

Supporting Information

**Visible Light Mediated Aryl Migration by Homolytic C–N Cleavage of Aryl Amines**

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**General Information**

Commercially available materials were used as received without further purification. All reactions were performed using common inert atmosphere techniques, unless otherwise mentioned. Reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plates. Solvents were purified by *SciMatCo* solvent purification system. Amines were purified by *Innovative Technology* purification system. Photocatalytic reactions were irradiated with one *Kessil* H350 lamp, placed in a distance of 5 cm from the reaction vessel. HPLC analysis of reaction mixtures was performed by a *Waters ACQUITY UPLC* system with *PDA UV-Vis* detector. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Varian MR400 400 MHz and Varian vnmrs 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) and referenced to chloroform ( $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta = 7.26$  ppm,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 77.16 ppm).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR splitting patterns are designated as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), pentet (p), multiplet (m). Mass spectra were recorded at the Mass Spectrometry Facility at the Department of Chemistry of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI on an Agilent Q-TOF HPLC-MS with ESI high resolution mass spectrometer.

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## Additional Optimization Data

Table S1. Additional data for the optimization of Smiles reaction of **3a**.

Entry	Variation of above conditions	Yield <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>[a]</sup>
1	None	>95 (87)
2	1.0 mol% [Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ](PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> II	44
3	1.0 mol% [Ir(ppy) <sub>3</sub> ] III	81
4	10 mol% Phenylphenothiazine IV	29
5	5 mol% 4CzIPN V	>95 (83)
6	0.1 mol% IrOG	93
7	0.01 mol% IrOG	67
8	0.1 mol% [Ir(ppy) <sub>2</sub> d <sup>4</sup> bbpy]PF <sub>6</sub>	91
9	5.0 eq. Et <sub>3</sub> N	54
10	under air	0
11	No base	0
12	No catalyst	11
13	Exclusion of light	0
14	No catalyst, no irradiation, 60 °C	0

[a] determined by HPLC analysis; isolated yields in parentheses.

[Ir(ppy)<sub>2</sub>(dtbbpy)](PF<sub>6</sub>) I

[Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> II

[Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub>] III

10-Phenylphenothiazine IV

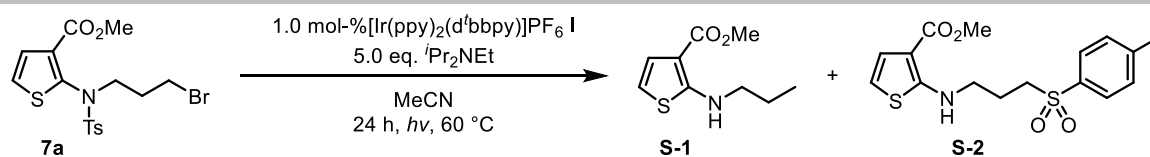
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Table S2. Additional data for the optimization of Finkelstein/Smiles reaction of **5a**.

Entry	Variation of above conditions	Yield <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>[a]</sup>
1	none	0, see Scheme S1
2	<b>1.0 eq. NaI</b>	55
3	<b>1.0 eq. NaI, 60 °C</b>	>95
4	<b>0.2 eq. NaI, 60 °C</b>	16
5	<b>0.5 eq. NaI, 60 °C</b>	>95
6	1.0 eq. NaI, <b>MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O 9:1</b> , 60 °C	50
7	0.5 eq. NaI, 60 °C, <b>DMF (0.1 M)</b>	74
8	0.5 eq. NaI, 60 °C, <b>DMSO (0.1 M)</b>	68
9	<b>1.0 eq. Bu<sub>4</sub>NI</b> , 60 °C	>95
10	<b>0.2 eq. Bu<sub>4</sub>NI</b> , 60 °C	17
11	0.5 eq. NaI, <b>3.0 eq. ^iPr<sub>2</sub>NEt</b> , 60 °C	>95
12	0.5 eq. NaI, <b>3.0 eq. Et<sub>3</sub>N</b> , 60 °C	26, see Scheme S2
13	0.5 eq. NaI, 3.0 eq. ^iPr <sub>2</sub> NEt, <b>40 °C, 0.1 M</b>	61
14	0.5 eq. NaI, 3.0 eq. ^iPr <sub>2</sub> NEt, 60 °C, <b>0.2 M</b>	>95
15	0.5 eq. NaI, 3.0 eq. ^iPr <sub>2</sub> NEt, 60 °C, <b>0.3 M</b>	90
16	0.5 eq. NaI, 3.0 eq. ^iPr <sub>2</sub> NEt, 60 °C, <b>0.4 M</b>	57

[a] determined by HPLC analysis; isolated yield in parentheses.

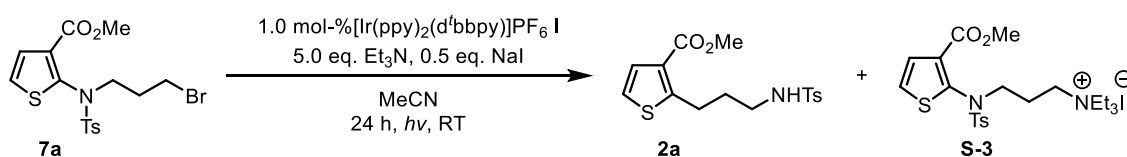
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**Scheme S1.** Reactivity of **7a** in absence of an iodide-source (Table S1, Entry 1).

**S-1:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.01, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72 (sextet, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.20 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.14 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.01 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.43 (br s, 1 H, NH) ppm.

**S-2:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.97 (p, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.32 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.36 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.16 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.01 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.42 (br s, 1 H, NH) ppm.



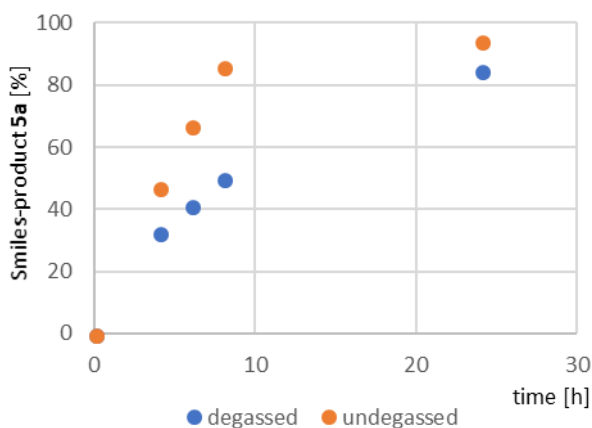
**Scheme S2.** Reaction of **7a** in presence of photocatalyst **I** and Et<sub>3</sub>N (Table S1, Entry 11).

**S-3:** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.21 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.42 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.50 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.61-3.86 (m, 7 H, CH<sub>2</sub>, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.17 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.25-7.30 (m, 3 H, Ar, Ts), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.

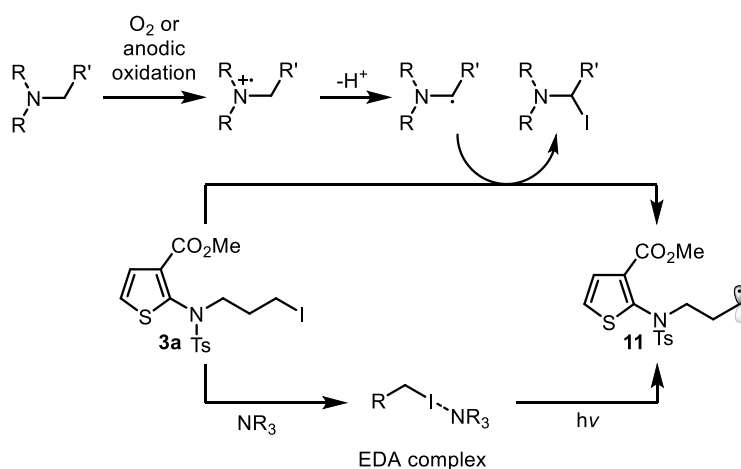
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## Additional Mechanistic Aspects

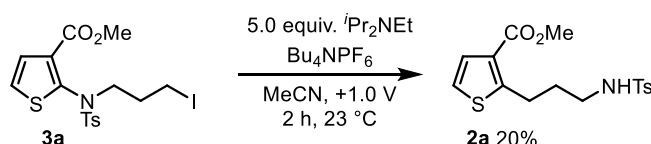
In the course of our reaction optimization, we observed a small amount of Smiles rearrangement product **2a** being formed in absence of any photocatalyst (Table S1, Entry 12). Also, we noticed a slightly enhanced reaction rate under an aerobic atmosphere for the iridium-mediated reaction (Figure S1). These findings suggest that alternative pathways to primary alkyl radical **11** contribute to the overall reaction rate. As photolysis of the alkyl iodide does not occur in absence of an amine base, the combination of both might lead to the formation of an EDA complex, that is able to undergo charge transfer from upon irradiation.<sup>[1]</sup> The increased reaction rate under aerobic conditions suggests a pathway that is mediated by the amino radical cation of <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt. It is supposedly generated by single electron oxidation by molecular oxygen and might abstract the iodine atom of **3a** to generate **11** (Scheme S3). This hypothesis is supported by the result of the electrochemical experiment depicted in Scheme S4. Herein, a potential of +1.0 V was applied to a solution of **3a** in presence of <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt and Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> as the electrolyte, and Smiles product **2a** was achieved in 20% yield.



**Figure S1.** Time resolution of Finkelstein/Smiles reaction of **7a** under oxygen-free conditions and air atmosphere. Conditions: 1.0 mol% [Ir(ppy)<sub>2</sub>(d<sup>i</sup>bbpy)]PF<sub>6</sub>, 3.0 equivalents <sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt, 0.5 equivalents NaI, MeCN (c = 0.1 M).



**Scheme S3.** Alternative pathways to key radical intermediate **11**.

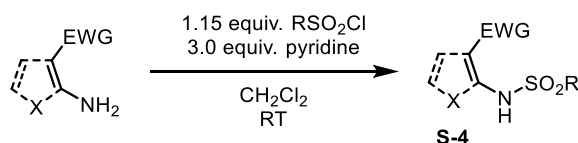


**Scheme S4.** Electrochemical conduction of Smiles rearrangement

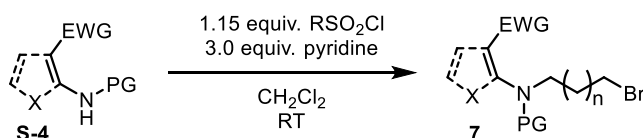
[1] a) A. Böhm, T. Bach, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2016**, *22*, 15921; b) J. F. Franz, W. B. Kraus, K. Zeitler, *Chem. Commun.* **2015**, *51*, 8280; c) D. P. Stevenson, G. M. Coppinger, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1962**, *84*, 149

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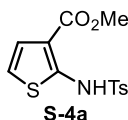
## Synthesis of Substrates



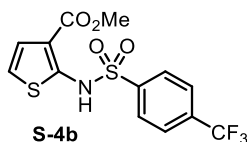
**General procedure for the sulfonylation of amines (GP1):** Commercially available amines (1.0 equiv.) were dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.4 M) in an oven dried round bottom flask equipped with stir bar and sulfonyl chloride (1.15 equiv.) and pyridine (3.0 equiv.) were added at RT and it was stirred for the indicated time. The reaction mixture was poured into 1 N HCl/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3x), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Pure sulfonamides **S-4** were obtained by column chromatography using silica and hexanes/EtOAc.



**General Procedure for the bromoalkylation of protected amines S-1 with dibromoalkanes (GP2):** To a solution of sulfonamides **S-4** in DMF (0.07 M) in an oven dried round bottom flask was added  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (5.0 equiv.) and dibromoalkane (10 equiv.) and heated to  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for the indicated time. After cooling to RT, it was poured into  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{EtOAc}$  and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with 1 N HCl (1x) and 1 M LiCl (3x), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Pure alkylbromides **7** were obtained by column chromatography using silica and hexanes/EtOAc.

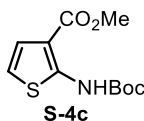
methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4a**

Synthesis according to GP1: 3.14 g (20.0 mmol) methyl 2-aminothiophene-3-carboxylate, 4.39 g (23.0 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 4.83 mL (4.75 g, 60.0 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 gave 4.94 g (15.9 mmol, 79%) of **S-4a** as a light brown solid.  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1),  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.37 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.79 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.64 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.06 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 10.12 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 51.9, 114.2, 115.7, 124.9, 127.4, 129.9, 135.9, 144.7, 150.0, 165.4 ppm.

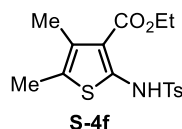
methyl 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4b**

Synthesis according to GP1: 786 mg (5.00 mmol) methyl 2-aminothiophene-3-carboxylate, 1.35 g (5.50 mmol) 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride, 1.21 mL (1.19 g, 15.0 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1  $\rightarrow$  3:1 gave 581 mg (1.59 mmol, 32%) of **S-4b** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.40$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.81 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.70 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.09 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ts), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ts), 10.25 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  52.1, 115.0, 116.3, 123.2 (q,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 273$  Hz), 125.1, 126.5 (q,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 3.7$  Hz), 127.9, 135.3 (q,  $J_{\text{C,F}} = 33$  Hz), 142.3, 148.9, 165.5 ppm.

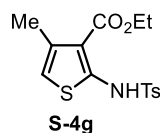
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methyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4c**

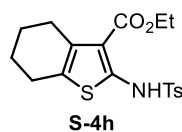
480 mg (2.2 mmol) Boc<sub>2</sub>O in an oven dried round bottom flask was dissolved in 50 mL of 1,4-dioxane, 3.14 mg (2.00 mmol) methyl 2-aminothiophene-3-carboxylate and 24.4 mg (0.10 mmol) DMAP were added and it was stirred at RT for 2 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water/EtOAc, extracted with EtOAc (3x) and the combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc 10:1 → 5:1 gave 403 mg (1.57 mmol, 78%) of **S-4c** as a colorless oil. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.30 (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.53 (s, 9 H, Boc), 3.86 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.64 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.13 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 10.03 (s, NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 28.3, 51.7, 82.3, 111.1, 114.7, 124.2, 151.3, 152.2, 165.9 ppm.

ethyl 4,5-dimethyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4f**

Synthesis according to GP1: 399 mg (2.00 mmol) ethyl 2-amino-4,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carboxylate, 438 mg (2.30 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.485 mL (475 mg, 6.00 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 → 3:1 gave 605 mg (1.71 mmol, 86%) of **S-4f** as a colorless solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.40 (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.13 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.21 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 10.37 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 12.7, 14.3, 14.5, 21.7, 60.8, 114.9, 123.4, 127.4, 129.8, 130.2, 136.1, 144.3, 147.1, 165.9 ppm.

ethyl 4-methyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4g**

Synthesis according to GP1: 556 mg (3.00 mmol) ethyl 2-amino-4-methylthiophene-3-carboxylate, 658 mg (3.45 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.728 mL (712 mg, 9.00 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 → 3:1 gave 781 mg (2.30 mmol, 77%) of **S-4g** as a colorless solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.45 (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.25 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.28 (s, 1 H, Ar), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, Ts), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, Ts), 10.50 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 14.3, 18.1, 21.7, 61.0, 112.0, 114.0, 127.4, 129.8, 136.0, 144.5, 151.1, 165.9 ppm.

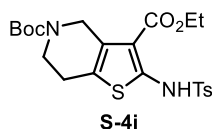
methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzothiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4h**

Synthesis according to GP1: 423 mg (2.00 mmol) methyl 2-amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzothiophene-3-carboxylate, 438 mg (2.30 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.485 mL (475 mg, 6.00 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 → 3:1 gave 446 mg (1.22 mmol, 61%) of **S-4h** as a colorless solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.20 (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 1.32 1.66-1.79 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.54-2.60 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60-2.66 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.77 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3

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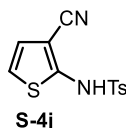
Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 10.38 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 22.7, 23.0, 24.6, 26.5, 51.6, 113.2, 126.7, 127.5, 129.9, 132.1, 136.1, 144.4, 148.2, 166.4 ppm.

**5-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridine-3,5(4H)-dicarboxylate S-4i**



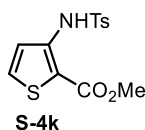
Synthesis according to GP1: 625 mg (1.91 mmol) ethyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridine-3-carboxylate, 420 mg (2.20 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.464 mL (454 mg, 5.74 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1  $\rightarrow$  1:1 gave 782 mg (1.63 mmol, 85%) of **S-4i** as a colorless foam.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.31 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 9.84 (s, 9 H, Boc), 2.39 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.74 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.58 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.25 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 4.43 (s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 10.43 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.3, 21.7, 26.8, 28.6, 41.2, 42.7, 61.0, 80.4, 113.1, 123.4, 127.5, 129.9, 131.2, 136.3, 144.6, 149.3, 154.7, 165.5 ppm.

**N-(3-cyanothiophen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide S-4j**



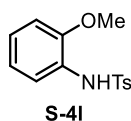
Synthesis according to GP1: 621 mg (5.00 mmol) 2-aminothiophene-3-carbonitrile, 1.10 g (5.75 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 1.21 mL (1.19 g, 15.0 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 2:1  $\rightarrow$  3:2 gave 234 mg (0.54 mmol, 11%) of **S-4j** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.20$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.42 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.91 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 6.96 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.65 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.8, 100.6, 113.5, 121.3, 125.8, 127.6, 130.2, 134.9, 145.4, 148.9 ppm.

