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# **Supporting Information**

# Deaminative Carbonylative Thioesterification of Activated Alkylamines with Thiophenols under Transition-Metal-Free Conditions

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### 1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All solvents were dried by standard techniques and distilled prior to use. Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. All NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using Bruker Avance III HD 300 NMR (¹H, 300 MHz; ¹³C {¹H}, 75 MHz), Bruker ARX 400 NMR spectrometers (¹H, 400 MHz; ¹³C {¹H}, 101 MHz). ¹H NMR chemical shifts were reported relative to TMS and were referenced via residual proton resonances of the corresponding deuterated solvent (CDC13: 7.26 ppm) whereas ¹³C {¹H} NMR spectra were reported relative to TMS via the carbon signals of the deuterated solvent (CDC13: 77.0 ppm). Data for ¹H were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. All ¹³C NMR spectra were broad-band ¹H decoupled. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra were recorded on AMD 402 mass spectrometer (70 eV). High resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were recorded on Agilent 6210. The data were given as mass units per charge (m/z). Gas chromatography (GC) analysis were performed on an Agilent HP-5890 instrument with a FID detector and HP-5 capillary column (polydimethylsiloxane with 5% phenyl groups, 30 m, 0.32 mm i.d., 0.25 μm film thickness) using argon as carrier gas.

## 2. Optimization studies

Table S1 Optimization of the reaction conditions

Entry	1a	2a	Promoter	Base	Solvent	T	CO	3aa
Entry	(mmol)	(mmol)	(equiv)	(equiv)	(mL)	(°C)	(bar)	(%) <sup>[a]</sup>
1	0.1	0.12	DBN (2.0)	/	MeCN(1.5)	r.t.	20	18
2	0.12	0.1	DBN (2.0)	/	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	22
3	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	/	MeCN(1.5)	r.t.	20	28
4	0.12	0.1	TBD (2.0)	/	MeCN(1.5)	r.t.	20	trace
5	0.12	0.1	DABCO (2.0)	/	MeCN(1.5)	r.t.	20	trace
6	0.12	0.1	DiPEA (2.0)	/	MeCN(1.5)	r.t.	20	trace
7	0.12	0.1	$Et_3N(2.0)$	/	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	trace
8	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1.0)	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	27
9	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$K_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN(1.5)	r.t.	20	28

•	10	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	38
	11	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$NaHCO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	24
	12	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$K_{3}PO_{4}(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	35
	13	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$K_2HPO_4(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	22
	14	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	LiOH (1.0)	MeCN(1.5)	r.t.	20	28
	15	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$Cs(OAc)_2(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	25
	16	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	t-BuOK (1.0)	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	32
	17	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	HCOOK (1.0)	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	26
	18	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	LiOMe (1.0)	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	11
	19	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(0.5)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	34
	20	0.12	0.1	DBU (2.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(2.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	40
	21	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	40
	22	0.12	0.1	DBU (3.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	r.t.	20	39
	23	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	THF(1.5)	r.t.	20	16
	24	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	1,4-Dioxane(1.5)	r.t.	20	18
	25	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	Toluene (1.5)	r.t.	20	9
	26	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	50	20	52
	27	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	60	20	64
	28	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	80	20	61
	29	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	100	20	39
	30	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	60	10	48
	31	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	60	30	70
	$32^{[b]}$	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	60	30	73
	33 <sup>[c]</sup>	0.12	0.1	DBU (1.0)	$Cs_2CO_3(1.0)$	MeCN (1.5)	60	30	$74  (73)^{[d]}$

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **2a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), promoter (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), base (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), solvent (1.5 mL), CO (20 bar), r.t., 15 h; [a] Determined by GC using hexadecane as the internal standard; [b] 24 h; [c] 2.0 equiv  $H_2O$  was added; [d] isolated yield. DBN = 1.5-Diazabicyclo [4.3.0] non-5-ene. DBU = 1.8-Diazabicyclo [5.4.0] undec-7-ene. TBD = 1.3.4.6.7.8-Hexahydro-2*H*-pyrimido [1,2-*a*] pyrimidine. DABCO = 1.8-Diazabicyclo [5.4.0] undec-7-ene.

#### Unsuccessful thiophenols:

$$O_2N$$
  $SH$   $N$   $SH$   $N$   $SH$   $SH$ 

## 3. General procedure for the synthesis of Katritzky salts

Katritzky salts 1a-1i were all synthesized as described previously.

# 4. General procedure for the synthesis of thioesters

A 4 mL screw-cap vial was charged with Katritzky salts (0.12 mmol), thiophenols (if solid, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and an oven-dried stirring bar. The vial was closed by Teflon septum and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. After flashed the vials with argon and vacuum three times, DBU (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), thiophenols (if liquid, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and dry MeCN (1.5 mL) were injected by syringe. The vial was fixed in an alloy plate and put into Parr 4560 series autoclave (500 mL) under argon atmosphere. At room temperature, the autoclave was flushed with carbon monoxide for three times and 30 bar of carbon monoxide was charged. The autoclave was reacted at 60 °C for 24 h. Afterwards, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (*n*-Pentane/EtOAc) to afford the corresponding thioesters.

#### $S\hbox{-}(4\hbox{-}Methoxyphenyl)\,cyclohexane carbothio ate\,(3aa)\hbox{:}$

OMe

The title compound was prepared from 1-cyclohexyl-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (57.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f$ = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (18.2 mg, 73%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.59 (tt, J = 11.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.22 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.8, 160.4, 136.1, 118.6, 114.8, 55.3, 52.2, 29.5, 25.6, 25.5. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 250.1028, Found: 250.1022.

#### S-(4-Methoxyphenyl) cyclopentanecarbothioate (3ba):

OMe

The title compound was prepared from 1-cyclopentyl-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (55.5 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f$ = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (18.6 mg, 79%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.14 – 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.83 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.57 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.9, 160.5, 136.1, 118.9, 114.8, 55.3, 52.6, 30.6, 25.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{17}O_2S[M+H]^+$ : 237.0949, Found: 237.0952.

#### S-(4-Methoxyphenyl) cycloheptanecarbothioate (3ca):

OMe

The title compound was prepared from 1-cycloheptyl-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (58.9 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f$ = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (20.7 mg, 76%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.75 (tt, J = 9.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.61 – 1.45 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.4, 160.5, 136.1, 118.8, 114.8, 55.3, 53.9, 31.3, 28.2, 26.4. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 264.1184, Found: 264.1178.

#### S-(4-Methoxyphenyl) 2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carbothioate (3da):

OMe

The title compound was prepared from 1-(2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (61.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA =  $50:1,R_f=0.2$ ) to give the product as a white solid (15.4 mg, 54%).

 $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 6.99 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.42 – 3.22 (m, 4H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.5, 160.6, 141.1, 136.2, 134.4, 126.7, 124.3, 118.3, 114.9, 114.6, 55.3, 52.2, 36.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{16}NaO_2S$  [M+H]+: 307.0768, Found: 307.0775.

#### S-(4-Hethoxyphenyl) tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carbothioate (3ea):

SOME

The title compound was prepared from 2,4,6-triphenyl-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl)pyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (57.5 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$ = 0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (16.9 mg, 67%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.06 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.52 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.90 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.80 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.3, 160.7, 136.2, 117.9, 114.9, 67.0, 55.3, 48.9, 29.1. HRMS (EI) calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}O_3S$  [M]<sup>+</sup>: 252.0820, Found: 252.0815.

#### Ethyl 4-(((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fa):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (21.0 mg, 65%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7 32 – 7 27 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.23 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.88 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.3, 160.6, 155.4, 136.1, 117.8, 114.9, 61.4, 55.3, 49.7, 43.0, 28.4, 14.6. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 323.1191, Found: 323.1186.

#### S-(4-Methoxyphenyl) 2-methylpropanethioate (3ga):

OMe

The title compound was prepared from 1-isopropyl-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (87.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f$ = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (12.8 mg, 61%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.92 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.9, 160.5, 136.1, 118.5, 114.8, 55.3, 42.7, 19.4. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 210.0715, Found: 210.0709.

#### S-(4-Methoxyphenyl) 2-methylheptanethioate (3ha):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(heptan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (59.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f$ = 0.4) to give the product as a colorless oil (14.2 mg, 53%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.81 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.26 (m, 6H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.7, 160.5, 136.1, 118.7, 114.8, 55.3, 48.2, 34.1, 31.7, 26.8, 22.5, 17.6, 14.0. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 266.1341, Found: 266.1335.

#### S-(4-Methoxyphenyl) 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropanethioate (3ia):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (65.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methoxybenzenethiol (12.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA =  $20:1, R_f=0.2$ ) to give the product as a colorless oil (16.2 mg, 51%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.87 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.09 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.64 (dd, J = 12.9, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.1, 160.5, 158.2, 136.1, 131.0, 130.1, 118.5, 114.8, 113.8, 55.3, 55.2, 50.1, 39.1, 17.2. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 316.1133, Found: 316.1123.

#### S-(3-Methoxyphenyl) cyclohexanecarbothioate (3ab):

The title compound was prepared from 1-cyclohexyl-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (57.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 3-methoxybenzenethiol (12.3 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f = 0.3$ ) to give the product as a colorless oil (16.0 mg, 64%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.60 (tt, J = 11.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.6, 159.8, 129.8, 128.9, 126.8, 119.6, 115.3, 55.3, 52.5, 29.5, 25.6, 25.5. HRMS (EI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{18}O_2S[M]^+$ : 250.1028, Found: 250.1022.

