

Nickel-Catalyzed Thiolation of Unactivated Aryl C–H Bonds: An Efficient Access to Diverse Aryl Sulfides

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1. General Information

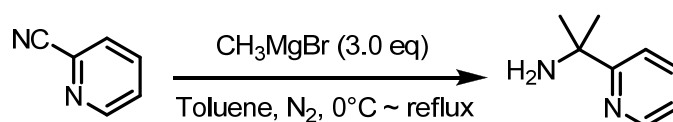
All the materials and solvents were purchased from Adamas-beta and other commercial suppliers and used without additional purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruke Avance operating for ^1H NMR at 400 MHz, ^{13}C NMR at 100 MHz, using TMS as internal standard. The peaks were internally referenced to TMS (0.00 ppm) or residual undeuterated solvent signal (77.16 ppm for ^{13}C NMR). The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, b = broad. Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an HRMS-TOF instrument or a low-resolution MS instrument using EI ionization.

2. Experimental Section

2.1 Preparation of Substrates

Compounds **1a-1h**, **1j-1p**, **1a-d₅**, were known compounds.^[1, 2, 3] Compounds **1i**, **1q**, **1r** were prepared following **typical method A or method B**.

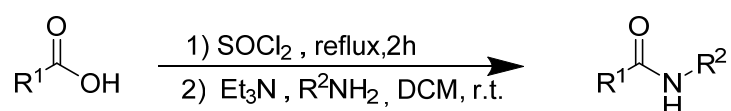
Preparation of 2-(Pyridin-2-yl)isopropyl (PIP) Amine



An improvement of the work-up procedure to the literature^[4] was used: To a solution of 2-cyanopyridine (33.0 g, 0.32 mol) in 500 ml of toluene was added CH_3MgBr (3.2M in 2-methyl tetrahydrofuran, 300ml, 0.96 mol) dropwise at 0°C in a nitrogen atmosphere by vigorous magnetometric stirring. Upon completion of addition, the mixture was refluxed overnight. The reaction was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NH_4Cl dropwise at 0°C until the dark mixture changed to yellow. The suspension was filtrated through a pad of celite and the filtration was acidified by aqueous HCl (6 M, 10 ml). The resulting water phase combined with the filter residue was basified by saturated aqueous NaOH until the yellow colored mixture turned dark

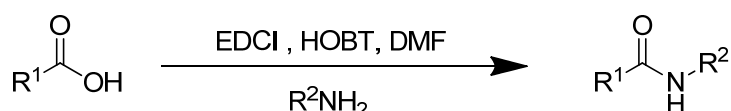
brown with slurry sticky to the bottom. The mixture was washed with dichloromethane (500 ml $\times$ 4) carefully and the organic phase was combined and concentrated using a rotary evaporator. The crude product was further purified by distillation under reduced pressure. The target product was obtained as a light yellow liquid (>98% purity. 24 g, 55%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (td, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (ddd, J = 7.4, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.87 (s, 2 H), 1.50 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.32, 148.78, 136.55, 121.41, 118.53, 54.14, 31.35.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials (Method A):

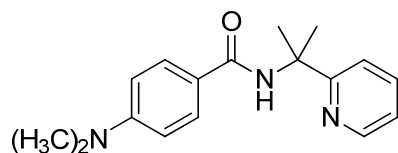


A solution of an acid (5 mmol) was refluxed in 5 mL SOCl_2 for 2h and cooled to RT. The excess of SOCl_2 was removed under vacuum to give corresponding acid chloride. The acid chloride was then re-dissolved in 5 mL dry CH_2Cl_2 and added dropwise to a 20 mL dry CH_2Cl_2 solution containing amine (5 mmol) and Et_3N (10 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 6h at ambient temperature, the resulting mixture was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials (Method B):



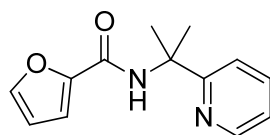
A mixture of amine (5 mmol), 6-bromohexanoic acid (5 mmol), EDCI (5.5 mmol) and HOBT (5.5 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight. Water was added and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product.



4-(dimethylamino)-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide **1i**

The title compound **1i** was prepared according to the general procedure (Method A).

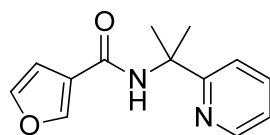
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (br, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 – 6.69 (m, 2H), 3.02 (s, 6H), 1.87 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.47, 165.32, 152.40, 147.73, 137.16, 128.50, 123.14, 121.85, 119.67, 111.24, 56.57, 40.30, 27.90. **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇H₂₁N₃O (M⁺): 283.1685, found: 283.1687.



N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)furan-2-carboxamide **1q**

The title compound **1q** was prepared according to the general procedure (Method B).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.67 (br, 1H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.49 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 1.86 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.46, 157.79, 149.31, 147.93, 143.70, 137.25, 122.05, 119.54, 113.53, 112.02, 56.83, 27.80. **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄N₂O₂ (M⁺): 230.1055, found: 230.1058.



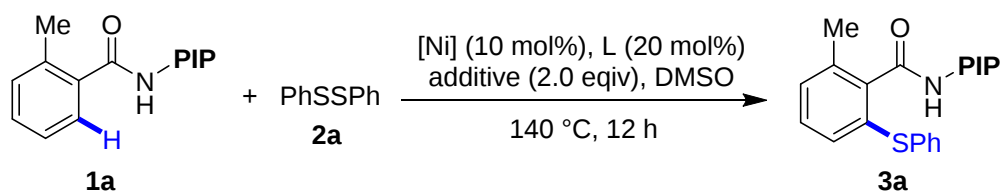
N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)furan-3-carboxamide **1r**

The title compound **1r** was prepared according to the general procedure (Method B).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (br, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s,

1H), 1.85 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.58, 161.88, 147.67, 144.60, 143.61, 137.41, 124.32, 122.11, 119.67, 108.73, 56.65, 27.73. **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₄N₂O₂ (M⁺): 230.1055, found: 230.1051.

2.2 Optimization of Reaction Conditions^a

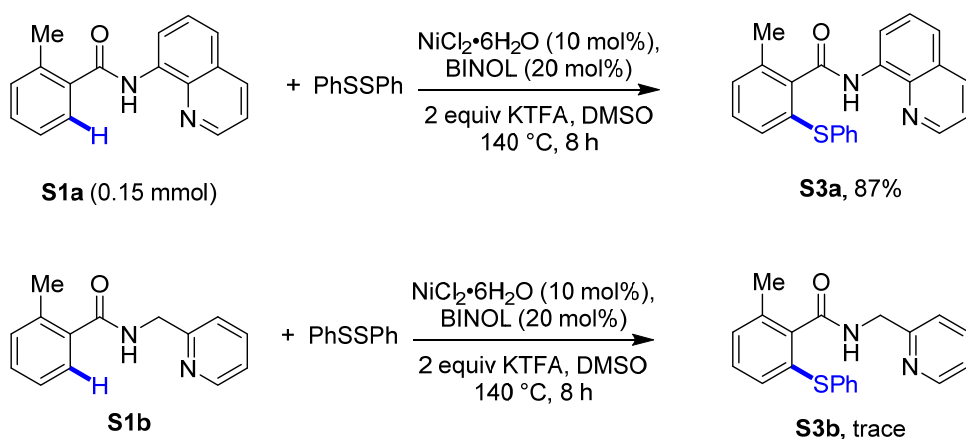


entry	[Ni]	ligand	additive (equiv)	solvent	yield
1	Ni(OTf) ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	toluene	8%
2	Ni(OTf) ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	t-AmylOH	trace
3	Ni(OTf) ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	1,4-dioxane	trace
4	Ni(OTf) ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMF	15%
5	Ni(OTf) ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	45%
6	NiBr ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	27%
7	Ni(acac) ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	46%
8	NiCl ₂	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	50%
9	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	59%
10	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	TMEDA	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	50%
11	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	dppp	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	46%
12	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	dppb	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	72%
13	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	dppe	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	60%
14	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	PCy ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	49%
15	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	78%
16	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	K ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	76%
17	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	NaHCO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	66%
18	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	KHCO ₃ (2.0)	DMSO	55%
19	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	DMSO	75%

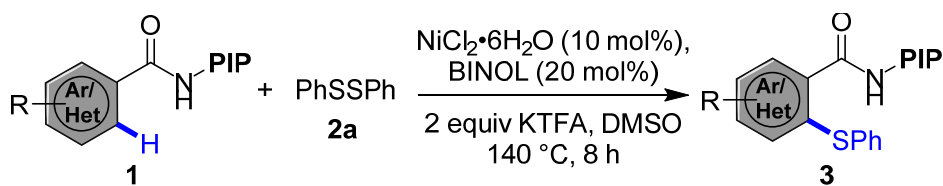
20	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	NaTFA (2.0)	DMSO	67%
21	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	KTFA (2.0)	DMSO	88%
22	—	—	KTFA (2.0)	DMSO	trace
23	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	—	KTFA (2.0)	DMSO	49%
24 ^b	NiCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	BINOL	KTFA (2.0)	DMSO	88% (84%) ^c
25	Cu(OAc) ₂	BINOL	KTFA (2.0)	DMSO	trace

^a¹H NMR yield using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard. ^b8 h. ^cIsolated yield in parenthesis.

2.3 Screening of Other Directing Groups

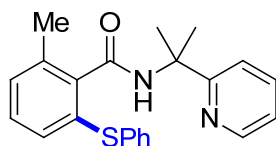


2.4 General Procedure for the Thiolation



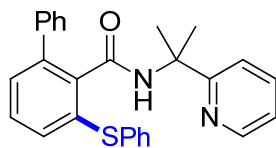
To a 50 mL Schlenk tube was added substrate (0.15 mmol), ArSSAr (0.3 mmol), NiCl₂·6H₂O (3.6 mg, 0.015 mmol), BINOL (8.6 mg, 0.03 mmol), KTFA (45.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), and DMSO (1 mL). The vial was evacuated and filled with N₂ (1 atm), and stirred at 140 °C for 8 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with water, extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The combined phase was then washed with brine, if necessary it can be washed with NaOH solution to remove the ligand BINOL and dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, the

resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc as the eluent to afford the preduct.



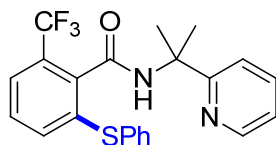
6-Methyl-2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3a

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (br, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.47, 164.35, 147.56, 141.44, 137.11, 136.94, 136.23, 131.75, 131.06, 130.44, 129.83, 129.19, 126.70, 121.88, 119.59, 57.44, 27.46, 19.45; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N₂OS (M⁺): 362.1453, found: 362.1458.



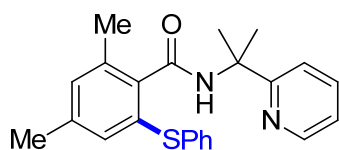
6-Phenyl-2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3b

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (br, 1H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.74, 164.23, 147.40, 140.63, 140.15, 139.26, 136.94, 135.69, 134.66, 132.16, 130.72, 129.34, 129.22, 129.15, 128.68, 128.17, 127.55, 127.45, 121.67, 119.44, 57.31, 27.07; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₄N₂OS (M⁺): 424.1609, found: 424.1603.



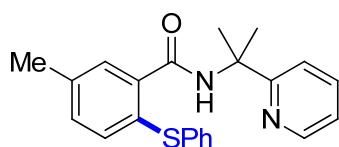
6-trifluoromethyl-2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3c

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (br, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 -7.53 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.46, 164.12, 147.37, 137.66, 137.30, 137.16, 135.06, 134.43, 132.76, 129.58, 129.23, 128.35, 128.11, 124.62 (q, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 123.71 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 122.01, 119.62, 57.70, 27.10; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₁₉F₃N₂OS (M⁺): 416.1170, found: 416.1174.



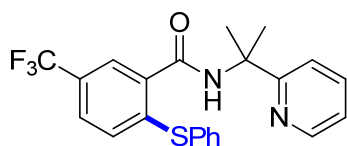
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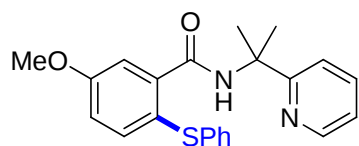
5-Methyl-2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3e

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (br, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.15, 164.47, 147.75, 139.30, 138.02, 137.03, 136.66, 133.76, 131.34, 130.18, 129.83, 129.29, 129.12, 126.77, 121.80, 119.50, 57.48, 27.52, 21.07; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N₂OS (M⁺): 362.1453, found: 362.1456.

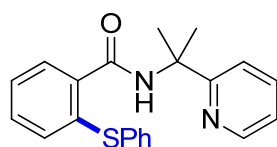


5-trifluoromethyl-2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3f

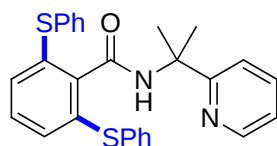
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.66 (br, 1H), 8.50 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.75 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 6.4, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.90 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.02, 164.18, 147.69, 142.39, 137.40, 136.60, 134.32, 132.60, 129.91, 129.36, 129.04, 127.78 (q, $J = 32.8$ Hz), 126.70 (q, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 125.06 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.95 (q, $J = 270.5$ Hz), 122.15, 119.60, 57.55, 27.53; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ (M^+): 416.1170, found: 416.1174.

**5-Methoxy-2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3g**

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 8.8, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.57, 164.45, 160.23, 147.85, 142.17, 138.11, 137.55, 136.98, 129.24, 128.21, 126.09, 121.78, 121.06, 119.46, 117.29, 114.66, 57.66, 55.75, 27.51; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (M^+): 378.1402, found: 378.1400.

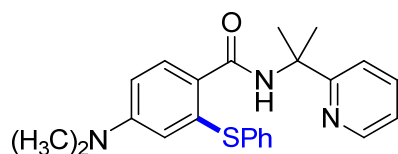
**2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3h**

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.43 (br, 1H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 1.83 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.16, 164.56, 147.75, 138.19, 137.15, 135.37, 134.81, 132.02, 131.85, 130.43, 129.47, 128.75, 127.56, 126.89, 121.92, 119.58, 57.48, 27.59; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ (M^+): 348.1296, found: 348.1300.



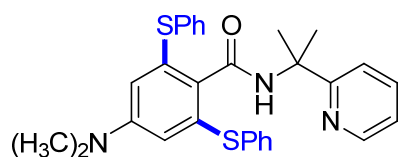
2,6-bis(diphenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3h'

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (br, 1H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 1.87 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.71, 164.20, 147.40, 141.43, 137.08, 135.31, 134.82, 131.90, 130.73, 129.67, 129.36, 127.51, 121.80, 119.61, 57.73, 27.41; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₇H₂₄N₂OS₂ (M⁺): 456.1330, found: 456.1332.



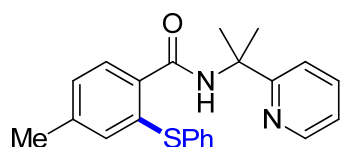
4-Dimethylamino-6-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3i

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (br, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 5H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (s, 6H), 1.72 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.57, 165.13, 151.80, 147.84, 136.97, 136.25, 134.46, 131.48, 130.60, 129.37, 127.01, 121.64, 119.61, 116.02, 110.75, 57.38, 40.10, 27.83; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₅N₃OS (M⁺): 391.1718, found: 391.1720.



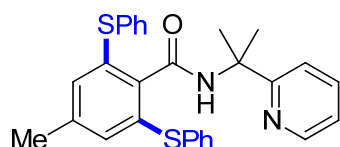
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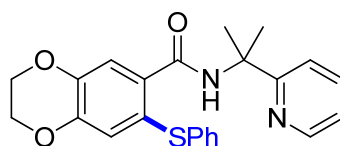
4-Methyl-2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3j

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (br, 1H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25 - 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.06, 164.66, 147.79, 140.80, 137.07, 135.88, 133.64, 133.11, 131.21, 129.41, 129.14, 128.15, 127.23, 121.84, 119.56, 57.47, 27.61, 21.34; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N₂OS (M⁺): 362.1453, found: 362.1457.



4-Methyl-2,6-bis(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 3j'

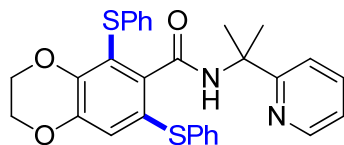
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7-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine-6-carboxamide 3k

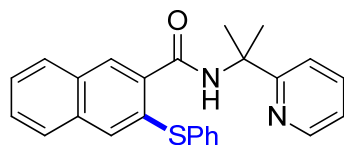
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129.64, 129.35, 126.72, 124.20, 123.01, 121.76, 119.52, 119.03, 64.59, 64.47, 57.50, 27.57; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₂N₂O₃S (M⁺): 406.1351, found: 406.1357.



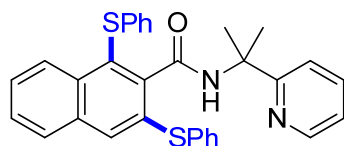
5,7-bis(phenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)- 2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine-6-carboxamide 3k'

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (br, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 4.21 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 4H), 1.75 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.52, 164.26, 147.37, 145.10, 144.54, 141.25, 137.28, 137.03, 136.91, 130.22, 129.23, 128.86, 127.68, 126.77, 125.66, 124.52, 124.21, 121.62, 119.57, 118.80, 64.95, 64.14, 57.71, 27.33; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₆N₂O₃S₂ (M⁺): 514.1385, found: 514.1385.



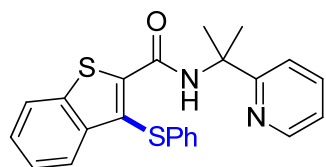
3-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridine-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2-naphthamide 3l

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (br, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 1.81 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.01, 164.51, 147.77, 137.14, 136.18, 135.82, 134.14, 131.95, 131.92, 131.12, 130.74, 129.48, 129.08, 128.39, 127.70, 127.32, 127.26, 126.88, 121.90, 119.57, 57.56, 27.52; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₂OS (M⁺): 398.1453, found: 398.1457.



1,3-bis(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2-naphthamide 3l'

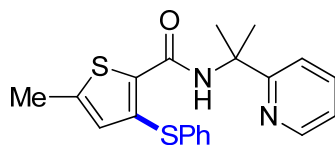
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3-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxamide

3m

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.84 (br, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 1.79 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.25, 160.61, 147.99, 146.80, 141.32, 139.33, 136.94, 135.60, 129.34, 127.11, 126.77, 126.34, 125.31, 124.59, 122.82, 121.87, 120.78, 119.33, 58.32, 27.76; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₂OS₂ (M⁺): 404.1017, found: 404.1018.

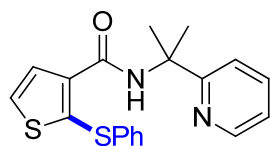


5-Methyl-3-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide

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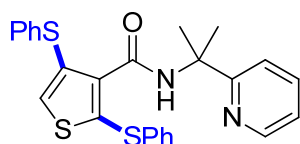
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129.32, 128.63, 127.06, 121.75, 119.35, 57.86, 27.88, 15.73; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂OS₂ (M⁺): 368.1017, found: 368.1022.



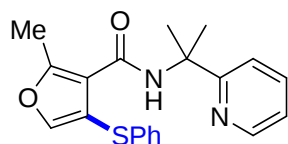
2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-3-carboxamide 3o

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (br, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 7H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.60, 161.79, 147.94, 139.89, 136.95, 136.31, 130.46, 129.49, 128.97, 127.82, 127.44, 121.80, 119.42, 57.52, 27.78; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂OS₂ (M⁺): 354.0861, found: 354.0865.



2,6-bis(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-3-carboxamide 3o'

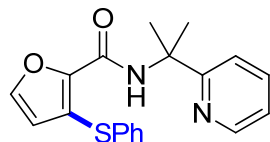
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (br, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 6H), 7.13 - 7.10 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.51, 162.03, 147.92, 136.86, 135.85, 134.88, 132.20, 129.64, 129.43, 129.28, 129.17, 128.66, 126.96, 121.67, 119.39, 100.12, 57.81, 27.66; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₂N₂OS₃ (M⁺): 462.0894, found: 462.0896.



2-Methyl-4-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)furan-3-carboxamide 3p

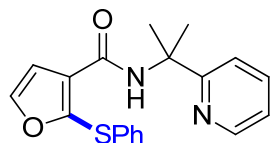
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160.61, 148.12, 145.78, 136.50, 136.04, 129.20, 126.39, 126.08, 121.39, 119.03, 116.43, 110.24, 57.37, 27.77, 14.45; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₂S (M⁺): 352.1245, found: 352.1241.



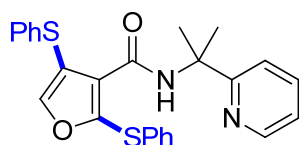
3-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)furan-2-carboxamide 3q

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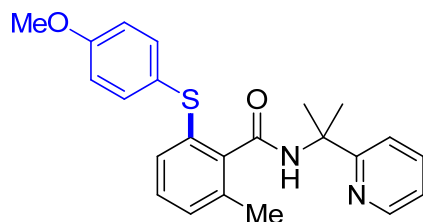
2-(phenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)furan-3-carboxamide 3r

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.94 (br, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 - 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.52, 160.95, 147.76, 145.48, 142.90, 137.21, 133.92, 129.50, 129.08, 127.55, 121.94, 119.54, 113.12, 57.48, 27.84; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₁₈N₂O₂S (M⁺): 338.1089, found: 338.1086.



2,4-bis(phenylthio)-N-(2-(Pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)furan-3-carboxamide 3r'

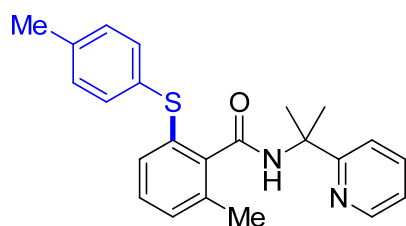
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2-(4-(methoxyphenyl)thio)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide

5a

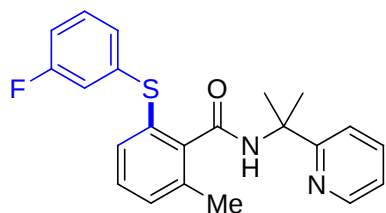
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (br, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.64, 164.41, 159.69, 147.57, 139.12, 137.19, 135.72, 135.00, 134.96, 128.97, 128.37, 127.96, 125.38, 121.95, 119.67, 115.00, 57.48, 55.43, 27.55, 19.36; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₃H₂₄N₂O₂S (M⁺): 392.1558, found: 392.1554.



2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(p-tolylthio)benzamide 5b

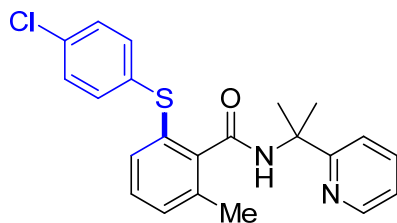
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129.12, 129.03, 121.84, 119.60, 57.42, 27.47, 21.16, 19.38; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}N_2OS$ (M^+): 376.1609, found: 376.1608.



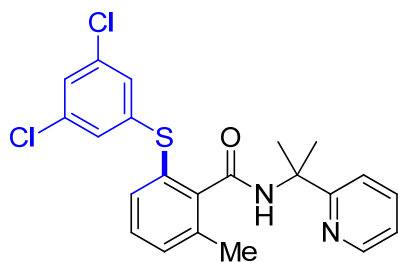
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1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.34 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (br, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 12.4, 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (td, $J = 8.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H); **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 167.24, 164.14, 163.11 (d, $J = 246.6$ Hz), 147.43, 142.72, 140.43 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 137.14, 136.56, 132.62, 130.93, 130.20 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 129.48, 129.39, 124.48 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 121.89, 119.44, 115.72 (d, $J = 23.4$ Hz), 113.03 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 57.33, 27.35, 19.43; **HRMS** (EI-TOF) calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}FN_2OS$ (M^+): 380.1359, found: 380.1362.



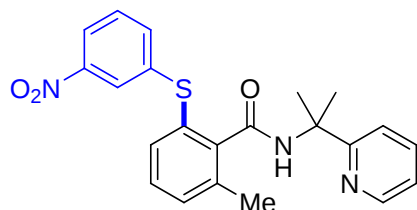
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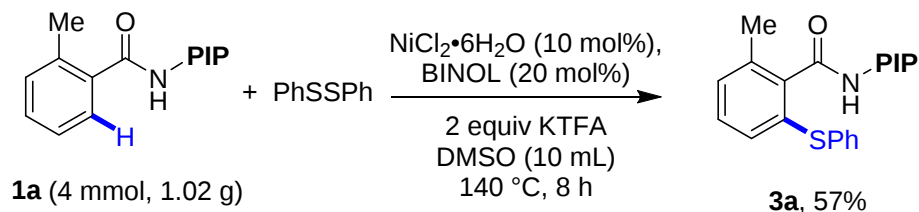
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6-Methyl-2-((3-nitrophenyl)thio)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 5f

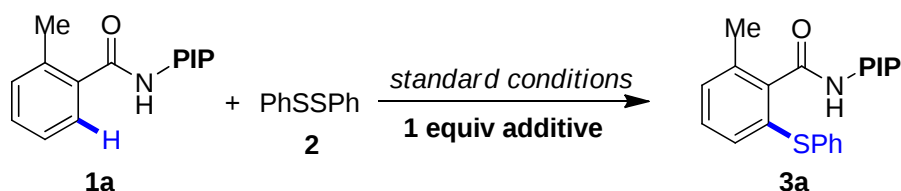
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2.5 Gram-Scale Experiment



2.6 Mechanistic Investigation

Radical Scavenger Reactions



Additive (1.0 equiv)	Yield
-----	84% ^a
1,4-dinitrobenzene	95% ^b
TEMPO	86% ^b
1,4-diphenylethylene	78% ^b

^aIsolated yield. ^b¹H NMR yield using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

To a 50 mL Schlenk tube was added substrate **1a** (0.15 mmol), PhSSPh (0.3 mmol), additive (0.15 mmol), NiCl₂·6H₂O (3.6 mg, 0.015 mmol), BINOL (8.6 mg, 0.03 mmol), KTFA (45.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), and DMSO (1 mL). The vial was evacuated and filled with N₂ (1 atm), and stirred at 140 °C for 8 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with water, extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The combined phase was then washed with brine and dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, the resulting residue was analyzed with NMR using CH₂Br₂ as the internal standard.

