

Supporting information

An expedite synthesis of isoquinolinones by intramolecular coupling of amides and ketones

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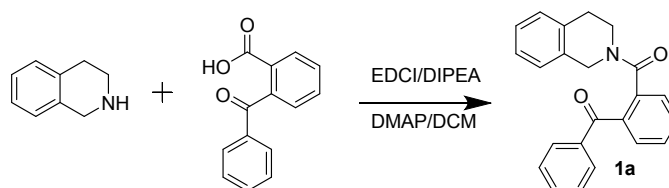
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1. General Information

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts of protons are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CDCl_3 ; δ 7.26). Chemical shifts of carbon are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl_3 ; δ 77.0). Peaks are labeled as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q) and multiplet (m). Melting points were measured on a WRS-2A melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 37 spectrophotometer. Data are represented as follows: frequency of absorption (cm^{-1}). All products were further characterized by HRMS (high resolution mass spectra). Copies of their ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were provided. $\text{KO}t\text{-Bu}$ (99.99%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification.

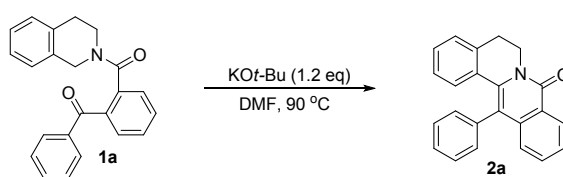
2. General Procedures

(I) Typical procedure for the preparation of substrates 1a-1w.



The compound was synthesized according to a known procedure.^{[1][2]} A solution of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.67 g, 5.0 mmol) and 2-benzoylbenzoic acid (1.13 g, 5.0 mmol) in DCM (50 mL), was added EDCI (1.15 g, 6.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred for five minutes. DIPEA (774 mg, 6.0 mmol) and DMAP (61 mg, 0.5 mmol) were added successively. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 h at room temperature. After the completion of the reaction as shown by TLC, water (30 mL) was used to dilute the reaction mixture. The organic layer was extracted with DCM (20 mL \times 3). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated brine (30 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1) to give **1a** as a white solid (1.36 g, yield: 80%).

(II) Typical procedure for intramolecular coupling of 1a

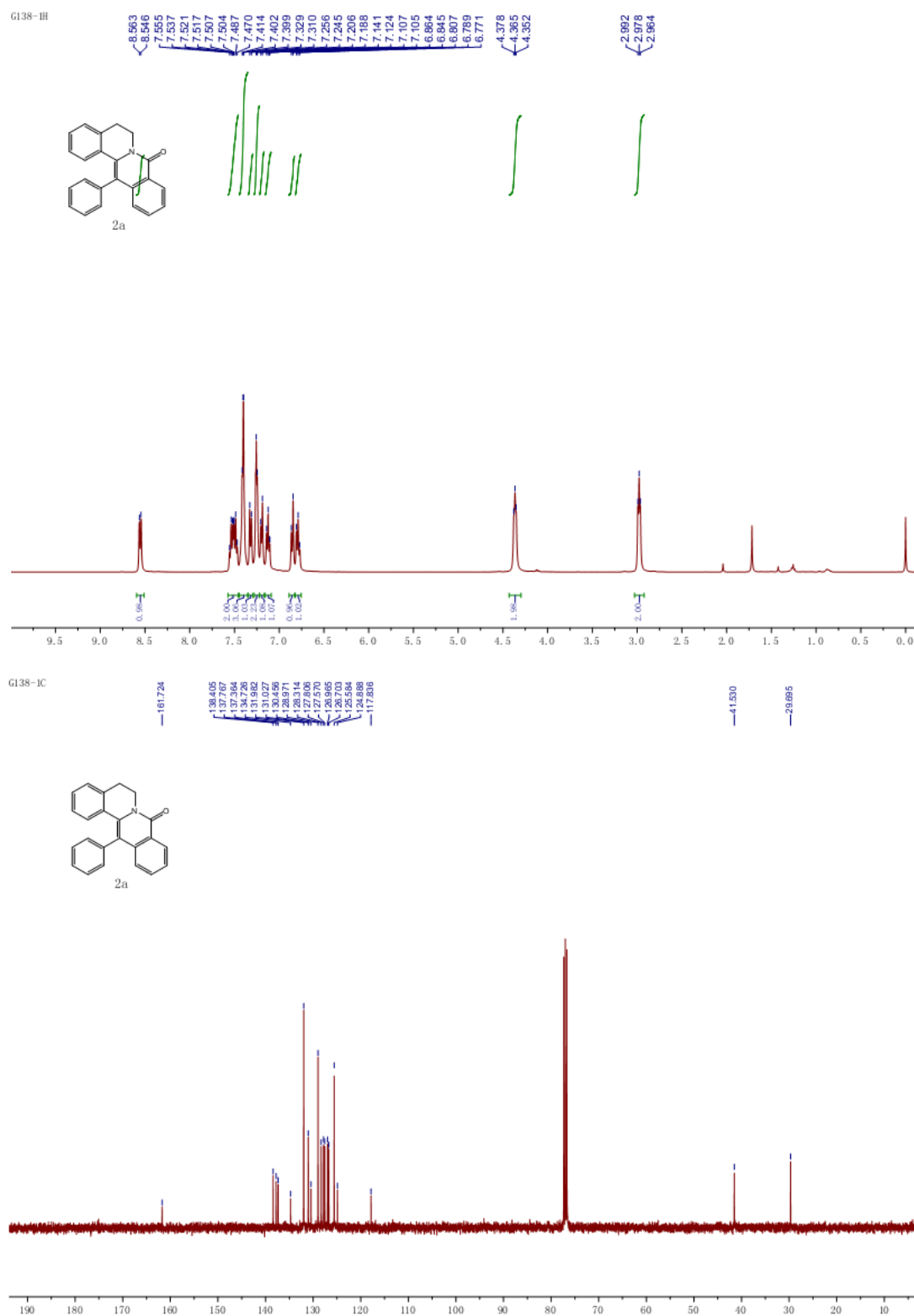


A solution of (2-benzoylphenyl)(3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)methanone **1a** (68.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), KO^t-Bu (27.0 mg, 0.24 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was stirred at 90 °C under an argon atmosphere. After the completion of the reaction as shown by TLC, the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:3) to give **2a** as a white solid (52.3 mg, yield: 81%).

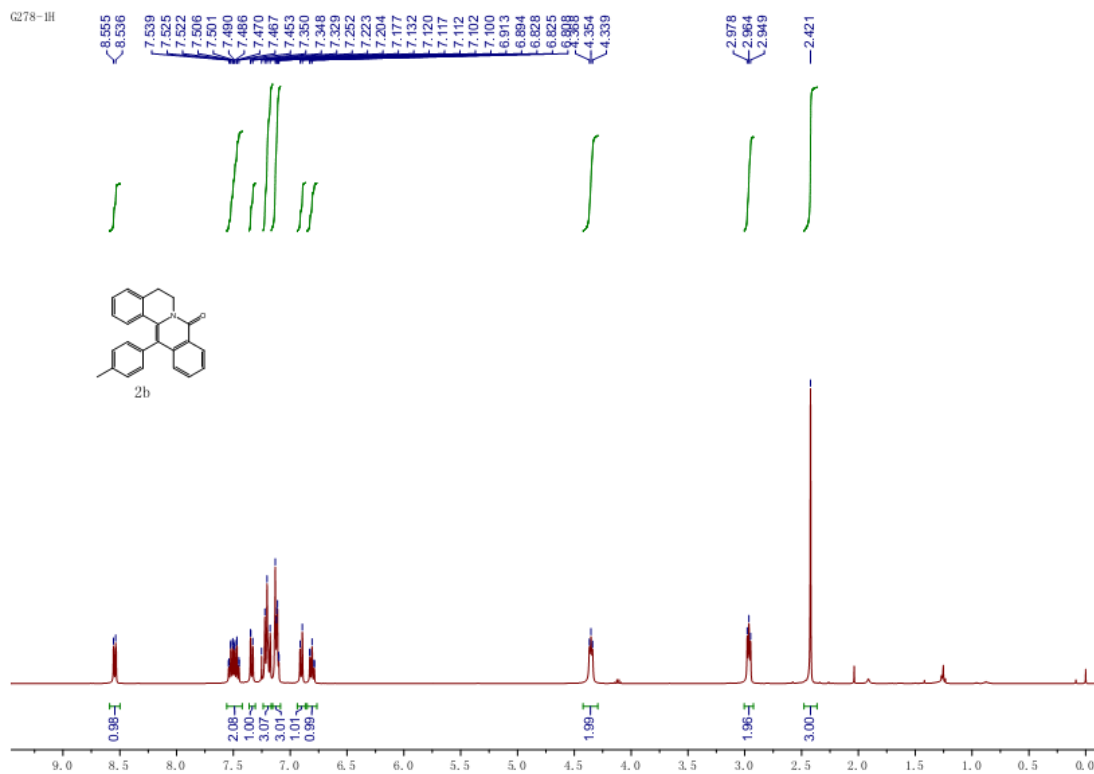
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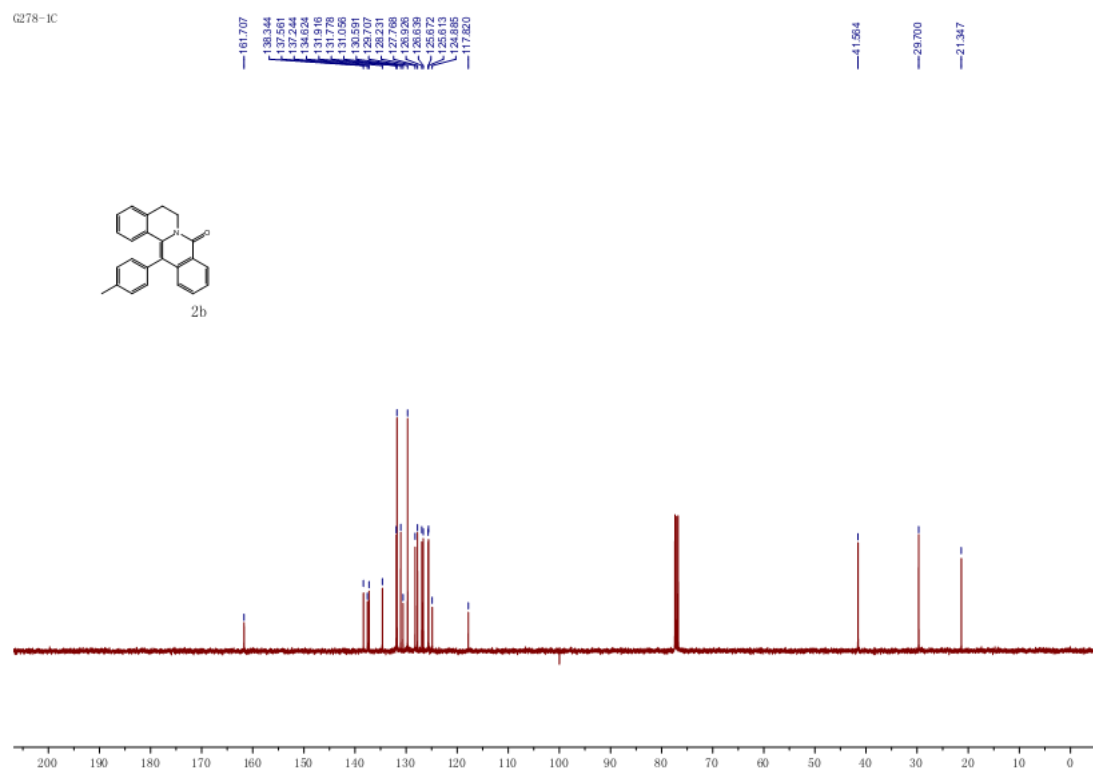
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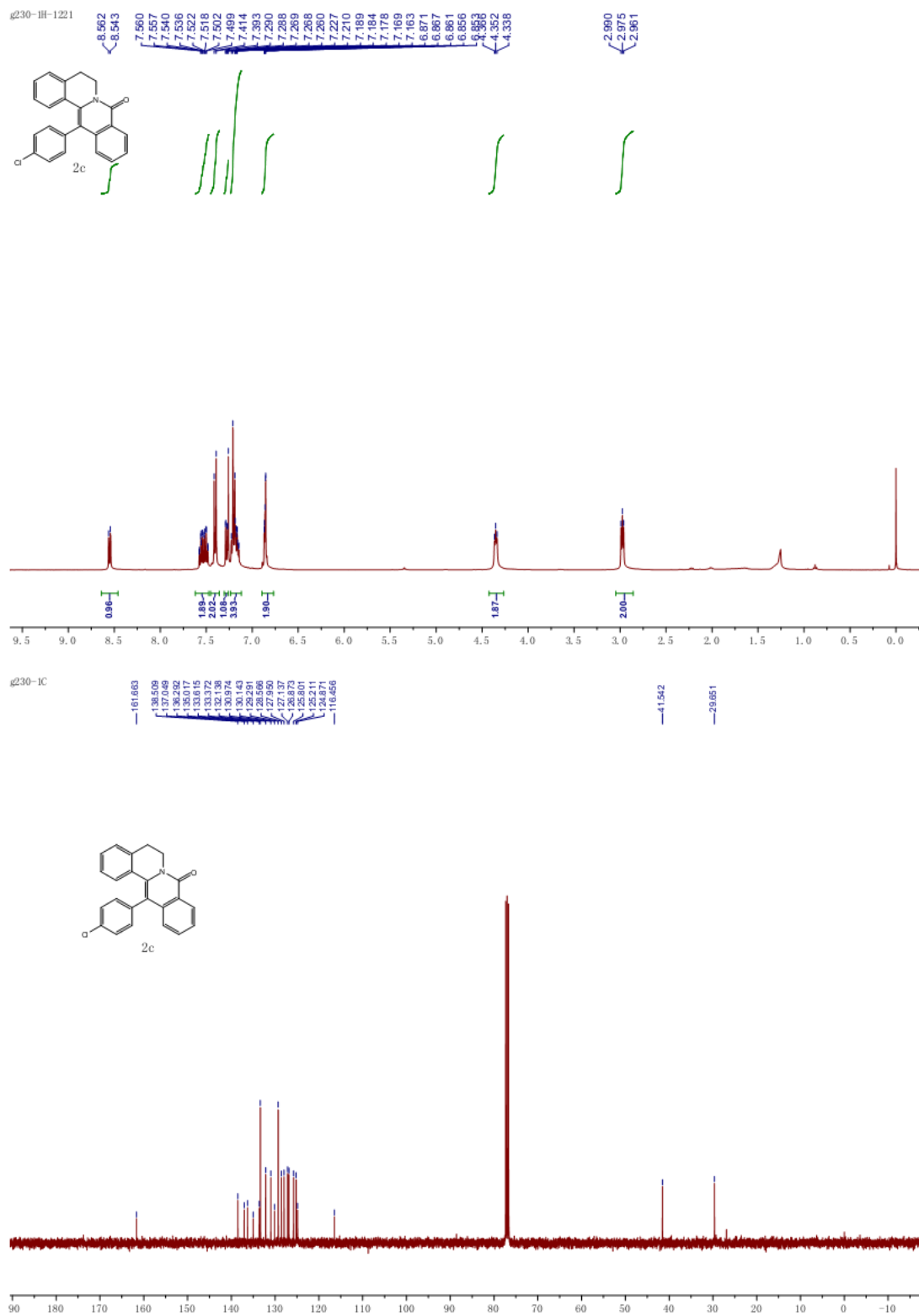


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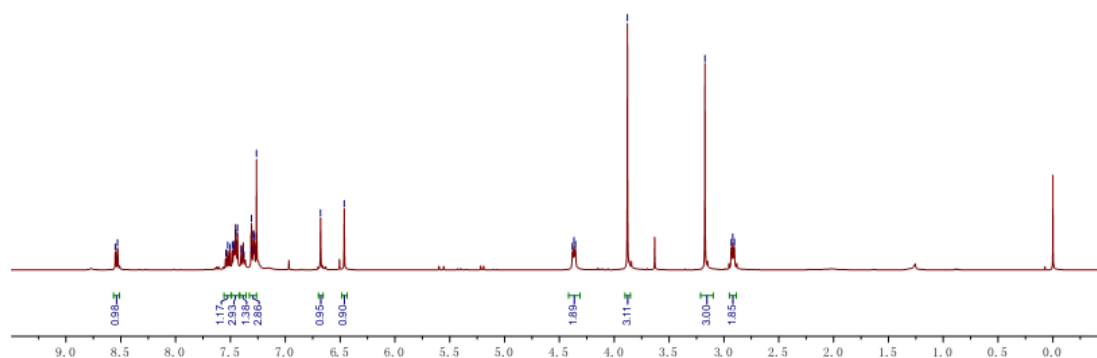
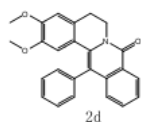
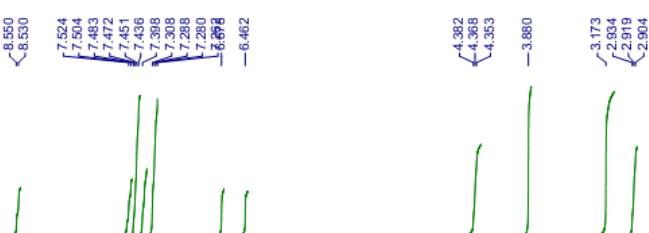


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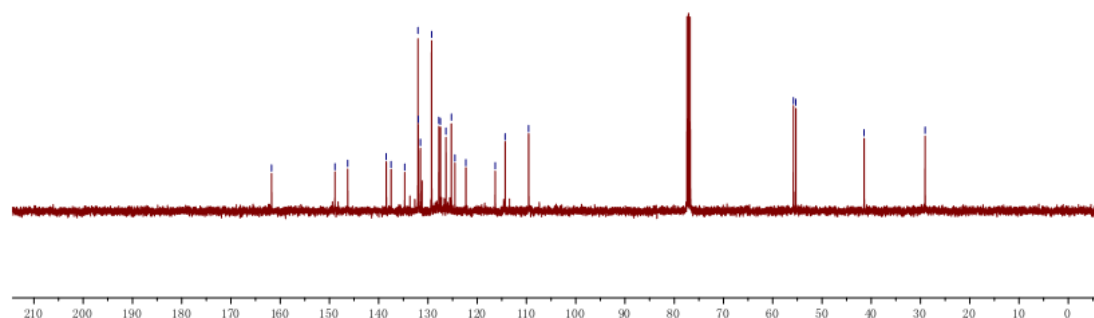
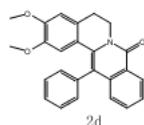




