

## Supporting Information

### Cobalt-Catalyzed $\alpha$ -Methoxymethylation and Aminomethylation of Ketones with Methanol as a C1 Source

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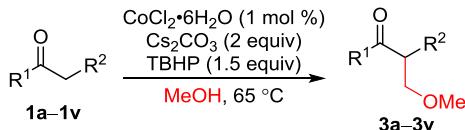
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## 1. General information

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury-400 Plus or Agilent Technologies DD2 (600 MHz) spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> or CD<sub>3</sub>OD. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) for NMR were quoted in ppm relative to the solvent peak (7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and 77.16 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 2.49 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and 39.5 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 3.31 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and 49.00 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C in CD<sub>3</sub>OD). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were reported from Agilent QTOF 7200 (CI) or Bruker Daltonics APEXII 47e FT-ICR (ESI). Melting points were measured on an XT4A apparatus (uncorrected). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis of reaction mixtures was performed using commercial silica gel plates (GF254) which were visualized by UV irradiation at 254-360 nm. Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Enone **4a** used in the control experiments was prepared according to literature method.<sup>[1]</sup>

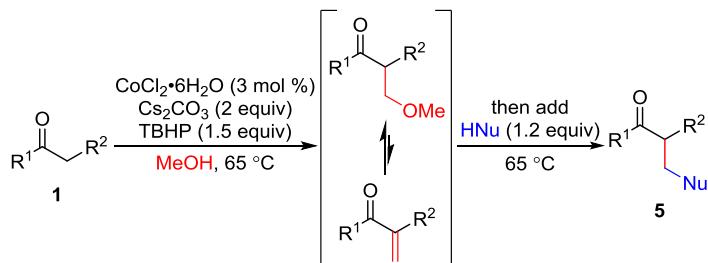
## 2. Experimental Procedures

### 2.1 General procedure for $\alpha$ -methoxymethylation of ketones



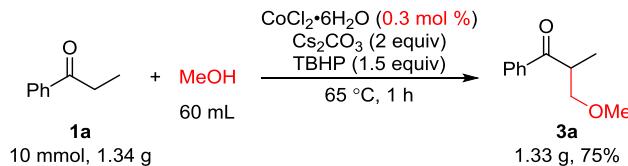
CoCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (1.2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 1 mol%), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (325.8 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (3 mL) and ketone **1** (0.5 mmol) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. Then TBHP (70 wt% in H<sub>2</sub>O) (104  $\mu$ L, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the stirred reaction system. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C until the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC). The reaction solution was cooled at room temperature and quenched with water (2 mL), extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×5 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 20:1–10:1) to afford the pure products **3**.

### 2.2 General procedure for one-pot $\alpha$ -aminomethylation of ketones with methanol and N-nucleophiles



$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 1 mol%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (325.8 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (3 mL) and ketone **1** (0.5 mmol) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. Then TBHP (70 wt% in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (104  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the stirred reaction system. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  until first step reaction was complete (monitored by TLC). The reaction solution was cooled at room temperature and N-nucleophile (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at 65  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  until second step reaction was complete (monitored by TLC). The reaction solution was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 20:1–5:1) to afford the pure products **5**.

### 2.3 Procedure for gram-scale methoxymethylation of ketone **1a**

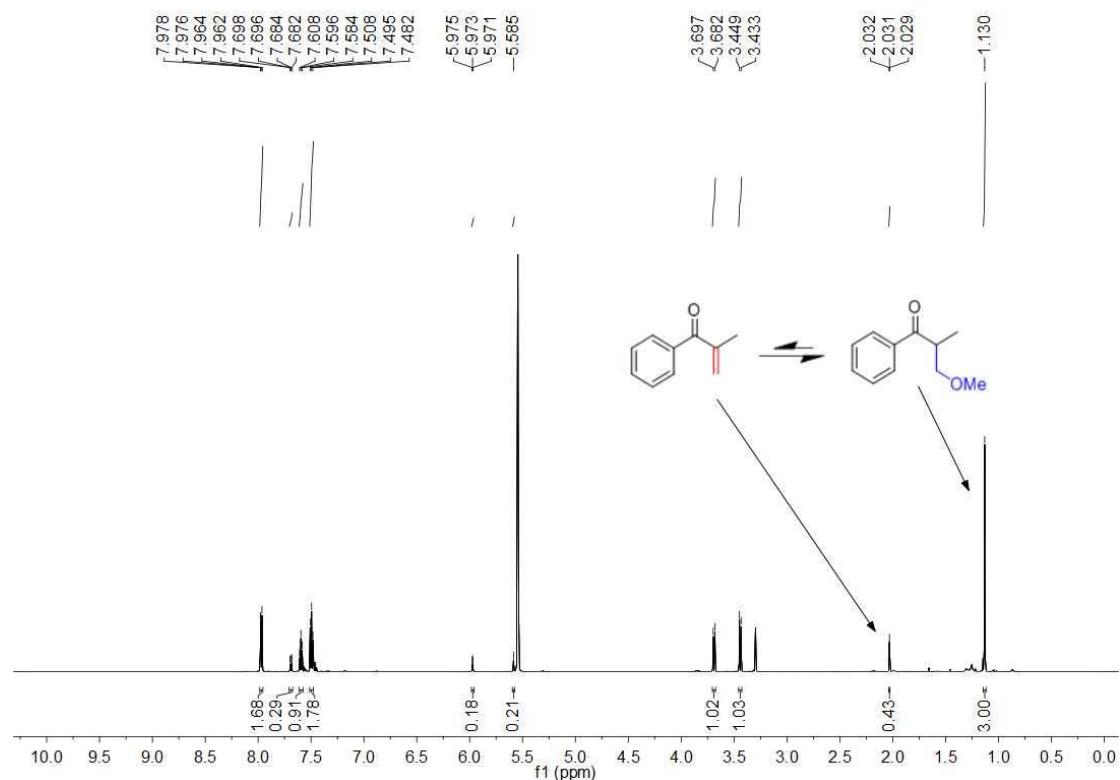


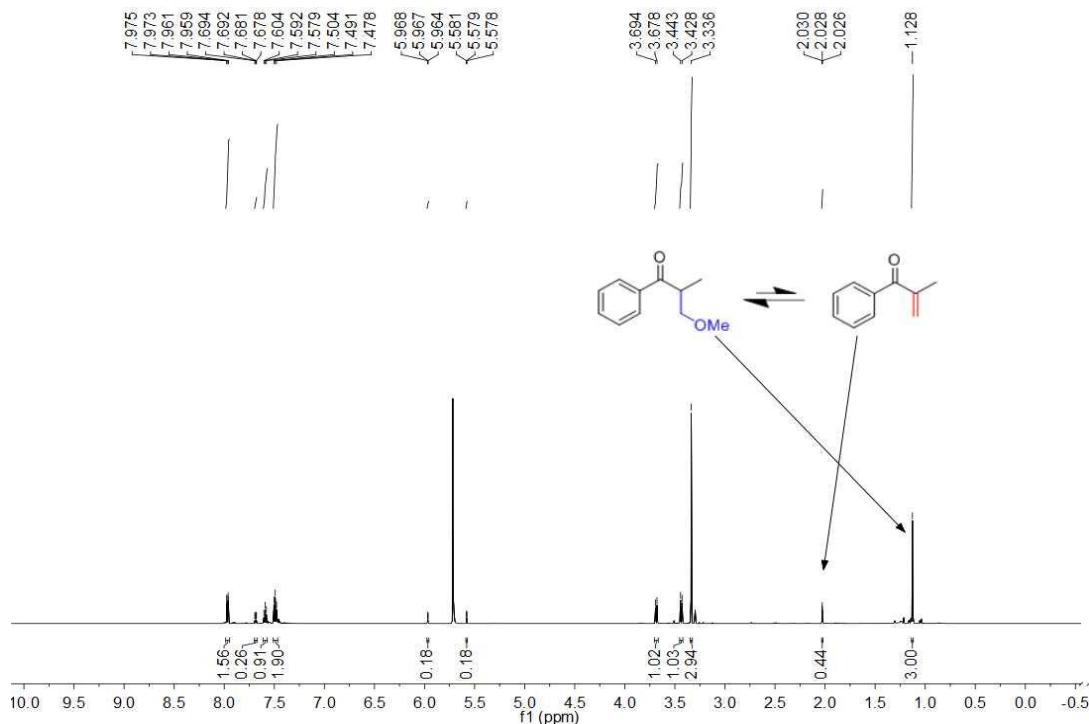
$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (7.1 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.3 mol%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (6.52 g, 20 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (60 mL) and ketone **1a** (1.34 g, 10 mmol) were sequentially added into a 200 mL round-bottom flask. Then TBHP (70 wt% in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (2.1 mL, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the stirred reaction system. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 h. The reaction solution was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (20 mL), extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 30$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the pure product **3a** (1.33 g, 75%).

### 2.4 Procedure for experiments showing equilibrium between enone **4a** and methoxymethylated product **3a**



$\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2 equiv) and **3a** (26.8 mg, 0.15 mmol),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2 equiv) and **4a** (21.9 mg, 0.15 mmol) were dissolved in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (1 mL), respectively. After  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  was completely dissolved, the two solutions were separately transferred to NMR tubes without further treatment, and detected by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR. Analysis of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra showed that the ratio of **3a** : **4a** was 7:1 in both cases.

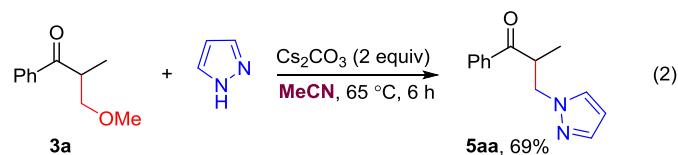




## 2.5 Procedure for investigation of the effects of the reagents on the $\alpha$ -aminomethylation of ketones



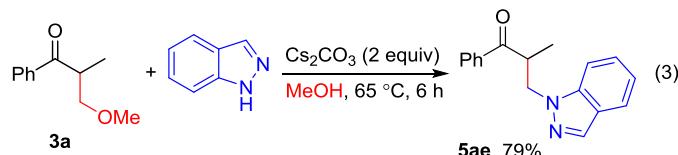
$\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (228.1 mg, 0.70 mmol, 2 equiv), pyrazole (28.6 mg, 0.42 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **3a** (61.9 mg, 0.35 mmol) and MeOH (2 mL) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the pure product **5aa** (62.8 mg, 86%).



$\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (221.5 mg, 0.68 mmol, 2 equiv), pyrazole (27.8 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **3a** (60.6 mg, 0.34 mmol) and MeCN (2 mL) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. The

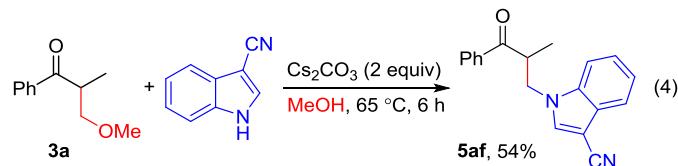
reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the pure product **5aa** (50.4 mg, 69%).

## 2.6 Experimental procedure for synthesis of **5ae**



Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (195.8 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2 equiv), indazole (42.5 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **3a** (53.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) and MeOH (2 mL) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the pure product **5ae** (62.6 mg, 79%).

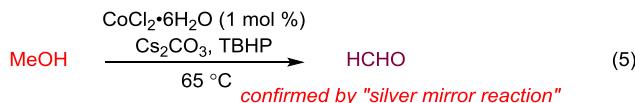
## 2.7 Experimental procedure for synthesis of **5af**



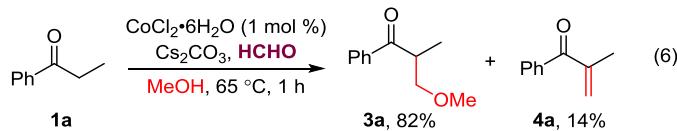
Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (195.5 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2 equiv), 3-cyanoindole (51.2 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **3a** (53.5 mg, 0.30 mmol) and MeOH (2 mL) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×5 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the pure product **5af** (46.7 mg, 54%).

## 2.8 Procedure for control experiments

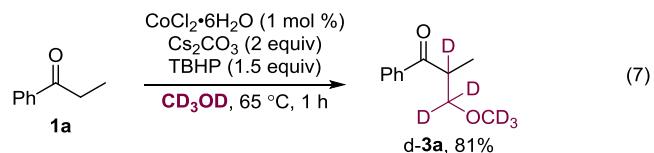
**Using silver mirror reaction to detect the *in situ* formed formaldehyde:**



To a solution of  $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.2 mg, 0.005 mmol) and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (325.8 mg, 1.0 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL), TBHP (70 wt% in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (104  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.75 mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 min, a small amount of the reaction mixture was dropped into the fresh silver ammonia solution in test tube. After shaking, the test tube was warmed in hot water and a layer of metallic silver was found adhering to the inner wall of the test tube. The picture of this phenomenon is shown in follow:

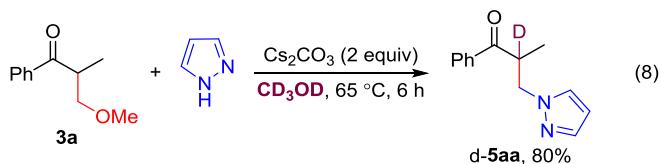


$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.2 mg, 0.005 mmol, 1 mol%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (325.8 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2 equiv), MeOH (3 mL) and ketone **1a** (66.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.5 mmol) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. Then HCHO (40 % w/v) (52.0  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the stirred reaction system. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 1 h. The reaction solution was cooled at room temperature and quenched with water (2 mL), extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Hexane : EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the pure product **3a** (72.7 mg, 82%) and **4a** (9.9 mg, 14%).



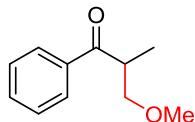
$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.8 mg, 0.0035 mmol, 1 mol%),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (228.2 mg, 0.70 mmol, 2 equiv),  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (2 mL) and ketone **1a** (46.6  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.35 mmol) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. Then TBHP (70 wt% in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) (72.7  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.53 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added to the

stirred reaction system. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 1 h. The reaction solution was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 20:1) to afford the pure product *d*-**3a** (52.2 mg, 81%).



Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (215.1 mg, 0.66 mmol, 2 equiv), pyrazole (27.2 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1.2 equiv), **3a** (58.8 mg, 0.33 mmol) and CD<sub>3</sub>OD (2 mL) were sequentially added into a 25 mL Schleck tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled at room temperature and quenched with saturated brine (2 mL), extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE : EtOAc = 10:1) to afford the pure product *d*-**5aa** (56.8 mg, 80%).

### 3. Characterization data for all synthesized compounds



#### **3-Methoxy-2-methyl-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3a)**

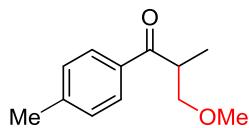
Colorless oil; yield: 73.6 mg (83%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.98 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.7, 136.6, 133.0, 128.6, 128.4, 74.9, 59.1, 41.2, 14.8.

IR (film): 2955, 2856, 2653, 1988, 1685, 1601, 1513, 1395, 1253, 1090, 1024, 973, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 179.1067; found: 179.1072.



**3-Methoxy-2-methyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)propan-1-one (3b)**

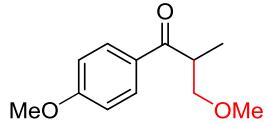
Colorless oil; yield: 87.9 mg (91%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.44 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.20 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  202.2, 143.8, 134.1, 129.2, 128.5, 75.0, 59.0, 41.0, 21.6, 14.9.

IR (film): 3163, 2965, 1689, 1523, 1580, 1448, 1282, 1223, 1172, 1044, 752, 705  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ : 193.1223; found: 193.1228.



**3-Methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (3c)**

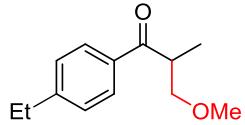
Colorless oil; yield: 89.6 mg (86%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.44 (dd,  $J = 128, 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  201.1, 163.5, 130.6, 129.6, 113.7, 75.1, 59.0, 55.4, 40.8, 15.0.

IR (film): 3055, 2985, 2833, 1685, 1523, 1488, 1426, 1322, 1163, 1072, 979, 821, 763  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ : 209.1172; found: 209.1178.



**1-(4-Ethylphenyl)-3-methoxy-2-methylpropan-1-one (3d)**

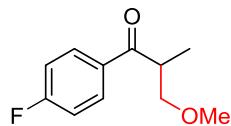
Colorless oil; yield: 67.1 mg (65%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.46 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.70 (dd,  $J = 10.4, 5.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  202.3, 150.0, 134.3, 128.6, 128.1, 75.0, 59.1, 41.1, 28.9, 15.2, 14.9.

IR (film): 2969, 2931, 2877, 1679, 1606, 1456, 1414, 1222, 1184, 1112, 979, 957, 846, 701, 599 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 207.1380; found: 207.1380.



**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-methoxy-2-methylpropan-1-one (3e)**

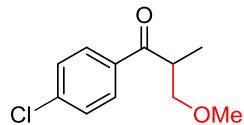
Colorless oil; yield: 75.4 mg (77%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.00 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.45 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.2, 165.7 (d, *J* = 253.2 Hz), 133.1 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 9.15 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.75 Hz), 75.0, 59.0, 41.2, 14.7.

IR (film): 2969, 2931, 2877, 1679, 1606, 1456, 1414, 1222, 1184, 1112, 979, 846, 701, 599 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FO<sub>2</sub>: 197.0972; found: 197.0979.



**1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-methoxy-2-methylpropan-1-one (3f)**

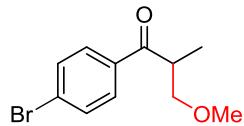
Colorless oil; yield: 78.2 mg (74%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.73 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.45 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.6, 139.4, 135.0, 129.8, 128.9, 74.9, 59.0, 41.2, 14.6.

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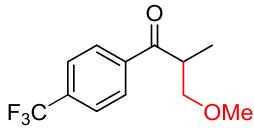
HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: 213.0677; found: 213.0675.



**1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methoxy-2-methylpropan-1-one (3g)**

Colorless oil; yield: 90.9 mg (71%).

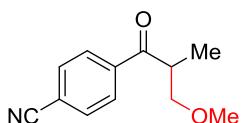
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.7, 135.4, 131.8, 129.9, 128.1, 74.9, 59.0, 41.2, 14.6.  
IR (film): 3730, 3626, 3349, 1683, 1584, 1456, 1394, 1250, 1215, 977, 838, 749, 469 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>: 257.0172; found: 257.0176.



### 3-Methoxy-2-methyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3h)

Pale yellow oil; yield: 38.1 mg (31%).

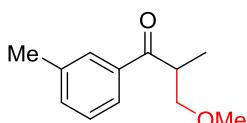
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.0, 139.5, 134.2 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz), 128.7, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.6 (q, *J* = 270.9 Hz), 74.9, 59.1, 41.7, 14.5.  
IR (film): 3349, 3064, 2976, 2880, 1687, 1584, 1456, 1394, 1190, 1109, 1072, 473 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 247.0940; found: 247.0939.



### 4-(3-Methoxy-2-methylpropanoyl)benzonitrile (3i)

Colorless oil; yield: 39.2 mg (62%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.75-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.48-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.8, 140.0, 132.5, 128.8, 118.0, 116.2, 74.9, 59.1, 41.7, 14.4.  
IR (film): 3215, 2976, 2714, 2246, 1680, 1662, 1437, 1368, 1099, 875, 501 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 204.1019; found: 204.1021.



### 3-Methoxy-2-methyl-1-(*m*-tolyl)propan-1-one (3j)

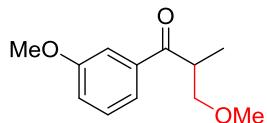
Colorless oil; yield: 73.0 mg (76%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.77 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 3.78 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.44 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.9, 138.4, 136.7, 133.8, 128.9, 128.5, 125.6, 75.0, 59.1, 41.3, 21.4, 14.9.

IR (film): 3351, 2970, 2736, 1681, 1586, 1307, 1140, 1108, 1025, 979, 684 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 193.1223; found: 193.1223.



### 3-Methoxy-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (3k)

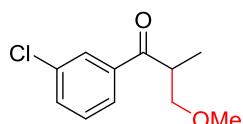
Colorless oil; yield: 71.3 mg (69%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.5, 159.8, 138.0, 129.5, 120.9, 119.5, 112.6, 74.9, 59.0, 55.4, 41.4, 14.8.

IR (film): 3074, 2839, 1679, 1583, 1458, 1287, 1169, 1043, 987, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 209.1172; found: 209.1170.



### 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-methoxy-2-methylpropan-1-one (3l)

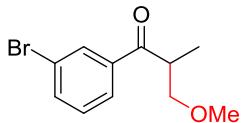
Colorless oil; yield: 66.1 mg (62%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.92 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.46 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.6, 138.3, 134.9, 132.9, 129.9, 128.5, 126.4, 74.9, 59.1, 41.4, 14.6.

IR (film): 3069, 1686, 1570, 1459, 1215, 1109, 987, 799, 674, 420 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: 213.0677; found: 213.0685.



**1-(3-Bromophenyl)-3-methoxy-2-methylpropan-1-one (3m)**

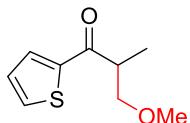
Colorless oil; yield: 75.3 mg (59%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.5, 138.5, 135.8, 131.4, 130.2, 126.9, 123.0, 74.9, 59.1, 41.4, 14.6.

IR (film): 3125, 2298, 1689, 1448, 1419, 1109, 997, 968, 625, 623, 405 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>: 257.0172; found: 257.0180.



**3-Methoxy-2-methyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (3n)**

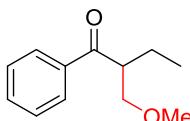
Colorless oil; yield: 80.0 mg (87%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.76 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 195.4, 144.1, 133.9, 132.1, 128.1, 74.9, 59.0, 43.0, 14.9.

IR (film): 3074, 2926, 1679, 1583, 1458, 1259, 1169, 987, 824, 796, 747, 624 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 185.0631; found: 185.0634.



**2-(Methoxymethyl)-1-phenylbutan-1-one (3o)**

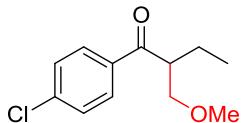
Pale yellow oil; yield: 71.4 mg (74%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.72 – 3.66 (m, 2H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.8, 137.6, 132.9, 128.5, 128.2, 73.7, 59.0, 48.0, 22.8, 11.6.

IR (film): 3058, 2926, 2879, 1681, 1595, 1452, 1384, 1265, 1217, 1109, 963, 897, 738, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 193.1223; found: 193.1220.



### 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(methoxymethyl)butan-1-one (3p)

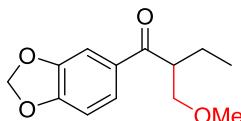
Colorless oil; yield: 79.8 mg (71%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.50 (q, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.9, 139.4, 136.1, 129.8, 128.9, 73.8, 59.1, 48.2, 22.8, 11.7.

IR (film): 2964, 2877, 1682, 1589, 1460, 1400, 1260, 1215, 1094, 1009, 964, 841, 746, 531 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: 227.0833; found: 227.0834.



### 1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(methoxymethyl)butan-1-one (3q)

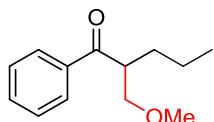
Colorless oil; yield: 67.8 mg (58%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.59–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.58 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.9, 151.7, 148.2, 132.6, 124.6, 108.1, 107.8, 101.8, 74.0, 59.0, 47.8, 23.0, 11.7.

IR (film): 2965, 2926, 2886, 1607, 1488, 1442, 1362, 1197, 1101, 1038, 933, 807, 750, 578 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 237.1121; found: 237.1117.



**2-(Methoxymethyl)-1-phenylpentan-1-one (3r)**

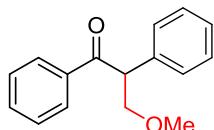
Colorless oil; yield: 77.6 mg (75%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.79 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.30 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 203.1, 137.7, 132.9, 128.5, 128.3, 74.2, 59.0, 46.5, 32.0, 20.6, 14.2.

IR (film): 2985, 2711, 1658, 1423, 1326, 1312, 1193, 1023, 1011, 897, 856, 733, 579 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 207.1380; found: 207.1382.



**3-Methoxy-1,2-diphenylpropan-1-one (3s)**

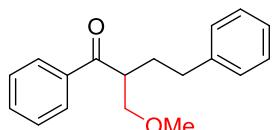
Colorless oil; yield: 37.9 mg (32%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.92 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.2, 136.7, 136.3, 133.0, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.5, 74.7, 59.1, 53.8.

IR (film): 3011, 2785, 1697, 1389, 1321, 1085, 987, 856, 823, 714, 525 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 241.1223; found: 241.1228.



**2-(Methoxymethyl)-1,4-diphenylbutan-1-one (3t)**

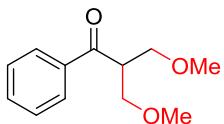
Colorless oil; yield: 108.5 mg (81%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.92 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.78 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.65 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.84 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.6, 141.4, 137.4, 133.0, 128.5, 128.42, 128.35, 128.3, 126.0, 74.1, 59.1, 46.0, 33.4, 31.3.

IR (film): 2926, 2864, 1680, 1596, 1450, 1390, 1222, 1116, 964, 748, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 269.1536; found: 269.1531.



**3-Methoxy-2-(methoxymethyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3u).**

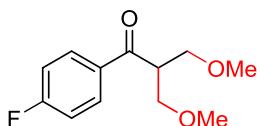
Pale yellow oil; yield: 75.4 mg (73%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.02 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.7, 137.2, 133.0, 128.5, 128.4, 71.4, 59.0, 47.7.

IR (film): 3061, 2893, 1972, 1723, 1681, 1596, 1448, 1219, 1108, 959, 795, 713, 655, 544 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 209.1172; found: 209.1168.



**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-methoxy-2-(methoxymethyl)propan-1-one (3v)**

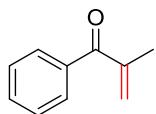
Pale yellow oil; yield: 66.7 mg (59%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.01 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 199.4, 165.8 (d, *J* = 253 Hz), 133.8 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 71.5, 59.1, 47.7.

IR (film): 3085, 2973, 2836, 1923, 1685, 1621, 1586, 1201, 1052, 936, 796, 628, 589 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (CI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FO<sub>3</sub>: 227.1078; found: 227.1084.



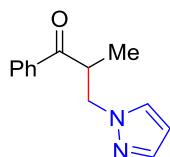
**2-Methyl-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (4a)<sup>1</sup>**

Colorless oil; yield: 9.9 mg (14%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.74 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 5.91 – 5.90 (m, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.3, 143.8, 137.7, 132.0, 129.4, 128.1, 127.0, 18.6.

IR (film): 3166, 2815, 1936, 1687, 1596, 1563, 1010, 954, 723, 615 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**2-Methyl-1-phenyl-3-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (5aa)**

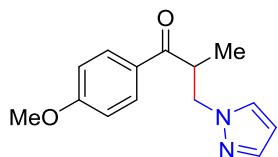
Colorless oil; yield: 78.2 mg (73%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.1, 139.7, 135.9, 133.3, 130.4, 128.7, 128.3, 105.0, 54.0, 41.8, 16.0.

IR (film): 2955, 2856, 1601, 1513, 1395, 1253, 1090, 1025, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 215.1179; found: 215.1178.



**1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-3-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (5ca)**

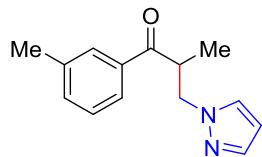
Colorless oil; yield: 96.1 mg (78%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.5, 163.7, 139.6, 130.7, 130.5, 128.8, 113.8, 105.0, 55.5, 54.2, 41.4, 16.2.

IR (film): 3107, 2926, 1679, 1585, 1458, 1379, 1258, 1096, 975, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 245.1285; found: 245.1281.



**2-Methyl-3-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(*m*-tolyl)propan-1-one (5ja)**

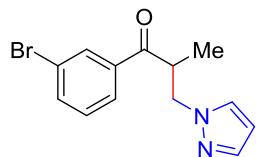
Pale yellow oil; yield: 61.7 mg (54%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.65 – 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.25 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.3, 139.4, 138.5, 135.8, 134.2, 130.7, 128.9, 128.6, 125.6, 105.2, 54.0, 41.9, 21.3, 16.1.

IR (film): 3107, 2926, 1679, 1585, 1458, 1379, 1258, 1096, 975, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 229.1335; found: 229.1335.



**1-(3-Bromophenyl)-2-methyl-3-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (5ma)**

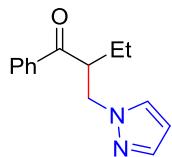
Pale yellow oil; yield: 82.3 mg (56%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.01 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.9, 139.8, 137.6, 136.2, 131.4, 130.5, 130.2, 126.8, 123.1, 105.2, 53.9, 42.0, 16.0.

IR (film): 3111, 2930, 1565, 1457, 1283, 1178, 985, 752, 618 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O: 293.0284; found: 293.0280.



**2-((1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)methyl)-1-phenylbutan-1-one (5oa)**

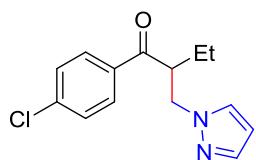
Colorless oil; yield: 97.7 mg (86%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.3, 139.6, 136.8, 133.2, 130.3, 128.5, 128.1, 105.0, 52.6, 48.2, 23.9, 11.1.

IR (film): 3061, 2935, 1678, 1596, 1580, 1448, 1282, 1223, 1172, 1044, 752, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 229.1335; found: 229.1332.



**2-((1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)methyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)butan-1-one (5pa)**

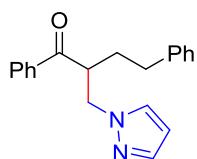
Colorless oil; yield: 59.5 mg (45%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.08 (m, 1H), 1.79 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.4, 139.8, 139.7, 135.2, 130.3, 129.6, 128.9, 105.2, 52.7, 48.2, 23.9, 11.2.

IR (film): 3106, 2965, 2876, 1588, 1456, 1282, 1173, 1045, 967, 750, 617, 533 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O: 263.0946; found: 263.0942.



**2-((1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)methyl)-1,4-diphenylbutan-1-one (5ta)**

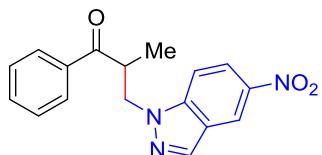
White solid; yield: 97.3 mg (64%); m.p. 94 – 97 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.83 (m, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.2, 140.9, 139.7, 136.6, 133.3, 130.3, 128.6, 128.42, 128.36, 128.2, 126.1, 105.2, 53.1, 46.4, 33.0, 32.4.

IR (film): 3733, 3028, 2859, 1678, 1595, 1449, 1282, 1178, 1046, 965, 751, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 305.1648; found: 305.1642.



**2-Methyl-3-(5-nitro-1*H*-indazol-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (5ab)**

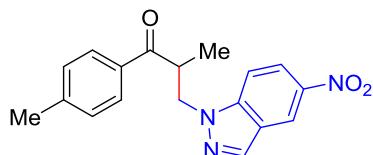
Pale yellow oil; yield: 80.6 mg (52%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.64 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41–4.35 (m, 1H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.7, 142.4, 141.8, 136.3, 135.5, 133.5, 128.7, 128.3, 122.7, 121.6, 118.7, 109.9, 51.1, 41.4, 16.4.

IR (film): 3103, 2954, 2925, 2295, 1678, 1614, 1517, 1453, 1338, 1170, 1069, 974, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 310.1186; found: 310.1179.



**2-Methyl-3-(5-nitro-1*H*-indazol-1-yl)-1-(*p*-tolyl)propan-1-one (5bb)**

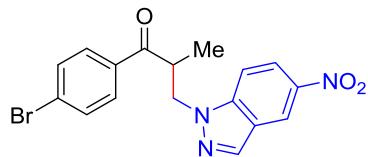
Pale yellow oil; yield: 53.4 mg (33%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.62 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.25 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.31 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.2, 144.5, 142.3, 141.7, 136.3, 133.0, 129.4, 128.4, 122.6, 121.5, 118.7, 109.9, 51.1, 41.2, 21.6, 16.4.

IR (film): 3094, 2974, 2875, 2626, 1676, 1520, 1495, 1339, 1274, 1180, 819, 783, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 324.1343; found: 324.1339.



### 1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-((5-nitro-1H-indazol-1-yl)methyl) butan-1-one (5gb)

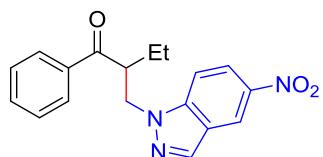
Pale yellow oil; yield: 71.6 mg (37%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.65 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.30 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 200.8, 142.4, 141.7, 136.4, 134.2, 132.1, 129.8, 128.9, 122.7, 121.7, 118.8, 109.8, 51.0, 41.3, 16.3.

IR (film): 2964, 1677, 1519, 1451, 1217, 1070, 941, 813, 754, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 388.0291; found: 388.0284.



### 2-((5-Nitro-1H-indazol-1-yl)methyl)-1-phenylbutan-1-one (5ob)

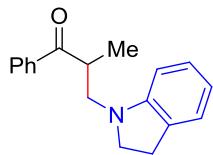
Pale yellow oil; yield: 107.3 mg (66%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.61 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 201.9, 142.3, 141.6, 136.5, 136.3, 133.4, 128.6, 128.1, 122.6, 121.5, 118.7, 109.9, 49.7, 47.7, 24.1, 11.3.

IR (film): 3125, 1685, 1597, 1486, 1336, 1217, 1022, 976, 731, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 324.1343; found: 324.1339.



**3-(Indolin-1-yl)-2-methyl-1-phenylpropan-1-one (5ac)**

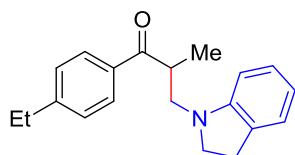
Pale yellow oil; yield: 82.5 mg (62%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.03 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.50 (dd, J = 15.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.02 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 13.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.06 (dd, J = 13.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 1.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 203.5, 152.8, 136.6, 133.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 124.5, 117.5, 107.0, 54.0, 53.3, 39.7, 28.5, 16.4.

IR (film): 2958, 2928, 1797, 1678, 1599, 1461, 1395, 1330, 1261, 1181, 1020, 973, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO: 266.1539; found: 266.1524.