#### S-(2-Methoxyphenyl) cyclohexanecarbothioate (3ac):

o s

OMe The title compound was prepared from 1-cyclohexyl-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (57.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 2-methoxybenzenethiol (12.2 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f = 0.3$ ) to give the product as a colorless oil (20.9 mg, 84%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.63 (tt, J = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.23 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 200.0, 159.2, 136.8, 131.3, 121.0, 116.2, 111.5, 56.0, 52.4, 29.5, 25.6, 25.5. HRMS (EI) calcd for  $C_{14}H_{18}O_2S$  [M]<sup>+</sup>: 250.1028, Found: 250.1022.

#### S-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl) cyclohexanecarbothioate (3ad):

S N

The title compound was prepared from 1-cyclohexyl-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (57.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)benzenethiol (15.3 mg, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 50:1,  $R_f$  = 0.2) to give the product as a white solid (12.5 mg, 48%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 2.98 (s, 6H), 2.59 (tt, J = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.19 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.7, 150.9, 135.7, 112.8, 52.0, 40.3, 29.5, 25.6, 25.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NOS [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 264.1422, Found: 264.1423.

#### Ethyl 4-((phenylthio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fe):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxy carbonyl) piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenyl pyridin-1-ium tetraf luoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and benzenethiol (10.3 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ = 0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (19.5 mg, 67%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 4.20 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.94 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.77 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.3, 155.4, 134.5, 129.4, 129.2, 127.2, 61.4, 50.0, 43.0, 28.4, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNa O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 316.0983, Found: 316.0980.

#### Ethyl 4-((p-tolylthio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3ff):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxy carbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-methylbenzenethiol (12.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (18.5 mg, 60%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7 30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 4.21 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.94 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.76 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.02 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.8, 155.4, 139.7, 134.5, 130.0, 123.6, 61.4, 49.9, 43.0, 28.4, 21.3, 14.6. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 307.1242, Found: 307.1237.

#### Ethyl 4-(((4-(methylthio)phenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fg):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-(methylthio)benzenethiol (13.1 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (17.0 mg, 50%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7 31 – 7 24 (m, 4H), 4.18 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.93 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.76 (tt, J = 11.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.03 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.5, 155.4, 141.1, 134.8, 126.6, 122.9, 61.4, 49.9, 43.0, 28.4, 15.3, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 340.1041, Found: 340.1037.

#### Ethyl 4-((o-tolylthio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fh):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 2-methylbenzenethiol (11.8 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (24.6 mg, 80%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.24 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.95 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.79 (tt, J = 11.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.8, 155.4, 141.9, 136.0, 130.8, 130.1, 126.7, 126.6, 61.4, 50.0, 43.0, 28.4, 20.6, 14.6. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 307.1242, Found: 307.1237.

#### Ethyl 4-(((2-isopropylphenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fi):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 2-isopropylbenzenethiol (15.1 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (19.0 mg, 57%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.20 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.34 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.84 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.3, 155.4, 151.8, 136.5, 130.5, 126.4, 126.2, 125.5, 61.4, 50.0, 43.1, 31.1, 28.5, 23.5, 14.7. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1555, Found: 335.1550.

#### Ethyl 4-(((2,6-dimethylphenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fj):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 2,6-dimethylbenzenethiol (13.3 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (21.4 mg, 67%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.98 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.86 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 2.02 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.3, 155.4, 142.6, 129.8, 128.3, 126.6, 61.4, 50.0, 43.0, 28.5, 21.6, 14.6. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 321.1399, Found: 321.1393.

#### Ethyl 4-(((2,4-dimethylphenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fk):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 2,4-dimethylbenzenethiol (13.4 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA =  $5:1,R_f=0.3$ ) to give the product as a colorless oil (19.7 mg, 61%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7 24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 4.20 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.95 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.78 (tt, J = 11.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.3, 155.4, 141.7, 140.3,

135.8, 131.6, 127.5, 123.2, 61.4, 49.8, 43.0, 28.4, 21.2, 20.5, 14.6. **HRMS** (EI) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3S$  [M]<sup>+</sup>: 321.1399, Found: 321.1393.

#### Ethyl 4-(((4-fluorophenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fl):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzenethiol (10.7 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (18.2 mg, 59%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.94 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.76 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.3, 163.5 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 155.4, 136.6 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 122.4, 116.5 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 61.4, 49.9, 43.0, 28.4, 14.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -111.0. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 311.0991, Found: 311.0986.

#### Ethyl 4-(((4-chlorophenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fm):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-chlorobenzenethiol (12.2 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (17.7 mg, 54%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 4.22 – 4.08 (m, 4H), 2.95 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.76 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.8, 155.4, 135.9, 135.8, 129.5, 125.6, 61.4, 50.1, 43.0, 28.4, 14.7. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 327.0696, Found: 327.0690.

#### Ethyl 4-(((4-bromophenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fn):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-bromobenzenethiol (18.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.3) to give the product as a colorless oil (22.6 mg, 61%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7 57 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.96 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.76 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.6, 155.3, 136.0, 132.4, 126.3, 124.1, 61.4, 50.1, 43.0, 28.4, 14.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0269, Found: 372.0269.

#### Ethyl 4-(((2-bromophenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fo):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 2-bromobenzenethiol (11.8 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (19.5 mg, 52%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (td, J = 8.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.99 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.81 (tt, J = 10.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.4, 155.4, 137.2, 133.6, 131.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.0, 61.4, 50.0, 43.0, 28.3, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>BrNNa O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 394.0088, Found: 394.0086.

#### Ethyl 4-(((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fp):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenethiol (13.5 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (10.0 mg, 28%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 4.24 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.97 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.79 (tt, J = 11.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.0, 155.3, 134.6, 131.9, 131.36 (d, J = 32.8 Hz), 125.94 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 123.73 (d, J = 272.5 Hz), 61.4, 50.3, 43.0, 28.4, 14.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 362.1038, Found: 362.1039.

#### Ethyl 4-((naphthalen-2-ylthio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fq):

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and naphthalene-2-thiol (16.0 mg, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (18.9 mg, 55%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.90 – 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.96 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.86 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.5, 155.4, 134.5, 133.5, 133.3, 130.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.6, 124.5, 61.4, 50.0, 43.1, 28.5, 14.7. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 343.1242, Found: 343.1237.

#### $Ethyl\ 4-((naphthalen-1-ylthio)carbonyl) piperidine-1-carboxylate\ (3fr):$

The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and naphthalene-1-thiol (13.9 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ =0.2) to give the product as a colorless oil (18.6 mg, 54%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.98 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 4.25 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.99 – 2.84 (m, 3H), 2.10 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 198.9, 155.4, 135.1, 134.2, 134.2, 130.9, 128.7, 127.2, 126.4, 125.6, 125.0, 124.6, 61.4, 50.1, 43.1, 28.5, 14.7. HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 343.1242, Found: 343.1237.

#### Ethyl 4-((cyclohexylthio)carbonyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (3fs):

Ö The title compound was prepared from 1-(1-(ethoxy carbonyl)piperidin-4-yl)-2,4,6-triphenylpyridin-1-ium tetrafluoroborate (66.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and cyclohexanethiol (12.2 uL, 0.1 mmol), according to general carbonylation procedure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$ = 0.4) to give the product as a colorless oil (12.1 mg, 40%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.20 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.54 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.58 (tt, J = 11.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.81 (m, 4H), 1.77 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 1.24 (d, J = 7.1

Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  201 3, 155.4, 61 3, 50 3, 43.1, 42.0, 33.0, 28.4, 25.9, 25.5, 14.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{15}H_{26}NO_3S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 300.1633, Found: 300.1639.

#### 5. Mechanistic experiments

Scheme 1. Mechanistic experiments

A 4 mL screw-cap vial was charged with Katritzky salts **1a** (0.12 mmol), 4-methoxythiophenol **2a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), radical scavenger (if solid, 1.0 or 2.0 equiv), and an oven-dried stirring bar. The vial was closed by Teflon septum and phenolic cap and connected with atmosphere with a needle. After flashed the vials with argon and vacuum three times, DBU (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), radical scavenger (if liquid, 1.0 or 2.0 equiv), and dry MeCN (1.5 mL) were injected by syringe. The vial was fixed in an alloy plate and put into Parr 4560 series autoclave (500 mL) under argon atmosphere. At room temperature, the autoclave was flushed with carbon monoxide for three times and 30 bar of carbon monoxide was charged. The autoclave was reacted at 60 °C for 24 h. Afterwards, the autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the pressure was carefully released. Then a proper amount of solution was taken for GC and GC-MS analysis. The result is shown above (Scheme 1).

When TEMPO (2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy) was added into the system under the standard conditions, the reaction was inhibited completely, meanwhile the adduct of radical with TEMPO 5 was detected by GC-MS (Figure 1). However, when BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene) was added, the reaction was hardly affected and 3aa was obtained in 71% yield. And the addition of 1,1-diphenylethylene lead to 35% yield of 3aa and 43% yield of 6. These results suggest that the alkyl radical and acyl radical were probably generated in this transformation.

