

Supporting Information

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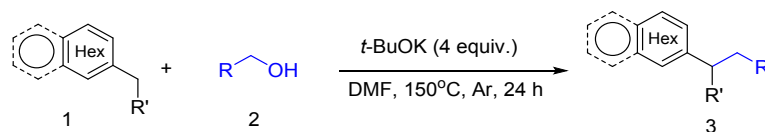
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1. General information

All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere, using flame-dried schlenk or vial and vacuum line techniques. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh) by using a gradient of hexane/ethyl acetate or hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine as mobile phase, based on Merck aluminium TLC plate (silica gel 60 F254). KO t Bu (98%) from Sigma-Aldrich, and sublimate twice under argon then kept in a Schenk tube. All other commercial reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI, and Acros and used as received, without further purification. All reagents were weighed in the air.

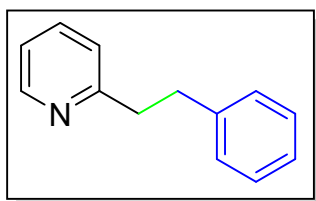
^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 400 MHz spectrometer or on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 . For ^1H NMR (400 MHz), CDCl_3 served as internal standard ($\delta = 7.27$ ppm and 0 ppm) and data are reported as follows: chemical shift (in ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, br s = broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (in Hz). For ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz), CDCl_3 was used as internal standard ($\delta = 77.2$ ppm) and spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. Gas chromatography – mass spectra (GC-MS) were recorded on a ThermoFisher Scientific Trace GC Ultra instrument with a ThermoFisher Scientific ITQ 900 Ionic Trap and an Agilent DB-5MS 30 m x 0,25 mm capillary apolar column (Stationary phase: 0,25 μm film). Column chromatography was performed by using a gradient of hexane/ethyl acetate or hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine as mobile phase, based on Merck aluminium TLC plate (silica gel 60 F254).

2. General Procedure for the Alkylation reaction of methyl substituted N-heteroaromatics with alcohols



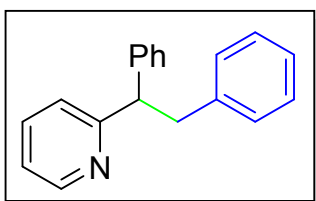
A flame-dried Schlenk flask was equipped with a stirring bar under argon was charged with KO t Bu (2.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv, 224 mg). The flask was evacuated and back-filled with argon 3 times. Then, the N-heteroaromatics **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), the alcohol **2** (2 mmol, 4.0 equiv), the solvent (2 mL) was successively added. The reaction mixture was stirred and heated at the required temperature for a fixed reaction time. After allowing the reaction to cool to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (10 mL) and stirring was continued for additional 0.5 h. After extraction with ethyl acetate (3 x 5 mL), the organic layer washed with brine (3 x 5 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 , and filtered. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give crude product **3-5**. Conversions were measured by comparing the relative integrations (^1H NMR as well as GC-MS) of the internal standard with the expected product. The crude product **3** was purified by chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate or hexane/ethyl acetate/triethylamine) to afford the desired product. In addition, two paralleled scale-up (5 mmol scale) reaction were performed under the optimal conditions: quinaldine (**1d**, 5 mmol), benzyl alcohol (**2a**, 20 mmol) were used as experimental reagents, and both of them can give excellent yield of **3da** in 75% (standard conditions) or 80% (using mixture solvent: 1.6 mL DMF + 14 mL toluene).

3. Characterization data for all compounds



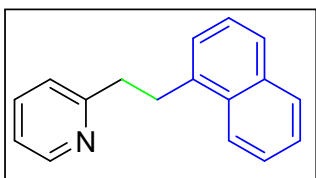
2-phenethylpyridine (3aa):^[1]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil). 70 % isolated yield (78% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.03 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.28, 149.39, 141.64, 136.43, 128.57, 128.46, 126.04, 123.10, 121.29, 40.36, 36.15.



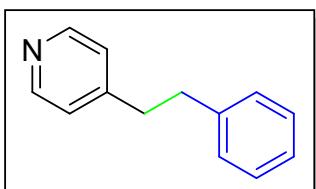
2-(1,2-diphenylethyl)pyridine (3ba):^[2]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil). 28 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62-8.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.04 (m, 8H), 4.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.03, 149.27, 143.38, 140.48, 136.55, 129.19, 128.53, 128.28, 128.18, 126.60, 125.96, 123.41, 121.53, 55.52, 41.39.



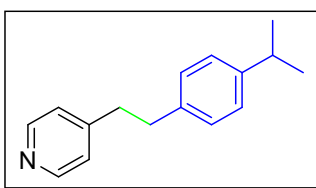
2-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)pyridine (3ab):^[3]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:4 (yellow oil). 70 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.27-3.23 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.45, 149.49, 137.73, 136.36, 133.95, 131.90, 128.86, 126.86, 126.15, 125.97, 125.62, 125.55, 123.83, 123.06, 121.28, 39.53, 33.27.



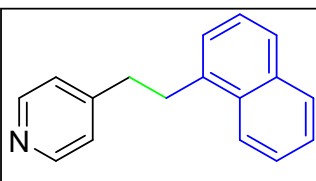
4-phenethylpyridine (3ca):^[3]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 1:1 (yellow oil), 70 % isolated yield (75% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H), 2.86 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.80, 149.62, 140.73, 128.59, 128.45, 126.37, 124.12, 37.19, 36.67.



4-(4-isopropylphenethyl)pyridine (3cc):

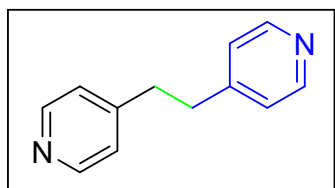
Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc/NEt₃ = 10:3:1 (yellow oil), 66 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51-8.47 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 4H), 2.91 (m, 5H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.80, 149.82, 146.96, 138.17, 128.40, 126.67, 124.05, 37.22, 36.26, 33.83, 24.18. HRMS: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₁₉N: 226.1590; measured: 226.1595.



4-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)pyridine (3cb):^[4]

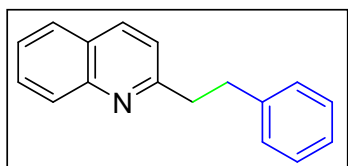
Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 1:3 (yellow oil), 90 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.56-8.46 (m, 2H), 8.05 (dq, *J* = 8.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.36 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.03 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.79, 149.83, 136.73, 134.03, 131.70, 129.09, 127.23, 126.30, 126.18, 125.72,

125.61, 124.05, 123.43, 36.30, 33.86.



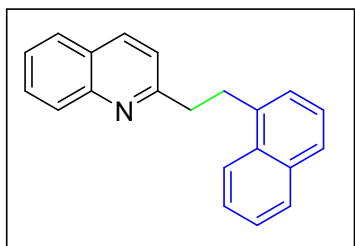
1,2-di(pyridin-4-yl)ethane (3cd): [5]

Eluent: CH₃COCH₃/MeOH = 5:1 (yellow oil), 90 % isolated yield. **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.49-8.45 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 4H), 2.91 (s, 4H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 149.92, 149.52, 123.88, 35.75.



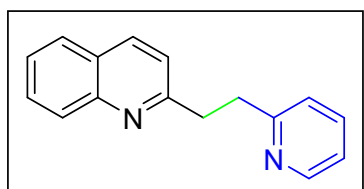
2-phenethylquinoline (3da): [6]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil), 76 % isolated yield (80% in NMR). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 3.30 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.16 – 3.10 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.89, 147.93, 141.56, 136.45, 129.59, 128.85, 128.63, 128.51, 127.65, 126.89, 126.12, 125.96, 121.69, 41.07, 36.09.



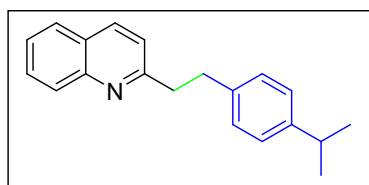
2-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethyl)quinoline (3db): [7]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (light brown solid), 81% isolated yield (83% in NMR). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (ddt, *J* = 8.5, 6.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.49 – 3.43 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.97, 148.04, 137.60, 136.35, 133.94, 131.88, 129.54, 128.93, 128.90, 127.64, 126.92, 126.89, 126.20, 126.02, 125.92, 125.66, 125.60, 123.83, 121.68, 40.11, 33.08.



2-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)quinoline (3de): [8]

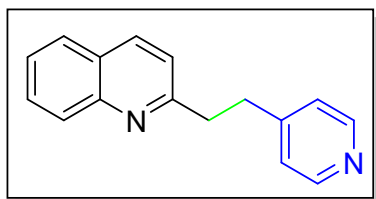
Eluent: EtOAc/MeOH = 30:1 (brown solid), 80% isolated yield (82% in NMR), **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.47 (ddd, *J* = 4.9, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (dq, *J* = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.08 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 6.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.28-3.23 (m, 2H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 161.72, 161.07, 149.32, 147.94, 136.42, 136.35, 129.44, 128.86, 127.59, 126.86, 125.86, 123.19, 121.66, 121.27, 38.85, 38.03.



2-(4-isopropylphenethyl)quinoline (3dc): [7]

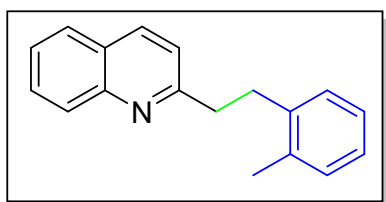
Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (yellow oil), 60% isolated yield (75% in NMR). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.02 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.23-3.18 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.80 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 162.13, 148.08, 146.65, 138.97, 136.36, 129.51, 128.98, 128.52, 127.65, 126.92, 126.56, 125.89,

121.68, 41.23, 35.69, 33.83, 24.20.



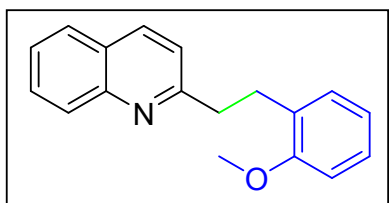
2-(2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethyl)quinoline (3dd):

Eluent: EtOAc/MeOH = 20:1 (brown solid), 70% isolated yield (84% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 2H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.5, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.27-2.21 (m, 2H), 3.16-3.09 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.62, 150.48, 149.67, 147.91, 136.46, 129.59, 128.80, 127.58, 126.83, 126.01, 123.99, 121.40, 39.36, 34.77. HRMS: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₅N₂: 235.1230; measured: 235.1238



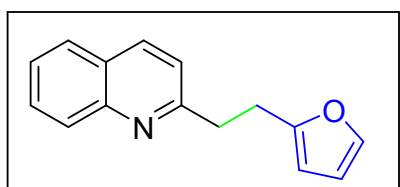
2-(2-(2-methylphenyl)ethyl)quinoline (3df):^[7]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (yellow oil), 73% isolated yield (76% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.13 (m, 3H), 3.30-3.25 (m, 2H), 3.18-3.13 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.05, 148.00, 139.75, 136.40, 136.13, 130.31, 129.56, 128.96, 128.93, 127.64, 126.90, 126.27, 126.14, 125.94, 121.62, 39.74, 33.37, 19.49.



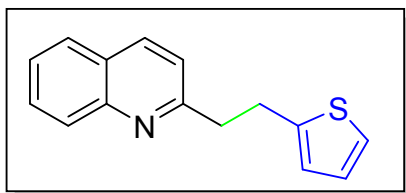
2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)quinoline (3dg):^[5]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil), 65% isolated yield (70% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (dq, *J* = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.70 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.32 – 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.20 – 3.15 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.58, 157.56, 147.93, 136.13, 130.06, 129.86, 129.36, 128.88, 127.55, 127.37, 126.84, 125.74, 121.70, 120.46, 110.25, 55.28, 39.32, 30.73.



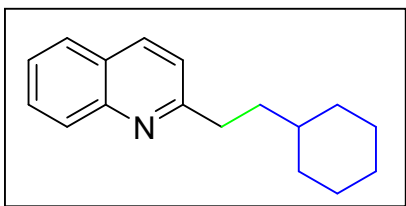
2-(2-(furan-2-yl)ethyl)quinoline (3dh):^[7]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil), 63% isolated yield (78% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (dq, *J* = 8.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dt, *J* = 3.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.363.31 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.17 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.23, 155.13, 147.89, 141.02, 136.39, 129.51, 128.85, 127.57, 126.87, 125.92, 121.37, 110.22, 105.46, 37.40, 27.95.



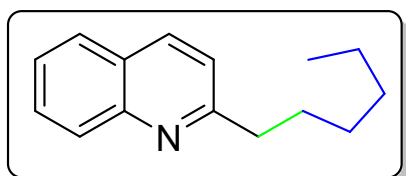
2-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)quinoline (3di):^[7]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil), 23% isolated yield (32% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dt, *J* = 3.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.35 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.12, 144.22, 129.81, 127.69, 127.01, 126.88, 126.63, 126.19, 124.77, 123.38, 122.26, 121.69, 100.12, 40.95, 29.87.



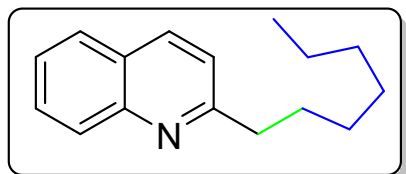
2-(2-cyclohexylethyl)quinoline (3dj):^[6]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (colorless liquid), 50% isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 3.01 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 1.67-1.53 (m, 5H), 1.26 (tp, *J* = 10.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19-1.04 (m, 3H), 0.89 (qd, *J* = 12.0, 3.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.53, 147.92, 136.30, 129.40, 128.84, 127.55, 126.76, 125.70, 121.44, 37.86, 37.82, 36.94, 33.37, 26.75, 26.45.



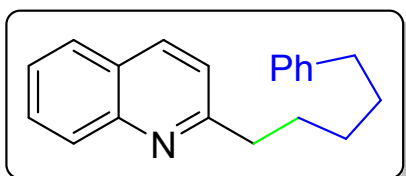
2-hexylquinoline (3dk):^[9]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (light yellow oil), 56% isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99-2.94 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.90-0.86 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.23, 148.04, 136.24, 129.39, 128.95, 127.57, 126.82, 125.71, 121.46, 39.52, 31.86, 30.15, 29.36, 22.69, 14.19.



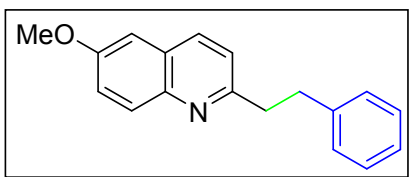
2-heptylquinoline (3dl):^[7]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (light yellow oil), 66% isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 2.99-2.94 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.34 (m, 4H), 1.28 (td, *J* = 4.4, 2.6 Hz, 4H), 0.90-0.86 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.25, 148.06, 136.24, 129.39, 128.98, 127.58, 126.82, 125.71, 121.47, 39.54, 31.90, 30.21, 29.67, 29.33, 22.77, 14.20.



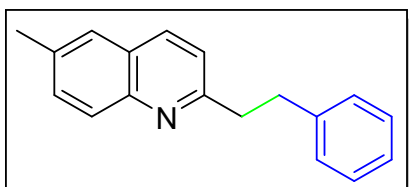
2-(5-phenylpentyl)quinoline (3dm) :

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:1 (light yellow oil), 56% isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09-8.04 (m, 2H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 3H), 3.02-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.61 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.71 (ddd, *J* = 15.4, 8.4, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.53-1.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.01, 148.02, 142.76, 136.28, 129.42, 128.93, 128.48, 128.32, 127.57, 126.81, 125.74, 125.69, 121.45, 39.36, 35.91, 31.43, 29.98, 29.25. HRMS: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₂₂N: 276.1747; measured: 276.1752



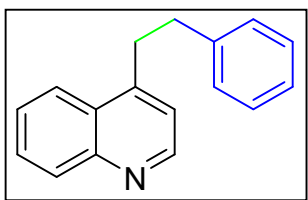
6-methoxy-2-phenethylquinoline (3ea):^[6]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil), 31% isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.19 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.07 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.28, 157.36, 143.93, 141.66, 135.30, 130.21, 128.63, 128.49, 127.76, 126.08, 122.13, 121.92, 105.25, 55.62, 40.78, 36.21.



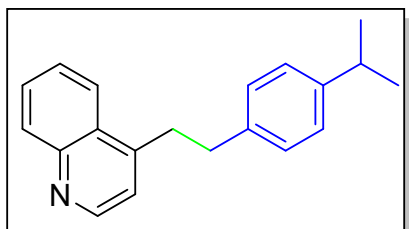
6-methyl-2-phenethylquinoline (3fa):^[7]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil), 75 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 8.7, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.26 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.53 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.89, 146.51, 141.64, 135.78, 135.68, 131.80, 128.61, 128.52, 128.47, 126.91, 126.51, 126.07, 121.62, 40.93, 36.10, 21.59.



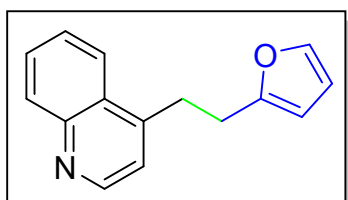
4-phenethylquinoline (3ga):^[6]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:4 (yellow oil), 61 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dt, *J* = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 2H), 3.01-2.96 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.22, 148.33, 147.59, 141.03, 130.34, 129.22, 128.65, 128.47, 127.51, 126.57, 126.43, 123.47, 120.97, 36.24, 34.18.



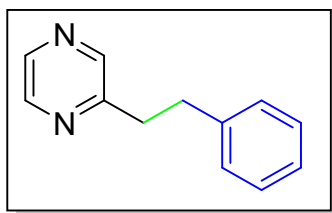
4-(4-isopropylphenethyl)quinoline (3ge):^[6]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:4 (yellow oil), 78 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 1.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 5H), 3.41-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.08-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.92 (td, *J* = 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.28, 148.39, 147.74, 147.03, 138.40, 130.35, 129.14, 128.35, 127.55, 126.67, 126.49, 123.50, 120.89, 35.84, 34.18, 33.84, 24.18.

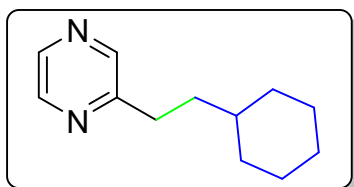


4-(2-(furan-2-yl)ethyl)quinoline (3gh):^[6]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:6 (yellow oil), 36 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dt, *J* = 3.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.40 (m, 2H), 3.11-3.06 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.42, 150.29, 148.43, 147.01, 141.35, 130.41, 129.20, 127.47, 126.59, 123.38, 120.87, 110.36, 105.80, 30.76, 28.50.

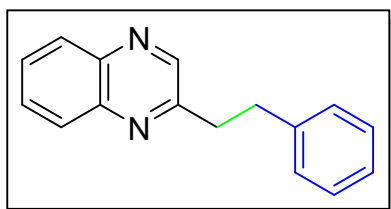


2-phenethylpyrazine (3ha): ^[6] Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:7 (yellow oil), 60 % isolated yield (80% in NMR). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 3H), 3.15-3.10 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.04 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.80, 144.75, 144.16, 142.39, 140.81, 128.57, 128.47, 126.30, 37.28, 35.44.



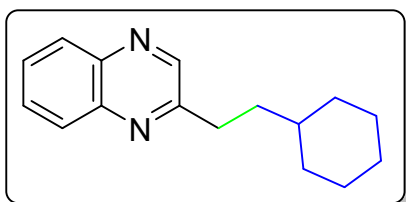
2-(2-cyclohexylethyl)pyrazine (3hj): ^[4]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc=10:4 (colorless oil), 35% isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.77 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.59 (m, 7H), 1.30-1.14 (m, 4H), 0.98-0.88 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.48, 144.67, 144.09, 142.09, 37.52, 37.22, 33.28, 33.10, 26.69, 26.39.



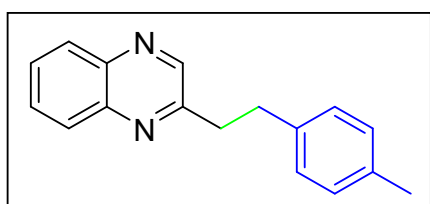
2-phenethylquinoxaline (3ia): ^[6]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:2 (yellow oil), 57 % isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 3H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.46, 145.87, 142.24, 141.32, 140.79, 130.06, 129.27, 129.15, 128.91, 128.61, 128.52, 126.35, 38.17, 35.34.



2-(2-cyclohexylethyl)quinoxaline (3ij): ^[4]

Eluent: Hexane/EtOAc = 10:4 (red oil), 55% isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.07-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.66 (m, 2H), 3.03-2.98 (m, 2H), 1.80 (ddt, *J* = 10.4, 3.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 1.74-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.14 (m, 3H), 1.02-0.93 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.15, 145.96, 142.31, 141.27, 129.97, 129.26, 128.95, 128.94, 37.74, 37.24, 34.15, 33.31, 26.69, 26.39.

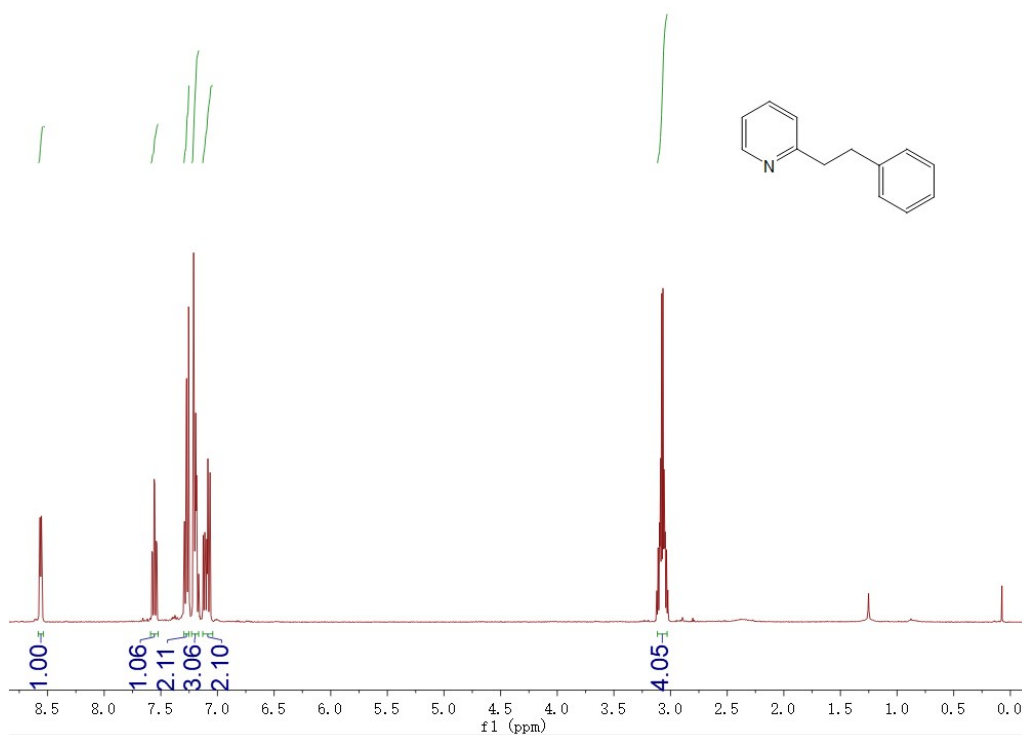


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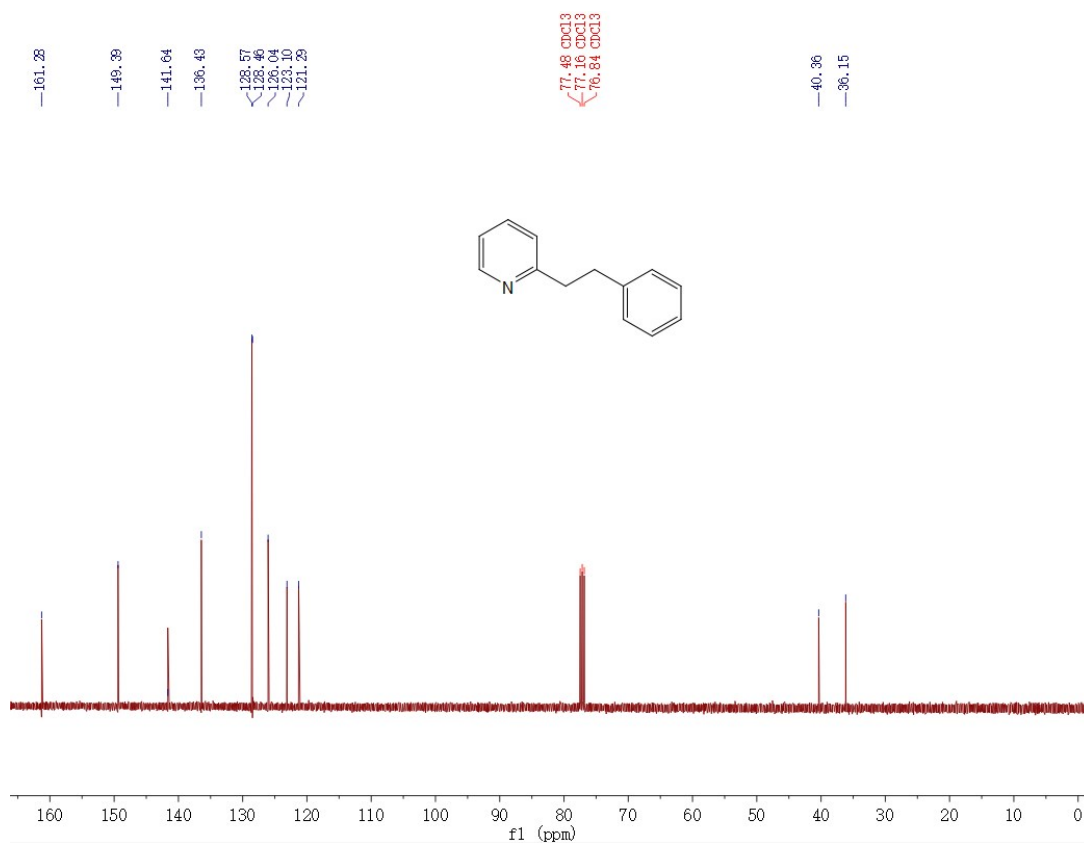
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4. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra for all compounds

