

# Electronic Supplementary Information

## Visible-light induced C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>–H functionalization of glycine derivatives by cerium catalysis

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## 1. Experiment Information

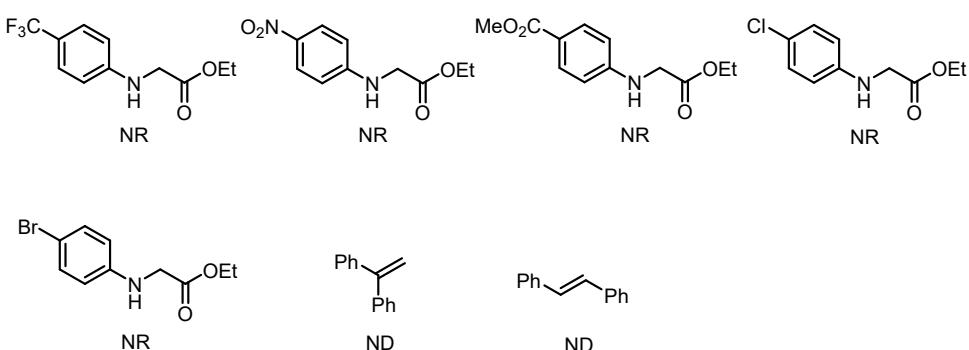
### 1.1 General information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. *N*-arylglycine derivatives<sup>1,2</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures. Unless otherwise indicated, all experiments were carried out under air atmosphere. Irradiation of photochemical reactions was carried out using 18 W blue LED bulb or 5 W LED waveband light source. The silica gel (200–300 meshes) was used for column chromatography and TLC inspections were taken on silica gel GF254 plates. Liquid <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 400 MHz spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a mass spectrometer by using electrospray ionization (ESI) analyzed by quadrupole time-of-flight (QTof).

### 1.2 General procedure for the visible-light-induced oxidative dehydrogenative coupling/aromatization tandem reaction of glycine derivatives and alkenes.

To a solution of *N*-arylglycine derivative **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) and Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (30 mol%) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (4.0 mL) was added styrene derivative (1.0 mmol, 5 eq). The solution was irradiated with 18 W blue LED under air atmosphere at room temperature. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under vacuo, and the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography (with petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent) to afford the product.

### 1.3 Substrate limitation



**Fig. S1** Unsuccessful substrates (NR means no reaction; ND means not detected).

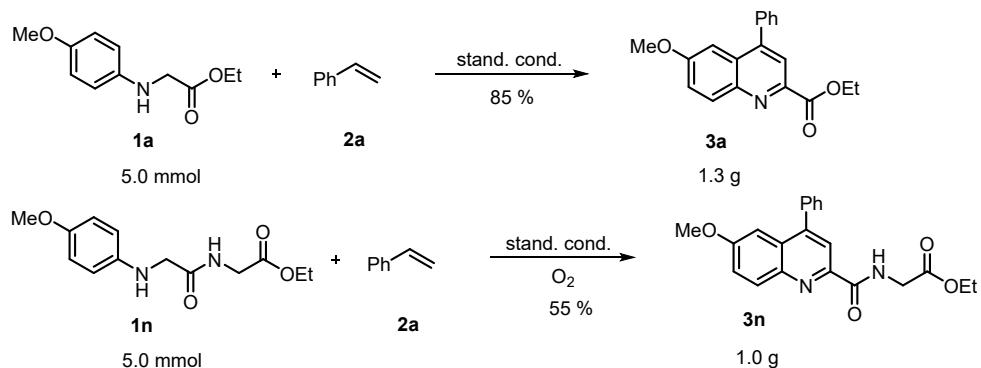
#### 1.4 General procedure for the visible-light-induced post-modification of oligopeptides containing glycine residues.

Glycine derived peptide **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) and Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (30 mol%) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (4.0 mL) was added styrene derivative (1.0 mmol, 5 eq). The solution was irradiated with 18 W blue LED under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at room temperature. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under vacuo, and the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography (with PE/EA = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent) to afford the product. *Note: The reaction can also be carried out under air atmosphere, but the reaction rate is relatively slow.*



**Fig. S2** Picture of photoreaction device.

#### 1.5 Gram-scale synthesis and coupling of glycine ester with other nucleophiles

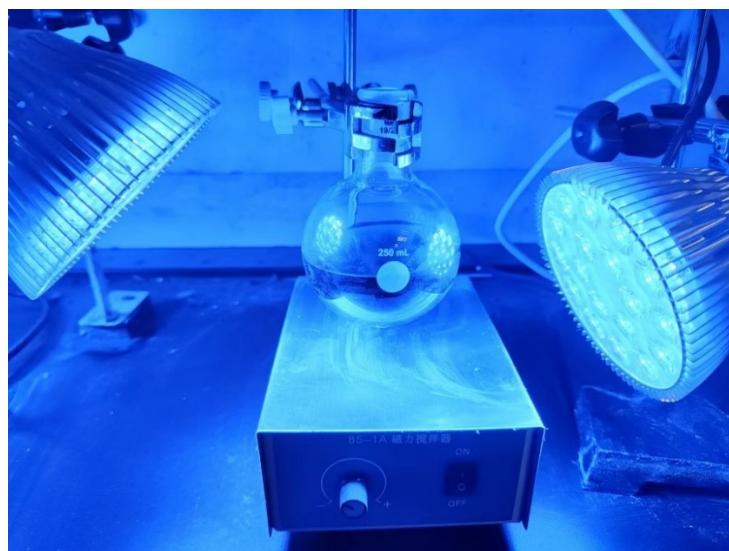


**Scheme S1** Gram scale experiment.

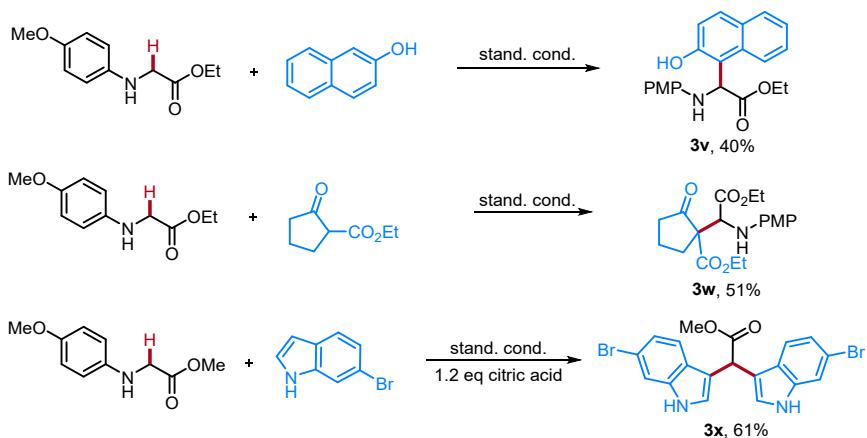
To a solution of **1a** (1.05 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 eq) and Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.88 g, 30 mol%) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (100 mL) was added **2a** (2.60 g, 25.0 mmol, 5 eq). The mixed solution was irradiated with 18 W blue LED under air atmosphere at room temperature. After

completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under vacuo, and the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography (with petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent) to afford the product **3a** (1.30 g, 85 % yield) as a white solid.

To a solution of **1n** (1.33 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 eq) and Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.88 g, 30 mol%) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (100 mL) was added **2a** (2.60 g, 25.0 mmol, 5 eq). The mixed solution was irradiated with 18 W blue LED under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at room temperature. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under vacuo, and the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography (with petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent) to afford the product **3n** (1.00 g, 55 % yield) as a white solid.



**Fig. S3** Picture of set-up for the gram scale reaction.

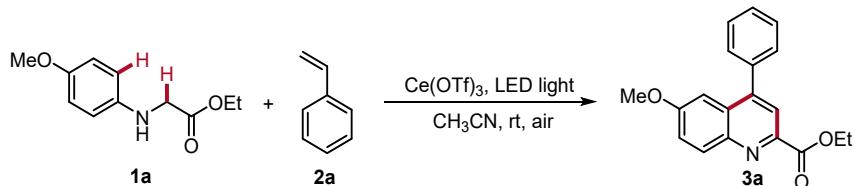


**Scheme S2** Reactions of **1** with other nucleophiles.

To a solution of *N*-arylglycine derivative **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (4.0 mL) were added Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (30 mol%). The mixed solution was irradiated with 18 W blue LED under air atmosphere at room temperature. After **1** completely transformed into imine **5** as monitored by TLC, other nucleophiles (2-naphthol, 1,3-dicarbonyl compound and indole) were added. After completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the solvent was removed under vacuo, and the residue was separated by silica gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding coupling product.

## 2. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

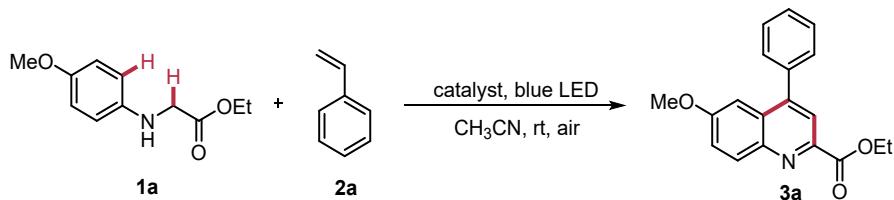
**Table S1.** Screening of light sources <sup>a</sup>



Entry	Light Source	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	365-375 nm	67
2	380-385 nm	85
3	390-400 nm	82
<b>4</b>	<b>Blue LED</b>	<b>95</b>
5	White LED	82
6	Green LED	65
7	dark	trace

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol), Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (30 mol%), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.0 mL), LED light irradiation under air at room temperature. <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

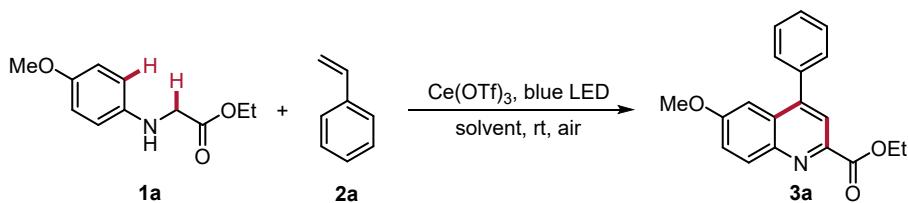
**Table S2.** Screening of catalysts <sup>a</sup>



Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{Ho}(\text{OTf})_3$	58
2	$\text{Tm}(\text{OTf})_3$	62
3	$\text{Gd}(\text{OTf})_3$	80
4	$\text{Lu}(\text{OTf})_3$	75
5	$\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$	37
6	$\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2$	NR
7	$\text{AgOTf}$	43
8	$\text{CeCl}_3$	80
9 <sup>c</sup>	$\text{Ce}(\text{OTf})_3$	71
10 <sup>d</sup>	$\text{Ce}(\text{OTf})_3$	68

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol), catalyst (30 mol%),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (2 mL), blue LED light irradiation under air at room temperature. <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup>15 mol%  $\text{Ce}(\text{OTf})_3$  was used. <sup>d</sup>40 mol%  $\text{Ce}(\text{OTf})_3$  was used.

**Table S3.** Screening of solvents <sup>a</sup>



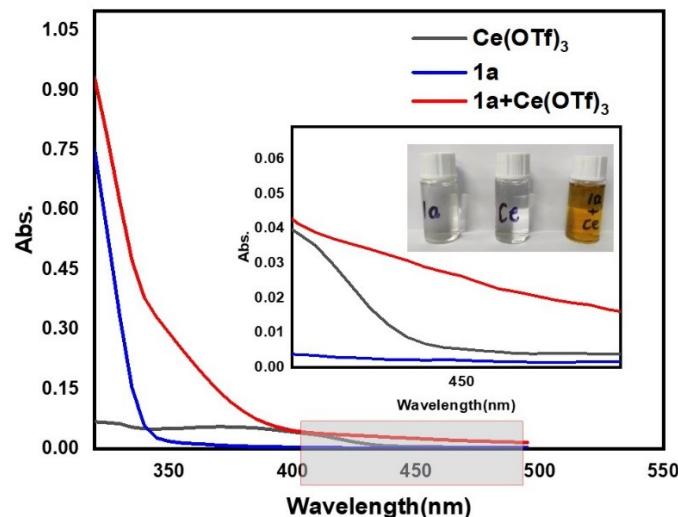
Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	trace
2	THF	82
3	DMF	trace
4	DMSO	trace
5	$\text{CHCl}_3$	66
6	DCM	78
7	DCE	87
8	1,4-Dioxane	53
9	Toluene	61
10	$\text{Et}_2\text{O}$	trace
11	$\text{EtOAc}$	trace
12 <sup>c</sup>	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	75
13 <sup>d</sup>	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	86

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol),  $\text{Ce}(\text{OTf})_3$  (30 mol%), solvent (2.0 mL), blue LED light irradiation under air at room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup> 1.0 mL  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was used. <sup>d</sup> 0.5 mL  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was used.