**N-(3-cyanothiophen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide S-4k**



Synthesis according to GP1: 393 mg (2.50 mmol) methyl 3-aminothiophene-2-carboxylate 548 mg (2.87 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 1.01 mL (989 mg, 12.5 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 6:1 gave 185 mg (0.59 mmol, 24%) of **S-4k** as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.25 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.70 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 9.46 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.5, 52.0, 110.5, 120.5, 127.0, 129.8, 131.9, 136.4, 143.6, 144.1, 164.2 ppm.

**methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzoate S-4l**



Synthesis according to GP1: 572 mg (4.64 mmol) methoxyaniline, 974 mg (5.11 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 1.13 mL (1.10 g, 13.9 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1  $\rightarrow$  4:1 gave 1.24 g (0.59 mmol, 96%) of **S-4l** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.15$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.35 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.64 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1 H, Ar),

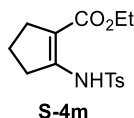


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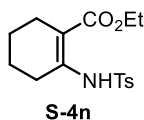
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6.89 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 6.95-7.11 (m, 2 H, NH, Ar), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.51 (s,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.64 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.6, 55.7, 110.7, 121.1, 121.2, 125.3, 126.2, 127.4, 129.5, 136.4, 143.7, 149.6 ppm.

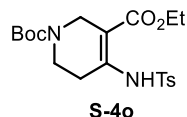
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ethyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclopent-1-ene-1-carboxylate **S-4m**

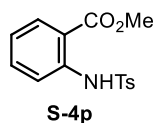
Synthesis according to GP1: 310 mg (2.00 mmol) ethyl 2-aminocyclopentene-1-carboxylate, 438 mg (2.30 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.485 mL (475 mg, 6.00 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 4:1 → 1:1 gave 188 mg (0.608 mmol, 30%) of **S-4m** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.45$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.78 (p,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.41-2.48 (m, 5 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.72 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.18 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 10.09 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.5, 20.7, 21.7, 28.8, 32.6, 60.2, 107.6, 127.2, 130.0, 137.8, 144.2, 152.7, 167.6 ppm.

ethyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate **S-4n**

Synthesis according to GP1: 422 mg (2.49 mmol) ethyl 2-aminocyclopentene-1-carboxylate, 547 mg (2.87 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.603 mL (592 mg, 7.48 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 9:1 gave 577 mg (1.78 mmol, 72%) of **S-4n** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 9:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.50 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.19-2.25 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.40-2.46 (m, 5 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.18 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 11.60 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.3, 21.6, 21.7, 21.7, 24.1, 26.6, 60.6, 105.2, 127.2, 129.9, 138.1, 143.9, 149.6, 170.0 ppm.

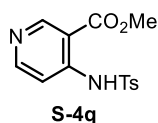
1-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 4-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-5,6-dihydropyridine-1,3(2*H*)-dicarboxylate **S-4o**

synthesis according to GP1: 541 mg (2.00 mmol) ethyl 2-aminocyclopentene-1-carboxylate, 438 mg (2.30 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.485 mL (475 mg, 6.00 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 6:1 → 3:1 gave 313 mg (0.74 mmol, 37%) of **S-4o** as a pale yellow foam along with 129 mg (0.477 mmol, 24%) of starting material.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.42 (s, 9 H, Boc), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.54 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.38 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.03 (br s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.19 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ) 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 11.45 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 21.7, 26.3, 28.4, 39.0, 41.4, 61.0, 80.3, 127.1, 130.1, 137.6, 144.3, 154.3, 167.9 ppm.

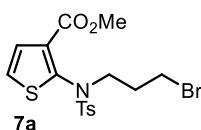
methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzoate **S-4p**

synthesis according to GP1: 302 mg (2.00 mmol) methyl 2-aminobenzoate, 438 mg (2.30 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.485 mL (475 mg, 6.00 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 491 mg (1.61 mmol, 80%) of **S-4p** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.35 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.87 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 7.02 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H, Ts), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 10.61 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.

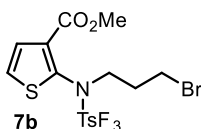
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methyl 4-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)nicotinate **S-4q**

synthesis according to GP1: 304 mg (2.00 mmol) methyl 4-aminonicotinate, 438 mg (2.30 mmol) 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride, 0.485 mL (475 mg, 6.00 mmol) pyridine. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 1:1 → 1:2 gave 124 mg (0.405 mmol, 20%) of **S-4q** as a colorless solid.  $R_f$  = 0.15 (hexanes/EtOAc 1:2).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.96 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 8.47 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 9.04 (s, 1 H, Ar), 10.92 (br s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.8, 52.9, 110.7, 111.0, 127.5, 130.2, 136.1, 145.0, 147.5, 152.7, 154.0, 167.8 ppm.

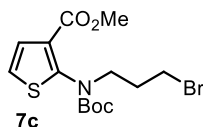
methyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7a**

Synthesis according to GP2: 1.72 g (5.52 mmol) methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4a**, 3.82 g (27.6 mmol)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , 5.60 mL (11.2 g, 55.2 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 1.64 g (3.79 mmol, 67%) of **7a** as a colorless solid.  $R_f$  = 0.30 (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.14 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.50 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.64 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.79 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 30.2, 32.1, 51.8, 51.9, 124.0, 128.0, 128.2, 129.6, 130.2, 135.2, 144.1, 146.0, 162.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 431.9933, found 431.9934. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2950 (C-H), 1715 (C=O), 1435, 1350, 1265, 1160, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

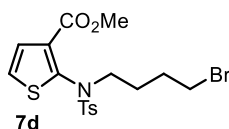
methyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7b**

Synthesis according to GP2: 550 mg (1.51 mmol) methyl 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4b**, 1.04 g (7.53 mmol)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , 1.53 mL (3.04 g, 15.1 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 1.64 g (3.79 mmol, 67%) of **7b** as a colorless solid.  $R_f$  = 0.45 (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.17 (p,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.49 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.57 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.87 (t,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  29.9, 32.1, 51.8, 52.1, 123.4 ( $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 273 Hz), 124.6, 126.1 ( $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 3.7 Hz), 128.3, 128.5, 129.7, 134.8 ( $J_{\text{C,F}}$  = 32.7 Hz), 141.8, 145.4, 161.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrF}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 485.9651, found 485.9644. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2955 (C-H), 1720 (C=O), 1360, 1320, 1270, 1170, 1135, 1060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

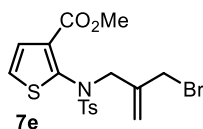
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methyl 2-((3-bromopropyl)(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7c**

Synthesis according to GP2: 400 mg (1.55 mmol) methyl 2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4c**, 1.07 g (7.77 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 1.58 mL (3.14 g, 15.5 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 10:1  $\rightarrow$  4:1 gave 440 mg (1.16 mmol, 75%) of **7c** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.40$  (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.20-1.60 (m, 9 H, Boc), 2.16 (p,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.44 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.76 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.81 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 7.05 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.30 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.2, 30.7, 31.6, 50.5, 51.9, 81.2, 121.5, 127.5, 127.7, 151.2, 154.0, 162.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{14}H_{20}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+Na]^+$  calc. 400.0189, found 400.0183. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2975$  (-C-H), 1705 (C=O), 1365, 1260, 1145  $cm^{-1}$ .

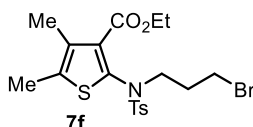
methyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromobutyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7d**

Synthesis according to GP2: 623 mg (2.00 mmol) methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4a**, 1.38 g (10.0 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 2.36 mL (4.32 g, 20.0 mmol) 1,3-dibromobutane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 8:1  $\rightarrow$  3:1 gave 511 mg (1.14 mmol, 57%) of **7d** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.72 (p,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 1.97 (p,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.40 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.63 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.71 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.15 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.32 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.5, 27.2, 29.6, 33.0, 51.6, 52.1, 123.8, 127.9, 128.1, 129.5, 130.1, 135.6, 143.8, 146.0, 162.0 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{17}H_{20}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 446.0090, found 446.0088. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2950$  (-C-H), 1715 (C=O), 1435, 1350, 1285, 1155, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

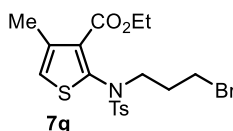
methyl 2-((*N*-(2-(bromomethyl)allyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7e**

Synthesis according to GP2: 167 mg (0.536 mmol) methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4a**, 371 mg (2.68 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 5.74 mg (2.68 mmol) 3-bromo-2-(bromomethyl)prop-1-ene. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 8:1  $\rightarrow$  1:1 gave 58.9 mg (0.144 mmol, 27%) of **7e** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.62 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.05 (s, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 4.37 (s, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 5.07 (s, 1 H, = $CH_2$ ), 5.25 (s, 1 H, = $CH_2$ ), 7.11 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.22 – 7.29 (m, 3 H, Ar, Ts), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 33.3, 51.8, 55.3, 120.3, 123.8, 128.0, 128.1, 129.6, 129.9, 135.0, 140.3, 144.2, 145.8, 162.1 ppm.

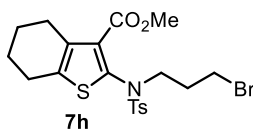
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ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carboxylate **7f**

Synthesis according to GP2: 527 mg (1.49 mmol) ethyl 4,5-dimethyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4f**, 1.03 g (7.45 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 1.51 mL (3.01 g, 14.9 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1  $\rightarrow$  3:1 gave 505 mg (1.06 mmol, 71%) of **7f** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.34 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.16 (p,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.20 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.28 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.50 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.67 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 4.19 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $OCH_2$ ), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  13.5, 14.3, 21.7, 30.4, 31.8, 51.8, 61.0, 128.1, 129.6, 132.2, 132.7, 132.8, 135.1, 139.6, 143.9, 163.6 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{19}H_{24}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 474.0403, found 474.0401. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2925$  (-C-H), 1710 (C=O), 1350, 1260, 1165, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

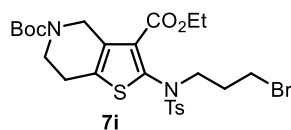
ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4-methylthiophene-3-carboxylate **7g**

Synthesis according to GP2: 750 mg (2.21 mmol) ethyl 4-methyl-2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4g**, 1.53 g (11.0 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 2.24 mL (4.46 g, 22.1 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 10:1  $\rightarrow$  4:1 gave 846 mg (1.84 mmol, 83%) of **7g** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.20$  (hexanes/EtOAc 5:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.35 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.16 (p,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.34 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.51 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.71 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 4.22 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $OCH_2$ ), 6.78 (s, 1 H, Ar), 7.26 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 H, Ts), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.3, 17.2, 21.7, 30.3, 31.9, 51.8, 61.1, 119.9, 128.1, 129.7, 131.8, 134.8, 137.8, 144.1, 144.7, 163.2 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{18}H_{22}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 460.0246, found 460.0244. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2980, 2925$  (-C-H), 1715 (C=O), 1355, 1260, 1160, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

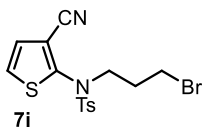
ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4-methylthiophene-3-carboxylate **7h**

Synthesis according to GP2: 431 mg (1.18 mmol) methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzothiophene-3-carboxylate **S-4h**, 815 mg (5.90 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 1.20 mL (2.38 g, 11.8 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 7:1  $\rightarrow$  3:1 gave 366 mg (0.752 mmol, 64%) of **7h** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.61-1.76 (m, 4 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.04 (p,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.31 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.51-2.57 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.57-2.65 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.38 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.52-3.61 (m, 5 H,  $CH_2$ ,  $OCH_3$ ), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.50 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 22.5, 22.9, 25.3, 25.8, 30.4, 31.9, 51.6, 51.8, 128.1, 129.7, 130.7, 134.8, 135.4, 135.4, 141.4, 143.9, 163.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{20}H_{24}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 486.0403, found 486.0399. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2935$ , (-C-H), 1715 (C=O), 1350, 1265, 1245, 1165, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

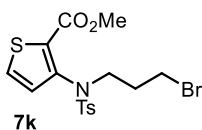
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**5-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-*c*]pyridine-3,5(4*H*)-dicarboxylate 7i**

Synthesis according to GP2: 718 mg (1.49 mmol) 5-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-*c*]pyridine-3,5(4*H*)-dicarboxylate **S-4i**, 1.03 g (7.47 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 1.52 mL (3.02 g, 14.9 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1  $\rightarrow$  2:1 gave 590 mg (0.981 mmol, 66%) of **7i** as a pale yellow foam.  $R_f$  = 0.35 (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.46 (s, 9 H, Boc), 2.14 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.40 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.82 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.44 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.63 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.68 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 4.09-4.22 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 4.48 (s, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 21.6, 26.2, 28.5, 30.0, 31.9, 41.2, 43.0, 52.0, 60.9, 80.4, 128.1, 129.7, 130.6, 131.7, 133.7, 135.4, 143.1, 144.0, 154.6, 162.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{25}H_{33}BrN_2O_6S_2$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 601.1036, found 601.1022. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2975 (-C-H), 1695 (C=O), 1420, 1365, 1240, 1165  $cm^{-1}$ .

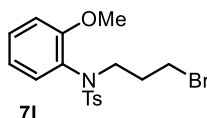
***N*-(3-bromopropyl)-*N*-(3-cyanothiophen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide 7j**

Synthesis according to GP2: 207 mg (0.744 mmol) *N*-(3-cyanothiophen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **S-4j**, 514 mg (3.72 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 0.754 mL (1.50 g, 7.44 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1  $\rightarrow$  2:1 gave 226 mg (0.566 mmol, 76%) of **7j** as a colorless solid.  $R_f$  = 0.15 (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.11 (p,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.45 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.46 (t,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.81 (t,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.8, 29.5, 31.7, 51.6, 110.7, 113.1, 126.3, 127.3, 128.2, 130.2, 133.6, 145.2, 150.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{16}H_{18}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+NH_4]^+$  calc. 416.0097, found 416.0092. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3110 (=C-H), 2925 (-C-H), 2235 (C $\equiv$ N), 1355, 1240, 1165, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

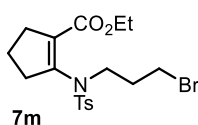
**methyl 3-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-2-carboxylate 7k**

Synthesis according to GP2: 100 mg (0.321 mmol) *N*-(3-cyanothiophen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **S-4k**, 222 mg (1.61 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 0.327 mL (648 mg, 3.21 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 gave 117 mg (0.271 mmol, 84%) of **7k** as a colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.25 (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.08 (p,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.48 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.65 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.74 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 30.4, 32.6, 50.3, 52.1, 127.7, 128.9, 129.5, 129.6, 130.0, 136.0, 140.9, 143.7, 160.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{16}H_{18}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 431.9933, found 431.9933. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2950 (-C-H), 1720 (C=O), 1435, 1350, 1260, 1230, 1160, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

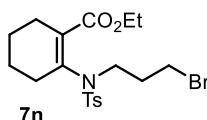
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***N*-(3-bromopropyl)-*N*-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide 7l**

Synthesis according to GP2: 1.19 g (4.29 mmol) methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzoate **S-4l**, 2.97 g (21.5 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 4.35 mL (8.66 g, 42.9 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 9:1  $\rightarrow$  3:1 gave 117 mg (0.271 mmol, 84%) of **7l** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.99 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.39 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.41 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.45 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.68 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.79 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 6.91 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.19 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.6, 30.6, 32.4, 48.9, 55.1, 111.9, 120.9, 126.9, 127.8, 129.2, 130.1, 132.8, 137.2, 143.0, 156.8 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{17}H_{20}BrNO_3S$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 398.0420, found 398.0419. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2940$  (-C-H), 1495, 1340, 1255, 1155, 1090, 1025  $cm^{-1}$ .

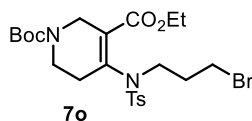
**ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclopent-1-ene-1-carboxylate 7m**

Synthesis according to GP2: 127 mg (0.410 mmol) ethyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclopent-1-ene-1-carboxylate **S-4m**, 284 mg (2.05 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 0.416 mL (829 mg, 4.10 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1  $\rightarrow$  2:1 gave 117 mg (0.271 mmol, 84%) of **7m** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.45$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.25 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.86 (p,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.10 (p,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.36-2.47 (m, 5 H,  $CH_2$ ,  $CH_3$ ), 2.68 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.49 (t,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.56 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 4.09 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $OCH_2$ ), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 20.6, 21.7, 30.7, 32.3, 32.6, 34.7, 47.7, 60.5, 127.5, 129.7, 131.6, 136.8, 143.7, 146.1, 164.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{18}H_{24}BrNO_4S$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 430.0682, found 430.0682. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2960$  (-C-H), 1710 (C=O), 1350, 1235, 1160, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

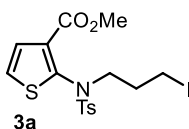
**ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate 7n**

Synthesis according to GP2: 323 mg (1.00 mmol) ethyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate **S-4n**, 691 mg (5.00 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 1.01 mL (2.02 g, 10.0 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 8:1  $\rightarrow$  3:1 gave 393 mg (0.884 mmol, 88%) of **7n** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.20$  (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.28 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.48-2.73 (m, 13 H), 3.09-3.76 (m, 4 H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $OCH_2$ ), 7.26 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 21.6, 22.5, 27.6, 27.7, 31.2, 32.1, 46.4, 60.8, 127.4, 129.7, 133.5, 137.3, 138.0, 143.5, 167.9 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $C_{19}H_{26}BrNO_4S$ ,  $[M+H]^+$  calc. 444.0893, found 444.0839. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 2935$  (-C-H), 1710 (C=O), 1350, 1230, 1155, 1090, 1050  $cm^{-1}$ .

