

Supporting Information

Fe-Catalyzed Oxidative C-H Functionalization / C-S Bond Formation

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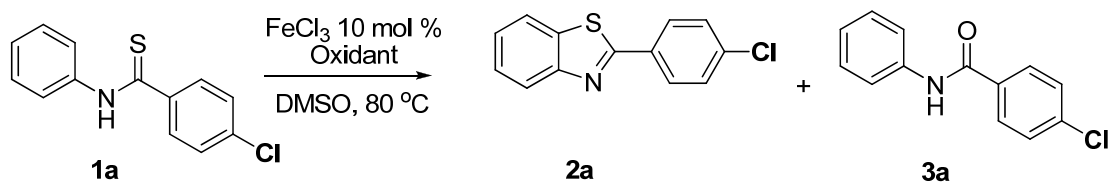
1. General Considerations

All manipulations were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques. All glassware was oven dried at 120 °C for more than 1 hour prior to use. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was dried and distilled from calcium hydride. Anhydrous dioxane was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (99.9+% in a SureSeal TM bottle). Anhydrous *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (99.5% in a SureSealTM bottle). Toluene was dried and distilled from sodium/benzophenone immediately prior to use under argon atmosphere. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was dried and distilled from sodium/benzophenone immediately prior to use under nitrogen atmosphere. Unless otherwise stated, analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were used as received. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) employed glass 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Flash chromatography columns were packed with 200-300 mesh silica gel in petroleum ether (bp. 30-60 °C). Gradient flash chromatography was conducted eluting with a continuous gradient from petroleum ether to the indicated solvent, which are listed below as volume/volume ratios.

All new compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS. The known compounds were characterized by ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz NMR spectrometer or a Varian Mercury 600 MHz NMR spectrometer. The chemical shifts (δ) were given in part per million relative to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS, 0 ppm for ¹H) and CDCl₃ (77.16 ppm for ¹³C) or [D₆]DMSO (39.52 ppm for ¹³C). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured with a Waters Micromass GCT instrument and accurate masses were reported for the molecular ion (M⁺). HPLC yields were recorded with a Dionex P680A LPG-4 high performance liquid chromatography instrument with a UV detector. For the *in situ* IR kinetic experiments, the reaction spectra were recorded using a React IR iC10 from Mettler-Toledo AutoChem fitted with a diamond-tipped probe.

2. Detailed results of Screening

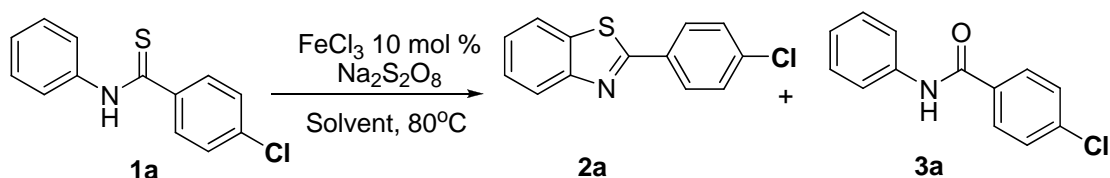
Table S1: Oxidant Effect.^[a]



Entry	Oxidant	Conversion 1a [%]	Yield[%]	
			2a	3a
1	O_2	2	0	2
2	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$	100	31	49
3	$2\text{KHSO}_5, \text{KHSO}_4, \text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$	100	2	98
4	ZnO_2	5	0	5
5	$\text{NaBO}_3 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	42	0	23
6	$t\text{BuOO}^t\text{Bu}$	73	0	73
7	$t\text{BuOOH}$	91	14	56
8	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$	100	68	28
9	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$	1	0	1

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), oxidant (0.5 mmol) and FeCl_3 (0.05 mmol) in 2 mL of DMSO at 80 °C for 4 h. Yields were determined by HPLC with internal standard.

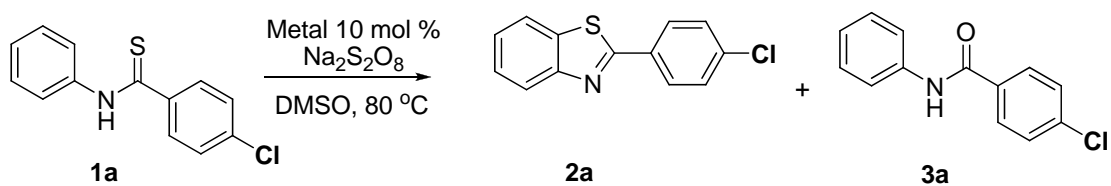
Table S2: Solvent Effect.^[a]



Entry	Solvent	Conversion 1a [%]	Yield[%]	
			2a	3a
1	DMSO	100	63	29
2	DMF	38	10	26
3	Toluene	24	1	10
4	Dioxane	17	0	11
5^b	DMSO	100	68	28

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (0.5 mmol) and FeCl_3 (0.05 mmol) in 2 mL dry solvent at 80 °C for 4 h. Yields were determined by HPLC with internal standard. [b] DMSO without distillation.

Table S3: Catalyst Effect.^[a]

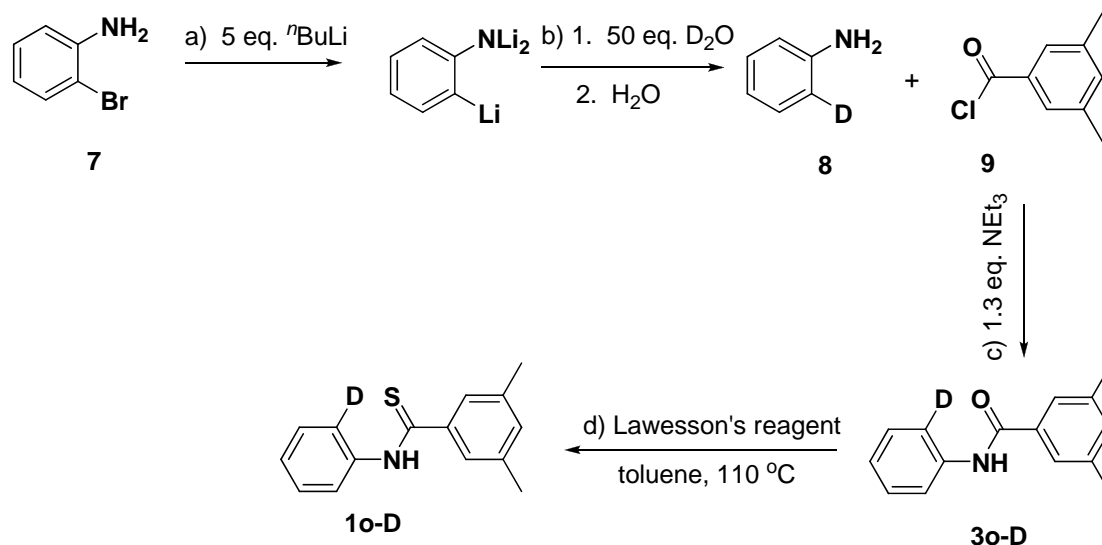


Entry	Oxidant	Conversion 1a [%]	Yield[%]	
			2a	3a
1	$\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$	100	7	79
2	$\text{NiCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$	100	15	67
3	CuI	100	1	47
4	CuCl_2	100	13	66
5	$\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	100	21	70
6	CoCl_2	100	15	70
7	FeCl_3	100	68	28
8	no	100	16	81

[a] Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (0.5 mmol) and catalyst (0.05 mmol) in 2 mL DMSO 80 °C for 4 h. Yields were determined by HPLC with internal standard.

3. Isotope Effect Experiments

3.1. Preparation of **1o-D**



Scheme S1. Preparation of **1o-D**. a) added 5 equiv. *n*BuLi at -78 °C and stirred for 1h, then warmed to rt and stirred for 1h; b) added 50 equiv. D₂O at -78 °C, then warmed to rt stirred for 1h, quenched with water; c) added 1.1 equiv. **9** to the mixture of pure **8** and 1.3 equiv. NEt₃ at rt; d) 0.55 equiv. Lawesson's Reagent, refluxed in toluene for 3 h.

Preparation 2-deuterium aniline (8): A Schlenk flask equipped with a stir-bar was purged with nitrogen. 2-Bromoaniline (5.16 g, 30.0 mmol) and 30 mL of anhydrous THF was added to the reaction flask via a syringe and then *n*BuLi (62.5 mL, 150 mmol, 2.4 M) was added to the mixture at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, the mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 1 h. Then D₂O (1.5 mol) was adding to the reaction mixture at -78 °C, which was warmed to rt and kept at rt for 1 h. Finally the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL x 2). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure, and then purified by silica gel chromatograph (ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether = 1 : 40) to obtain the compound **8** 0.62 g (yield 22%).

Preparation N-(2-deuterium phenyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzothiozamide (1o-D): To a 50 mL flask equipped with a stir-bar was added compound **8** (0.4744 g, 5.0 mmol), NEt₃ (0.6868 g, 6.5 mmol) and 10 mL of CH₂Cl₂. Then 3,5-dimethylbenzoyl chloride (0.9555 g, 5.5 mmol) was added slowly at rt. 3 h later, the reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL x 2). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the crude **3o-D**. A Schlenk flask equipped with a stir-bar was charged with **3o-D** (0.9012 g, 4.0 mmol) and Lawesson's reagent (0.8720 g, 2.1 mmol). After that, the reaction flask was purged with nitrogen. Then 5 mL of anhydrous toluene was added to the reaction tube via a syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was directly purified by neutral alumina column chromatography (ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether = 1 : 4) to obtain the **1o-D** 0.8024 g (yield 83%). Comparing the ¹H NMR spectra of **1o-D** (Figure S2) and **1o** (Figure S1), 76% deuterium was contained.

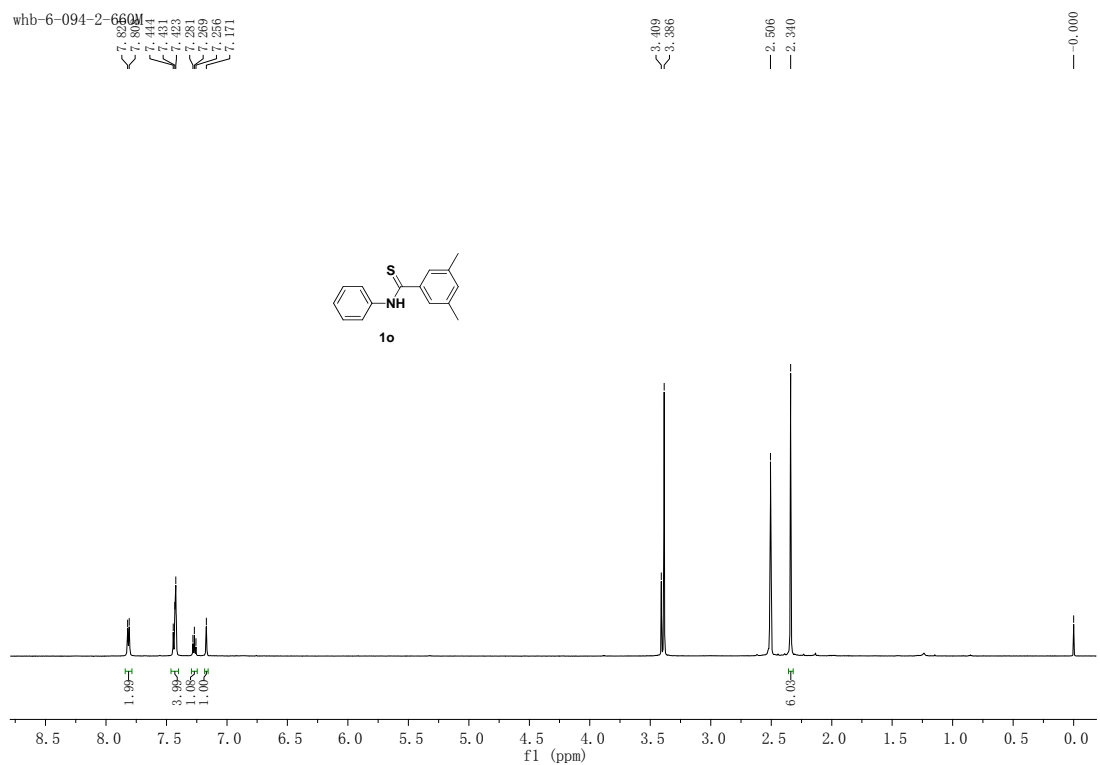


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1o**.

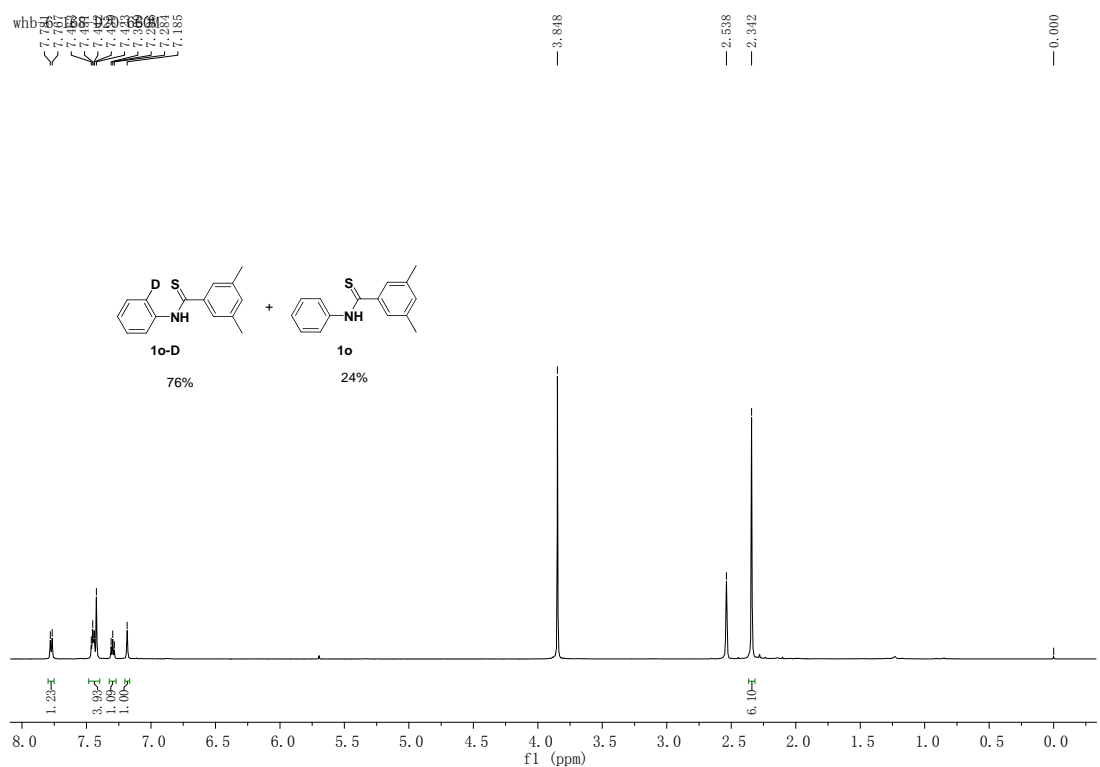


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1o-D** and **1o**.

3.2. Kinetic Isotope Effect of 1o-D under the standard condition.

A Schlenk tube equipped with a stir-bar was charged with FeCl₃ (0.05 mmol), **1o-D** (120.9 mg, 0.50 mmol, **76% of deuterium**) and Na₂S₂O₈ (124.1 mg, 0.50 mmol). After that, the reaction tube was purged with nitrogen. Then pyridine (1.0 mmol) and 2 mL of DMSO was added to the reaction tube via a syringe. Finally, the Schlenk tube was warmed to 80 °C and stirred for 3 hours. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL x 2). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure, and then purified by silica gel chromatograph (ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether = 1 : 20) to yield the desired product **2o-D** 111.4 mg (yield 93%). Comparing the ¹H NMR spectra of **2o-D** (**Figure S4**) and **2o** (**Figure S3**), we found the ratio of **2o-D** : **2o** (only generate from **1o-D**) was 57 : 43. So the KIE value was 1.3.

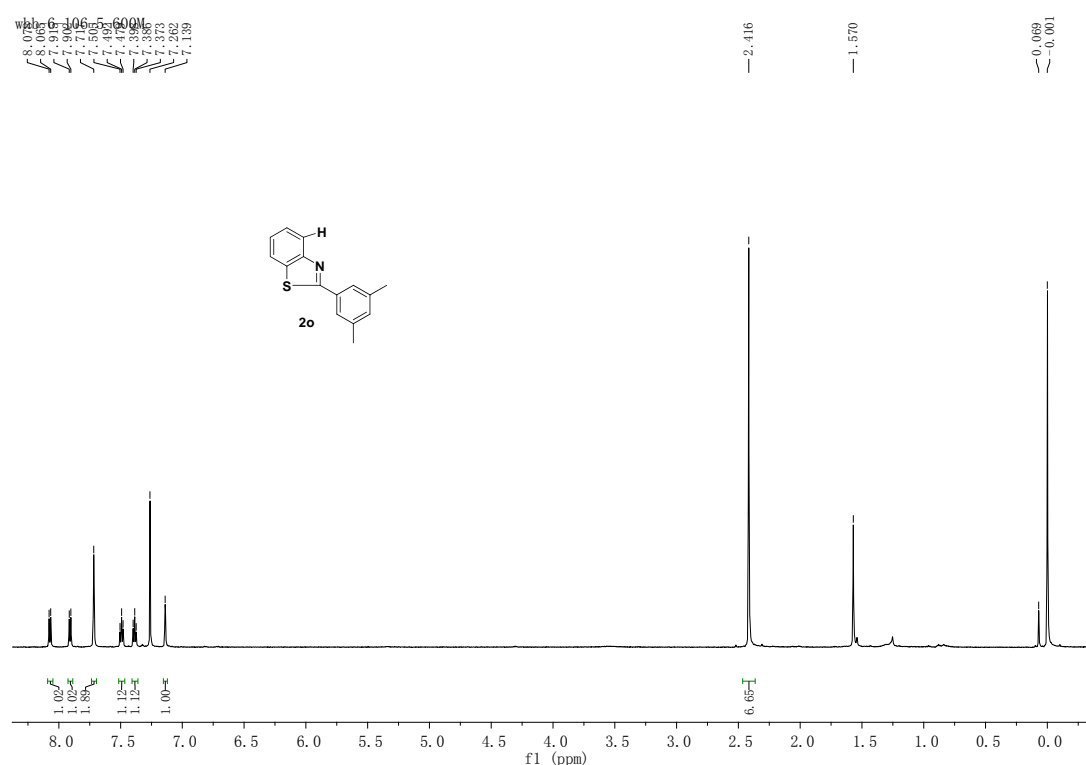


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2o**.

4. Experiments Monitor by *in-situ* IR

4.1. Stoichiometric reactions monitor by *in-situ* IR.

General Procedure for Stoichiometric reactions of Fe-Catalyzed Oxidative C-H Functionalization / C-S Bond Formation with 4-chloro-N-phenylbenzothioamide (1a**) (1.0 mmol scale) monitored by *in-situ* IR:** A three-necked tube equipped with a stir-bar was fixed on the *in situ* IR and purged with nitrogen gas. At 40 °C, 5 mL of DMSO was added to the reaction tube via a syringe, and then pyridine, 4-chloro-N-phenylbenzothioamide (**1a**), FeCl₃ were added to the tube in different sequences. 2h later, the reaction was then cooled to room temperature and the yield was determined by HPLC.

Stoichiometric reactions with Na₂S₂O₈ (1.0 mmol), pyridine (20 mmol), FeCl₃ (1.0 mmol) and **1a (1.0 mmol) added in sequence:** kinetic profiles of the stoichiometric reaction were shown in Figure S6 and Figure S7.

