

A metal-free reaction of sulfur dioxide, cyclopropanols and electron-deficient olefins

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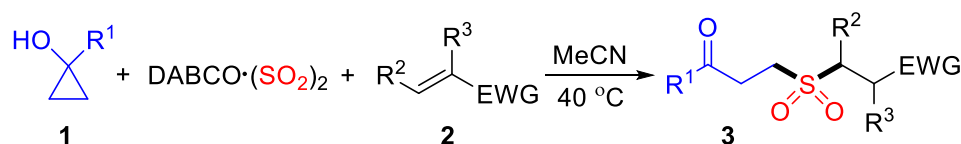
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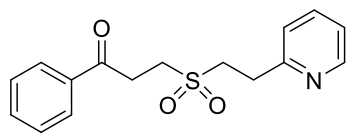
General experimental methods:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. All solvents were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60-Å pore size, 32-63 μm , standard grade). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates pre-coated with 0.25 mm 230-400 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light. Organic solutions were concentrated on rotary evaporators at ~ 20 Torr at 25-35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra are recorded in parts per million from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale. ^1H 、 ^{19}F NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz、376MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. All chemical shift values were quoted in ppm and coupling constants quoted in Hz. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a microTOF II Instrument.

*General experimental procedure for the reaction of cyclopropanol **1**, $(\text{DABCO})\cdot(\text{SO}_2)_2$, and alkenes **2**.*

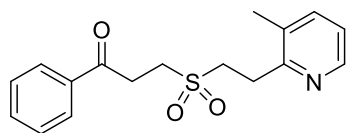


Alkene **2** (0.3 mmol) was added to a mixture of cyclopropanol **1** (0.6 mmol), $(\text{DABCO})\cdot(\text{SO}_2)_2$ (0.6 mmol) in MeCN (3.0 mL) under N_2 atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 24 h. After completion of reaction as indicated by TLC, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified directly by flash column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ (v/v): 30/1 to 50/1) to give the corresponding product **3**.



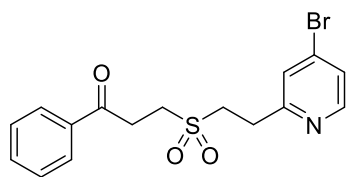
1-phenyl-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3aa**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 7.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.49 (m, 4H), 3.41 – 3.30 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.7, 157.1, 149.6, 136.9, 135.8, 133.9, 128.9, 128.2, 123.5, 122.2, 52.4, 47.8, 30.9, 30.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 304.1002, found: 304.1007.



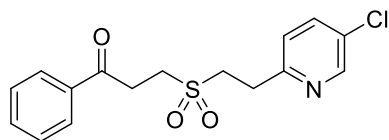
3-((2-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (**3ab**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (dd, J = 8.6, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (dd, J = 8.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.36 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.8, 155.2, 146.6, 137.9, 135.8, 133.9, 131.6, 128.9, 128.2, 122.2, 51.3, 48.0, 31.0, 26.7, 18.7; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 318.1158, found: 318.1166.



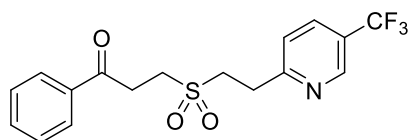
3-((2-(4-bromopyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (**3ac**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.34 (dd, J = 5.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 – 3.54 (m, 4H), 3.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.38 – 3.30 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.7, 158.7, 150.3, 135.8, 134.0, 133.6, 129.0, 128.3, 126.9, 125.7, 52.1, 48.0, 31.0, 29.8; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{NaSBr}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 403.9926, found: 403.9931.



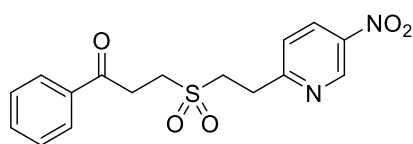
3-((2-(5-chloropyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (**3ad**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.62 – 3.53 (m, 4H), 3.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (dd, J = 8.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.8, 155.3, 148.5, 136.7, 135.8, 134.1, 130.7, 129.0, 128.3, 124.3, 52.3, 48.0, 30.9, 29.5; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{NaCl}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 360.0432, found: 360.0440.



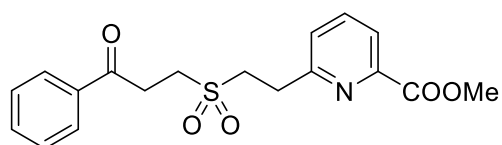
1-phenyl-3-((2-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ae**)

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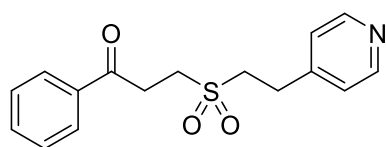
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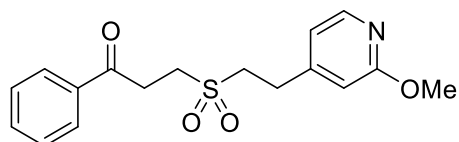
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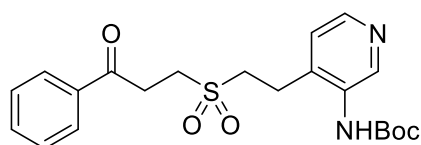
1-phenyl-3-((2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ah**)

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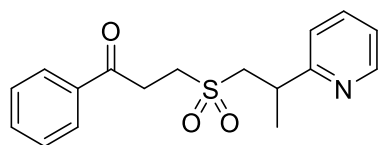
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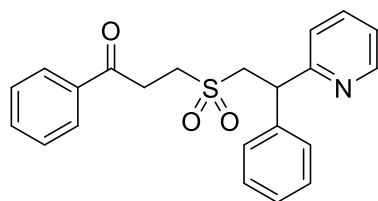
tert-butyl (4-(2-((3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)ethyl)pyridin-3-yl)carbamate (**3aj**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 3.59 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.36 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 9.8, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.0, 153.9, 146.9, 146.6, 139.76, 135.6, 134.2, 132.9, 129.0, 128.3, 124.0, 81.4, 53.0, 47.8, 31.3, 28.4, 23.5; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 419.1635, found: 419.1648.



1-phenyl-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)propyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ak**)

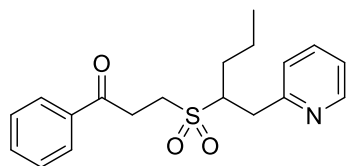
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.56 – 8.47 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.66 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, $J = 7.5, 4.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (dd, $J = 14.3, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd, $J = 14.3, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 – 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.47 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.6, 162.0, 149.6, 137.2, 135.8, 133.9, 128.9, 128.2, 122.9, 122.4, 58.5, 48.6, 36.6, 30.9, 22.3; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 318.1158, found: 318.1166.



1-phenyl-3-((2-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3al**)

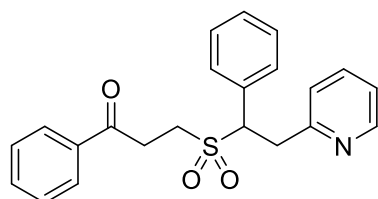
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128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 124.0, 122.5, 58.0, 48.8, 47.6, 30.9; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}NO_3S^+$ ($M+H^+$): 380.1315, found: 380.1324.



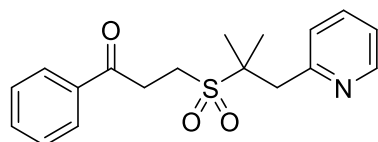
1-phenyl-3-((1-(pyridin-2-yl)pentan-2-yl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3am**)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.50 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.60 – 3.38 (m, 3H), 3.25 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd, J = 15.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 196.0, 157.4, 149.6, 136.9, 135.9, 133.8, 128.9, 128.2, 124.1, 122.2, 61.7, 46.2, 36.8, 30.5, 29.9, 20.2, 14.0; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{24}NO_3S^+$ ($M+H^+$): 346.1471, found: 346.1486.



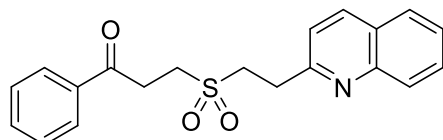
1-phenyl-3-((1-phenyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3an**)

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.50 – 8.44 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, J = 10.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 14.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.39 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.21 – 3.08 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 195.8, 156.5, 149.5, 136.6, 135.8, 133.8, 132.4, 129.8, 129.2, 129.03, 128.9, 128.2, 124.2, 121.9, 68.4, 46.0, 36.2, 30.6; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}NO_3S^+$ ($M+H^+$): 380.1315, found: 380.1321.



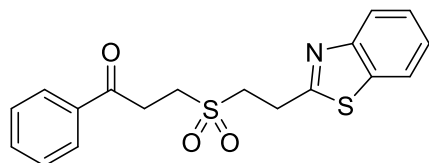
3-((2-methyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)sulfonyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (**3ao**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.60 – 8.54 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 3.61 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.48 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 2H), 1.44 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.3, 156.1, 149.5, 136.5, 136.0, 133.9, 128.9, 128.3, 125.7, 122.2, 63.1, 42.4, 41.1, 29.8, 20.6; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 332.1315, found: 332.1317.



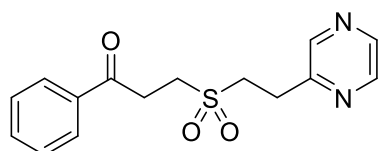
1-phenyl-3-((2-(quinolin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ap**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.63 – 3.53 (m, 4H), 3.52 – 3.45 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.8, 157.4, 147.8, 137.0, 135.9, 133.9, 129.9, 128.9, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 126.5, 121.5, 52.0, 48.0, 31.0, 30.8; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 354.1158, found: 354.1159.



3-((2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (**3aq**)

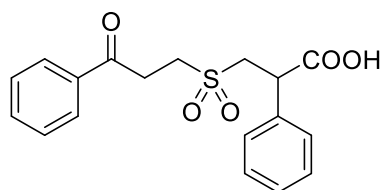
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 3.78 – 3.65 (m, 4H), 3.64 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.53 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.6, 166.5, 153.0, 135.8, 135.3, 134.1, 129.0, 128.3, 126.4, 125.5, 122.9, 121.8, 51.9, 48.2, 31.1, 26.7; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{NaS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 382.0542, found: 382.0547.



1-phenyl-3-((2-(pyrazin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ar**)

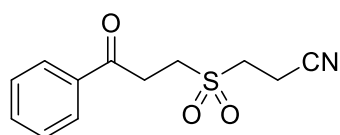
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3.46 – 3.39 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.8, 153.1, 145.0, 144.3, 143.4, 135.9, 134.1, 129.0, 128.3, 51.9, 48.1, 31.0, 27.4; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{NaS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 327.0774, found: 327.0785.



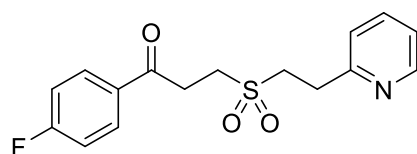
3-((3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenylpropanoic acid (**3as**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.05 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.07 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.54 – 3.21 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 196.3, 172.7, 139.3, 136.0, 133.6, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 126.9, 55.7, 47.9, 46.8, 31.2; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5\text{NaS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 369.0767, found: 369.0774.



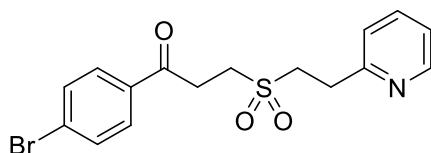
3-((3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)sulfonyl)propanenitrile (**3at**)

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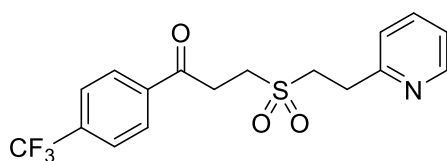
1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ba**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.50 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.63 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 3.64 – 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.55 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.42 – 3.31 (m, 4H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.69 (dq, J = 8.3, 5.4 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.2, 166.2 (d, J = 256.0 Hz), 157.1, 149.6, 136.9, 132.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.9 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 123.5, 122.2, 116.1 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 52.5, 47.8, 30.8, 30.2; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{SF}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 322.0908, found: 322.0918.



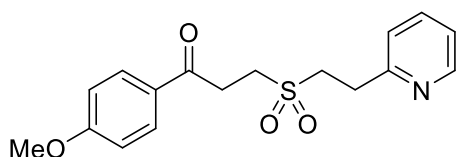
1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ca**)

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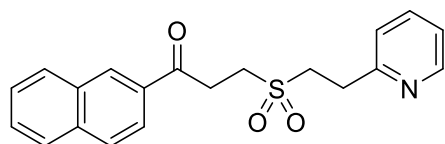
3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (**3da**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.50 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.57 (m, 4H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.6 Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -61.60; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 195.9, 157.6, 149.0, 139.1, 136.8, 132.8 (q, J = 31.9 Hz), 128.9, 125.7 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 272.6 Hz), 123.3, 121.9, 50.9, 47.1, 31.6, 29.2; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{F}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 372.0876, found: 372.0883.



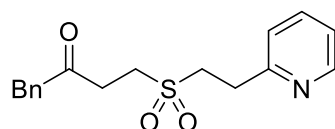
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ea**)

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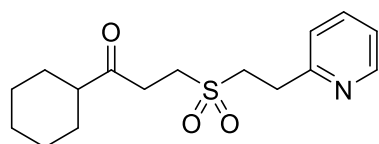
1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3fa**)

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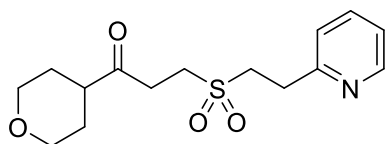
1-phenyl-4-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)butan-2-one (**3ga**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.1, 157.0, 149.6, 136.9, 133.3, 129.5, 129.0, 127.5, 123.5, 122.2, 52.4, 50.1, 47.6, 33.8, 30.1; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 318.1158, found: 318.1170.



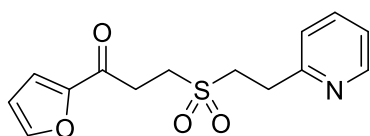
1-cyclohexyl-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ha**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, J = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (t, J = 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (t, J = 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.40 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.91 – 1.52 (m, 5H), 1.39 – 1.07 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.6, 157.0, 149.5, 136.8, 123.4, 122.1, 52.3, 50.7, 47.5, 32.3, 30.1, 28.4, 25.7, 25.5; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 310.1471, found: 310.1478.



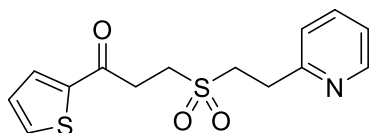
3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)propan-1-one (**3ia**)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.24 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 3.95 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 3.38 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (s, 2H), 2.57 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.53 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 207.6, 157.0, 149.5, 136.9, 123.5, 122.2, 67.1, 52.4, 47.5, 47.4, 32.1, 30.1, 28.0; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 312.1264, found: 312.1270.



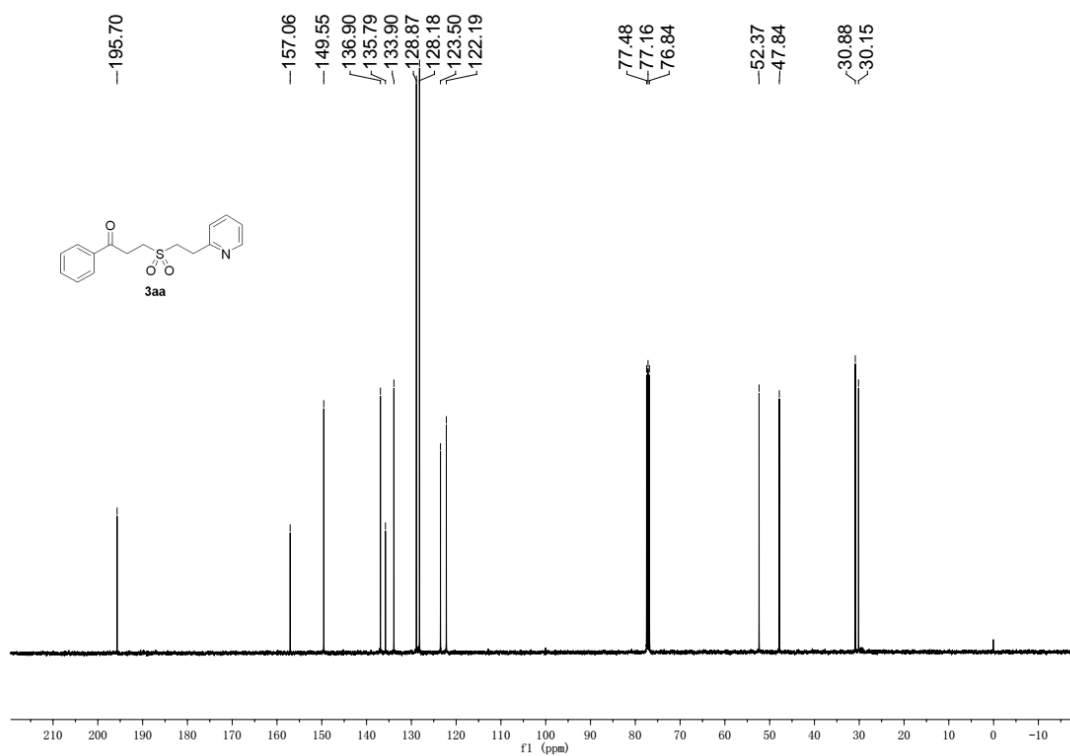
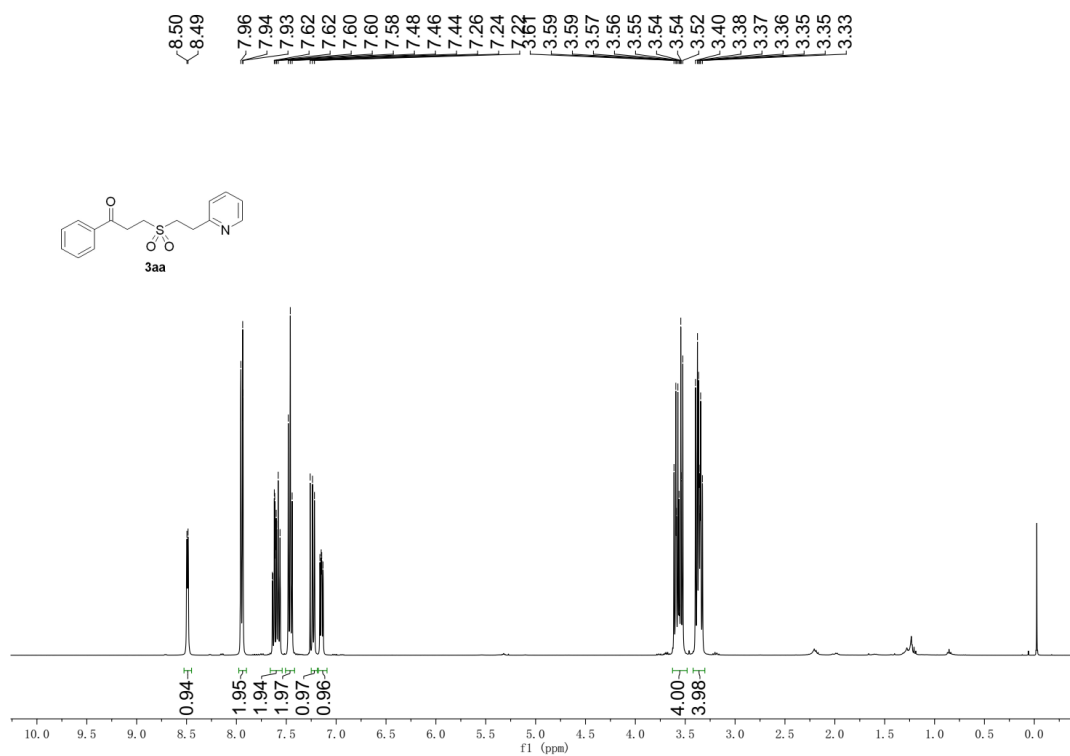
1-(furan-2-yl)-3-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)sulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3ja**)

