

Supporting Information

Copper-Catalyzed Sulfonamidation of Enol Silyl Ether via SO₂ Insertion towards the Synthesis of β-Keto Sulfonamides

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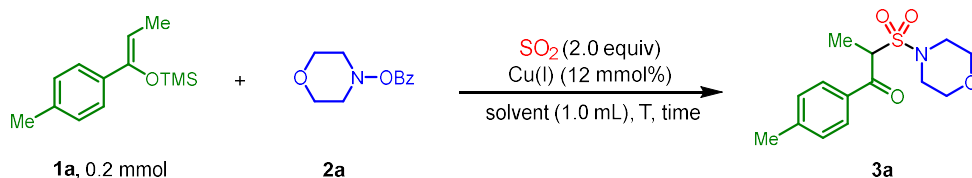
1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Unless otherwise noted, all catalytic reactions were carried out using standard techniques in an argon atmosphere glovebox (Vigor, SGI800-750TS-F). The substrates and reagents for catalytic reactions were degassed and stored in the glovebox, unless otherwise noted. All work-up and purification procedures were carried out with reagent-grade solvents in air.

Thin Layer Chromatography analysis was performed on silica gel coated glass plates (0.25 mm) with fluorescence indicator UV254. Column chromatography was conducted with silica gel (200-300 mesh) at room temperature and under elevated pressure.

^1H NMR, ^{19}F NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, 376 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively in CDCl_3 using TMS as an internal reference with chemical shift values reported in ppm. ^1H NMR was reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet), coupling constant (J values) in Hz and integration. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported with respect to the corresponding solvent residual peak at 7.26 ppm for CDCl_3 for ^1H NMR. ^{13}C NMR spectra were reported in ppm using the central peak of CDCl_3 (77.16 ppm). High-resolution mass spectrometric measurements were provided by the Department of The State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy, Sichuan University. The molecular ion $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ and $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ are given in m/z units.

2. Optimization of the Reaction Condition.

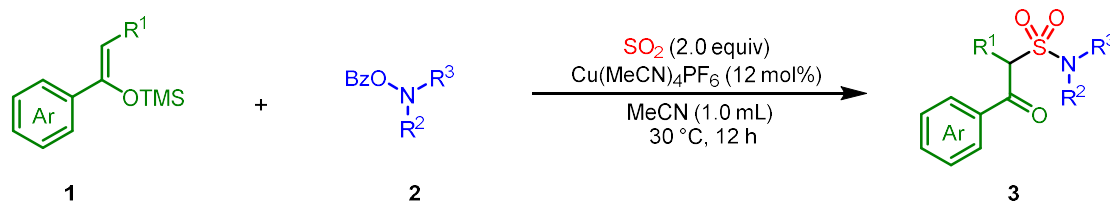


Entry	Cat.Cu	T (°C)	Solvent	Time (h)	SO ₂ source	3a Yield ^a (%)
1	-	60	MeCN	12	SOgen	0
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3	CuOTf	60	MeCN	12	SOgen	74
4	CuCl	60	MeCN	12	SOgen	29
5	CuBr	60	MeCN	12	SOgen	41
6	CuCN	60	MeCN	12	SOgen	60
7	Copper(I) thiophene-2-carboxylate	60	MeCN	12	SOgen	51
8	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	60	MeCN	12	SOgen	84
9	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	50	MeCN	12	SOgen	83
10	CuSO ₄	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	1
11	Cu(OAc) ₂	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	16
12	Cu(OTf) ₂	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	58
13	CuCl ₂	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	24
14	CuBr ₂	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	15
15	CuF ₂	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	7
16	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	40	MeCN	12	SOgen	91
17	Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	91
18	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	18	MeCN	12	SOgen	68
19 ^b	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	8
20 ^c	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	30
21 ^d	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	12	SOgen	84
22	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	DMF	12	SOgen	30
23	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	EtOAc	12	SOgen	12
24	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	DCM	12	SOgen	33
25	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	Cyclohexane	12	SOgen	trace
26	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	Toluene	12	SOgen	27
27	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	THF	12	SOgen	11
28	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	1,4-Dioxane	12	SOgen	8
29	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	EtOH	12	SOgen	20
30	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	1	SOgen	48
31	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	3	SOgen	75
32	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	6	SOgen	85
33 ^e	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	12	DABSO	6
34 ^e	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	12	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₅	3
35 ^e	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	12	K ₂ S ₂ O ₅	3
36 ^e	Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆	30	MeCN	12	TsCl	N.D.

^aYield was determined by GC of the crude mixture using *n*-hexadecane as an internal standard.

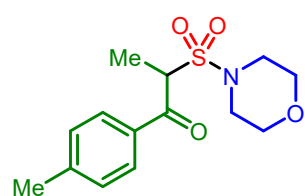
^b3 mol% of the catalyst was used. ^c6 mol % of the catalyst was used. ^d9 mol% of the catalyst was used. ^eThe reaction was set up in a 4 mL vial.

3. General procedure for the synthesis of β -carbonylsulfonamide **3**



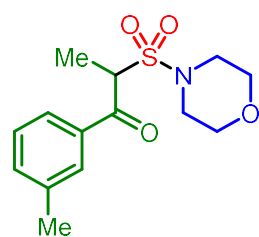
In the glovebox, compound **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), compound **2** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (9.0 mg, 12.0 mol%) were added into chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of MeCN (1.0 mL). Tetrabromothiophene S,S-dioxides (172.7 mg, 2.0 equiv.), 4-methylphenylene (64 μL , 2.4 equiv.) was added to chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of tetradecane (1.0 mL). The two chamber system was sealed and removed out of the glovebox. The chamber A was allowed to stir at 100 °C using heating mantle with 600-800 rpm stirring speed for 10 min. Then chamber B was heated to 30 °C in heat block. After 12 hours, two chamber was cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford pure products **3**.

4. Characterization data of products **3**



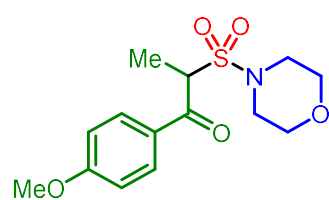
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (**3a**)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (55.3 mg, 93%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.59 (m, 4H), 3.40 – 3.27 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.8, 145.6, 133.6, 129.8, 129.4, 67.1, 63.0, 47.2, 21.9, 13.6. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ 320.0927; found: 320.0926.



2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(m-tolyl)propan-1-one (**3b**)

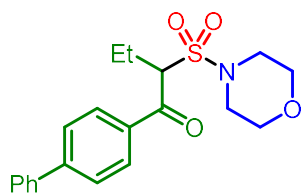
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as colourless oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (7:1) as eluent (51.7 mg, 87%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 5.14 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.42 – 3.29 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.6, 139.0, 136.2, 135.2, 129.6, 128.9, 126.5, 67.1, 63.0, 47.2, 21.5, 13.7. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ 320.0927; found: 320.0926.



1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)propan-1-one (**3c**)

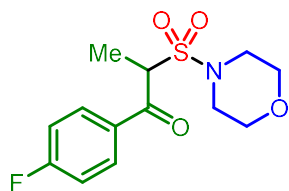
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent (58.9 mg, 94%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s,

3H), 3.72 – 3.56 (m, 4H), 3.44 – 3.24 (m, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 4H), 1.63 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.2, 164.4, 131.5, 128.8, 114.0, 66.8, 62.5, 55.5, 47.0, 13.4. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_5\text{S}$ 336.0876; found: 336.0881.



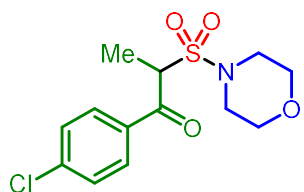
1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)butan-1-one (3d)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (59.8 mg, 80%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 5.03 (dd, $J = 10.8, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.42 – 3.28 (m, 4H), 2.45 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.9, 147.0, 139.6, 135.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 69.7, 67.1, 47.2, 22.3, 11.8. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ 374.1421; found: 374.1412.



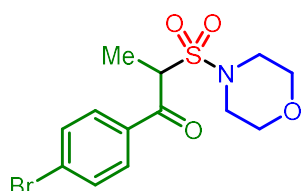
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Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent (56.7 mg, 94%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.09 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.59 (m, 4H), 3.41 – 3.27 (m, 4H), 1.64 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -102.82(s, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.8, 166.4 (d, $J = 258.4$ Hz), 132.5 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 132.1 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 67.0, 63.1, 47.2, 13.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNNaO}_4\text{S}$ 324.0676; found: 324.0672.



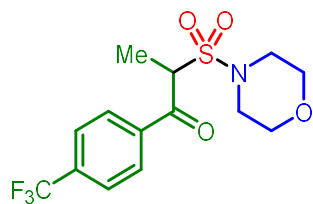
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)propan-1-one (3f)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent (56.6 mg, 89%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.08 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.40 – 3.27 (m, 4H), 1.65 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.2, 141.0, 134.4, 130.7, 129.3, 67.0, 63.2, 47.3, 13.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNNaO}_4\text{S}$ 340.0381; found: 340.0377.



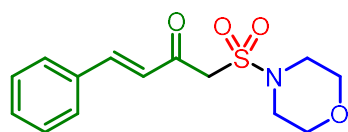
1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)propan-1-one (3g)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent (68.2 mg, 94%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 5.07 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.39 – 3.26 (m, 4H), 1.63 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.4, 134.8, 132.3, 130.7, 129.8, 67.0, 63.1, 47.2, 13.4. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_4\text{S}$ 362.0056; found: 362.0053.



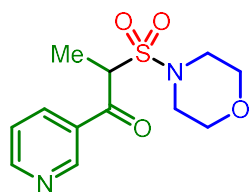
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3h)

Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (42.9 mg, 61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.43 – 3.29 (m, 4H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -63.29(s, 3F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.8, 138.8, 135.4 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.7, 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.5 (q, *J* = 273.9 Hz), 67.1, 63.6, 47.4, 13.4. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₃NNaO₄S 374.0644; found: 374.0645.



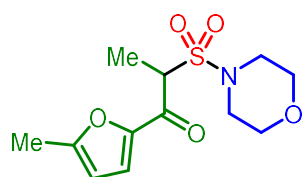
(E)-1-(morpholinosulfonyl)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one (3i)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1) as eluent (36.6 mg, 62%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.76 – 3.70 (m, 4H), 3.38 – 3.31 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.0, 146.6, 133.6, 131.4, 129.0, 128.9, 124.8, 66.4, 59.6, 46.1. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NNaO₄S 318.0770; found: 318.0772.



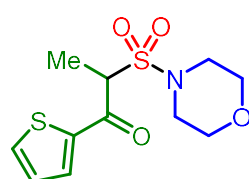
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(pyridin-3-yl)propan-1-one (3j)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1) as eluent (28.4mg, 50%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.22 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.35 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 5.09 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.42 – 3.27 (m, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.6, 154.4, 150.5, 136.6, 131.5, 123.8, 67.1, 63.5, 47.3, 13.2. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂NaO₄S 307.0723; found: 307.0730.



1-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)propan-1-one (3k)

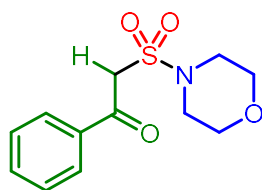
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent (51.8 mg, 90%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.59 (m, 4H), 3.41 – 3.26 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 179.1, 158.9, 149.7, 121.4, 109.3, 66.0, 62.4, 46.1, 13.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 12.0. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₇NNaO₅S 310.0720; found: 310.0714.



2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (3l)

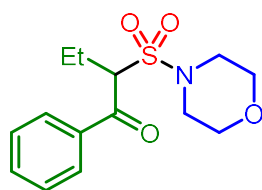
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as colourless oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (28.3 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 4.89 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.41 – 3.28 (m, 4H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 185.5,

143.4, 136.3, 134.6, 128.9, 67.0, 65.0, 47.2, 13.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{15}NNaO_4S_2$ 312.0335; found: 312.0337.



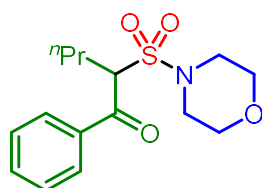
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3m)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (32.8 mg, 61%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.76 – 3.69 (m, 4H), 3.40 – 3.30 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.2, 135.8, 134.6, 129.5, 129.1, 66.7, 57.3, 46.3. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{15}NNaO_4S$ 292.0614; found: 292.0612.



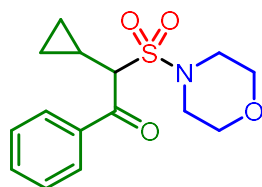
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-phenylbutan-1-one (3n)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (6:1) as eluent (50.6 mg, 85%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.98 (dd, $J = 10.8, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.56 (m, 4H), 3.39 – 3.25 (m, 4H), 2.42 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.23 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.5, 137.3, 134.3, 129.1, 129.0, 69.6, 67.0, 47.1, 22.3, 11.8. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{14}H_{19}NNaO_4S$ 320.0927; found: 320.0923.



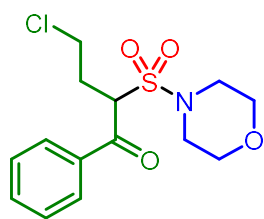
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-phenylpentan-1-one (3o)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (7:1) as eluent (50.4 mg, 81%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.06 (dd, $J = 10.9, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.39 – 3.25 (m, 4H), 2.39 – 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.5, 137.1, 134.3, 129.1, 129.0, 68.0, 67.0, 47.2, 30.6, 20.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}NNaO_4S$ 334.1083; found: 334.1084.



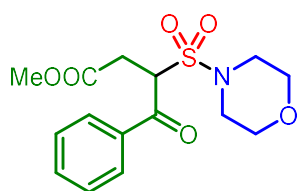
2-cyclopropyl-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (3p)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (30.9 mg, 50%). 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 4.26 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.56 – 3.37 (m, 4H), 1.66 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 0.91 – 0.77 (m, 2H), 0.74 – 0.62 (m, 1H), 0.32 – 0.20 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.6, 136.6, 134.2, 129.0, 72.8, 67.2, 47.12, 9.9, 5.2, 4.7. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}NNaO_4S$ 332.0927; found: 332.0925.



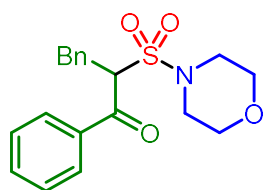
4-chloro-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-phenylbutan-1-one (3q)

Prepared by the general procedure, $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (54.4 mg, 82%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.41 (dd, $J = 9.9, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.54 (m, 4H), 3.45 – 3.35 (m, 1H), 3.33 – 3.21 (m, 4H), 2.86 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.50 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.3, 136.7, 134.6, 129.2, 129.2, 66.9, 64.8, 47.0, 41.8, 31.1. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNNaO}_4\text{S}$ 354.0537; found: 354.0542.



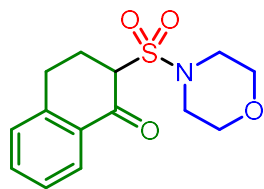
methyl 3-(morpholinosulfonyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate (3r)

Prepared by the general procedure, $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1) as eluent (49.8 mg, 73%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 5.50 (dd, $J = 10.9, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.56 (m, 4H), 3.48 (dd, $J = 17.2, 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.28 – 3.20 (m, 4H), 3.14 (dd, $J = 17.2, 3.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.1, 170.5, 136.5, 134.4, 129.3, 129.0, 66.8, 63.6, 52.6, 46.9, 33.1. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}$ 364.0825; found: 364.0826.



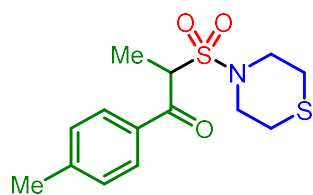
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3s)

Prepared by the general procedure, $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent (44.6 mg, 62%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.83 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 5.29 (dd, $J = 11.5, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.58 (m, 5H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 13.1, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 – 3.28 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.0, 137.2, 136.2, 134.2, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 69.4, 67.0, 47.2, 34.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ 382.1083; found: 382.1082.



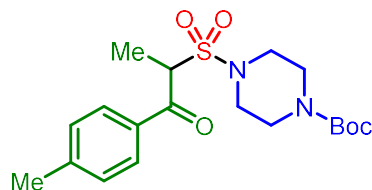
2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (3t)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent (54.4 mg, 92%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.54 – 3.33 (m, 5H), 2.98 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.62 – 2.52 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 190.0, 144.0, 134.7, 131.8, 129.2, 128.1, 127.2, 67.0, 65.8, 46.5, 26.3, 25.6. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$ 318.0770; found: 318.0773.



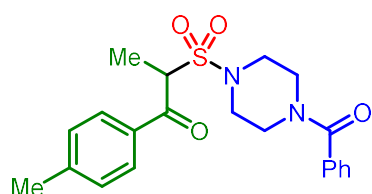
2-(thiomorpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3u)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (62.1 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.67 – 3.43 (m, 4H), 2.68 – 2.53 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.5, 145.4, 133.4, 129.6, 129.2, 62.8, 49.0, 27.8, 21.7, 13.3. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NNaO₃S₂ 336.0699; found: 336.0697.



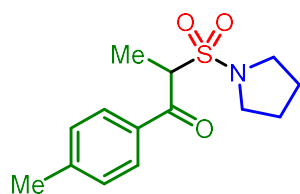
tert-butyl 4-((1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propan-2-yl)sulfonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3v)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (77.8 mg, 98%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.33 (m, 4H), 3.33-3.19 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.6, 154.2, 145.4, 133.4, 129.5, 129.2, 80.2, 62.8, 46.7, 43.9, 28.2, 21.6, 13.4. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₈N₂NaO₅S 419.1611; found: 419.1612.



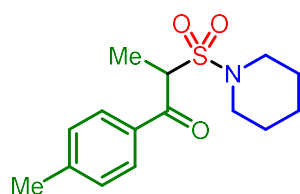
2-((4-benzoylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3w)

Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (63.3 mg, 79%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.13 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.39 (s, 6H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.8, 170.6, 145.7, 135.1, 133.5, 130.2, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 127.1, 63.1, 48.2, 47.1, 42.7, 21.9, 21.8, 13.6. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₄N₂NaO₄S 423.1349; found: 423.1357.



2-(pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3x)

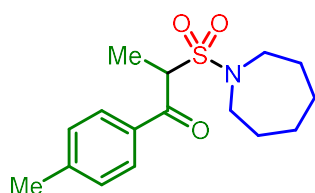
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (6:1) as eluent (38.8 mg, 69%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.44 – 3.27 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.0, 145.0, 133.8, 129.5, 129.2, 62.9, 48.8, 25.8, 21.7, 13.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NNaO₃S 304.0978; found: 304.0976.



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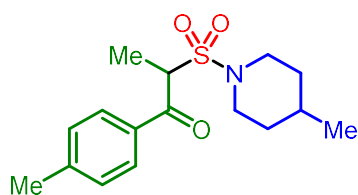
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (33.1 mg, 56%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 – 3.18 (m, 4H), 2.42

(s, 3H), 1.63 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.9, 145.1, 133.7, 129.4, 129.3, 62.8, 47.9, 26.1, 23.7, 21.7, 13.4. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$ 318.1134; found: 318.1133.



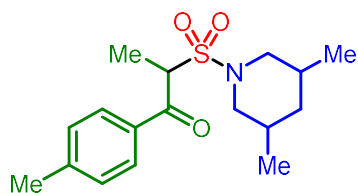
2-(azepan-1-ylsulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3z)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (55.1 mg, 89%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.12 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 – 3.18 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 7H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.1, 145.2, 133.9, 129.6, 129.4, 63.0, 50.0, 30.0, 26.8, 21.8, 13.7. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$ 332.1291; found: 332.1294.



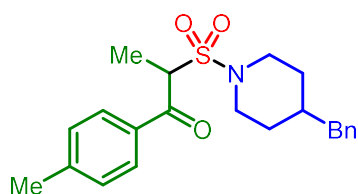
2-((4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3aa)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (37.8 mg, 61%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.09 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.74 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.63 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.62-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.39 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.06 (m, 2H), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.9, 145.1, 133.7, 129.5, 129.3, 62.8, 47.3, 34.2, 30.3, 21.7, 21.6, 13.4. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$ 332.1291; found: 332.1295.



2-((3,5-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3ab)

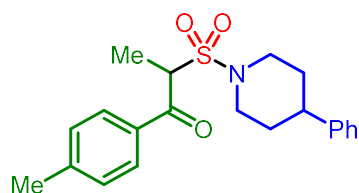
Prepared by the general procedure, $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (52.4 mg, 81%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.09 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.69 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.53 (m, 6H), 0.81 (dd, $J = 17.5, 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 0.63 (q, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.1, 145.2, 133.9, 129.6, 129.4, 63.0, 53.7 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 41.8, 31.9, 21.8, 18.9 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 13.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 324.1628; found: 324.1623.



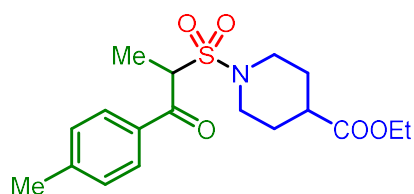
2-((4-benzylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3ac)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (45.5 mg, 59%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 5.01 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.81 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.43 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.61 – 1.47 (m, 6H), 1.24 – 1.06 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.0, 145.2, 139.9, 133.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 126.2, 62.9, 47.4, 42.9, 37.6, 32.4, 21.8, 13.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 386.1784;

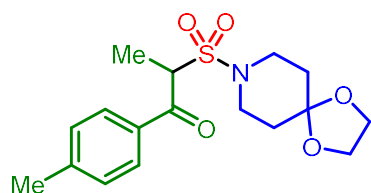
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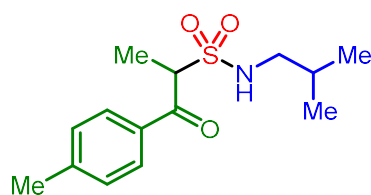
2-((4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3ad) Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (55.7 mg, 75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.13 (m, 3H), 5.16 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.03-3.92 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.11-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.86-1.59 (m, 7H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.8, 145.2, 145.0, 133.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.5, 126.7, 126.5, 62.8, 47.6, 42.0, 33.4 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 21.7, 13.4. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₆NO₃S 372.1628; found: 372.1620.



ethyl 1-((1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propan-2-yl)sulfonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3ae) Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (60.3 mg, 82%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 – 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.06 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 1.95 – 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.0, 174.0, 145.4, 133.7, 129.7, 129.4, 63.0, 60.8 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 46.4 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 40.4, 28.4 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 21.8 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 14.3, 13.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₆NO₅S 368.1526; found: 368.1518.

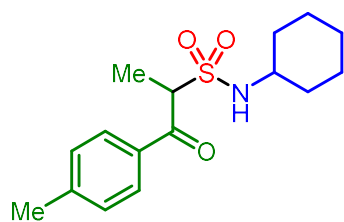


2-((1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3af) Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (50.2 mg, 71%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 4H), 3.50-3.34 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.6, 145.1, 133.6, 129.5, 129.2, 106.2, 64.4, 62.9, 45.2, 35.4, 21.7, 13.3. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NNaO₅S 376.1189; found: 376.1185.



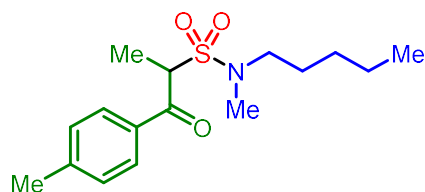
N-isobutyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ag) Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (3:1) as eluent (26.6 mg, 47%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 16 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (br s, 1H), 3.08-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.81-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.1, 145.4, 133.1, 129.6, 129.1, 62.5, 51.7, 29.4, 21.7, 19.7, 14.0. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for

C₁₄H₂₁NNaO₃S 306.1134; found: 306.1127.



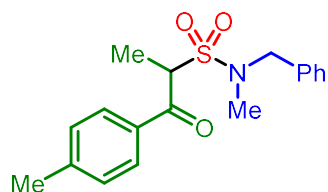
N-cyclohexyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ah)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (30.3 mg, 49%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 3.36 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.05 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.64 (m, 5H), 1.60 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.19 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.0, 145.5, 133.4, 129.7, 129.3, 63.0, 53.9, 35.2, 34.8, 25.3, 25.0, 25.0, 14.3. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NNaO₃S 332.1285; found: 332.1291.



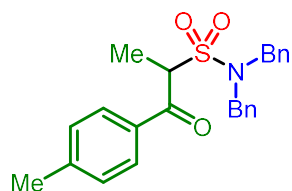
N-methyl-1-oxo-N-pentyl-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ai)

Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (12 mg, 15.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (57.9 mg, 93%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.21 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.20 (m, 4H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.1, 145.3, 133.8, 129.7, 129.4, 63.0, 51.2, 35.4, 28.6, 27.8, 22.4, 21.9, 14.1, 13.8. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₅NNaO₃S 334.1447; found: 334.1450.



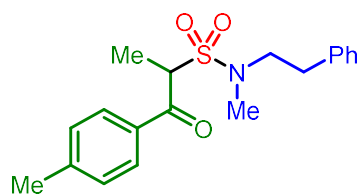
N-benzyl-N-methyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3aj)

Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (57.7 mg, 87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 5.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.2, 145.4, 136.0, 133.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 63.3, 55.0, 35.4, 21.9, 13.9. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₁NNaO₃S 354.1134; found: 354.1140.

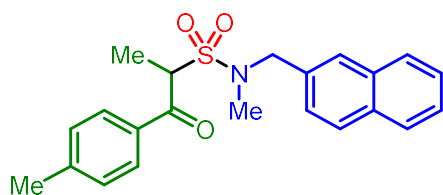


N,N-dibenzyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ak)

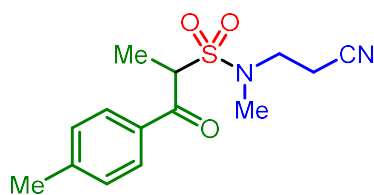
Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (12 mg, 15.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as colourless oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (77.4 mg, 95%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 12H), 5.01 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.8, 145.1, 135.8, 133.4, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 63.9, 52.0, 21.7, 13.8. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₂₆NO₃S 408.1628; found: 408.1619.



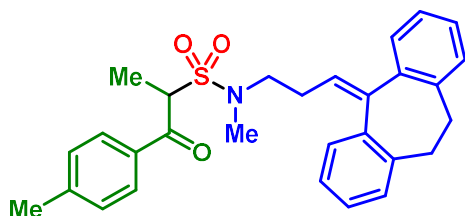
N-methyl-1-oxo-N-phenethyl-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3al) Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (66.3 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.07 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.44 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 2.91 – 2.82 (m, 5H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.8, 145.2, 138.3, 133.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 126.6, 62.9, 52.8, 36.0, 35.4, 21.8, 13.7. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₄NO₃S 346.1471; found: 346.1466.



N-methyl-N-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3am) Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (46.5 mg, 61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.88 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 – 4.77 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.3, 145.5, 133.9, 133.8, 131.7, 131.0, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 126.7, 126.1, 125.3, 123.5, 63.5, 52.9, 35.6, 21.9, 14.1. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₄NO₃S 382.1471; found: 382.1466.



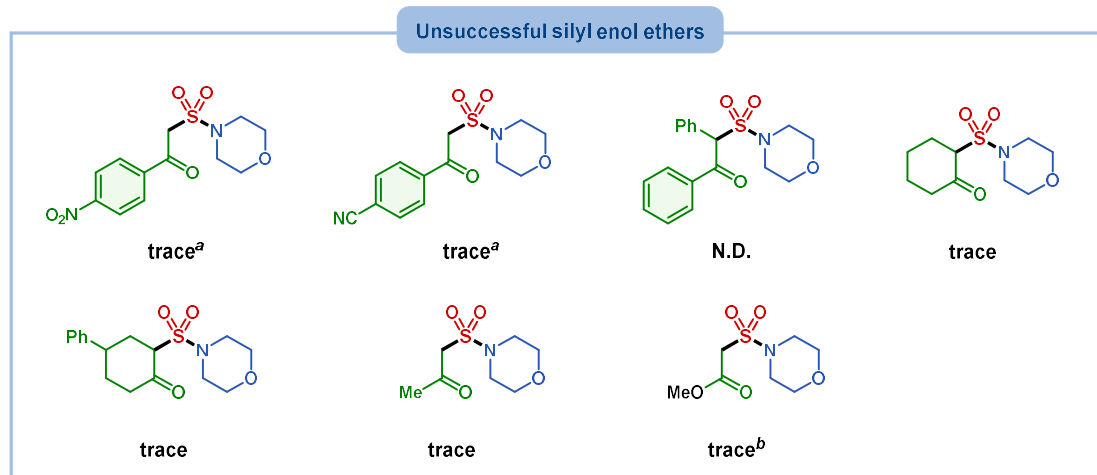
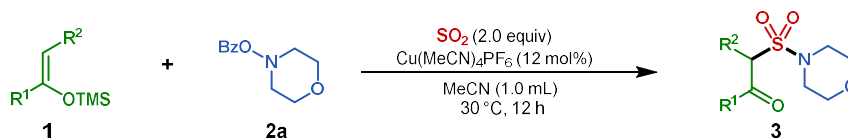
N-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-methyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3an) Prepared by the general procedure, Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (15 mg, 20.0 mol%) instead of Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9 mg, 12.0 mol%), isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1) as eluent (35.3 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.16 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50–3.36 (m, 2H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.9, 145.9, 133.4, 129.9, 129.4, 117.6, 63.3, 47.4, 36.8, 21.9, 18.3, 13.9. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₈N₂NaO₃S 317.0930; found: 317.0932.



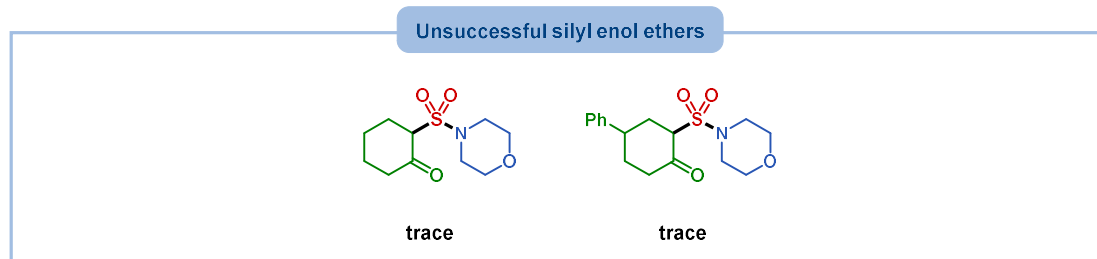
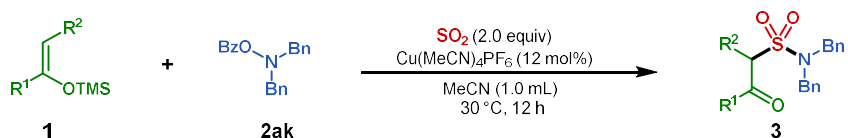
N-(3-(10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[a,d][7]annulen-5-ylidene)propyl)-N-methyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ao) Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as colourless oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (57.5 mg, 61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 5.78 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.13 (m, 4H), 3.02 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.66 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.41 – 2.29 (m, 2H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 193.0, 145.4, 145.2, 140.9, 139.8, 139.5, 137.1, 133.7, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4,

128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 126.2, 125.9, 63.0, 50.9, 35.4, 33.8, 32.0, 28.4, 21.9, 13.7. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{29}H_{32}NO_3S$ 474.2097; found: 474.2088.

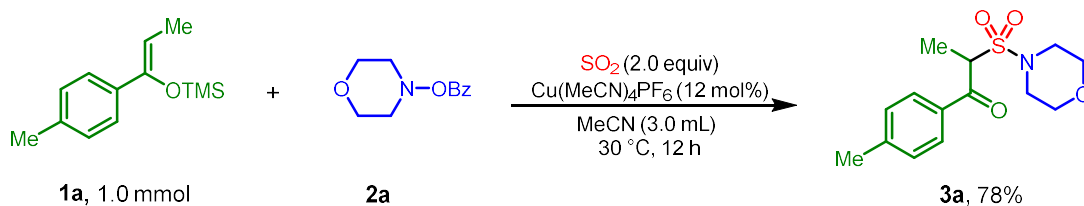
5. Unsuccessful silyl enol ethers



^aThe reaction substrate is unstable. ^bThe reaction substrate is *tert*-butyl((1-methoxyvinyl)oxy)dimethylsilane.



6. Scale-up reaction

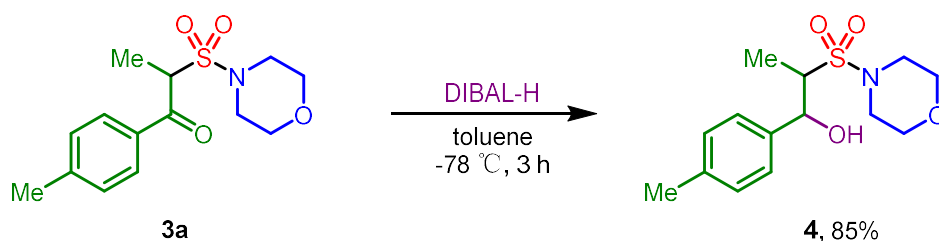


In the glovebox, compound **1a** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), compound **2a** (3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), $Cu(MeCN)_4PF_6$ (44.7 mg, 12.0 mol%) were added into chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar,

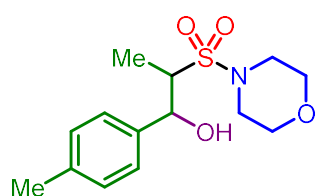
followed by addition of MeCN (3.0 mL). Tetrabromothiophene S,S-dioxides (863.4 mg, 2.0 equiv.), 4-methylphenylene (320 μ L, 2.4 equiv.) was added to chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of tetradecane (3.0 mL). The two chamber system was sealed and removed out of the glovebox. The chamber A was allowed to stir at 100 °C using heating mantle with 600-800 rpm stirring speed for 10 min. Then chamber B was heated to 30 °C in heat block. After 12 hours, two chamber was cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford pure products **3a** (231 mg, 78%).

7. Transformations of β -carbonylsulfonamide

Transformation A of Product 3



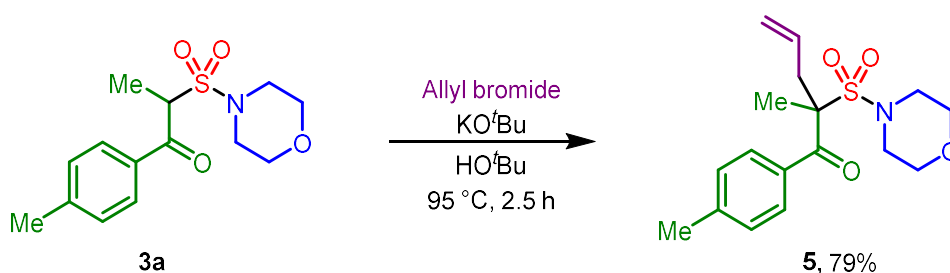
A mixture of compound **3a** (59.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL) was added DIBAL-H (2.0 M in hexane, 1.2 mL, 2.4 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 3 h. Upon completion, the mixture was slowly quenched with 2 N NaOH (aq) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the corresponding product **4** (50.9 mg, 85%).^[1]



2-(morpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-ol (**4**)

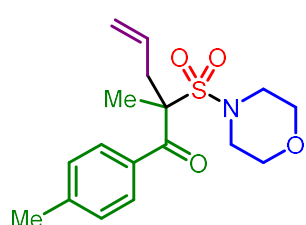
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1) as eluent (50.9 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 4.83 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.69 (m, 4H), 3.45 – 3.34 (m, 4H), 3.34 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.5, 137.0, 129.5, 127.0, 74.0, 67.0, 63.6, 46.4, 21.3, 13.0. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NNaO₄S 322.1083; found: 322.1080.

Transformation B of Product 3



A mixture of compound **3a** (59.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), allyl bromide (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), potassium *t*-butoxide (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in *t*-butyl alcohol (0.6 mL) was heated at reflux for

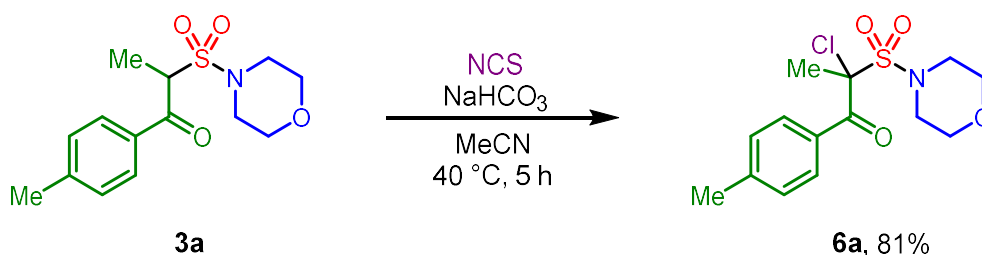
2.5 h under a nitrogen atmosphere. Upon completion, water was added, and the products were extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the corresponding product **5** (53.3 mg, 79%).^[2]



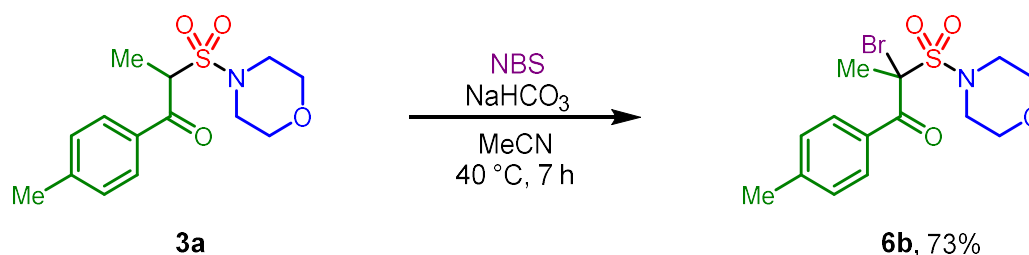
2-methyl-2-(morpholinylsulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)pent-4-en-1-one (**5**)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as yellow oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (6:1) as eluent (53.3 mg, 79%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.53 – 5.36 (m, 1H), 5.15 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 3.77 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.45 – 3.25 (m, 5H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.3, 142.9, 135.9, 131.0, 129.0, 128.9, 120.8, 76.3, 67.2, 47.9, 40.4, 21.7 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 20.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NNaO₄S 360.1240; found: 360.1244.

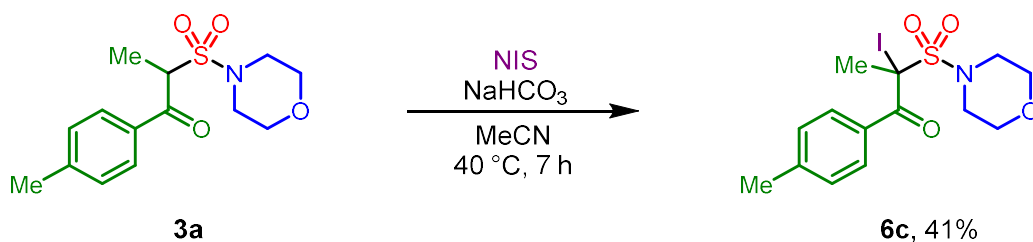
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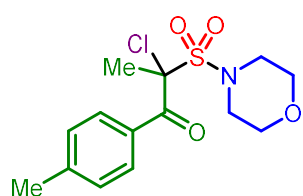
A mixture of compound **3a** (59.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) and N-chlorosuccinimide (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in MeCN (0.8 mL) was added saturated NaHCO₃ (0.2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 5 h. Upon completion, water was added, and the products were extracted with DCM. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the corresponding product **6a** (53.6 mg, 81%).^[3]



A mixture of compound **3a** (59.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) and N-bromosuccinimide (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in MeCN (0.8 mL) was added saturated NaHCO₃ (0.2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 7 h. Upon completion, water was added, and the products were extracted with DCM. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the corresponding product **6b** (54.7 mg, 73%).^[3]

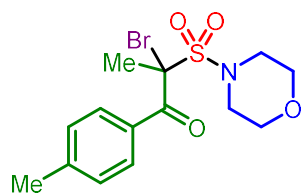


A mixture of compound **3a** (59.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) and N-iodosuccinimide (0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in MeCN (0.8 mL) was added saturated NaHCO₃ (0.2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 7 h. Upon completion, water was added, and the products were extracted with DCM. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the corresponding product **6c** (35.0 mg, 41%).^[3]



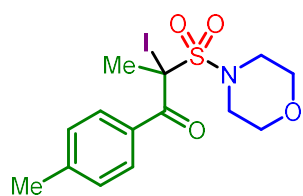
2-chloro-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (**6a**)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as pale yellow solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (53.6 mg, 81%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.65 (m, 4H), 3.52 – 3.39 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.7, 144.6, 132.0, 130.8, 128.9, 86.4, 67.1, 48.4, 26.8, 21.8. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₈ClNO₄S 354.0537; found: 354.0541.