### 3. Mechanistic Investigation

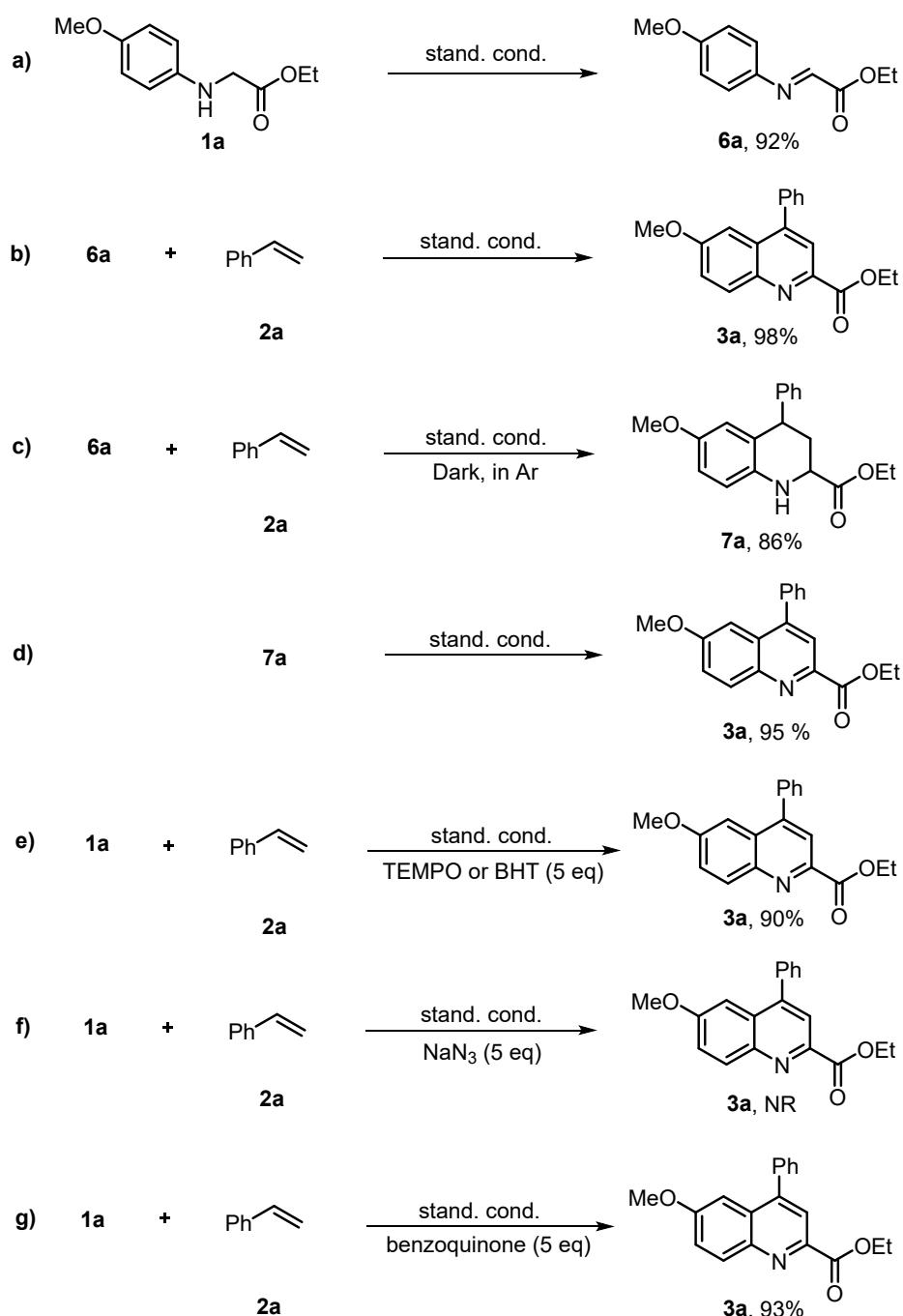
#### 3.1 UV/Vis absorption spectra

The UV/Vis absorption spectra were recorded in 1 cm path quartz cuvettes by using a Varian Cary 300 Conc UV/Vis spectrometer. The concentrations of **1a** and Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> were 0.03 M and 0.015 M, respectively. The obtained bathochromic shift in UV/vis absorption spectra (partial spectrum) were shown in **Fig. S4**.



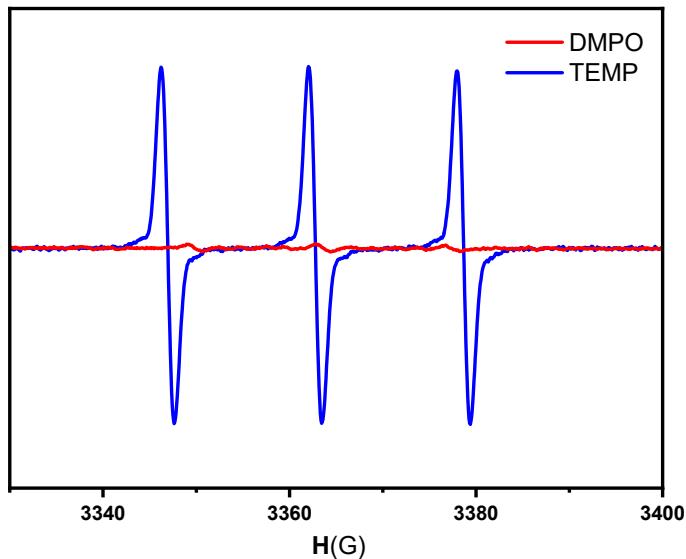
**Fig. S4.** The UV-Vis spectrum of **1a**, Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and **1a** + Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

### 3.2 Control experiments



**Scheme S3** Control experiments.

### 3.3 EPR spectra



**Fig. S5.** EPR spectra of **1a** (0.05 mol/L), Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.015 mol/L) and DMPO (red) or TEMP (blue) in air-saturated CH<sub>3</sub>CN upon irradiation with blue LED for 10 min.

### 3.4 Quantum yield determination

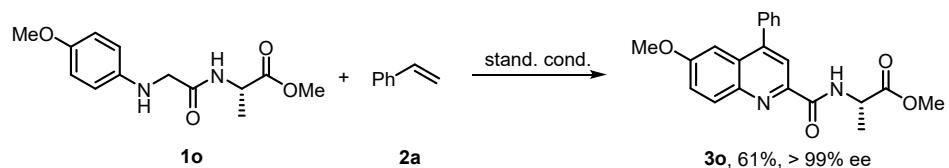
To a solution of **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) and Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (30 mol%) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>CN (4.0 mL) were added **2a** (1.0 mmol, 5 eq). The mixed solution was irradiated with 30 W blue LED under air atmosphere at room temperature for 8 h. The yield of product **3a** was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. The quantum yield is calcd using the following equation:

$$\phi = \frac{n \text{ of } 3a}{\text{flux} * S * t}$$

Where,  $\Phi$  is quantum yield,  $S$  (m<sup>2</sup>) is the irradiation area and  $t$  (s) is the photoreaction time. Experiment: the unit photon flux was 357 μmol·s<sup>-1</sup>·m<sup>-2</sup>, the irradiation area was 1.66×10<sup>-3</sup> m<sup>2</sup>, and the product yield was 41% after 8 h.

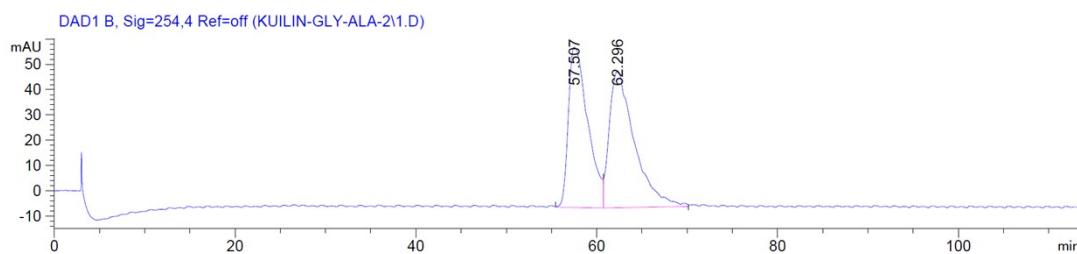
**Quantum yield: 0.0048**

### 3.5 Enantiomeric purity study of product **3o**

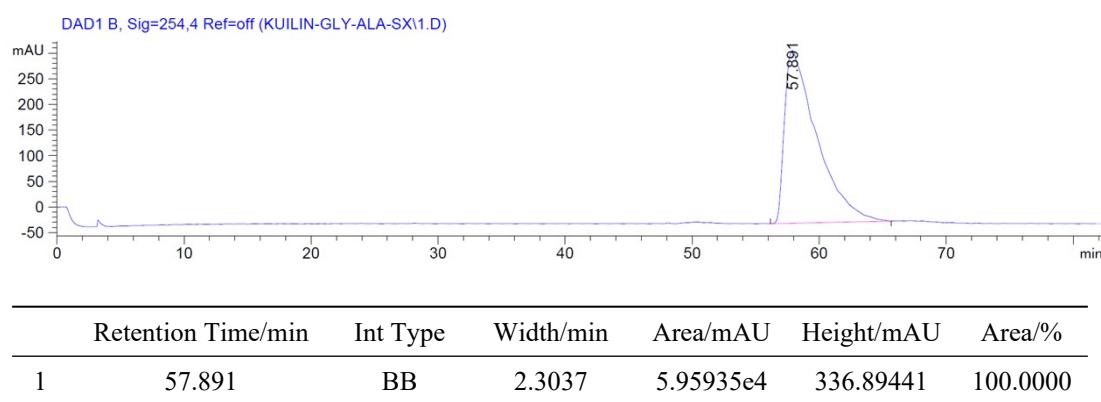


**Scheme S4** Enantiomeric purity study of product **3o**. The high ee value of product **3o** indicates that our reaction maintains the enantiomeric purity of the derived alanine.

### Racemic product



### Chiral product

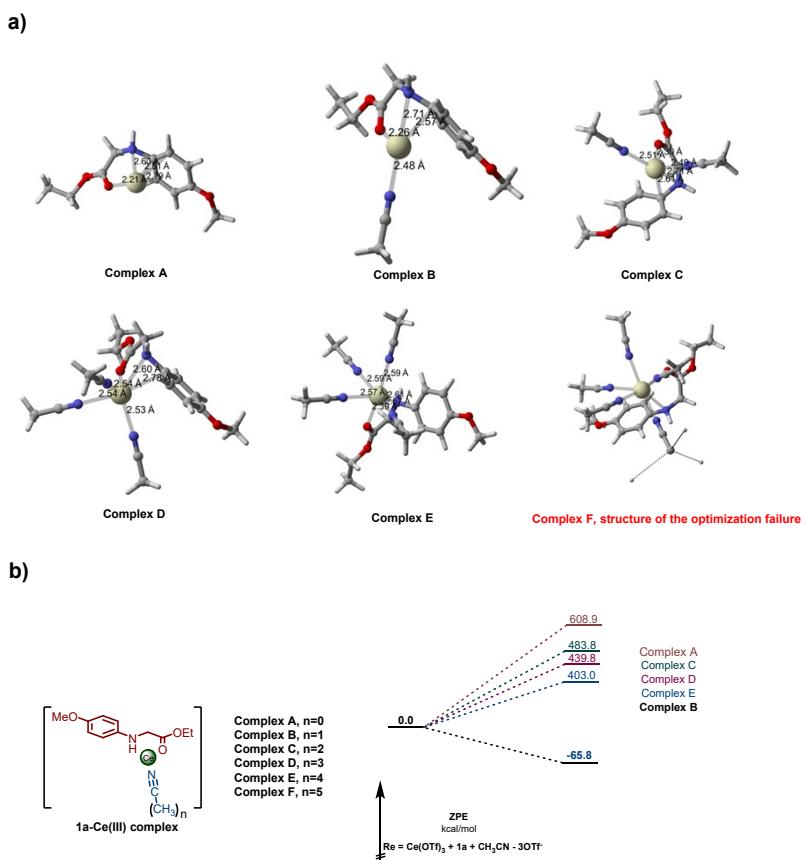


## 4. Computational Study

### 4.1 Computational methods

All calculations were carried out with the Gaussian 09 D.01 programs.<sup>3</sup> Ground state geometry were fully optimized by using density functional theory (DFT)<sup>4</sup> and the B3LYP<sup>5</sup> method with the 6-31G\* basic set for C, H, O and N. For Ce atom, MWB28 basic set was used. Frequency calculations have been performed to verify the optimized structures as local minima and to obtain zero-point energy (ZPE) at 298 K. The 3D molecular structures were generated using the CYL-View.<sup>6</sup> Using this geometry, single point time dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculation was then performed with the CAM-B3LYP/(6-31G\*, MWB28) level of theory. The effect of solvent is considered from Truhlar and co-workers' universal solvation model (SMD-CH<sub>3</sub>CN).<sup>7,8</sup> The first 10 excited states of the complex B is reported below.

### 4.2 Optimized structure and binding energy of **1a**-Ce(III) complex

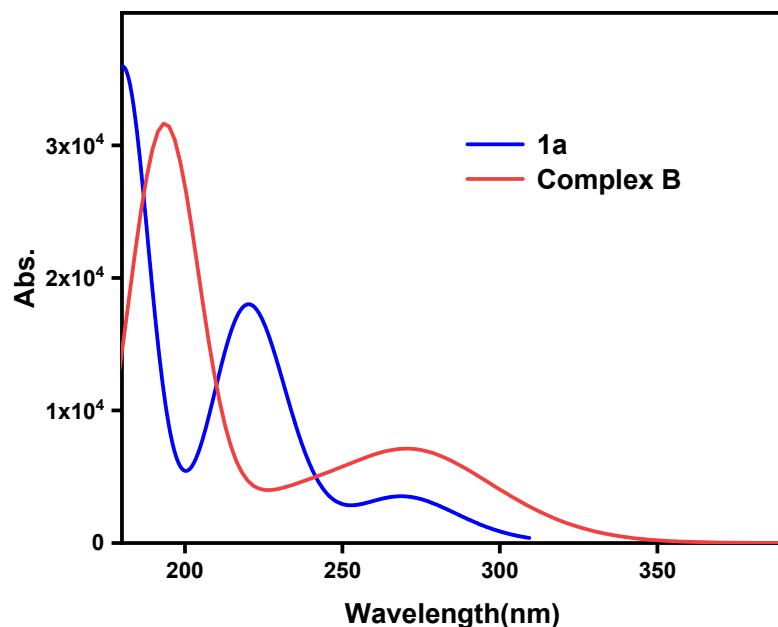


**Fig. S6.** a) Optimized structure and b) formation energy of **1a**-Ce(III) complex.

The formation energy shows that only **complex B (5a)** with one CH<sub>3</sub>CN molecule coordination has a favorable formation energy is -65.8 kcal/mol. For complexes with

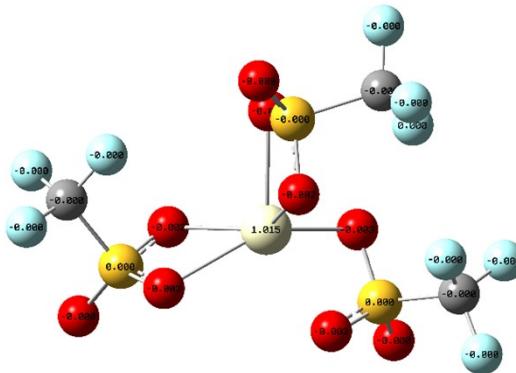
other quantities of CH<sub>3</sub>CN molecule coordination (0, 2, 3 and 4) have very unfavorable formation energies (608.9 kcal/mol, 483.8 kcal/mol, 439.8 kcal/mol and 403.0 kcal/mol). Therefore, we speculate that ***complex B (5a)*** may be the structure of **1a**-Ce(III) complex.