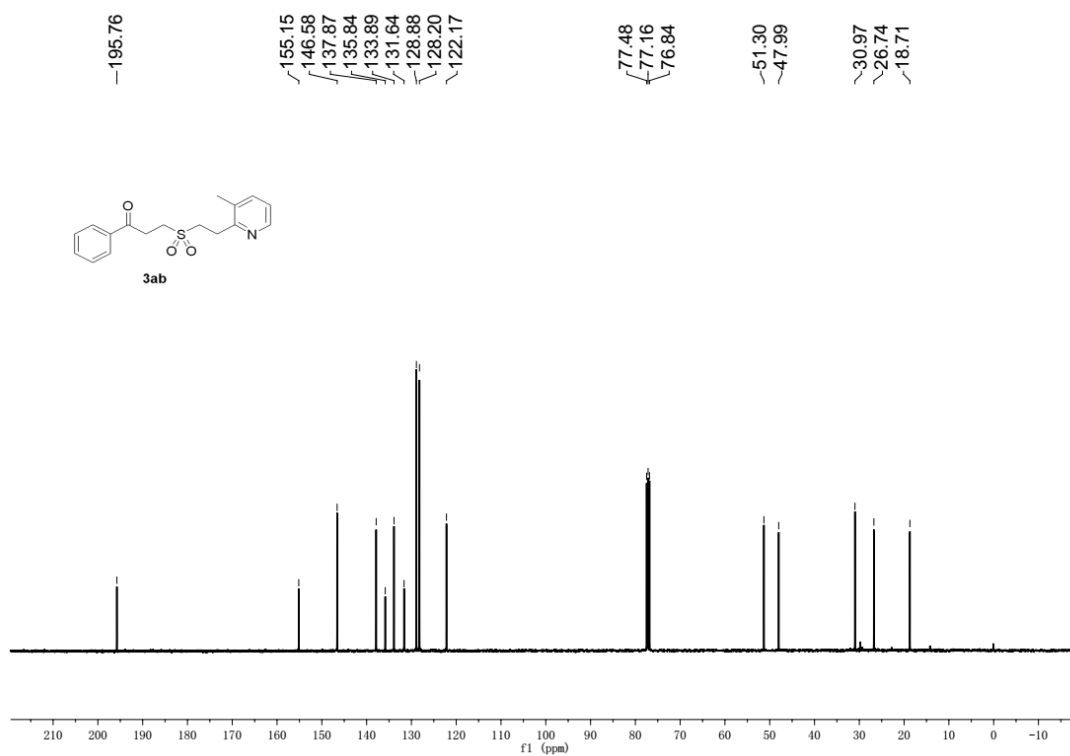
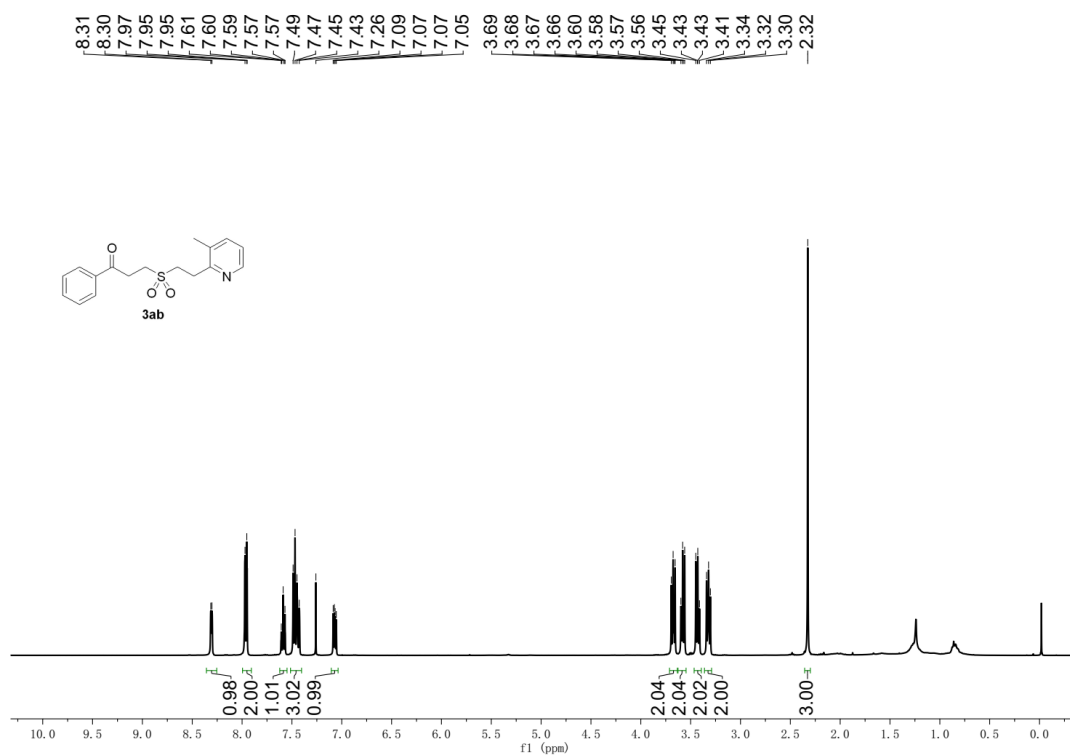
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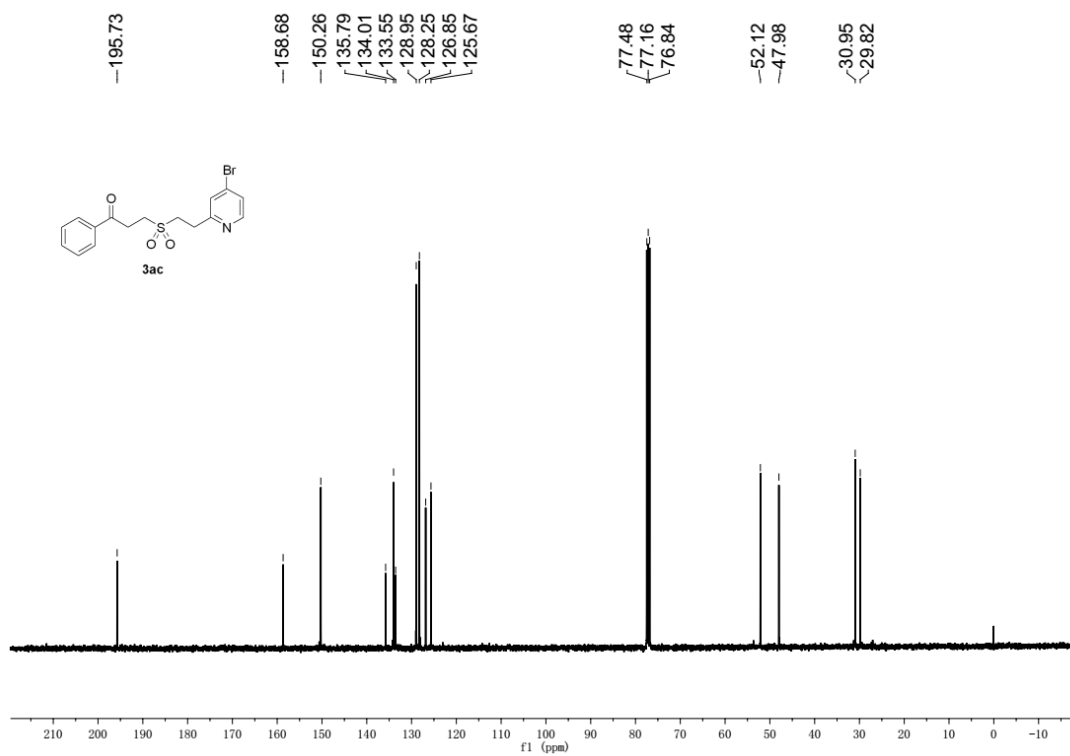
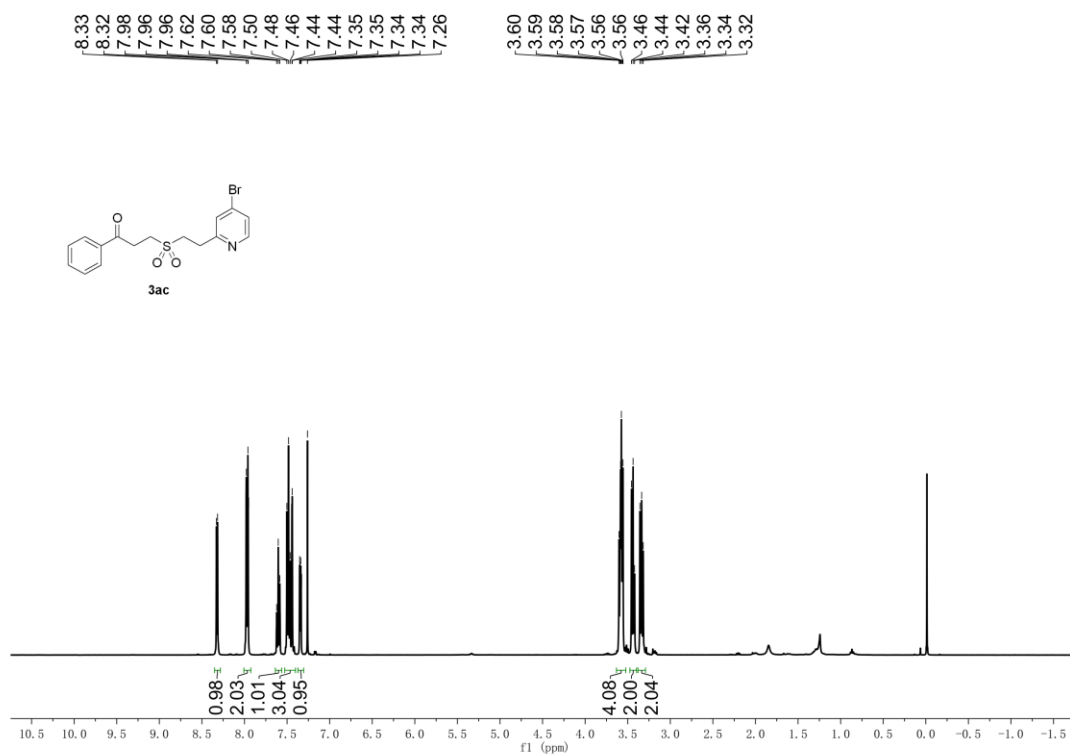


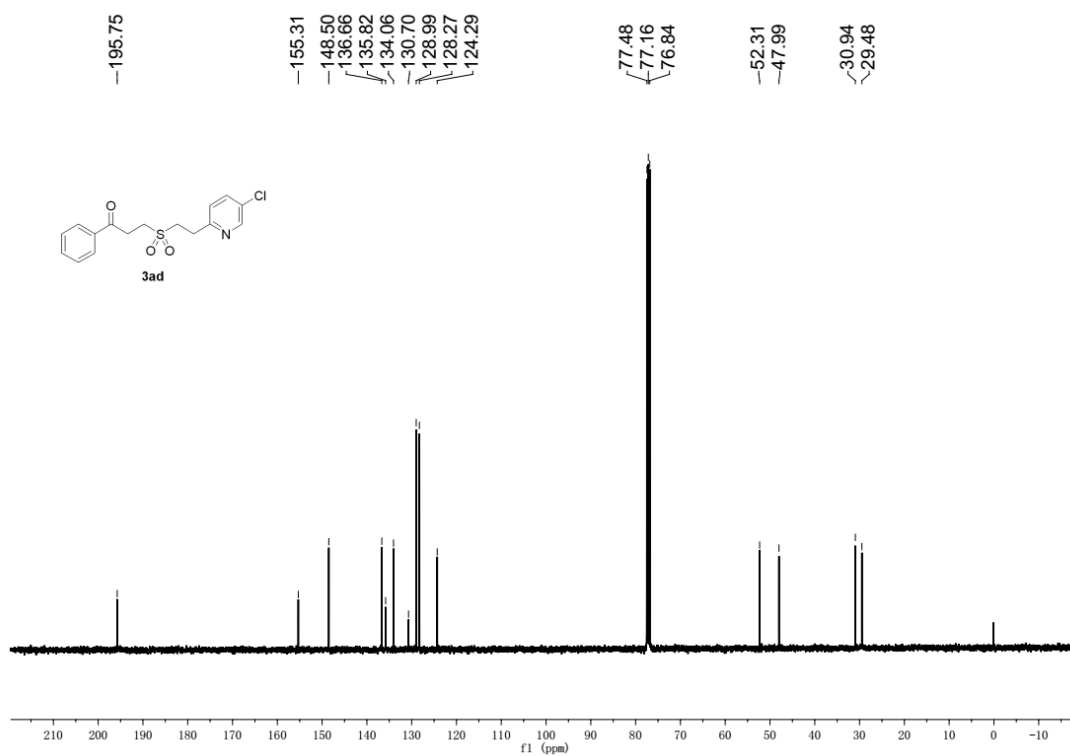
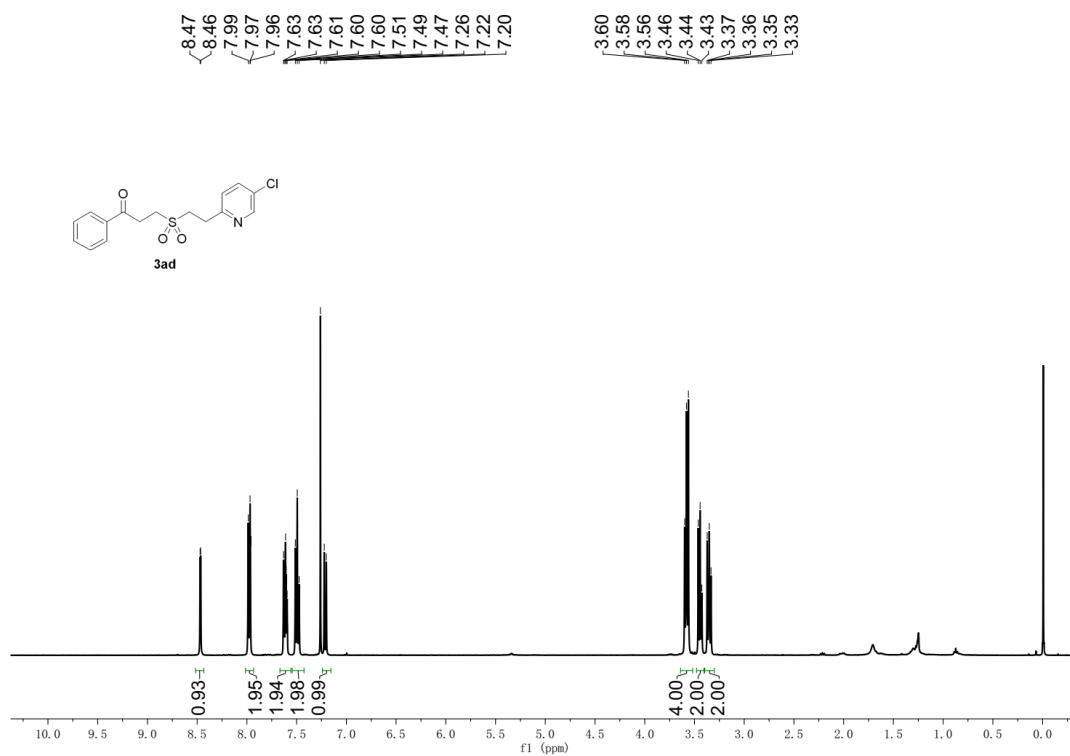
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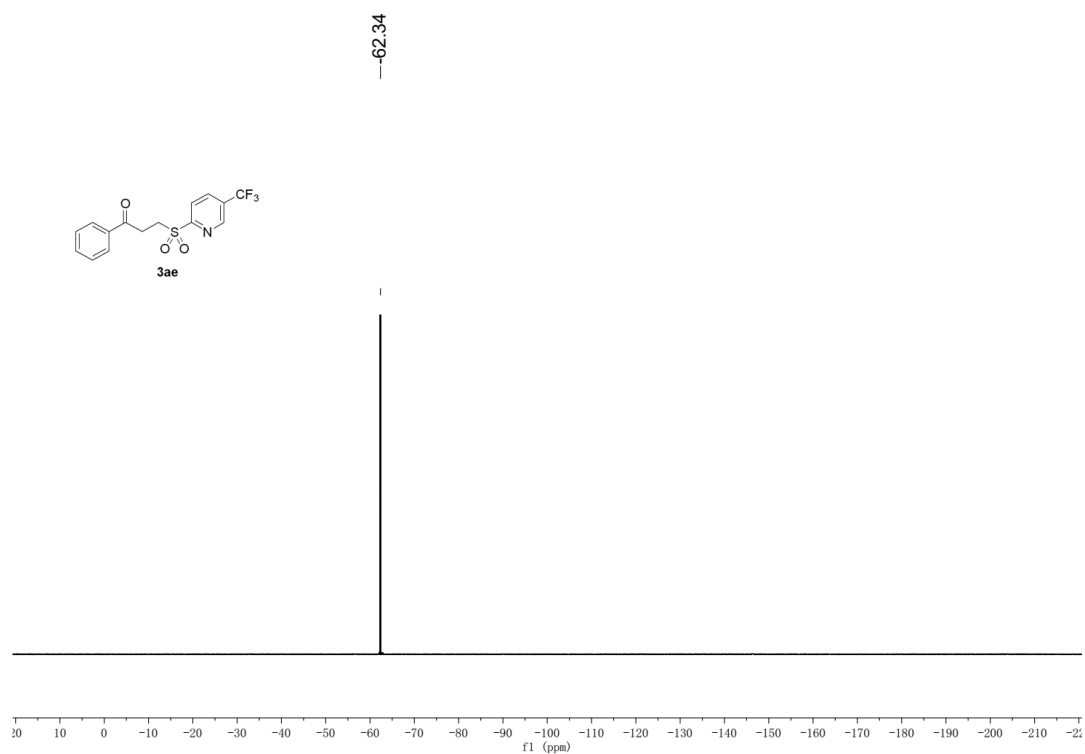
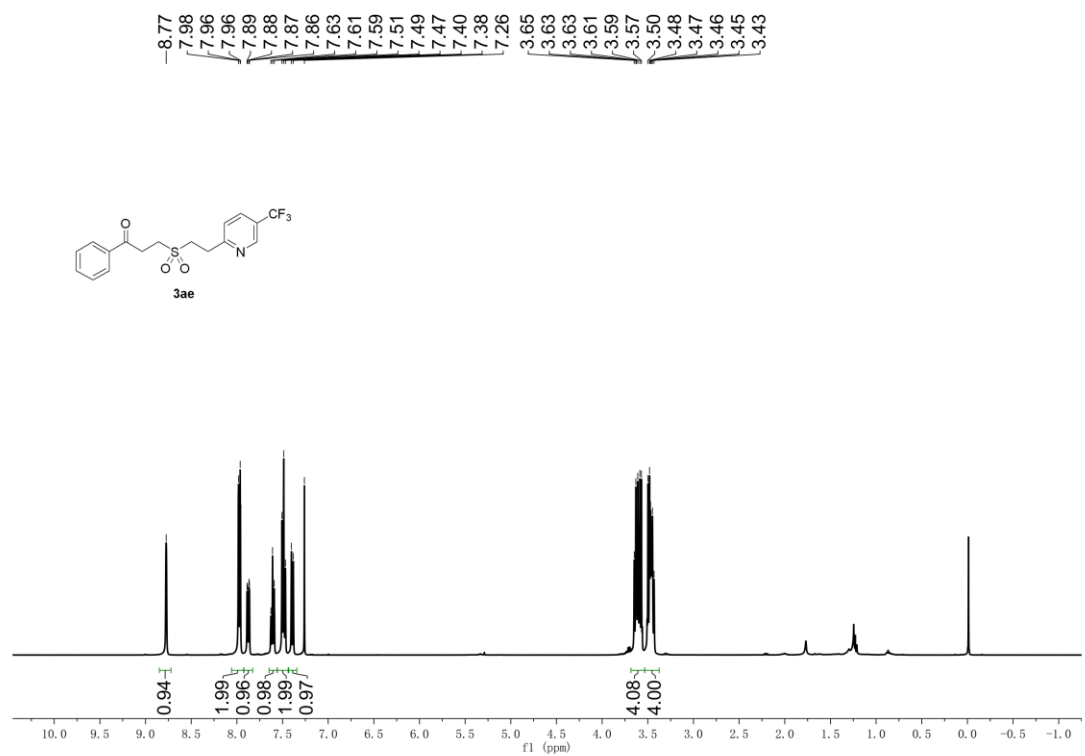
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.42 – 3.32 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.9, 157.1, 149.6, 141.0, 136.9, 132.9, 126.9, 126.8, 123.5, 122.2, 52.4, 47.7, 31.8, 30.2; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 310.0566, found: 310.0565.

