

Supplementary Information for:

**Remote Activating Strategy Enabled (RASE) π -Bond
Migratory Dealkylative C-N coupling Utilising
N-Fluorobenzenesulfonimide (NFSI) as A Bifunctional
Domino Reagent**

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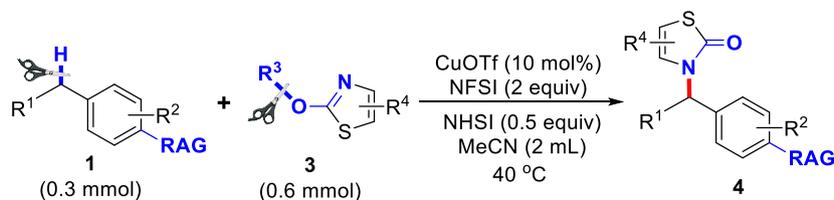
1. General Remarks

All commercially available compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa-Aesar, Acros, J&K Chemicals, Adamas-beta, Accela ChemBio and Aladdin Chemicals. Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. Alkyl benzenes **1** and anilines **2** with remote activating groups were prepared according to the methods reported in our recently published remote activating strategy enabled (RASE) reactions.^[1] Products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether, ethyl acetate and dichloromethane as the eluents. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on JNM-ECZ400S/L1 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced with TMS in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆ (0 ppm). ¹³C-NMR spectra were obtained by using the same NMR spectrometers and were calibrated with CDCl₃ ($\delta = 77.00$ ppm) or DMSO-*d*₆ ($\delta = 39.50$ ppm). High resolution mass spectra were obtained from an Agilent 6520B Q-TOF mass spectrometer with electron spray ionization (ESI) as the ion source.

2. General Procedure and Characterization Data

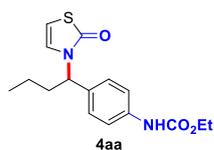
2.1 General Procedure A

RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling with 2-alkoxythiazoles offering *N*-benzyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-ones **4** (results shown in Table 3)



To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and NHSI (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of alkyl benzene (**1**, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-alkoxythiazole (**3**, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **1**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to afford corresponding *N*-benzyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-ones **4**.

Ethyl (4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (**4aa**)^[1a]:



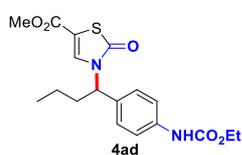
The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 74.5 mg of **4aa** (78%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent. The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-ethoxythiazole (**3b**, 77.4 mg) afforded 63.6 mg of **4aa** (66%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-butoxythiazole (**3c**, 94.2 mg) afforded 59.8 mg of **4aa** (62%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl

acetate (4:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 78-80 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 6.7 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.11-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 172.1, 153.6, 137.9, 134.1, 127.8, 121.7, 118.8, 101.4, 61.2, 56.6, 35.4, 19.4, 14.5, 13.6 ppm.

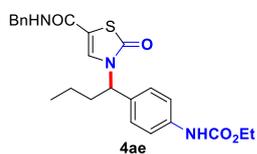
Methyl 3-(1-(4-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)butyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydrothiazole-5-carboxylate (4ad) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)$ -N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of methyl 2-methoxythiazole-5-carboxylate (**3d**, 103.8 mg) afforded 91.0 mg of **4ad** (80%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 5.44 (dd, J = 7.0 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.14-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.3326 (m, 5H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 171.3, 161.2, 153.5, 138.3, 133.0, 130.3, 127.9, 118.9, 108.4, 61.2, 57.3, 52.2, 35.4, 19.4, 14.4, 13.5 ppm.

Ethyl (4-(1-(5-(benzylcarbamoyl)-2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (4ae) ^[1a]:

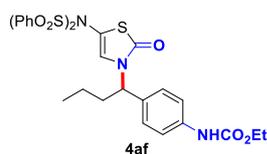


The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)$ -N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of *N*-benzyl-2-methoxythiazole-5-carboxamide (**3e**, 148.8 mg) afforded 111.2 mg of **4ae** (82%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 4:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, J = 7.0 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.32 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.99-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.21 (m, 5H), 0.91

(t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 170.9, 160.3, 153.8, 138.2, 137.5, 133.1, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 126.1, 119.1, 112.8, 61.1, 57.2, 43.7, 35.3, 19.3, 14.3, 13.4$ ppm.

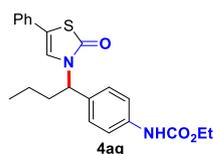
Ethyl (4-(1-(2-oxo-5-(*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)phenylsulfonamido)thiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)butyl)phenyl) carbamate (4af) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)$ -N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of *N*-(2-methoxythiazol-5-yl)-*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (**3f**, 246.0 mg) afforded 142.3 mg of **4af** (77%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 68-69 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.91$ (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 4H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.43 (dd, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.99-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.28 (m, 5H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 169.8, 153.5, 138.1, 138.1, 134.5, 133.3, 129.2, 128.4, 127.6, 127.3, 118.9, 109.9, 61.3, 56.7, 35.4, 19.3, 14.4, 13.5$ ppm.

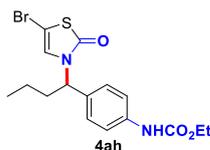
Ethyl (4-(1-(2-oxo-5-phenylthiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (4ag) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)$ -N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxy-5-phenylthiazole (**3g**, 114.6 mg) afforded 50.1 mg of **4ag** (42%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Colorless oil. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.43$ (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.22 (m, 8H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.51 (dd, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.14-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 171.0, 153.6, 138.0, 133.7, 131.3, 128.8, 127.8, 127.6, 124.7, 118.8, 116.4, 61.1, 56.6, 35.2, 19.4, 14.4, 13.6$ ppm.

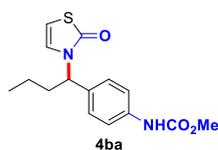
Ethyl (4-(1-(5-bromo-2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (4ah) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 5-bromo-2-methoxythiazole (**3h**, 116.4 mg) afforded 57.6 mg of **4ah** (48%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.10-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 170.9, 153.6, 138.1, 133.3, 127.9, 122.2, 118.8, 88.9, 61.2, 56.9, 35.1, 19.4, 14.4, 13.5 ppm.

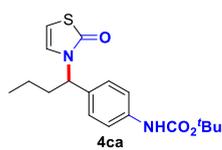
Methyl (4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (**4ba**) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of methyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1b**, 62.1 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 74.8 mg of **4ba** (81%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 165-166 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.65 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.11-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.21-1.13 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 171.0, 154.0, 138.7, 134.0, 127.5, 123.4, 118.3, 101.1, 56.5, 51.6, 34.6, 19.1, 13.3 ppm.

Tert-Butyl (4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (**4ca**) ^[1a]:

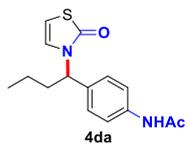


The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of *tert*-butyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1c**, 74.8 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 65.0 mg of **4ca** (62%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.10-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.37-1.28 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR

(CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 172.0, 152.7, 138.2, 133.7, 127.8, 121.7, 118.7, 101.3, 80.5, 56.5, 35.3, 28.2, 19.4, 13.6 ppm.

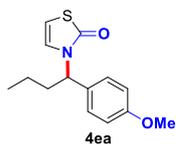
***N*-(4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)butyl)phenyl)acetamide (4da)** ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of *N*-(4-butylphenyl)acetamide (**1d**, 57.3 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 59.6 mg of **4da** (68%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 2.5:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16-1.96 (m, 5H), 1.26-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 171.0, 168.3, 138.9, 134.5, 127.4, 123.4, 119.1, 101.2, 56.5, 34.6, 24.0, 19.1, 13.3 ppm.

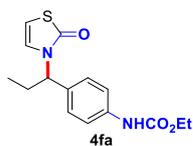
3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butyl)thiazol-2(3H)-one (4ea) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of 1-butyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1e**, 49.2 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 55.6 mg of **4ea** (70%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 4:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

Light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.10-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.30 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 171.9, 159.2, 131.4, 128.4, 121.7, 114.1, 101.2, 56.5, 55.2, 35.5, 19.5, 13.6 ppm.

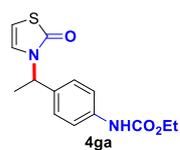
Ethyl (4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)propyl)phenyl)carbamate (4fa) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-propylphenyl)carbamate (**1f**, 62.1 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 76.0 mg of **4fa** (83%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

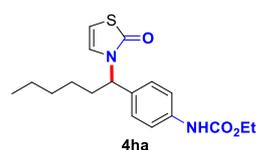
White solid, m.p. 146-147 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 6.7 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.20-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 172.2, 153.6, 137.9, 133.9, 127.9, 121.7, 118.8, 101.4, 61.2, 58.5, 26.5, 14.5, 10.8 ppm.

Ethyl (4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethyl)phenyl)carbamate (4ga) [1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-ethylphenyl)carbamate (**1g**, 57.9 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 62.5 mg of **4ga** (71%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 4:1, v/v) as the eluent. Light yellow oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.40 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 171.8, 153.6, 137.9, 134.5, 127.5, 121.8, 118.8, 101.4, 61.2, 52.2, 19.2, 14.5 ppm.

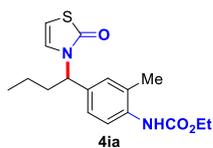
Ethyl (4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)hexyl)phenyl)carbamate (4ha) [1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-hexylphenyl)carbamate (**1h**, 72.9 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 65.1 mg of **4ha** (70%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ = 7.39 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.12-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.26 (m, 9H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ = 172.1, 153.6, 137.9, 134.0, 127.8, 121.7, 118.8, 101.4, 61.2, 56.9, 33.3, 31.3, 25.8, 22.3, 14.4, 13.9 ppm.

Ethyl (2-methyl-4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (4ia):

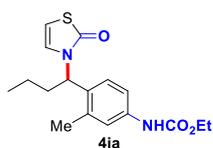


The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butyl-2-methylphenyl)carbamate (**1i**, 70.5 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 56.8 mg of **4ia** (57%)

after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.10-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.26 (m, 5H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 172.0, 153.8, 135.7, 134.7, 129.7, 125.1, 121.7, 101.3, 61.3, 56.6, 35.4, 19.4, 17.7, 14.4, 13.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₃N₂O₃S [M+H]⁺: 335.1424, found 335.1421.

Ethyl (3-methyl-4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (**4ja**)^[1a]:

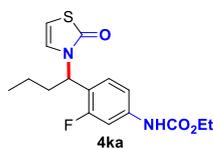


The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butyl-3-methylphenyl)carbamate (**1j**, 70.5 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 82.5 mg of **4ja** (82%)

after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 171.7, 153.6, 138.7, 137.9, 131.6, 126.6, 122.1, 120.9, 116.0, 101.2, 61.1, 53.5, 35.8, 19.5, 19.3, 14.4, 13.7 ppm.

Ethyl (3-fluoro-4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (**4ka**) :



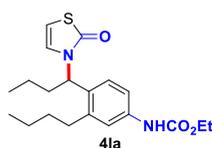
The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (4-butyl-3-fluorophenyl)carbamate (**1k**, 71.7 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 53.0 mg of **4ka** (52%)

after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 3:1, v/v) as

the eluent.

Light yellow solid, m.p. 98-99 °C. **¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ = 7.35 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz):** δ = 171.9, 161.0 (d, *J* = 245.5 Hz), 153.3, 139.8 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 129.1 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 122.4 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 120.6 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz), 113.9, 106.4 (d, *J* = 27.5 Hz), 101.2, 61.4, 53.0, 34.8, 19.6, 14.4, 13.5 ppm. **¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz):** δ = -113.8 ppm. **HRMS (ESI) *m/z*** calcd for C₁₆H₂₀FN₂O₃S [M+H]⁺: 339.1173, found 339.1169.

Ethyl (3-butyl-4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (**4la**) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (3,4-dibutylphenyl)carbamate (**1l**, 83.2 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 81.5 mg of **4la** (72%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 5:1, v/v) as the eluent. Colorless oil. **¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ = 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.69-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.09-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.28 (m, 9H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz):** δ = 171.5, 153.6, 143.8, 138.0, 130.9, 126.9, 122.1, 120.1, 116.0, 101.1, 61.2, 53.0, 36.1, 33.5, 32.0, 22.7, 19.6, 14.5, 14.0, 13.7 ppm.

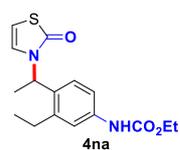
Ethyl (4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)propyl)-3-propylphenyl)carbamate (**4ma**) ^[1a]:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (3,4-dipropylphenyl)carbamate (**1m**, 74.8 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 87.3 mg of **4ma** (84%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 5:1, v/v) as the eluent. Colorless oil. **¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz):** δ = 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.67-2.47 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.34

(m, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): $\delta = 171.6, 153.6, 143.5, 138.0, 130.7, 126.9, 122.1, 120.1, 116.0, 101.1, 61.1, 54.7, 34.1, 26.9, 24.4, 14.5, 13.9, 11.0$ ppm.

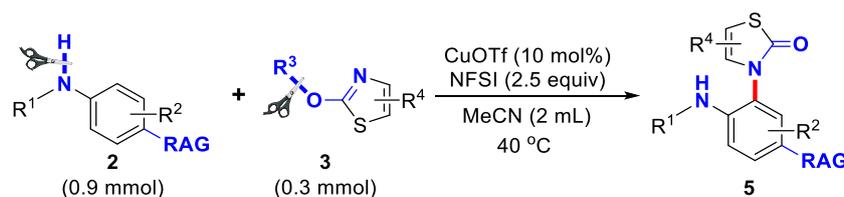
Ethyl (3-ethyl-4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethyl)phenyl)carbamate (**4na**) ^{11a1}:



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp³)-N coupling between 0.3 mmol of ethyl (3,4-diethylphenyl)carbamate (**1n**, 66.3 mg) and 0.6 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg) afforded 67.6 mg of **4na** (70%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 5:1, v/v) as the eluent. Light yellow solid, m.p. 144-145 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.39-7.35$ (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.73 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.67-2.44 (m, 2H), 1.66 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): $\delta = 171.2, 153.6, 144.3, 138.3, 131.4, 126.6, 122.1, 119.2, 116.0, 101.2, 61.2, 49.2, 24.7, 19.4, 14.6, 14.5$ ppm.

2.2 General Procedure B

RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling with 2-alkoxythiazoles offering *N*-phenyl thiazol-2(3H)-ones **5** (results shown in Table 4)



To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of aniline (**2**, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-alkoxythiazole (**3**, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to afford

corresponding *N*-phenyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-ones **5**.

Diethyl (2-(2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5aa):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg) afforded 69.8 mg of **5aa** (66%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

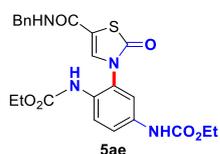
The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-ethoxythiazole (**3b**, 38.7 mg) afforded 60.5 mg of **5aa** (57%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-butoxythiazole (**3c**, 47.1 mg) afforded 51.2 mg of **5aa** (49%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-(benzyloxy)thiazole (**3i**, 57.3 mg) afforded 67.5 mg of **5aa** (64%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

Off-white solid, m.p. 207-213 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 170.3, 154.2, 153.6, 136.9, 130.9, 128.4, 126.7, 126.3, 118.6, 117.1, 101.8, 60.4, 14.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₃O₅S [M+H]⁺: 352.0962, found 352.0960.

Diethyl (2-(5-(benzylcarbamoyl)-2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5ae):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of *N*-benzyl-2-methoxythiazole-5-carboxamide (**3e**, 74.4 mg) afforded 85.1 mg of **5ae** (59%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1

to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 170-175 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.83 (s, 1H), 9.15 (s, 1H), 8.82 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 5H), 4.42 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 169.2, 159.7, 154.1, 153.5, 139.0, 136.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 126.9, 126.0, 119.1, 117.0, 113.6, 60.4, 42.4, 14.4, 14.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₅N₄O₆S [M+H]⁺: 485.1489, found 485.1479.

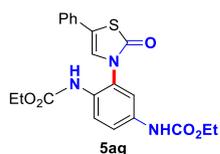
Diethyl (2-(2-oxo-5-(*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)phenylsulfonamido)thiazol-3(*2H*)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)-dicarbamate (5af):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of *N*-(2-methoxythiazol-5-yl)-*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (**3f**, 123.0 mg) afforded 63.5 mg of **5af** (33%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 2.5:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 191-196 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.85 (s, 1H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 7.98-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.15 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 167.6, 154.2, 153.5, 137.7, 137.1, 135.2, 132.1, 130.2, 129.7, 128.5, 128.2, 126.9, 119.1, 117.4, 108.4, 60.5, 60.4, 14.4, 14.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₂₇N₄O₉S₃ [M+H]⁺: 647.0935, found 647.0933.

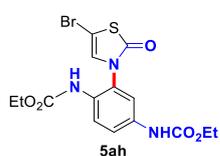
Diethyl (2-(2-oxo-5-phenylthiazol-3(*2H*)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5ag):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxy-5-phenylthiazole (**3g**, 57.3 mg) afforded 79.6 mg of **5ag** (62%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 163-168 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz): δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz): δ = 168.7, 154.2, 153.5, 136.7, 131.2, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 124.4, 122.4, 118.8, 117.3, 116.7, 60.3, 14.4, 14.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 428.1275, found 428.1268.

Diethyl (2-(5-bromo-2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5ah):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)$ -N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 5-bromo-2-methoxythiazole (**3h**, 58.2 mg) afforded 50.6 mg of **5ah** (39%)

after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as the eluent.

Light yellow solid, m.p. 152-158 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz): δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz): δ = 168.8, 154.1, 153.5, 136.5, 129.4, 128.7, 127.4, 125.9, 118.9, 117.2, 87.4, 60.4, 14.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 430.0066, found 430.0057.

Diethyl (E)-3-(3-(2,5-bis((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydrothiazol-5-yl)acrylate (5aj):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)$ -N coupling between 0.9 mmol of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg) and 0.3 mmol of ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-methoxythiazol-5-yl)acrylate (**3j**, 63.9 mg) afforded 58.9 mg

of **5aj** (44%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 182-187 °C. $^1\text{H NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz): δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 9.12 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 3H), 5.83 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19-4.10 (m, 4H), 4.03 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.26-1.22 (m, 6H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz): δ =

168.3, 165.6, 154.1, 153.5, 136.6, 135.7, 132.6, 128.6, 119.1, 117.1, 115.5, 114.2, 60.4, 60.0, 14.4, 14.3, 14.1 ppm. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{24}N_3O_7S$ $[M+H]^+$: 450.1130, found 450.1133.

Dimethyl (2-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5ba):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of dimethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2b**, 201.7 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg) afforded 71.1 mg of **5ba** (73%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (3:1 to 2:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 177-182 °C. **¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz)**: δ = 9.79 (s, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz)**: δ = 170.3, 154.6, 154.0, 136.8, 130.8, 128.4, 126.6, 126.2, 118.6, 117.1, 101.8, 51.8, 51.8 ppm. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{13}H_{14}N_3O_5S$ $[M+H]^+$: 324.0649, found 324.0642.

Dibutyl (2-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5ca):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of dibutyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2c**, 277.4 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg) afforded 84.3 mg of **5ca** (69%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 4:1, v/v) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 280-287 °C. **¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz)**: δ = 9.75 (s, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.61-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.25 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz)**: δ = 170.2, 154.3, 153.6, 136.9, 131.0, 128.3, 126.8, 126.2, 118.5, 117.1, 101.6, 64.0, 30.5, 18.6, 18.5, 13.5 ppm. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{26}N_3O_5S$ $[M+H]^+$: 408.1587, found 408.1578.

Di-*tert*-butyl (2-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5da):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of di-*tert*-butyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2d**, 277.4 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg) afforded 83.9 mg of **5da** (69%)

after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 4:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 232-239 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.48 (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 170.1, 153.2, 152.7, 137.2, 131.4, 128.0, 126.9, 126.2, 118.4, 117.0, 101.4, 79.3, 78.8, 28.0, 27.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₆N₃O₅S [M+H]⁺: 408.1587, found 408.1581.

Methyl (4-methoxy-2-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)phenyl)carbamate (**5ea**):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of methyl (4-methoxyphenyl)carbamate (**2e**, 163.0 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg) afforded 43.6 mg of **5ea** (51%) after flash

chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 4:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

White solid, m.p. 107-114 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 8.74 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 170.2, 156.9, 154.8, 131.9, 127.7, 126.7, 126.3, 114.8, 112.9, 101.5, 55.6, 51.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 281.0591, found 281.0584.

Dimethyl (2-methyl-6-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (**5fa**):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of dimethyl (2-methyl-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (**2f**, 214.3 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg) afforded 76.1 mg of **5fa**

(75%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

Light brown solid, m.p. 147-151 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.83 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 5.4

Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 170.0, 155.0, 154.0, 138.0, 134.5, 126.8, 126.3, 124.4, 119.7, 115.0, 101.2, 54.9, 51.8, 18.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N₃O₅S [M+H]⁺: 338.0805, found 338.0798.

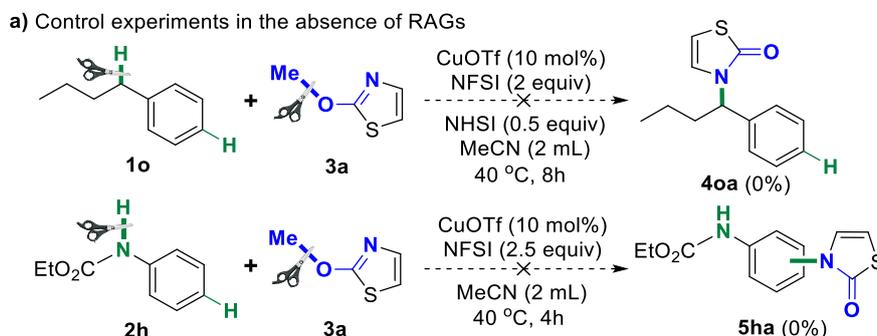
Dimethyl (2-chloro-6-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (5ga):



The RASE π -bond migratory dealkylative C(sp²)-N coupling between 0.9 mmol of dimethyl (2-chloro-1,4-phenylene)dicarbamate (**2g**, 232.8 mg) and 0.3 mmol of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg) afforded 69.0 mg of **5ga** (64%) after flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent.

Light brown solid, m.p. 155-165 °C. ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 10.11 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 170.0, 153.9, 139.0, 136.1, 133.7, 125.7, 118.4, 116.3, 101.7, 54.9, 52.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClN₃O₅S [M+H]⁺: 358.0259, found 358.0249.

3. Control Experiments Demonstrating the Significance of the RAG (Results Shown in Figure 2)



To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and NHSI (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of butylbenzene (**1o**, 40.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **1o**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC and LC-MS suggested that no *N*-butyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-one **4oa** was generated. After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to recover 37.7 mg of **1o** (94%).

Butylbenzene (**1o**)^[2a]

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 7.28-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 3H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (p, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (sext, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm.

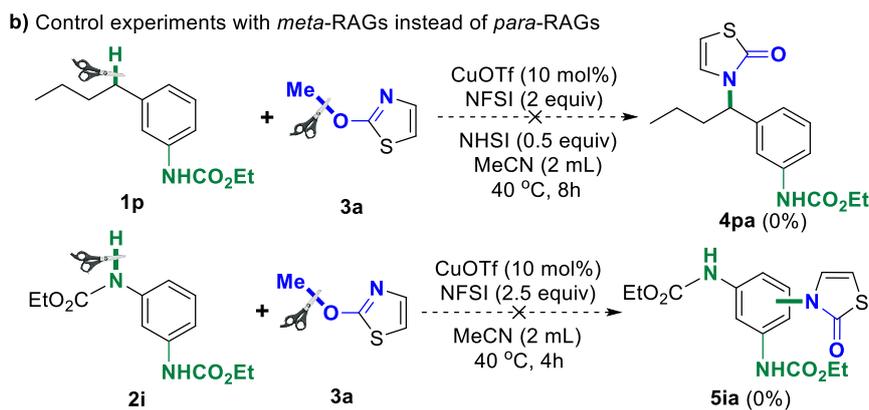
¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 142.3, 128.2, 128.2, 125.6, 34.9, 33.2, 21.8, 13.8 ppm.

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl phenylcarbamate (**2h**, 148.6 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC and LC-MS suggested that no *N*-phenyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-one **5ha** was generated. After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was

extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to recover 129.7 mg of **2h** (87%).

Ethyl phenylcarbamate (2h) ^[2b]

Off-white solid, m.p. 50-52 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 153.6, 139.3, 128.7, 122.3, 118.1, 60.1, 14.5 ppm.



To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and NHSI (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (3-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1p**, 66.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **1p**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC and LC-MS suggested that no *N*-benzyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-one **4pa** was generated. After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to recover 64.2 mg of **1p** (97%).

Ethyl (3-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1p**)^[1a]

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.49 (s, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (p, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.29-1.18 (m, 5H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 153.6, 142.8, 139.2, 128.5, 122.3, 118.0, 115.6, 60.0, 35.0, 33.2, 21.8, 14.5, 13.8 ppm.

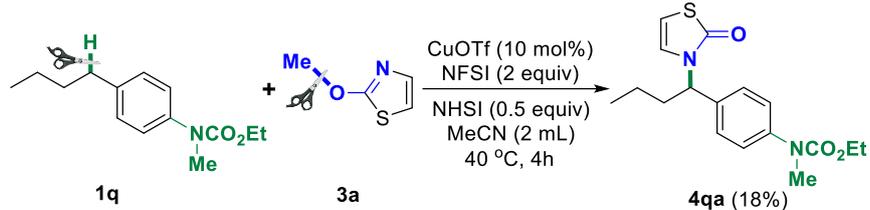
To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of diethyl 1,3-phenylenedicarbamate (**2i**, 226.9 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC and LC-MS suggested that no *N*-phenyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-one **5ia** was generated. After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was

extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to recover 206.1 mg of **2i** (91%).

Diethyl 1,3-phenylenedicarbamate (2i) ^[2c]

White solid, m.p. 112-114 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 9.58 (s, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.07 (m, 3H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 153.6, 139.7, 128.8, 112.7, 108.7, 60.1, 14.6 ppm.

c) Control experiment with a carbamate in the absence of free N-H bond as the *para*-RAG

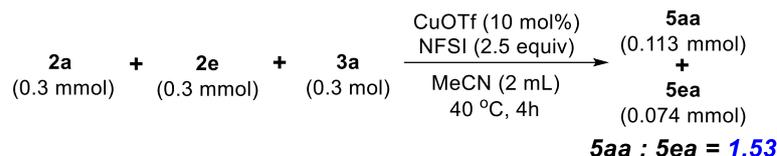
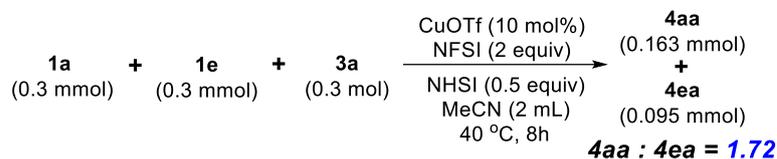
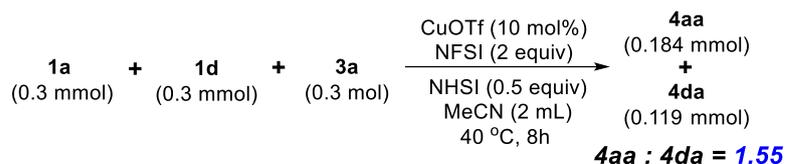


To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and NHSI (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)(methyl)carbamate (**1q**, 70.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **1p**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent on silica gel to afforded 18.2 mg of **4qa** (18%).

Ethyl methyl(4-(1-(2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)butyl)phenyl)carbamate (4qa**)** ^[1a]

Light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.30-7.22 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.13-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 172.1, 155.5, 143.0, 136.8, 127.5, 125.6, 121.7, 101.5, 61.8, 56.5, 37.3, 35.5, 19.5, 14.6, 13.6 ppm.

d) Comparison between the carbamate RAG and other RAGs



To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and NHSI (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), *N*-(4-butylphenyl)acetamide (**1d**, 57.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1 to 3:2, v/v) as the eluent on silica gel to afforded 58.9 mg of **4aa** (0.184 mmol, 61%) and 34.5 mg of **4da** (0.119 mmol, 40%).

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and NHSI (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), 1-butyl-4-methoxybenzene (**1e**, 49.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 3:1 to 3:2, v/v) as the eluent on silica gel to afforded 52.2 mg of **4aa** (0.163 mmol, 54%)

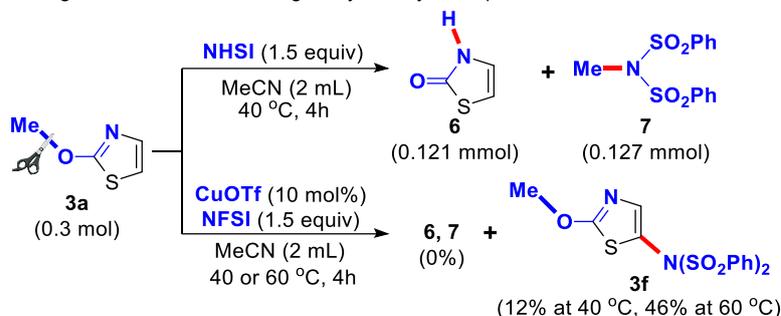
and 25.0 mg of **4ea** (0.095 mmol, 32%).

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 75.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv), methyl (4-methoxyphenyl)carbamate (**2e**, 54.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (6:1 to 4:1 to 3:1, v/v) as the eluent on silica gel to afforded 39.7 mg of **5aa** (0.113 mmol, 38%) and 20.7 mg of **5ea** (0.074 mmol, 25%).

4. Control Experiments Demonstrating the Significance of the Radical Relay Process to the π -Bond Migratory Dealkylation

(Results Shown in Figure 3)

a) Investigation on the π -bond migratory dealkylation process



To a reaction tube charged with NHSI (133.7 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added a solution of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to afford 12.2 mg of **6** (0.121 mmol, 40%) and 39.5 mg of **7** (0.127 mmol, 42%).

Thiazol-2(3H)-one (**6**)^[1a, 3]:

Yellow solid. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 11.16 (s, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 176.6, 121.0, 103.7 ppm.

N-methylbenzenesulfonimide (NMSI, **7**)^[4]:

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 8.03-8.00 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 4H), 3.29 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 139.0, 133.9, 129.1, 127.9, 34.8 ppm.

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (141.8 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added a solution of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the

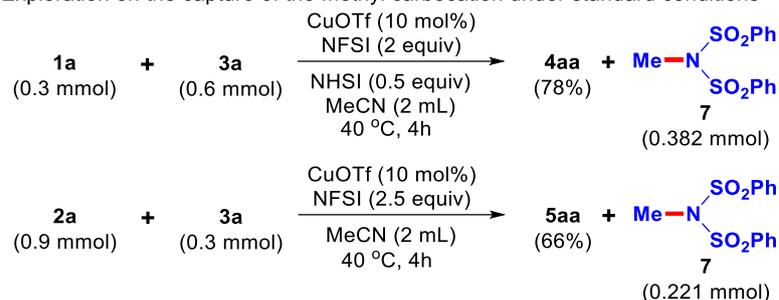
reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC and LC-MS suggested that neither **6** nor **7** was generated. After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to afford 14.9 mg of C5-imidated thiazole **3f** (12%) and recover 25.2 mg of **3a** (73%).

To another reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (141.8 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added a solution of 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 60 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC and LC-MS suggested that neither **6** nor **7** was generated. After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to afford 57.0 mg of C5-imidated thiazole **3f** (46%) and recover 14.6 mg of **3a** (42%).

***N*-(2-Methoxythiazol-5-yl)-*N*-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide (**3f**)^[1a]:**

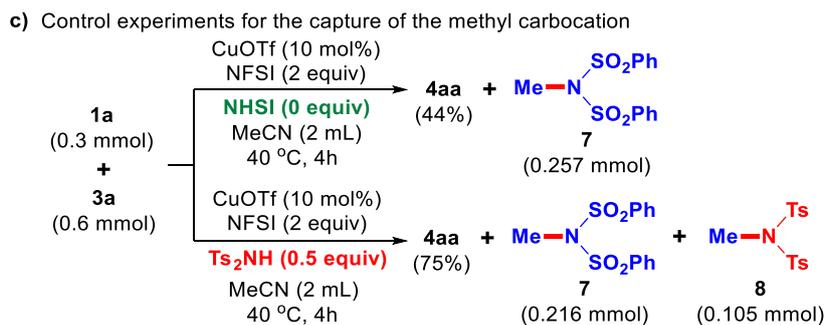
Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.99-7.97 (m, 4H), 7.71-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 4H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 175.4, 141.1, 138.4, 134.5, 129.2, 128.6, 121.6, 57.9 ppm.

b) Exploration on the capture of the methyl carbocation under standard conditions



To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and NHSI (44.6 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **1a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (8:1 to 6:1 to 4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent on silica gel to afford 74.5 mg of **4aa** (78%) and 118.8 mg of **7** (0.382 mmol).

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of diethyl 1,4-phenylenedicarbamate (**2a**, 226.9 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (8:1 to 6:1 to 4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent on silica gel to afford 69.8 mg of **5aa** (66%) and 68.7 mg of **7** (0.221 mmol).



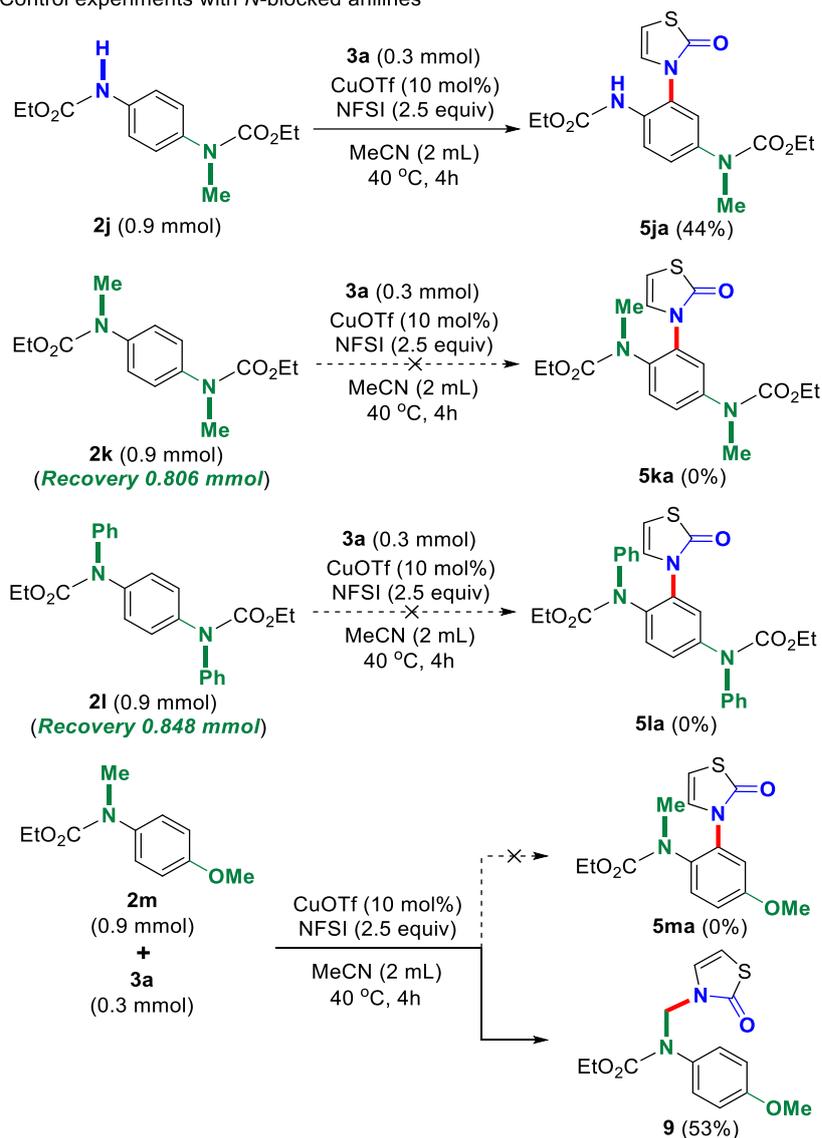
To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **1a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (8:1 to 6:1 to 4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent on silica gel to afford 42.4 mg of **4aa** (44%) and 79.9 mg of **7** (0.257 mmol).

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%), NFSI (189.2 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) and Ts₂NH (48.8 mg, 0.15 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-butylphenyl)carbamate (**1a**, 66.4 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 69.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **1a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (8:1 to 6:1 to 4:1 to 3:1, *v/v*) as the eluent on silica gel to afford 72.1 mg of **4aa** (75%), along with 67.2 mg of **7** (0.216 mmol) and 35.6 mg of **8** (0.105 mmol).

***N*,4-dimethyl-*N*-tosylbenzenesulfonamide (Ts₂NMe, **8**)**^[4]:

Colorless oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 145.0, 136.2, 129.7, 128.0, 34.7, 21.7 ppm.

d) Control experiments with *N*-blocked anilines



To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)phenyl)(methyl)carbamate (**2j**, 239.5, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to afford 48.5 mg of **5ja** (44%).

Ethyl (4-((ethoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(2-oxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)phenyl)(methyl)carbamate (5ja**):**

Yellow solid, m.p. 120-125 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29

(dd, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (brs, 2H), 6.73 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.22-4.15 (m, 4H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.31-1.24 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): $\delta = 171.6$, 155.5, 154.3, 140.2, 131.1, 129.0, 128.6, 125.9, 125.1, 123.6, 103.7, 62.1, 61.7, 37.4, 14.7, 14.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 366.1118, found 366.1114.

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of diethyl 1,4-phenylenebis(methylcarbamate) (**2k**, 252.1 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC indicated poor chemo-selectivity as a variety of trace products could be observed. After quenched with Na_2CO_3 (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to recover 225.8 mg of **2k** (0.806 mmol).

Diethyl 1,4-phenylenebis(methylcarbamate) (2k):

Off-white solid, m.p. 75-77 °C. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz): $\delta = 7.28$ (s, 4H), 4.08 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz): $\delta = 154.7$, 140.4, 125.6, 61.1, 37.2, 14.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 281.1496, found 281.1493.

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of diethyl 1,4-phenylenebis(phenylcarbamate) (**2l**, 363.8 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). TLC and LC-MS suggested that no *N*-phenyl thiazol-2(3*H*)-one **5la** was generated. After quenched with Na_2CO_3 (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to recover 342.7 mg of **2l** (0.848 mmol).

Diethyl 1,4-phenylenebis(phenylcarbamate) (2l):

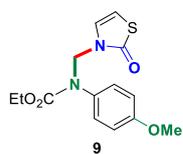
Light yellow solid, m.p. 130-132 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.35-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 10H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 154.7, 142.2, 140.0, 128.9, 127.2, 126.7, 126.2, 62.1, 14.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₄KN₂O₄ [M+K]⁺: 443.1368, found 443.1363.

To a reaction tube charged with CuOTf (6.4 mg, 0.03 mmol, 10 mol%) and NFSI (236.5 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added a solution of ethyl (4-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)carbamate (**2m**, 188.2, 0.9 mmol, 3 equiv) and 2-methoxythiazole (**3a**, 34.5 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous MeCN (2 mL, 0.15 M of **3a**) via a syringe under argon (1 atm) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours at 40 °C (oil bath temperature). After quenched with Na₂CO₃ (aq.), the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* to give dark residue, which was then purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as the eluent on silica gel to afford 49.2 mg of **9** (53%) and recovery 97.9 mg of **2m** (0.468 mmol) while no **5ma** was generated.

Ethyl (4-methoxyphenyl)(methyl)carbamate (2m):

Light brown oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ = 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ = 157.1, 154.9, 136.1, 127.0, 113.9, 60.8, 55.2, 37.6, 14.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₆NO₃ [M+K]⁺: 210.1125, found 210.1125.