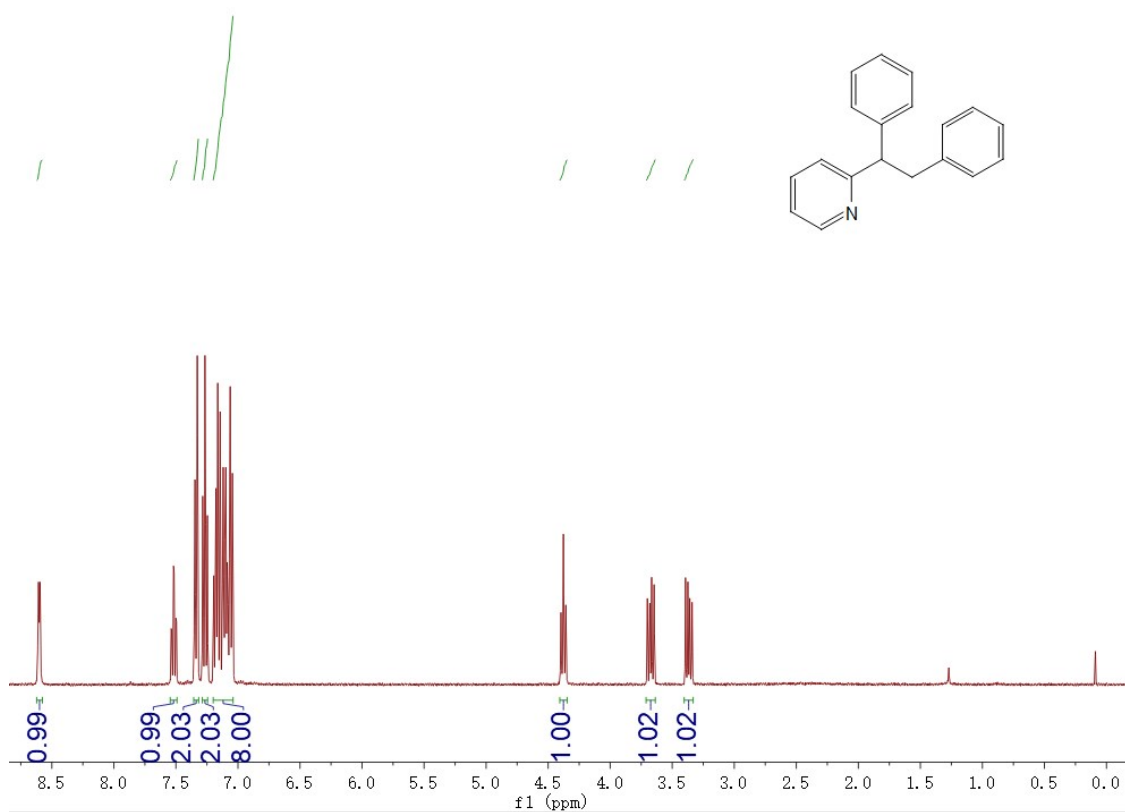
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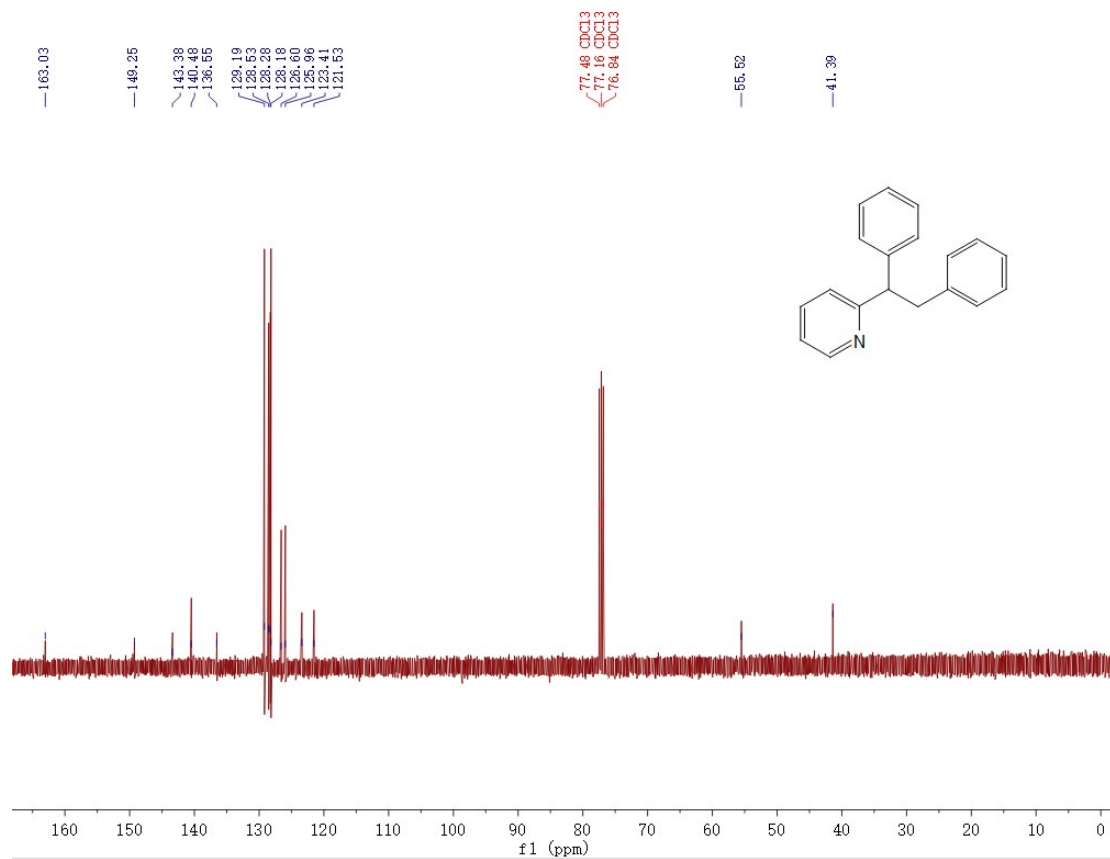
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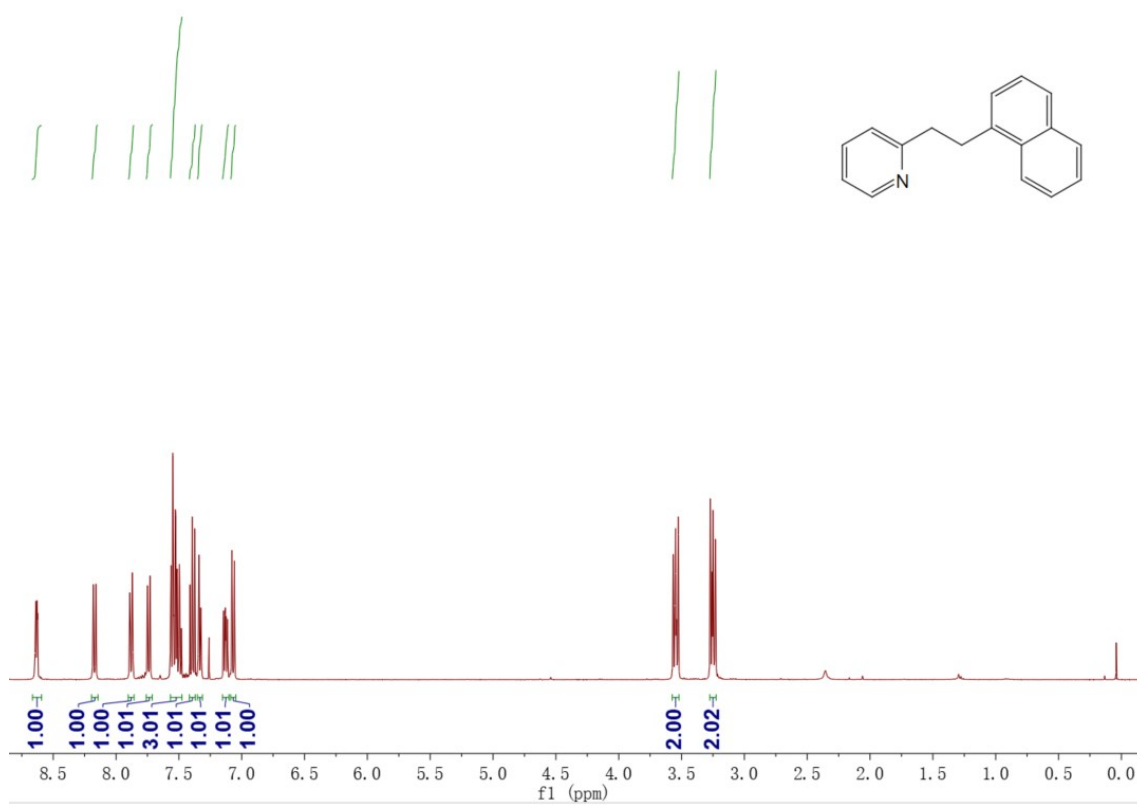
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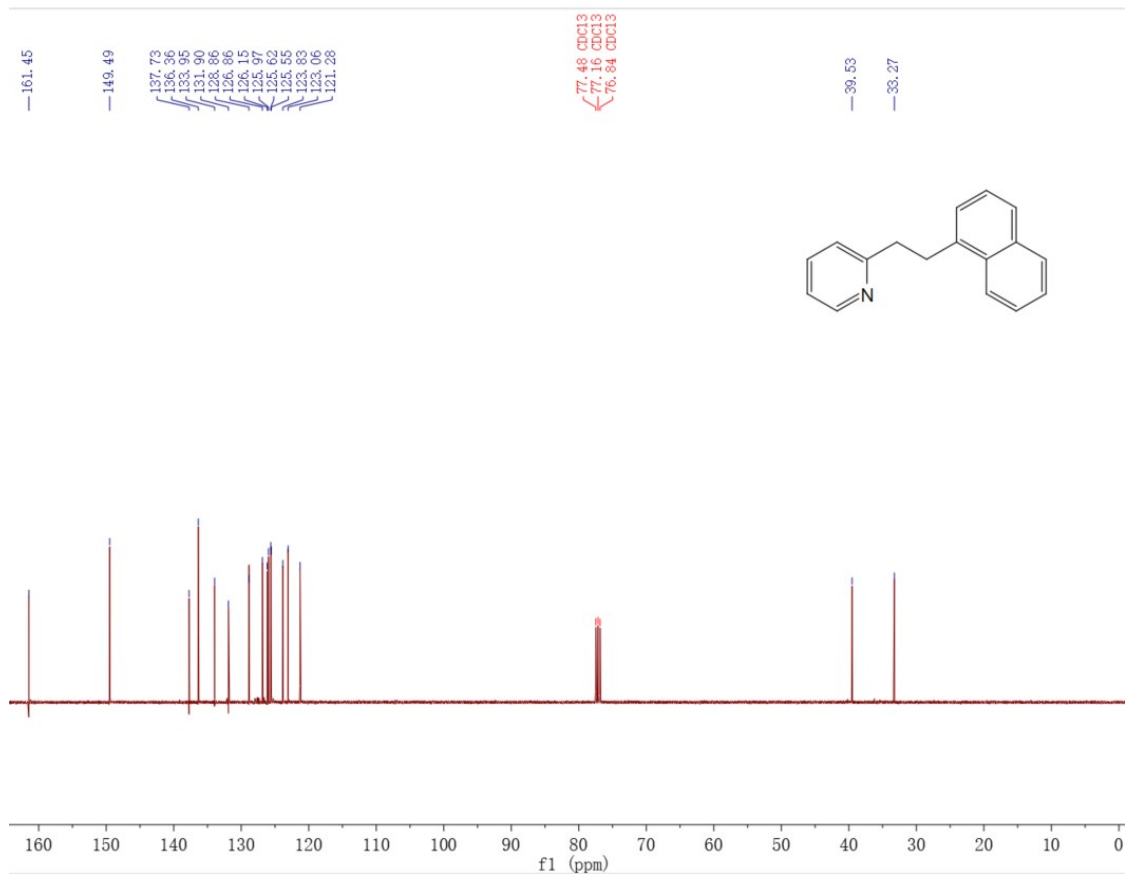
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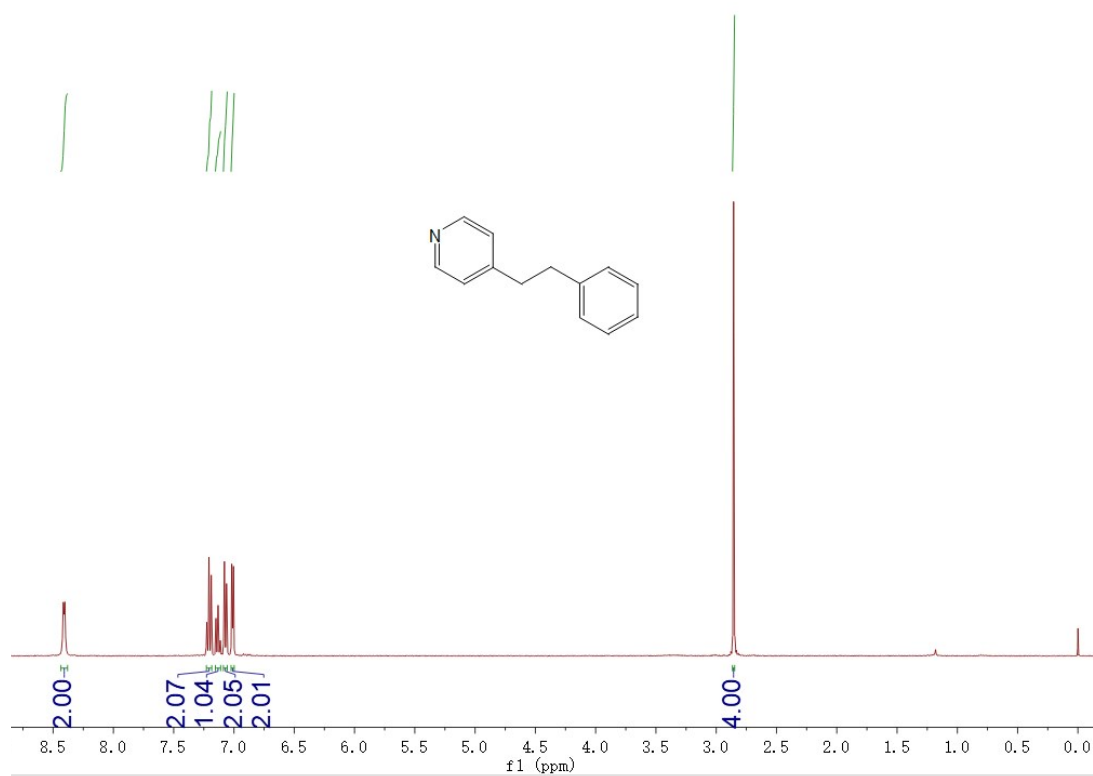
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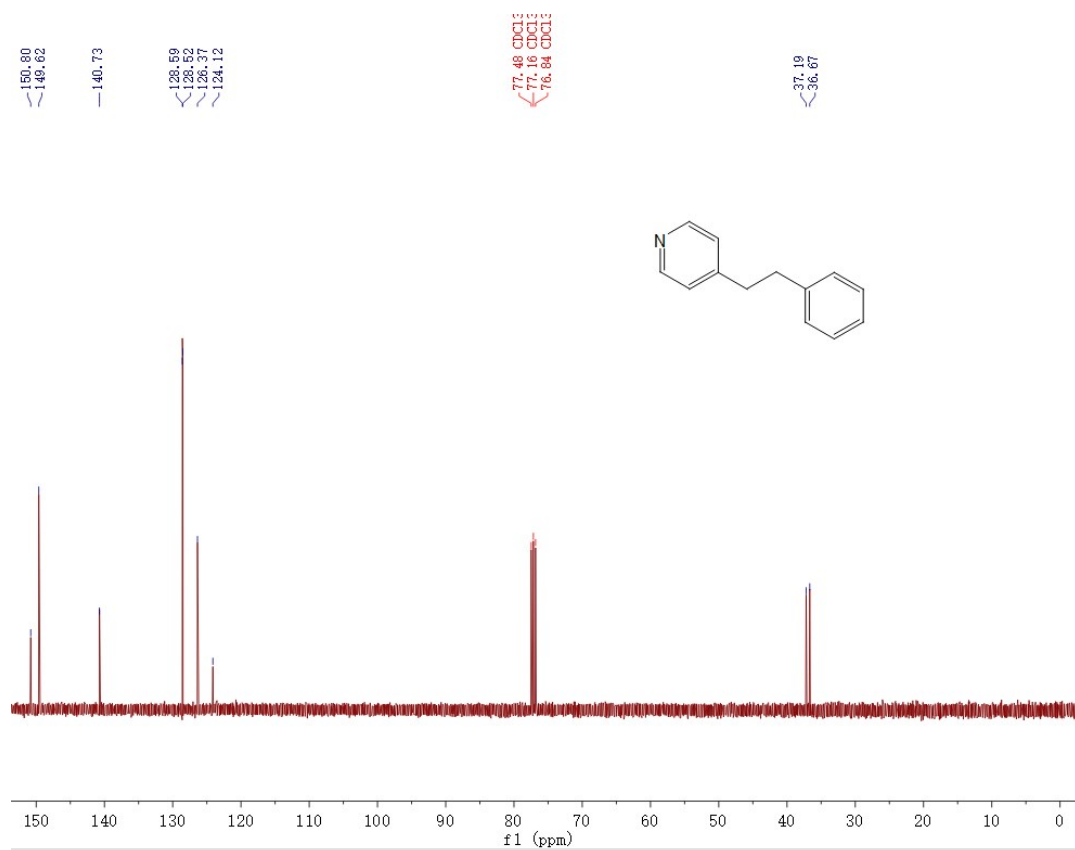
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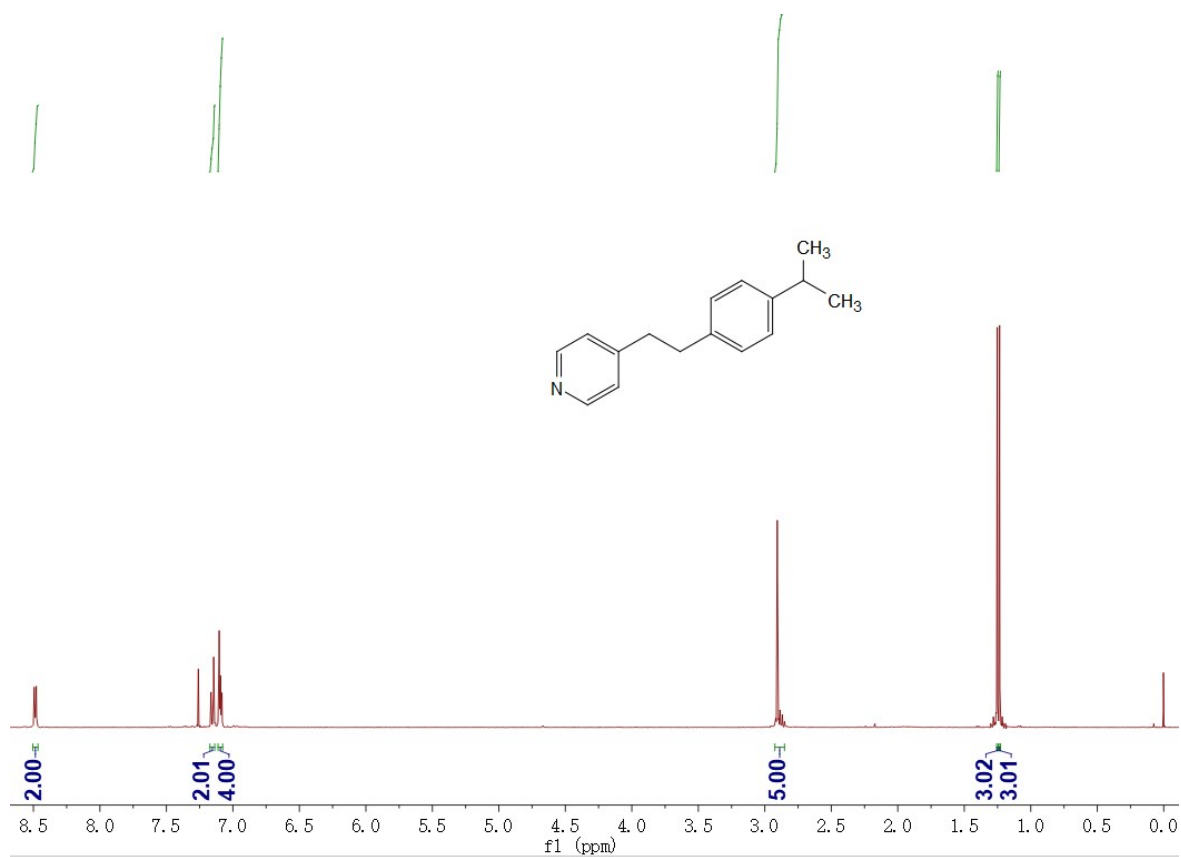
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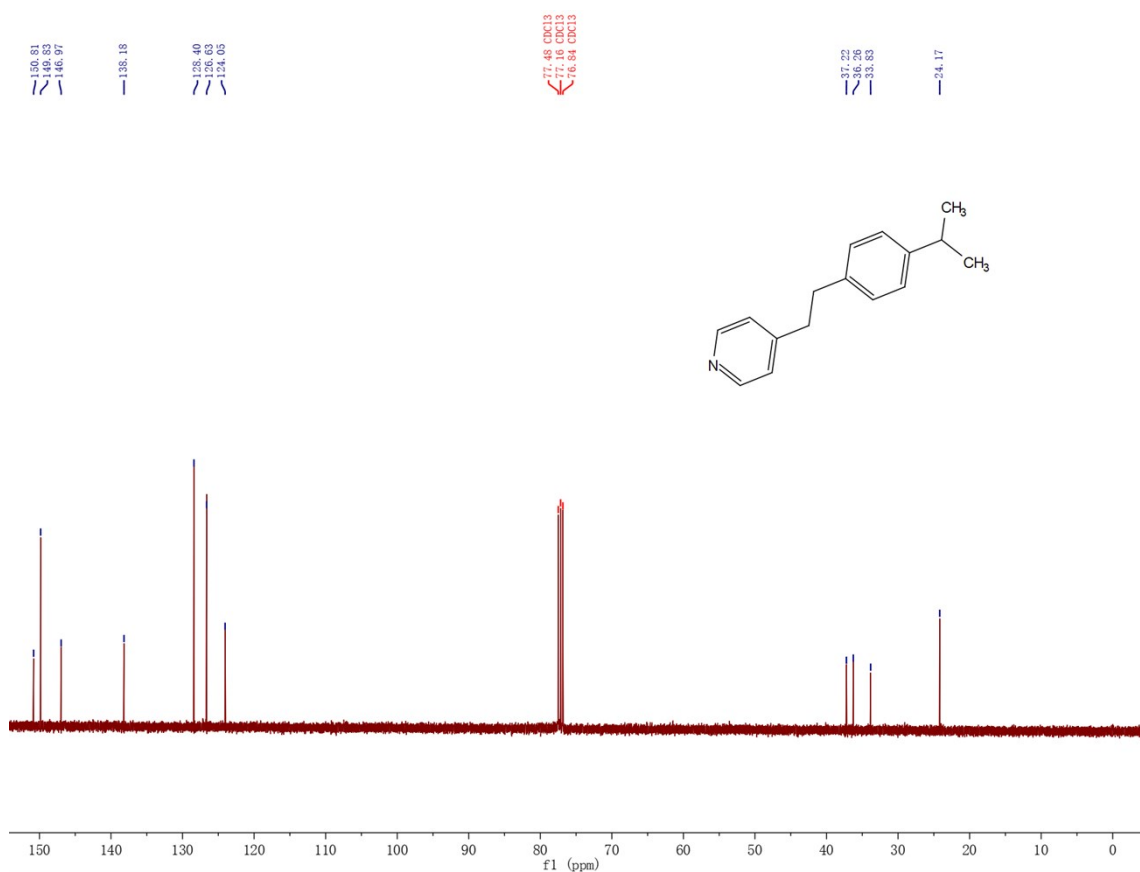
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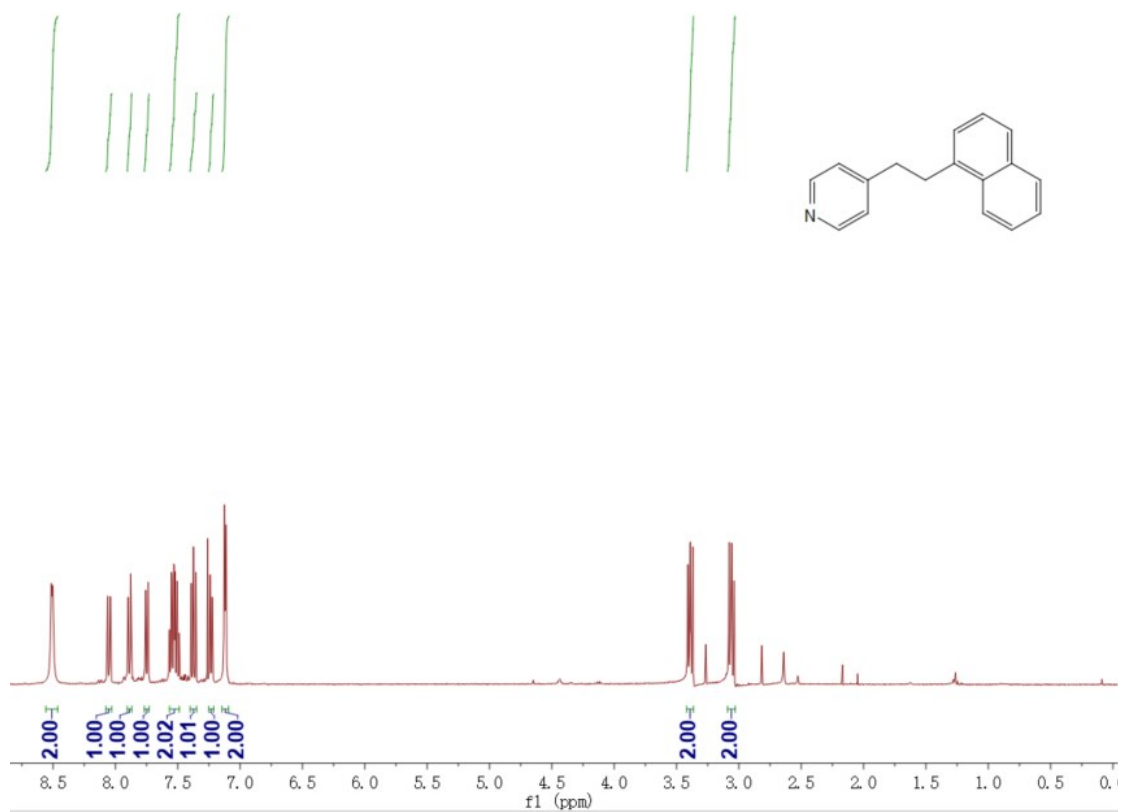
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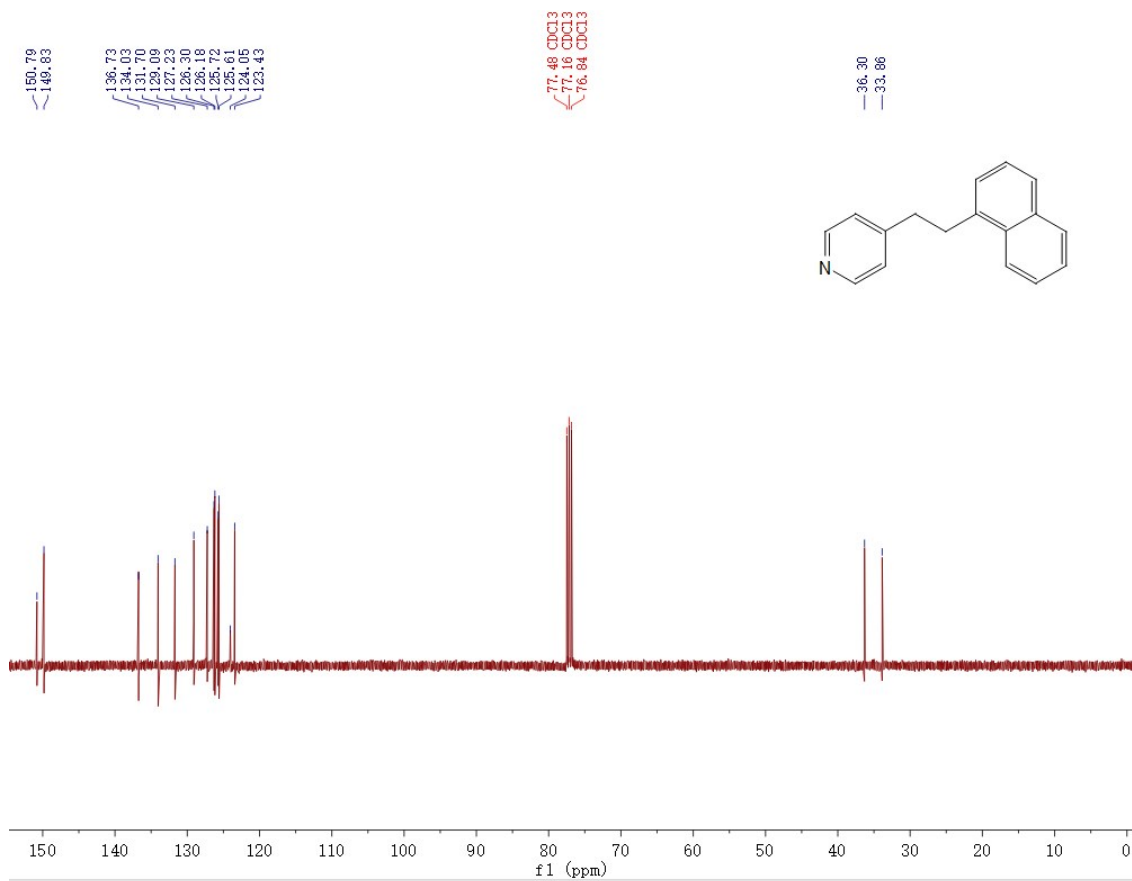
