

**Supporting Information for**  
**Copper(II)-Catalyzed Direct Sulfonylation of C(sp<sup>2</sup>)–H bonds with**  
**Sodium Sulfinites**

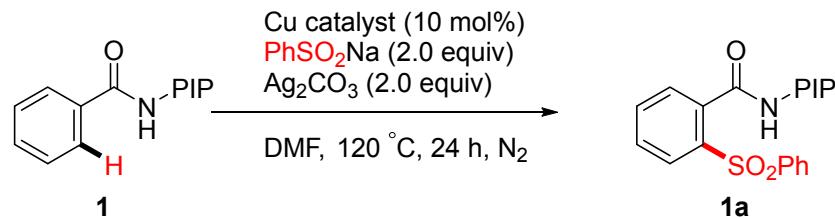
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**General information:** NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avanced 400 MHz (for <sup>1</sup>H NMR) and 100 MHz (for <sup>13</sup>C NMR) using TMS as internal standard. Chemical shifts are given relative to the residual solvents of CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 77.0 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). HRMS for new compounds were recorded on Mass Spectrometry Facilities, Zhejiang University. Solvents were used after purification directed by *Purification of Laboratory Chemicals, 6th Ed.* Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (Adamas) was purchased and used without any further purification. Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (Adamas) and PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (Annaiji) were purchased and used after removing the residual water in vacuum. (p-Me)PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (Alfa Aesar), (p-Cl)PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (Alfa Aesar) and (p-Br)PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (Alfa Aesar) were purchased from the above mentioned company and used without any further purification. Other sodium sulfinites involved were prepared according to the literature.<sup>1</sup> Other chemical reagents were commercially available and directly used without any further purification. The substrates benzamides were synthesized from the corresponding carboxylic acids and PIP–NH<sub>2</sub> (2-pyridinyl isopropyl amine) according to the literature.<sup>2</sup>

### **Optimization of reaction conditions**

**Table S1.** Optimization of Cu catalyst<sup>a</sup>



entry	Cu catalyst (10 mol%)	yield <sup>b</sup>
1	CuI	/
2	CuBr	trace
3	CuTc	trace
4	Cu <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	/
5	CuOAc	trace
<b>6</b>	<b>Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>15%</b>
7	CuBr <sub>2</sub>	/
8	CuCl	/
9	CuCN	/
10	CuBr·Me <sub>2</sub> S	trace

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol), PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (0.2 mmol), Cu catalyst (10 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mmol) in DMF (1.0 mL) as the solvent at 120 °C for 24 hours under N<sub>2</sub>.

<sup>b</sup>Yields determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as the internal standard.

**Table S2.** Optimization of solvent<sup>a</sup>

entry	solvent	yield <sup>b</sup>
1	DMF	15%
2	NMP	trace
3	DMSO	trace
4	Toluene	12%
<b>5</b>	<b>DCE</b>	<b>73%(72%)<sup>c</sup></b>
6	Dioxane	15%
7	t-AmyOH	/
8	t-BuOH	/
9	DMAc	/
10	DME	/

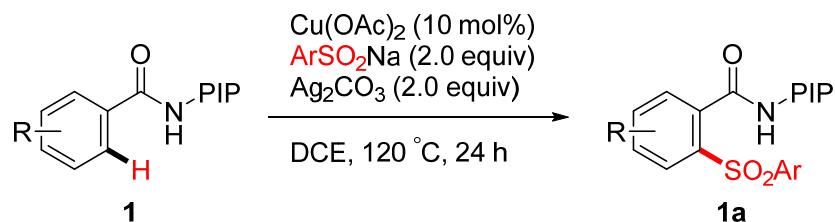
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol), PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mmol) in the solvent (1.0 mL) at 120 °C for 24 hours under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yield in the parentheses.

**Table S3. Optimization of oxidant<sup>a</sup>**

entry	oxidant	yield <sup>b</sup>
1	<b>Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)</b>	73% (72%) <sup>c</sup>
2	O <sub>2</sub> (1 atm)	trace
3	air (1 atm)	trace
4 <sup>d</sup>	air (1 atm)	trace
5	AgOAc (2 equiv)	/
6	PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (2 equiv)	/
7	NMO (2 equiv)	/
7 <sup>e</sup>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	32%
8 <sup>f</sup>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	27%
9	O <sub>2</sub> or air	/
10 <sup>g</sup>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2 equiv)	/

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1** (0.1 mmol), PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), Oxidant (0.2 mmol) in DCE (1.0 mL) at 120 °C for 24 hours under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Yield determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yield in parentheses. <sup>d</sup>Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used. <sup>e</sup>Under air. <sup>f</sup>Under O<sub>2</sub>. <sup>g</sup>No Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>.

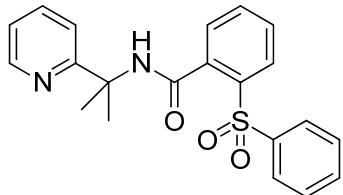
### General procedures for the sulfonylation of benzamides



As the phenylsulfonylation of **1** for example: To a 30 mL Schlenk flask were added **1** (48 mg, 0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.6 mg, 0.02 mmol), PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (66 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (111 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DCE (2.0 mL). The flask was then

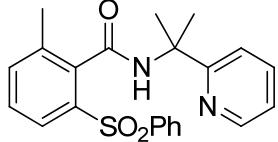
charged with N<sub>2</sub> via twice N<sub>2</sub>-vacuum exchanges, and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 24 hours. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with DCM (10 mL) and treated with NH<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes and was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was washed with copious DCM. Evaporation of the organic solvent and purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) gave the desired product **1a** as a white foam (55 mg) in 72% yield.

**2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1a)**



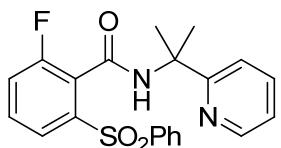
**1a** was obtained as white foam (55 mg) in 72% isolated yield from **1**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.11–8.08 (m, 3H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.84, 164.15, 147.55, 141.57, 138.37, 138.30, 137.15, 133.44, 133.14, 130.06, 129.70, 128.96, 128.89, 128.28, 121.91, 119.49, 57.50, 27.22. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 380.1195, found: 380.1194.

**2-methyl-6-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2a)**



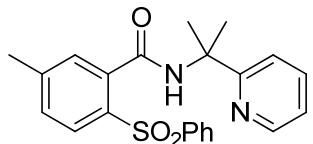
**2a** was obtained as white solid (43 mg) in 55% isolated yield from **2**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.95, 164.13, 147.38, 141.90, 137.94, 137.43, 137.22, 137.18, 135.58, 133.03, 128.91, 128.08, 127.36, 121.93, 119.55, 57.49, 27.01, 19.22. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 394.1351, found: 394.1352.

**2-fluoro-6-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3a)**



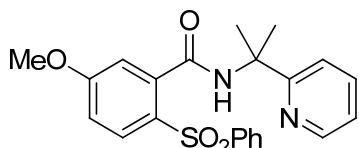
**3a** was obtained as colorless oil (41 mg) in 52% isolated yield from **3**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.91, 161.11, 159.46, 147.45, 141.10, 140.35, 137.18, 133.46, 130.64, 129.04, 128.37, 126.33, 125.66, 121.92, 121.15, 119.51, 57.92, 27.20. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -113.48. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 398.1100, found: 398.1095.

#### **5-methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (4a)**



**4a** was obtained as white solid (55 mg) in 70% isolated yield from **4**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.01, 164.20, 147.57, 144.59, 141.88, 138.28, 137.14, 135.27, 132.97, 130.27, 130.12, 129.54, 128.86, 128.09, 121.90, 119.52, 57.48, 27.21, 21.39. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 394.1351, found: 394.1350.

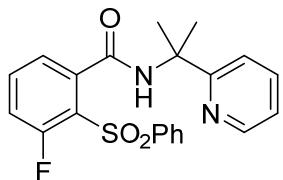
#### **5-methoxy-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5a)**



**5a** was obtained as colorless oil (48 mg) in 58% isolated yield from **5**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.73 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.52, 164.12, 163.25, 147.55, 142.25, 140.39, 137.14, 132.81, 132.42, 129.75, 128.82,

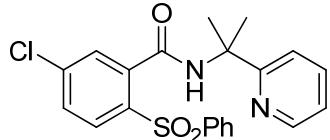
127.90, 121.91, 119.48, 114.55, 57.49, 55.86, 27.18. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 410.1300, found: 410.1303.

**3-fluoro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (6a)**



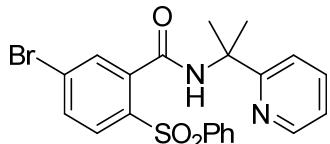
**6a** was obtained as white-off solid (60 mg) in 75% isolated yield from **6**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td, *J* = 8.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.03, 166.02, 164.10, 159.83, 147.45, 140.80, 137.27, 135.48, 133.69, 129.01, 128.58, 128.57, 126.78, 124.59, 122.01, 119.53, 117.87, 57.49, 27.16. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -104.15. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 398.1100, found: 398.1102.

**5-chloro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (7a)**



**7a** was obtained as white-off solid (63 mg) in 76% isolated yield from **7**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.06 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.74 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.38, 163.84, 147.52, 141.20, 139.97, 139.71, 137.27, 136.83, 133.38, 131.61, 129.83, 129.06, 129.00, 128.28, 122.03, 119.45, 57.59, 27.14. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 414.0805, found: 414.0805.

**5-bromo-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (8a)**



**8a** was obtained as white solid (63 mg) in 69% isolated yield from **8**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.46 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 1.94 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.26, 163.83, 147.52, 141.14, 139.68, 137.36, 137.27, 133.40, 132.86, 131.92, 131.60, 129.01, 128.46, 128.29, 122.04, 119.46, 57.60, 27.14. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 458.0300, found: 458.0298.

**4-methyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (9a)**



**9a** was obtained as white-off solid (57 mg) in 73% isolated yield from **9**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.16 – 8.01 (m, 3H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.43 – 7.38 (dd,  $J = 11.6, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.03, 164.22, 147.56, 141.69, 140.17, 138.02, 137.11, 135.76, 134.03, 133.06, 130.29, 128.95, 128.87, 128.23, 121.87, 119.50, 57.44, 27.22, 21.23. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 394.1351, found: 394.1348.

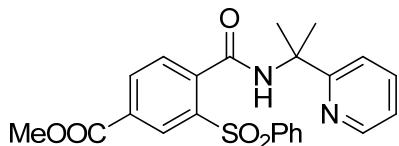
**2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (10a)**



**10a** was obtained as colorless oil (66 mg) in 74% isolated yield from **10**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.43 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd,  $J = 12.4, 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.59, 163.75, 147.45, 141.34, 140.68, 139.69, 137.33, 133.68, 132.06, 130.22, 129.77, 129.11, 128.52, 127.21, 122.91, 122.08,

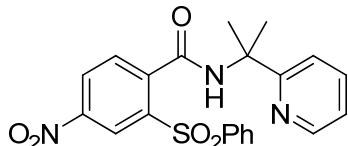
119.46, 57.63, 27.16.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.82. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 448.1068, found: 448.1071.

**Methyl 3-(phenylsulfonyl)-4-((2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)carbamoyl)benzoate (11a)**



**11a** was obtained as colorless oil (67 mg) in 76% isolated yield from **11**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.73 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.09, 164.96, 163.86, 147.50, 141.78, 141.02, 139.09, 137.27, 134.34, 133.45, 131.64, 131.29, 129.28, 129.01, 128.46, 122.03, 119.47, 57.62, 52.74, 27.19. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 438.1249, found: 438.1249.

**4-nitro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (12a)**



**12a** was obtained as colorless oil (64 mg) in 75% isolated yield from **12**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.92 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.42 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.77 (dt,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.96, 163.54, 147.99, 147.42, 143.18, 140.78, 140.16, 137.44, 133.99, 130.39, 129.24, 128.72, 127.98, 125.49, 122.19, 119.46, 57.75, 27.15. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 425.1045, found: 425.1048.

**4-cyano-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (13a)**



**13a** was obtained as yellowish oil (35 mg) in 43% isolated yield from **13**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.12, 163.59, 147.43, 141.65, 140.32, 140.27, 137.41, 136.50, 133.93, 133.83, 129.88, 129.21, 128.64, 122.16, 119.45, 116.72, 114.13, 57.70, 27.13. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 405.1147, found: 405.1152.

**4-chloro-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (14a)**



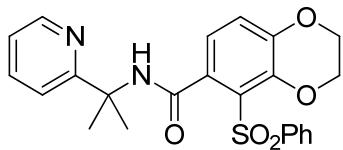
**14a** was obtained as white solid (51 mg) in 62% isolated yield from **14**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.13 – 7.99 (m, 3H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 1.92 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.90, 163.92, 147.50, 140.89, 140.09, 137.24, 136.62, 135.71, 133.53, 133.43, 130.32, 129.95, 129.04, 128.47, 122.00, 119.47, 57.54, 27.17. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 414.0805, found: 414.0808.

**4-acetyl-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (15a)**



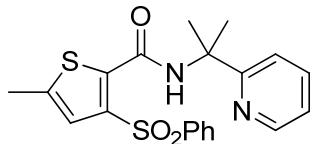
**15a** was obtained as white solid (33 mg) in 39% isolated yield from **15**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.73, 166.00, 163.84, 147.48, 141.78, 140.99, 139.27, 137.92, 137.28, 133.49, 132.85, 129.94, 129.55, 129.04, 128.42, 122.04, 119.47, 57.62, 27.19, 26.73. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 422.1300, found: 422.1304.

**5-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxine-6-carboxamide (16a)**



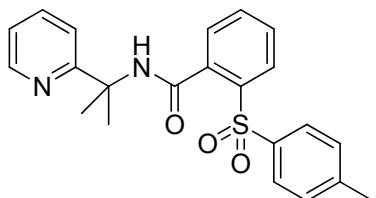
**16a** was obtained as colorless oil (50 mg) in 57% isolated yield from **16**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 1.93 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.19, 164.43, 147.48, 144.49, 142.49, 141.41, 137.13, 133.16, 133.07, 128.63, 128.54, 126.33, 122.04, 121.86, 121.05, 119.56, 64.25, 63.73, 57.31, 27.19. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 438.1249, found: 438.1245.

**5-methyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (17a)**



**17a** was obtained as colorless oil (45 mg) in 56% isolated yield from **17**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.20 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.97, 158.59, 148.47, 143.12, 142.85, 141.22, 136.59, 136.40, 133.70, 129.32, 128.09, 127.44, 121.74, 119.25, 58.26, 27.60, 15.27. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 400.0915, found: 400.0915.

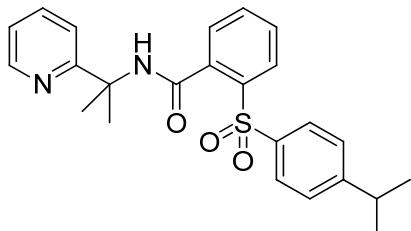
**N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2-tosylbenzamide (1b)**



**1b** was obtained as white foam (58 mg) in 74% isolated yield from **1**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 3H),

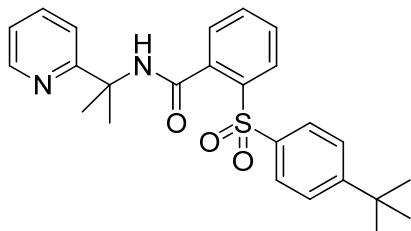
7.26 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.87, 164.19, 147.56, 144.03, 138.64, 138.58, 138.21, 137.12, 133.24, 129.88, 129.63, 129.54, 128.95, 128.35, 121.88, 119.50, 57.50, 27.23, 21.61. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 394.1351, found: 394.1346.

**2-((4-isopropylphenyl)sulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1c)**



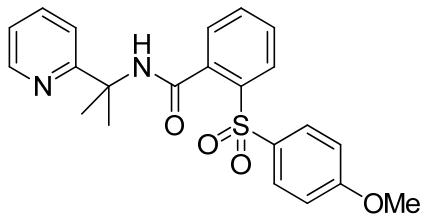
**1c** was obtained as white-off solid (54 mg) in 64% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 2.92 (hept,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.22 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.97, 164.21, 154.64, 147.57, 138.82, 138.71, 138.22, 137.11, 133.21, 129.95, 129.66, 128.95, 128.49, 127.07, 121.88, 119.50, 57.52, 34.20, 27.23, 23.57. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 422.1664, found: 422.1667.

**2-((4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1d)**



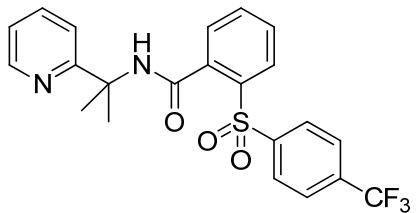
**1d** was obtained as white solid (61 mg) in 70% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dt,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.29 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.99, 164.22, 156.89, 147.58, 138.72, 138.47, 138.22, 137.11, 133.21, 129.97, 129.67, 128.95, 128.20, 125.98, 121.88, 119.50, 57.53, 35.14, 31.03, 27.23. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 436.1821, found: 436.1822.

**2-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1e)**



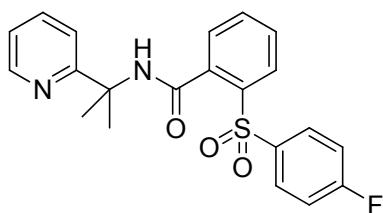
**1e** was obtained as white solid (50 mg) in 62% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dt,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.04, 164.19, 163.33, 147.57, 139.07, 138.01, 137.12, 133.09, 133.05, 130.68, 129.71, 129.65, 128.91, 121.89, 119.50, 114.13, 57.50, 55.54, 27.25. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 410.1300, found: 410.1303.

**N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)benzamide e (1f)**



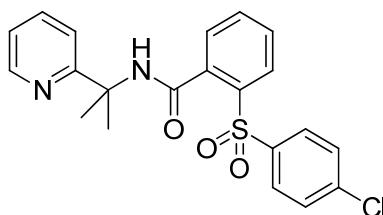
**1f** was obtained as light-yellow solid (50 mg) in 56% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.65 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.75, 163.97, 147.51, 145.22, 138.72, 137.47, 137.24, 134.04, 130.37, 129.92, 128.94, 128.91, 125.99, 122.02, 119.49, 57.49, 27.18.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.20. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 448.1068, found: 448.1064.

**2-((4-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1g)**



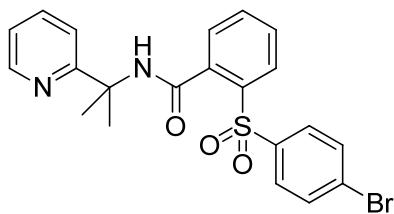
**1g** was obtained as colorless oil (60 mg) in 76% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.12 – 8.09 (m, 3H), 7.74 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 1.94 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.93, 165.44, 164.06, 147.54, 138.32, 137.66, 137.18, 133.57, 131.32, 129.89, 128.90, 121.96, 119.48, 116.23, 116.00, 57.49, 27.21.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -104.58. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 398.1100, found: 398.1096.

#### **2-((4-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1h)**



**1h** was obtained as white solid (60 mg) in 72% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 1.93 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.82, 164.02, 147.53, 140.15, 139.76, 138.44, 137.99, 137.20, 133.70, 130.09, 129.88, 129.82, 129.16, 128.92, 121.97, 119.48, 57.49, 27.21. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 414.0805, found: 414.0810.