**1-(4-Ethylphenyl)-3-(indolin-1-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (5dc)**

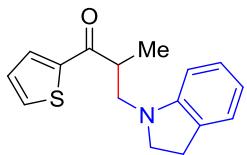
Colorless oil; yield: 74.8 mg (51%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.01 – 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, J = 13.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.67 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 207.7, 157.6, 154.9, 139.1, 134.2, 133.6, 133.4, 132.3, 129.2, 122.2, 111.7, 58.8, 58.1, 44.3, 33.3, 33.2, 21.2, 20.3.

IR (film): 3047, 2965, 2929, 1677, 1606, 1489, 1375, 1249, 1223, 1180, 974, 846, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO: 294.1852; found: 294.1847.



**3-(Indolin-1-yl)-2-methyl-1-(thiophen-2-yl)propan-1-one (5nc)**

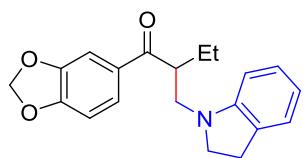
Pale yellow oil; yield: 62.4 mg (46%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 8.04 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87–3.81 (m, 1H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.22 (q, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 196.5, 152.7, 144.1, 135.8, 133.8, 129.5, 129.3, 127.5, 124.5, 117.6, 107.1, 54.0, 53.5, 41.3, 28.4, 16.6.

IR (film): 3415, 2253, 2126, 2000, 1792, 1654, 1415, 1226, 1051, 1026, 825, 763, 626 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NOS: 272.1104; found: 272.1101.



**1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(indolin-1-ylmethyl)butan-1-one (5qc)**

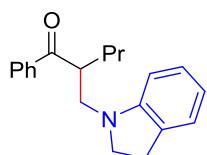
Colorless oil; yield: 91.6 mg (57%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 – 3.17 (m, 3H), 2.93 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.62 (m, 1H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 201.5, 152.8, 152.0, 148.4, 132.4, 129.5, 127.5, 125.0, 124.5, 117.5, 108.5, 107.8, 107.0, 102.5, 54.1, 52.2, 45.7, 28.4, 24.4, 11.8.

IR (film): 3432, 2358, 2334, 2251, 2125, 1658, 1490, 1443, 1361, 1250, 1027, 824, 763, 623 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 324.1594; found: 324.1584.



**2-(Indolin-1-ylmethyl)-1-phenylpentan-1-one (5rc)**

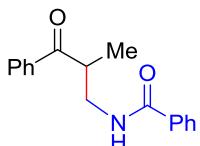
Pale yellow oil; yield: 114.8 mg (78%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.53 – 6.45 (m, 2H), 3.97–3.94 (m, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (q, *J* = 16.2, 1H), 3.17 (q, *J* = 17.4, 1H), 3.08 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.28 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 203.6, 152.7, 137.6, 133.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.4, 127.5, 124.5, 117.6, 107.0, 54.1, 52.6, 44.7, 33.4, 28.5, 20.5, 14.6.

IR (film): 3053, 2957, 2929, 2866, 1678, 1604, 1462, 1376, 1211, 1180, 976, 790, 744, 555 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO: 294.1852; found: 294.1847.



**N-(2-methyl-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)benzamide (5ad)**

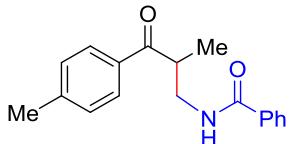
Colorless oil; yield: 82.1 mg (61%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 3.94 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.81 – 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.71–3.67 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 204.0, 167.6, 135.8, 134.4, 133.4, 131.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 42.0, 40.9, 16.0.

IR (film): 3062, 2973, 1676, 1644, 1577, 1536, 1451, 1301, 1215, 1079, 973, 795, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 268.1332; found: 268.1328.



**N-(2-methyl-3-oxo-3-(p-tolyl)propyl)benzamide (5bd)**

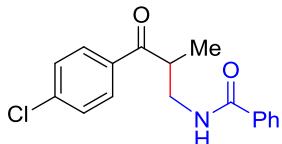
Pale yellow oil; Yield: 60.1 mg (43%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.91 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.80–3.76 (m, 1H), 3.77 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 203.6, 167.6, 144.4, 134.4, 133.3, 131.4, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 42.0, 40.8, 21.6, 16.1.

IR (film): 3061, 2972, 2873, 2360, 1672, 1645, 1537, 1456, 1300, 1182, 972, 828, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 282.1489; found: 282.1484.



**N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-3-oxopropyl)benzamide (5fd)**

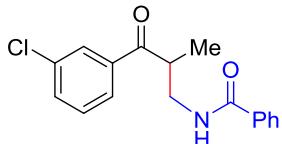
Pale yellow oil; yield: 50.2 mg (33%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.90 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.77 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.70 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.6, 167.6, 139.9, 134.2, 134.1, 131.5, 129.9, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 42.0, 40.9, 15.8.

IR (film): 3066, 2974, 2875, 1682, 1642, 1537, 1487, 1425, 1303, 1209, 1079, 986, 799 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>: 302.0942; found: 302.0940.



**N-(3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-3-oxopropyl)benzamide (5ld)**

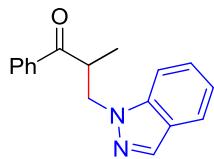
Pale yellow oil; yield: 86.1 mg (57%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.94 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (q, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 3.90 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.80 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.65 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.6, 167.6, 137.4, 135.2, 134.2, 133.3, 131.5, 130.1, 128.6, 128.5, 126.9, 126.6, 41.9, 41.2, 15.8.

IR (film): 3064, 2930, 1678, 1645, 1587, 1488, 1300, 1092, 1013, 974, 841, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>: 302.0942; found: 302.0937.



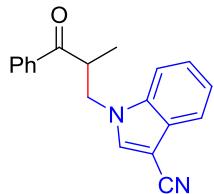
**3-(1*H*-indazol-1-yl)-2-methyl-1-phenylpropan-1-one (5ae)**

Pale yellow oil; yield: 62.6 mg (79%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 1H), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 202.3, 140.1, 135.9, 133.6, 133.2, 128.6, 128.3, 126.4, 123.7, 120.9, 120.5, 109.3, 50.7, 41.6, 16.2.

IR (film): 3119, 2932, 2877, 2218, 1815, 1679, 1532, 1460, 1363, 1183, 974, 746, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**1-(2-Methyl-3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)-1*H*-indole-3-carbonitrile (5af)**

Pale yellow oil; yield: 42.7 mg (54%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.06 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

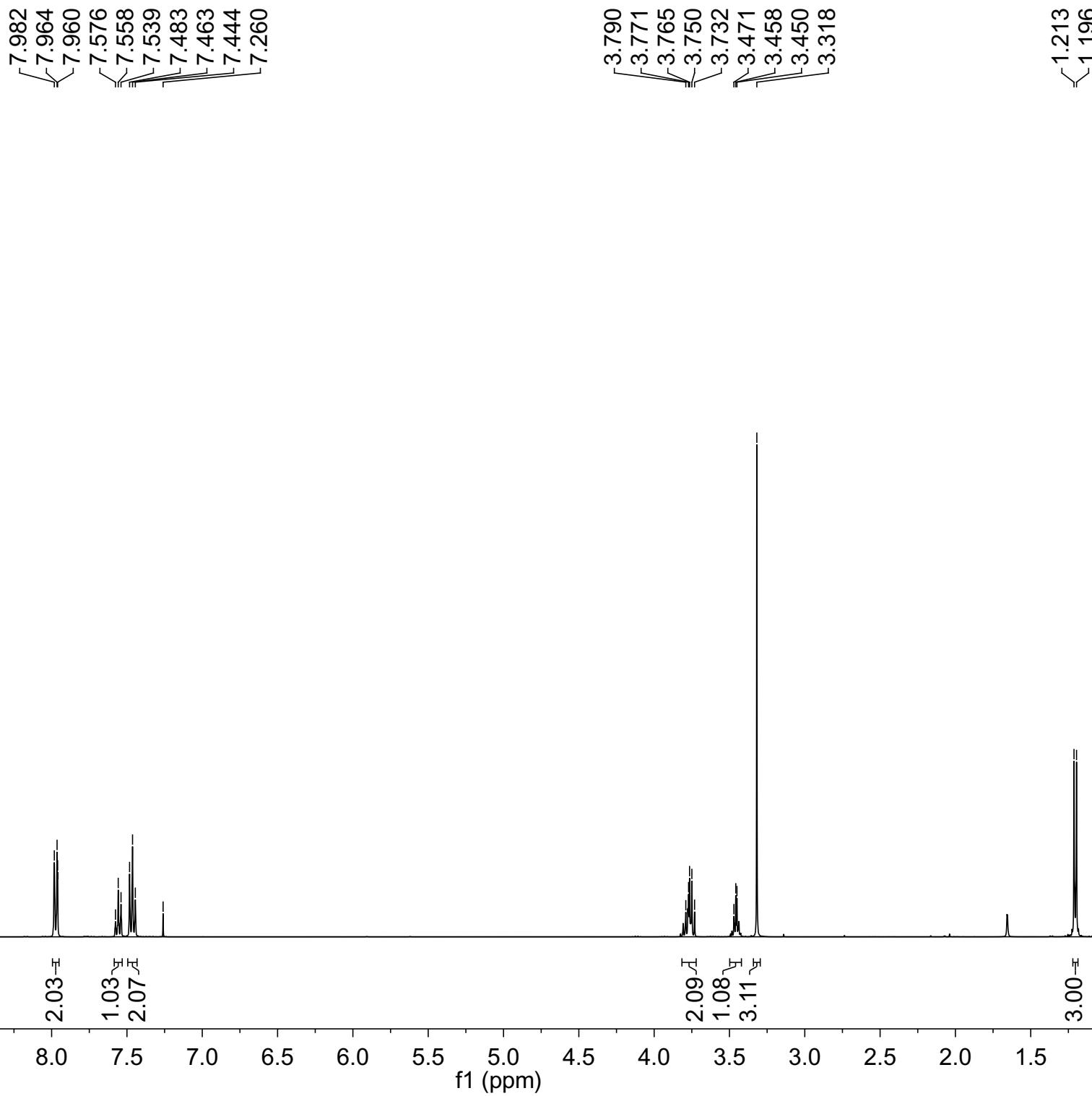
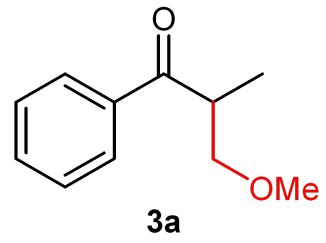
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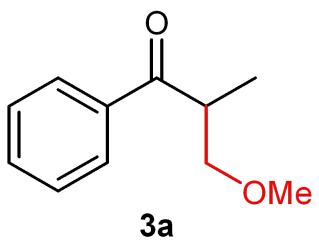
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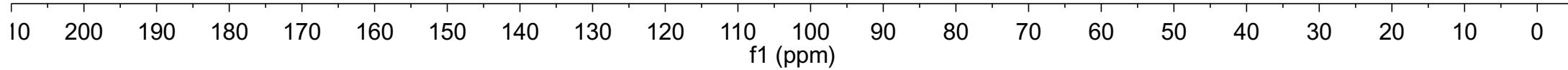
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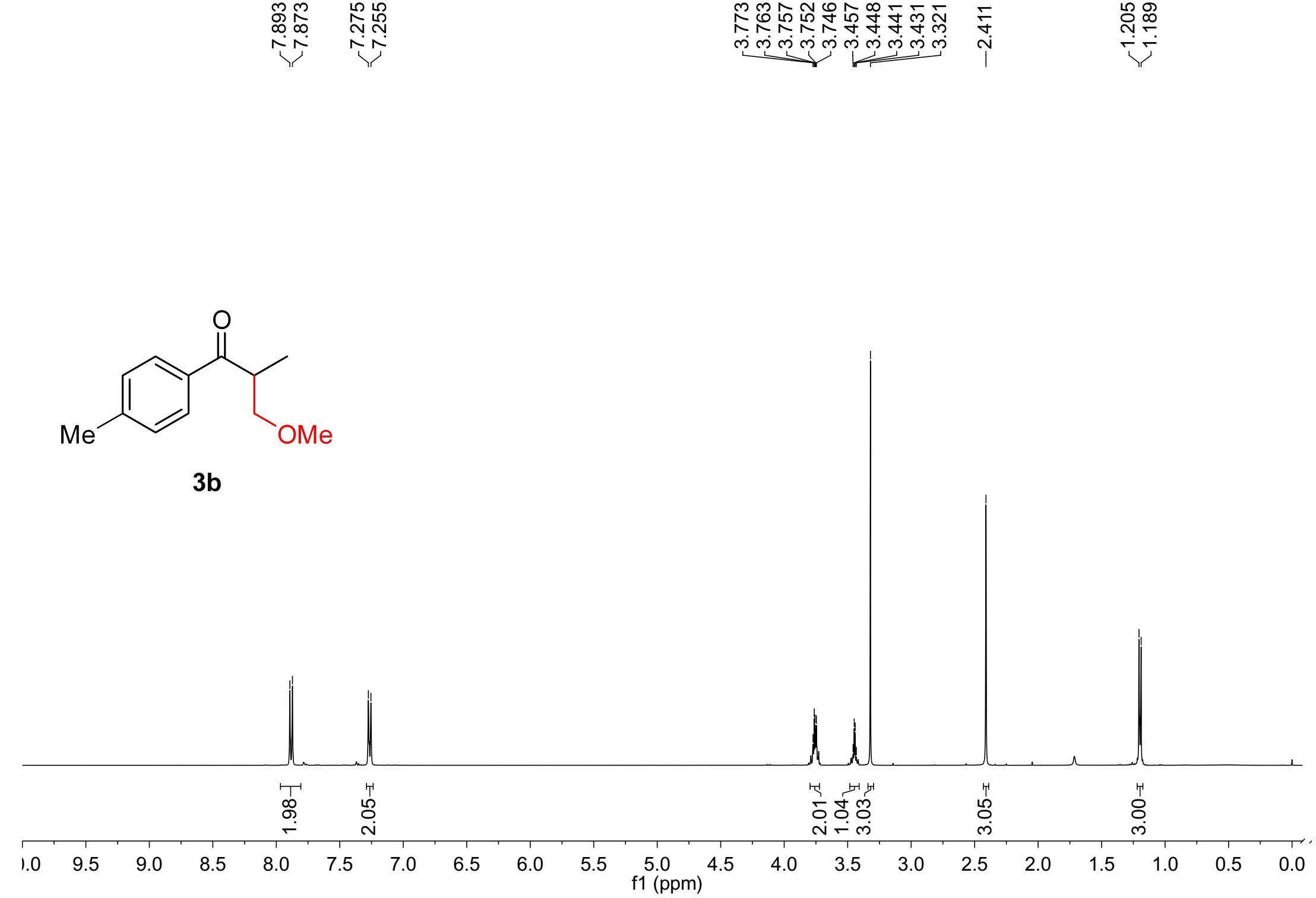
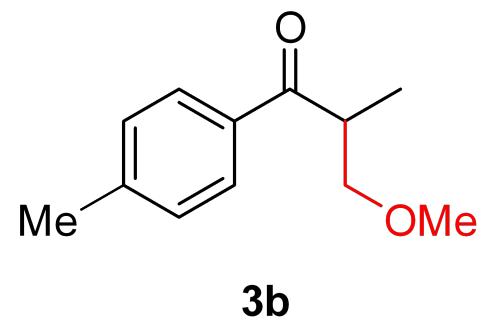
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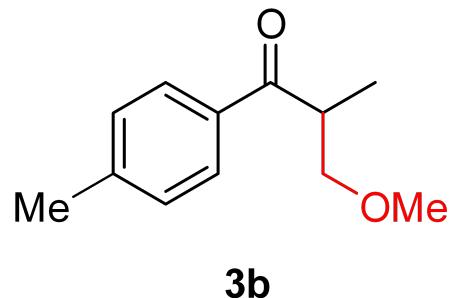
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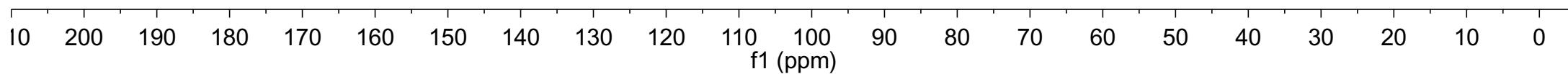
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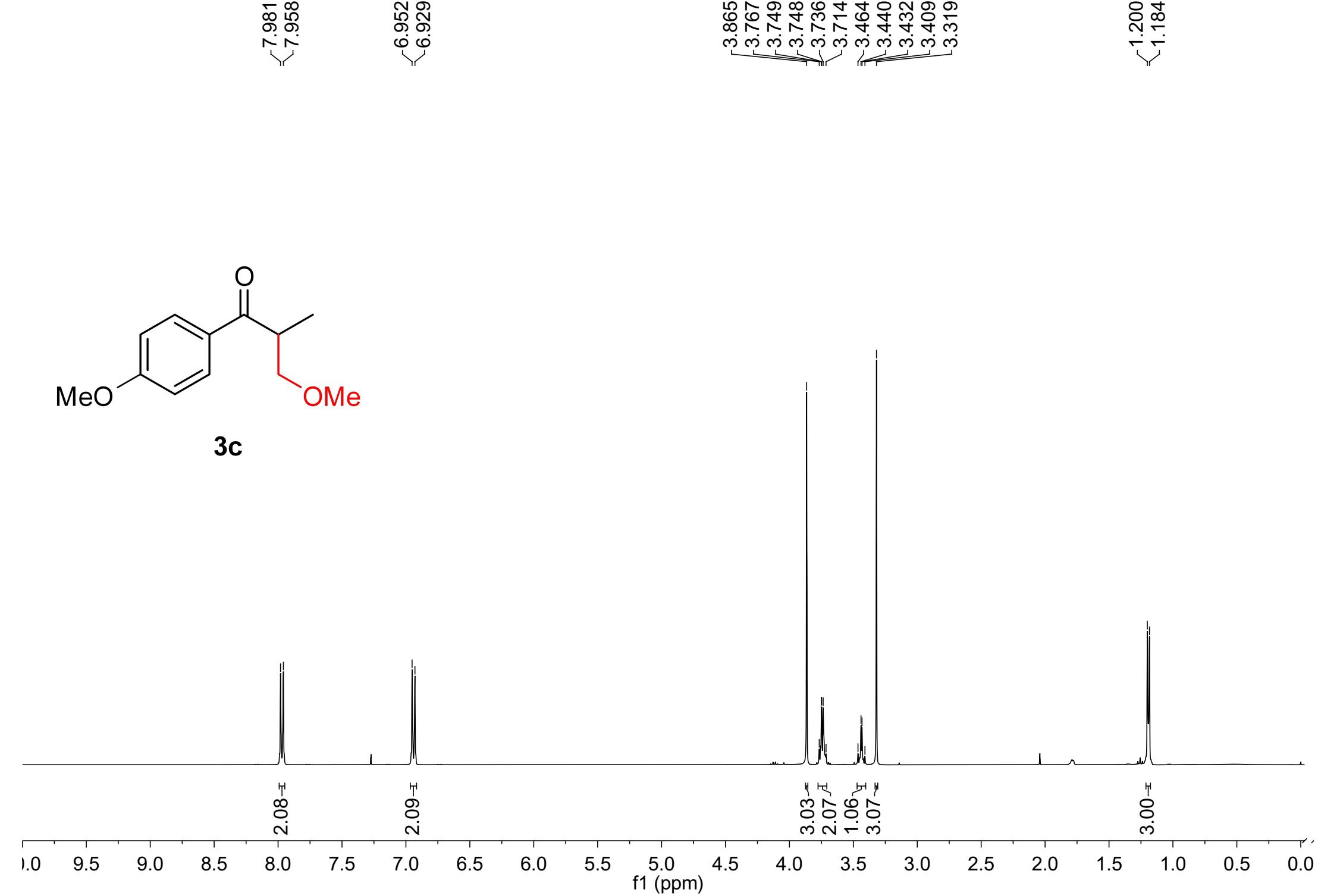
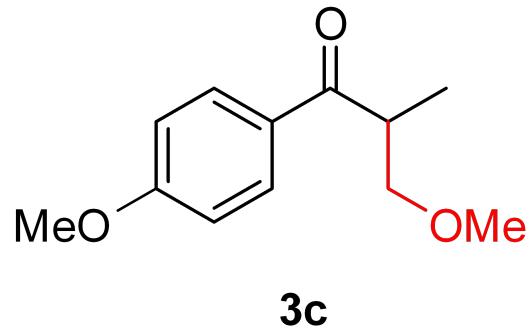
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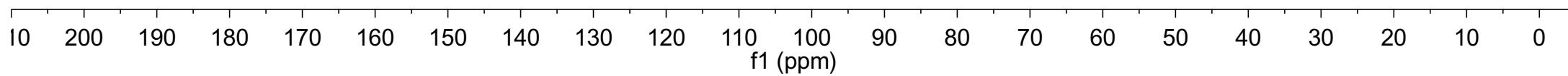
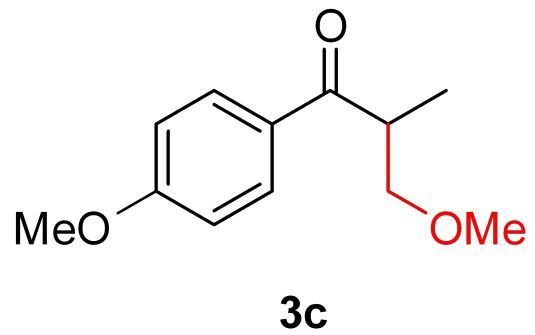
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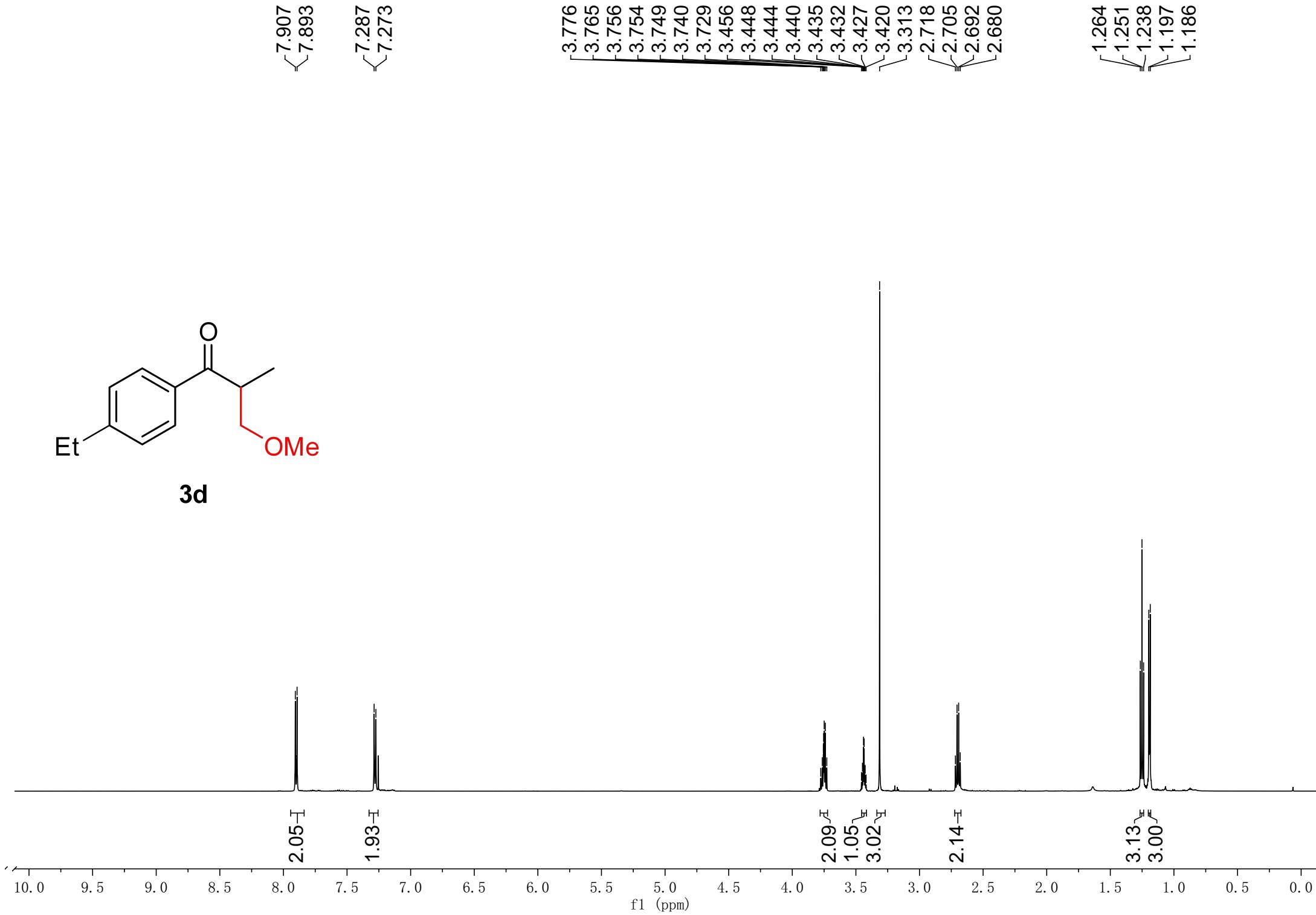
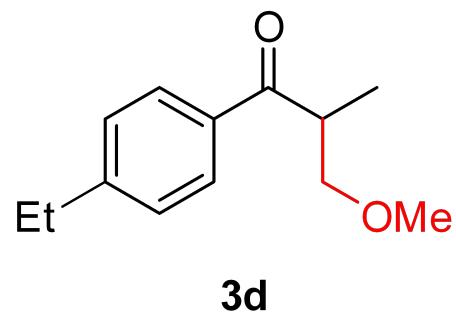
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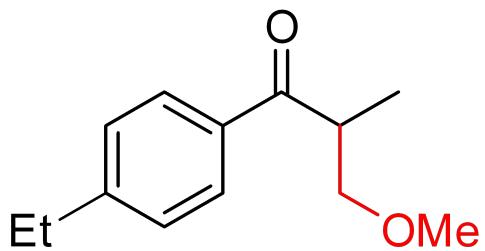
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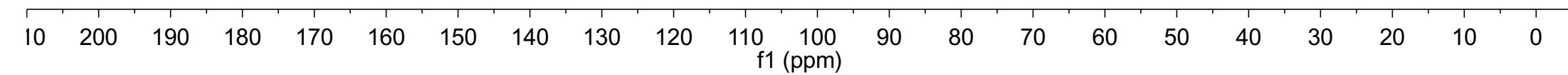
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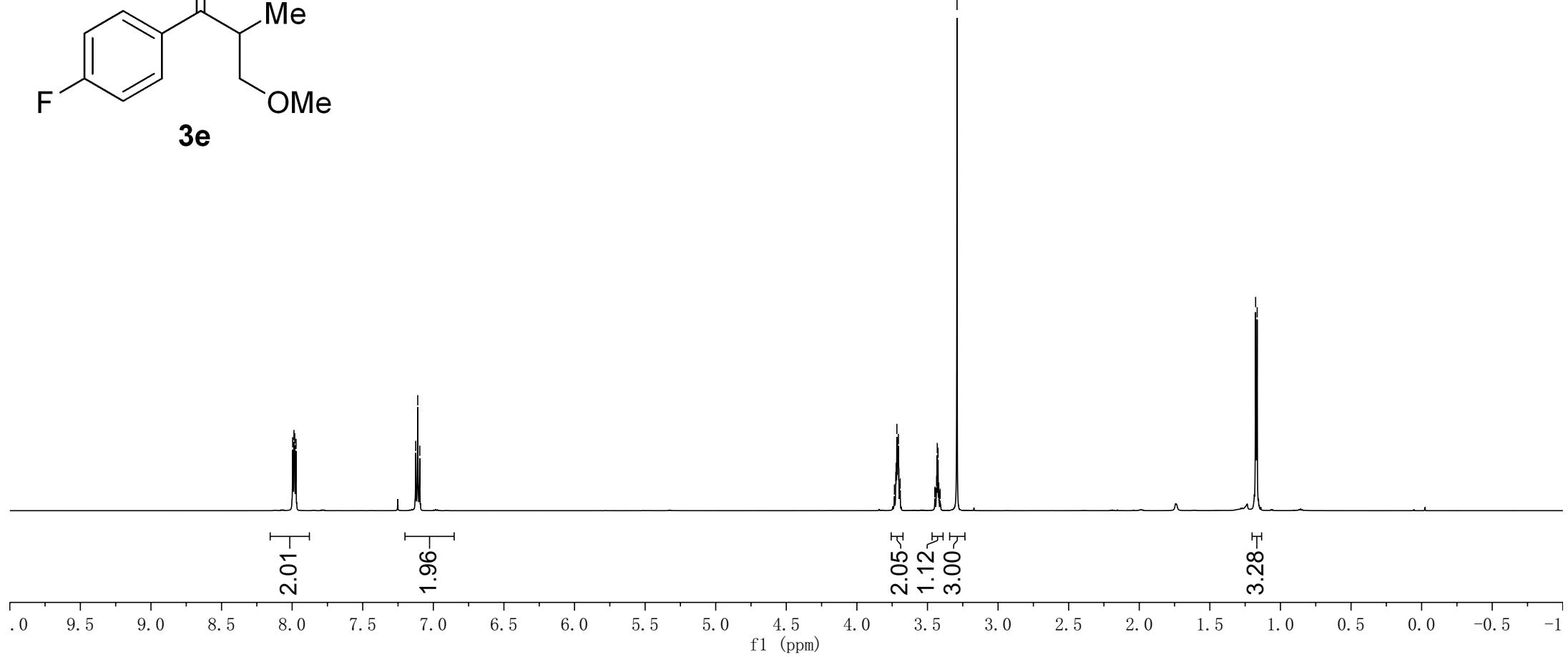
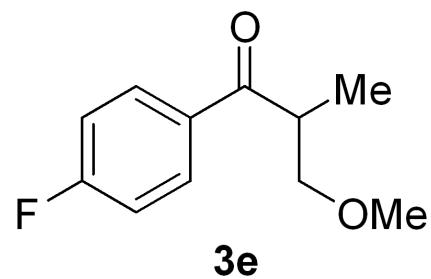


