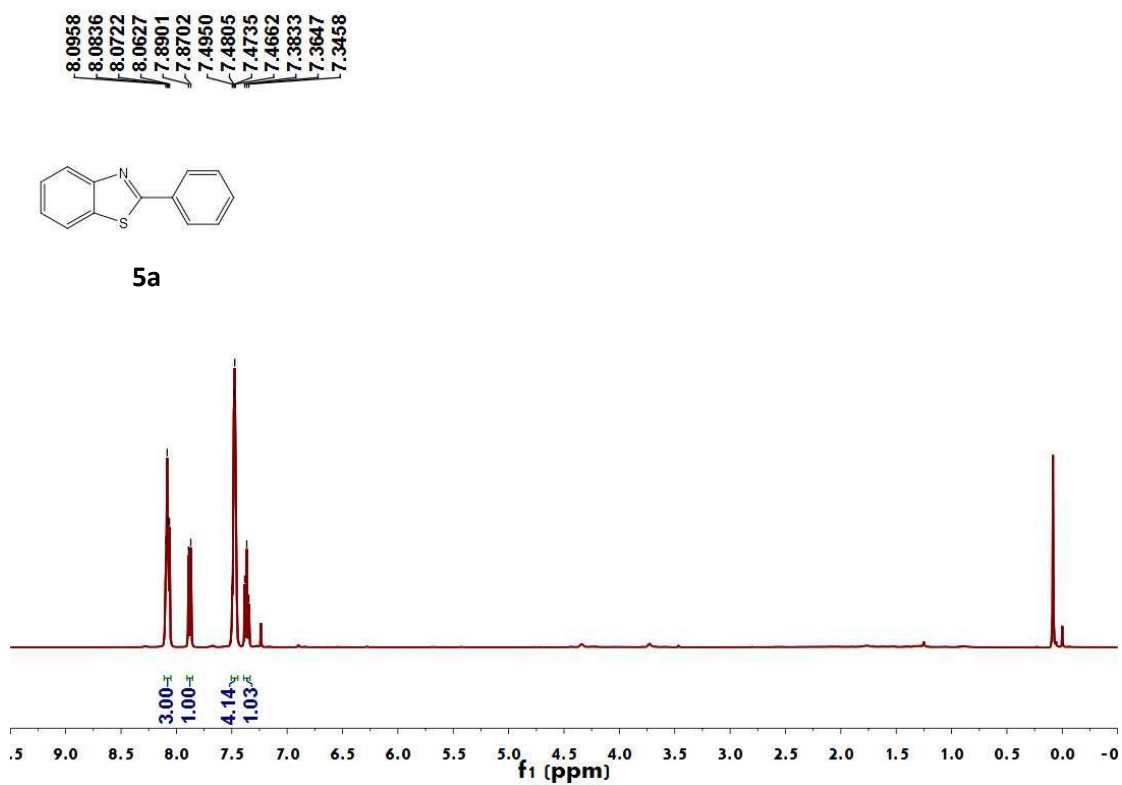


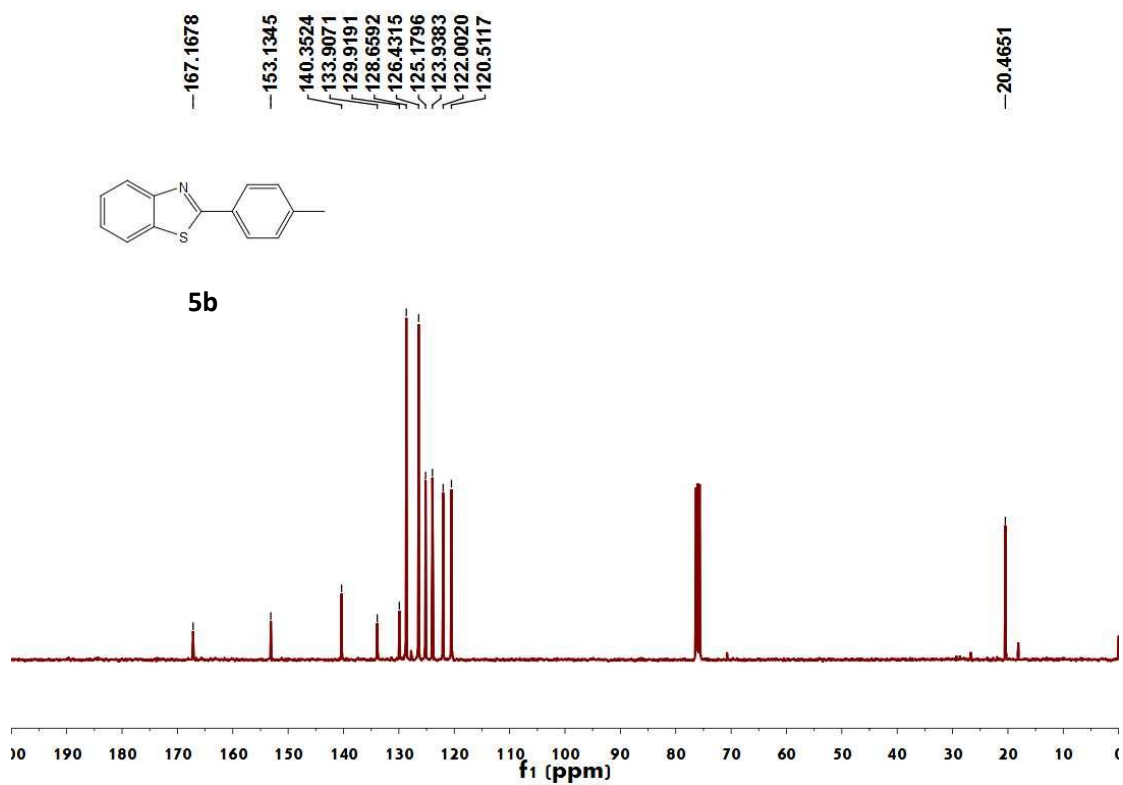
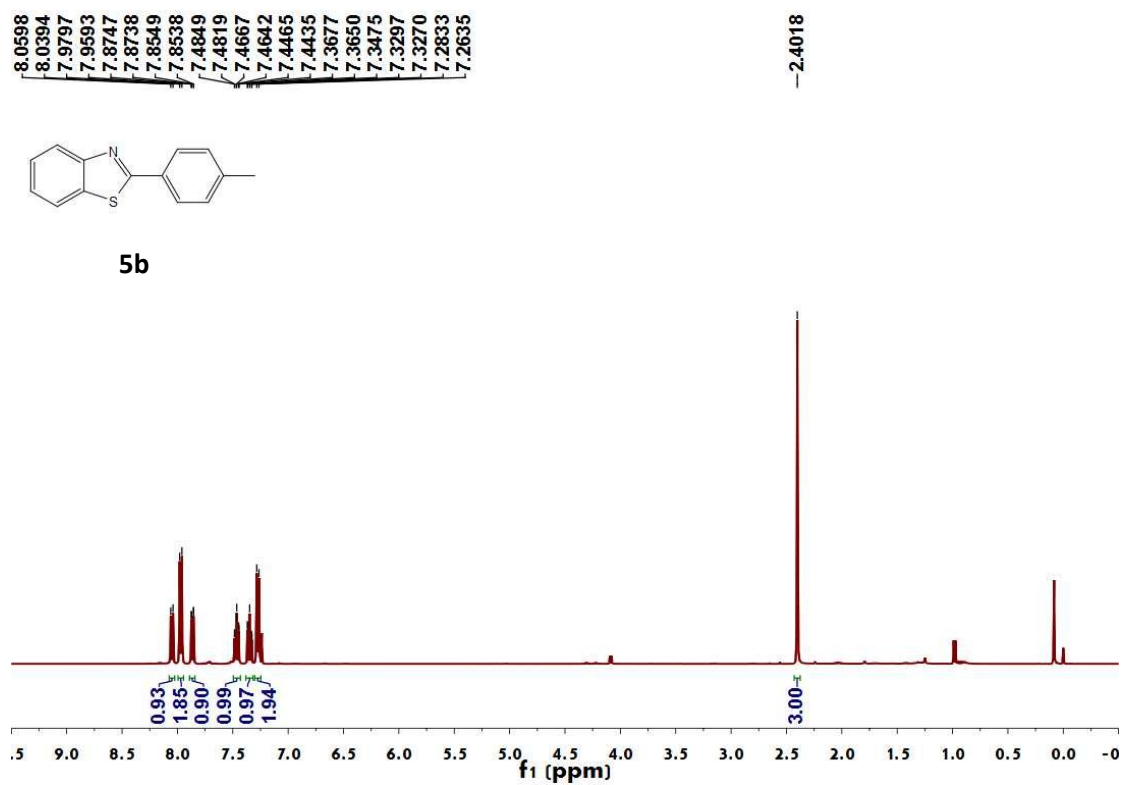


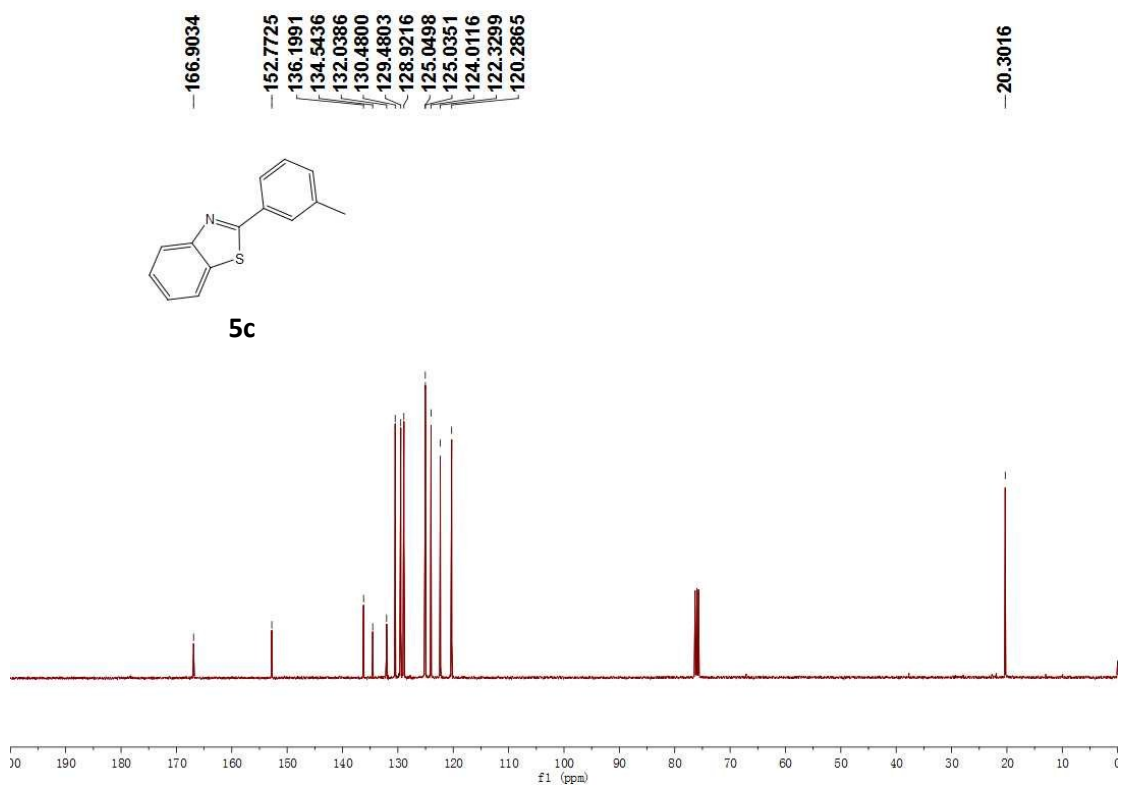
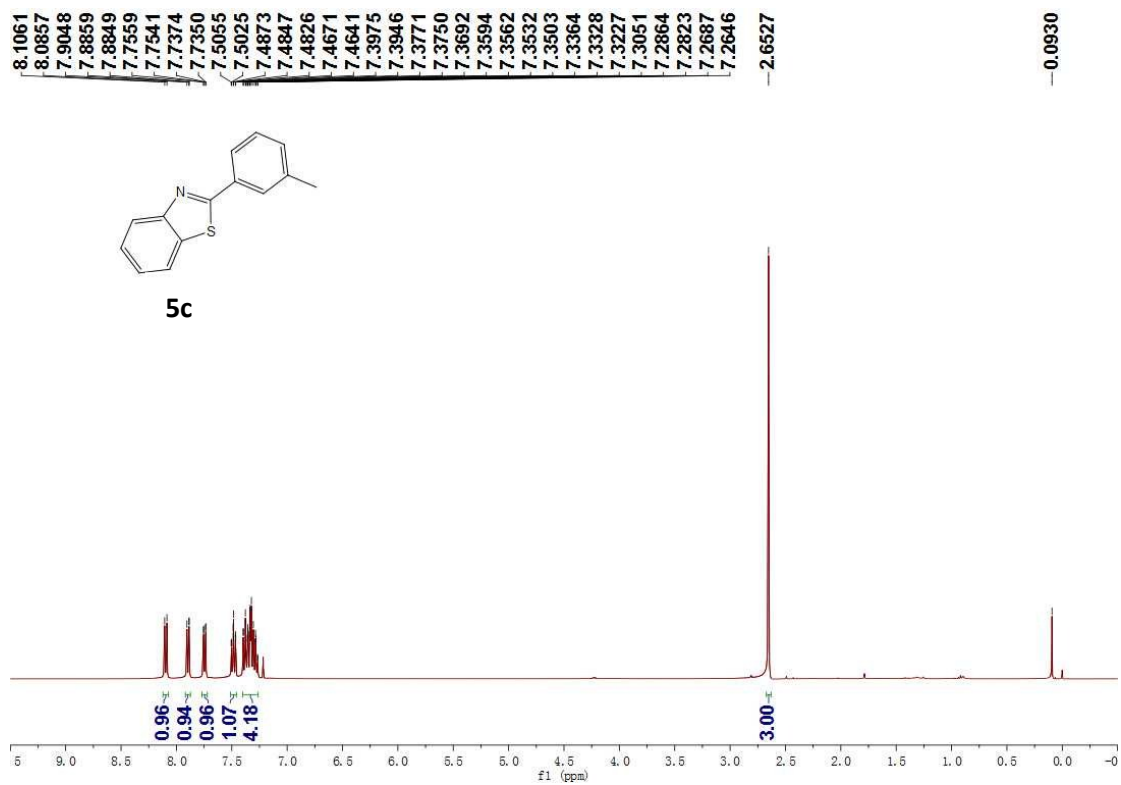


