

## Supplementary Material

### **Pyridinic-N-Co single-atom catalysts unlock sustainable and efficient quinoline synthesis via hydrogen-transfer-coupled annulation**

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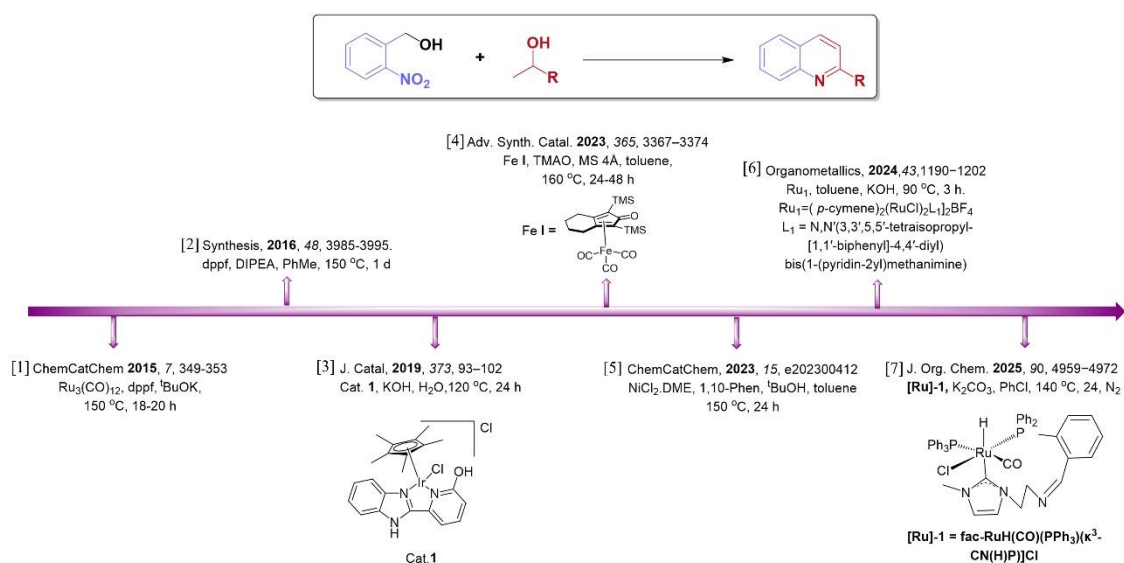
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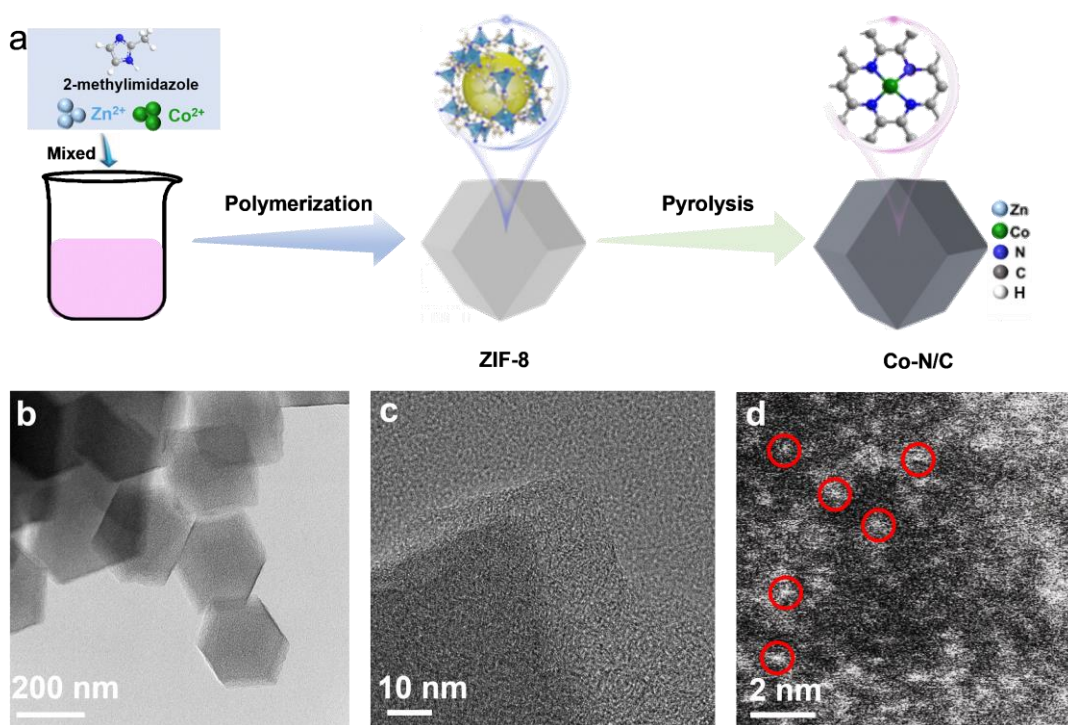
#### **MAIN TEXT**

Preparation of Cavosonstat: To a solution of Cavosonstat building block (118 mg, 0.36 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) at 0 °C was slowly added aqueous LiOH (1 M, 4.8 mL, 4.8 mmol) over 15 min. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The organic solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residual aqueous solution was partitioned with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic phase was extracted with H<sub>2</sub>O (two times). The combined aqueous extract was acidified to pH 2 with 1 N HCl. The aqueous phase was then extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (three times). The combined organic extract was

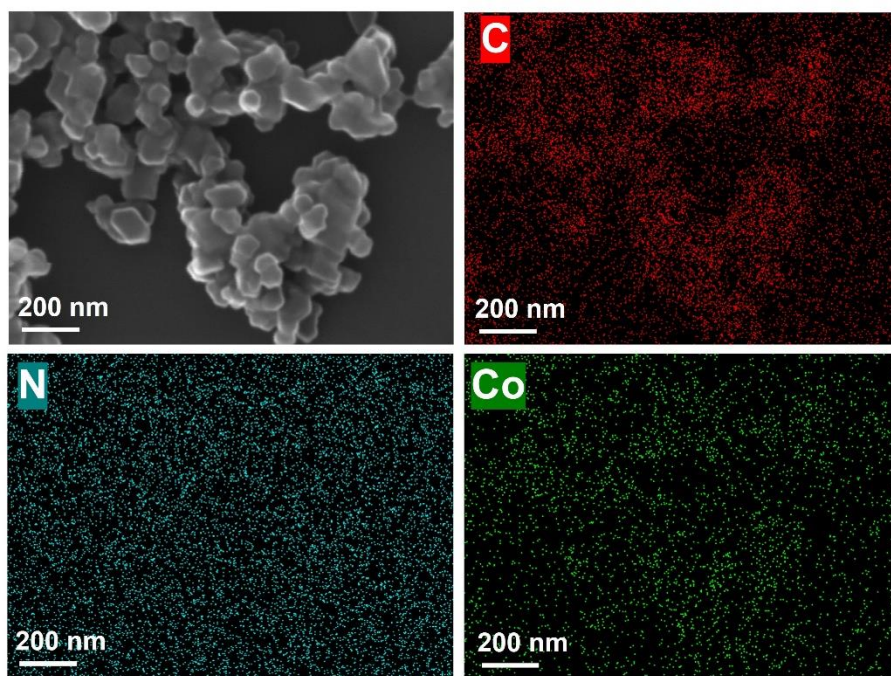
dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated to afford the desired product (85.84 mg, 76%).



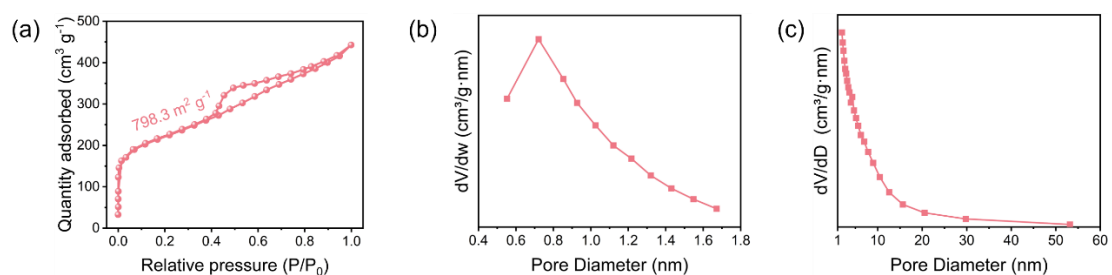
**Supplementary Figure 1.** The reported methods for synthesizing quinoline via a hydrogen transfer reaction. [1-7]



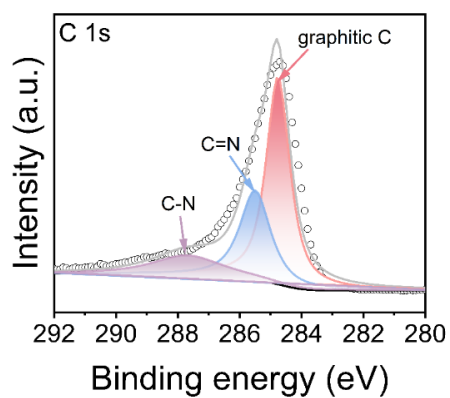
**Supplementary Figure 2.** (a) Schematic illustration of the synthesis procedure of Co-N/C. (b) TEM and (c) HR-TEM images of Co-N/C. (d) AC HAADF-STEM image of Co-N/C.



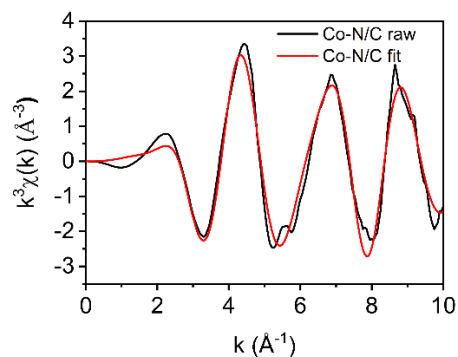
Supplementary Figure 3. EDS element mapping images of Co-N/C



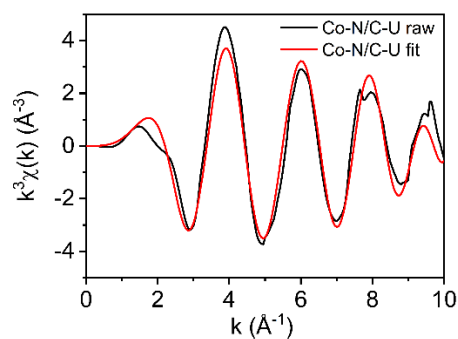
Supplementary Figure 4. Texture structure of the *as*-prepared Co-N/C catalyst. (a)  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherm curves, (b) mesoporous and (c) microporous pore-size distribution.



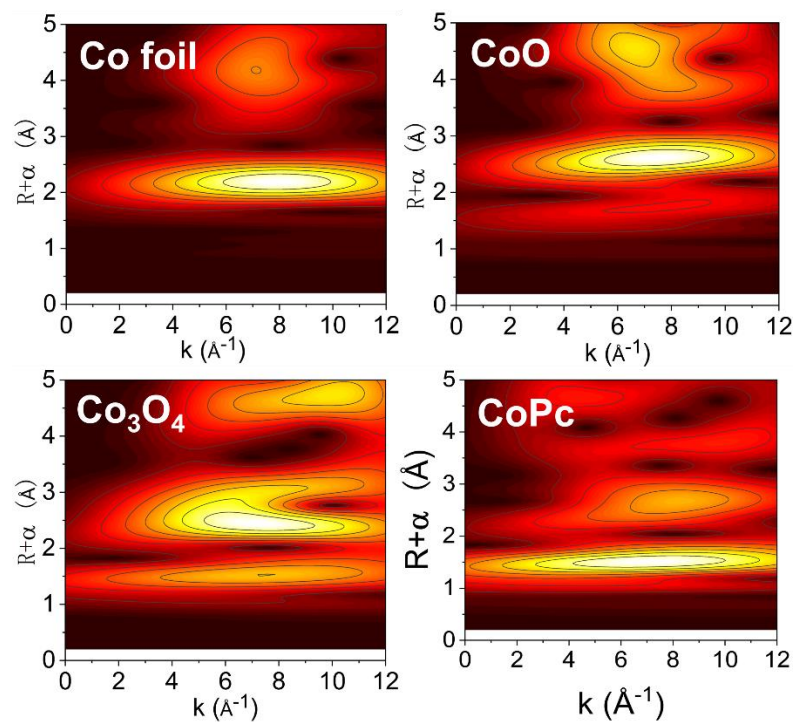
Supplementary Figure 5. XPS spectrum of C 1s for Co-N/C-U.



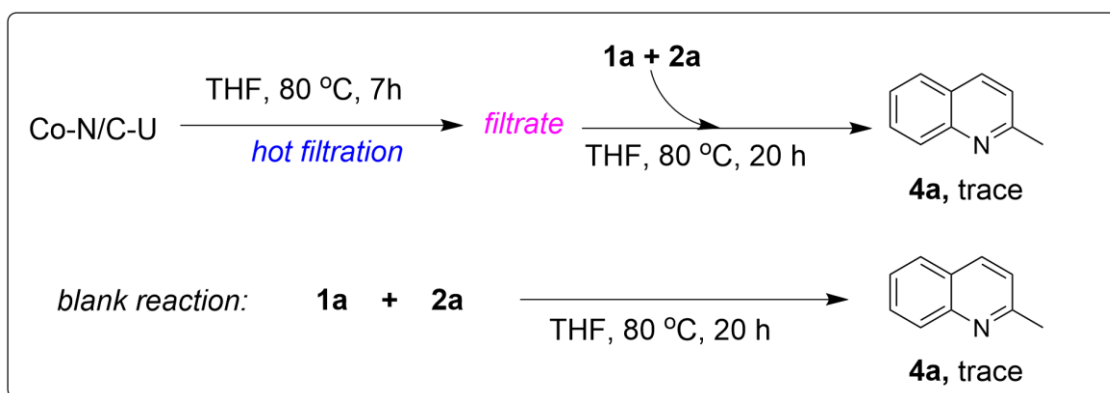
**Supplementary Figure 6.** EXAFS curve fitting of Co-N/C at the k space



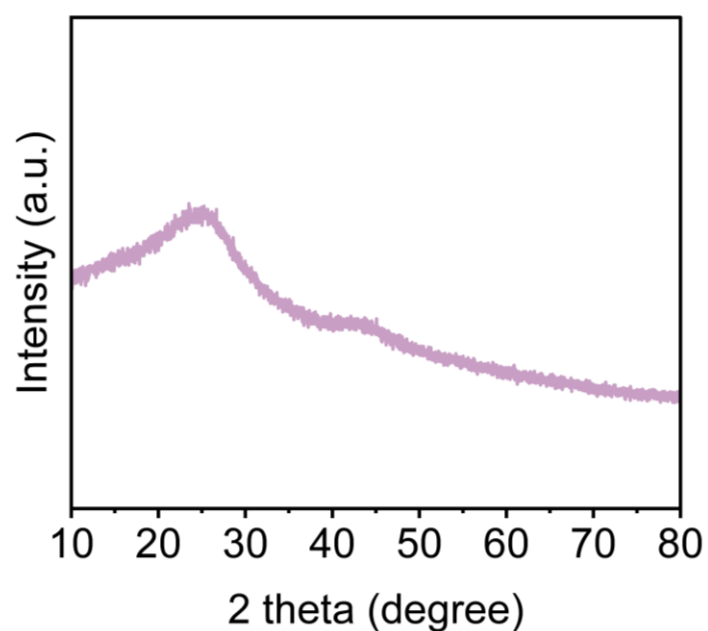
**Supplementary Figure 7.** EXAFS curve fitting of Co-N/C-U at the k space



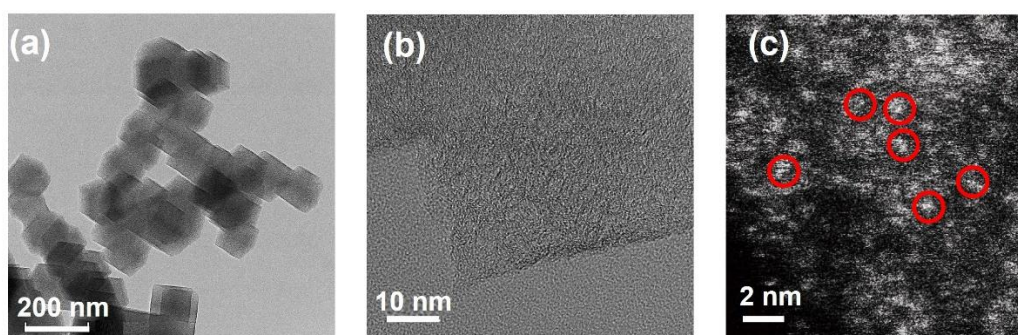
**Supplementary Figure 8.** Wavelet transform of Co foil, CoO, Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and CoPc.



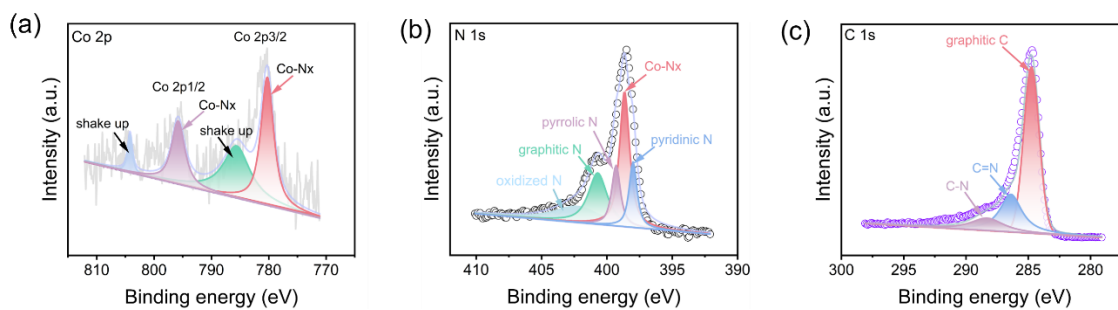
Supplementary Figure 9. Hot filtration experiments



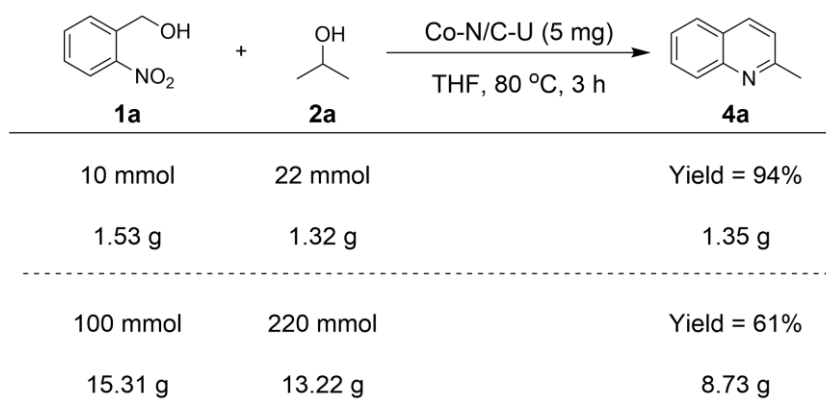
Supplementary Figure 10. XRD pattern of the spent Co-N/C-U catalyst.



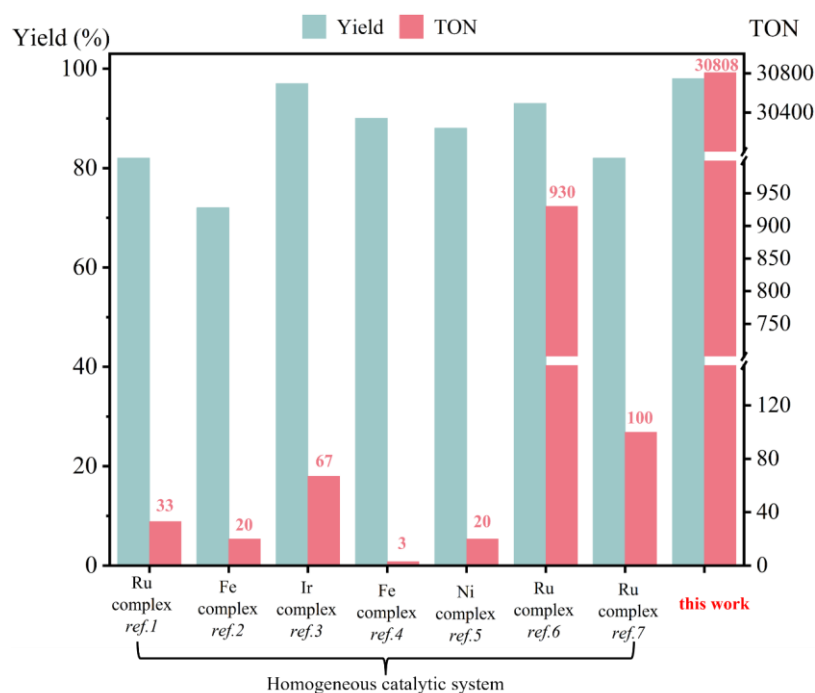
Supplementary Figure 11. Structural characterization of the spent Co-N/C-U catalyst. (a & b) TEM images, (c) AC-HAADF-STEM images.



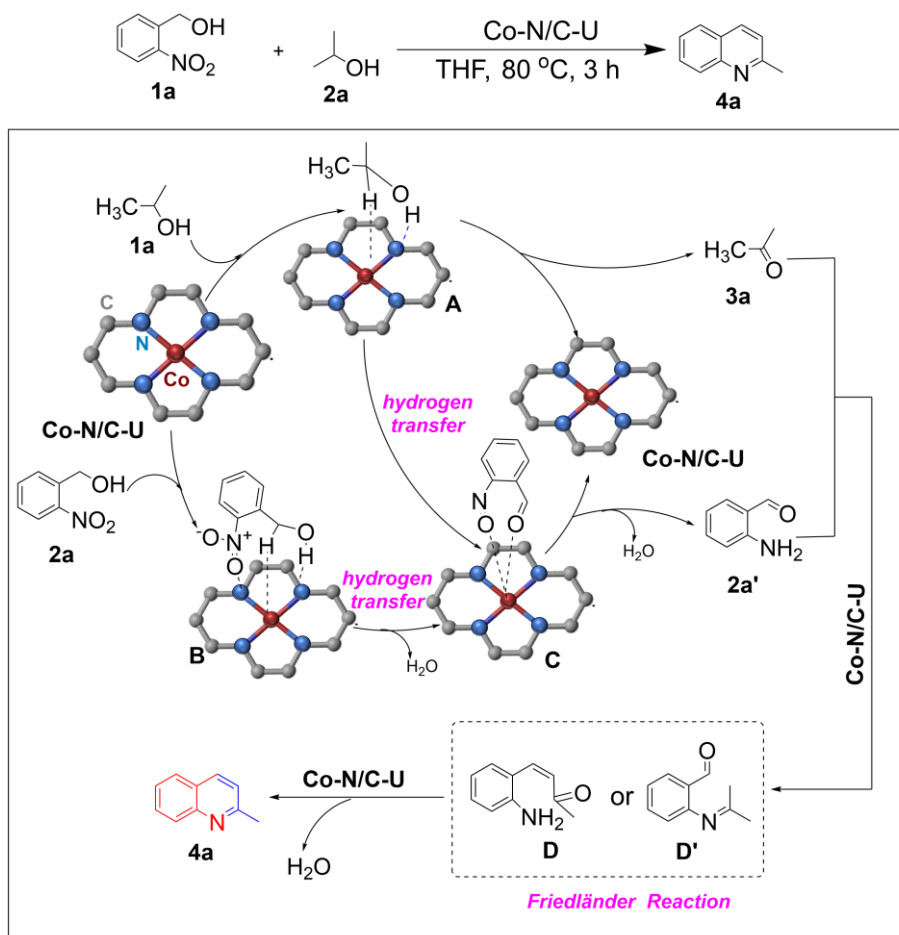
**Supplementary Figure 12.** XPS spectra of the spent Co-N/C-U catalyst. (a) Co 2p, (b) N 1s, and (c) C 1s.



**Supplementary Figure 13.** Scale-up reaction



**Supplementary Figure 14.** Yield and TON value compared with the reported catalytic systems.



**Supplementary Figure 15.** Proposed mechanism

Initially, the dissociation of the Co-N<sub>4</sub> moiety and the coordination of the oxygen atom from 2-nitroaryl alcohol **1a** to the nitrogen atoms in the Co-N/C-U catalyst, as well as to the metal center, resulted in the formation of structure **B**. Under Co-catalysis conditions, the relatively active alcohol unit of **1a** firstly undergoes a hydrogen transfer to form a nitrosobenzene complex **C**. And the presence of excess alcohol **2a** would proceed through two successive hydrogen transfers to give ketone **3a**, and 2-aminoketone **2a'**, respectively. Then, the  $\alpha$ -Aldol condensation or carbonyl imination of **2a'** with **3a** gives intermediate **D** or **D'**; Finally, the intramolecular condensation of **D** or **D'** affords the desired quinoline product **4a**.

**Supplementary Table 1.** EXAFS fitting parameters at the Co K-edge for the Co single atom catalysts with Co-N<sub>4</sub> sites.

Sample	Scattering path	$S_0^2$	CN	R (Å)	$\sigma^2(10^{-3} \text{ \AA}^2)$	$\Delta E_0$ (eV)	R factor
Co-N/C-U	Co-N	0.7	3.9+0.1	1.92+0.02	3.9+4.2	9.2+0.5	0.0052
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Co-N/C	Co-N	0.7	3.9+0.3	1.91+0.1	3.9+4.0	9.1+0.5	0.0050
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CN is the coordination number; R is the interatomic distance between absorber and backscattering atoms;

$\sigma^2$  is the Debye-Waller factor, which accounts for both thermal and structural disorders;  $\Delta E_0$  is the inner potential correction; R factor measures the goodness of fit. An  $E_0$  value of 7709.0 eV was used to calibrate all data with respect to the first inflection point of the Co K-edge absorption of Co foil.

**Supplementary Table 2.** DFT-calculated single point energies, expressed in kcal/mol, for the pristine catalysts and their adsorption complexes with **1a** and **2a** across various spin states.

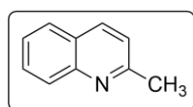
	Spin multiplicity	Total energy (a.u.)	Total energy (kcal/mol)	Relative energy (kcal/mol)
<b>Catalyst</b>				
Co-N/C-U	2	-3900.658171	-2447702.01	0
	4	-3900.651485	-2447697.81	4.20
	6	-3900.653555	-2447699.11	2.90
Co-N/C	2	-3134.319319	-1966816.72	2.47
	4	-3134.323252	-1966819.18	0
	6	-3134.282323	-1966793.5	25.68
Co-N/C-U-1a	2	-4451.476712	-2793346.15	0
	4	-4451.471711	-2793343.01	3.13
	6	-4451.474866	-2793344.99	1.15
Co-N/C-U-2a	2	-4094.816316	-2569538.19	0
	4	-4094.809538	-2569533.93	4.25
	6	-4094.815383	-2569537.6	0.58
Co-N/C-1a	2	-3685.152313	-2312469.93	0.00
	4	-3685.150945	-2312469.07	0.86
	6	-3685.085585	-2312428.06	41.87
Co-N/C-2a	2	-3328.480819	-2088655	0.84
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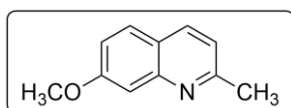
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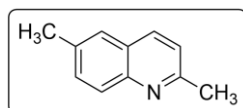
### 3. Spectra Data of Products



**2-methylquinoline (4a):** colorless oil, Rf = 0.63 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.22, 145.10, 132.86, 129.11, 128.53, 126.65, 126.39, 124.37, 120.98, 25.63. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N + H<sup>+</sup>: 144.0813 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:144.0819.

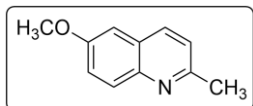


**7-methoxy-2-methylquinoline (4b):** colorless oil, Rf = 0.61 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.13 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.60, 159.25, 149.52, 136.16, 129.25, 121.67, 120.17, 118.52, 107.31, 55.77, 25.22. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO + H<sup>+</sup>: 174.0919 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:174.0901.



**2,6-dimethylquinoline (4c):** white solid, Rf = 0.60 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 158.12, 146.37, 135.84, 135.32, 131.87, 128.43, 126.91, 126.60, 122.51, 25.19.

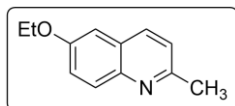
21.46. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{11}N + H^+$ : 158.0970  $[M+H]^+$ ; found:158.0921.



**6-methoxy-2-methylquinoline (4d)**: white solid,  $R_f = 0.54$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  **$^1H$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}C$**

**NMR** (126 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  157.04, 156.33, 143.75, 135.43, 130.07, 127.57, 122.70, 122.03, 106.06, 55.82, 24.97.

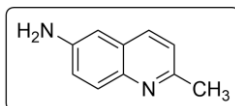
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**2-methyl-6-ethoxyquinoline (4e)**: white solid,  $R_f = 0.50$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  **$^1H$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.38

(t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (126 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  156.59, 156.28, 143.65, 135.44, 130.04, 127.60, 122.69, 122.24,

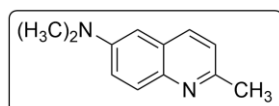
106.67, 63.81, 24.99, 15.08. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{13}NO + H^+$ : 188.1075  $[M+H]^+$ ; found:188.1083.