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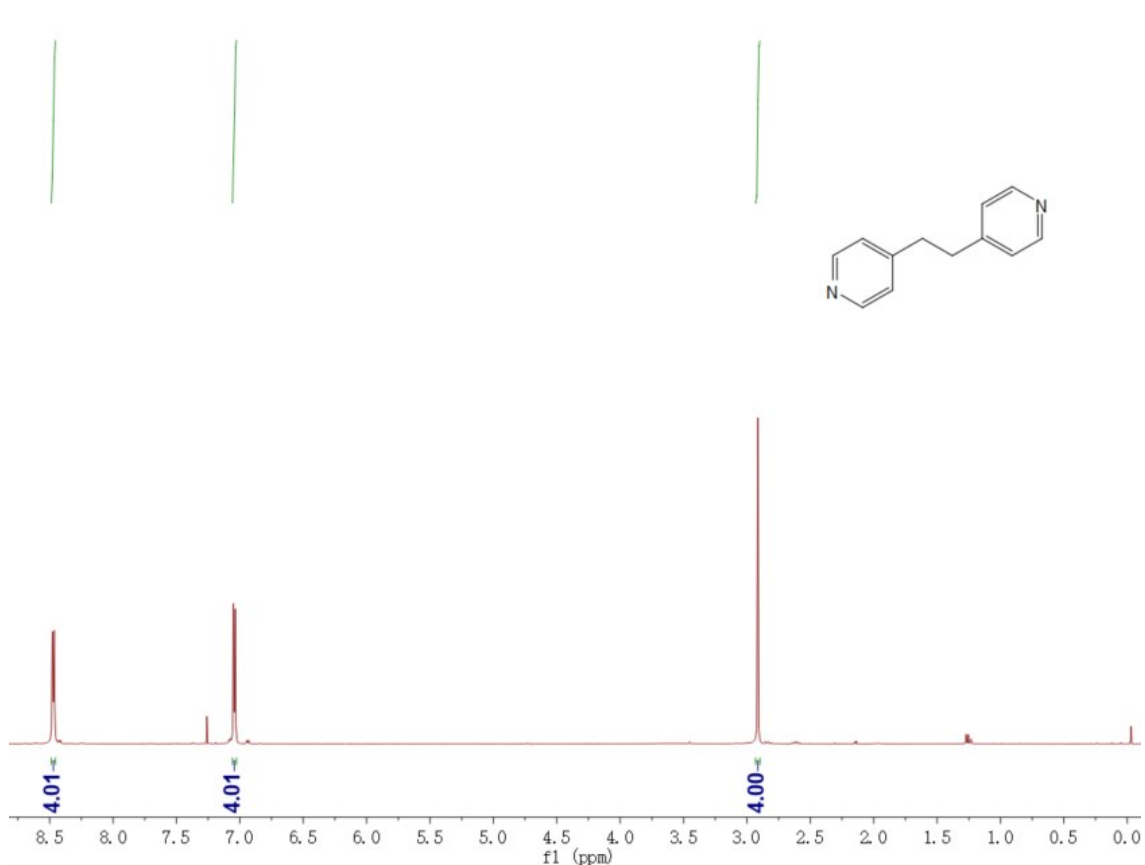
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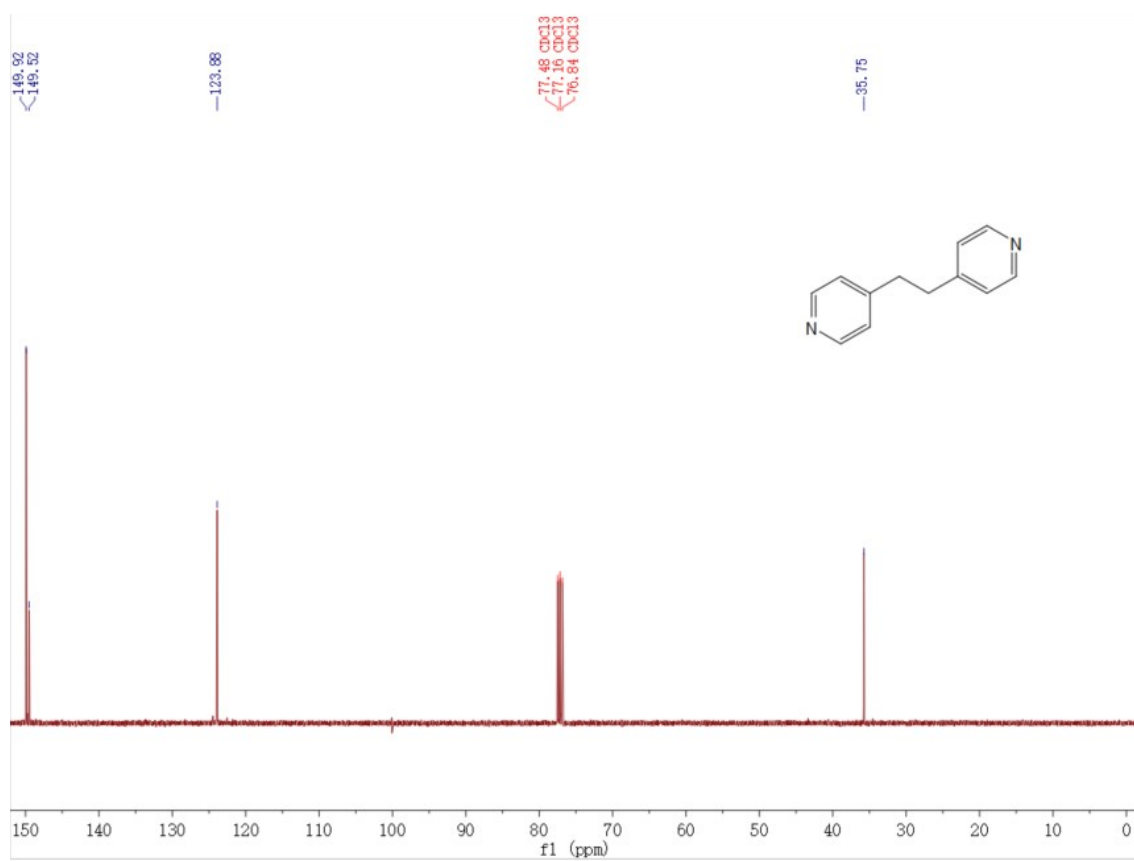
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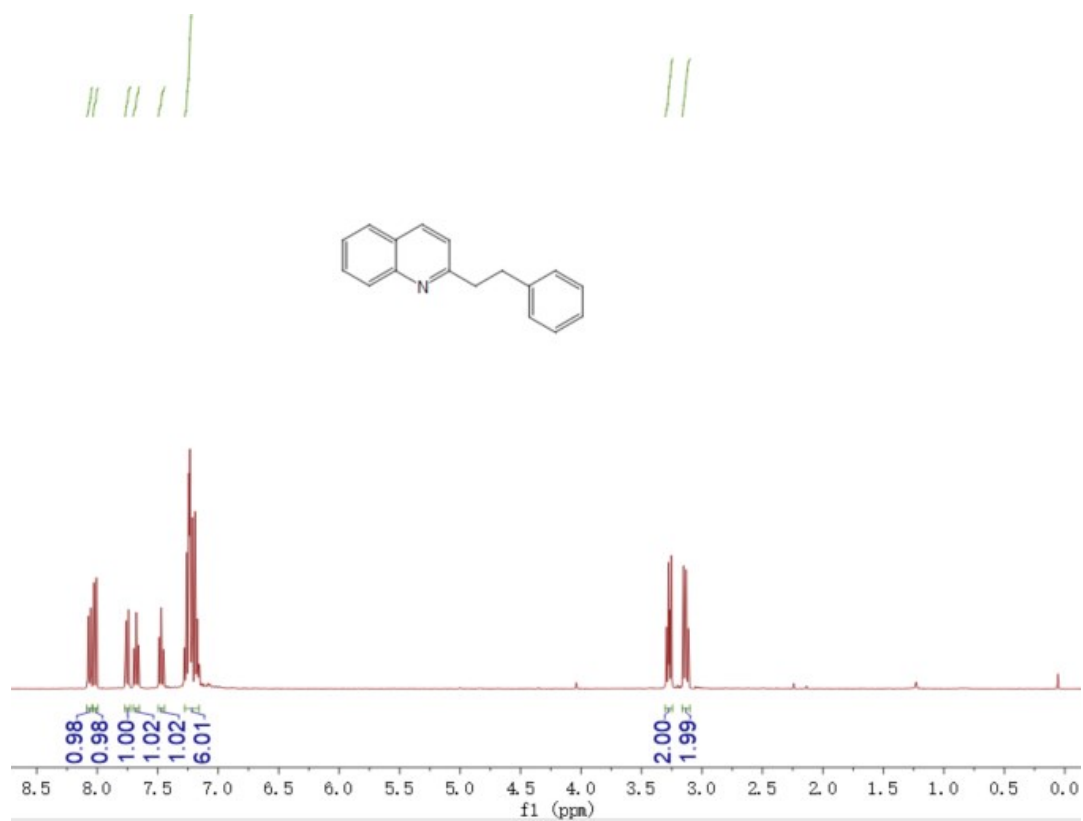
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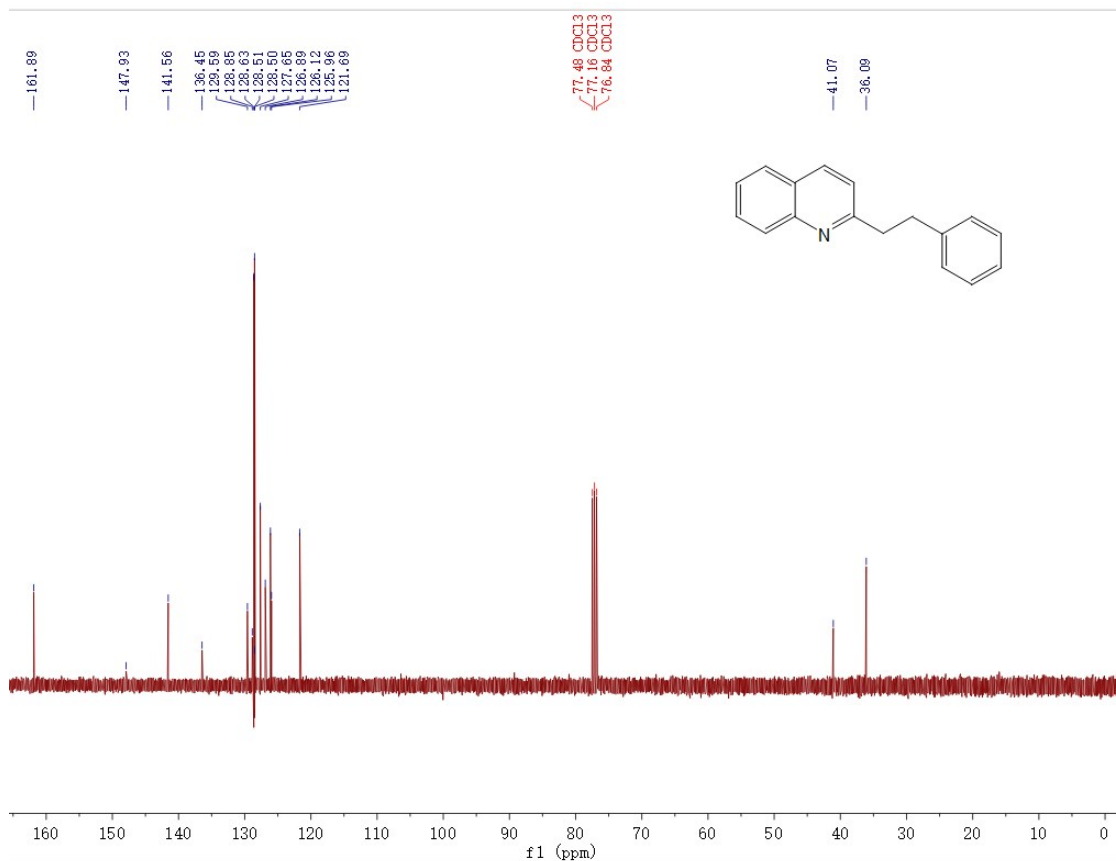
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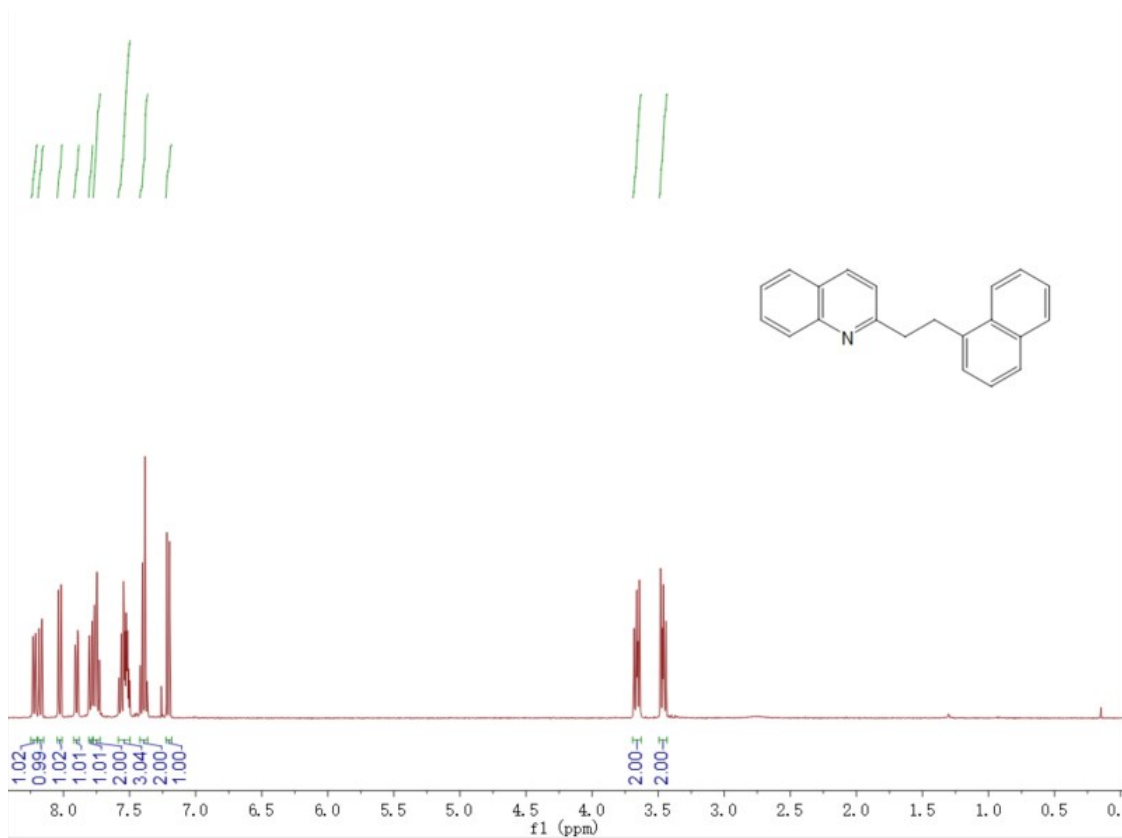
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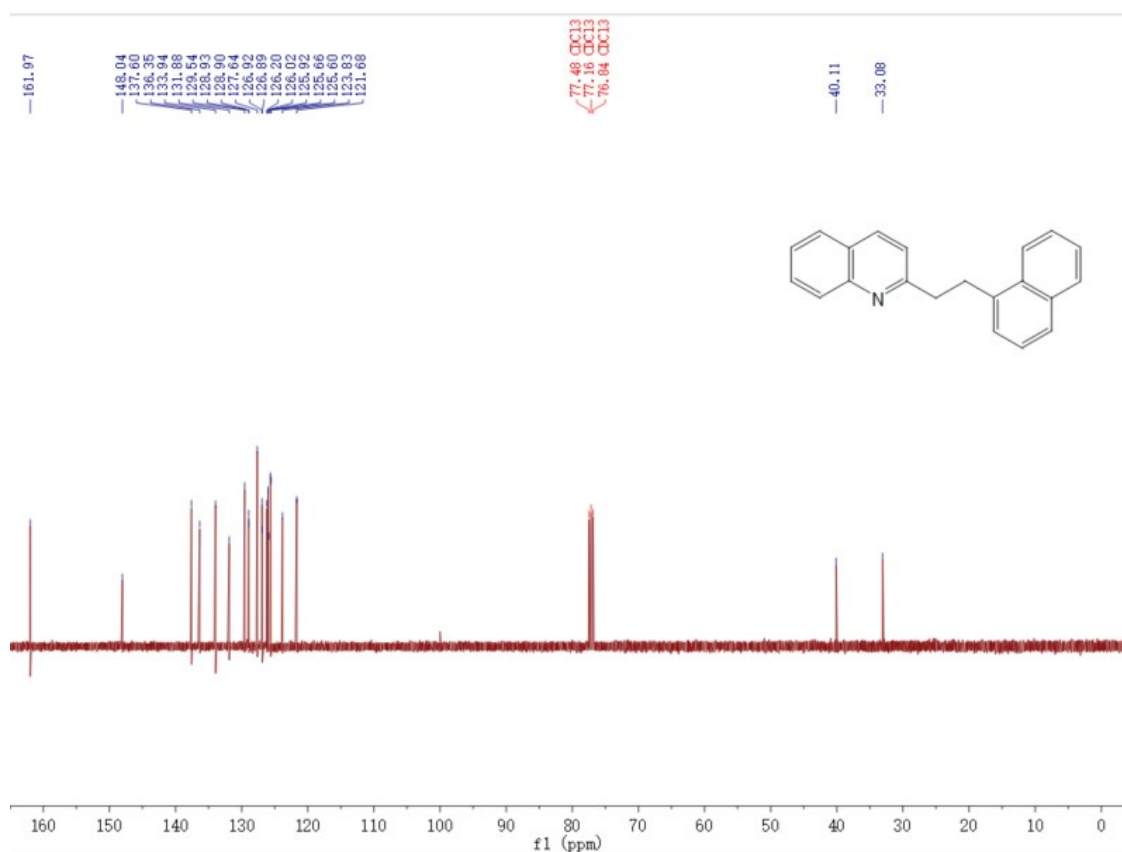
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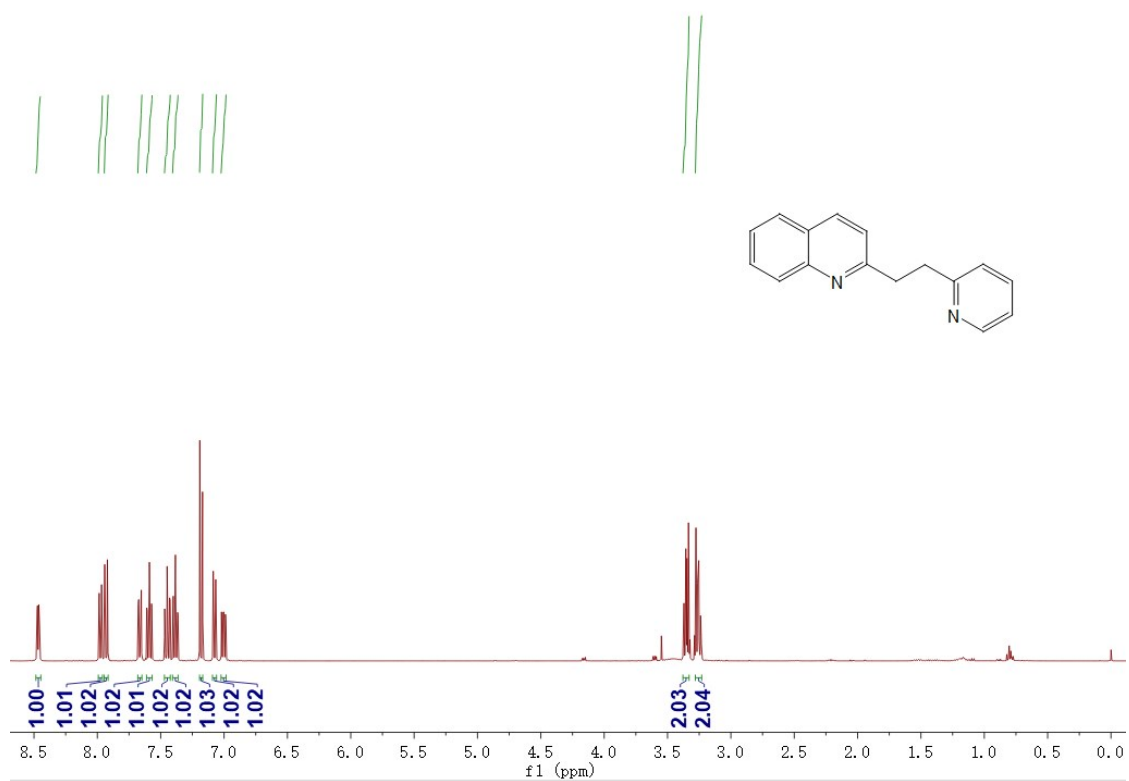
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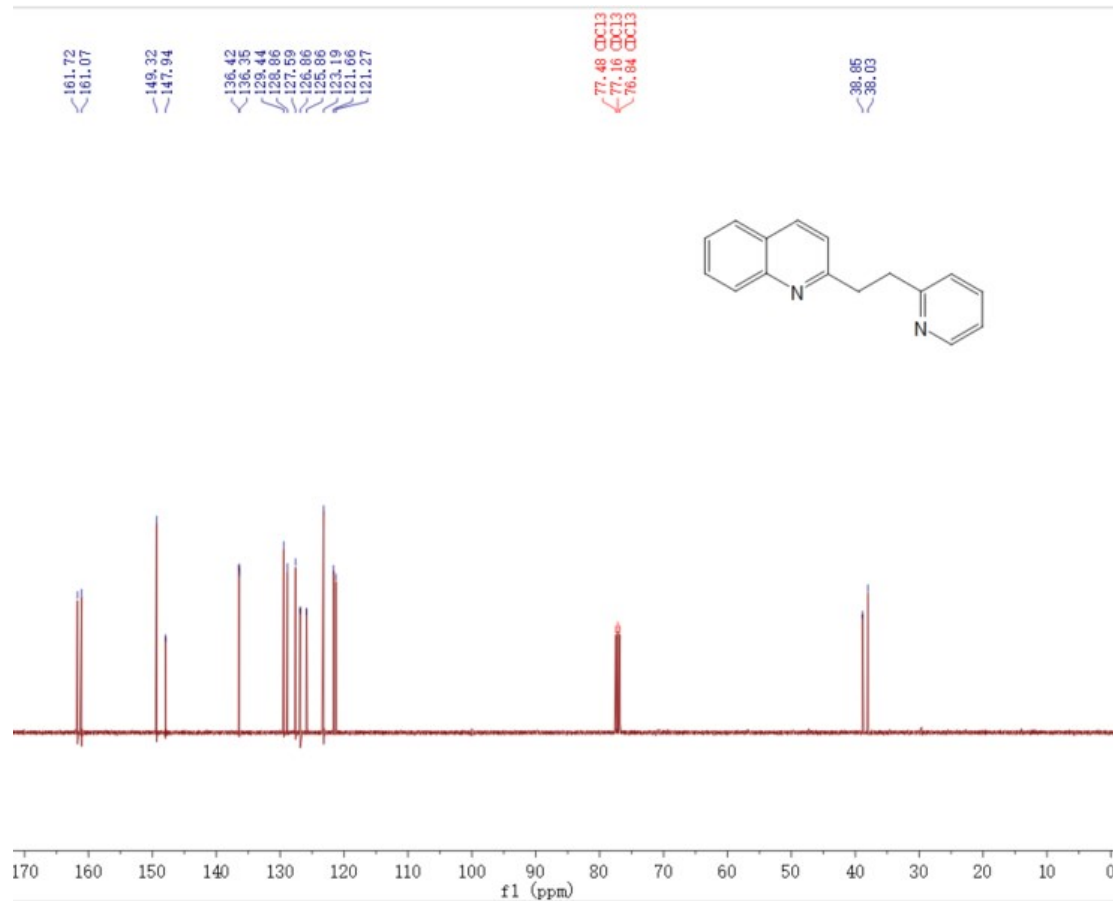
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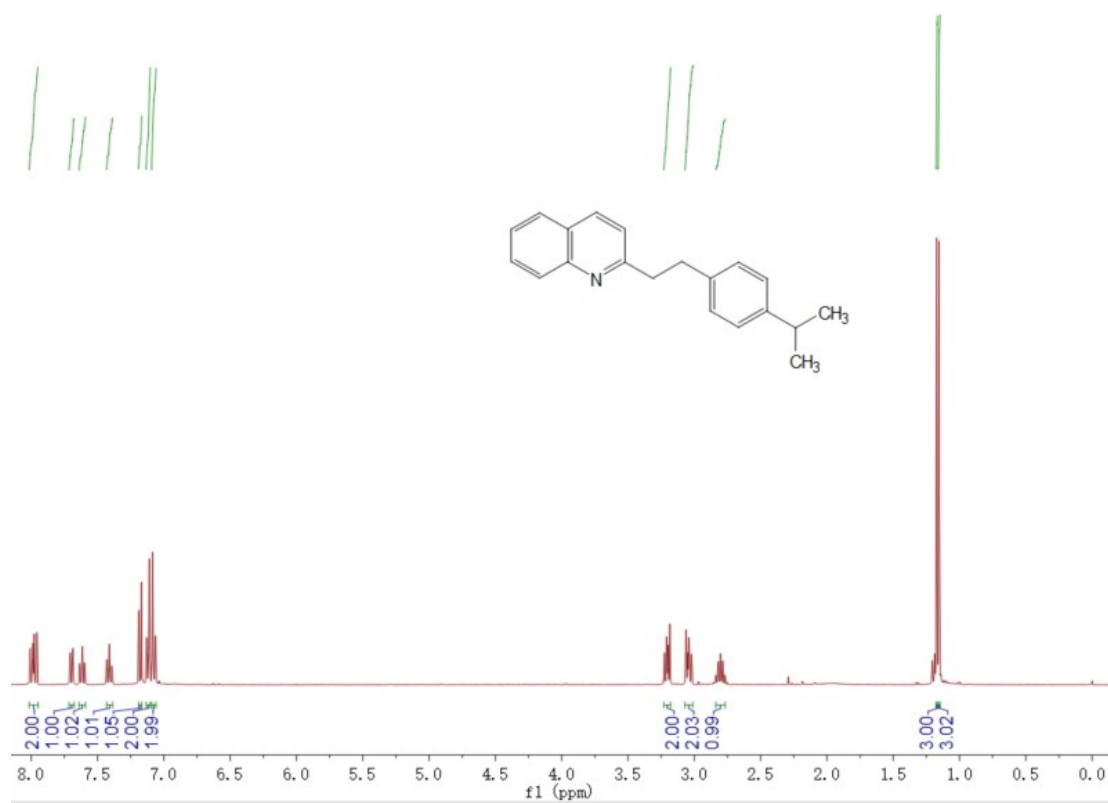
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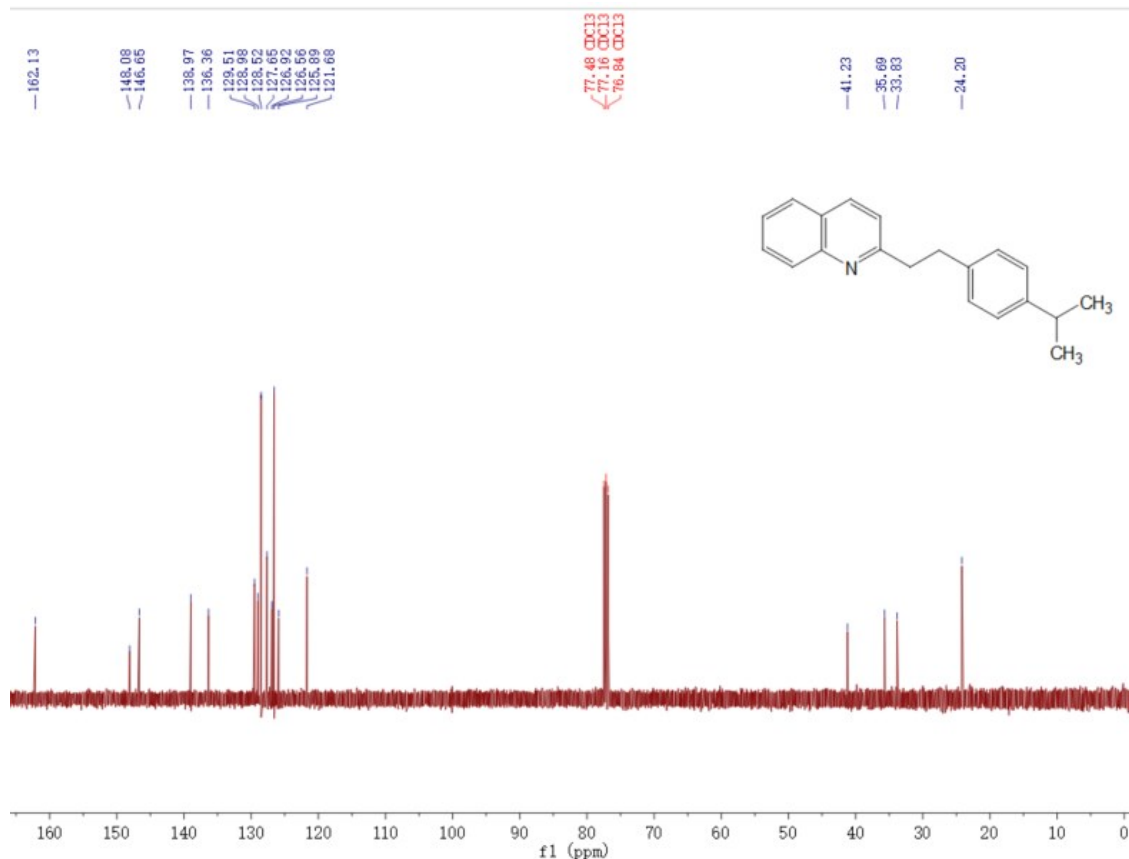
