

DMF as Carbon Source: Rh-Catalyzed α -Methylation of Ketones

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1. General Information

Flash chromatography was performed with freshly distilled solvents. ^1H NMR (400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded using CDCl_3 as solvent. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, using TMS as an internal standard. Data are presented as follows: chemical shift (ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet). Solvents were purified by using the following method: DMF and DMSO were dried over CaH_2 for 24 h and distilled under reduced pressure. Toluene and dioxane were dried over sodium for 4 h, and distilled under N_2 atmosphere. $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ was refluxed in acetic anhydride for 5 h before using. The reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware sealed with Teflon screw caps using the vacuum line technique. Reactions were stirred using Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. Elevated temperatures were maintained using thermostat-controlled silicone oil baths.

2. General method for the synthesis of ketones

Ketone (0.5 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (5 mol %), $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1.5 mmol), H_2O (2 mmol) and DMF (2 mL) were added to an oven-dried 25 mL pressure tube (with a Teflon cap). The reaction tube was evacuated and refilled with N_2 three times. The sealed tube was then placed in a 110 °C oil bath and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, quenched by water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 x 45 mL), and dried over MgSO_4 . After the evaporation, the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the products.

3. Deuterium labeling experiments

3.1 Deuterium labeling experiments by using D_2O

Ketone (0.5 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (5 mol %), $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1.5 mmol), D_2O (2 mmol), DMF (2 mL) and a stir bar were added to an oven-dried 25 mL pressure tube (with a Teflon cap). The reaction tube was degassed and refilled with N_2 for 3 times. Tube was then sealed and placed in a 110 °C oil bath and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, diluted with

water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 x 45 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. After the evaporation of solvent, the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the product **4a**.

3.2 Deuterium labeling experiments by using *d*₇-DMF

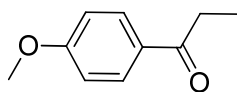
Ketone (0.5 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (5 mol %), (NH₄)₂S₂O₈ (1.5 mmol), H₂O (2 mmol), *d*₇-DMF (0.7 mL) and a stir bar were added to an oven-dried 25 ml pressure tube (with a Teflon cap). The reaction tube was degassed and refilled with N₂ for 3 times. Tube was then sealed and placed in a 110 °C oil bath and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 x 45 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. After the evaporation of solvent, the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to afford the product **4b**.

4. Preparation of aryl vinyl ketone **4c**

A 0.7 M solution of vinylmagnesium bromide (22 mL, 15.4 mmol) in THF was added via syringe pump to a solution of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (14.0 mmol) in THF (45 mL) at -78 °C over 30 min. Upon complete addition, the reaction solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight, then quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (25 mL), stirred for 20 min, and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (25 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in DMSO (10 mL), and IBX (5.096 g, 18.2 mmol) was added in two equal portions over 5 min at room temperature. The reaction solution was stirred for 1.3 h at room temperature, and then water (30 mL) and diethyl ether (30 mL) were added. The biphasic mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and rinsed with diethyl ether (40 mL), and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was then extracted with diethyl ether (2 x 25 mL), and the combined organic layer was washed with water (3 x 25 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂) eluting with hexanes and ethyl acetate to afford the products **4c**.

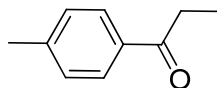
5. Analytic data for products

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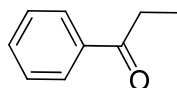
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 6.93 (d, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.96 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.22 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 163.3, 130.2, 130.0, 113.7, 55.4, 31.4, 8.4; IR (KBr): 3065, 2976, 1681, 1571, 1451, 1311, 1228, 1099, 950 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 187.0730; found: 187.0732.

1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one (2b)



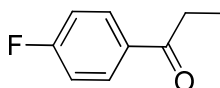
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.17 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 2.90 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.14 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.5, 143.6, 134.5, 129.2, 128.1, 31.6, 21.6, 8.3; IR (KBr): 3031, 2938, 1685, 1573, 1454, 1371, 1225, 1111, 952 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{H}^+)$ 149.0966; found: 149.0961.