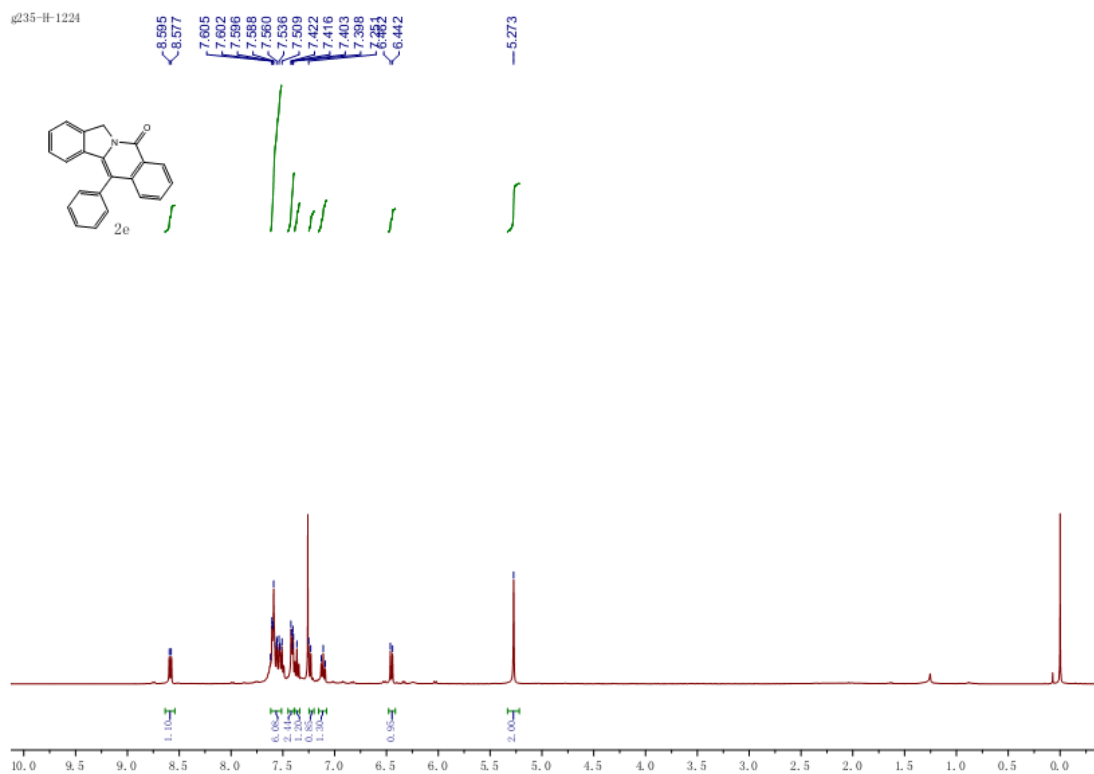
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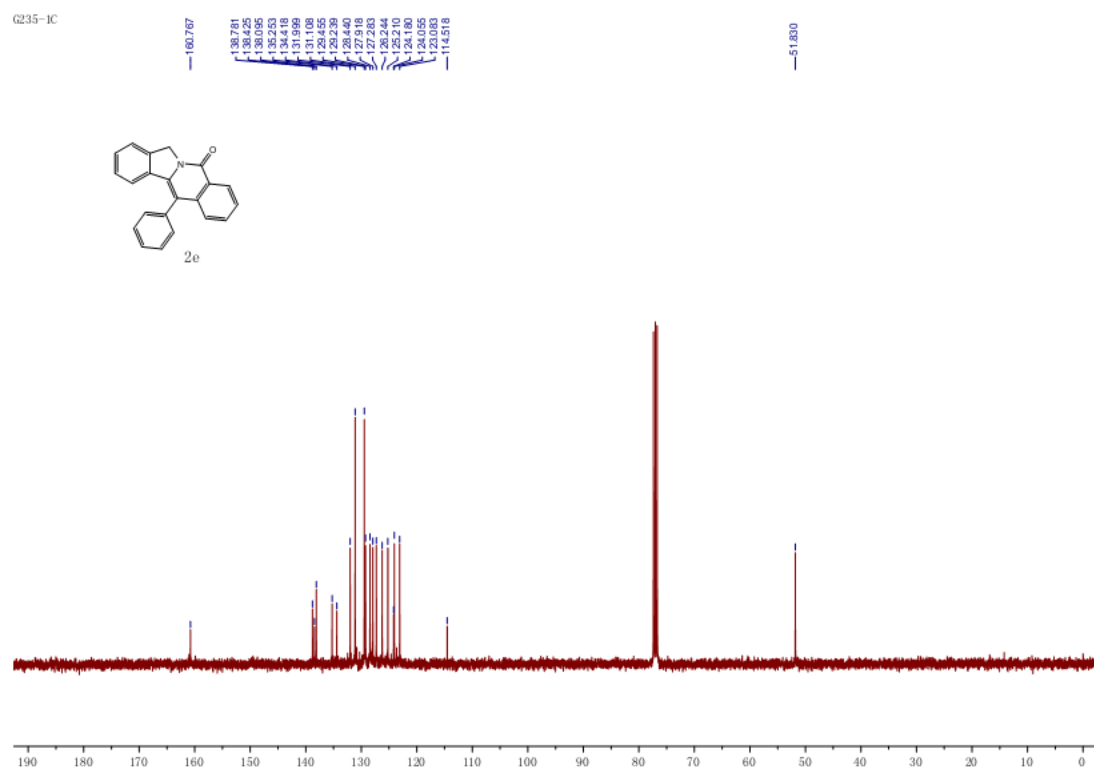
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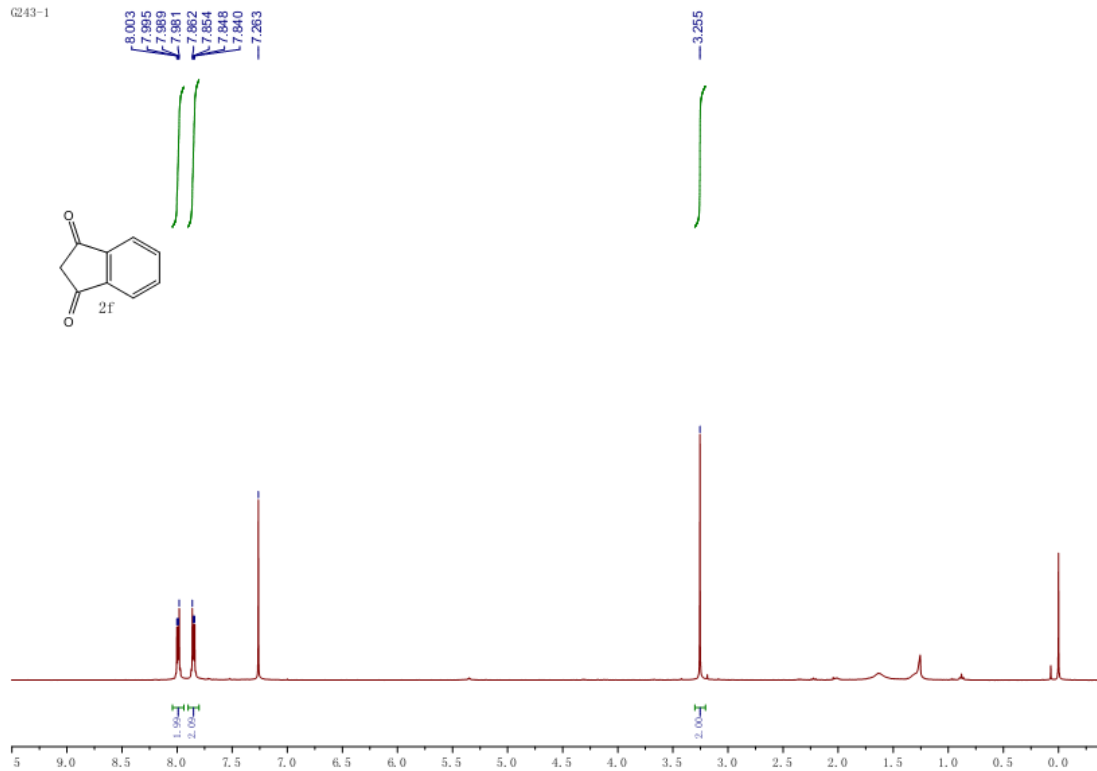
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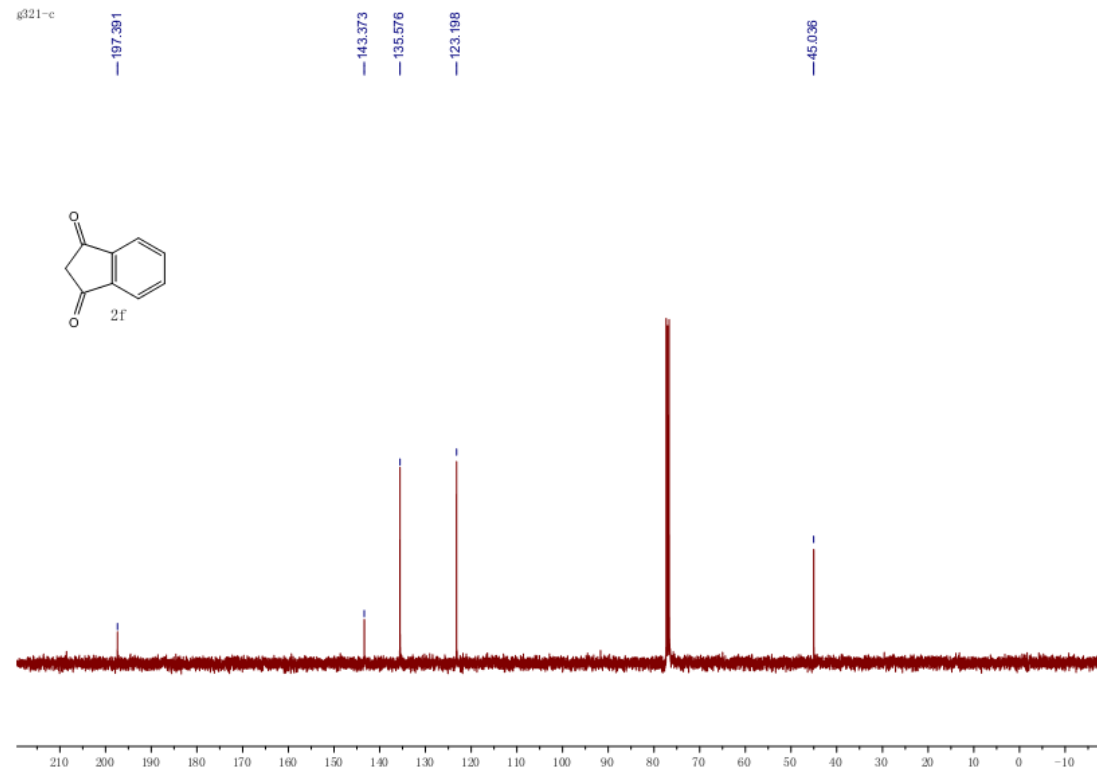
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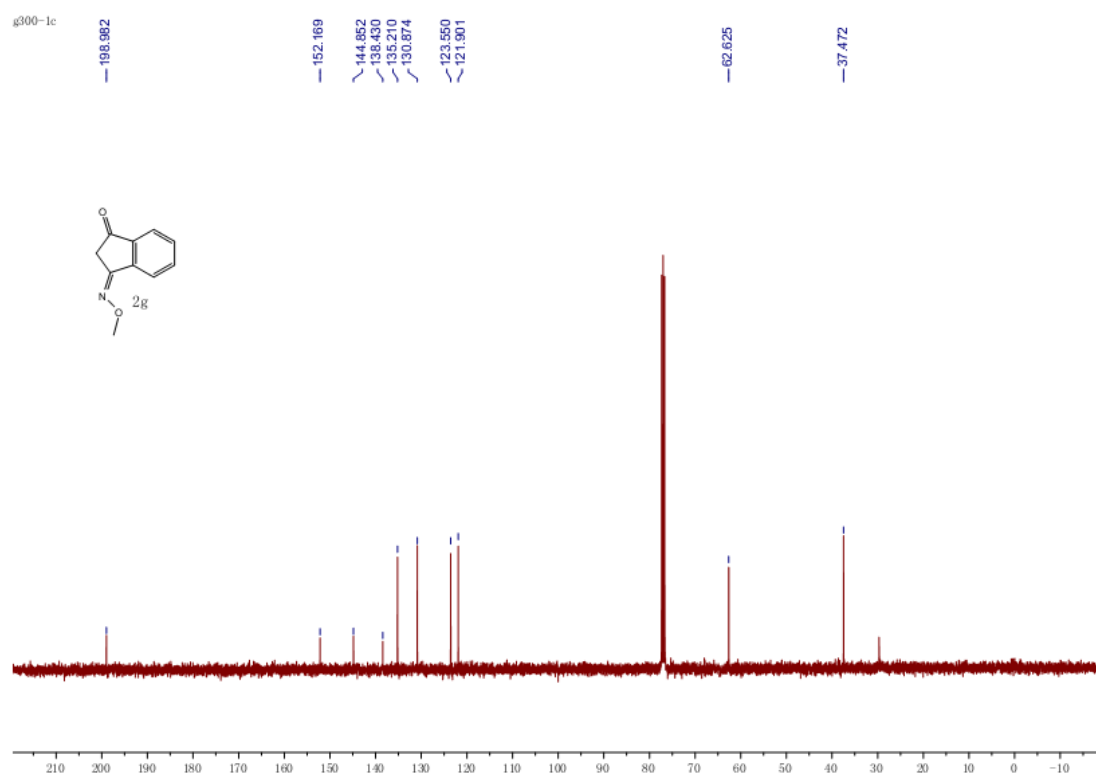
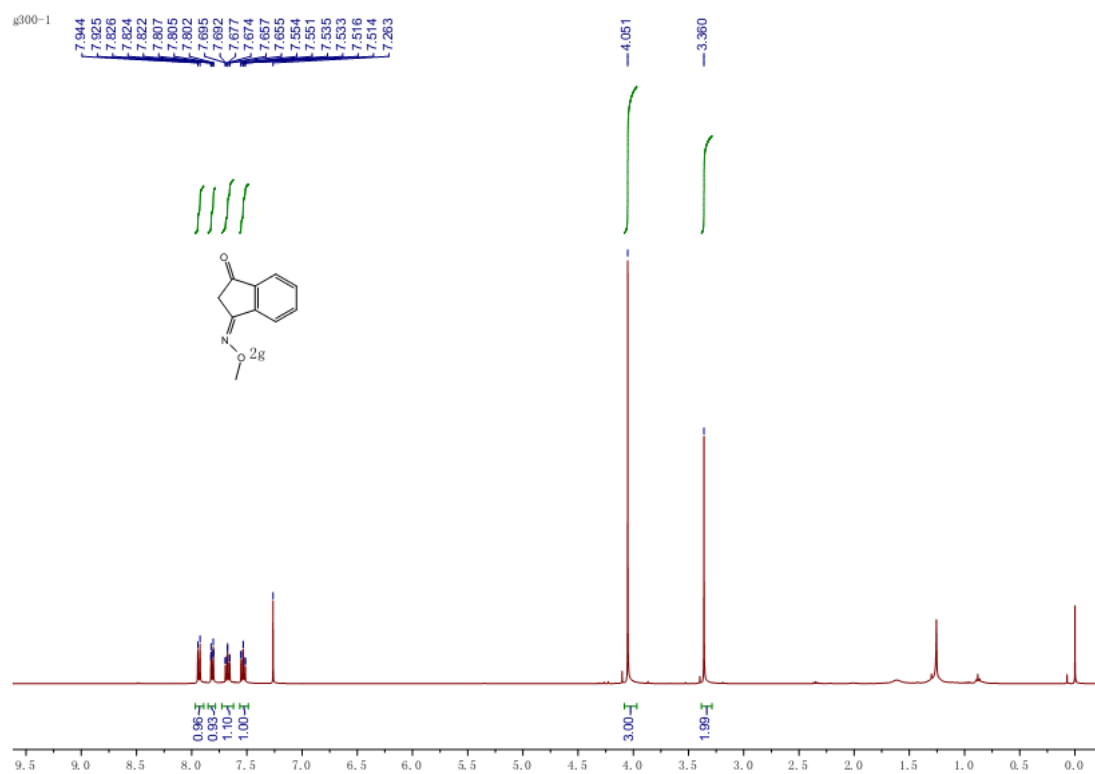


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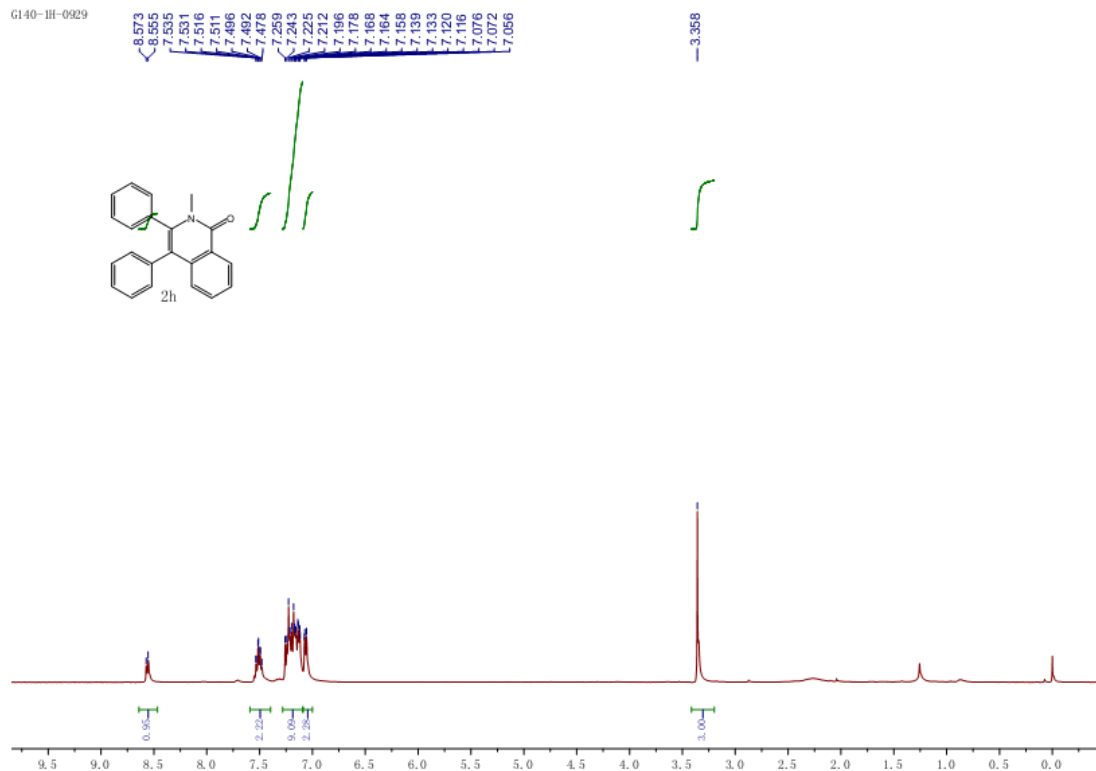


