

Supporting Information

Cobalt-Catalyzed Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling Reaction between Unactivated C(sp²)-H and C(sp³)-H Bonds

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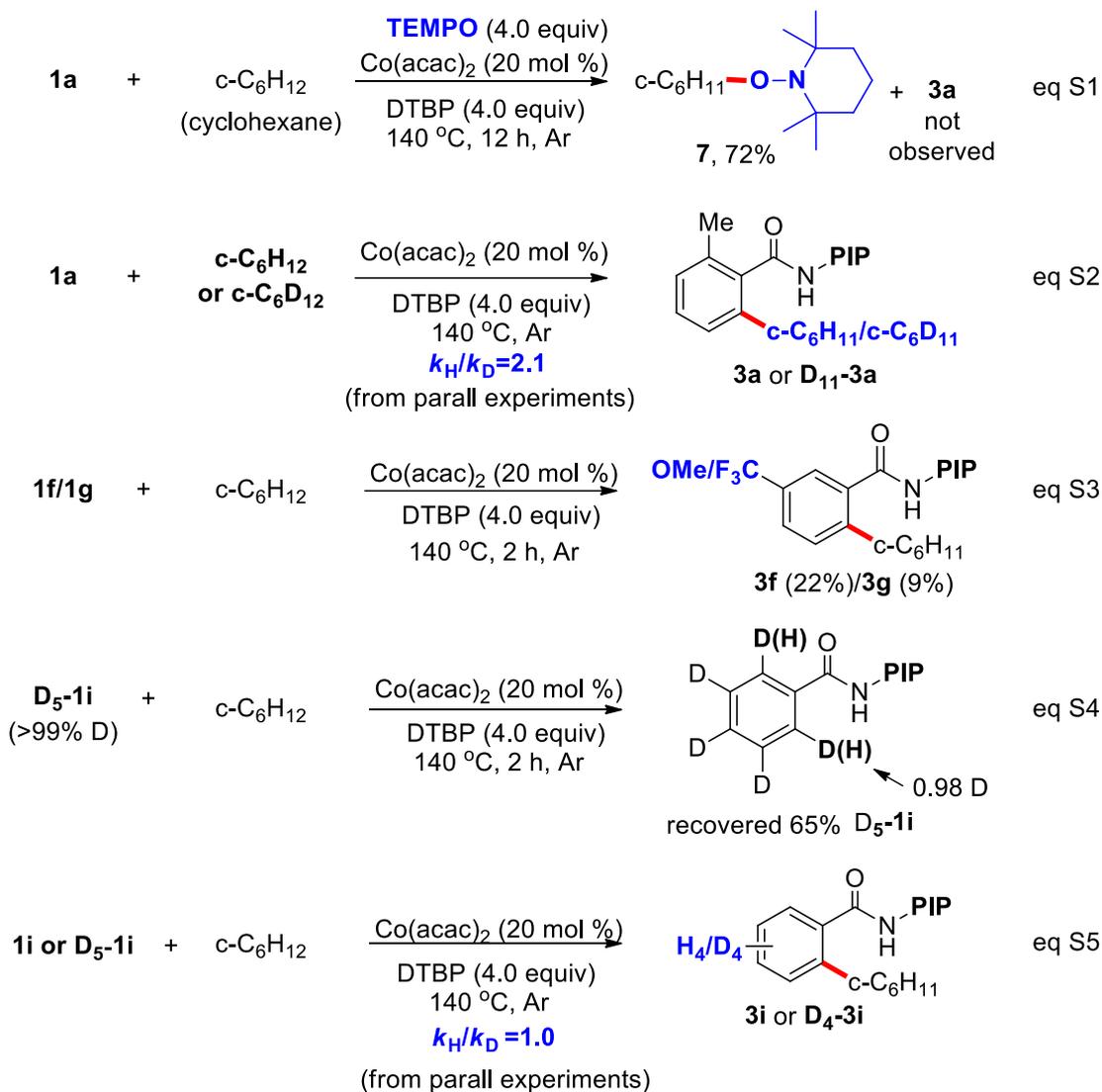
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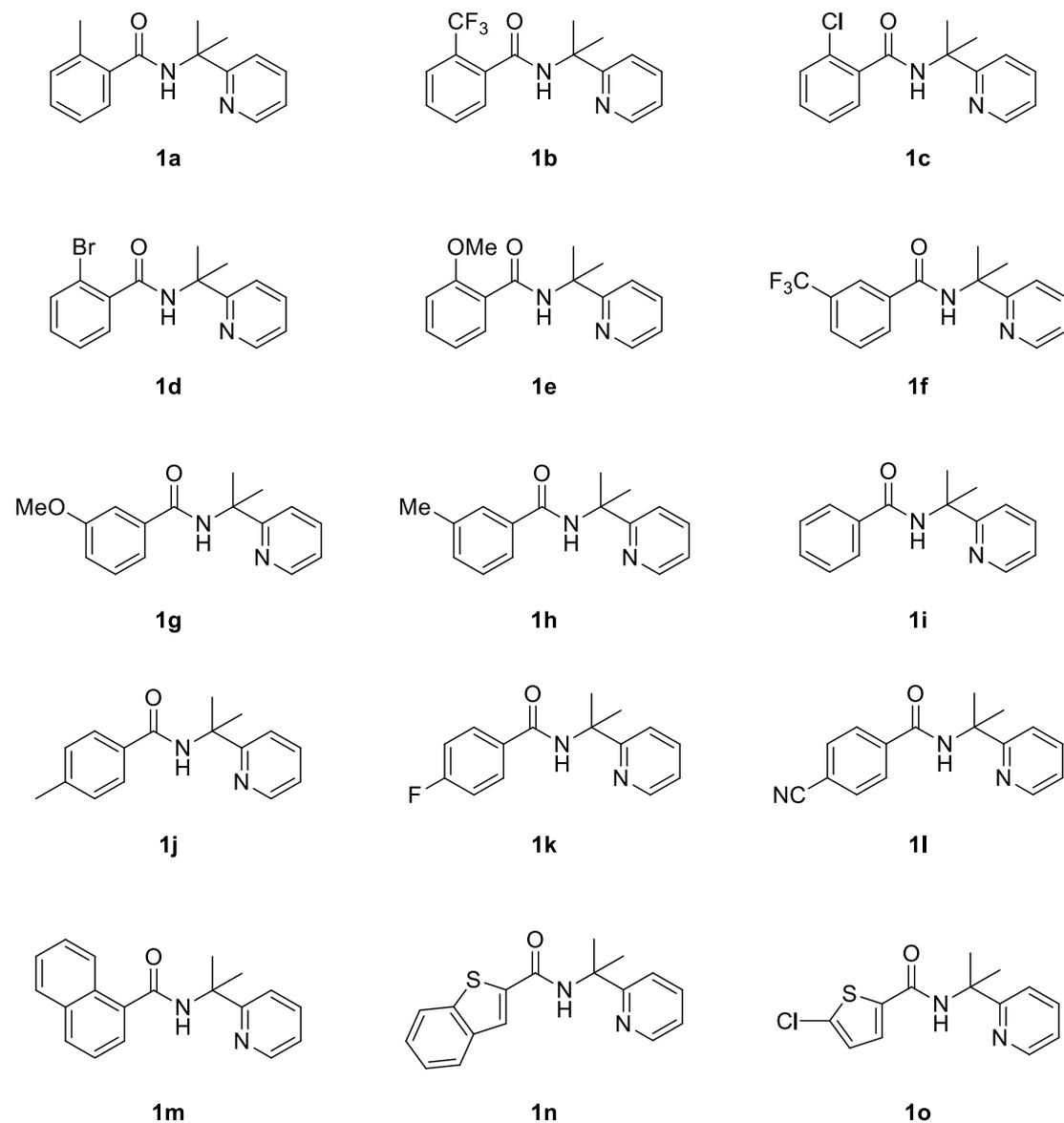
Scheme S1. Mechanistic studies



General Information

Unless otherwise noted, the reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used directly without further purification. 2-(Pyridin-2-yl)isopropyl amine (PIP-NH₂) was synthesized according to the known method.¹ Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was measured on EMD preloaded plates (silica gel 60 F254) and was visualized under UV light (254 nm). Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200-300 mesh). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR was recorded on Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in ppm referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Abbreviations were used to describe signal couplings: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, td = triplet of doublet, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublet. Coupling constants (J) were reported in hertz (Hz). Infrared (IR) spectras were recorded on a ThermoFisher Nicolet iS5 spectrophotometer and reported as wave number (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra were obtained on Agilent 6540 Series Q-TOF equipped with ESI.

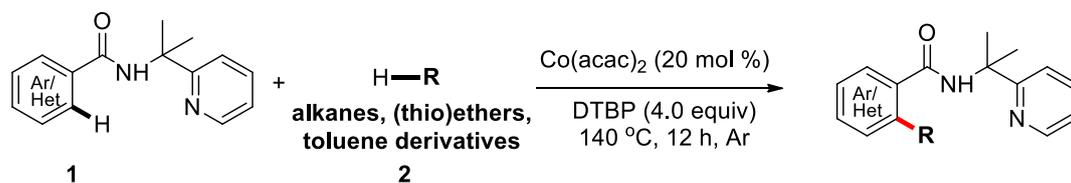
Preparation of Starting Materials



Compound **1a**,² **1b**,² **1c**,³ **1d**,⁵ **1e**,⁴ **1f**,² **1g**,² **1h**,² **1i**,² **1j**,² **1k**,⁵ **1l**,² **1m**,³ **1n**,⁵ **1o**⁴ and **D5-1i**⁵ were known compounds and prepared according the literature procedure.

General Procedure for Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling Reaction

between Aromatic Carboxamides **1** and Alkyl Sources **2**

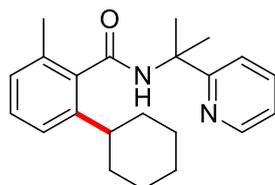


Reaction condition A: A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar,

amide **1** (0.2 mmol), Co(acac)₂ (0.04 mmol, 10.3 mg). After the tube was evacuated and filled with Ar, alkyl sources **2** (1.0 mL) and DTBP (0.8 mmol, 117.0 mg) were injected into the tube by syringe. The tube was then stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (2.0 mL), filtered through a celite pad, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ or hexane/EtOAc) to give the desired product.

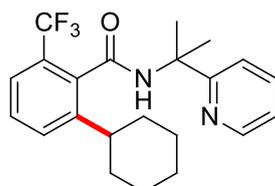
Reaction condition B: A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar, amide **1** (0.2 mmol), Co(acac)₂ (0.04 mmol, 10.3 mg). After the tube was evacuated and filled with Ar, alkyl sources **2** (4.0 mmol), DTBP (0.8 mmol, 117.0 mg) and benzene (1.0 mL) were injected into the tube by syringe. The tube was then stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (2.0 mL), filtered through a celite pad, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ or hexane/EtOAc) to give the desired product.

2-Cyclohexyl-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3a**)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3a** (52.4 mg, 78%) as a white solid (m.p. 115–116 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.93–1.89 (m, 8H), 1.81–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.47–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.19 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 164.3, 147.4, 144.2, 138.1, 137.2, 134.1, 128.4, 127.5, 123.5, 121.9, 119.5, 57.0, 41.2, 34.5, 27.4, 27.0, 26.2, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3328, 2926, 2850, 1659, 1501, 1471, 1379, 1298, 889, 786, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₉N₂O (M+H)⁺: 337.2280, found: 337.2276.

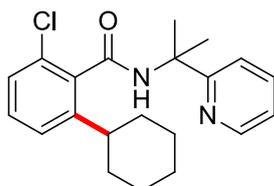
2-Cyclohexyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (**3b**)



The general procedure was followed with **1b** (61.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3b** (66.5 mg, 85%) as a white solid (m.p. 135–136 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.37 (m, 4H),

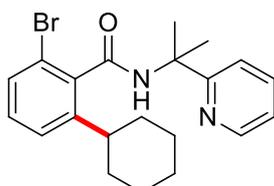
7.23–7.15 (m, 1H), 2.86 (t, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.98–1.87 (m, 8H), 1.84–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.21 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 164.1, 147.4, 146.4, 137.2, 135.7, 130.2, 128.7, 126.8 (q, $J = 31.0$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J = 274.3$ Hz), 123.5 (q, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 121.9, 119.5, 57.3, 40.8, 35.0, 34.1, 27.1, 27.0, 26.8, 26.7, 26.0. IR (neat) ν 3322, 2928, 2853, 1667, 1506, 1473, 1318, 1127, 1100, 888, 787, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 391.1997, found: 391.1995.

2-Chloro-6-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3c**)



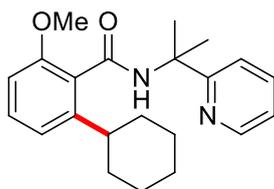
The general procedure was followed with **1c** (55.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3c** (57.7 mg, 81%) as a white solid (m.p. 118–119 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.13 (m, 4H), 2.77 (t, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.02–1.87 (m, 8H), 1.78 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.52–1.35 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.14 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 164.1, 147.5, 146.9, 137.2, 137.1, 130.5, 129.6, 126.8, 124.7, 121.9, 119.5, 57.3, 41.5, 34.5, 27.4, 26.9(2), 26.9, 26.1. IR (neat) ν 3320, 2926, 2851, 1664, 1503, 1472, 1299, 1116, 887, 786, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 357.1734, found: 357.1732.

2-Bromo-6-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3d**)



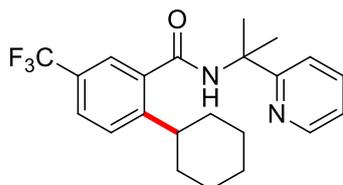
The general procedure was followed with **1d** (63.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3d** (51.4 mg, 64%) as a white solid (m.p. 104–105 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.14 (m, 2H), 2.78 (t, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.88 (m, 8H), 1.78 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.50–1.34 (m, 2H), 1.28–1.19 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 164.1, 147.4, 147.0, 139.0, 137.2, 129.9, 129.8(9), 125.2, 122.0, 119.5, 119.5(3), 57.3, 41.7, 35.0, 34.2, 27.3, 26.9, 26.1. IR (neat) ν 3323, 2927, 2851, 1666, 1503, 1472, 1380, 1298, 886, 787, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 401.1229, found: 401.1225.

2-Cyclohexyl-6-methoxy-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3e**)



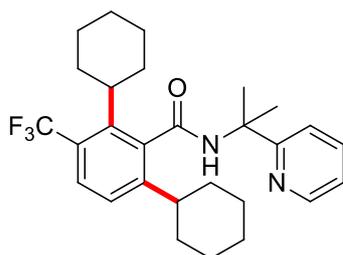
The general procedure was followed with **1e** (54.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 1:20) gave **3e** (33.4 mg, 47%) as a white solid (m.p. 108–109 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.92–1.89 (m, 8H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.47–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.19 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.2, 164.5, 155.9, 147.6, 146.4, 137.0, 129.4, 127.6, 121.7, 119.6, 118.5, 108.4, 57.3, 55.9, 41.0, 34.4, 27.7, 26.9, 26.2. IR (neat) ν 3338, 2926, 2851, 1660, 1502, 1470, 1261, 1084, 889, 787, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₉N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 353.2229, found: 353.2225.

2-Cyclohexyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (**3f**)



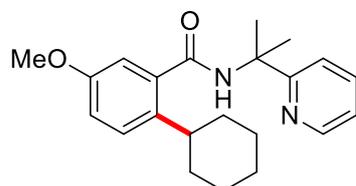
The general procedure was followed with **1f** (61.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/*n*-hexane 1:10) gave **3f** (50.9 mg, 65%) as a white solid (m.p. 134–135 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.15 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95–1.91 (m, 8H), 1.80 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.49–1.31 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.20 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 164.0, 149.2, 147.5, 138.3, 137.3, 127.1, 127.9 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 126.0 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 123.8 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 122.1, 119.5, 57.2, 40.6, 34.3, 27.4, 26.8, 26.0. IR (neat) ν 3308, 2929, 2853, 1650, 1507, 1449, 1337, 1125, 833, 786, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₆F₃N₂O (M+H)⁺: 391.1997, found: 391.1995.

2,6-Dicyclohexyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (**3f'**)



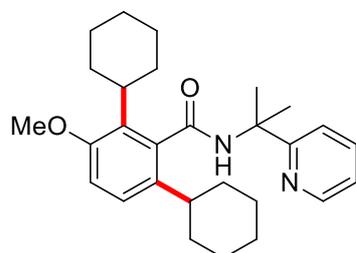
The general procedure was followed with **1f** (61.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3f'** (17.4 mg, 18%) as a white solid (m.p. 60–61 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.24–1.97 (m, 8H), 1.88–1.63 (m, 10H), 1.48–1.13 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 163.9, 149.9, 147.4, 142.6, 138.9, 137.3, 126.5, 126.4, 125.0 (q, *J* = 273.9 Hz), 124.2, 122.0, 119.5, 57.4, 42.3, 40.6, 34.7, 34.3, 32.7, 32.1, 27.6, 27.5, 27.2, 26.9, 26.8, 26.6, 26.1, 26.0. IR (neat) ν 3326, 2926, 2852, 1661, 1499, 1448, 1312, 1118, 830, 785, 748 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₈H₃₆F₃N₂O (M+H)⁺: 473.2780, found: 473.2783.

2-Cyclohexyl-5-methoxy-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3g**)



The general procedure was followed with **1g** (54.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3g** (28.9 mg, 41%) as a white solid (m.p. 92–93 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.86 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.94 (tt, *J* = 11.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.96–1.87 (m, 8H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.24 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 164.3, 157.2, 147.6, 138.7, 137.2, 137.1, 127.6, 121.9, 119.4, 115.3, 112.0, 57.1, 55.4, 39.8, 34.8, 27.5, 27.0, 26.2. IR (neat) ν 3335, 2925, 2850, 1660, 1506, 1472, 1287, 1042, 996, 786, 748 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₉N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 353.2229, found: 353.2229.

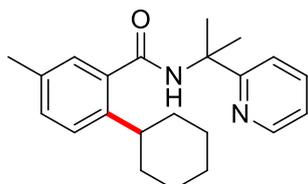
2,6-Dicyclohexyl-3-methoxy-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3g'**)



The general procedure was followed with **1g** (54.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3g'** (32.7 mg, 38%) as a white solid (m.p. 74–75 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.75 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (tt, *J* = 11.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.21–

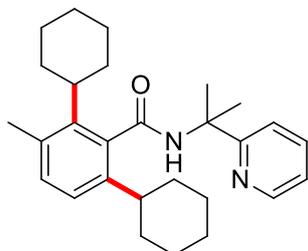
2.08 (m, 2H), 2.01–1.86 (m, 8H), 1.83–1.65 (m, 8H), 1.49–1.15 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.2, 164.4, 156.6, 147.5, 139.0, 137.0, 136.5, 131.1, 124.4, 121.8, 119.4, 111.8, 57.0, 55.3, 42.4, 40.6, 35.4, 34.4, 30.6, 30.0, 27.4, 27.3, 27.2(5), 27.0, 26.2, 26.2. IR (neat) ν 3336, 2925, 2850, 1659, 1499, 1472, 1259, 1069, 996, 785, 747 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 435.3012, found: 435.3013.

2-Cyclohexyl-5-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3h)



The general procedure was followed with **1h** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3h** (29.6 mg, 44%) as a white solid (m.p. 116–117 $^{\circ}\text{C}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.14 (m, 4H), 2.99–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.93–1.89 (m, 8H), 1.77 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.46–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.20 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.9, 164.4, 147.6, 142.1, 137.7, 137.1, 135.1, 130.1, 127.4, 126.4, 121.9, 119.5, 57.1, 40.1, 34.6, 27.5, 27.0, 26.2, 20.9. IR (neat) ν 3335, 2925, 2851, 1659, 1504, 1472, 1446, 1309, 893, 786, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 337.2280, found: 337.2279.

2, 6-Dicyclohexyl-3-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3h')

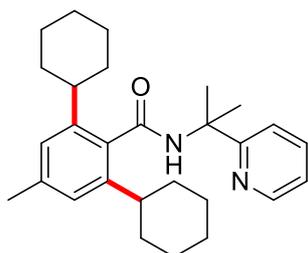


The general procedure was followed with **1h** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3h'** (27.8 mg, 33%) as a white solid (m.p. 155–156 $^{\circ}\text{C}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.13 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.05 (s, 2H), 2.93 (t, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.71 (t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.05–1.62 (m, 18H), 1.47–1.02 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 164.4, 147.5, 142.0, 140.5, 138.9, 137.1, 133.9, 132.3, 123.7, 121.9, 119.5, 57.1, 43.9, 41.1, 35.1, 34.4, 31.1, 30.7, 27.6, 27.4, 27.3, 27.2, 27.0, 26.3, 26.2, 21.7. IR (neat) ν 3336, 2926, 2851, 1656, 1498, 1471, 1447, 1378, 817, 786, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 419.3062, found: 419.3060.

2-Cyclohexyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3i)

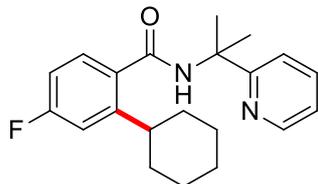
(16.8 mg, 25%) as a white solid (m.p. 123–124 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.06–2.97 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.93–1.89 (m, 8H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.49–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.36–1.22 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 164.5, 147.5, 145.2, 139.1, 137.1, 135.1, 127.2, 126.9, 126.2, 121.8, 119.5, 57.0, 40.3, 34.5, 27.5, 27.0, 26.2, 21.5. IR (neat) ν 3336, 2925, 2851, 1659, 1507, 1472, 1447, 1305, 880, 786, 748 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₂H₂₉N₂O (M+H)⁺: 337.2280, found: 337.2280.

2, 6-Dicyclohexyl-4-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3j')



The general procedure was followed with **1j** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3j'** (38.6 mg, 46%) as a white solid (m.p. 194–195 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 1H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.92–1.87 (m, 10H), 1.79–1.74 (m, 4H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 1.52–1.36 (m, 4H), 1.34–1.19 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 164.4, 147.5, 144.0, 137.9, 137.0, 134.8, 124.3, 121.8, 119.5, 57.0, 41.2, 35.1, 34.2, 27.4, 27.2, 26.9, 26.2, 21.7. IR (neat) ν 3335, 2925, 2851, 1657, 1501, 1471, 1447, 1379, 881, 786, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. For C₂₈H₃₉N₂O (M+H)⁺: 419.3062, found: 419.3061.

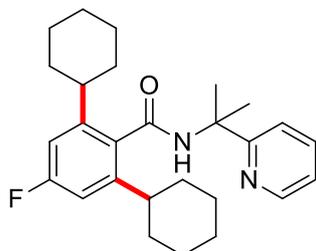
2-Cyclohexyl-4-fluoro-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3k)



The general procedure was followed with **1k** (51.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3k** (23.1 mg, 34%) as a white solid (m.p. 126–127 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (td, *J* = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 1.97–1.86 (m, 8H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 1.43–1.19 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 164.3, 163.4 (d, *J* = 247.3 Hz), 148.46 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 147.6, 137.1, 133.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 128.8 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 121.9, 119.4, 113.4 (d,

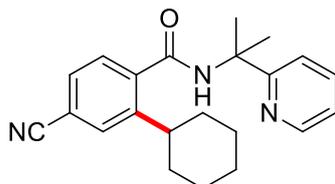
$J = 21.6$ Hz), 112.4 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 57.1, δ 40.3 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 34.4, 27.4, 26.8, 26.1. IR (neat) ν 3323, 2927, 2852, 1652, 1589, 1507, 1472, 1380, 1157, 880, 786, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 341.2029, found: 341.2028.

2, 6-Dicyclohexyl-4-fluoro-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3k'**)



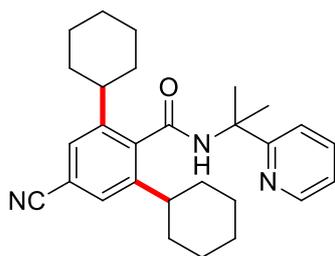
The general procedure was followed with **1k** (51.7 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3k'** (34.2 mg, 40%) as a white solid (m.p. 183–184 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 6.8, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.77 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.92–1.88 (m, 10H), 1.81–1.64 (m, 6H), 1.43–1.19 (m, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.6, 164.2, 163.1 (d, $J = 244.8$ Hz), 147.5, 146.9 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 137.1, 133.4 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 121.9, 119.4, 110.4 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 57.0, 41.3 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 35.0, 34.1, 27.3, 27.0, 26.8, 26.1. IR (neat) ν 3299, 2926, 2851, 1659, 1596, 1507, 1472, 1447, 1307, 857, 786, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{36}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 423.2812, found: 423.2812.

4-Cyano-2-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3l**)



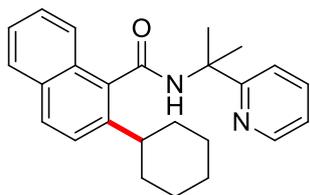
The general procedure was followed with **1l** (53.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **3l** (22.3 mg, 32%) as a white solid (m.p. 181–182 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.77 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.54–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 7.4, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (tt, $J = 11.7, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.98–1.87 (m, 8H), 1.83–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.47–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.25 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.8, 163.8, 147.5, 146.5, 141.8, 137.4, 130.7, 129.4, 127.6, 122.1, 119.4, 118.8, 113.2, 57.2, 40.4, 34.3, 27.3, 26.7, 25.9. IR (neat) ν 3308, 2927, 2852, 2230, 1651, 1507, 1472, 1449, 1310, 880, 786, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 348.2076, found: 348.2075.

4-Cyano-2,6-dicyclohexyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3l'**)



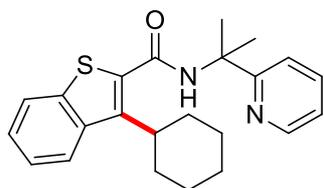
The general procedure was followed with **1l** (53.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **3l'** (35.2 mg, 41%) as a white solid (m.p. 152–153 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.70 (m, 2H), 1.95–1.85 (m, 10H), 1.84–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.46–1.17 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.3, 163.8, 147.5, 145.5, 141.3, 137.3, 127.7, 122.1, 119.4, 119.3, 112.5, 57.2, 41.2, 35.0, 34.0, 27.3, 26.9, 26.7, 25.9. IR (neat) ν 3321, 2928, 2852, 2229, 1661, 1506, 1448, 1381, 1302, 875, 787, 737 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₈H₃₆N₃O (M+H)⁺: 430.2858, found: 430.2855.

2-Cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-1-naphthamide (**3m**)



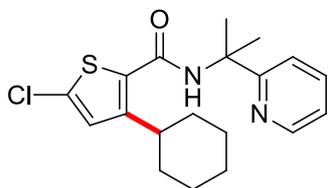
The general procedure was followed with **1m** (58.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3m** (46.2 mg, 62%) as a white solid (m.p. 143–144 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.39 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 1H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.94 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.86–1.70 (m, 3H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 22.2, 10.9 Hz, 2H), 1.40–1.20 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 164.2, 147.5, 141.2, 137.2, 134.2, 131.9, 130.3, 128.7, 127.8, 126.6, 125.4, 125.3, 124.4, 121.9, 119.5, 57.3, 41.7, 34.6, 33.7, 27.7, 27.4, 27.0, 26.8, 26.2. IR (neat) ν 3327, 2926, 2851, 1659, 1498, 1472, 1447, 1379, 1288, 817, 786, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₅H₂₉N₂O (M+H)⁺: 373.2280, found: 373.2276.

3-Cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzo[*b*]thiophene-2-carboxamide (**3n**)



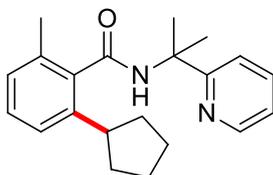
The general procedure was followed with **1n** (59.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3n** (40.9 mg, 54%) as a white solid (m.p. 111–112 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.10–8.03 (m, 1H), 7.86–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.75 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (tt, *J* = 12.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21–2.07 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.84 (m, 10H), 1.76 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 1.46–1.32 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 163.5, 147.4, 141.8, 139.4, 139.1, 137.3, 133.3, 125.1, 124.7, 123.8, 122.8, 122.0, 119.5, 57.4, 39.5, 31.5, 27.5, 27.1, 26.2. IR (neat) ν 3318, 2927, 2852, 1656, 1496, 1471, 1449, 1291, 786, 734 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₇N₂OS (M+H)⁺: 379.1844, found: 379.1841.

5-Chloro-3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (**3o**)



The general procedure was followed with **1o** (56.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclohexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3o** (41.7 mg, 57%) as a white solid (m.p. 109–110 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.55–8.48 (m, 1H), 7.78 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 3.50–3.24 (m, 1H), 2.02–1.96 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.82 (m, 8H), 1.77–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.45–1.37 (m, 4H), 1.31–1.23 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.3, 161.3, 149.1, 147.4, 137.4, 132.4, 131.7, 127.1, 122.1, 119.5, 57.3, 38.5, 34.1, 27.6, 26.6, 26.0. IR (neat) ν 3335, 2927, 2852, 1648, 1498, 1472, 1450, 1297, 997, 786, 748 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₁₉H₂₃ClN₂OS (M+H)⁺: 363.1298, found: 363.1295.

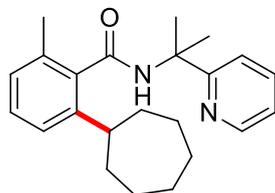
2-Cyclopentyl-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3p**)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclopentane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3p** (53.5 mg, 83%) as a white solid (m.p. 116–117 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.15 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.23–3.12 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.11–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.91 (s, 6H), 1.83–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.55 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 164.3, 147.5, 143.1, 138.7, 137.1, 134.0, 128.5, 127.4, 123.3, 121.9, 119.5, 57.1, 42.5, 35.6, 27.4, 25.9, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3331, 2953, 2867,

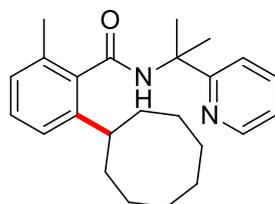
1660, 1501, 1471, 1447, 1379, 1298, 887, 786, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺: 323.2123, found: 323.2123.

2-Cycloheptyl-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3q**)



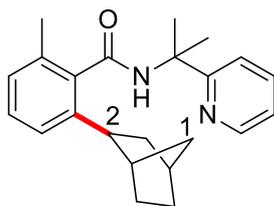
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cycloheptane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3q** (56.0 mg, 80%) as a white solid (m.p. 112–113 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.90 (t, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.98–1.88 (m, 8H), 1.75–1.35 (m, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.3, 164.3, 147.5, 146.3, 137.2, 137.1, 134.0, 128.5, 127.1, 123.6, 121.9, 119.5, 57.0, 42.9, 37.0, 27.8, 27.6, 27.4, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3331, 2924, 2853, 1659, 1501, 1471, 1446, 1379, 1298, 887, 786, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺: 351.2436, found: 351.2437.

2-Cyclooctyl-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3r**)



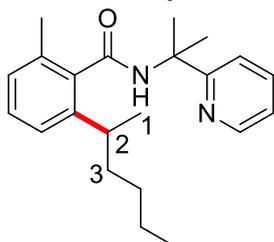
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cyclooctane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3r** (48.9 mg, 67%) as a white solid (m.p. 88–89 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 6H), 1.91–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.68 (m, 4H), 1.66–1.44 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 164.3, 147.5, 147.2, 137.3, 137.1, 133.9, 128.5, 127.1, 124.1, 12.9, 119.5, 57.0, 40.5, 35.8, 27.4, 26.6, 26.5, 26.3, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3333, 2921, 2852, 1659, 1500, 1471, 1445, 1379, 1298, 887, 786, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺: 365.2593, found: 365.2593.

2-(Bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl)-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3s**)



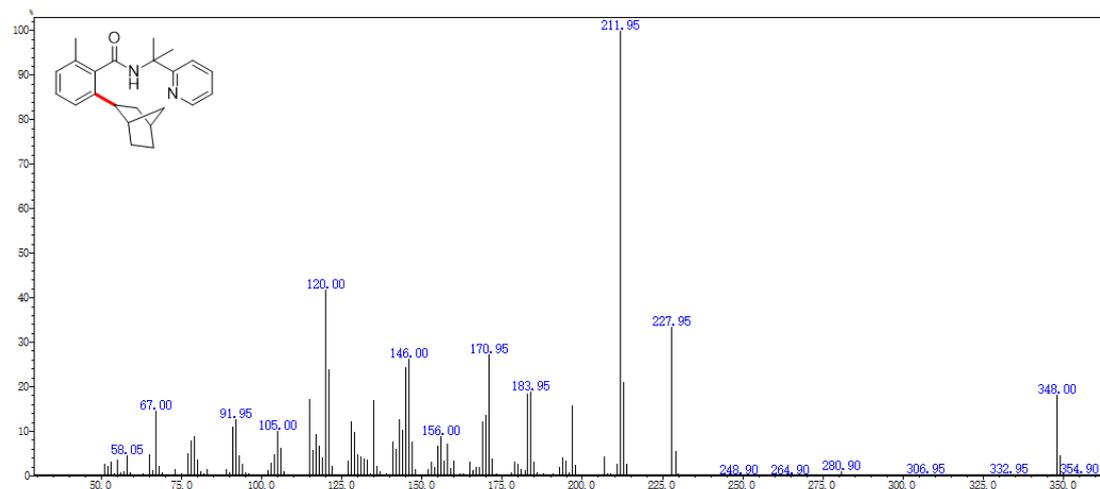
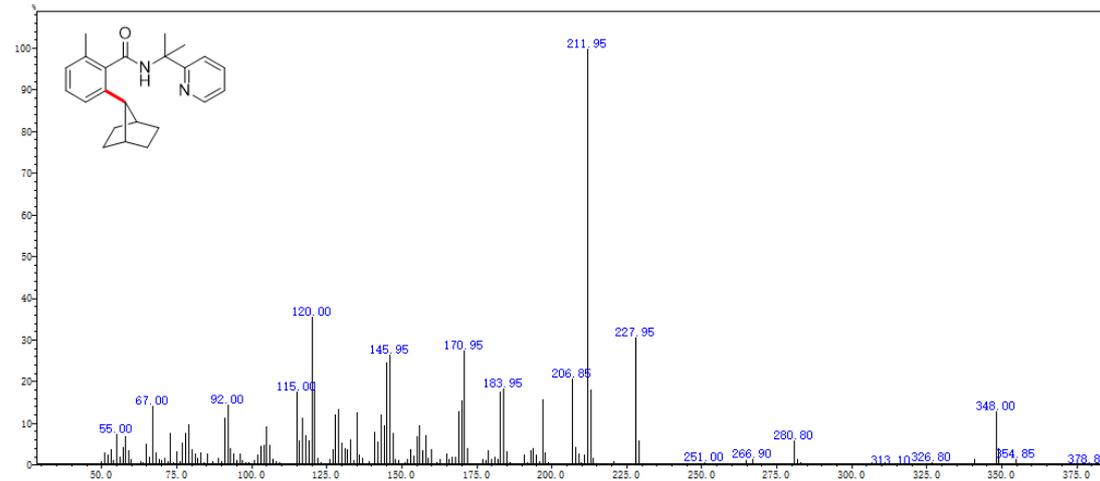
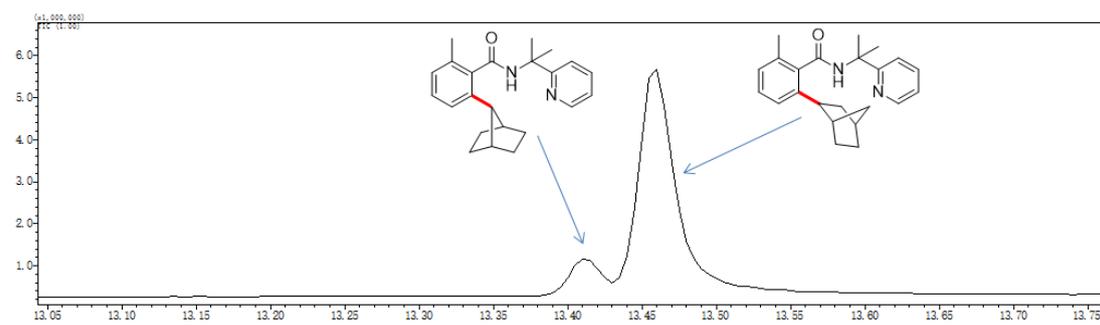
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2-(Hexan-2-yl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**3t**)

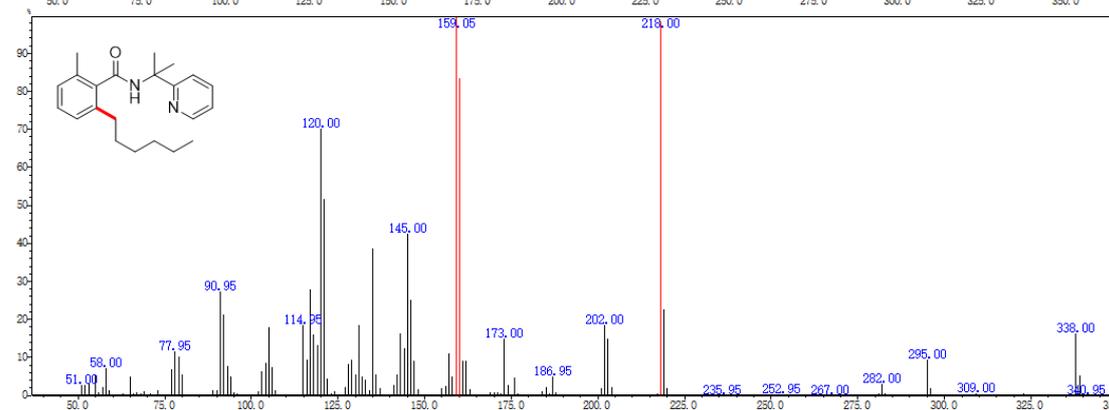
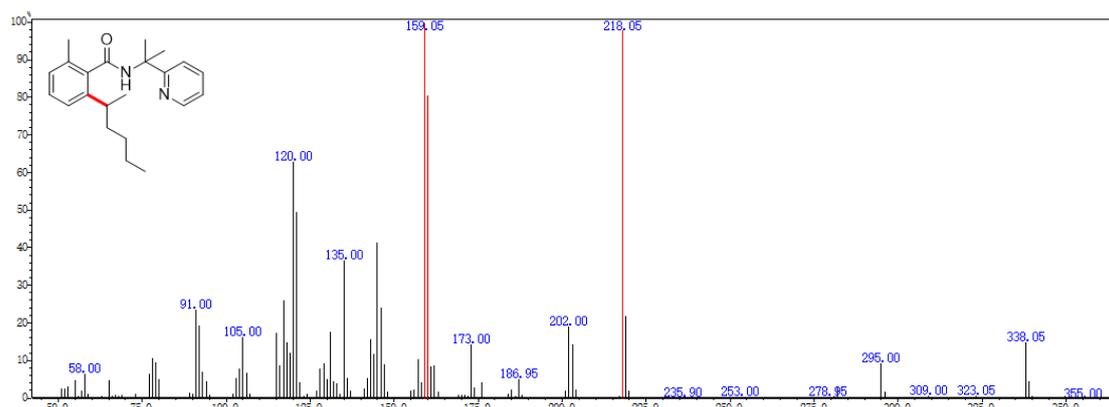
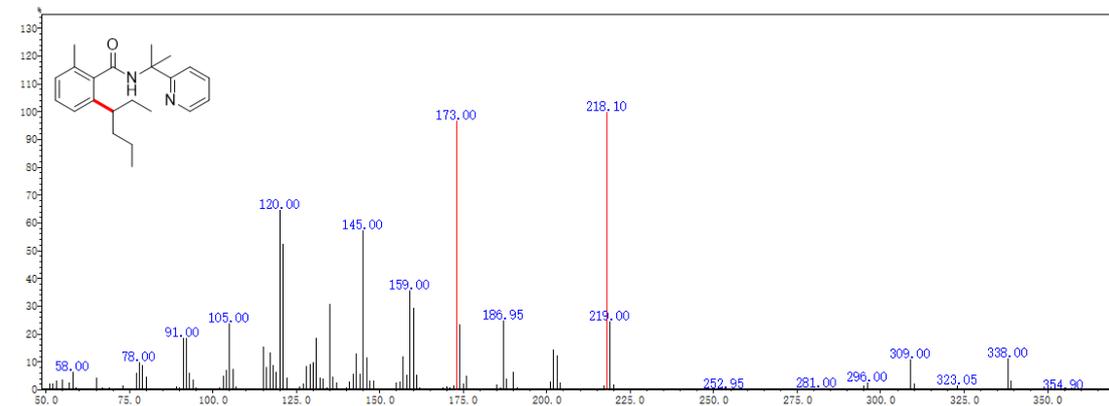
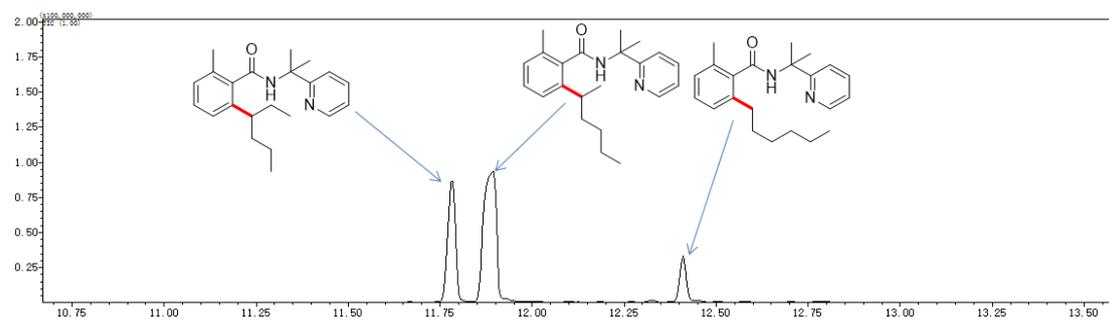


The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *n*-hexane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **3t** (56.8 mg, 84%, a mixture, C(1):C(2):C(3)=1:6:2, determined by ^1H NMR) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44–8.37 (m, 1H), 8.15–8.02 (m, 1H), 7.73 (td, $J = 8.1, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 0.69H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 0.31H), 7.06–7.00 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.91 (m, 0.67H), 2.80–2.71 (m, 0.27H), 2.70–2.64 (m, 0.11H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 6H), 1.73–1.47 (m, 2.62H), 1.33–1.06 (m, 5.88H), 0.85–0.73 (m, 3.67H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.3, 169.2, 164.3, 147.4, 147.3(9), 144.4, 142.8, 139.4, 139.3, 138.5, 137.1, 134.3, 134.0, 133.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.6, 123.2, 123.1, 121.9, 119.5, 119.4, 57.0(3), 57.0, 43.2, 39.2, 38.1, 36.0, 33.5, 32.0, 31.7, 30.2, 30.0, 29.5, 27.4, 27.3(8), 27.3, 23.0, 22.8, 22.5, 19.4, 19.3, 19.2, 14.4, 14.0, 12.3. IR (neat) ν 3334, 2927, 2857, 1660, 1500, 1471, 1447, 1379, 1297, 887, 787, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 339.2436, found: 339.2438.

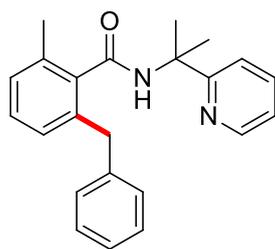
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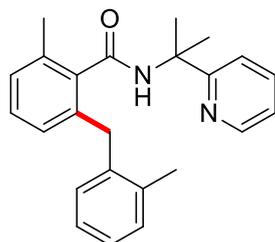


2-Benzyl-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (4a)



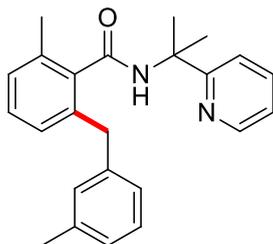
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **4a** (54.6 mg, 79%) as a white solid (m.p. 123–124 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.74–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.10 (m, 7H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 164.2, 147.5, 141.0, 138.7, 137.1(2), 137.1, 134.6, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3(7), 128.1, 127.5, 125.9, 121.9, 119.4, 57.1, 38.7, 27.3, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3325, 2975, 2924, 1659, 1501, 1471, 1380, 1299, 1204, 885, 786, 700 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₅N₂O (M+H)⁺: 345.1967, found: 345.1965.

2-Methyl-6-(2-methylbenzyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (4b)



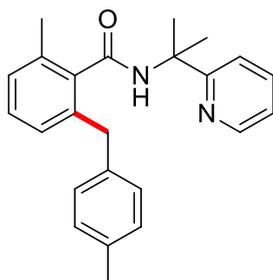
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *o*-xylene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **4b** (53.7 mg, 75%) as a white solid (m.p. 111–112 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.06 (m, 6H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 164.2, 147.5, 138.8(3), 138.8, 137.1, 136.7, 136.5, 134.5, 130.1, 129.7, 128.5, 128.0, 126.6, 126.3, 126.0, 121.9, 119.4, 57.0, 36.2, 27.3, 19.7, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3326, 2974, 2925, 1658, 1471, 1380, 1299, 1204, 886, 787, 741 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O (M+H)⁺: 359.2123, found: 359.2122.

2-Methyl-6-(3-methylbenzyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (4c)



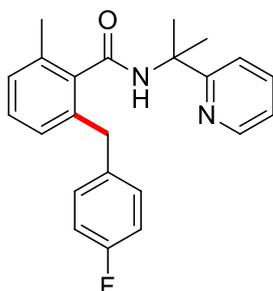
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *m*-xylene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **4c** (47.5 mg, 66%) as a white solid (m.p. 105–106 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.08 (m, 4H), 7.05–6.92 (m, 4H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 164.2, 147.5, 140.9, 138.7, 137.9, 137.2, 137.1, 134.6, 129.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 126.1, 121.9, 119.4, 57.1, 38.6, 27.3, 21.4, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3328, 2975, 2923, 1659, 1502, 1471, 1300, 1205, 887, 773, 749 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O (M+H)⁺: 359.2123, found: 359.2121.

2-Methyl-6-(4-methylbenzyl)-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**4d**)



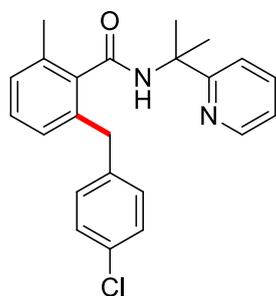
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *p*-xylene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **4d** (45.1 mg, 63%) as a white solid (m.p. 97–98 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11–7.00 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 164.2, 147.5, 138.6, 137.9, 137.4, 137.0, 135.3, 134.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.4, 121.8, 119.4, 57.1, 38.2, 27.3, 21.0, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3326, 2975, 2923, 1659, 1501, 1471, 1300, 1204, 885, 787, 749 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O (M+H)⁺: 359.2123, found: 359.2123.

2-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**4e**)



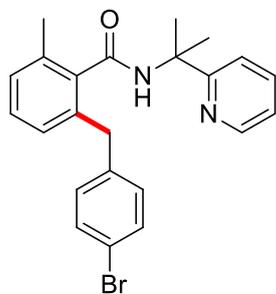
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *p*-fluorotoluene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/*n*-hexane 1:10) gave **4e** (51.4 mg, 71%) as a white solid (m.p. 143–144 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91–6.84 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 164.0, 161.3 (d, *J* = 243.6 Hz), 147.4, 138.7, 137.1, 137.0, 136.7 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 134.7, 130.4 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 121.9, 119.4, 115.1 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 57.0, 37.9, 27.3, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3304, 2987, 2923, 1643, 1530, 1506, 1473, 1307, 1224, 1158, 804, 770 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₄FN₂O (M+H)⁺: 363.1873, found: 363.1870.

2-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**4f**)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *p*-chlorotoluene (506.3 mg, 4.0 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 1:20) gave **4f** (48.5 mg, 64%) as a white solid (m.p. 121–122 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.07 (m, 7H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 164.0, 147.4, 139.5, 138.7, 137.1, 136.5, 134.8, 131.7, 130.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 121.9, 119.3, 57.0, 38.1, 27.3, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3324, 2975, 2925, 1656, 1492, 1471, 1301, 1091, 885, 786, 749 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₄ClN₂O (M+H)⁺: 379.1577, found: 379.1575.

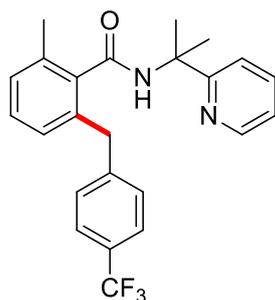
2-(4-Bromobenzyl)-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**4g**)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and *p*-bromotoluene (684.1 mg, 4.0 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 1:20) gave **4g** (48.3 mg, 57%) as a white solid (m.p. 105–106 °C). ¹H

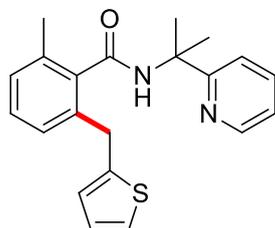
NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.70 (td, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 164.0, 147.5, 140.1, 138.7, 137.1, 136.4, 134.8, 131.4, 130.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 121.9, 119.8, 119.3, 57.0, 38.1, 27.3, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3324, 2975, 2925, 1658, 1503, 1471, 1301, 1070, 1011, 885, 786 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₄BrN₂O (M+H)⁺: 423.1072, found: 423.1070.