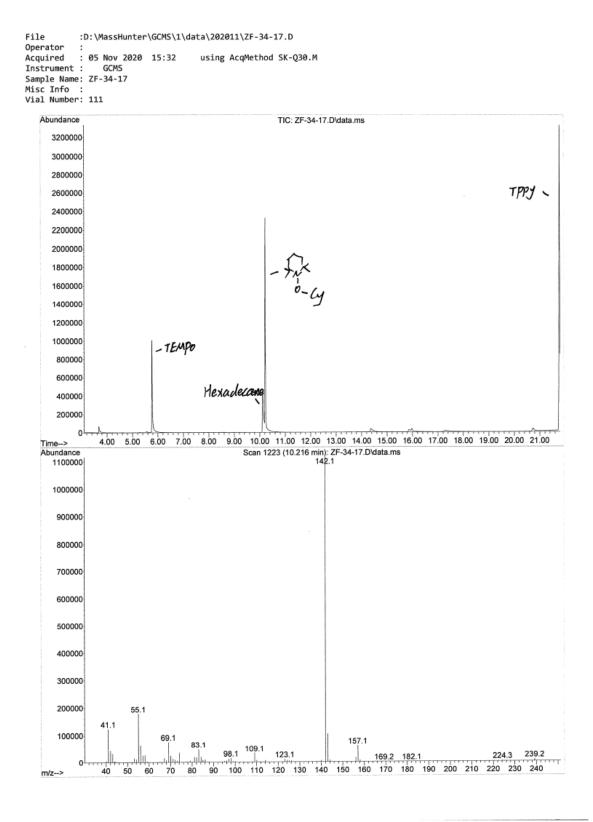
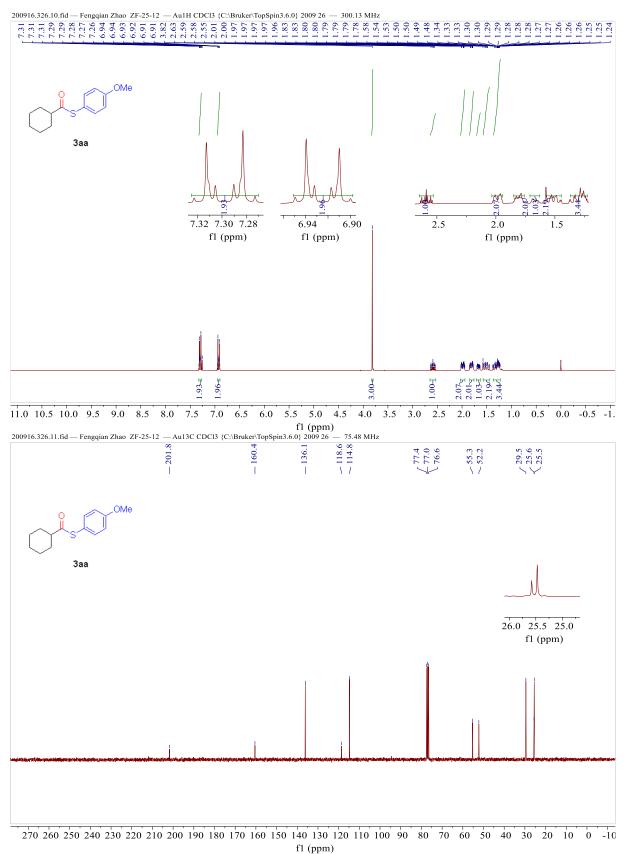


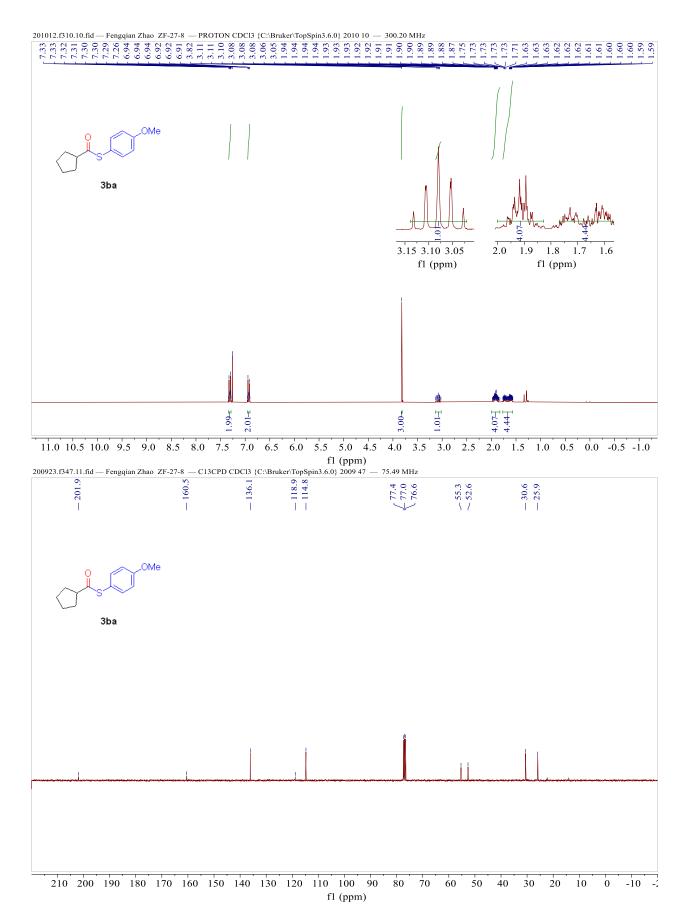
Figure 1. The GC-MS of the adduct of radical with TEMPO

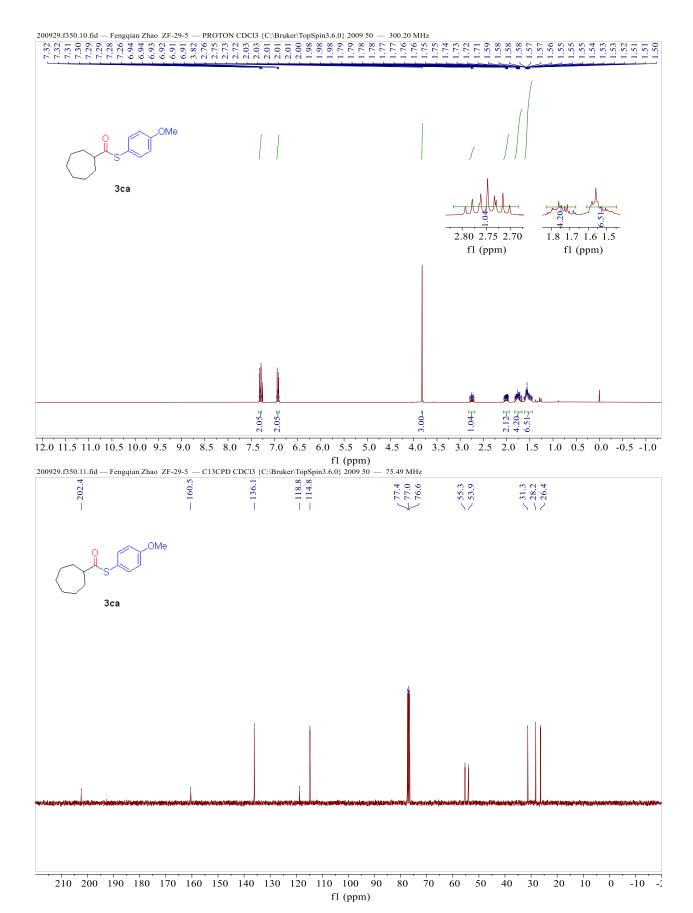
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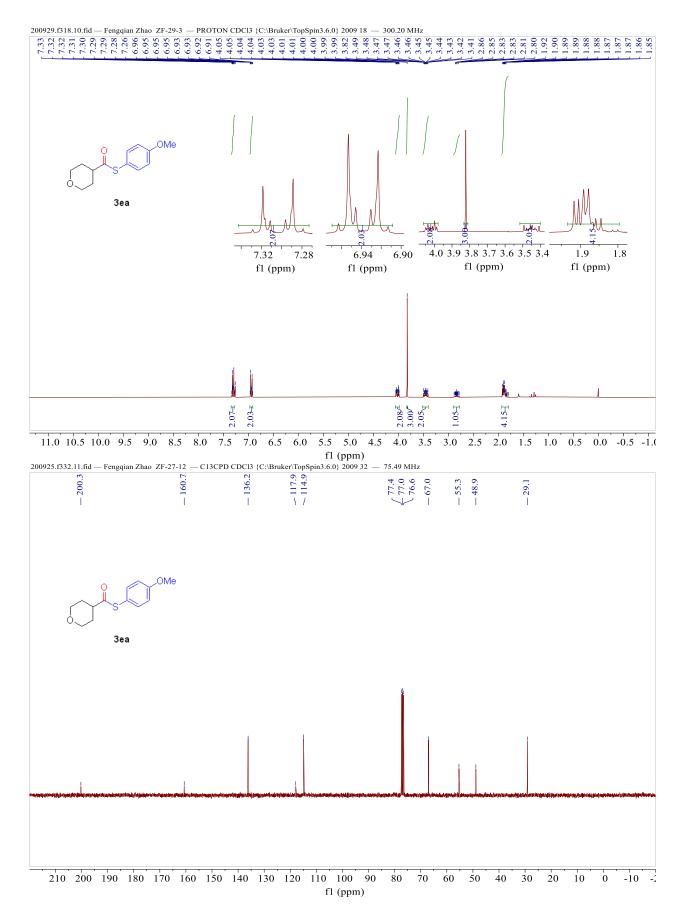
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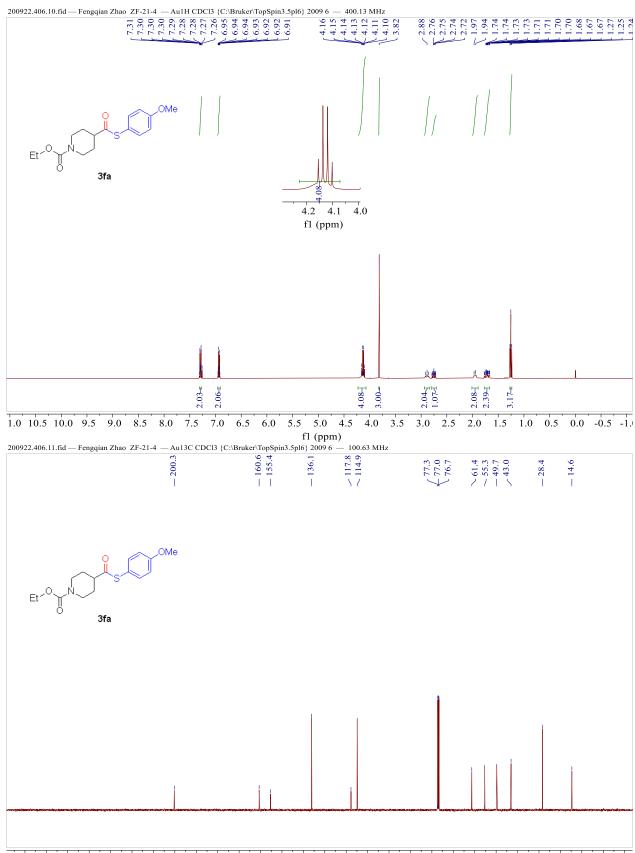