Propiophenone (2c)



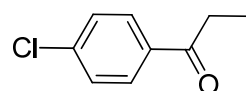
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H), 2.93 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.15 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.8, 137.0, 132.9, 128.5, 128.0, 31.8, 8.2; IR (KBr): 3063, 2978, 1682, 1583, 1464, 1301, 1225, 1105, 937 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 157.0624; found: 157.0629.

1-(4-Fluorophenyl)propan-1-one (2d)



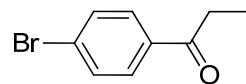
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (q, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.98 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.23 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.2, 165.6 (d, $J = 252.8$ Hz), 133.7 (d, $J = 3$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J = 9$ Hz), 115.6 (d, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 31.7, 8.2; IR (KBr): 2925, 1693, 1601, 1507, 1463, 1357, 1227, 1160, 960, 855, 805 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 175.0530; found: 175.0536.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propan-1-one (2e)



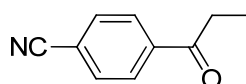
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.43 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 2.98 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.23 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 139.2, 135.2, 129.3, 128.9, 31.8, 8.1; IR (KBr): 2975, 2931, 1693, 1463, 1385, 1277, 1041, 885, 738 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 191.0234; found: 191.0236.

1-(4-Bromophenyl)propan-1-one (2f)



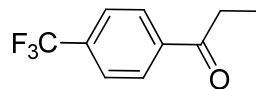
White solid. mp = 47-48 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84-7.81 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.60 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 2.97 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.22 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 135.6, 131.9, 129.5, 128.0, 31.8, 8.1; IR (KBr): 3059, 3009, 1685, 1579, 1357, 1224, 1071, 1013, 955, 796 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 234.9729; found: 234.9722.

4-Propionylbenzonitrile (2g)



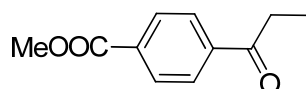
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.2$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.05 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.77 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 3.03 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.25 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 139.8, 132.5, 128.4, 118.0, 116.2, 32.2, 7.9; IR (KBr): 3050, 3003, 1696, 1465, 1404, 1365, 1227, 955, 802 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 182.0576; found: 182.0576.

1-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (2h)



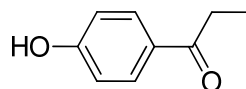
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.73 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 3.04 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.25 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 139.6, 134.2 (q, $J = 275.5$ Hz), 128.3, 125.6 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.6 (d, $J = 270.6$ Hz), 32.1, 8.0; IR (KBr): 2967, 2928, 1682, 1599, 1460, 1327, 1260, 1174, 1030, 955 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 225.0498; found: 225.0496.

Methyl 4-propionylbenzoate (2i)



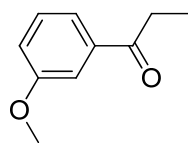
White solid. $R_f = 0.2$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 8.01 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.04 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.25 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.2, 166.3, 140.2, 133.7, 129.8, 127.9, 52.4, 32.2, 8.1; IR (KBr): 2967, 1726, 1679, 1446, 1288, 1224, 1113, 960, 758 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 215.0679; found: 215.0681.

1-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)propan-1-one (2j)



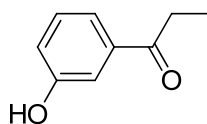
White solid. $R_f = 0.2$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 5.96 (s, 1H), 2.97 (q, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 1.22 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.8, 159.9, 130.6, 130.2, 115.3, 31.4, 8.5; IR (KBr): 3039, 2989, 1660, 1596, 1457, 1377, 1288, 1235, 1160, 988, 849 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$) 151.0759; found: 151.0756.

1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (2k)



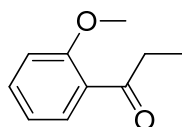
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.36 (t, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.99 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.22 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.6, 159.8, 138.3, 129.5, 120.6, 119.2, 112.3, 55.4, 31.9, 8.3; IR (KBr): 2975, 2936, 1687, 1596, 1463, 1340, 1260, 1046, 783 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 187.0730; found: 187.0735.