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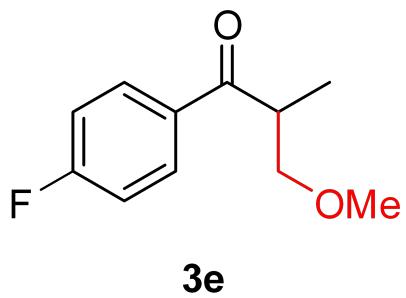
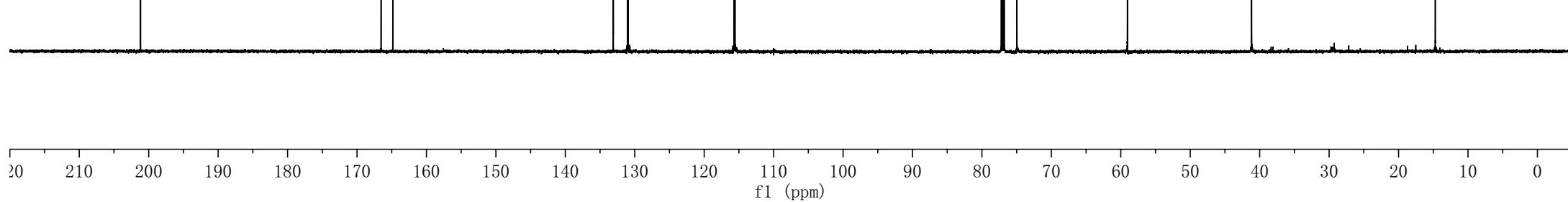
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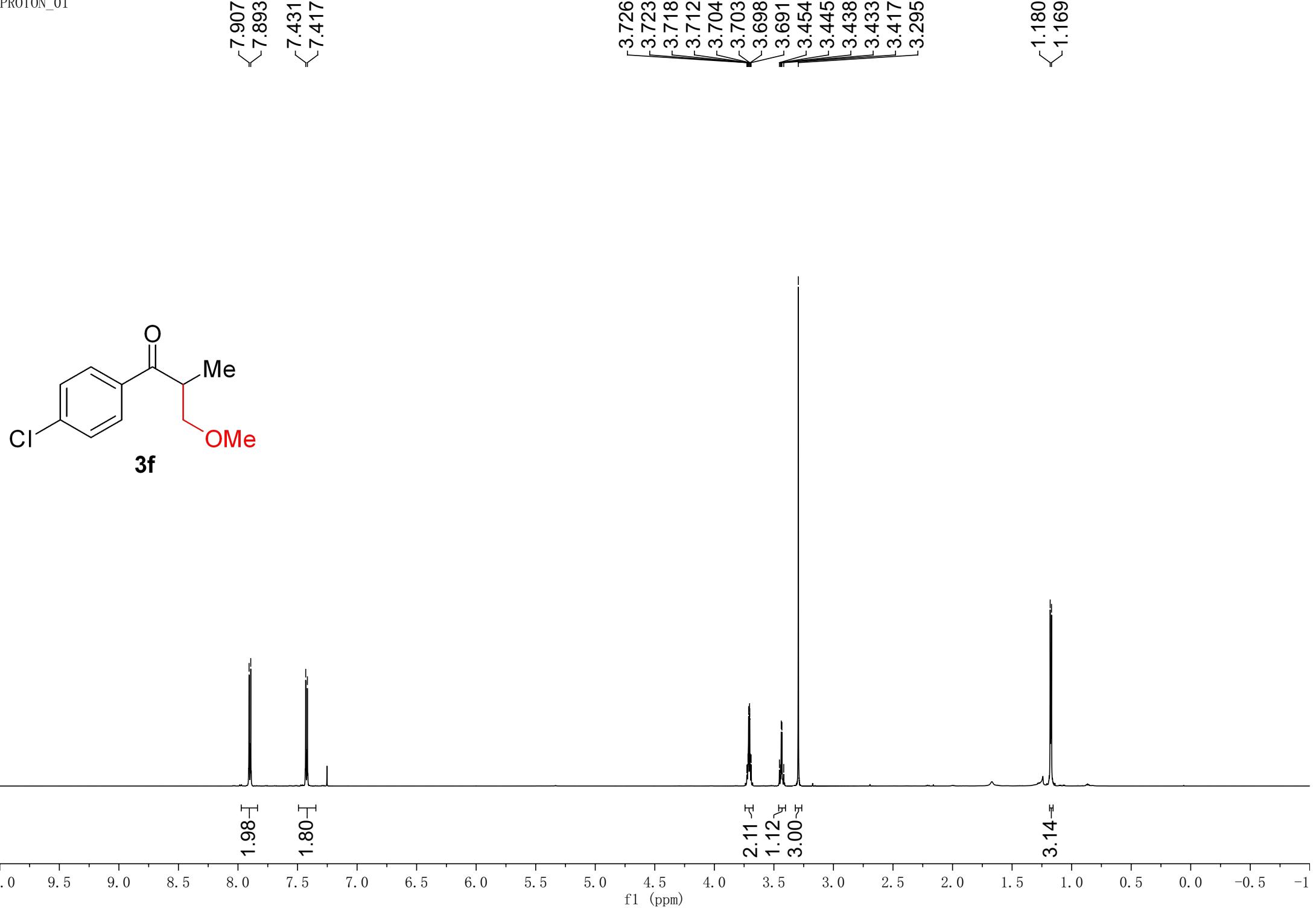
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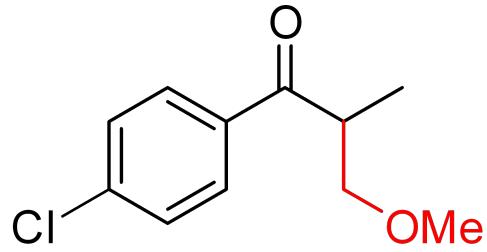
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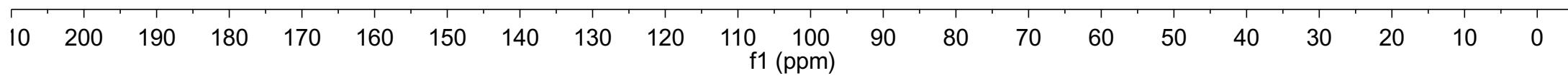
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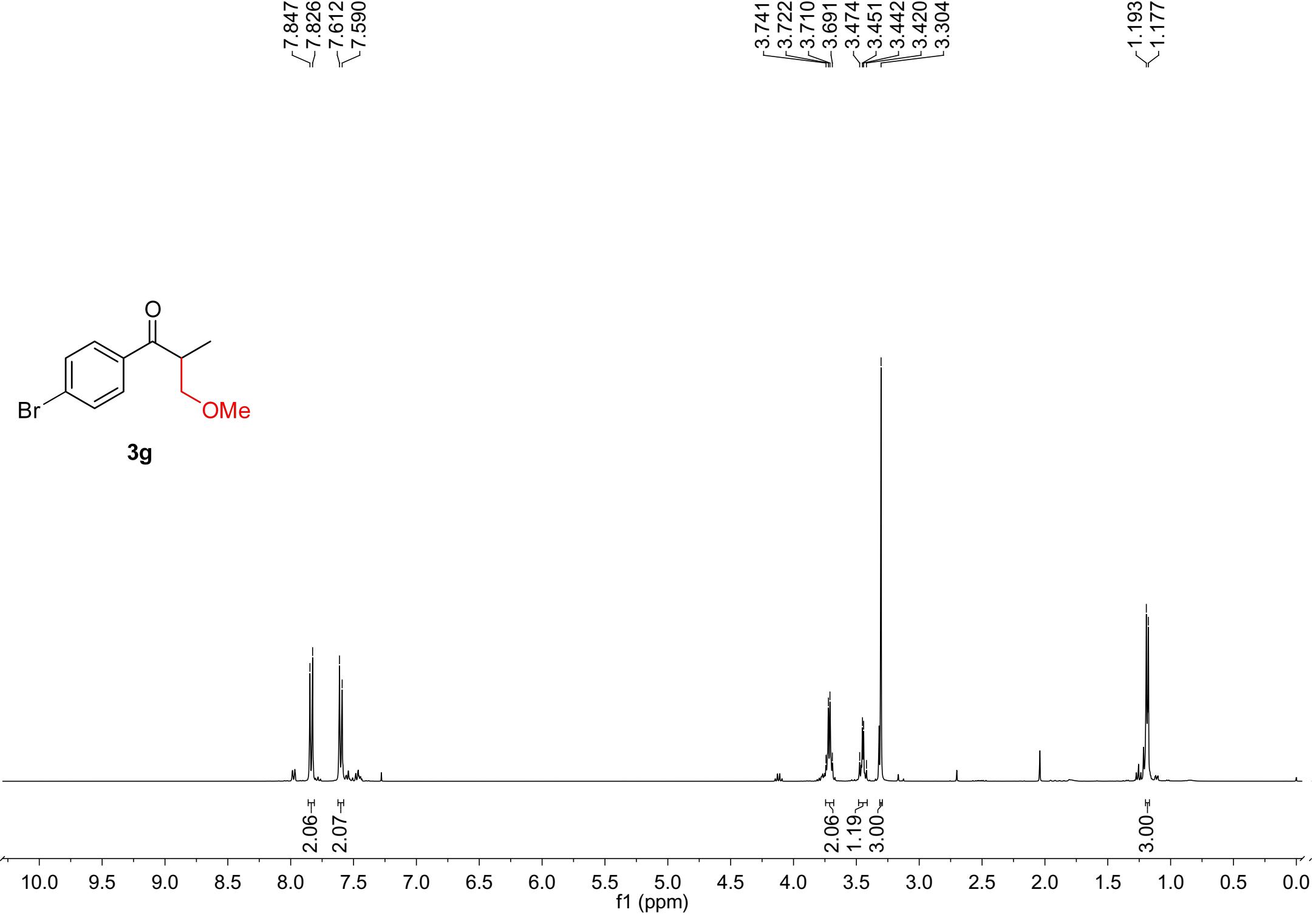
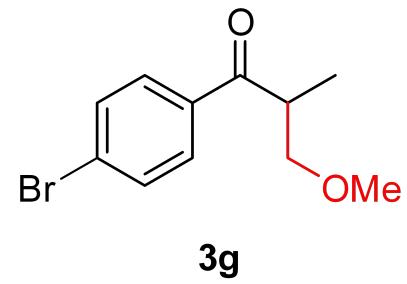
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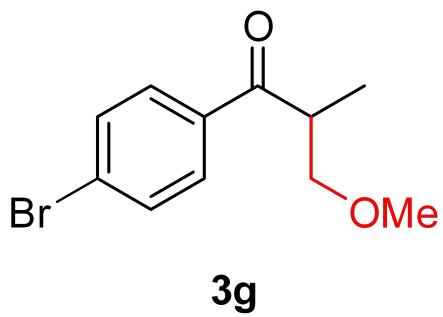
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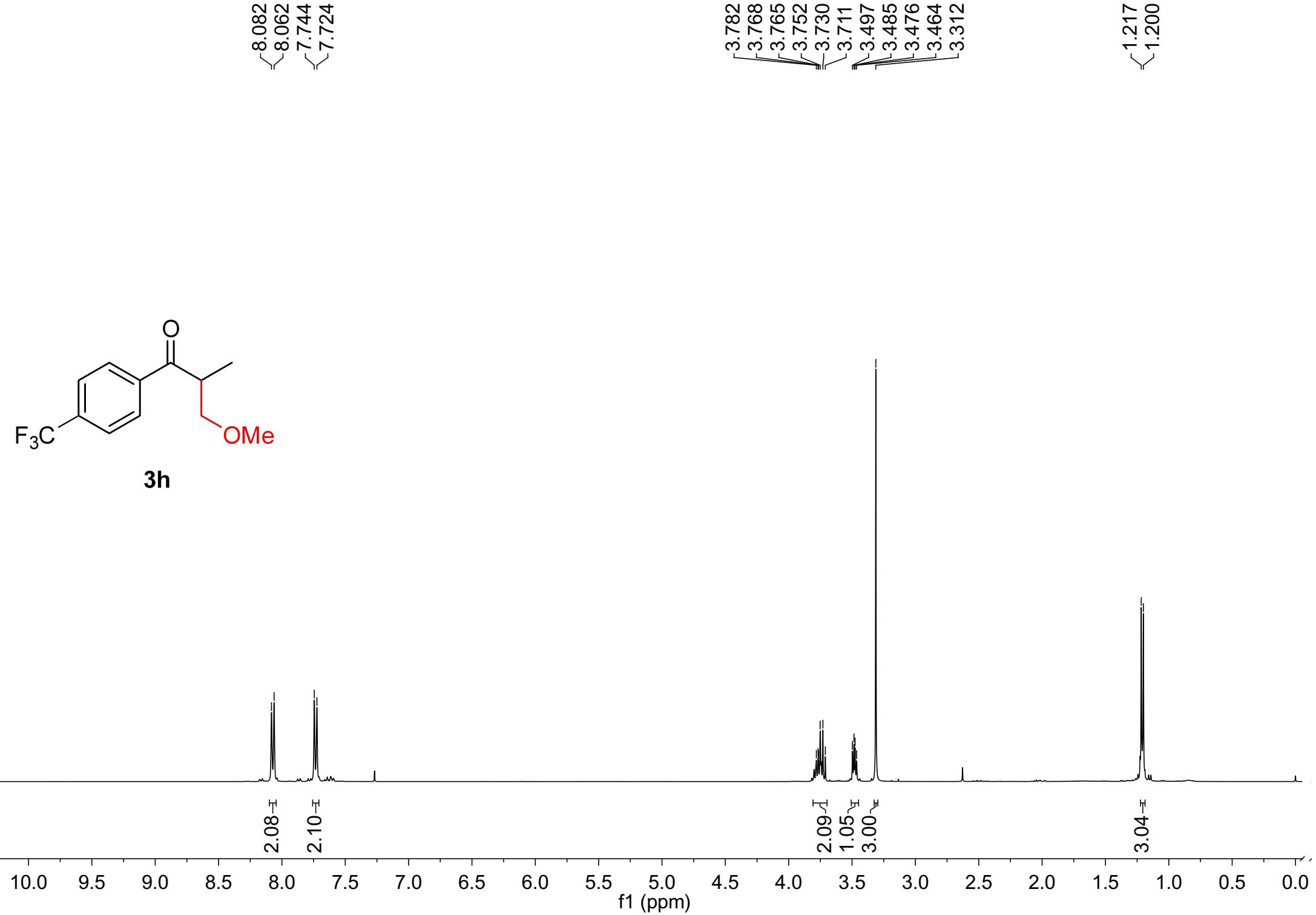
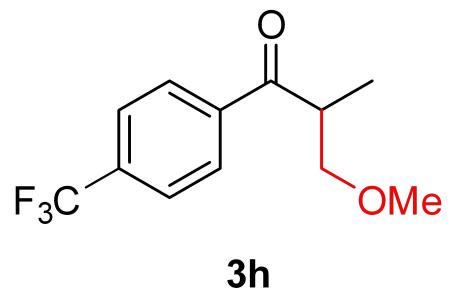
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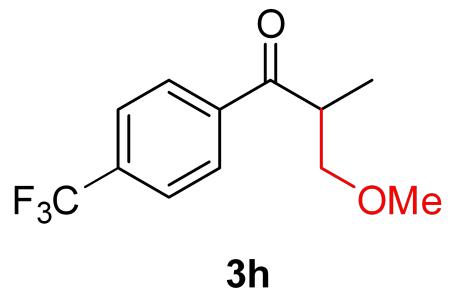
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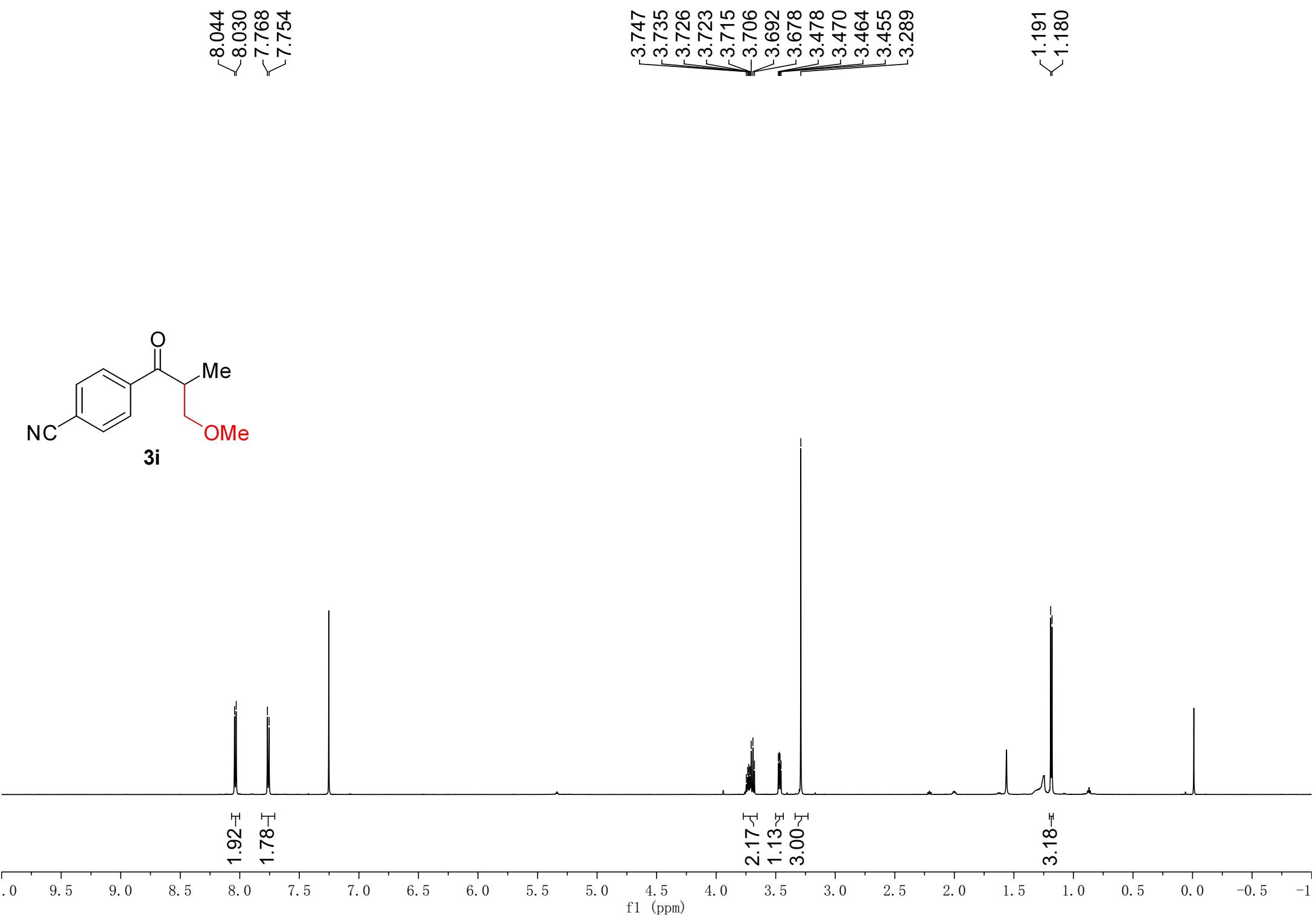
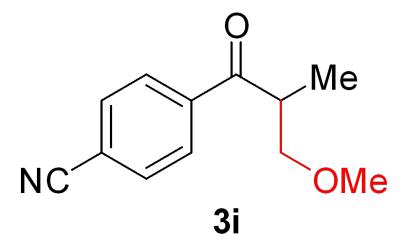
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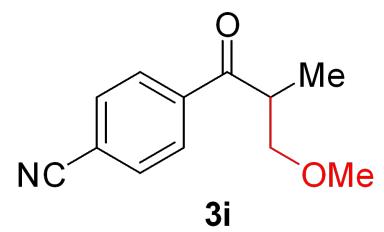
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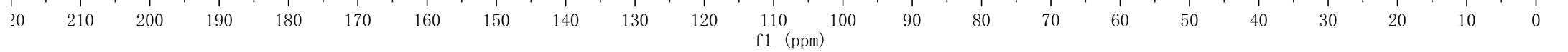
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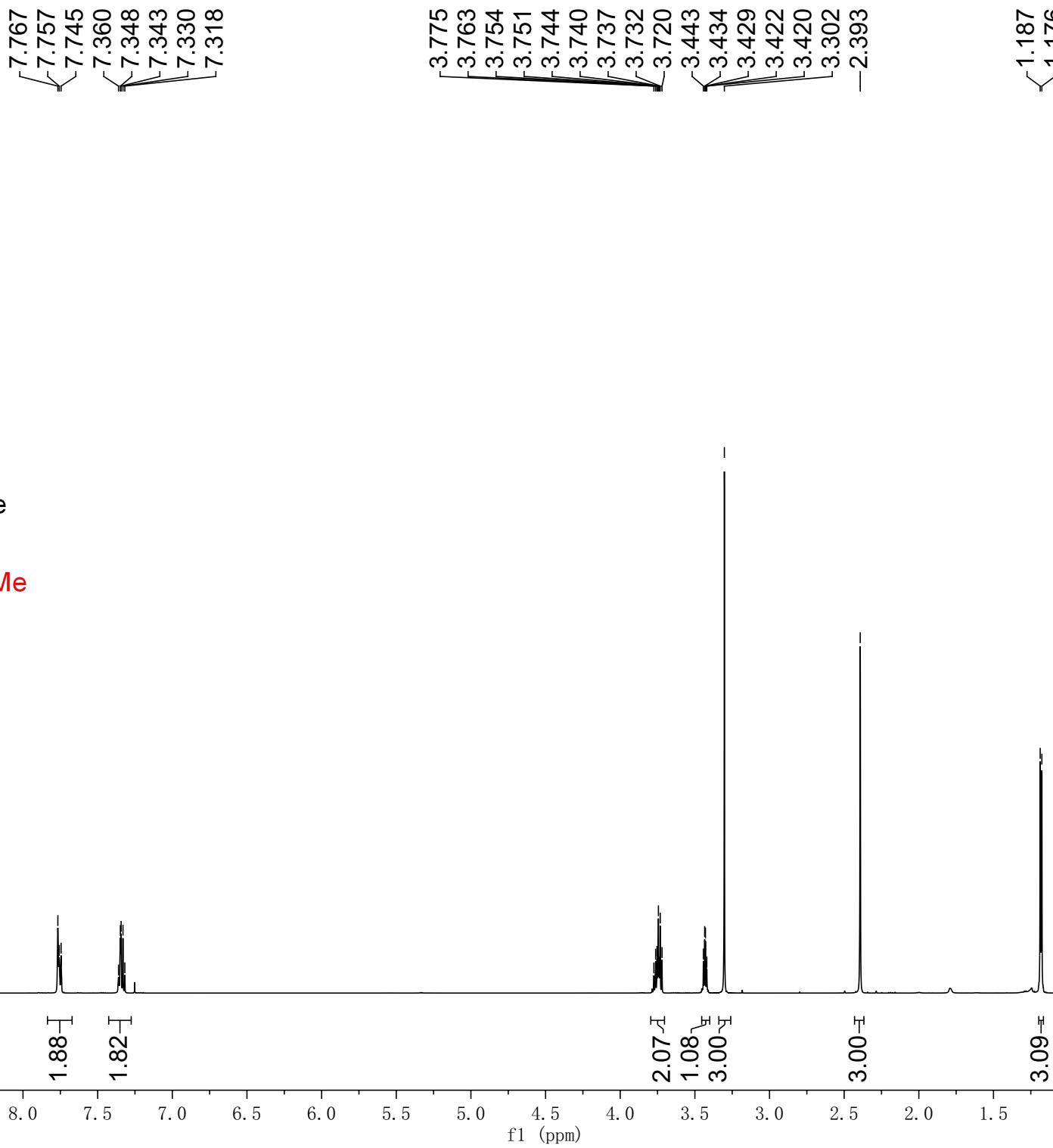
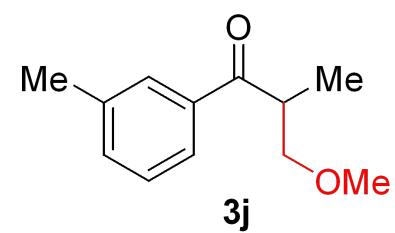
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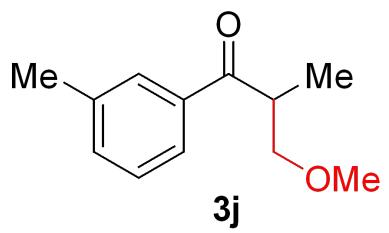
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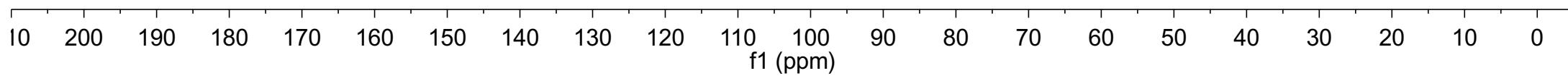
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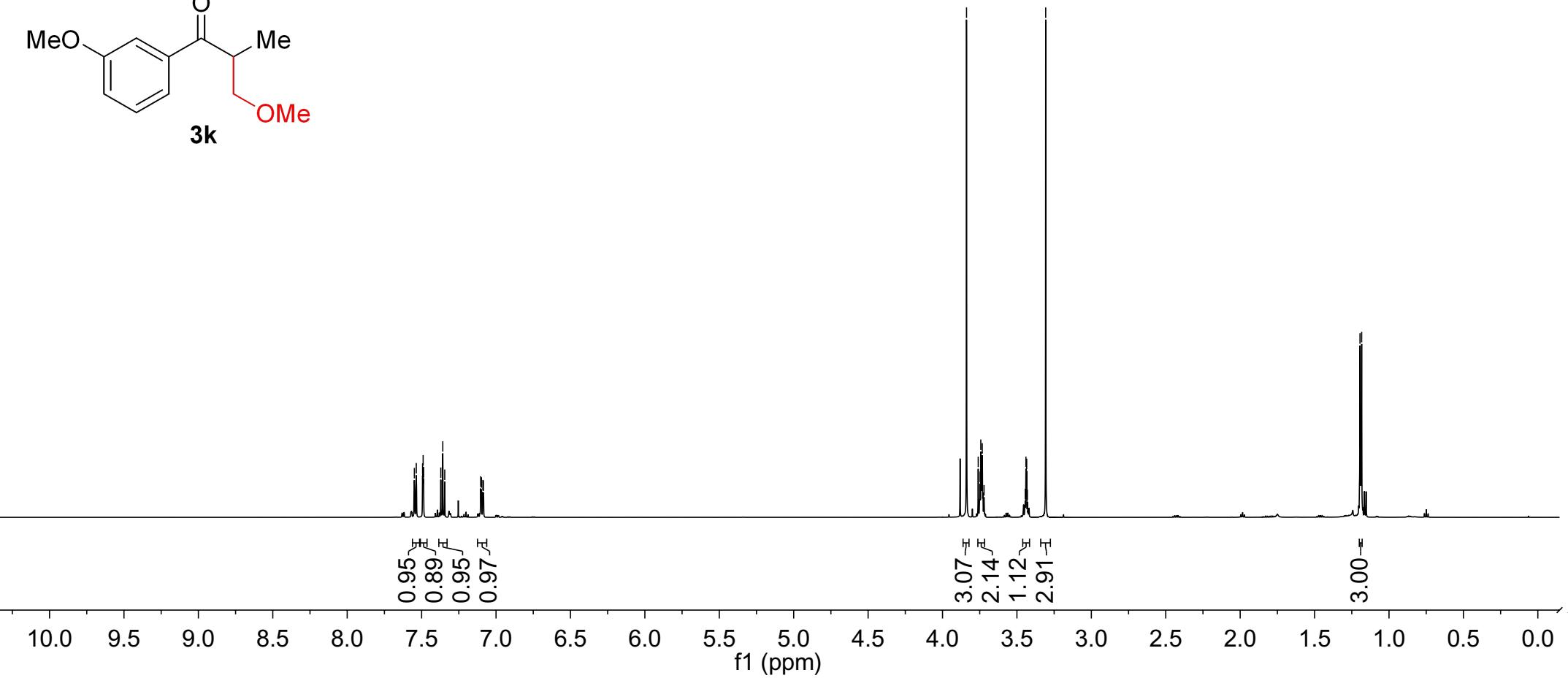
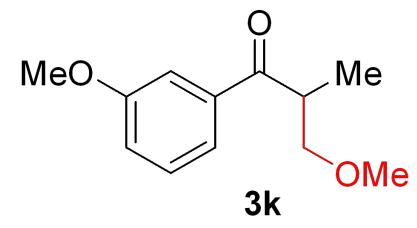
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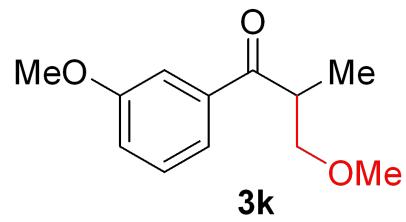
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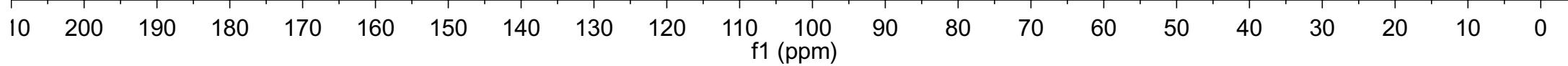
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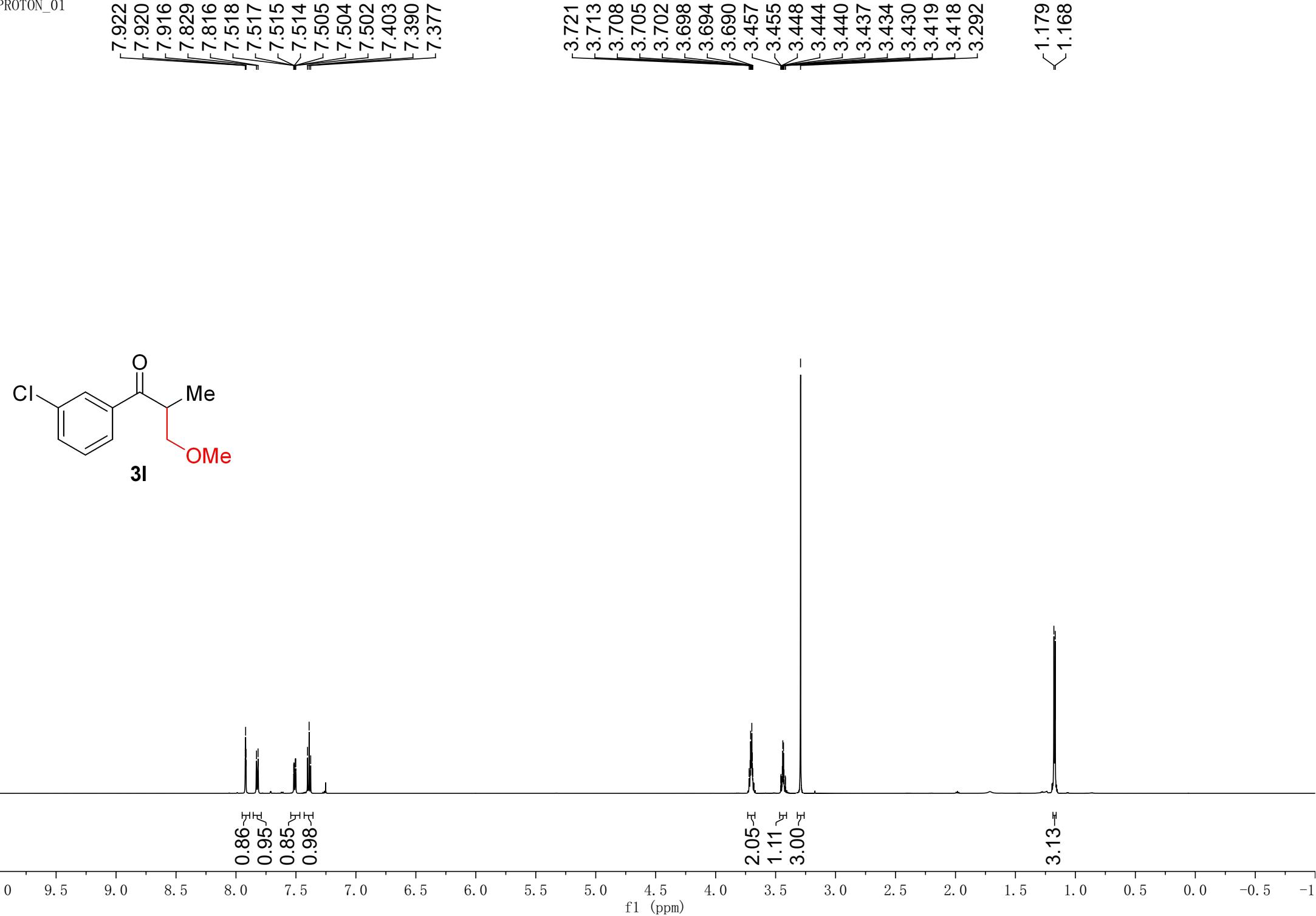
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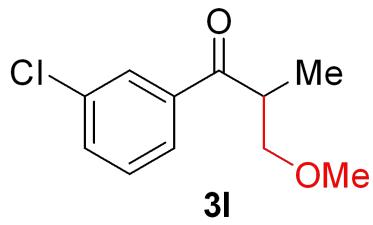
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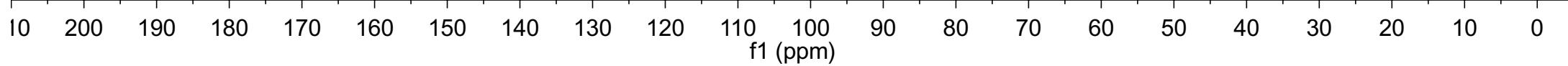
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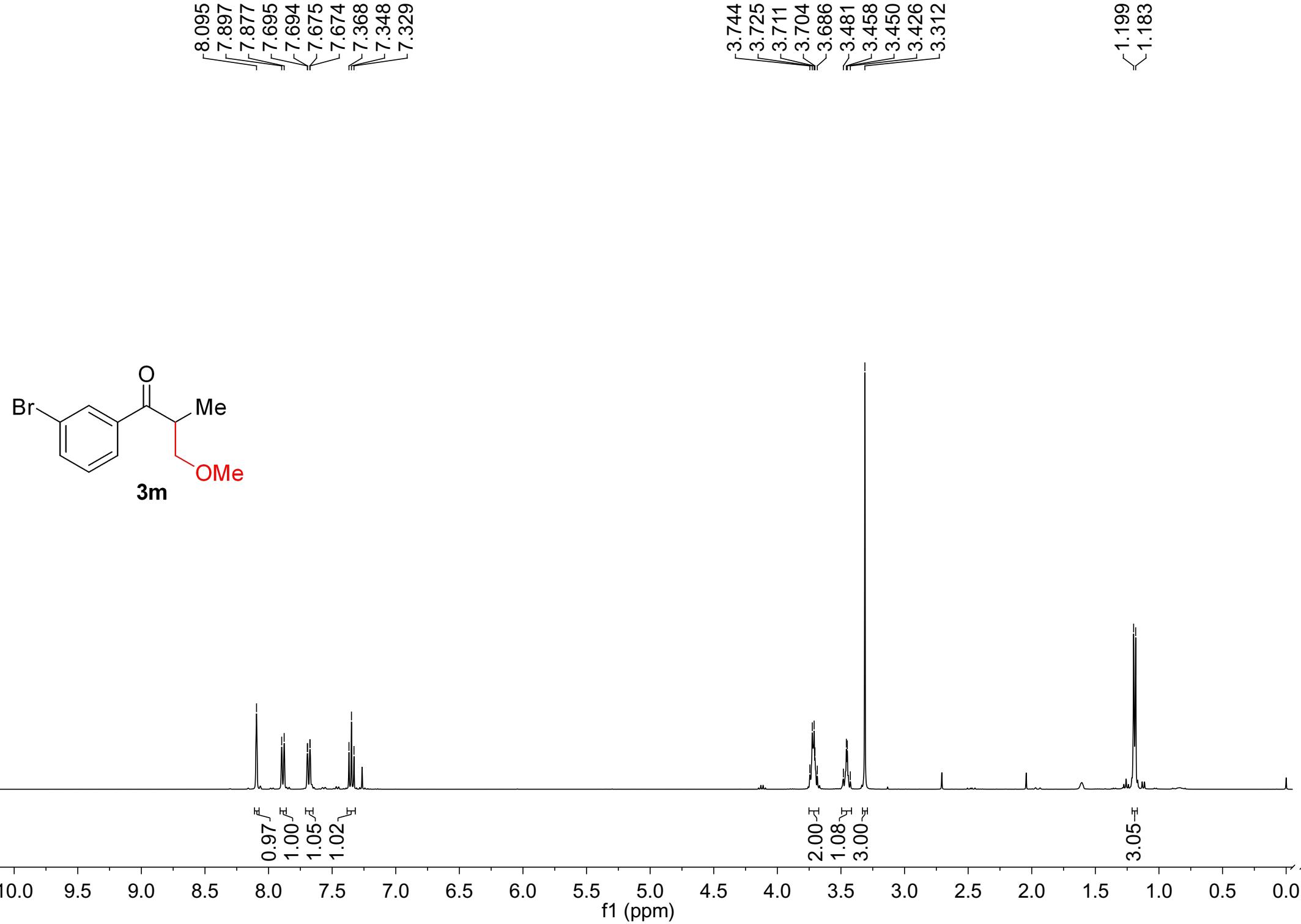
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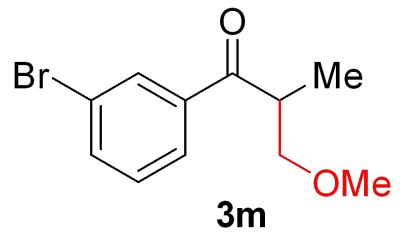
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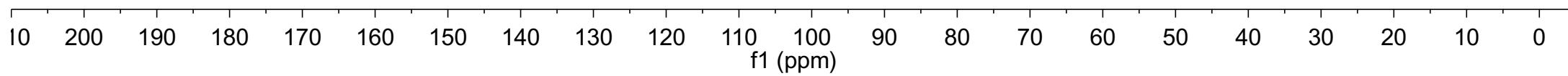
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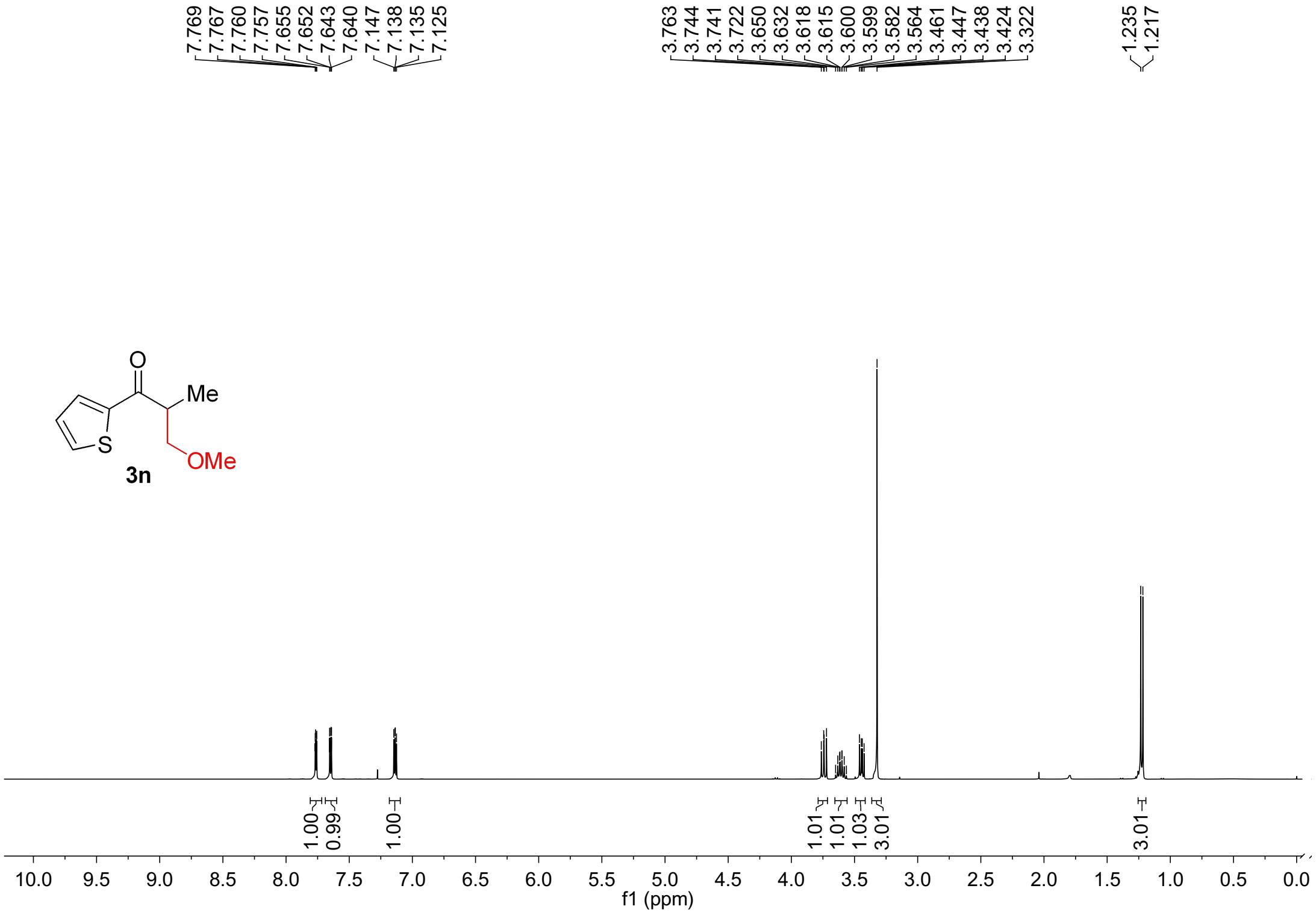
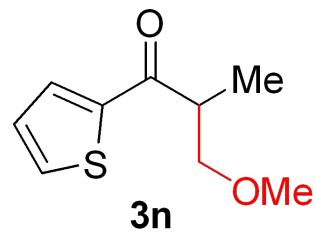
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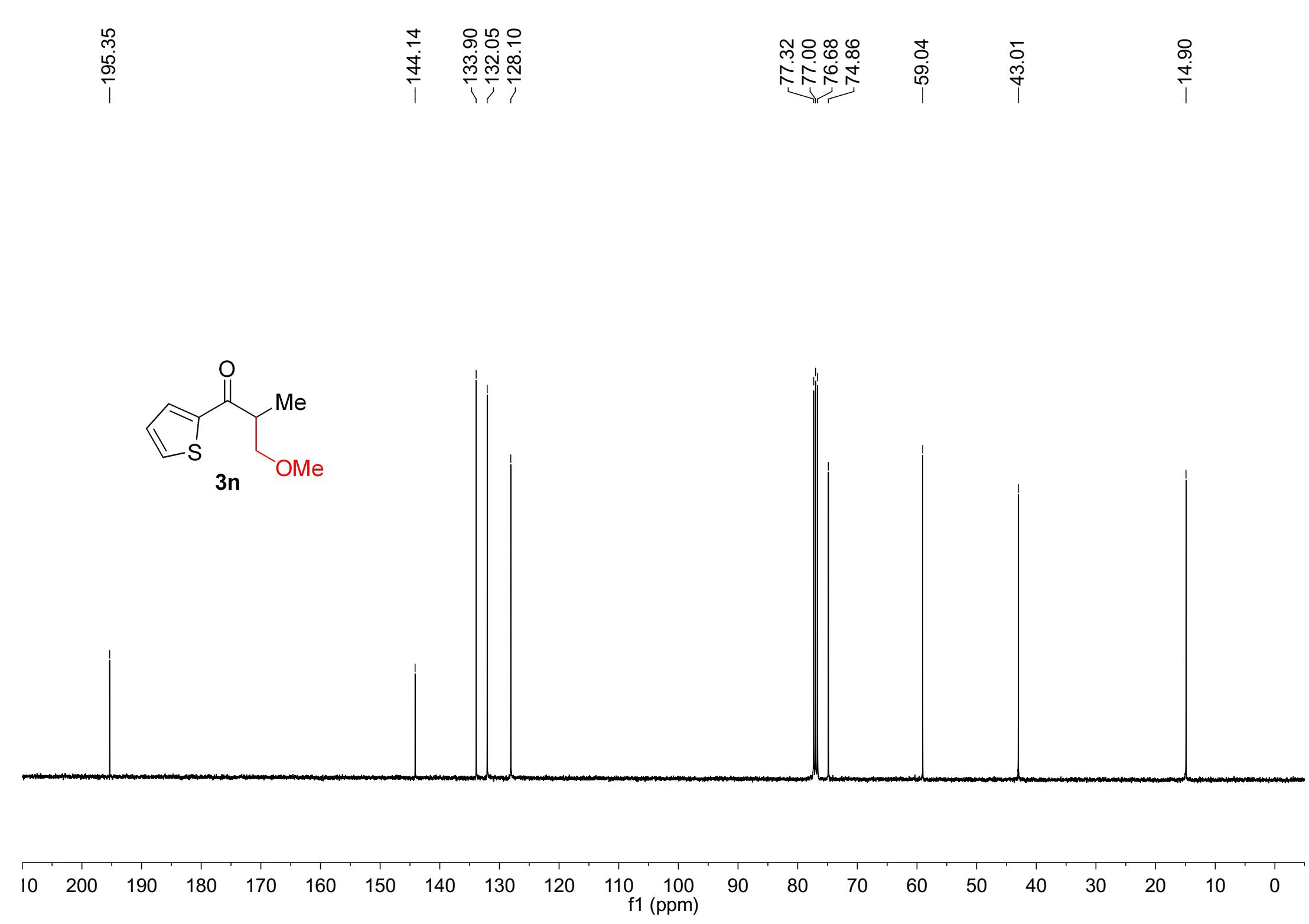
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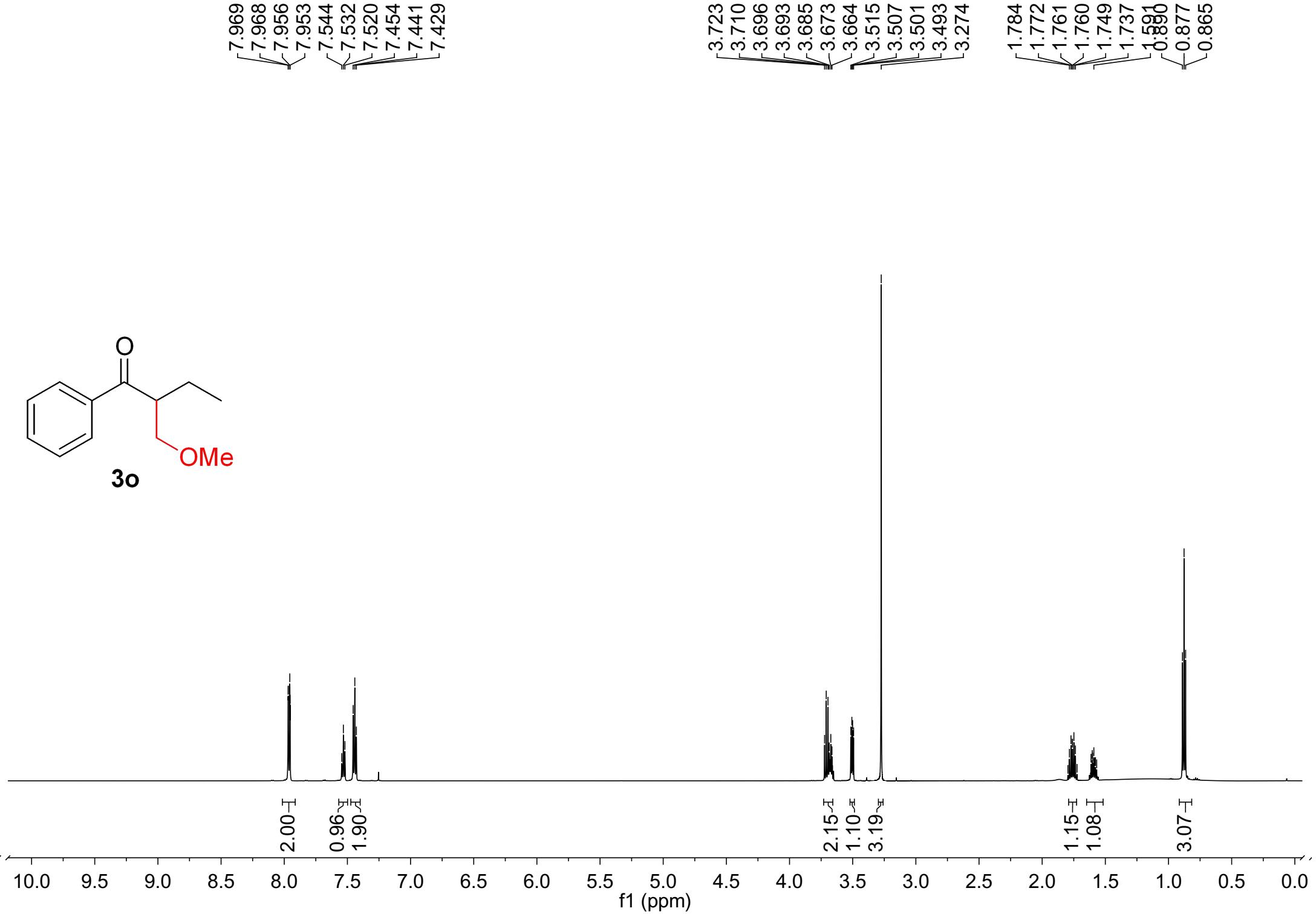
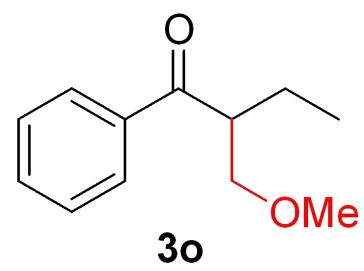
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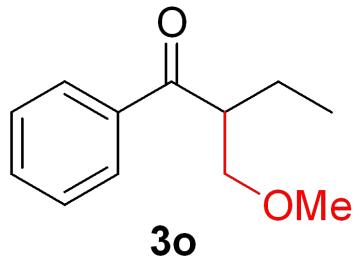