2-Methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)benzamide (4h)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 4-Methylbenzotrifluoride (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **4h** (49.7 mg, 60%) as a white solid (m.p. 149–150 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.09 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 163.9, 147.4, 145.2 (q, J = 1.3 Hz), 138.8, 137.2, 136.0, 134.9, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 127.6, 125.2 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 271.9 Hz), 122.0, 119.3, 57.0, 38.6, 27.3, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3312, 2977, 2926, 1656, 1503, 1472, 1326, 1162, 1123, 1067, 885, 787, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₄F₃N₂O (M+H)⁺: 413.1841, found: 413.1837.

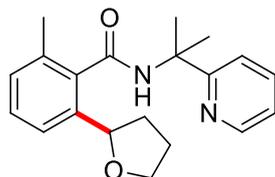
2-Methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)benzamide (4i)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 2-methylthiophene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:10) gave **4i** (43.4 mg, 62%) as a white solid (m.p. 109–110 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.11–7.04 (m, 3H), 6.86–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.79–6.75 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101

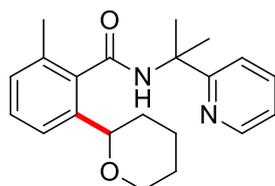
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 164.1, 147.5, 144.0, 138.2, 137.1, 136.5, 134.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 126.8, 125.4, 123.8, 121.9, 119.4, 57.1, 33.1, 27.3, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3320, 2974, 2924, 1657, 1503, 1472, 1299, 1203, 884, 787, 696 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃N₂OS (M+H)⁺: 351.1531, found: 351.1529.

2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)benzamide (5a)



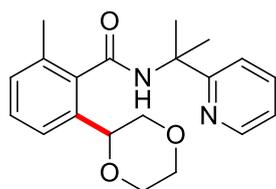
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and THF (288.4 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5a** (45.4 mg, 70%) as a white solid (m.p. 75–76 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44–2.28 (m, 4H), 2.07–1.86 (m, 8H), 1.84–1.74 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 164.1, 147.6, 140.5, 137.1, 136.7, 134.1, 128.9, 128.7, 122.6, 121.9, 119.4, 78.3, 68.9, 57.1, 35.3, 27.4, 27.3, 26.3, 19.2. IR (neat) ν 3323, 2975, 2927, 1659, 1503, 1472, 1299, 1065, 887, 787, 749 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₀H₂₅N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 325.1916, found: 325.1914.

2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)benzamide (5b)



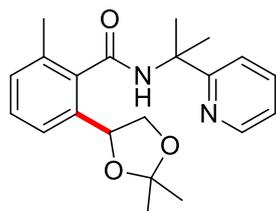
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and tetrahydro-2H-pyran (344.5 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5b** (48.7 mg, 72%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.93–1.87 (m, 8H), 1.73–1.48 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.6, 164.2, 147.7, 139.5, 137.0, 136.9, 134.2, 129.2, 128.7, 123.3, 121.9, 119.4, 77.7, 69.2, 57.1, 33.7, 27.5, 27.4, 25.9, 24.1, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3325, 2933, 2853, 1659, 1503, 1298, 1203, 1085, 1045, 887, 788 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for C₂₁H₂₇N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 339.2073, found: 339.2072.

2-(1,4-Dioxan-2-yl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5c)



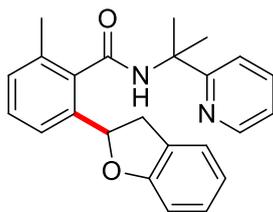
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5c** (53.4 mg, 78%) as a white solid (m.p. 133–134 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 2H), 4.82 (dd, $J = 10.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, $J = 11.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.92–3.79 (m, 2H), 3.77–3.66 (m, 2H), 3.54–3.37 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.2, 164.0, 147.5, 137.5, 137.2, 134.9, 134.3, 129.9, 128.7, 124.0, 122.0, 119.4, 75.8, 72.5, 67.2, 66.3, 57.2, 27.5, 27.3, 19.2. IR (neat) ν 3320, 2922, 2852, 1655, 1504, 1471, 1300, 913, 879, 786 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 341.1865, found: 341.1864.

2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5d)



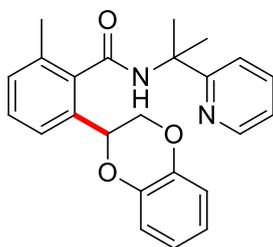
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane (408.5 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5d** (53.3 mg, 75%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 7.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.30–5.25 (m, 1H), 4.36 (dd, $J = 8.1, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 6H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 164.0, 147.6, 137.2, 136.5, 134.0, 129.6, 128.9, 122.8, 122.0, 119.4, 109.3, 75.3, 72.2, 57.1, 27.5, 27.3, 26.4, 25.8, 19.2. IR (neat) ν 3321, 2983, 2931, 1659, 1503, 1472, 1380, 1157, 864, 787 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 355.2022, found: 355.2019.

2-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5e)



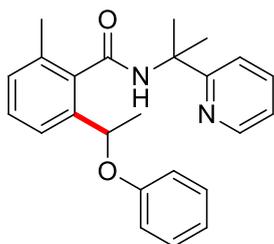
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran (480.6 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5e** (45.4 mg, 61%) as a white solid (m.p. 114–115 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.09 (m, 4H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 164.0, 159.7, 147.6, 139.1, 137.2, 136.6, 134.4, 129.7, 129.0, 128.0, 126.8, 125.0, 122.7, 122.0, 120.7, 119.5, 109.2, 81.7, 57.2, 39.2, 27.5, 27.3, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3316, 2975, 2926, 1658, 1595, 1504, 1479, 1302, 1232, 878, 787, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 373.1916, found: 373.1912.

2-(2,3-Dihydrobenzo[*b*][1,4]dioxin-2-yl)-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5f)



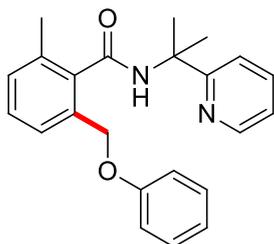
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1,4-Benzodioxan (544.6 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5f** (45.2 mg, 58%) as a white solid (m.p. 84–85 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.80 (m, 4H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.9, 163.9, 147.6, 144.0, 143.2, 137.6, 137.2, 134.5, 133.3, 130.6, 129.0, 124.1, 122.0, 121.4, 121.3, 119.4, 117.4, 117.2, 72.9, 69.4, 57.3, 27.7, 27.1, 19.2. IR (neat) ν 3310, 2976, 2924, 1655, 1592, 1494, 1264, 1070, 786, 748 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₅N₂O₃ (M+H)⁺: 389.1865, found: 389.1864.

2-Methyl-6-(1-phenoxyethyl)-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5g)



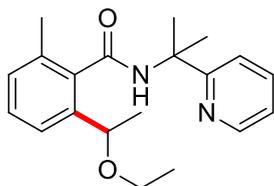
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and ethoxybenzene (488.7 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 1:20) gave **5g** (57.6 mg, 77%) as a white solid (m.p. 110–111 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.75 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.09 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 6H), 1.66 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 164.0, 157.7, 147.5, 140.1, 137.3, 136.5, 133.9, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 122.7, 122.1, 120.4, 119.5, 115.7, 72.6, 57.1, 27.4, 27.3, 24.7, 19.2. IR (neat) ν 3324, 2976, 2928, 1656, 1597, 1497, 1236, 887, 788, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₄H₂₇N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 375.2073, found: 375.2070.

2-Methyl-6-(phenoxyethyl)-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**5h**)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and anisole (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ 1:20) gave **5h** (48.4 mg, 67%) as a white solid (m.p. 105–106 °C). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.61 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 4H), 6.89–6.85 (m, 3H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1, 164.1, 158.6, 147.6, 138.0, 137.0, 135.0, 133.2, 130.2, 129.3, 128.8, 126.4, 121.9, 120.8, 119.4, 114.7, 67.7, 57.2, 27.4, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3317, 2925, 1655, 1598, 1497, 1301, 1238, 886, 786, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI, *m/z*): calcd. for C₂₃H₂₅N₂O₂ (M+H)⁺: 361.1916, found: 361.1914.

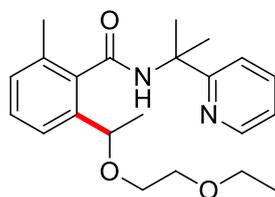
2-(1-Ethoxyethyl)-6-methyl-*N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**5i**)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and diethyl ether

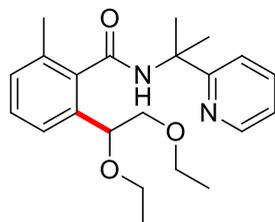
(296.5 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5i** (43.1 mg, 66%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.75 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.35 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 6H), 1.46 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.5, 164.1, 147.4, 141.1, 137.6, 137.2, 133.9, 129.0, 128.9, 123.0, 122.0, 119.5, 74.3, 64.0, 57.1, 27.4, 24.6, 19.1, 15.4. IR (neat) ν 3326, 2974, 2928, 1659, 1502, 1472, 1299, 1106, 887, 788, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 327.2073, found: 327.2069.

2-(1-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)ethyl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5j)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1,2-diethoxyethane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5j** (26.7 mg, 36%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.41 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.74 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 7.0, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.70 (q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.54–3.38 (m, 6H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.5, 164.1, 147.5, 140.7, 137.6, 137.2, 133.9, 129.0, 128.9, 123.2, 122.0, 119.4, 74.9, 69.8, 68.0, 66.4, 57.1, 27.4, 27.4, 24.6, 19.1, 15.1. IR (neat) ν 3326, 2974, 2928, 1660, 1502, 1472, 1299, 1105, 887, 789, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 371.2335, found: 371.2334.

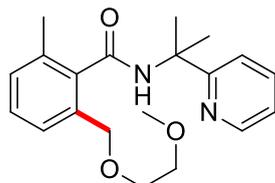
2-(1,(2-Diethoxyethyl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5j')



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1,2-diethoxyethane (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5j'** (31.1 mg, 42%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.73 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 7.0, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd, $J = 7.6, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, $J =$

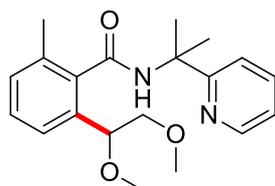
10.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.49–3.36 (m, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 164.3, 147.6, 138.3, 137.0, 136.8, 134.3, 129.5, 128.6, 123.9, 121.9, 119.5, 75.1, 66.5, 64.4, 57.2, 27.5, 19.2, 15.3, 15.0. IR (neat) ν 3326, 2974, 2926, 1660, 1503, 1471, 1110, 887, 788, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 371.2335, found: 371.2333.

2-((2-Methoxyethoxy)methyl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5k)



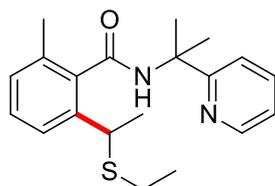
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1,2-dimethoxyethane (360.5 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5k** (24.0 mg, 35%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.73 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 3.73–3.57 (m, 2H), 3.57–3.43 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.4, 164.3, 147.7, 137.9, 137.0, 134.9, 134.4, 129.8, 128.6, 126.4, 121.9, 119.5, 71.9, 70.8, 69.3, 58.9, 57.2, 27.5, 19.3. IR (neat) ν 3325, 2923, 1659, 1504, 1472, 1472, 1300, 1094, 886, 787, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 343.2022, found: 343.2018.

2-(1,2-Dimethoxyethyl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (5k')



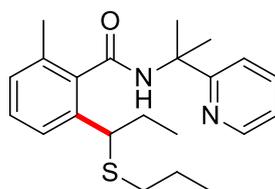
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 1,2-dimethoxyethane (360.5 mg, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 1:5) gave **5k'** (31.5 mg, 46%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.74 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.13 (m, 2H), 4.72 (dd, $J = 8.0, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, $J = 10.1, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, $J = 10.3, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.2, 164.2, 147.5, 138.5, 137.1, 135.6, 134.4, 129.8, 128.7, 123.9, 122.0, 119.5, 79.3, 77.1, 59.0, 57.2, 57.0, 27.4(4), 27.4, 19.2. IR (neat) ν 3324, 2925, 1660, 1504, 1472, 1300, 1103, 887, 788, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 343.2022, found: 343.2019.

2-(1-(Ethylthio)ethyl)-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (6a)



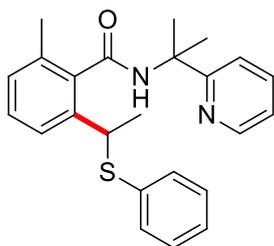
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and diethyl sulfide (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 1:10) gave **6a** (57.2 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.73 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 6.9, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.54–2.25 (m, 5H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.55 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.6, 164.1, 147.5, 141.1, 137.8, 137.2, 134.0, 128.9, 128.5, 124.5, 122.0, 119.5, 57.2, 40.6, 27.5, 27.4, 25.6, 23.7, 19.3, 14.6. IR (neat) ν 3326, 2970, 2867, 1660, 1501, 1471, 1447, 1379, 1296, 996, 886, 787, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 343.1844, found: 343.1840.

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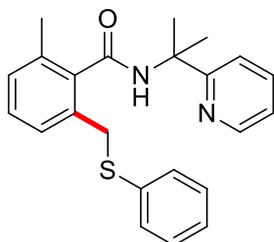
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and propyl sulfide (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 1:10) gave **6b** (60.5 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47–8.39 (m, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.75 (td, $J = 8.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, $J = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.50–2.42 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.35–2.22 (m, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.88 (dd, $J = 14.7, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.55–1.33 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.6, 164.1, 147.5, 140.2, 138.5, 137.1, 133.8, 128.7, 128.4, 124.8, 122.0, 119.5, 57.1, 47.9, 33.4, 30.7, 27.5, 27.3, 22.9, 19.3, 13.5, 12.4. IR (neat) ν 3334, 2963, 2871, 1660, 1500, 1471, 1432, 1379, 1295, 996, 886, 787, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 371.2157, found: 371.2143.

2-Methyl-6-(1-(phenylthio)ethyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (6c)



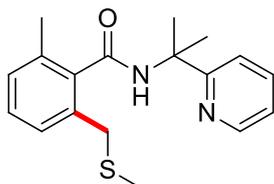
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and ethyl phenyl sulfide (4.0 mmol, 552.9 mg) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 1:10) gave **6c** (55.8 mg, 71%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.74 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.07 (m, 4H), 4.73 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.64 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.5, 164.1, 147.6, 139.8, 137.6, 137.1, 135.6, 134.3, 131.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 126.7, 124.4, 121.9, 119.4, 57.2, 44.3, 27.6, 27.2, 23.5, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3325, 2925, 1658, 1506, 1472, 1379, 1296, 886, 787, 746, 691 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 391.1844, found: 391.1847.

2-Methyl-6-((phenylthio)methyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**6d**)



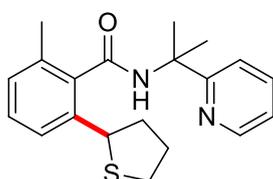
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and thioanisole (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 1:20) gave **6d** (41.4 mg, 55%) as a white solid (m.p. 102–103 $^\circ\text{C}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (dd, $J = 4.8, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.67 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.09 (m, 7H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.3, 164.2, 147.7, 138.3, 137.0, 136.7, 135.0, 133.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 127.2, 126.2, 121.9, 119.4, 57.3, 36.4, 27.5, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3324, 2921, 2850, 1655, 1504, 1472, 1438, 1301, 787, 742, 690 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 377.1688, found: 377.1686.

2-Methyl-6-((methylthio)methyl)-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (**6e**)



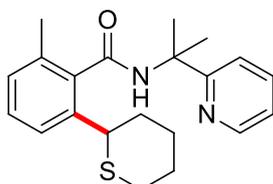
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and dimethyl sulfide (4.0 mmol, 284.5 mg) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 1:10) gave a mixture **1a+6e** (67% determine by ^1H NMR) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49–8.46 (m, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.73–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 6.1, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.4, 164.2, 147.7, 138.3, 137.0, 135.0, 134.7, 129.0, 128.4, 127.1, 121.9, 119.5, 57.3, 35.6, 27.5, 19.4, 15.5. IR (neat) ν 3325, 2922, 2855, 1660, 1506, 1472, 1431, 1304, 995, 787, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 315.1531, found: 315.1528.

2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(tetrahydrothiophen-2-yl)benzamide (6f)



The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and tetrahydrothiophene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 1:20) gave **6f** (50.4 mg, 74%) as a white solid (m.p. 139–140 $^\circ\text{C}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.73 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, $J = 7.4, 4.9, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.74 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.09 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.29–2.19 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.86 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.8, 164.1, 147.6, 139.8, 138.3, 137.1, 134.0, 128.7, 128.6, 124.9, 121.9, 119.5, 57.2, 49.2, 41.1, 33.7, 31.3, 27.6, 27.3, 19.2. IR (neat) ν 3320, 2927, 2858, 1656, 1502, 1471, 1380, 1297, 887, 787, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 341.1688, found: 341.1684.

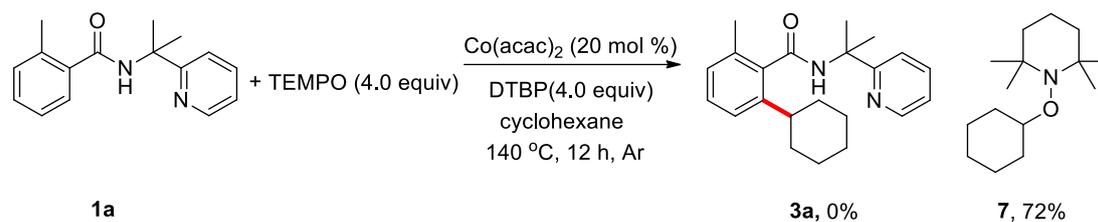
2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(tetrahydro-2H-thiopyran-2-yl)benzamide (6g)



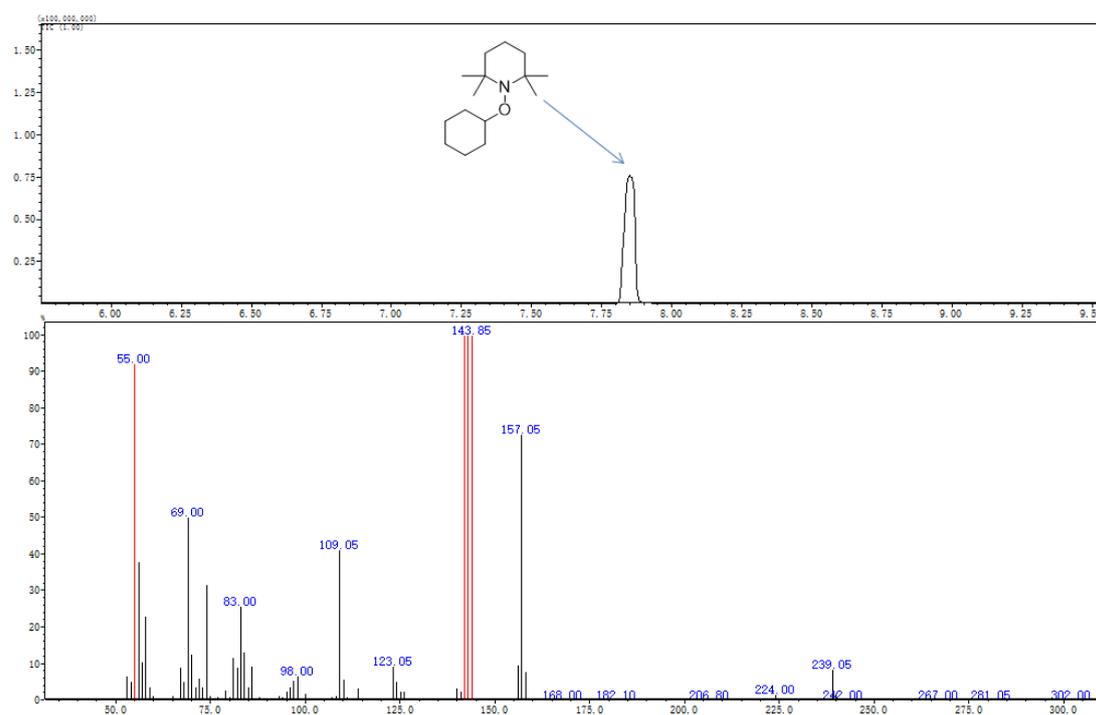
The general procedure was followed with **1a** (50.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) and thiane (4.0 mmol, 408.8 mg) in benzene (1.0 mL). Purification by column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 1:10) gave **6g** (56.2 mg, 79%) as a white solid (m.p. 94–95 $^\circ\text{C}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.51 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.74 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, $J = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 11.3, 2.2$

Hz, 1H), 2.89 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.17 (dd, $J = 13.0, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.07–1.88 (m, 9H), 1.76–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.53–1.38 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.4, 164.3, 147.9, 139.1, 137.4, 136.8, 134.8, 129.1, 128.8, 124.6, 121.8, 119.5, 57.3, 44.3, 31.1, 27.9, 27.3, 27.2, 26.8, 19.4. IR (neat) ν 3325, 2926, 2850, 1660, 1506, 1472, 1379, 1296, 886, 786, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$: 355.1844, found: 355.1848.

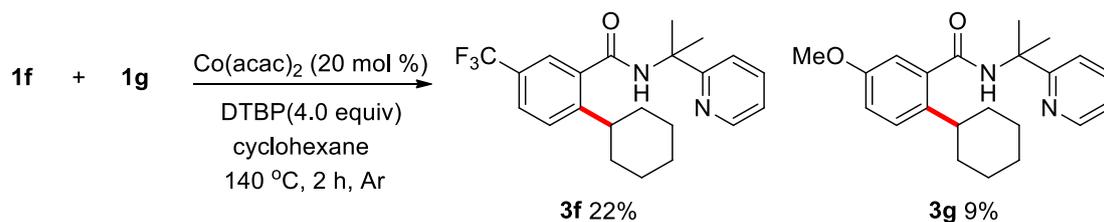
Radical Trapping Experiment



A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar, amide **1a** (0.2 mmol, 50.9 mg), Co(acac)_2 (0.04 mmol, 10.2 mg) and TEMPO (0.8 mmol, 125.1 mg). After the tube was evacuated and filled with Ar, cyclohexane (1.0 mL) and DTBP (0.8 mmol, 117.0 mg) were injected into the tube by syringe. The tube was then stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (2.0 mL), filtered through a celite pad, analyzed by GC-MS, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 1:100, v/v) to afford compound **7** as a colorless oil. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.65–3.51 (m, 1H), 2.13–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.70 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.57–1.44 (m, 6H), 1.27–1.08 (m, 18H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 81.7, 59.6, 40.3, 34.5, 32.9, 26.0, 25.1, 20.3, 17.3.⁶

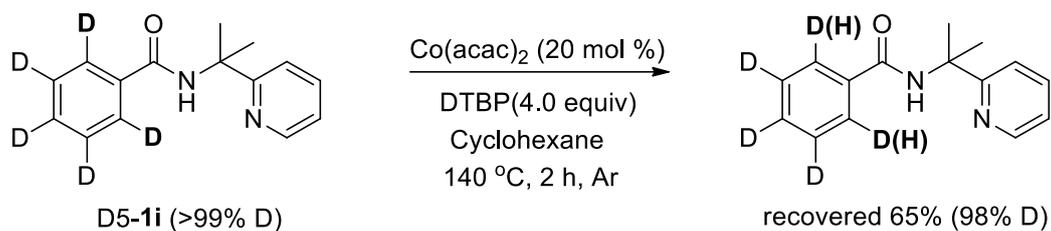


Intermolecular Competition Experiment

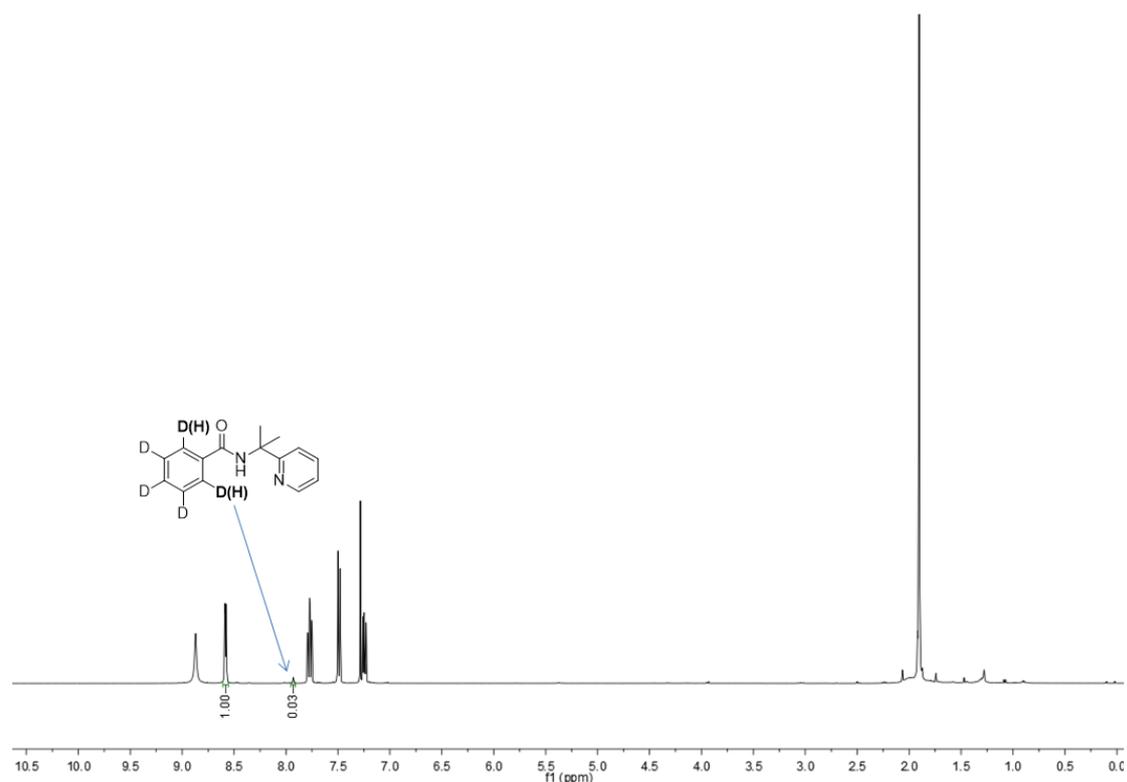


A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar, benzamide **1f** (61.7 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzamide **1g** (54.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and Co(acac)₂ (0.04 mmol, 10.3 mg). After the tube was evacuated and filled with Ar, cyclohexane (1.0 mL) and DTBP (0.8 mmol, 117.0 mg) were injected into the tube by syringe. The tube was then stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (2.0 mL), filtered through a celite pad, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was analyzed by ¹H NMR in CDCl₃ using CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

H/D scrambling experiment

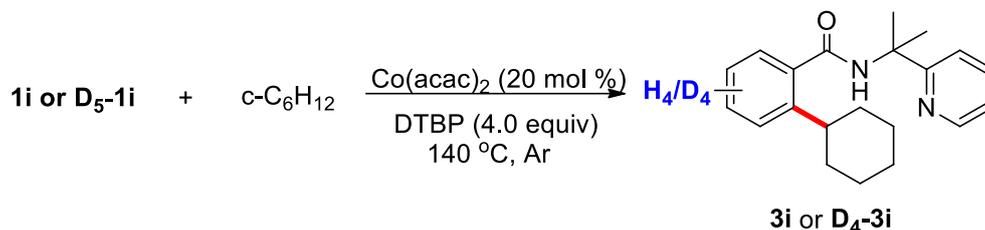


A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar, D₅-1i (49.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and Co(acac)₂ (0.04 mmol, 10.3 mg). After the tube was evacuated and filled with Ar, cyclohexane (1.0 mL) and DTBP (0.8 mmol, 117.0 mg) were injected into the tube by syringe. The tube was then stirred vigorously at 140 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (2.0 mL), filtered through a celite pad, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (gradient eluent of 20% EtOAc in CH₂Cl₂, v/v).



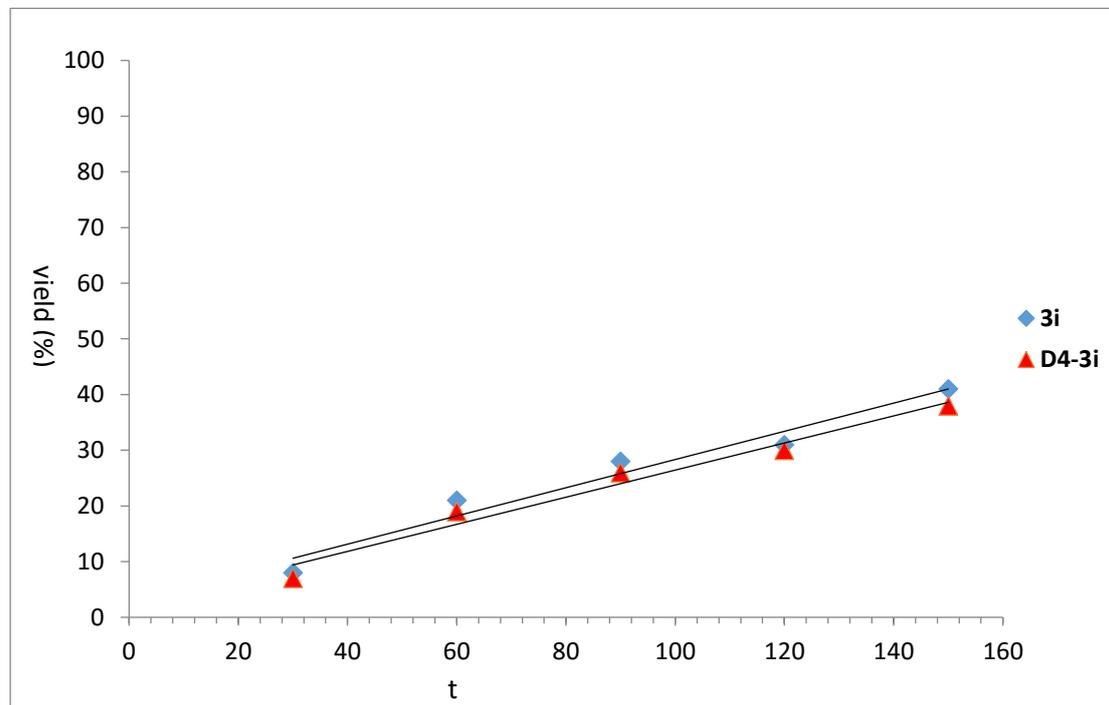
KIE Experiment

Parallel KIE Experiments



A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar, **1i** (48.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) or **D₅-1i** (49.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and Co(acac)_2 (0.04 mmol, 10.3 mg). After the tube was evacuated and filled with Ar, cyclohexane (1.0 mL) and DTBP (0.8 mmol, 117.0 mg) were injected into the tube by syringe. The tube was then stirred vigorously at 140 °C for the indicated time. The reaction was stopped by rapid cooling, diluted with EtOAc (2.0 mL), filtered through a celite pad, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was analyzed by ^1H NMR in CDCl_3 using CH_2Br_2 as internal standard.

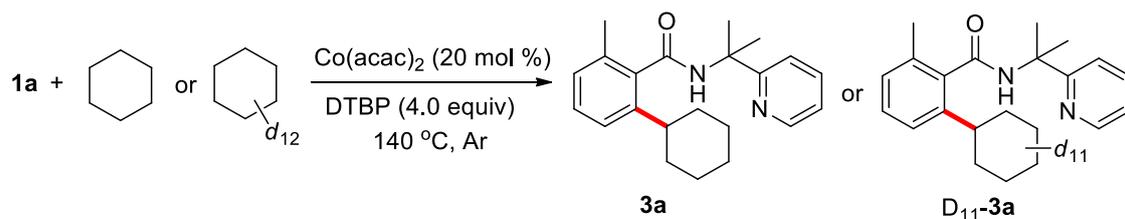
Time (min)	30	60	90	120	150
Yield 3i (%)	8	21	28	31	41
Yield D₄-3i (%)	7	19	26	30	38



Equation for **3i**: $y = 0.2533x + 3$ $R^2 = 0.9582$

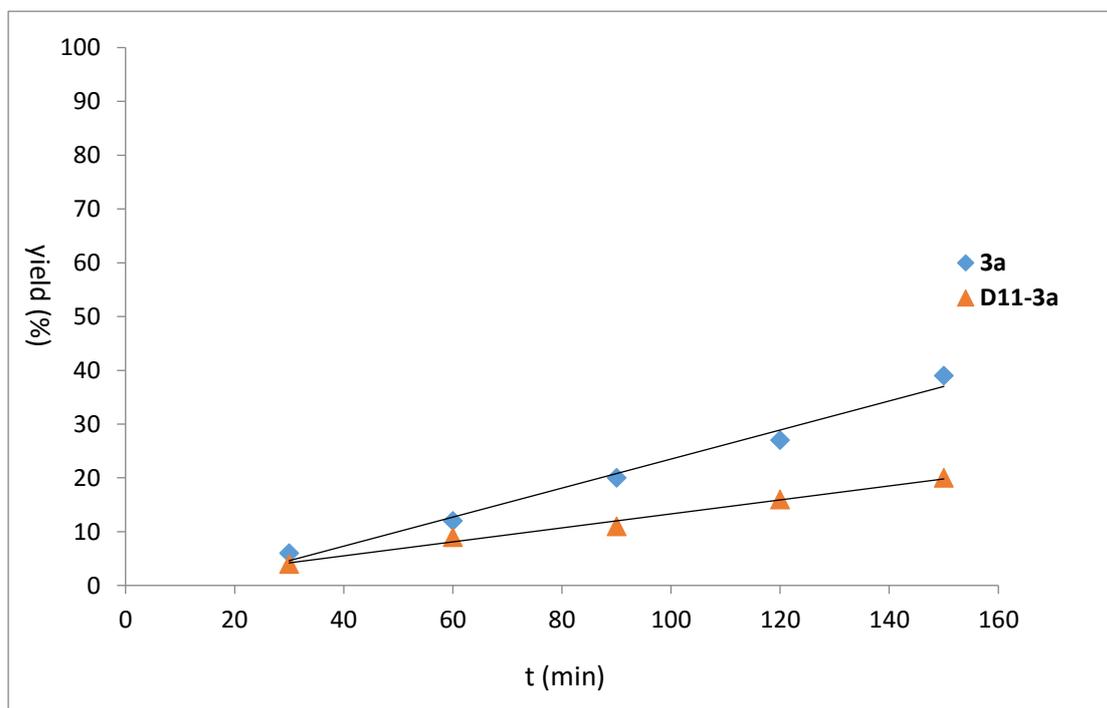
Equation for **D₄-3i**: $y = 0.2433x + 2.1$ $R^2 = 0.9689$

$k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 0.2533/0.2433 \approx 1.0$



A 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar, **1a** (0.2 mmol, 50.9 mg) and Co(acac)₂ (0.04 mmol, 10.3 mg). After the tube was evacuated and filled with Ar, cyclohexane (1.0 mL) or cyclohexane-*d*₁₂ (1.0 mL) and DTBP (0.8 mmol, 117.0 mg) were injected into the tube by syringe. The tube was then stirred vigorously at 140 °C for the indicated time. The reaction was stopped by rapid cooling, diluted with EtOAc (2.0 mL), filtered through a celite pad, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was analyzed by ¹H NMR in CDCl₃ using CH₂Br₂ as internal standard.

Time (min)	30	60	90	120	150
Yield 3a (%)	6	12	20	27	39
Yield $\text{D}_{11}\text{-}3\mathbf{a}$ (%)	4	9	11	16	20

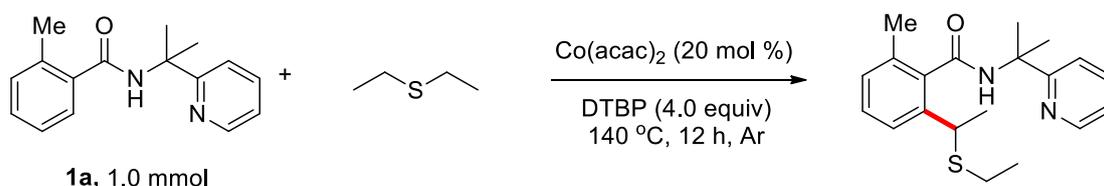


Equation for **3a**: $y = 0.27x - 3.5$ $R^2 = 0.984$

Equation for $\text{D}_{11}\text{-}3\mathbf{a}$: $y = 0.13x + 0.3$ $R^2 = 0.9877$