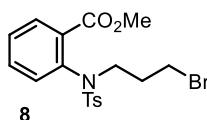
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1-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 4-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-5,6-dihydropyridine-1,3(2*H*)-dicarboxylate **7o**

Synthesis according to GP2: 250 mg (0.589 mmol) 1-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 4-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-5,6-dihydropyridine-1,3(2*H*)-dicarboxylate **S-4o**, 407 mg (2.94 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 0.597 mL (1.19 g, 5.89 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1  $\rightarrow$  2:1 gave 198 mg (0.363 mmol, 62%) of **7o** as a colorless oil.  $R_f$  = 0.15 (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.29 ( $m_c$ , 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.48 (s, 9 H, Boc), 2.08 (m, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.16 (p,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.39-3.56 (m, 6 H), 4.13 ( $m_c$ , 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 4.23 (br s, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 21.6, 28.6, 29.8, 30.7, 32.4, 40.4, 44.6, 47.1, 61.2, 80.6, 127.6, 129.9, 130.2, 137.4, 138.8, 143.9, 154.6, 165.1 ppm. ESI-MS for  $C_{16}H_{18}BrNO_4S_2$ ,  $[M+NH_4]^+$  calc. 562.1581, found 562.1571. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2980 (-C-H), 1700 (C=O), 1355, 1240, 1160  $cm^{-1}$ .

methyl 2-((*N*-(3-iodopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **3a**

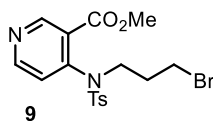
To a solution of 432 mg (1.00 mmol) alkylbromide **7a** in 10.0 mL MeCN in an oven dried round bottom flask were added 749 mg (5.00 mmol) of NaI and the reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C for 18 h. After cooling to RT, the mixture was poured into brine/EtOAc and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with water (1x), dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 4:1  $\rightarrow$  3:1 gave 454 mg (0.947 mmol, 95%) of **3a** as a colorless solid.  $R_f$  = 0.30 (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.11 (p,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.25 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.63 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.73 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.2, 21.7, 32.9, 51.8, 53.8, 124.0, 128.0, 128.2, 129.6, 130.2, 135.2, 144.1, 146.0, 162.1 ppm. IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2950 (-C-H), 1715 (C=O), 1435, 1350, 1275, 1155, 1090  $cm^{-1}$ .

methyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzoate **8**

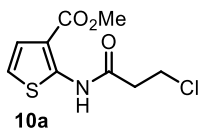
Synthesis according to GP2: 464 mg (1.52 mmol) methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)benzoate **S-4p**, 1.05 g (7.60 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 1.54 mL (3.07 g, 15.2 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1  $\rightarrow$  2:1 gave 402 mg (0.943 mmol, 62%) of **8** as colorless solid.  $R_f$  = 0.35 (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.17 ( $m_c$ , 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.50 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.78 (br s, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.83 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.40 (p,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2 H, Ar), (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.6, 30.7, 32.2, 50.5, 52.3, 127.9, 128.3, 129.6, 131.5, 132.2, 133.2, 136.2, 138.5, 143.5, 166.6 ppm.



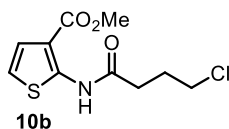
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methyl 4-((N-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)nicotinate **9**

Synthesis according to GP2: 124 mg (0.405 mmol) methyl 4-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)nicotinate **S-4q**, 280 mg (2.02 mmol)  $K_2CO_3$ , 0.411 mL (0.817 g, 4.05 mmol) 1,3-dibromopropane. Column chromatography using pure EtOAc gave 116 mg (0.271 mmol, 67%) of **9** as colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.10$  (EtOAc).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.32 (p,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.39 (s, 3 H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.34 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.84 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.16 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.50 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.59 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 8.09 (s, 1 H, Ar) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.6, 28.6, 32.8, 52.6, 55.8, 116.5, 119.2, 165.2, 129.2, 139.4, 141.1, 142.0, 143.7, 159.1, 164.4 ppm

methyl 2-(3-chloropropanamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **10a**

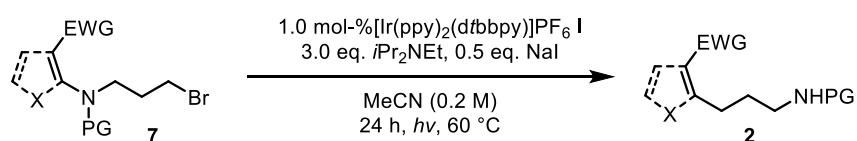
In an oven dried round bottom flask was added 0.101 mL (134 mg, 1.00 mmol) of 3-chloropropanoyl chloride dropwise to a solution of 157 mg (1.00 mmol) methyl 2-aminothiophene-3-carboxylate and 0.0807 mL (79.1mg, 1.00 mmol) pyridine in 4.0 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$ . It was stirred at RT for 2 h and quenched by addition of 1 N HCl. It was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3x), dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc 2:1  $\rightarrow$  1:1 gave 233 mg (0.941 mmol, 94%) of **10a** as a colorless solid.  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexanes/EtOAc 1:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.95 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.80-3.93 (m, 5 H,  $CH_2$ ,  $OCH_3$ ), 6.73 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.17 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 11.06 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  39.2, 39.7, 51.9, 113.0, 116.5, 123.8, 148.4, 166.1, 166.7 ppm.

methyl 2-(3-chlorobutanamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **10b**

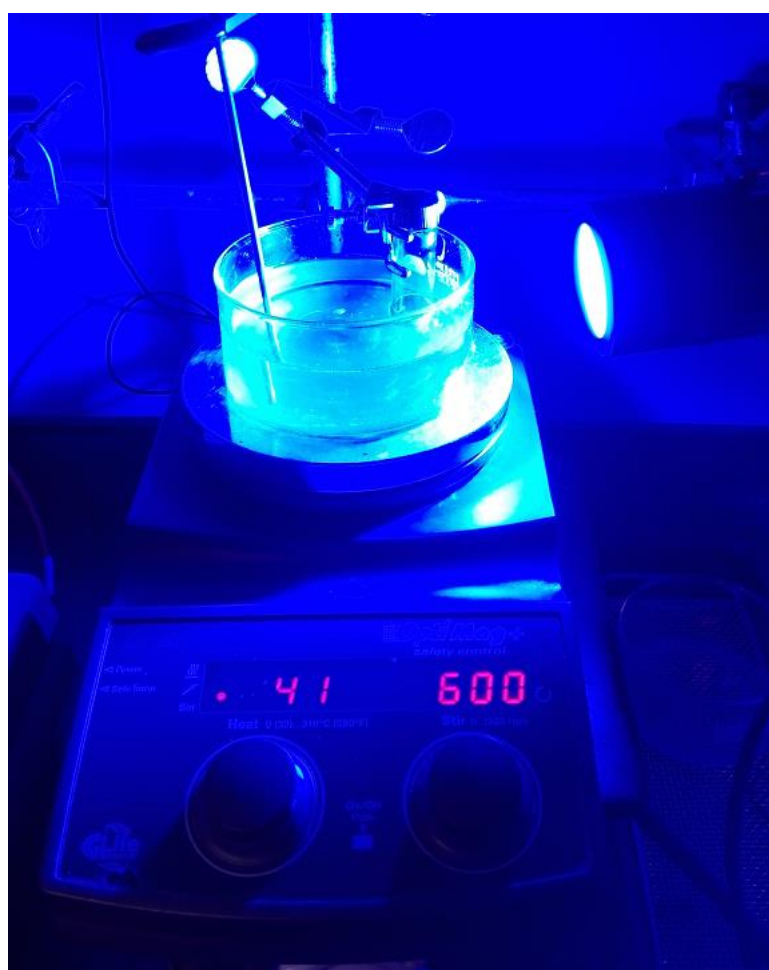
In an oven dried round bottom flask was added 0.112 mL (142 mg, 1.00 mmol) of 4-chlorobutanoyl chloride dropwise to a solution of 157 mg (1.00 mmol) methyl 2-aminothiophene-3-carboxylate and 0.0807 mL (79.1mg, 1.00 mmol) pyridine in 4.0 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$ . It was stirred at RT for 2 h and quenched by addition of 1 N HCl. It was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3x), dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography using hexanes/EtOAc 3:1  $\rightarrow$  1:1 gave 243 mg (0.928 mmol, 93%) of **10b** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexanes/EtOAc 1:1).  $^1H$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.23 (p,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.70 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.65 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $CH_2$ ), 3.88 (s, 3 H,  $OCH_3$ ), 6.73 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.18 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 11.01 (s, 1 H, NH) ppm.  $^{13}C$ -NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  27.7, 33.4, 44.2, 51.9, 112.6, 116.2, 123.8, 148.7, 166.1, 169.0 ppm.

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## Photocatalytic Smiles Reactions

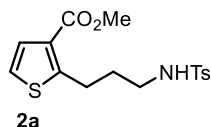


**General procedure for the one-pot Finkelstein/photocatalytic Smiles reaction (GP3):** To 0.10 mmol of alkyl bromides **7** in a 2-dram-vial equipped with a stir bar was added 0.300 mL of a freshly prepared solution of  $\text{NaI}$  in MeCN (0.167 M, 0.0500 mmol), 0.149 mL of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_2(\text{dtbbpy})]\text{PF}_6 \text{ I}$  in MeCN (6.71 mM, 1.00  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and 51.0  $\mu\text{L}$   $i\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$  (38.8 mg, 0.300 mmol). To reactions run at 0.05 M was added 1.5 mL of MeCN. The reaction vessel was sealed, heated to 60 °C using an oil bath and irradiated by one Kessil H350 lamp for 24 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the Smiles products **2** was purified by column chromatography using silica and hexanes/EtOAc.

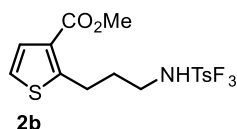


**Figure S2.** Experimental setup of Finkelstein/Smiles reaction.

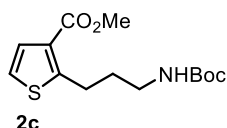
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methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2a**

Synthesis according to GP3: 43.2 mg (0.100 mmol) methyl 2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7a**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 33.6 mg (0.0951 mmol, 95%) of **2a** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.84 (p,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.40 (s, 3 H, Me), 2.95 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.17 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.83 (s, 3 H, OMe), 5.24 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.02 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.32 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.6, 25.8, 31.6, 42.0, 51.8, 122.1, 127.2, 128.1, 129.1, 129.7, 137.3, 143.3, 153.6, 164.2 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 354.0828, found 354.0836. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3275$  (N-H), 2945 (C-H), 1705 (C=O), 1435, 1325, 1260, 1155, 1095  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

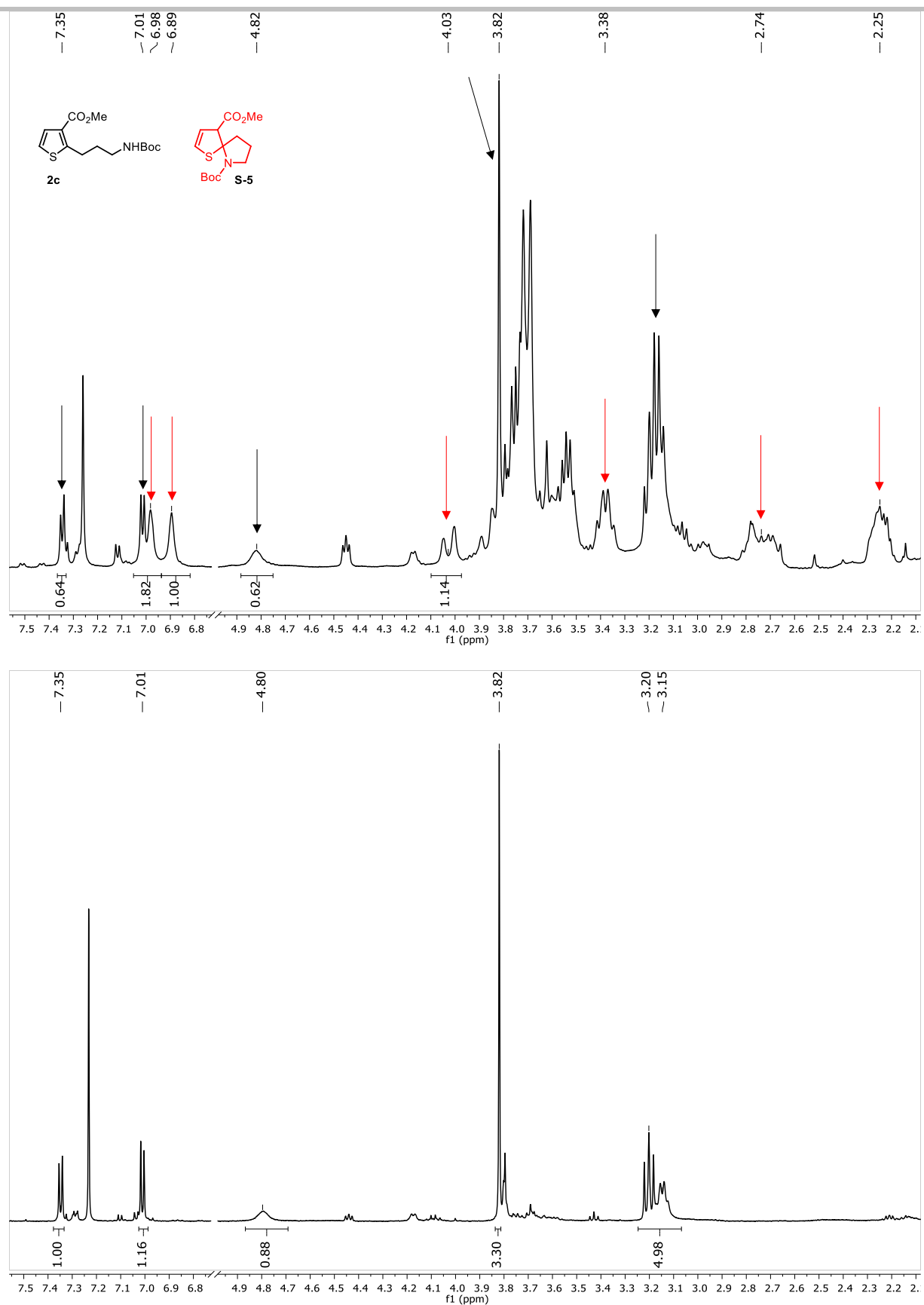
methyl 2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonamido)propylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2b**

Synthesis according to GP3: 48.6 mg (0.100 mmol) methyl 2-((N-(3-bromopropyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7b**, concentration of reaction mixture 0.05 M, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 10:1 → 2:1 gave 20.5 mg (0.0503 mmol, 50%) of **2b** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.87 (p,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.00 (q,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.20 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.85 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.56 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.05 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.32 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ar), 7.99 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ar) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  25.4, 31.7, 41.8, 52.0, 122.4, 123.4 ( $J_{\text{C,F}} = 273$  Hz), 126.3, 127.6, 128.2, 129.1, 134.3 ( $J_{\text{C,F}} = 32.7$  Hz), 144.2, 153.4, 164.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 408.0546, found 408.0542. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3280$  (N-H), 2925 (C-H), 1710 (C=O), 1320, 1255, 1160, 1130, 1060  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

methyl 2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propylthiophene-3-carboxylate **2c**

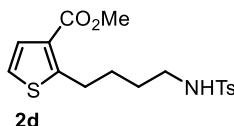
Synthesis according to GP3: 43.2 mg (0.100 mmol) methyl 2-((3-bromopropyl)(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7c**, concentration of reaction mixture 0.05 M. After 24 h of reaction time the crude reaction mixture showed signals, that likely belong to spiro compound S-5 the solvent was removed, and the residue was dissolved in 2 mL of EtOAc and 2 mL of 1 N aqueous HCl was added. The biphasic mixture was stirred vigorously for 3 h, and then poured into sat.  $\text{NaHCO}_3/\text{EtOAc}$ . It was extracted with EtOAc (3x), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 → 3:1 gave 20.1 mg (0.0671 mmol, 67%) of **2c** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc)  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.45 (s, 9 H, Boc), 1.88 (p,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.17 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.23 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.84 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.83 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.04 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.37 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1 H, Ar) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  26.6, 28.6, 32.0, 40.0, 51.6, 79.3, 121.8, 128.0, 129.4, 154.3, 156.1, 164.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 300.1264, found 300.1262. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 35370$  (N-H), 2975 (C-H), 1695 (C=O), 1530, 1260, 1165  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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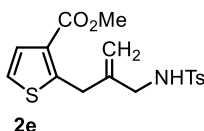


**Figure S3.** Top: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of crude reaction mixture of Finkelstein/Smiles reaction of **7c** prior to acidic treatment, showing signals of proposed side product **S-5**; bottom: after acidic treatment.