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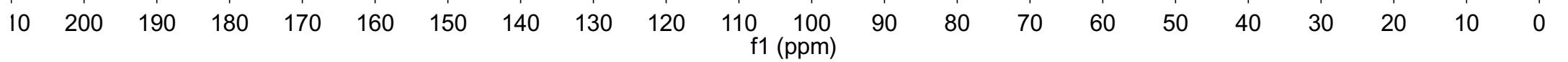
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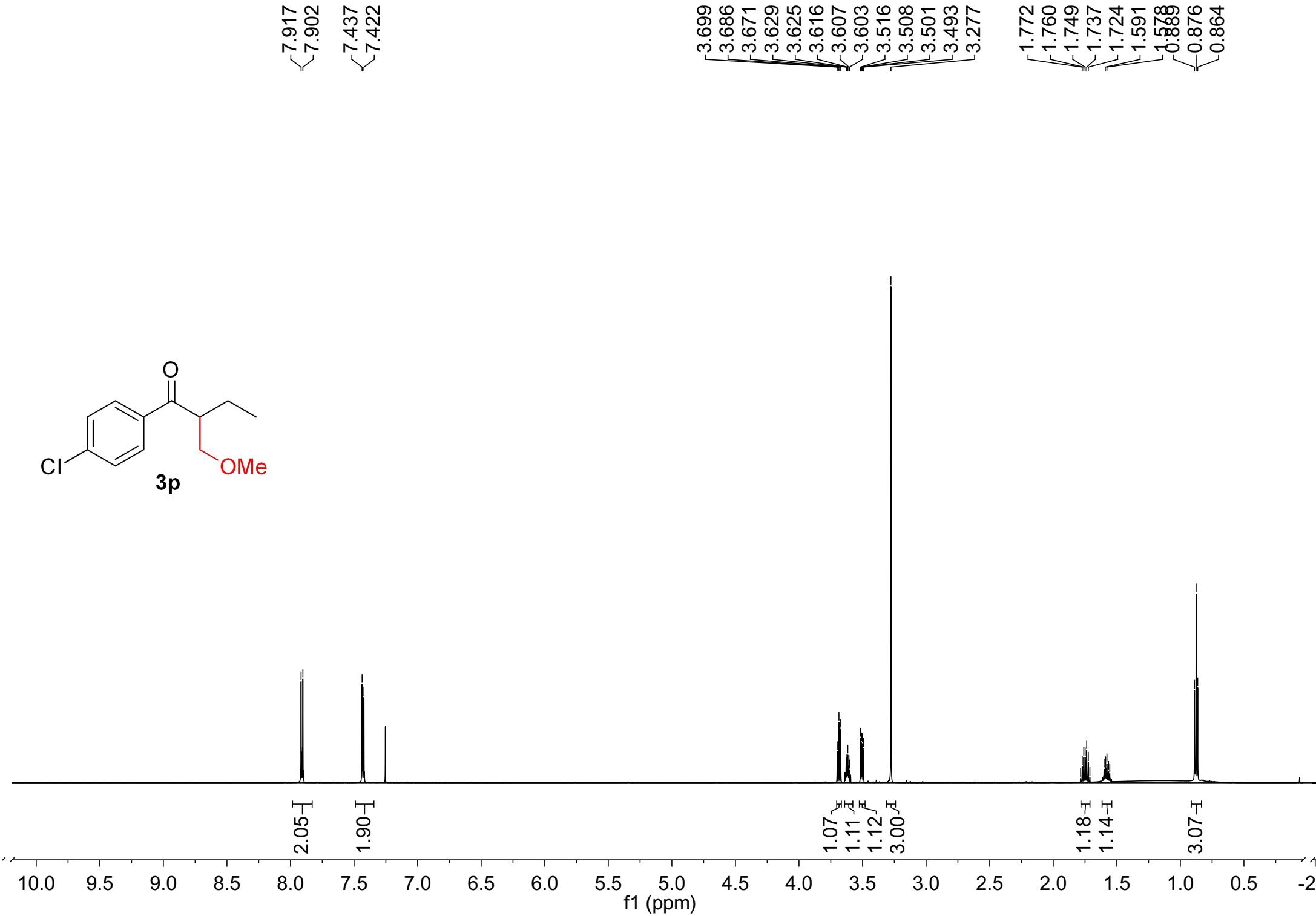
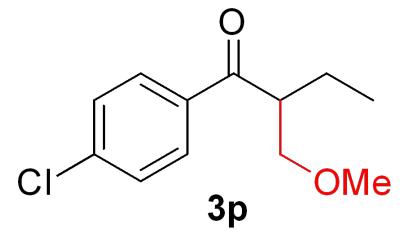
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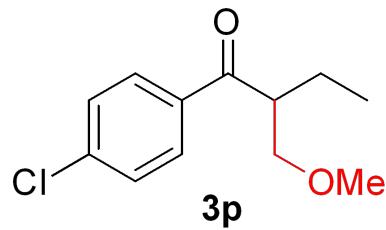
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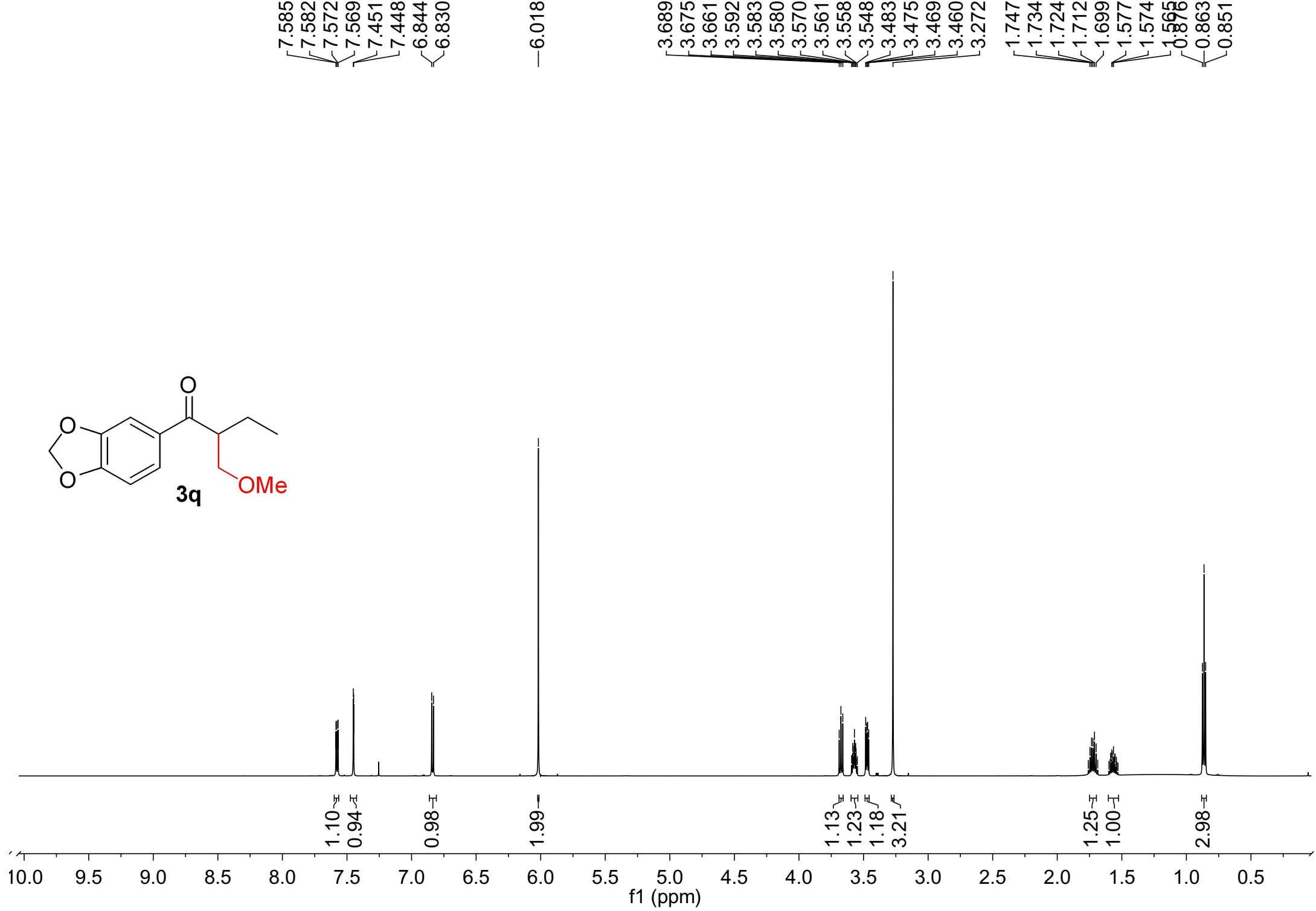
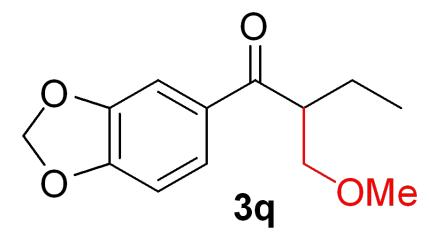
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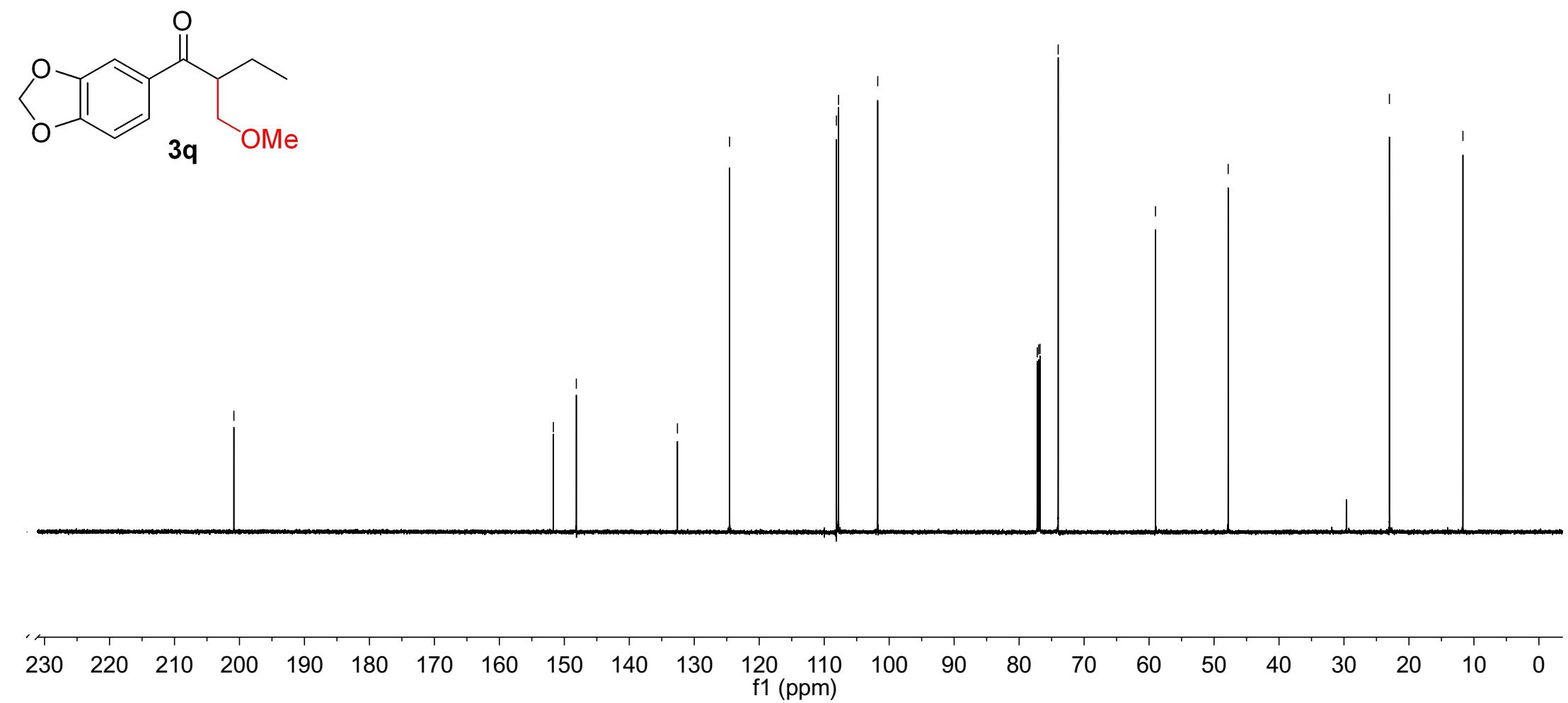
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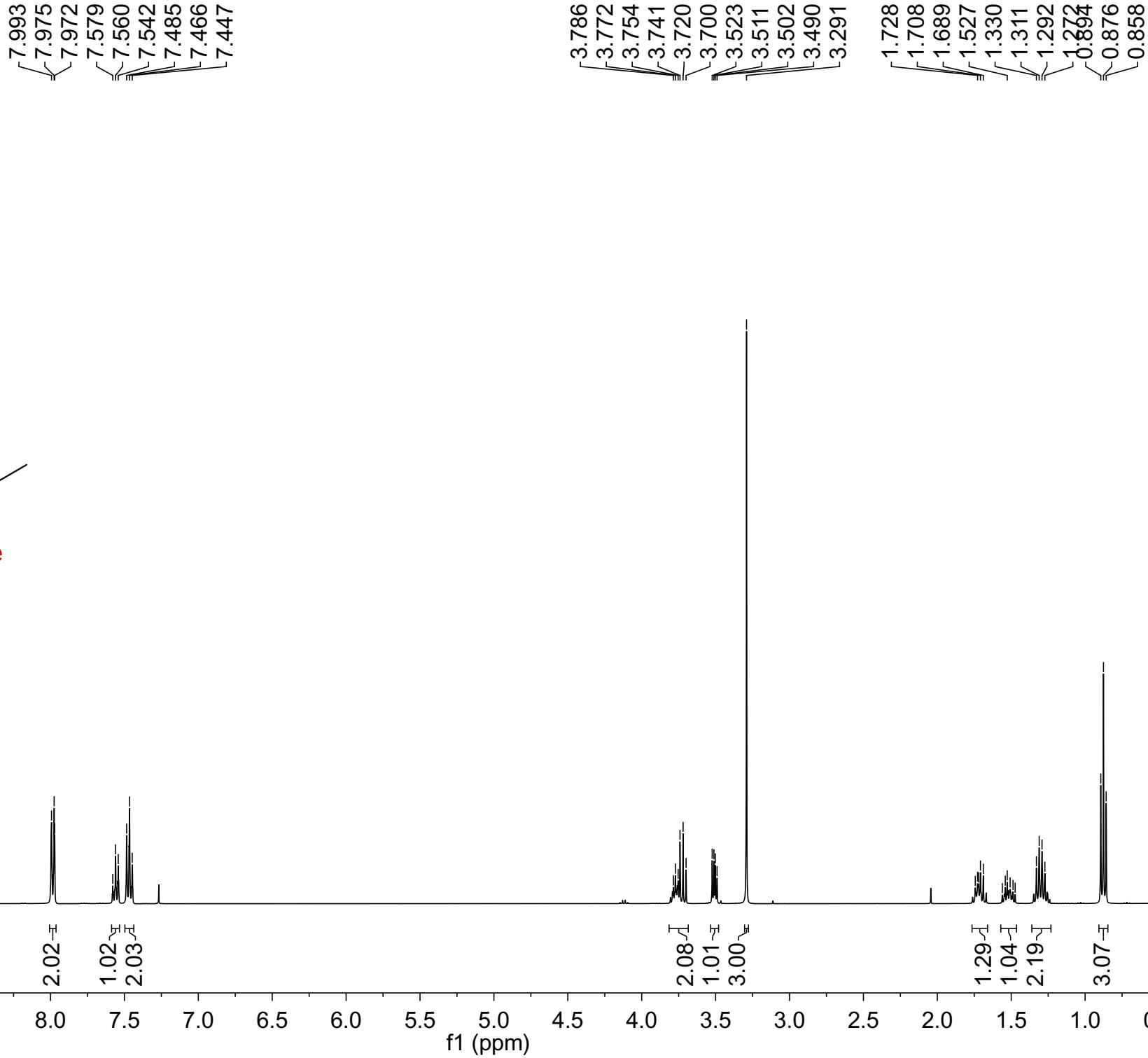
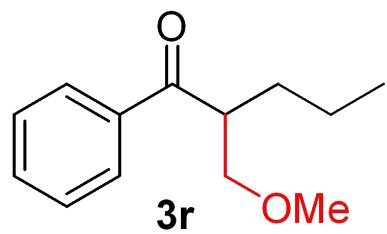
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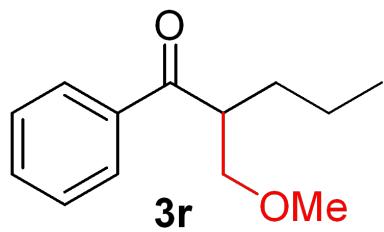
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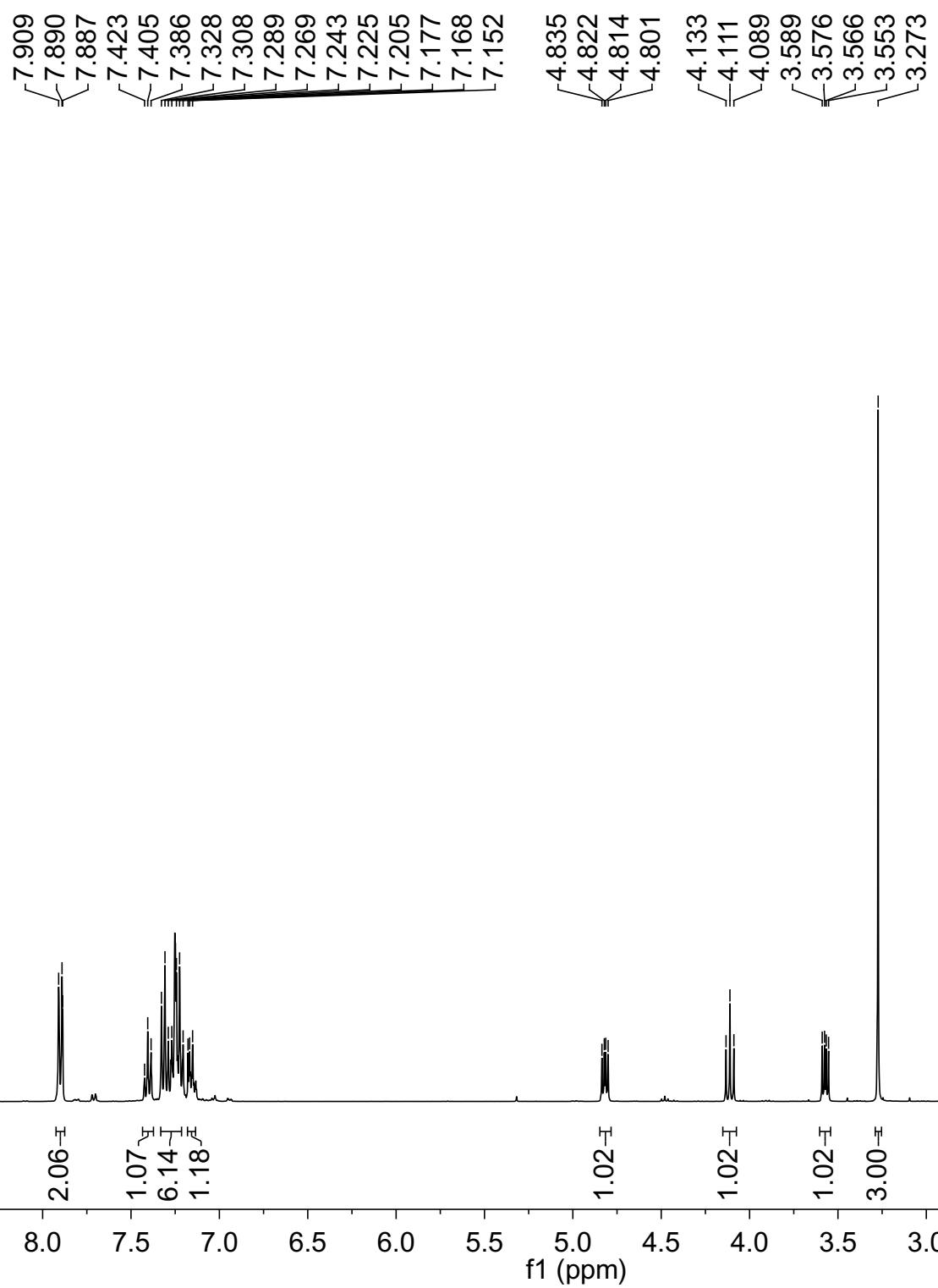
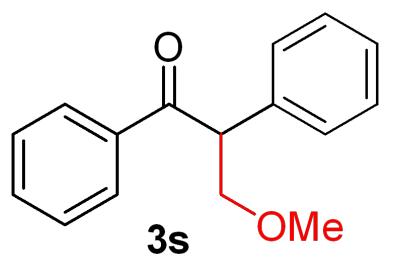
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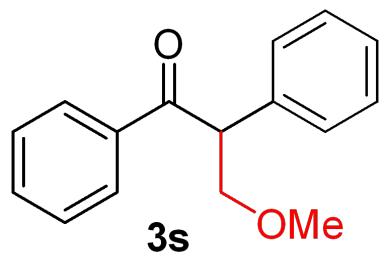
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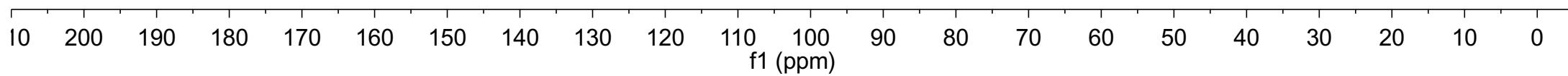
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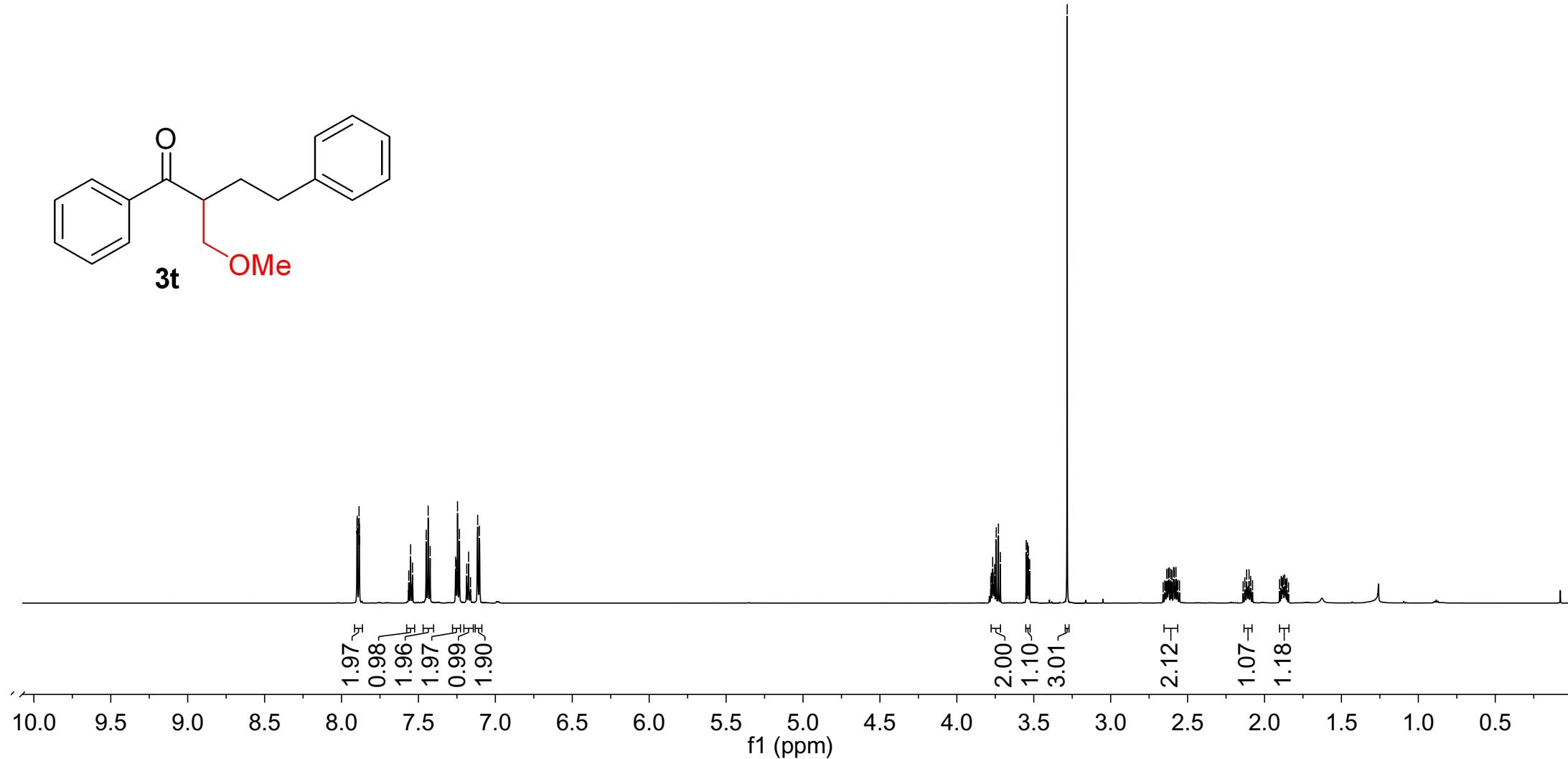
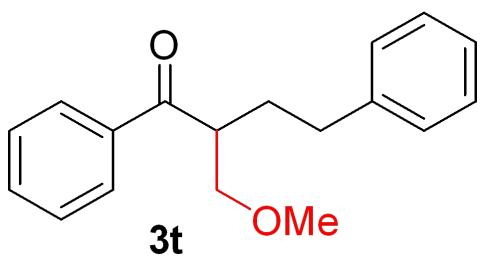
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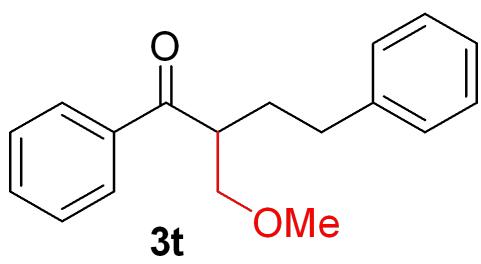
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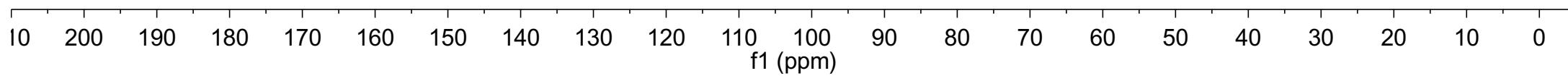
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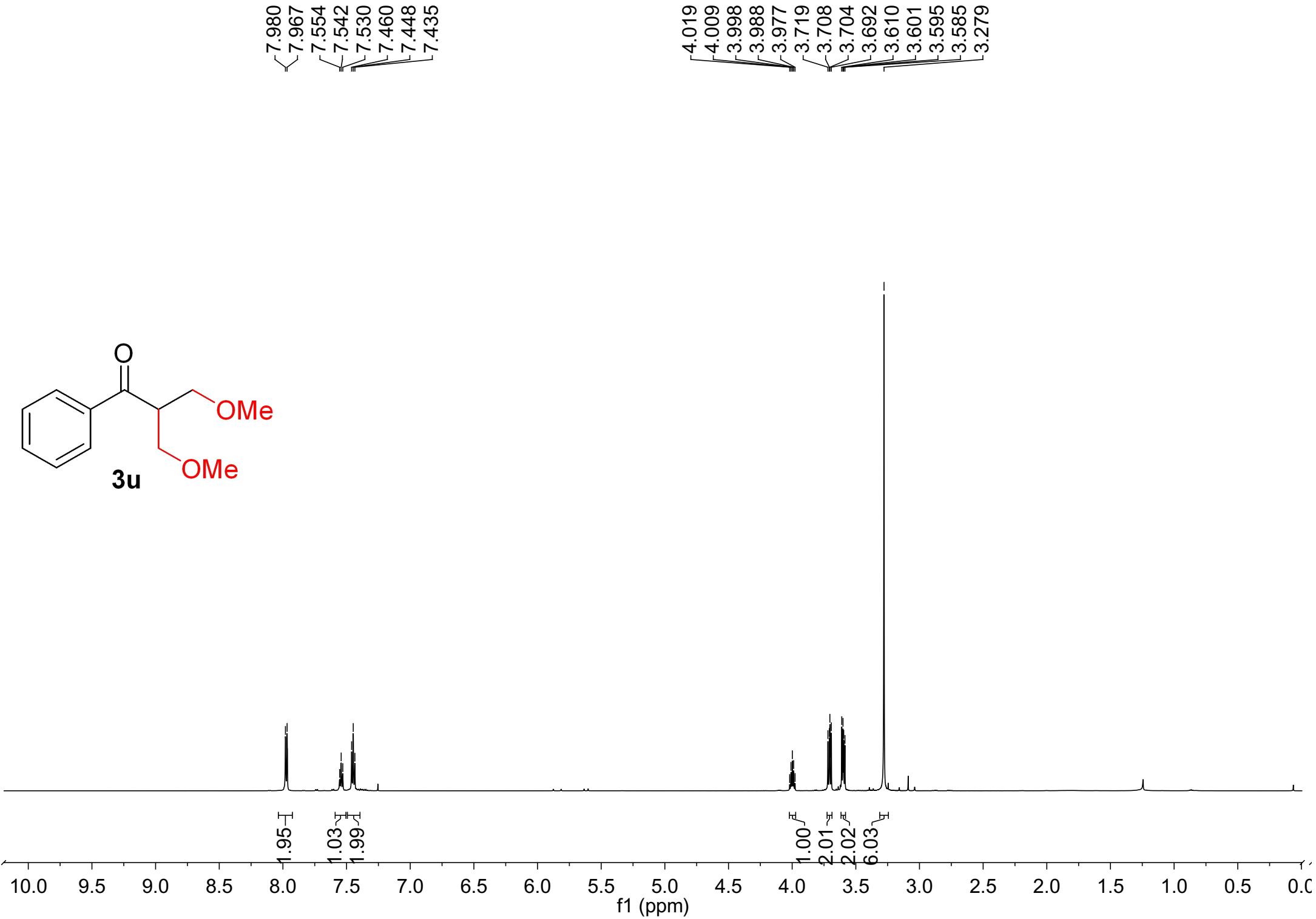
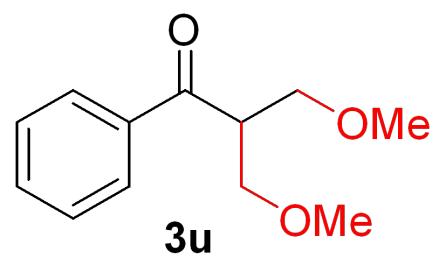
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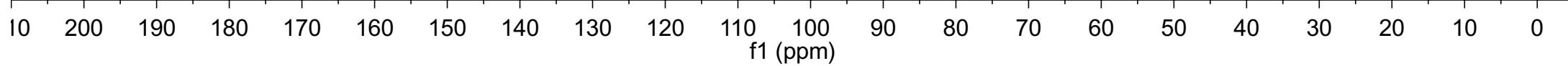
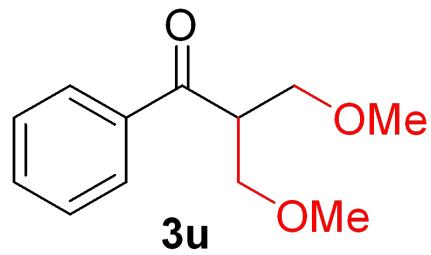


