

## Supplementary Information

for

### **Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative C–H/C–H Cross-Coupling of Benzothiazoles with Thiophenes and Thiazoles**

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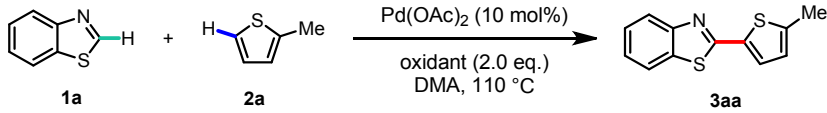
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## General information

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was HSGF 254 (0.15–0.2 mm thickness, Yantai Huiyou Company, China). Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (200–300 mesh). NMR spectra were recorded at Varian Mercury-300 spectrometer, Varian Mercury-400 spectrometer and Varian Mercury-500 spectrometers (300 MHz or 400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, 100 MHz or 125 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR). Tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$ ). Proton coupling patterns are described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), heptet (hept), multipet (m) and broad (br). Low- and high-resolution mass spectra (LRMS and HRMS) were recorded on a Finnigan/MAT-95 (EI), Finnigan LCQ/DECA and Micromass Ultra Q-TOF (ESI) spectrometer. LC-MS was performed on an Agilent 1200-6110 instrument. Melting points (m.p.) were measured by Büchi 510 melting point apparatus and were uncorrected.

## Optimization of reaction conditions

**Table S1** Screening of Oxidants.<sup>a</sup>

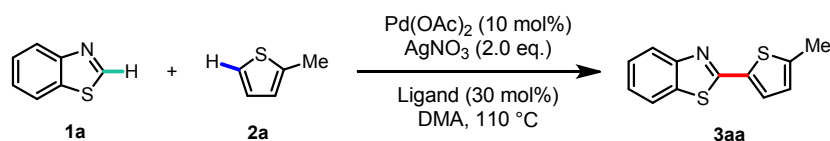


Entry	Oxidant	Time (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	20	11
2	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	20	Trace
3	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	20	Trace
4	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	20	Trace
5	AgOAc	20	18
6	AgTFA	20	6
7	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	20	21
8	Ag <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	20	Trace
9	Ag <sub>2</sub> O	20	13
10	AgNO <sub>3</sub>	12	28
11 <sup>c</sup>	AgNO <sub>3</sub>	12	27
12	O <sub>2</sub>	20	0
13	BQ	20	Trace

<sup>a</sup> **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), DMA (3.0 mL), all of reagents were mixed and stirred at r.t. for 5 minutes, then the sealed tubes were screw capped and heated at 110

°C for indicated time. <sup>b</sup> Yield Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using dimethyl terephthalate as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> The reaction was carried out under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

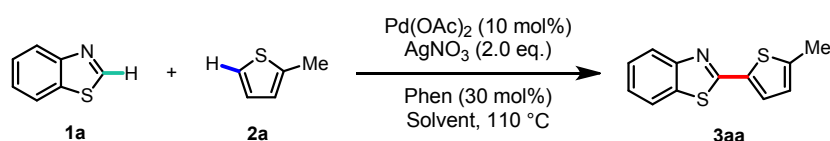
**Table S2** Screening of Ligands.<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Ligand	Time (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	–	12	28
2	AcOH	12	29
3	PivOH	10	36
4	Me-Gly-OH	5	18
5	(Me) <sub>2</sub> -Gly-OH	5	17
6	Pro-OH	12	14
7	Boc-Me-Ala-OH	2	22
8	PhCO <sub>2</sub> H	10	15
9	<i>p</i> NO <sub>2</sub> -PhCO <sub>2</sub> H	10	12
10	Bipy	10	45
11	Phen	10	50
12	Phen (15 mol%), Boc-Me-Ala-OH (15 mol%)	4	41
13	Phen (15 mol%), PivOH (15 mol%)	4	40

<sup>a</sup> **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), DMA (3.0 mL), all of reagents were mixed and stirred at r.t. for 5 minutes, then the sealed tubes were screw capped and heated at 110 °C until **1a** disappeared. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using dimethyl terephthalate as an internal standard.

**Table S3** Screening of Solvents.<sup>a</sup>

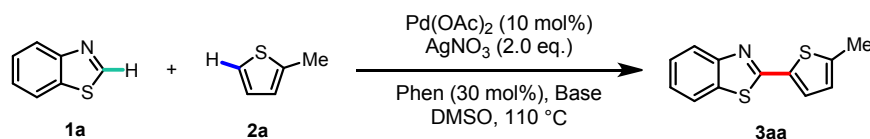


Entry	Solvent	Time (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	DMA	10	50
2	DMF	10	31
3	NMP	10	27
4	DMSO	10	69(63) <sup>c</sup>
5	Dioxane	10	27
6	EtAc	10	8
7	DME	10	12
8	<i>n</i> BuOH	10	21

<sup>a</sup> **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), solvent (3.0 mL), all of reagents were mixed and stirred at r.t. for 5 minutes, then the sealed tubes were screw capped and heated at 110 °C until **1a** disappeared. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using dimethyl

terephthalate as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> The isolated yield was given in parentheses.

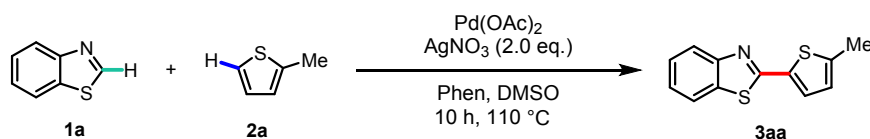
**Table S4** Screening of Bases.<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Base	Time (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	–	10	69
2 <sup>c</sup>	–	10	6
3	NaOAc	10	24
4	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	10	32
5	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	10	33
6	KF	10	37
7	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> ·3H <sub>2</sub> O	10	15

<sup>a</sup> **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), DMSO (3.0 mL), all of reagents were mixed and stirred at r.t. for 5 minutes, then the sealed tubes were screw capped and heated at 110 °C until **1a** disappeared. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using dimethyl terephthalate as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> TEMPO (30 mol%) was added.

**Table S5** Screening of loadings of reagents.<sup>a</sup>

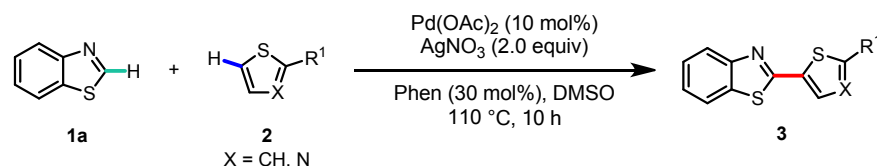


Entry	Reagent	Loading	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	5 mol%	18
2	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	2.5 mol%	trace
3	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	0	0
4	Phen	1.0 equiv	42

<sup>a</sup> **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (4.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv), DMSO (3.0 mL), all of reagents were mixed and stirred at r.t. for 5 minutes, then the sealed tubes were screw capped and heated at 110 °C for 10 h. <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using dimethyl terephthalate as an internal standard.

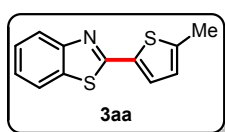
## General procedure for cross-dehydrogenative coupling of benzothiazoles with thiophenes

### and thiazoles

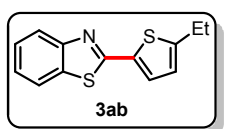


To a septum capped 25 mL of sealed tube were added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv)

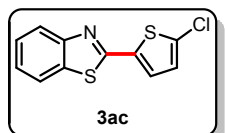
and 1,10-Phenanthroline hydrate (30 mol%) under air, followed by DMSO (3.0 mL) with stirring. Benzothiazoles **1** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and thiophenes/thiazoles **2** (4.0 equiv) were then added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 110 °C. After being stirred for 10 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with 20 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through a celite pad, washed with 80 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were concentrated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (PE/EA) to provide the desired product.



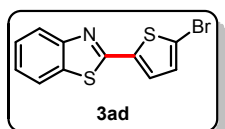
**2-(5-Methylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole<sup>1</sup>:** As a pale brown powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 95–97 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.80 (dq, *J* = 3.4, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.59, 153.66, 144.68, 134.79, 134.46, 128.84, 126.43, 126.27, 124.92, 122.70, 121.33, 15.67; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NS<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 231.0176; Found: 231.0149.



**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole:** As brown oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (dt, *J* = 3.7, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (qd, *J* = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.69, 153.67, 152.37, 134.49, 134.40, 128.67, 126.27, 124.91, 124.62, 122.69, 121.34, 23.77, 15.69; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NS<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 245.0333; Found: 245.0325.

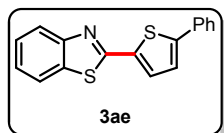


**2-(5-Chlorothiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole<sup>2</sup>:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 103–105 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.43–7.32 (m, 2 H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.28, 153.41, 135.79, 134.43, 134.38, 127.62, 127.19, 126.52, 125.40, 122.96, 121.44; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>6</sub>ClNS<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 250.9630; Found: 250.9621.

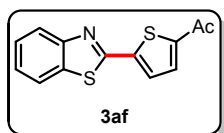


**2-(5-Bromothiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole<sup>3</sup>:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 110–112 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.01 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.85 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48

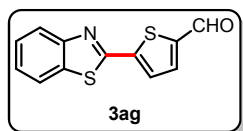
(ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.41–7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.15, 153.45, 138.66, 134.44, 130.88, 128.43, 126.53, 125.43, 122.99, 121.45, 117.10; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_6\text{BrNS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 294.9125; Found: 294.9124.



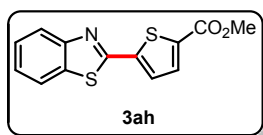
**2-(5-Phenylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole<sup>1</sup>:** As a yellow powder (PE:EA = 80:1 v:v); m.p. 156–158 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.08–7.99 (m, 1 H), 7.90–7.80 (m, 1 H), 7.71–7.65 (m, 2 H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.52–7.32 (m, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.28, 153.71, 148.19, 136.09, 134.66, 133.52, 129.55, 129.12, 128.49, 126.49, 125.97, 125.22, 123.92, 122.90, 121.47; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{NS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 293.0333; Found: 293.0038.



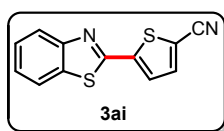
**1-(5-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)thiophen-2-yl)ethanone<sup>4</sup>:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 30:1 v:v); m.p. 188–190 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.20–7.96 (m, 1 H), 7.93–7.86 (m, 1 H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.61–7.48 (m, 1 H), 7.50–7.36 (m, 1 H), 2.61 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  190.49, 160.05, 153.60, 146.01, 144.05, 135.12, 132.57, 128.47, 126.81, 125.97, 123.51, 121.62, 26.97; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NOS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 259.0126; Found: 259.0120.



**5-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde<sup>4</sup>:** As a yellow powder (PE:EA = 10:1 v:v); m.p. 146–148 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.96 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 1.2, 0.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 1.2, 0.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  182.87, 159.65, 153.54, 145.48, 145.18, 136.19, 135.20, 128.41, 126.87, 126.13, 123.61, 121.61; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{NOS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 244.9969; Found: 244.9961.

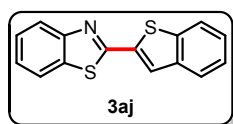


**Methyl 5-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxylate<sup>5</sup>:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v); m.p. 162–164 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 1.2, 0.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 1.3, 0.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 7.3, 1.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.18, 160.06, 153.52, 143.02, 135.72, 134.95, 133.75, 128.11, 126.69, 125.81, 123.38, 121.54, 52.46; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 275.0075; Found: 275.0066.

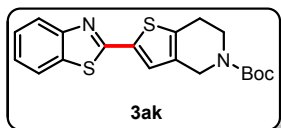


**5-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)thiophene-2-carbonitrile<sup>1</sup>:** As a pale yellow  
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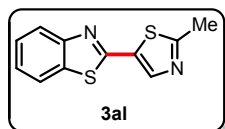
powder (PE:EA = 30:1 v:v); m.p. 176–178 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.64, 153.33, 143.79, 137.86, 134.96, 127.44, 126.99, 126.29, 123.59, 121.66, 113.67, 112.01; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 241.9972; Found: 242.0001.



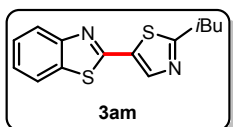
**2-(Benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole<sup>6</sup>:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 100:1 v:v); m.p. 193–195 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.95–7.73 (m, 4 H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 8.3, 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.45–7.33 (m, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.48, 153.68, 140.82, 139.53, 137.14, 135.01, 126.58, 126.17, 125.63, 125.33, 125.00, 124.59, 123.34, 122.62, 121.54; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NS<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 267.0176; Found: 267.0169.



**Tert-butyl 2-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-*c*]pyridine-5(4*H*)-carboxylate:** As yellow oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 10:1 v:v); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 2 H), 4.52 (brs, 2 H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.50 (s, 9 H); **conformational isomer 1:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.26, 154.74, 153.62, 138.42, 134.76, 134.57, 133.38, 126.39, 125.13, 122.79, 121.41, 80.23, 44.12, 40.58, 28.47, 25.43; **conformational isomer 2:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.26, 154.74, 153.62, 137.95, 134.76, 134.57, 133.75, 126.39, 125.13, 122.79, 121.41, 80.23, 43.44, 41.80, 28.47, 25.31; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0966; Found: 372.0965.

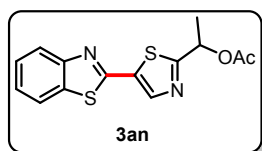


**2-(2-Methylthiazol-5-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole<sup>7</sup>:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v); m.p. 123–125 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (s, 1 H), 8.02 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.79 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.25, 158.37, 153.35, 142.78, 134.39, 132.60, 126.55, 125.59, 123.01, 121.49, 19.59; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 232.0129; Found: 232.0121.

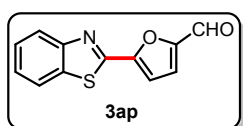


**2-(2-Isobutylthiazol-5-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole:** As colorless oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (s, 1 H), 8.02 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (ddd, *J* =

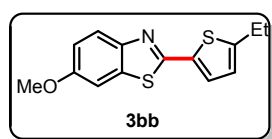
7.9, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.3$  Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 2.17 (hept,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1 H), 1.03 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.05, 169.31, 157.61, 152.92, 142.38, 134.12, 132.88, 126.26, 125.39, 122.74, 121.16, 69.39, 20.61, 20.34; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 274.0598; Found: 274.0604.



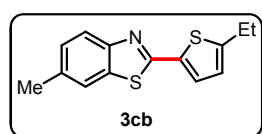
**1-(5-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)thiazol-2-yl)ethyl acetate:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 8:1 v:v); m.p. 108–109 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (s, 1 H), 8.03 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 1.2, 0.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 1.3, 0.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 7.3, 1.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 1 H), 6.18 (q,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1 H), 2.18 (s, 3 H), 1.73 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.24, 158.10, 152.97, 142.35, 134.00, 131.82, 126.14, 125.17, 122.60, 121.10, 42.22, 29.44, 21.85; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 304.0340; Found: 304.0342.



**5-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)furan-2-carbaldehyde<sup>8</sup>:** As a brown powder (PE:EA = 30:1 v:v); m.p. 180–182 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.79 (s, 1 H), 8.10 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 1.3, 0.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.95 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 1.3, 0.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  177.87, 155.84, 153.63, 153.15, 152.78, 134.88, 126.92, 126.20, 123.69, 121.83, 121.60, 112.53; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 229.0197; Found: 229.0193.



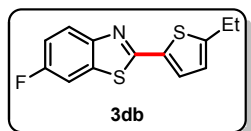
**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)-6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazole:** As a brown powder (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v); m.p. 74–76 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.05 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.5$  Hz, 1 H), 6.80 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (qd,  $J = 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.33, 157.55, 151.64, 148.15, 135.85, 134.55, 127.93, 124.47, 123.18, 115.30, 104.15, 55.75, 23.73, 15.70; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 275.0439; Found: 275.0445.



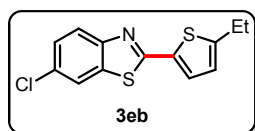
**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)-6-methylbenzo[d]thiazole:** As brown oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.61 (dd,  $J = 1.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.9$  Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.90



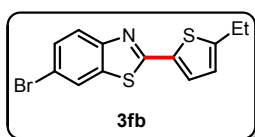
(qd,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 2 H), 2.47 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.69, 151.99, 151.75, 135.06, 134.64, 134.56, 128.28, 127.80, 124.52, 122.19, 121.13, 23.75, 21.50, 15.71; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 259.0489; Found: 259.0486.



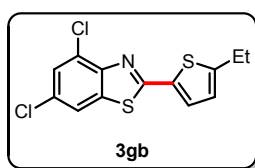
**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)-6-fluorobenzo[d]thiazole:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 102–103 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 2.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (td,  $J = 9.0, 2.6$  Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (qd,  $J = 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.39 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, C–CH–CH–CF), 160.26 (d,  $J = 246.0$  Hz, C–F), 152.48, 150.27, 135.46 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, C–CH–CF), 134.04, 128.69, 124.64, 123.50 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, CH–CH–CF), 114.76 (d,  $J = 24.7$  Hz, CH–CF), 107.66 (d,  $J = 26.8$  Hz, CH–CF), 23.75, 15.67; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 263.0239; Found: 263.0241.



**6-Chloro-2-(5-ethylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 138–142 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.1$  Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (qd,  $J = 7.5, 1.0$  Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.10, 152.88, 152.24, 135.66, 133.91, 130.62, 128.99, 127.02, 124.72, 123.32, 120.93, 23.78, 15.65; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 278.9943; Found: 278.9925.

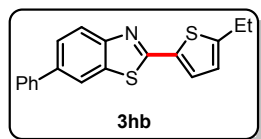


**6-Bromo-2-(5-ethylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 136–138 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (dt,  $J = 3.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (qd,  $J = 7.5, 0.9$  Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.12, 152.99, 152.58, 136.12, 133.86, 129.75, 129.05, 124.75, 123.85, 123.71, 118.24, 23.79, 15.66; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 322.9438; Found: 322.9440.

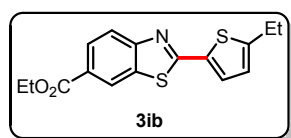


**4,6-Dichloro-2-(5-ethylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole:** As a brown powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 103–105 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (qd,  $J = 7.7,$

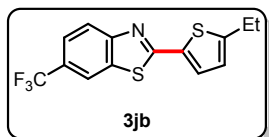
1.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.66, 153.67, 149.54, 136.56, 133.55, 130.42, 129.51, 127.80, 126.97, 124.82, 119.53, 23.82, 15.64; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}_2\text{NS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 312.9553; Found: 312.9555.



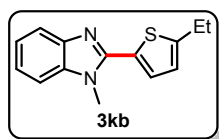
**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)-6-phenylbenzo[d]thiazole:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 126–128 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10–8.01 (m, 2 H), 7.75–7.62 (m, 3 H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 3 H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (dt,  $J = 7.4, 1.1$  Hz, 2 H), 1.39 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.84, 153.02, 152.49, 140.54, 138.33, 135.29, 134.43, 128.86, 128.70, 127.42, 127.28, 125.94, 124.66, 122.73, 119.60, 23.79, 15.70; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NS}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 321.0646; Found: 321.0645.



**Ethyl 2-(5-ethylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazole-6-carboxylate:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v); m.p. 122–124 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.55 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 0.6$  Hz, 1 H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 0.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1 H), 6.85 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 4.42 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H), 2.92 (qd,  $J = 7.4, 0.8$  Hz, 2 H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.08, 164.85, 156.64, 153.54, 134.39, 133.97, 129.59, 127.59, 126.88, 124.89, 123.43, 122.17, 61.19, 23.81, 15.63, 14.34; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : 317.0544; Found: 317.0546.

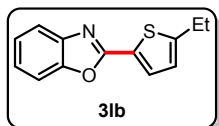


**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]thiazole:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); m.p. 139–142 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.13–8.09 (m, 1 H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.71–7.65 (m, 1 H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (dt,  $J = 3.8, 0.9$  Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (qd,  $J = 7.6, 0.9$  Hz, 2 H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.53, 155.69, 153.67, 134.56, 133.69, 129.69, 126.87 (q,  $J = 32.4$  Hz, C– $\text{CF}_3$ ), 123.90 (q,  $J = 272.2$  Hz, C– $\text{F}_3$ ), 124.90, 123.31 (q,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, CH–C– $\text{CF}_3$ ), 122.80, 118.95 (q,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, CH–C– $\text{CF}_3$ ), 23.80, 15.61; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{NS}_2$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$ : 313.0207; Found: 313.0201.

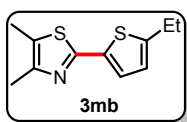


**2-(5-Eethylthiophen-2-yl)-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole:** As brown oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 8:1 v:v);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81–7.75 (m, 1 H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 1 H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.88 (dt,  $J = 3.7, 0.8$  Hz, 1 H), 3.98 (s, 3 H), 2.92 (qd,  $J = 7.5, 0.8$  Hz, 2

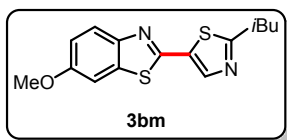
H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.17, 148.17, 142.85, 136.51, 129.69, 127.78, 124.29, 122.59, 122.42, 119.53, 109.19, 31.58, 23.50, 15.80; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{S}$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$ : 242.0878; Found: 242.0885.