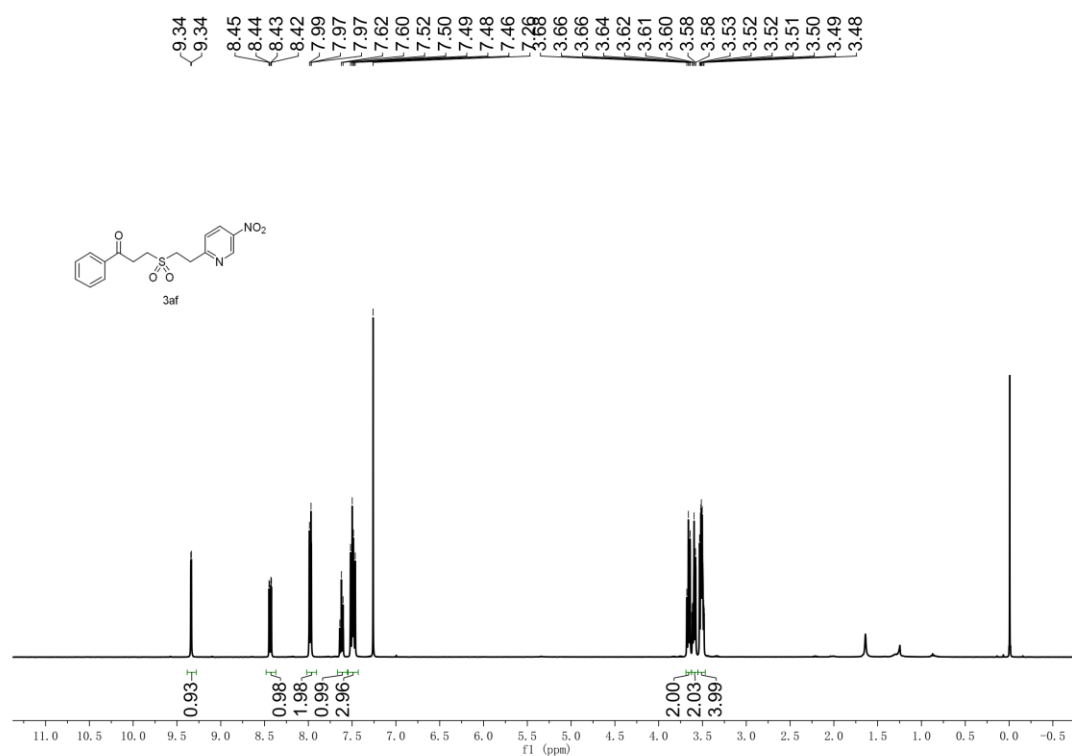
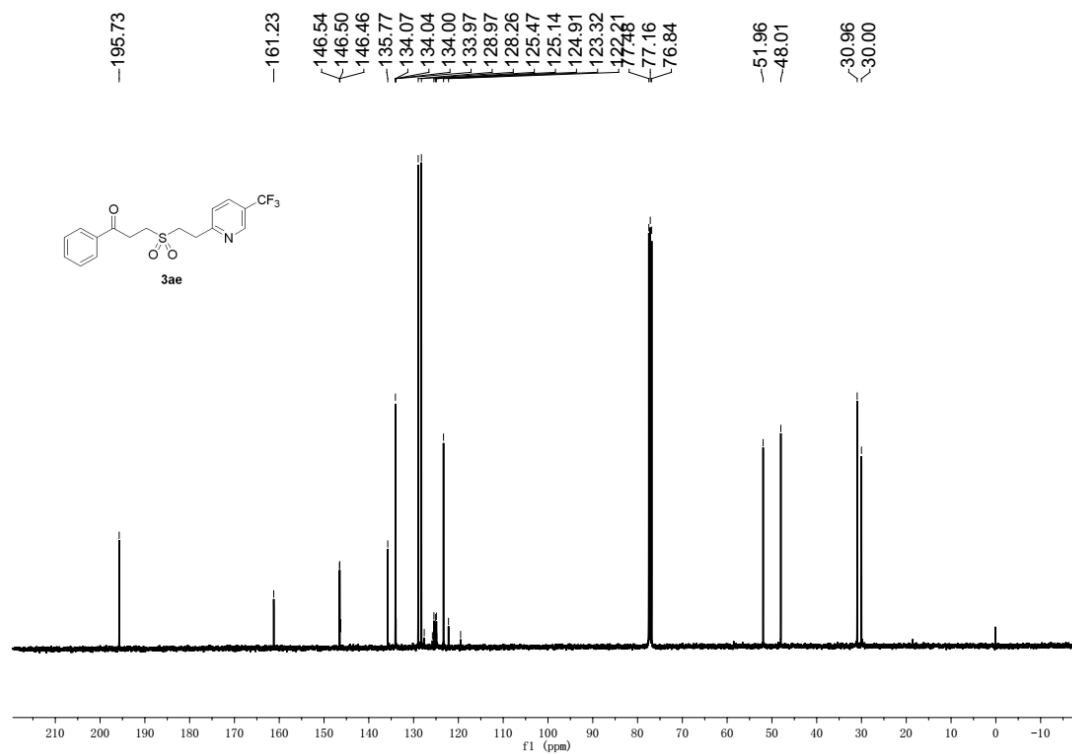


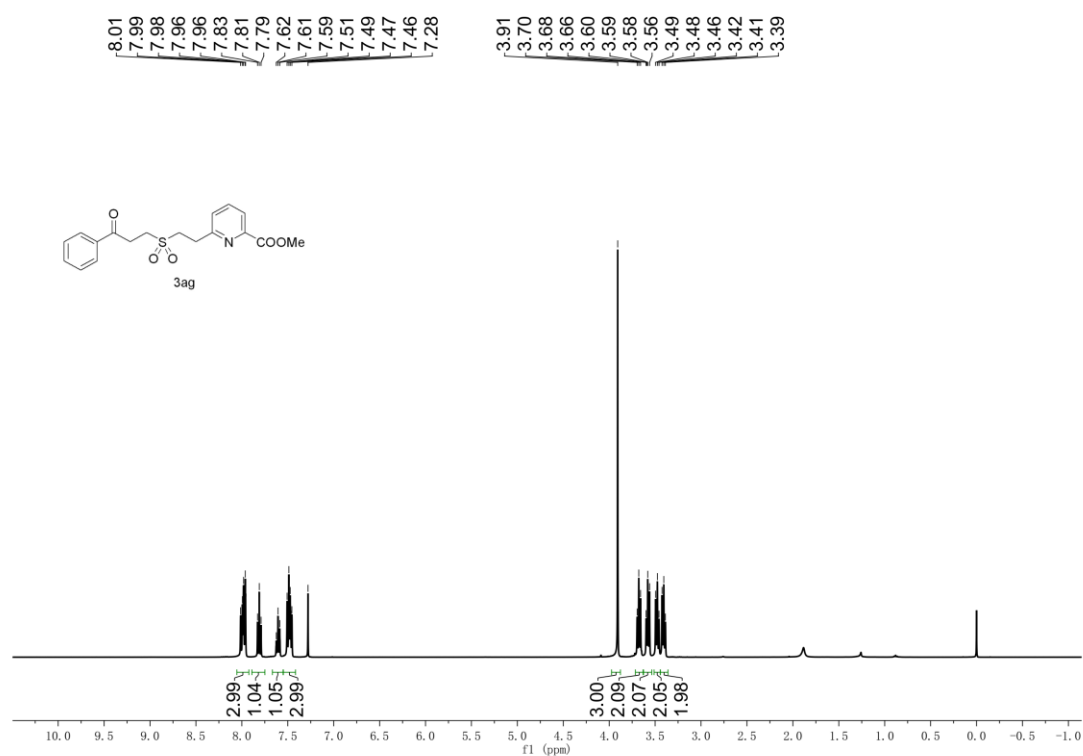
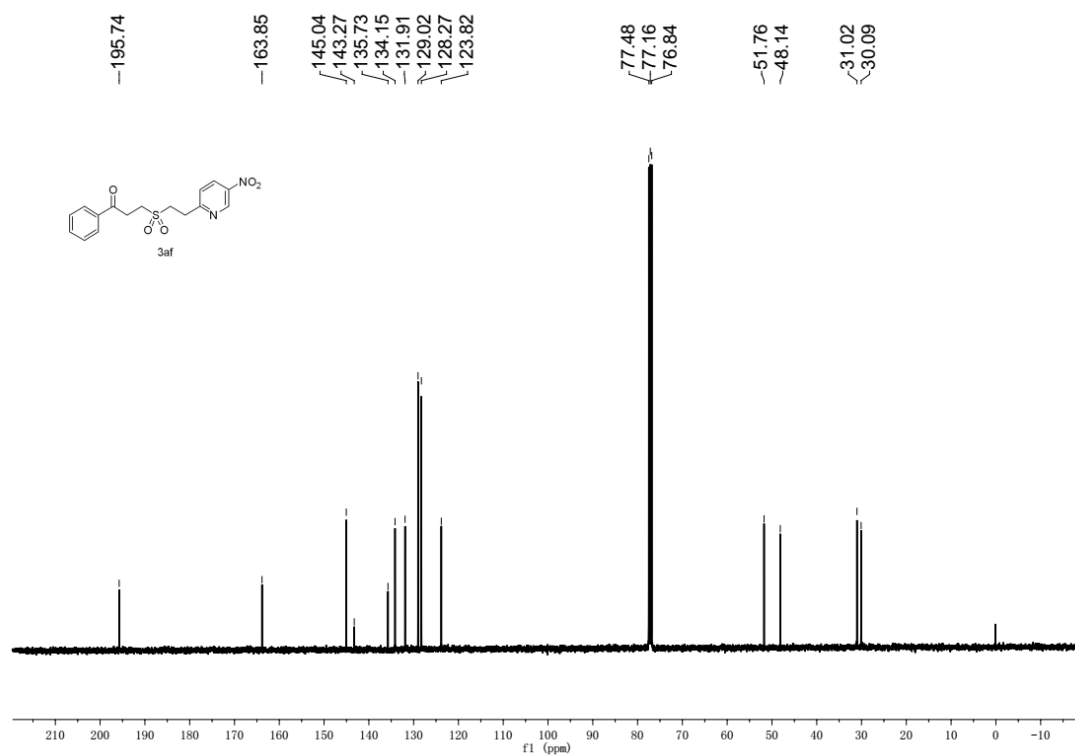


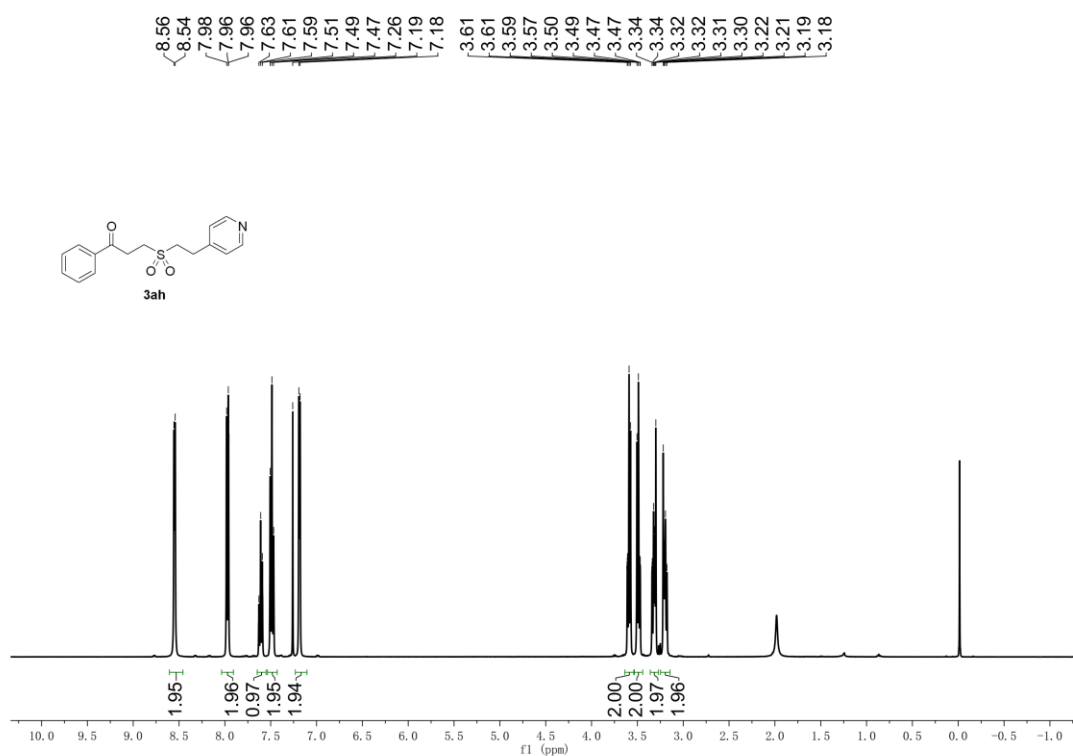
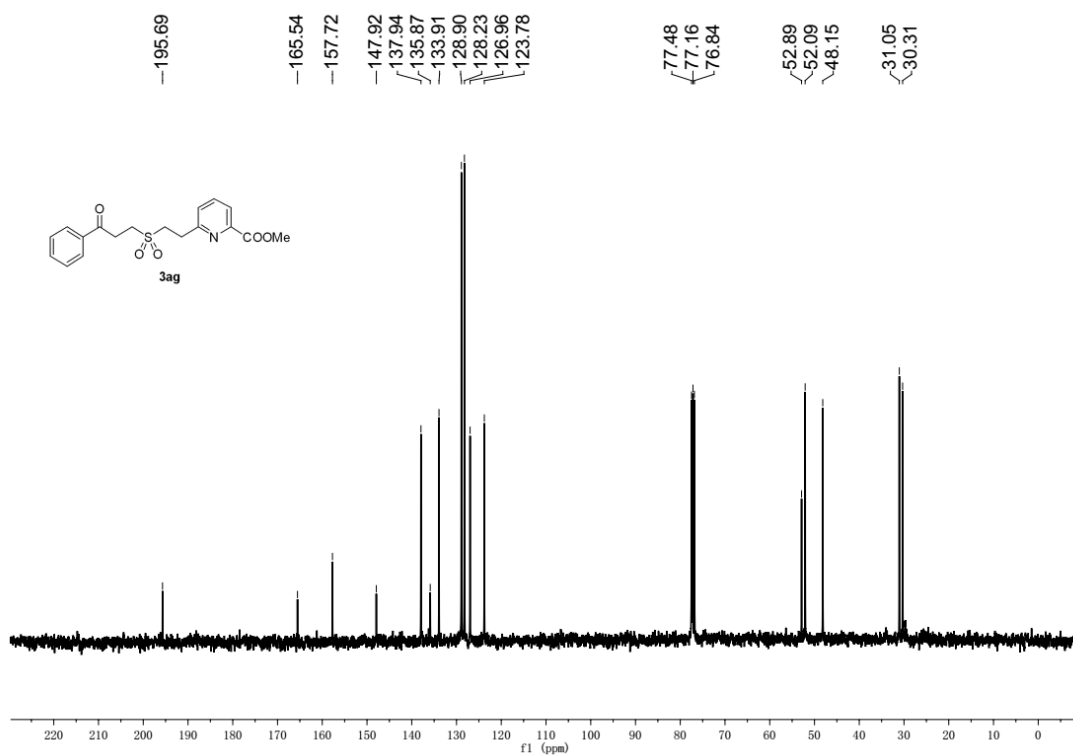


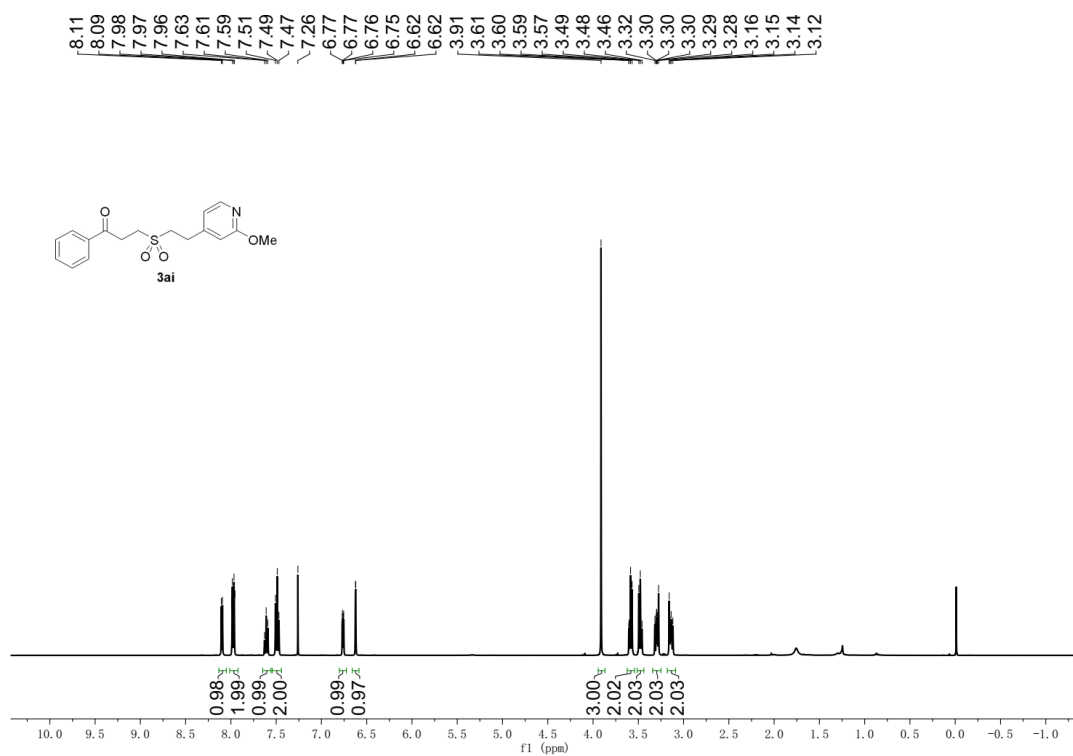
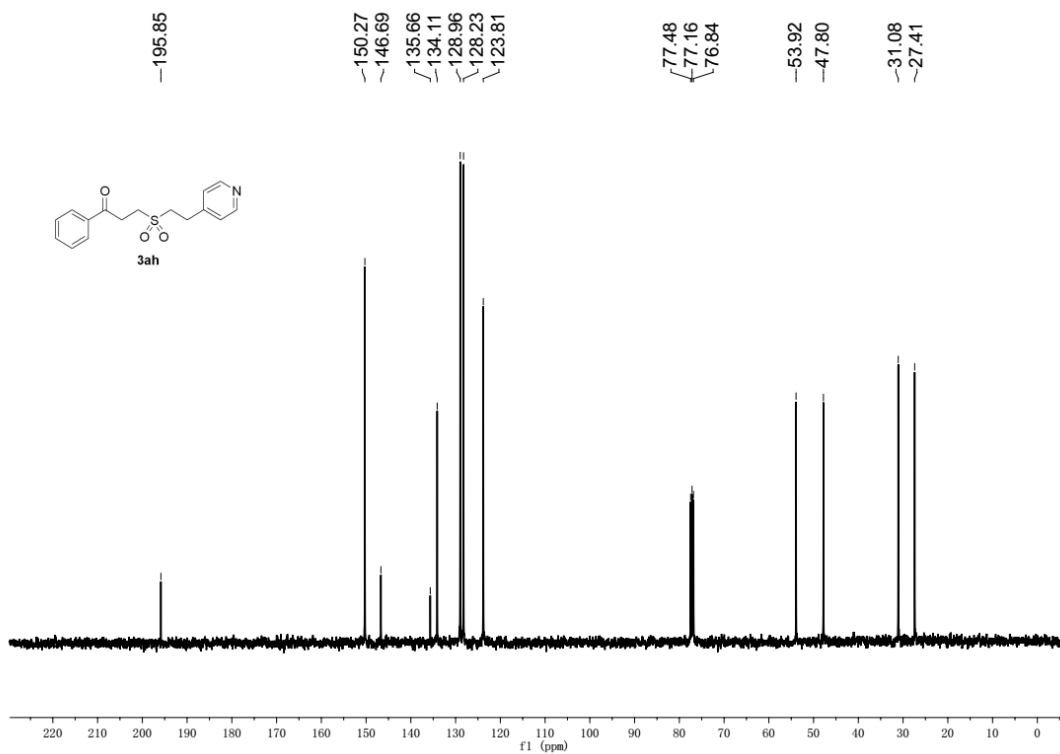


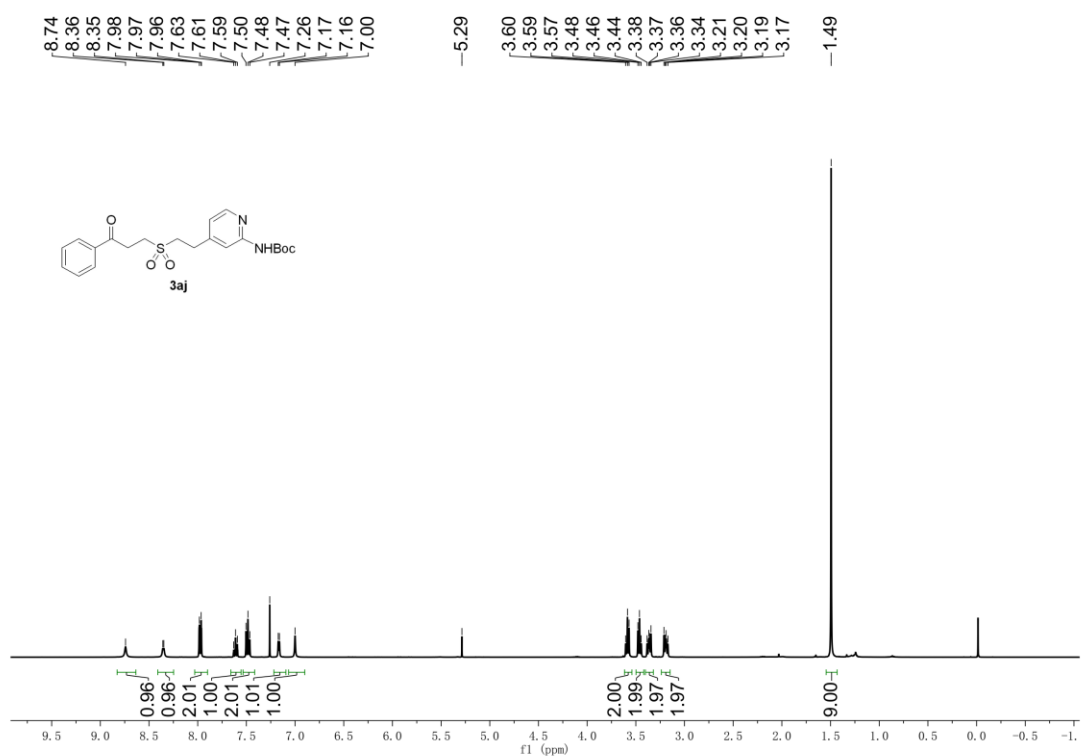
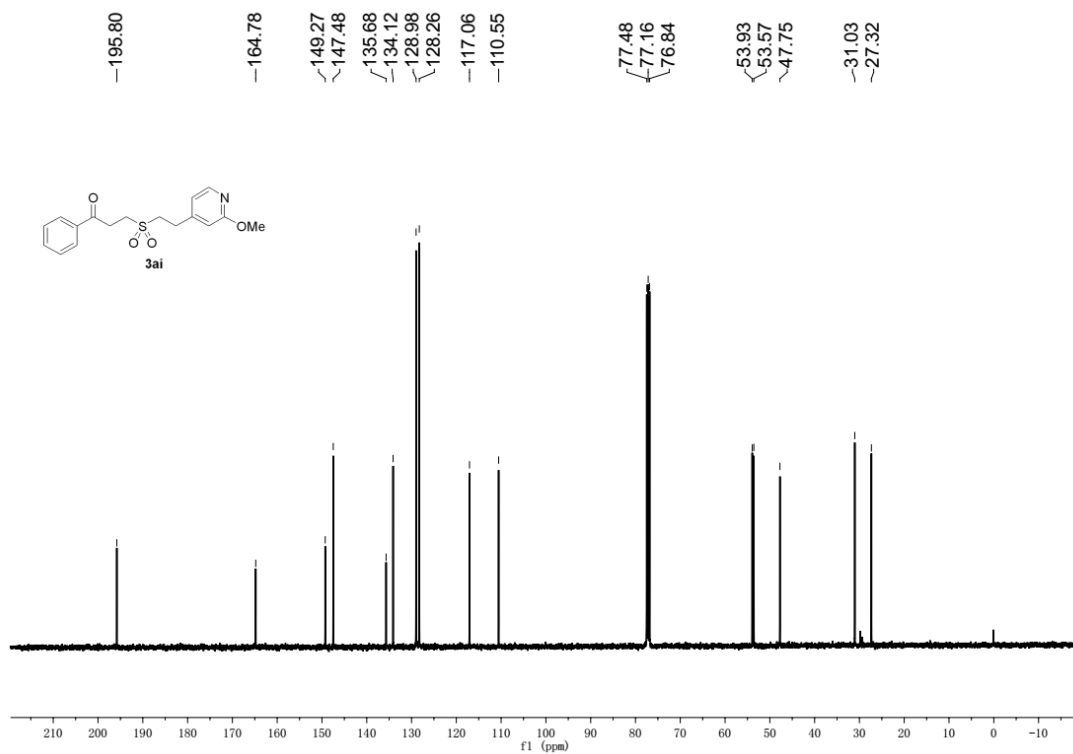