#### 4.3 UV-Vis spectra predicted by TD-DFT of **1a**-Ce(III) complex

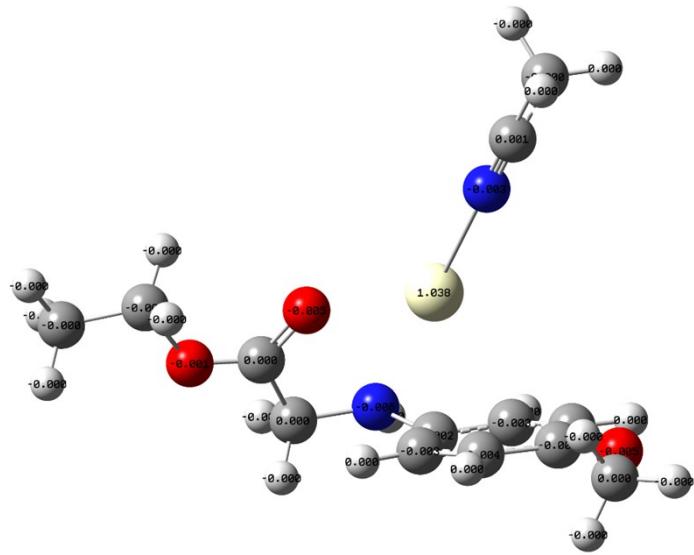


**Fig. S7.** UV-Vis absorption spectra predicted by TD-DFT.

#### 4.4 Mulliken spin population analysis



**Fig. S8.** Mulliken spin population analysis of Ce(OTf)<sub>3</sub>: Ce=1.015.



**Fig. S9.** Mulliken spin population analysis of complex B: Ce=1.038.

#### 4.5 Excited state of Complex B

##### Complex B

Excited State 1: 2.001-A 0.2281 eV 5436.33 nm f=0.0000 <S\*\*2>=0.751

80A -> 82A	-0.15459
80A -> 83A	0.13349
80A -> 87A	-0.20460
80A -> 88A	-0.29170
80A -> 89A	-0.70555
80A -> 90A	0.90412
80A <- 87A	-0.12344
80A <- 88A	-0.17105
80A <- 89A	-0.41058
80A <- 90A	0.53746

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-DFT) = -1315.79091250

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: 2.001-A 0.2550 eV 4862.30 nm f=0.0000  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.751$

80A -> 82A	0.25183
80A -> 83A	0.21106
80A -> 85A	0.27470
80A -> 86A	0.18890
80A -> 88A	-0.10495
80A -> 89A	-0.62074
80A -> 90A	-0.52942
80A -> 91A	0.68683
80A <- 82A	0.13692
80A <- 83A	0.10110
80A <- 85A	0.10492
80A <- 86A	0.13002
80A <- 89A	-0.33191
80A <- 90A	-0.29375
80A <- 91A	0.38241

Excited State 3: 2.001-A 0.3345 eV 3706.41 nm f=0.0000  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.751$

80A -> 83A	-0.27781
80A -> 84A	-0.15518
80A -> 85A	0.14013

80A -> 86A	0.21675
80A -> 87A	0.23960
80A -> 88A	0.66728
80A -> 89A	-0.46845
80A -> 91A	-0.35734
80A -> 93A	-0.46999
80A <- 87A	0.10721
80A <- 88A	0.33336
80A <- 89A	-0.23908
80A <- 91A	-0.18617
80A <- 93A	-0.21181

Excited State 4: 2.001-A 0.6678 eV 1856.71 nm f=0.0000  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.751$

80A -> 84A	0.36250	80A -> 85A	0.84949
80A -> 86A	-0.22799		
80A -> 87A	-0.21548		
80A -> 89A	0.11216		
80A -> 92A	0.10732		
80A <- 85A	-0.12735		

Excited State 5: 2.001-A 0.6840 eV 1812.55 nm f=0.0000  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.751$

80A -> 82A	0.30675
80A -> 83A	-0.20094

80A -> 84A	0.56264
80A -> 85A	-0.31245
80A -> 86A	0.35679
80A -> 87A	-0.50964
80A -> 88A	0.16394
80A -> 92A	0.15515

Excited State 6: 2.000-A        0.7438 eV 1666.87 nm   f=0.0000  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.750$

80A -> 82A	-0.10017
80A -> 83A	-0.54989
80A -> 84A	-0.26387
80A -> 85A	0.19567
80A -> 86A	0.55575
80A -> 88A	-0.37142
80A -> 89A	0.21510
80A -> 90A	0.13013
80A -> 91A	0.21576
80A -> 93A	-0.13623

Excited State 7: 3.460-A        3.1641 eV 391.84 nm   f=0.0000  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 2.743$

79A -> 82A	-0.25997
81A -> 83A	0.49132
81A -> 84A	0.20129

81A -> 86A	0.12359
81A -> 88A	-0.23018
81A -> 91A	-0.10030
81A -> 93A	-0.20719
79B -> 81B	0.26829
80B -> 82B	-0.46811
80B -> 83B	-0.26125
80B -> 84B	0.13617
80B -> 85B	0.18829
80B -> 92B	-0.16172

Excited State 8: 3.452-A        3.2792 eV    378.09 nm    f=0.0000  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 2.730$

81A -> 82A	0.68533
81A -> 92A	-0.14900
80B -> 81B	-0.66929

Excited State 9: 2.037-A        4.1219 eV    300.79 nm    f=0.0232        80A ->  
82A                    0.53062

80A -> 83A	-0.10036
80A -> 84A	-0.19773
80A -> 86A	-0.15746
80A -> 90A	0.16499
80A -> 92A	0.18013
80A -> 94A	0.12216

80A -> 96A -0.14386

80A -> 97A 0.18241

81A -> 82A -0.47374

80B -> 81B -0.47443

Excited State 10: 2.029-A 4.1964 eV 295.45 nm f=0.0257  
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.779$

80A -> 82A 0.50445

80A -> 83A -0.15815

80A -> 84A -0.17913

80A -> 86A -0.21724

80A -> 90A 0.12940

80A -> 92A 0.17757

80A -> 94A 0.11575

80A -> 96A -0.12681

80A -> 97A 0.17207

81A -> 82A 0.47589

80B -> 81B 0.47676

#### 4.6 The Cartesian coordinates of 1a-Ce(III) complex

##### Complex A

3 2

C	3.18148100	0.63565100	0.21631600
C	3.03876400	-0.63726700	0.86330100
C	1.84601400	-0.99747300	1.47986500
C	0.72165400	-0.11767500	1.47771800
C	0.84348900	1.12530300	0.82102200
C	2.03496800	1.48652100	0.16887100
H	3.90626200	-1.29273400	0.90346400
H	1.78861900	-1.95778400	1.99548000
H	0.02160500	1.83671400	0.80624500
H	2.09781400	2.46221100	-0.30362400
N	-0.55856700	-0.73131400	1.69433600
H	-0.51367800	-1.46987100	2.40055100
O	4.35658300	0.89810100	-0.27088100
C	4.71409800	2.19501800	-0.85955300
H	5.77191900	2.10067500	-1.09633000
H	4.13093800	2.35713300	-1.76966200
H	4.55428000	2.98386900	-0.12073500
C	-1.80044800	0.06693700	1.84724000
H	-1.63295600	1.01120300	2.38131500
H	-2.51448700	-0.50558800	2.44939000
C	-2.42841400	0.34538800	0.48441500

O	-1.77745400	-0.02053200	-0.57333800
O	-3.54079000	0.92105500	0.48885200
C	-4.40656000	1.28980300	-0.75635500
H	-4.17715100	2.34944000	-0.87892500
H	-4.00743100	0.69516800	-1.57794100
C	-5.83914000	1.00939700	-0.39771800
H	-6.16158200	1.58669800	0.47246300
H	-6.44716800	1.33106000	-1.25350500
H	-6.02802500	-0.05494300	-0.23586800
Ce	0.16170400	-1.05366700	-0.78035300

### Complex B

3 2

C	2.67313300	-1.69360900	0.53522000
C	2.55535600	-1.75145200	-0.88802300
C	1.31179400	-1.87994700	-1.49863400
C	0.11664000	-1.94564200	-0.72573500
C	0.22430200	-1.85209300	0.67526700
C	1.47545200	-1.70774600	1.30018900
H	3.46729300	-1.74732800	-1.47999500
H	1.26391800	-1.96565300	-2.58526500
H	-0.65535700	-1.90723400	1.31030900
H	1.51659000	-1.67488700	2.38401700
N	-1.10153400	-1.65975700	-1.41525100

H	-1.12365700	-2.07320300	-2.34842600
O	3.89218900	-1.63734800	1.00840500
C	4.17417300	-1.72993600	2.43738800
H	5.26031700	-1.73616800	2.50341900
H	3.76710700	-0.85738200	2.95597400
H	3.76491700	-2.66250000	2.83416600
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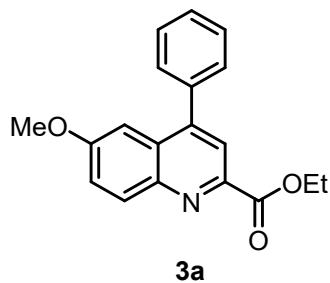
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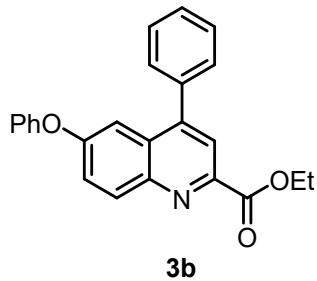
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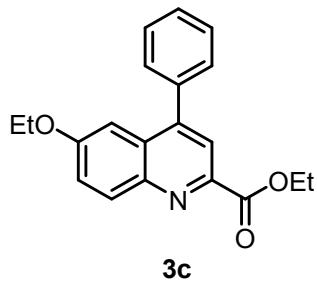
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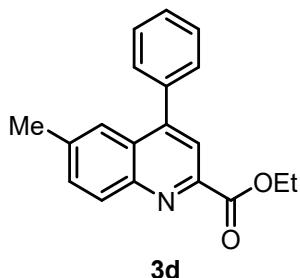
**Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3a).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 92% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 159.5, 148.0, 145.4, 144.3, 137.9, 132.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 122.8, 121.8, 103.3, 62.1, 55.5, 14.4.



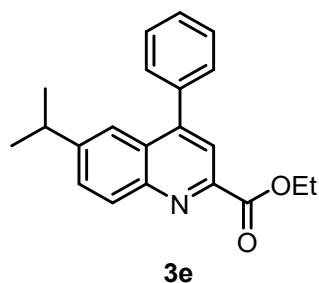
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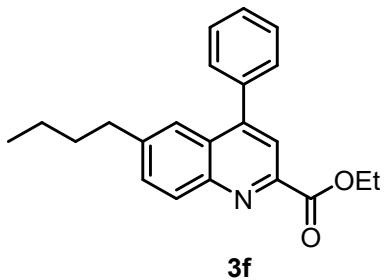
**Ethyl 6-ethoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3c).**<sup>10</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 81% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 158.8, 147.9, 145.2, 144.2, 137.9, 132.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 122.9, 121.7, 103.9, 63.7, 62.0, 14.5, 14.3.



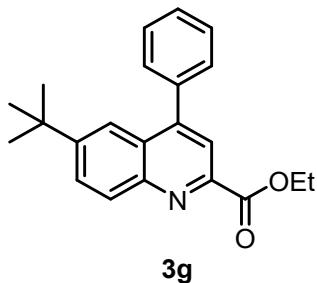
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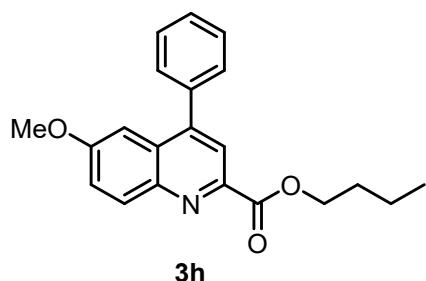
**Ethyl 6-isopropyl-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3e).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 83% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.46 (m, 5H), 4.56 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.44, 149.34, 149.01, 147.00, 146.79, 137.61, 130.95, 129.46, 129.36, 128.48, 128.44, 127.59, 121.67, 121.21, 61.97, 34.29, 23.53, 14.23. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 320.1645, found 320.1643.



**Ethyl 6-butyl-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3f).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 83% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.49 (m, 5H), 4.56 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.80–2.68 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.40–1.31 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 149.2, 147.2, 147.0, 144.0, 138.0, 131.7, 131.1, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 123.9, 121.5, 62.3, 36.1, 33.4, 22.5, 14.5, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 334.1802, found 334.1801.

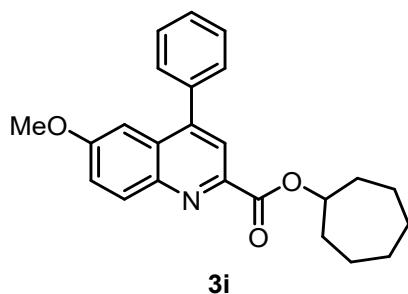


**Ethyl 6-(tert-butyl)-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3g).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 81% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.94–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.48 (m, 5H), 4.56 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 151.8, 149.6, 147.2, 146.9, 137.9, 130.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.8, 127.5, 121.5, 120.6, 62.3, 35.4, 31.1, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 334.1802, found 334.1800.

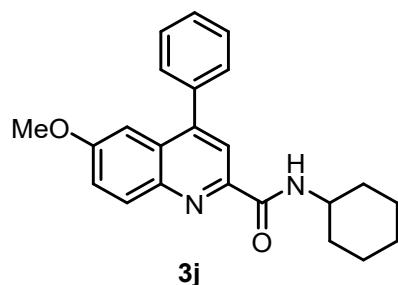


**Benzyl 6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3h).**<sup>11</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid,

97% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.28 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J = 9.3, 2.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 1.90-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.42 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 159.4, 147.9, 145.2, 144.2, 137.8, 132.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 122.7, 121.6, 103.1, 65.8, 55.4, 30.6, 19.1, 13.7.

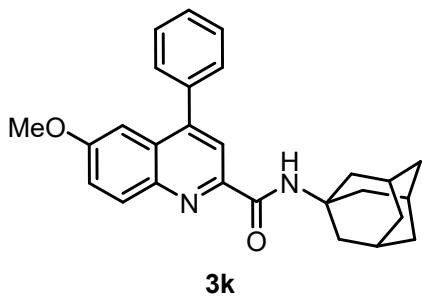


**Cycloheptyl 6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3i).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). Colorless oily liquid, 90% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.41 (dd,  $J = 9.3, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.33-5.27 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.15-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.46 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.8, 159.5, 148.0, 146.0, 144.5, 138.2, 133.0, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 122.7, 121.8, 103.3, 77.2, 55.6, 33.9, 28.3, 23.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 376.1907, found 376.1907.