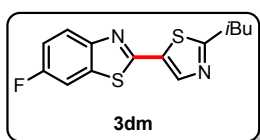
**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole:** As brown oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 30:1 v:v);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.72–7.68 (m, 1 H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 1 H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 2 H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (q,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2 H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.20, 153.43, 150.34, 142.08, 130.06, 126.61, 124.87, 124.71, 124.54, 119.56, 110.25, 23.71, 15.66; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NS}$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$ : 229.0561; Found: 229.0558.



**2-(5-Ethylthiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dimethylthiazole:** As brown oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.19 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (dt,  $J = 3.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.84 (qd,  $J = 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 1.31 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.53, 149.36, 148.51, 134.96, 125.40, 125.06, 124.09, 23.60, 15.77, 14.69, 11.37. HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NS}_2$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$ : 223.0489; Found: 223.0480.

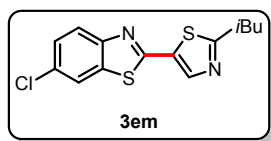


**2-(2-Isobutylthiazol-5-yl)-6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazole:** As pale yellow oil which solidified at room temperature (PE:EA = 15:1 v:v);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (s, 1 H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.5$  Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 2.92 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 2.16 (hept,  $J = 13.5, 6.8$  Hz, 1 H), 1.03 (dd,  $J = 6.6, 0.7$  Hz, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.01, 158.01, 155.97, 147.90, 142.06, 135.88, 132.35, 123.50, 115.79, 104.03, 55.77, 42.60, 29.83, 22.25; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{OS}_2$ :  $[\text{M}]^+$ : 304.0704; Found: 304.0701.

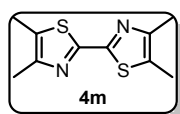


**6-Fluoro-2-(2-isobutylthiazol-5-yl)benzo[d]thiazole:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v); m.p. 68–69 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.15 (s, 1 H), 7.96 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (td,  $J = 9.0, 2.6$  Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 2.17 (hept,  $J = 13.6, 6.8$  Hz, 1 H), 1.03 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.73, 160.59 (d,  $J = 246.7$  Hz), 158.22 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 150.02, 142.78, 135.45 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz), 131.88, 123.91 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz), 115.19 (d,  $J = 24.7$  Hz), 107.81 (d,  $J = 27.0$  Hz), 42.62, 29.83, 22.24; HRMS (EI):  $m/z$  Calcd. For

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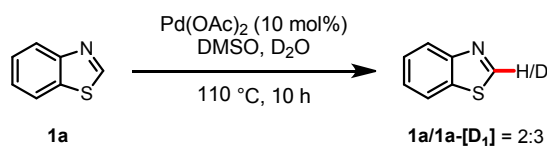


**6-Chloro-2-(2-isobutylthiazol-5-yl)benzo[d]thiazole:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v); m.p. 90–91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17 (s, 1 H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 0.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.17 (hept, *J* = 13.6, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.00, 158.91, 151.92, 143.04, 135.57, 131.78, 131.41, 127.35, 123.65, 121.09, 42.63, 29.83, 22.25; HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd. For C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: [M]<sup>+</sup>: 308.0209; Found: 308.0204.



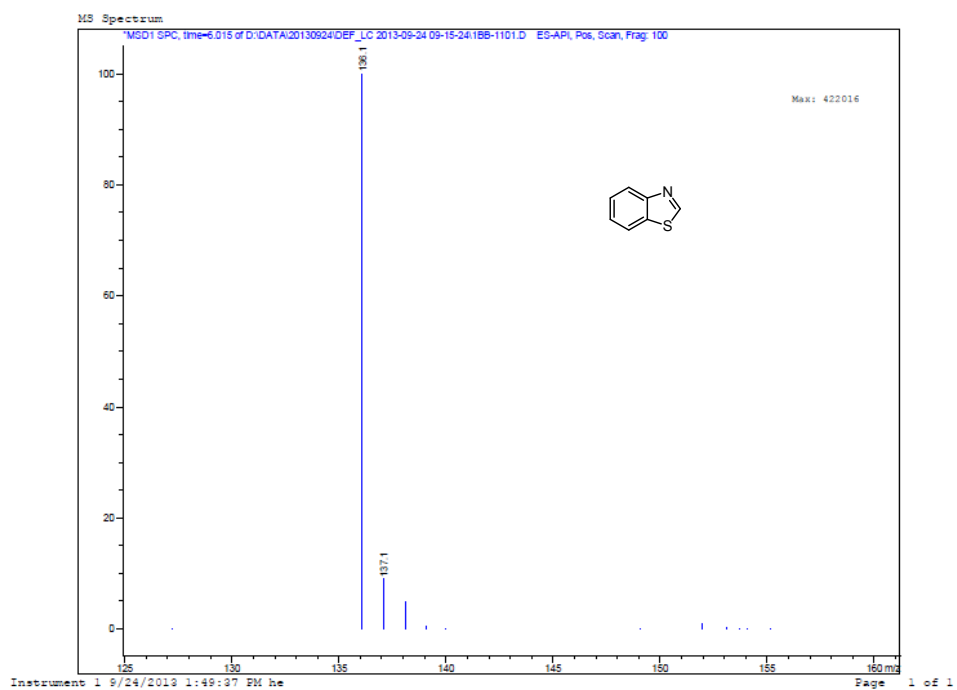
**4,4',5,5'-Tetramethyl-2,2'-bithiazole<sup>9</sup>:** As a pale yellow powder (PE:EA = 40:1 v:v); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.39 (q, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 6 H), 2.36 (q, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 6 H); LRMS (ESI): *m/z* 225 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### The H/D exchange experiment for **1a**



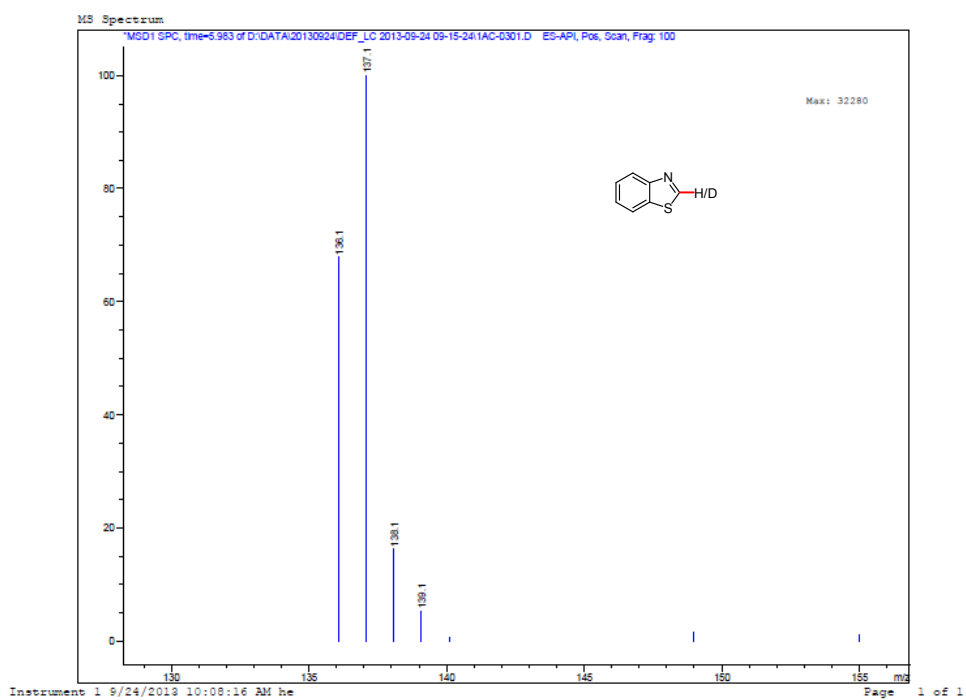
To a solution of **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DMSO (2.0 mL), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) and D<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL) was added, and the mixture was heated at 110 °C for 10 h. After cooling, the reaction solution was washed with saturated brine and extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic fractions were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum to yield the crude product. **1a-[D<sub>1</sub>]** was detected by LC-MS, and the ratio of **1a** and **1a-[D<sub>1</sub>]** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product.

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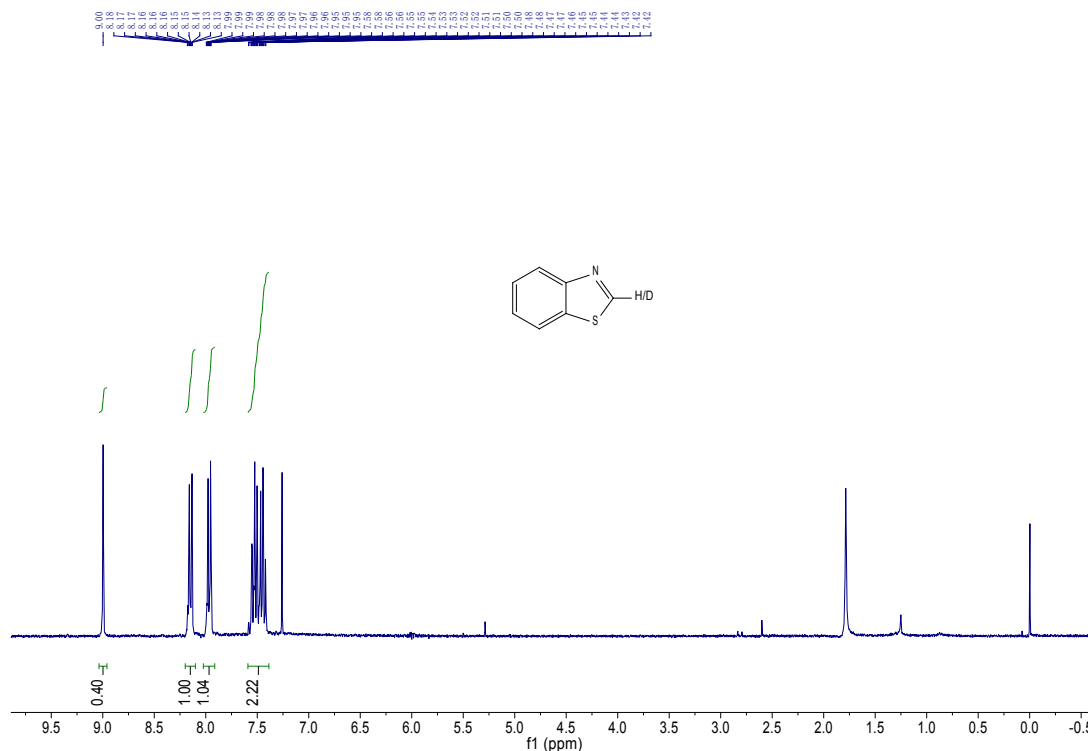


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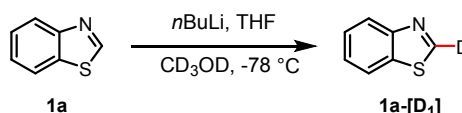


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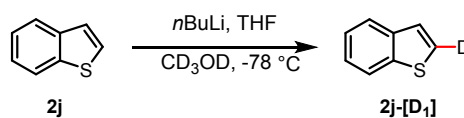


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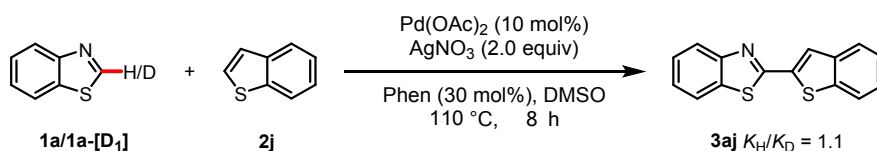
### Kinetic isotope experiments



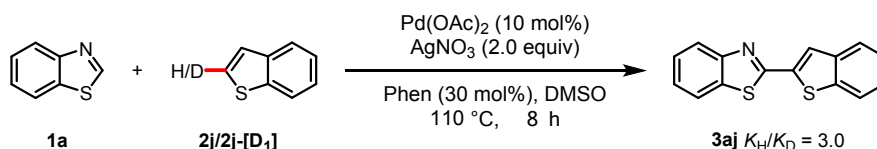
**Preparation of 2-deutero-benzothiazole (1a-[D<sub>1</sub>])**<sup>10</sup>: A stirred solution of benzothiazole **1a** (10 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) under nitrogen was cooled to  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and 12 mmol *n*BuLi in hexane was added dropwise. 2-Lithiobenzothiazole was immediately formed. This orange-colored anion solution was quickly quenched at  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  with  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (1.0 mL) after the addition of *n*BuLi. The suspension was extracted with water and ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated in vacuum. After purification by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether /ethyl acetate (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v), the desired products were obtained in 95% yield as pale yellow oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.15 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 1.3, 0.7\text{ Hz}$ , 1 H), 7.97 (ddd,  $J = 7.9, 1.4, 0.7\text{ Hz}$ , 1 H), 7.57–7.49 (m, 1 H), 7.48–7.41 (m, 1 H); MS (ESI):  $m/z$  137  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ .



**Preparation of 2-deutero-benzothiophene (2j-[D<sub>1</sub>)]<sup>11</sup>:** A stirred solution of benzothiophene **2j** (10 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) under nitrogen was cooled to -78 °C and 12 mmol *n*BuLi in hexane was added dropwise. CD<sub>3</sub>OD (1.0 mL) was added to the reaction system after reacting for 1 h. The suspension was extracted with water extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in vacuum. After purification by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether /ethyl acetate (PE:EA = 20:1 v:v), the desired products were obtained in 97% yield as colorless oil which solidified at room temperature; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92–7.79 (m, 2 H), 7.41–7.30 (m, 3 H); MS (EI): m/z 135 [M]<sup>+</sup>.



Two sets of reactions were carried out in a parallel manner. In each case benzothiophene **2j** (4.0 mmol) was allowed to react with benzothiazole **1a** (1.0 mmol) and 2-deutero-benzothiazole **1a-[D<sub>1</sub>]** (1.0 mmol), respectively. The sealed tubes were screw capped and heated to 110 °C. After being stirred for 8 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with 20 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through a celite pad, washed with 80 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were concentrated. The yield of **3aj** was determined by LC-MS.



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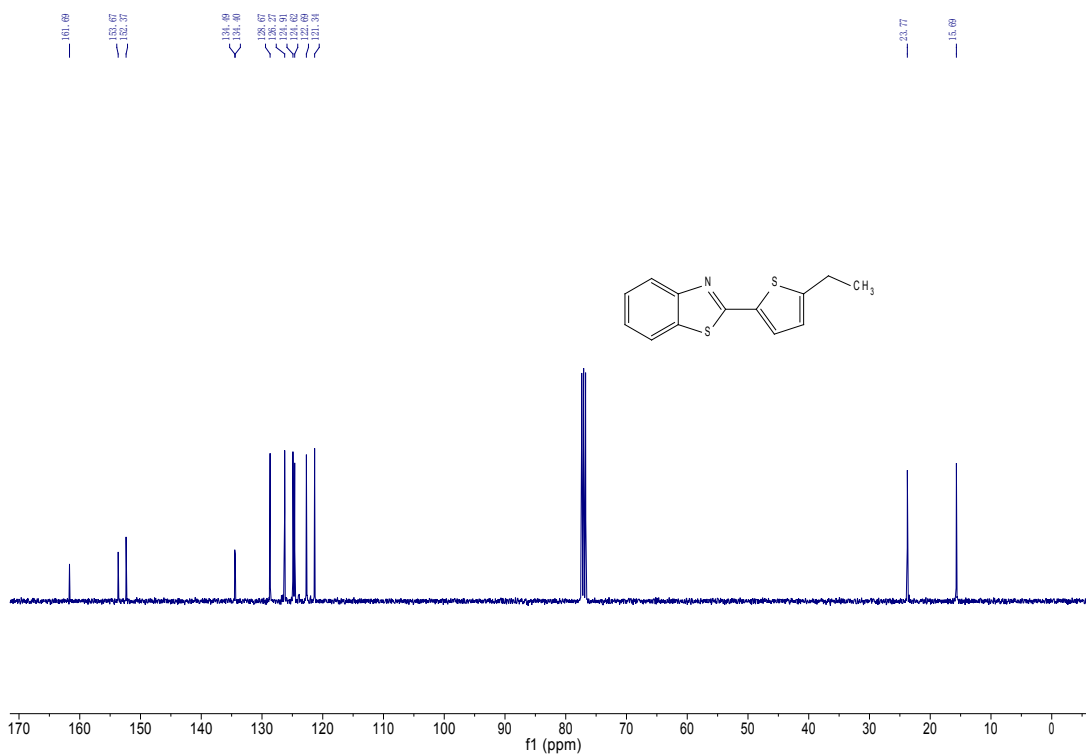
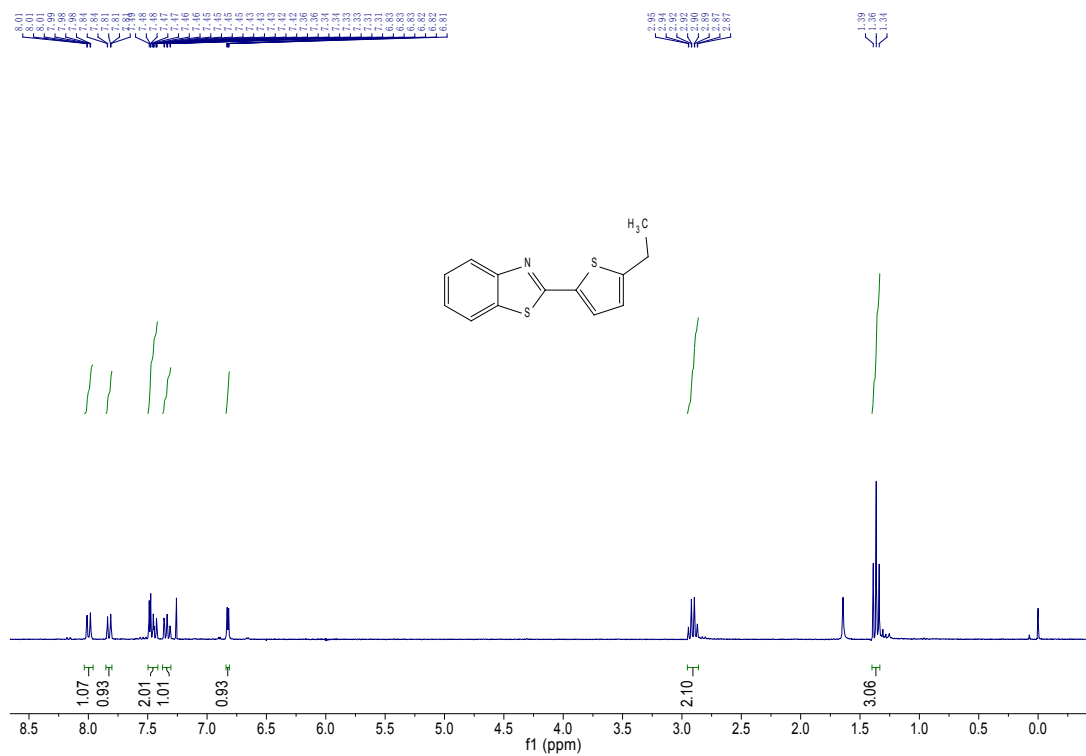
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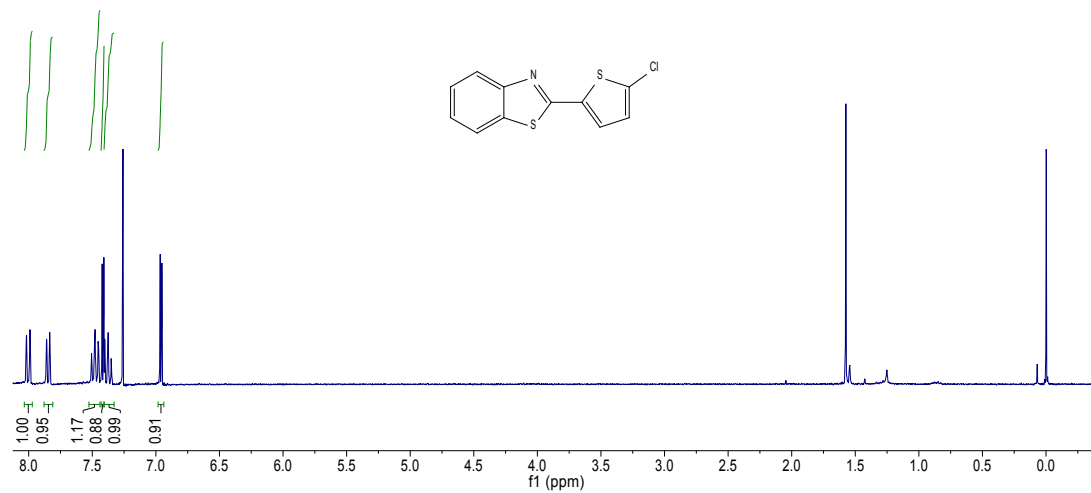