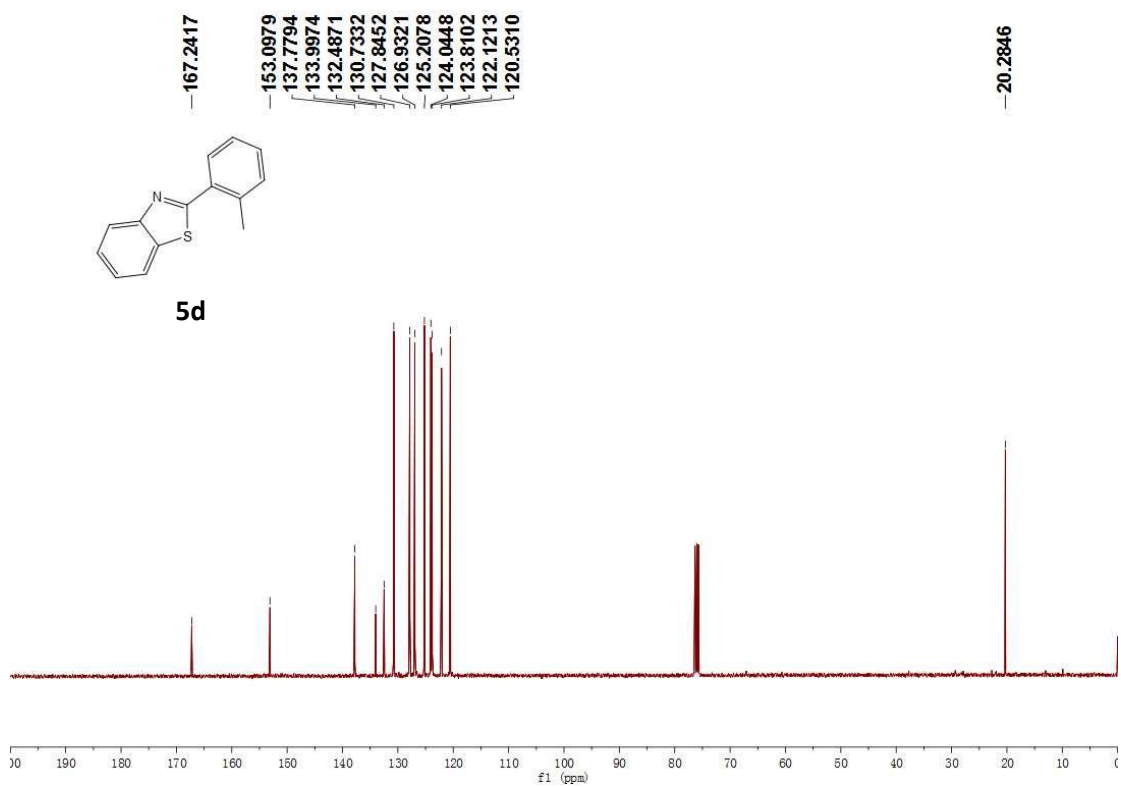
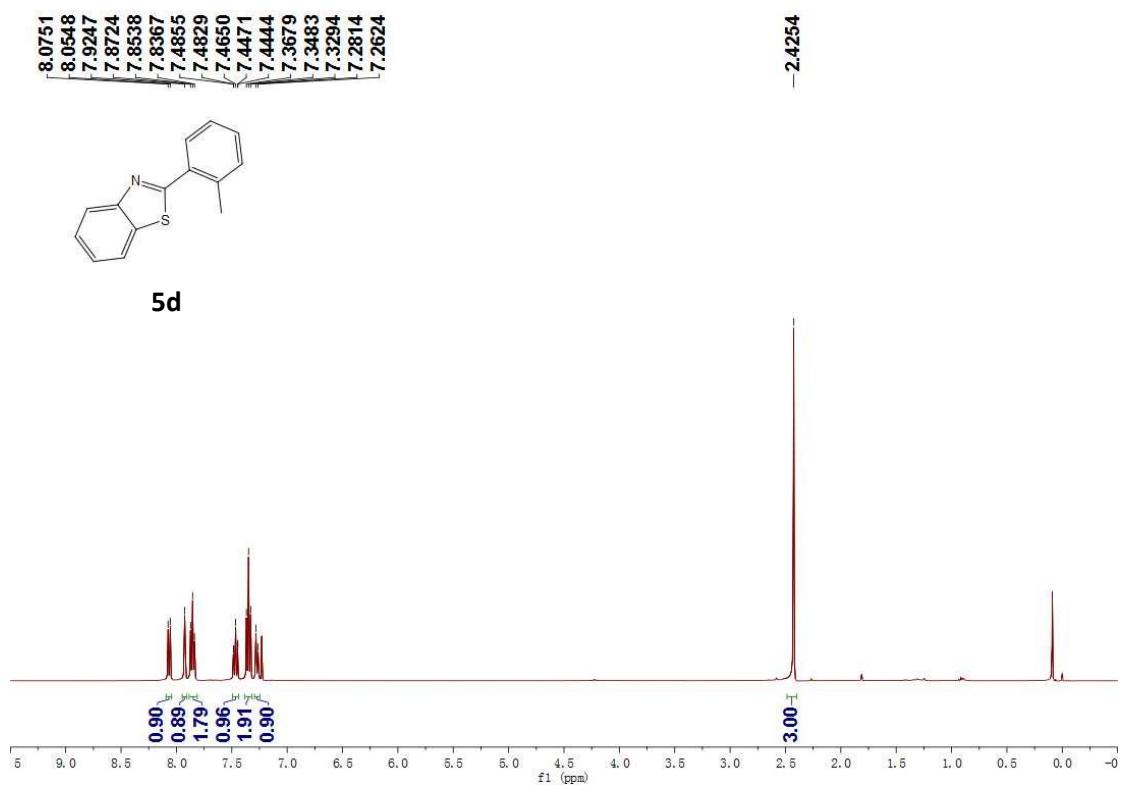


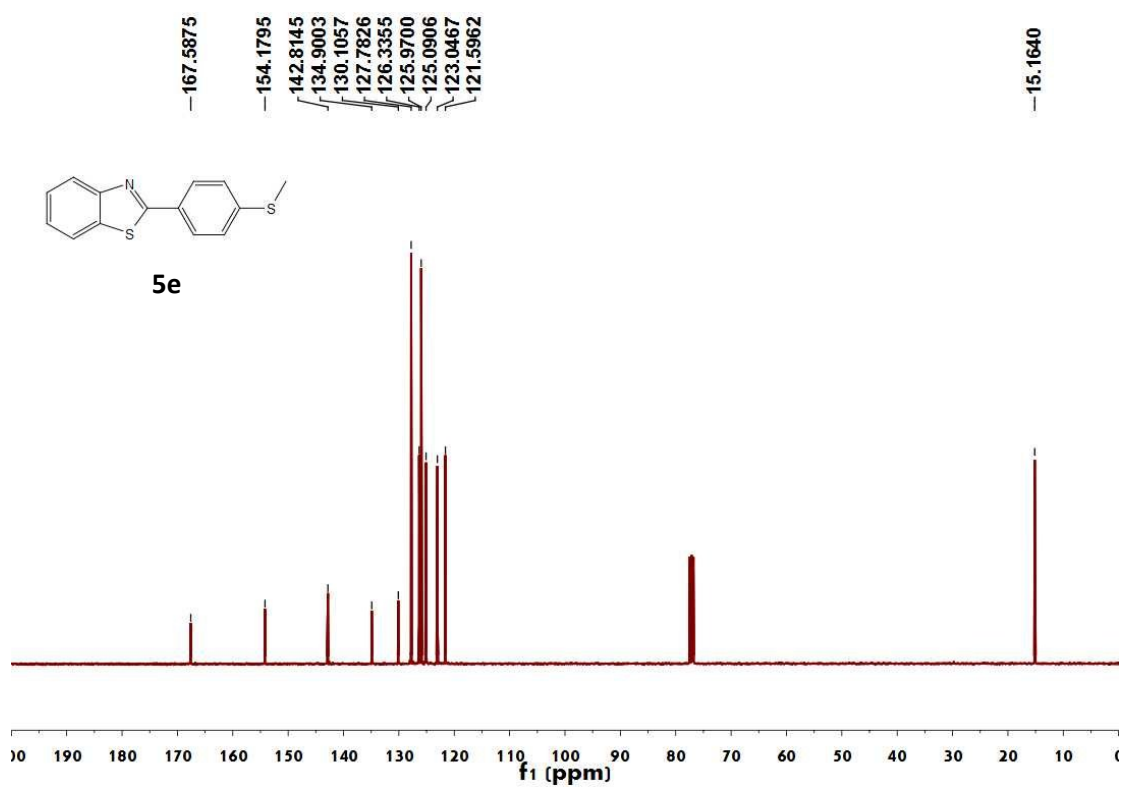
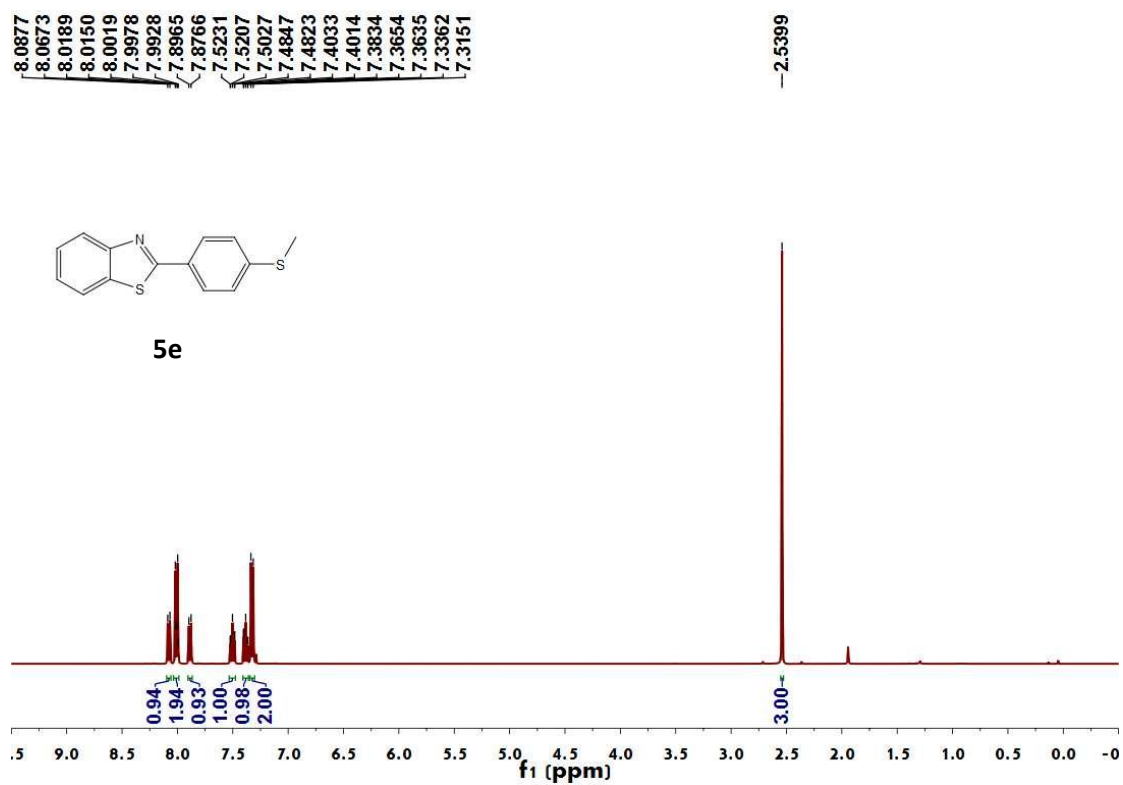




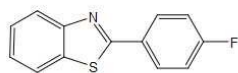




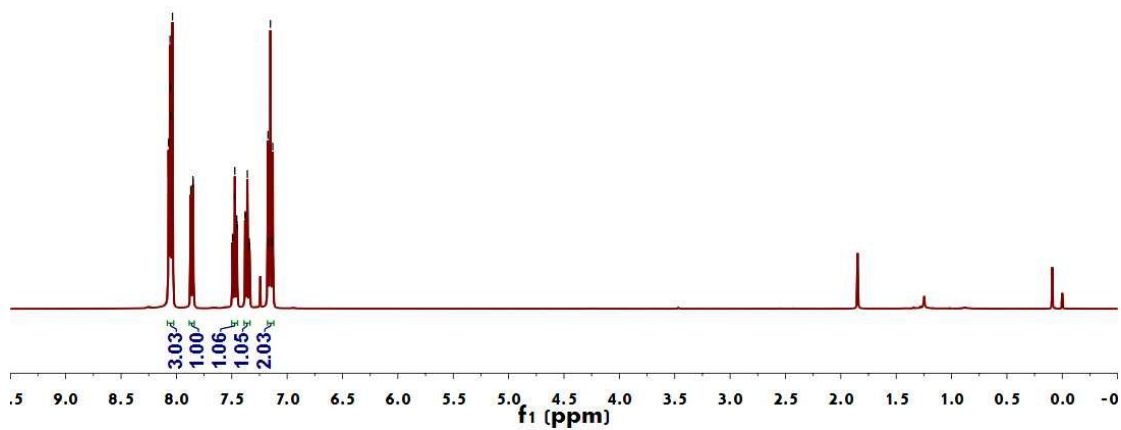