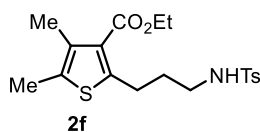
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**methyl 2-((4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)butyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate 2d**

Synthesis according to GP3: 44.6 mg (0.100 mmol) methyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromobutyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7d**, concentration of reaction mixture 0.05 M, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 4:1 → 3:1 gave 31.4 mg (0.0854 mmol, 85%) of **2d** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.51-1.61 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.63-1.72 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.00 (q,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.10 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.71-4.80 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.01 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.36 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 28.4, 28.5, 29.0, 42.6, 51.7, 121.6, 127.2, 127.5, 129.3, 129.8, 137.2, 143.4, 154.7, 164.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 368.0985, found 368.0985. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3275$  (N-H), 2945 (C-H), 1705 (C=O), 1435, 1325, 1260, 1155, 1095  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

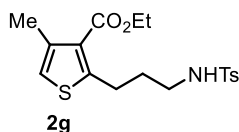
**methyl 2-((2-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)allyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate 2e**

Synthesis according to GP3: 38.0 mg (0.0855 mmol) methyl 2-((*N*-(2-(bromomethyl)allyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-3-carboxylate **7e**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 2:1 → 1:1 gave 18.4 mg (0.0503 mmol, 59%) of **2e** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.20$  (hexanes/EtOAc 1:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.53 (t,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1 H, NH), 3.61 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.23 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.27 (s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.86 (s, 1 H,  $=\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.06 (s, 1 H,  $=\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.11 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.21-7.29 (m, 3 H, Ar, Ts), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 51.9, 55.4, 63.7, 116.4, 123.8, 128.0, 128.2, 129.7, 129.8, 134.9, 143.3, 144.3, 145.8, 162.4 ppm. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3525$  (N-H), 2950 (C-H), 1715 (C=O), 1440, 1350, 1275, 1160  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

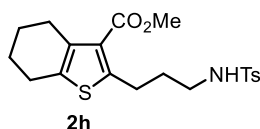
**ethyl 4,5-dimethyl-2-((3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate 2f**

Synthesis according to GP3: 47.4 mg (0.100 mmol) ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4,5-dimethylthiophene-3-carboxylate **7f**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 32.5 mg (0.0822 mmol, 82%) of **2f** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.35 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.79 (p,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.17 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.25 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.91-3.03 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.31 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.26 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 51.9, 55.4, 63.7, 116.4, 123.8, 128.0, 128.2, 129.7, 129.8, 134.9, 143.3, 144.3, 145.8, 162.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 396.1298, found 396.1299. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3275$  (N-H), 2925 (C-H), 1700 (C=O), 1325, 1260, 1155 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

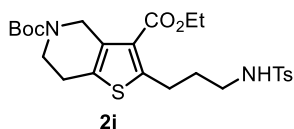
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ethyl 4-methyl-2-(3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate **2g**

Synthesis according to GP3: 46.0 mg (0.100 mmol) ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4-methylthiophene-3-carboxylate **7g**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 34.3 mg (0.0899 mmol, 90%) of **2g** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.35 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.83 (p,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.32 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.95 (q,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.07 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.31 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.18-5.29 (m, 1 H, NH), 6.67 (s, 1 H, Ar), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1 H, Ts), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.4, 17.6, 21.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 26.7, 31.6, 42.0, 60.7, 51.8, 119.0, 127.2, 128.5, 129.7, 137.4, 139.1, 143.3, 153.1, 164.7 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 382.1141, found 382.1141. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3270$  (N-H), 2925 (C-H), 1700 (C=O), 1325, 1255, 1155, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

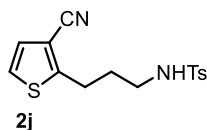
methyl 2-(3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-3-carboxylate **2h**

Synthesis according to GP3: 48.6 mg (0.100 mmol) methyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[*b*]thiophene-3-carboxylate **7h**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 34.3 mg (0.0899 mmol, 90%) of **2h** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.58-1.80 (m, 6 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.32 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.55 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.61 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.87 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.73 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.17 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.8, 22.8, 23.1, 25.1, 26.2, 26.6, 31.6, 41.9, 51.5, 127.2, 127.6, 129.7, 133.6, 135.7, 137.4, 143.2, 149.7, 165.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 408.1298, found 408.1296. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3275$  (N-H), 2930 (C-H), 1705 (C=O), 1325, 1155, 1095  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

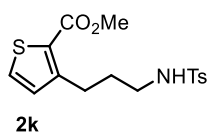
5-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 2-(3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-*c*]pyridine-3,5(4*H*)-dicarboxylate **2i**

Synthesis according to GP3: 58.8 mg (0.0977 mmol) 5-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-*c*]pyridine-3,5(4*H*)-dicarboxylate **7i**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 2:1 gave 34.4 mg (0.0658 mmol, 67%) of **2i** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.34 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.47 (s, 9H, Boc), 1.81 (p,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 2.82 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.96 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.08 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.61 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.29 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 4.49 (s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.21 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.4, 21.6, 26.4, 27.1, 28.6, 31.7, 41.3, 42.1, 43.2, 60.7, 80.3, 127.3, 127.5, 129.7, 130.1, 134.9, 137.8, 143.3, 151.0, 154.7, 164.1 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$  calc. 540.2197, found 540.2188. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3265$  (N-H), 2980 (C-H), 1690 (C=O), 1415, 1325, 1235, 1155, 1095, 1020  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

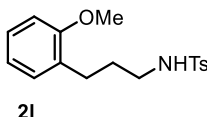
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***N*-(3-(3-cyanothiophen-2-yl)propyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide 2j**

Synthesis according to GP3: 39.9 mg (0.100 mmol) *N*-(3-bromopropyl)-*N*-(3-cyanothiophen-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **7j**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 1:1 gave 25.8 mg (0.0805 mmol, 81%) of **2j** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexanes/EtOAc 3:2).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.90 (p,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.93-3.09 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.84-4.94 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.09 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.17 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 26.4, 31.3, 42.3, 108.7, 115.0, 124.7, 127.2, 128.4, 129.9, 136.8, 143.7, 155.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 321.0726, found 321.0726. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3270$  (N-H), 2925 (-C-H), 2225 ( $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ ), 1325, 1155, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

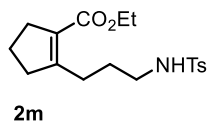
**methyl 3-(3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)thiophene-2-carboxylate 2k**

Synthesis according to GP3: 43.2 mg (0.100 mmol) methyl 3-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)thiophene-2-carboxylate **7k**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 3:2 gave 27.0 mg (0.0764 mmol, 76%) of **2k** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.20$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.78 (p,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.91 (q,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.99 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.84 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.11-5.24 (m, 1 H, NH), 6.87 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.39 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.6, 26.0, 30.2, 42.1, 52.1, 126.7, 127.2, 129.7, 130.7, 131.0, 137.4, 143.3, 149.8, 163.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 354.0828, found 354.0828. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3280$  (N-H), 2950 (-C-H), 1705 (C=O), 1435, 1325, 1260, 1160, 1080  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

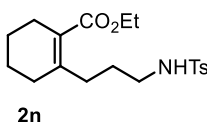
***N*-(3-(2-methoxyphenyl)propyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide 2l**

Synthesis according to GP3: 39.8 mg (0.100 mmol) *N*-(3-bromopropyl)-*N*-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide **7l**, concentration 0.05 M of starting material, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 5:1 → 1:1 gave 14.2 mg (0.0445 mmol, 45%) of **2l** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.55$  (hexanes/EtOAc 1:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.73 (p,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.60 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.93 (q,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.79 (s, 3 H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.58 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1 H, NH), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 6.85 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.17 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.7, 26.9, 29.9, 42.6, 55.4, 110.5, 120.8, 127.2, 127.6, 129.2, 129.8, 130.2, 137.3, 143.4, 157.4 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 320.1315, found 320.1314. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3280$  (N-H), 2922 (-C-H), 1495, 1325, 1245, 1155, 1095  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

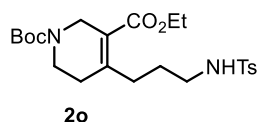
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ethyl 2-(3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)cyclopent-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2m**

Synthesis according to GP3: 43.0 mg (0.100 mmol) ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclopent-1-ene-1-carboxylate **7m**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 3:1 → 1:1 gave 32.7 mg (0.0930 mmol, 93%) of **2m** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.15$  (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.28 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.65 (p,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.73 (p,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.35 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.49-2.59 (m, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.87 (q,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.19 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.60-5.69 (m, 1 H, NH), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.4, 21.5, 21.6, 26.1, 27.0, 33.6, 37.8, 41.9, 60.3, 127.1, 129.1, 129.6, 137.6, 143.1, 158.1, 166.8 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 352.1577, found 352.1576. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3275$  (N-H), 2925 (-C-H), 1685 (C=O), 1325, 1260, 1155, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

ethyl 2-(3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate **2n**

Synthesis according to GP3: 44.4 mg (0.100 mmol) ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate **7n**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 4:1 → 2:1 gave 29.9 mg (0.0818 mmol, 82%) of **2n** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.15$  (hexanes/EtOAc 3:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz) 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.53 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.65 (p,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.99 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.19 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.33 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.89 (q,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.18 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.65 (t,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1 H, NH), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.4, 21.6, 22.1, 22.3, 26.6, 27.3, 30.8, 31.5, 42.1, 60.5, 126.1, 127.2, 129.6, 137.5, 143.1, 147.6, 169.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 366.1734, found 366.1727. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3275$  (N-H), 2930 (-C-H), 1705 (C=O), 1325, 1230, 1155, 1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

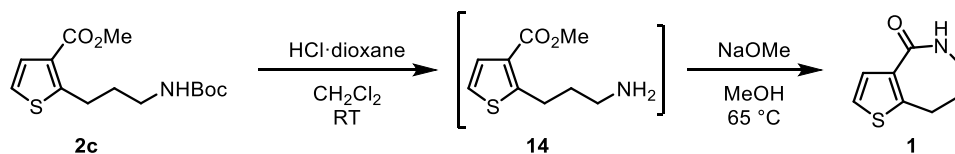
1-(*tert*-butyl) 3-ethyl 4-(3-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)propyl)-5,6-dihydropyridine-1,3(2*H*)-dicarboxylate **2o**

Synthesis according to GP3: 54.5 mg (0.100 mmol) ethyl 2-((*N*-(3-bromopropyl)-4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)cyclohex-1-ene-1-carboxylate **7o**, column chromatography hexanes/EtOAc 4:1 → 1:1 gave 32.0 mg (0.0686 mmol, 69%) of **2o** as a colorless oil.  $R_f = 0.15$  (hexanes/EtOAc 2:1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.28 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.46 (s, 9 H, Boc), 1.66 (m, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.14 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.41 (s, 3 H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.47 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.91 (q,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.39 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.04 (br s, 2 H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.19 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2 H,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.42 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H, Ts) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.3, 21.6, 27.8, 28.6, 31.0, 31.4, 39.7, 42.4, 43.6, 60.7, 80.1, 123.6, 127.2, 129.7, 137.8, 143.2, 149.1, 154.7, 166.5 ppm. ESI-HRMS for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{S}$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calc. 467.2210, found 467.2206. IR:  $\tilde{\nu} = 3275$  (N-H), 2980 (-C-H), 1690 (C=O), 1240, 1155, 1095  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



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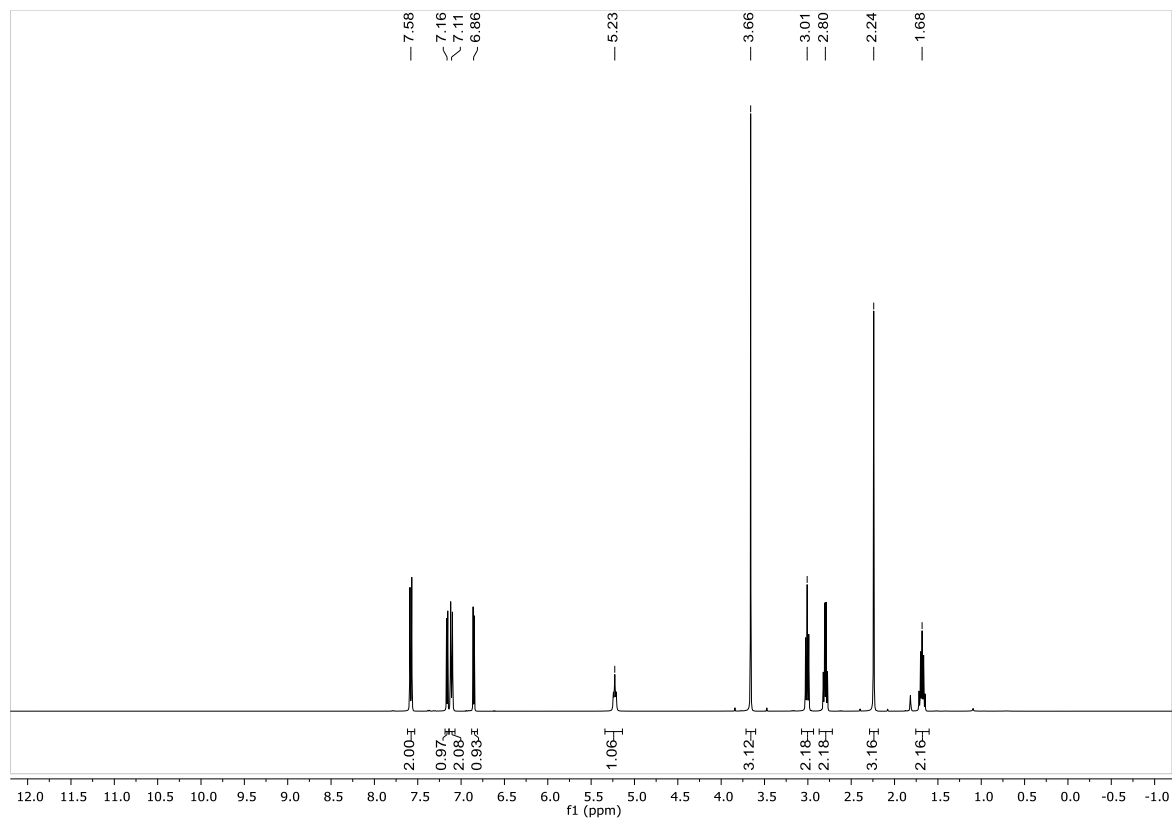
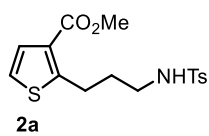
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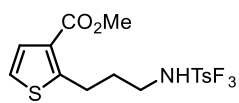
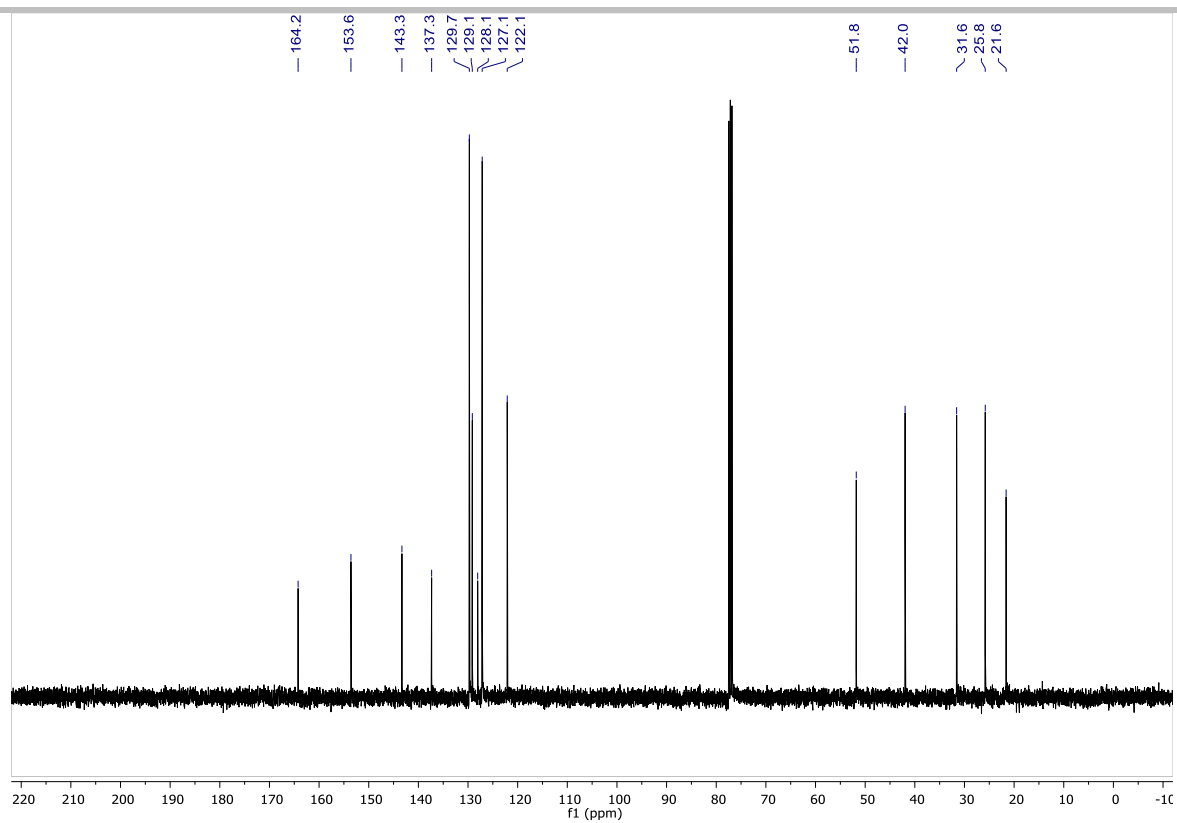
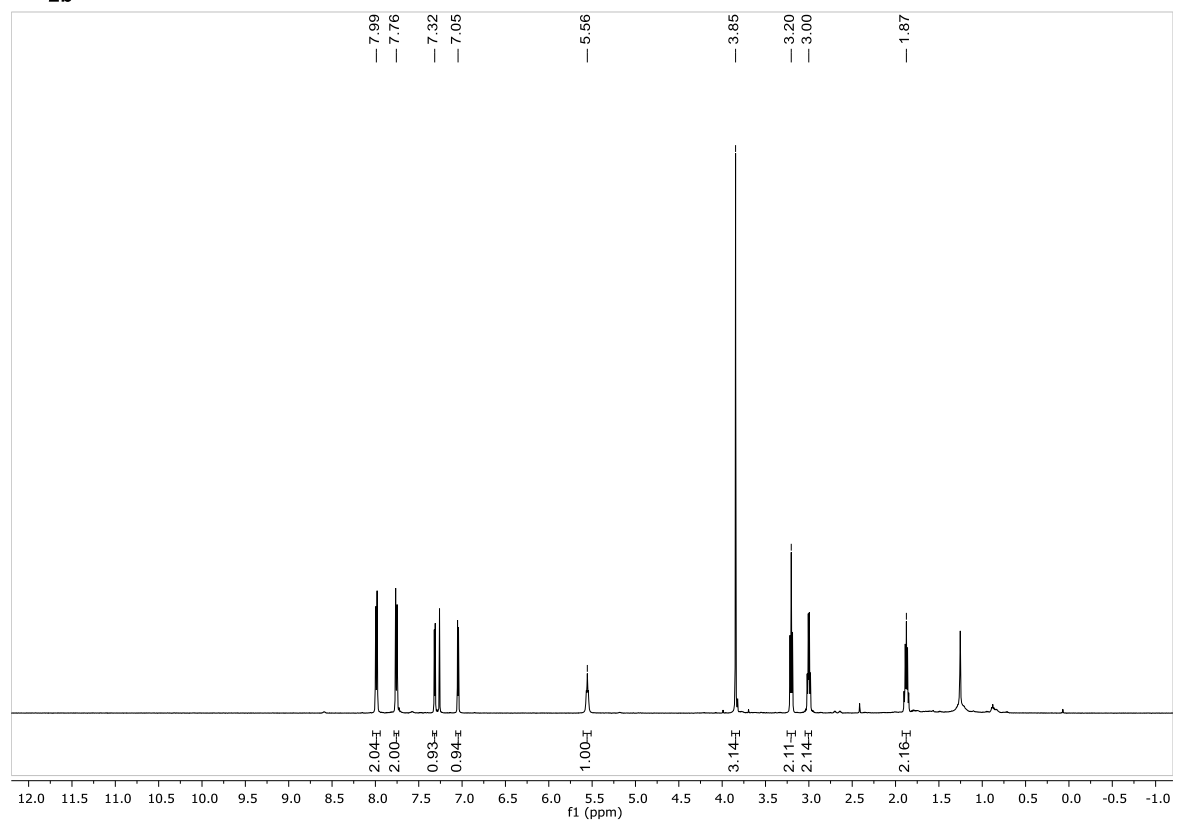
In a round bottom flask open to air 181 mg (0.605 mmol) of methyl 2-(3-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate **2c** were dissolved in 4.5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 0.756 mL of a 4.0 M solution of HCl (3.02 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane were added and it was stirred for 6 h at RT. The reaction mixture was added to sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>/EtOAc and extracted with EtOAc (3x), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was redissolved in 6.0 mL of MeOH, 49.1 mg (0.909 mmol) of NaOMe were added and it was heated to 60 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water, extracted with EtOAc (3x), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. Column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 19:1) gave 58.4 mg (0.349 mmol, 58%) of 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4*H*-thieno[3,2-*c*]azepin-4-one **1** as a colorless solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.15 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 19:1). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 2.10 (p, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.09 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.30 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.04 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 7.28-7.42 (m, 2 H, Ar, NH) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 26.9, 29.4, 41.2, 122.4, 129.8, 133.6, 145.8, 169.3 ppm. ESI-HRMS for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NOS, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. 168.0478, found 168.0479.