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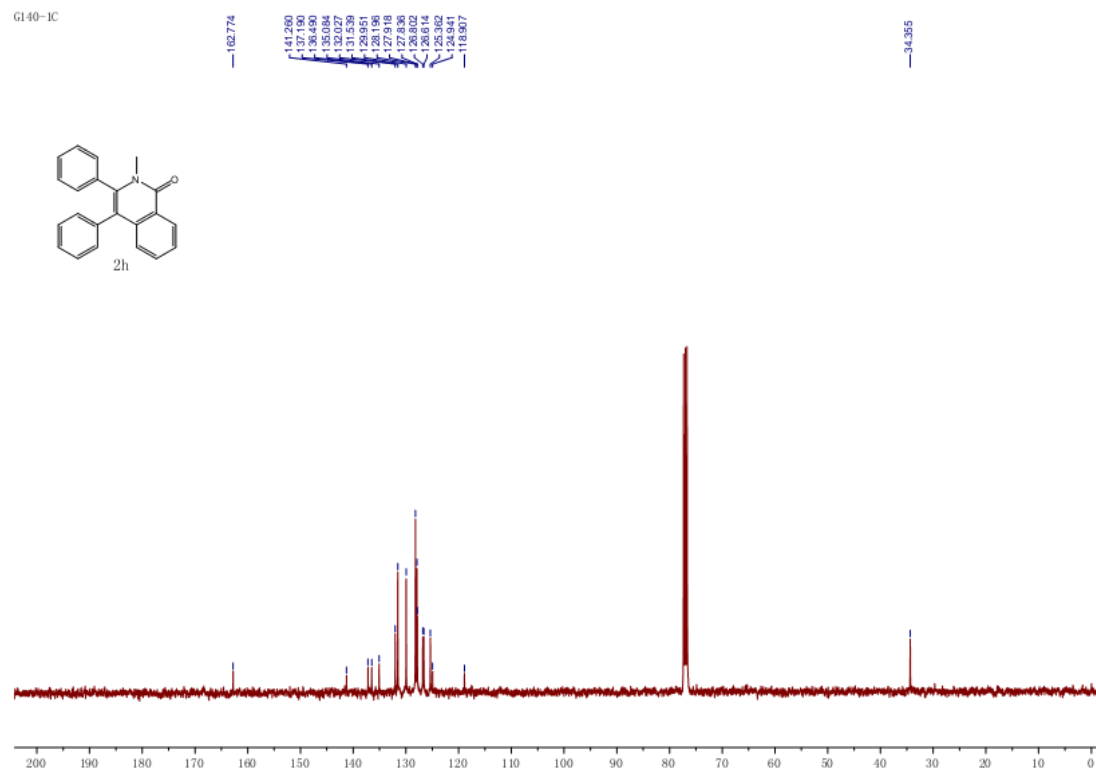




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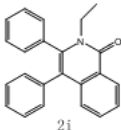
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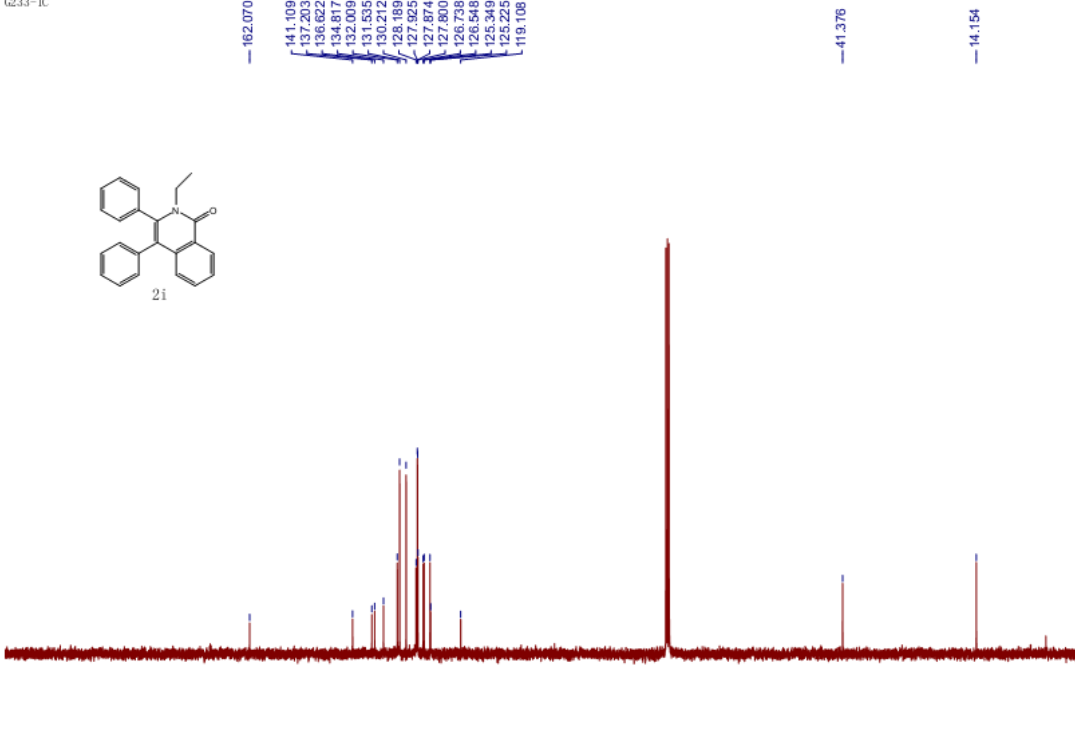
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1H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound 2i. The spectrum shows peaks at 8.575, 8.557, 7.545, 7.528, 7.505, 7.488, 7.473, 7.259, 7.233, 7.218, 7.178, 7.164, 7.159, 7.148, 7.136, 7.123, 7.067, 7.047, 3.980, 3.963, 3.945, 3.928, 1.190, 1.173, and 1.155 ppm. Integration values are 0.09, 2.00, 1.96, 1.96, 2.00, and 3.00.

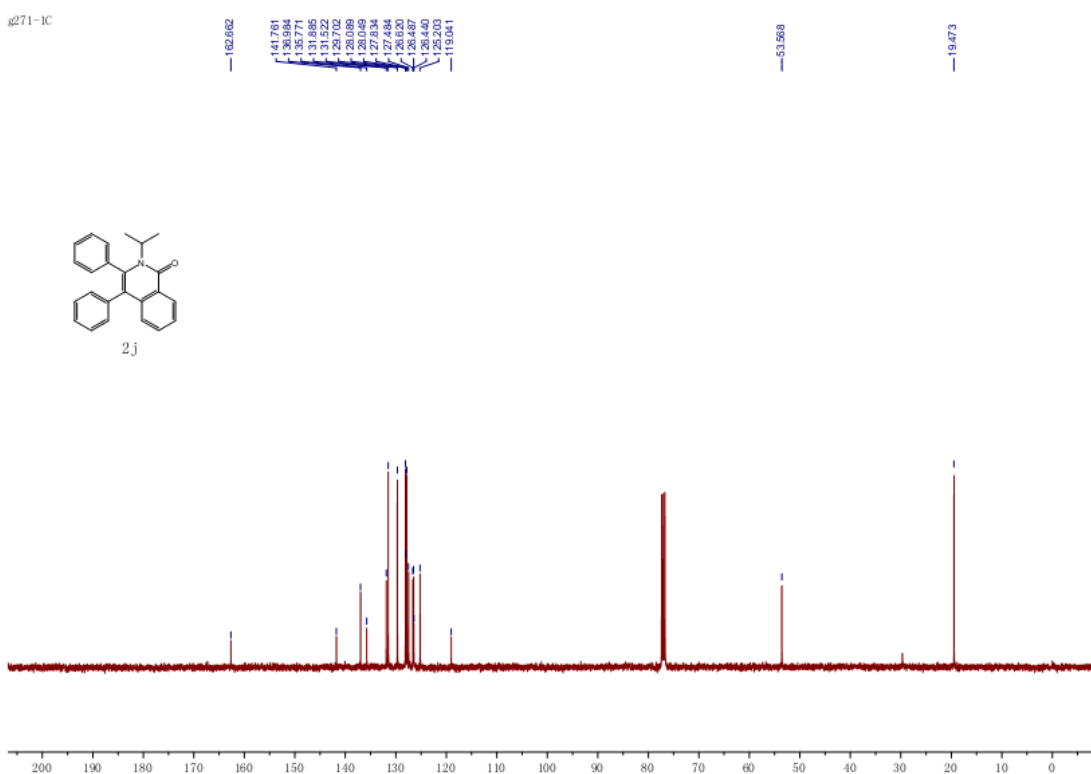
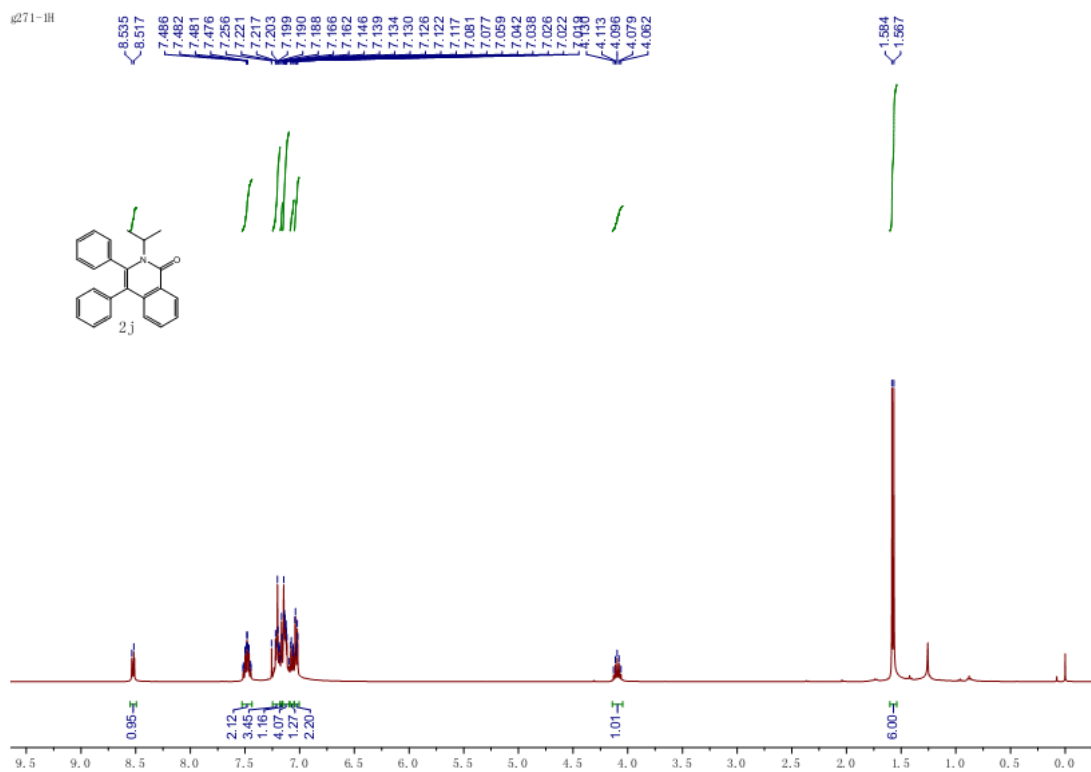
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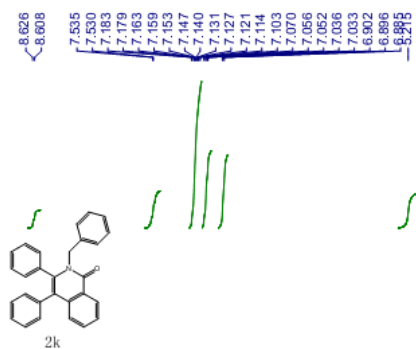
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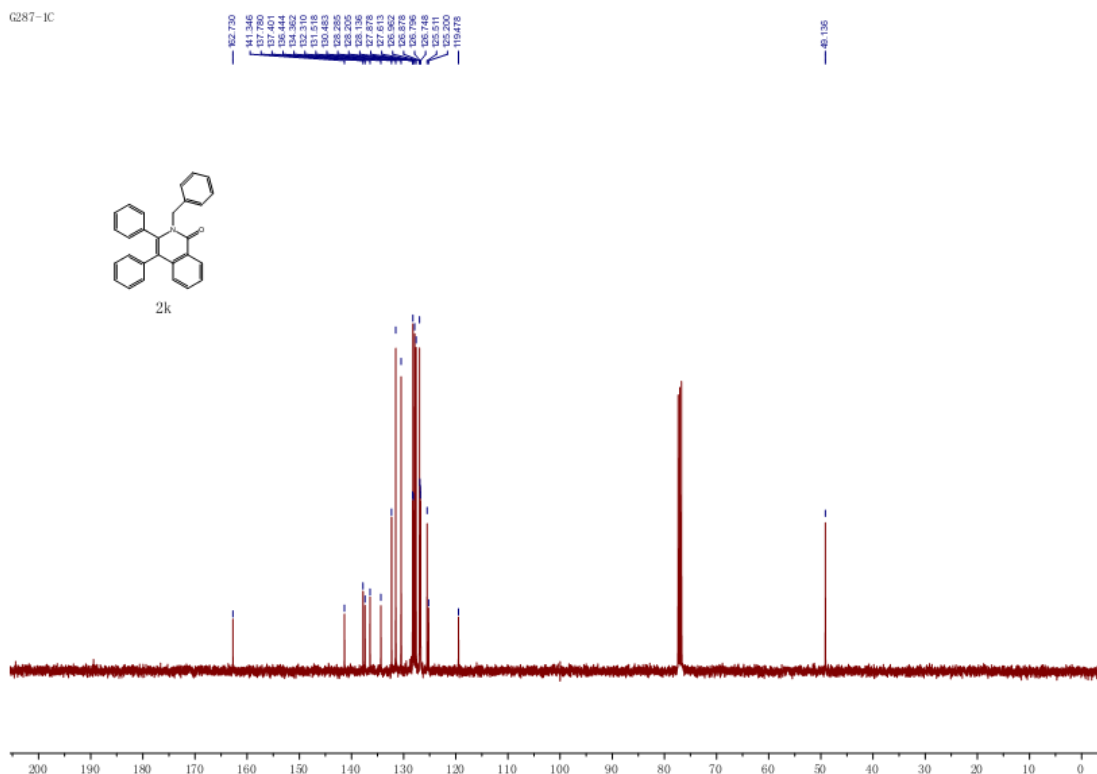
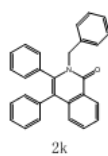
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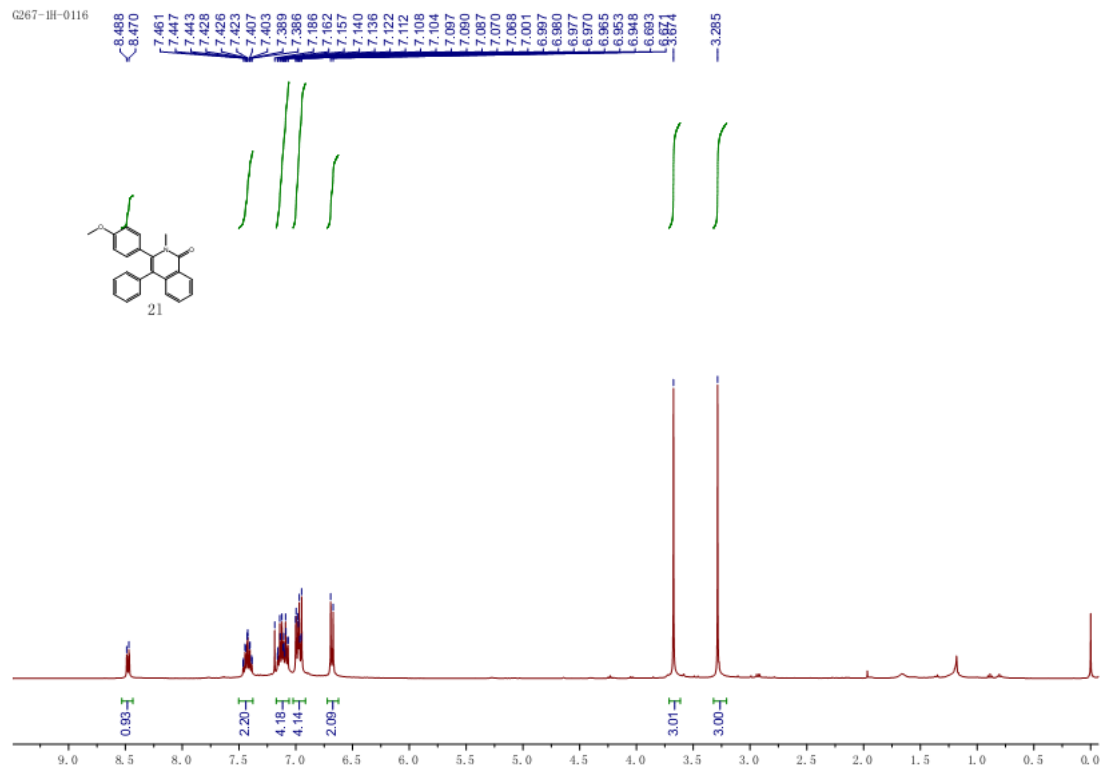
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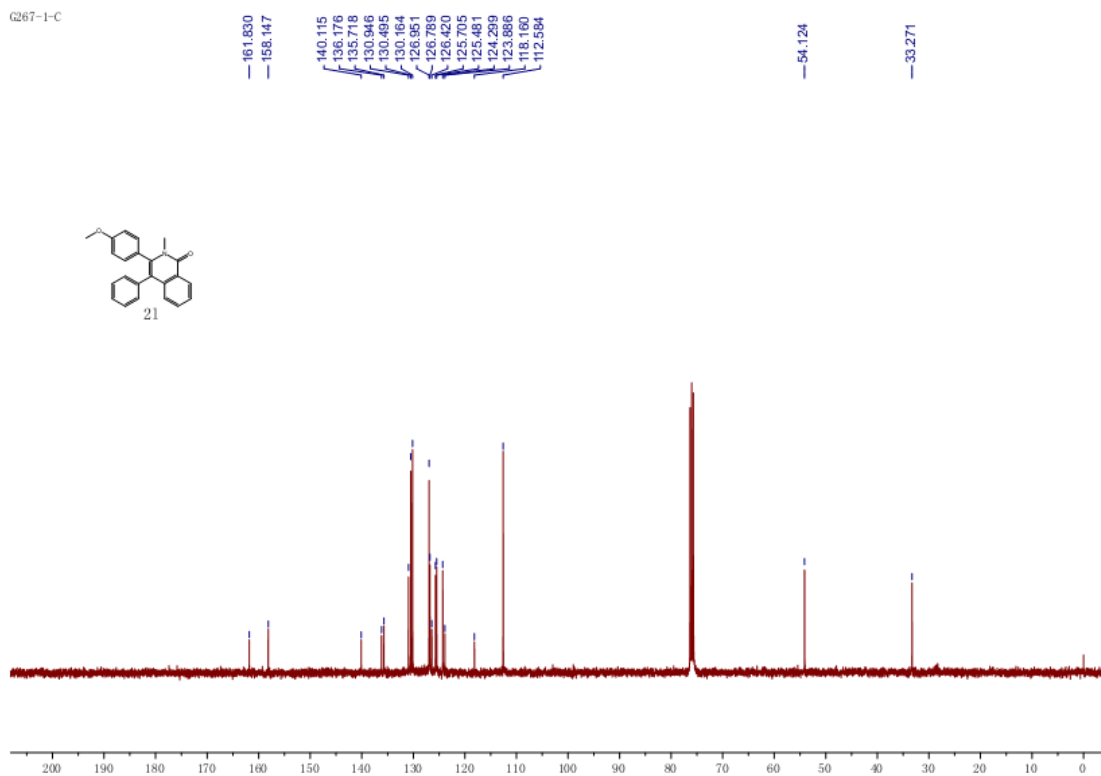
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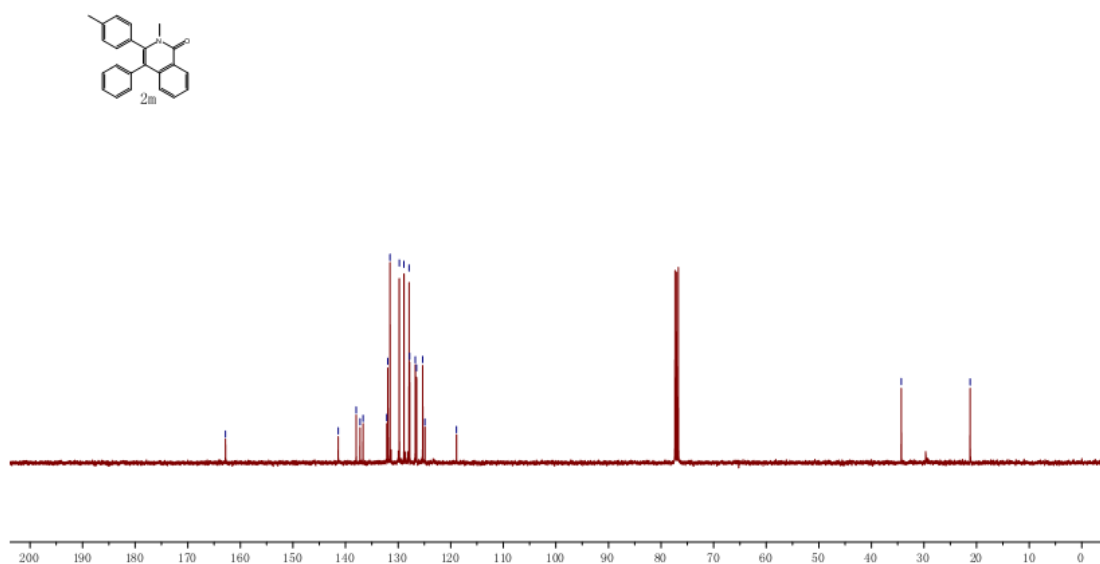
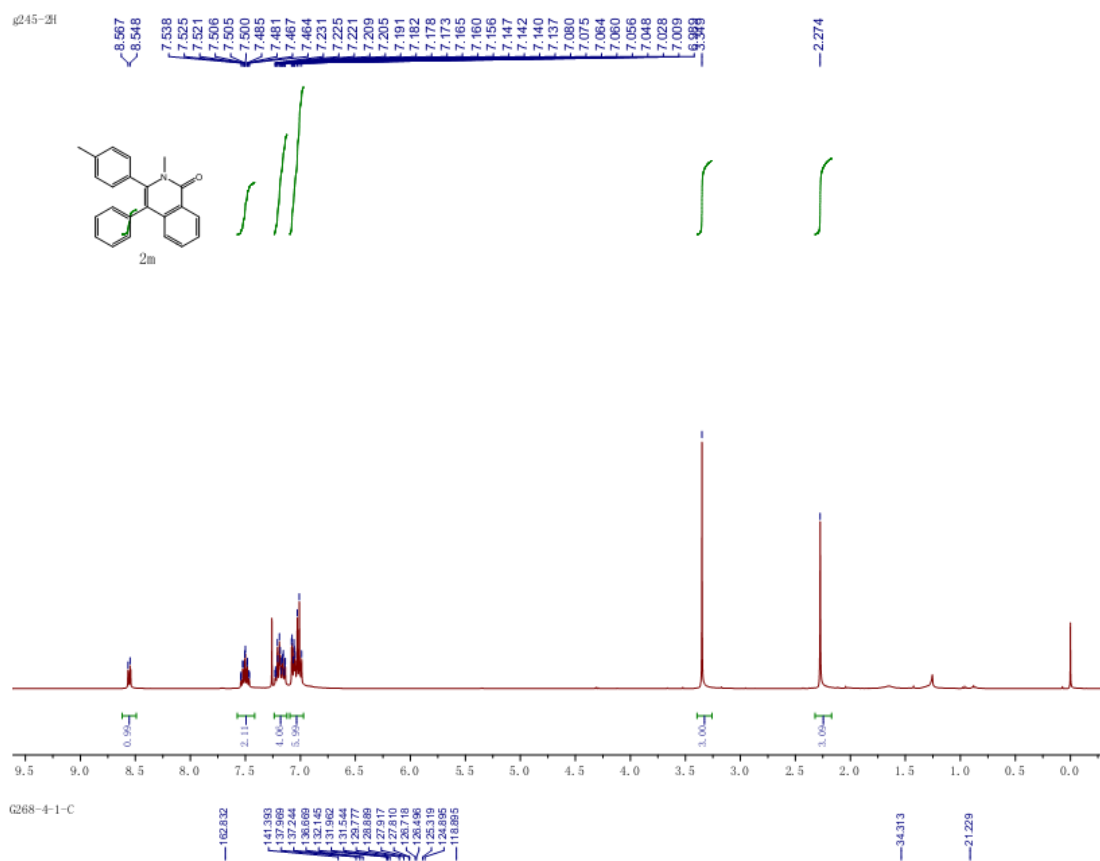


