

An Atom Economical Method for Quinoline Derivatives Directly from Substituted *o*-Nitrotoluenes

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1. General Information:

^1H NMR spectra were obtained on 400 or 600 MHz spectrometers and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained on 100 or 150 MHz spectrometers with CDCl_3 as the solvent. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$) for ^1H NMR and relative to the central CDCl_3 resonance ($\delta = 77.0$) for ^{13}C NMR. Coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 1600 FT-IR spectrophotometer or Nicolet Magna 550 FT-IR spectrophotometer. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), quartet (q), and multiplet (m).

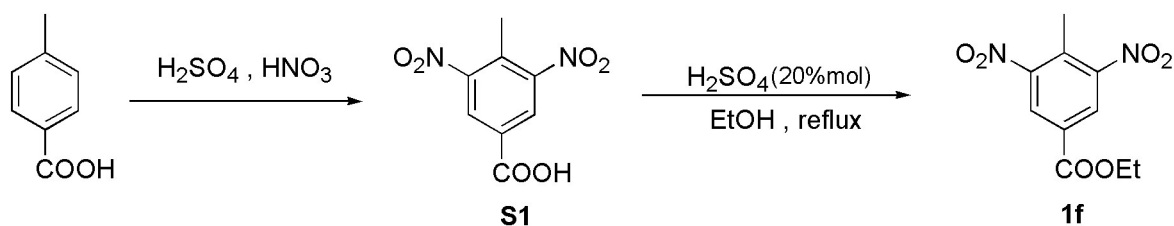
Materials and Methods: Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under an atmosphere of dry N_2 with oven-dried glassware and anhydrous solvents. THF was dried using sodium/benzophenone under a N_2 atmosphere and distilled prior to use. Reactions were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography on 0.20 mm Anhui Liangchen silica gel plates. Silica gel (200-

300 mesh) (from Anhui Liangchen Chem. Company, Ltd.) was used for flash chromatography. The substrates were prepared according to the literature procedures.¹ Other chemicals or reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used directly.

2. Supporting Data of Extra Experiments

2.1. Preparation of substituted *o*-nitrotoluenes

2.1.1 Preparation of ethyl 4-methyl-3,5-dinitrobenzoate (1f):

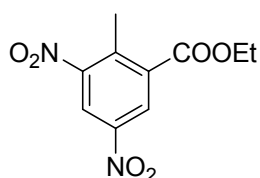


4-Methyl-3,5-dinitro-benzoic acid (S1): Para-toluic acid (2.0 g, 14.7 mmol) was added to a 100-mL 3-neck round bottom flask equipped with a condenser, dropping funnel and magnetic stirrer. The flask was put in a water bath maintained at 20 °C and sulfuric acid (20 mL, 98%) and then nitric acid (8 mL, 70%) were each slowly added over 10 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h at ambient temperature and then poured into ice water (40 mL) to quench the reaction. A yellow solid was formed. The solid was filtered, washed with cold water and dried in an oven over night (3.18 g, 96%).

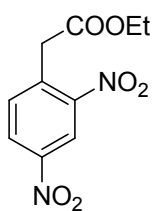
Ethyl 4-methyl-3,5-dinitrobenzoate (1f): A mixture of 4-methyl-3,5-dinitro-benzoic acid (14.1 mmol), sulfuric acid (2.82 mmol, 98%) and ethanol (20 mL) was refluxed overnight. After cooling to room temperate, a yellow solid was formed. The solid was filtered, washed with cold water and dried in an oven over night. (3.5 g, 98%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 4.46 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 8.59 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.52, 151.62, 131.34, 130.67, 127.82, 62.66, 15.18, 14.18; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 255.0937 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 255.0939); IR

(KBr): ν 3075, 2993, 1721, 1543, 1344, 1284 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ C, 47.24 (47.25); H, 3.95 (3.97); N, 11.07 (11.02).

The other substituted o-nitrotoluenes were prepared as above using the corresponding acid.

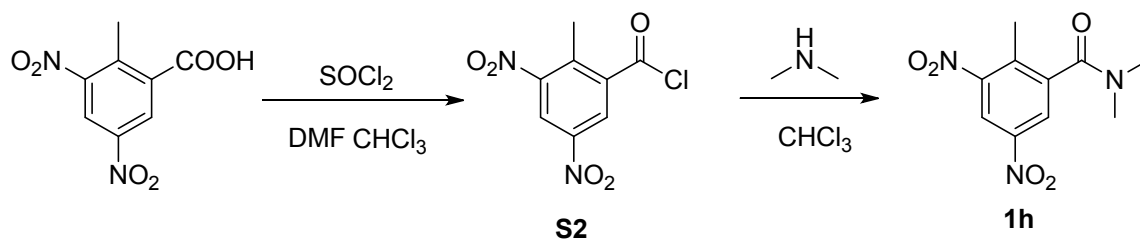


Ethyl 2-methyl-3,5-dinitrobenzoate (1i): Yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 4.46 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.66 (d, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.30, 151.81, 145.43, 140.01, 135.13, 127.57, 121.28, 62.68, 16.65, 14.12; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 255.0934 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 255.0939); IR (KBr): ν 3103, 2990, 1729, 1614, 1538, 1400, 1152 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ C, 47.26 (47.25); H, 3.95 (3.97); N, 11.05 (11.02).



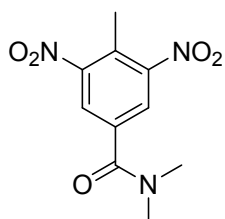
Ethyl 2-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)acetate (1m): Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.28 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (dd, J = 2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.55, 148.99, 147.43, 136.48, 127.44, 120.73, 61.86, 39.70, 14.07; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 255.0935 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 255.0939); IR (KBr): ν 3111, 2987, 1734, 1609, 1536, 1348, 1026 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ C, 47.21 (47.25); H, 3.92 (3.97); N, 11.00 (11.02).

2.1.2 Preparation of N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dinitrobenzamide (1h):



2-Methyl-3,5-dinitro-benzoyl chloride (S2): First 2-methyl-3,5-dinitro-benzoic acid (2.0 g, 8.8 mmol) was added to a 100-mL 3-neck round bottom flask equipped with a condenser, dropping funnel and magnetic stirrer. Then chloroform (20 mL) and DMF (5 mol %) were added. The mixture was heated to 80 °C, and thionyl chloride (2.6 g, 22 mmol) was slowly added over 10 min. The mixture was refluxed overnight and then, the solvent and the excess sulfoxide chloride was removed under reduced pressure to give a brown oil (2.1 g, 98%).

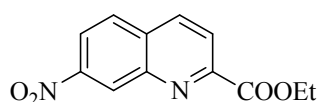
N,N,2-trimethyl-3,5-dinitrobenzamide (1h): A mixture of 2-methyl-3,5-dinitro-benzoyl chloride (2.1 g, 8.6 mmol) and chloroform (20 mL) was stirred in an ice-bath while dimethylamine (7.7 g, 17.2 mmol) was slowly added, The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred 2-3 h. Then a brown solid was formed. The solid was filtered, washed with benzene and dried in an oven over night (2.1 g, 96%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 8.29 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.66, 150.33, 146.05, 141.50, 136.61, 124.48, 119.74; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 254.0495 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 254.0499); IR (KBr): ν 3097, 2934, 1647, 1537, 1349 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ C, 47.40 (47.43); H, 4.37 (4.38); N, 16.61 (16.59).



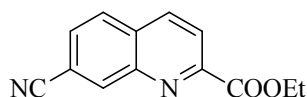
N,N,4-trimethyl-3,5-dinitrobenzamide (1g): Yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.60 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 8.08 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.41, 151.37, 136.06, 128.47, 126.30, 39.52, 35.71, 14.99; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 254.0496 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 254.0499); IR (KBr): ν 3042, 2932, 1731, 1538, 1352, 1123 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ C, 47.46 (47.43); H, 4.39 (4.38); N, 16.58 (16.59).

2.2. General Experimental Procedure for Synthesis of Quinoline Derivates

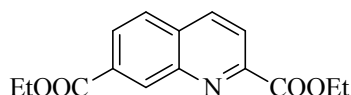
An oven-dried 10-mL round-bottom flask equipped with a condenser and a Teflon-coated stir bar was charged with a solution of 1.0 mmol **1(a - r)** in 5.0 mL THF. Next, Cs_2CO_3 (2.0 mmol, 2 equiv.) and olefin (3.0 mmol, 3 equiv.) were added and the mixture was stirred and heated to 65 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 6-12 h under N_2 . Then, the solvent and the excess olefins were removed and recycled under reduced pressure, and the products were extracted with dichloromethane, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (using dichloromethane as the eluting solvent) to give the desired quinoline derivatives **3** and **4**.



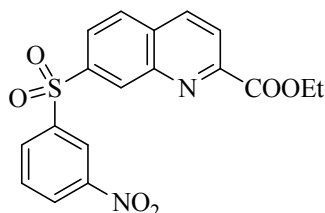
Ethyl 7-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3a): Yellow solid. Yield: 83%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.56 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.49 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.56, 150.60, 148.63, 146.50, 137.32, 132.03, 129.28, 126.88, 123.80, 121.86, 62.71, 14.32; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 269.0531 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 269.0538); IR (KBr): ν 3102, 1713, 1606, 1534, 1447, 1348 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 58.59 (58.54); H, 4.04 (4.09); N, 11.36 (11.38).



Ethyl 7-cyanoquinoline-2-carboxylate (3b): Yellow solid. Yield: 74%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.53 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.66, 150.24, 143.34, 137.30, 136.54, 129.56, 129.07, 128.96, 123.41, 117.96, 113.97, 60.63, 14.10; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 249.0633 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 249.0640); IR (KBr): ν 3085, 2981, 2938, 2235, 1731, 1615, 1537, 1448, 1357 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ C, 69.06 (69.02); H, 4.46 (4.46); N, 12.39 (12.38).

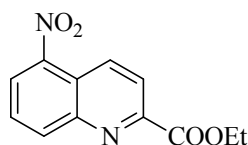


Diethyl quinoline-2,7-dicarboxylate (3c): Yellow solid. Yield: 82%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.35 (s, 1H), 9.21 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 9.06 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.53 (dd, $J = 14.2, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.52 (dt, $J = 17.7, 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.13, 163.83, 150.36, 147.37, 139.00, 133.55, 130.87, 128.06, 125.77, 125.10, 124.06, 62.78, 62.37, 14.28, 14.21; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 296.0896 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 296.0899); IR (KBr): ν 3092, 2983, 2937, 1726, 1625, 1455 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$ C, 65.93 (65.92); H, 5.63 (5.53); N, 5.11 (5.13).

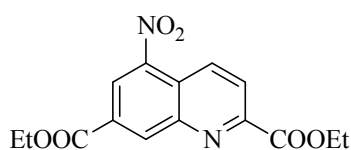


Ethyl 7-((3-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (3d): Colorless liquid. Yield: 81%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.45-8.35 (m, 2H), 8.31 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H),

8.11-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.77 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.54 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.48, 150.34, 148.44, 146.43, 143.08, 141.66, 137.53, 133.51, 132.06, 131.52, 131.08, 130.05, 128.12, 124.92, 123.87, 123.15, 62.68, 14.30; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 409.0465 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 409.0470); IR (KBr): ν 3085, 2981, 2938, 1731, 1605, 1531, 1448, 1352 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$ C, 55.96 (55.95); H, 3.67 (3.65); N, 7.26 (7.25).

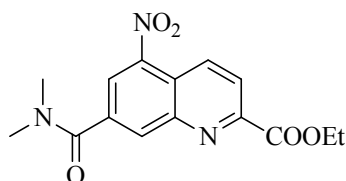


Ethyl 5-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3e): Yellow solid. Yield: 66%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.20 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.53 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.48, 149.58, 147.69, 145.41, 137.71, 133.53, 128.21, 126.38, 123.74, 122.16, 62.64, 14.30; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 269.0535 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 269.0538); IR (KBr): ν 3096, 2982, 2886, 1732, 1613, 1534, 1462, 1352 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 58.57 (58.54); H, 4.08 (4.09); N, 11.36 (11.38).

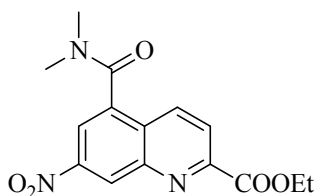


Diethyl 5-nitroquinoline-2,7-dicarboxylate (3f): Yellow solid. Yield: 86%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.32 (s, 1H), 9.18 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.60 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.51 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.15, 163.85, 150.33, 147.37, 145.56, 139.08, 133.60, 130.85, 125.85, 125.14, 124.09, 62.83, 62.39, 14.30, 14.23; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 319.0927 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 319.0924);

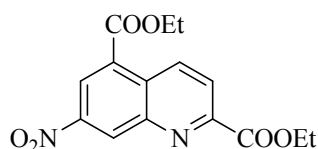
IR (KBr): ν 3111, 2986, 1723, 1534, 1294, 1109 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ C, 56.61 (56.60); H, 4.41 (4.43); N, 8.81 (8.80).



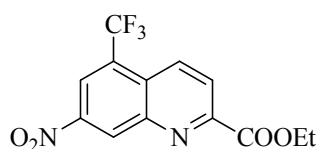
Ethyl 7-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-5-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3g): Yellow solid. Yield: 73%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.41 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 1.51 (t, $J = 7.2$, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.75, 164.21, 150.21, 147.14, 145.66, 135.25, 135.12, 133.60, 125.93, 124.48, 122.34, 62.81, 39.67, 35.73, 14.29; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 318.1088 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 318.1084); IR (KBr): ν 3321, 3157, 2906, 1701, 1516, 1326, 1162 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ C, 56.81 (56.78); H, 4.75 (4.76); N, 13.26 (13.24).



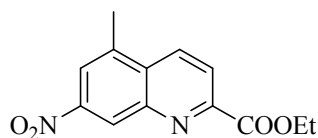
Ethyl 5-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-7-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3h): Yellow solid. Yield: 80%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.29 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.38-8.36 (m, 2H), 4.59 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 1.51 (t, $J = 7.2$, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.97, 164.29, 150.93, 147.66, 146.78, 136.59, 135.18, 129.11, 127.49, 124.43, 119.69, 62.85, 39.06, 35.24, 14.30; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 318.1087 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 318.1084); IR (KBr): ν 3426, 3092, 2927, 1725, 1643, 1533, 1399, 1276, 1118 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ C, 56.84 (56.78); H, 4.74 (4.76); N, 13.26 (13.24).



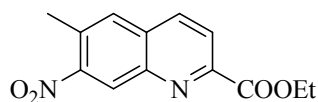
Diethyl 7-nitroquinoline-2,5-dicarboxylate (3i): Yellow solid. Yield: 81%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.65 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 9.41 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 9.13 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.57 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.56-1.52 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.52, 164.33, 150.63, 147.27, 147.08, 136.18, 131.00, 129.07, 125.34, 124.82, 62.79, 62.39, 14.31, 14.28; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 319.0924 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 319.0924); IR (KBr): ν 3094, 2957, 2923, 1723, 1536, 1293, 1087 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ C, 56.62 (56.60); H, 4.47 (4.43); N, 8.85 (8.80).



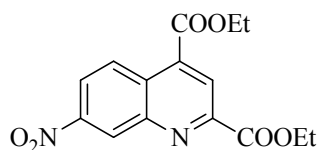
Ethyl 7-nitro-5-(trifluoromethyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (3j): Yellow liquid. Yield: 80%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.55 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.21, 151.37, 147.42, 147.23, 134.42, 134.41, 131.14, 128.51, 125.19, 123.51, 120.93, 63.24, 14.53; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 337.0410 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 337.0412); IR (KBr): ν 3072, 2984, 2949, 1731, 1532, 1345, 1132 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 46.51 (46.69); H, 2.81 (2.89); F, 18.16 (18.14); N, 8.87 (8.92).



Ethyl 5-methyl-7-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3k): Yellow solid. Yield: 79%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 4.61 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 1.54 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.90, 150.31, 148.36, 147.15, 137.56, 134.20, 131.83, 125.24, 123.63, 122.01, 62.91, 19.23, 14.57; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 283.0690 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 283.0694); IR (KBr): ν 3105, 2978, 2923, 1733, 1600, 1533, 1459, 1357 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 60.04 (60.00); H, 4.69 (4.65); N, 10.79 (10.76).

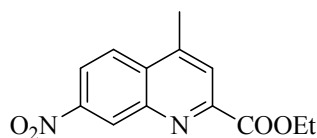


Ethyl 6-methyl-7-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3l): Yellow solid. Yield: 82%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 4.60 (dd, $J = 14.0, 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 1.52 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.94, 150.08, 145.50, 136.63, 132.99, 132.33, 130.95, 127.29, 123.79, 121.22, 62.84, 20.54, 14.56; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 283.0683 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 283.0694); IR (KBr): ν 3120, 2980, 2936, 1732, 1614, 1531, 1456, 1346 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 60.02 (60.00); H, 4.69 (4.65); N, 10.71 (10.76).

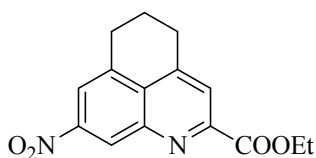


Diethyl 7-nitroquinoline-2,4-dicarboxylate (3m): Yellow solid. Yield: 88%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.23 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 9.08 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.47 (dd, $J = 2.4, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.63-4.53 (m, 4H), 1.53-1.48 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.64, 163.04, 149.34, 147.40, 146.76, 135.58, 128.19, 126.76, 125.92, 123.73, 121.97, 61.93, 61.67, 13.29, 13.19; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 319.0920 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 319.0924); IR (KBr): ν 3103, 2924, 1719, 1534, 1341, 1245,

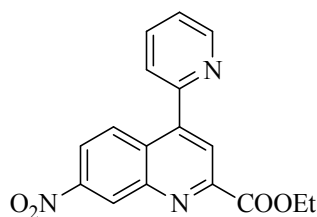
1142 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ C, 56.57 (56.60); H, 4.44 (4.43); N, 8.85 (8.80).



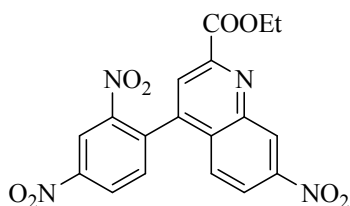
Ethyl 4-methyl-7-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3n): Yellow solid. Yield: 79%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.23 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.43 (dd, $J = 9.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.60 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.87 (s, 3H), 1.52 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.81, 150.25, 148.36, 146.44, 132.25, 127.30, 125.59, 124.19, 121.45, 62.61, 18.98, 14.32; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 283.0686 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 283.0695); IR (KBr): ν 3100, 2980, 2936, 1731, 1604, 1536, 1455, 1348 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 60.01 (60.00); H, 4.68 (4.65); N, 10.77 (10.76).



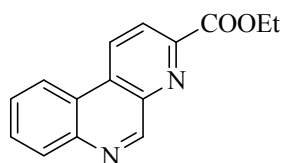
Ethyl 8-nitro-5,6-dihydro-4H-benzo[de]quinoline-2-carboxylate (3o): Yellow solid. Yield: 63%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 4.60 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.26 (dt, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.20 (dt, $J = 12.3, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.53 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.02, 149.95, 148.15, 146.98, 139.09, 129.72, 124.52, 121.50, 120.48, 119.05, 62.51, 30.60, 29.67, 22.25, 14.31; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 309.0845 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 309.0851); IR (KBr): ν 3105, 2924, 2835, 1723, 1614, 1599, 1537, 1460, 1440, 1345 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ C, 62.96 (62.93); H, 4.92 (4.93); N, 9.71 (9.79).



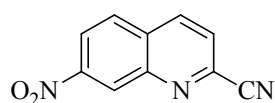
Ethyl 7-nitro-4-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (3p): Yellow solid. Yield: 67%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.88 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.41-8.38 (m, 1H), 7.98 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 1H), 4.61 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.55, 155.20, 150.21, 150.08, 148.36, 147.69, 147.62, 137.44, 130.12, 128.02, 127.06, 124.93, 123.96, 123.77, 121.94, 62.79, 14.35; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 324.0978 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 324.0978); IR (KBr): ν 3137, 2923, 2316, 1714, 1532, 1397, 1347, 1250, 1124 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ C, 63.13 (63.16); H, 4.06 (4.05); N, 13.02 (13.00).



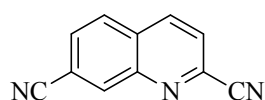
Ethyl 4-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-7-nitroquinoline-2-carboxylate (3q): Yellow solid. Yield: 68%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.37 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 9.18 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.72 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, $J = 9.2, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, $J = 7.1, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.54 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 164.33, 150.42, 149.11, 148.81, 148.47, 146.28, 145.88, 136.92, 134.76, 130.25, 128.90, 127.81, 126.48, 123.06, 123.02, 121.04, 62.62, 14.57; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 435.0554 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 435.0553); IR (KBr): ν 3105, 2924, 2853, 1723, 1614, 1599, 1537, 1460, 1440, 1345 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8$ C, 52.46 (52.43); H, 2.92 (2.93); N, 13.63 (13.59).



Ethyl benzo[f][1,7]naphthyridine-3-carboxylate (3r): White solid. Yield: 91%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 9.05 (t, $J = 13.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (dd, $J = 11.8, 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.33 (dd, $J = 25.8, 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.55 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.77, 155.20, 148.89, 144.89, 141.43, 131.40, 130.80, 130.43, 129.62, 128.04, 125.57, 122.84, 122.56, 62.53, 14.36; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 275.0796 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 275.0796); IR (KBr): ν 3064, 1739, 1609, 1471 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ C, 71.47 (71.42); H, 4.75 (4.79); N, 11.14 (11.10).