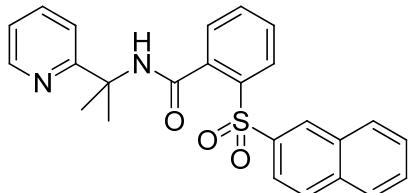
#### **2-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1i)**



**1i** was obtained as light-yellow solid (72 mg) in 78% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H),

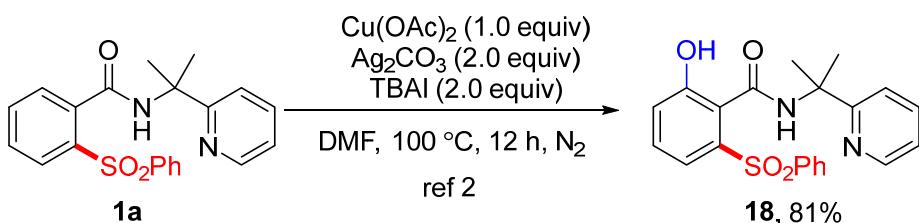
7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dt,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.19 (dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.82, 164.01, 147.53, 140.66, 138.45, 137.93, 137.21, 133.73, 132.16, 130.11, 129.95, 129.84, 128.93, 128.44, 121.99, 119.49, 57.48, 27.20. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 458.0300, found: 458.0299.

### **2-(naphthalen-2-ylsulfonyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (1j)**



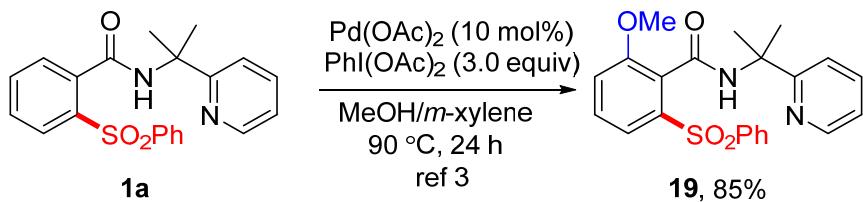
**1j** was obtained as white solid (69 mg) in 80% isolated yield from **1**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.60 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.24 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 6H), 7.15 ((dd,  $J$  = 6.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.79, 164.10, 147.49, 138.47, 138.41, 138.19, 137.13, 135.14, 133.47, 132.11, 130.10, 129.82, 129.71, 129.60, 129.19, 129.09, 128.94, 127.88, 127.25, 123.20, 121.89, 119.48, 57.52, 27.26. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 430.1351, found: 430.1349.

### **Diverse transformations<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>**

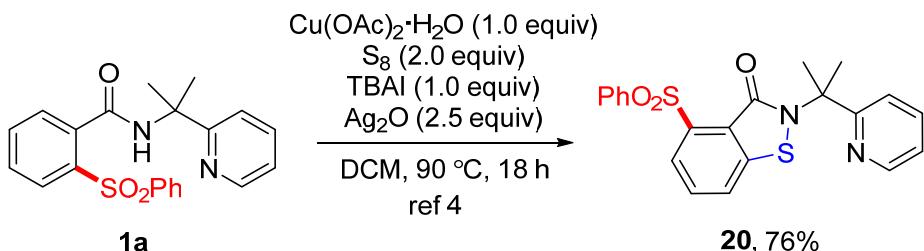


To a 30 mL Schlenk flask were added **1a** (76 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (36 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), TBAI (148 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv),  $\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (111 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DCE (2.0 mL). The flask was then charged with  $\text{N}_2$  via twice  $\text{N}_2$ -vacuum exchanges, and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 hours. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL). The resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was then transferred to a separatory funnel and washed with water (10 mL  $\times$  3). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Evaporation of the organic solvent and

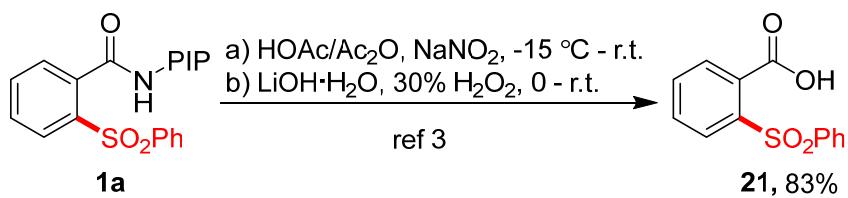
purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 3:2) gave the desired product **18** as colorless oil (64 mg) in 81% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.38 (s, br, 1H), 8.43 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 – 6.48 (m, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.35, 163.52, 156.46, 147.20, 141.54, 138.97, 138.52, 133.06, 130.74, 128.85, 128.29, 122.89, 122.83, 122.25, 120.71, 120.32, 58.28, 29.02. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S} (\text{M}^+)$ : 396.1144, found: 396.1146.



To a 30 mL Schlenk flask were added **1a** (76 mg, 0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.5 mg, 10 mol%), PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (193 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and *m*-xylene/MeOH (2.0 mL, 1:1; v:v). The flask was then charged with N<sub>2</sub> via twice N<sub>2</sub>-vacuum exchanges, and the mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 24 hours. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL). The resulting mixture was then transferred to a 50 mL vial. Evaporation of the organic solvent and purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 1:1) gave the desired product **19** as colorless oil (70 mg) in 85% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.49, 163.66, 157.30, 147.54, 141.67, 139.23, 136.91, 133.09, 130.19, 128.90, 128.20, 127.50, 121.70, 121.42, 119.71, 116.24, 57.87, 56.47, 27.36. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 410.1300, found: 410.1296.



To a 30 mL Schlenk flask were added **1a** (76 mg, 0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (40 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), S<sub>8</sub> (102 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), TBAI (74 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Ag<sub>2</sub>O (116 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and DCM (2.0 mL). The flask was then sealed with Teflon-lined cap and stirred at 90 °C for 18 h. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL). The resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. Evaporation of the organic solvent and purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 1:1) gave the desired product **20** as white-off solid (62 mg) in 76% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.67, 160.97, 148.77, 143.21, 141.07, 140.07, 136.30, 132.63, 130.61, 128.62, 128.05, 127.55, 125.81, 122.19, 121.74, 119.72, 63.64, 27.31. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 410.0759, found: 410.0757.



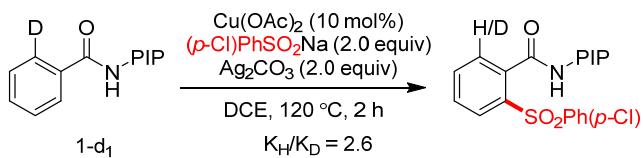
**Nitrosylation step:** A solution of **1a** (76 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a mixture of acetic acid (0.27 mL) and acetic anhydride (1.35 mL) was cooled to -15 °C and granular sodium nitrite (303 mg, 4.4 mmol, 22.0 equiv) was added slowly in three portions. After being stirred for 2 hours at -15 °C, the mixture was allowed to be warmed naturally to room temperature and stirred overnight followed by being poured into ice-water mixture (Caution! the nitrosoamide is unstable and the subsequent work-up should be carried out below 10 °C). The nitrosoamide was extracted with

ice-cold ether, and the organic phase was sequentially washed with ice water, an aqueous solution of sodium carbonate (5%) and ice water, and then dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure in an ice-water bath to give the residue.

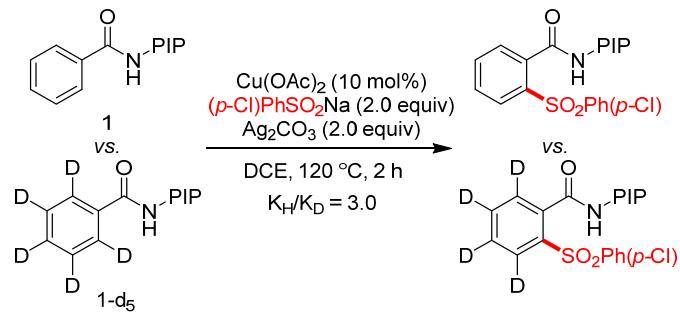
*Hydrolysis step:* The residue was dissolved with THF-H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (3 mL:1 mL) and stirred at -15 °C. Then lithium hydroxide monohydrate (84 mg, 2.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv) followed by 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.50 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 2 hours and at 0 °C for another 2 hours, and then quenched with saturated aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was basified with 1N NaOH (aq.) and washed with EtOAc (20 mL). The aqueous phase was acidified with 1N HCl (aq.) and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL) three times. The combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc/HOAc = 1:1:0.01) to afford **21** as pale oil (43 mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.96, 141.23, 139.42, 133.41, 133.30, 132.33, 131.47, 130.37, 129.82, 128.97, 128.03. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 263.0373, found: 263.0372.

### Intra- and intermolecular KIE experiments

#### a) Intramoleculcar KIE experiment

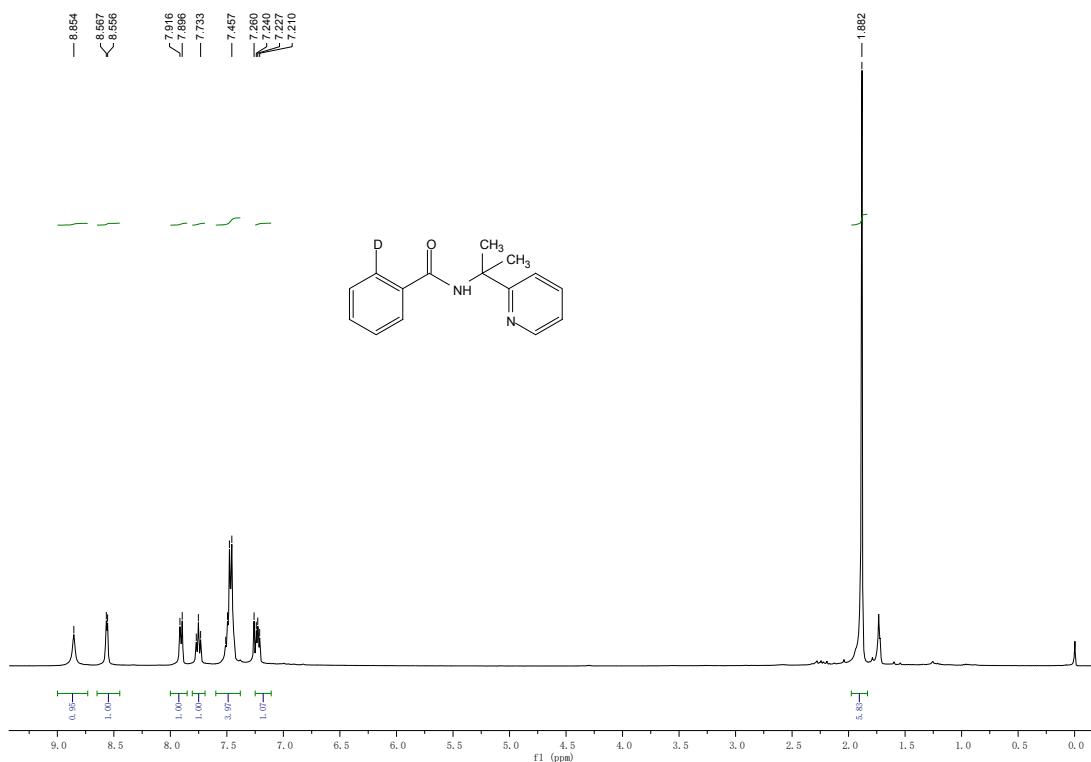


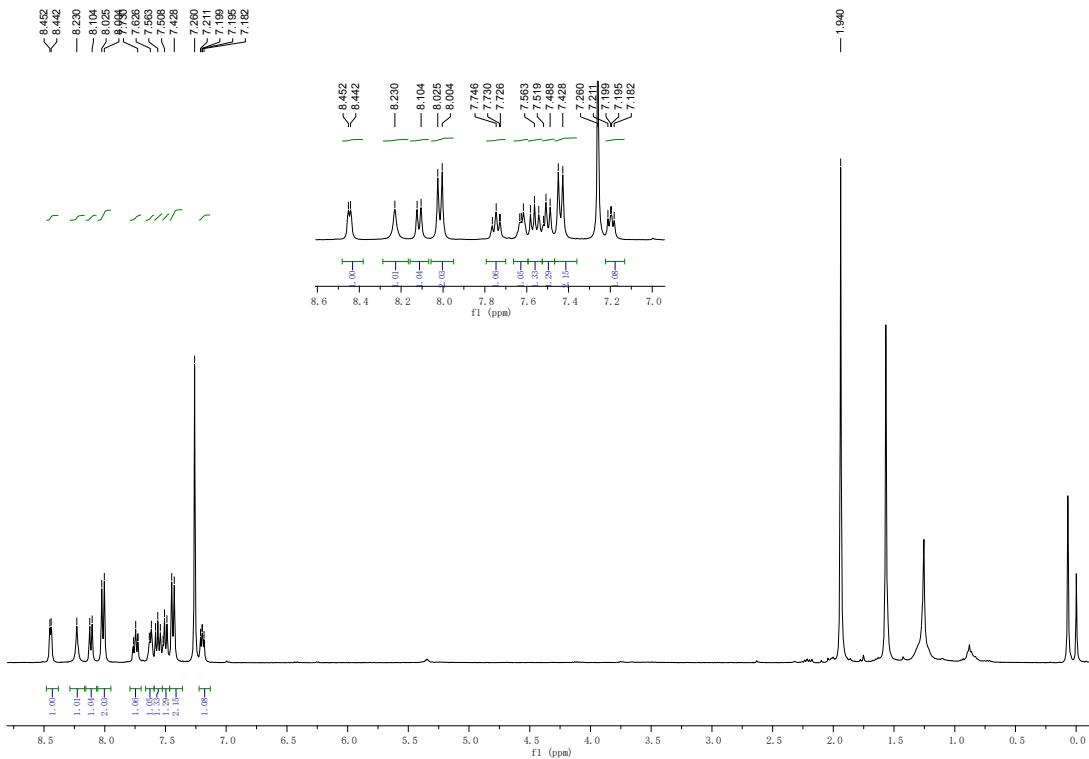
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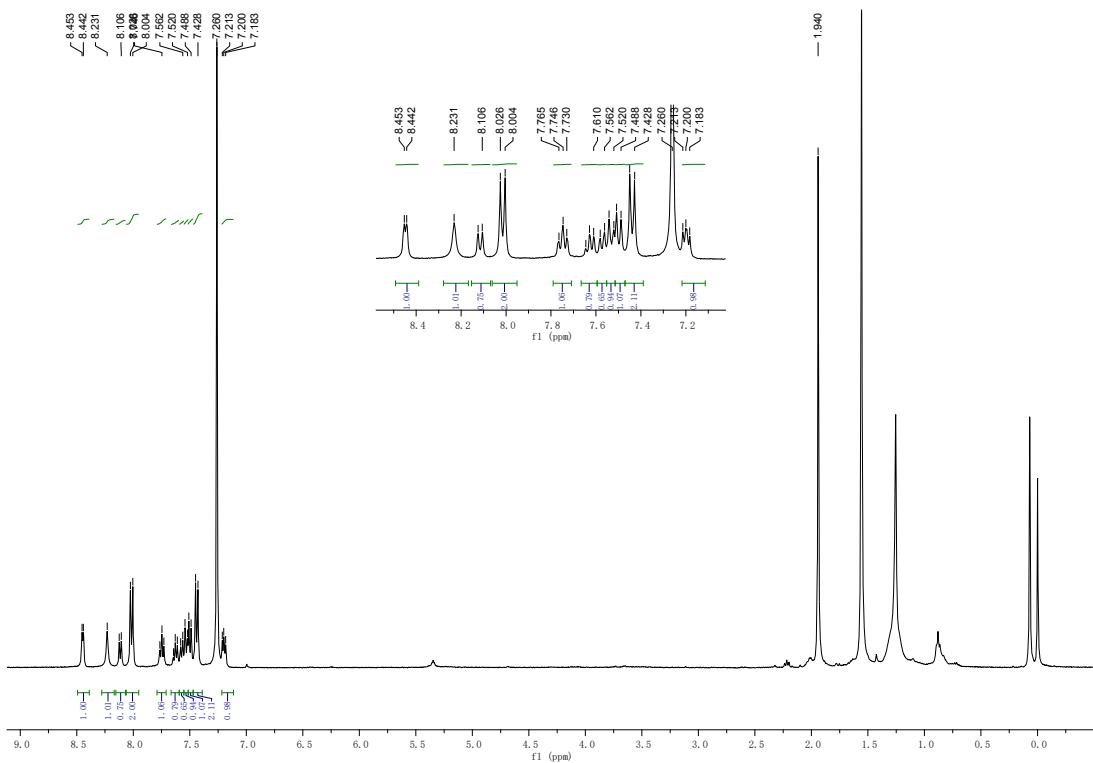
**Intramolecular KIE experiment:** To a 30 mL Schlenk flask were added **1-d<sub>1</sub>** (48.2

mg, 0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.6 mg, 0.02 mmol), (*p*-Cl)PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (80 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (111 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DCE (2.0 mL). The flask was then charged with N<sub>2</sub> via twice N<sub>2</sub>-vacuum exchanges, and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 2 hours. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with DCM (10 mL) and treated with NH<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes and was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was washed with copious DCM. Evaporation of the organic solvent and purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 1:1) gave the desired product in 6% yield. The KIE value was calculated K<sub>H</sub>/K<sub>D</sub> = 2.6.





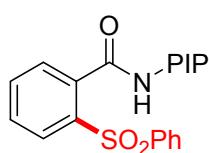
**Intermolecular KIE experiment:** To a 30 mL Schlenk flask were added **1-d<sub>5</sub>** (24.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), **1** (24 mg, 0.1 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3.6 mg, 0.02 mmol), (*p*-Cl)PhSO<sub>2</sub>Na (80 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (111 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DCE (2.0 mL). The flask was then charged with N<sub>2</sub> via twice N<sub>2</sub>-vacuum exchanges, and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 2 hours. After being allowed to cool to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with DCM (10 mL) and treated with NH<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL). Then, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes and was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was washed with copious DCM. Evaporation of the organic solvent and purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 1:1) gave the desired product in 6% yield. The KIE value was calculated K<sub>H</sub>/K<sub>D</sub> = 3.0.



