

## *Supporting Information*

### **Cp<sup>\*</sup>Rh(III)-Catalysed Regioselective C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H Methylation of 8-Methylquinolines with Organoborons**

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## 1. General consideration

**Reagent information.** Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under air atmosphere in screw cap reaction vials. All solvents were bought from Aldrich in sure-seal bottle and used as such. All chemicals were bought from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa-aezar and TCI. For column chromatography, silica gel (230-400 mesh) from Merck was used. A gradient elution using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate was performed based on Merck aluminium TLC sheets (silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub>).

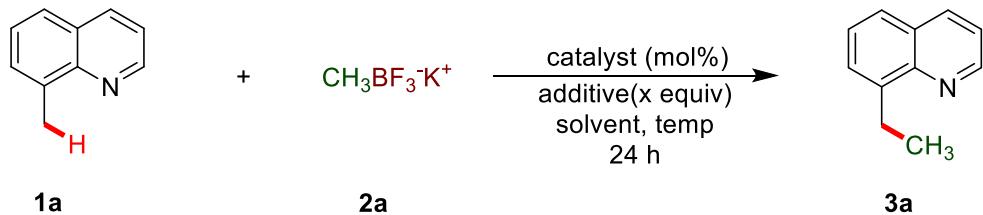
**Analytical information.** The melting points were recorded on a Bronsted Electro thermal 9100. All isolated compounds are characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, LC-MS and IR. In addition, all the compounds are further characterized by HRMS. Mass spectra were recorded on Q-TOF-Micromass and maXis Impact mass spectrometers. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR are provided in this supporting information file. IR was analyzed by Shimadzu IR Prestige-21 with ZnSe Single reflection ATR accessory. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded either on a Bruker-Avance 600 or 300 MHz instrument. All <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments are reported in units, parts per million (ppm) and were measured relative to the signals for residual chloroform (7.26) in the deuterated solvents. All <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were reported in ppm relative to deuterated chloroform (77.16) and all were obtained with <sup>1</sup>H decoupling. Optimization studies were done by NMR and NMR yield were calculated by using TCE as internal standard.

## 2. Preparation of substituted 8-methyl quinolines.

Substituted 8-methyl quinolines **1b** and **1c** were synthesized according to the literature procedure,<sup>1</sup> **1q** and **1r** were synthesized according to the literature procedure from corresponding 6-bromo-8-methylquinoline,<sup>2</sup> compound **1d**, **1f**, **1g**, **1h**, **1i**, **1j**, **1k**, **1m**, **1n**, **1t** and **1u** were synthesized according to the literature procedure,<sup>3</sup> compound **1o** and **1p** were synthesized according to the literature procedure,<sup>4</sup> and all other substituted 8-methyl quinolines were used from commercially available sources.

### 3. Reaction of 8-methyl quinoline with potassium methyltrifluoroborate

#### 3.1 Optimization study (Table S1)



entry	catalyst (mol%)	additive (x equiv)	solvent (0.5 mL)	temp. (°C)	NMR yield (%)	conversion
1	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{AgF}$ (3)	DME	100	45	70
2	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{AgF}$ (3)	DME	50	37	57
3	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	-	DME	65	14	17
4	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)	-	DME	100	Nd	-
5	-	$\text{AgF}$ (3)	DME	100	Nd	-
6	$[\text{CoCOCP}^*\text{I}_2]$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{AgF}$ (3)	DME	100	Nd	-
7	$[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{p-cymene})]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
8	$[\text{IrCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
9	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgBF}_4$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Traces	-
10	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgNTF}_2$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	51	60
11	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/Xanthphos (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
12	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/Johnphos (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
13	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/bisphenylphosphinoethane (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
14	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgCOCF}_3$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	13	25
15	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgCF}_3\text{SO}_3$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	55	62
16	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgCl}$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
17	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgBr}$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
18	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgCN}$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
19	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgClO}_4$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	44	-
20	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgCO}_2\text{Bz}$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
21	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgCO}_2\text{C}_3\text{F}_7$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
22	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgNO}_2$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
23	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgNO}_3$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
24	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgI}$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
25	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{Ag}_3\text{PO}_4$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
26	<b><math>[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2</math> (10)/<math>\text{AgSbF}_6</math> (40)</b>	<b><math>\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3</math> (2)</b>	<b>DME</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>
27	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (15)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (60)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	64	68
28	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (1)	DME	100	52	55
29	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5), $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (3)	DME	100	57	60
30 <sup>a</sup>	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	60	62
31 <sup>b</sup>	<b><math>[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2</math> (5)/<math>\text{AgSbF}_6</math> (20)</b>	<b><math>\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3</math> (2)</b>	<b>DME</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>
32 <sup>c</sup>	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (5)/ $\text{AgSbF}_6$ (20)	$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$ (2)	DME	100	50	52

33	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> O (2)	DME	100	50	50
34	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	MnO <sub>2</sub> (2)	DME	100	30	35
35	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	AgBF <sub>4</sub> (2)	DME	100	20	50
36	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	CuOAc.H <sub>2</sub> O (2)	DME	100	25	30
37	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	NaOAc (2)	DME	100	traces	-
38	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
39	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	O <sub>2</sub>	DME	100	traces	-
40	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> O (1)	DME	100	43	53
41	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	62	70
42	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
43	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	AgClO <sub>4</sub> (2)	DME	100	30	43
44	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	AgCF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	40	50
45	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)	AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (2)	DME	100	52	60
46	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
47	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	tetrabutyl ammonium bromide (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
48	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	tetrabutyl ammonium chloride (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
49	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	sod. tert butoxide (2)	DME	100	Nd	-
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51	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	benzoquinone (2)	DME	100	nd	-
52	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	-	DME	100	38	40
53 <sup>b</sup>	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	50	52
54 <sup>a</sup>	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (40)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	67	-
55 <sup>b</sup>	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (40)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	65	-
56	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DMSO	100	Nd	-
57	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DCE	100	30	33
58	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DMF	100	31	35
59	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DMA	100	25	30
60	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	ACN	100	12	15
61	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	EtOH	100	53	55
62	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	H <sub>2</sub> O	100	40	42
63	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	MeOH	100	37	40
64	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	acetone	100	48	50
65	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	100	35	40
66	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	50	52
67	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	EtOAc	100	53	55
68	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (40)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	TFE	100	12	18
69	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (10), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (40)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	toulene	100	34	40
70	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	THF	100	58	60

71	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5), AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	1,4-dioxane	100	35	40
72 <sup>d</sup>	[RhCp*Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (5)/AgSbF <sub>6</sub> (20)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	DME	100	61	70

<sup>a</sup>Reaction time 36 h. <sup>b</sup>reaction time 48 h. <sup>c</sup>reaction time 72 h. <sup>d</sup>**2a** (4 equiv). Nd: not detected.

### 3.2 General procedure for the methylation of 8-methyl quinolines with potassium methyl trifluoroborate

To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 8-methylquinoline (0.3 mmol), potassium methyl trifluoroborate (0.9 mmol), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv) and dimethoxyethane (1.5 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 48 h. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography using silica gel (230–400 mesh size) and *n*-hexane: EtOAc as the eluent.

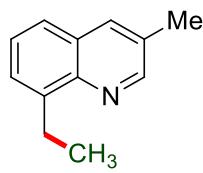
### 3.3 General procedure for 1.0 mmol scale reaction

To an oven-dried 20 ml schlenk tube charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 7-methoxy-8-methylquinoline (1.0 mmol), potassium methyltrifluoroborate (3 equiv), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.0 equiv) and dimethoxyethane (5.0 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 48 h. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography using silica gel (230–400 mesh size) and *n*-hexane: EtOAc (5:95) as the eluent provided product (**3h**) in 63% (117.9 mg) isolated yield.

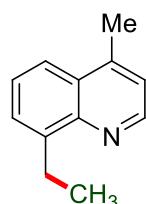
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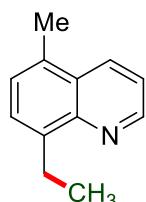
8-ethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry **3a**).<sup>5</sup> Colourless liquid, yield = 28.8 mg (61%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/*n*-hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 8.94 – 8.95 (m, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 3.31 – 3.34 (m, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ): 149.3, 146.9, 143.0, 136.5, 128.5, 128.0, 126.5, 125.9, 120.9, 24.7, 15.1. IR (ZnSe) *v*<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2953, 2924, 2853, 1742, 1462, 1377, 1283, 1244, 1163, 1098, 1034, 802. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N, 158.0964; found 158.0964.



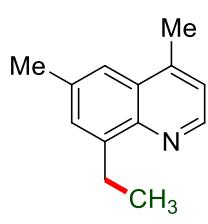
*8-ethyl-3-methylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3b).* Yellow liquid, yield = 20.0 mg (39%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.79 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.51 (m, 2H), 3.30 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 151.4, 145.2, 142.9, 135.2, 130.2, 128.4, 127.1, 126.6, 125.3, 24.7, 18.8, 15.2. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2963, 2926, 2870, 1605, 1489, 1452, 1366, 1337, 1234, 1159, 1059, 970, 881, 764, 704. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}$ , 172.1121; found 172.1120.



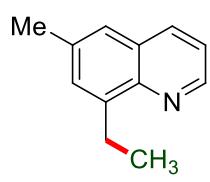
*8-ethyl-4-methylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3c).*<sup>6</sup> Colourless liquid, yield = 20.5 mg (40%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.80 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 149.0, 146.6, 144.5, 143.6, 128.5, 127.8, 126.2, 121.8, 25.1, 19.2, 15.3. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2963, 2924, 2870, 2326, 1597, 1574, 1508, 1452, 1439, 1406, 1395, 1308, 1103, 835, 810, 758. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}$ , 172.1121; found 172.1126.



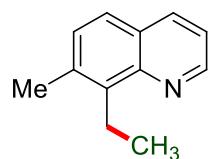
*8-ethyl-5-methylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3d).* Colourless liquid, yield = 20.0 mg (39%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.95 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.26–3.30 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.37–1.40 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 148.8, 147.1, 141.0, 132.8, 132.3, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 120.5, 24.7, 18.7, 15.2. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2963, 2924, 2868, 2336, 1599, 1503, 1452, 1356, 1152, 1069, 1030, 970, 835, 785, 683. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}$ , 172.1121; found 172.1129.



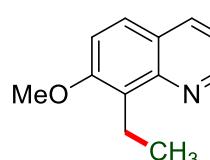
*8-ethyl-4,6-dimethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3e).* Colourless liquid, yield = 26.7 mg (48%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.73 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 148.1, 145.2, 143.7, 143.2, 135.8, 130.0, 128.5, 121.8, 120.8, 25.0, 22.1, 19.1, 15.3. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2963, 2922, 2326, 1595, 1501, 1437, 1375, 854, 829, 517. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}$ , 186.1277; found 186.1279.



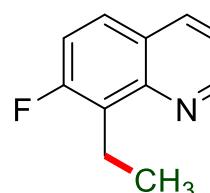
*8-ethyl-6-methylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3f).* Yellow liquid, yield = 23.6 mg (46%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.87 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 2H), 7.34 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 148.5, 145.5, 142.7, 136.2, 135.8, 130.4, 128.7, 124.7, 120.9, 24.6, 21.8, 15.2. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2961, 2924, 2855, 1726, 1609, 1493, 1454, 1369, 1260, 1036, 860, 808, 783. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}$ , 172.1121; found 172.1128.



*8-ethyl-7-methylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3g).* Colourless liquid, yield = 34.4 mg (67%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.92 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.25 – 1.28 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 149.4, 146.8, 140.3, 136.4, 136.2, 130.0, 126.9, 125.1, 120.0, 20.8, 20.0, 14.5. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3426, 2926, 1726, 1503, 1462, 1362, 1096, 1084, 1055, 1038, 831, 800, 478, 432. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}$ , 172.1121; found 172.1124.

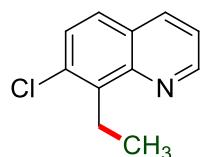


*8-ethyl-7-methoxyquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3h).* Reaction time 60 h. Yellow liquid, yield = 41.0 mg (73%). Isolated from flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.91 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.29 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 1.25 – 1.27 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 157.1, 150.2, 147.4, 136.3, 128.4, 126.5, 123.8, 118.7, 114.0, 56.6, 17.7, 14.6. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2967, 2932, 2870, 1603, 1589, 1487, 1456, 1443, 1422, 1369, 1312, 1234, 1175, 1123, 1086, 1059, 1028, 955, 847, 829, 795, 775, 696, 664, 640, 596, 584, 557, 550, 534, 500, 467, 453, 426. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ , 188.1070; found 188.1073.

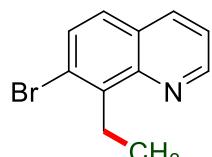


*8-ethyl-7-fluoroquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3i).* Reaction time 60 h. Colourless liquid, yield = 27.9 mg (53%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.95 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.33 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 160.59 (d,  $J_{CF}$  = 244.5 Hz), 150.3,

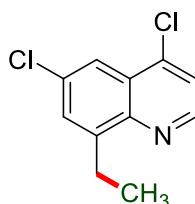
147.68 (d,  $J_{CF} = 10.5$  Hz), 136.5, 127.25 (d,  $J_{CF} = 15.4$  Hz), 126.95 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz), 125.6, 120.08 (d,  $J_{CF} = 1.5$  Hz), 117.08 (d,  $J_{CF} = 27.0$  Hz) 17.23 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 14.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): -114.09. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2941, 2926, 2832, 1423, 1101, 1022, 962, 939, 835, 800, 687, 592, 565, 550, 527, 490, 453, 430, 401. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}$ , 176.0870; found 176.0871.



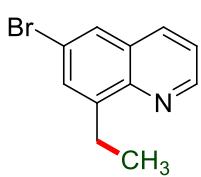
*7-chloro-8-ethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3j).* Colourless liquid, yield = 32.2 mg (56%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.96 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.31 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 150.3, 147.3, 140.5, 136.4, 134.3, 128.4, 127.2, 126.5, 121.0, 22.0, 13.9. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2968, 2932, 2872, 2326, 1607, 1587, 1489, 1458, 1373, 1362, 1314, 1125, 1088, 1061, 1042, 955, 870, 829, 799, 625, 471. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}$ , 192.0575; found 192.0579.



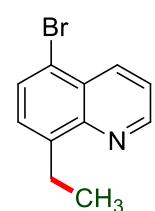
*7-bromo-8-ethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3k).* Colourless liquid, yield = 65.2 mg (92%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.94 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.31 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 150.2, 147.2, 142.6, 136.4, 131.2, 127.6, 126.7, 125.1, 121.1, 24.9, 13.9. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2961, 2932, 2870, 2837, 1611, 1595, 1570, 1501, 1460, 1427, 1360, 1317, 1260, 1234, 1171, 1138, 1107, 1084, 1055, 1032, 957, 908, 826, 799, 772, 692, 677, 573, 550, 490, 430. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}$ , 236.0069; found 236.0066.



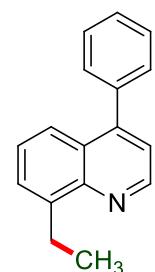
*4,6-dichloro-8-ethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3l).* White solid, yield = 31.1 mg (46%). Mp = 49–51°C. Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.76 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.25 – 3.29 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.38 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 148.8, 146.3, 146.0, 141.9, 133.7, 129.9, 127.5, 121.9, 121.0, 24.9, 14.9. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2963, 2926, 2851, 2326, 1580, 1474, 1364, 1321, 1285, 1190, 1119, 1092, 1063, 1038, 959, 862, 837, 800, 758, 685, 637, 521, 419. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}$ , 226.0185; found 226.0181.



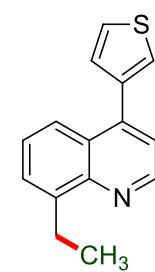
*6-bromo-8-ethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3m).* Colourless liquid, yield = 36.8 mg (52%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.93 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.39 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 149.6, 145.6, 145.5, 135.5, 131.4, 129.7, 127.8, 121.8, 120.6, 24.5, 14.9. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2965, 2928, 1726, 1589, 1570, 1487, 1454, 1360, 1314, 1190, 1134, 1030, 959, 860, 839, 806, 781, 758, 714, 596, 586, 505, 461. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}$ , 236.0069; found 236.0064.



*5-bromo-8-ethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3n).* Colourless liquid, yield = 29.7 mg (42%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.94 – 8.96 (m, 1H), 8.52 – 8.55 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 149.9, 147.6, 143.4, 135.9, 130.3, 128.4, 127.7, 122.1, 119.4, 24.7, 15.0. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2963, 2928, 2870, 2336, 1589, 1564, 1491, 1460, 1379, 1348, 1148, 1038, 1018, 957, 895, 831, 787, 752, 617, 488. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}$ , 236.0069; found 236.0062.

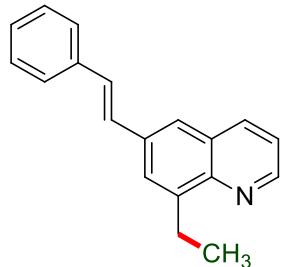


*8-ethyl-4-phenylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3o).* Colourless liquid, yield = 39.2 mg (56%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.97 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.52 (m, 6H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 1.44 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 148.9, 148.8, 147.3, 143.3, 138.7, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.0, 126.5, 124.0, 121.3, 25.2, 15.3. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2963, 2928, 2336, 1585, 1566, 1508, 1489, 1464, 1445, 1404, 1395, 1260, 1074, 1059, 1032, 853, 826, 800, 762, 700, 656, 584, 565, 550, 449. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}$ , 234.1277; found 234.1273.

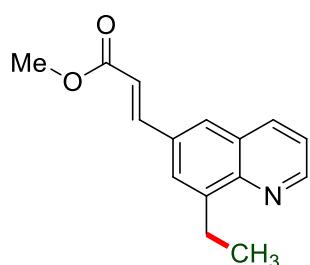


*8-ethyl-4-(thiophen-3-yl)quinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3p).* Colourless liquid, yield = 28.7 mg (40%). Isolated from flash chromatography (3% EtOAc/n-hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 8.95 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 3.36 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ): 148.8, 147.2, 143.7, 143.3, 139.1, 129.1, 128.1, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2,

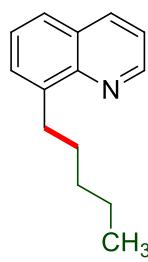
125.0, 123.8, 121.1, 25.1, 15.3. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2963, 2926, 2868, 2326, 1587, 1570, 1501, 1466, 1452, 1416, 1356, 1256, 1200, 1082, 1059, 1024, 849, 826, 787, 766, 729, 683, 654, 583. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NS, 240.0841; found 240.0838.



*(E)-8-ethyl-6-styrylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3q).* White solid, yield = 34.2 mg (44%). Mp = 97–99 °C. Isolated from flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/n-hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.89 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 3.33 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 149.1, 146.9, 143.3, 137.35, 136.38, 135.4, 129.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 126.8, 125.8, 124.3, 121.4, 24.9, 15.2. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3026, 2959, 2924, 2862, 2328, 1726, 1585, 1574, 1493, 1445, 1377, 1364, 1076, 1034, 966, 881, 843, 791, 750, 692, 613. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N, 260.1434; found 260.1438.



*(E)-methyl 3-(8-ethylquinolin-6-yl)acrylate (Scheme 2, Entry 3r).* White solid, yield = 30.4 mg (42%). Mp = 68–70 °C. Isolated from flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/n-hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.94 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.30 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 167.5, 150.3, 147.9, 144.5, 144.0, 136.9, 132.4, 128.5, 127.6, 125.7, 121.7, 118.9, 51.9, 24.8, 15.0. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2965, 2924, 2841, 1703, 1638, 1589, 1489, 1429, 1377, 1308, 1283, 1238, 1194, 1165, 1128, 1069, 1022, 980, 853, 791, 762, 729, 606, 575, 436. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, 242.1176; found 242.1176.

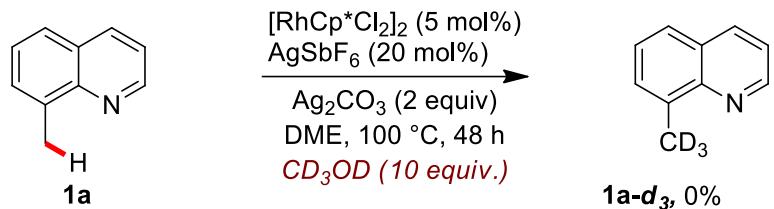


*8-pentylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3s).*<sup>7</sup> Yellow liquid, yield = 6.0 mg (10%). Isolated from flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/n-hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.94 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.46 (m, 4H), 0.89 – 0.91 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 149.4, 147.1, 141.9, 136.5, 128.8, 128.6, 126.4, 125.9, 120.9, 32.1, 31.5, 30.5, 22.8, 14.2. IR (ZnSe)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2955, 2924,

2857, 1597, 1499, 1466, 1366, 1261, 1163, 1078, 1026, 966, 826, 793, 758, 729. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N, 200.1434; found 200.1433.