**2-methylquinolin-6-amine (4f)**: yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.55$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 5/1$ ).  **$^1H$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}C$  NMR** (126

MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  153.36, 146.83, 141.96, 133.90, 129.34, 128.39, 122.34, 121.87, 105.69, 24.84. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF):

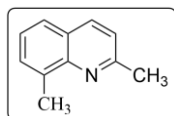
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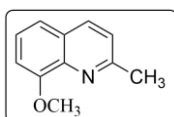
**N,N,2-trimethylquinolin-6-amine (4g)**: brown solid,  $R_f = 0.51$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 5/1$ ).  **$^1H$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H),

7.73 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 6H),

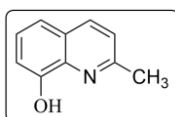
2.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 154.31, 148.41, 141.79, 134.70, 129.18, 128.01, 122.57, 119.73, 105.68, 40.88, 24.95. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub> + H<sup>+</sup>: 187.1235 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:123. 1209.



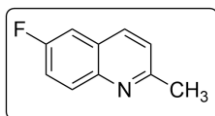
**2,8-dimethylquinoline (4h)**: white solid, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.59 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.95, 146.68, 136.71, 136.07, 129.76, 126.48, 126.12, 125.65, 122.20, 25.64, 18.17. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N + H<sup>+</sup>: 158.0970 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:158. 0993.



**8-Methoxy-2-methylquinoline (4i)**: white solid, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.58 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.62, 155.16, 139.50, 136.38, 127.64, 126.25, 122.92, 119.70, 108.77, 55.91, 25.36. (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ . **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO + H<sup>+</sup>: 174.0919 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:174. 0957.



**8-Hydroxyquinaldine (4j)**: white solid, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.39 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 5/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.13, 152.99, 138.26, 136.59, 127.41, 126.84, 123.06, 118.01, 111.56, 25.18. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO + H<sup>+</sup>: 160.0762 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:160. 0793.



**6-Fluoroquinaldine (4k):** white solid, Rf = 0.59 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H**

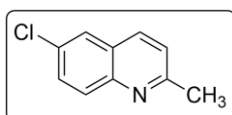
**NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69

(dd, *J* = 9.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, *J* = 8.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s,

3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.81, 158.65, 144.90, 136.08, 131.28, 127.23, 123.35, 119.76, 111.13, 25.14.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -110.14. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NF + H<sup>+</sup>: 162.0719 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>;

found:162. 0733.



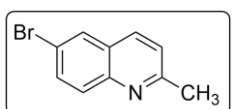
**6-Chloro-2-methylquinoline (4l):** white solid, Rf = 0.56 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v =

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7.92 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s,

3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 159.98, 146.21, 135.93, 130.81, 130.39, 130.34, 127.48, 126.97, 123.66,

25.36. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NCl+ H<sup>+</sup>: 178.0424 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:178. 0439.



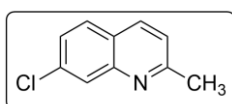
**6-Bromo-2-methylquinoline (4m):** white solid, Rf = 0.51 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v =

30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.21 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.83 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H),

7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.11,

146.40, 135.85, 132.89, 130.94, 130.25, 128.07, 123.63, 118.90, 25.41. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NBr+ H<sup>+</sup>:

221.9918 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found:221. 1103.



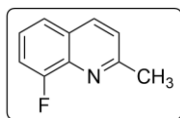
**7-chloro-2-methylquinoline (4n):** white solid, Rf = 0.53 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v =

30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.28 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.90 (m,

2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126

MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.80, 148.16, 136.64, 134.38, 130.28, 127.40, 126.77, 125.32, 123.14, 25.40. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF):

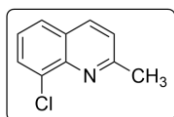
Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_8NCl + H^+$ : 178.0424  $[M+H]^+$ ; found:178. 0419.



**8-fluoro-2-methyl-Quinoline (4o)**: white solid,  $R_f = 0.52$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.30 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 2.68 (s, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  159.80, 137.57, 136.50, 128.43, 126.04,

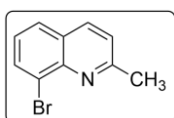
125.96, 124.18, 123.72, 113.98, 25.45. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -134.96. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_8NF + H^+$ : 162.0719  $[M+H]^+$ ; found:162.0733.



**8-chloro-2-methylquinoline (4p)**: white solid,  $R_f = 0.55$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.28 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 - 7.86 (m, 1.0 Hz), 7.49 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  160.40, 143.57, 137.22, 132.16, 129.99,

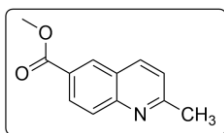
128.15, 127.77, 126.31, 123.63, 25.65.. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_8NCl + H^+$ : 178.0424  $[M+H]^+$ ; found:178.0410.



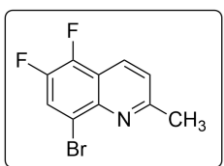
**8-bromo-2-methylquinoline (4q)**: white solid,  $R_f = 0.52$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR**

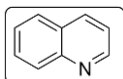
(126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  160.66, 144.37, 137.36, 133.49, 128.53, 128.15, 126.92, 123.89, 123.65, 25.68.. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_8NBr + H^+$ : 221.9918  $[M+H]^+$ ; found:221.1107.



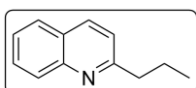
**Methyl 2-methyl-6-quinolinecarboxylate (4r):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.48$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.59 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 2.67 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.46, 162.17, 149.61, 137.97, 131.17, 129.24, 128.84, 126.93, 125.94, 123.60, 52.85, 25.60. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}^+$ : 202.0868  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found:202.0851.



**8-bromo-5,6-difluoro-2-methylquinoline (4s):** brown solid,  $R_f = 0.48$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.38 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.30 (t,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.70 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  161.07, 146.29, 143.83, 141.11, 129.73, 124.45, 123.49, 123.26, 118.89, 25.53.  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (470 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  -107.62, -109.21. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{NBrF}_2 + \text{H}^+$ : 257.9730  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found:257.9716.

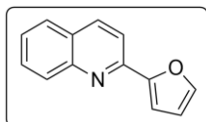


**Quinoline (4t):** white oli,  $R_f = 0.63$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.91 (dd,  $J = 4.2, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.33 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 7.1, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 4.2$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  151.06, 148.27, 136.49, 130.00, 129.47, 128.59, 128.44, 127.04, 121.95. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N} + \text{H}^+$ : 130.0657  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 130.0664.



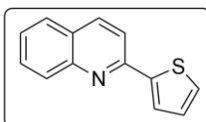
**2-propylquinoline (4u):** white oli,  $R_f = 0.63$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{Chloroform-}d$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 -7.44 (m, 1H), 2.84 (q,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.87 -1.79 (m,

2H), 1.07 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  162.11, 146.17, 135.51, 134.29, 128.62, 128.27, 127.43, 127.02, 125.79, 37.77, 23.12, 14.51. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N} + \text{H}^+$ : 172.1126  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found:172.1119.



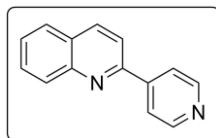
**2-(furan-2-yl)quinoline (4v)**: yellow solid,  $R_f = 0.65$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.36 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.87 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J = 3.4, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd,  $J = 3.4, 1.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  153.62, 148.94, 147.96, 145.49, 137.60, 130.69, 129.12, 128.49, 127.35, 126.85, 117.88, 113.12, 111.17. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NO} + \text{H}^+$ : 196.0757  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 196.0726.



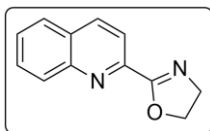
**2-(thiophen-2-yl)quinoline (4w)**: white solid,  $R_f = 0.60$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.53 (td,  $J = 7.3, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd,  $J = 4.7, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  151.35, 148.94, 141.75, 129.76, 129.16, 128.31, 127.96, 127.78, 127.53, 126.25, 124.48, 123.60, 117.65. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NS} + \text{H}^+$ : 212.0534  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found:212.0525

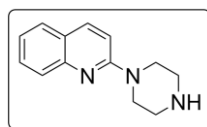


**2-(pyridin-4-yl)quinoline (4x)**: white solid,  $R_f = 0.53$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).

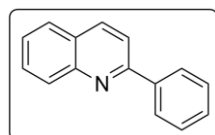
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.67 – 8.61 (m, 2H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.17 – 8.07 (m, 3H), 7.91 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.54 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.3$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  153.22, 149.46, 149.02, 134.30, 129.42, 129.03, 127.39, 126.95, 126.25, 124.58, 121.20, 120.35. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2 + \text{H}^+$ : 207.0922  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found:207.0931.



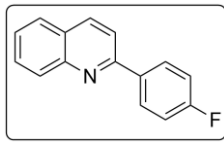
**2-(quinolin-2-yl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (4y):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.56$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.46 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 2H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR NMR}$**  (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  163.83, 147.38, 147.13, 137.46, 130.87, 129.93, 128.76, 128.53, 128.50, 121.18, 68.32, 55.22. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H}^+$ : 119.0871  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 119.0827.



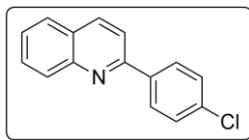
**2-(piperazin-1-yl)quinoline (4z):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.57$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 10/1$ )  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.1 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.72 (dt,  $J = 7.6, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 4H), 2.69 (dtd,  $J = 7.9, 5.0, 4.0$  Hz, 4H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR NMR}$**  (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  157.80, 147.79, 137.78, 129.88, 127.90, 126.50, 123.21, 122.42, 110.61, 46.20, 46.05. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3 + \text{H}^+$ : 214.1344  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 214.1369.



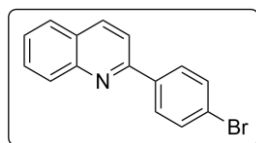
**2-phenylquinoline (4aa):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.61$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc,  $v/v = 30/1$ ).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{Chloroform-}d$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.16 (m, 1H), 7.87 (dd,  $J = 22.6, 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.77 – 6.60 (m, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (126 MHz,  $\text{Chloroform-}d$ )  $\delta$  154.68, 152.02, 148.90, 147.93, 137.32, 130.53, 128.92, 128.38, 127.08, 126.50, 117.65, 112.45, 109.41, 14.09. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N} + \text{H}^+$ : 206.0970  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 206.0943.



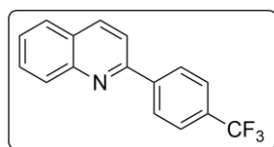
**2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoline (4ab):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.57$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.28 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.60 (m, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  156.12, 129.91, 129.40, 129.22, 127.63, 126.85, 118.99, 118.10, 116.14, 115.97, 115.63, 115.46, 113.20.  **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$**  (470 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -105.17. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{NF} + \text{H}^+$ : 224.0876  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 224.0877.



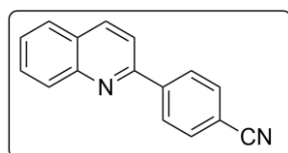
**2-(4-chlorophenyl)quinoline (4ac):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.55$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.26 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.85 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 4.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  156.02, 137.55, 135.88, 130.25, 129.40, 129.19, 129.06, 128.84, 127.62, 127.31, 126.80, 118.82, 113.01. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{NCl} + \text{H}^+$ : 240.0580  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 240.0581.



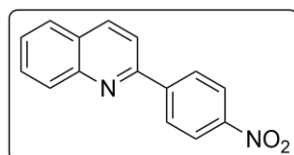
**2-(4-bromophenyl)quinoline (4ad):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.54$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  154.55, 149.46, 134.84, 131.48, 129.41, 129.00, 128.69, 127.61, 126.95, 126.32, 124.66, 121.33, 119.54. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrN} + \text{H}^+$ : 284.0075  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 284.0070.



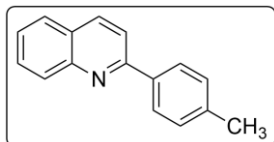
**2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoline (4ae):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.56$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.30 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 8.25 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 3H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  155.74, 137.62, 130.34, 129.67, 129.59, 128.07, 127.66, 127.54, 127.11, 125.95, 125.93, 125.90, 125.87, 119.04.  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (470 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  -62.86. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{NF}_3 + \text{H}^+$ : 274.0844  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 274.0840.



**4-(quinolin-2-yl)benzotrile (4af):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.55$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.42 – 8.34 (m, 4H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  155.33, 149.46, 137.28, 132.51, 129.37, 129.36, 127.72, 127.58, 126.83, 126.27, 124.44, 119.53, 118.51, 112.67. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2 + \text{H}^+$ : 231.0922  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 231.0911.



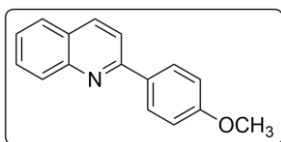
**2-(4-nitrophenyl)quinoline (4ag):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.53$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.31 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 3.0$  Hz, 3H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  154.93, 147.96, 143.65, 137.67, 132.70, 130.42, 129.66, 128.23, 127.62, 127.57, 127.32, 118.79, 112.88. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}^+$ : 251.0821  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 251.0815.



**2-(p-tolyl)quinoline (4ah):** white solid, Rf = 0.64 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.74 – 6.57

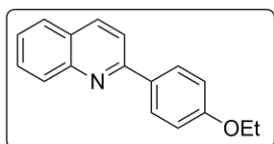
(m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.32, 148.25, 139.89, 136.37, 130.03, 129.75, 129.35, 127.70, 127.18, 126.42, 119.12, 117.59, 112.92, 21.50. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N + H<sup>+</sup>: 220.1126 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 220.1143.



**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)quinoline (4ai):** white solid, Rf = 0.60 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.16 (dd, *J* = 19.7, 8.8 Hz, 4H),

7.82 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,

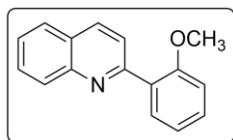
*J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.88, 157.02, 148.35, 136.77, 132.33, 129.70, 128.99, 127.55, 126.99, 126.03, 118.70, 114.31, 112.90, 55.40. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO + H<sup>+</sup>: 236.1075 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 236.1043.



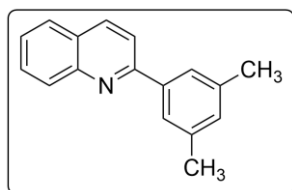
**2-(4-ethoxyphenyl)quinoline (4aj):** white solid, Rf = 0.58 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J*

= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H),

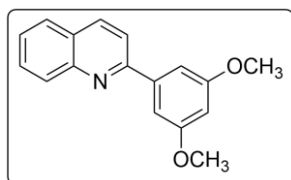
7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.15, 148.14, 141.19, 137.38, 129.98, 129.36, 127.59, 126.65, 120.23, 119.36, 117.71, 115.80, 112.79, 55.59, 14.26. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO + H<sup>+</sup>: 250.1232 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 250.1233.



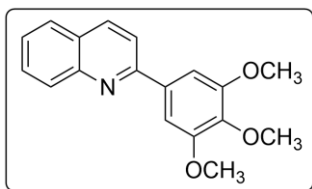
**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)quinoline (4ak):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.58$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.19 (dd,  $J = 22.1, 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.72 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  157.26, 157.15, 148.15, 135.43, 131.61, 130.55, 129.52, 129.46, 127.51, 127.14, 126.38, 123.58, 121.38, 111.49, 55.75. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} + \text{H}^+$ : 236.1075  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 236.1061.



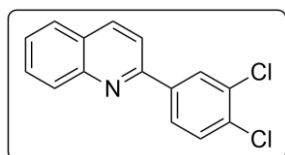
**2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)quinoline (4al):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.52$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32 (t,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 2H), 7.71 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 6H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  156.78, 148.08, 139.09, 138.22, 137.36, 131.40, 130.23, 129.56, 128.20, 127.42, 126.69, 125.48, 119.23, 21.47. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N} + \text{H}^+$ : 234.1283  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 234.1196.



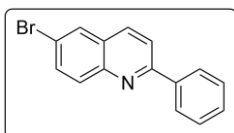
**2-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)quinoline (4am):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.53$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.72 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.37 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (m, 3H), 3.78 (m, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  161.27, 157.06, 142.08, 130.14, 129.35, 127.59, 126.72, 119.40, 117.76, 113.00, 105.86, 105.36, 99.16, 55.43. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}^+$ : 266.1181  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 266.1161.



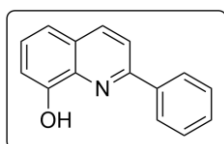
**2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)quinoline (4an):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.50$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.07 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  156.97, 153.48, 148.18, 135.26, 129.38, 127.60, 126.61, 119.13, 117.89, 115.22, 113.05, 105.02, 104.31, 60.99, 56.18. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}^+$ : 296.1287  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 296.1271.



**2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)quinoline (4ao):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.50$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.31 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 6.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.93 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  154.97, 149.47, 147.93, 143.38, 137.81, 132.76, 130.53, 129.66, 128.31, 127.69, 127.63, 127.41, 118.92, 118.86, 112.97. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{NCl}_2 + \text{H}^+$ : 274.0190  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 274.0193.



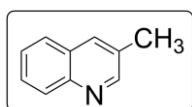
**6-bromo-2-phenylquinoline (4ap):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.53$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.42 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.27 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 8.19 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd,  $J = 8.9, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  157.09, 146.60, 138.71, 136.92, 133.40, 131.72, 130.33, 130.27, 129.37, 128.72, 127.74, 120.14, 119.72. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{NBr} + \text{H}^+$ : 284.0075  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 284.0044.



**2-phenylquinolin-8-ol (4aq):** white solid,  $R_f = 0.55$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 10/1).

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.68 (s, 1H), 8.49 (dt,  $J = 8.4, 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.46

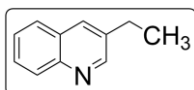
– 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd,  $J = 7.0, 1.9$  Hz, 1H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  154.36, 153.70, 138.71, 138.54, 137.64, 130.04, 129.18, 128.21, 127.95, 127.84, 119.28, 118.05, 112.00. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO} + \text{H}^+$ : 222.0919  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 222.0957.



**3-methylquinoline (4ar):** yellow oil,  $R_f = 0.57$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H}$**

**NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dt,  $J = 8.2, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 –

7.80 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  147.09, 130.24, 128.54, 128.13, 127.49, 18.52. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{N} + \text{H}^+$ : 144.0813  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 144.0817.



**3-ethylquinoline (4as):** colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.55$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H}$**

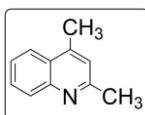
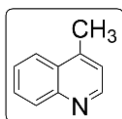
**NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.75 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 8.01 (dd,  $J = 2.3,$

1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.49 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.76 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$**

**NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  148.97, 147.15, 136.99, 132.65, 129.55, 129.33, 128.25, 127.82, 127.49, 26.60, 14.67.

**HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{N} + \text{H}^+$ : 158.0970  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 158.0953.

**4-methylquinoline (4au):** colourless oil,  $R_f = 0.56$  (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1).  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.53 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 2.69 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  149.13, 147.99, 142.91, 128.58, 128.06, 127.76, 127.00, 124.85, 121.52, 18.40. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{N} + \text{H}^+$ : 144.0813  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; found: 144.0819.



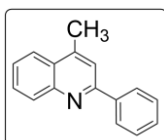
**2,4-dimethylquinoline (4av):** yellow oil,, Rf = 0.51 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 30/1). **<sup>1</sup>H**

**NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.94 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H),

7.51 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.62 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126

MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 156.31, 146.60, 144.17, 129.82, 128.26, 127.13, 124.57, 124.37, 122.27, 24.99, 18.86. **HRMS**

(ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N + H<sup>+</sup>: 158.0970 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 185.0953.



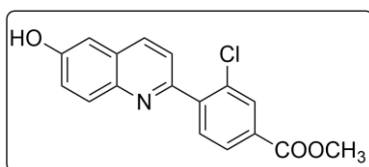
**4-methyl-2-phenylquinoline (4aw):** white solid, Rf = 0.57 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v =

20/1). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.19 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.99 (ddd, *J* = 15.1, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 3H),

7.62 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dtd, *J* = 26.2, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 154.29, 148.06, 144.78, 137.74, 130.43, 129.59, 129.18, 128.73, 127.67, 126.98,

124.70, 124.26, 120.75, 19.31. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N + H<sup>+</sup>: 220.1126 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 220.1107.



**Methyl 3-chloro-4-(6-hydroxyquinolin-2-yl)benzoate (4ar):**

white solid, Rf = 0.41 (Petroleum ether/EtOAc, v/v = 15/1). **<sup>1</sup>H**

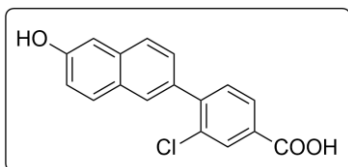
**NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz,

1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 25.7, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 9.1,

2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO- *d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 166.38, 156.89, 152.47,

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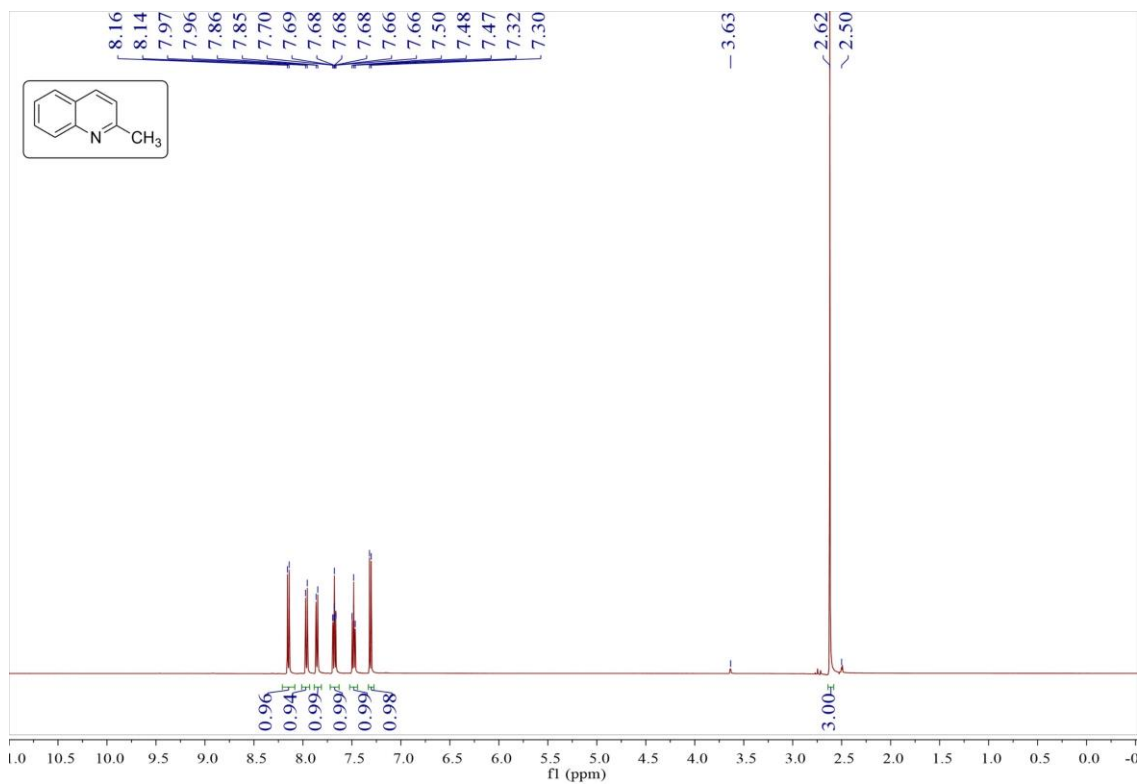
108.76. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub> + H<sup>+</sup>: 314.0584 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 314.0588.

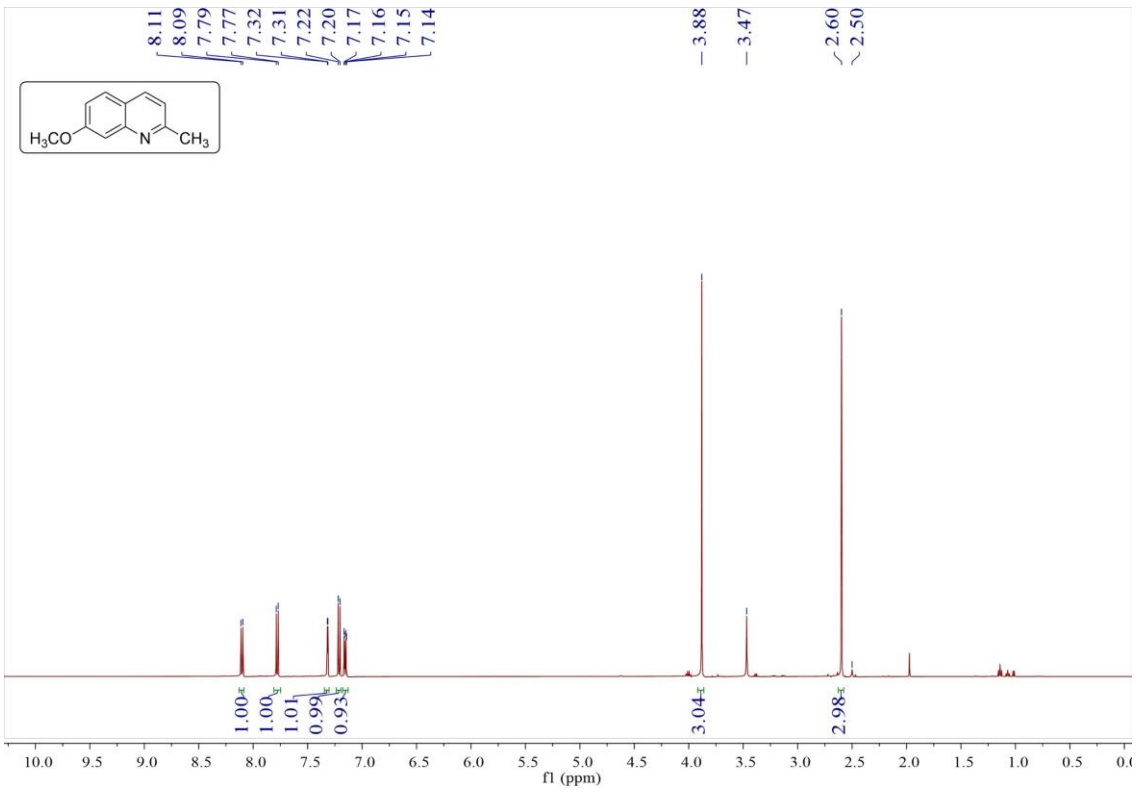
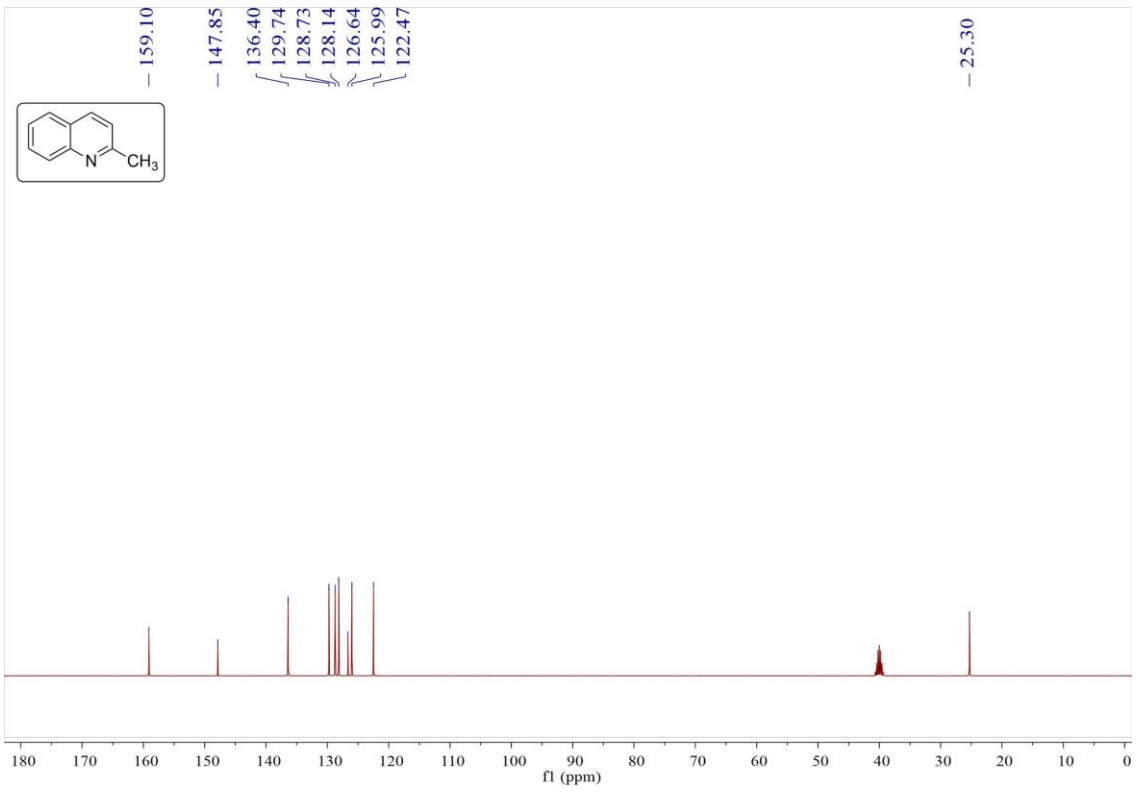