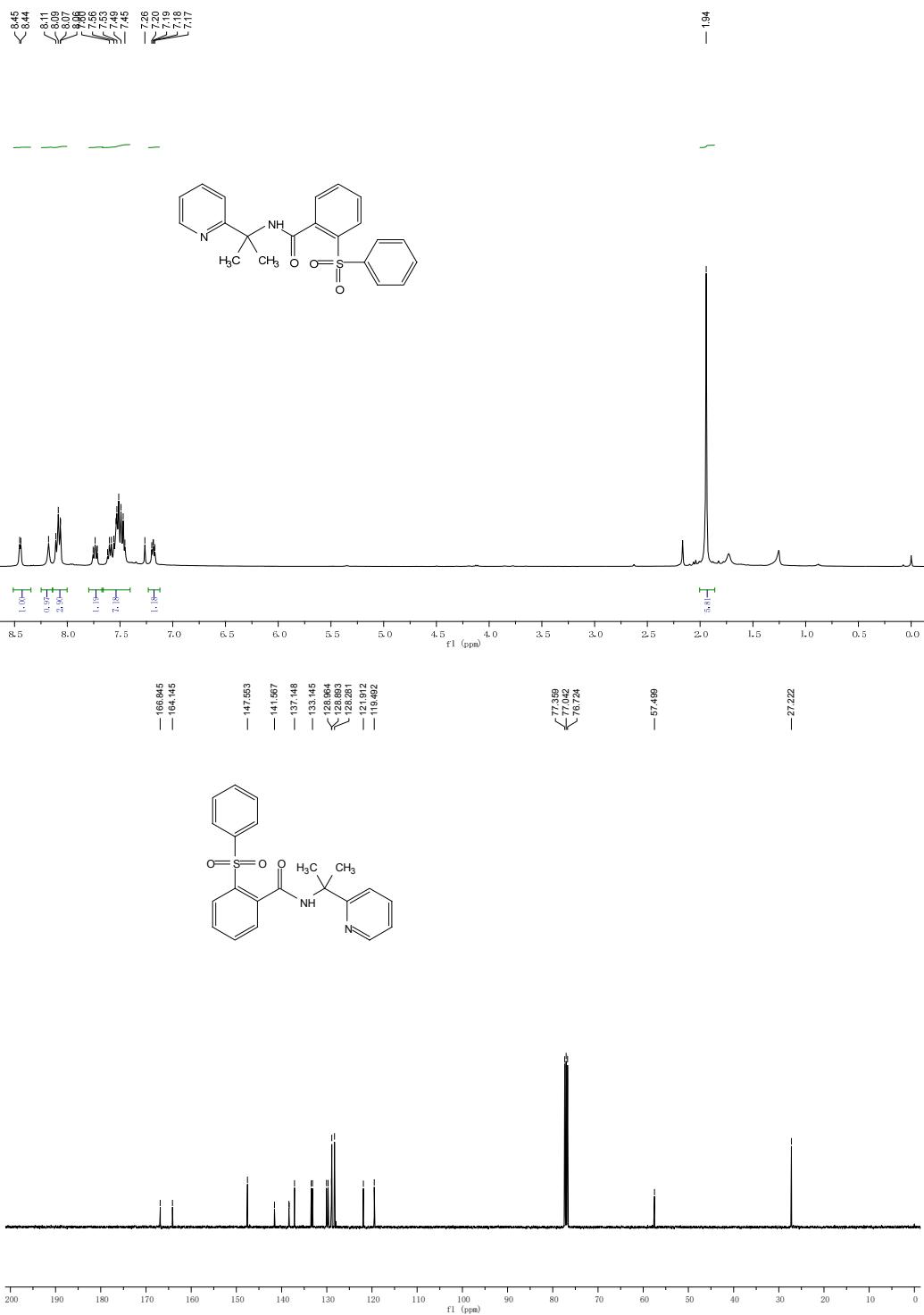
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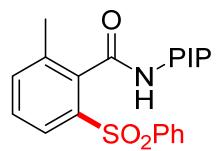
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## NMR spectra

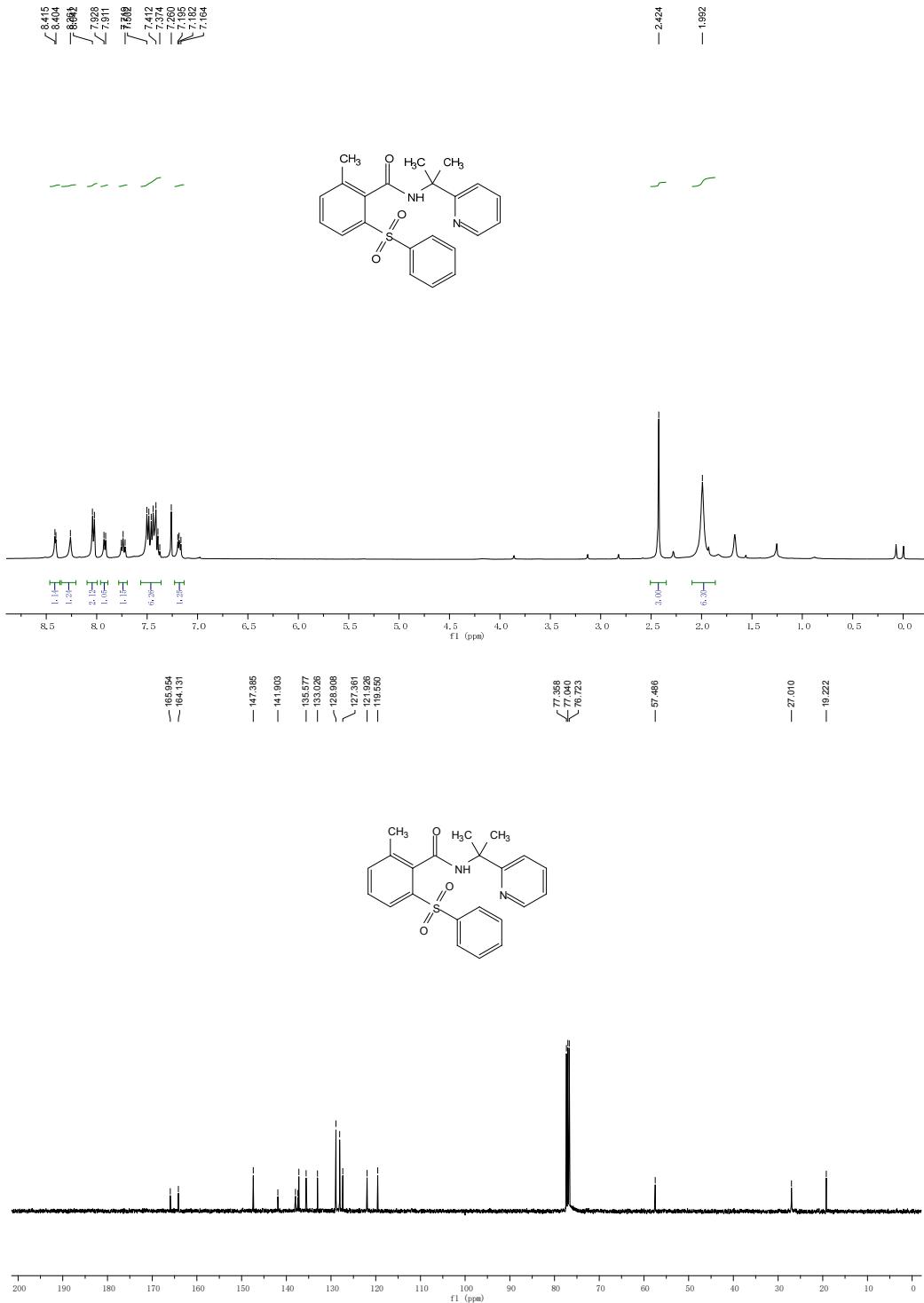


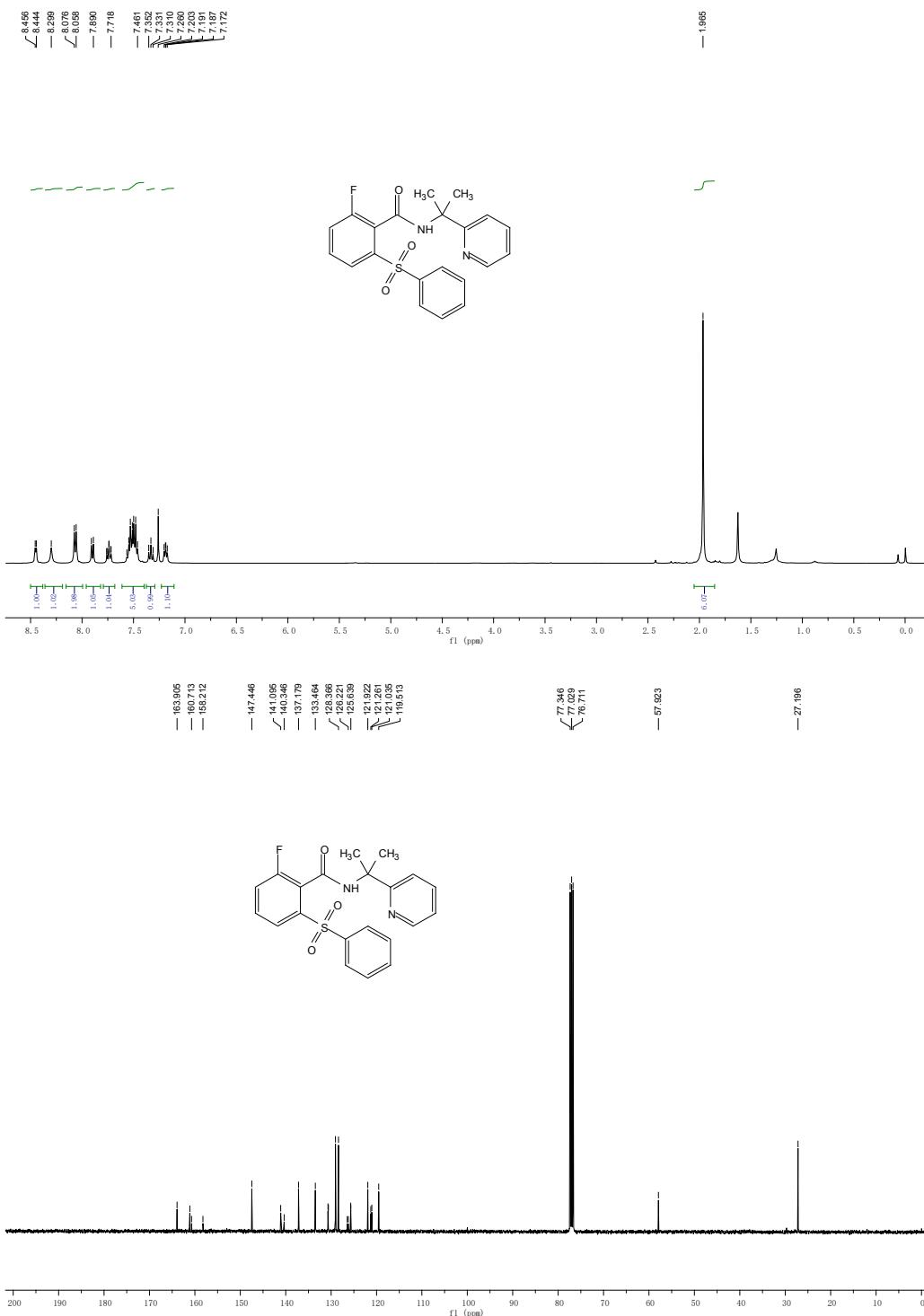
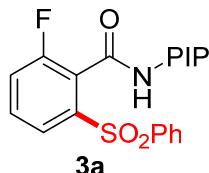
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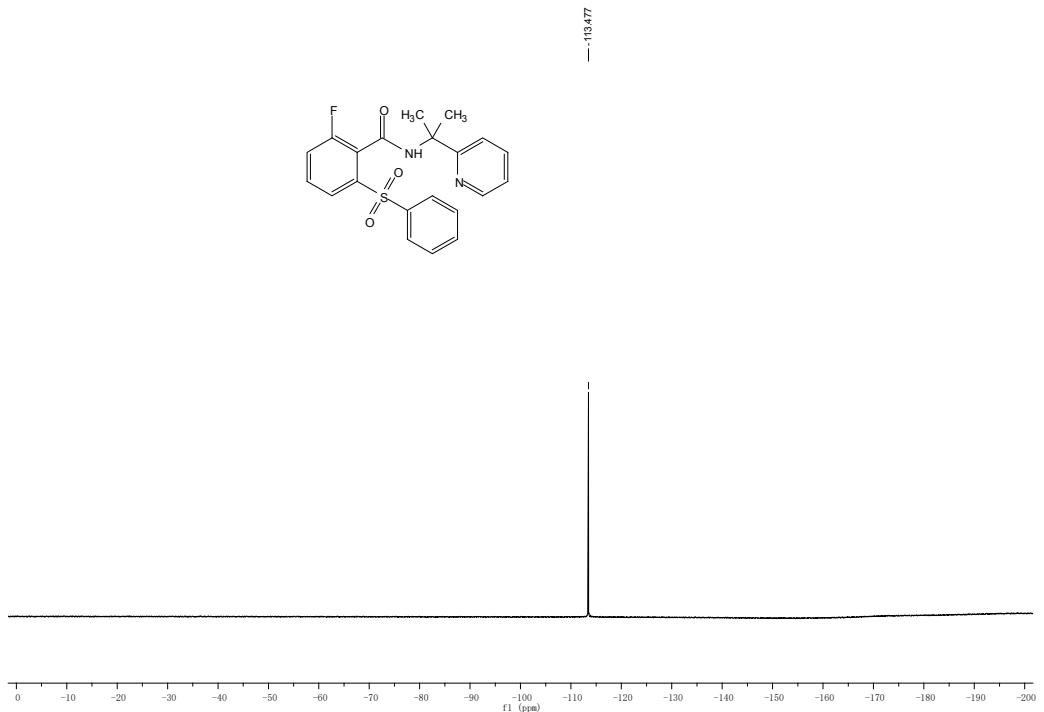


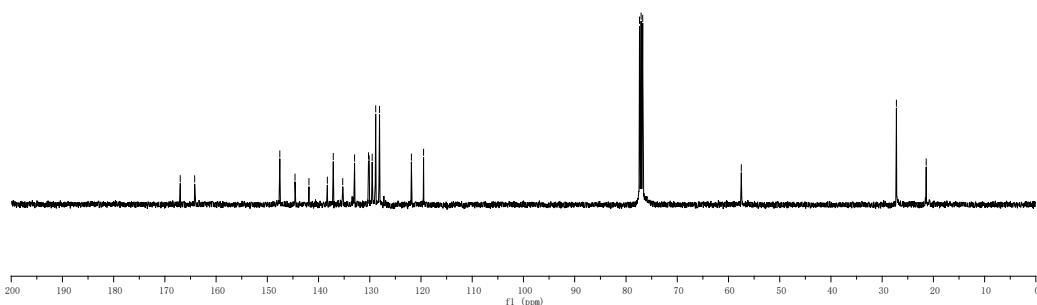
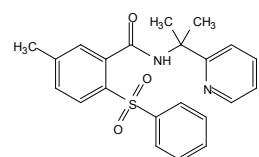
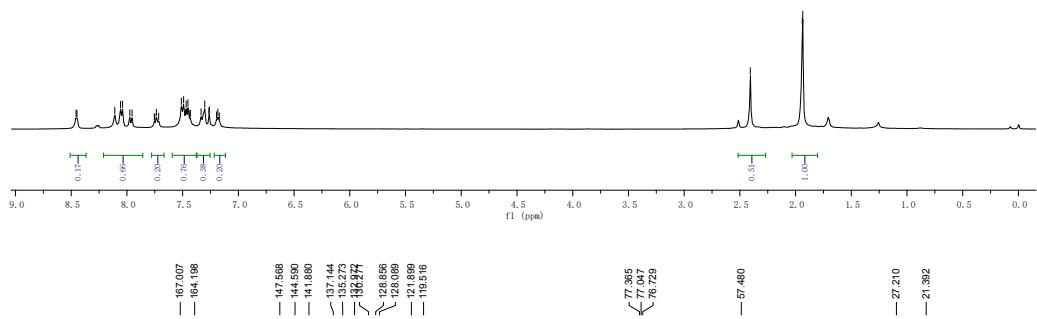
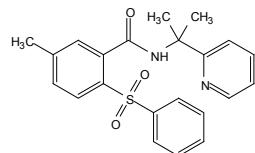
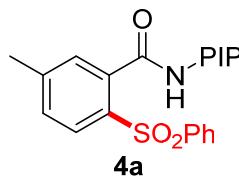