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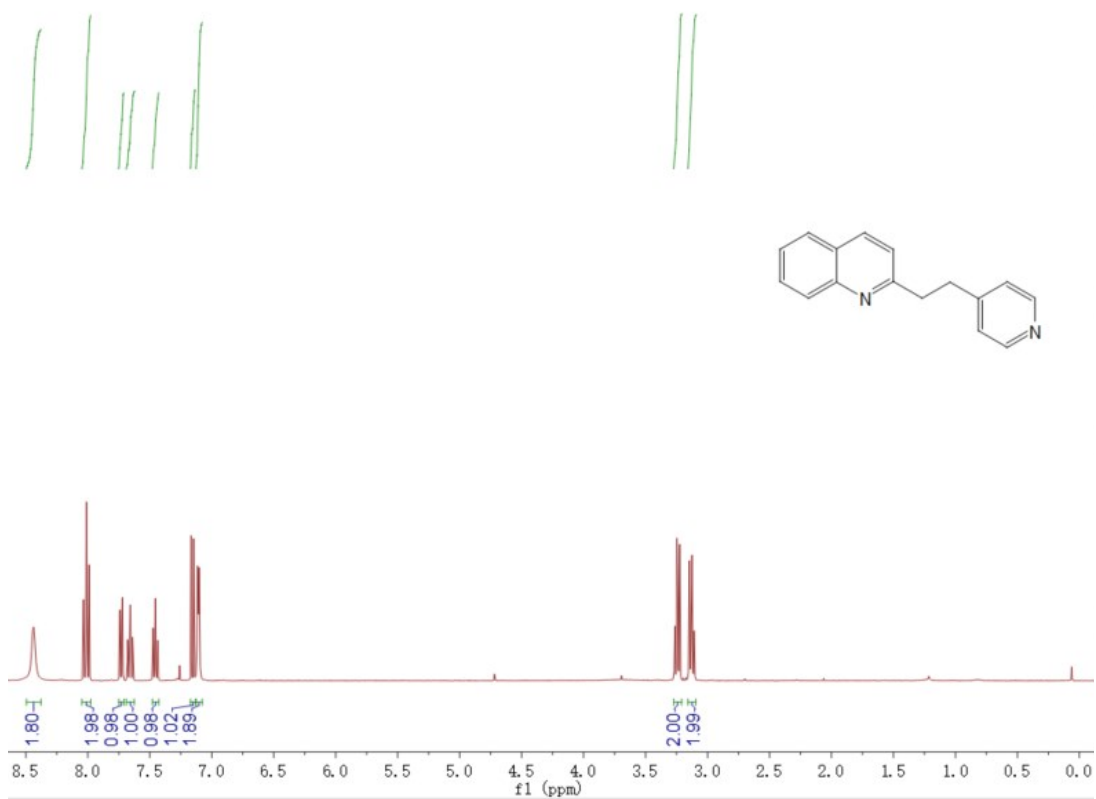
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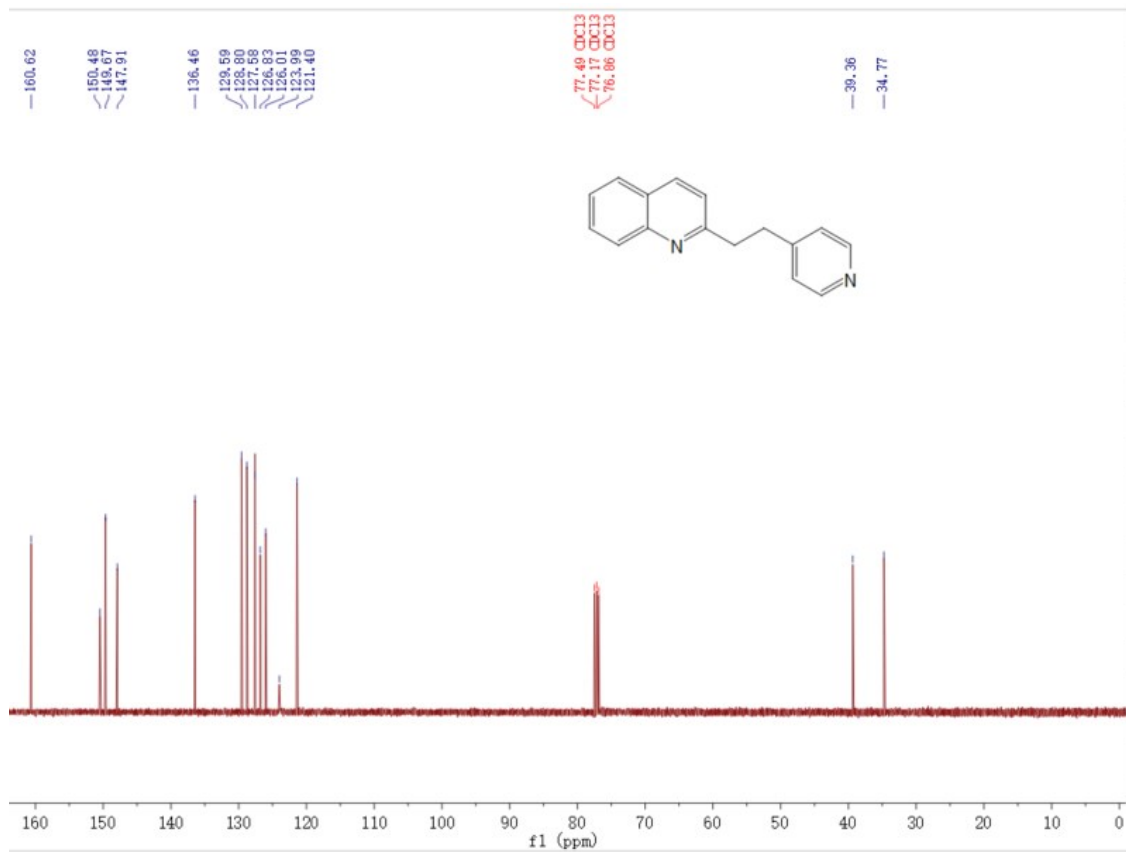
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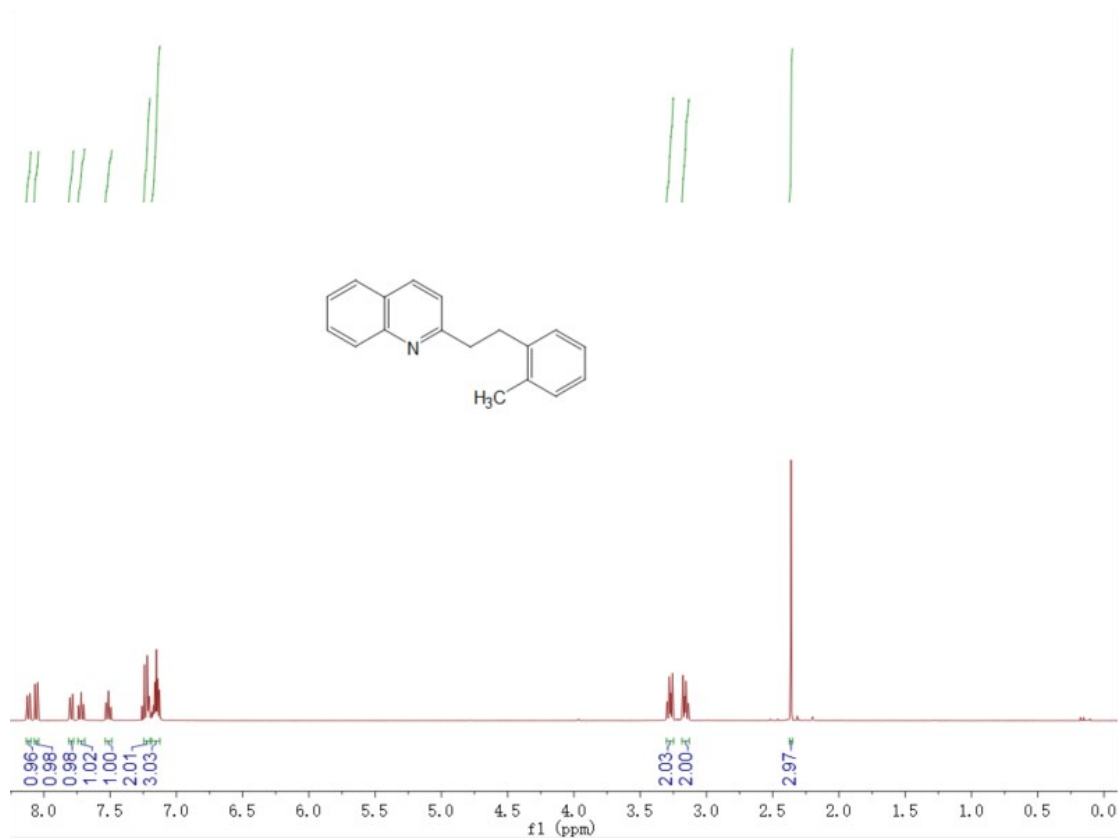
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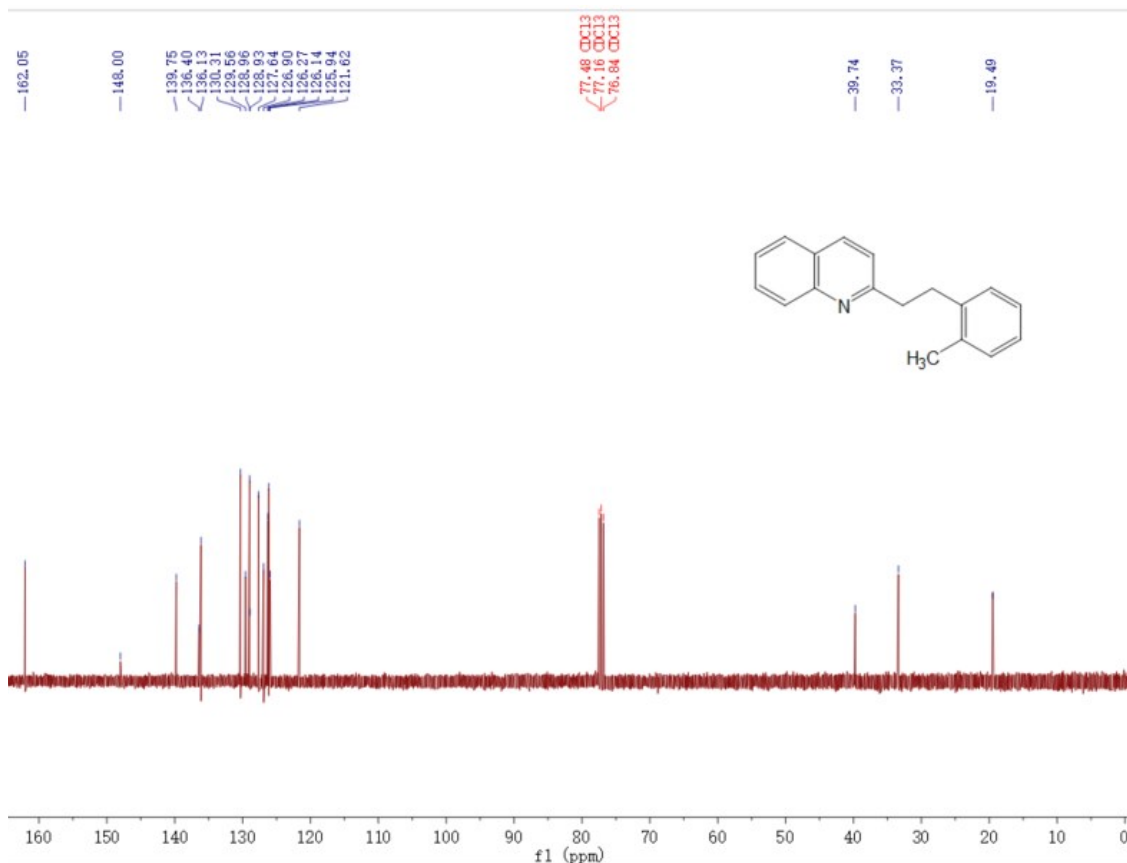
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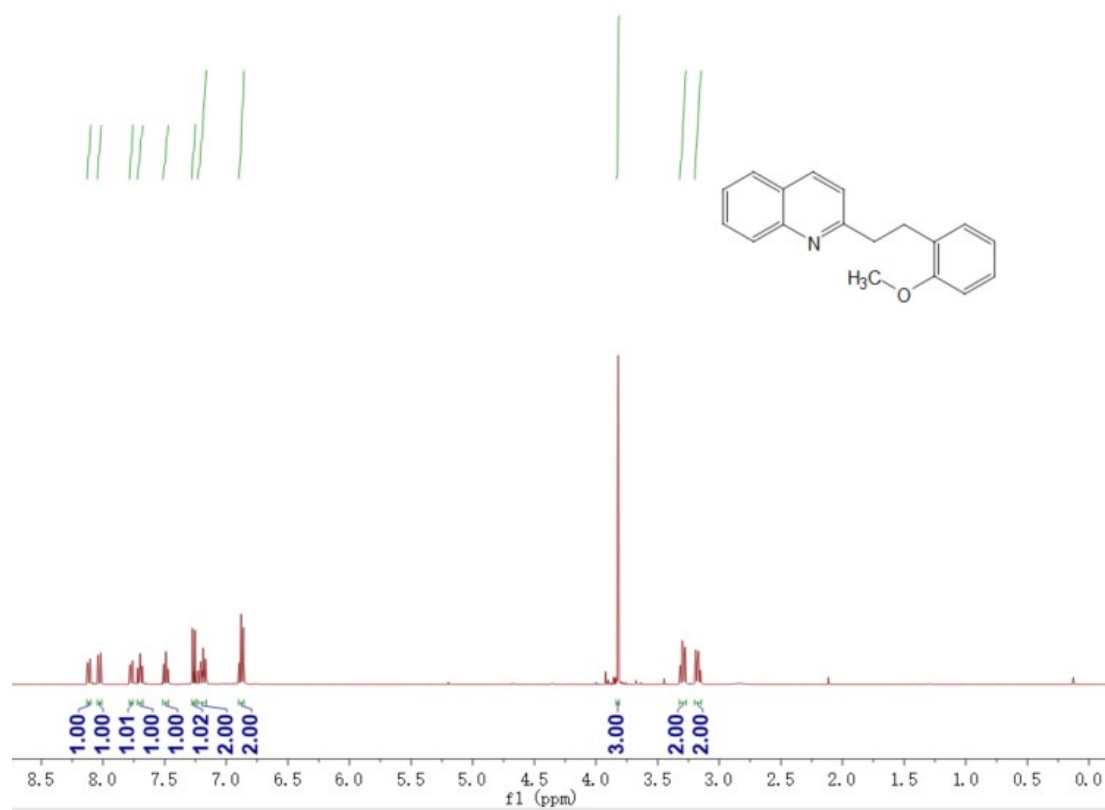
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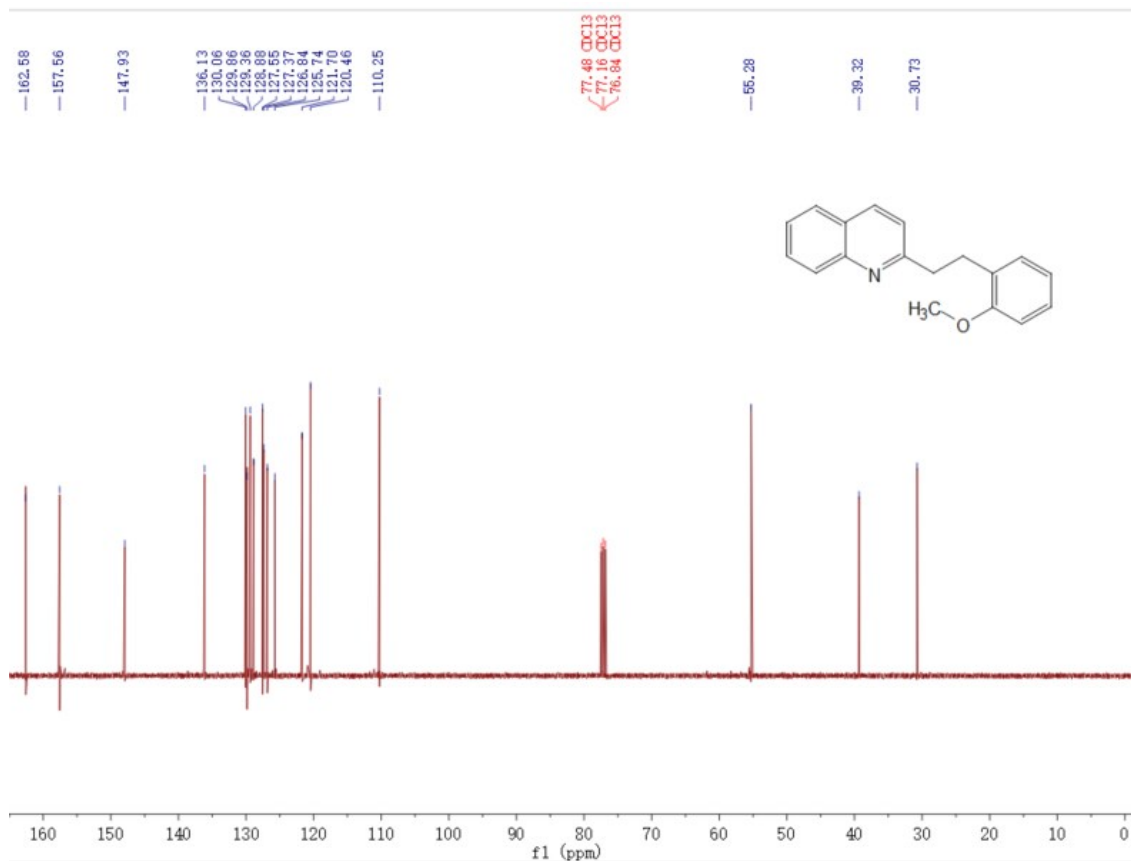
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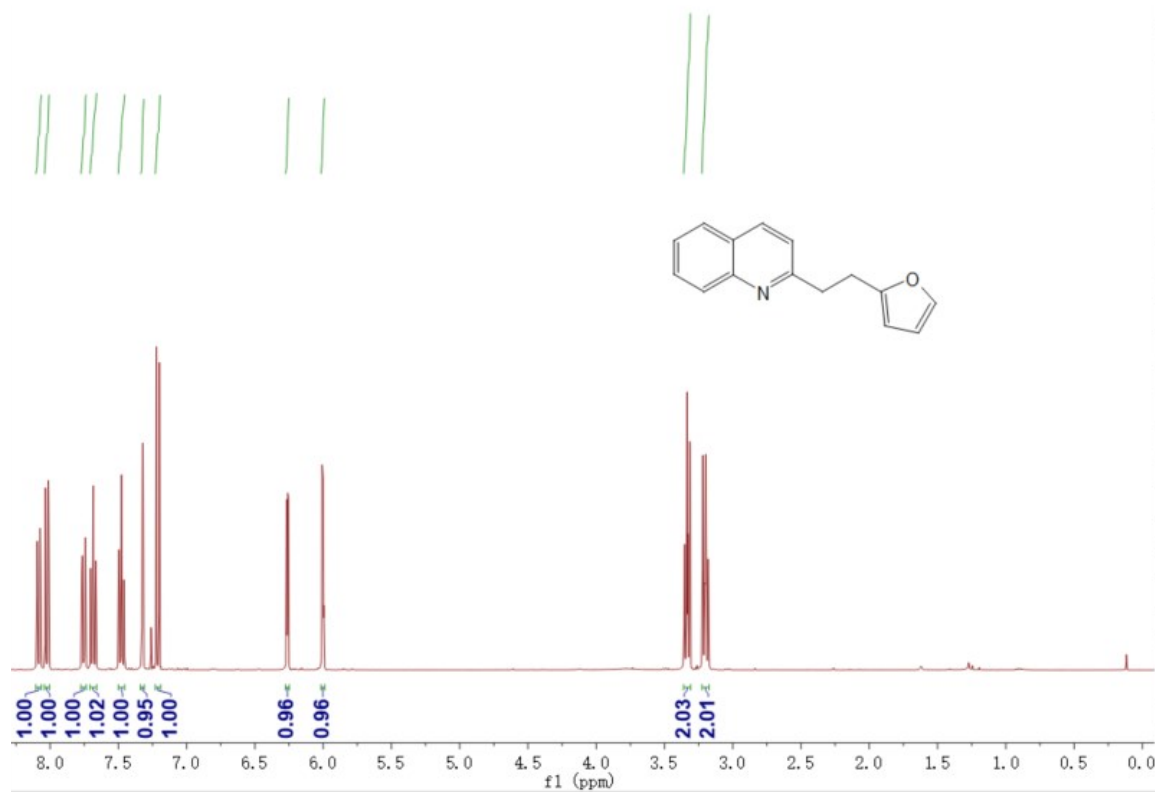
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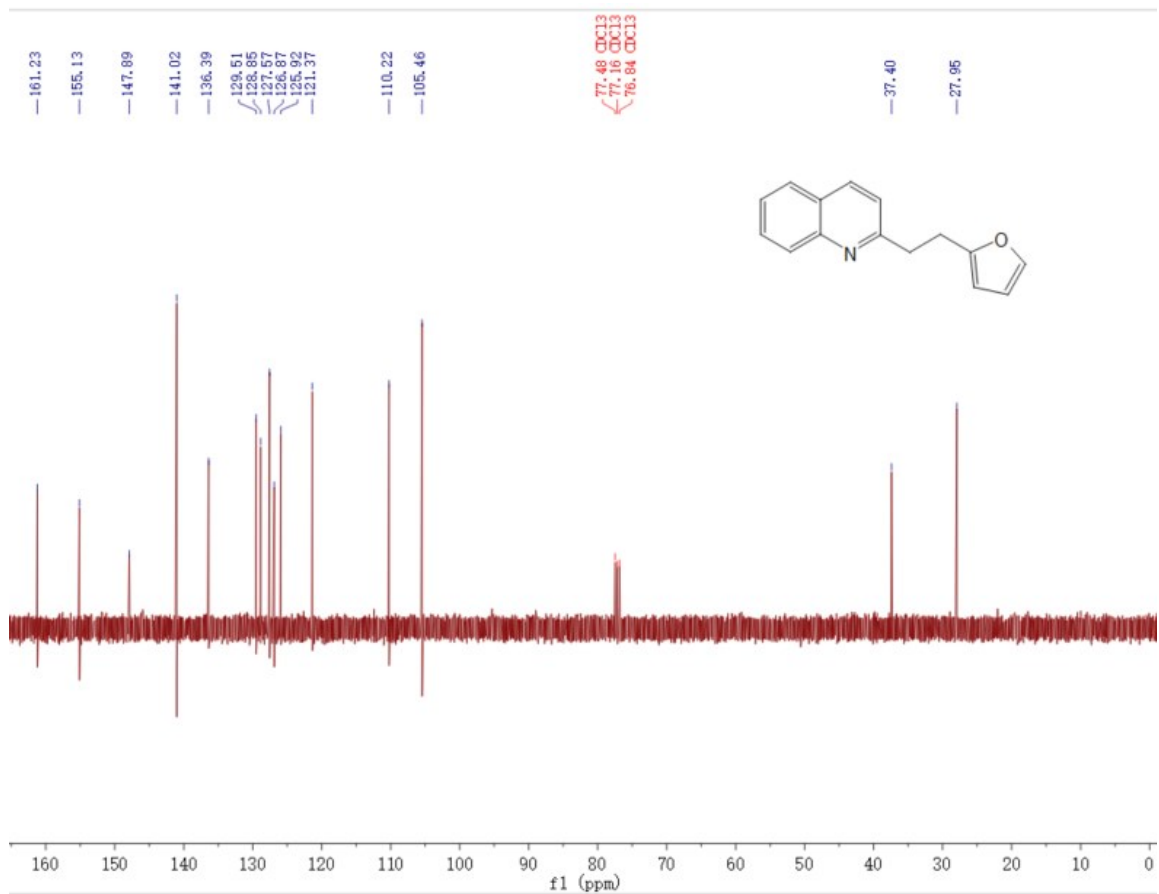
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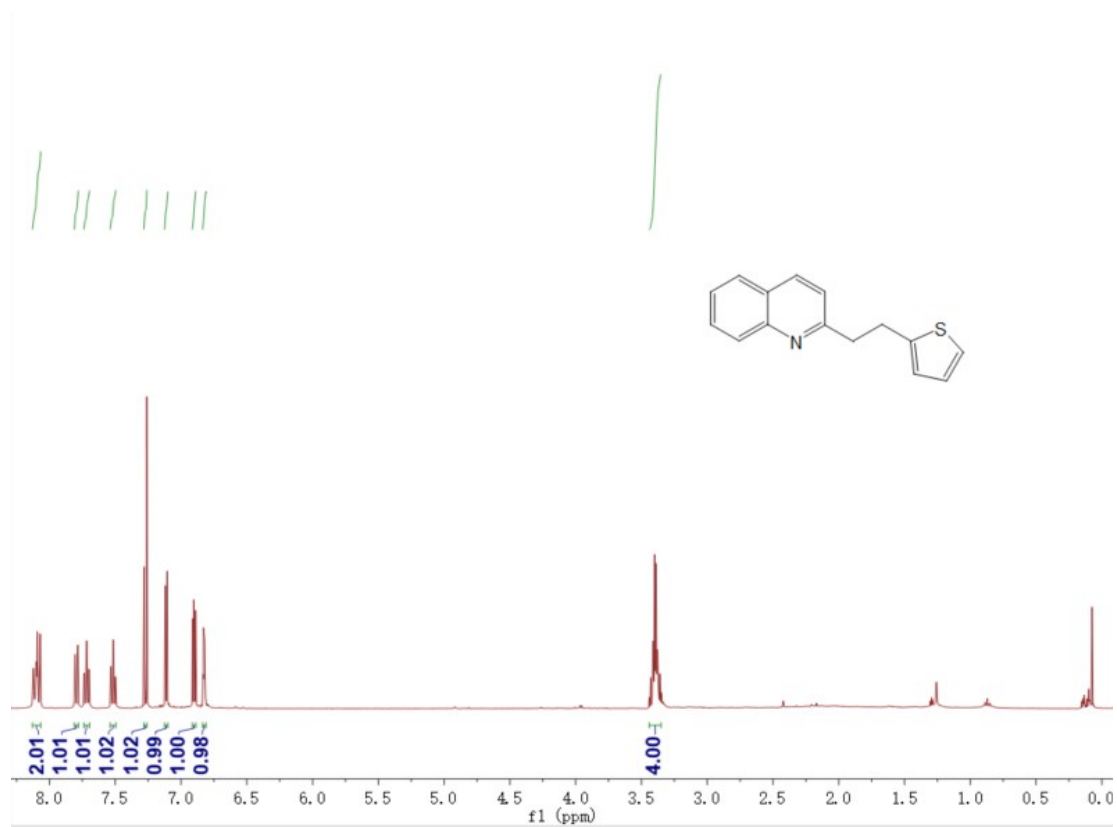
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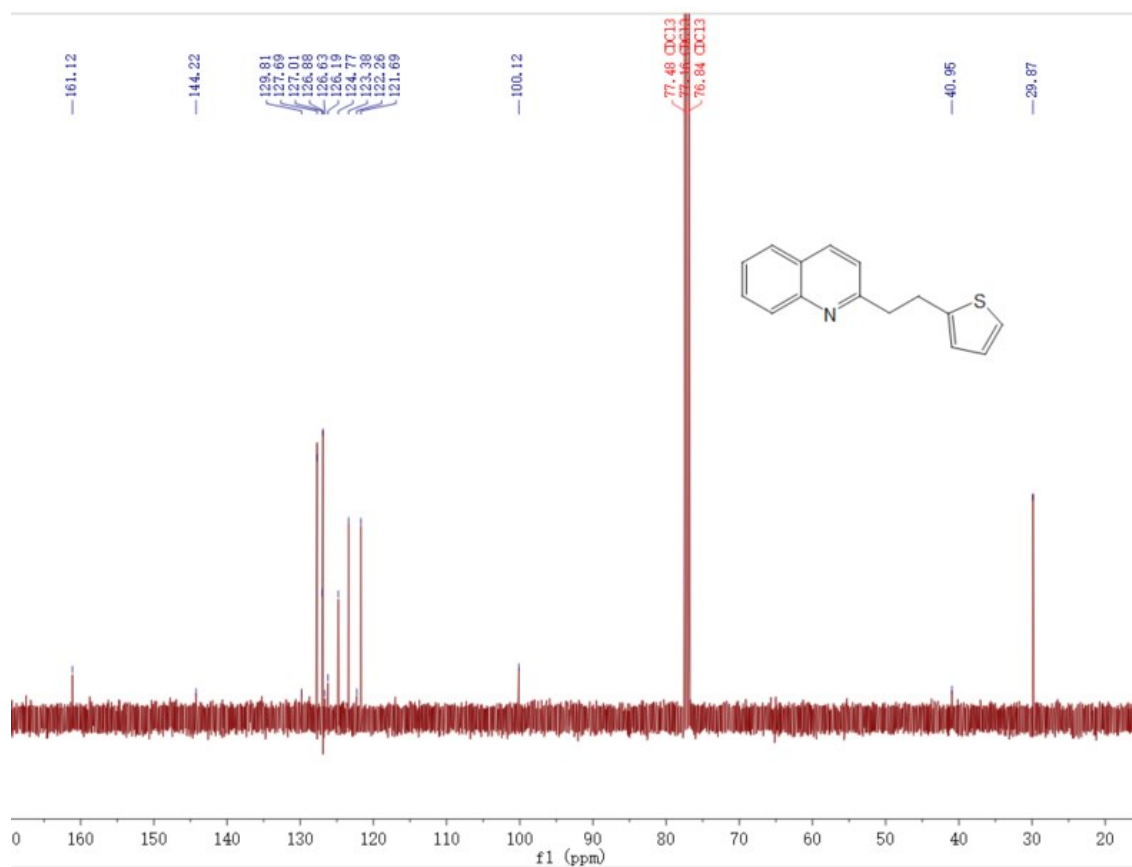