Ethyl (4-methoxyphenyl)((2-oxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)methyl)carbamate (9):



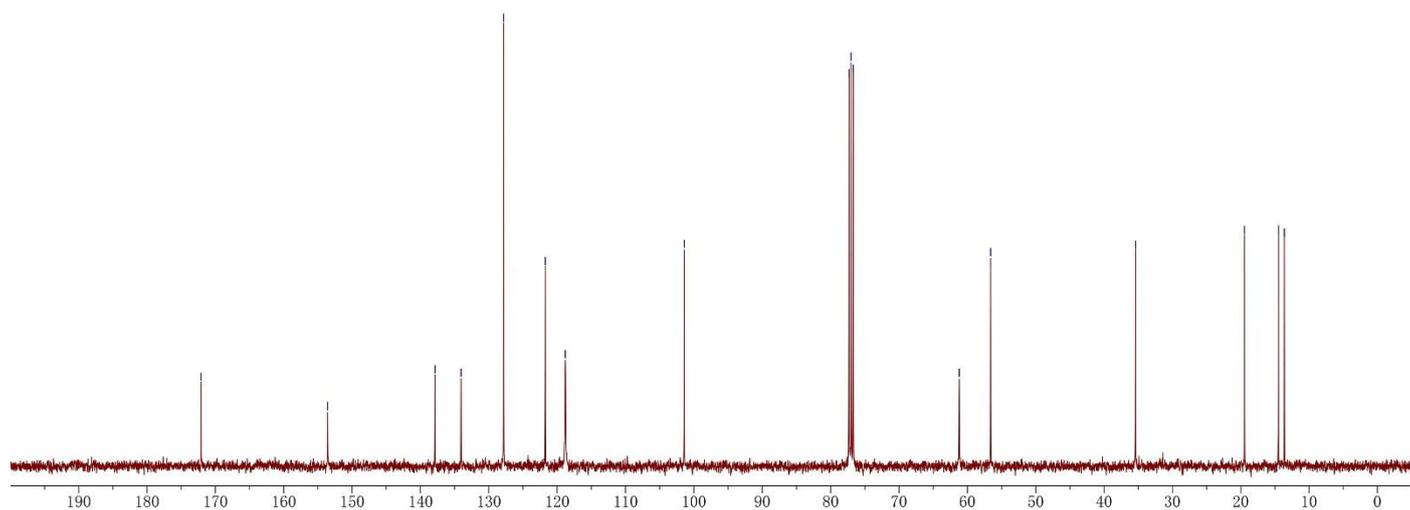
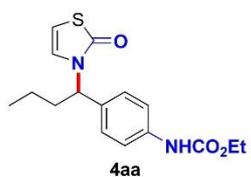
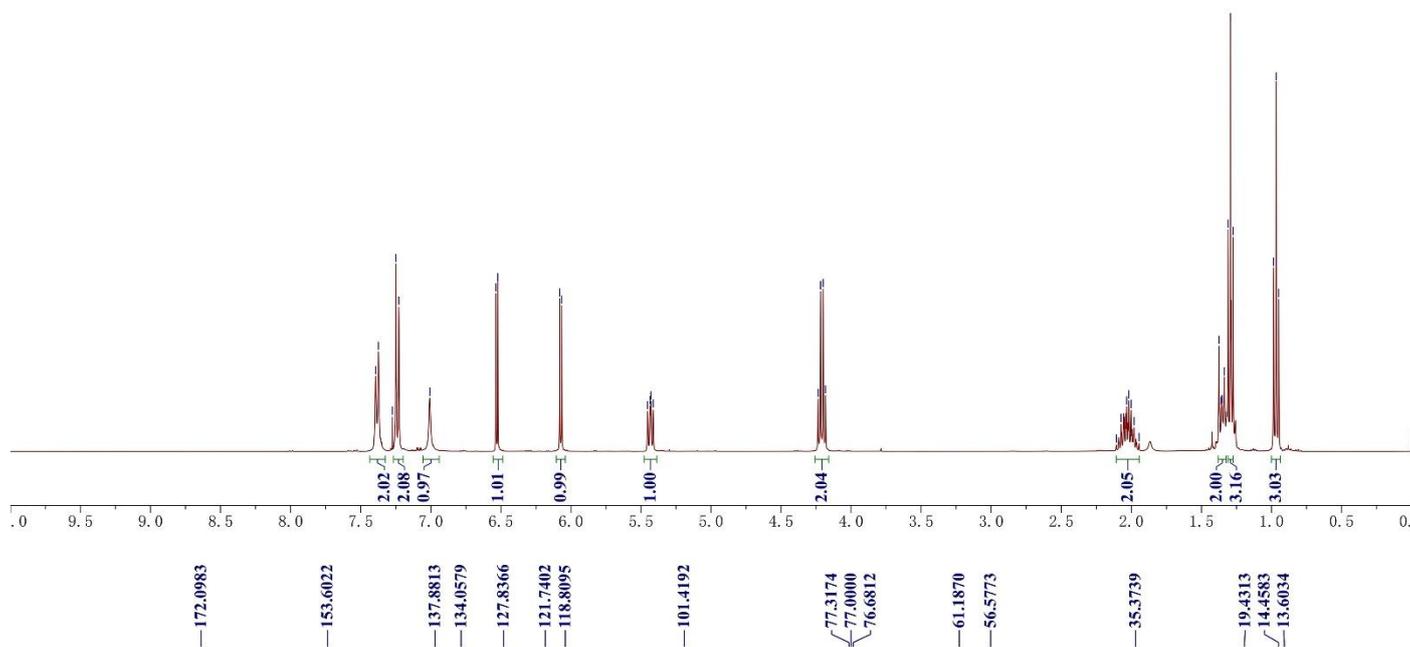
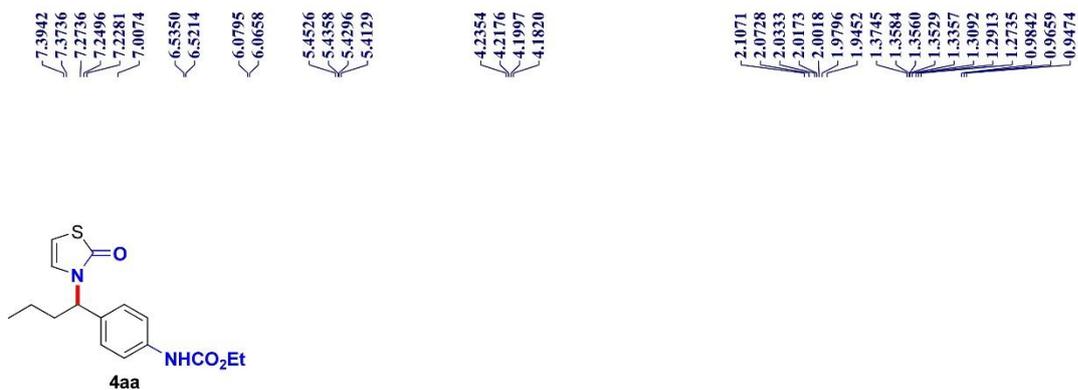
Light brown oil. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz): δ = 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C

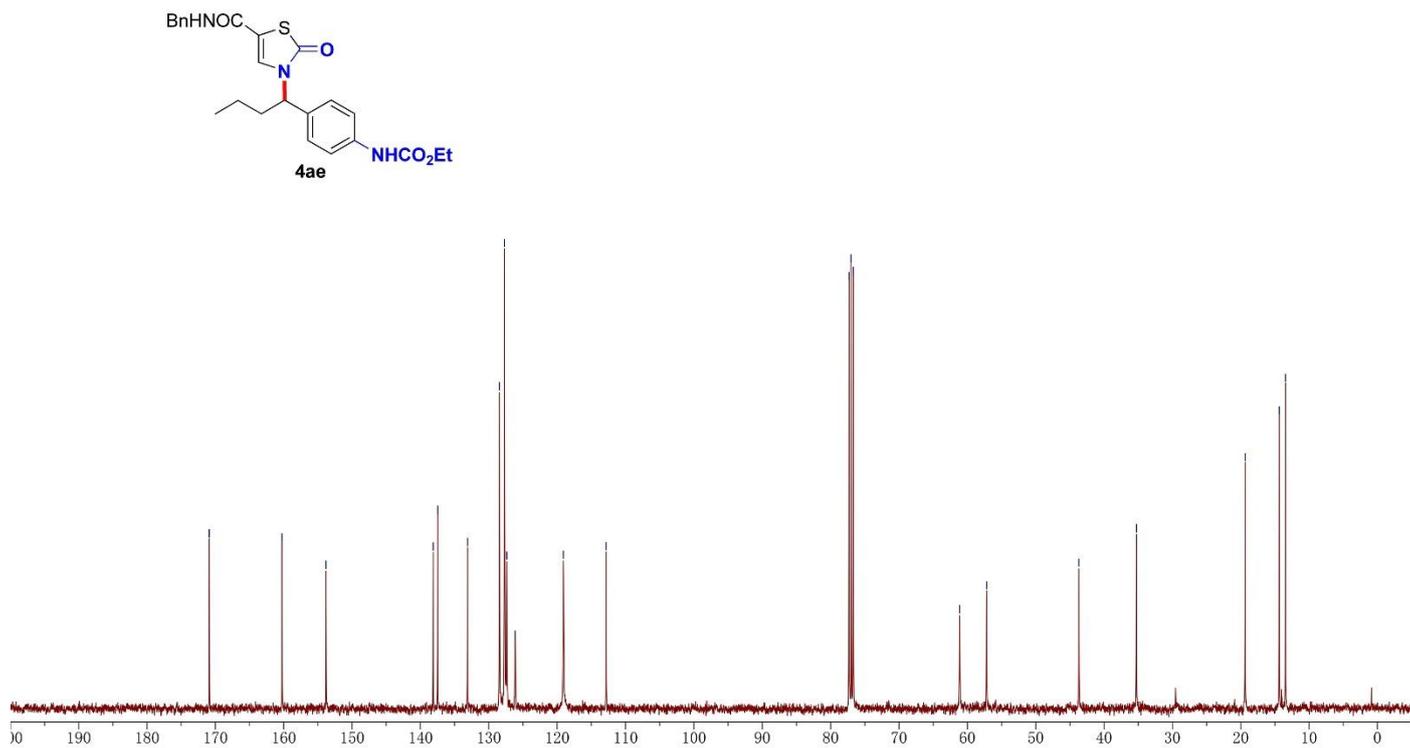
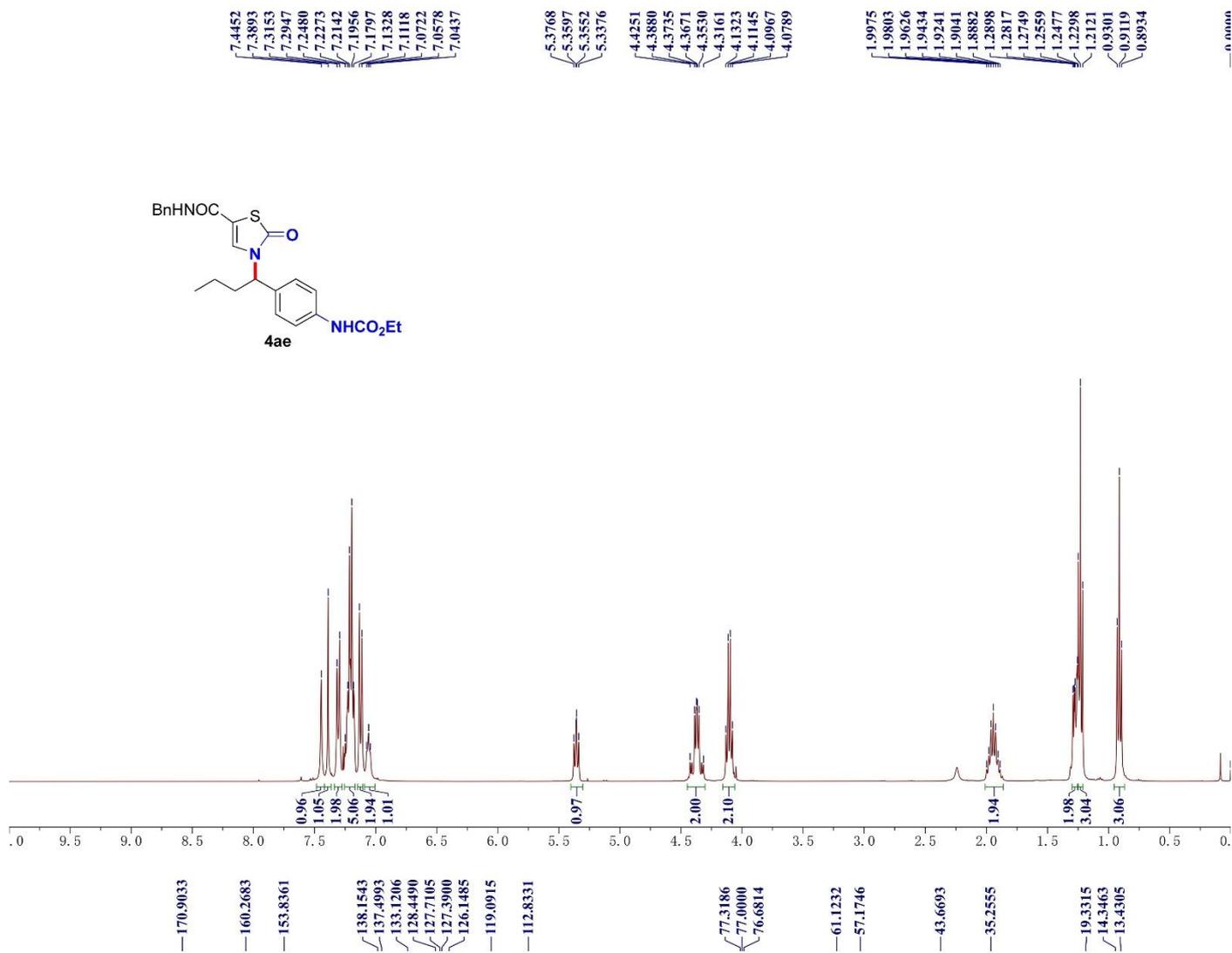
NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz): δ = 171.0, 158.1, 132.5, 128.6, 128.3, 124.8, 114.2, 113.9, 101.5, 61.7, 58.0, 55.2, 14.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₂O₄S [M+H]⁺: 309.0904, found 309.0899.

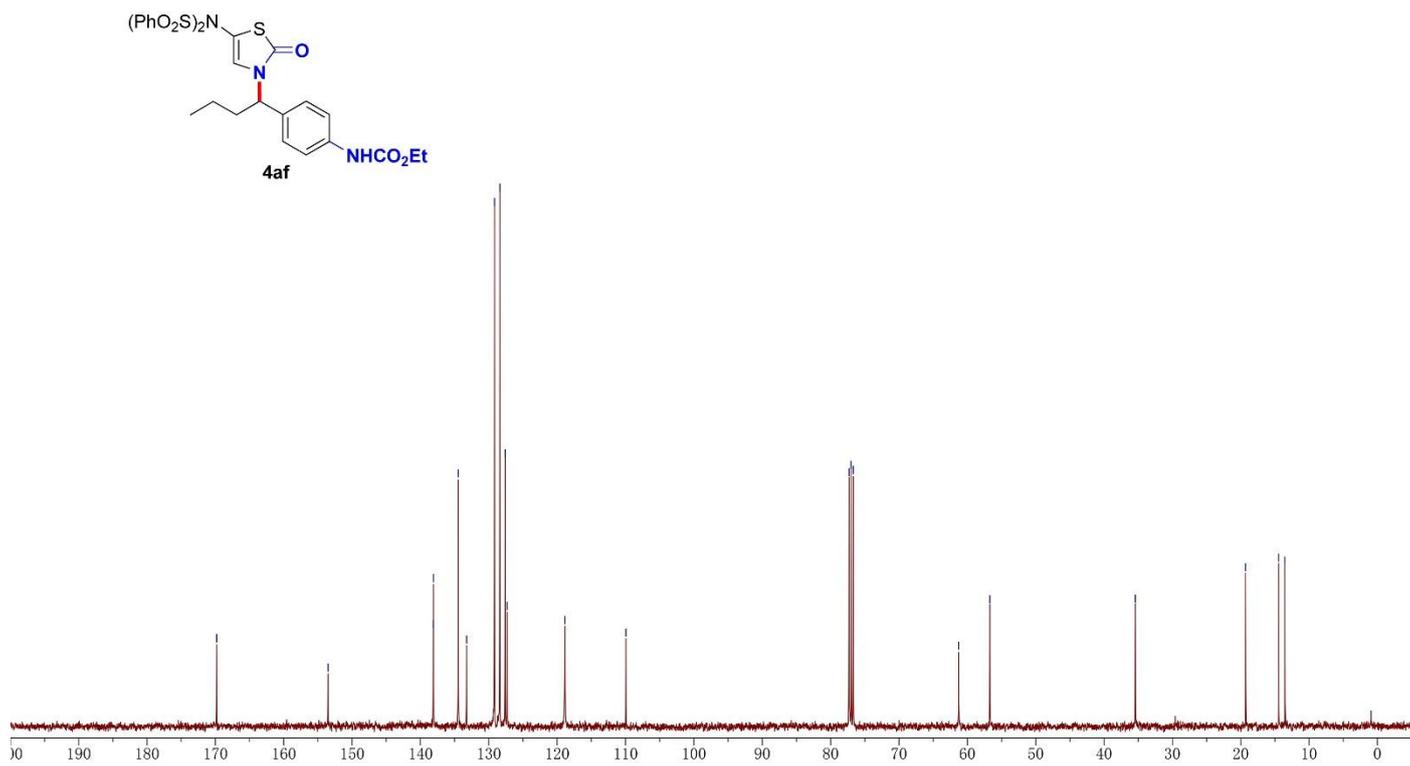
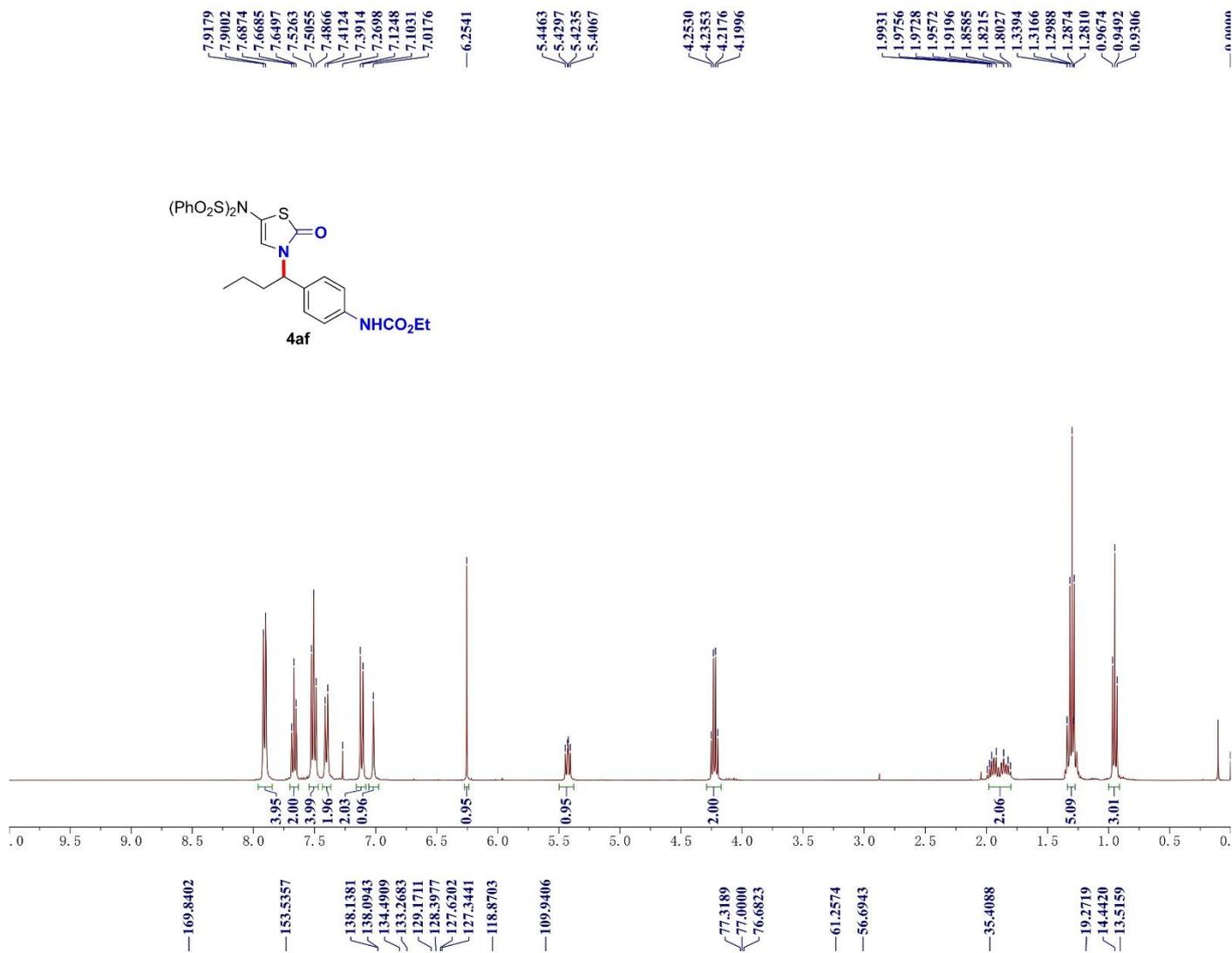
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6. NMR Spectra of Title Compounds





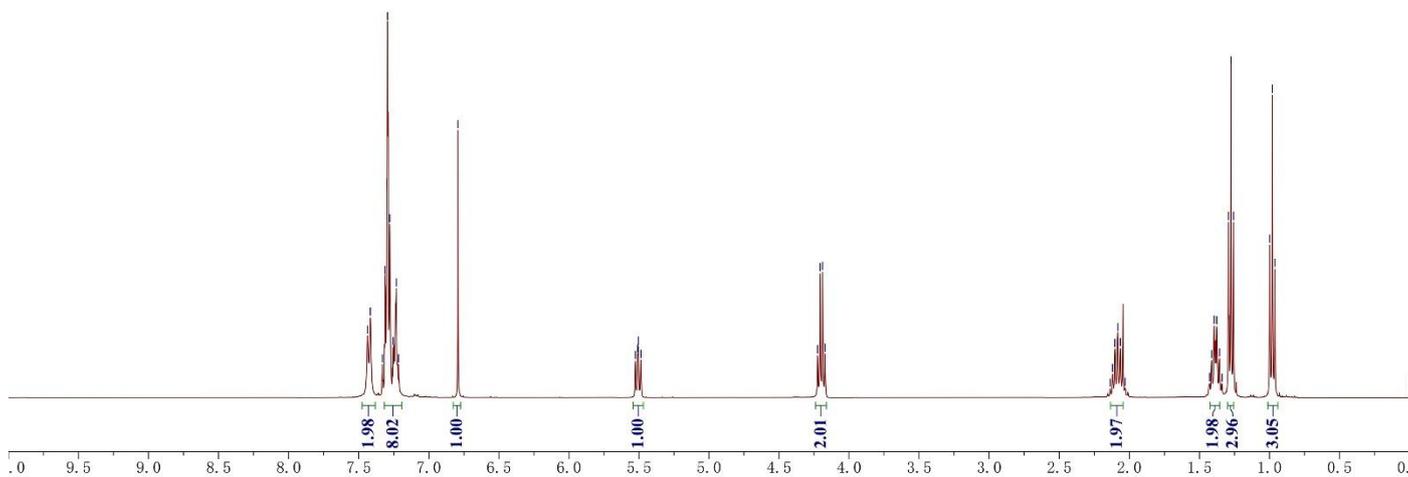
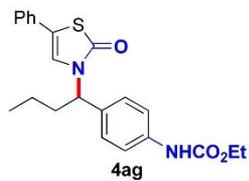


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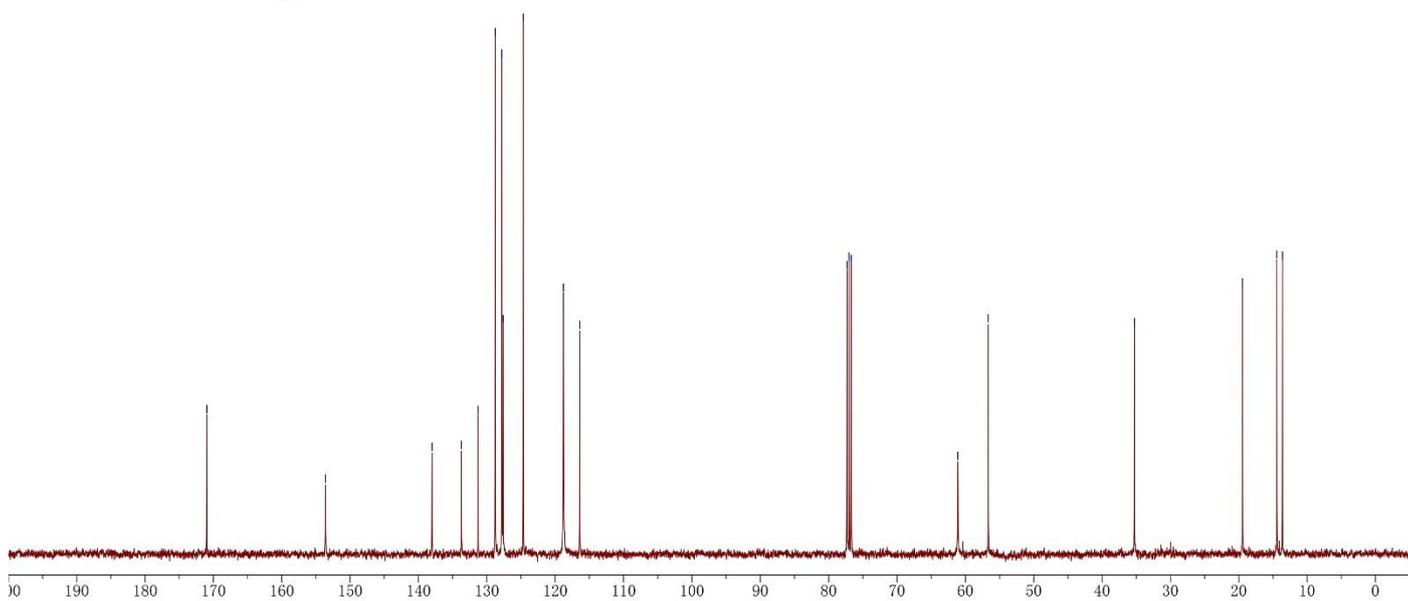
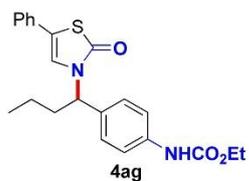
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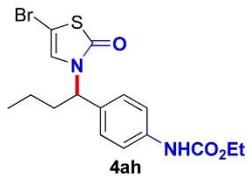
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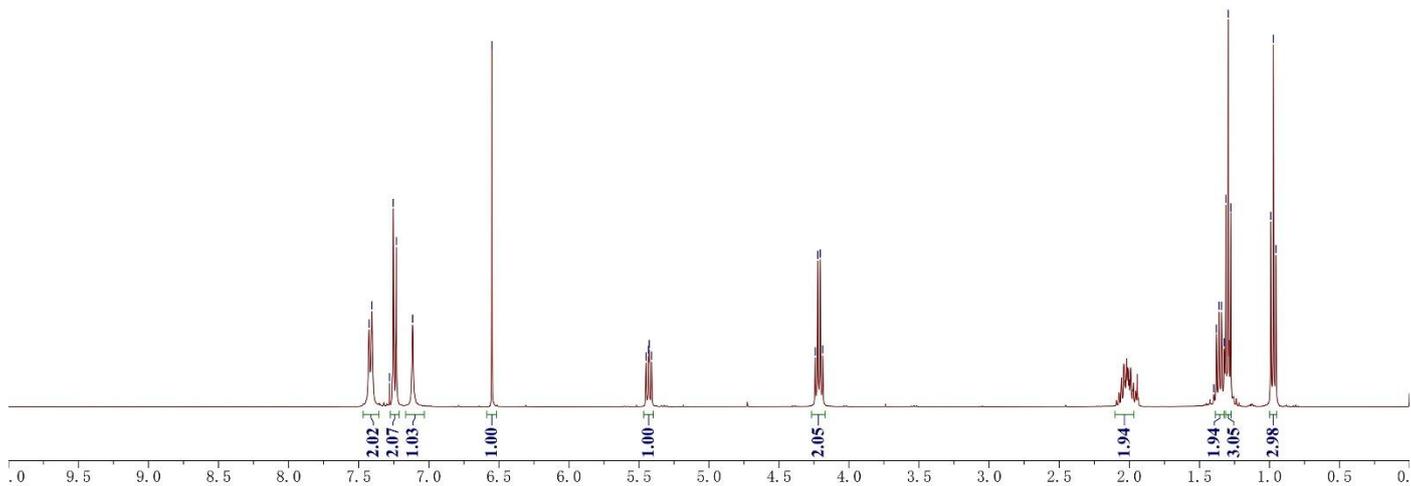


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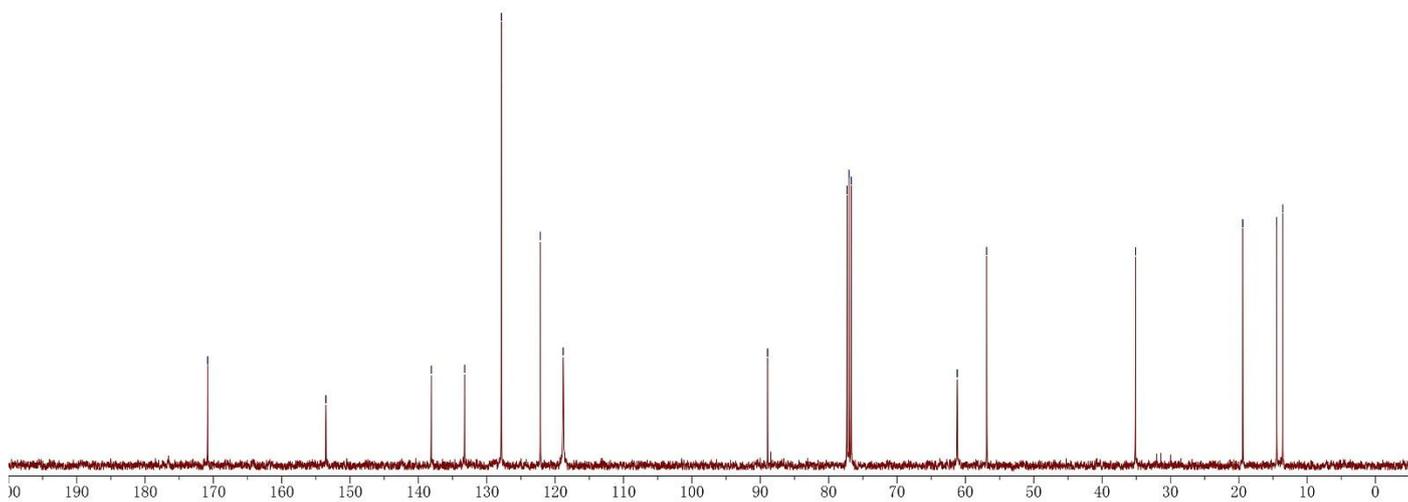
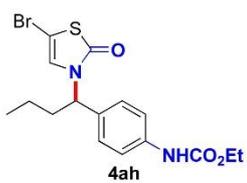
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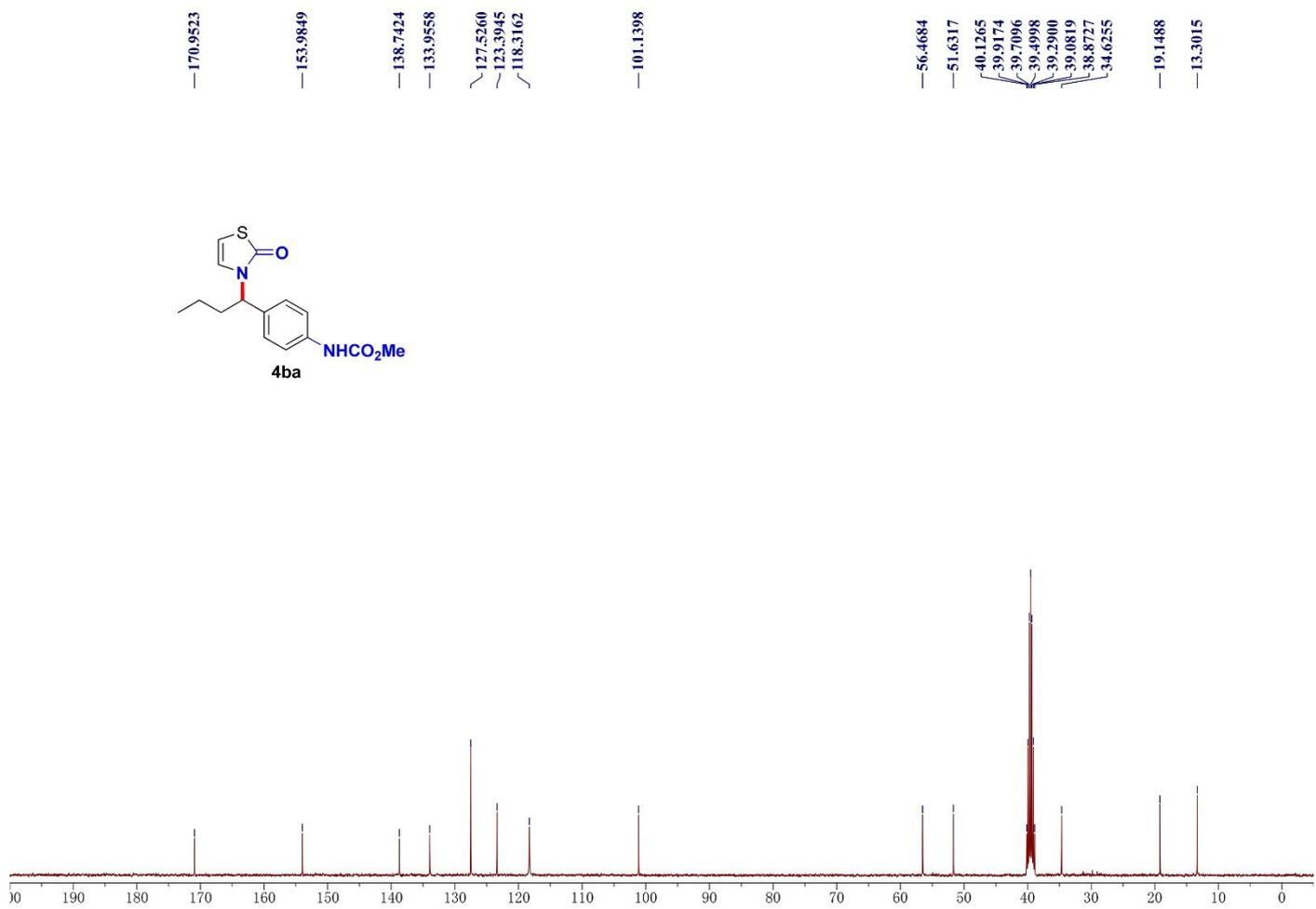
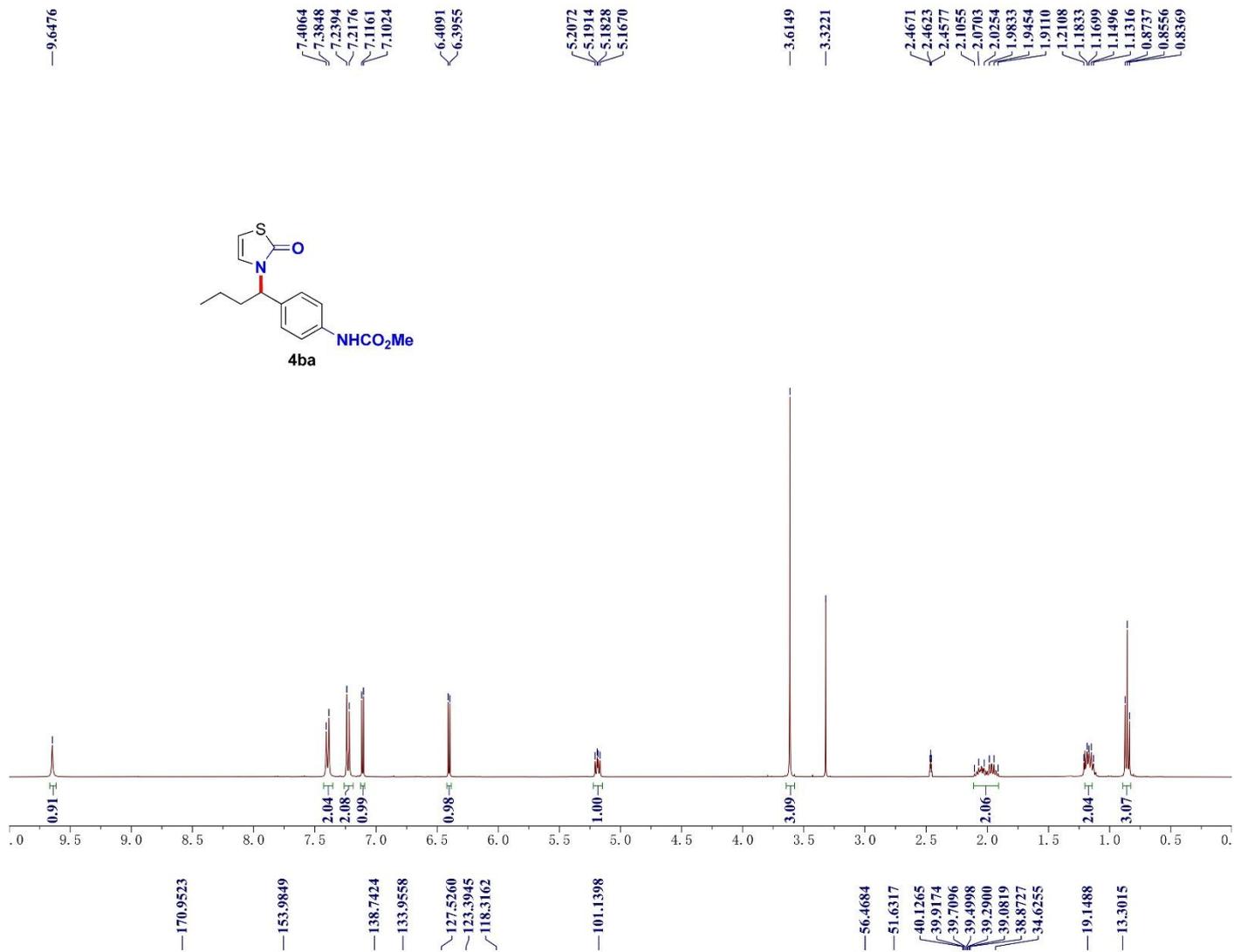
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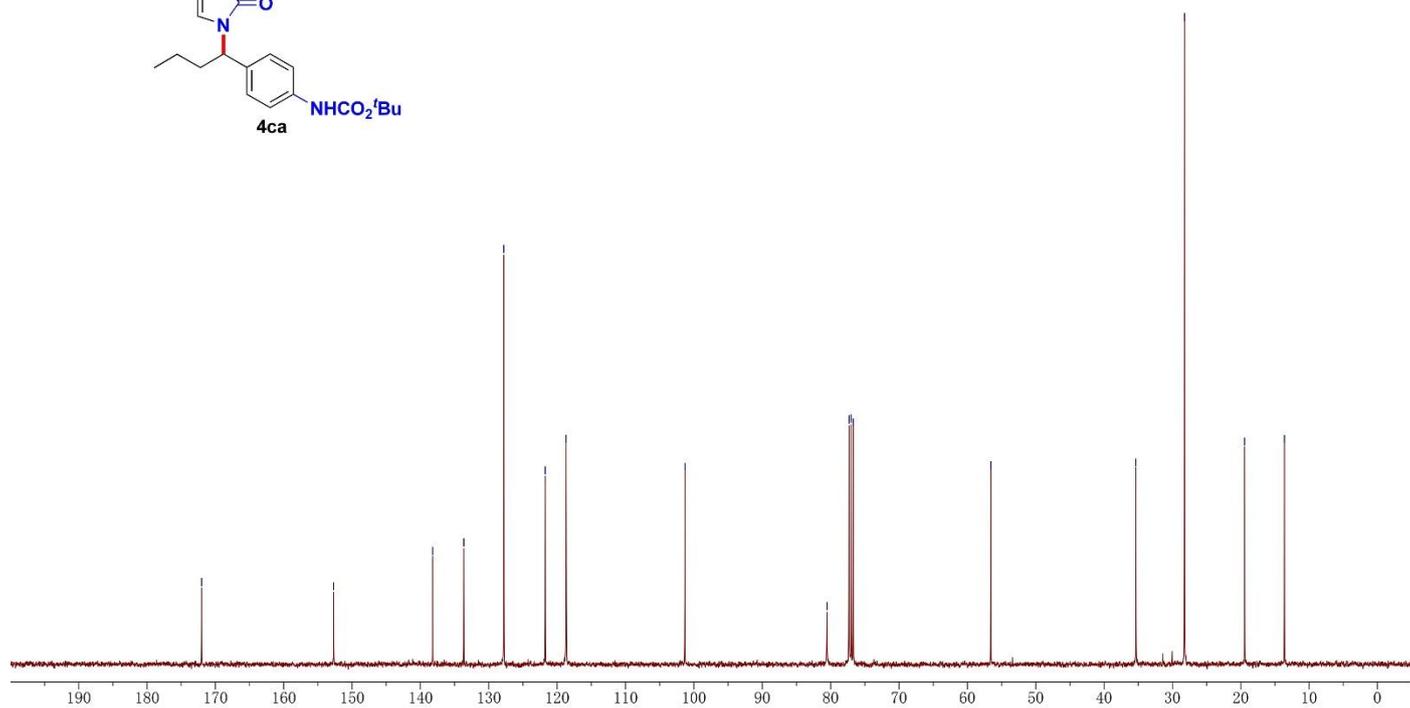
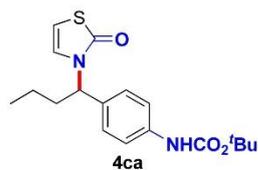
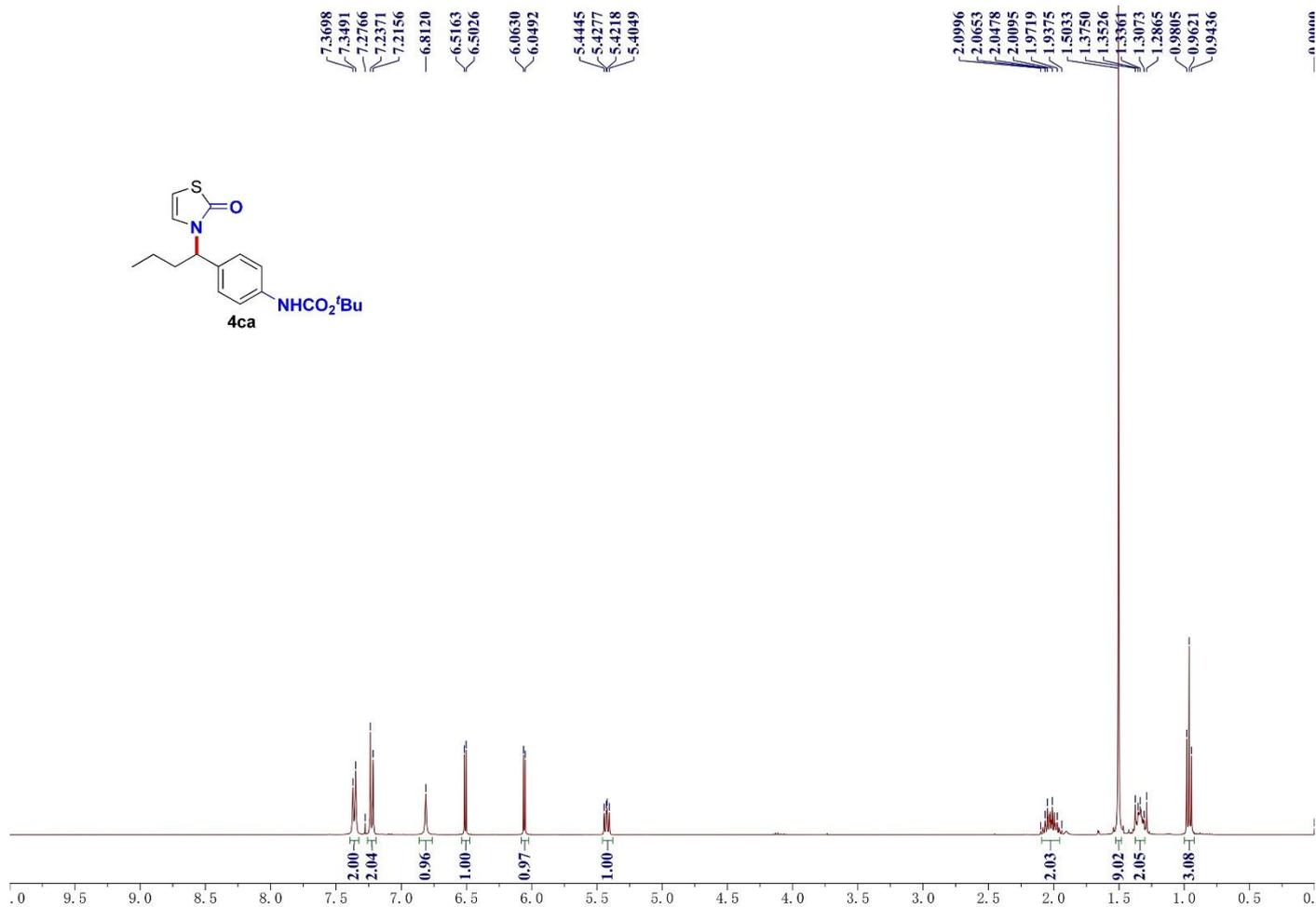
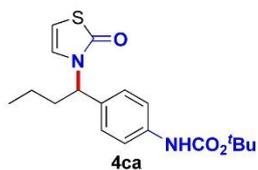
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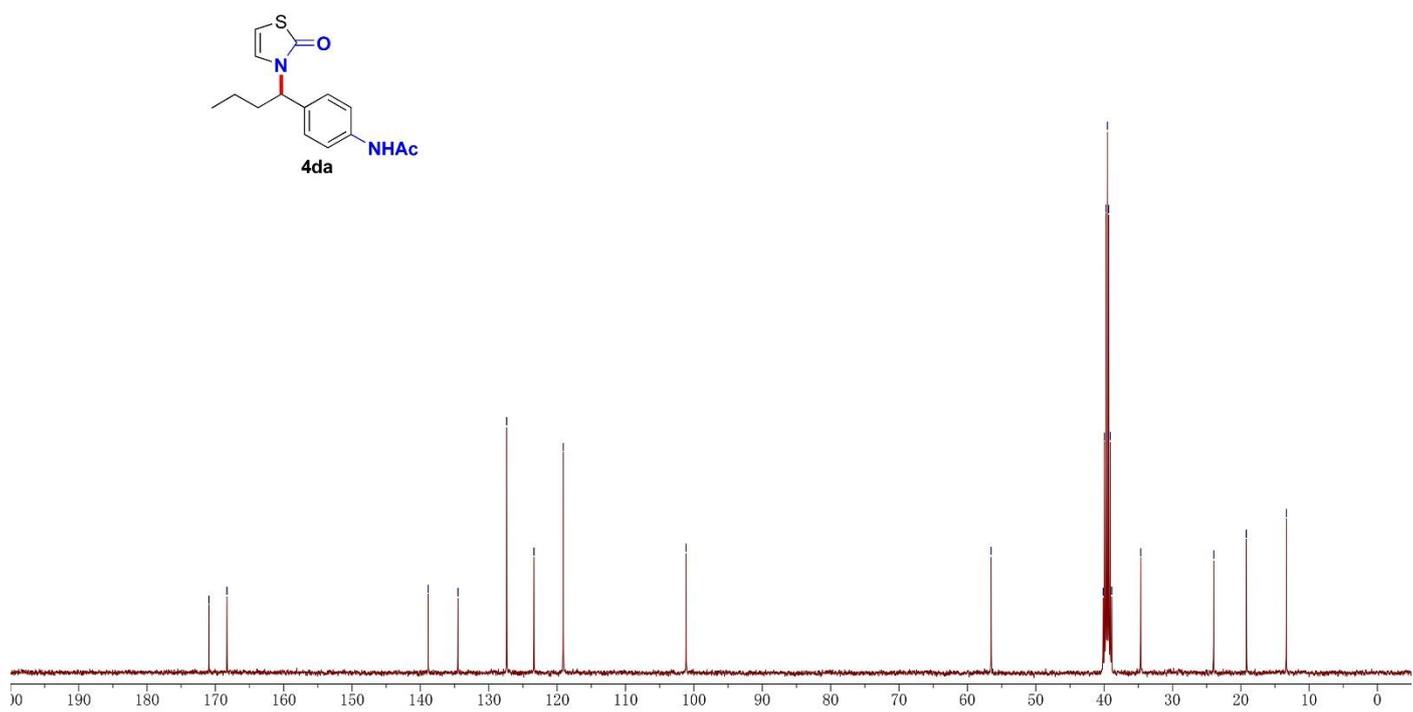
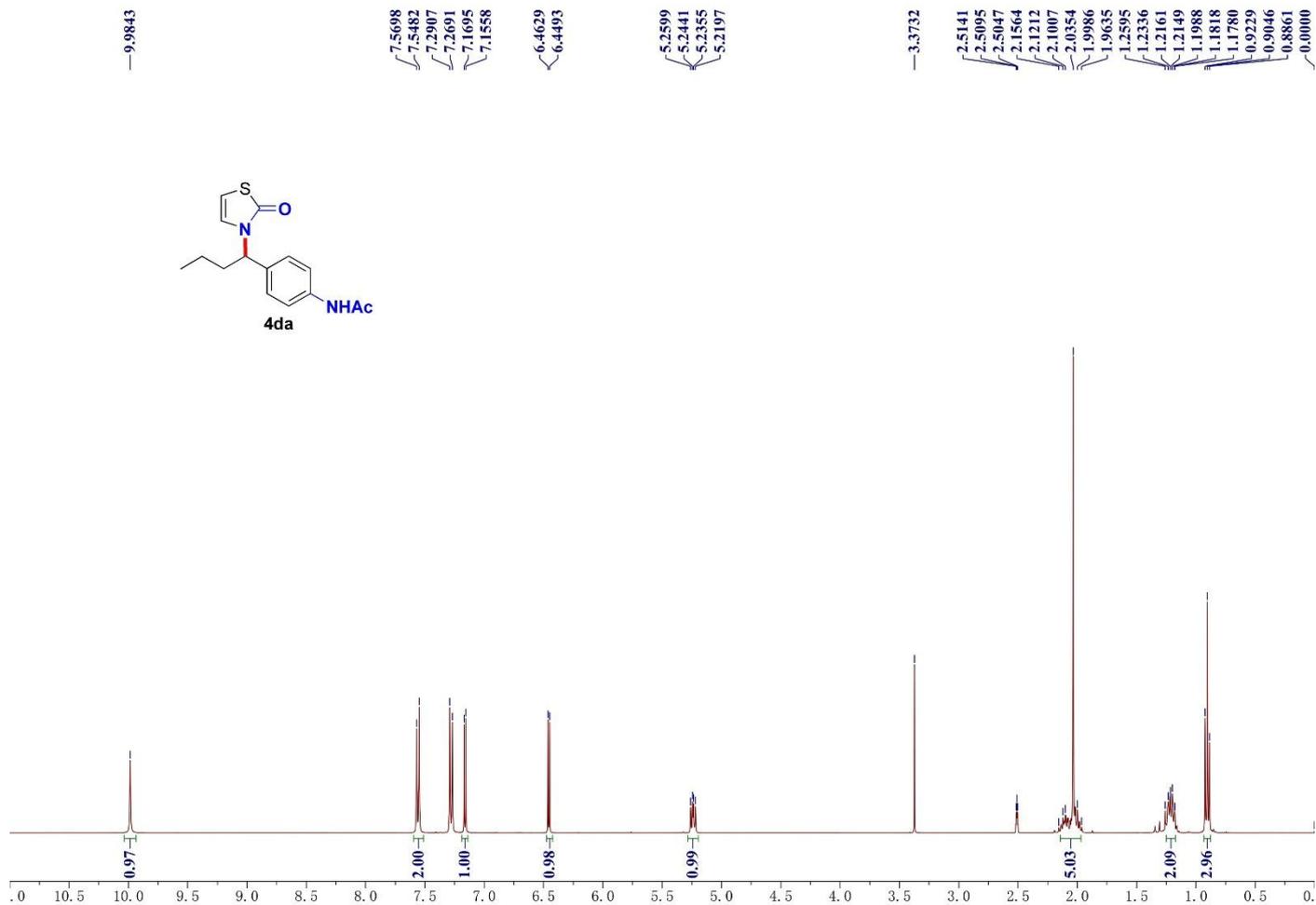