2-bromo-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (**6b**)

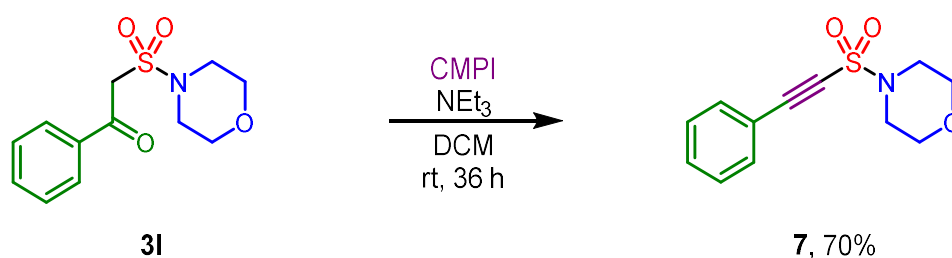
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as pale yellow solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (54.7 mg, 73%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.74 – 3.64 (m, 4H), 3.54 – 3.40 (m, 4H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 191.5, 144.4, 132.3, 130.8, 128.9, 77.0, 67.1, 48.6, 27.9 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 21.7 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₉BrNO₄S 376.0213; found: 376.0208.



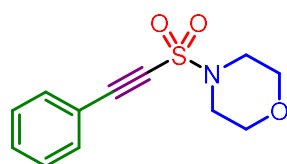
2-iodo-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (**6c**)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as brown solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1) as eluent (35.0 mg, 41%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 3.74 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 3.54 – 3.41 (m, 4H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.8, 144.2, 132.6, 130.9, 128.9, 67.2, 56.2, 49.0, 30.8, 21.8. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₉INO₄S 424.0074; found: 424.0072.

Transformation D of Product 3



A mixture of compound **3I** (53.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-Chloro-1-methylpyridinium iodide (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in DCM (2.0 mL) was added Et₃N (0.36 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 36 h, then 1N NaOH (0.6 mL) was added. After 5 min, water was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the residue was filtered through a short column of Al₂O₃ using DCM as eluent to afford the corresponding product **7** (35.4 mg, 70%).^[4]

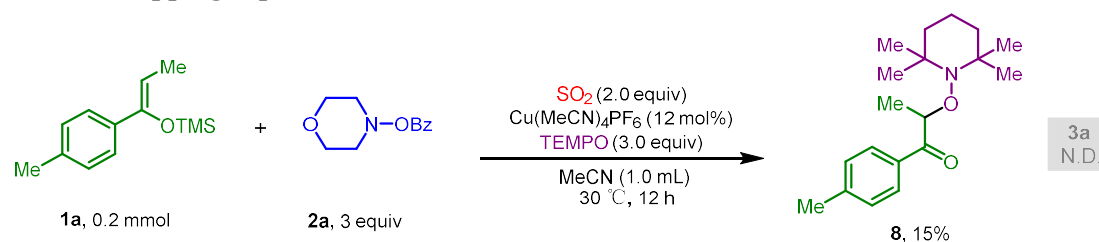


4-((phenylethynyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (**7**)

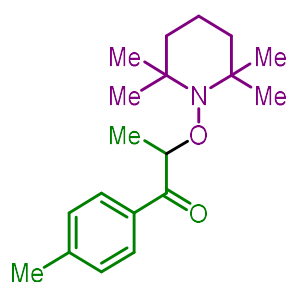
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid (35.4 mg, 70%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 3.89 – 3.81 (m, 4H), 3.30 – 3.21 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 133.0, 131.6, 129.0, 118.0, 91.6, 79.3, 65.9, 46.5. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NNaO₃S 274.0508; found: 274.0509.

8. Mechanistic Studies

Radical trapping experiments A

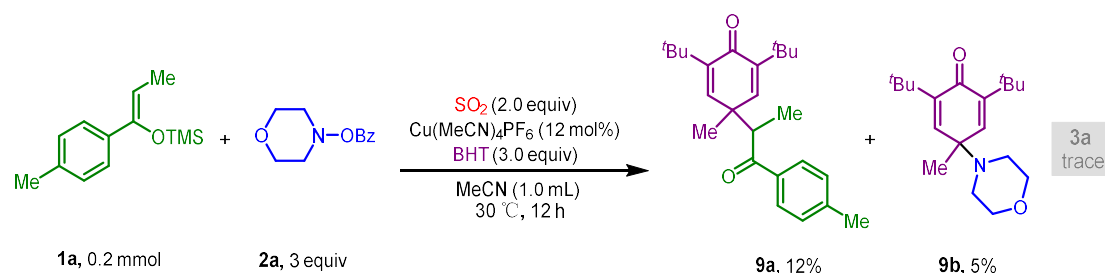


In the glovebox, compound **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), compound **2a** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9.0 mg, 12.0 mol%), TEMPO (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were added into chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of MeCN (1.0 mL). Tetrabromothiophene S,S-dioxides (0.4 mmol, 172.7 mg), 4-methylphenylene (0.48 mmol, 64 μL) was added to chamber A with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of tetradecane (1.0 mL). The two chamber system was sealed and removed out of the glovebox. The chamber A was allowed to stir at 100 °C using heating mantle with 600-800 rpm stirring speed for 10 min. Then chamber B was heated to 30 °C in heat block. After 12 hours, two chamber was cooled to room temperature. TLC, GC and LC-MS analysis demonstrated the product **3a** is not founded. The TEMPO-adduct **5a** was detected by LC-MS. The reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the TEMPO-adduct **8** (9.3 mg, 15%).



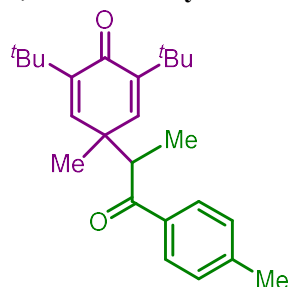
2-((2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxy)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (8) Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as colourless oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (80:1) as eluent (9.3 mg, 15%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.98 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.53 – 1.47 (m, 5H), 1.39 (s, 2H), 1.33 – 1.26 (m, 5H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 201.7, 144.0, 132.8, 129.5, 129.3, 86.6, 86.5, 59.8, 40.4, 21.9, 21.8, 20.5, 19.5, 19.5, 17.3. HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₃₀NO₂ 304.2271; found: 304.2276.

Radical trapping experiments B

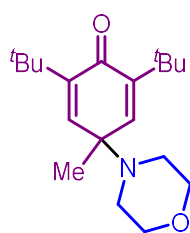


In the glovebox, compound **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), compound **2a** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9.0 mg, 12.0 mol%), BHT (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were added into chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of MeCN (1.0 mL). Tetrabromothiophene S,S-dioxides (0.4 mmol, 172.7 mg), 4-methylphenylene (0.48 mmol, 64 μL) was added to chamber A with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of tetradecane (1.0 mL). The two chamber system was sealed and removed out of the glovebox. The chamber A was allowed to stir at 100 °C using heating mantle with 600-800 rpm stirring speed for 10 min. Then chamber B was heated to 30 °C in heat block. After 12 hours, two chamber was cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford compound **9a** (8.9 mg, 12%) and compound **9b** (8.6 mg, 5%).

2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methyl-4-(1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propan-2-yl)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (9a)



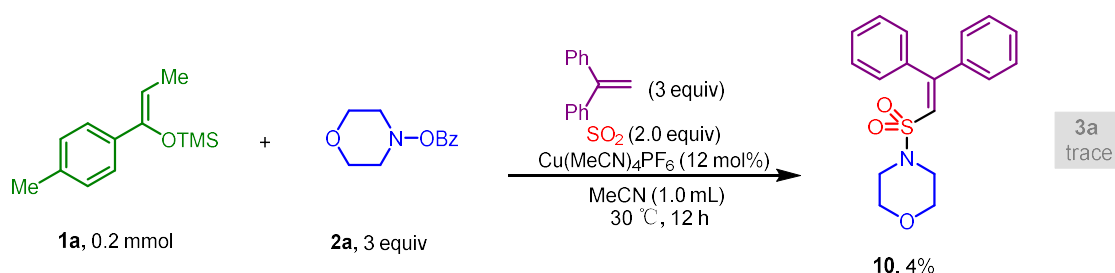
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as pale oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (50:1) as eluent (8.9 mg, 12%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.19 – 1.16 (m, 12H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₃₅O₂ 367.2632; found: 367.2625.



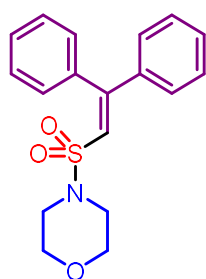
2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methyl-4-morpholinocyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (9b)

Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as pale oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (15:1) as eluent (8.6 mg, 5%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) 6.60 (s, 2H), 3.61 – 3.48 (m, 4H), 3.23 – 3.09 (m, 4H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 18H). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₃₂NO₂ 306.2428; found: 306.2427.

Radical trapping experiments C



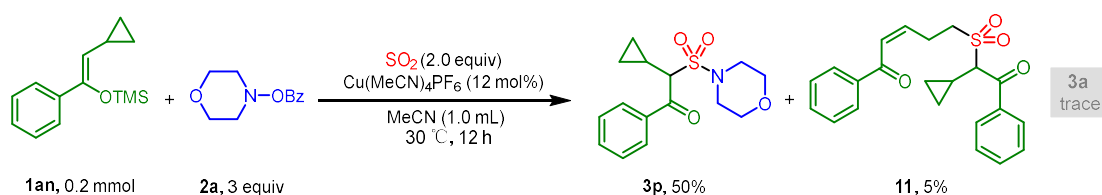
In the glovebox, compound **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), compound **2a** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9.0 mg, 12.0 mol%), 1,1-Diphenylethylene (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were added into chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of MeCN (1.0 mL). Tetrabromothiophene S,S-dioxides (0.4 mmol, 172.7 mg), 4-methylphenylene (0.48 mmol, 64 μL) was added to chamber A with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of tetradecane (1.0 mL). The two chamber system was sealed and removed out of the glovebox. The chamber A was allowed to stir at 100 °C using heating mantle with 600-800 rpm stirring speed for 10 min. Then chamber B was heated to 30 °C in heat block. After 12 hours, two chamber was cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford compound **10** (7.5 mg, 4%).



4-((2,2-diphenylvinyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (10)

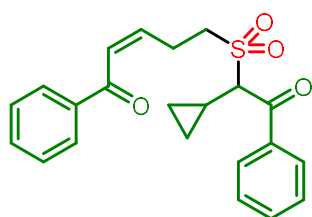
Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as pale oil using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (7.5 mg, 4%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.66 – 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.12 – 3.05 (m, 4H). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NNaO₃S 352.0978; found: 352.0976.

Radical clock experiment



In the glovebox, compound **1an** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), compound **2a** (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (9.0 mg, 12.0 mol%) were added into chamber B with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of MeCN (1.0 mL). Tetrabromothiophene S,S-dioxides (0.4 mmol, 172.7

mg), 4-methylphenylene (0.48 mmol, 64 μ L) was added to chamber A with a magnetic stirring bar, followed by addition of tetradecane (1.0 mL). The two chamber system was sealed and removed out of the glovebox. The chamber A was allowed to stir at 100 $^{\circ}$ C using heating mantle with 600-800 rpm stirring speed for 10 min. Then chamber B was heated to 30 $^{\circ}$ C in heat block. After 12 hours, two chamber was cooled to room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford compound **3p** (30.9 mg, 50%) and compound **11** (2.0 mg, 5%).



(Z)-5-((1-cyclopropyl-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenylpent-2-en-1-one (11) Prepared by the general procedure, isolated as white solid using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1) as eluent (2.0 mg, 5%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 – 7.89 (m, 4H), 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 4.26 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.55 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.01 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 1.00 – 0.80 (m, 3H), 0.80 – 0.71 (m, 1H), 0.47 – 0.32 (m, 1H). HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ 405.1131; found: 405.1134.

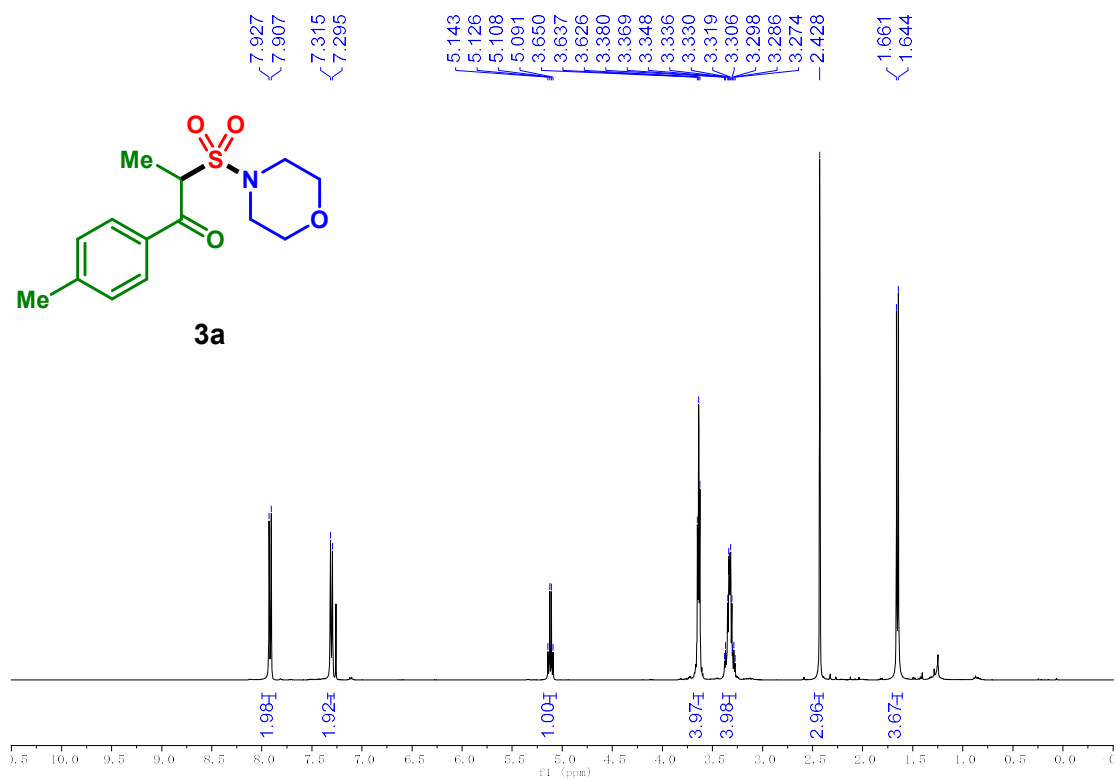
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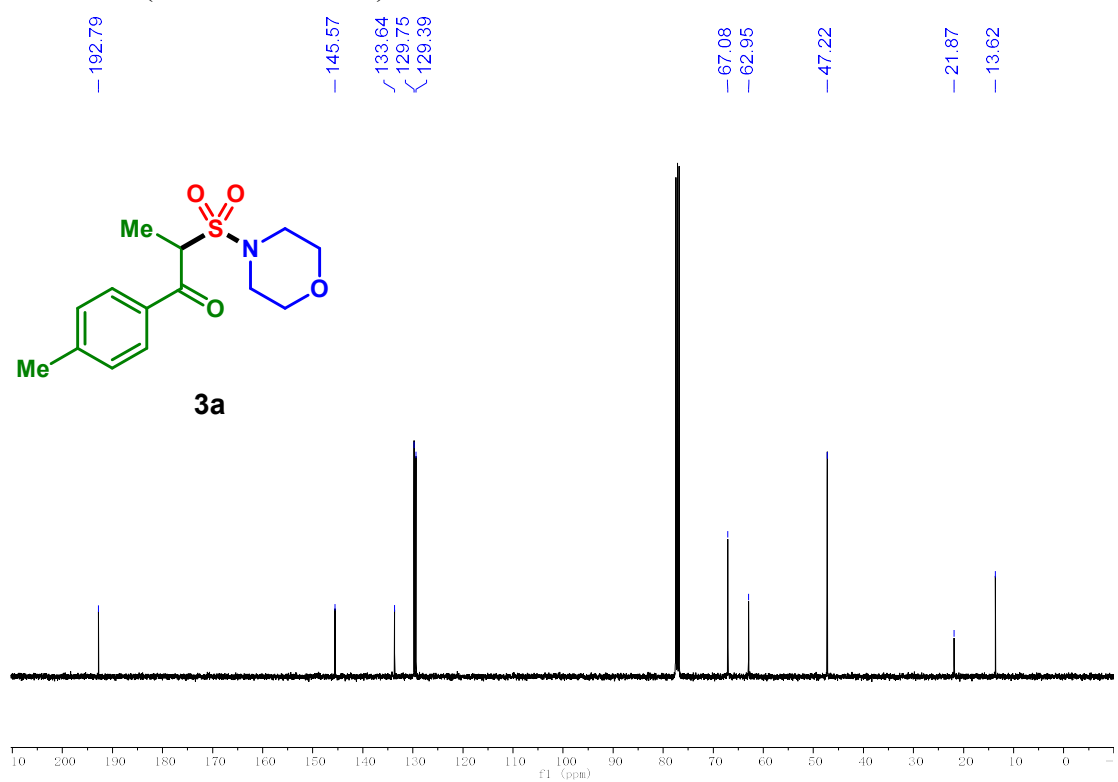
10. NMR Spectra

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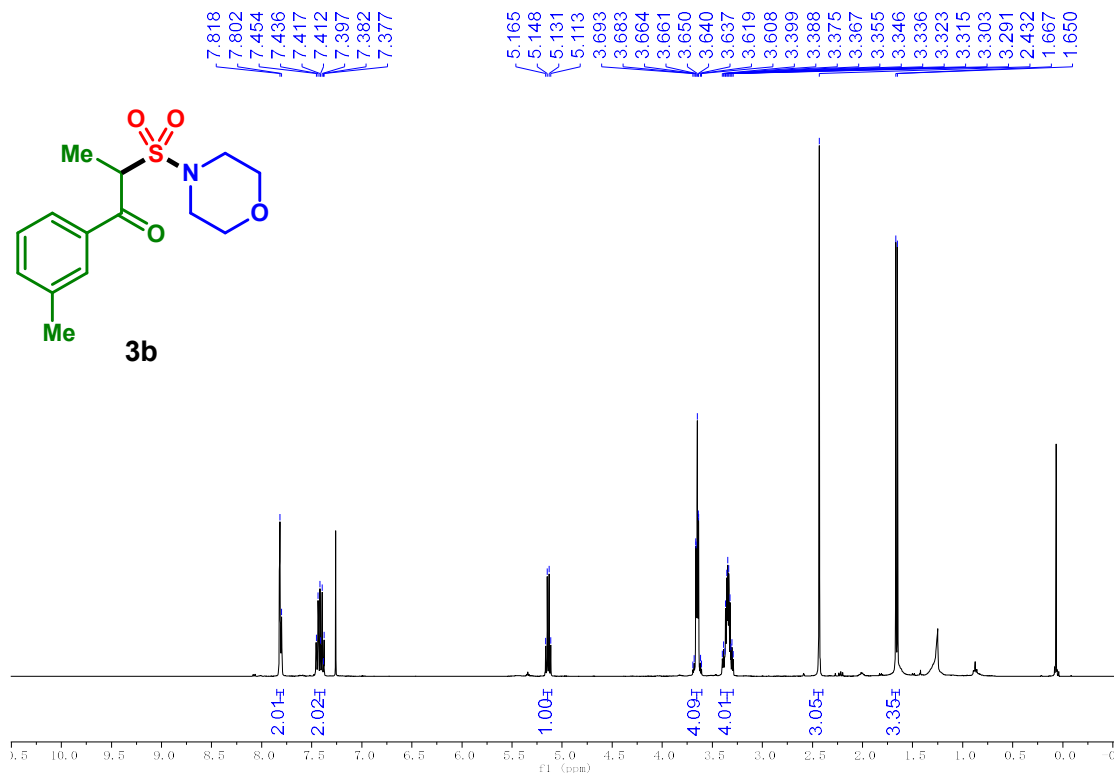


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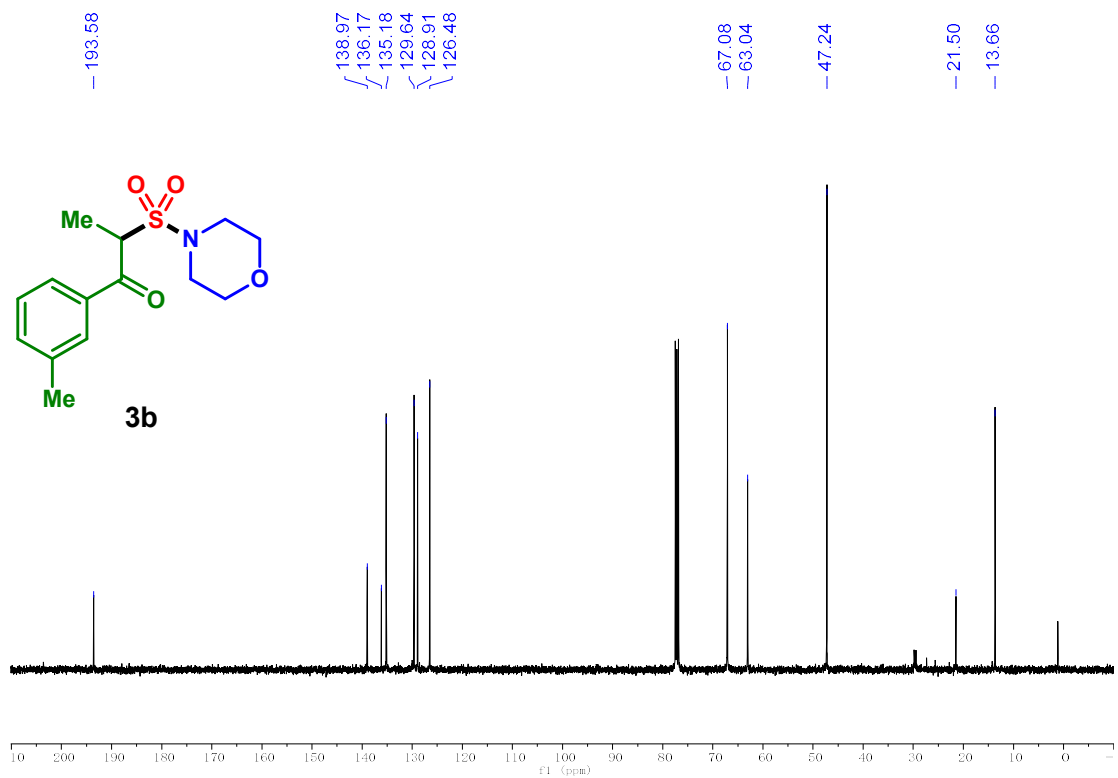


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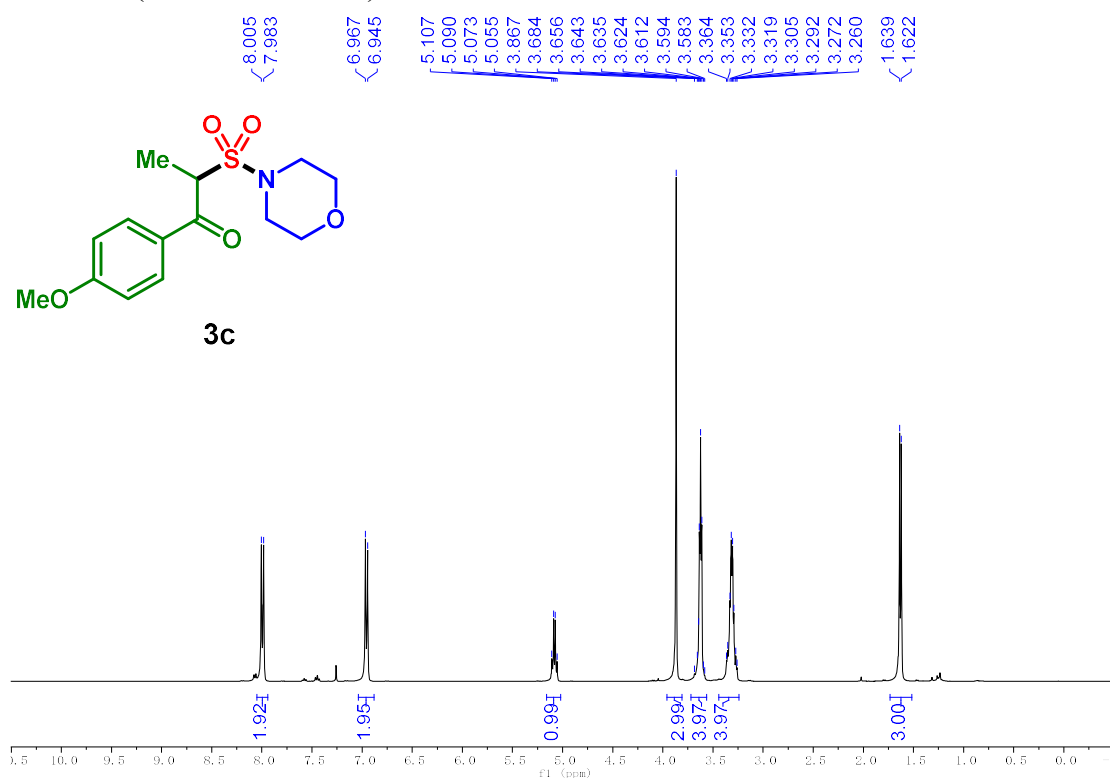


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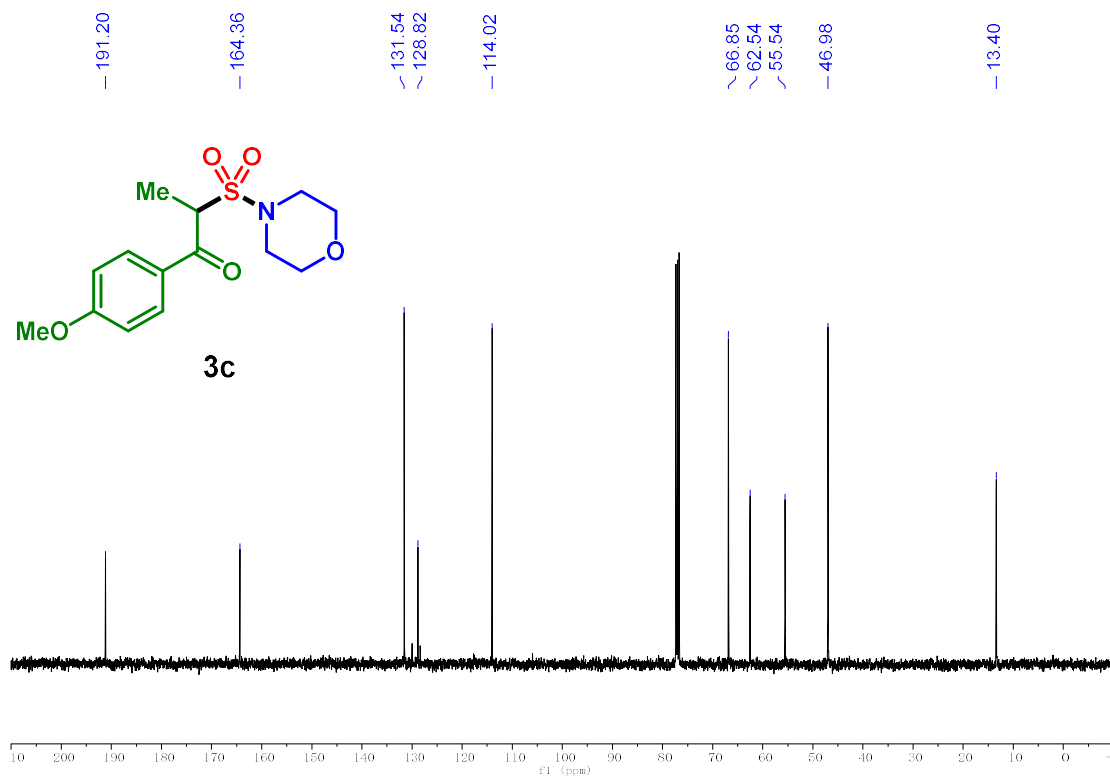


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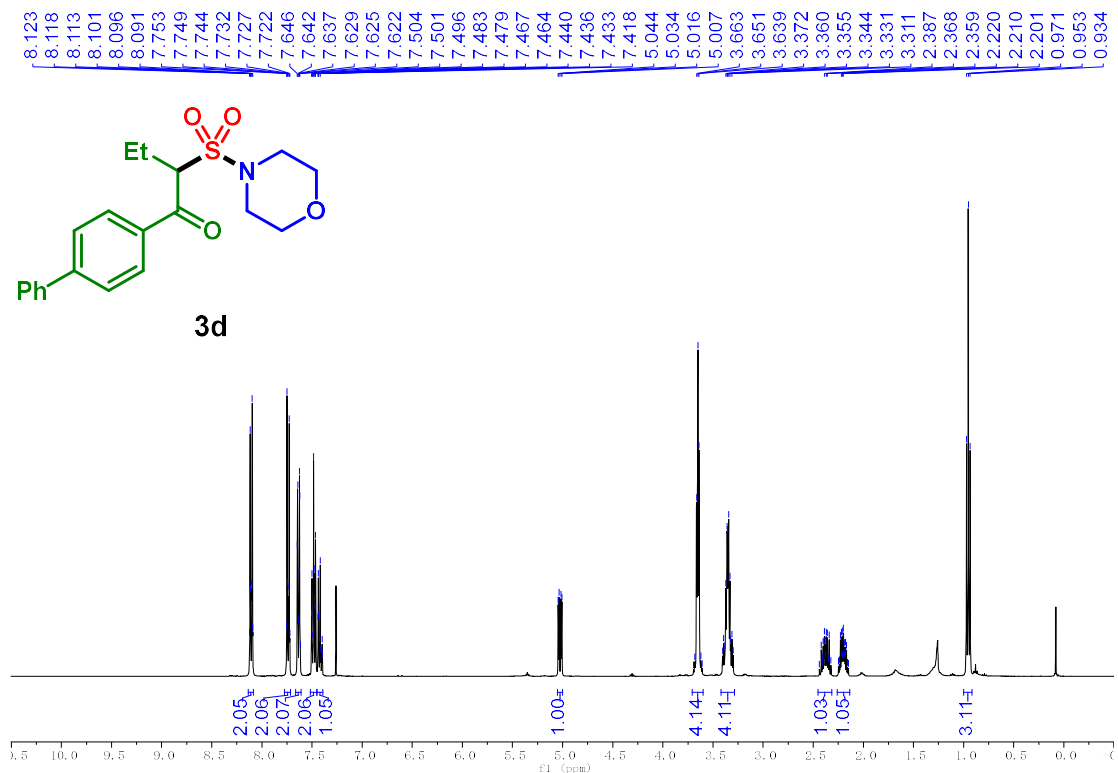


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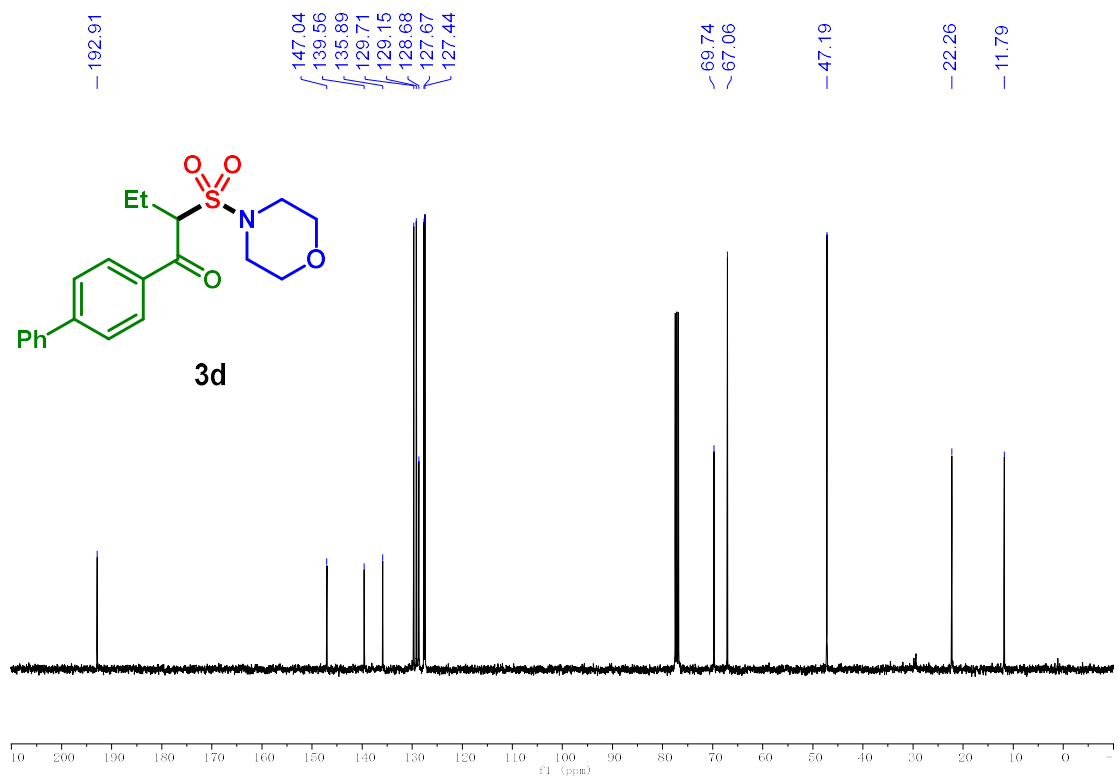


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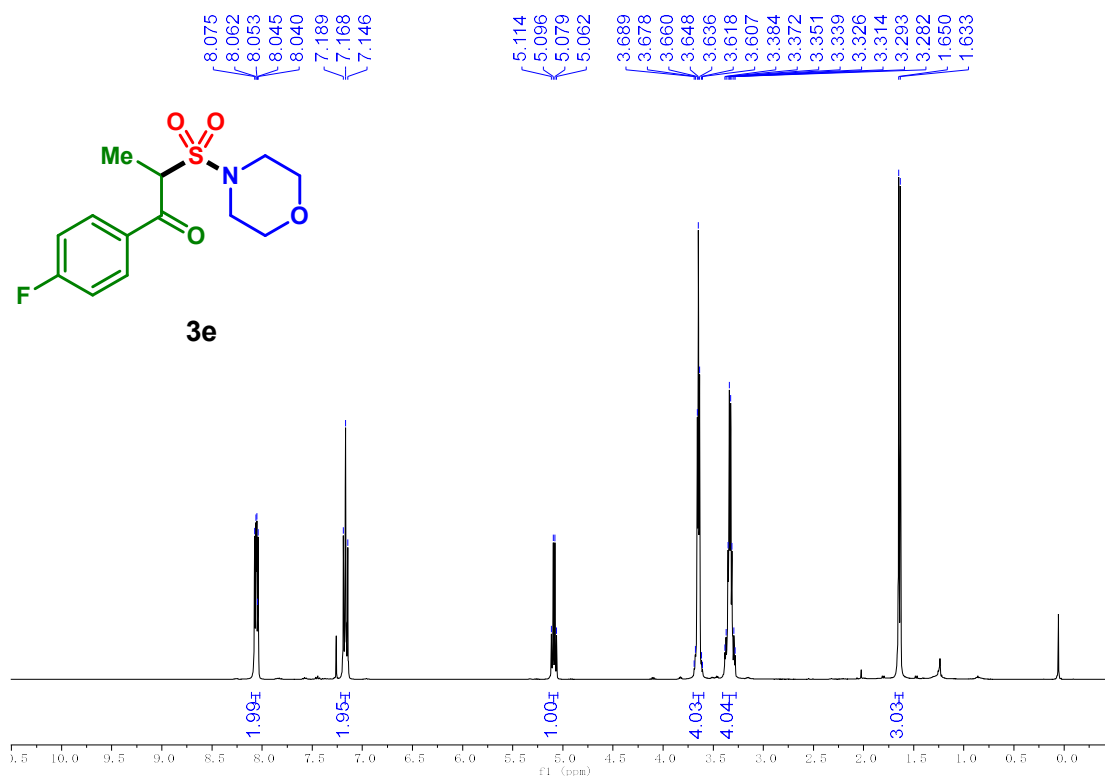


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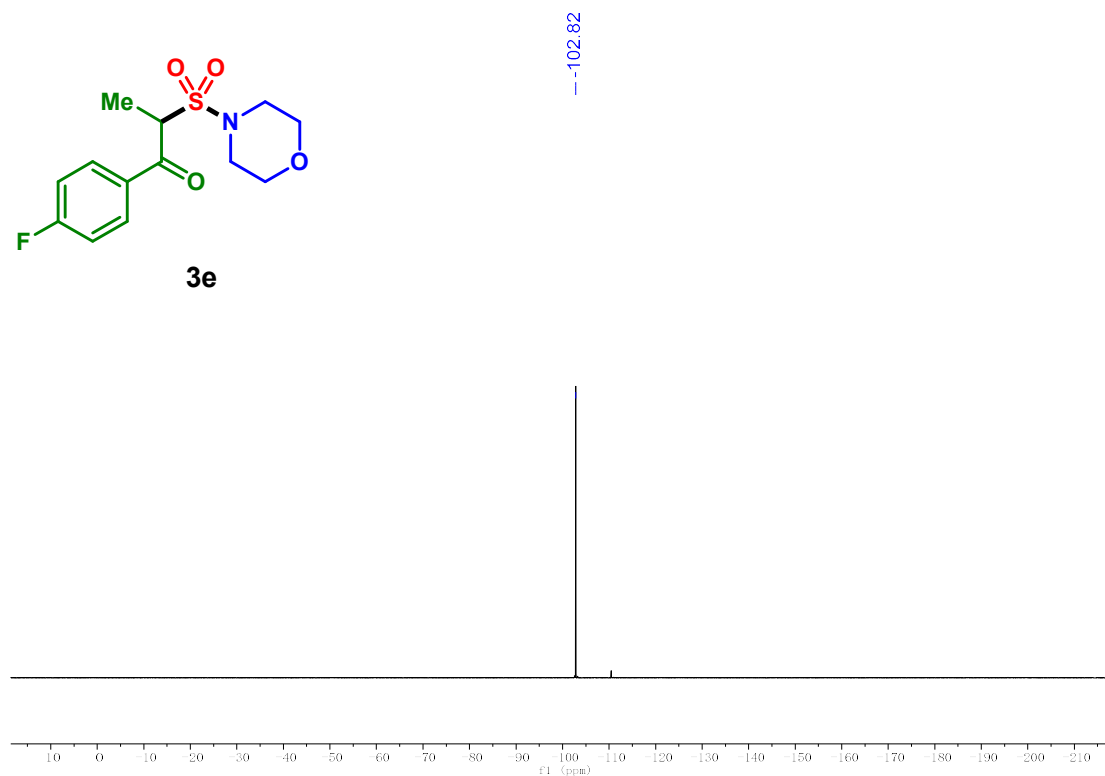