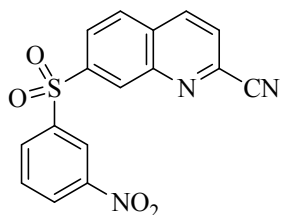
7-Nitroquinoline-2-carbonitrile (4a): Yellow solid. Yield: 85%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 8.50 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.15, 147.14, 137.79, 136.13, 131.31, 129.74, 126.09, 125.96, 122.76, 116.66; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 222.0277 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 222.0279); IR (KBr): ν 3080, 2251, 1623, 1530, 1425, 1349 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ C, 60.35 (60.31); H, 2.51 (2.53); N, 21.08 (21.10).



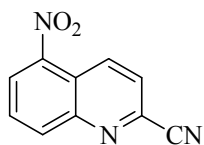
Quinoline-2,7-dicarbonitrile (4b): Yellow solid. Yield: 72%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 146.57, 139.35, 135.67, 135.44, 131.00, 130.62, 130.38, 126.69, 118.37, 114.43;

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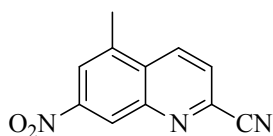
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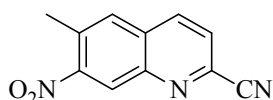
7-((3-Nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)quinoline-2-carbonitrile (4d): White solid. Yield: 84%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.88 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.49 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dd, $J = 13.1, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 148.79, 146.67, 142.56, 142.03, 139.45, 135.73, 134.44, 132.49, 131.69, 131.49, 130.51, 129.31, 127.10, 126.25, 123.17, 117.53; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 362.0208 $[M + Na]^+$ (calcd. 362.0211); IR (KBr): ν 3084, 2252, 1603, 1534, 1426, 1354 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ C, 56.61 (56.63); H, 2.64 (2.67); N, 12.39 (12.38).



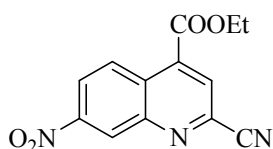
5-Nitroquinoline-2-carbonitrile (4e): Yellow solid. Yield: 74%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.23 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.28, 148.03, 136.96, 134.10, 129.33, 129.02, 128.68, 127.28, 125.94, 118.44; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 222.0276 $[M + Na]^+$ (calcd. 222.0279); IR (KBr): ν 3094, 2251, 1611, 1532, 1424, 1356 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_5\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ C, 60.37 (60.31); H, 2.50 (2.53); N, 21.16 (21.10).



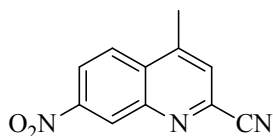
5-Methyl-7-nitroquinoline-2-carbonitrile (4k): Yellow solid. Yield: 86%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.91, 147.87, 138.07, 135.92, 134.62, 131.14, 125.78, 124.44, 122.87, 116.92, 19.18; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 236.0428 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 236.0436); IR (KBr): ν 3100, 2966, 2251, 1624, 1529, 1398, 1348 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ C, 61.92 (61.97); H, 3.27 (3.31); N, 19.68 (19.71).



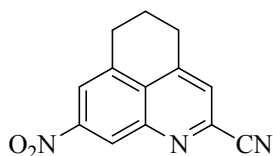
6-Methyl-7-nitroquinoline-2-carbonitrile (4l): Yellow solid. Yield: 85%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.72, 146.01, 136.68, 135.35, 133.12, 130.92, 126.09, 125.63, 122.22, 118.61, 20.12; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 236.0433 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 236.0436); IR (KBr): ν 3121, 2980, 2251, 1626, 1527, 1423, 1345 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ C, 61.92 (61.97); H, 3.34 (3.31); N, 19.74 (19.71).



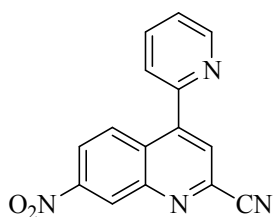
Ethyl 2-cyano-7-nitroquinoline-4-carboxylate (4m): Yellow solid. Yield: 85%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.17 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 9.10 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.55 (dd, $J = 2.4, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 4.58 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.52 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.55, 148.94, 148.49, 136.89, 135.93, 128.709, 128.17, 126.93, 126.26, 123.95, 116.14, 63.17, 14.17; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 272.0673 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 272.0665); IR (KBr): ν 3059, 2925, 1726, 1529, 1348, 1250, 1193 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ C, 57.58 (57.57); H, 3.31 (3.34); N, 15.44 (15.49).



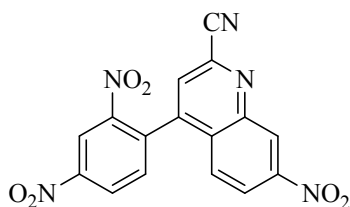
4-Methyl-7-nitroquinoline-2-carbonitrile (4n): Yellow solid. Yield: 80%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.01 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.98, 145.95, 129.46, 127.06, 126.53, 126.29, 126.00, 122.30, 119.83, 118.49, 21.21; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 236.0428 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 236.0436); IR (KBr): ν 3101, 2977, 2251, 1620, 1533, 1422, 1351 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ C, 61.95 (61.97); H, 3.32 (3.31); N, 19.73 (19.71).



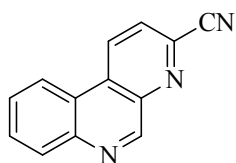
8-Nitro-5,6-dihydro-4H-benzo[de]quinoline-2-carbonitrile (4o): Yellow solid. Yield: 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.37 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 3.26 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.13 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.26-2.14 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.56, 141.47, 141.13, 134.51, 130.87, 130.33, 123.79, 122.26, 114.64, 112.22, 30.06, 29.27, 22.00; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 262.0589 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 262.0592); IR (KBr): ν 3100, 2942, 2251, 1599, 1530, 1427, 1345 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ C, 65.29 (65.27); H, 3.81 (3.79); N, 17.52 (17.56).



7-Nitro-4-(pyridin-2-yl)quinoline-2-carbonitrile (4p): Yellow solid. Yield: 71%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 8.89 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.82, 150.43, 148.79, 148.22, 148.16, 137.60, 135.82, 129.49, 128.37, 126.26, 125.84, 124.93, 124.46, 122.71, 116.60; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 277.0725 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ (calcd. 277.0720); IR (KBr): ν 3107, 2923, 1529, 1404, 1351 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ C, 65.24 (65.22); H, 2.87 (2.92); N, 20.24 (20.28).



4-(2,4-Dinitrophenyl)-7-nitroquinoline-2-carbonitrile (4q): Yellow solid. Yield: 70%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.19 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 8.74 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd, $J = 9.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.7, 149.24, 148.96, 148.32, 147.17, 146.02, 136.69, 133.77, 131.07, 128.16, 128.30, 126.22, 122.36, 121.15, 120.79, 118.81; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 388.0282 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 388.0294); IR (KBr): ν 3105, 2250, 1599, 1531, 1434, 1346 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_7\text{N}_5\text{O}_6$ C, 52.65 (52.61); H, 1.90 (1.93); N, 19.14 (19.17).

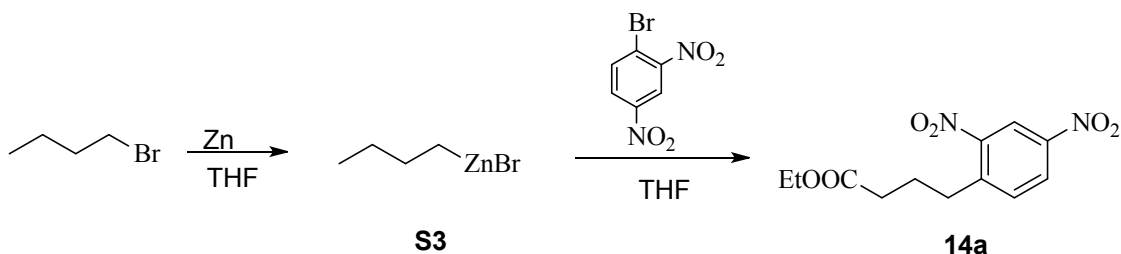


Benzo[f][1,7]naphthyridin-2-amine (4r): White solid. Yield: 93%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.55 (s, 1H), 9.06 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.00-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.84 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.99, 145.02, 142.03, 134.05, 131.73, 131.17, 130.80, 129.25, 128.55, 128.01, 122.91, 121.92, 116.95;

HRMS (ESI) m/z : 228.0533 $[M + Na]^+$ (calcd. 228.0538); IR (KBr): ν 3017, 2240, 1580, 1455 cm^{-1} ;

Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$, 79.11 (76.09); H, 3.42 (3.44); N, 20.41 (20.47).

2.3. Preparation of 14a

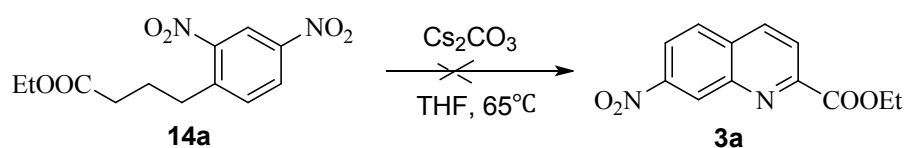


Ethyl 4-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)butanoate (S3)¹: Two 50-mL two-necked flasks, A and B, were equipped with rubber septa, condensers topped with argon inlets, and Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. Flask A was charged with freshly cut lithium (0.21 g, 30.63 mmol) and naphthalene (3.98 g, 31.15 mmol). Flask B was charged with anhydrous ZnCl_2 (2.09 g, 15.37 mmol). The flasks were then transferred to a manifold system and connected to nitrogen. Freshly distilled THF (15 mL) was added to both flasks via a syringe, and the mixtures were stirred at room temperature. The solution in flask A changed from colorless to dark green almost immediately. The lithium was consumed in about 2 h, and the ZnCl_2 solution was then transferred drop wise to flask A by a cannula over 15 min. The activated zinc was typically used at this point. Neat ethyl-4-bromobutanoate (0.70 g, 3.62 mmol) was added via syringe to the active zinc (4.00 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h, giving a dark solution of the alkylzinc bromide species (S3).

Ethyl 4-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)butanoate (14a): S3 (2.16 mmol, in 10 mL THF) was transferred via a cannula to a THF solution of 5 mol % $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.127 g, 0.11 mmol) and 1-bromo-2,4-dinitrobenzene (0.54 g, 2.19 mmol) at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. The solution was then stirred for 3 h. The mixture was worked up by pouring it into a saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution (20 mL) and extracting with diethyl ether (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over

anhydrous CaCl_2 . The resultant crude product was purified by flash chromatography using silica gel with gradient elution (hexanes to remove naphthalene first, then hexanes/ethyl acetate) to give a yellow oil (**14a**) (0.49 g, 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.71 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.22-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.47, 149.80, 146.99, 136.51, 127.16, 121.87, 120.91, 60.54, 32.87, 32.46, 27.76, 14.21; HRMS (ESI) m/z : 305.0856 $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ (calcd. 305.0852); IR (KBr): ν 3099, 2870, 1730, 1597, 1534, 1348, 1035 cm^{-1} ; Analytical Data. Found (calcd) for: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ C, 51.09 (51.06); H, 5.01 (5.00); N, 9.91 (9.93).

2.4. Preparation of **3a** from **14a**

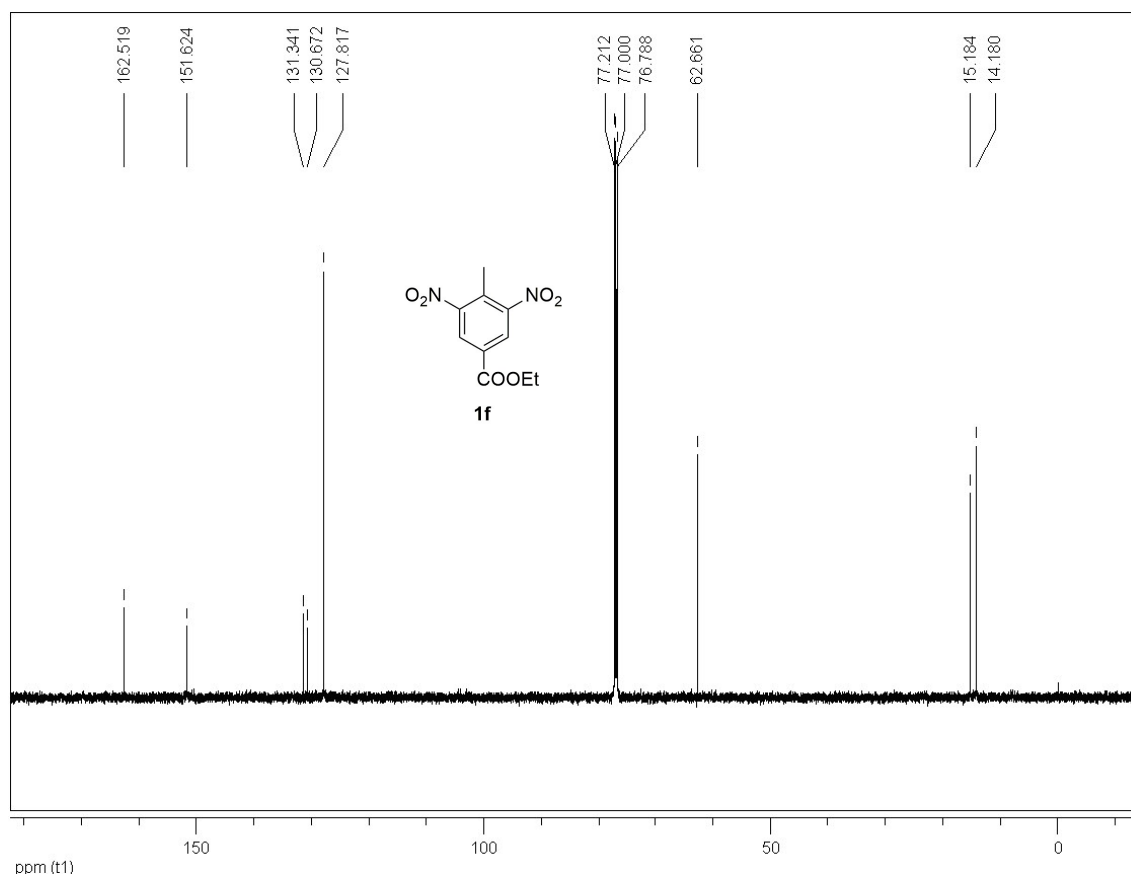
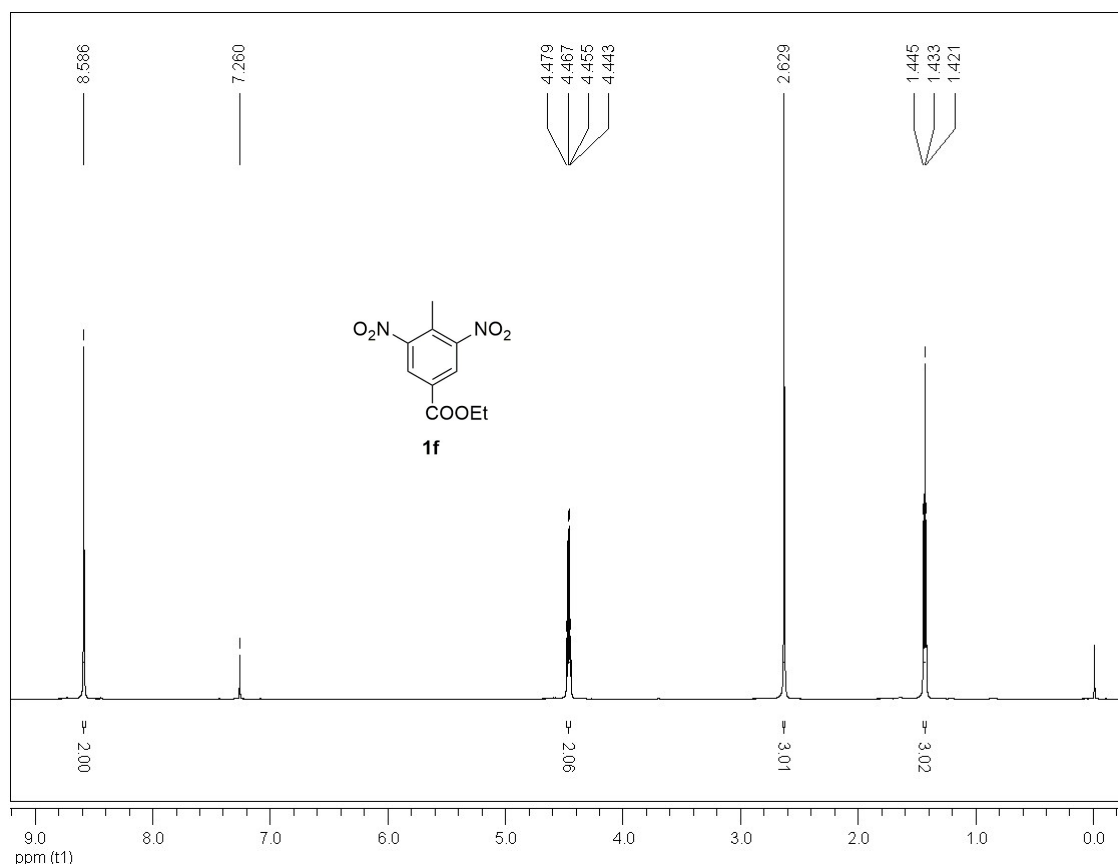


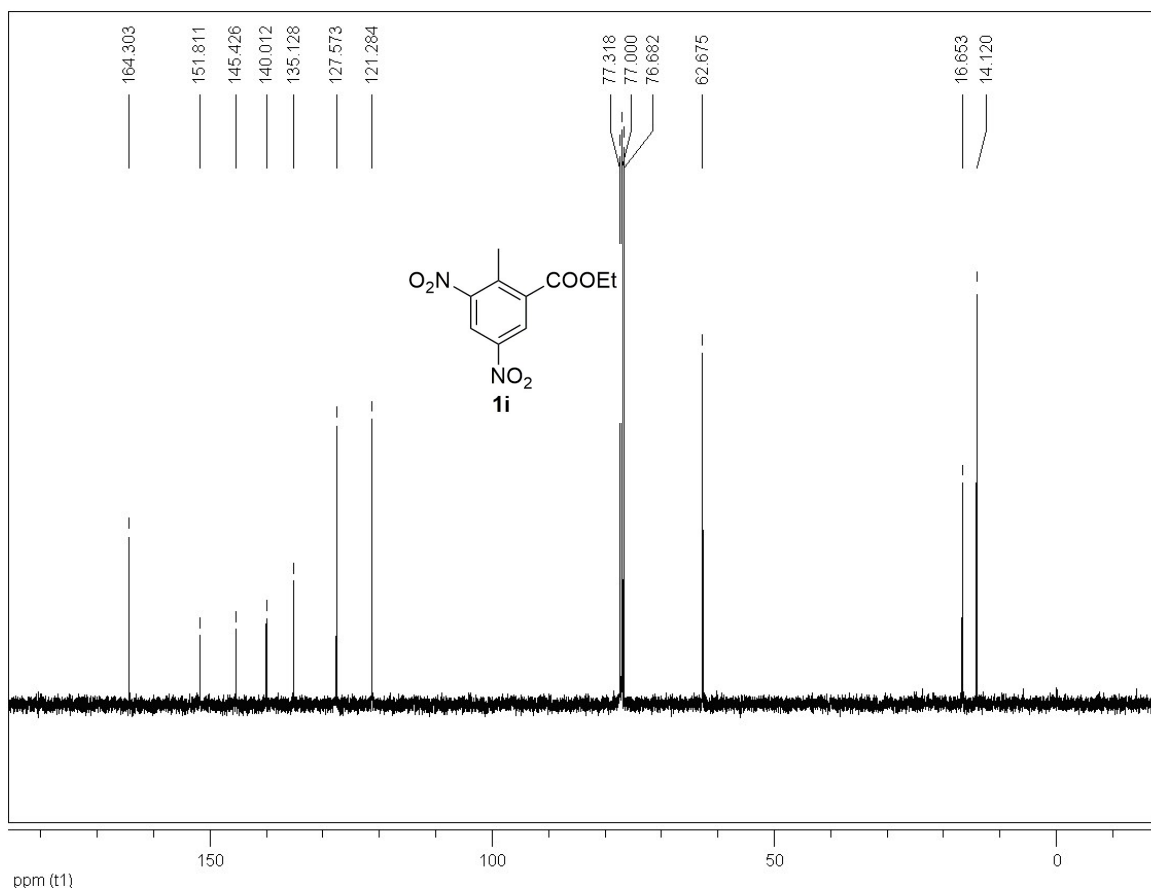
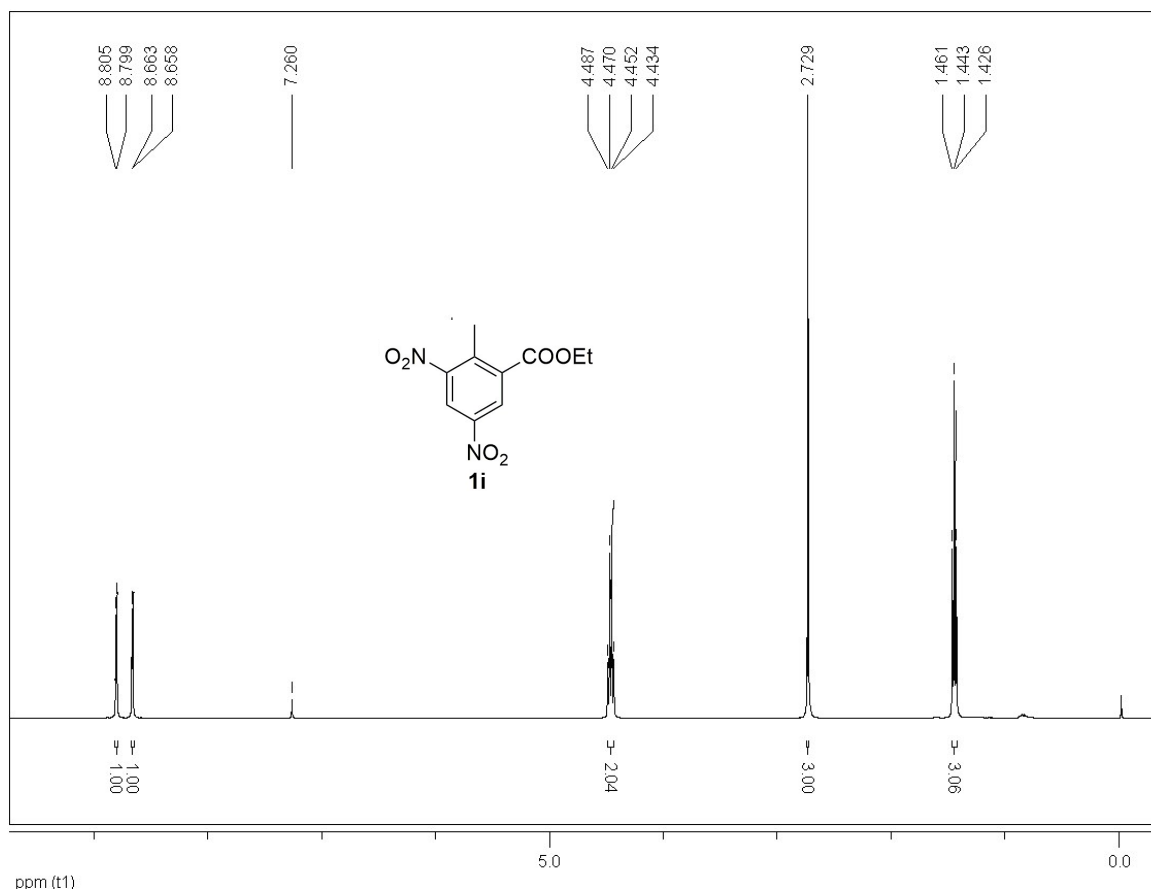
An oven-dried 10-mL round-bottom flask equipped with a condenser and a Teflon-coated stir bar was charged with a solution of 1.0 mmol **14a** in 0.5 mL THF. Then, Cs_2CO_3 (0.2 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added and the mixture was stirred and heated under N_2 at 65 °C for 12 h. After a similar work up procedure, no **3a** could be isolated.