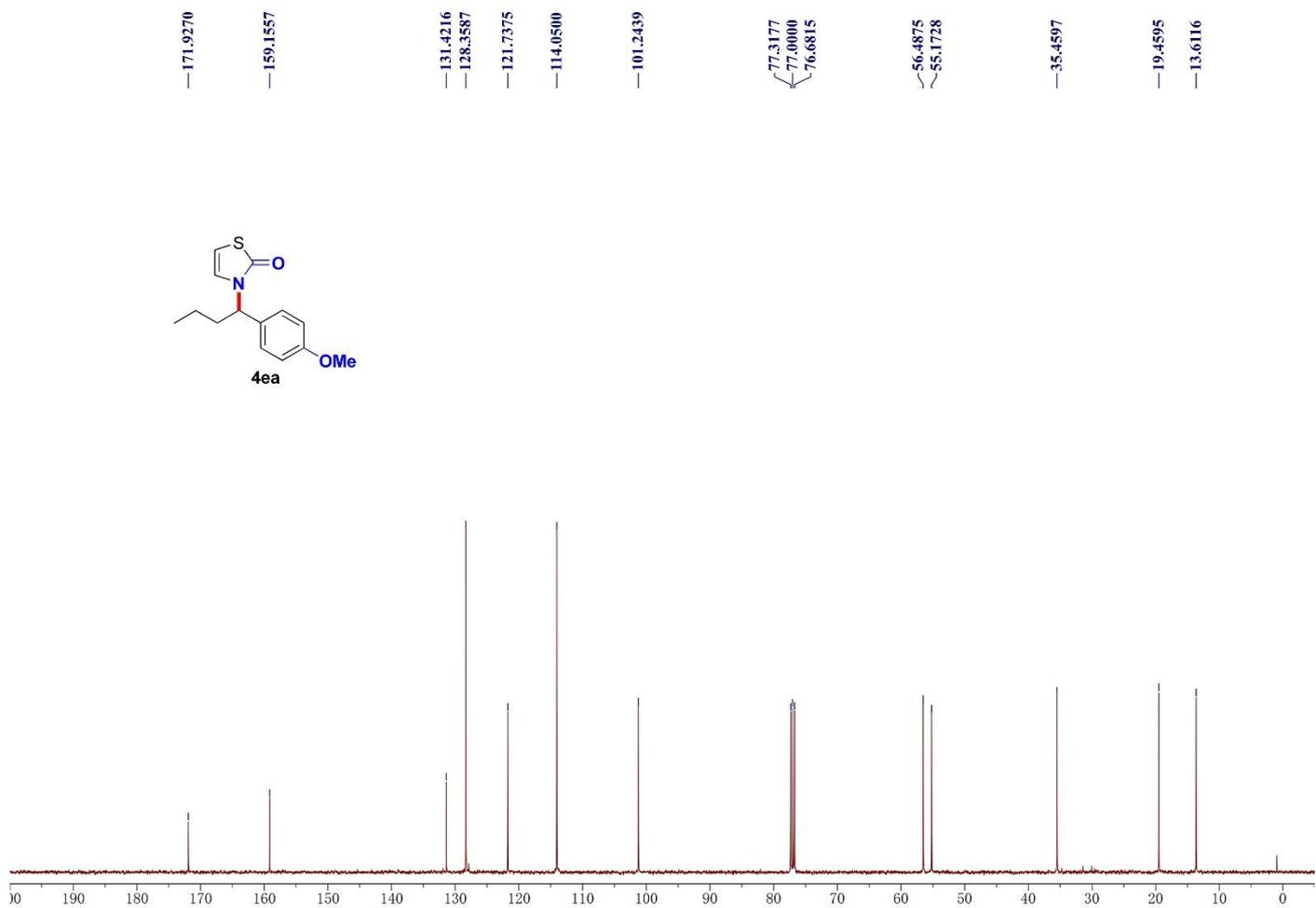
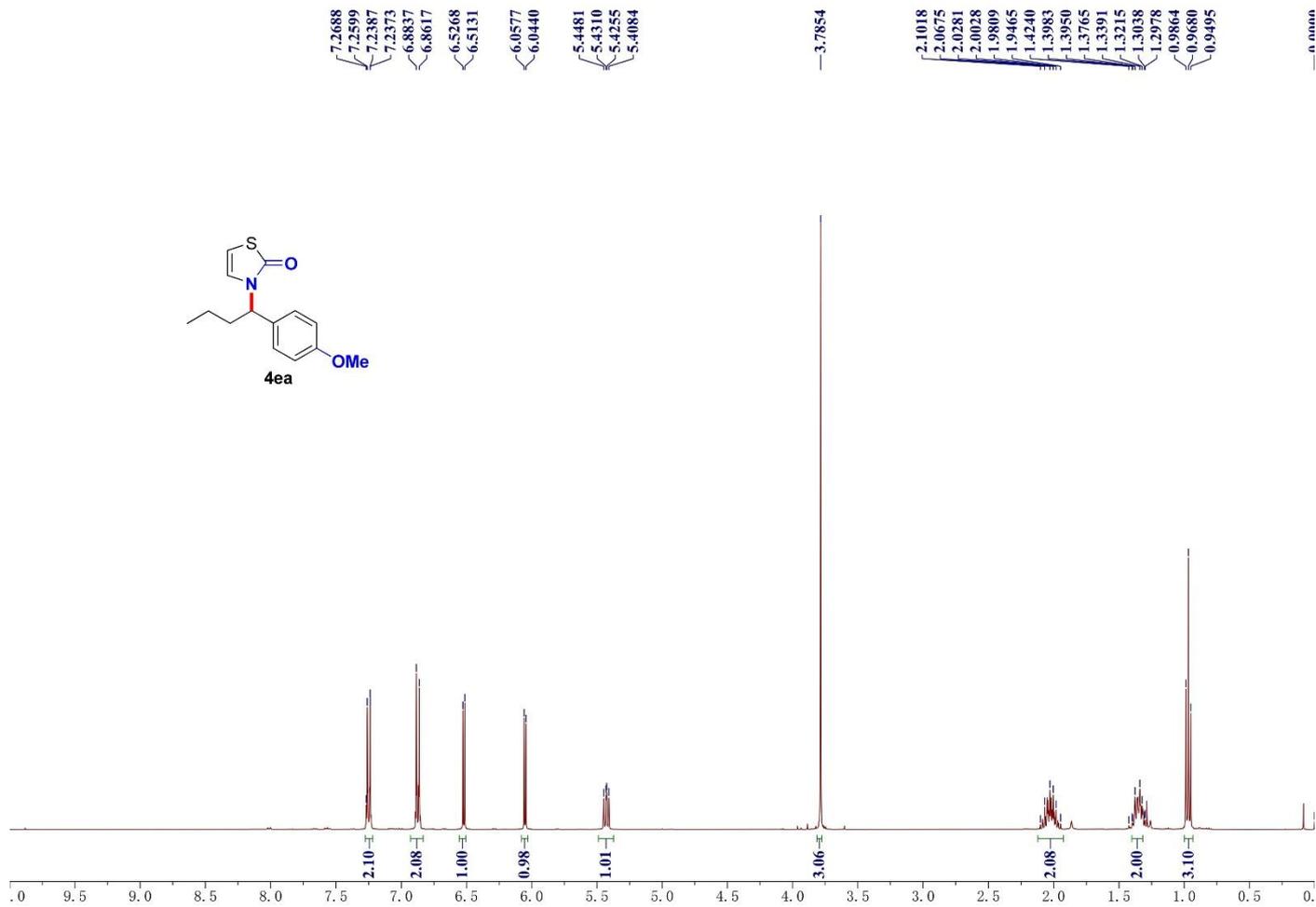
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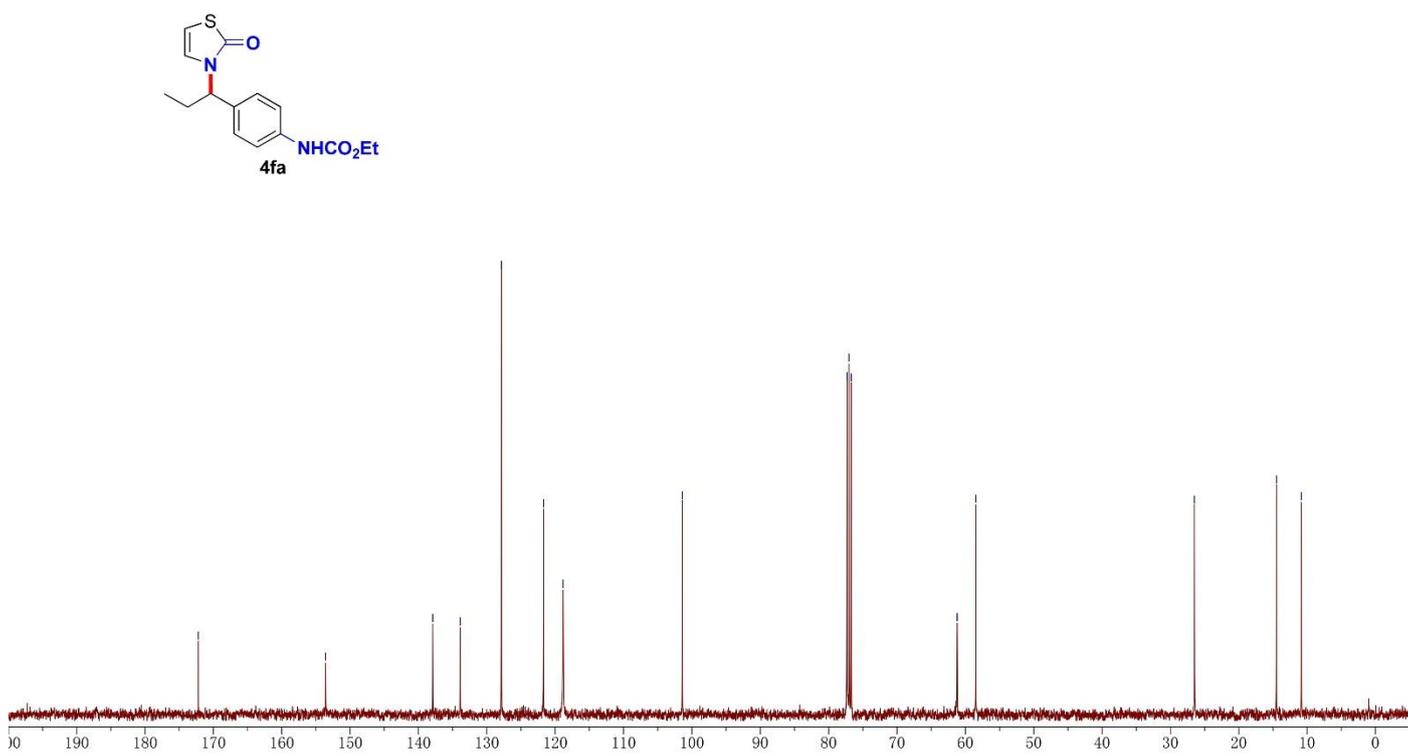
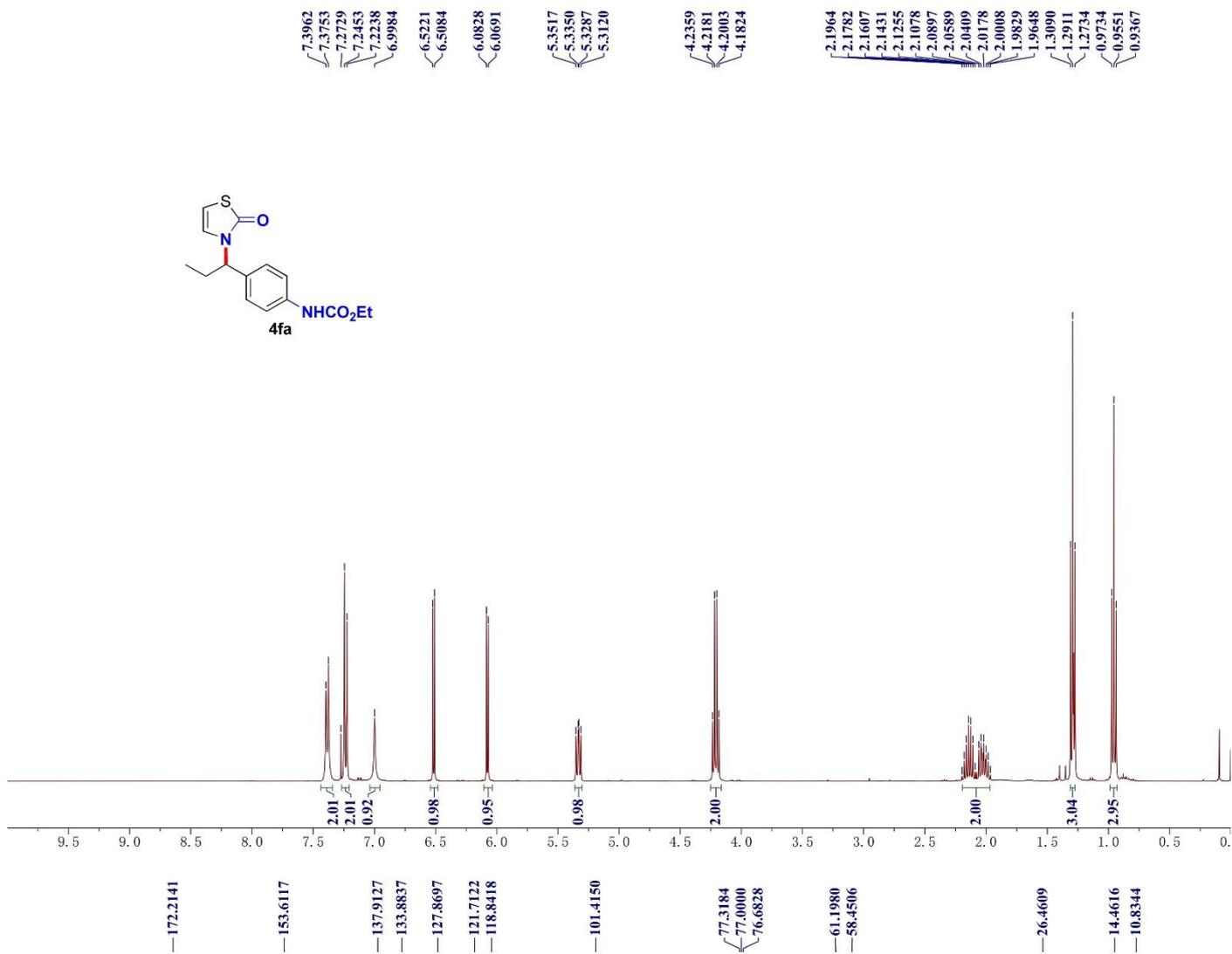


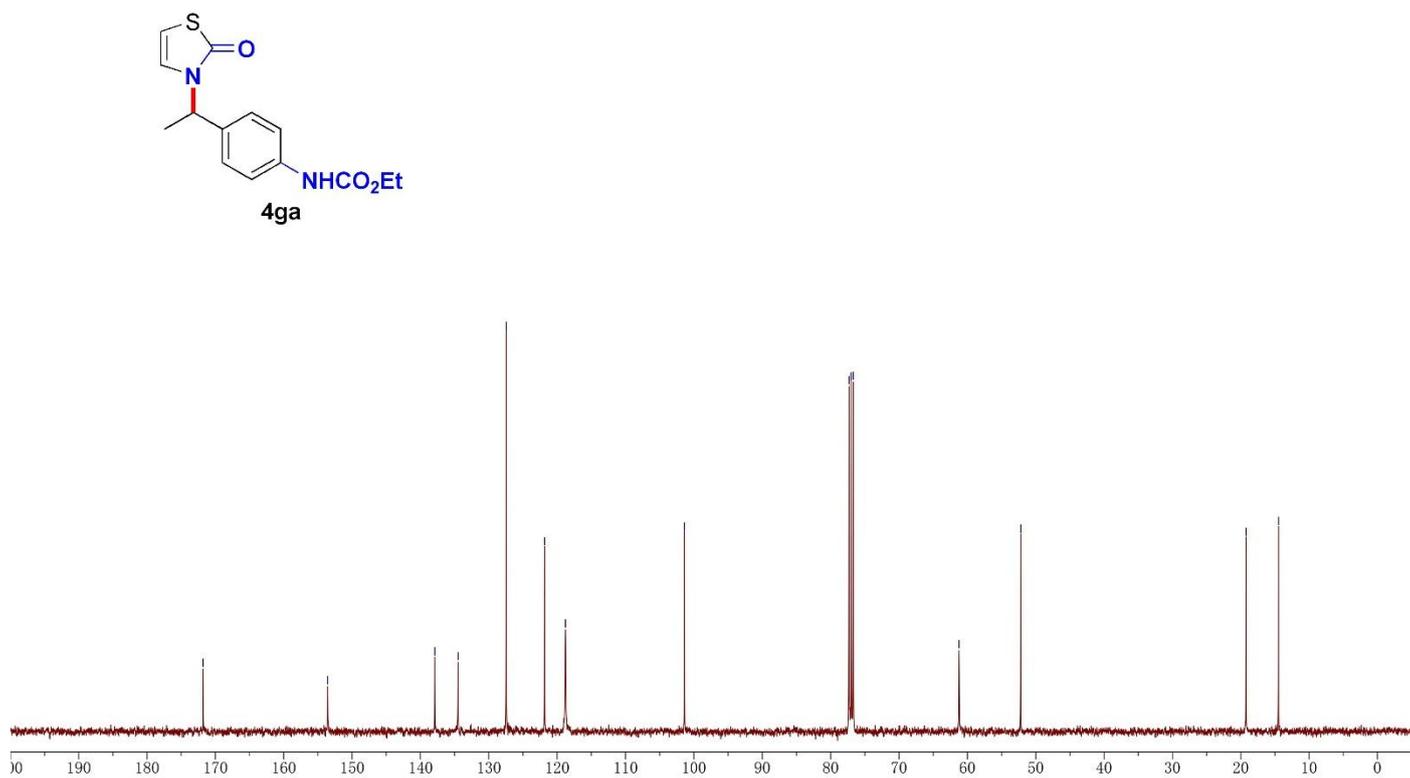
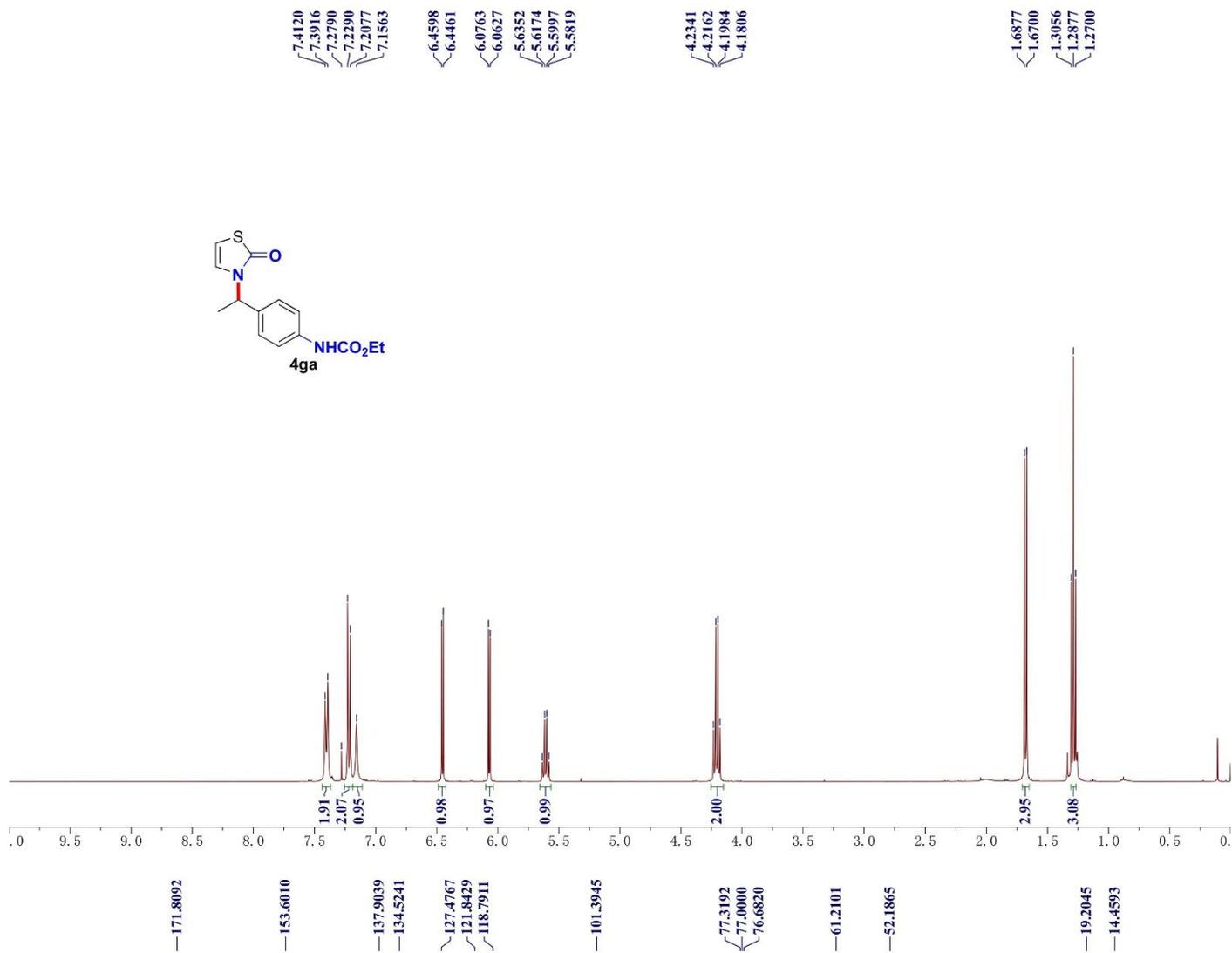


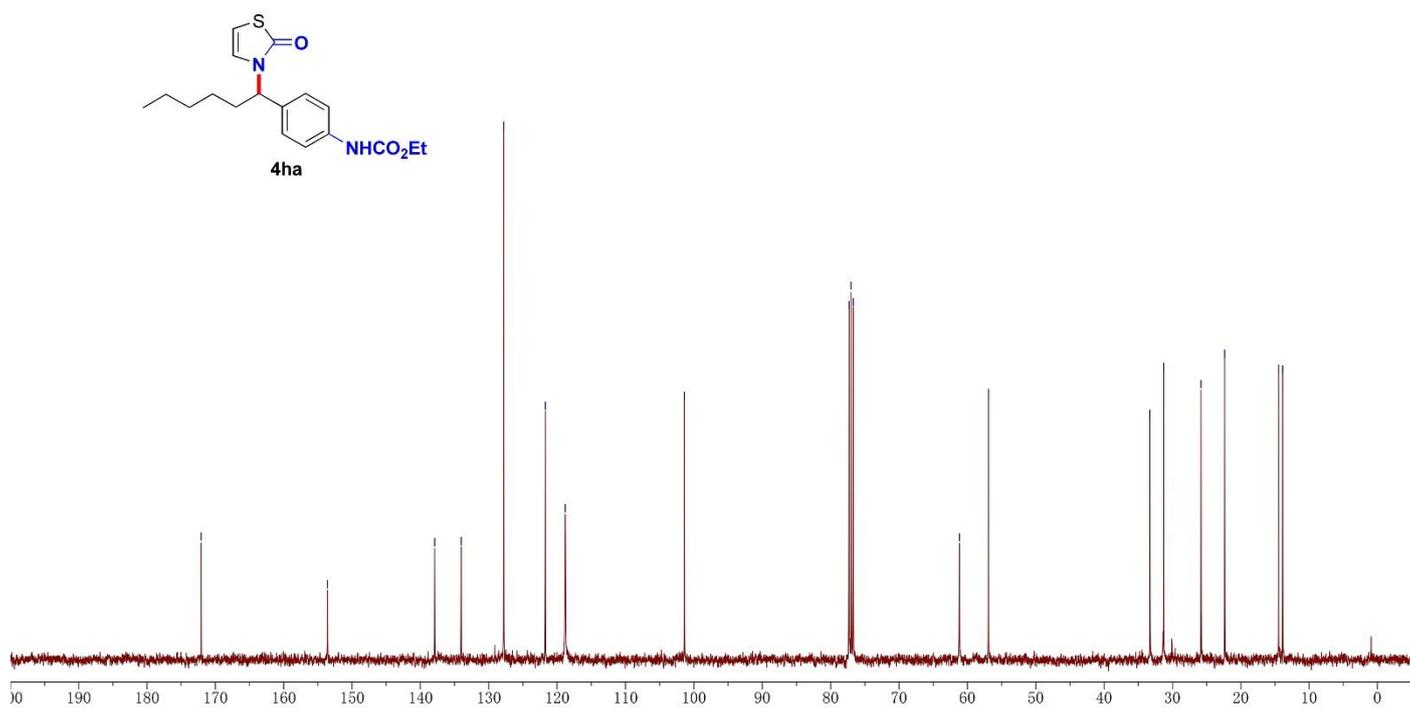
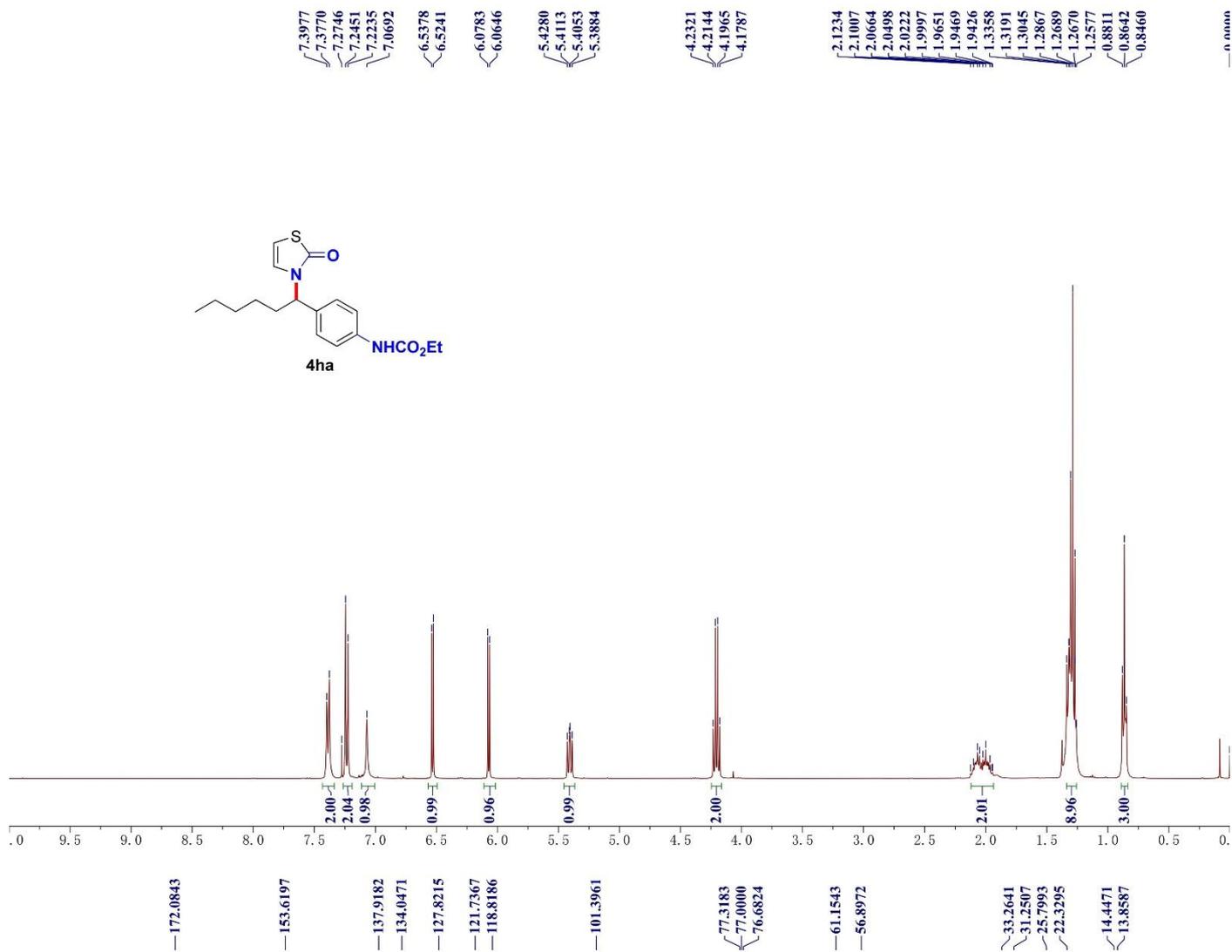


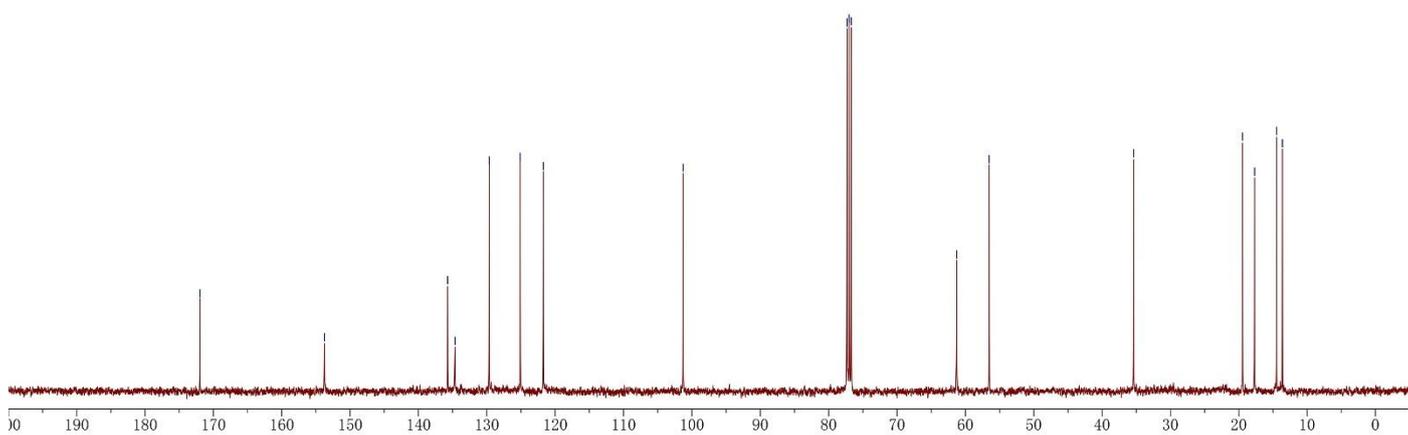
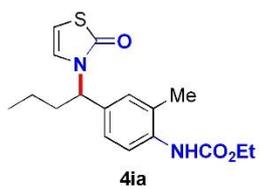
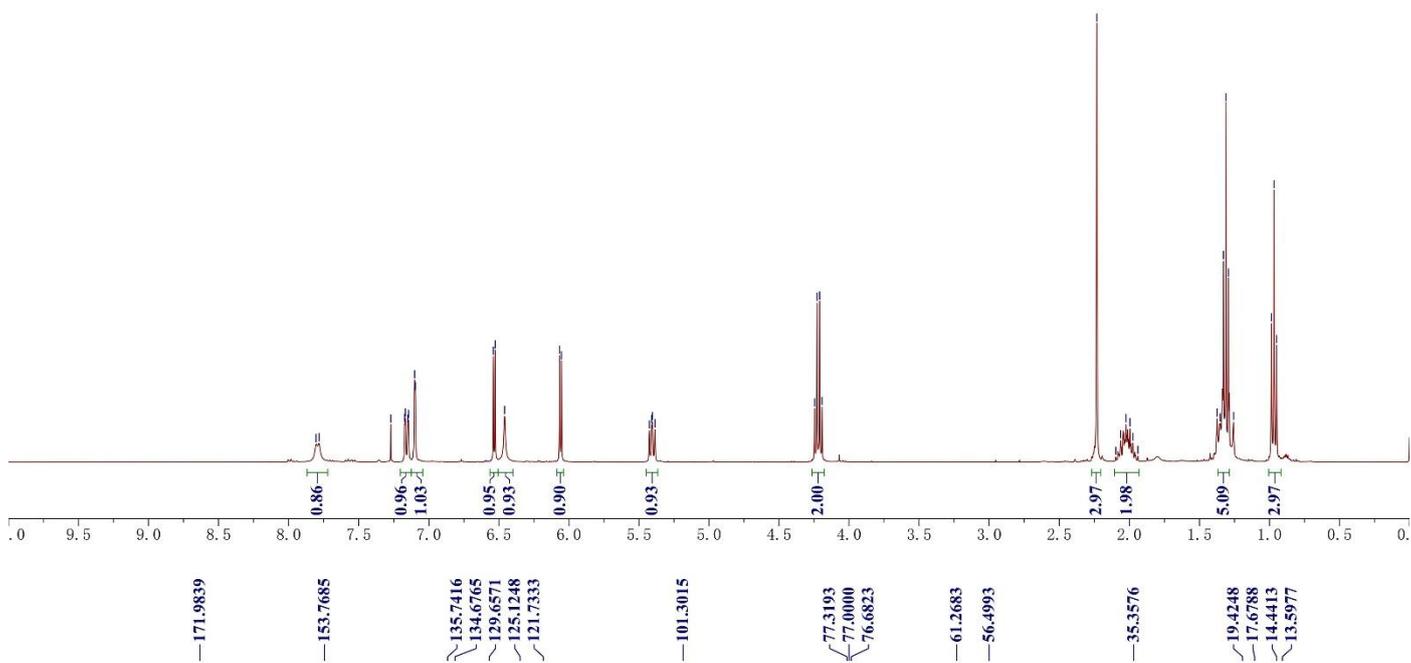
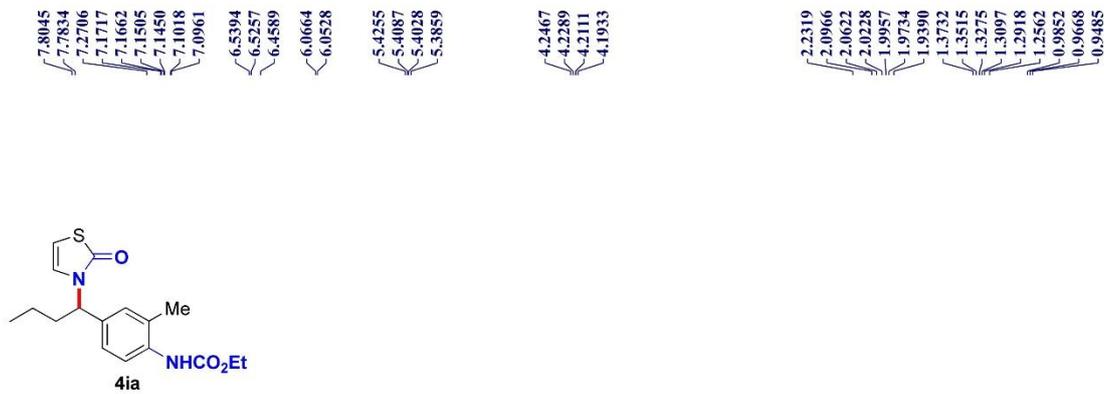