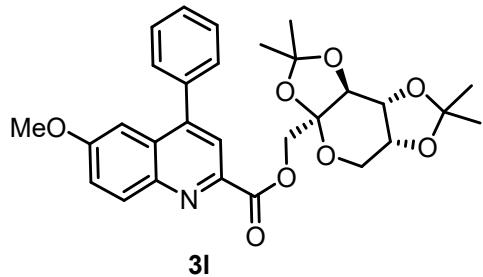


**N-cyclohexyl-6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxamide (3j).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 86% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.41 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.14-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.13-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.34 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.24 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.9, 159.0, 148.4, 147.6, 143.3, 138.3, 131.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6,

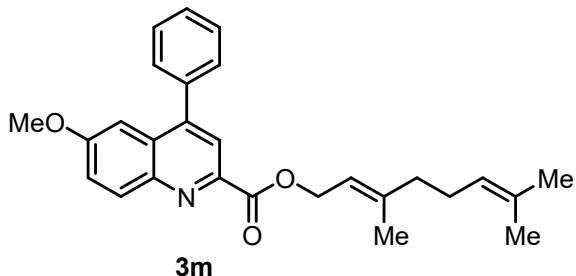
122.7, 119.7, 103.7, 55.6, 48.4, 33.3, 25.8, 25.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 361.1911, found 361.1907.



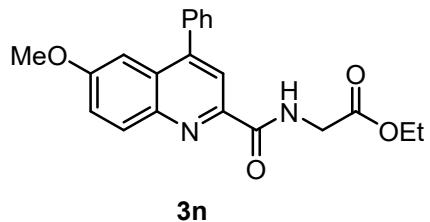
***N-((3s,5s,7s)-adamantan-1-yl)-6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxamide (3k).*** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 30% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.23 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 6H), 2.18-2.14 (m, 3H), 1.83-1.67 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.8, 159.0, 148.4, 148.3, 143.1, 138.4, 131.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 122.6, 119.3, 103.7, 55.6, 51.8, 41.7, 36.6, 29.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 413.2224, found 413.2222.



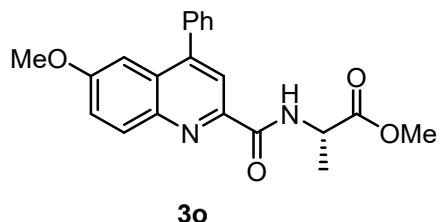
***((3aS,5aR,8aR,8bS)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-3aH-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran-3a-yl)methyl 6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3l).*** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 48% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.67-4.57 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.25 (m, 1H), 3.98-3.95 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.77 (m, 4H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 6H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.2, 159.7, 148.0, 144.9, 144.5, 137.9, 132.8, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 123.0, 121.9, 109.3, 109.2, 103.3, 101.9, 71.0, 70.5, 70.2, 65.9, 61.5, 55.6, 26.7, 26.0, 25.6, 24.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>8</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 522.2122, found 522.2123.



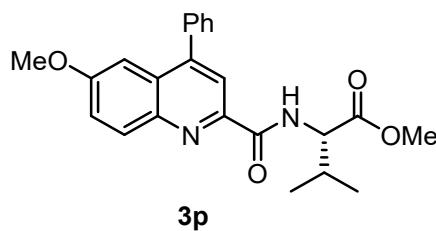
**(E)-3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dien-1-yl 6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3m).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 40% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 5H), 7.43 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.57-5.53 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.07 (m, 1H), 5.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.15-2.03 (m, 4H), 1.79 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.66 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.59 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 159.6, 148.1, 145.6, 144.5, 142.6, 138.1, 132.9, 132.0, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 123.9, 122.9, 122.0, 118.4, 103.4, 63.2, 55.7, 39.8, 26.4, 25.8, 17.8, 16.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3\text{H}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 416.2220, found 416.2214.



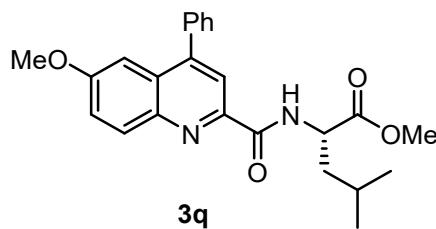
**Ethyl (6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carbonyl)glycinate (3n).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 62% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.69 (t,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.0, 165.2, 159.2, 148.3, 146.5, 143.3, 138.1, 131.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 122.8, 119.5, 103.5, 61.6, 55.6, 41.6, 14.3.



**Methyl (6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carbonyl)-L-alaninate (3o).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 61% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.43 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (p,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 1.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.57, 164.55, 159.20, 148.42, 146.61, 143.37, 138.18, 131.89, 129.48, 129.22, 128.85, 128.68, 122.85, 119.64, 103.58, 55.66, 52.67, 48.32, 18.70. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 365.1496, found 365.1495.

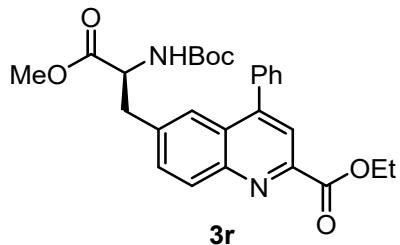


**Methyl (6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carbonyl)-L-valinate (3p).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 57% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.71 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 2.40–2.33 (m, 1H), 1.07 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9, 2.0 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.5, 164.8, 159.2, 148.4, 146.7, 143.3, 138.2, 132.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 122.7, 119.7, 103.5, 57.5, 55.6, 52.3, 31.7, 19.3, 18.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ) 393.1809, found 393.1806.

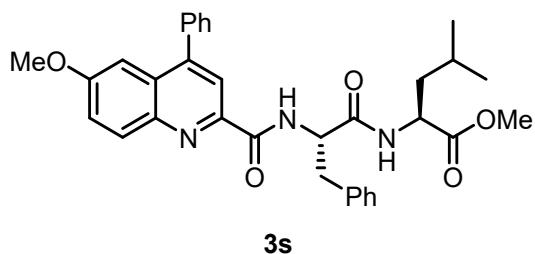


**Methyl (6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carbonyl)-L-leucinate (3q).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 52% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.94–4.89 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.76 (m, 3H), 1.05–0.97 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.5, 164.7, 159.2, 148.4,

146.6, 143.3, 138.2, 131.9, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 122.8, 119.7, 103.6, 55.6, 52.4, 51.0, 41.9, 25.1, 23.1, 22.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 407.1965, found 407.1963.



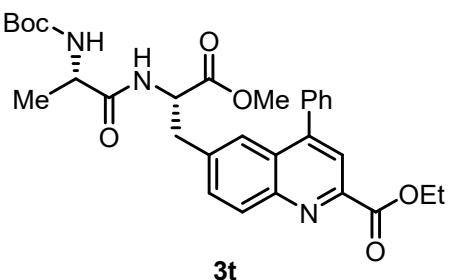
**Ethyl (S)-6-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3r).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 60% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.47 (m, 6H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.65–4.60 (m, 1H), 4.55 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.03–3.14 (m, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0, 165.6, 155.0, 149.4, 147.7, 147.5, 137.6, 137.1, 131.9, 131.4, 129.6, 128.9, 127.7, 125.8, 121.7, 80.1, 62.4, 54.3, 52.4, 38.7, 28.3, 14.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 479.2177, found 479.2176.



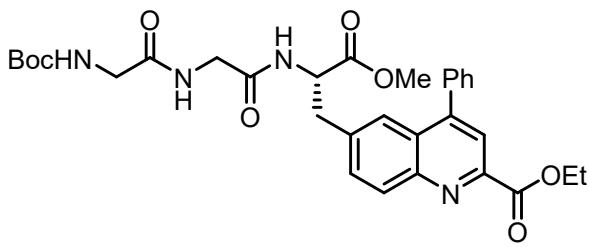
**3s**

**Methyl (6-methoxy-4-phenylquinoline-2-carbonyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-leucinate (3s).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 60% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.80 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07–5.06 m, 1H), 4.59–4.57 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.37–3.22 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.41 (m, 3H), 0.81 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 5.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.9, 170.8, 164.9, 159.2, 148.3, 146.3, 143.2, 138.0, 136.7, 131.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.60, 128.57, 126.9, 122.8, 119.4,

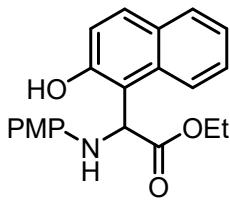
103.5, 55.5, 54.5, 52.2, 51.0, 41.3, 38.3, 24.8, 22.7, 22.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 554.2650, found 554.2650.



**Ethyl 6-((S)-2-((S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propanamido)-3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3t).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). White solid, 45% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.25 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.45 (m, 6H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.85–4.80 (m, 2H), 4.51 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.08–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.31 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.5, 171.4, 165.4, 155.4, 149.4, 147.6, 147.4, 137.5, 137.0, 131.9, 131.3, 129.6, 128.9, 127.6, 125.6, 121.6, 80.2, 62.3, 53.1, 52.4, 50.1, 37.9, 28.2, 18.0, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>Na (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) 572.2367, found 572.2372.



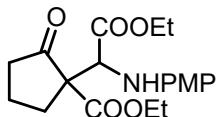
**Ethyl (S)-6-(12-(methoxycarbonyl)-2,2-dimethyl-4,7,10-trioxo-3-oxa-5,8,11-triazatridecan-13-yl)-4-phenylquinoline-2-carboxylate (3u).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). White solid, 43% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.46 (m, 6H), 6.59 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.92–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.35–4.24 (m, 4H), 3.76–3.64 (m, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.38–3.16 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.4, 169.9, 169.2, 164.9, 156.0, 149.7, 148.7, 146.5, 137.7, 136.2, 131.8, 130.7, 129.7, 128.9, 127.8, 125.9, 119.4, 80.5, 61.7, 53.2, 52.5, 44.4, 41.7, 38.0, 28.3, 14.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) 615.2425, found 615.2424.



**3v**

*Ethyl 2-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)acetate (3v).*<sup>12</sup>

Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 16/1 to 8/1 as eluent). Pale red oil, 40% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80-6.56 (m, 4H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 4.35-4.20 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.3, 156.2, 154.9, 138.9, 132.6, 130.7, 129.3, 129.1, 127.0, 123.1, 122.0, 119.9, 117.9, 114.9, 111.4, 62.6, 58.2, 55.6, 14.0.

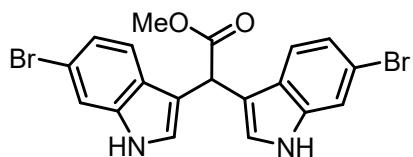


**3w**

*Ethyl 1-(2-ethoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-*

*oxocyclopentanecarboxylate pale (3w).*<sup>13</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography

(silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 16/1 to 8/1 as eluent). Colourless oil, 51% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.81-6.67 (m, 4H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 30.7 Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.06 (m, 4H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 3H), 2.62-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.04 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.15 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 212.5, 171.8, 169.0, 153.7, 141.0, 117.0, 116.1, 114.8, 114.7, 62.6 (62.64, 62.61), 61.9, 61.6, 55.7, 38.9, 30.0, 19.9, 14.2, 14.1.

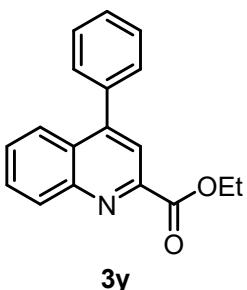


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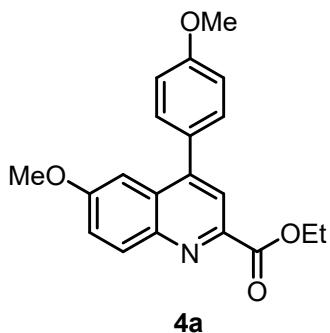
*Methyl 2,2-bis(6-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (3x).*<sup>14</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 as eluent). Yellow solid, 61%

yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 3.75

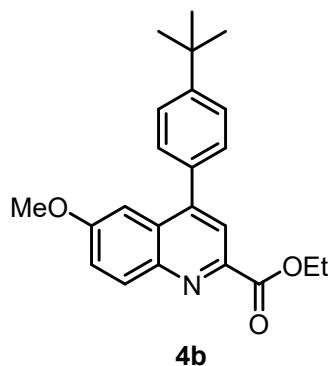
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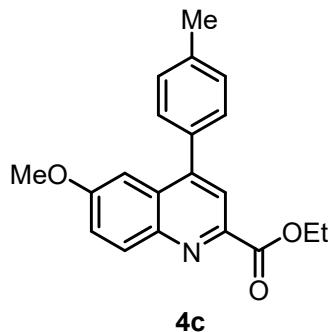
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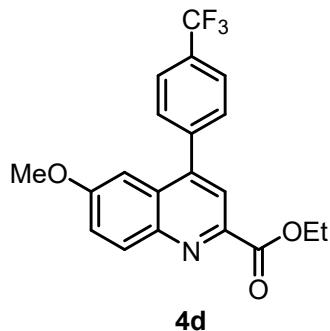
**Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-(p-tolyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4a).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 98% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.53 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 160.0, 159.5, 147.8, 145.5, 144.4, 132.8, 130.7, 130.2, 129.4, 122.8, 121.8, 114.3, 103.4, 62.1, 55.6, 55.5, 14.5.



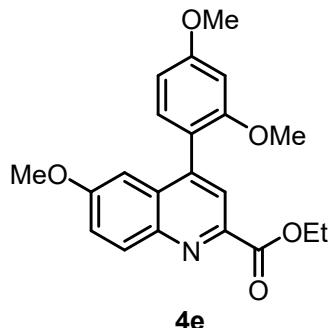
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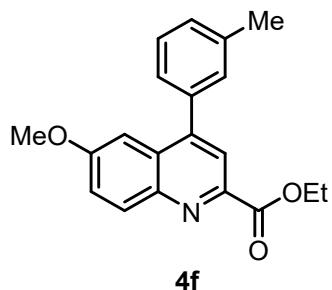
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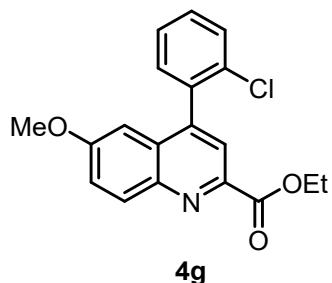
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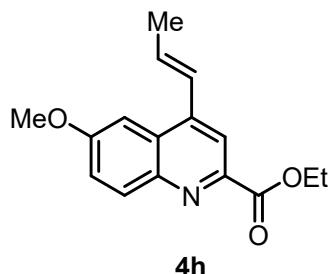
**Ethyl 4-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (4e).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 75% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.9, 161.6, 159.2, 157.9, 145.5, 145.4, 144.2, 132.6, 131.9, 130.4, 123.0, 122.7, 119.4, 104.9, 103.9, 99.0, 62.1, 55.6, 55.5, 14.5.



**Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-(m-tolyl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4f).**<sup>15</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). White solid, 83% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.8, 159.6, 148.3, 145.5, 144.5, 138.7, 138.0, 132.8, 130.1, 129.5, 129.4, 128.7, 126.5, 122.8, 121.9, 103.5, 62.2, 55.6, 21.6, 14.5.