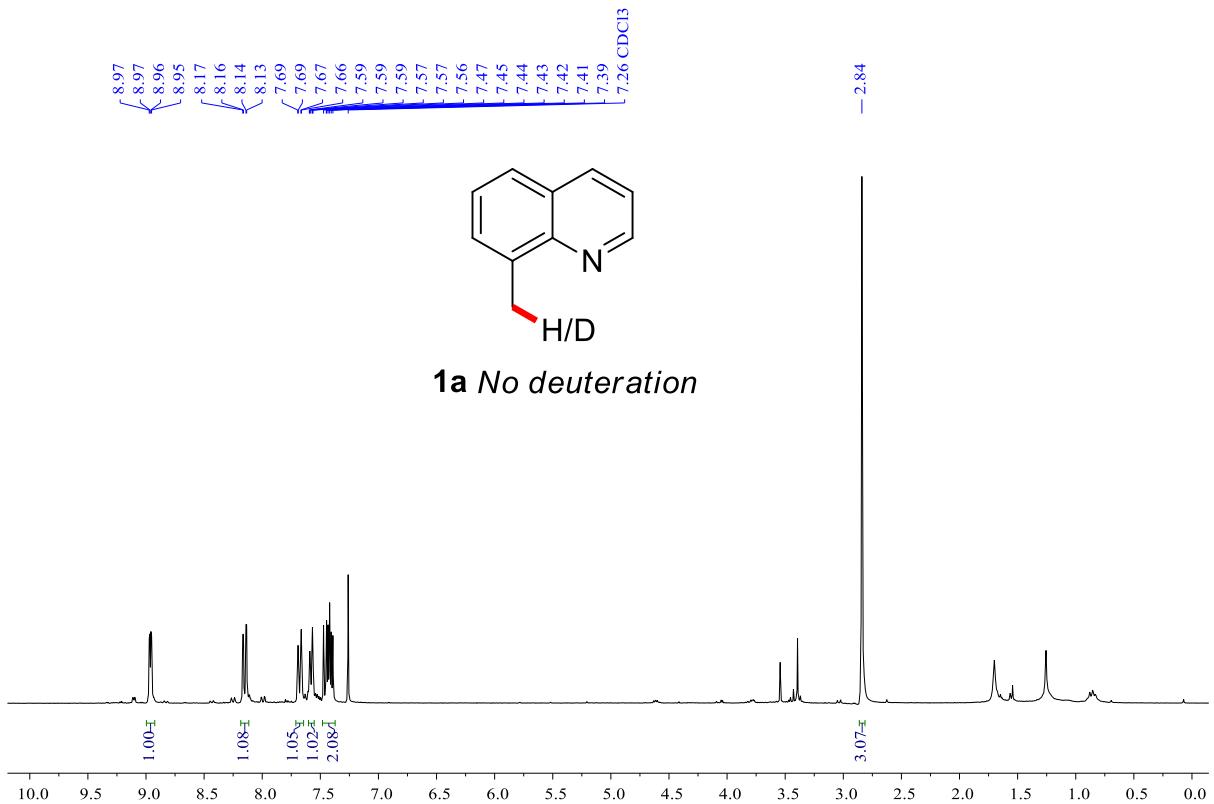
## 4. Mechanistic study

### 4.1 Deuterium labeling experiments under methylation condition (Scheme S1)

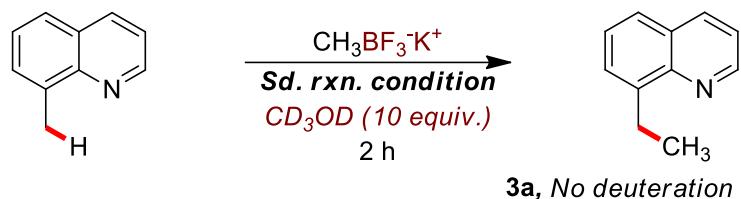


To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 8-methylquinoline (0.1 mmol), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv), CD<sub>3</sub>OD (10 equiv) and dimethoxyethane (0.5 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 48 h. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was analysed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. No deuteration was observed.

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR

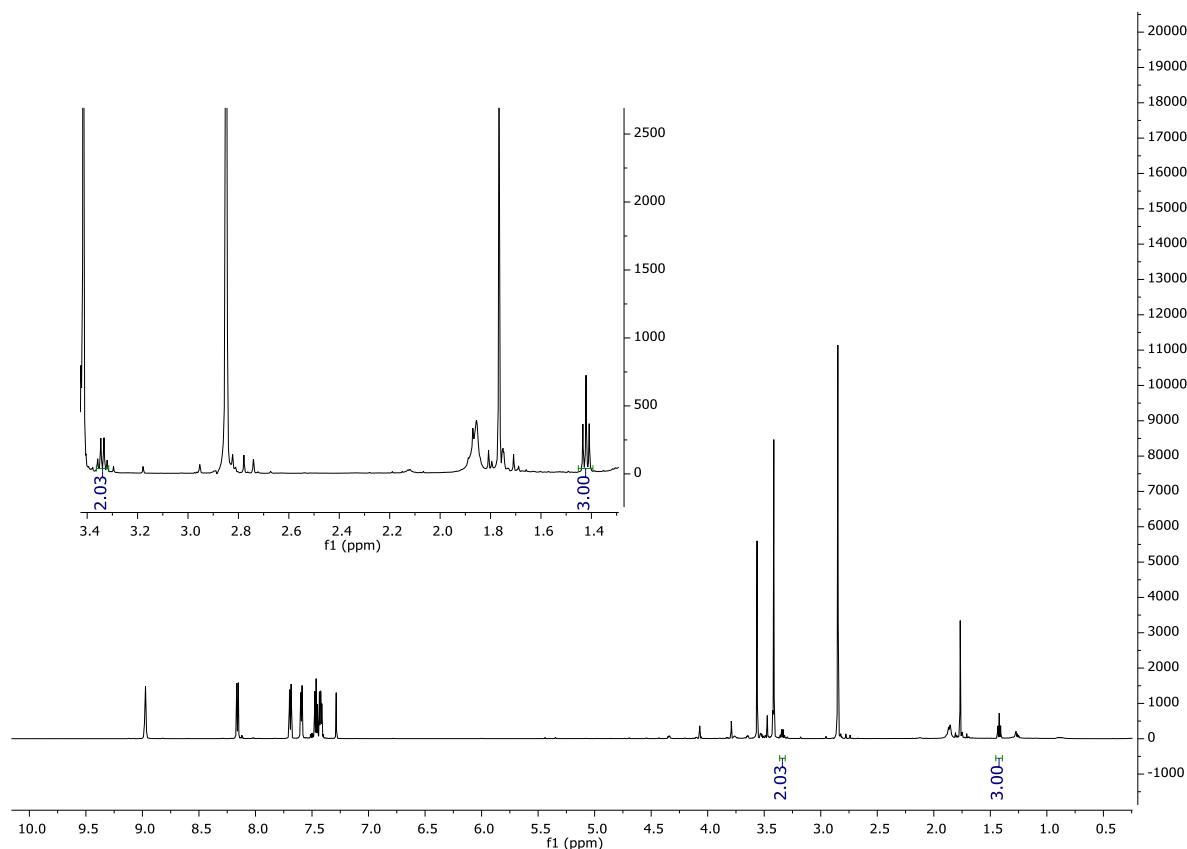


4.2 Deuterium lebling experiments under methylation condition (Scheme S2)

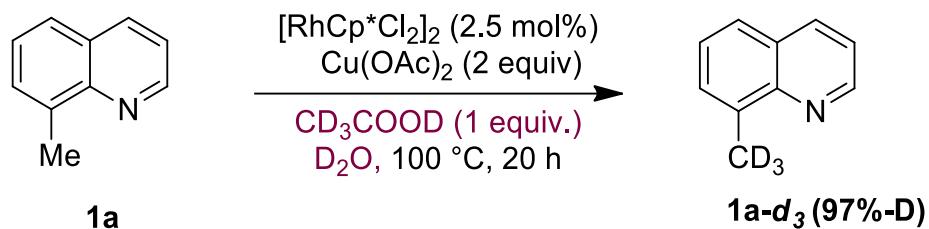


To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 8-methylquinoline (0.1 mmol), potassium methyltrifluoroborate (3 equiv),  $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (20 mol%),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equiv),  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (10 equiv) and dimethoxyethane (0.5 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2 h. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was analysed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR. No deuteration was observed.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR**

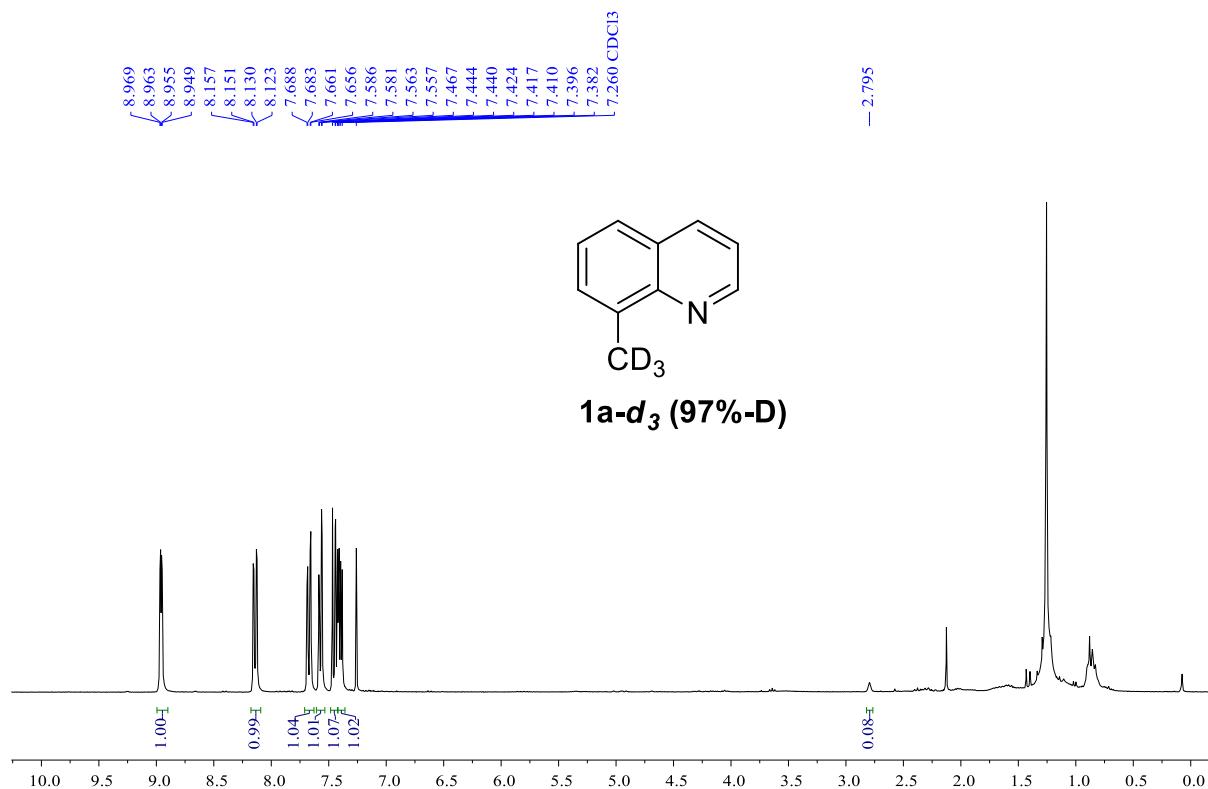


#### 4.3 Synthesis of **1a-d3** (Scheme S3)<sup>8</sup>

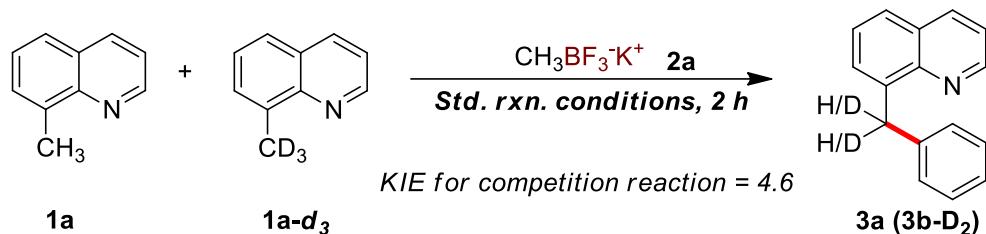


To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 8-methylquinoline (**1a**) (0.3 mmol),  $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (2.5 mol %),  $\text{CD}_3\text{COOD}$  (1 equiv.) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (2 equiv.) were added in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (1 mL) under air at room temperature subsequent reaction mixture was stir at 100 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography using silica gel (230-400 mesh size) and *n*-hexane: EtOAc as eluent.

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR

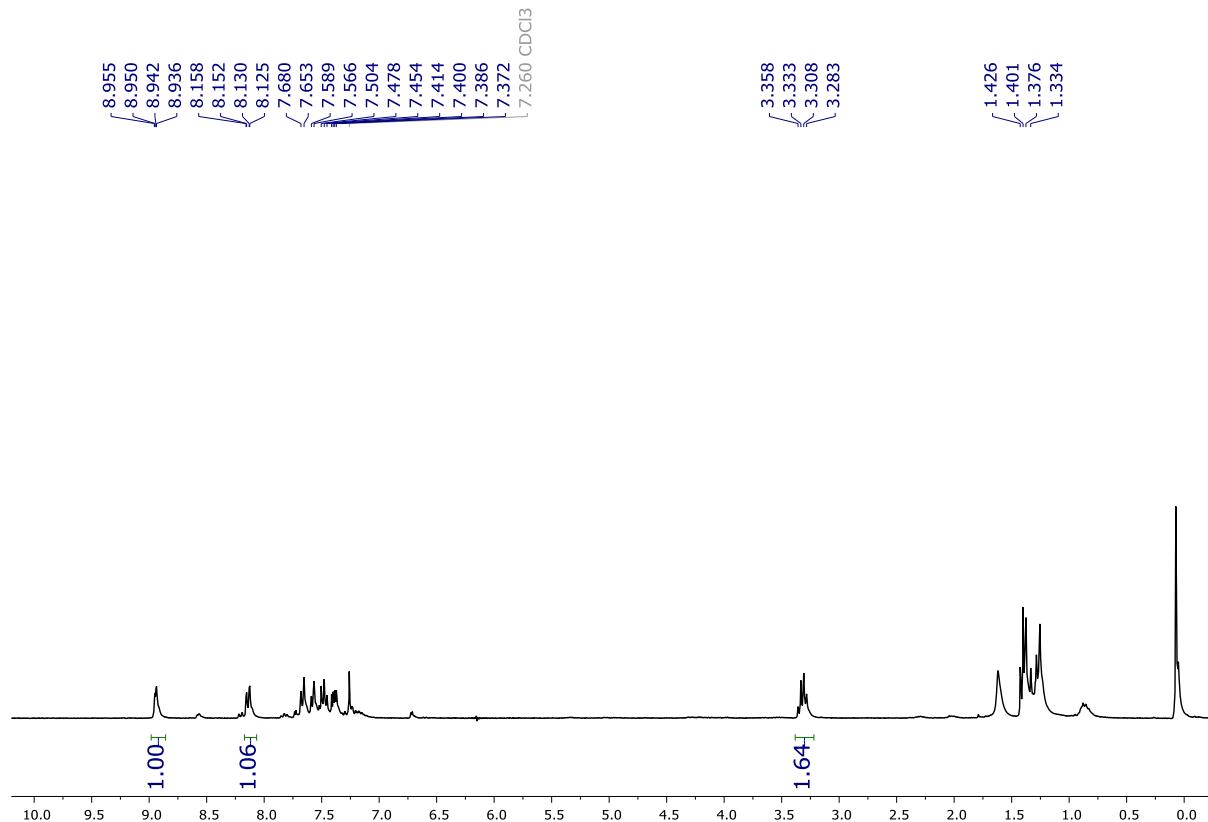


**4.4 Competition experiment under methylation condition for KIE (Kinetic Isotopic Effect) (Scheme S4)**

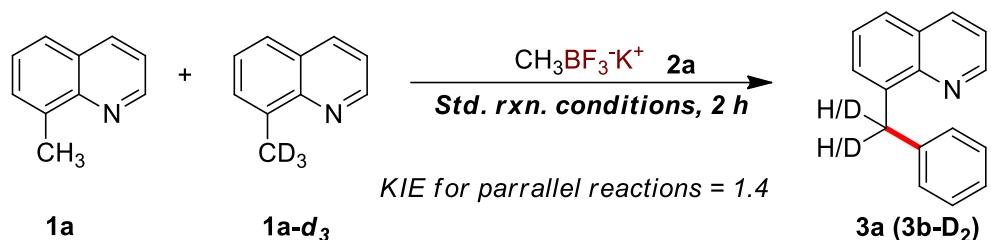


To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 8-methylquinoline (0.1 mmol), 8-methyl quinoline-*d*<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol), potassium methyltrifluoroborate (0.6 mmol), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv) and dimethoxyethane (1.0 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2 h. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography using silica gel (230–400 mesh size) and *n*-hexane: EtOAc as the eluent. The kinetic isotope effect value (*k*<sub>H</sub>/*k*<sub>D</sub>) was found 4.6.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR**

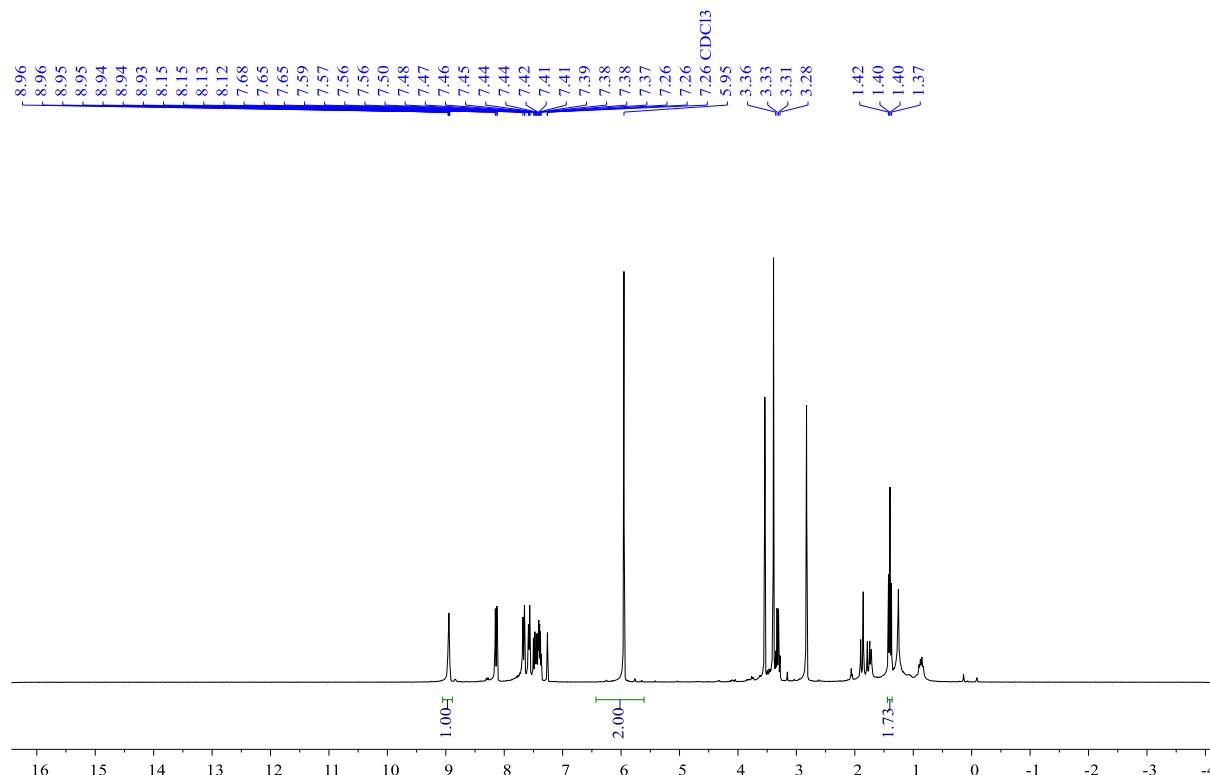


*4.5 Parallel experiment under methylation condition for KIE (Kinetic Isotopic Effect) (Scheme S5)*