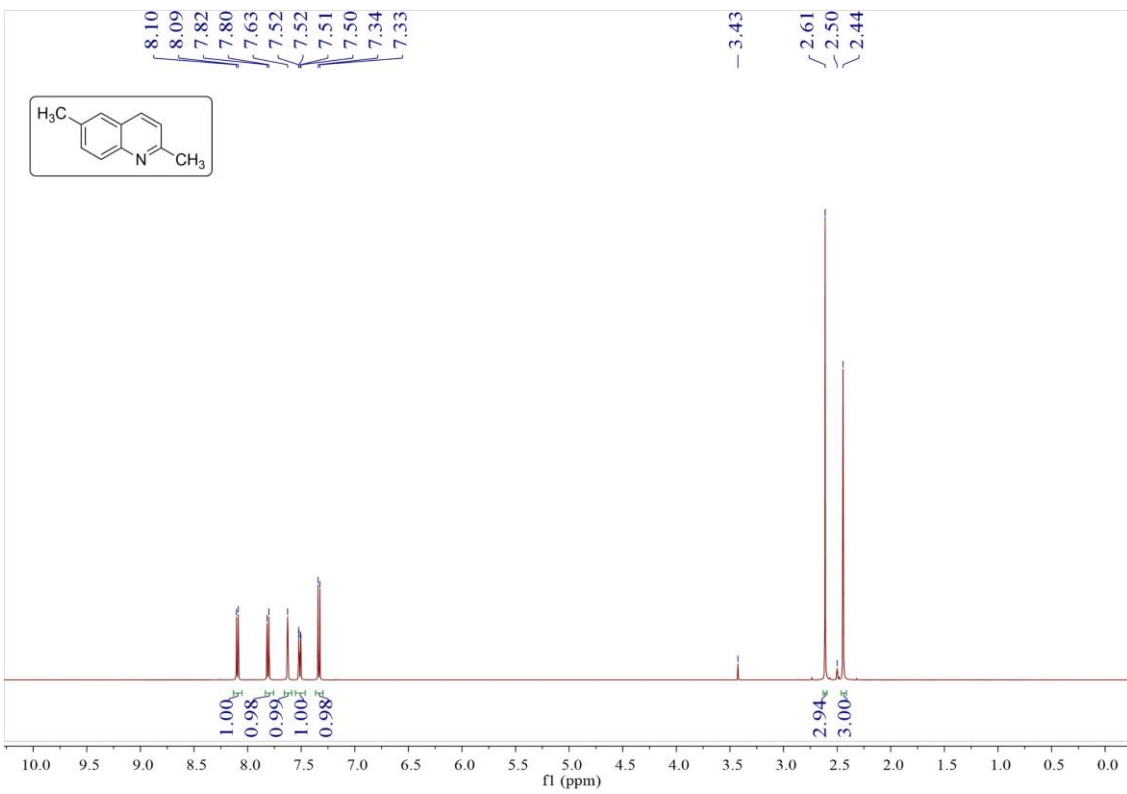
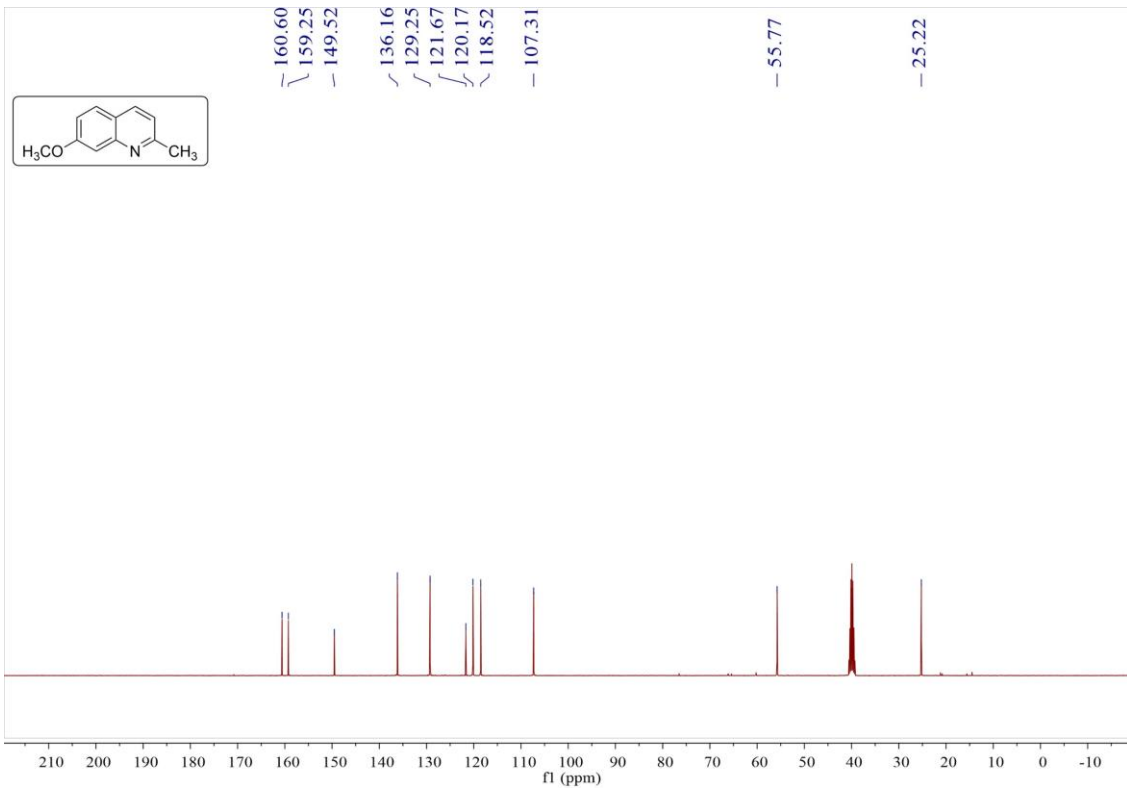
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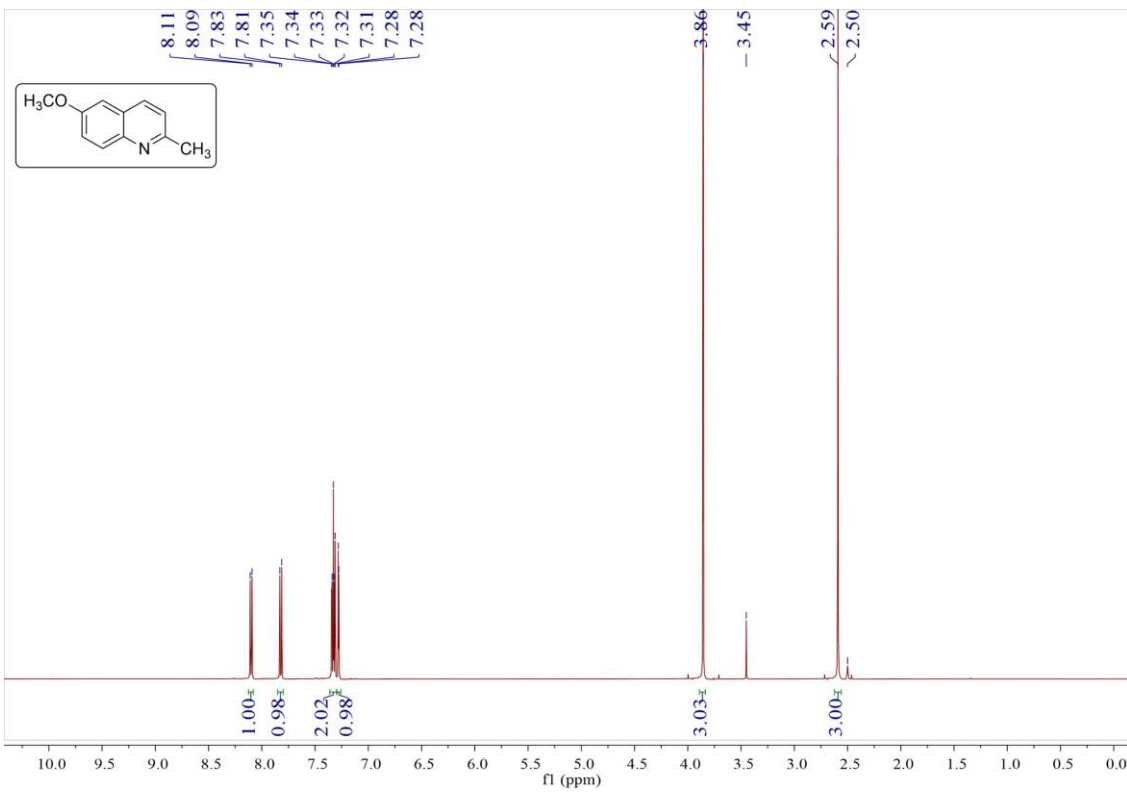
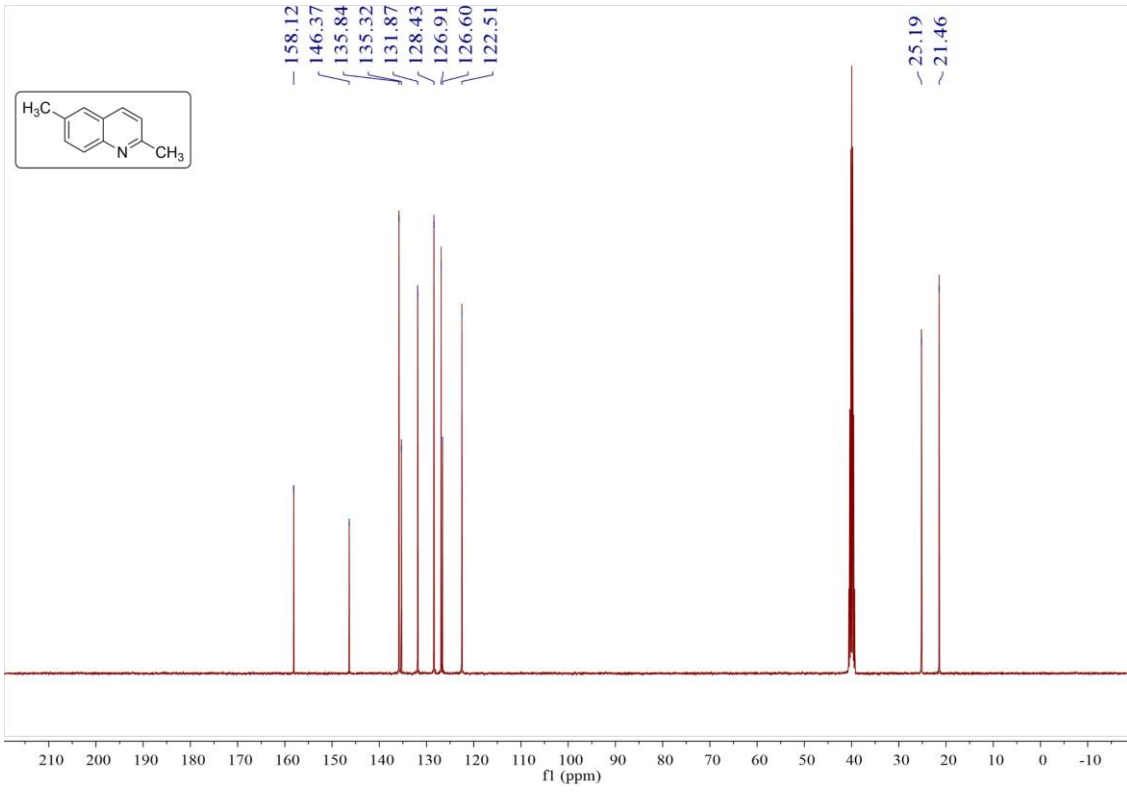
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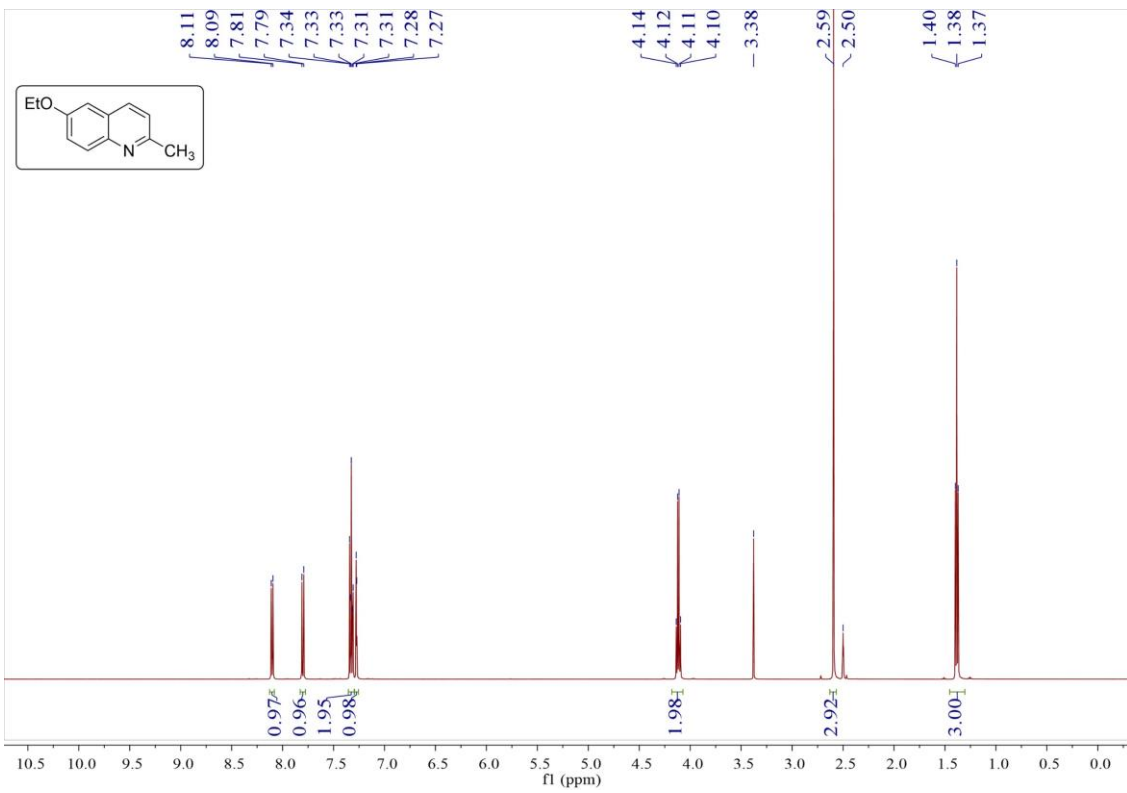
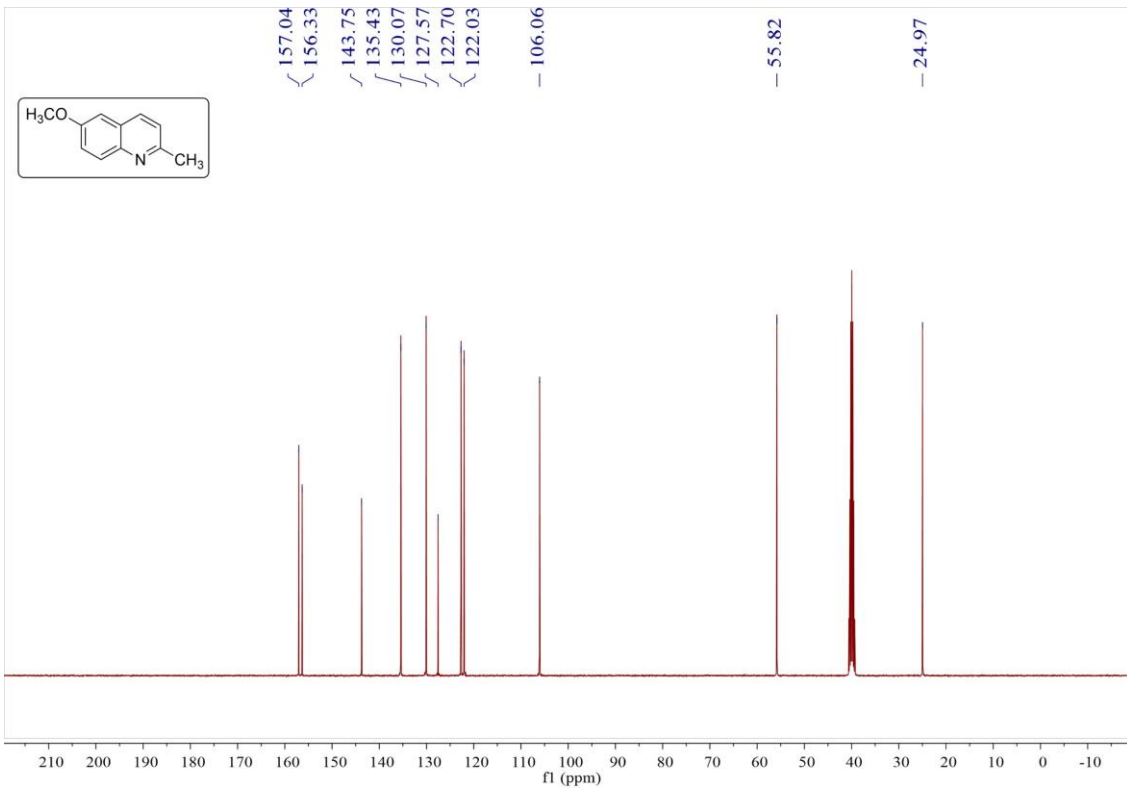
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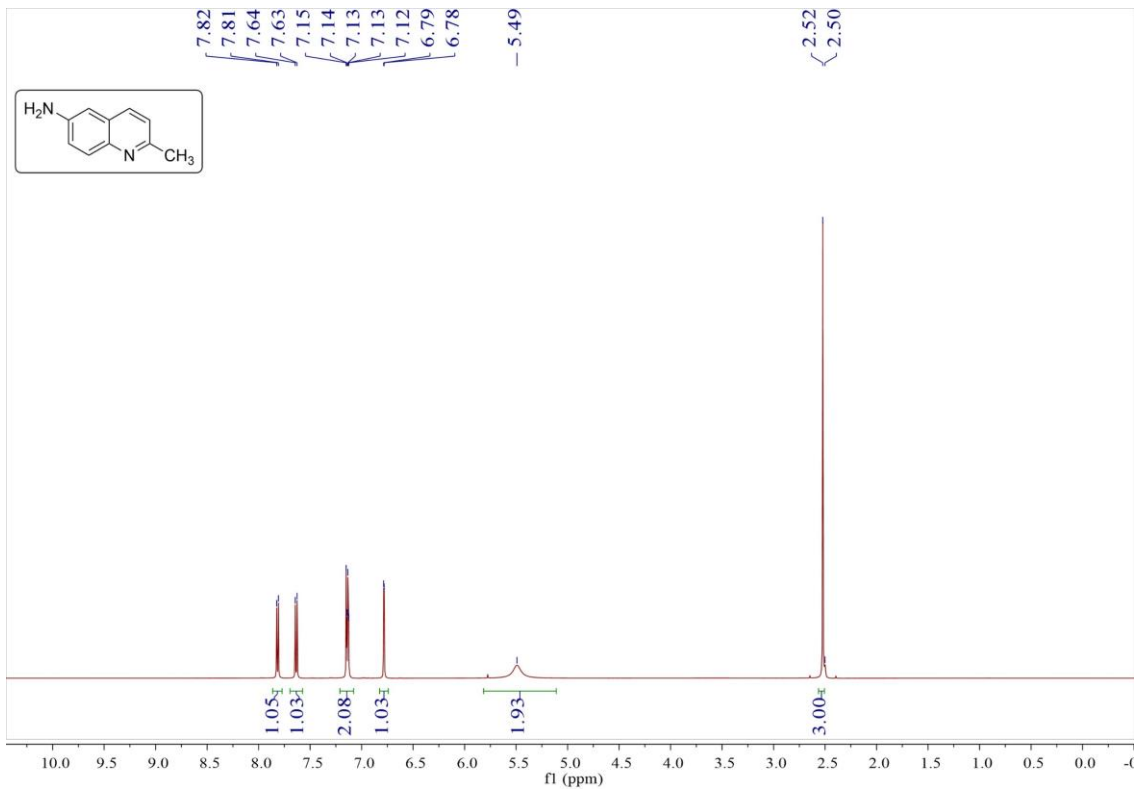
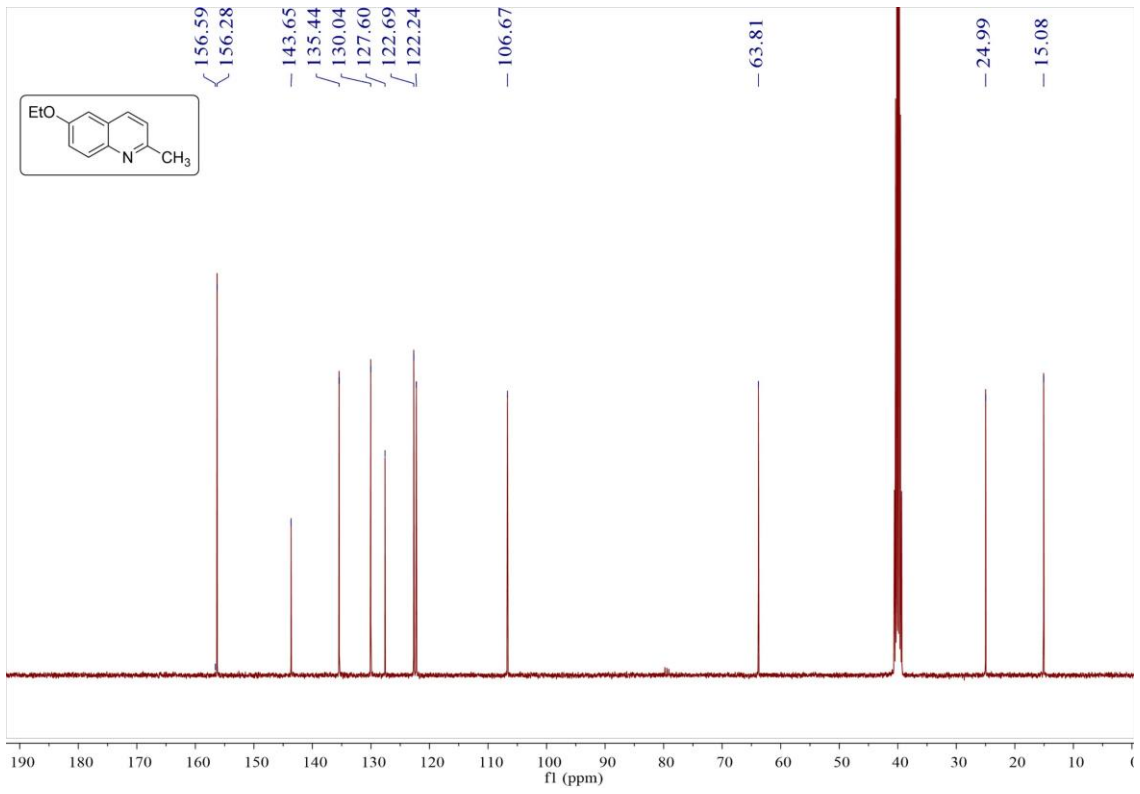


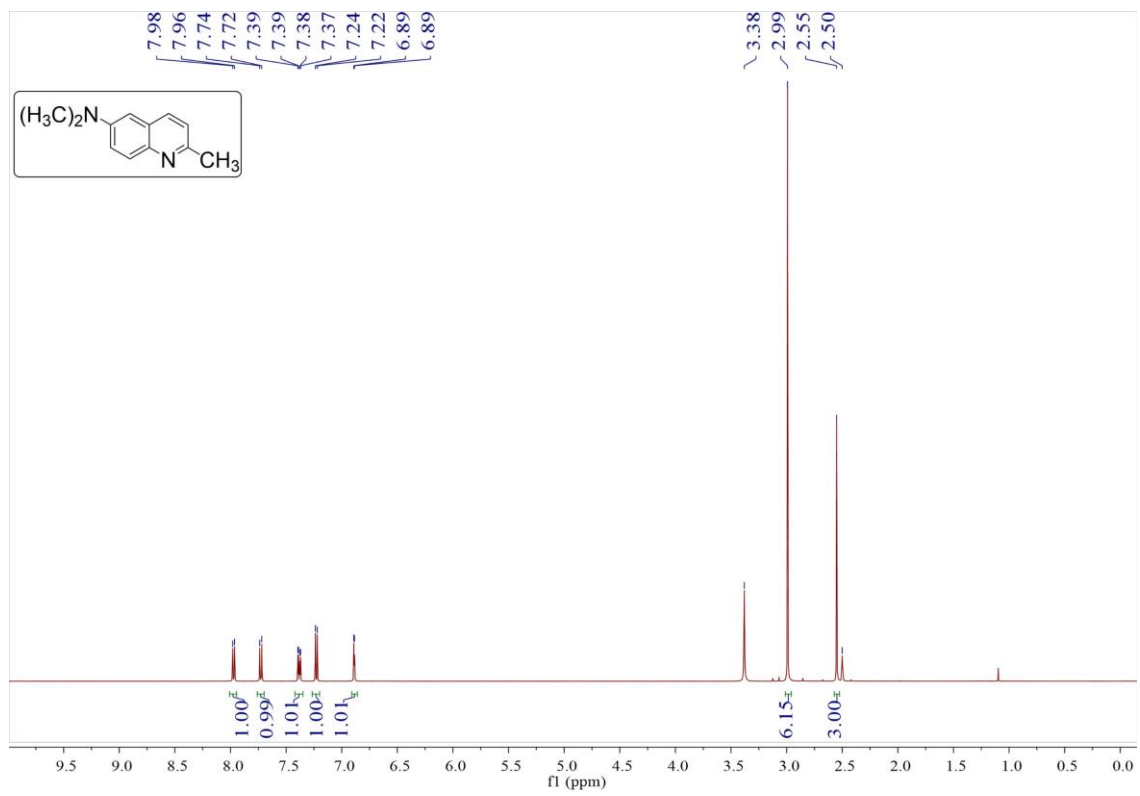
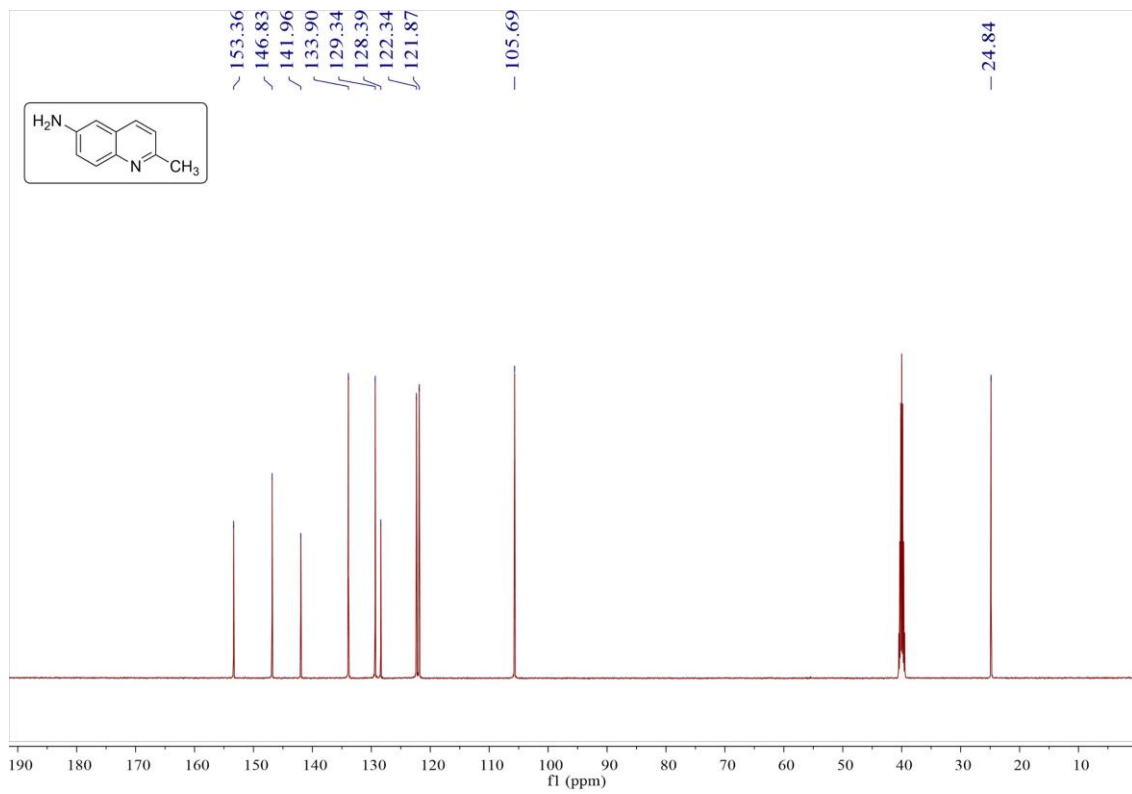