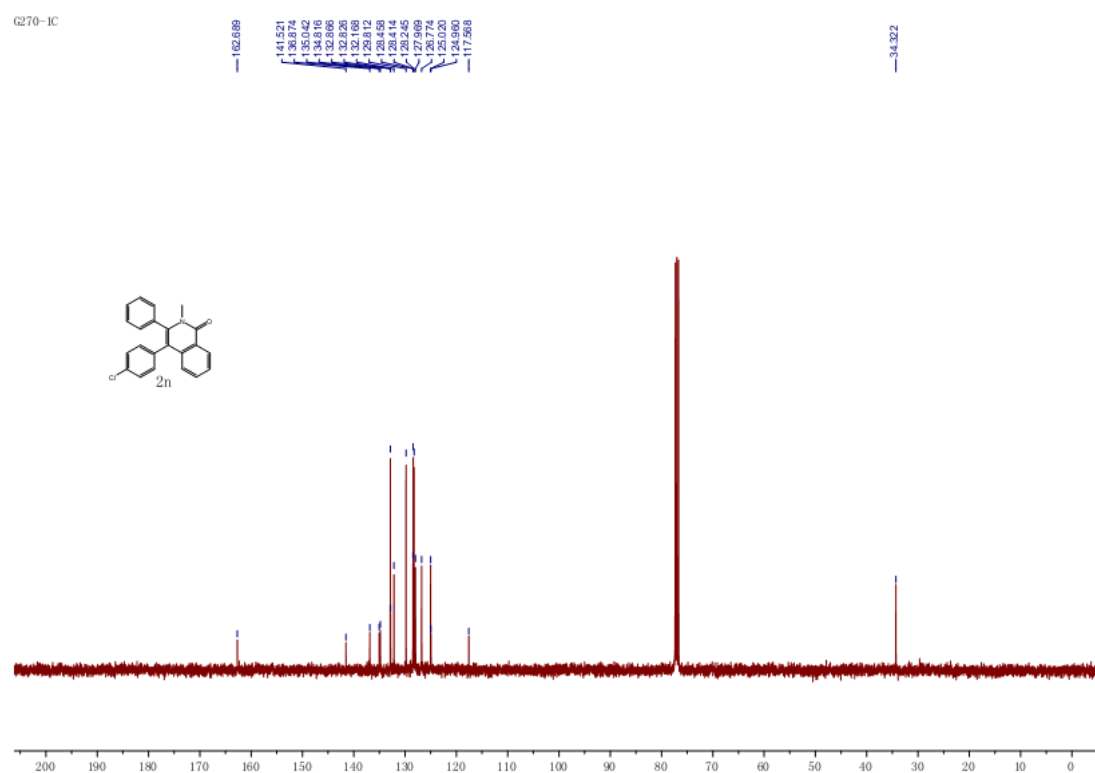
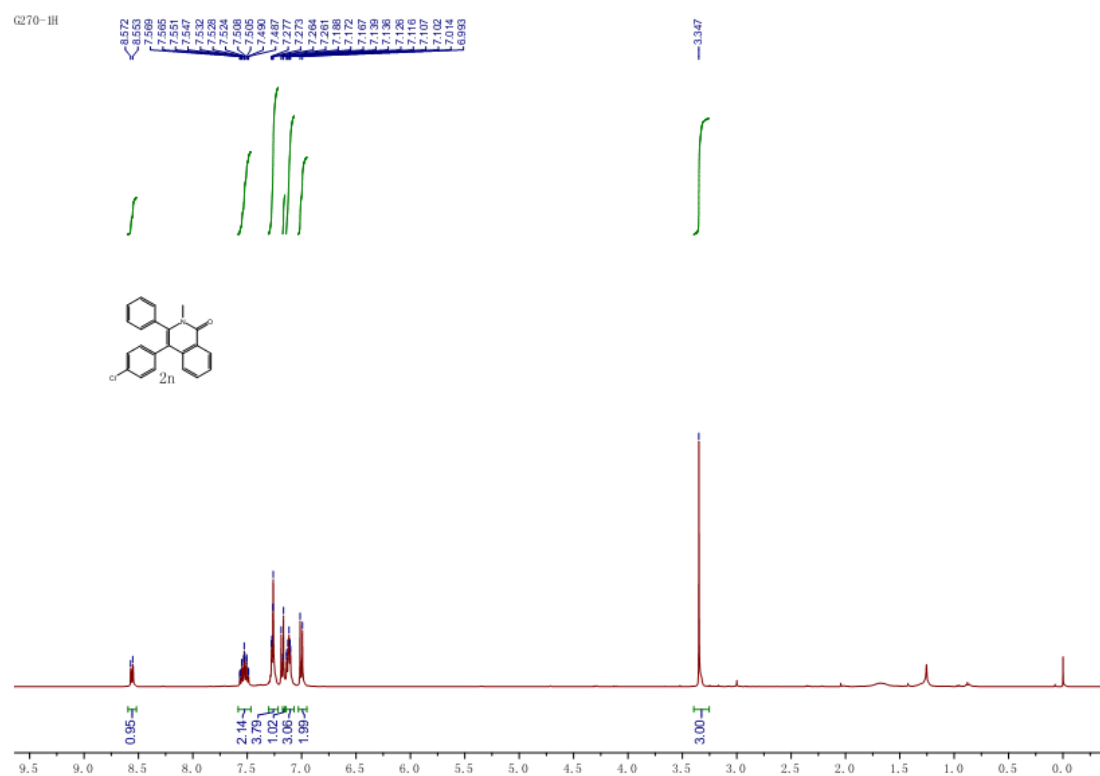
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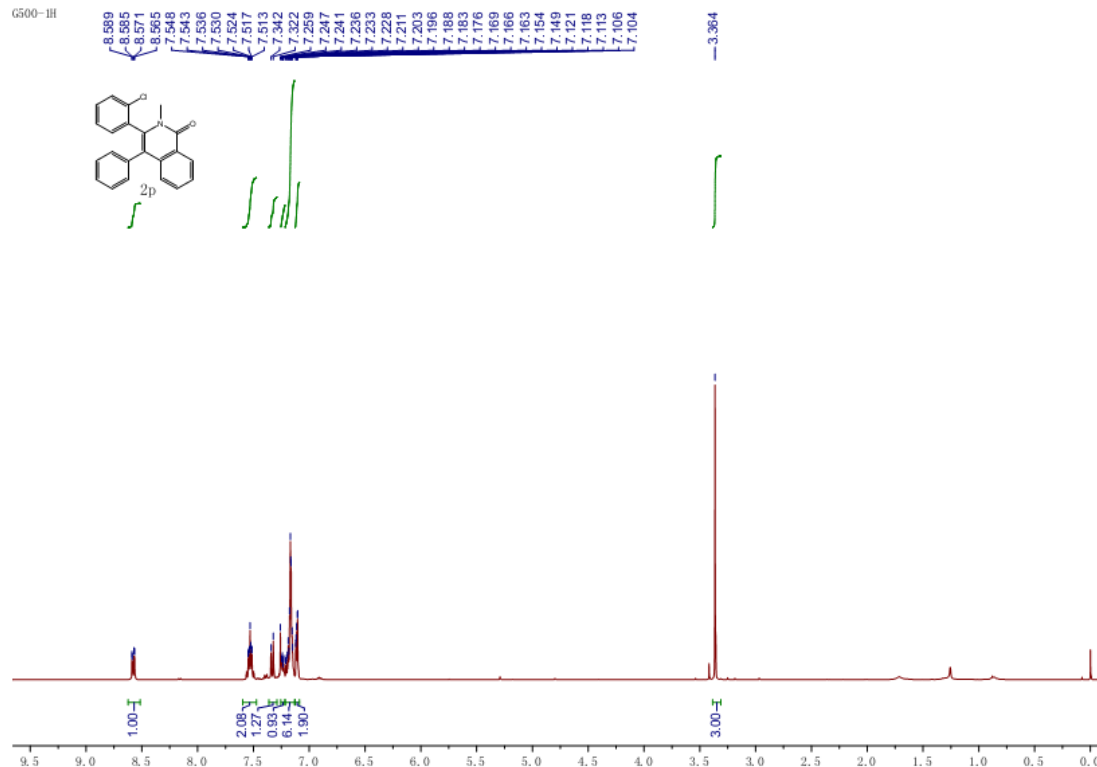
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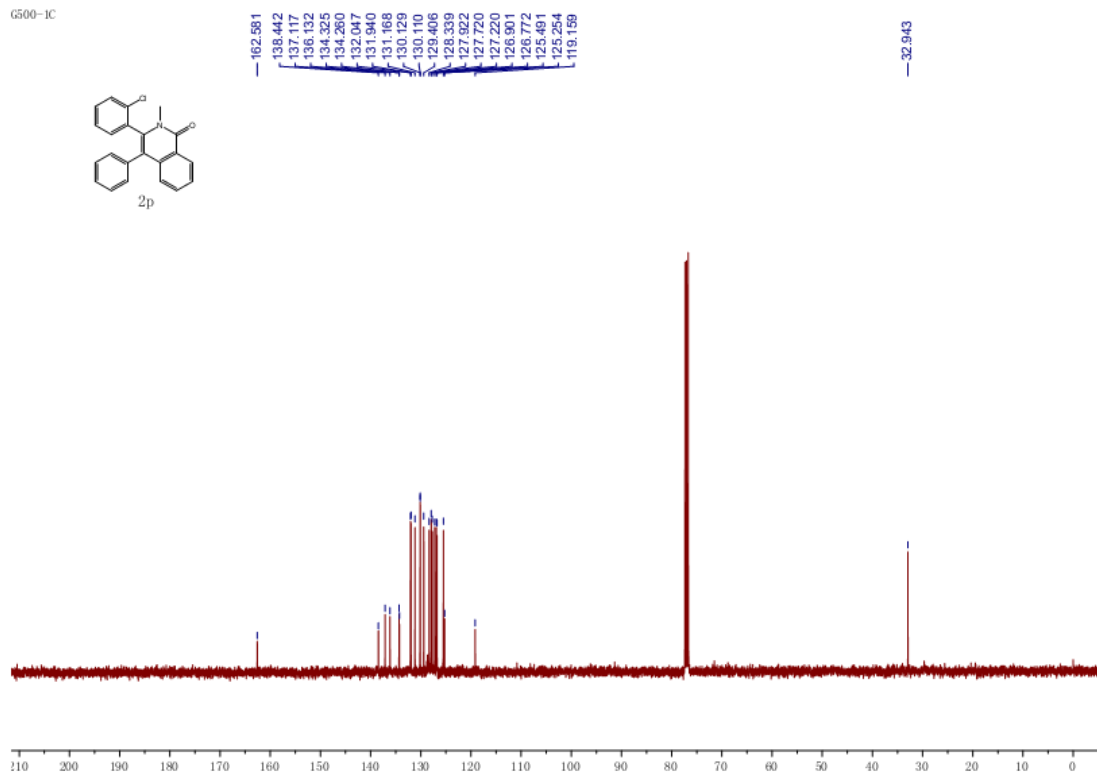