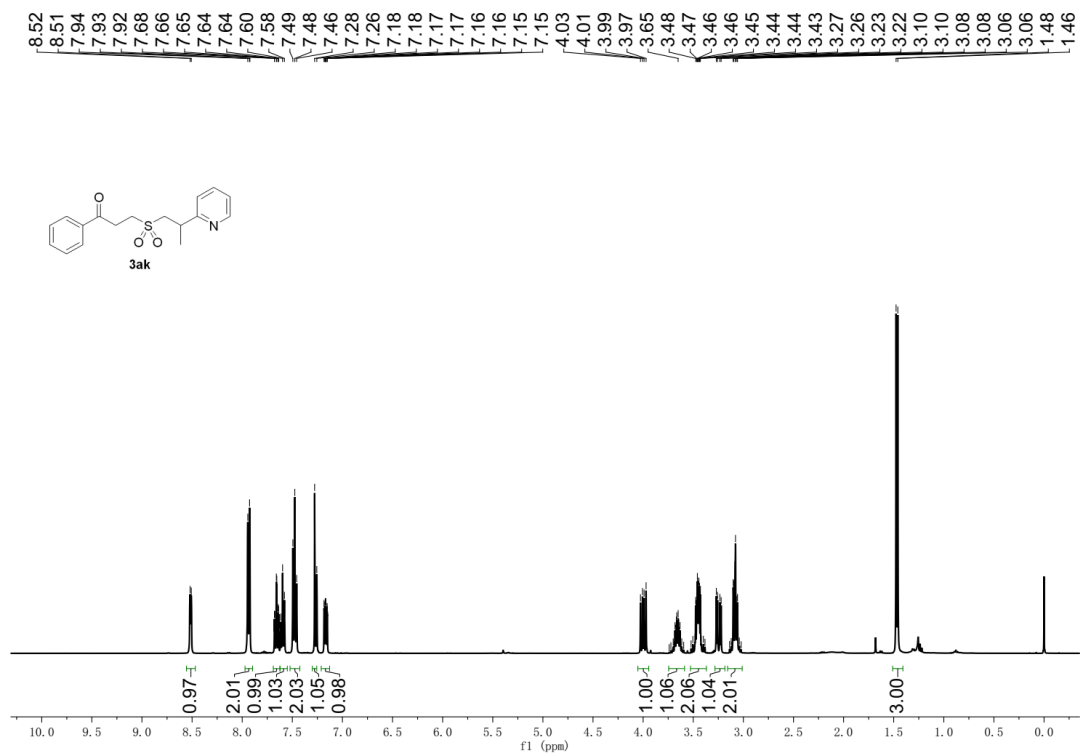
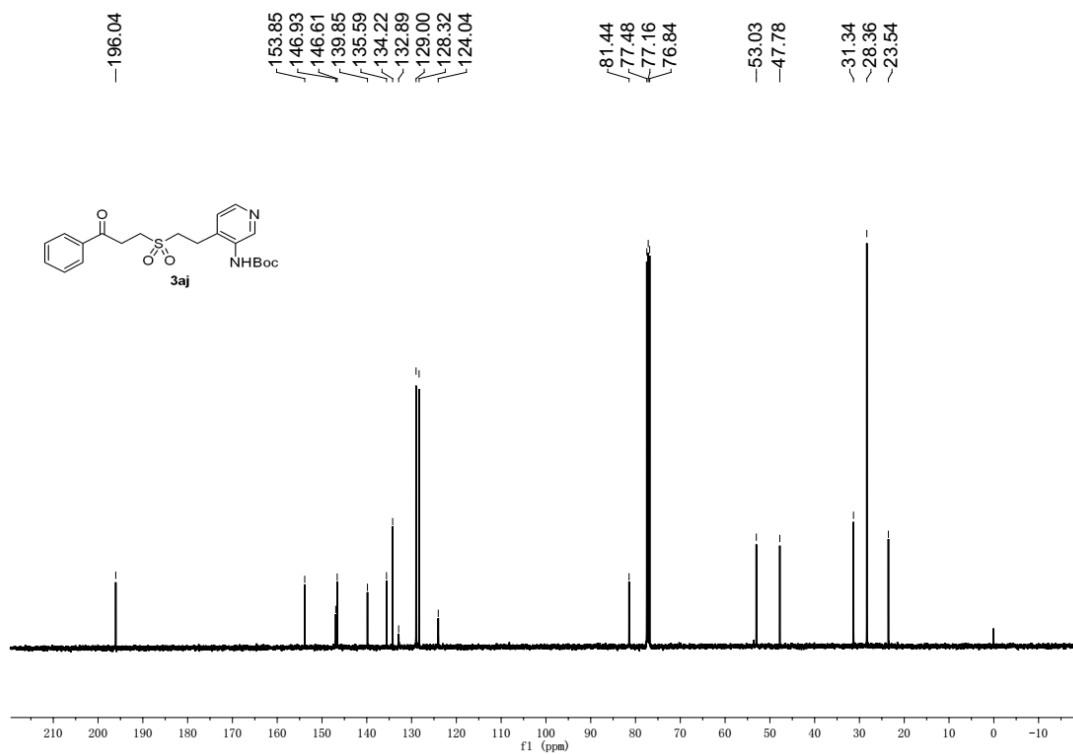


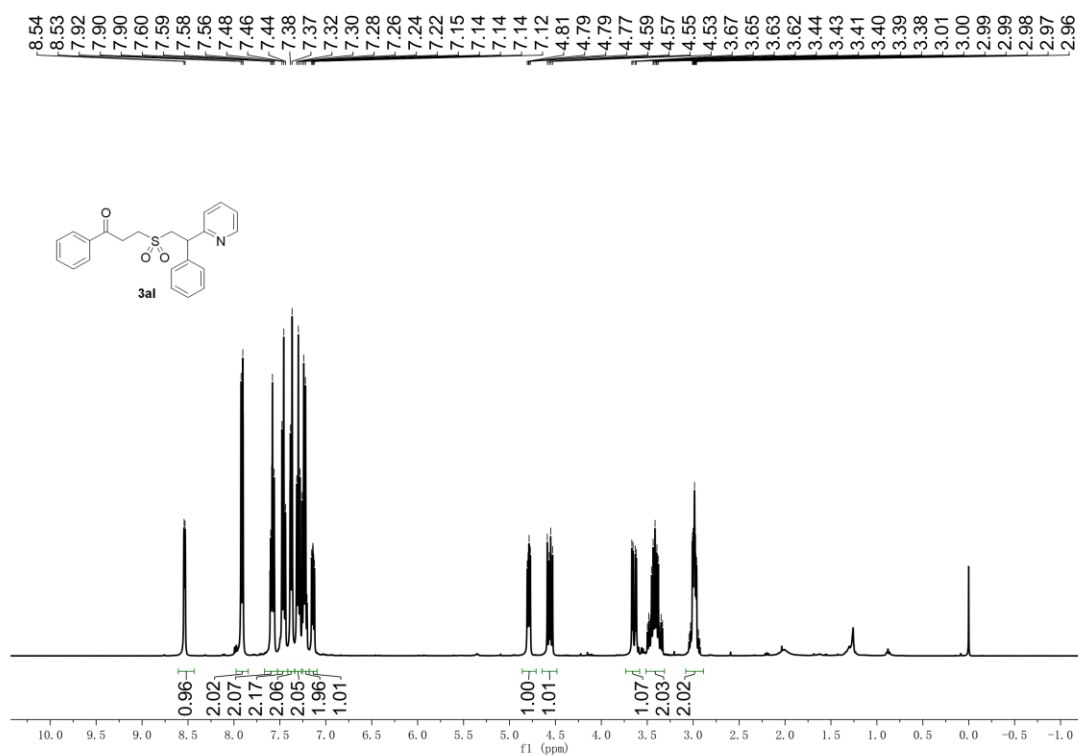
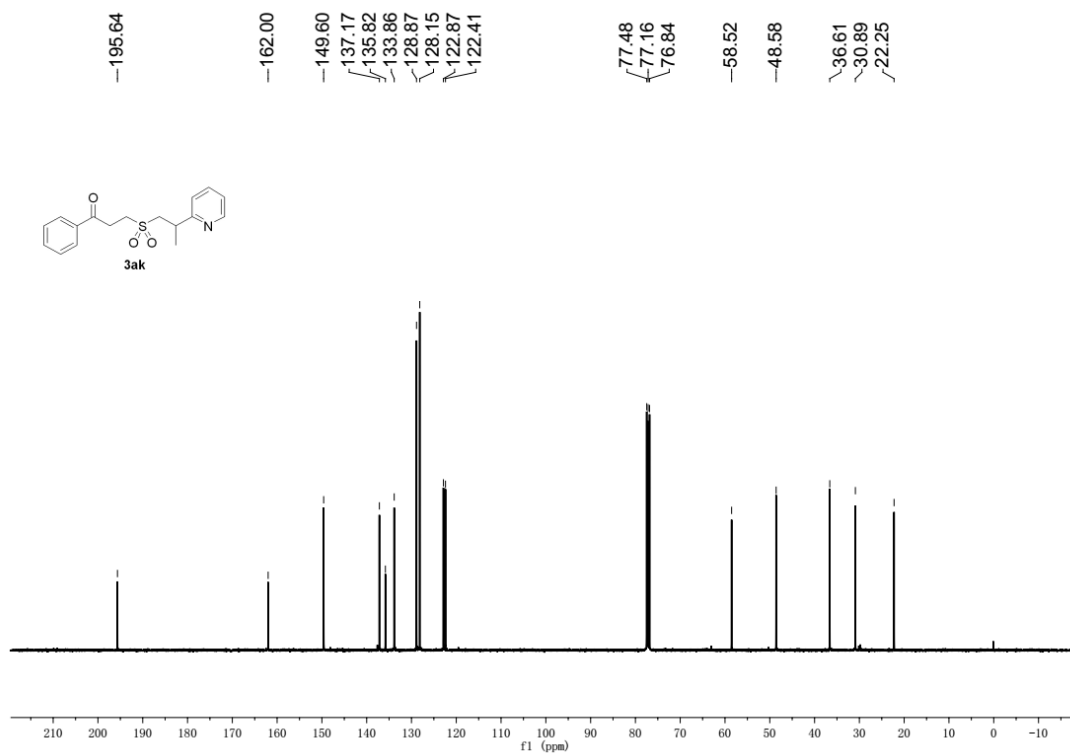


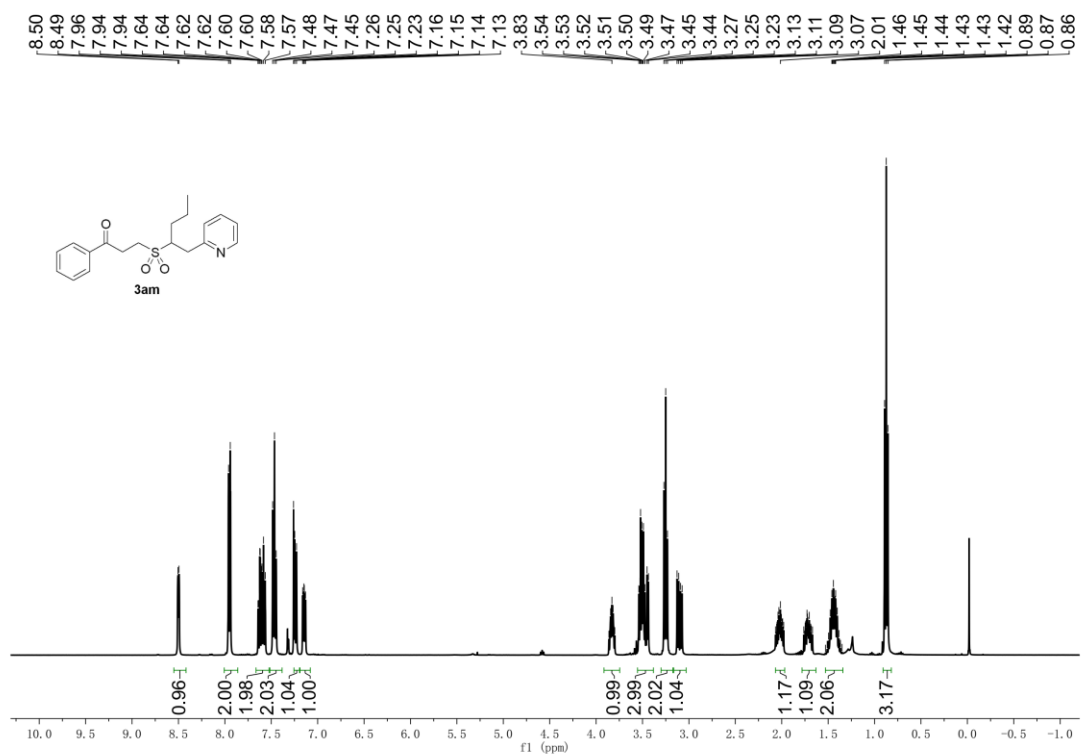
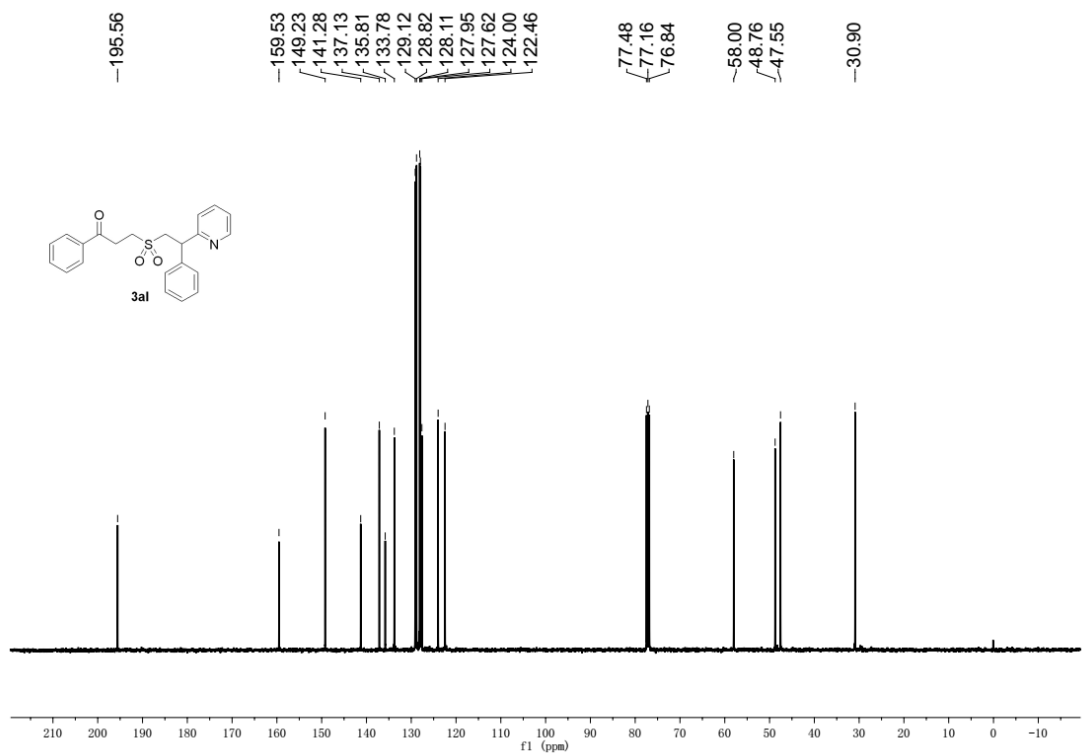


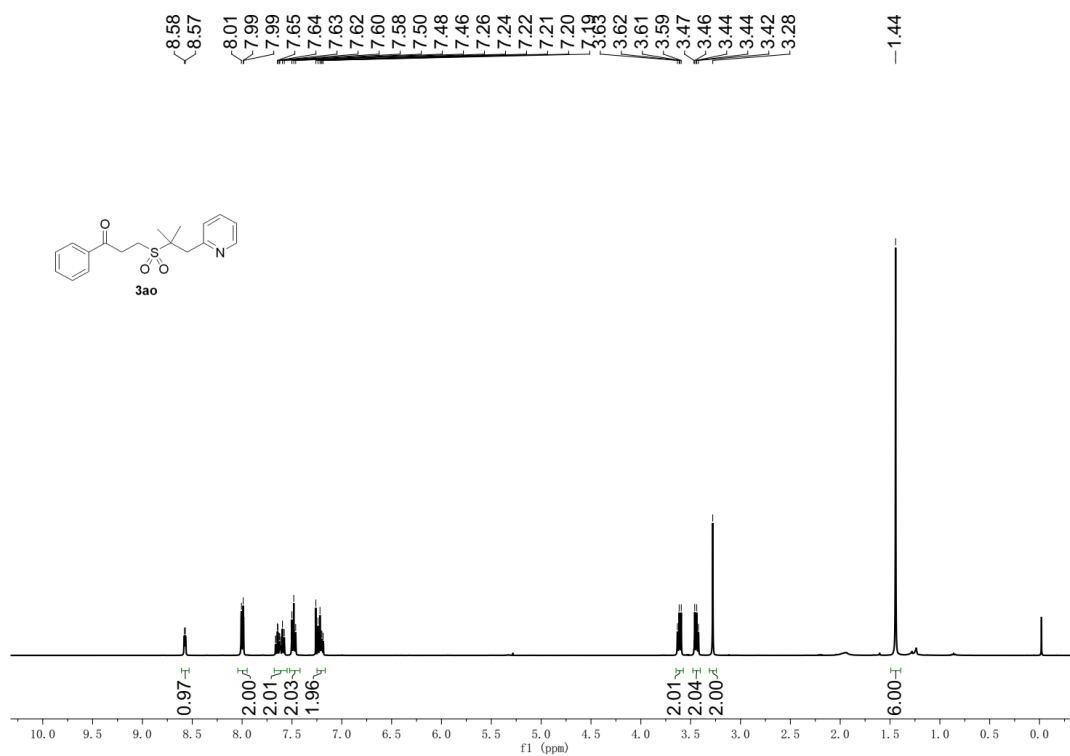
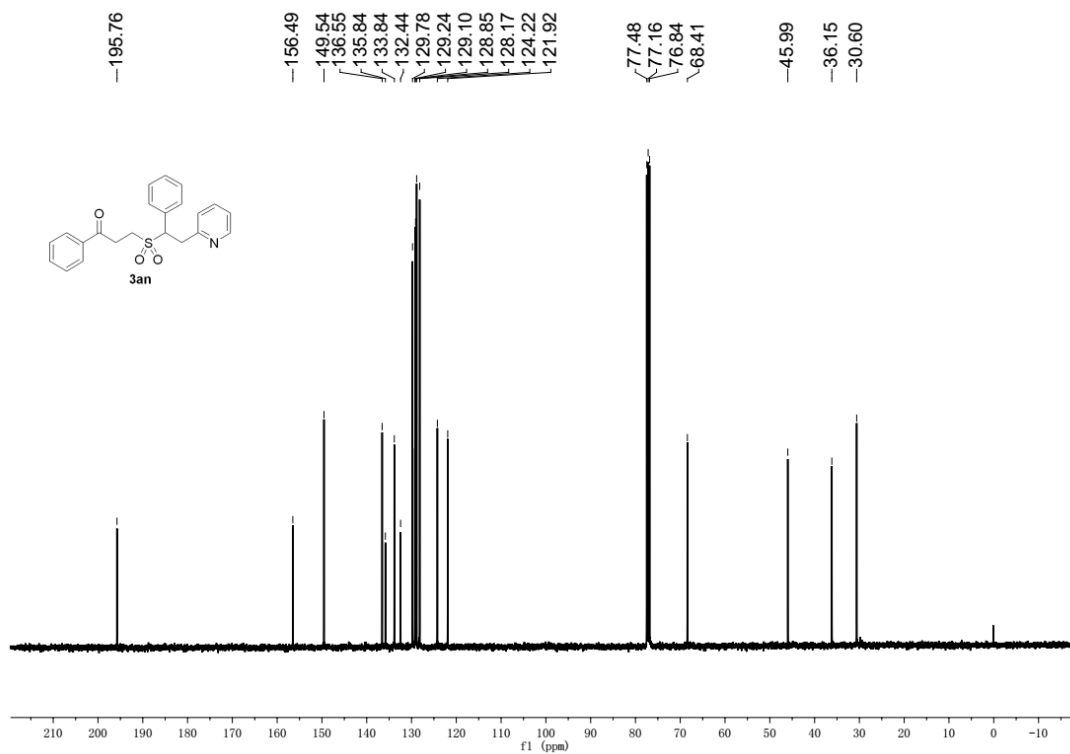