As shown in Figure S6, observing the peak 1269 cm⁻¹ (assigned as the oxidant Na₂S₂O₈ by comparing with authentic sample in DMSO, which was showed in Figure S5), we could know that dissolving of Na₂S₂O₈ in DMSO required ca. 5 minutes, no change was observed when pyridine and FeCl₃ were added. However, it was interesting to note that the peak was rapidly decreased only as soon as the substrate **1a** was introduced. Figure S7 further revealed the interaction between the oxidant, Fe-catalyst and substrate **1a** more clearly. The profiles of ConcIRT vs time shown in the figure S7 represented the relative concentrations vs time for individual species. It was clear that no reaction occurred when Na₂S₂O₈, pyridine and FeCl₃ were mixed together. However, as soon as **1a** was added, Na₂S₂O₈ and **1a** were consumed rapidly, and the desired product **2a** was formed correspondingly. We also examined others stoichiometric reactions by varying the addition sequences of these species (Figure S8 and Figure S9), and concluded that **the C-H activation and C-S bond formation only occurred when Na₂S₂O₈, FeCl₃ and **1a** were mixed together.**

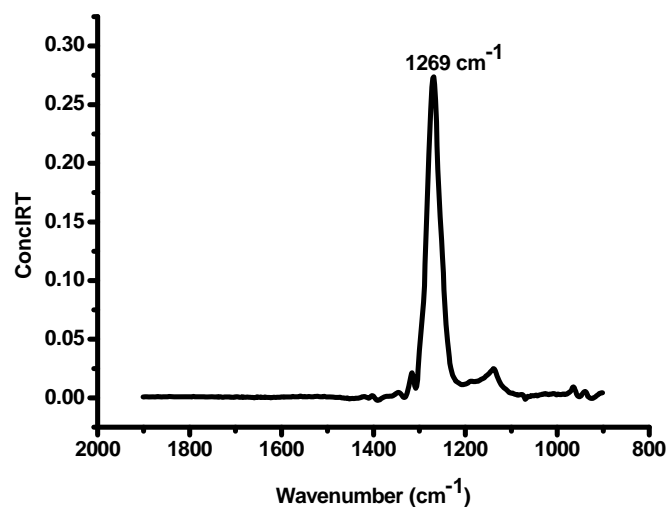


Figure S5. The IR spectrum of the Na₂S₂O₈ monitored by in situ IR.

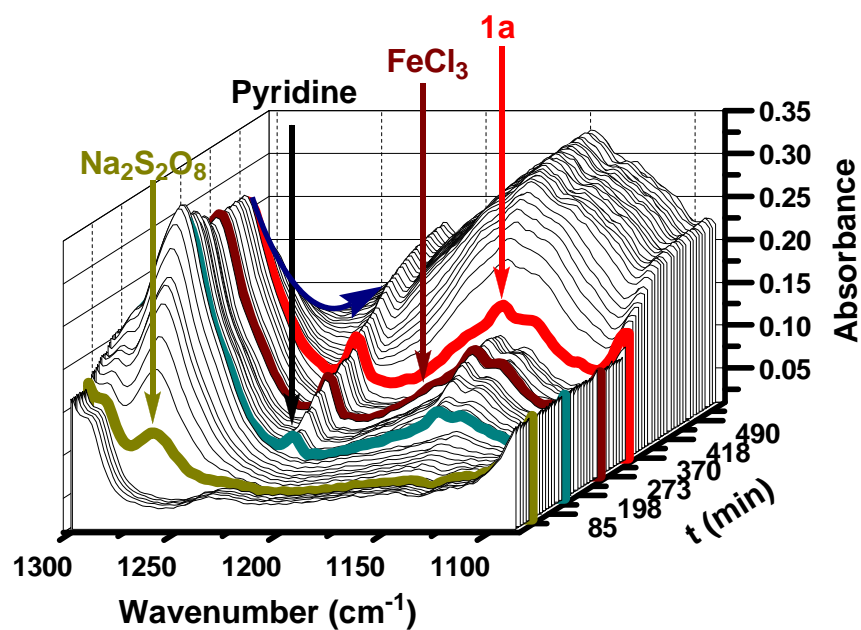


Figure S6. The 3D-kinetic profiles of the stoichiometric reaction in the sequence of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1.0 mmol), pyridine (20 mmol), FeCl_3 (1.0 mmol) and **1a** (1.0 mmol) was monitored by in situ IR

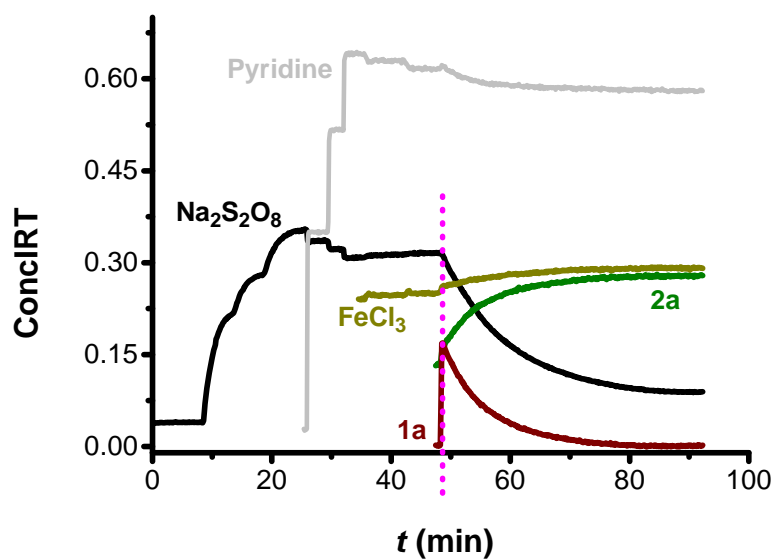


Figure S7. The 2D-kinetic profiles of the stoichiometric reaction in the adding sequence of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1.0 mmol), pyridine (20 mmol), FeCl_3 (1.0 mmol) and **1a** (1.0 mmol) was monitored by in situ IR.

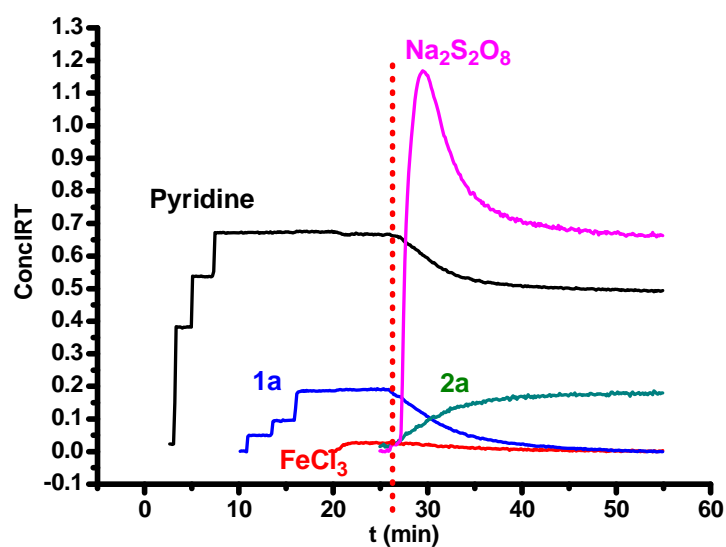


Figure S8. The 2D-kinetic profiles of the stoichiometric reaction in the adding sequence of pyridine (20 mmol), **1a** (1.0 mmol), FeCl_3 (1.0 mmol), and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1.0 mmol) was monitored by in situ IR.

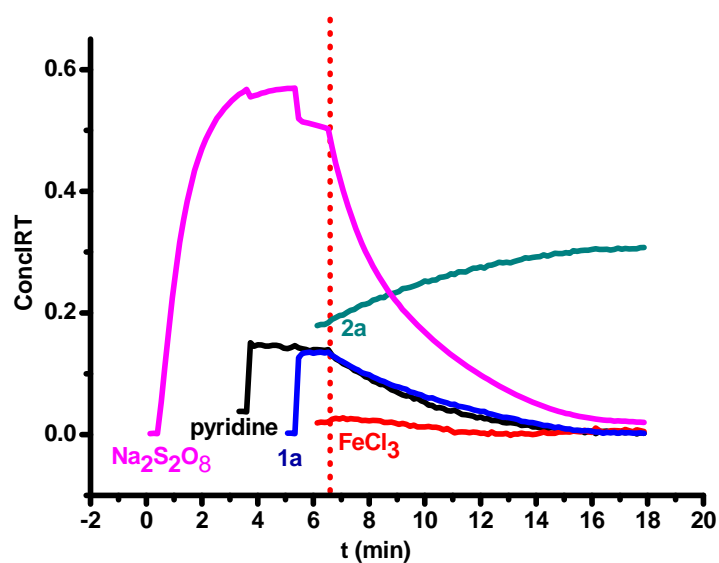


Figure S9. The 2D-kinetic profiles of the stoichiometric reaction in the adding sequence of $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1.0 mmol), pyridine (2.0 mmol), **1a** (1.0 mmol), and FeCl_3 (0.1 mmol) was monitored by in situ IR.

4.2. Kinetic order investigation by *in-situ* IR. (Results see Table S4 , Figure S10 - S17)

General Procedure for the investigation of Fe-Catalyzed Oxidative C-H Functionalization / C-S Bond Formation with 4-chloro-N-phenylbenzothioamide (1a**) (1.0 mmol) monitored by *in-situ* IR:** A three-neck tube equipped with a stir-bar and Na₂S₂O₈ was fixed on the *in situ* IR and purged with nitrogen gas. At 40 °C, 4 mL of DMSO was added to the reaction tube via a syringe, and then the reactants and catalyst in DMSO were added to the tube in the sequence of pyridine (2.0 mmol), 4-chloro-N-phenylbenzothioamide (**1a**), FeCl₃ (0.10 mmol). 2 h later, the reaction was then cooled to room temperature and the yield was determined by HPLC.

Table S4, entry 1-4, Figure S10-A and Figure S11-S14 indicated clearly that the reaction was first order in [**1a**], and Table S4, entry 3, 5-7, Figure S10-B and Figure S13, S15-S17 revealed that zero order in [Na₂S₂O₈].

Table S4 Reaction rates in different concentrations of **1a** and Na₂S₂O₈

Entry	[1a](mol*L ⁻¹)	[Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈](mol*L ⁻¹)	rate(mol*L ⁻¹ *min ⁻¹)
1	0.20	0.20	1.56*10 ⁻²
2	0.15	0.20	1.22*10 ⁻²
3	0.10	0.20	9.25*10 ⁻³
4	0.06	0.20	5.23*10 ⁻³
5	0.10	0.25	8.45*10 ⁻³
6	0.10	0.15	8.66*10 ⁻³
7	0.10	0.10	8.32*10 ⁻³

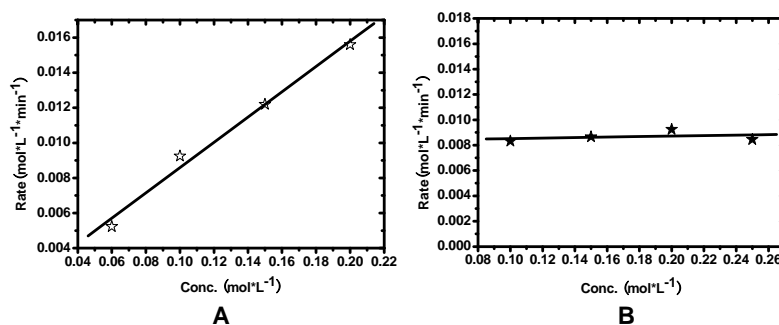


Figure S10. Order kinetic experiment dependence on [**1a**] and [Na₂S₂O₈]; **A:** first order kinetic dependence on [**1a**]; **B:** zero order kinetic dependence on [Na₂S₂O₈].

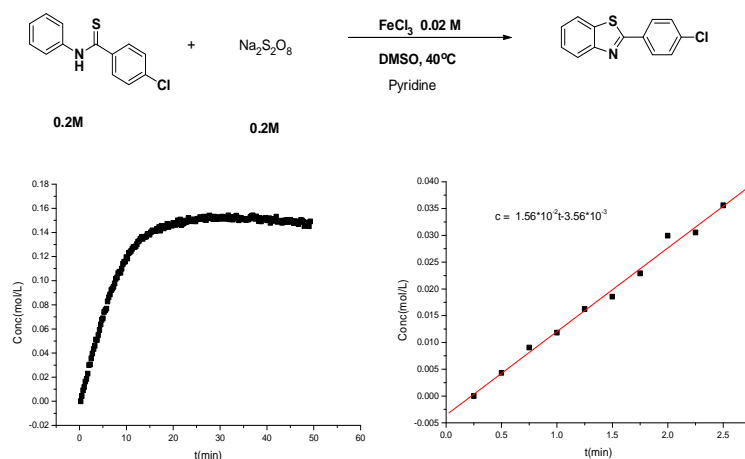


Figure S11. Order kinetic experiment with **0.20 M 1a**, 0.20 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, 0.40 M pyridine, 0.02 M FeCl_3 .

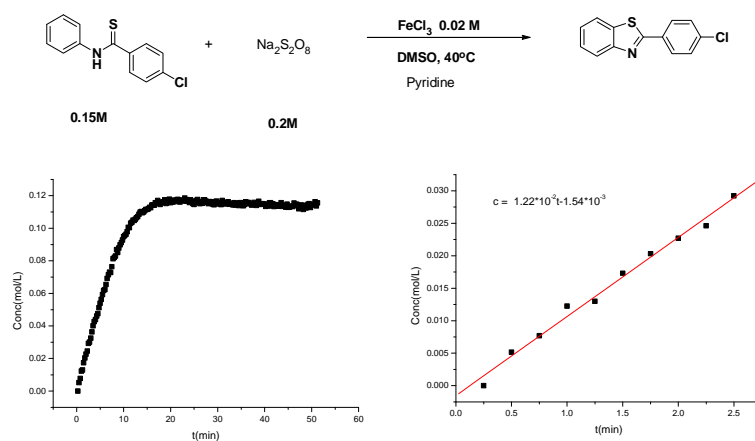


Figure S12. Order kinetic experiment with **0.15 M 1a**, 0.20 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, 0.40 M pyridine, 0.02 M FeCl_3 .

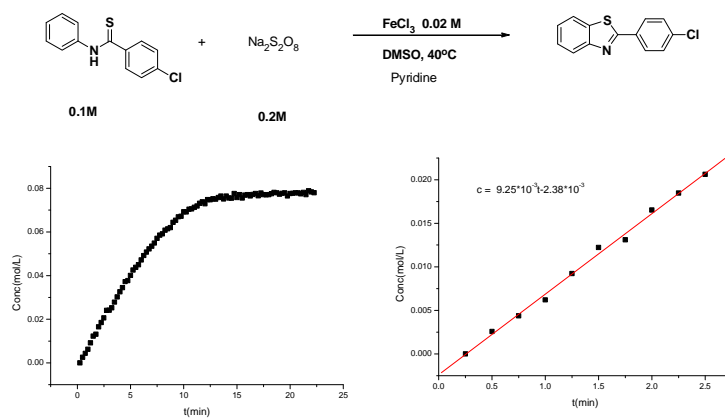


Figure S13. Order kinetic experiment with **0.10 M 1a**, 0.20 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, 0.40 M pyridine, 0.02 M FeCl_3 .

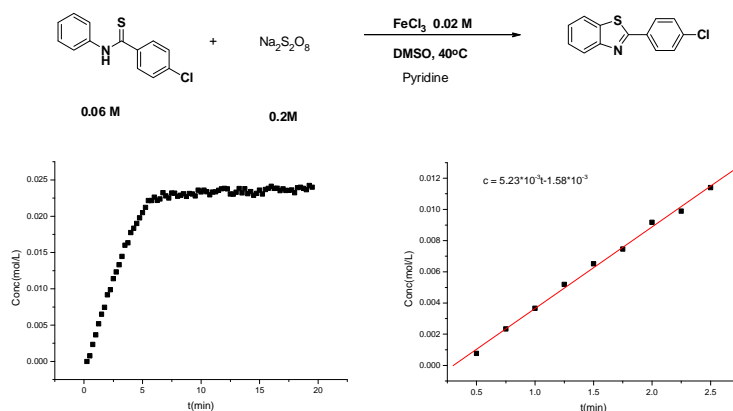


Figure S14. Order kinetic experiment with 0.06 M **1a**, 0.20 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, 0.40 M pyridine, 0.02 M FeCl_3 .

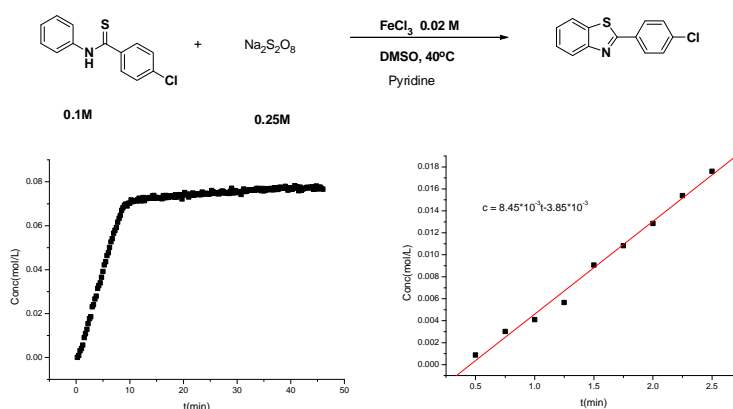


Figure S15. Order kinetic experiment with 0.10 M **1a**, 0.25 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, 0.40 M pyridine, 0.02 M FeCl_3 .

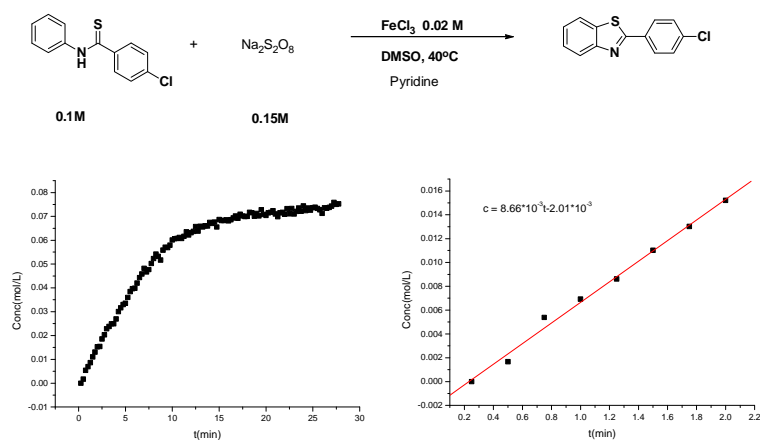


Figure S16. Order kinetic experiment with 0.10 M **1a**, 0.15 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, 0.40 M pyridine, 0.02 M FeCl_3 .

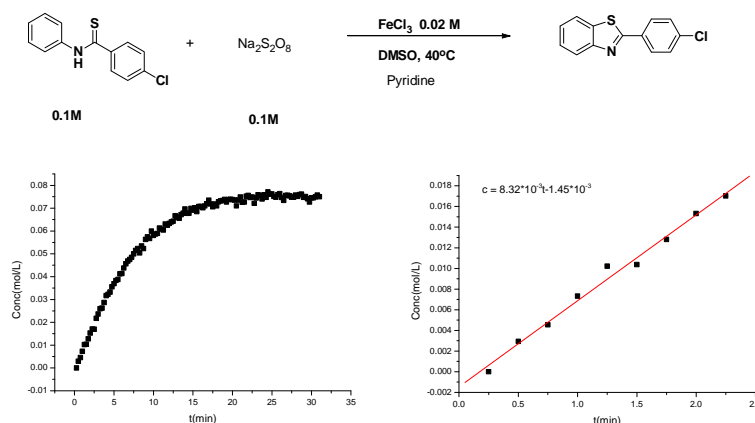


Figure S17. Order kinetic experiment with 0.10 M **1a**, 0.10 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, 0.40 M pyridine, 0.02 M FeCl_3 .

4.3. Kinetic profiles of the comparison reaction was monitored by *in situ* IR

General procedure: A three-necked tube equipped with a stir-bar was charged with FeCl_3 (0.05 mmol), **1a** (0.50 mmol) and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (0.50 mmol). The tube was then fixed on the *in situ* IR and purged with nitrogen gas. At 40°C , 5 mL of DMSO was then added to the reaction tube via a syringe. 4h later, the reaction was then cooled to room temperature and the yield was determined by HPLC. Figure S18 indicated that at the first stage, the C-H activation product **2a** was gained in high selectivity (red line of Figure S18). 30 minutes later, **3a** was produced mainly. Finally, we obtained 40% C-H activation /C-S bond forming product **2a** and 56% of 4-chloro-N-phenylbenzamide (**3a**).