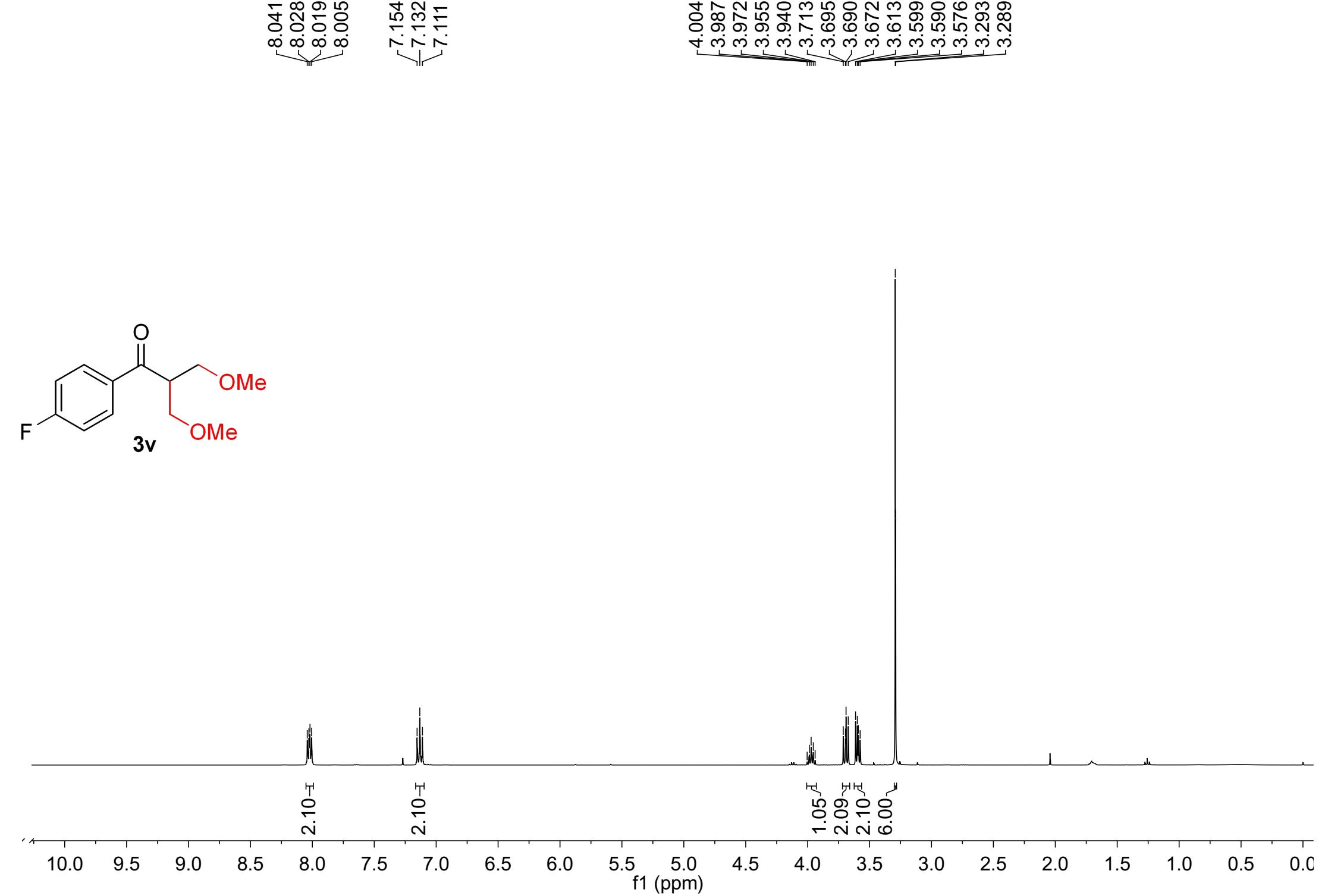
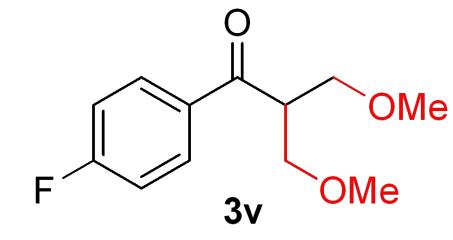
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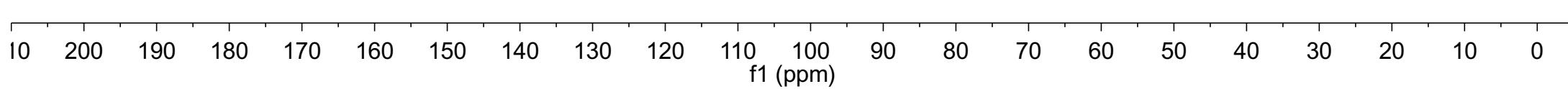
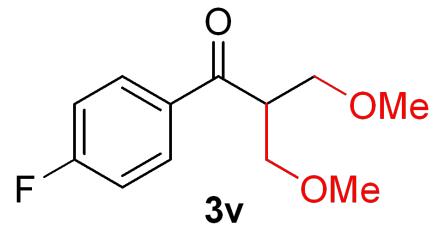
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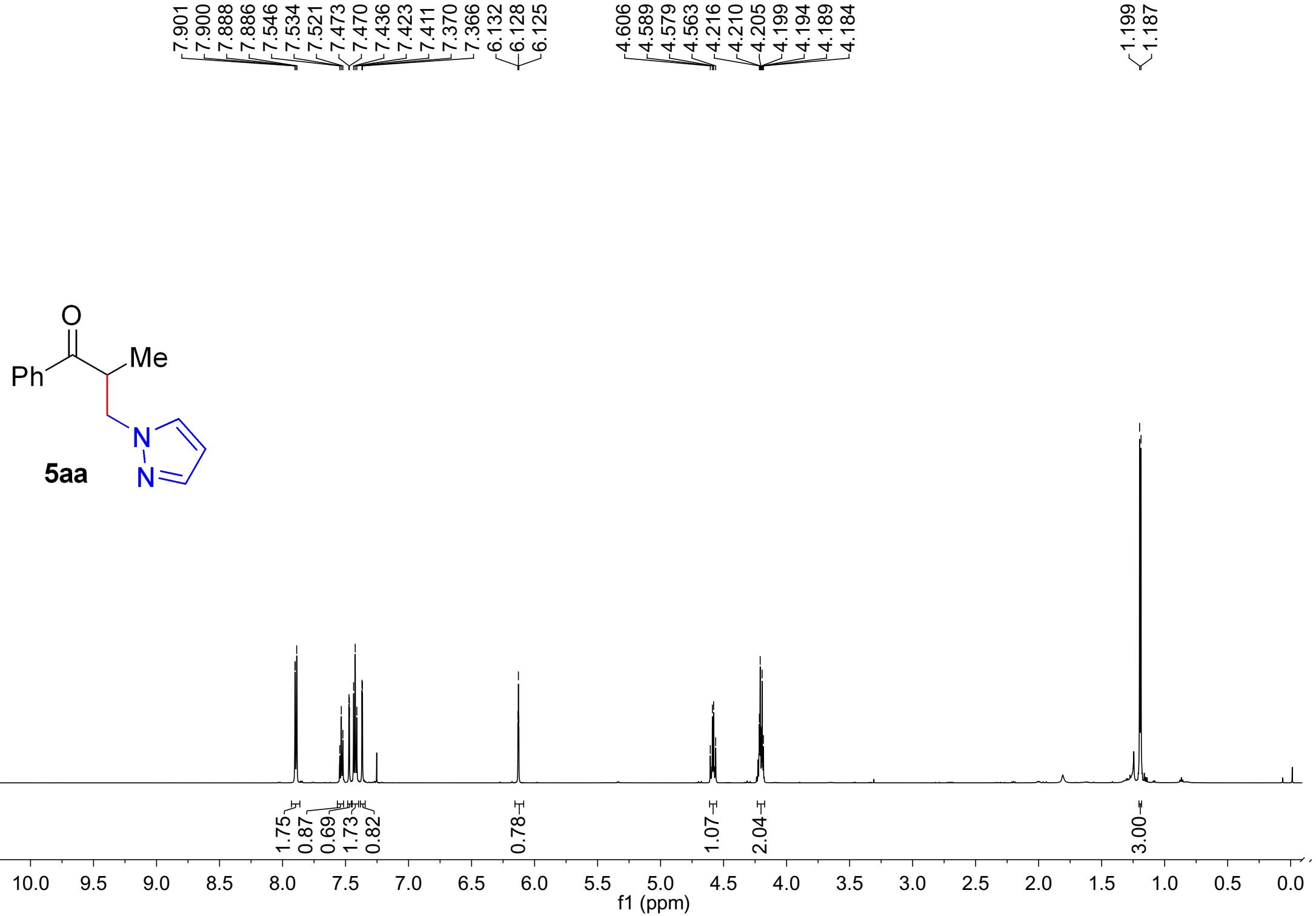
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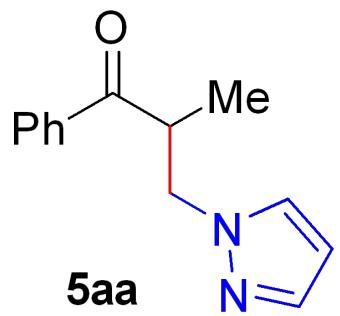
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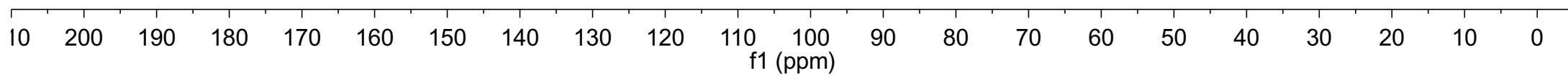
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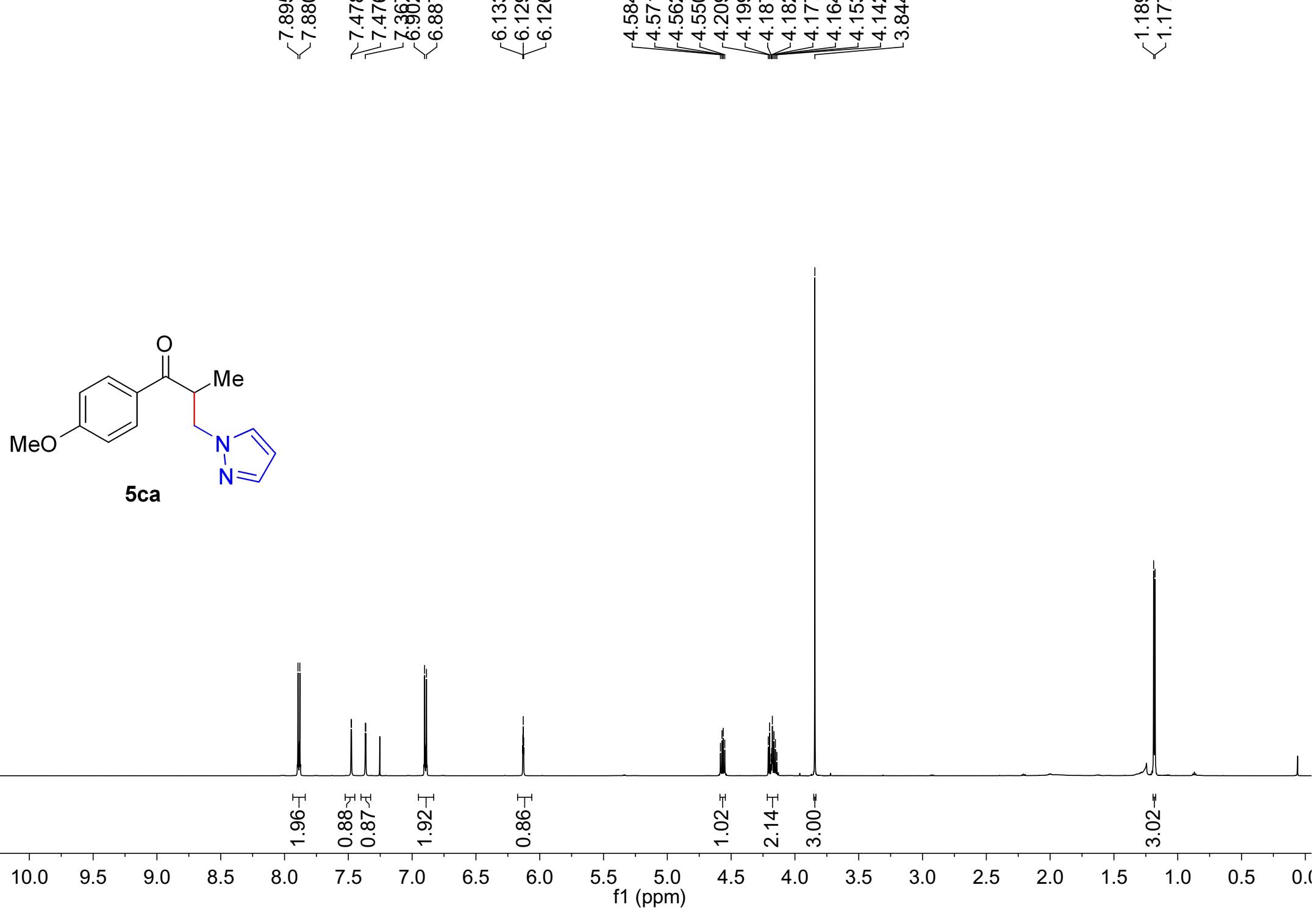
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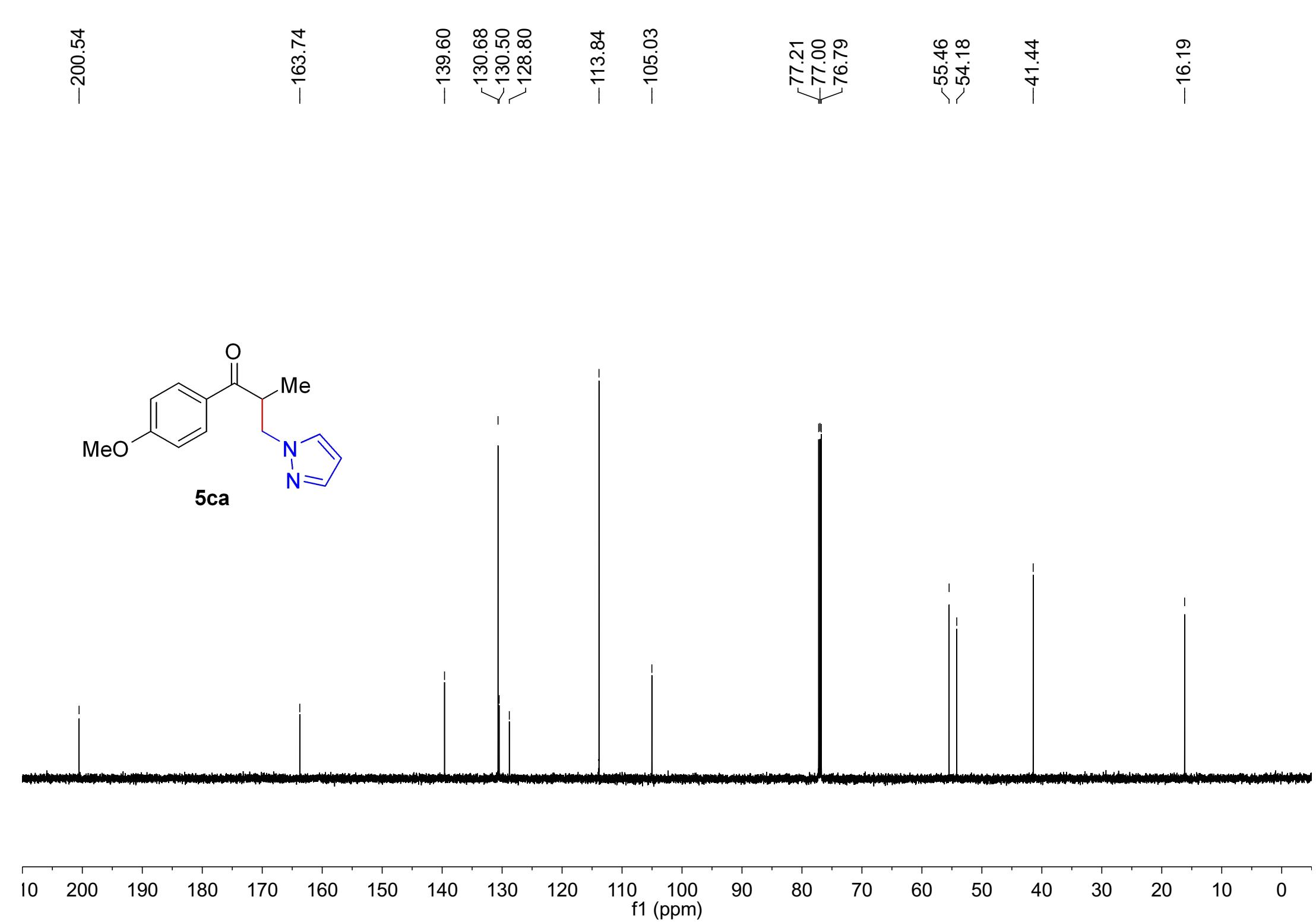
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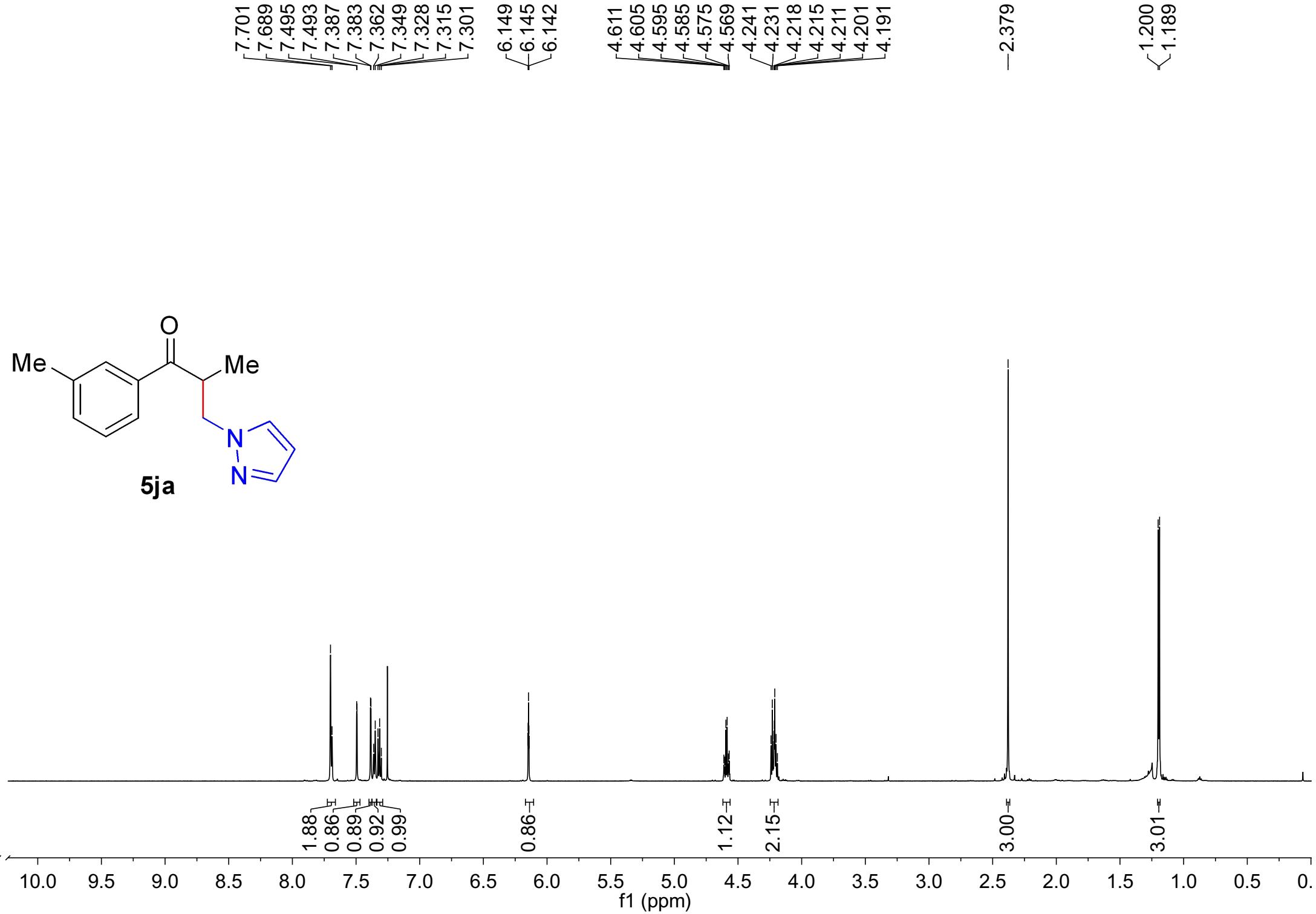
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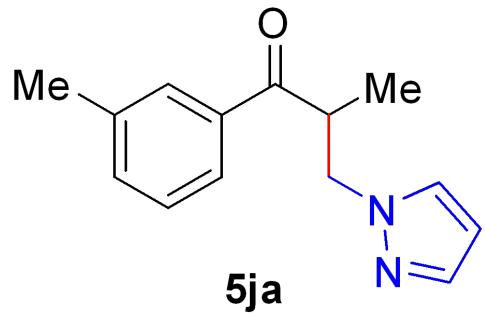