$k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 0.27/0.13 \approx 2.1$

Synthesis of **6a** in 1.0 mmol scale



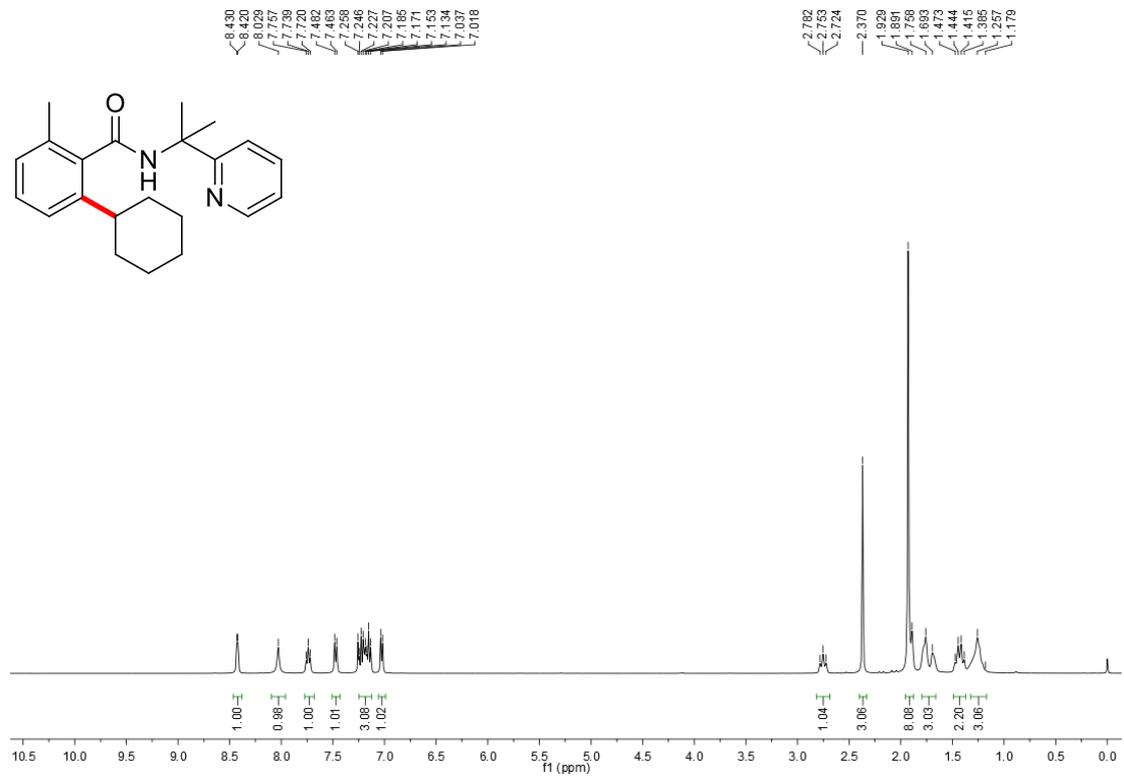
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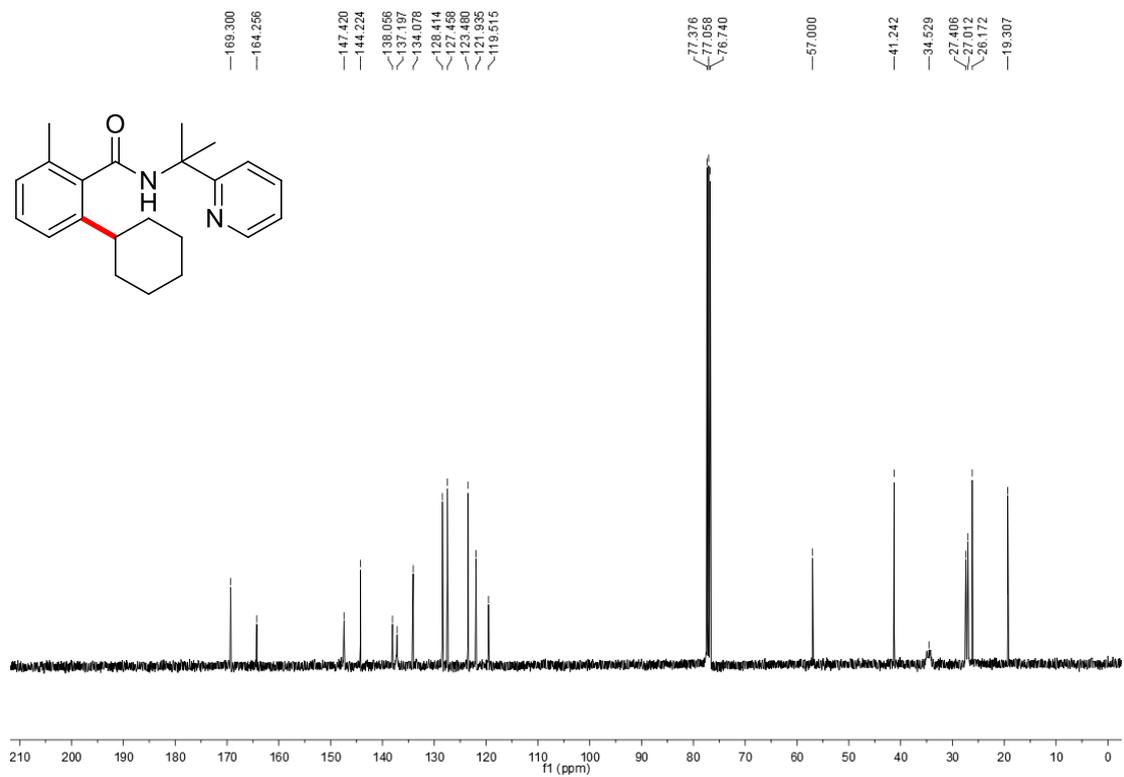
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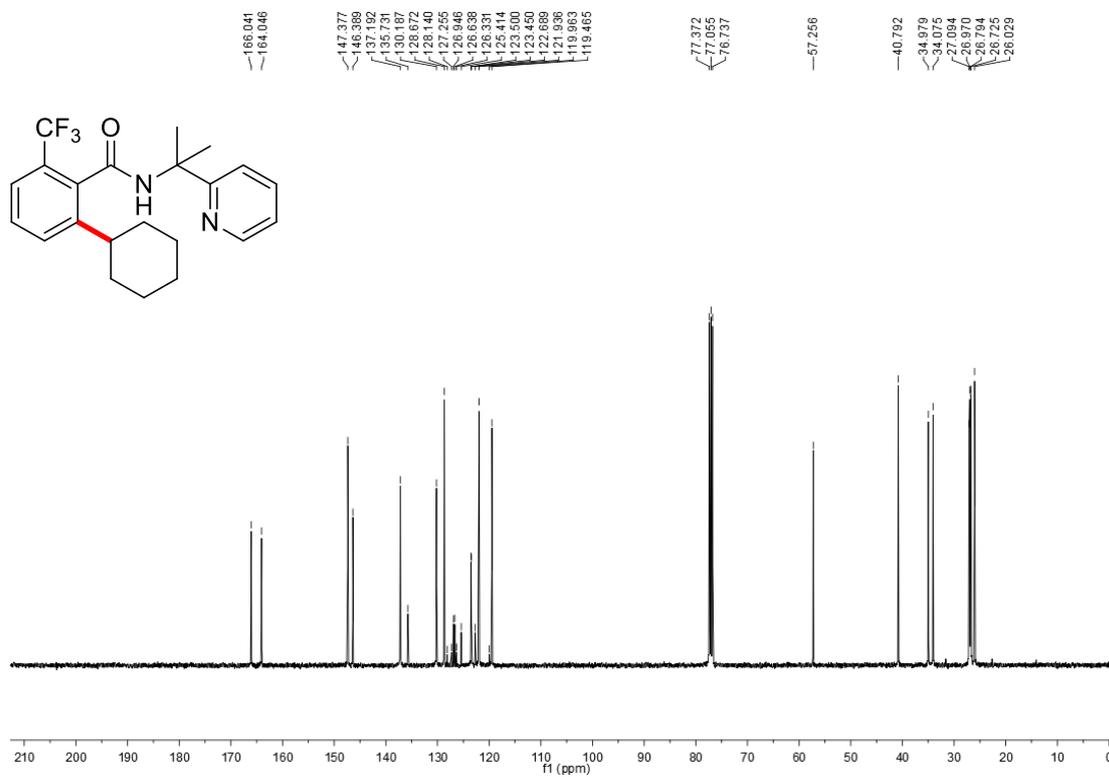
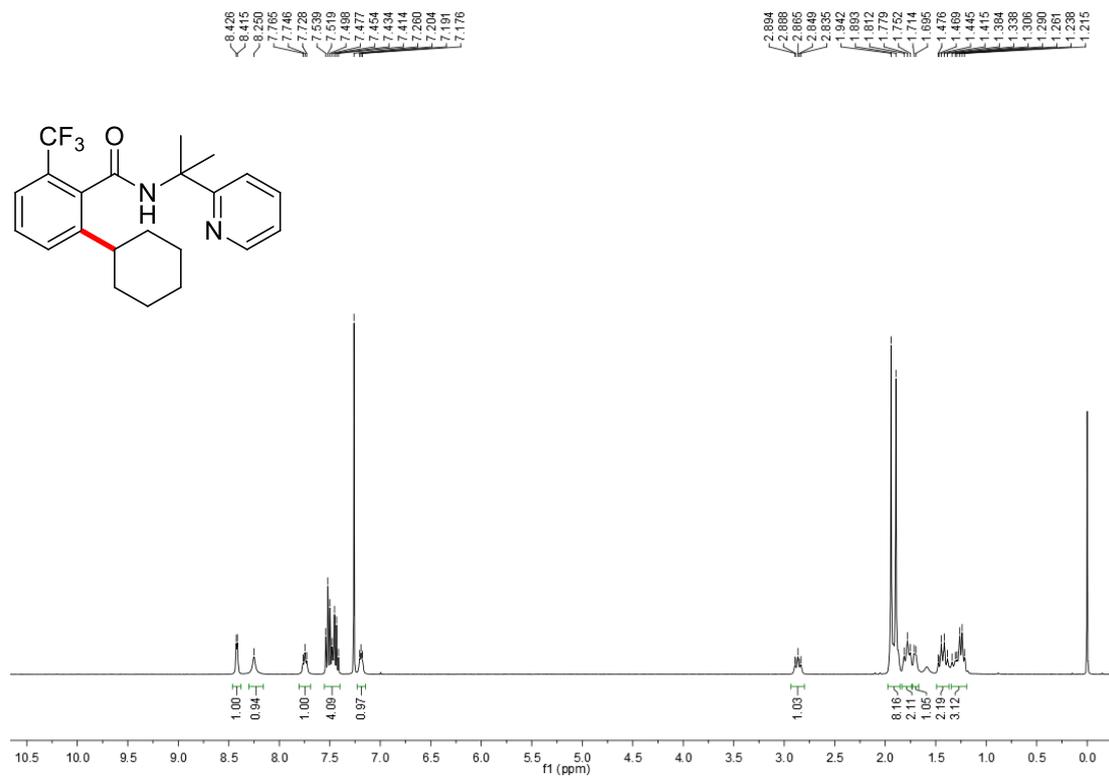
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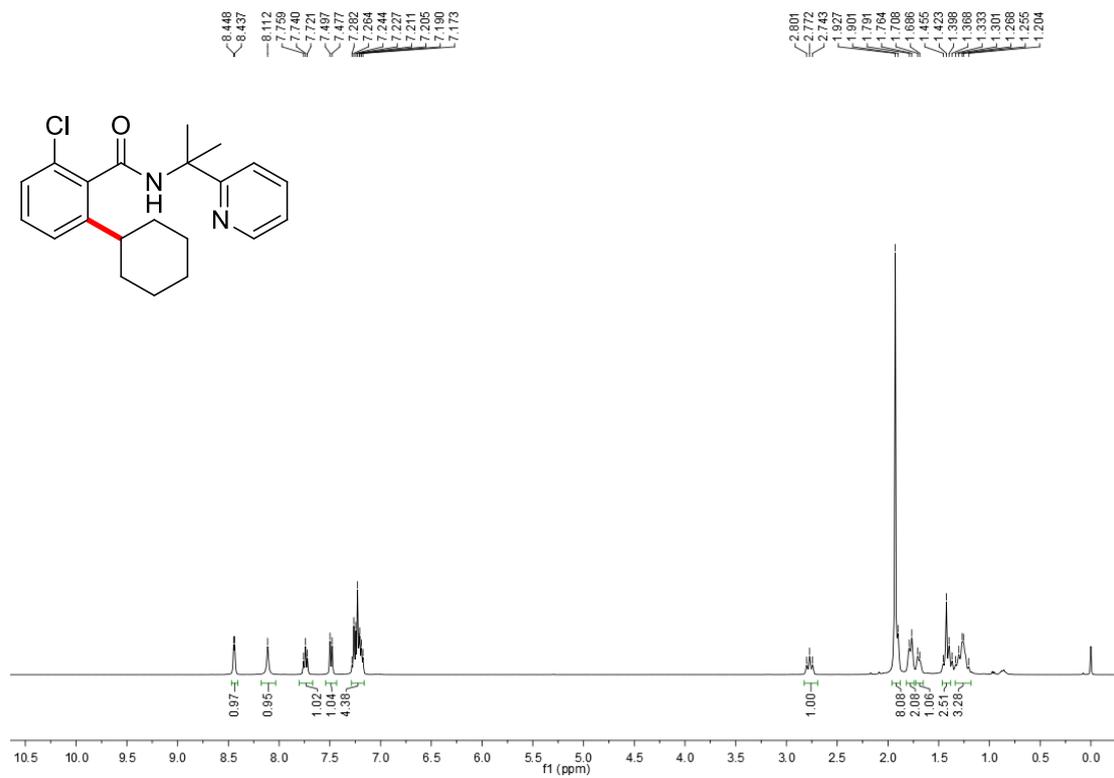
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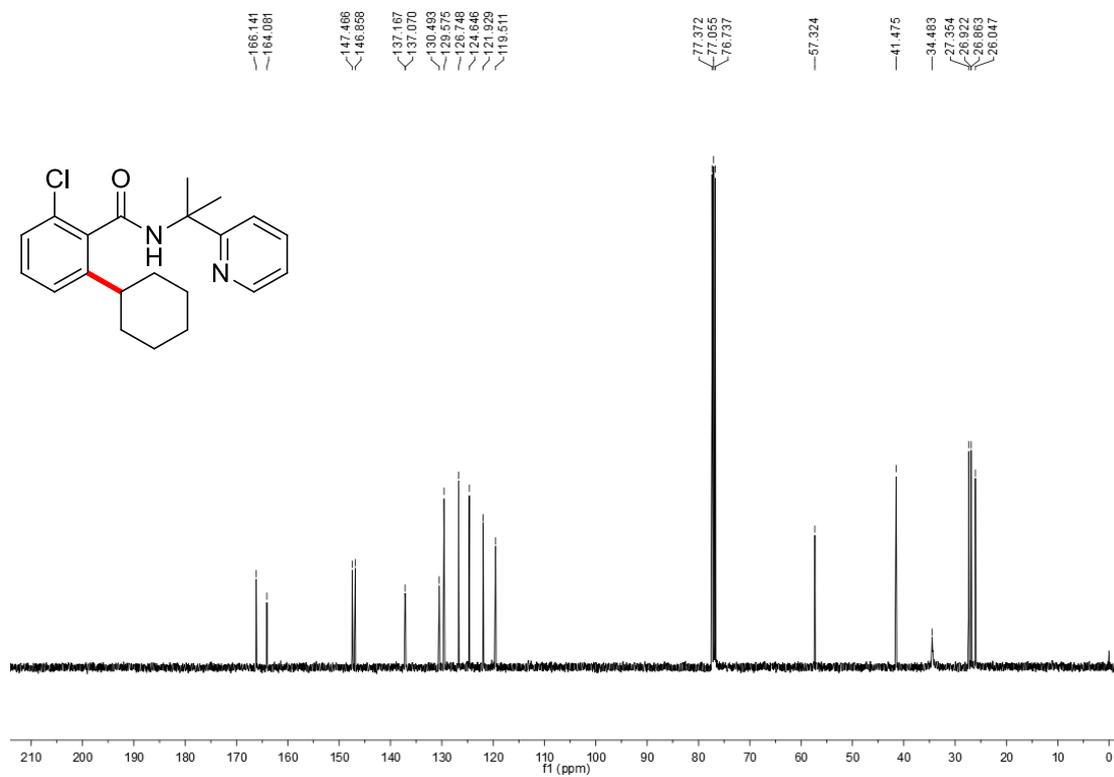
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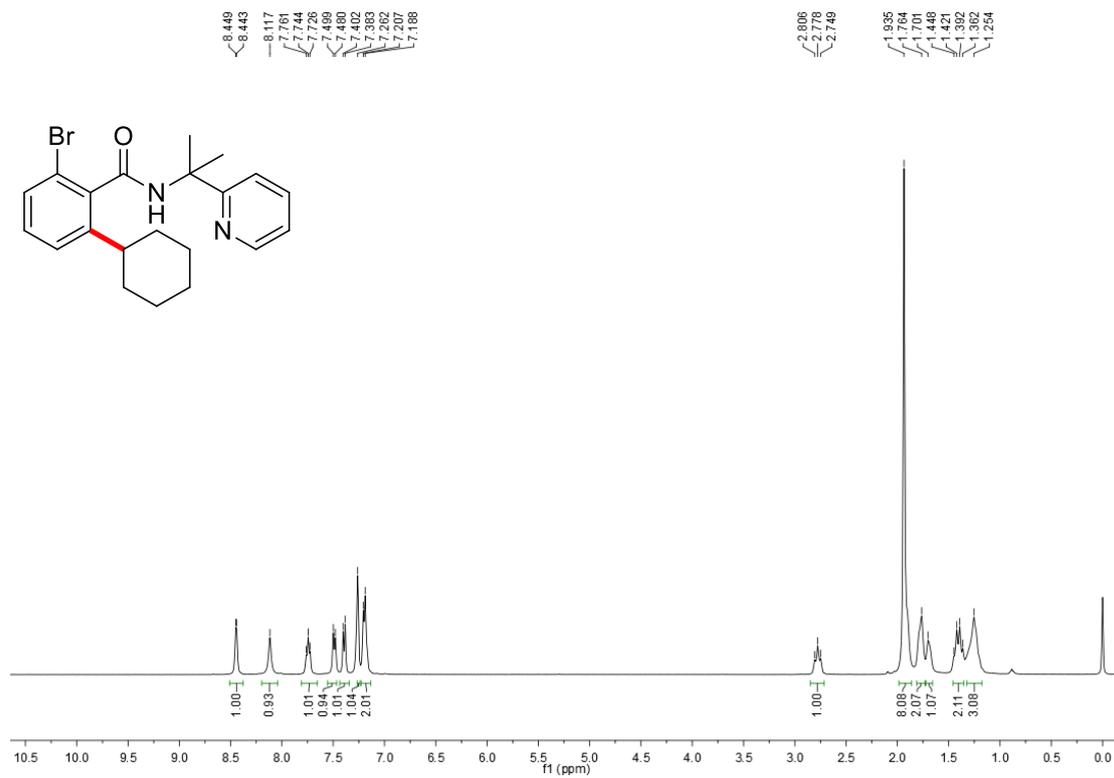
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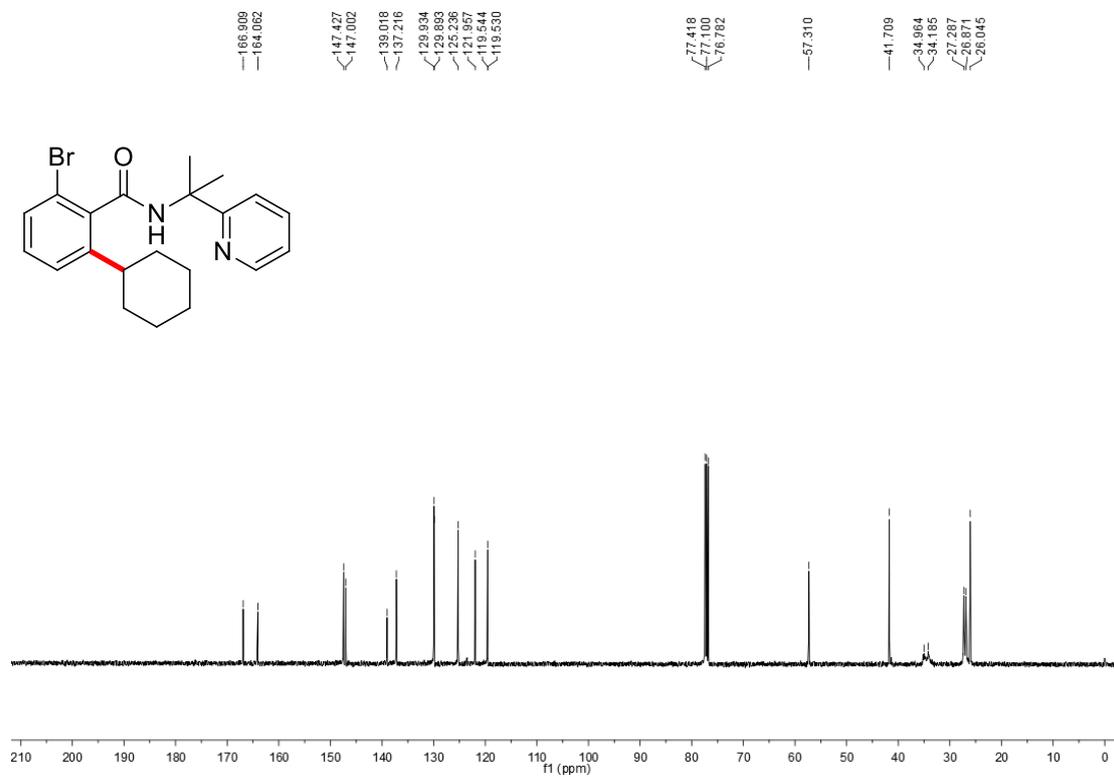
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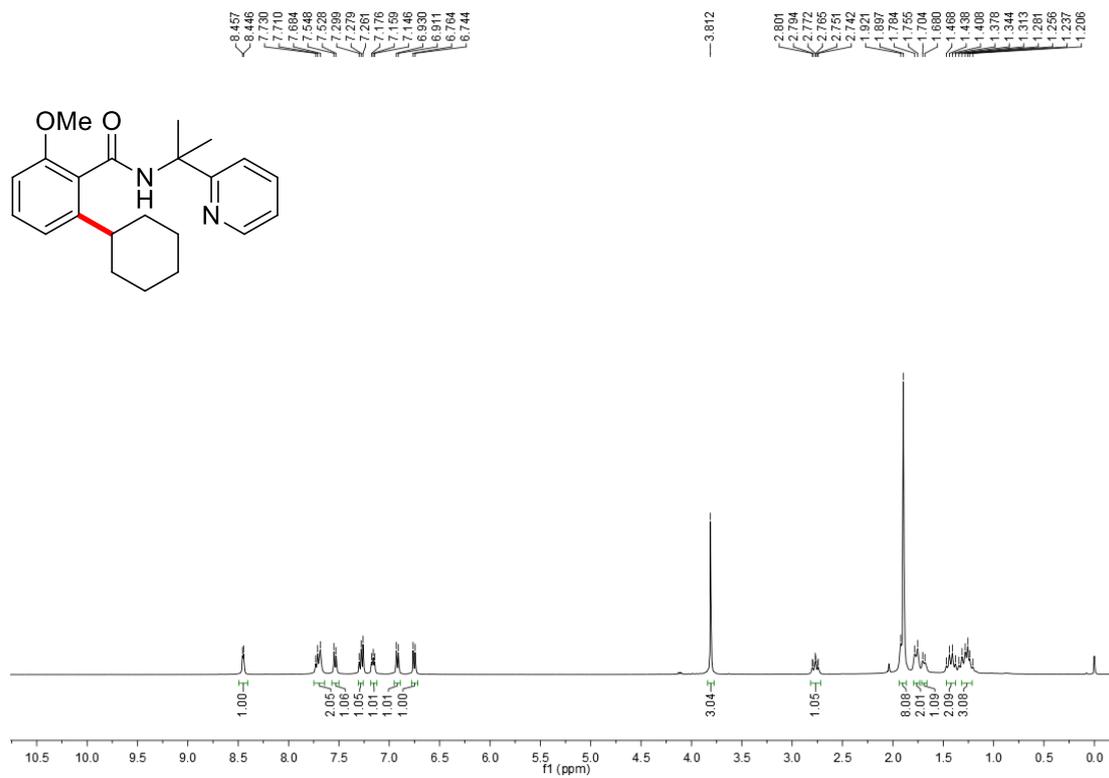
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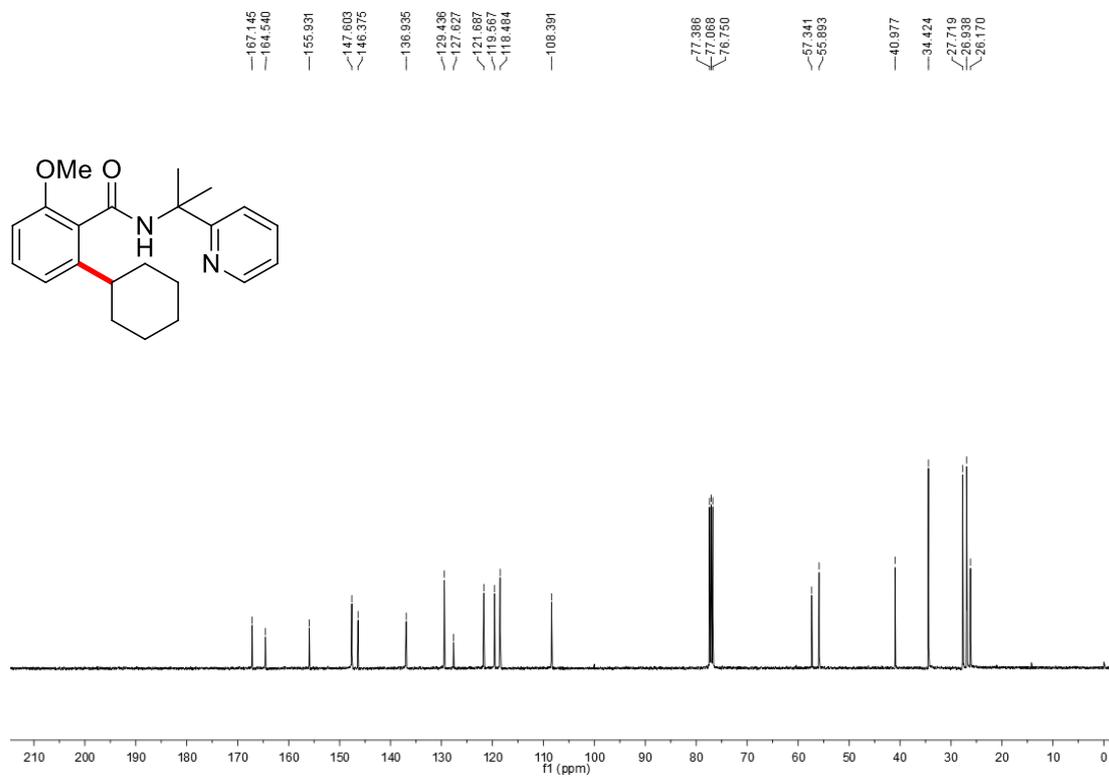
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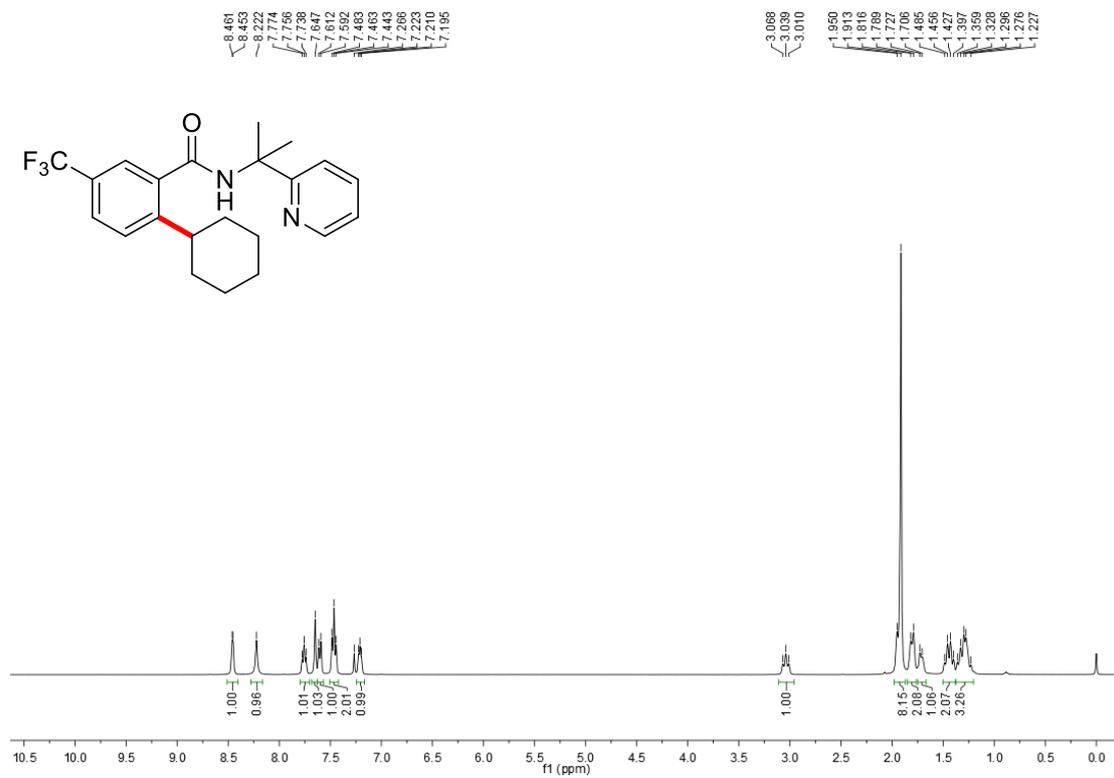
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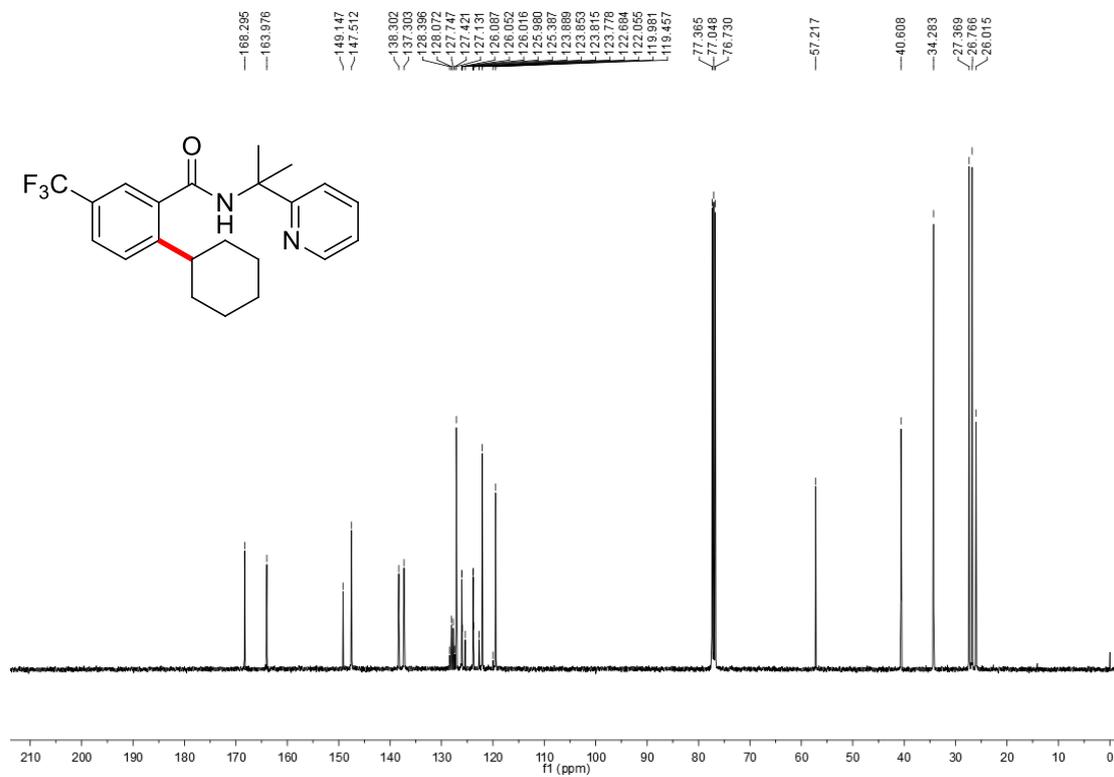
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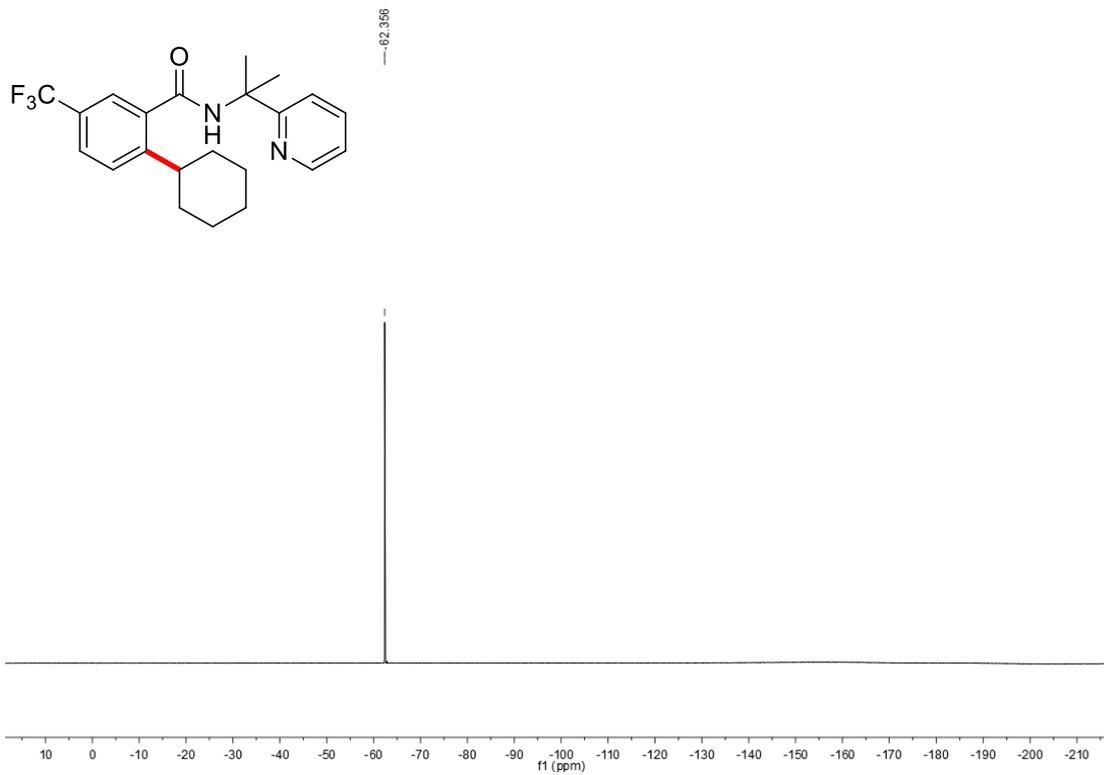
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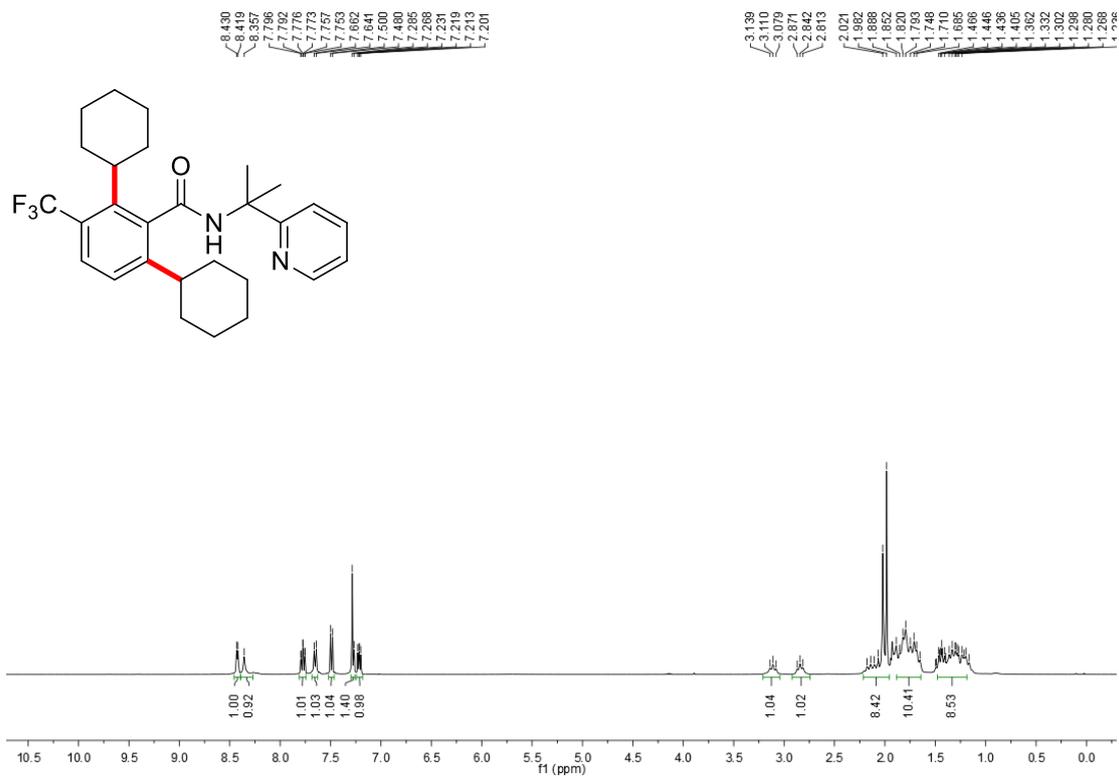
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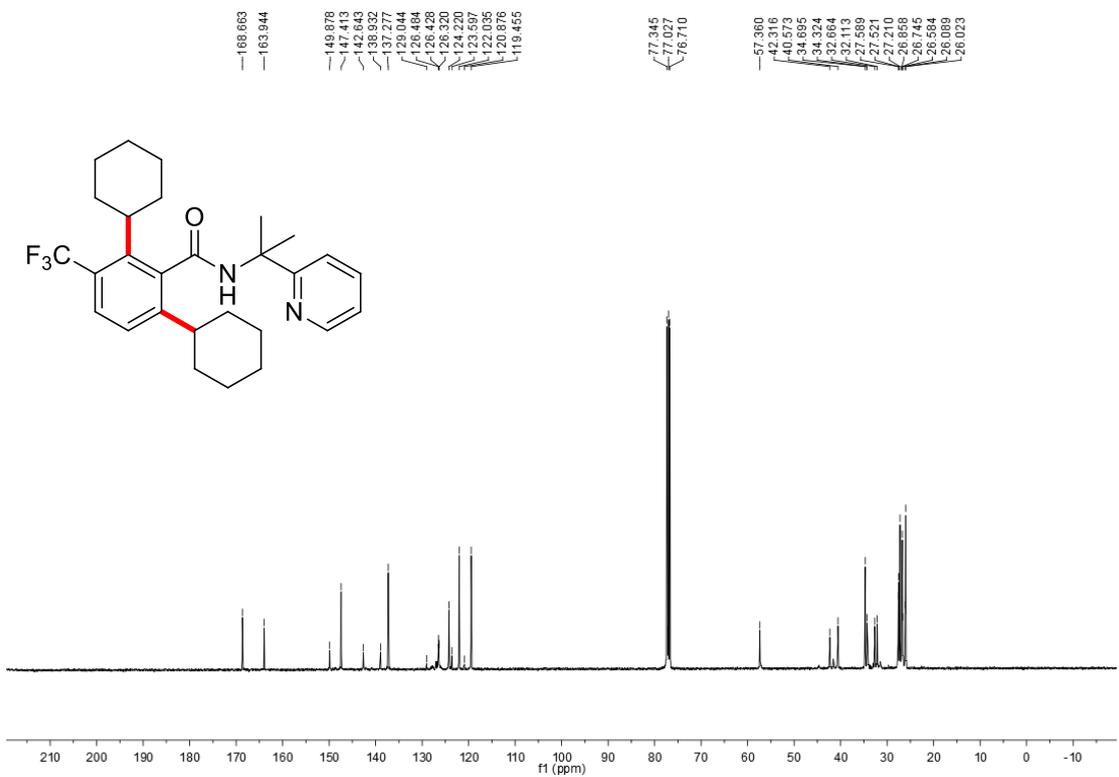
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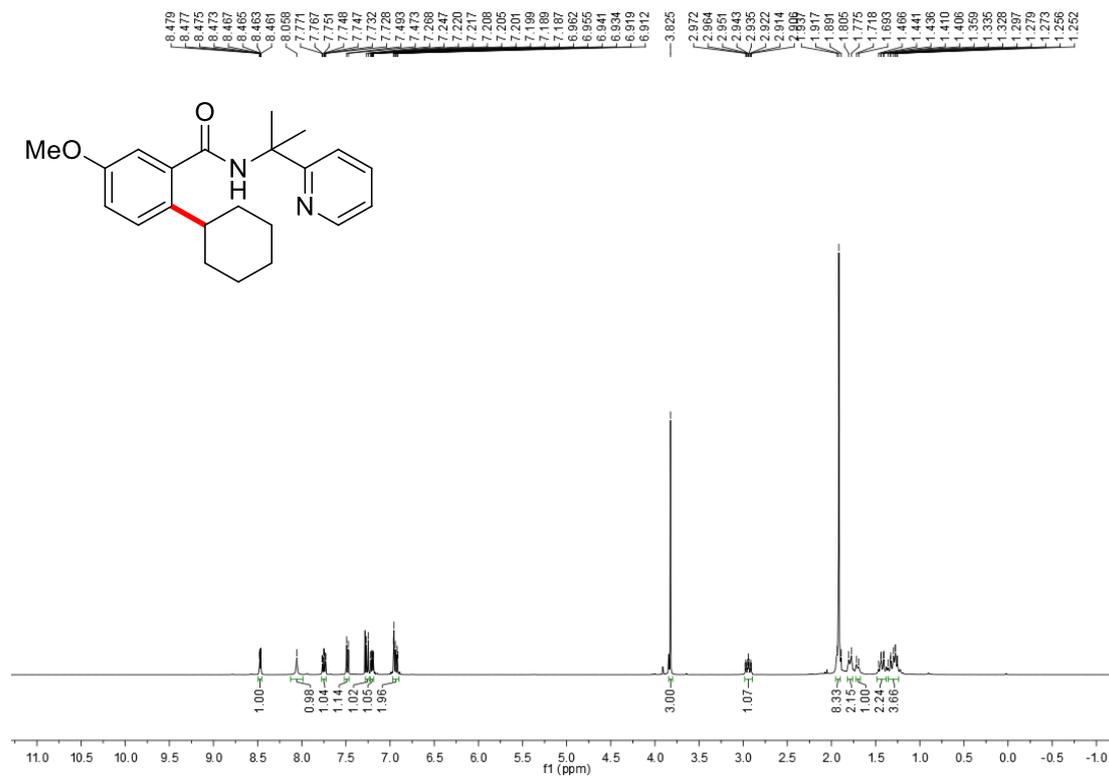
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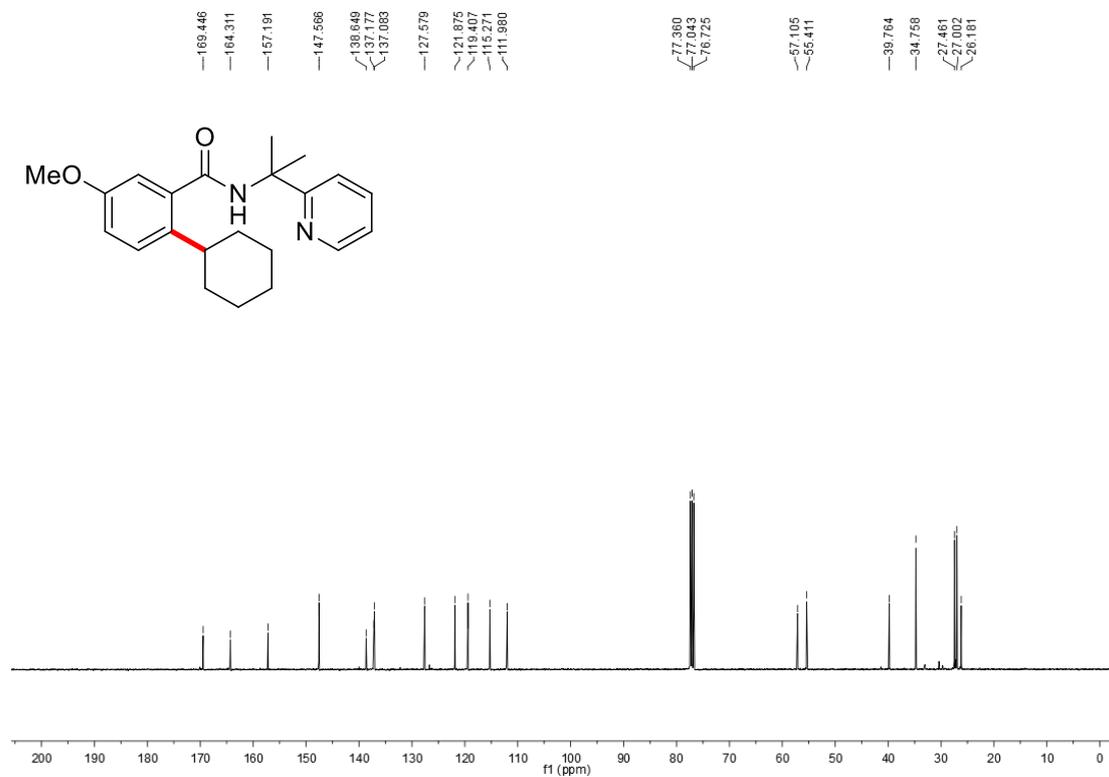
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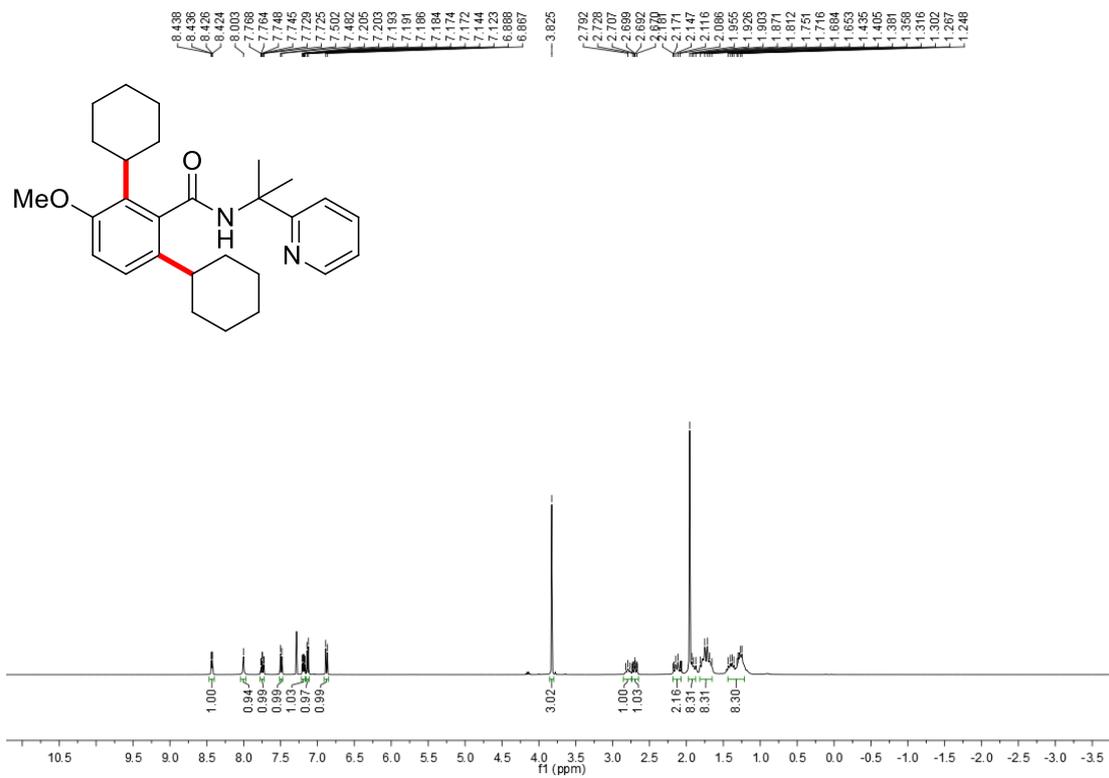
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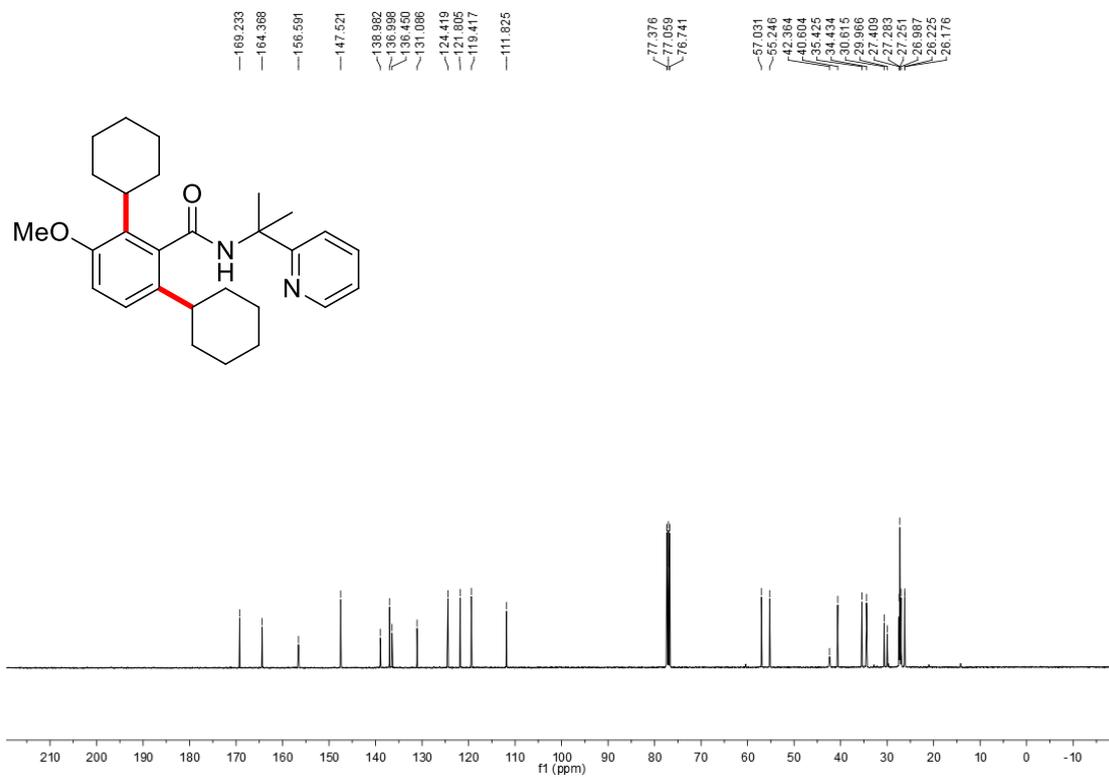