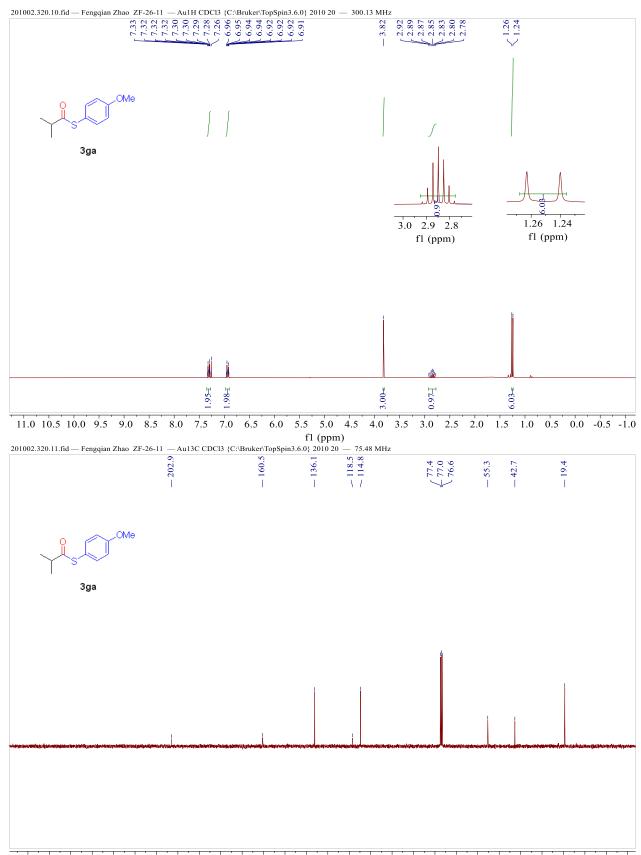


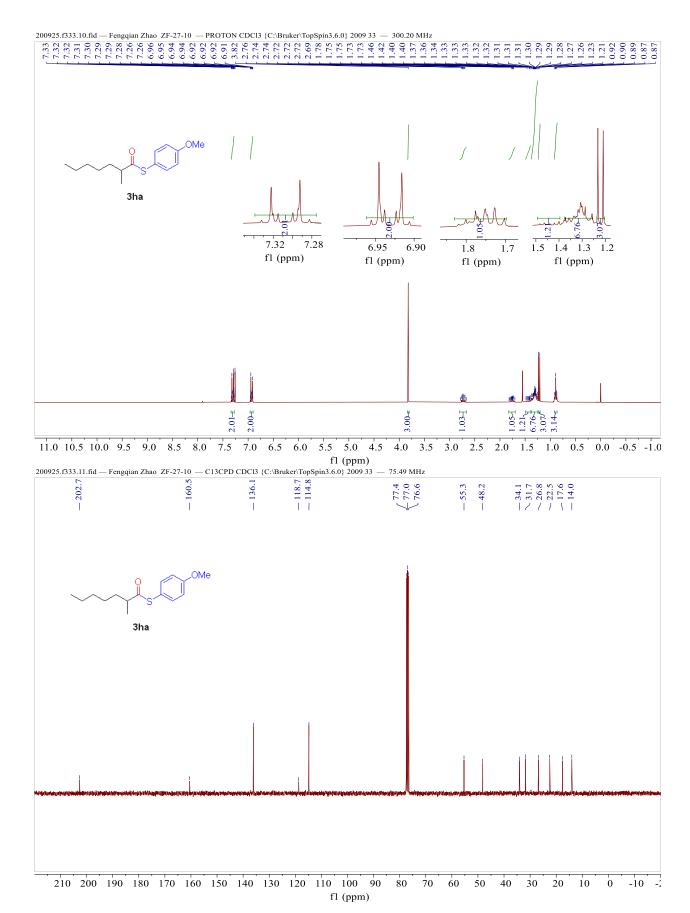
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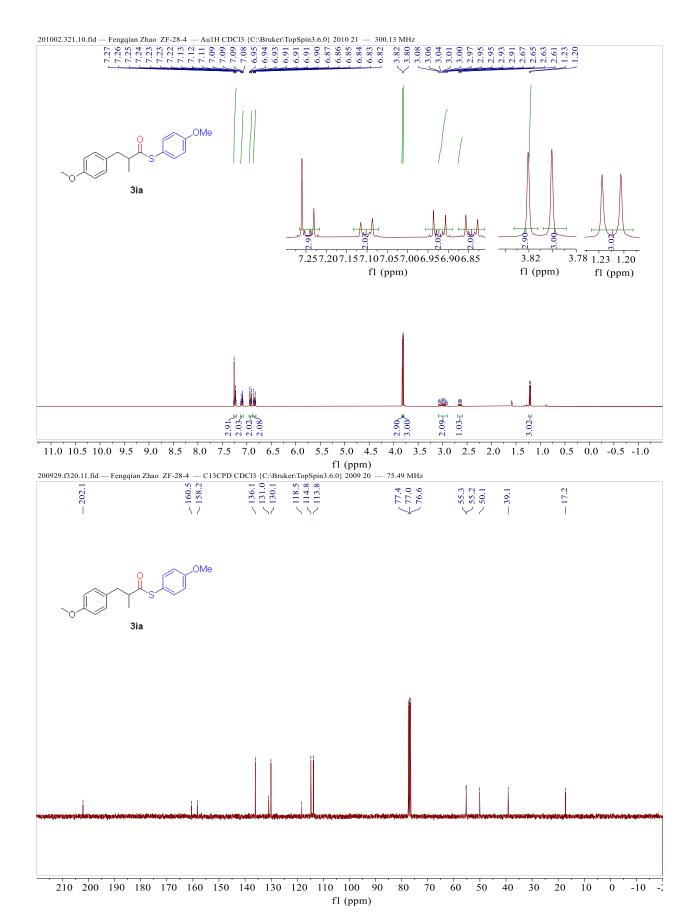