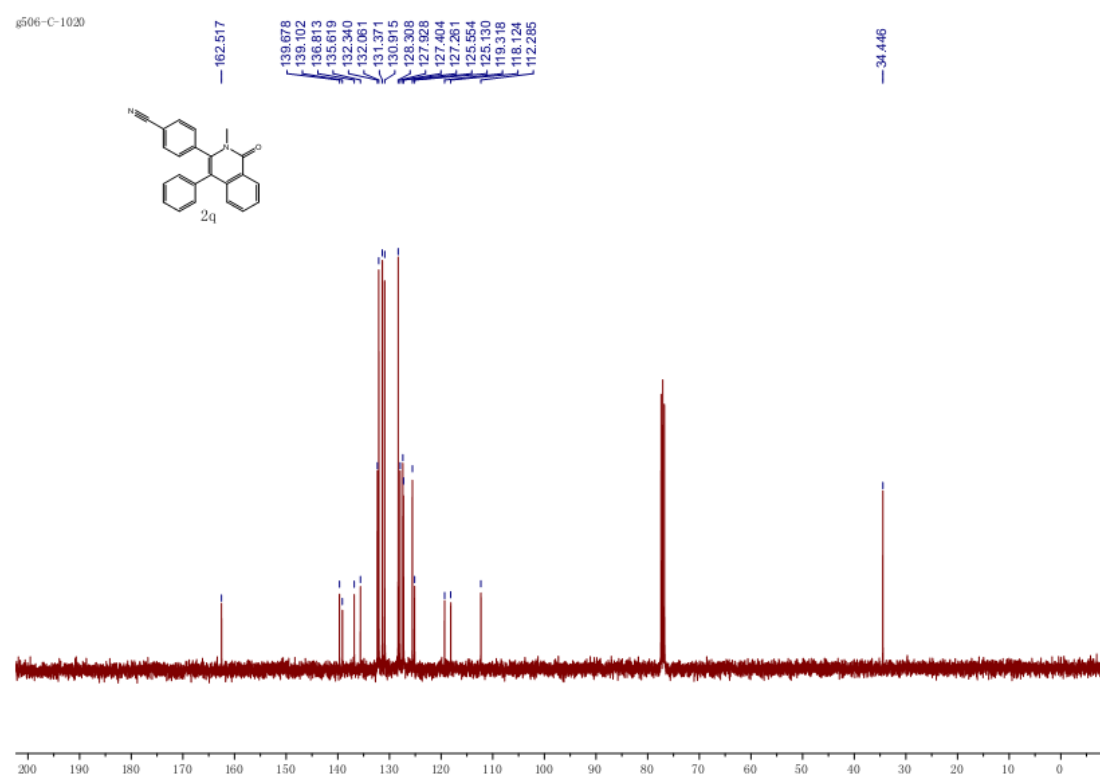
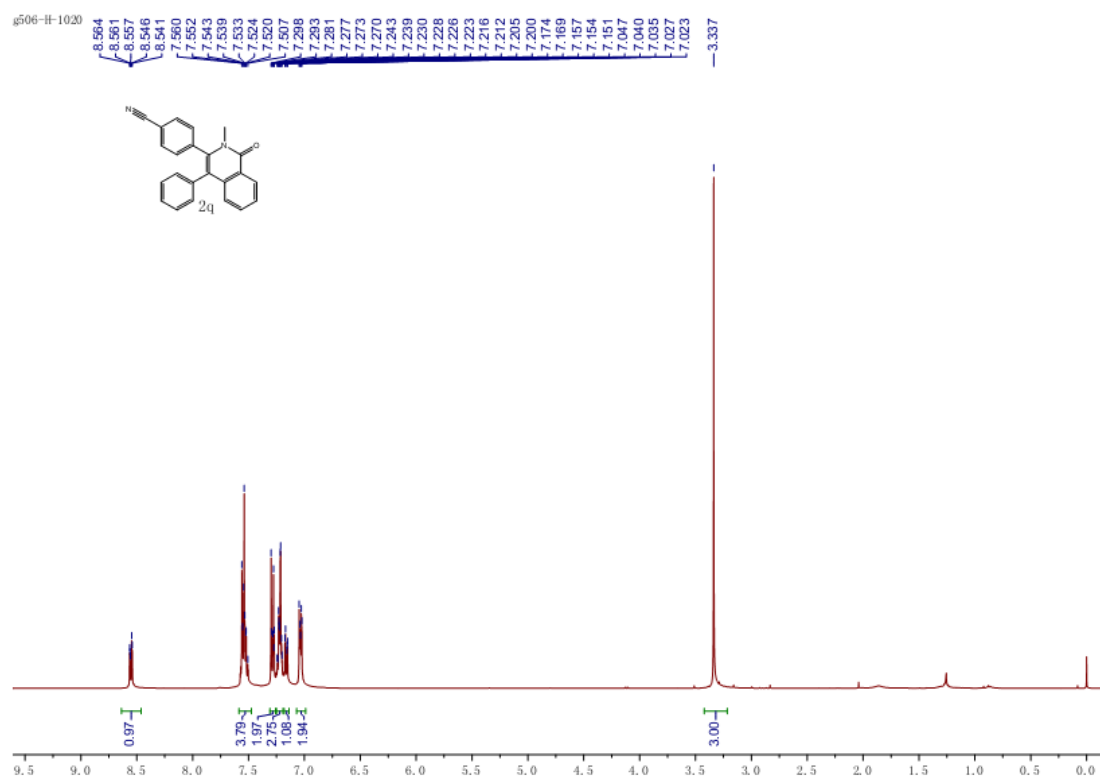


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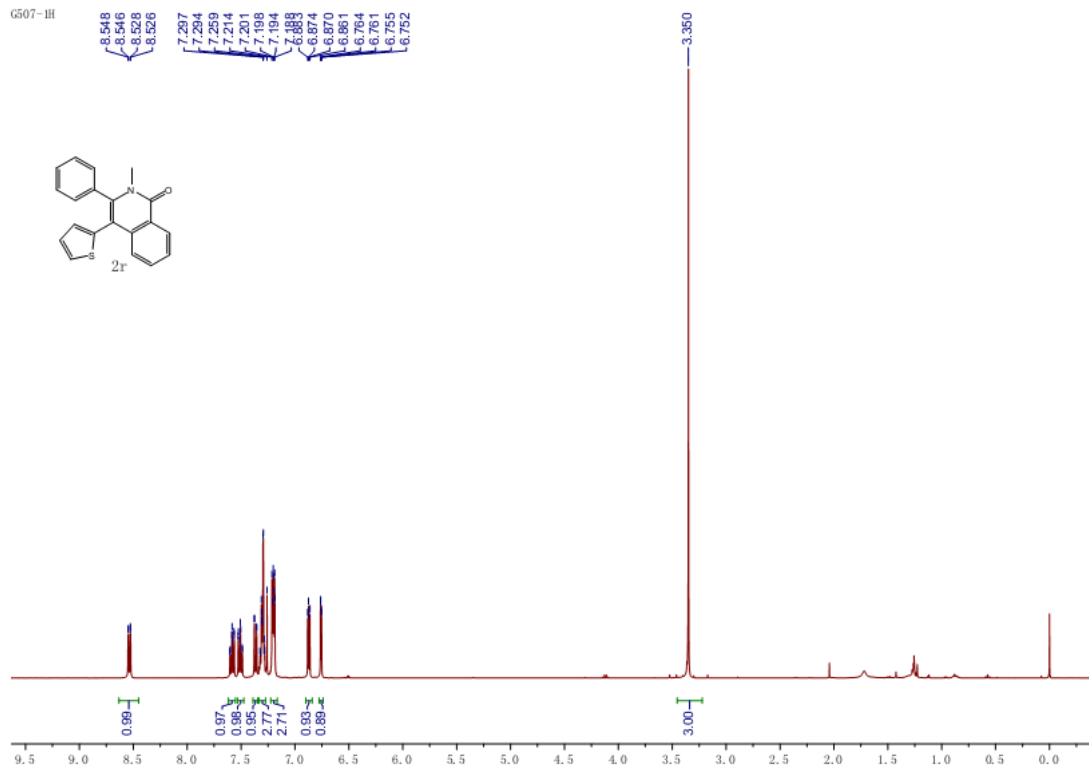


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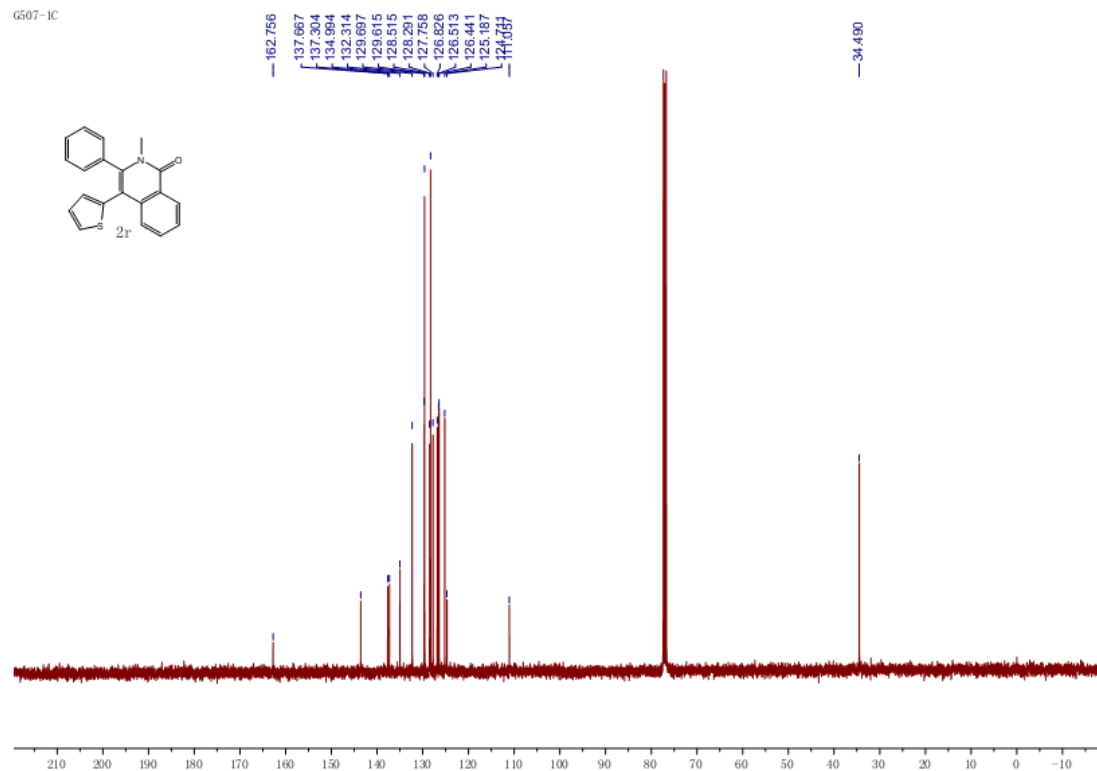




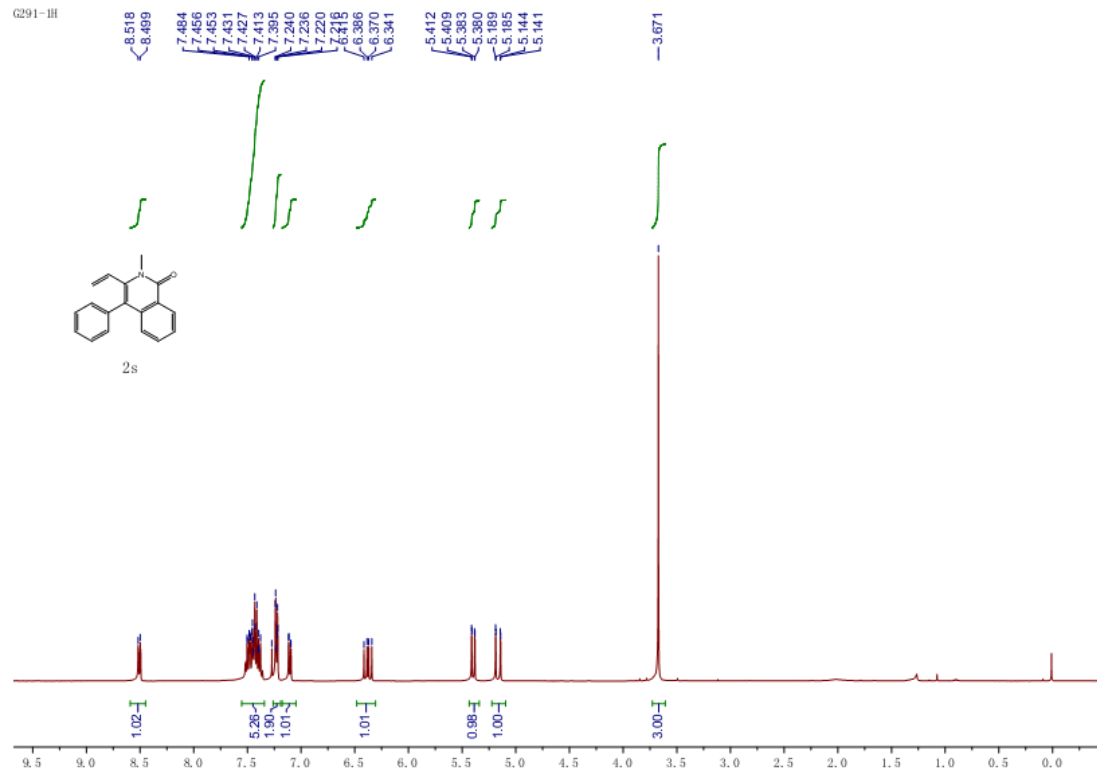
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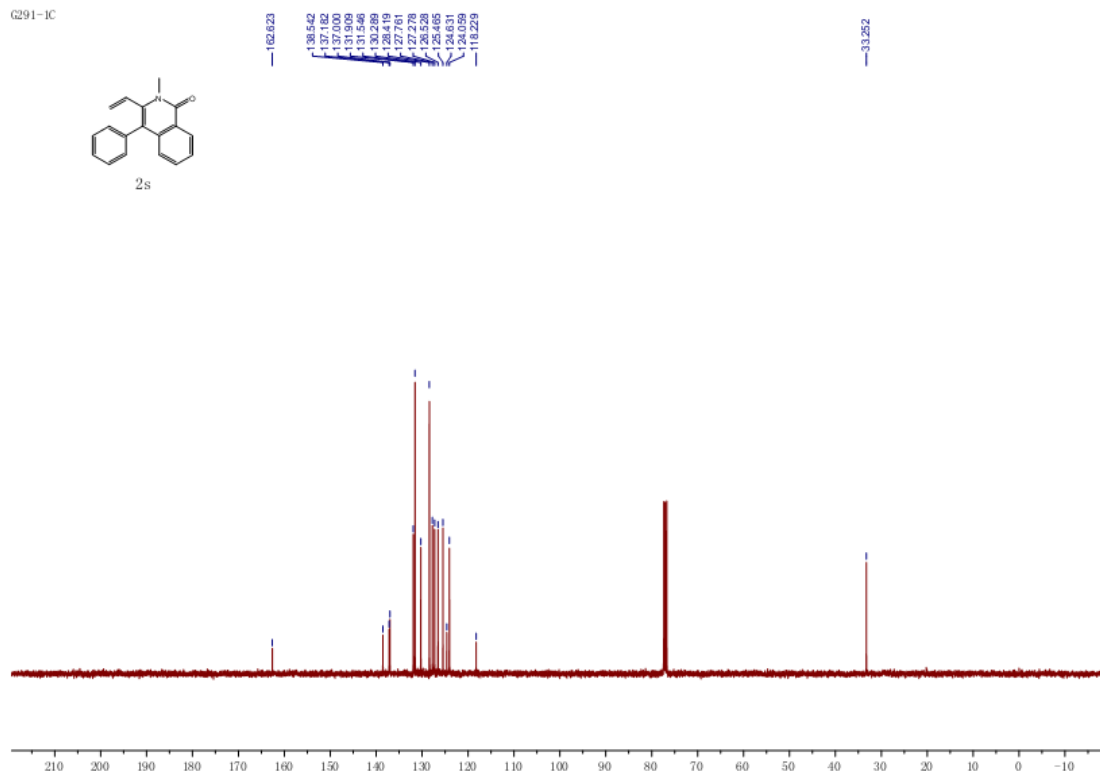
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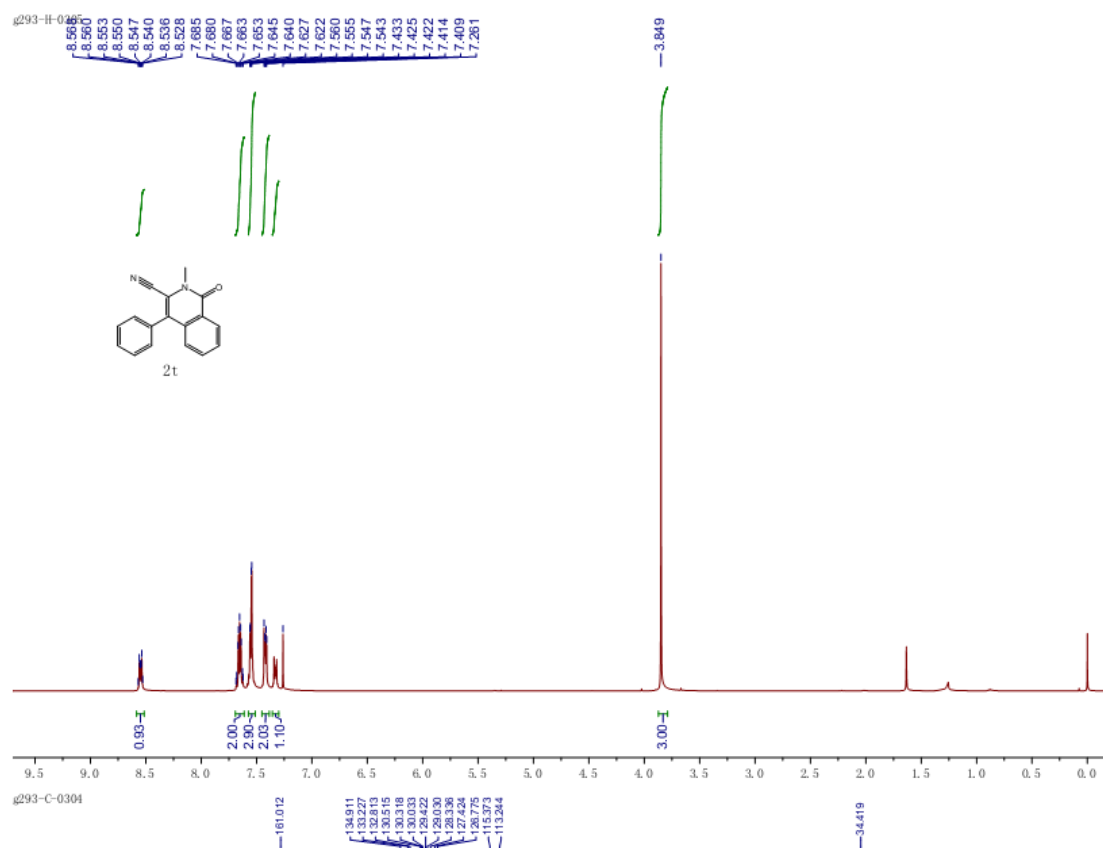