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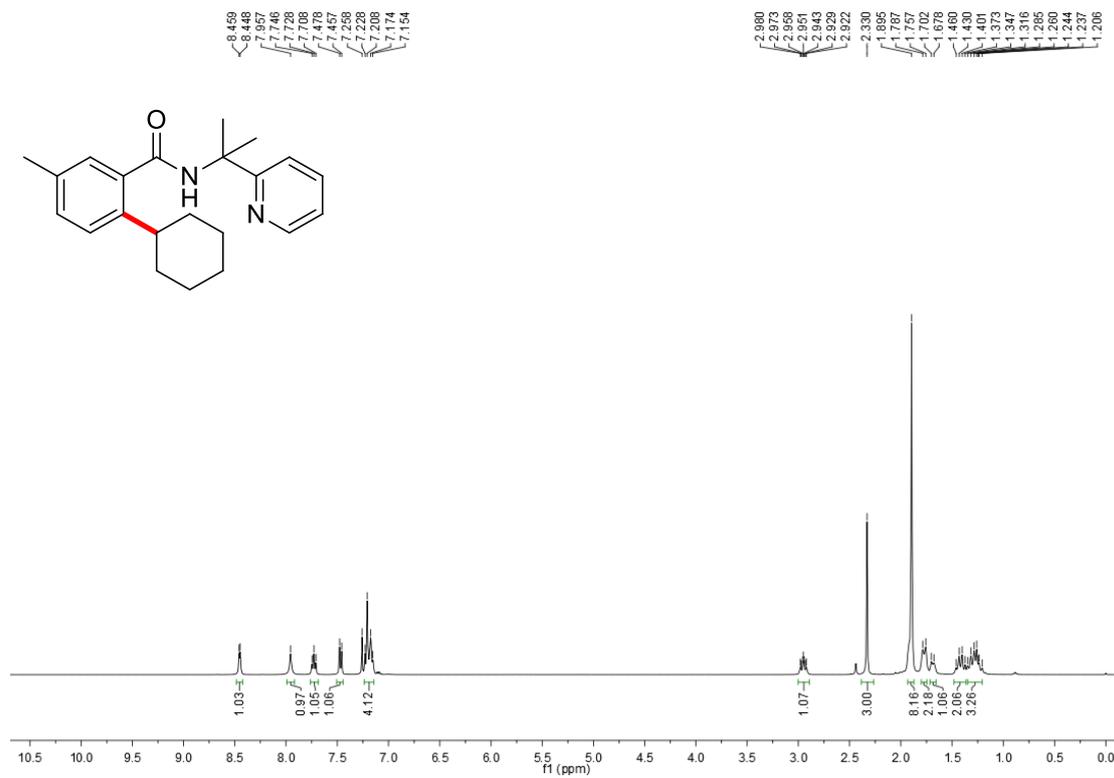
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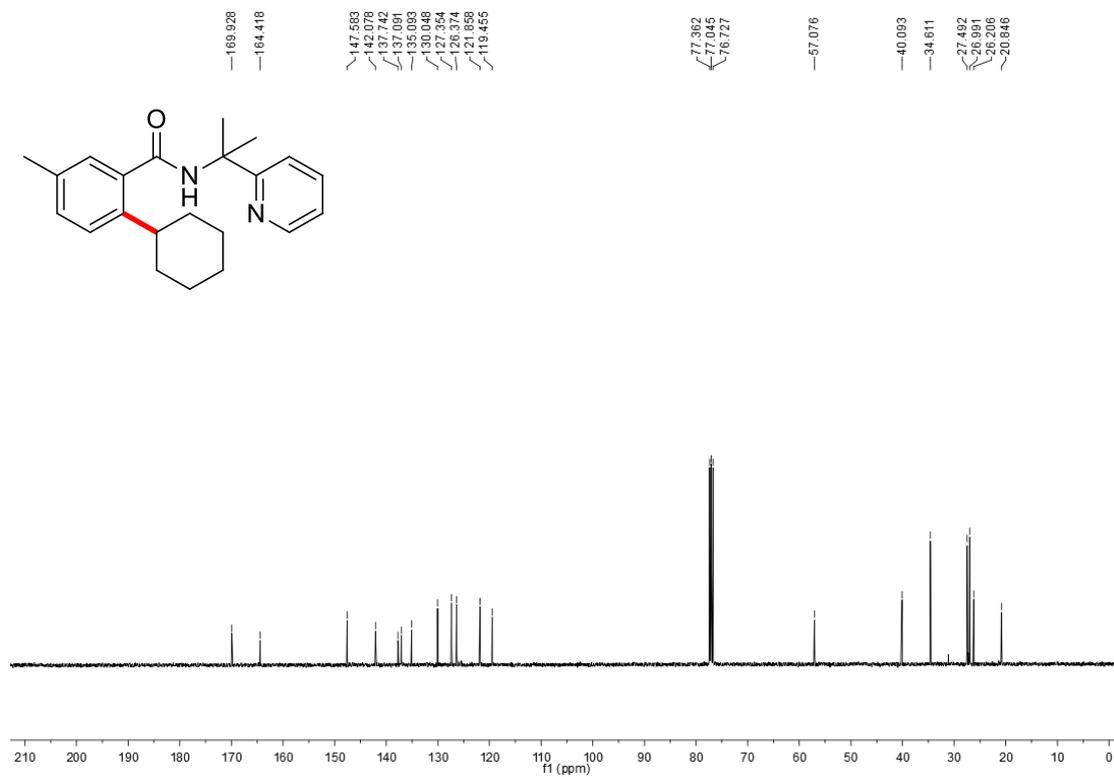
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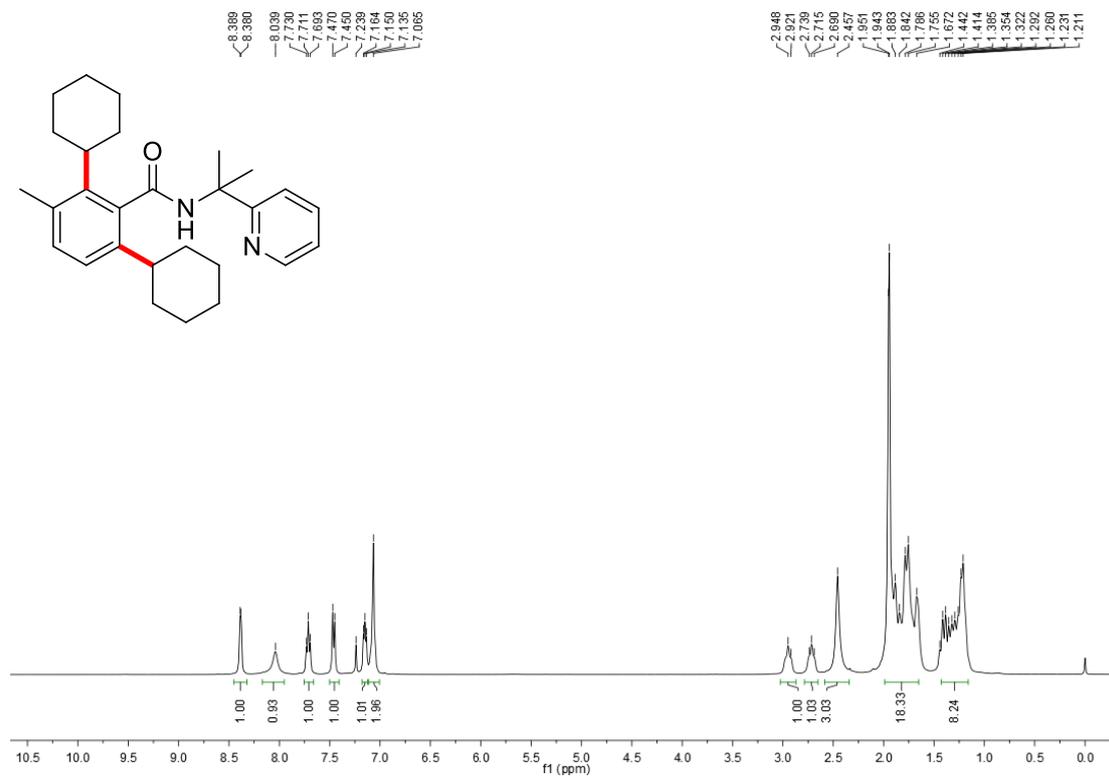
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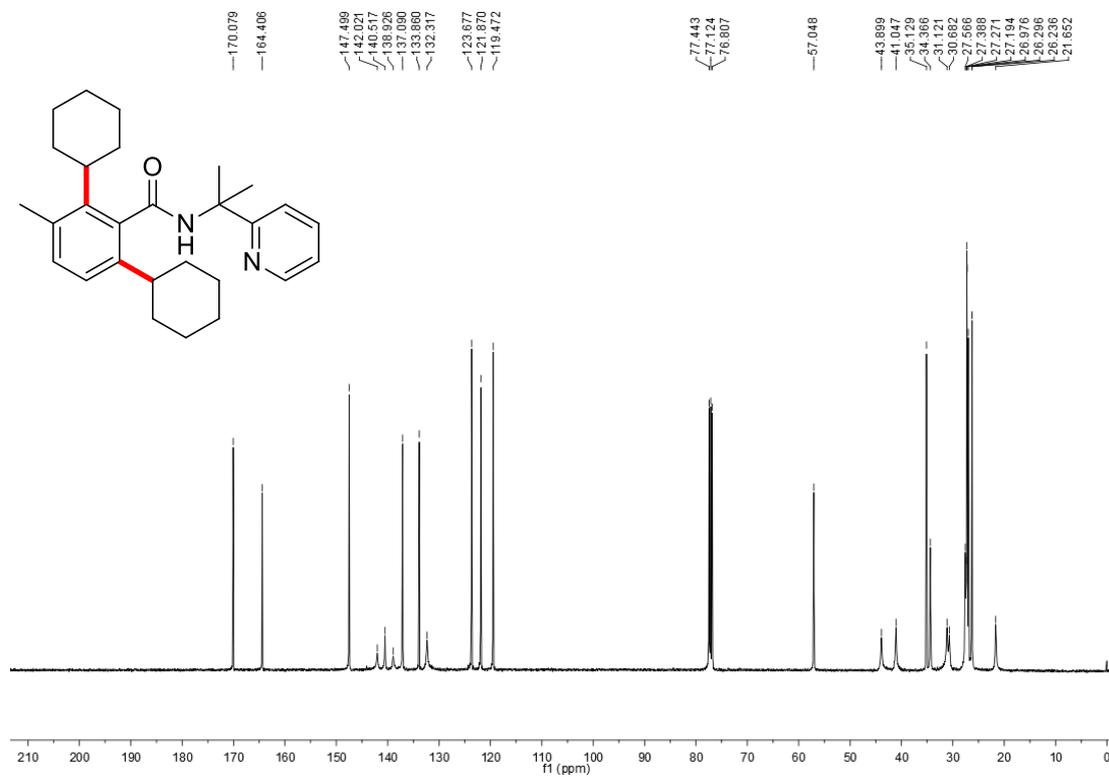
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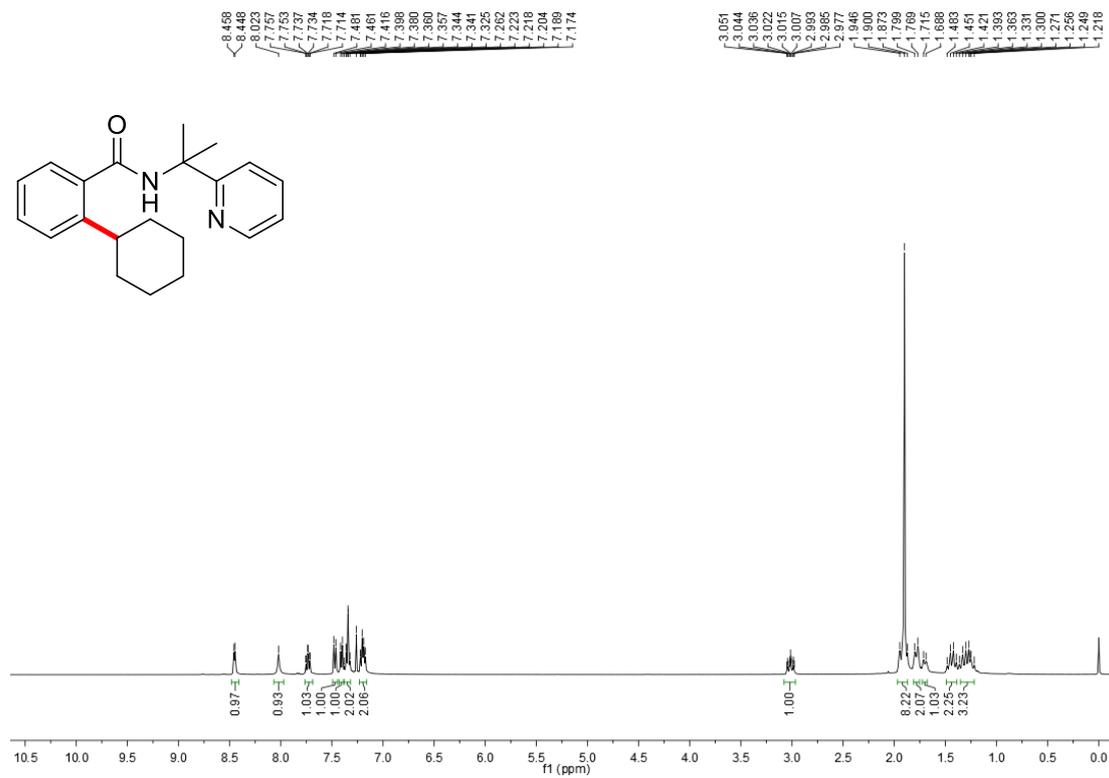
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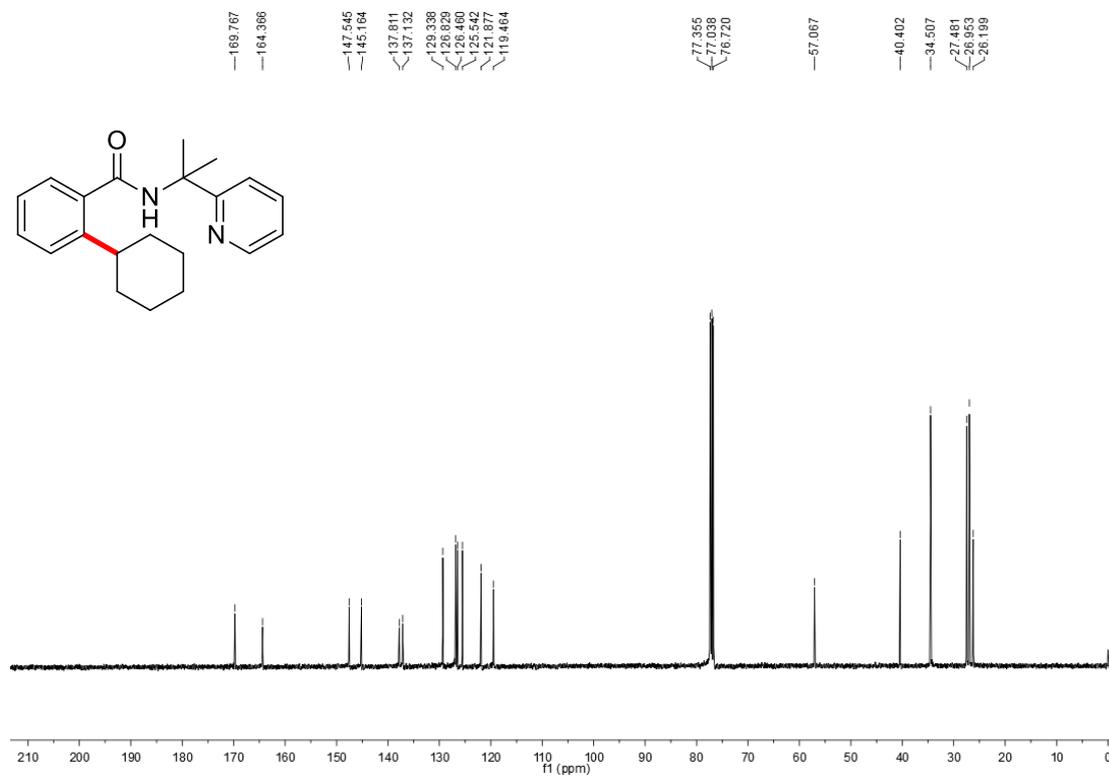
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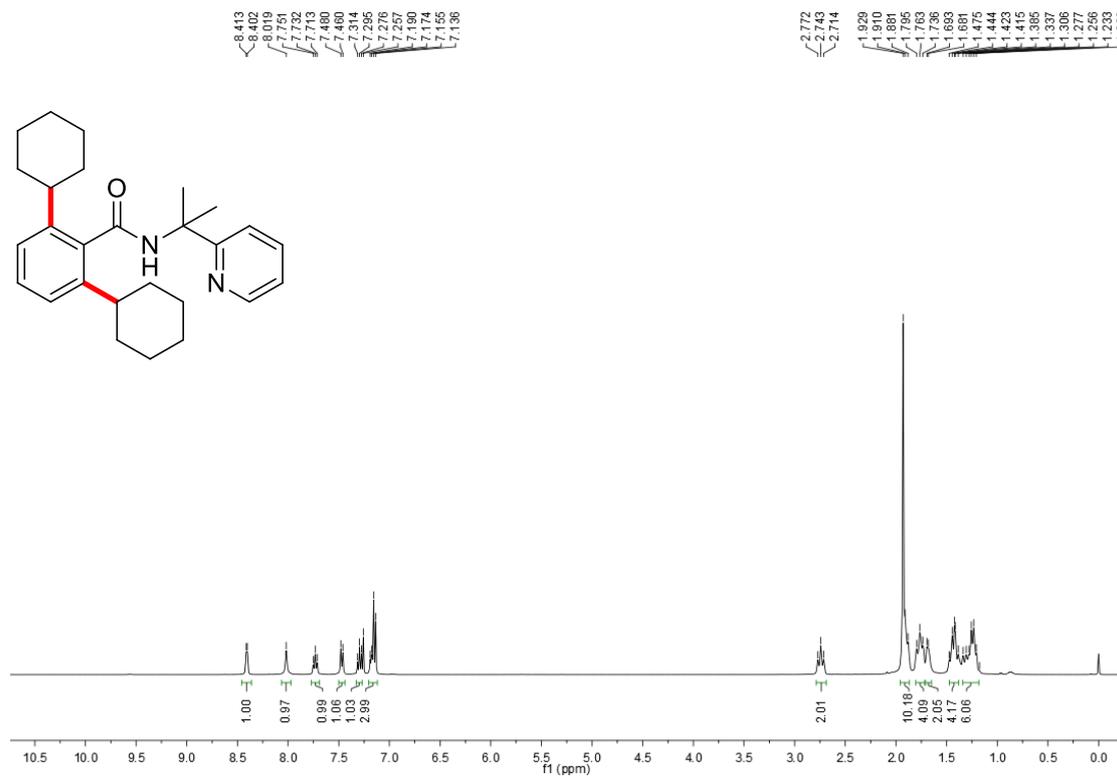
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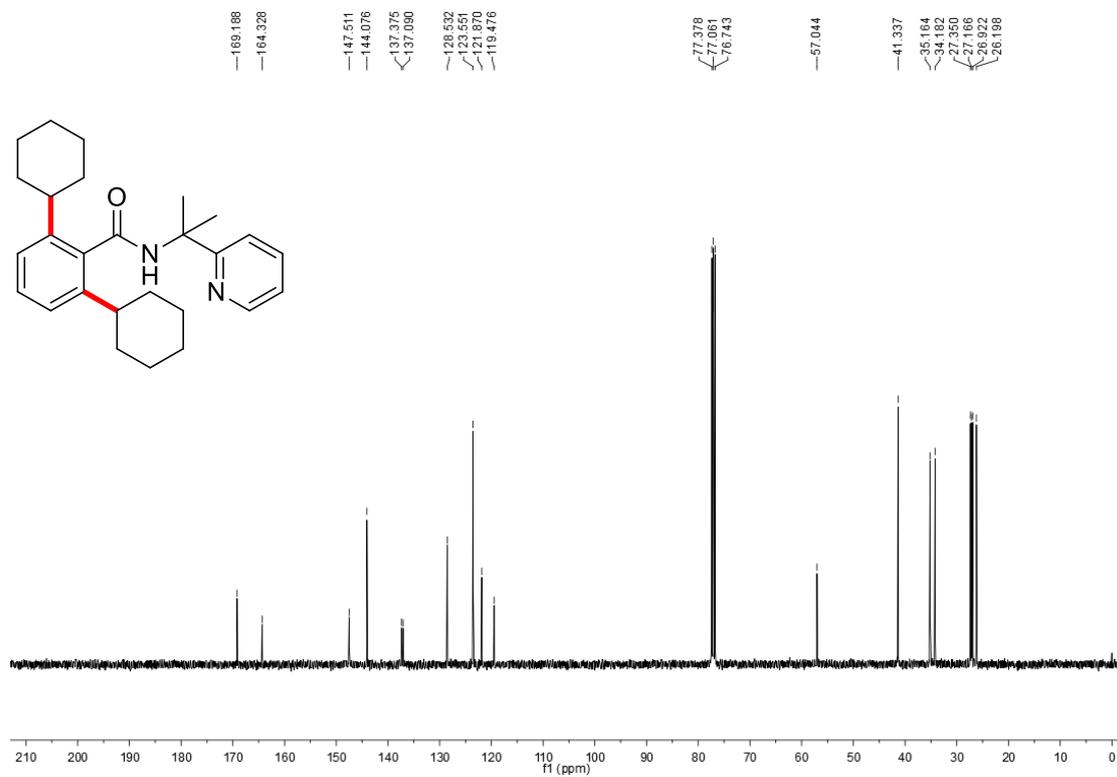
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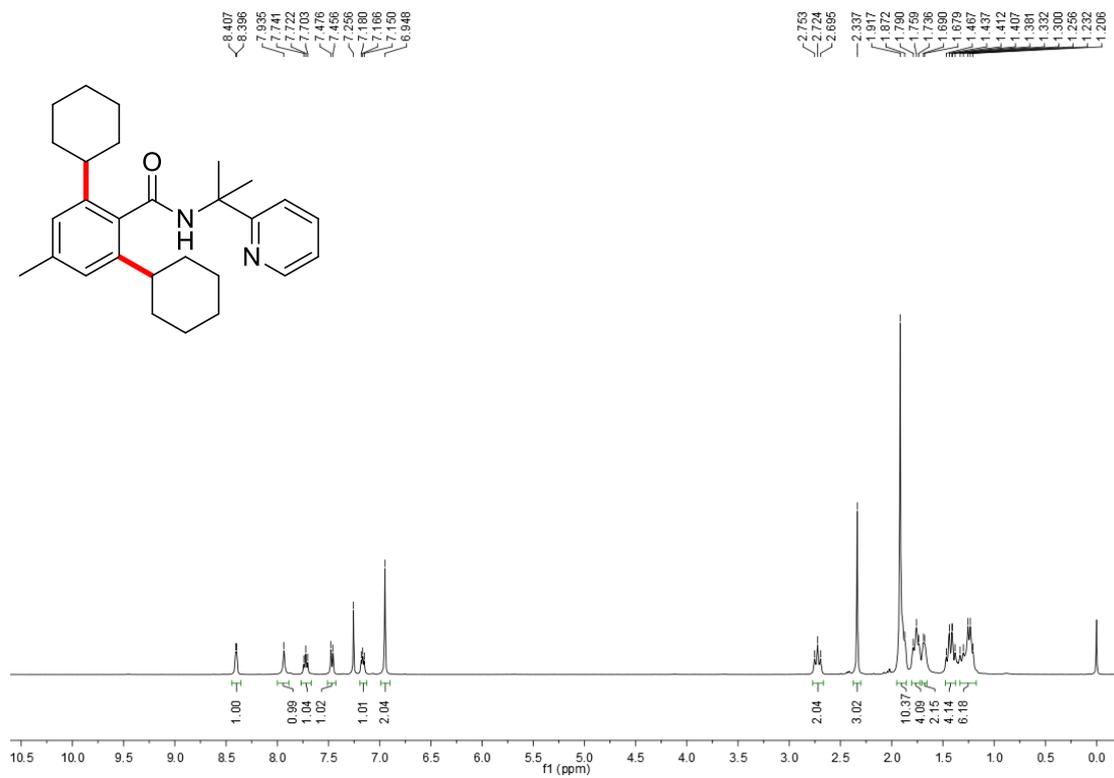
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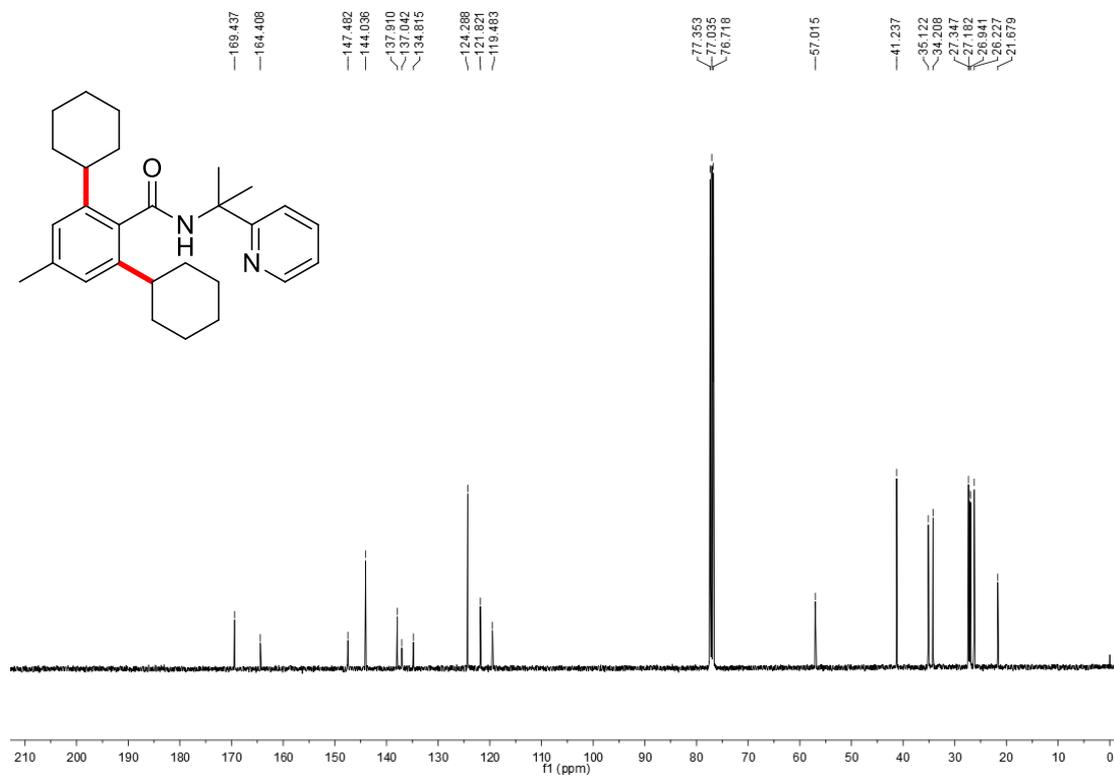
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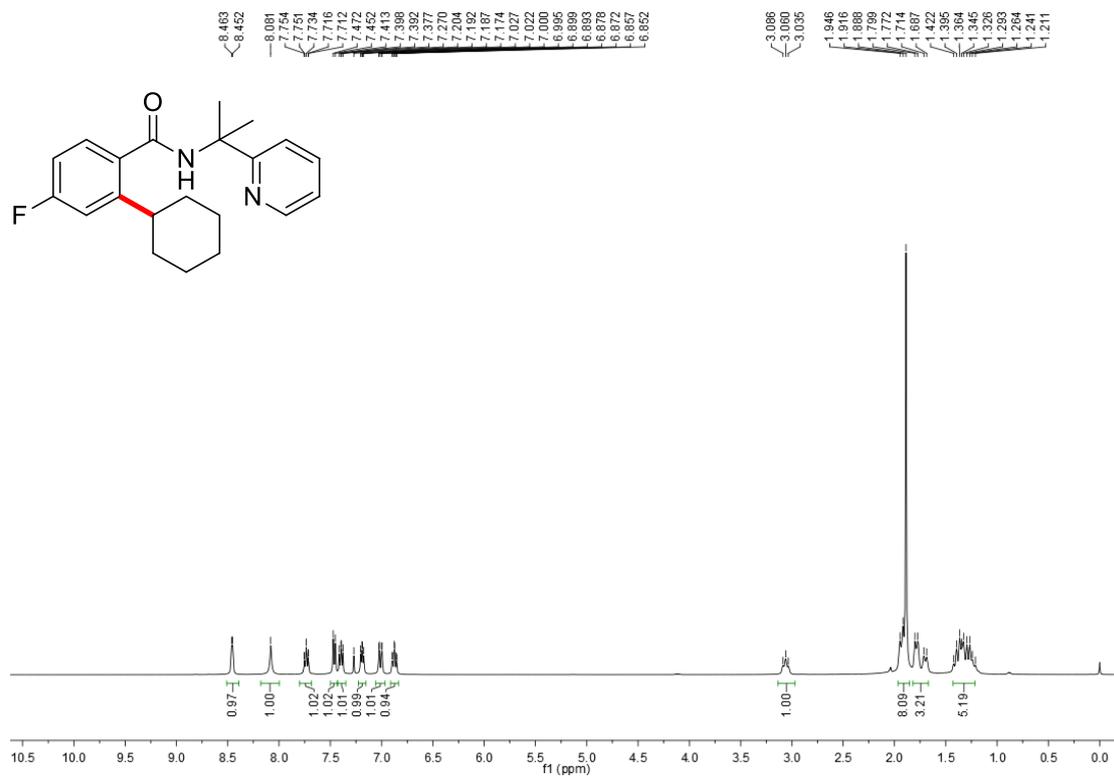
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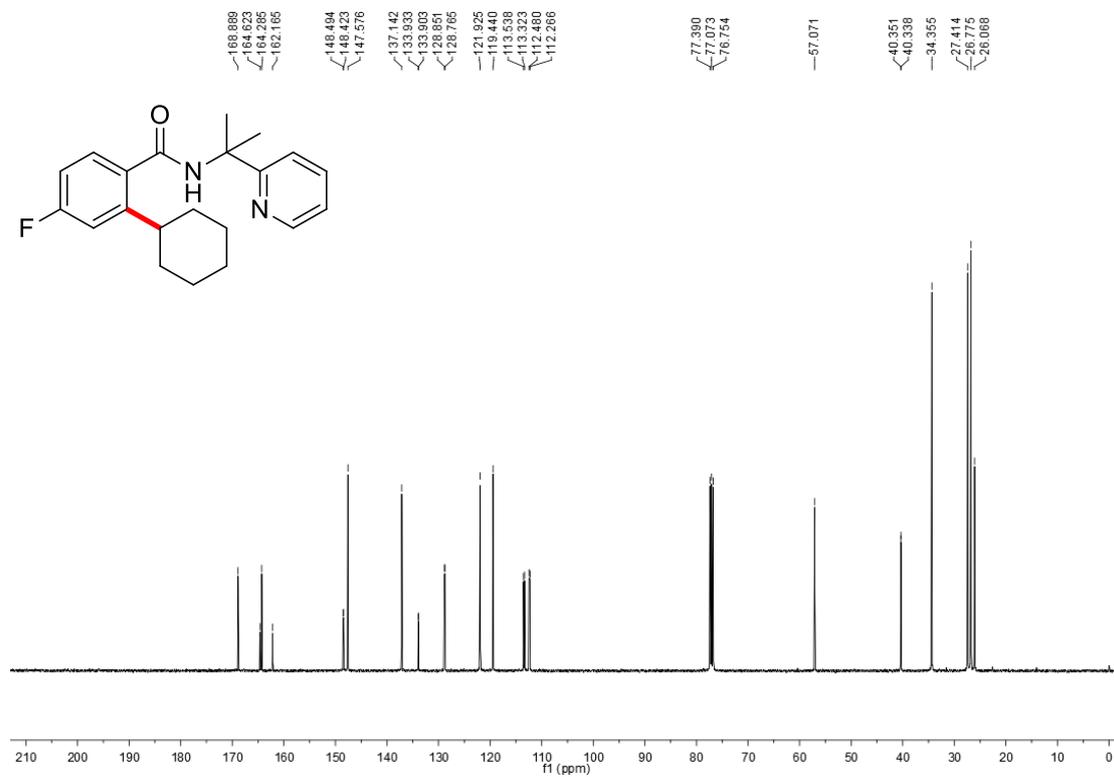
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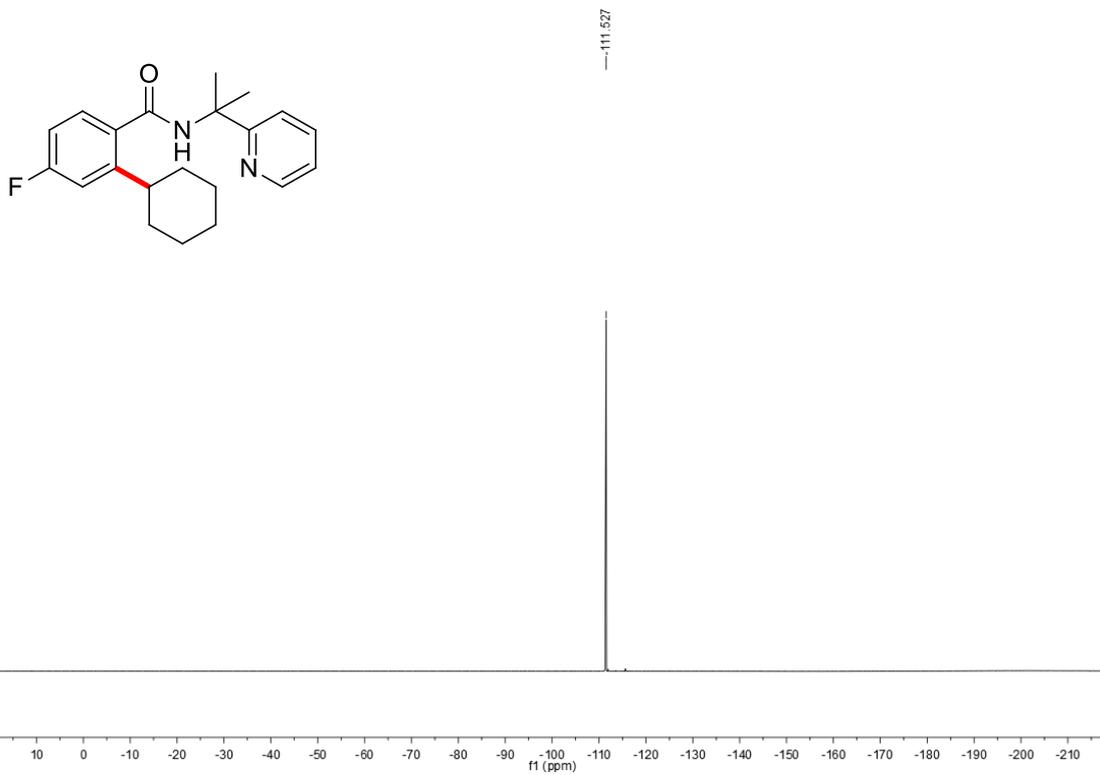
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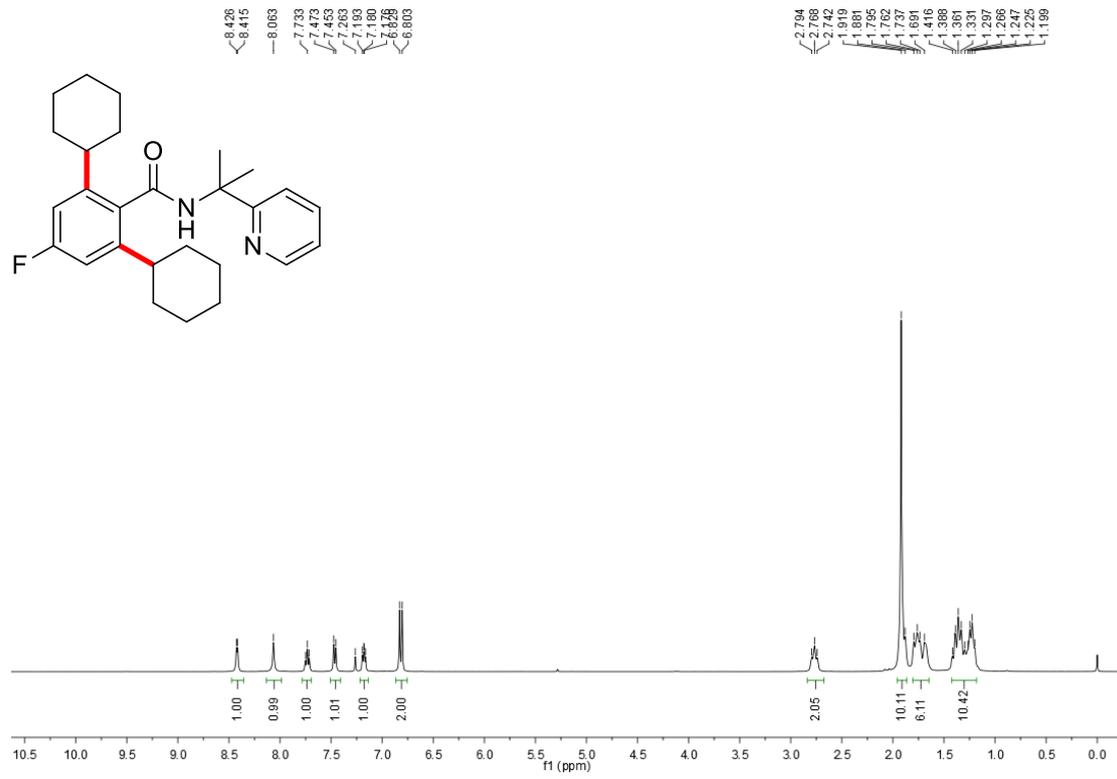
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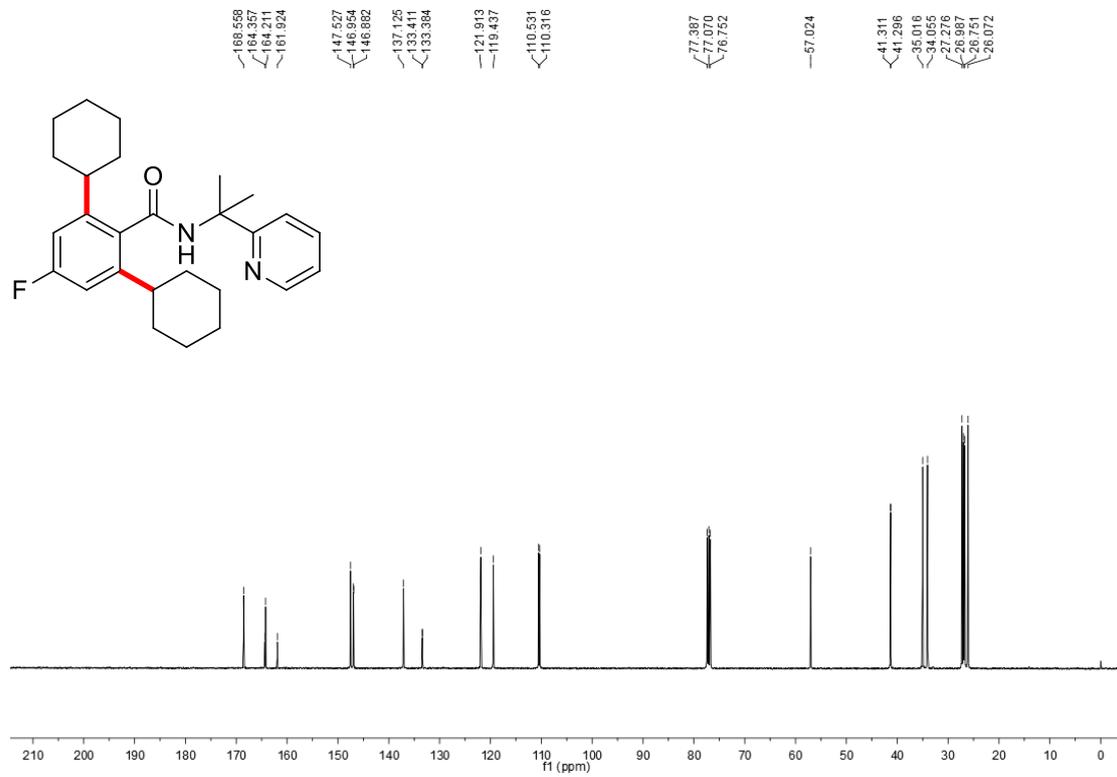
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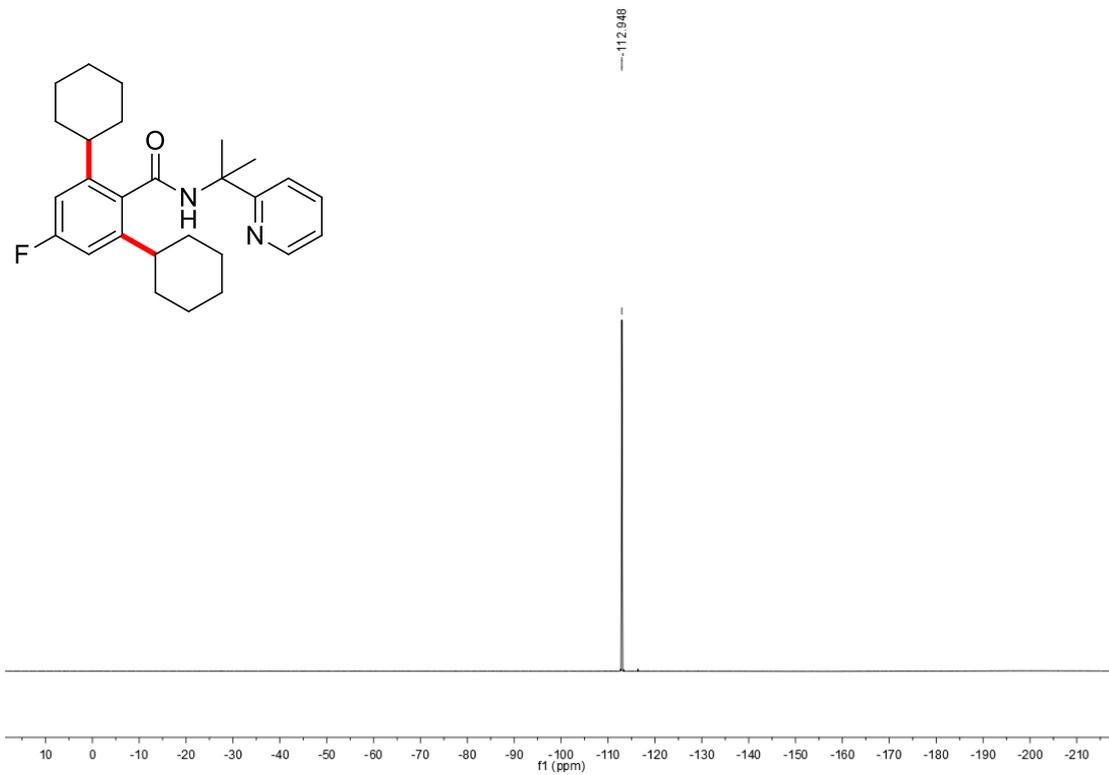
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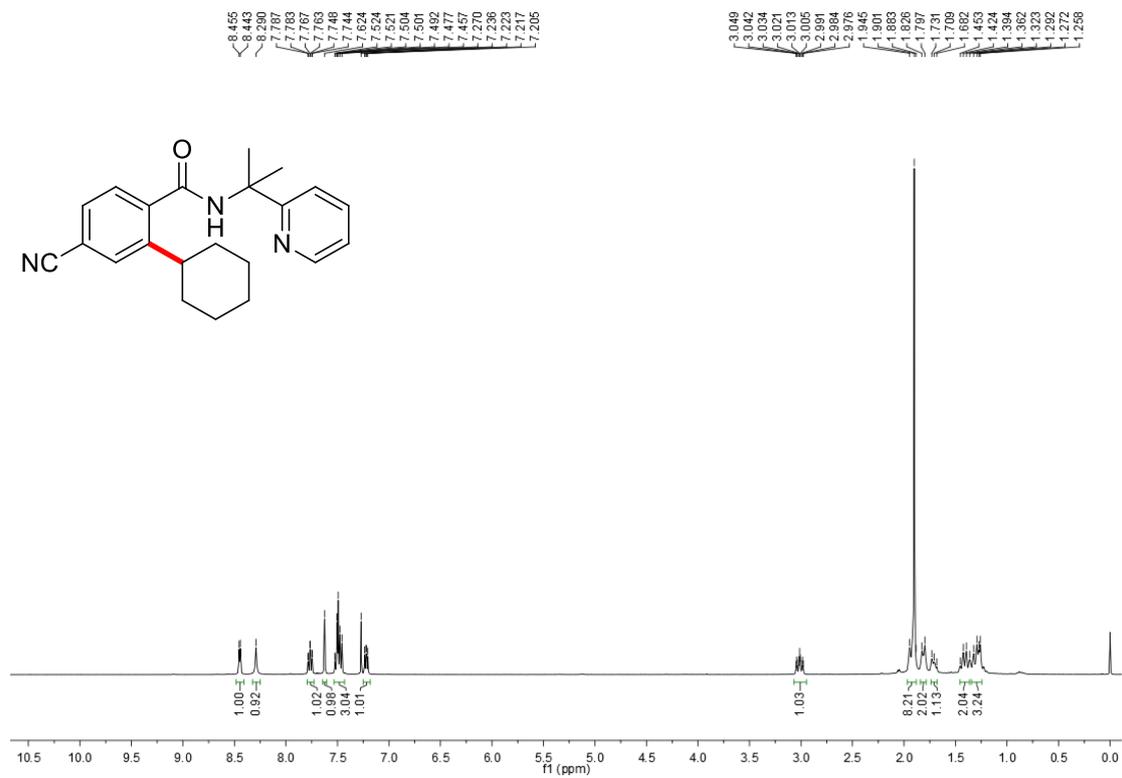
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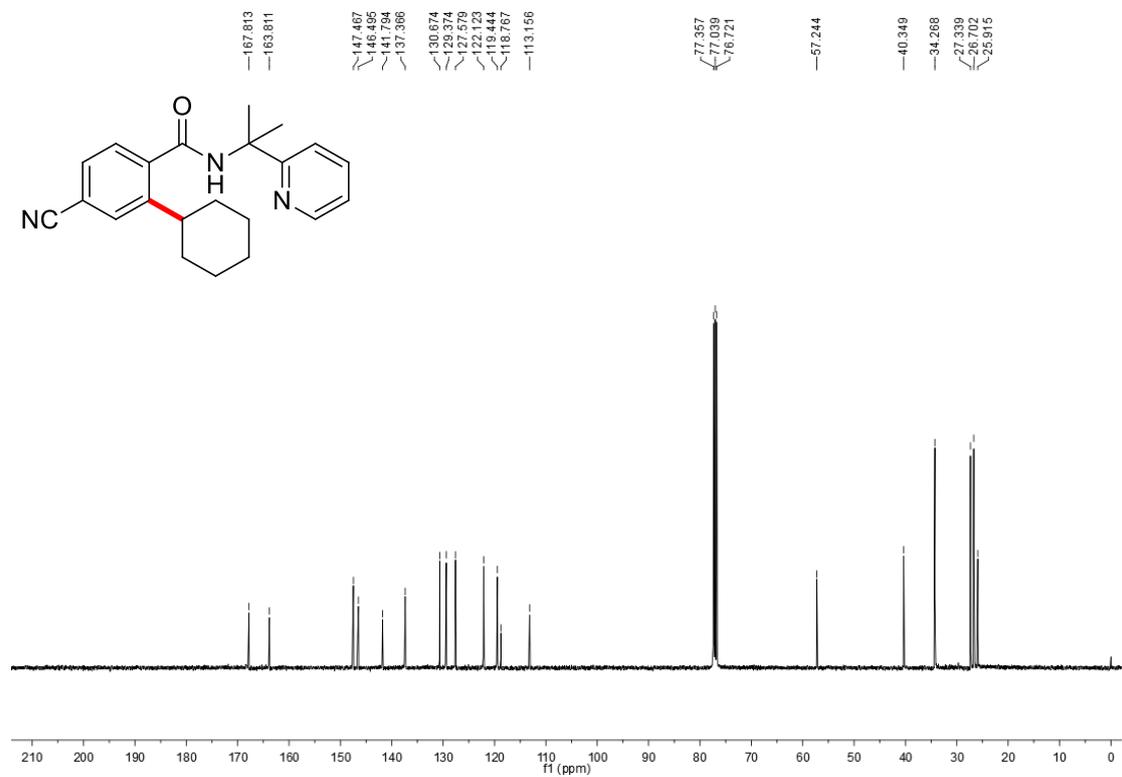
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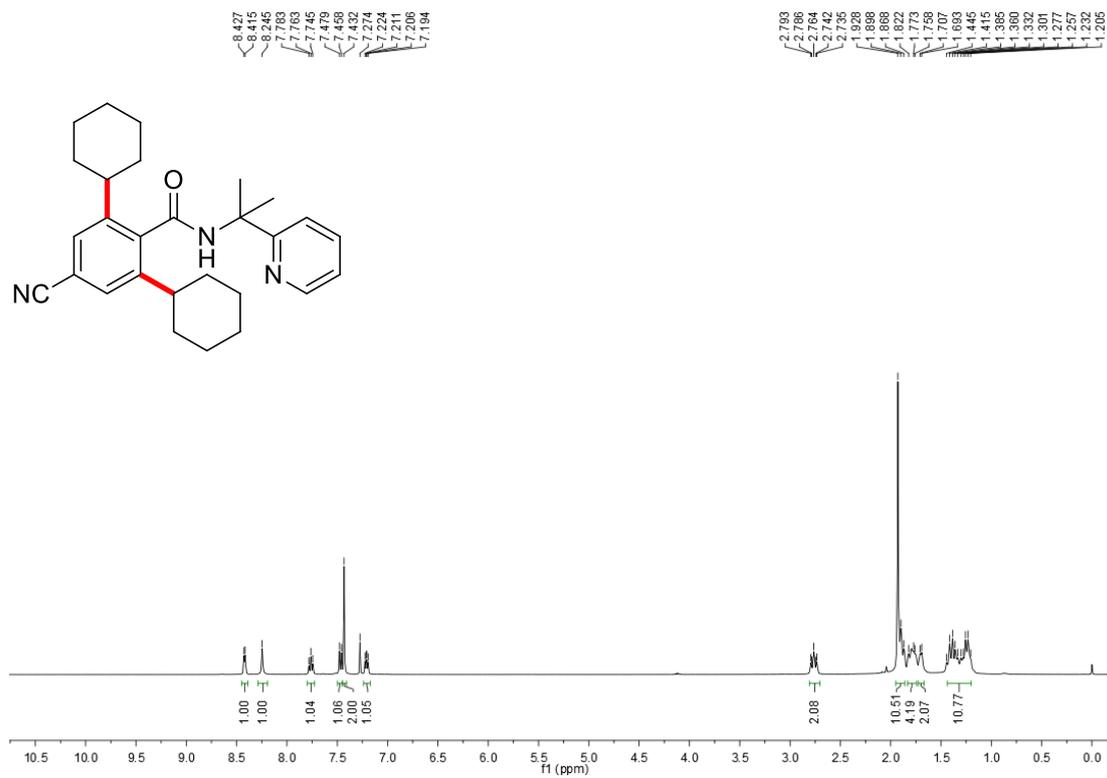