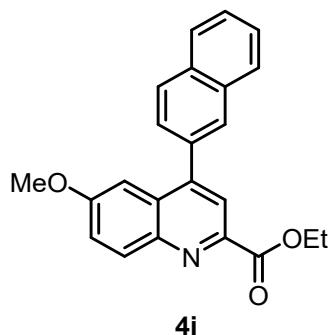


**Ethyl 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carboxylate (4g).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). Yellow solid, 84% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57-4.51 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 159.7, 145.5, 145.4, 144.2, 136.6, 133.3, 132.8, 131.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.4, 127.2, 123.1, 122.4, 103.4, 62.2, 55.7, 14.5.

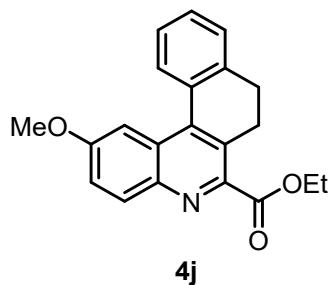


**Ethyl (E)-6-methoxy-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4h).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent).

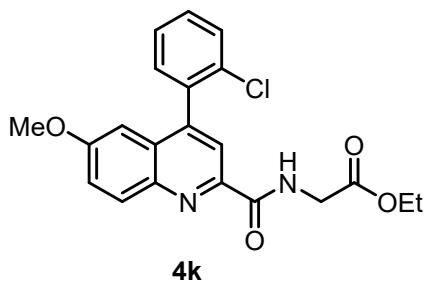
White solid, 98% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.55 (m, 1H), 4.55 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.06 (dd,  $J$  = 6.7, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 159.3, 145.6, 144.2, 143.3, 133.8, 132.8, 128.5, 125.7, 122.7, 117.8, 101.3, 62.1, 55.7, 19.3, 14.5.



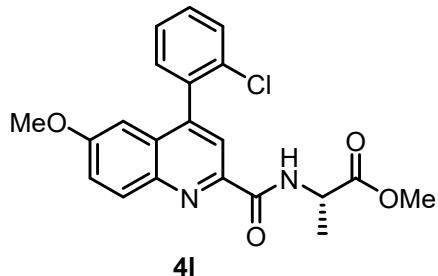
**Ethyl 6-methoxy-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)quinoline-2-carboxylate (4i).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 80% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.29 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.04-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.63 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 159.6, 148.0, 145.4, 144.4, 135.4, 133.4, 133.1, 132.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 122.9, 122.1, 103.3, 62.1, 55.5, 14.5.



**Ethyl 2-methoxy-7,8-dihydrobenzo[k]phenanthridine-6-carboxylate (4j).**<sup>9</sup> Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 8/1 to 4/1 as eluent). Pale yellow solid, 92% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.13 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 4H), 4.53 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.97-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.86-2.76 (m, 2H), 1.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.0, 159.3, 146.7, 143.5, 140.4, 140.3, 132.4, 132.1, 130.6, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 126.42, 126.40, 121.6, 103.5, 62.0, 55.6, 28.9, 25.8, 14.4.



**Ethyl (4-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carbonyl)glycinate (4k).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Yellow solid, 80% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.67 (t,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 7.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.19 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.1, 165.1, 159.4, 146.5, 145.9, 143.1, 136.8, 133.3, 131.9, 131.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.4, 127.1, 123.1, 120.2, 103.6, 61.7, 55.7, 41.7, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ) 421.0926, found 421.0928.



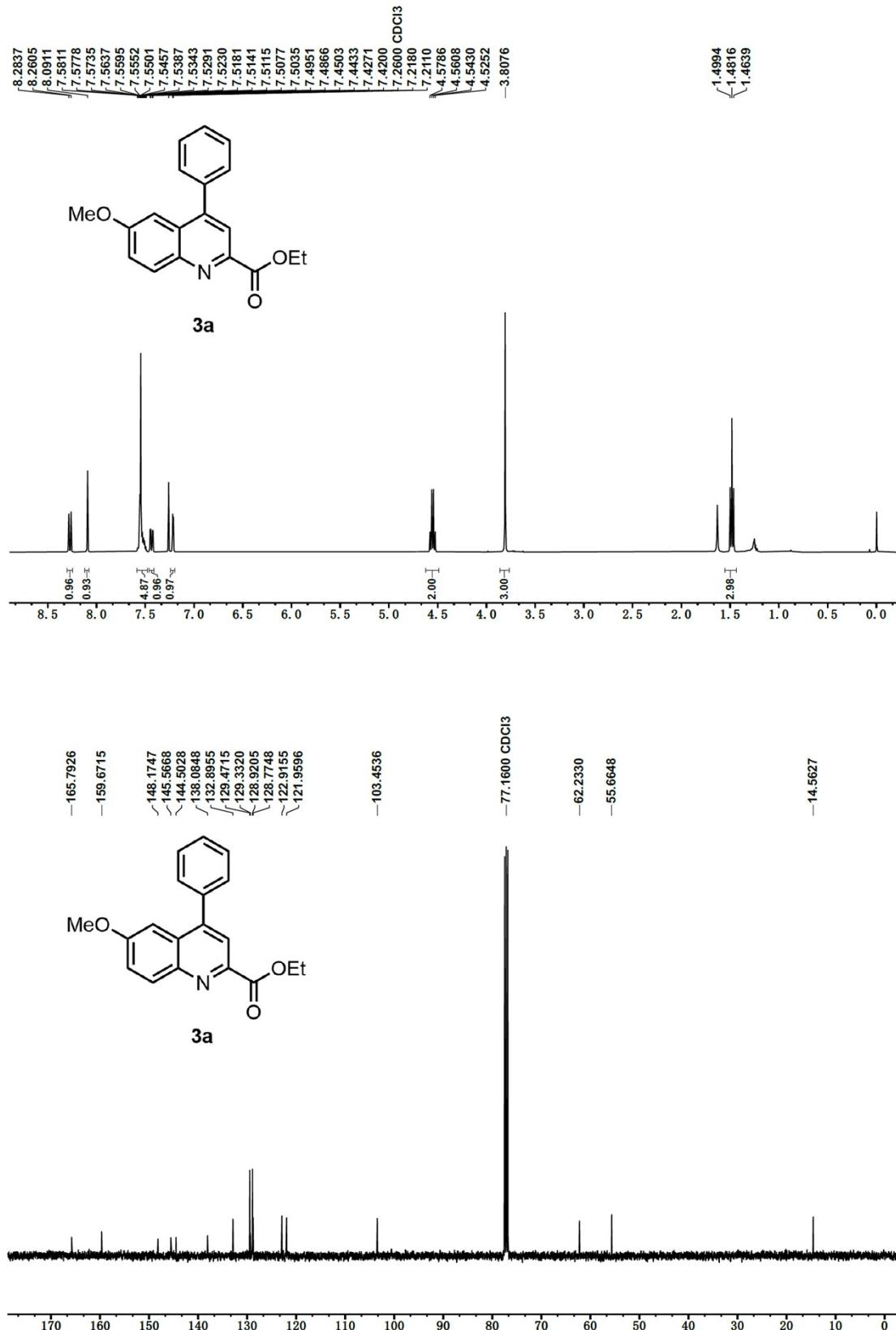
**Methyl (4-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methoxyquinoline-2-carbonyl)-L-alaninate (4l).** Purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4/1 to 2/1 as eluent). Yellow solid, 82% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.18-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 6.76 (t,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.95-4.81 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.6, 164.4, 159.3, 146.6, 145.9, 143.0, 136.8, 131.9, 131.4, 130.10, 130.03, 130.00, 129.4, 127.1, 123.1, 120.2, 103.6, 55.7, 52.6, 48.3, 18.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{K}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{K}^+$ ) 437.0665, found 437.0670.