In order to reveal the role of FeCl_3 and pyridine in the reaction more clearly, we carried out comparison experiments monitored by *in situ* IR. Figure S18 showed the reaction profile of **1a**, $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ and pyridine with and without FeCl_3 catalyst. Almost no reaction took place without catalyst FeCl_3 (Figure S18, black line).

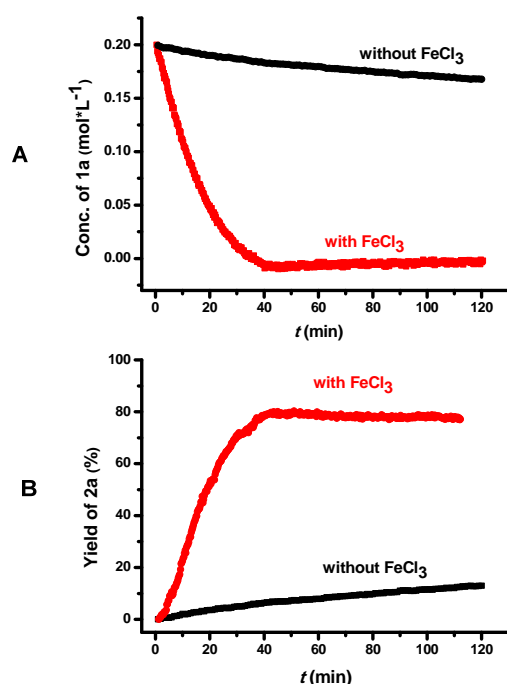


Figure S18. The reactions with FeCl_3 (0.2 mmol) or without catalyst between **1a** (2.0 mmol), pyridine (4.0 mmol) and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2.0 mmol) in 10 mL DMSO at 40°C monitored by *in situ* IR. A: the concentration of **1a** vs time (red

line is with FeCl_3 and black line is without FeCl_3); **B**: the yield of product **2a** vs time (red line is with FeCl_3 and black line is without FeCl_3).

Furthermore, we also compared the reaction of **1a**, $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$, FeCl_3 with pyridine and without pyridine. As shown in Figure S19, the reaction without pyridine (Figure S19, black line) has slower rate and lower yield (40%, and 56% byproduct 4-chloro-*N*-phenylbenzamide (**3a**) as well).

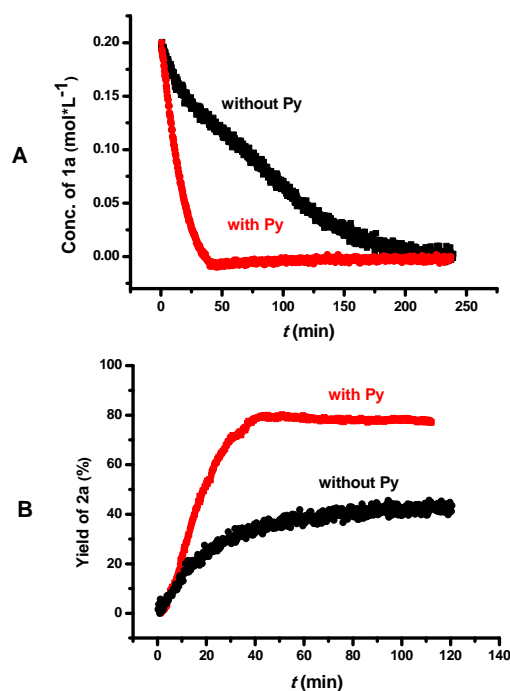


Figure S19. The reactions with or without pyridine between **1a** (2.0 mmol), FeCl_3 (0.2 mmol) and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2.0 mmol) in 10 mL DMSO at 40 °C monitored by *in situ* IR. **A**: the concentration of **1a** vs time (red line is with pyridine and black line is without pyridine); **B**: the yield of product **2a** vs time (red line is with pyridine and black line is without pyridine).

In addition, we found the distribution of products were also interesting. In the first stage of the reaction, the C-H activation product was gained with high selectivity (red line of Figure S20). After around 30 minutes, the reaction turned to mainly produce **3a**. We could conclude that pyridine is critical to the high yields and high selectivities of C-H activation/C-S bond formation, but so far we have no enough data to rationalize the phenomena in the Figure S20.

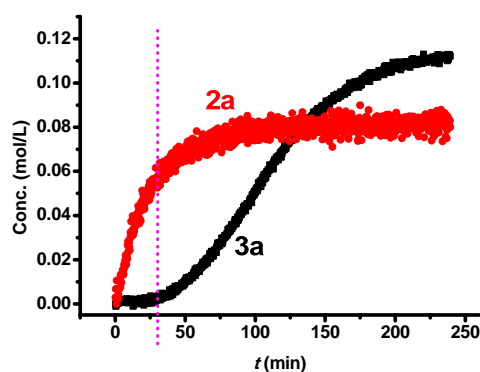
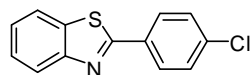


Figure S20. The kinetic profiles of the reaction between $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (0.2 M), FeCl_3 (0.02 M) and **1a** (0.2 M) without pyridine was monitored by *in situ* IR.

5. Analytical Data of Benzothiazoles

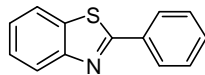
General procedure for Fe-Catalyzed Oxidative C-H Functionalization/C-S Bond Formation (Table 2, entry 1): A Schlenk tube equipped with a stir-bar was charged with FeCl₃ (8.3 mg, 0.01 mmol), **1b** (107.4mg, 0.50 mmol) and Na₂S₂O₈ (122.5 mg, 1.0 mmol). The reaction tube was purged with nitrogen. Then pyridine (79.0 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 2 mL of DMSO was added to the reaction tube via a syringe. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL x 2). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure, and then purified by silica gel chromatograph (ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether = 1: 20) to yield the desired product **2b** (95.1 mg, 89%).

2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzothiazole¹ (2a)



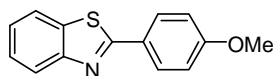
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.12 – 8.01 (m, 3H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.41 ppm (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.64, 154.12, 137.07, 135.14, 132.11, 129.32, 128.75, 126.58, 125.51, 123.40, 121.76 ppm.

2-phenylbenzothiazole¹ (2b)



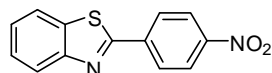
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.18 – 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.95, 154.06, 134.99, 133.50, 130.89, 128.94, 127.47, 126.25, 125.11, 123.16, 121.56 ppm.

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzothiazole¹ (2c)



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.04 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.89 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.79, 161.81, 154.16, 134.81, 130.89, 129.03, 126.15, 124.73, 122.75, 121.47, 114.26, 55.33 ppm.

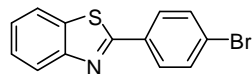
2-(4-nitrophenyl)benzothiazole (2d)



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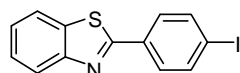
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2-(4-bromophenyl)benzothiazole² (2e)



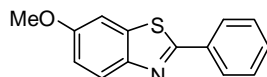
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 ppm (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.59, 153.98, 134.98, 132.40, 132.14, 128.81, 126.47, 125.41, 123.28, 121.64 ppm.

2-(4-iodophenyl)benzothiazole³ (2f)



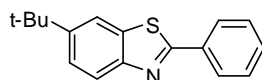
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6-methoxy-2-phenylbenzothiazole¹ (2g)



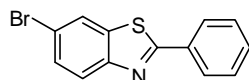
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.09 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.96, 153.20, 144.13, 131.91, 129.20, 126.01, 124.45, 122.68, 119.18, 111.15, 99.51, 51.18 ppm.

6-tert-butyl-2-phenylbenzothiazole (2h)



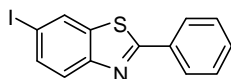
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.96 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 1.22 ppm (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.35, 152.11, 148.60, 135.10, 133.75, 130.70, 128.93, 127.41, 124.49, 122.55, 117.67, 35.02, 31.54 ppm; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₇NS [M+H]⁺: 268.1160; found 268.1157.

6-bromo-2-phenylbenzothiazole¹ (2i)



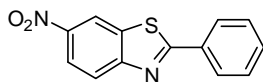
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6-iodo-2-phenylbenzothiazole¹ (2j)



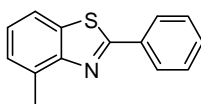
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.82 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.47 ppm (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 168.61, 153.57, 137.20, 135.53, 133.16, 131.44, 130.19, 129.21, 127.69, 124.77, 89.60 ppm.

6-nitro-2-phenylbenzothiazole¹ (2k)



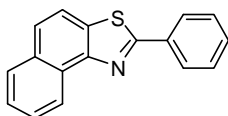
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.85 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.06 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.47 ppm (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 173.92, 157.96, 144.99, 135.44, 132.81, 132.38, 129.43, 128.05, 123.45, 122.04, 118.37 ppm.

4-methyl-2-phenylbenzothiazole⁴ (2l)



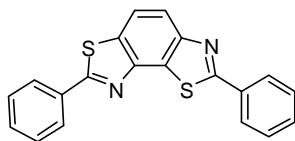
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.15 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 2.81 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.84, 153.95, 135.39, 134.32, 133.65, 131.02, 129.27, 127.91, 127.16, 125.45, 119.36, 18.94 ppm.

2-phenylnaphtho[1,2-d]thiazole (2m)



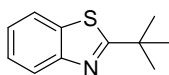
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.48 ppm (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.88, 150.33, 133.87, 131.96, 131.61, 130.46, 128.91, 128.03, 127.21, 126.84, 126.02, 125.77, 124.02, 118.84 ppm; HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{NS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 261.0612; found 261.0619.

⁵ (2n)



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.22 – 8.14 (m, 4H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 ppm (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 169.80, 168.08, 154.00, 147.87, 133.66, 133.49, 131.76, 131.28, 131.09, 129.22, 128.87, 127.63, 120.51, 119.46 ppm; HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 345.0520; found 345.0519.

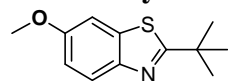
2-tert-butylbenzothiazole (5a)⁶



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.99 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz,

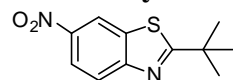
1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.52 ppm (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 181.39, 153.12, 134.80, 125.56, 124.34, 122.53, 121.26, 38.09, 30.57$ ppm.

2-tert-butyl-6-methoxybenzothiazole (5b)



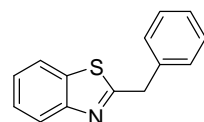
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.41 ppm (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) $\delta = 179.47, 157.41, 147.87, 136.40, 123.30, 115.06, 104.35, 55.96, 38.37, 30.96$ ppm; HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 221.0874; found 221.0875.

2-tert-butyl-6-nitrobenzothiazole (5c)



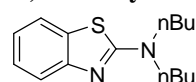
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2-benzylbenzothiazole (5d)⁷



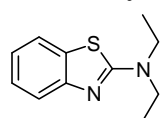
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N,N-dibutylbenzothiazol-2-amine (5f)⁸



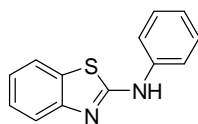
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N,N-diethylbenzothiazol-2-amine (5g)⁹



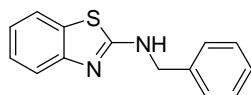
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N-phenylbenzothiazol-2-amine (5h)¹⁰



^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.94 (br.s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.10 ppm (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 165.98, 151.16, 140.15, 129.66, 126.20, 124.67, 122.29, 120.92, 119.04 ppm.

N-benzylbenzothiazol-2-amine (5i)¹⁰

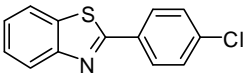


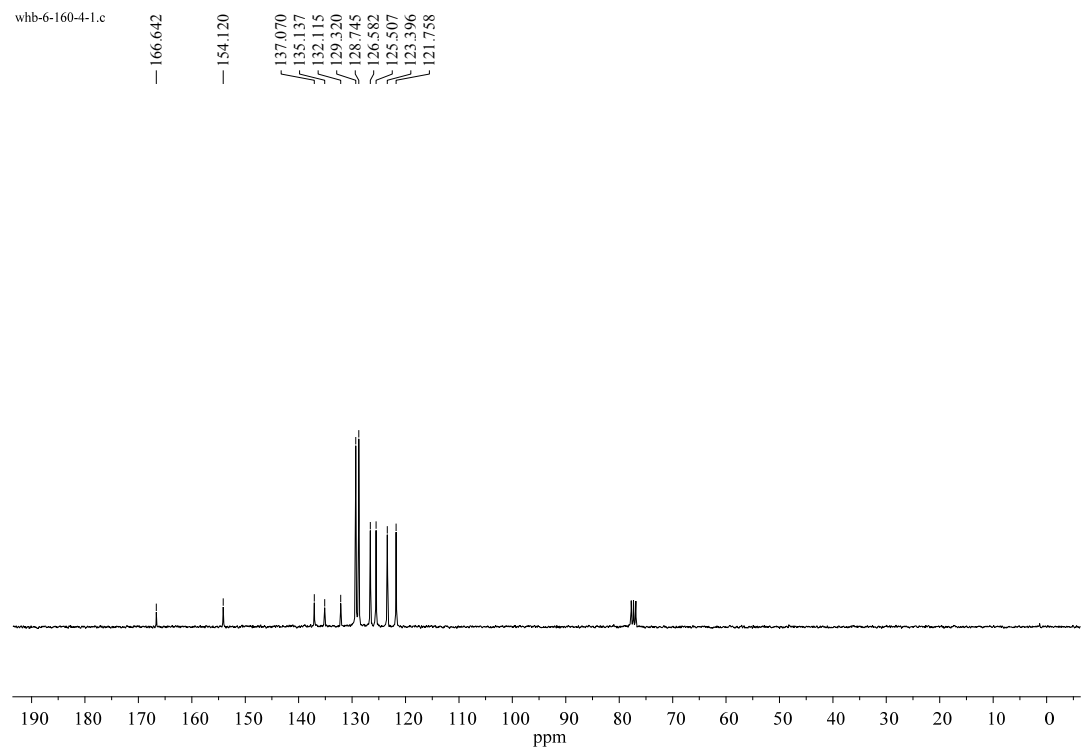
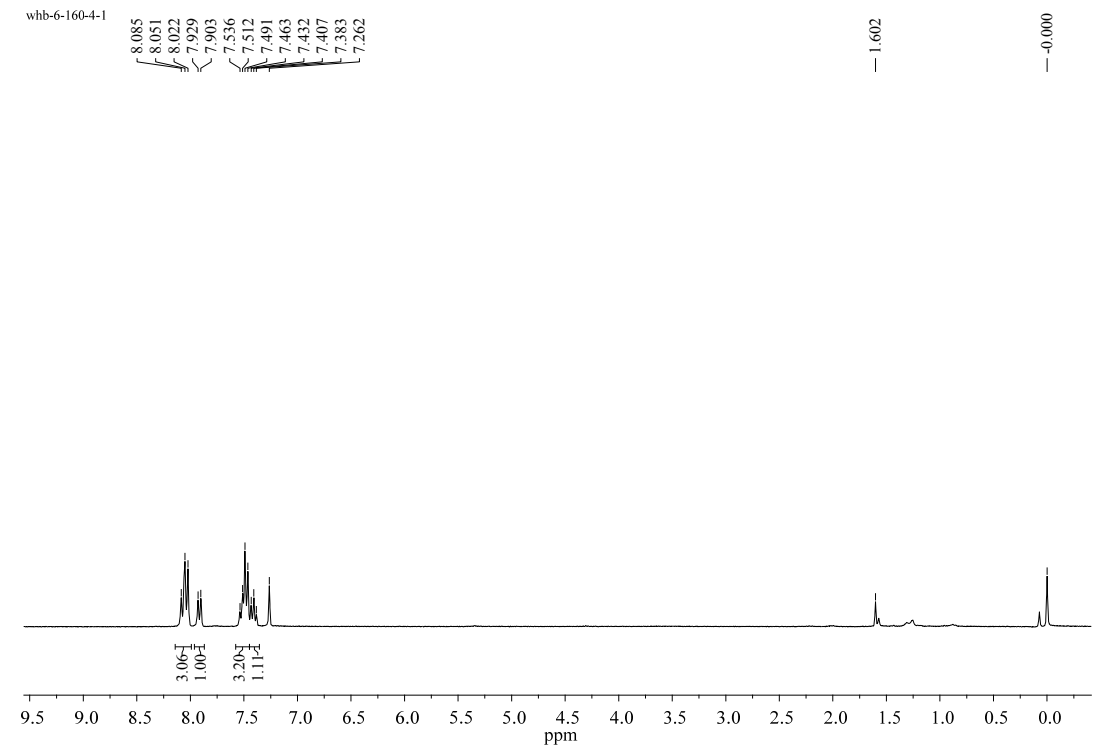
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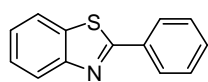
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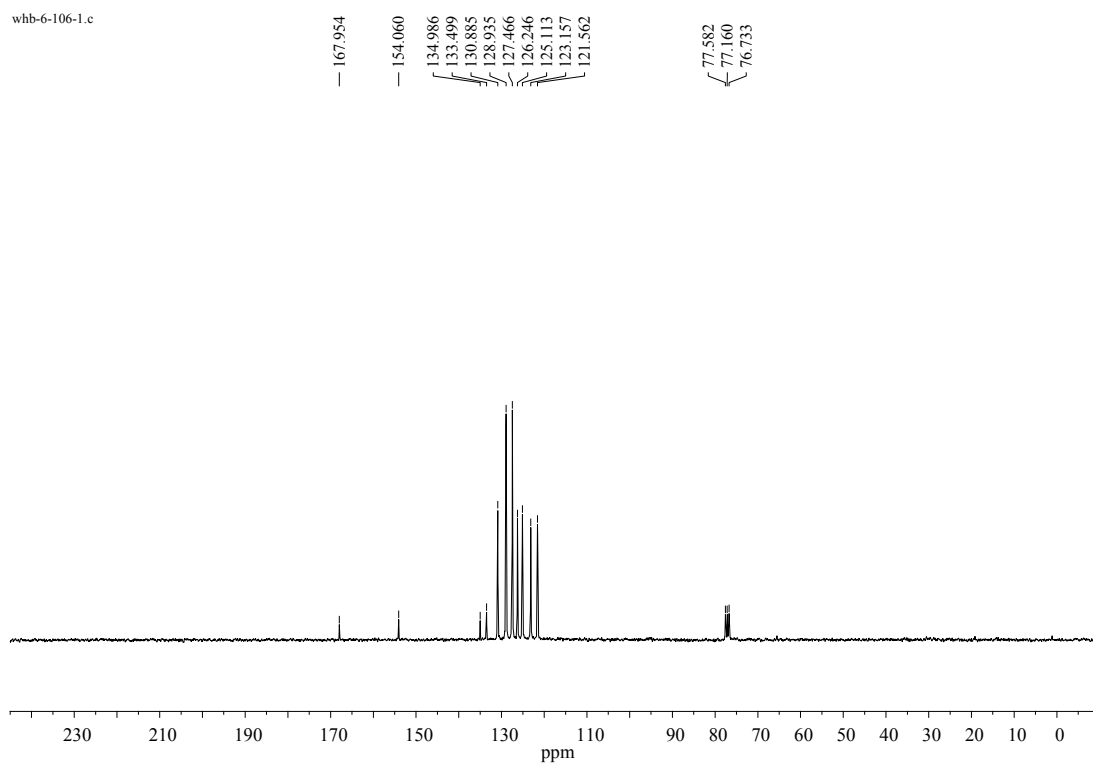
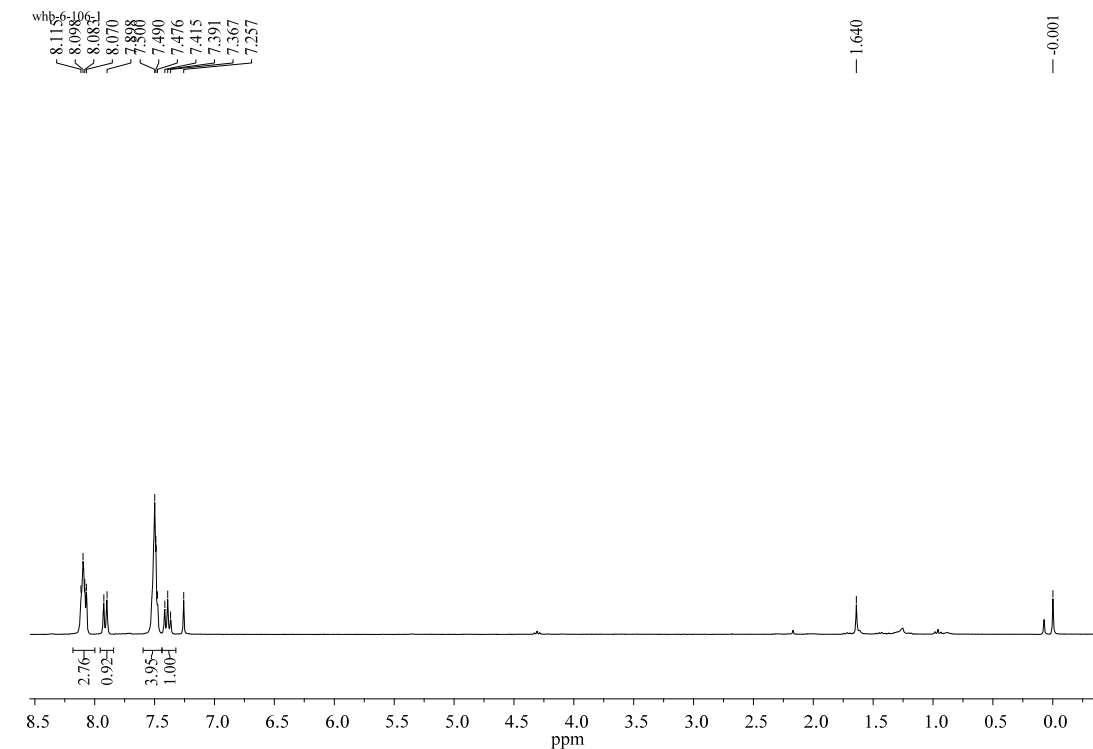
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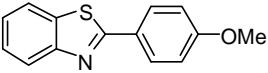
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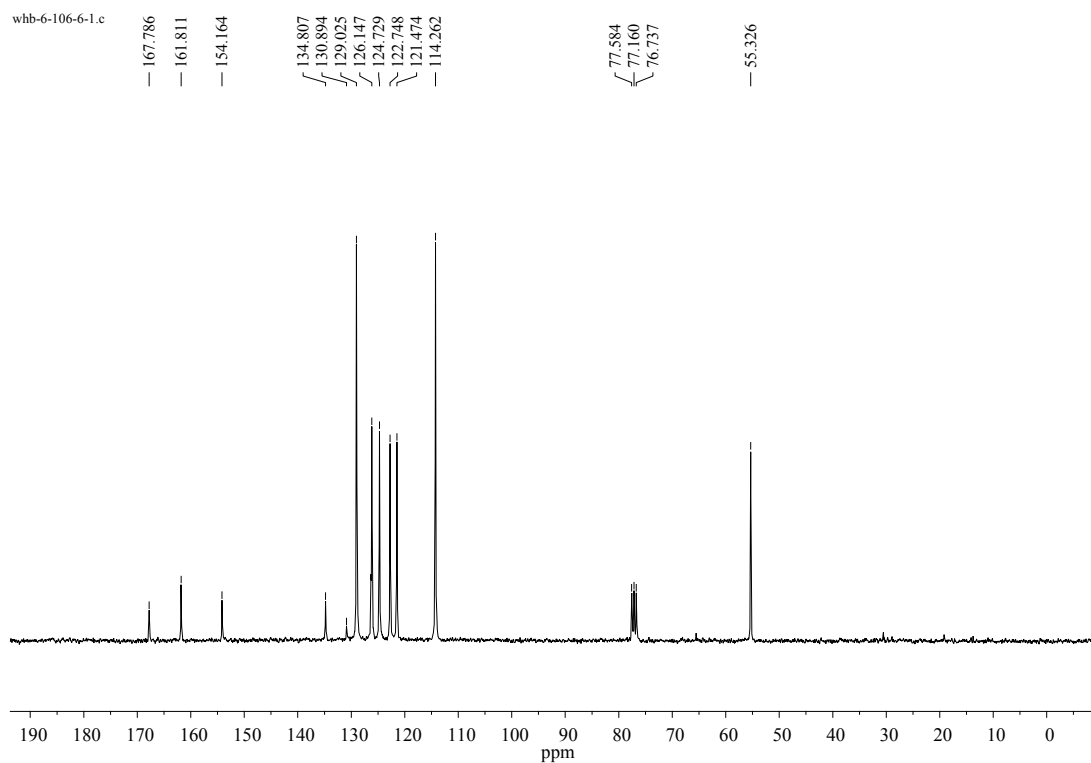
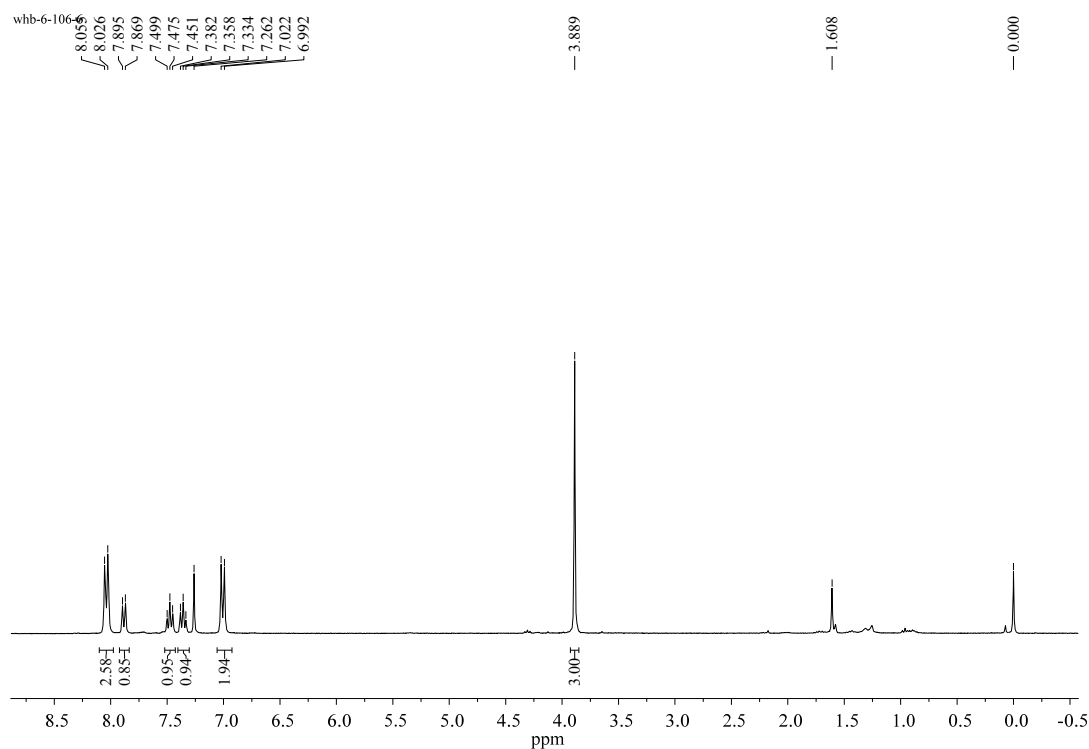