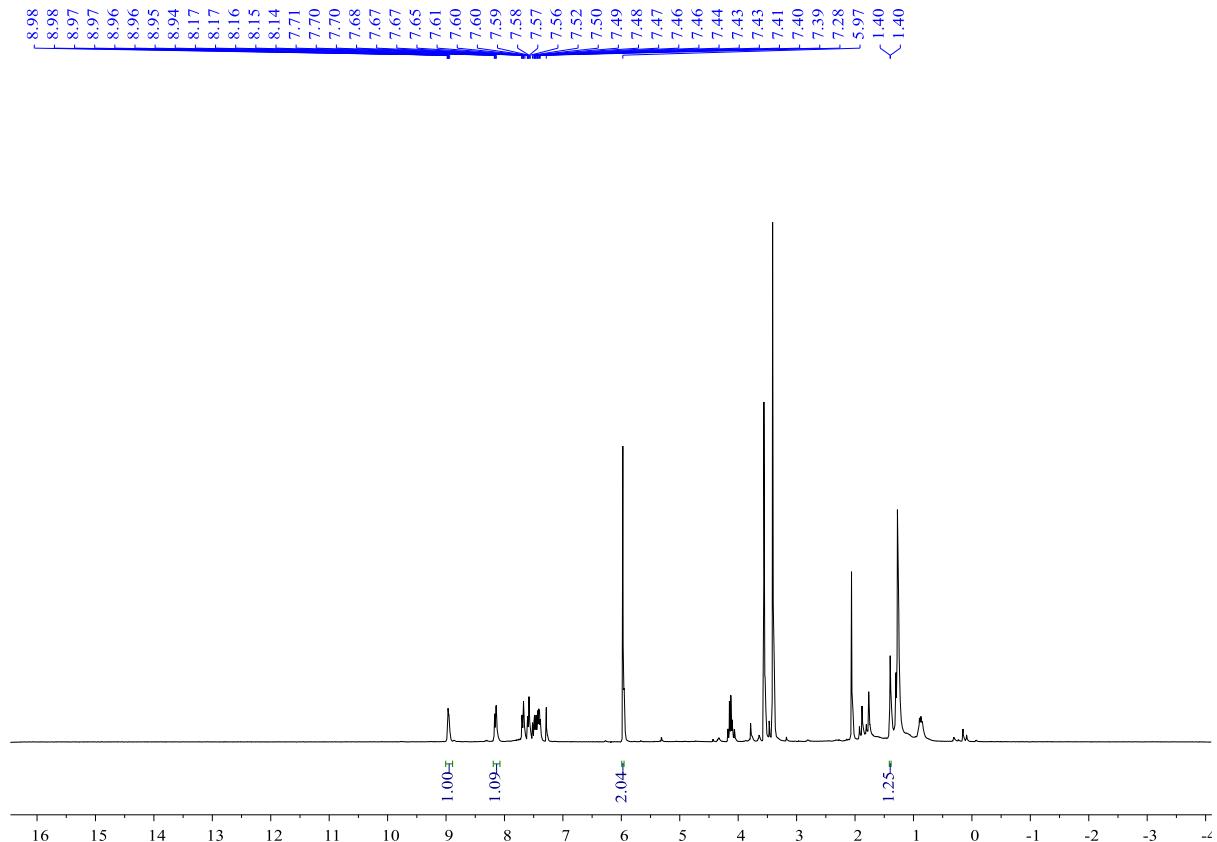


To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 8-methylquinoline (0.1 mmol), potassium methyl trifluoroborate (0.3 mmol), [RhCp\*Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv) and dimethoxyethane (0.5 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2 h. In another reaction tube 8-methyl quinoline-*d*<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol) was used instead of 8-methyl quinoline. The two-reaction mixtures were allowed to stir at 100 °C for 2h. Both reaction mixtures were analyzed through <sup>1</sup>H NMR using TCE as an internal standard and the calculated NMR yields of products **3aa** and **3aa-D<sub>2</sub>** was 57% and 41%, respectively. The kinetic isotope effect value (*k*<sub>H</sub>/*k*<sub>D</sub>) was found 1.4.

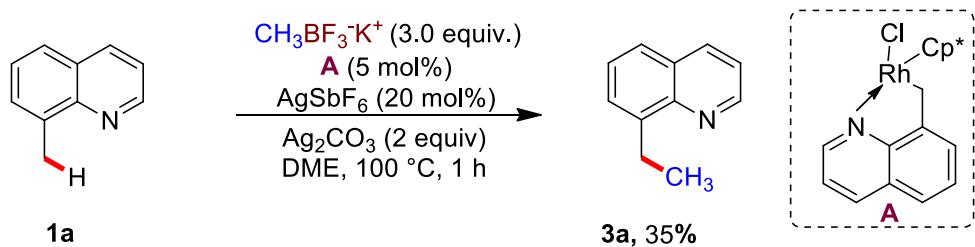
### <sup>1</sup>H NMR



## **<sup>1</sup>H NMR**

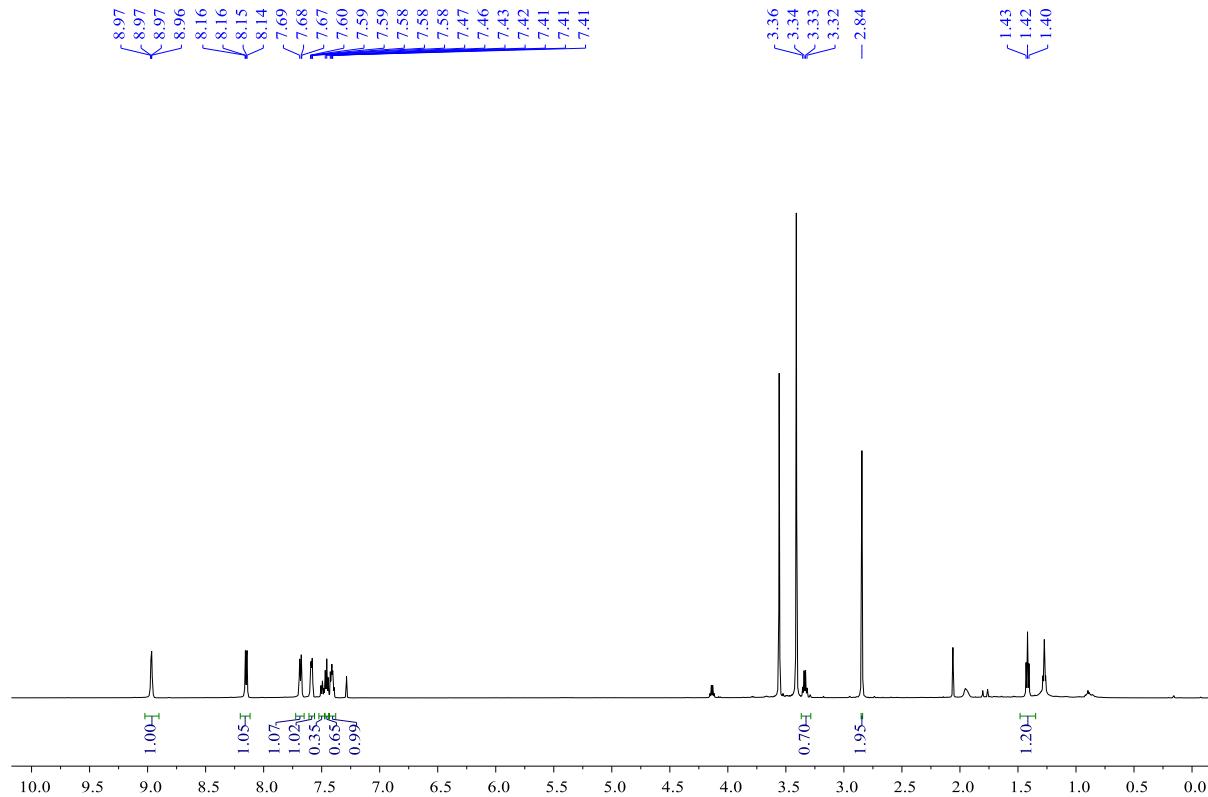


#### 4.6 Intermediate study (Scheme S6)



To an oven-dried screw cap reaction vial charged with a spin vane magnetic stir-bar, 8-methylquinoline (0.1 mmol), potassium methyl trifluoroborate (0.3 mmol), rhodacycle **A** (5 mol %),  $\text{AgSbF}_6$  (20 mol%),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2.0 equiv) and dimethoxyethane (0.5 mL) were added. The subsequent reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 48 h. Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the crude mixture was analysed by  $^1\text{H}$ NMR the calculated NMR yield of product **3a** was 35%, and 65% reactant remains as such.

#### $^1\text{H}$ NMR



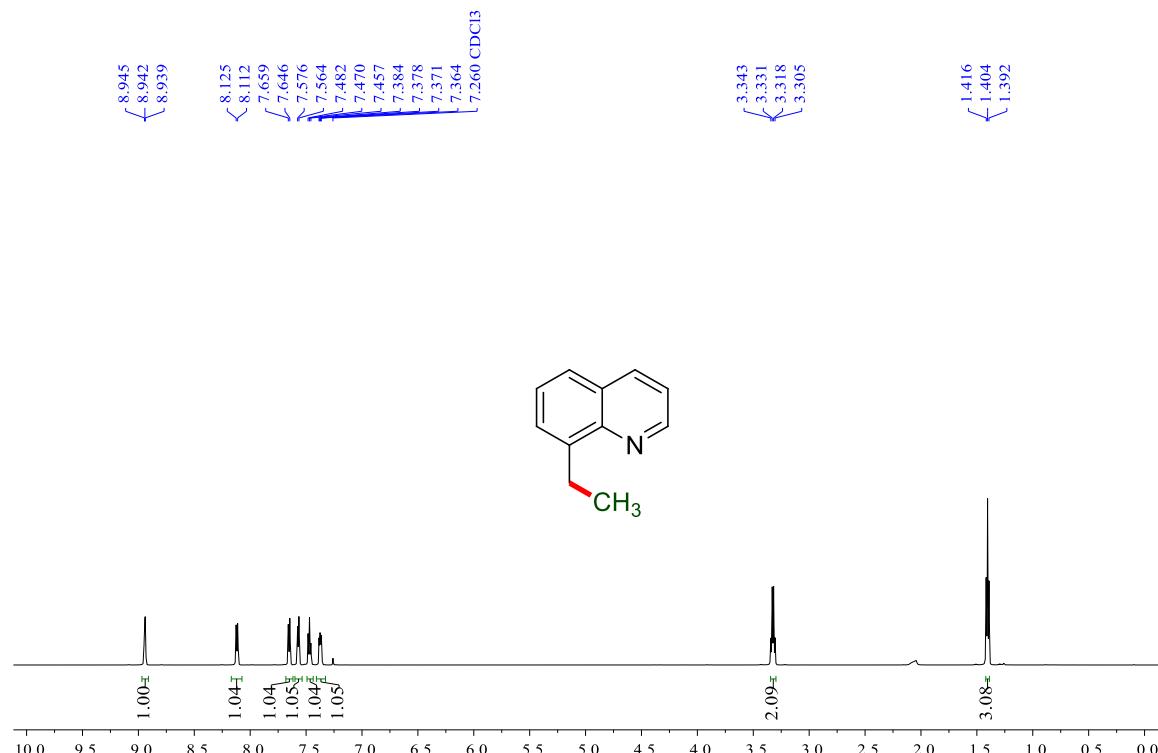
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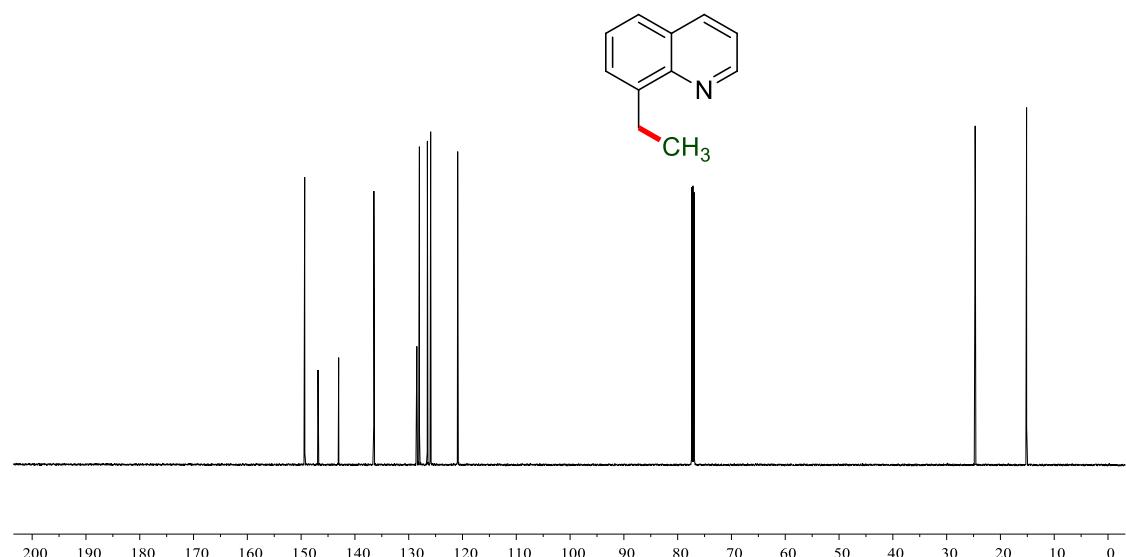
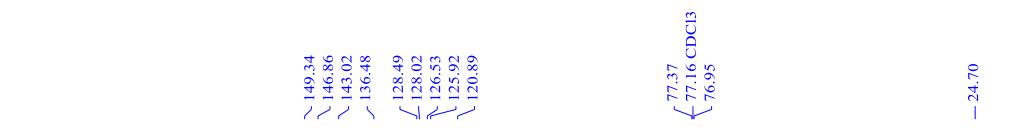
## 6. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ Spectra of Synthesized Compounds

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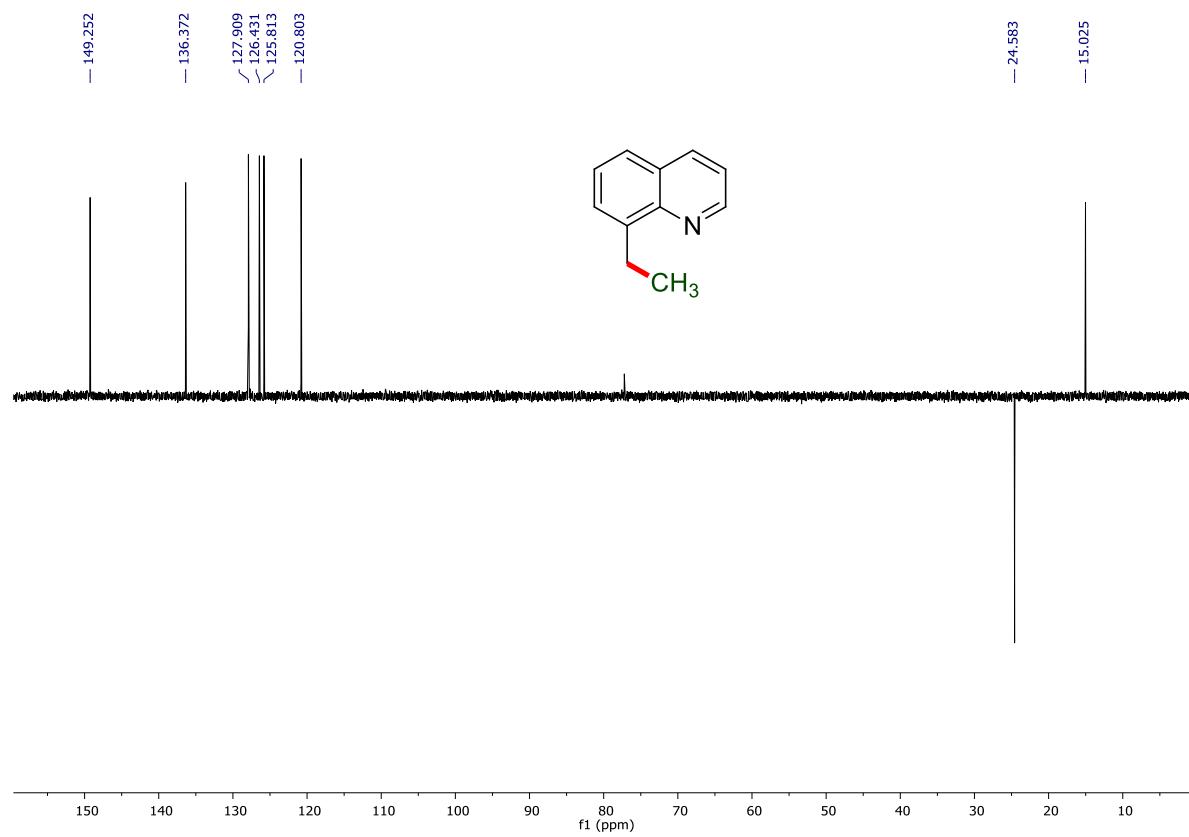
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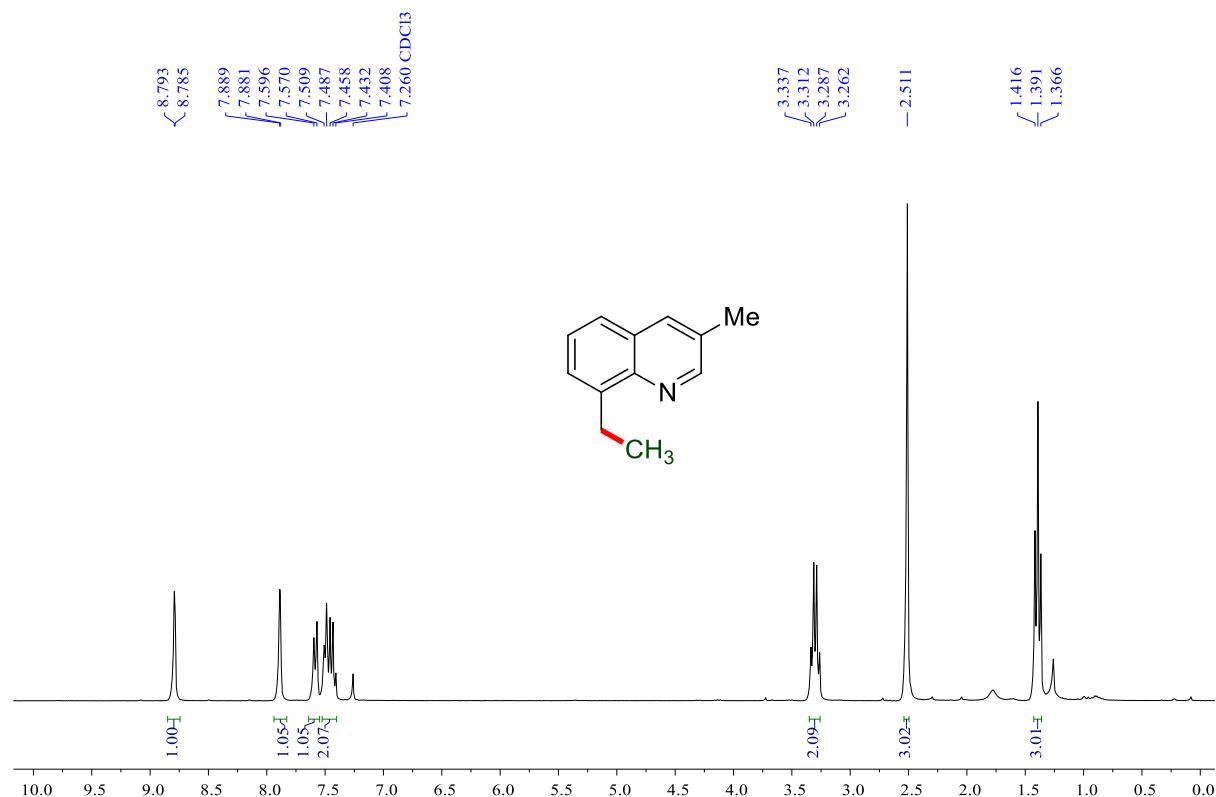