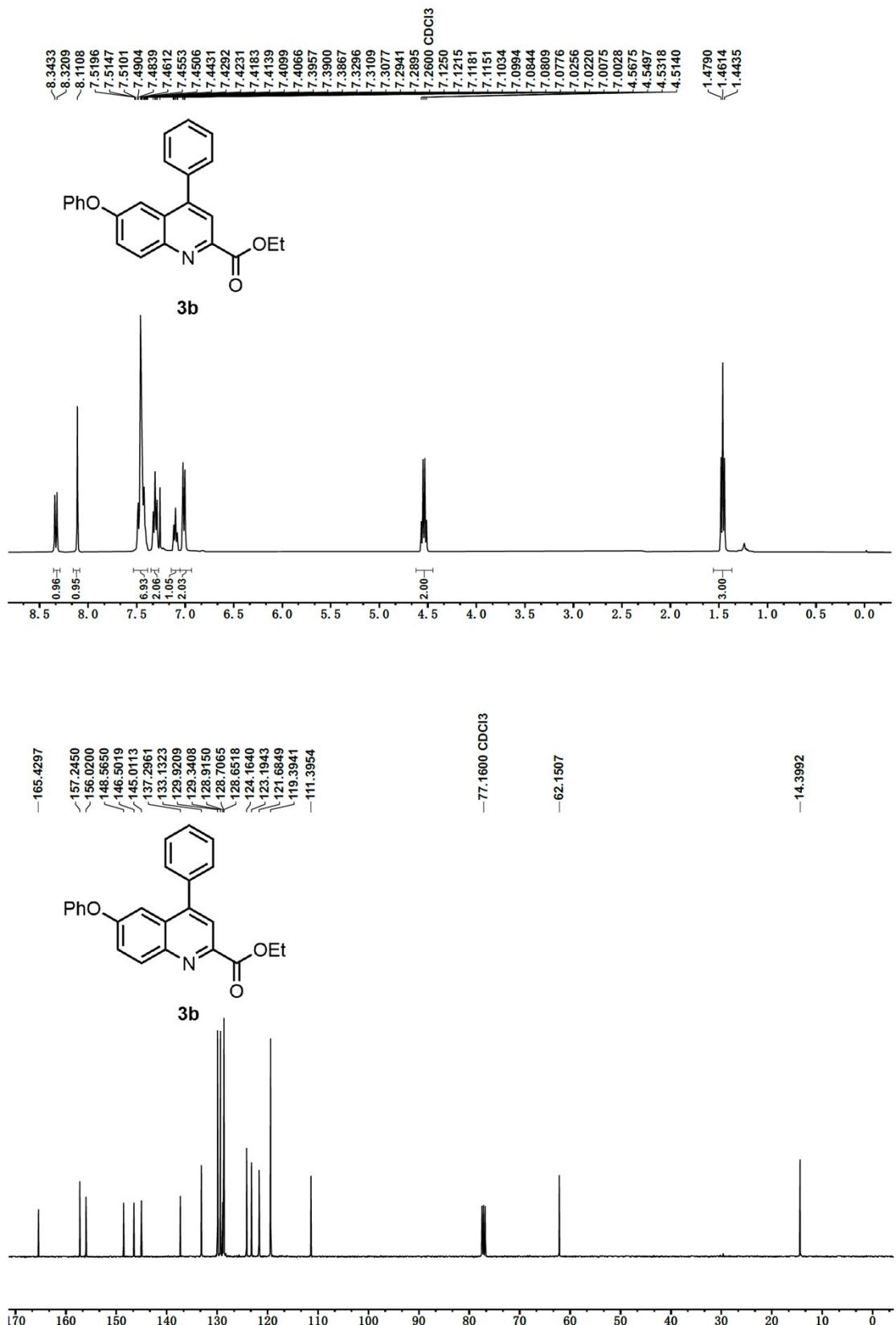
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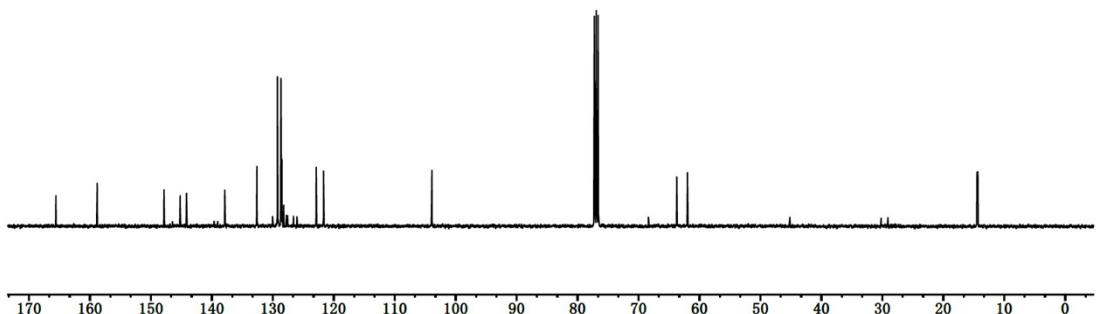
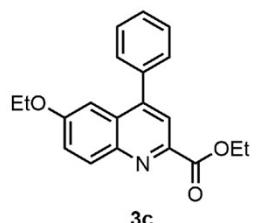
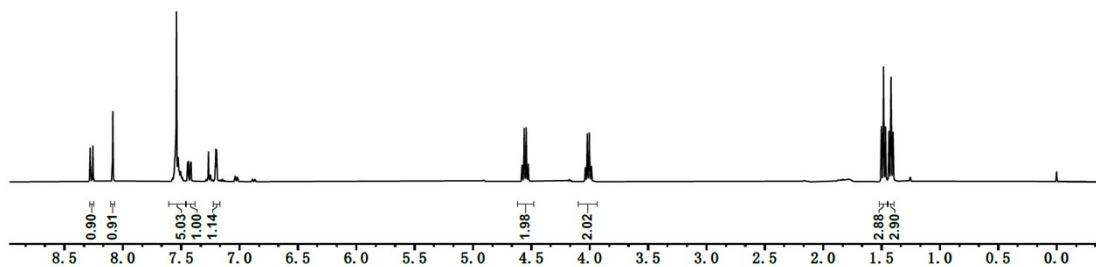
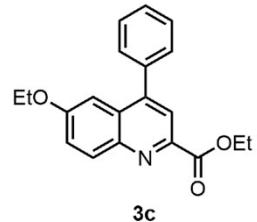
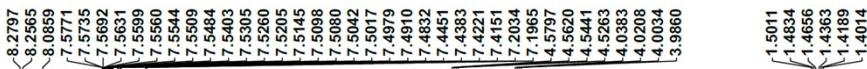
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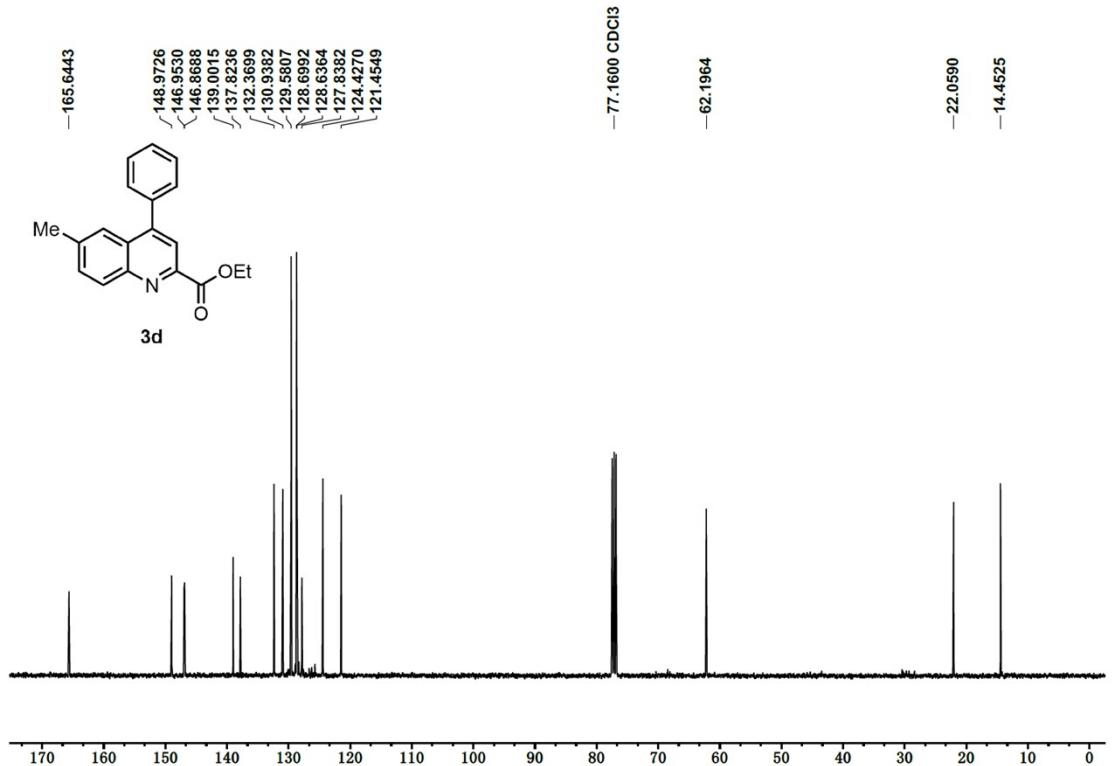
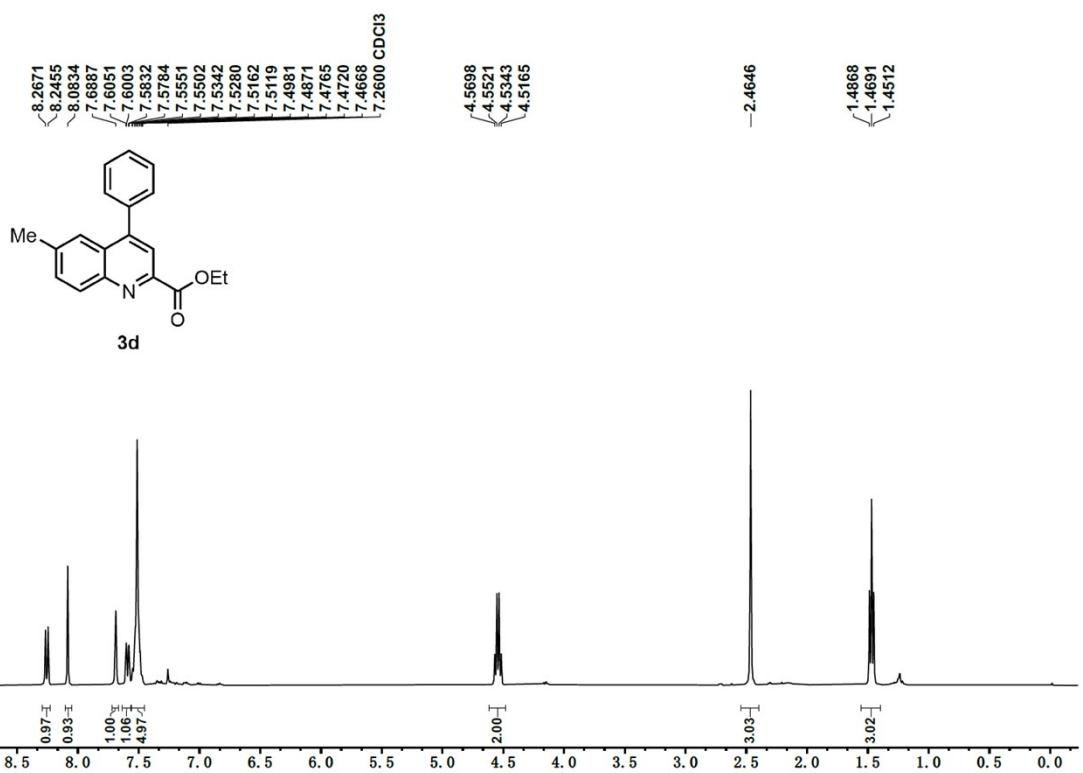
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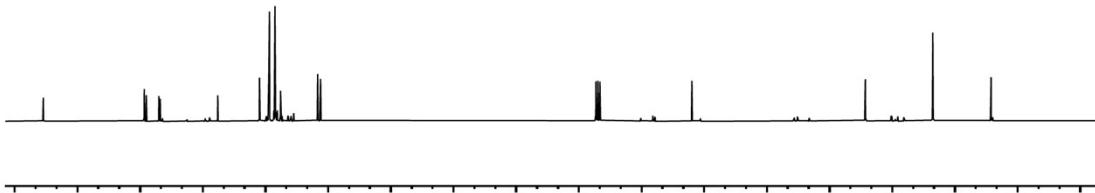
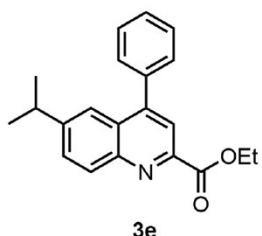
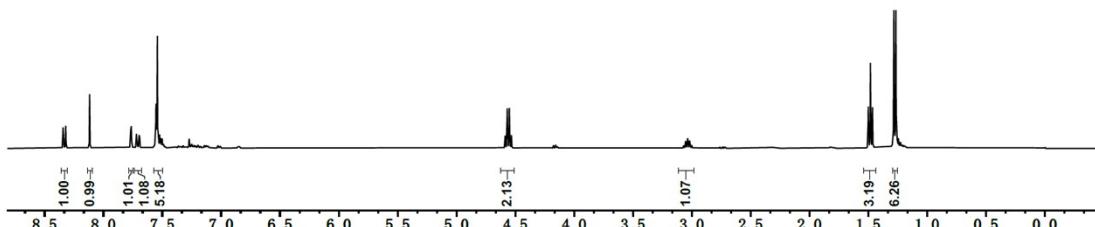
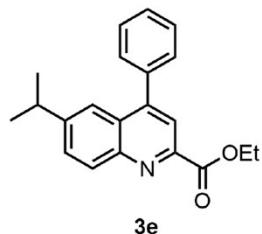
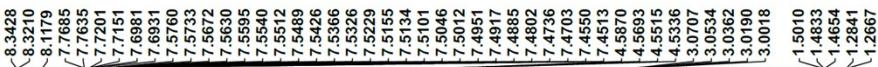
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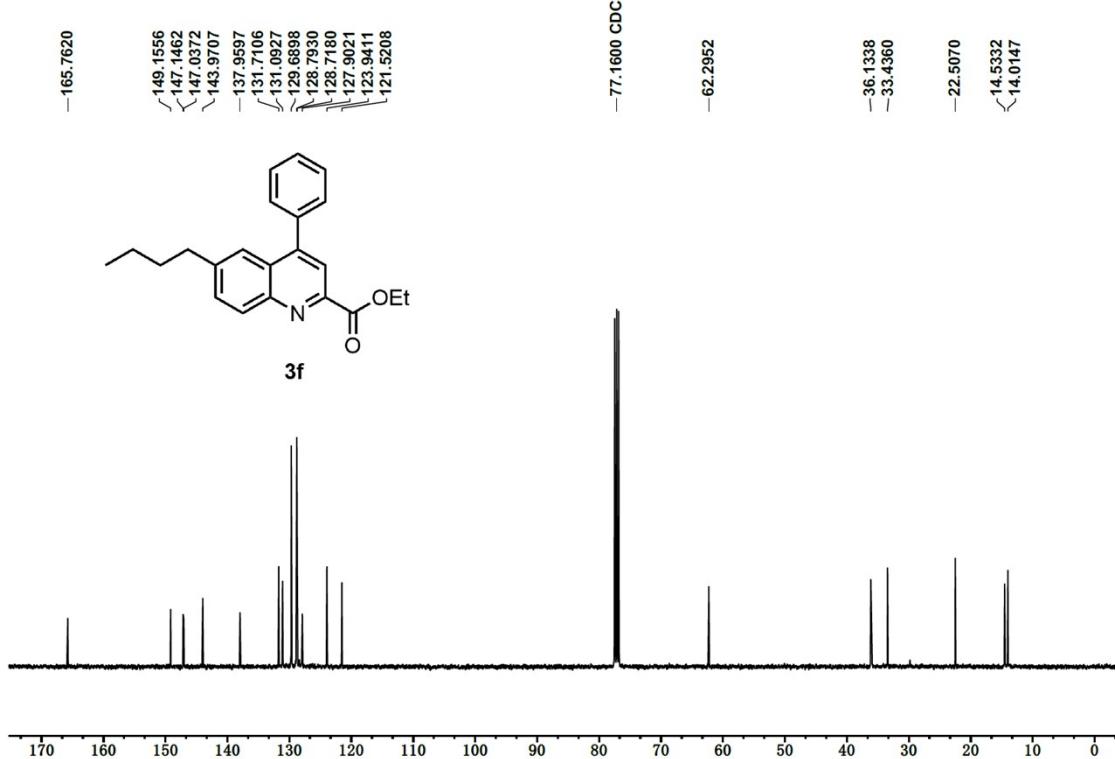
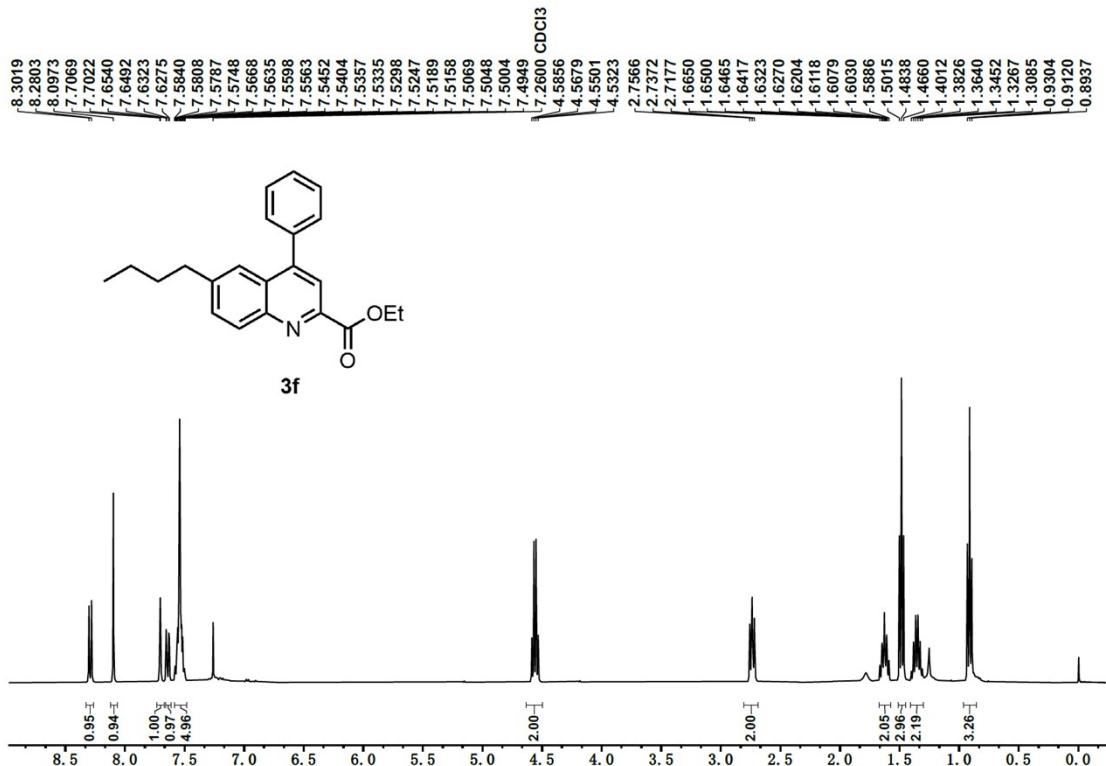