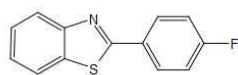
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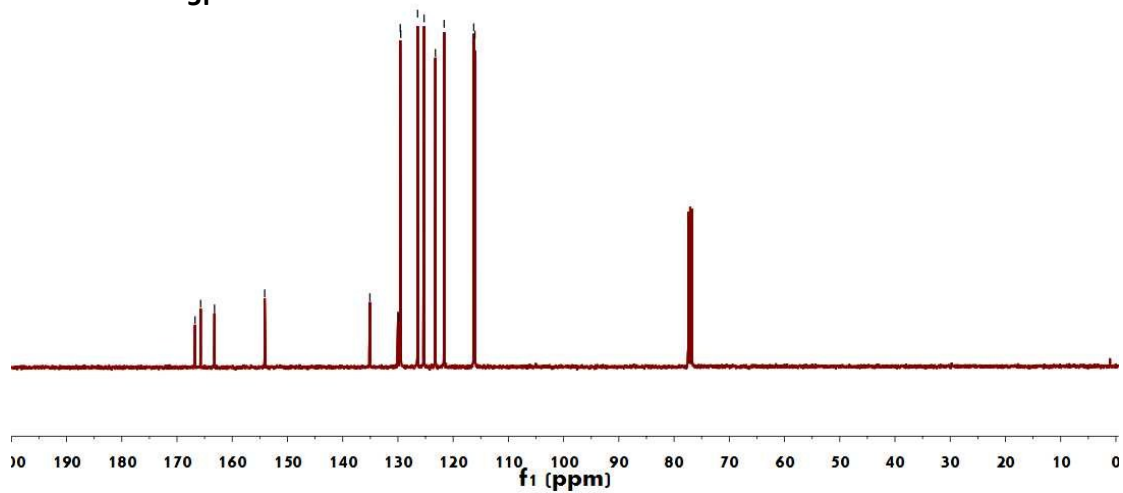
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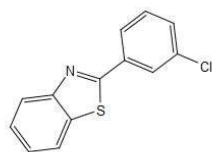