1-(3-Hydroxyphenyl)propan-1-one (2l)



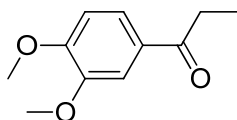
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.2$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.10-7.07 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H), 3.00 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.23 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 201.3, 156.2, 138.3, 129.9, 120.6, 120.3, 114.5, 32.0, 8.2; IR (KBr): 2975, 1679, 1590, 1454, 1374, 1274, 1043, 877, 780 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{H}^+)$ 151.0759; found: 151.0756.

1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (2m)



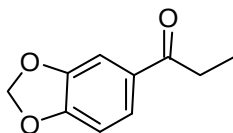
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.2$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68-7.66 (m, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.95 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.99 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.17 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.5, 158.4, 133.1, 130.2, 128.6, 120.6, 111.5, 55.5, 37.0, 8.4; IR (KBr): 3067, 2997, 1682, 1596, 1468, 1288, 1246, 1027, 760 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 187.0730; found: 187.0735.

1-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)propan-1-one (2n)



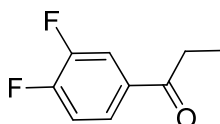
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.98 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.23 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 153.1, 149.0, 130.2, 122.5, 110.2, 110.0, 56.0, 55.9, 31.3, 8.6. IR (KBr): 3086, 2975, 1682, 1590, 1513, 1457, 1265, 1160, 1030, 871 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 217.0835; found: 217.0843.

1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)propan-1-one (2o)



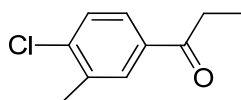
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (t, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 7.36 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 2.85 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.13 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 198.9, 151.5, 148.1, 131.8, 124.1, 107.9, 107.8, 101.8, 31.5, 8.5. IR (KBr): 2978, 2906, 1679, 1610, 1493, 1446, 1249, 1038, 802 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 201.0522; found: 201.0529.

1-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)propan-1-one (2p)



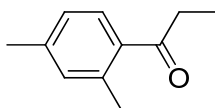
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 1H), 2.96 (q, 2H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.22 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 198.1, 154.8 (d, $J = 13$ Hz), 153.3 (dd, $J = 356.8, 13$ Hz), 149.1 (d, $J = 12$ Hz), 134.0, 124.9 (q, $J = 4$ Hz), 117.4 (m), 31.7, 8.1. IR (KBr): 3057, 2989, 1696, 1612, 1515, 1429, 1283, 1171, 791 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 201.0522; found: 201.0528

1-(4-Chloro-3-methylphenyl)propan-1-one (2q)



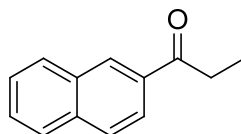
White solid. mp = 40-41 °C. R_f = 0.2 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (d, 1H, J =2.0 Hz), 7.72 (dd, 2H, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz), 7.42(d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.97 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, 3H, J =7.2 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.9, 139.4, 136.5, 135.4, 130.4, 129.3, 126.7, 31.8, 20.1, 8.2; IR (KBr):2978, 2837, 1621, 1562, 1457, 1363, 1271, 1118, 885 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$) 205.0390; found: 205.0396.

1-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)propan-1-one (2r)



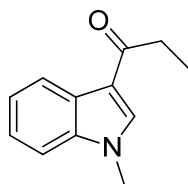
Colorless oil. R_f = 0.4 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.05 (m, 2H), 2.91 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.3, 141.6, 138.5, 135.0, 132.8, 128.9, 126.2, 34.4, 21.5, 21.3, 8.5; IR (KBr):3038, 2954, 1680, 1553, 1468, 1379, 1246, 1176, 950 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$) 163.1123; found: 163.1121.

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)propan-1-one (2s)



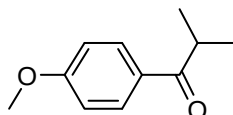
White solid. mp = 64-65 °C. R_f = 0.2 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, 1H, J = 1 Hz), 8.03 (d, 1H, J = 1 Hz), 7.87 (d, 2H, J = 1 Hz), 7.57 (m, 2H), 3.14 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.29 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 199.7, 134.5, 133.3, 131.6, 128.5, 128.5, 127.4, 127.3, 126.7, 125.7, 122.9, 30.8, 7.4; IR (KBr): 2978, 2931, 1687, 1465, 1374, 1193, 1129, 805, 755 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$) 185.0961; found: 185.0964.