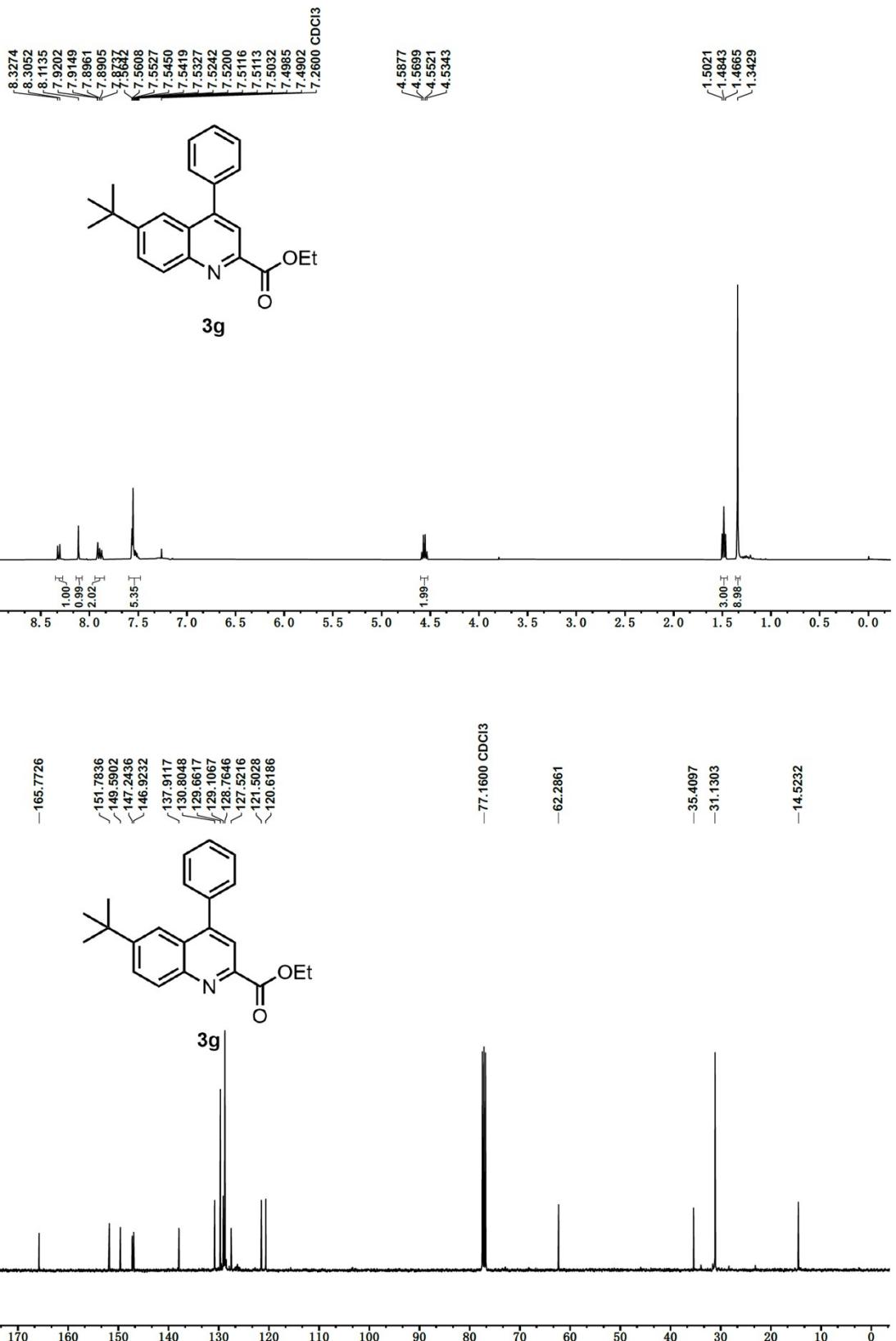


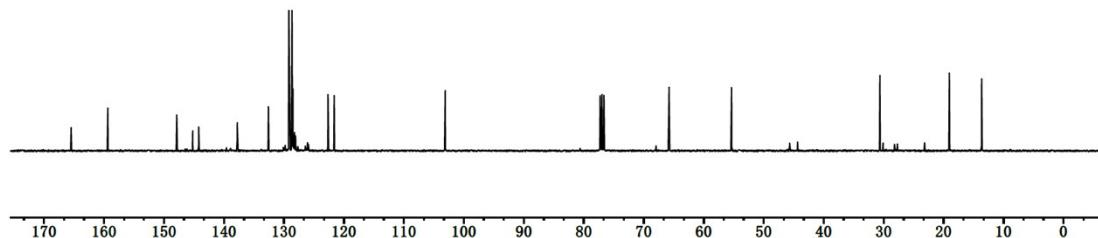
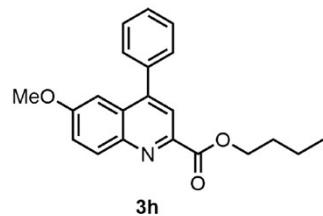
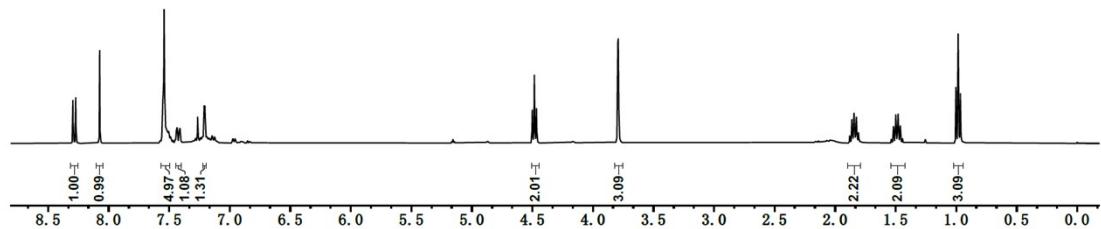
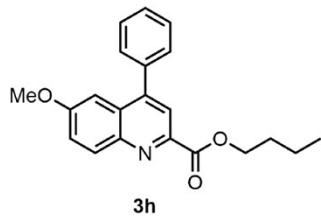


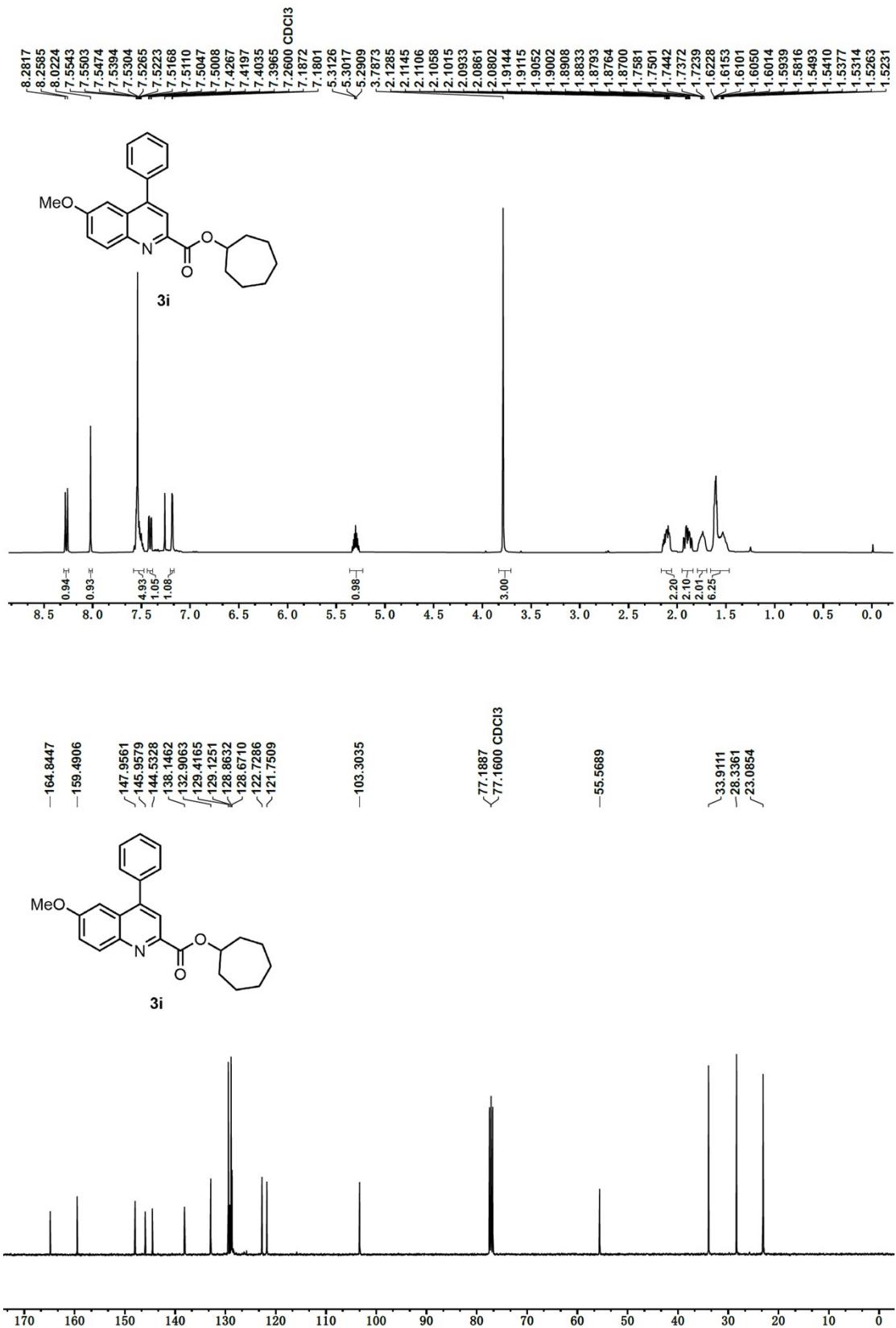


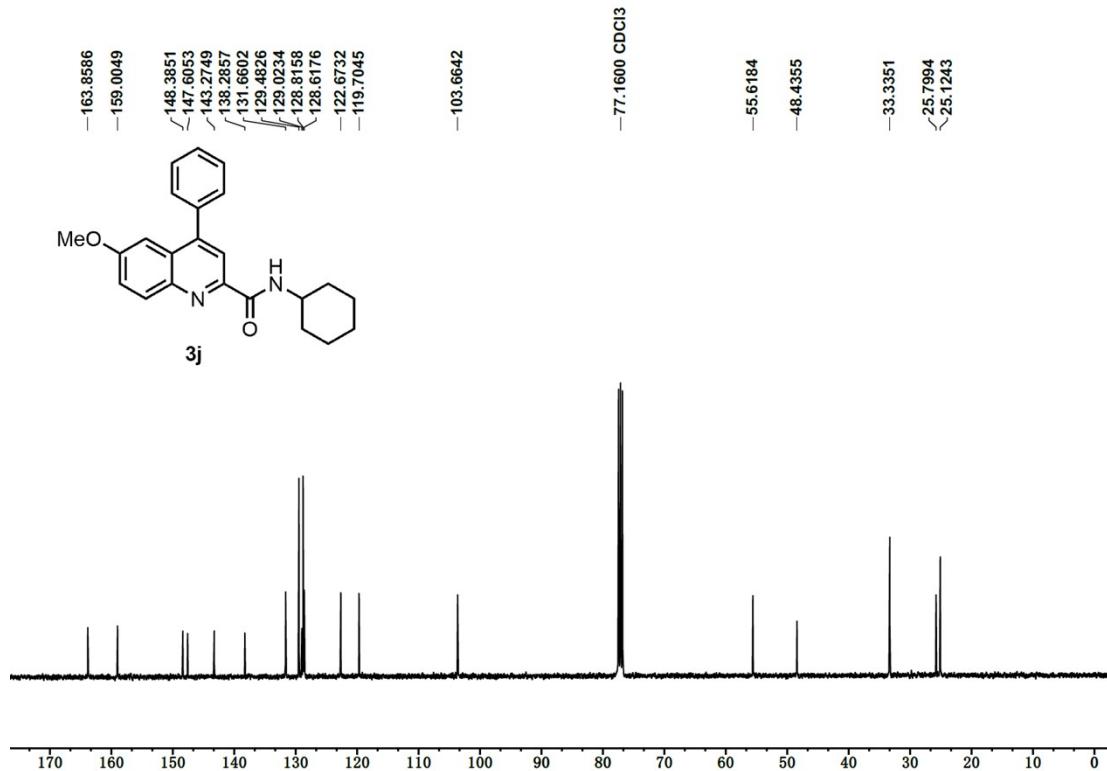
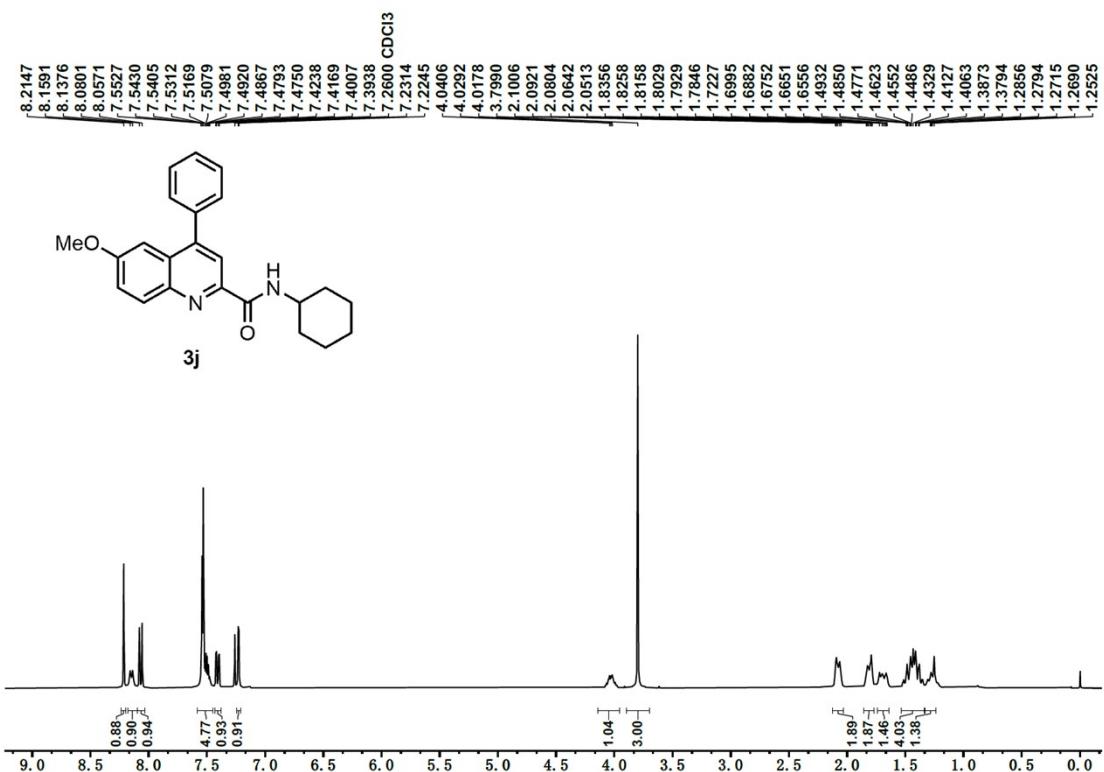