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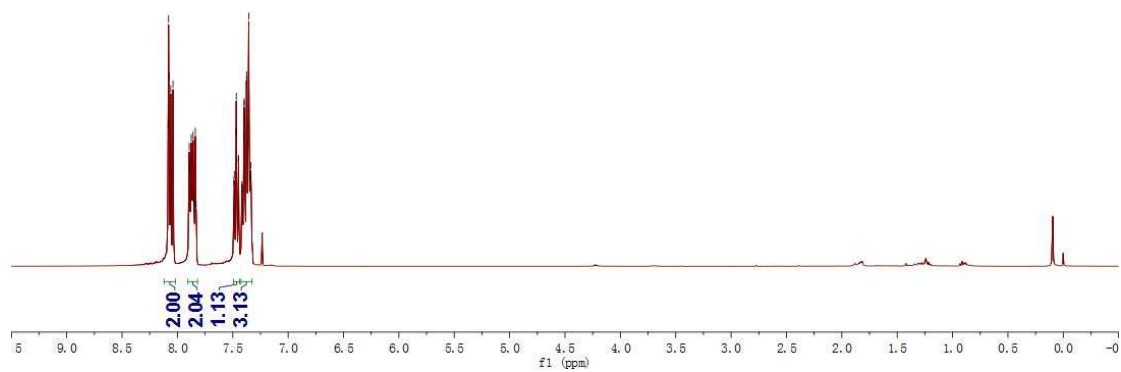
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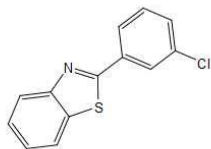