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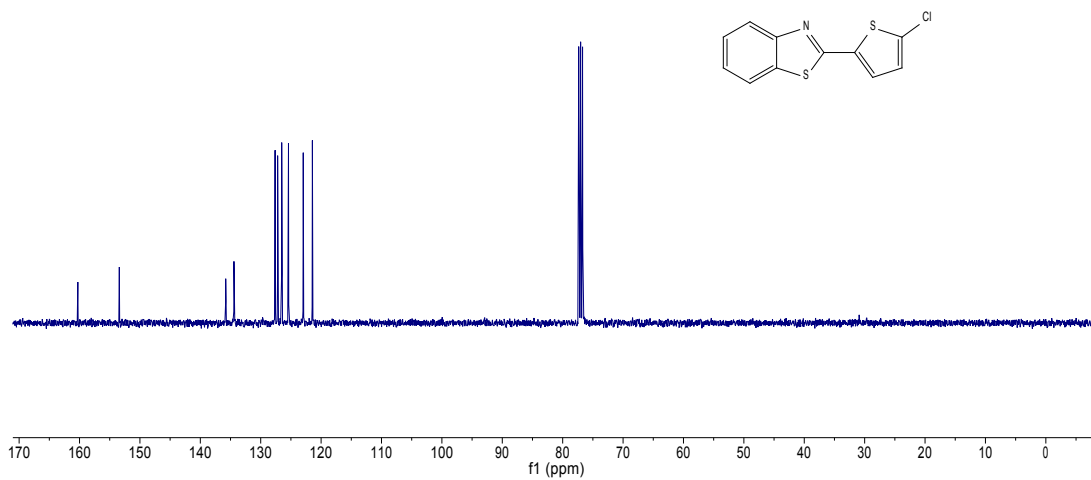


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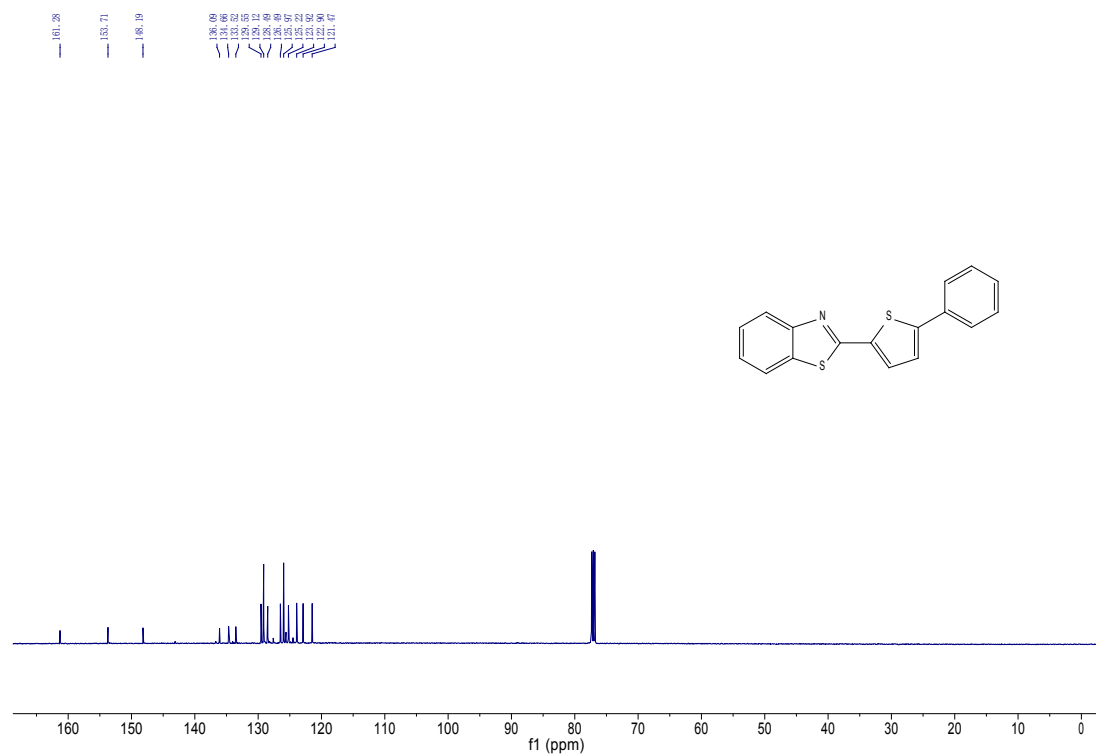
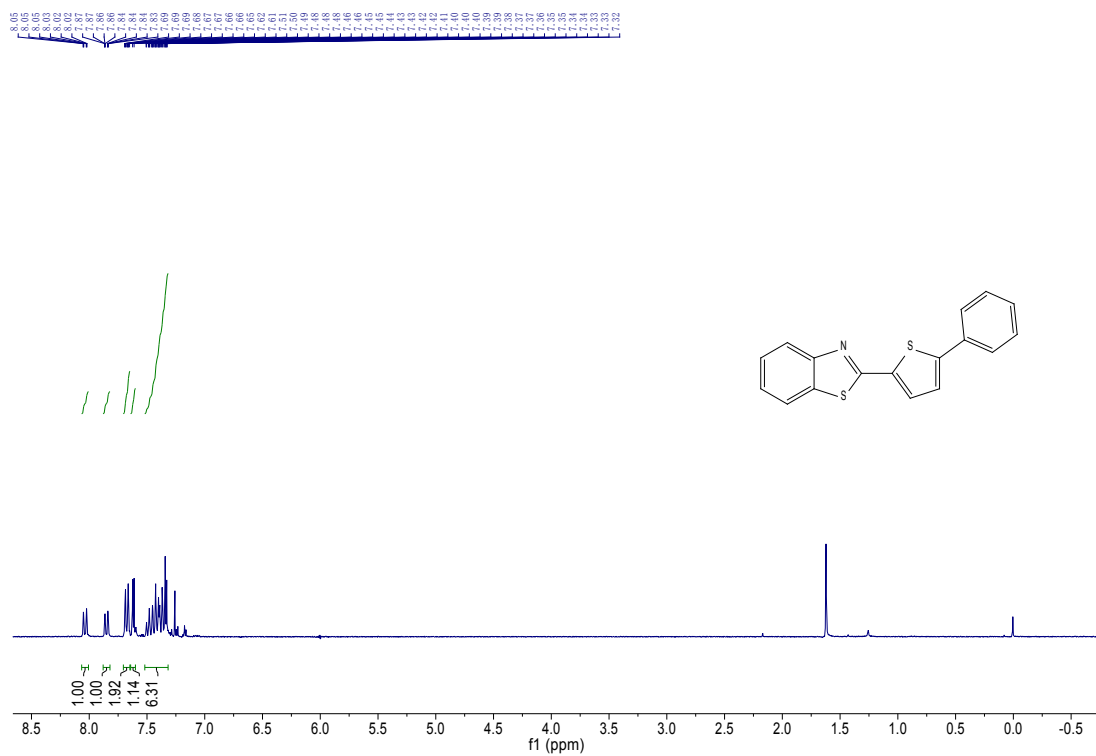


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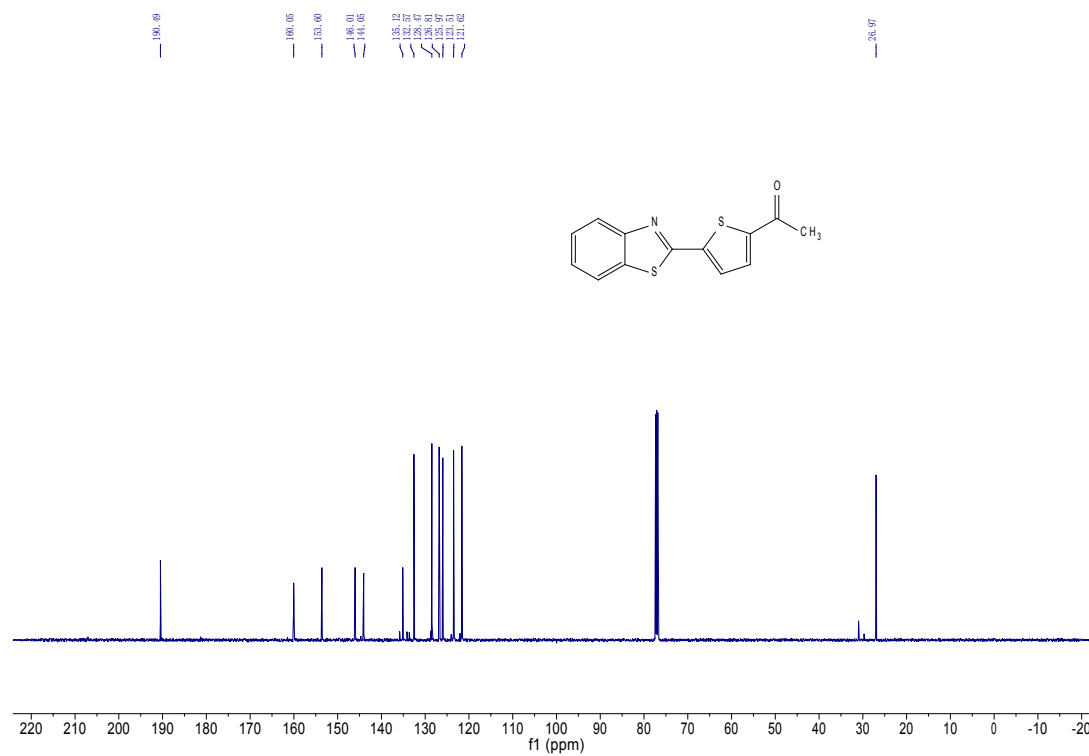
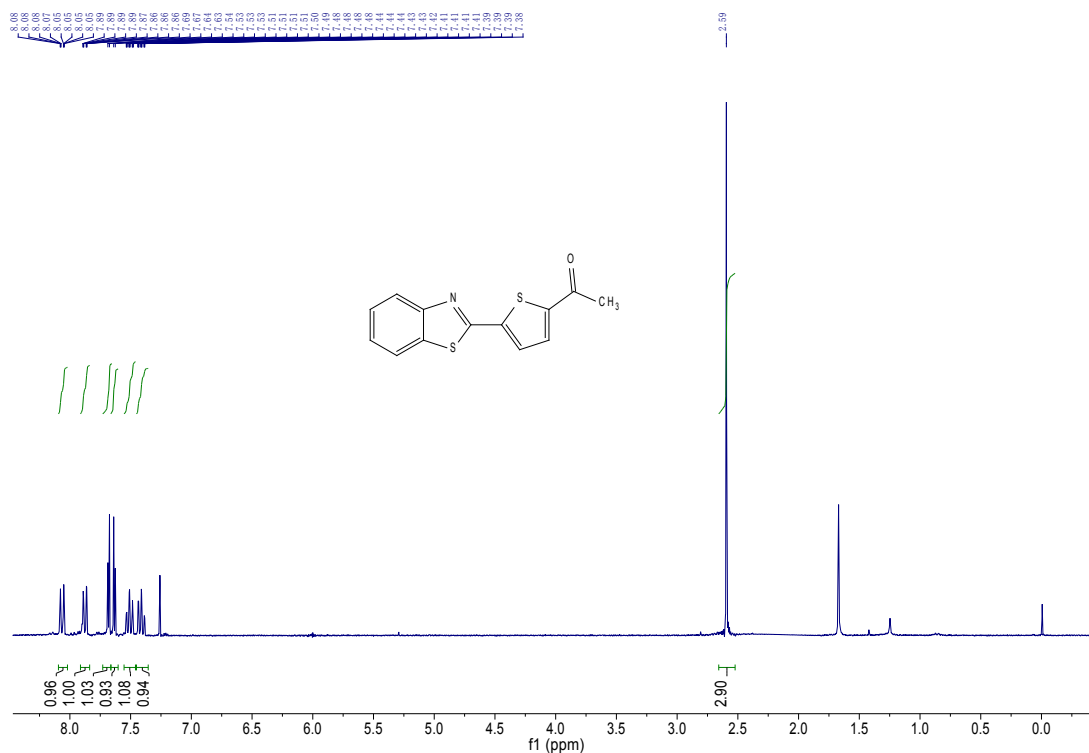




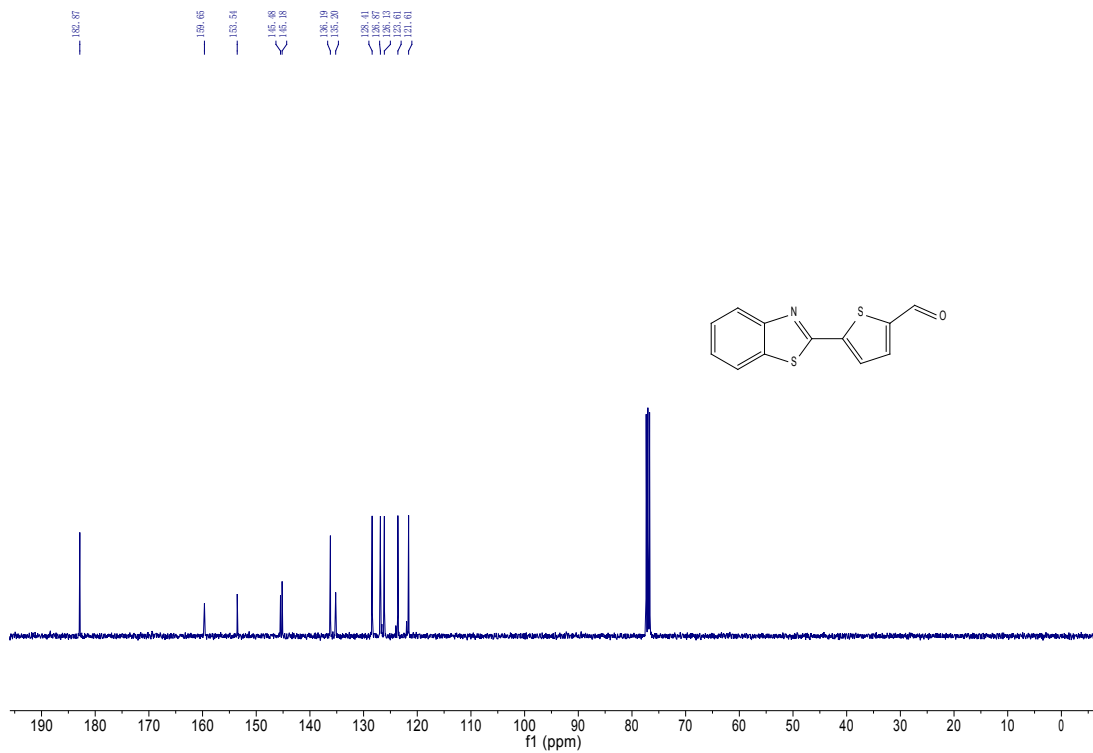
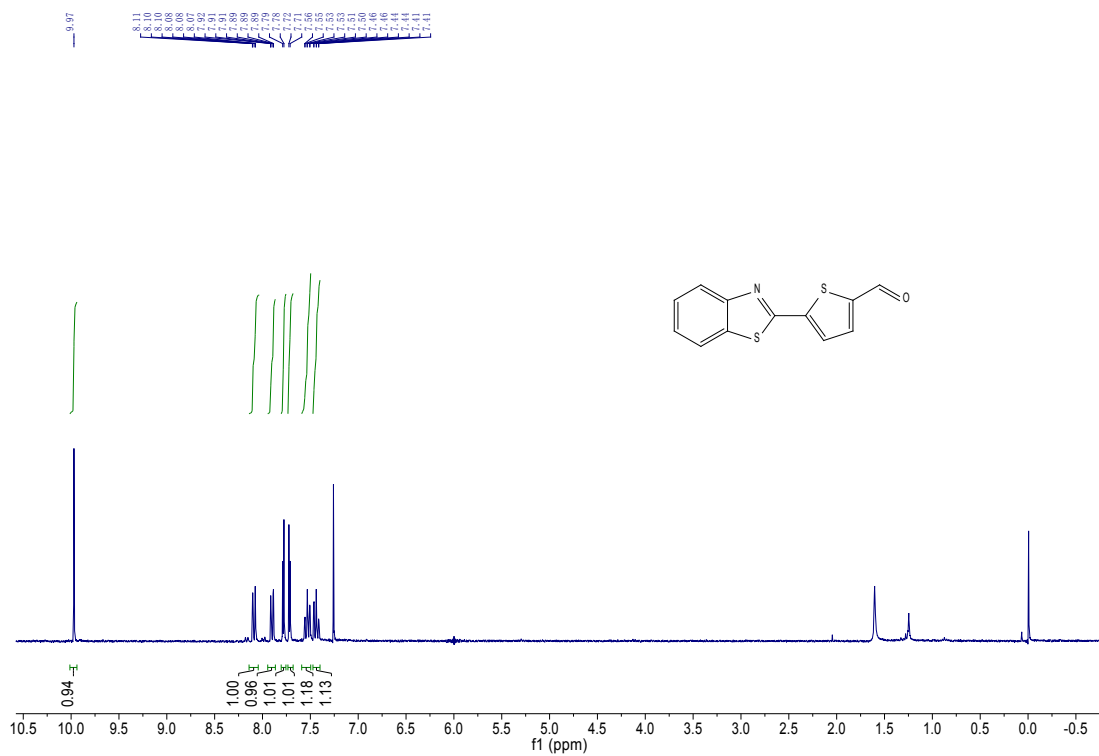
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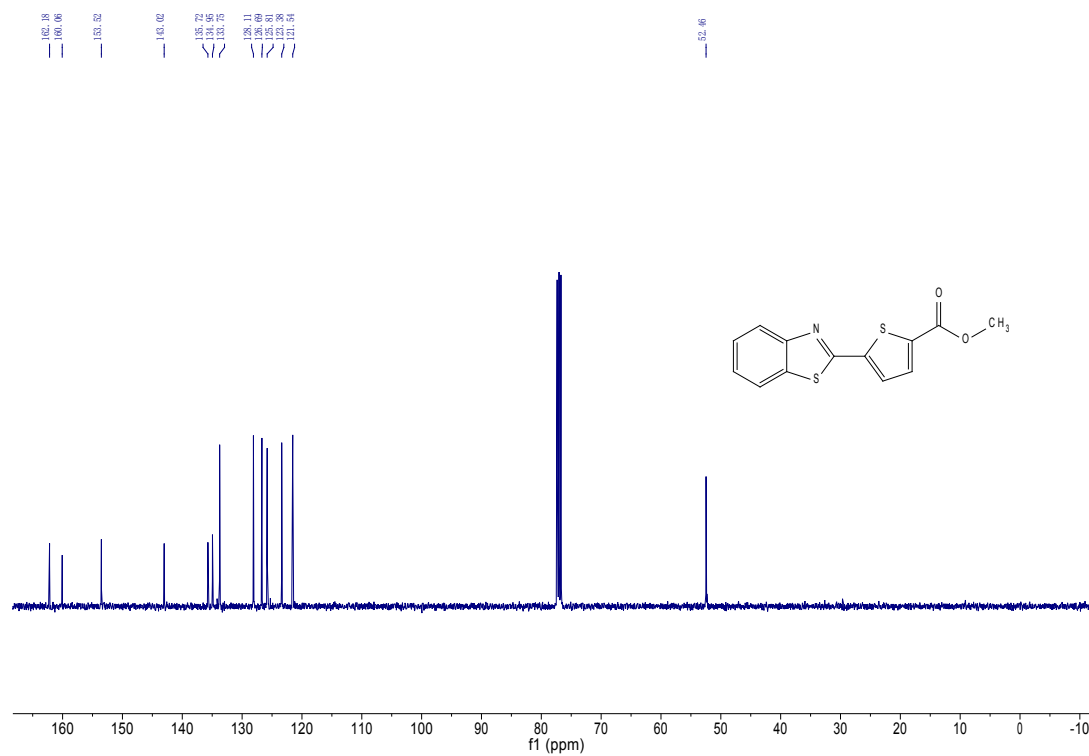
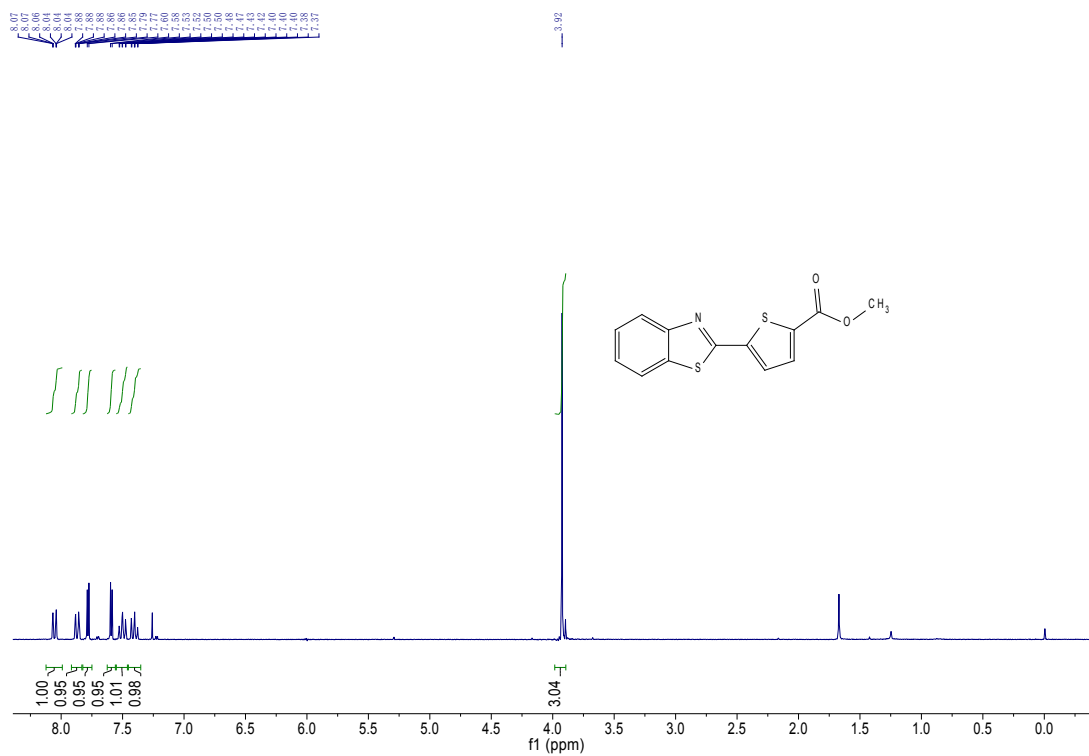
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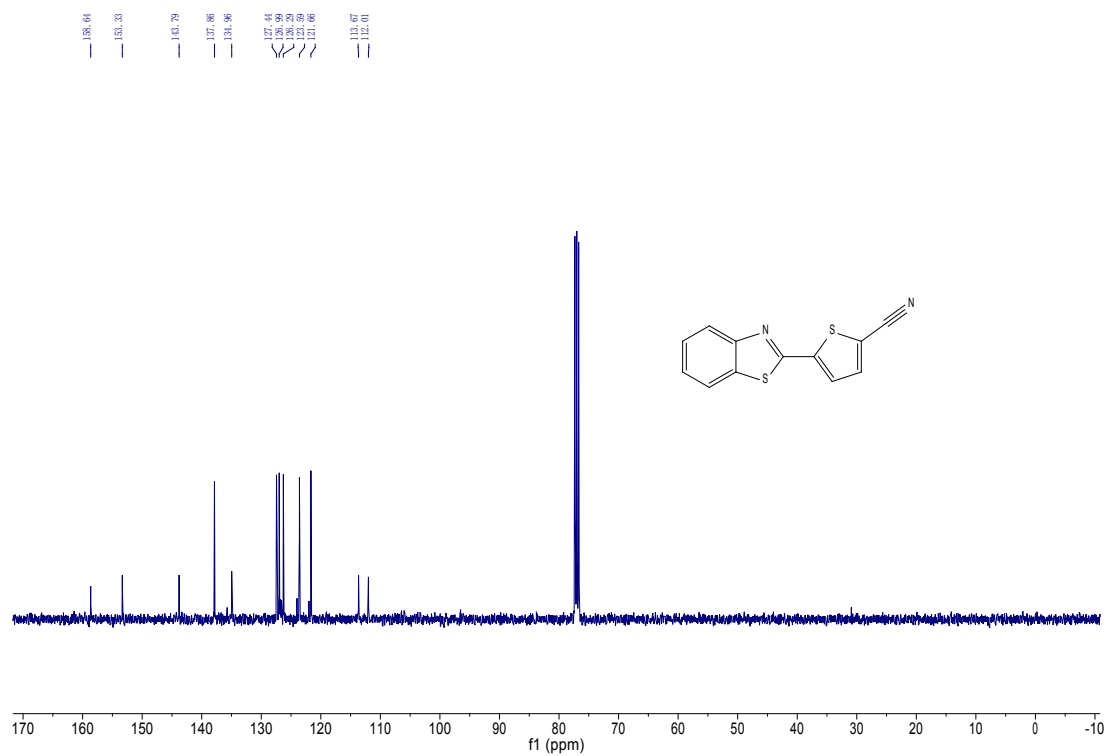
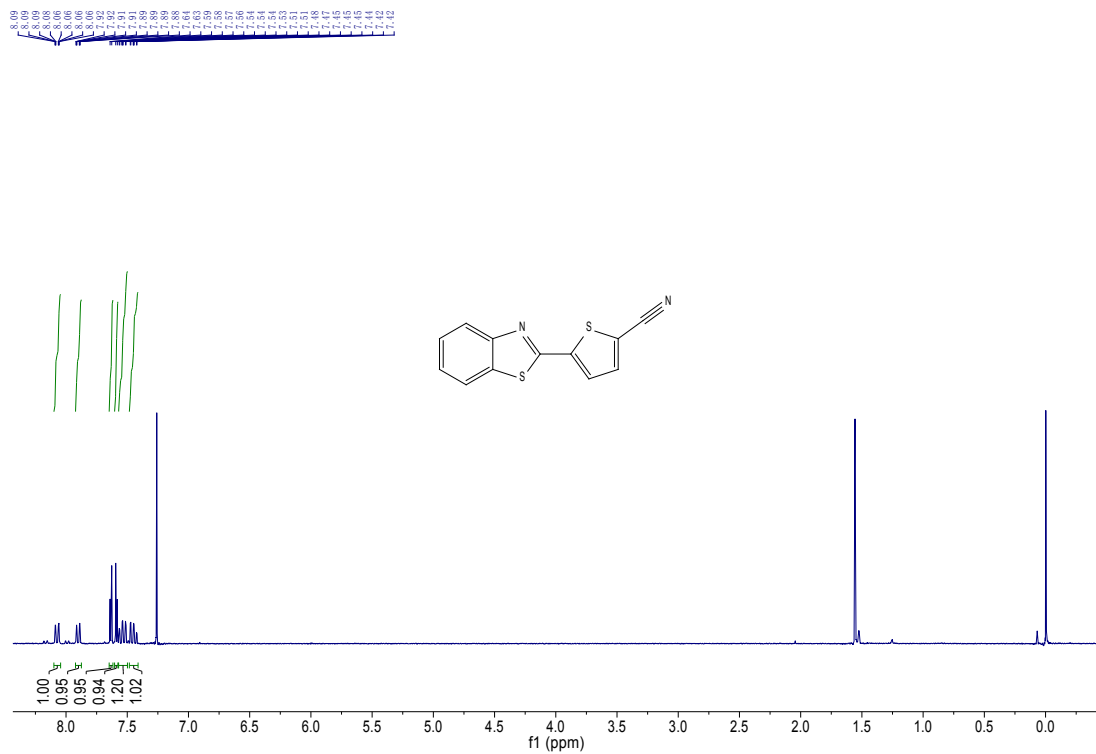