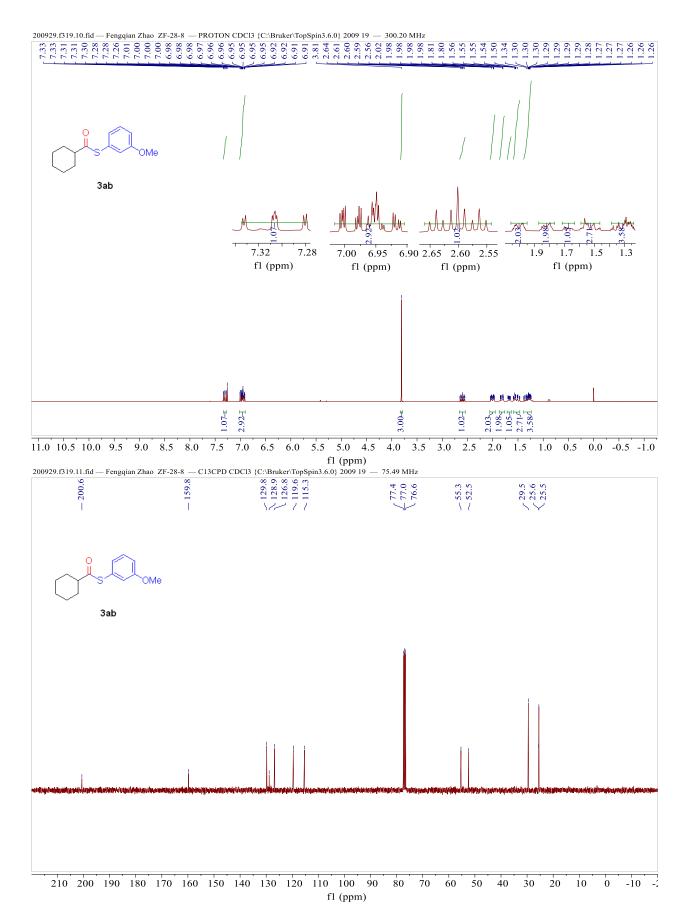


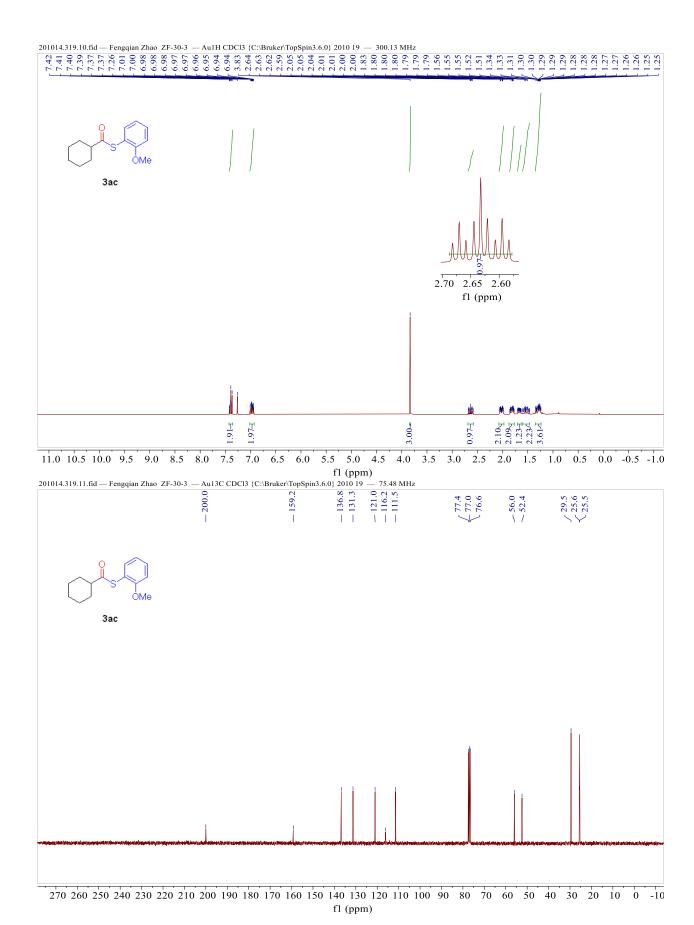
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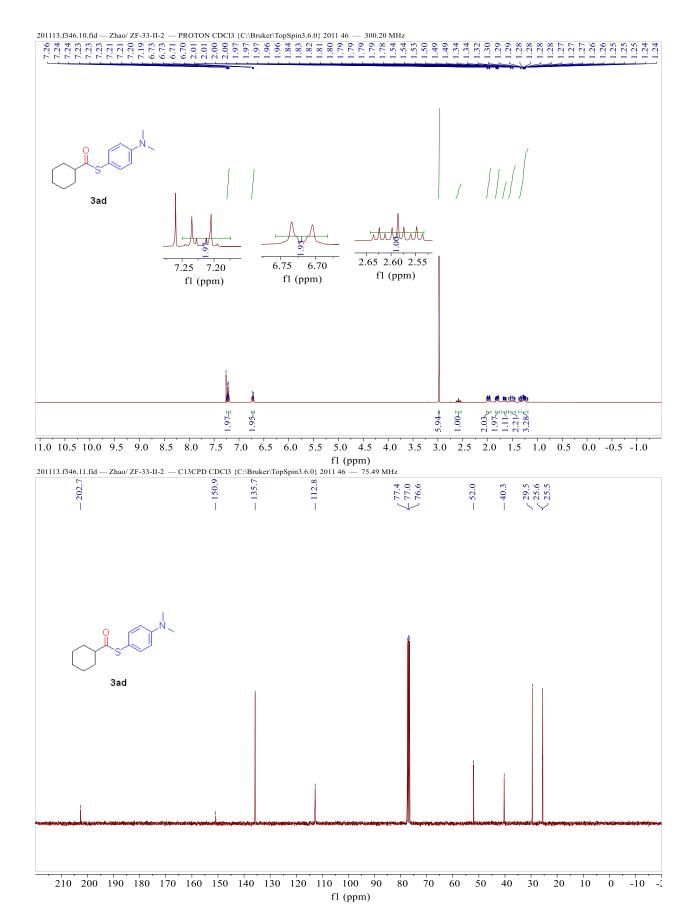