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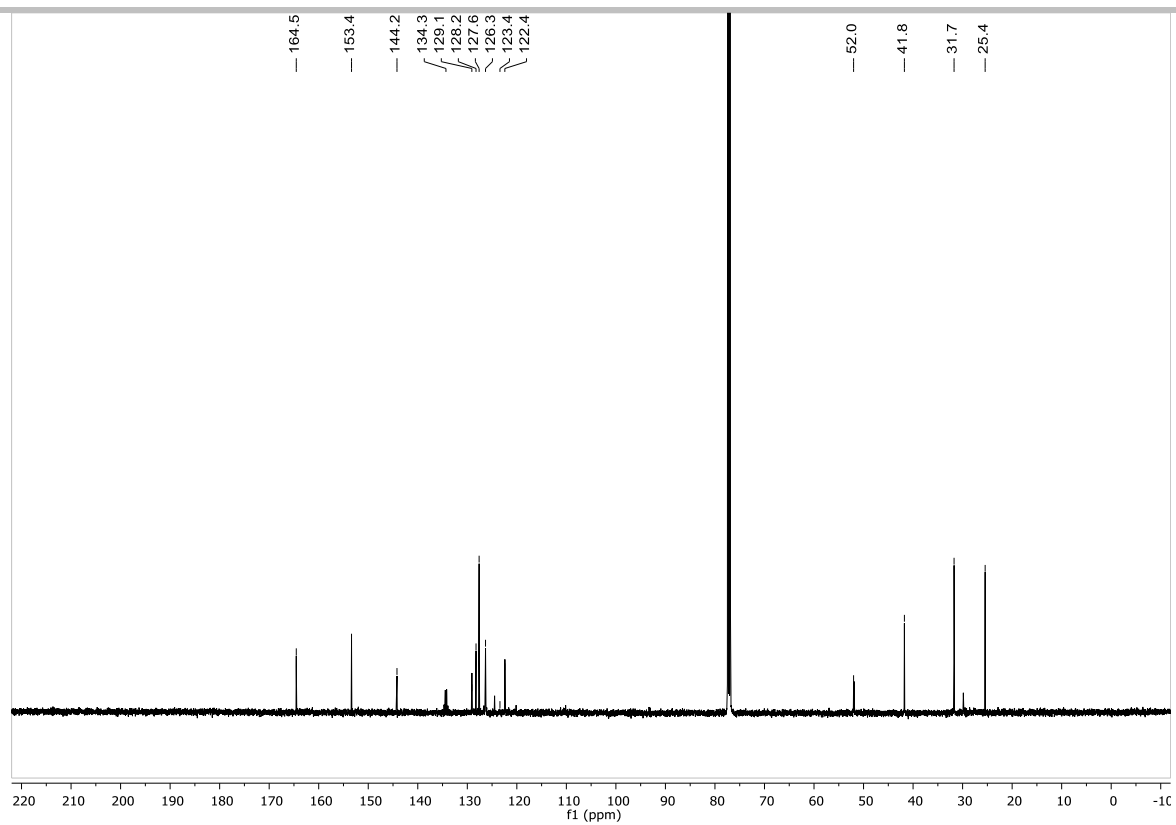
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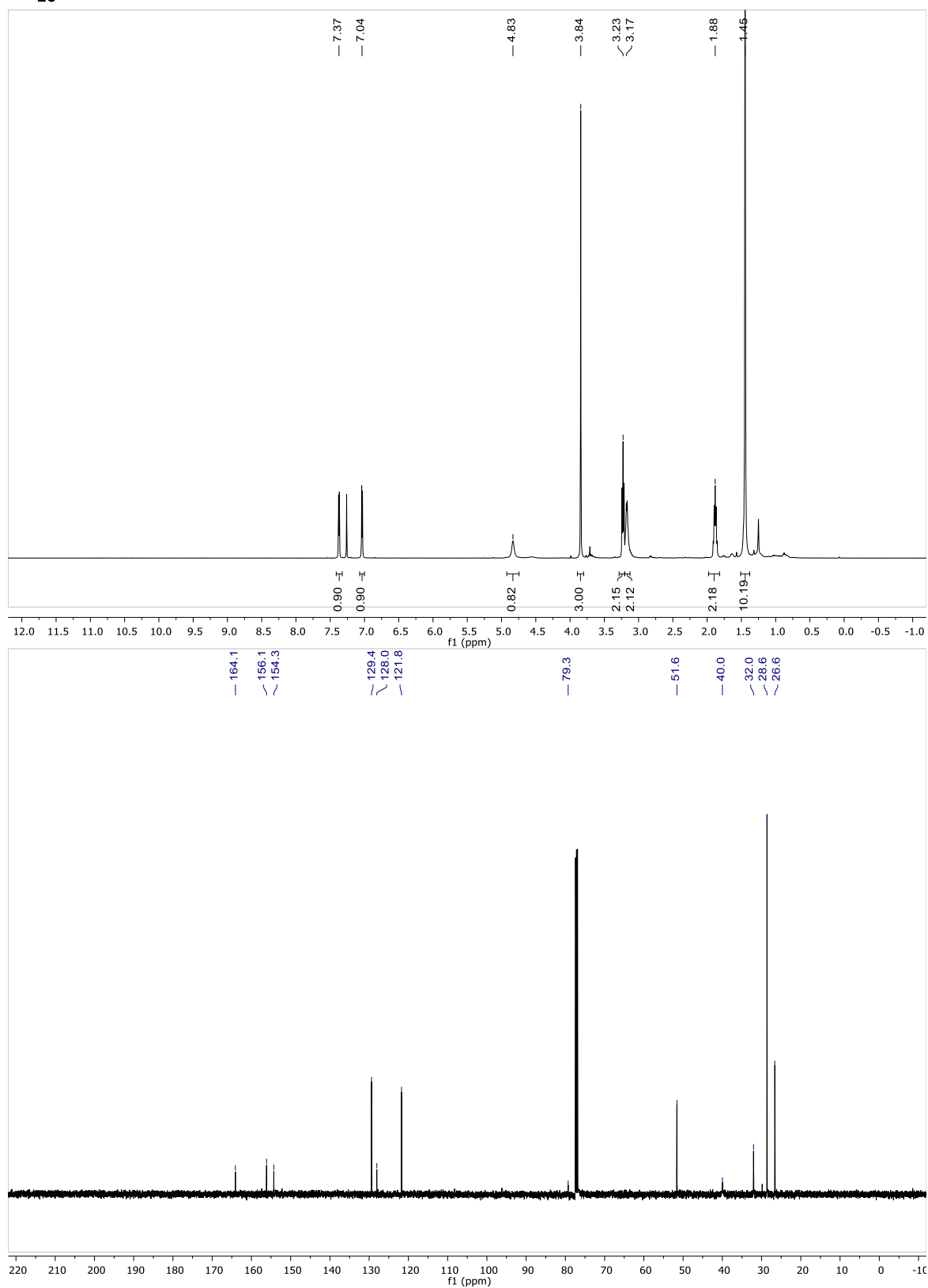
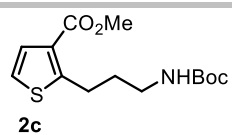
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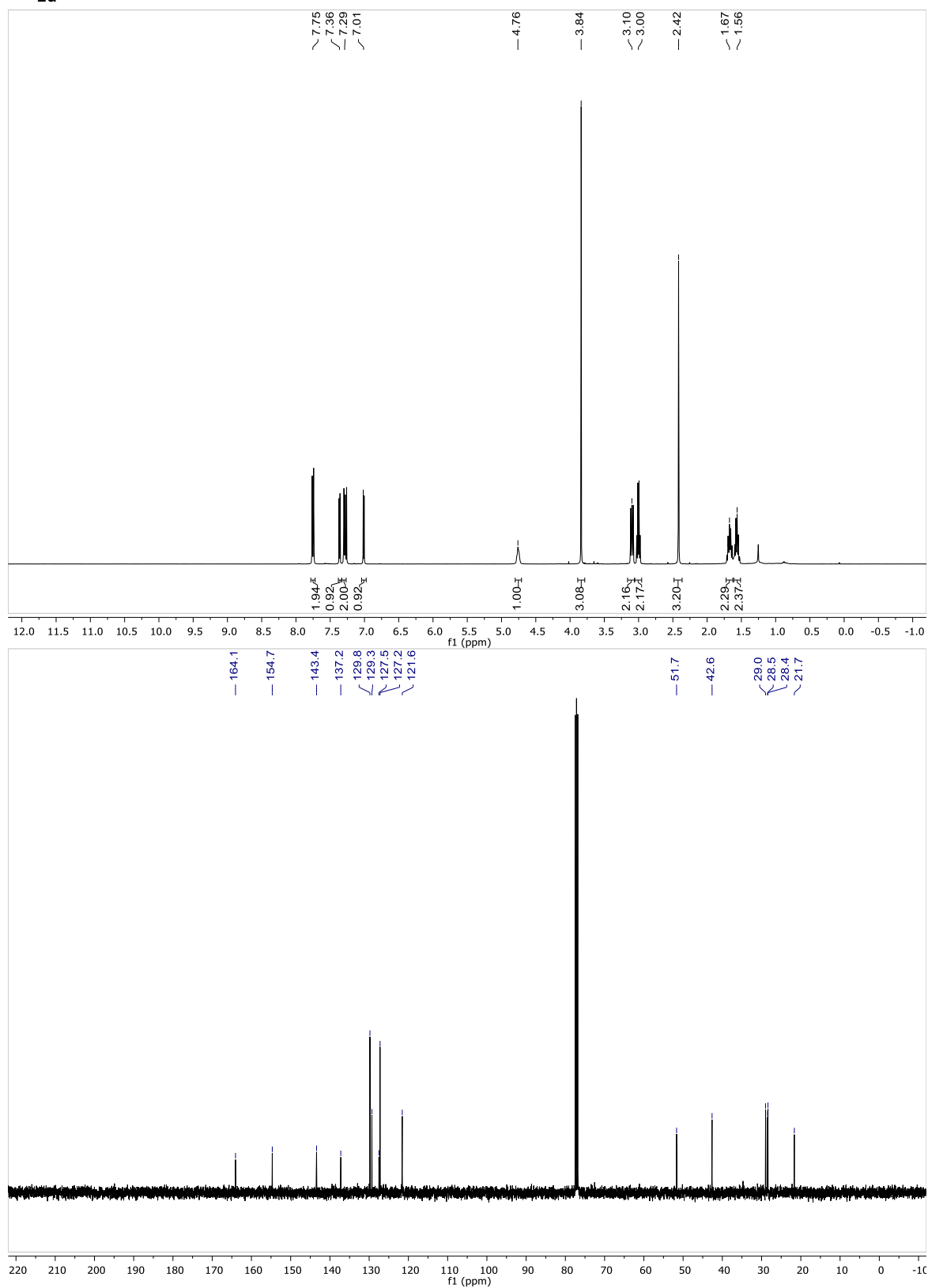
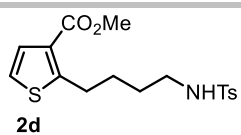
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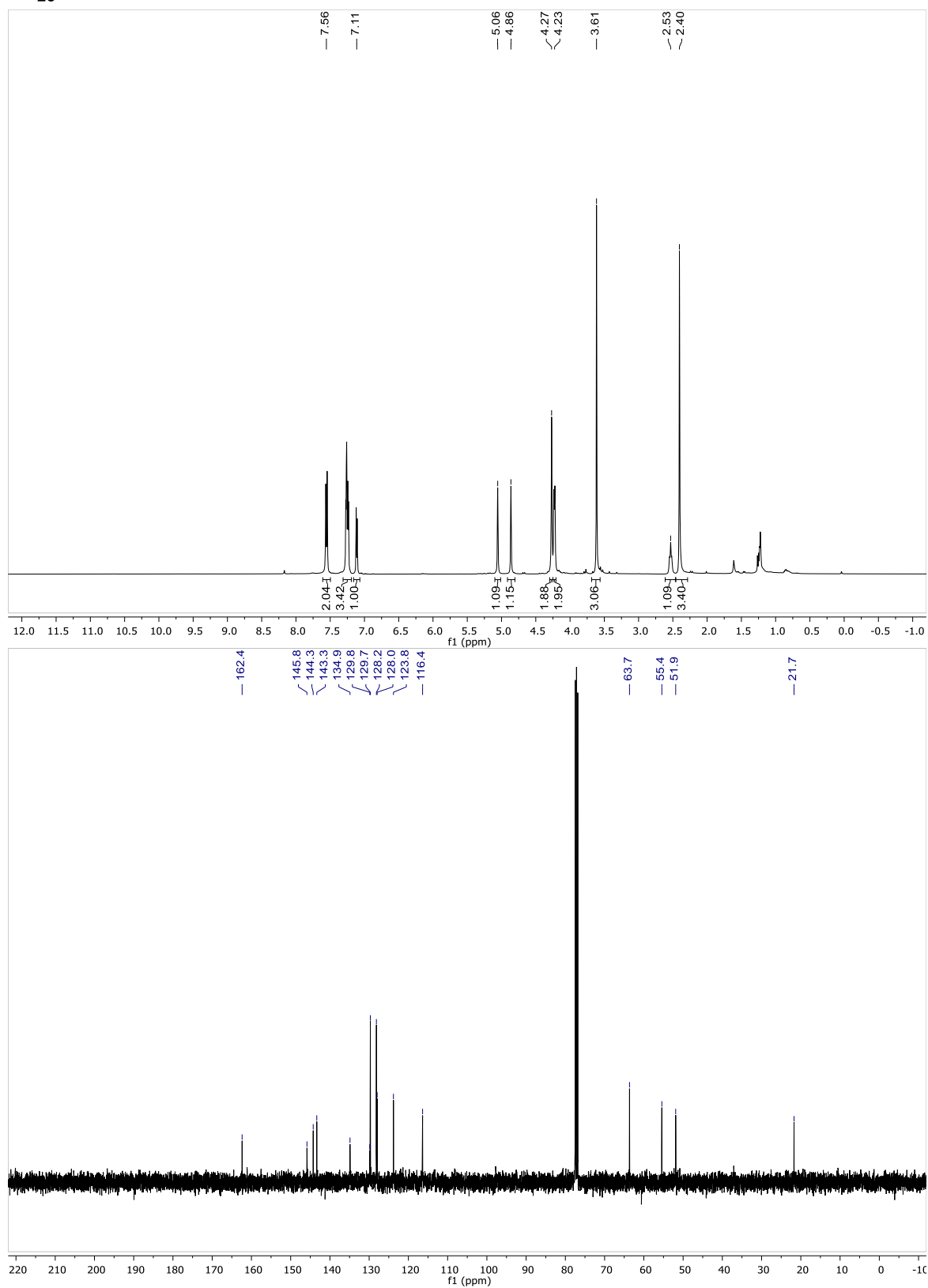
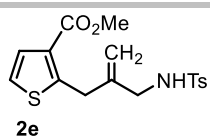
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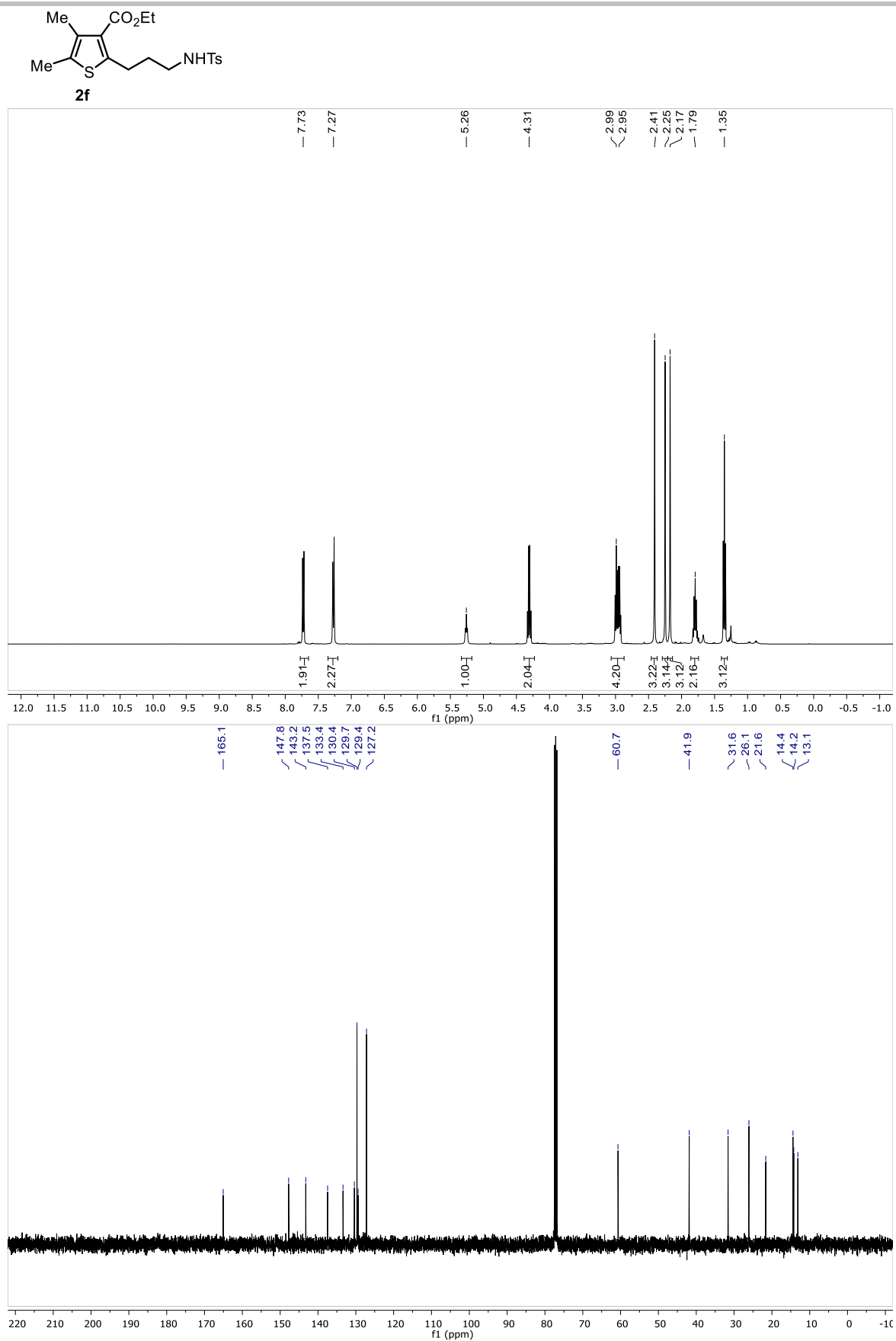
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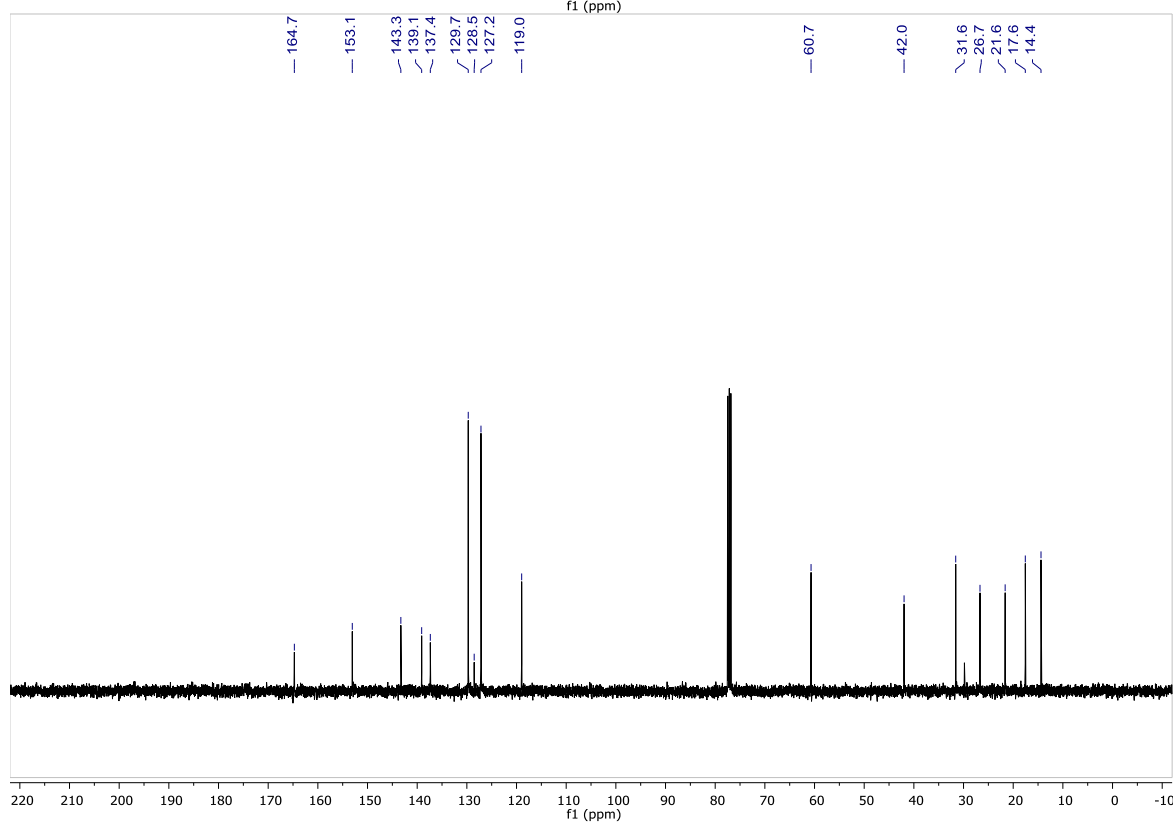
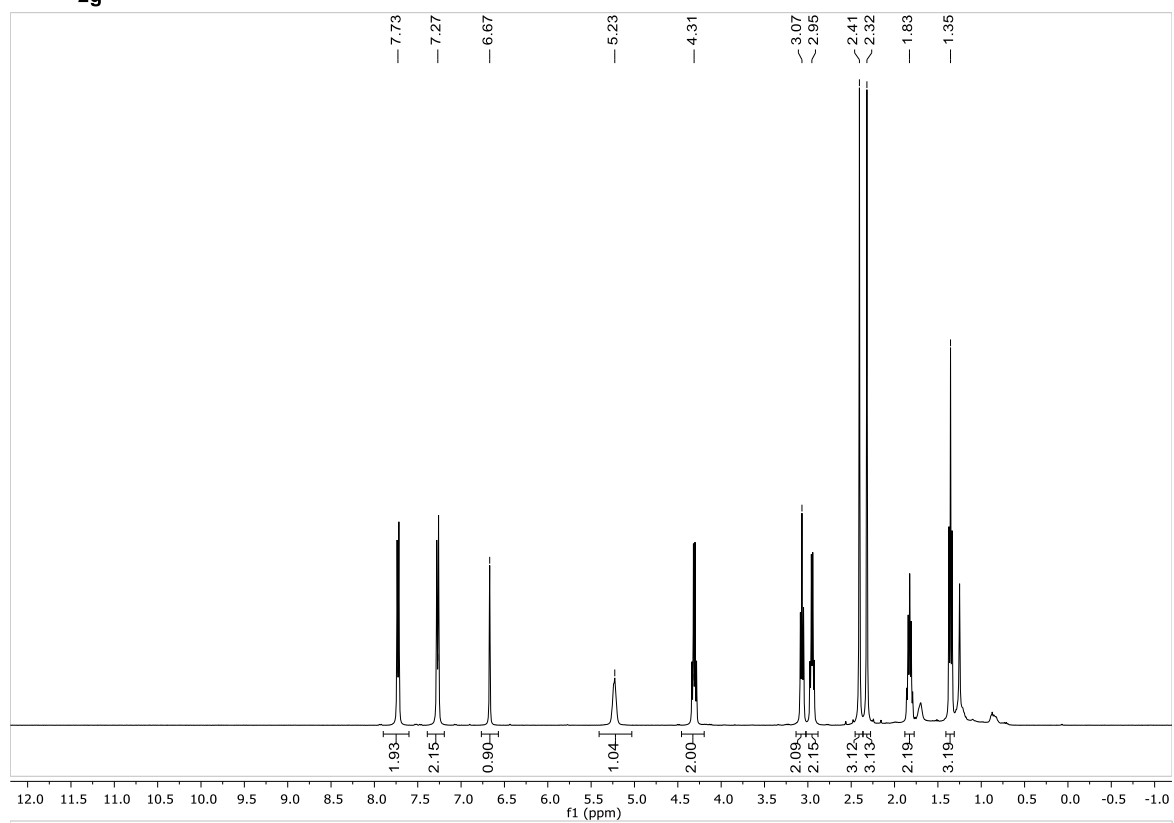
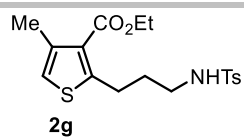