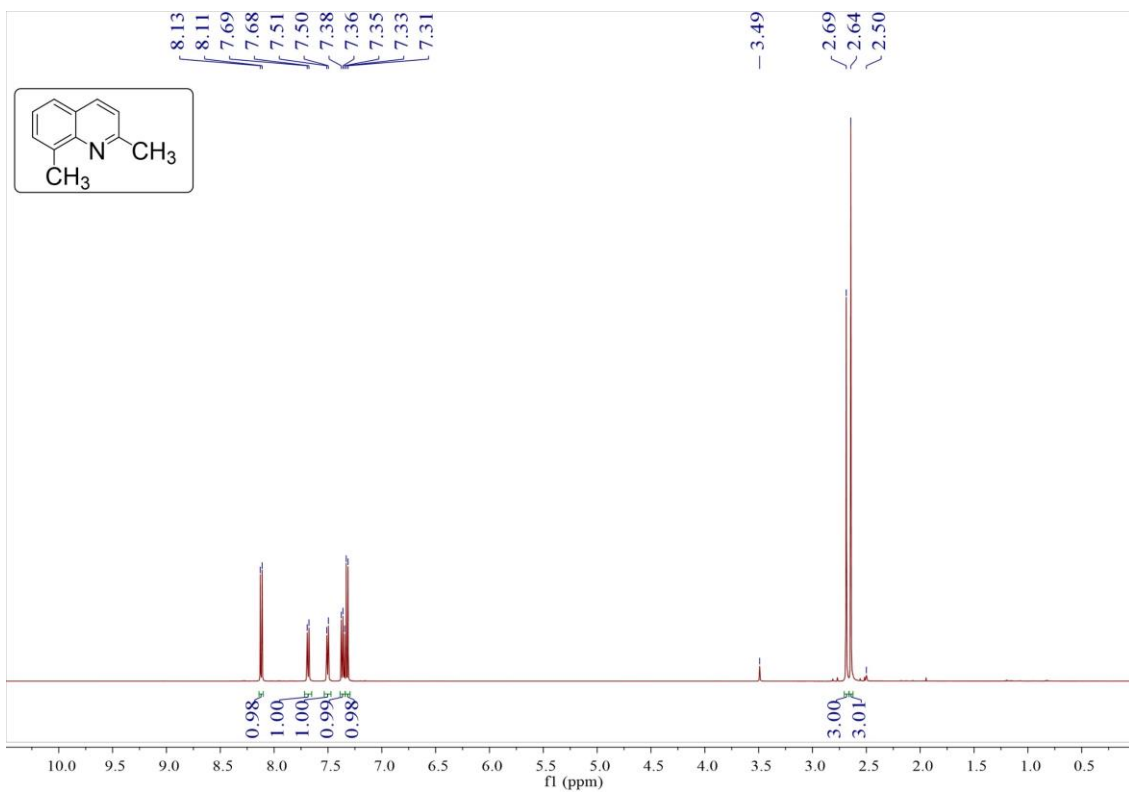
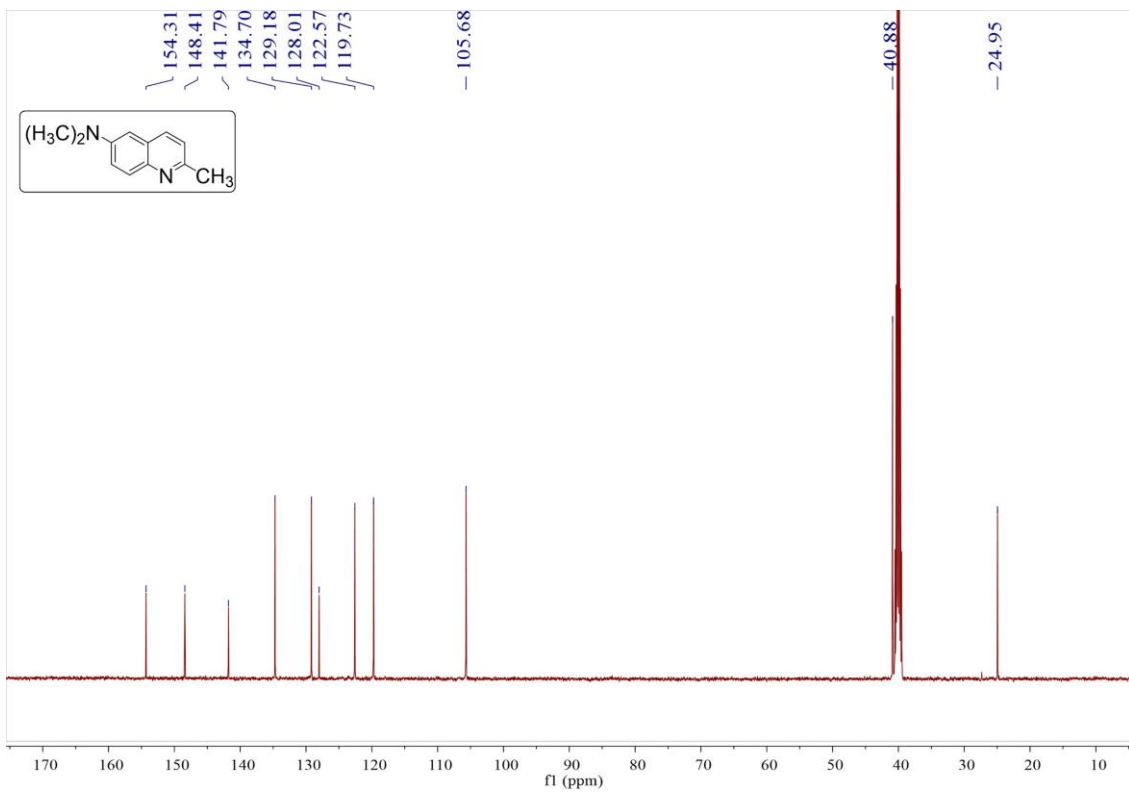


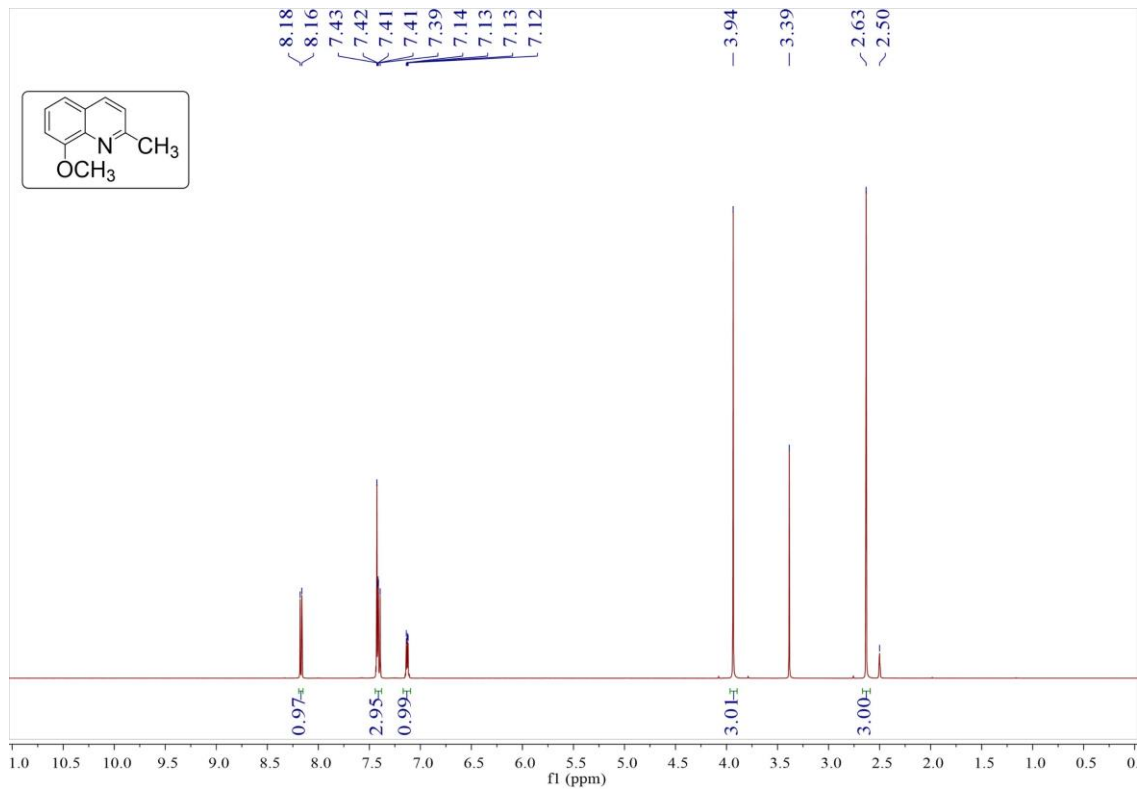
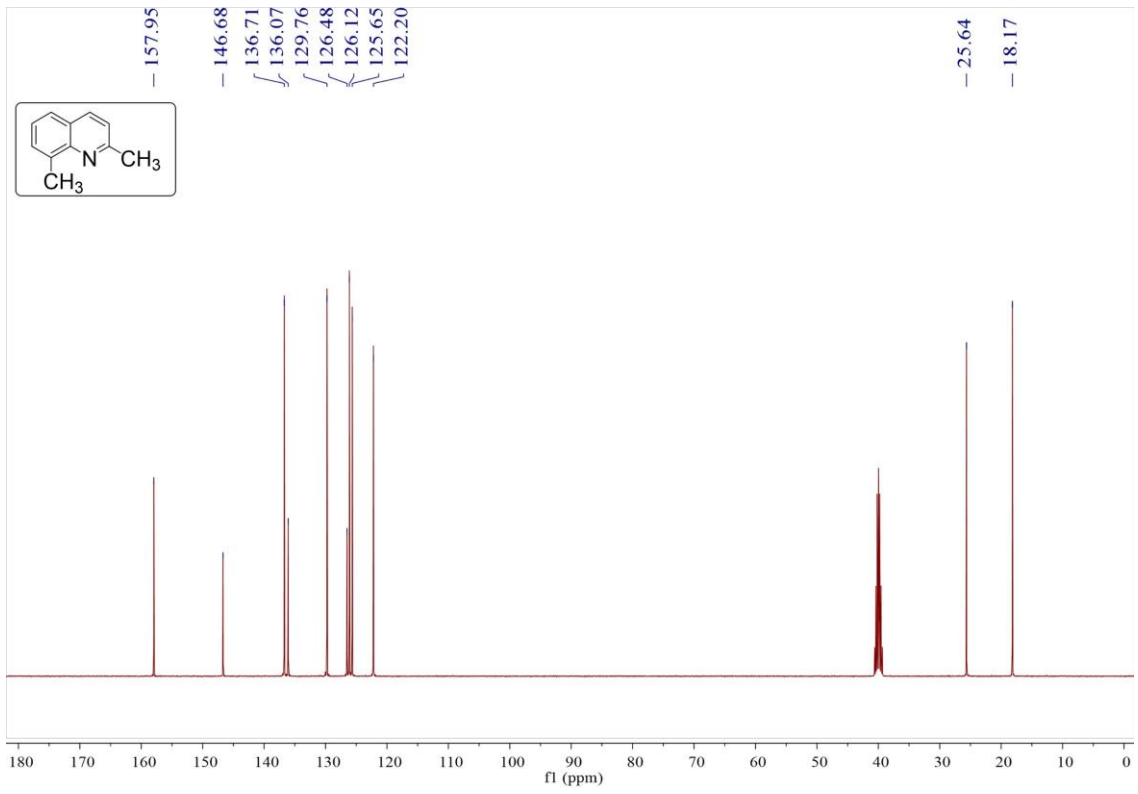


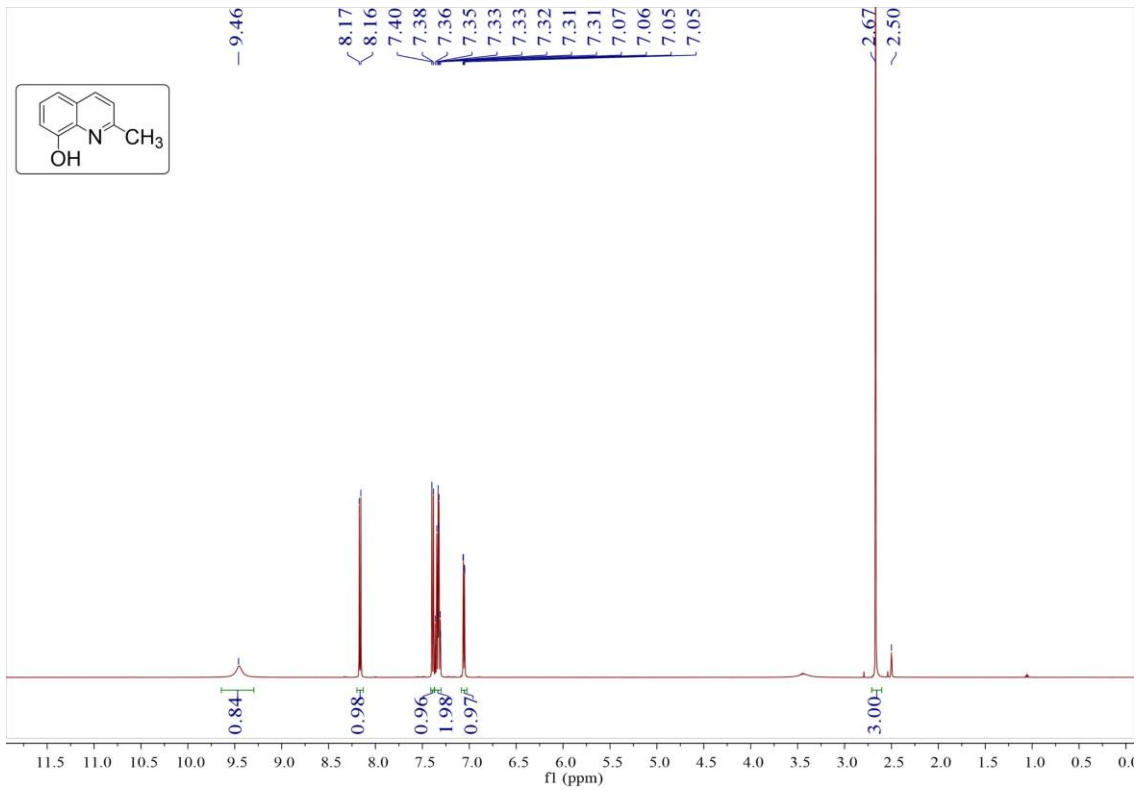
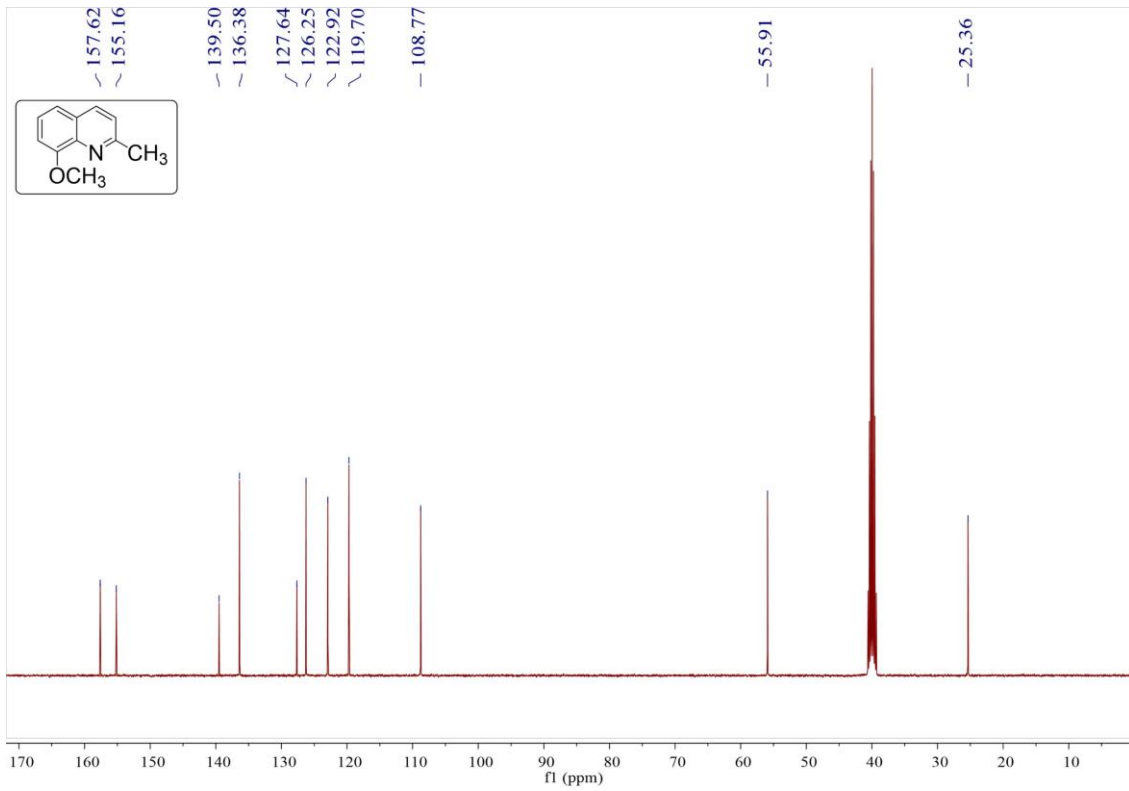


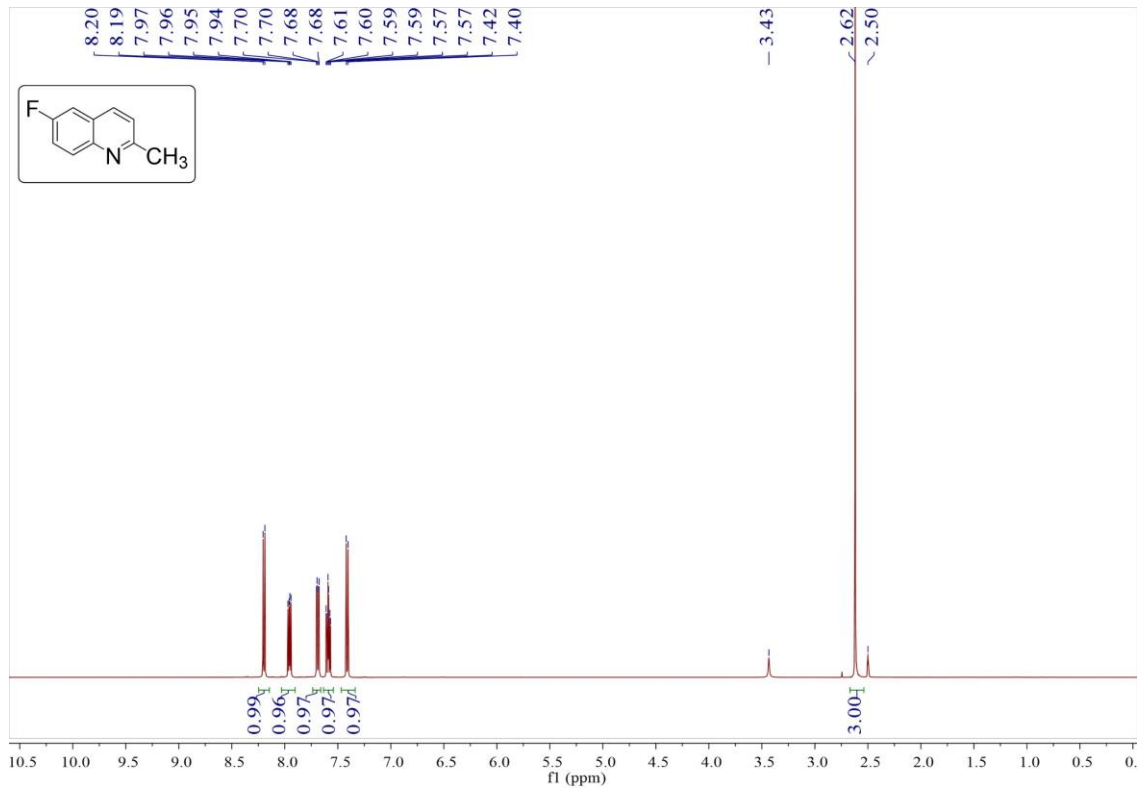
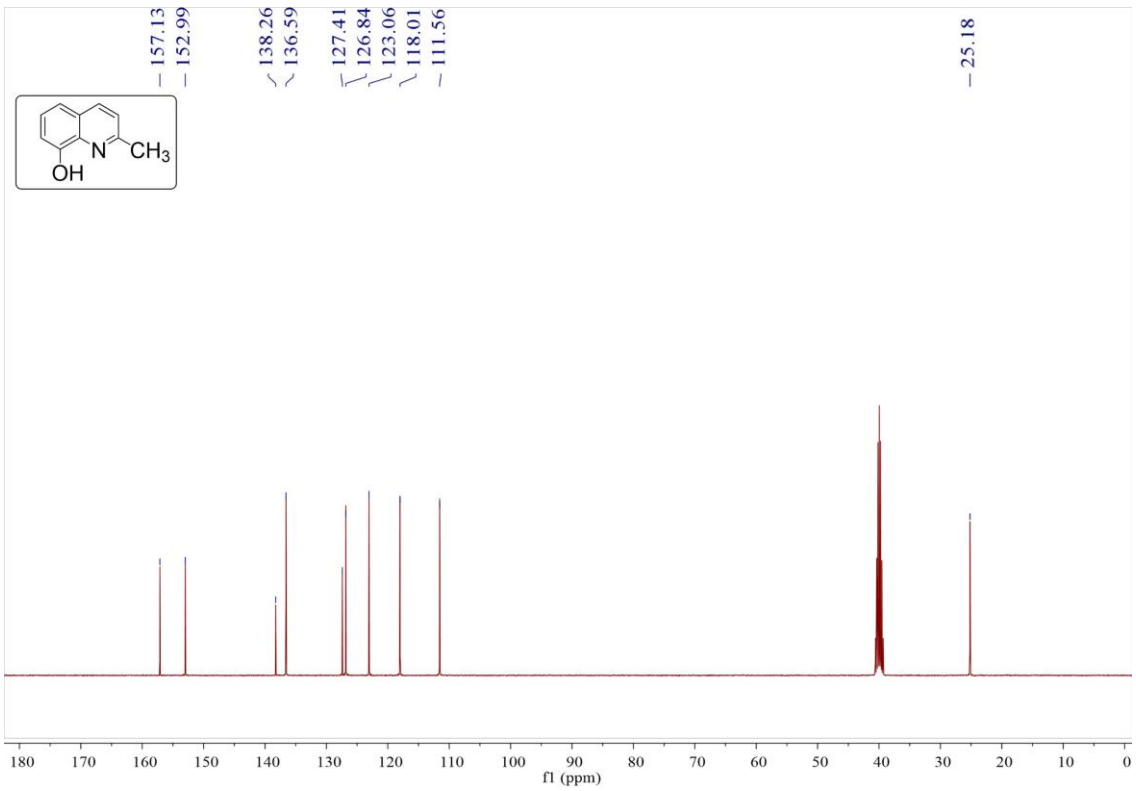


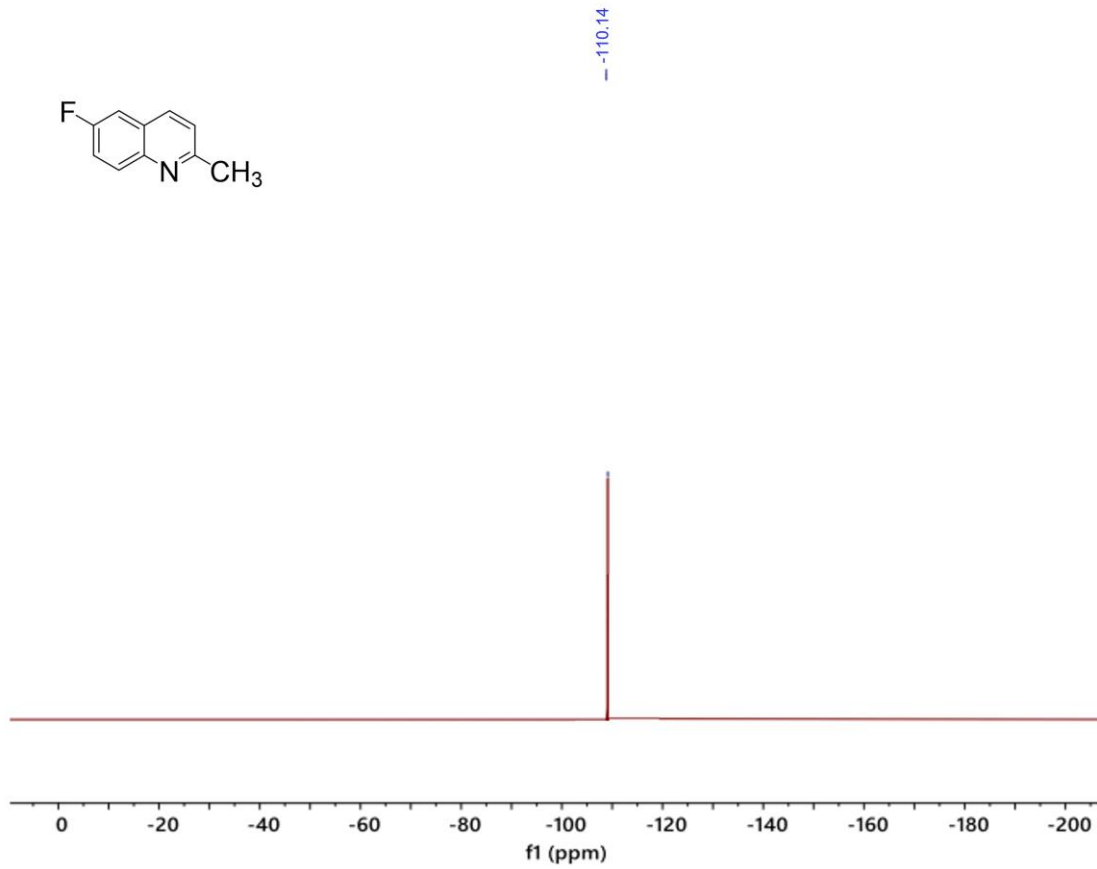
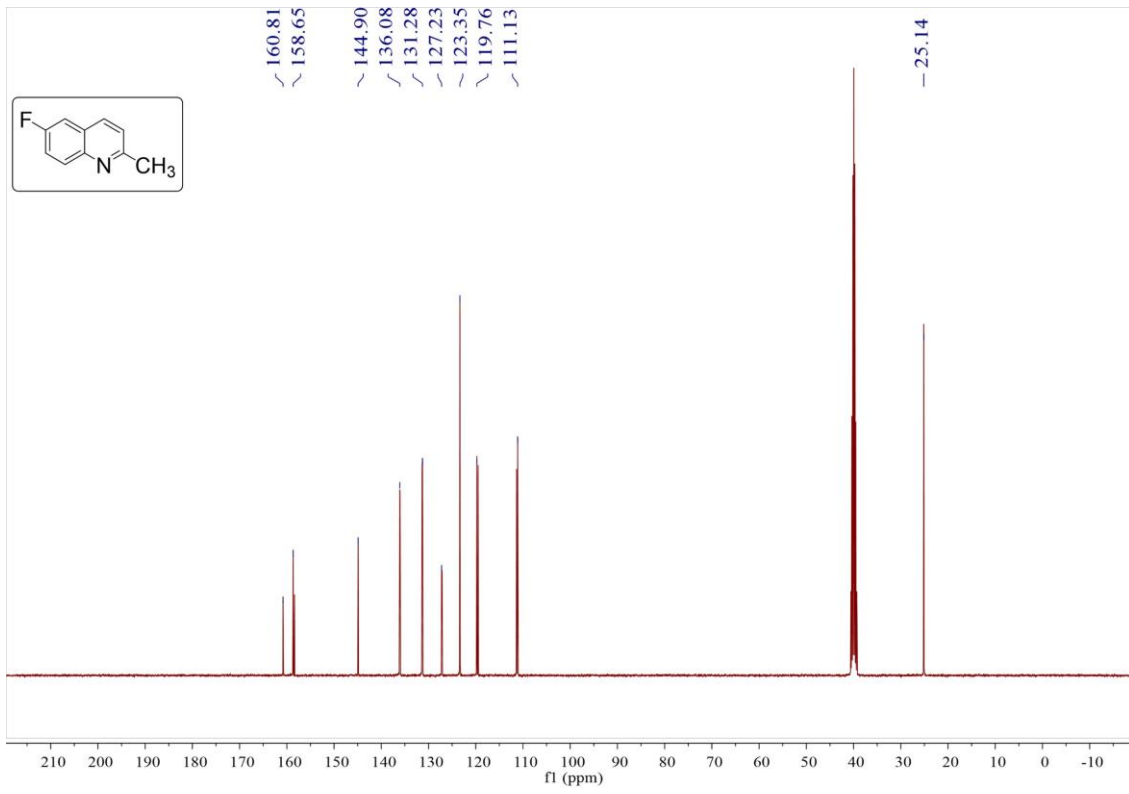