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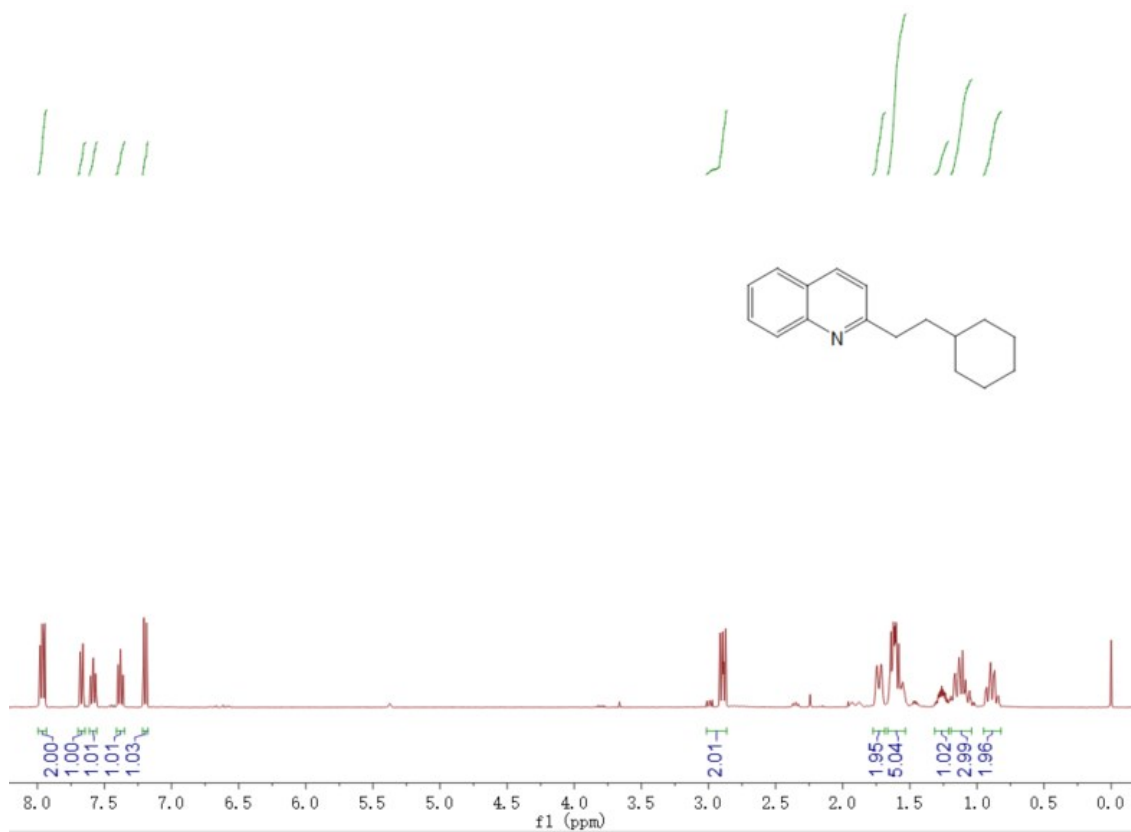
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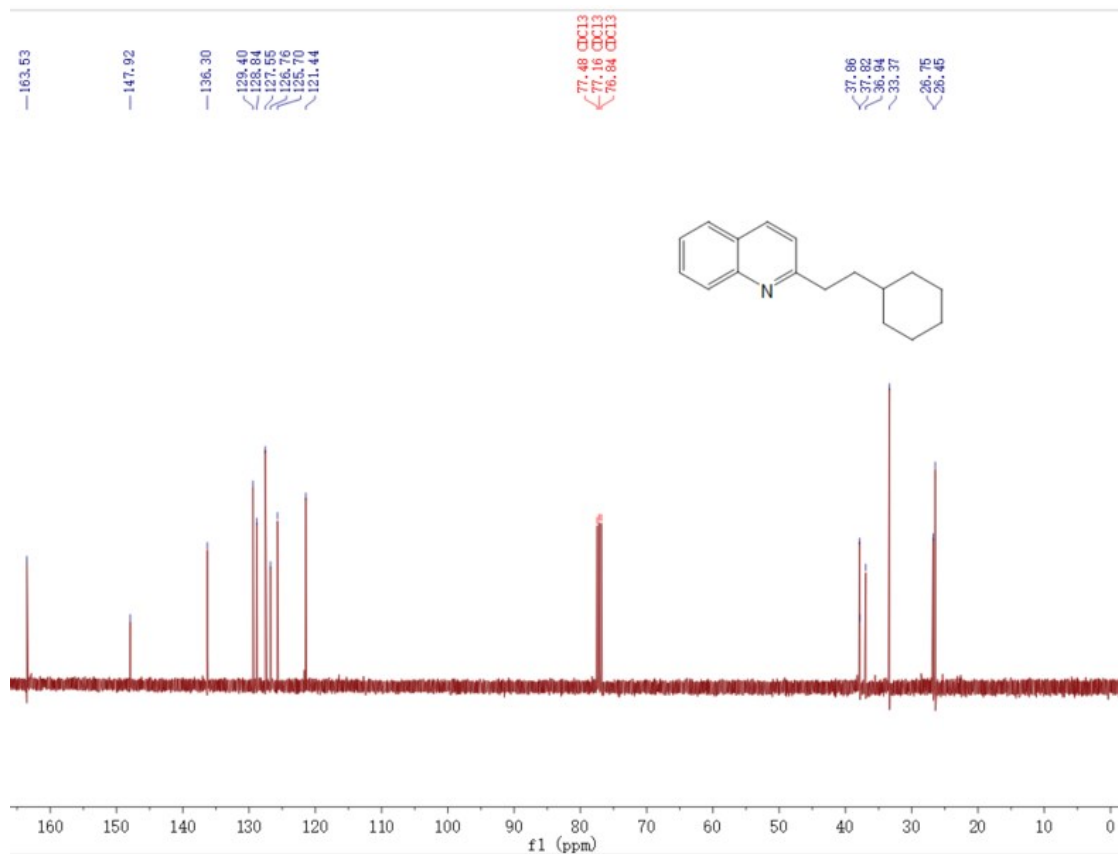
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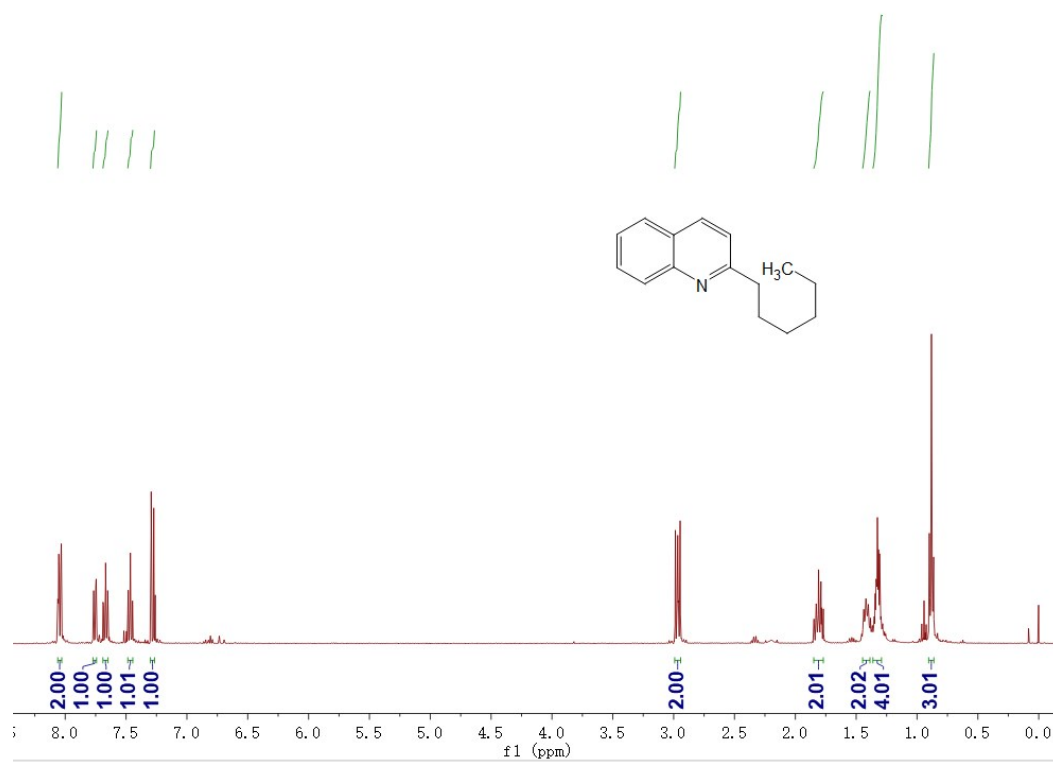
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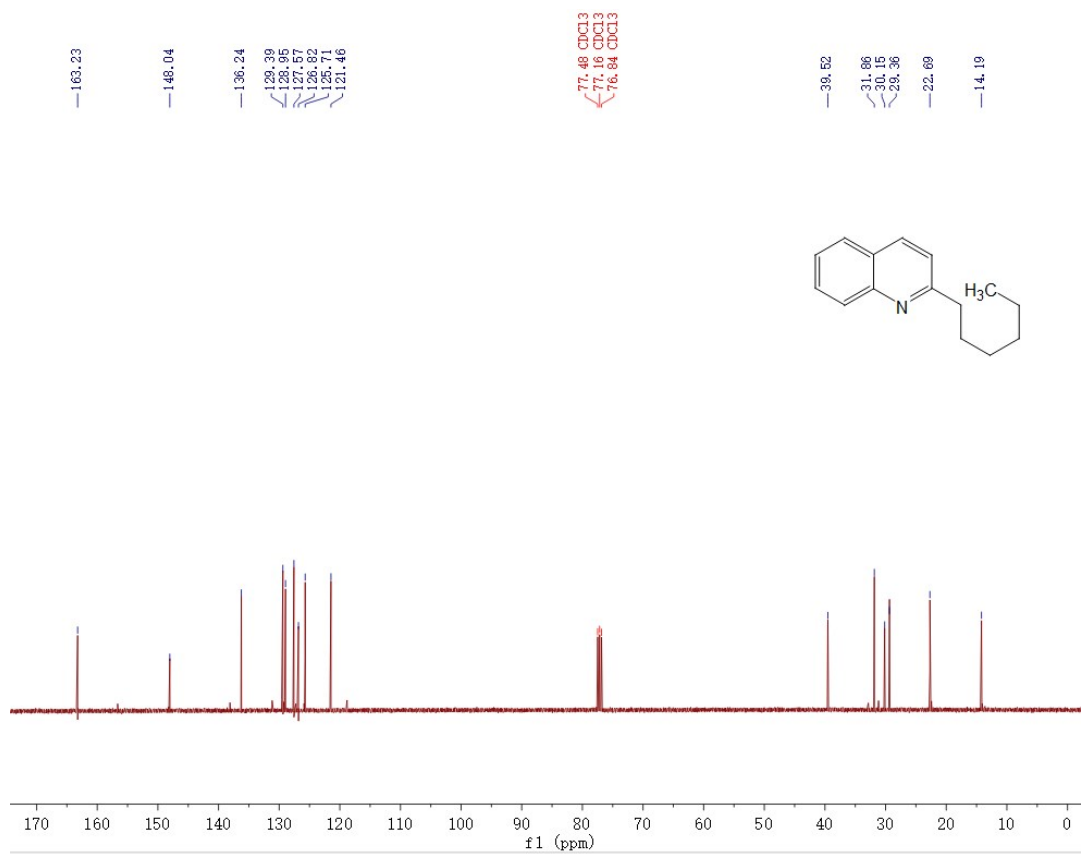
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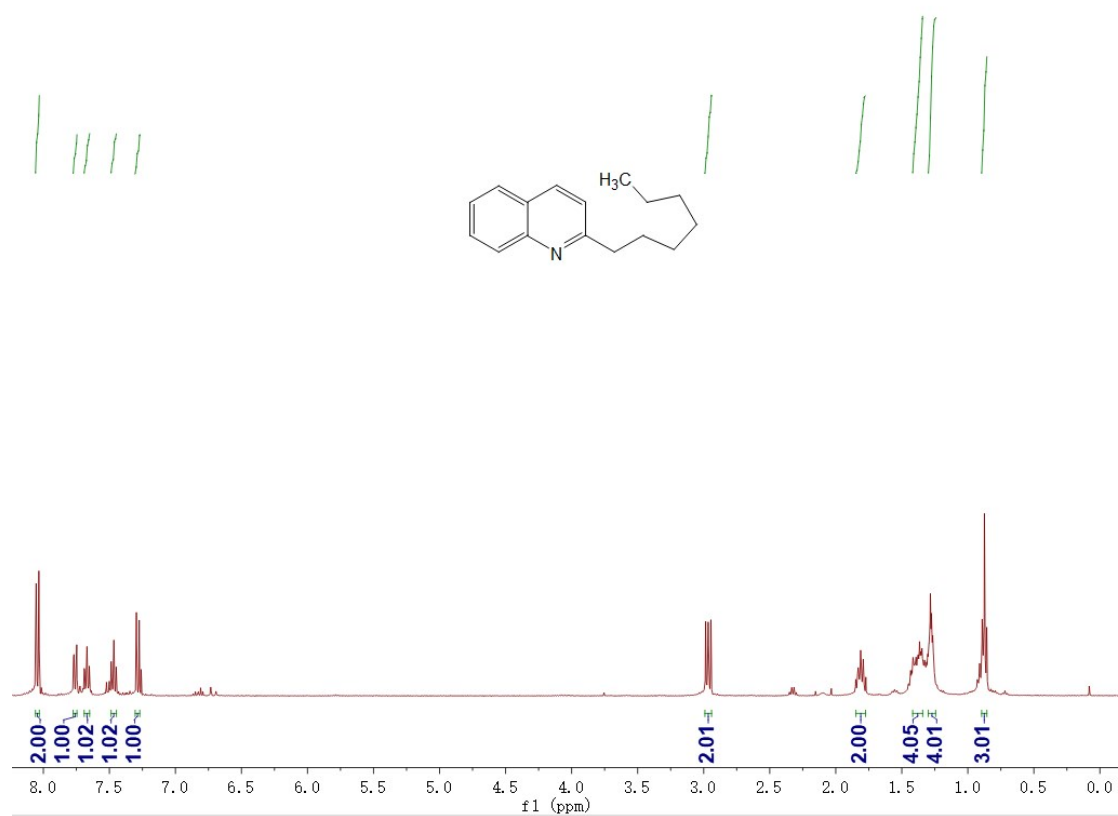
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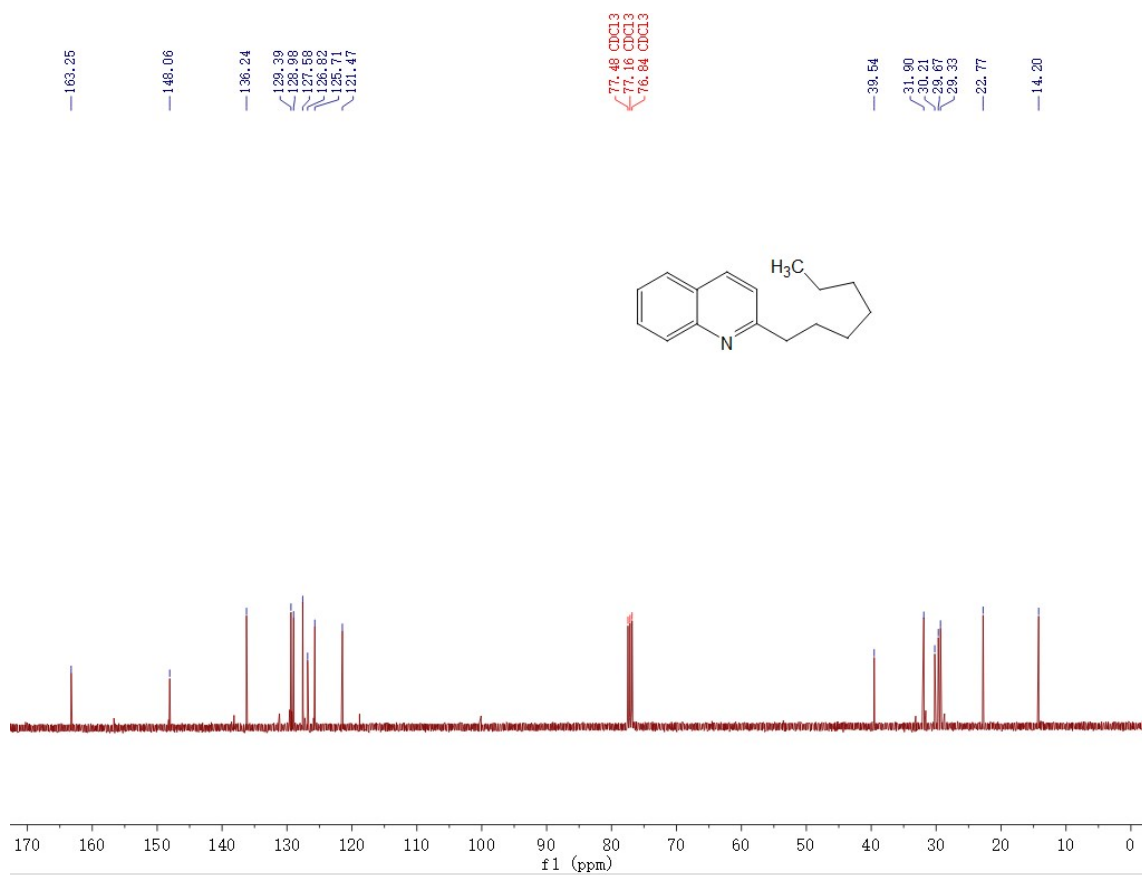
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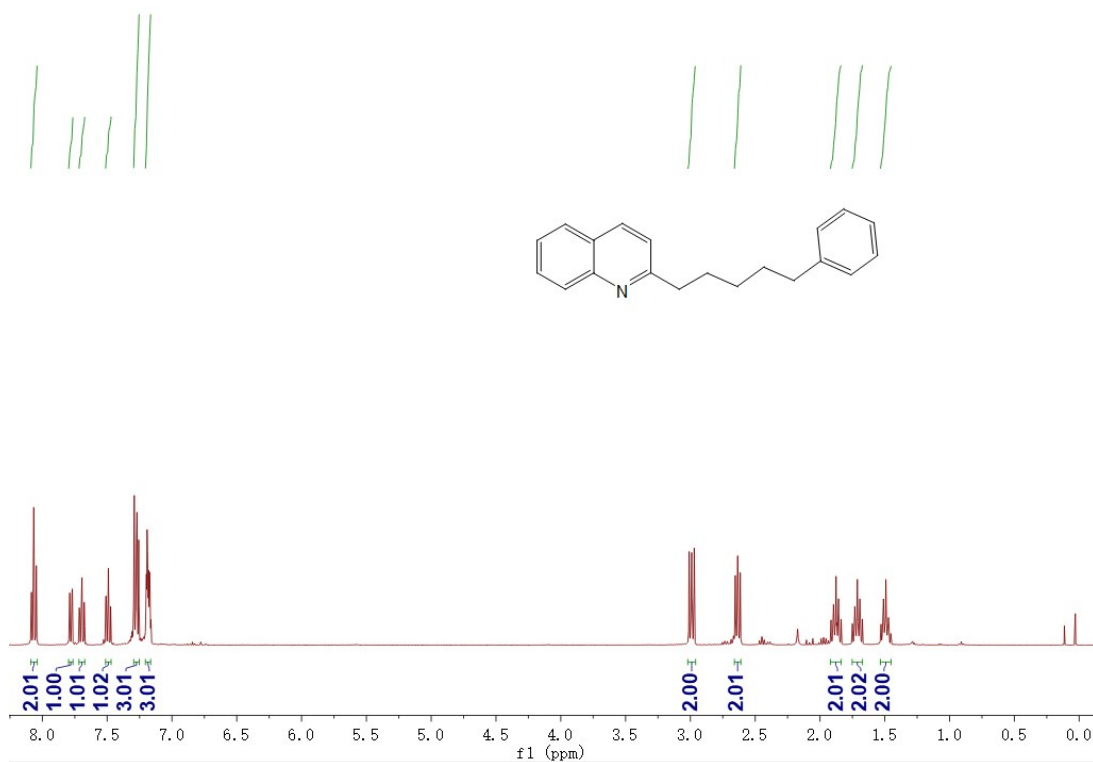
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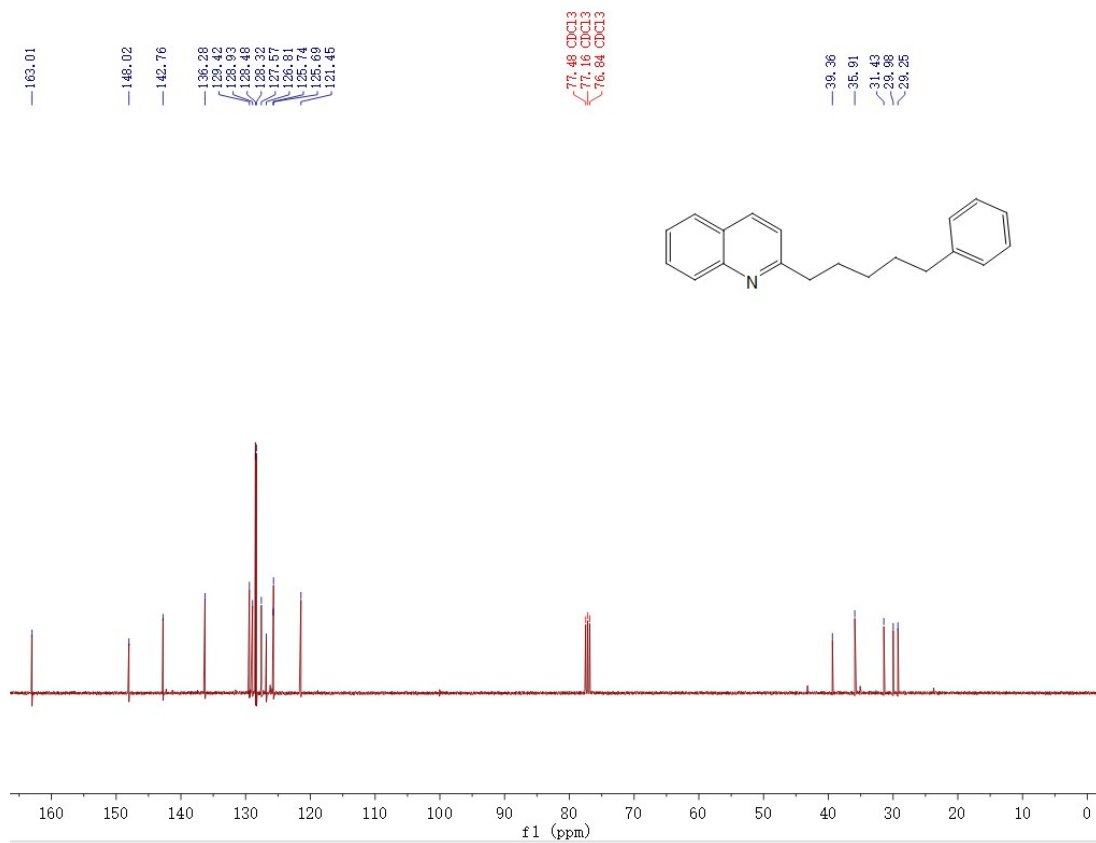
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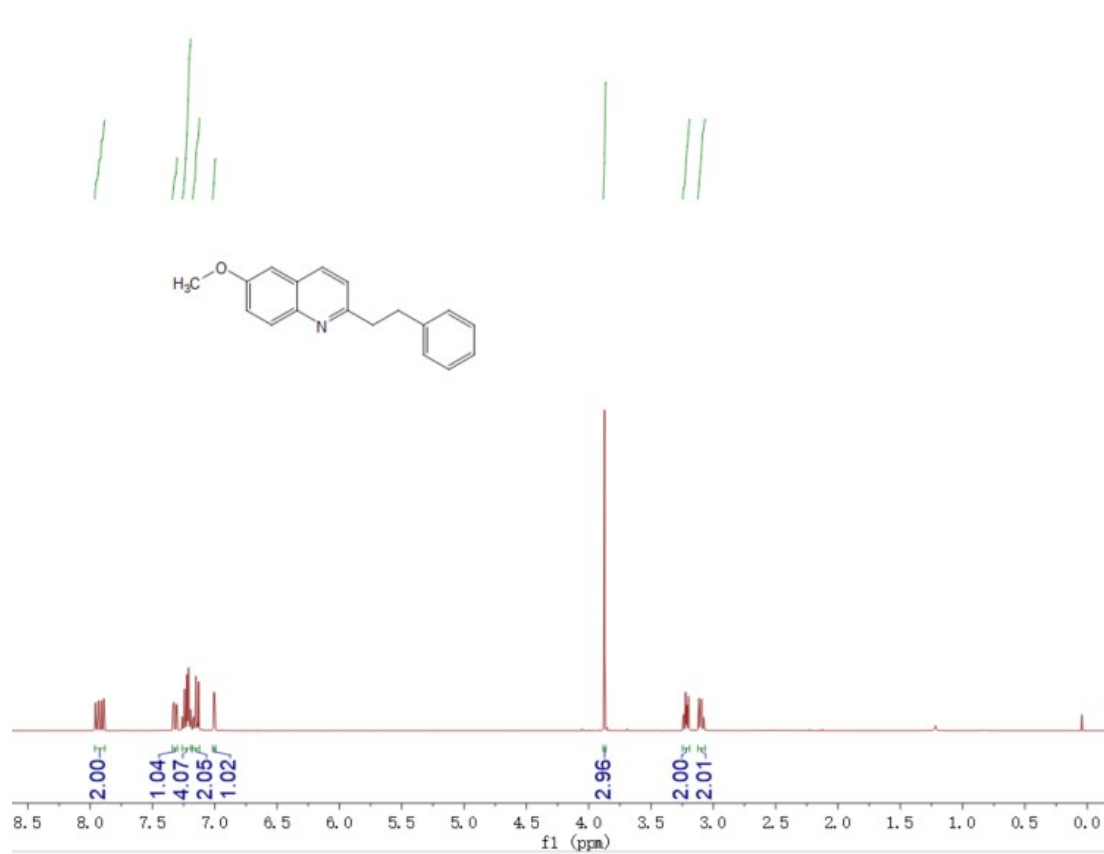
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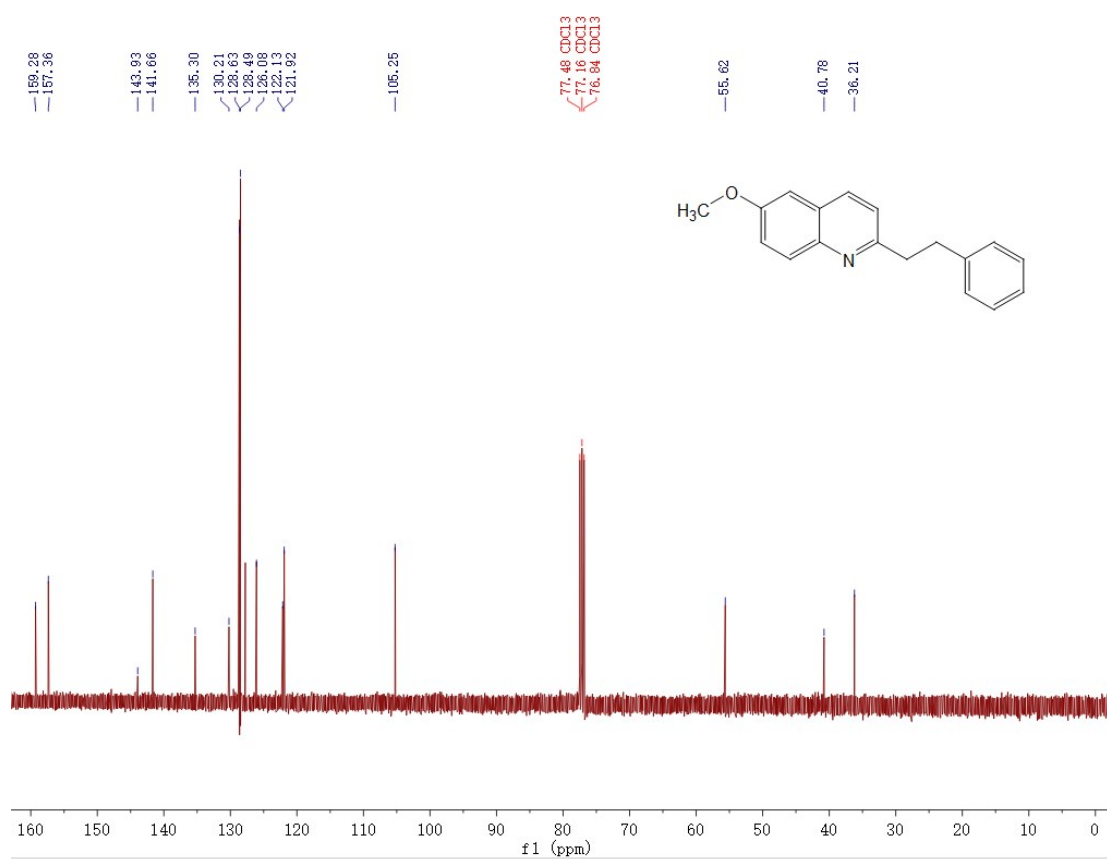