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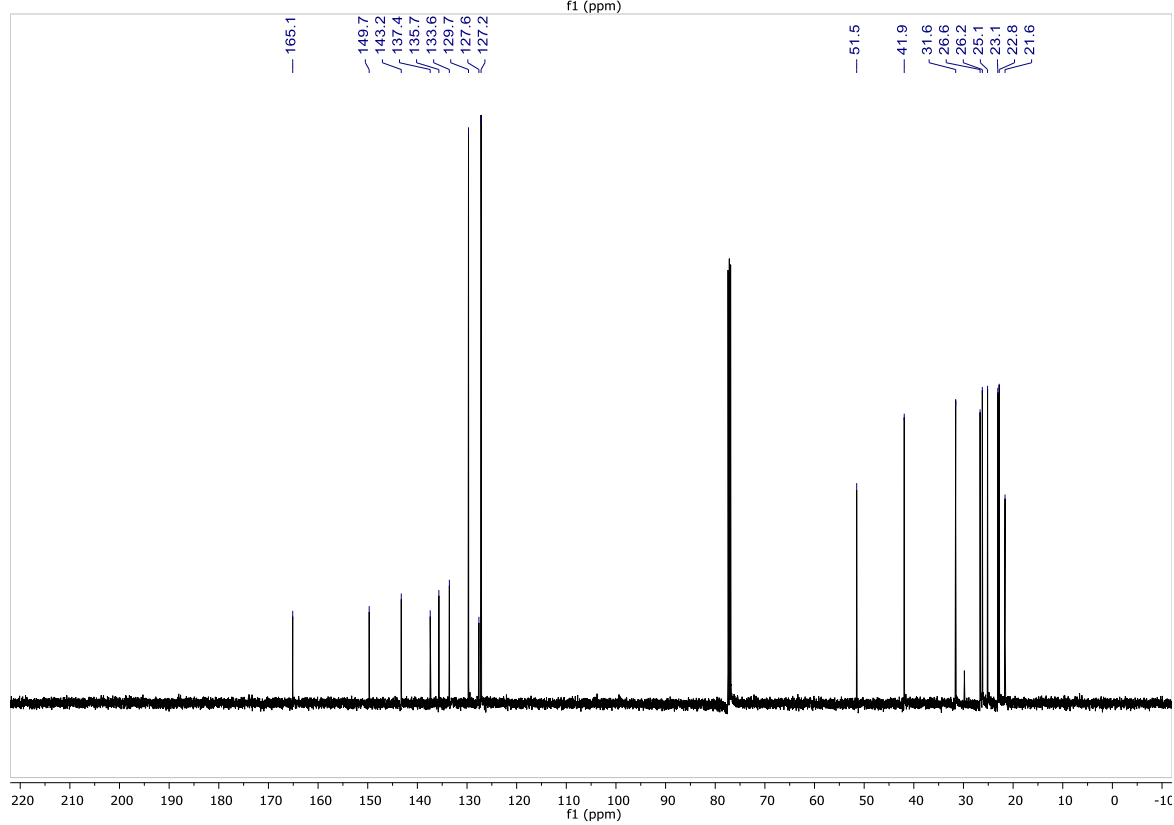
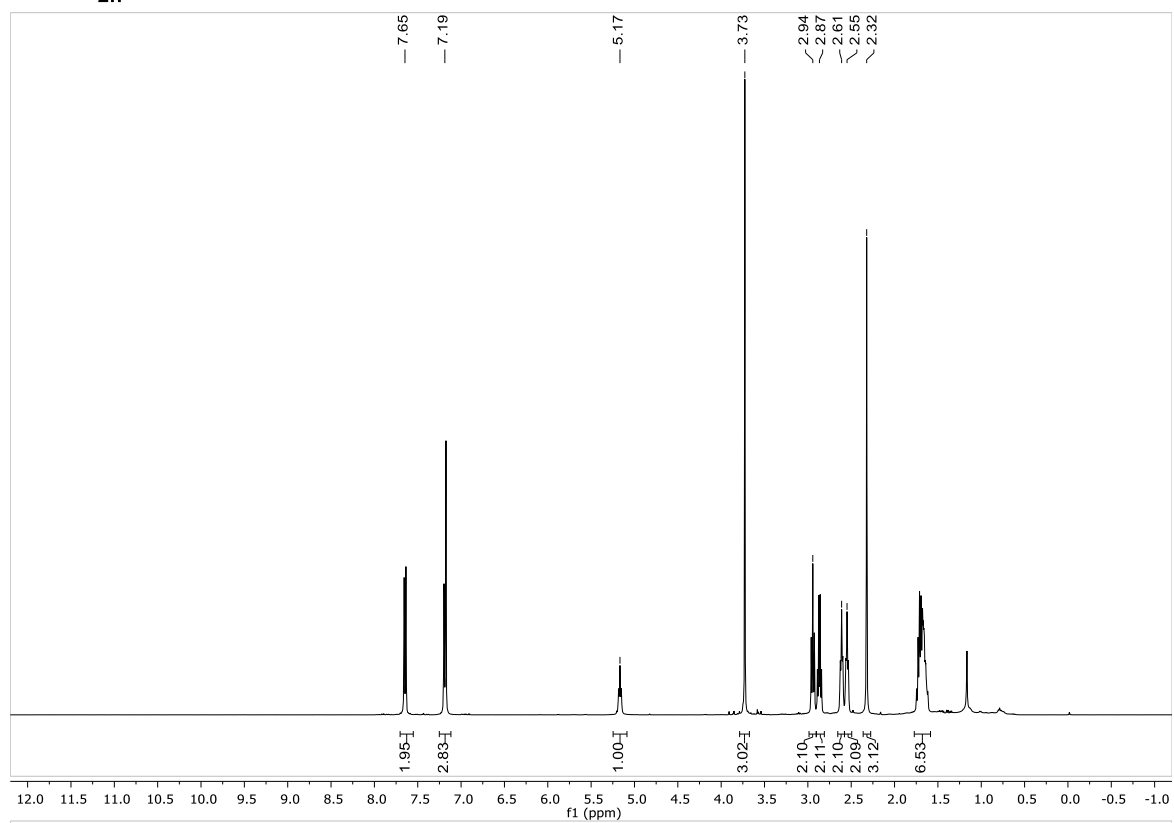
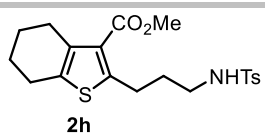