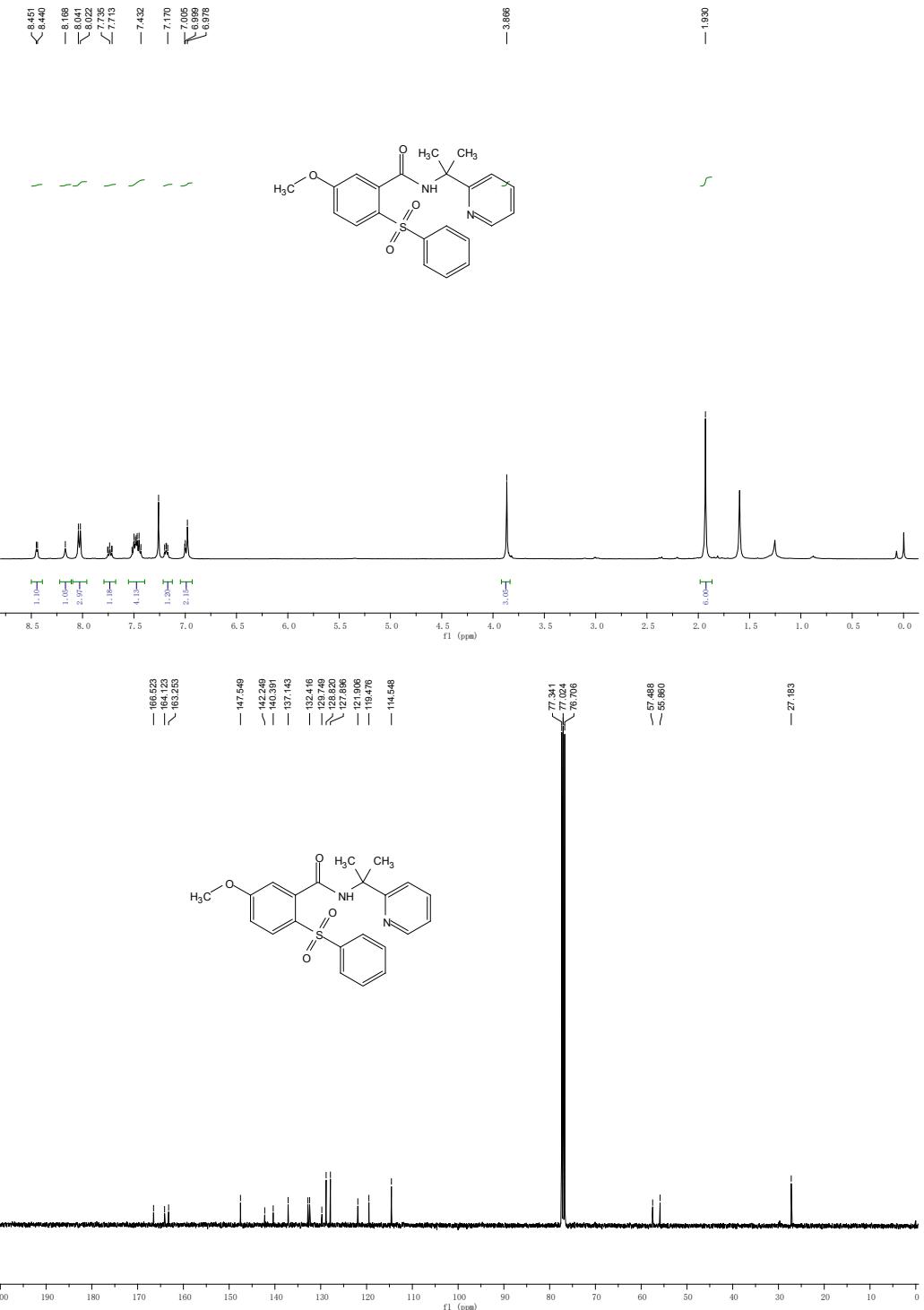
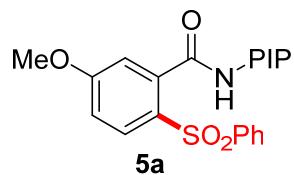
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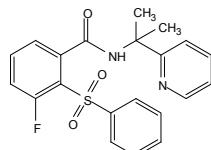
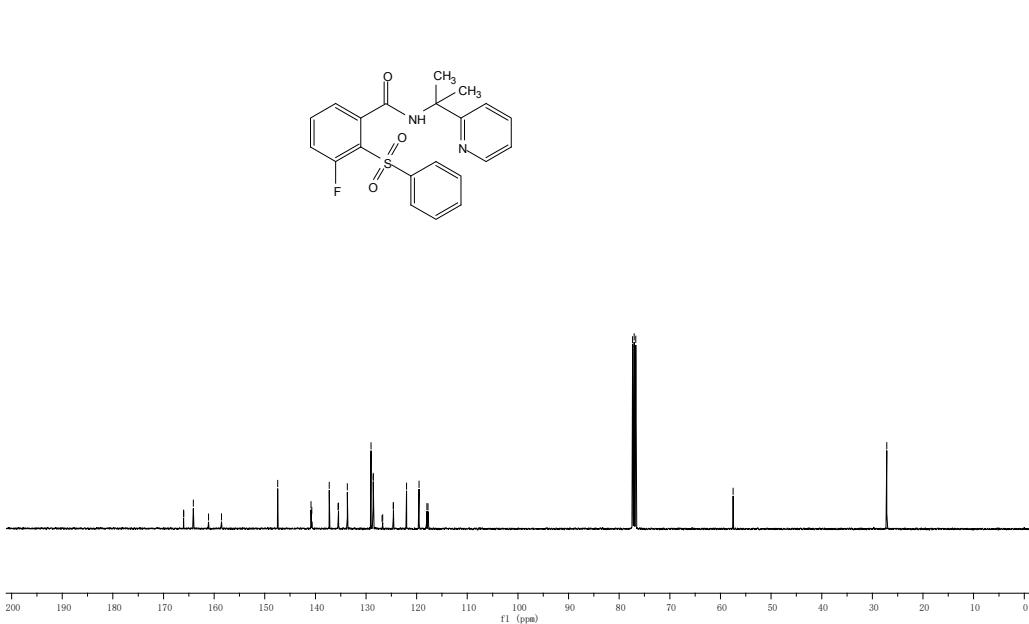
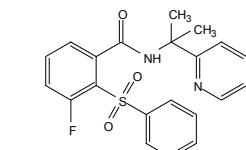
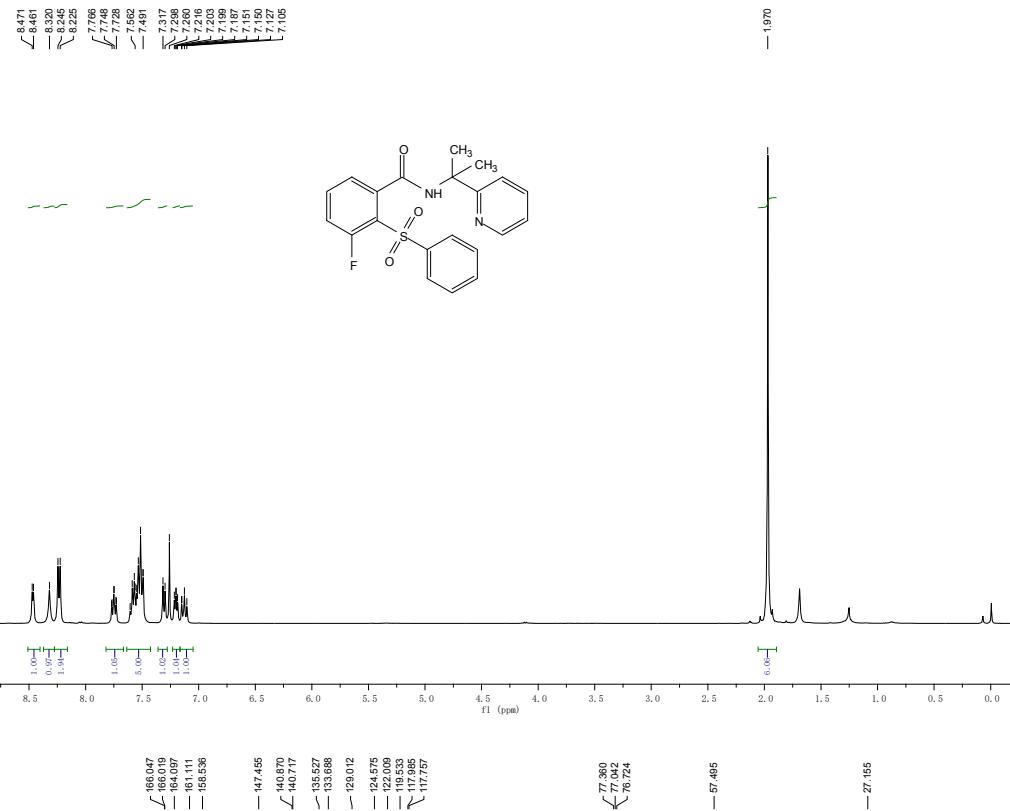
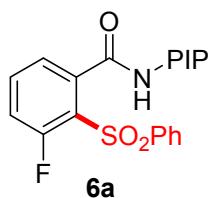


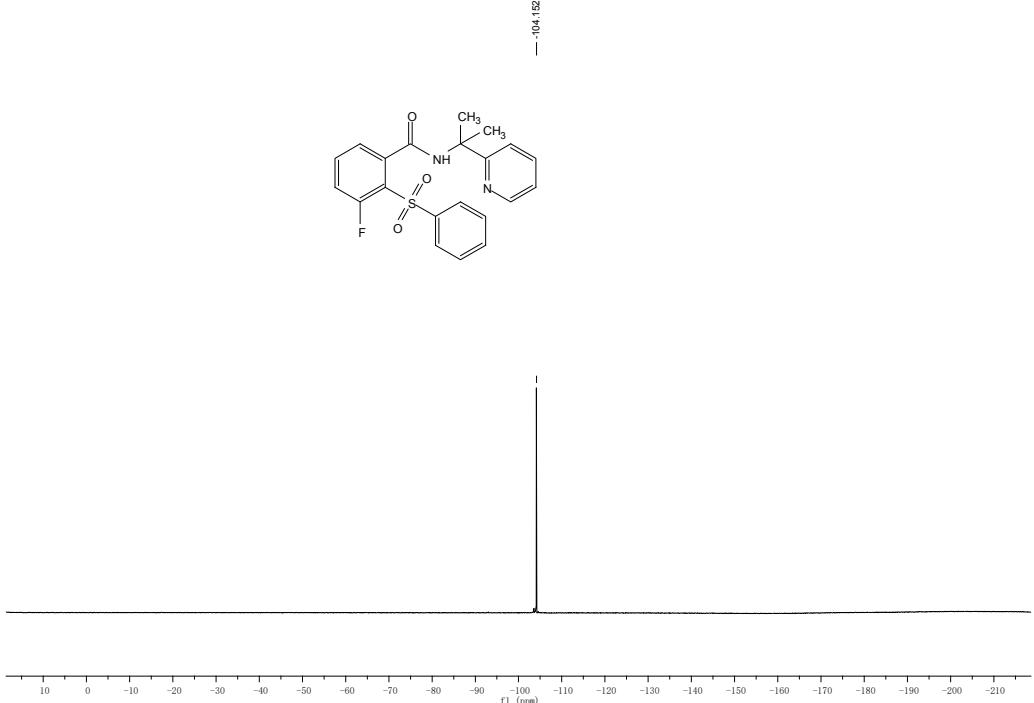


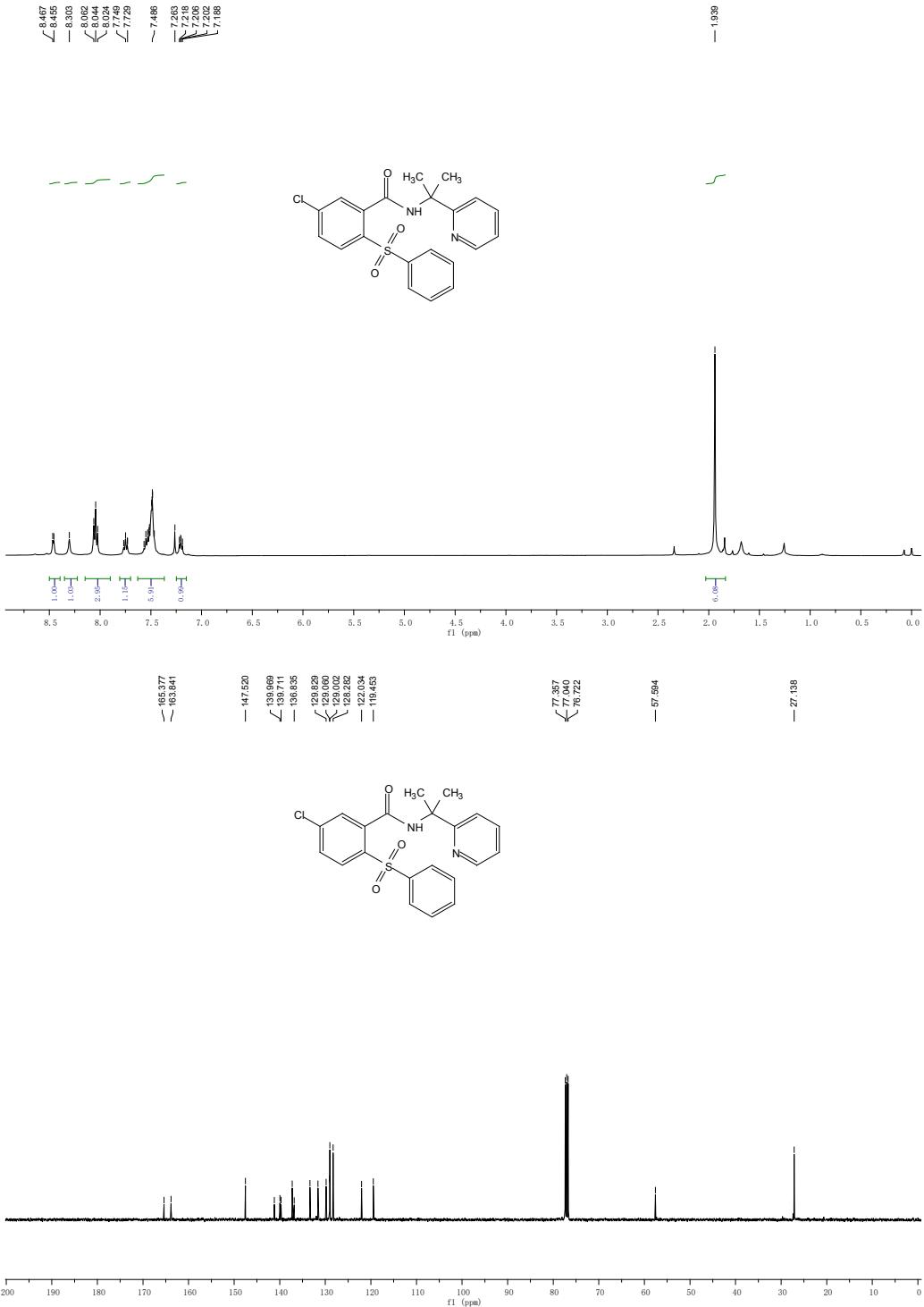
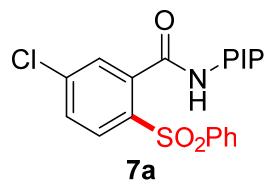


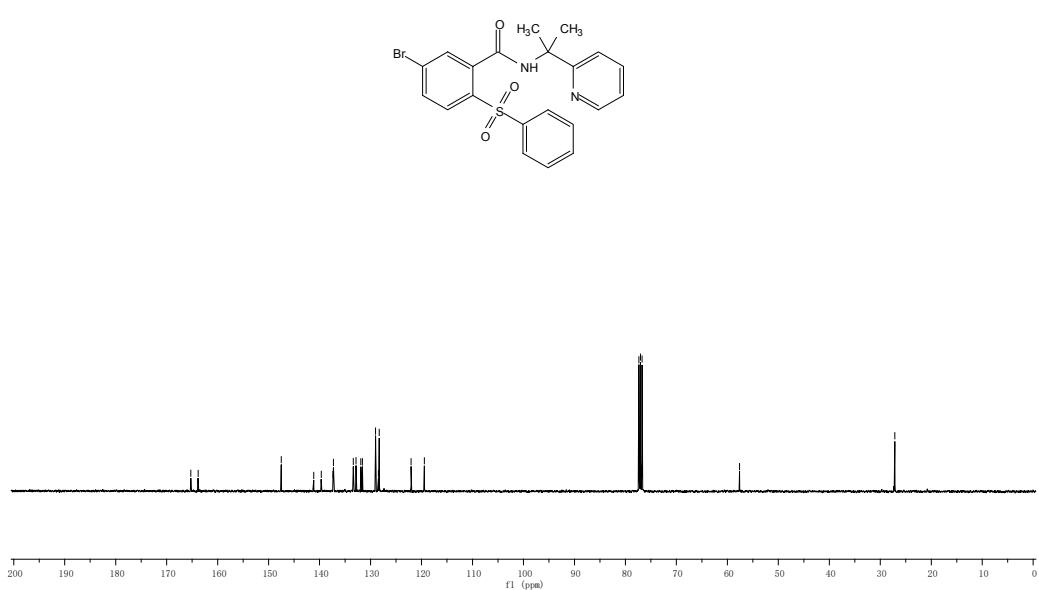
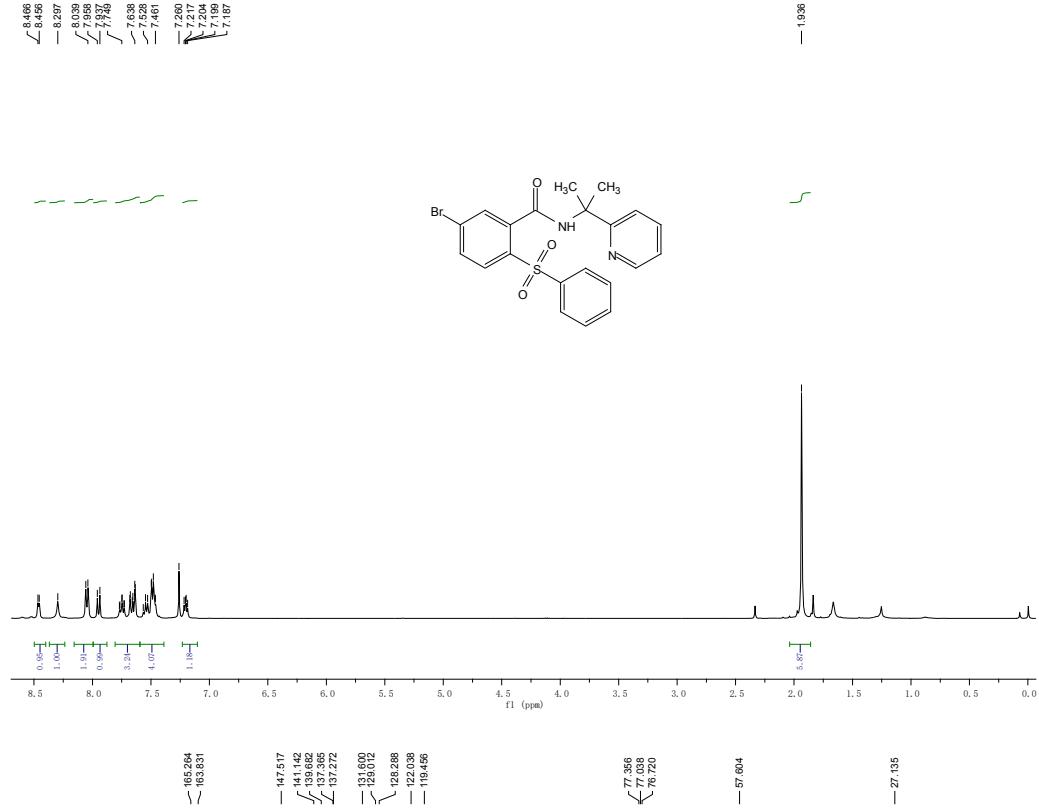
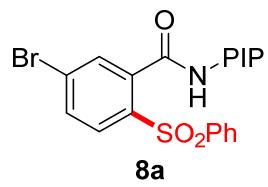


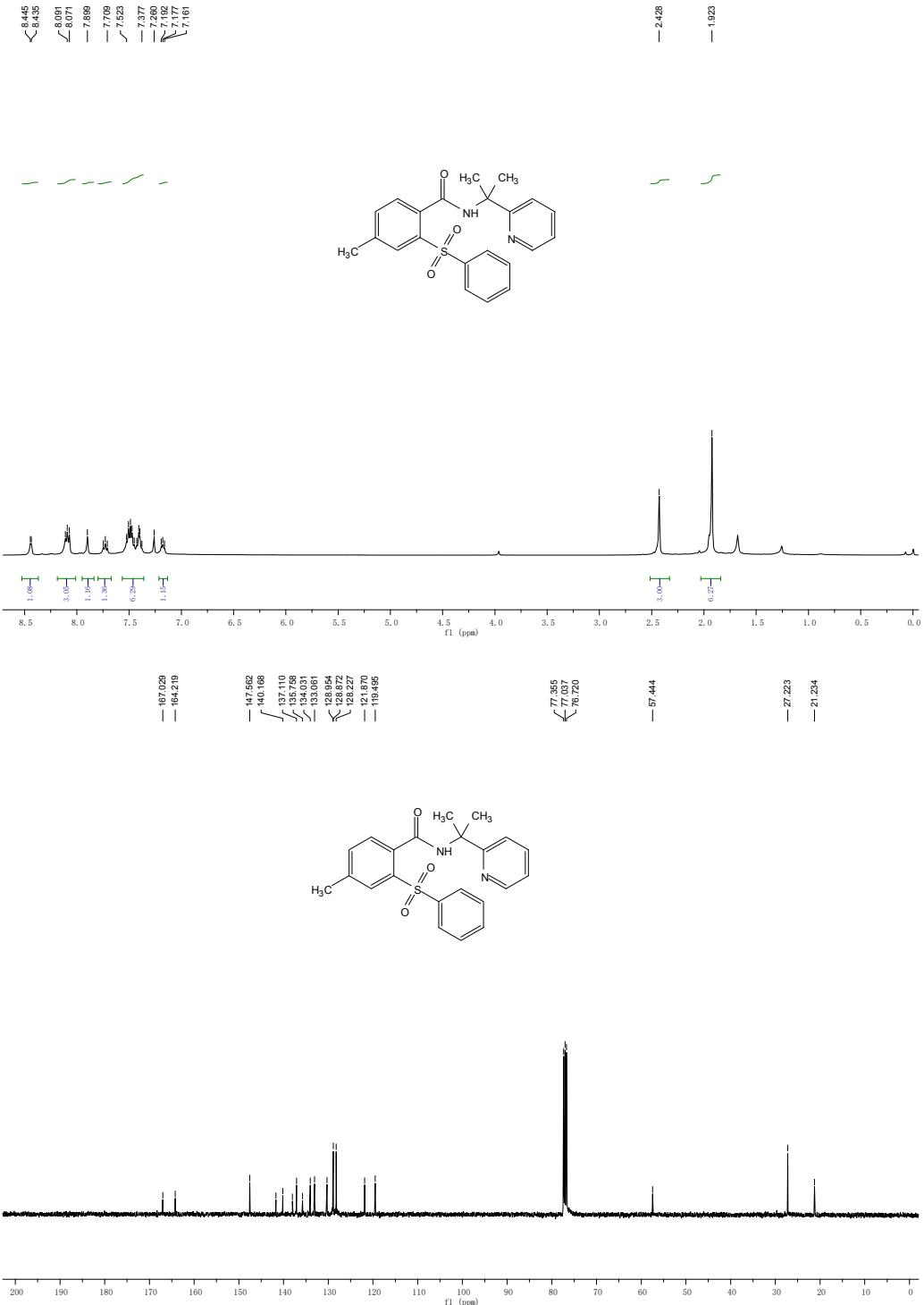
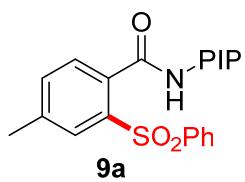