Deuterium Labeling Experiment

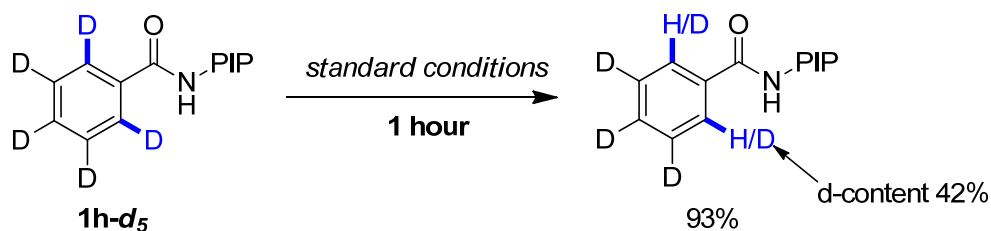
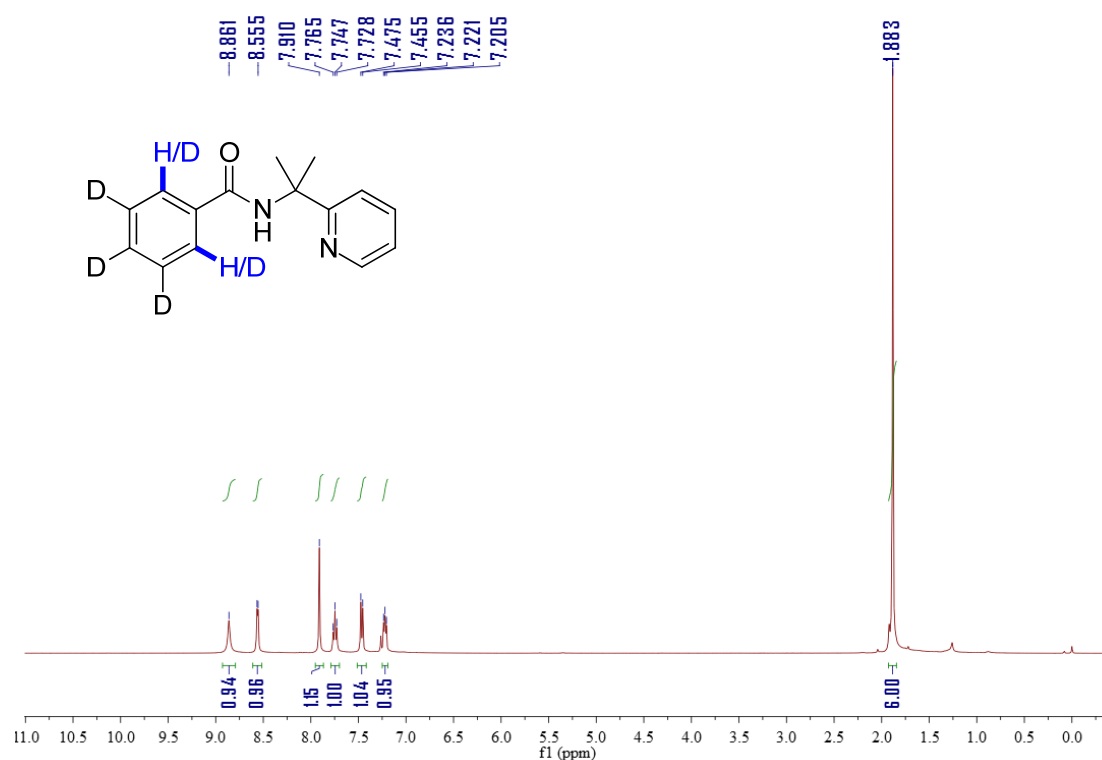
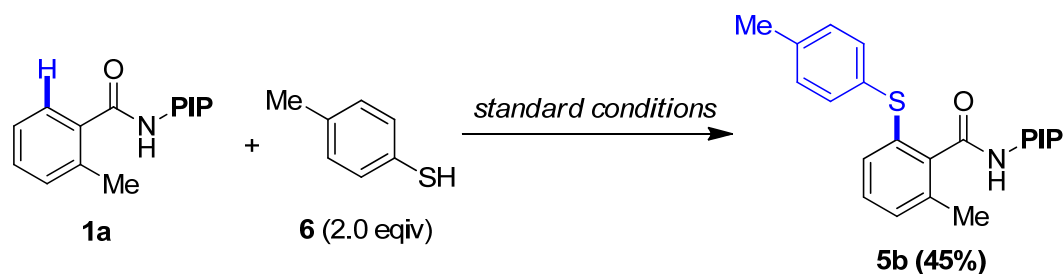


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of product for the deuterium labeling experiment.



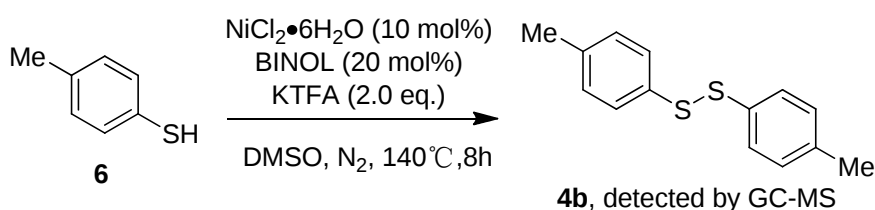
Thiolation with 4-methylbenzenethiol **6**



To a 50 mL Schlenk tube was added substrate **1a** (0.15 mmol), 4-methylbenzenethiol (0.3 mmol), $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3.6 mg, 0.015 mmol), BINOL (8.6 mg, 0.03 mmol), KTFA (45.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), and DMSO (1 mL). The vial was evacuated and filled with N_2

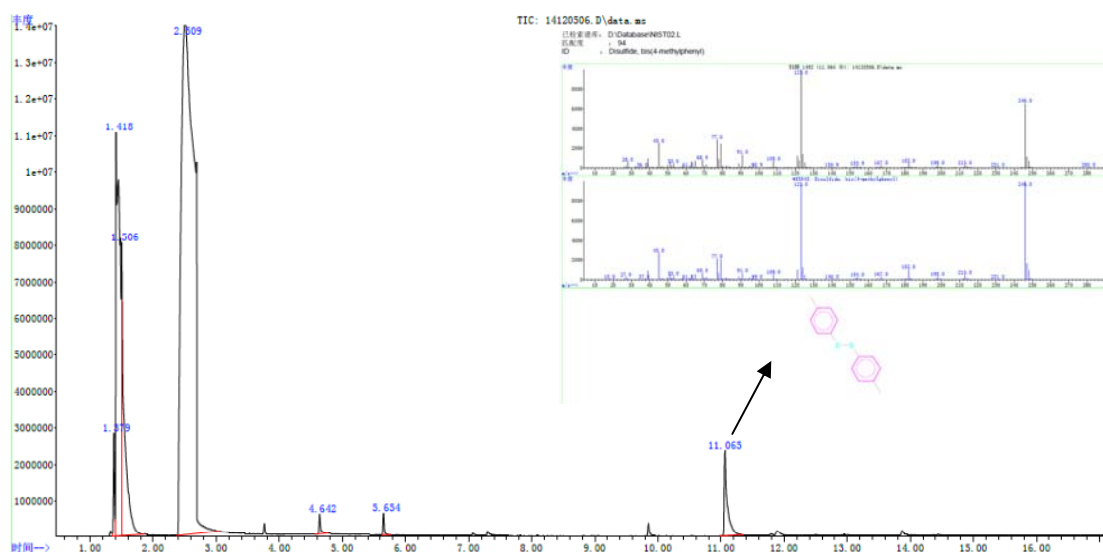
(1 atm), and stirred at 140 °C for 8 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with water, extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The combined phase was then washed with NaOH solution to remove the ligand BINOL and dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using hexane/EtOAc as the eluent to afford the product.

Oxidation of 4-methylbenzenethiol 6 to disulfide 4b



To a 50 mL Schlenk tube was added substrate 4-methylbenzenethiol (0.15 mmol), $\text{NiCl}_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3.6 mg, 0.015 mmol), BINOL (8.6 mg, 0.03 mmol), KTFA (45.6 mg, 0.3 mmol), and DMSO (1 mL). The vial was evacuated and filled with N_2 (1 atm), and stirred at 140 °C for 8 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with 10 mL CH_2Cl_2 and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was then analyzed with GC-MS.

Figure S2. GC-MS for the oxidation of 4-methylbenzenethiol.

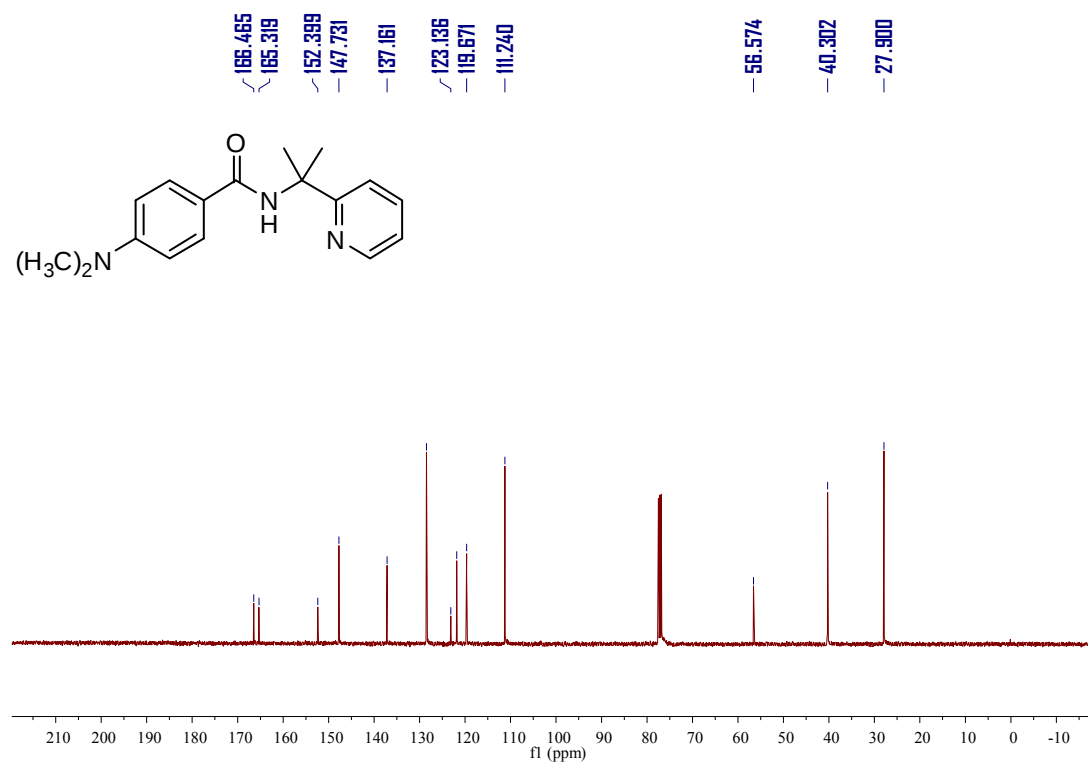
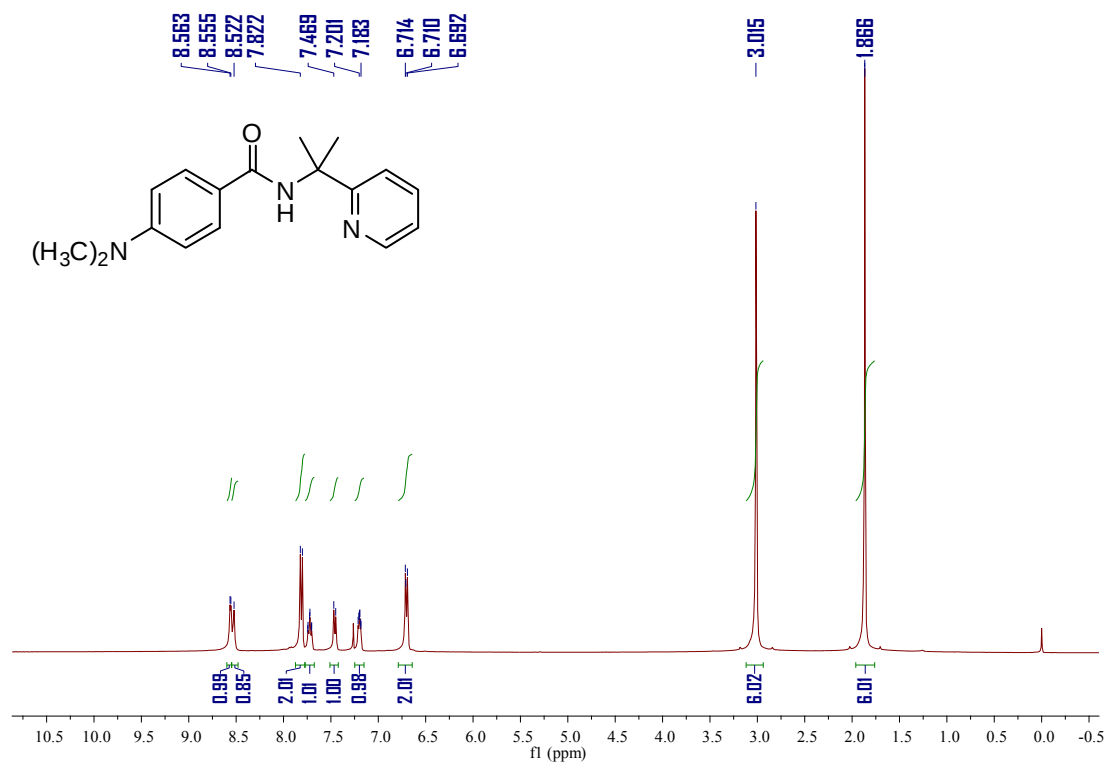