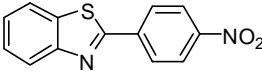


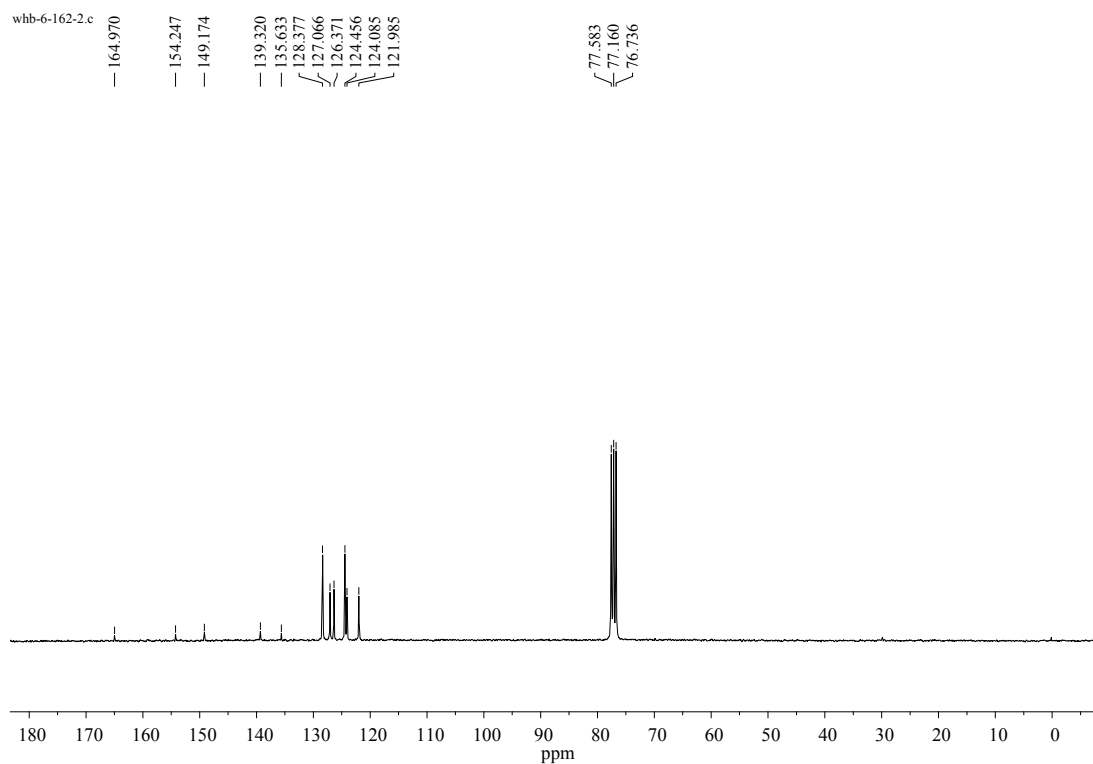
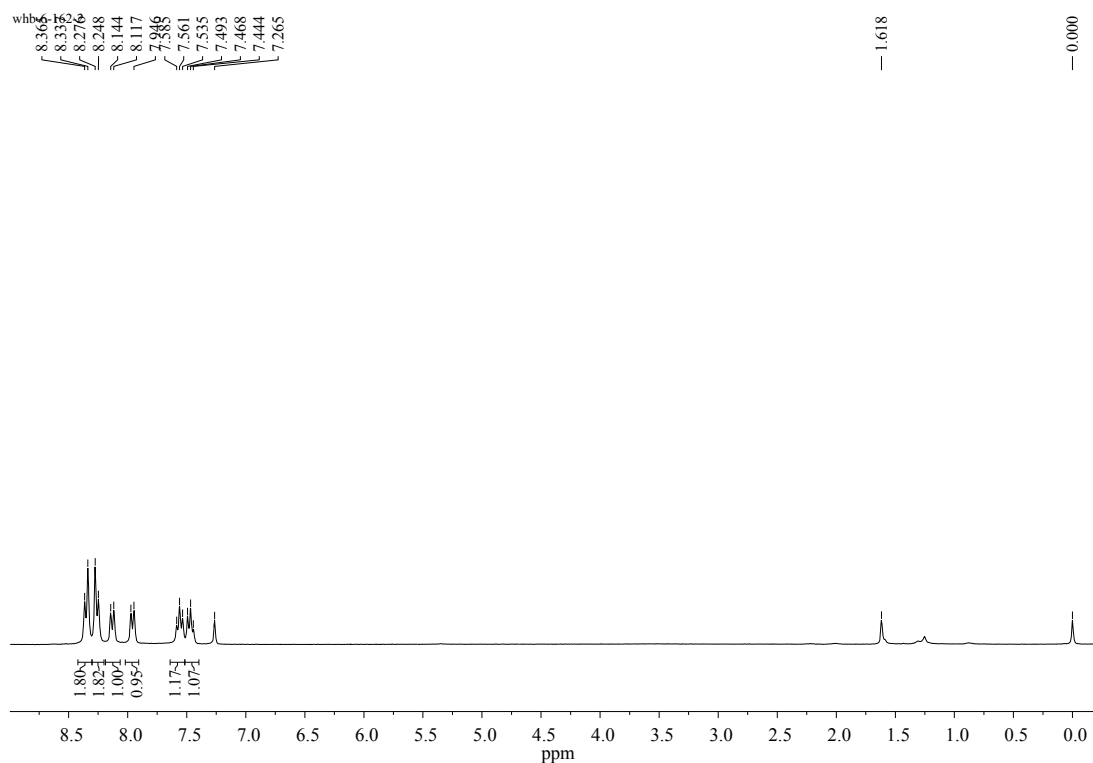
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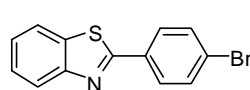


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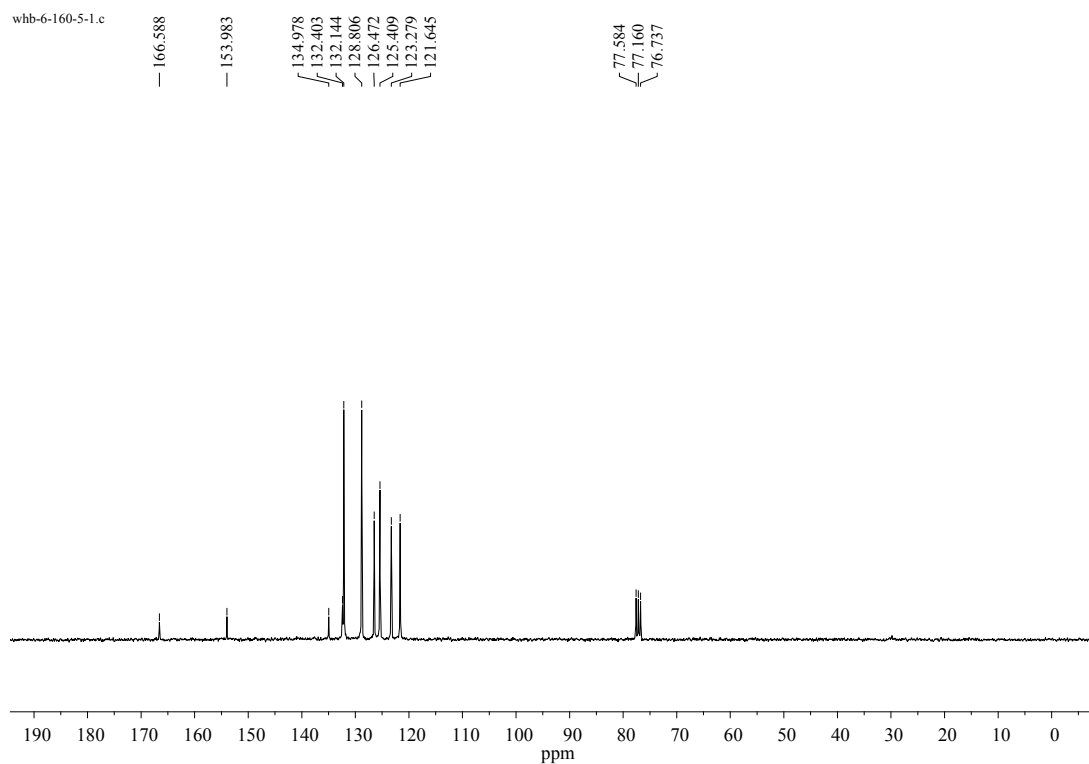
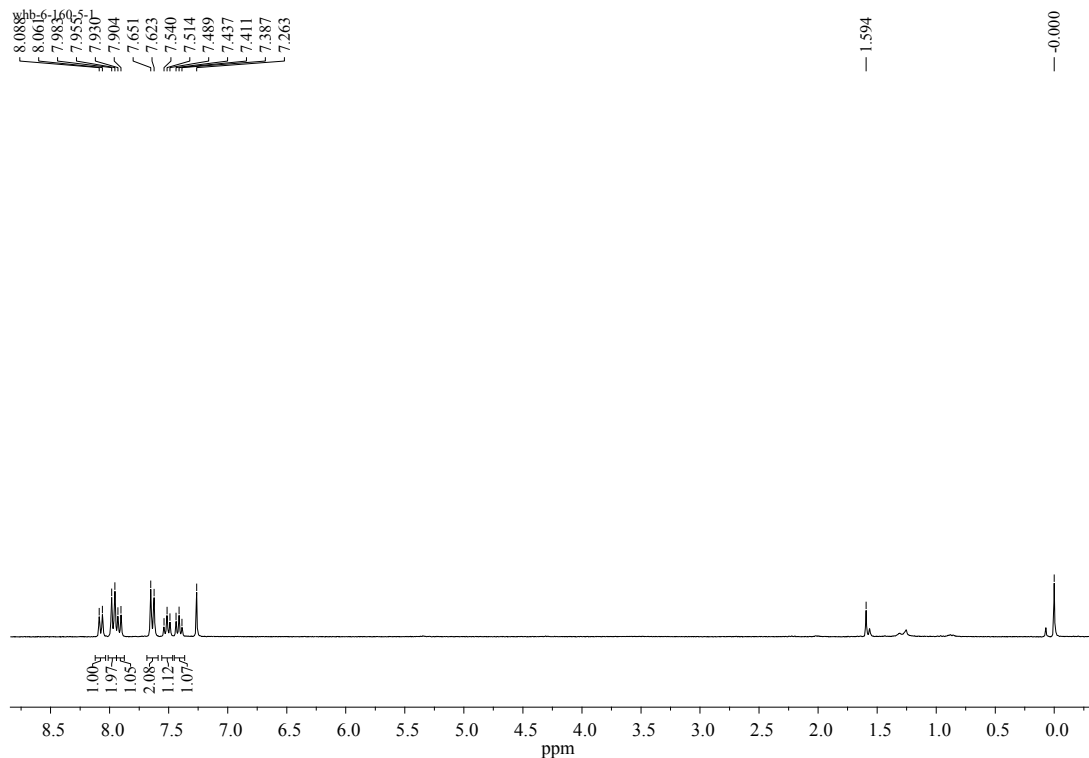