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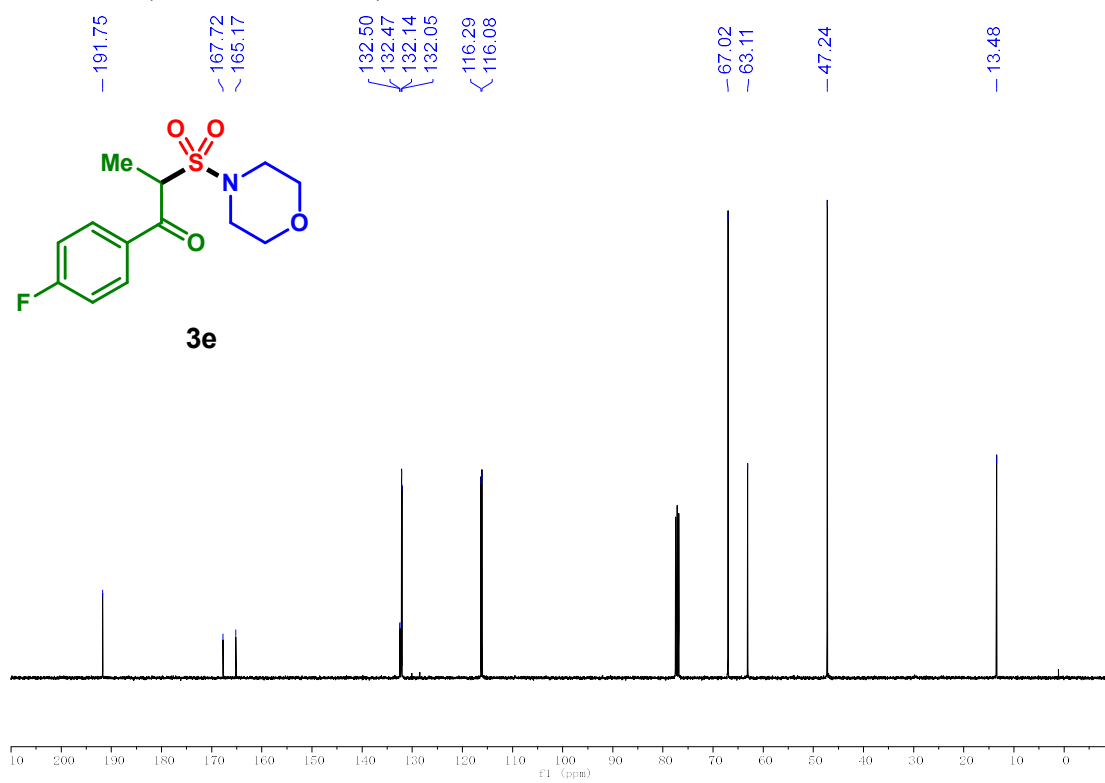
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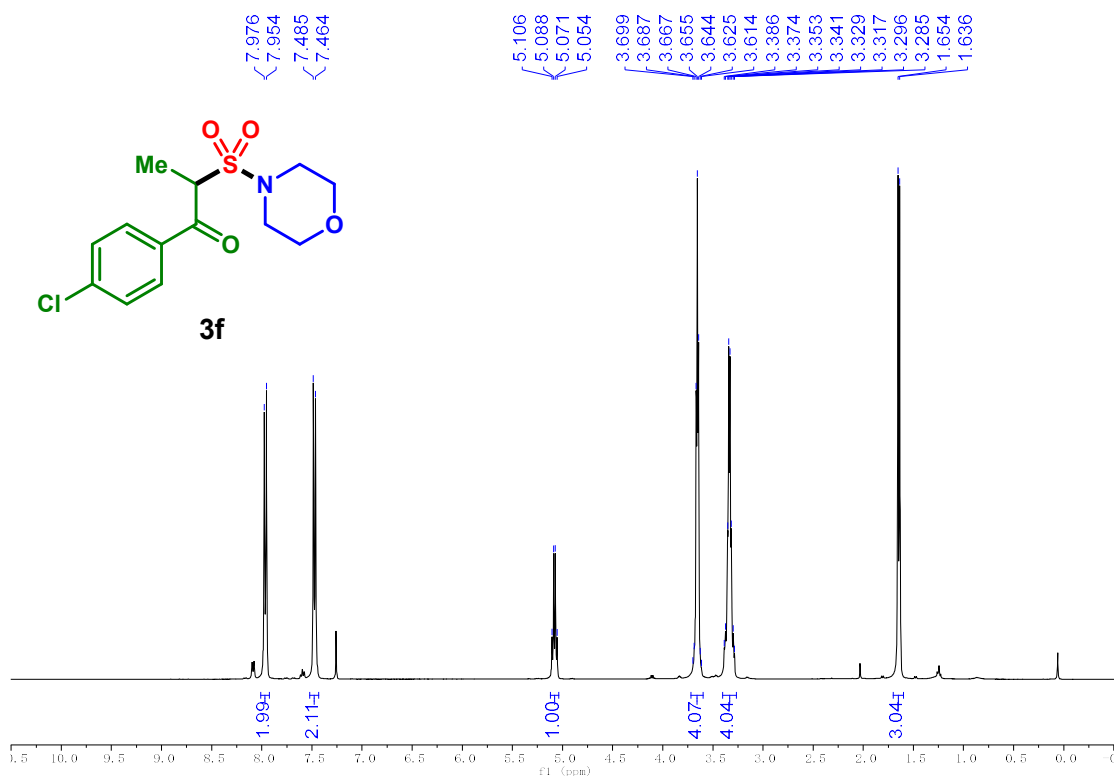


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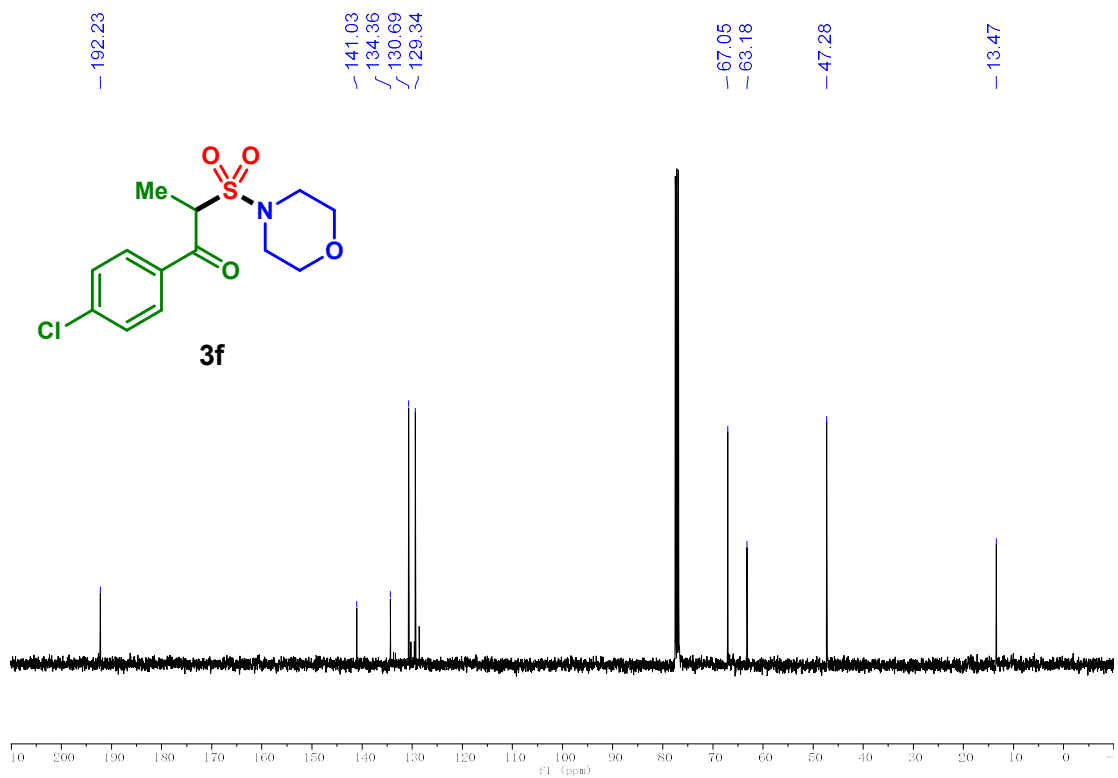


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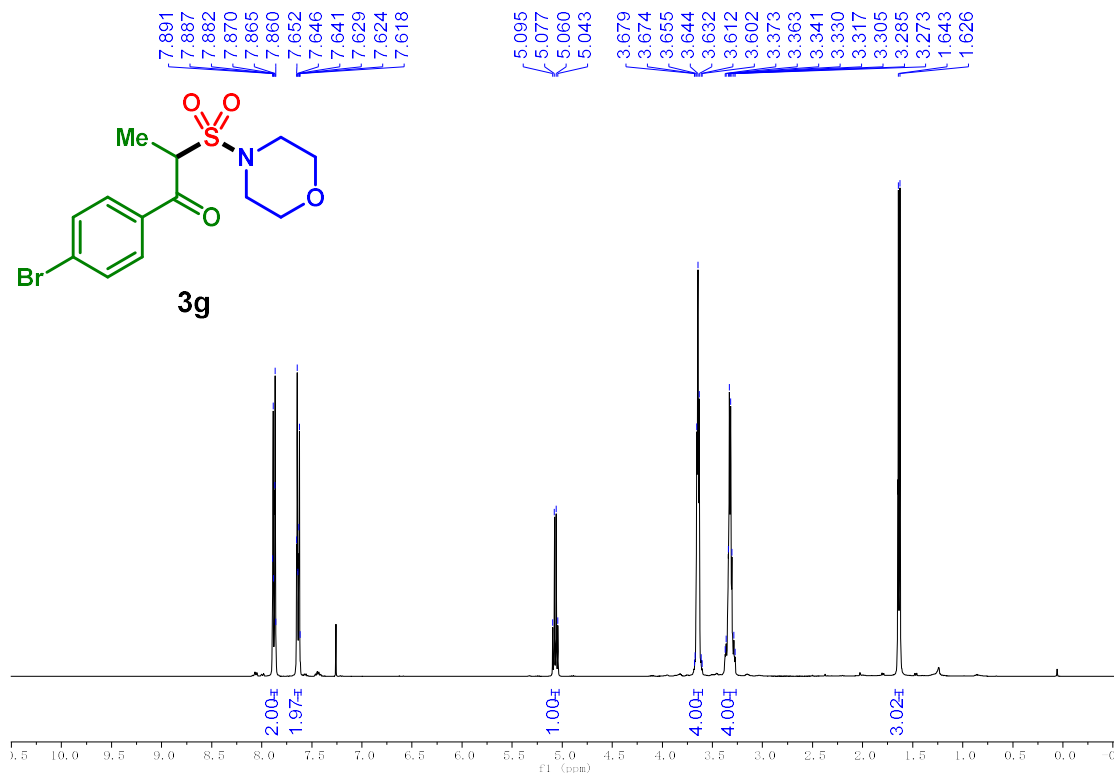


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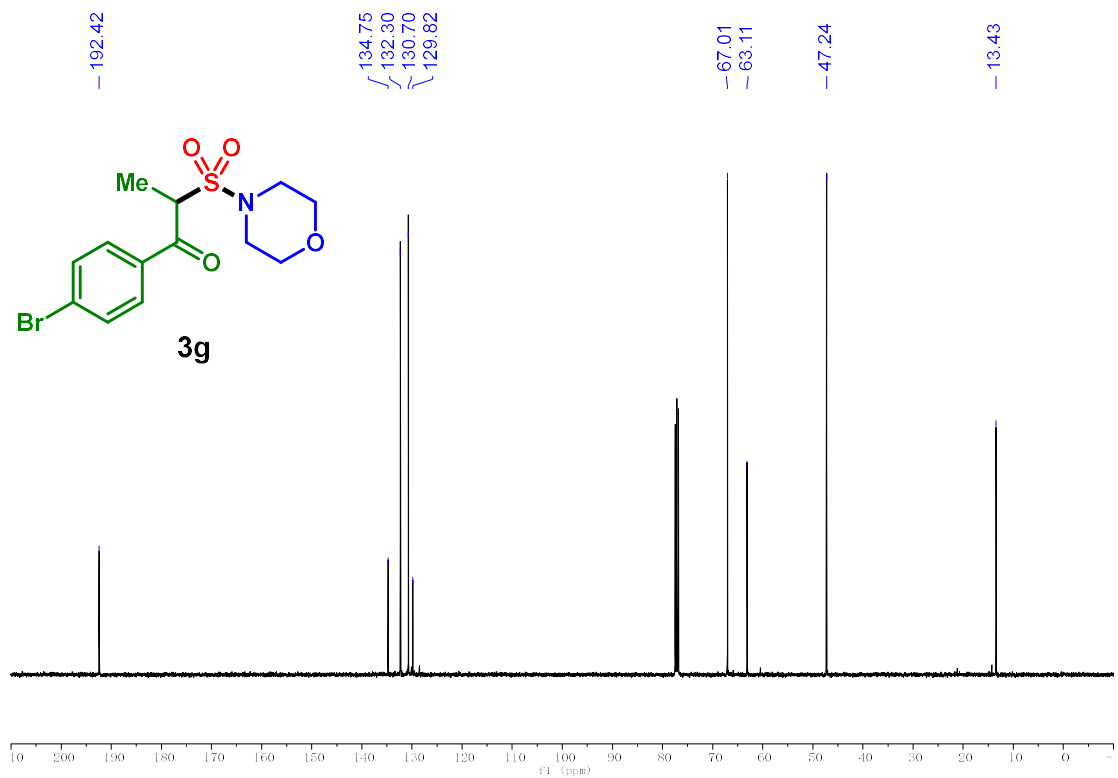


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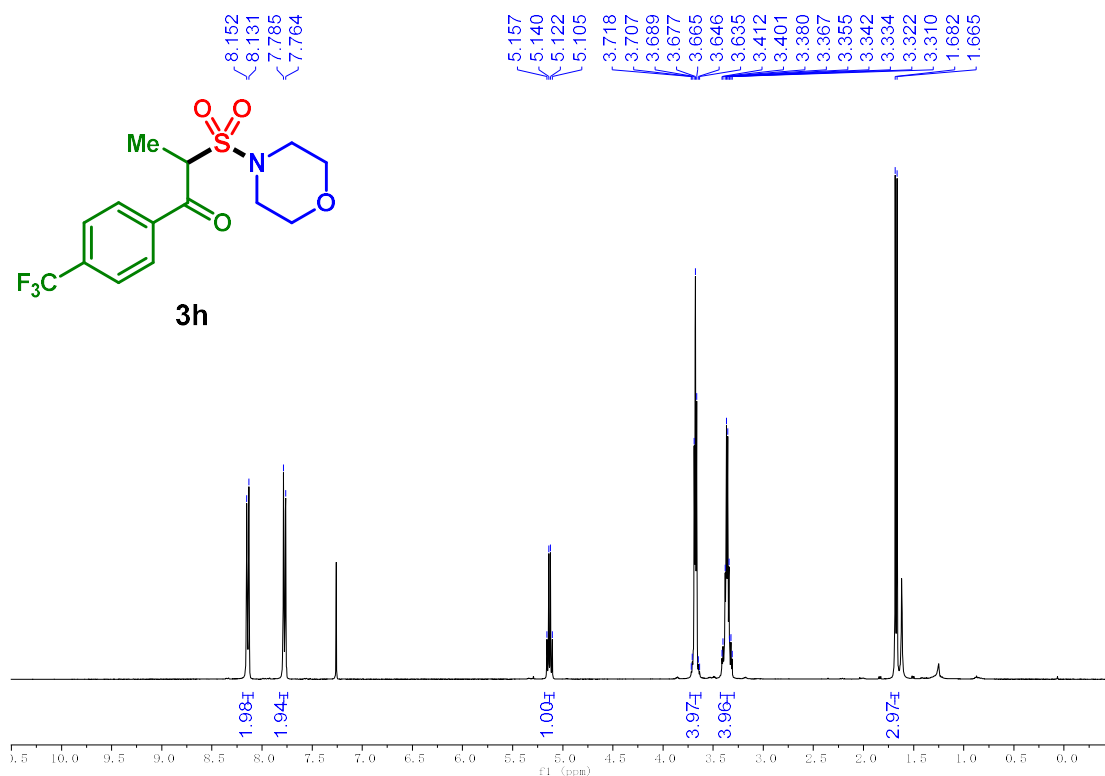


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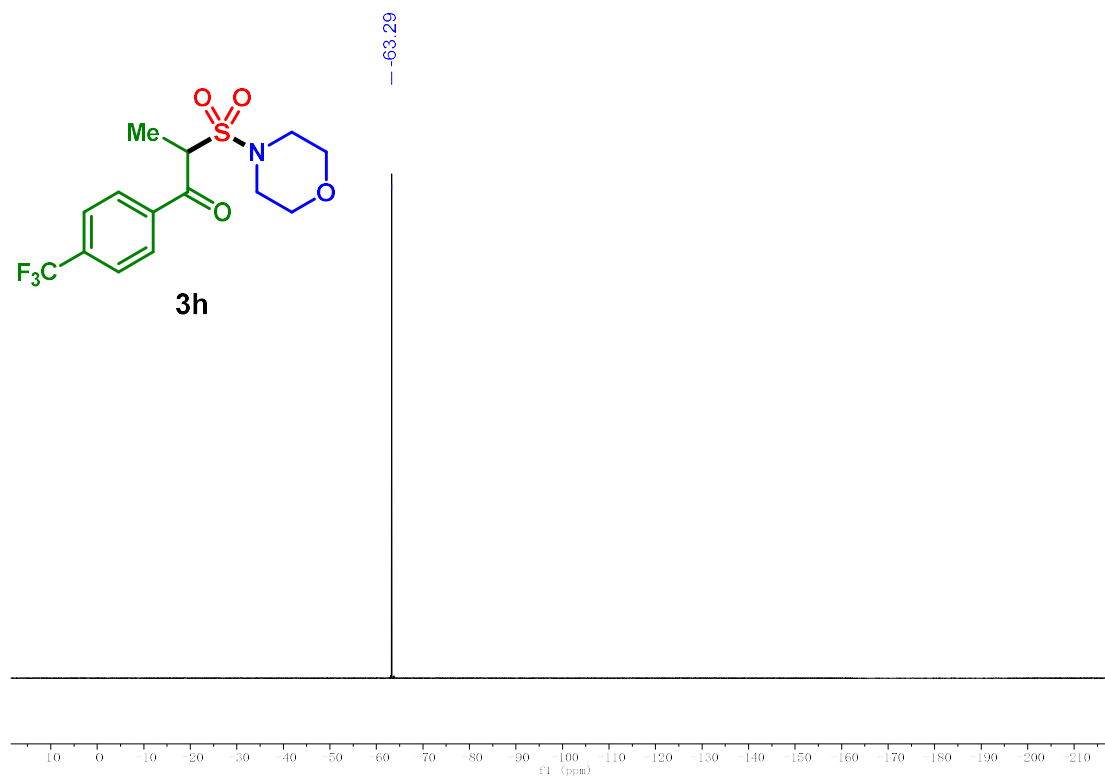


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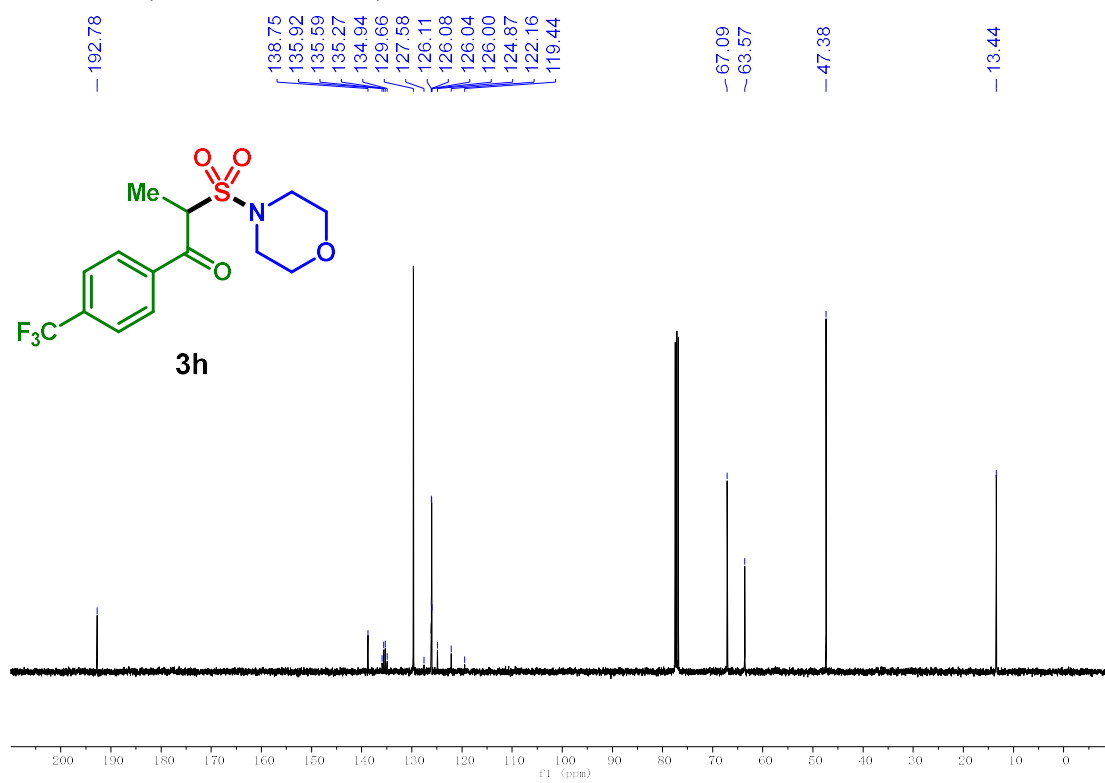
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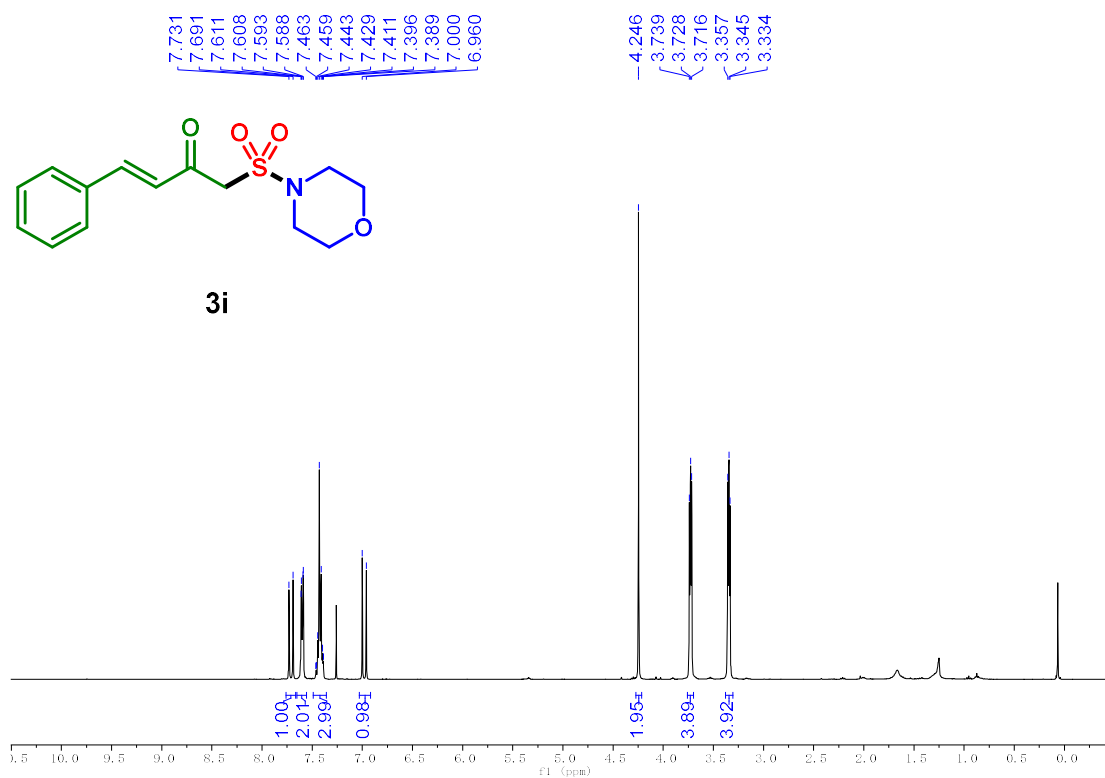


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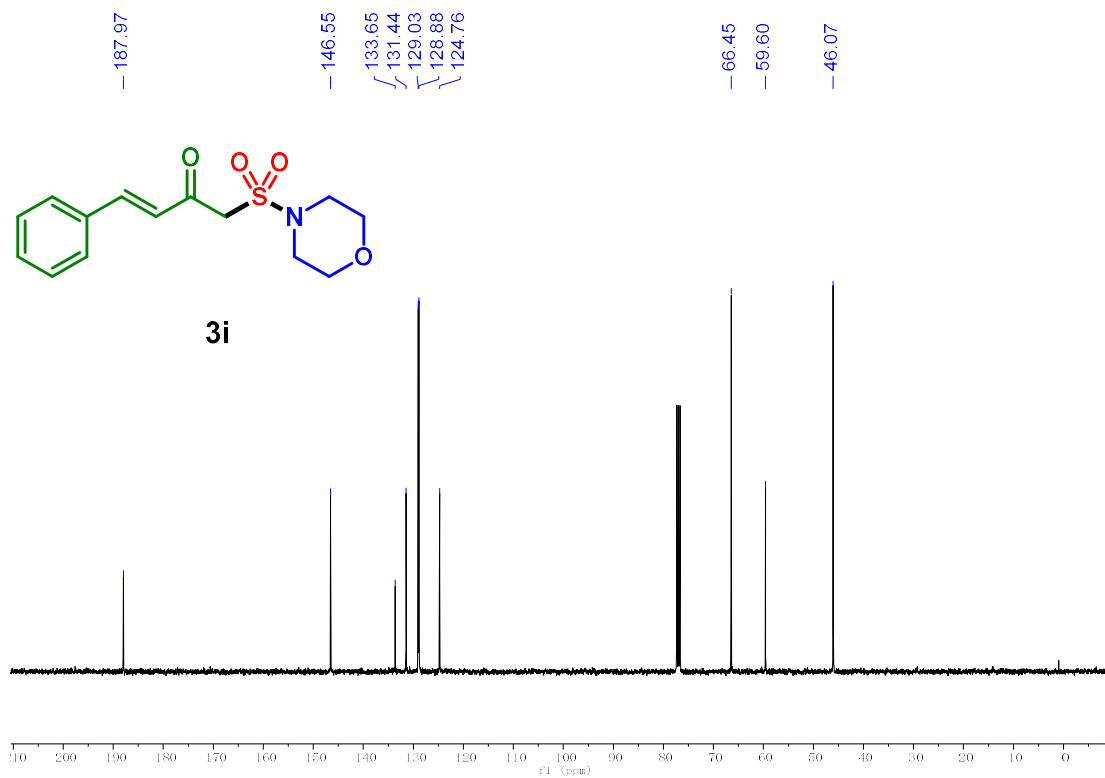


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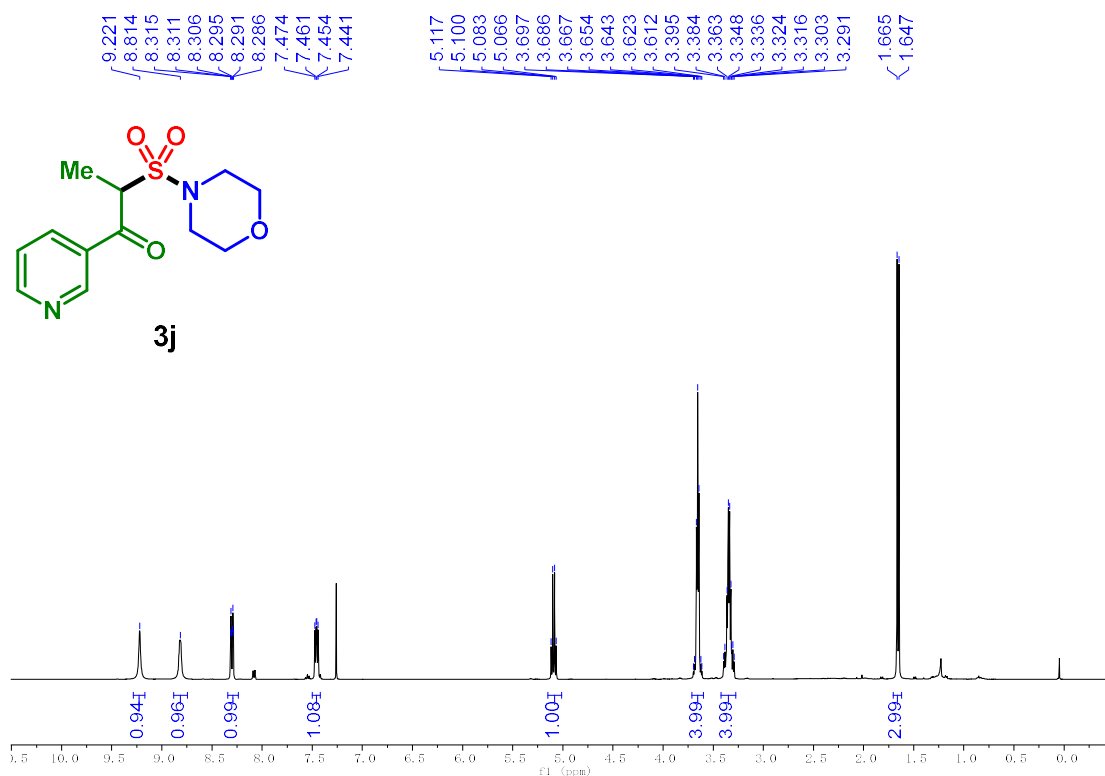


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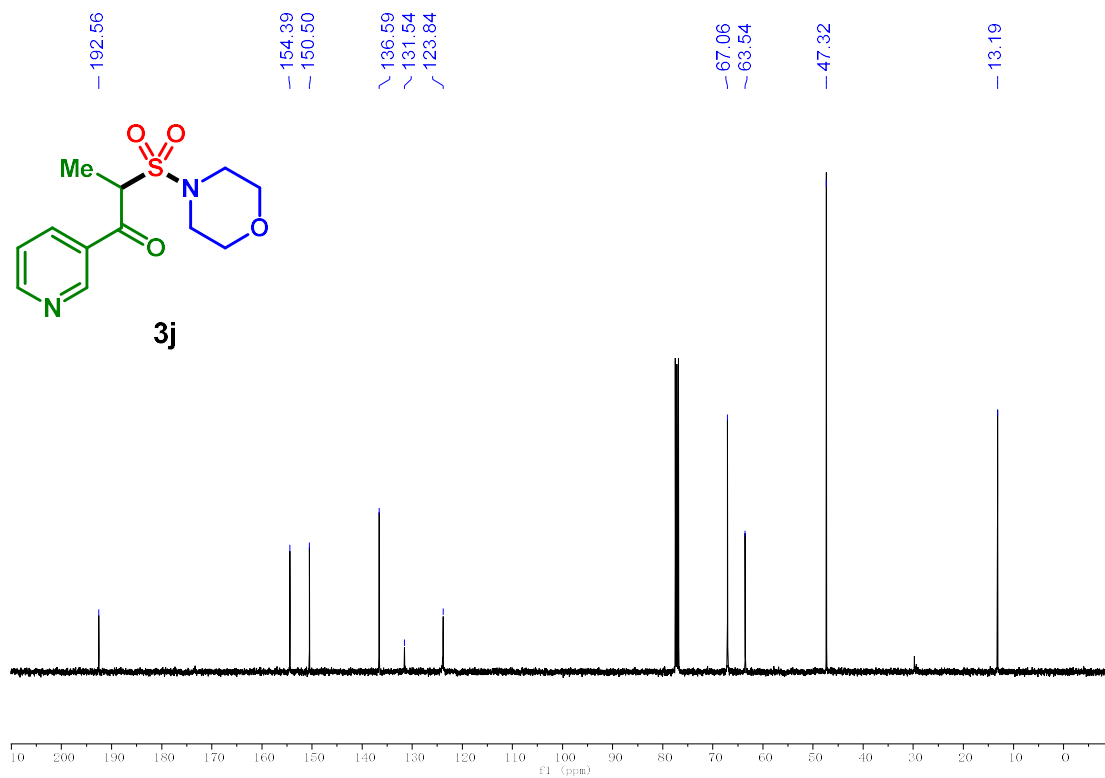


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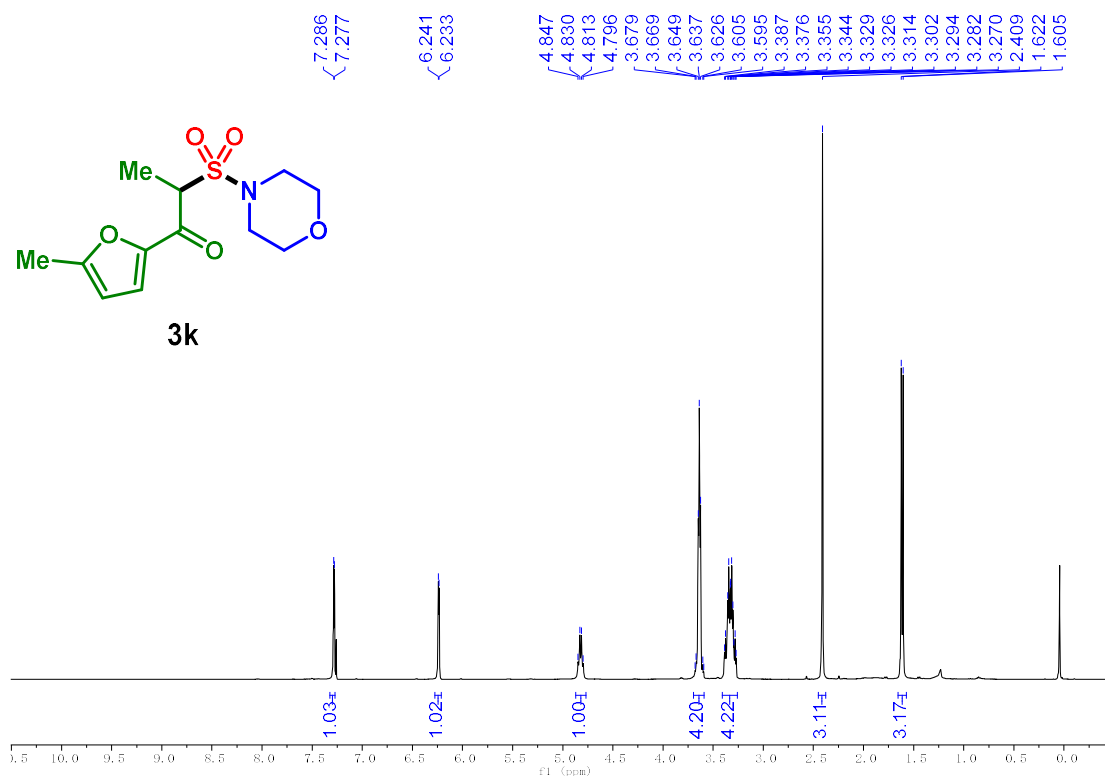


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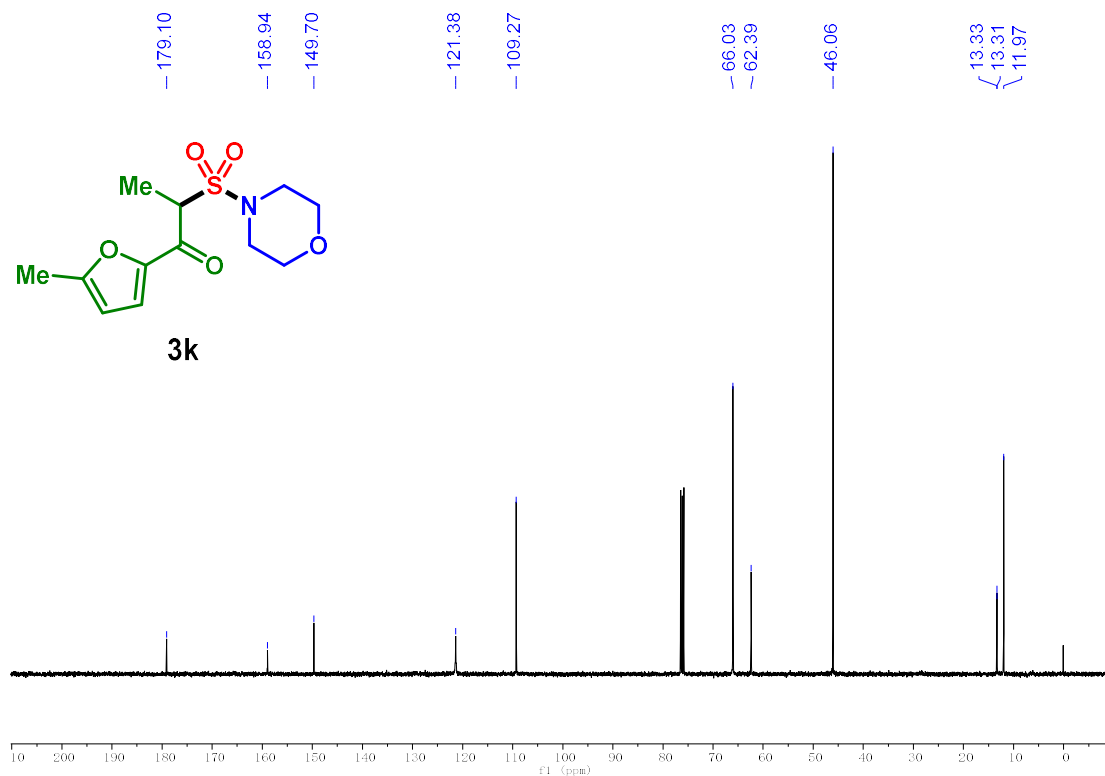


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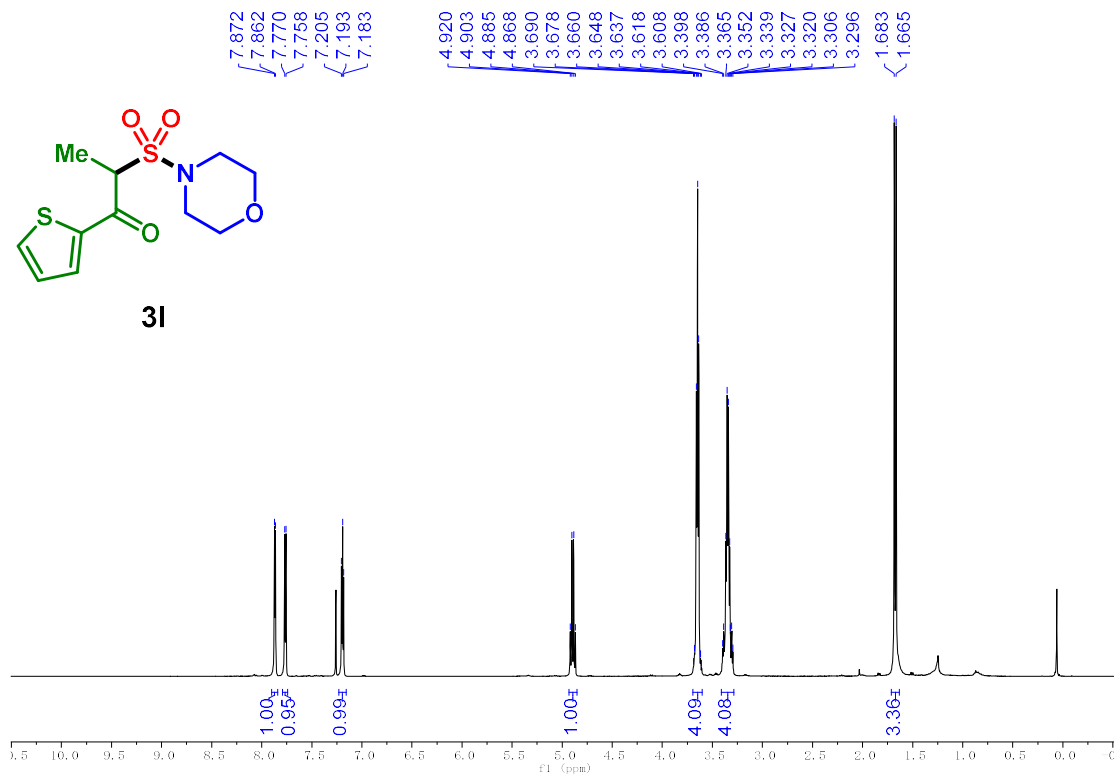


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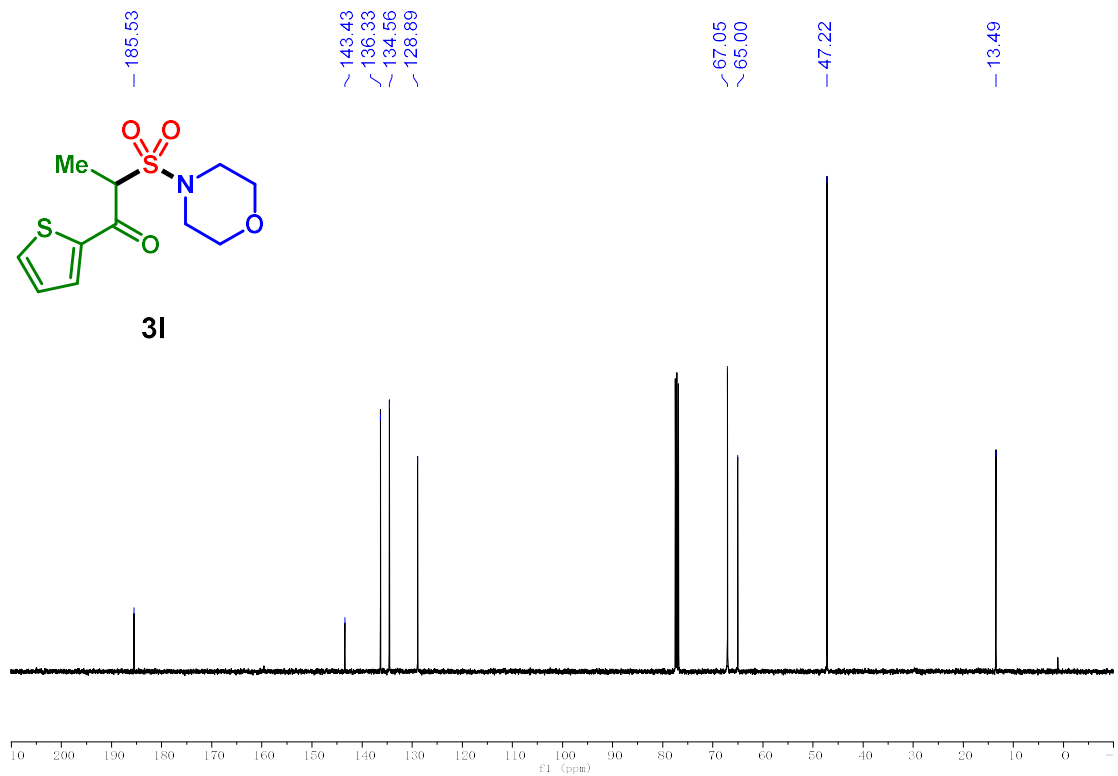