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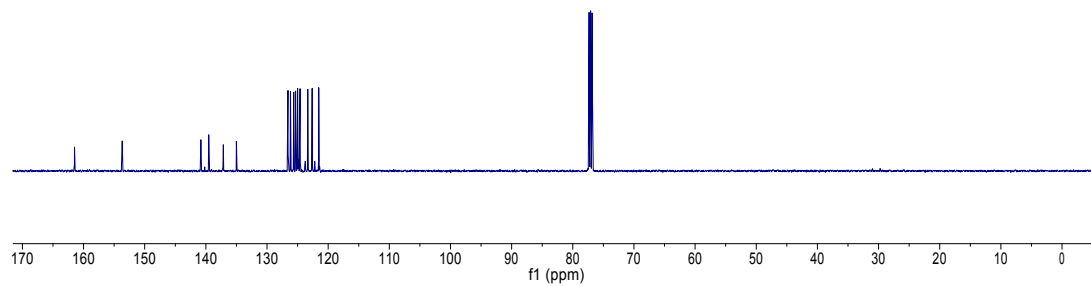
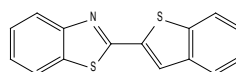
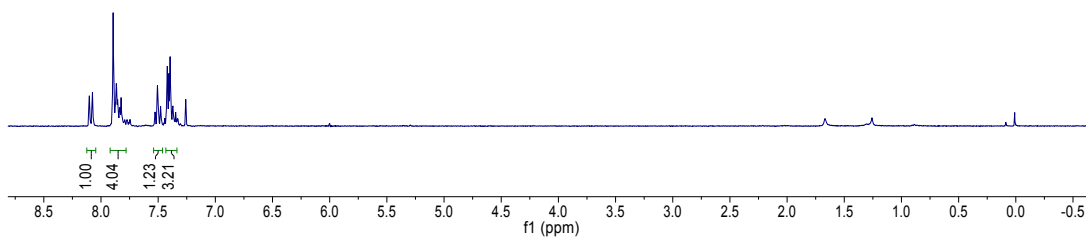
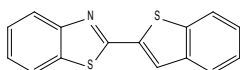




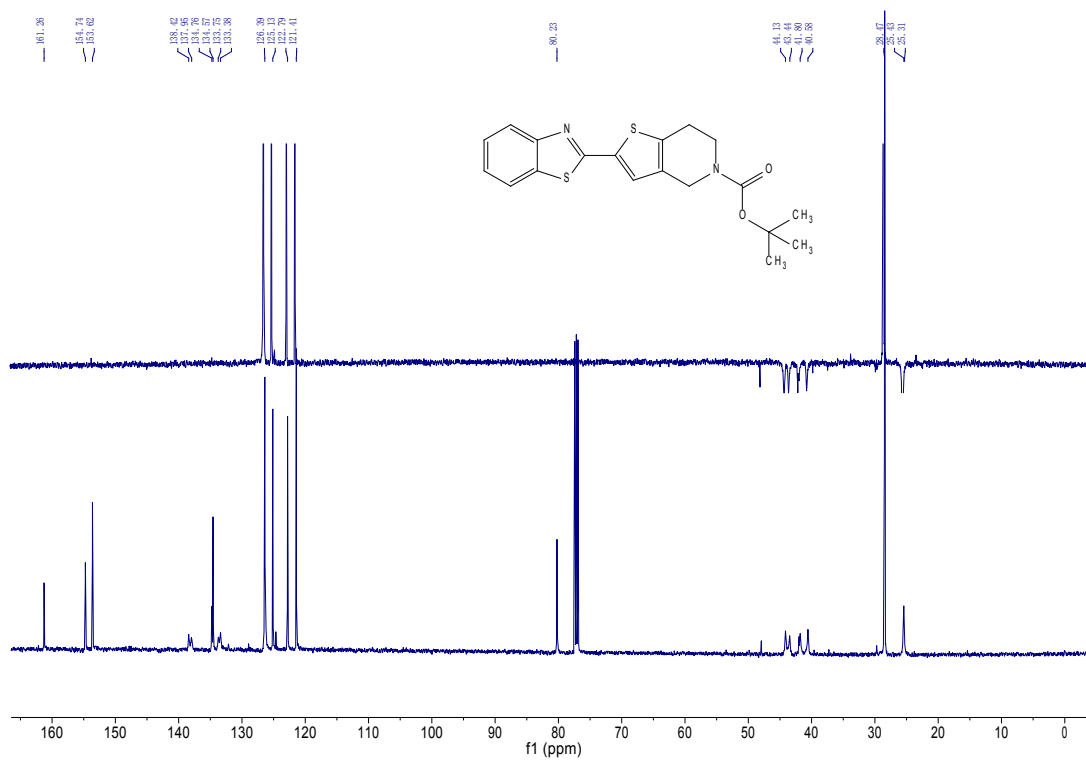
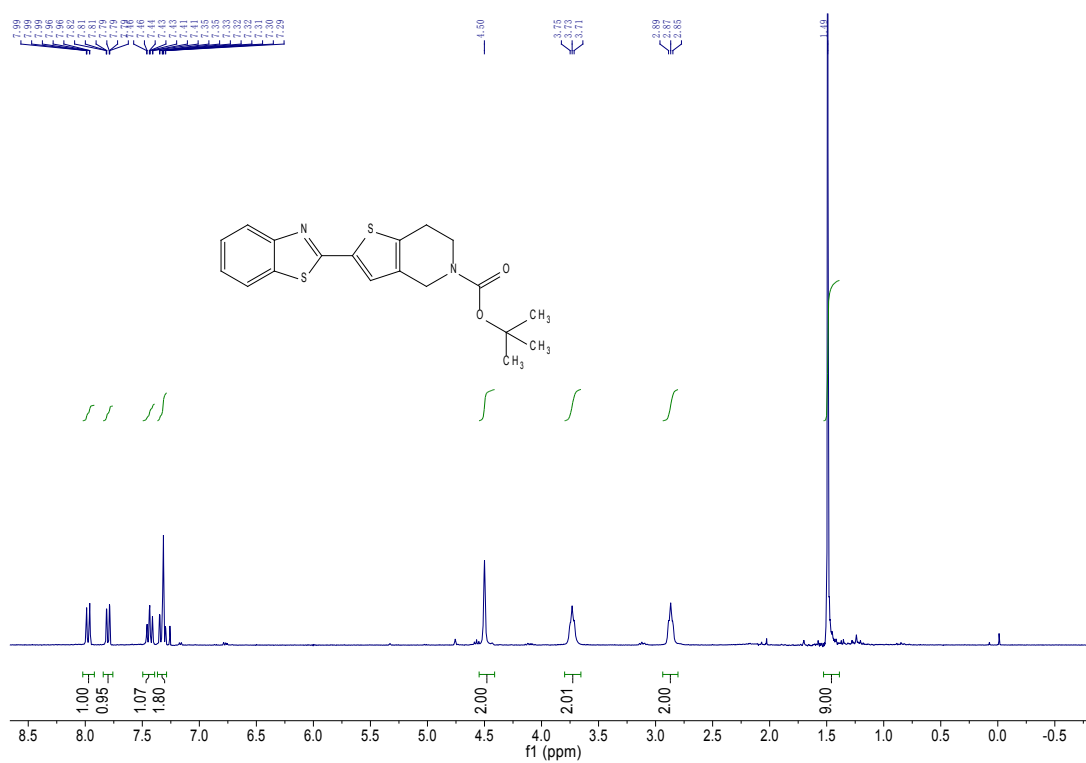
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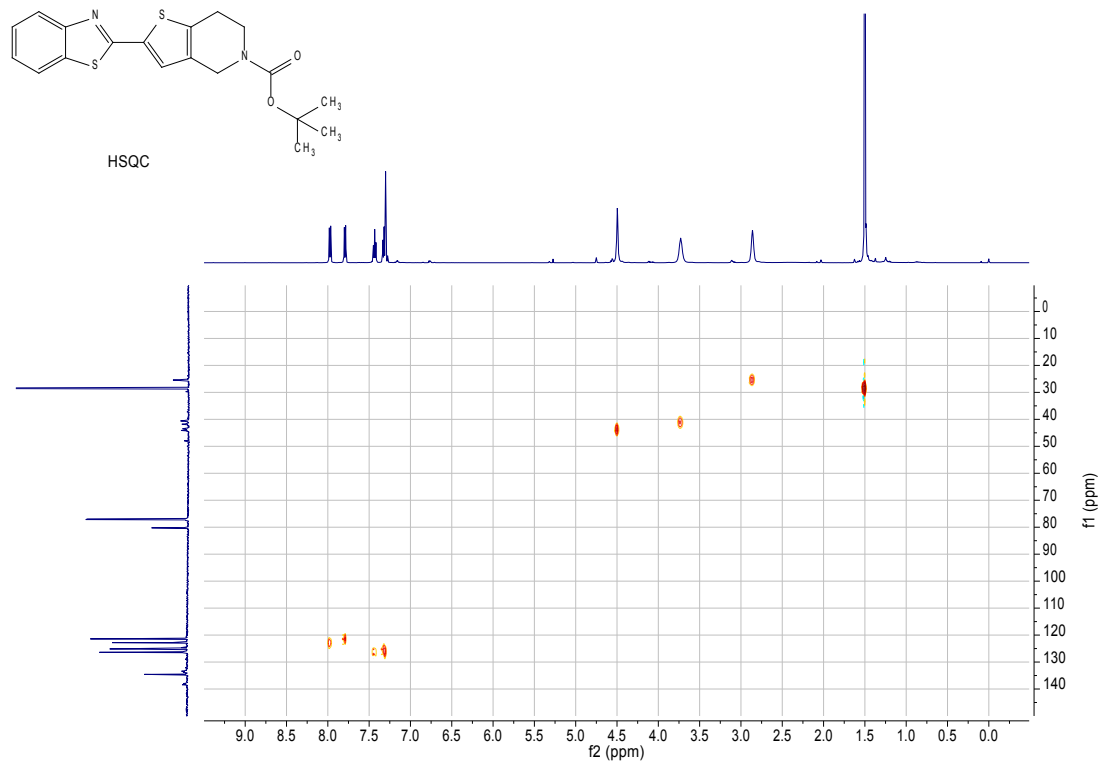


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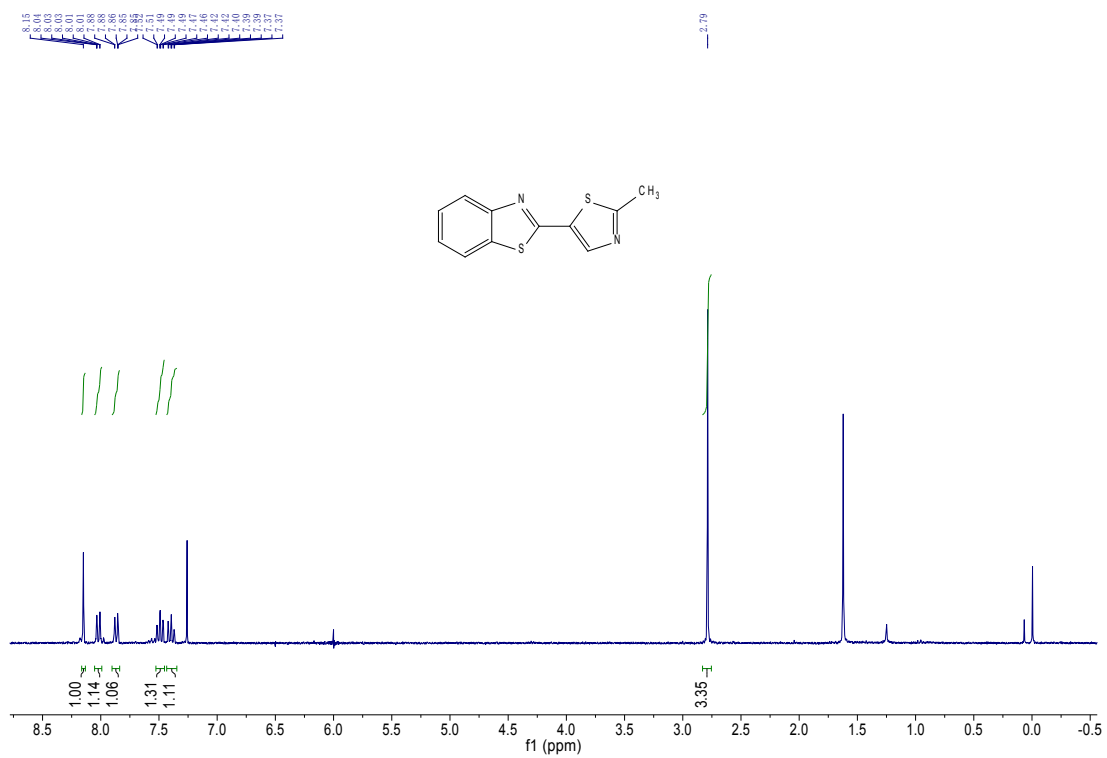


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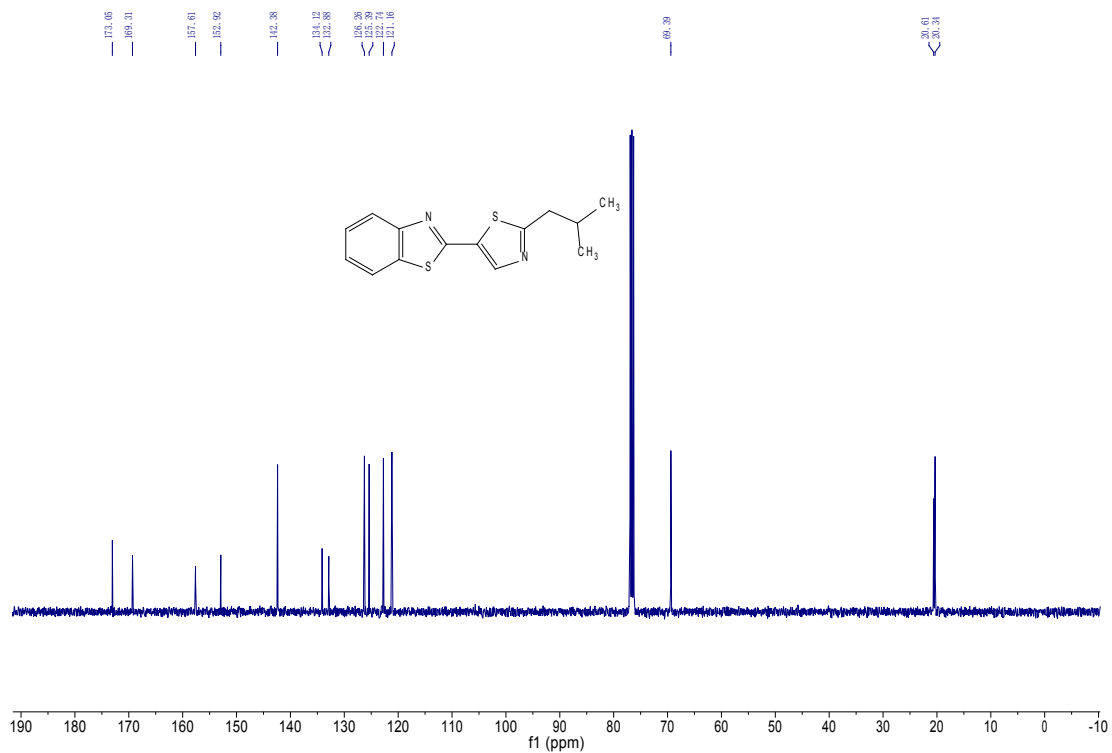