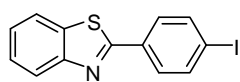
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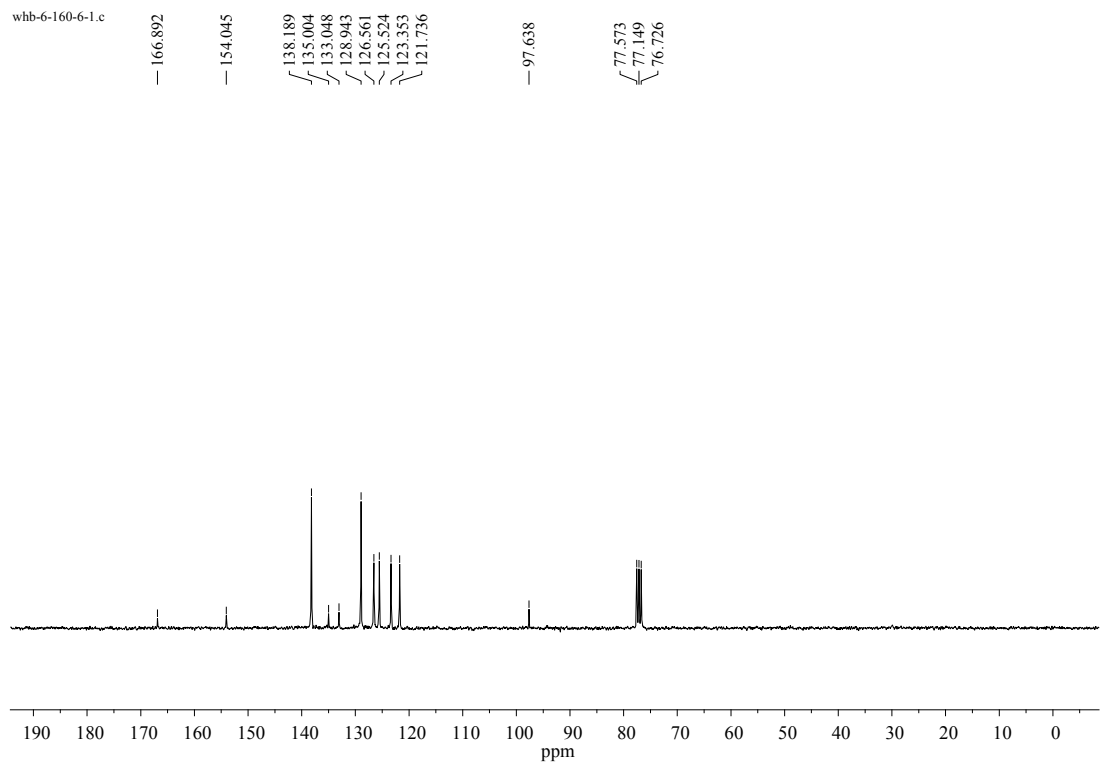
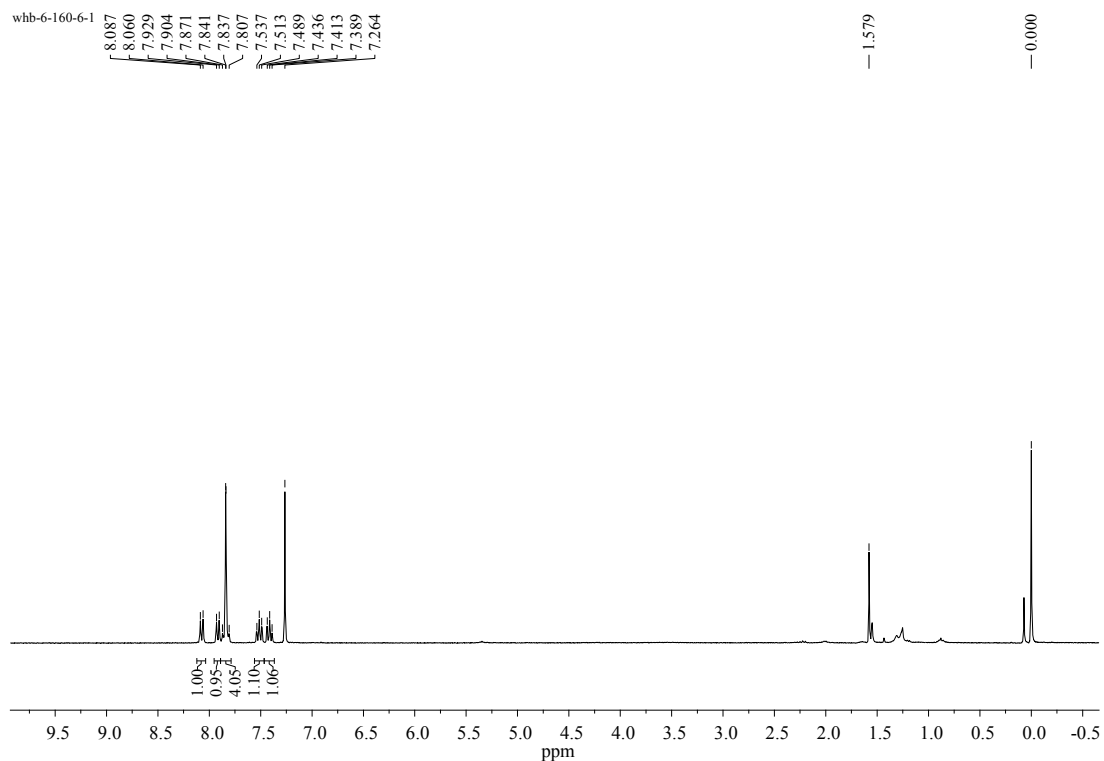


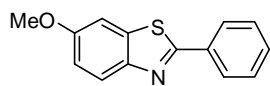
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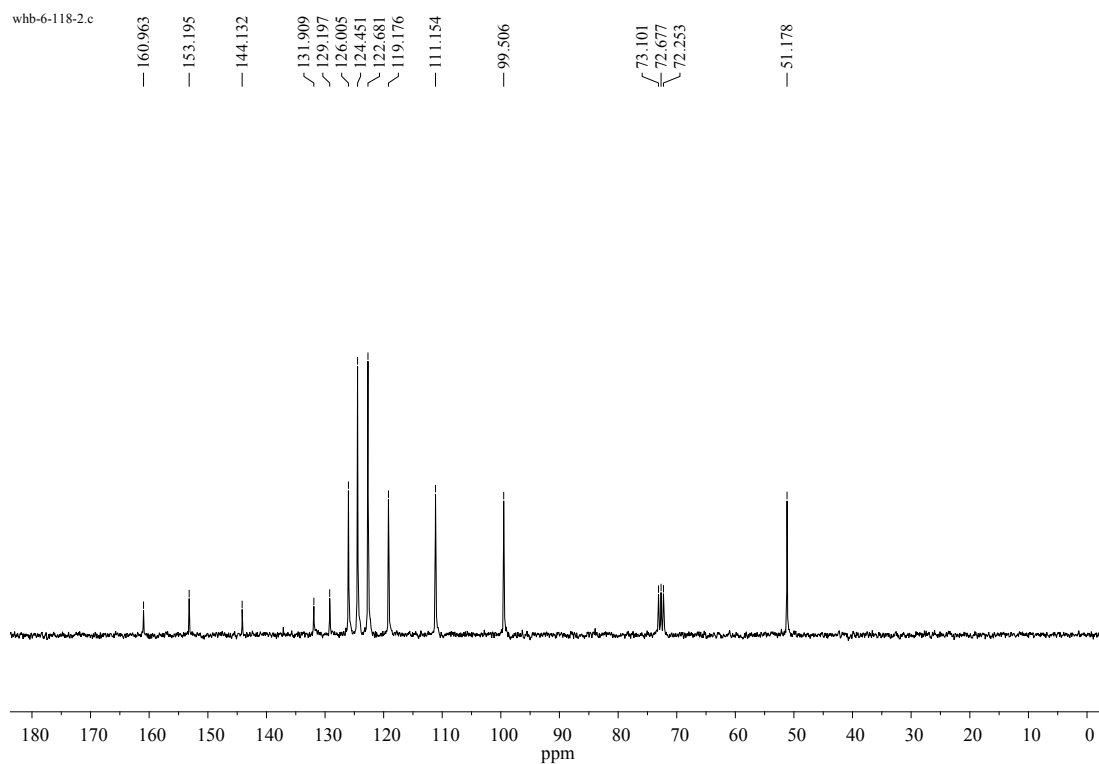
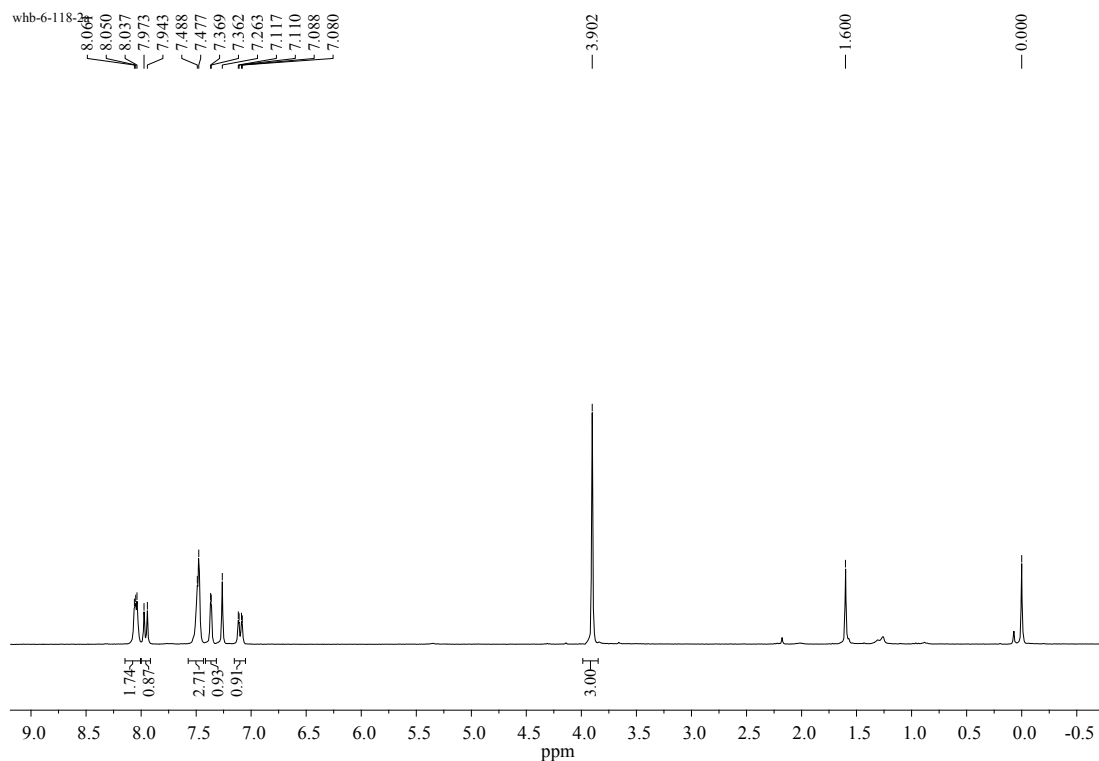


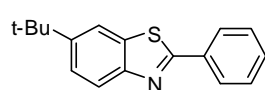
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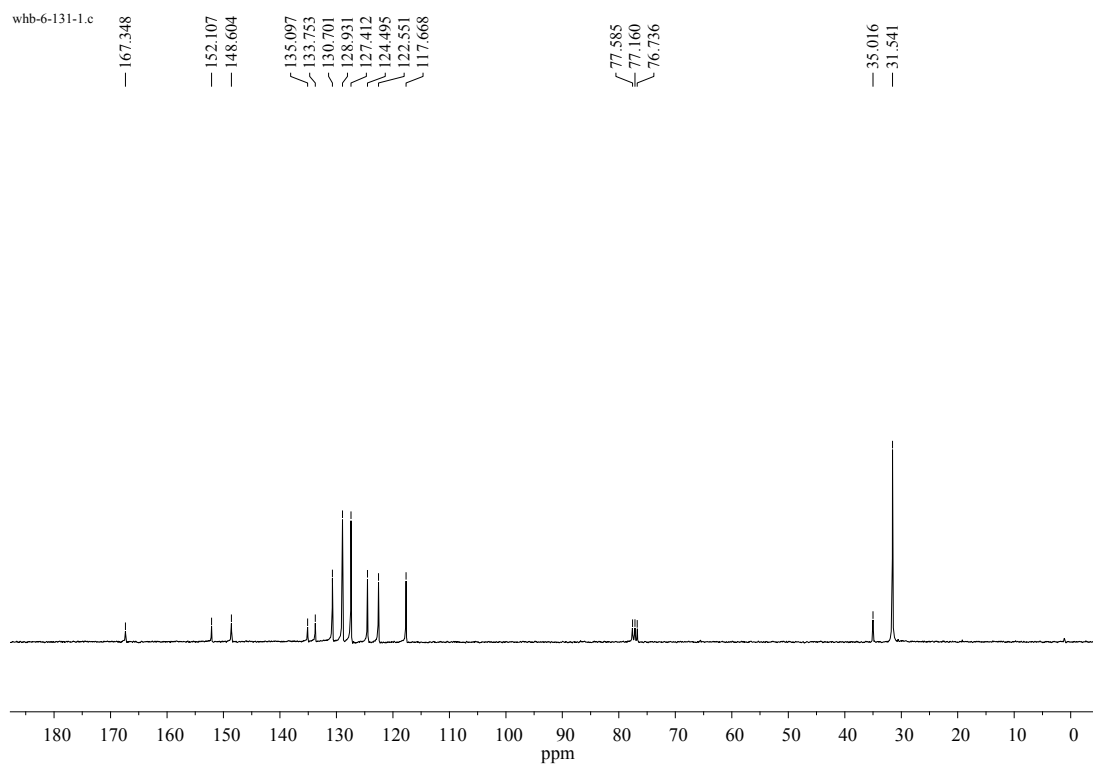
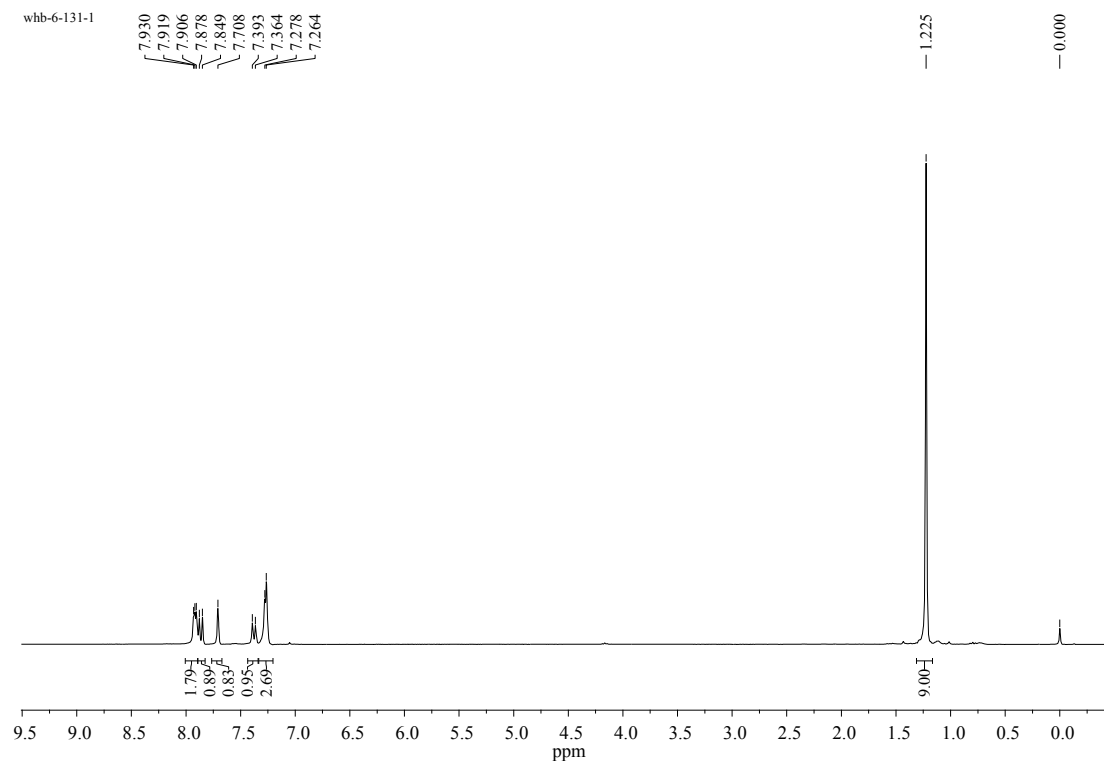


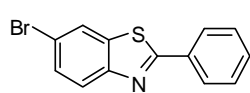
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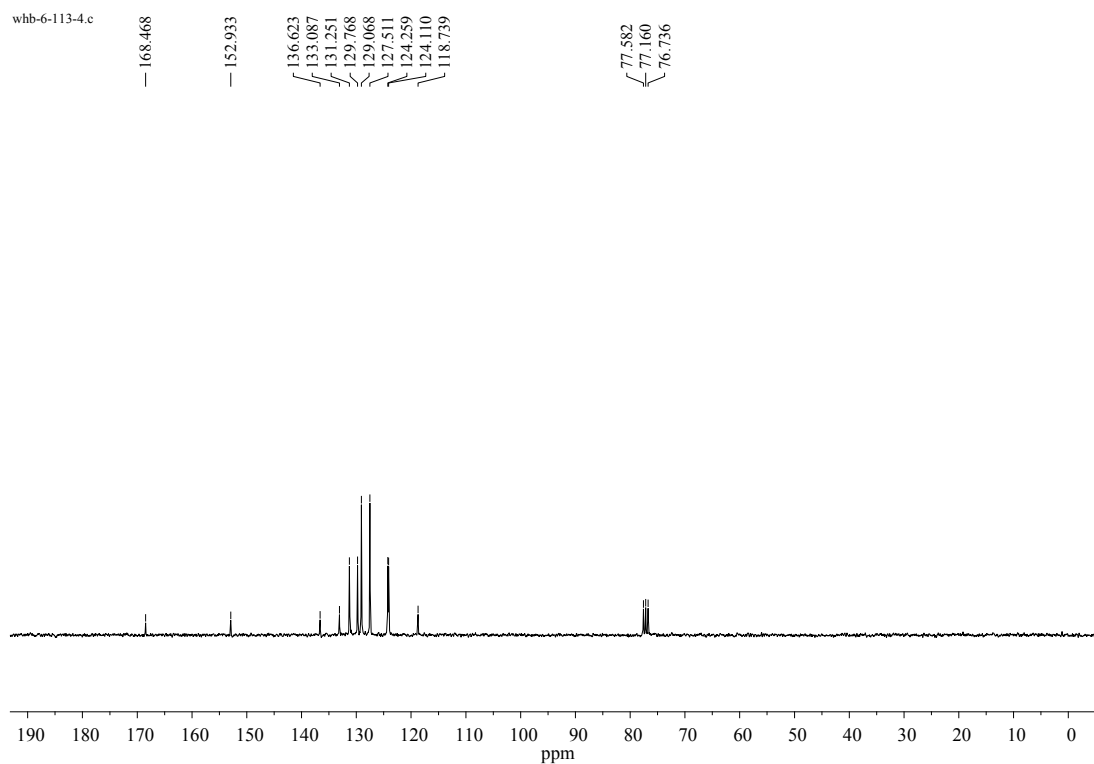
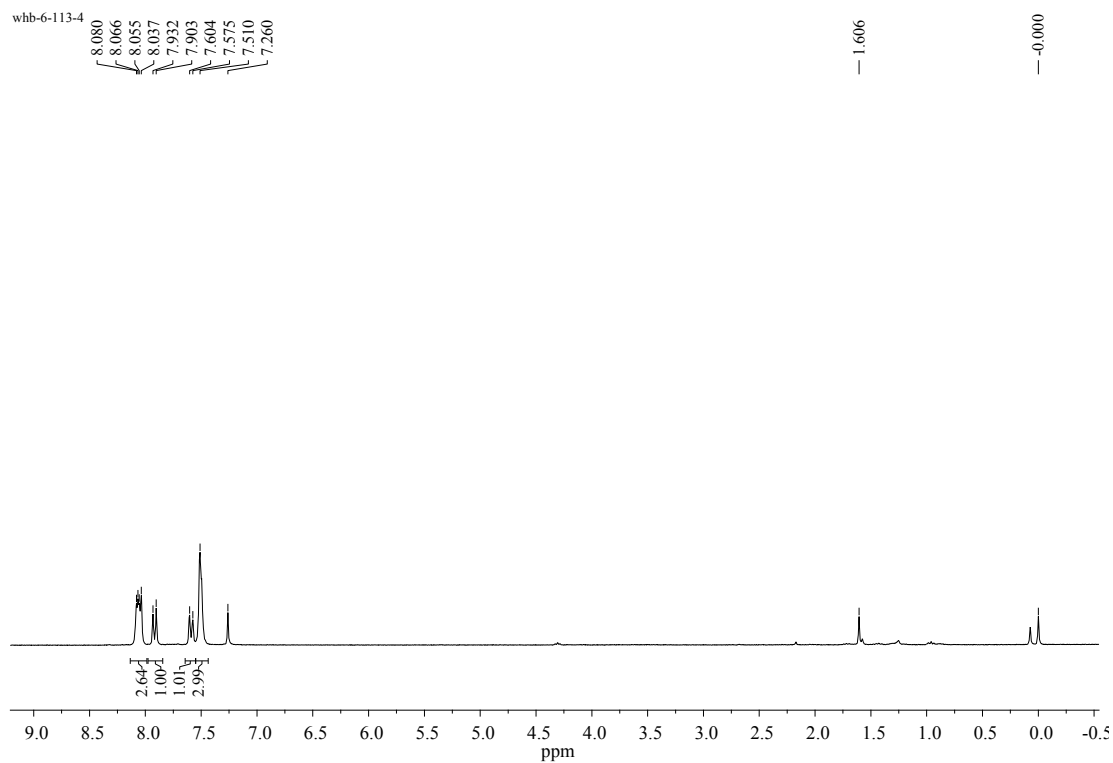