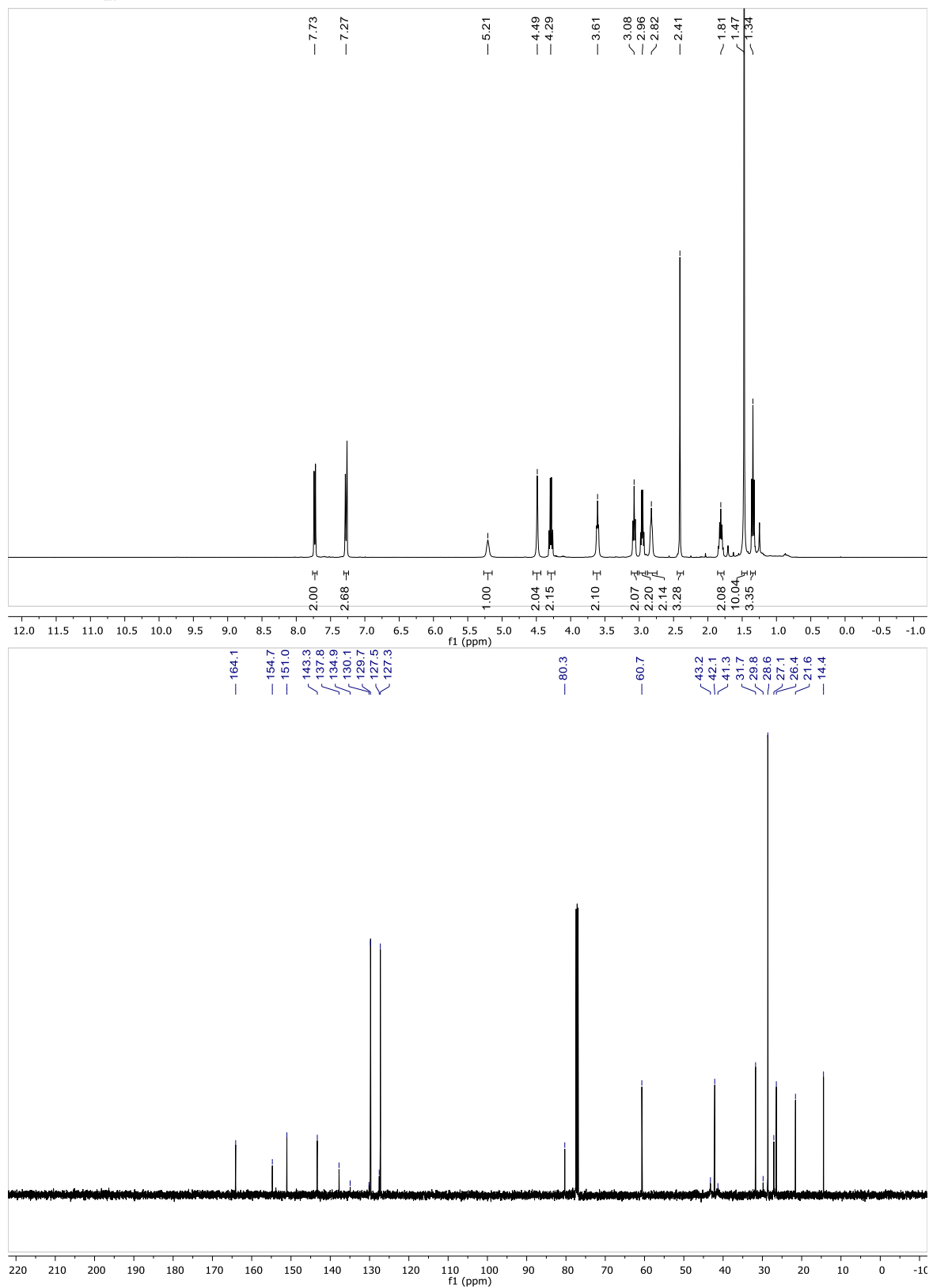
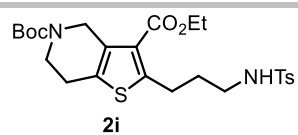
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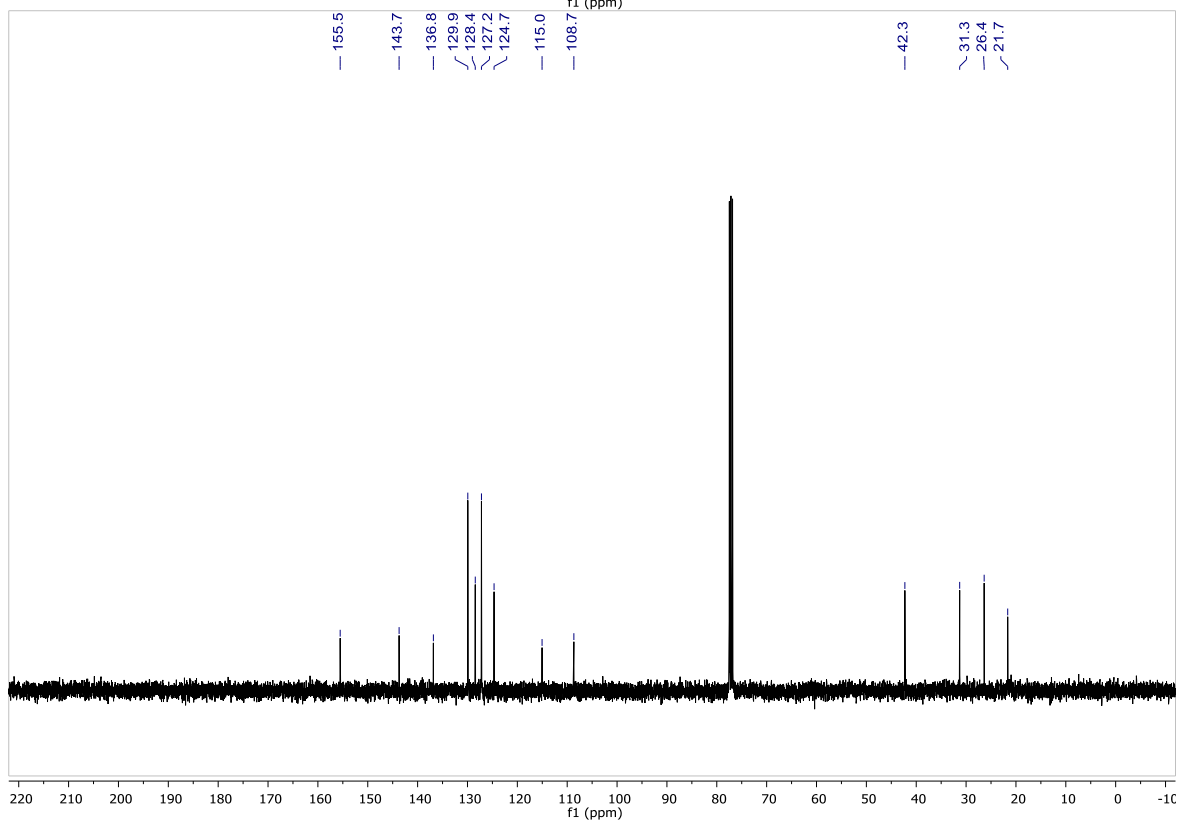
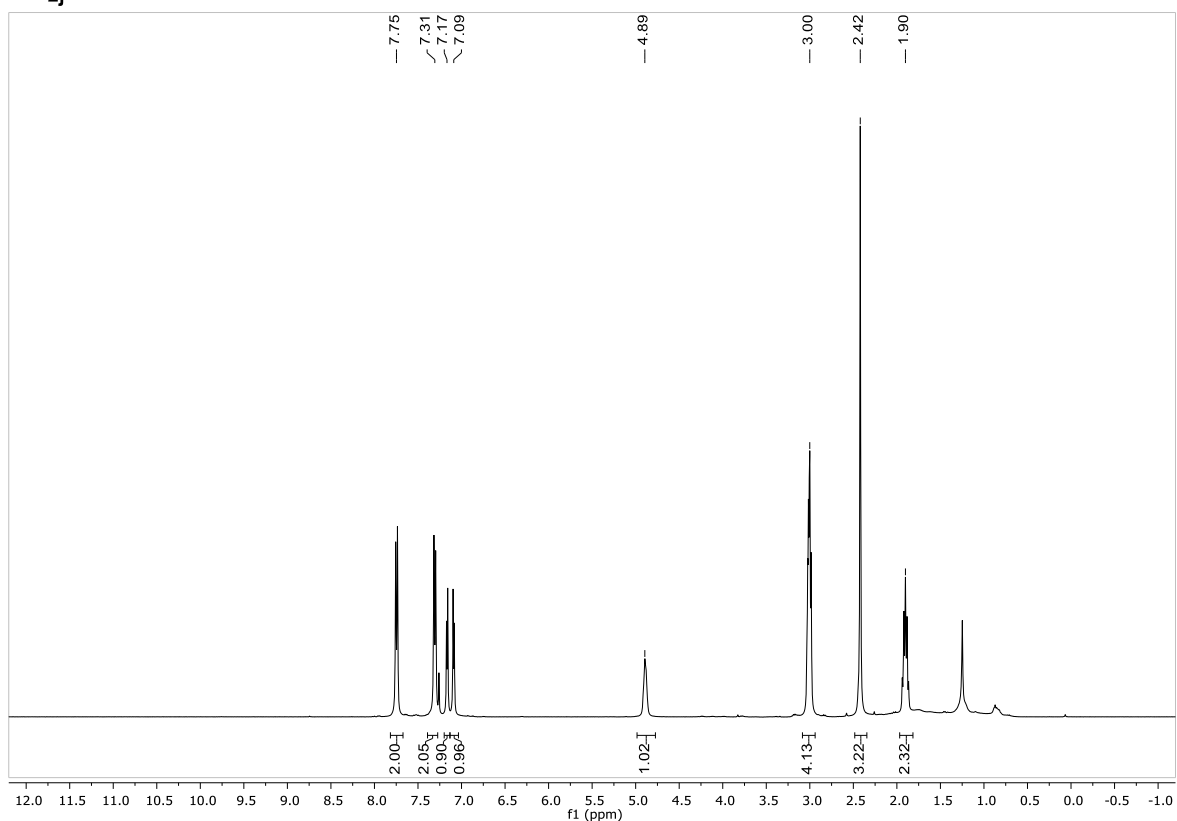
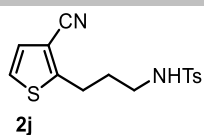
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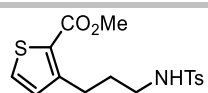
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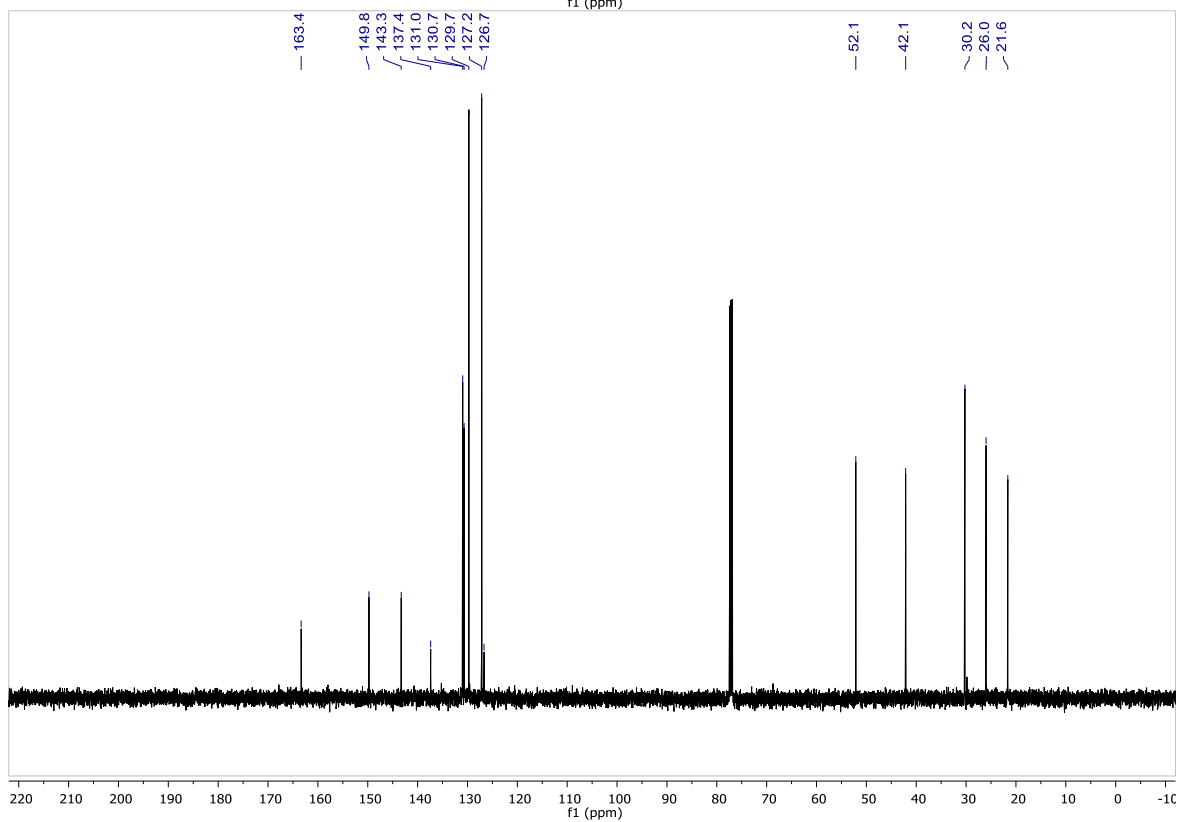
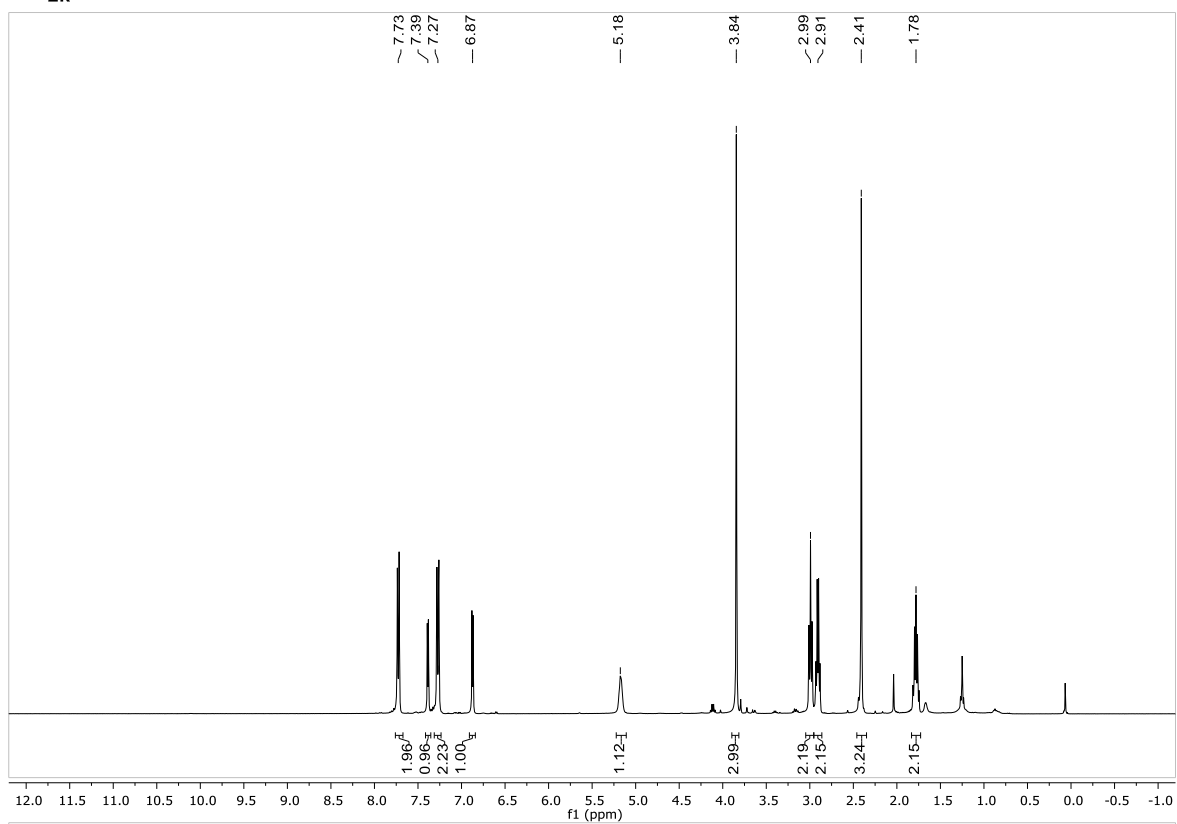
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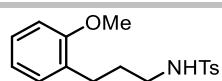
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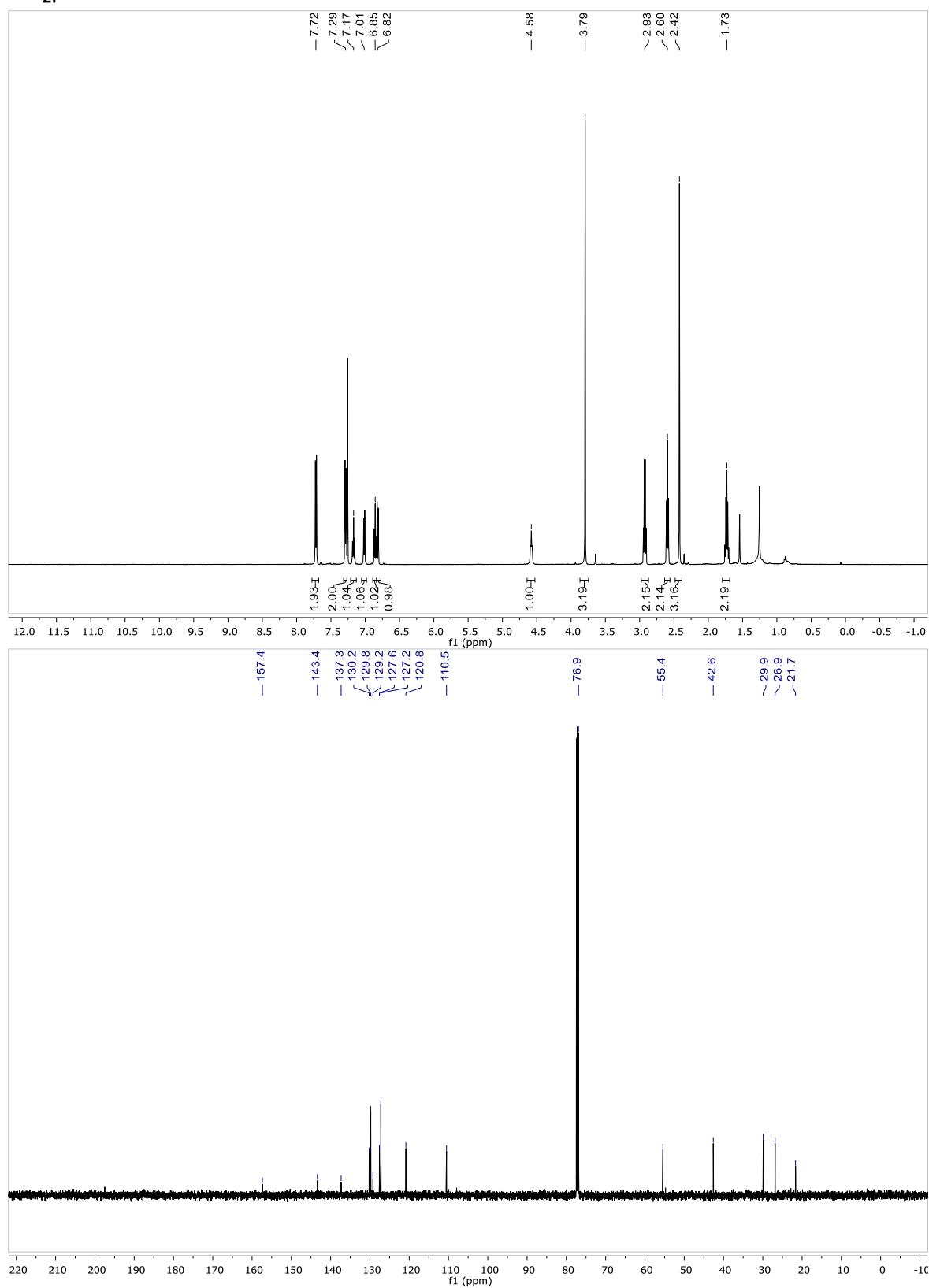