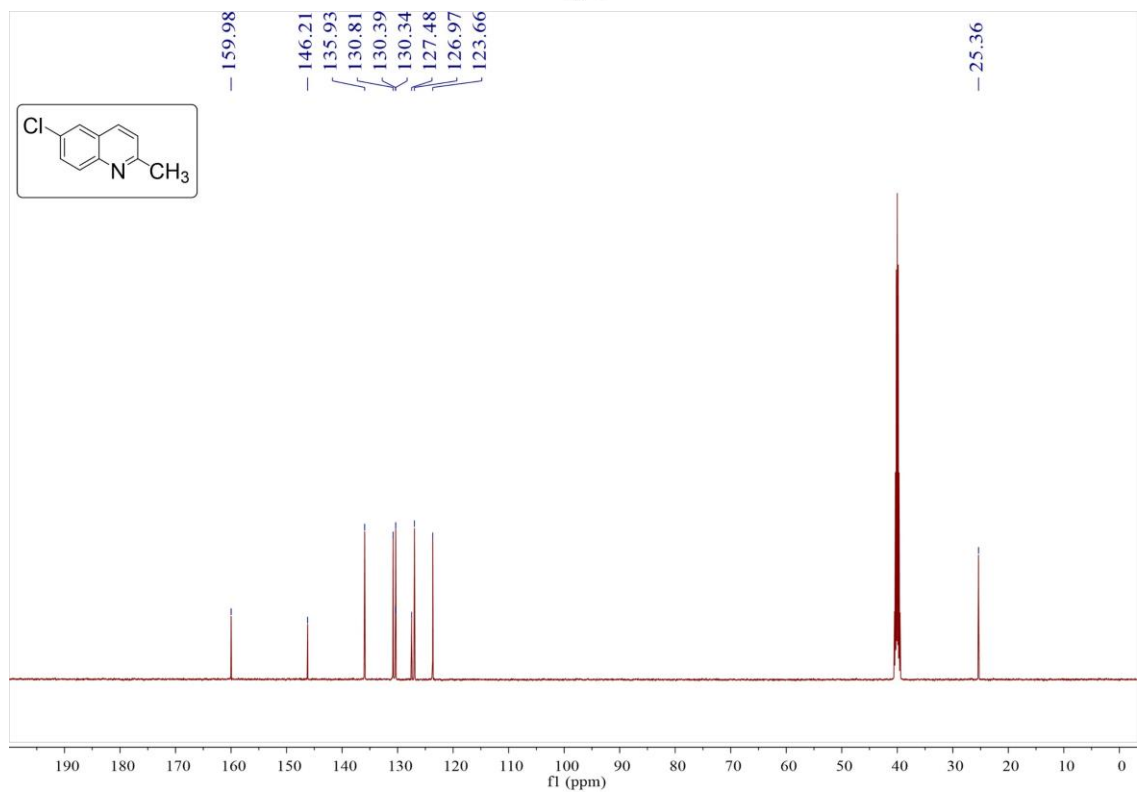
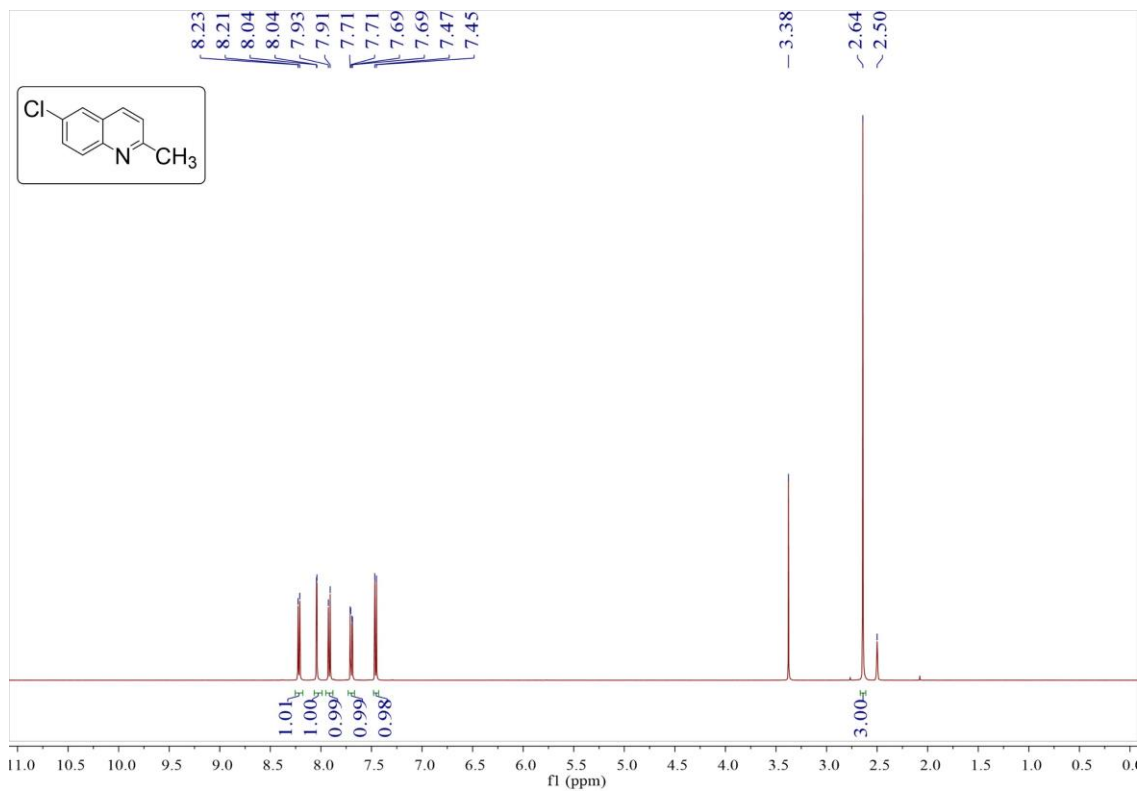


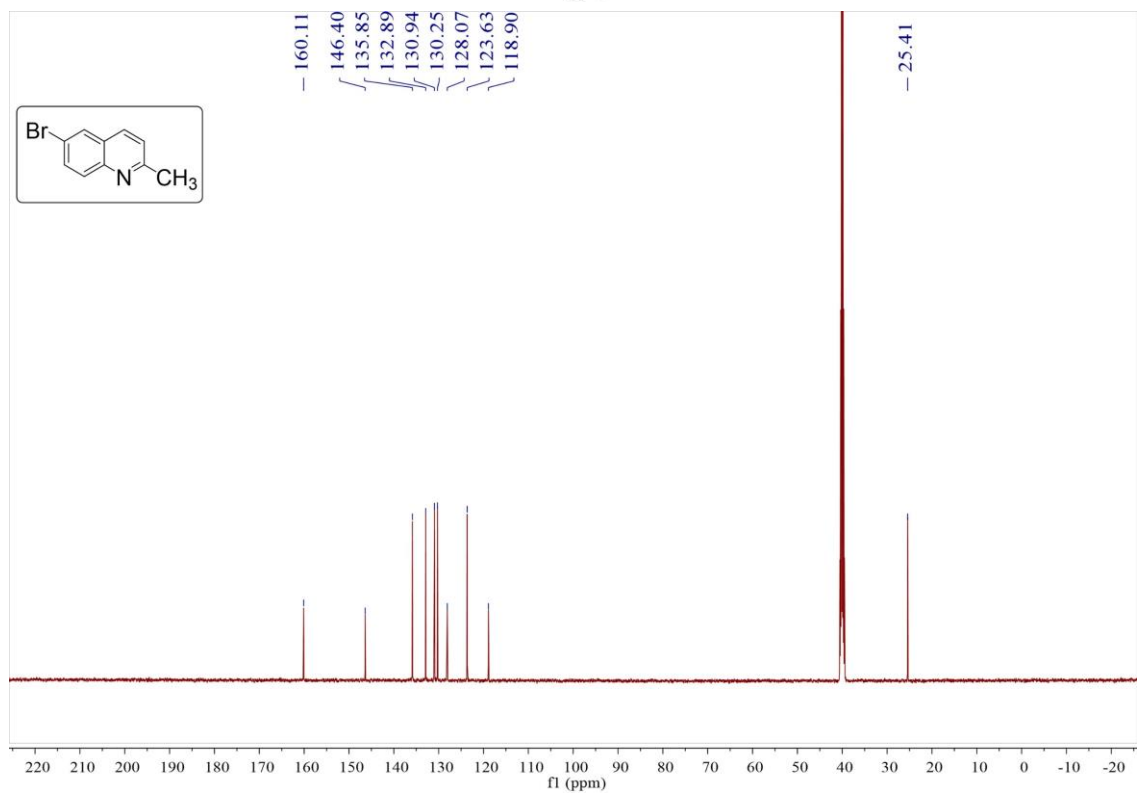
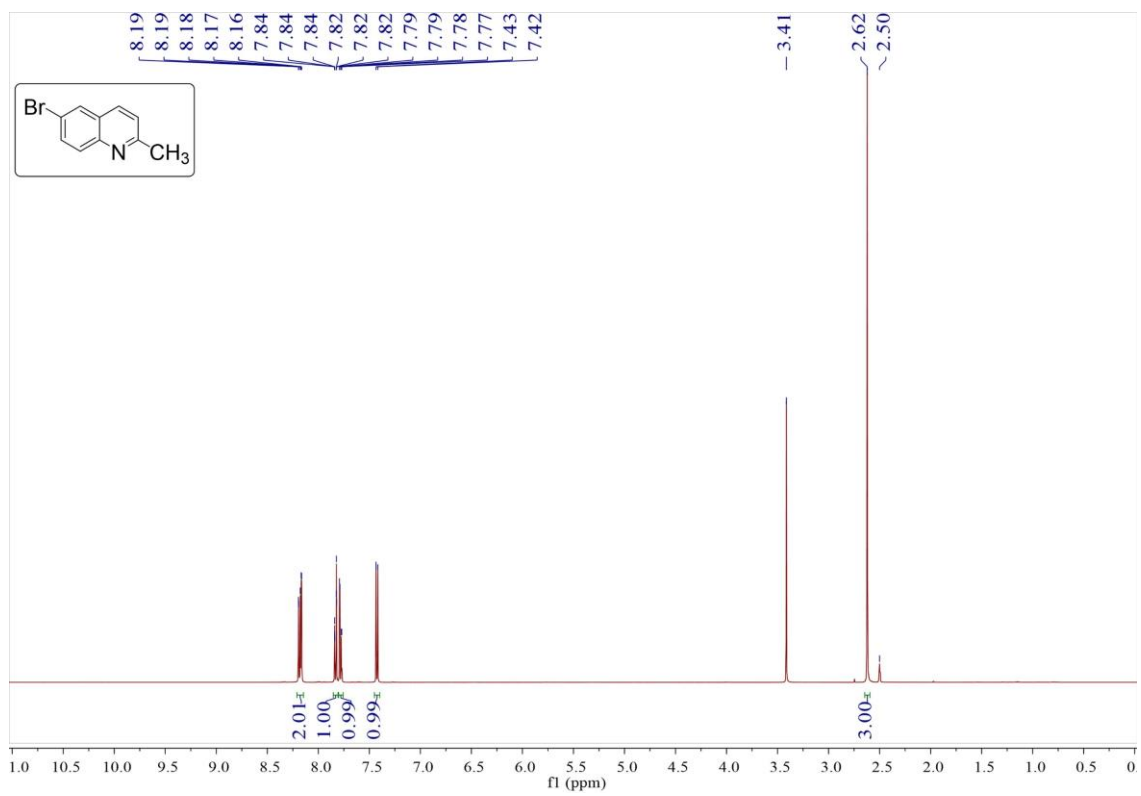


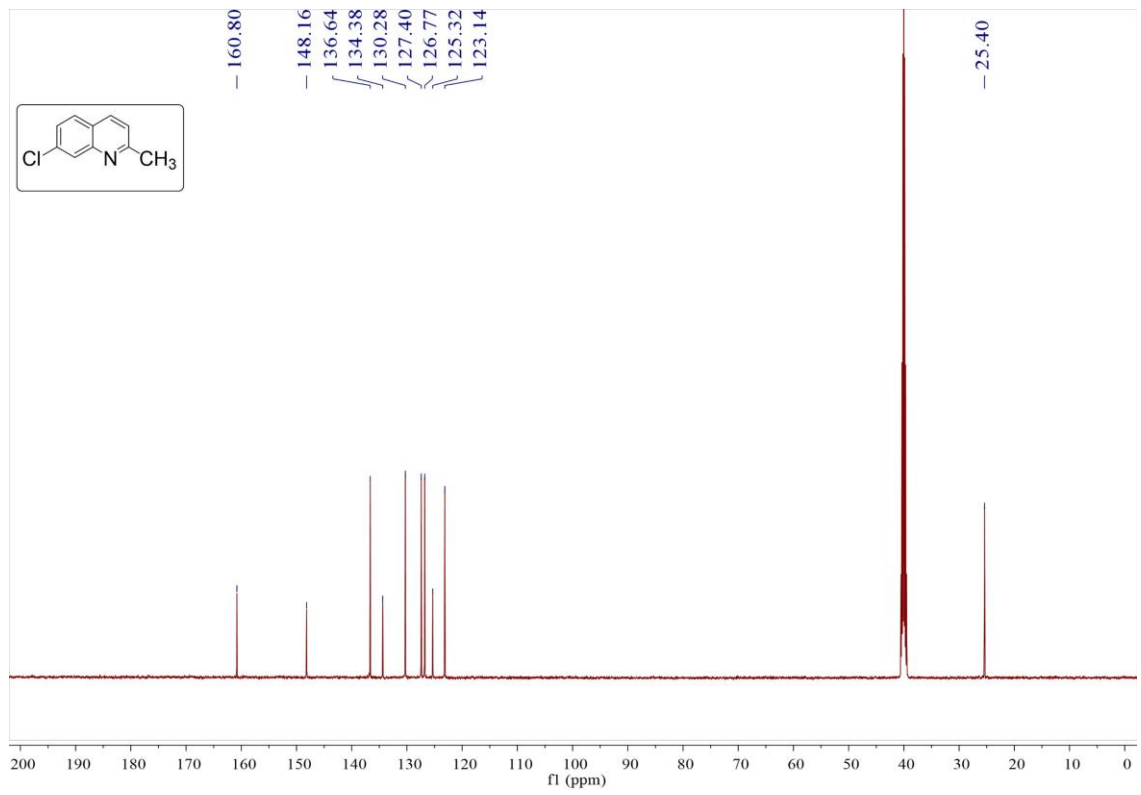
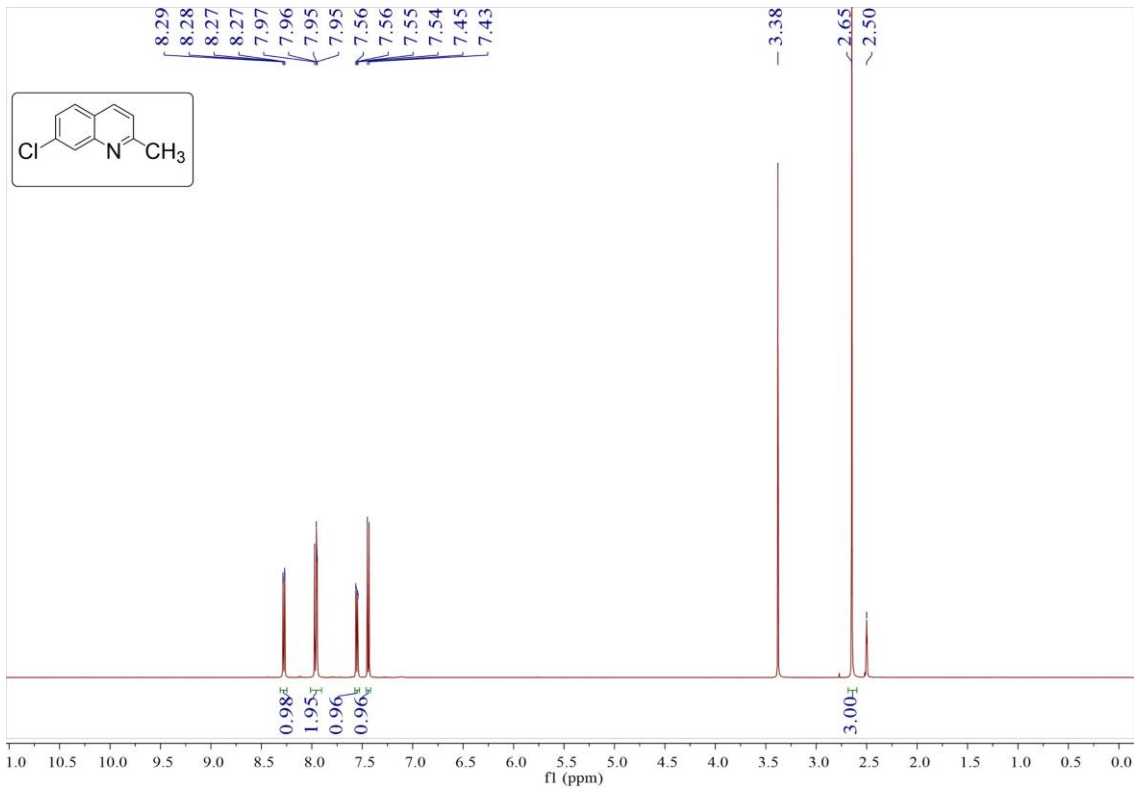


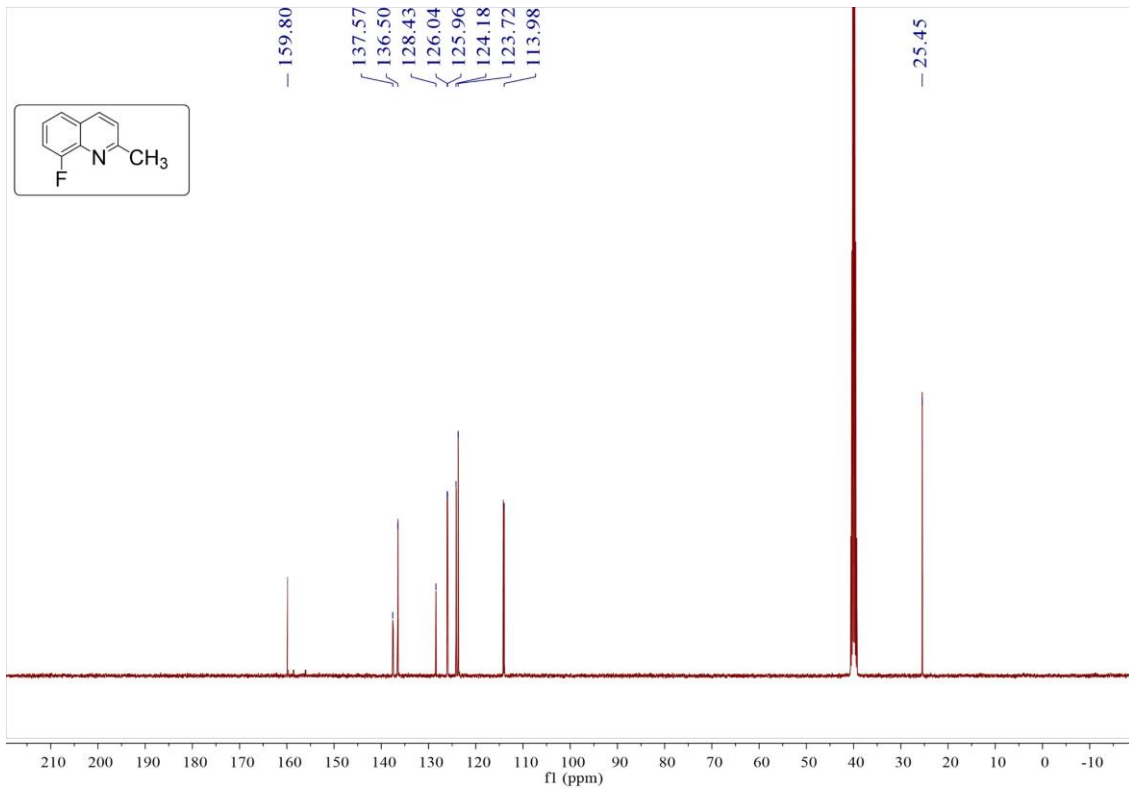
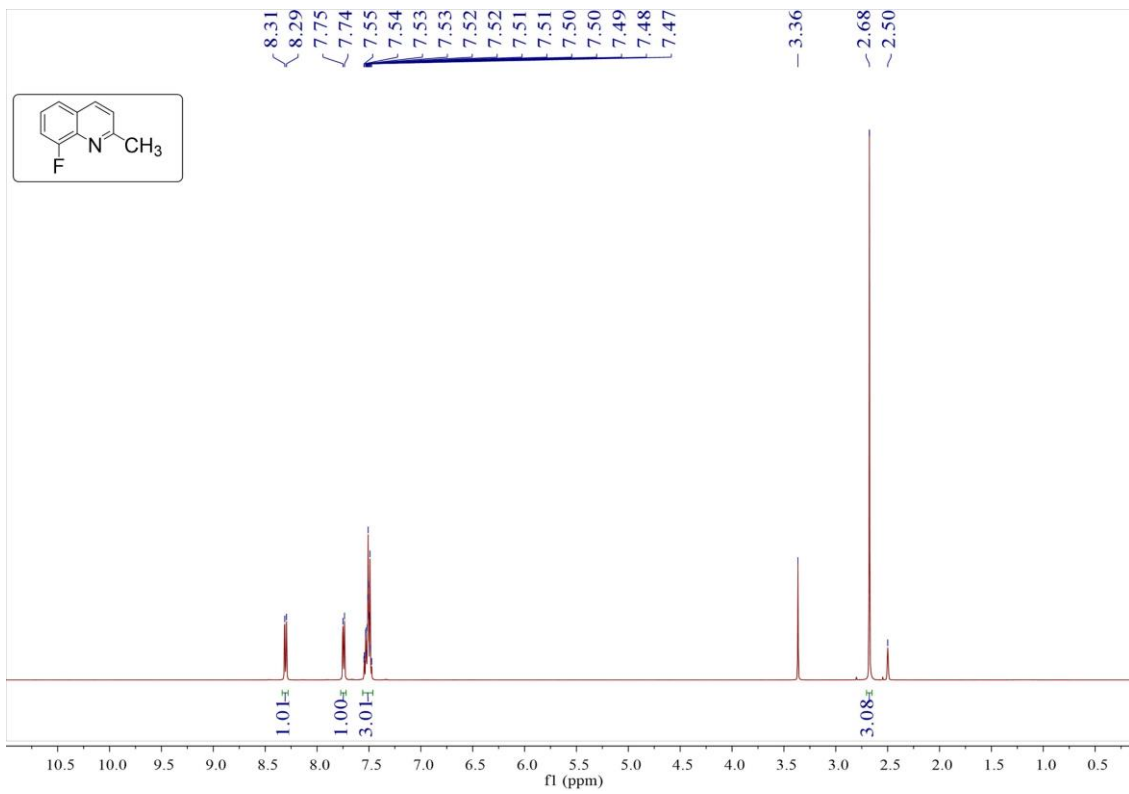


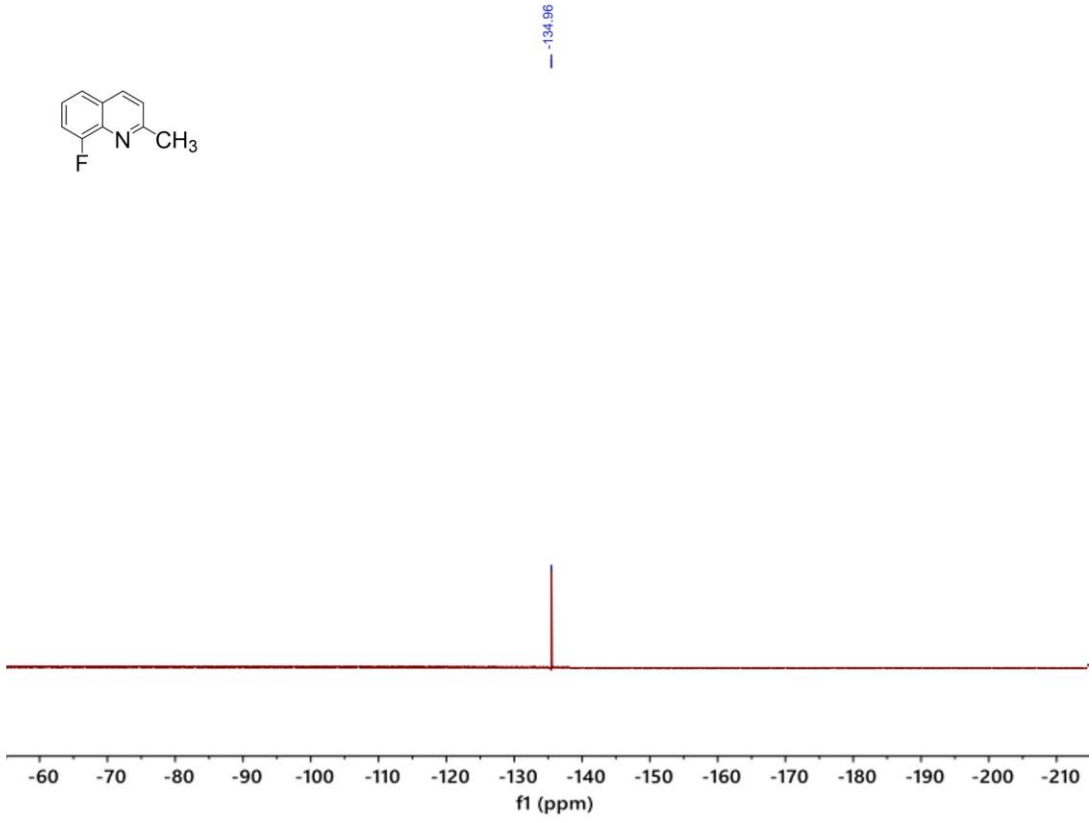
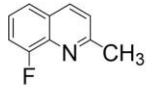


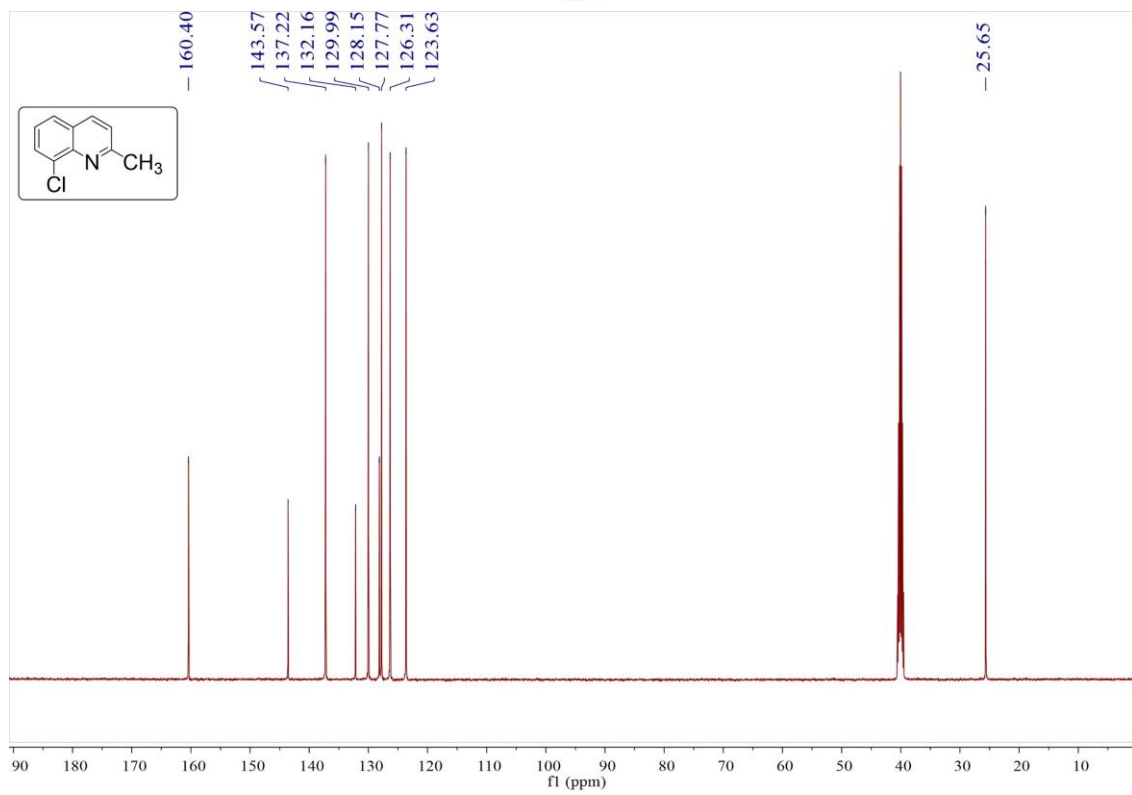
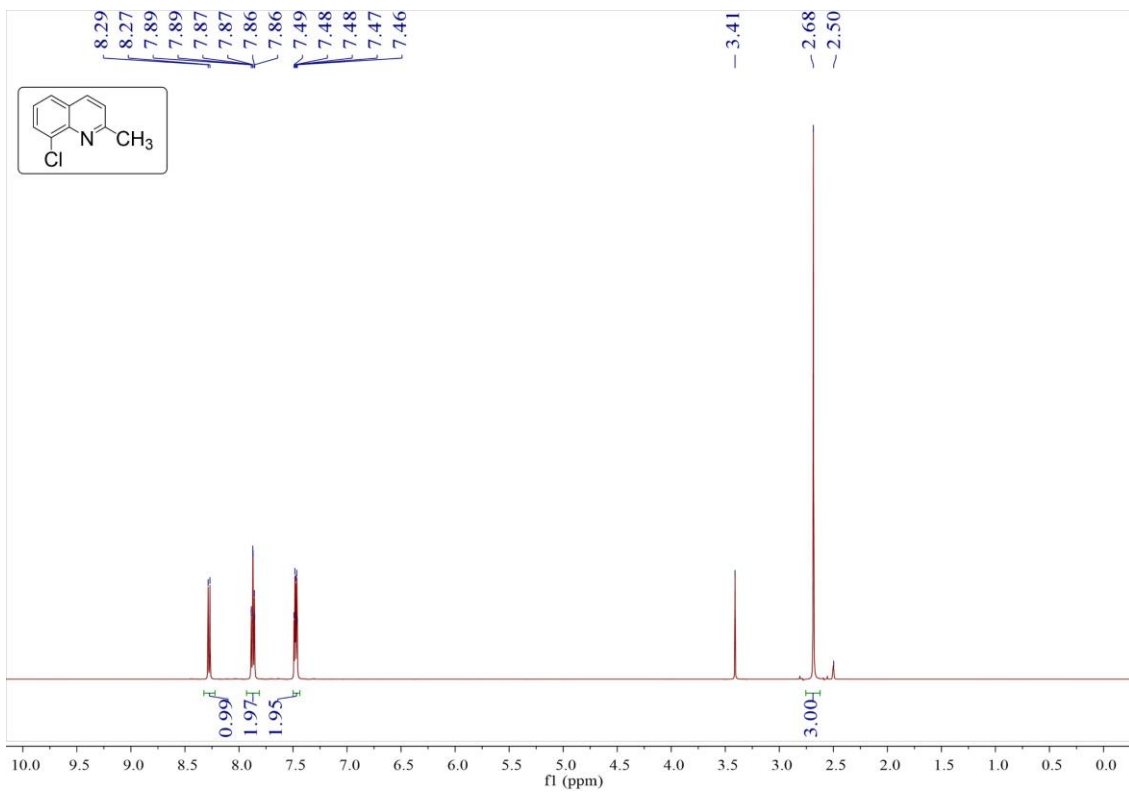