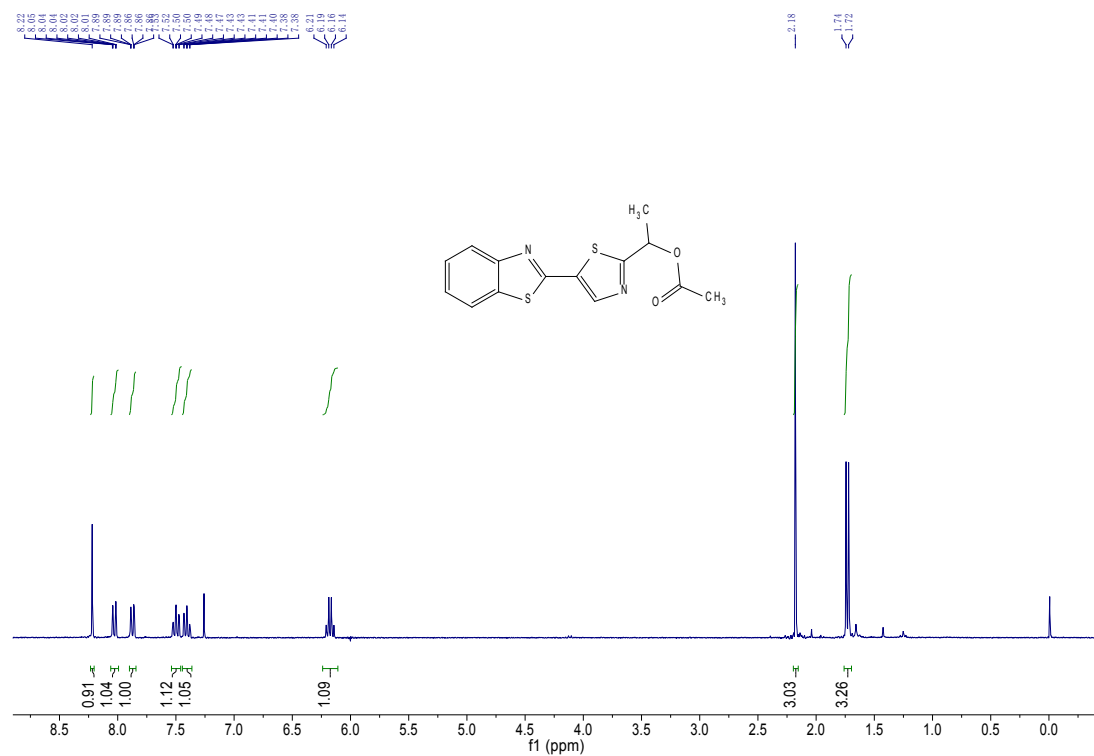
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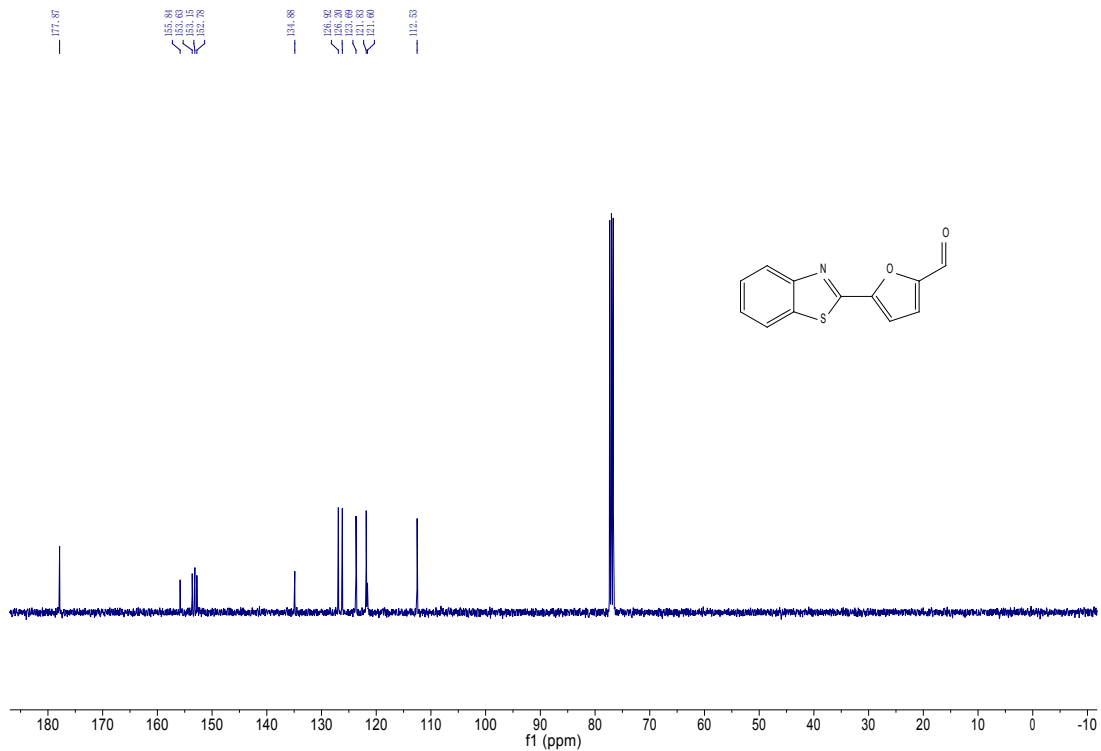




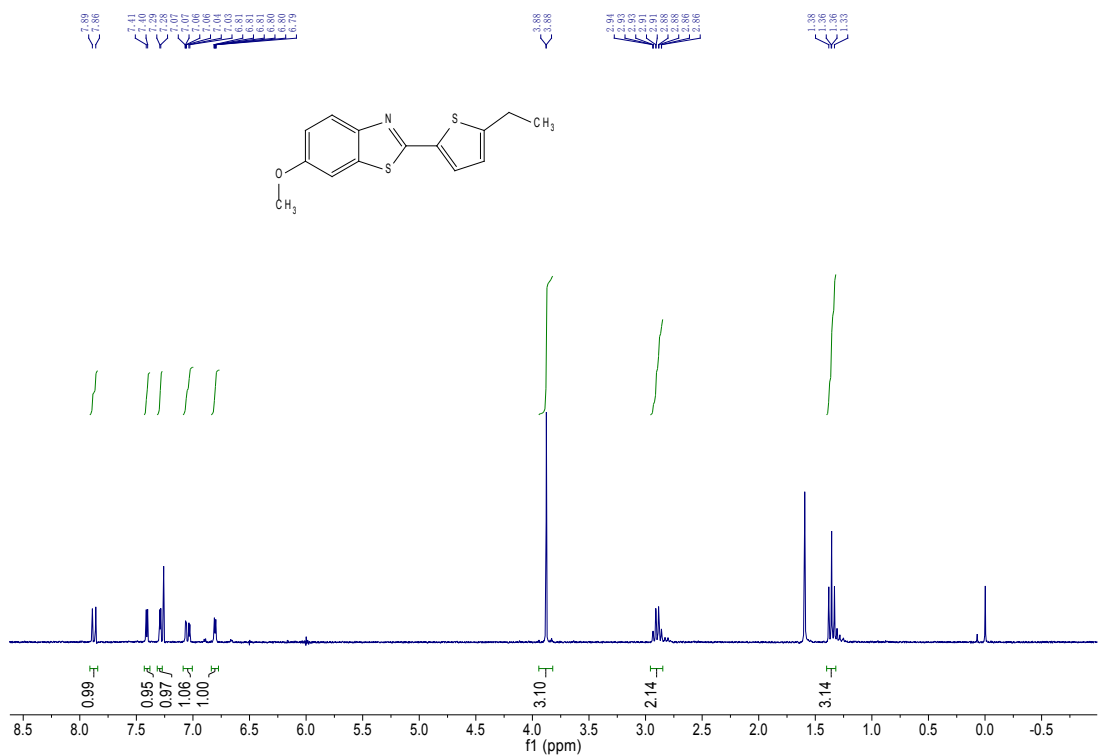
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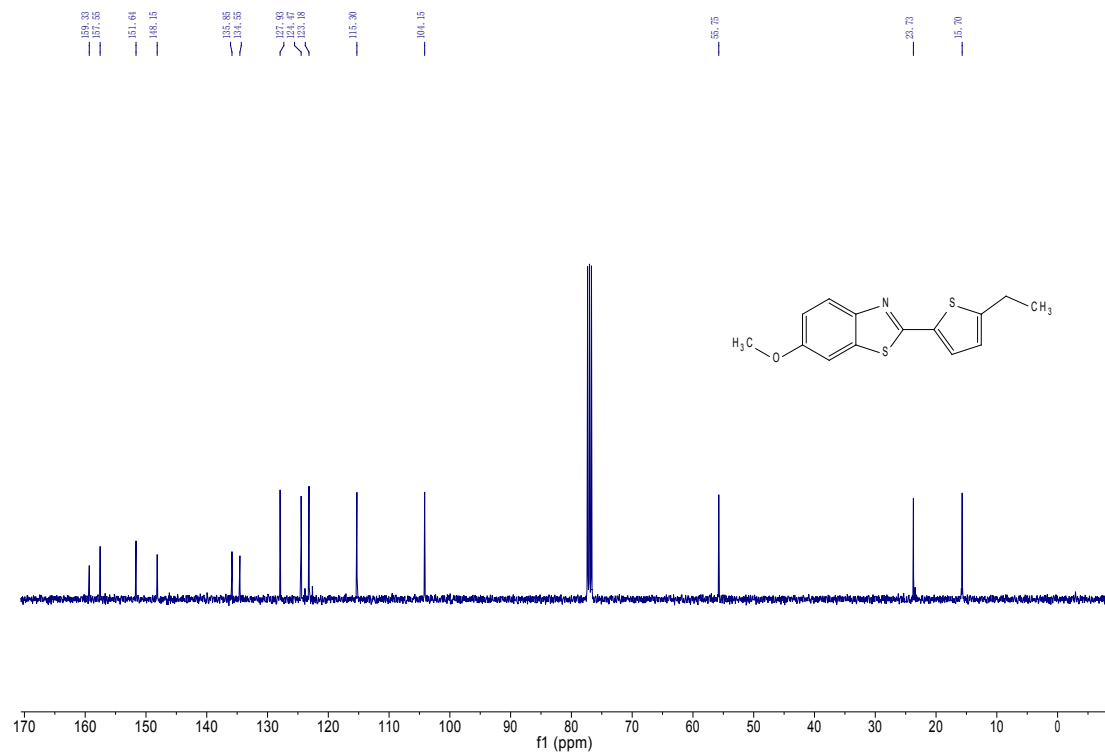




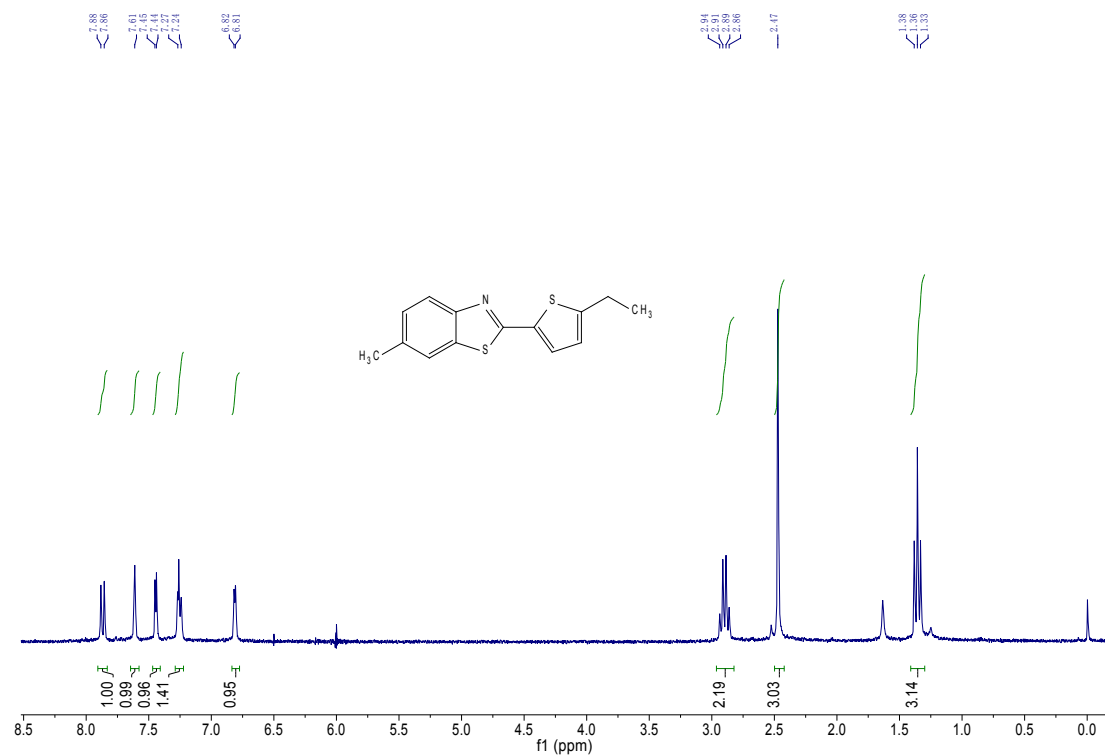
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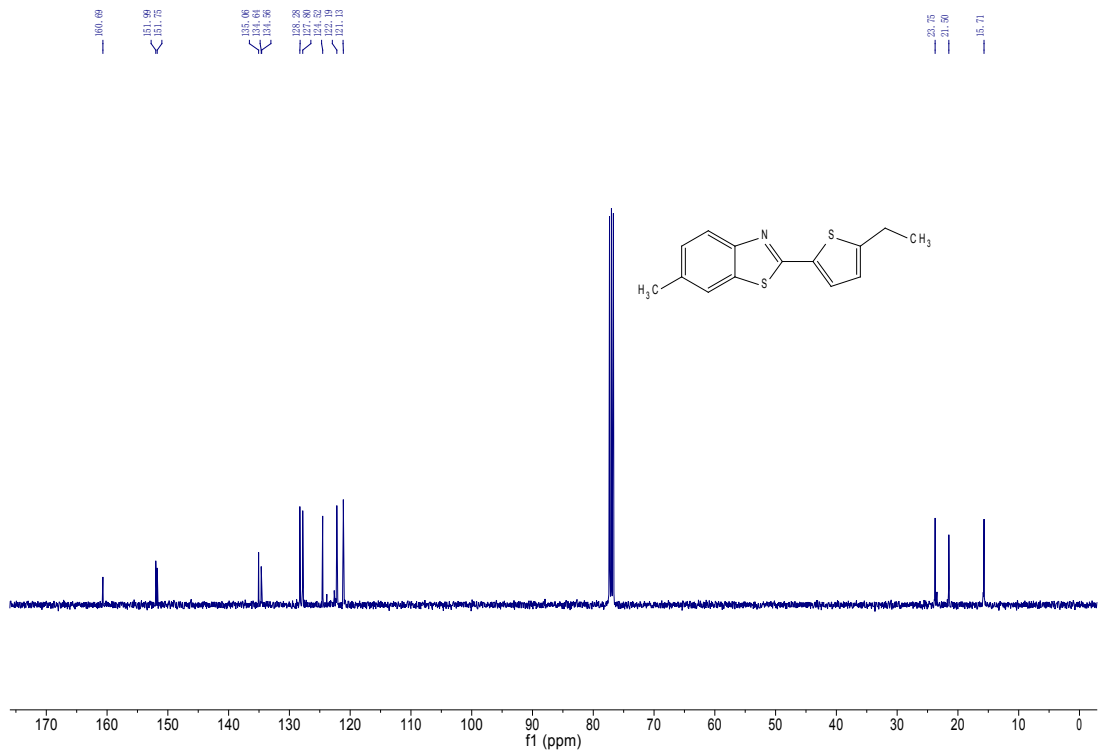




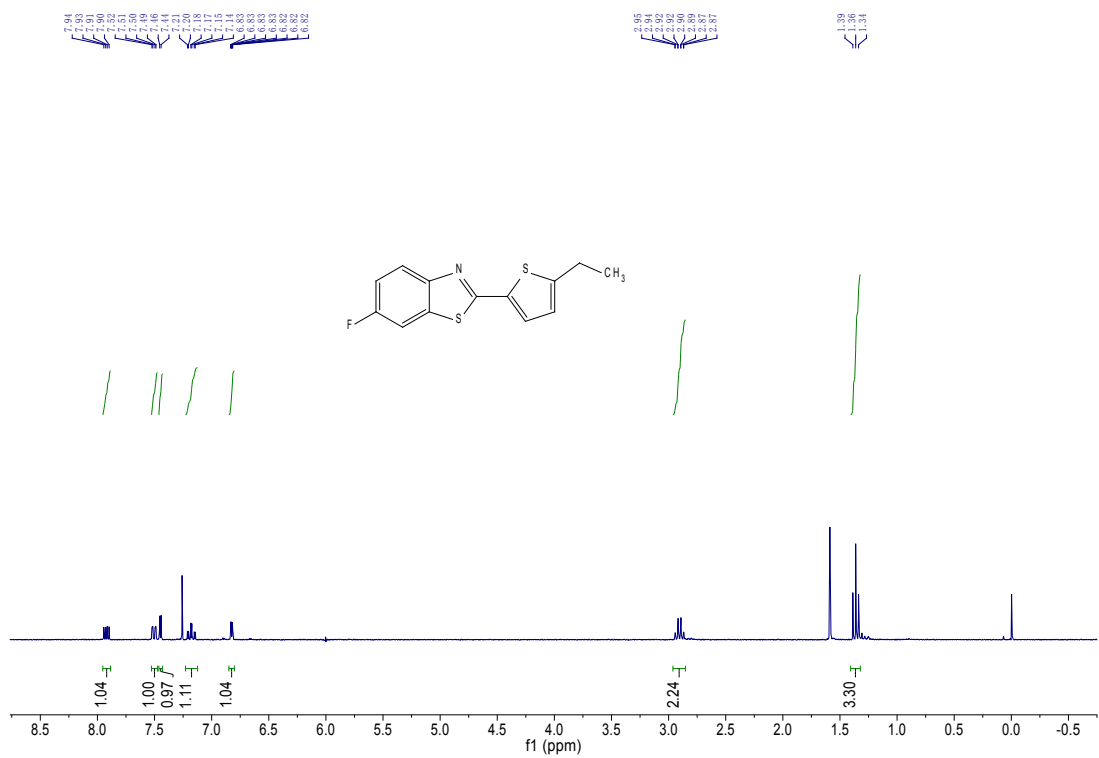


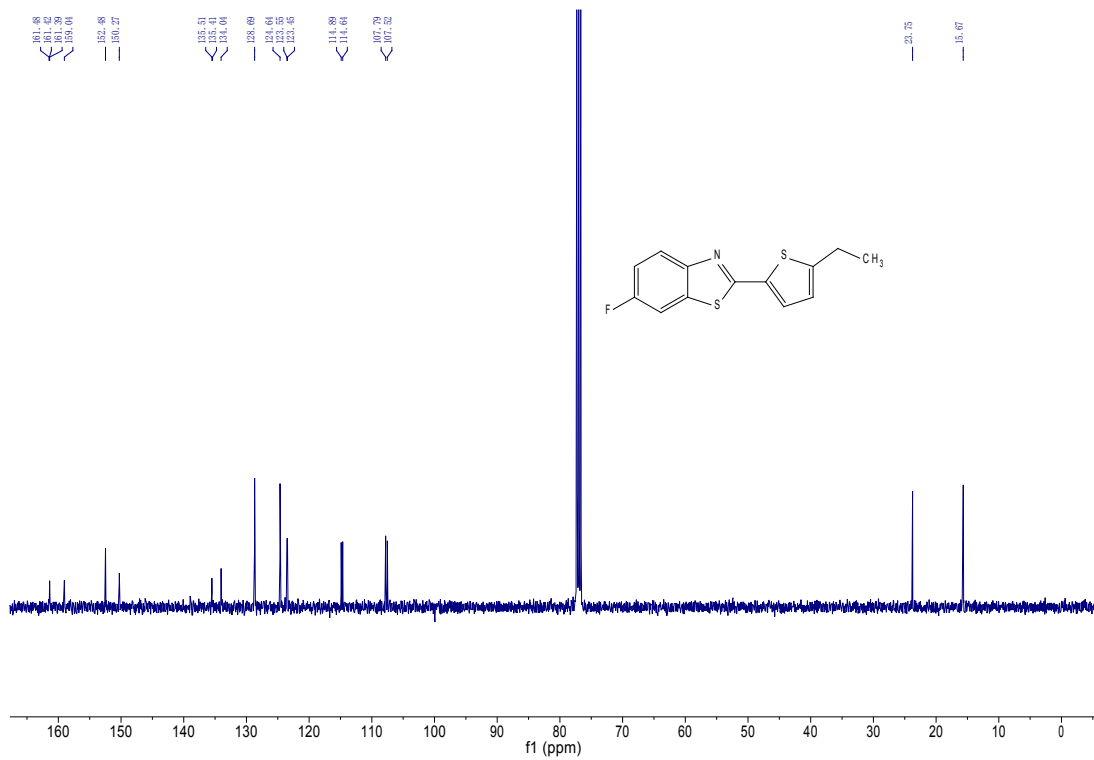
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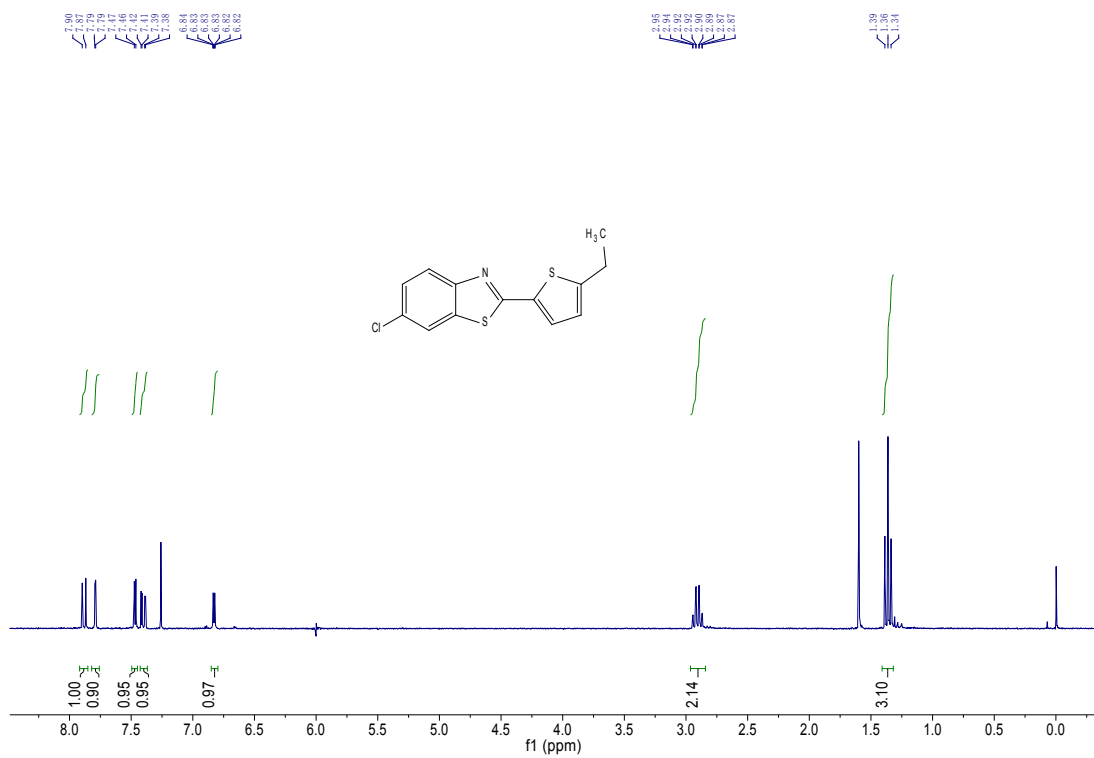