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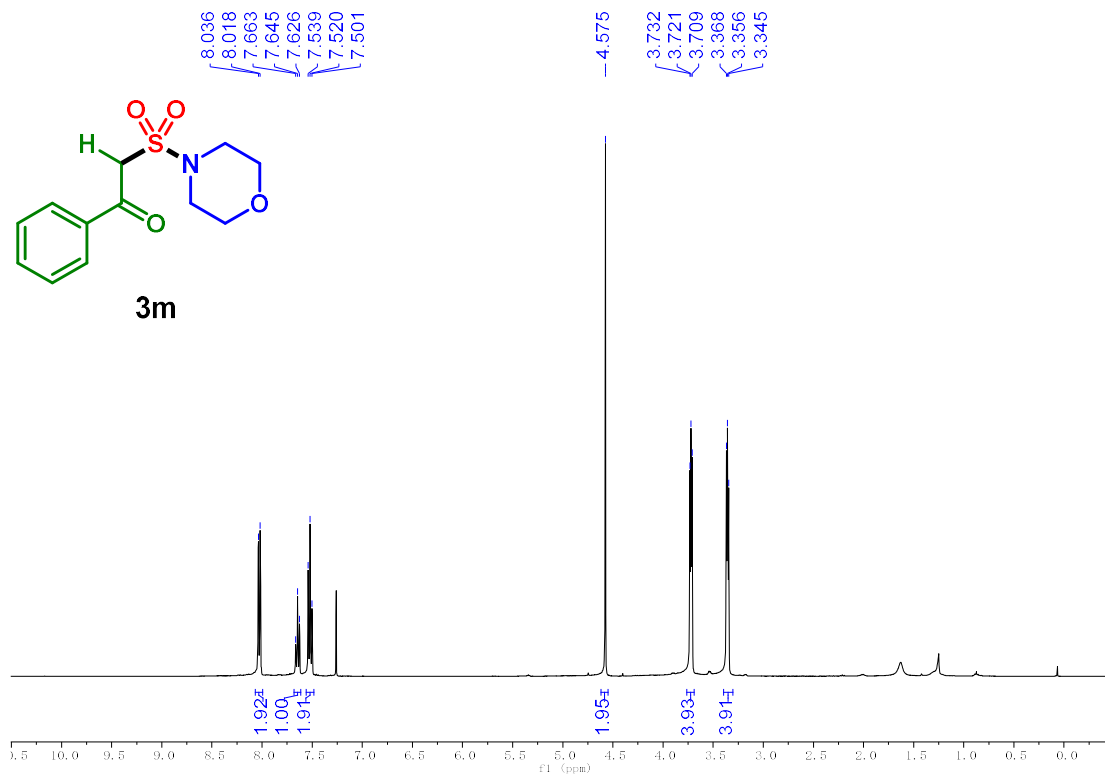


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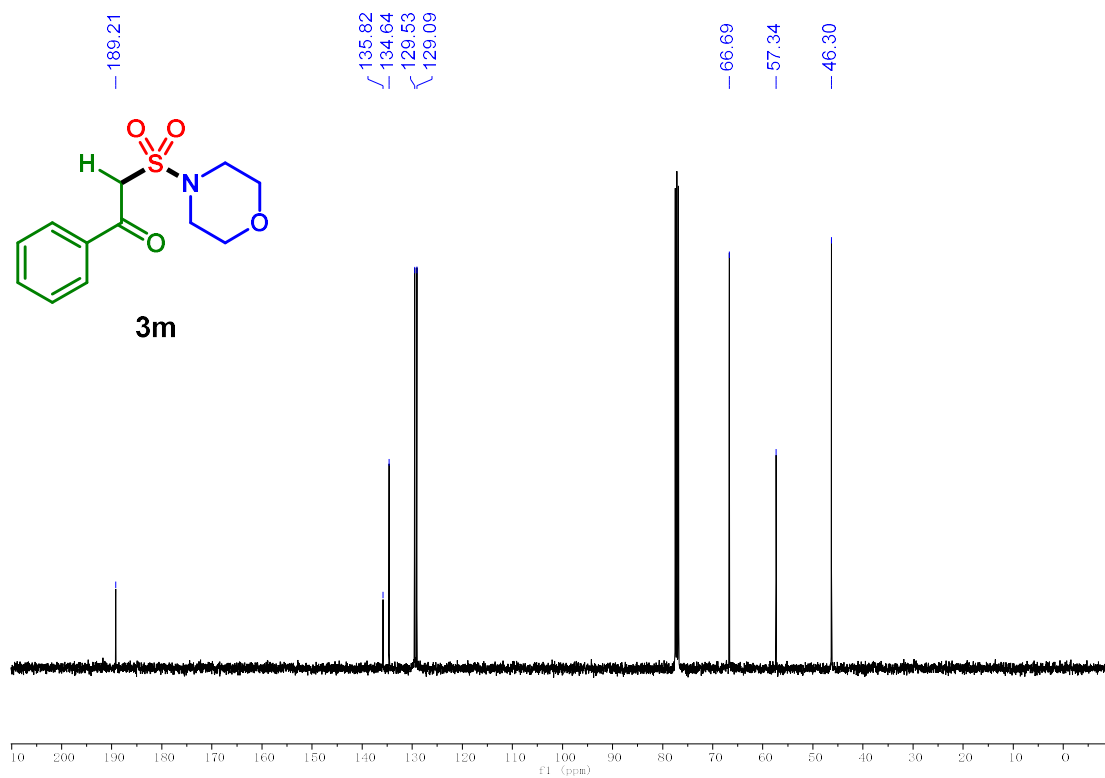


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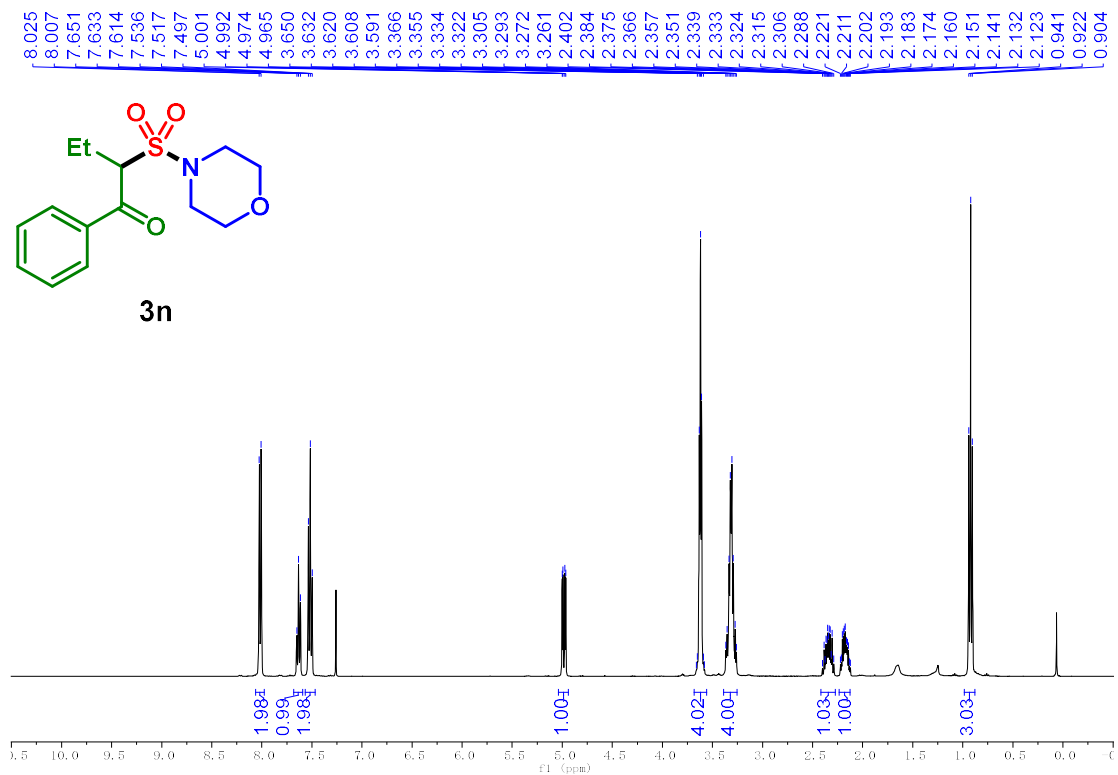


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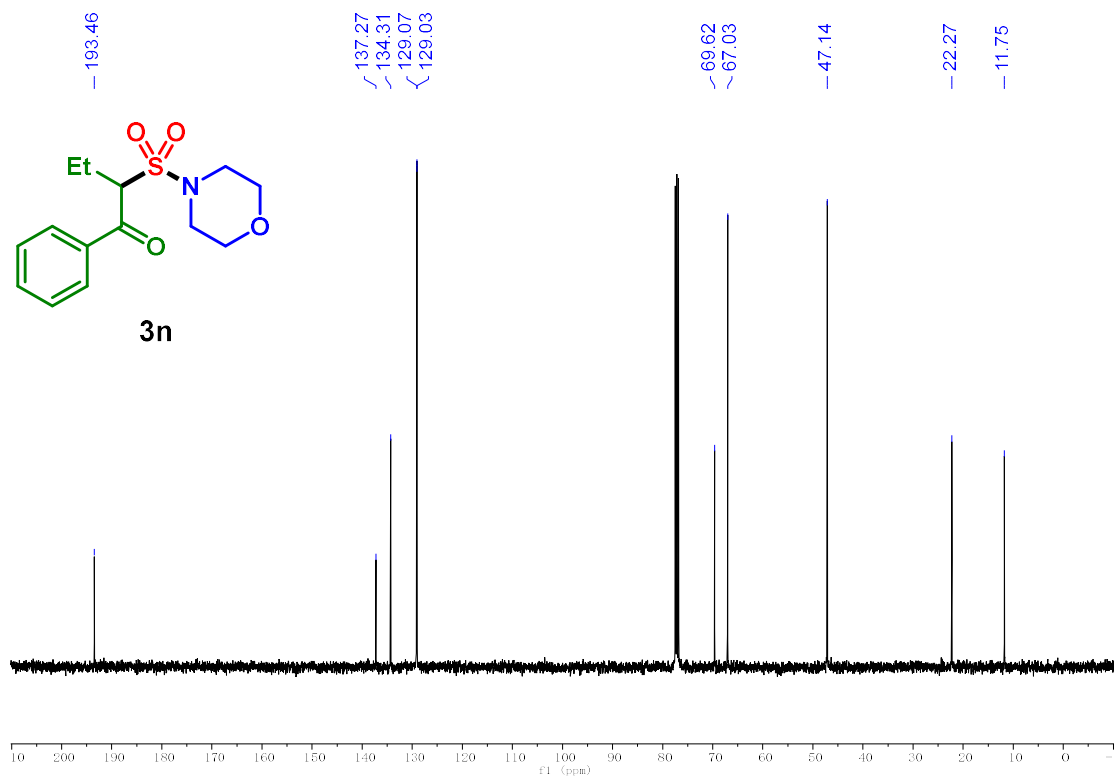


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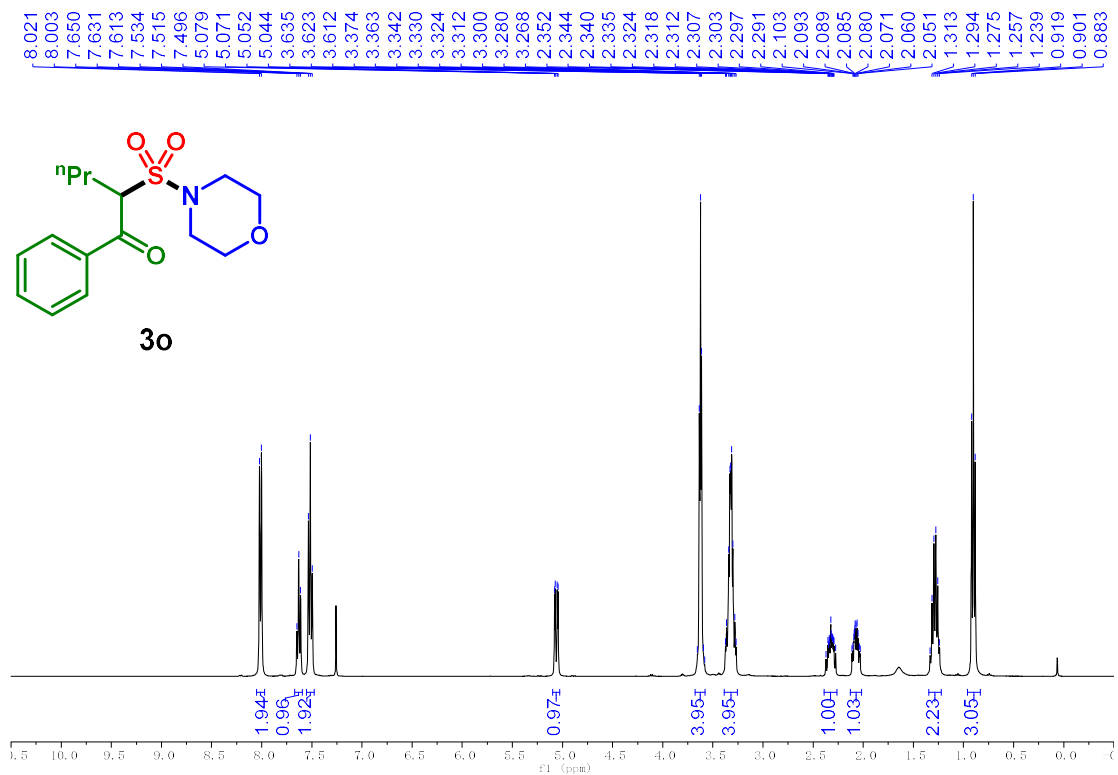


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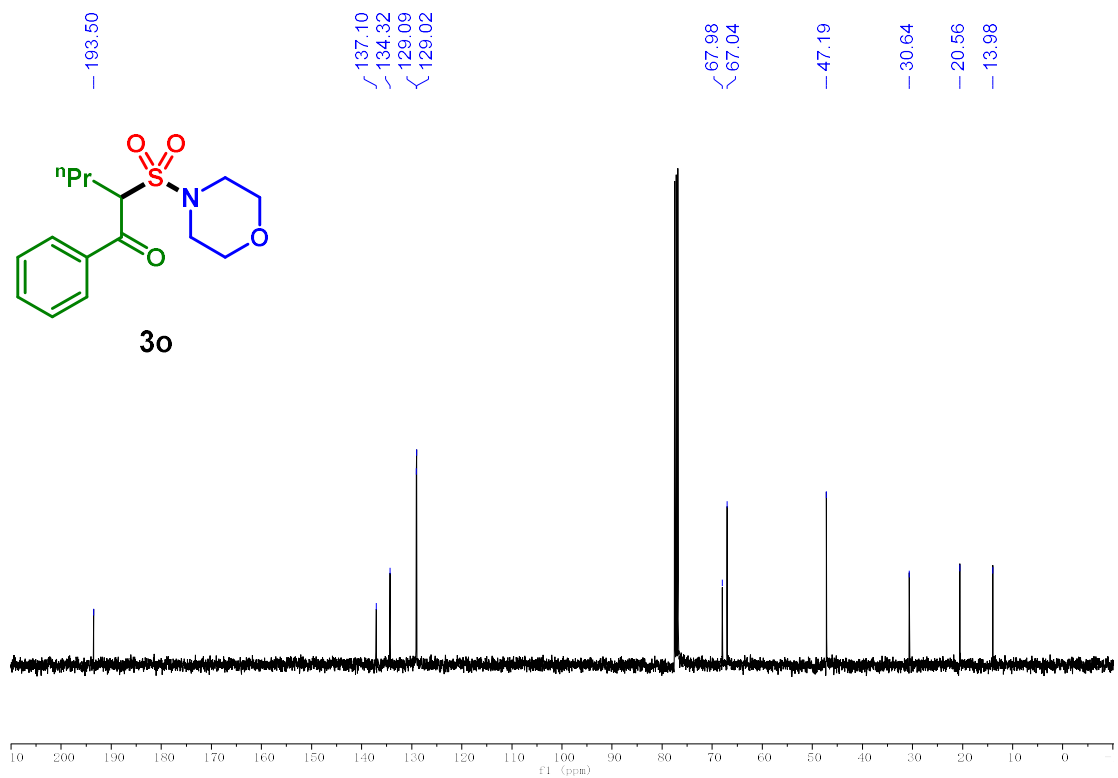


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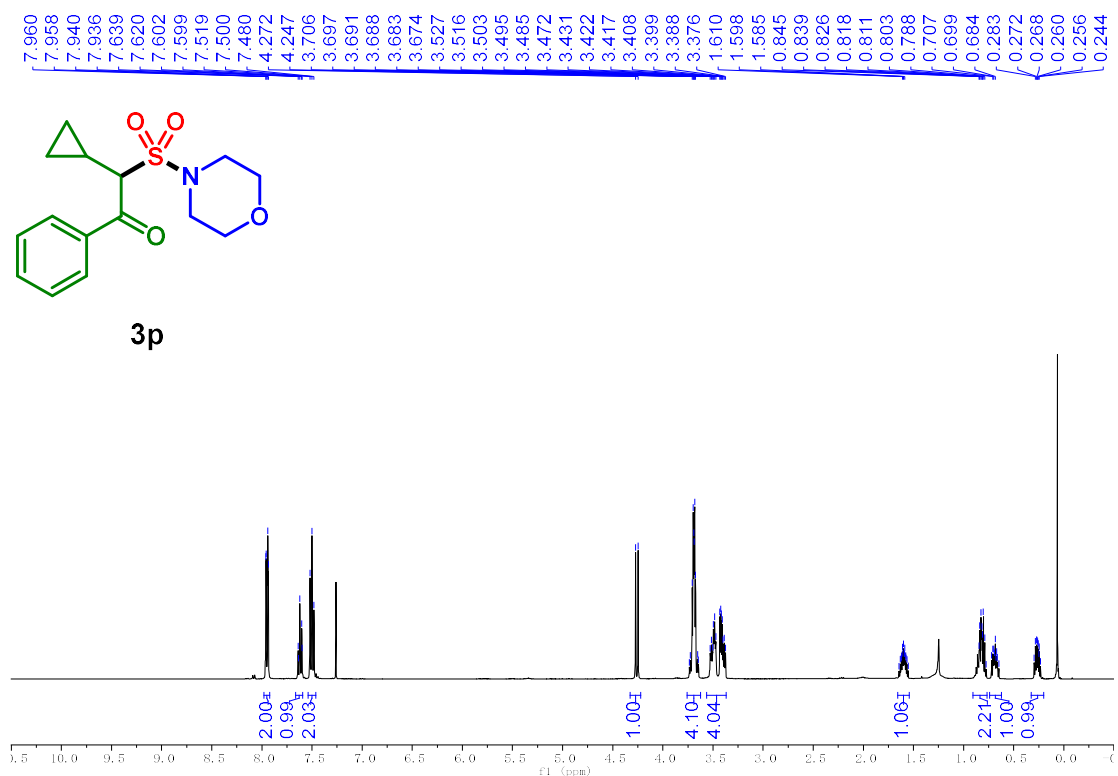


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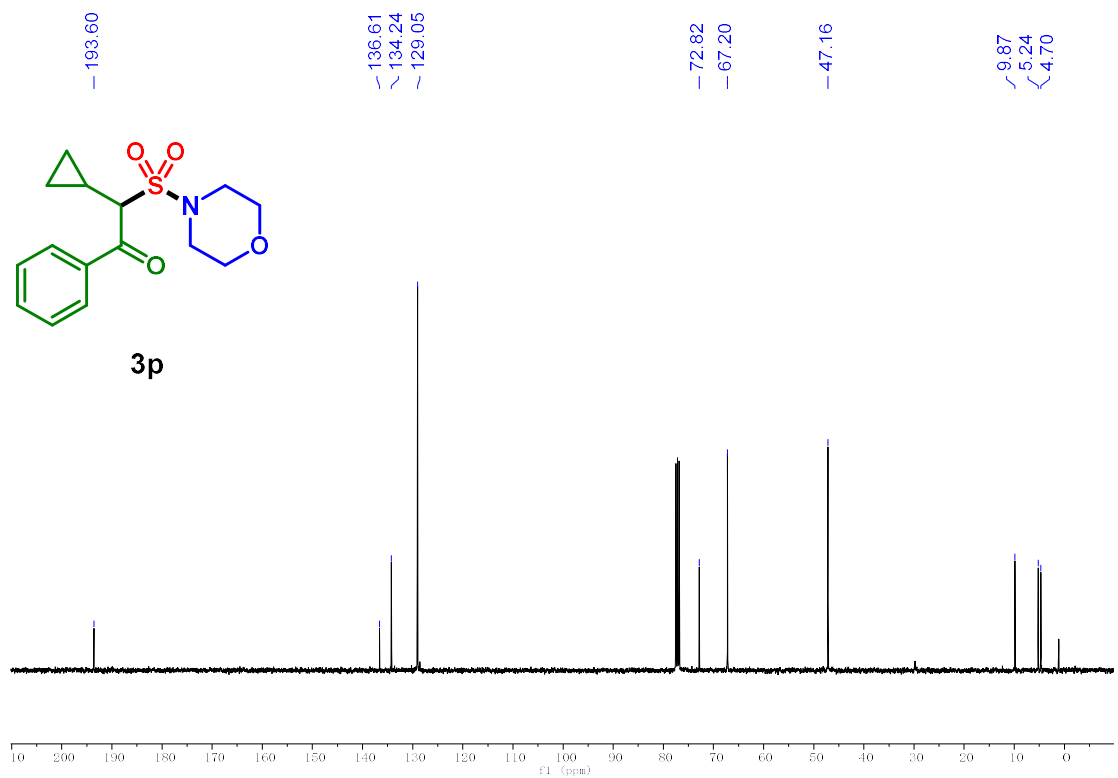


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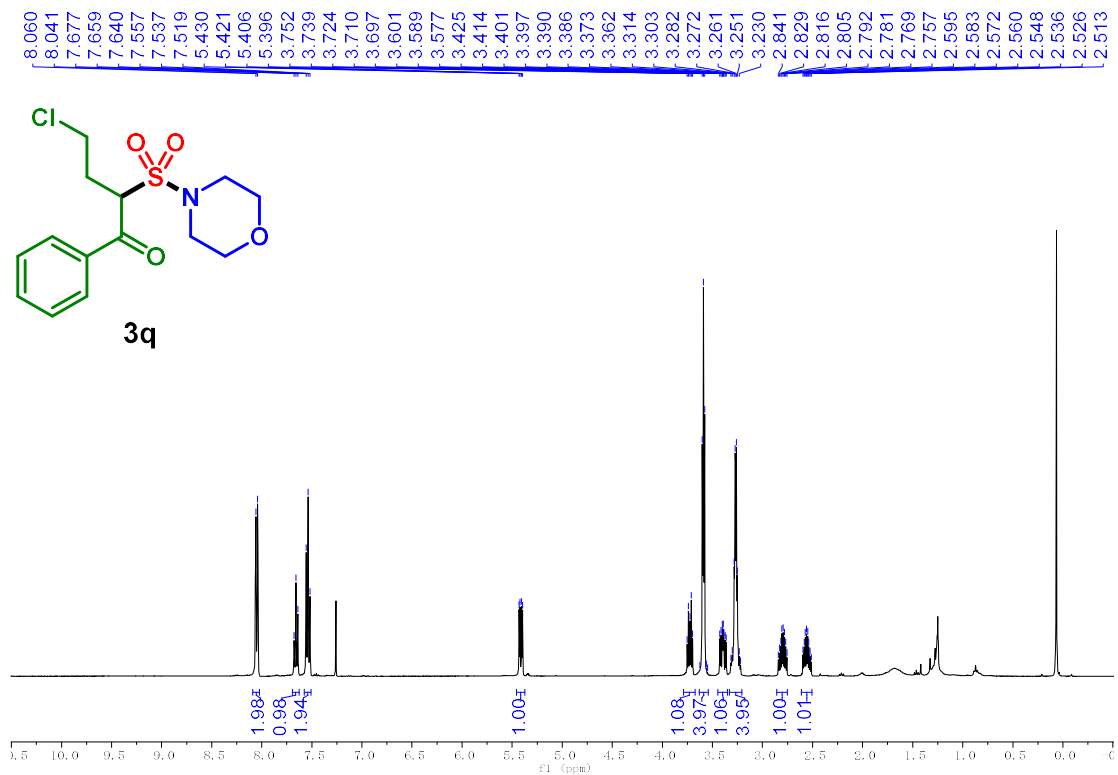


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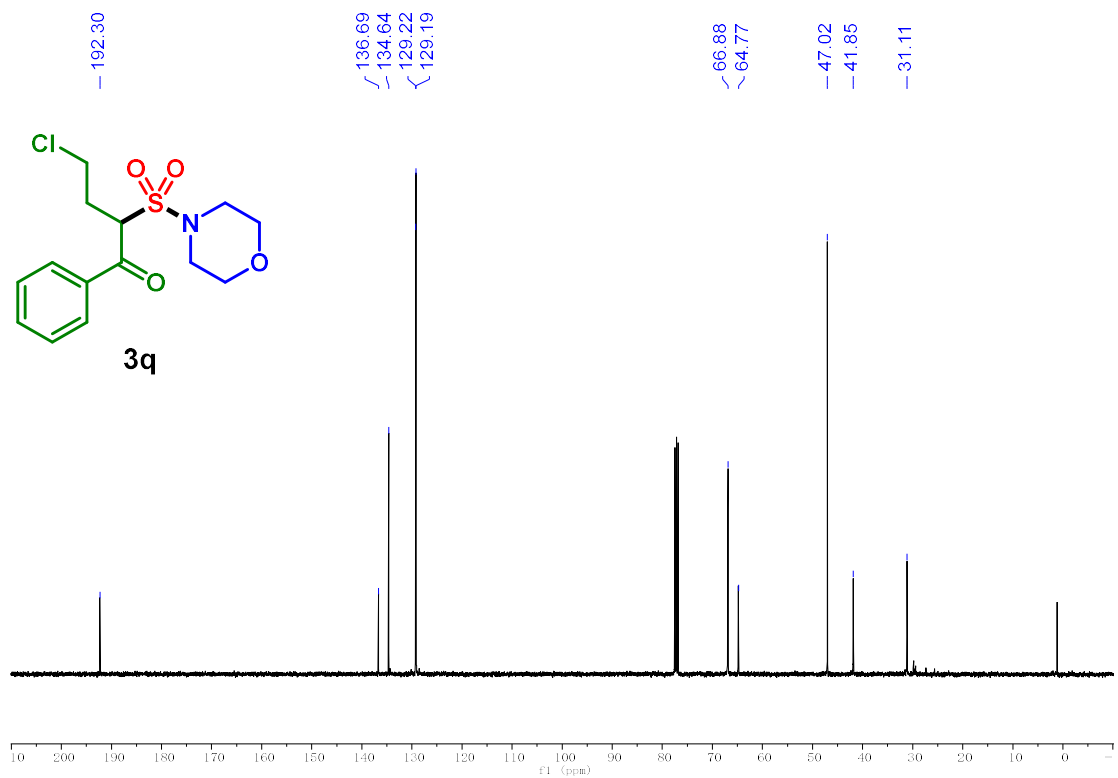


4-chloro-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-phenylbutan-1-one (3q)

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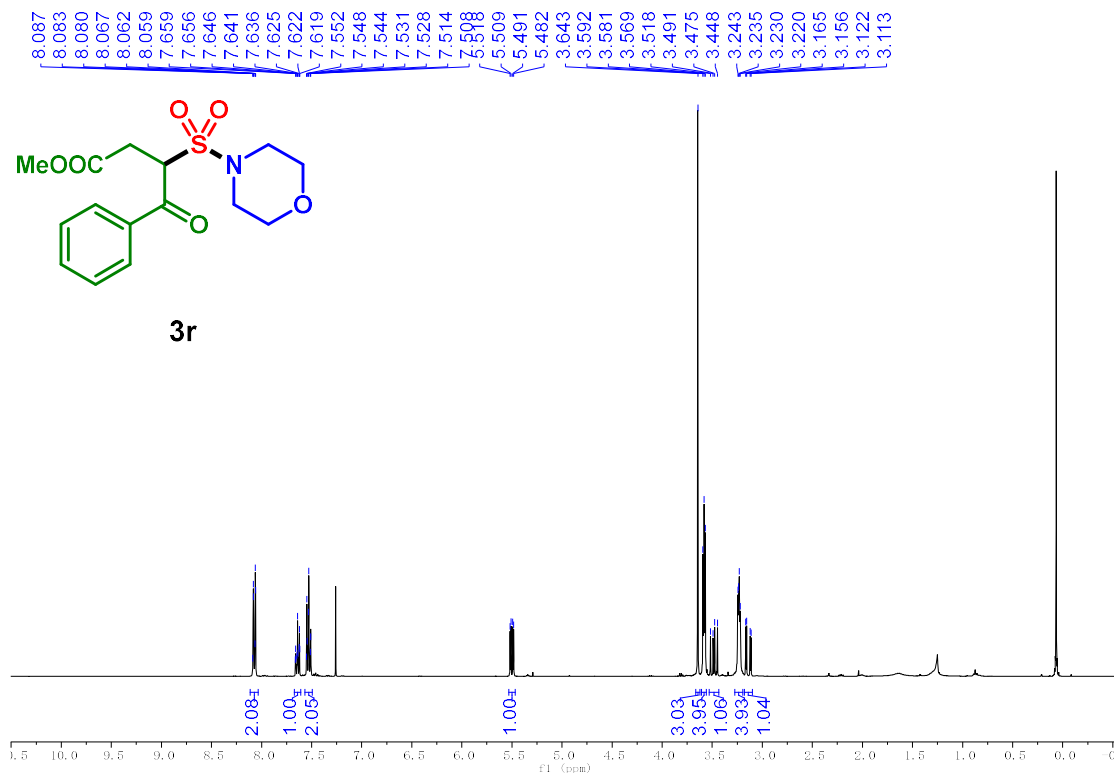


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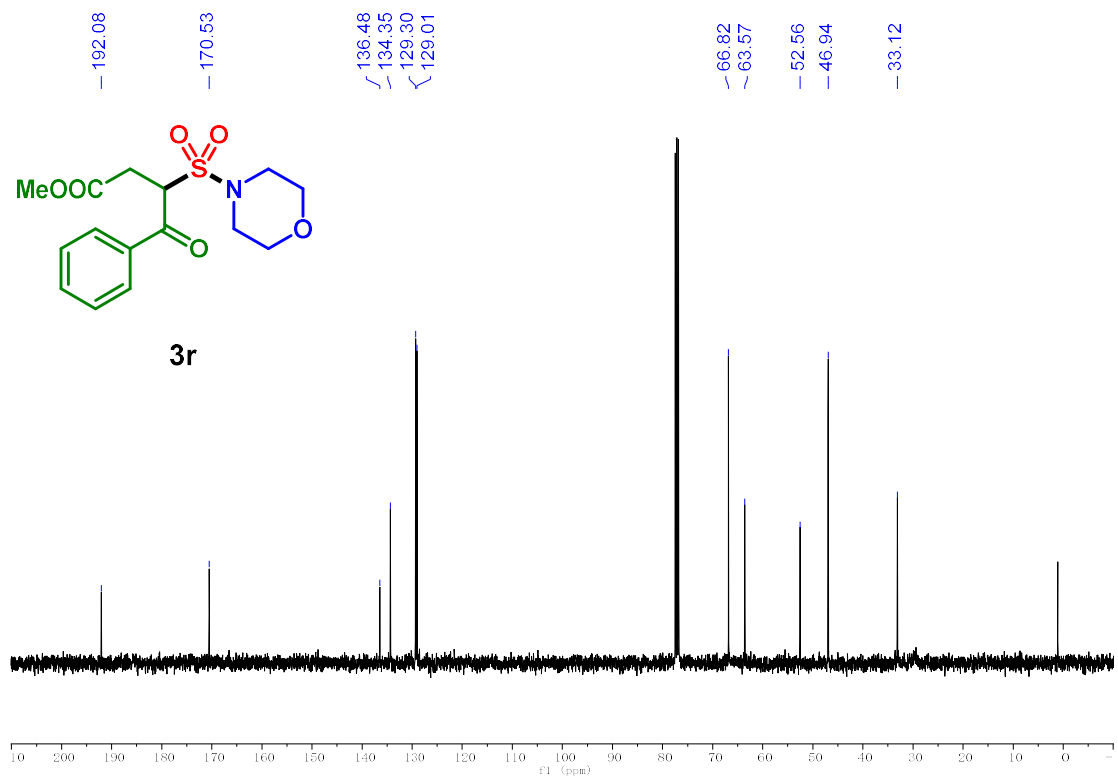


methyl 3-(morpholinosulfonyl)-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate (3r)

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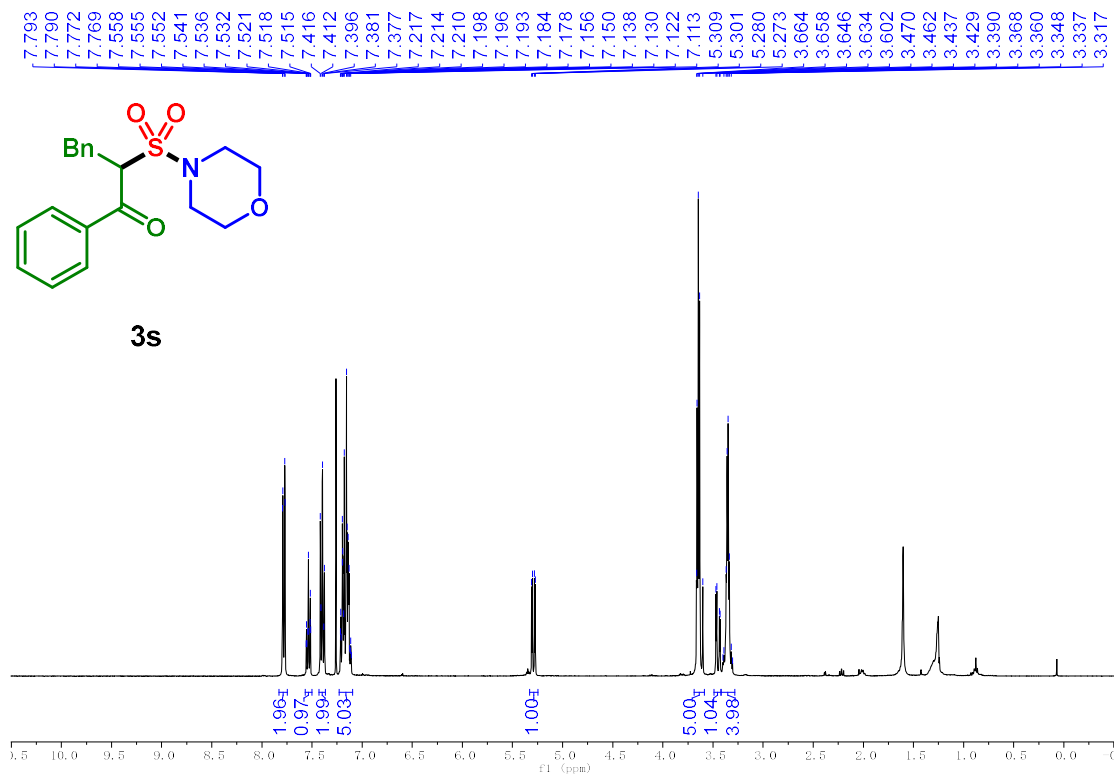


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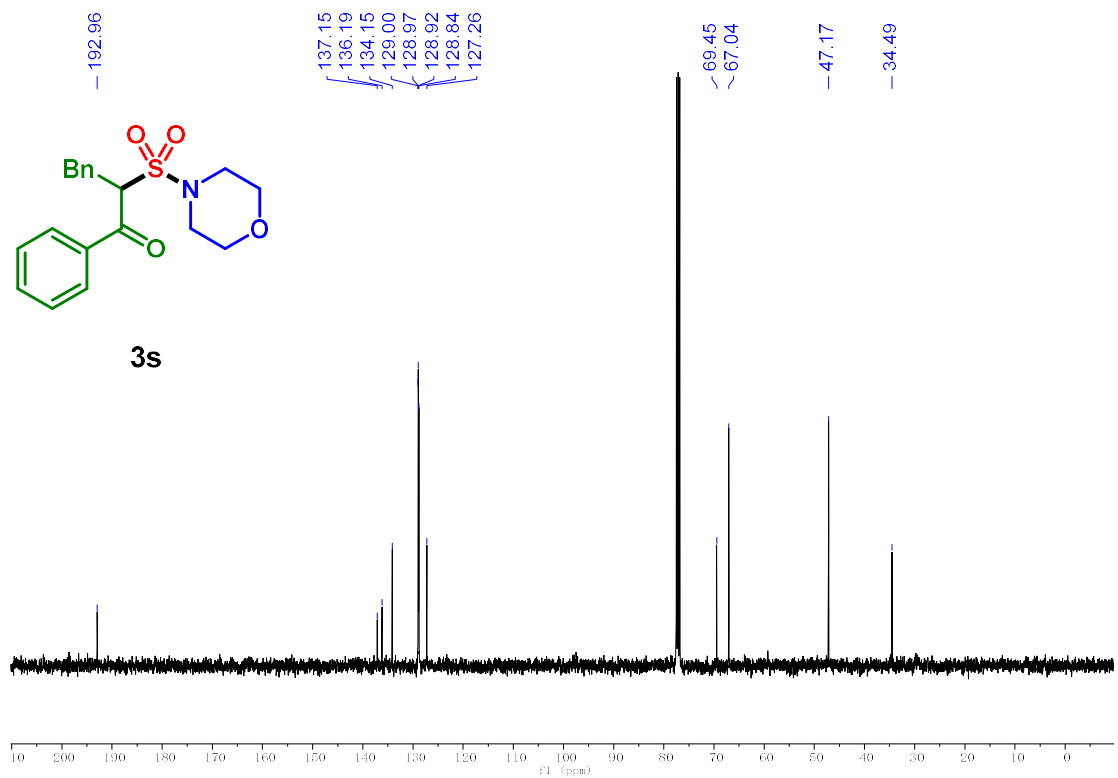


2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (3s)

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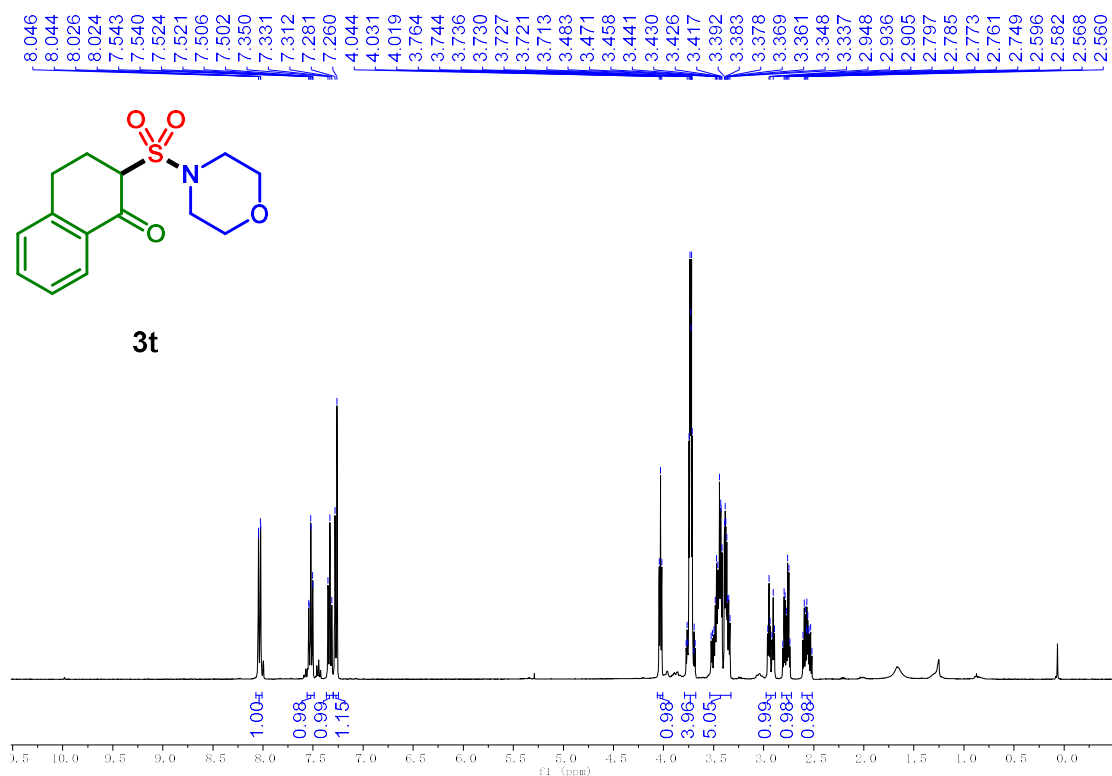