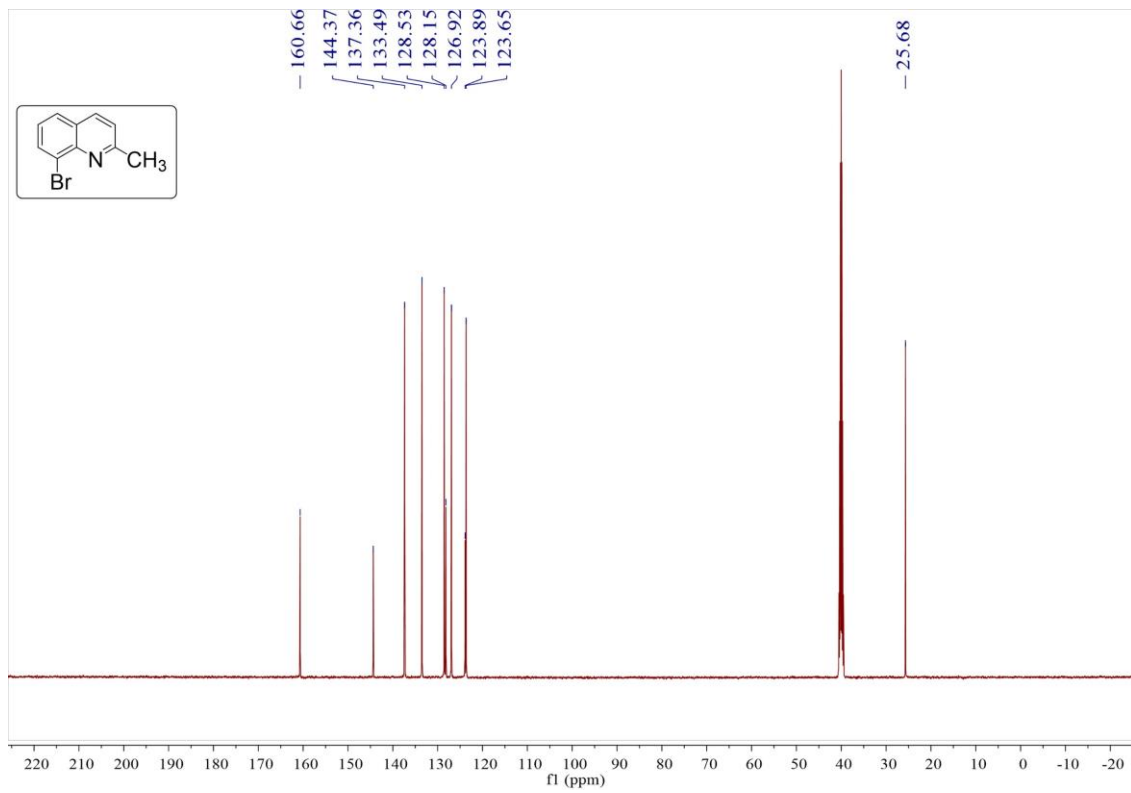
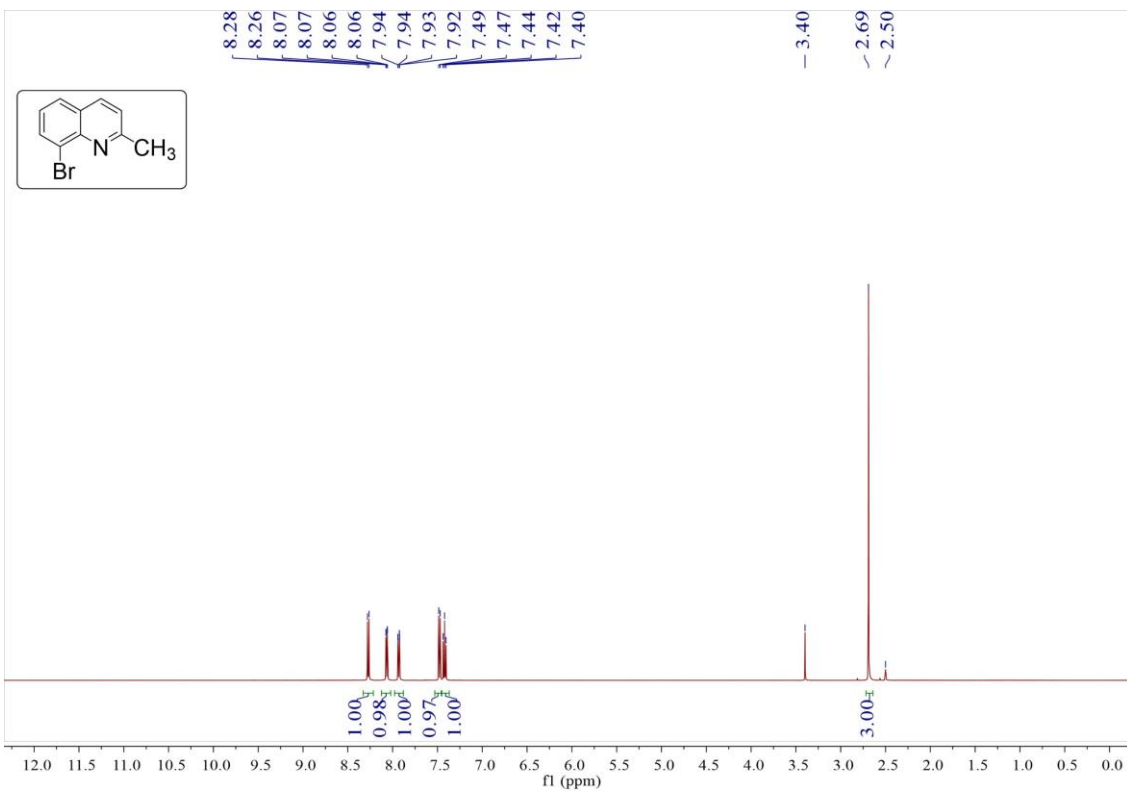


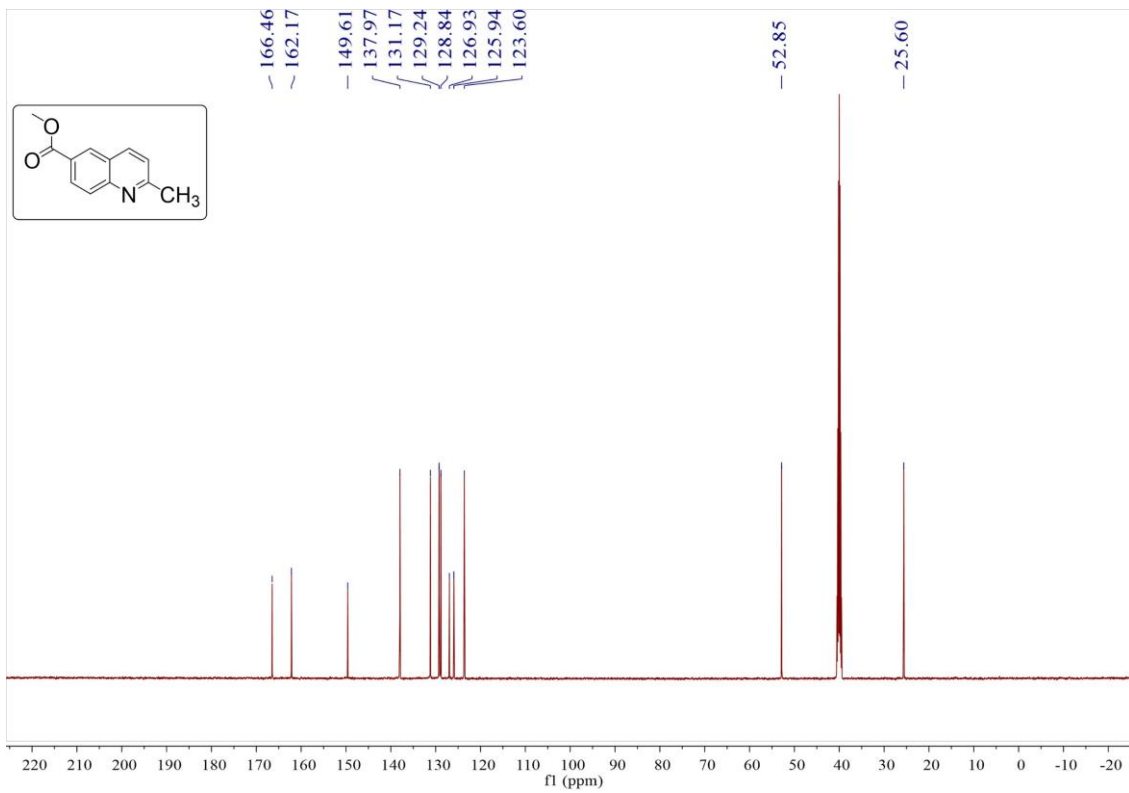
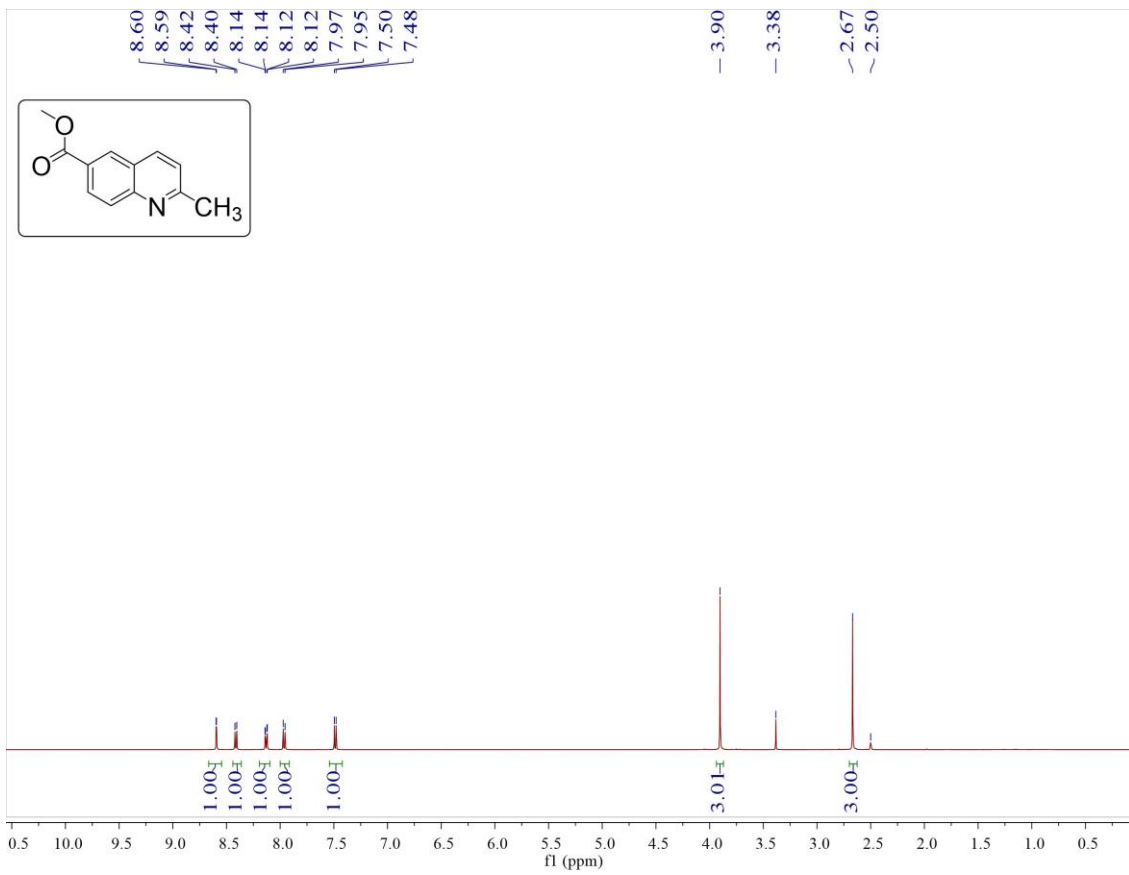


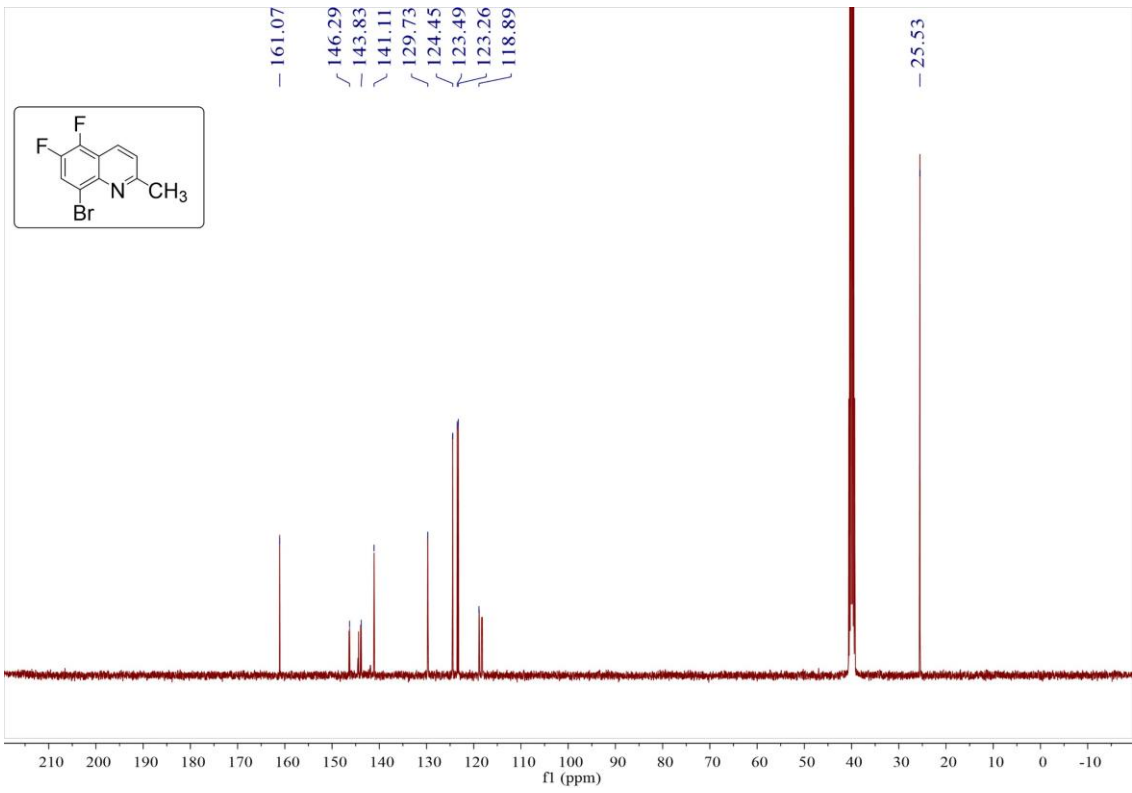
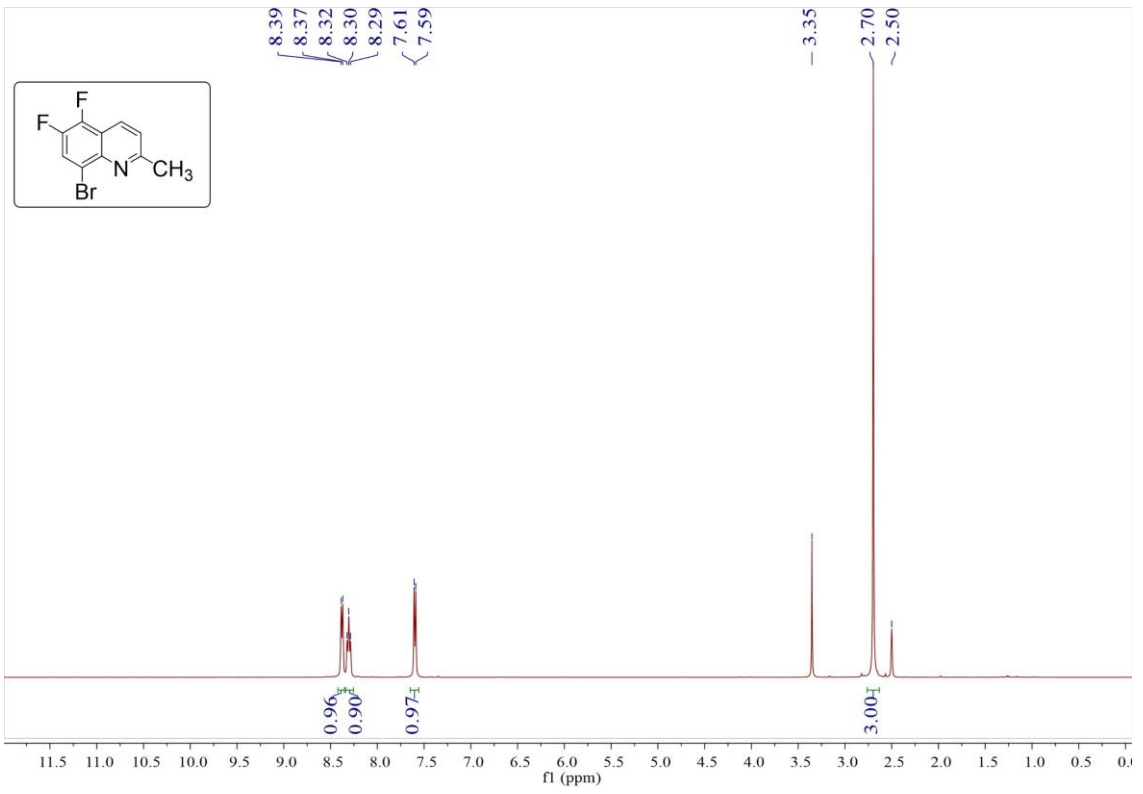






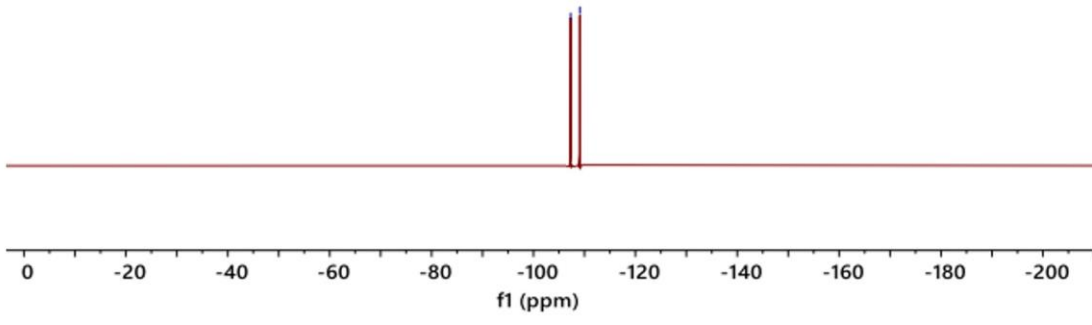


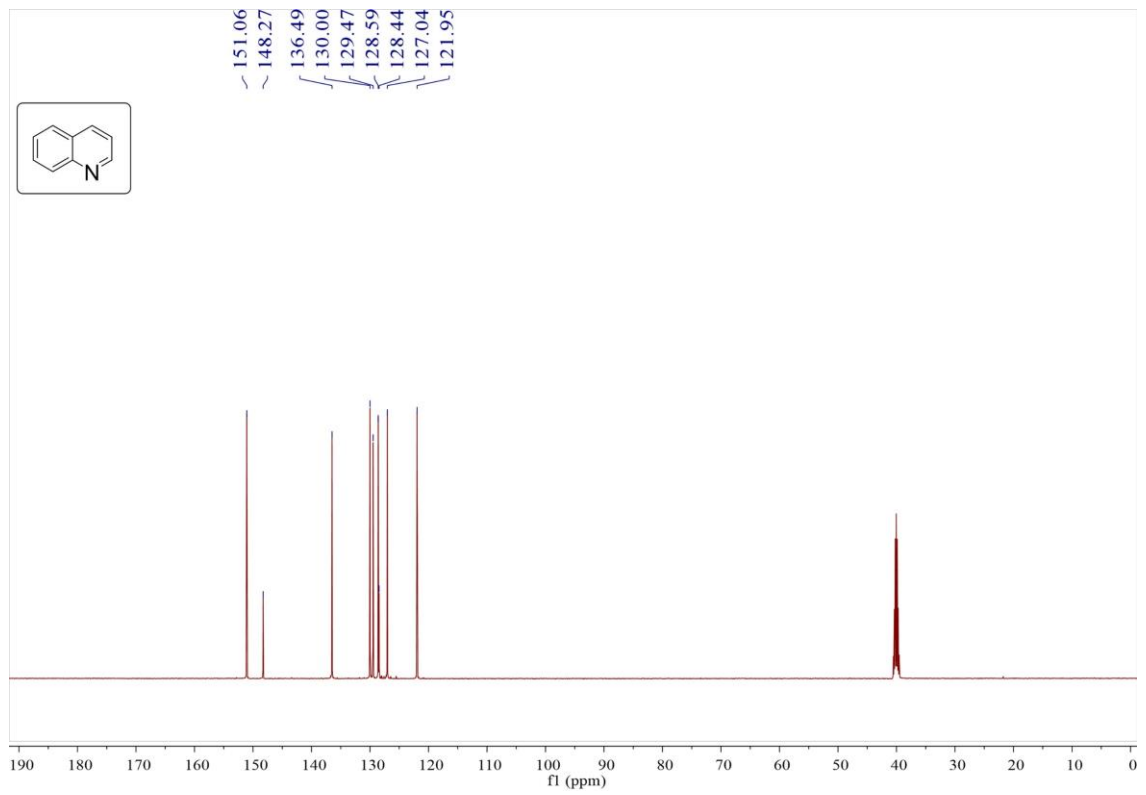
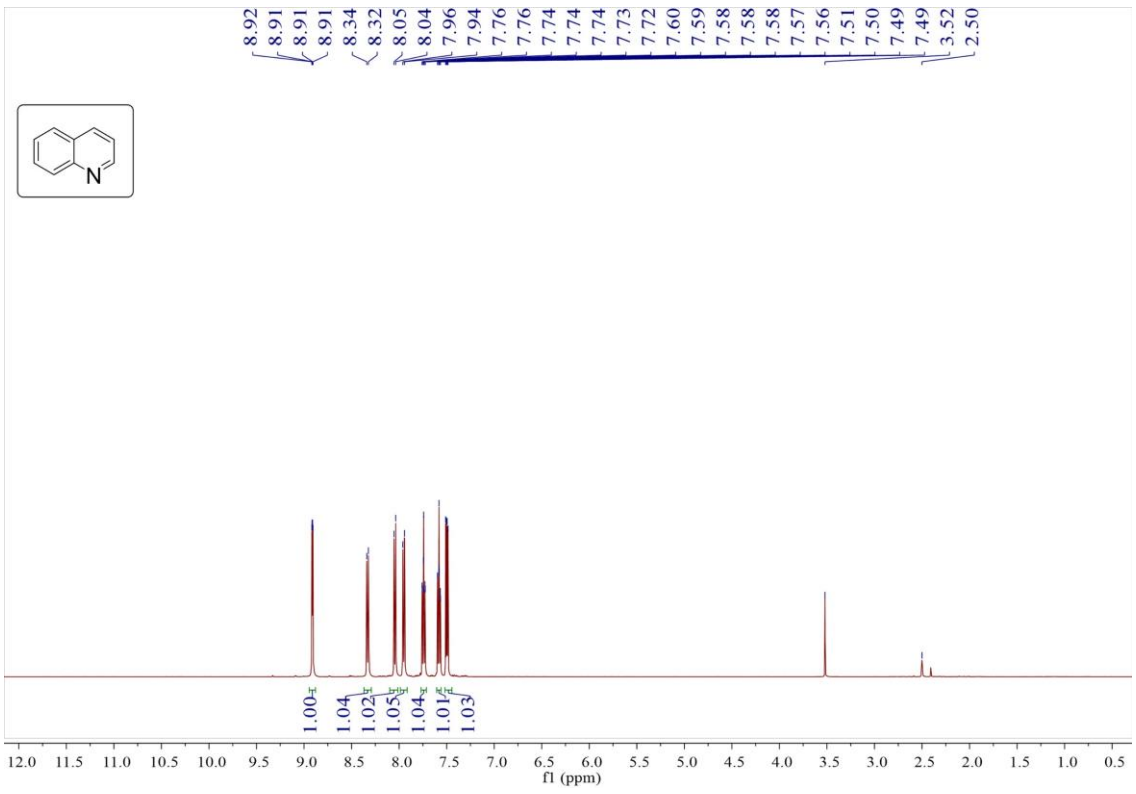