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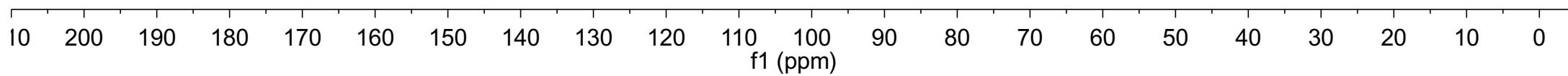
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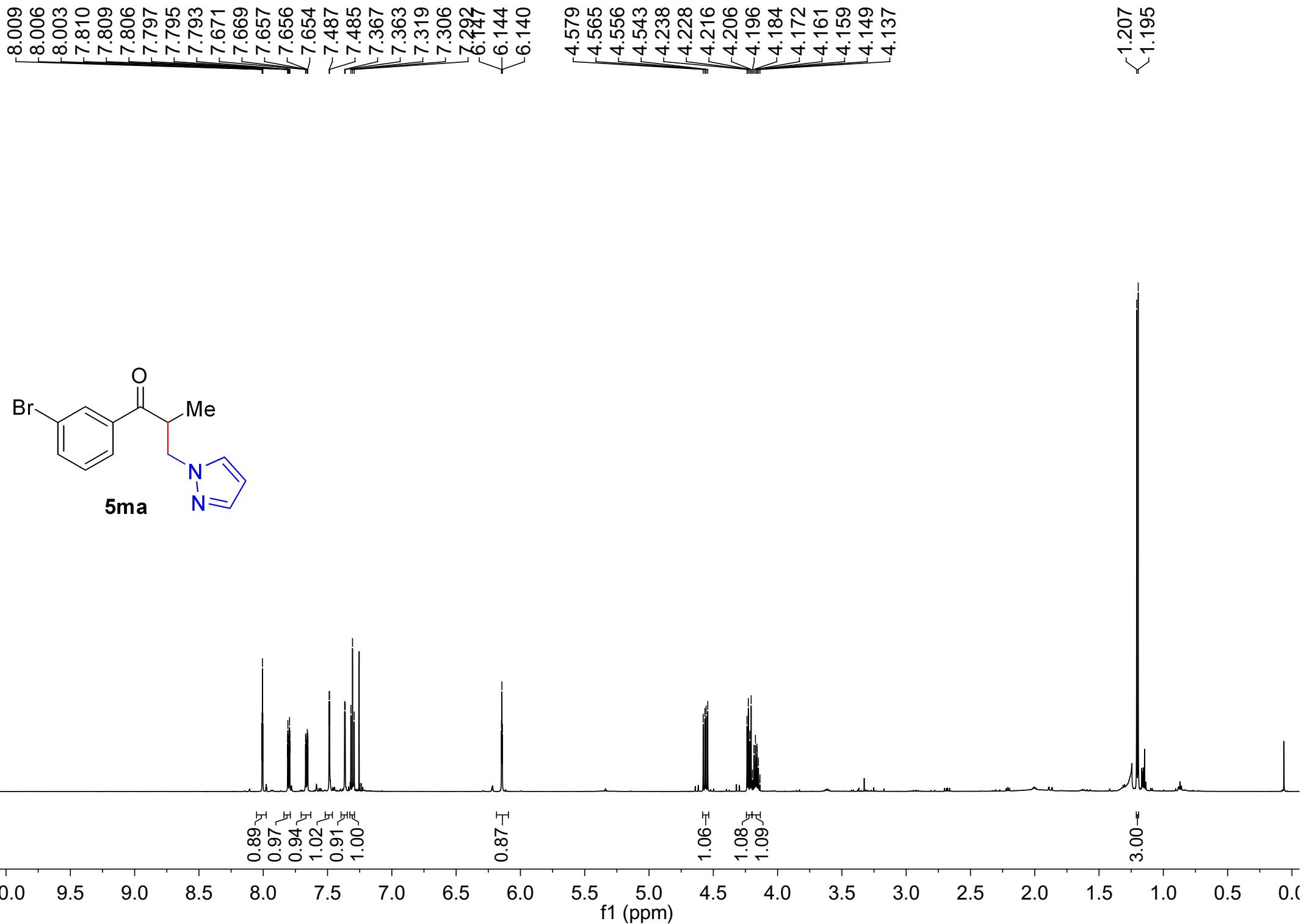
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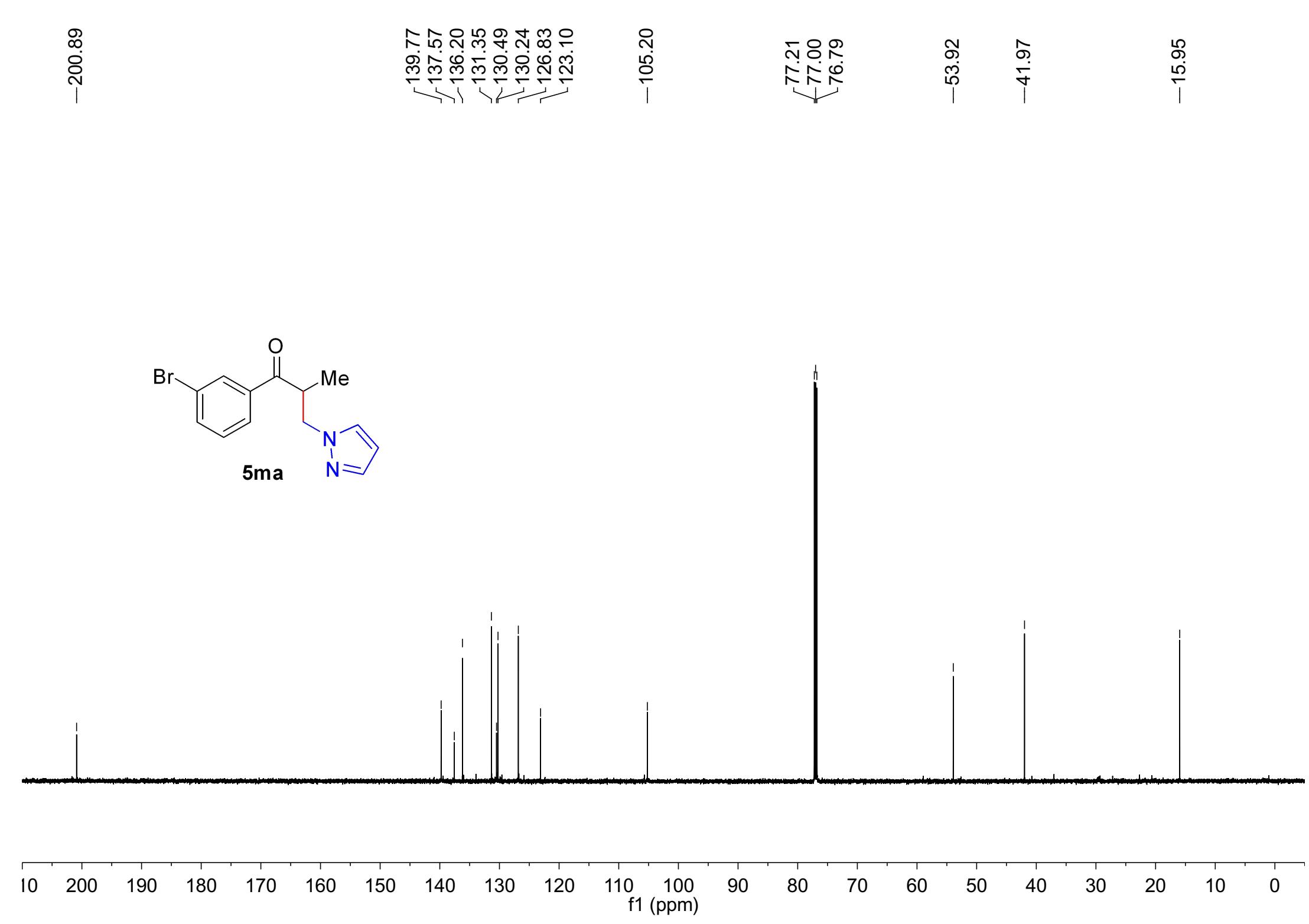
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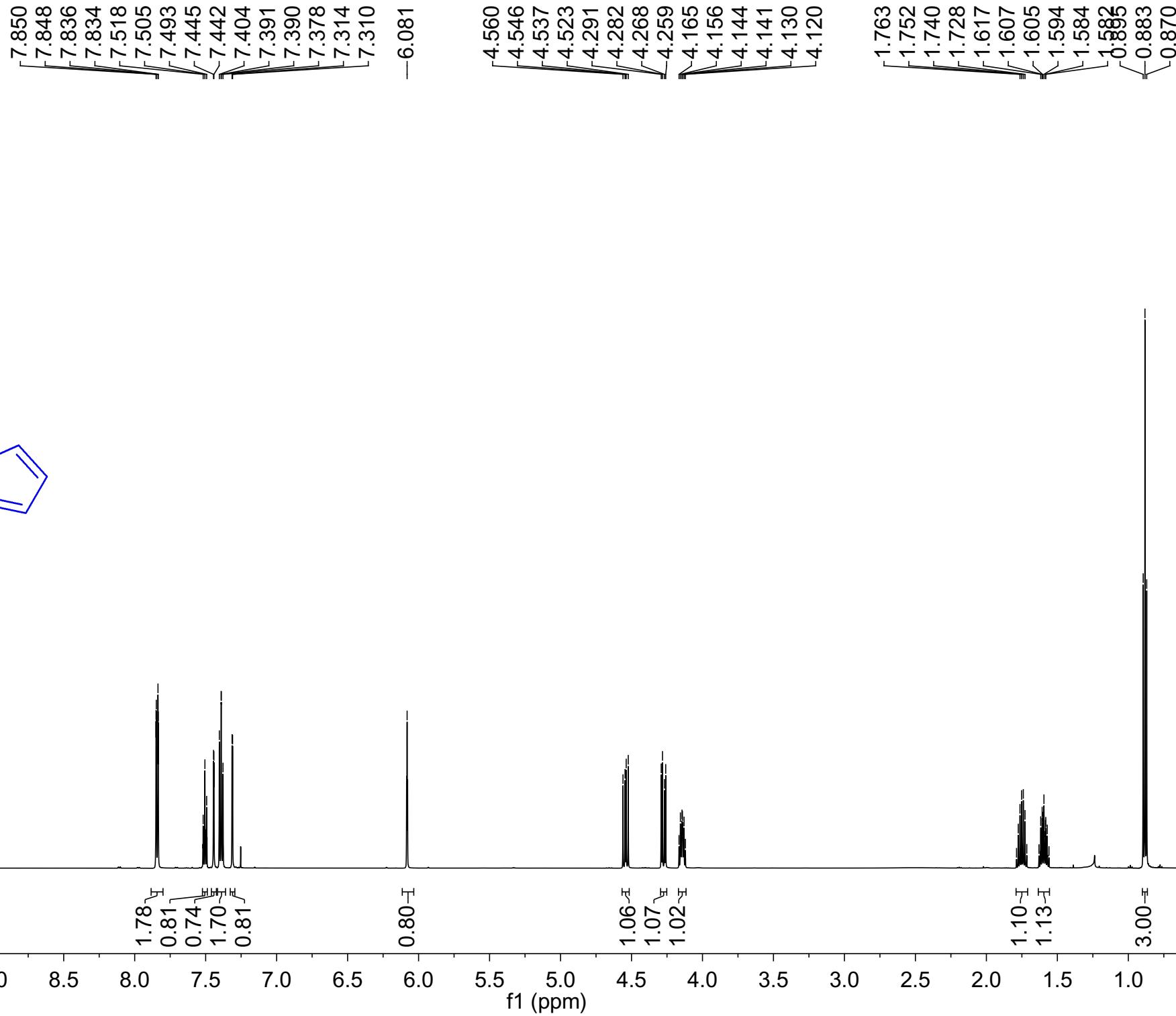
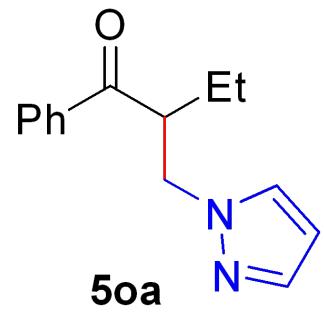
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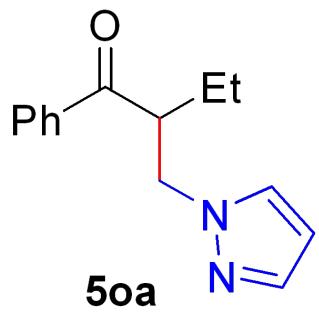