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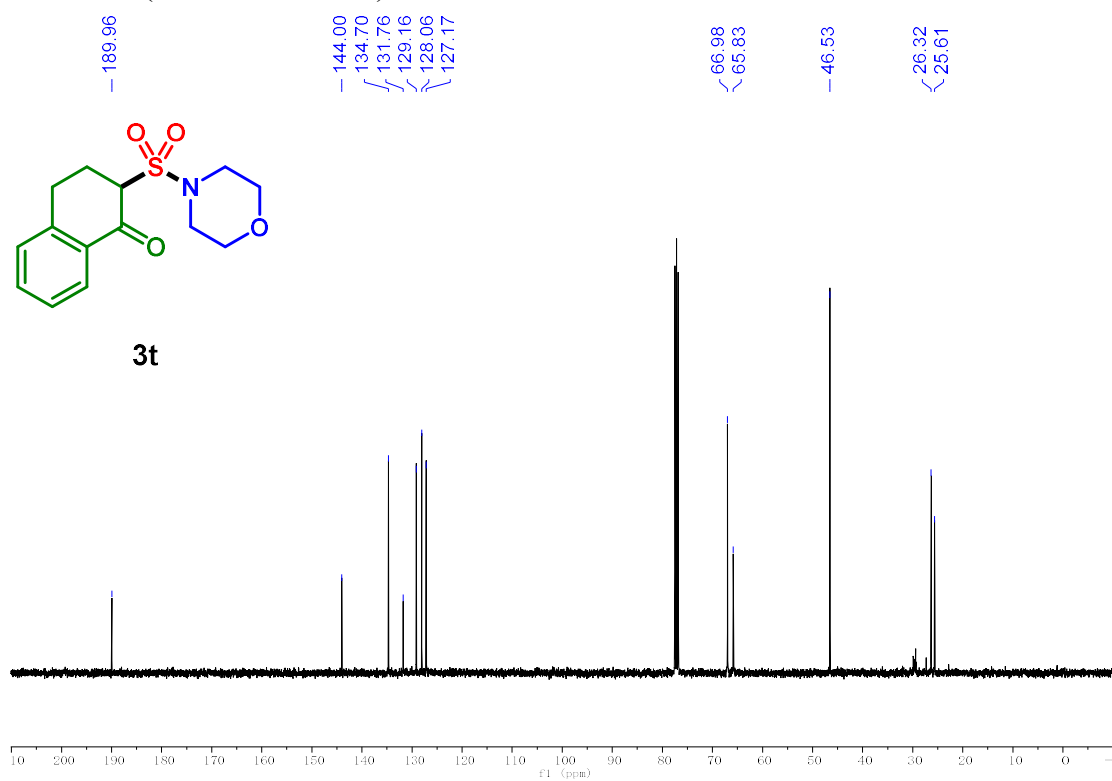


2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (3t)

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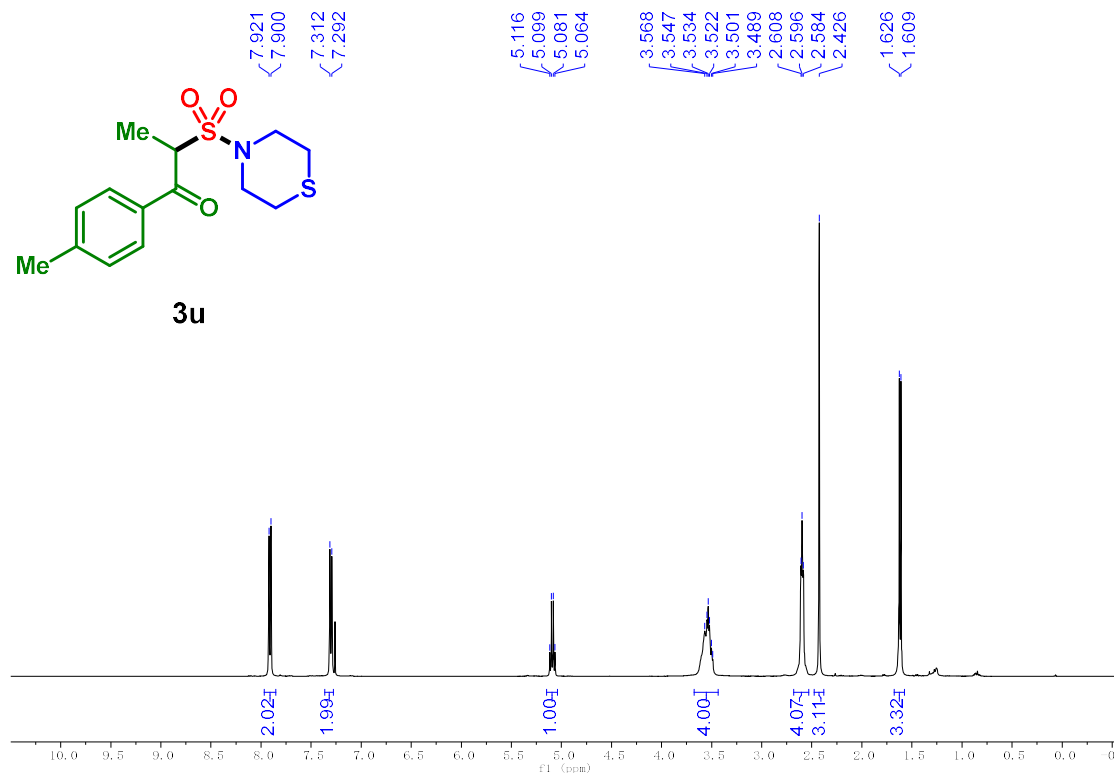


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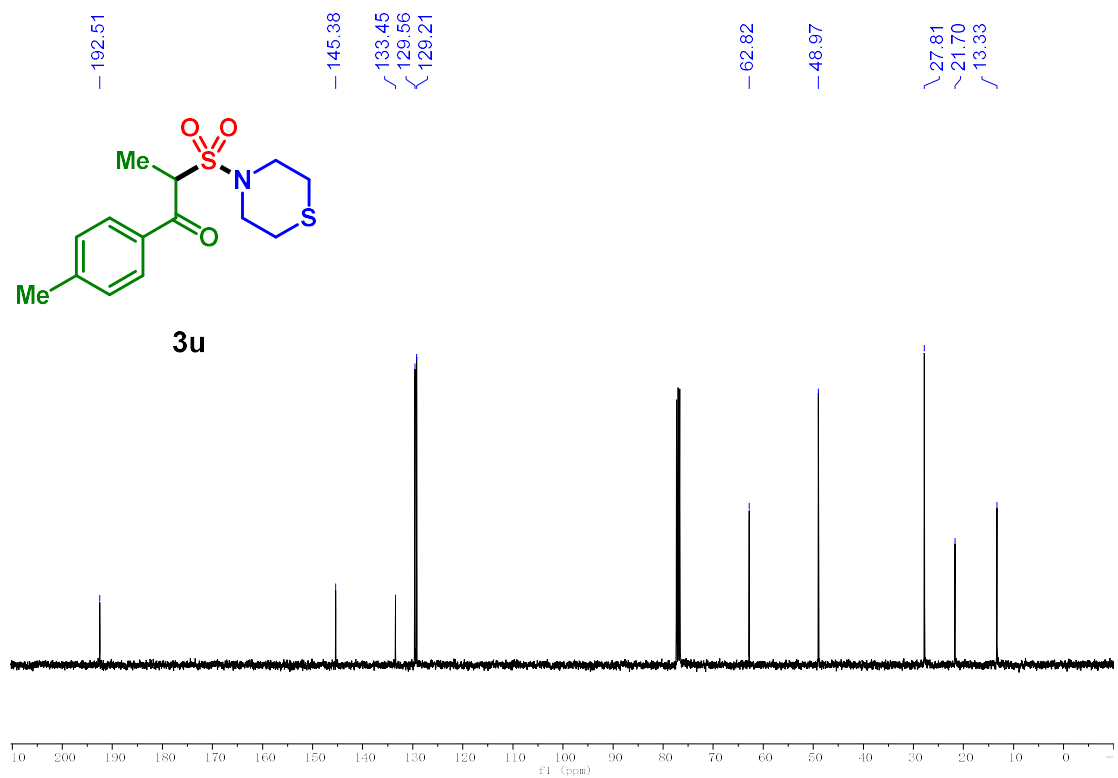


2-(thiomorpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3u)

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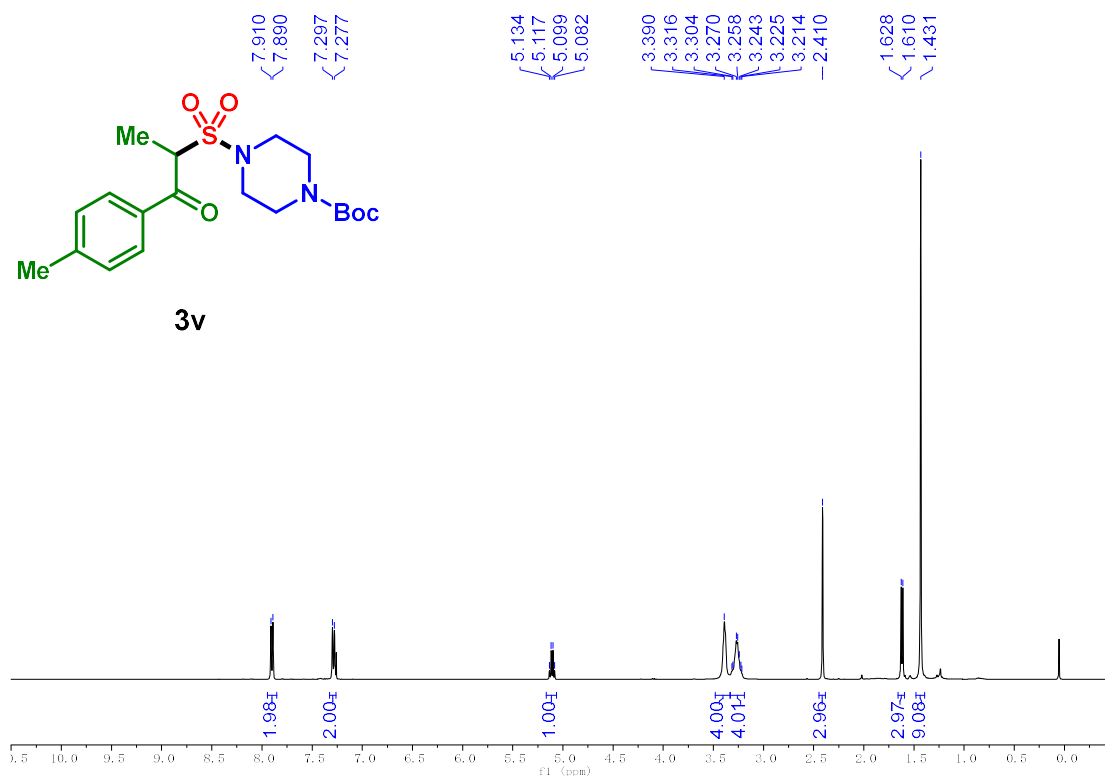


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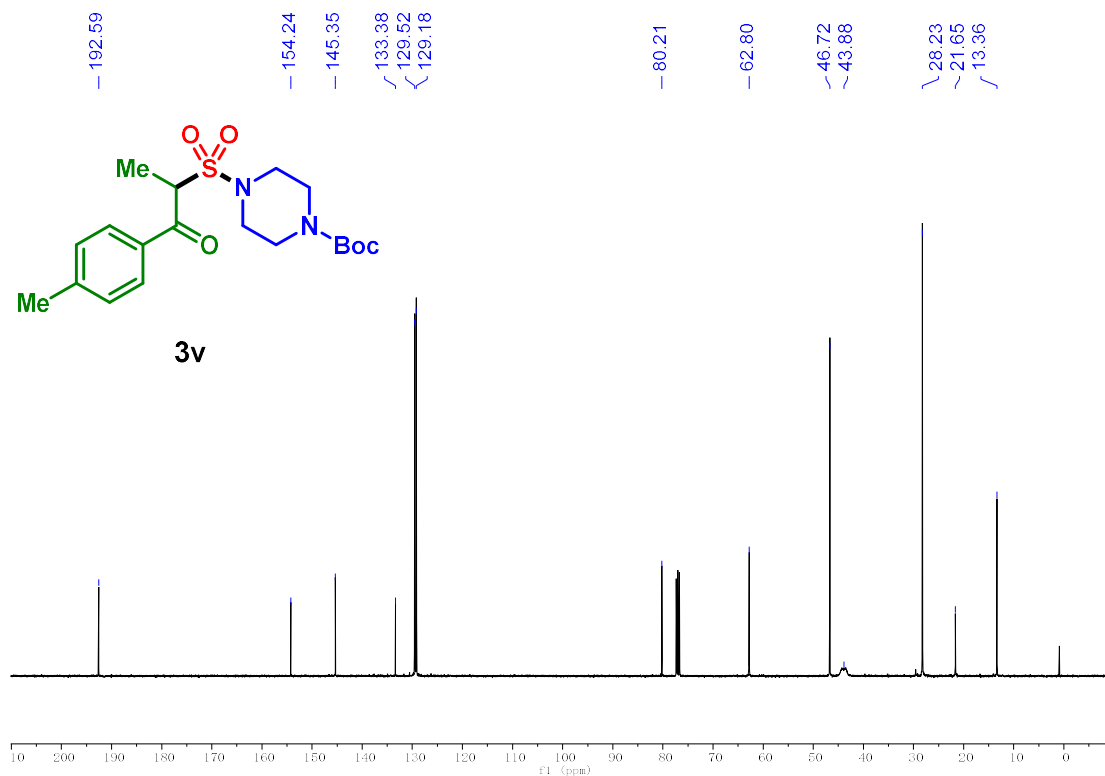


tert-butyl 4-((1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propan-2-yl)sulfonyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3v)

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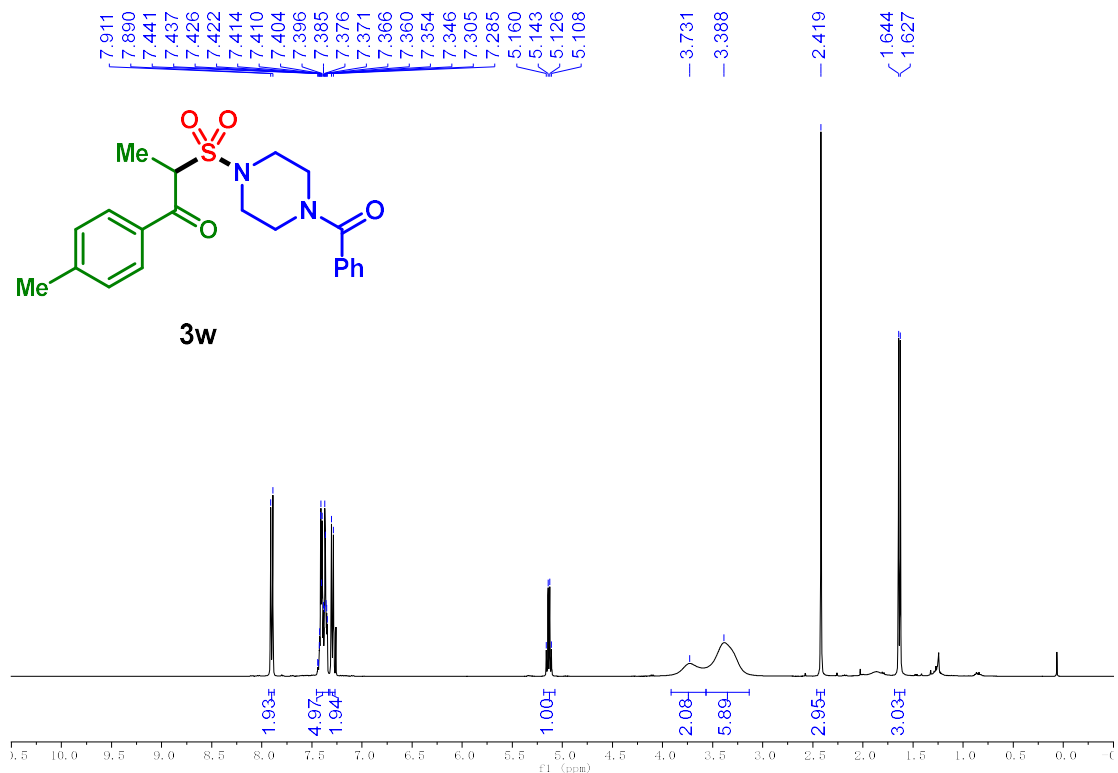


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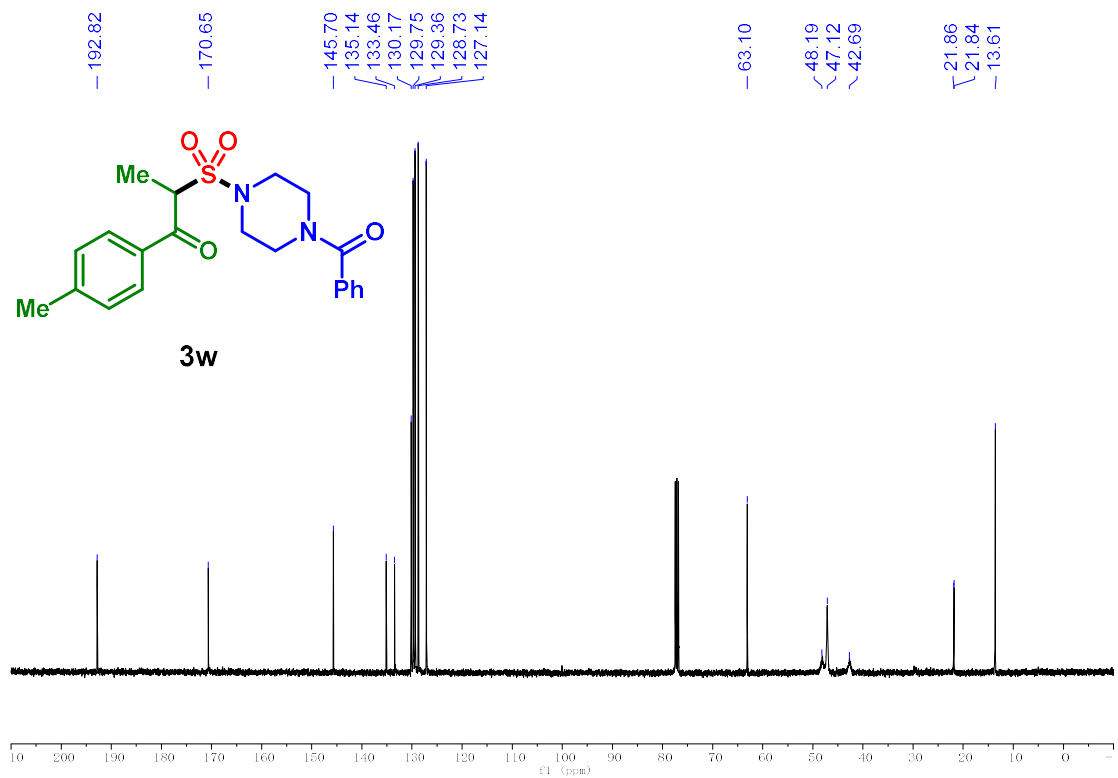


2-((4-benzoylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3w)

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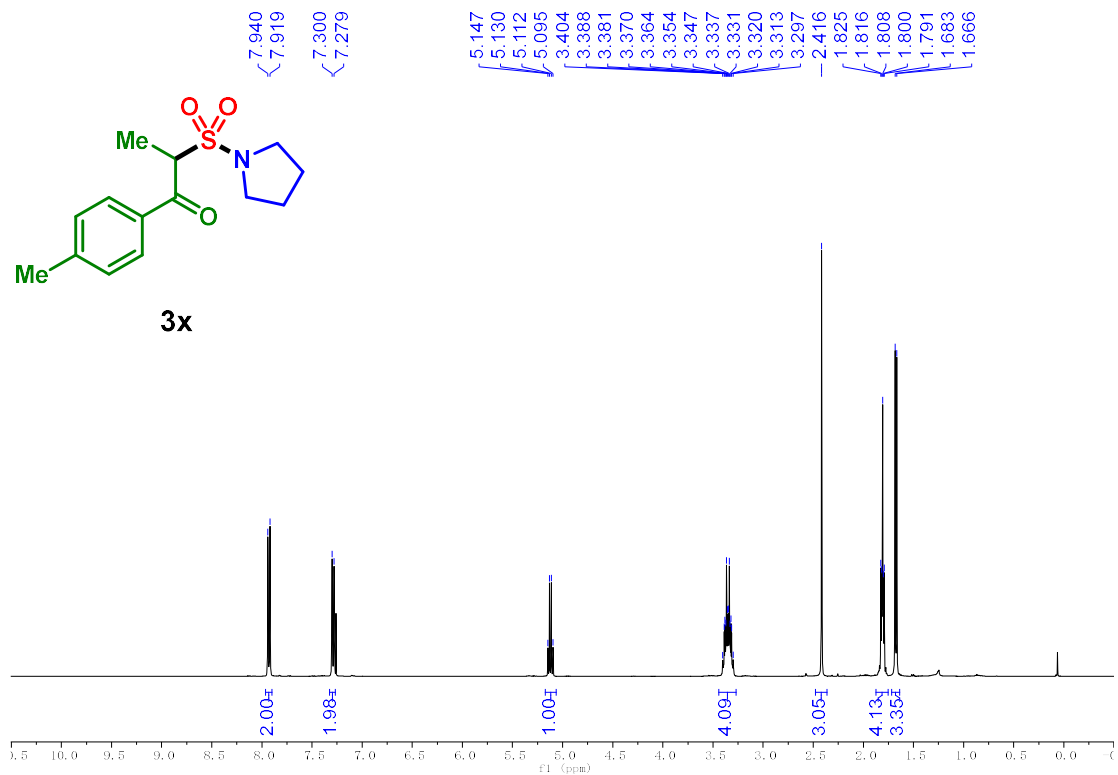


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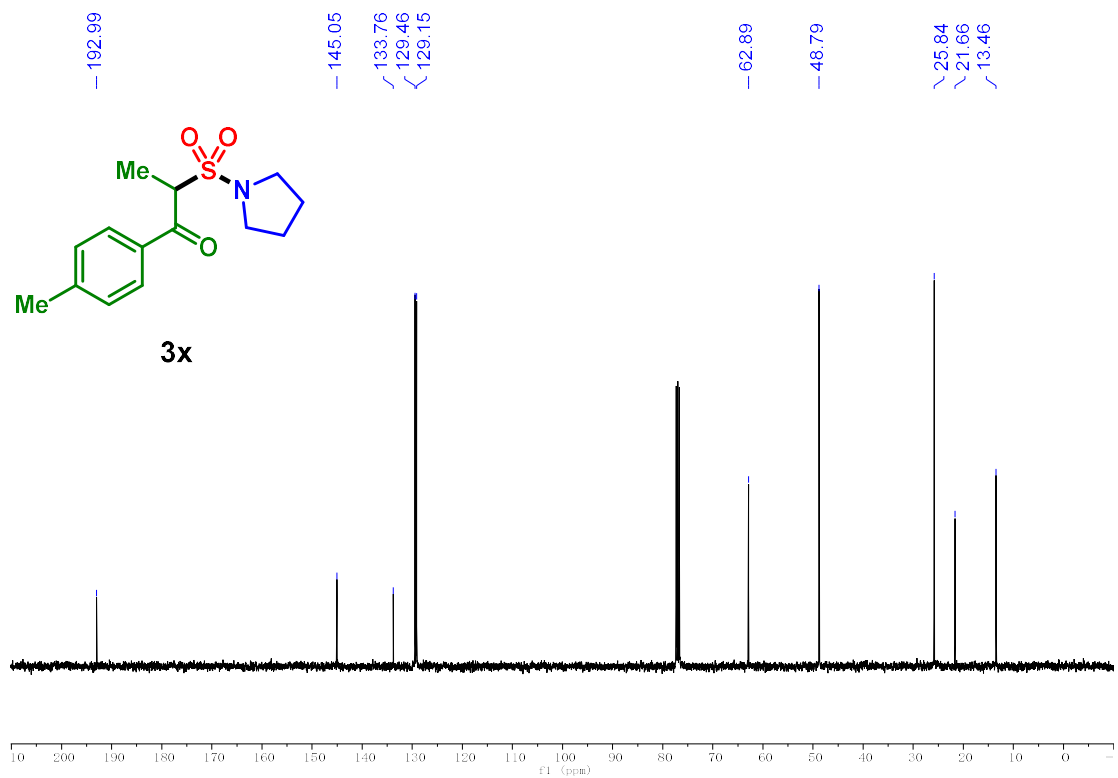


2-(pyrrolidin-1-ylsulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3x)

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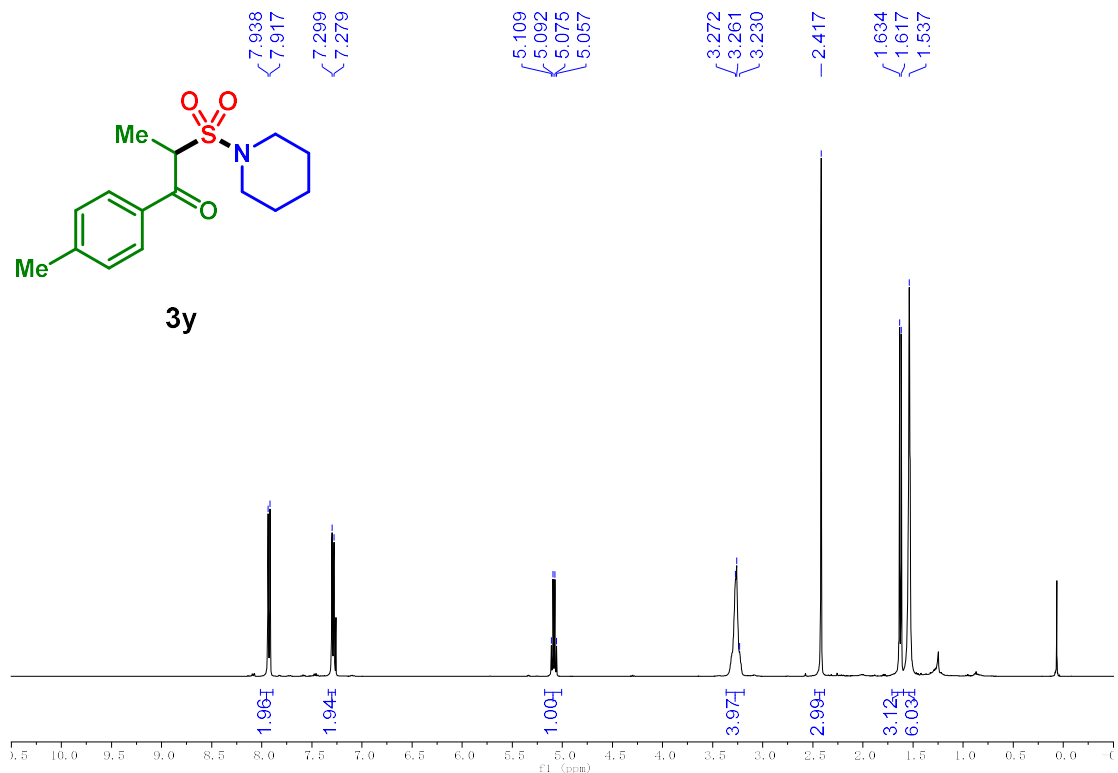


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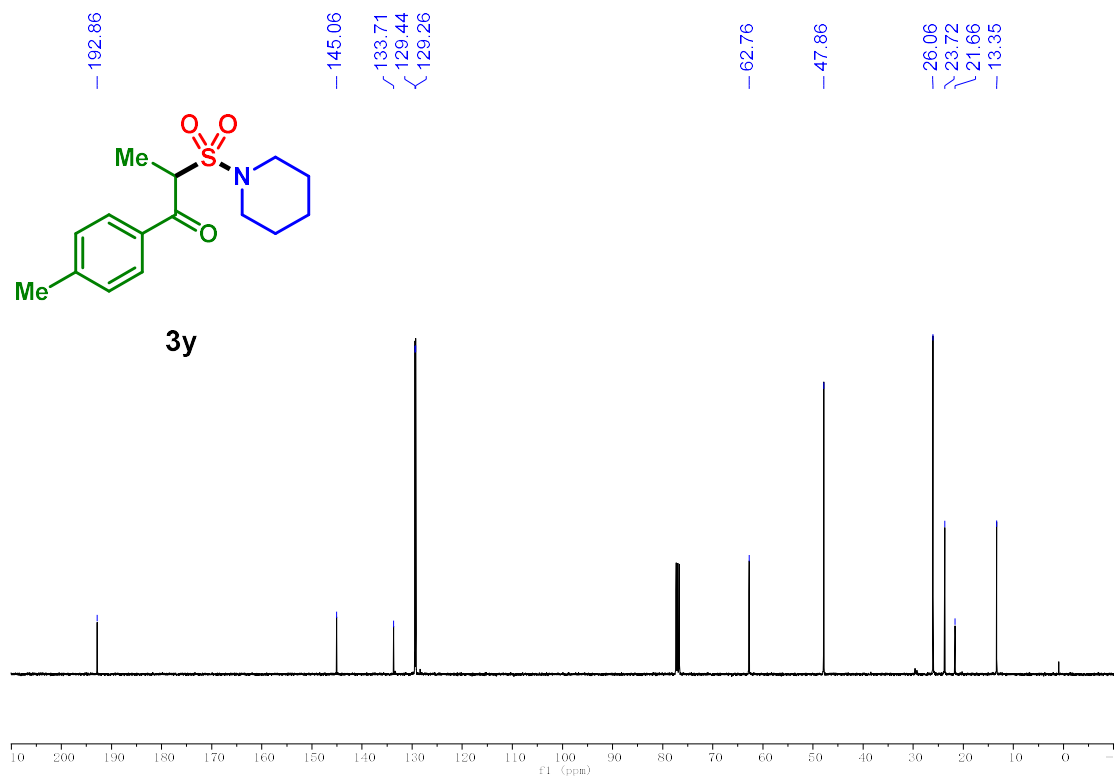


2-(piperidin-1-ylsulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3y)

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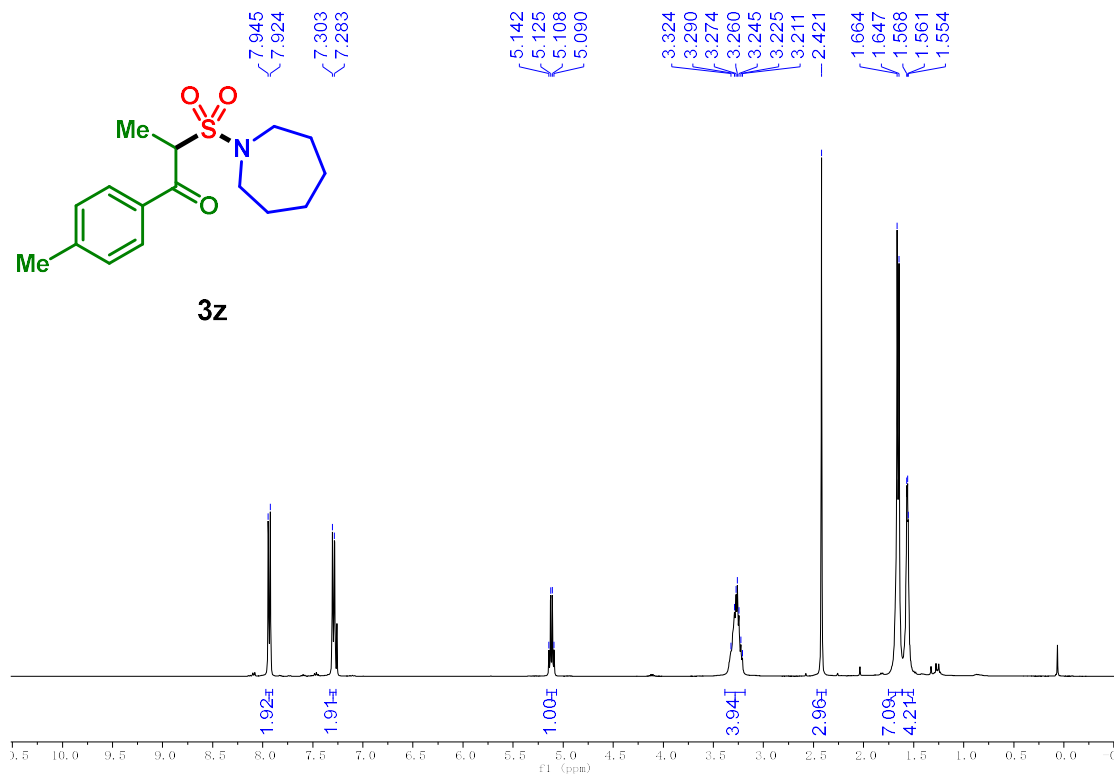


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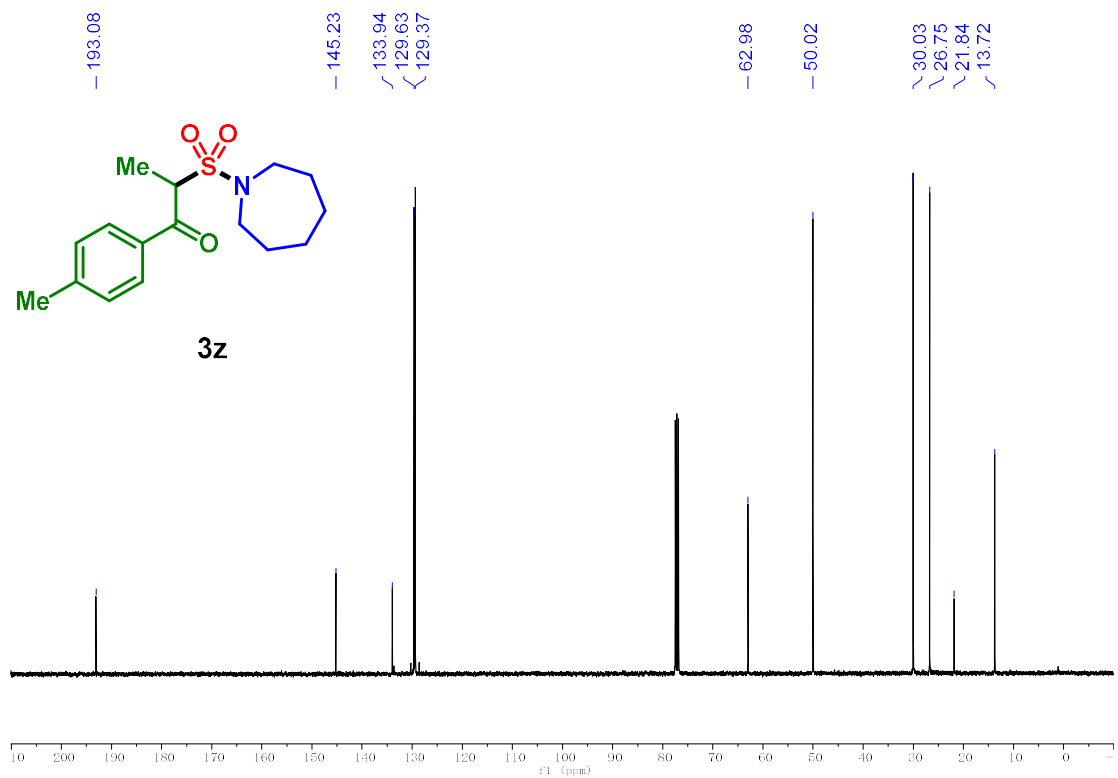


2-(azepan-1-ylsulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3z)

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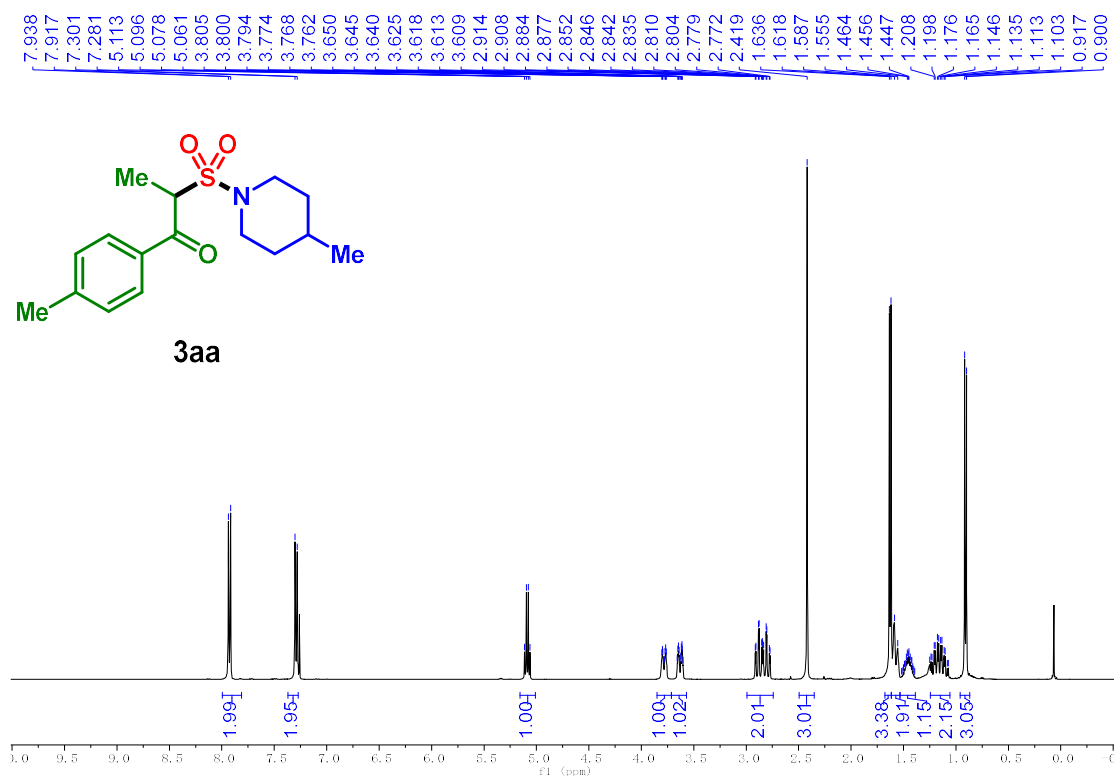


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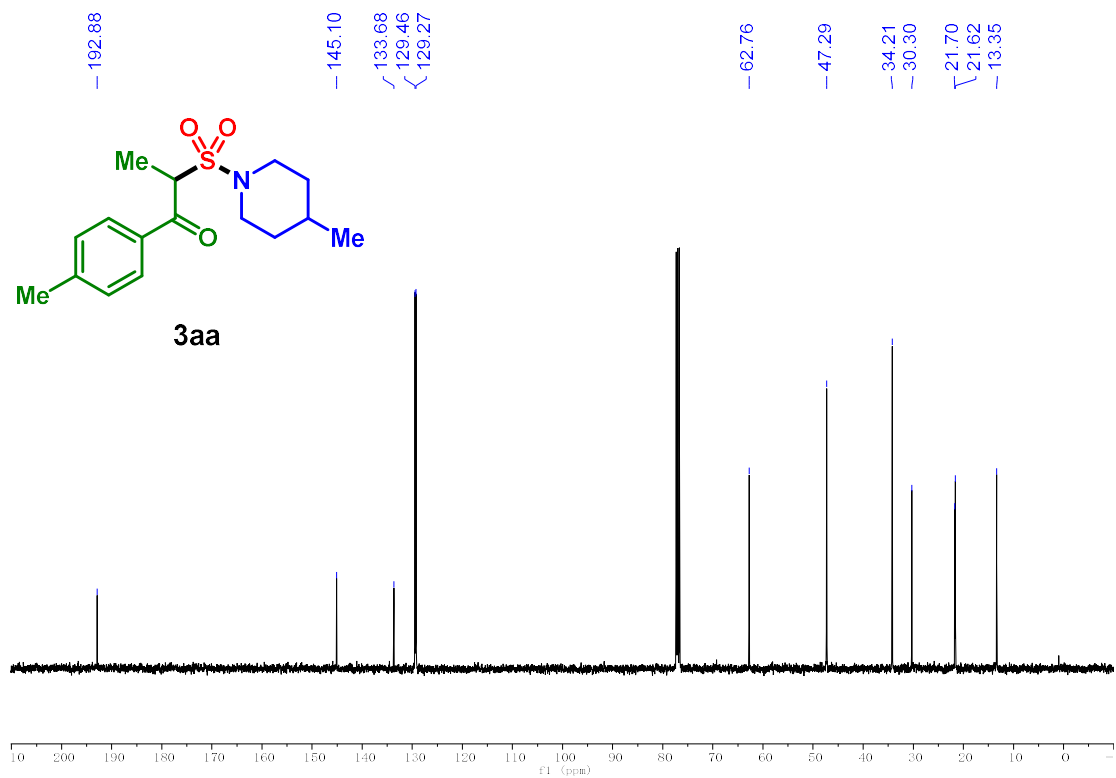


2-((4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3aa)