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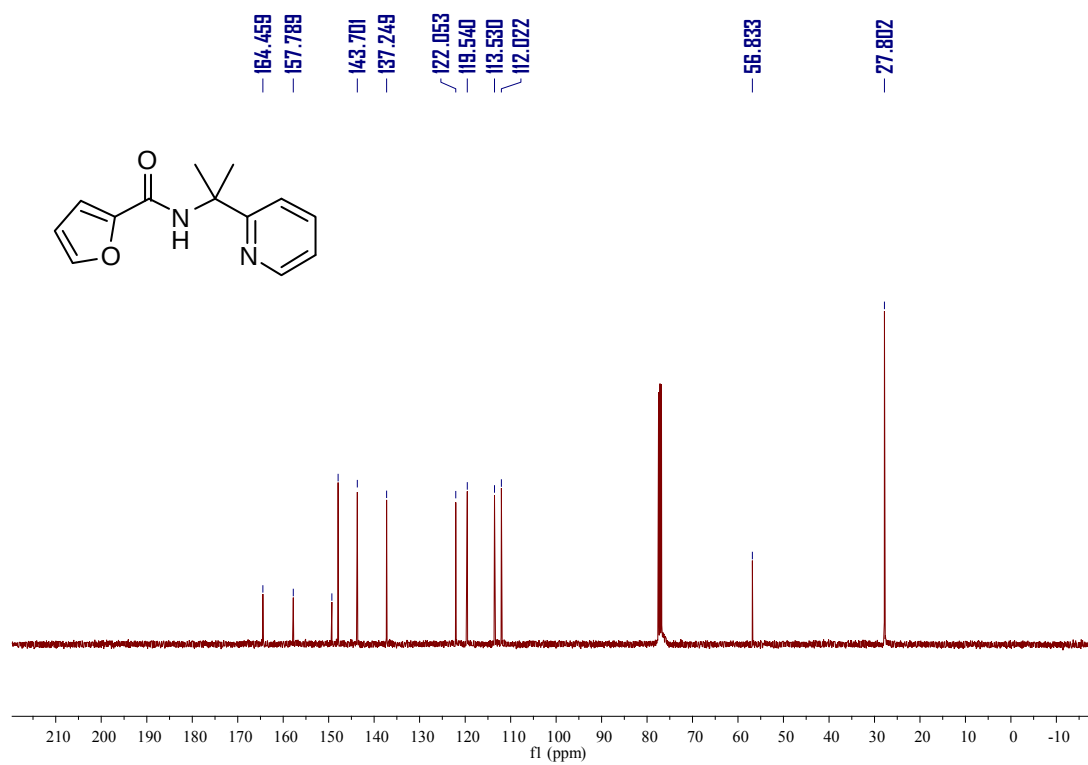
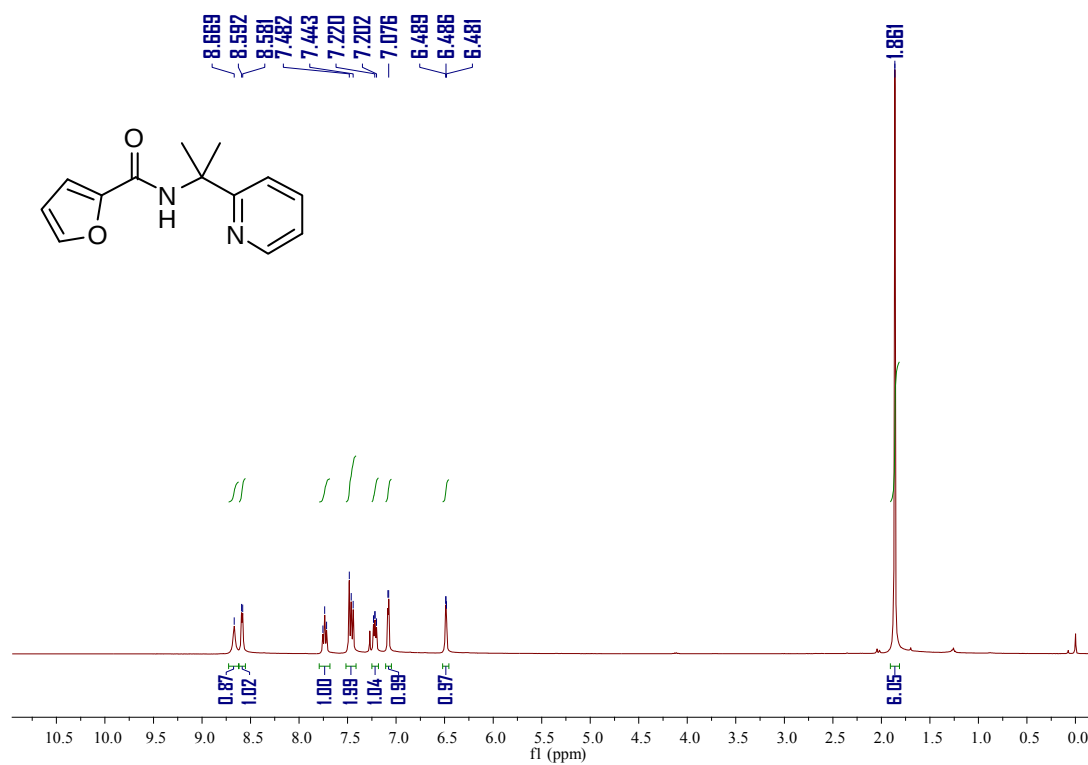
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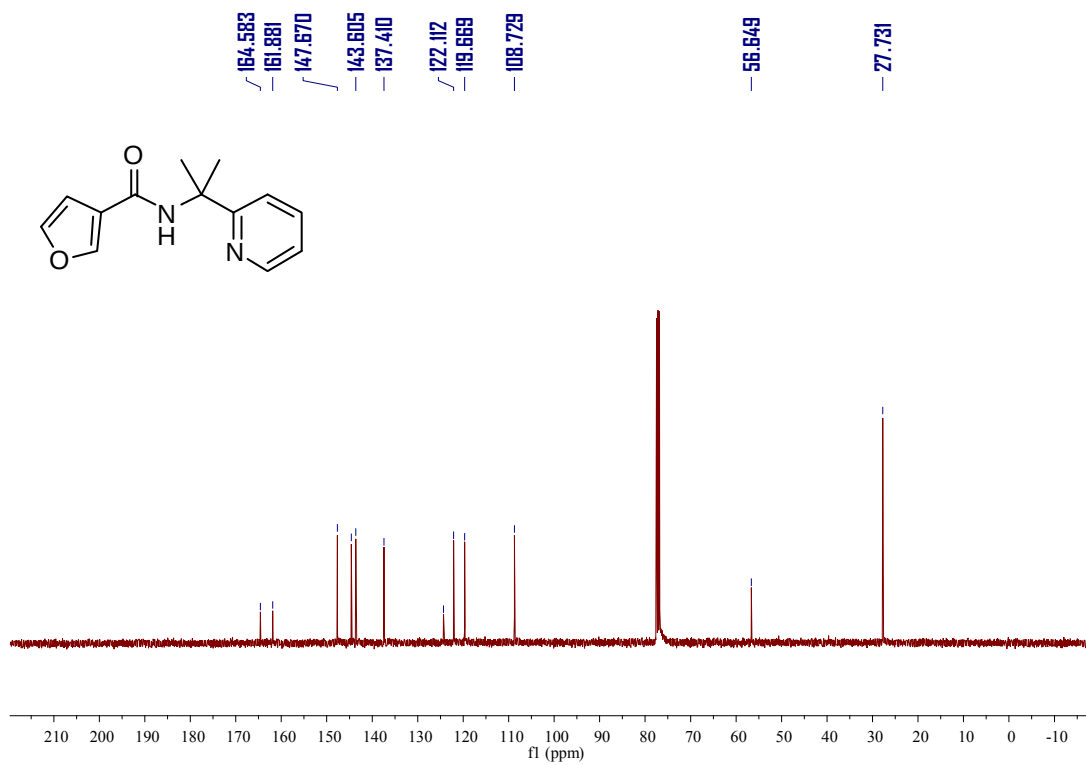
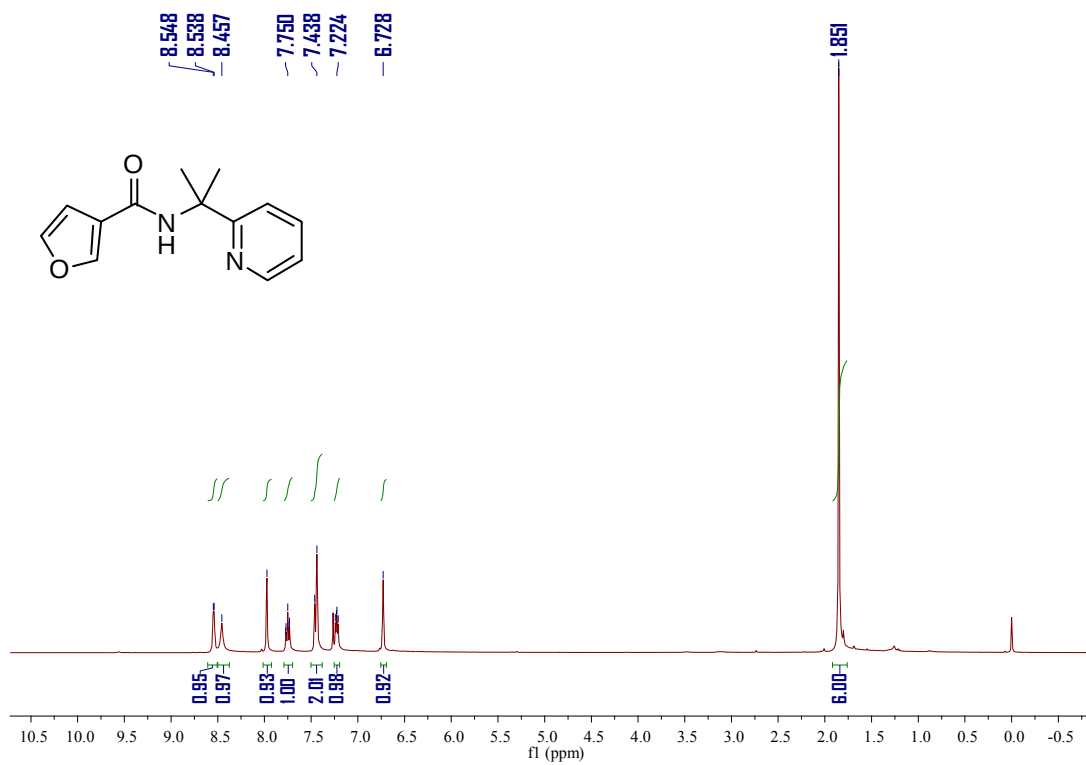
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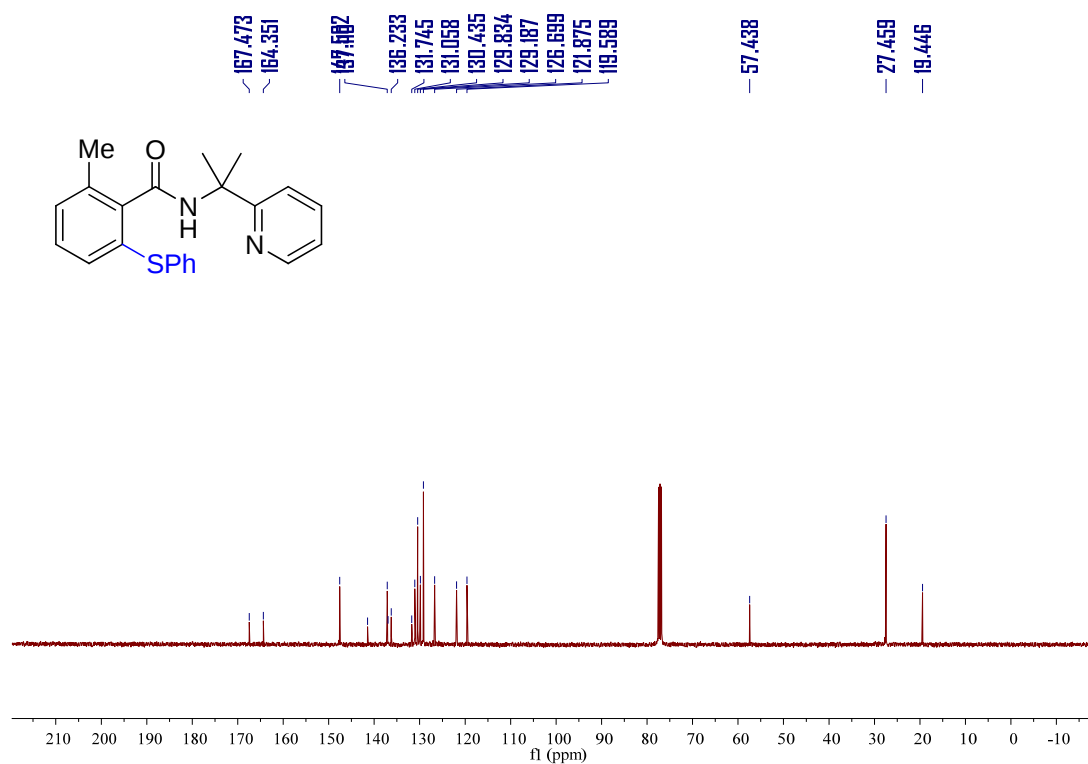
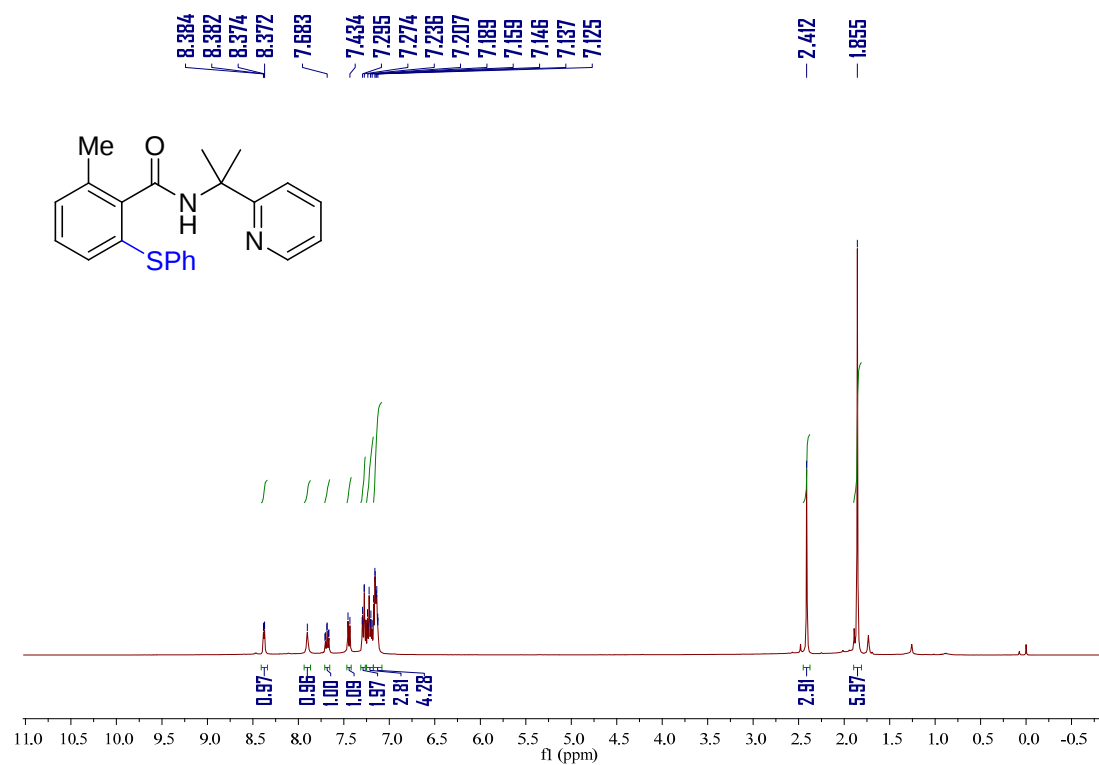
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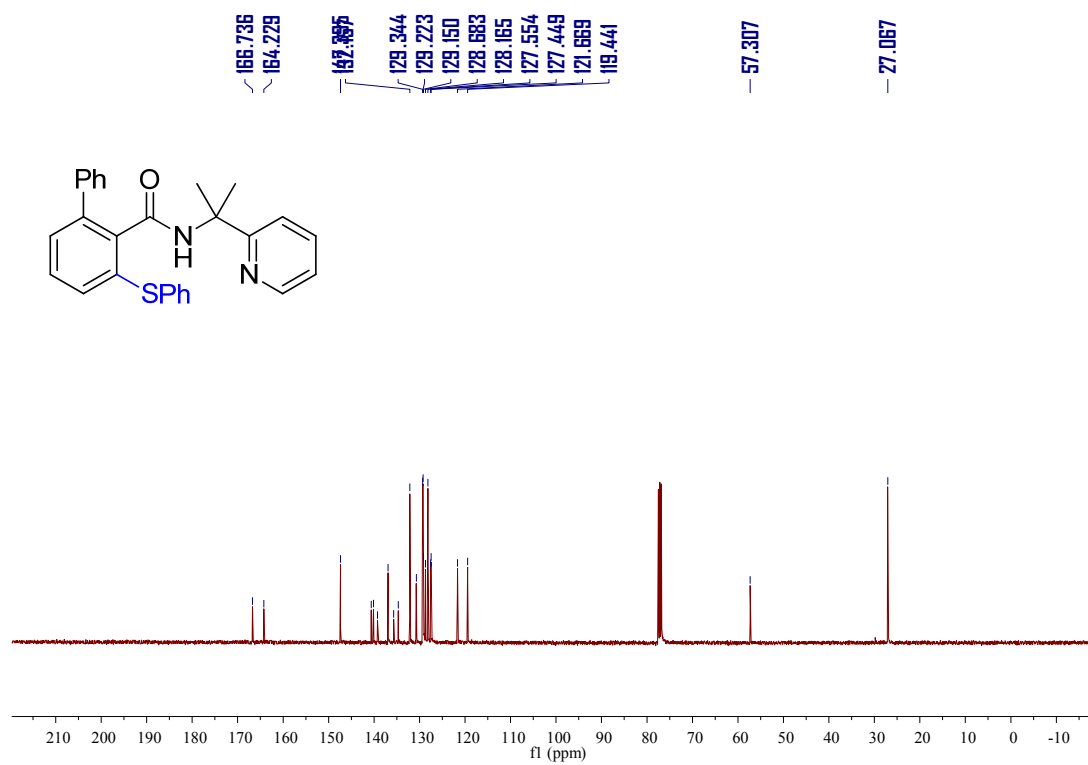
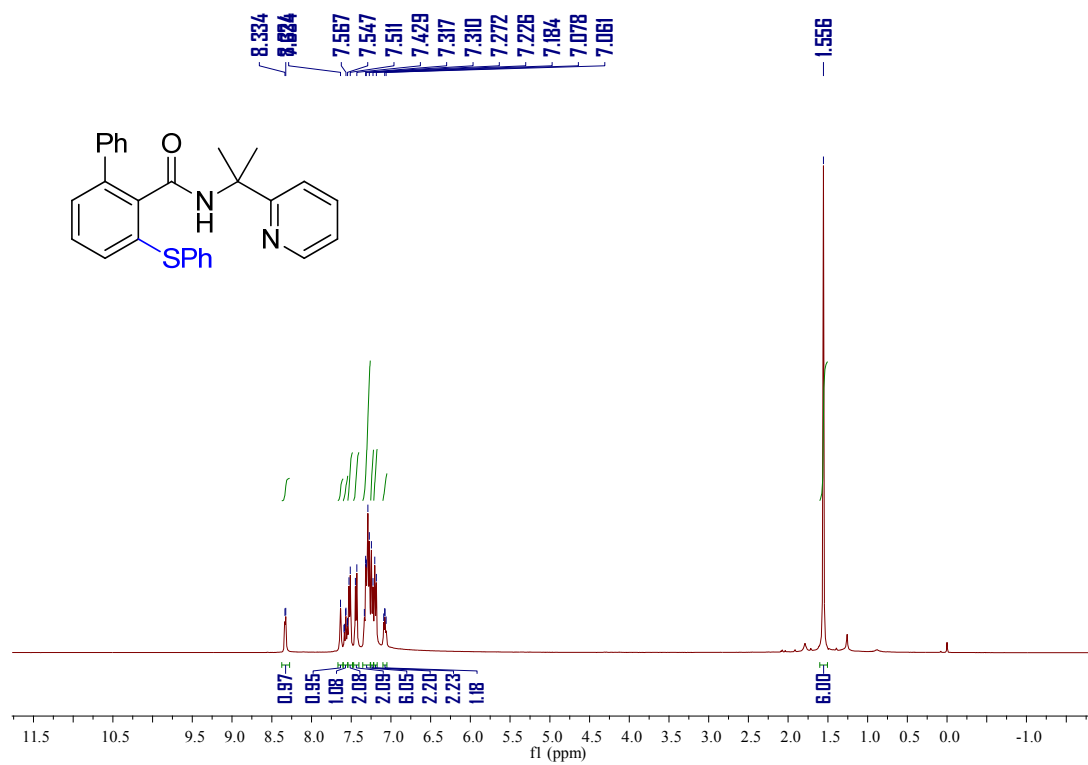
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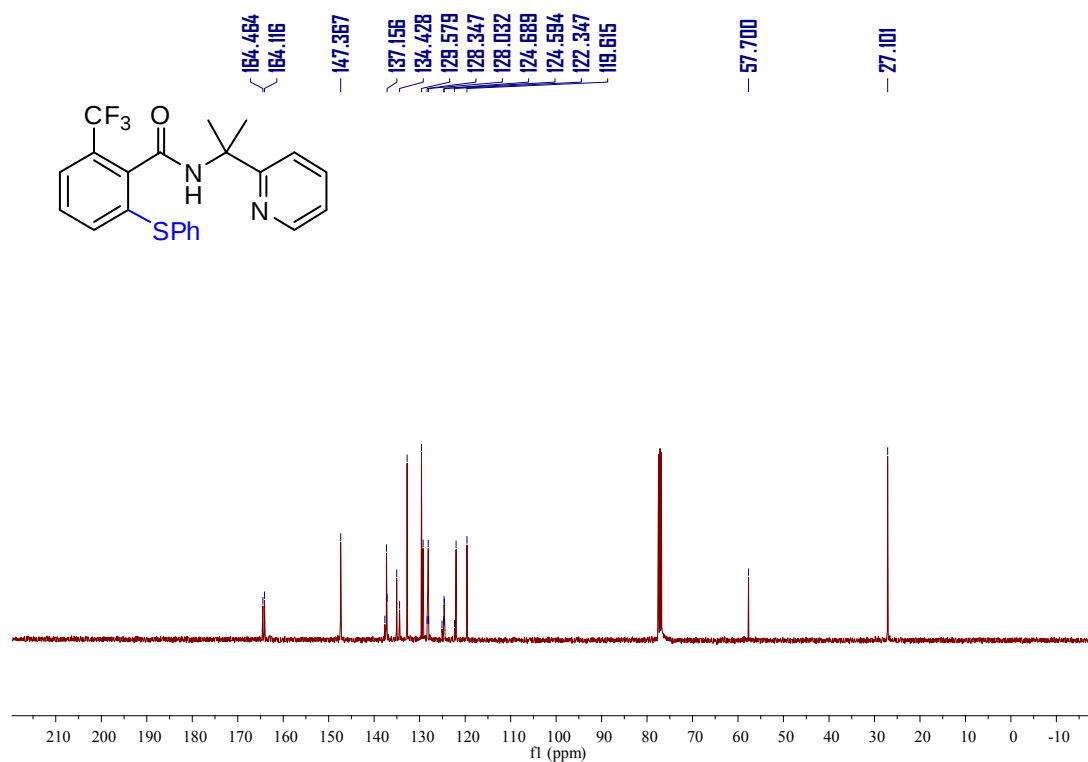
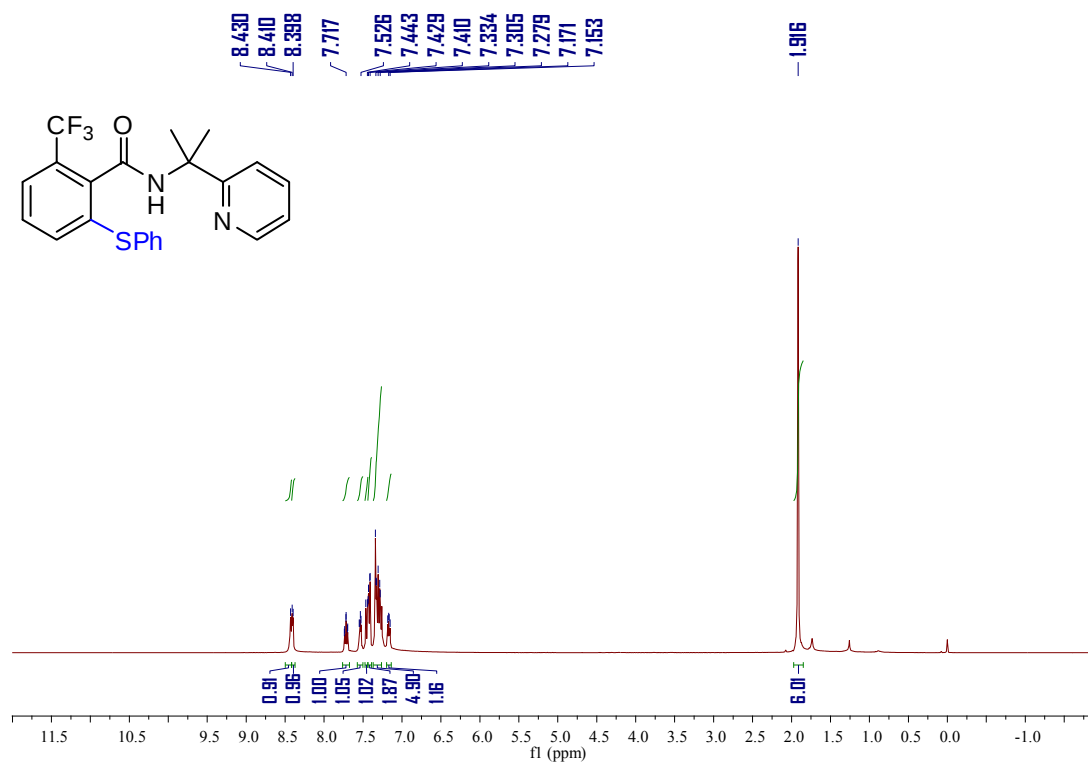
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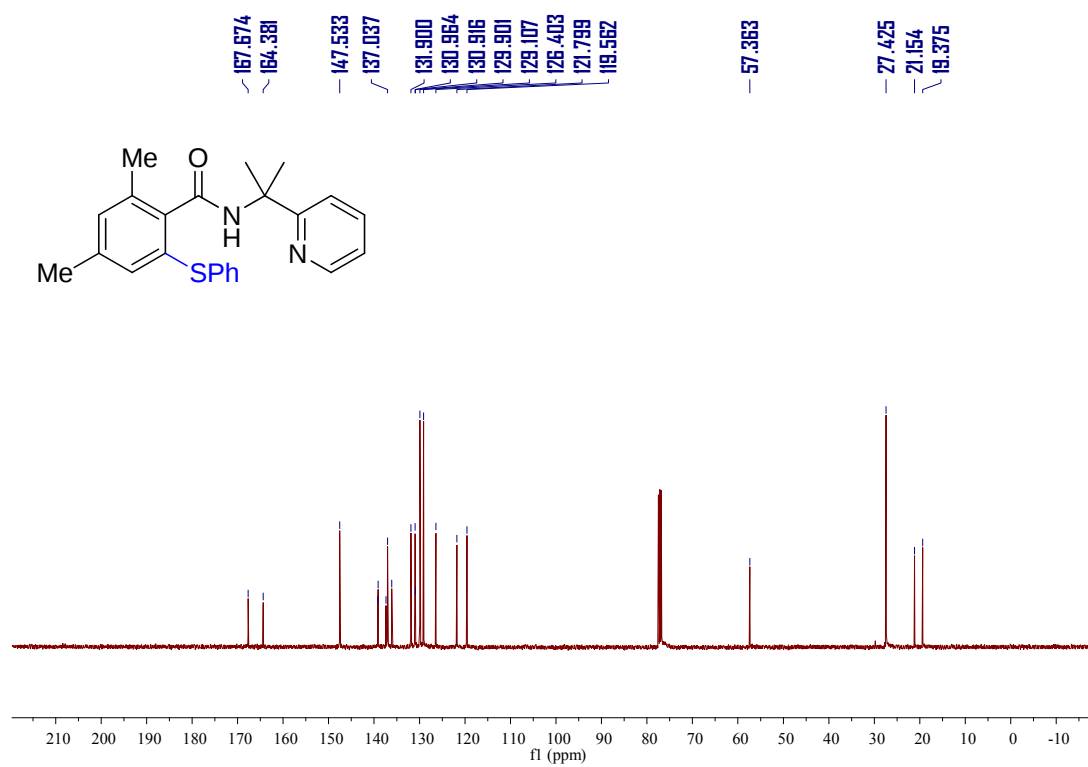