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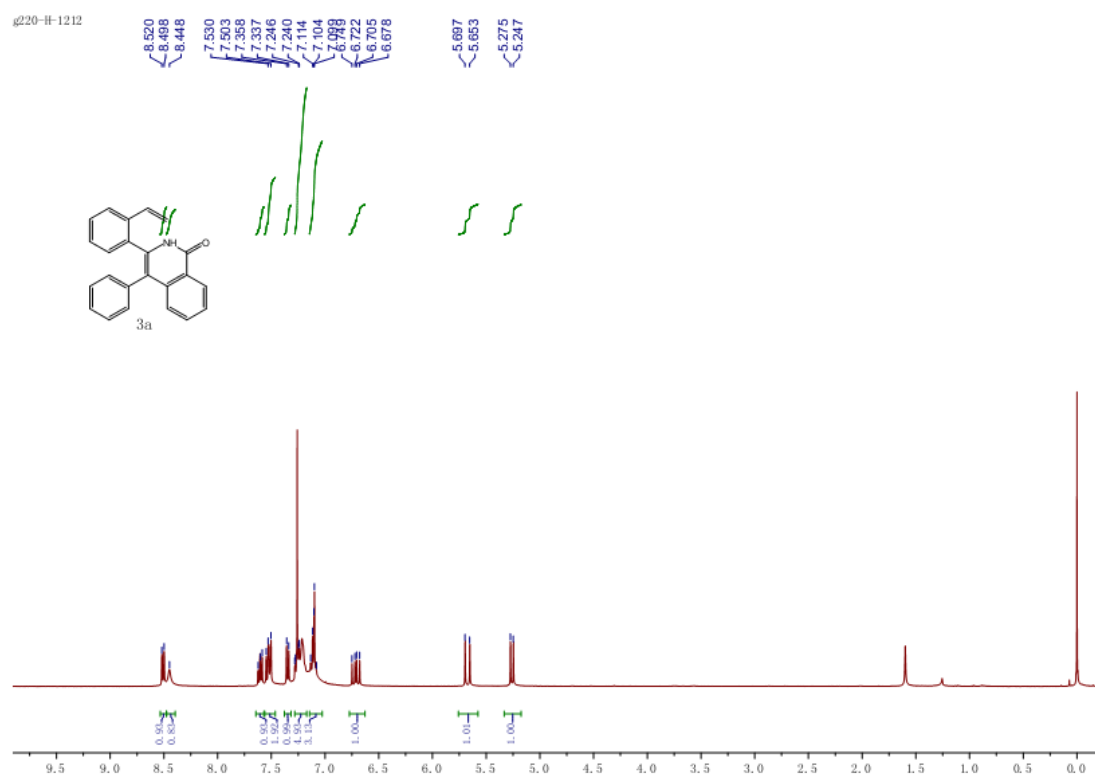


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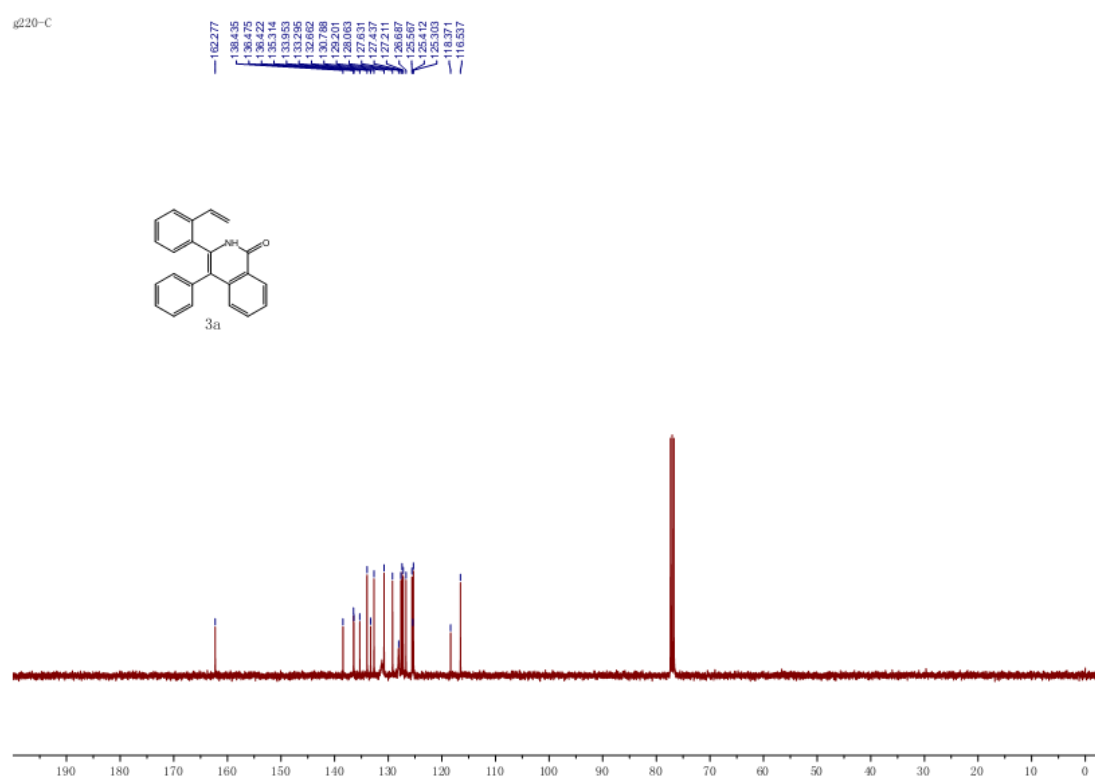


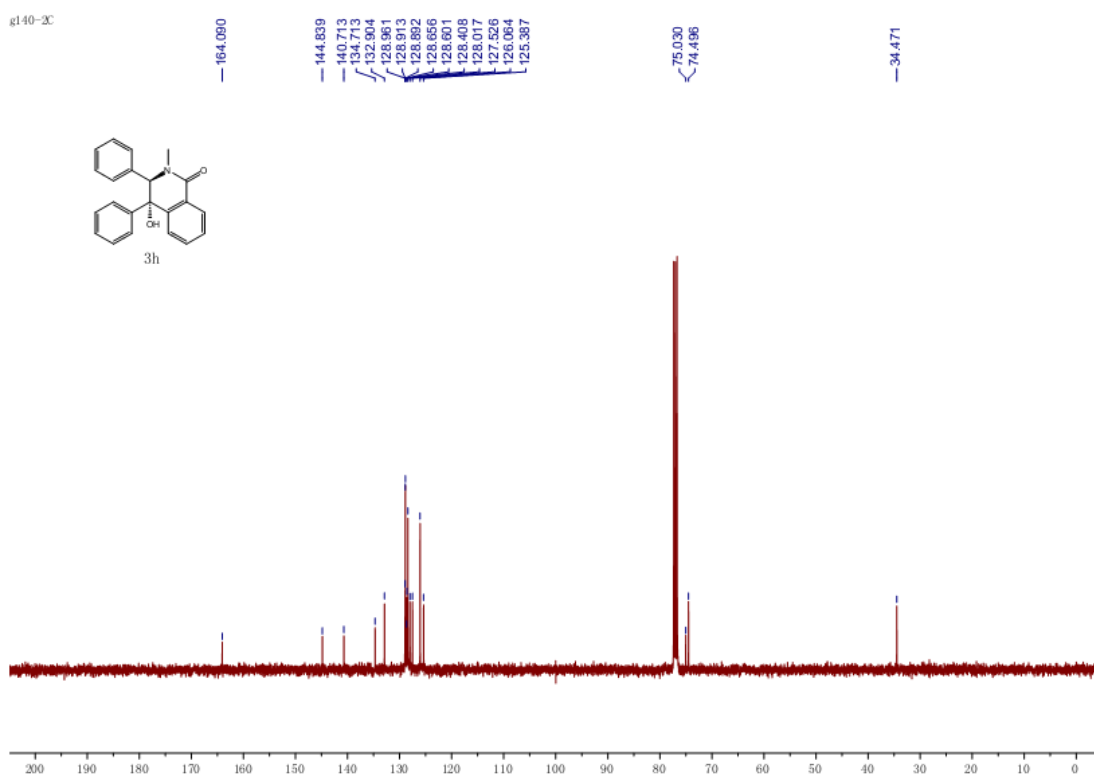
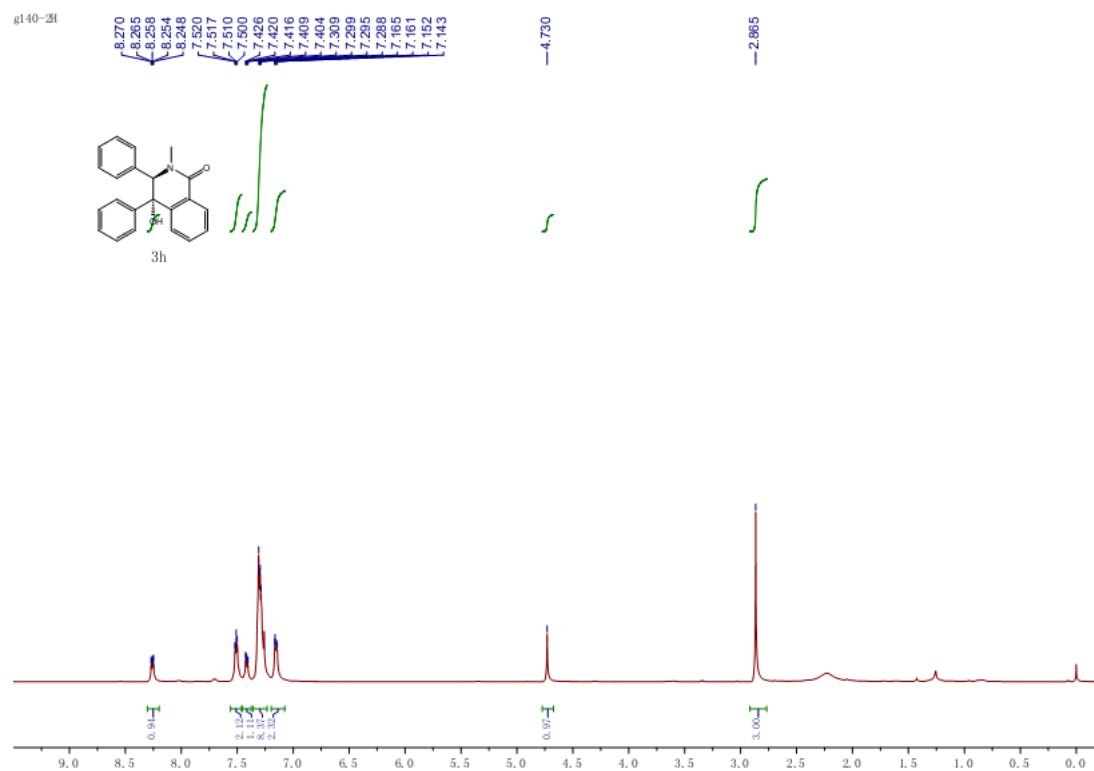


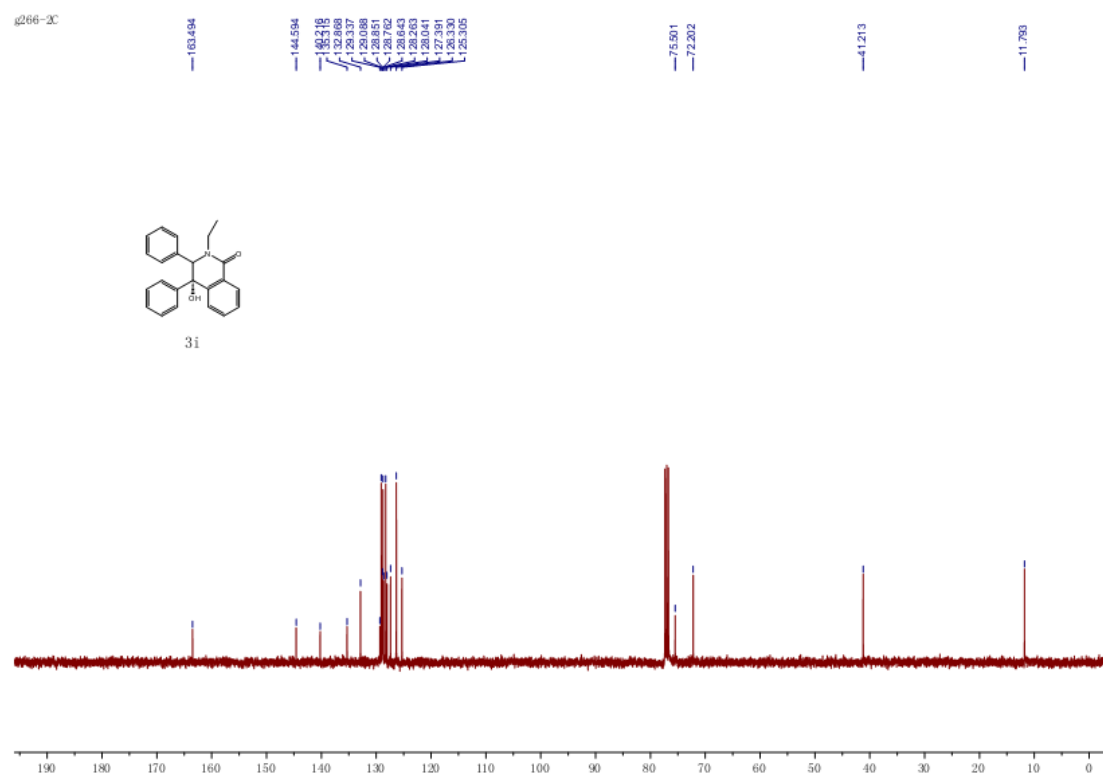
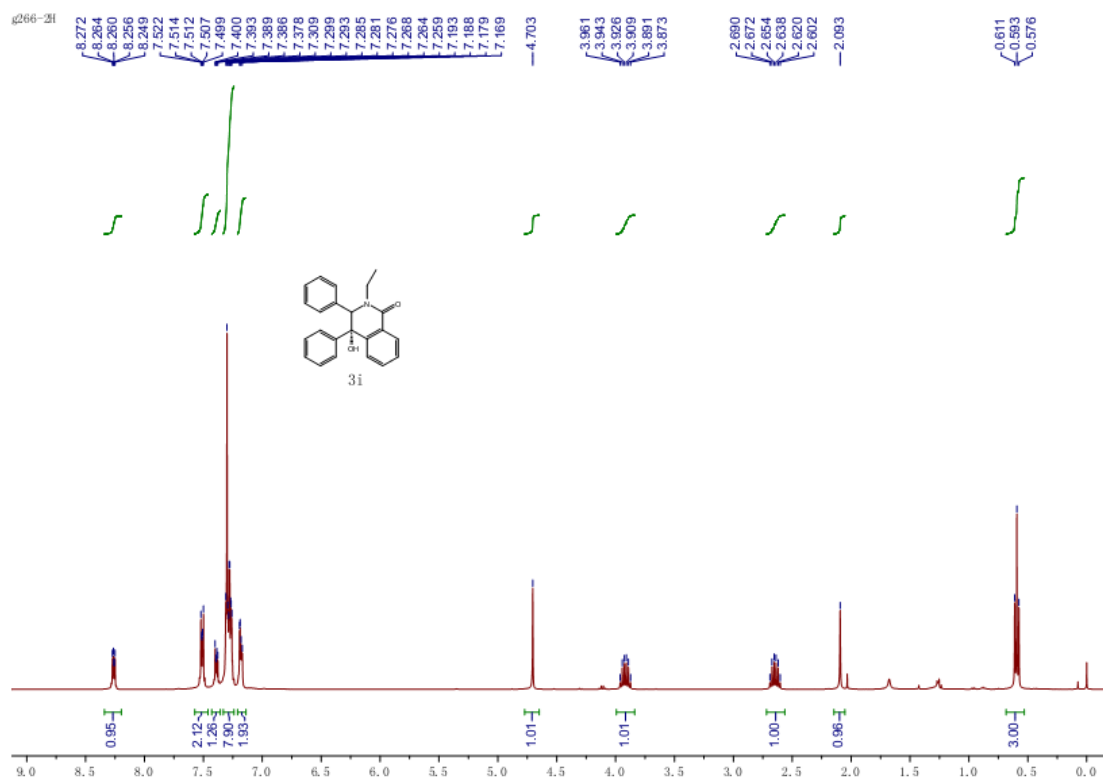
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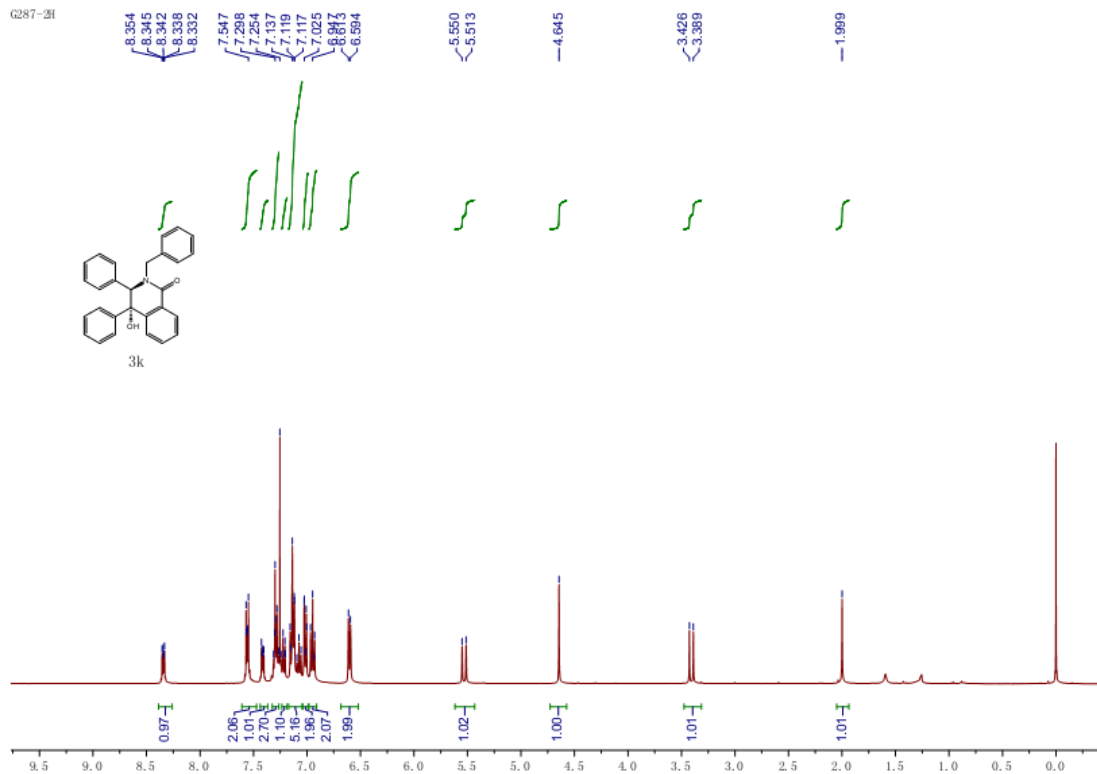
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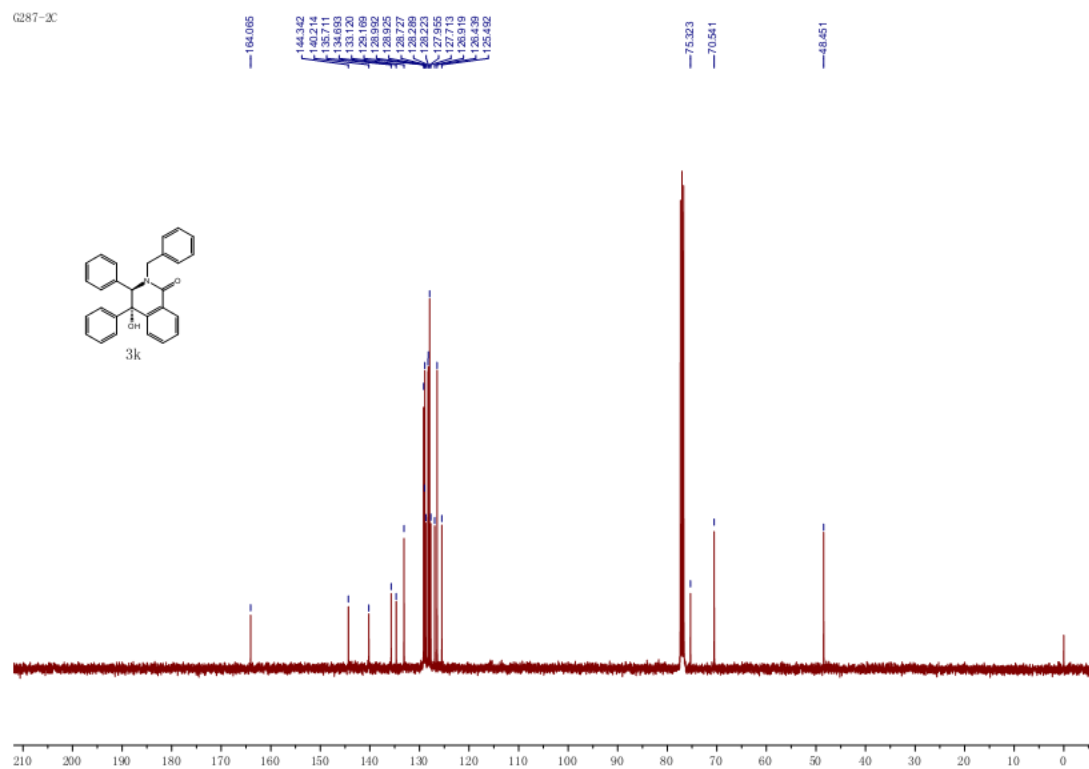