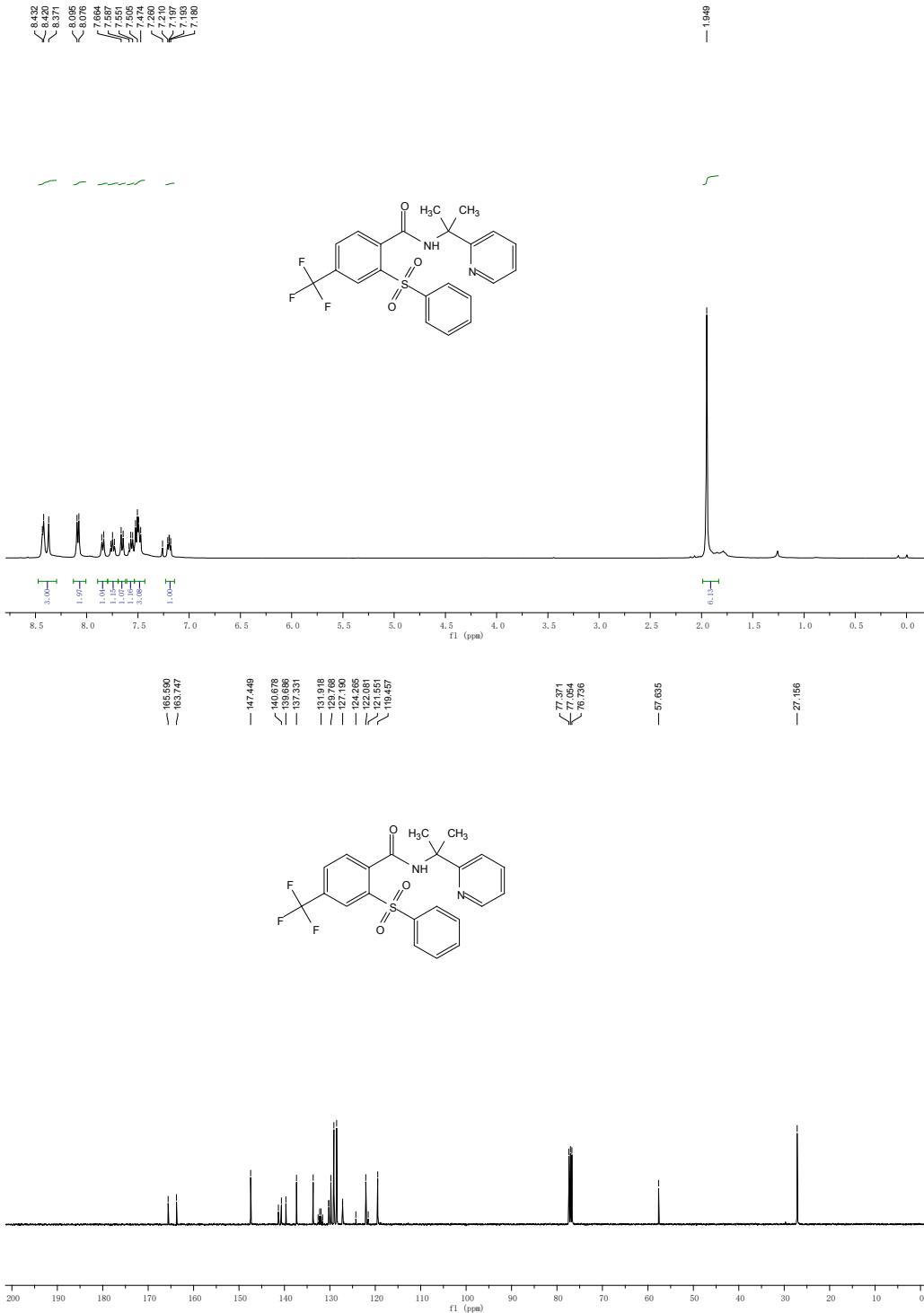
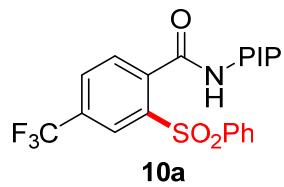


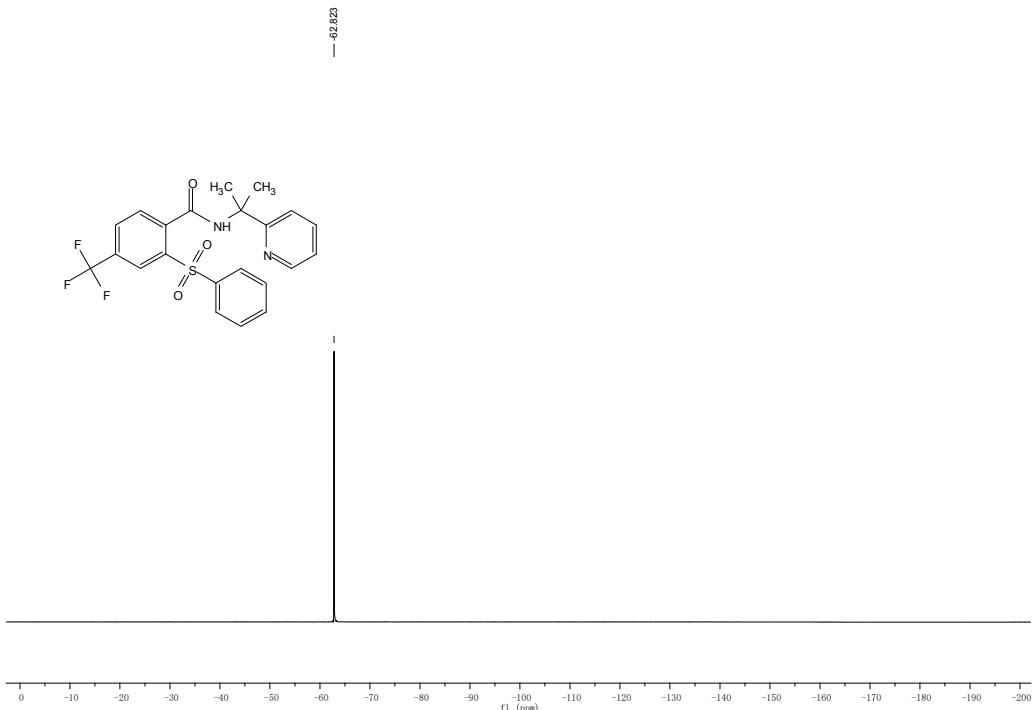


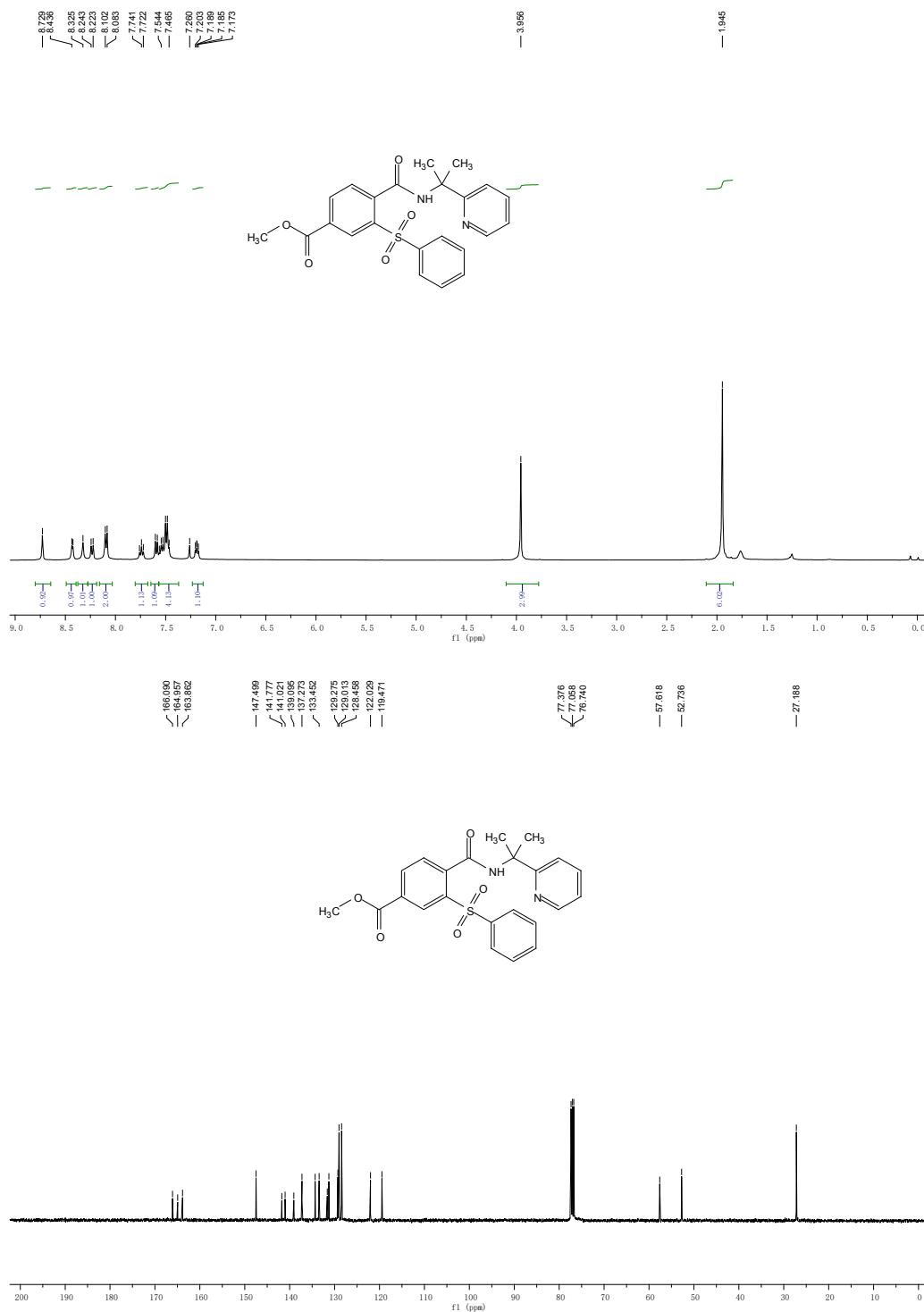
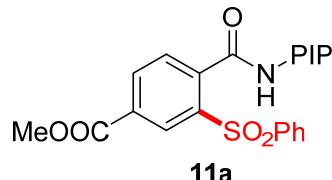


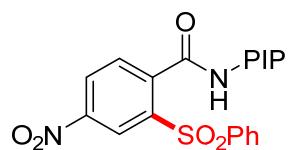




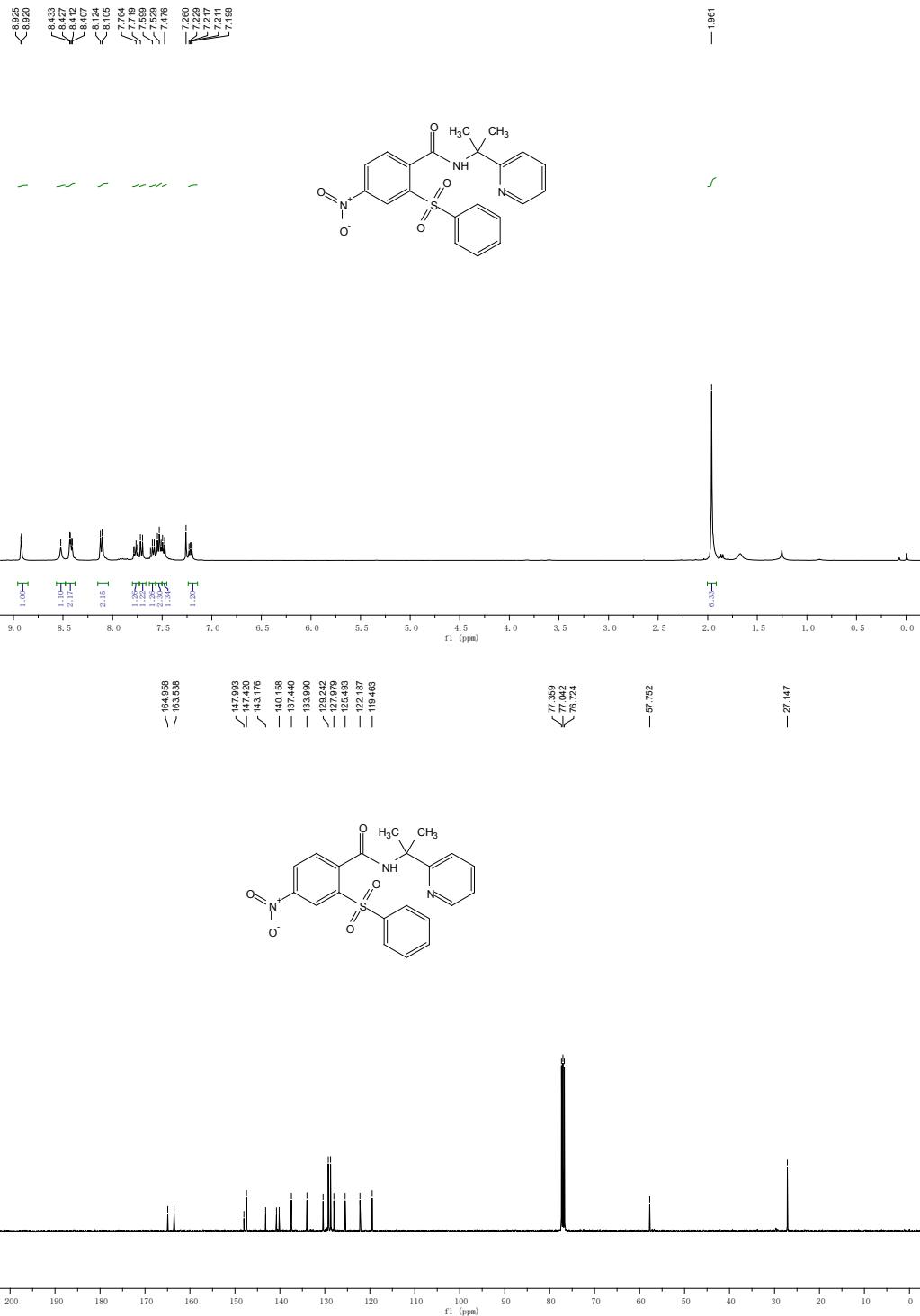


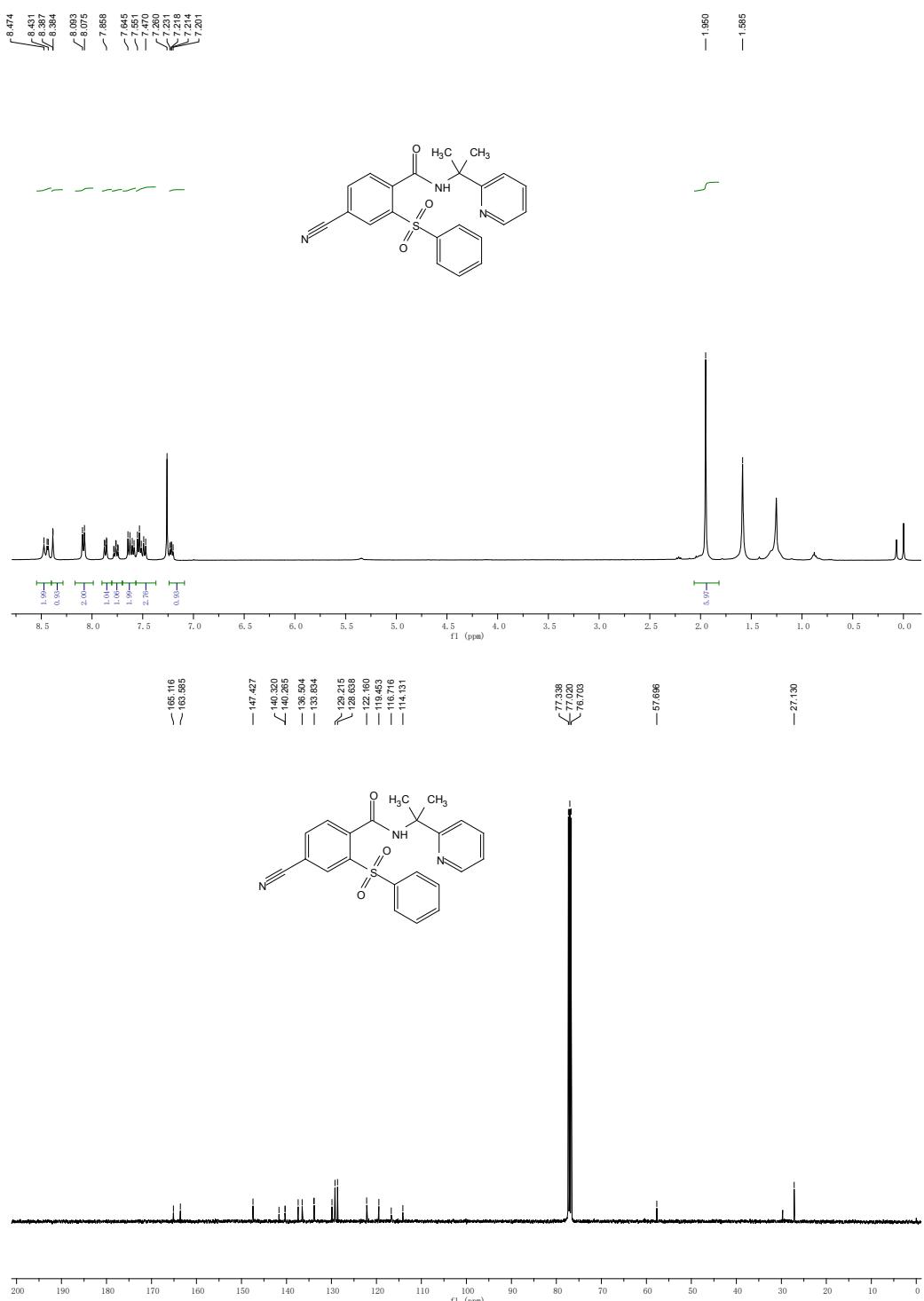
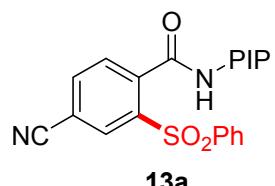