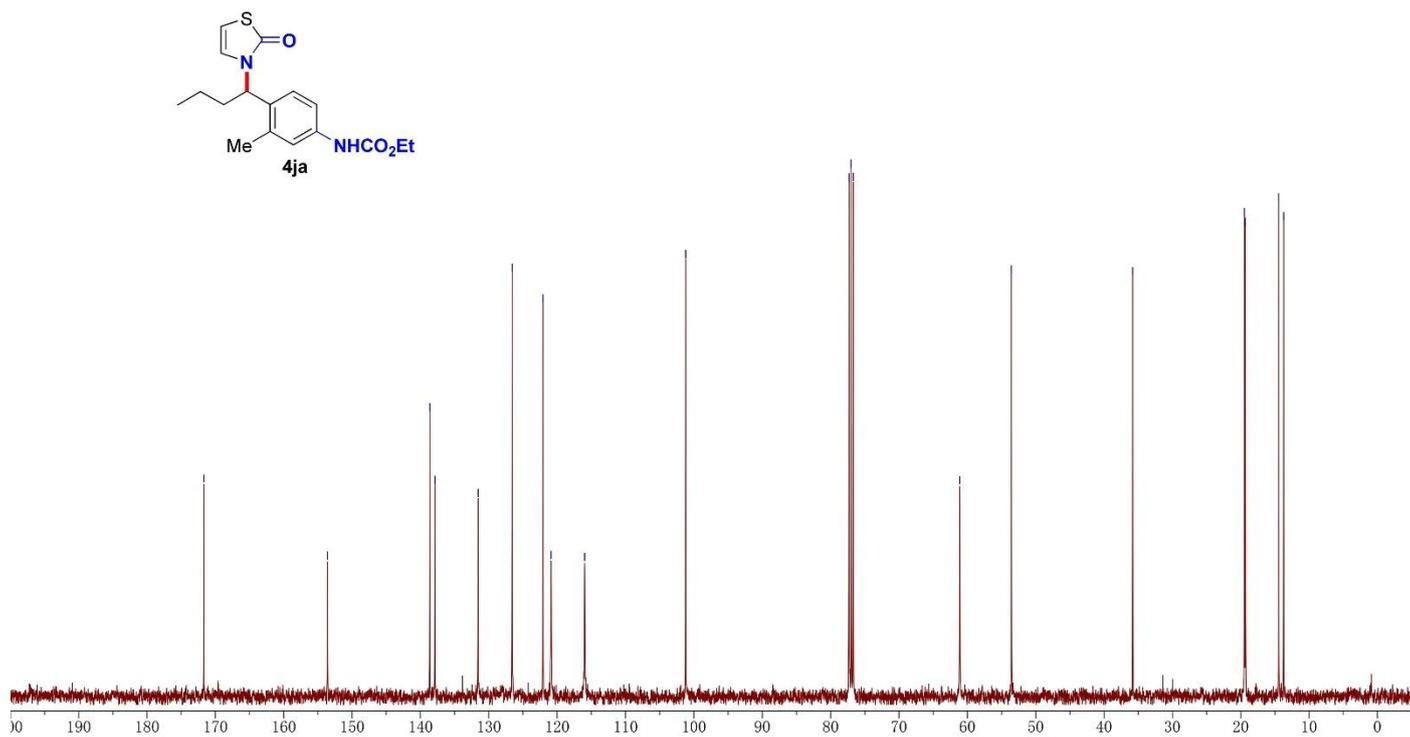
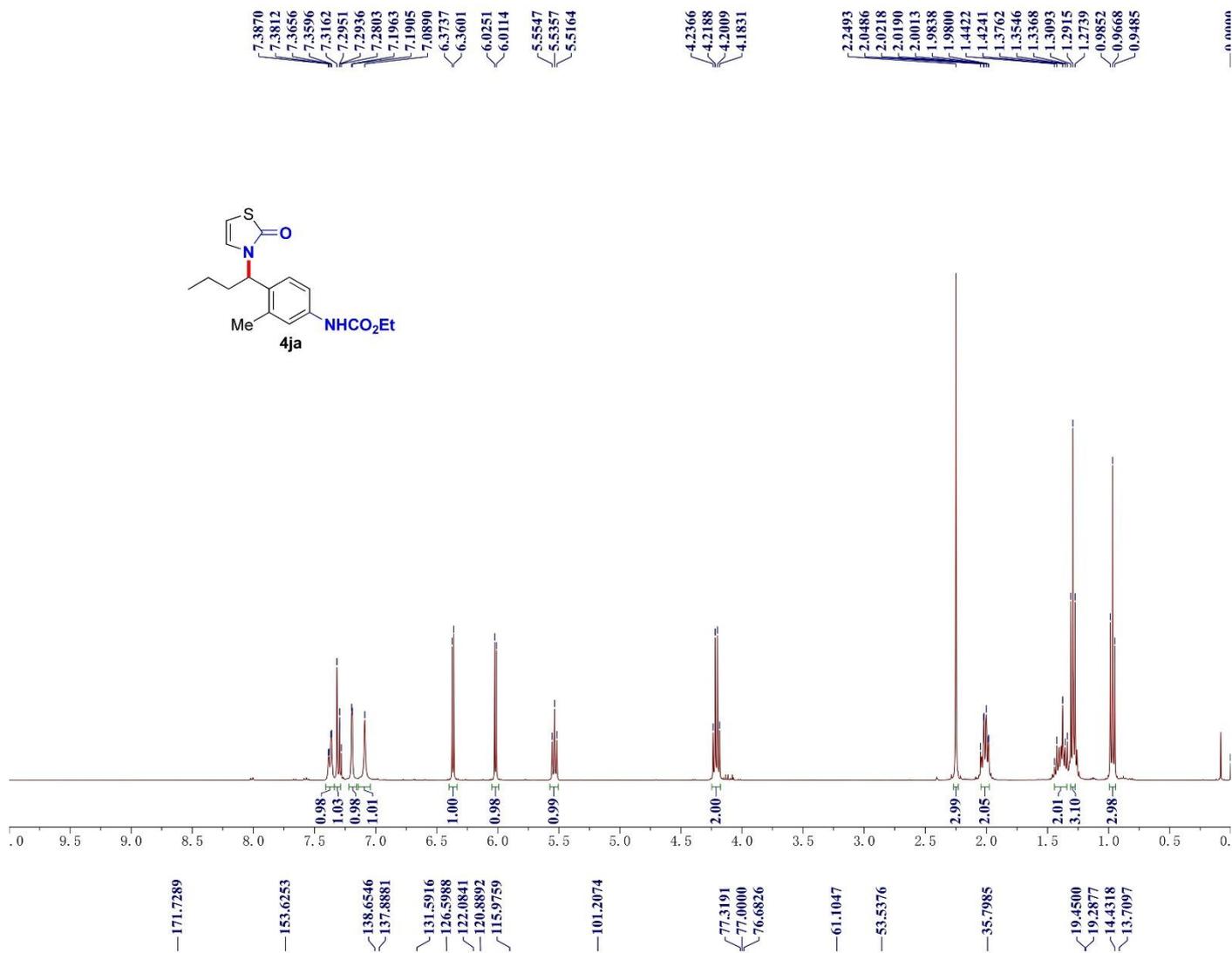




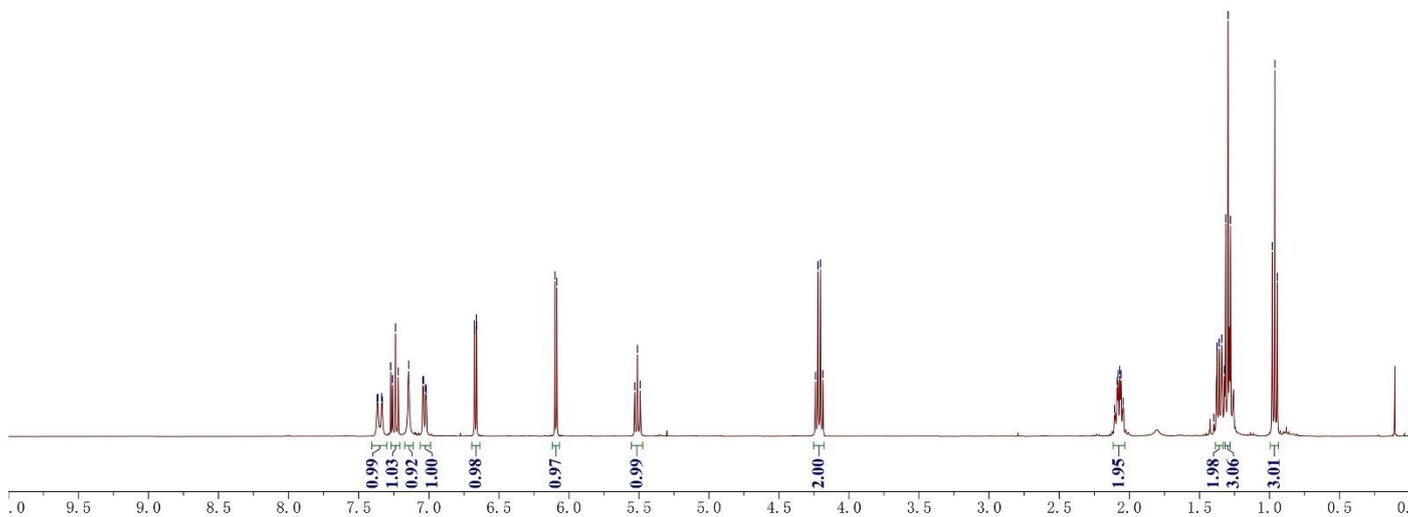
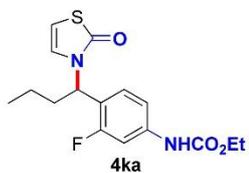




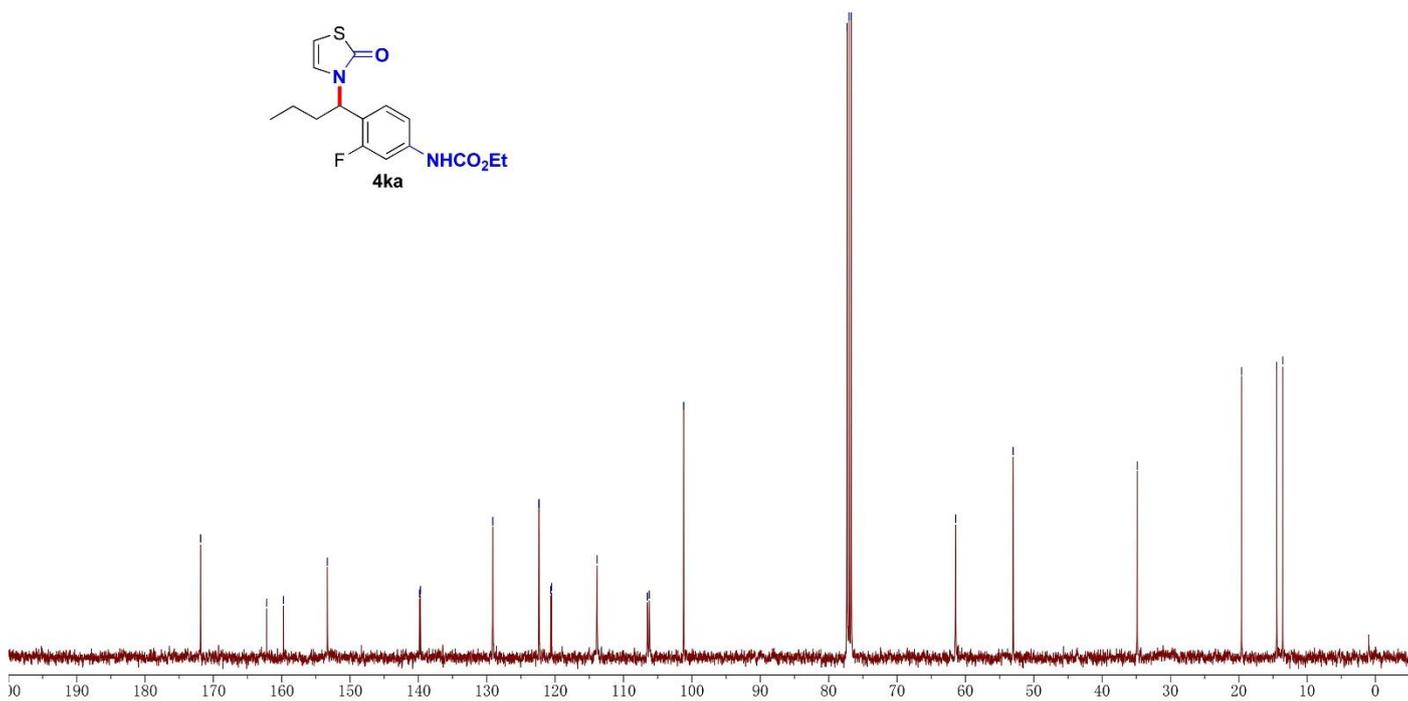
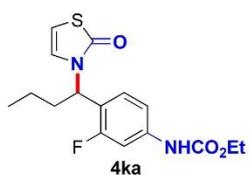




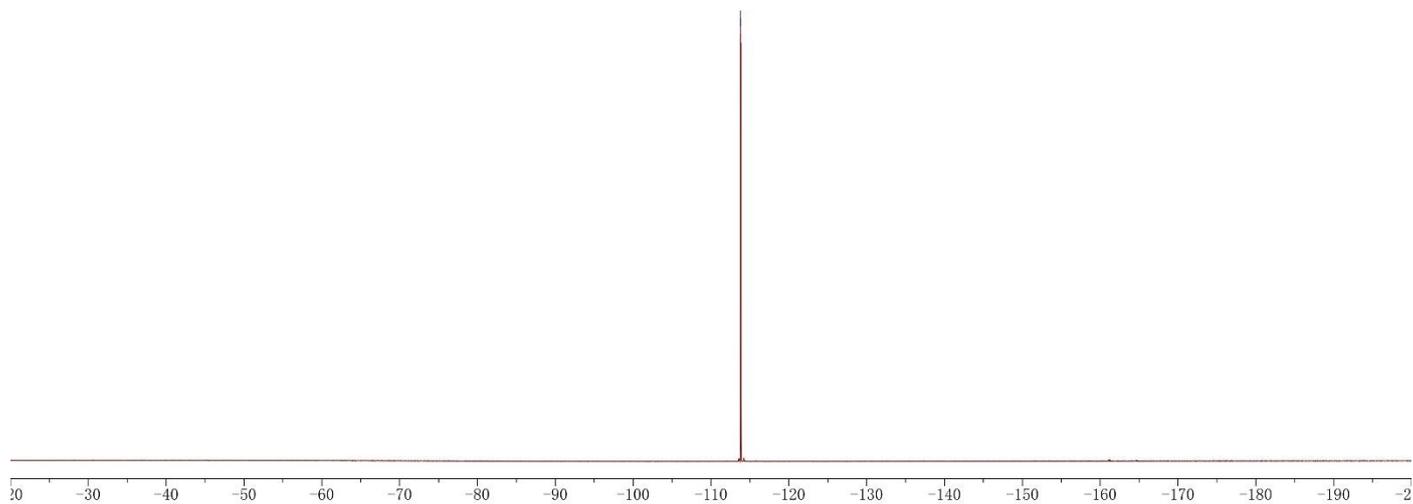
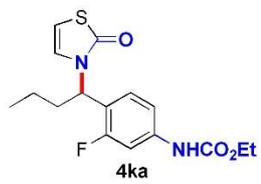
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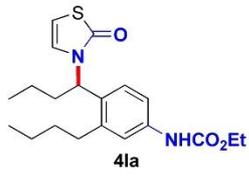


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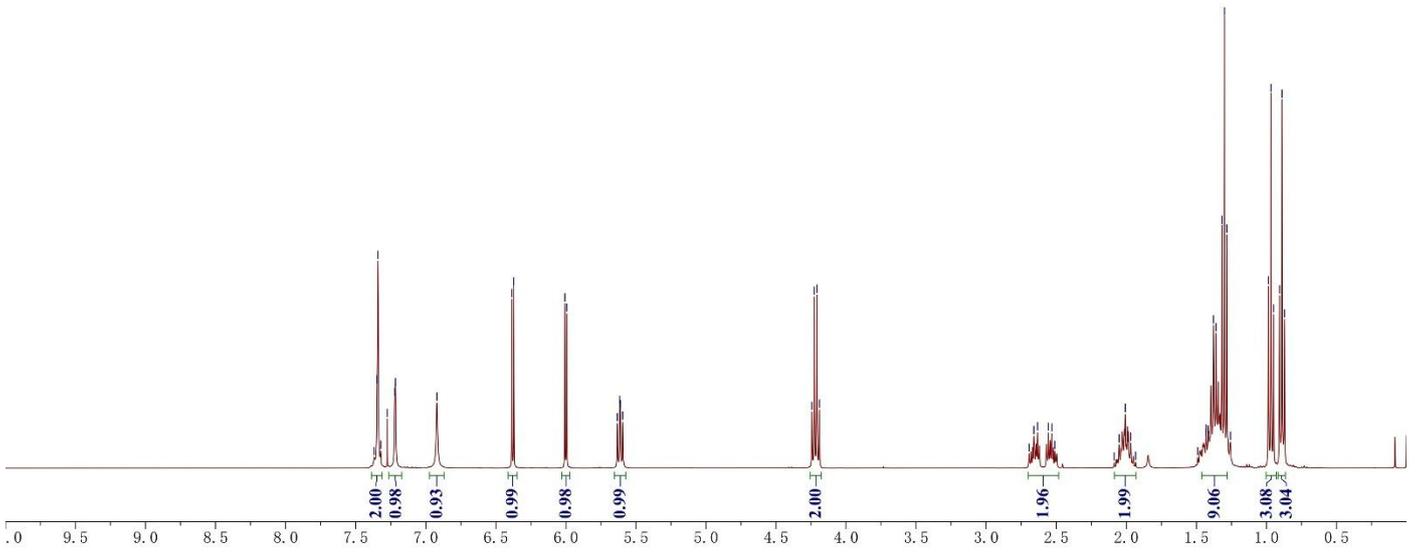


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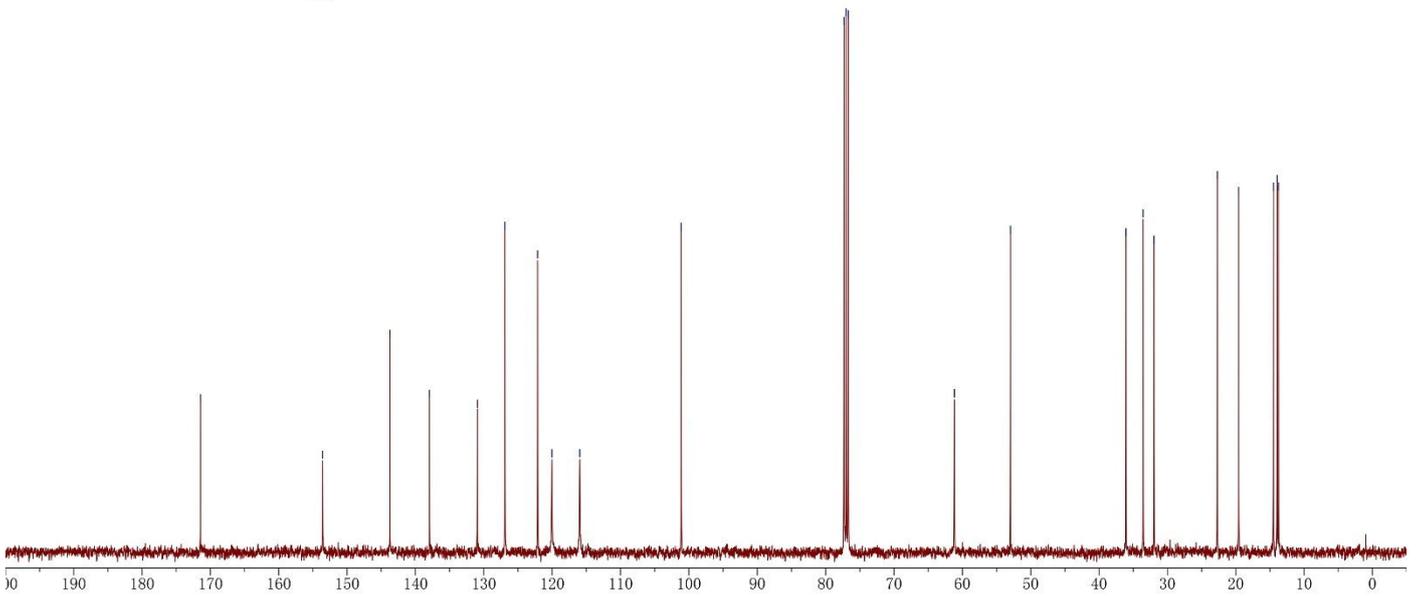
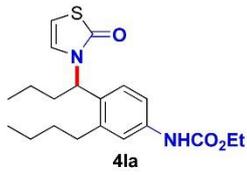


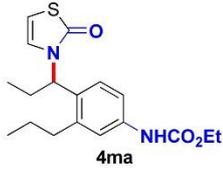


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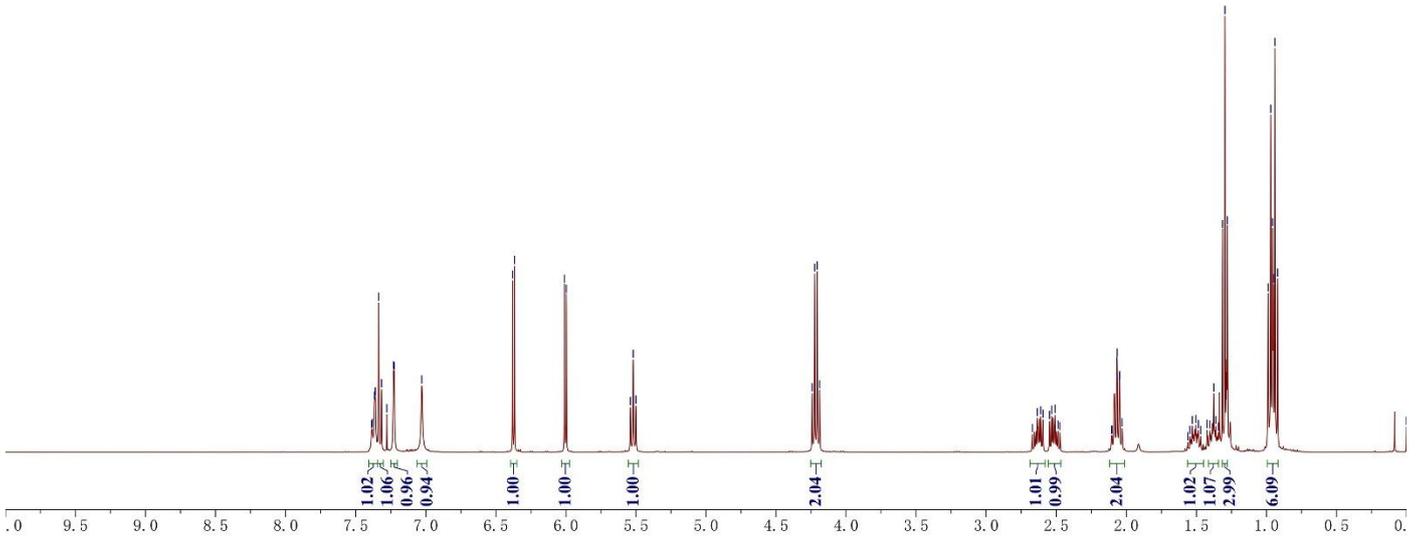


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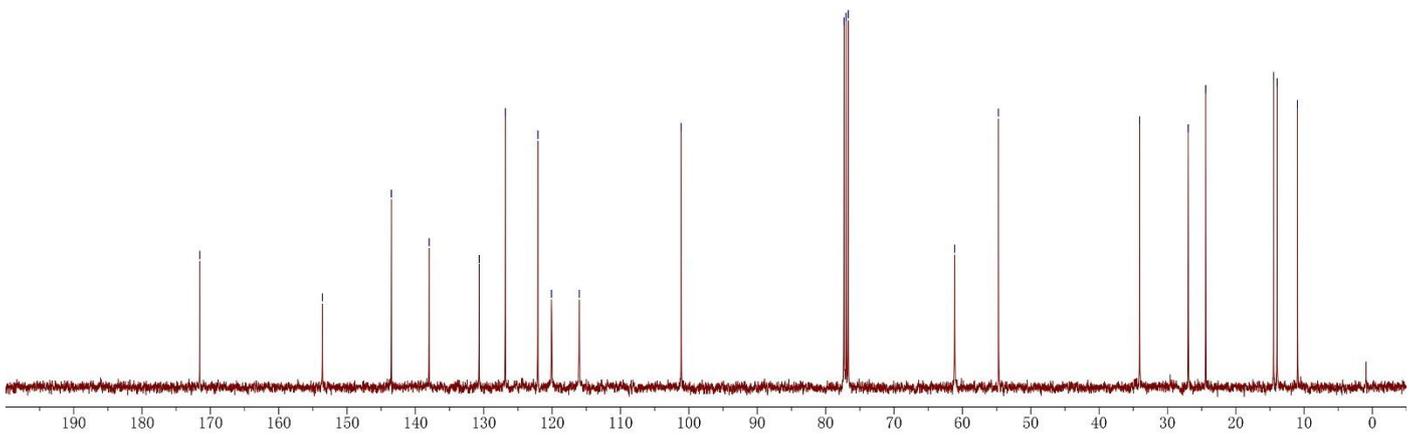
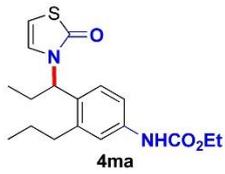


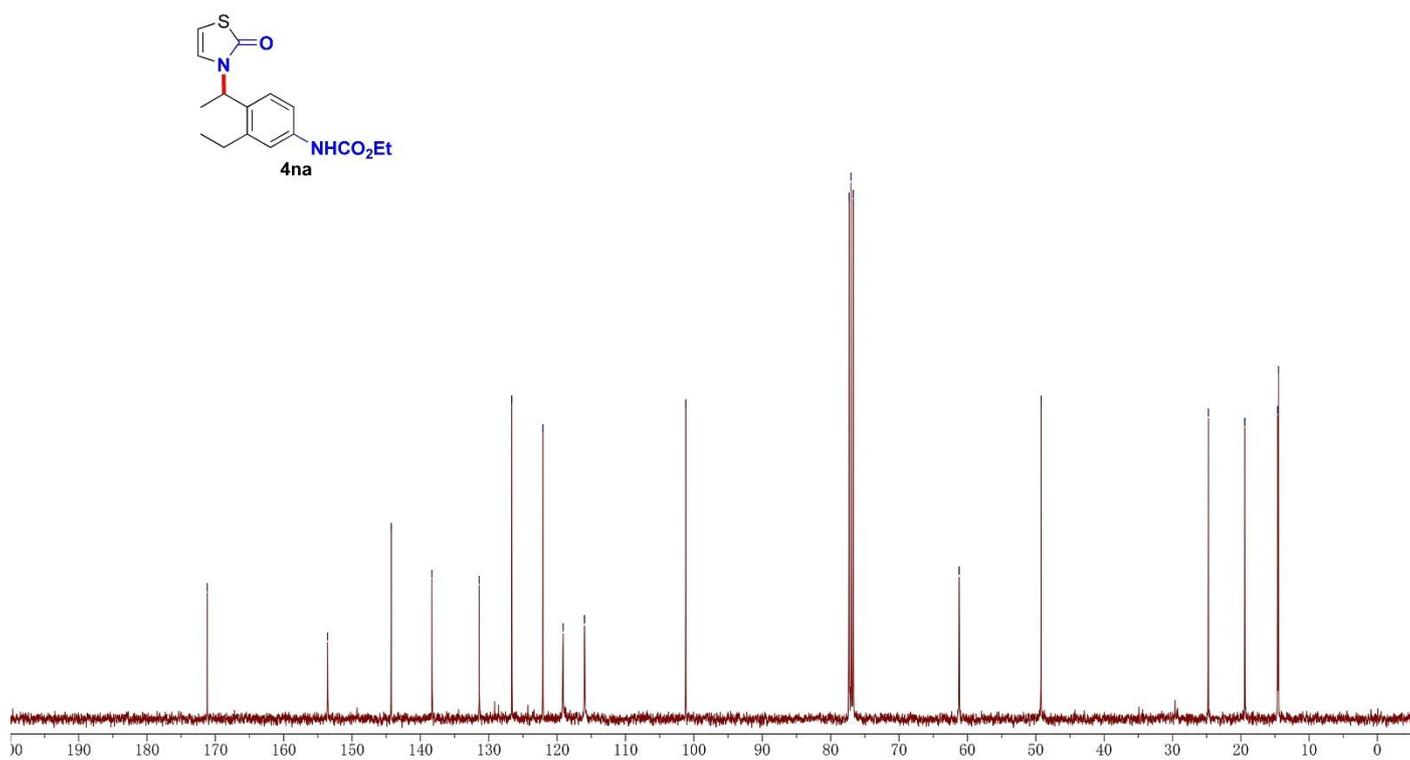
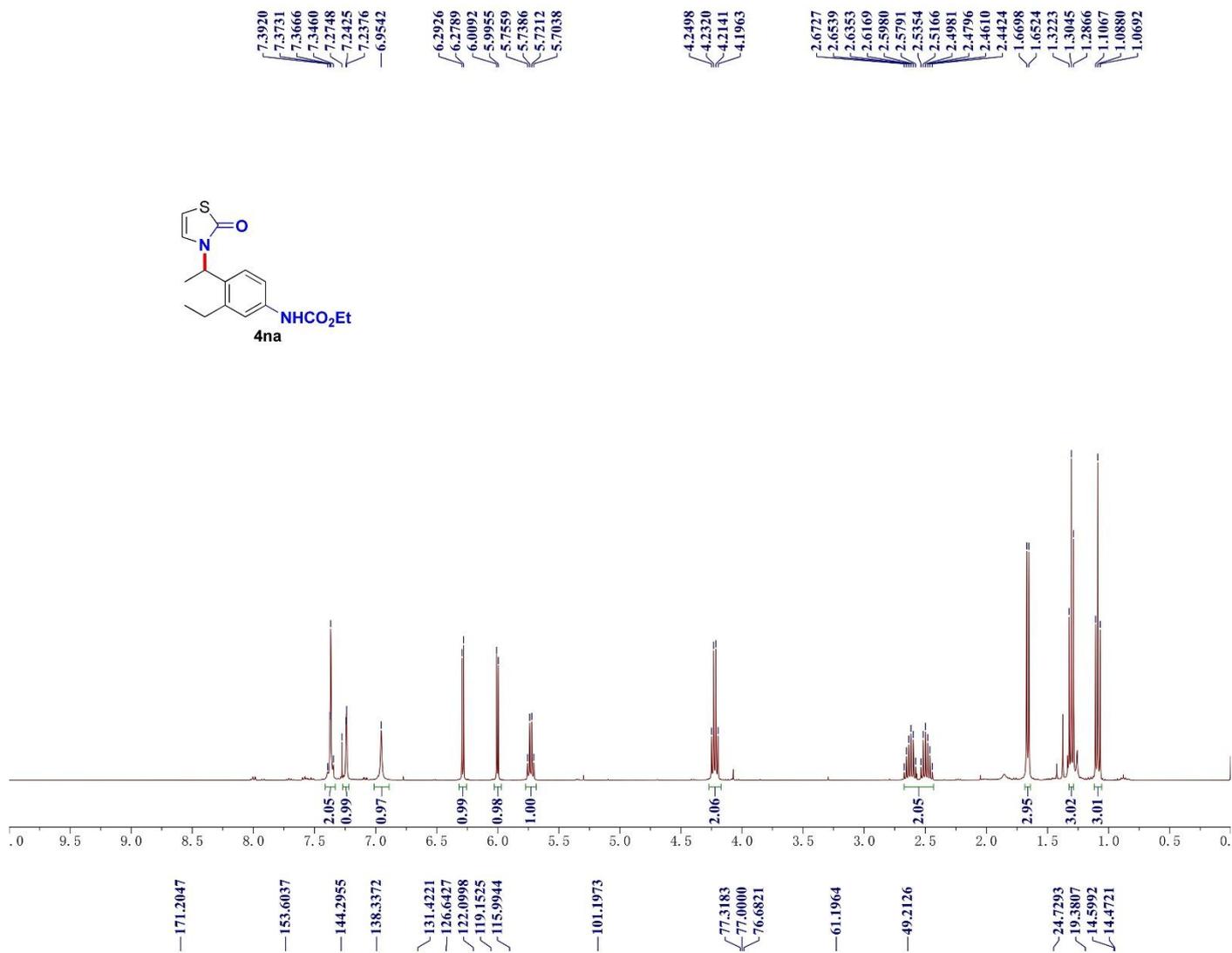


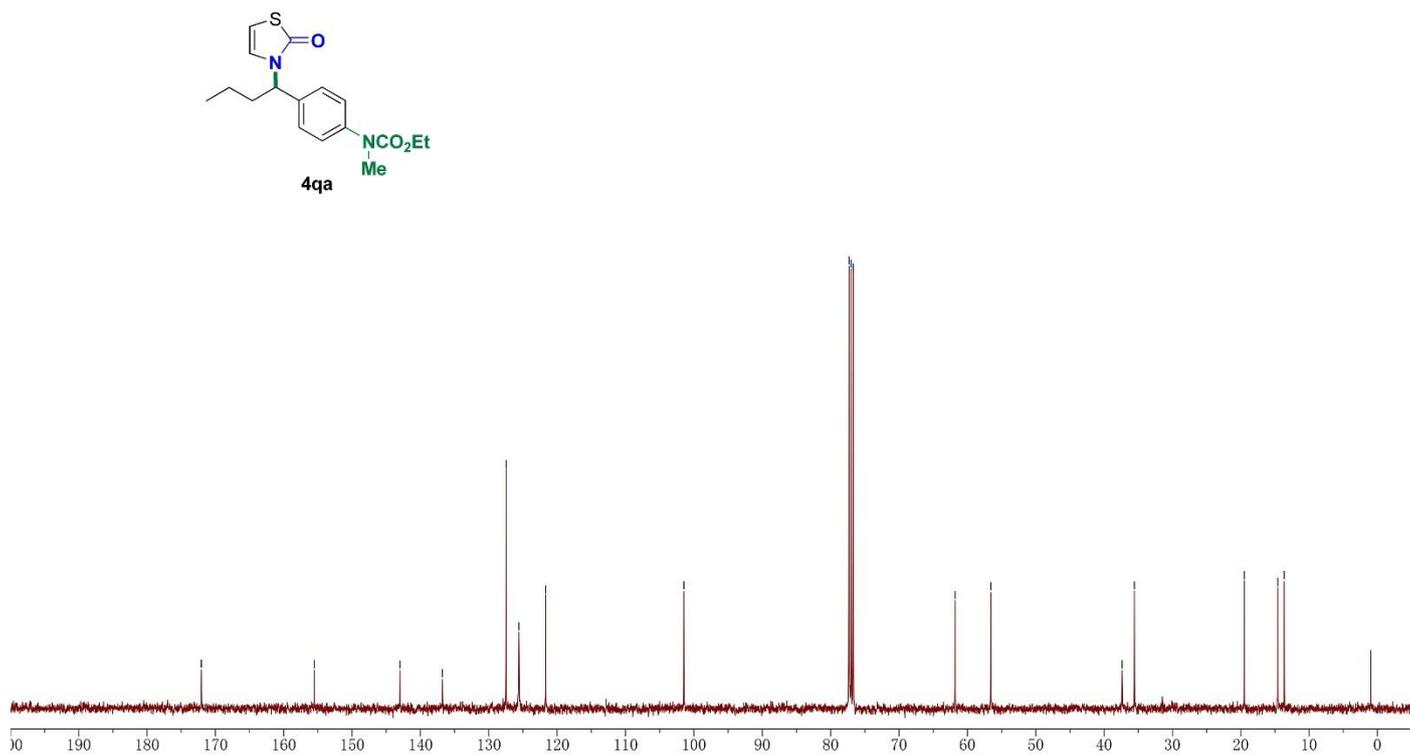
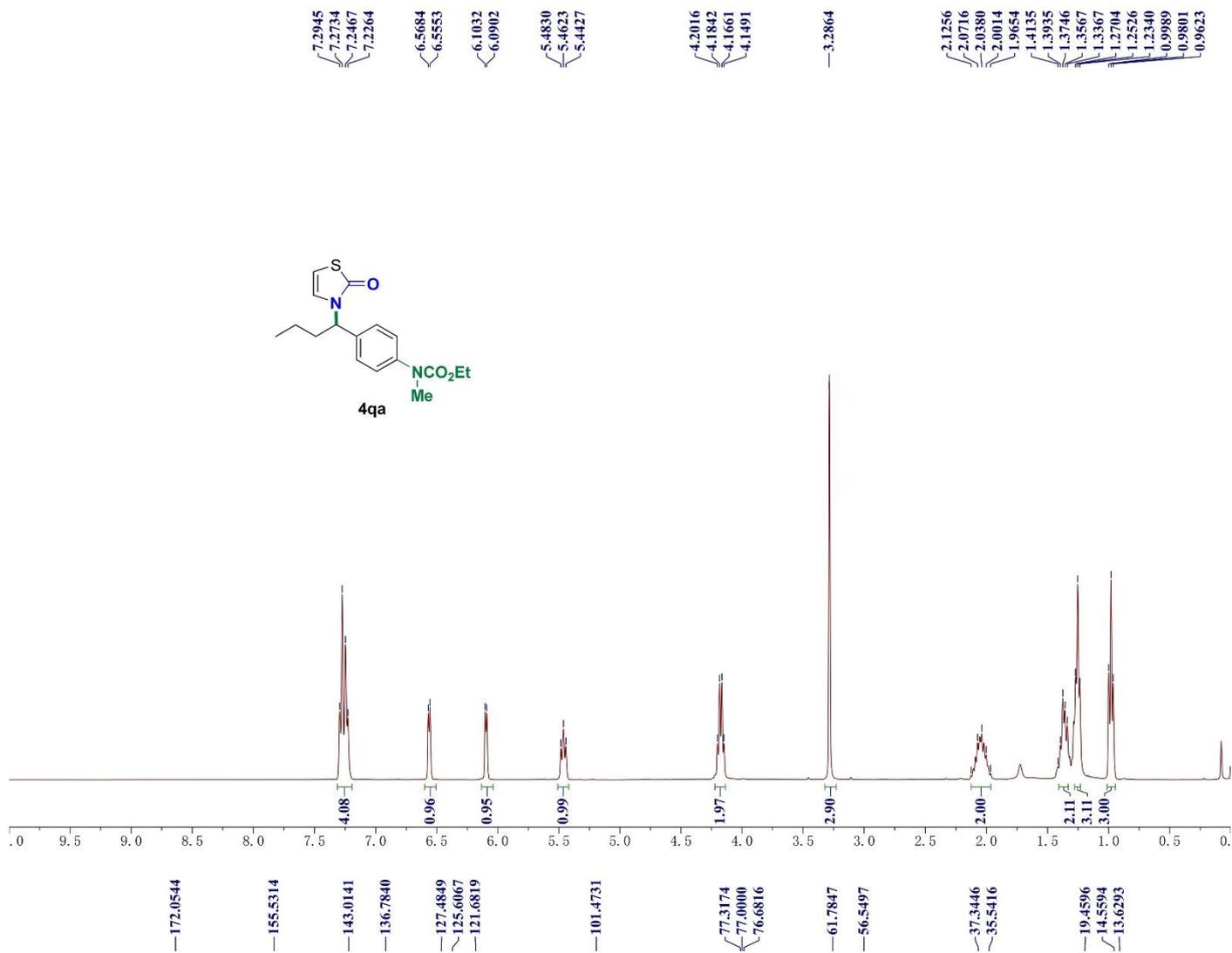
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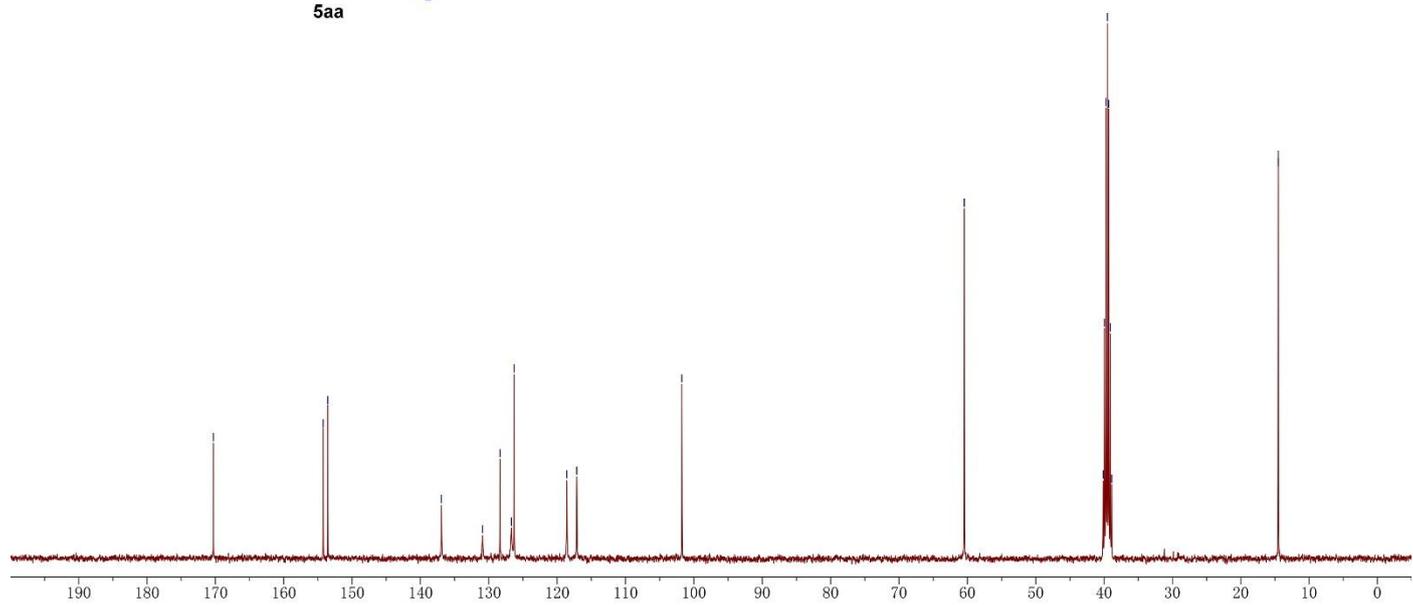
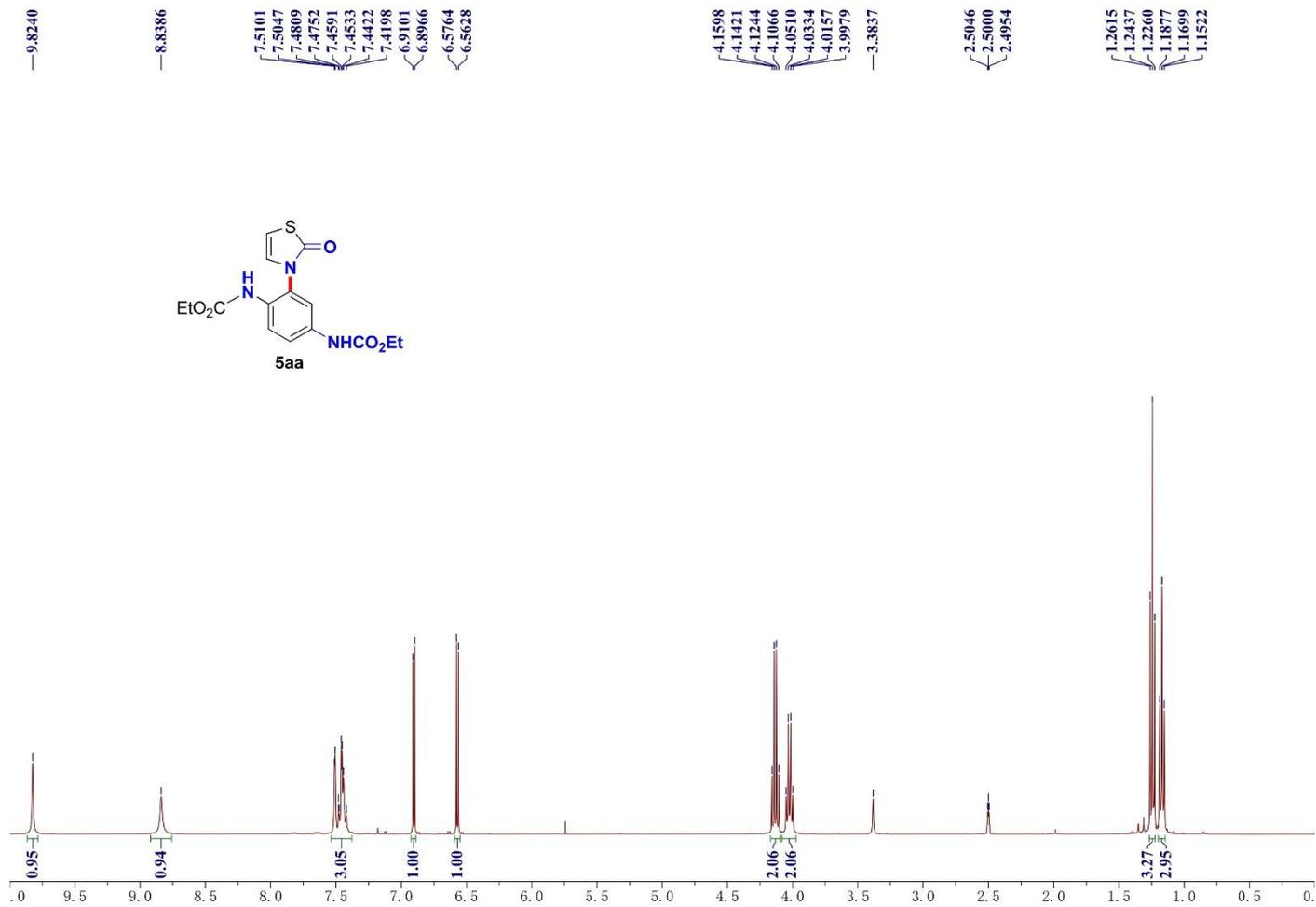