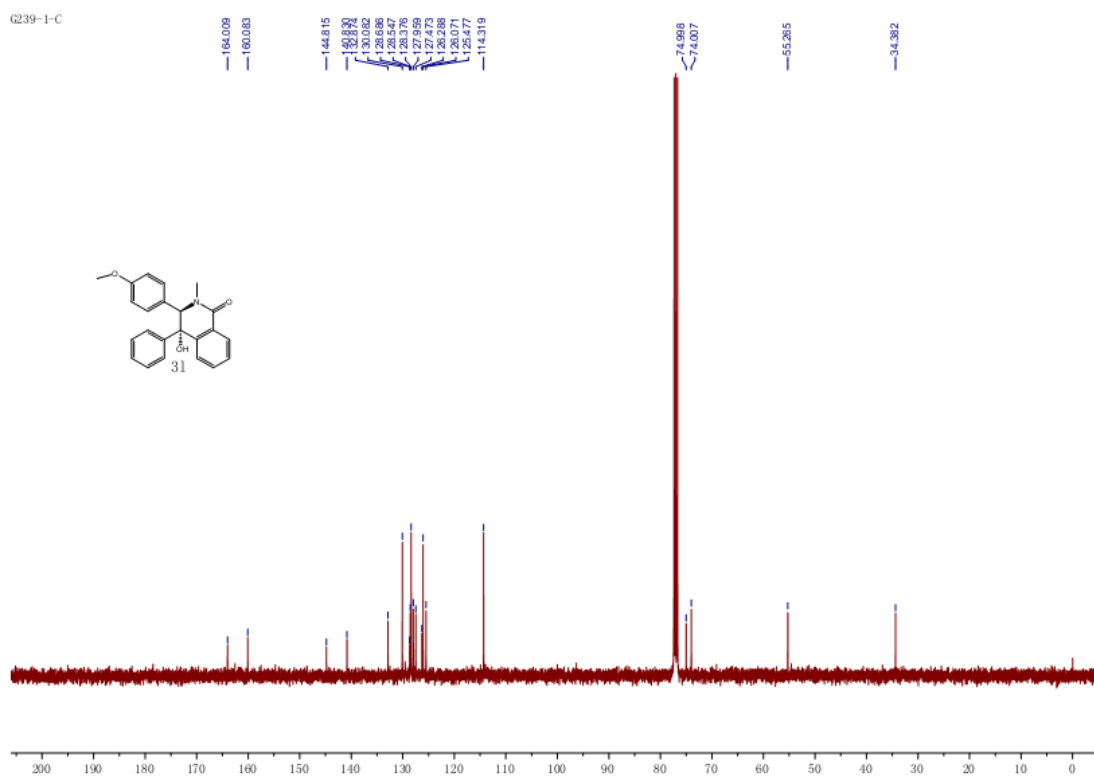
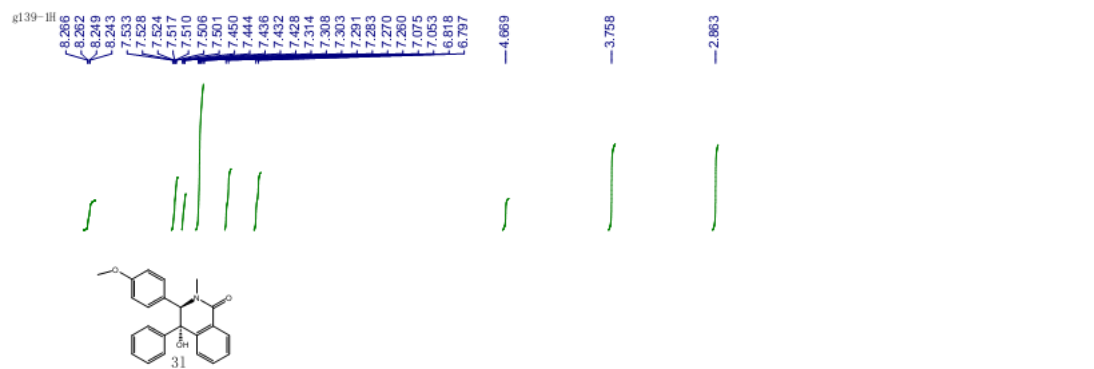


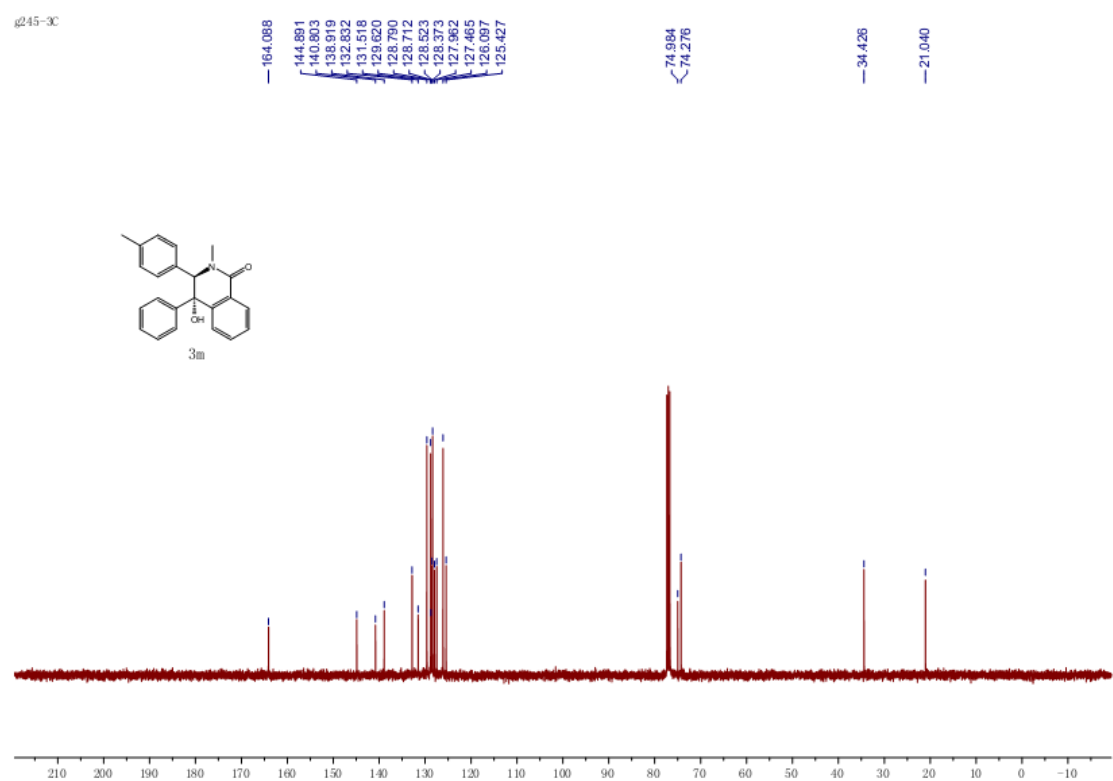
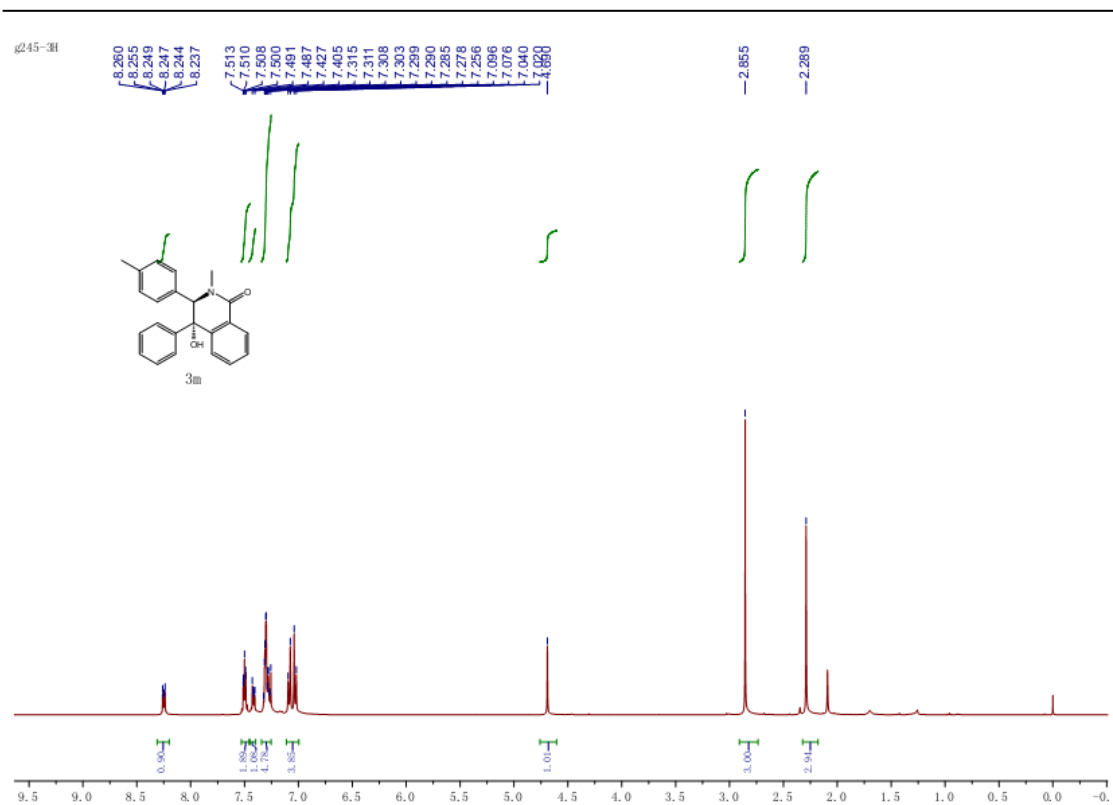
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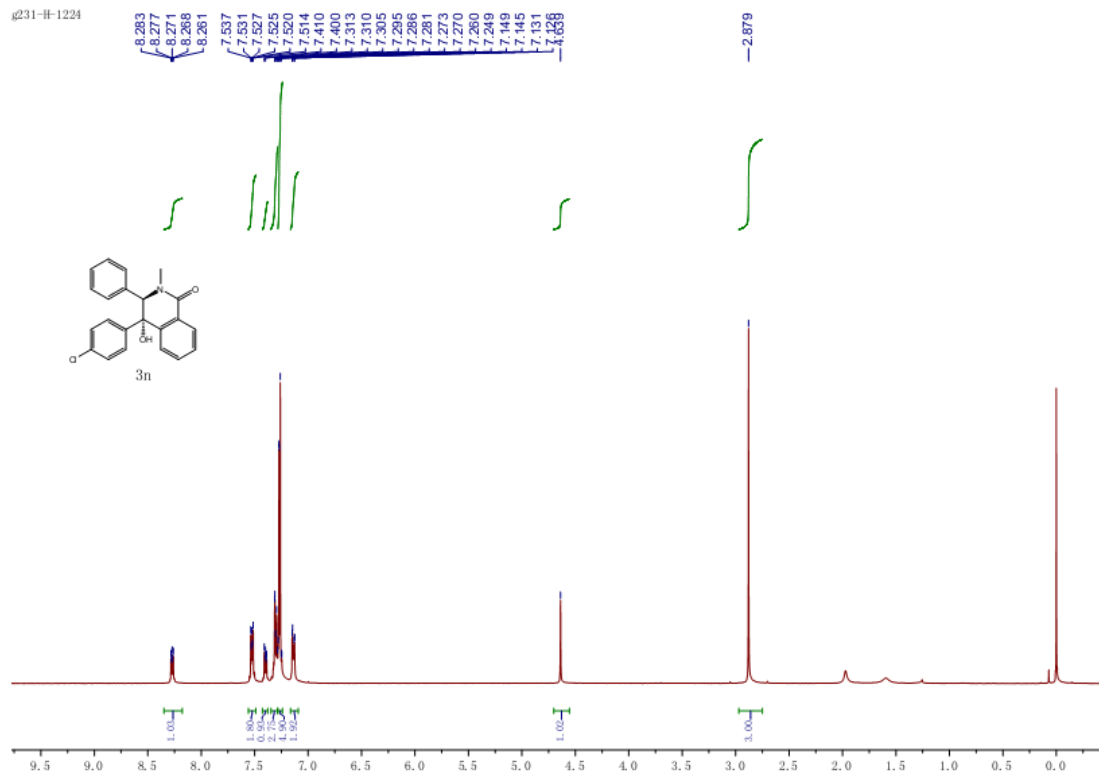
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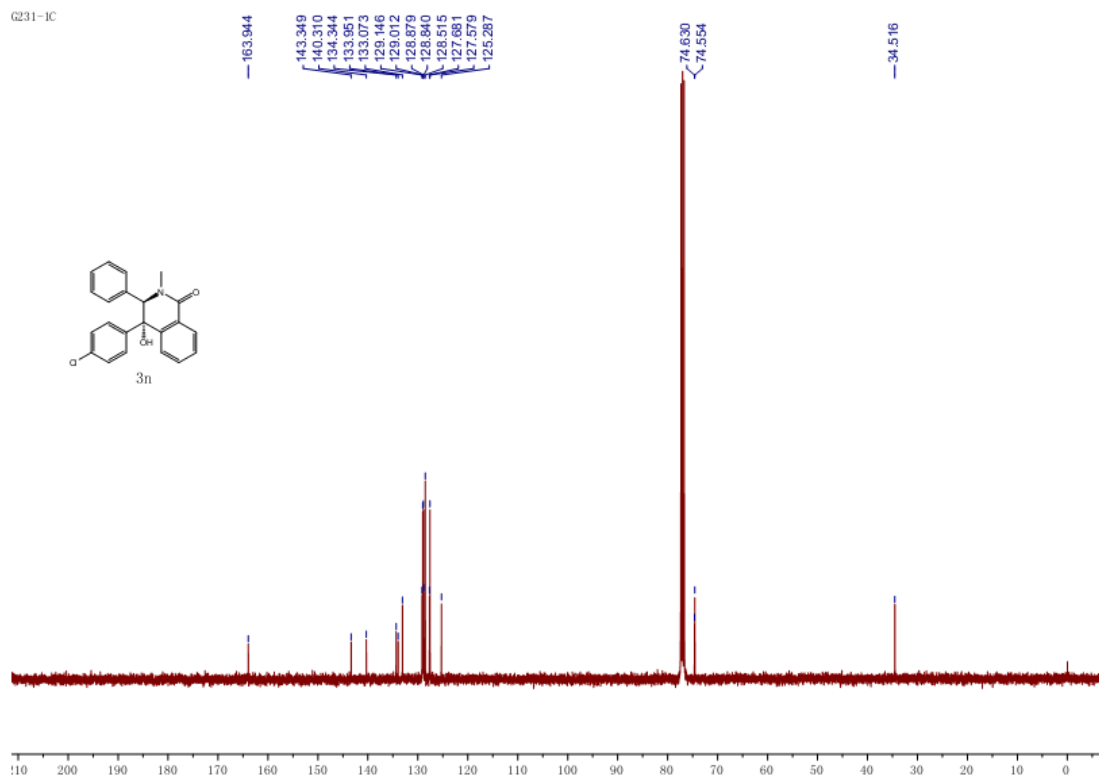