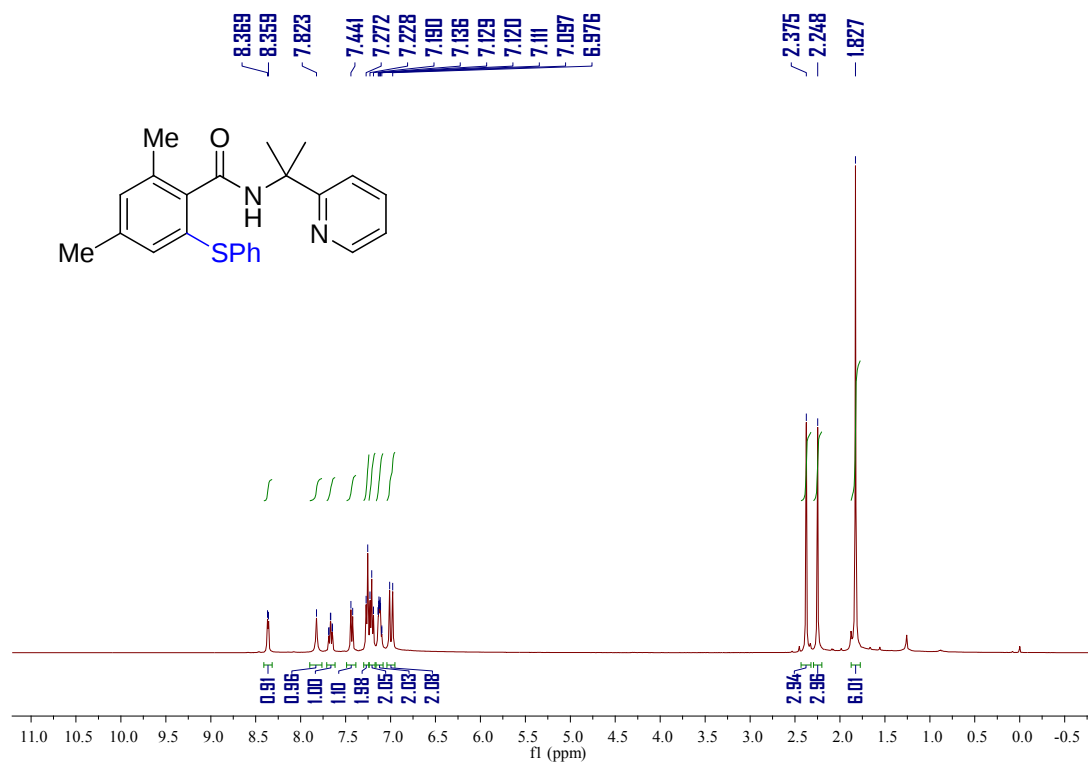
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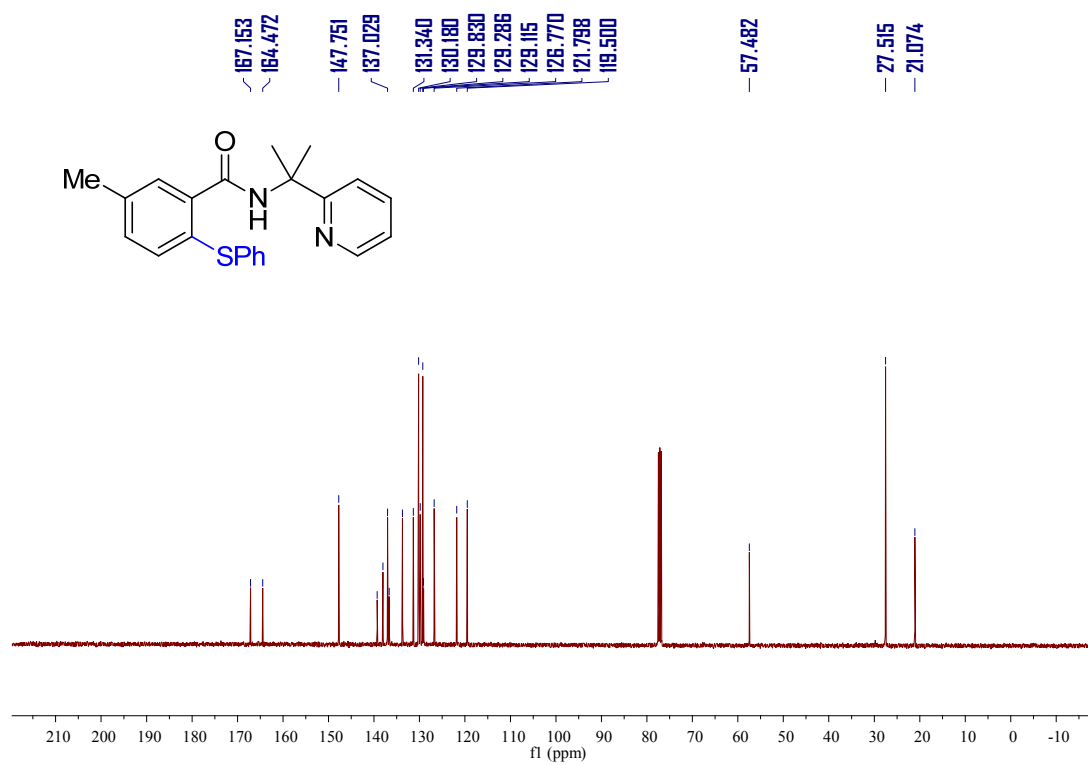
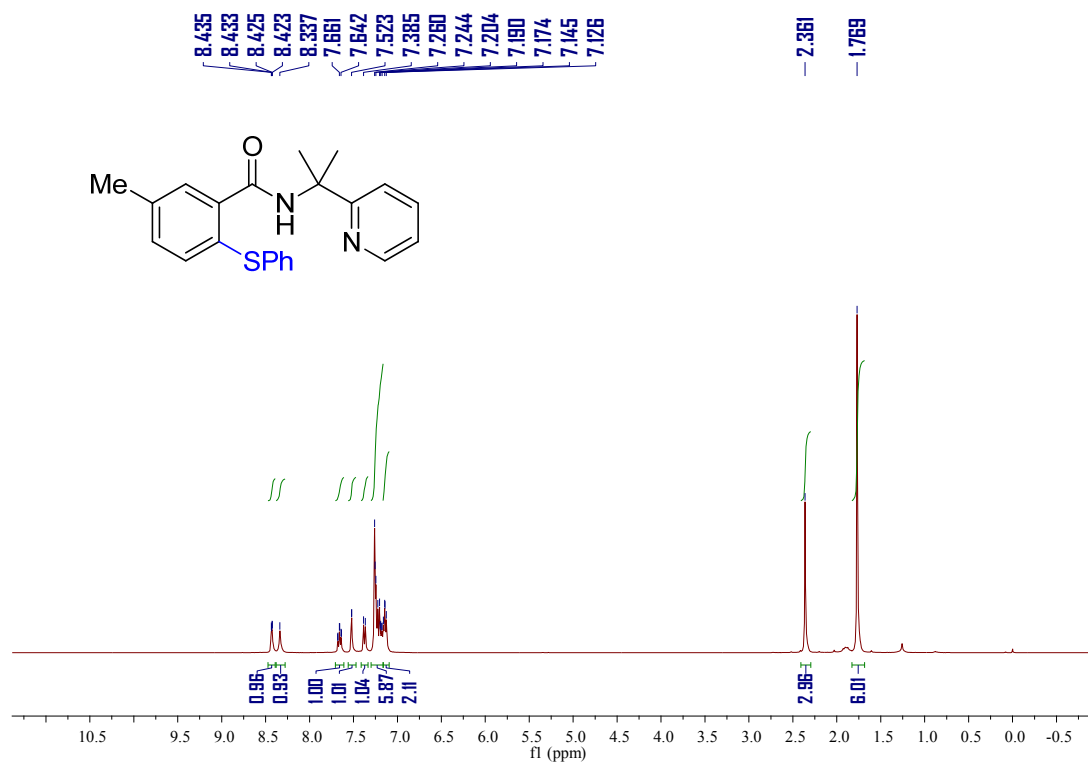
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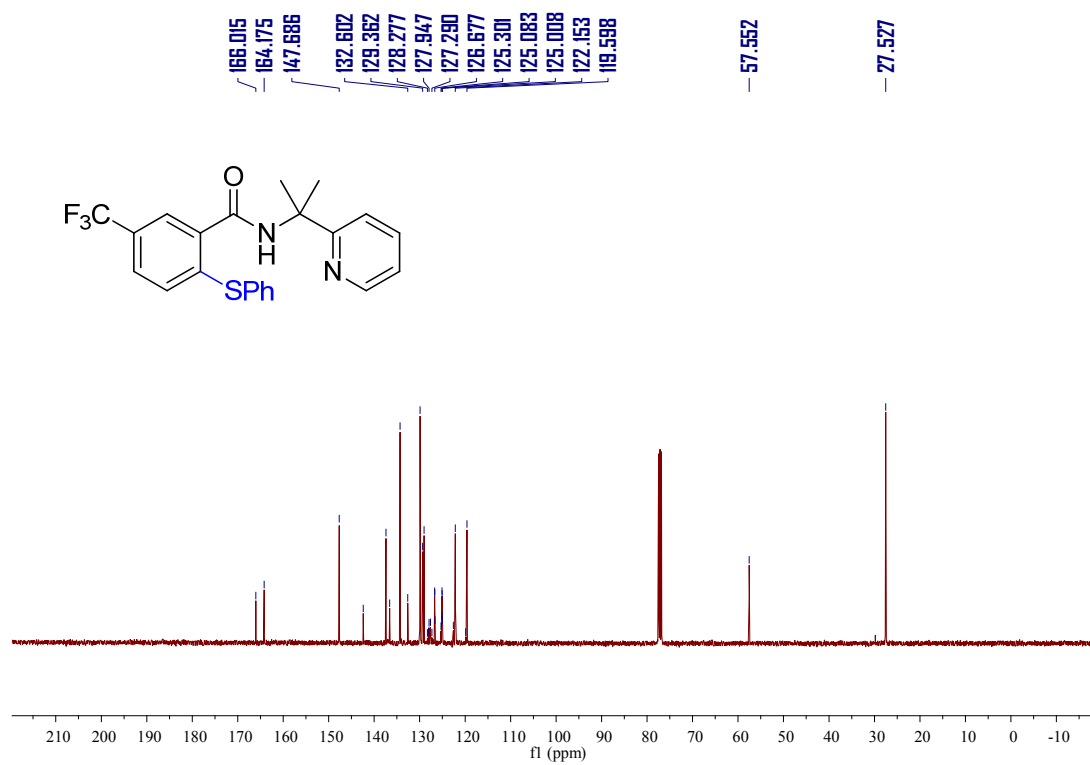
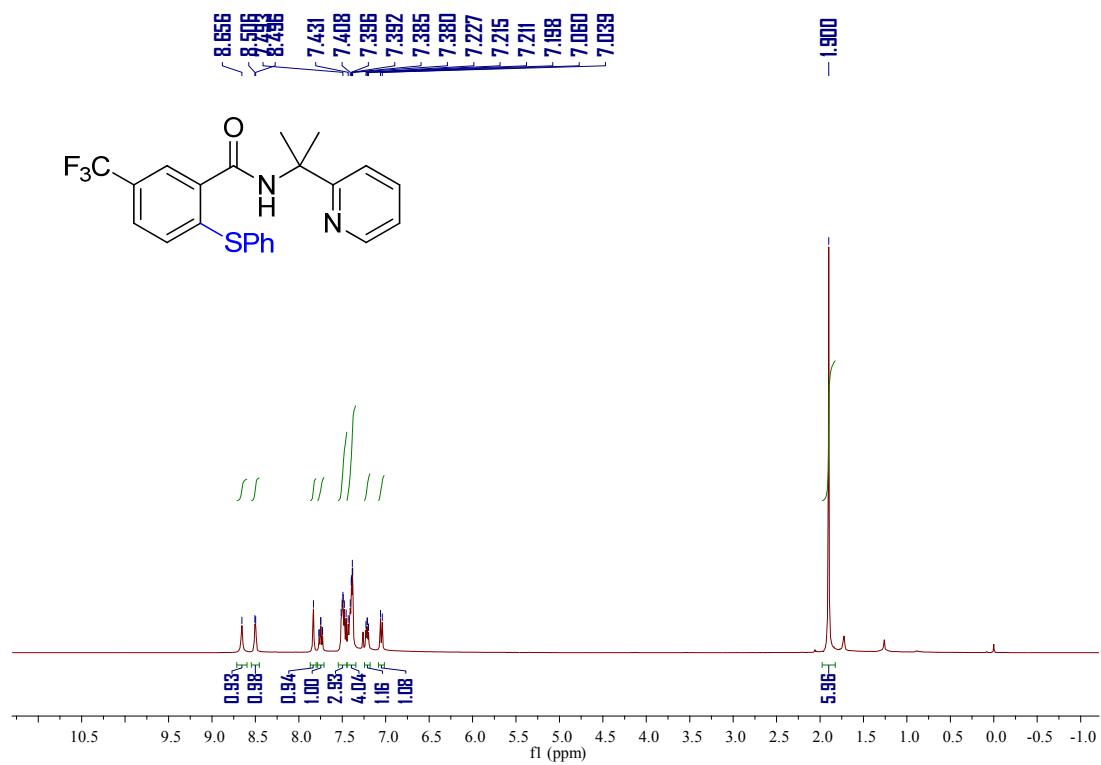
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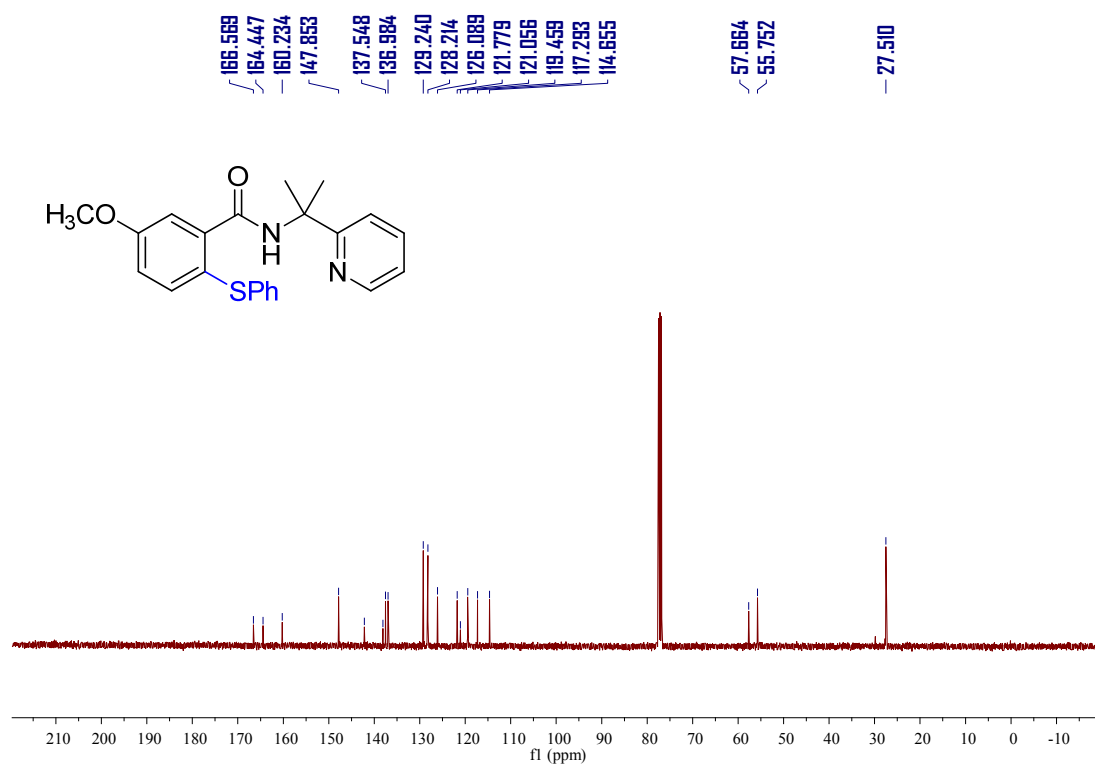
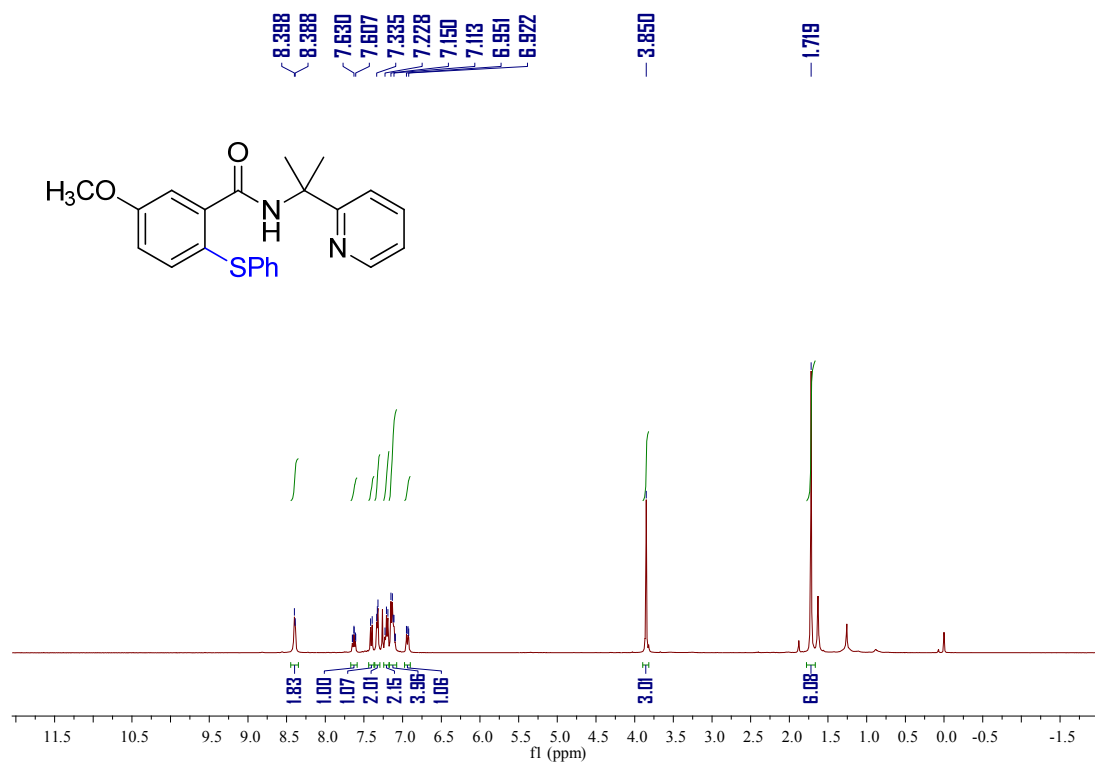
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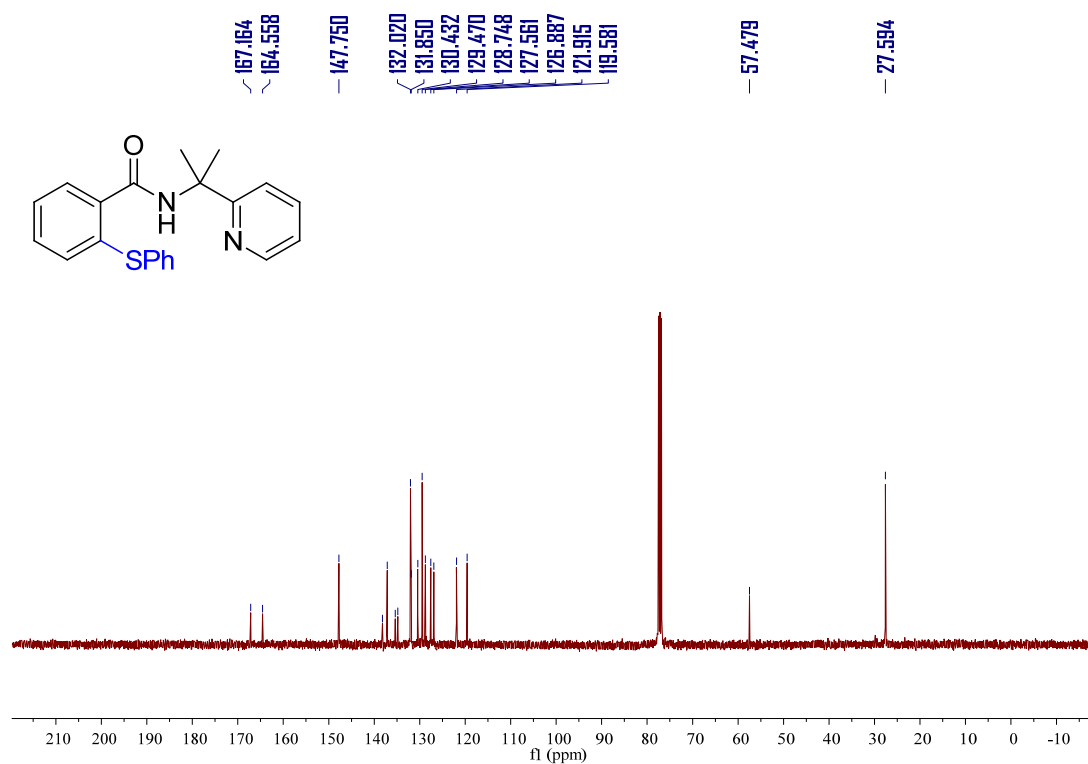
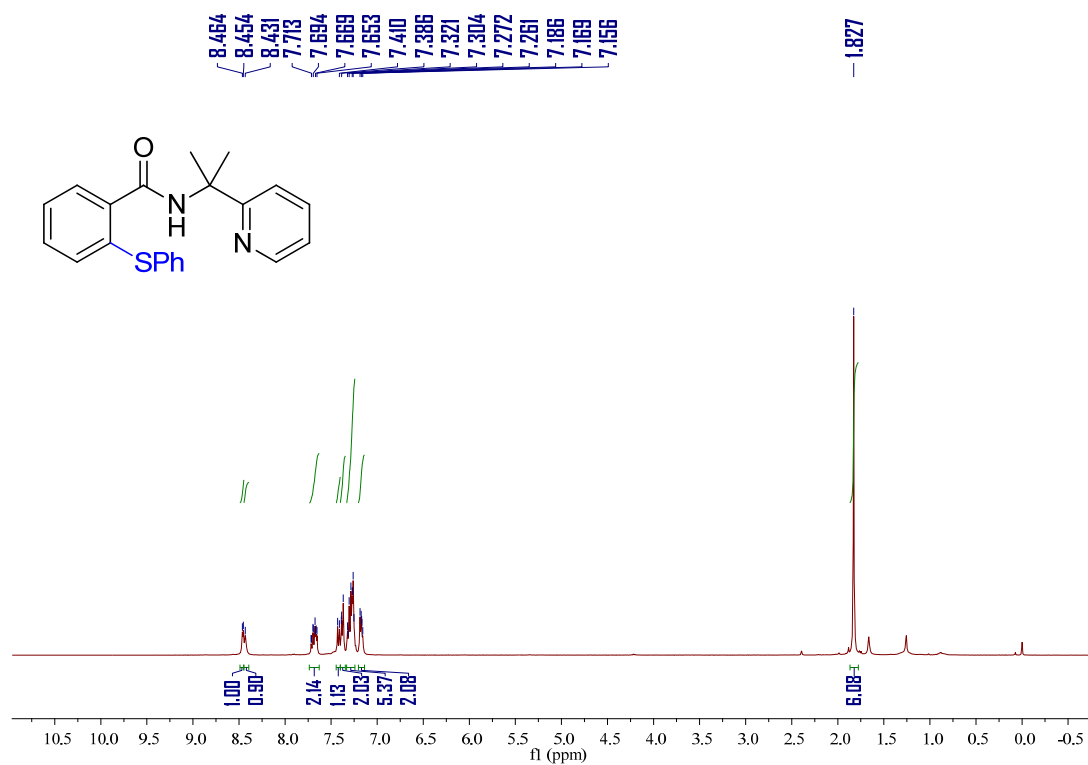
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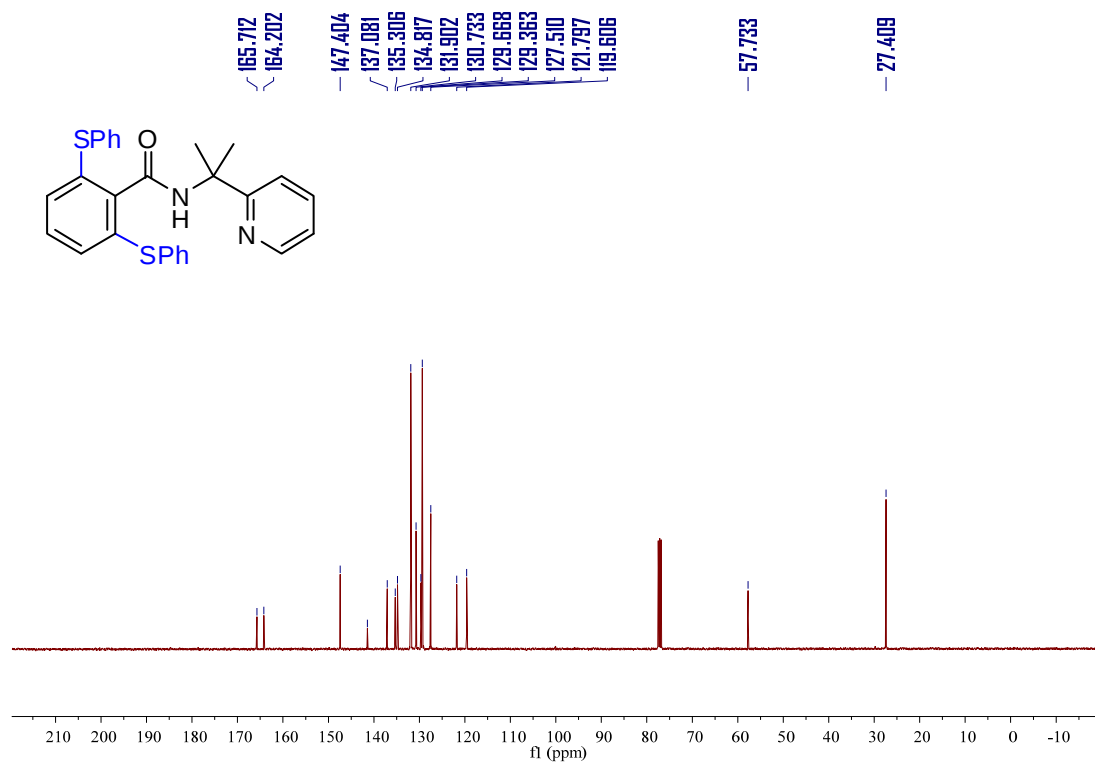