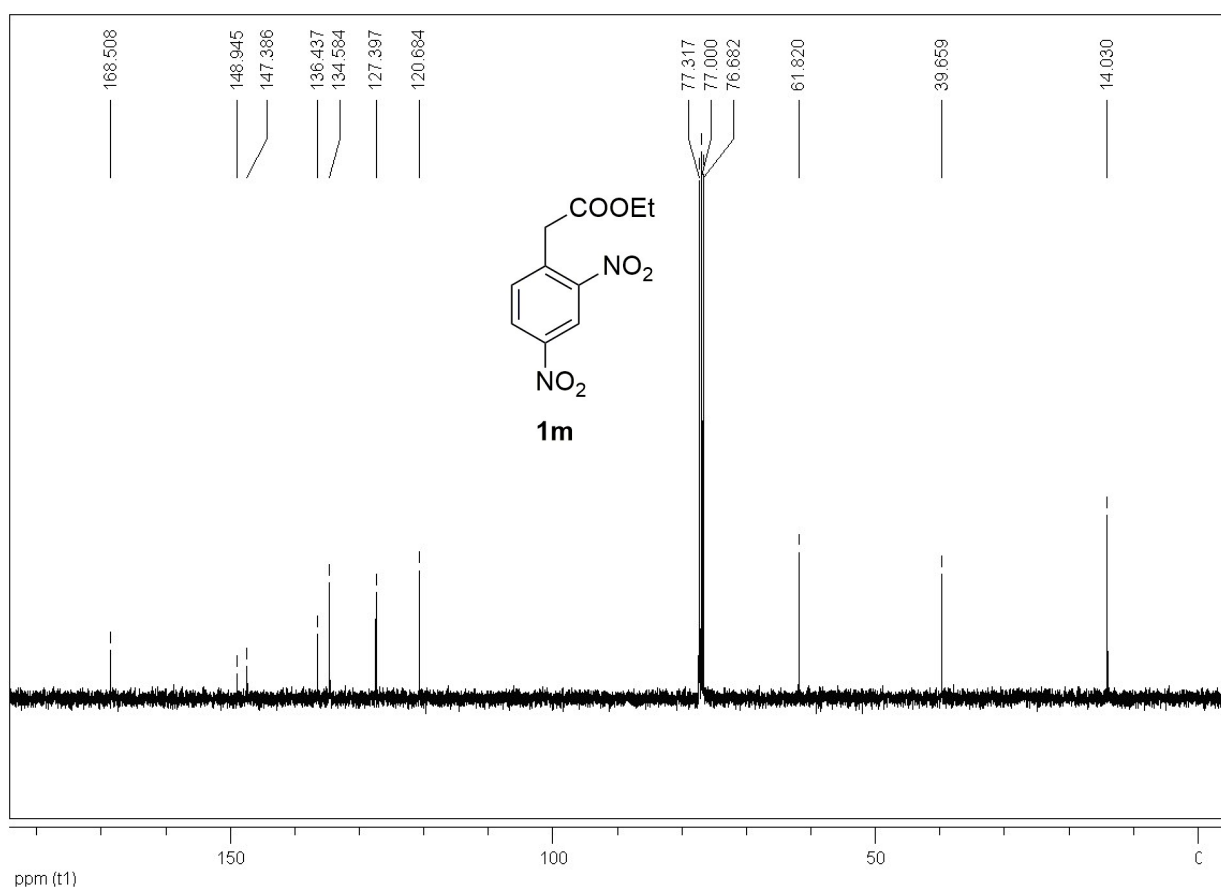
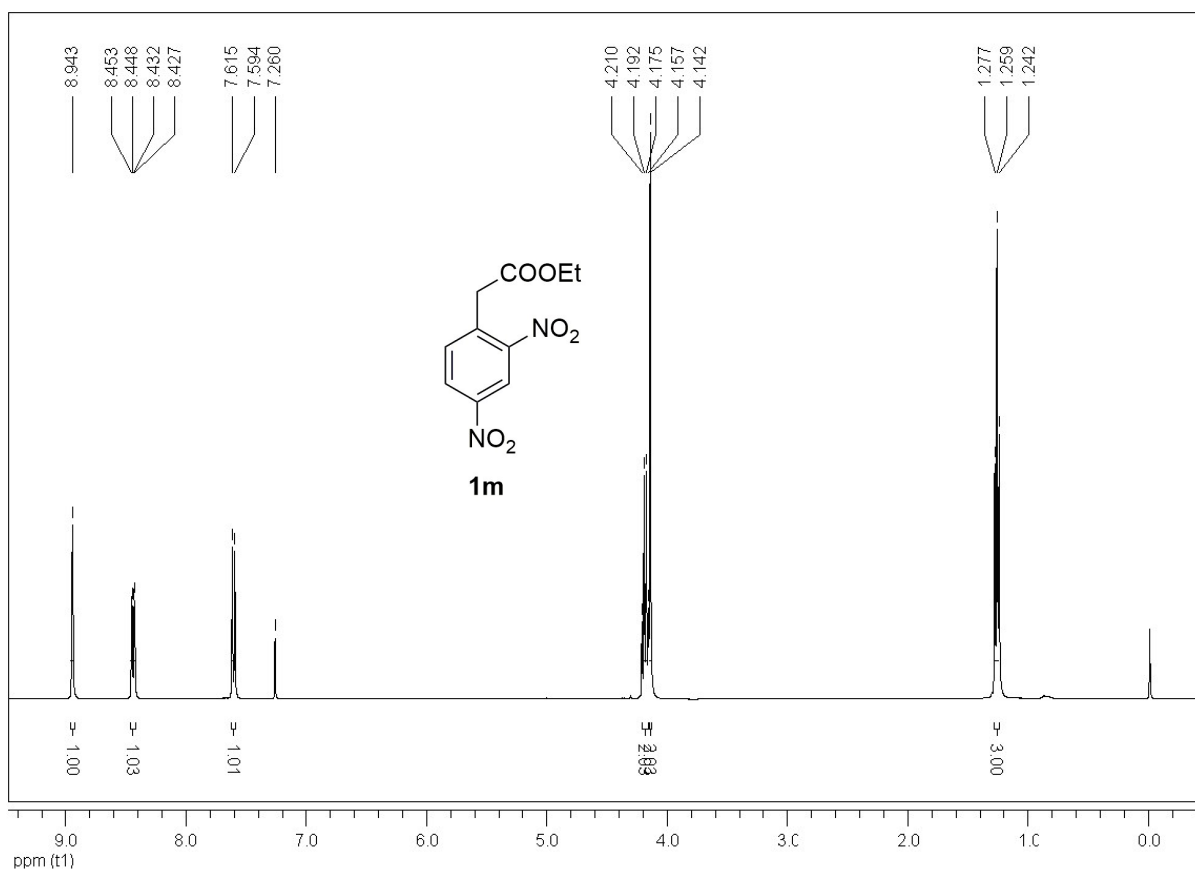
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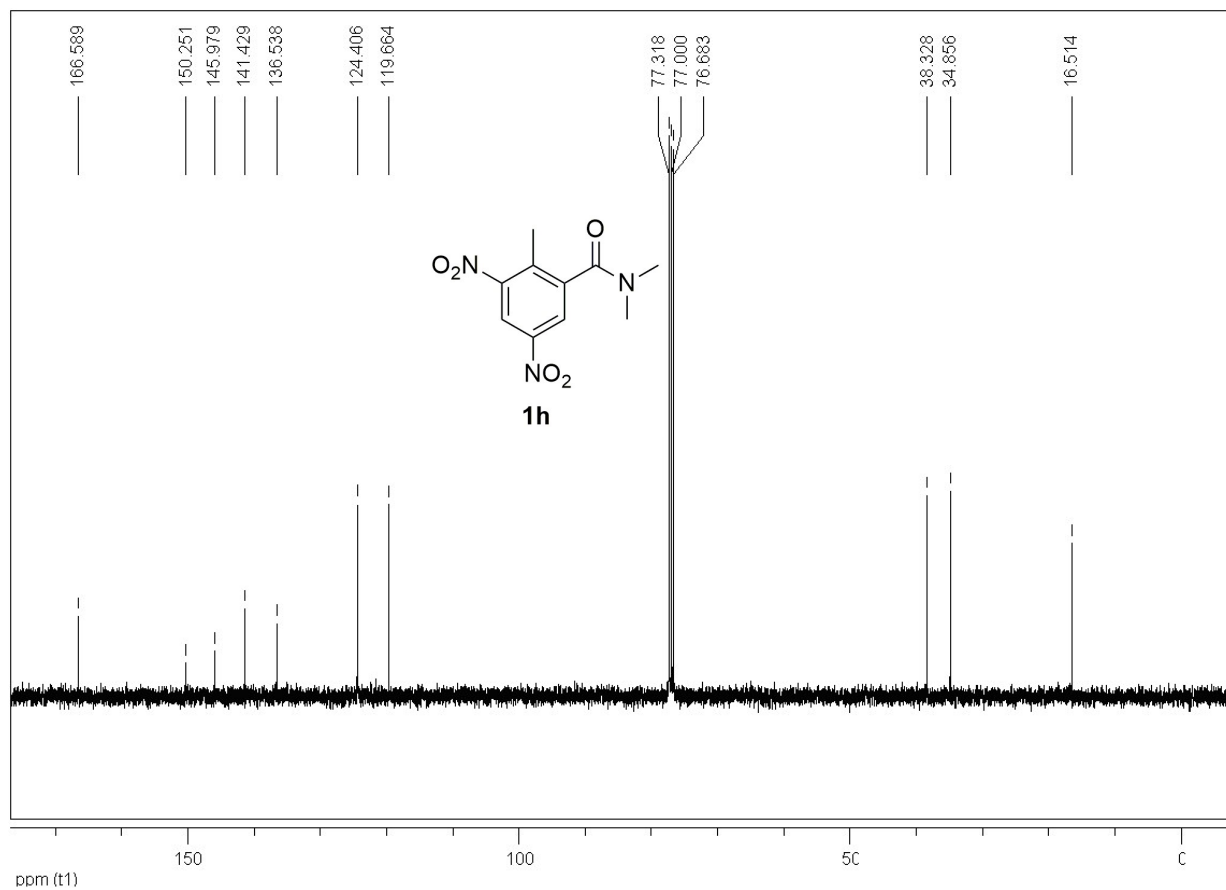
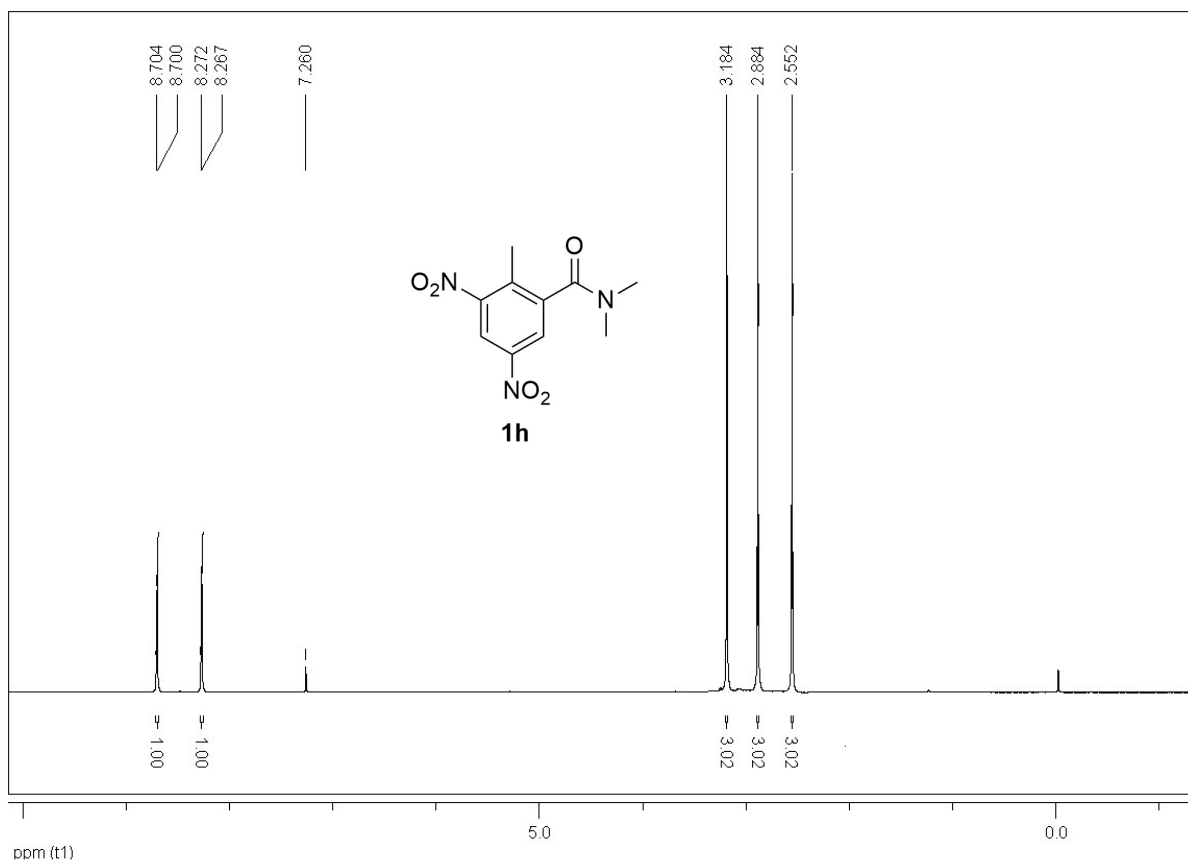
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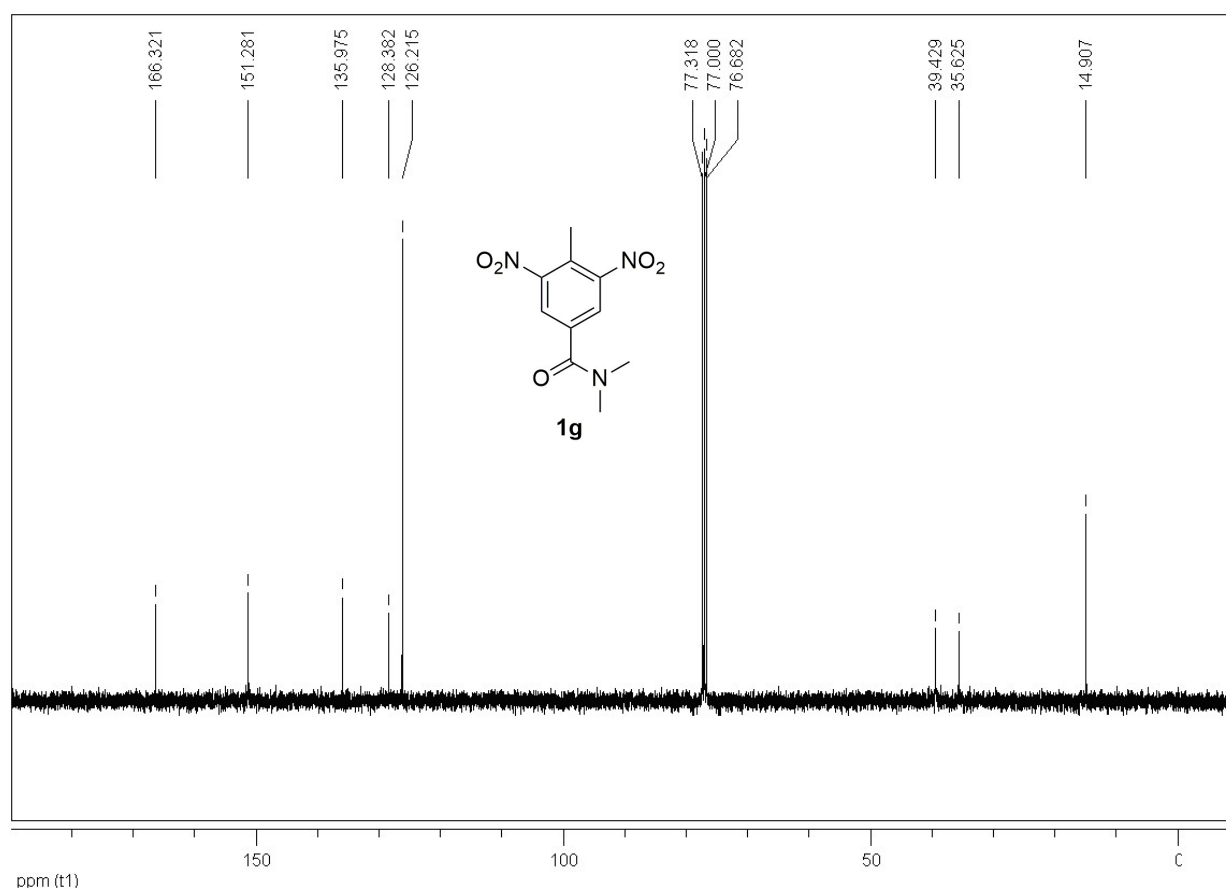
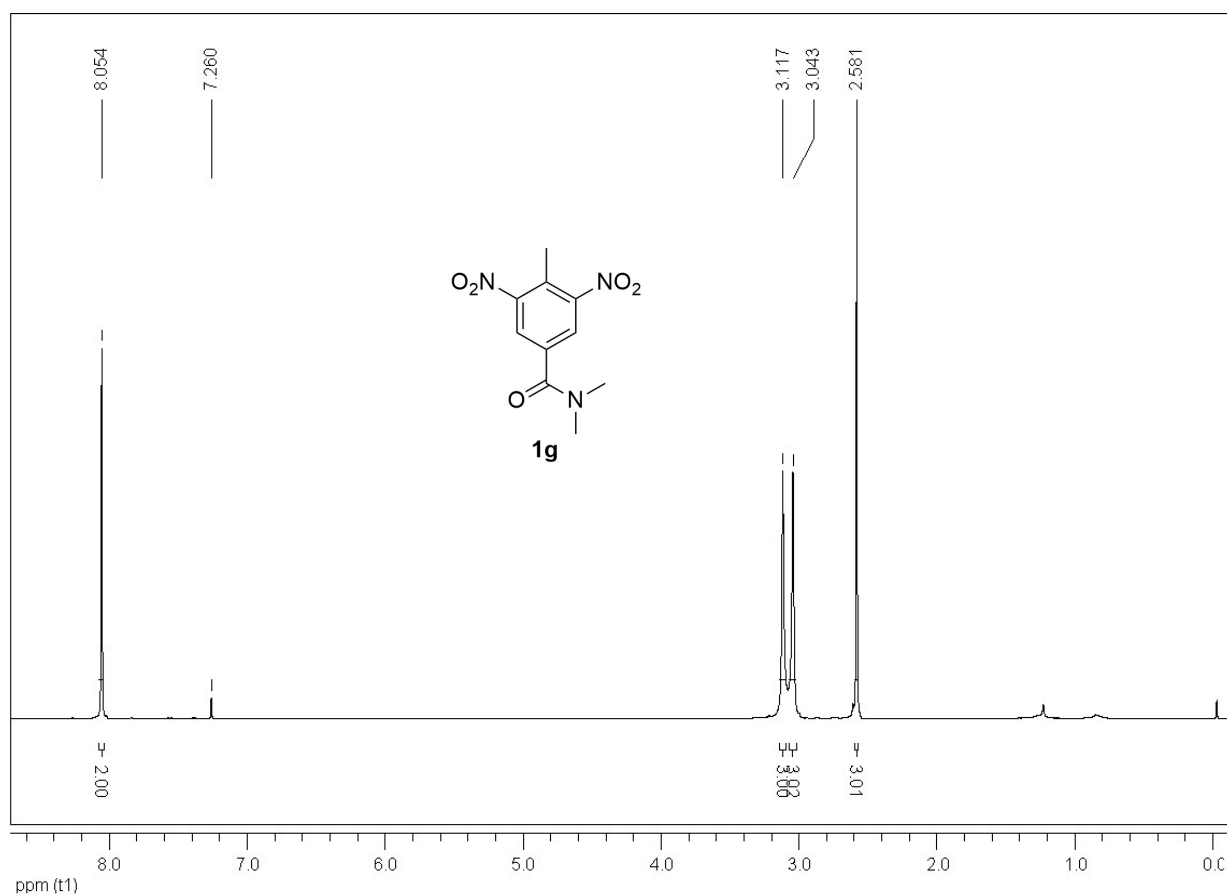
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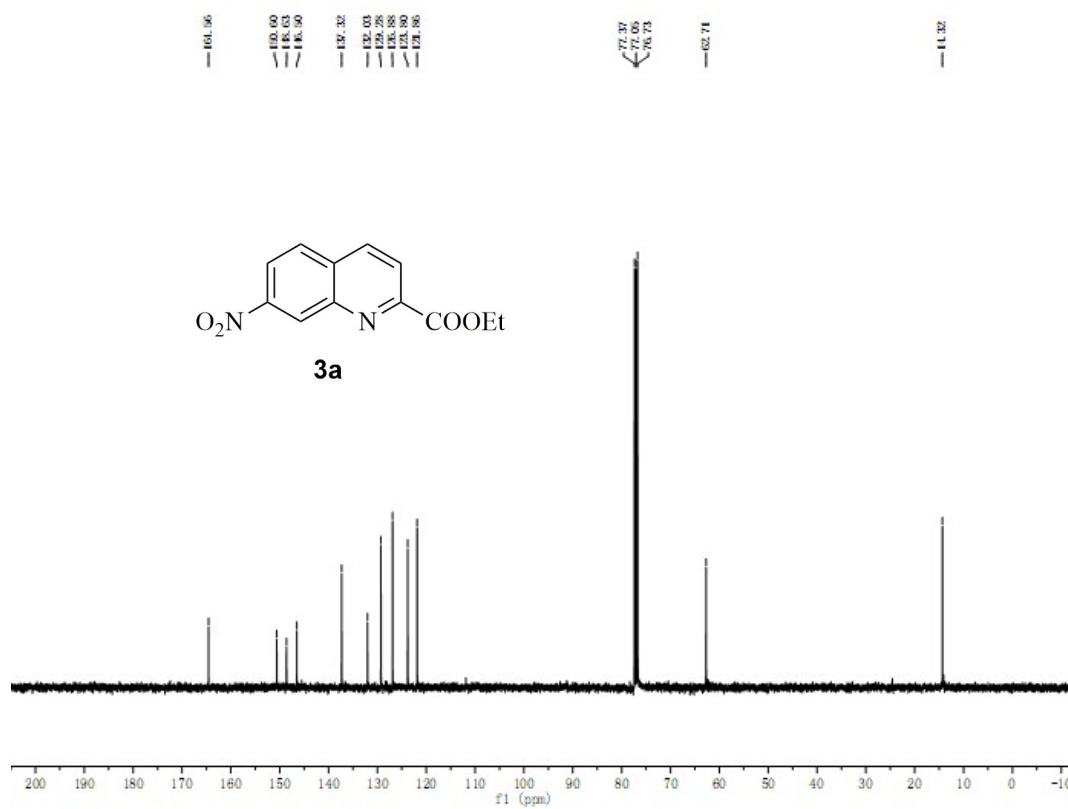
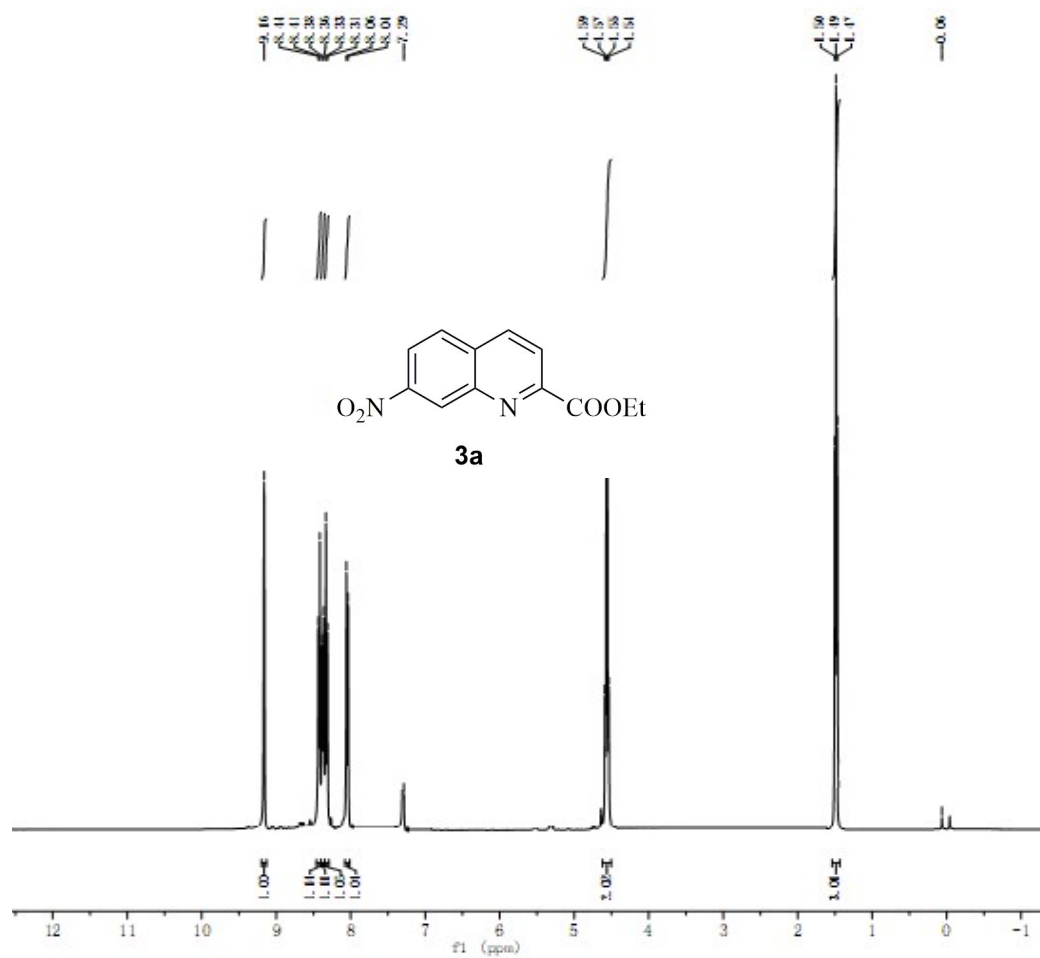