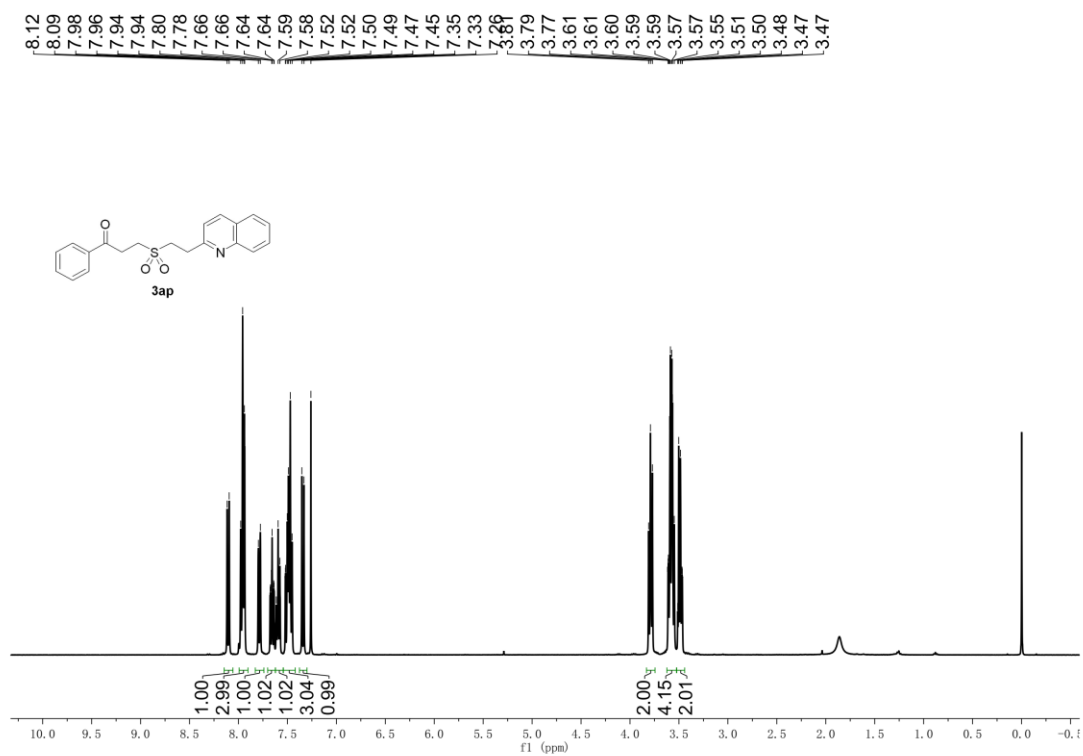
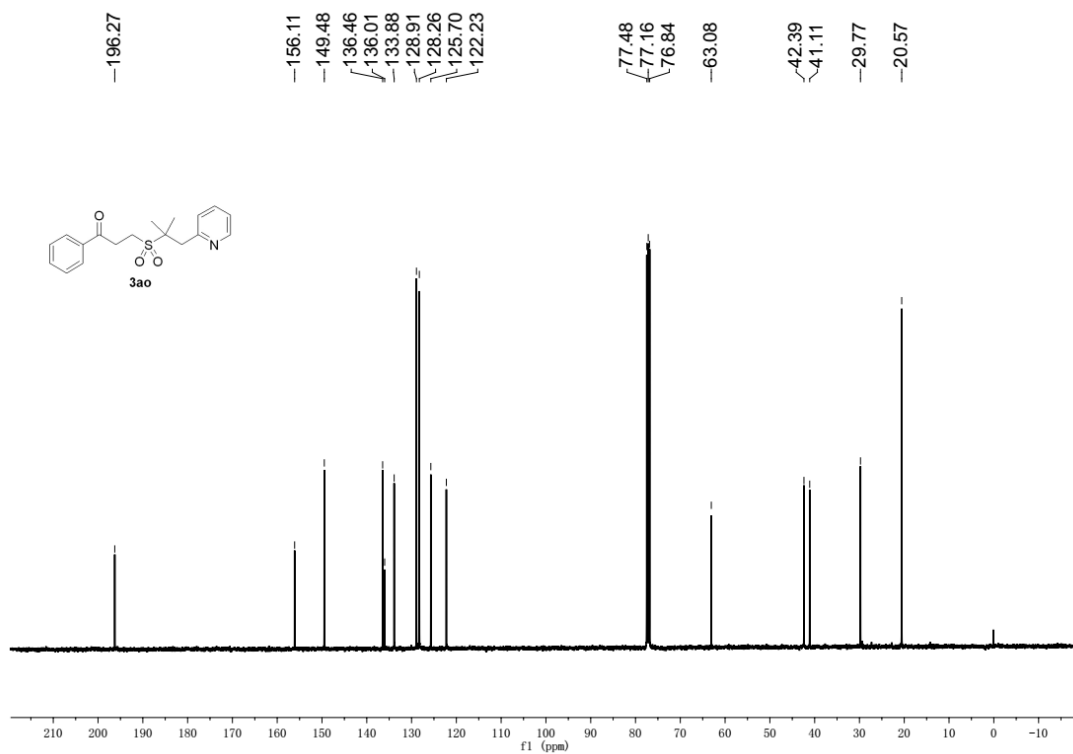


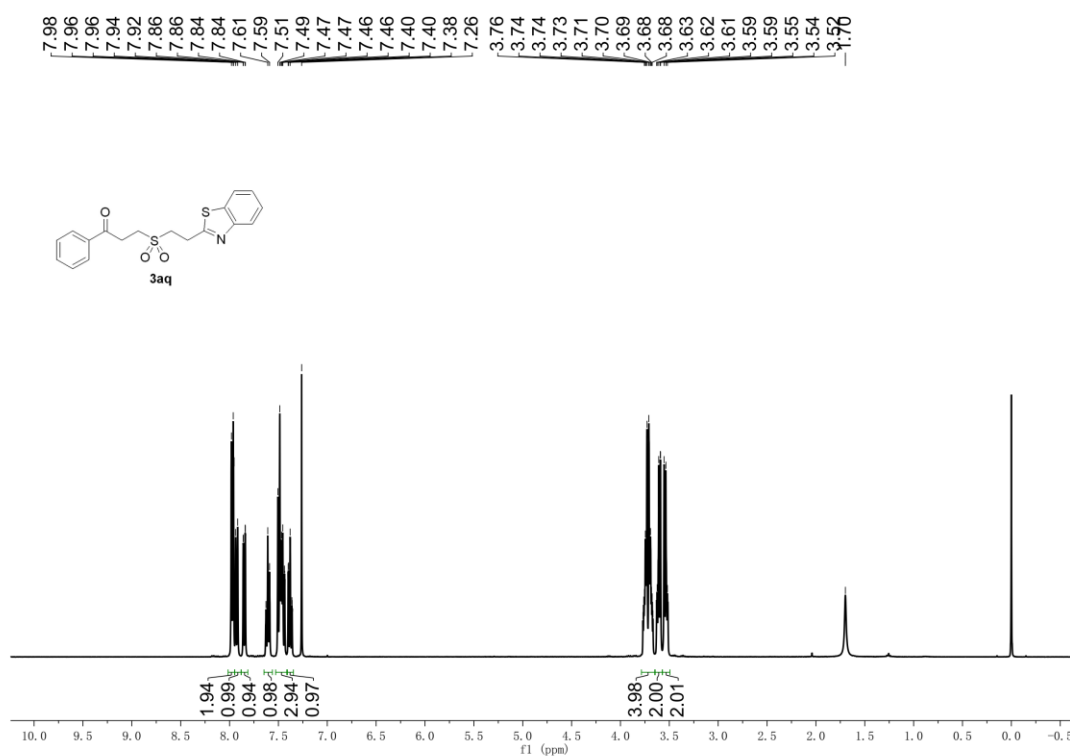
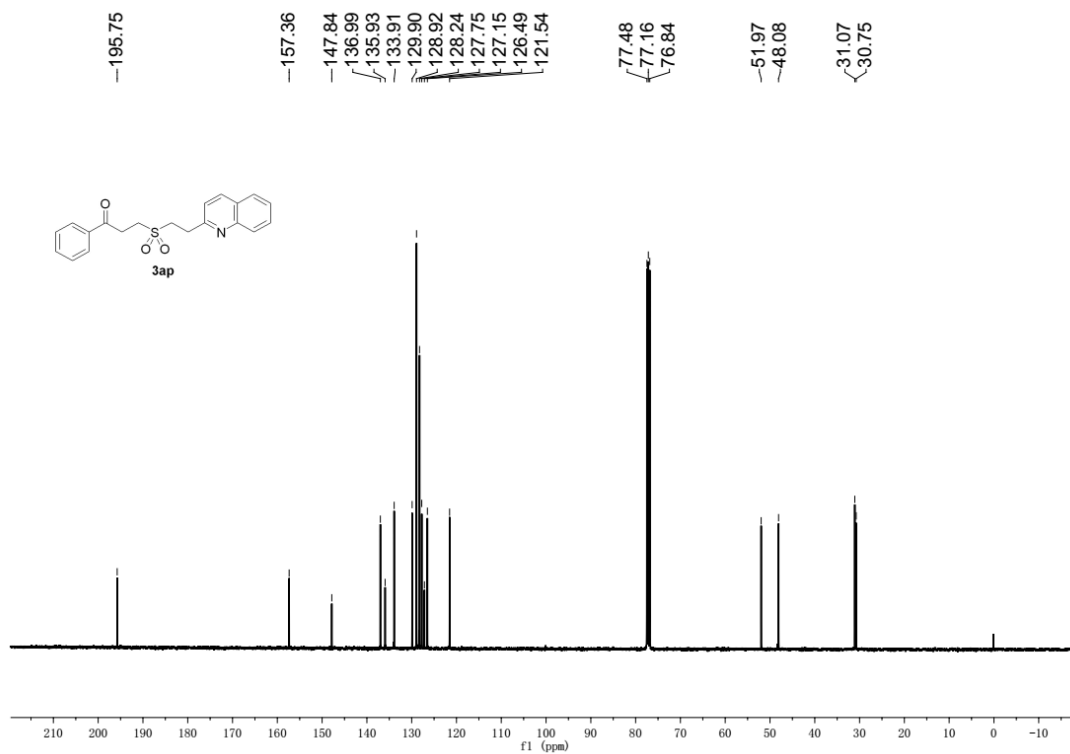


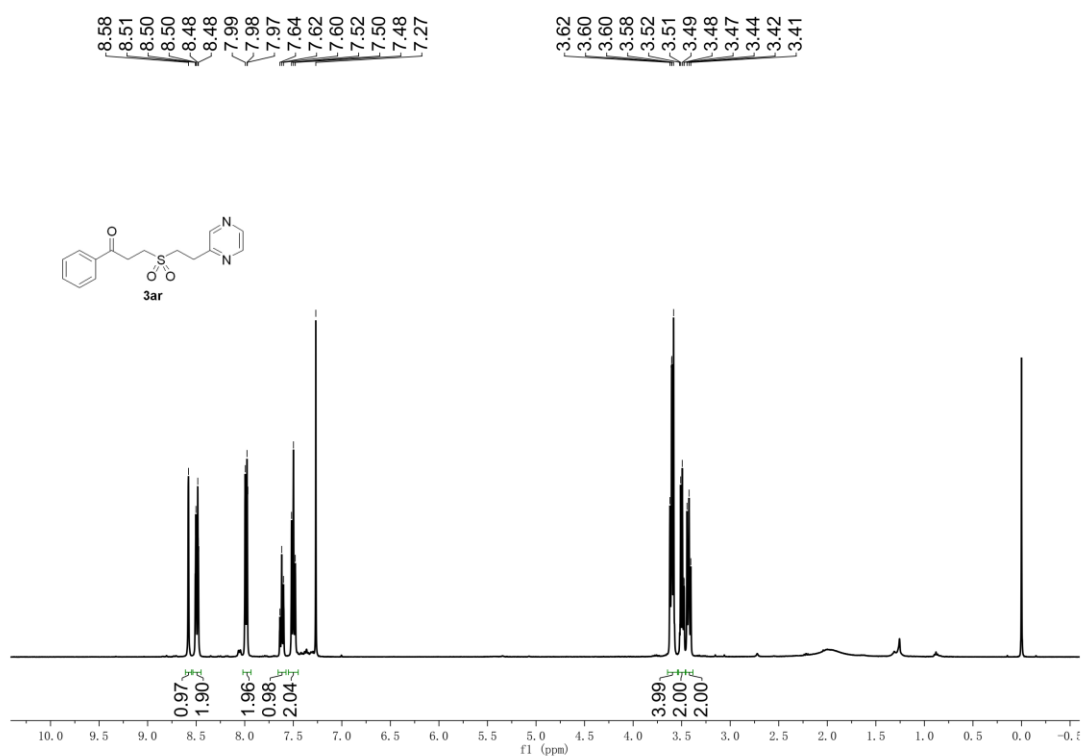
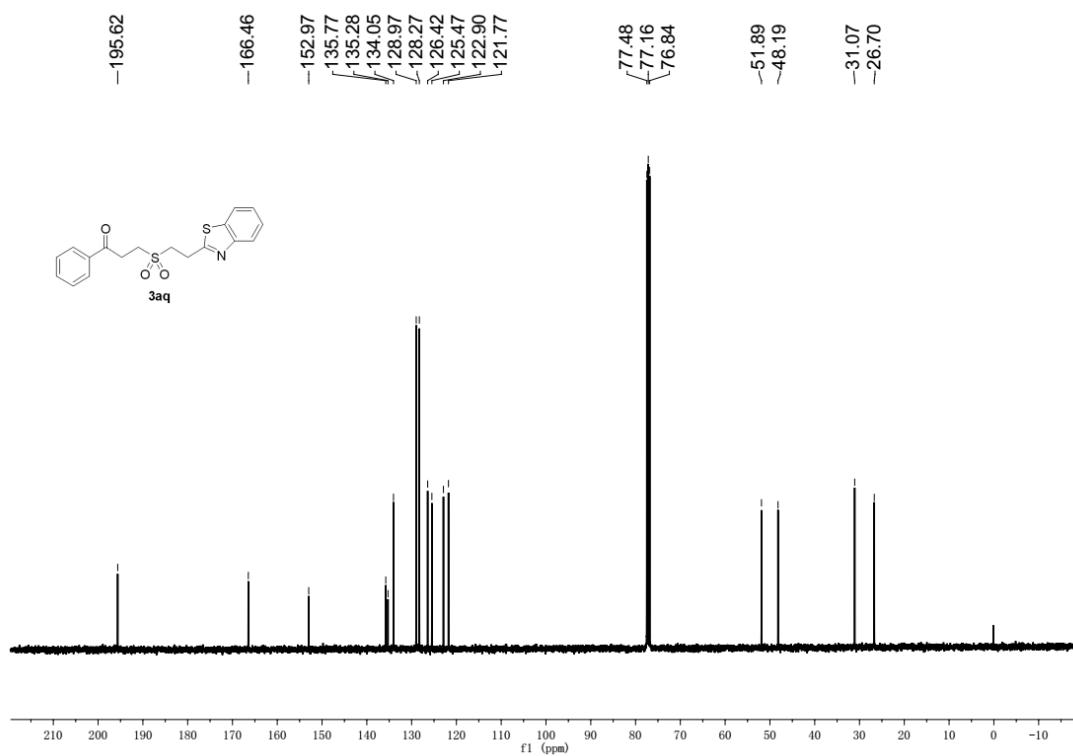


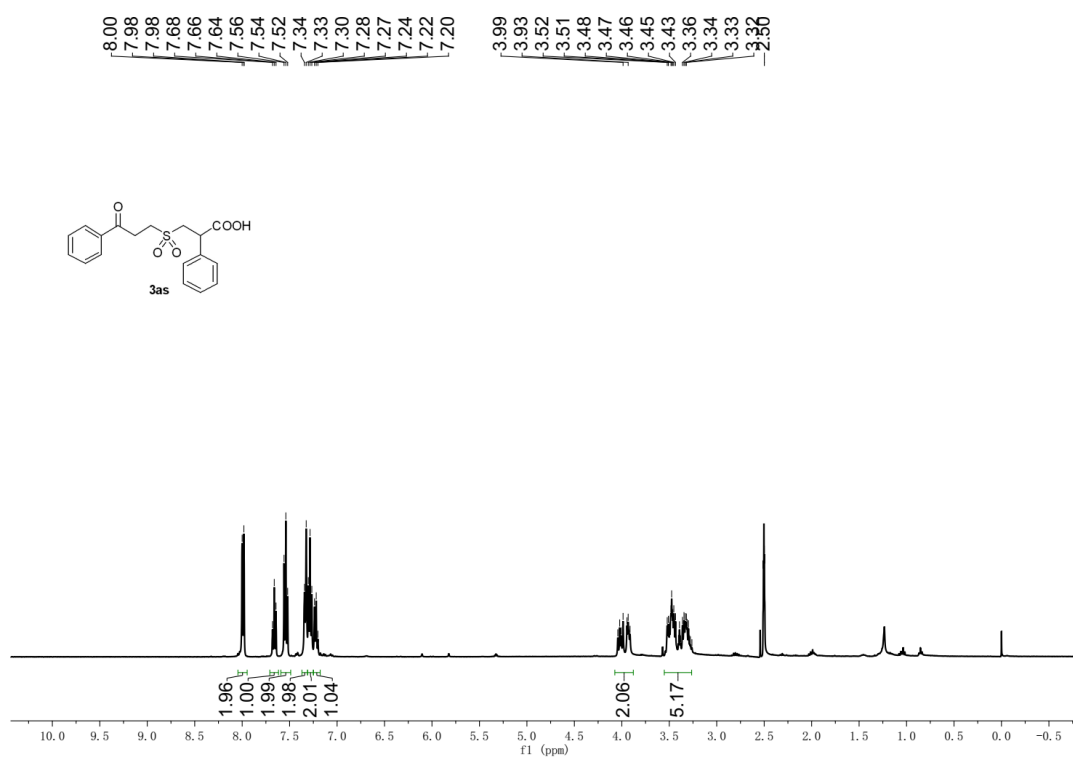
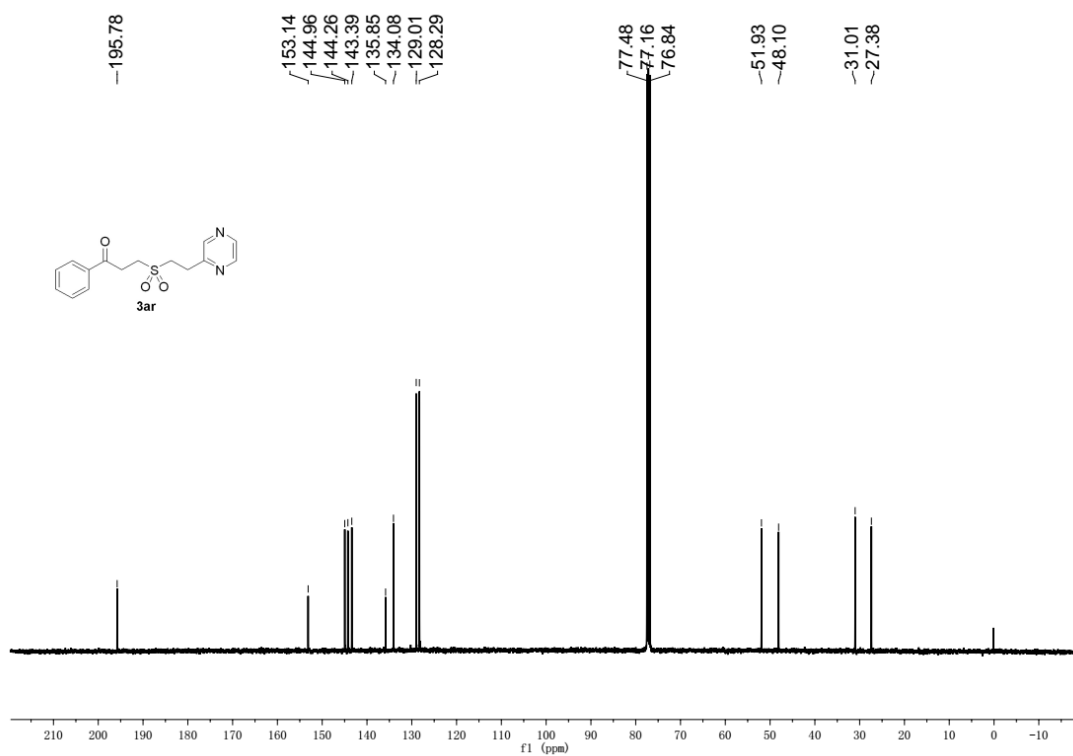