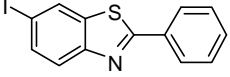
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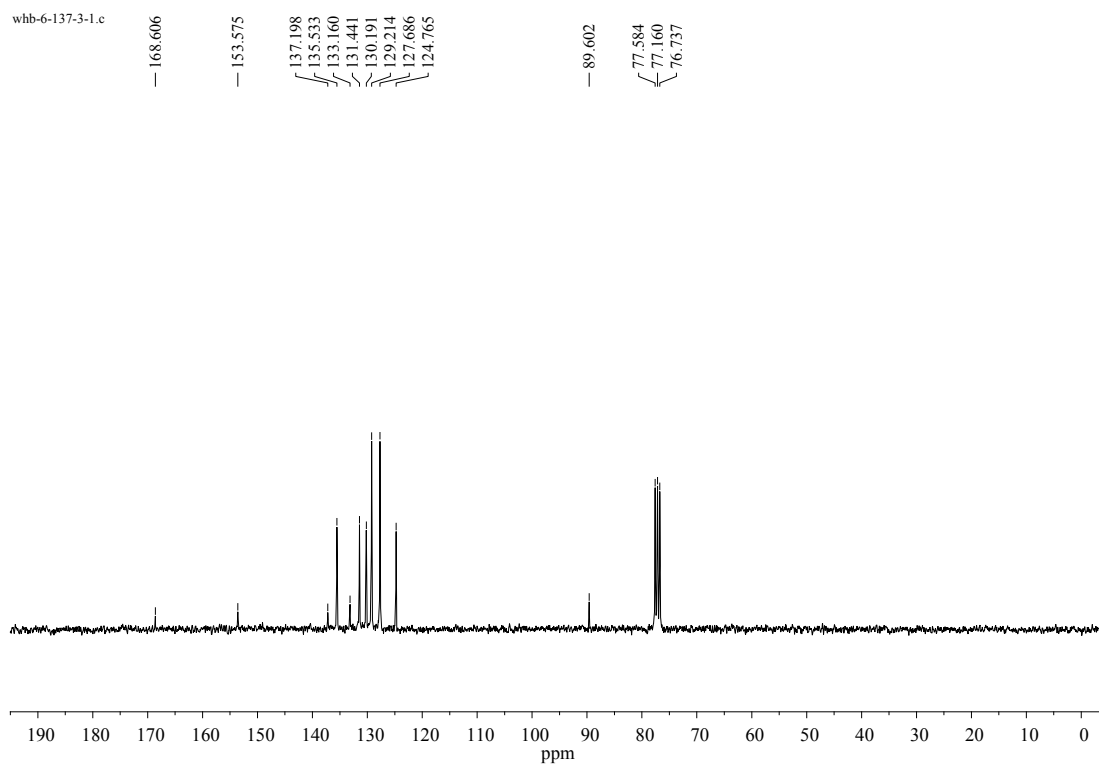
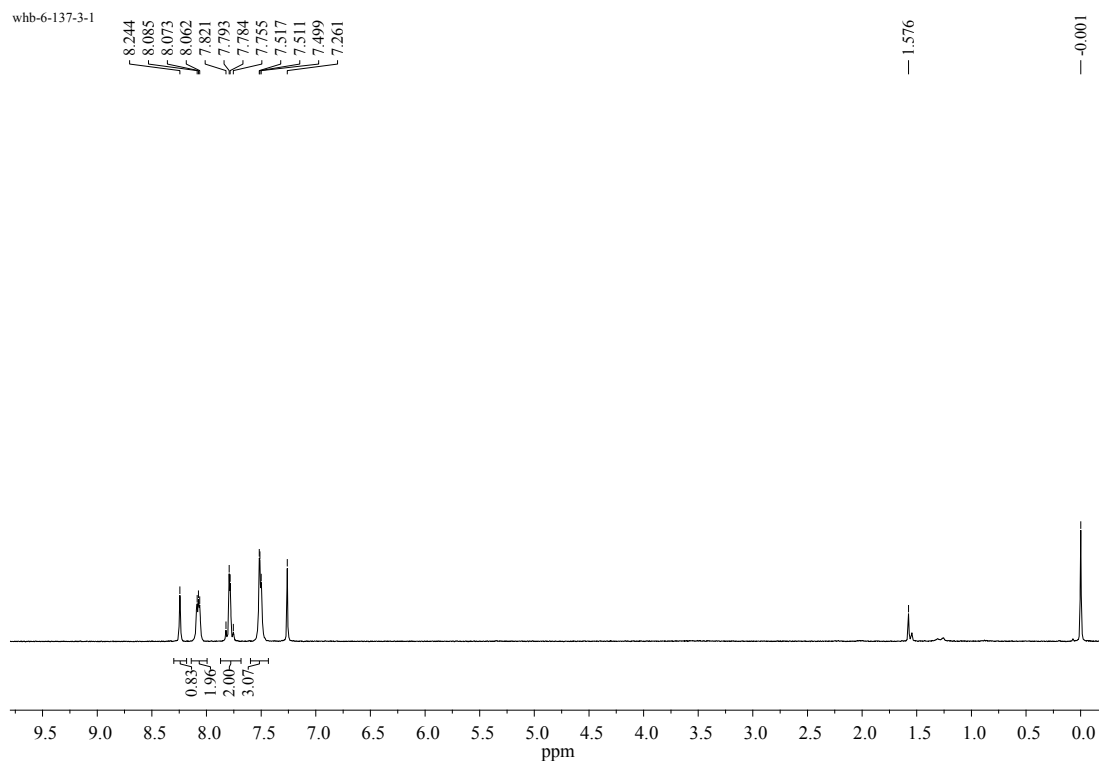


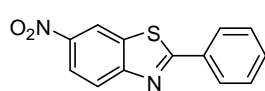


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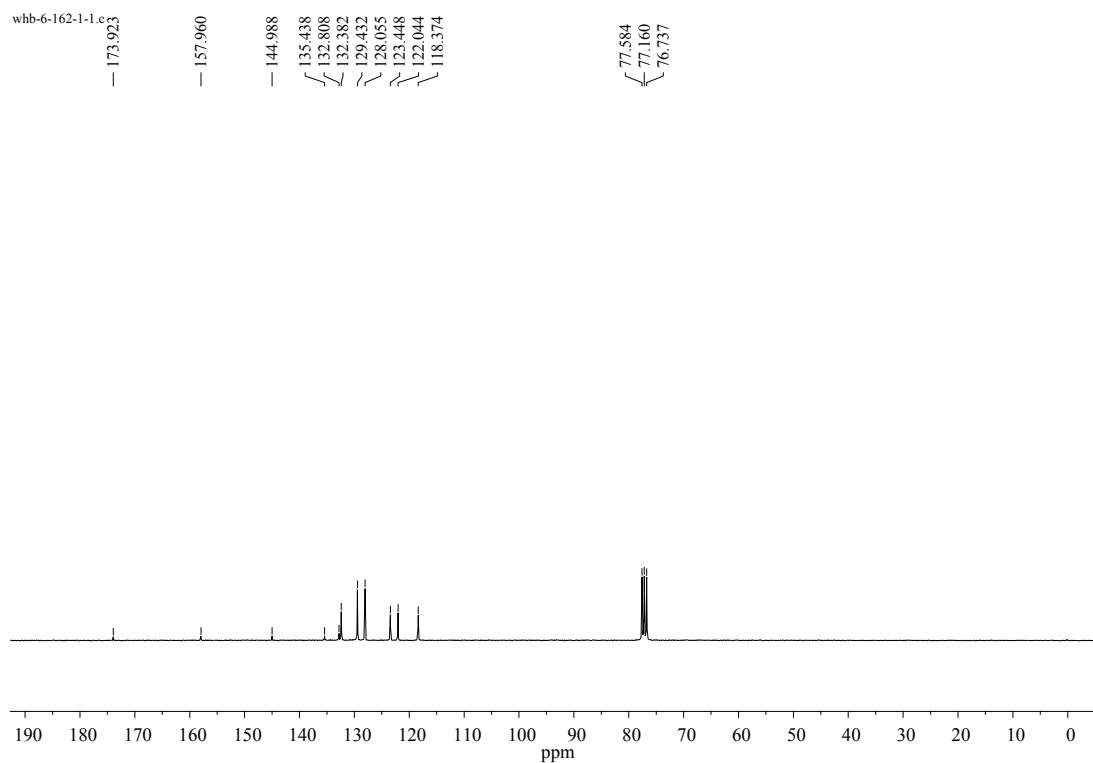
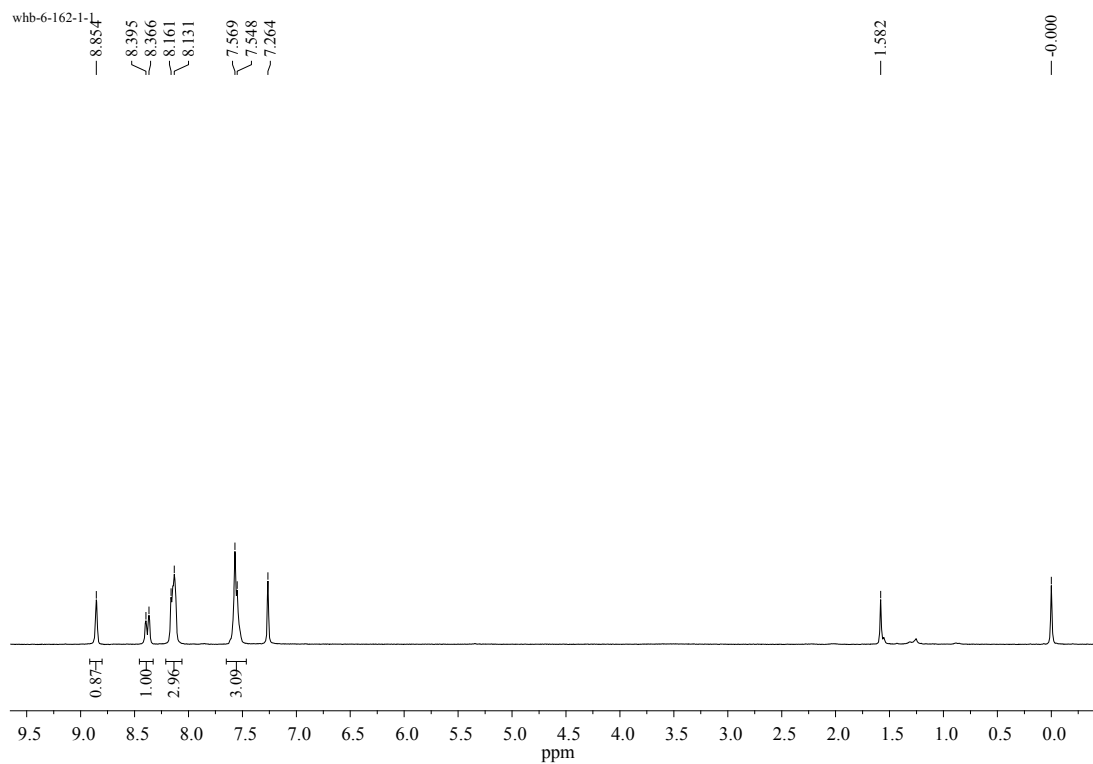


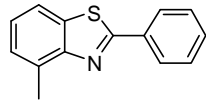
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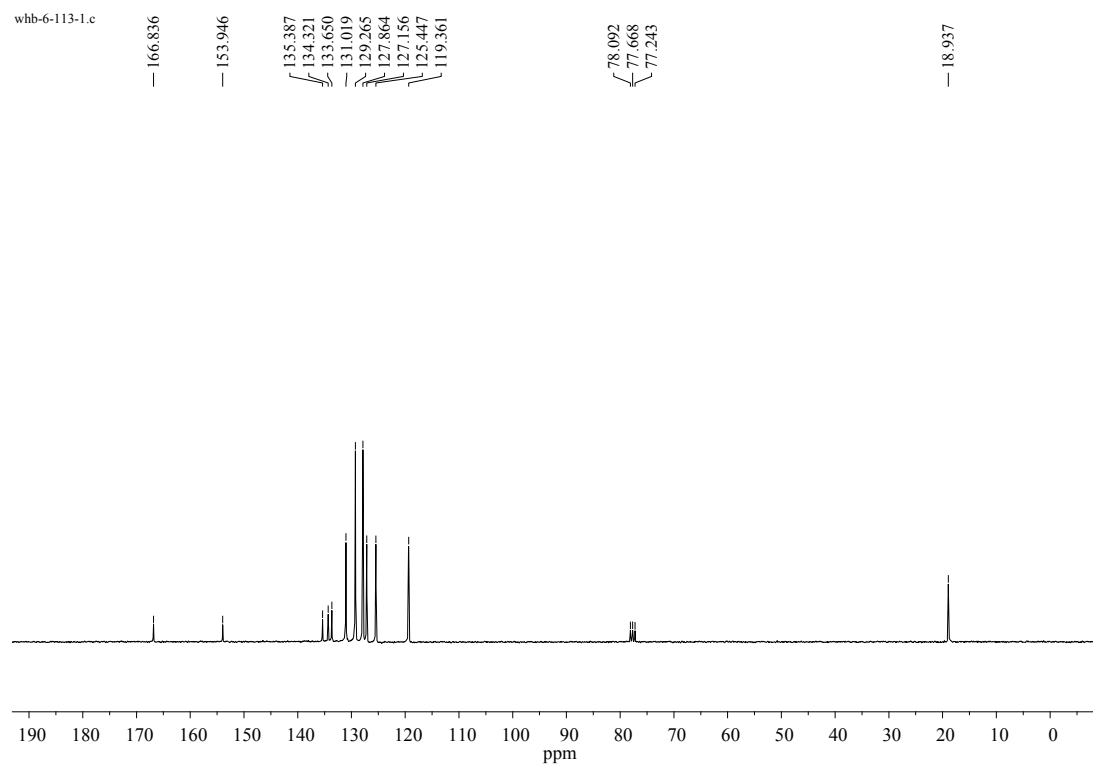
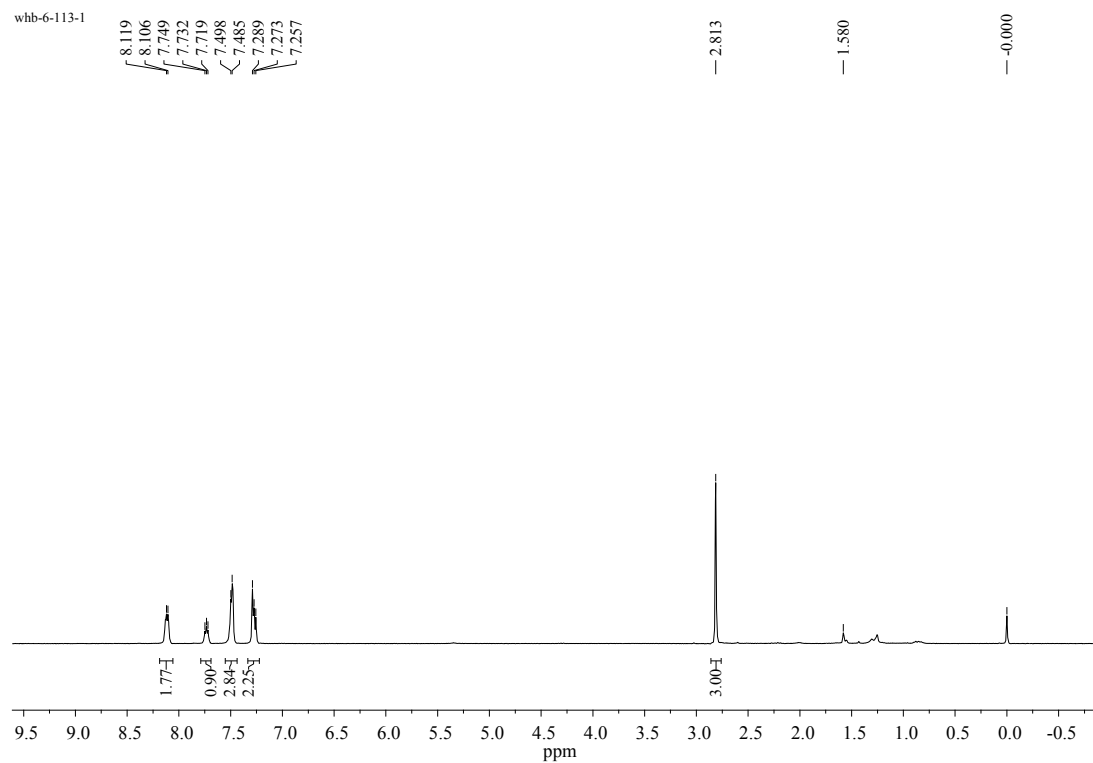


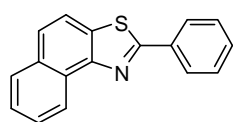


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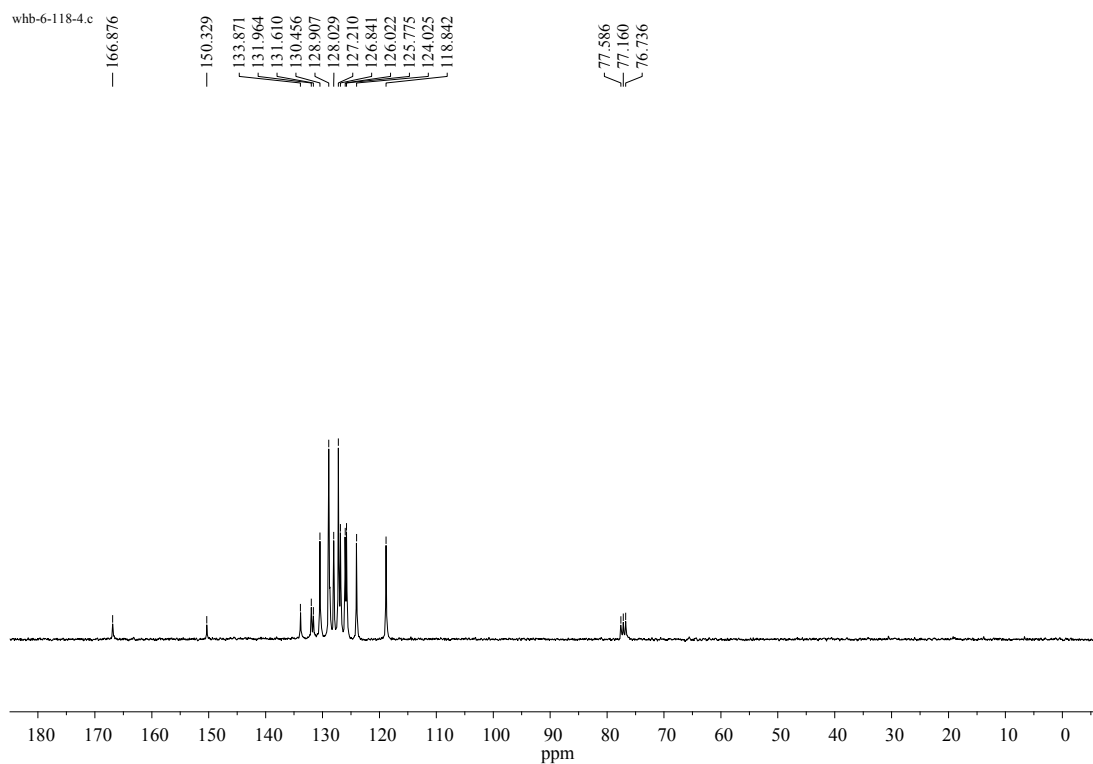
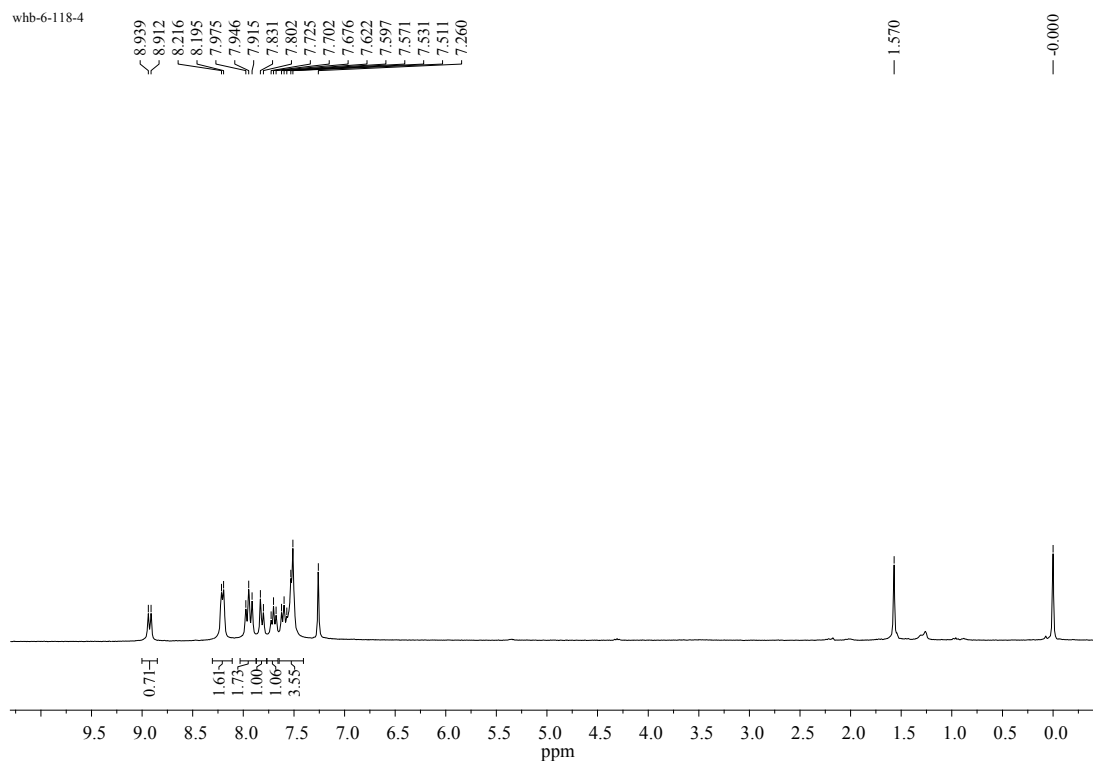