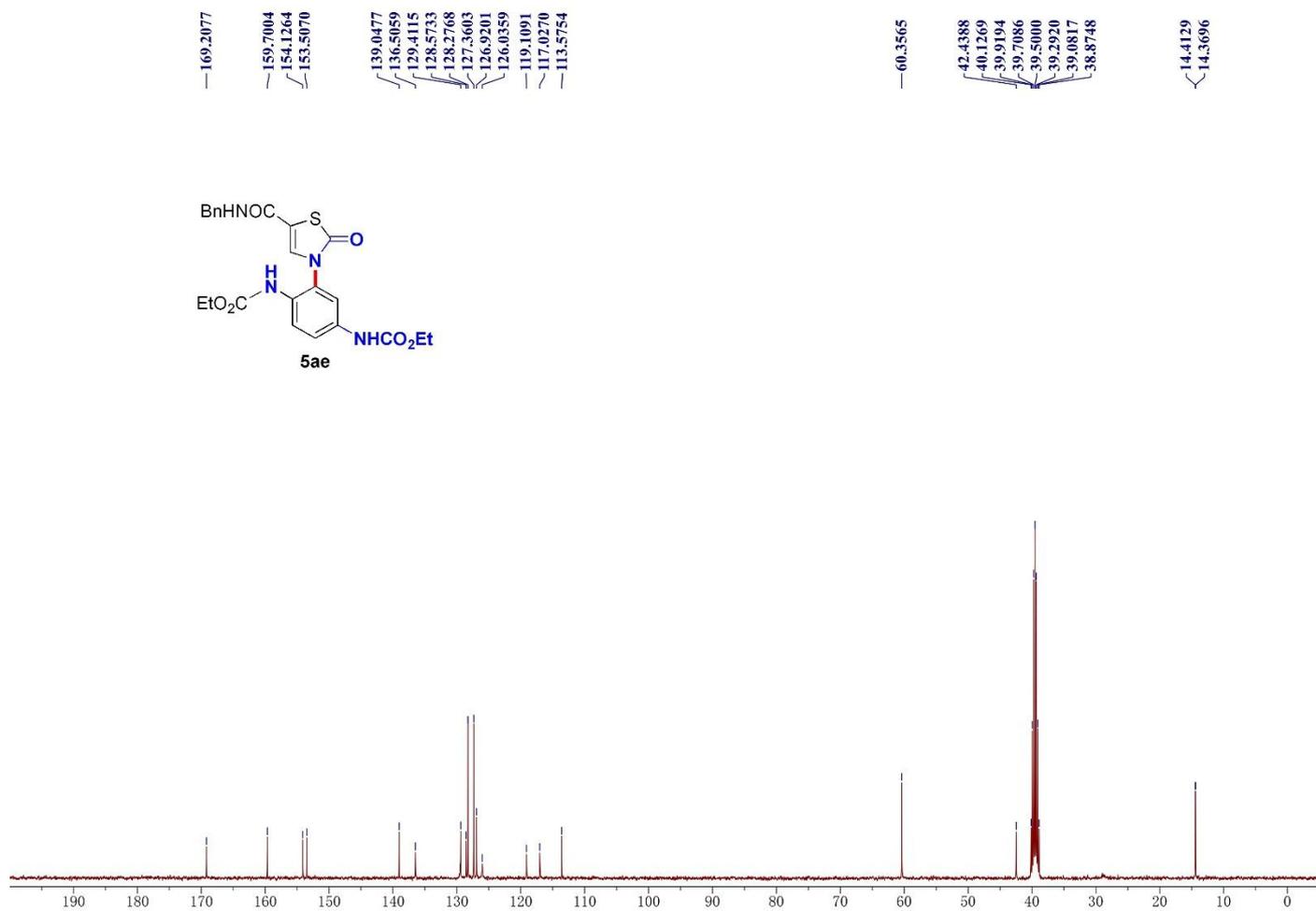
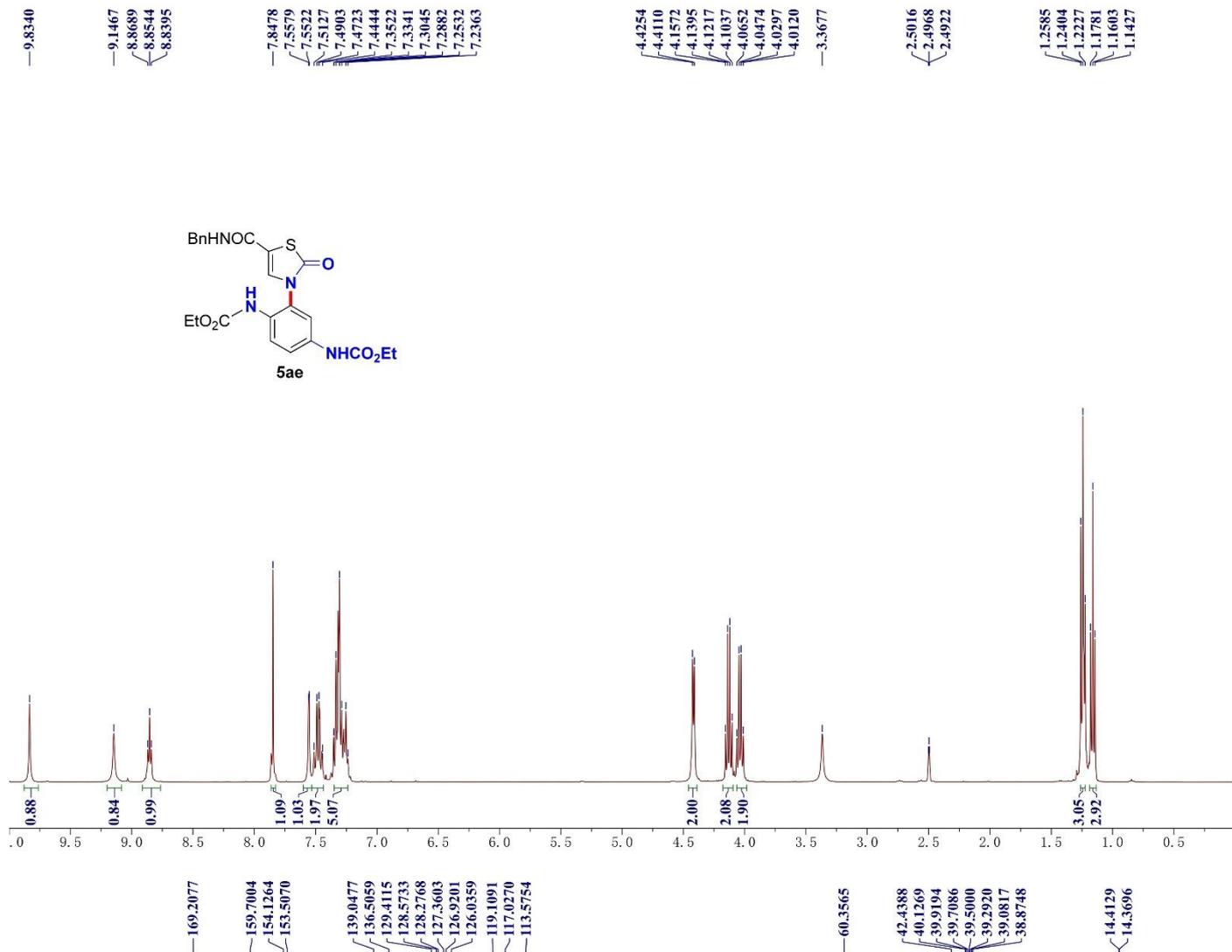
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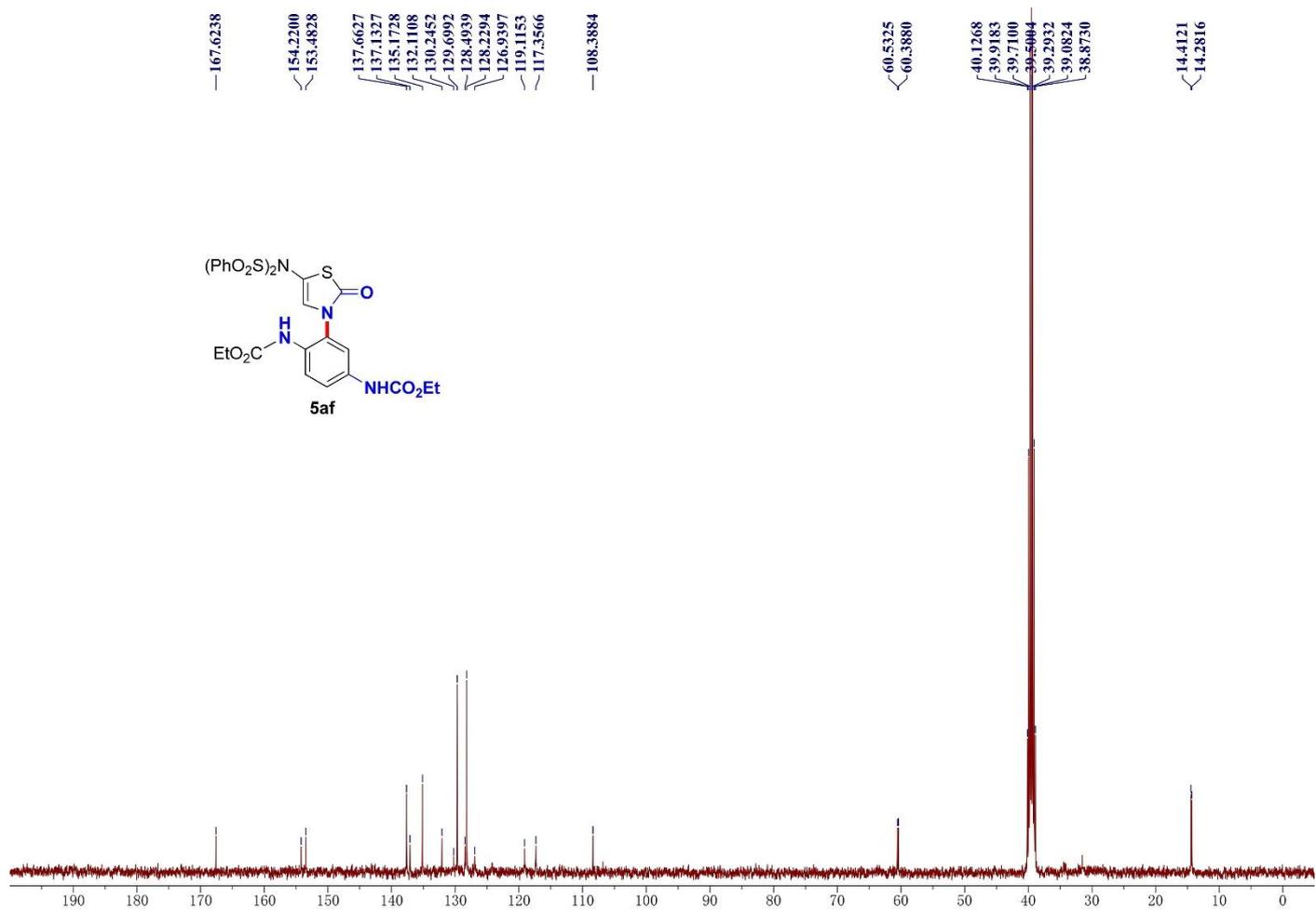
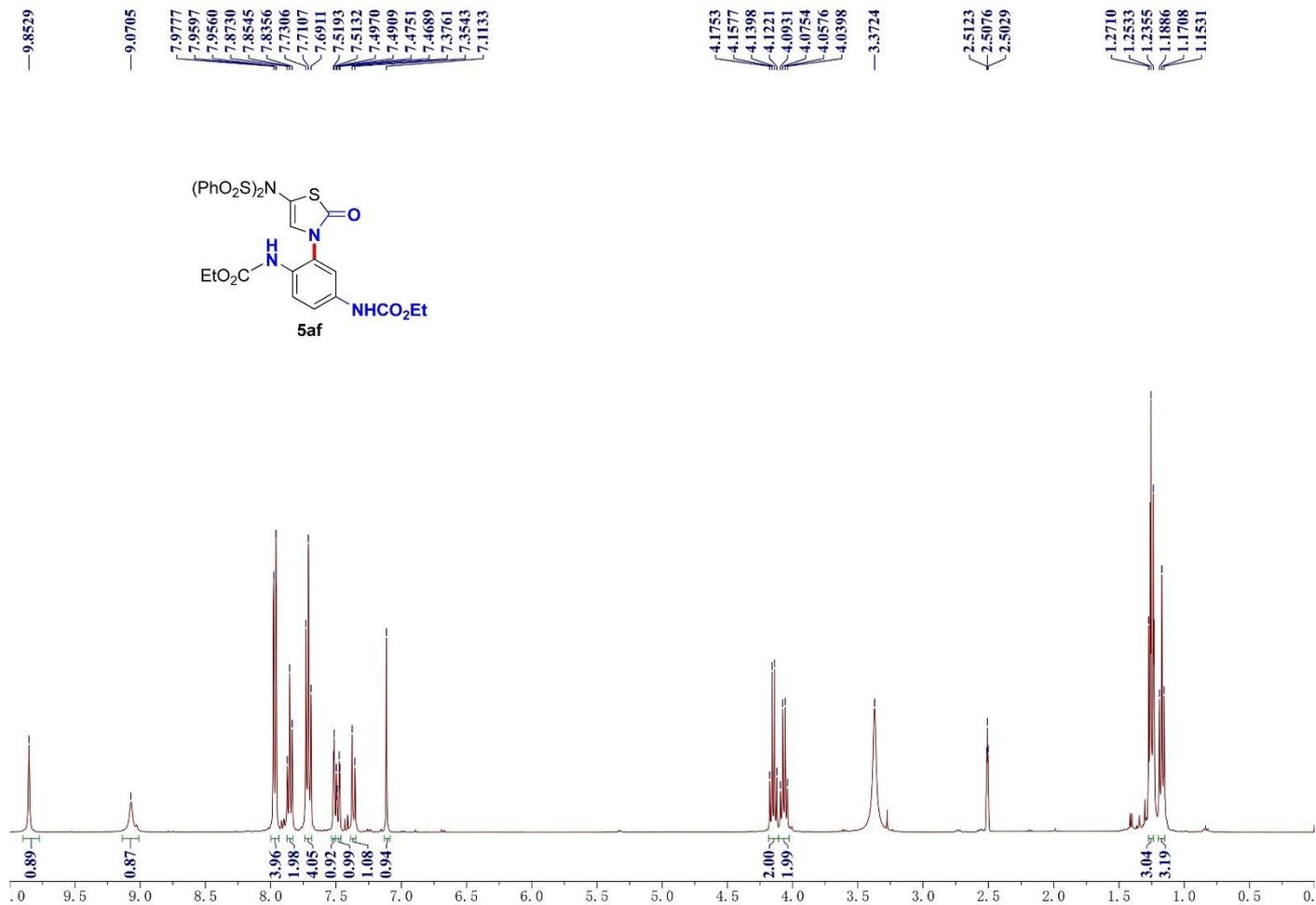


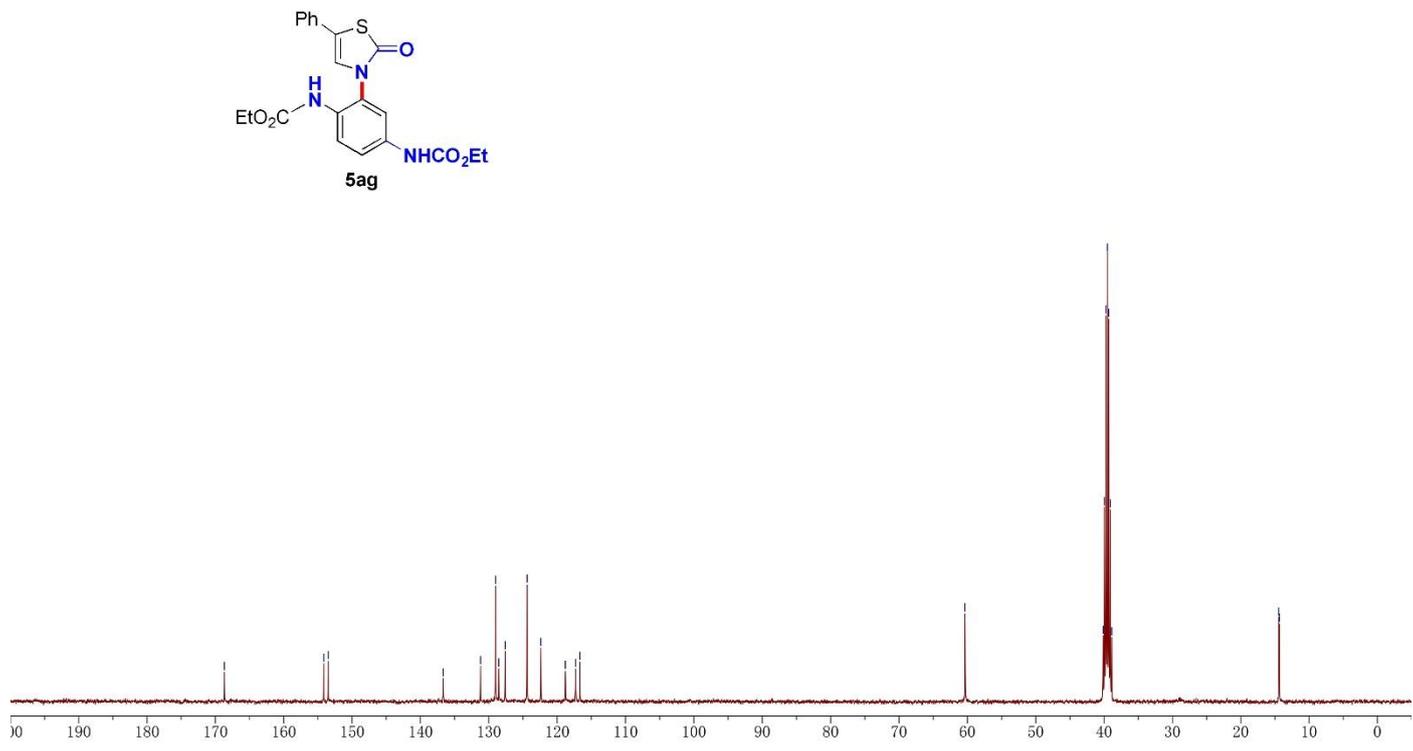
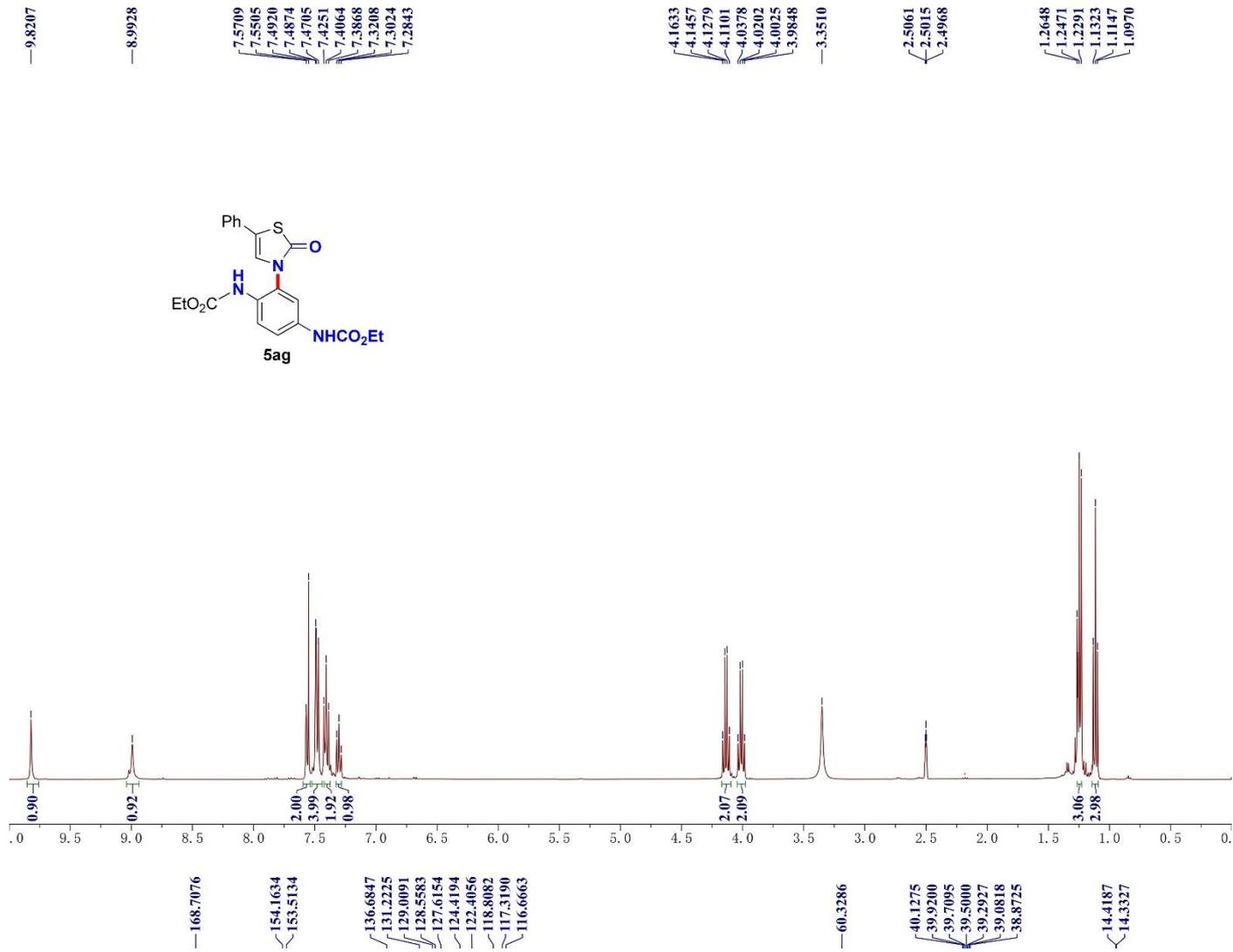


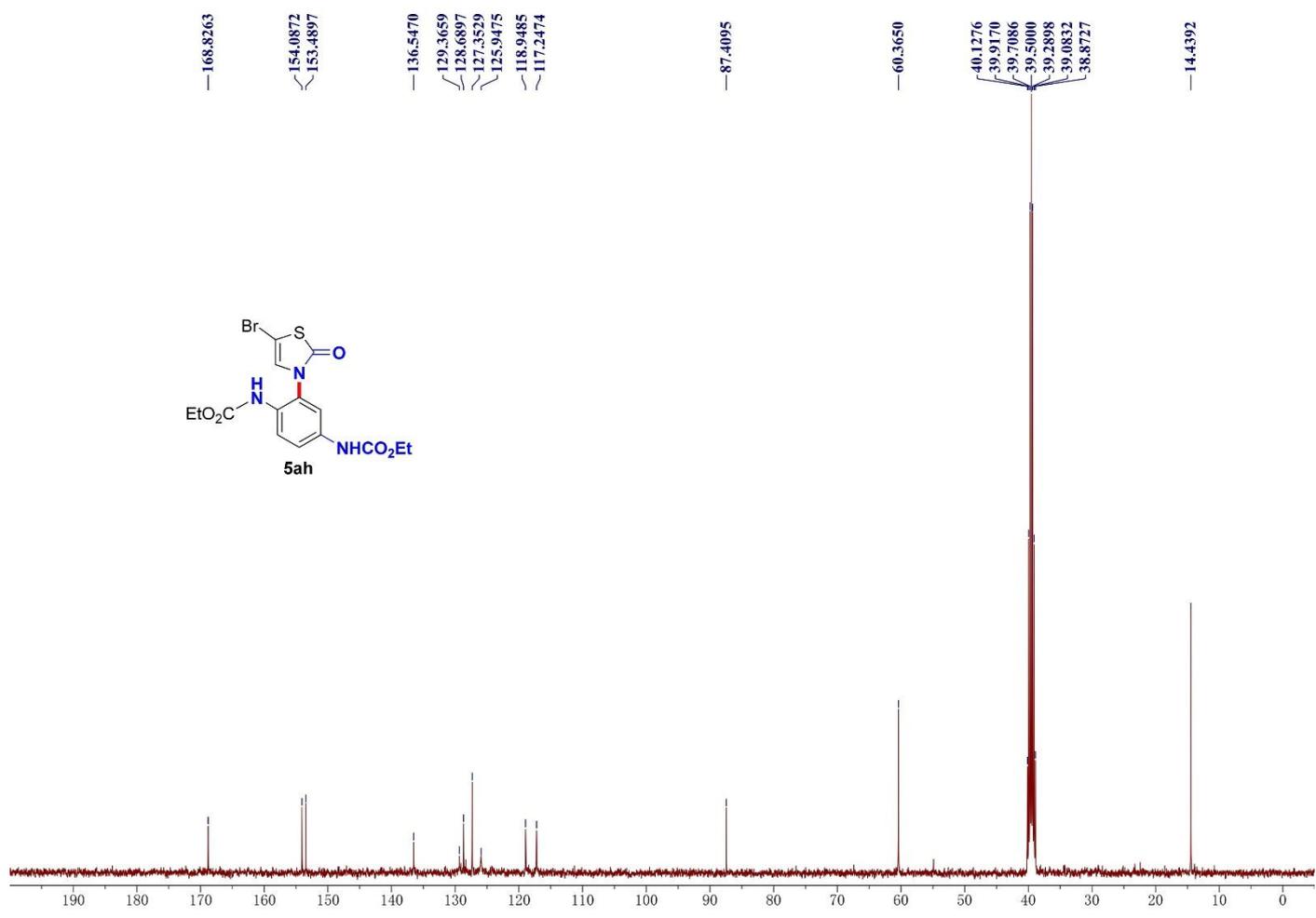
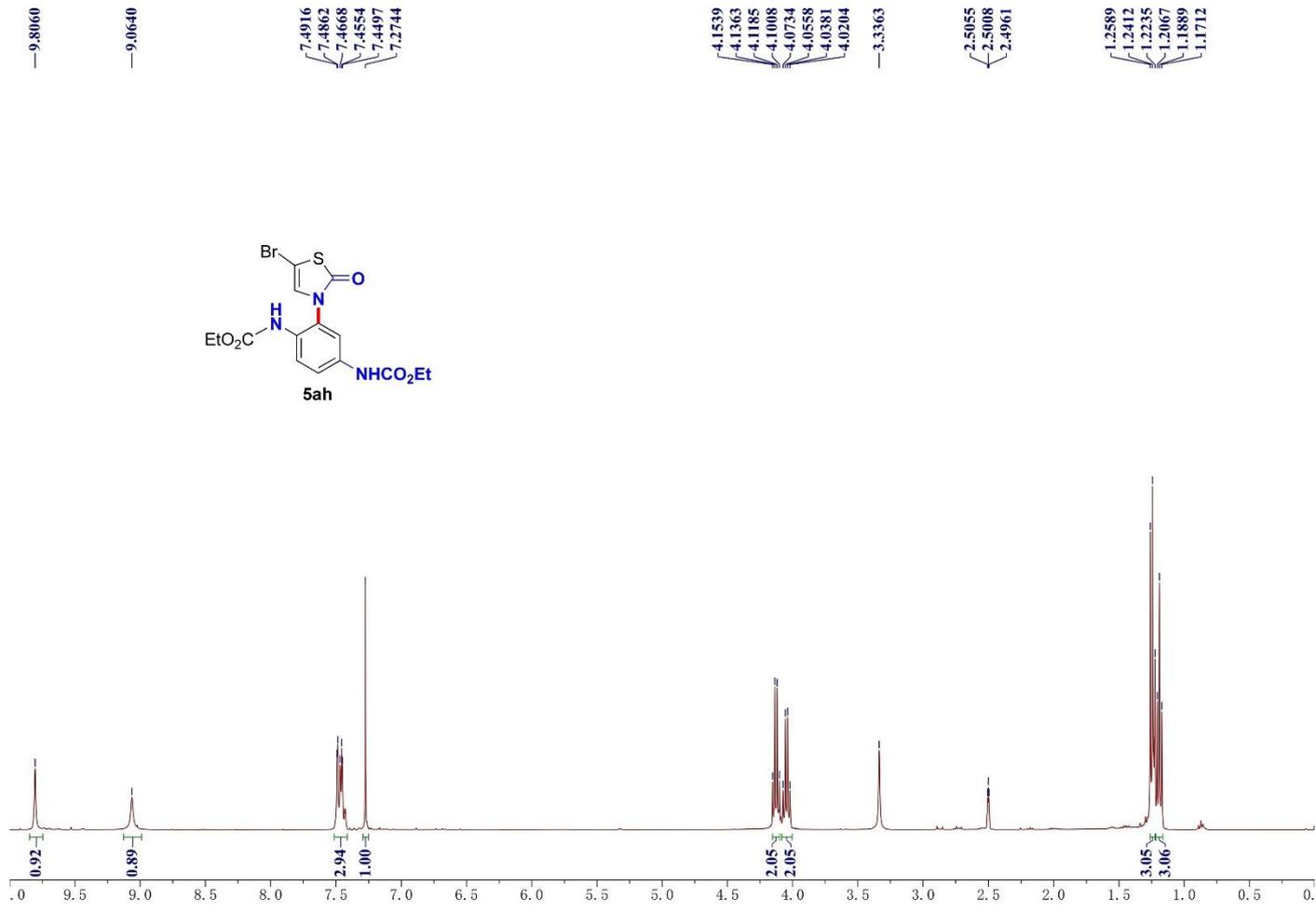


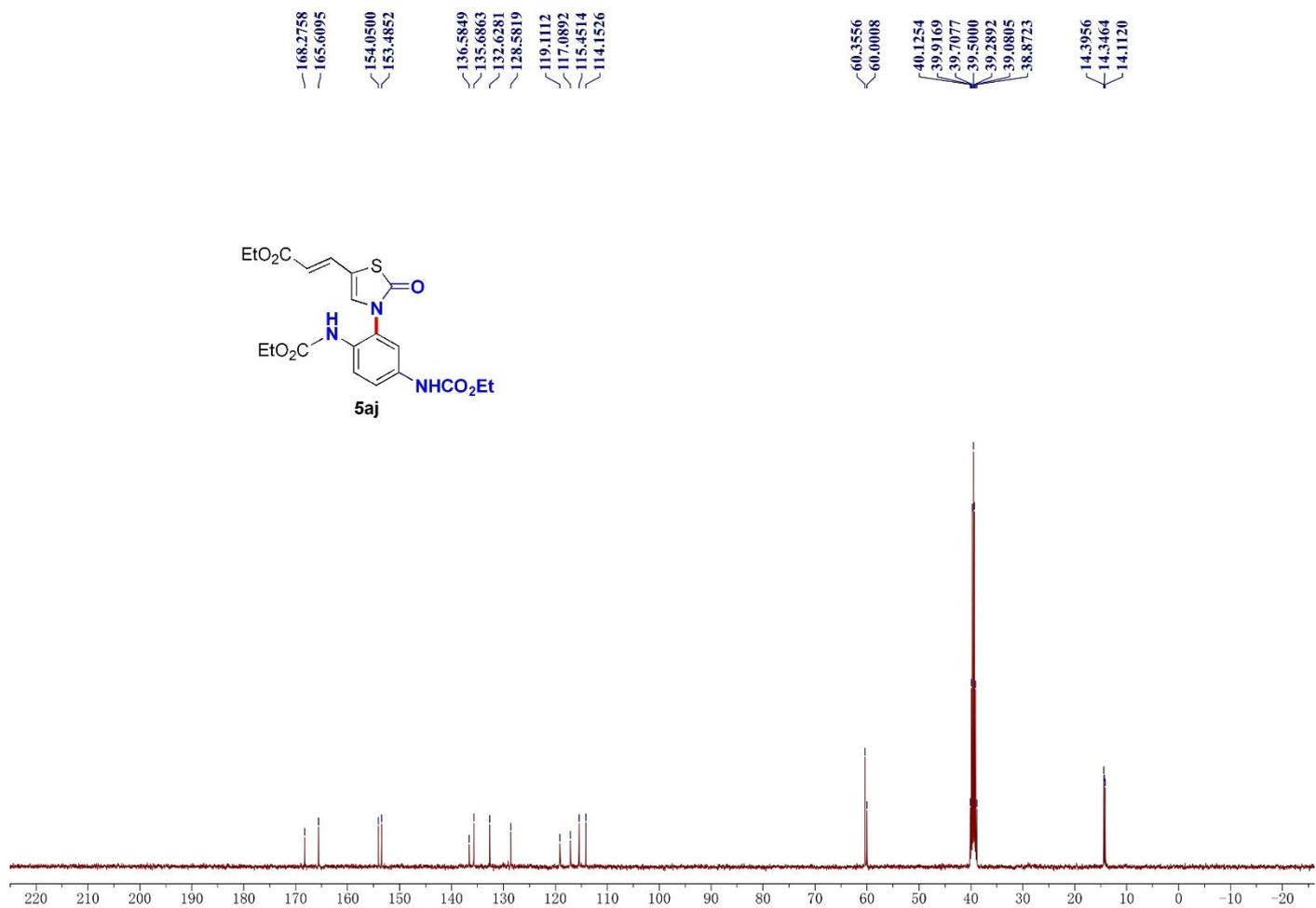
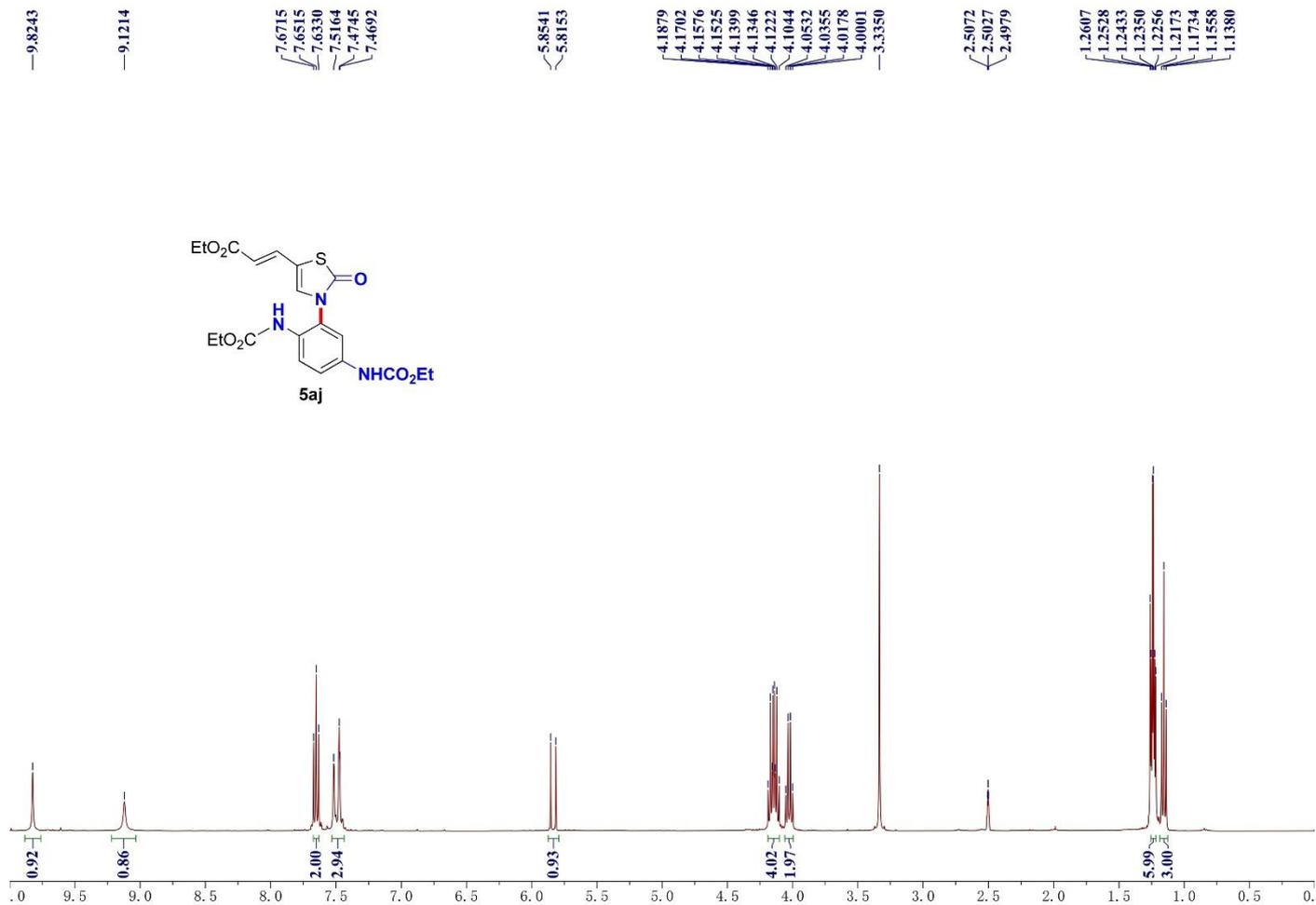