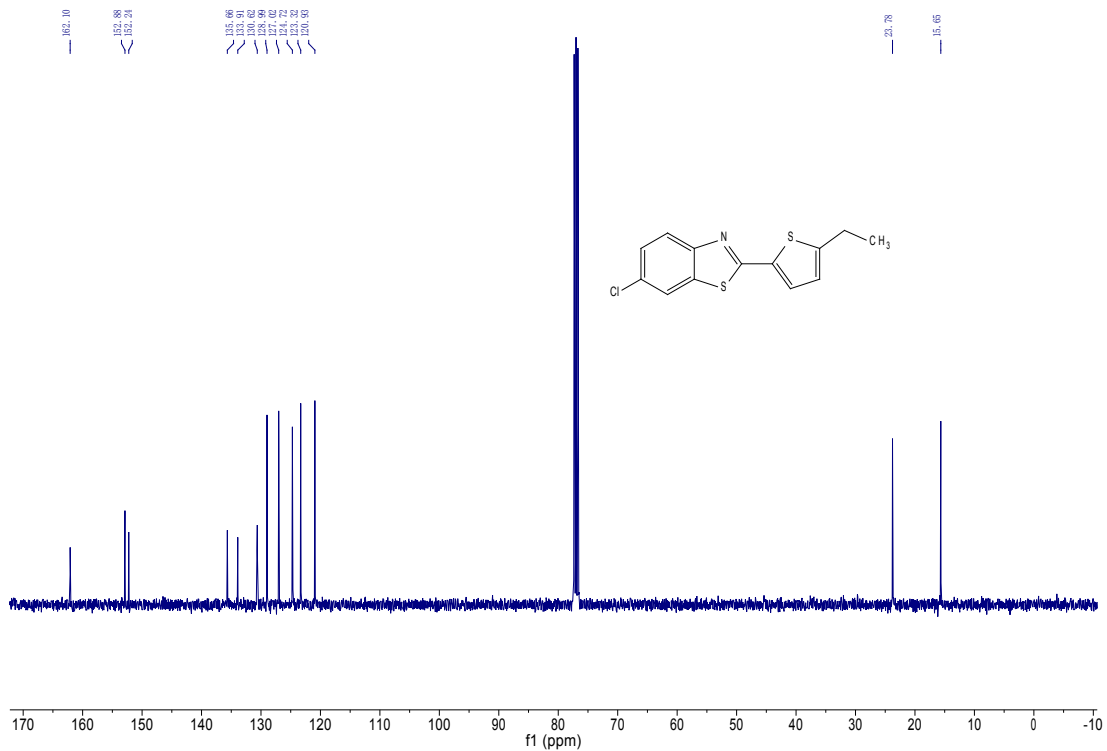
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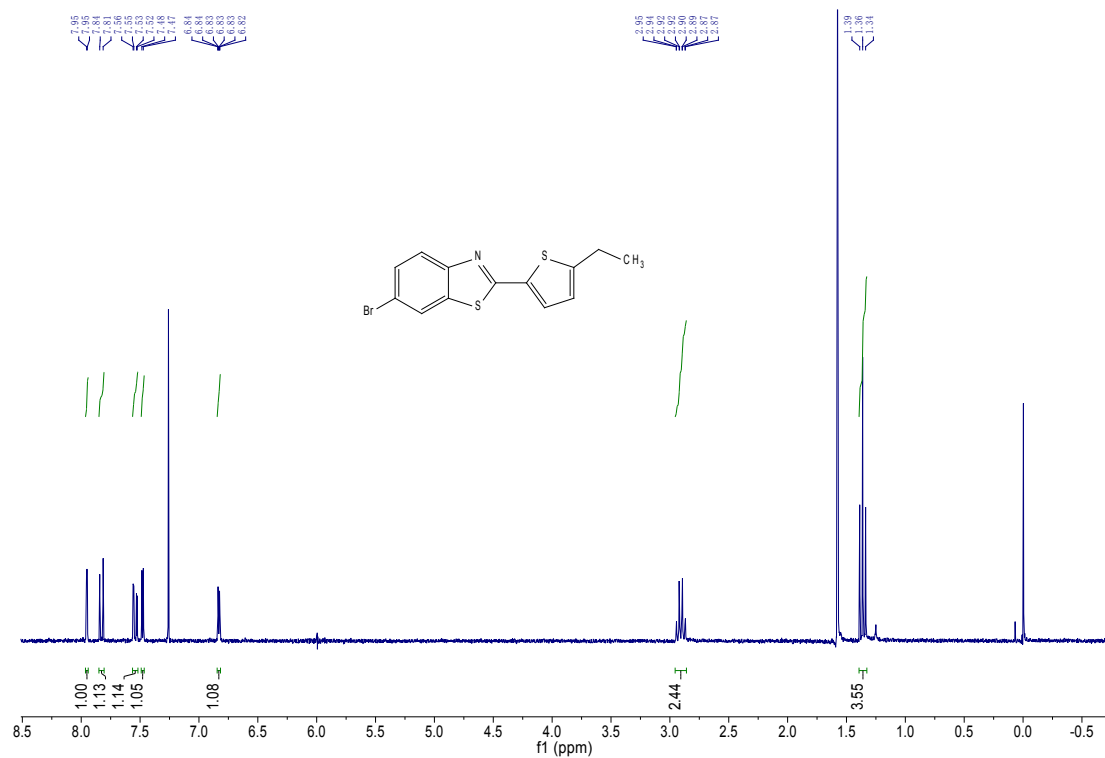


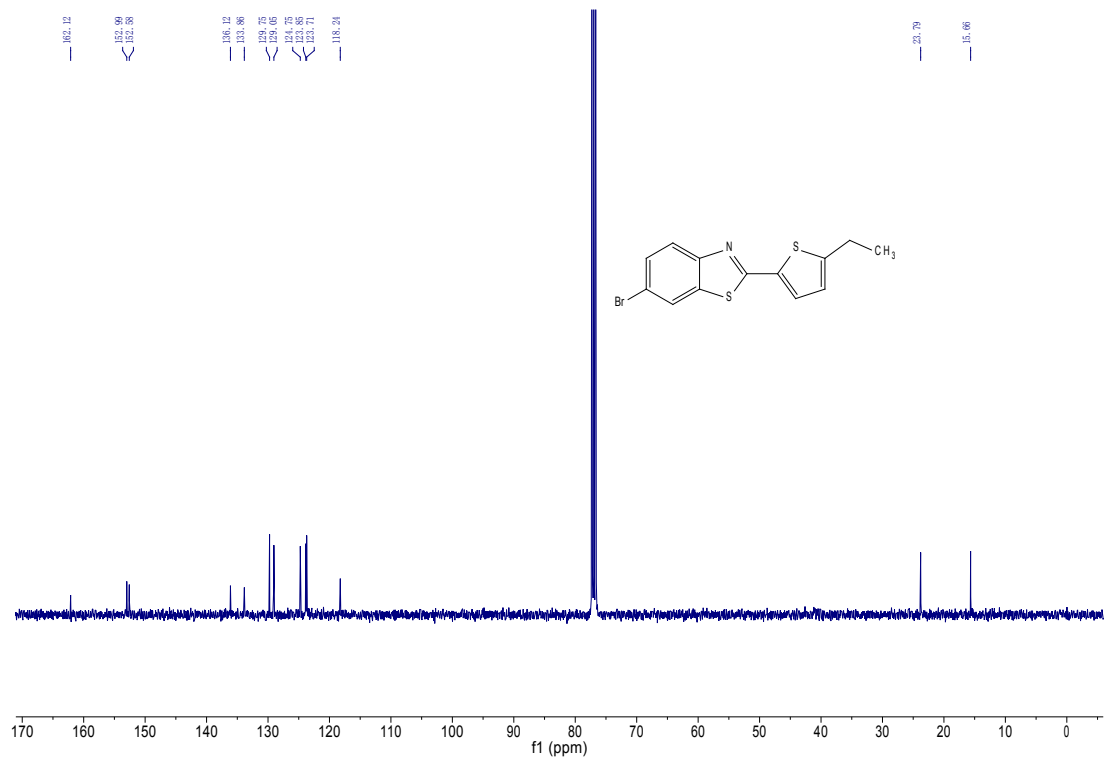
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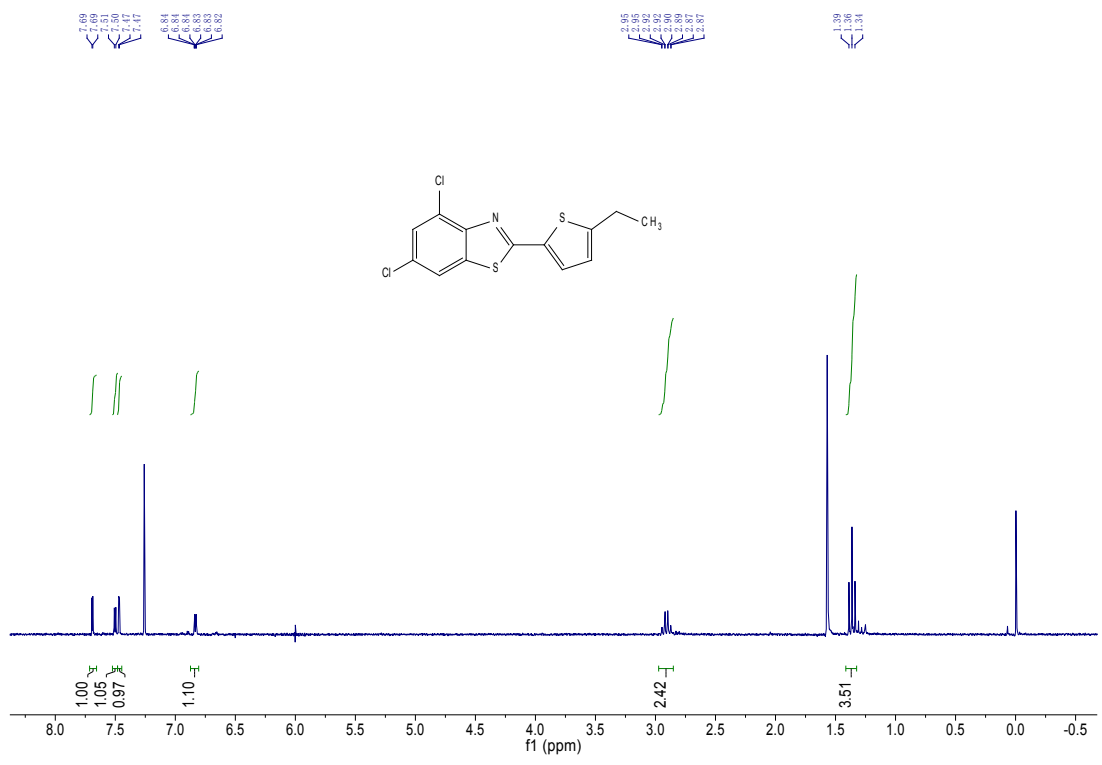


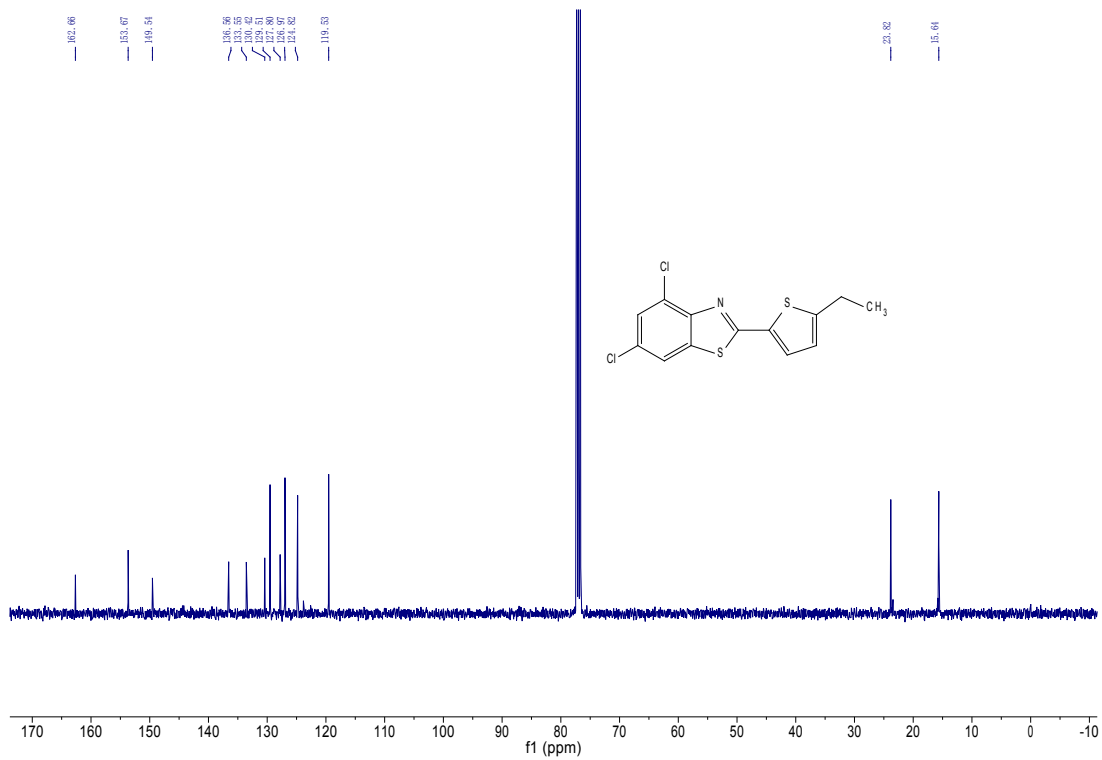
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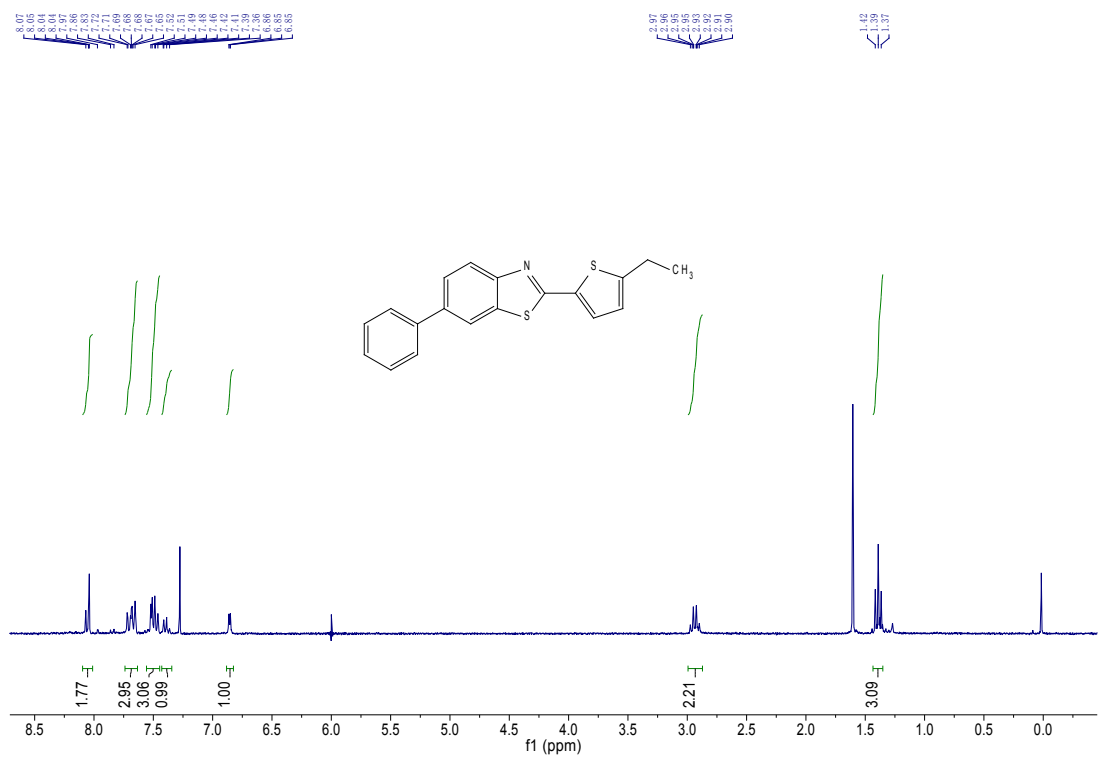