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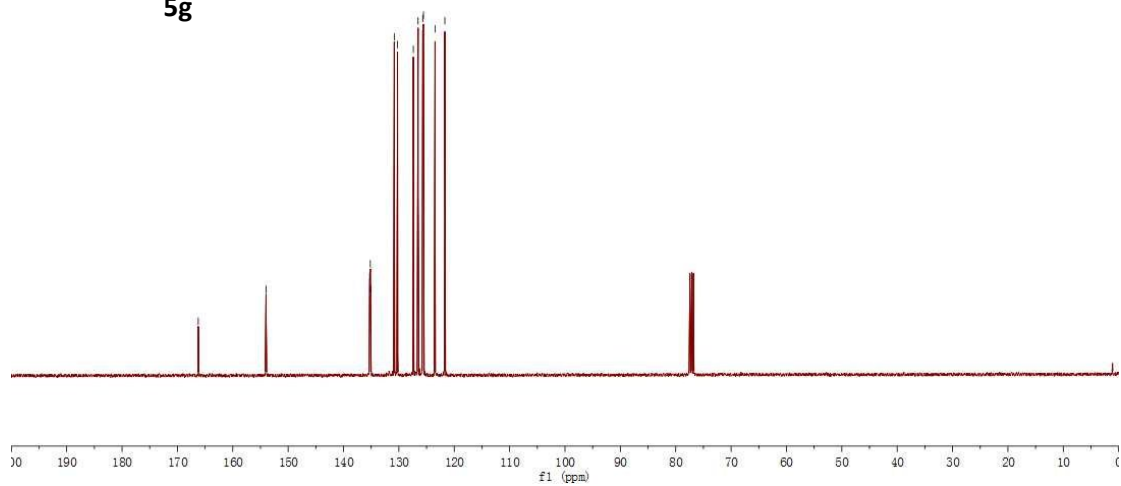
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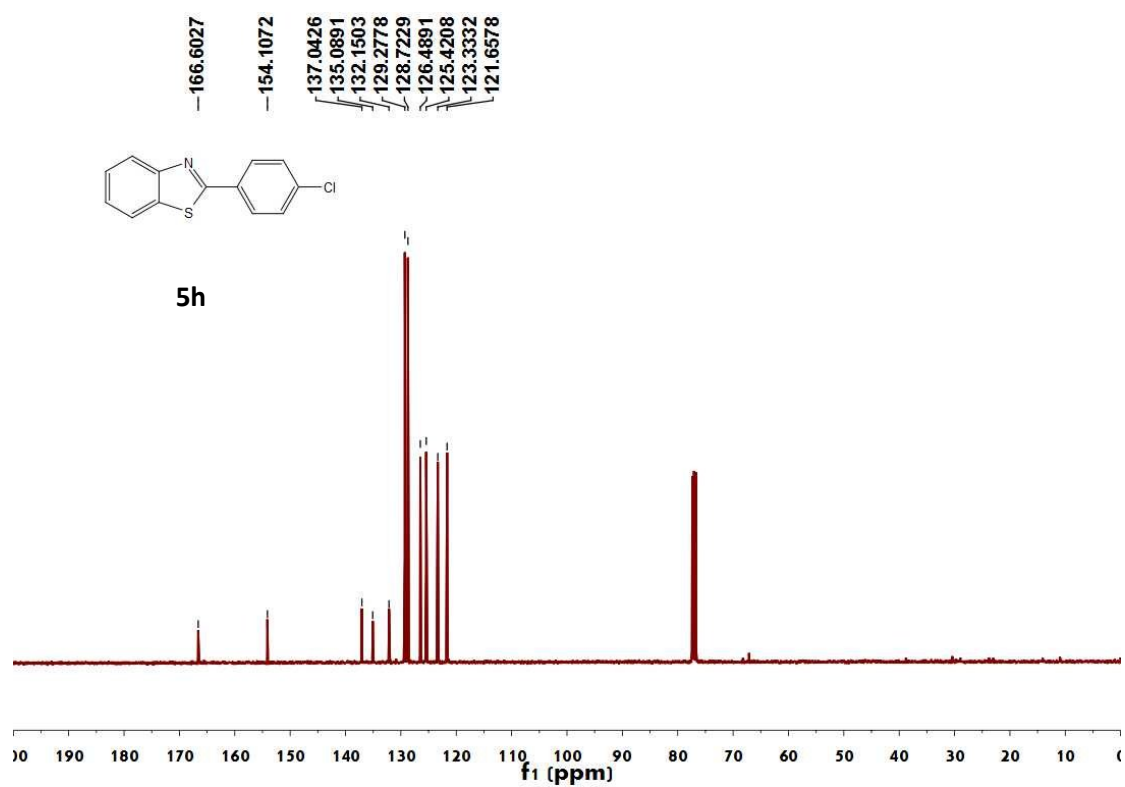
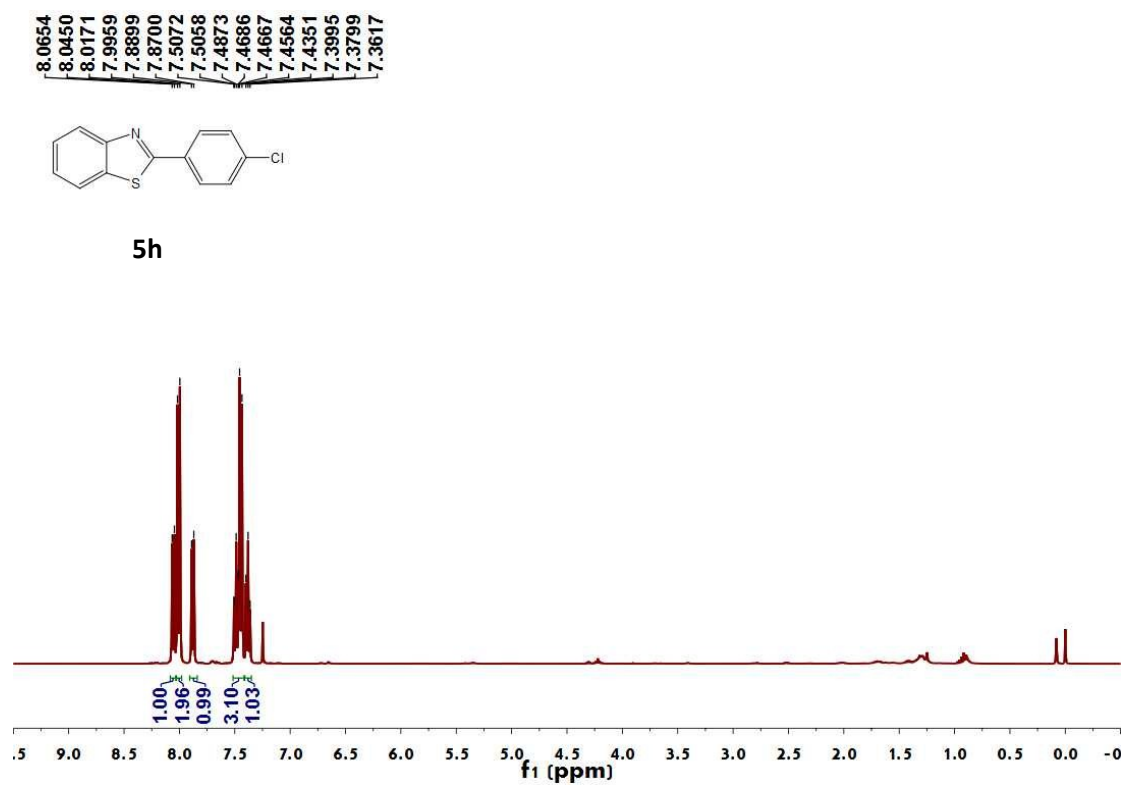