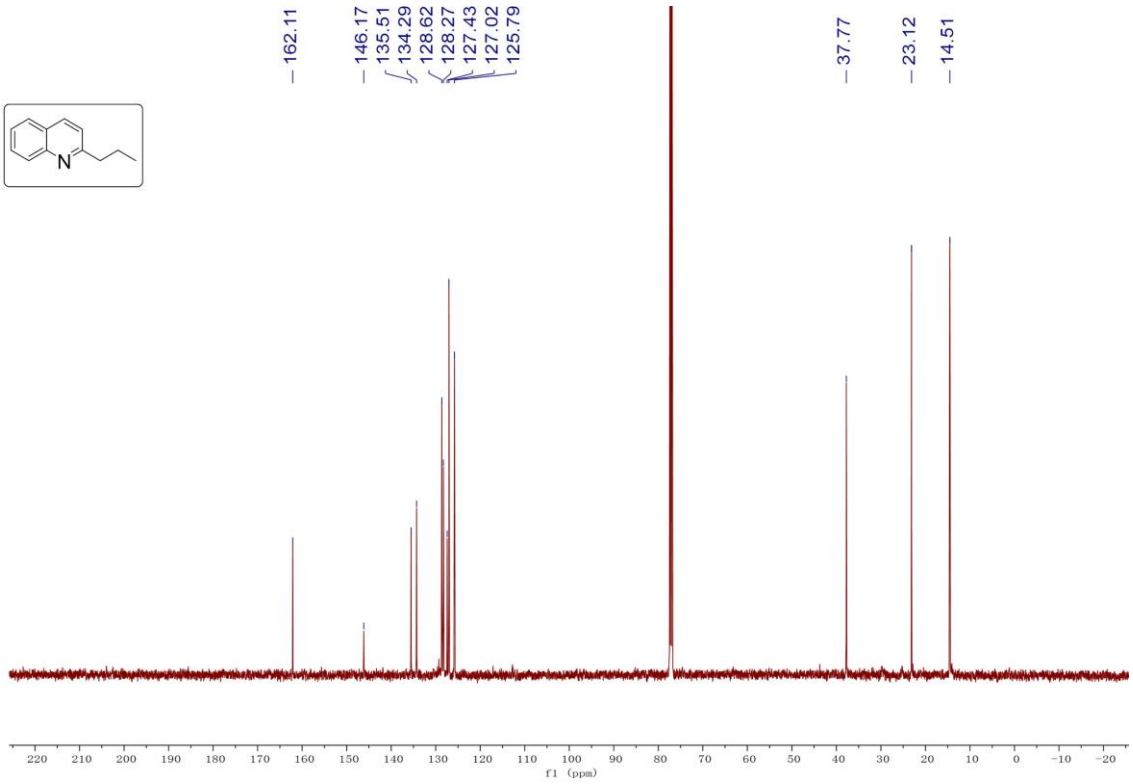
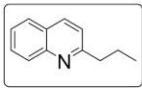
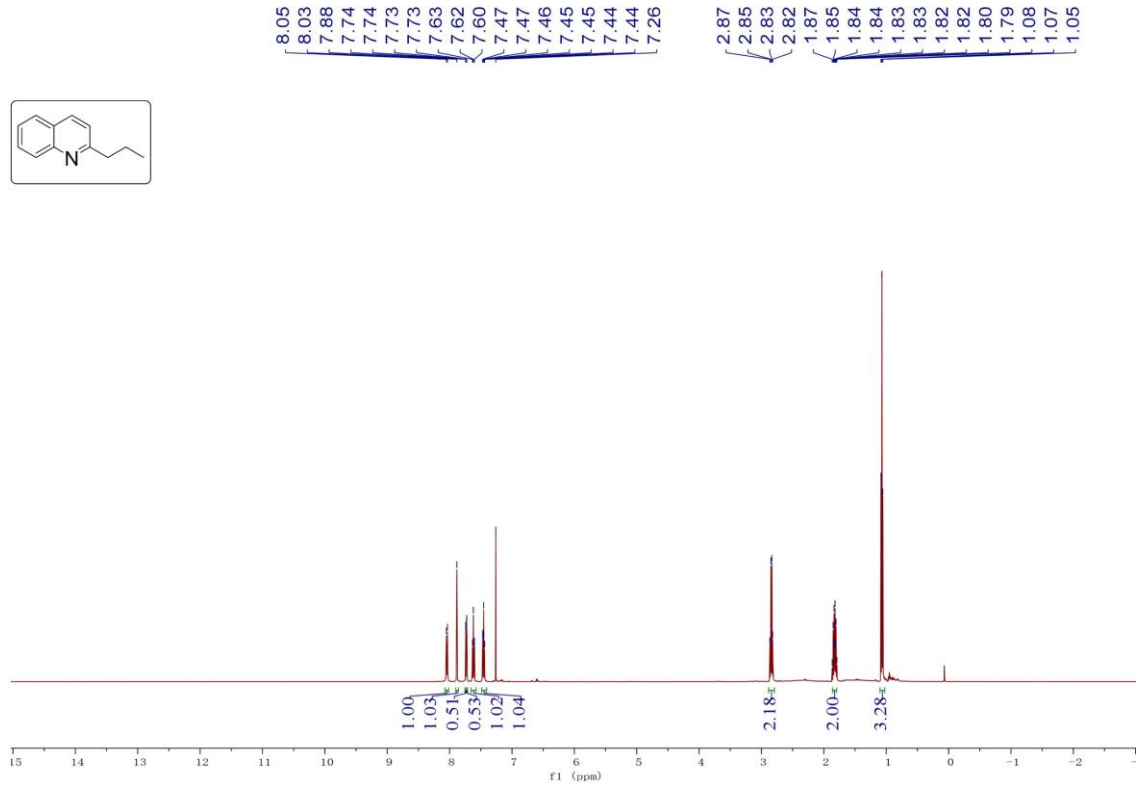
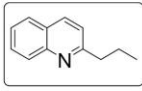


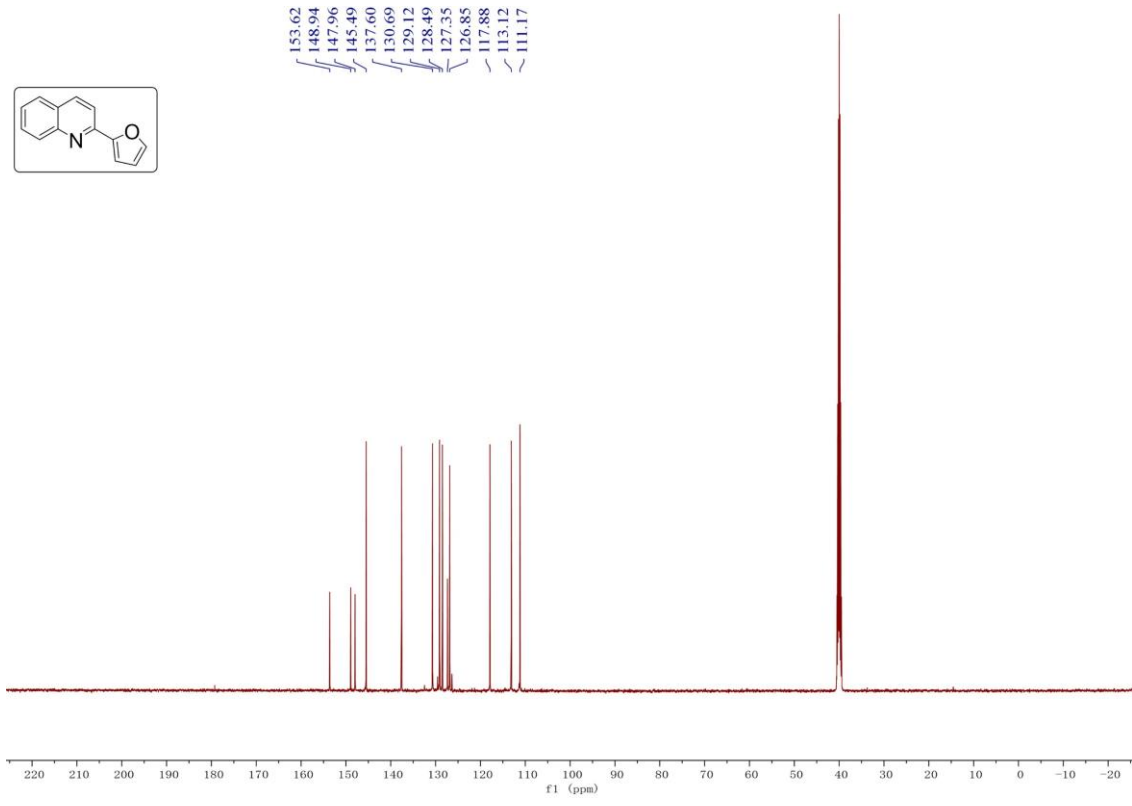
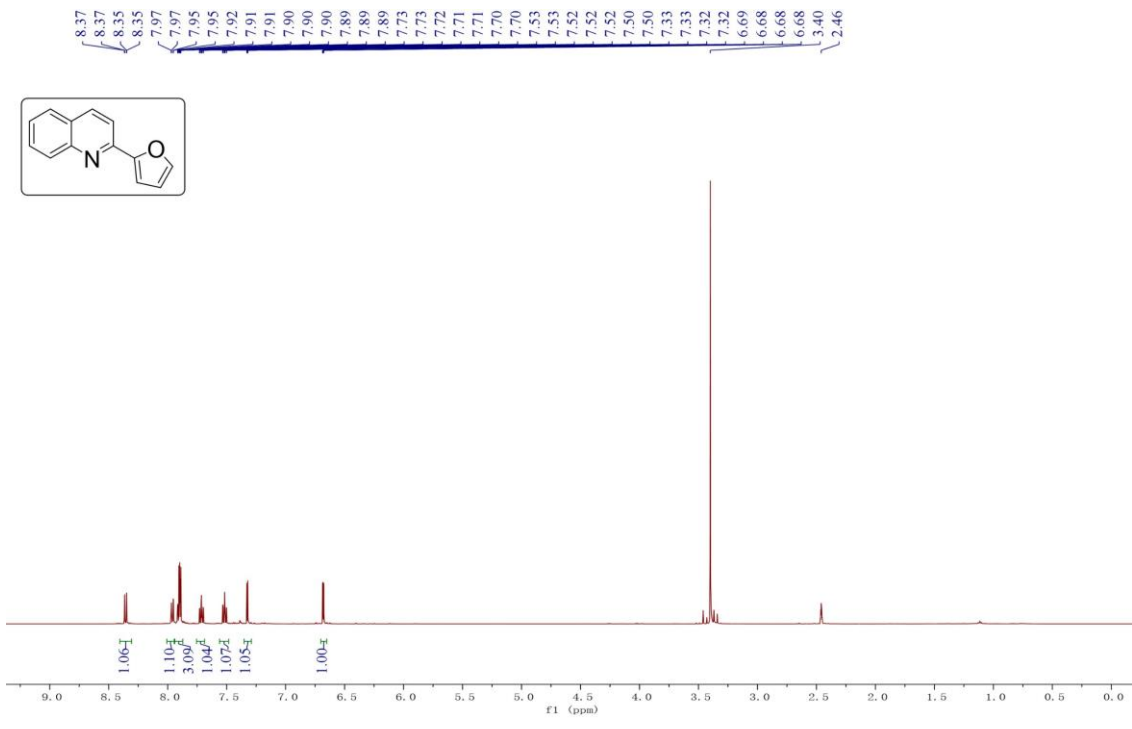


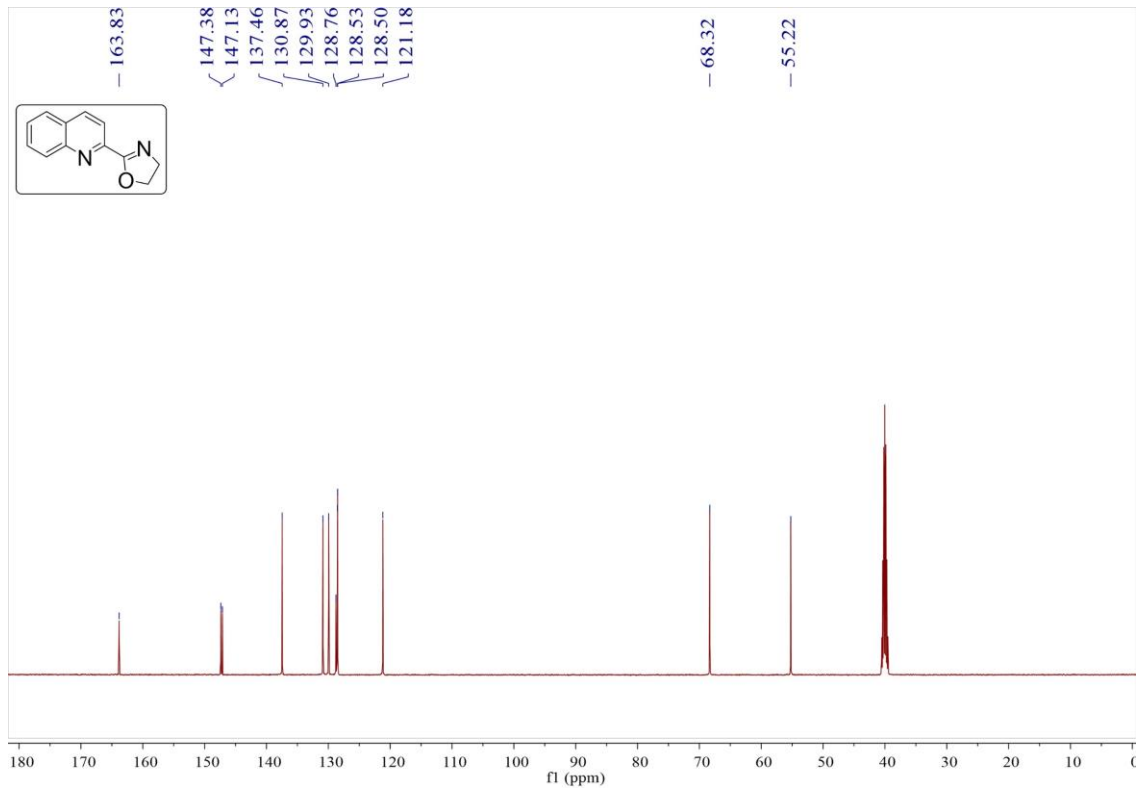
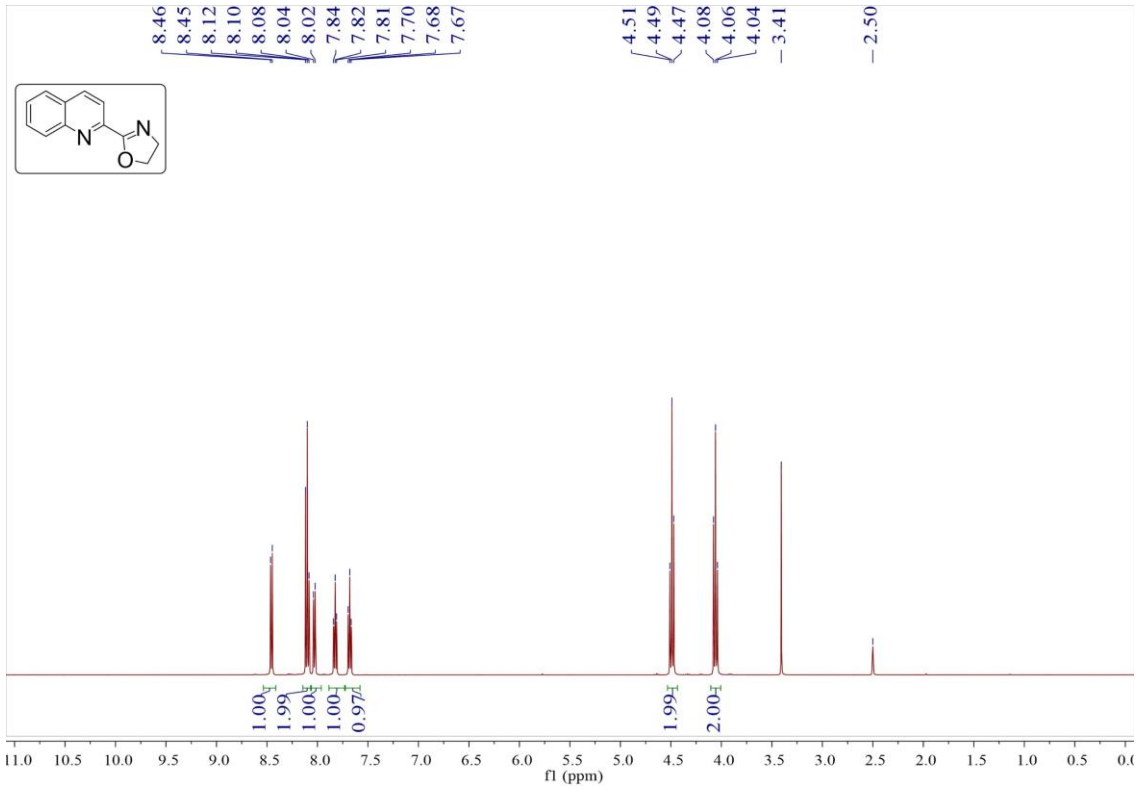
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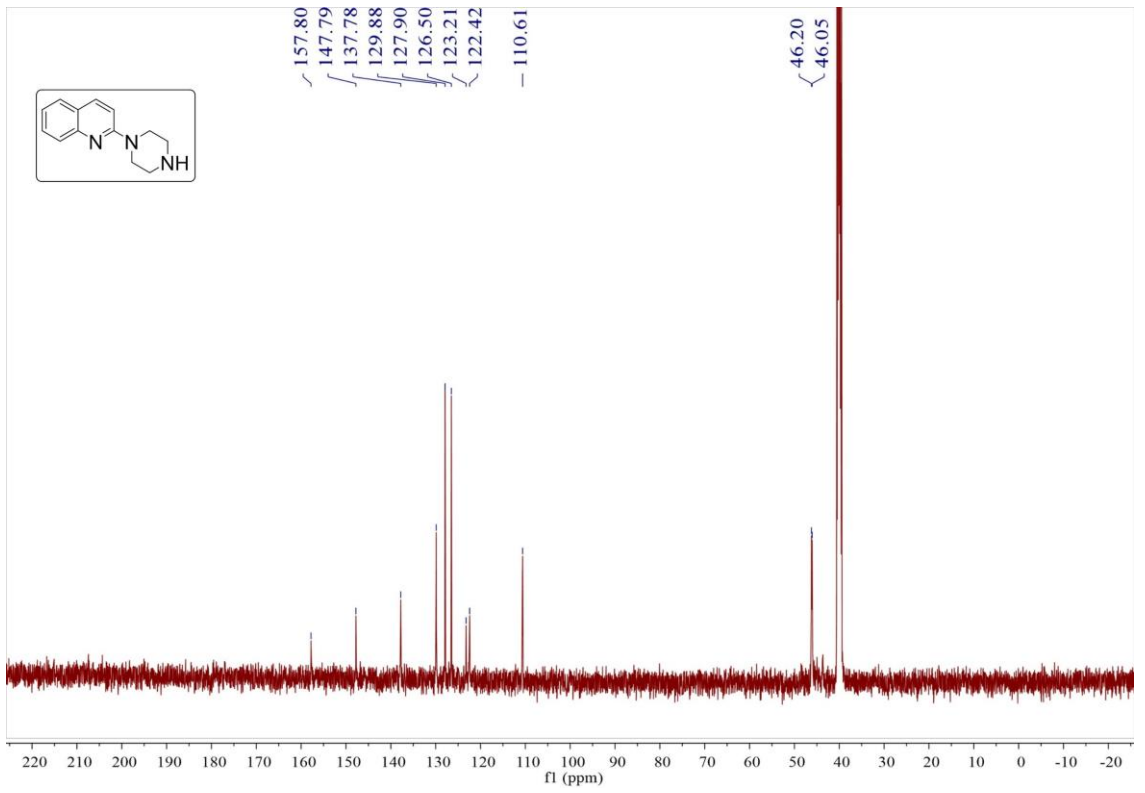
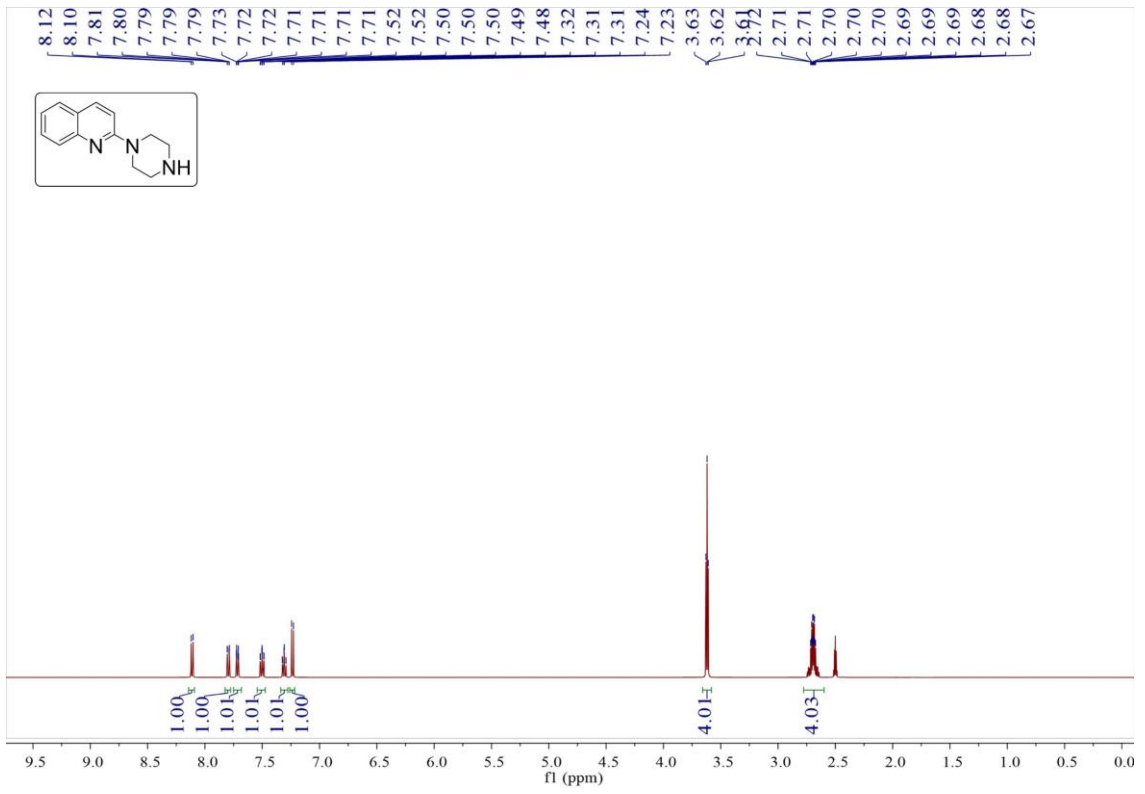




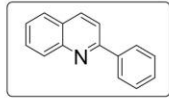
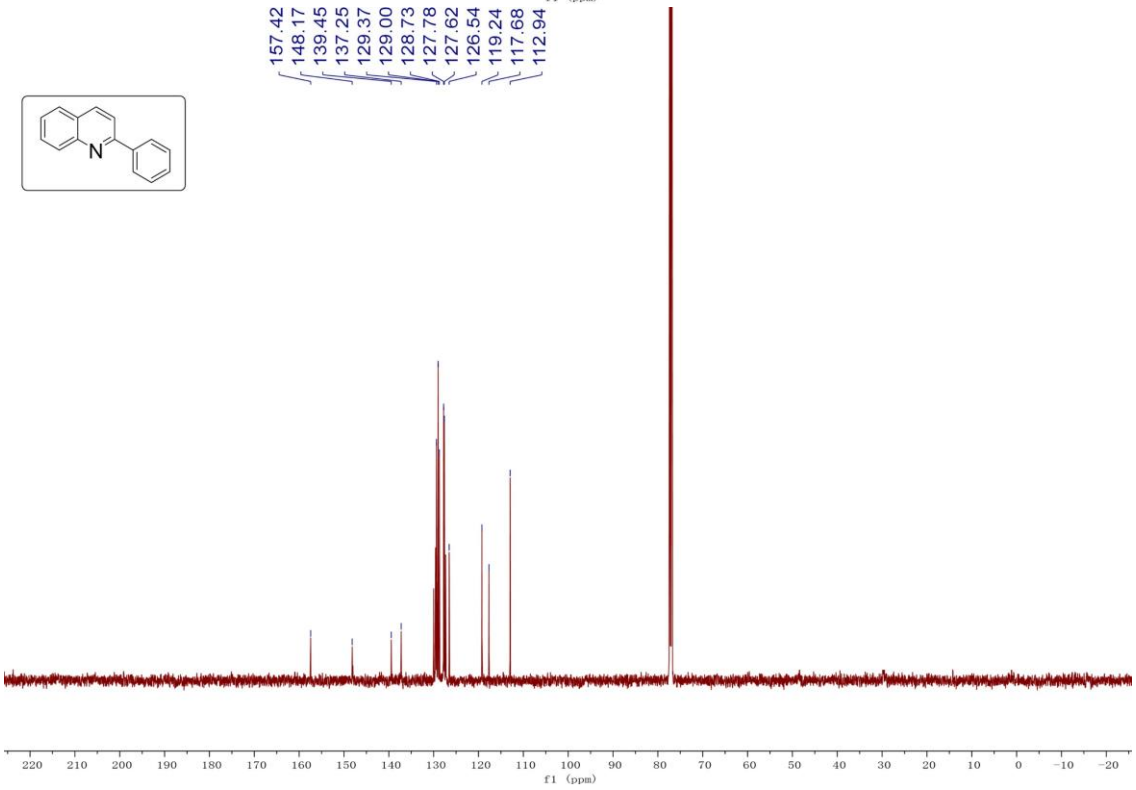
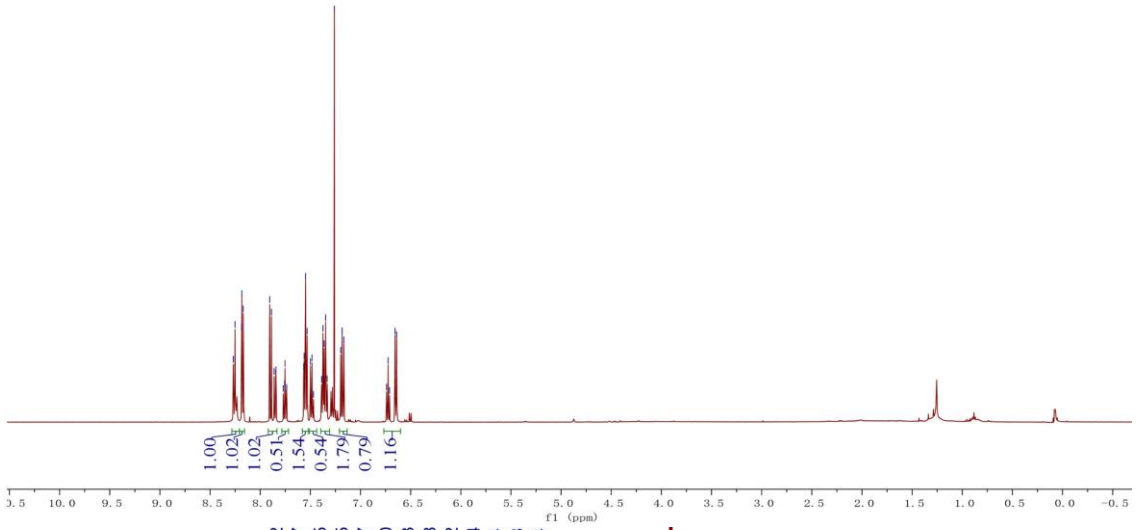
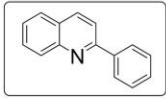


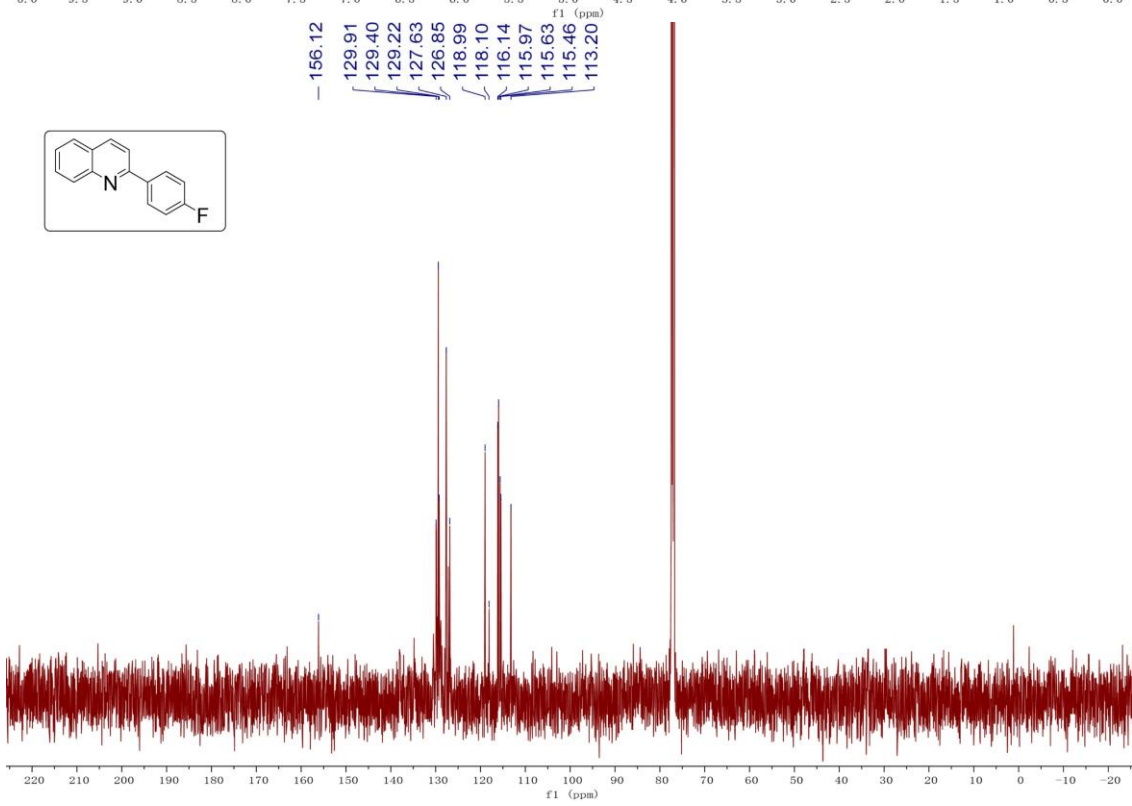
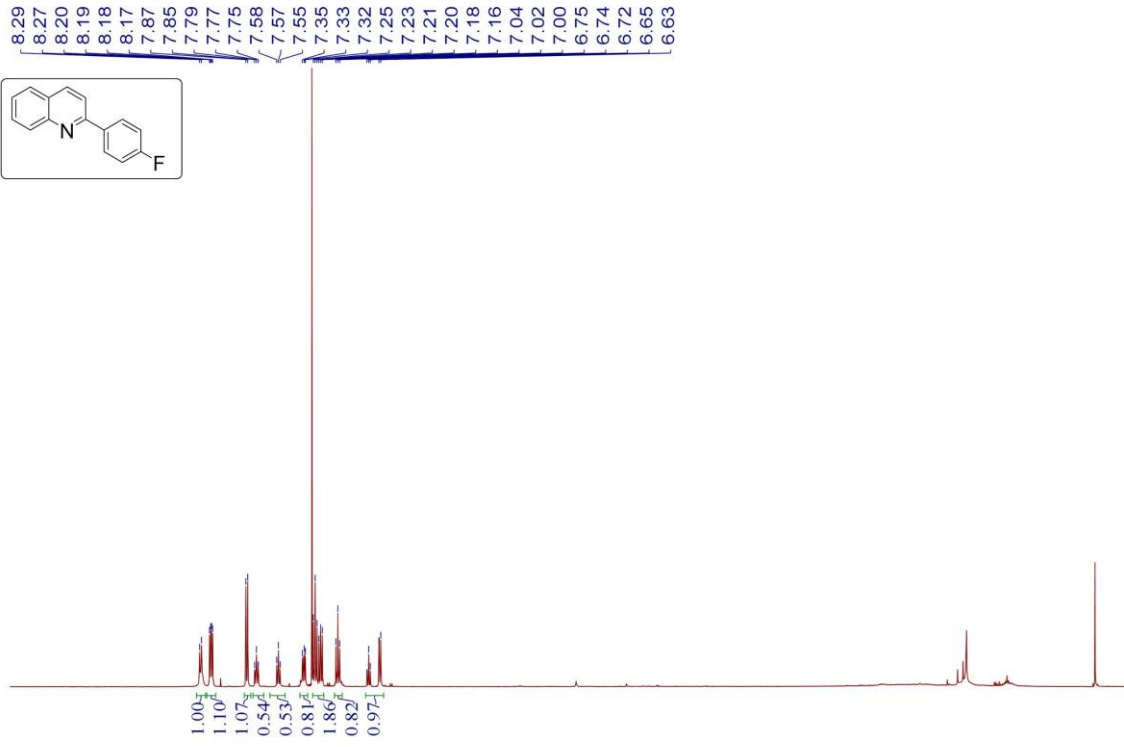