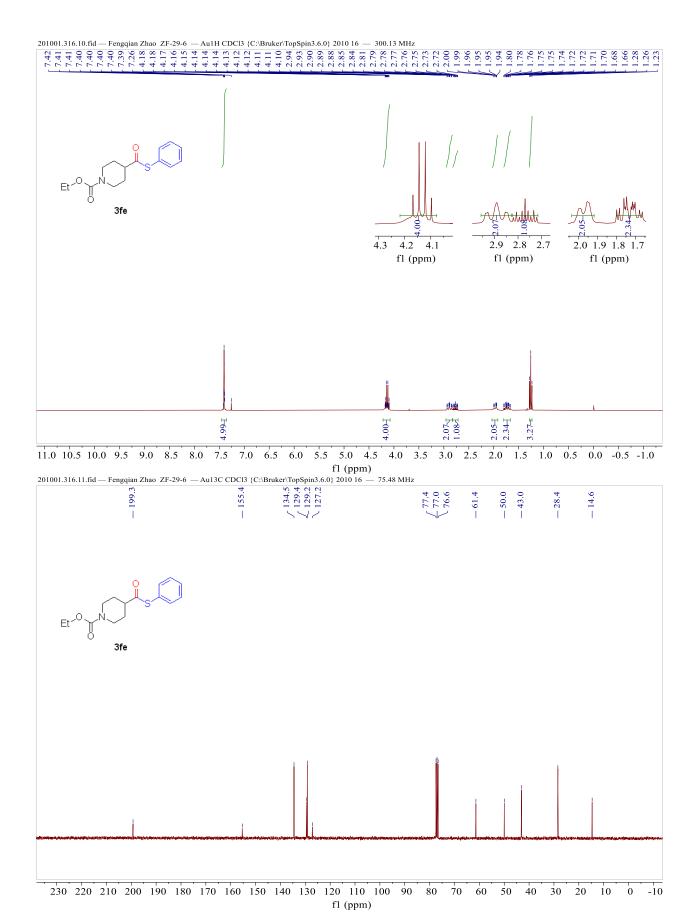


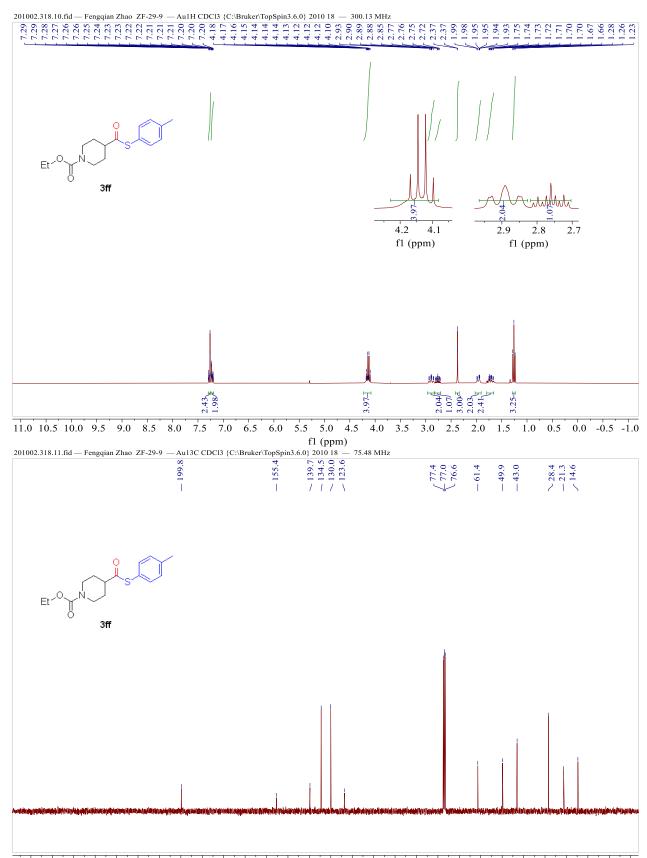




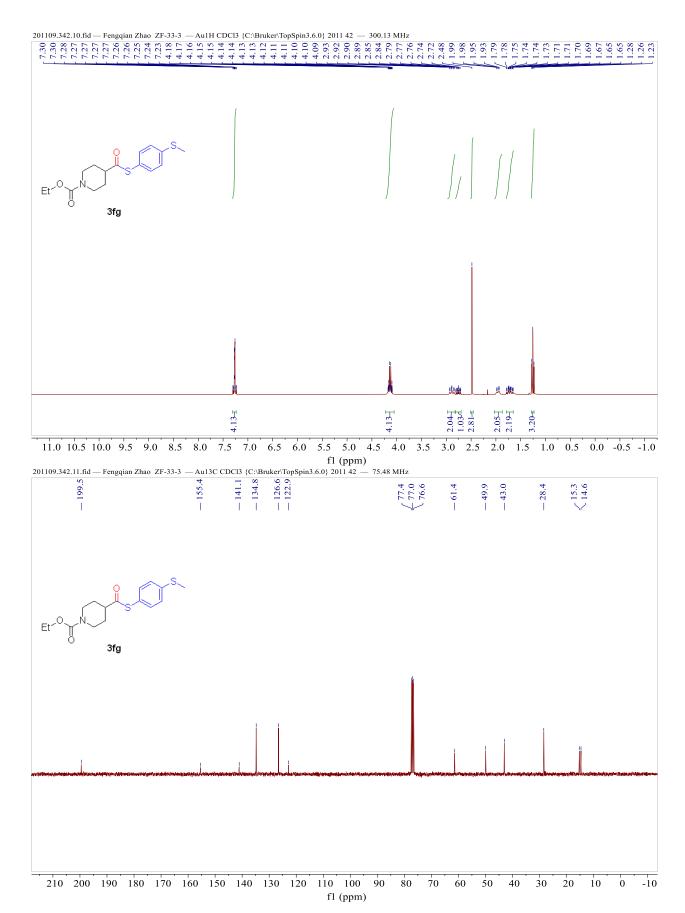


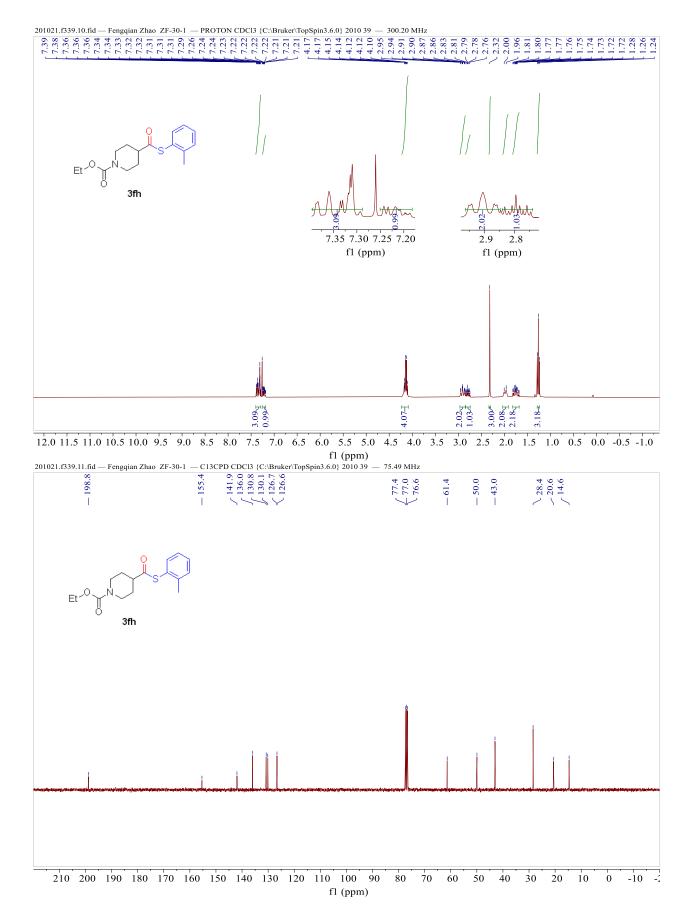


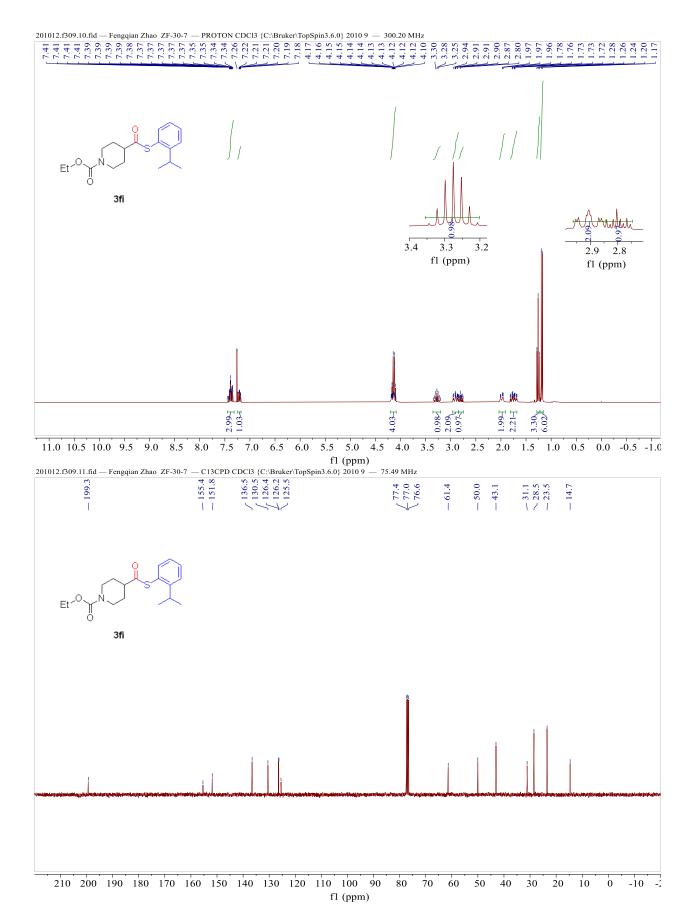