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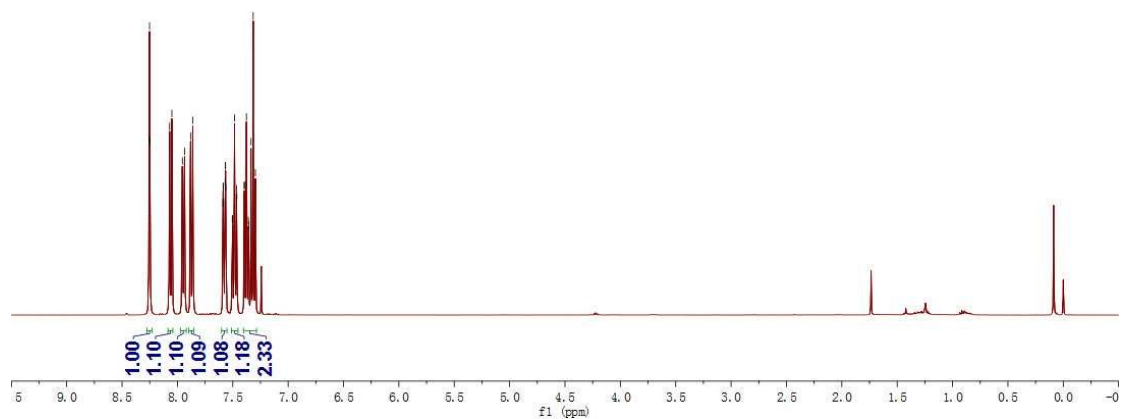
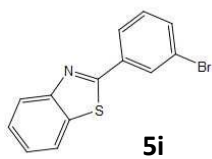


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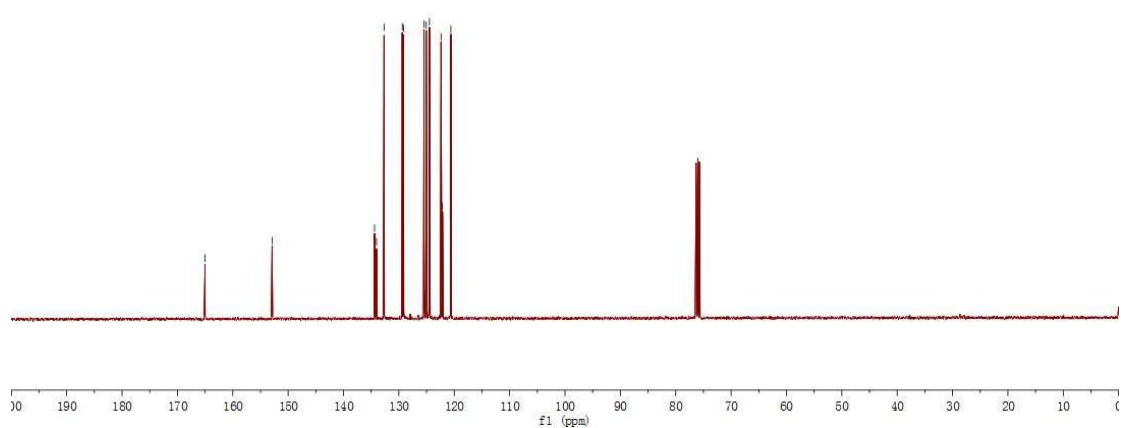