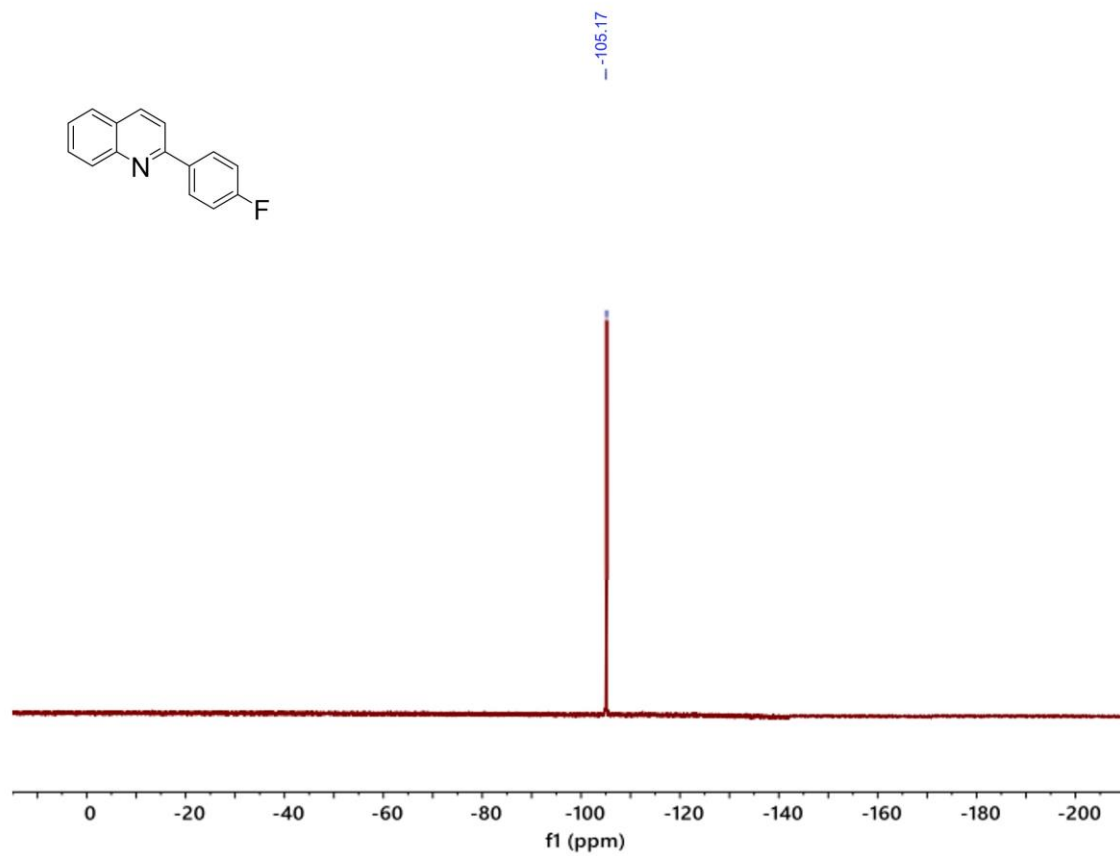
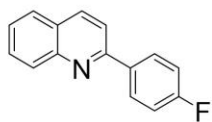


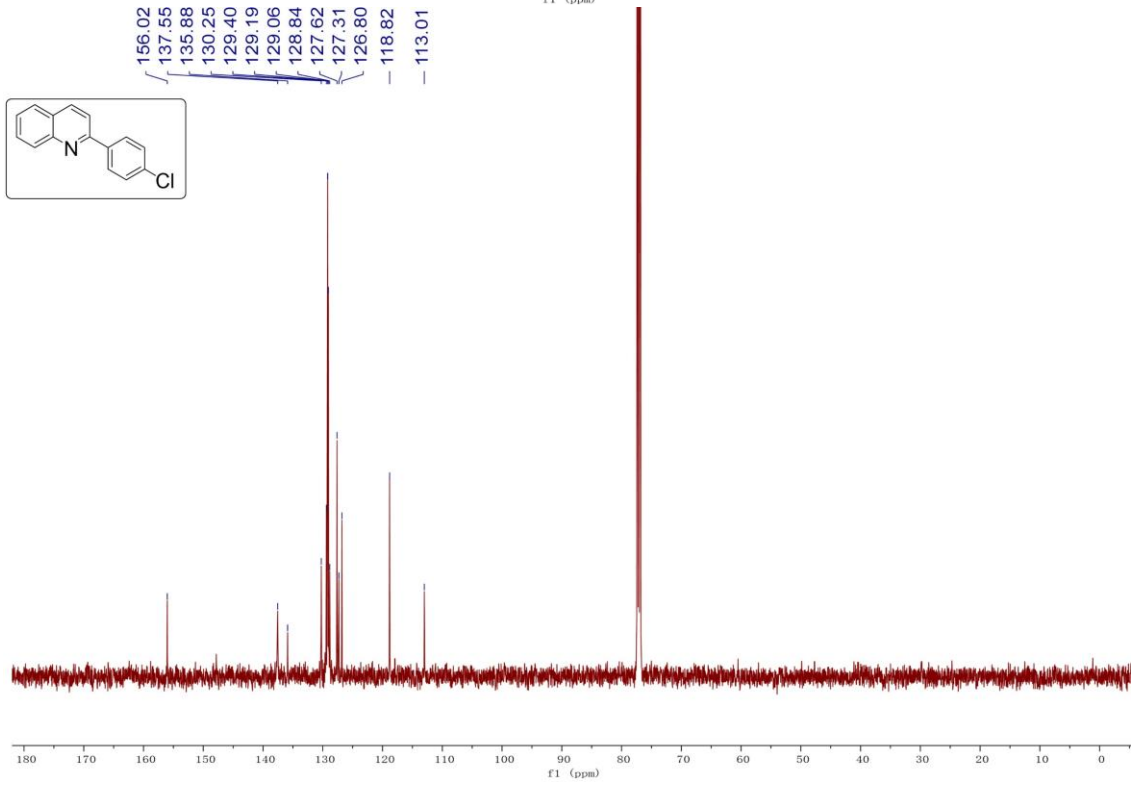
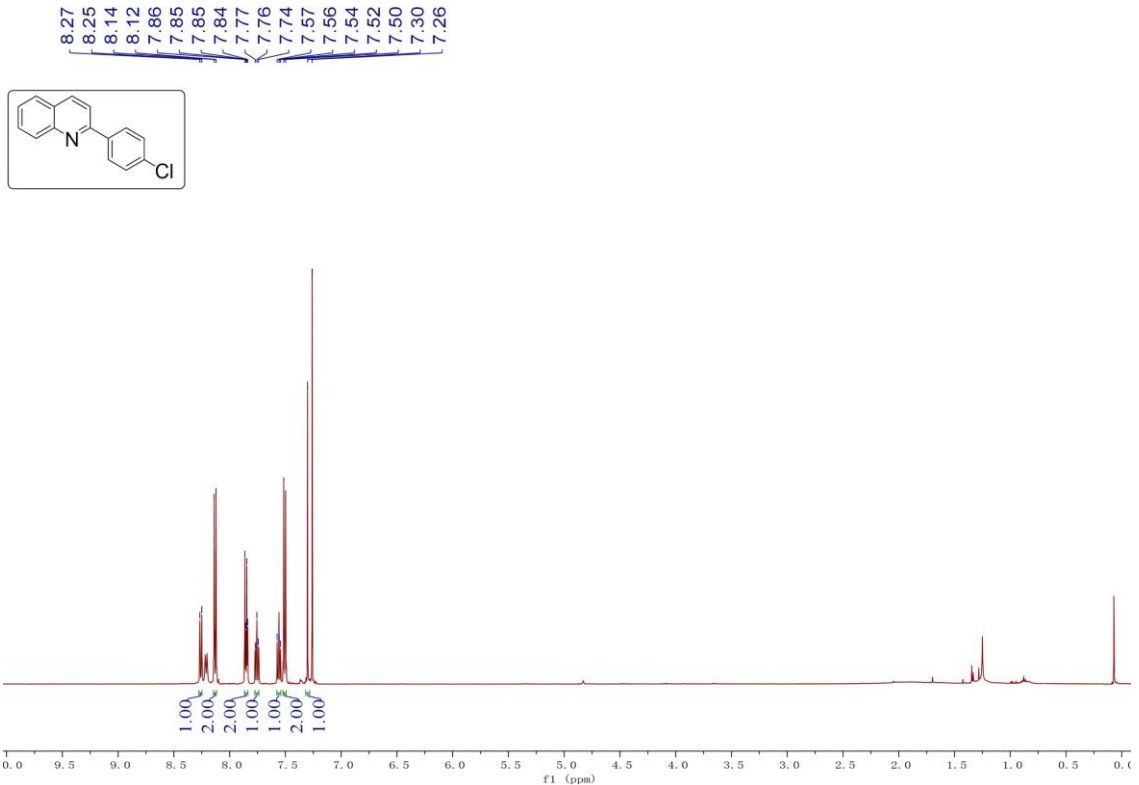


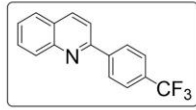
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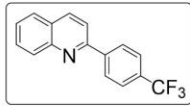
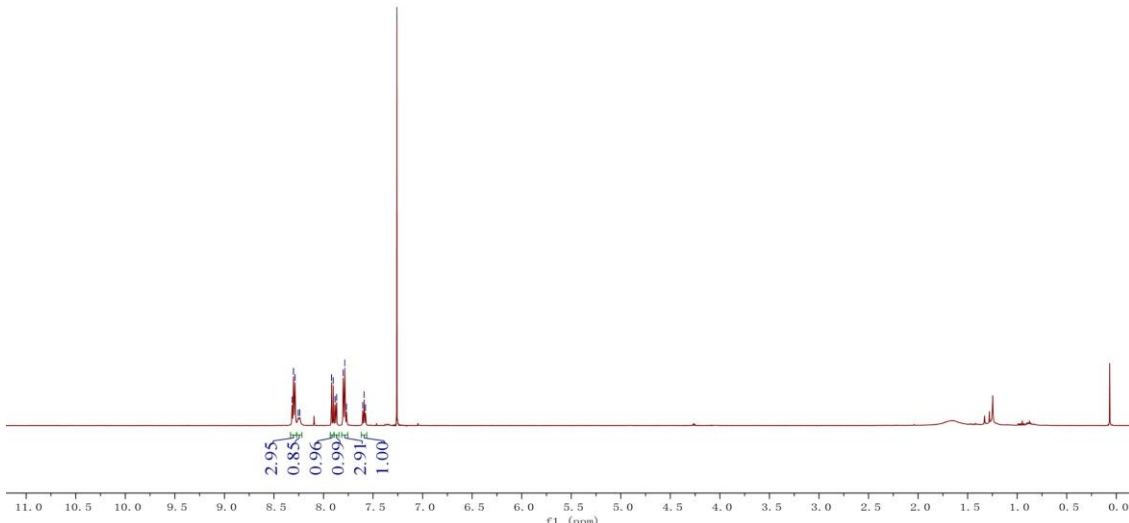




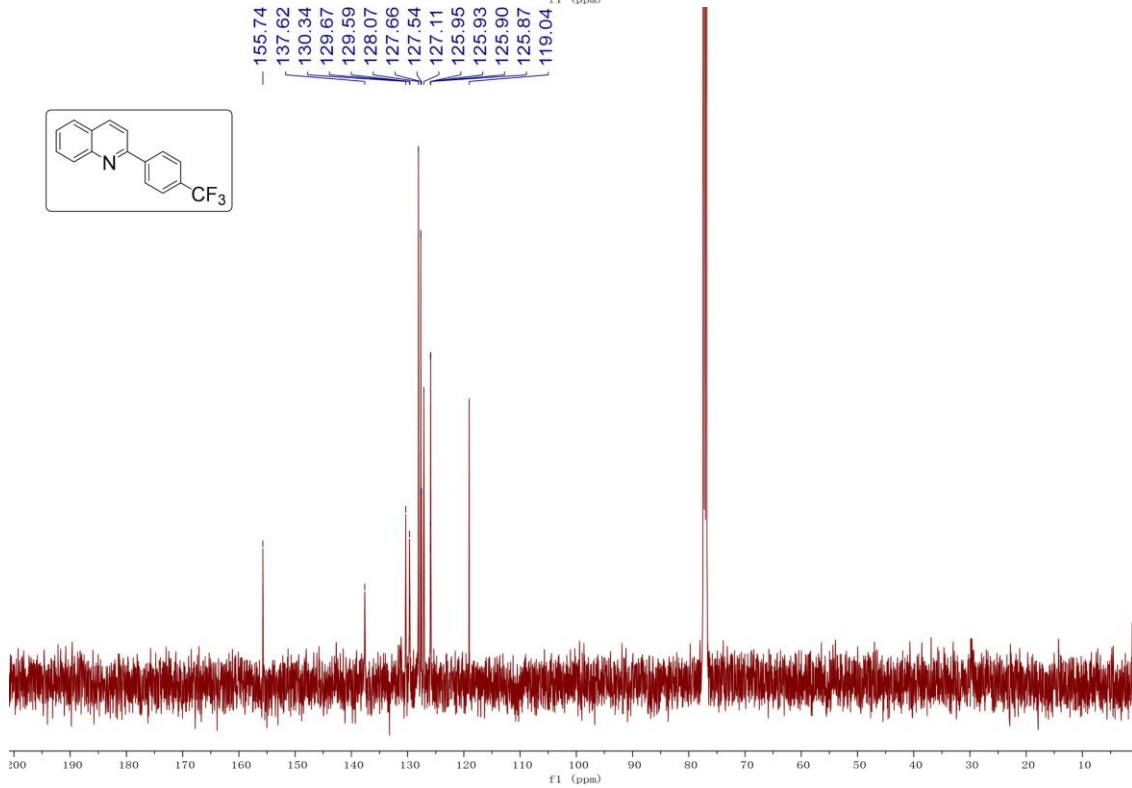


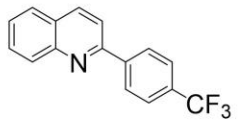


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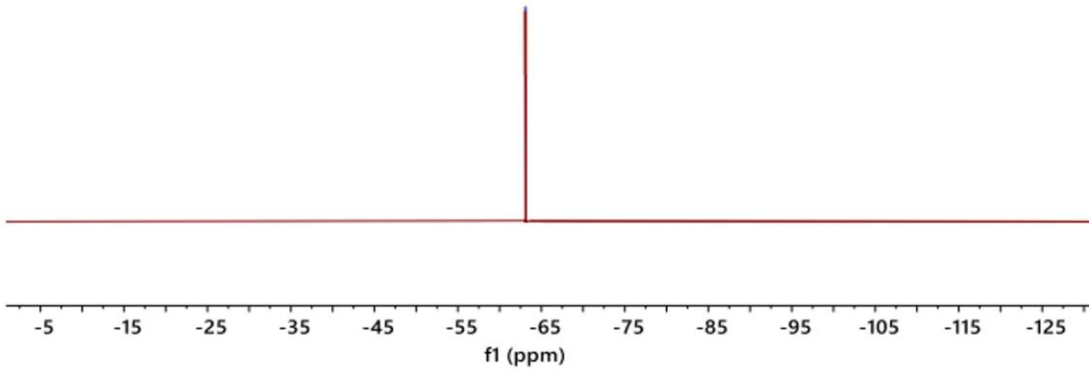


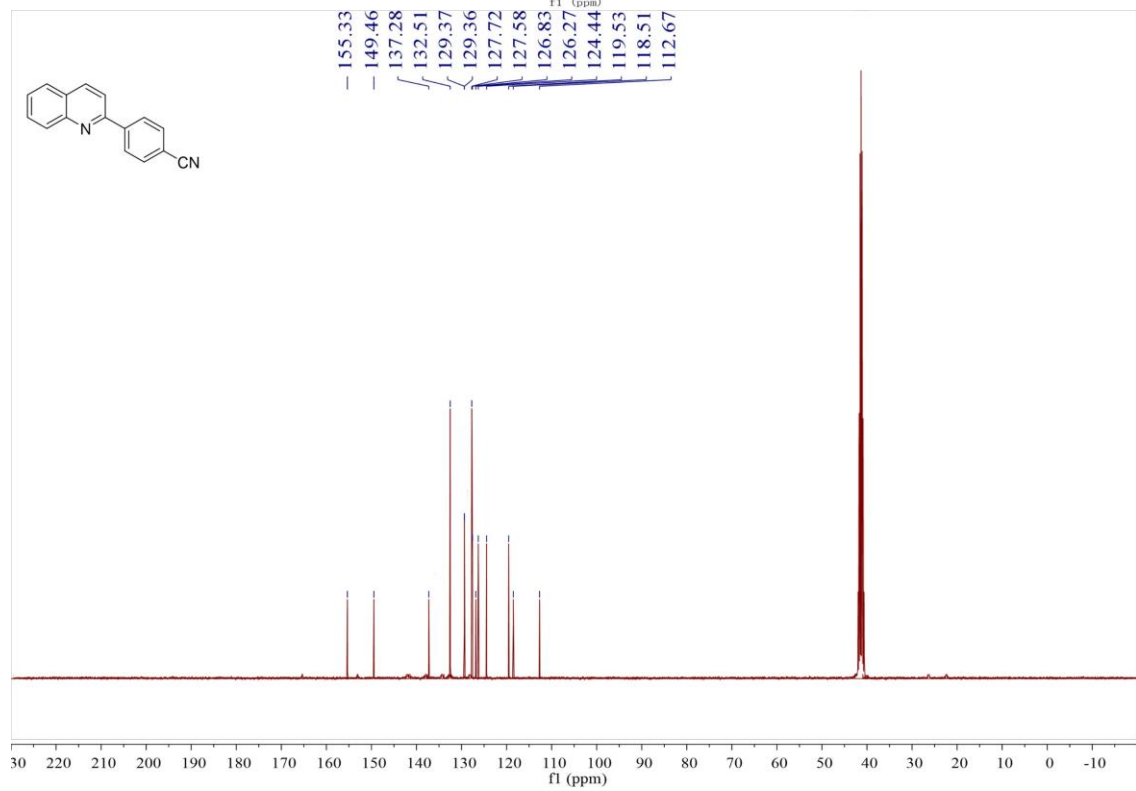
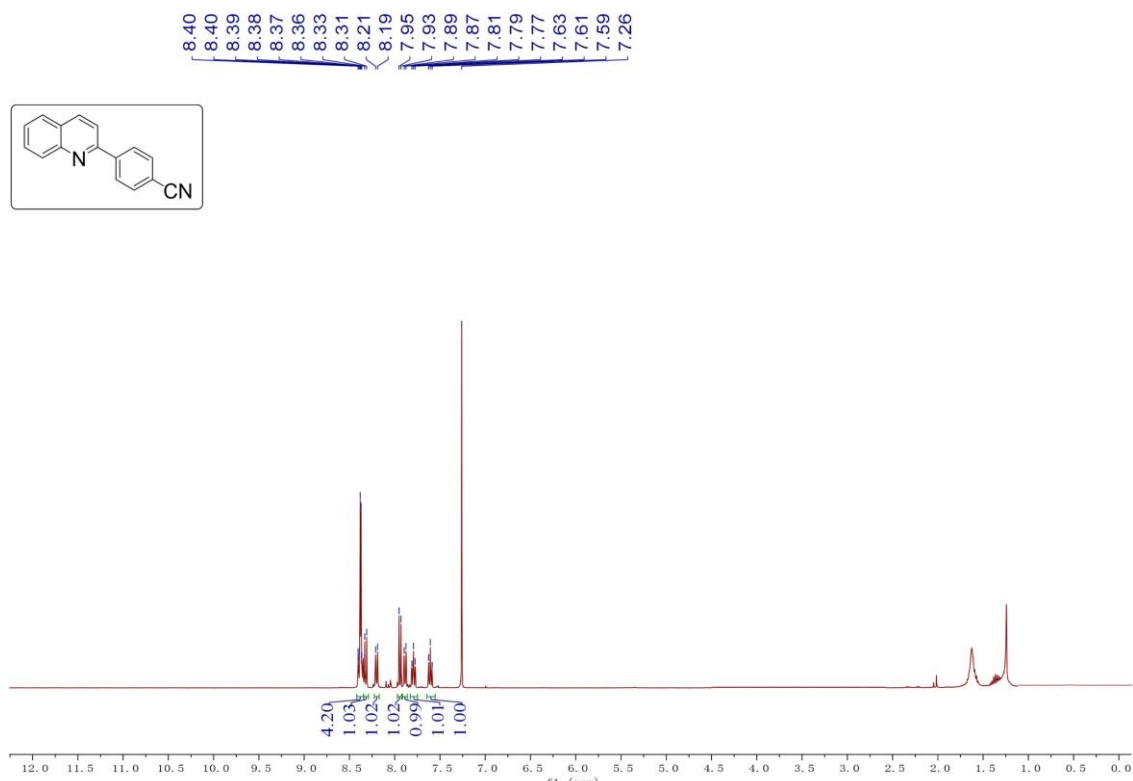
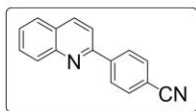
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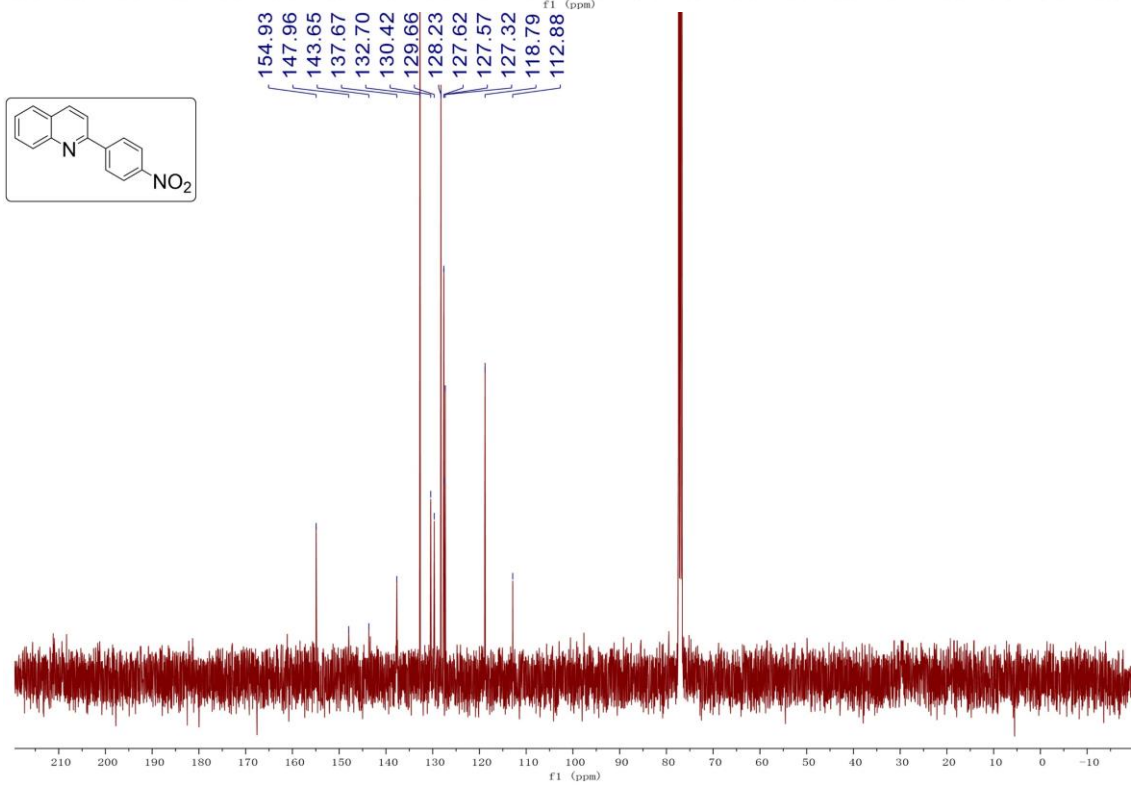
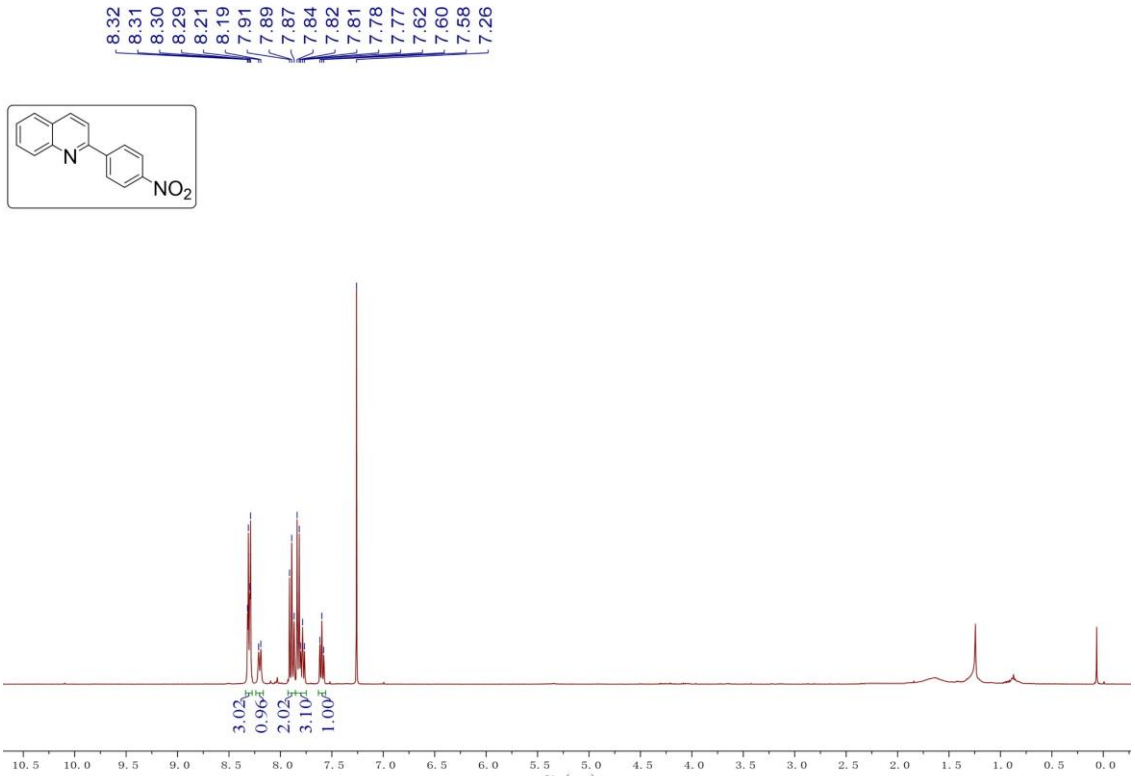




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