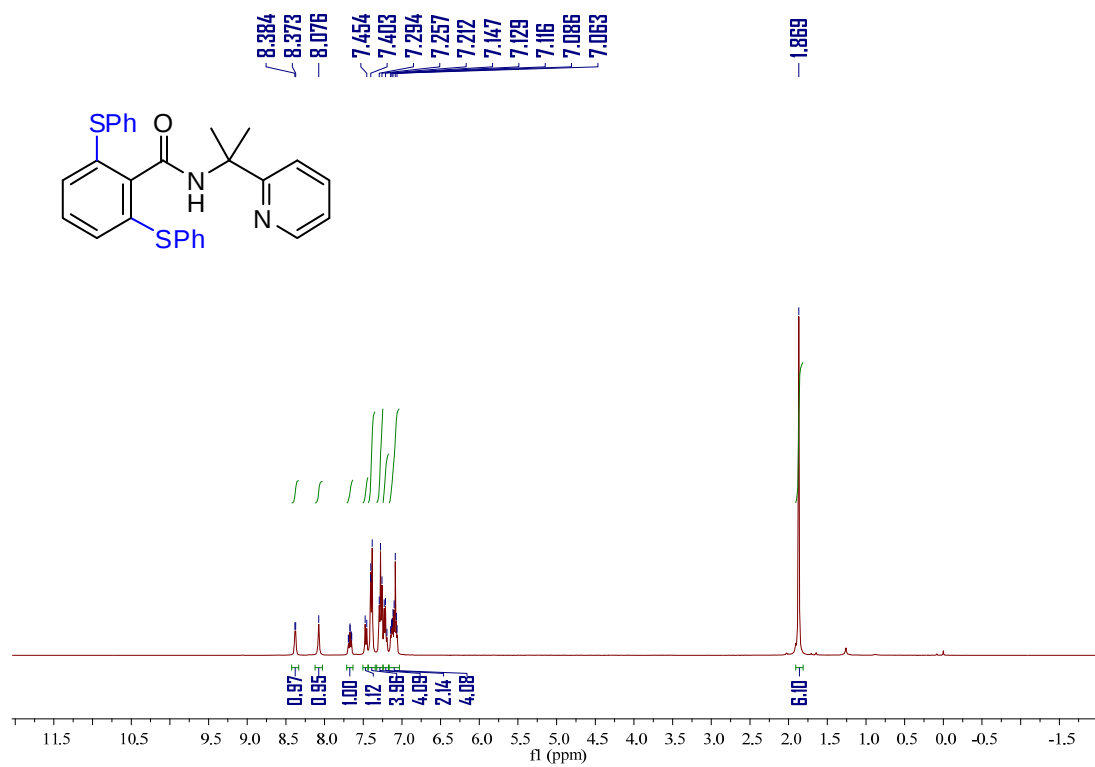
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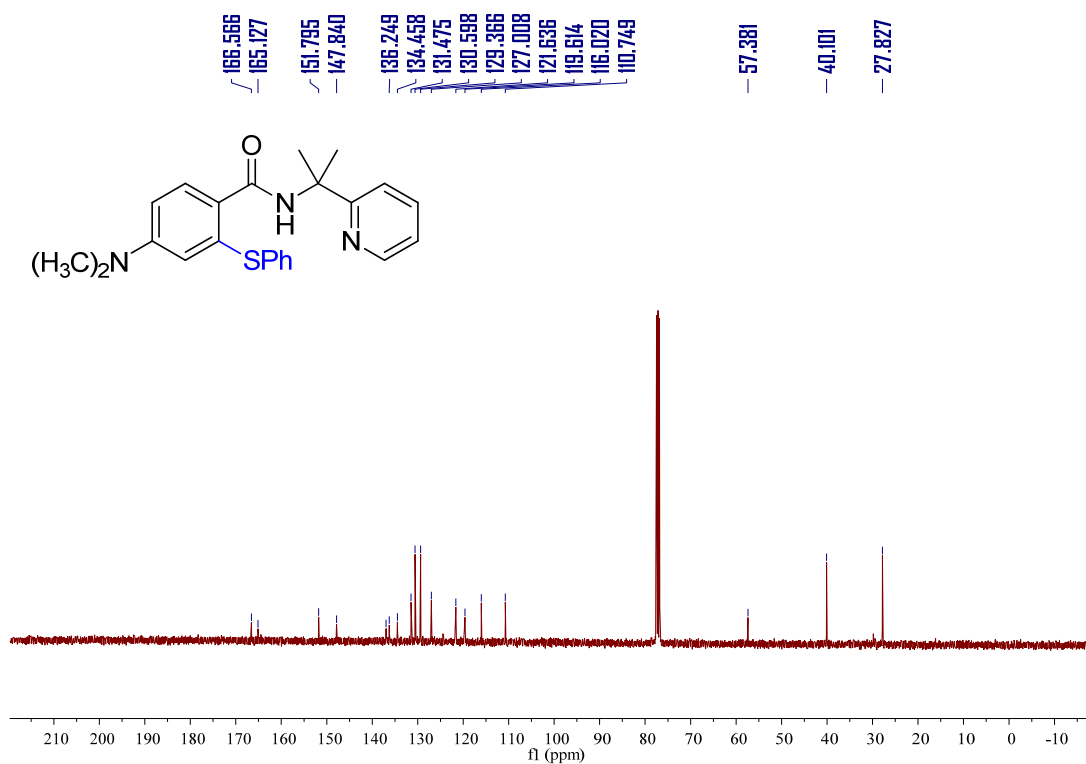
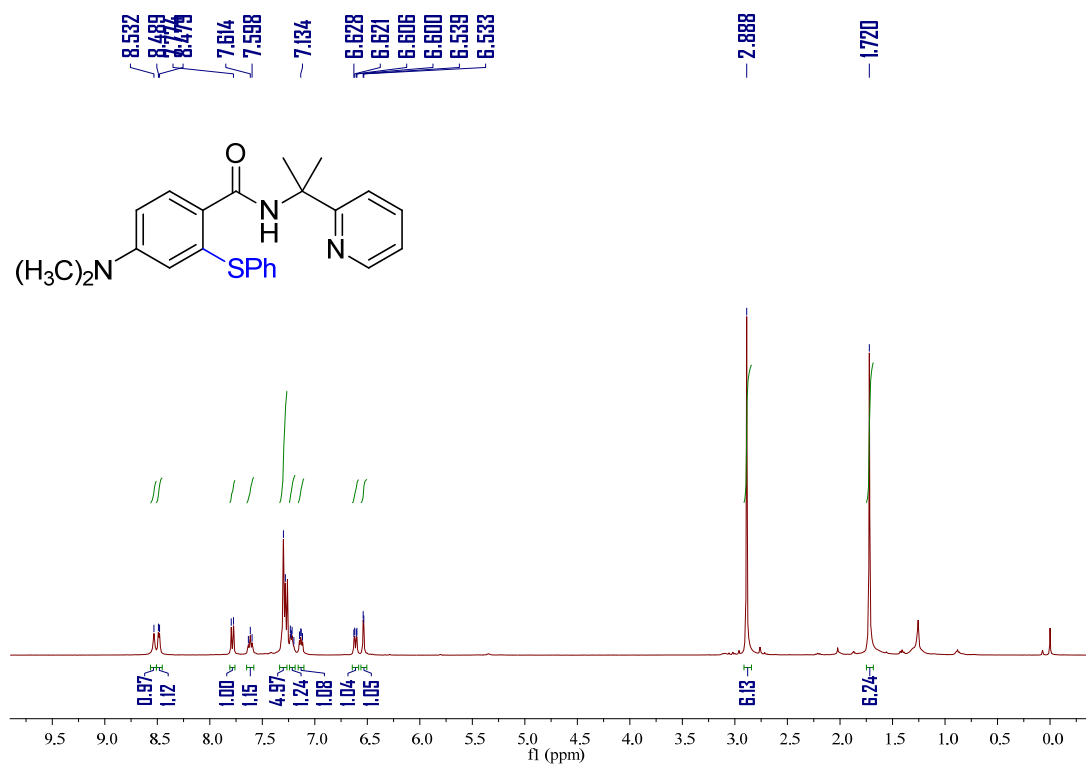
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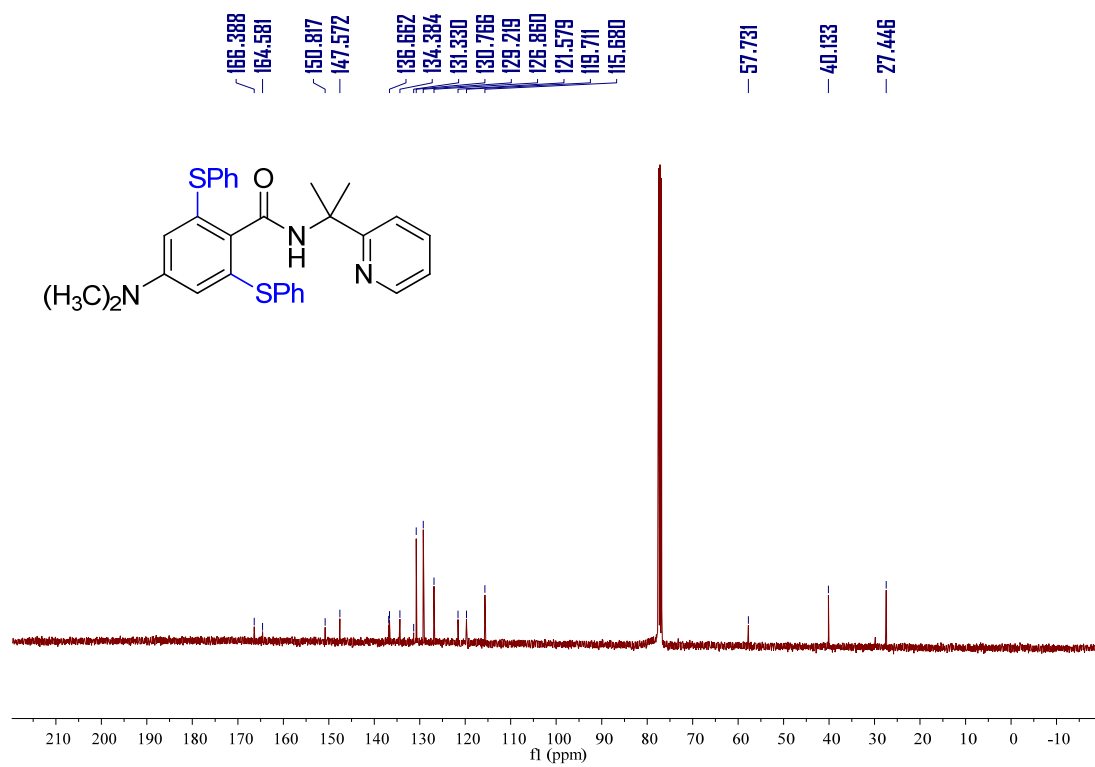
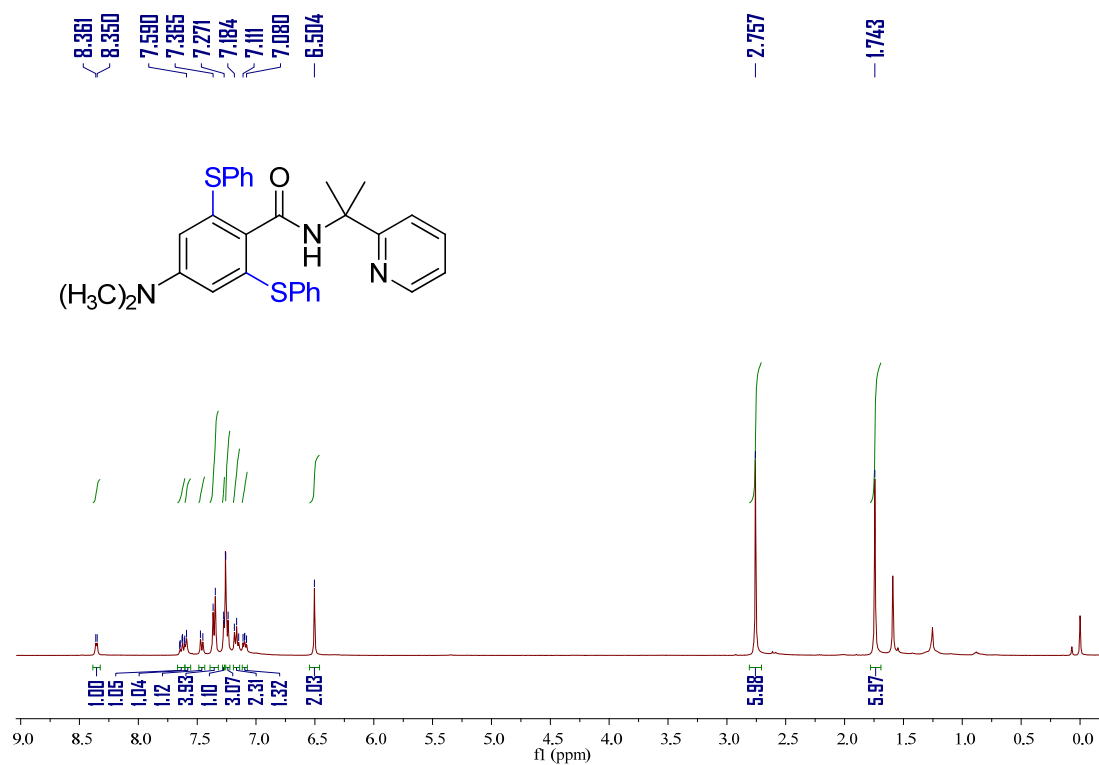
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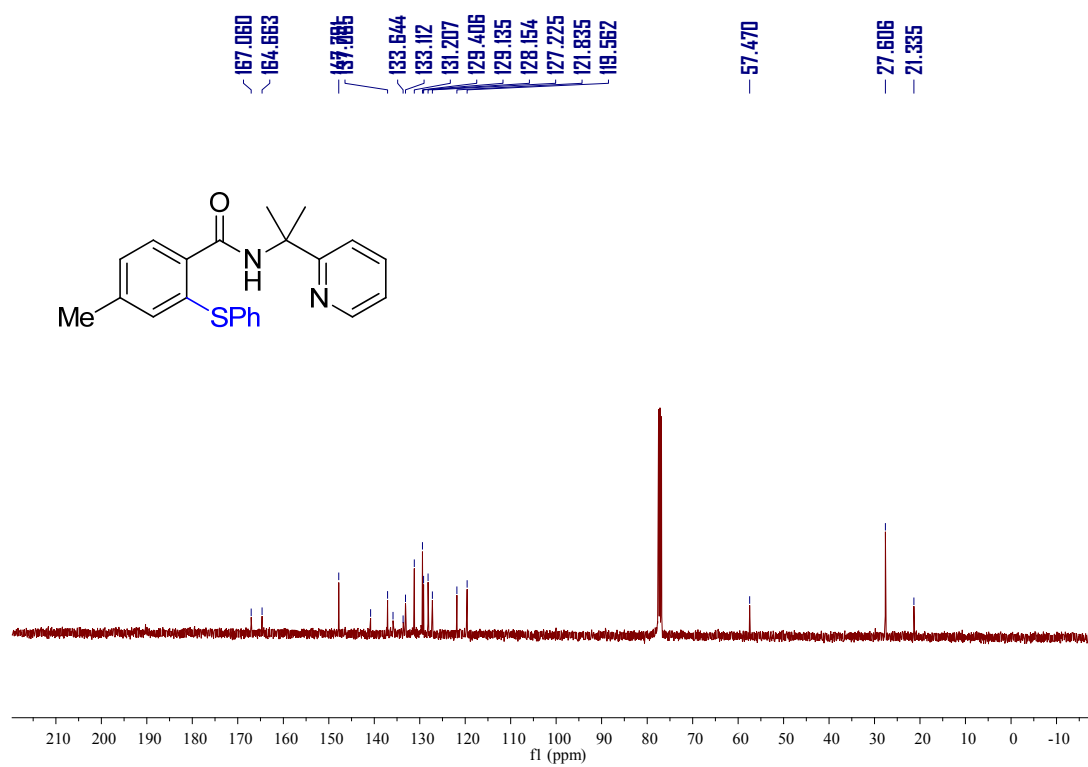
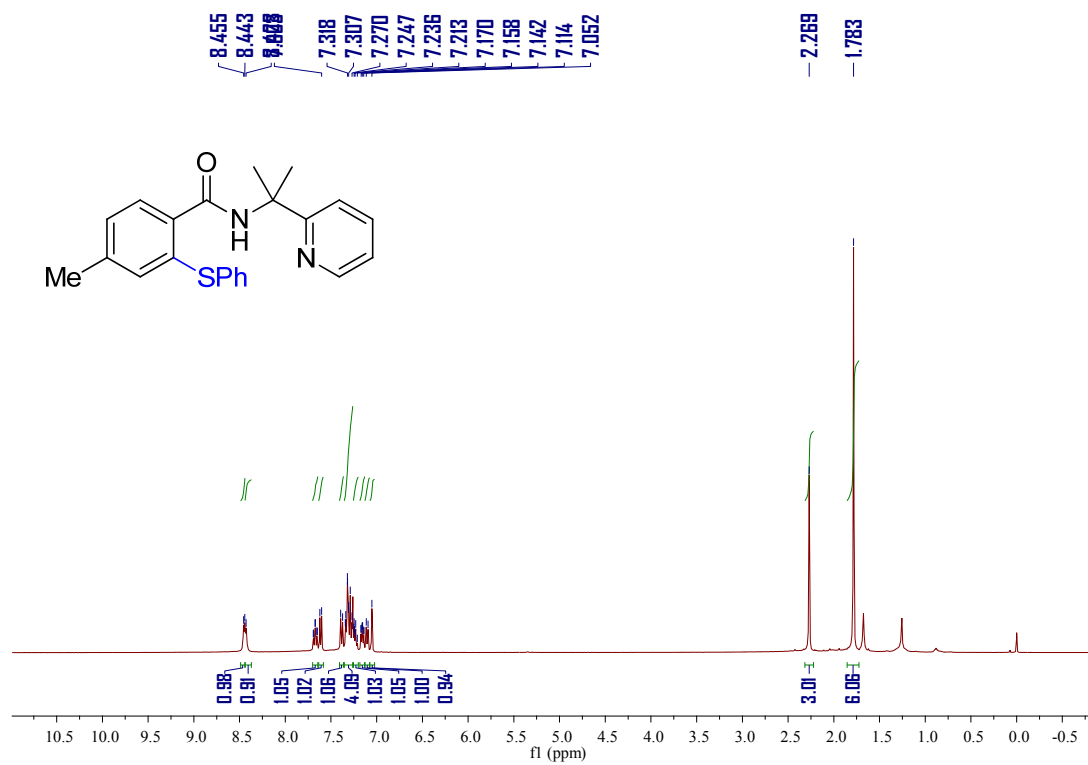
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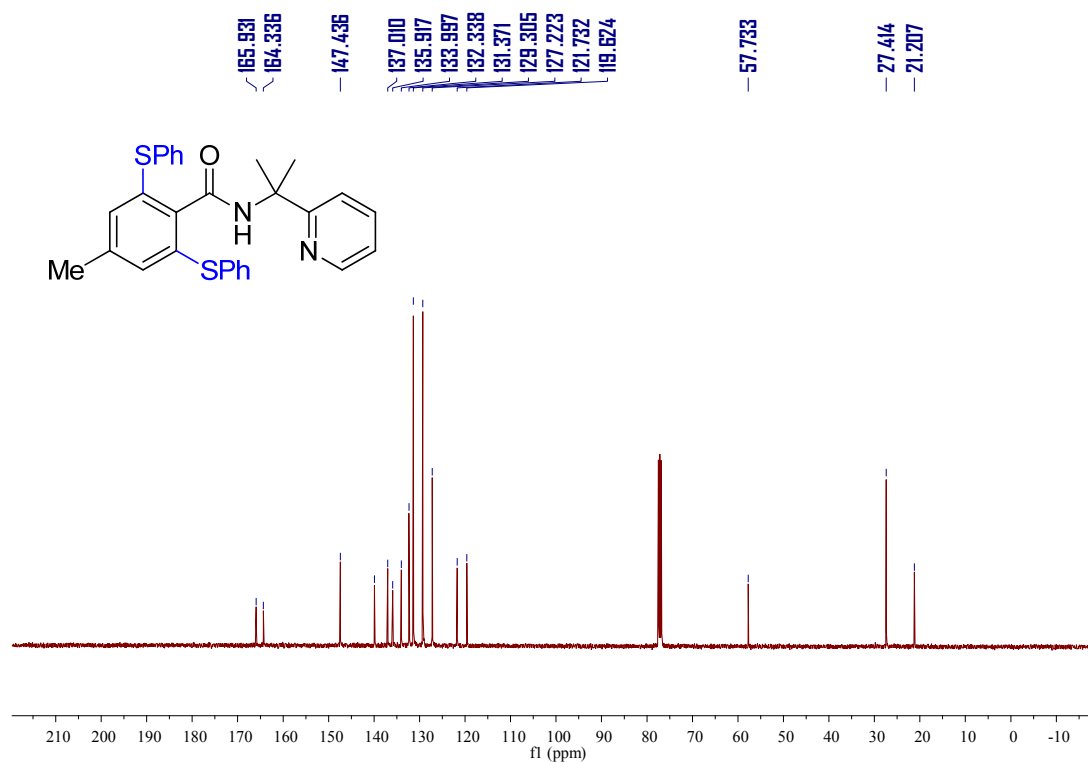
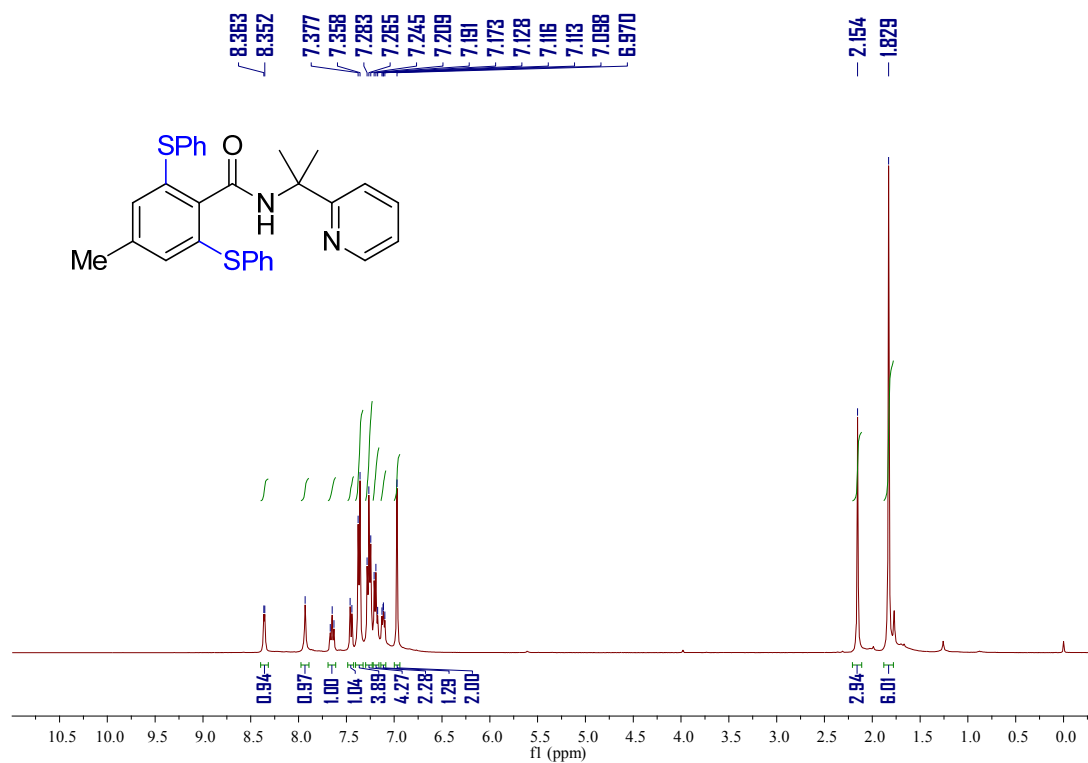
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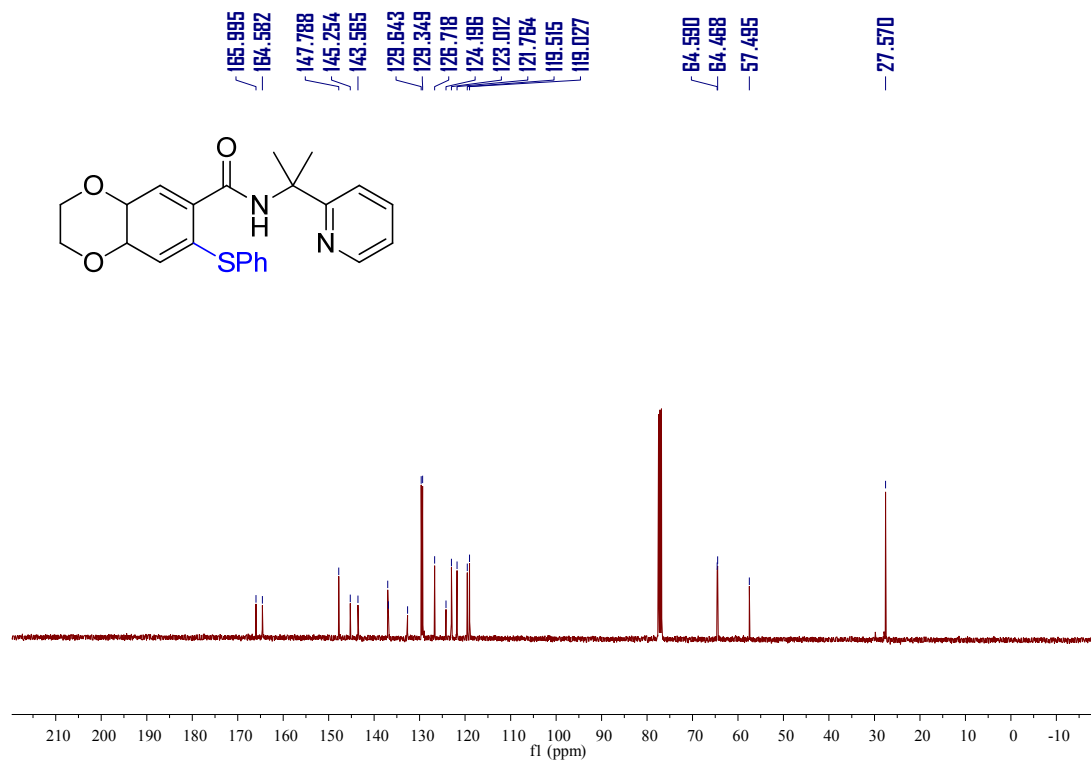
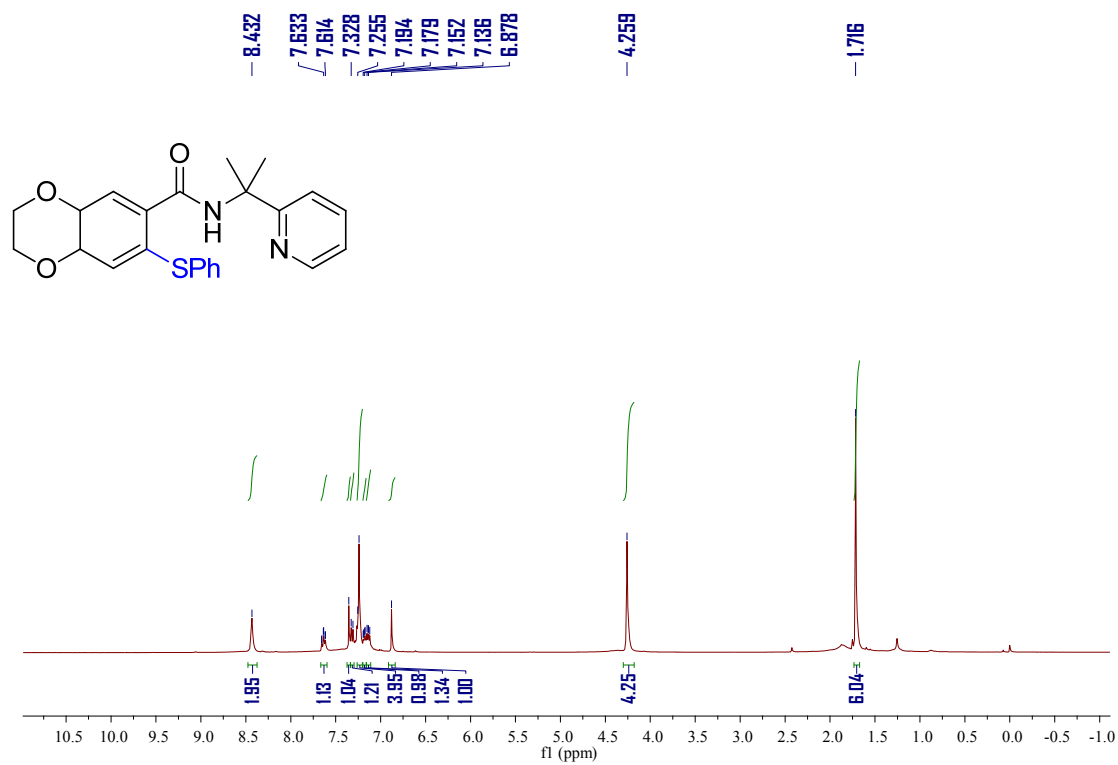