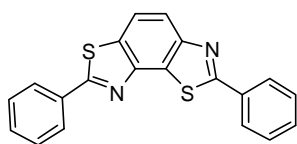
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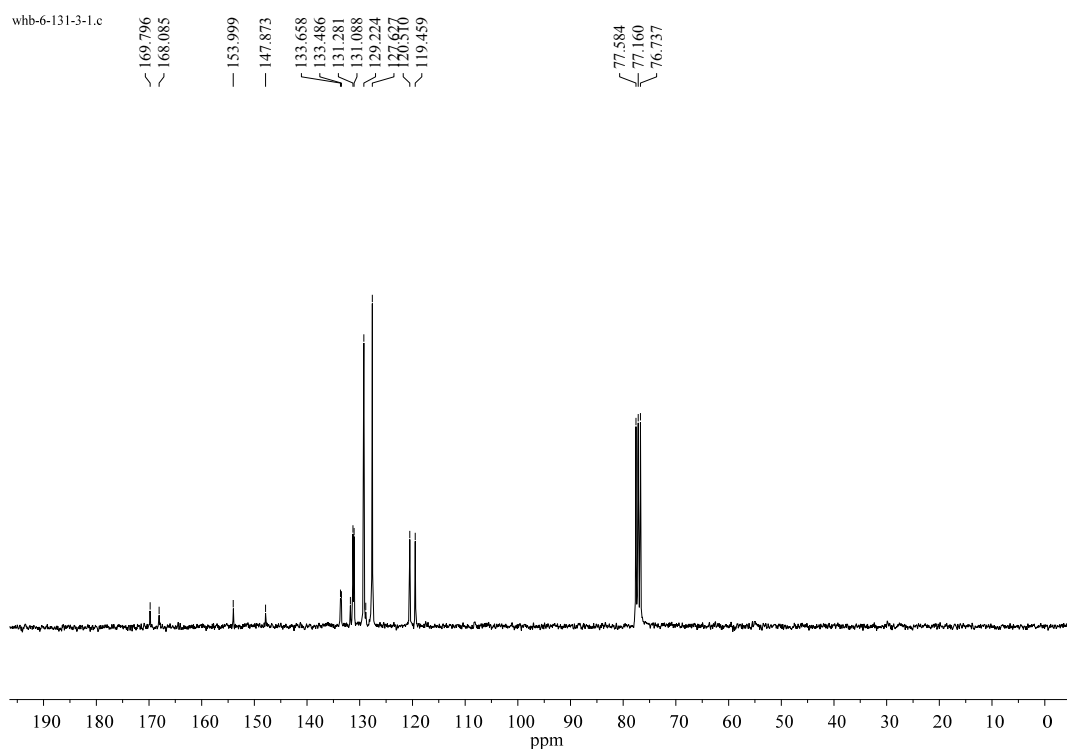
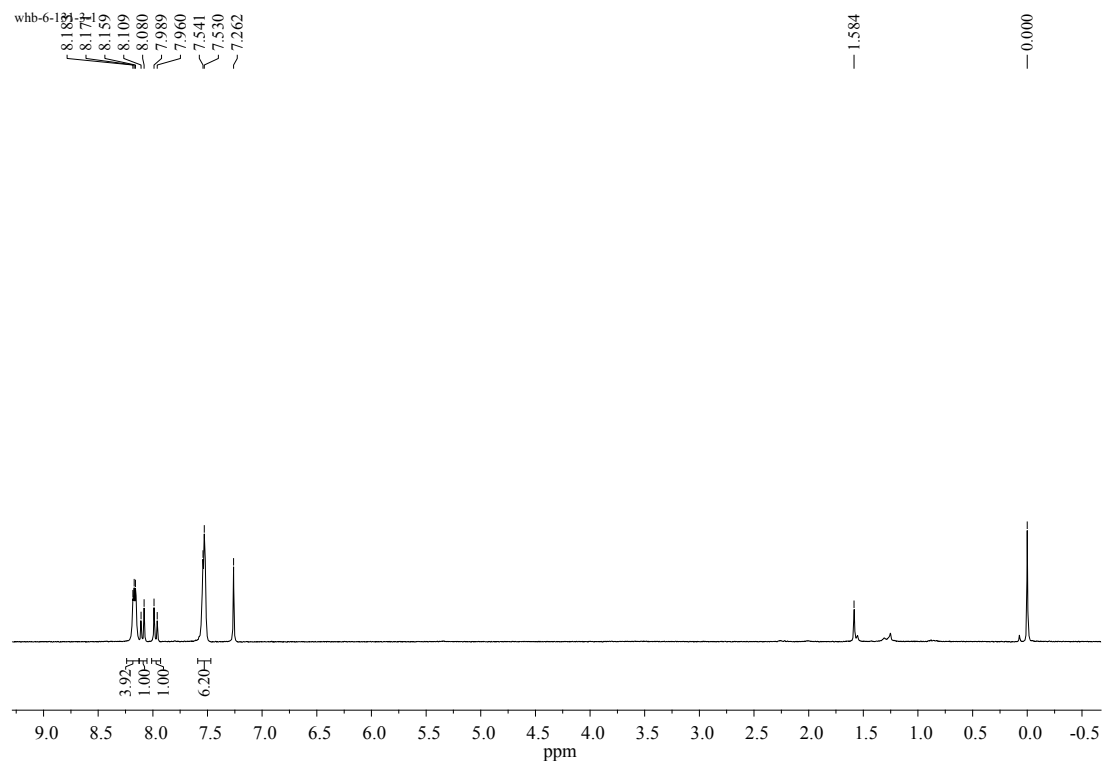


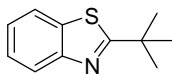
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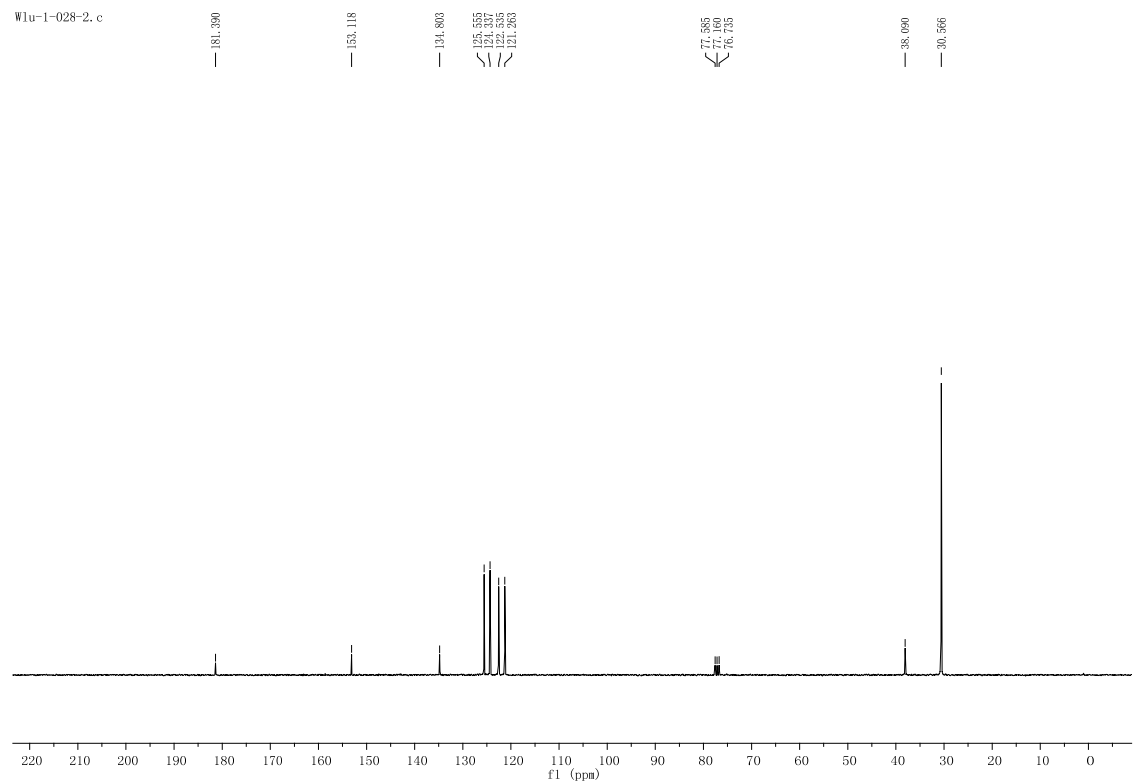
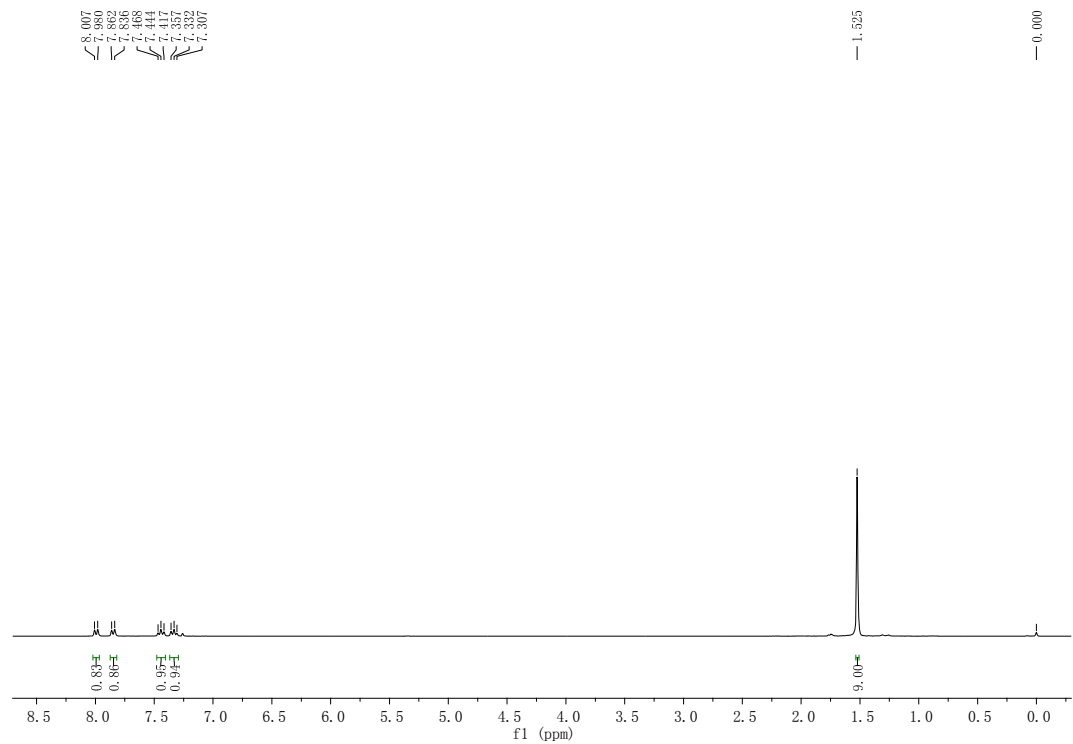


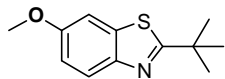
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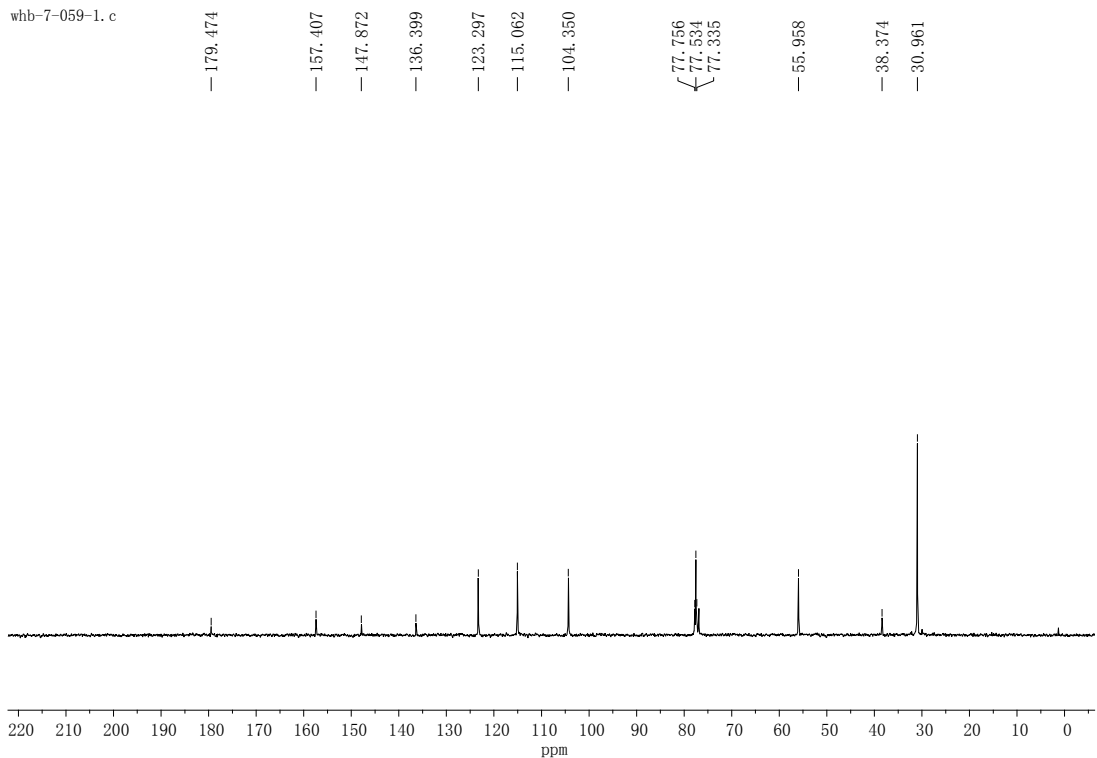
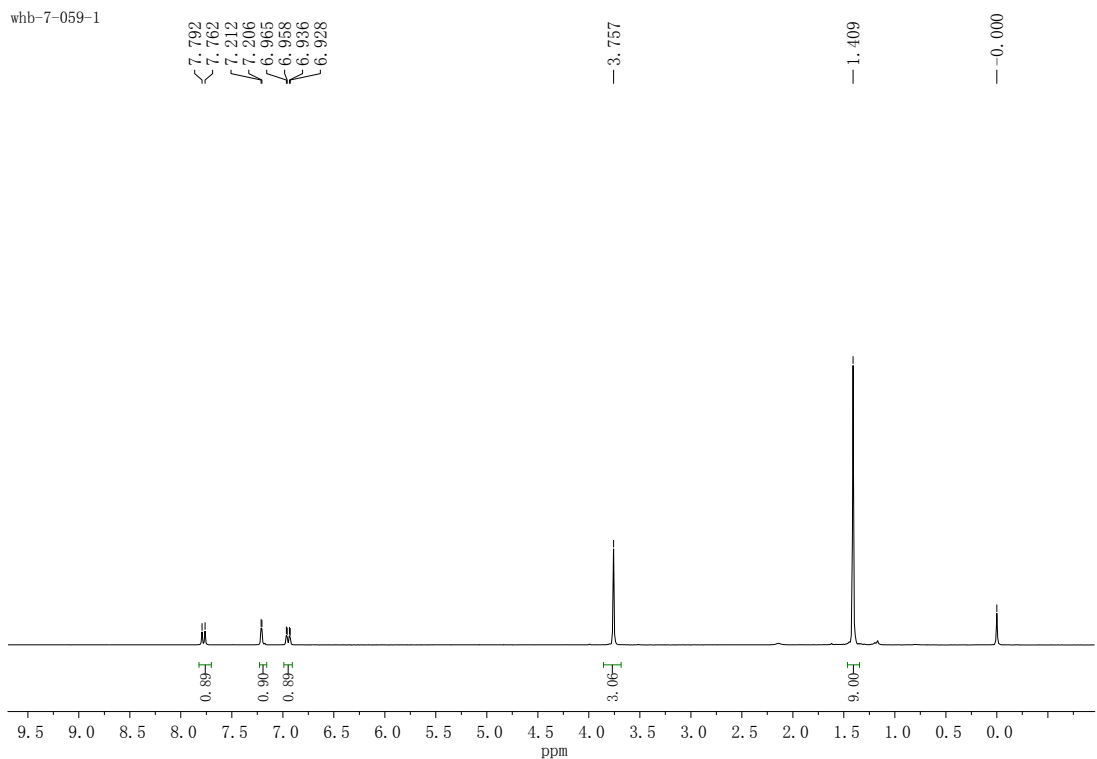