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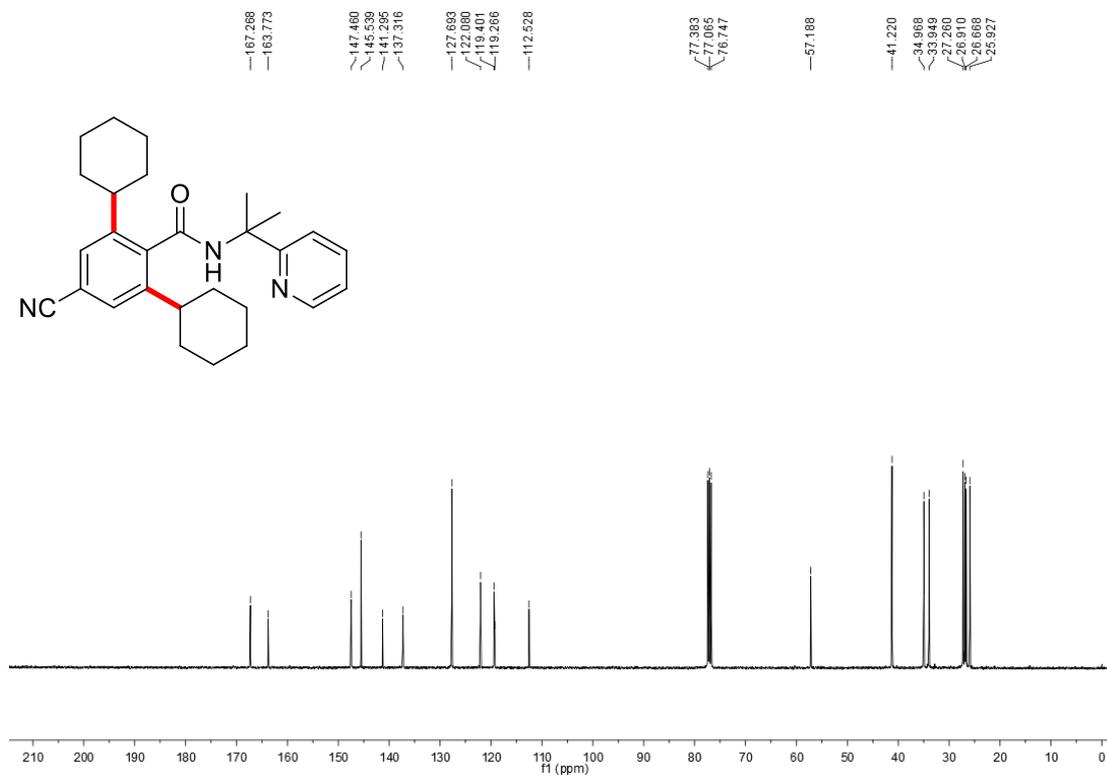
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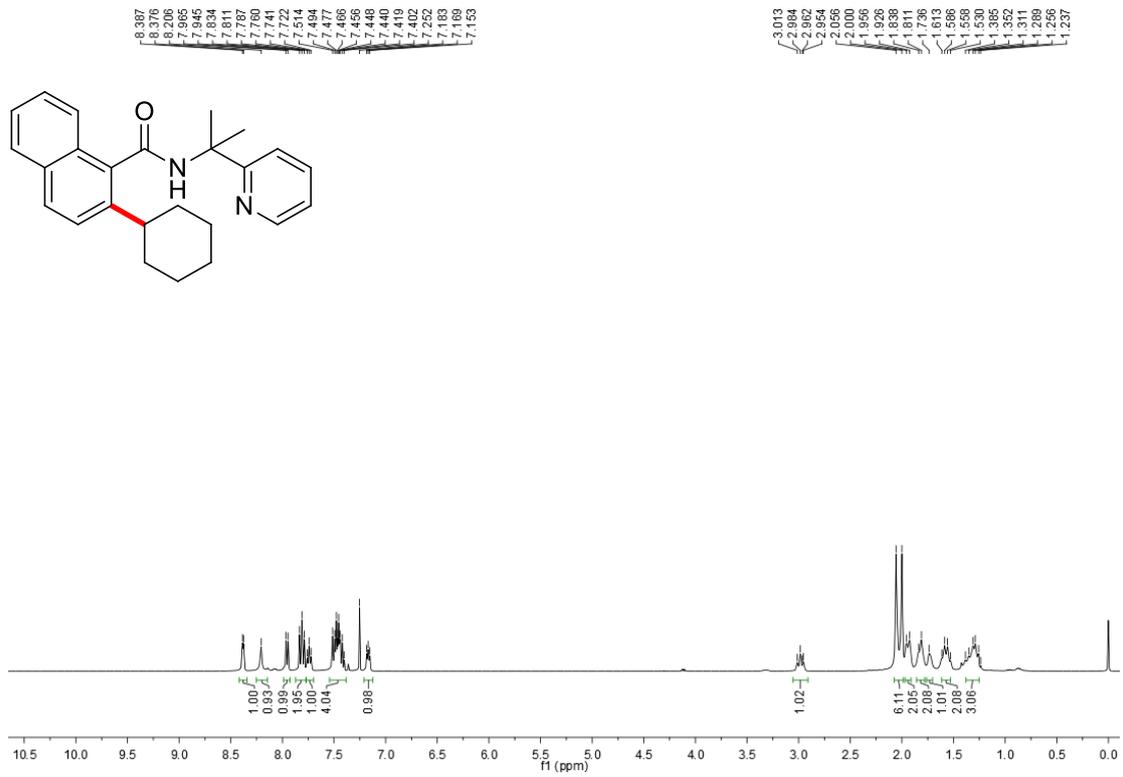
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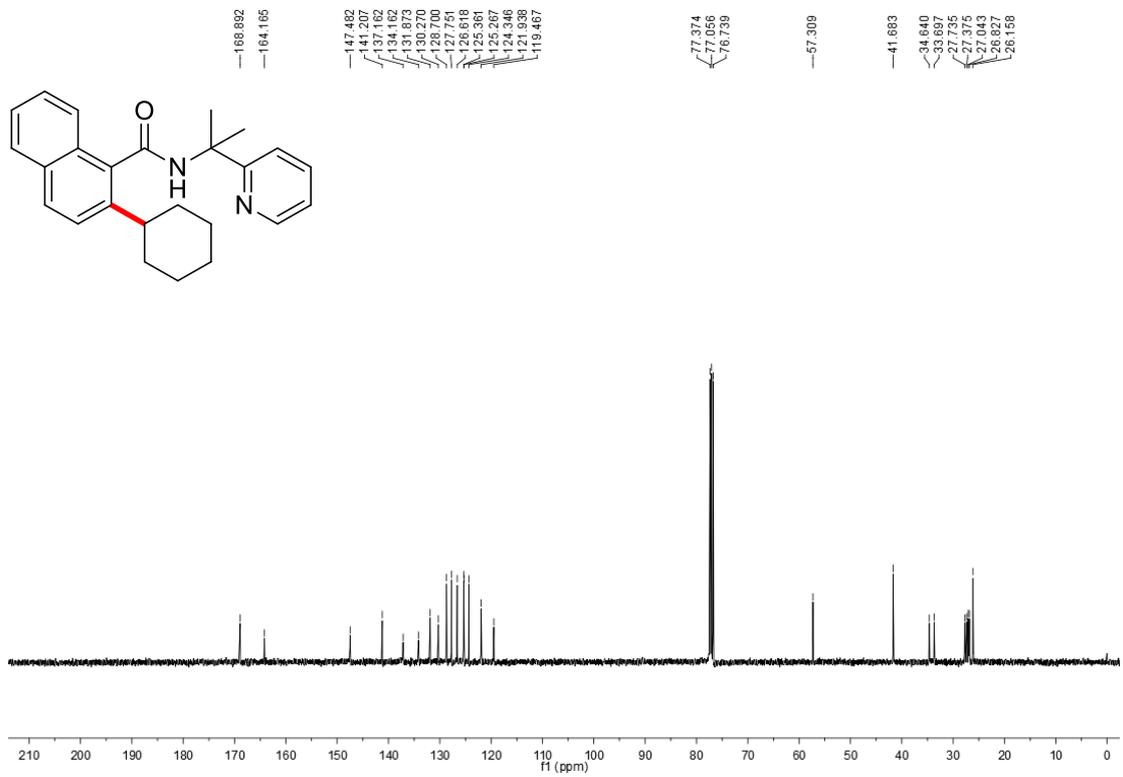
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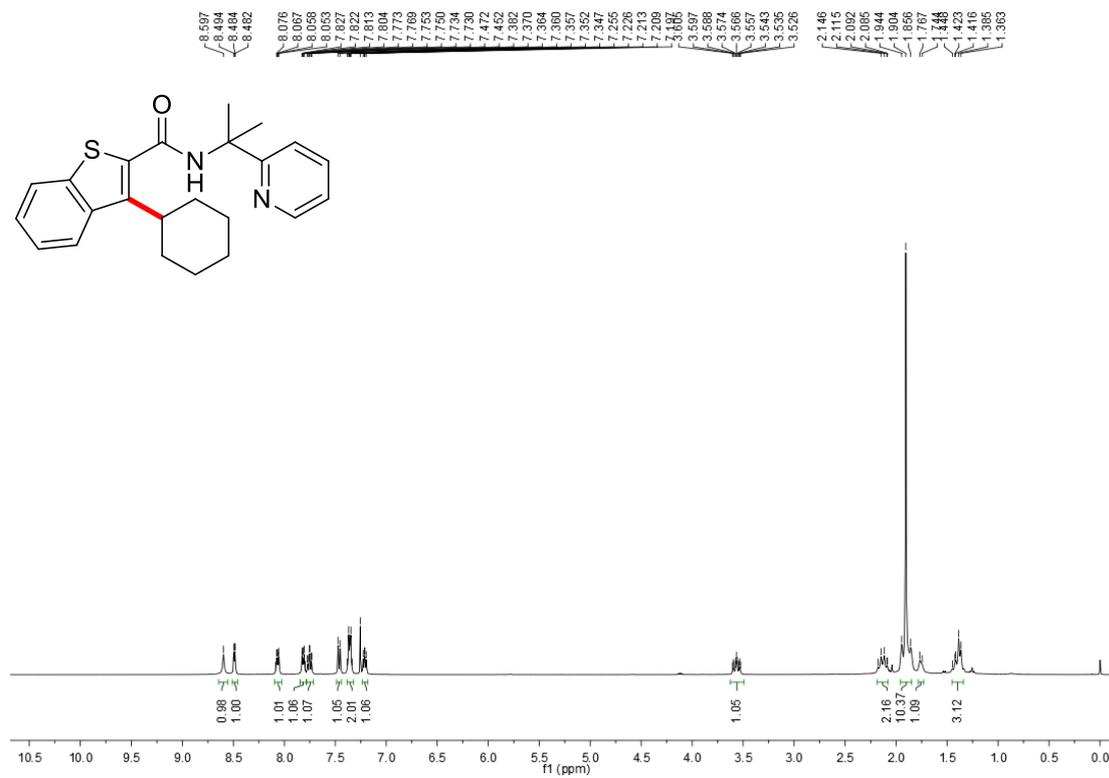
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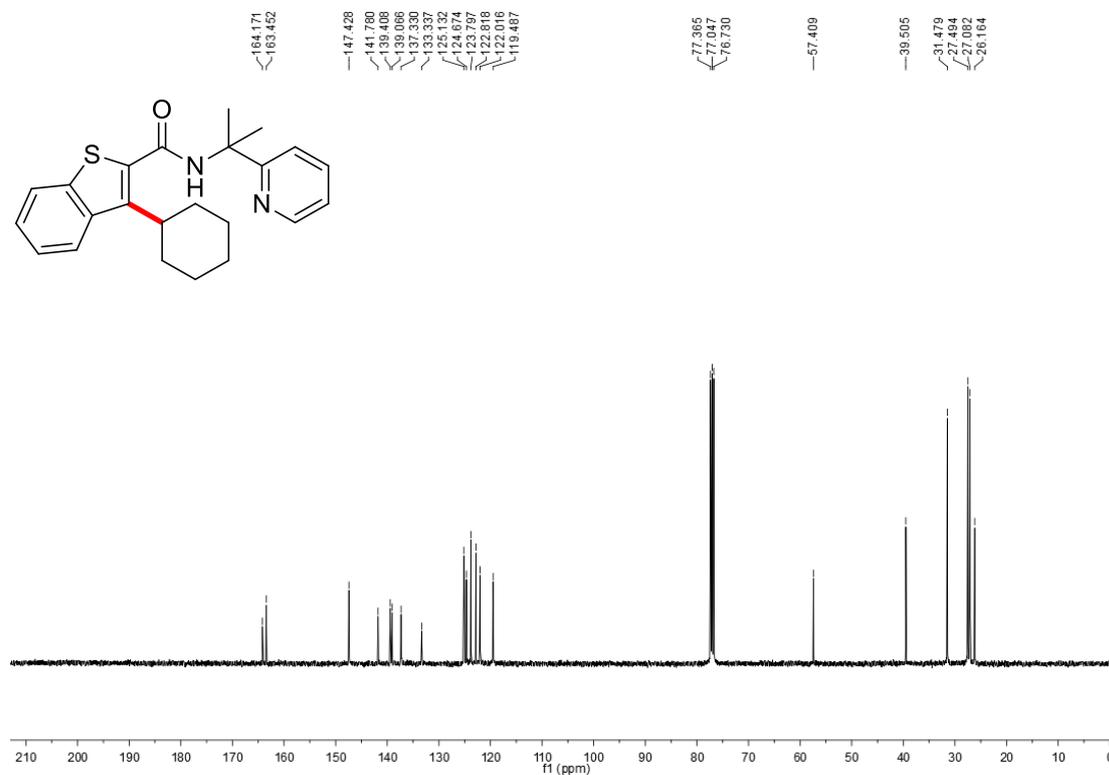
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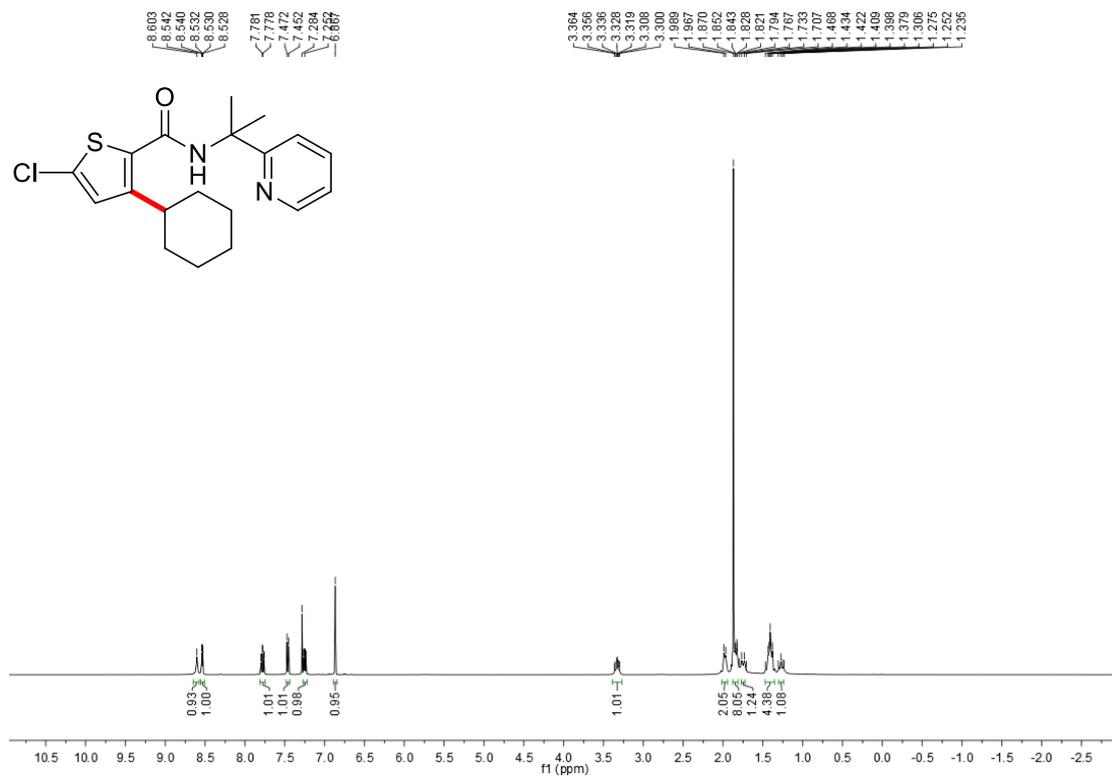
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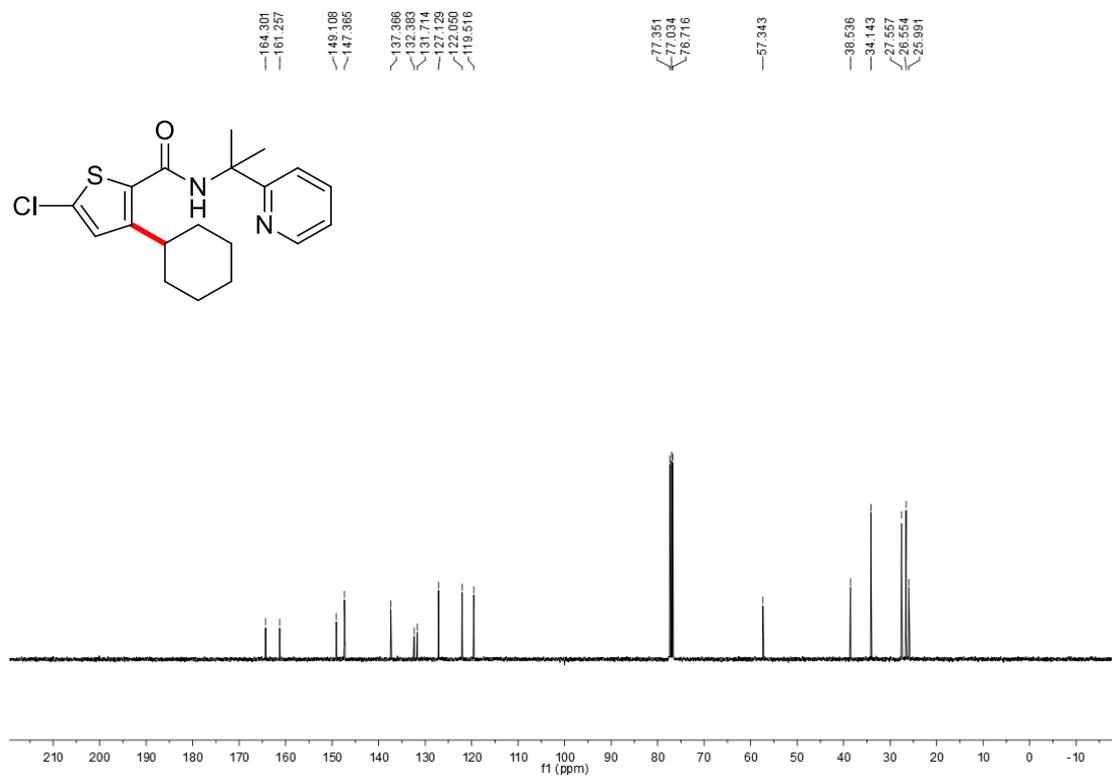
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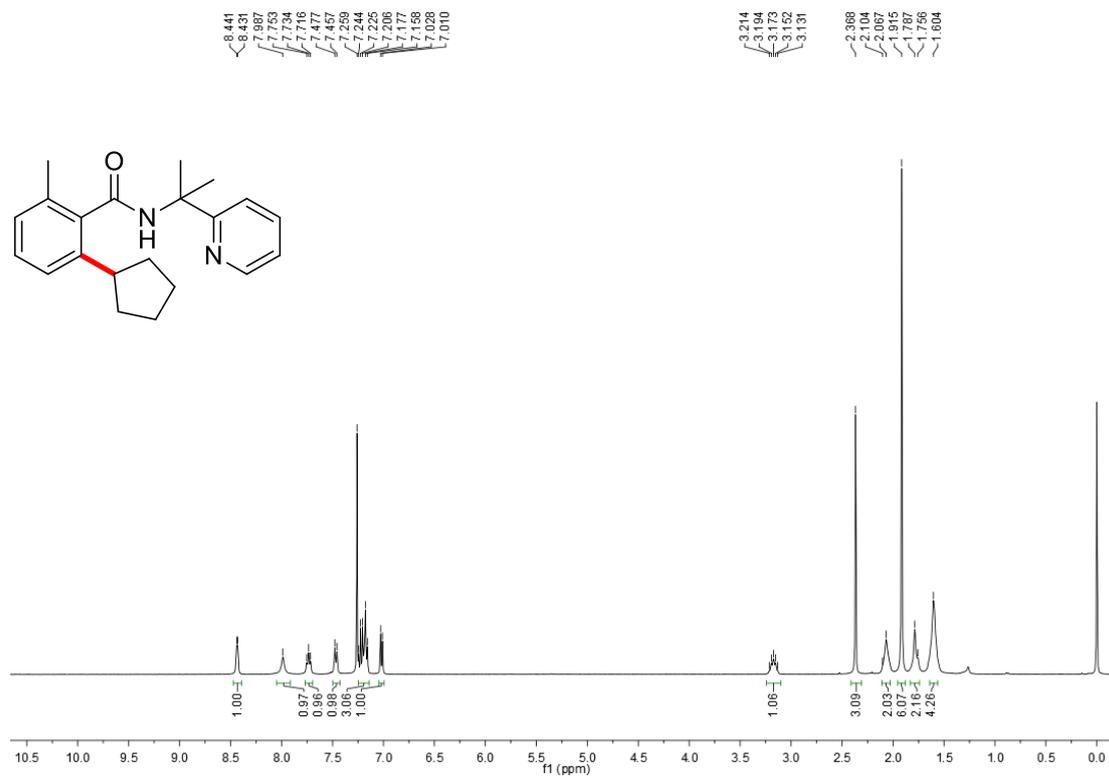
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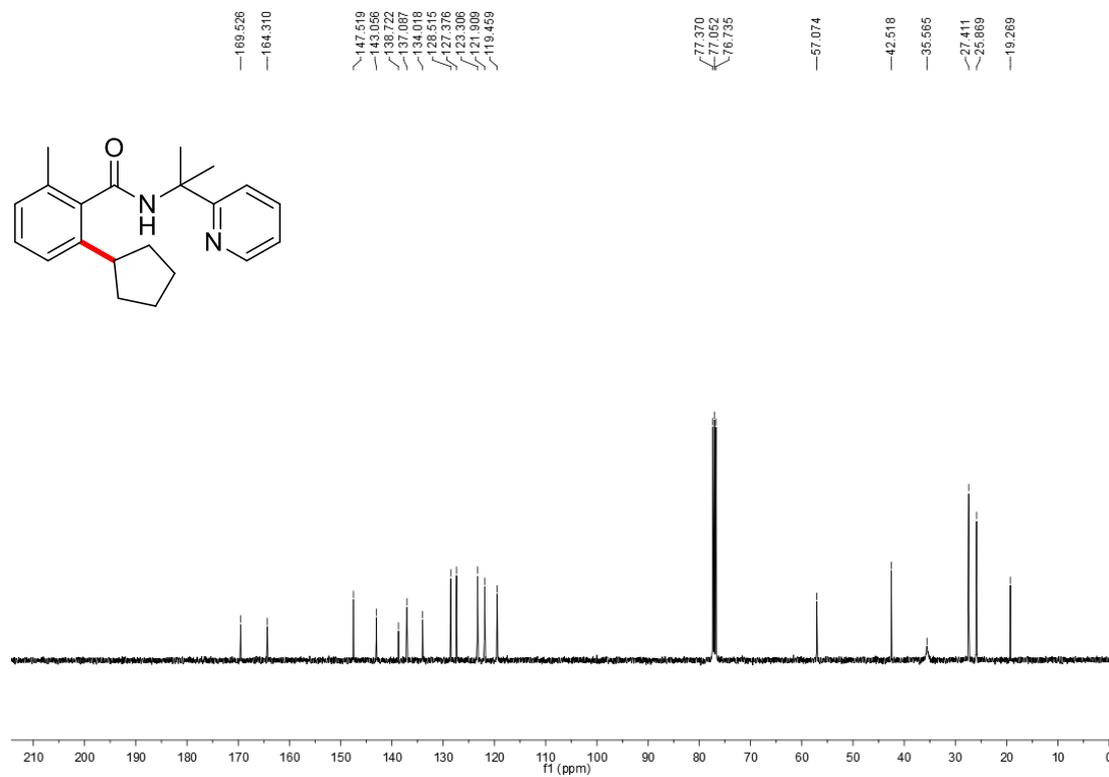
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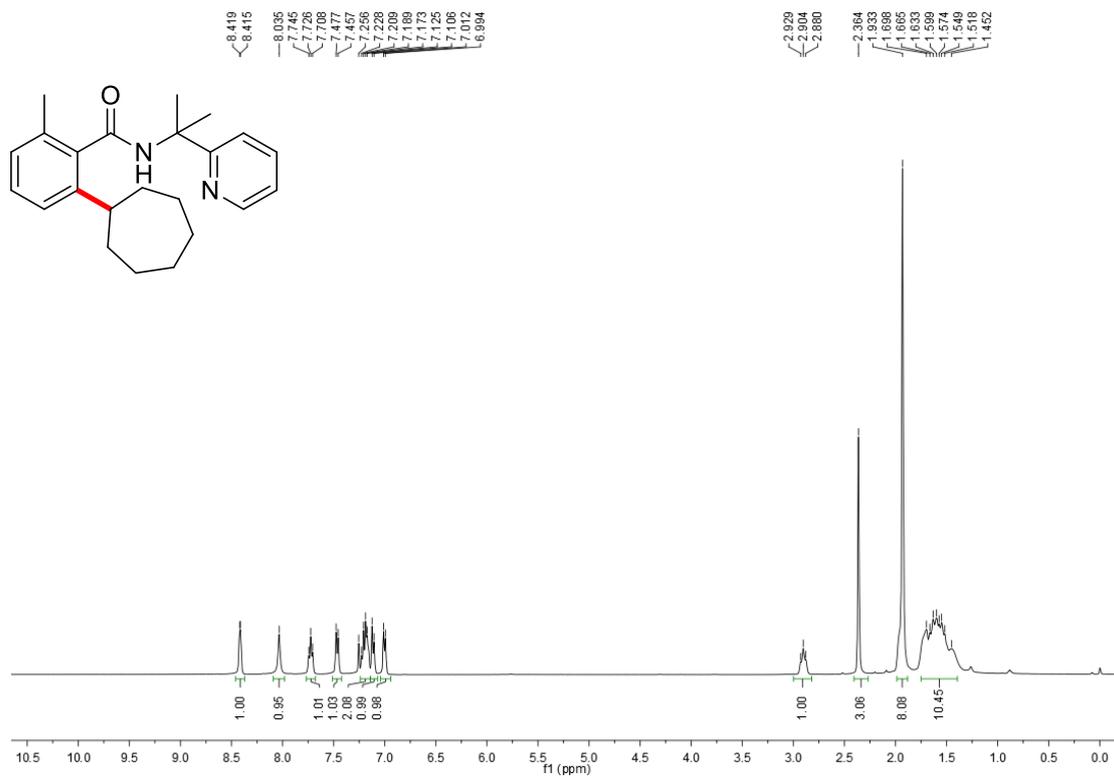
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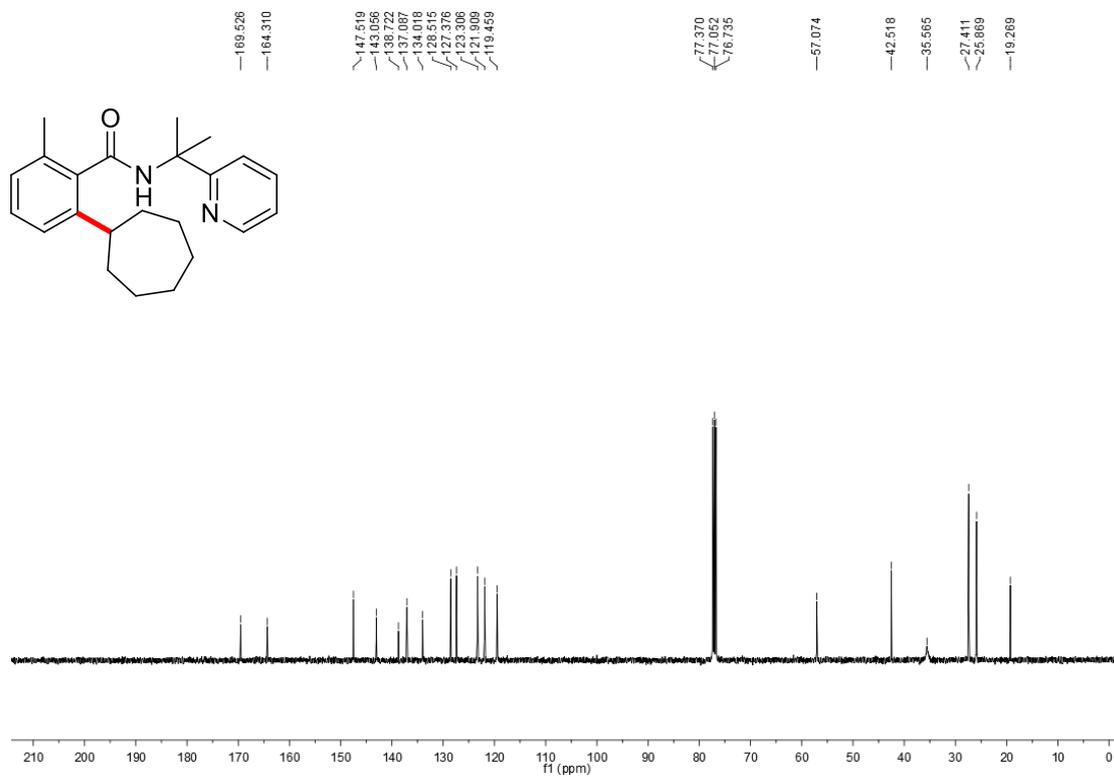
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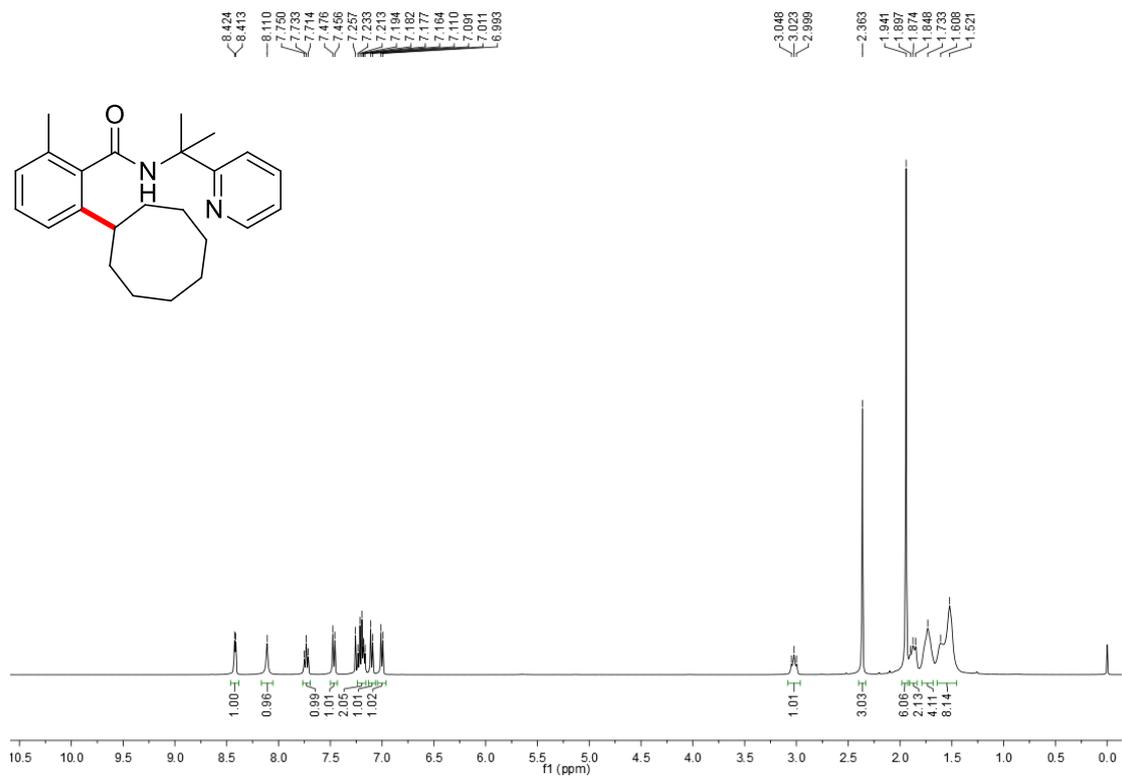
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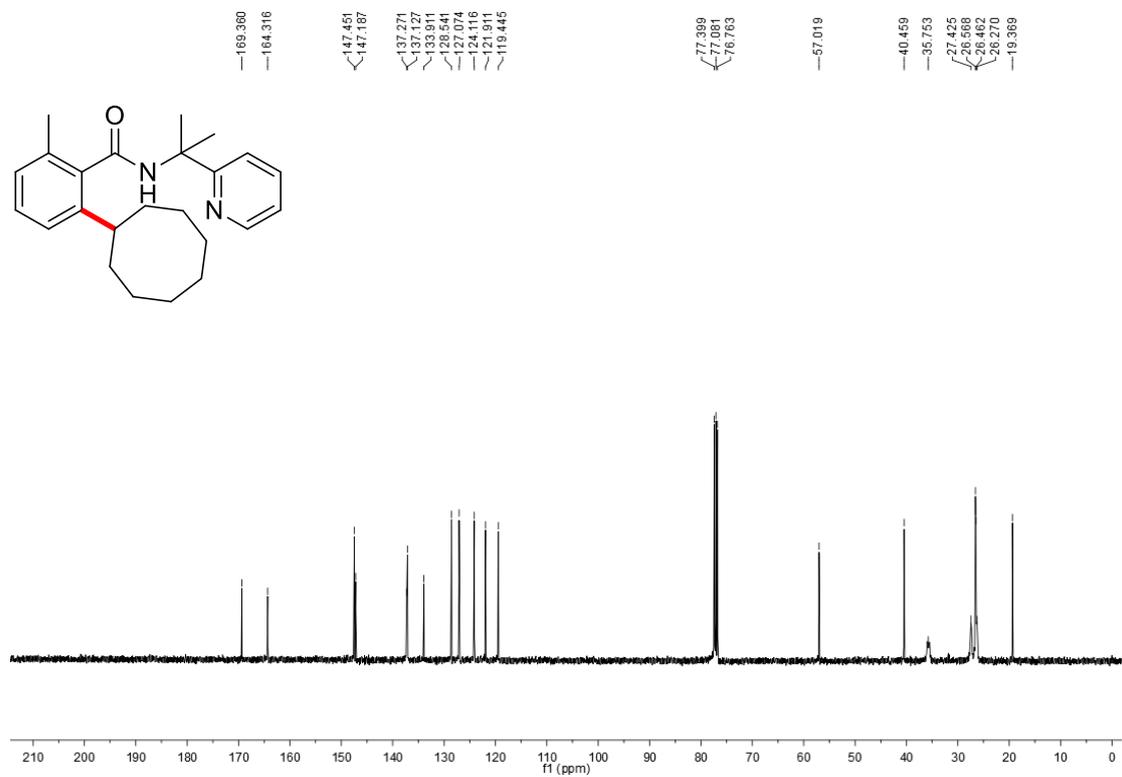
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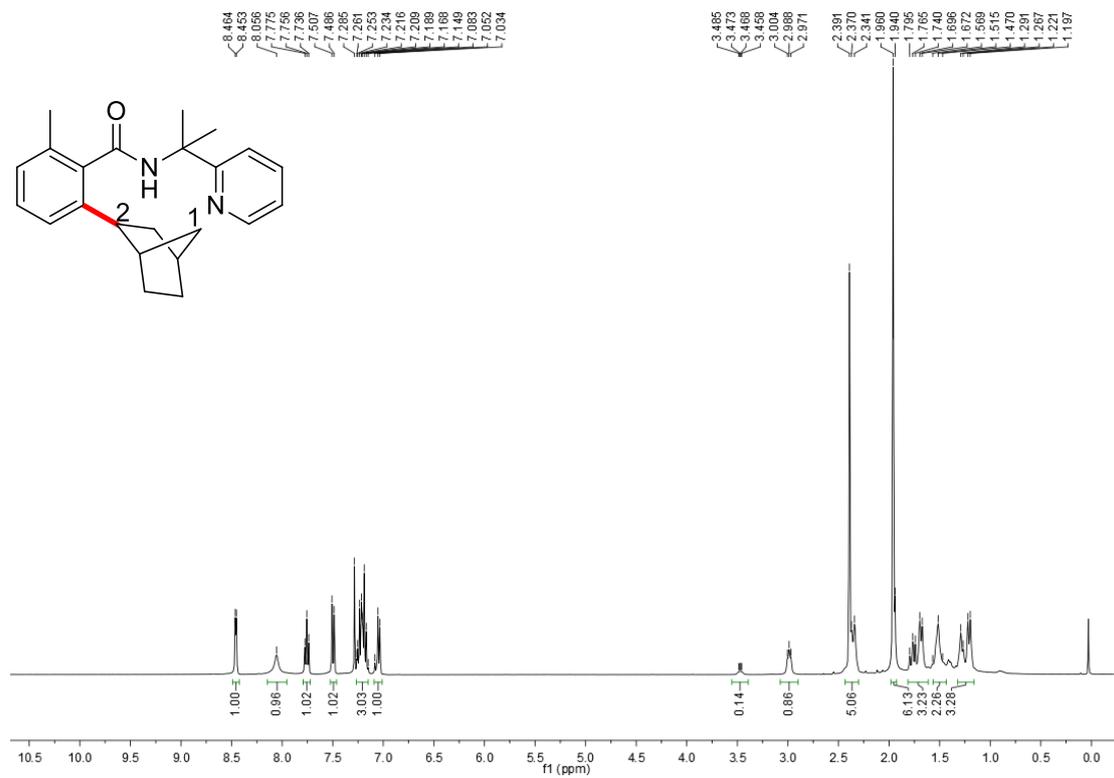
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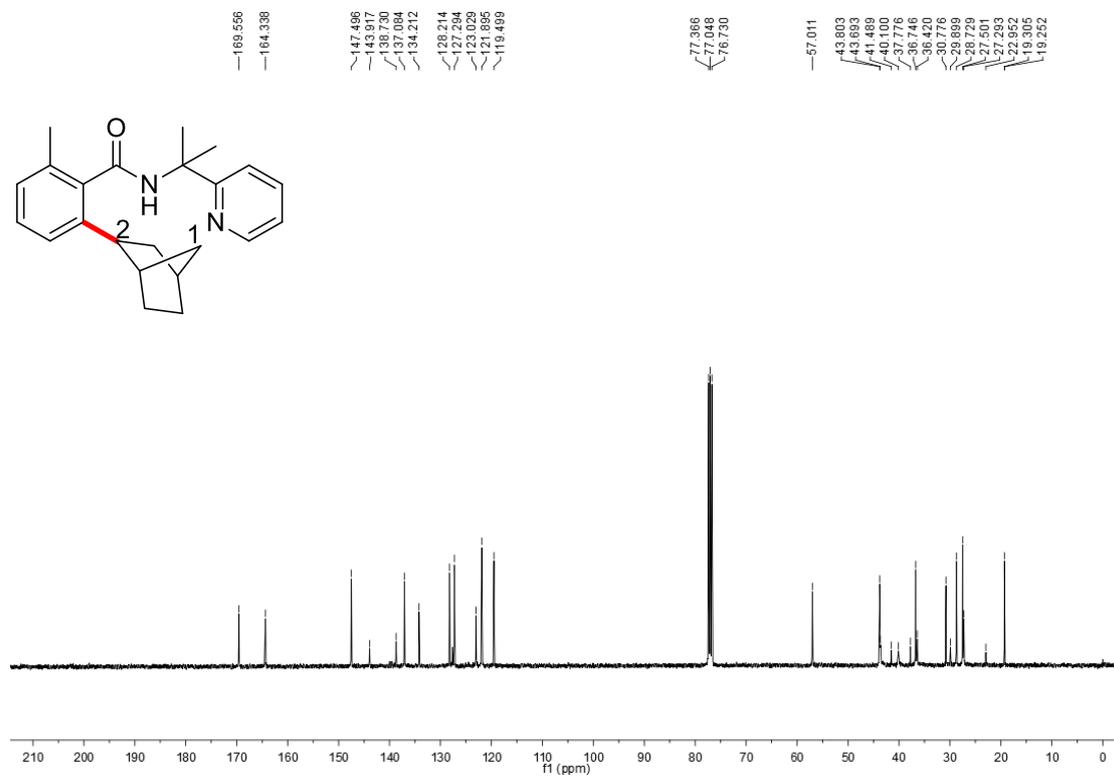
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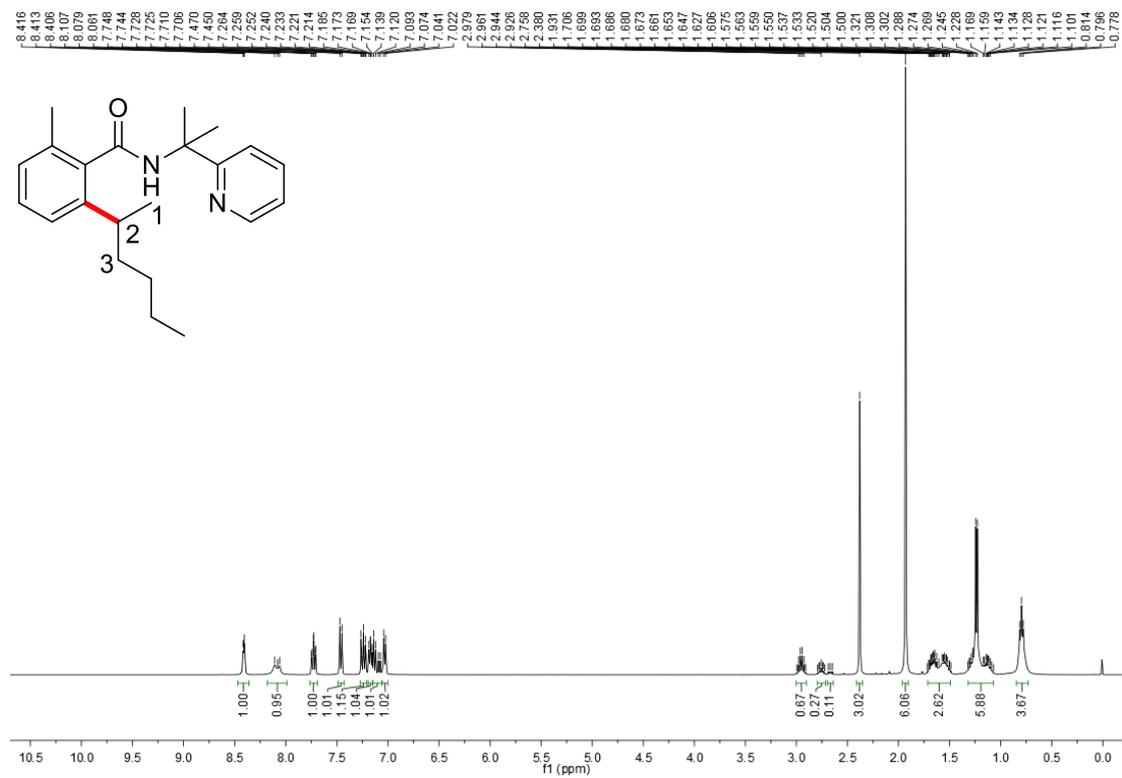
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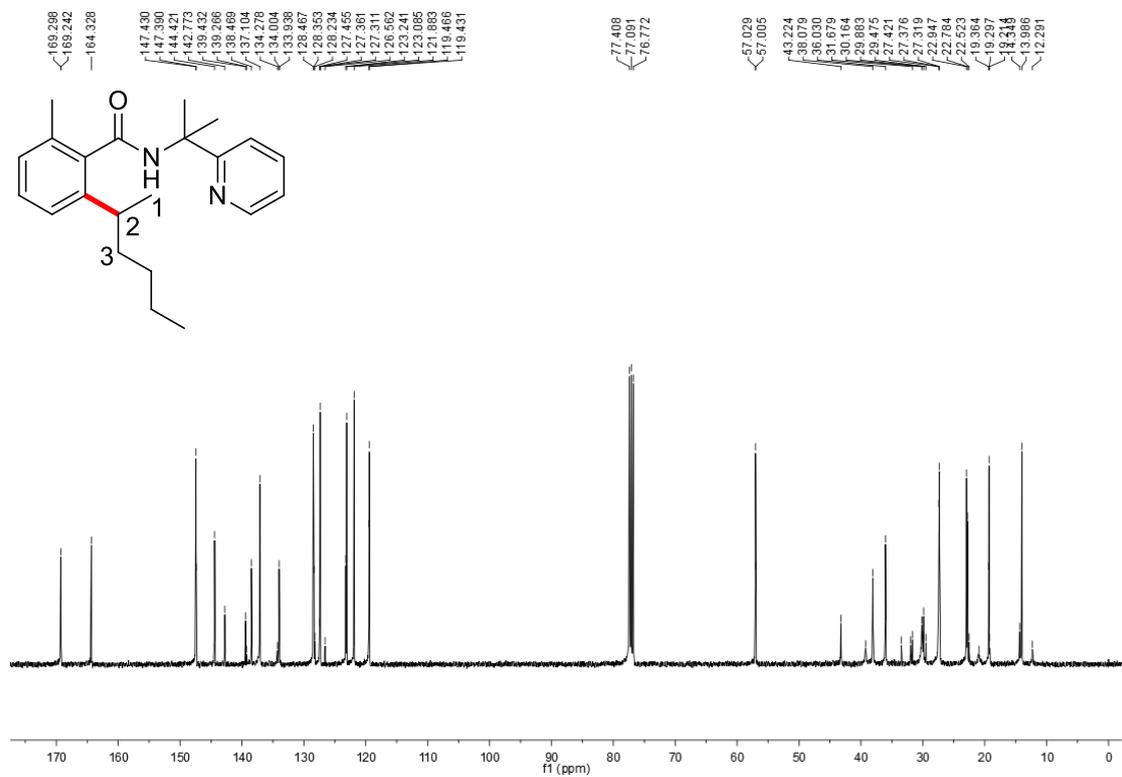
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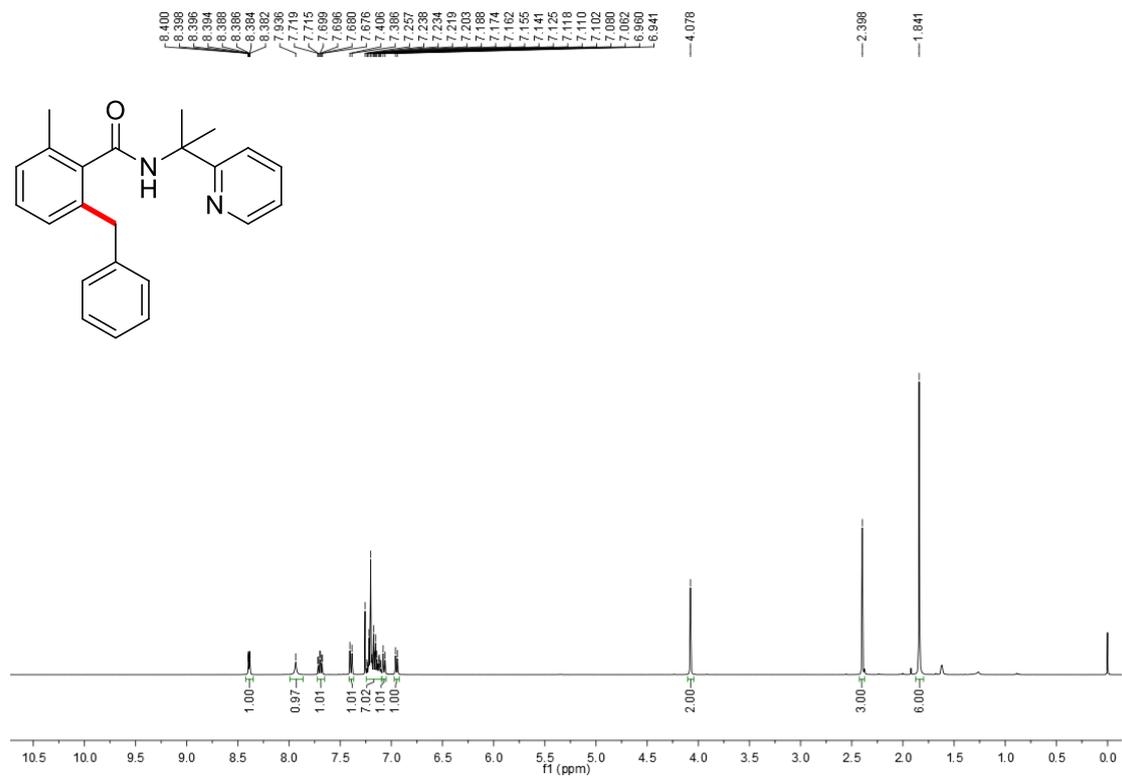