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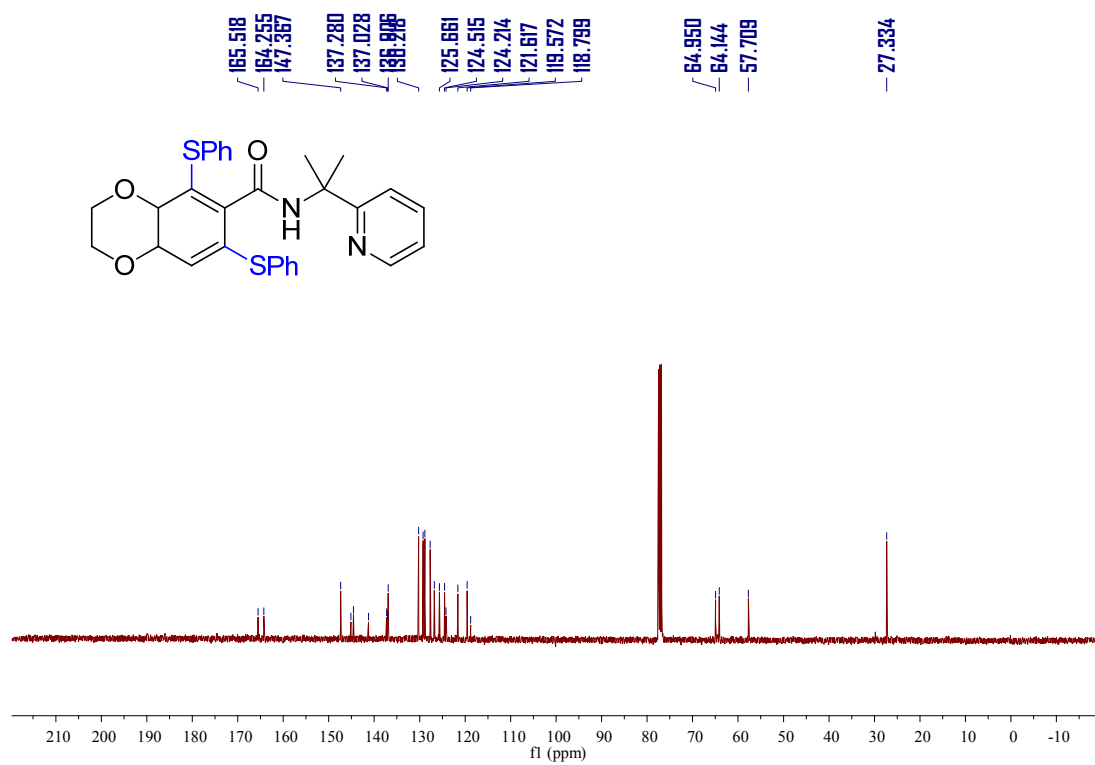
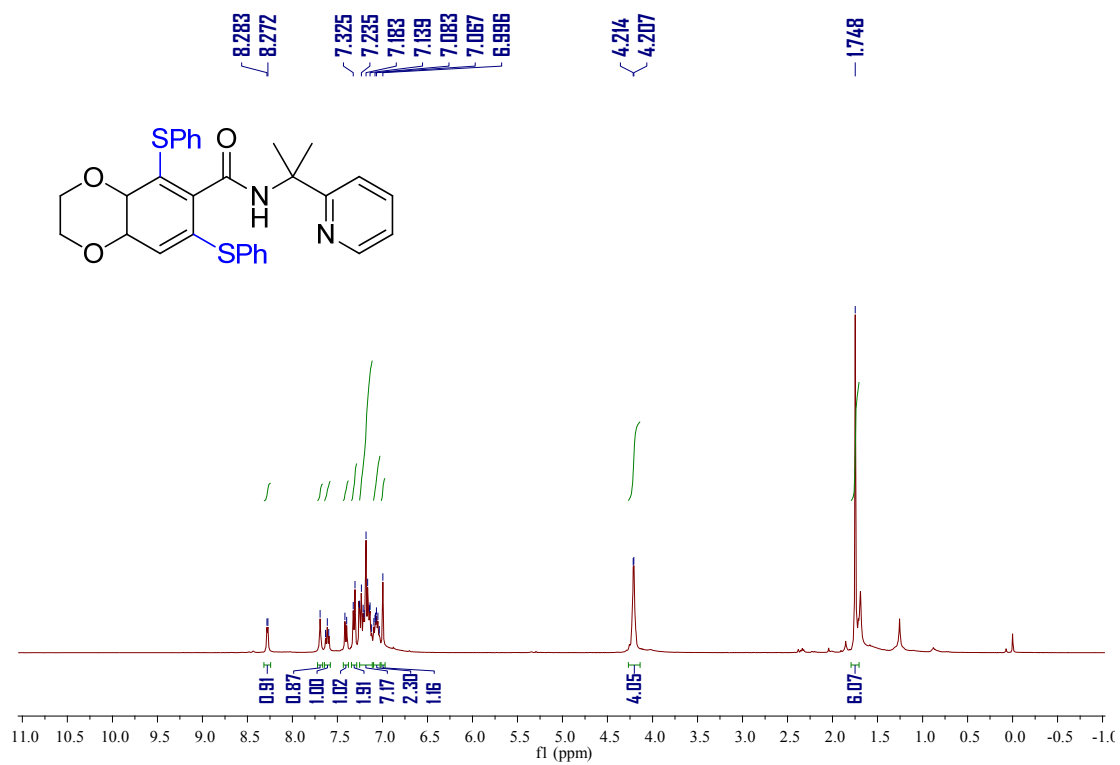
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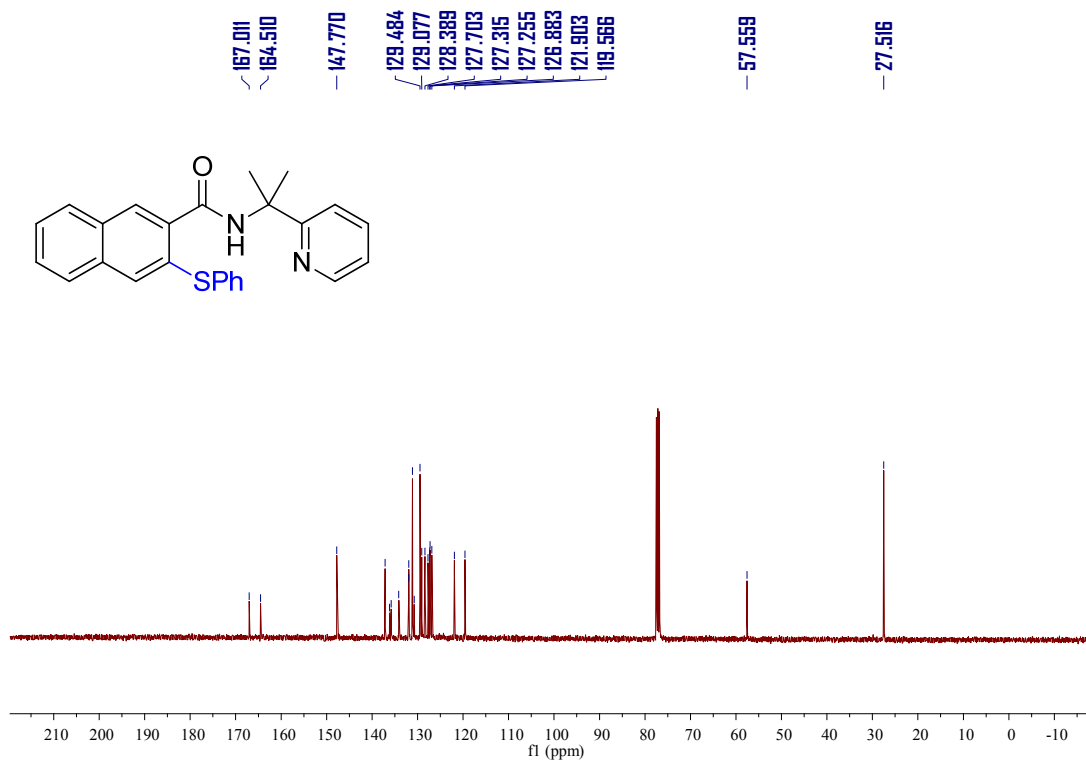
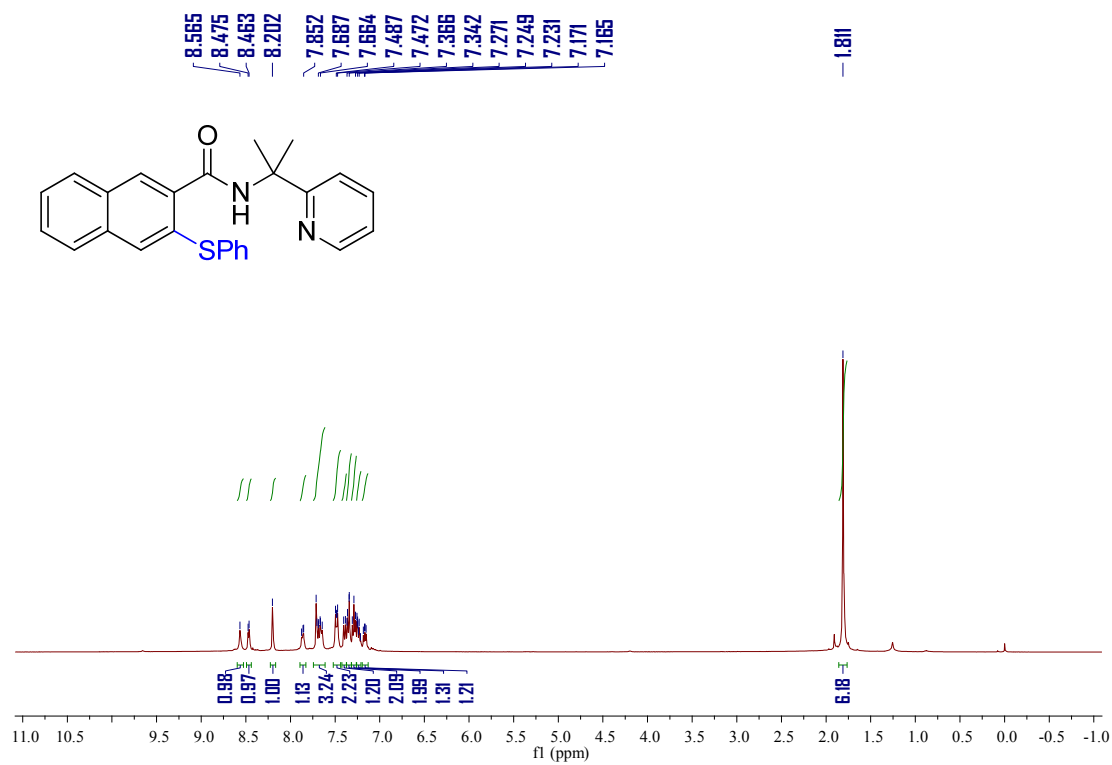
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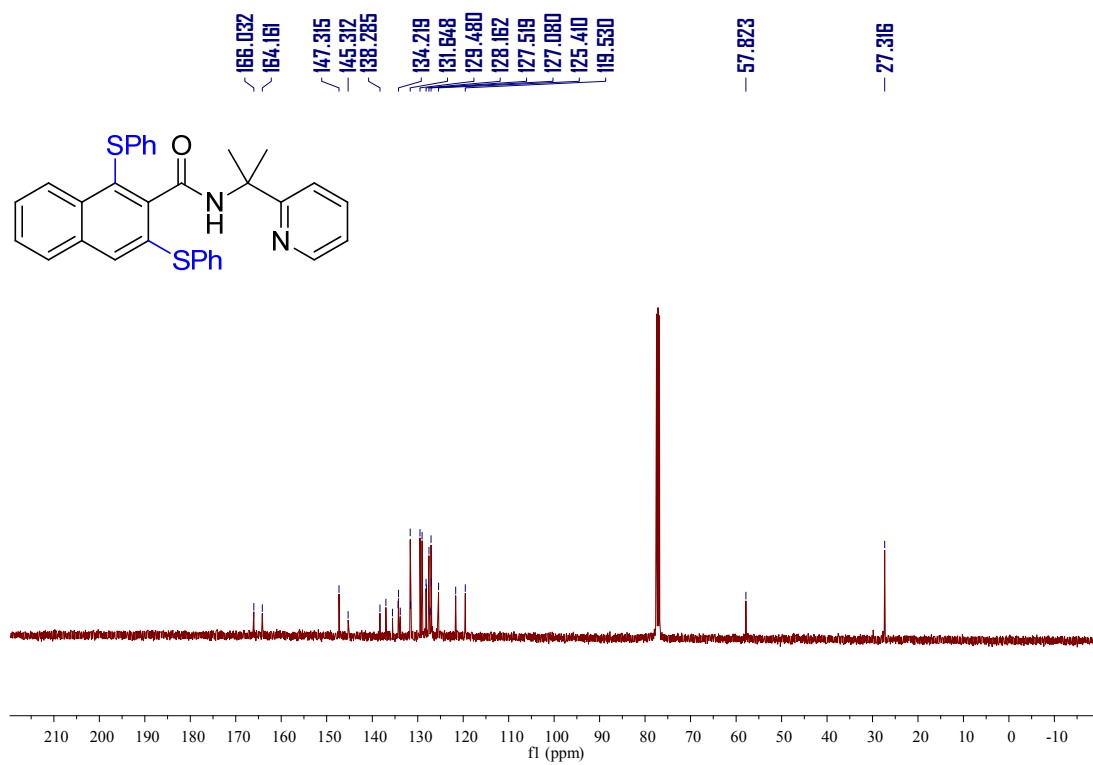
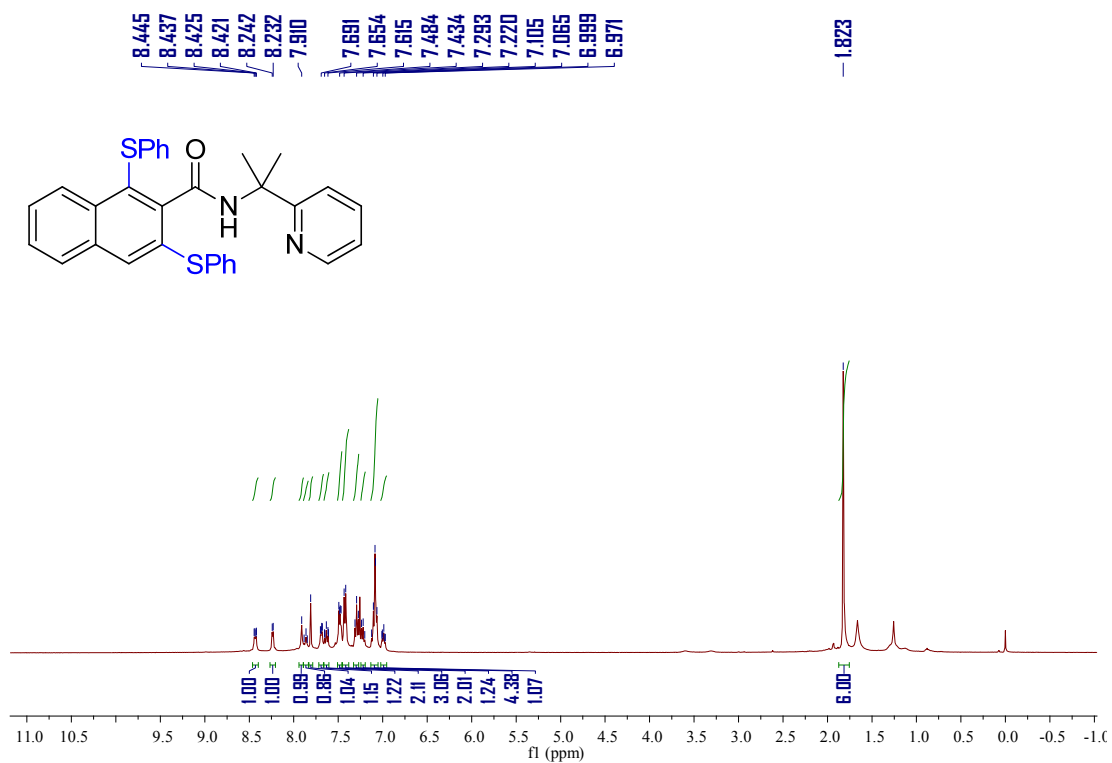
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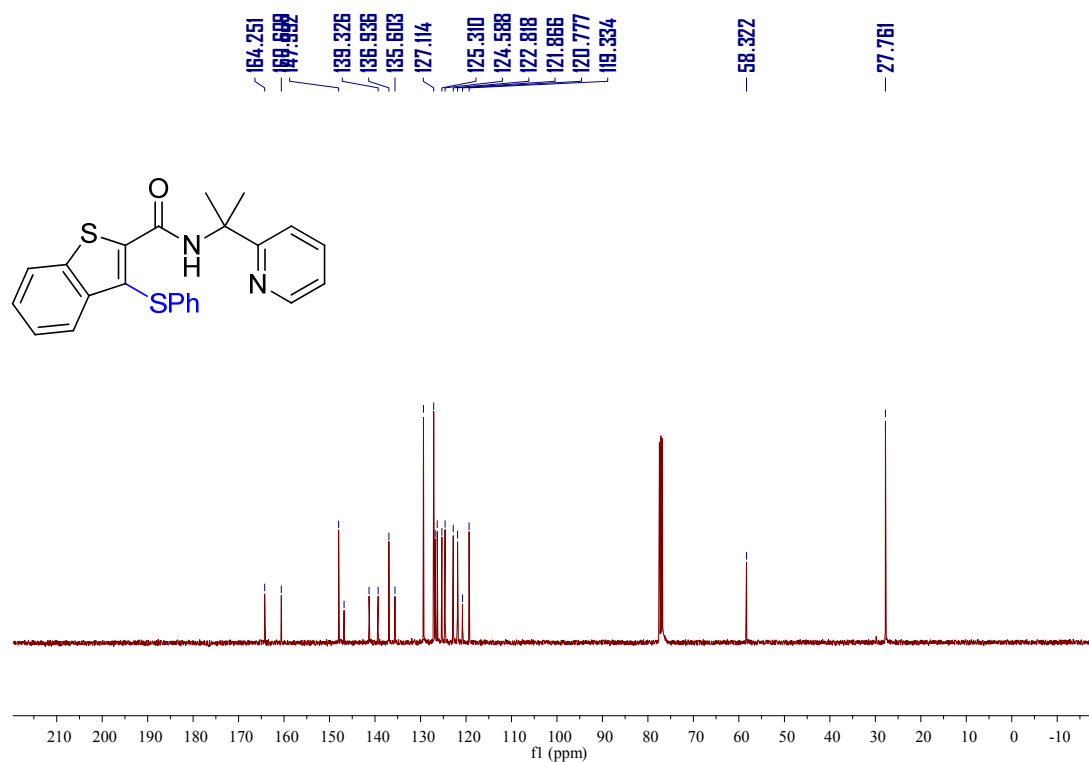
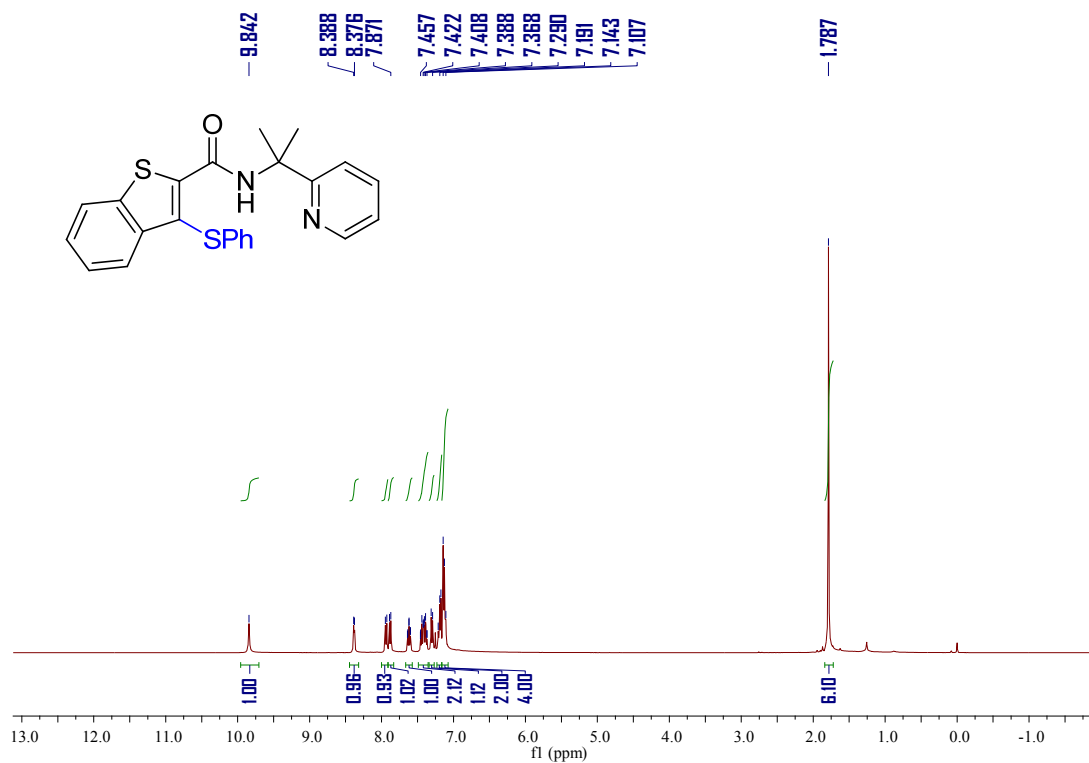
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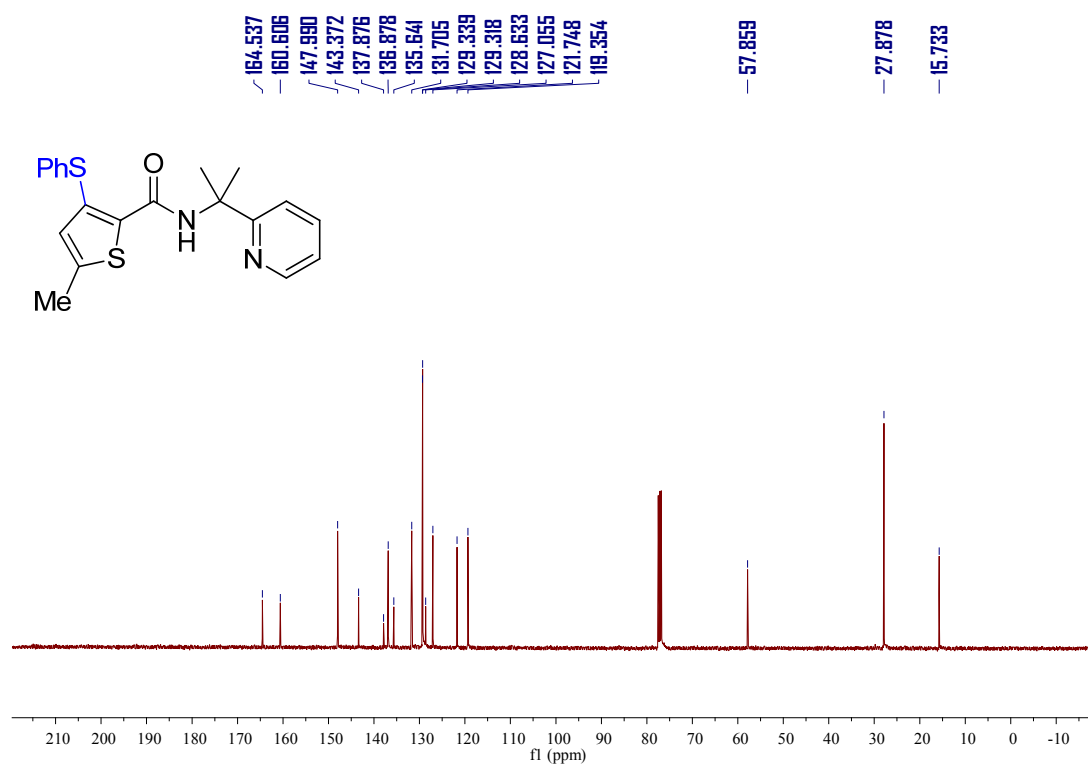
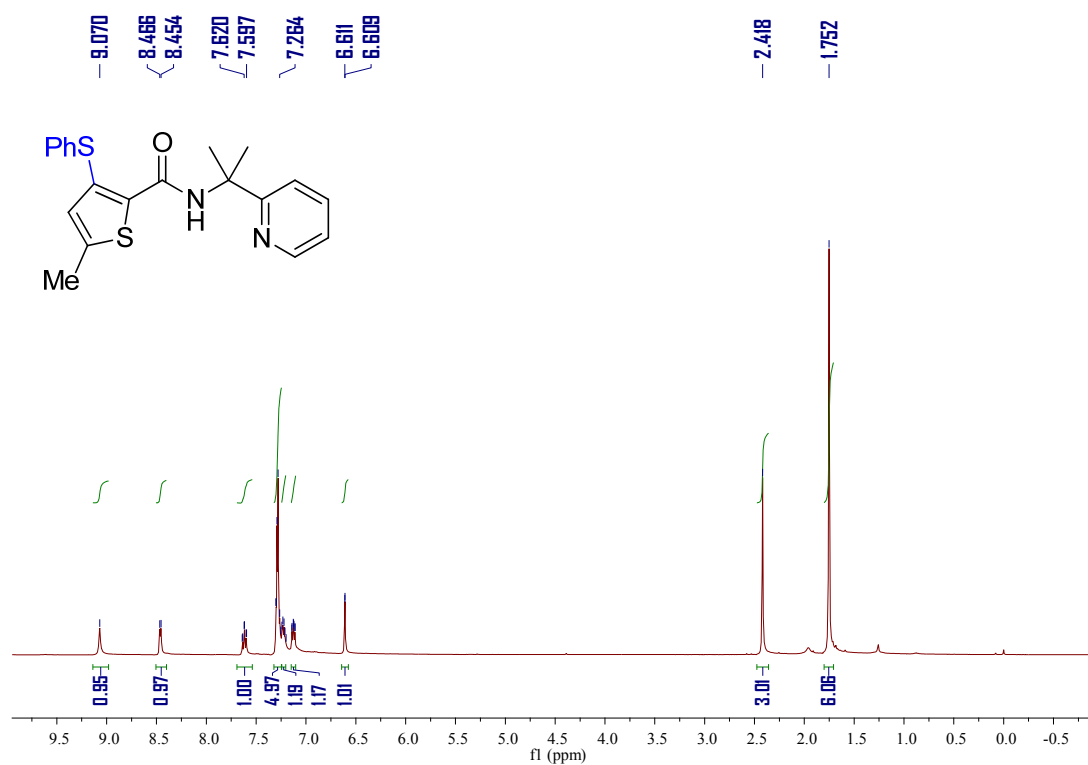
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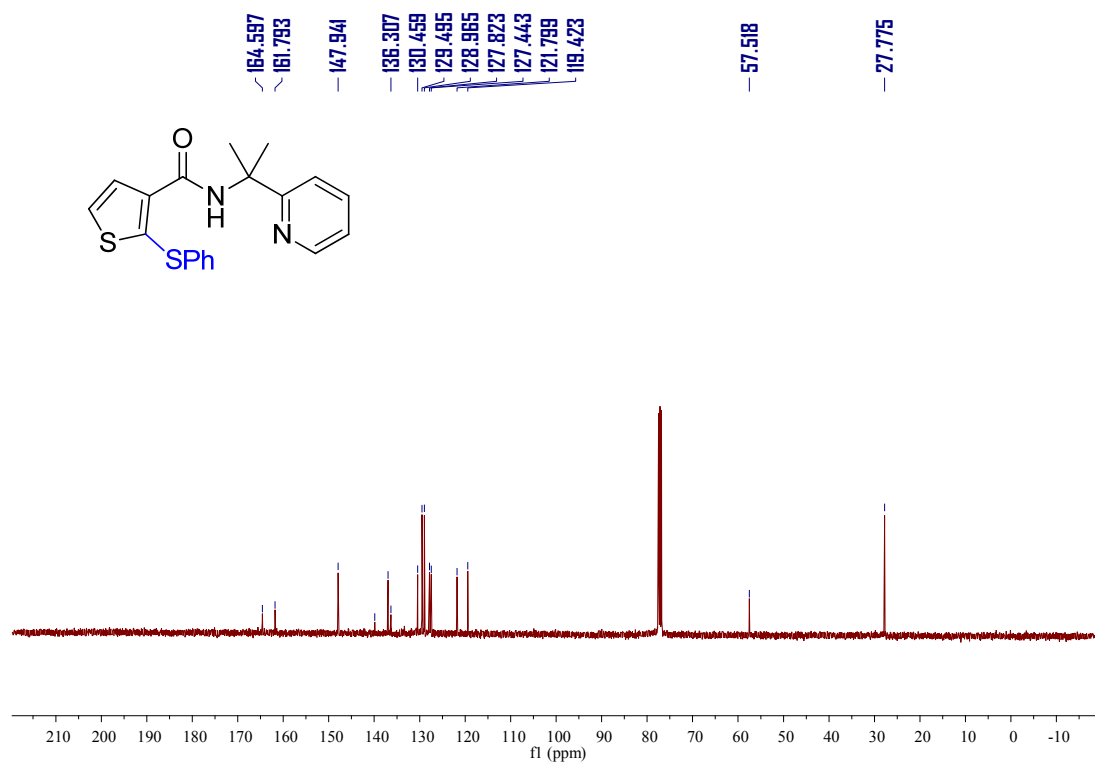