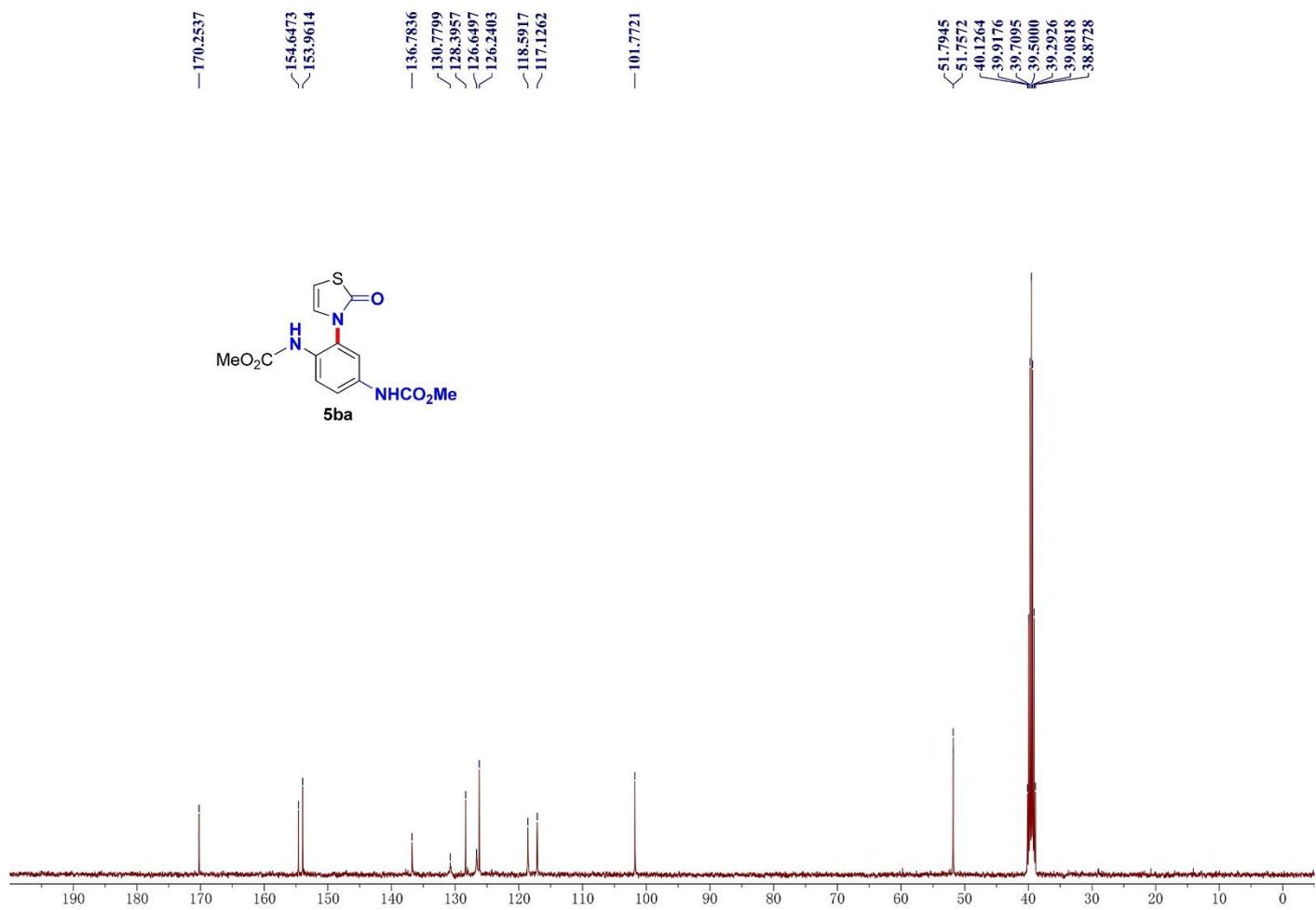
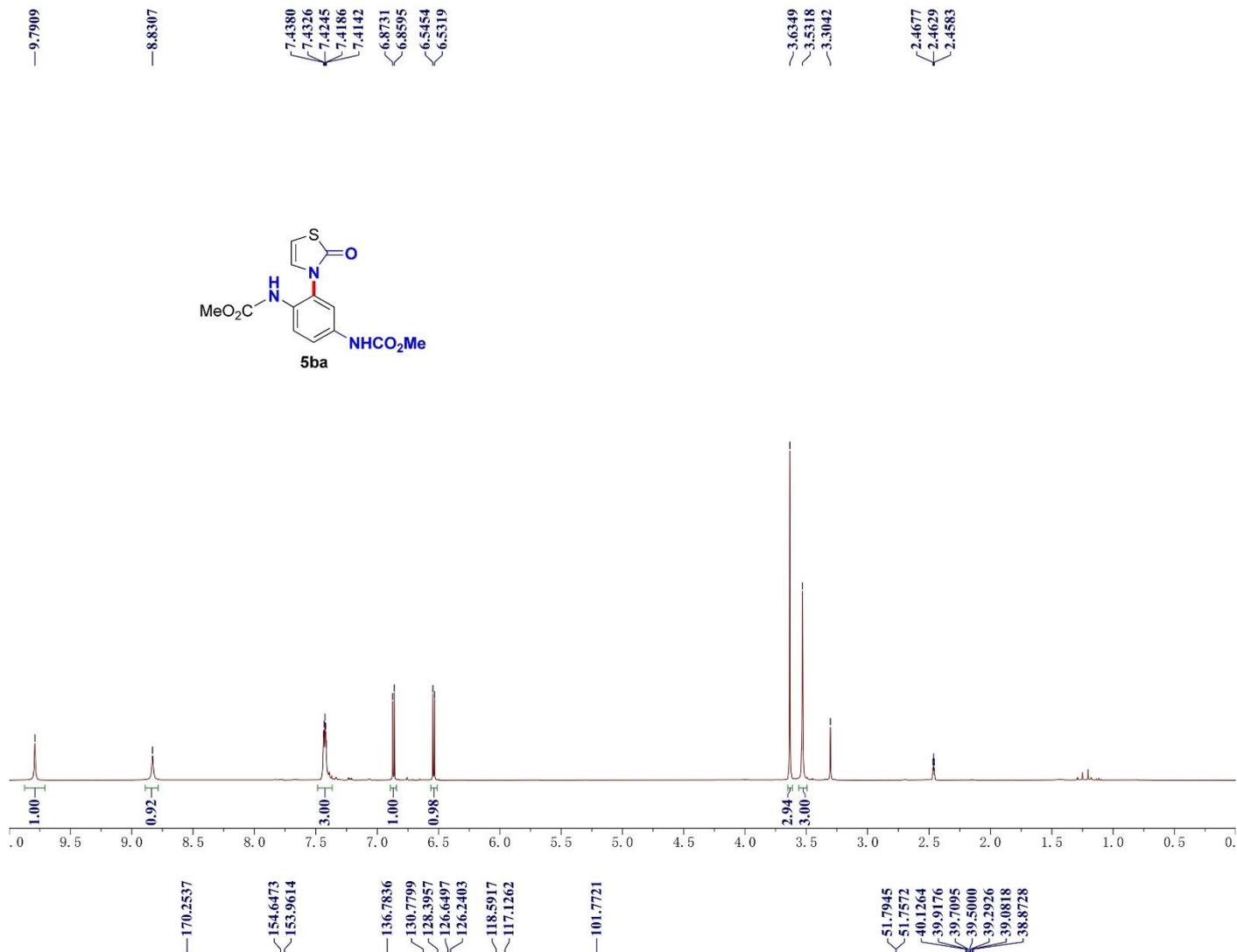


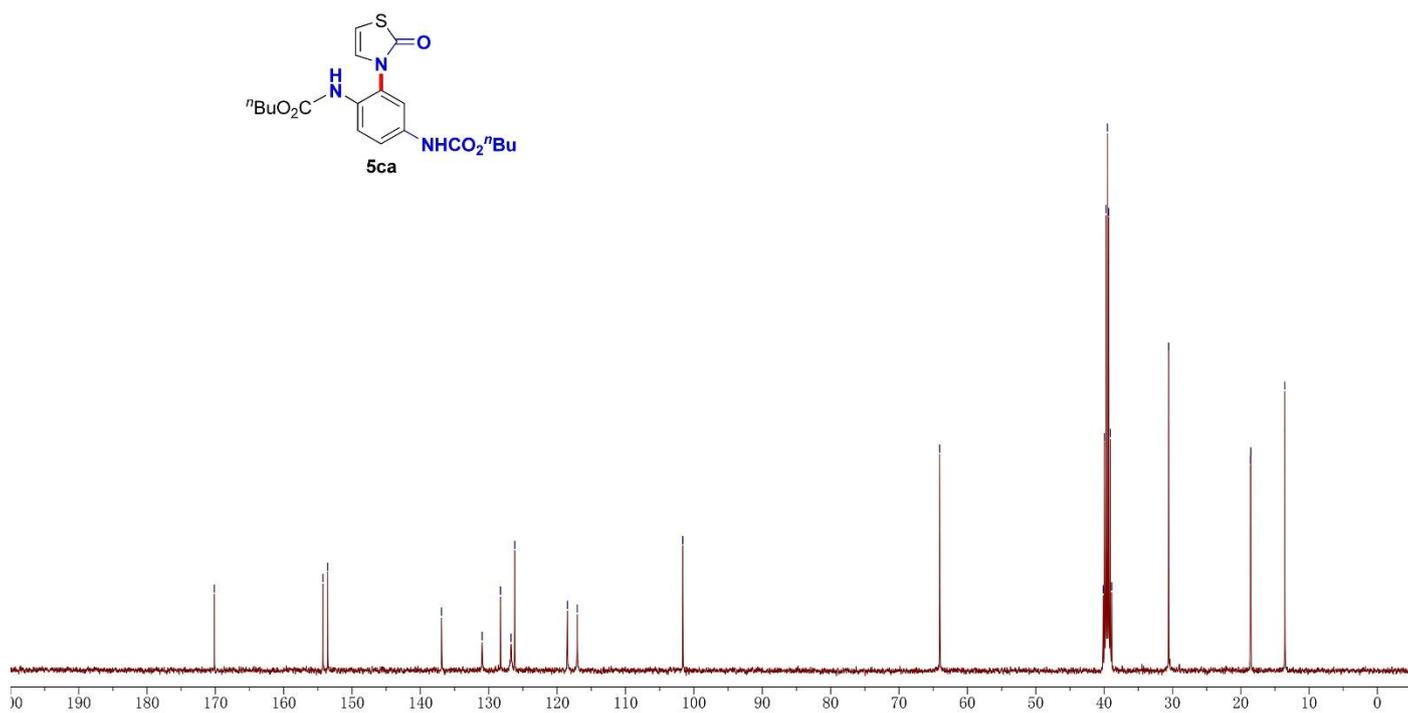
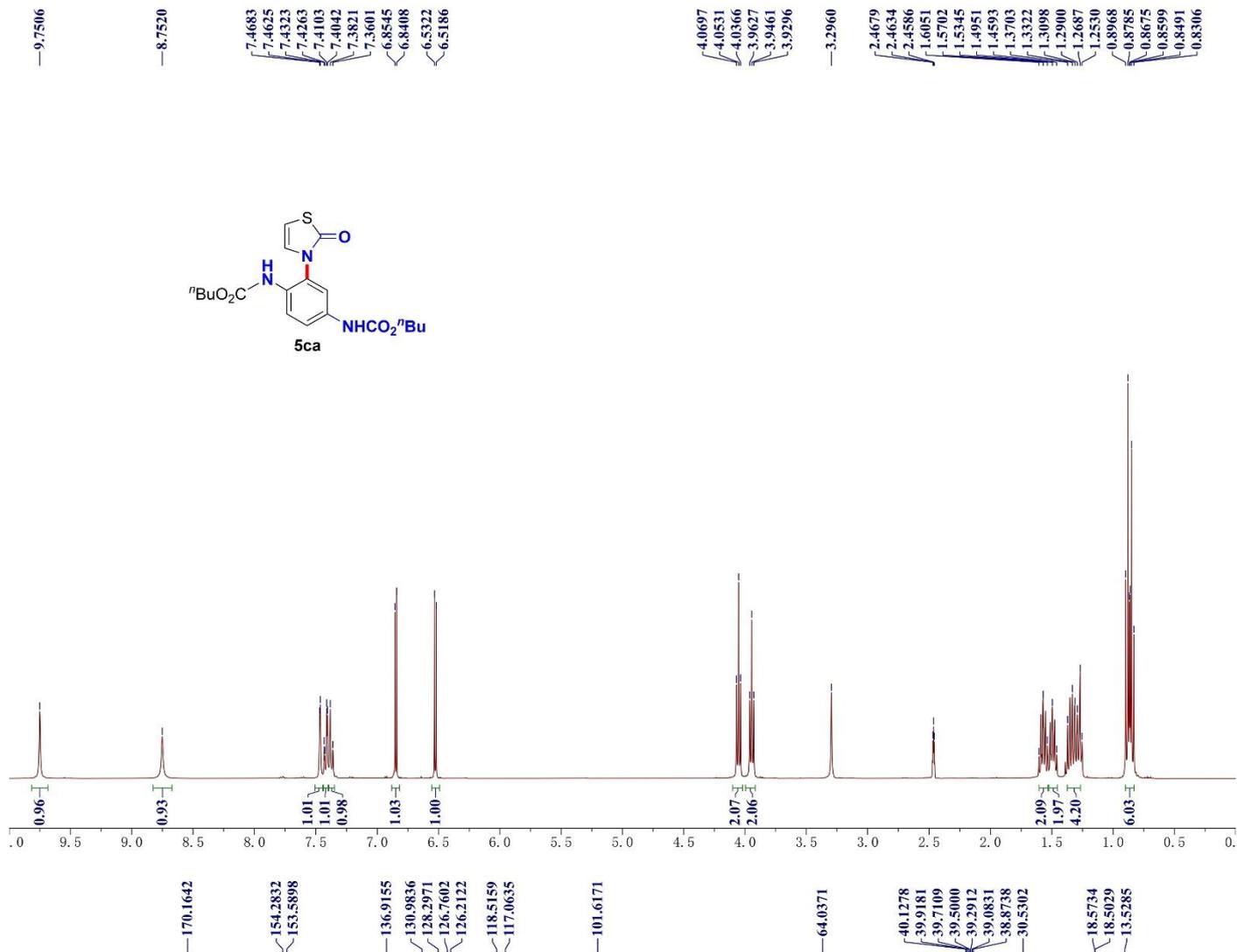


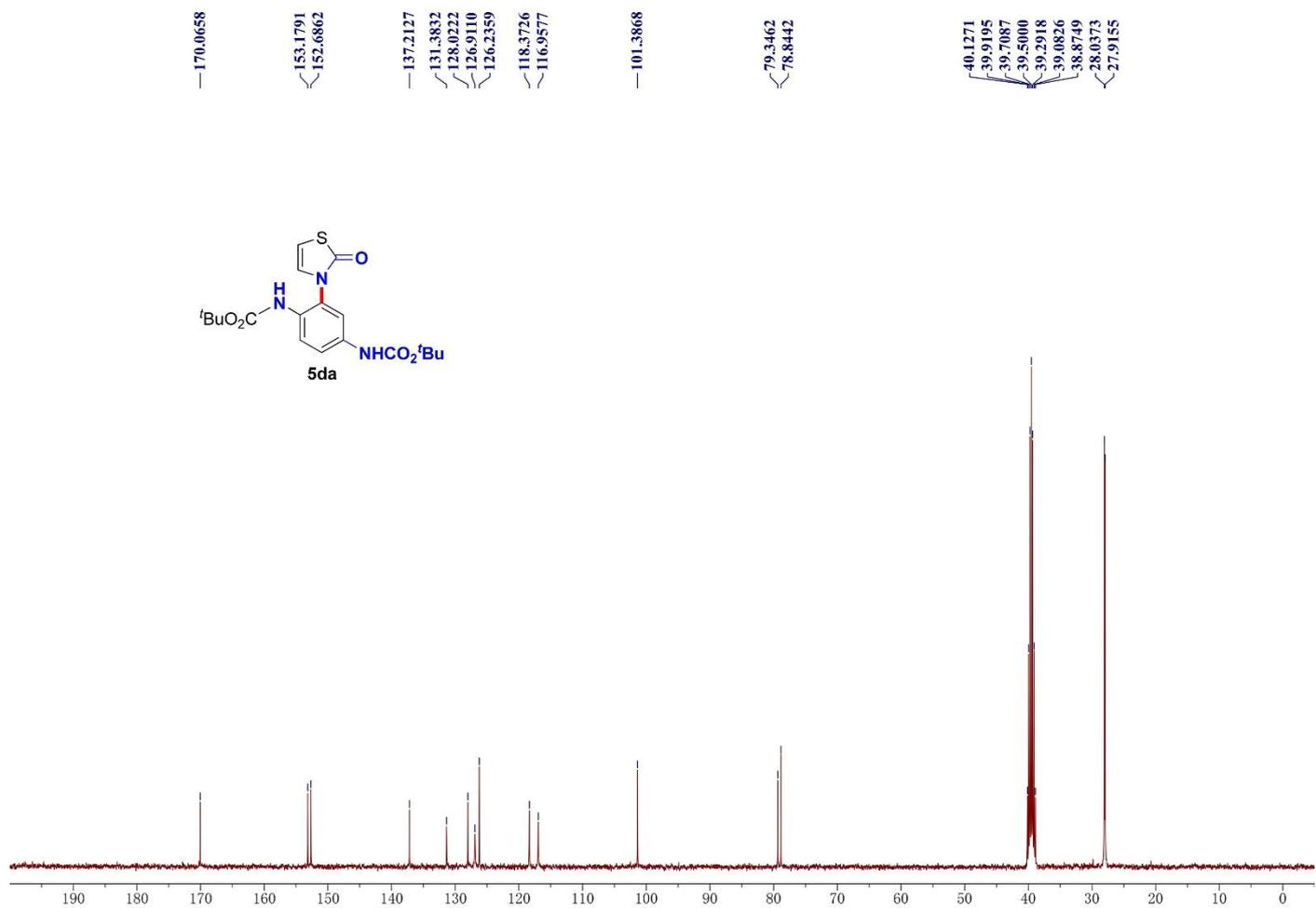
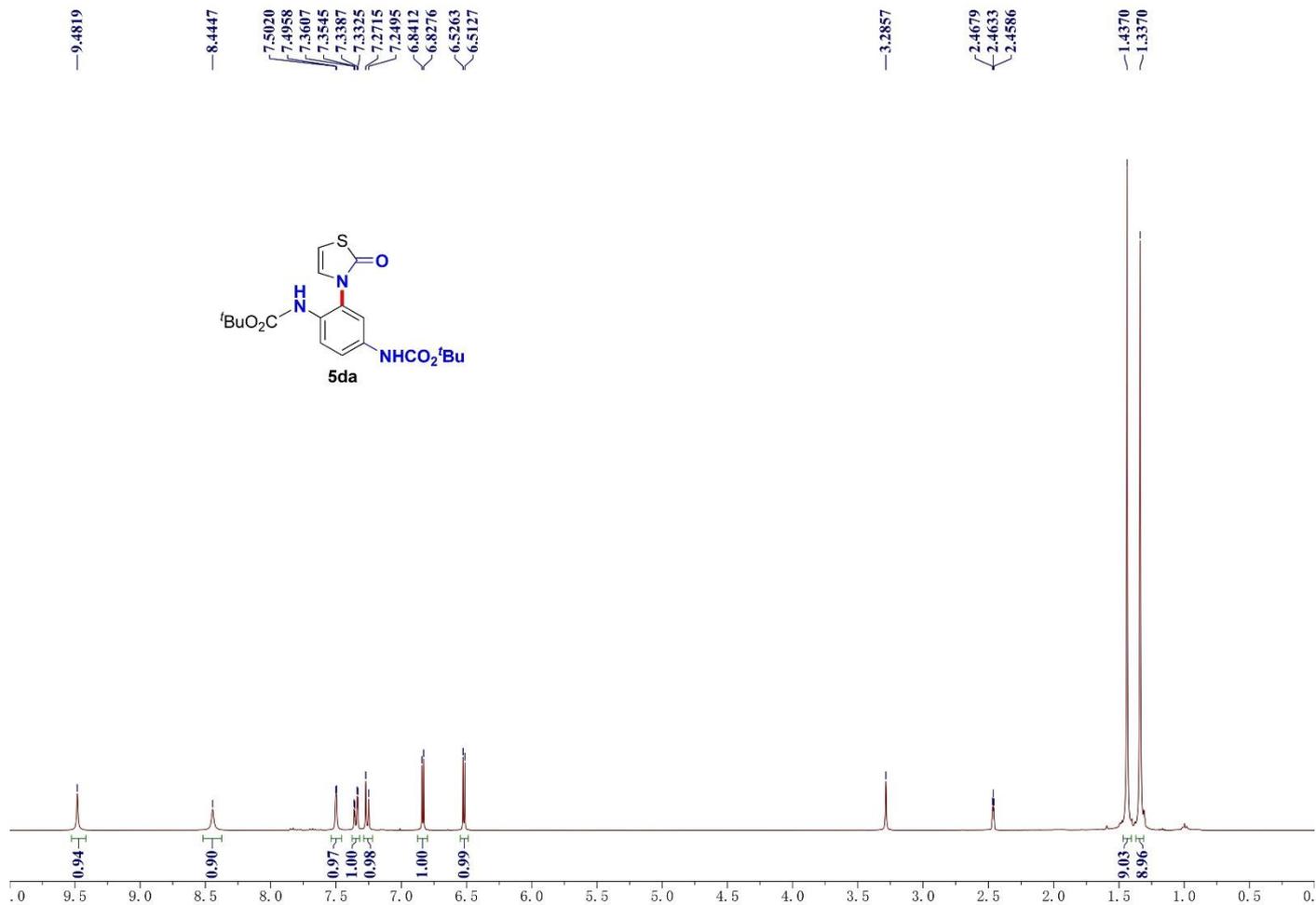


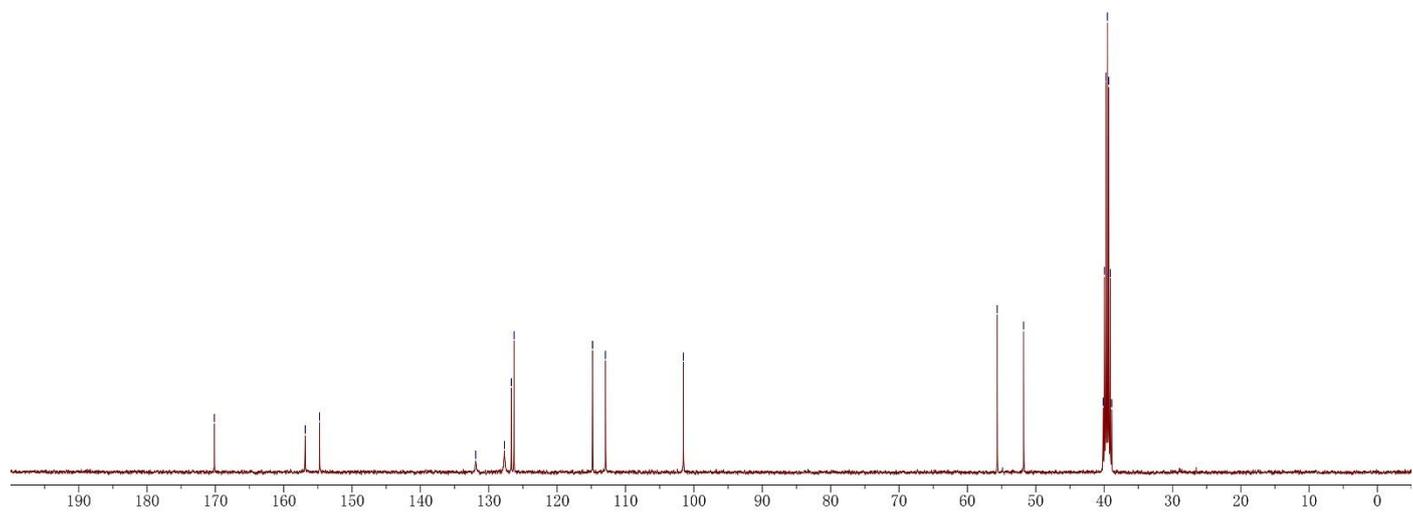
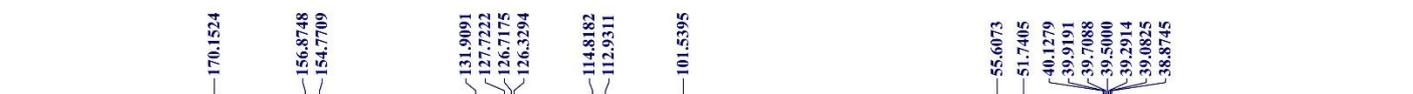
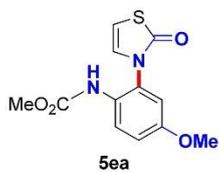
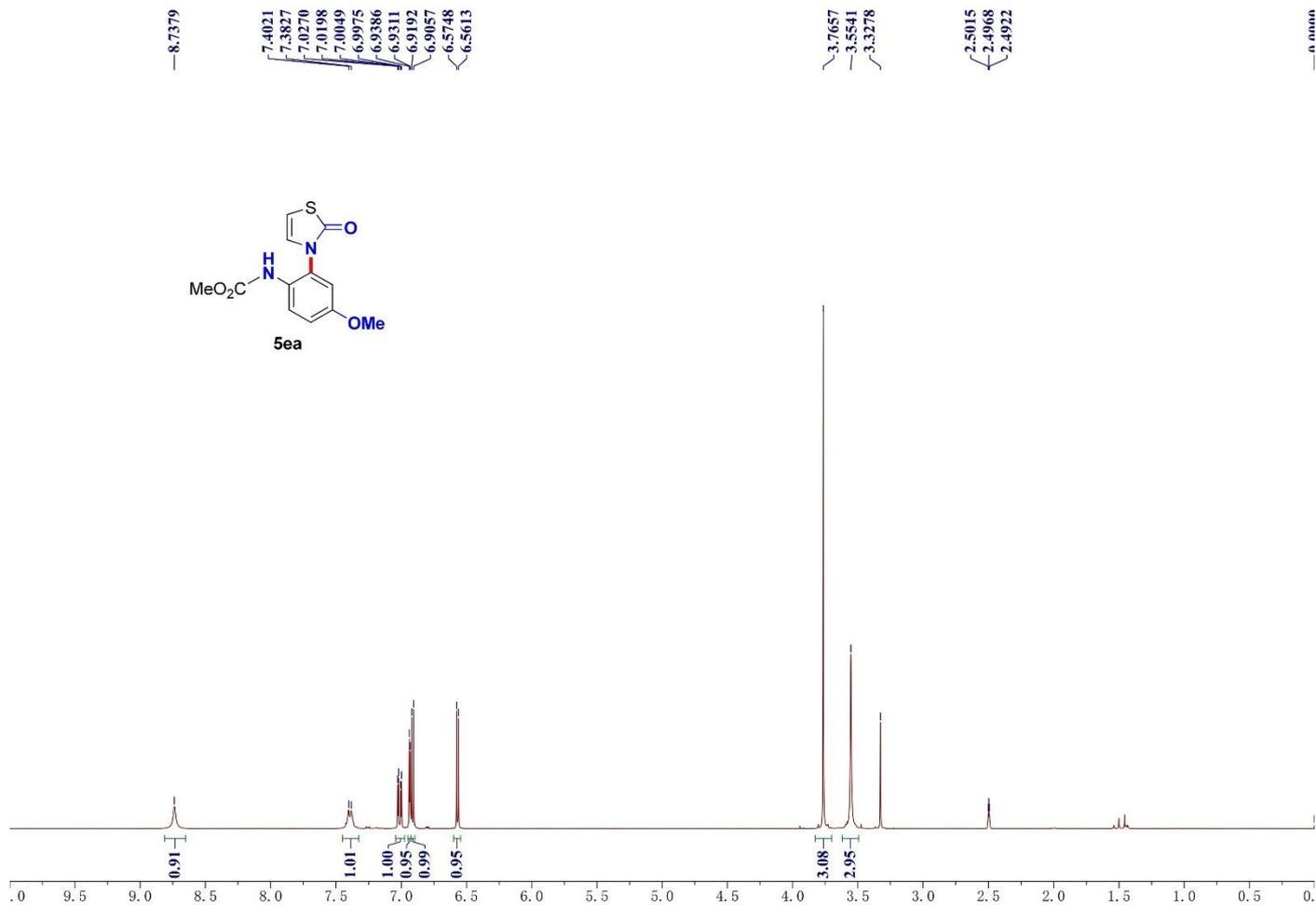


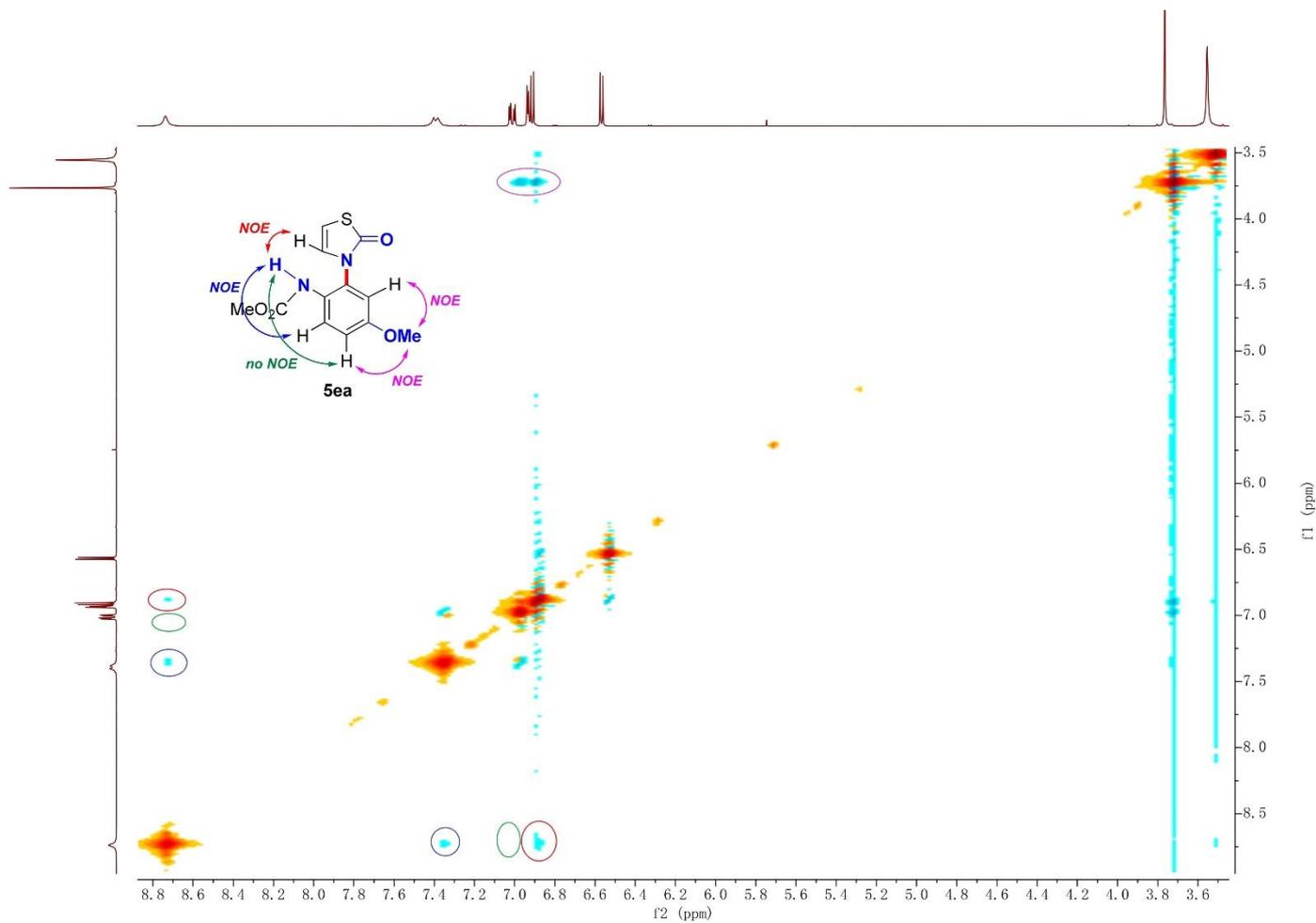


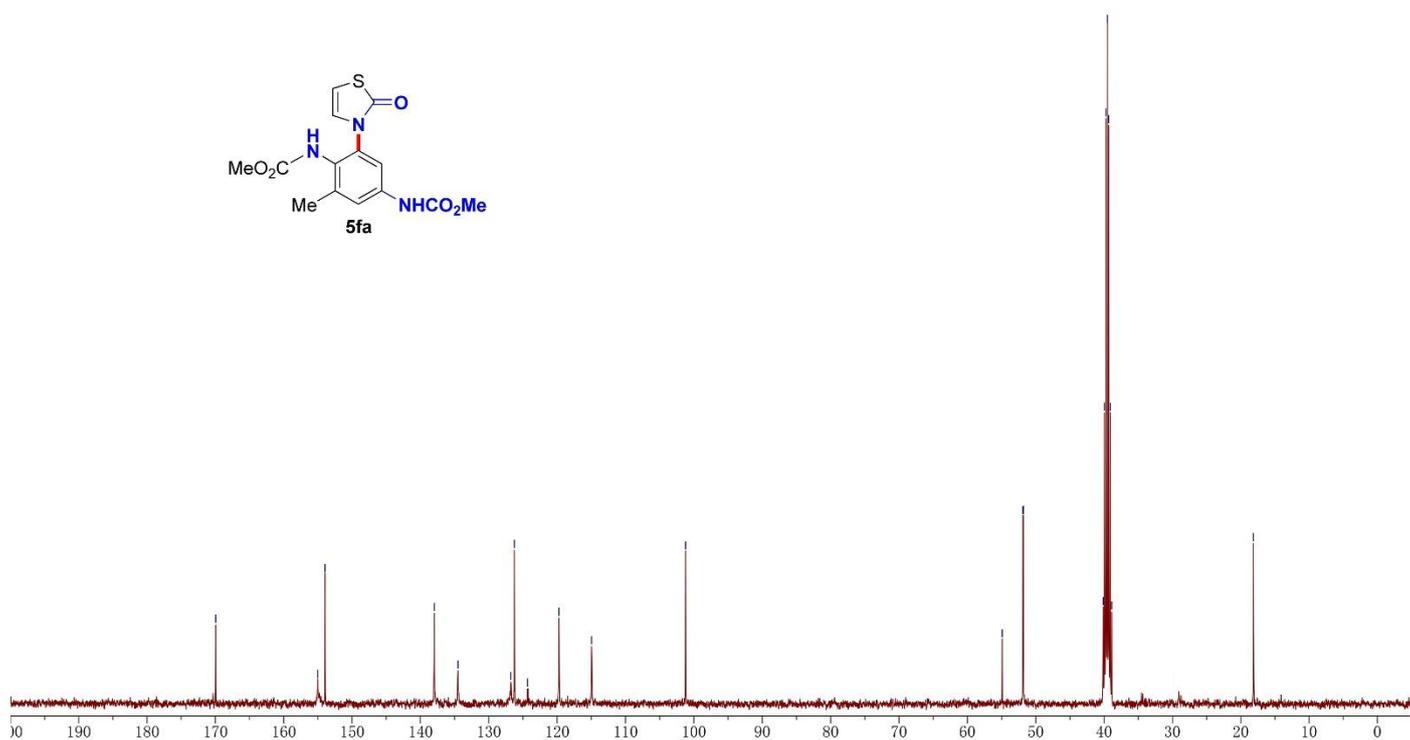
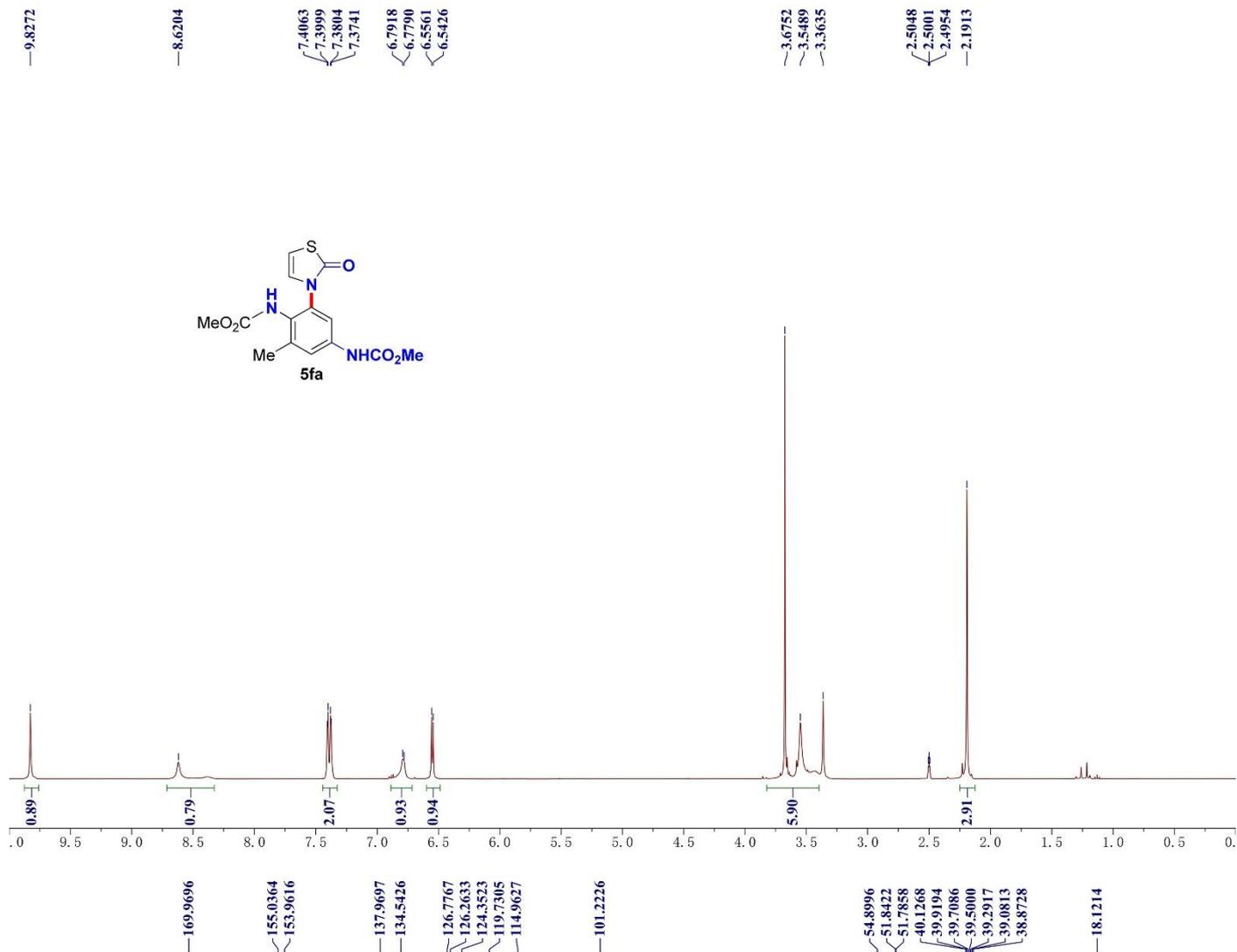