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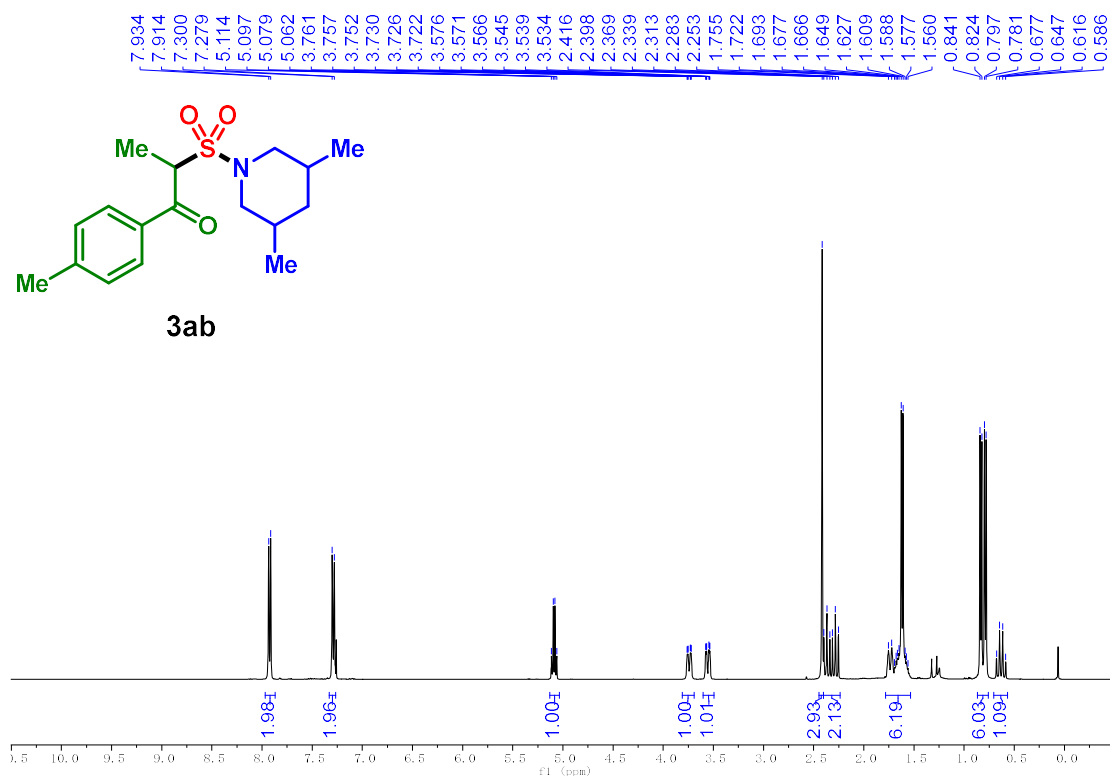


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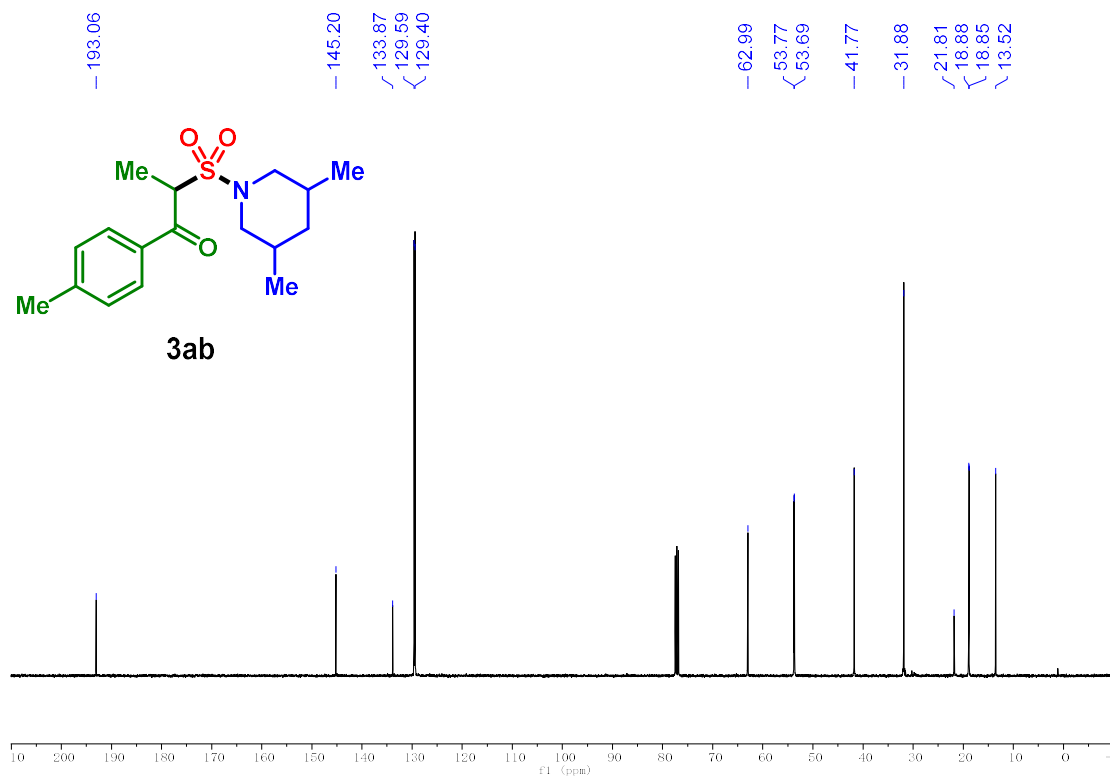


2-((3,5-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3ab)

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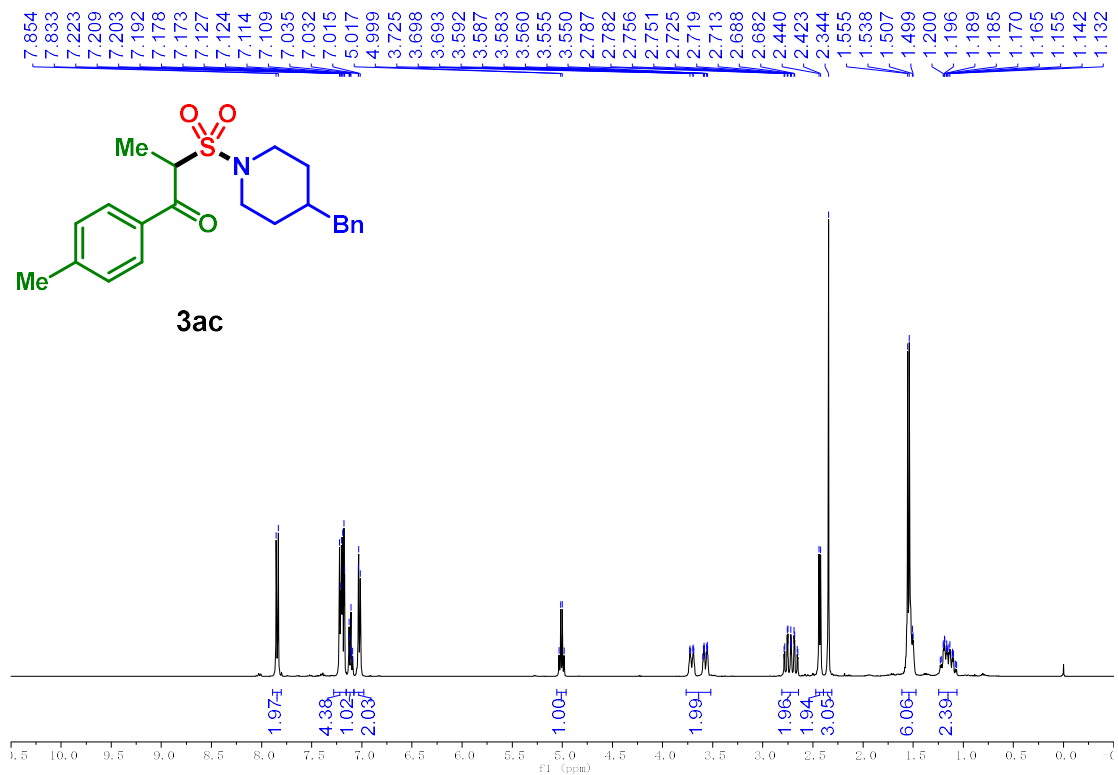


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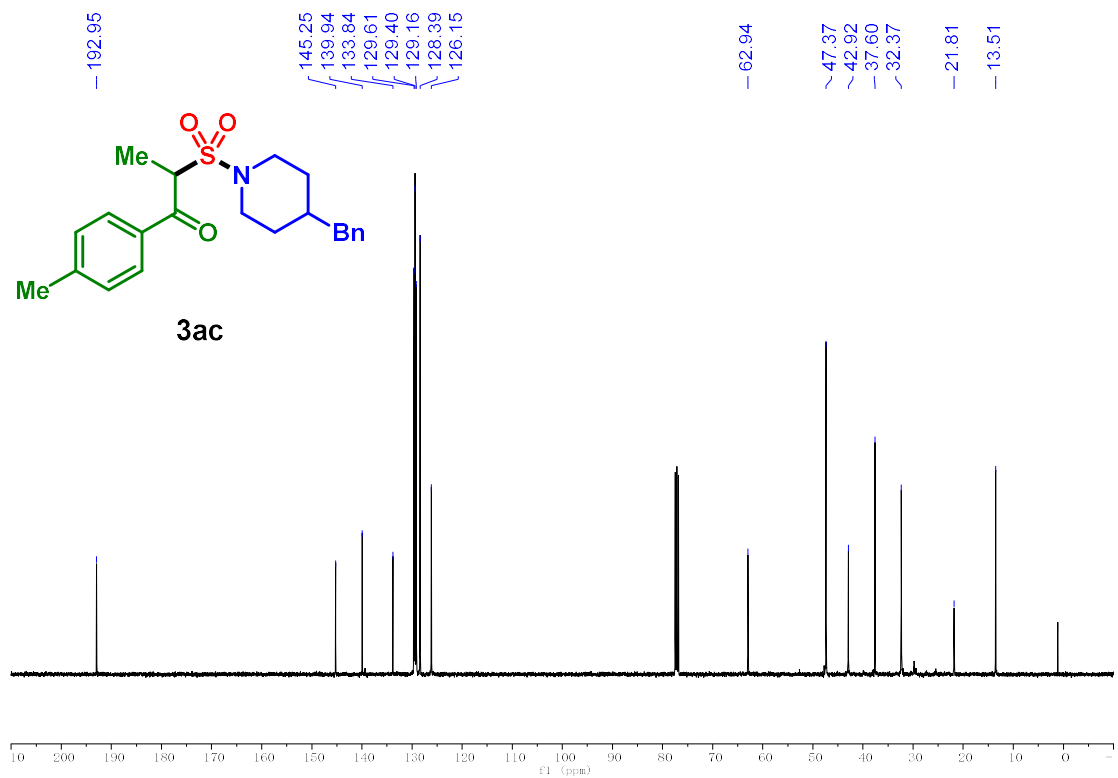


2-((4-benzylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3ac)

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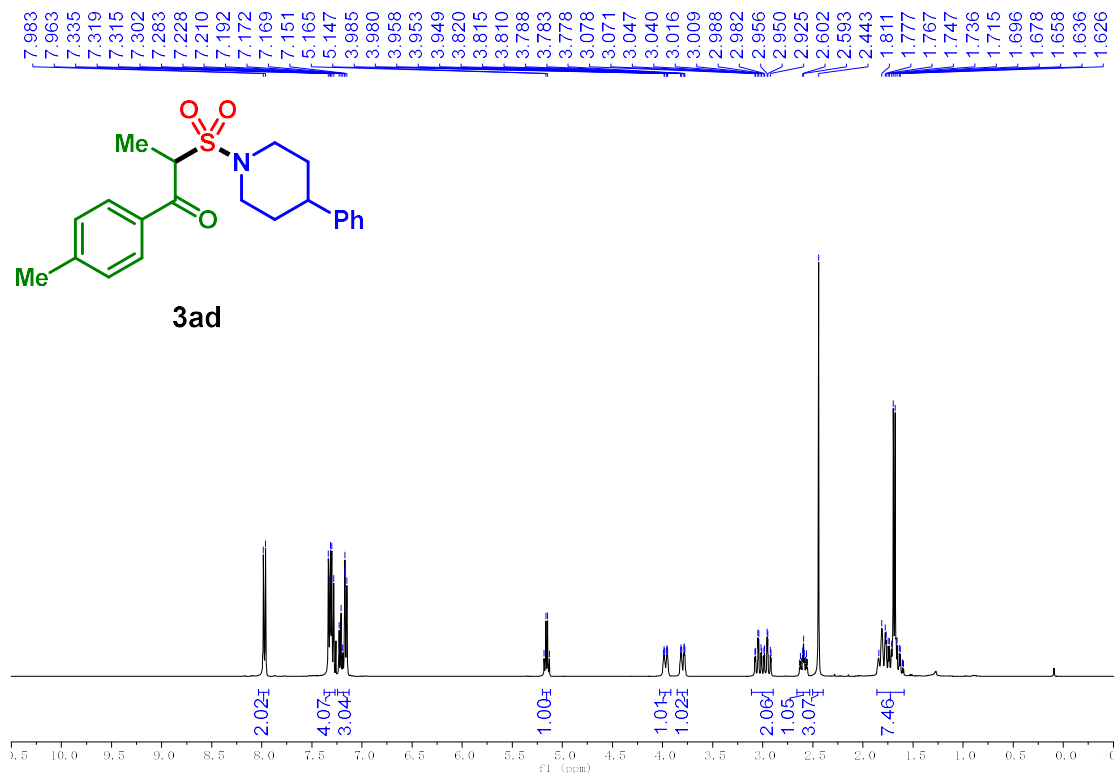


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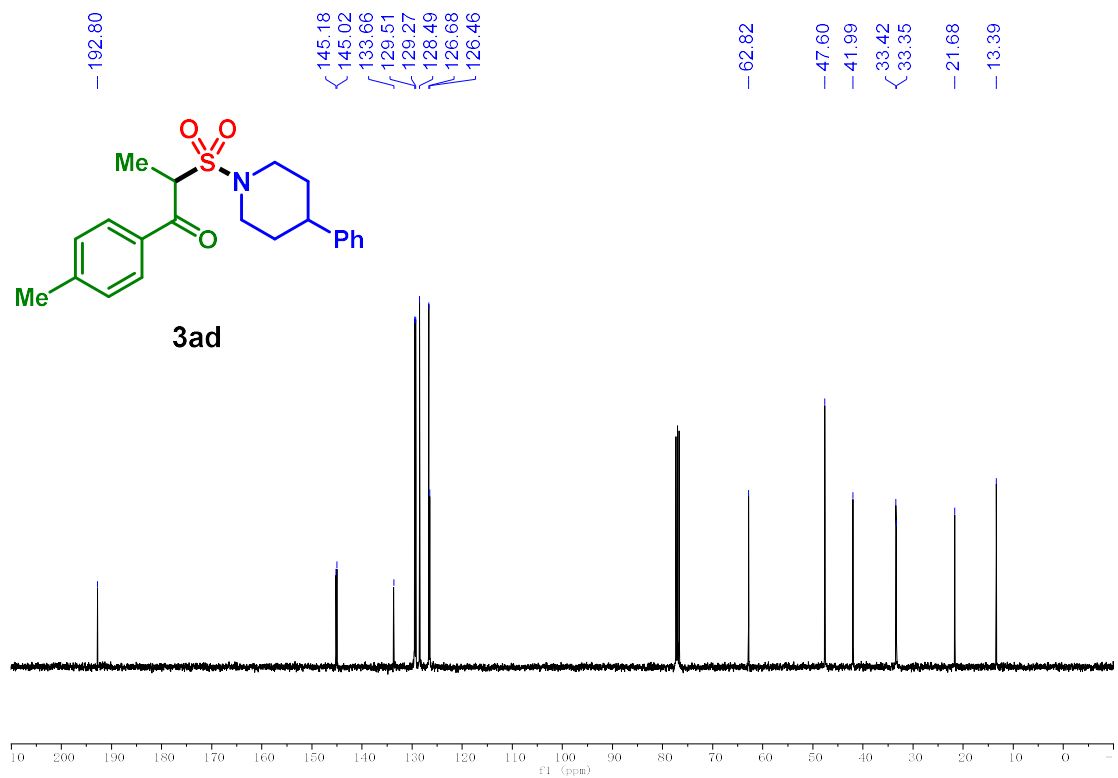


2-((4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3ad)

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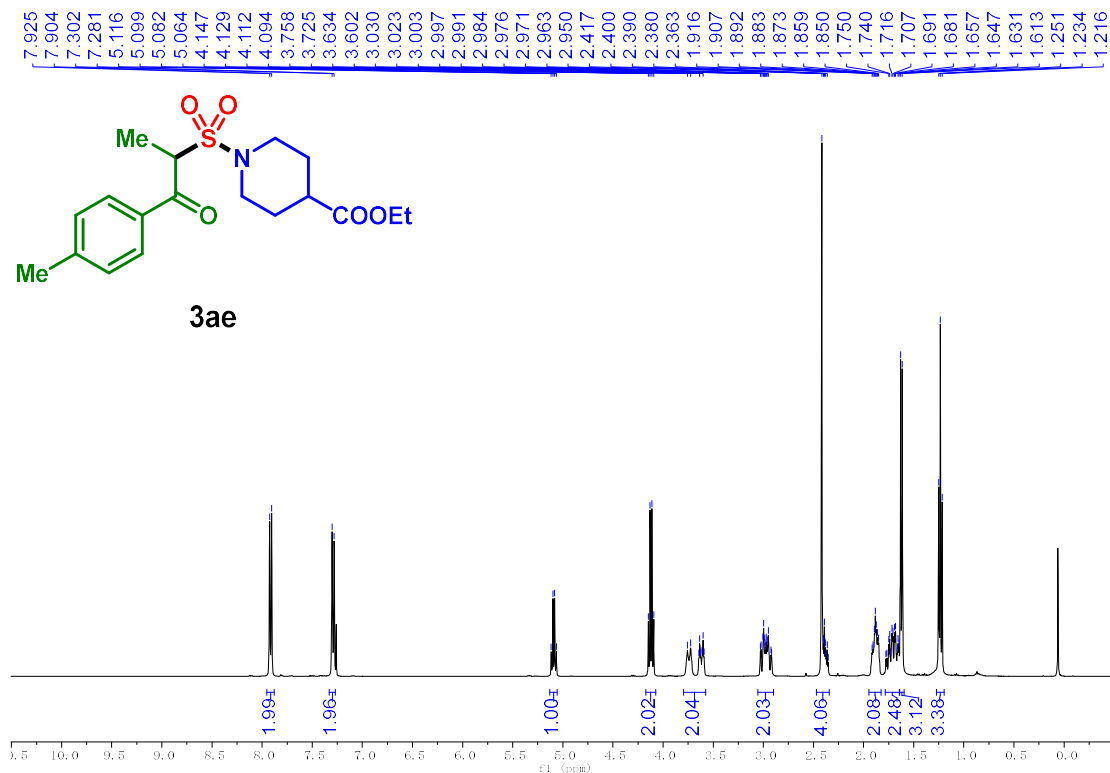


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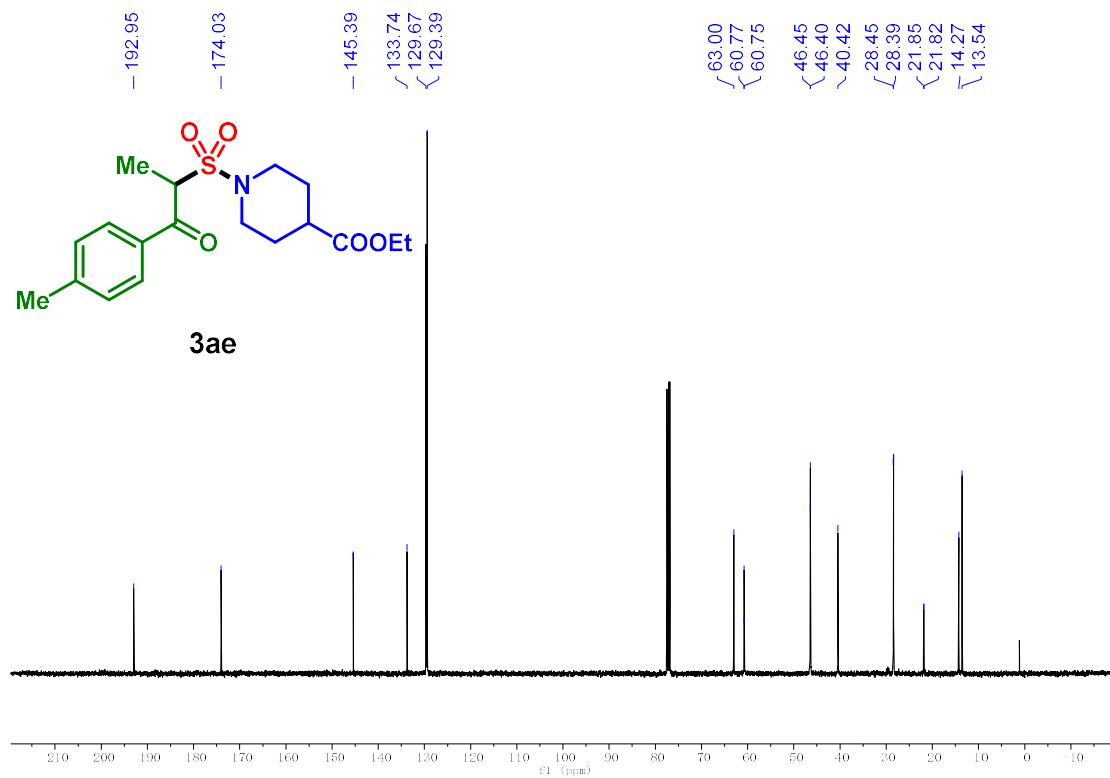


ethyl 1-((1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propan-2-yl)sulfonyl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3ae)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

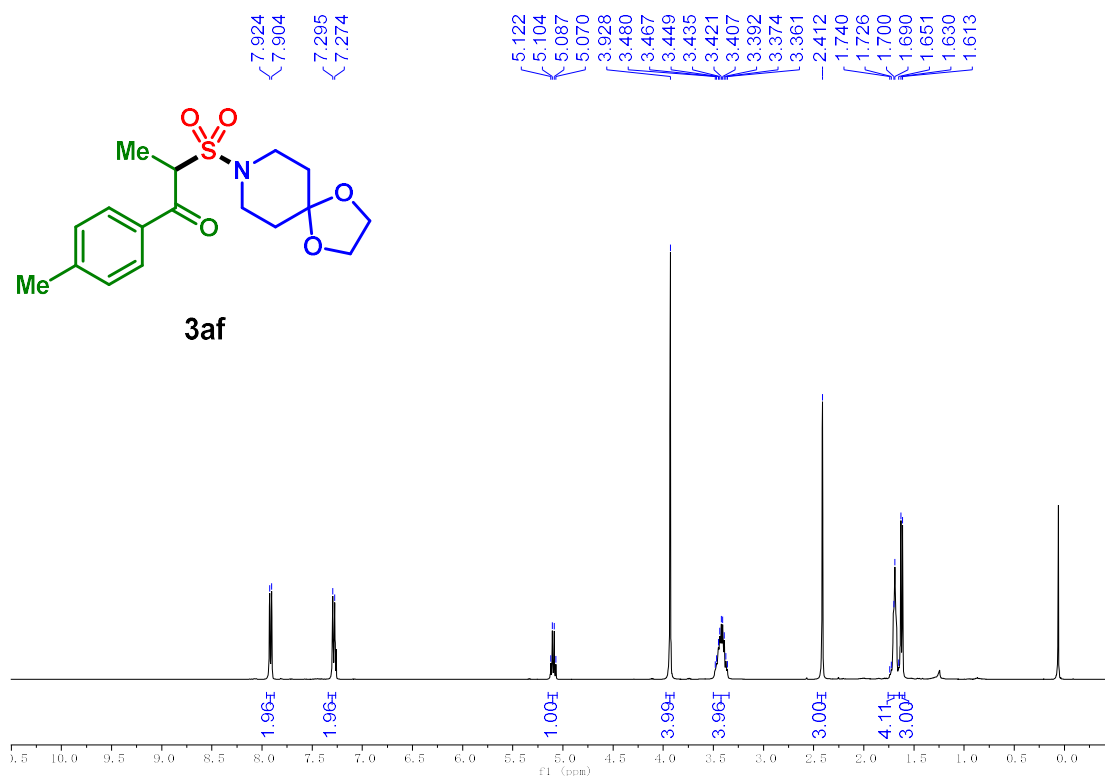


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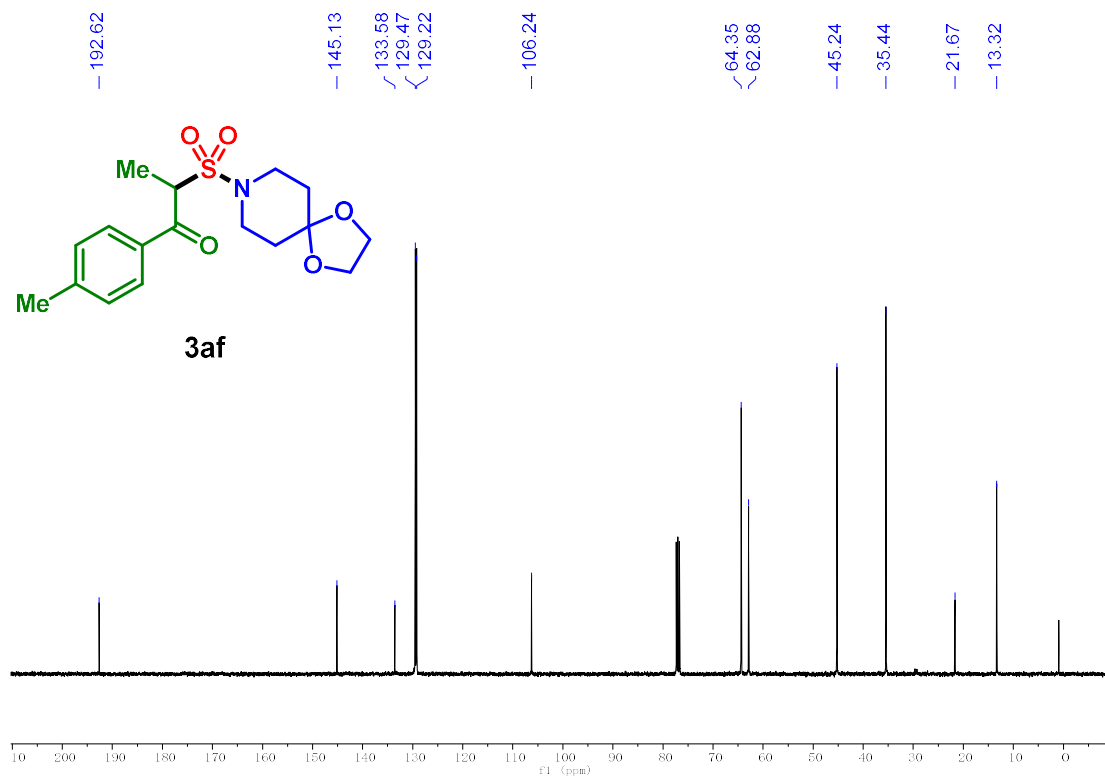


2-((1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl)sulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (3af)

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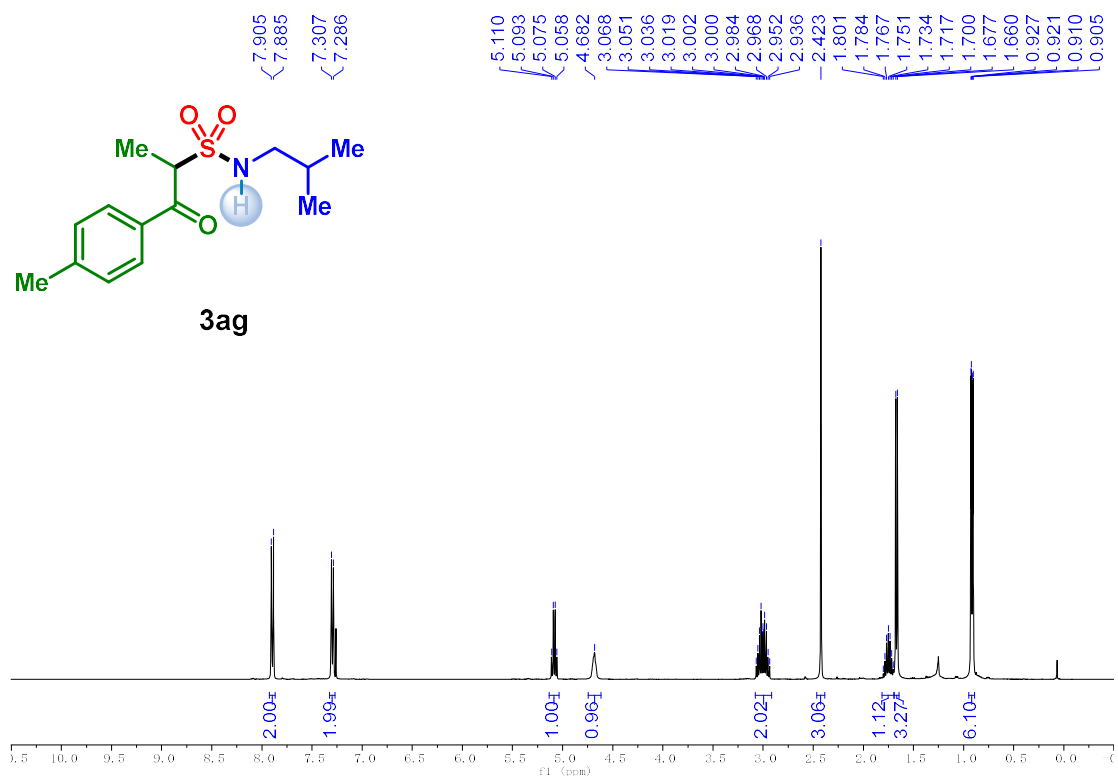


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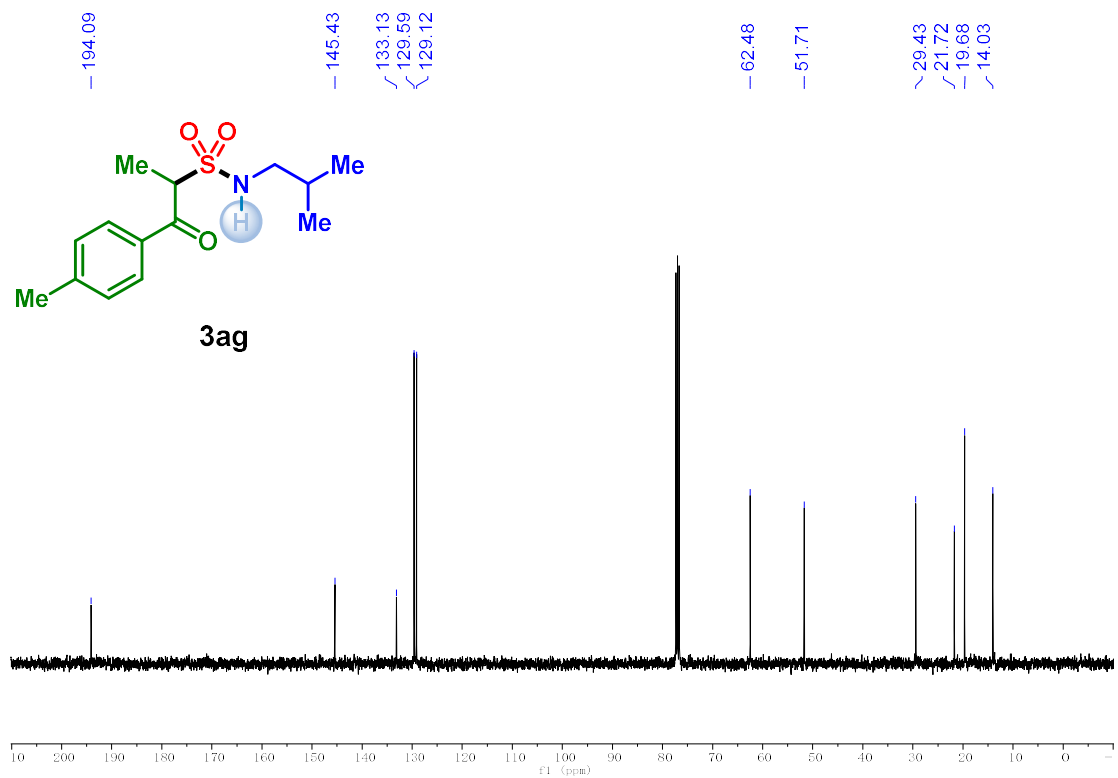


N-isobutyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ag)

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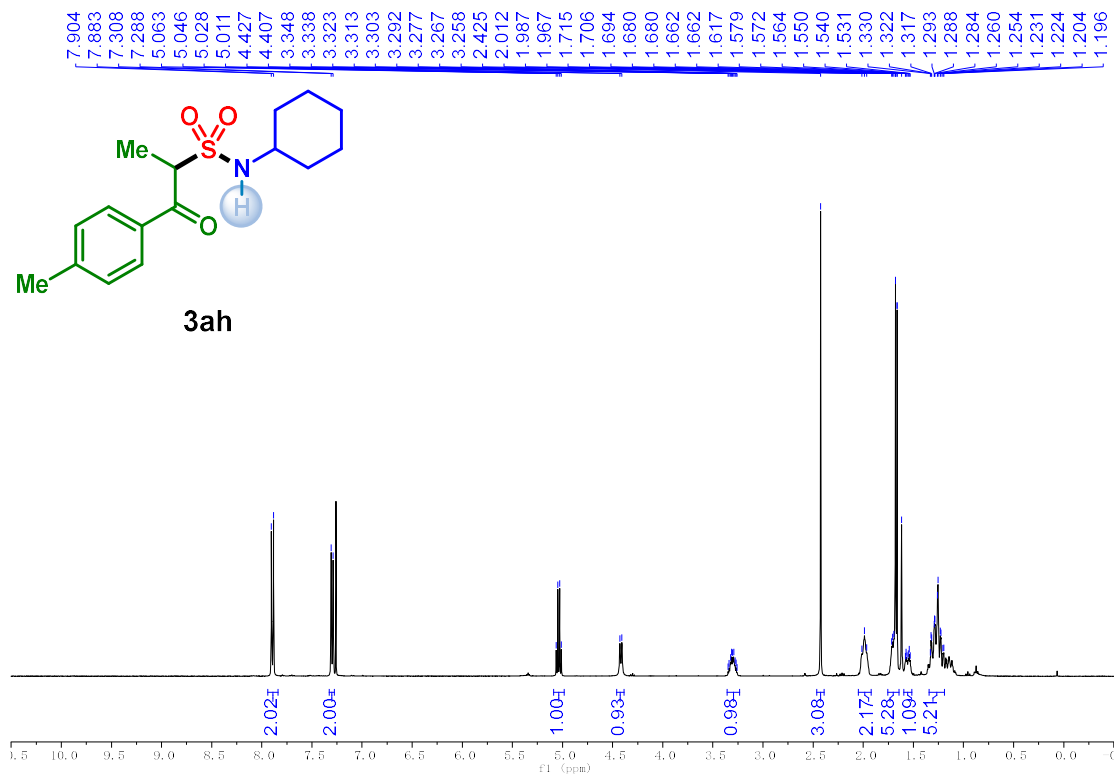


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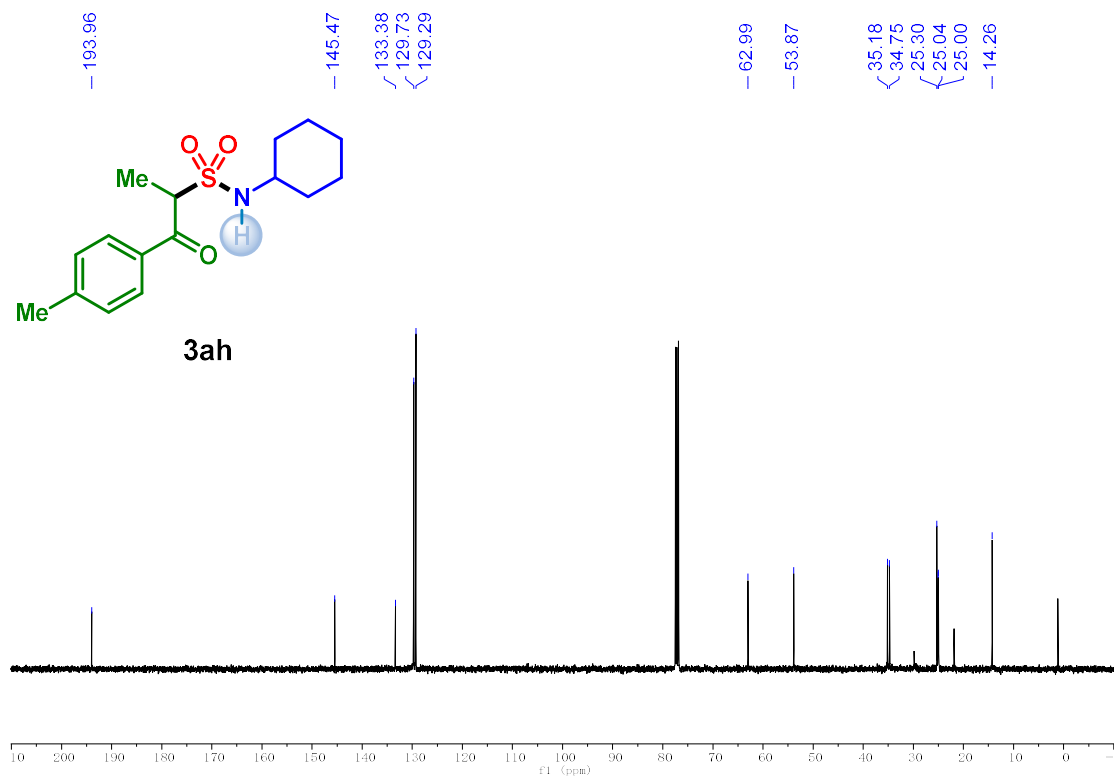


N-cyclohexyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ah)

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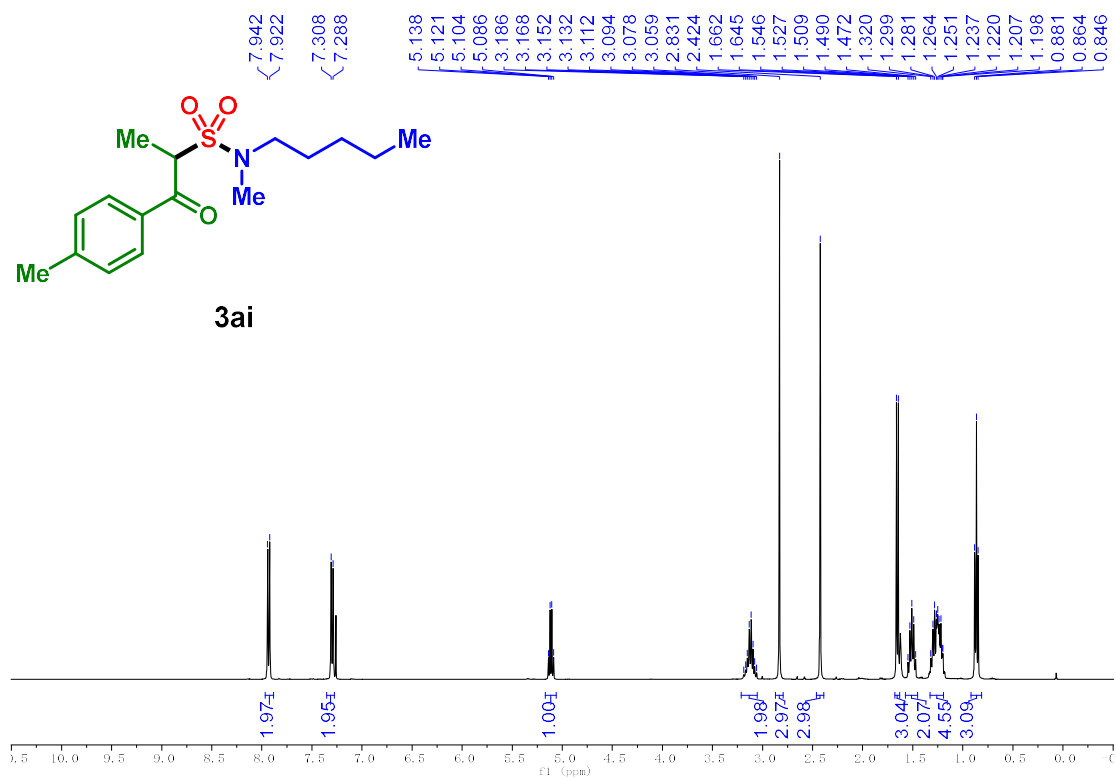