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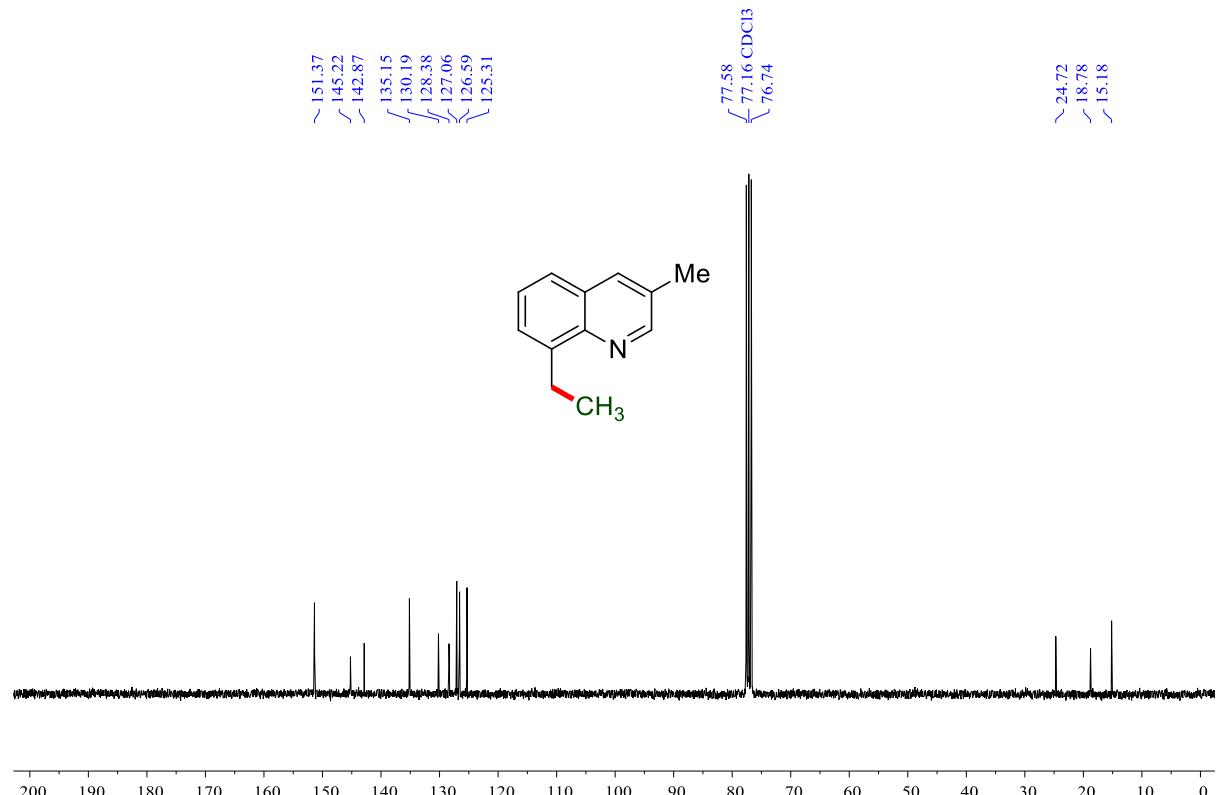


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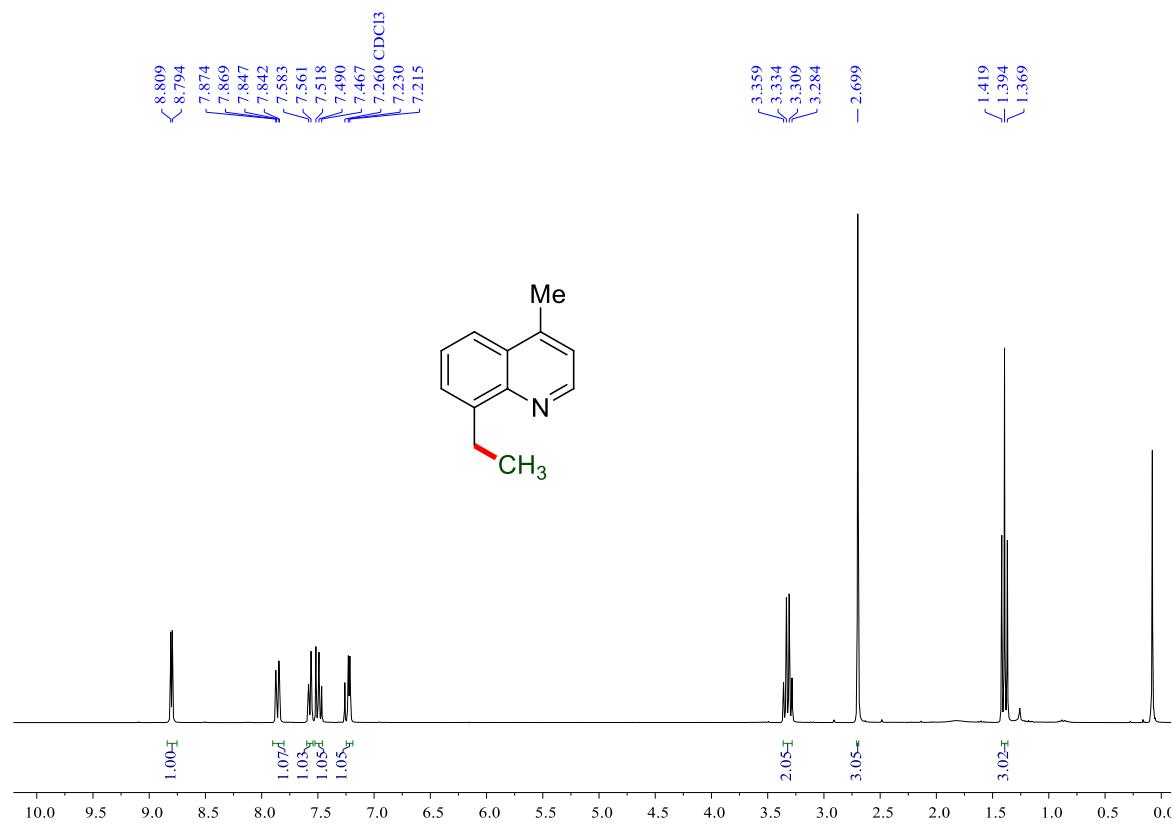


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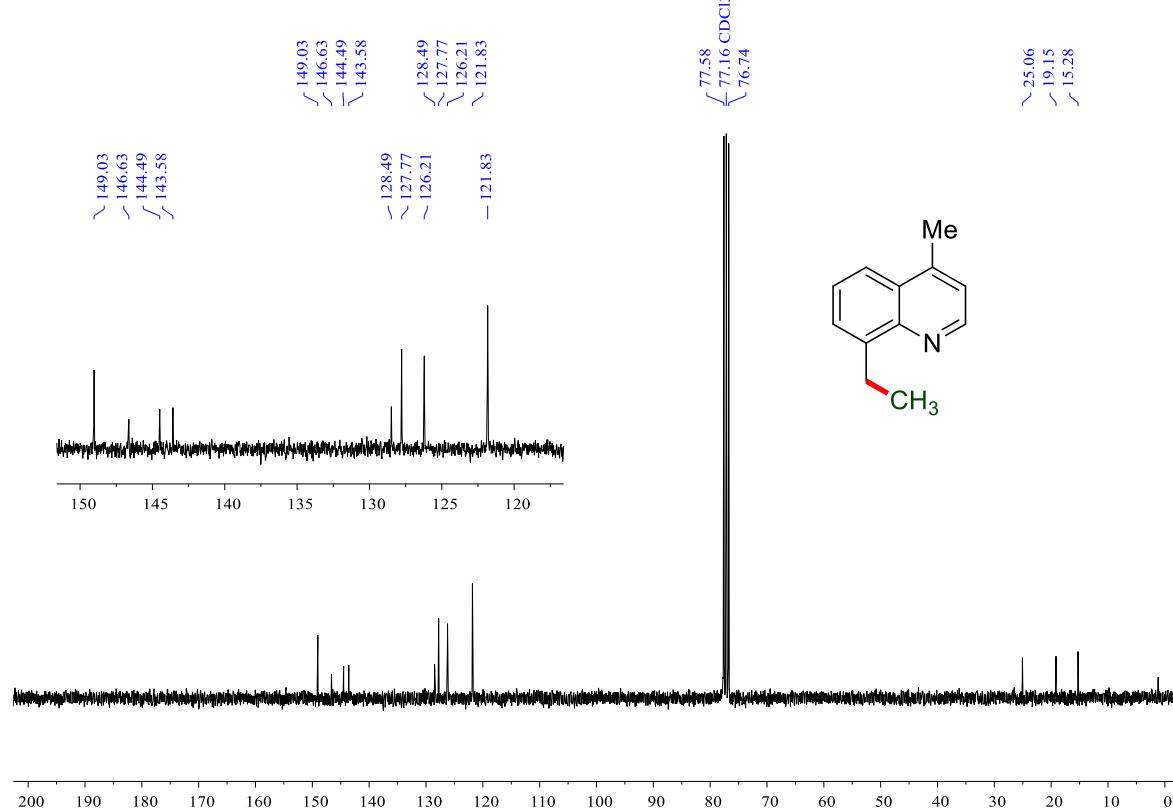


*8-ethyl-4-methylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3c)*

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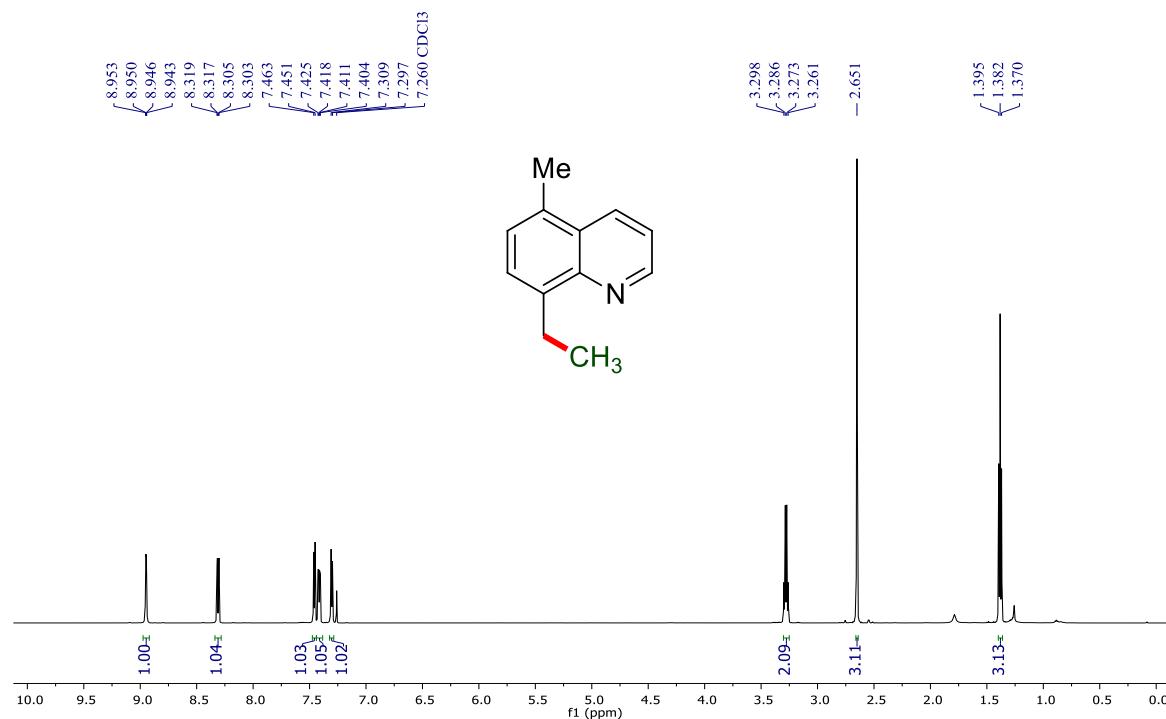


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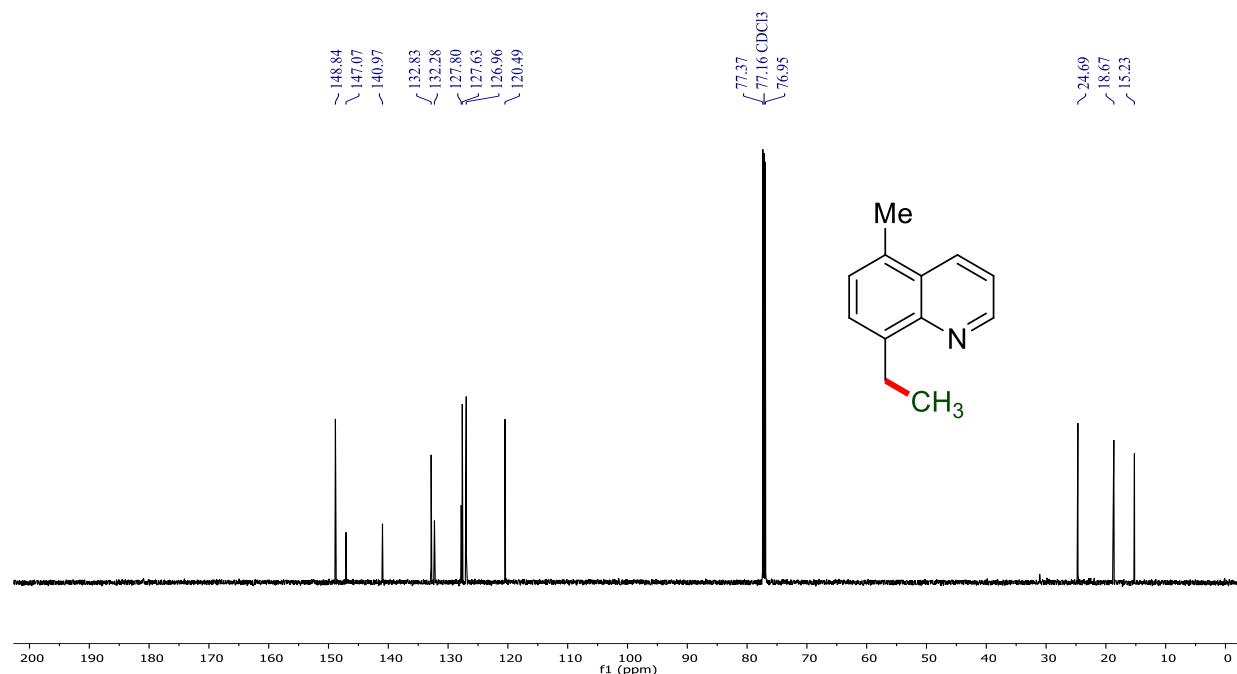


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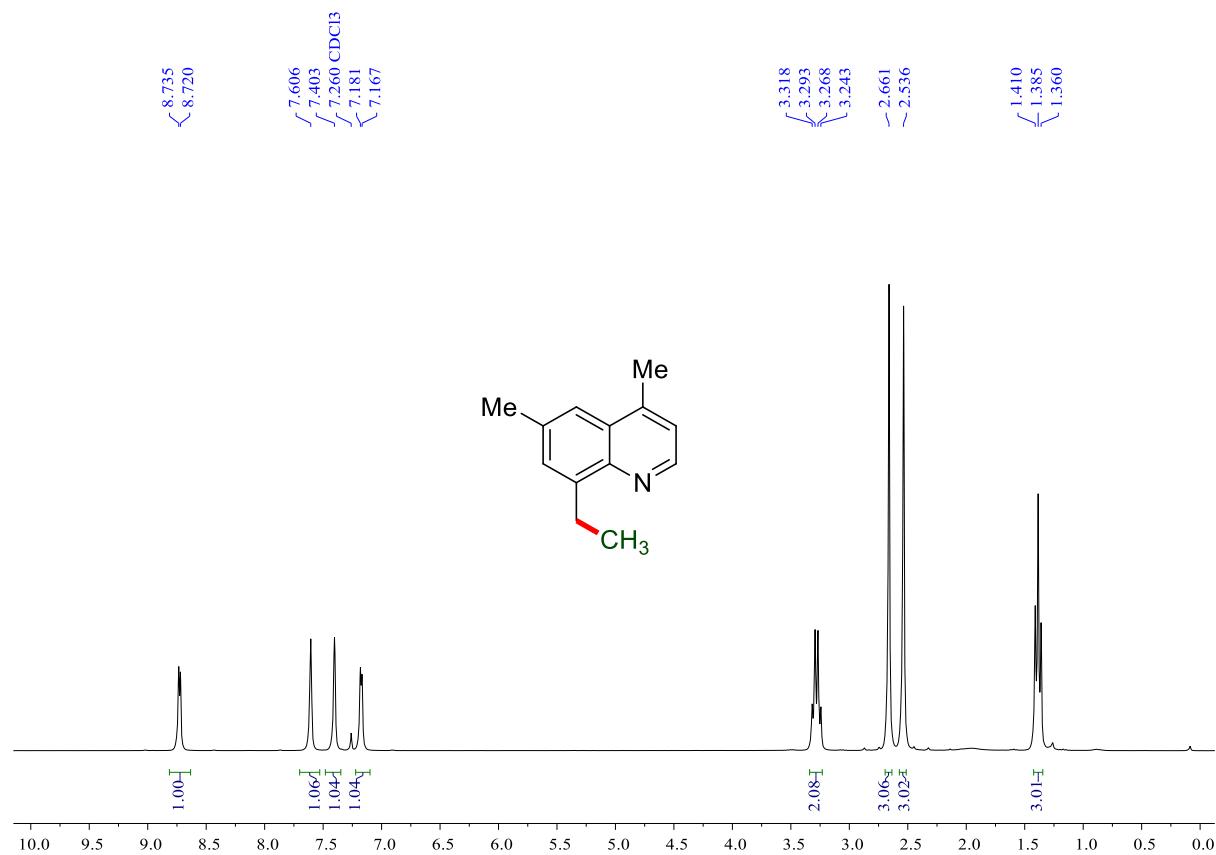


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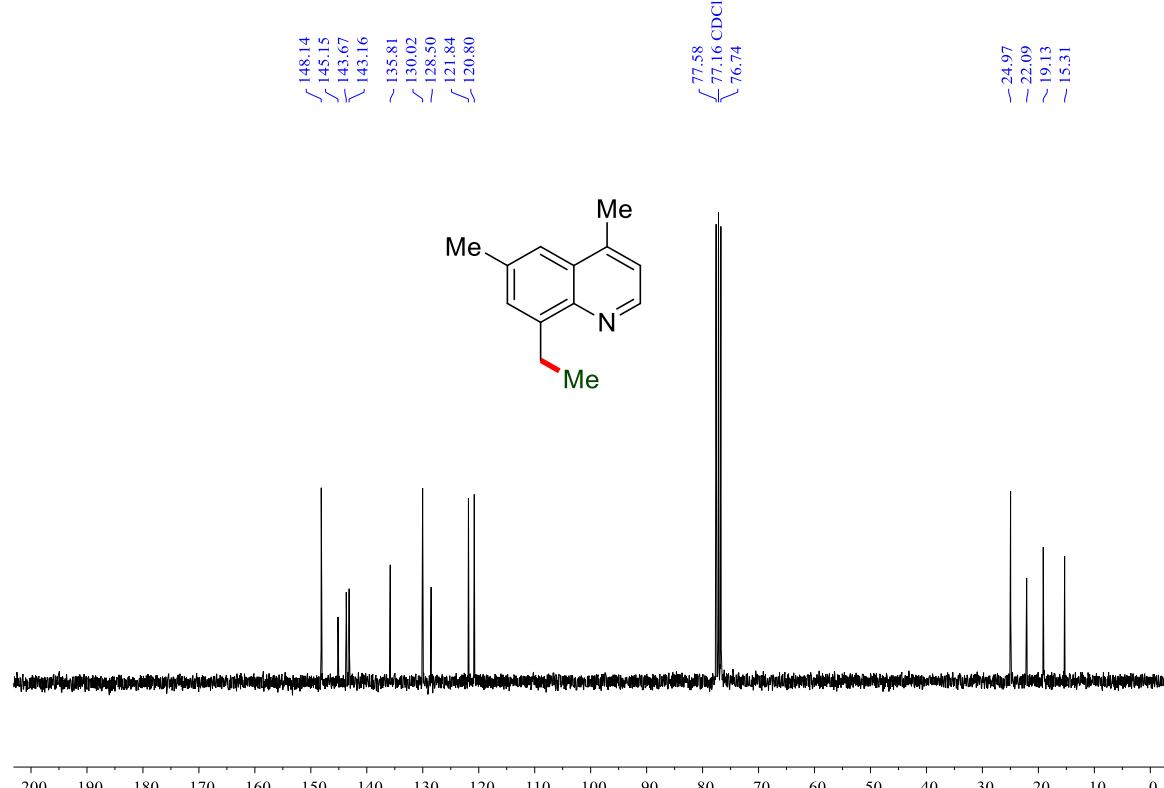