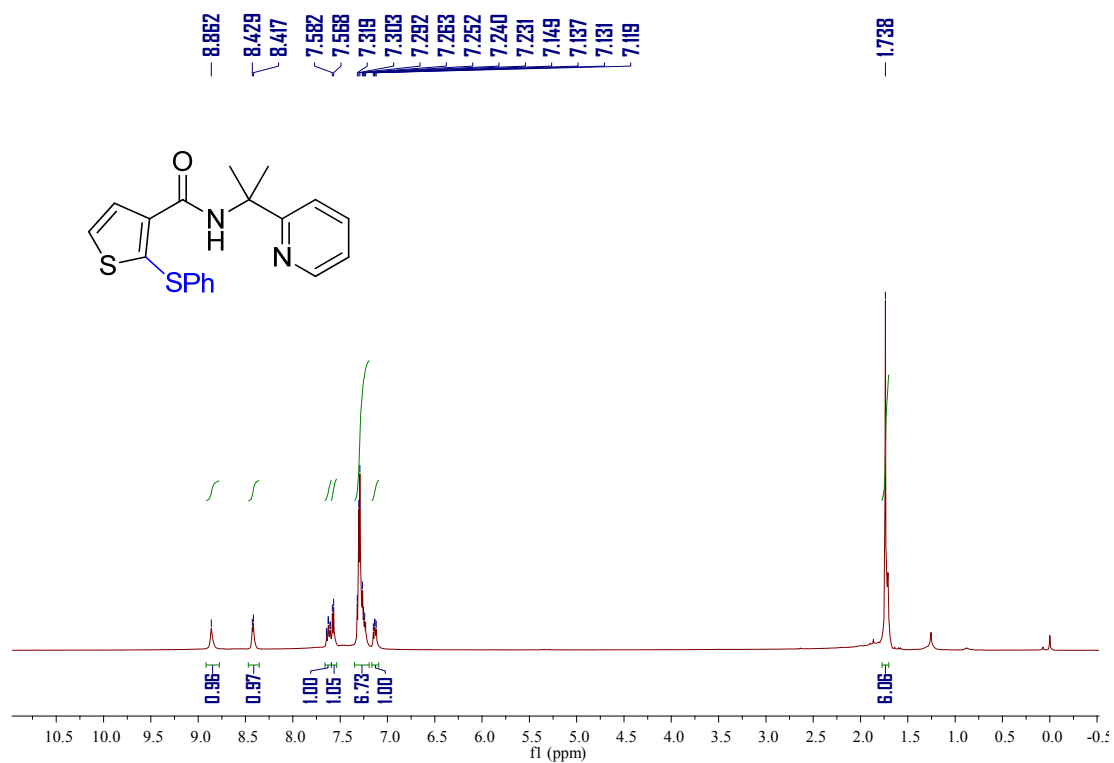
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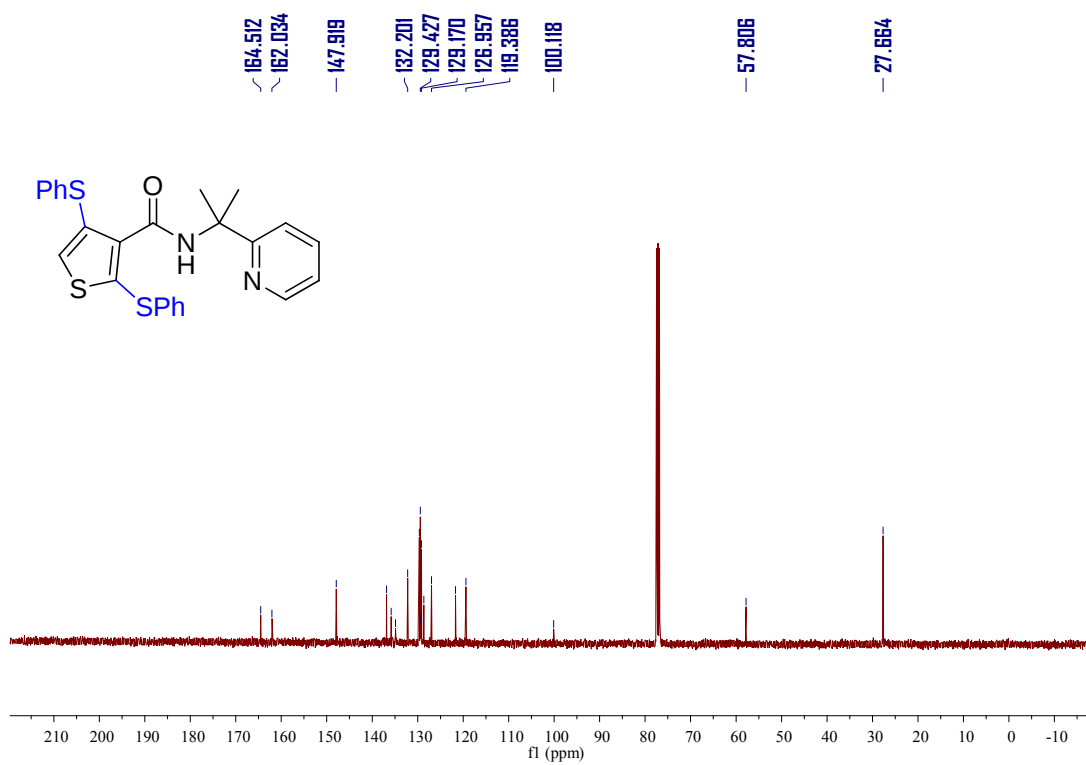
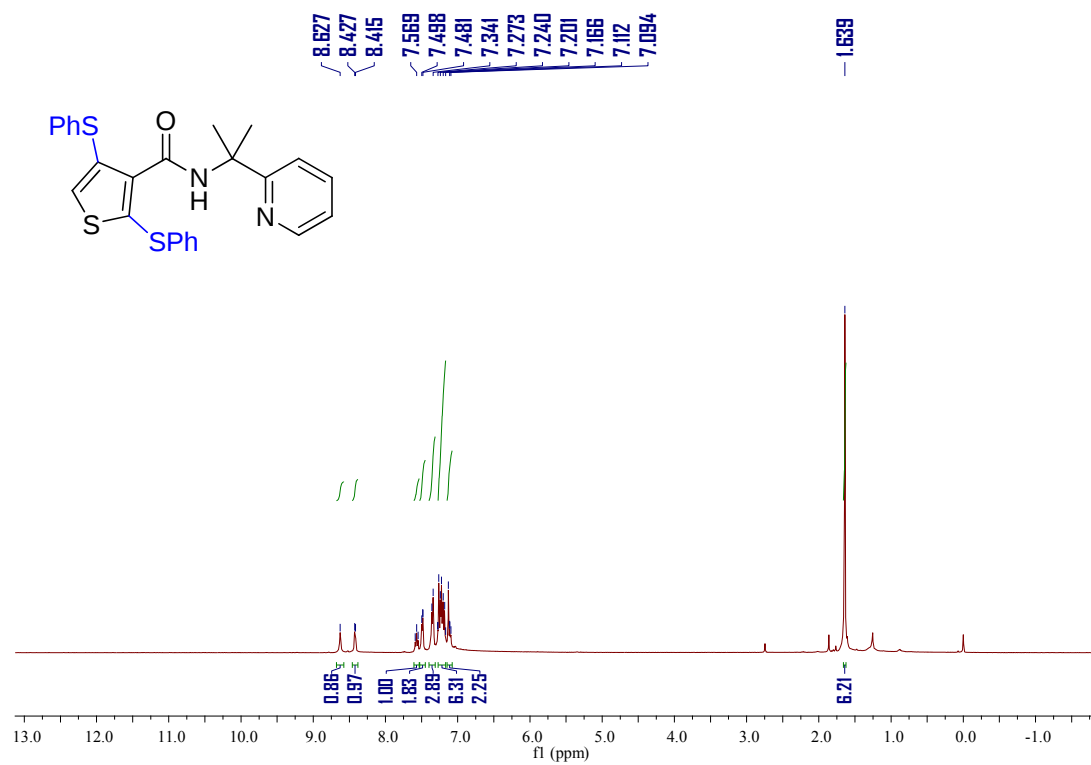
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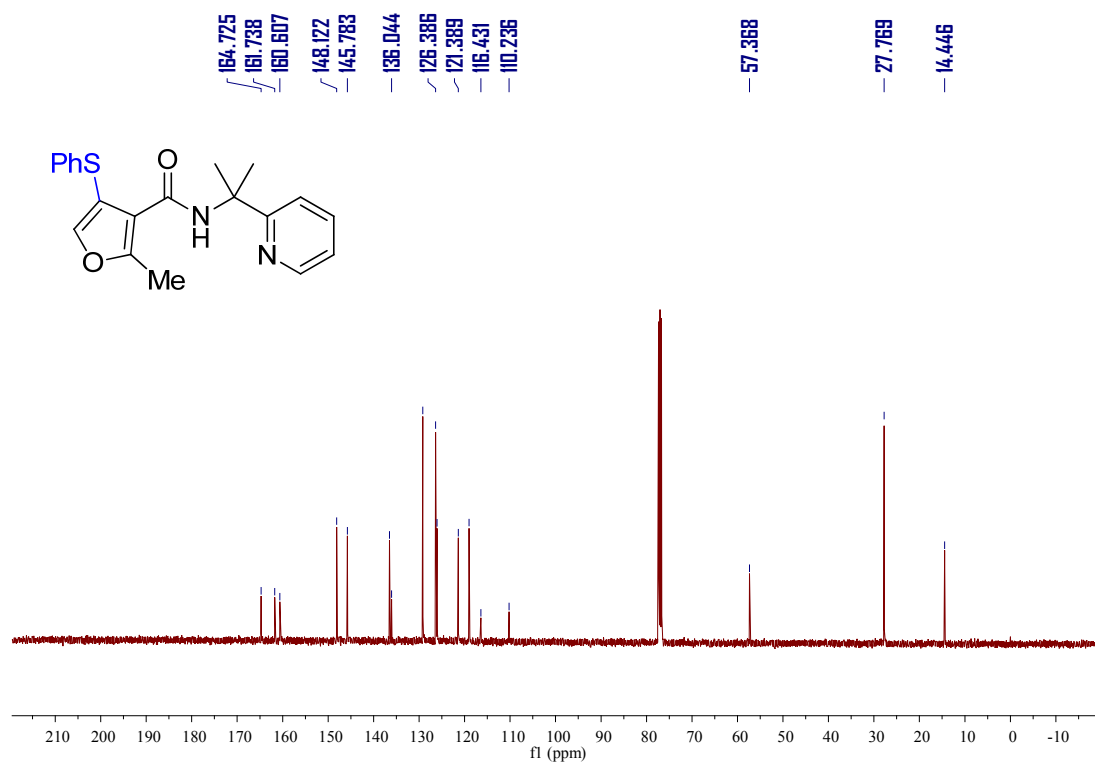
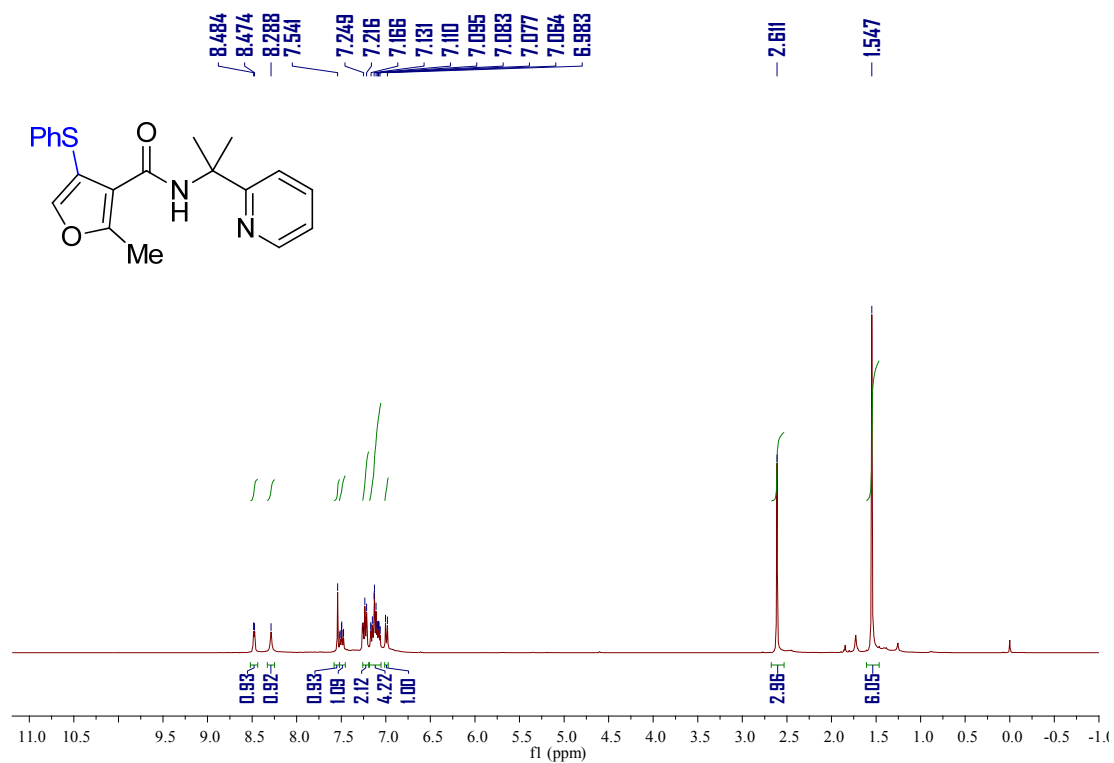
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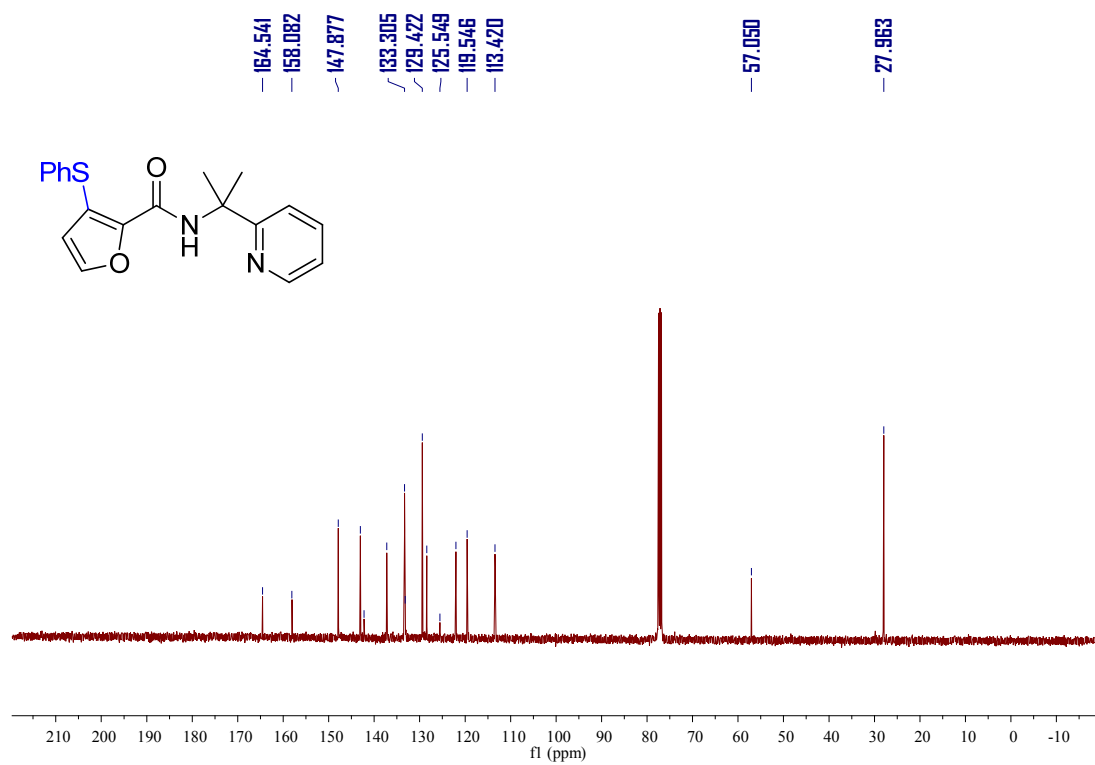
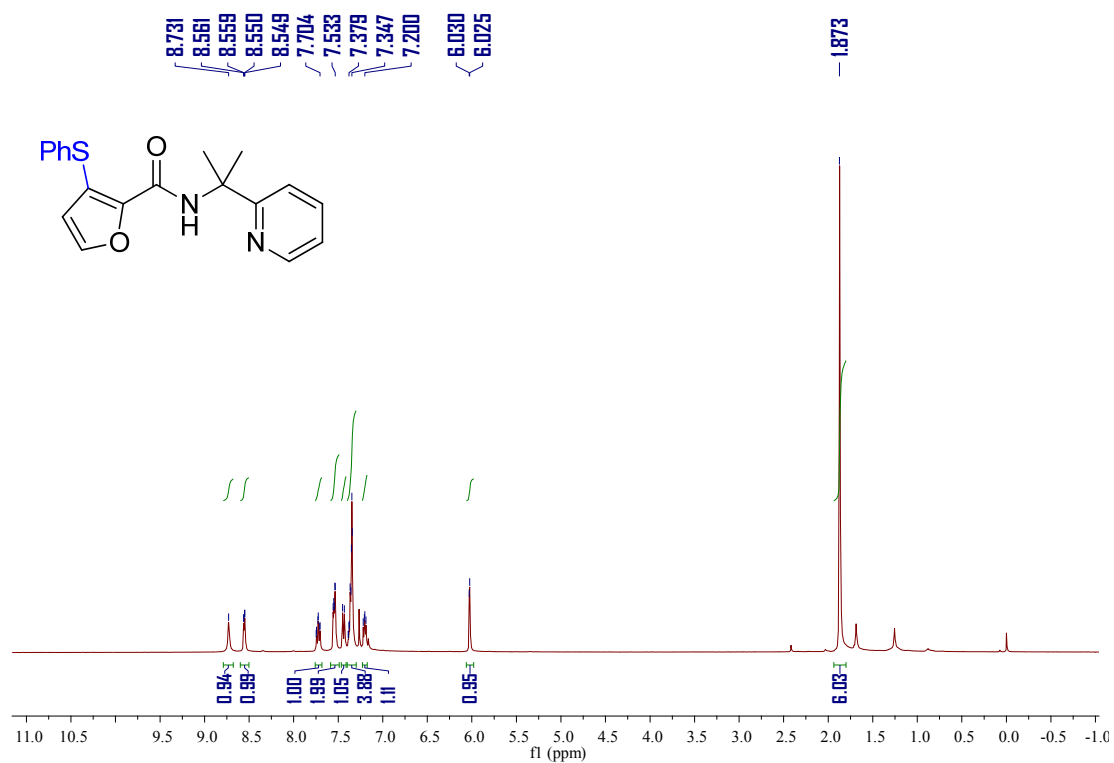
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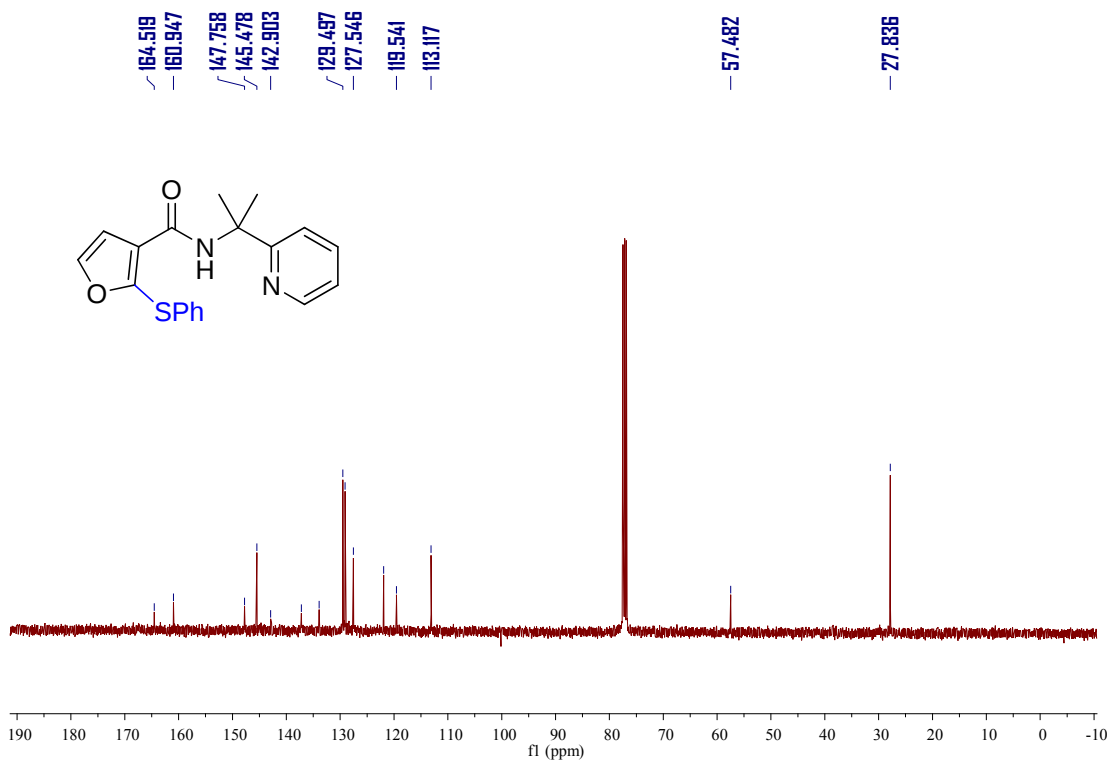
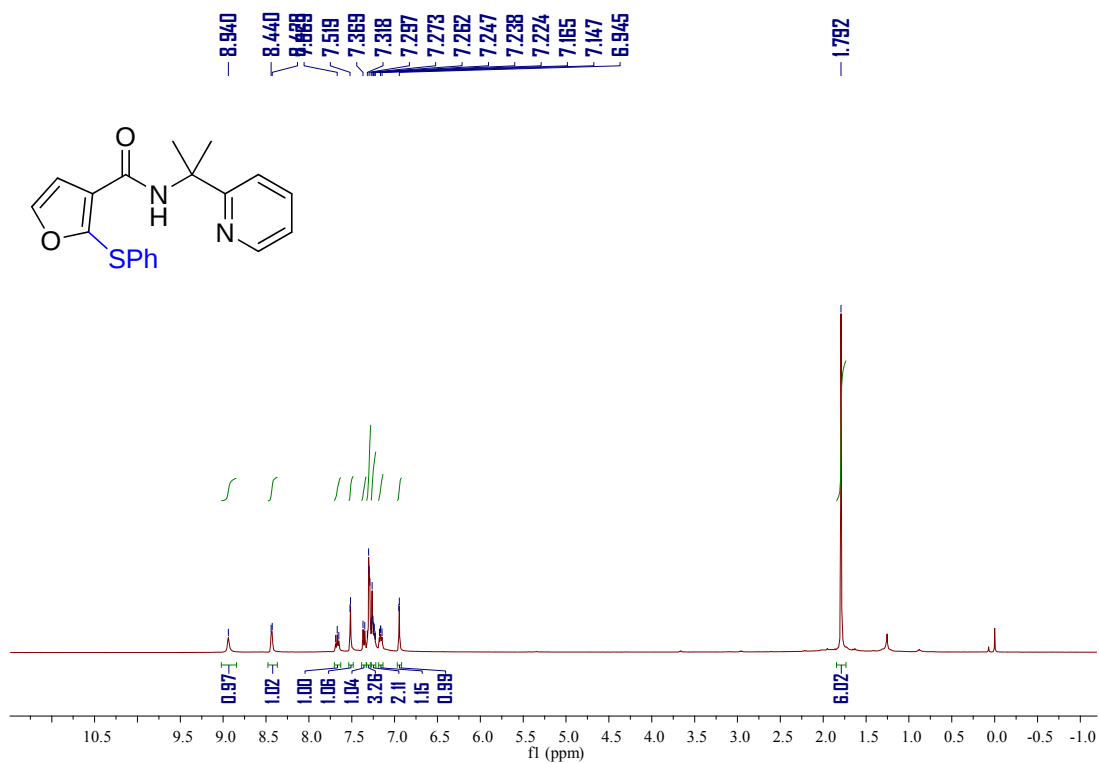
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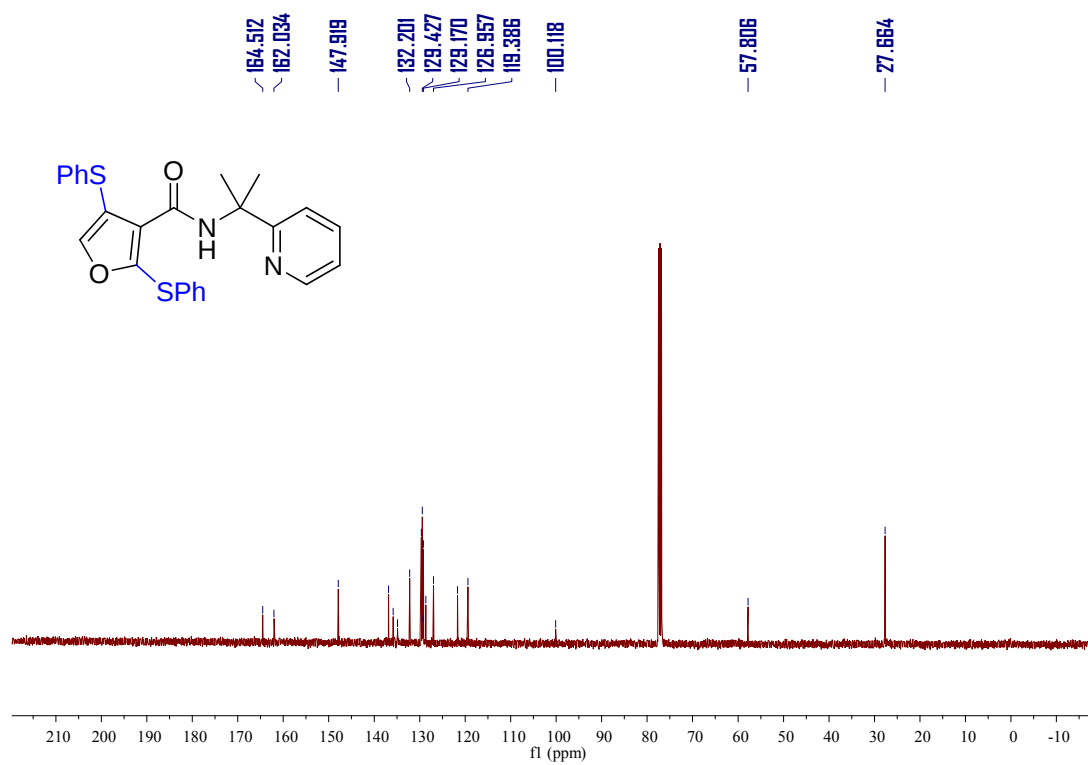
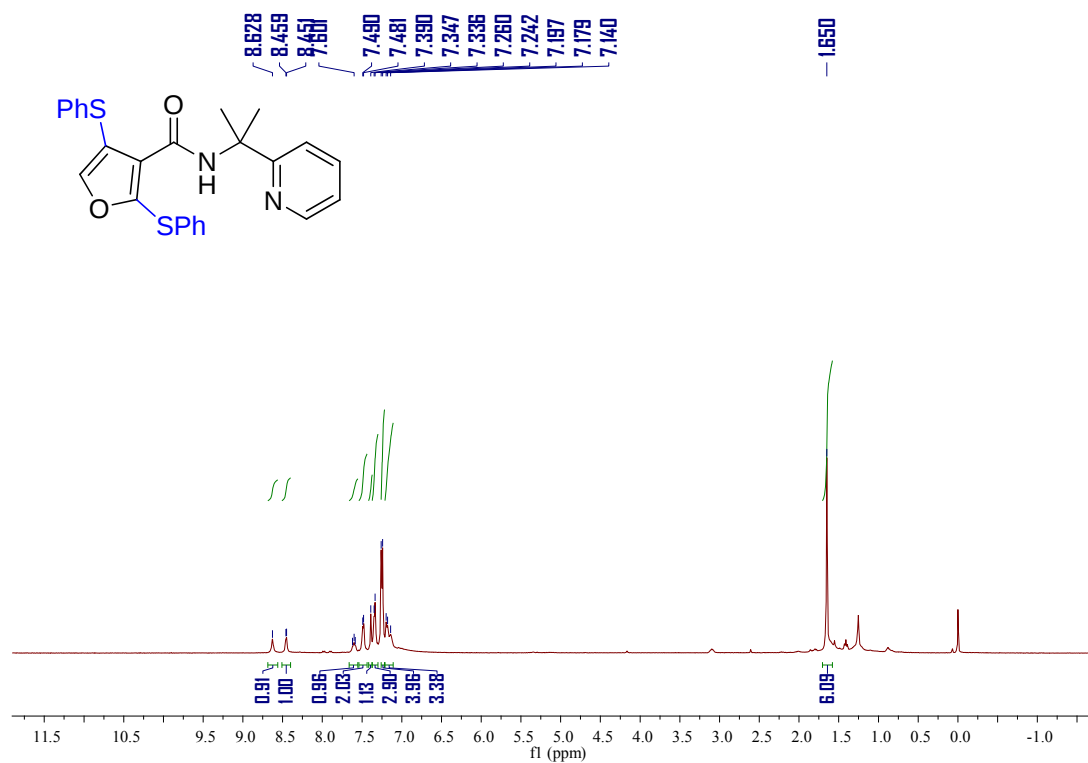