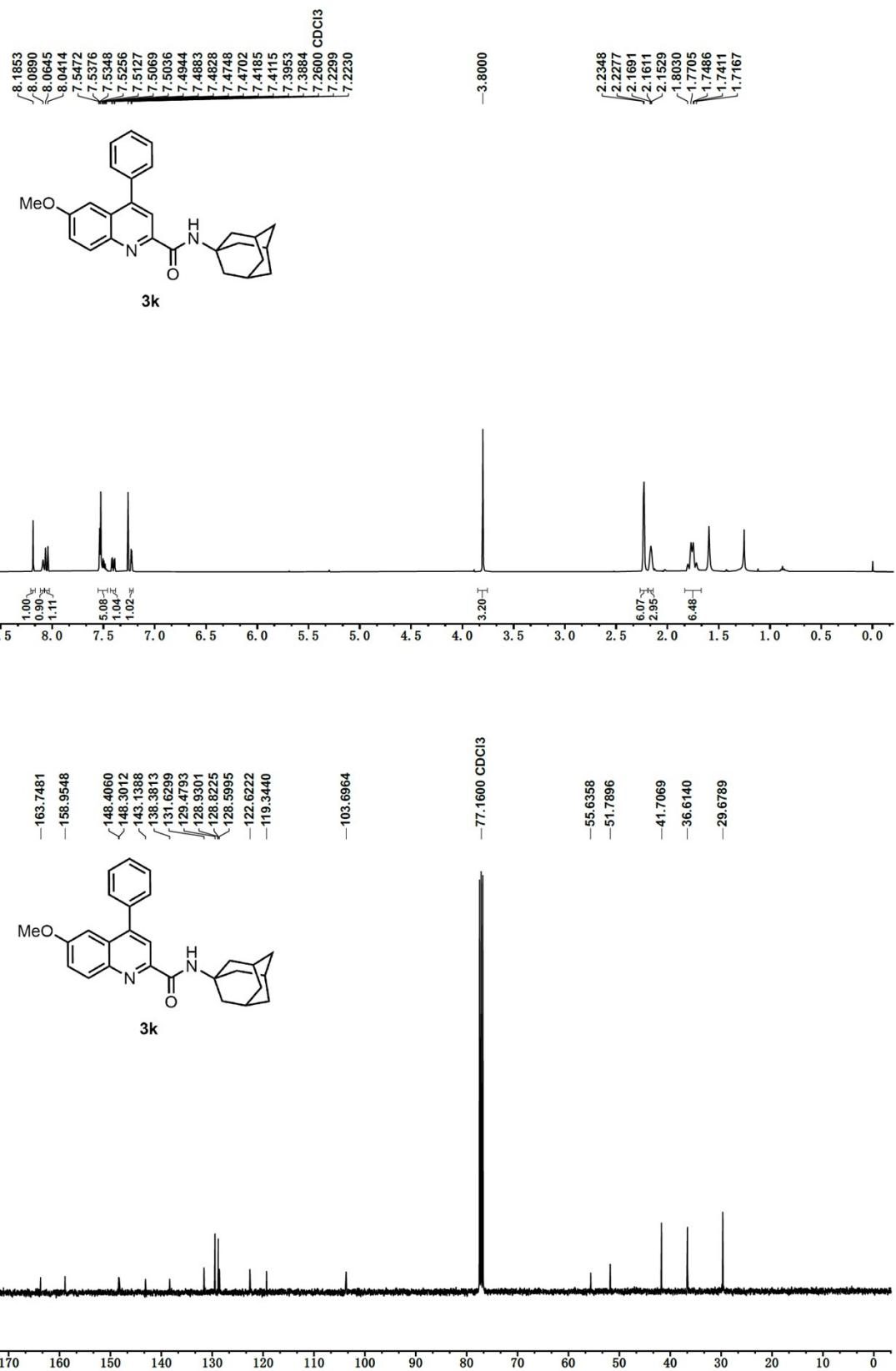


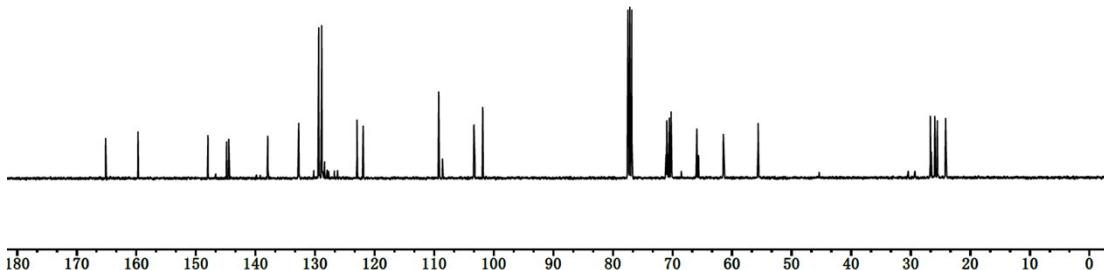
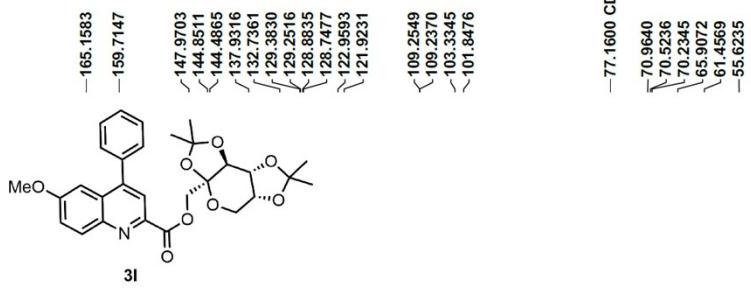
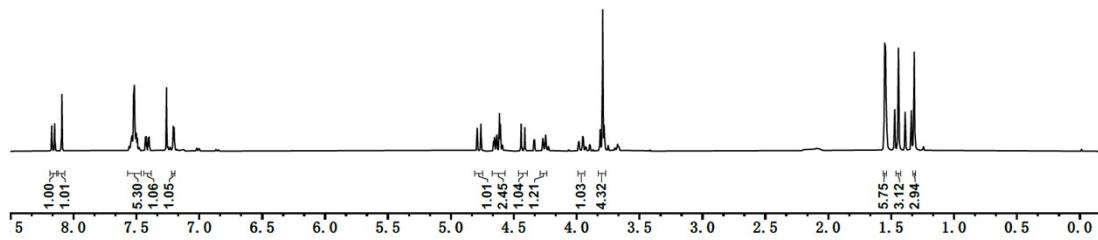
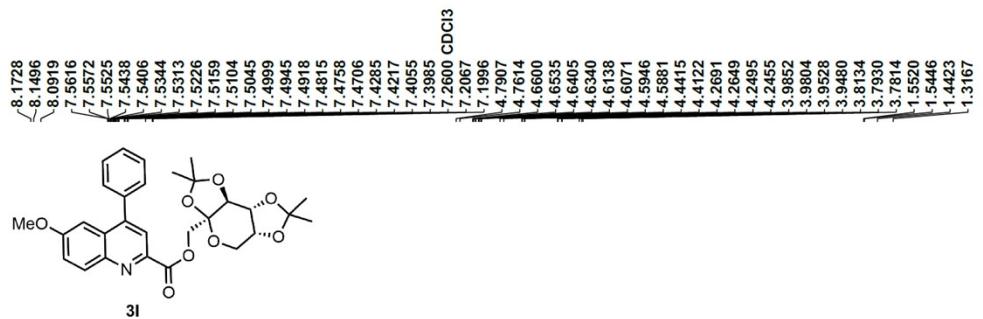


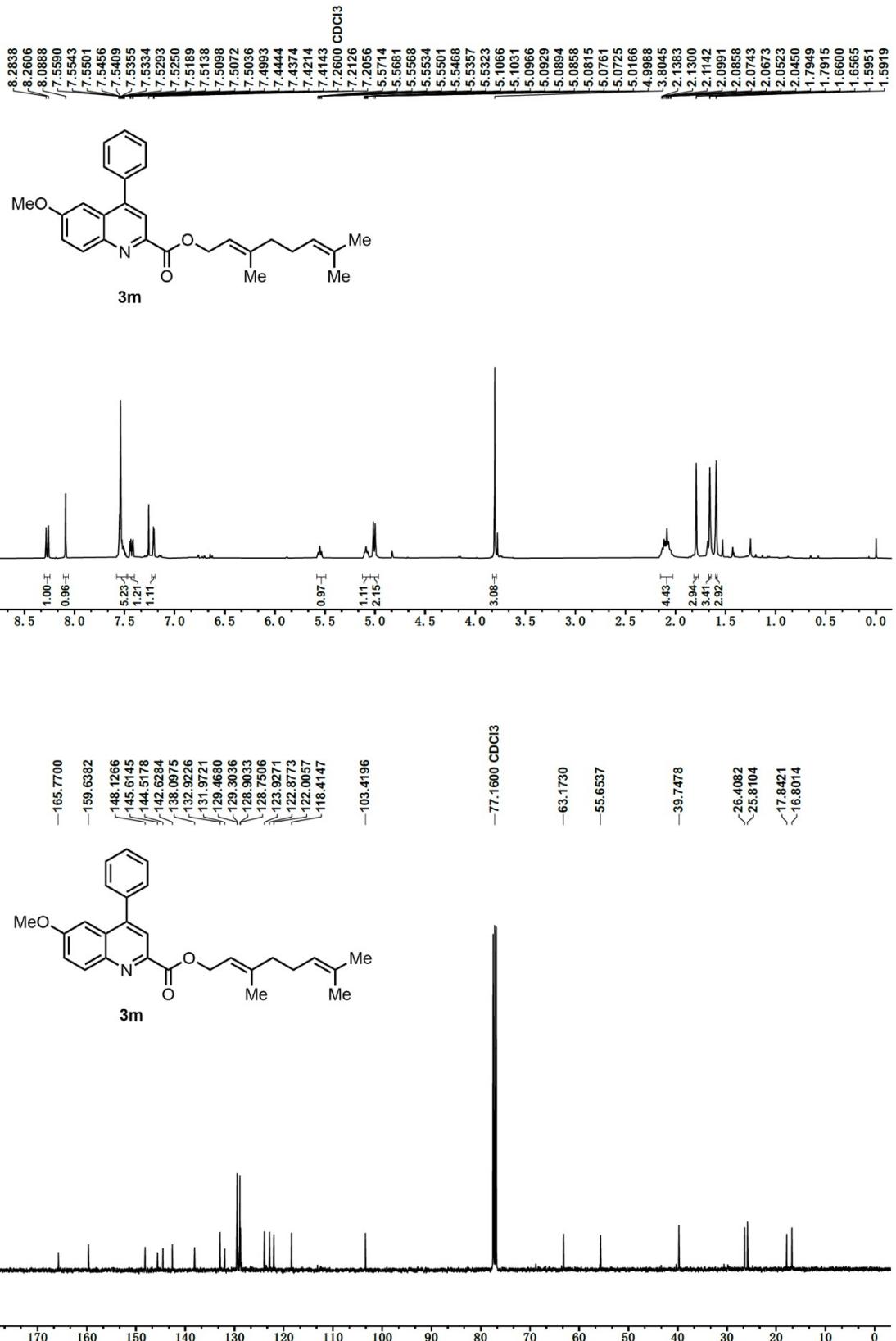


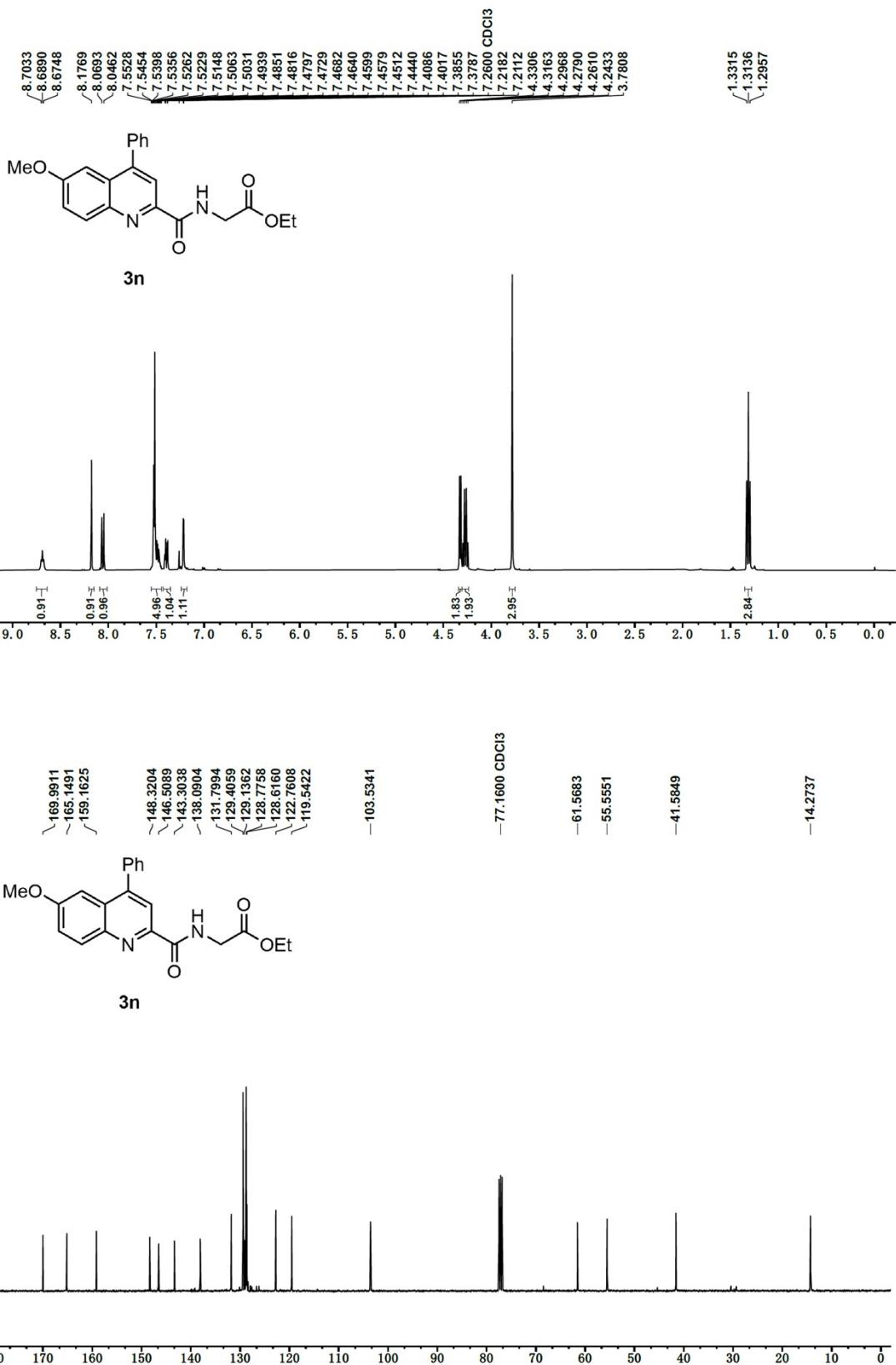




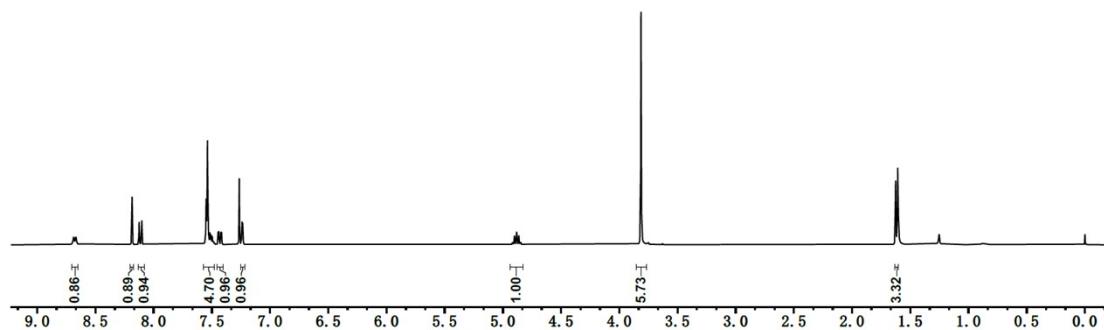
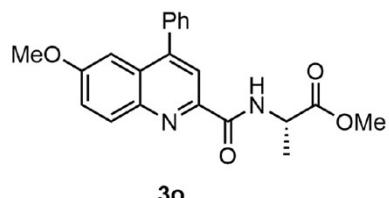








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