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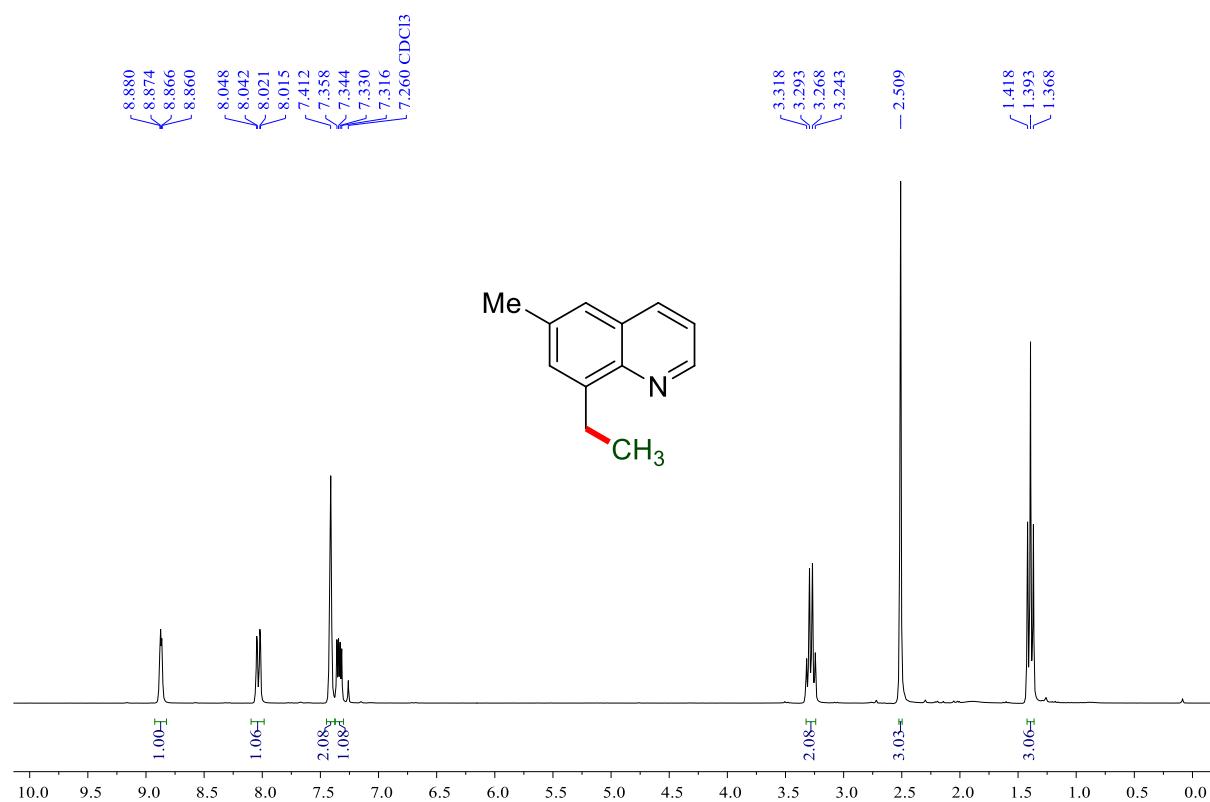


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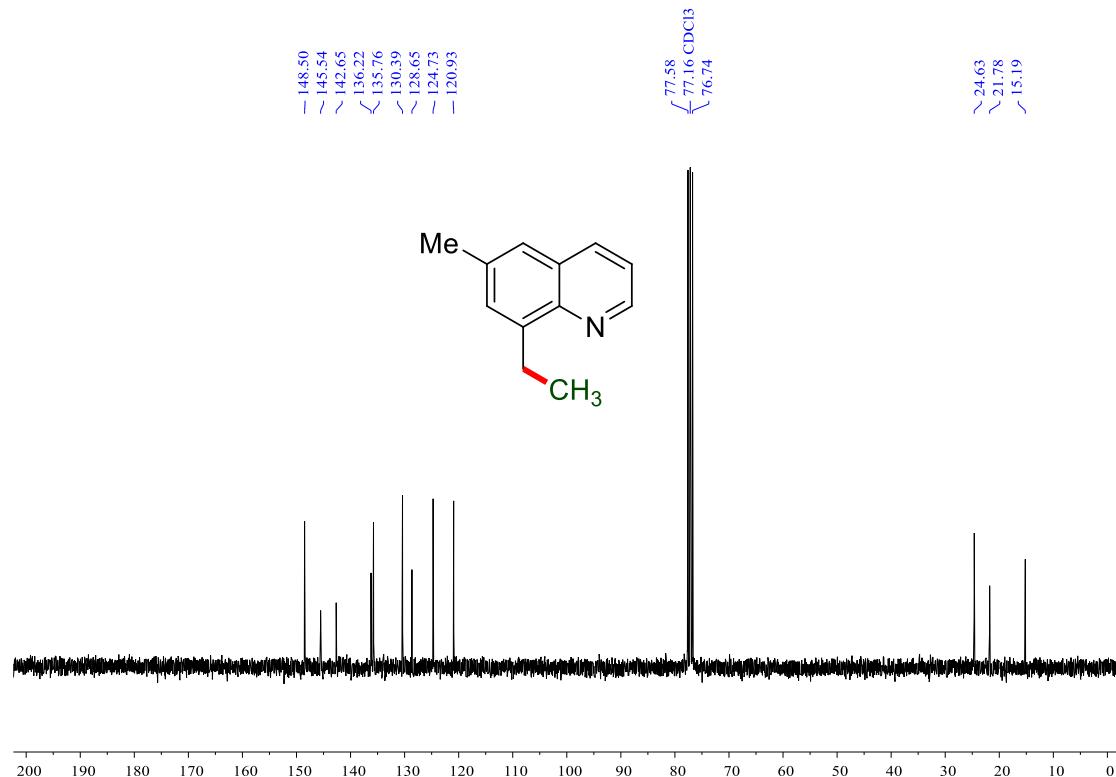


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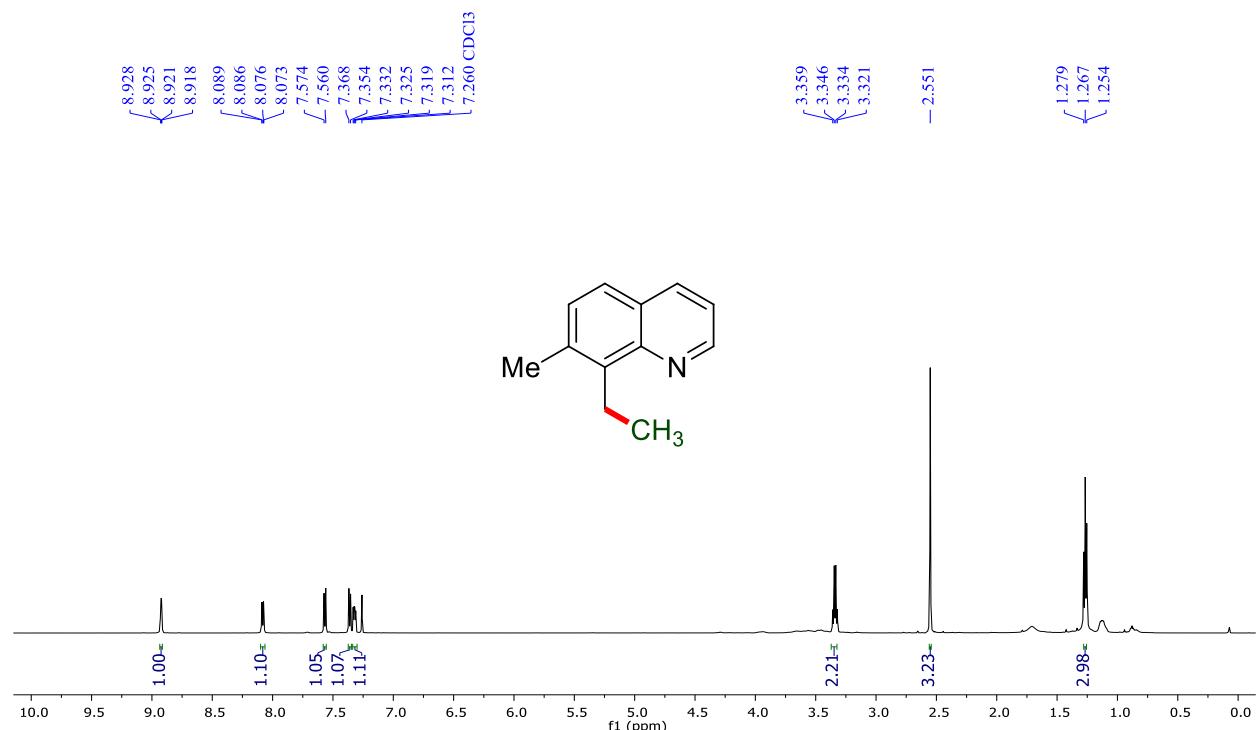


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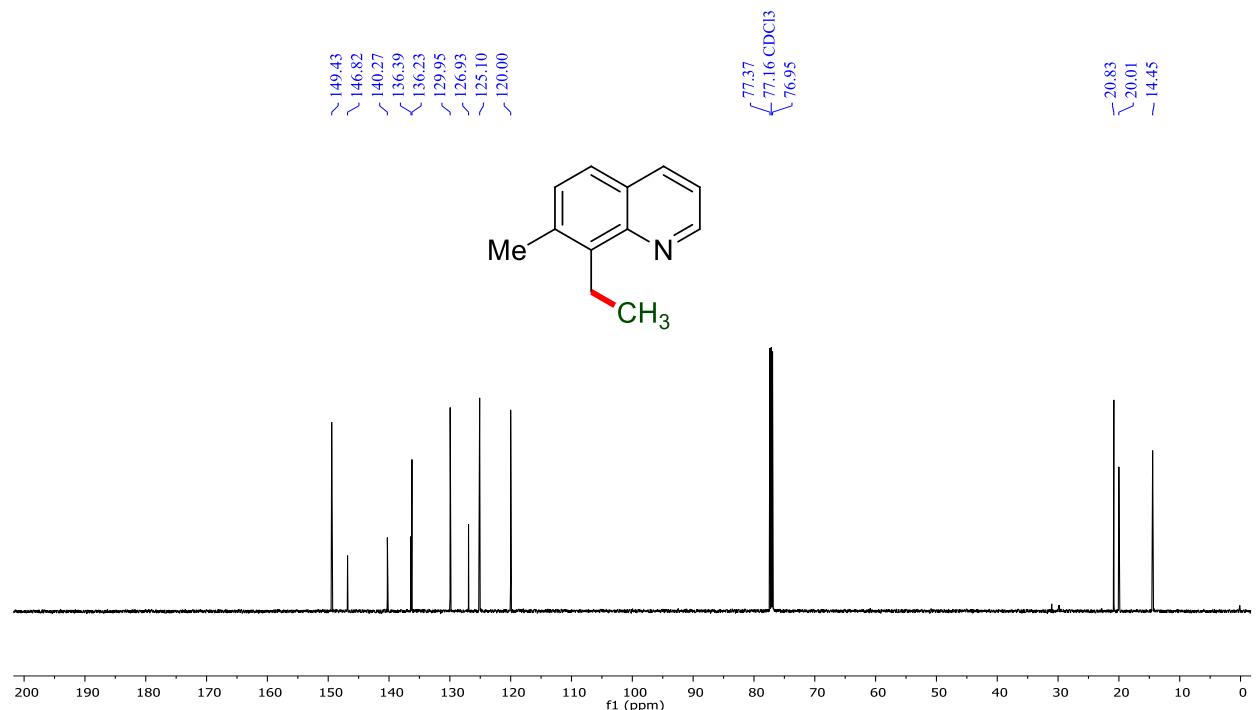


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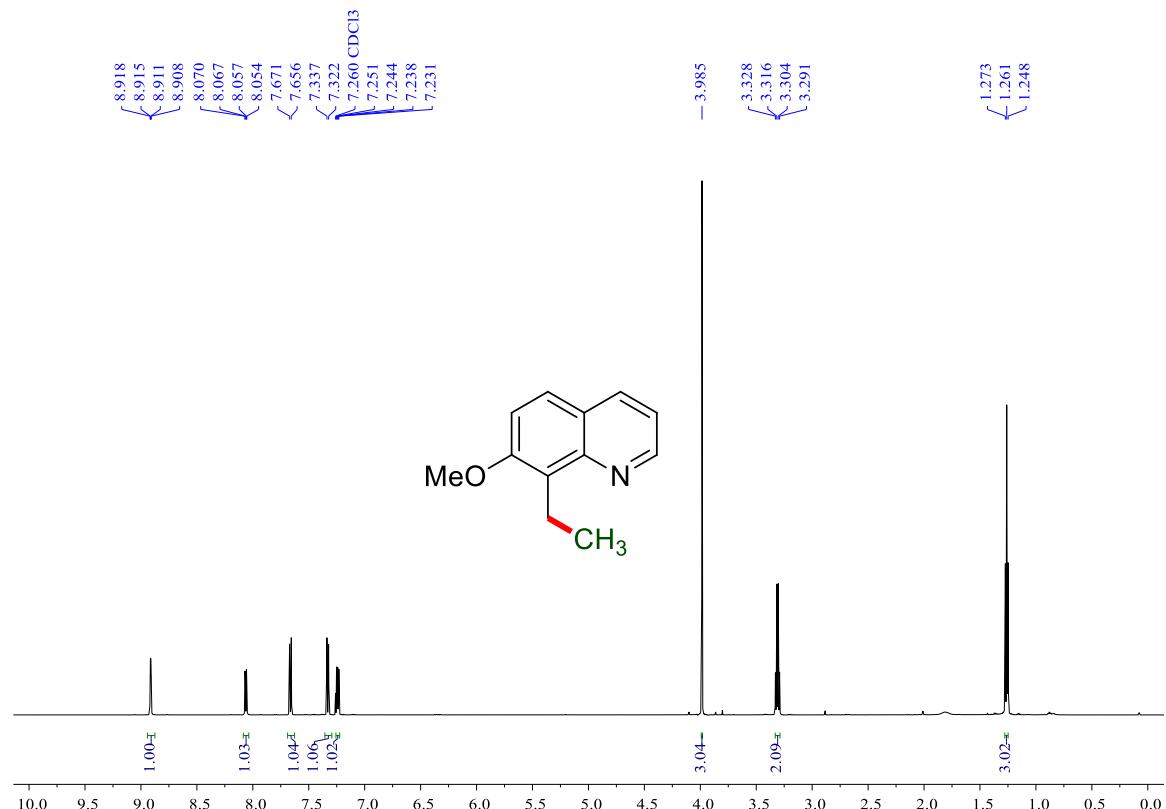


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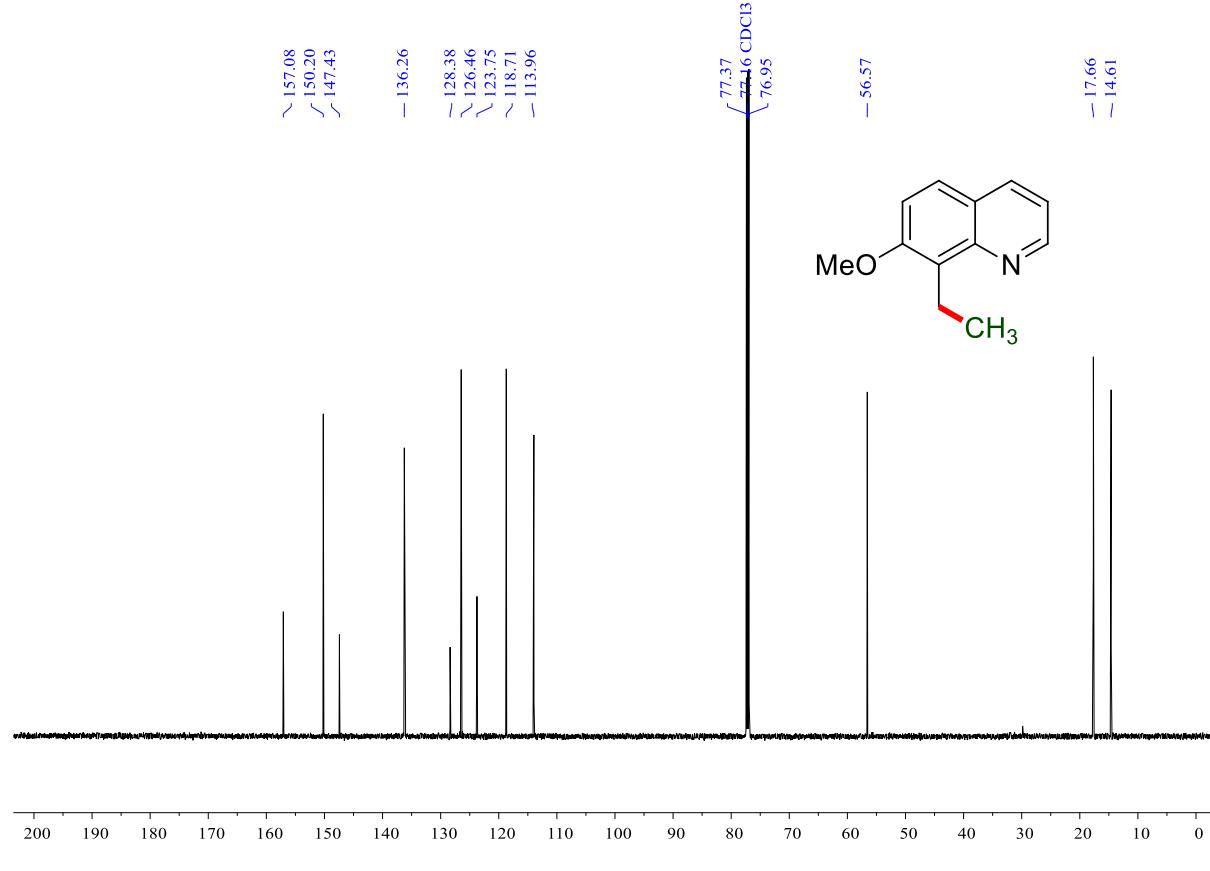


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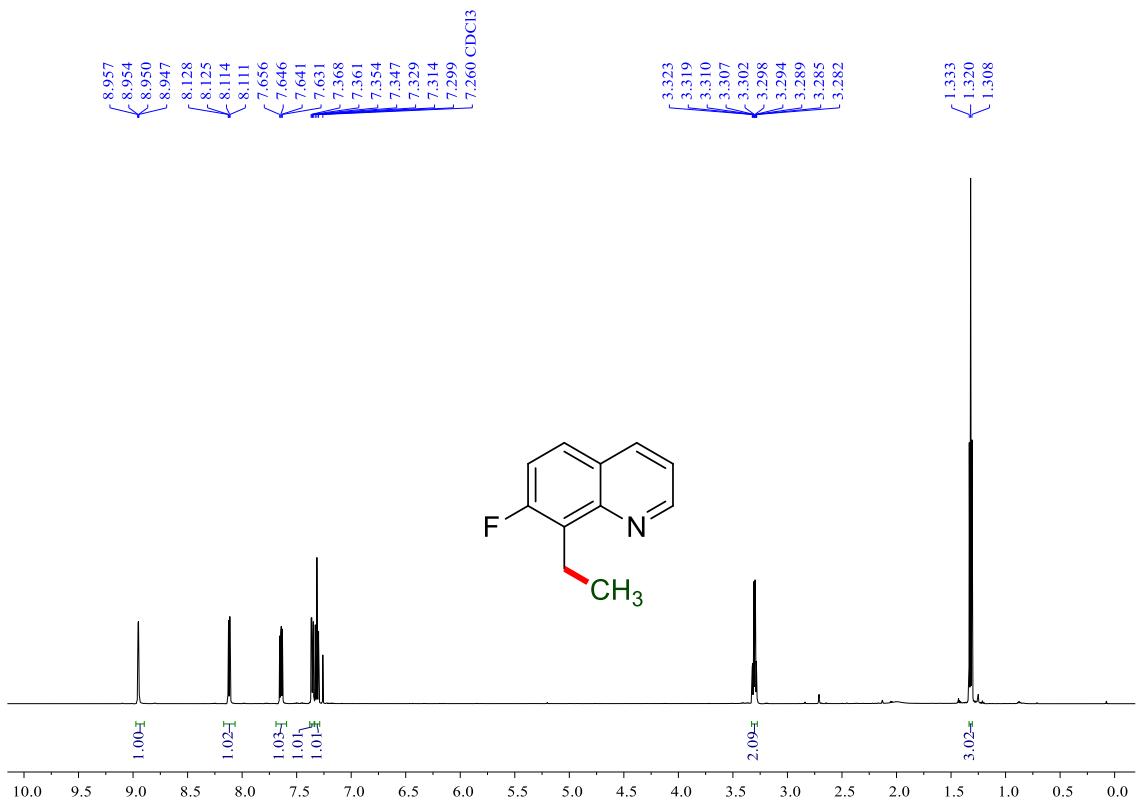