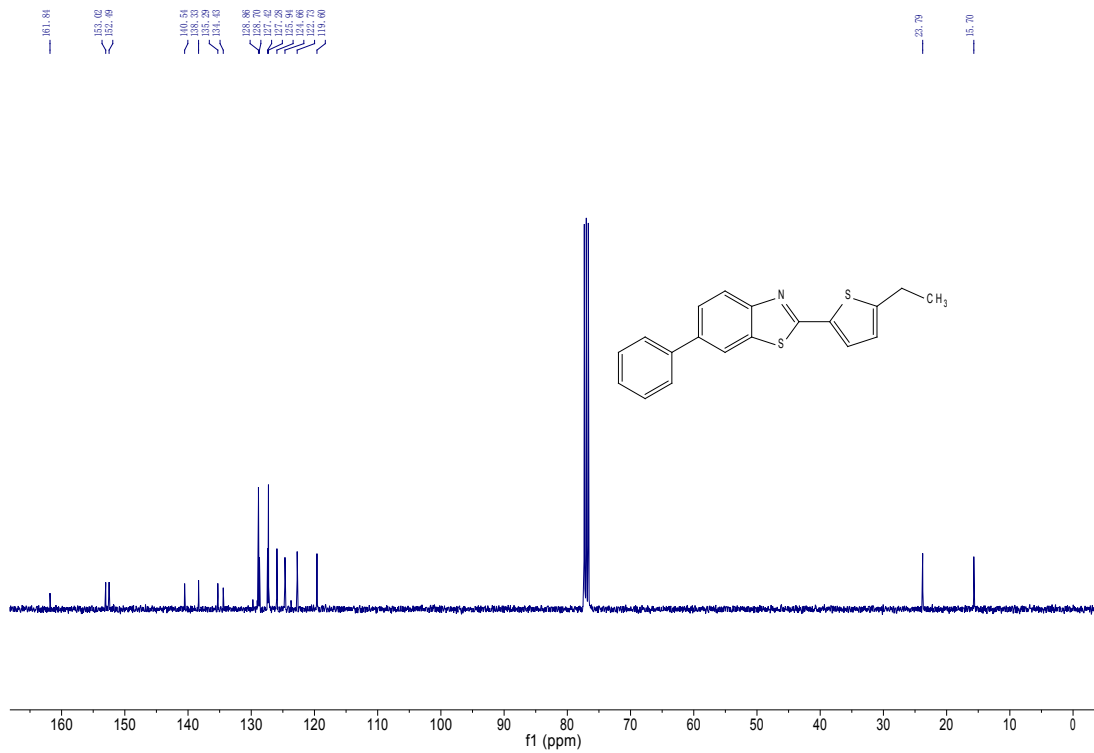
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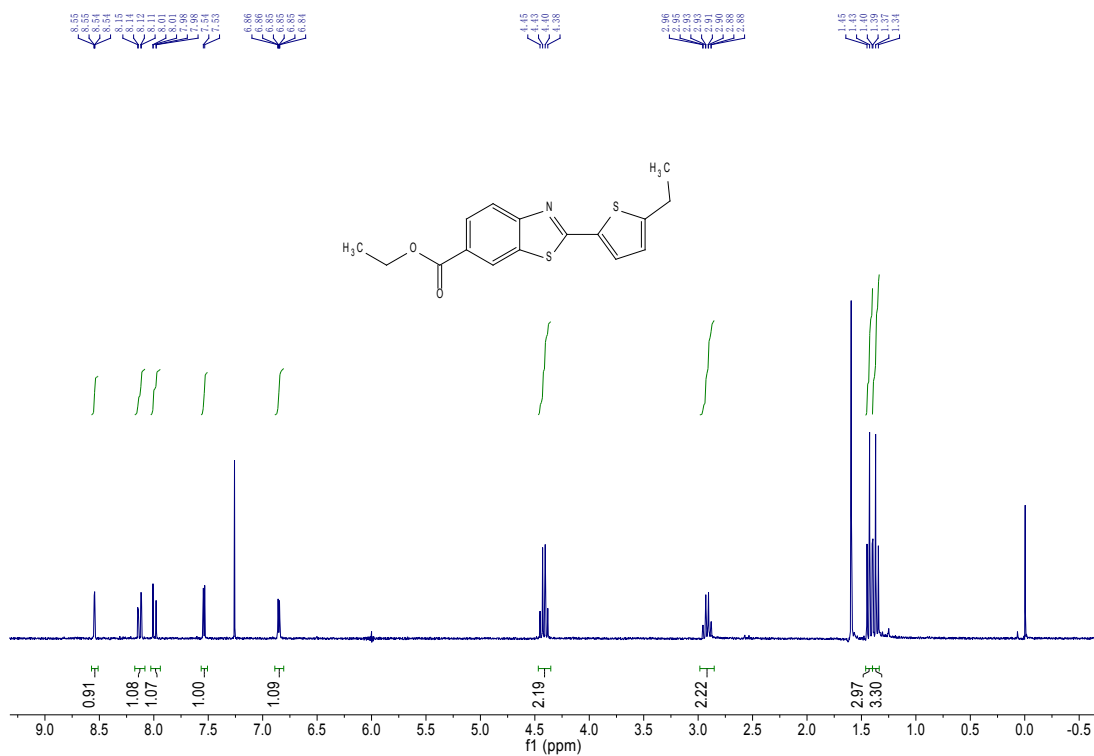


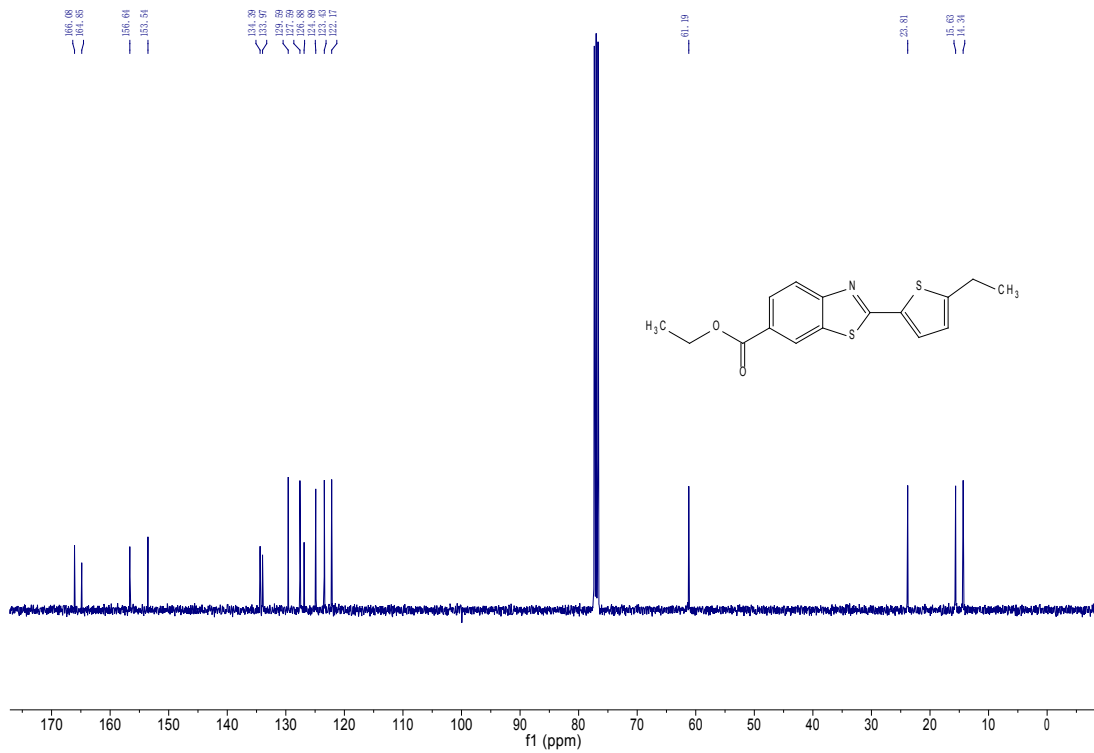
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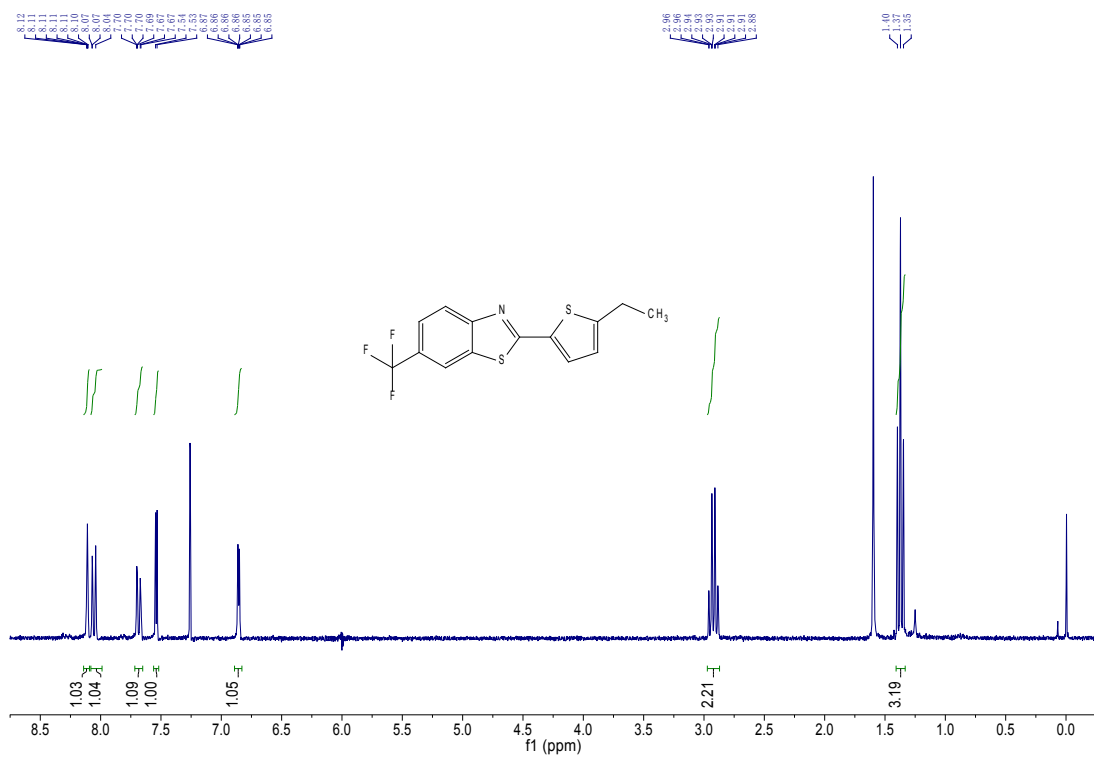


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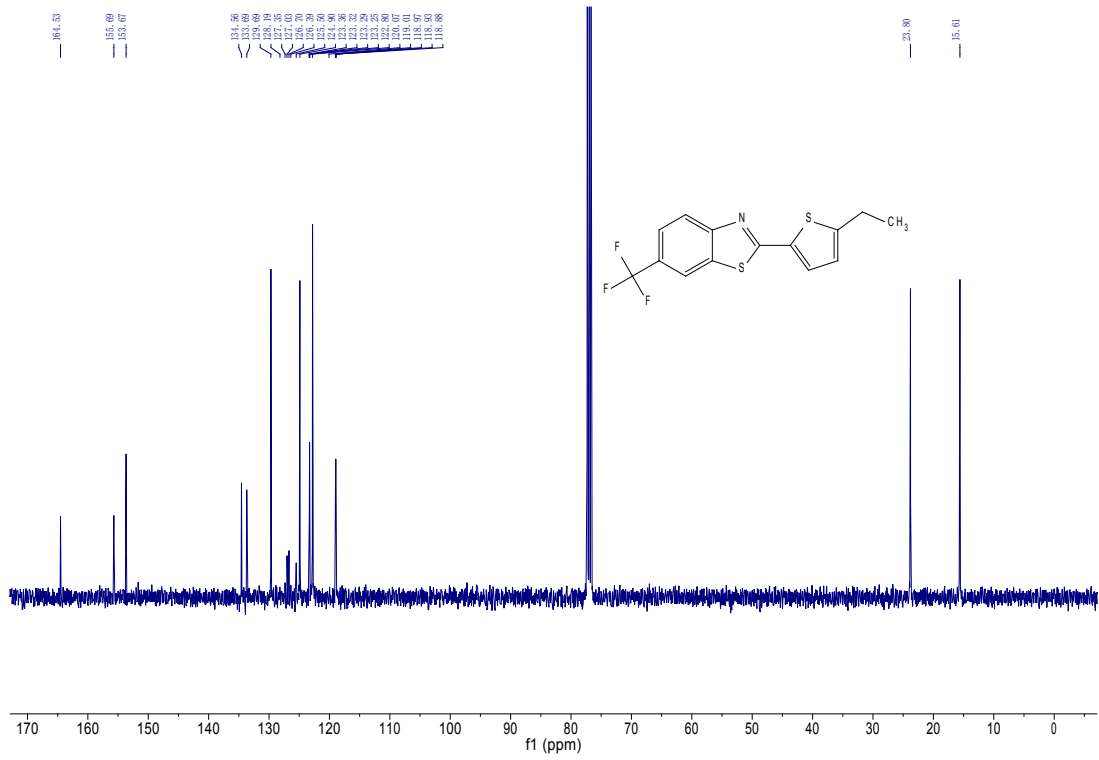




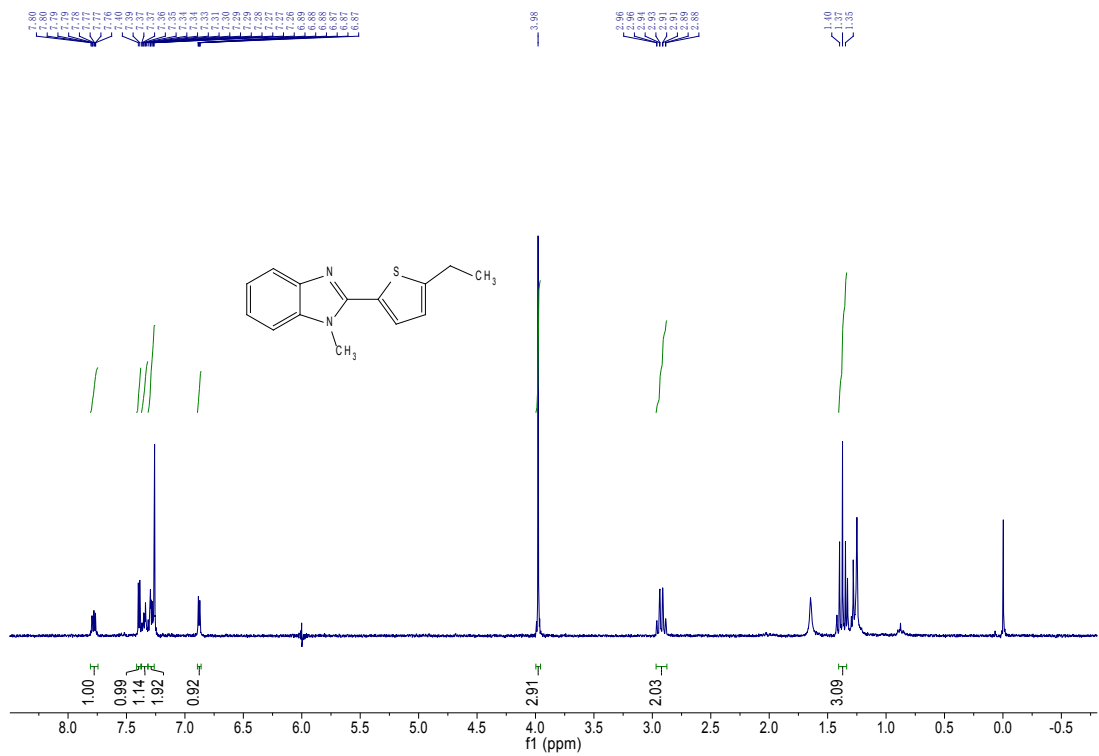
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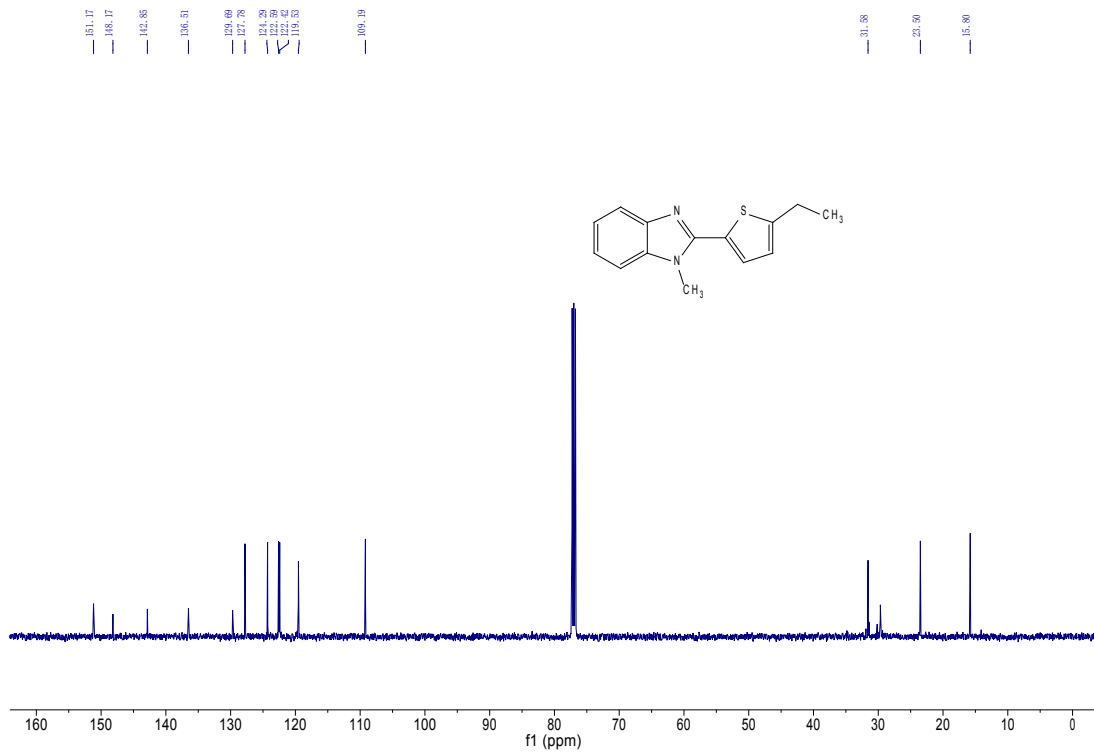




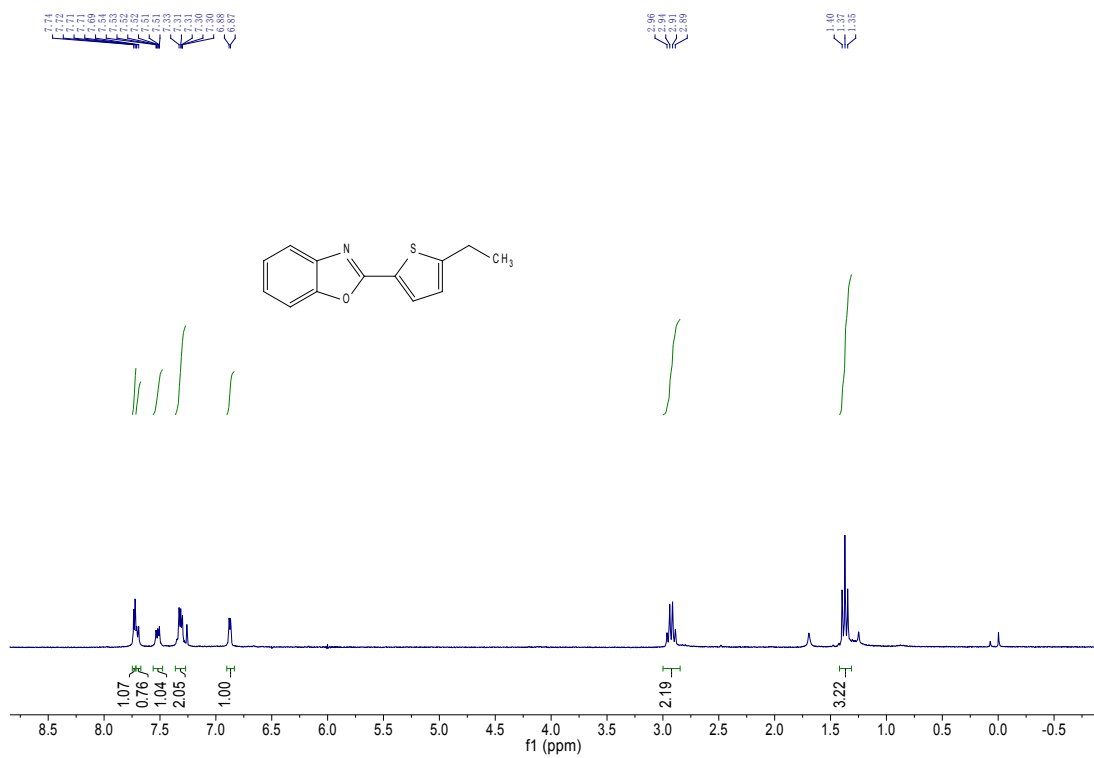


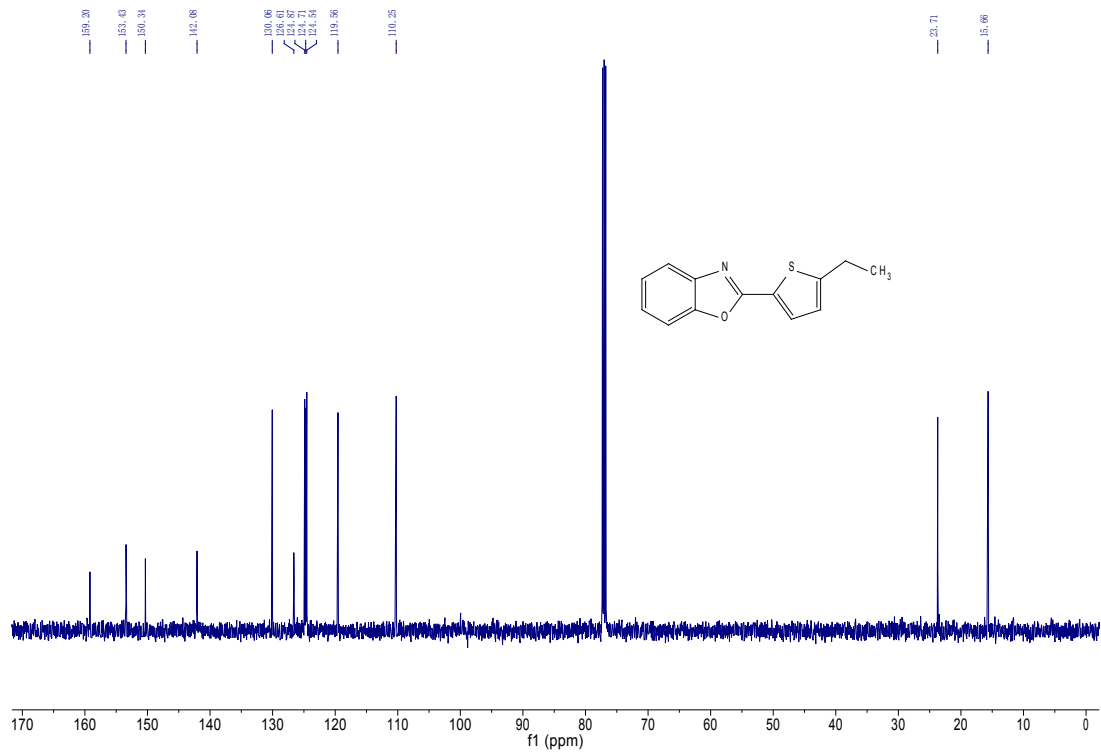
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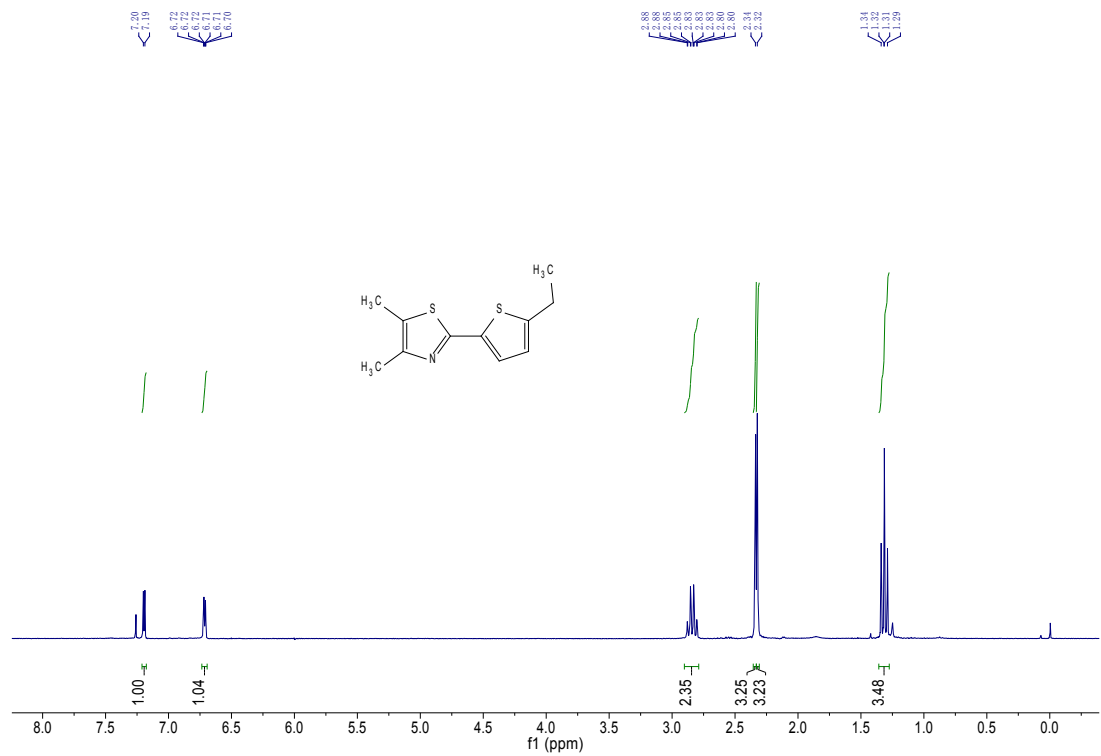