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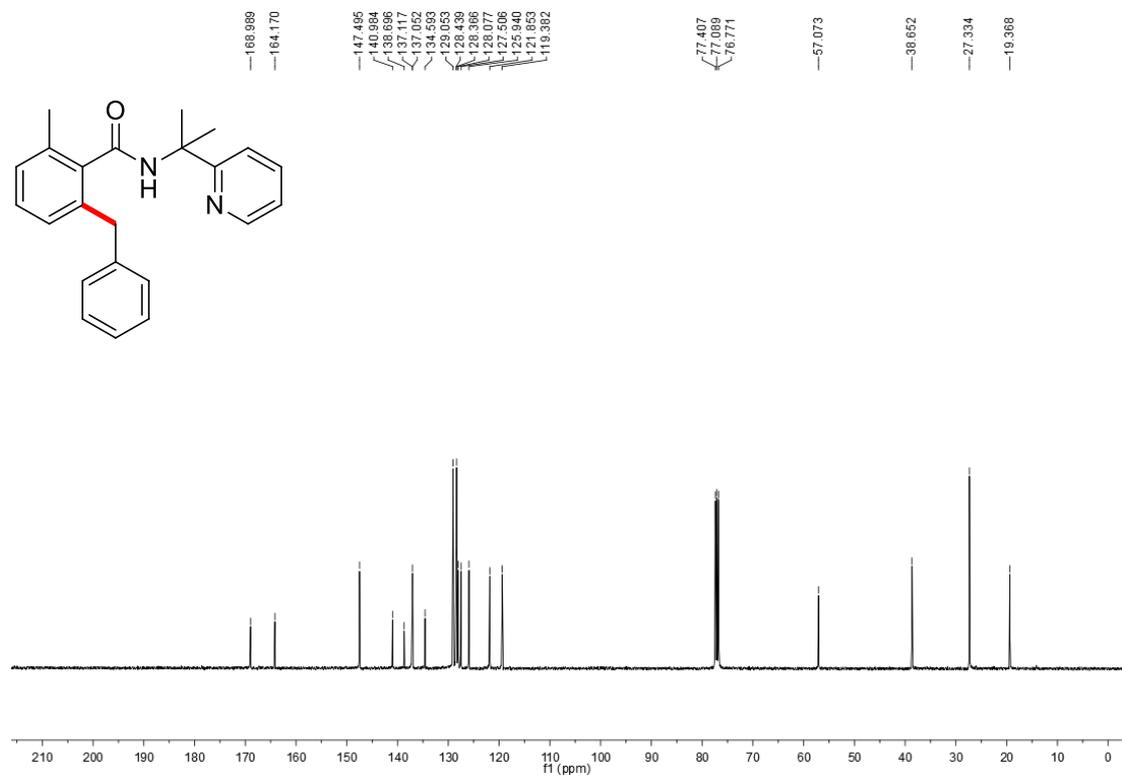
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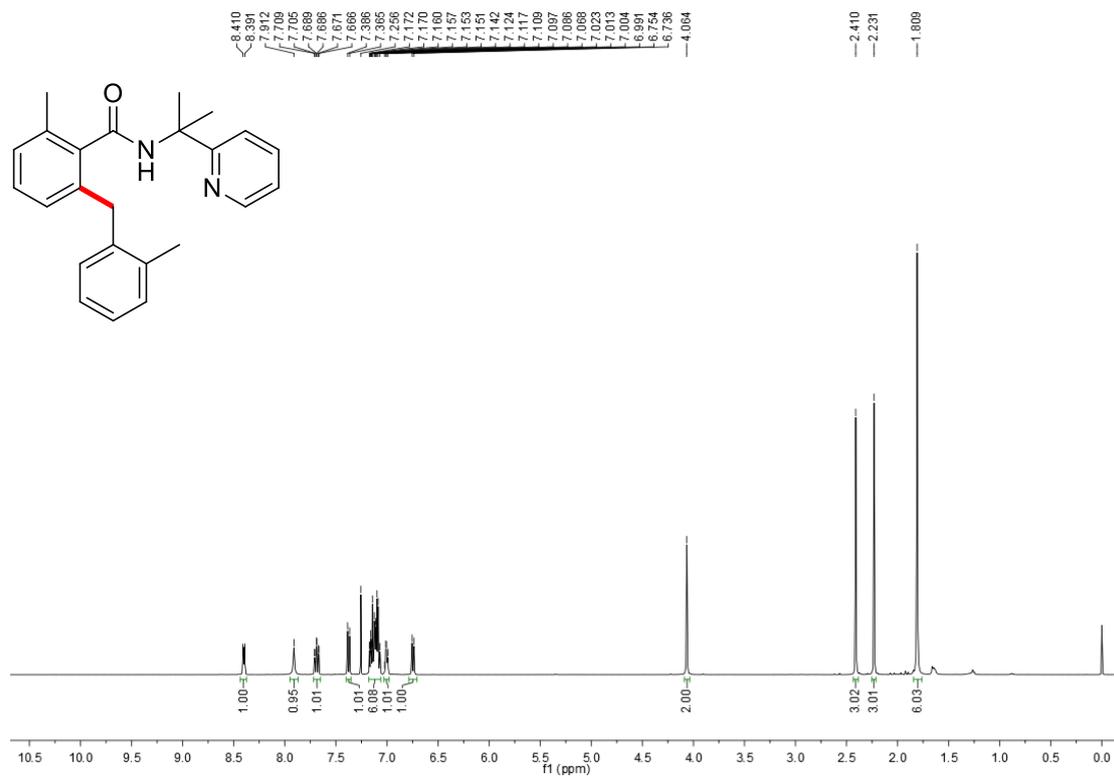
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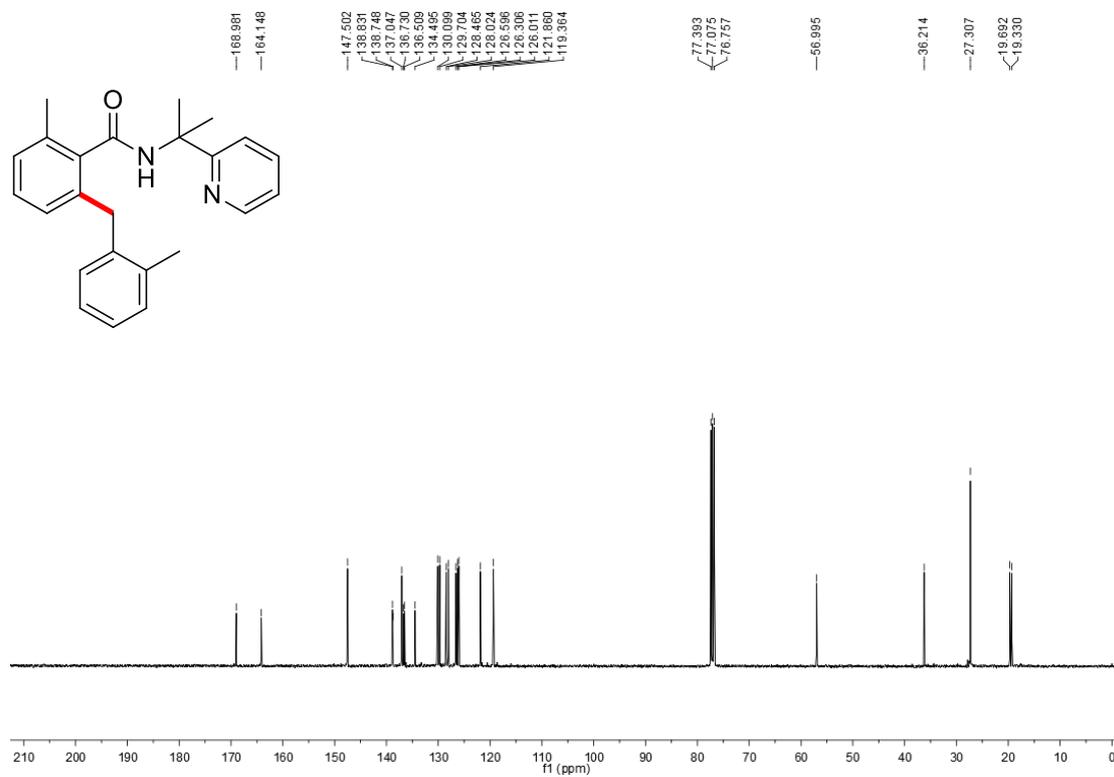
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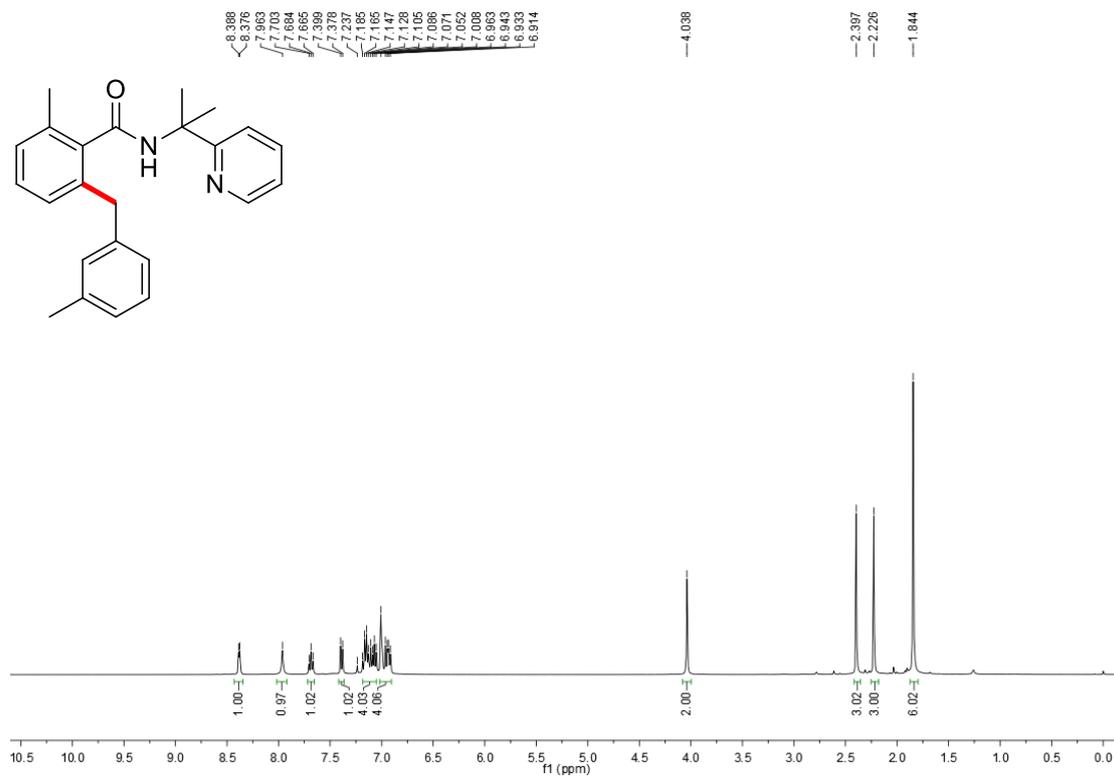
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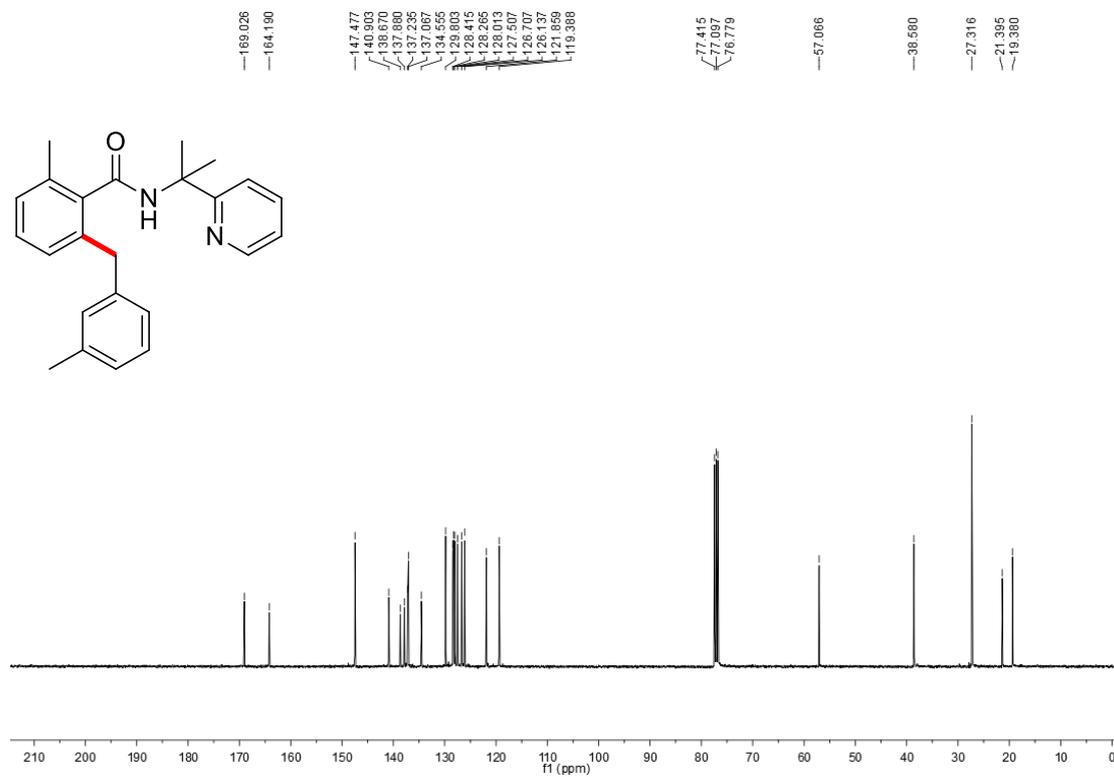
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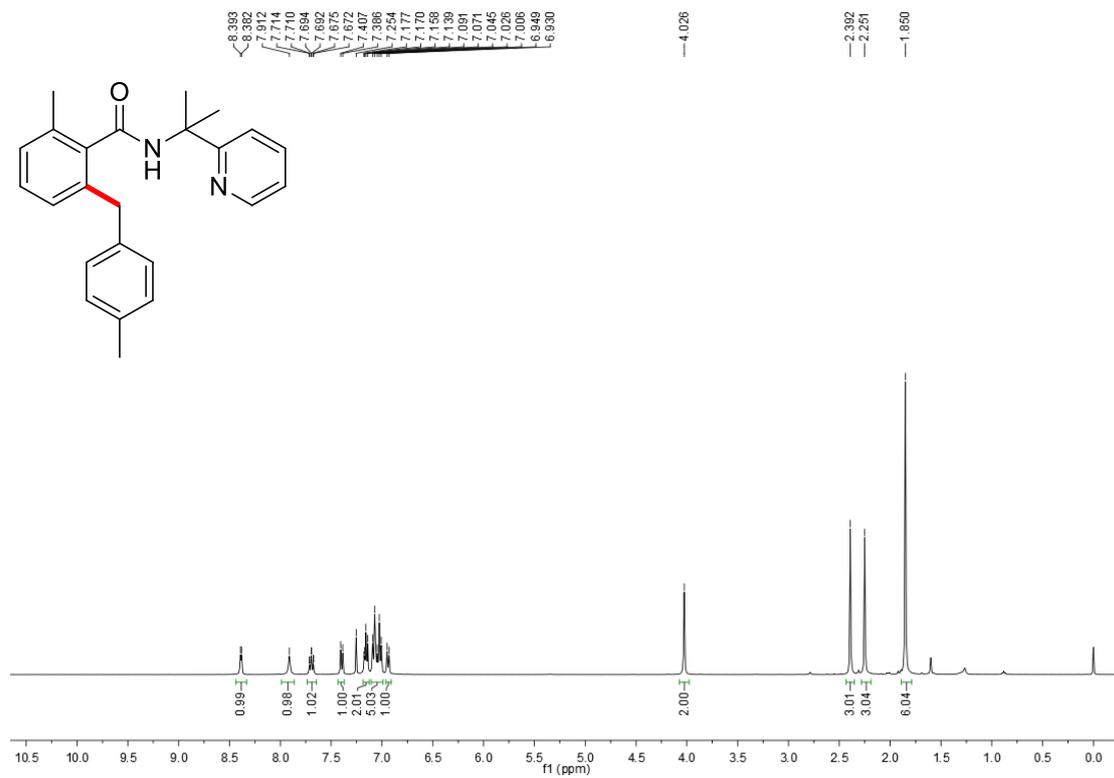
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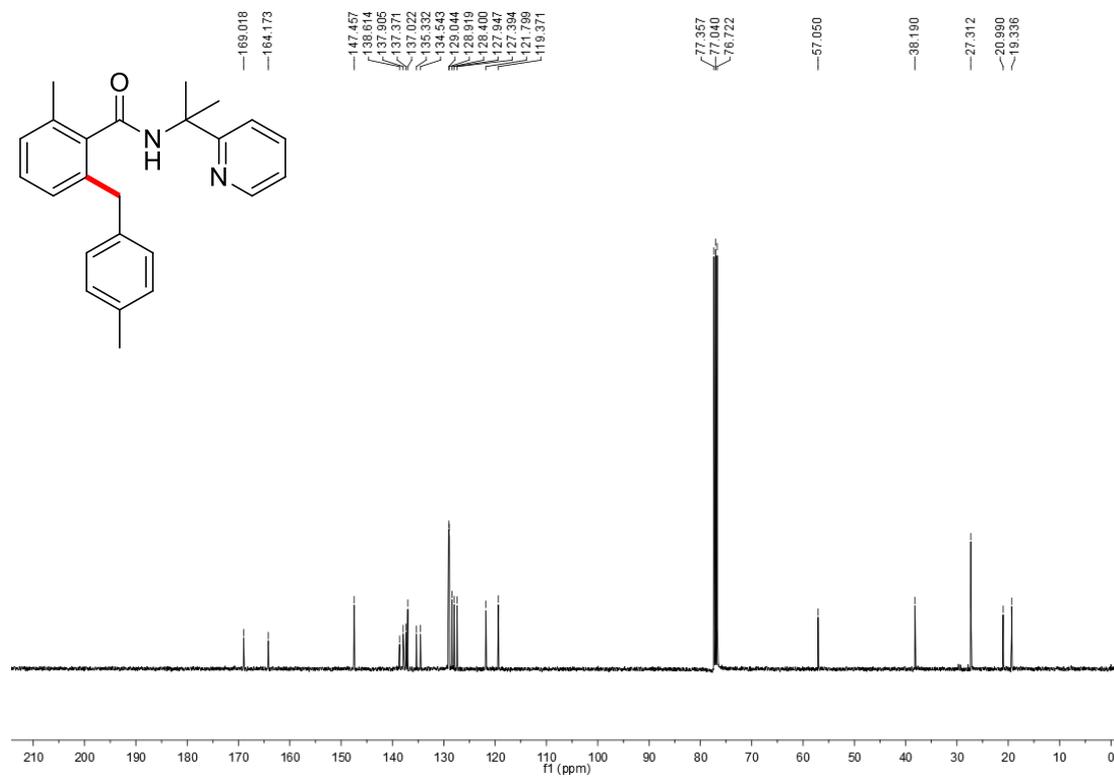
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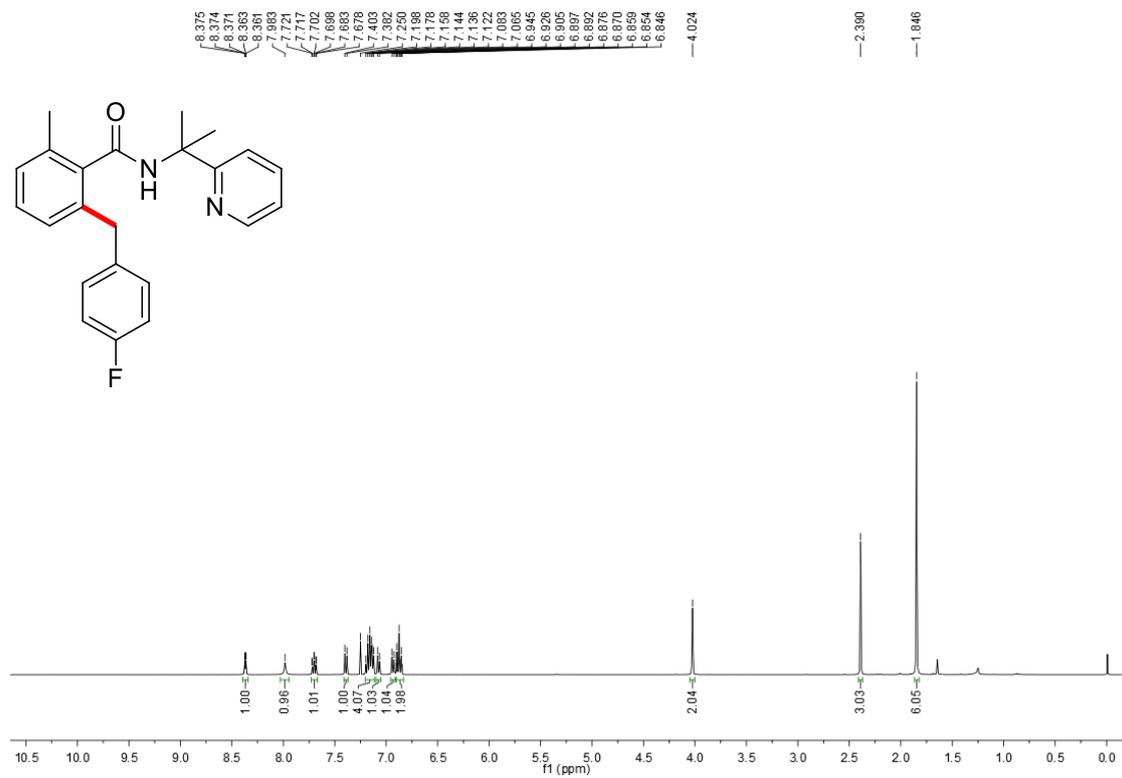
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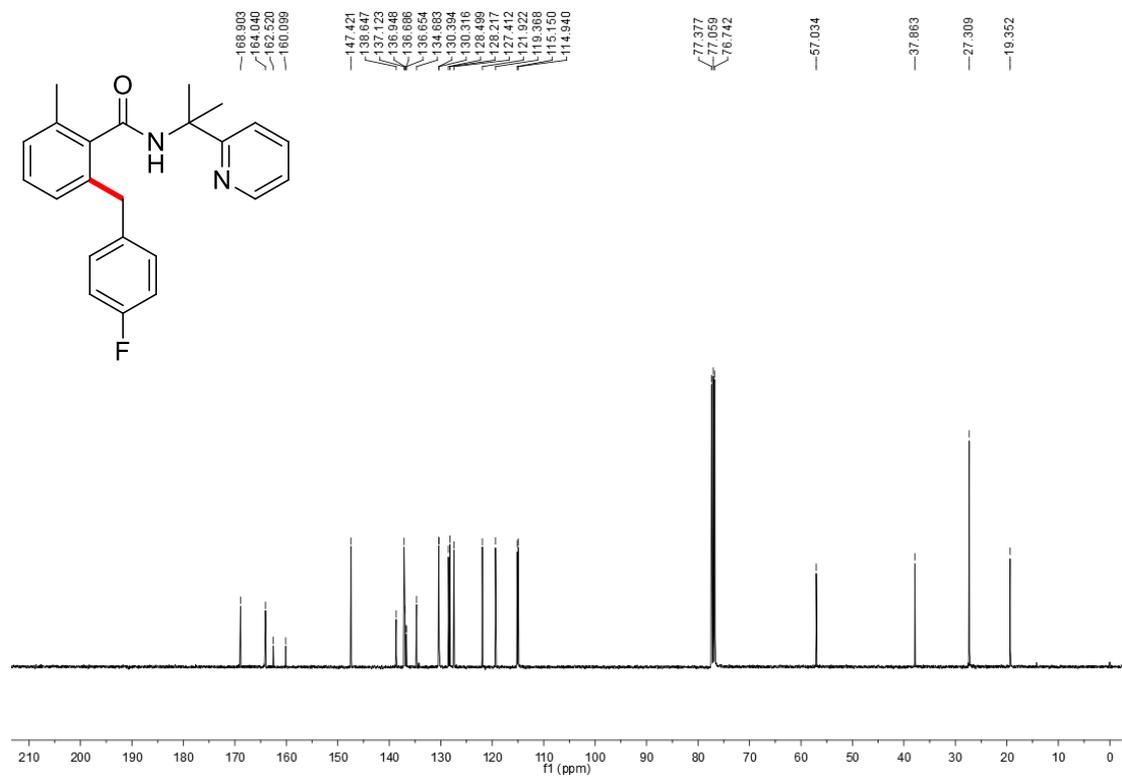
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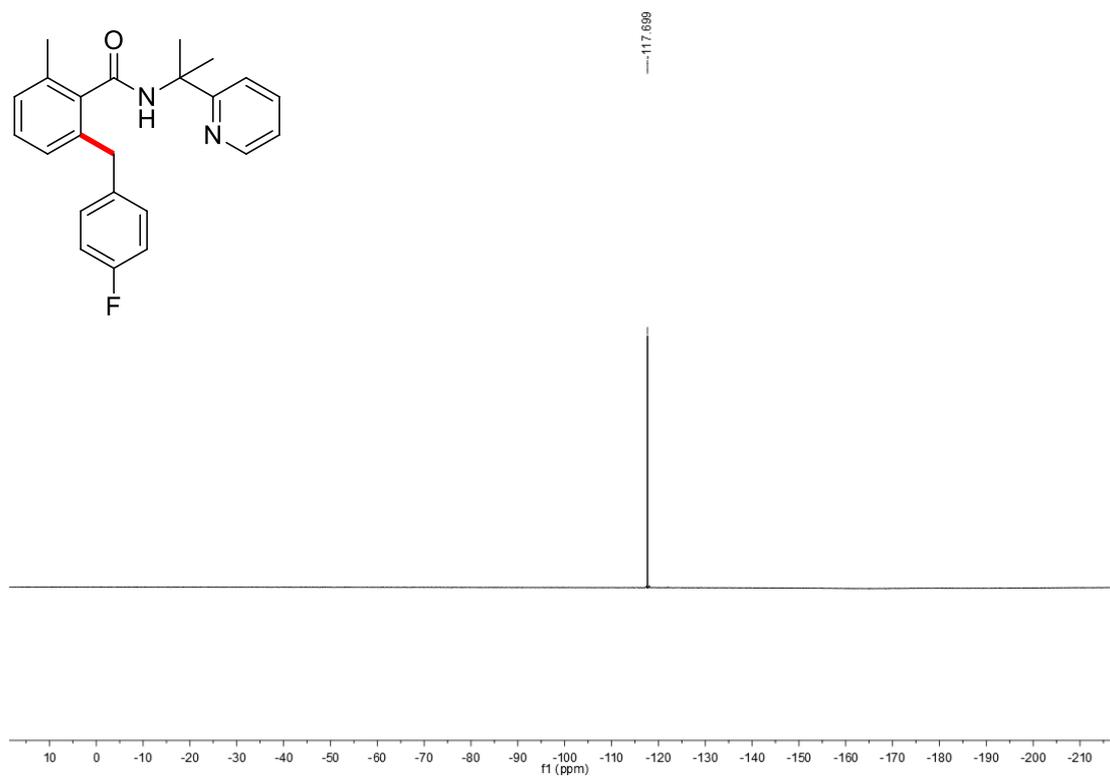
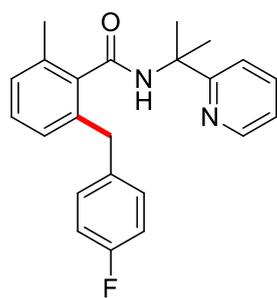
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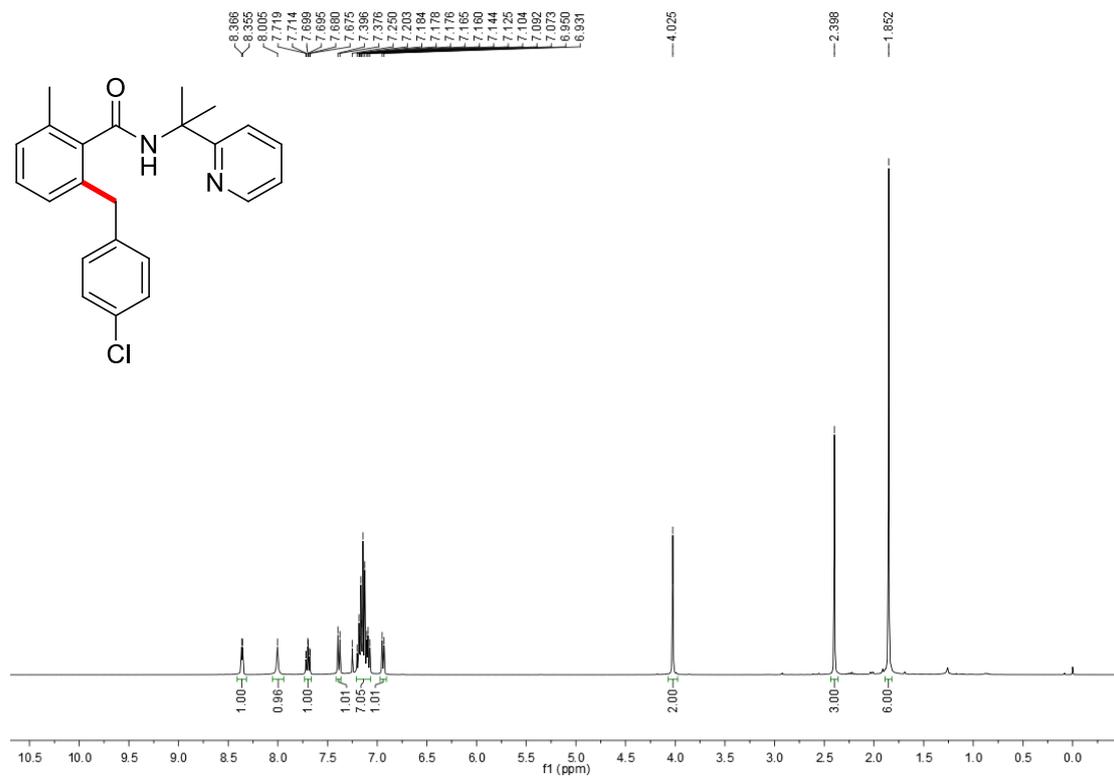
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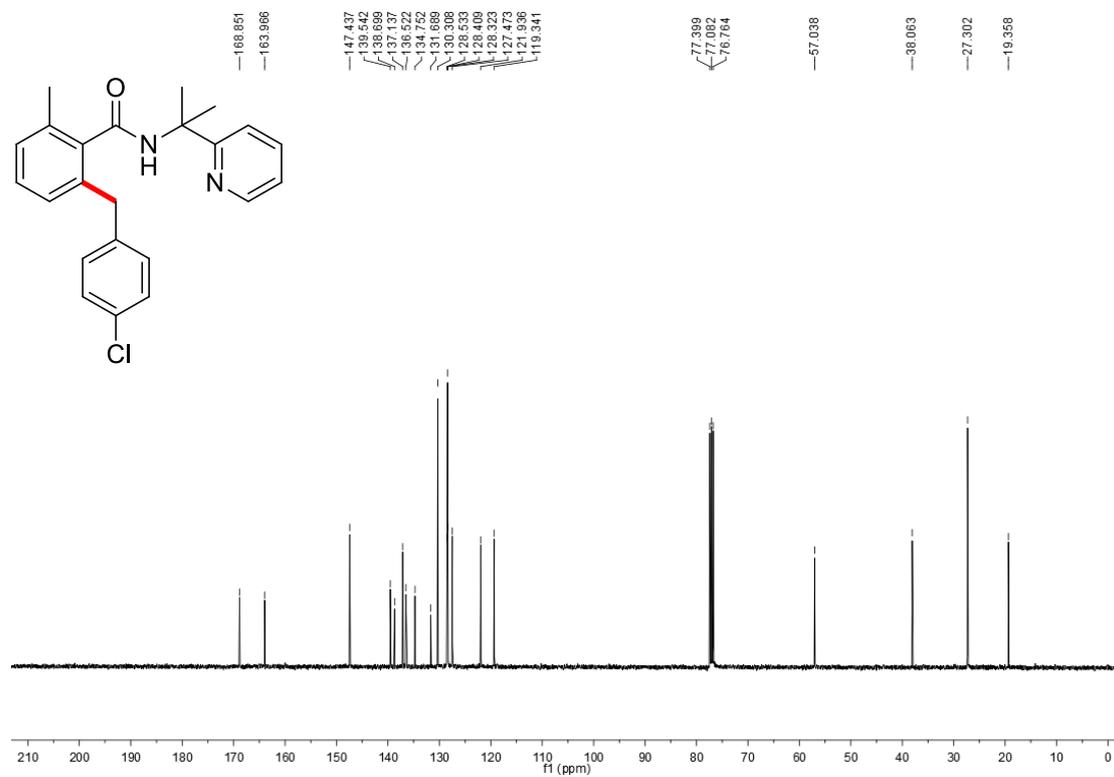
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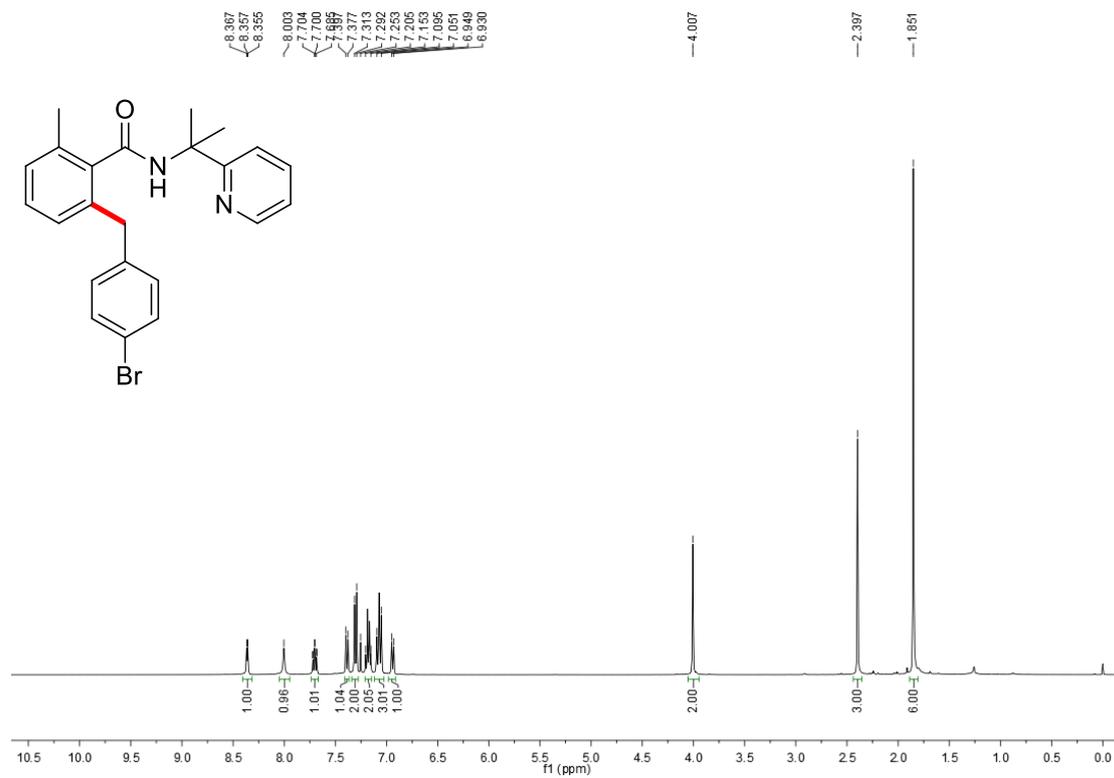
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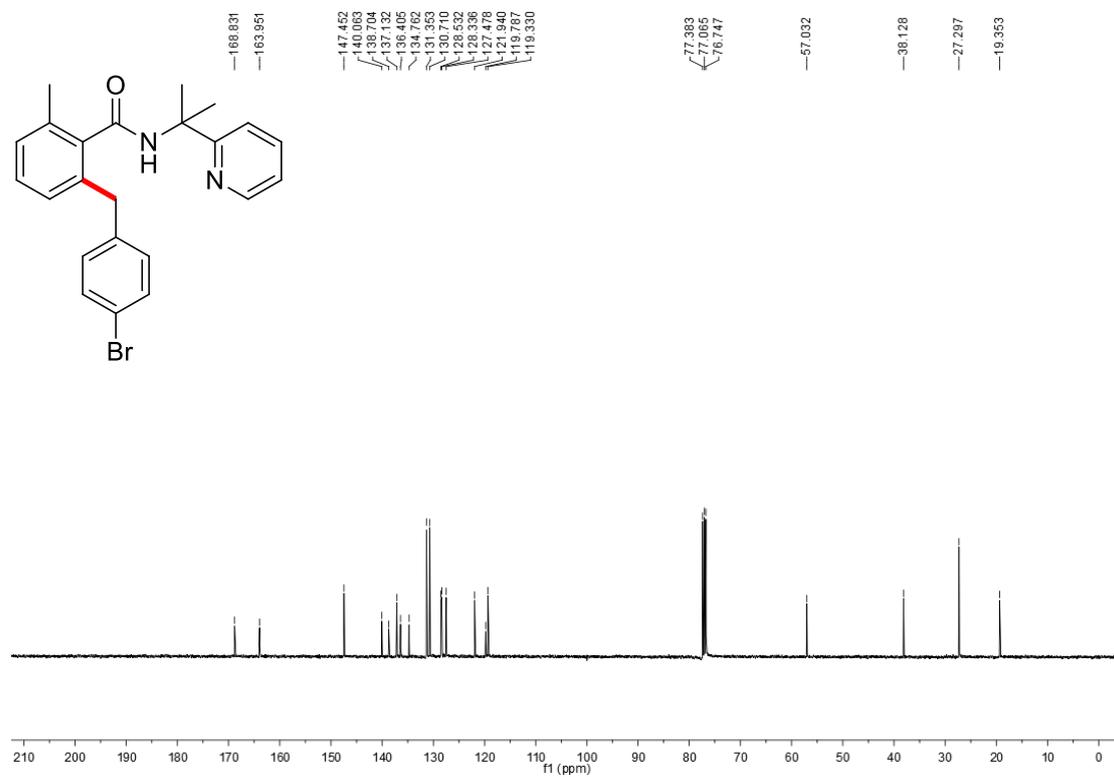
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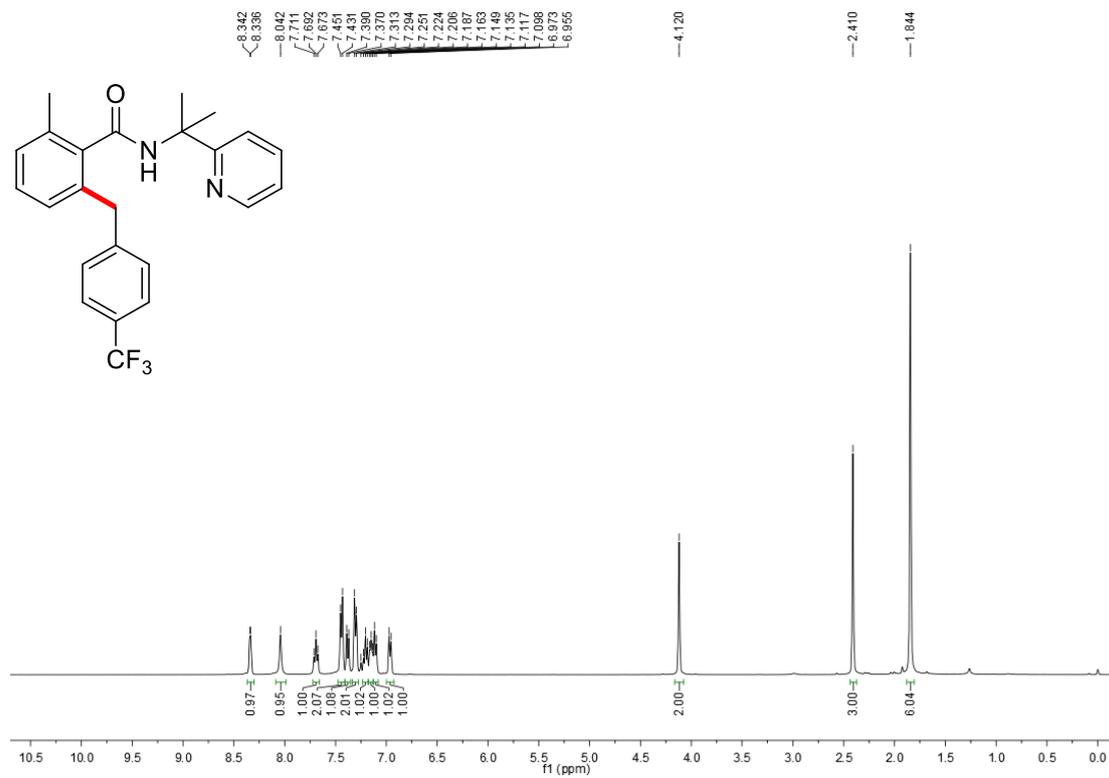
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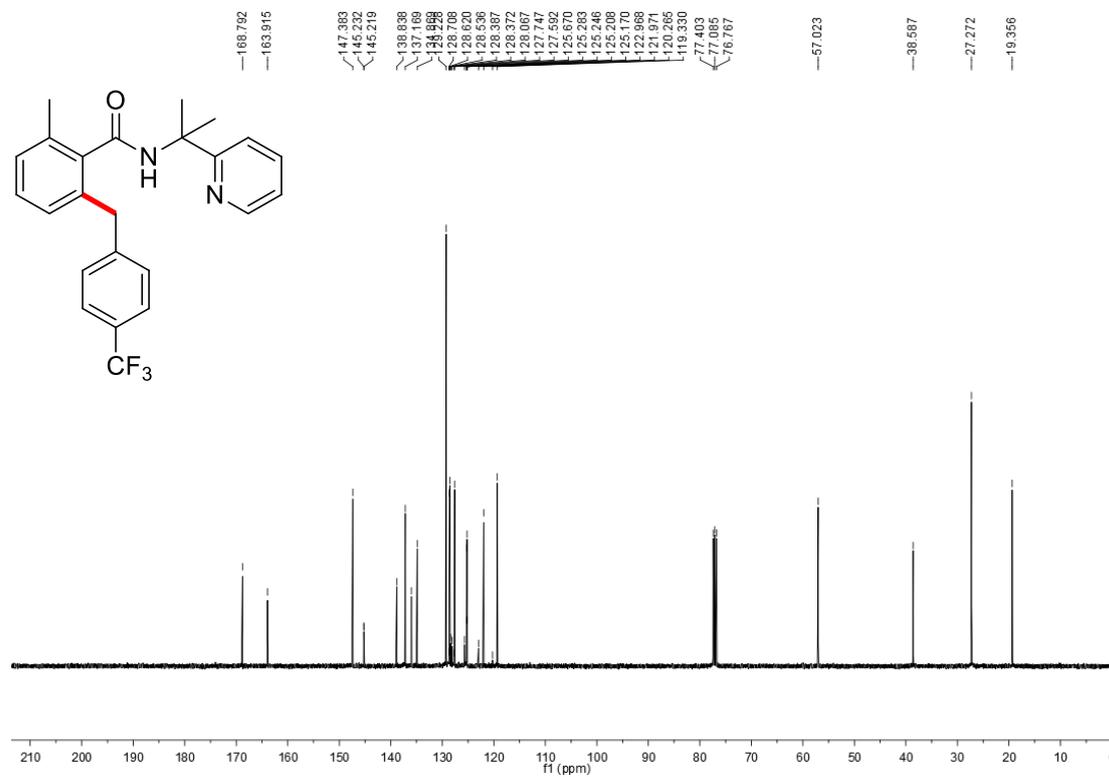
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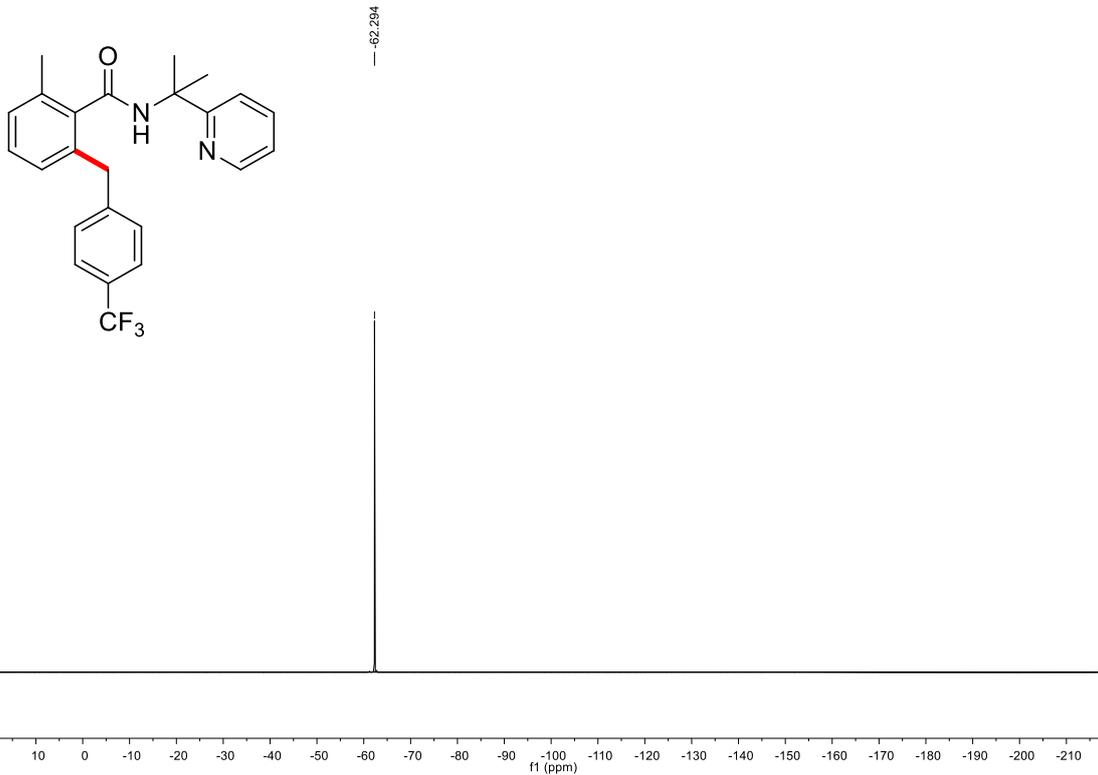
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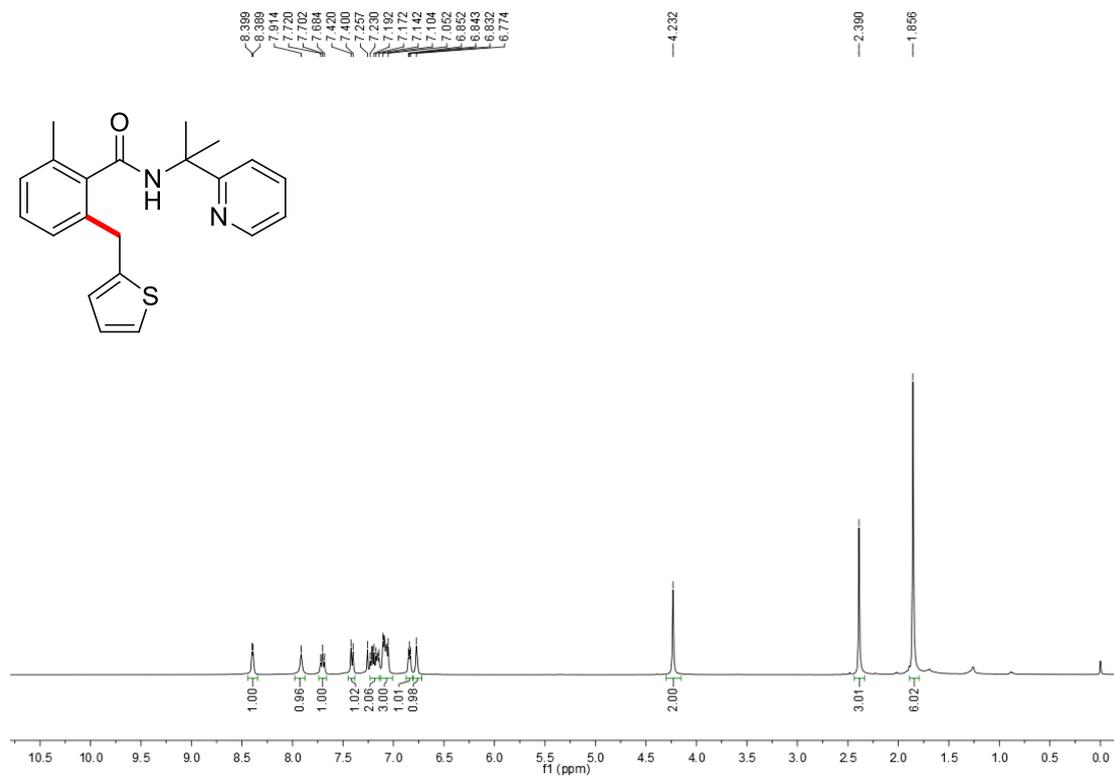
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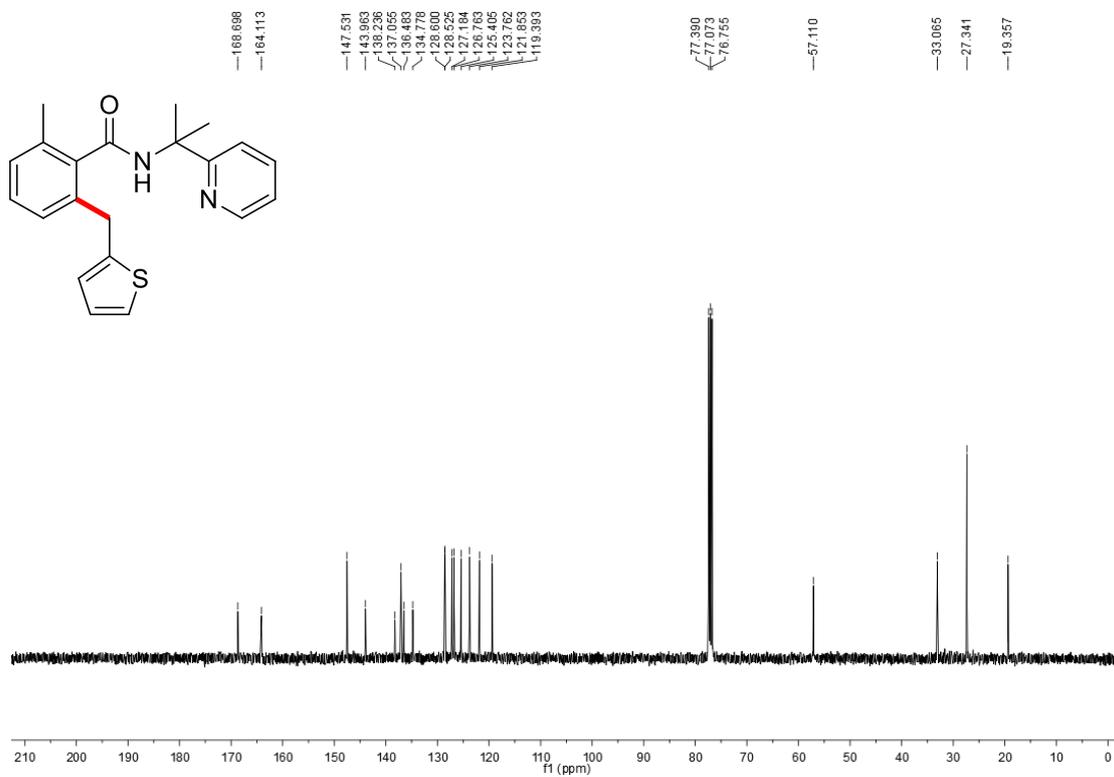