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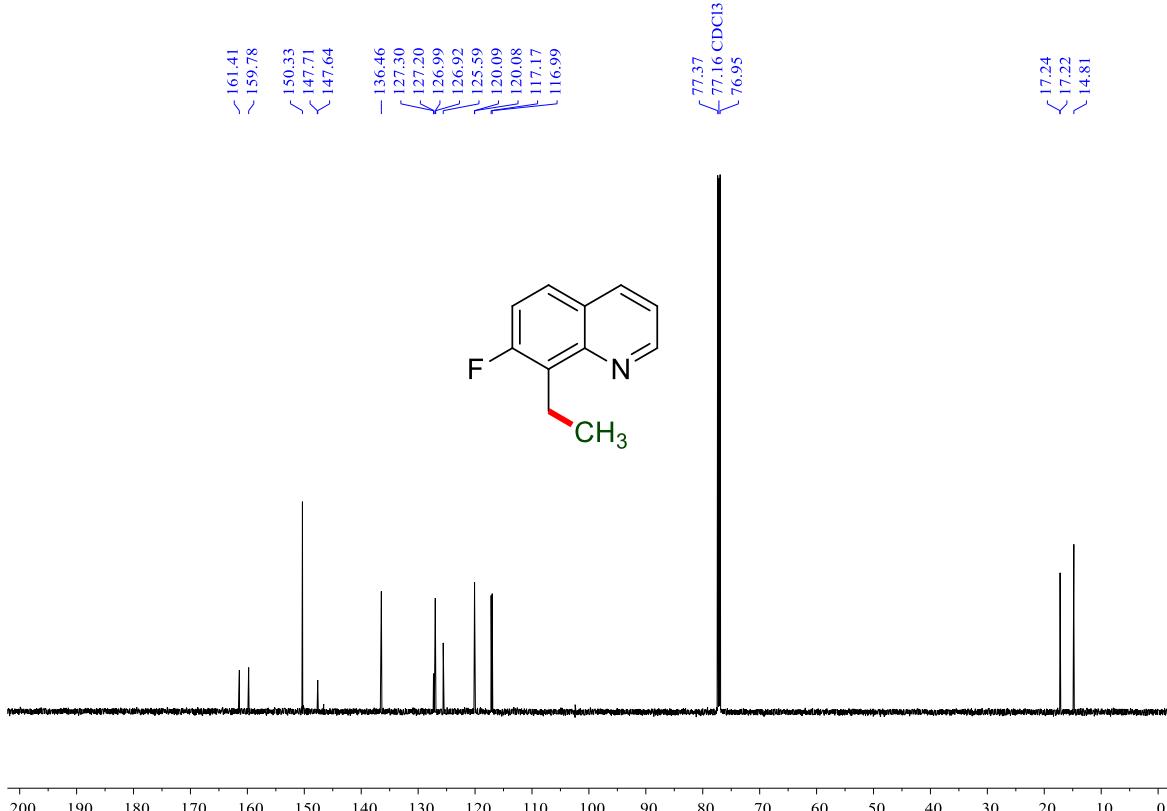


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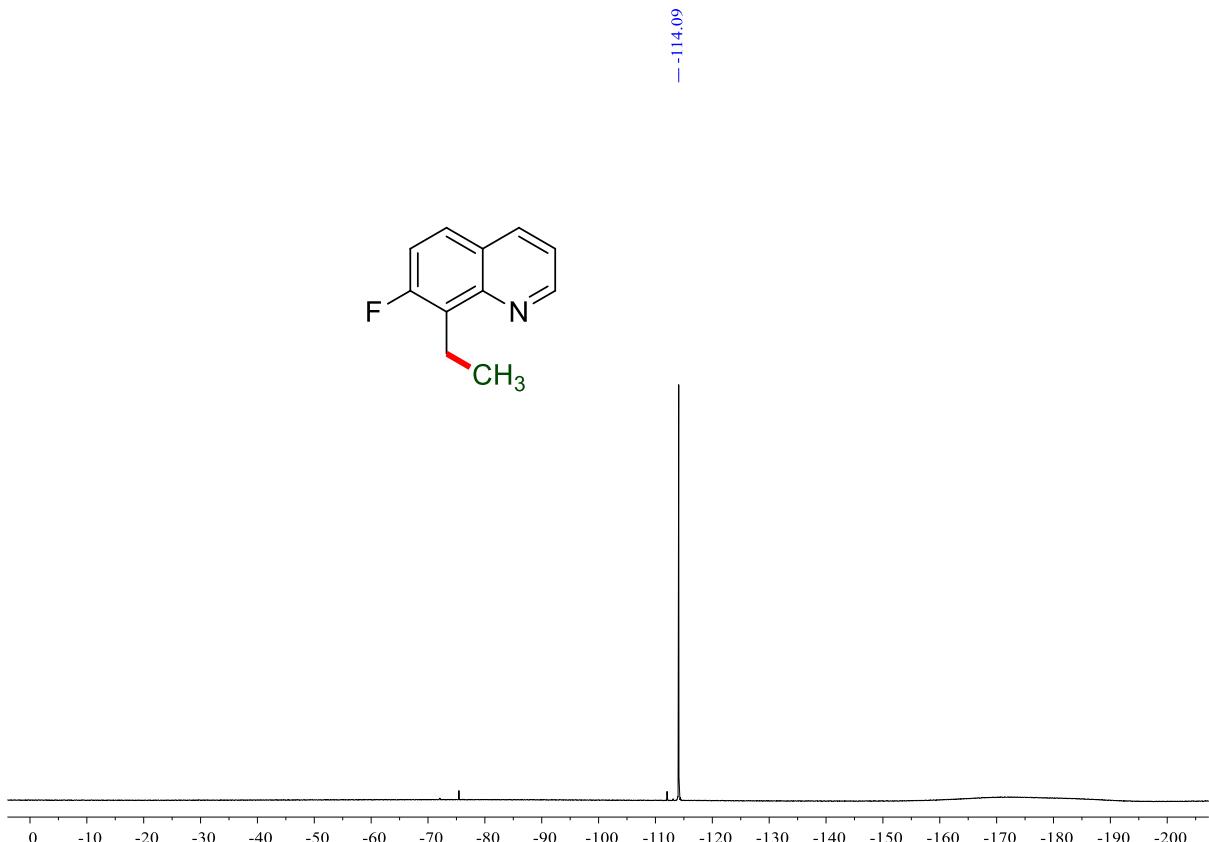
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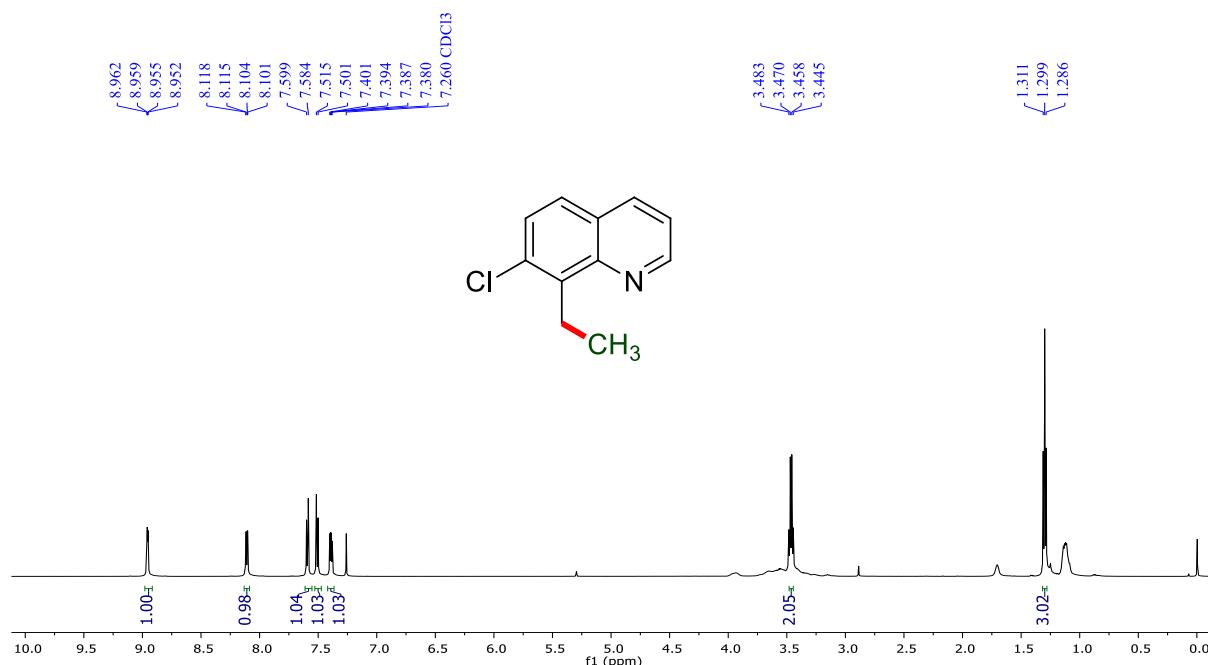


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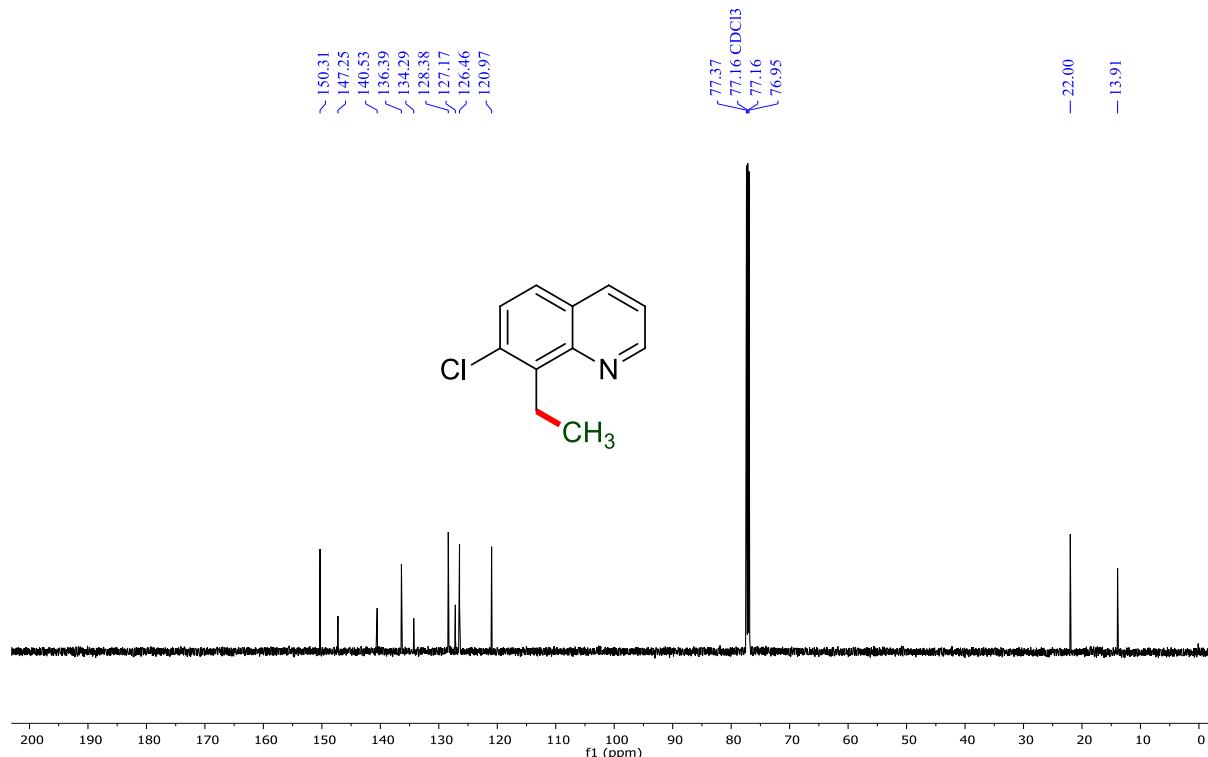


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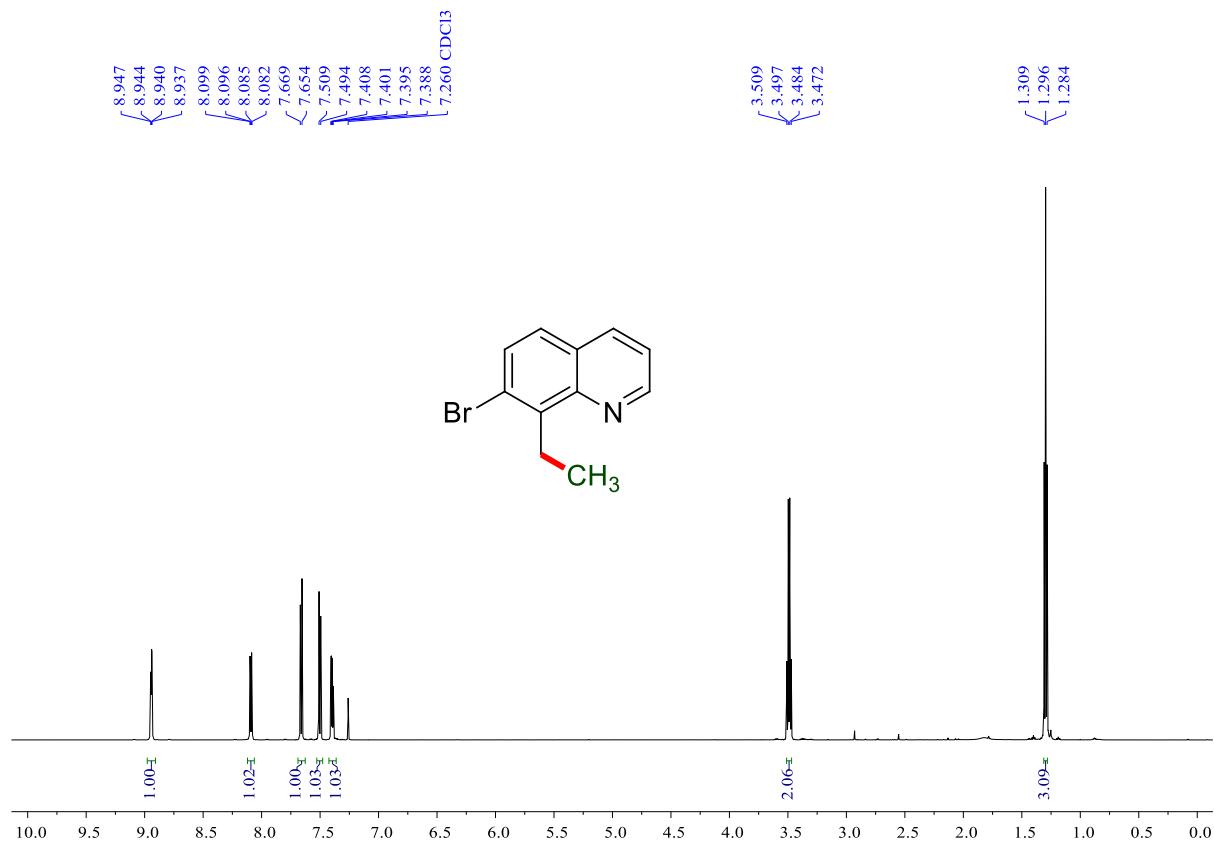


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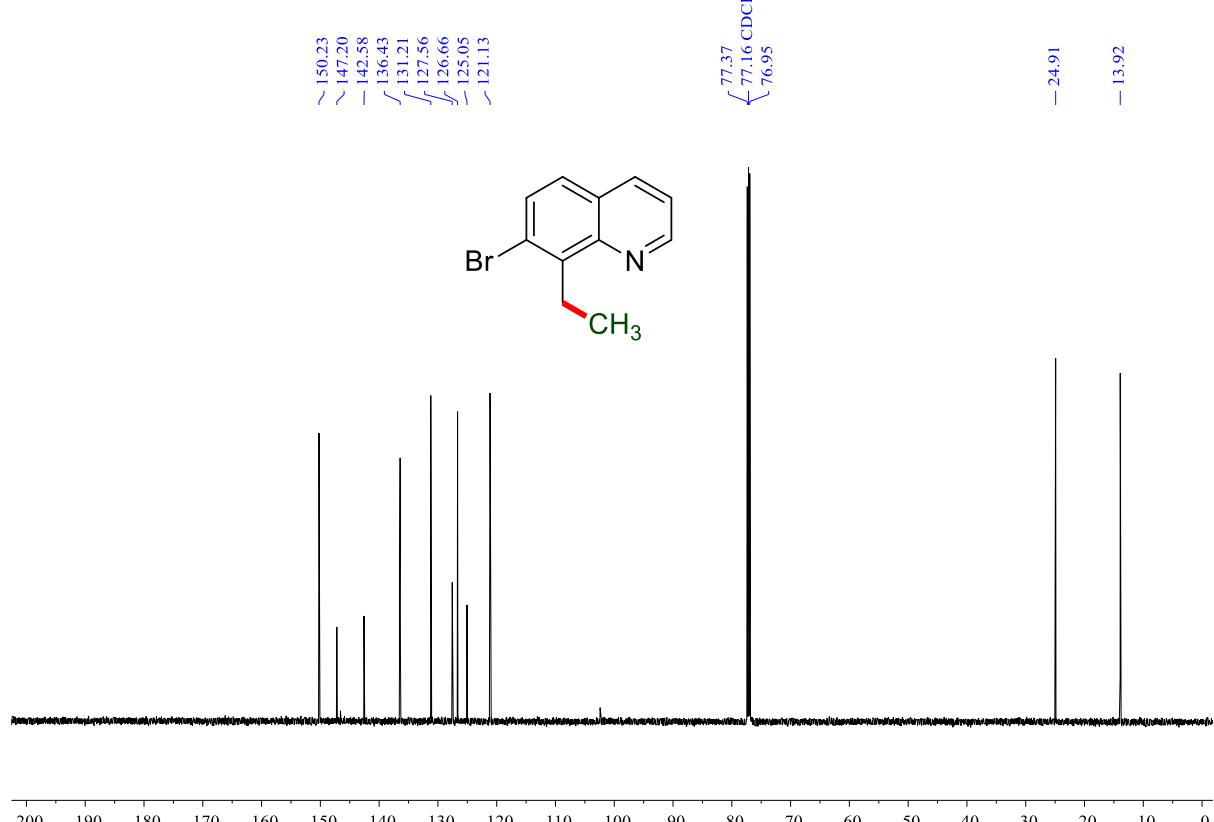


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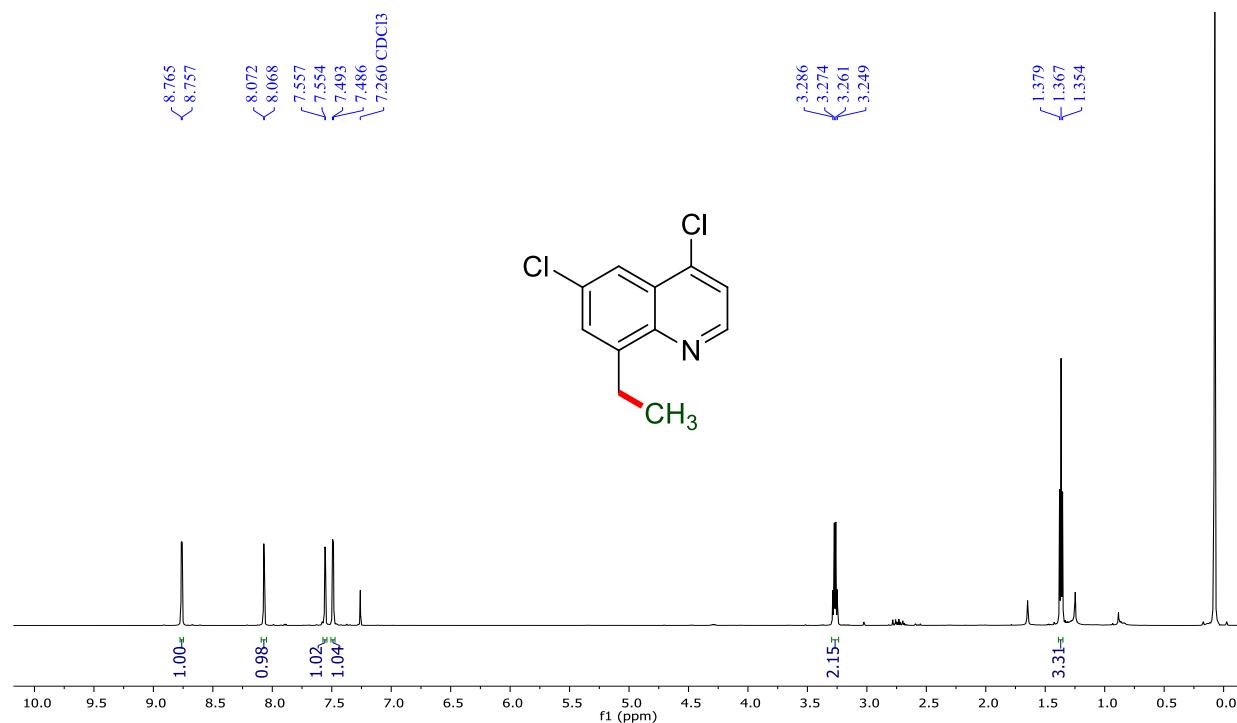