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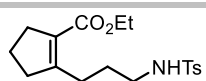
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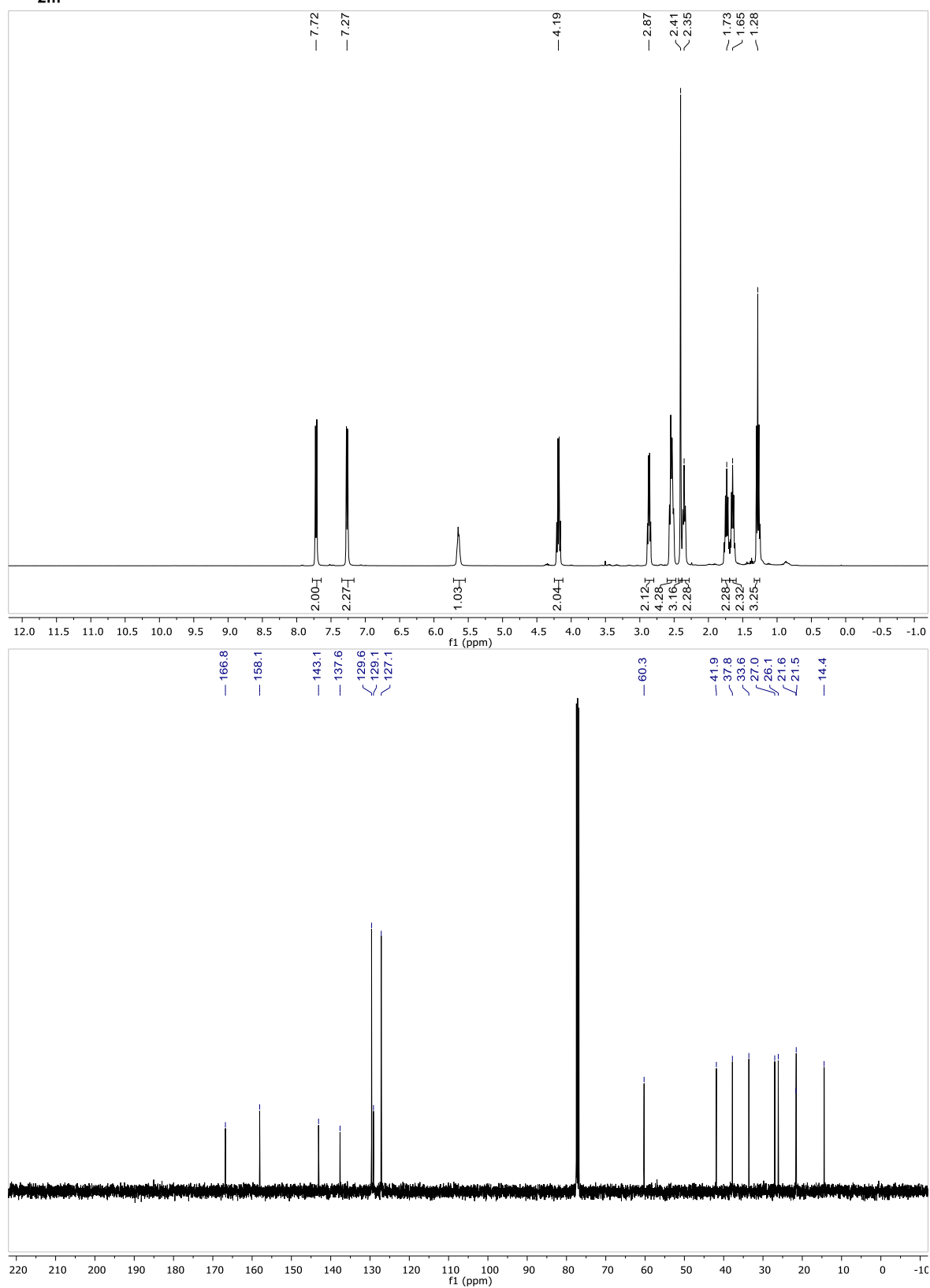
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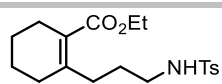
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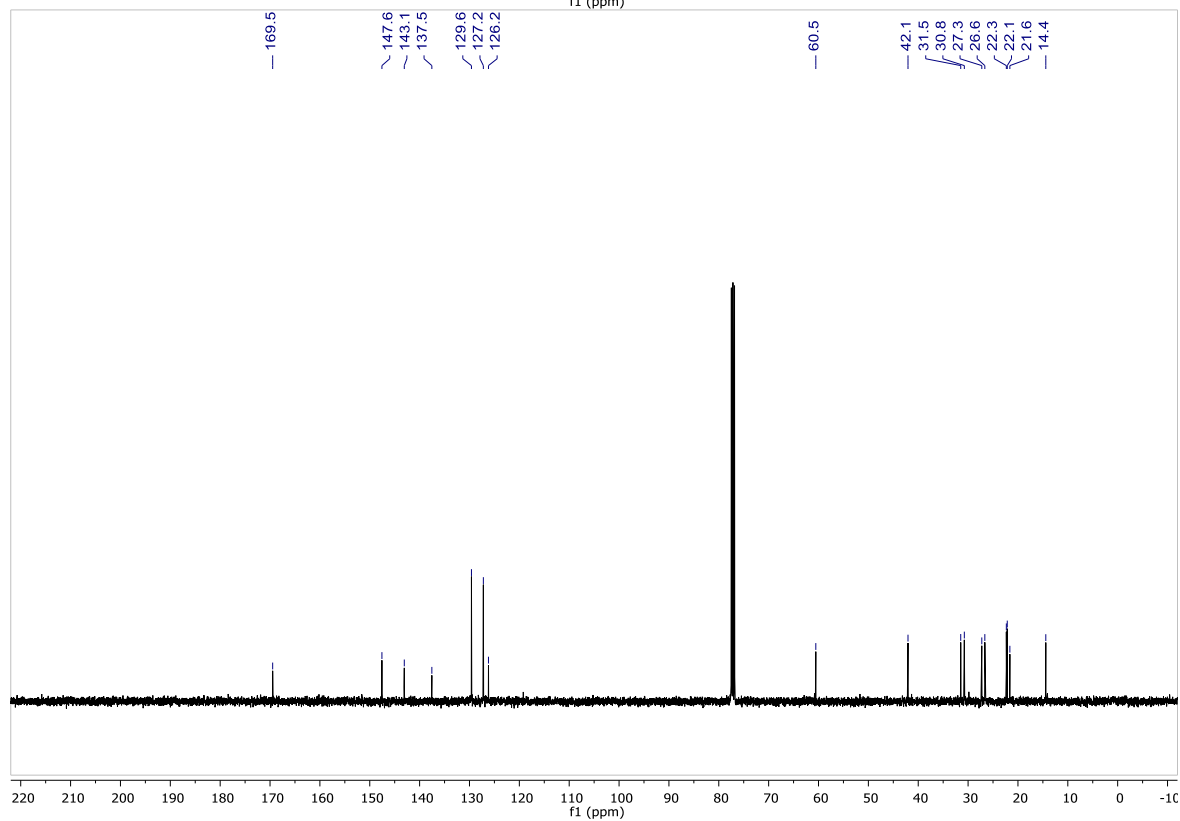
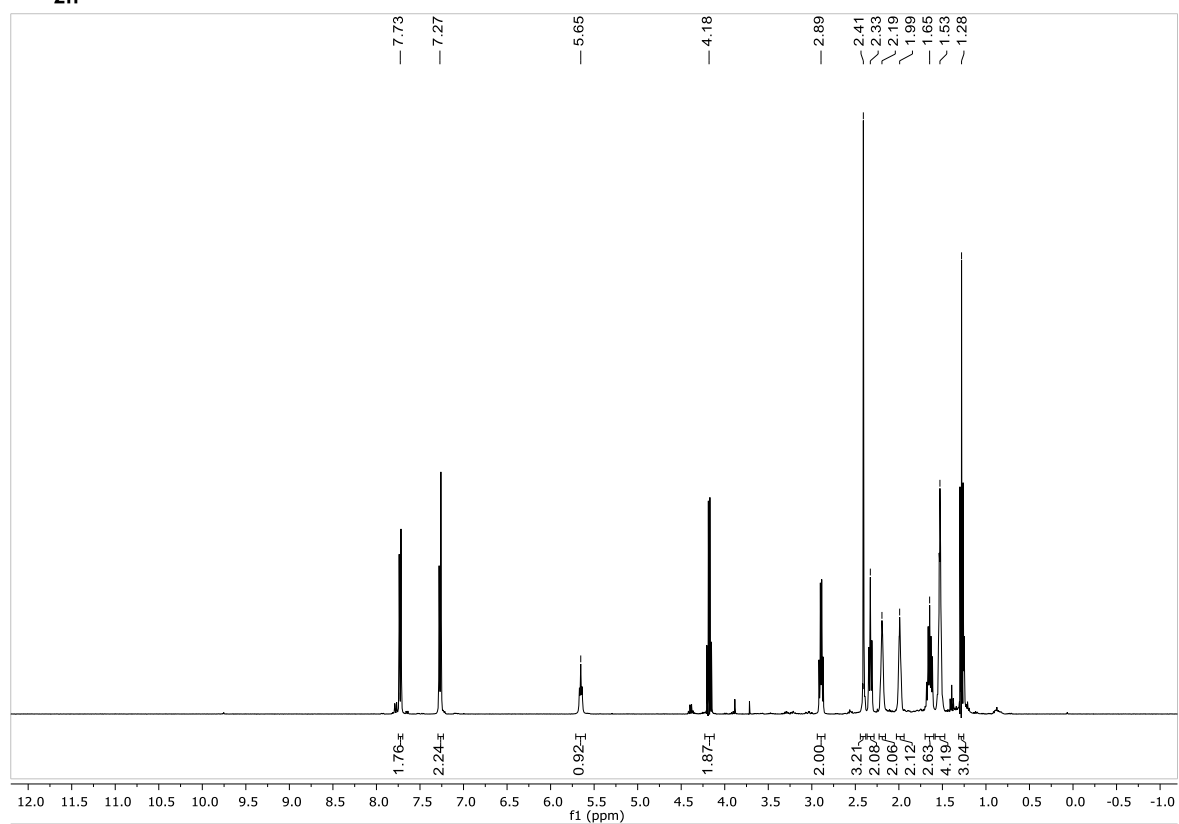
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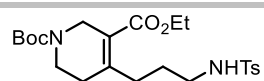
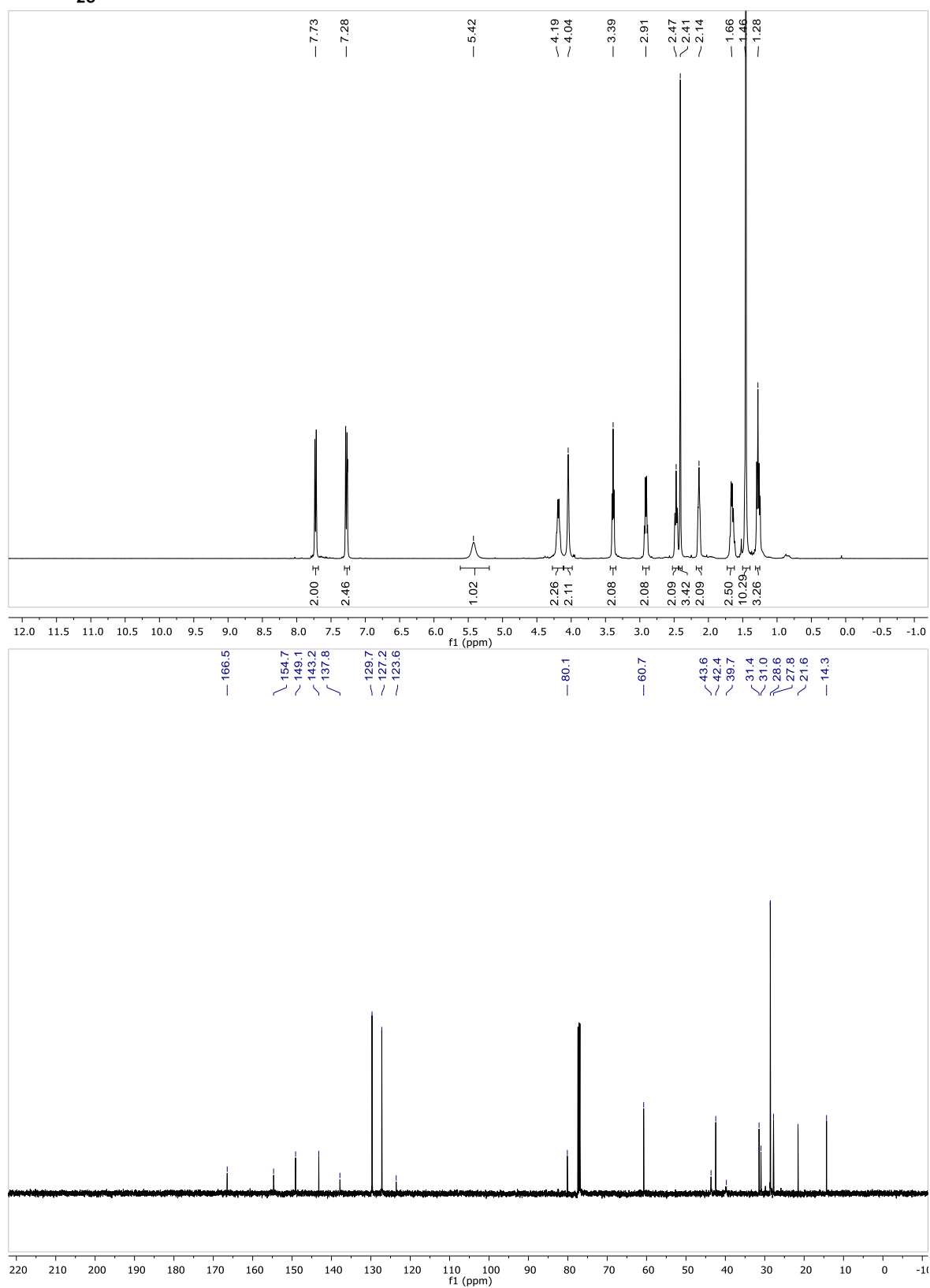


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