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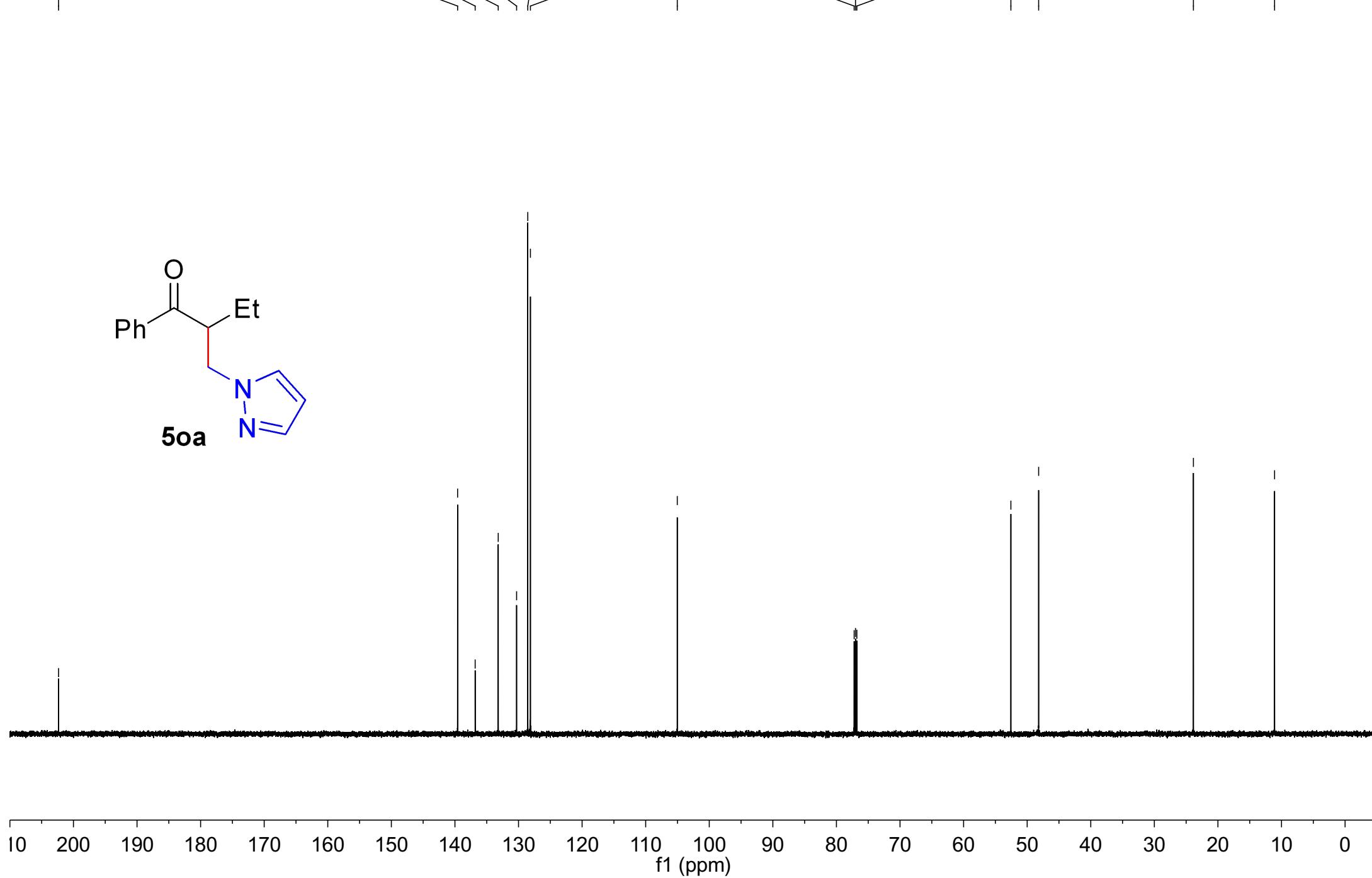
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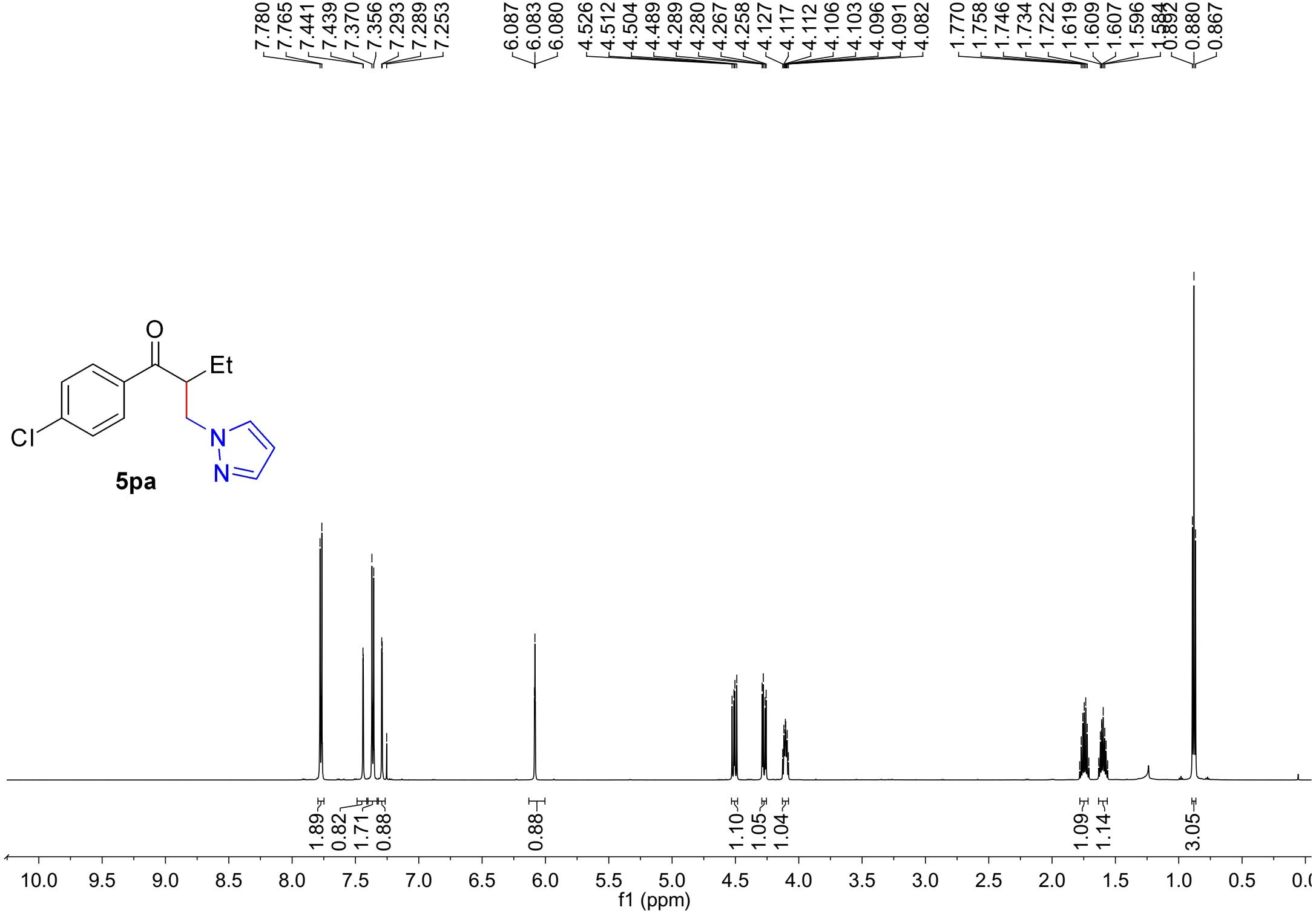
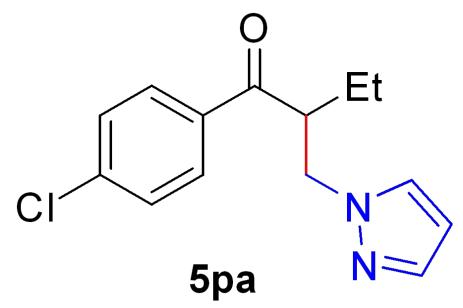
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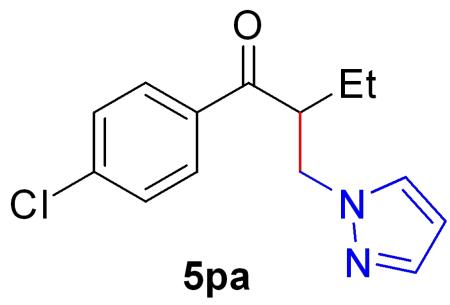
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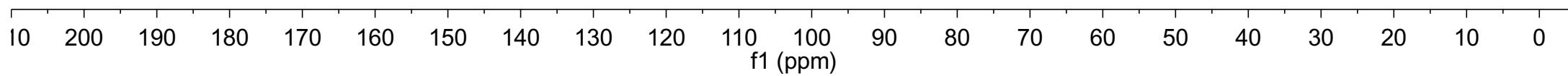
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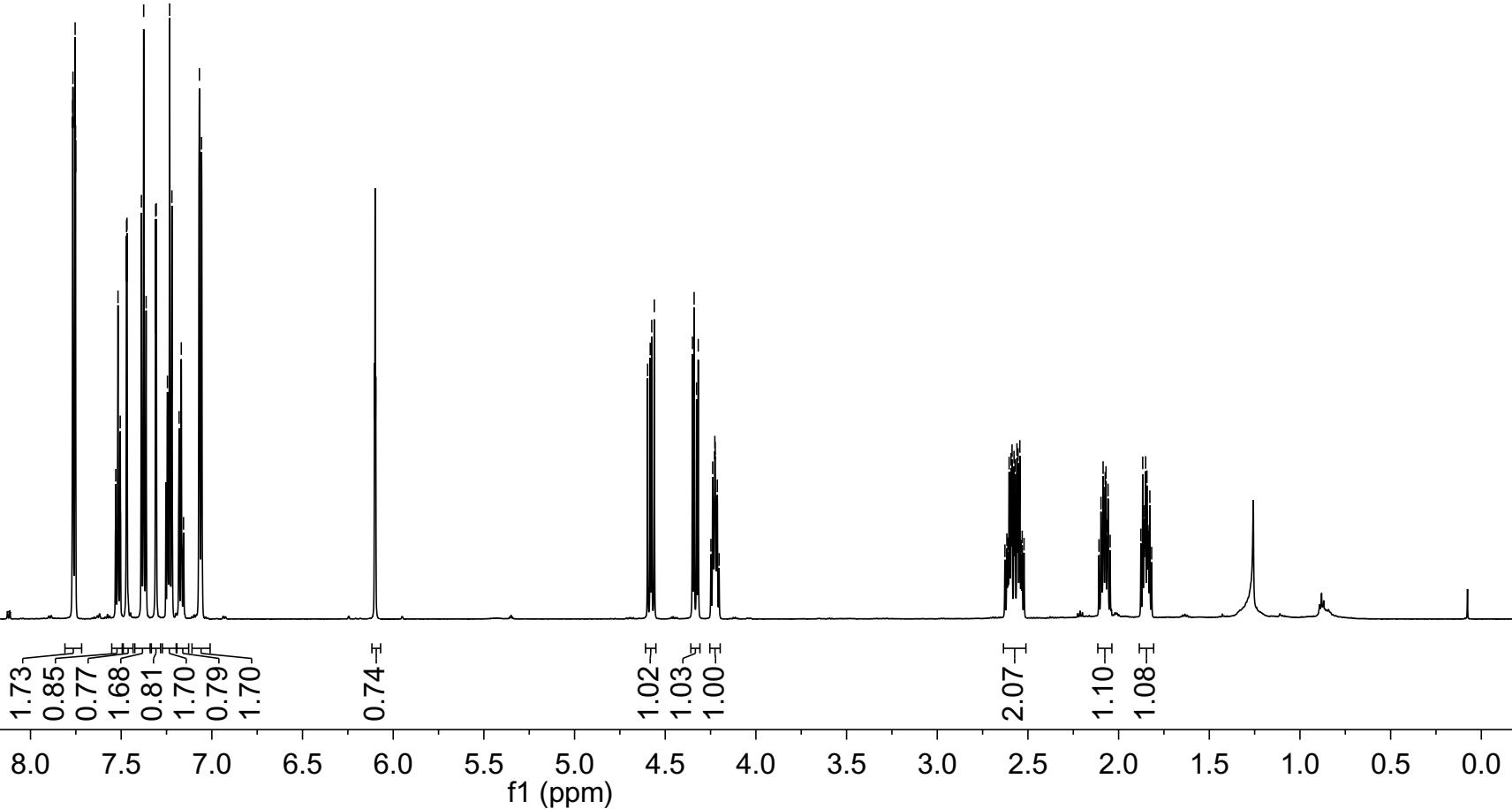
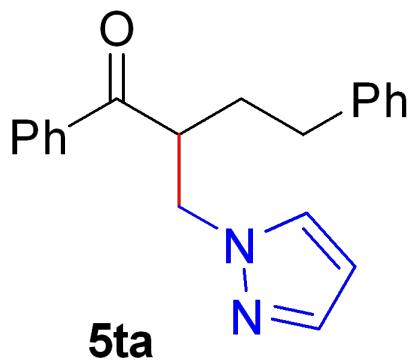
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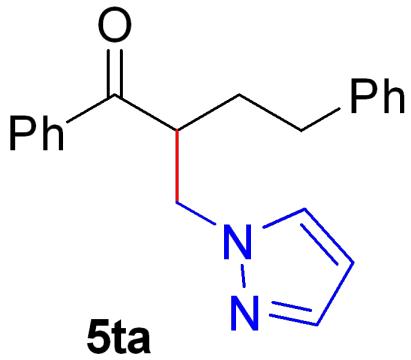
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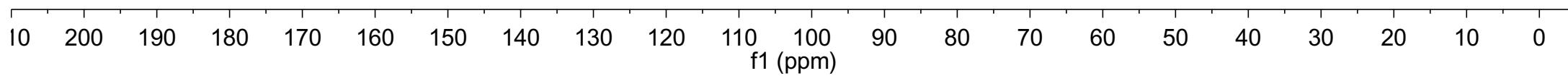
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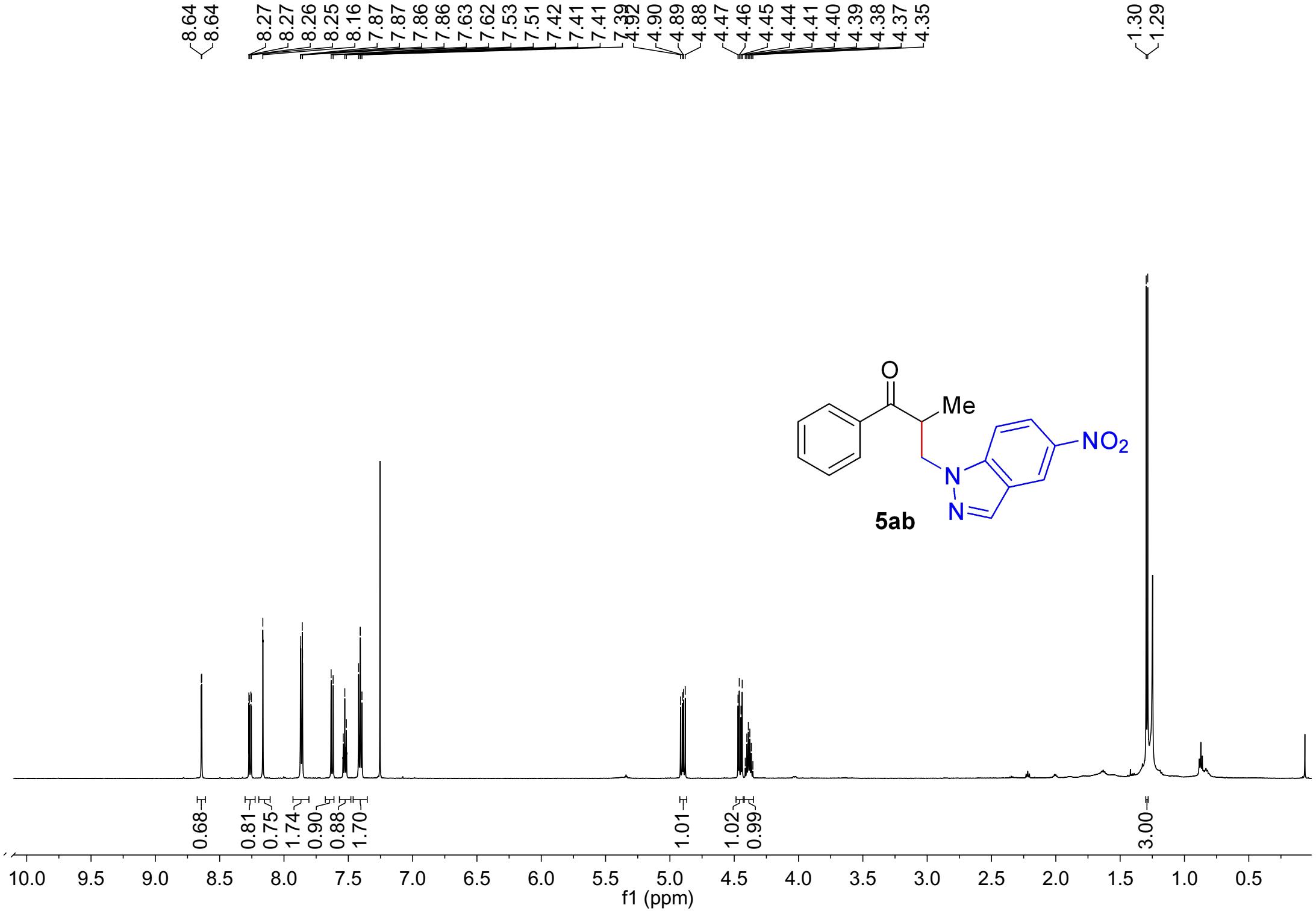
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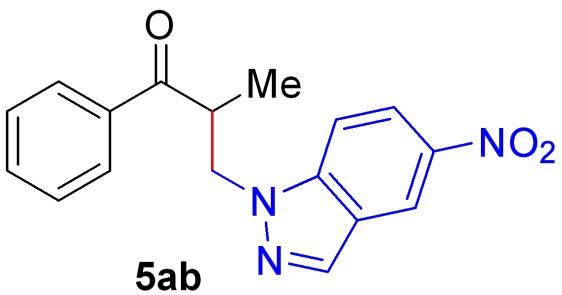
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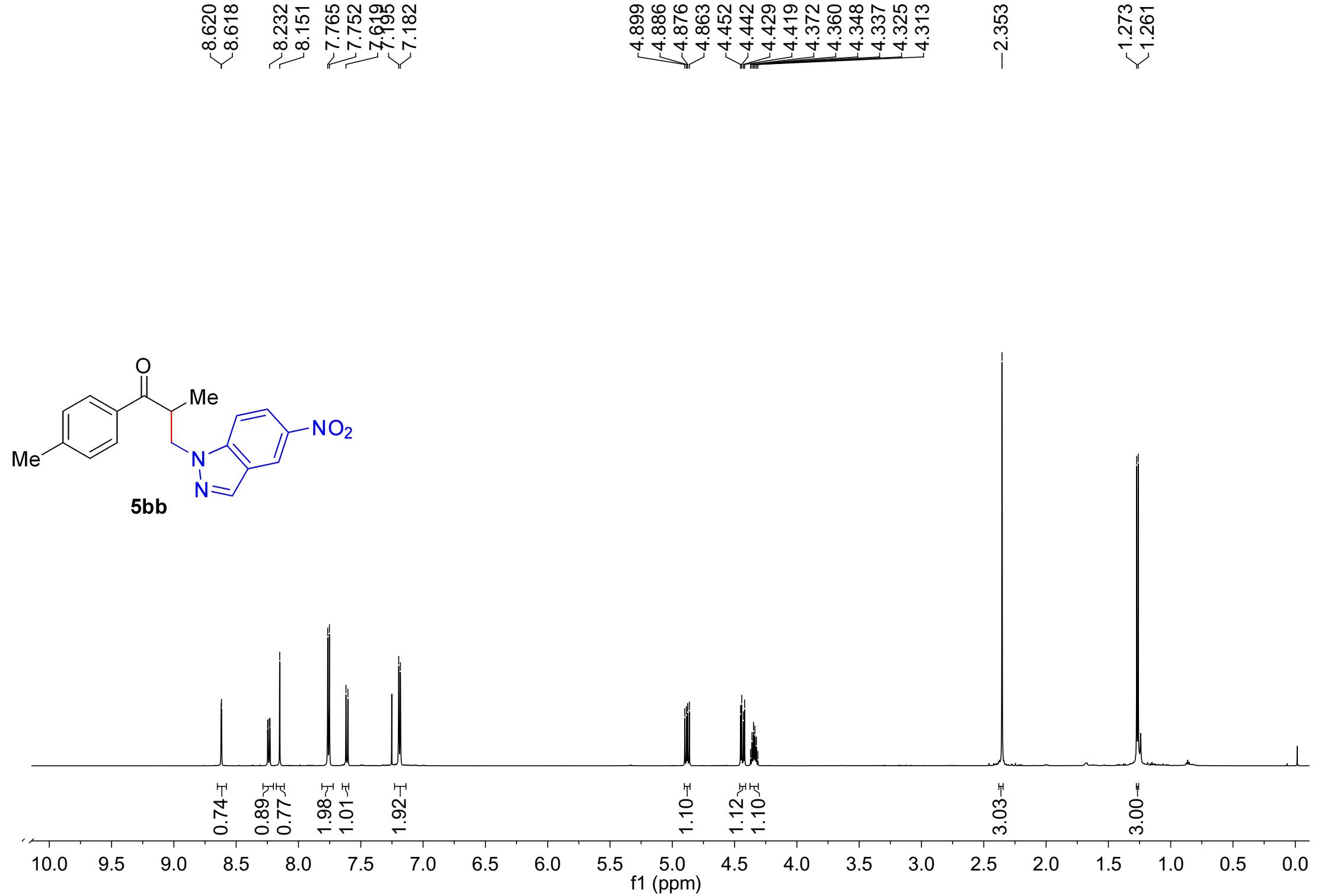
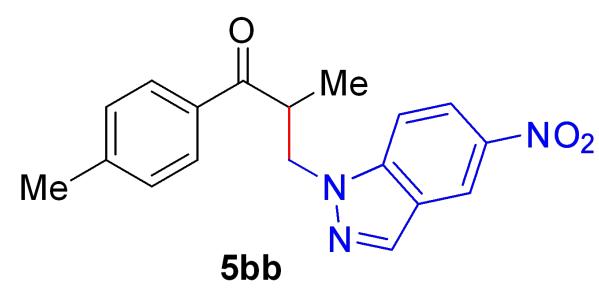
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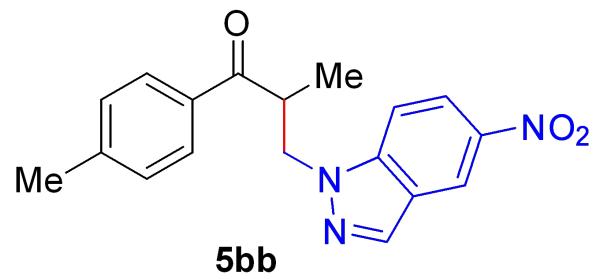
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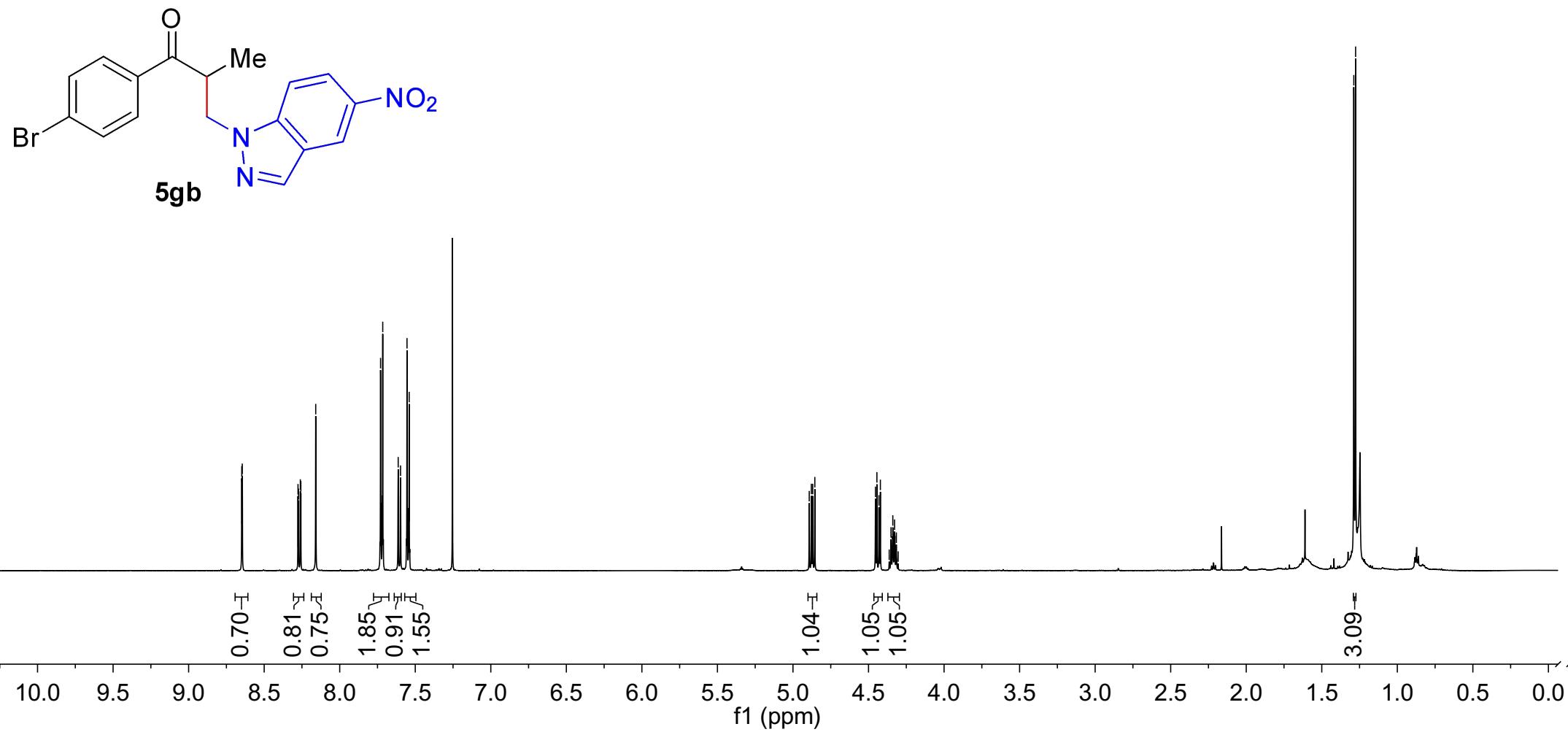
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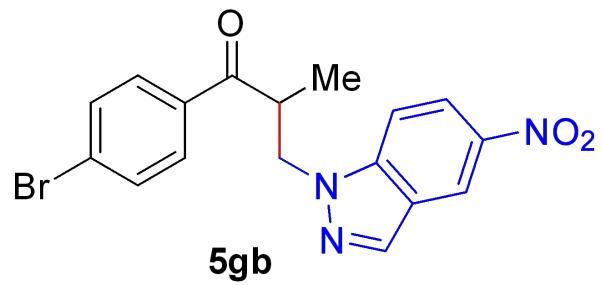
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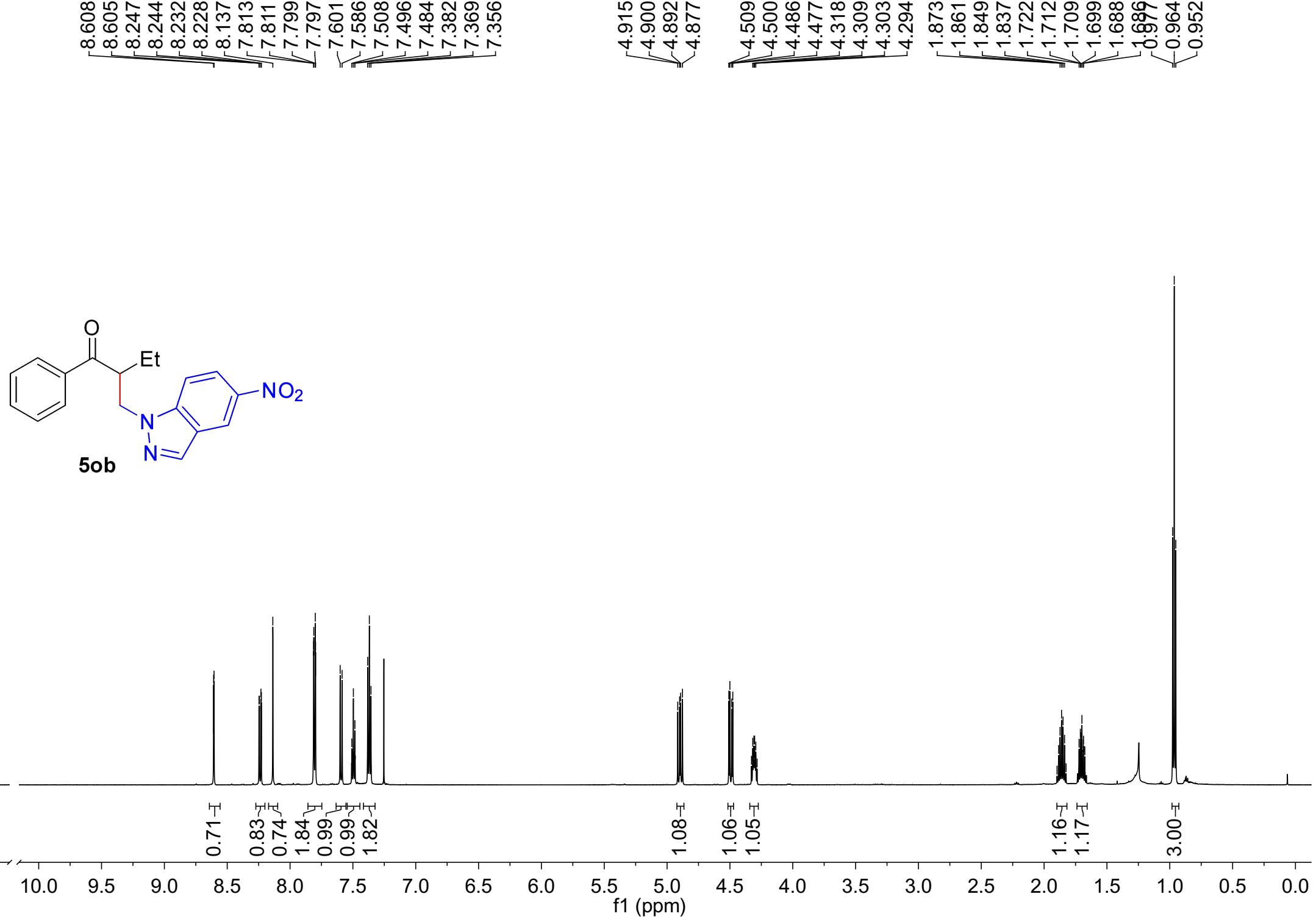
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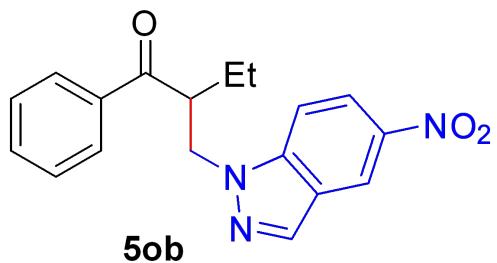
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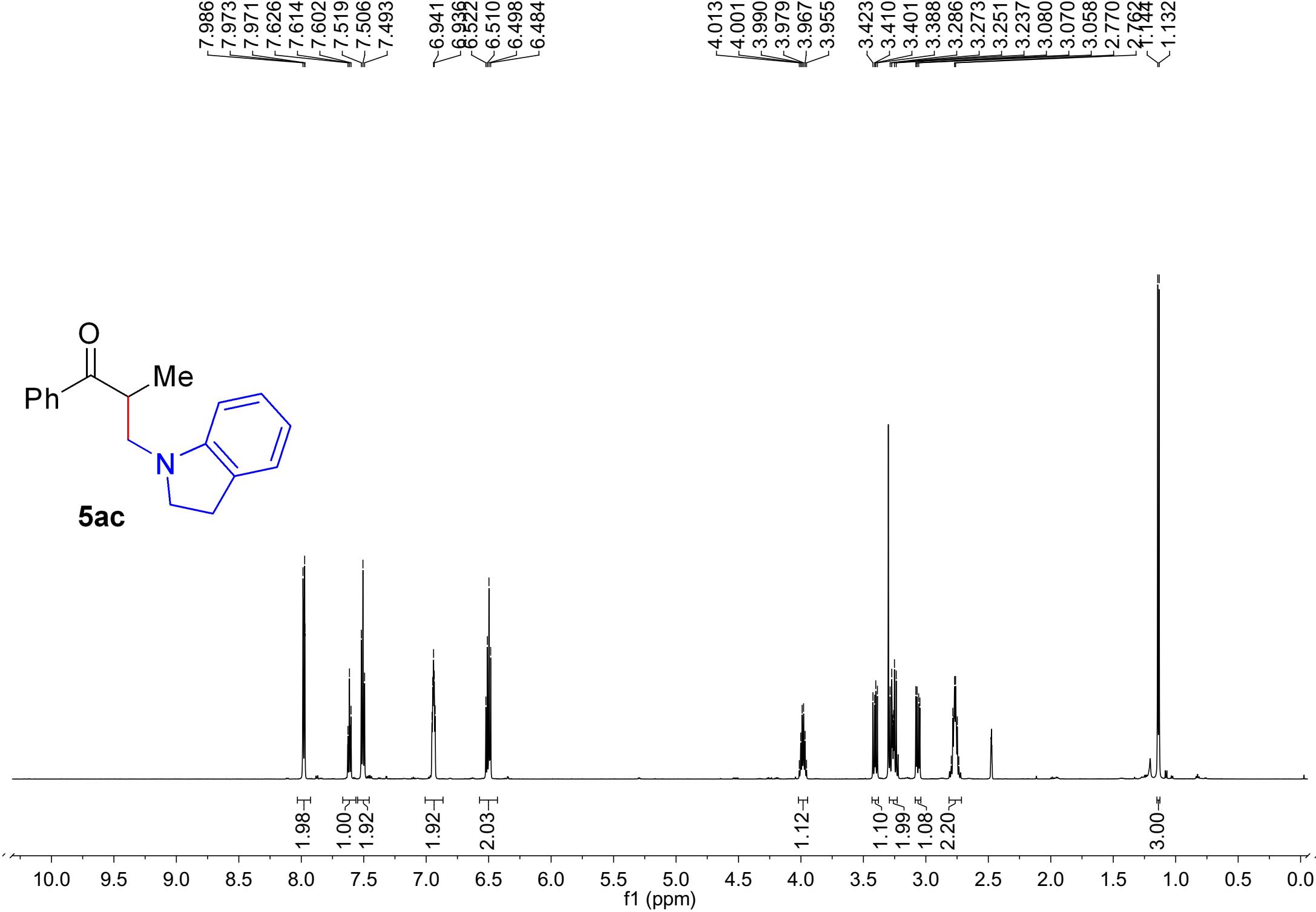
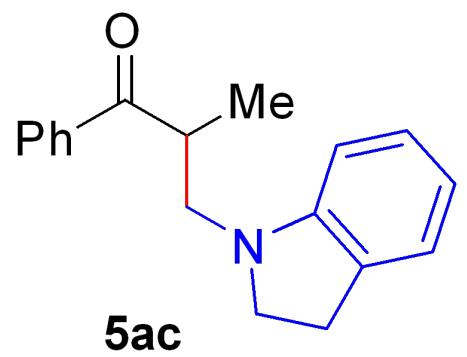
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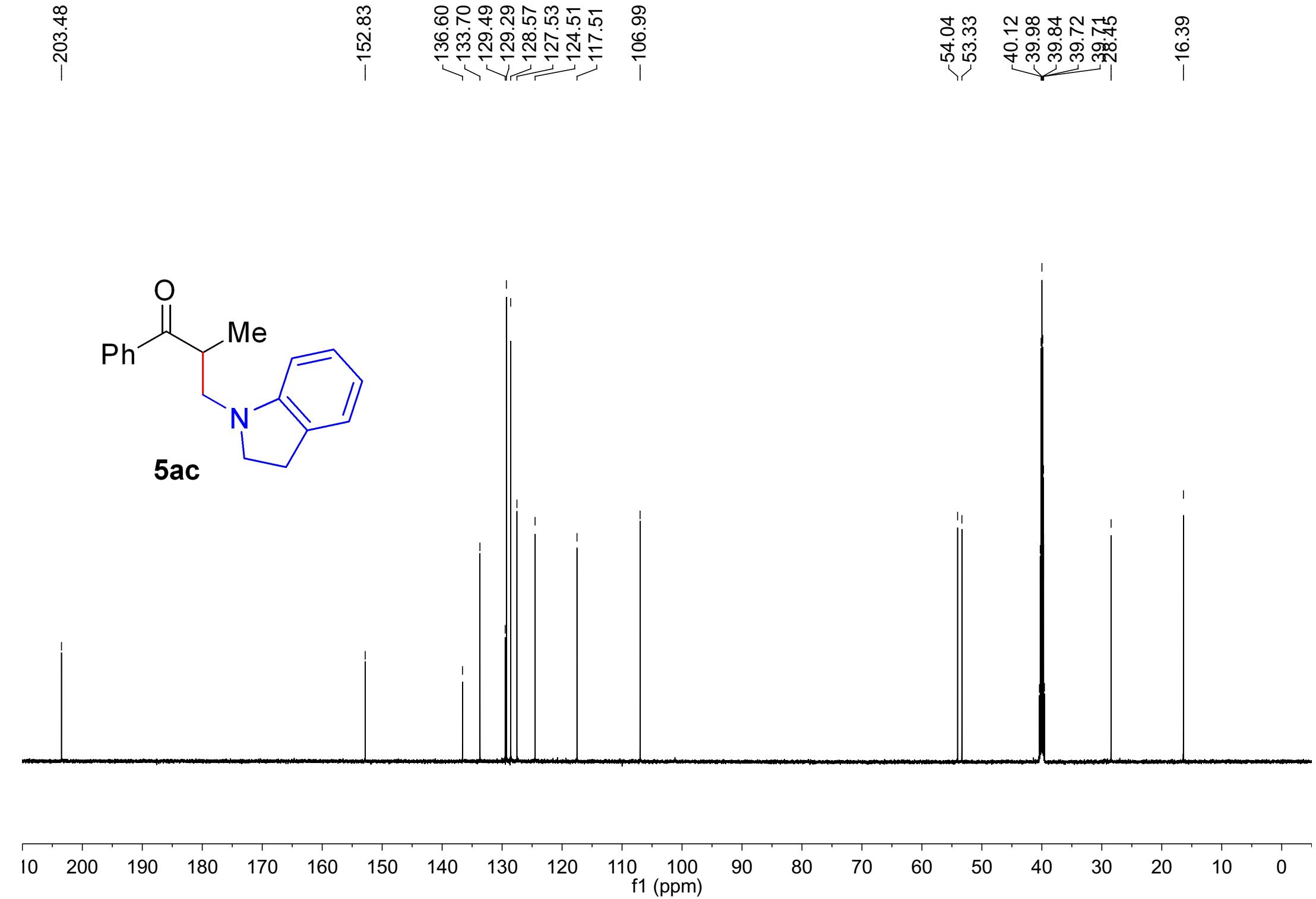
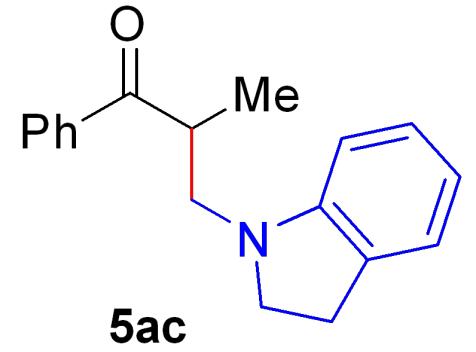
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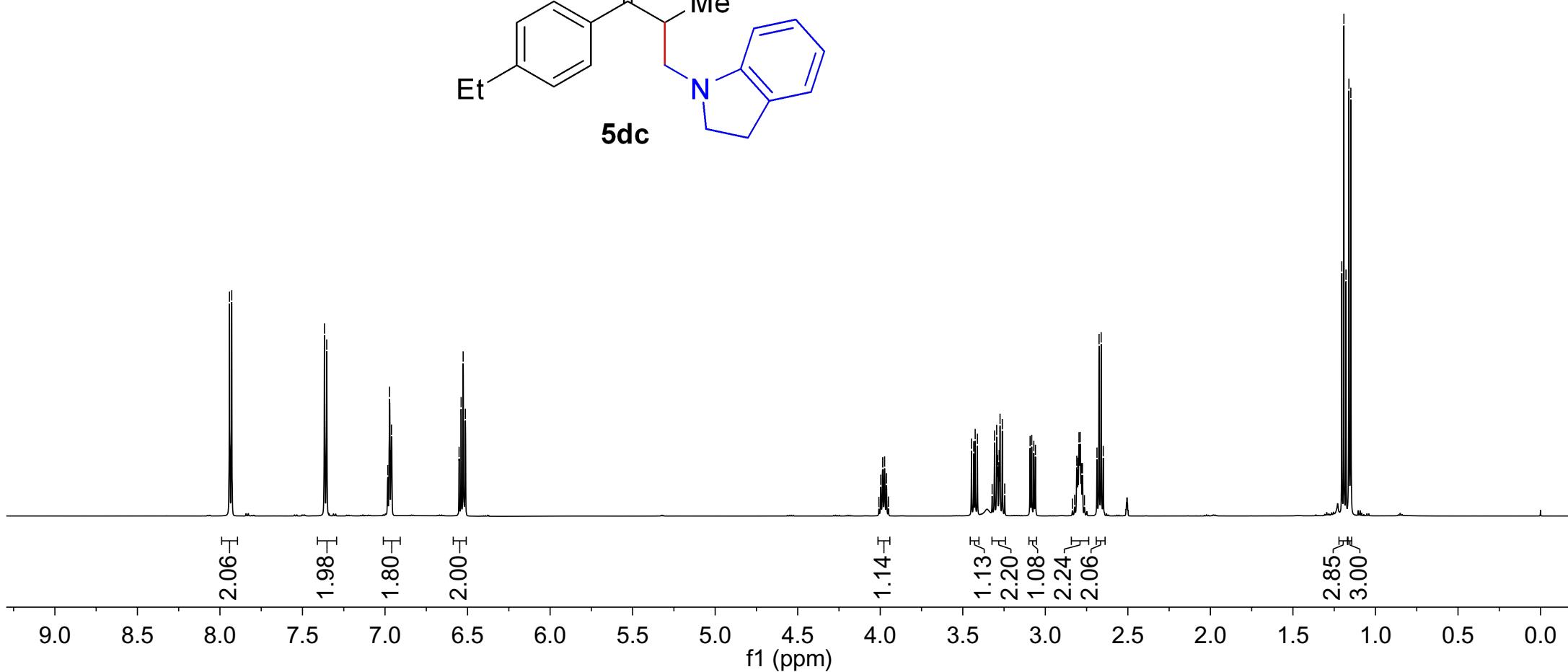
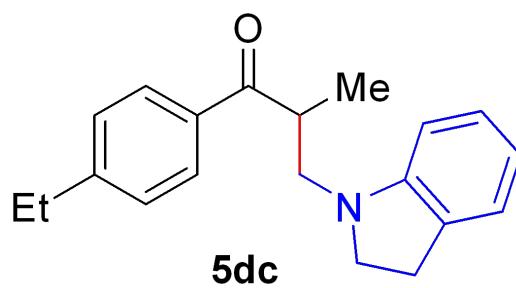
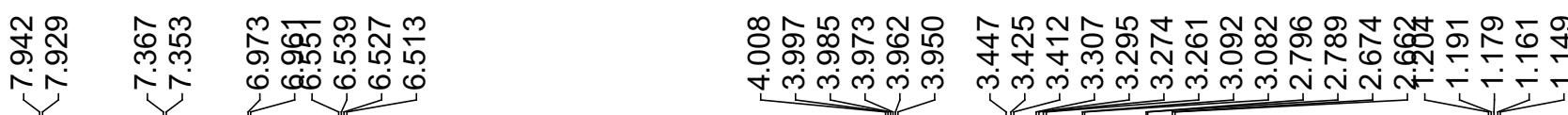
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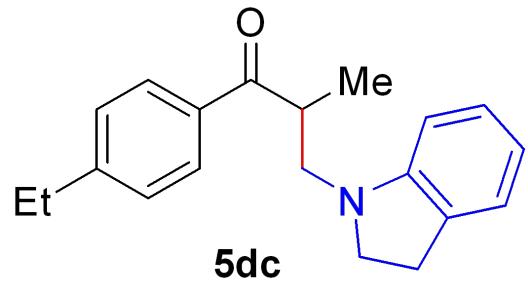
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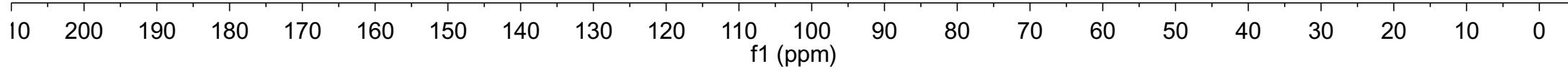
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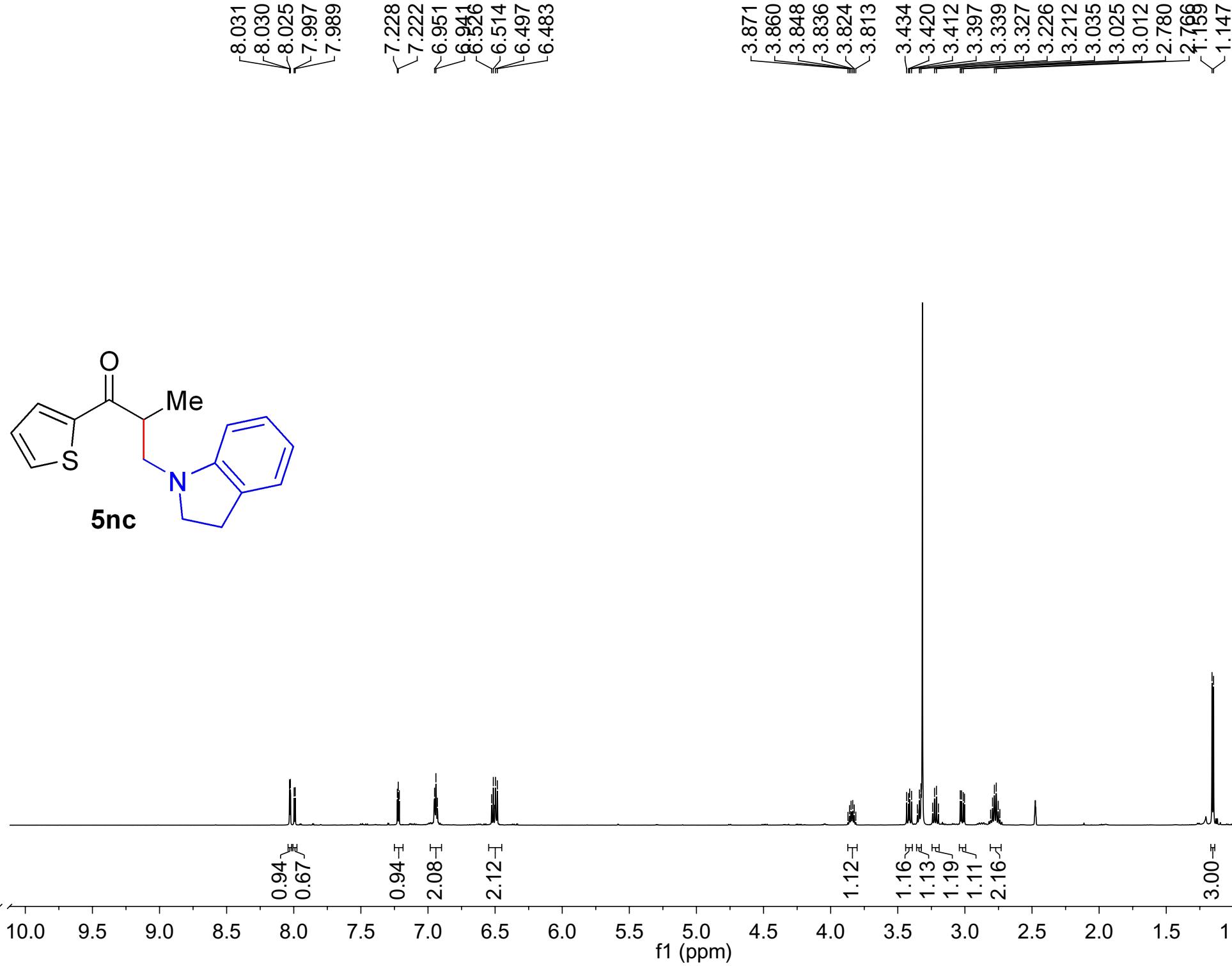
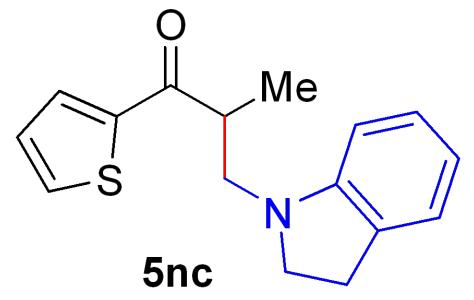
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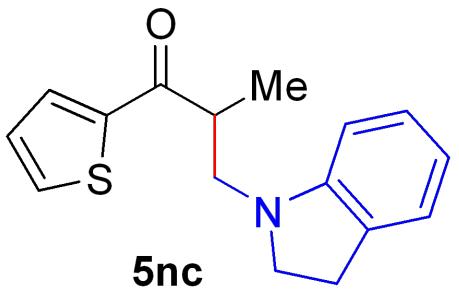
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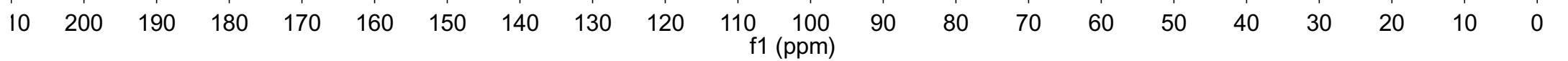
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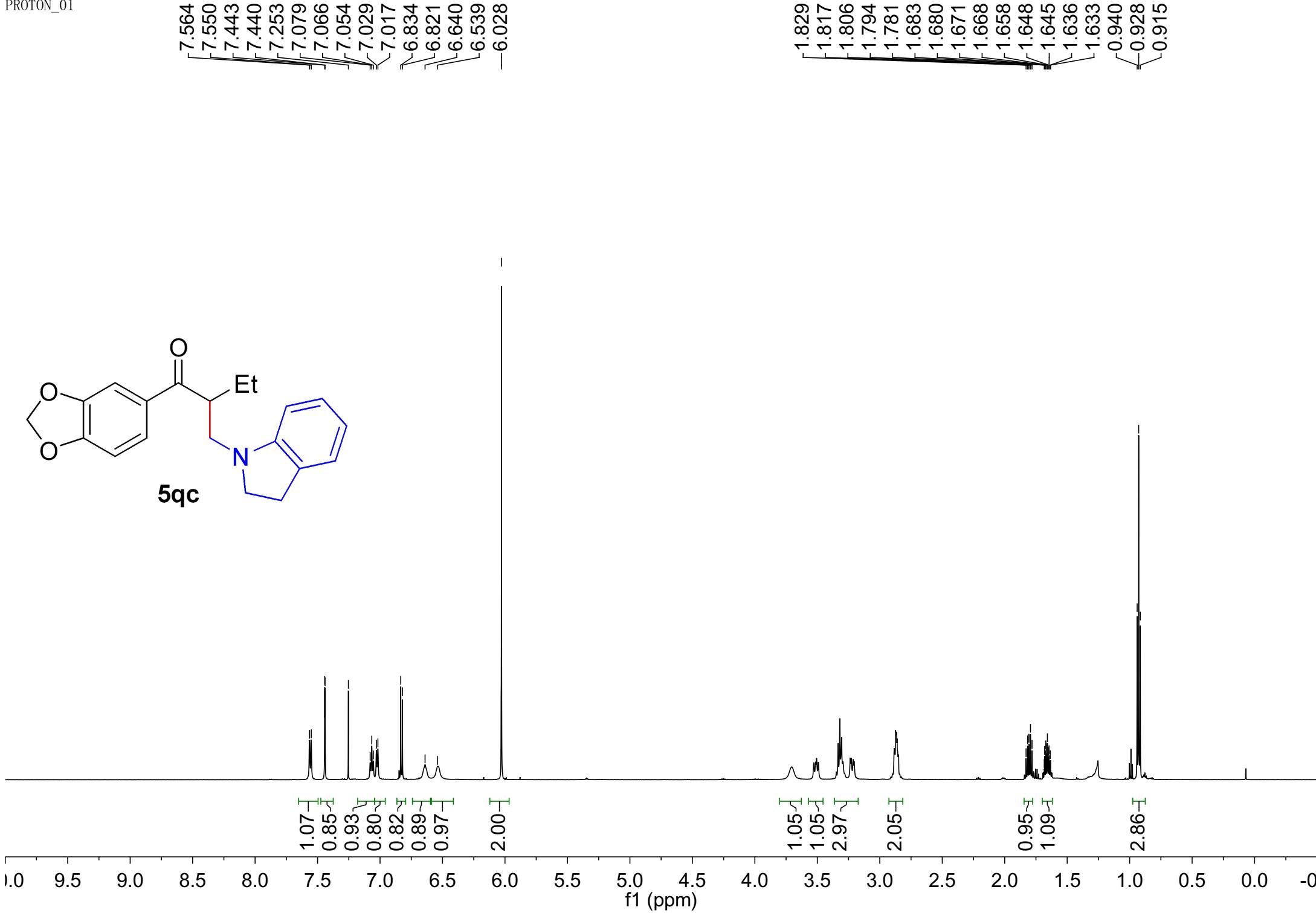