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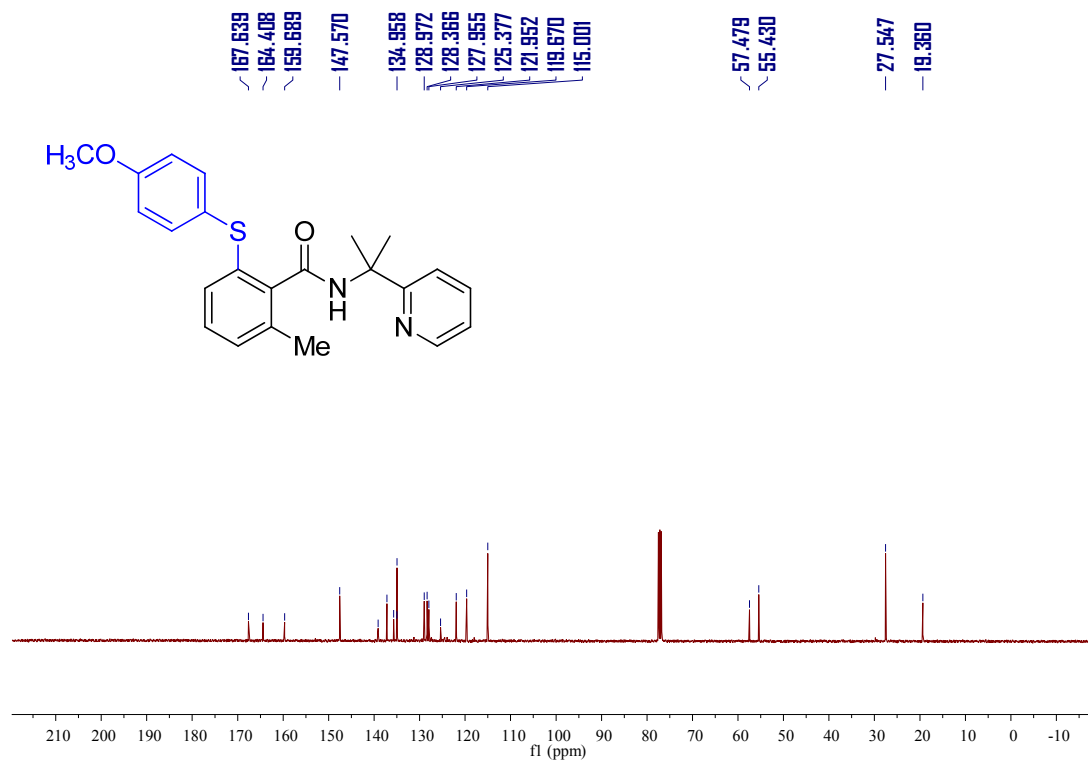
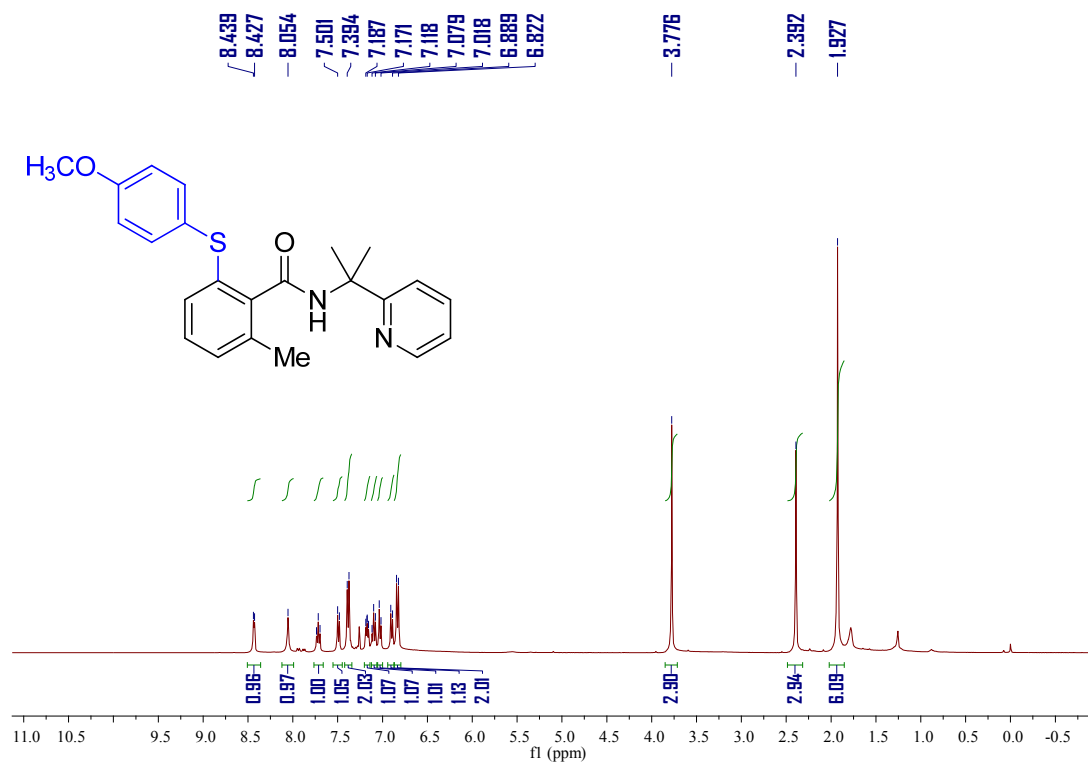
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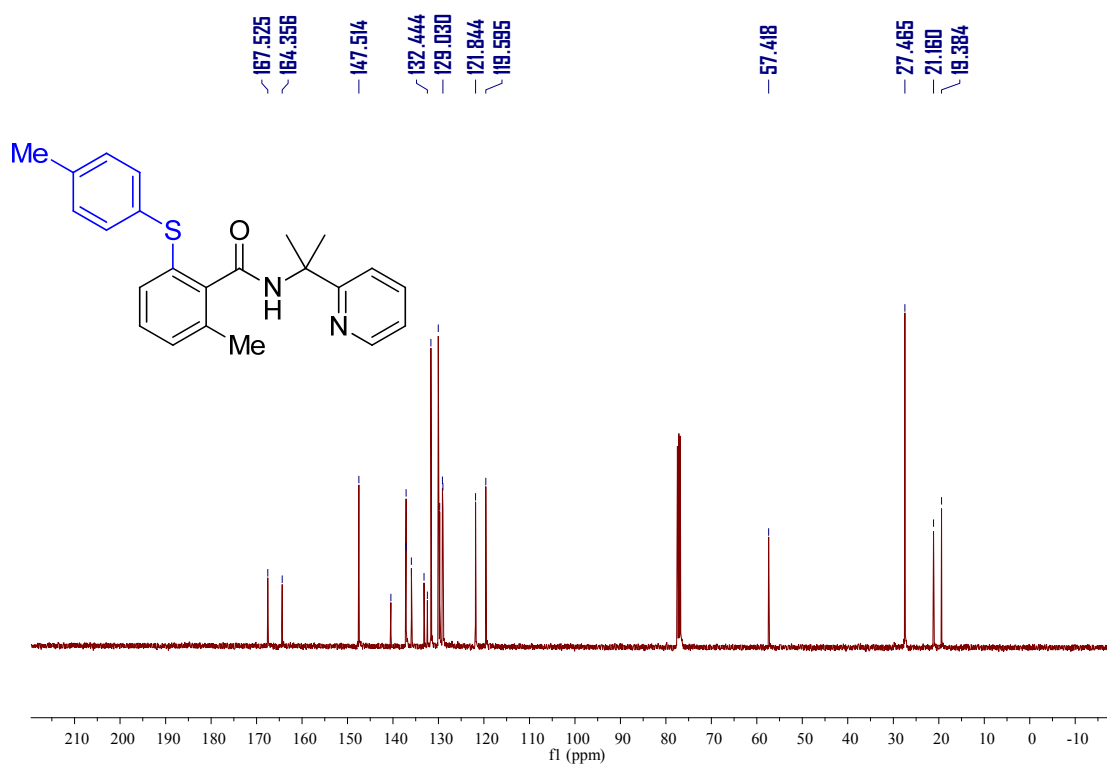
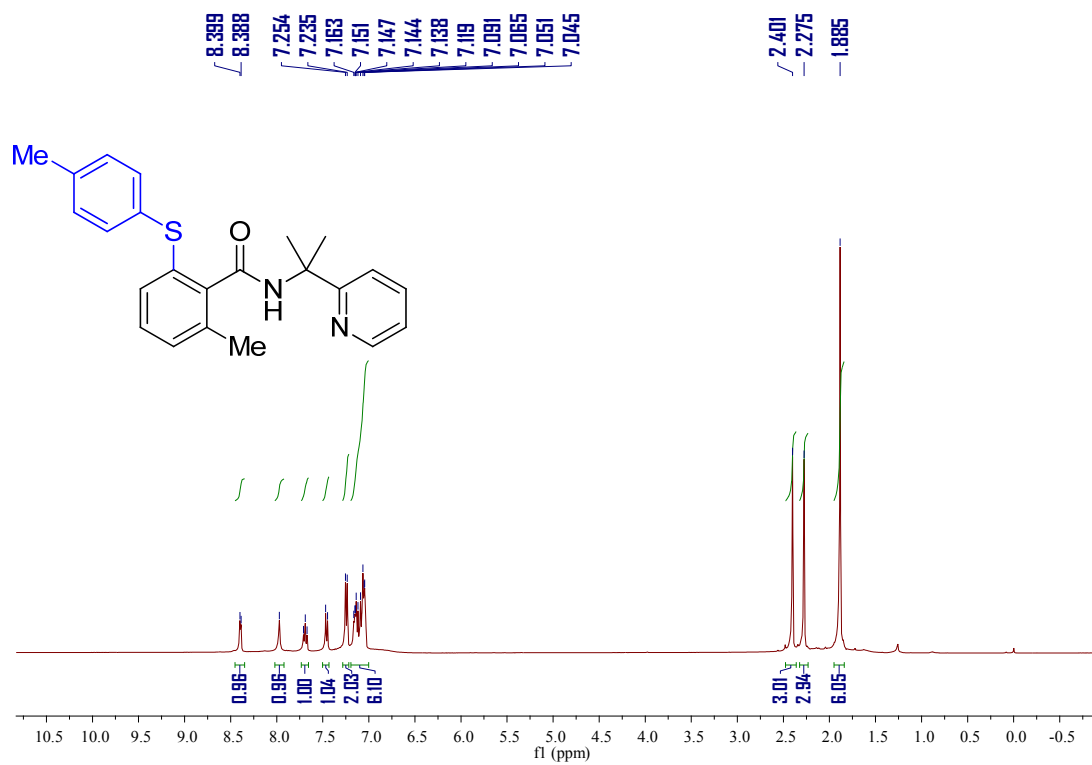
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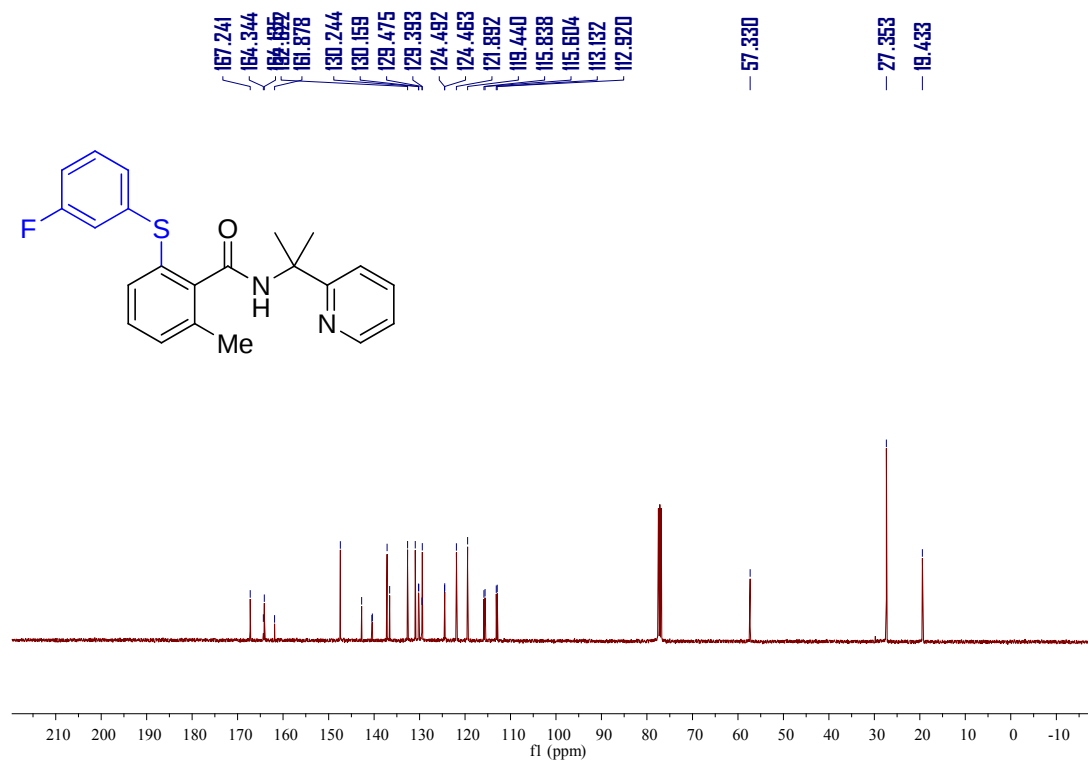
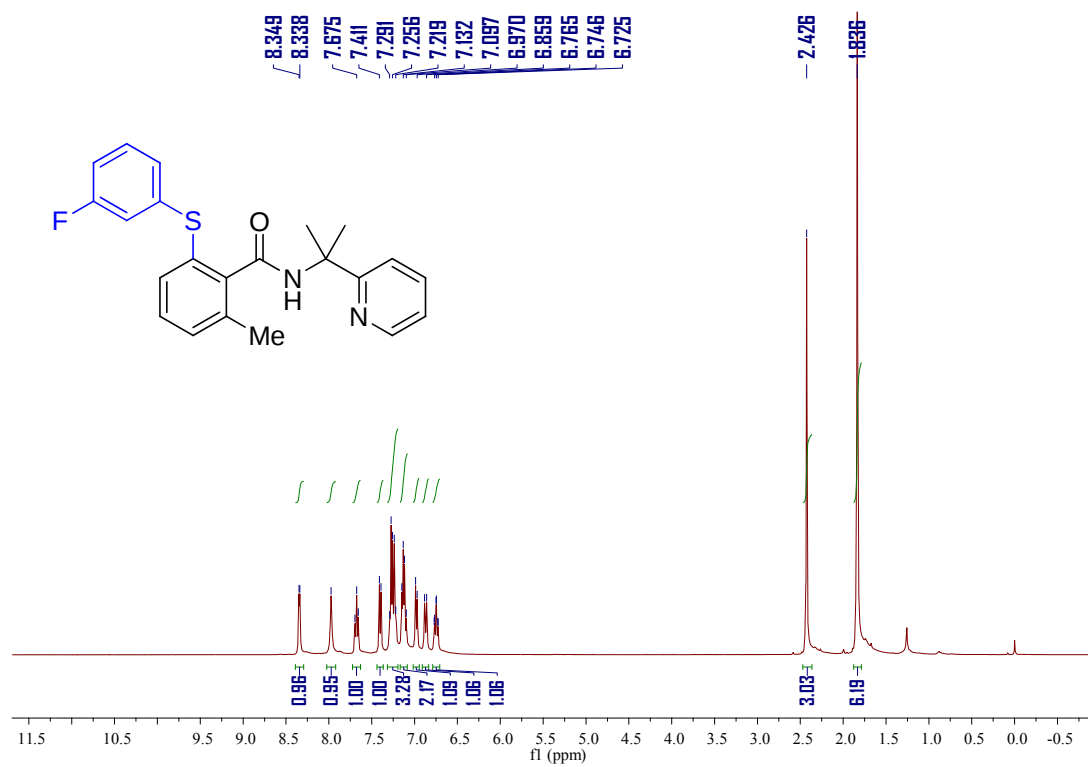
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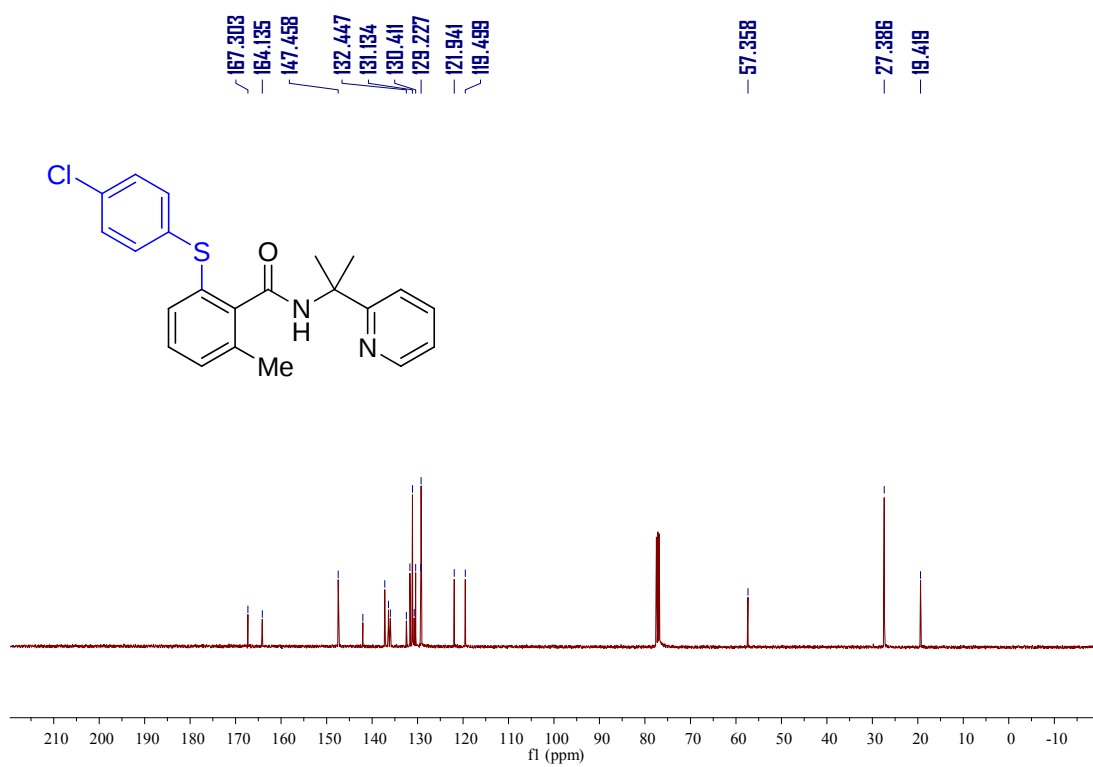
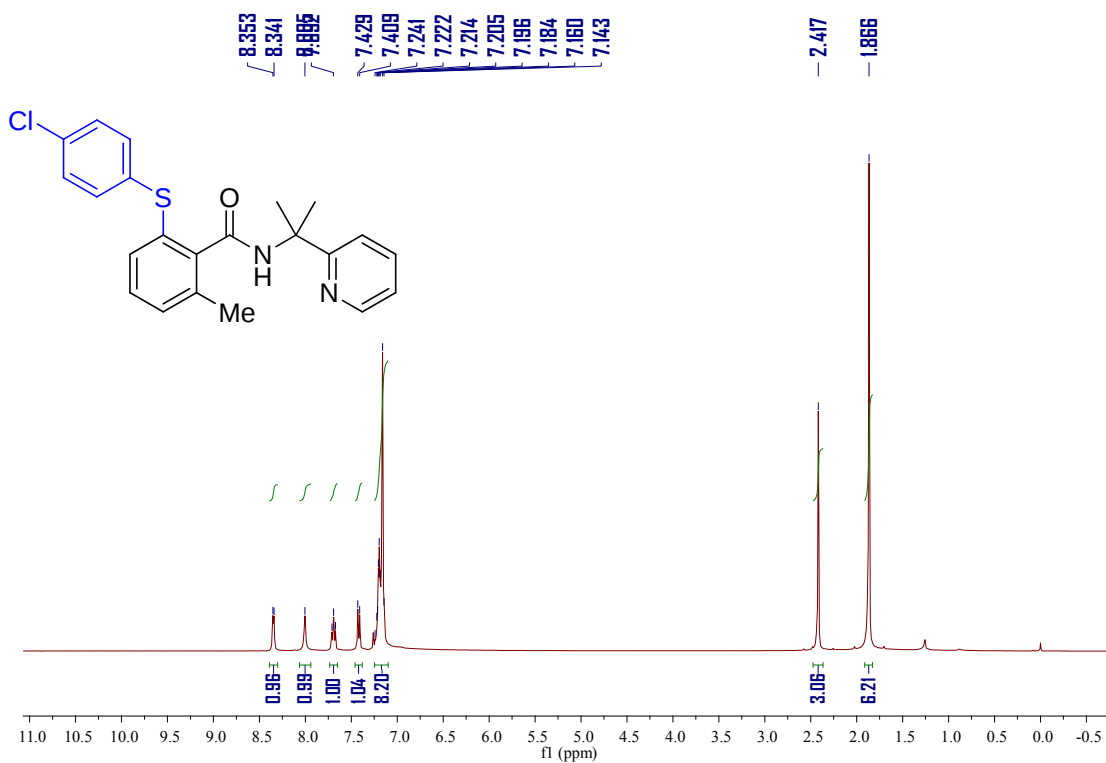
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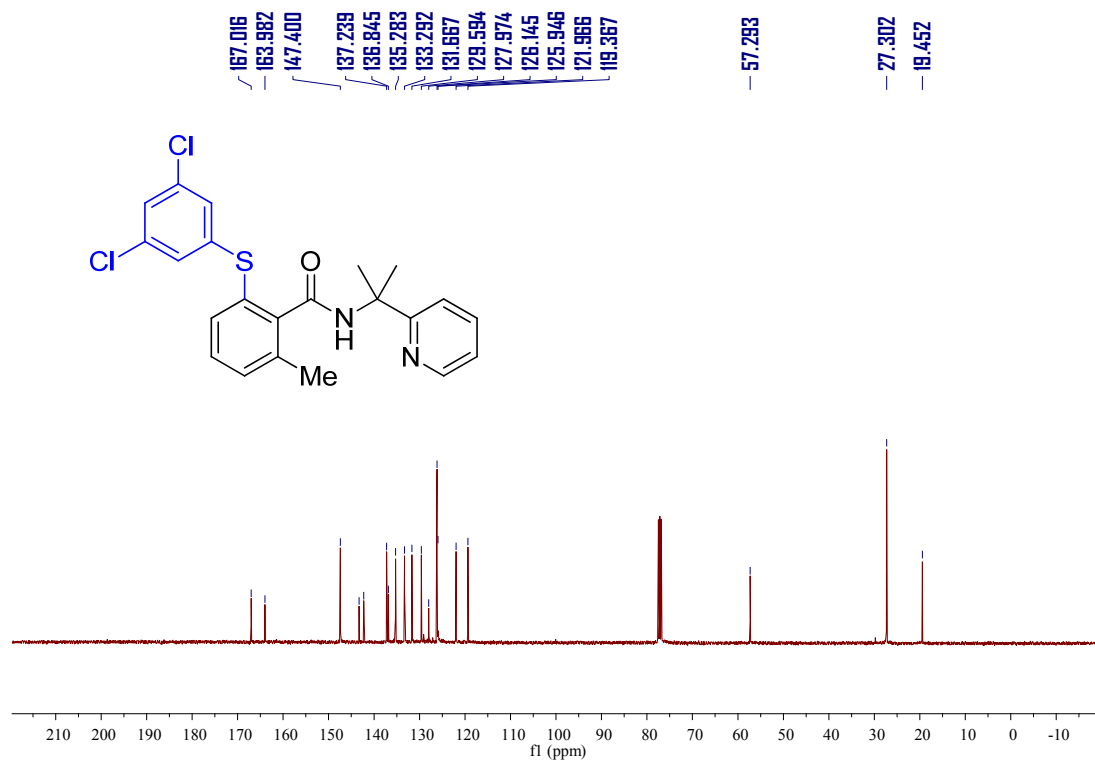
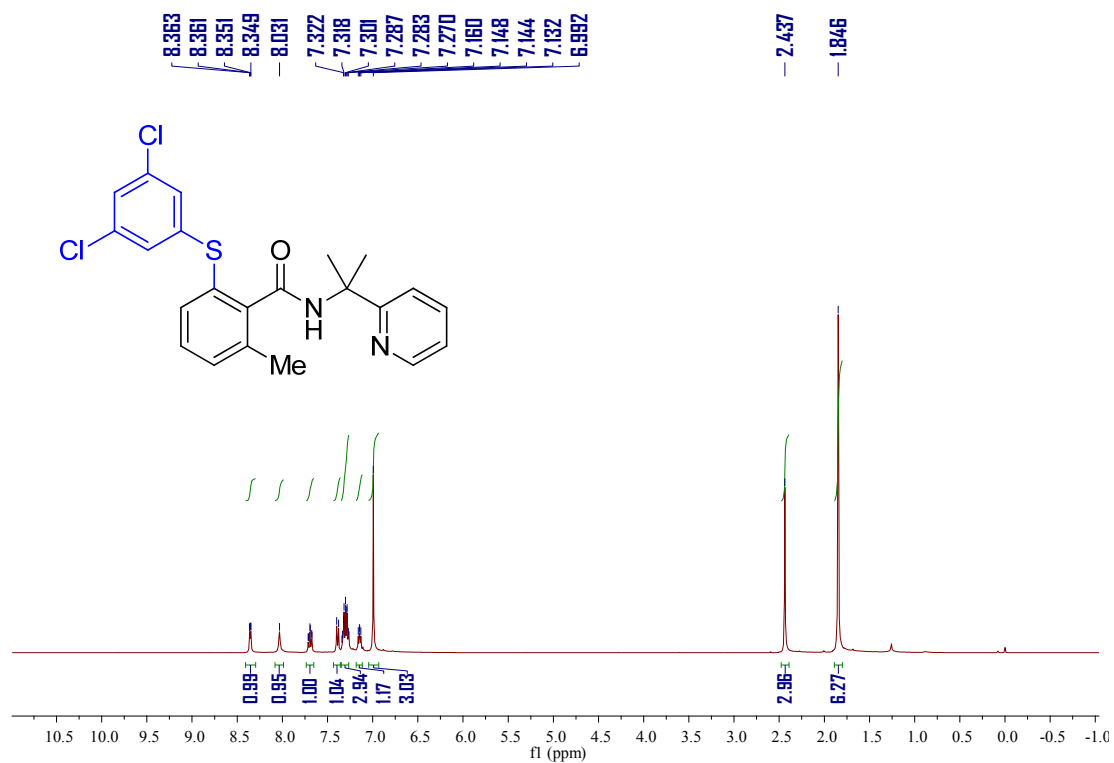
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