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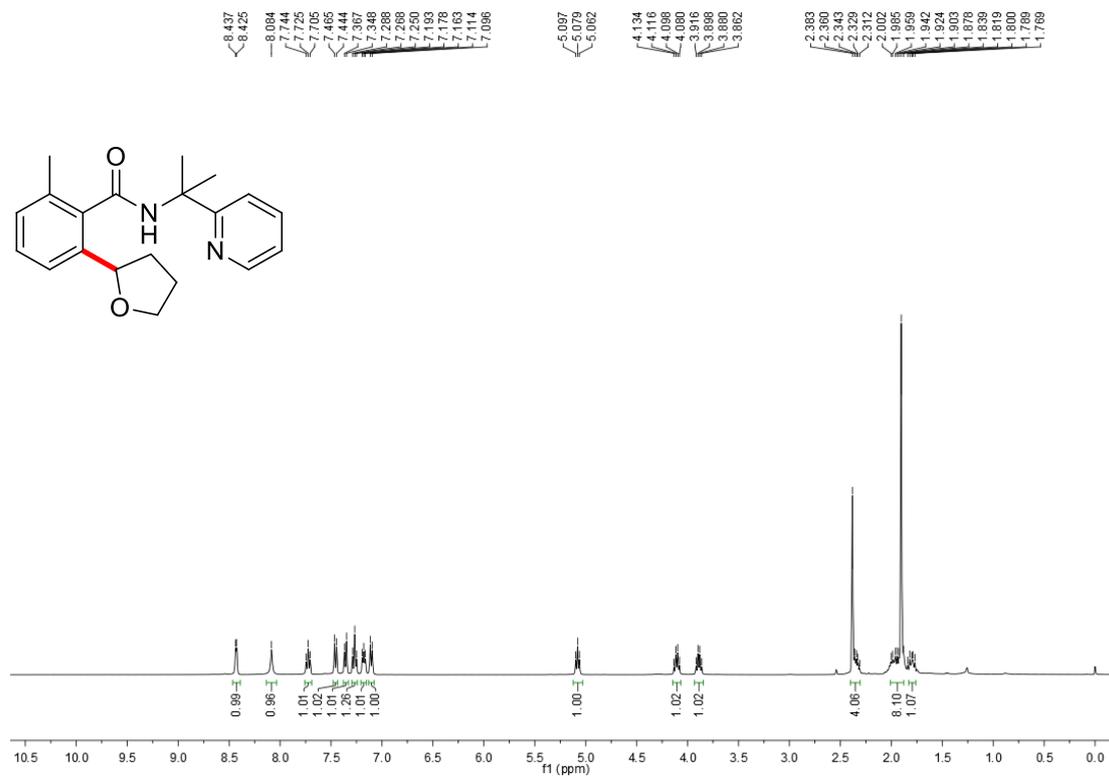
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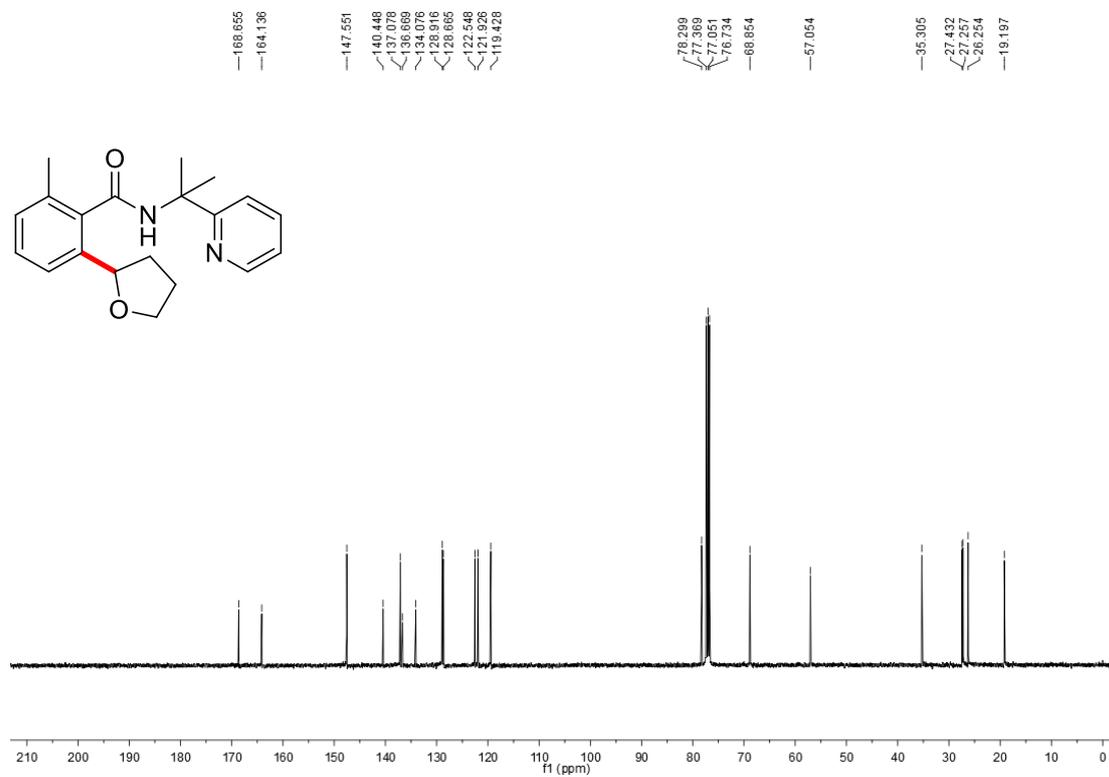
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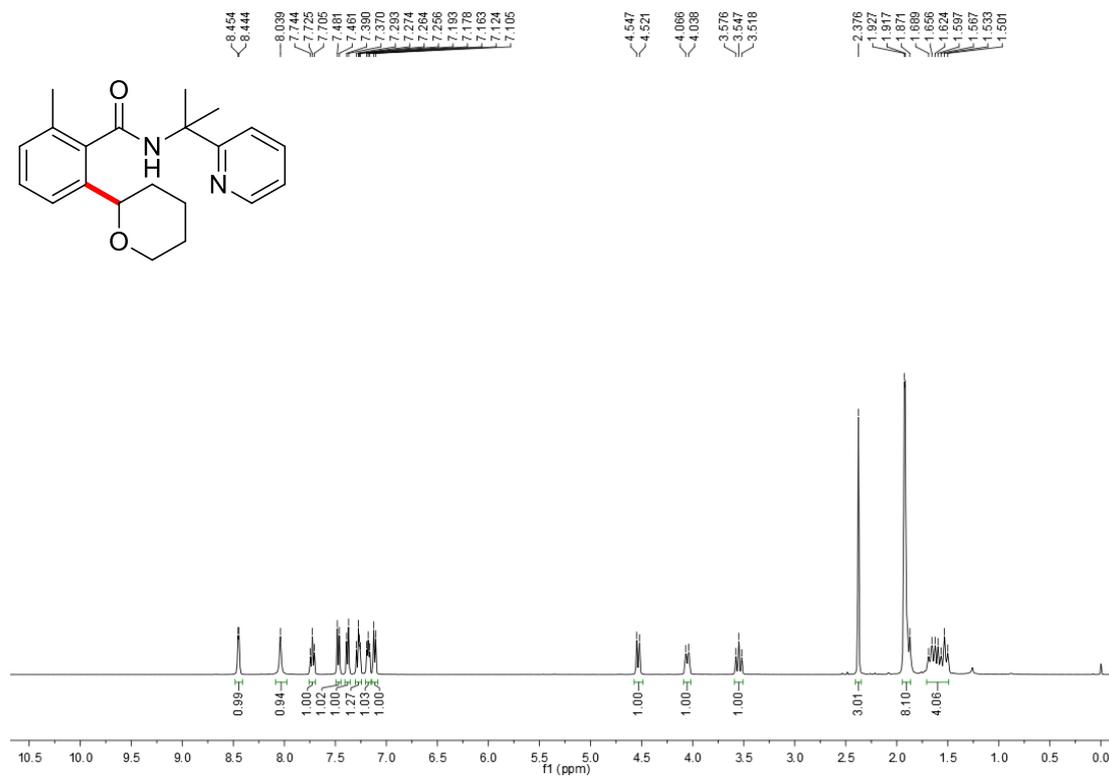
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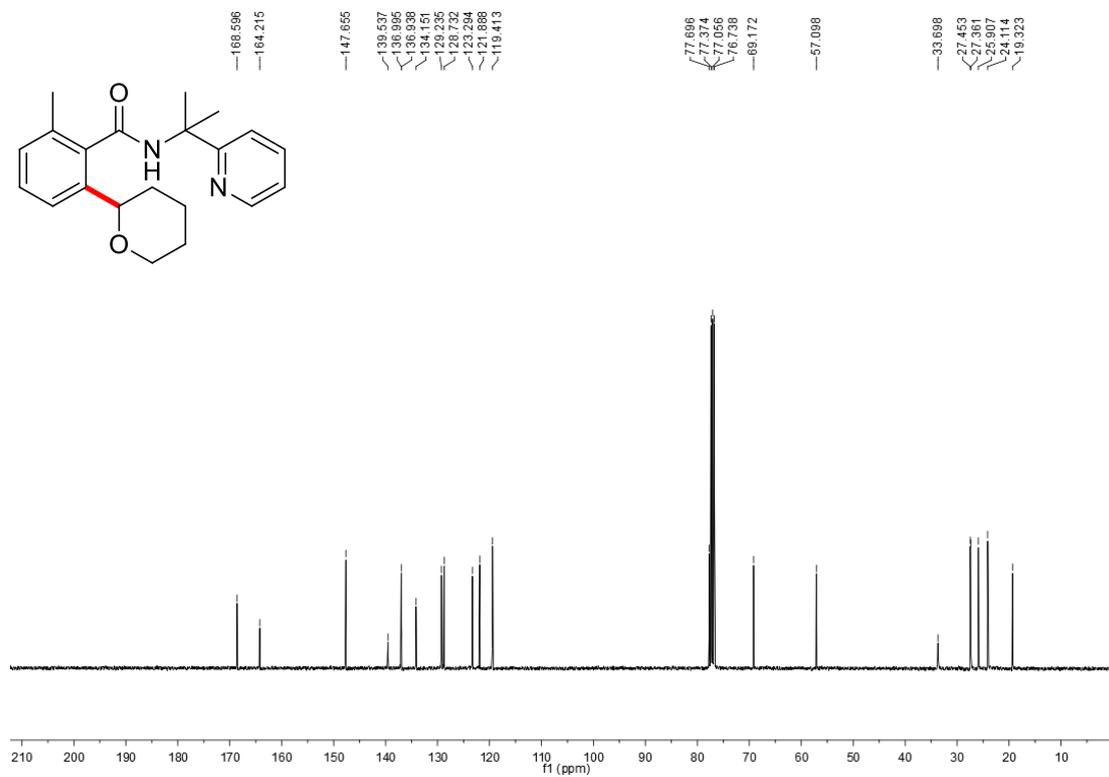
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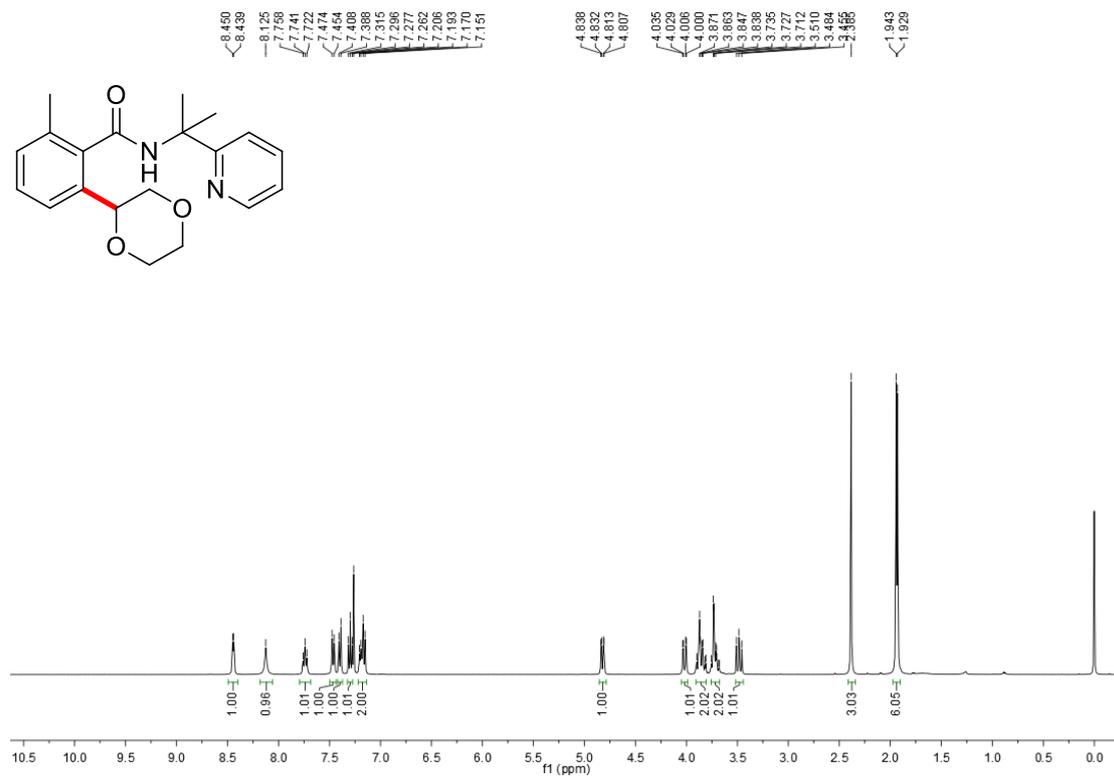
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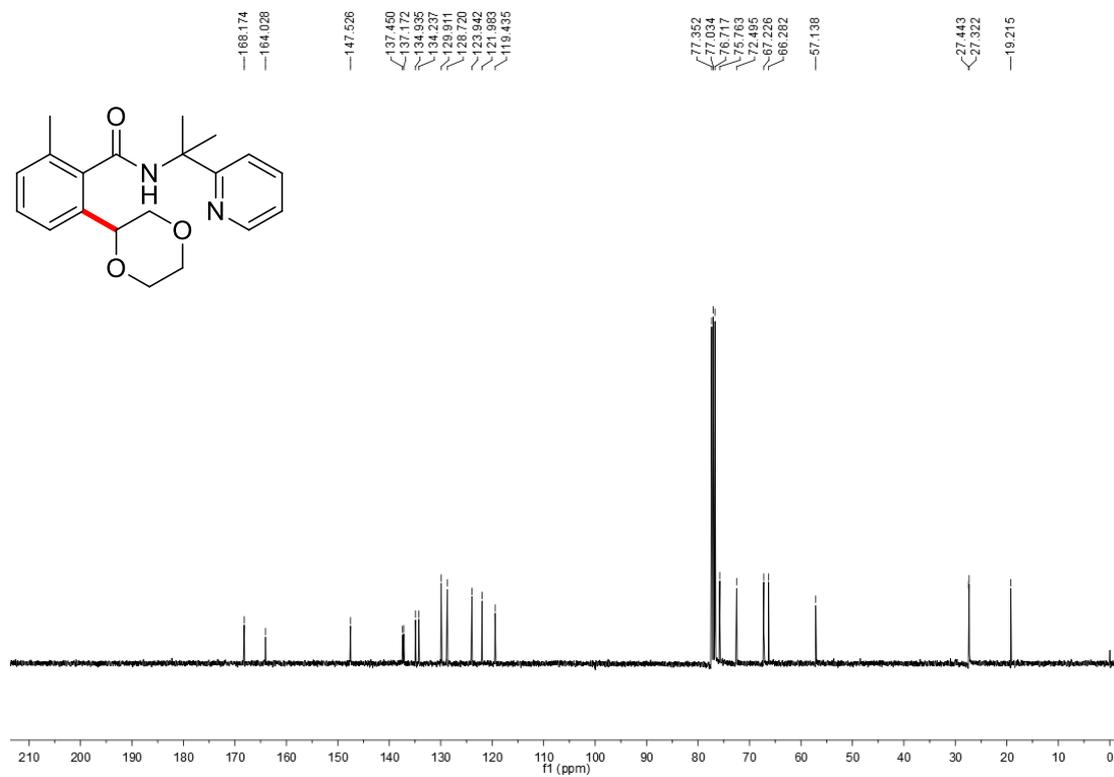
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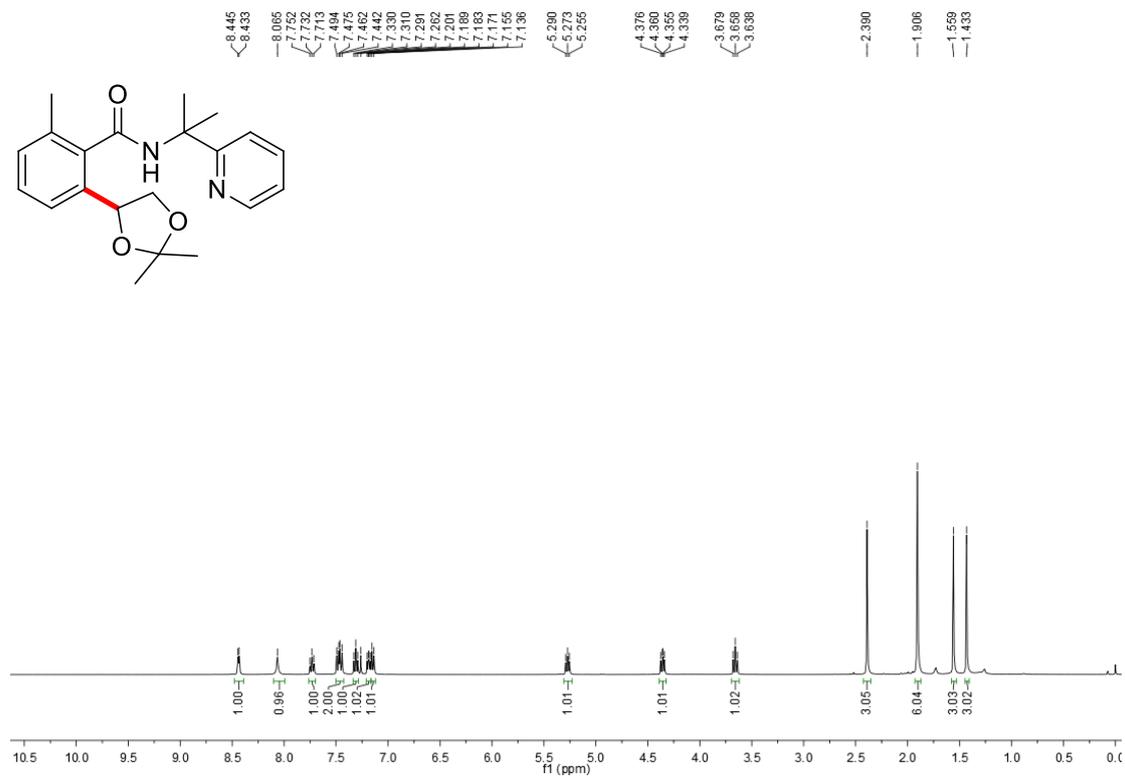
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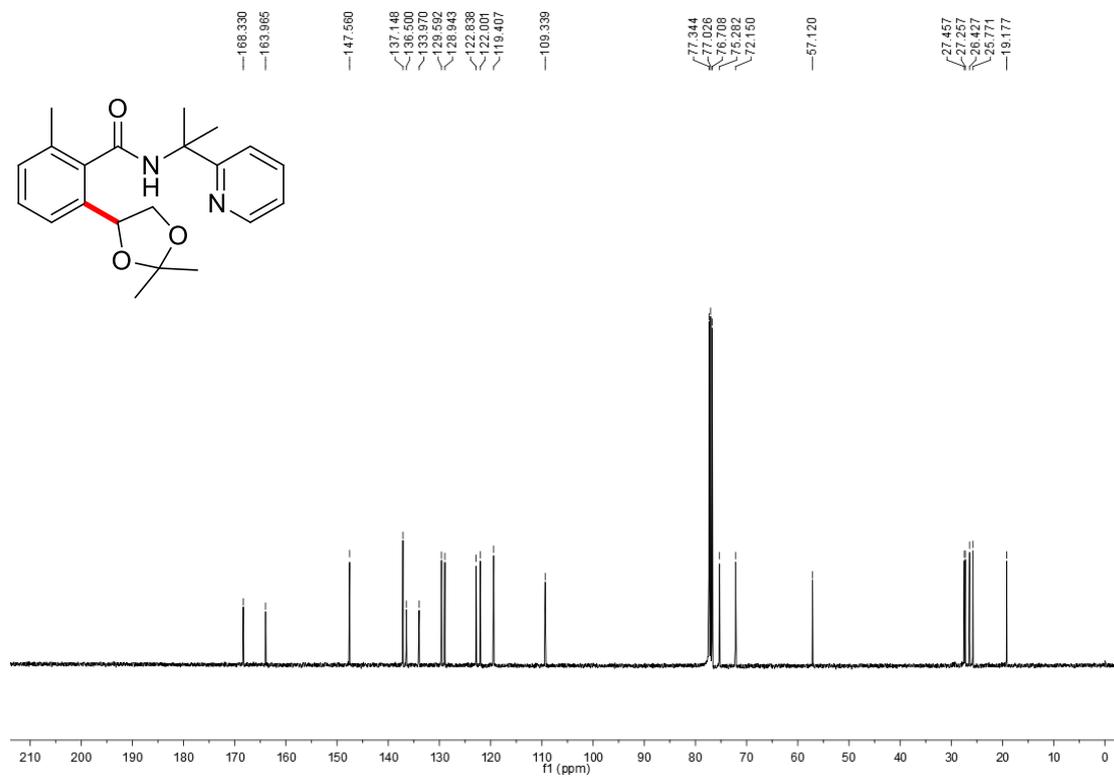
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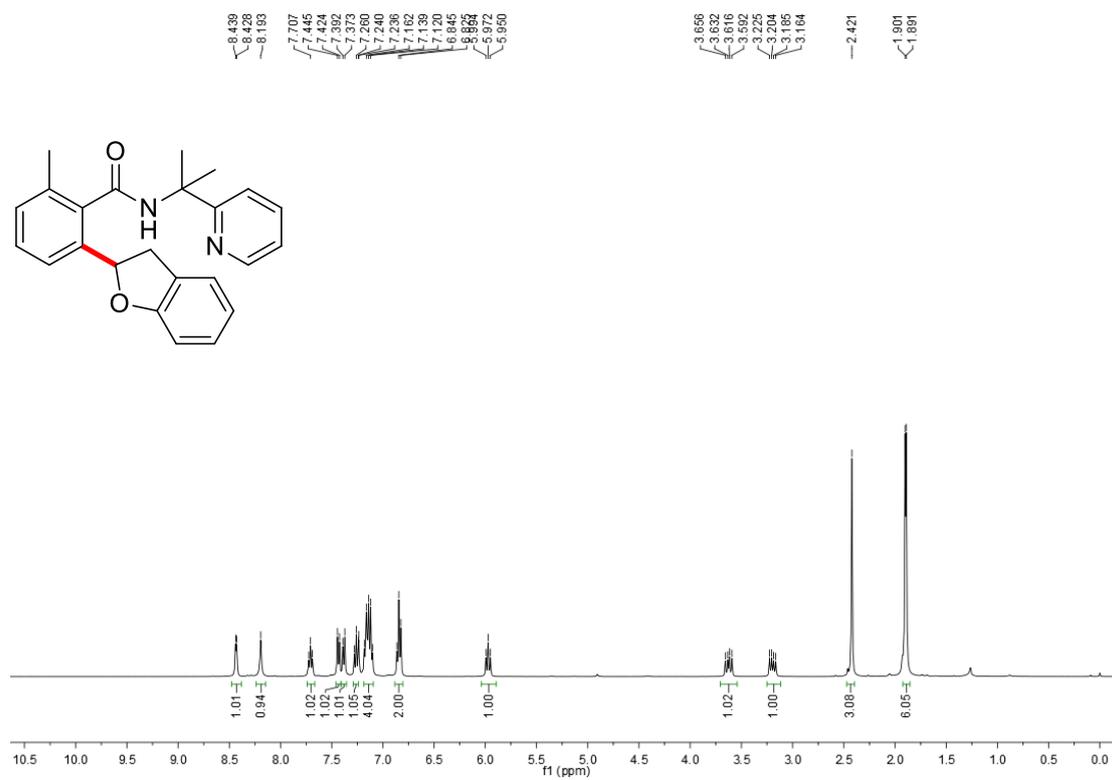
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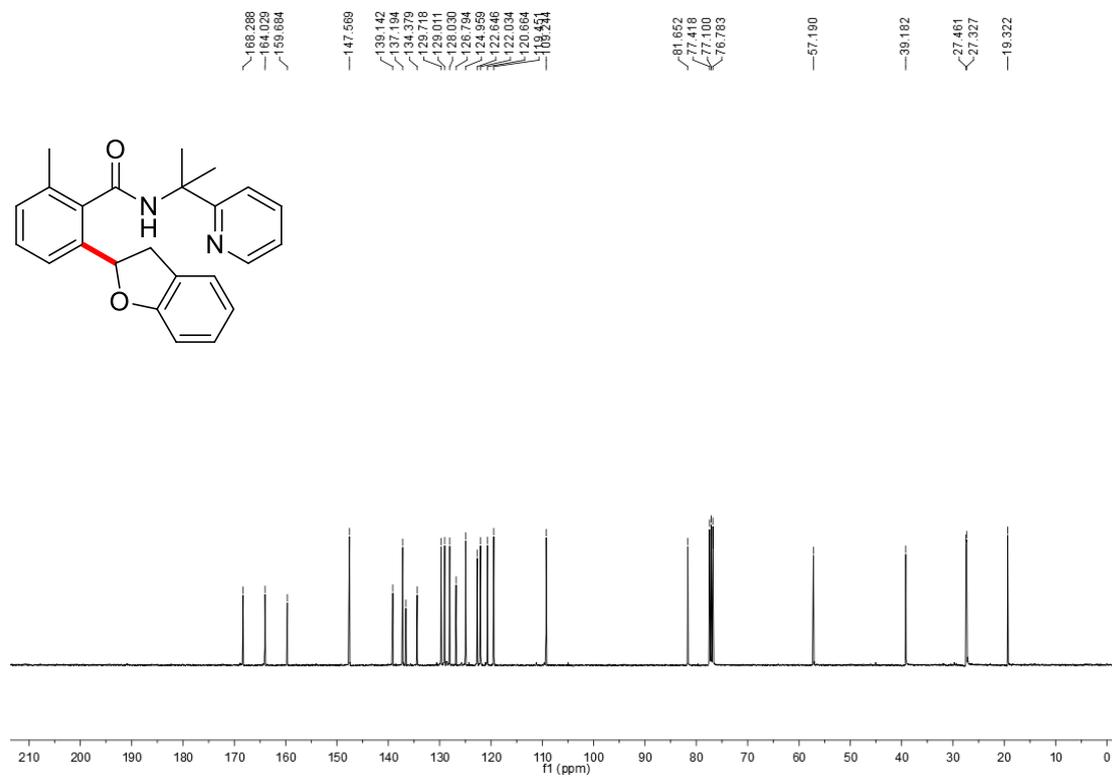
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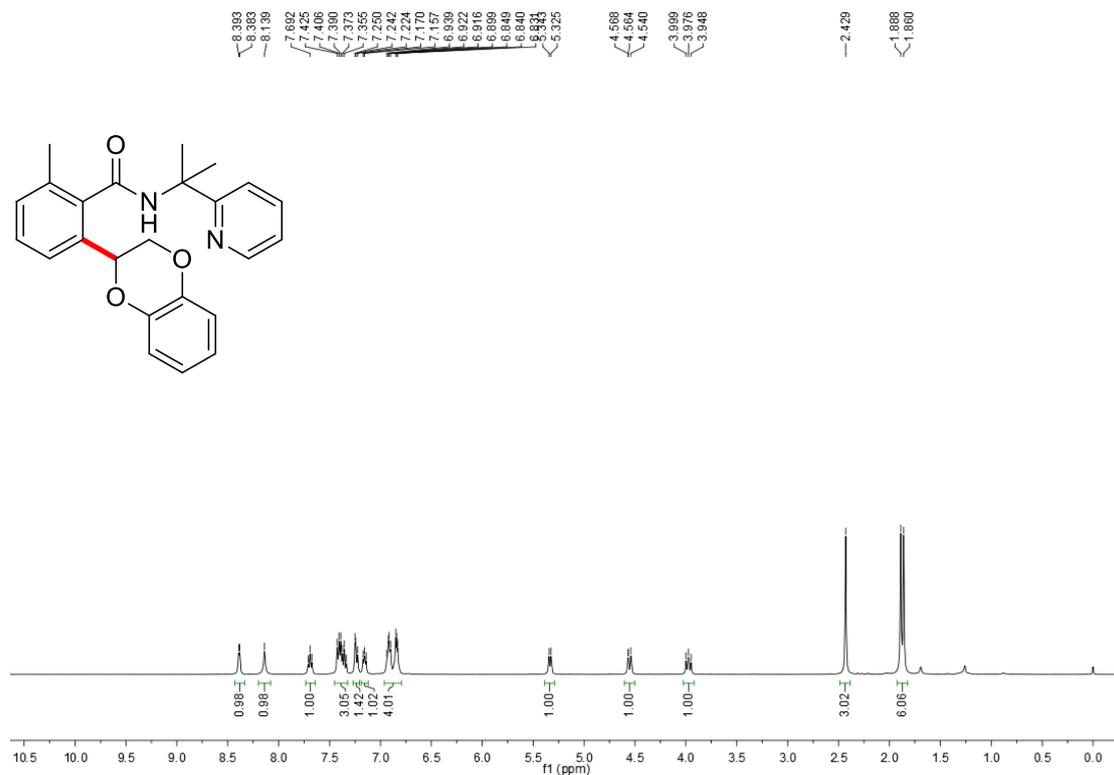
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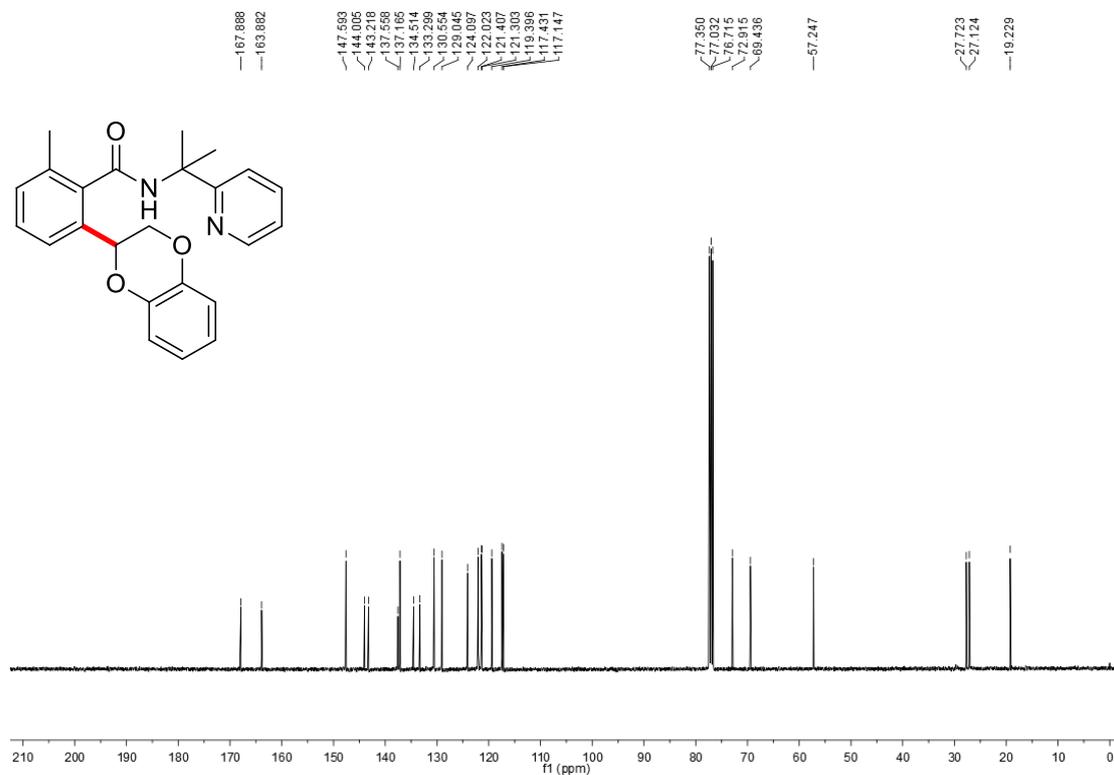
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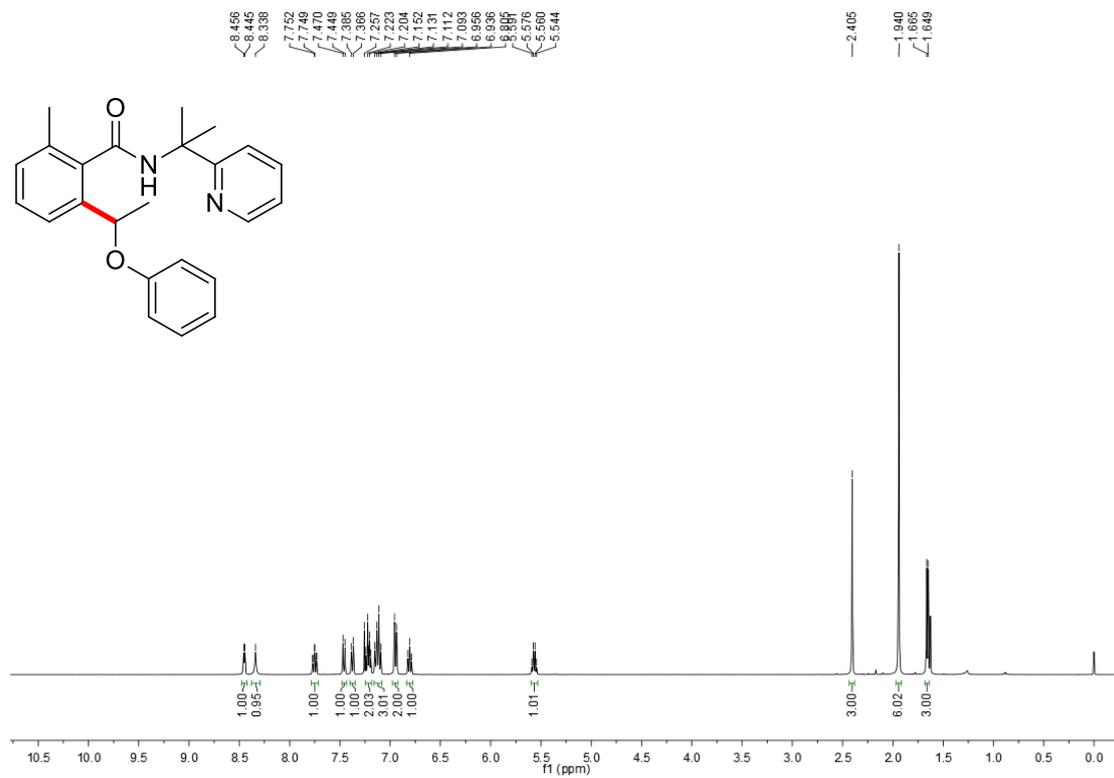
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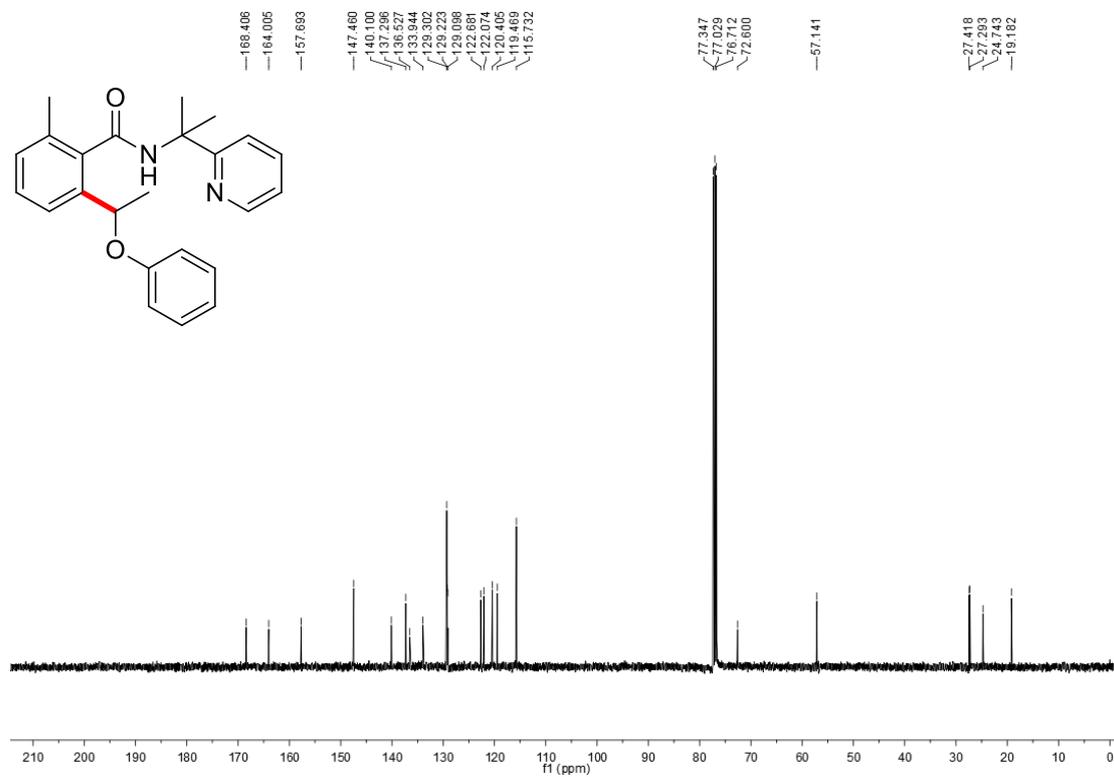
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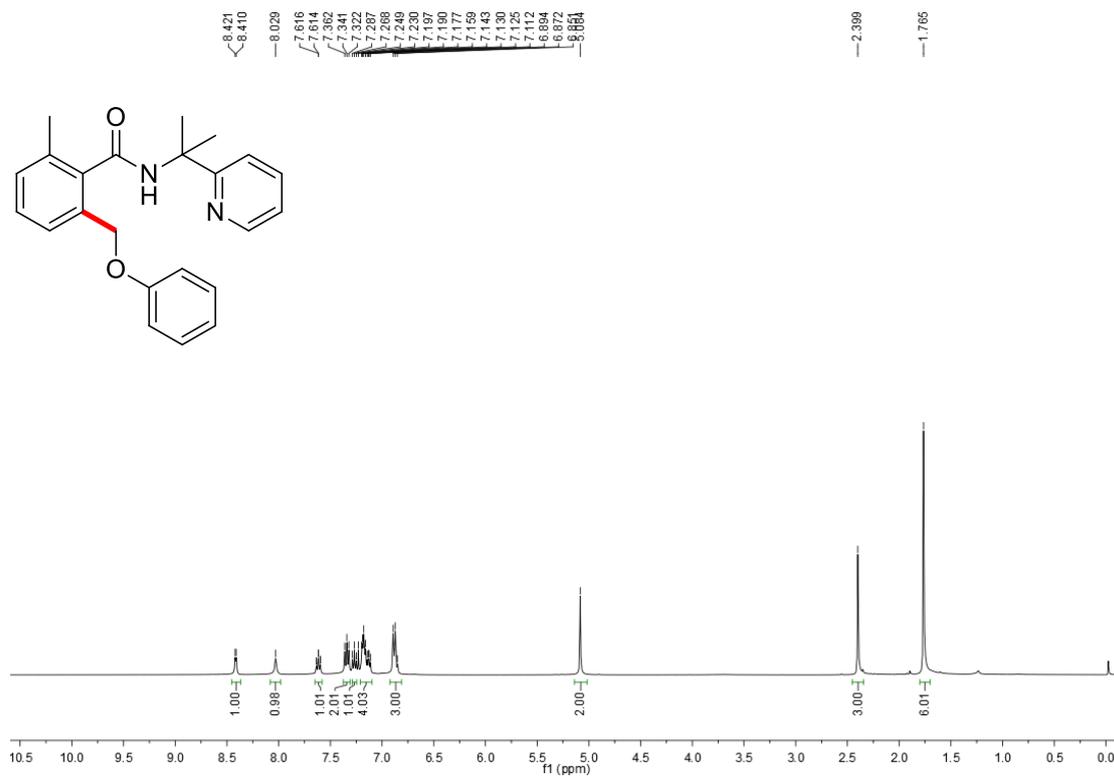
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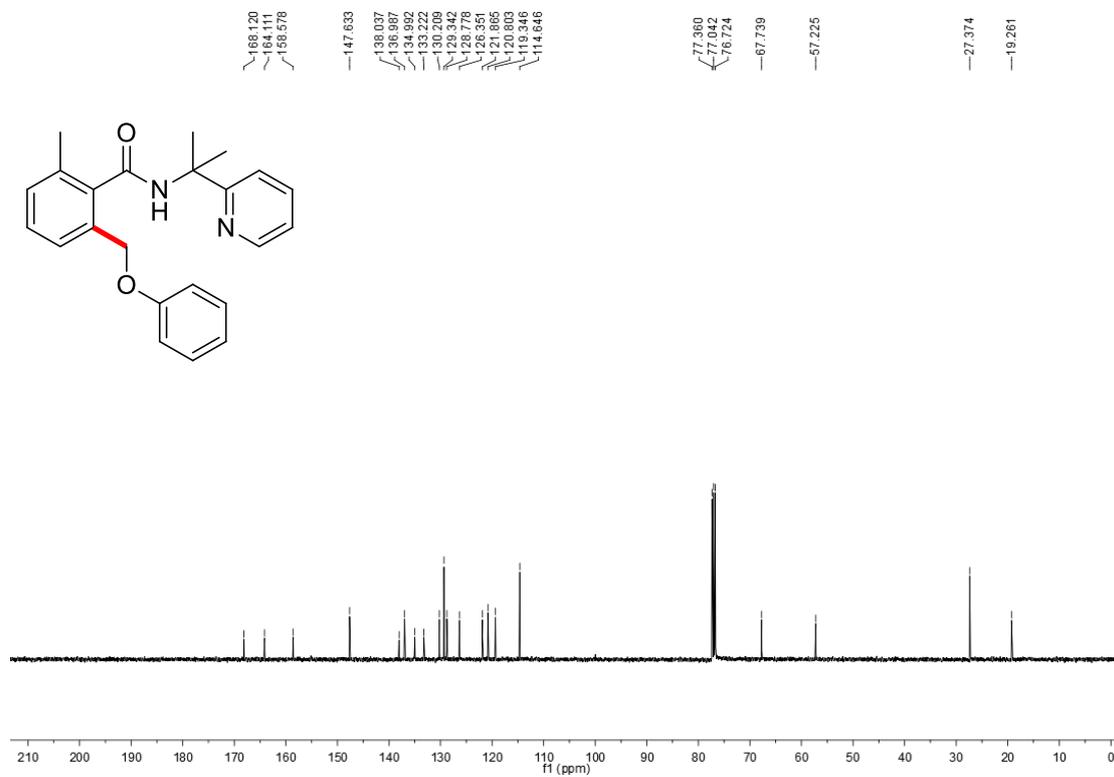
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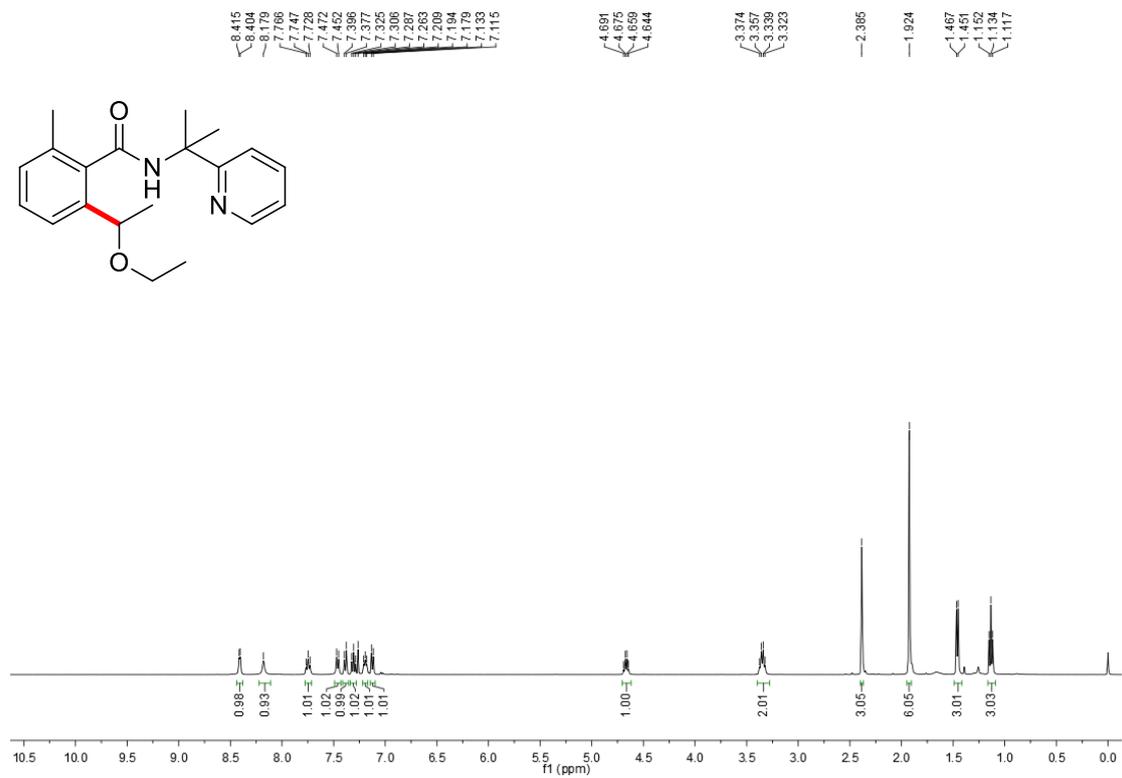
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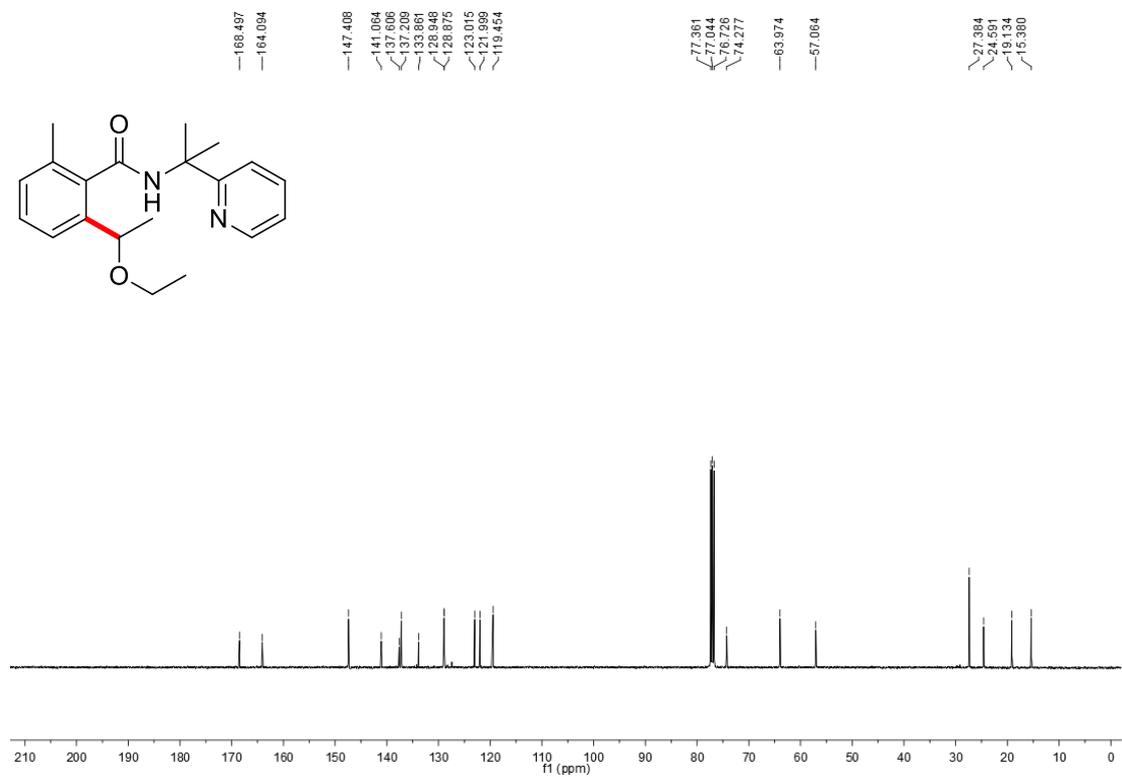
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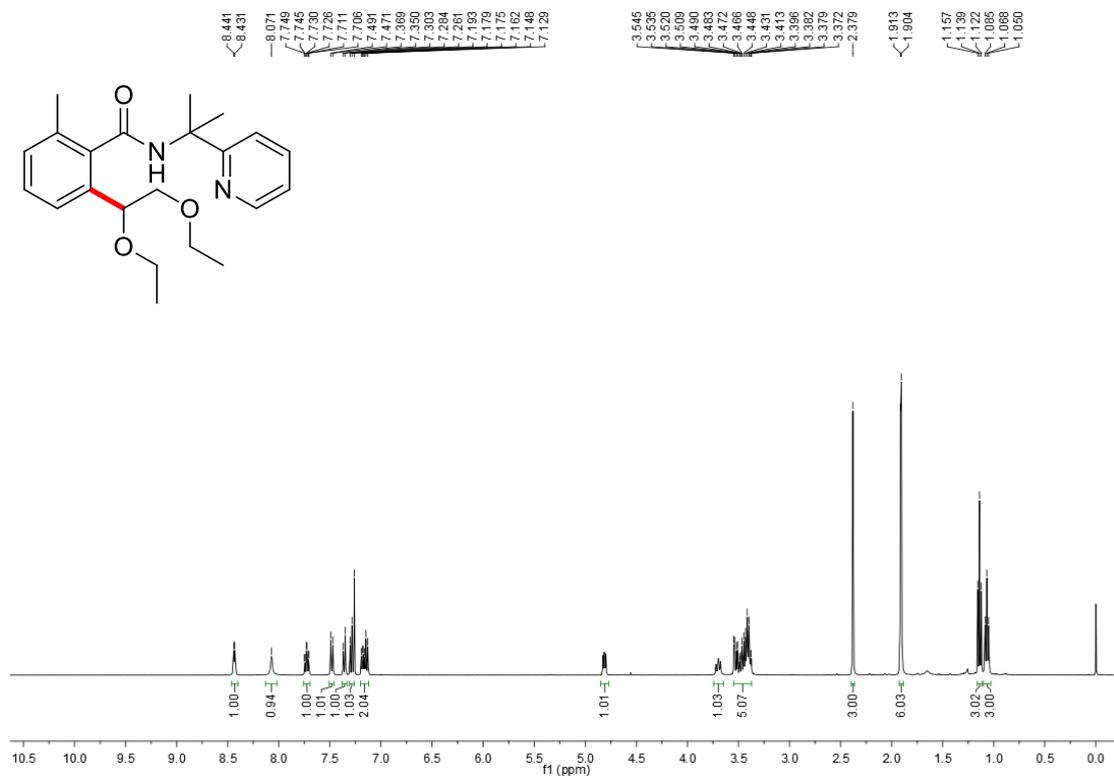