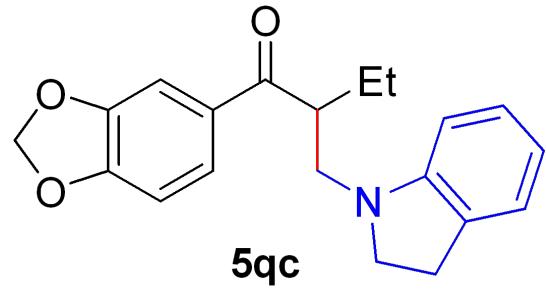
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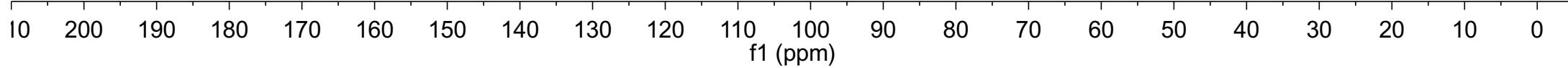
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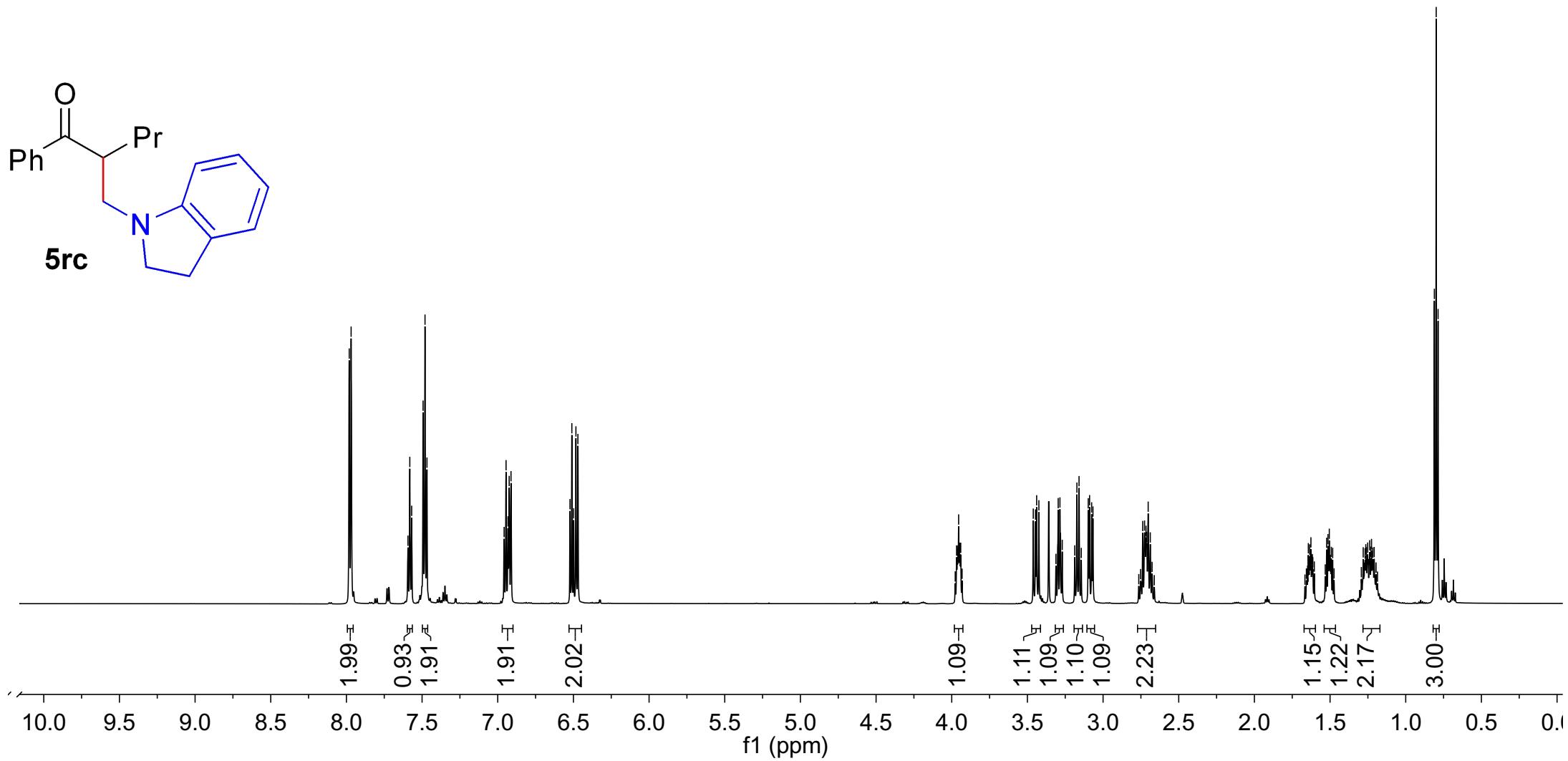
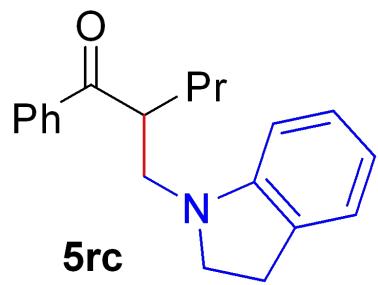
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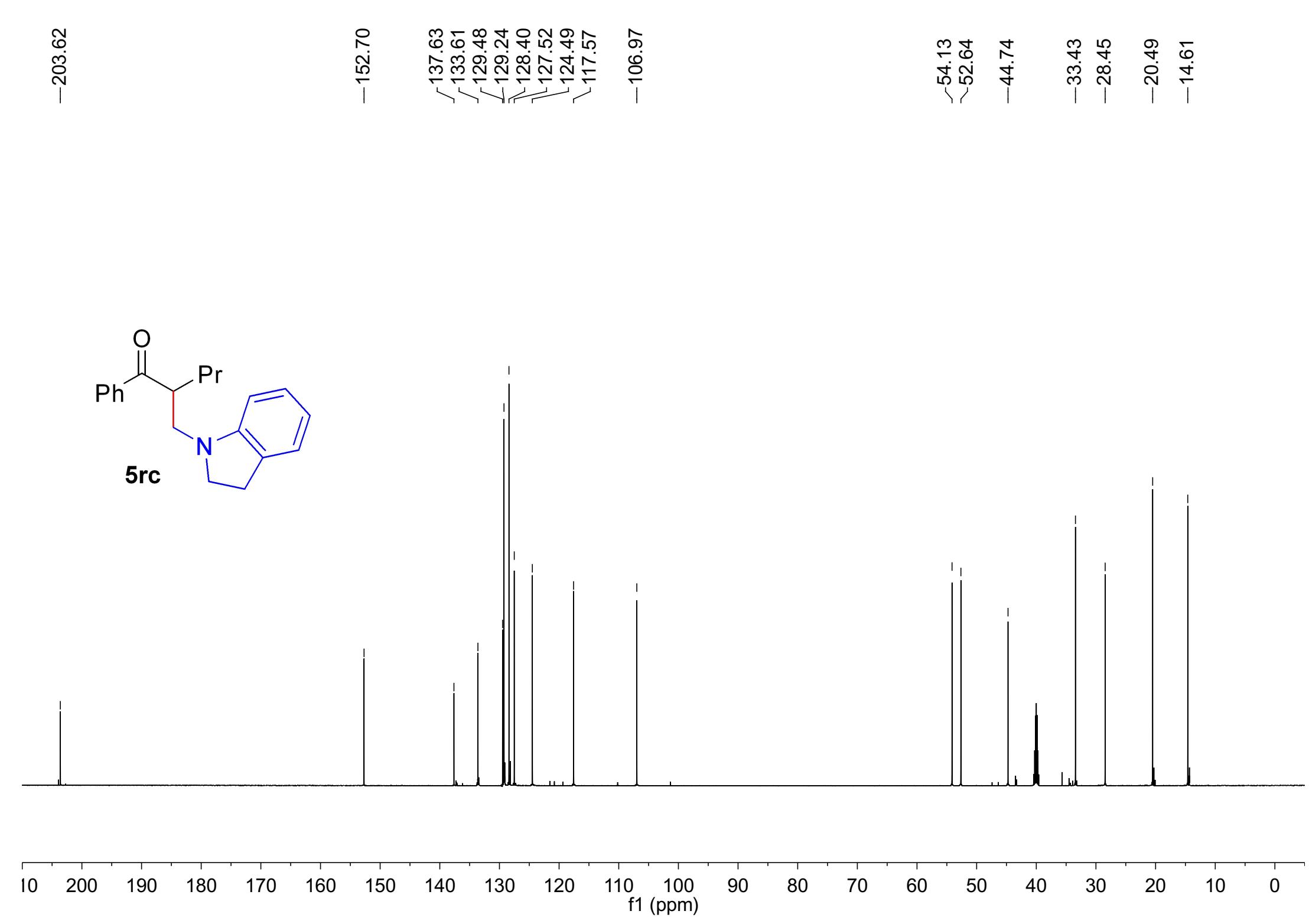
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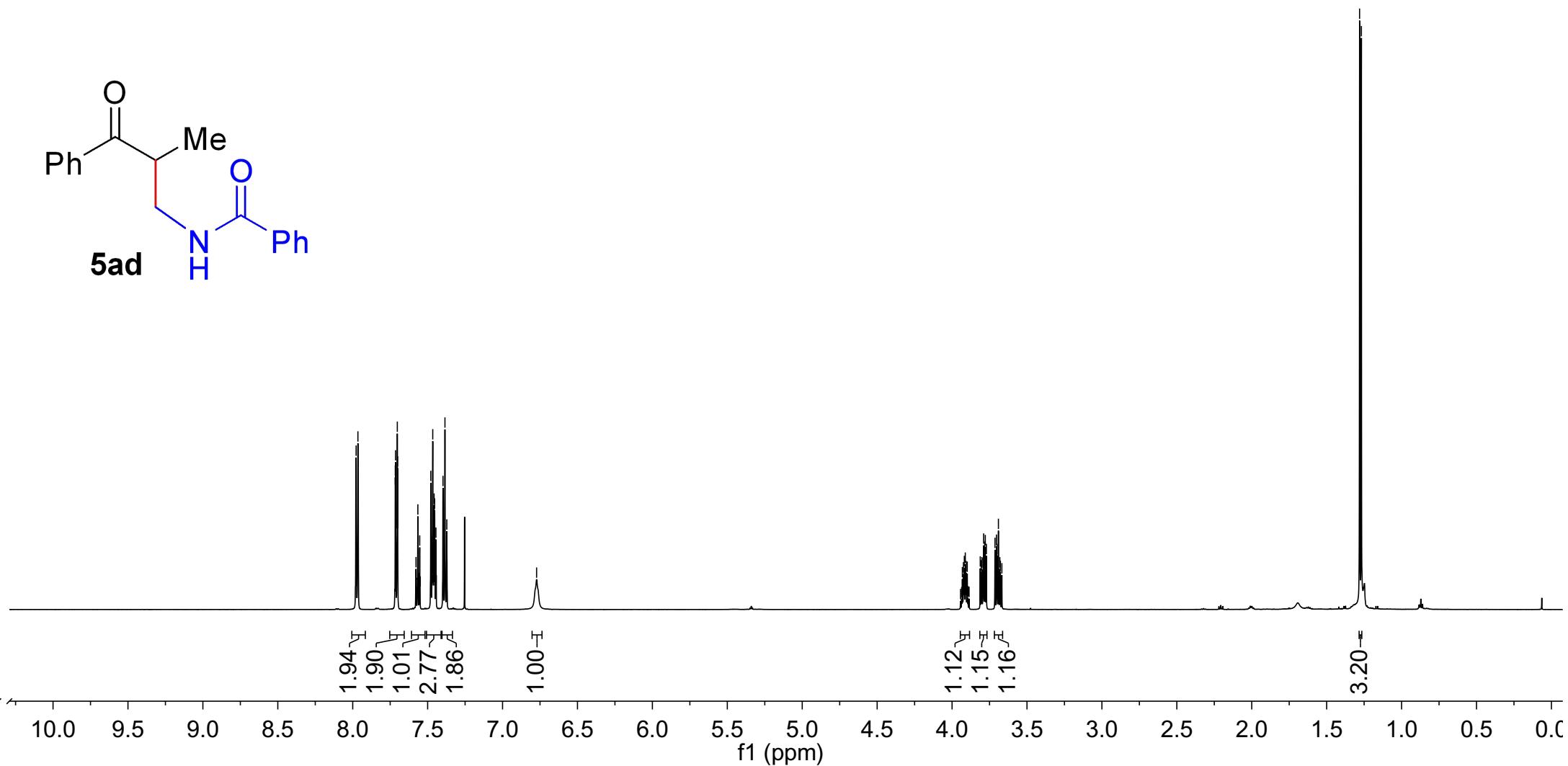
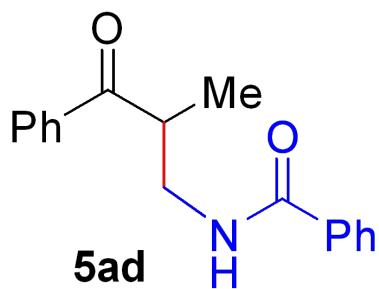
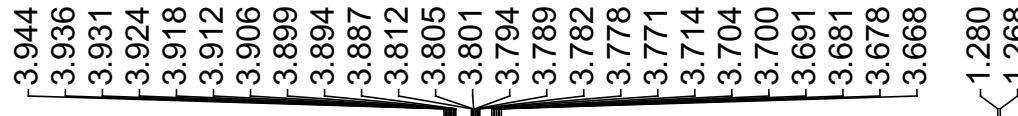
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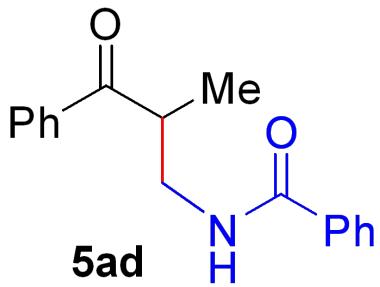


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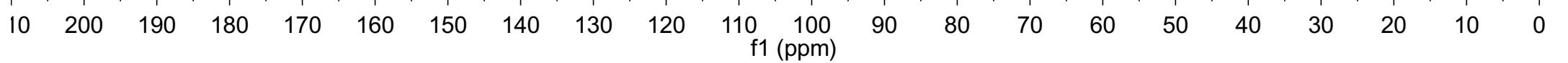
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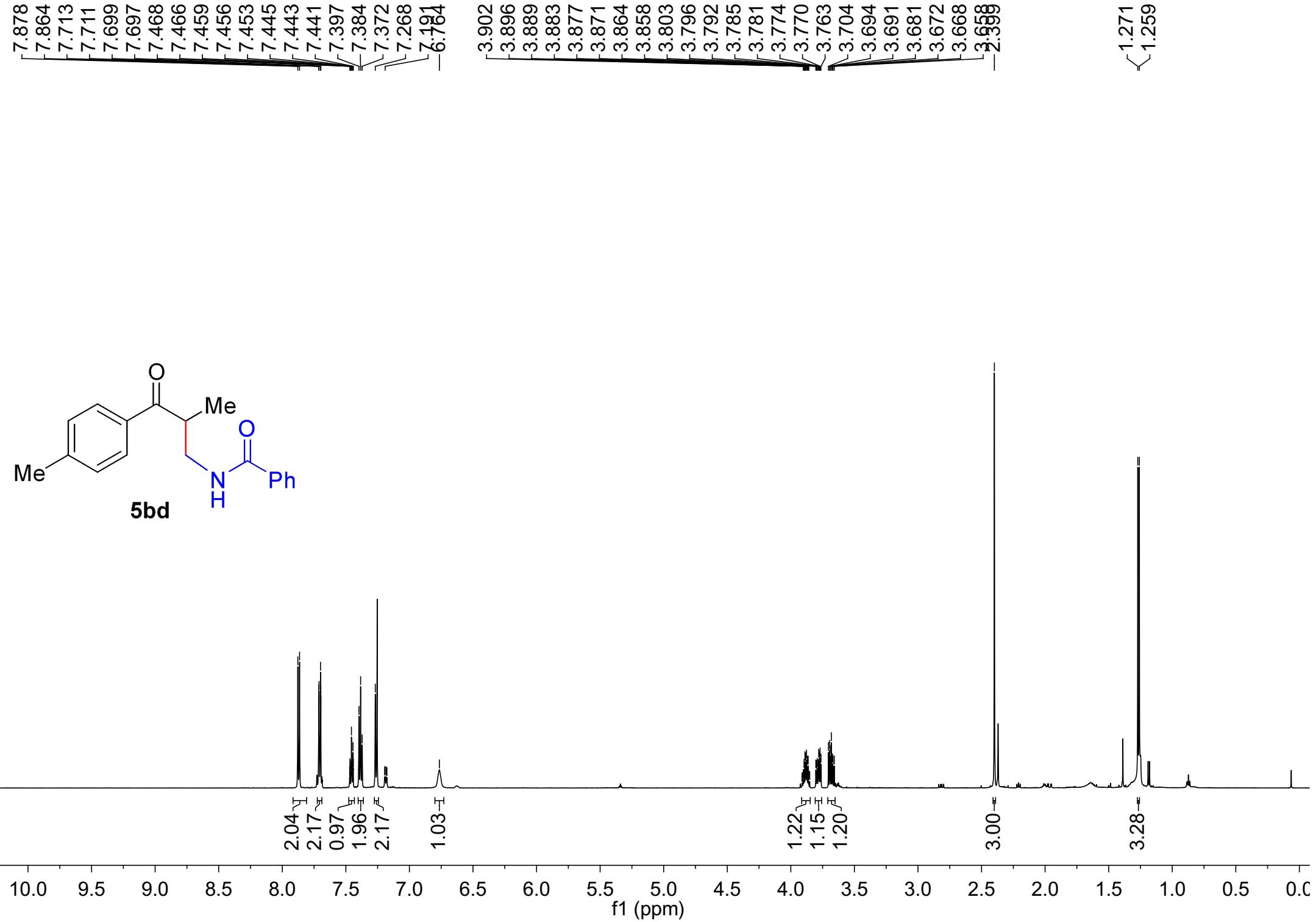
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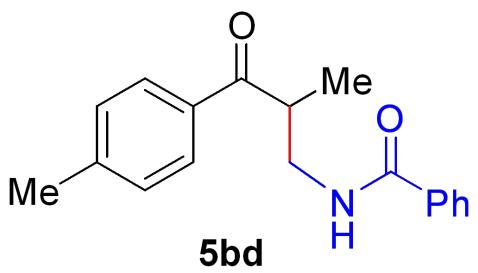
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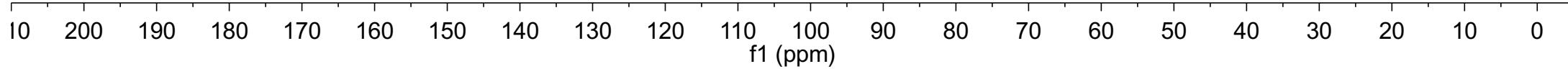
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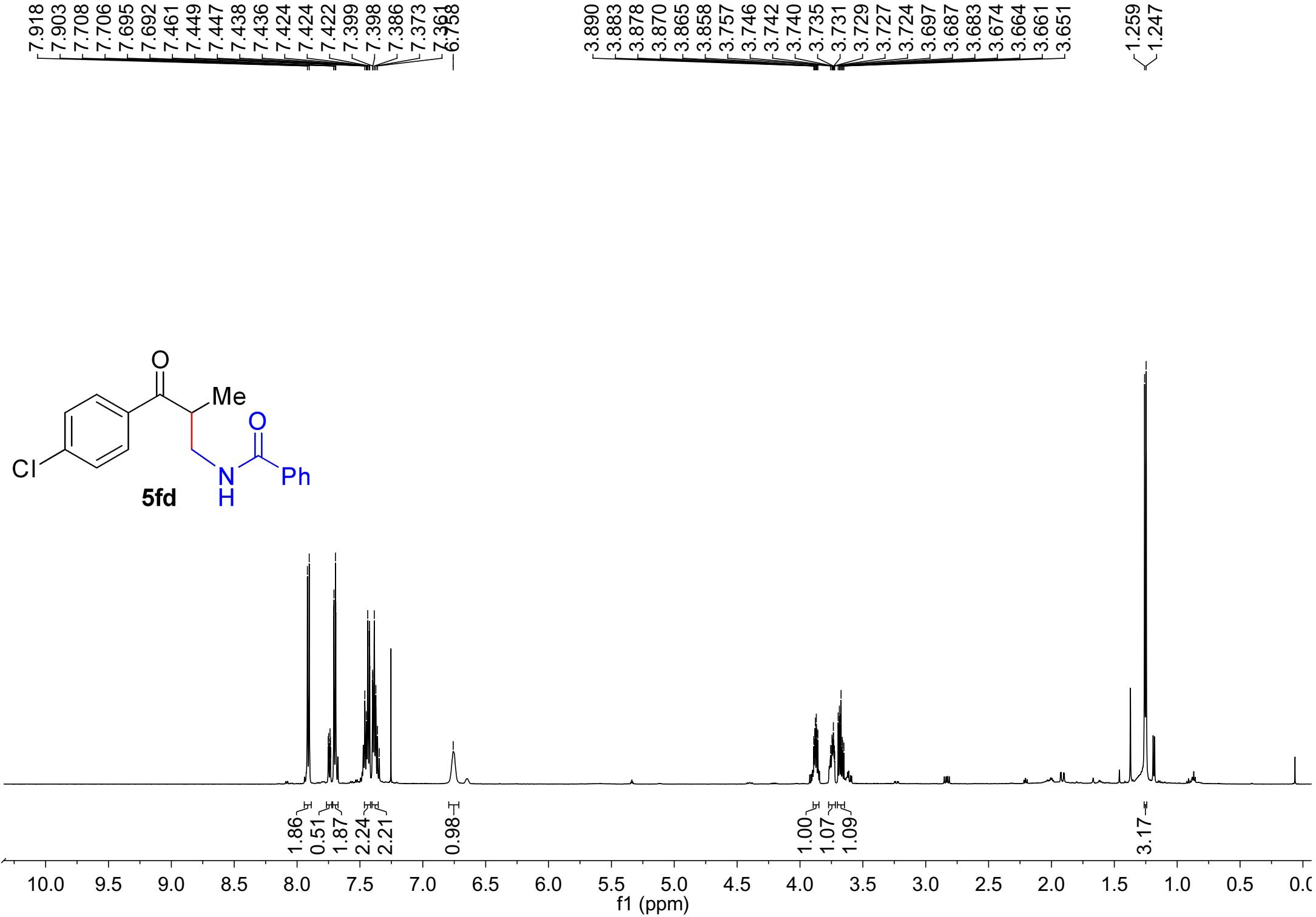
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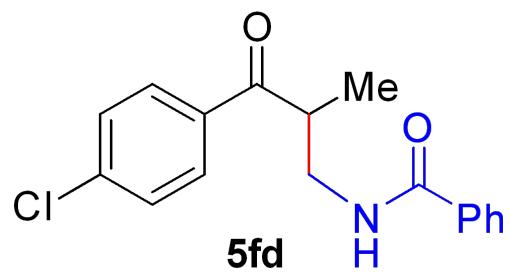
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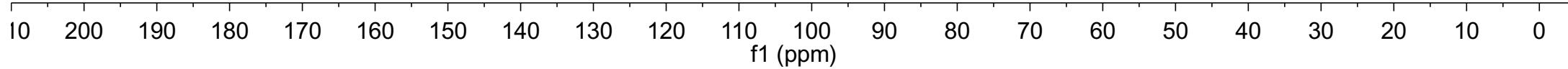


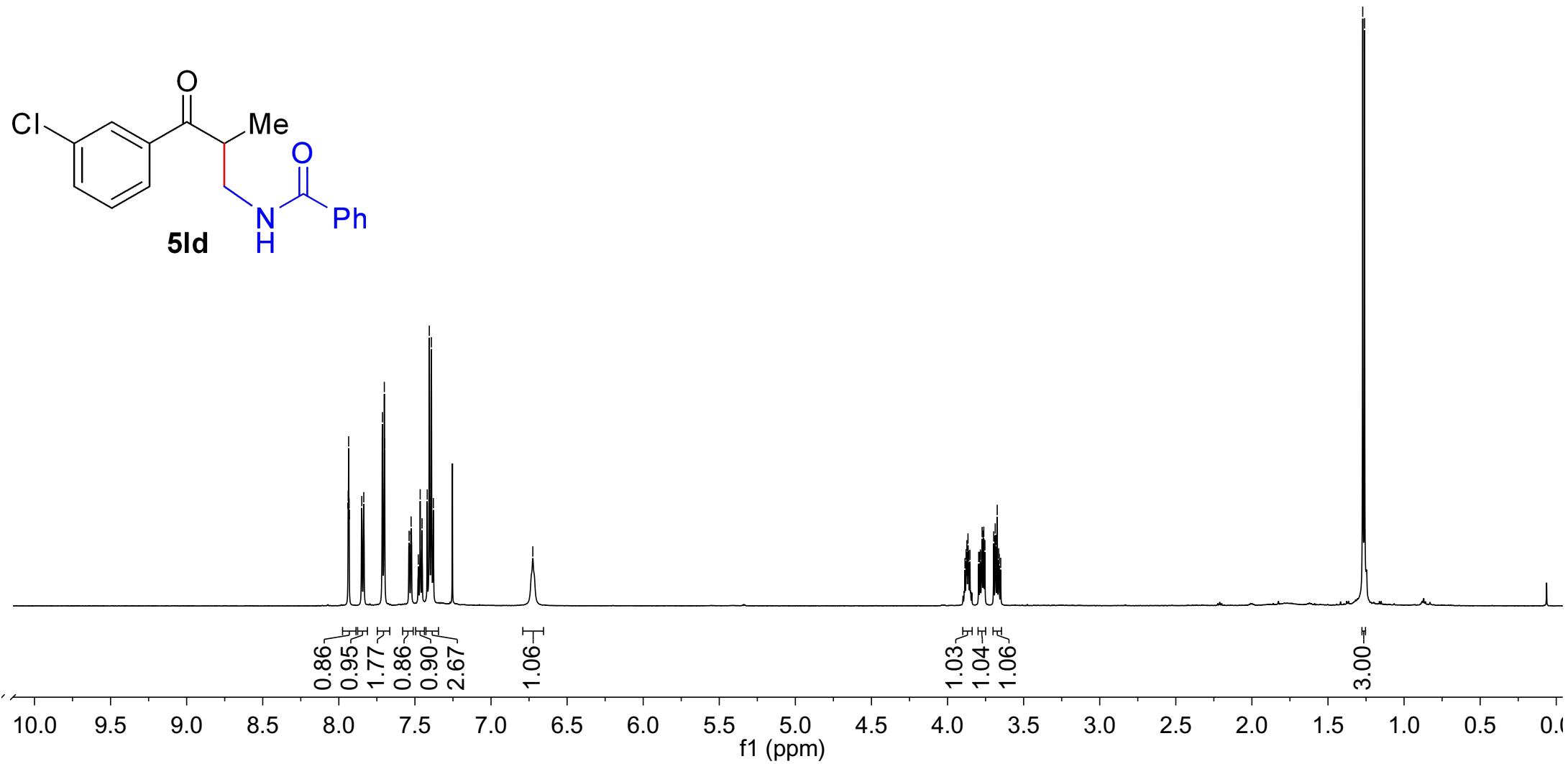
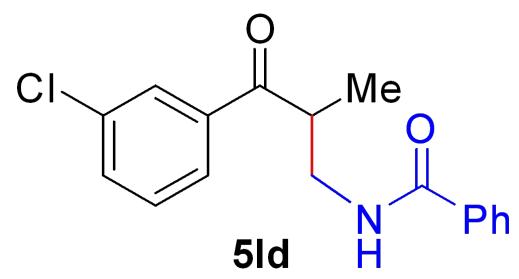
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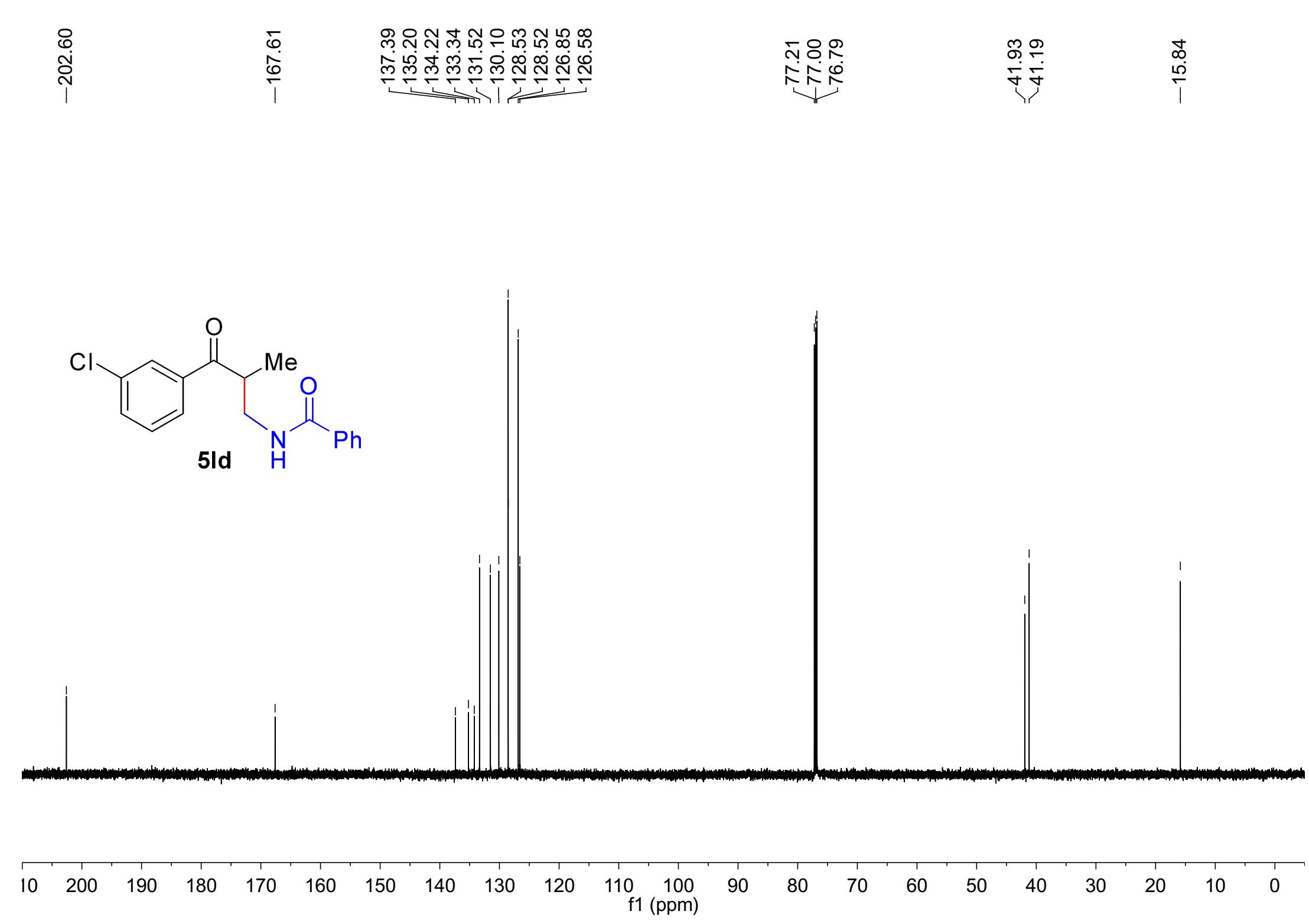
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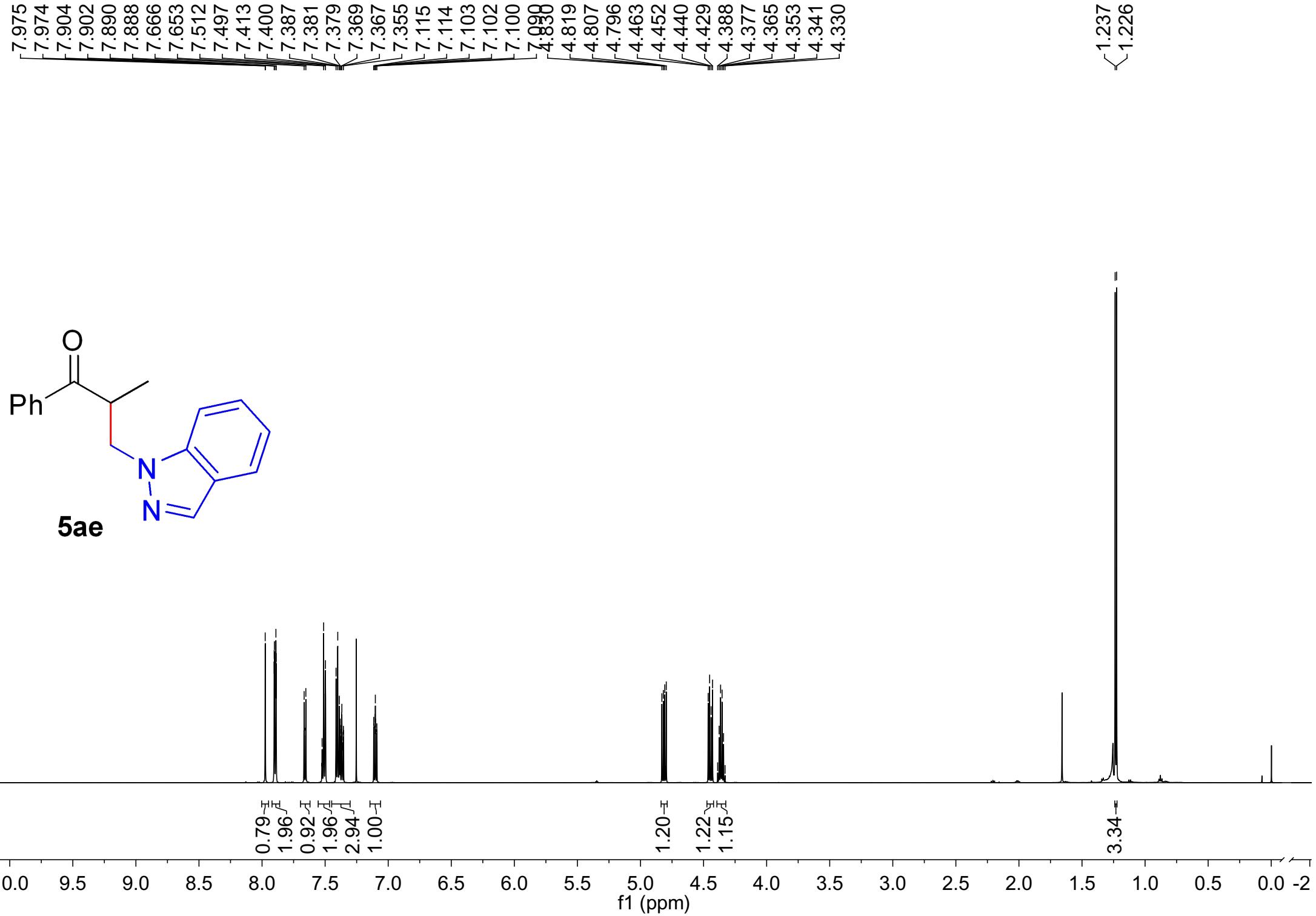
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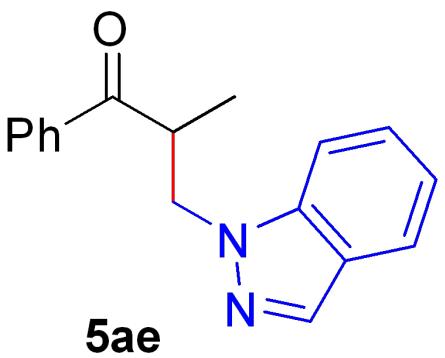








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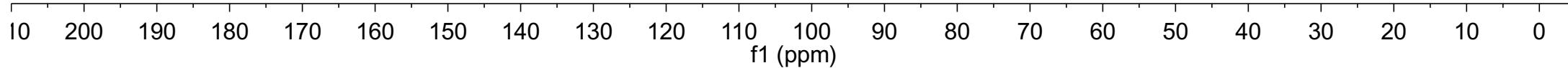


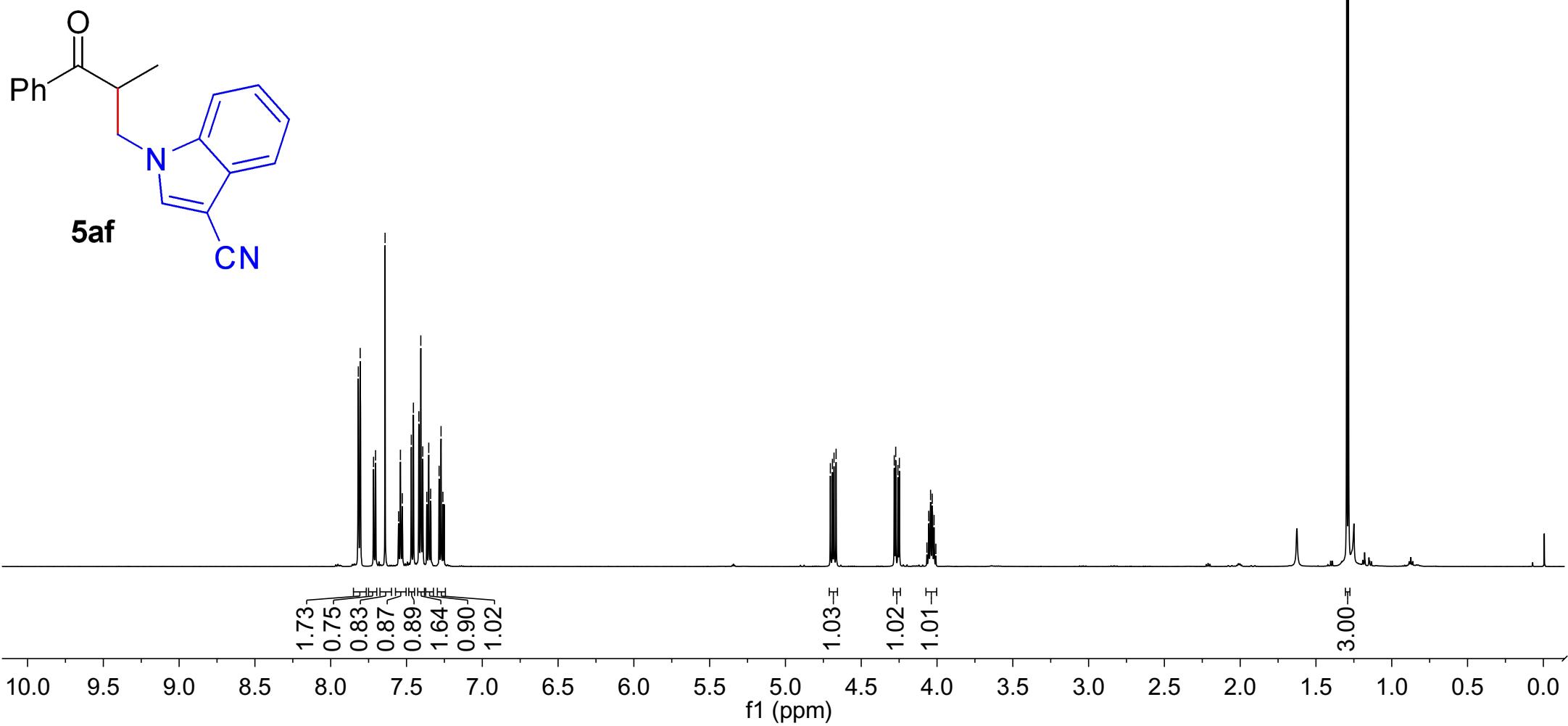
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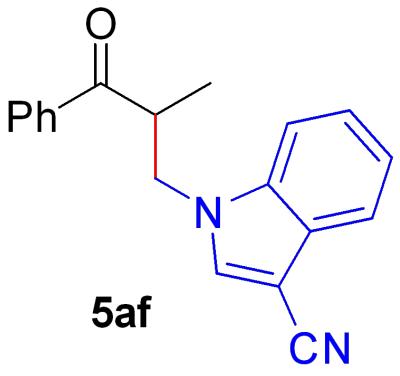
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