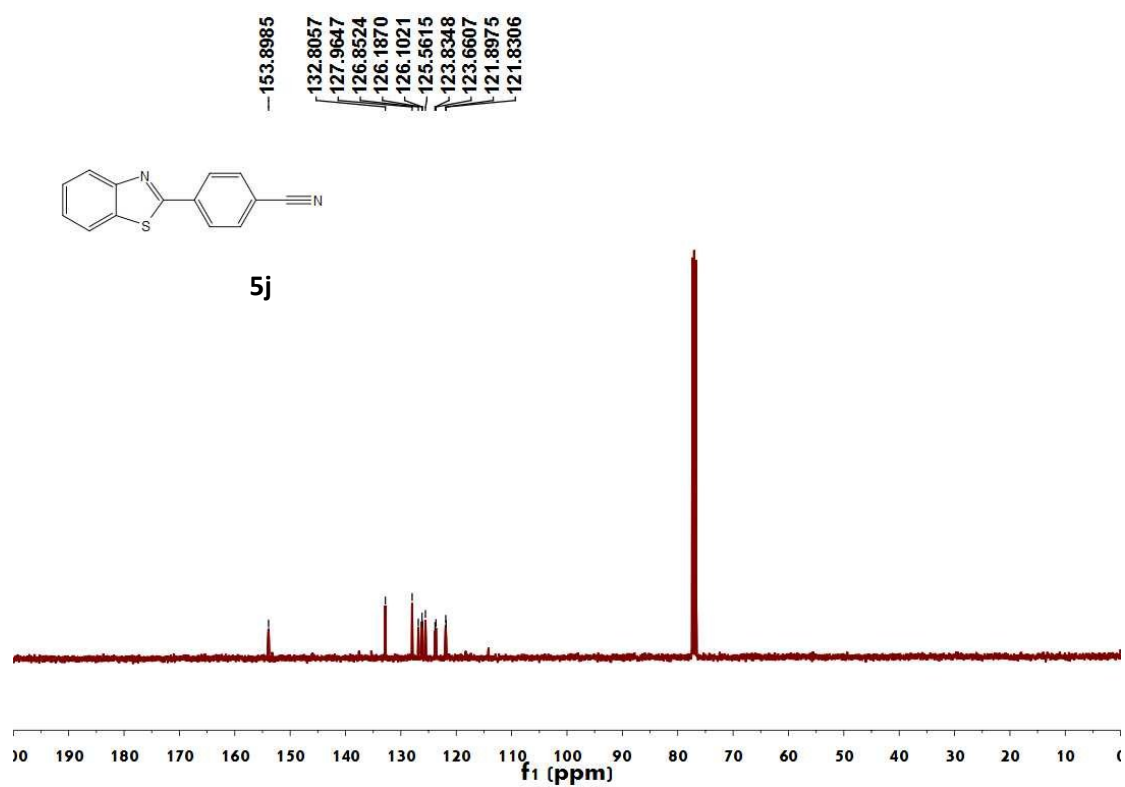
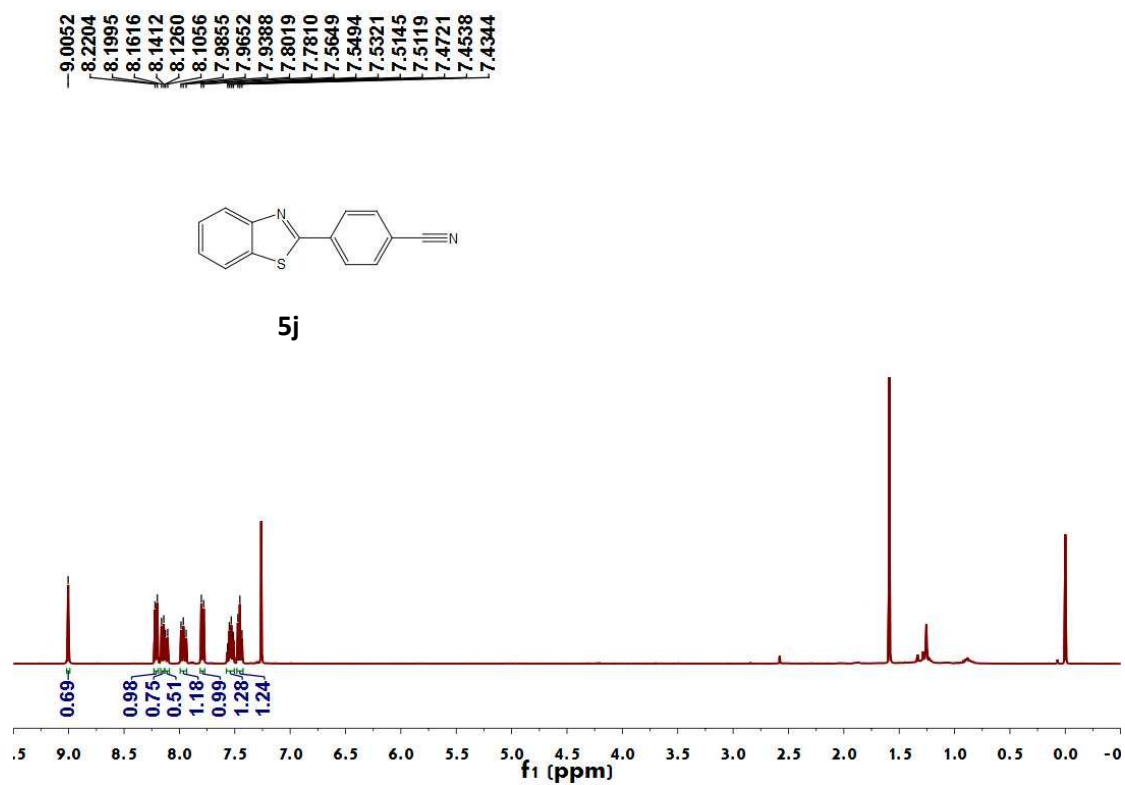


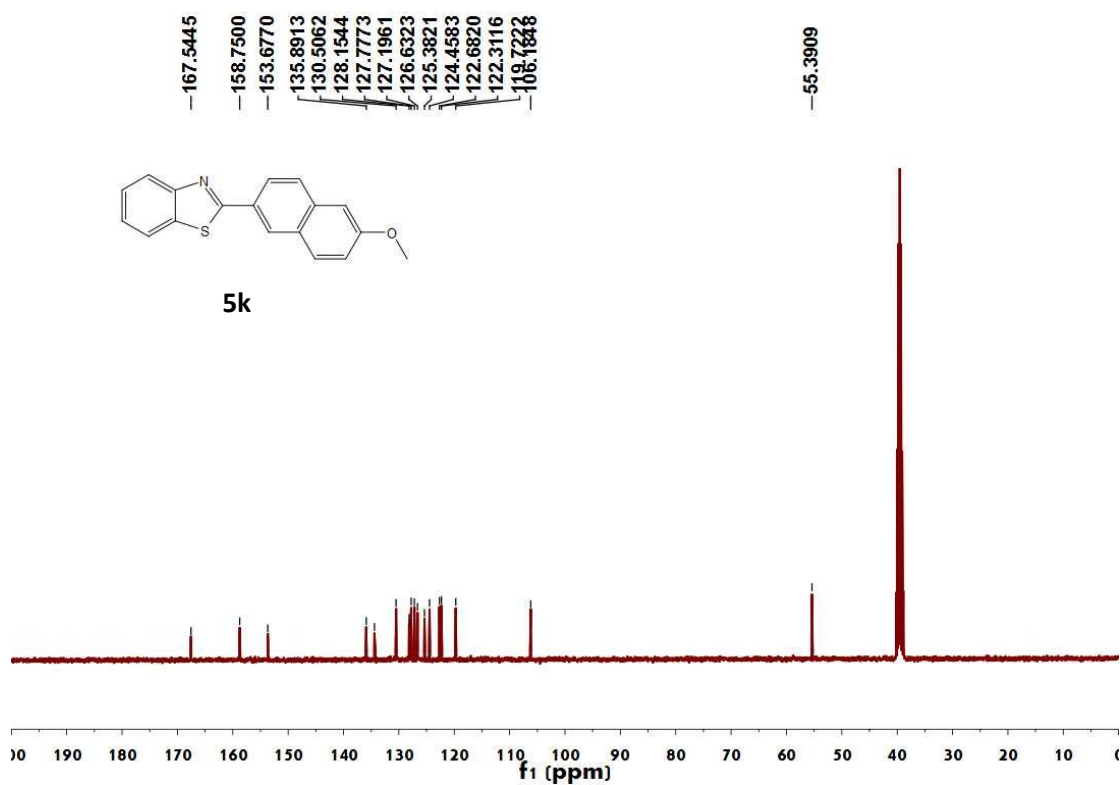
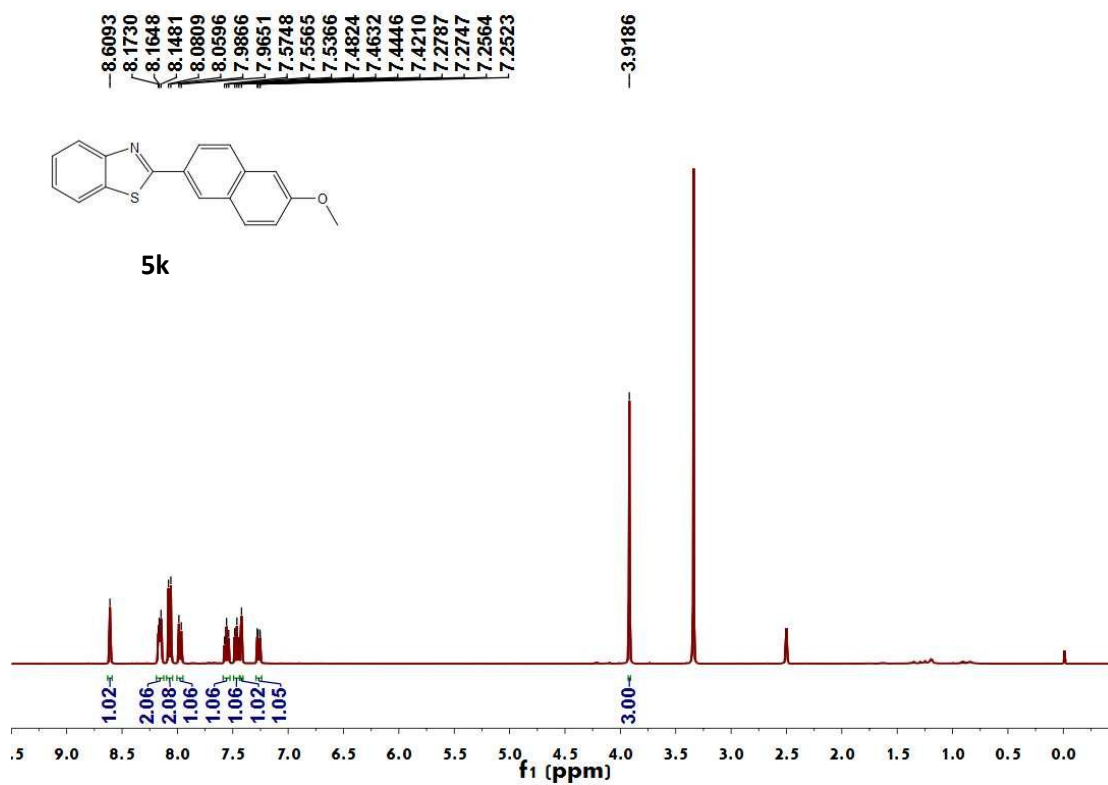
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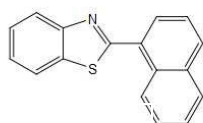