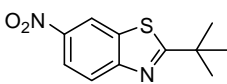
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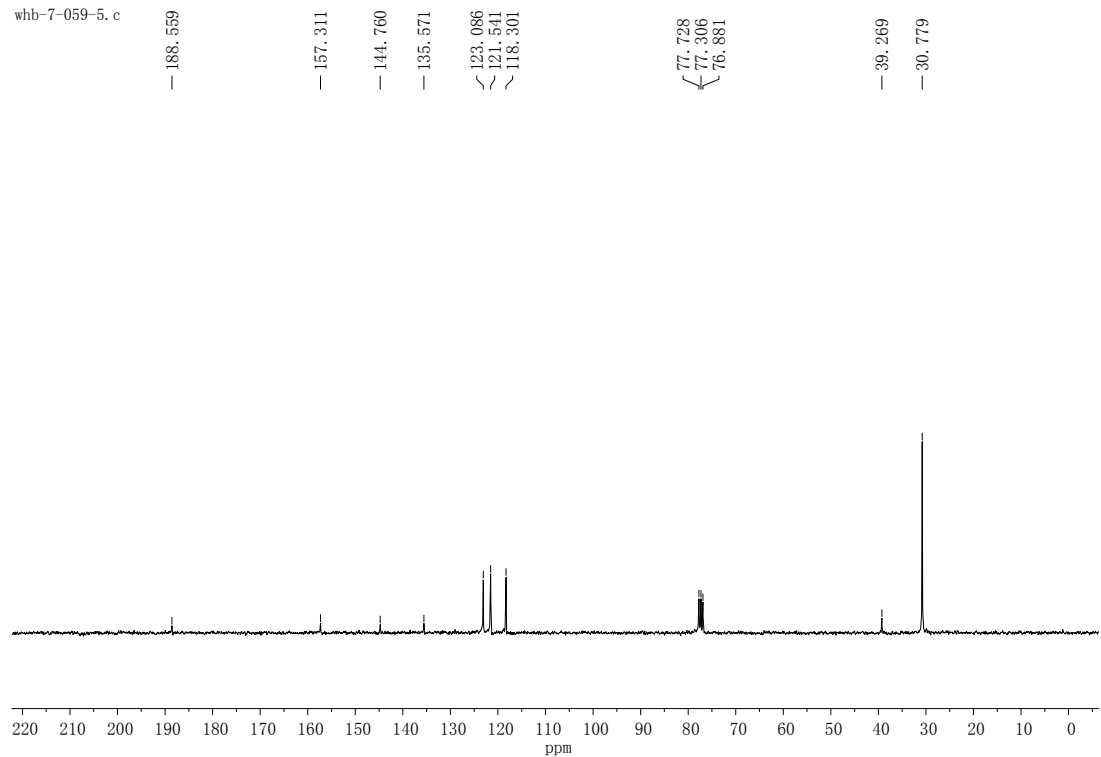
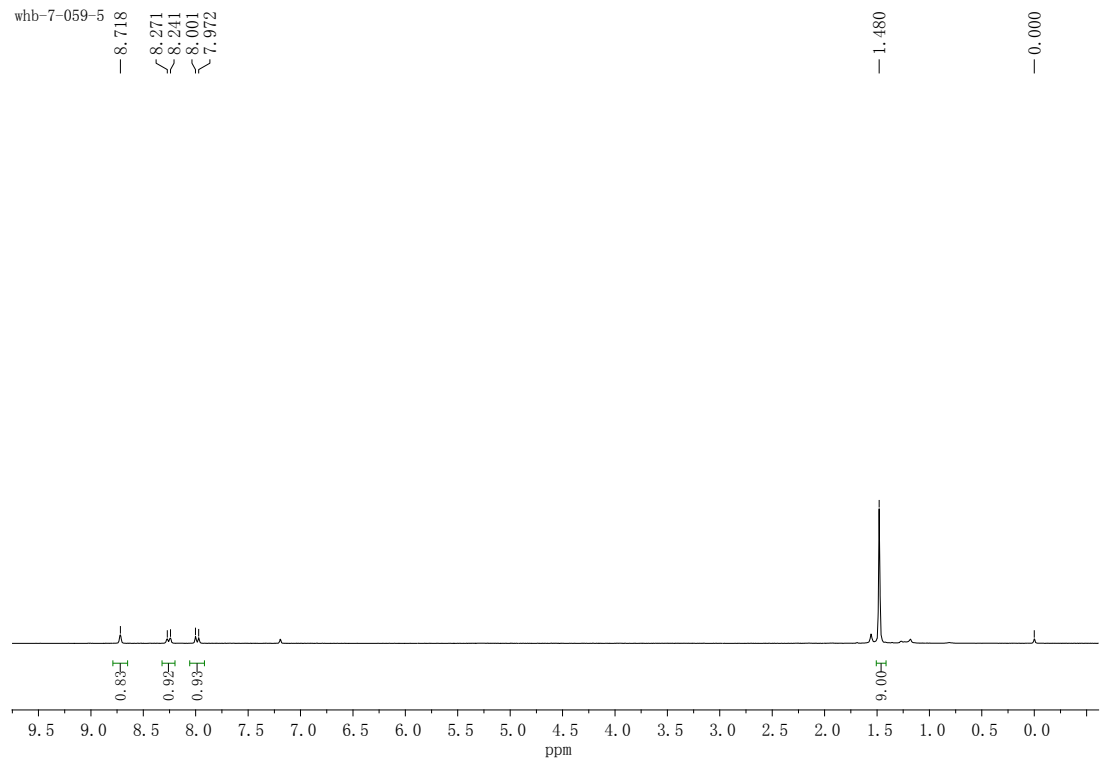


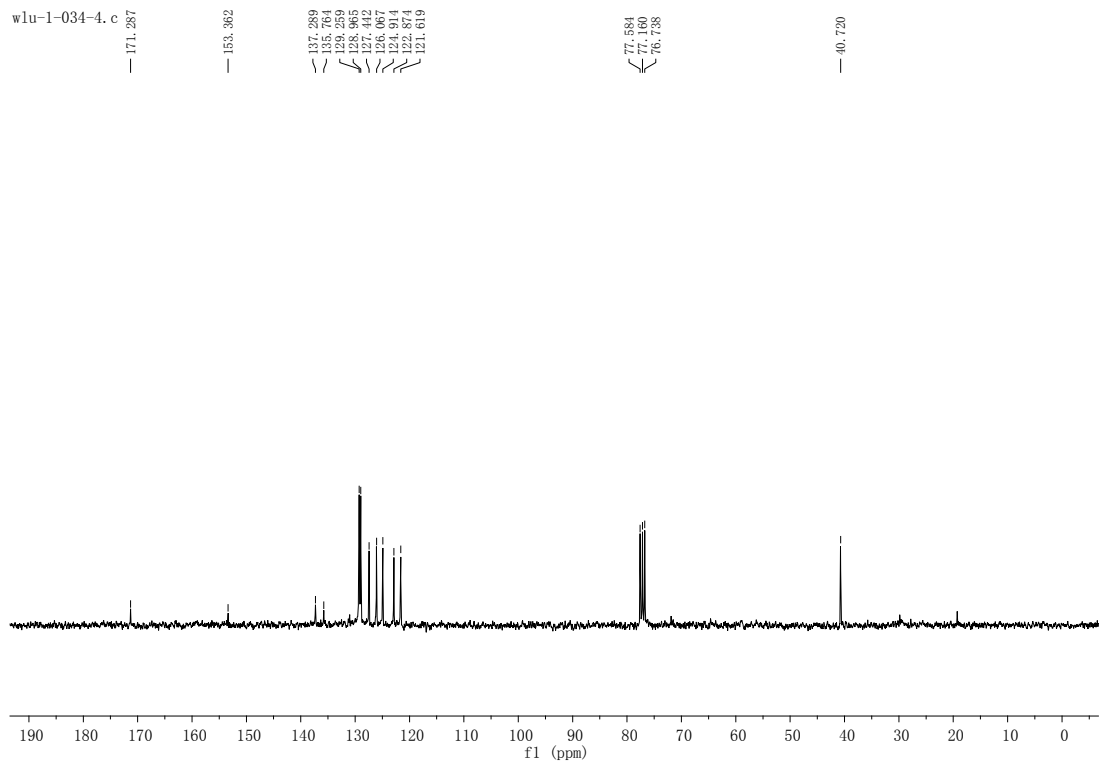
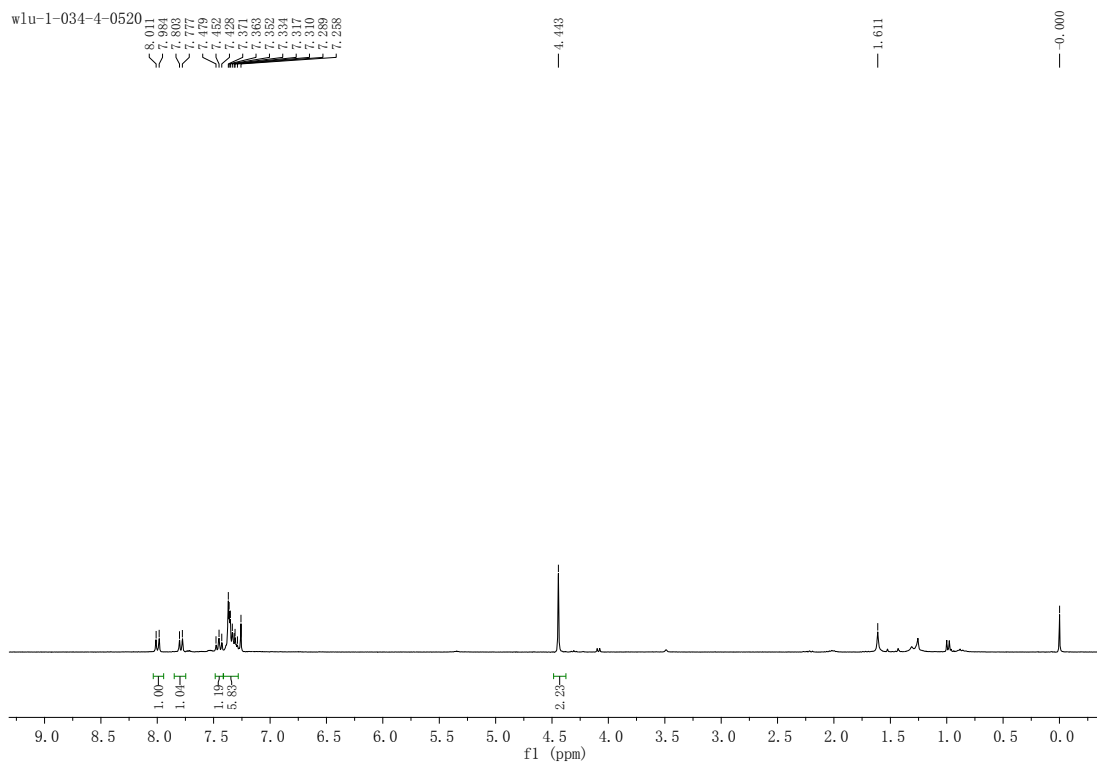
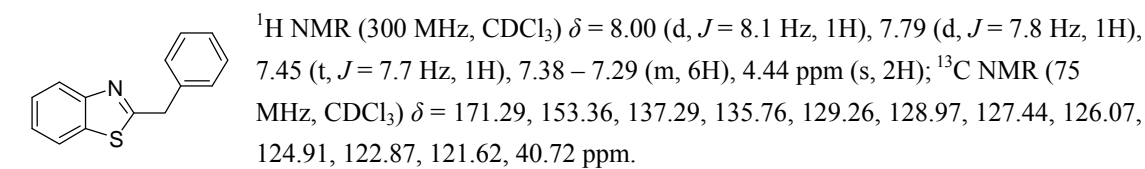
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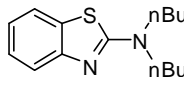


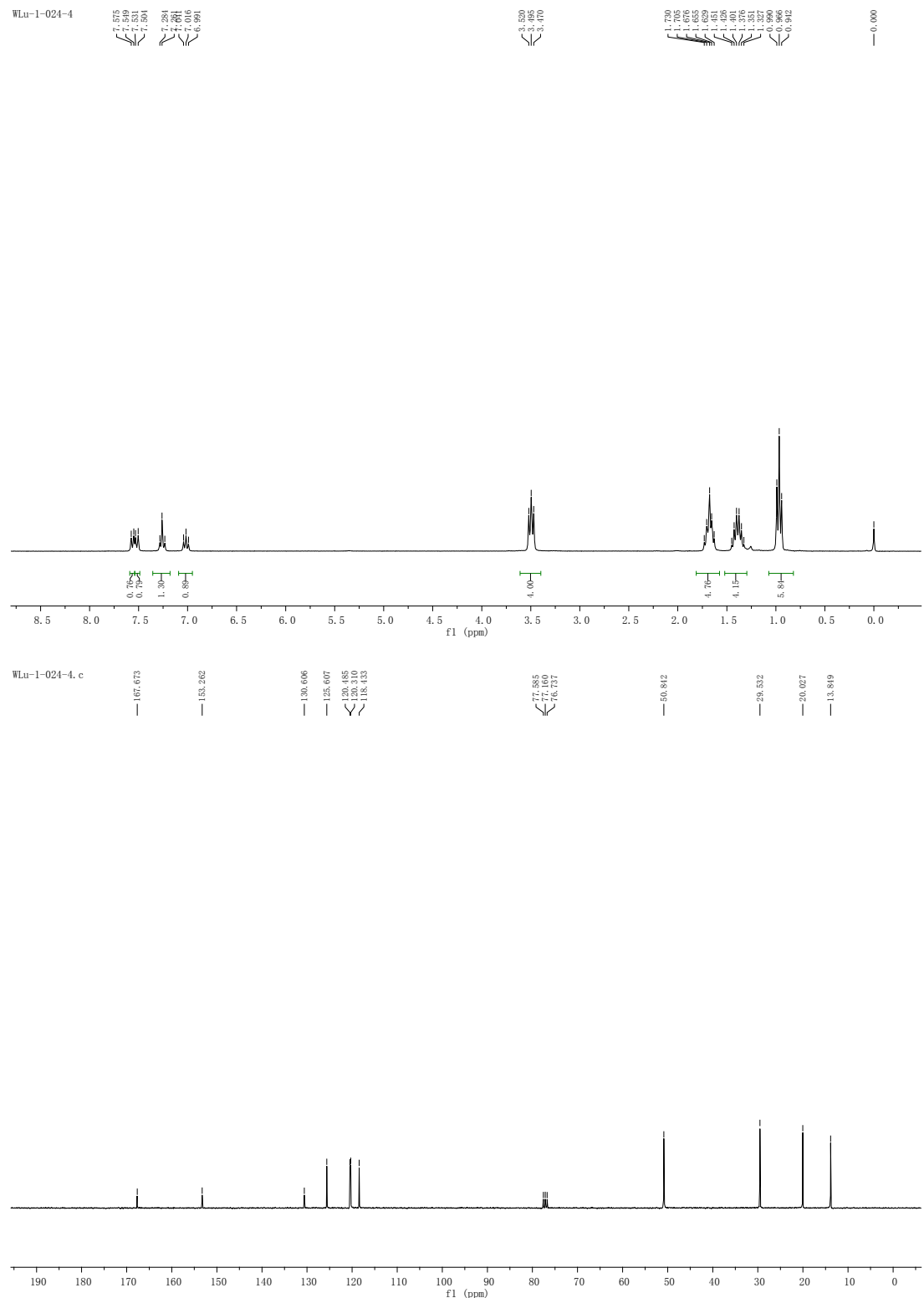


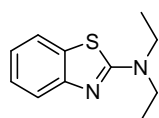
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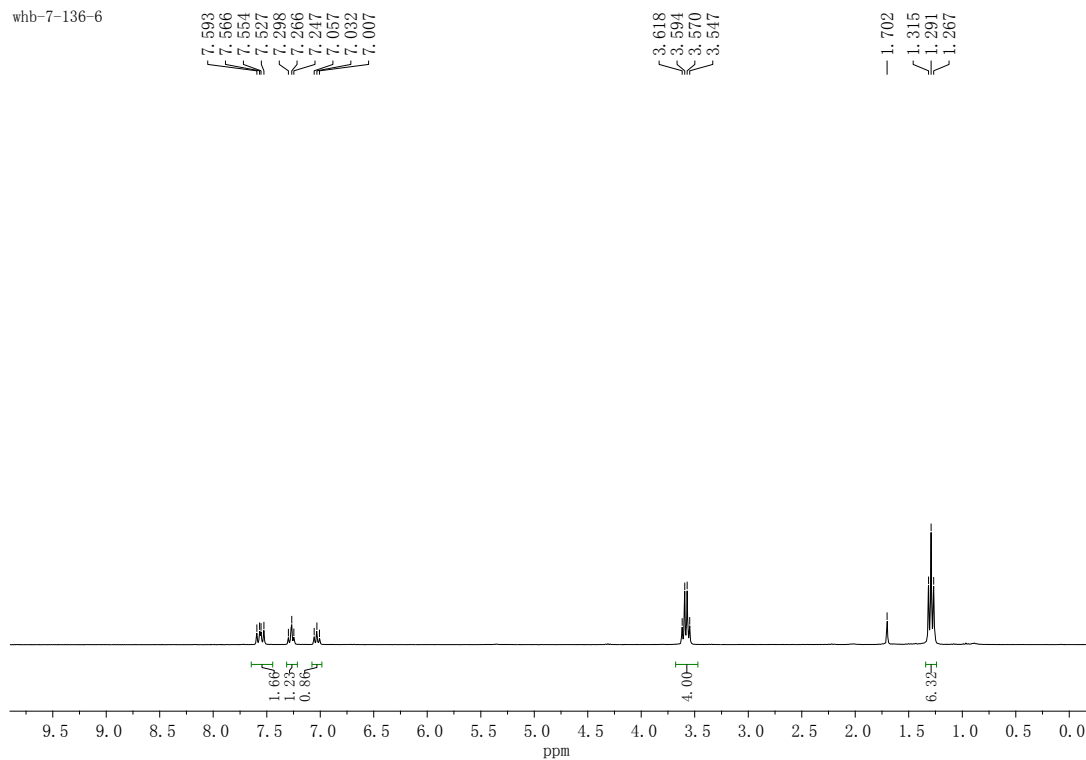
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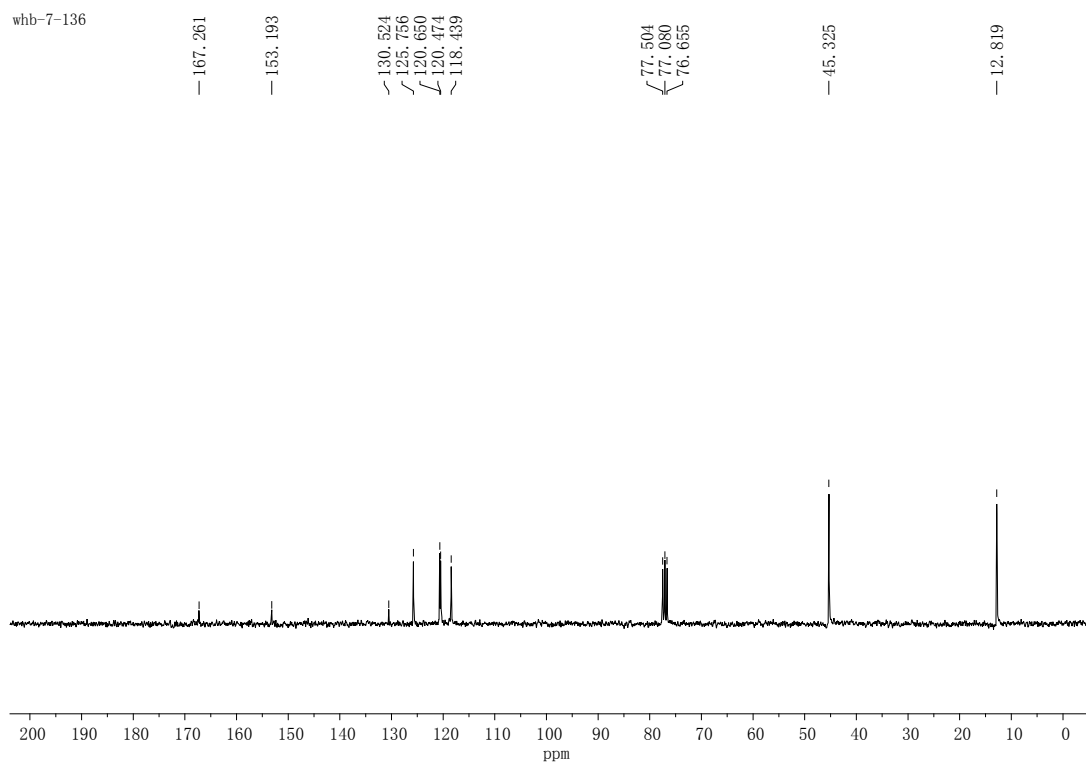


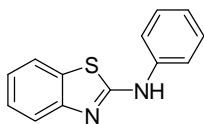
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¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.94 (br.s, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.10 ppm (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 165.98, 151.16, 140.15, 129.66, 126.20, 124.67, 122.29, 120.92, 119.04 ppm.