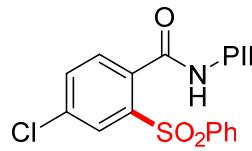




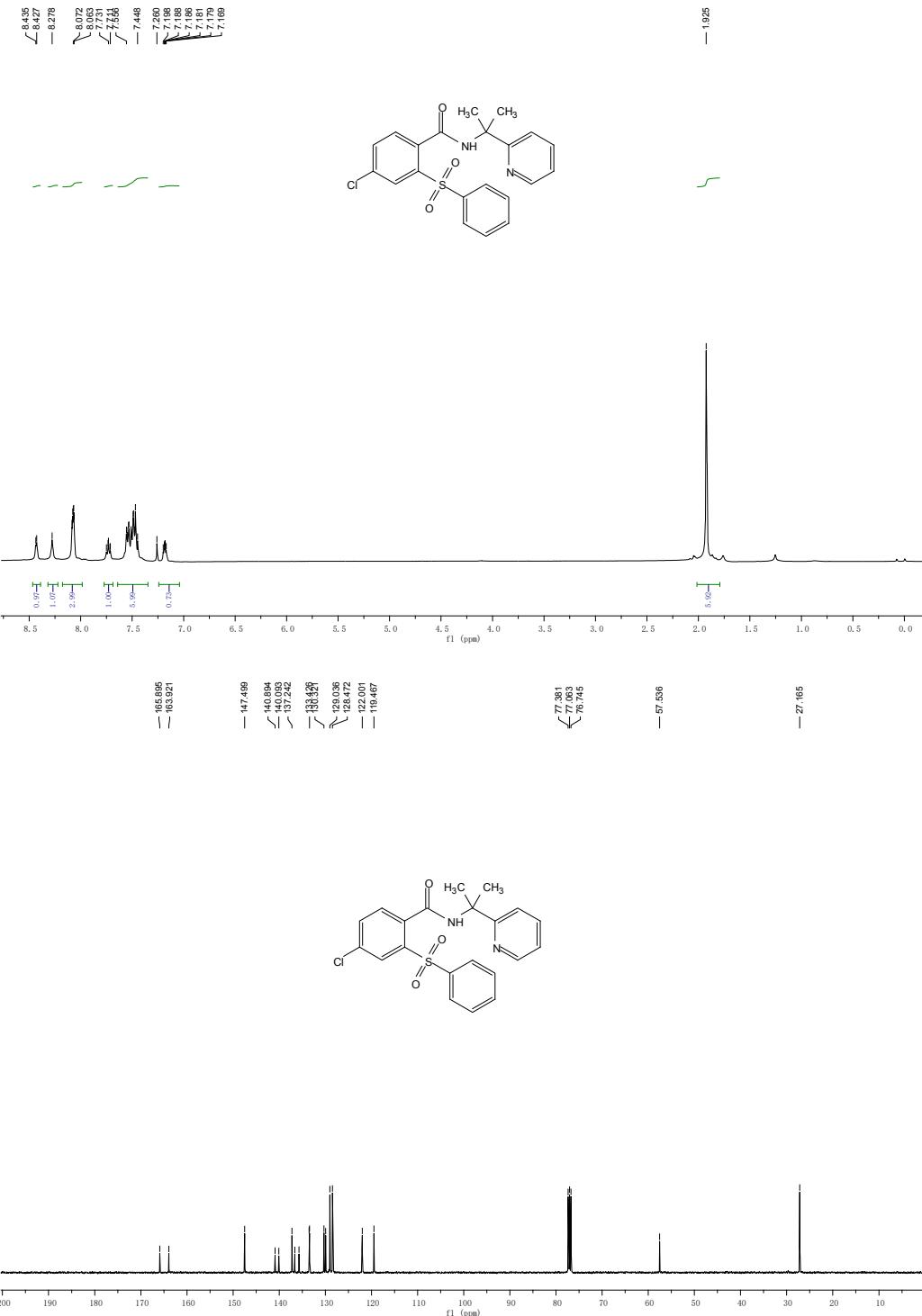
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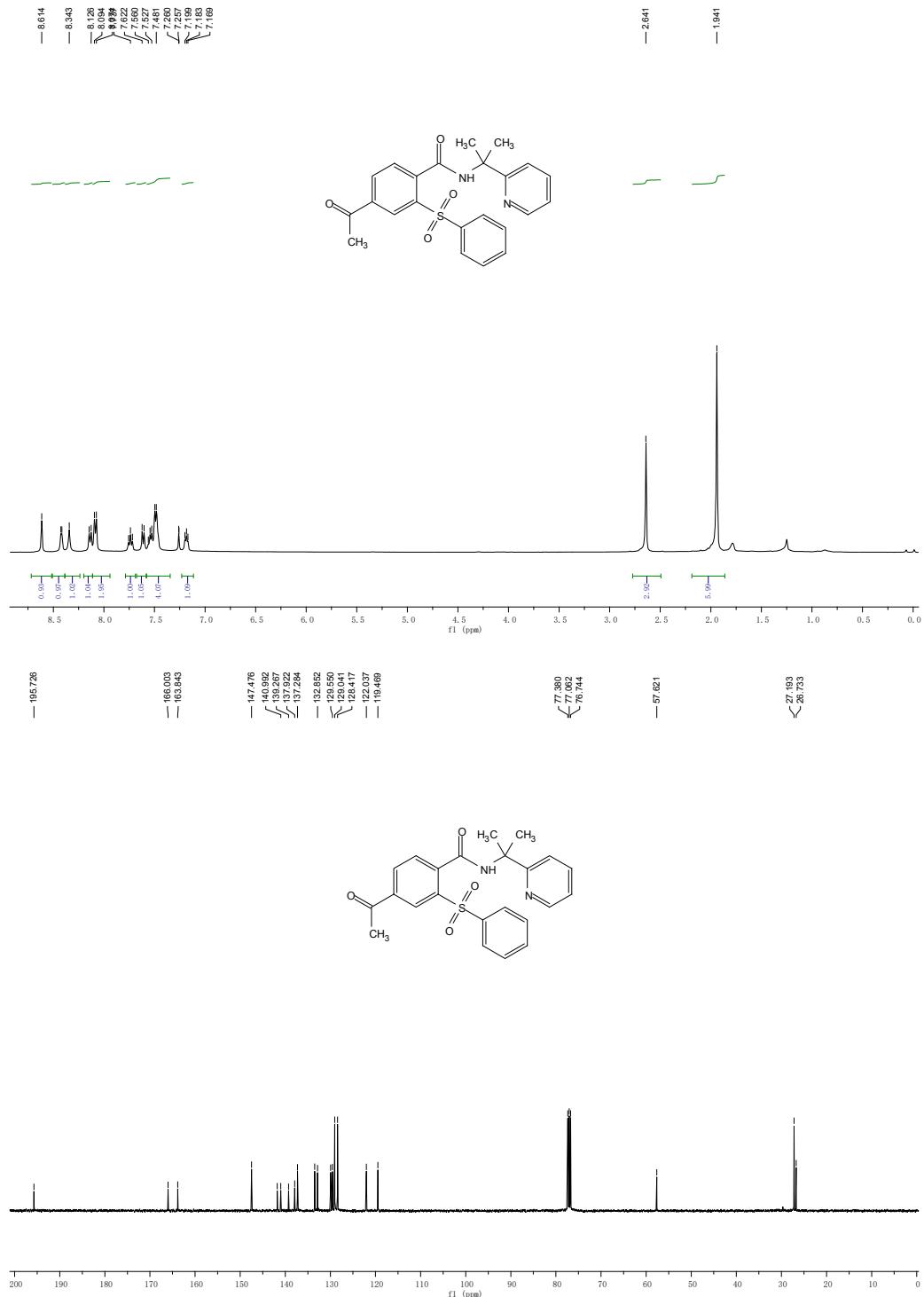
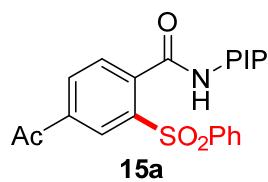


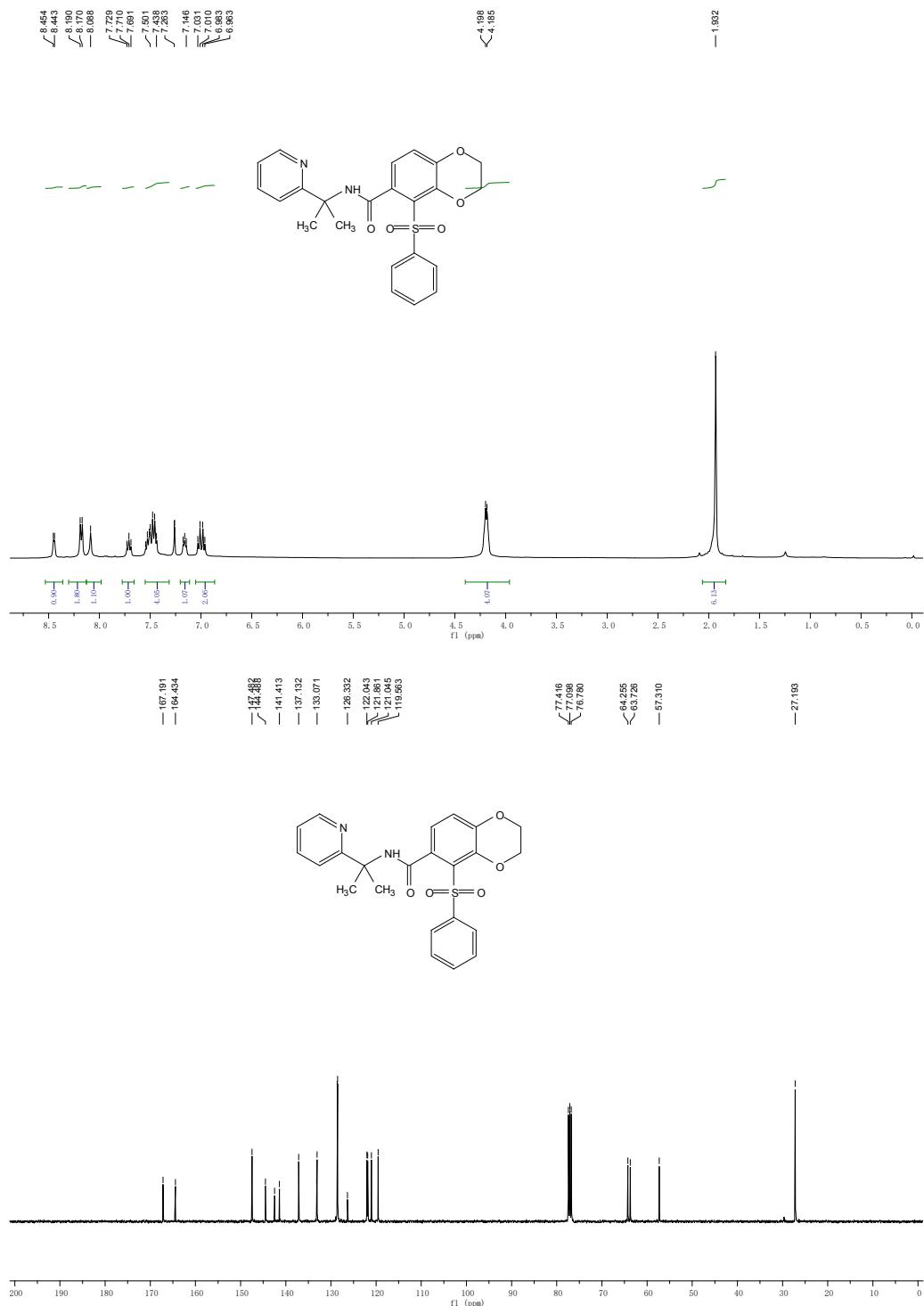
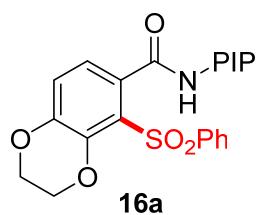


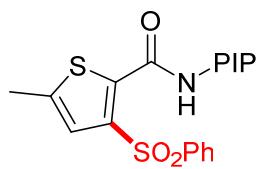


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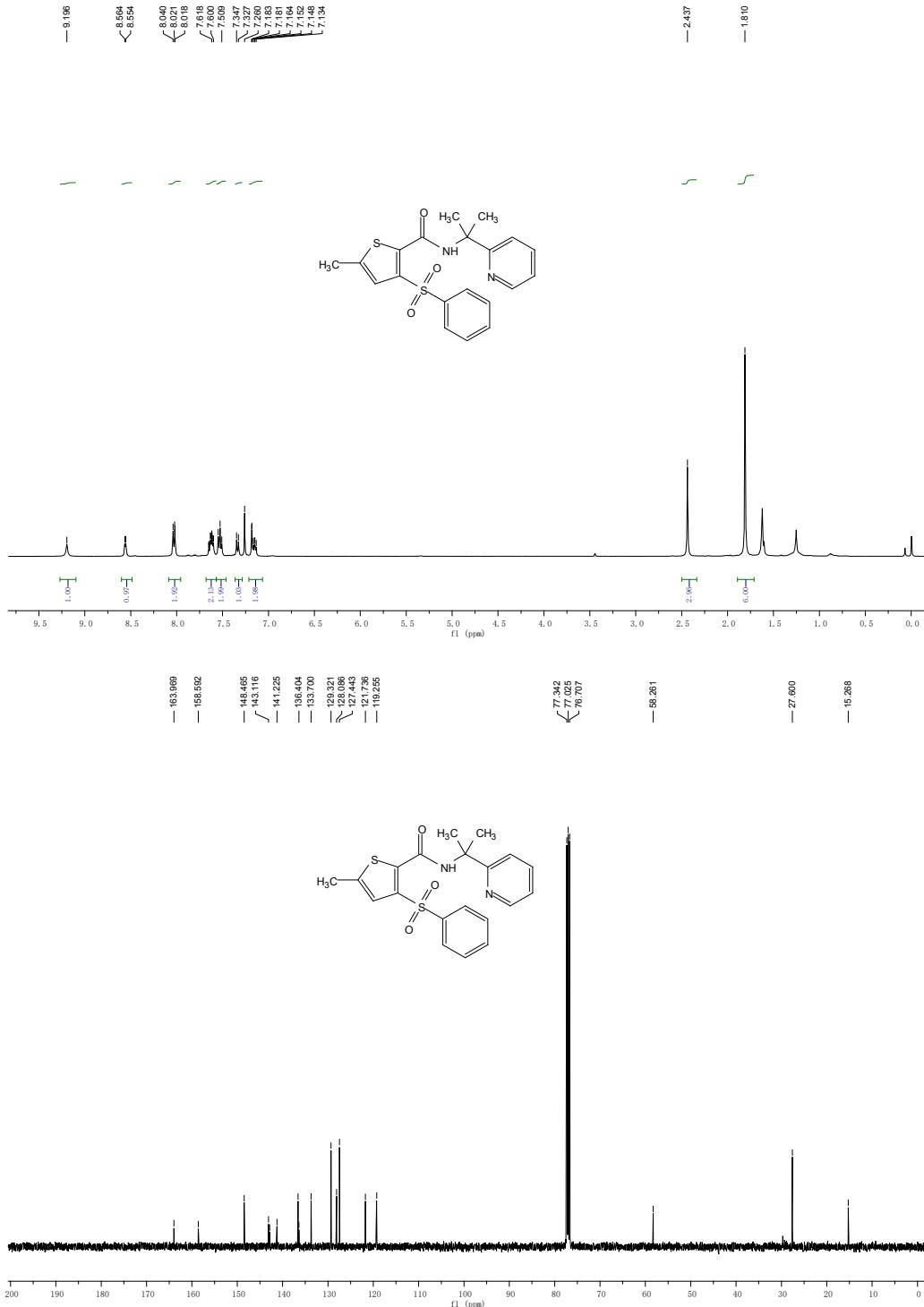


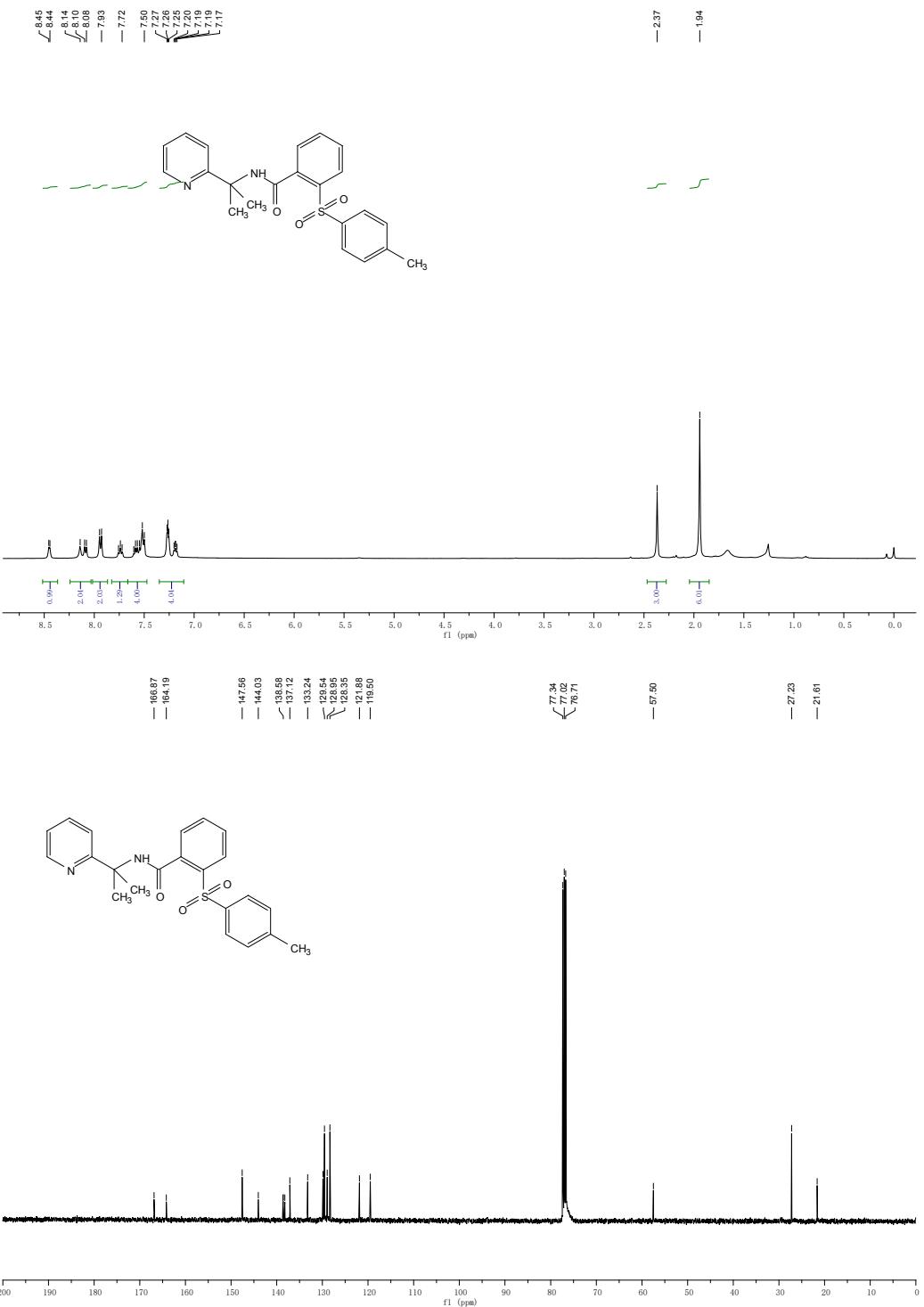
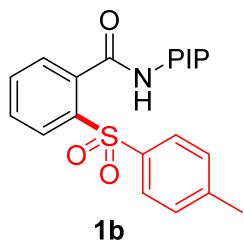