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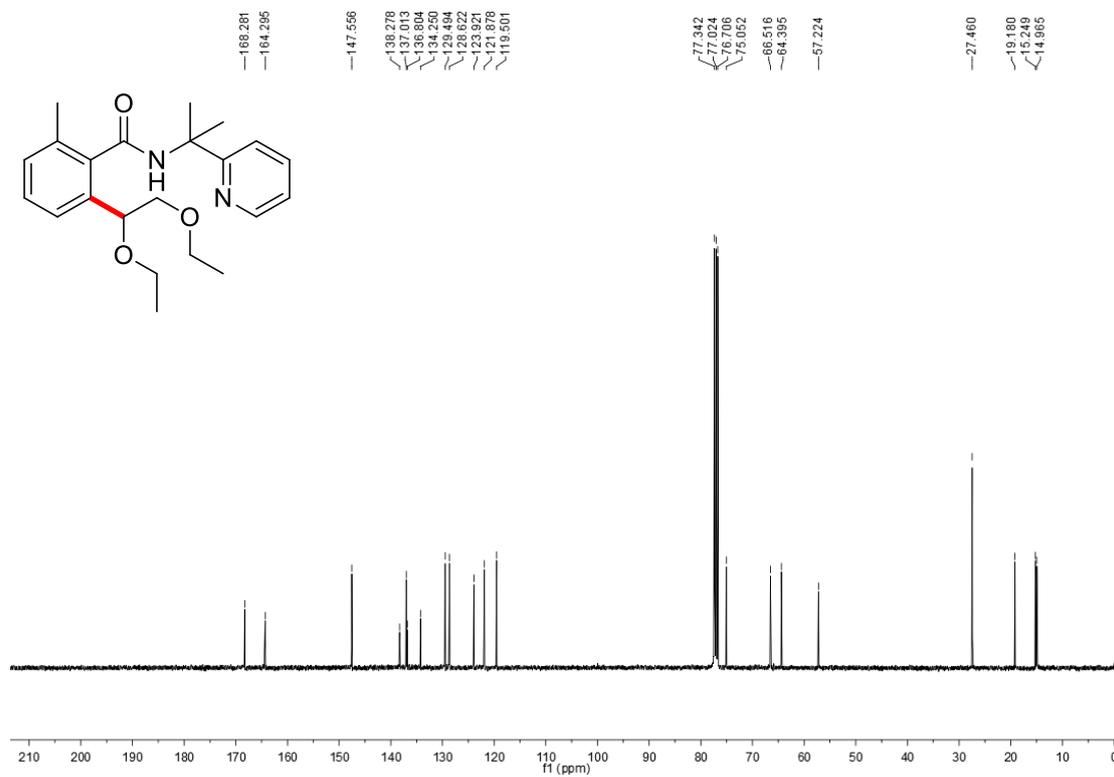
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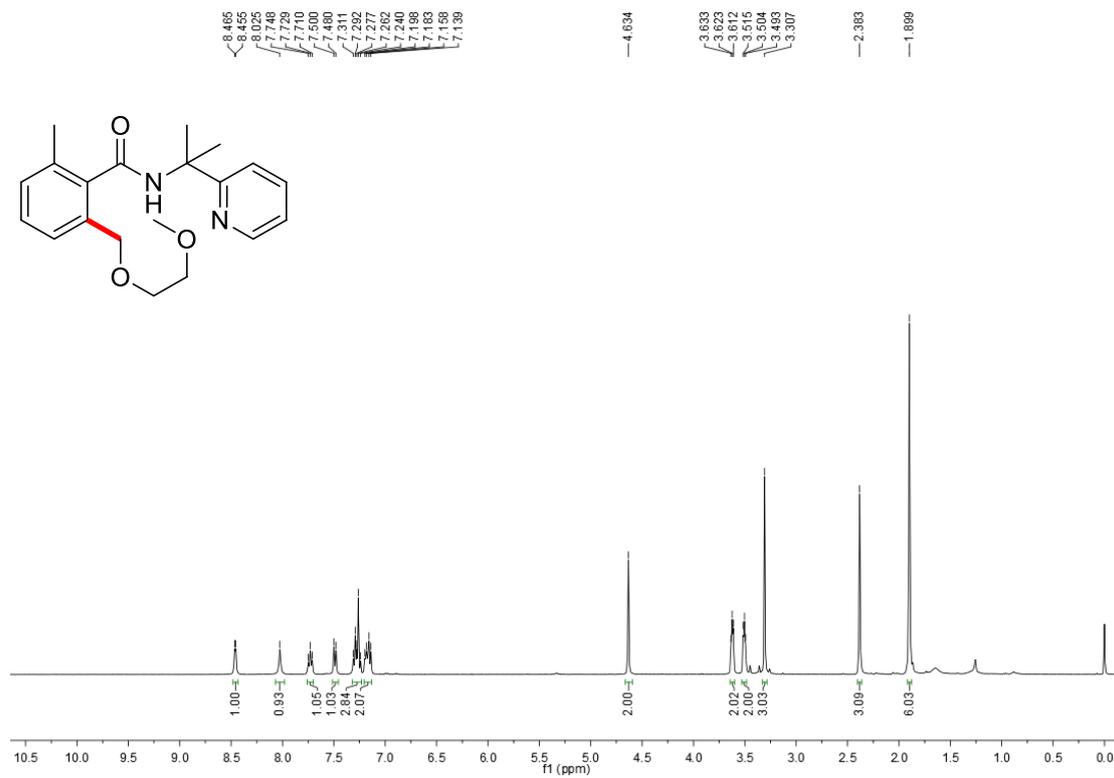
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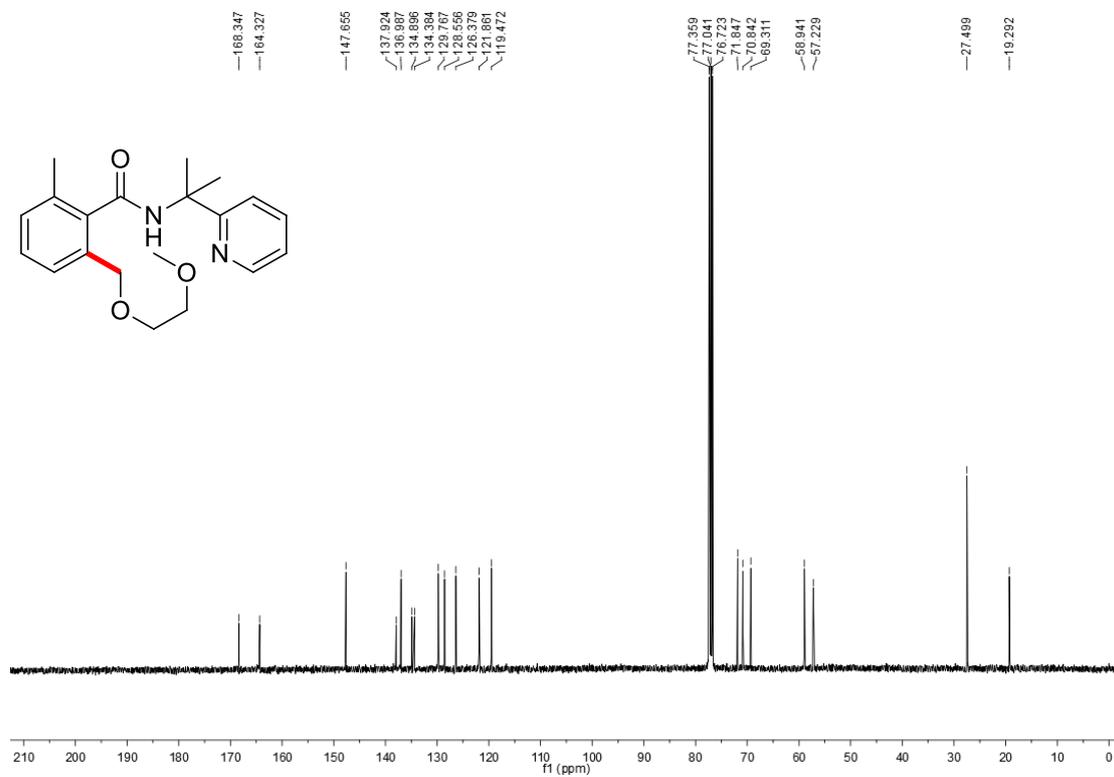
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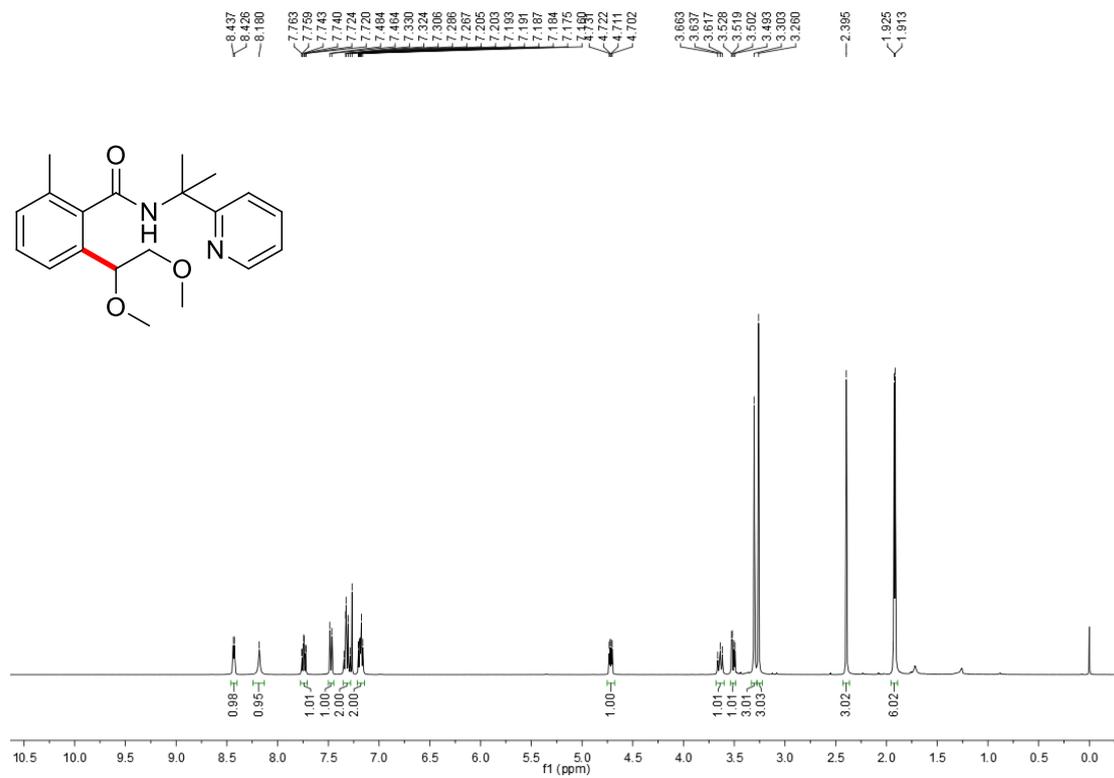
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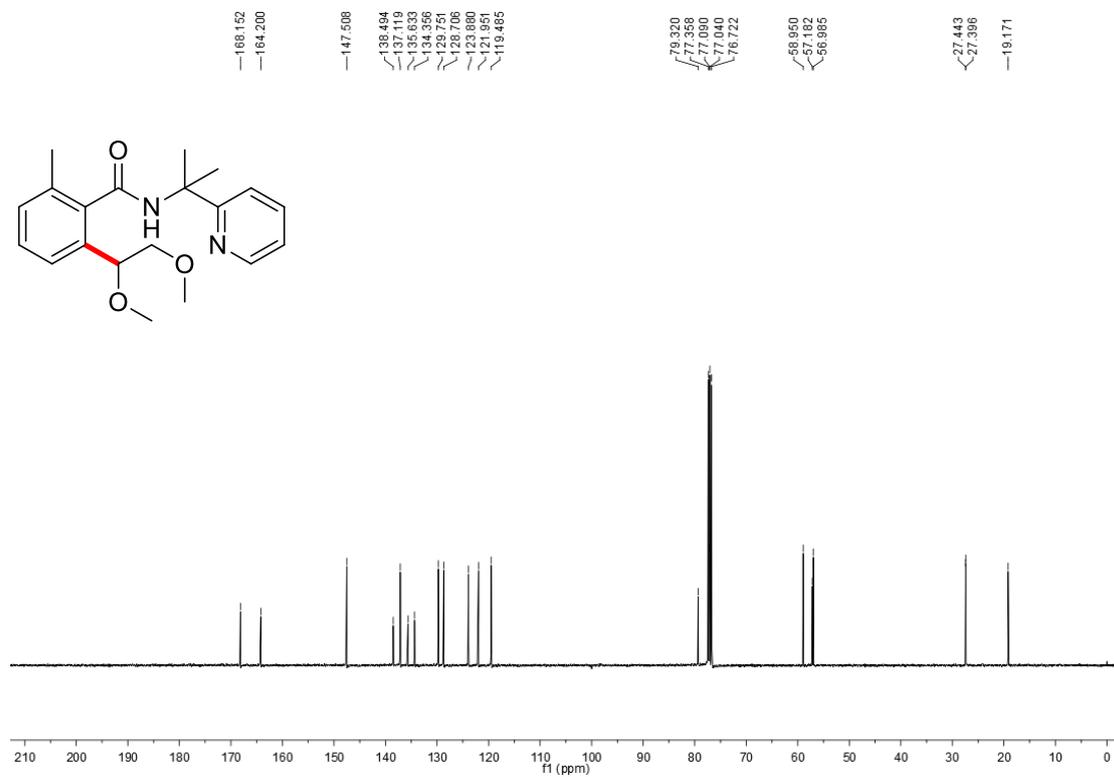
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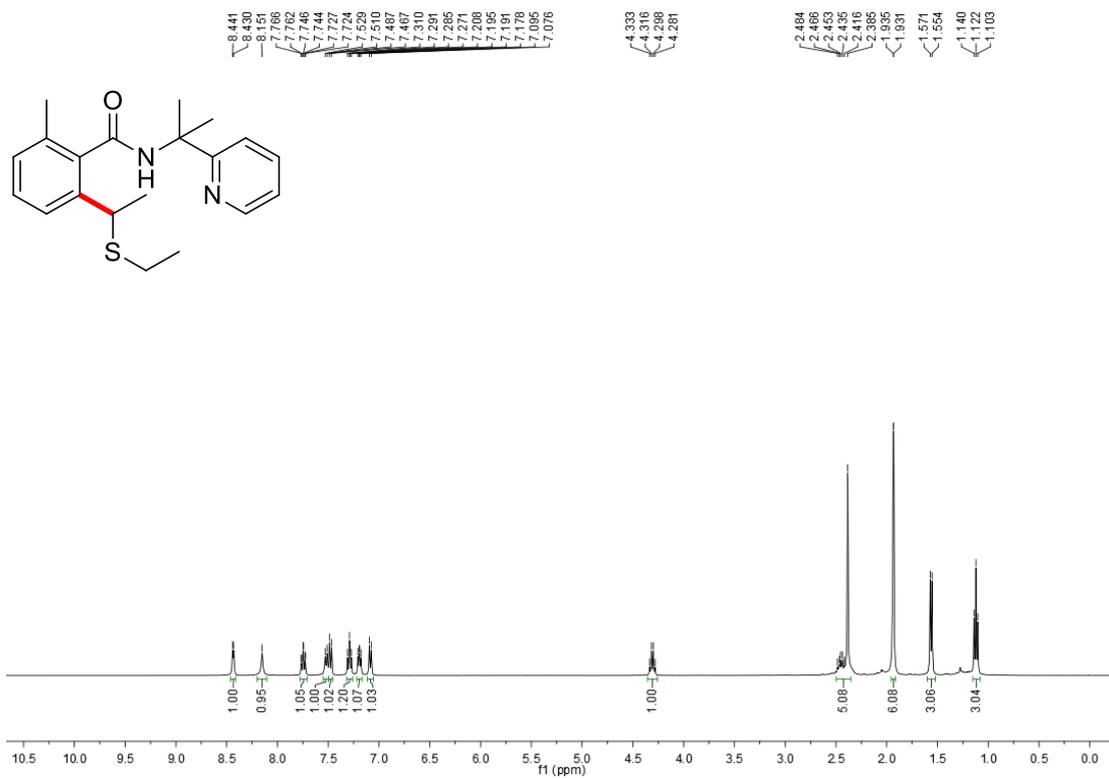
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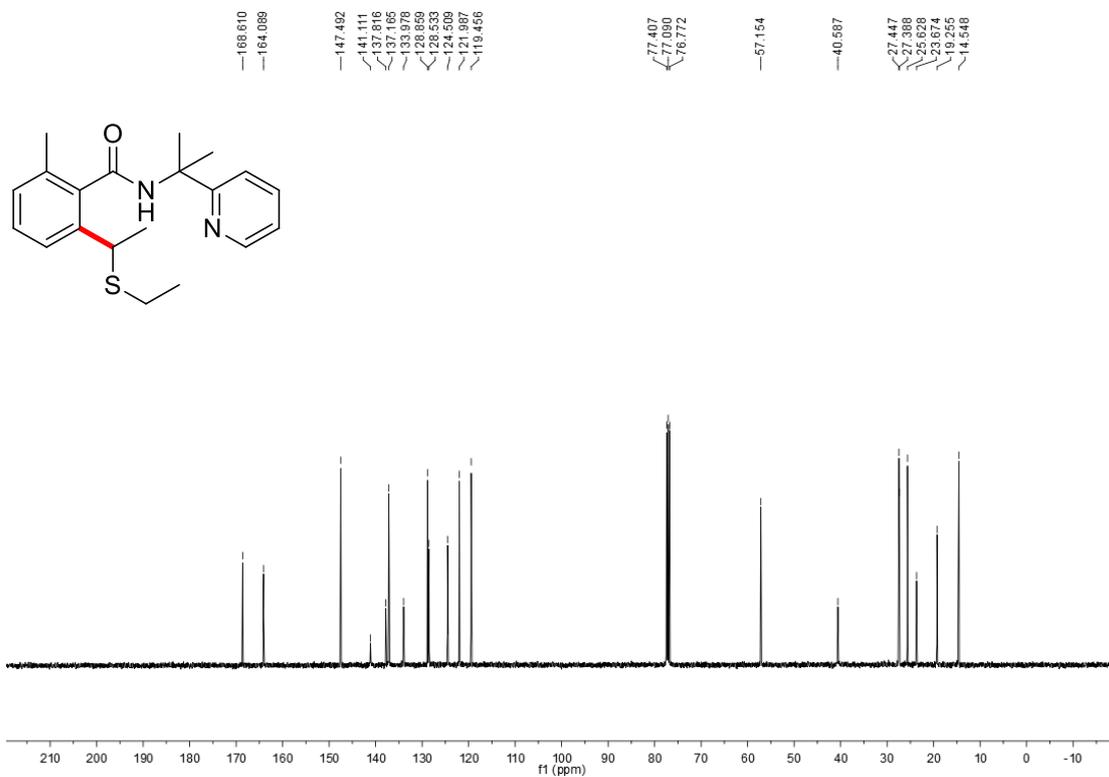
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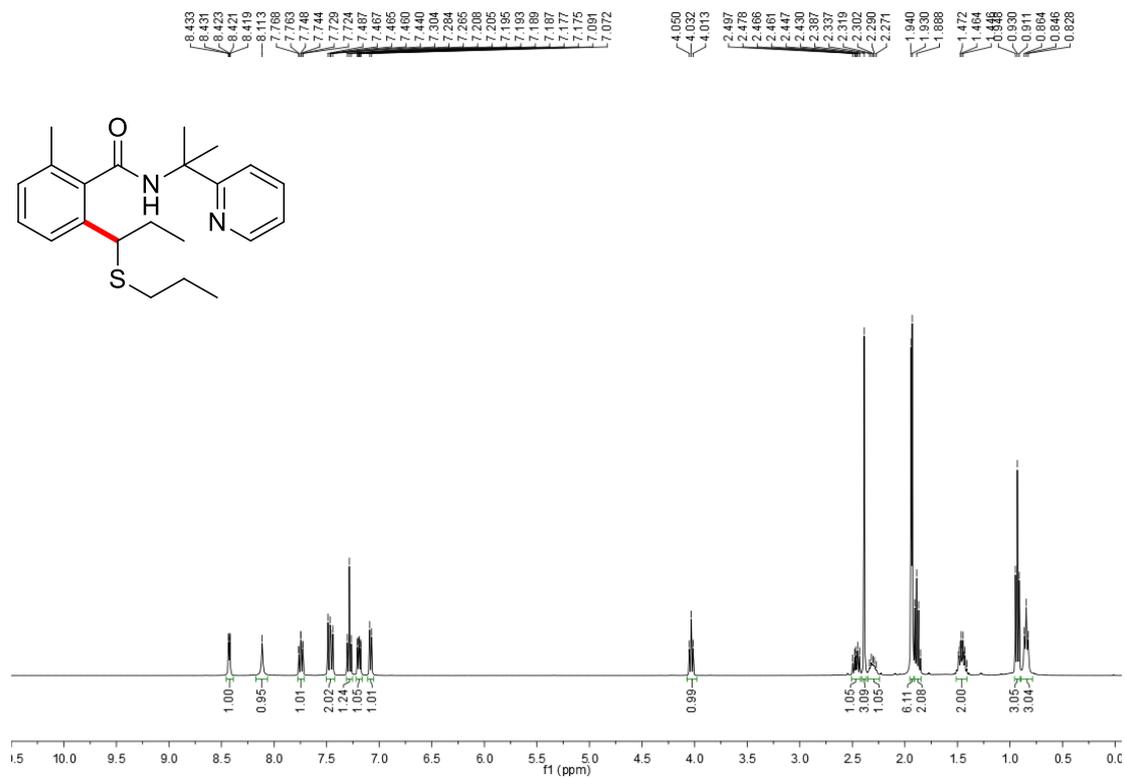
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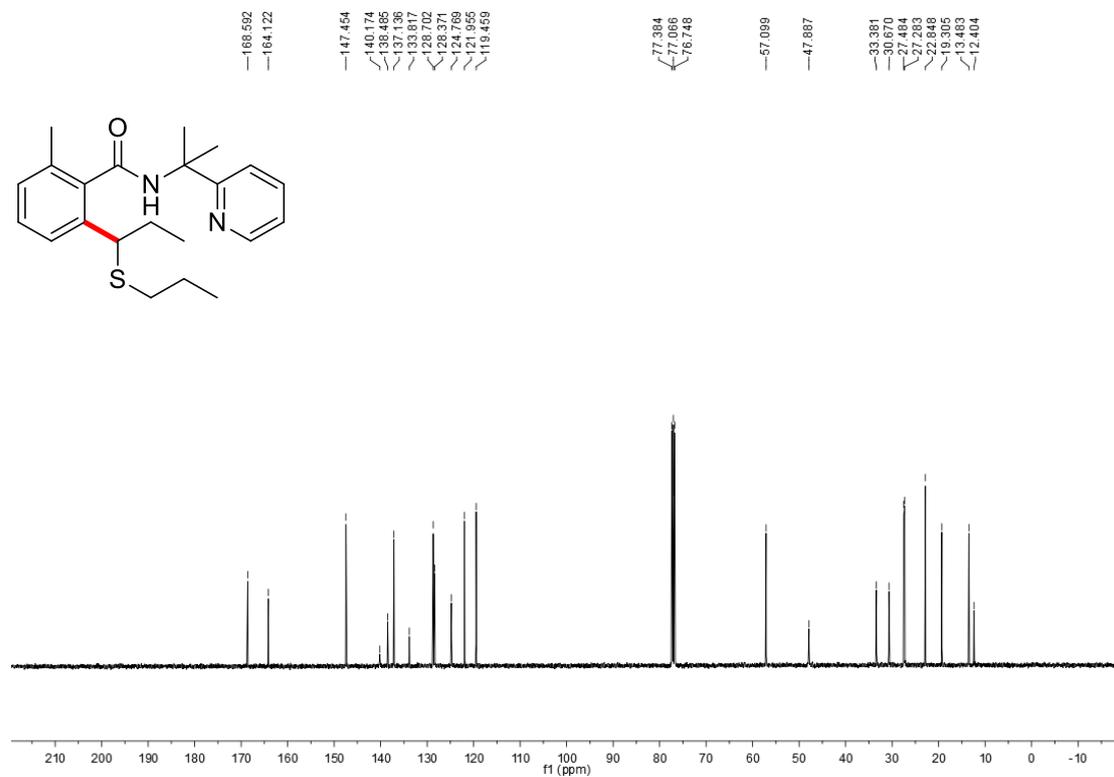
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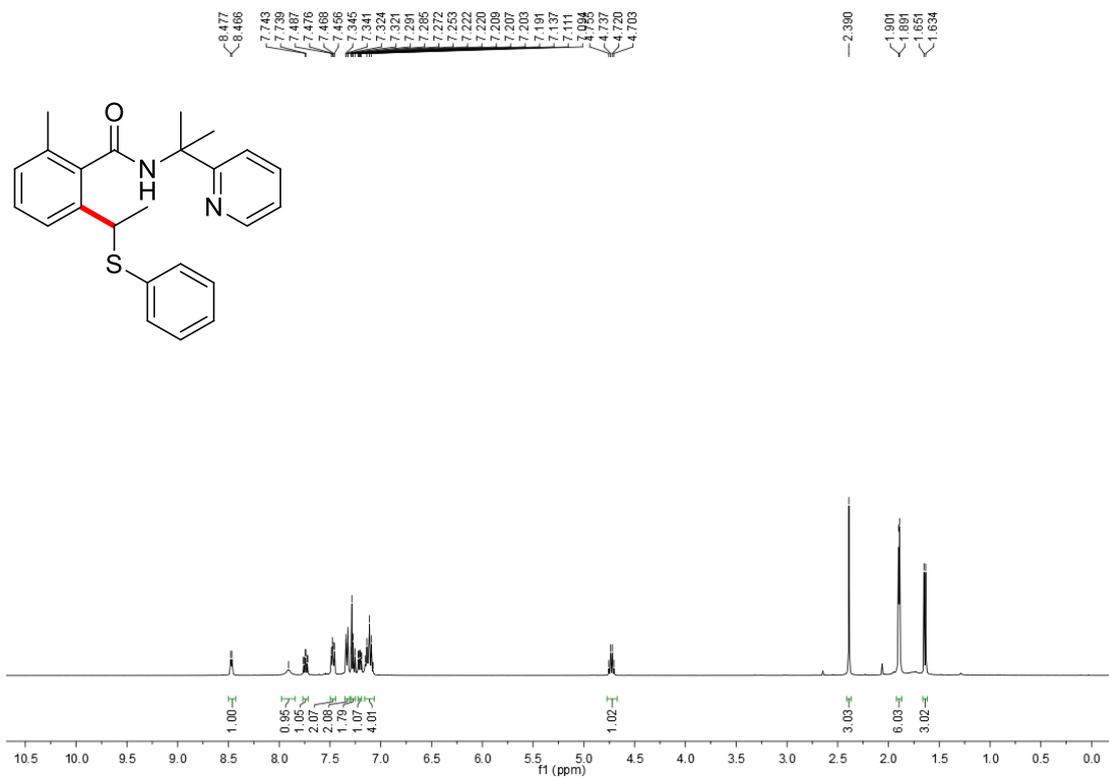
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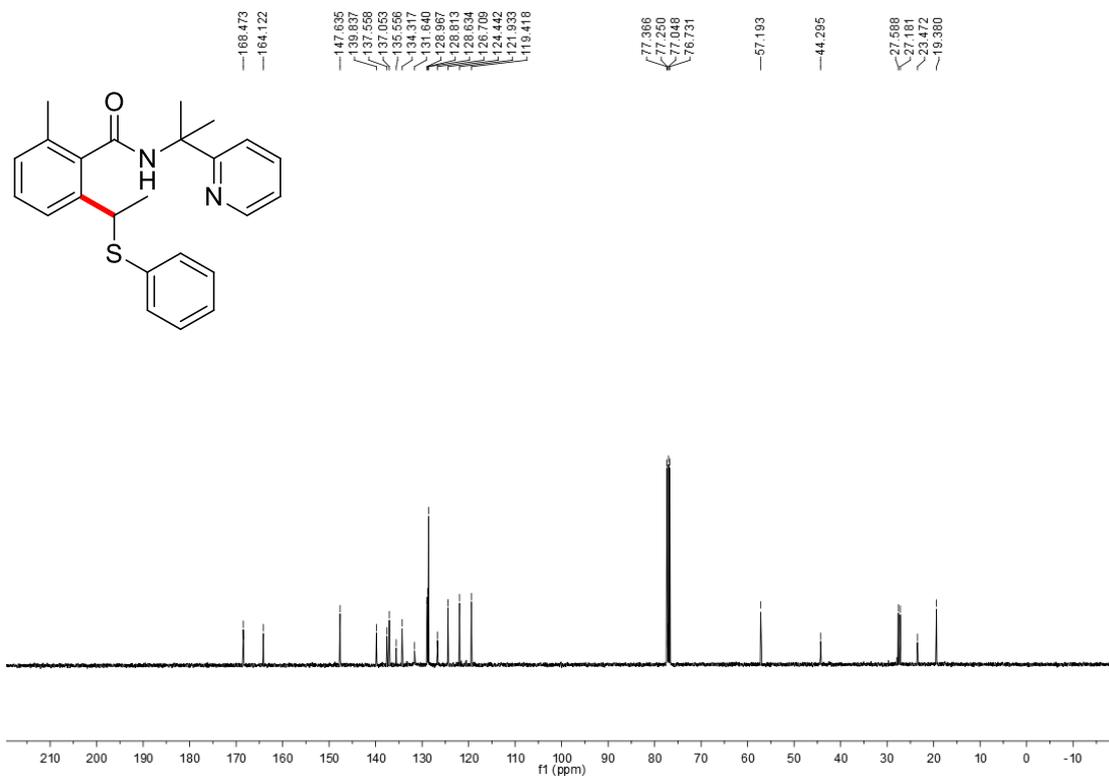
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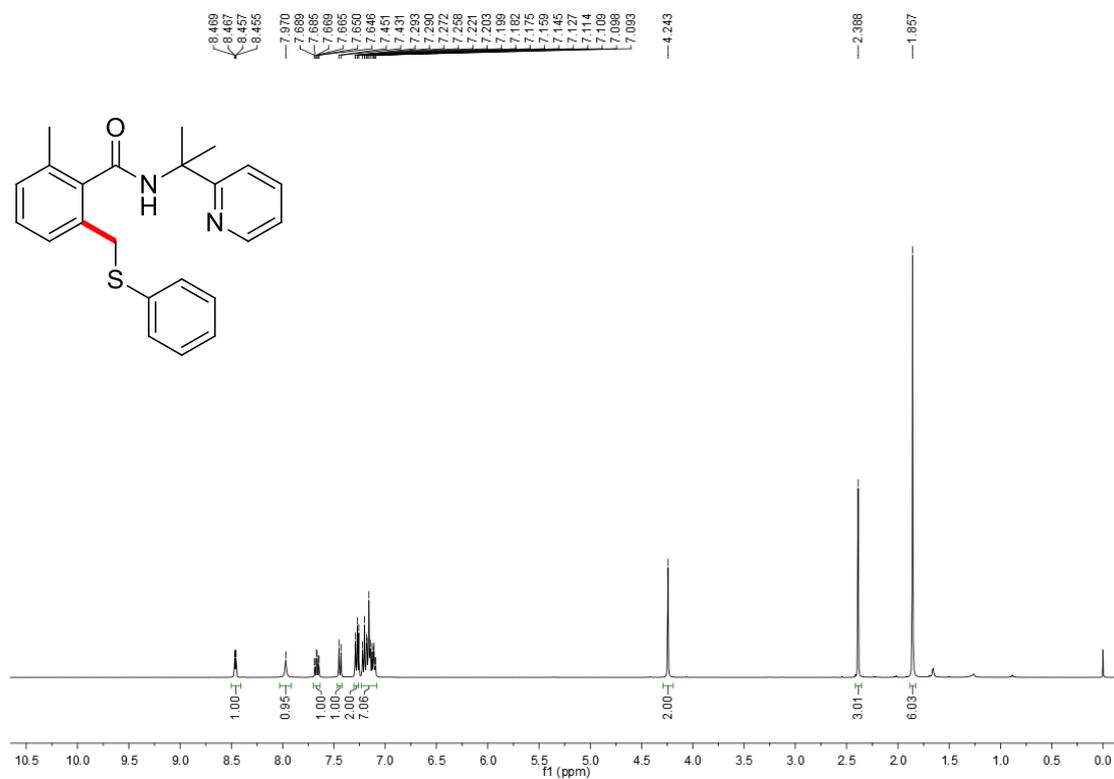
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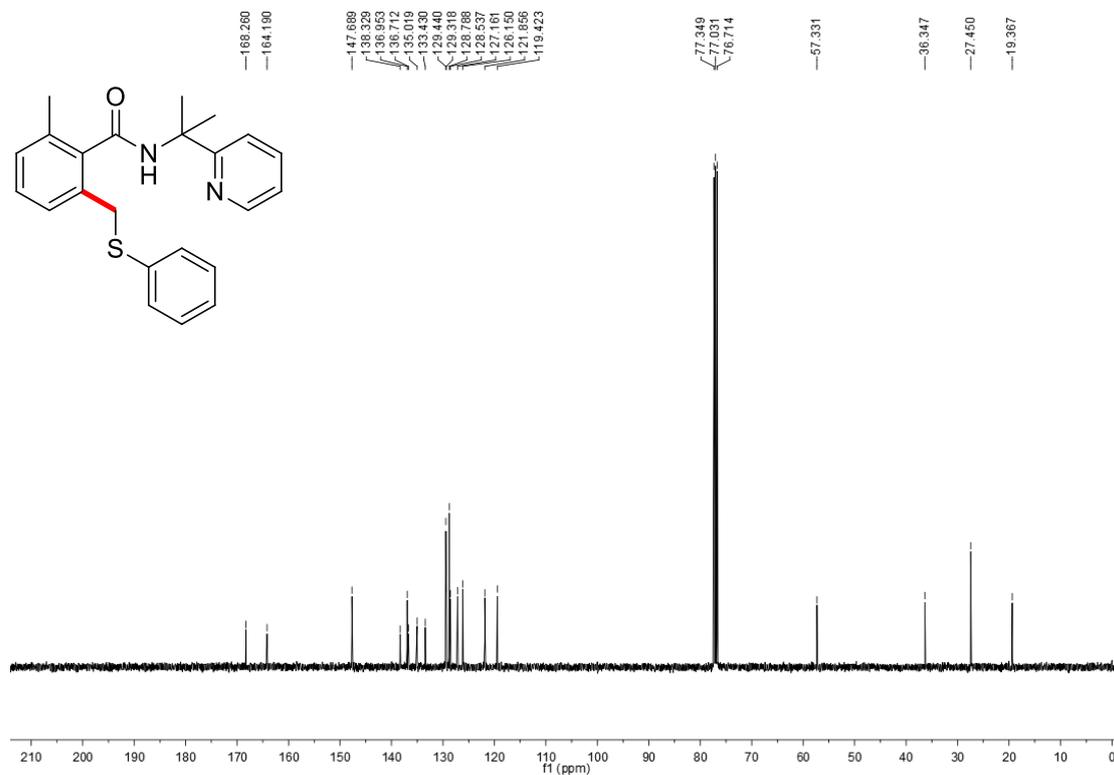
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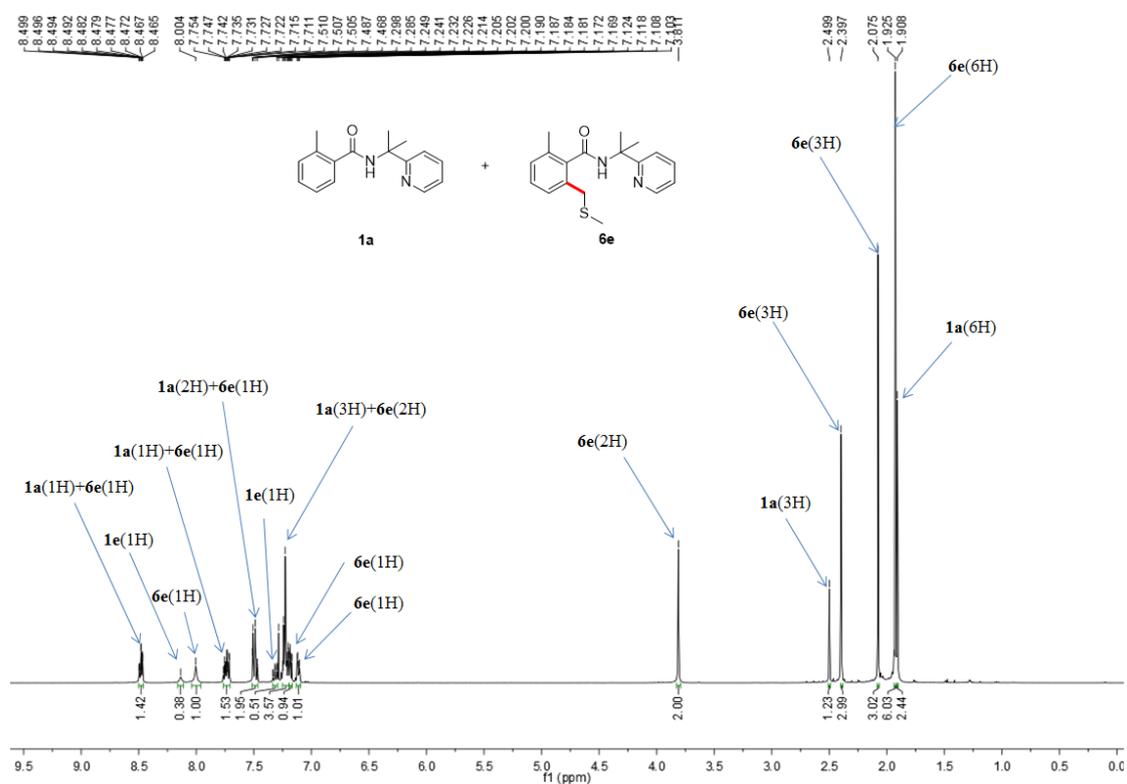
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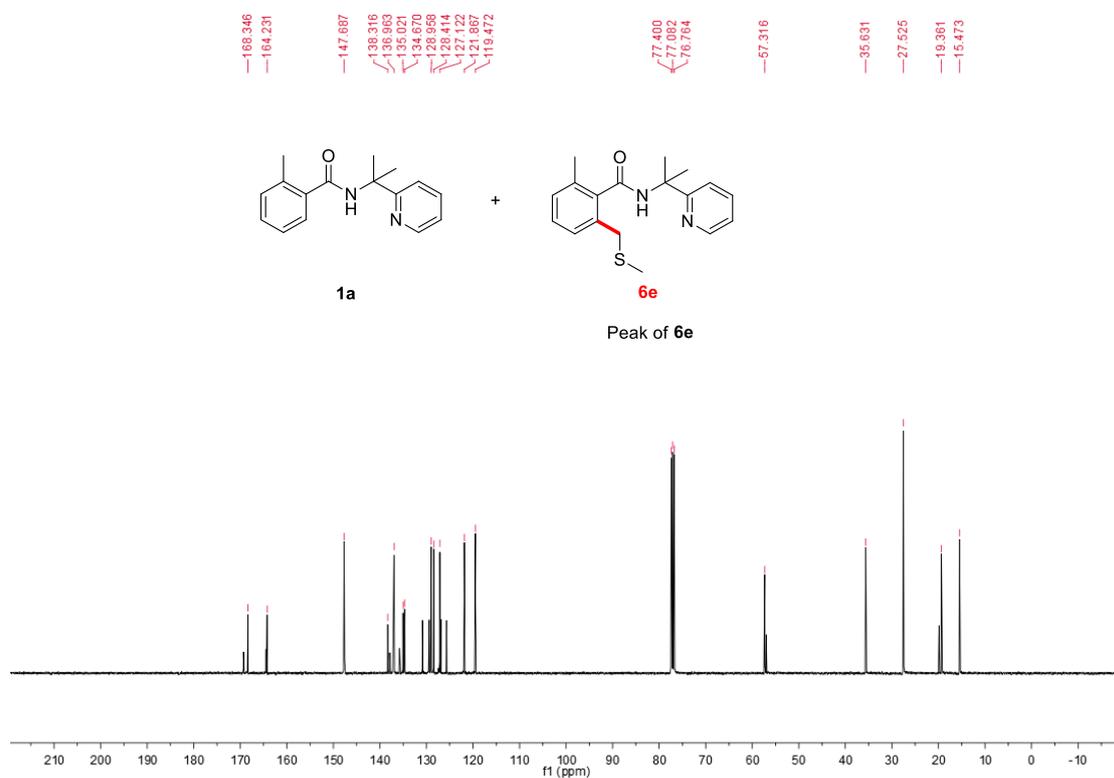
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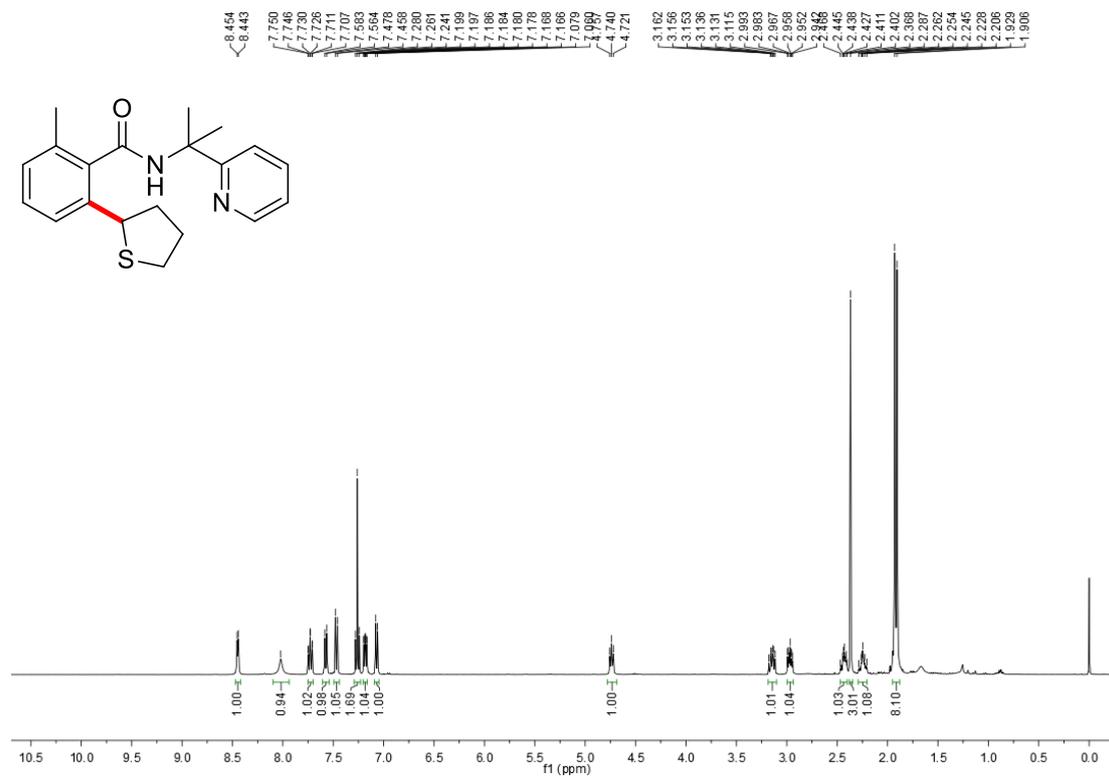
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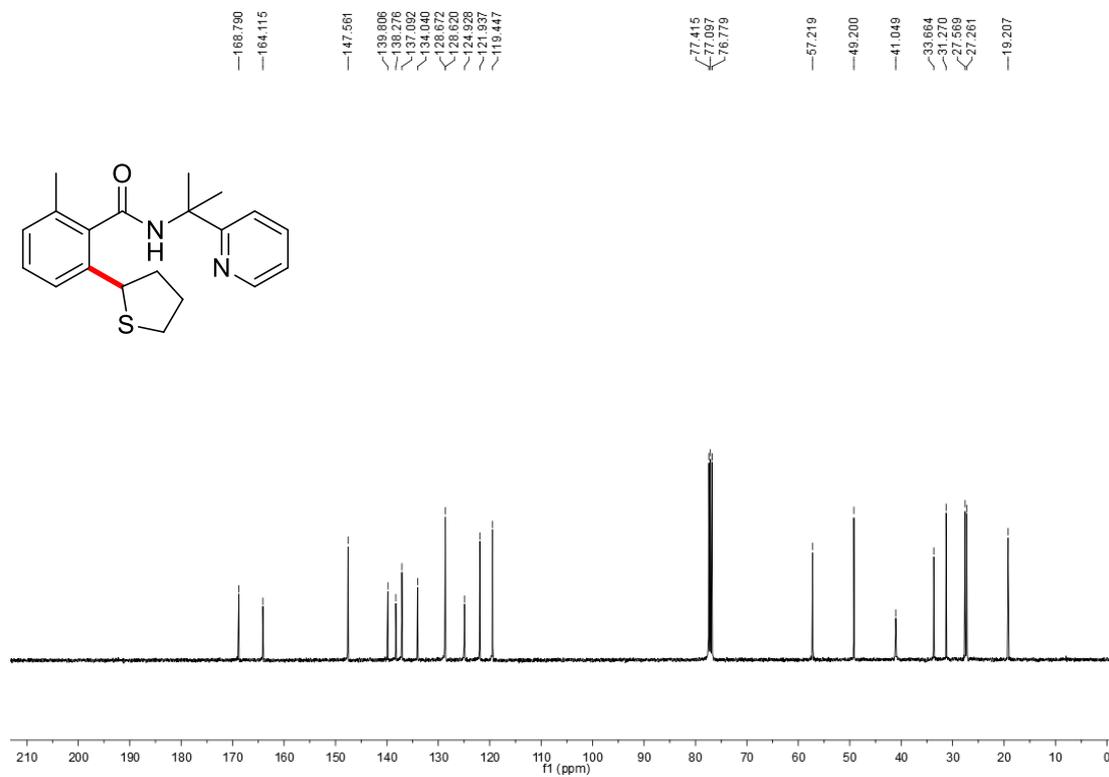
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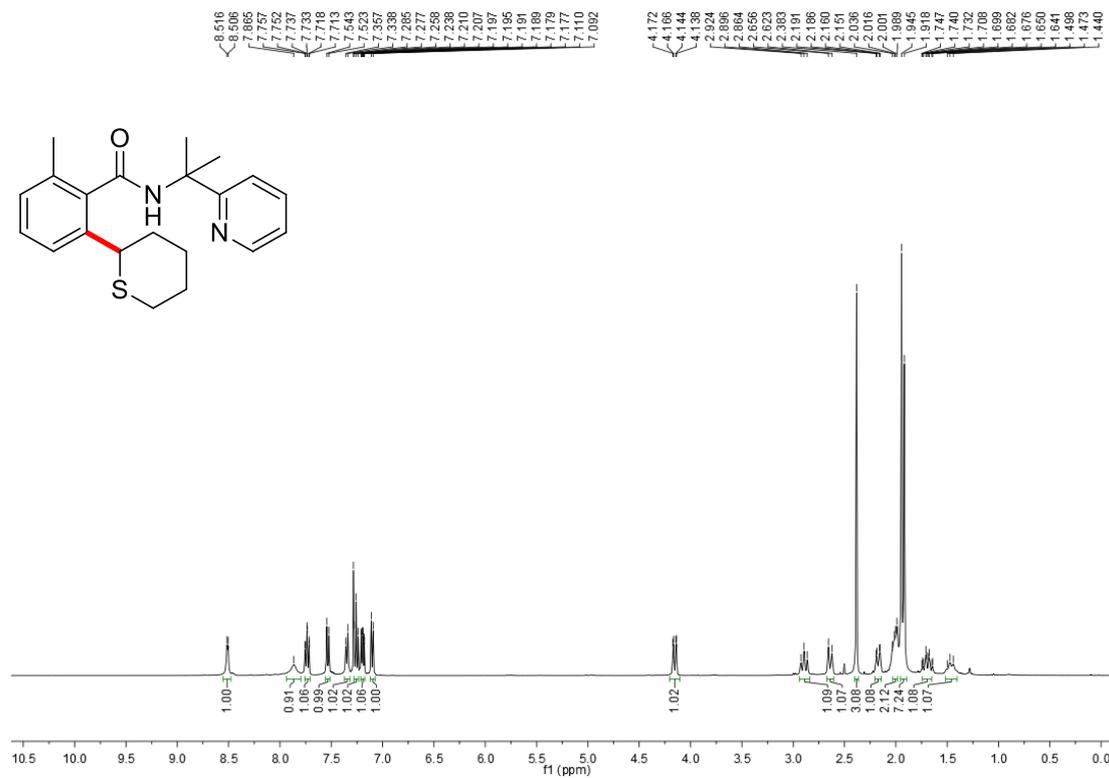
Compound 6f



Compound 6f



Compound 6g



Compound 6g