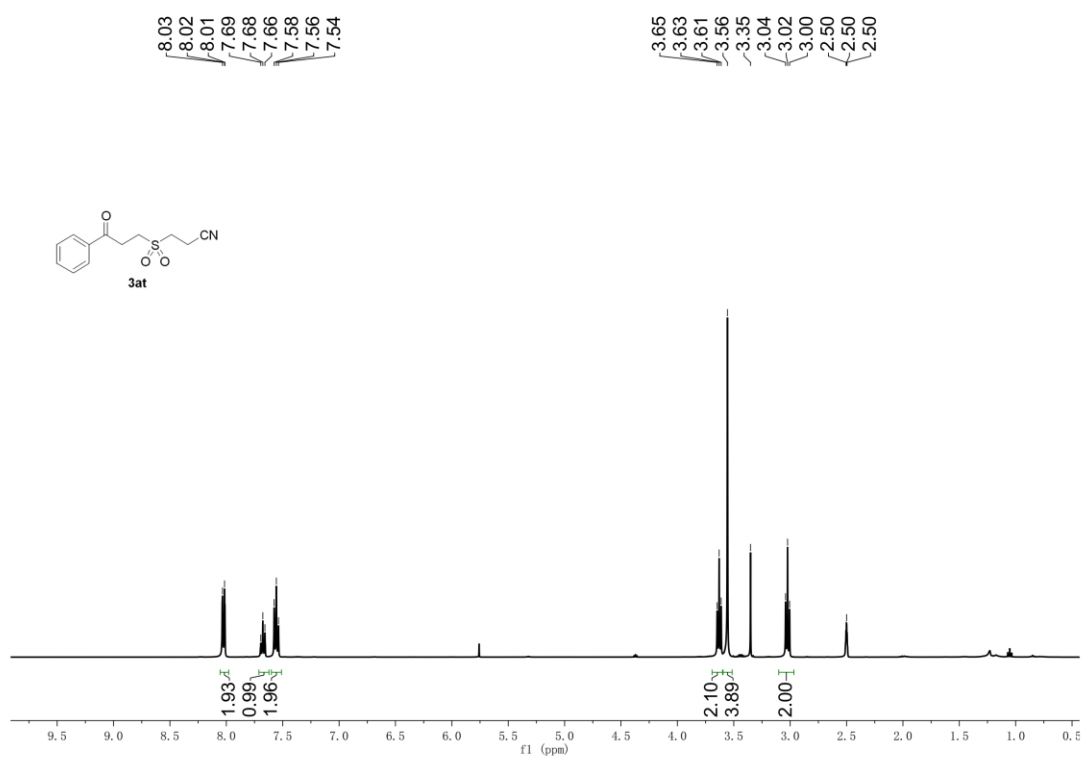
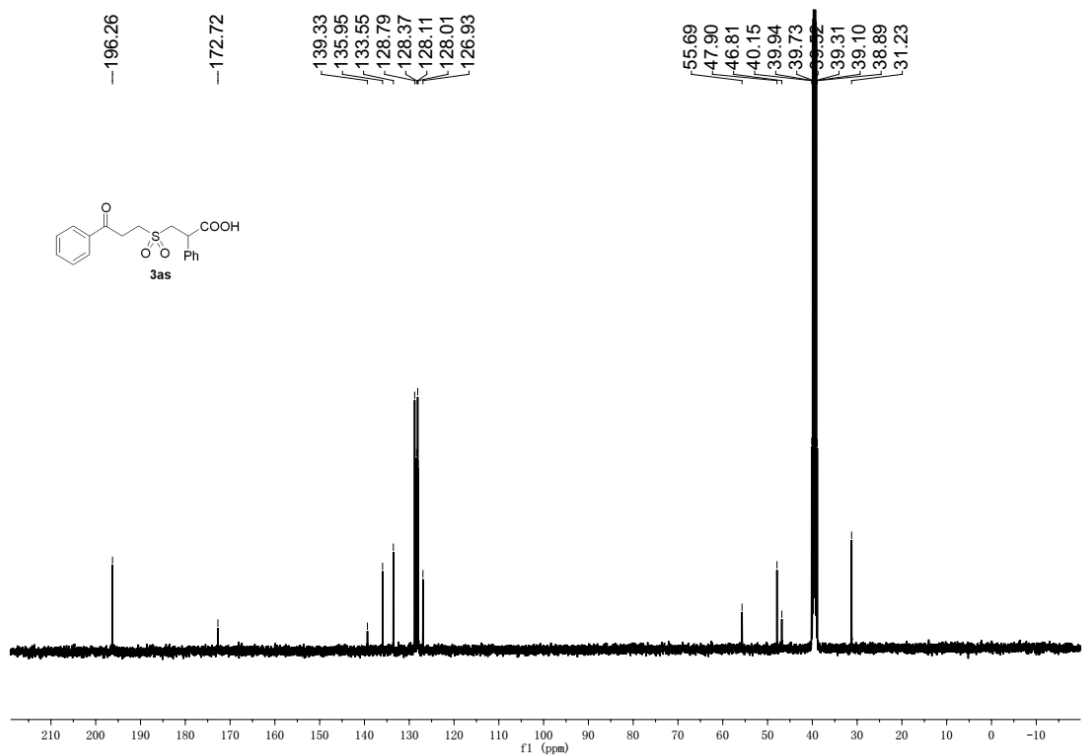


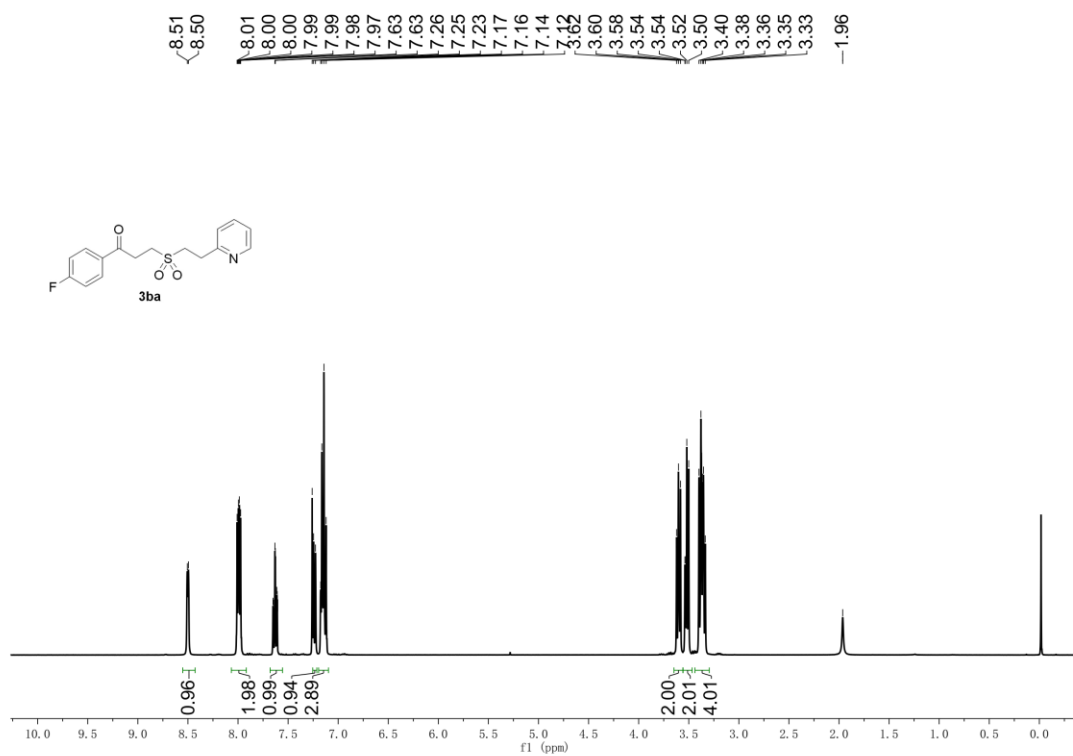
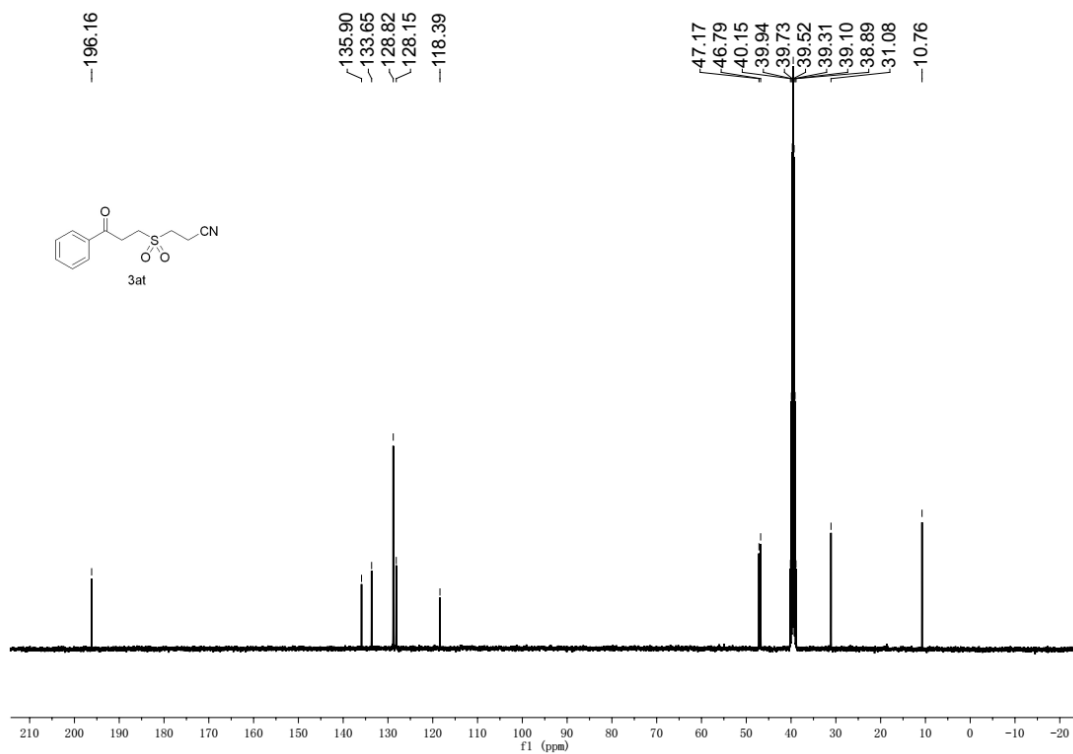


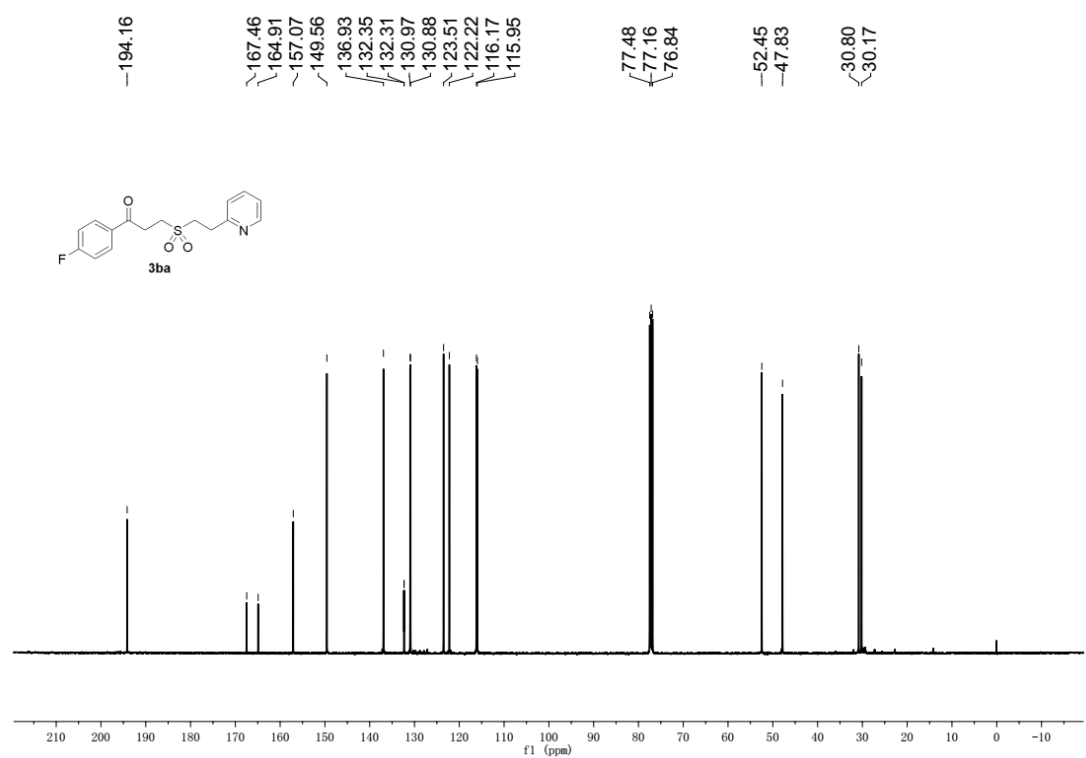
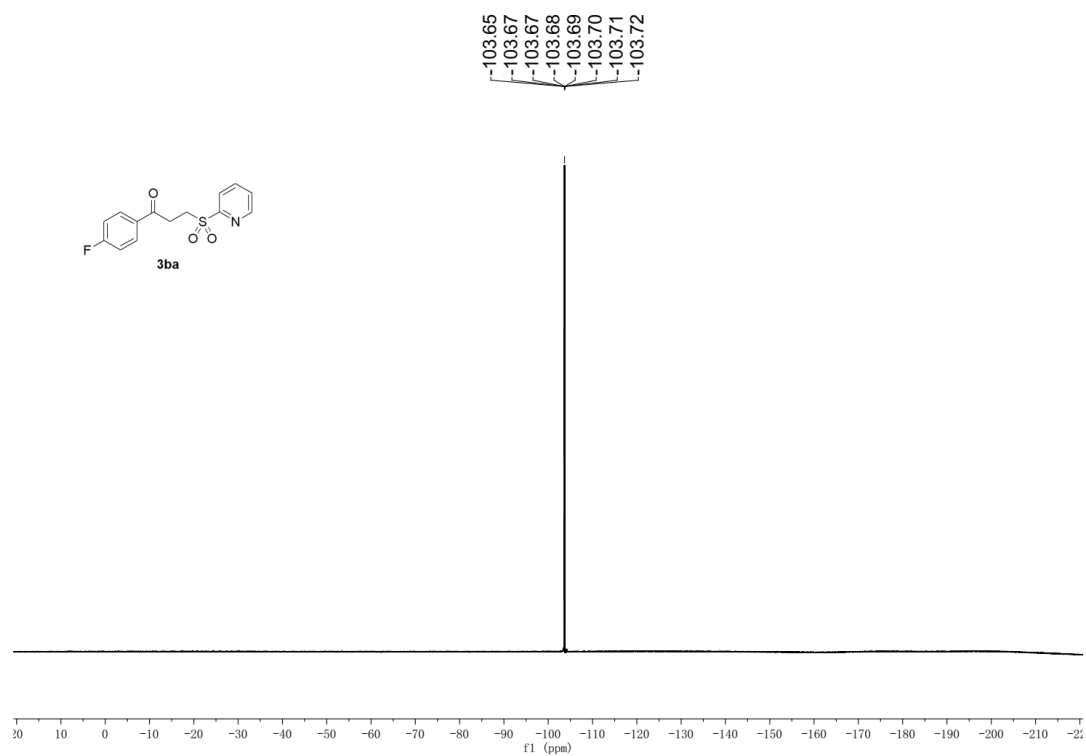


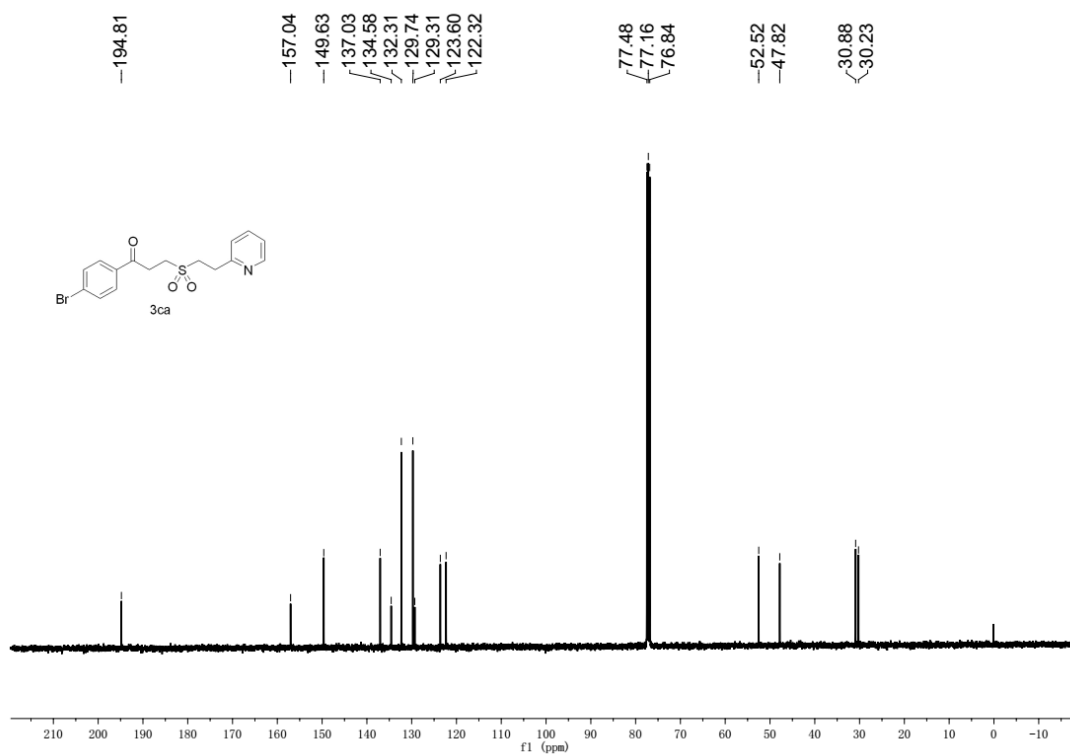
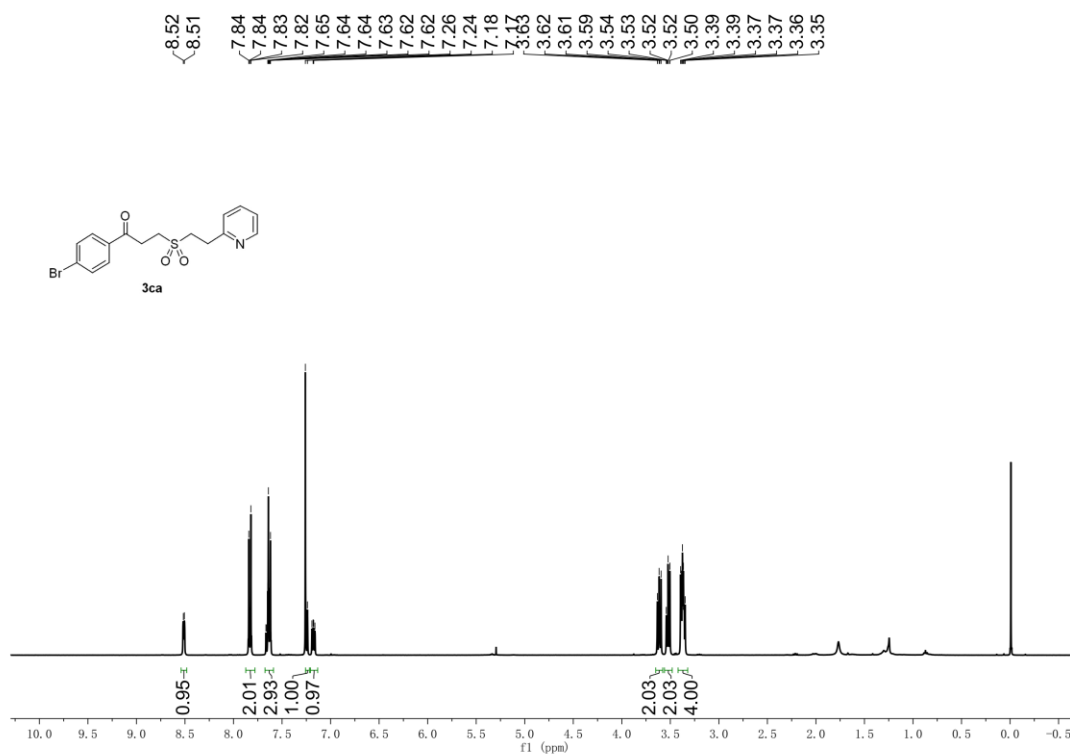