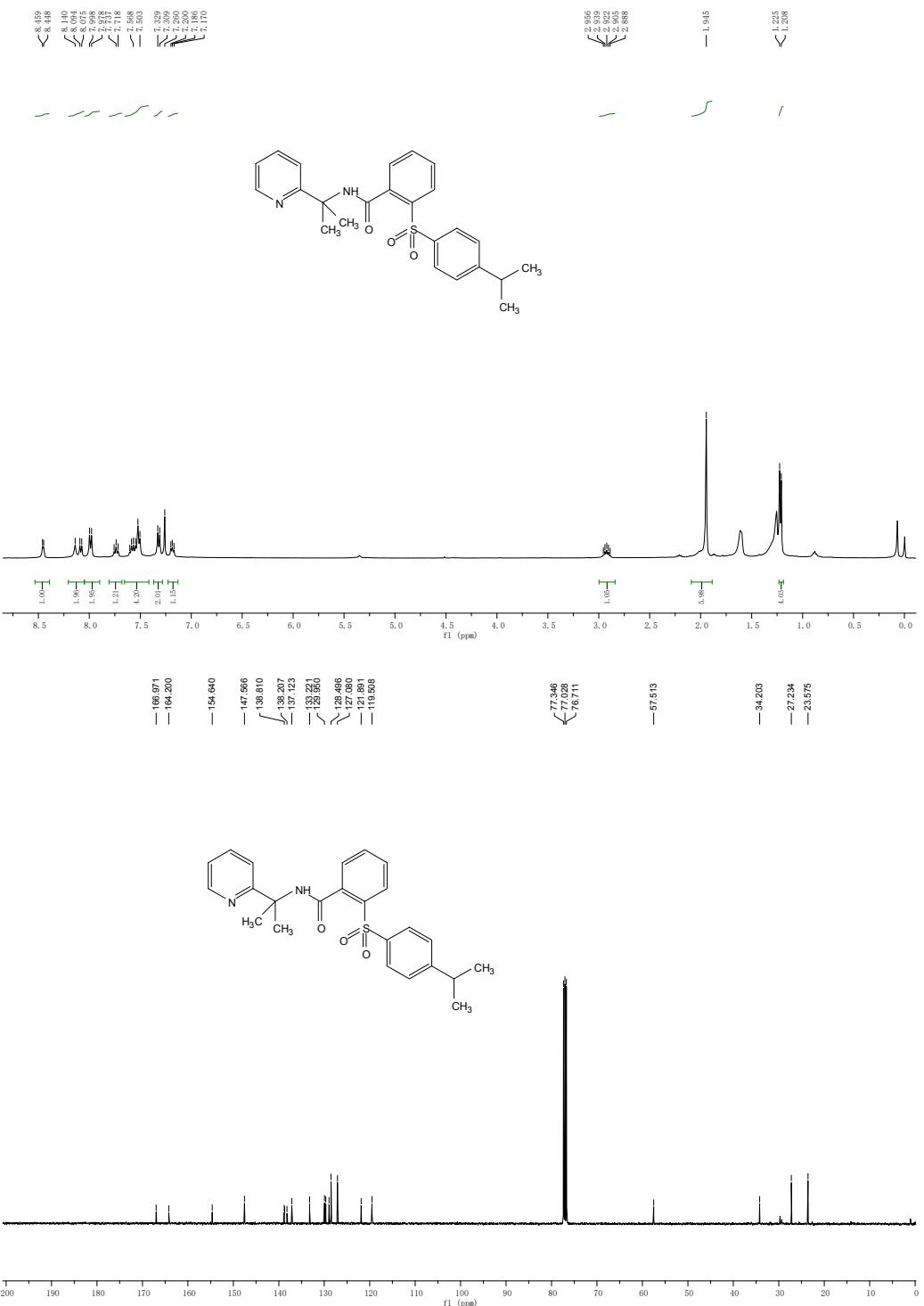
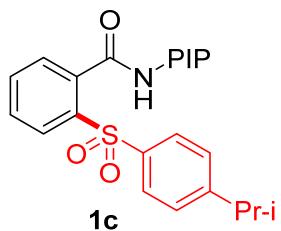


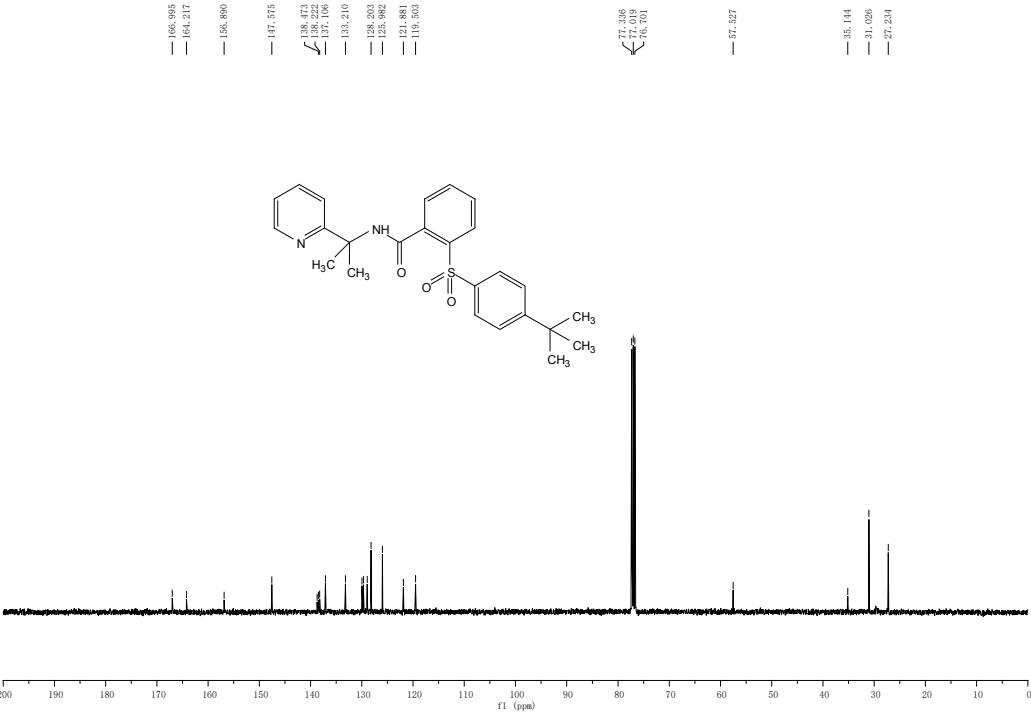
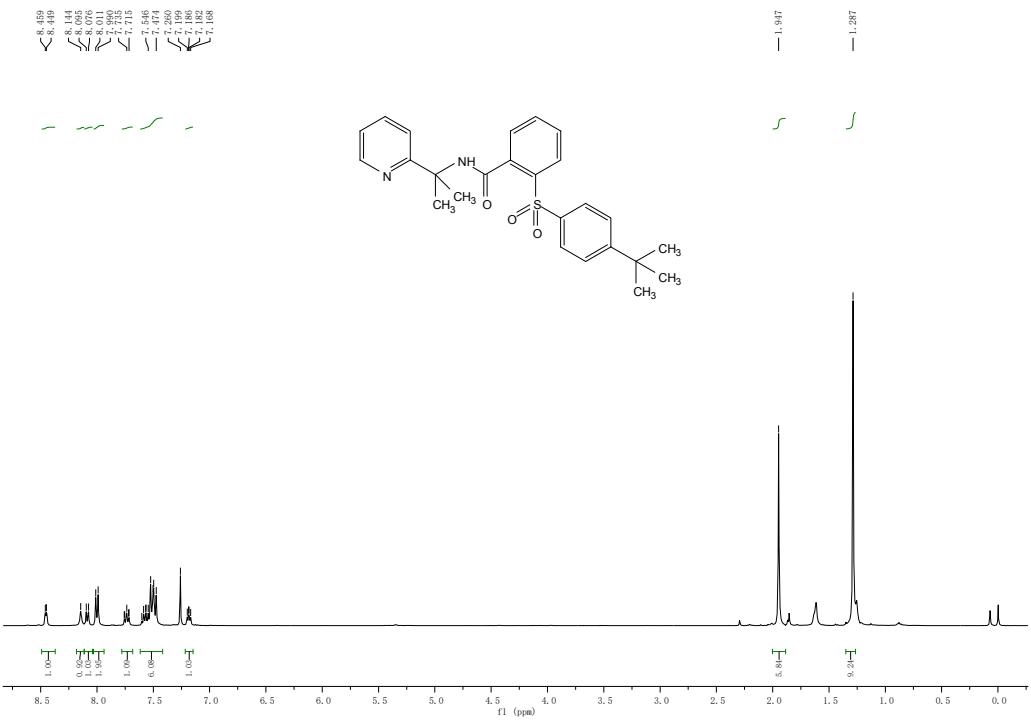
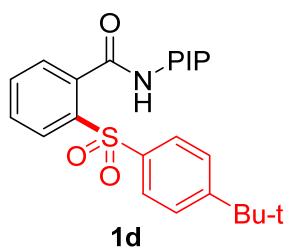


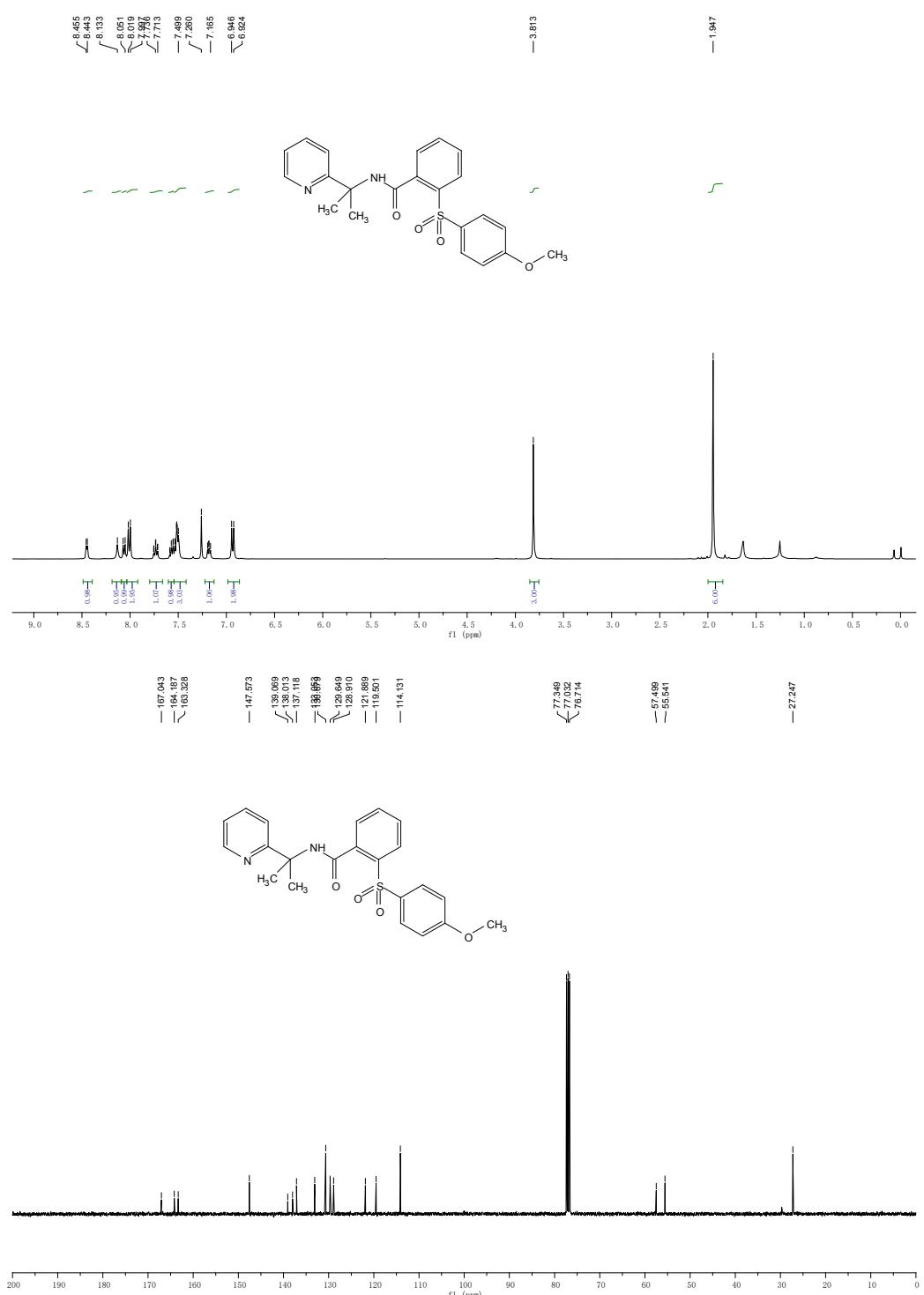
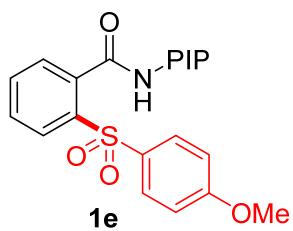
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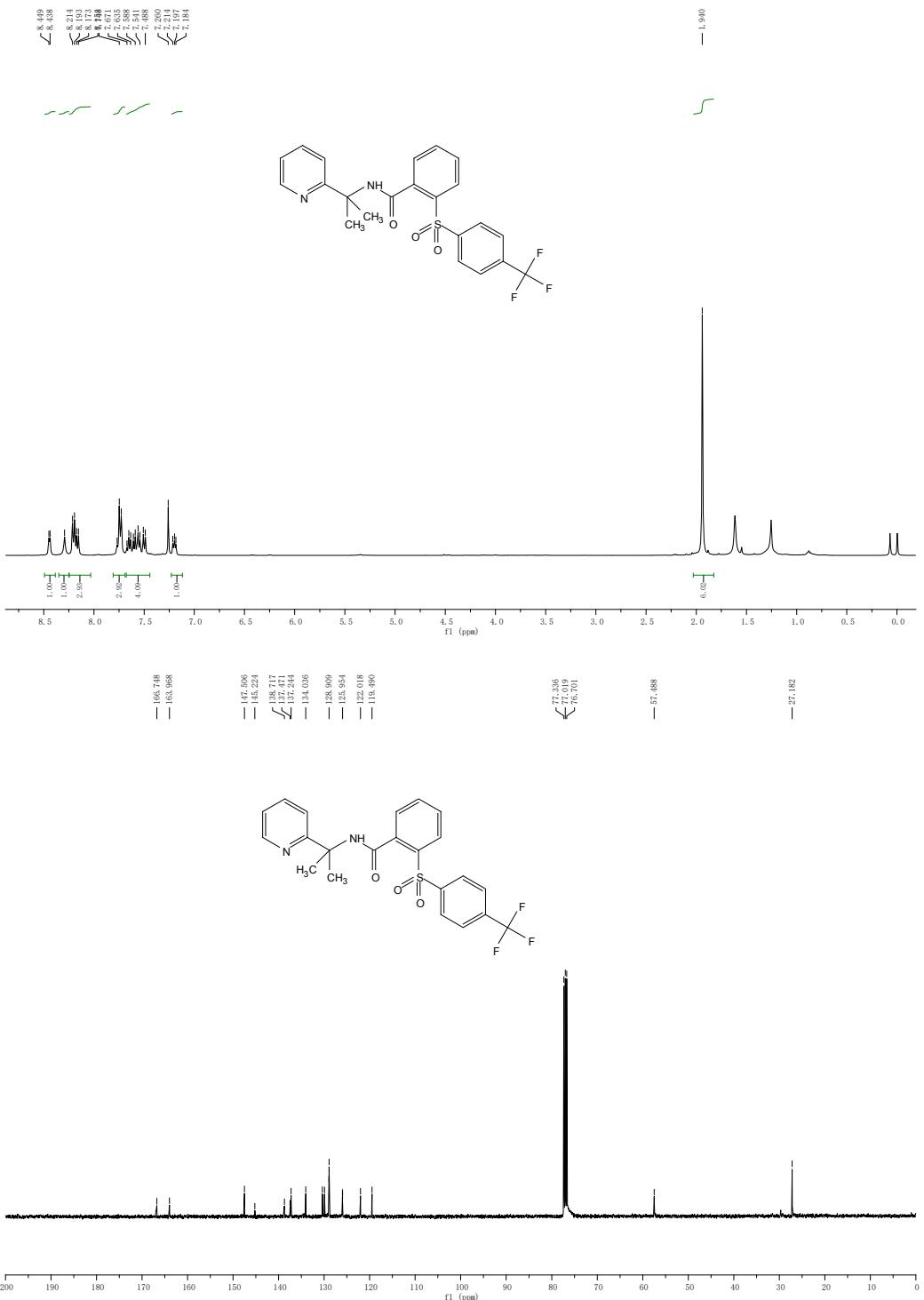
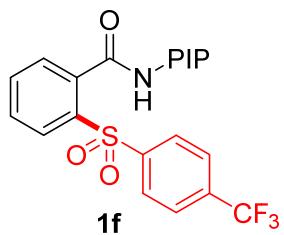