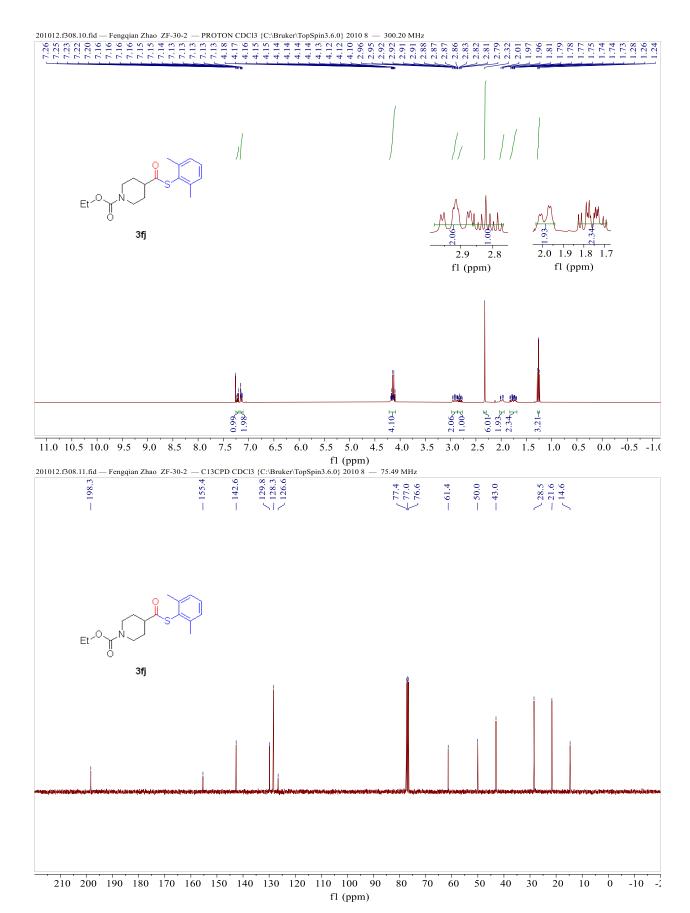


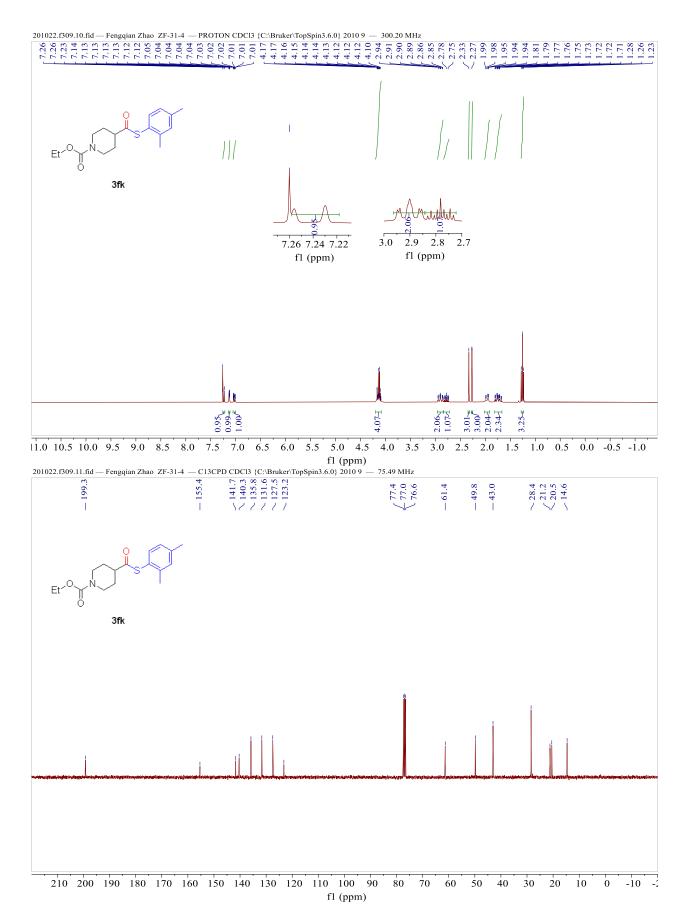
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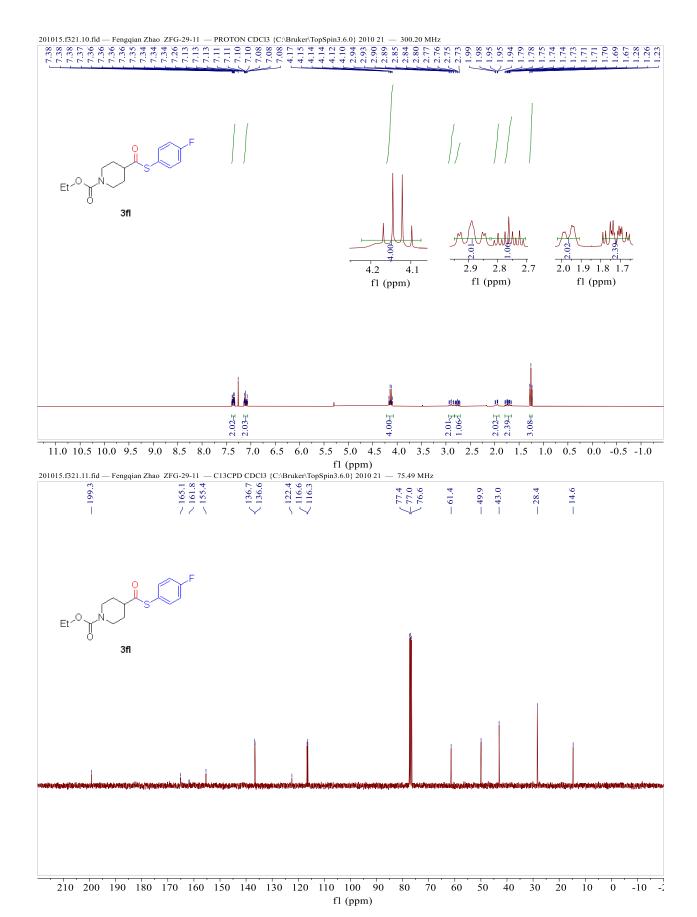