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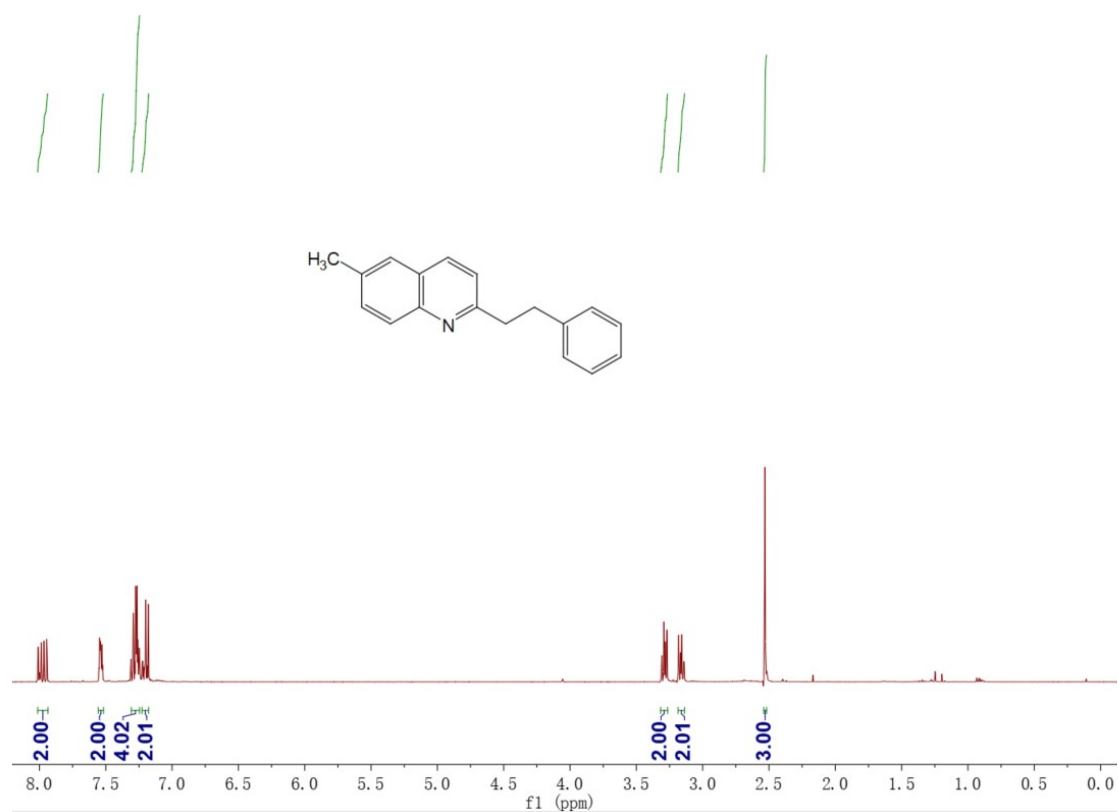
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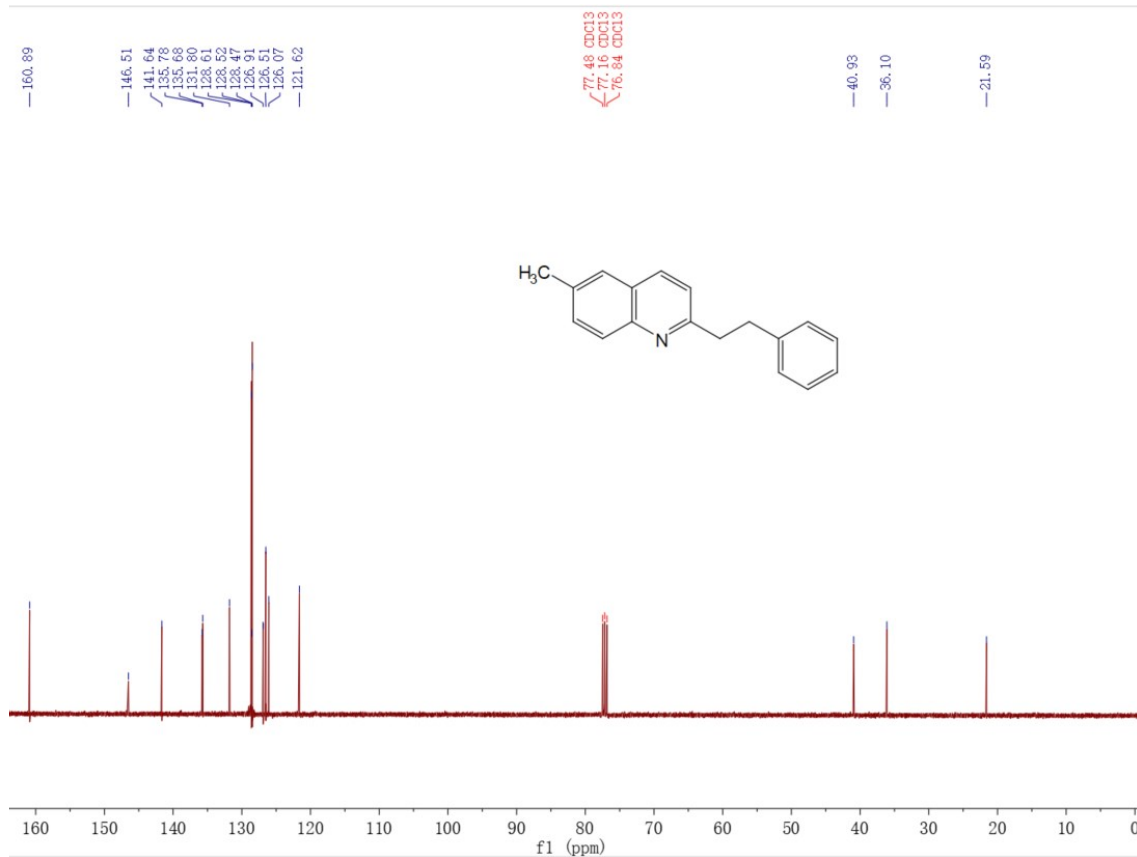
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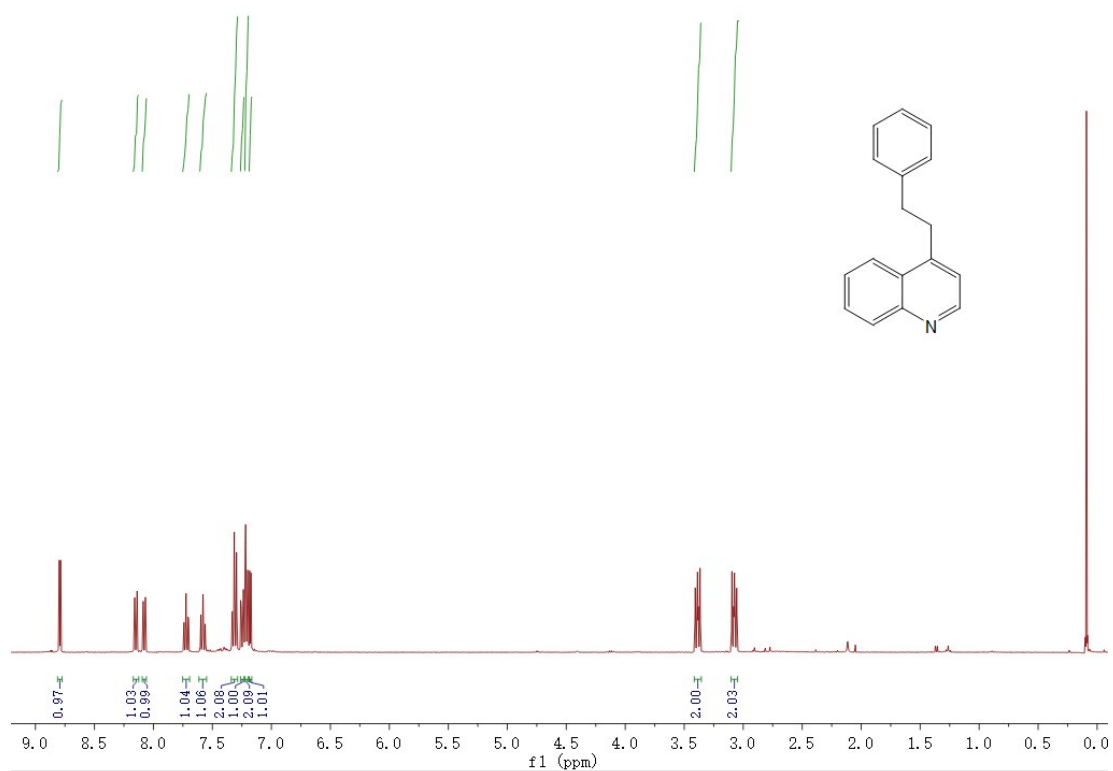
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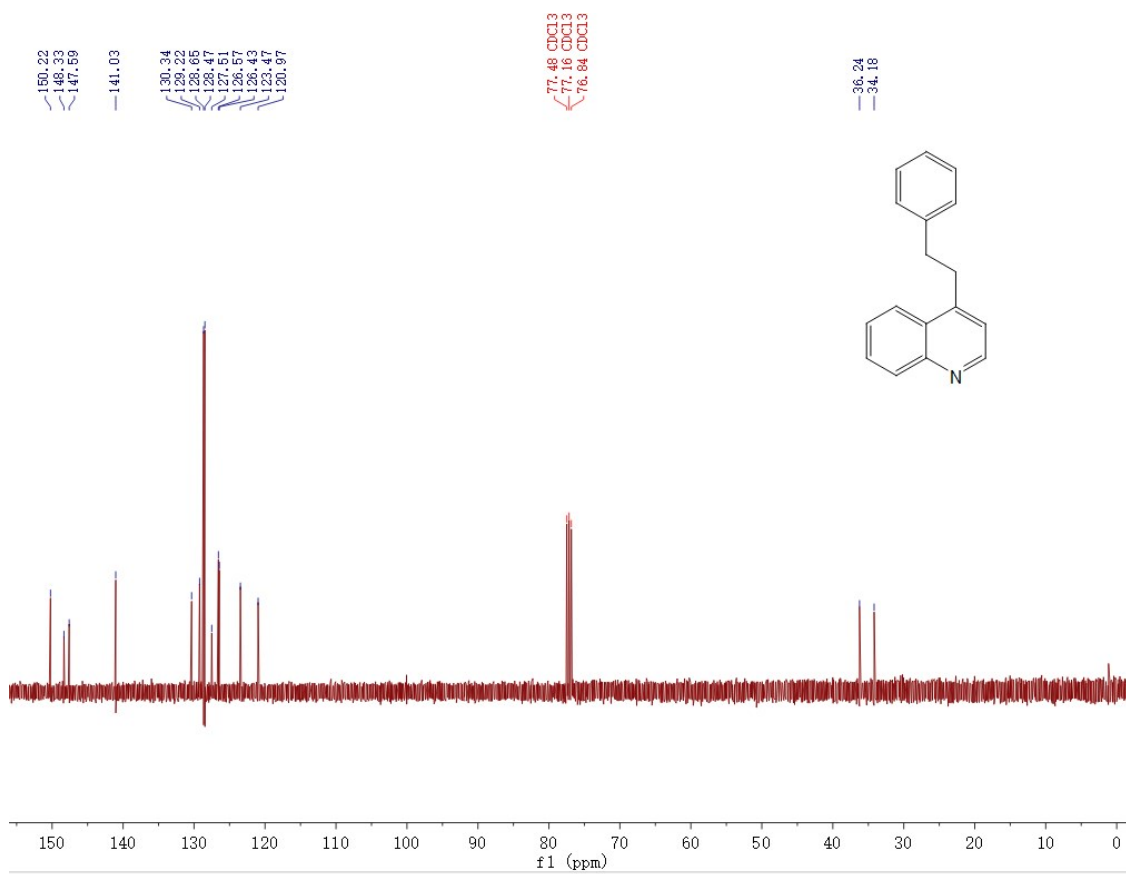
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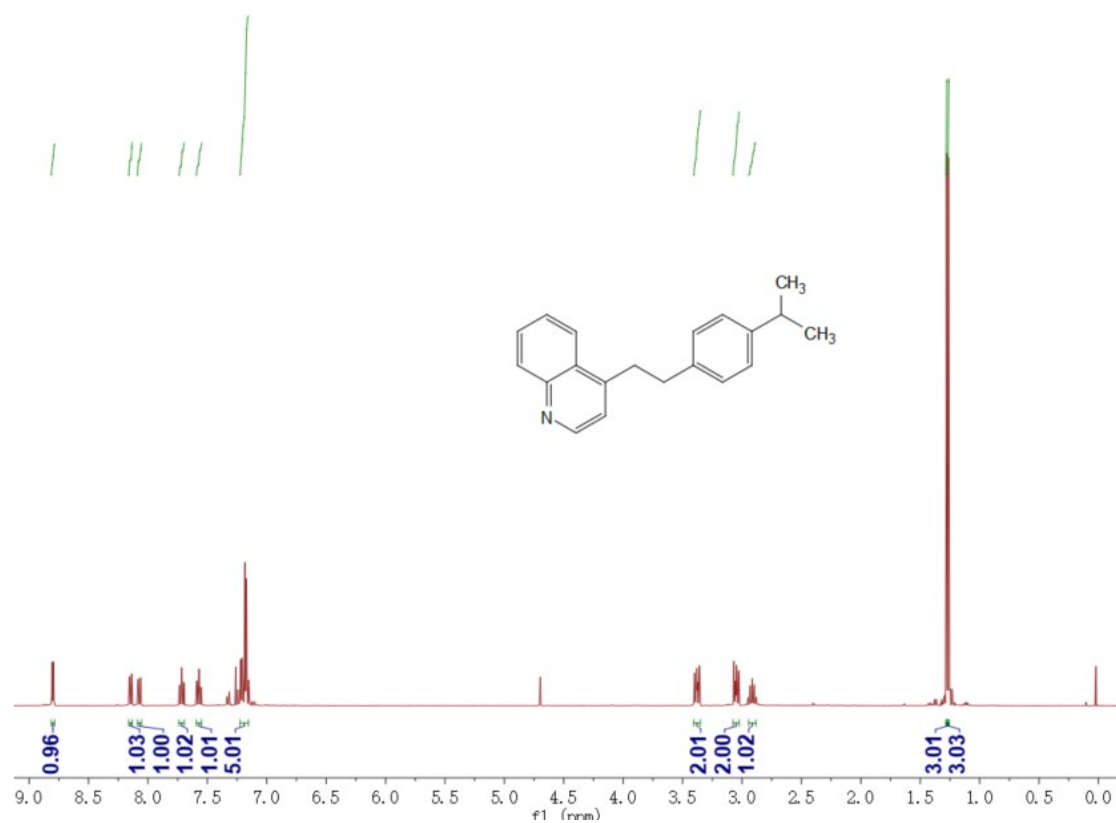
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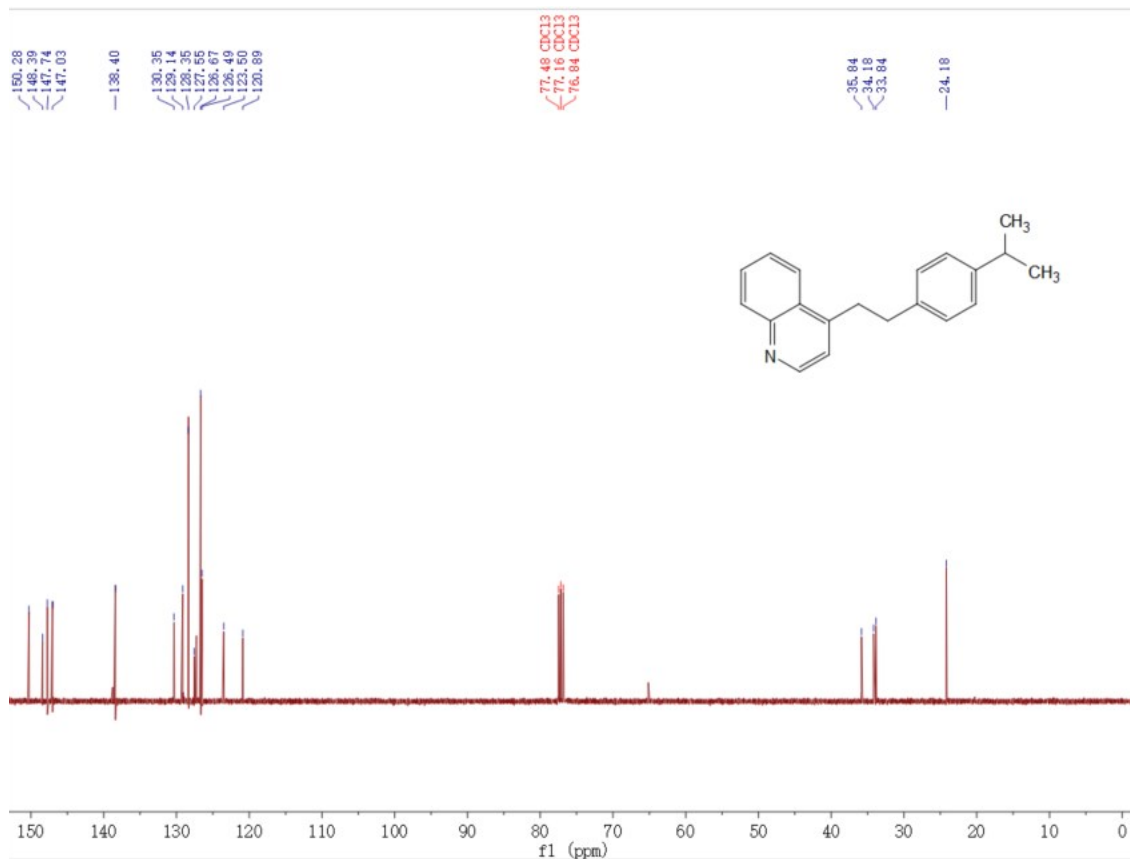
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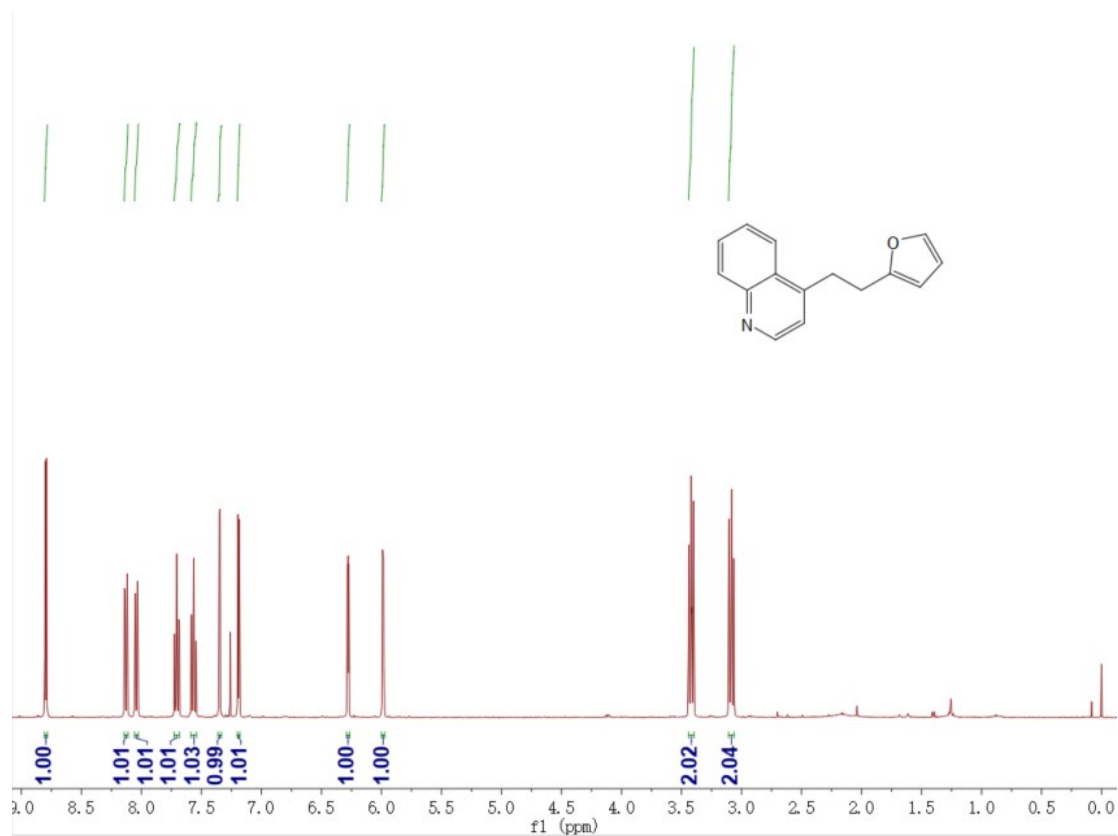
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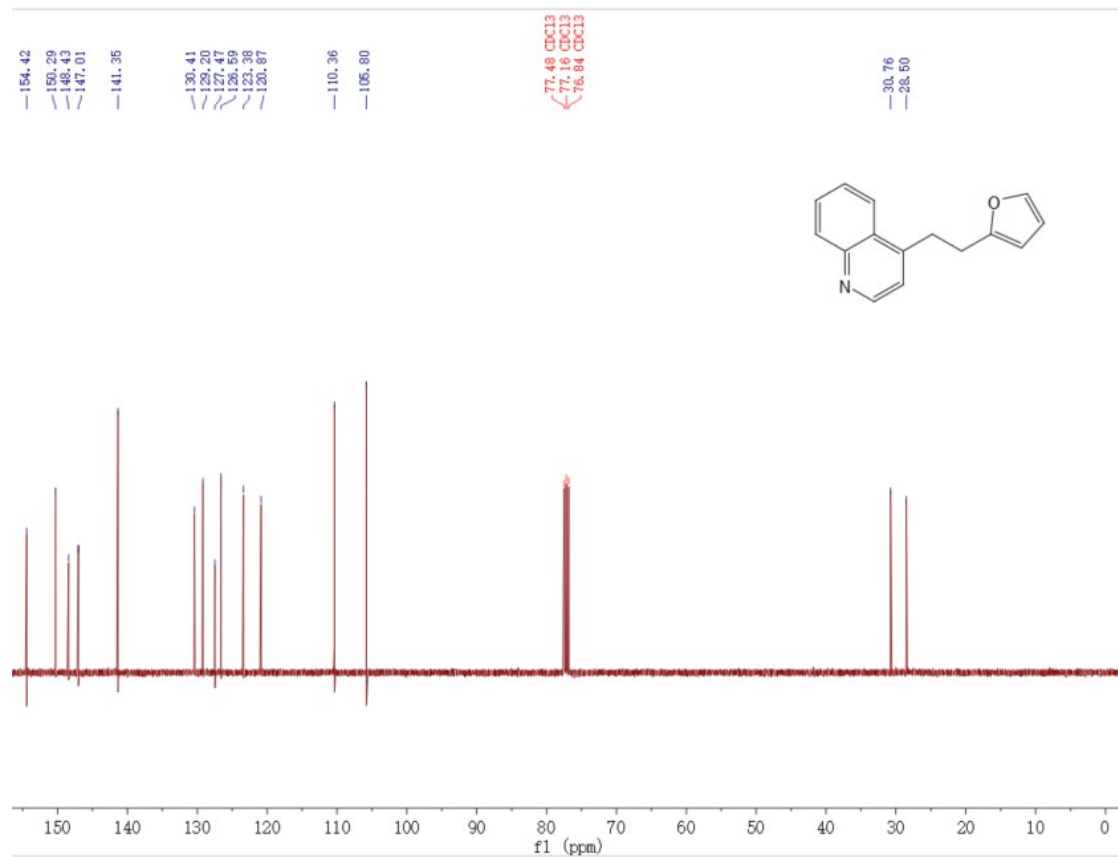
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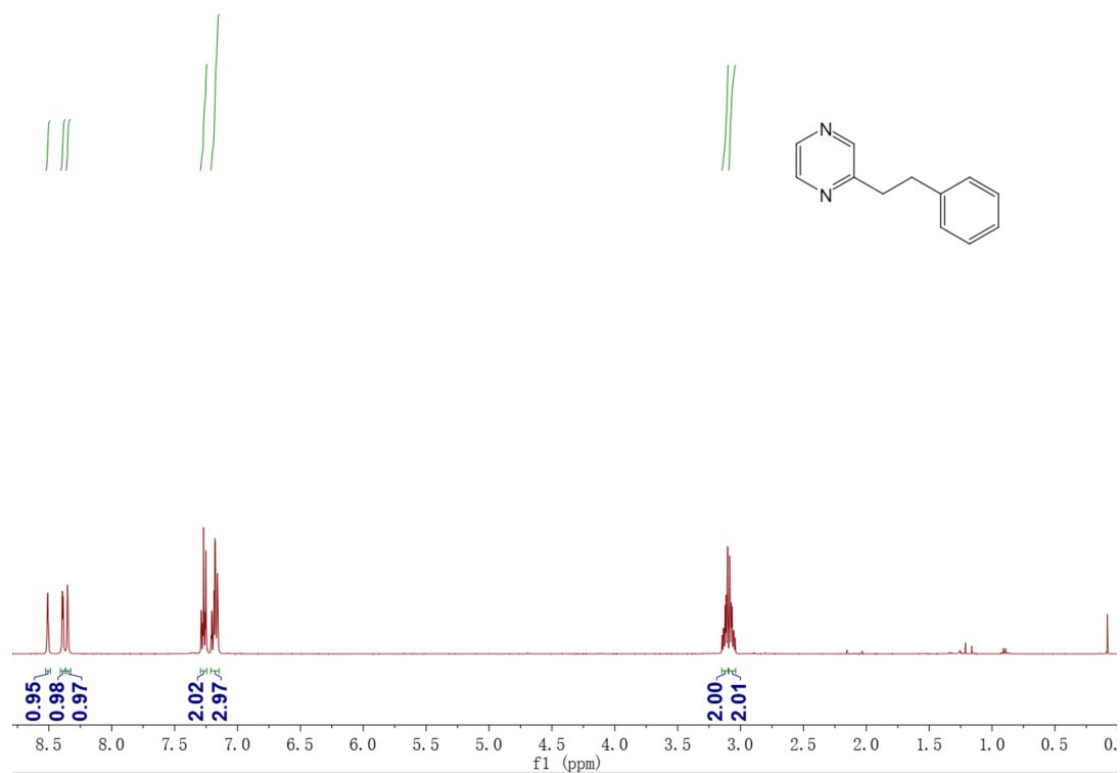
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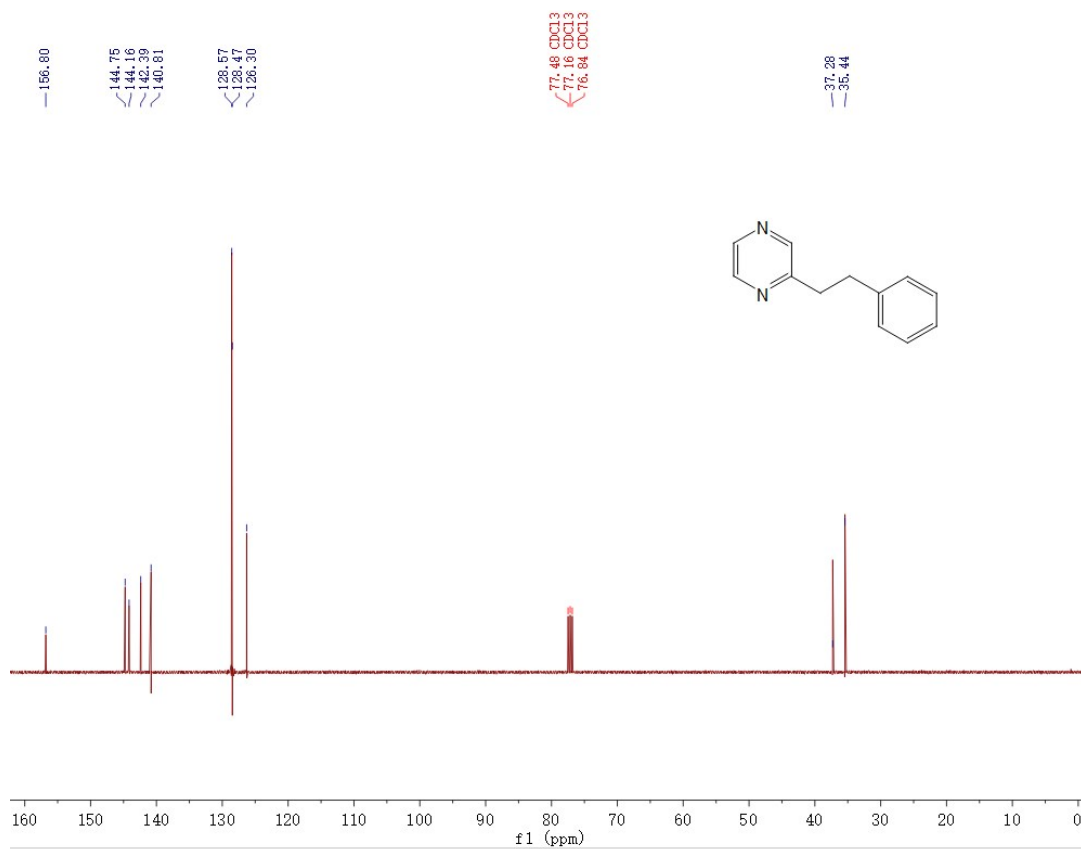