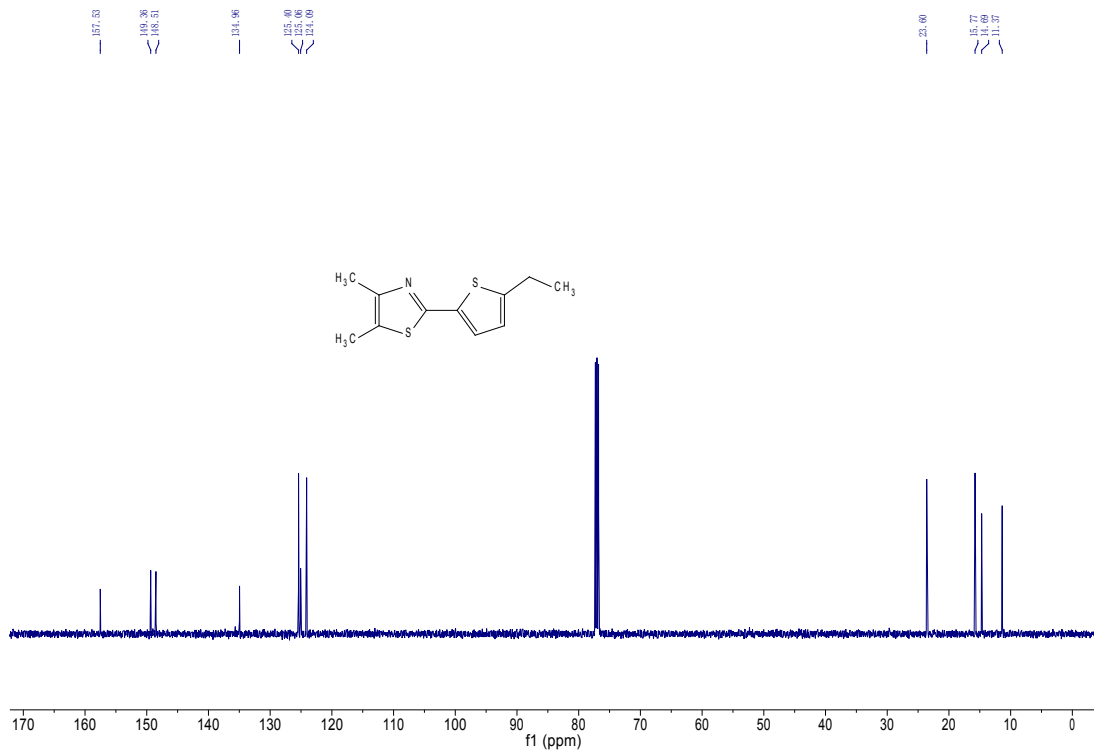
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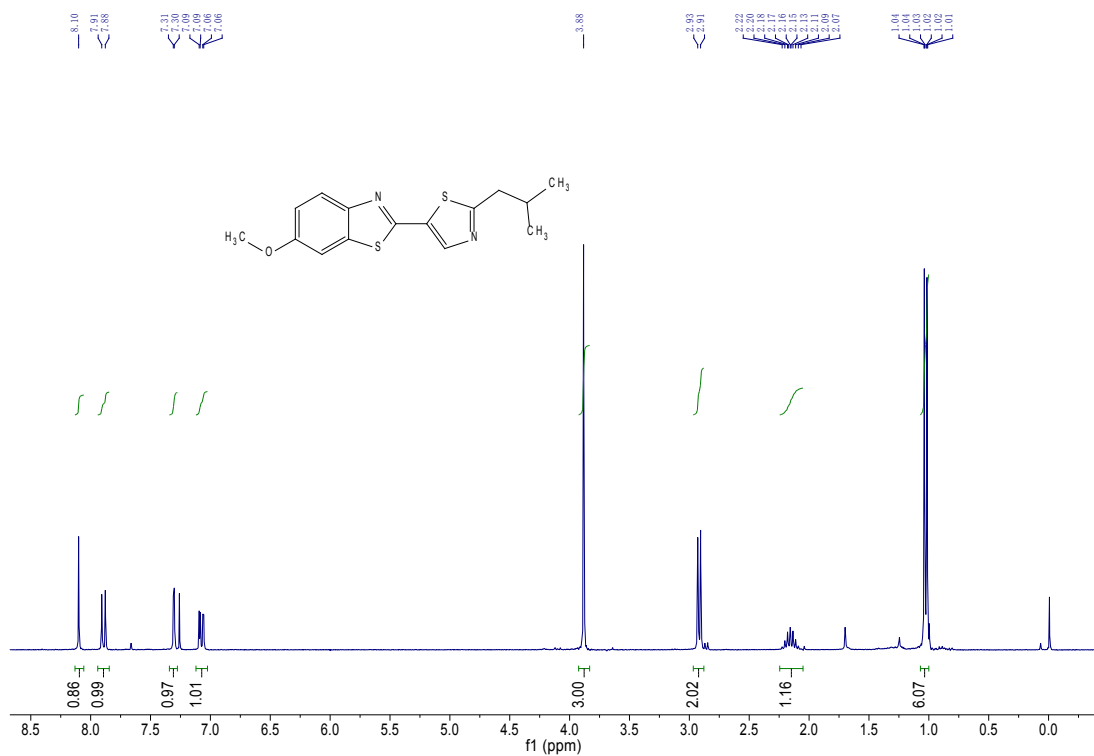


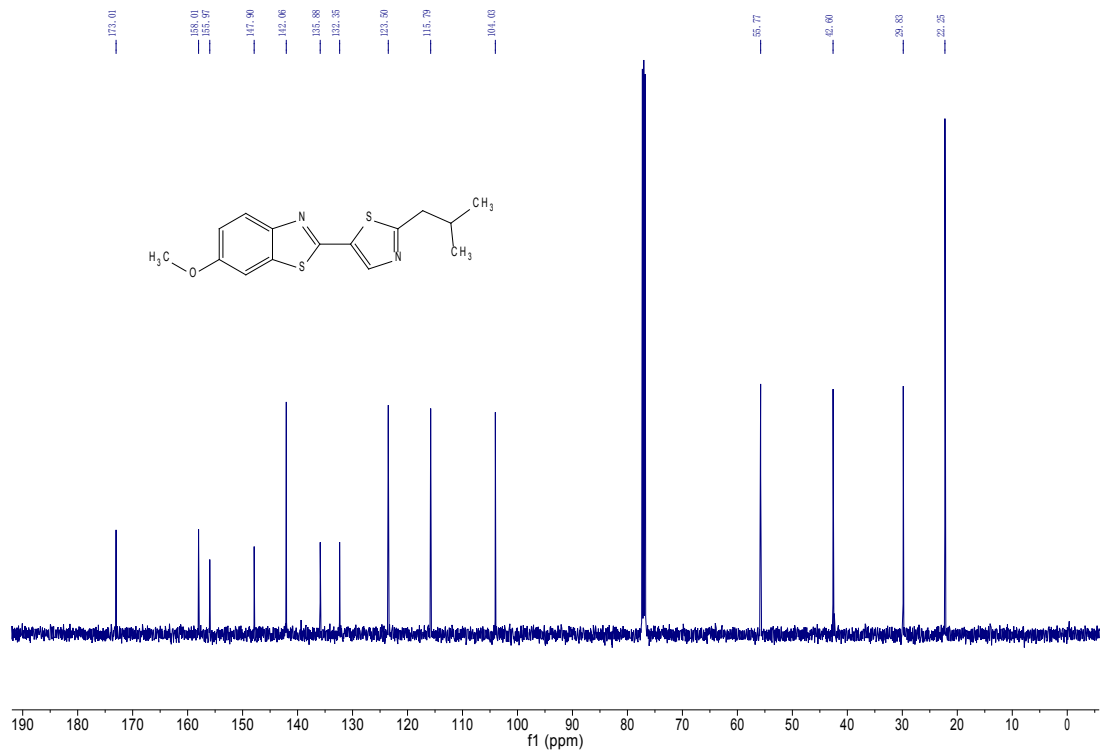
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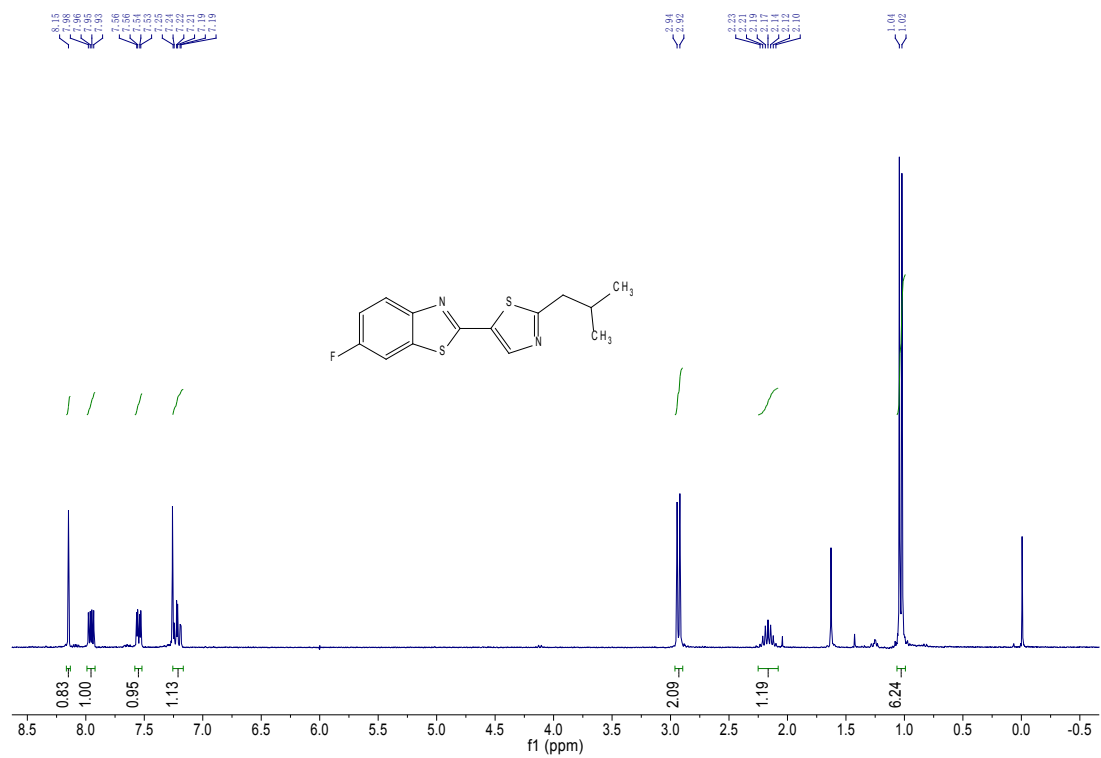


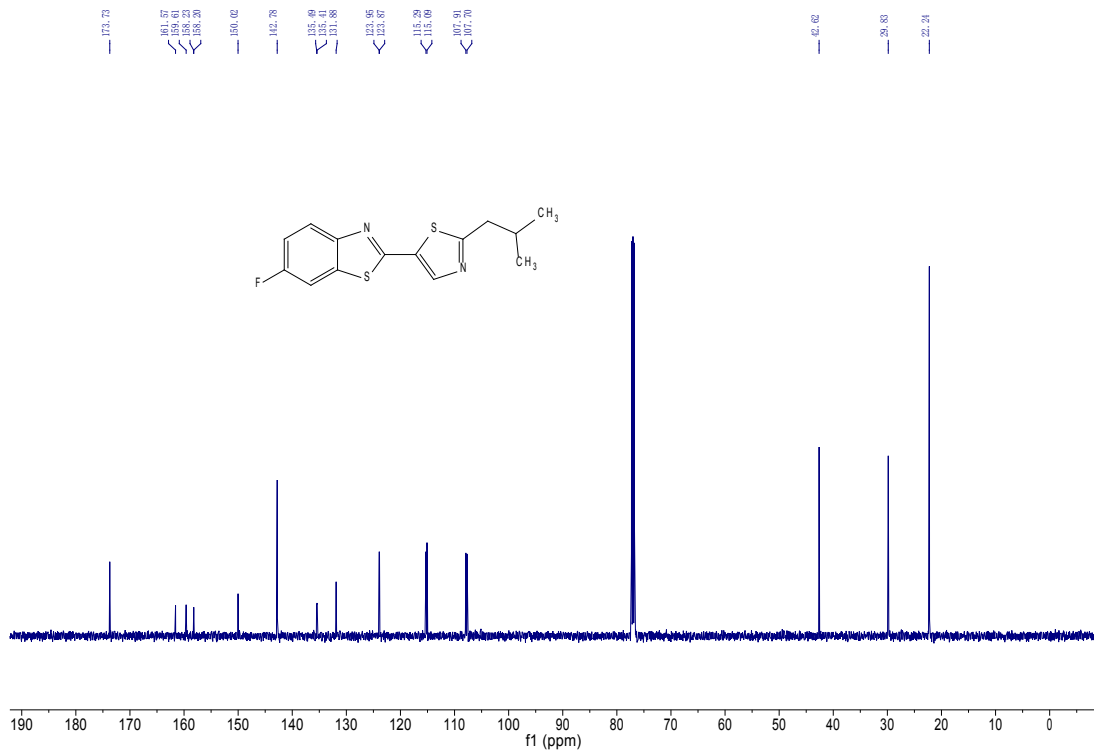
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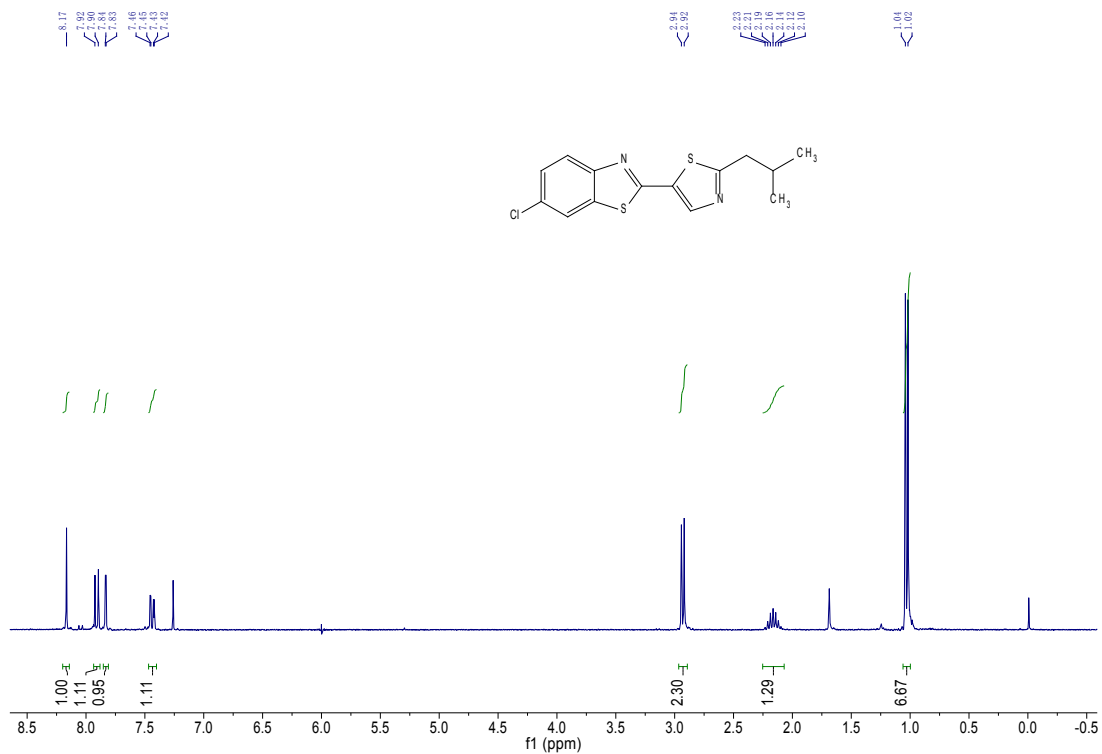


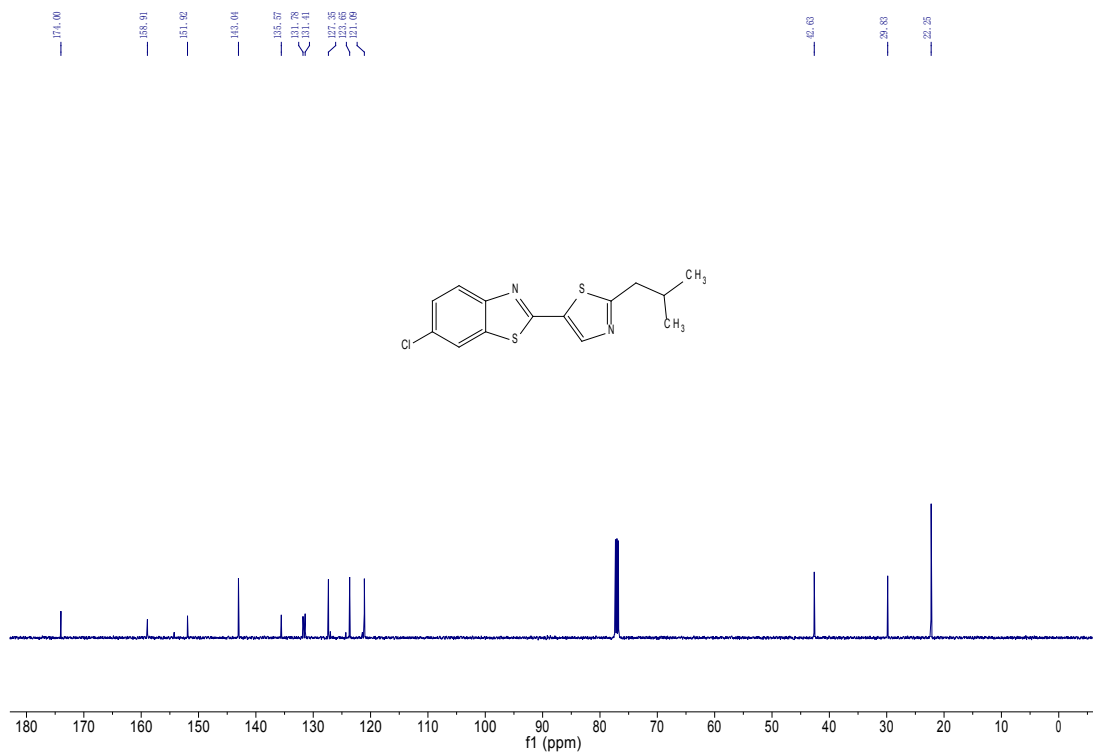
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