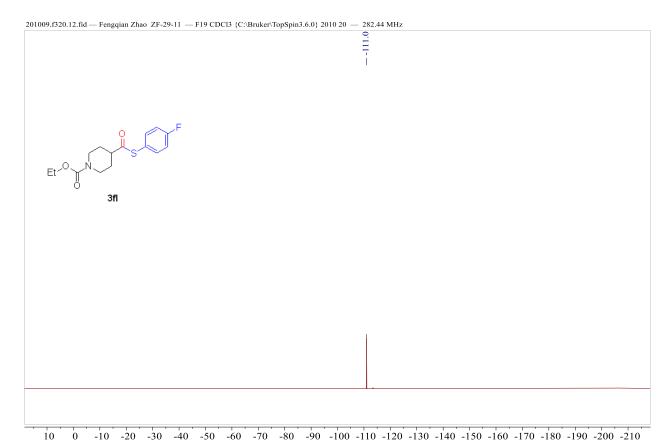


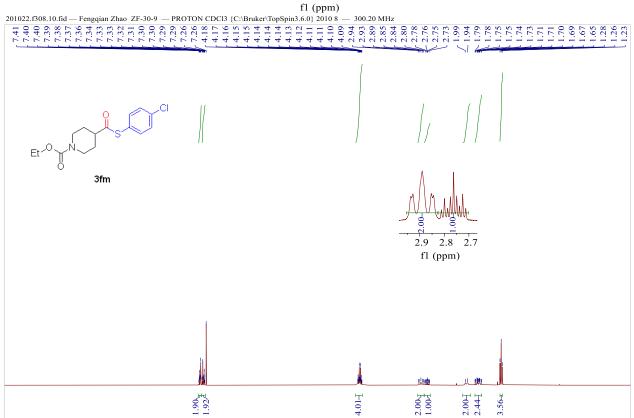




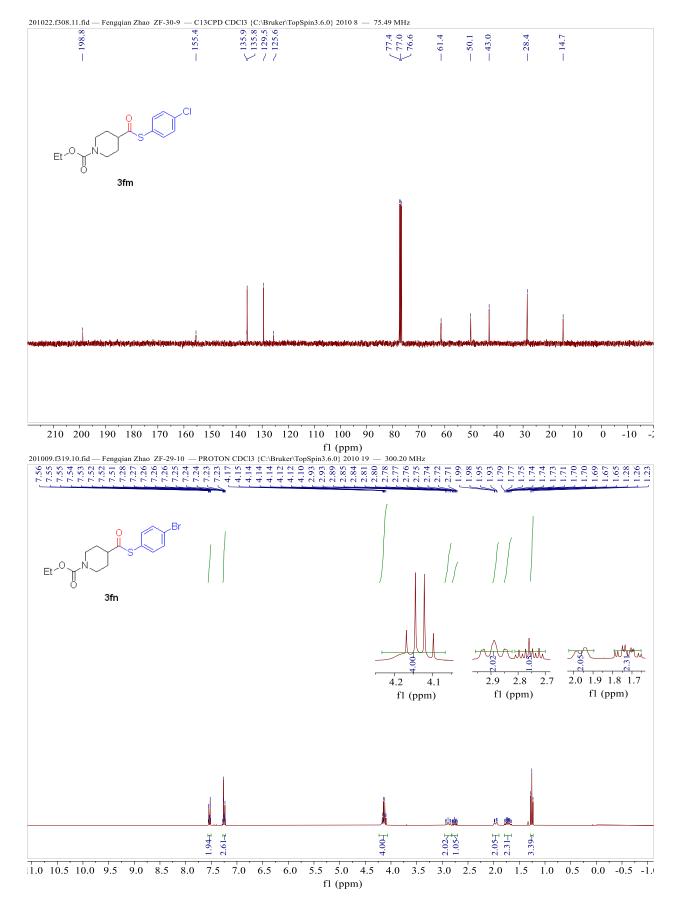


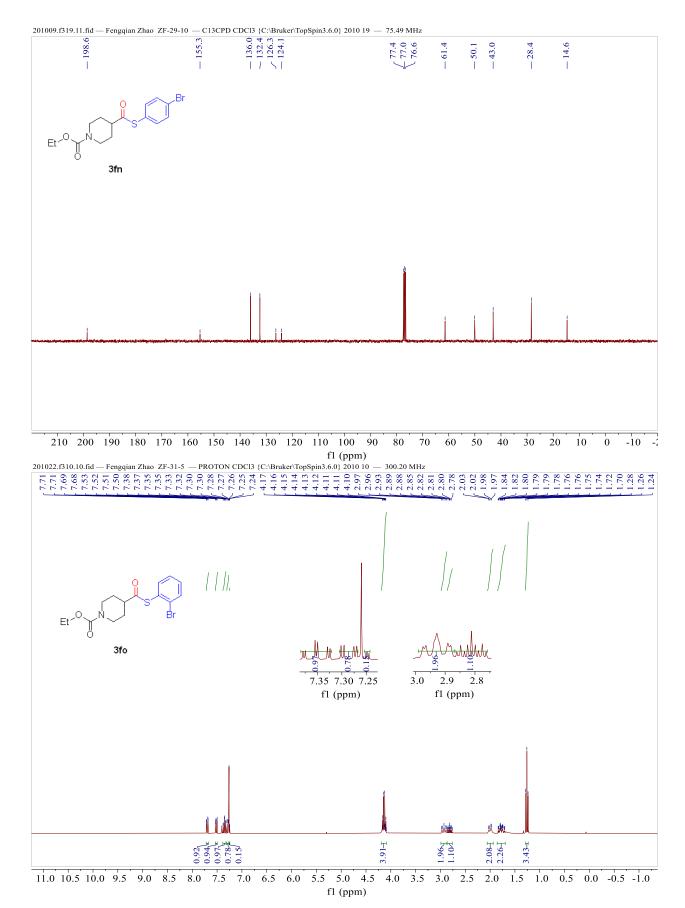


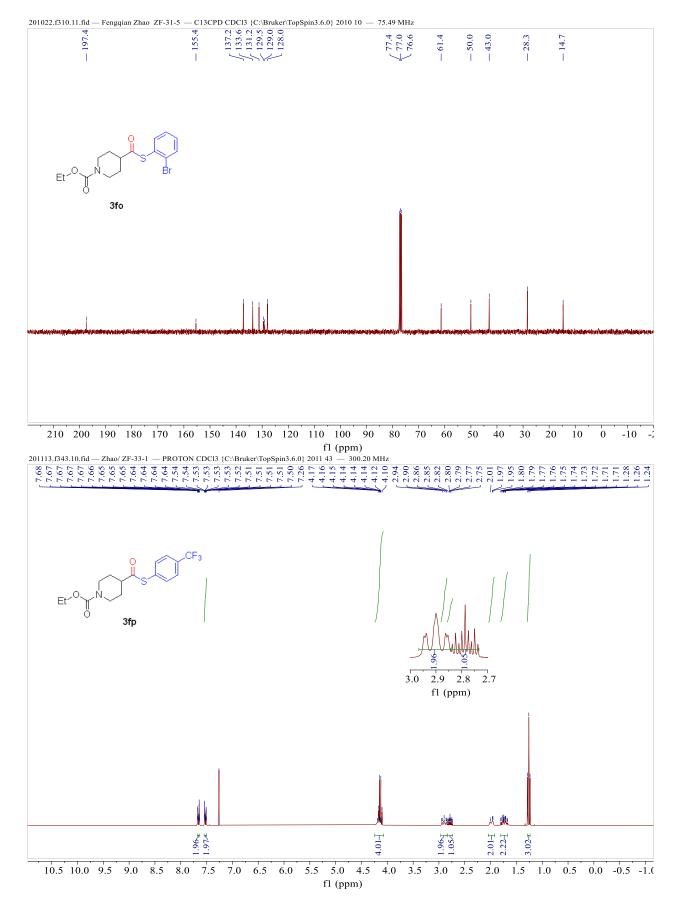


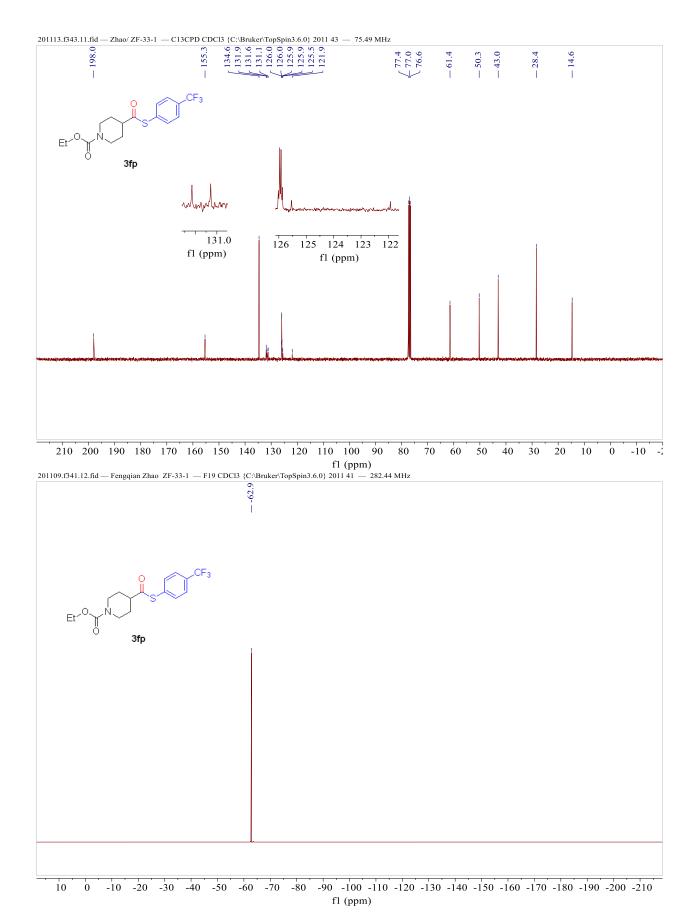


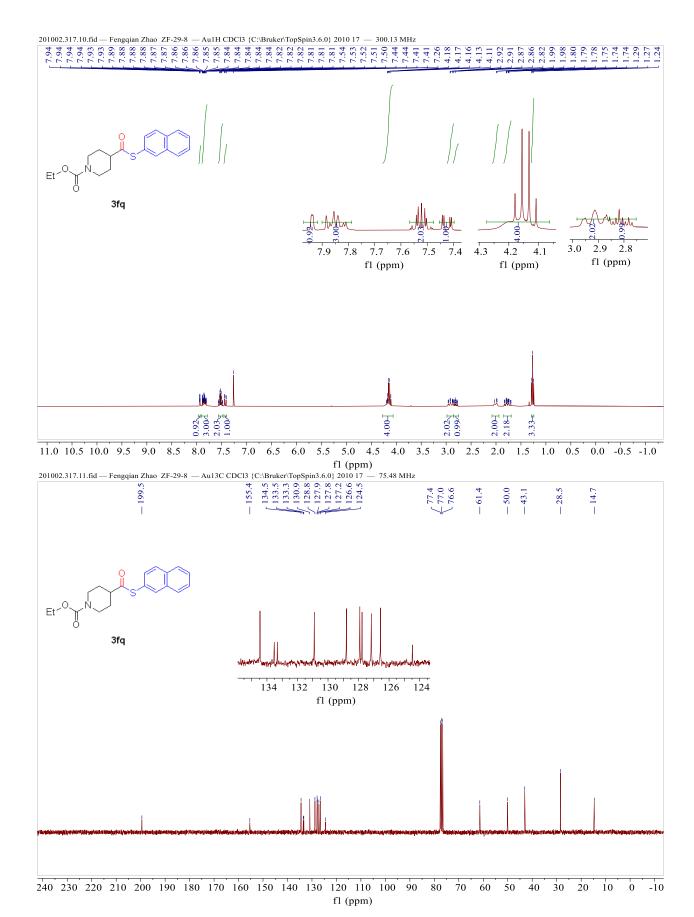
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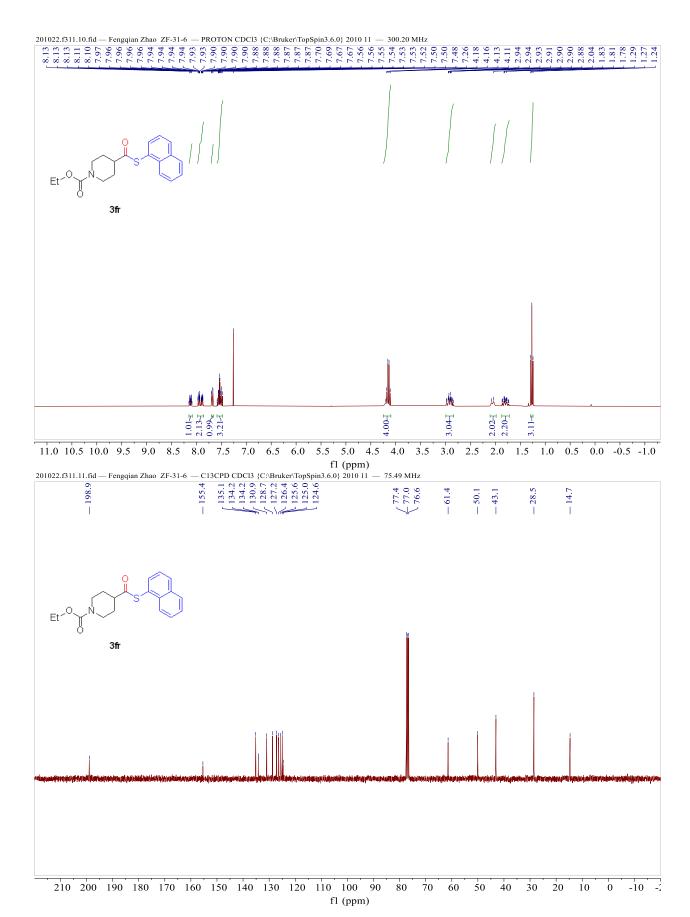


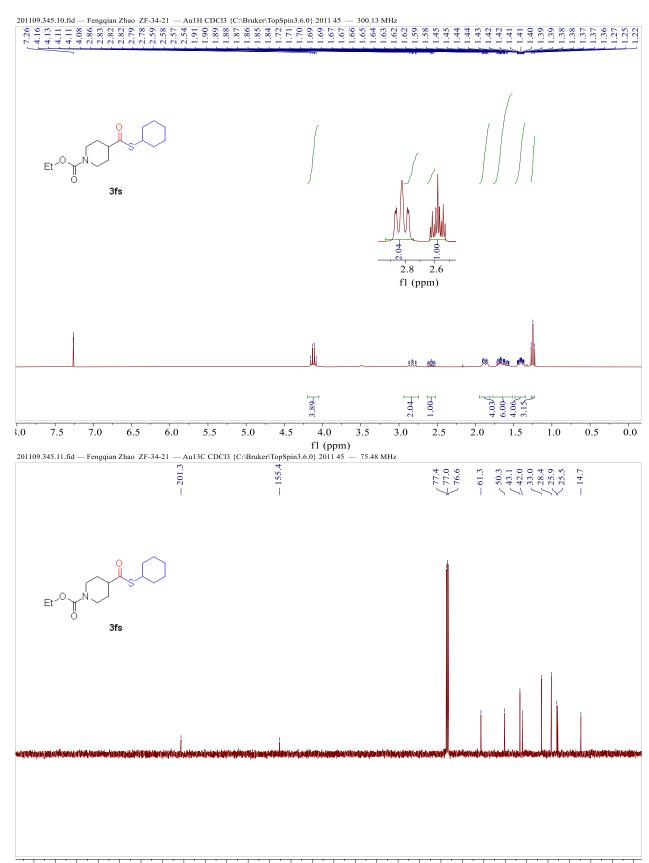












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