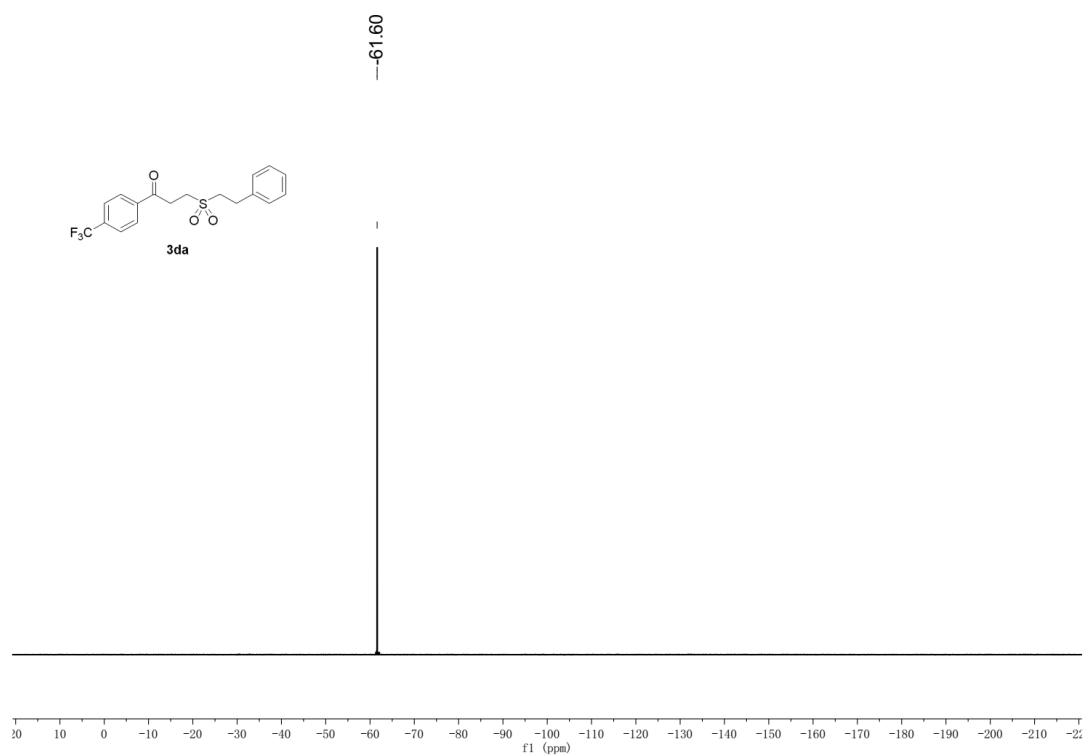
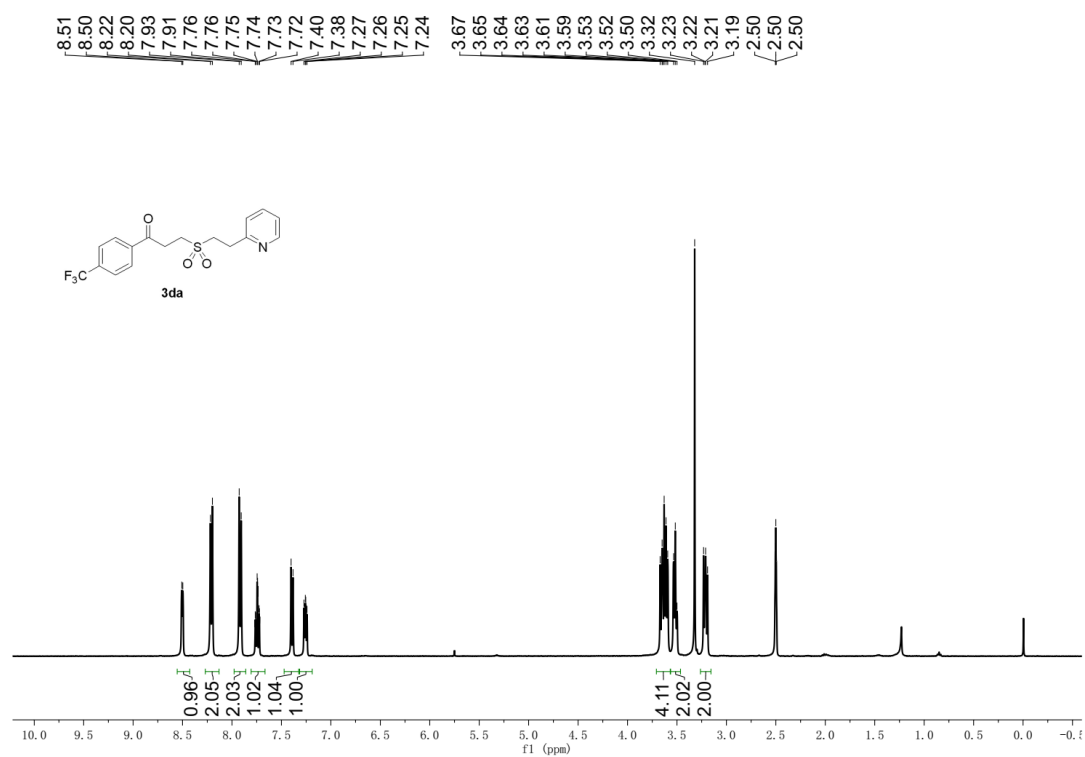


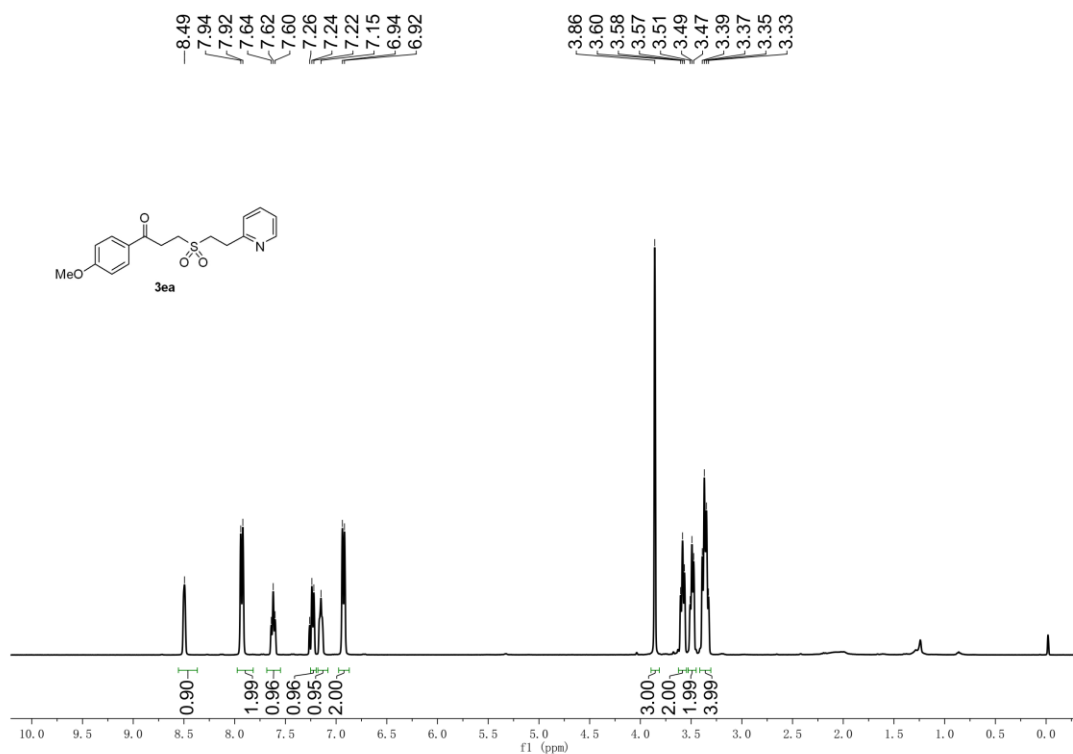
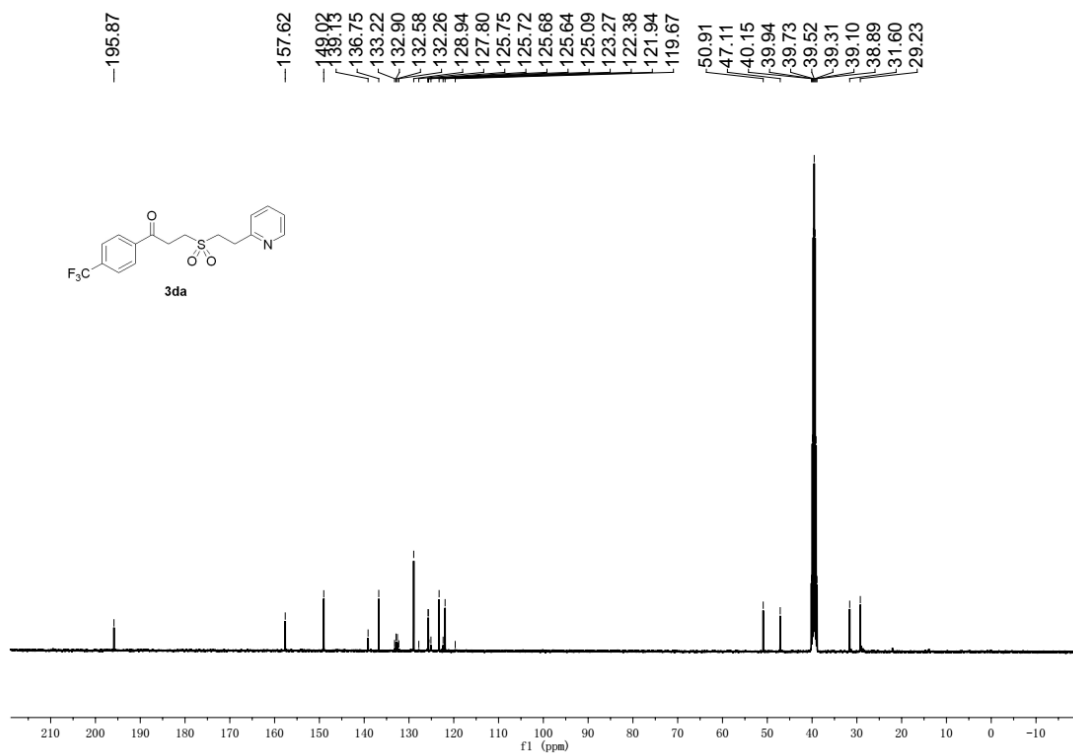


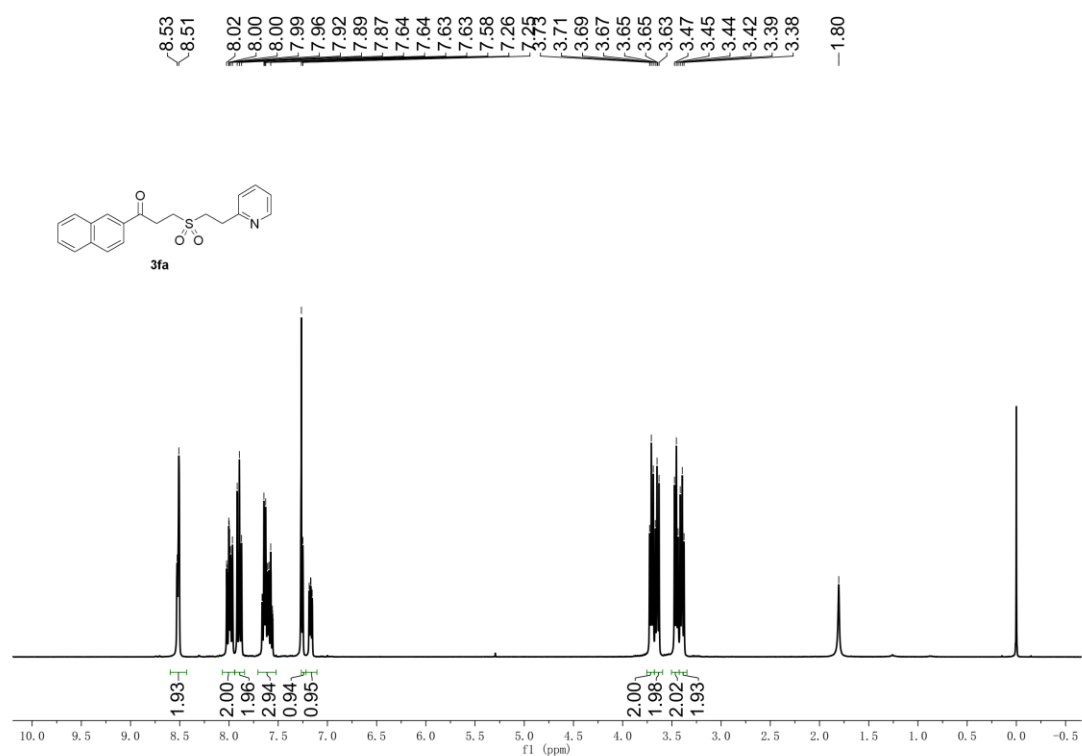
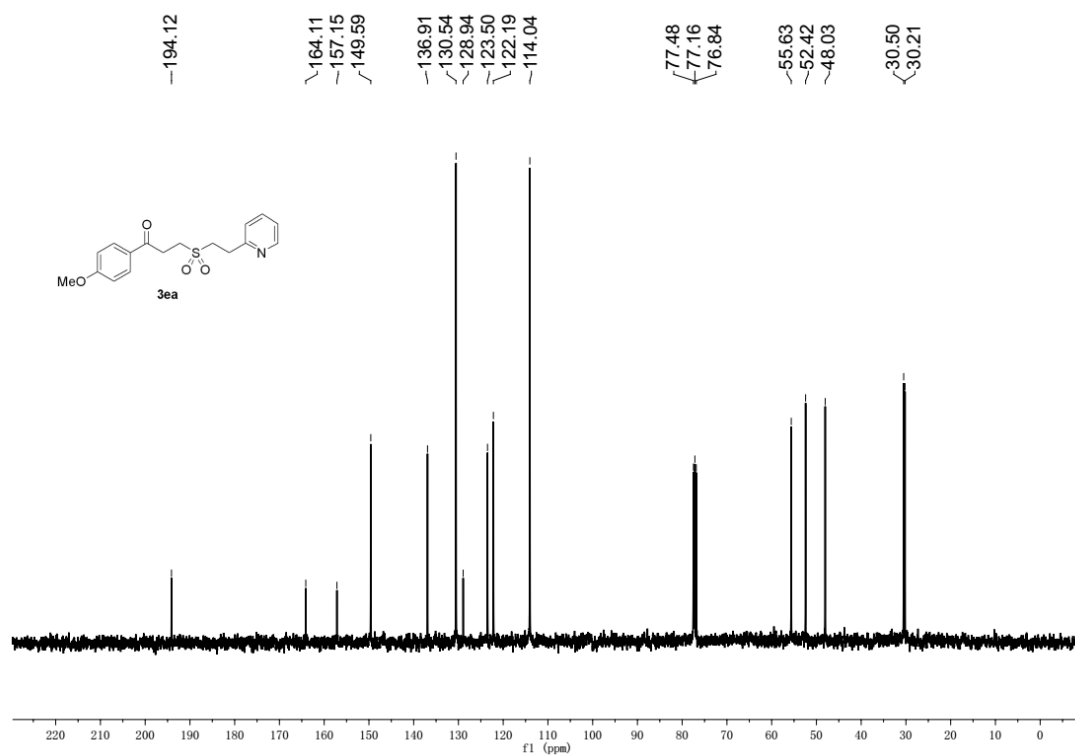


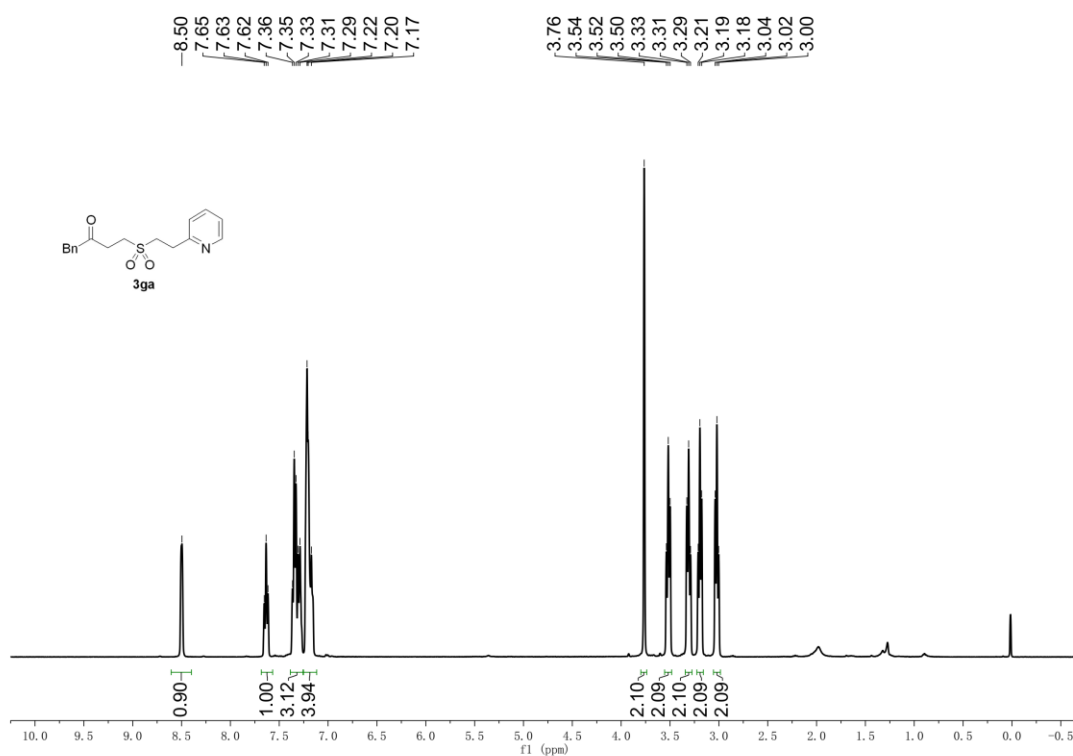
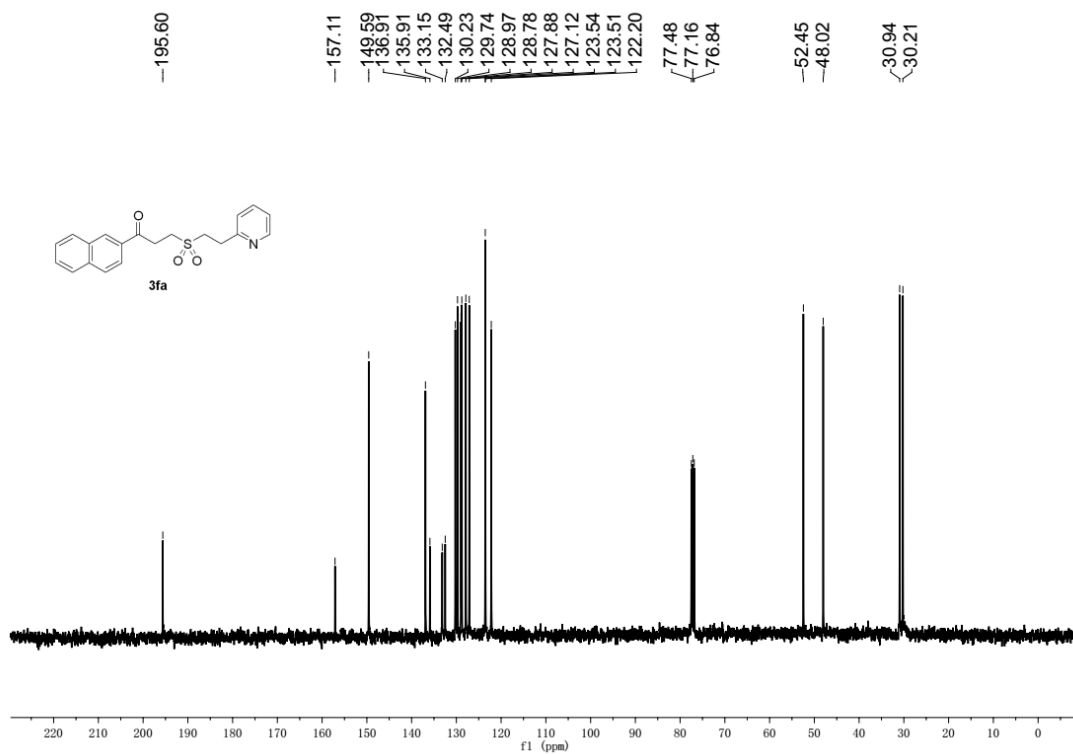


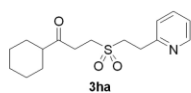
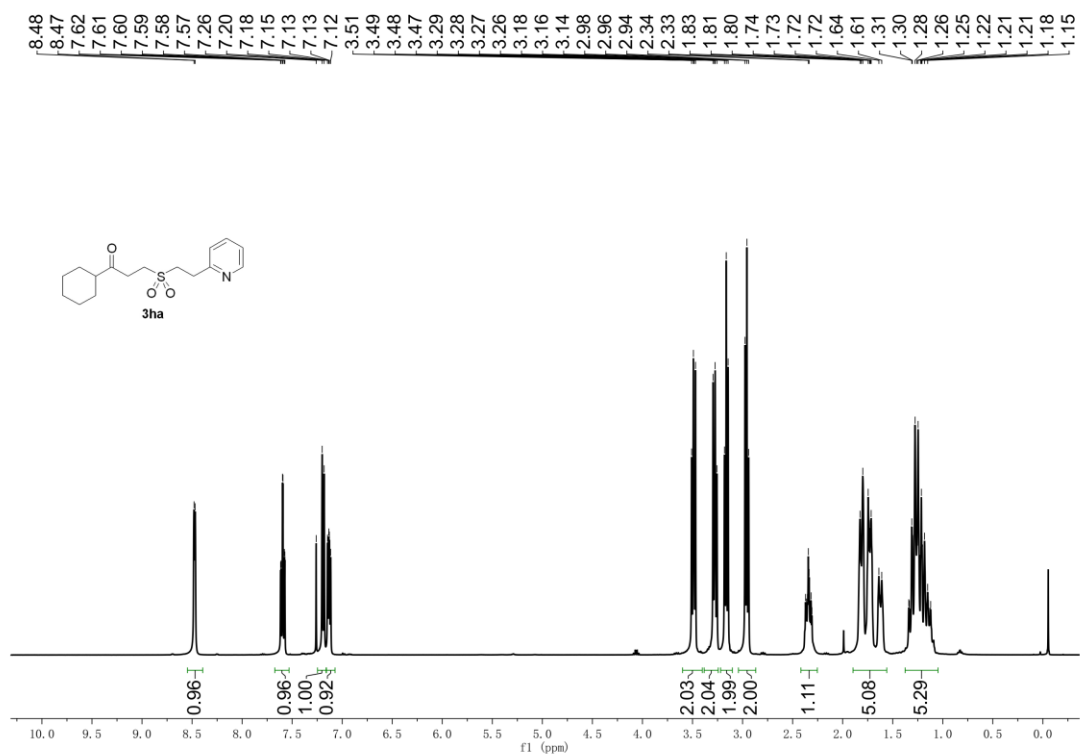
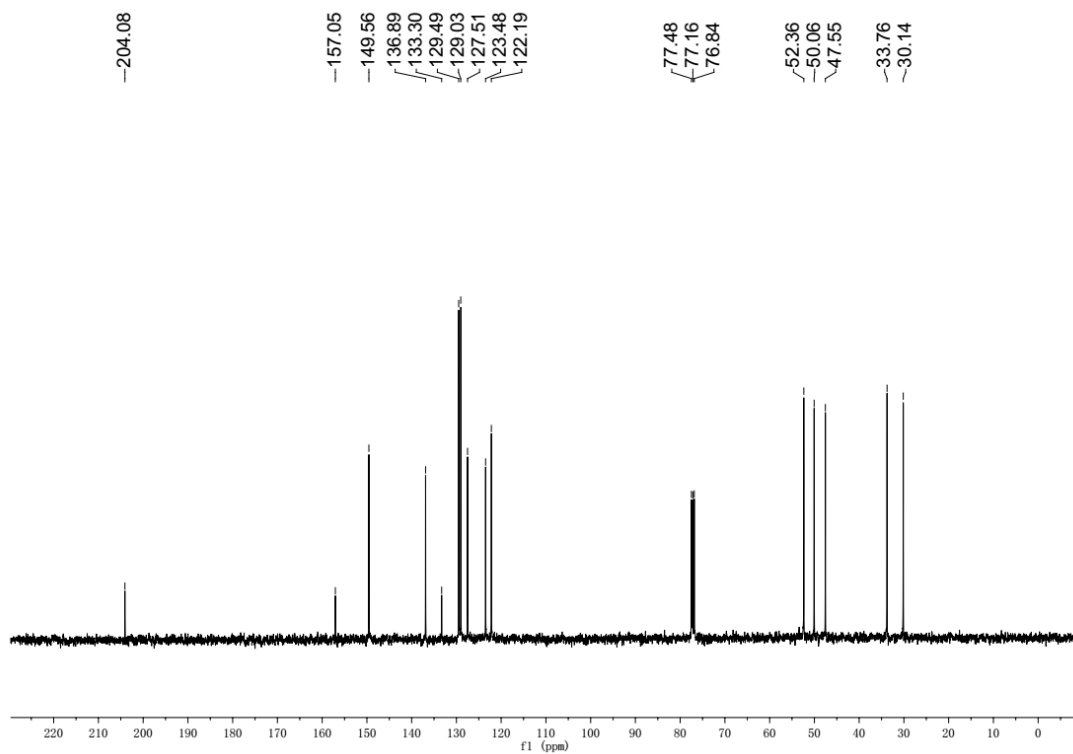