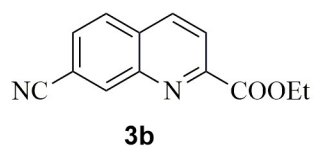
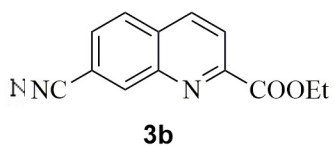












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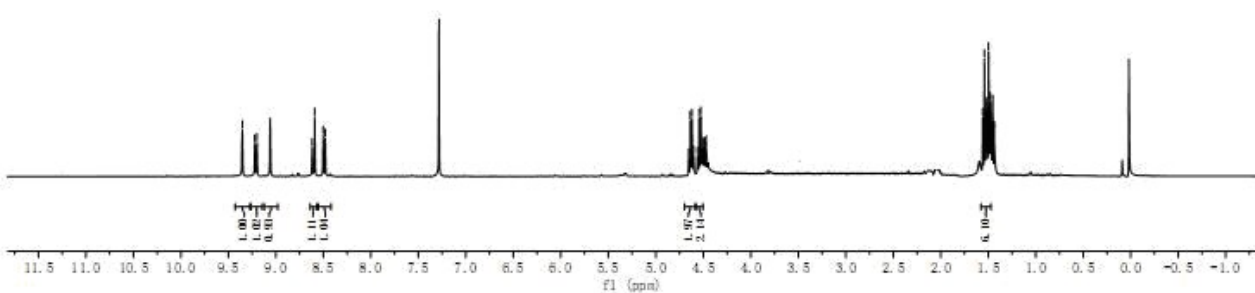
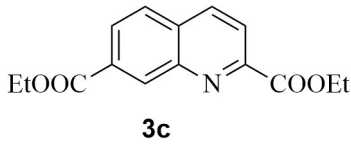
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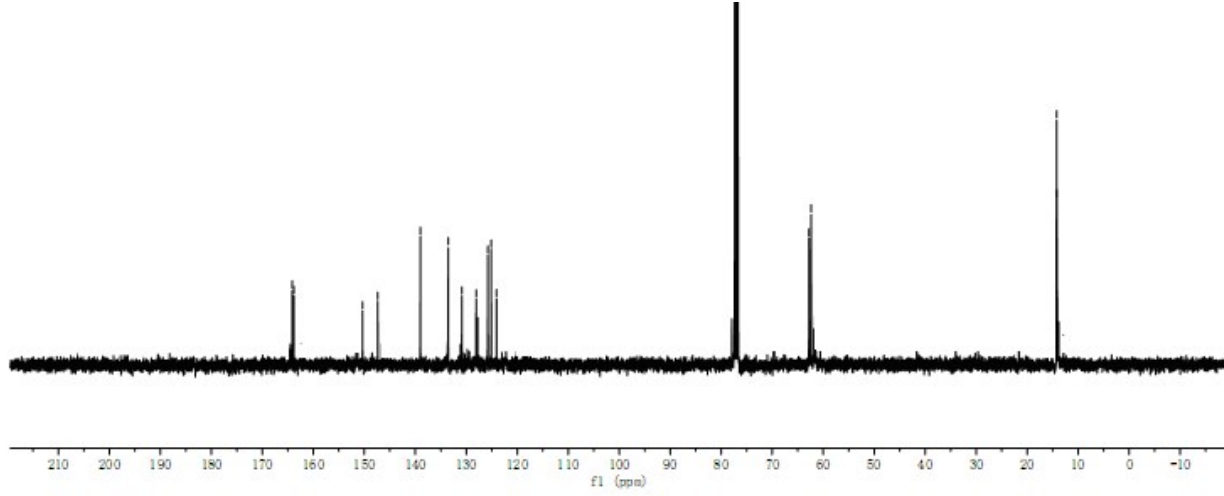
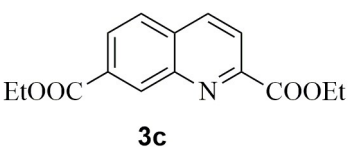
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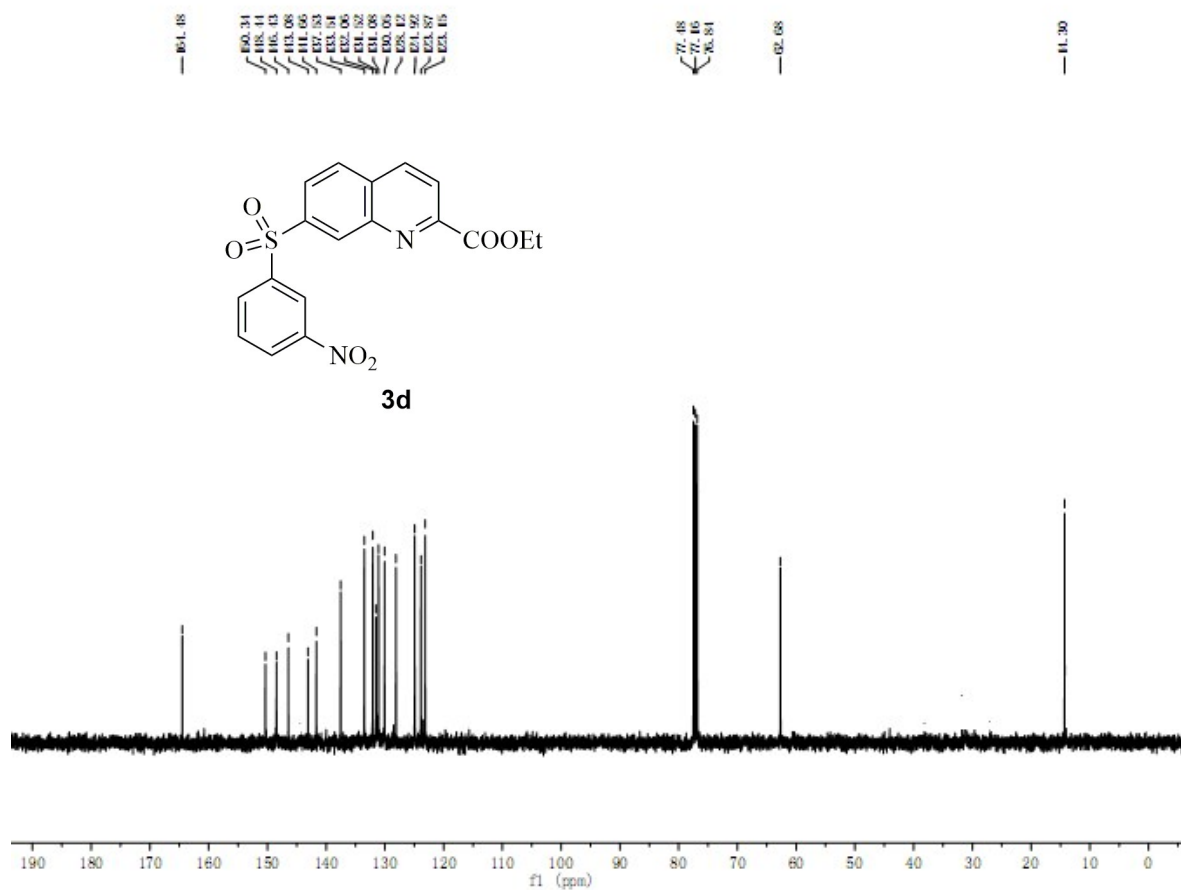
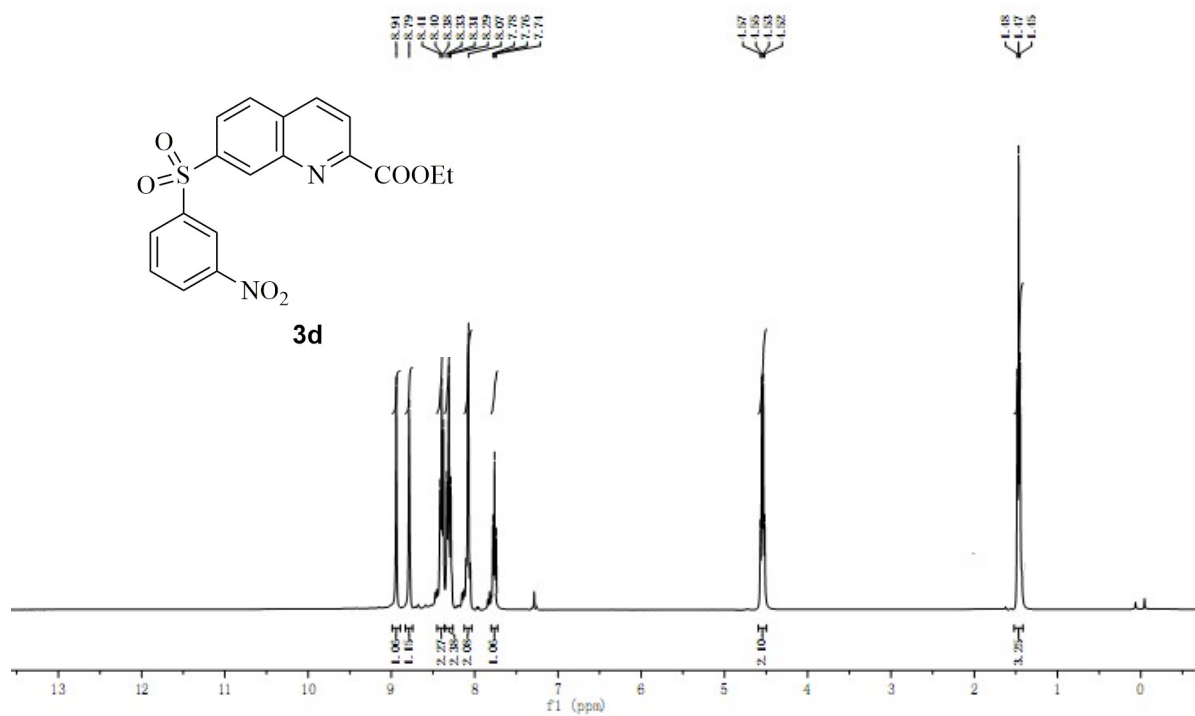