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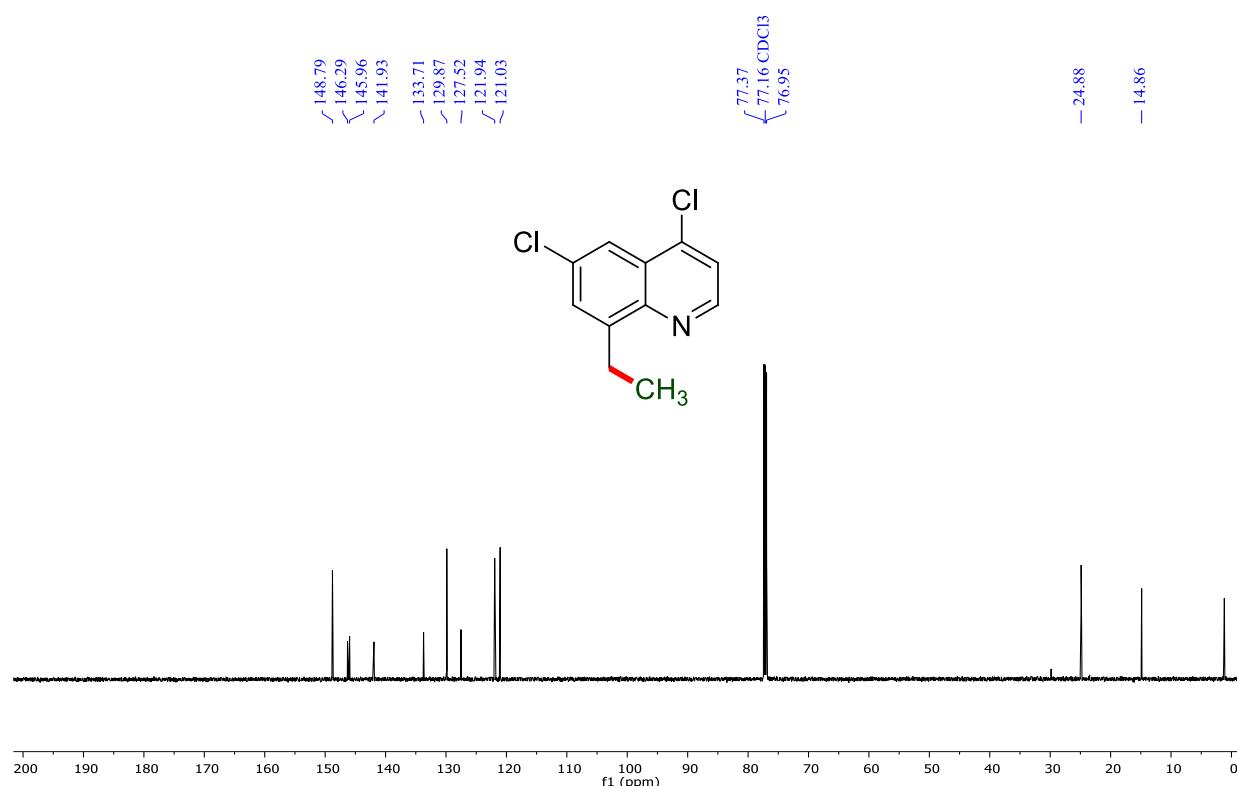


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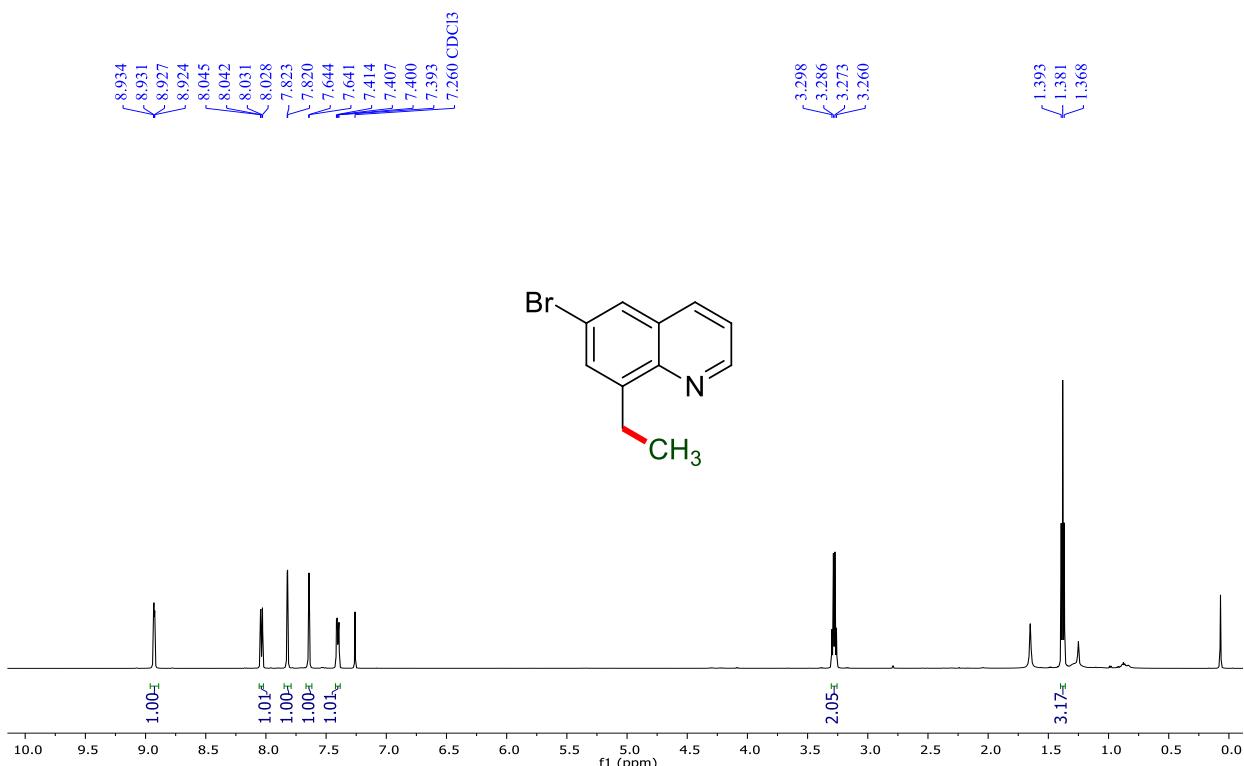


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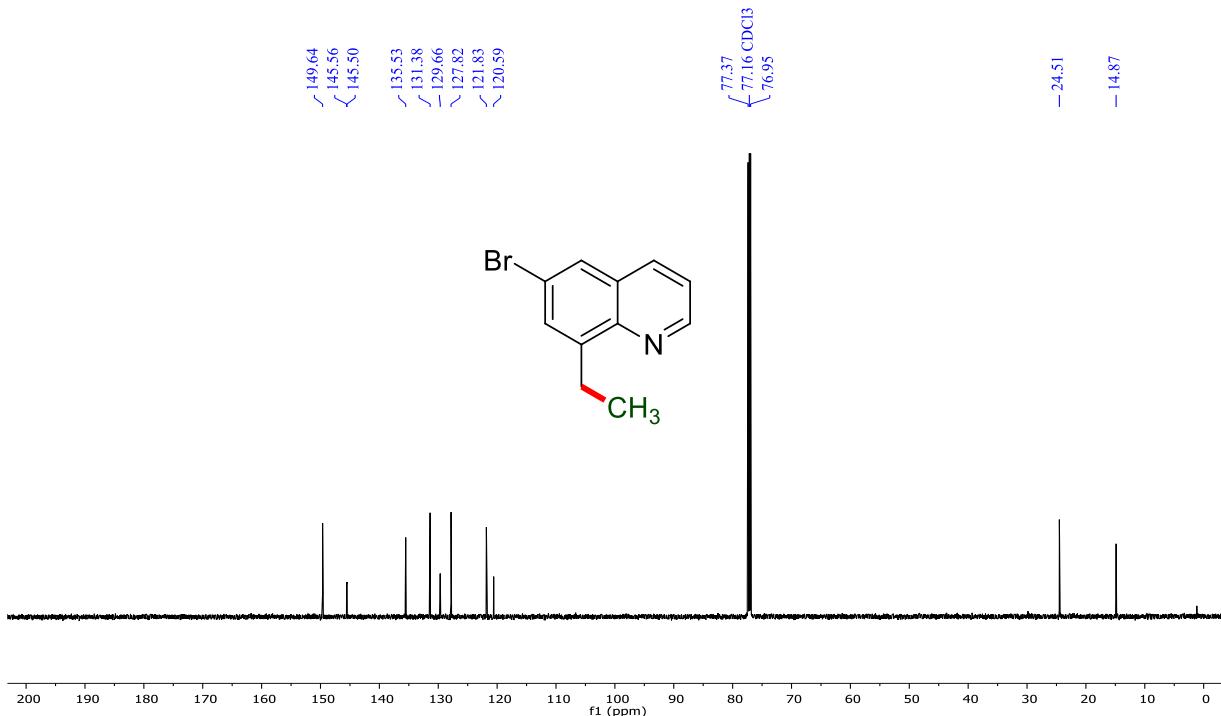


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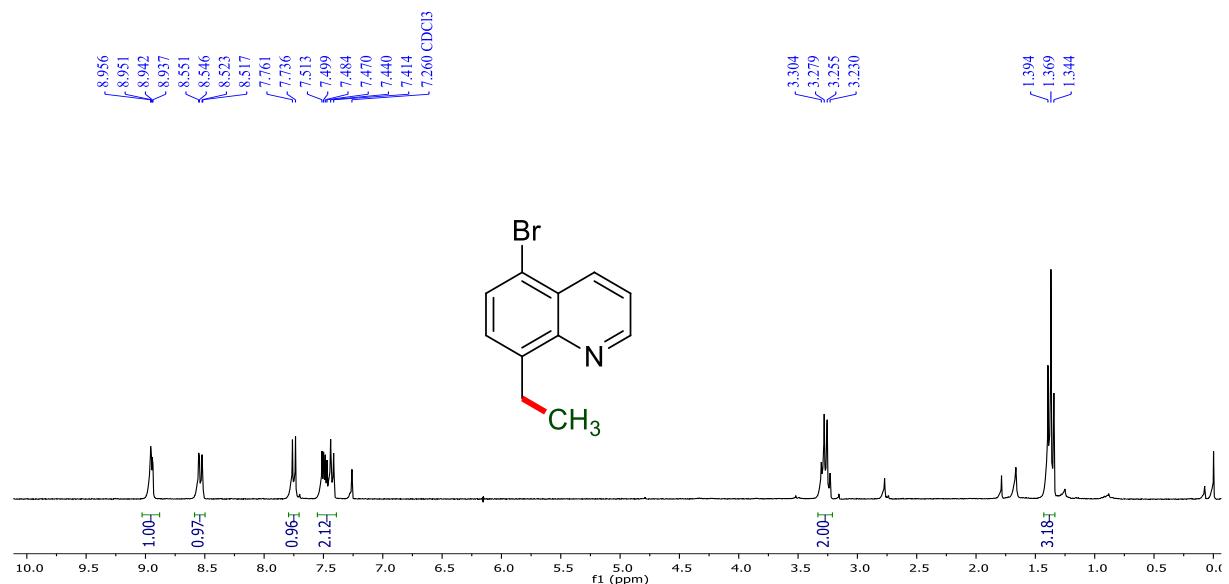


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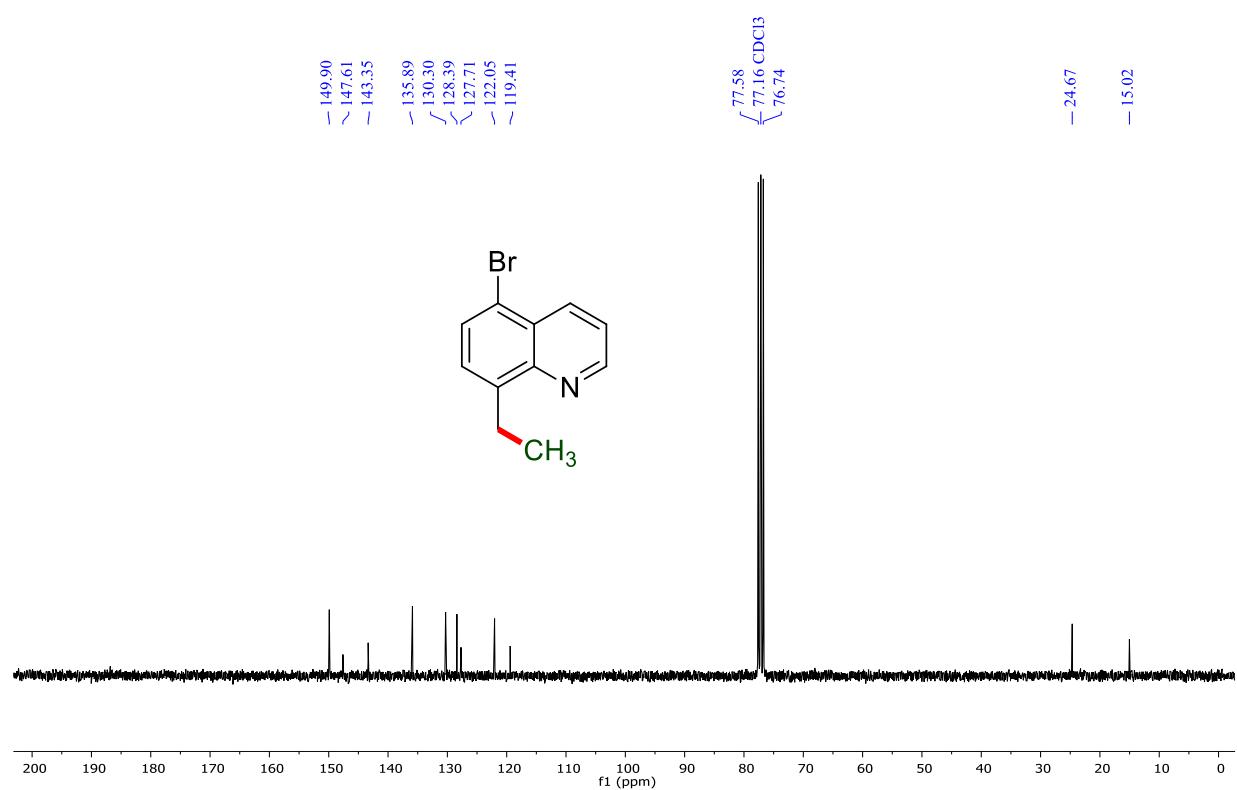


*5-bromo-8-ethylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3n)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz)

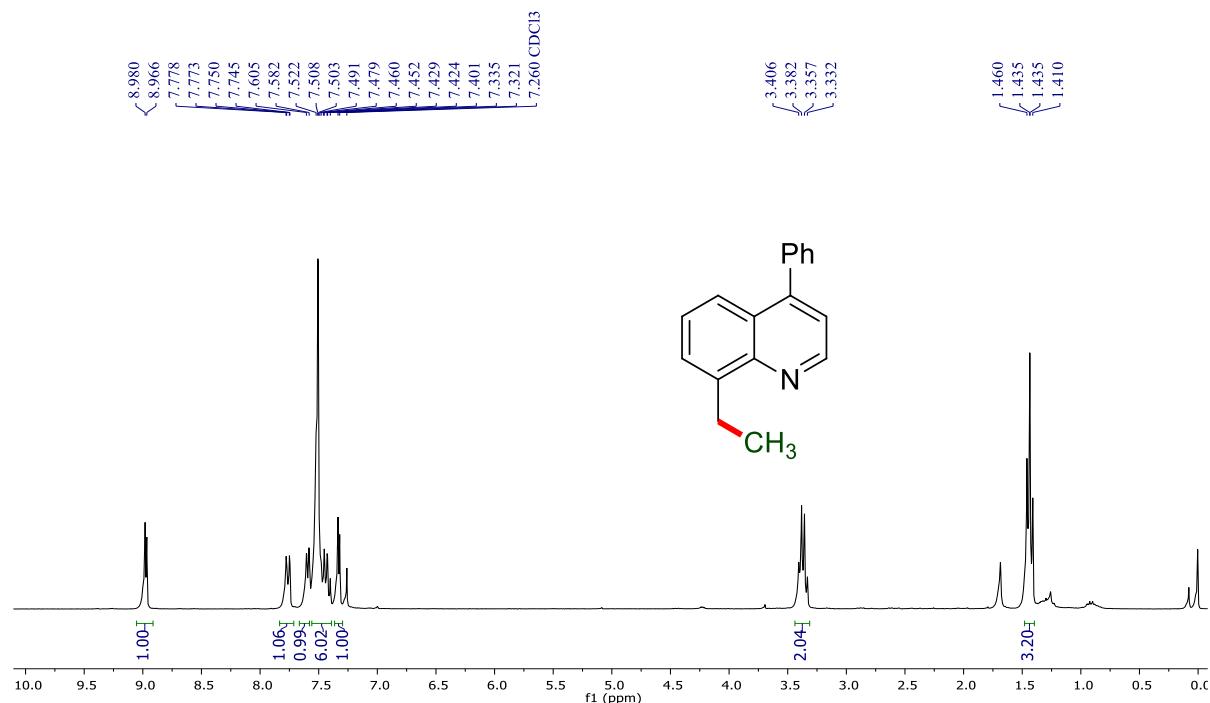


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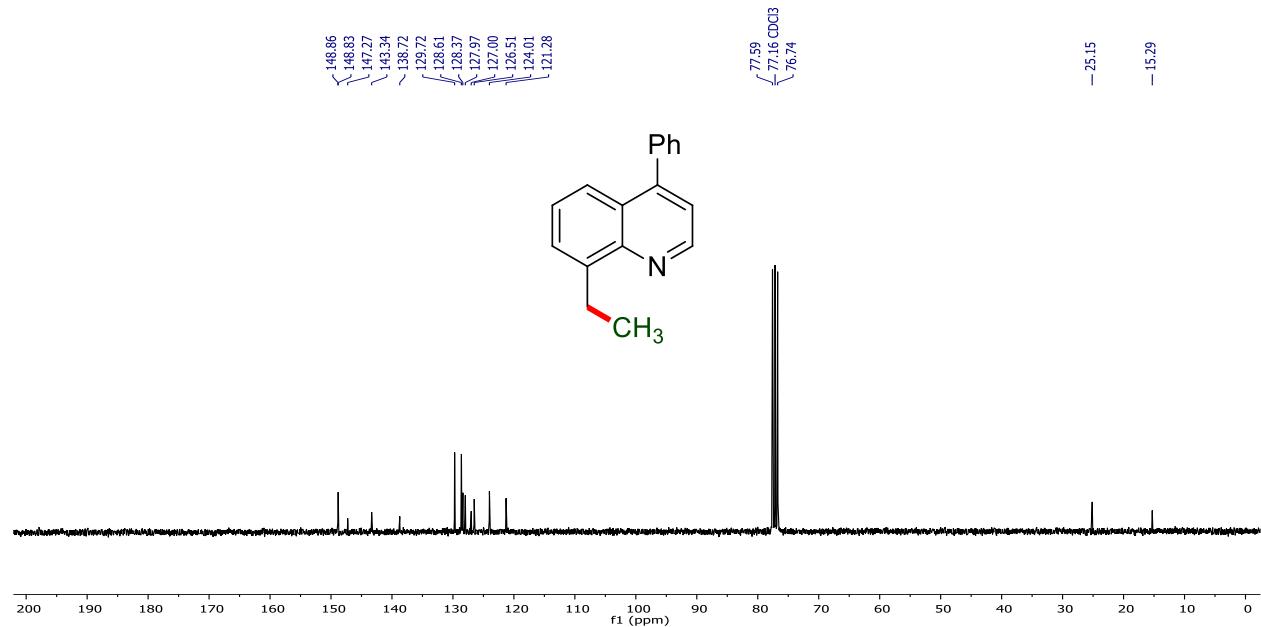