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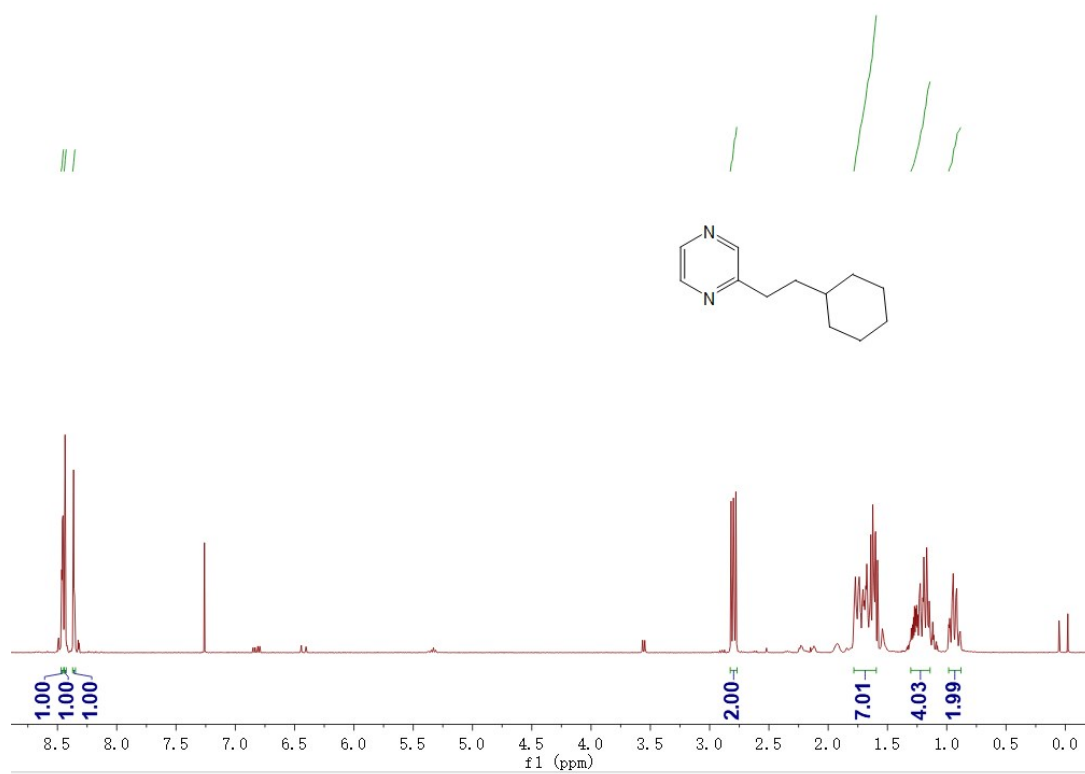
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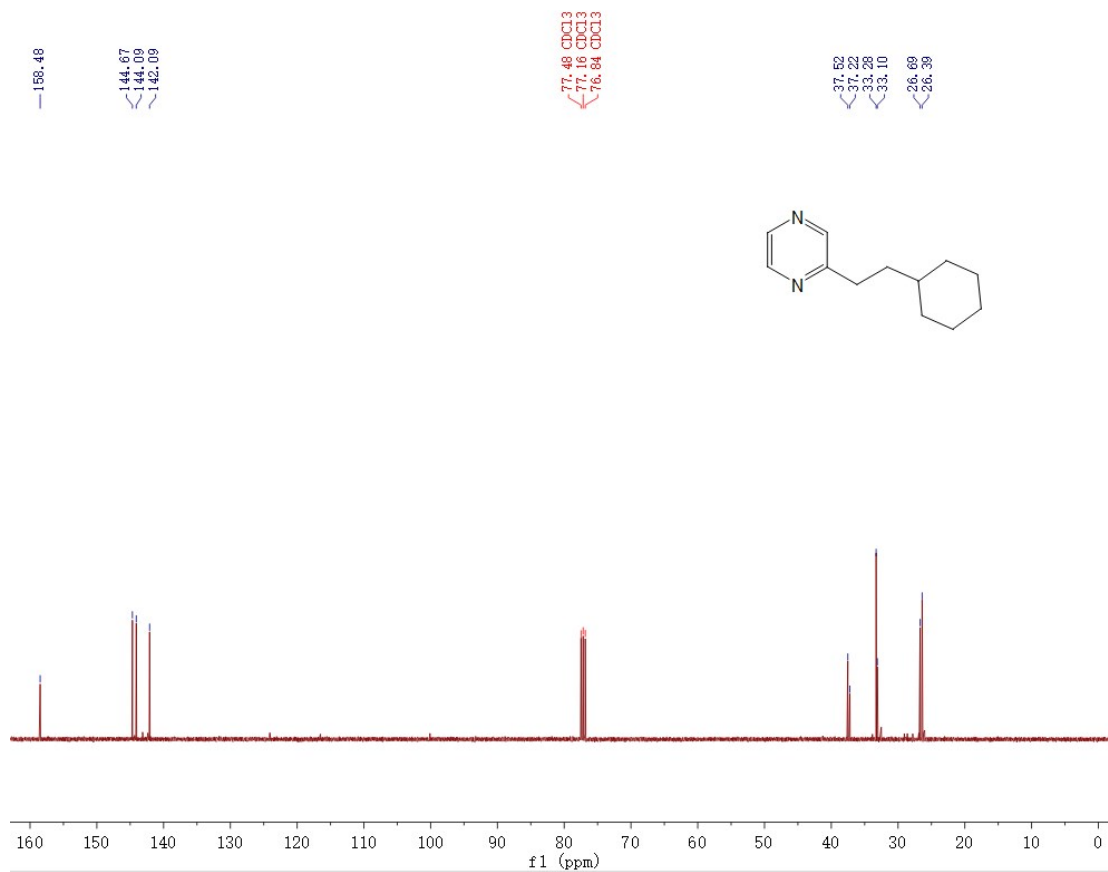
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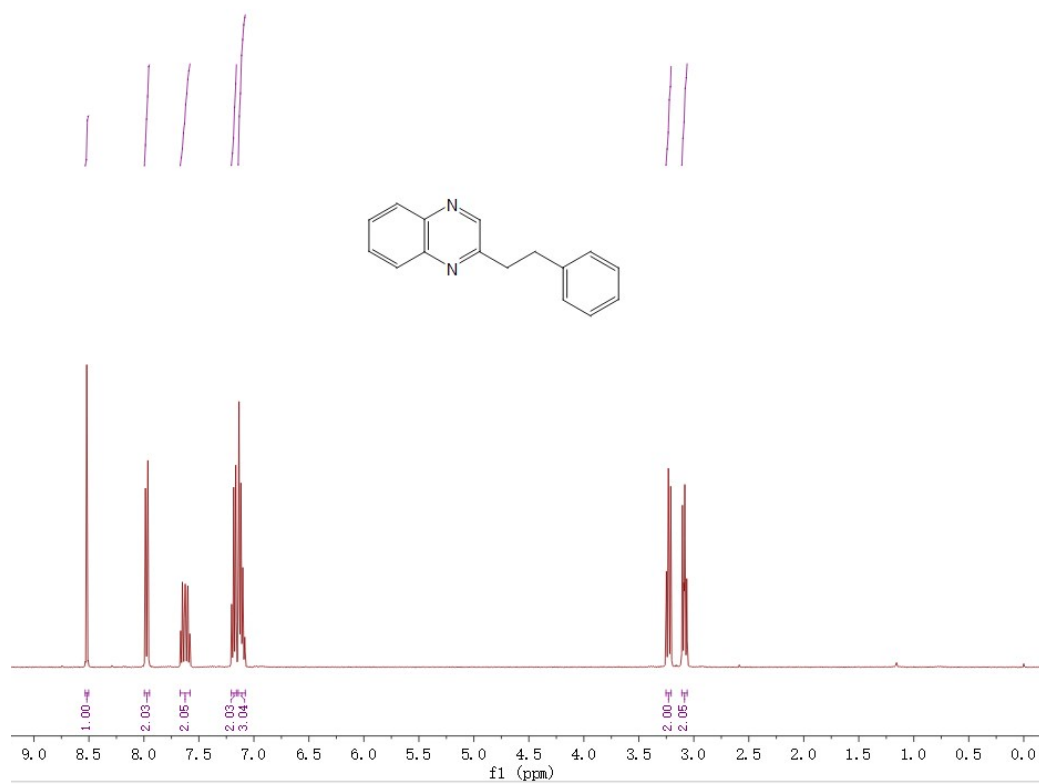
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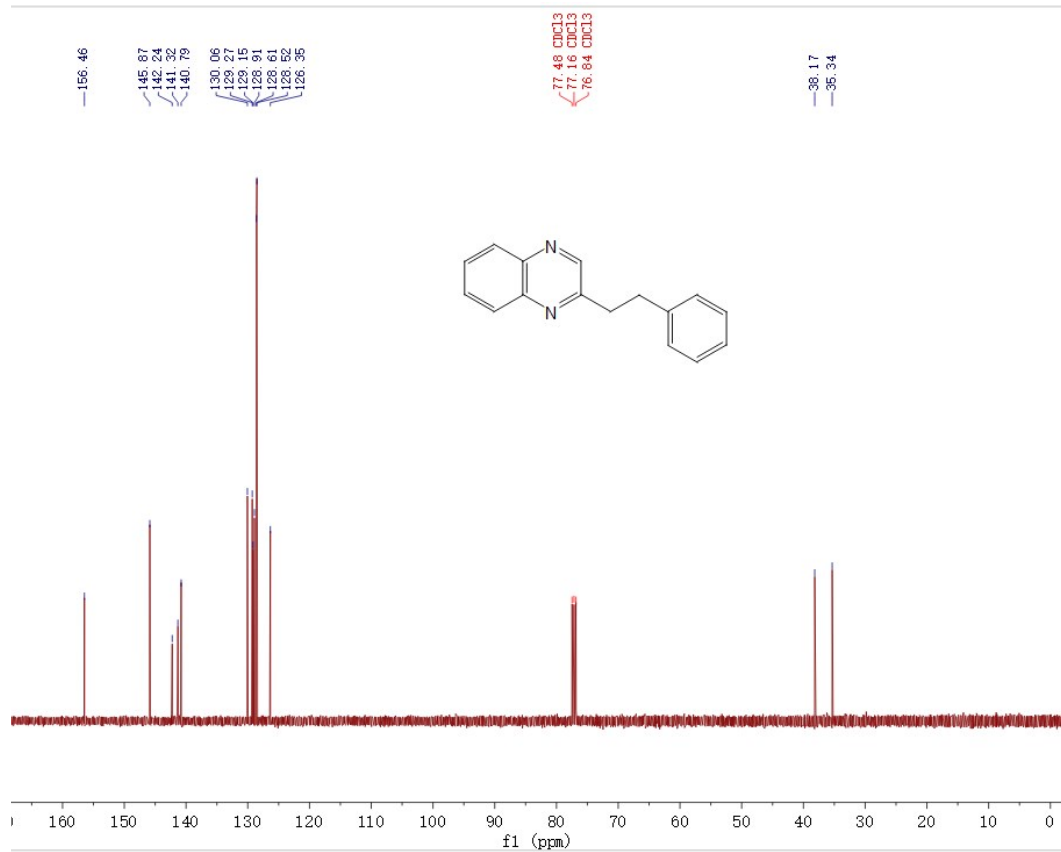
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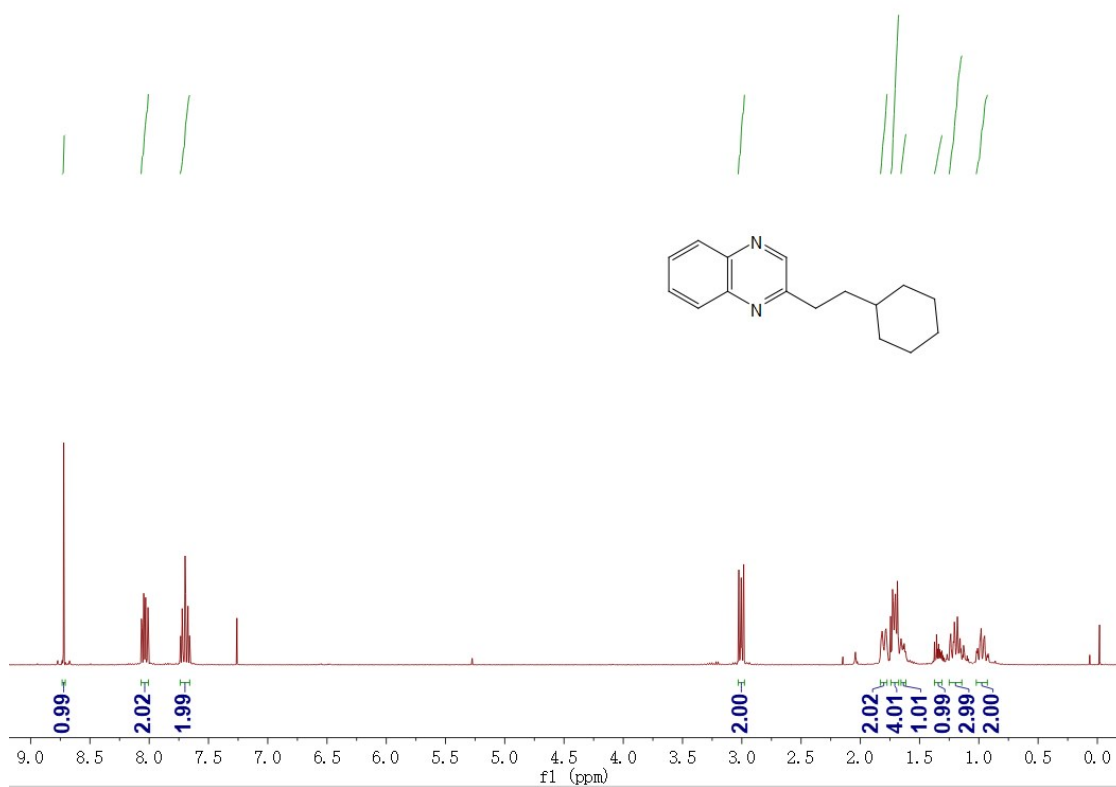
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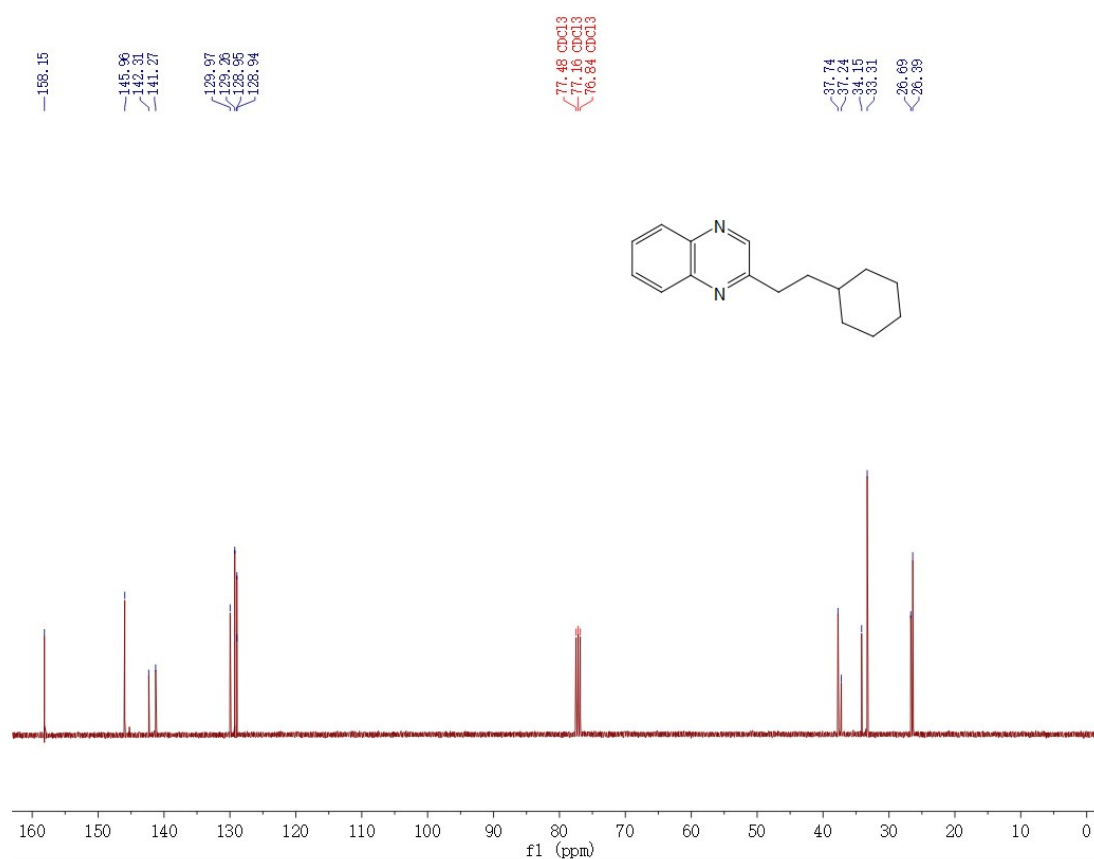
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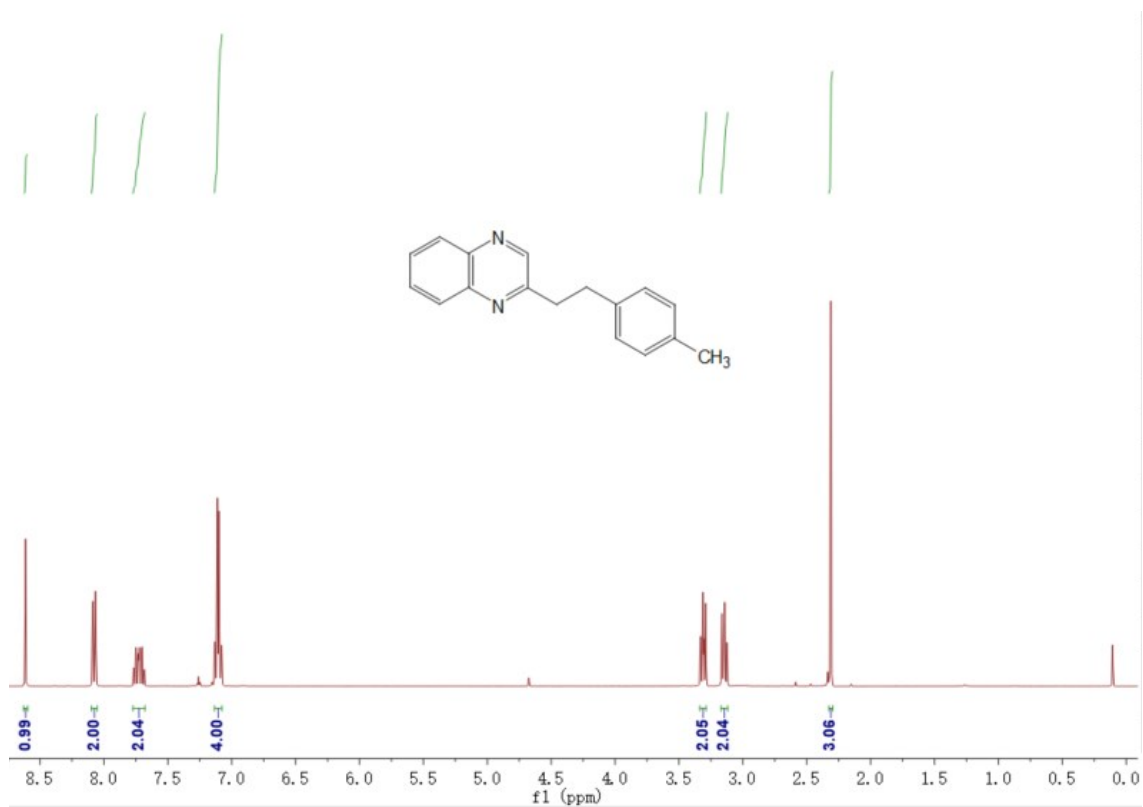
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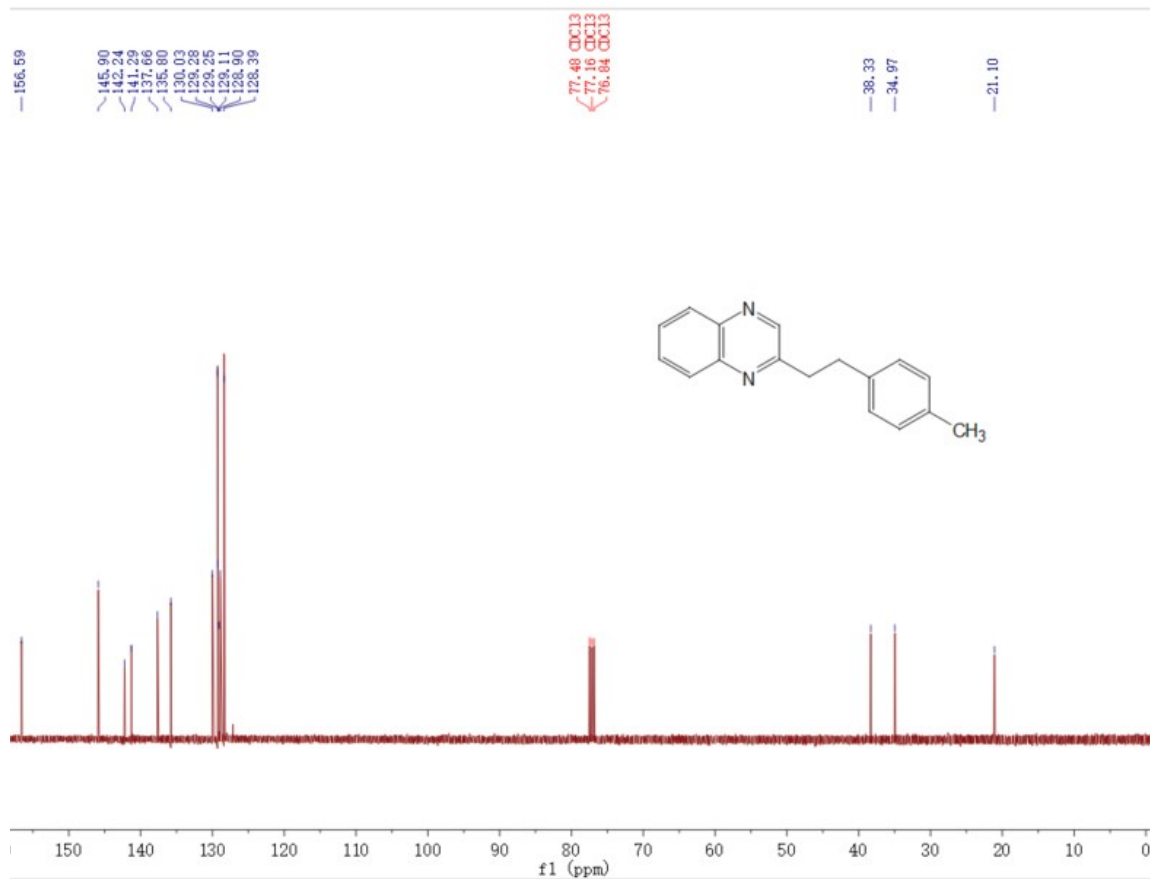
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2-(4-methylphenethyl)quinoxaline (**3in**), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)