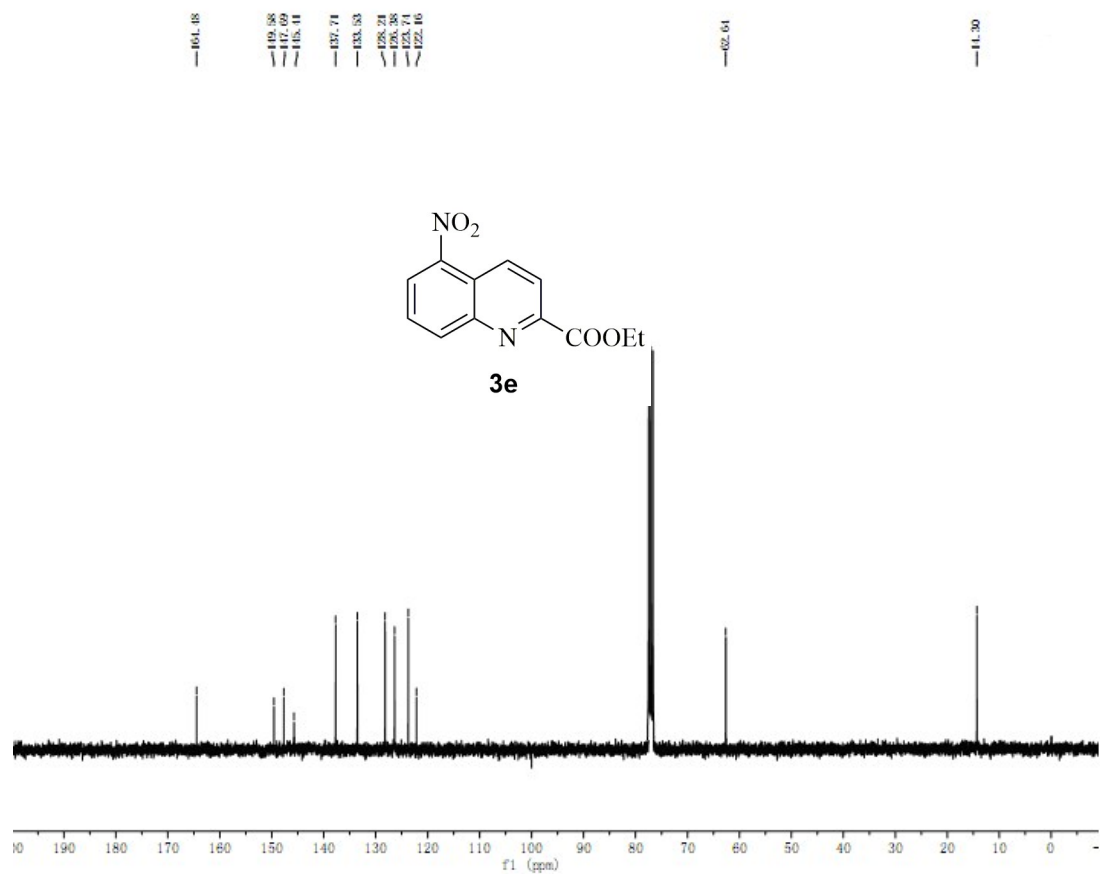
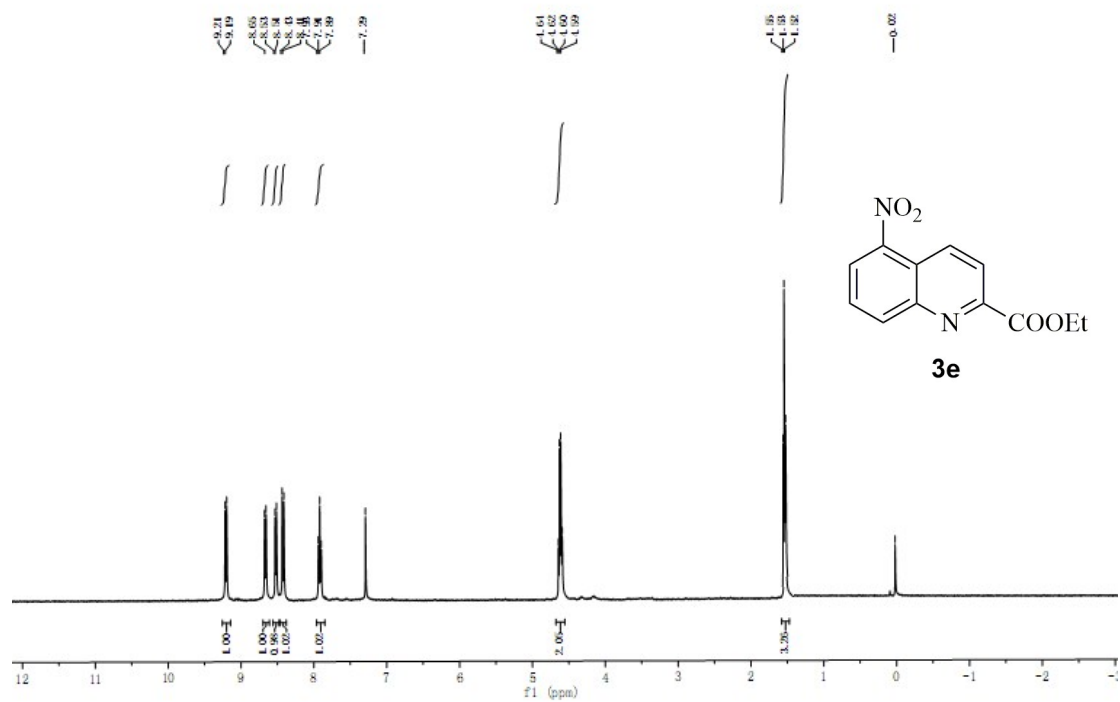
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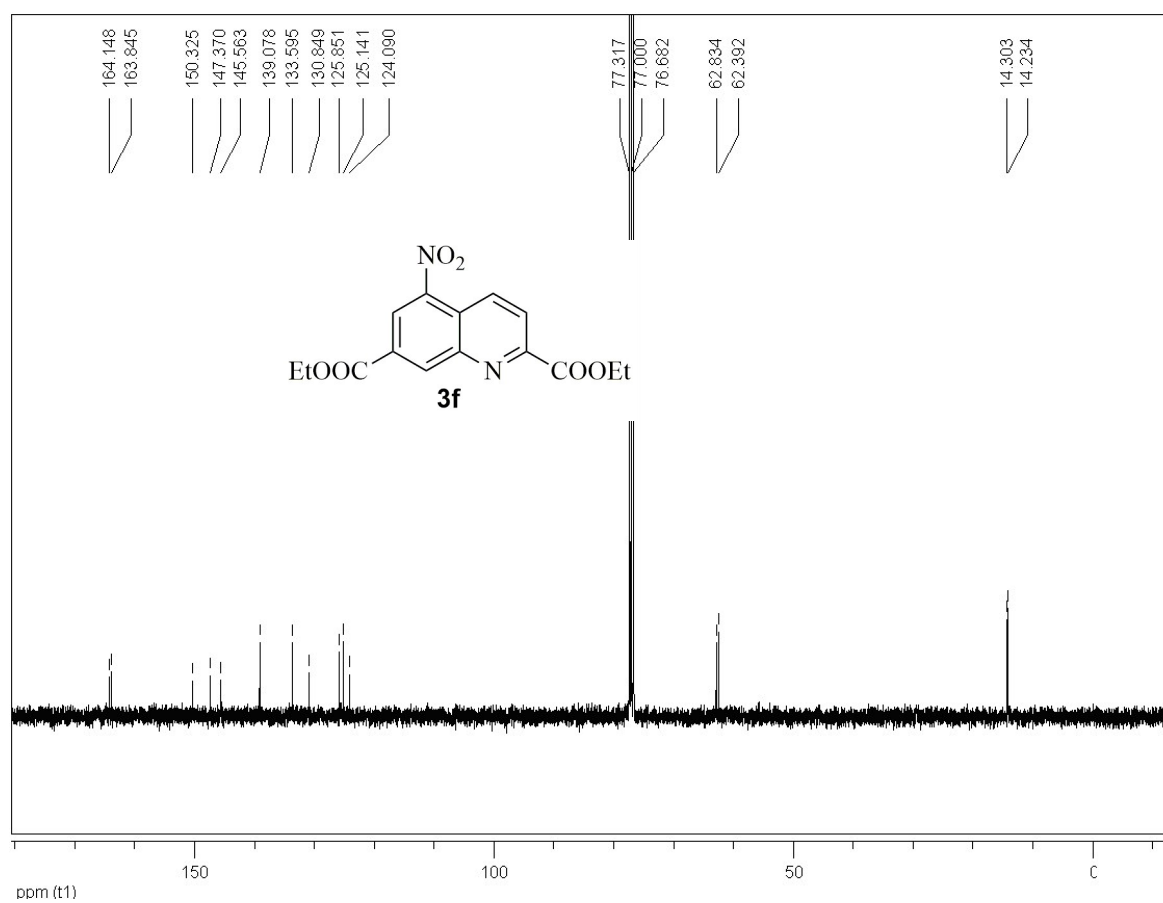
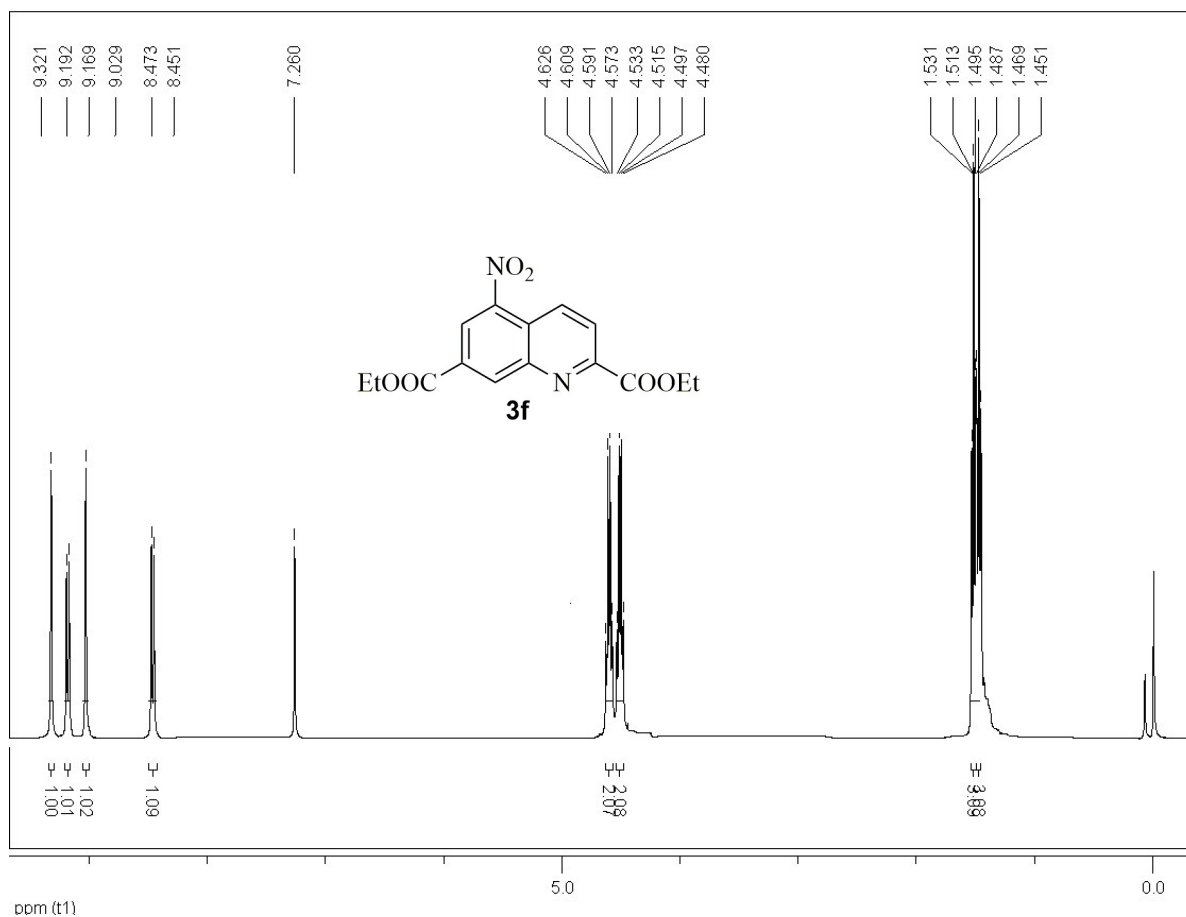
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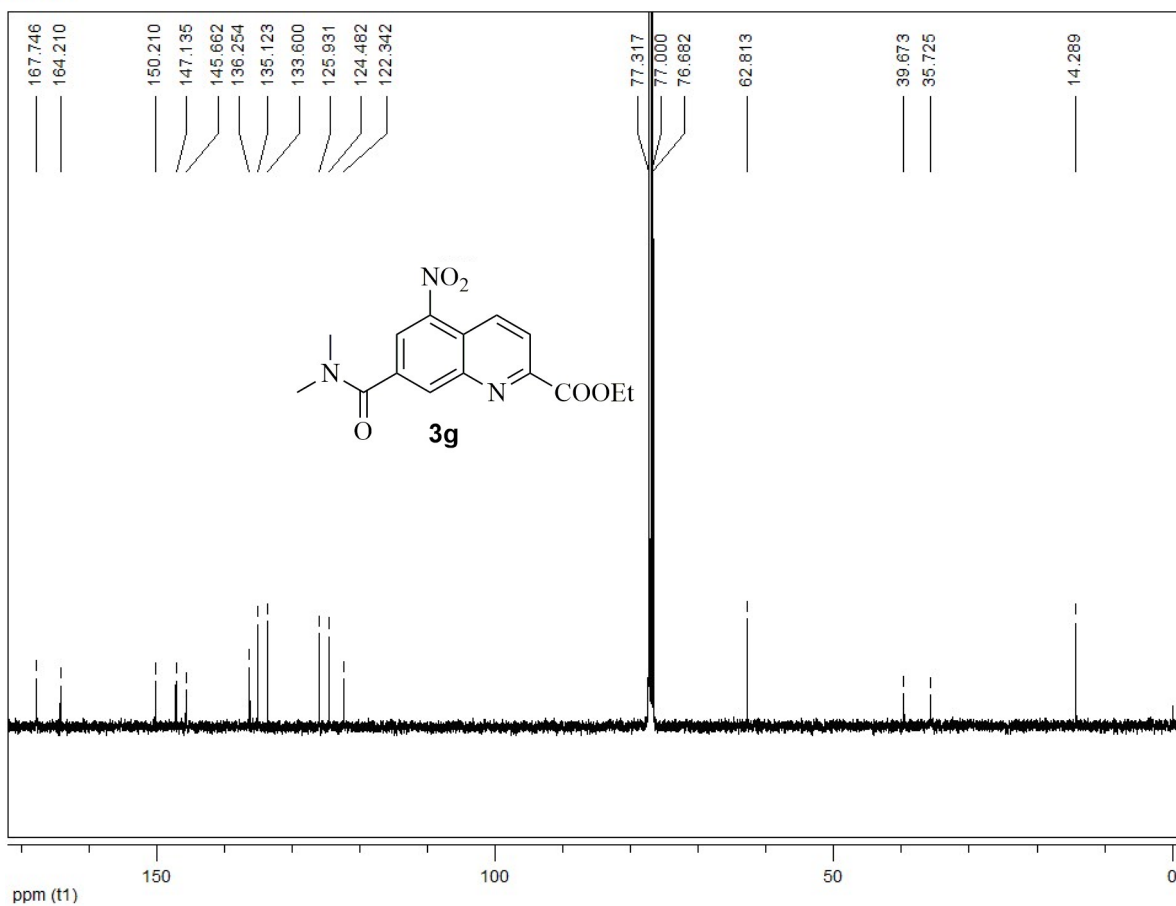
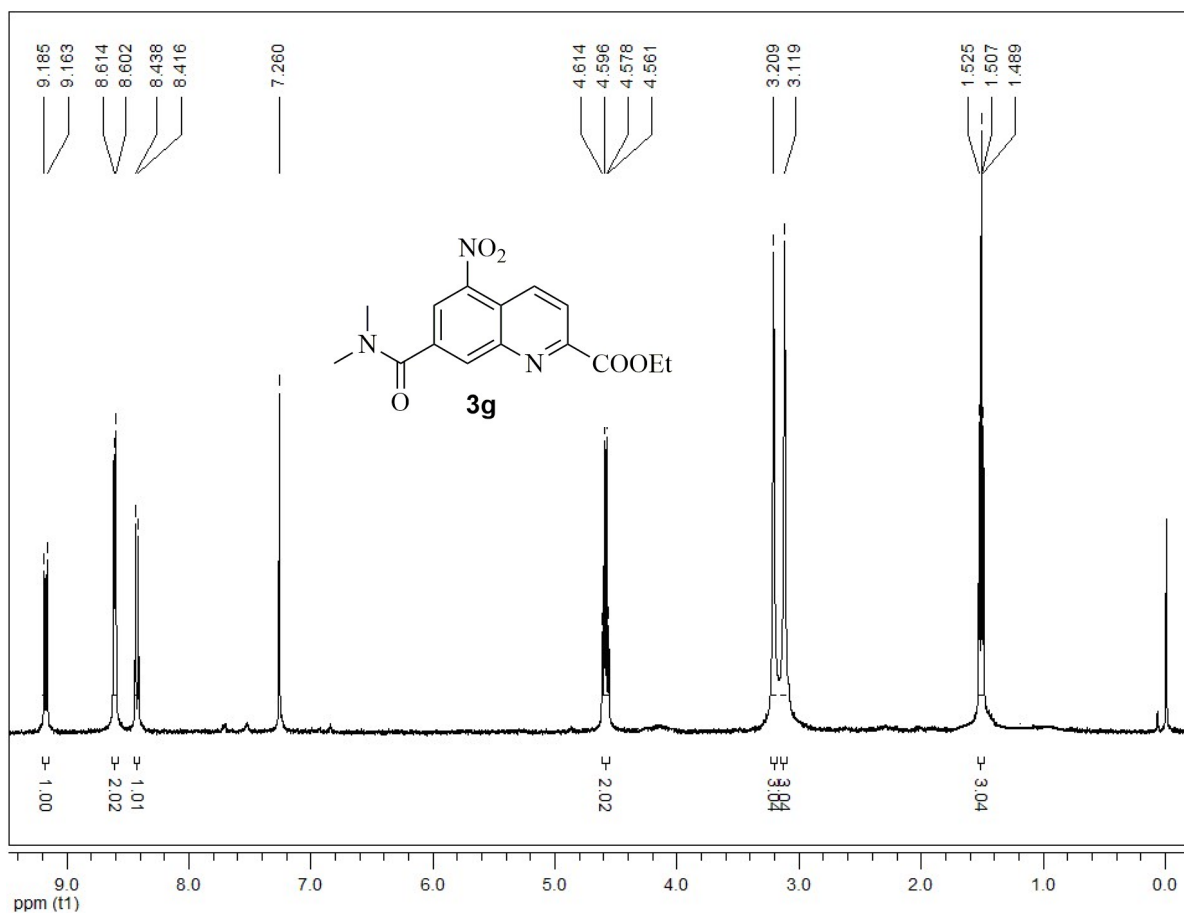
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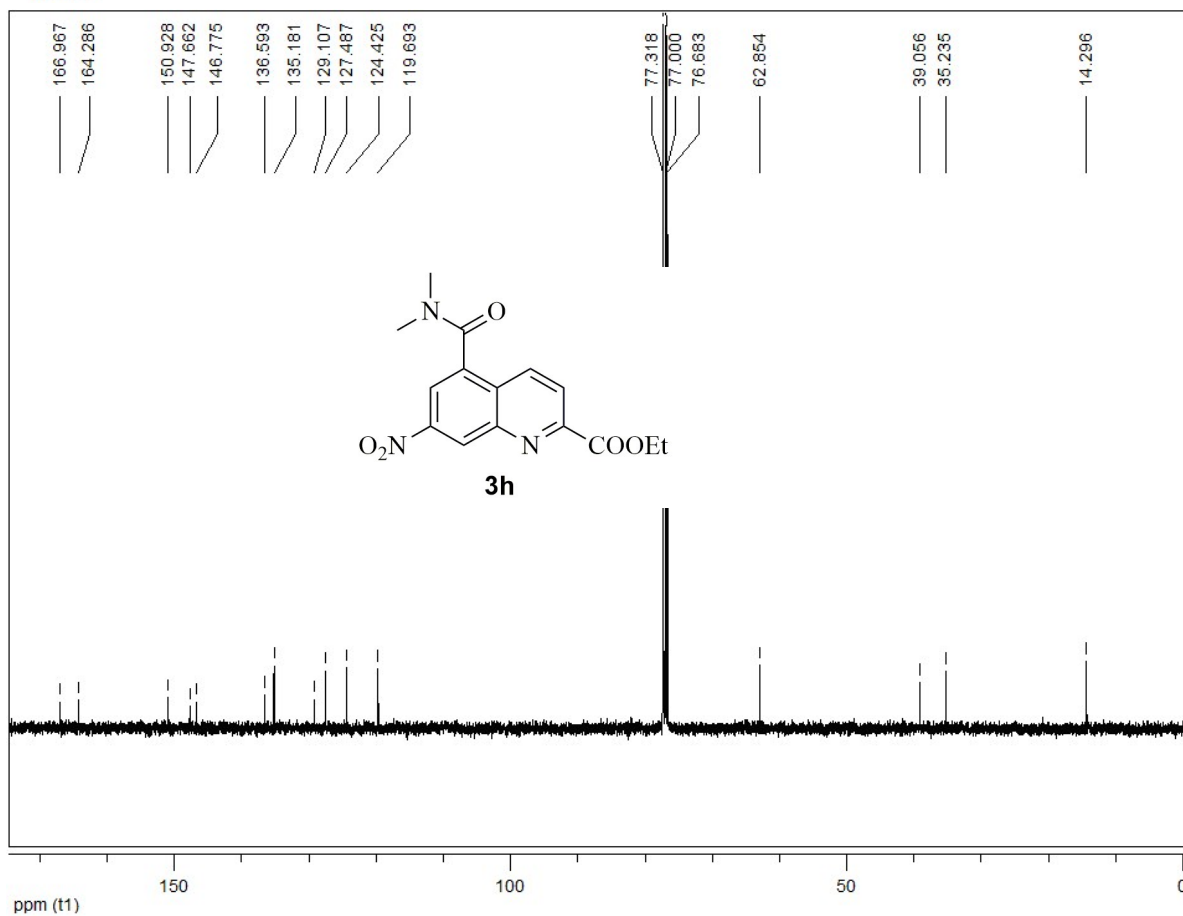
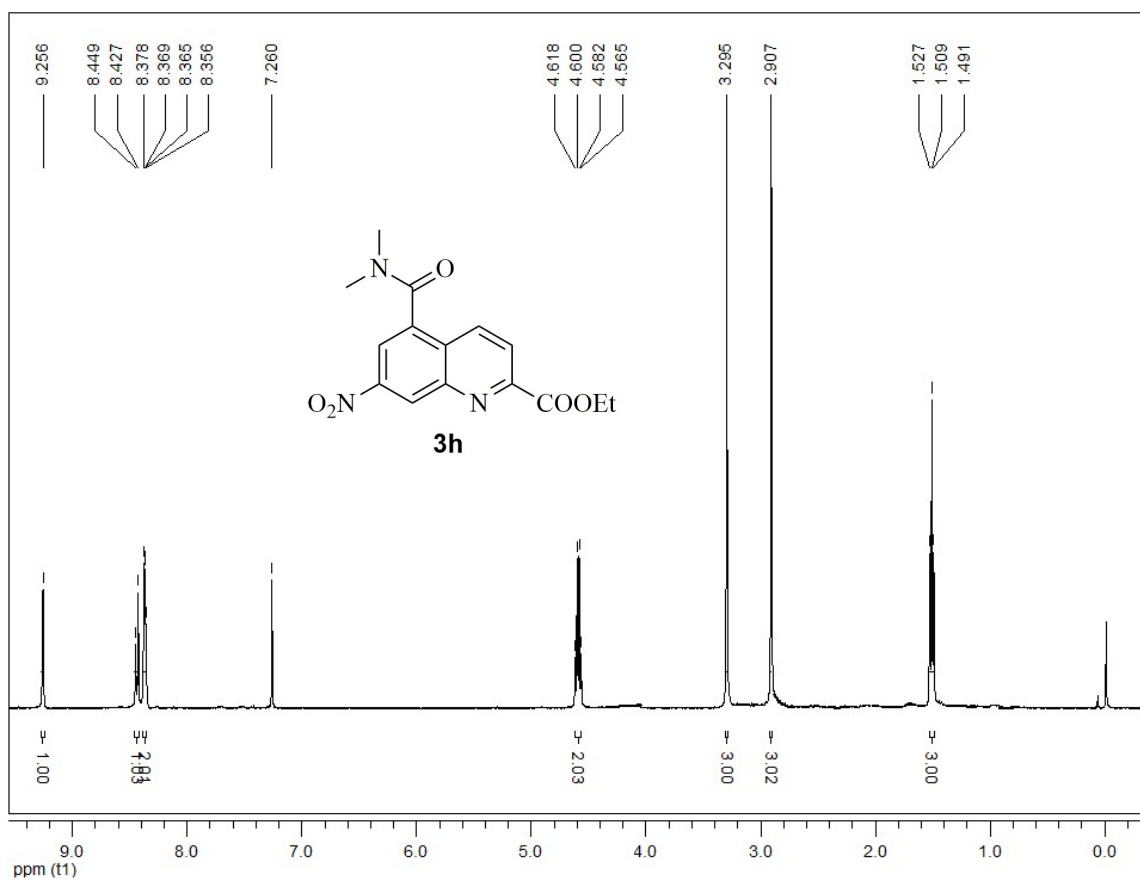