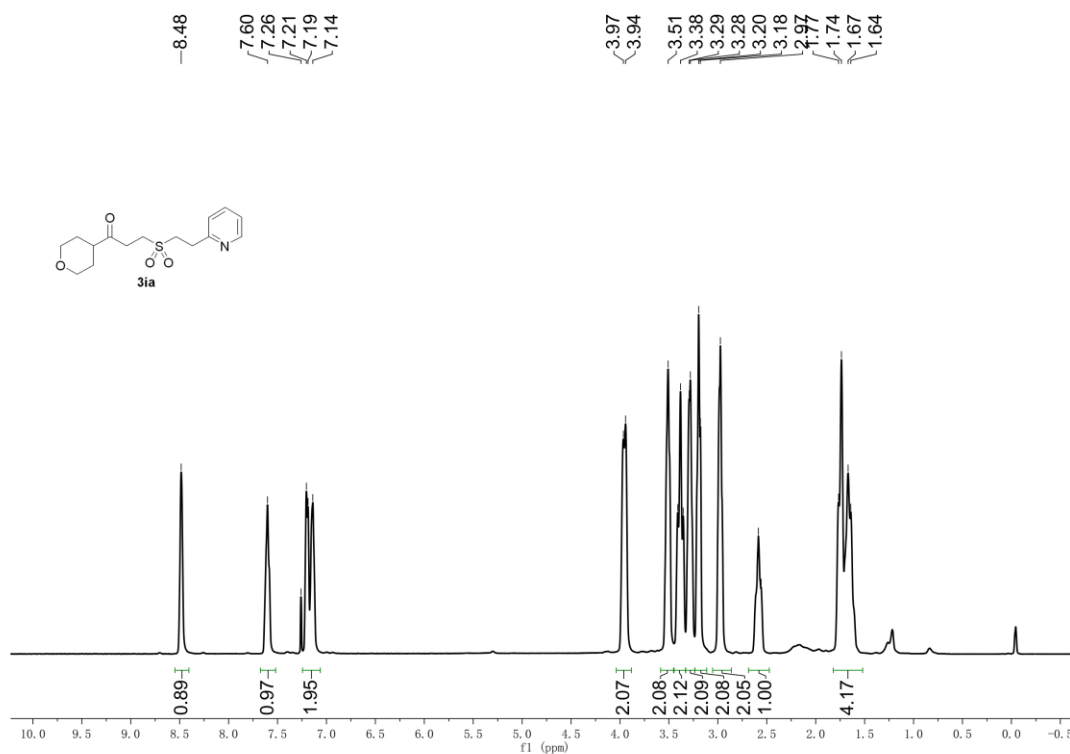
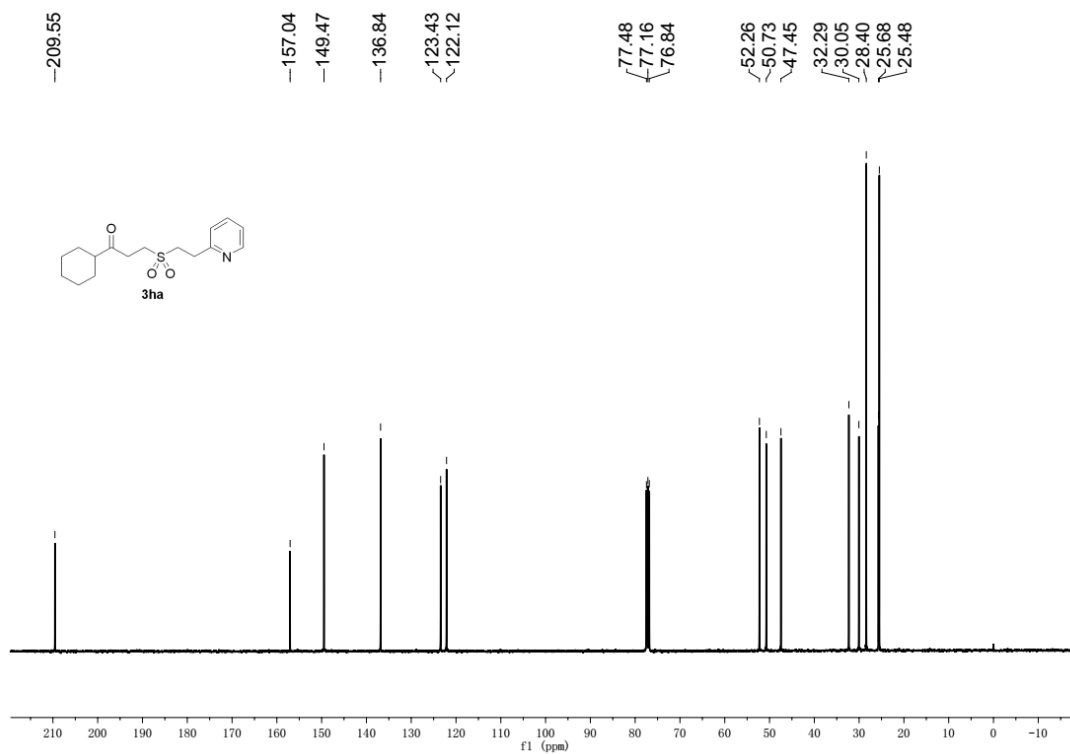


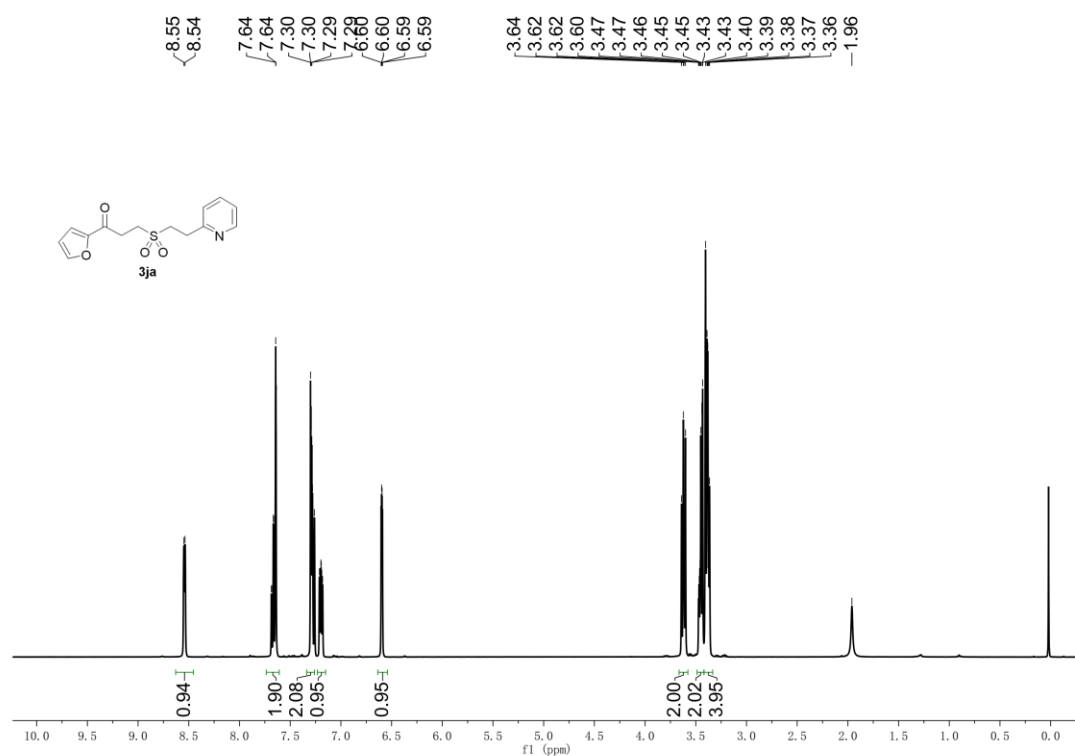
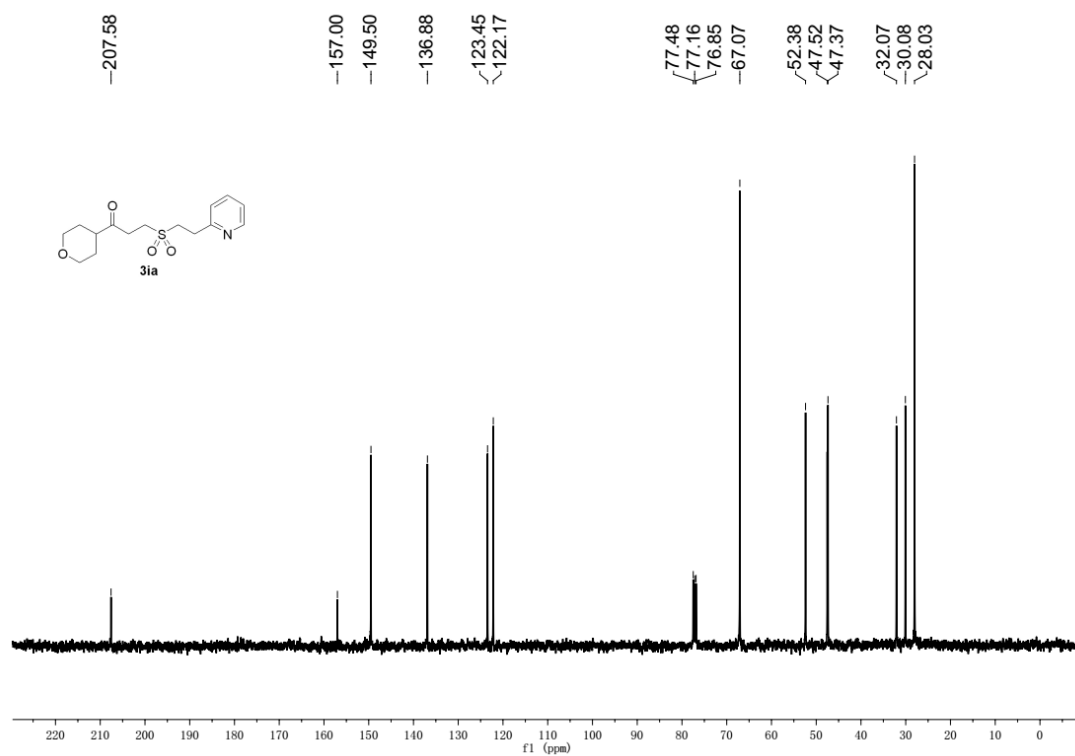


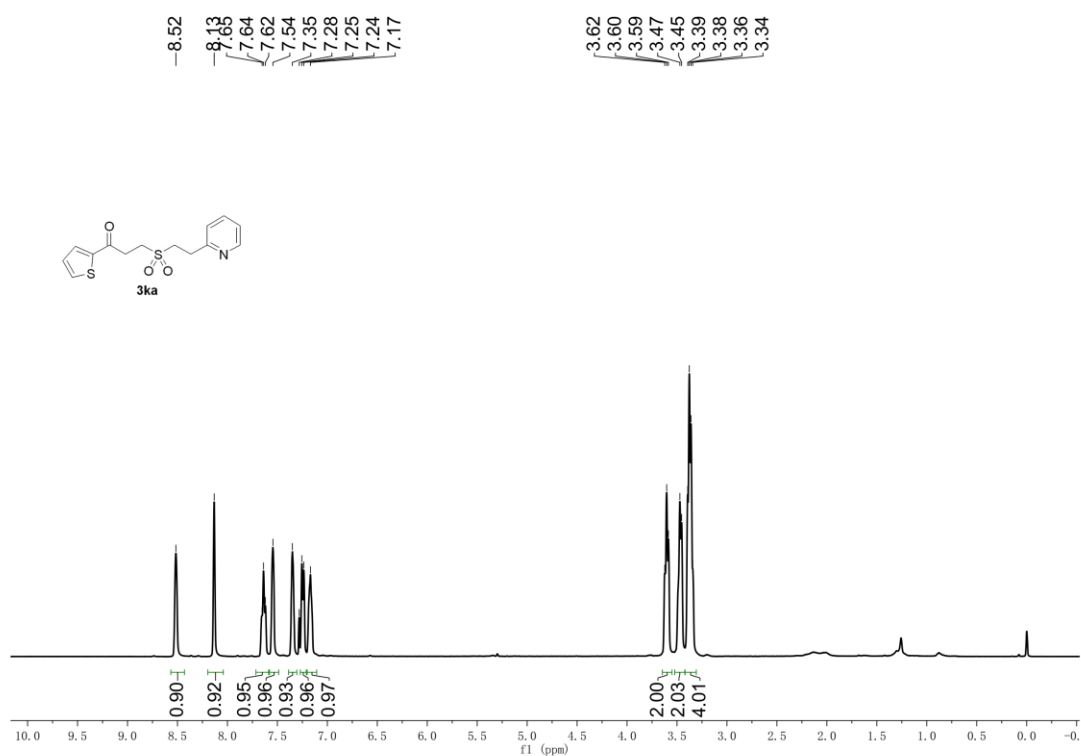
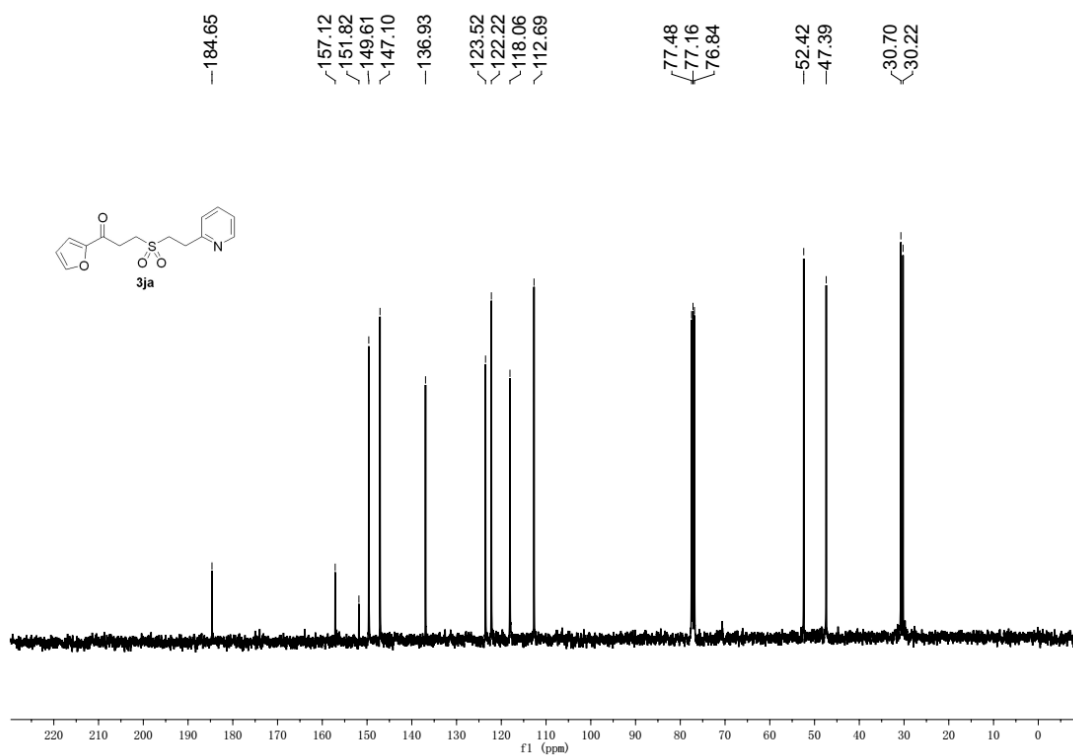


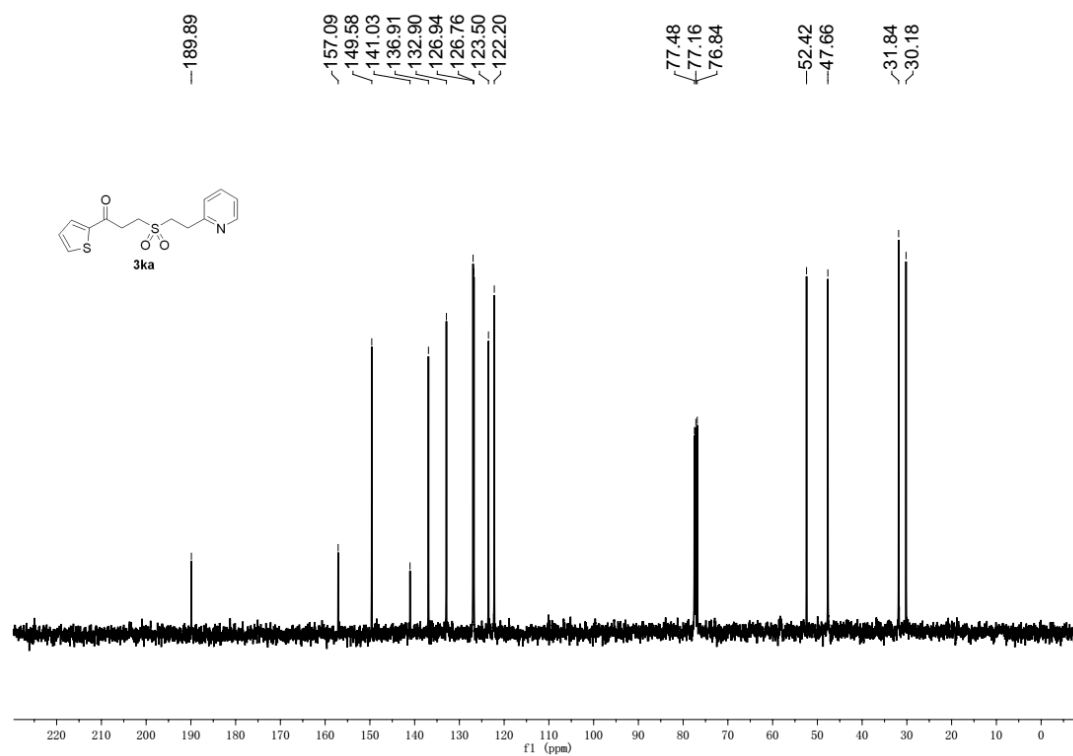












X-ray diffraction analysis of **3aa**

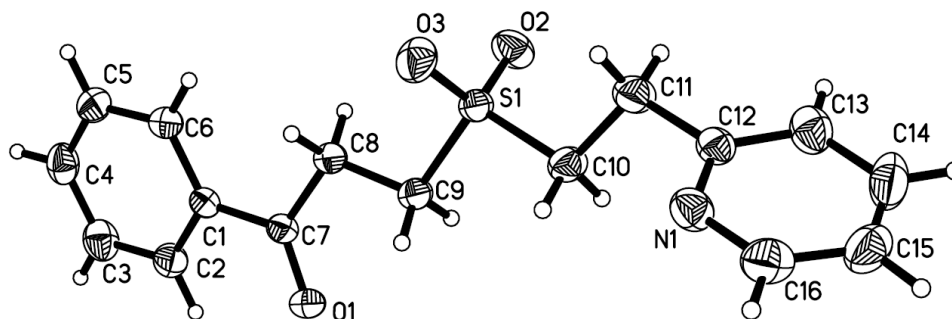


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for ga_200108d_a.

Identification code	ga_200108d_a
Empirical formula	C16 H21 N O5 S
Formula weight	339.40
Temperature	296(2) K

Wavelength	1.34138 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 19.9401(7) Å	a = 90°.
	b = 5.3894(2) Å	b = 101.506(2)°.
	c = 32.9348(13) Å	g = 90°.
Volume	3468.2(2) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.300 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	1.222 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1440	
Crystal size	0.430 x 0.200 x 0.100 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	4.768 to 58.491°.	
Index ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 25, -6 ≤ k ≤ 6, -41 ≤ l ≤ 41	
Reflections collected	24549	
Independent reflections	3702 [R(int) = 0.0317]	
Completeness to theta = 53.594°	99.1 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.752 and 0.583	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	3702 / 3 / 216	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.121	
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0585, wR2 = 0.1942	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0601, wR2 = 0.1979	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	

Largest diff. peak and hole

0.991 and -0.401 e.Å⁻³