2-(4-methylphenethyl)quinoxaline (**3in**), ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3)



5. Computational details

Calculations were carried out with the Gaussian 16 program¹⁰ at the DFT level of theory using the M062X functional.¹¹ All the different atoms (C, N, H, O) have been described with a 6-311+G(d,p) triple- ζ basis set.¹² Geometry optimisations were carried out without any symmetry restrictions. The nature of all stationary points were fully characterized via a subsequent analytical frequency calculation either as *minima* or as first order transition states (one imaginary frequency). IRC calculations were used to confirm the *minima* linked by each transition state.¹³ To model solvation effect (dimethylformamide) conductor-like polarizable continuum model (C-PCM) is used.¹⁴

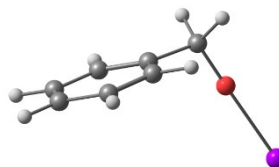
We used the default SCF option in Gaussian16 (Tight) and also the default grid (Ultrafine)

Cartesian coordinates for the optimized structure (PCM)

Energies in a.u.

PhCH₂OK (2a)

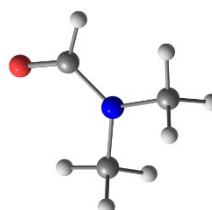
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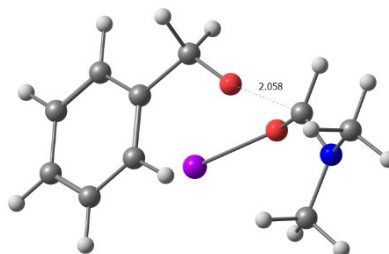
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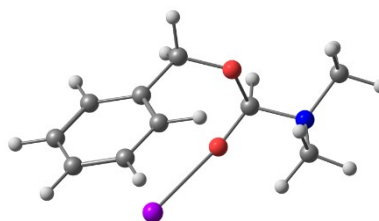
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Adduct 1 (5'a)

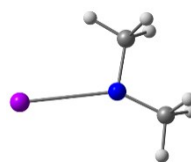
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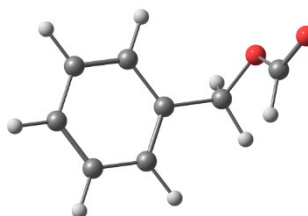
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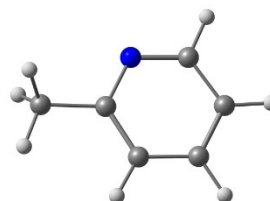
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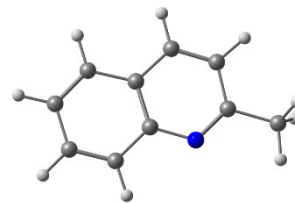
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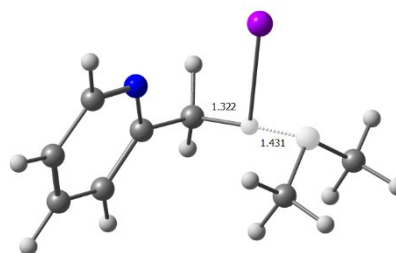
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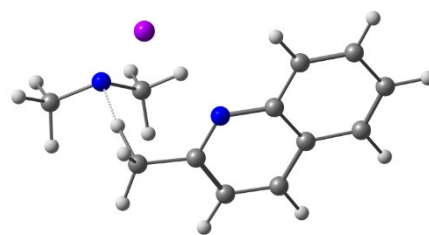


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Quinoline series (1d→1'd)

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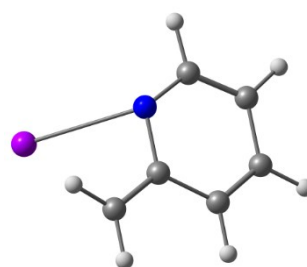
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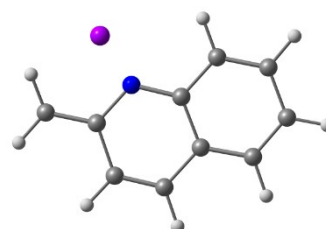
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Quinoline series (1'd)

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C	-1.779984000000	2.257304000000	0.971349000000
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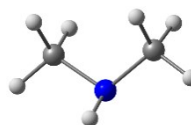


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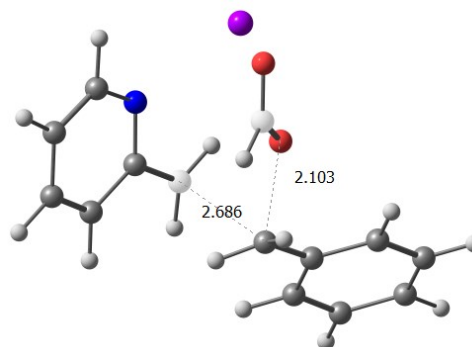
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TS3 (3'aa)

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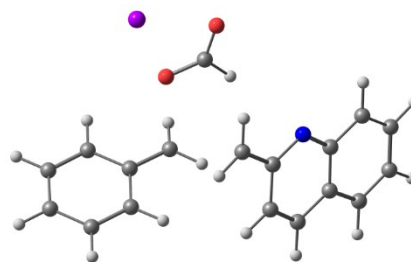
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Quinoline series (3'da)

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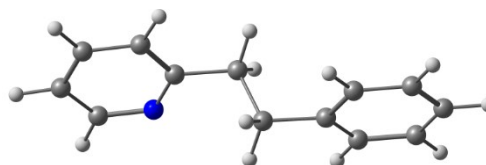
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Final Product (3aa)

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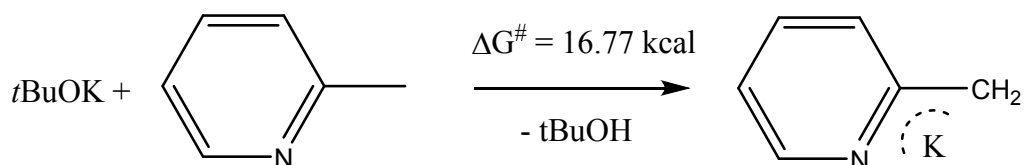
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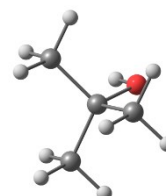
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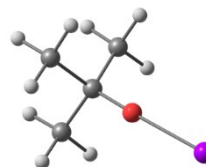
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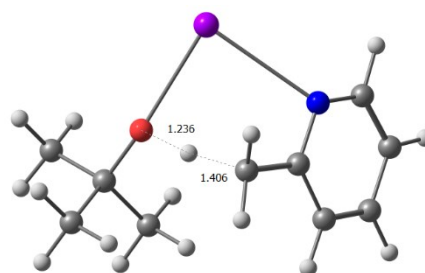
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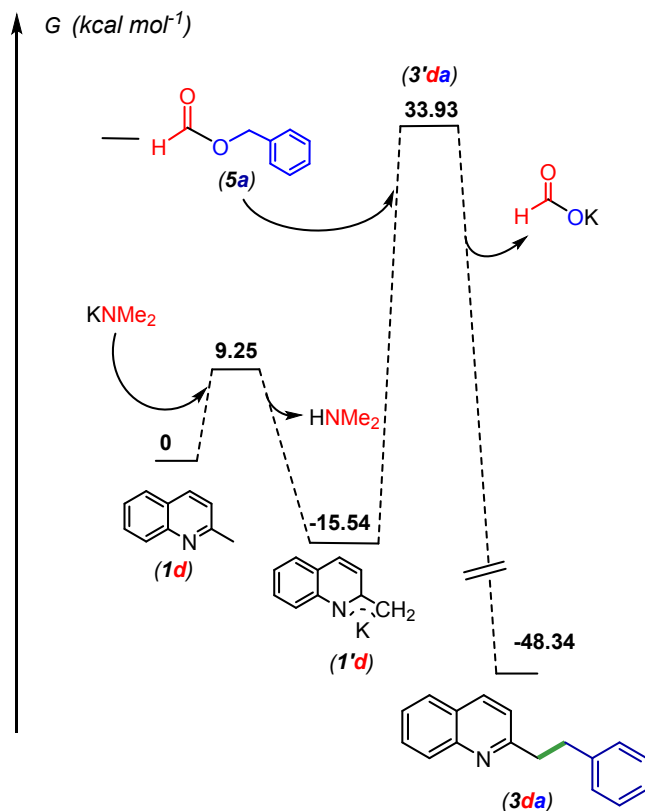
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H	2.052688000000	-3.729525000000	-4.735814000000
C	2.242661000000	-5.942208000000	-2.083395000000
H	1.629408000000	-6.726380000000	-2.535870000000
H	3.295595000000	-6.220753000000	-2.187685000000
H	2.001740000000	-5.888607000000	-1.018014000000



Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1120.363023



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