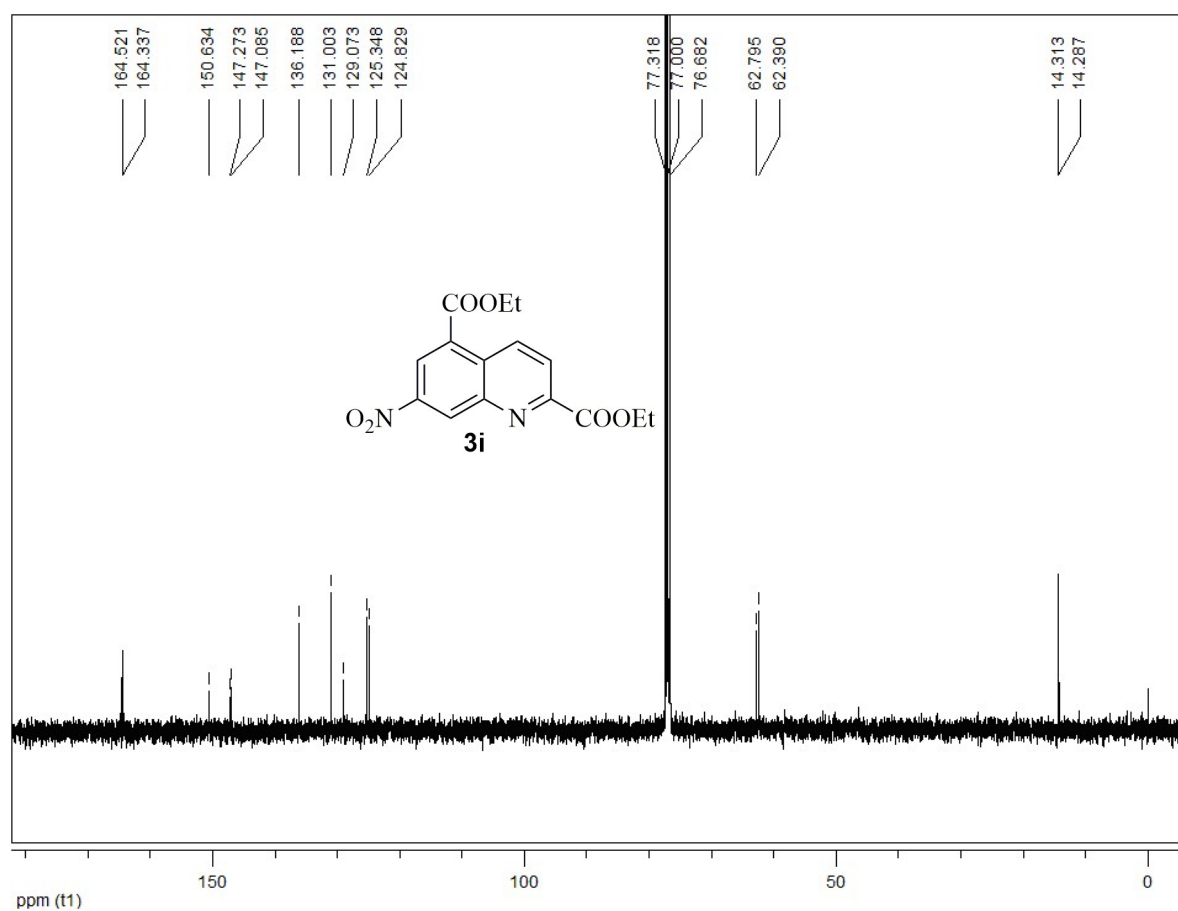
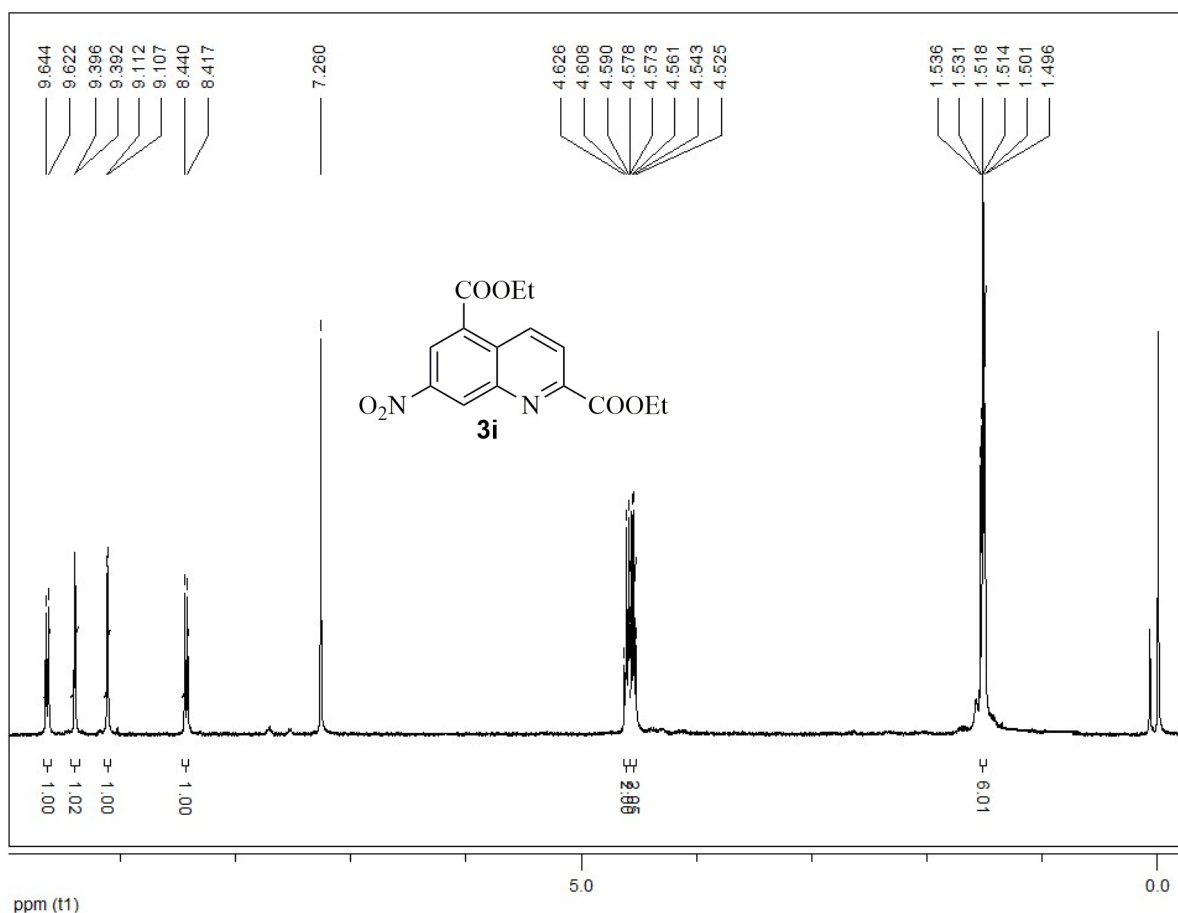


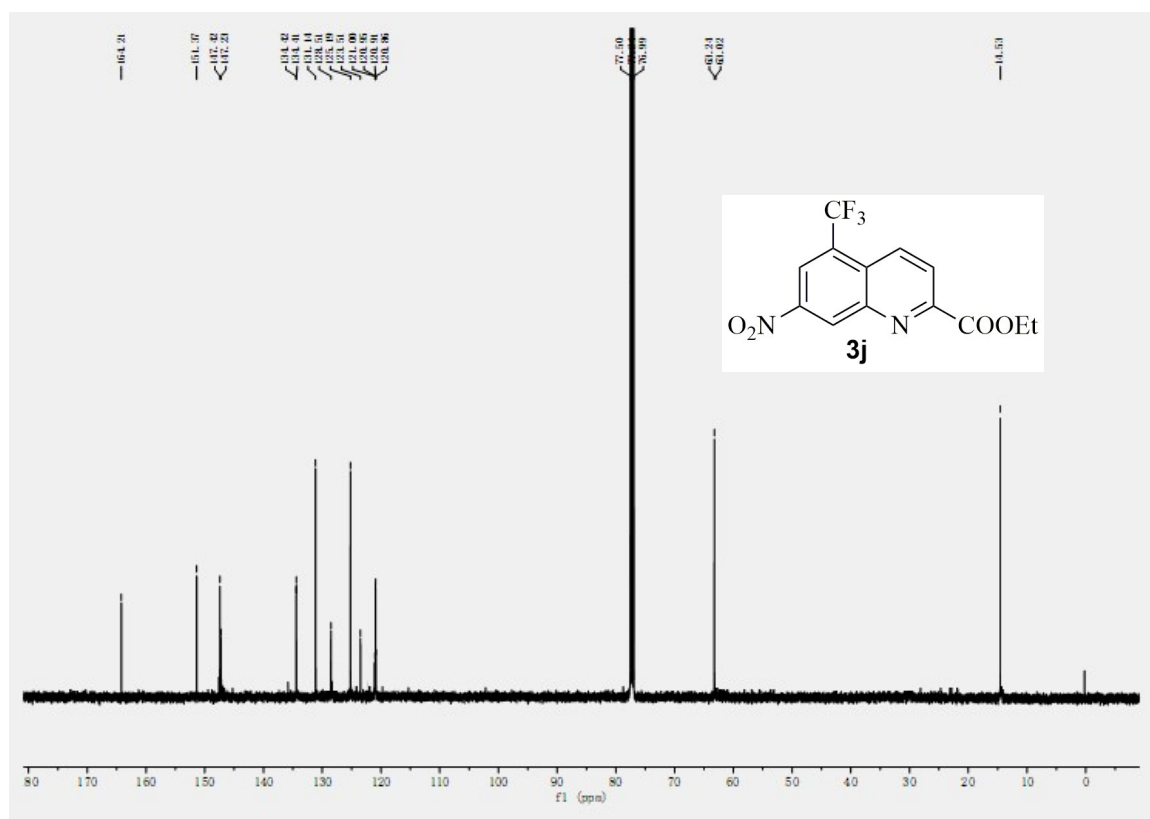
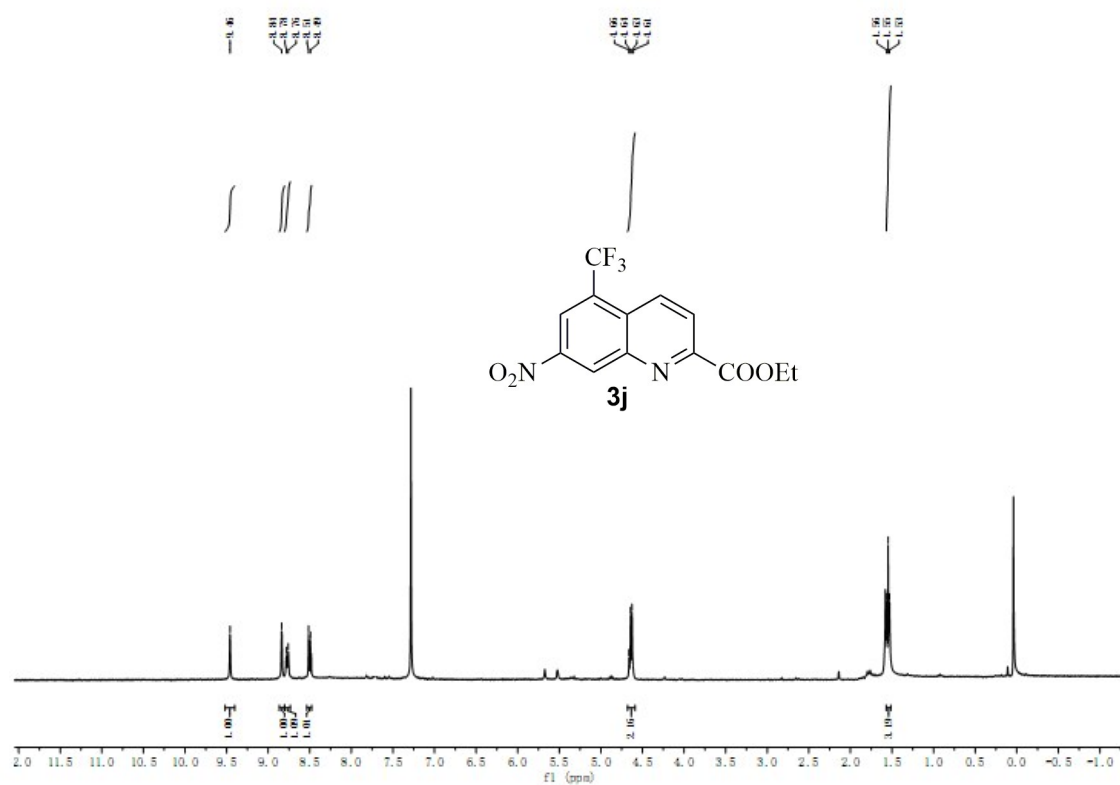


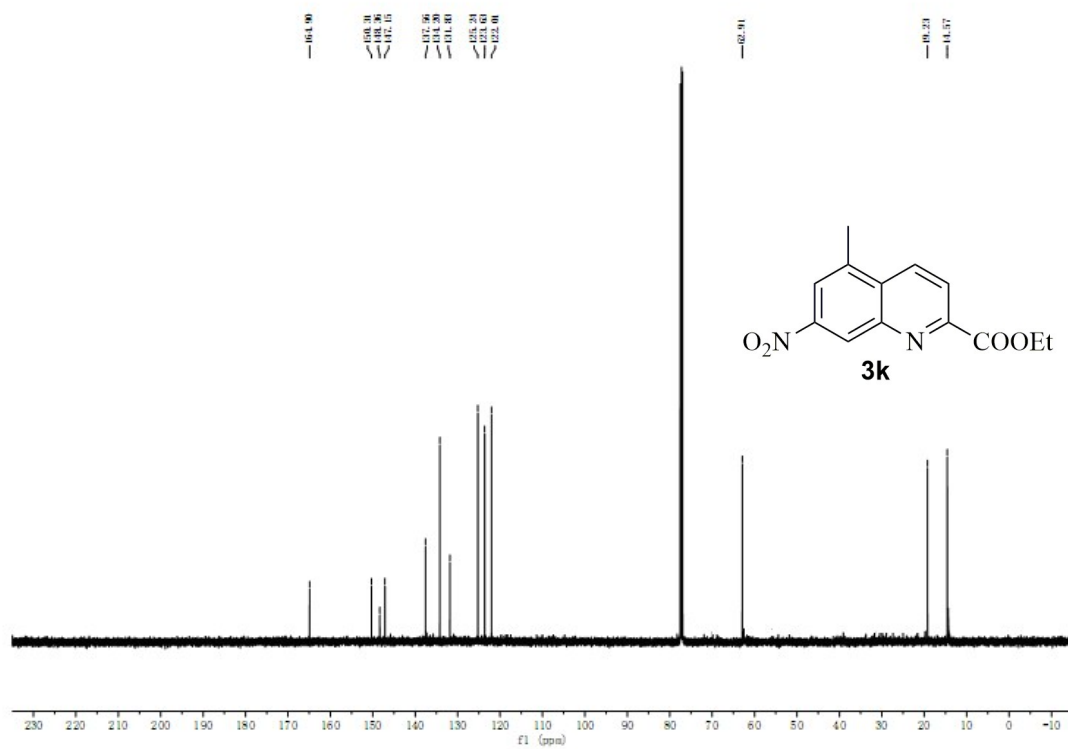
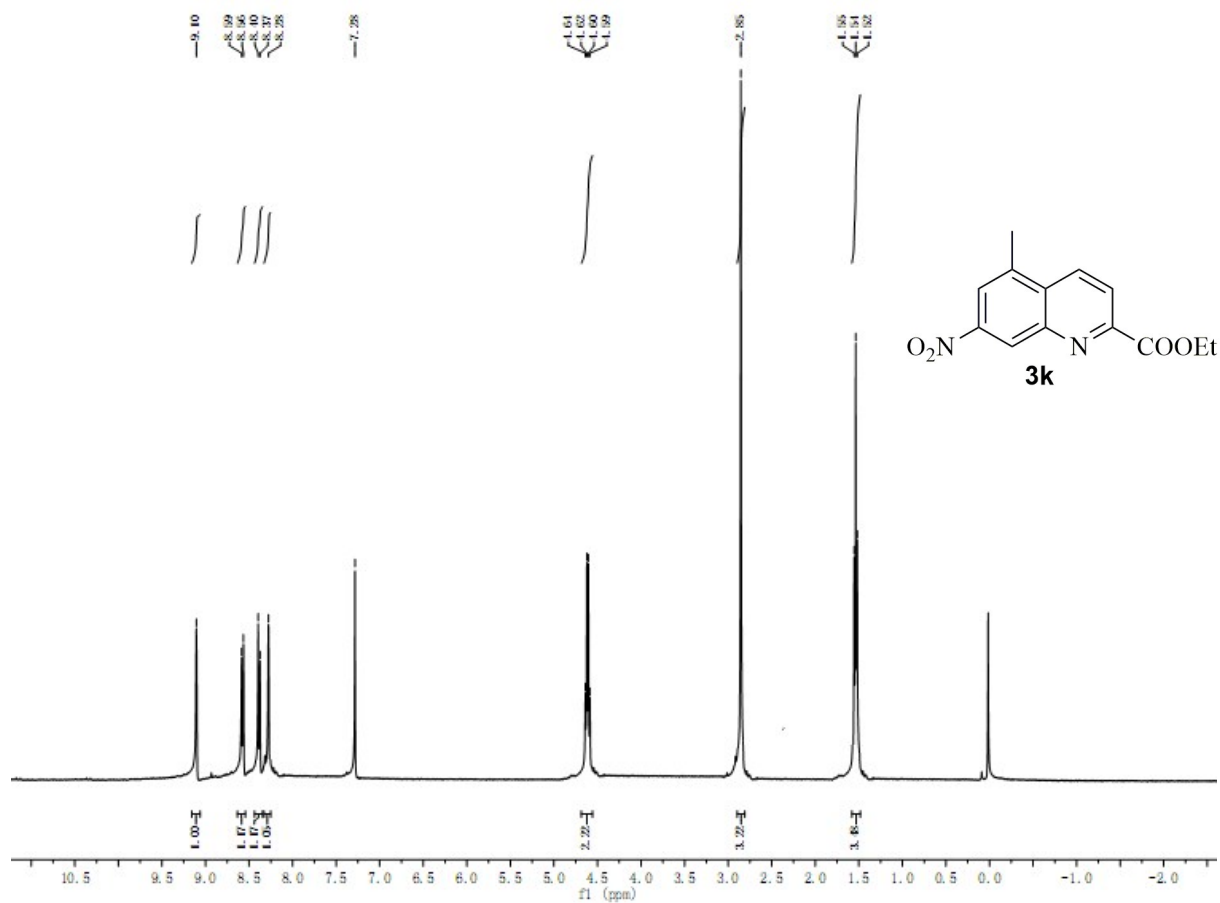