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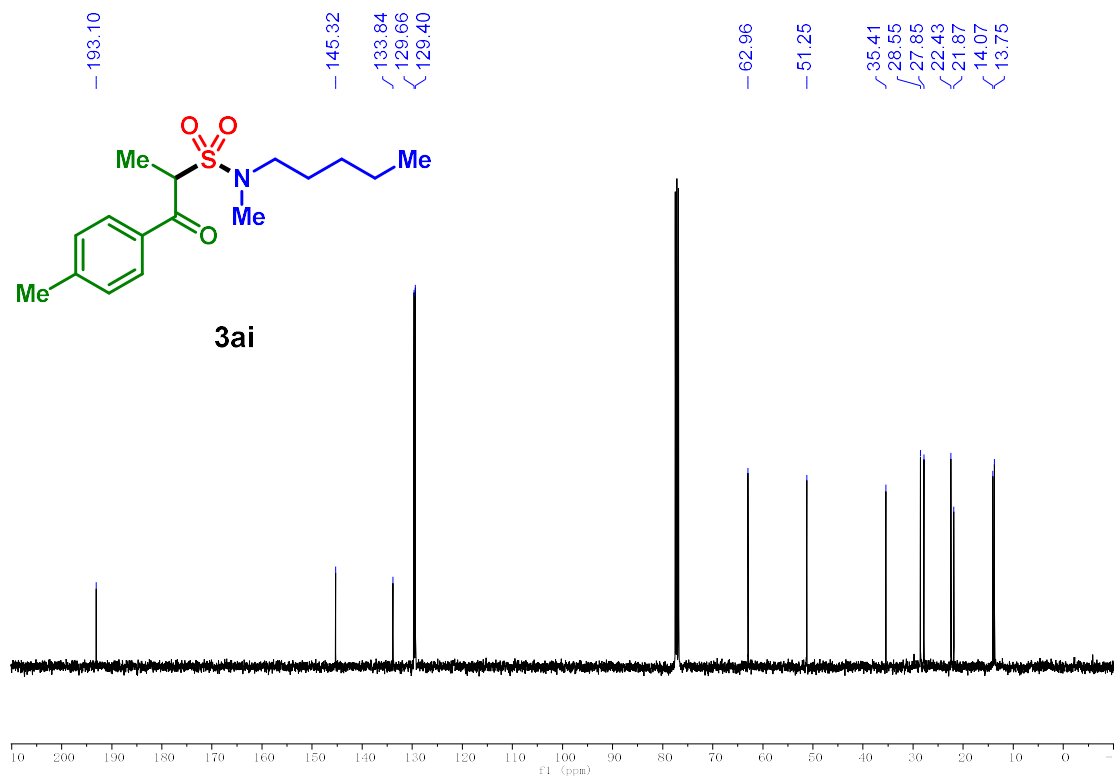


N-methyl-1-oxo-N-pentyl-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ai)

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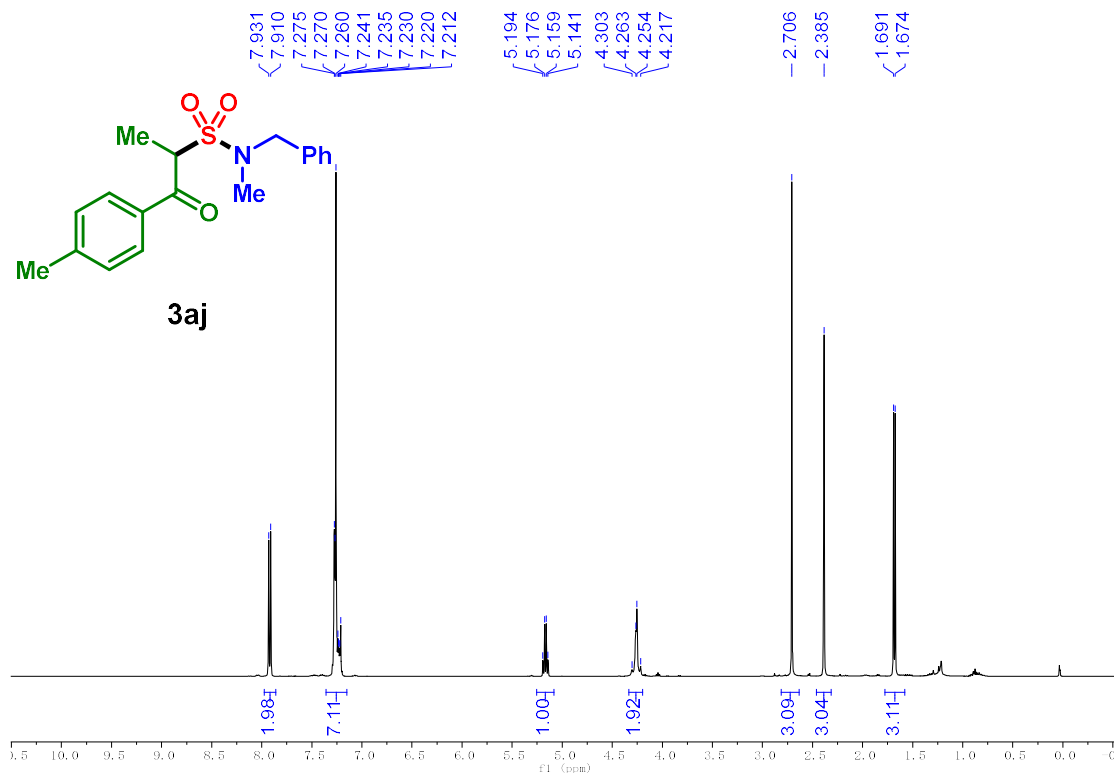


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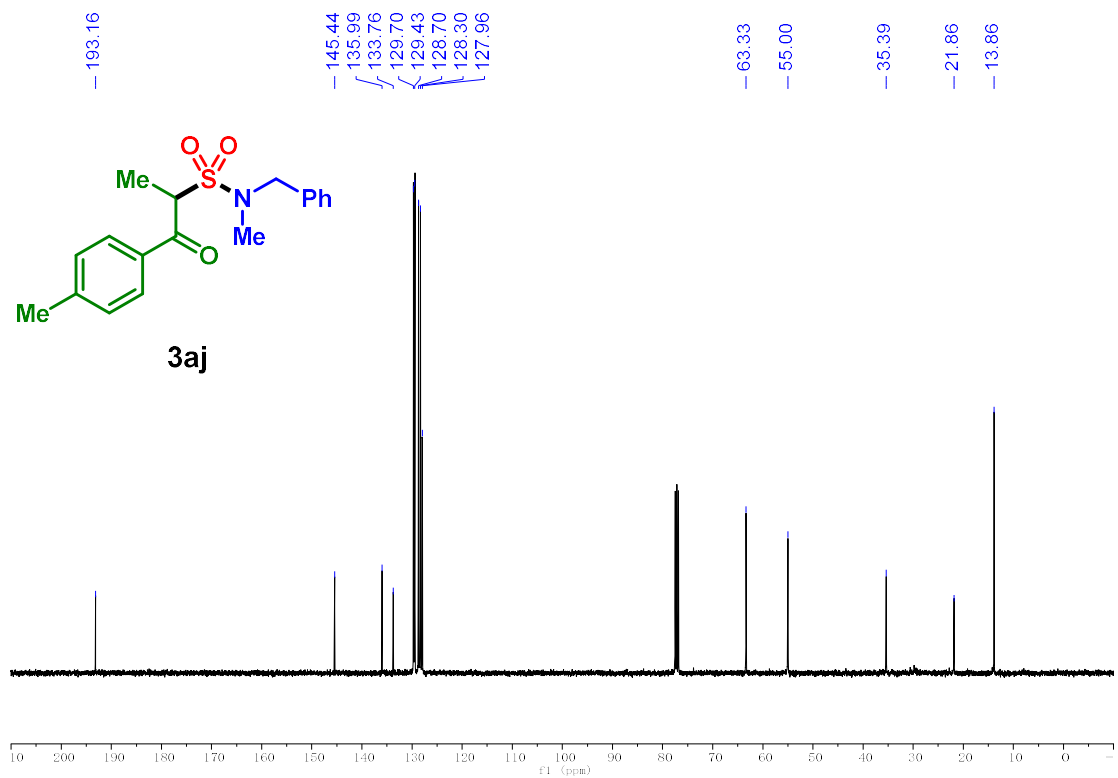


N-benzyl-N-methyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3aj)

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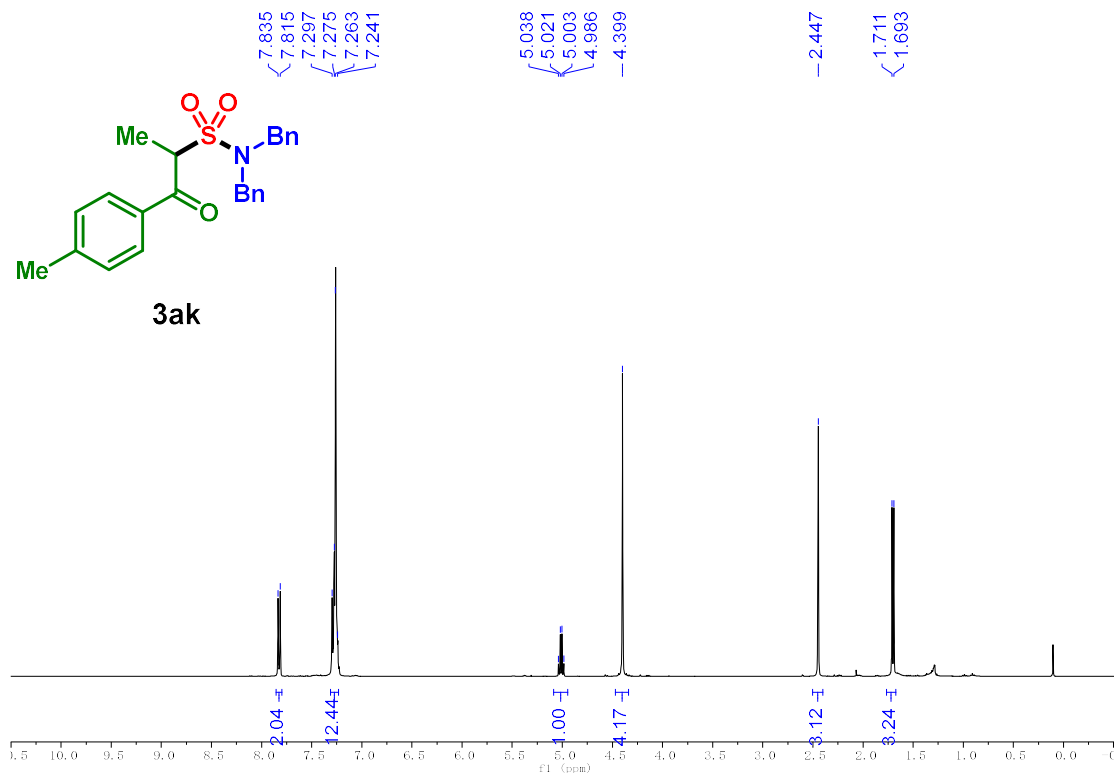


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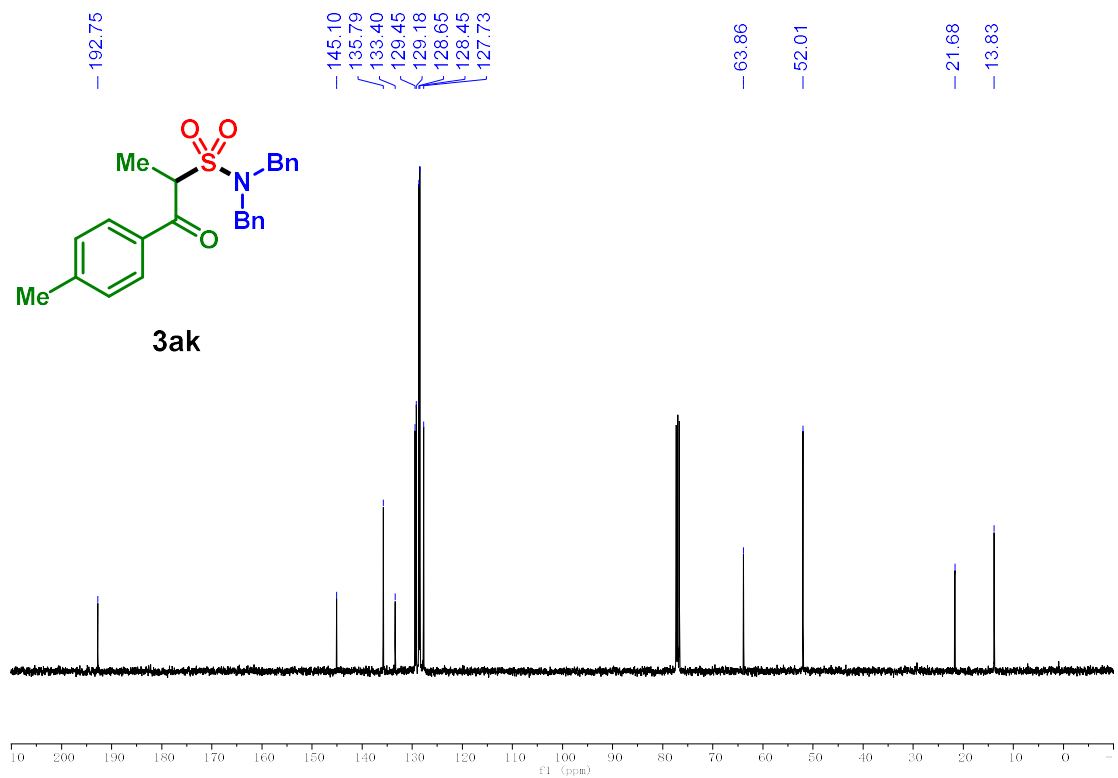


N,N-dibenzyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ak)

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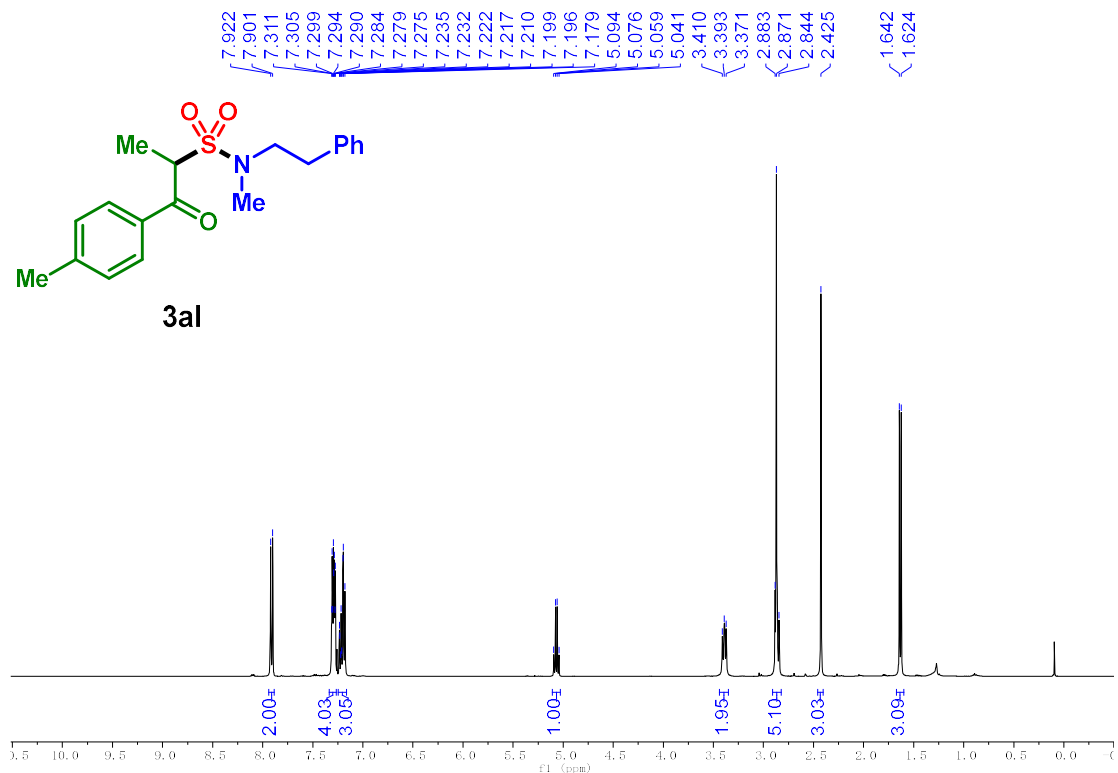


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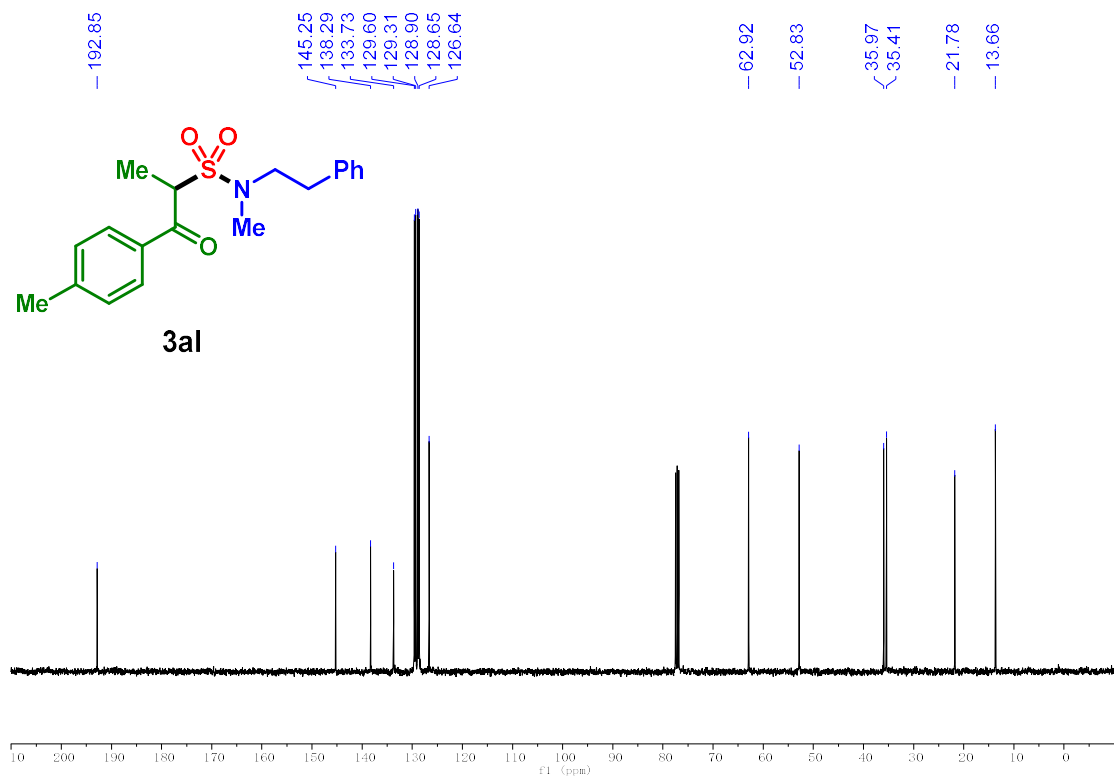


N-methyl-1-oxo-N-phenethyl-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3aI)

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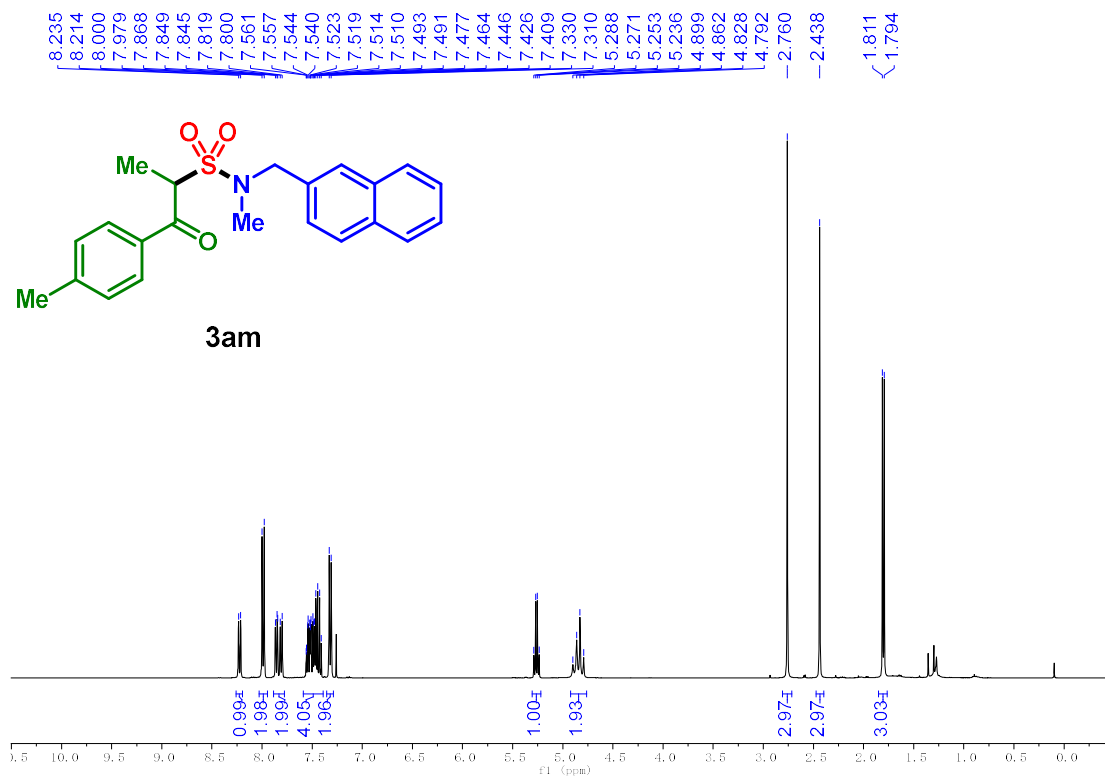


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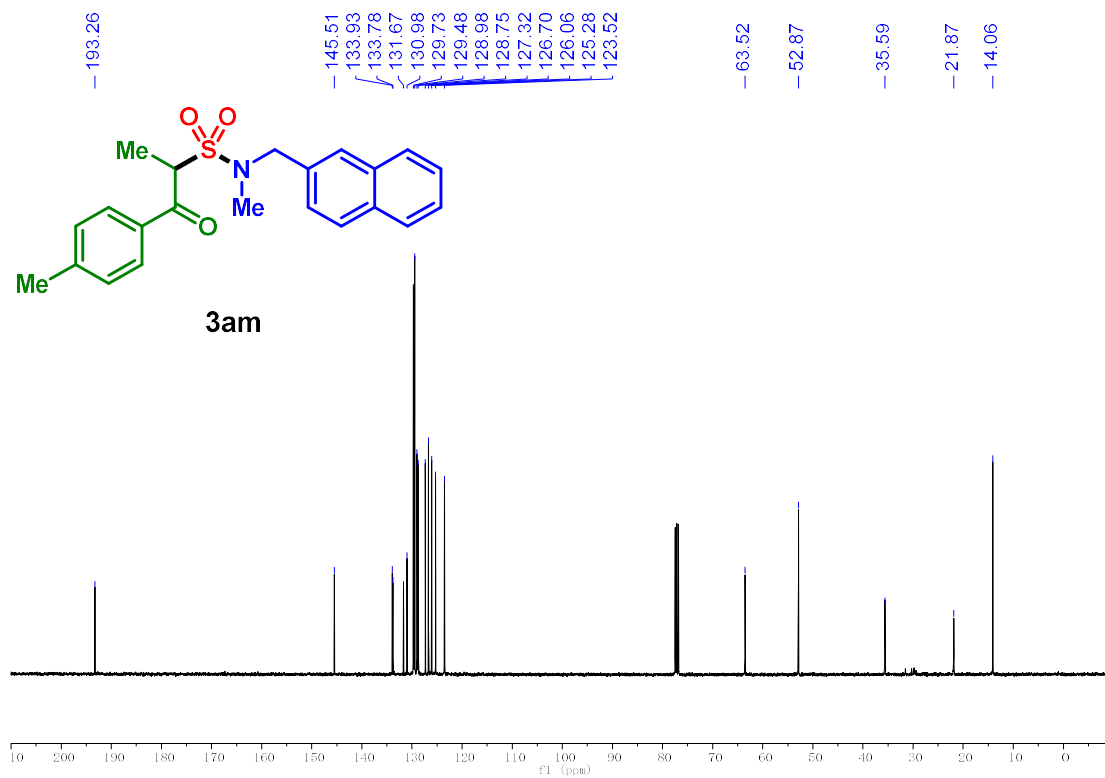


N-methyl-N-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3am)

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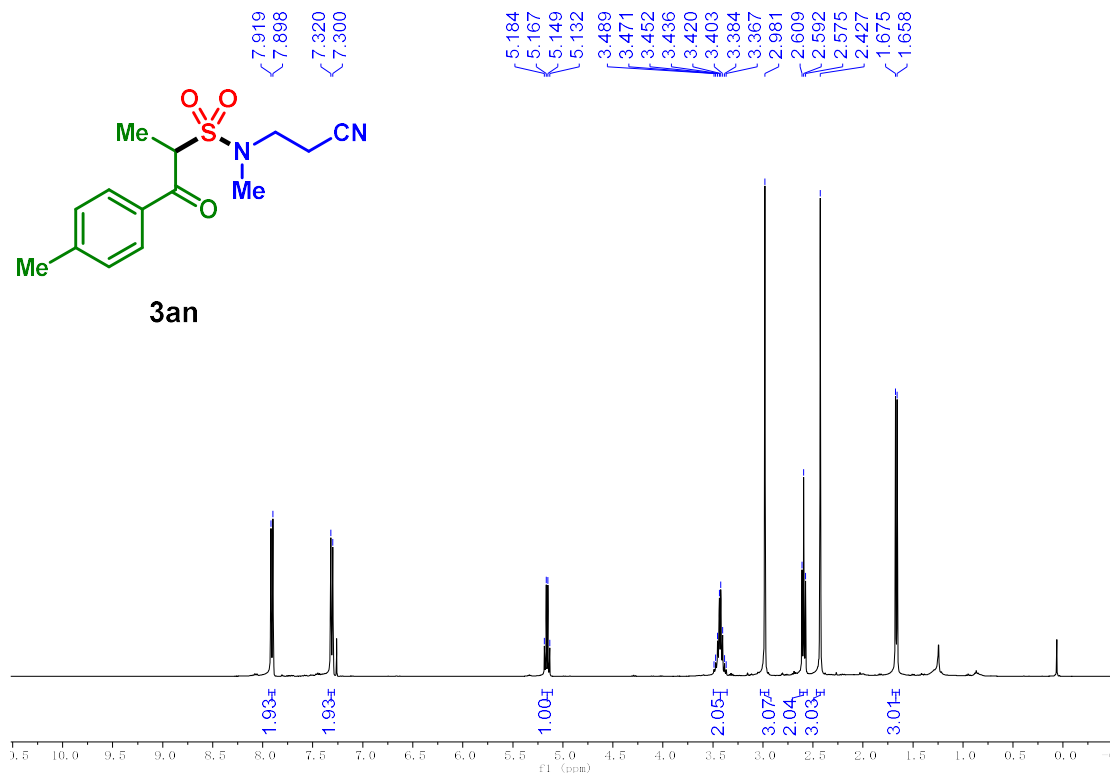


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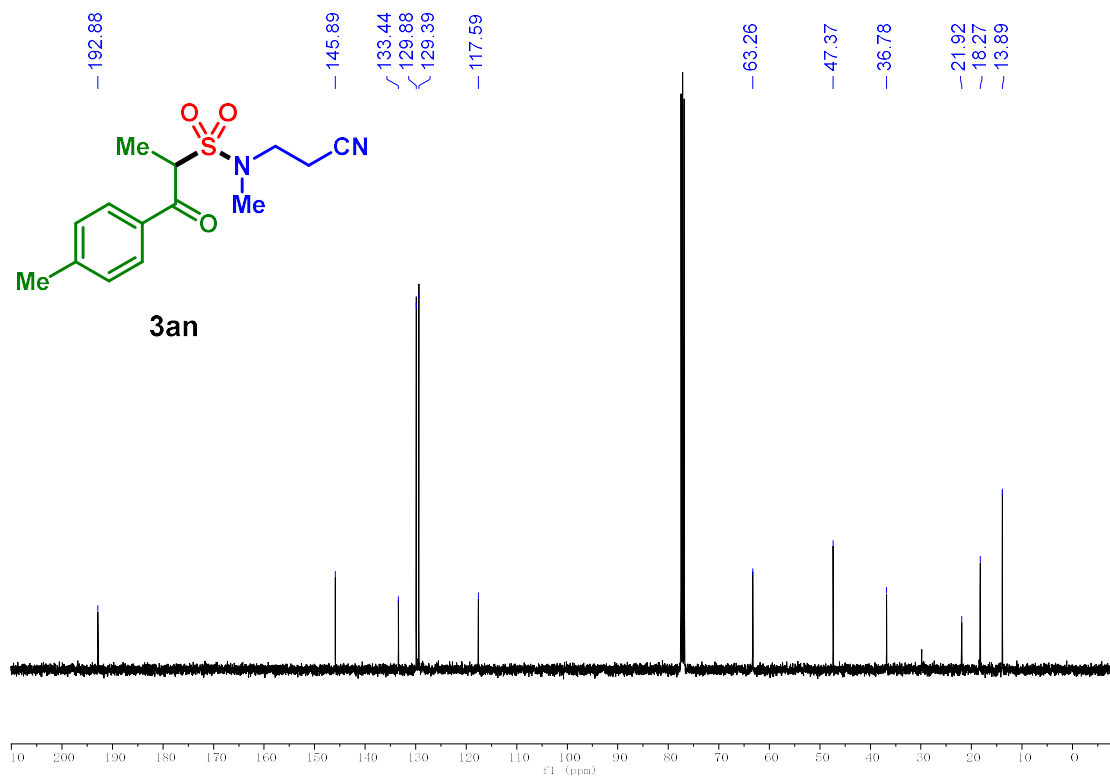


N-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-methyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3an)

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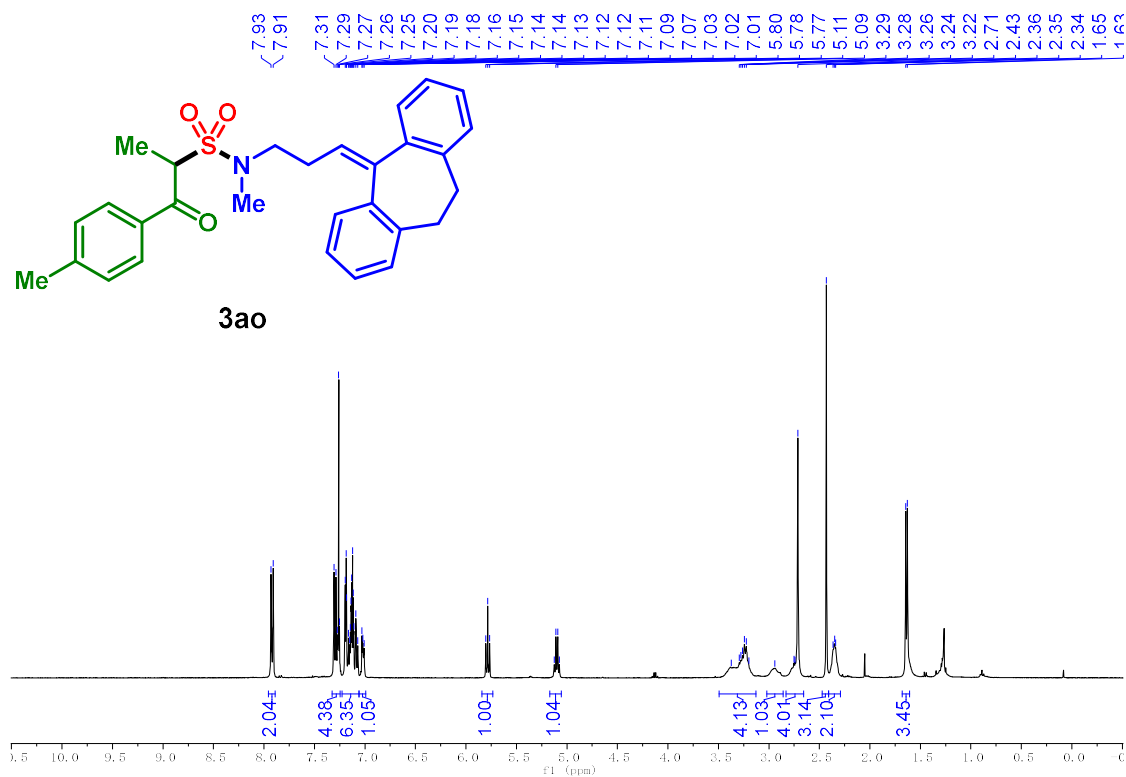


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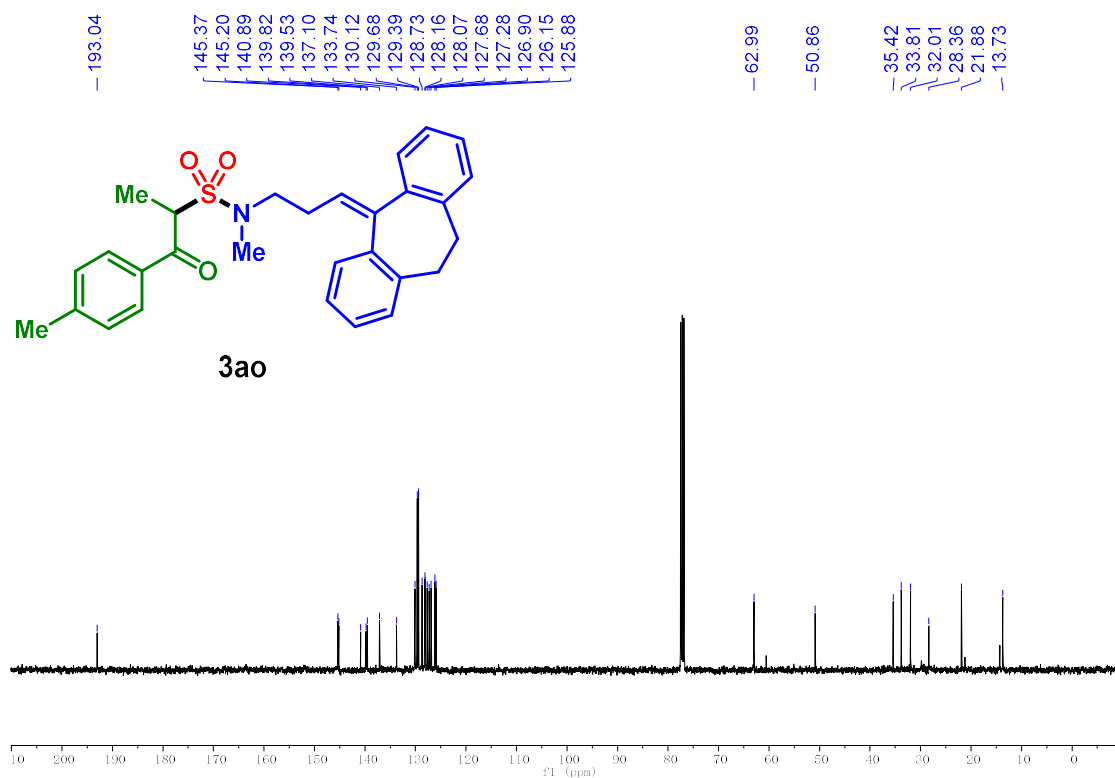


N-(3-(10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[a,d][7]annulen-5-ylidene)propyl)-N-methyl-1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3ao)

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)

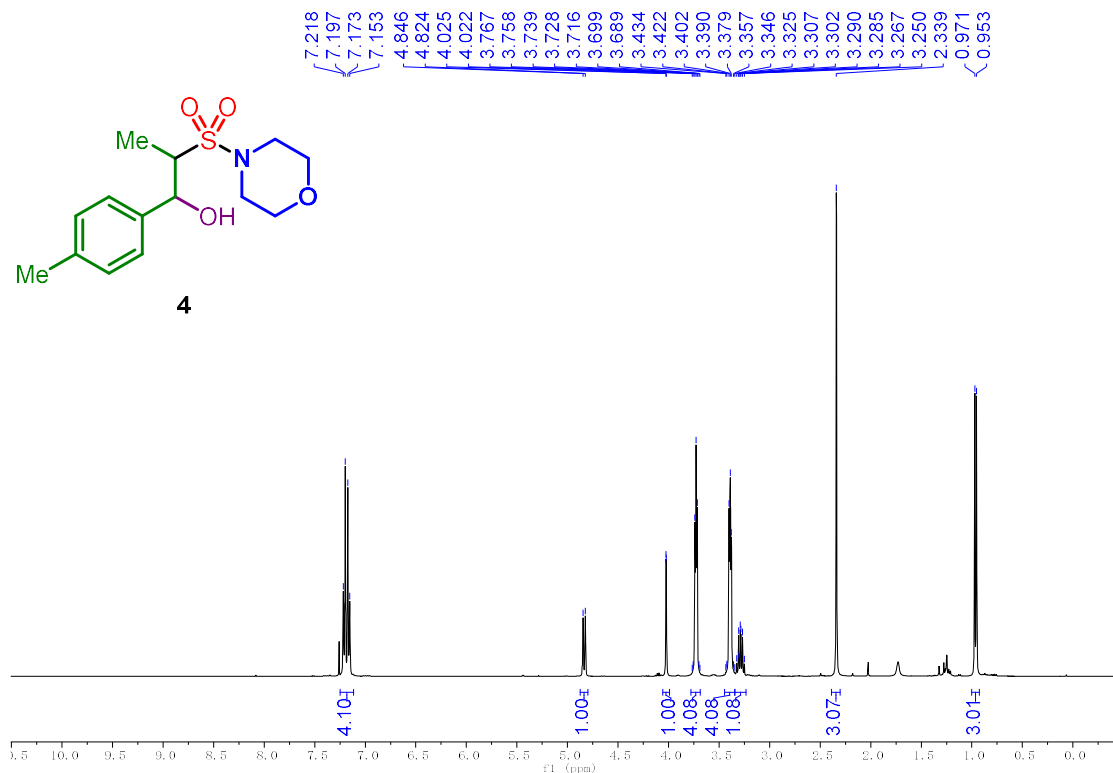


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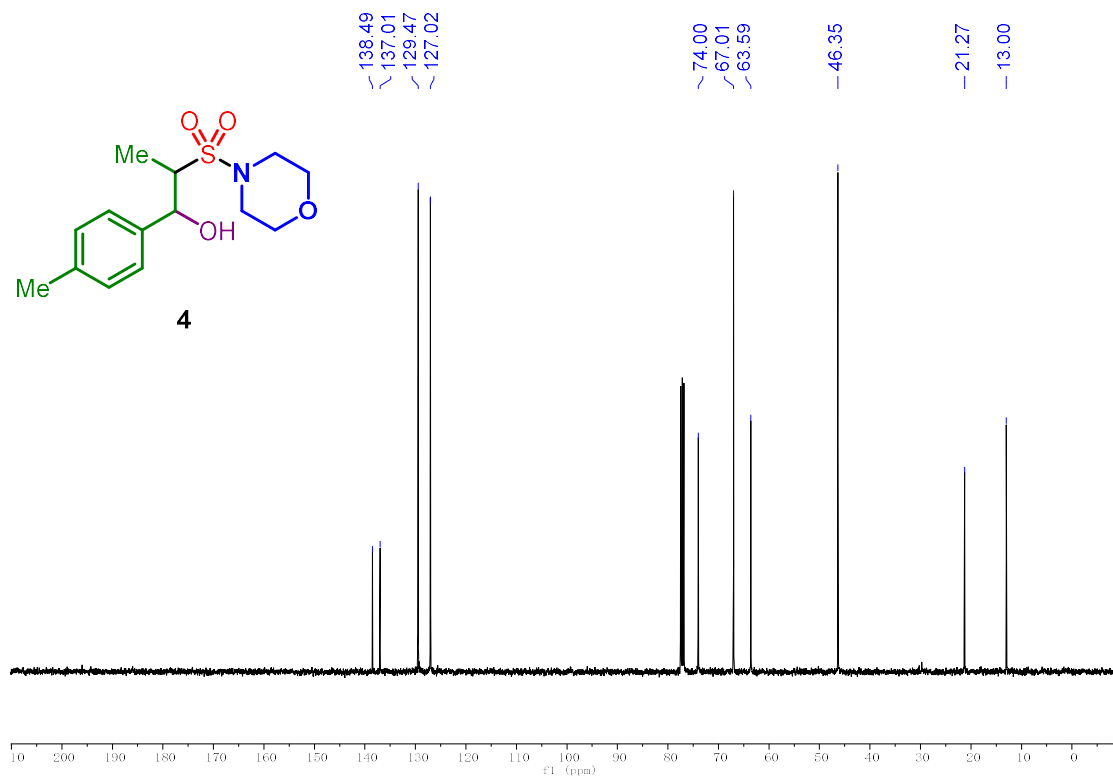


2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-ol (4)