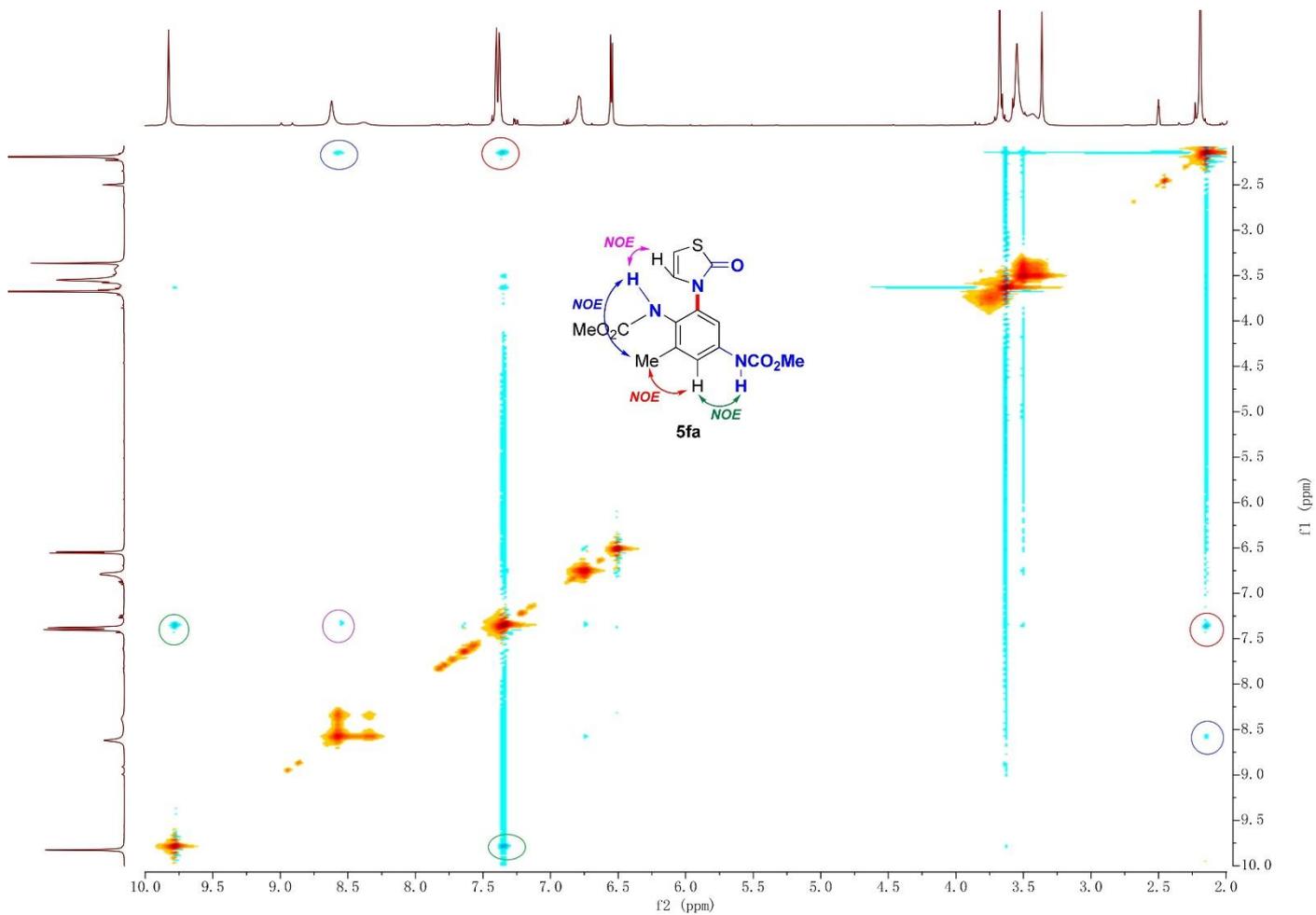


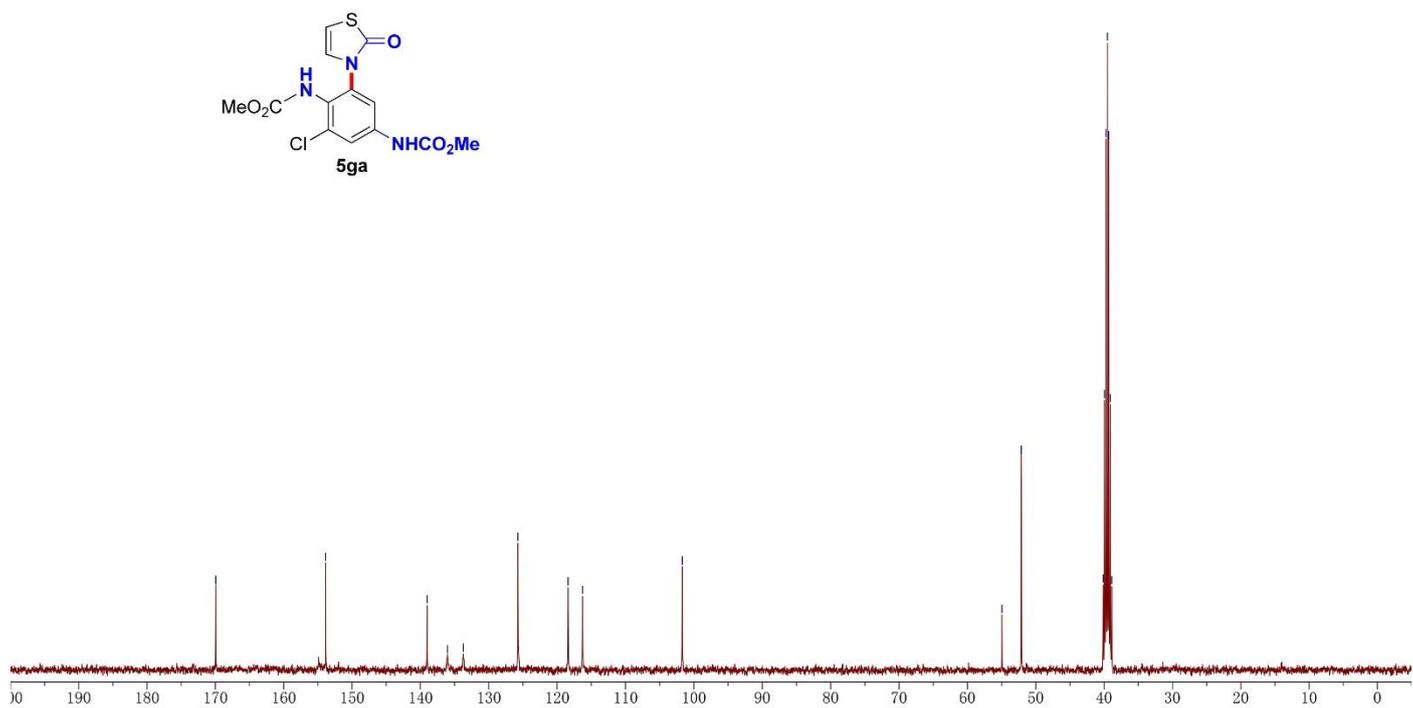
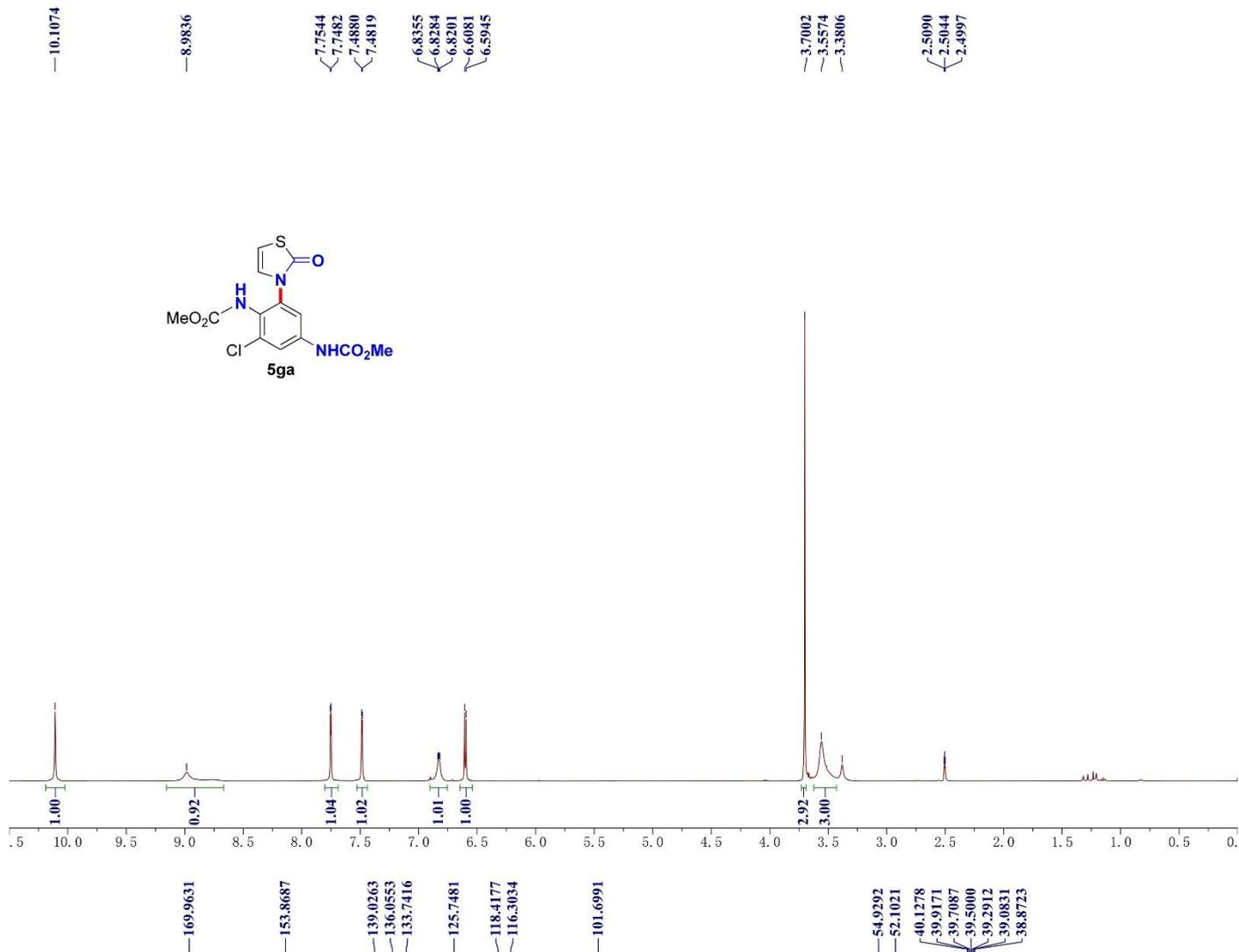


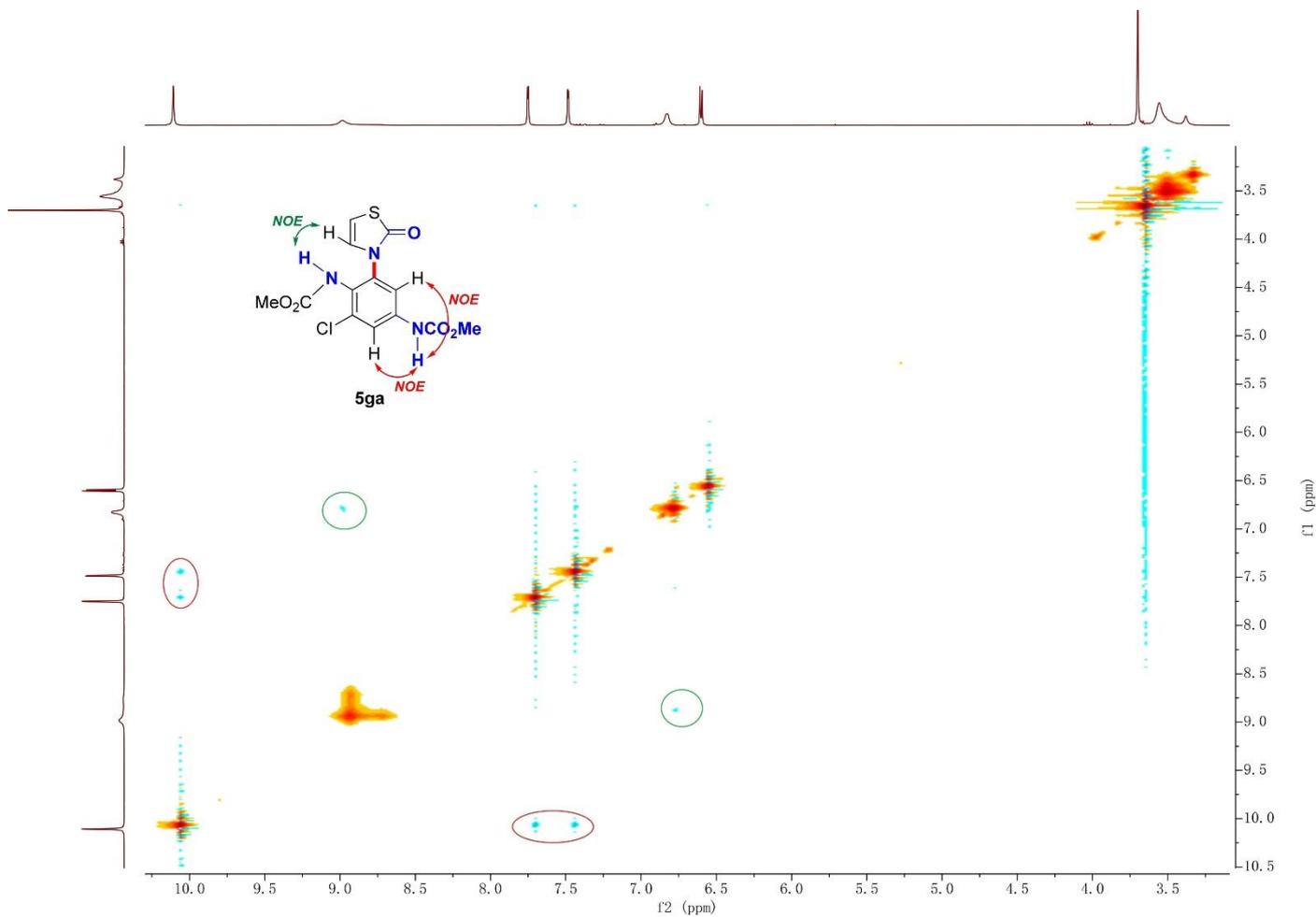


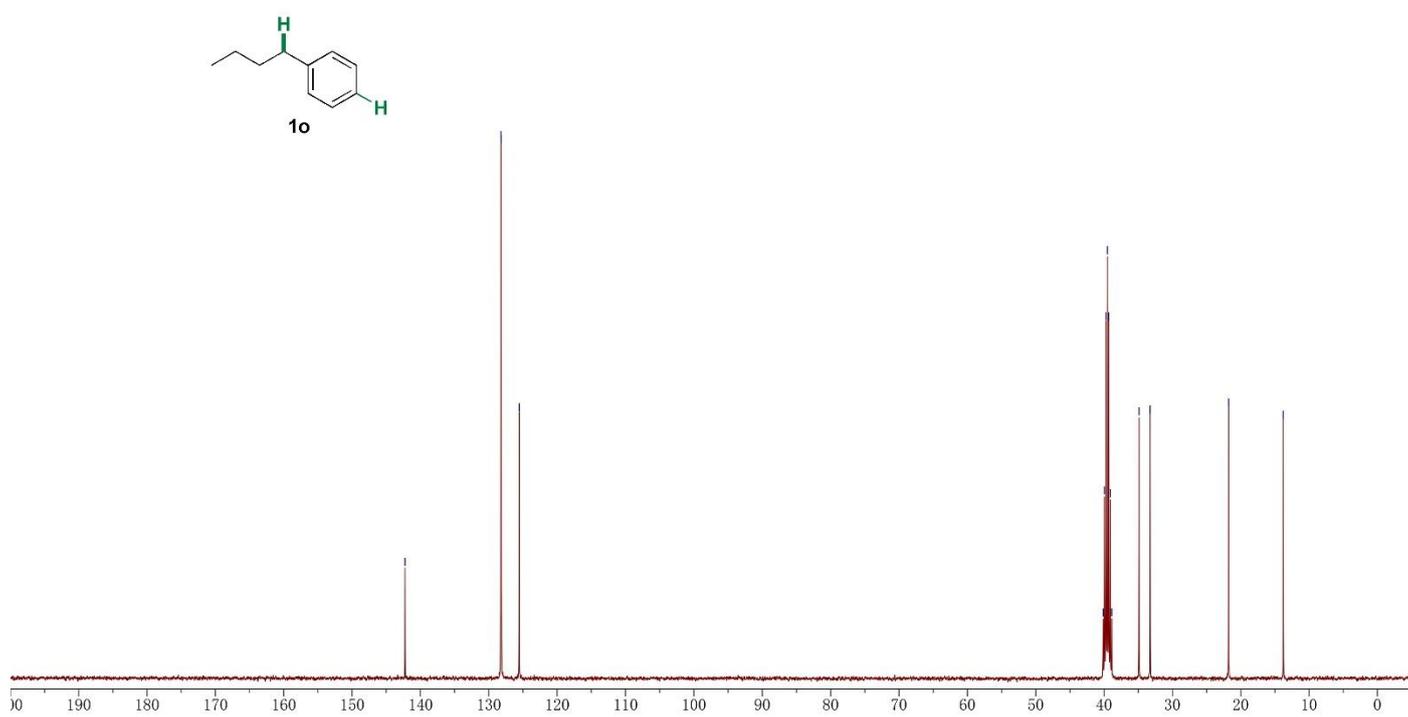
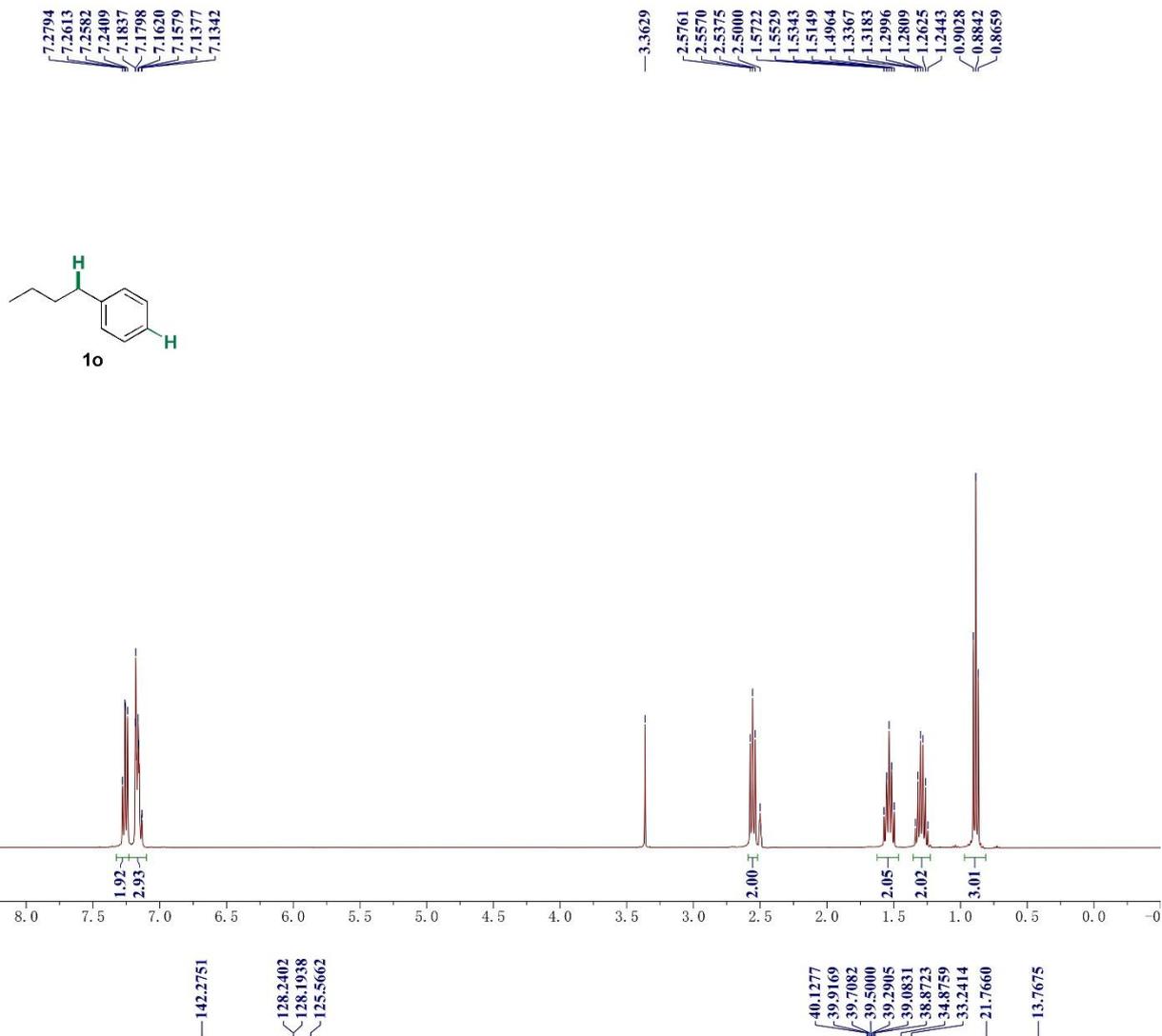












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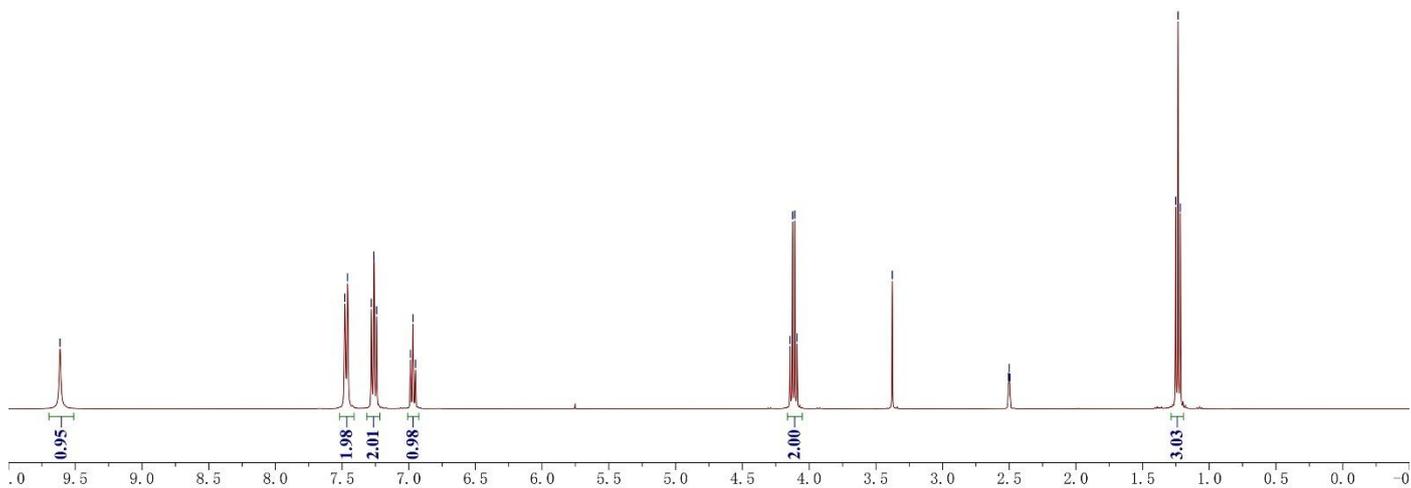
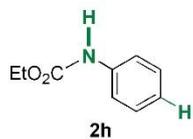
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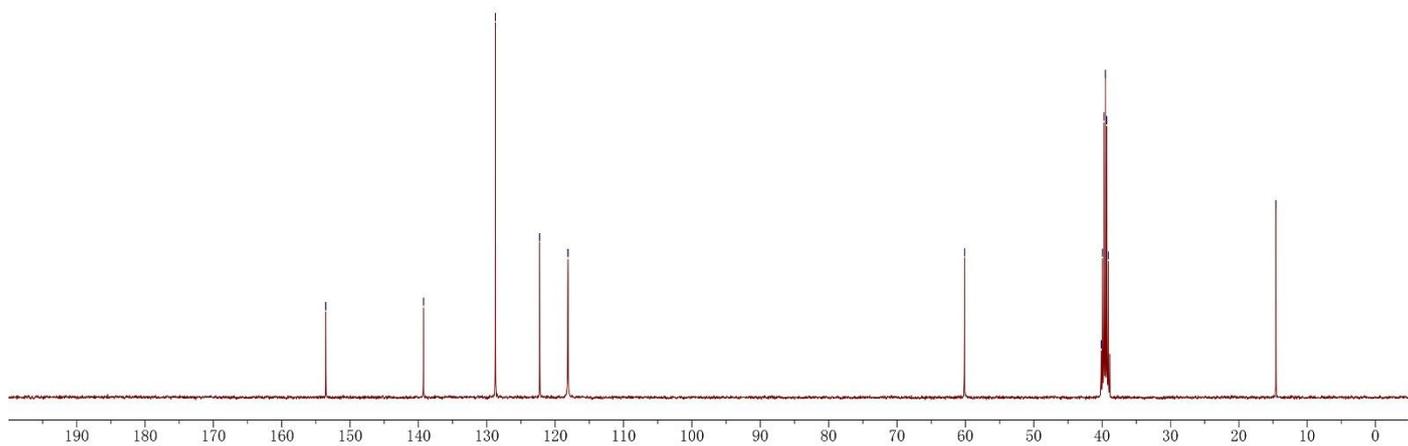
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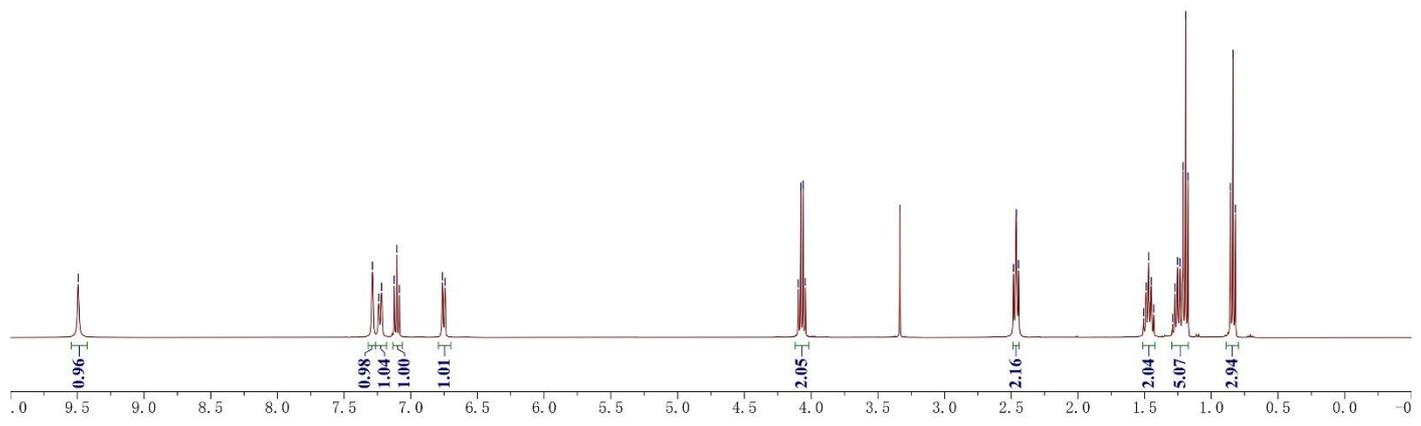
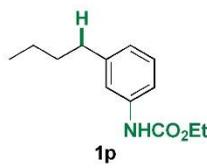


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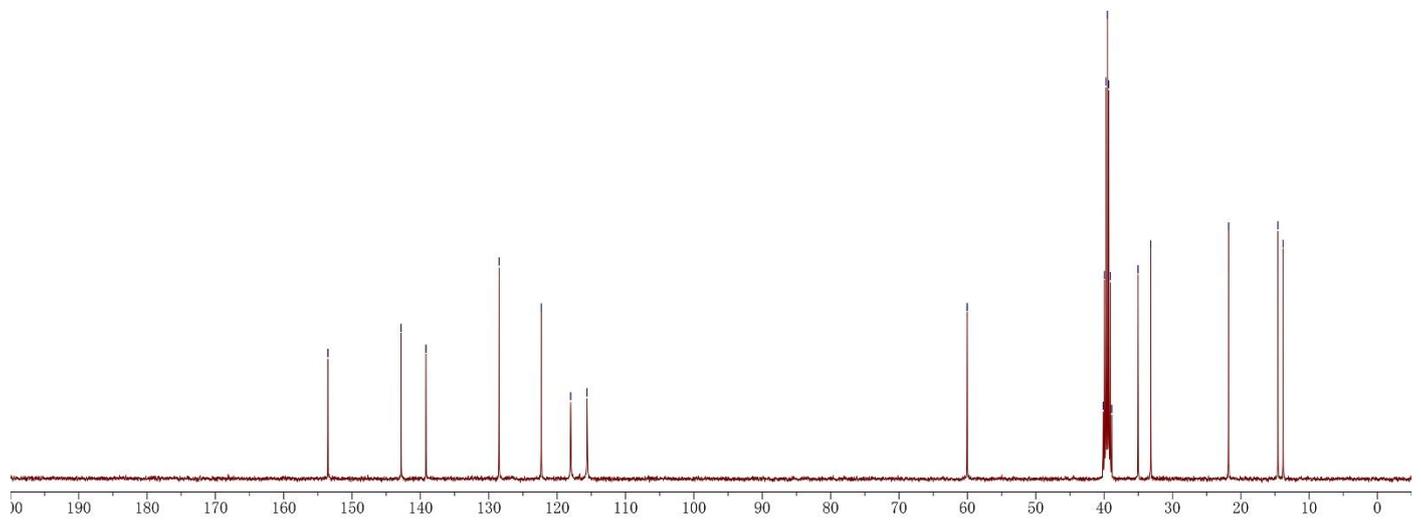
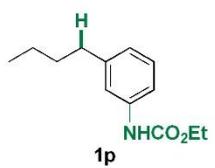
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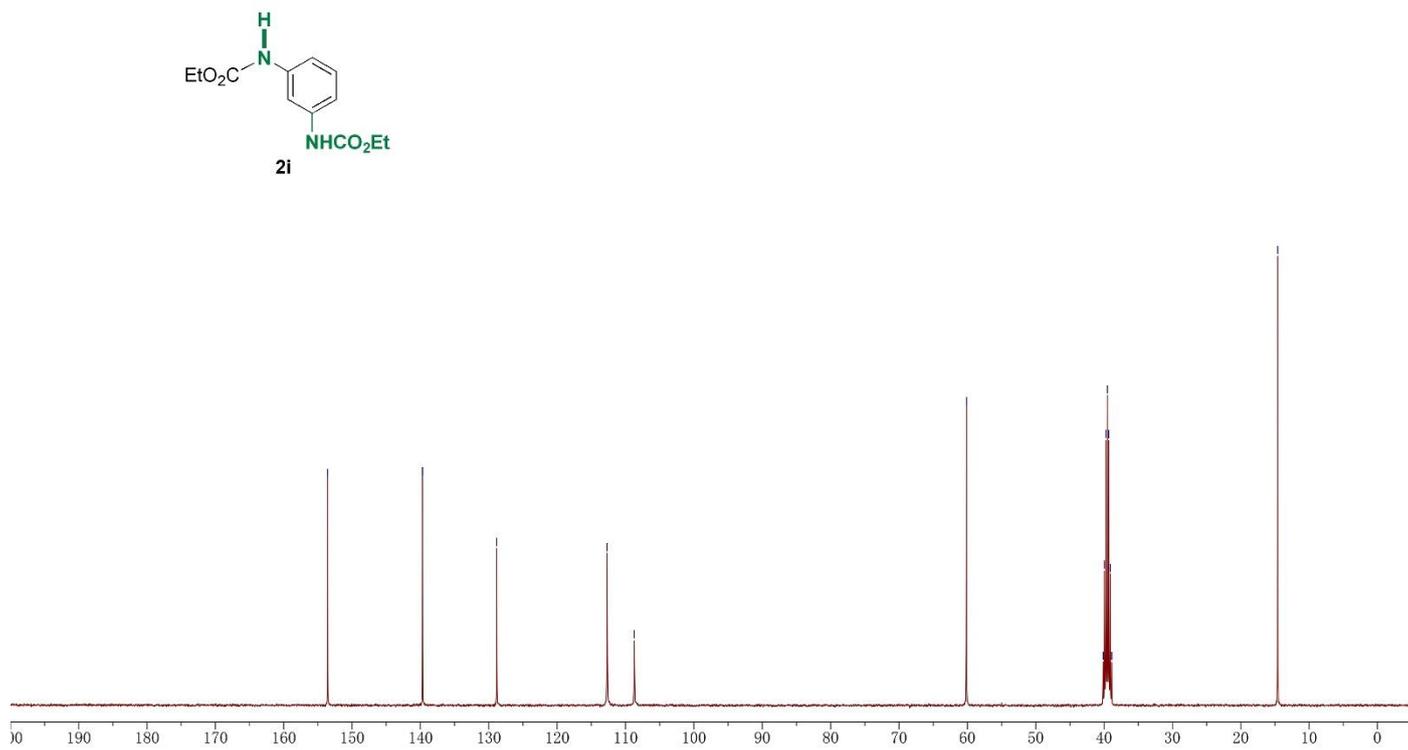
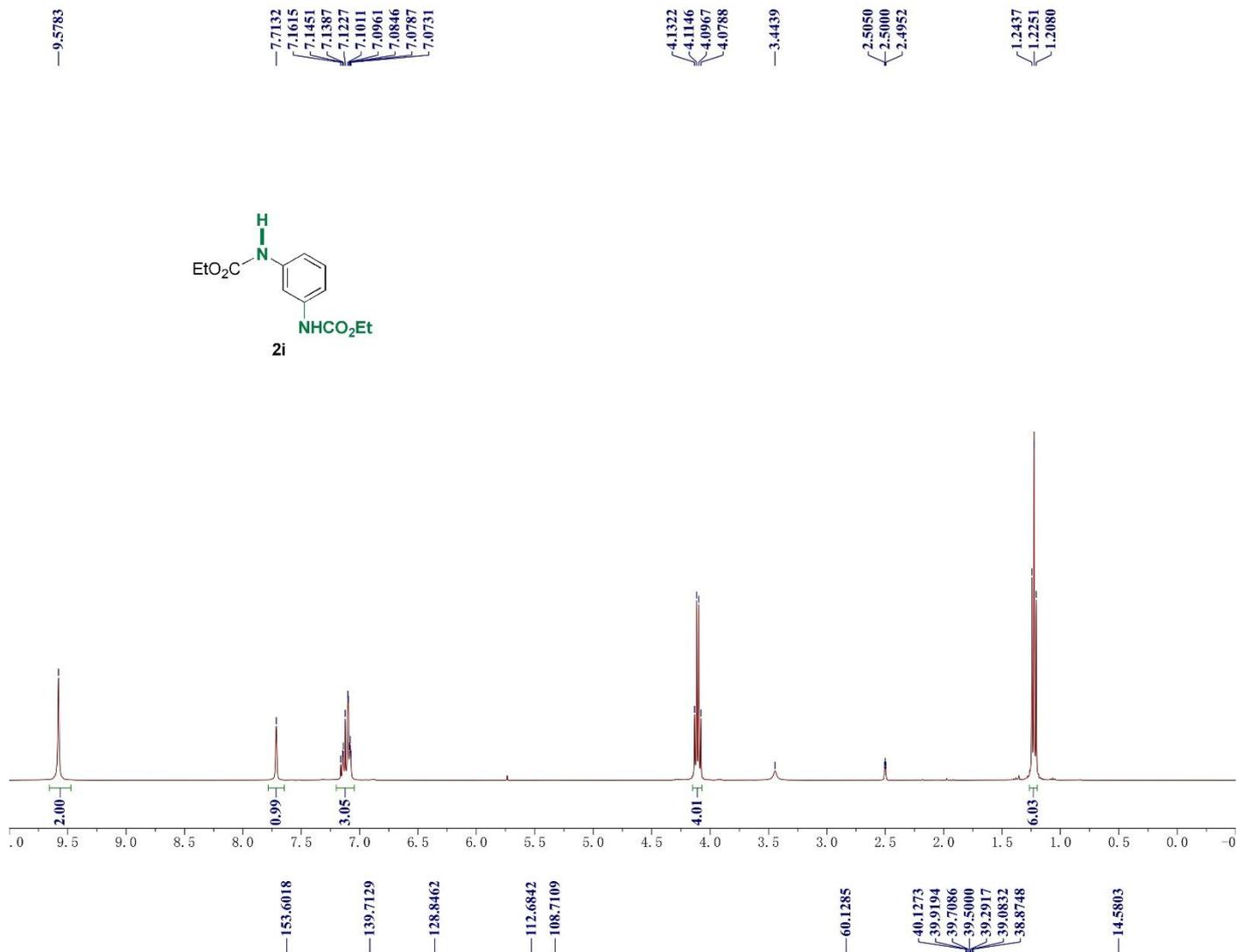
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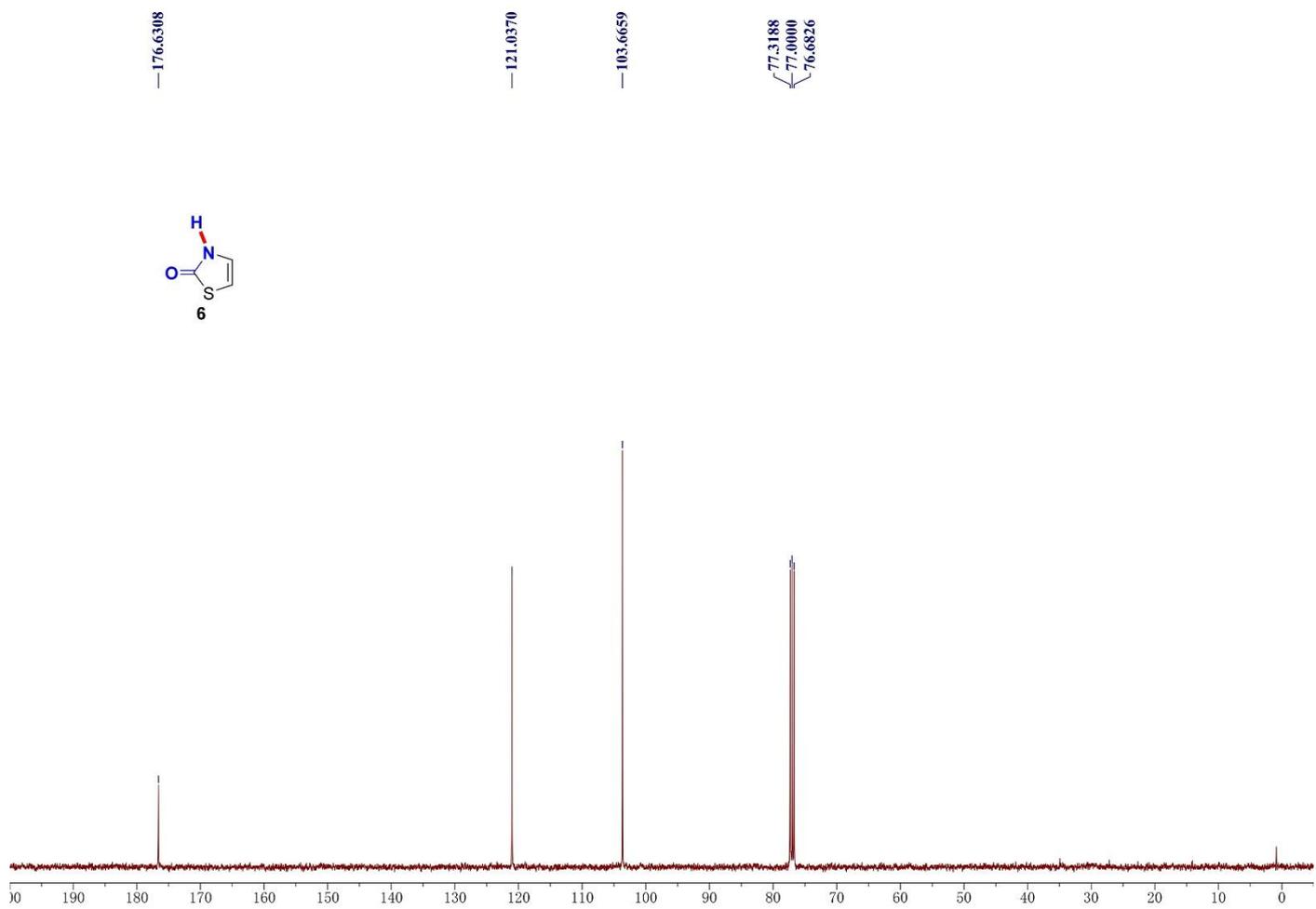
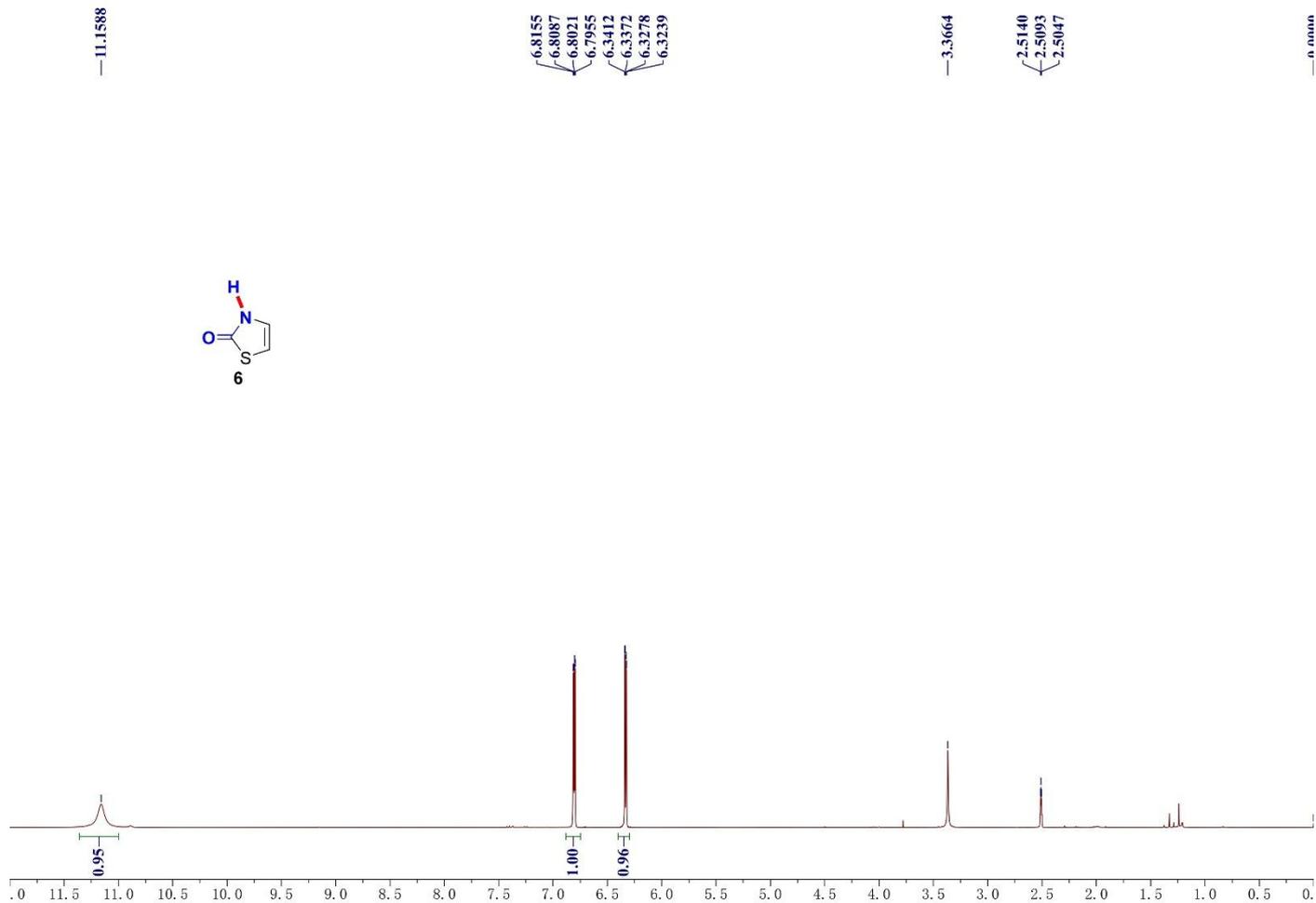
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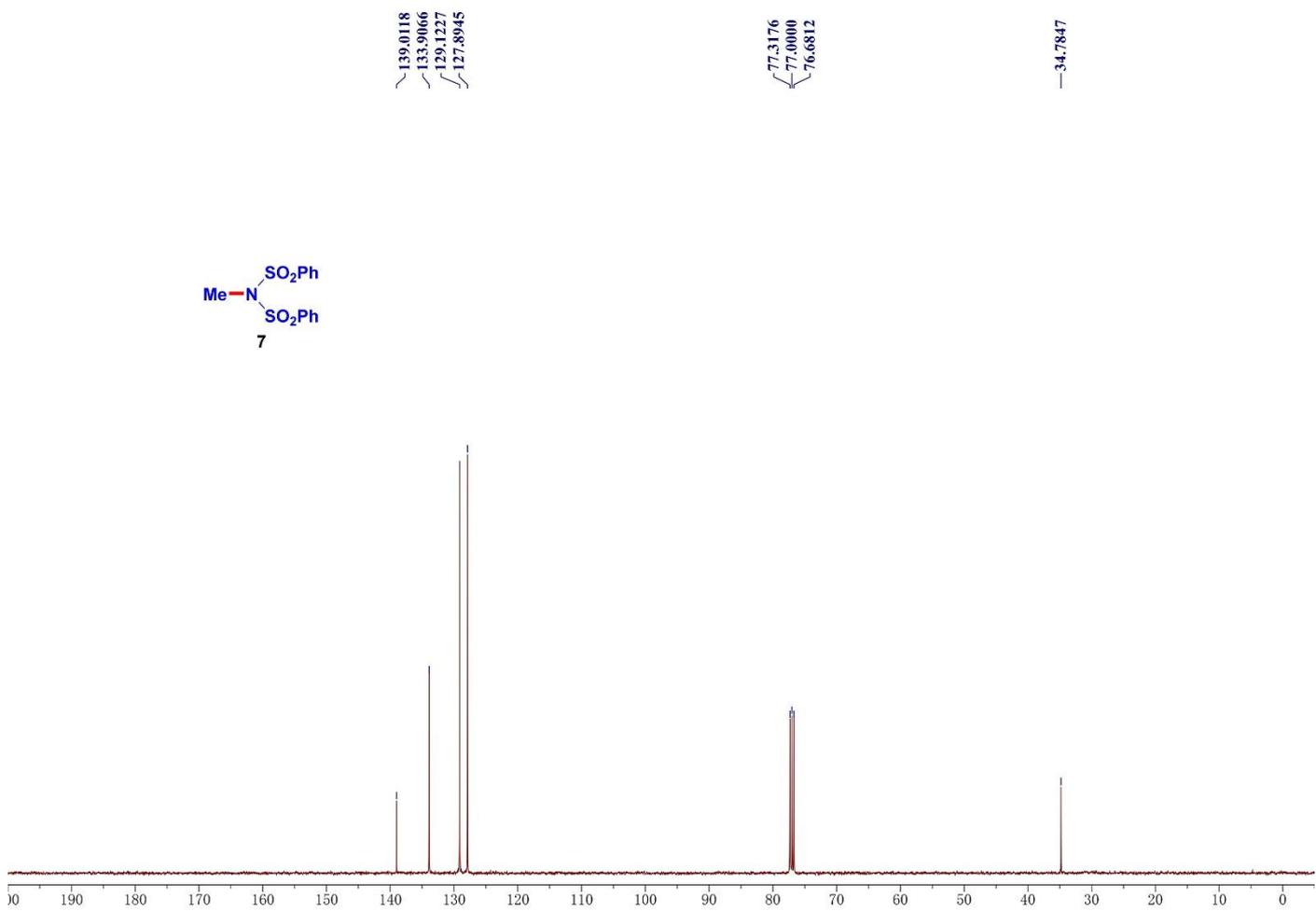
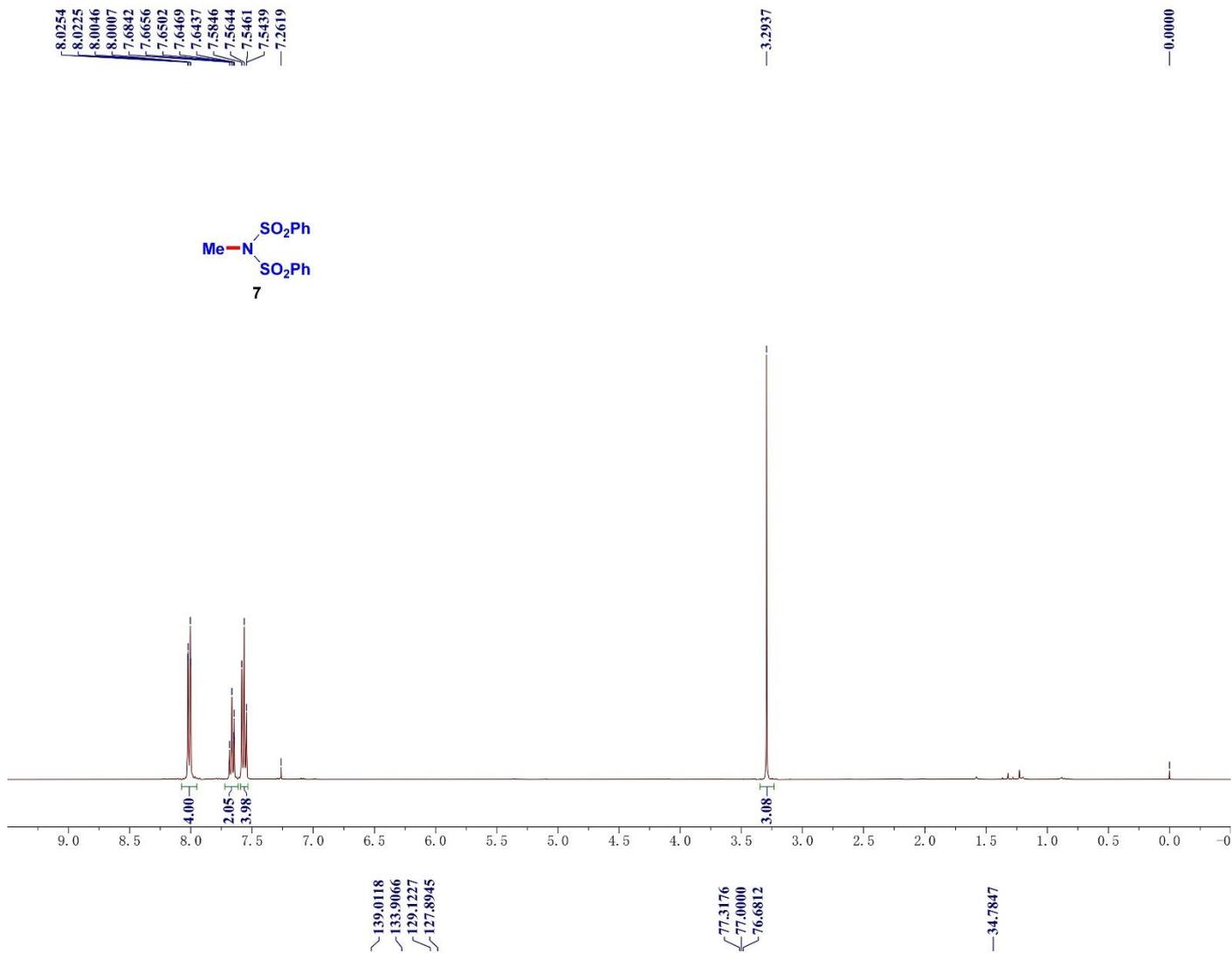