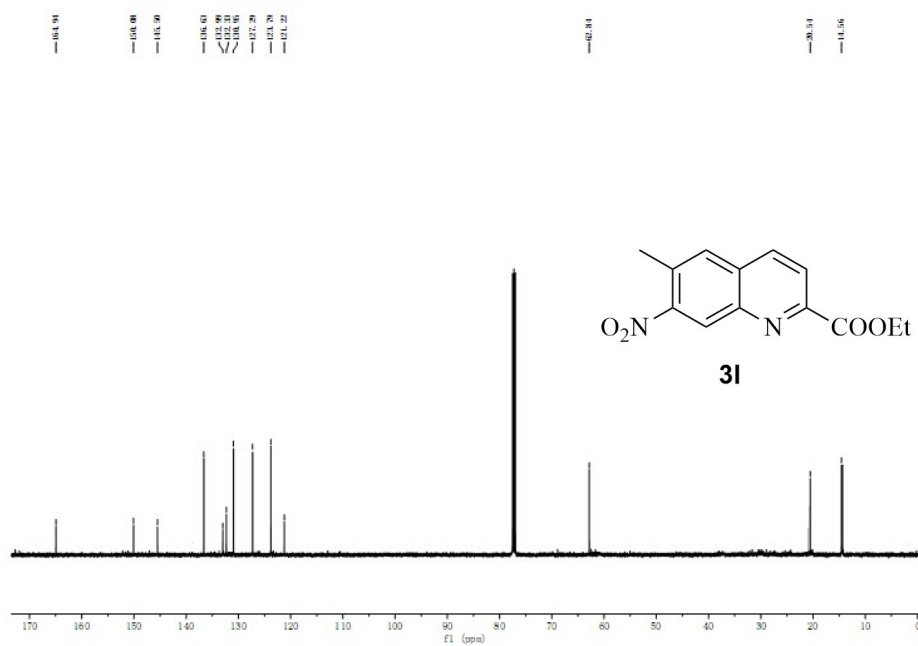
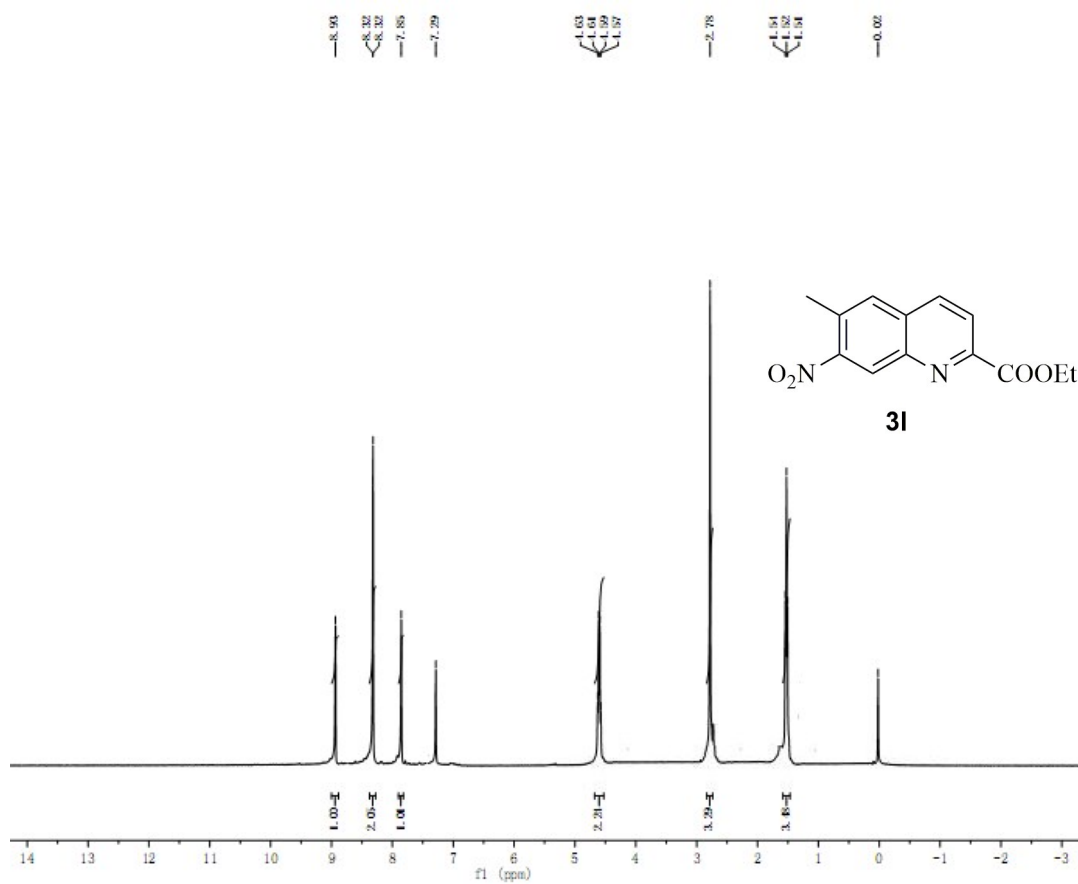


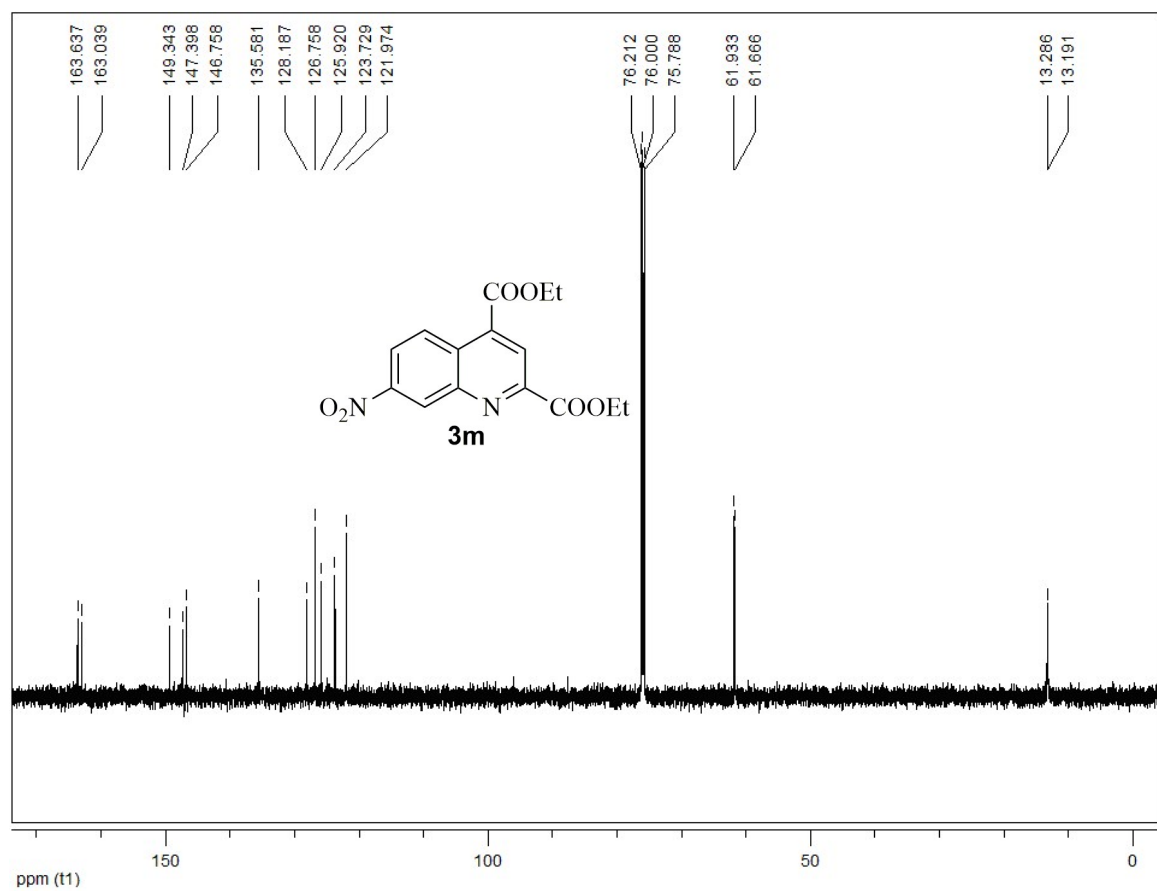
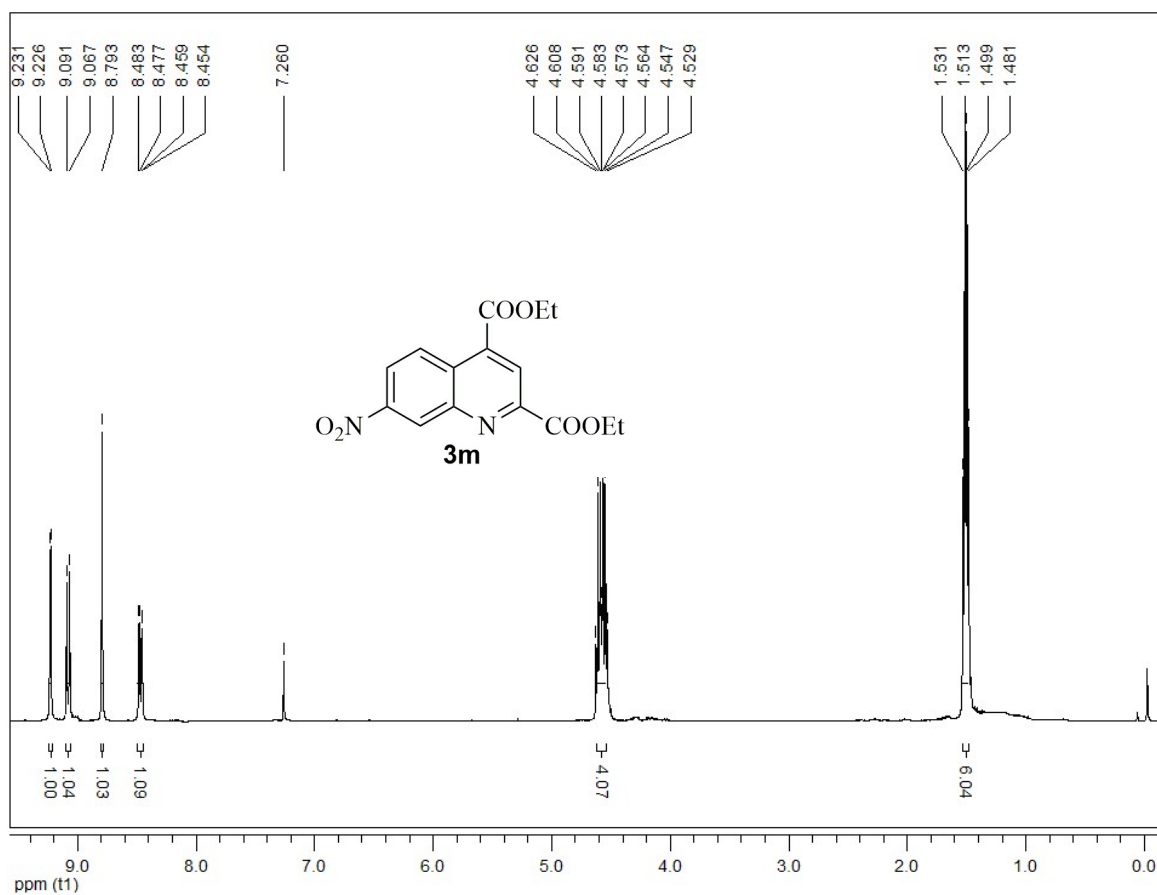


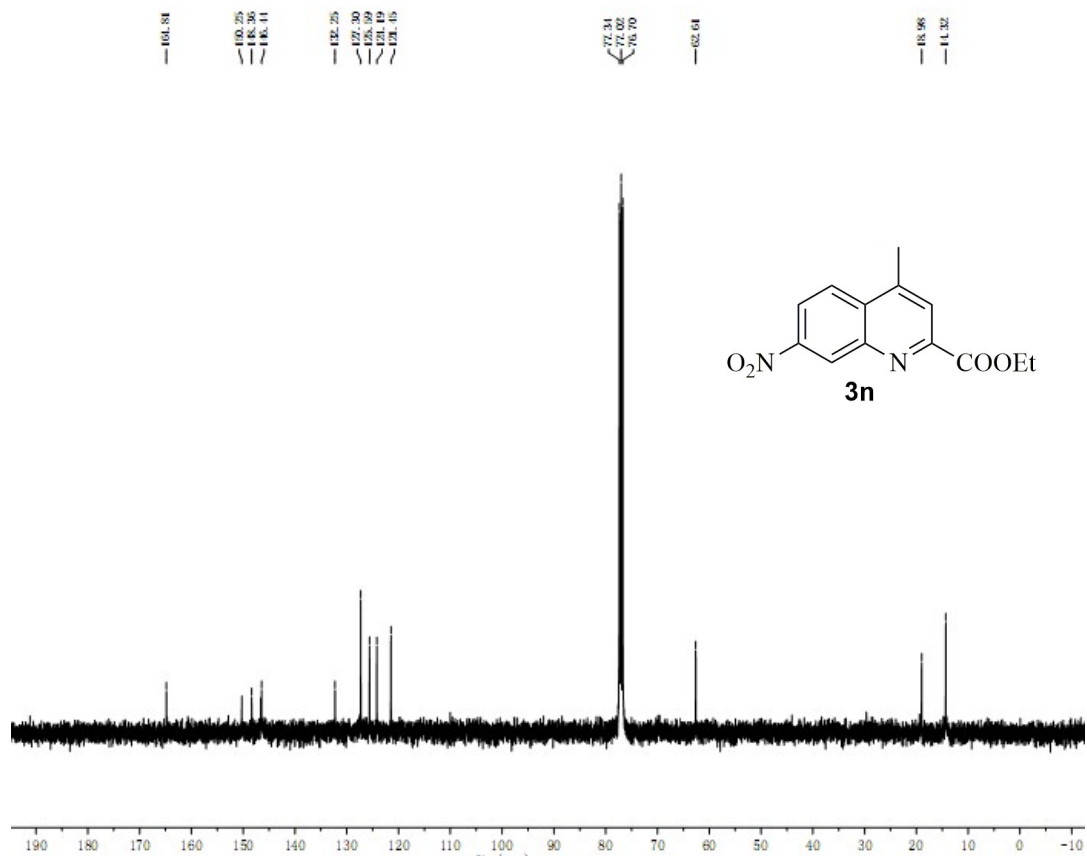
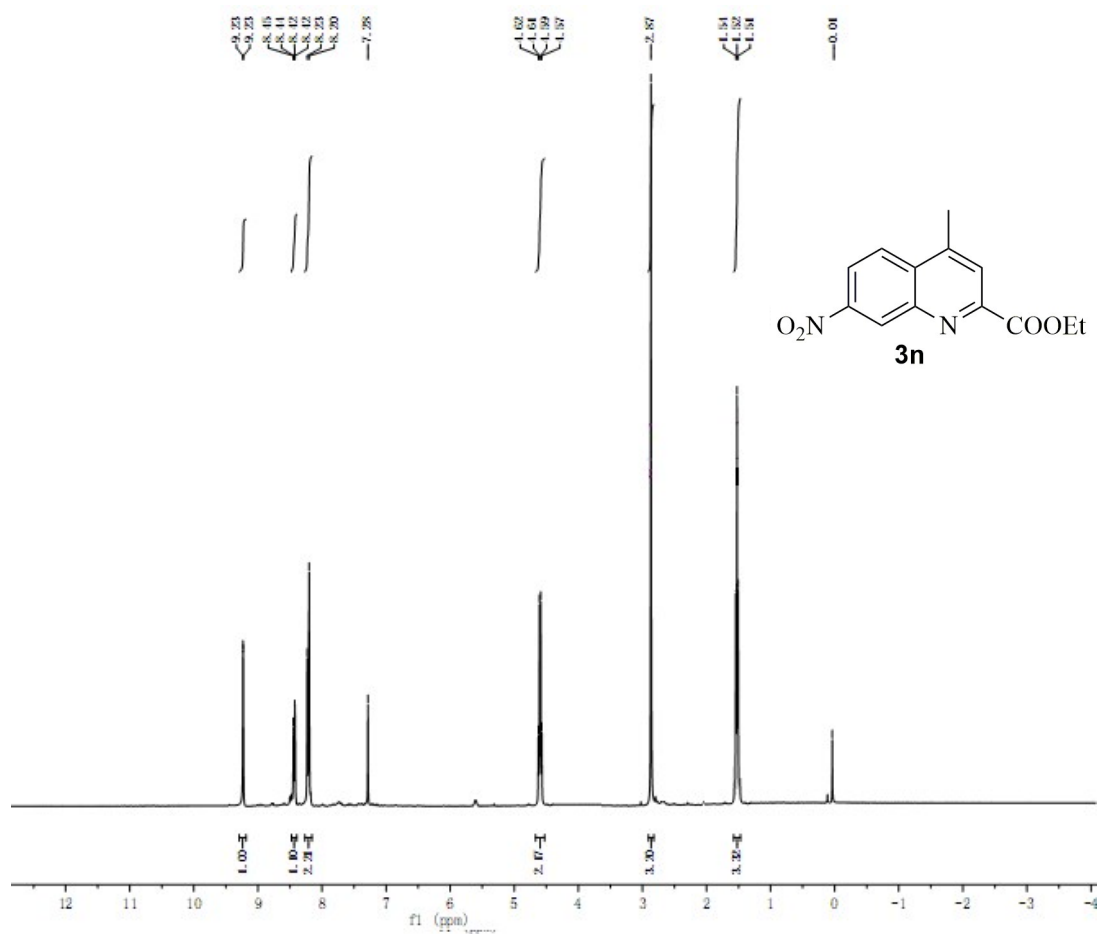


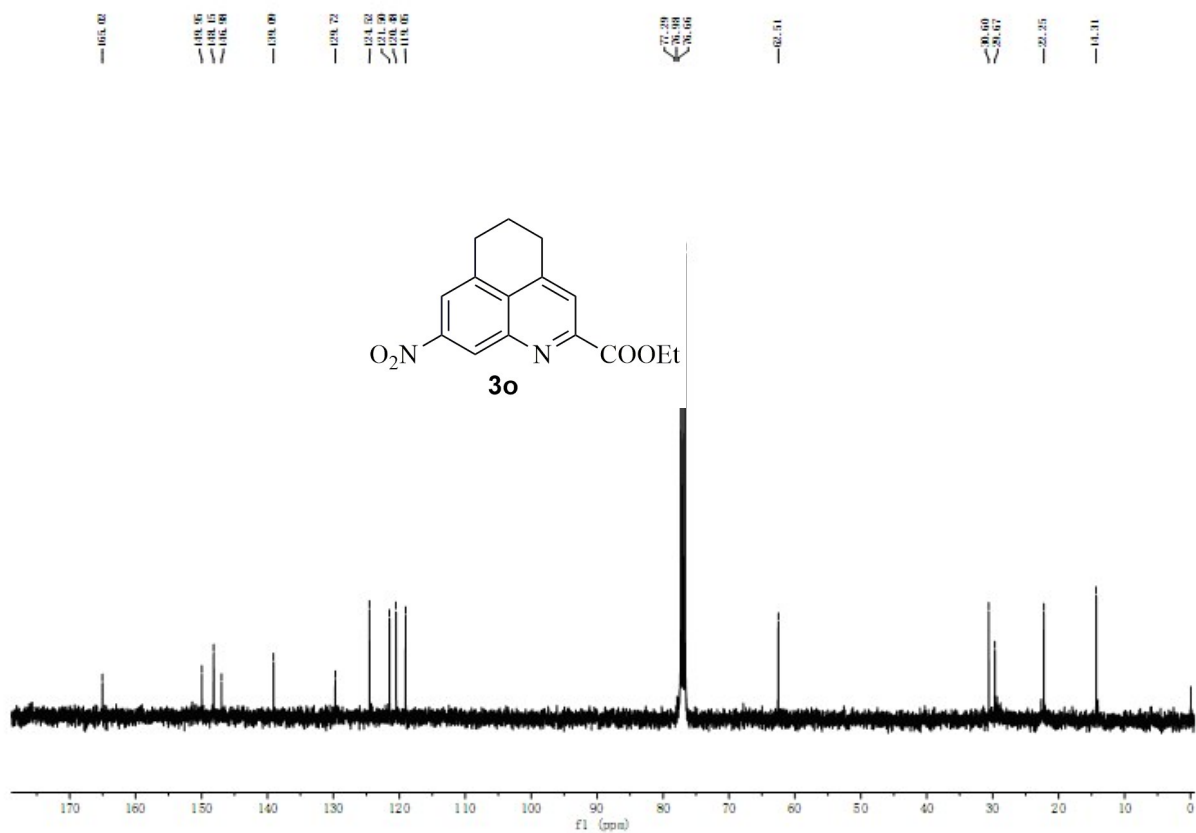
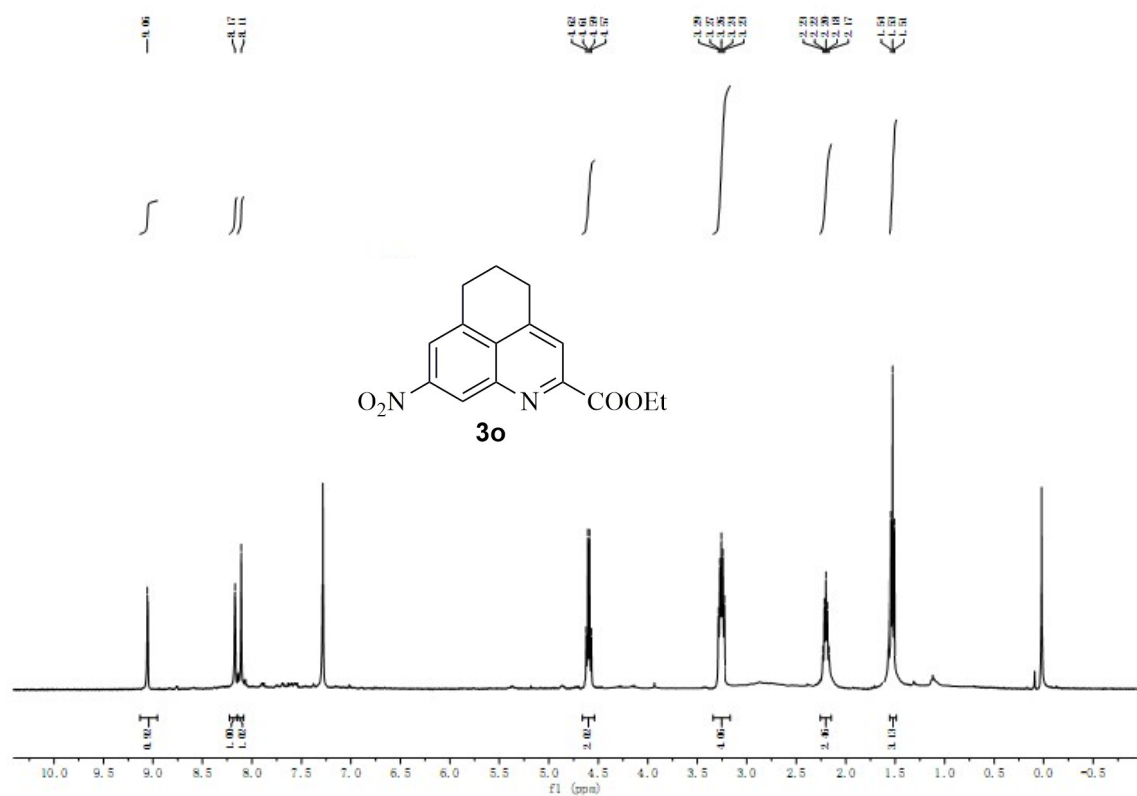