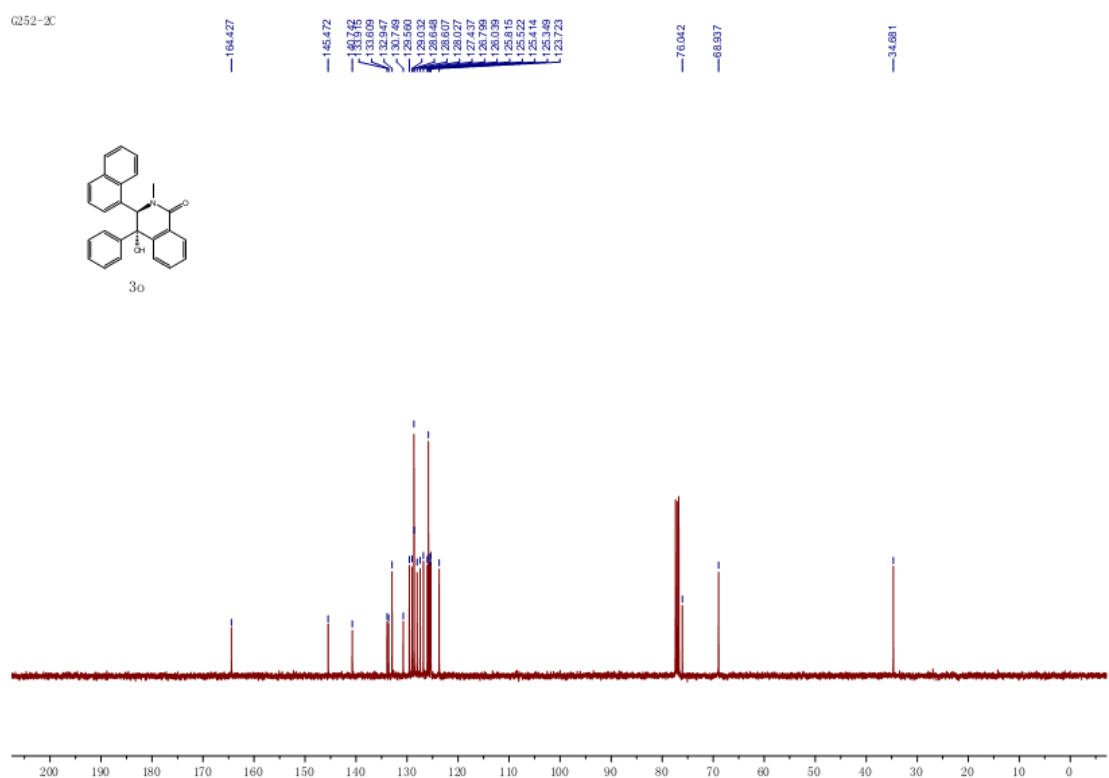
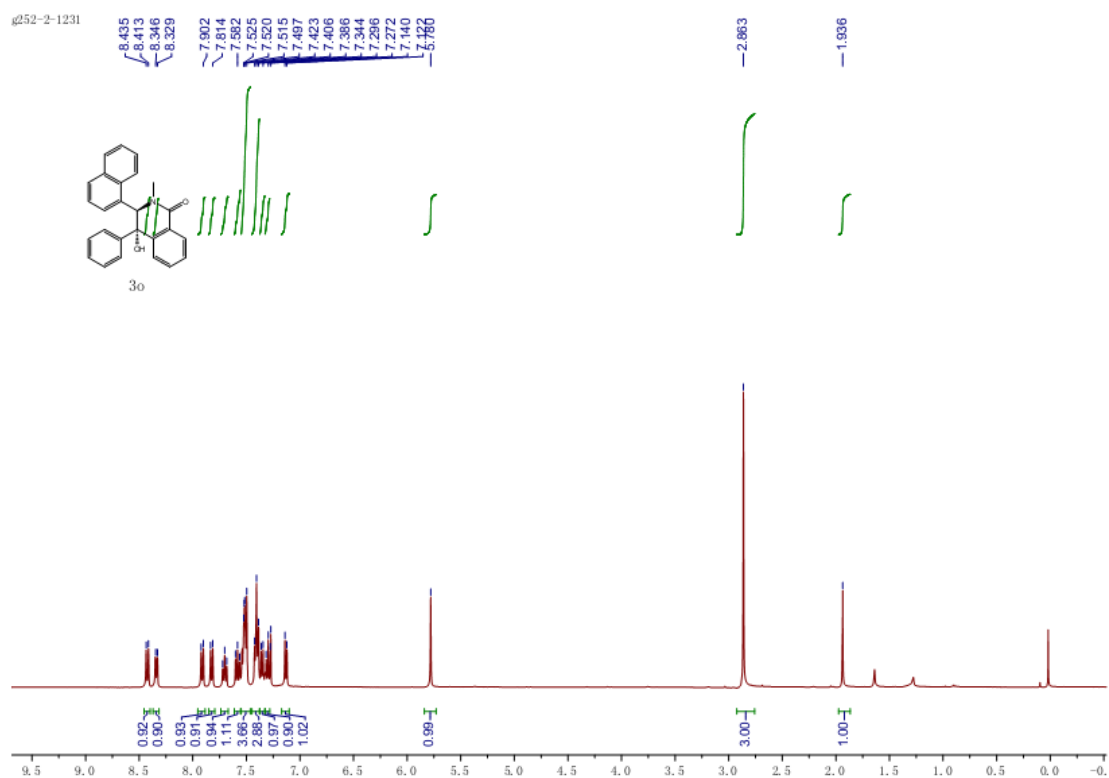


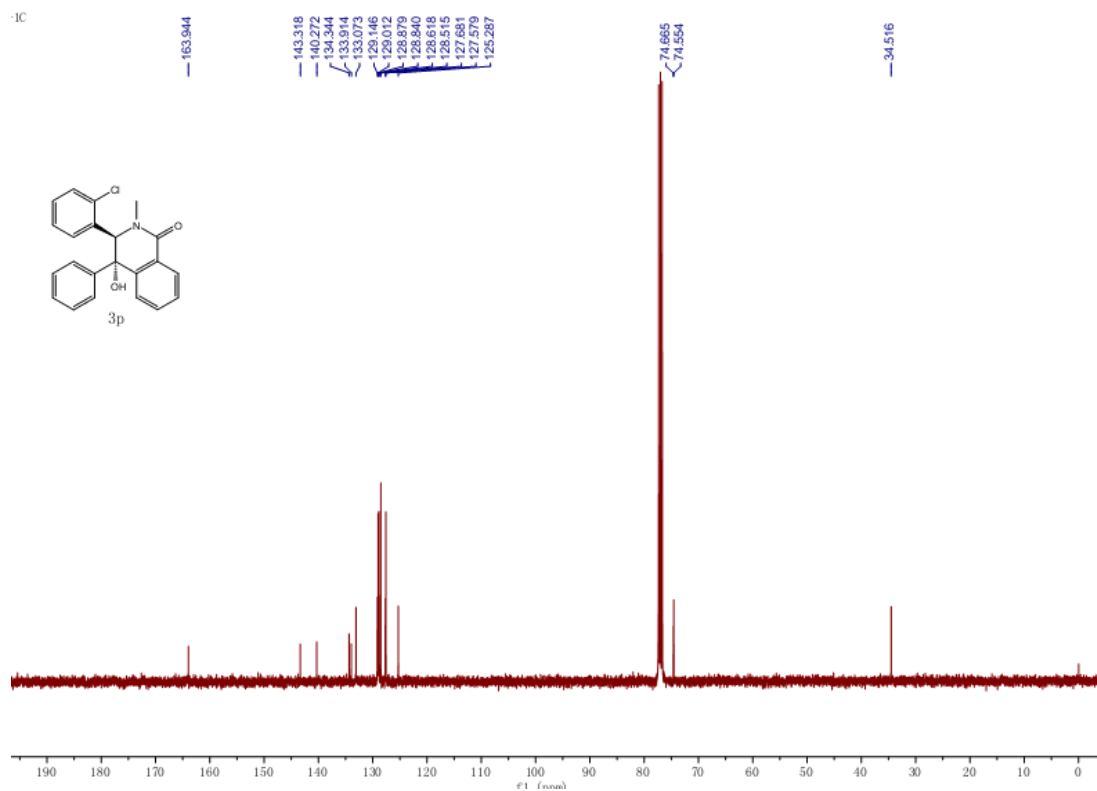
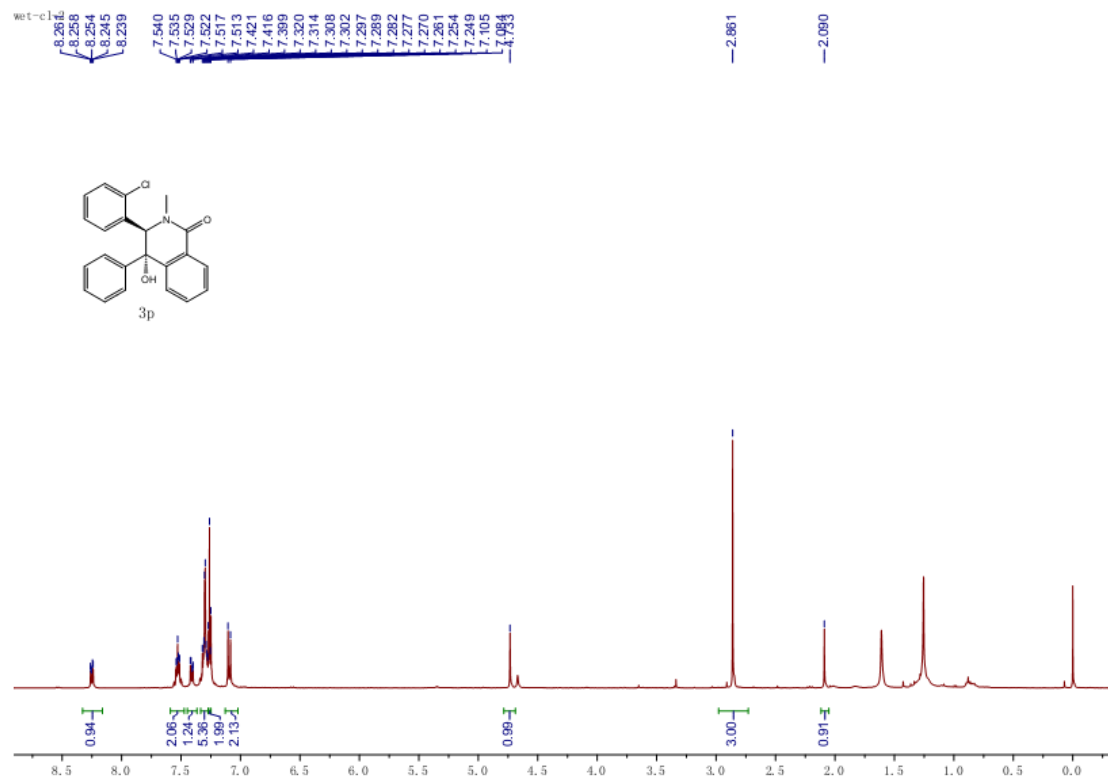
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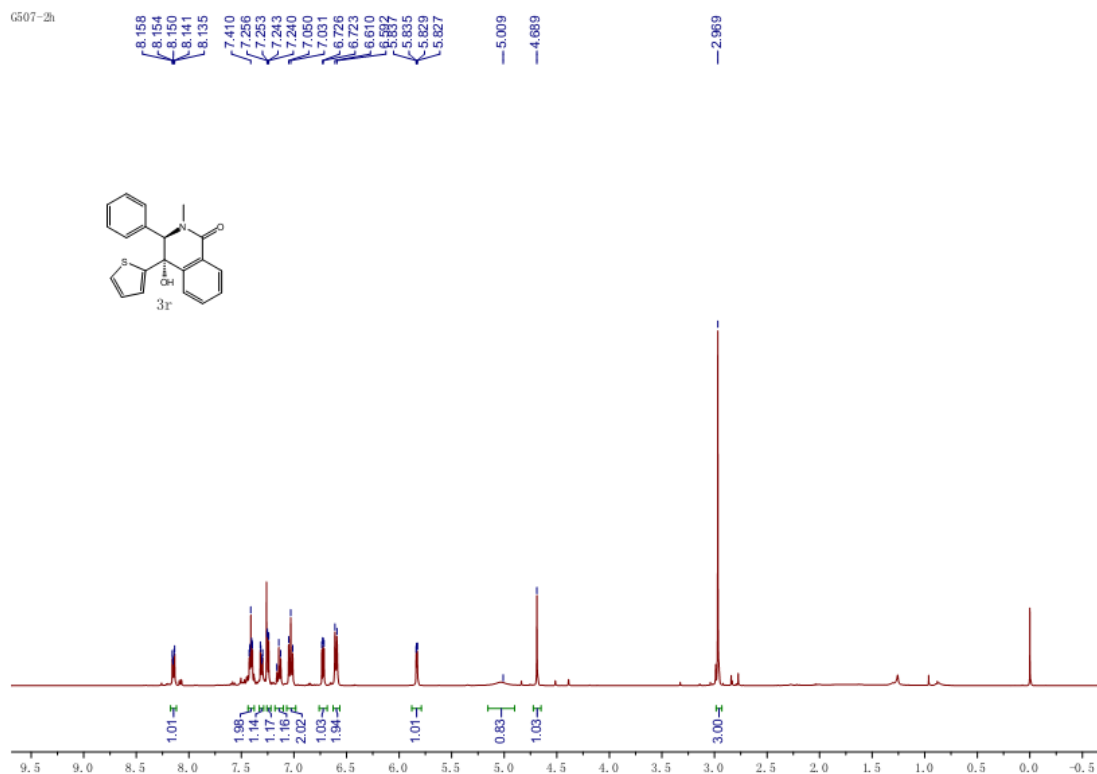
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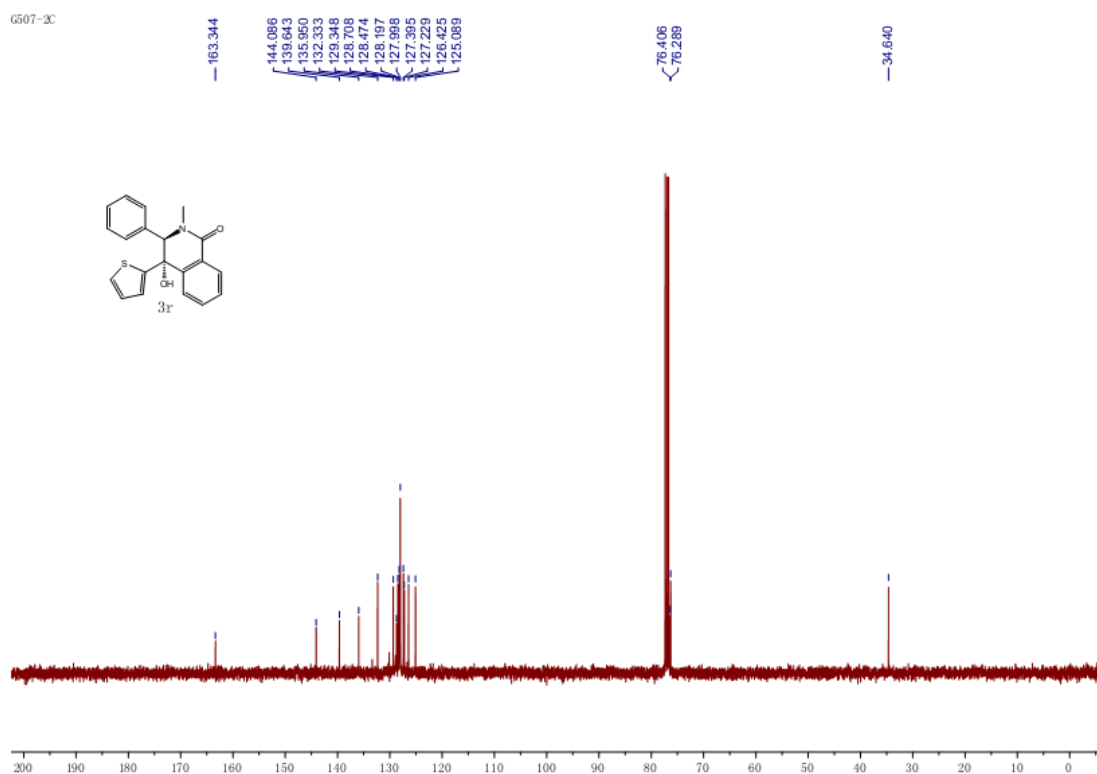




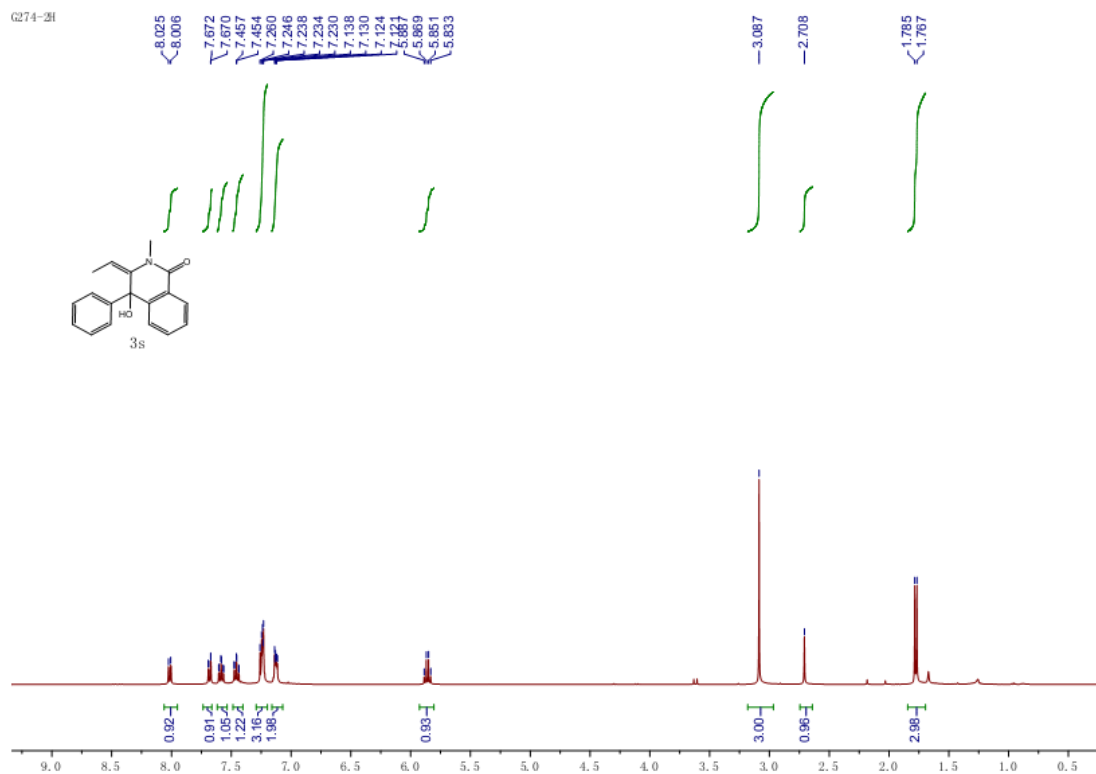
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