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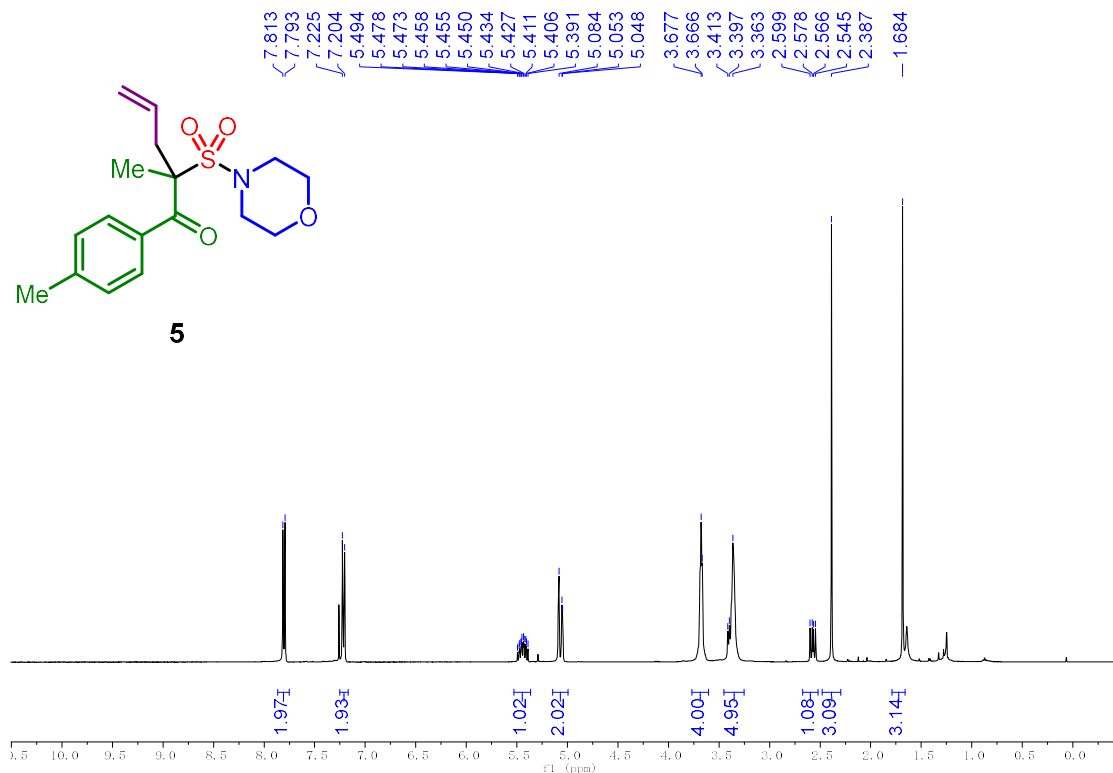


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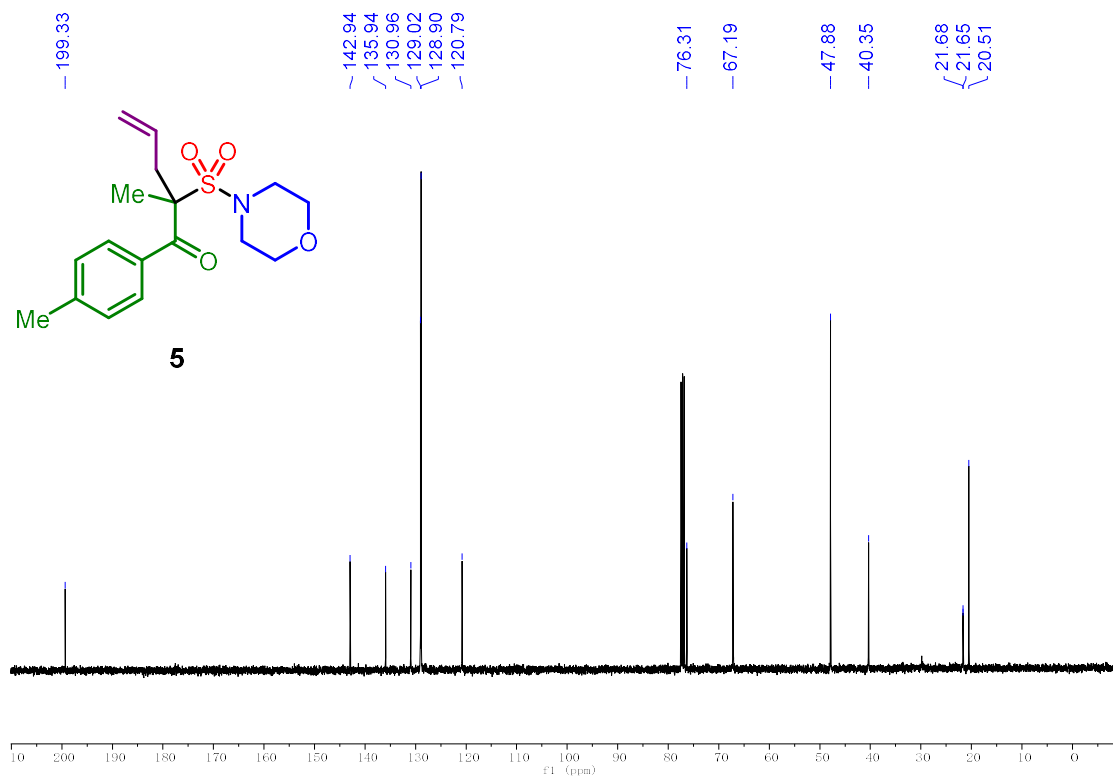


2-methyl-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)pent-4-en-1-one (5)

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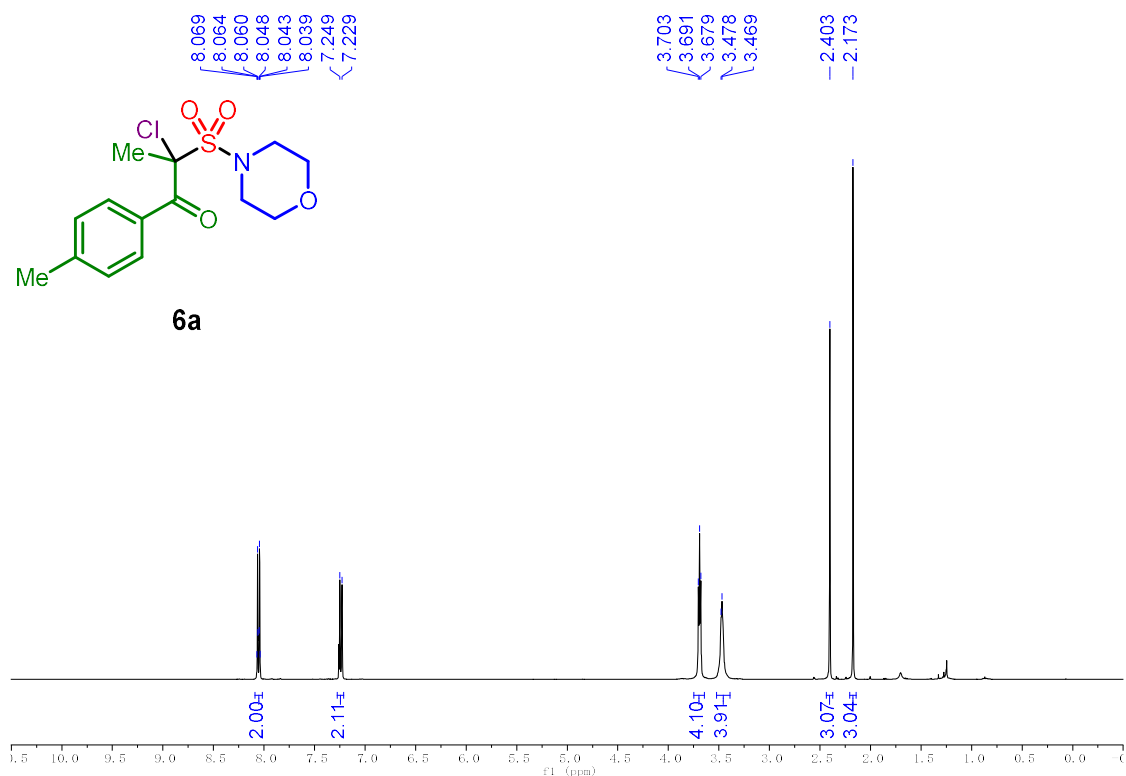


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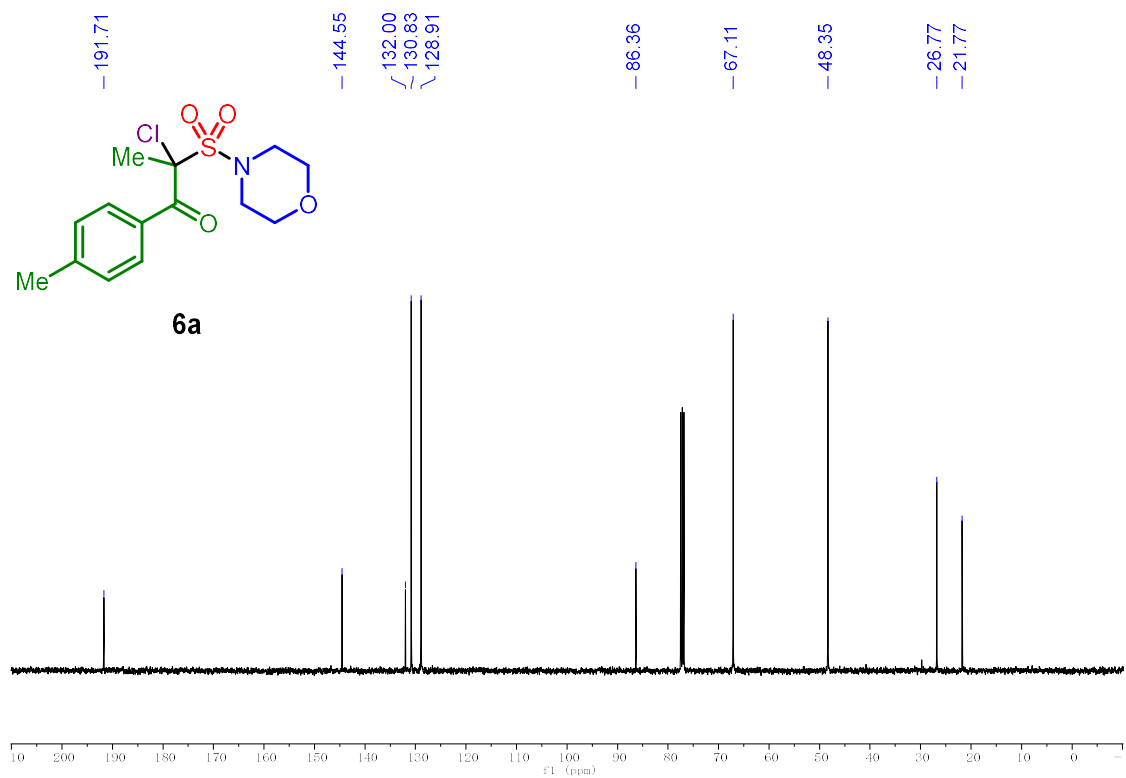


2-chloro-2-(morpholinofulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (6a)

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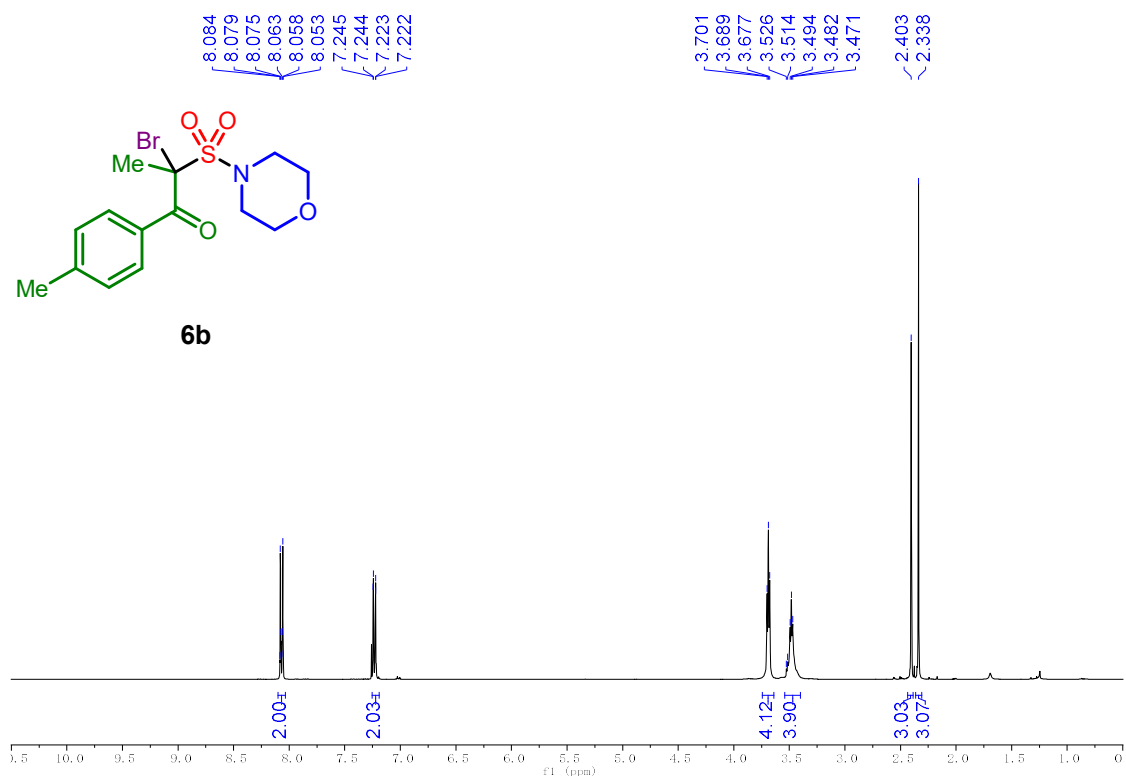


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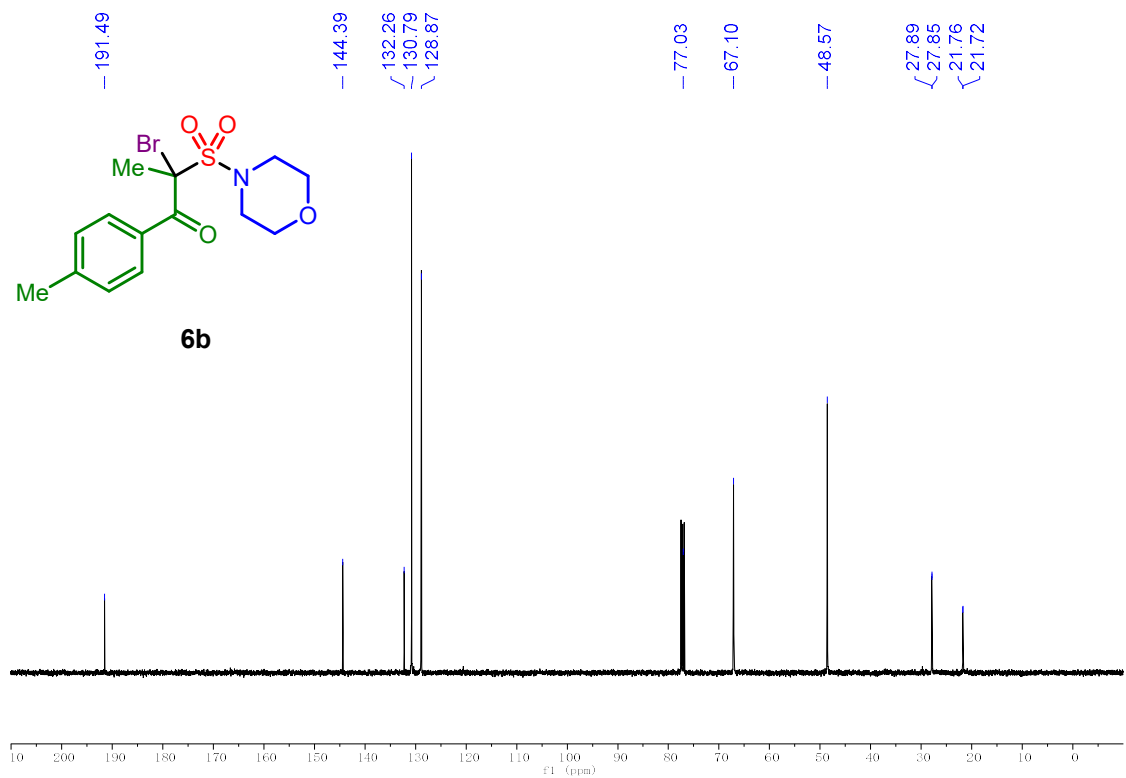


2-bromo-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (6b)

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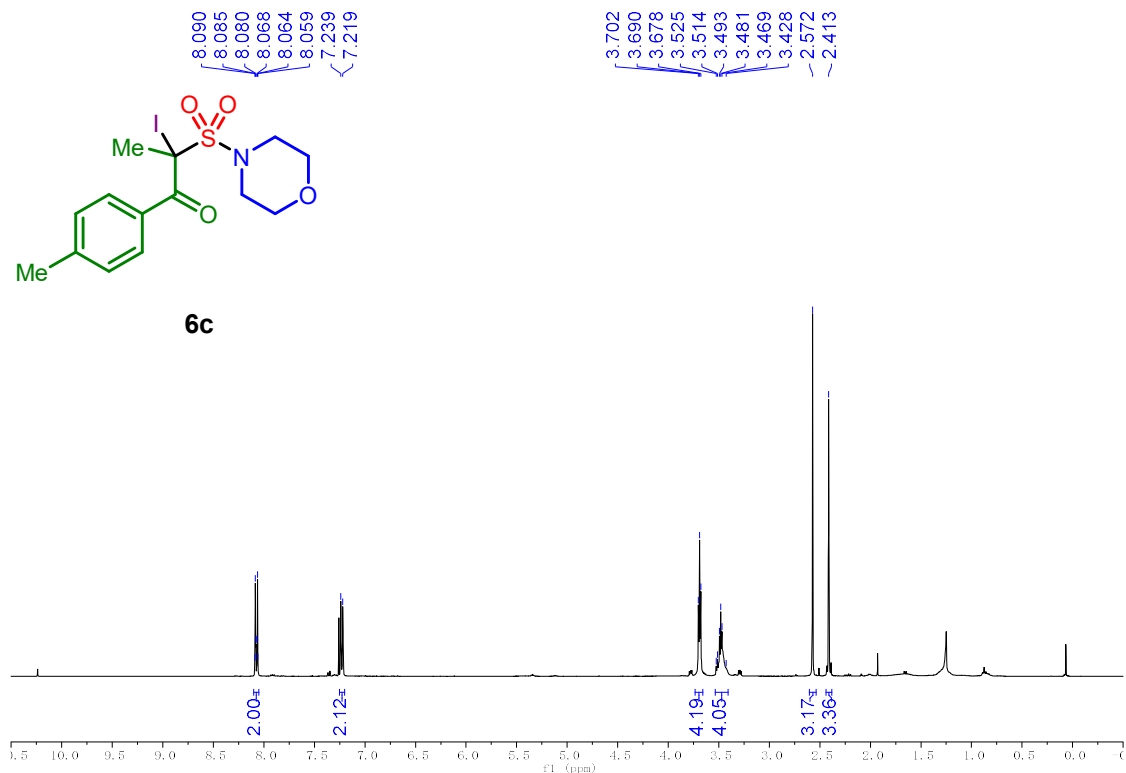


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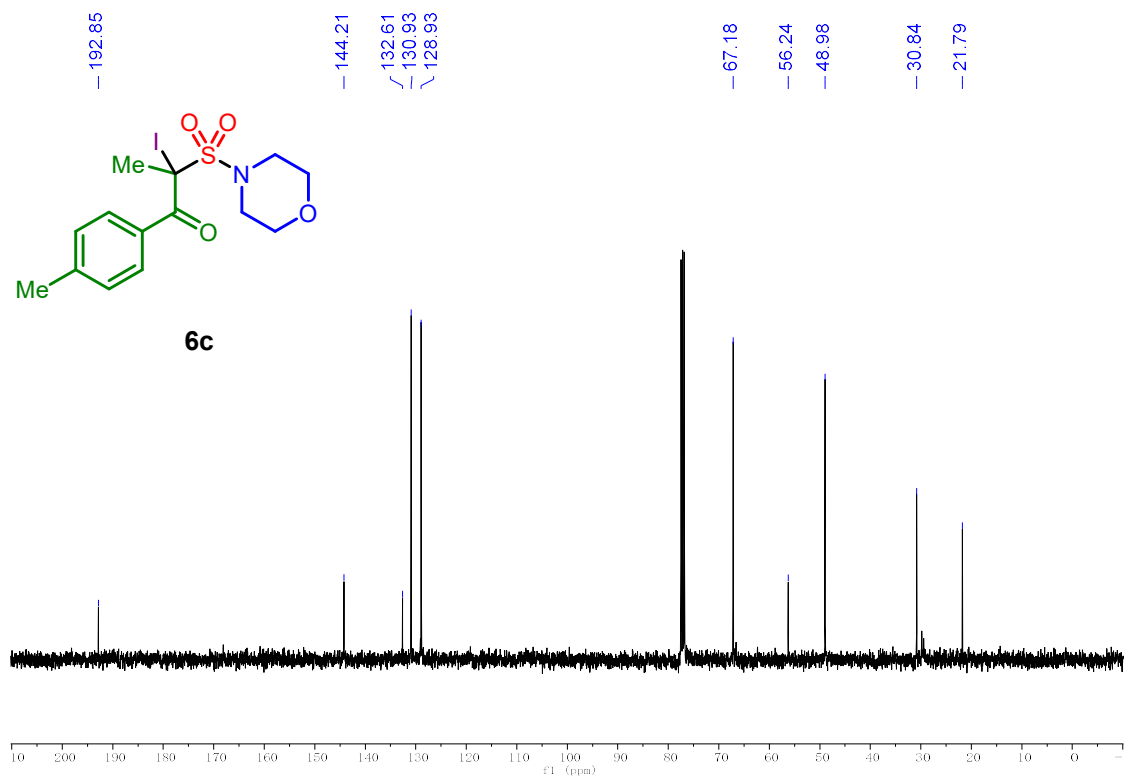


2-iodo-2-(morpholinosulfonyl)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (6c)

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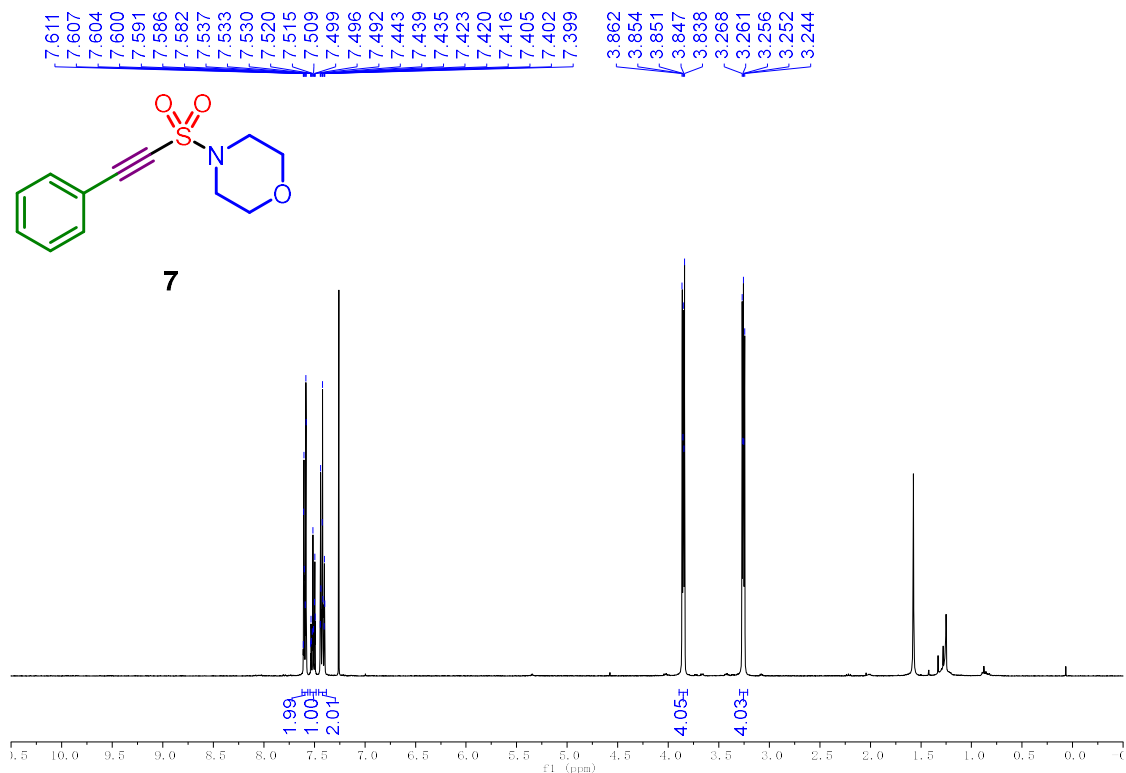


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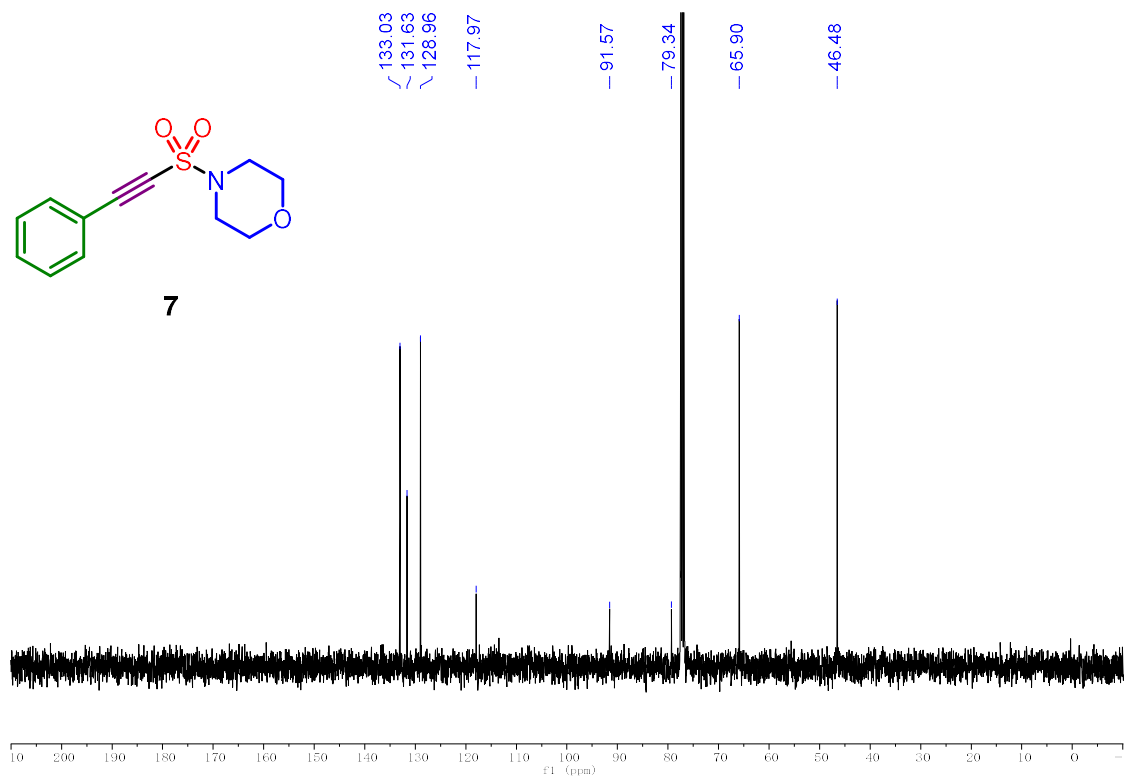


4-((phenylethynyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (7)

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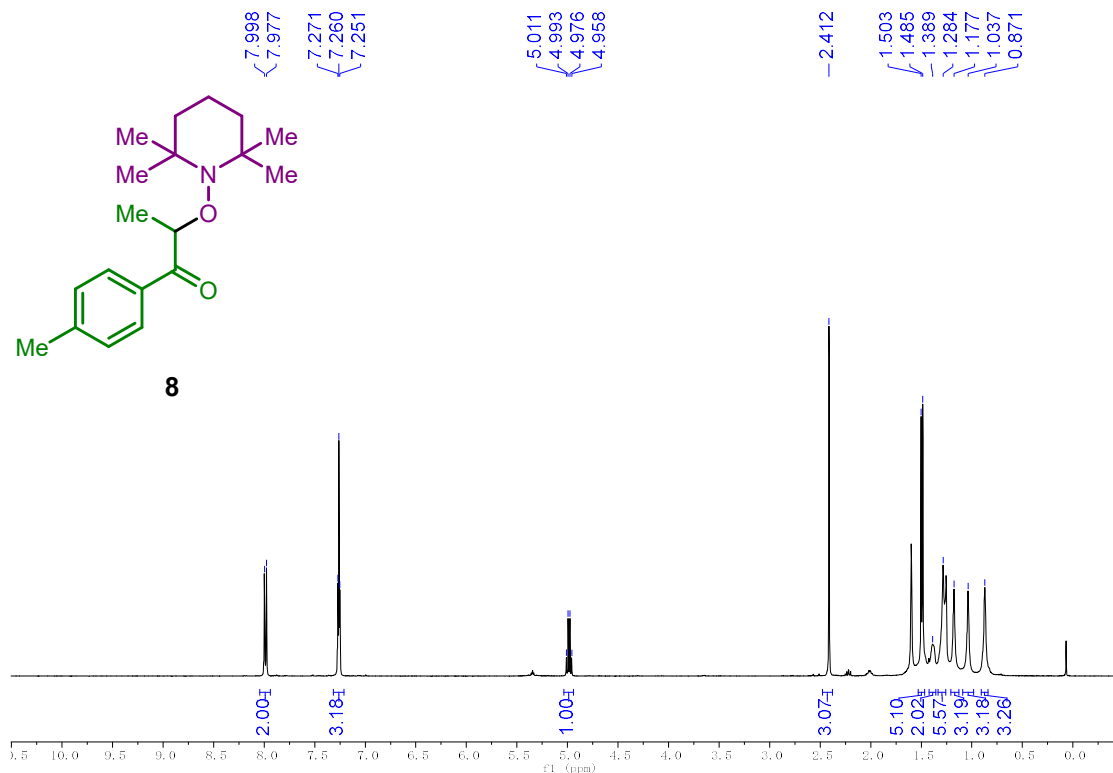


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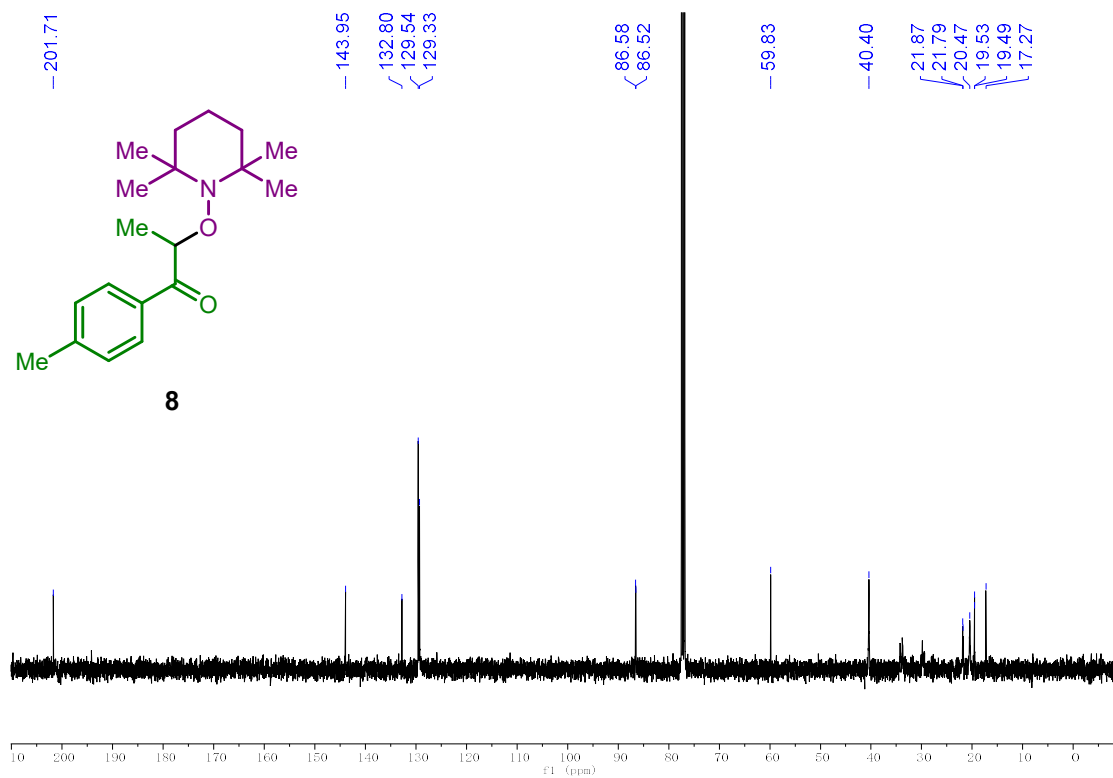


2-((2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxy)-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (8)

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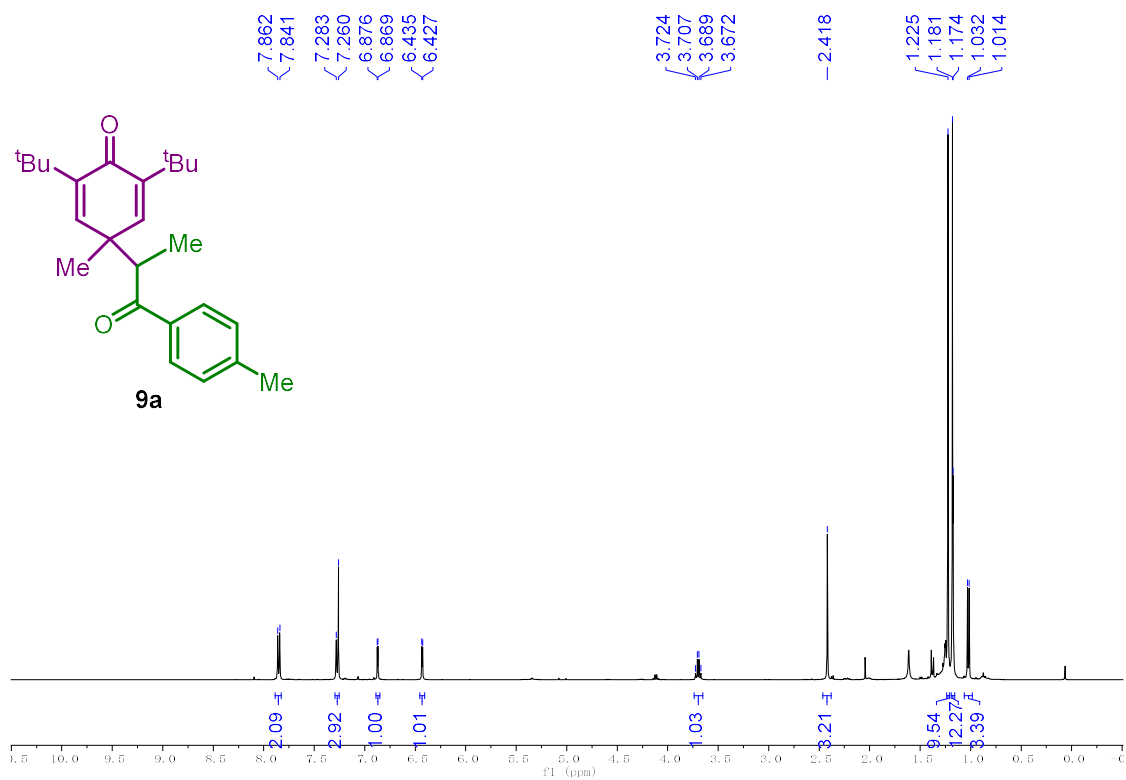


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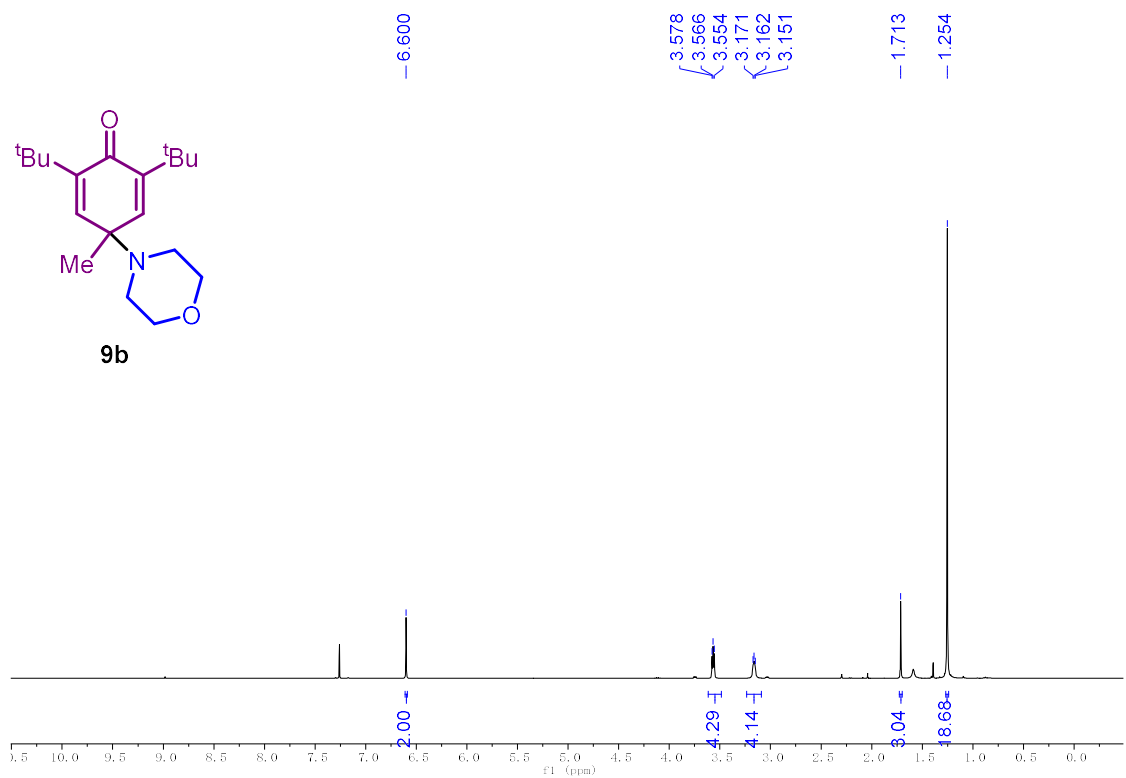
2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methyl-4-(1-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)propan-2-yl)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (9a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



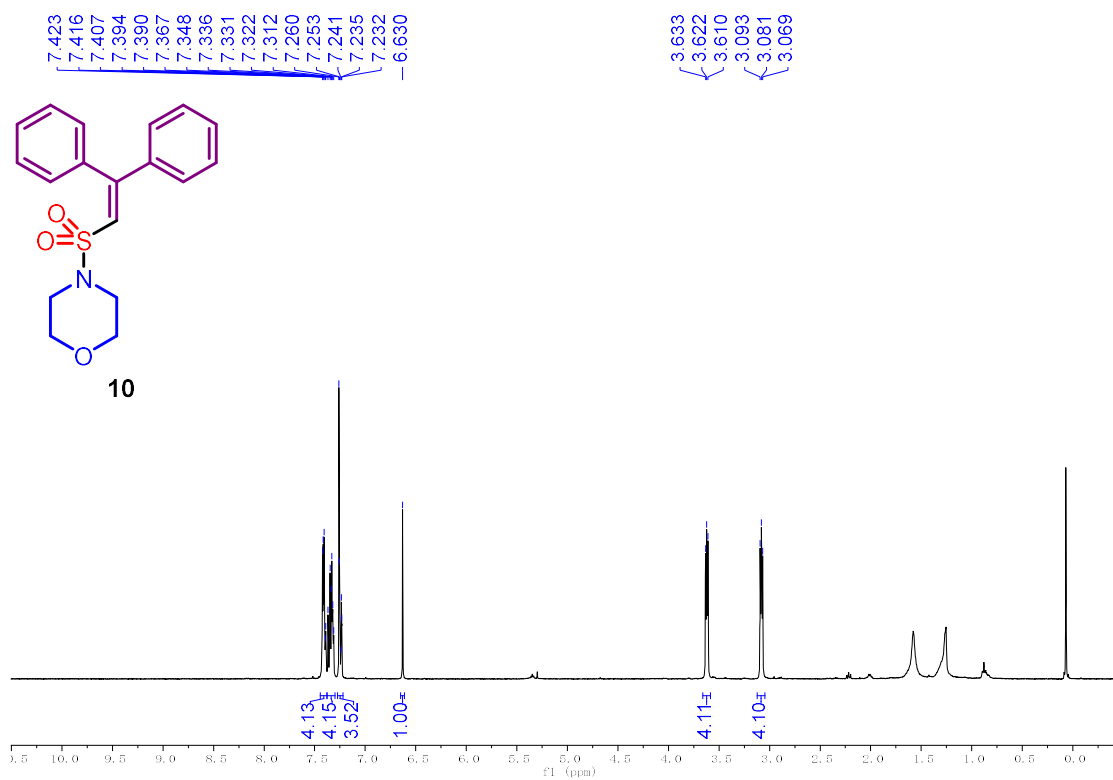
2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methyl-4-morpholinocyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (9b)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



4-((2,2-diphenylvinyl)sulfonyl)morpholine (10)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)



(Z)-5-((1-cyclopropyl-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenylpent-2-en-1-one (11)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)