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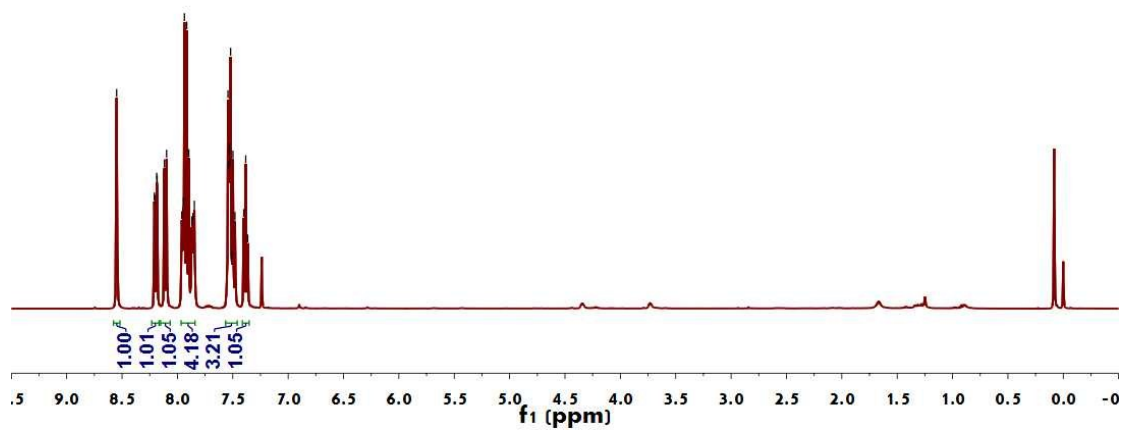




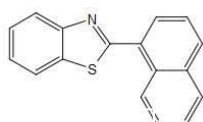
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