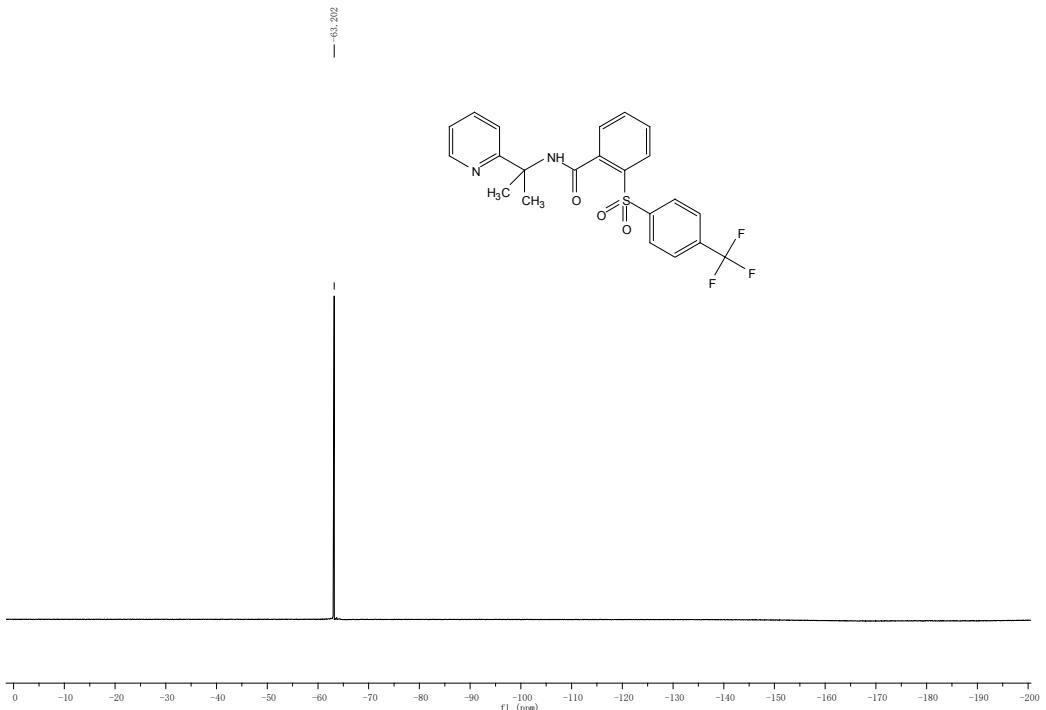


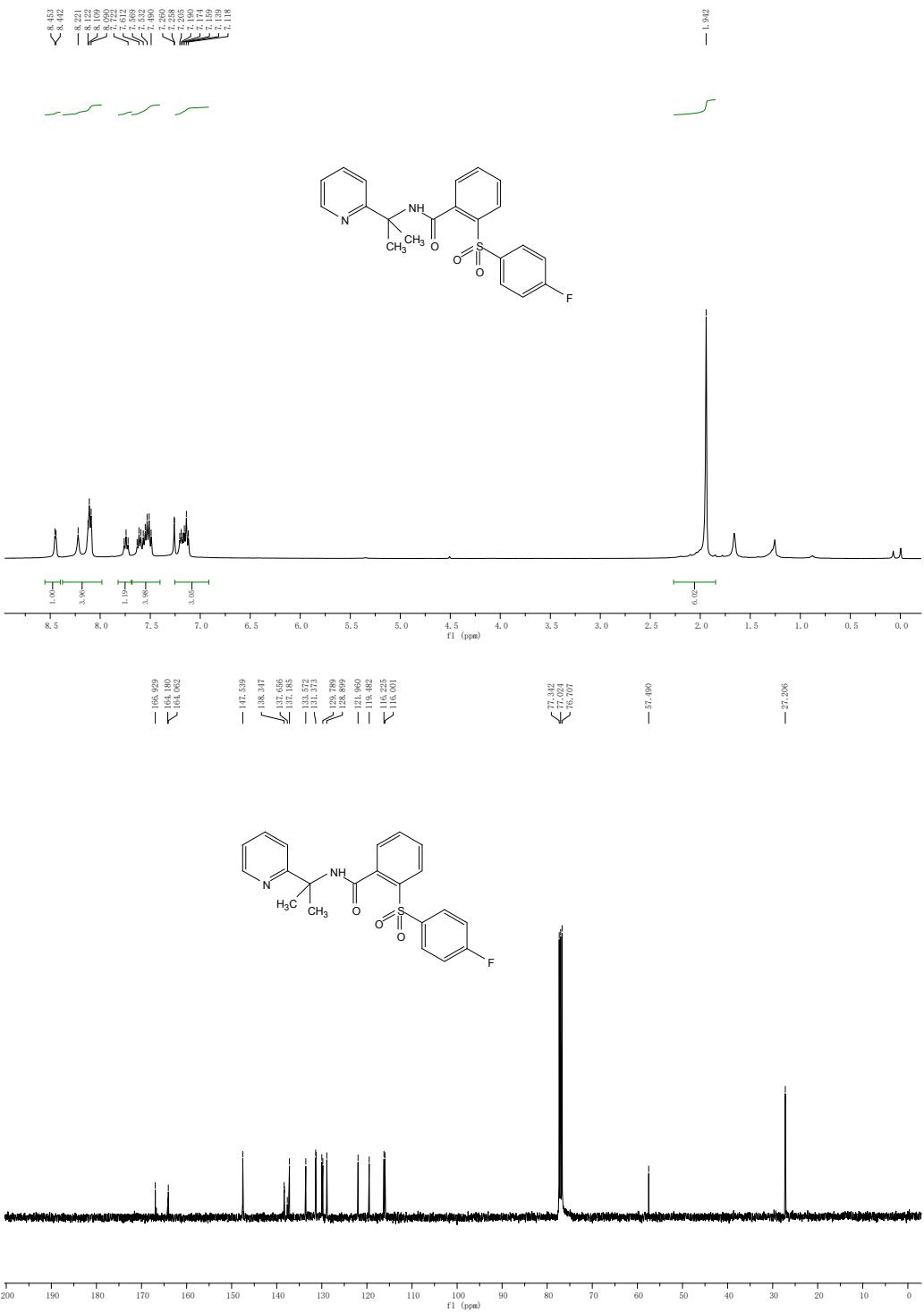
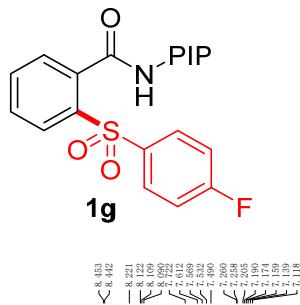


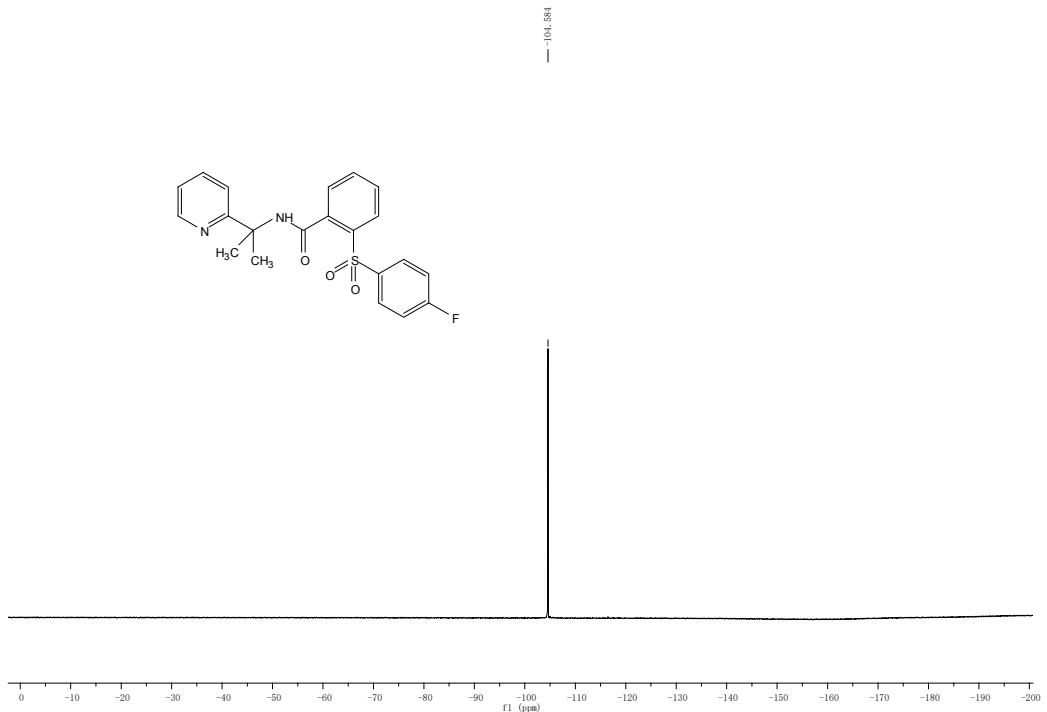


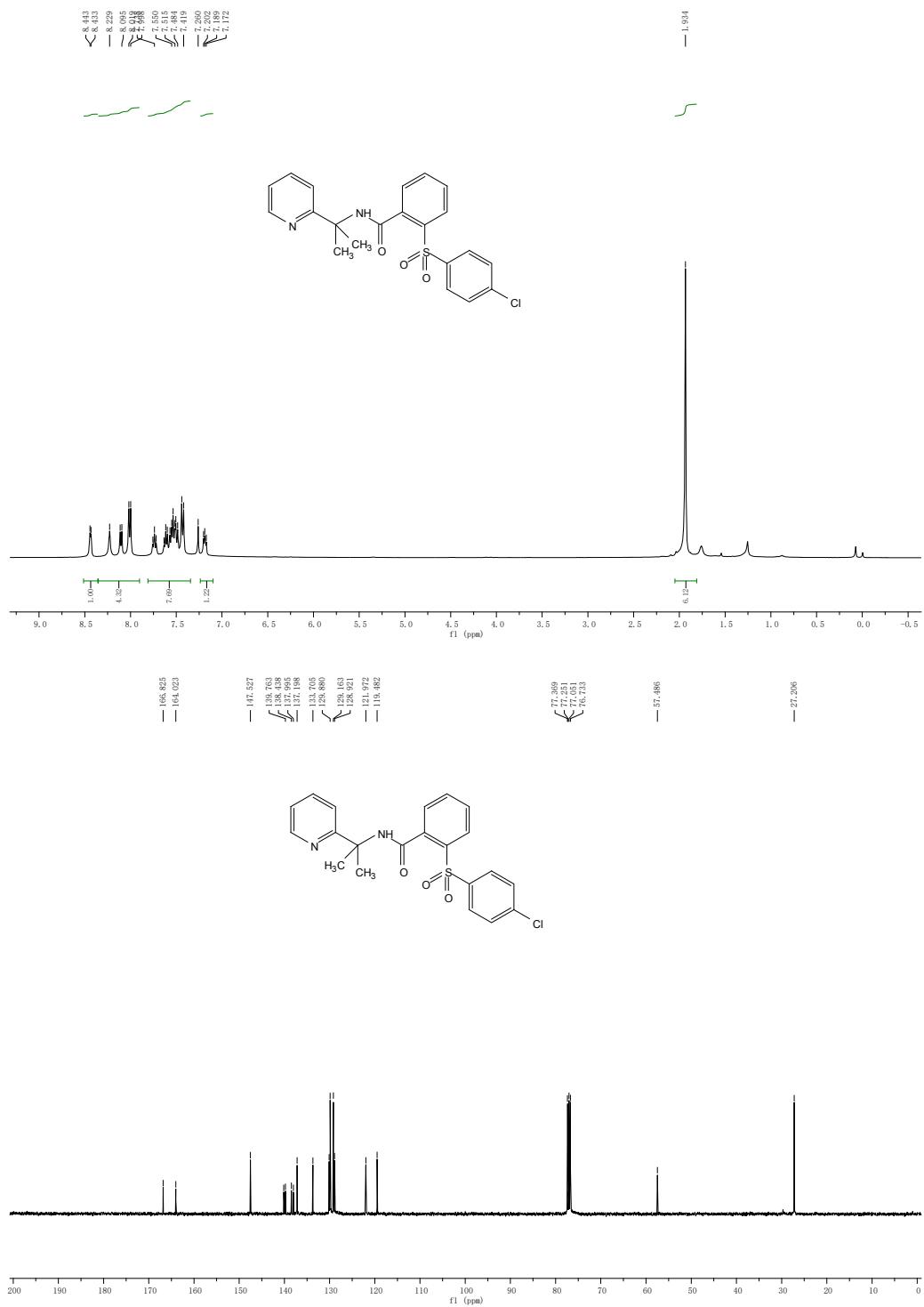
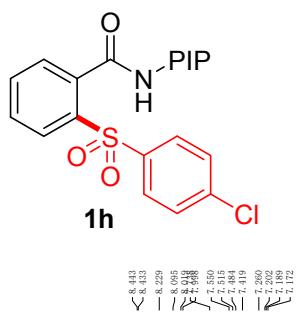


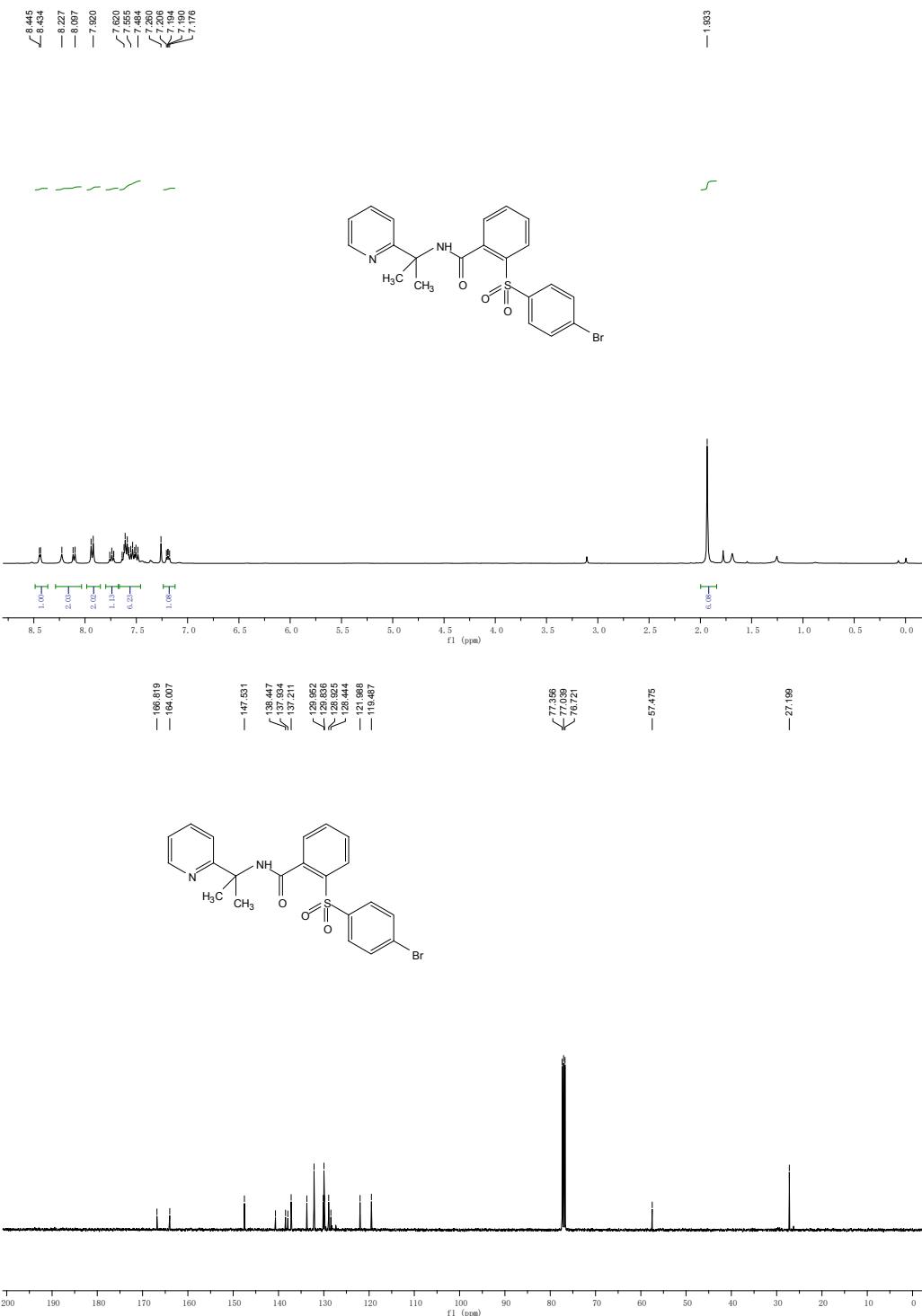
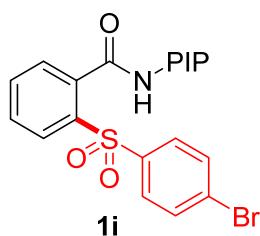


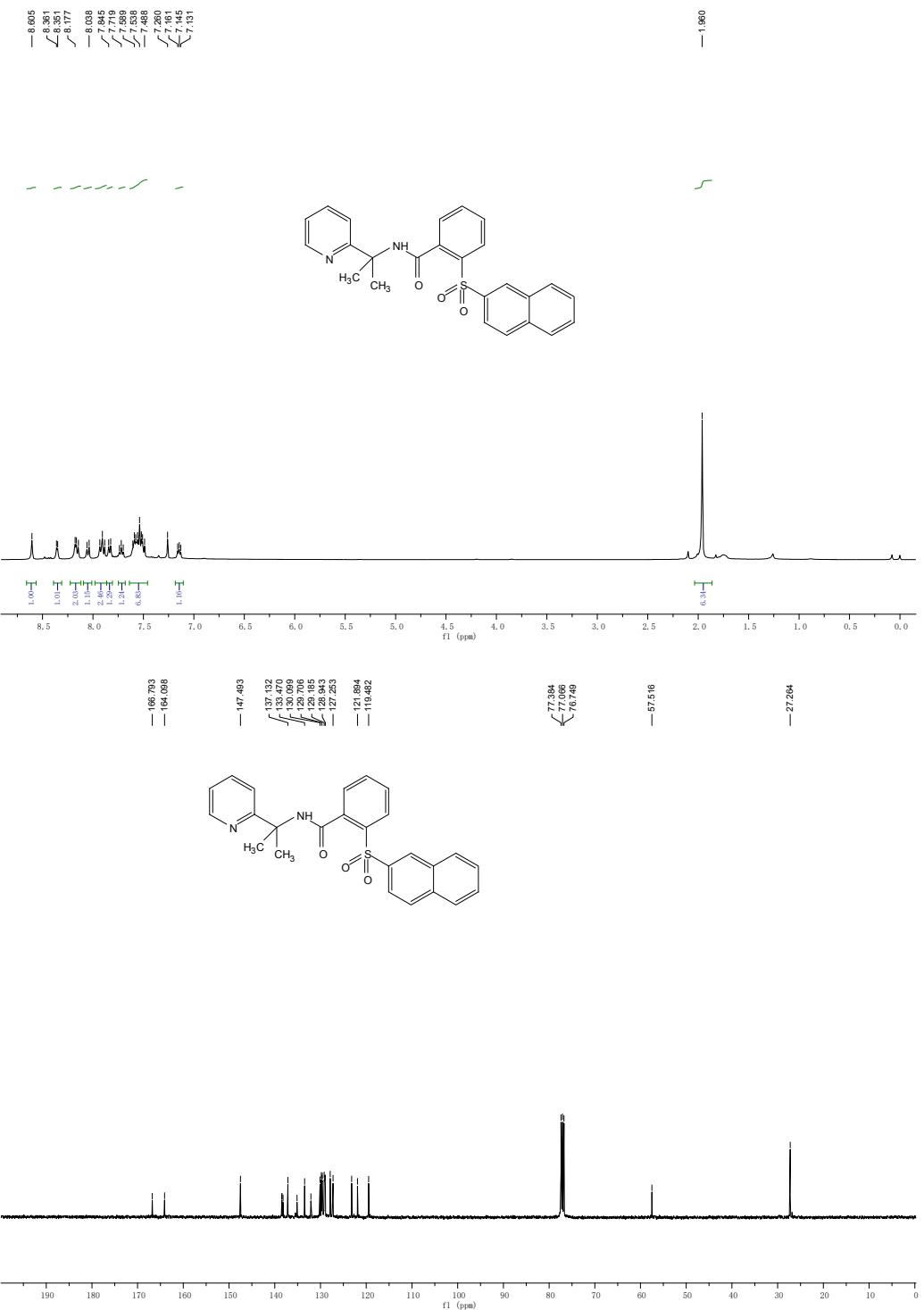
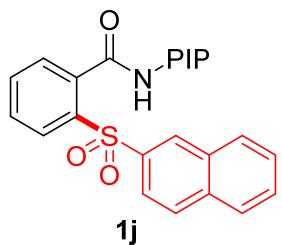














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