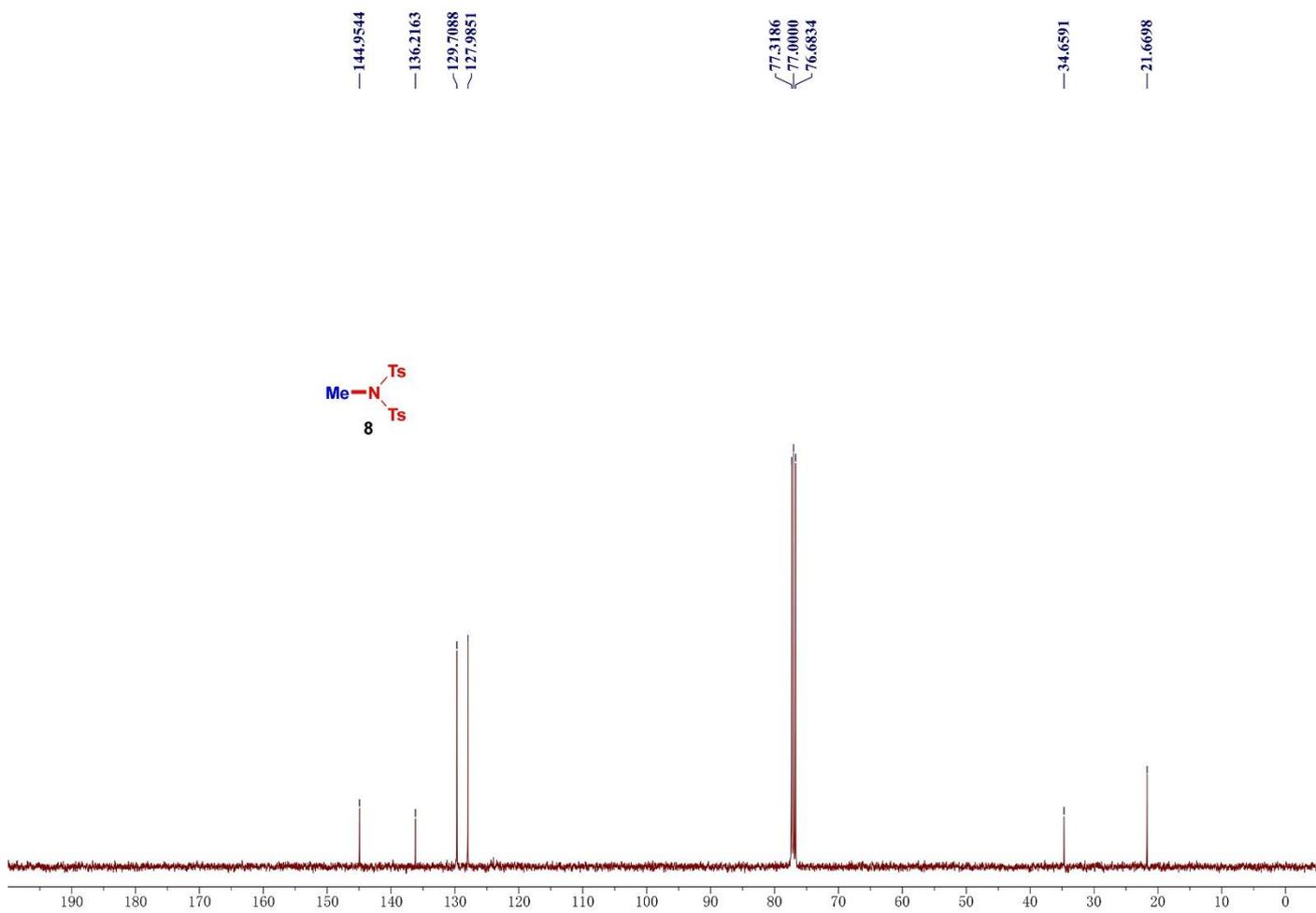
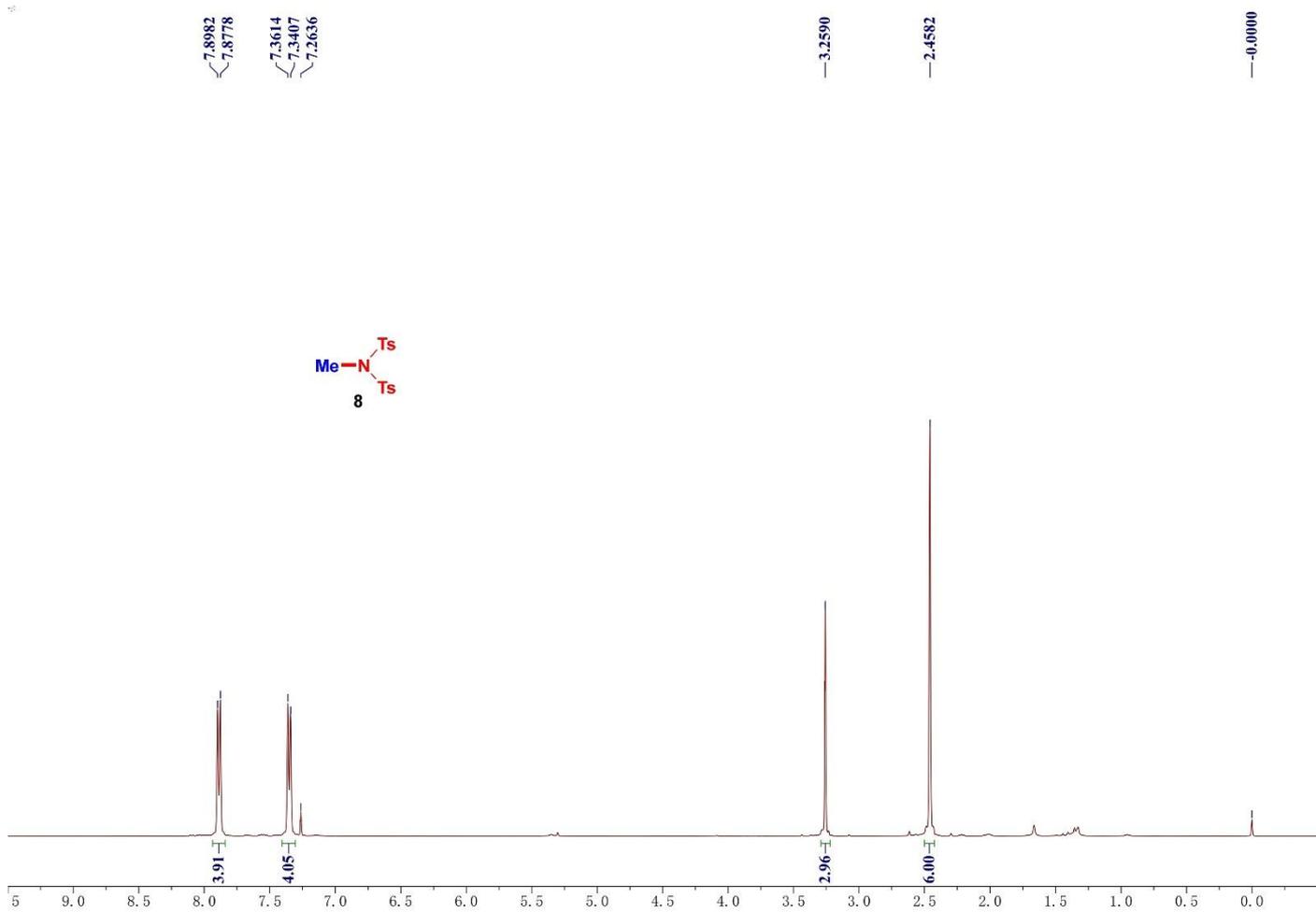
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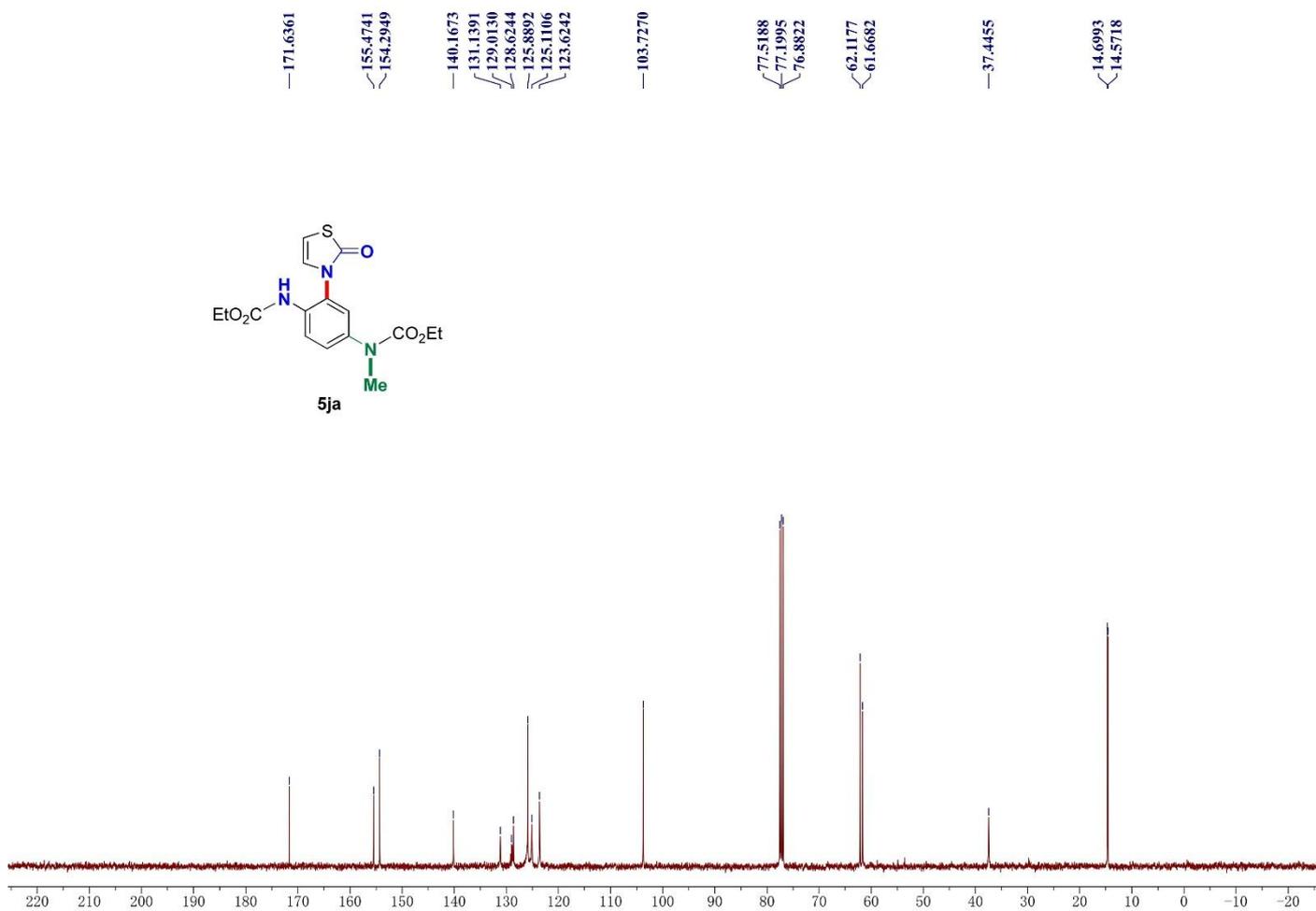
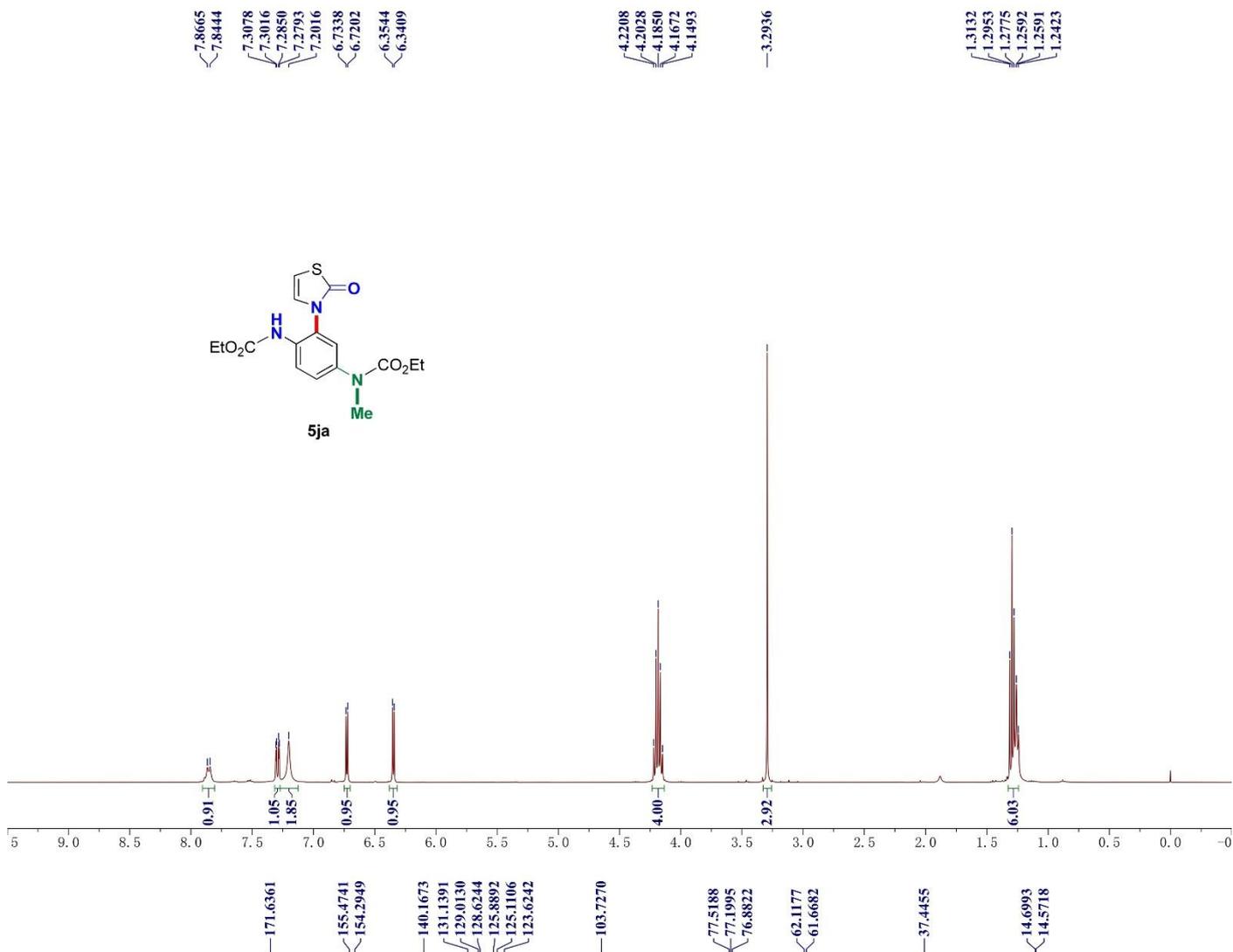


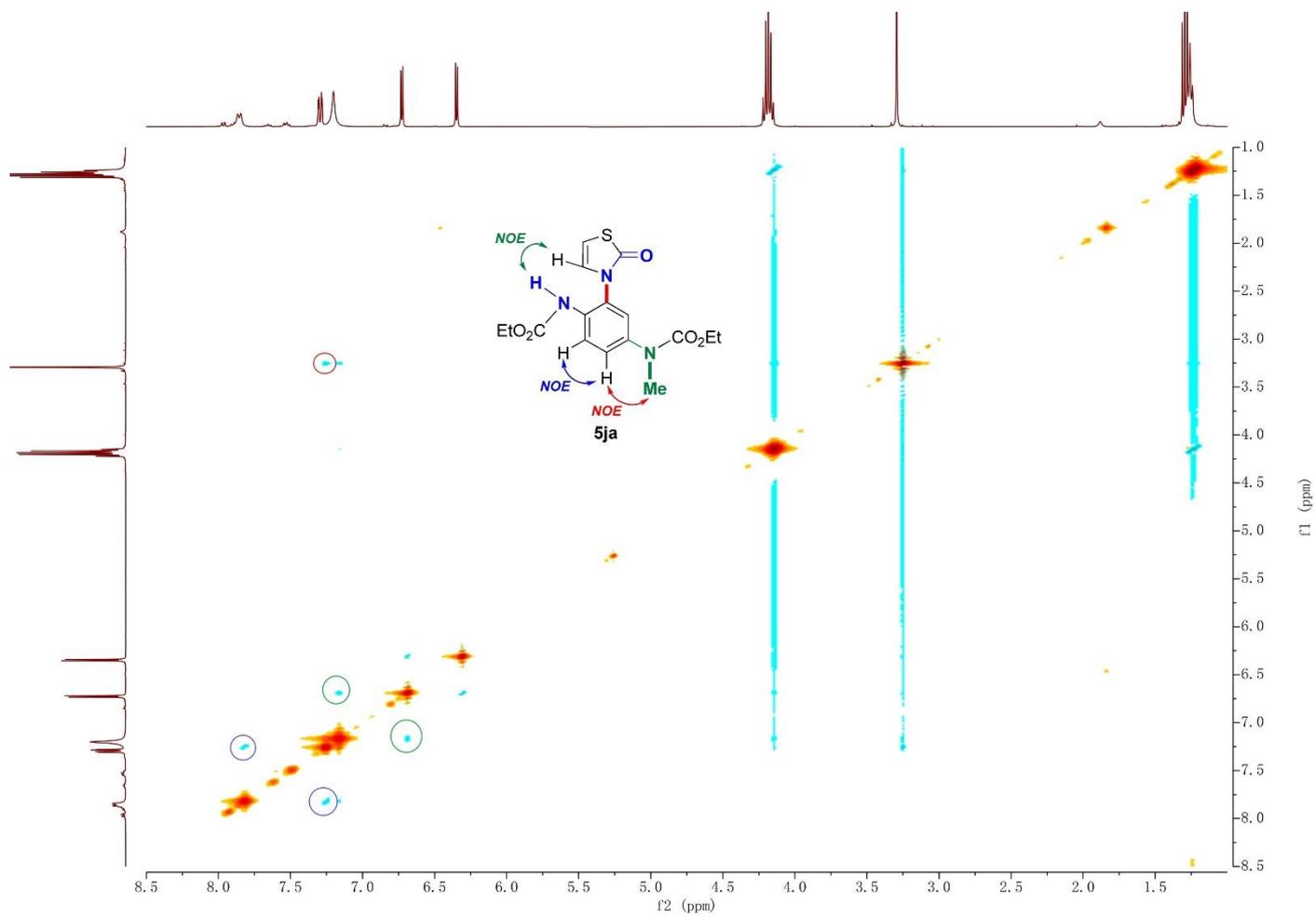


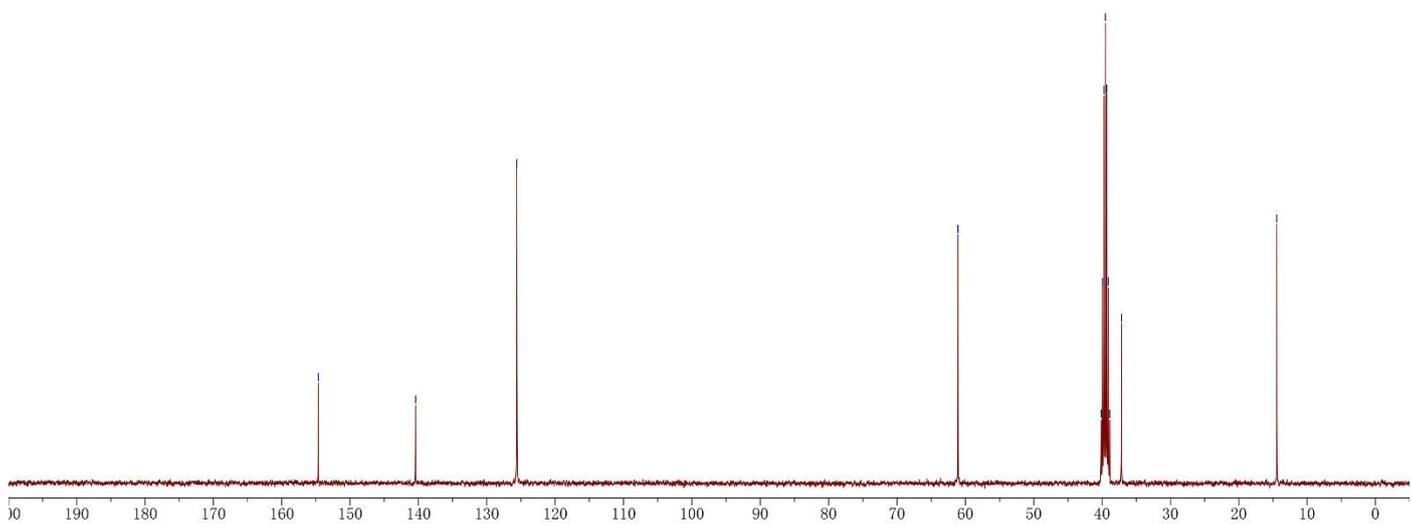
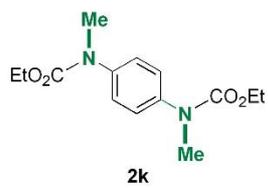
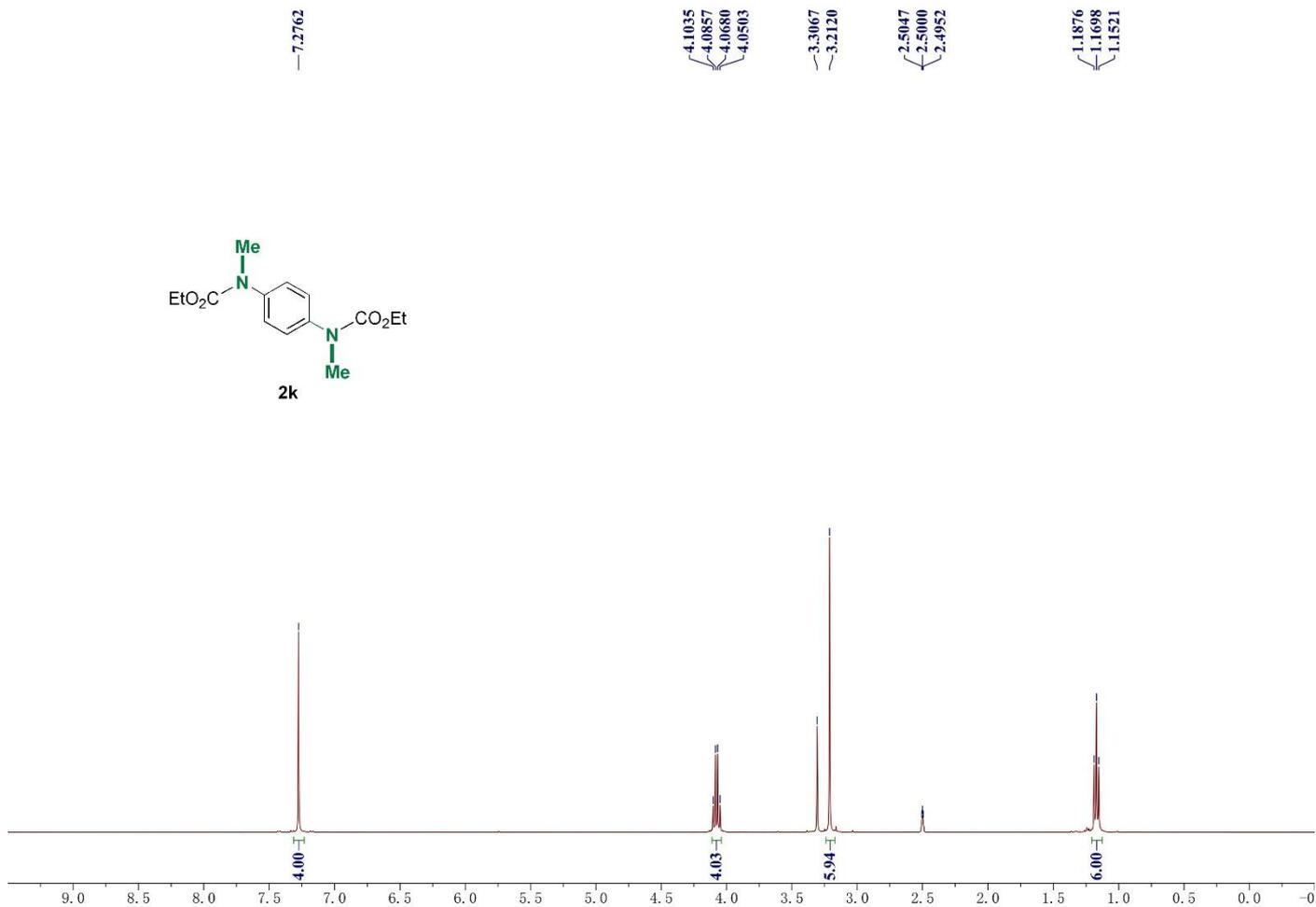
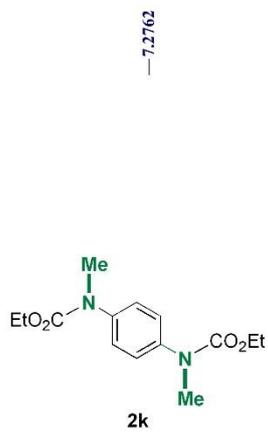


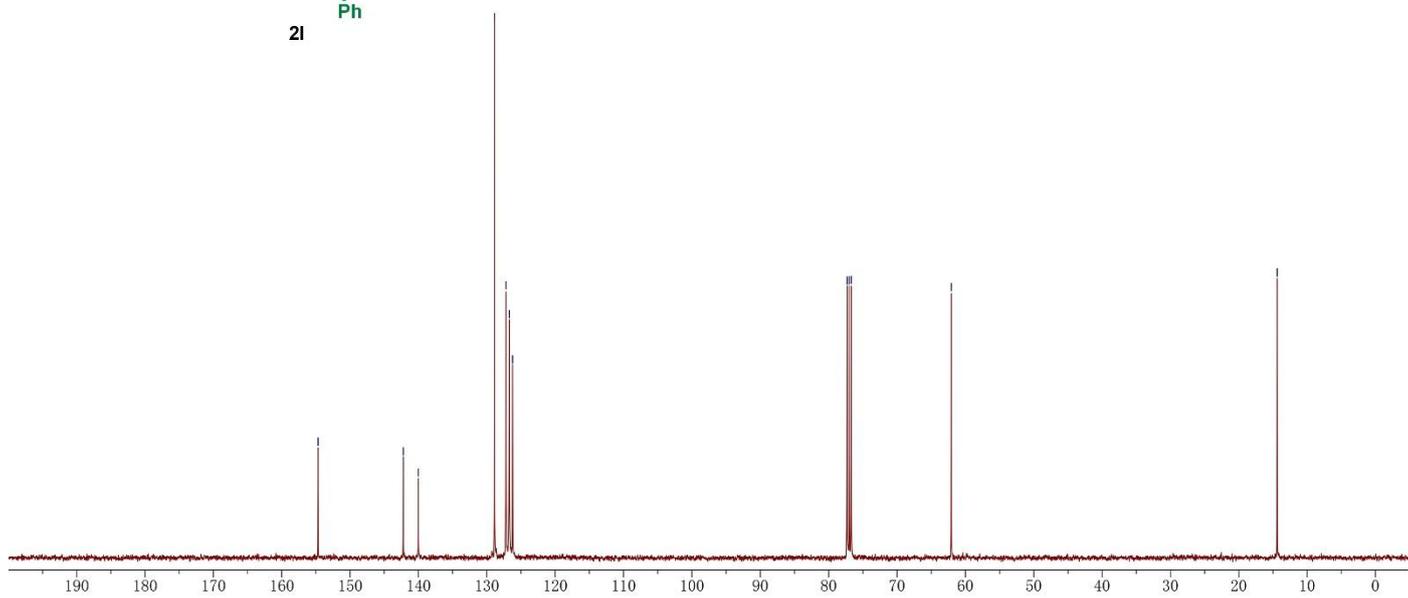
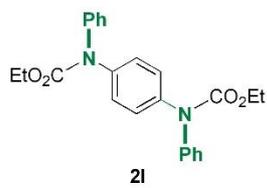
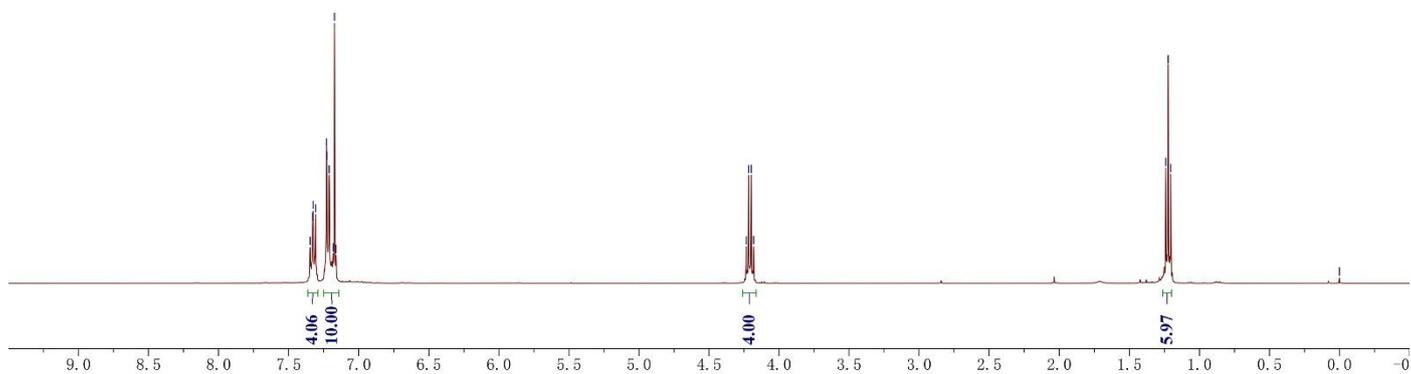
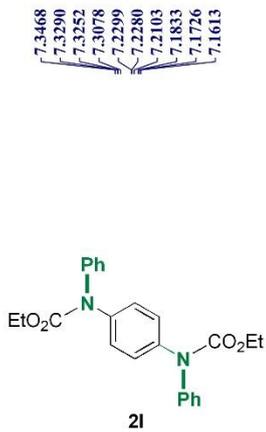


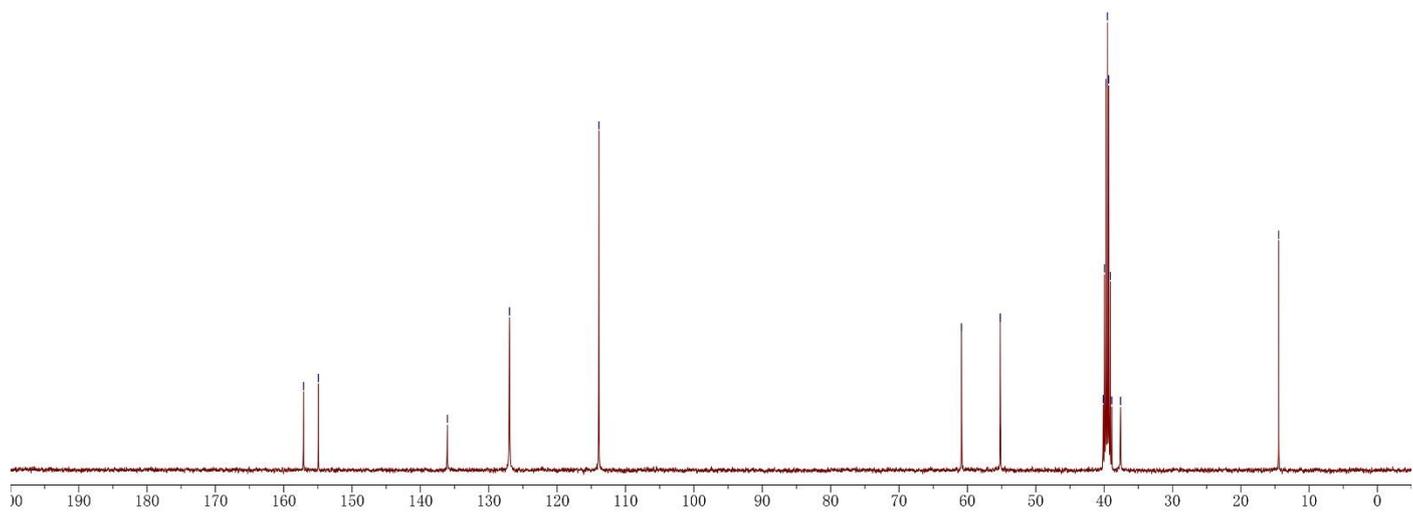
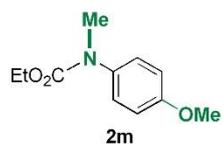
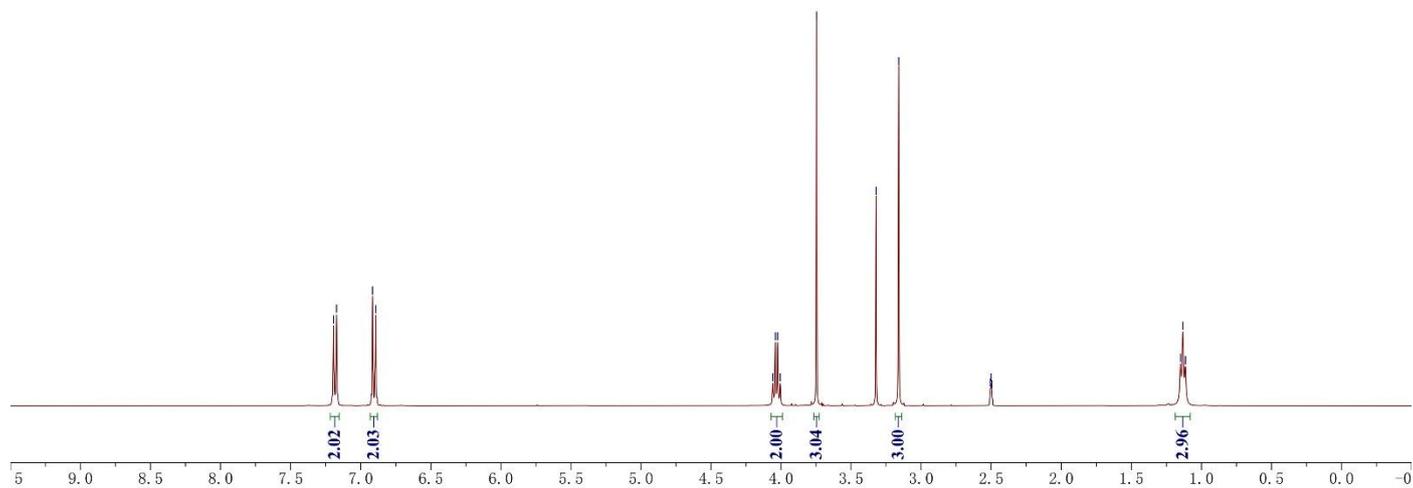
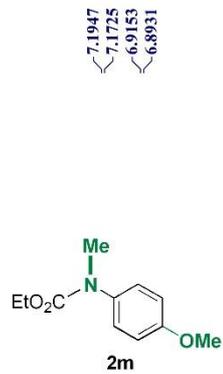


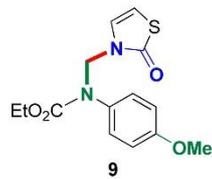




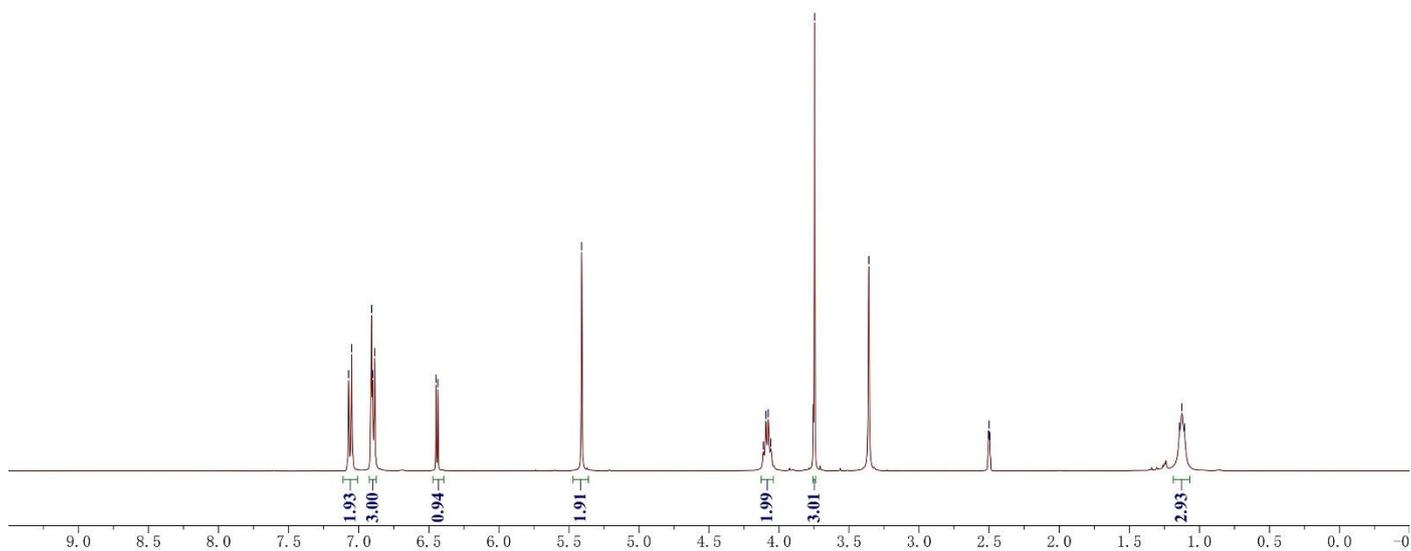








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