*8-ethyl-4-phenylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3o)*

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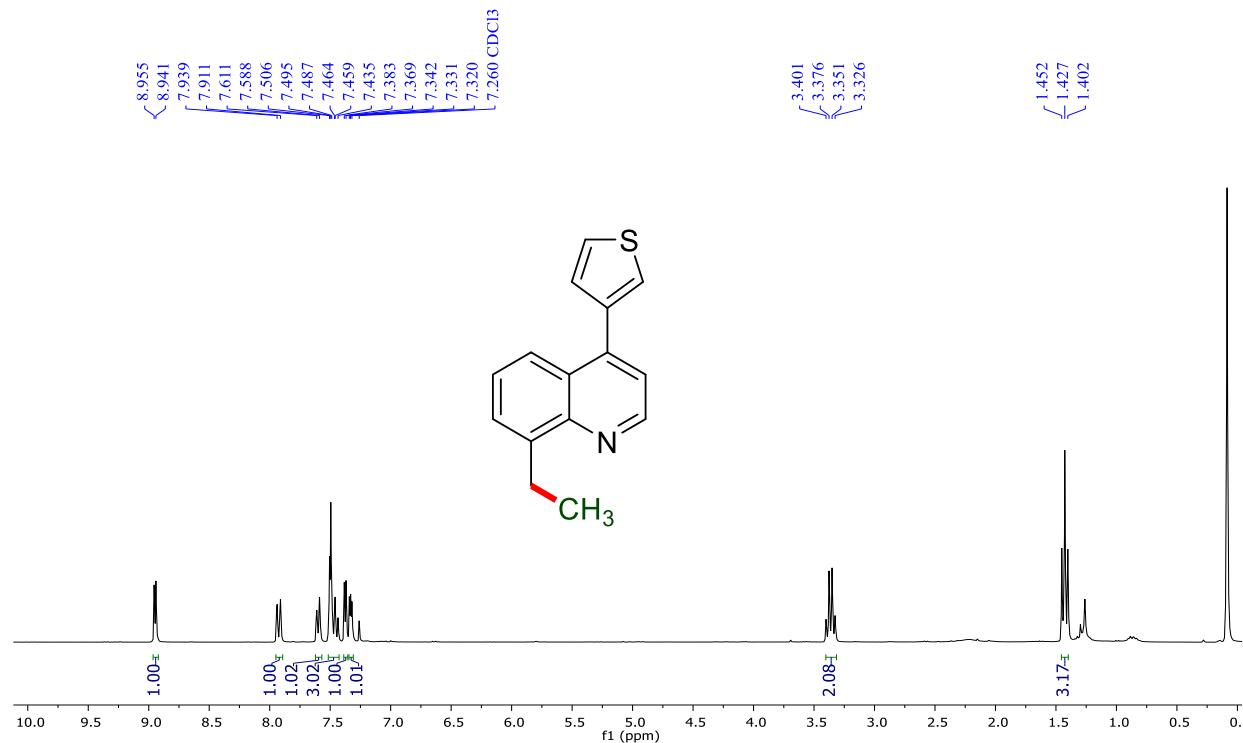


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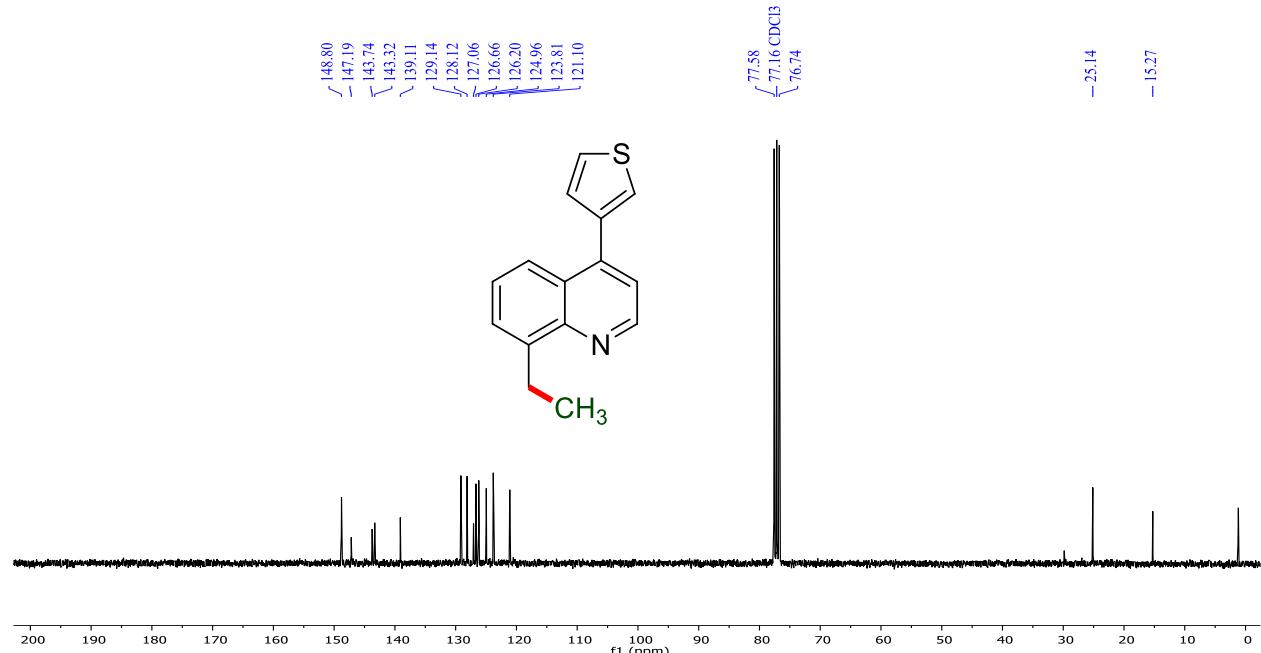


*8-ethyl-4-(thiophen-3-yl)quinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3p)*

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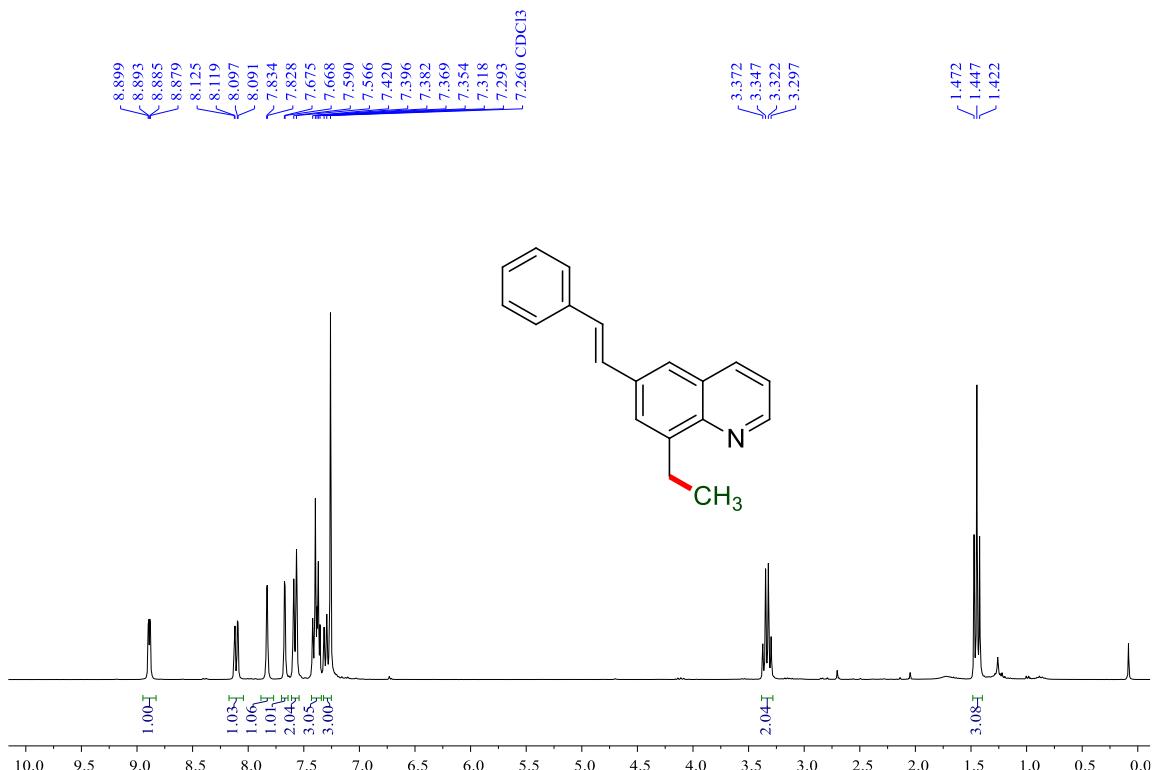


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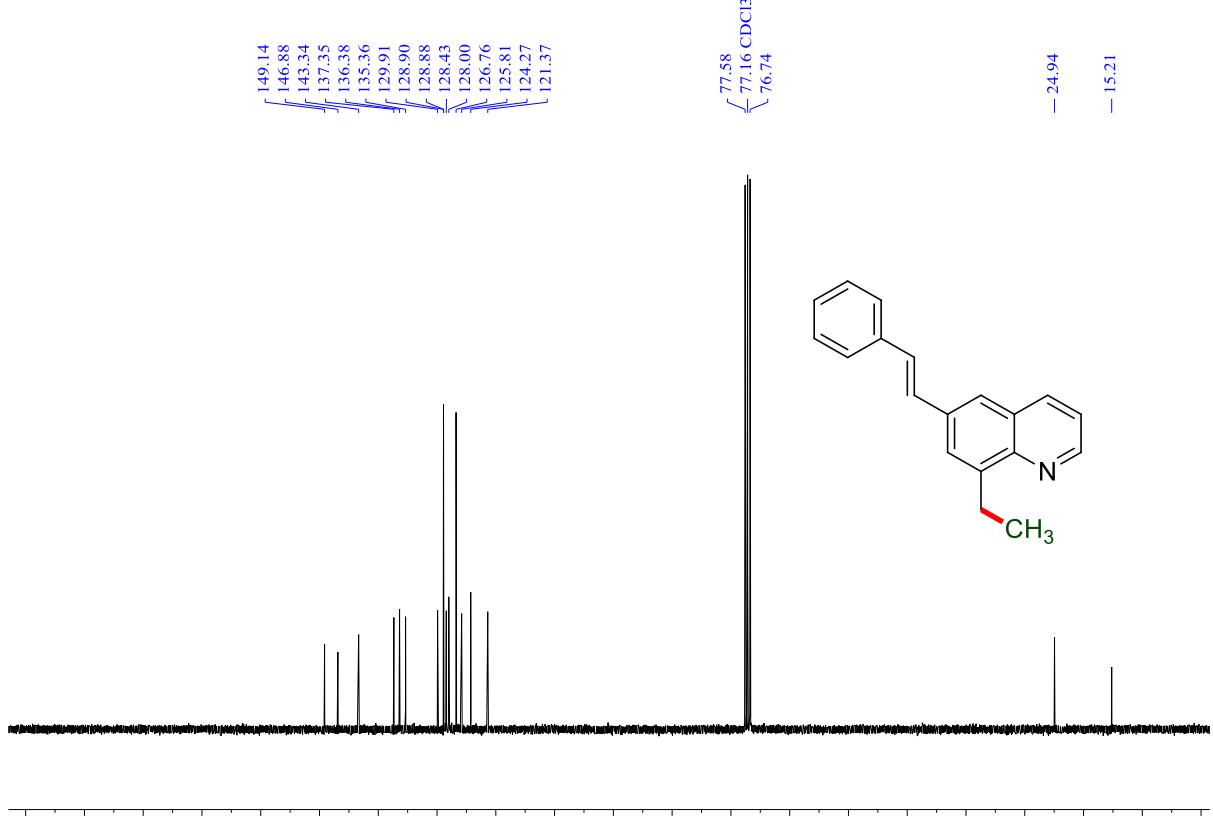


(*E*)-8-ethyl-6-styrylquinoline (*Scheme 2, Entry 3q*)

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz)

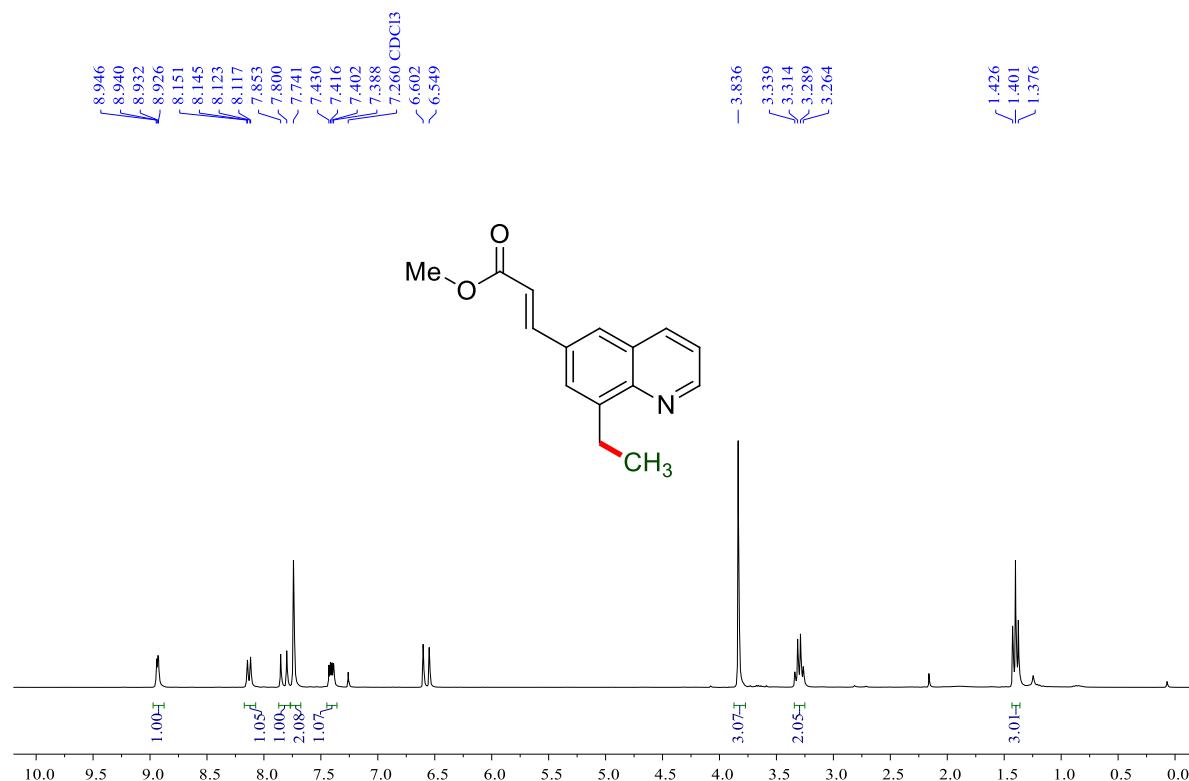


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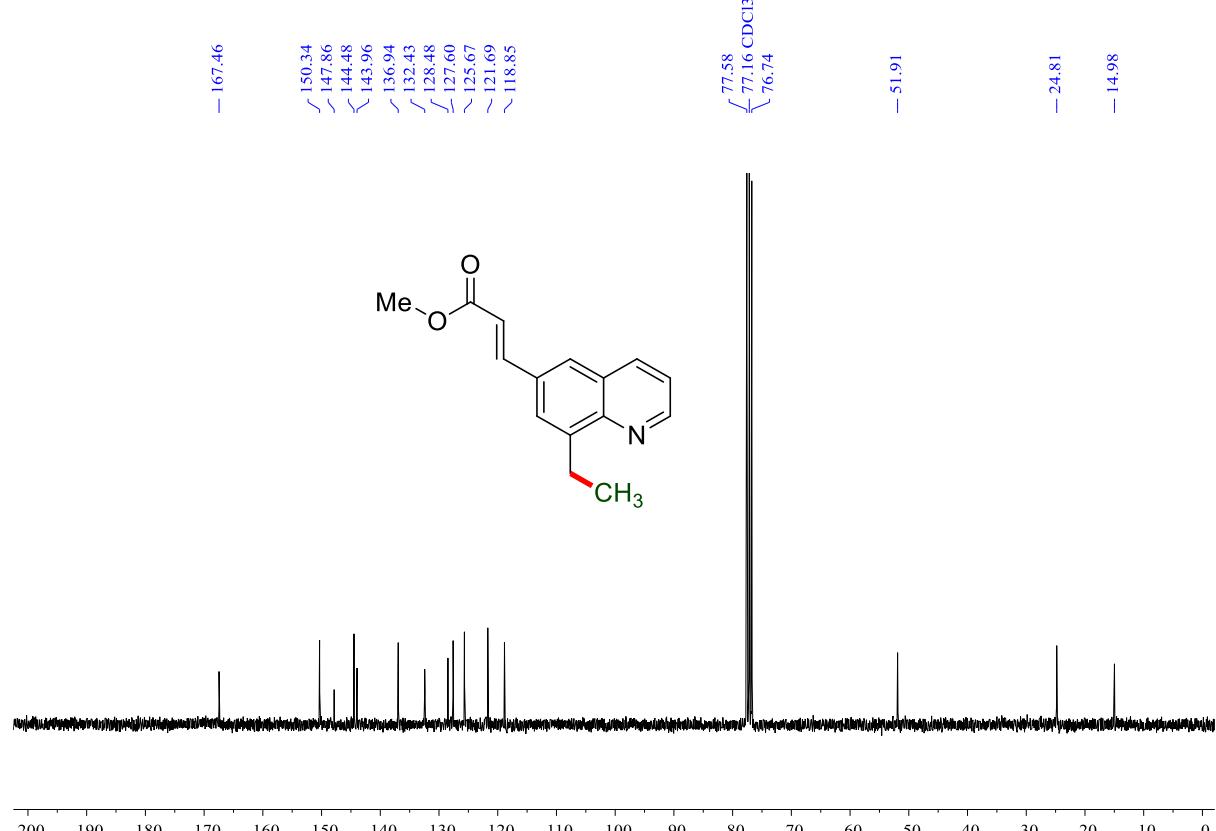


*(E)-methyl 3-(8-ethylquinolin-6-yl)acrylate (Scheme 2, Entry 3r)*

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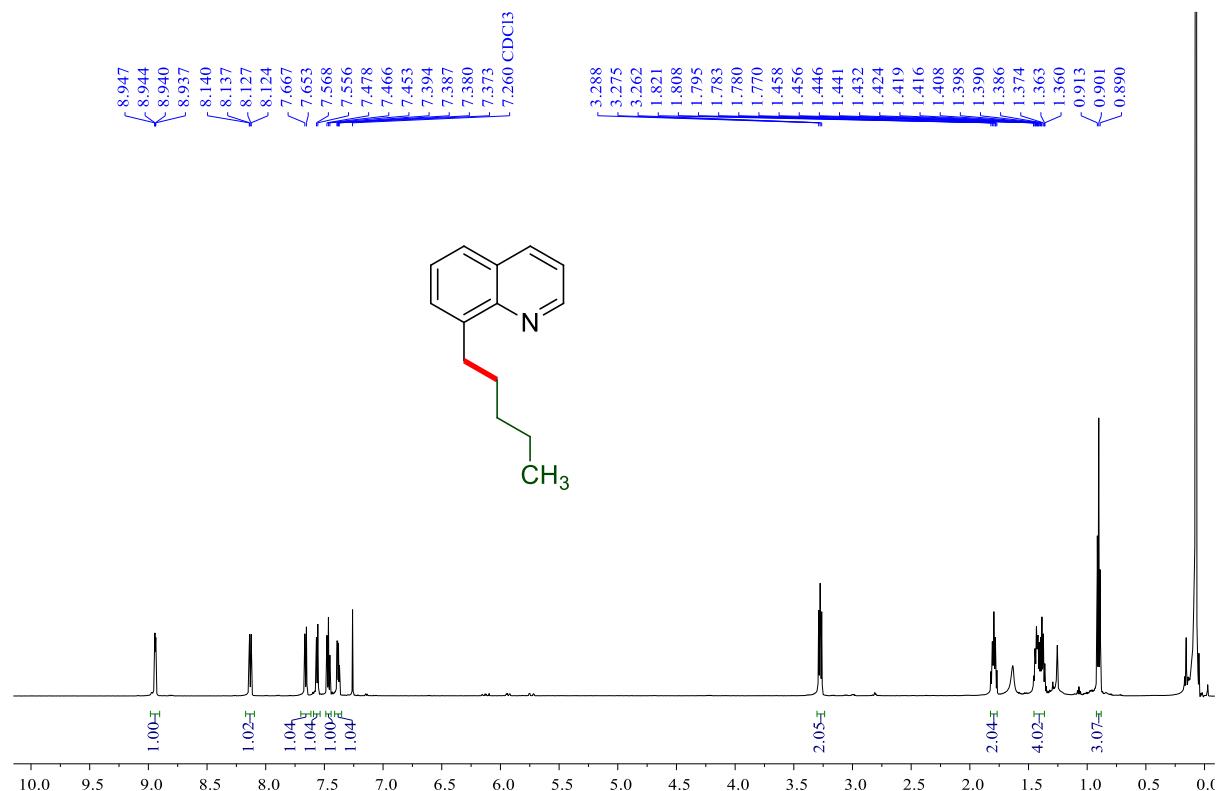


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz)



*8-pentylquinoline (Scheme 2, Entry 3s)*

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz)



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz)