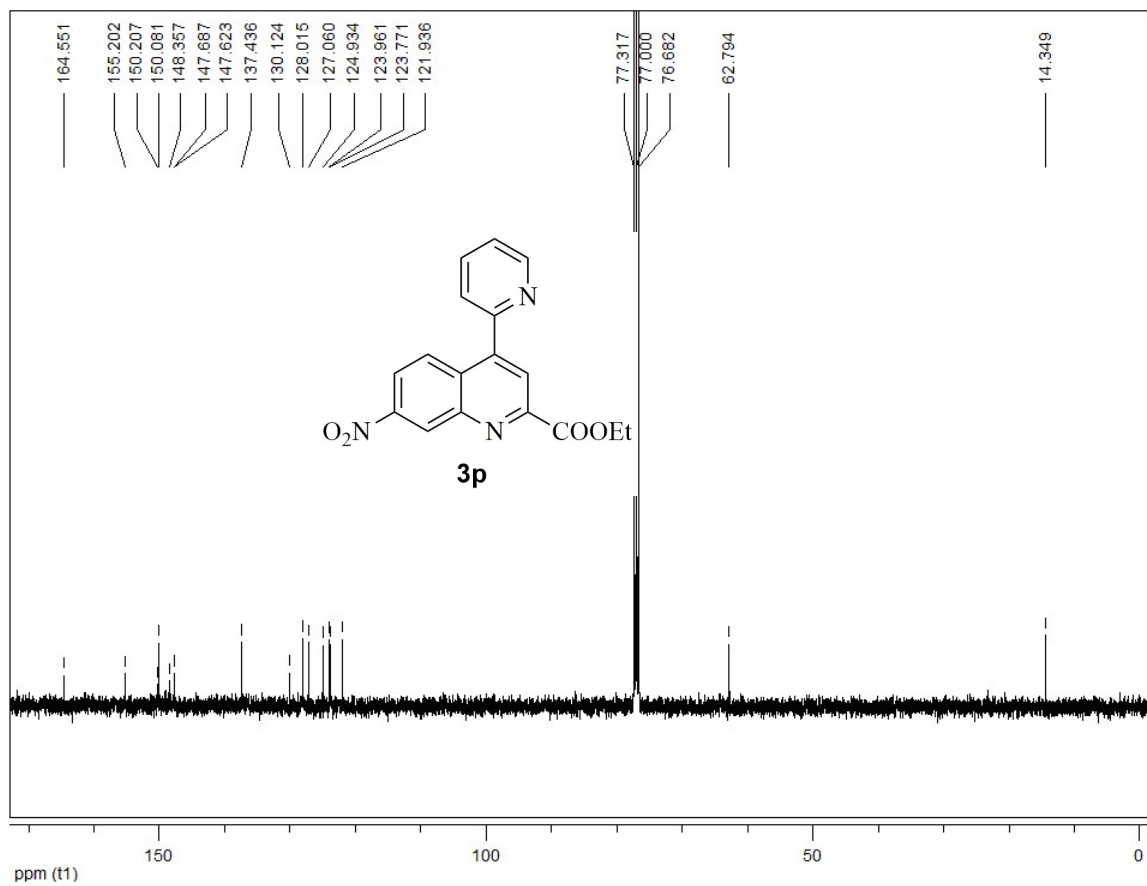
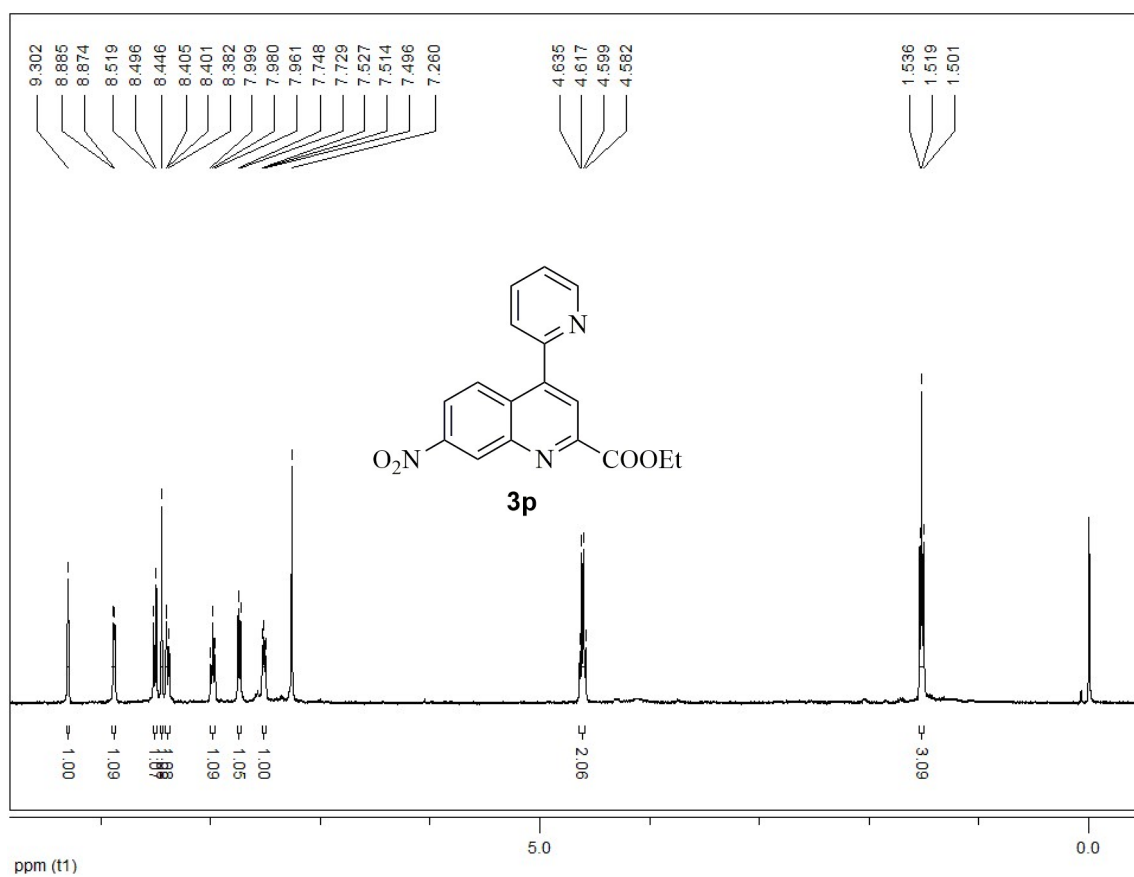


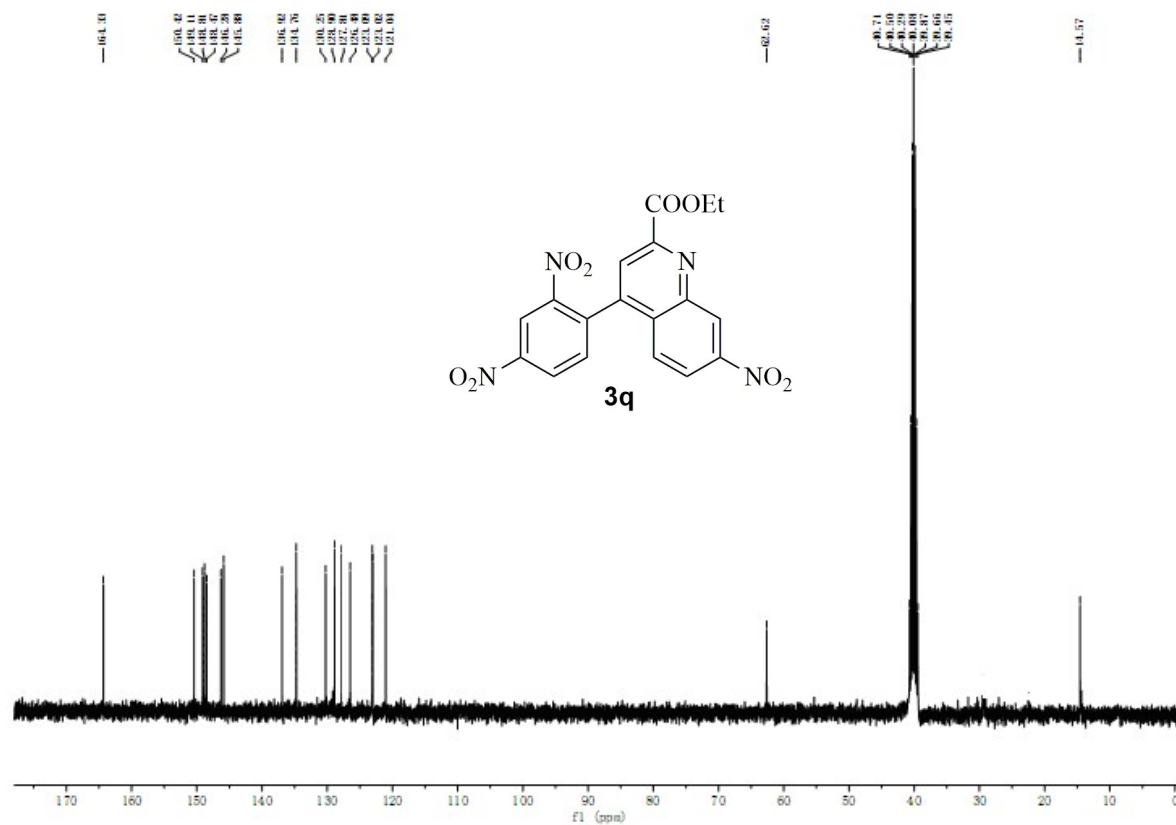
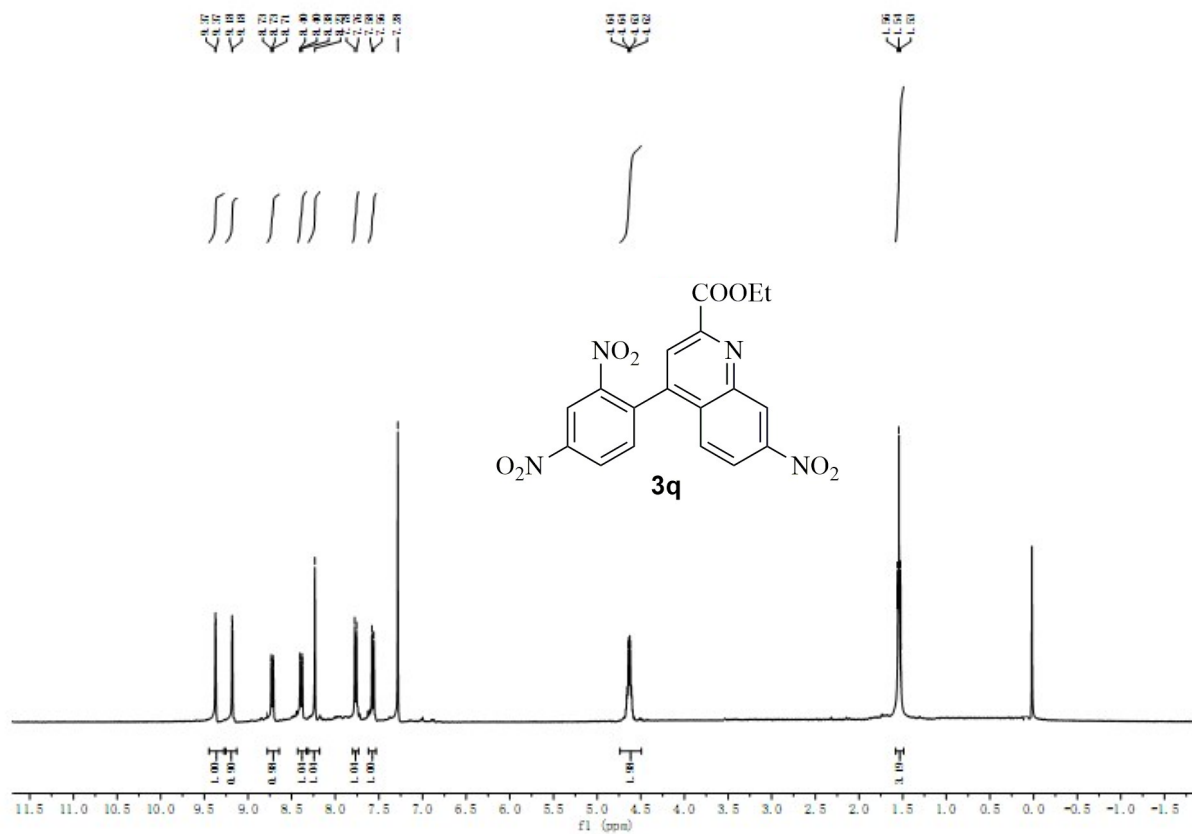


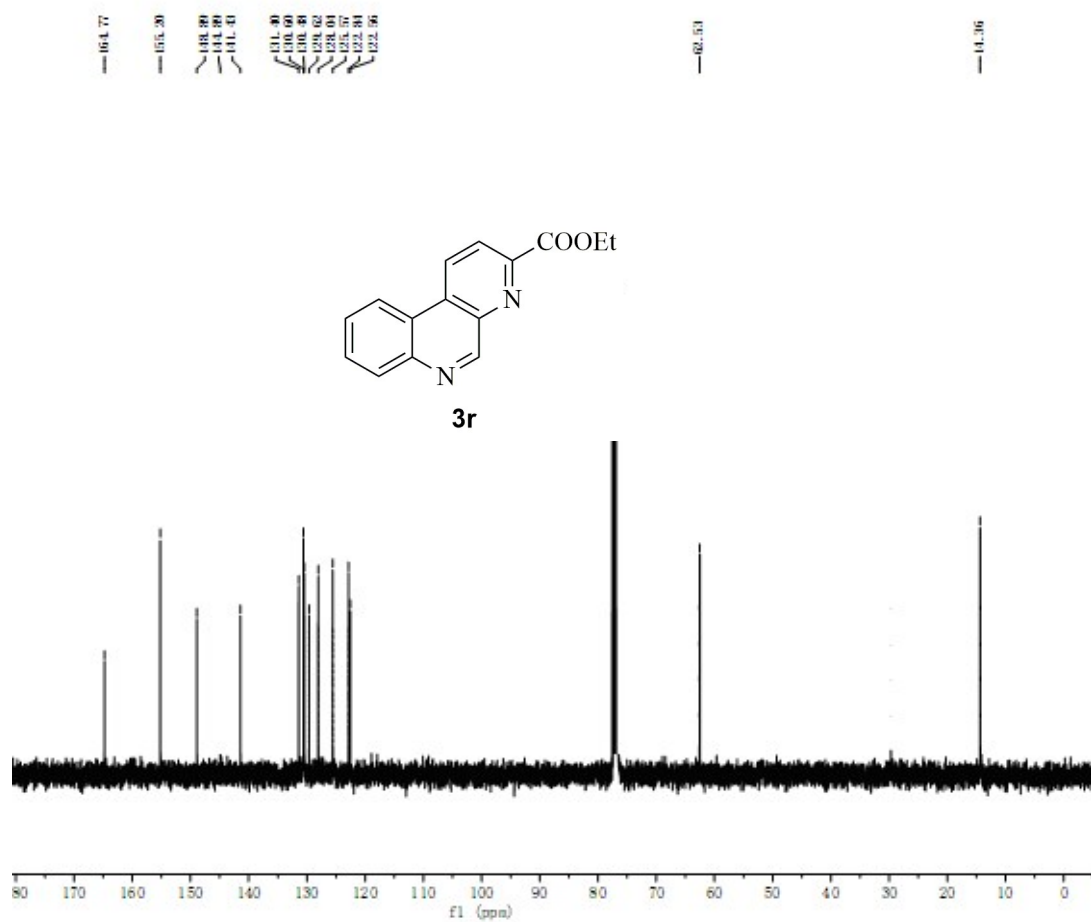
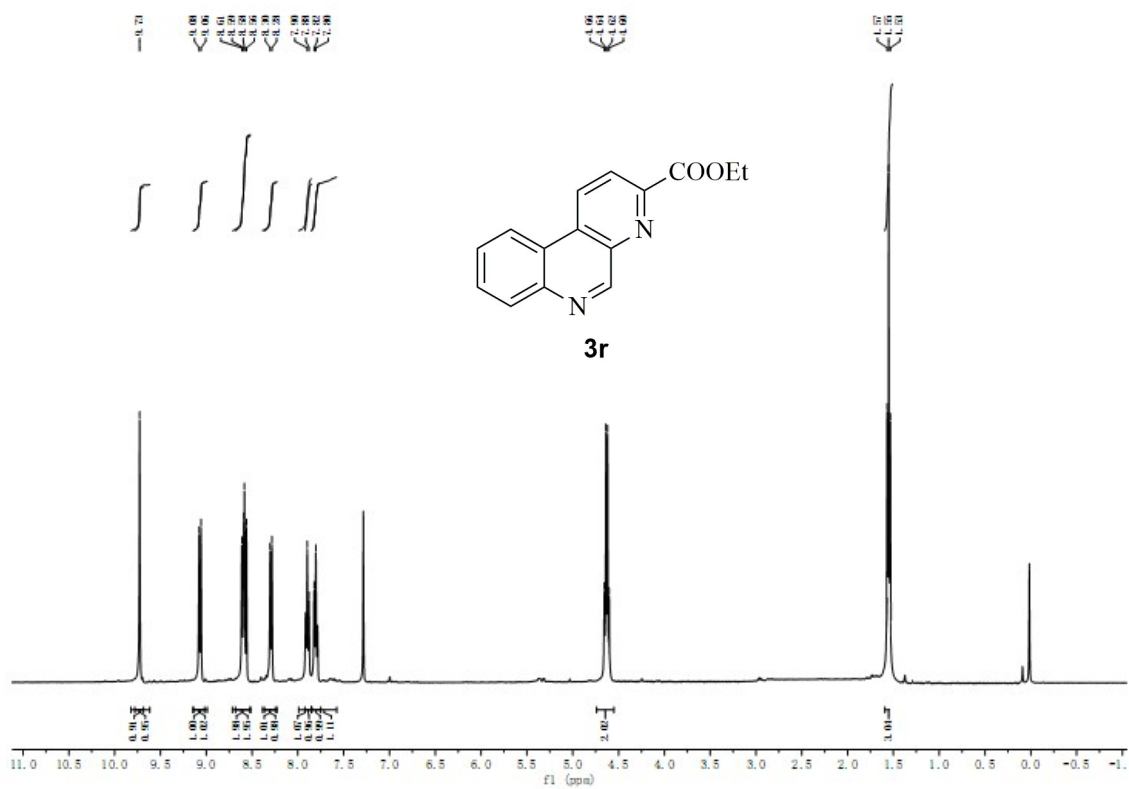






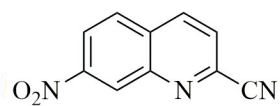




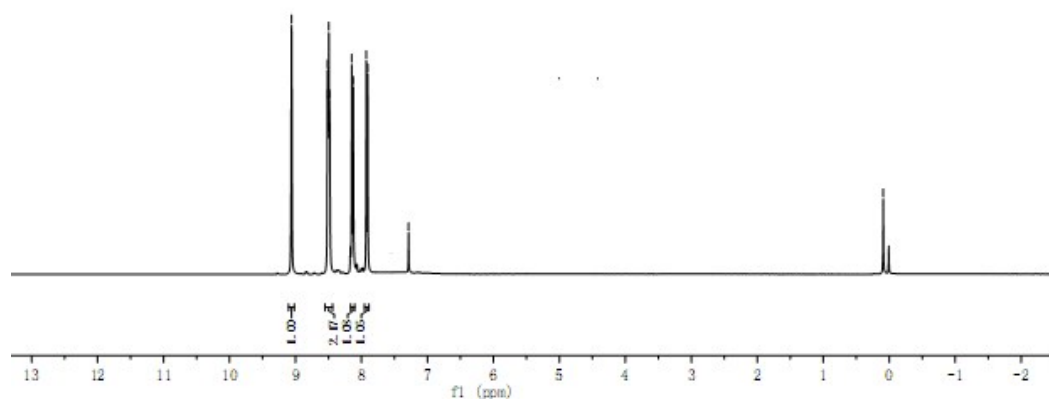


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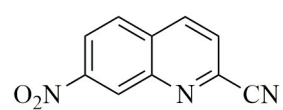


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