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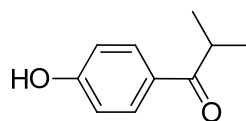
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1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (3a)



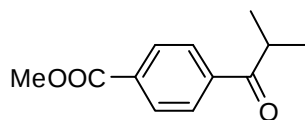
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1-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (3b)



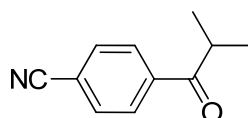
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Methyl 4-isobutyrylbenzoate (3c)



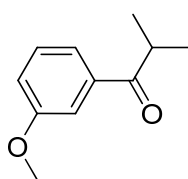
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4-Isobutyrylbenzonitrile (3d)



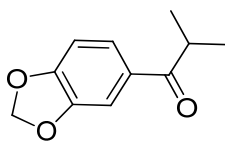
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1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (3e)



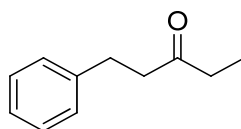
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.35$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.46 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.30 (t, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.03 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.43 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, 6H, $J = 6.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 204.3, 159.9, 137.7, 129.5, 120.8, 119.2, 112.8, 55.4, 35.5, 19.2; IR (KBr): 3075, 2992, 1690, 1590, 1468, 1263, 1010, 816, 744 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 201.0886; found: 201.0889.

1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (3f)



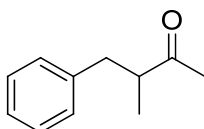
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1-Phenylpentan-3-one (3g-a)



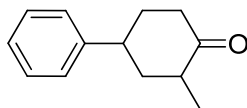
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.35$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 3H), 2.83 (t, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 2.66 (t, 2H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 2.33 (q, 2H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 0.97 (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 209.6, 140.2, 127.5, 127.3, 125.1, 42.9, 35.1, 28.9, 6.7; IR (KBr): 3056, 2917, 1646, 1582, 1460, 1232, 821, 749 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 185.0939; found: 185.0939.

3-Methyl-4-phenylbutan-2-one (3g-b)



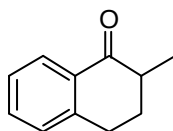
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.36$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 3H), 3.02-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.09 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 212.1, 139.7, 128.9, 128.4, 126.2, 48.8, 38.9, 28.8, 16.2; IR (KBr): 3059, 2959, 1654, 1587, 1463, 1329, 1171, 1124, 1068 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 185.0936; found: 185.0939.

2-Methyl-4-phenylcyclohexanone (3h)



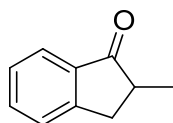
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.32$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.33-7.20 (m, 5H), 3.16-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.22 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, 3H, $J = 8.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 212.5, 144.8, 128.6, 126.7, 126.6, 44.8, 43.5, 43.4, 41.5, 35.0, 14.4; IR (KBr): 3059, 2923, 1646, 1579, 1468, 1388, 1249, 1132, 744 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 211.1093; found: 211.1097.

2-Methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (3i)



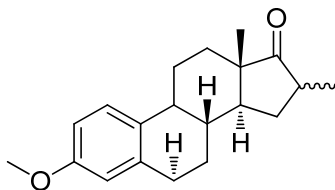
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 8.04 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.47-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 2H), 3.04-2.95 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.27 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 200.7, 144.2, 133.1, 132.4, 128.7, 127.4, 126.5, 42.6, 31.4, 28.8, 15.4; IR (KBr): 2934, 2867, 1737, 1610, 1507, 1460, 1257, 1043 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 183.0780; found: 183.0781.

2-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one (3j)



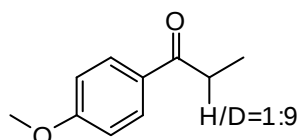
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.76 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.59 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.45 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.37 (t, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.40 (q, 1H, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 2.76-2.70 (m, 2H), 1.32 (d, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 209.4, 153.5, 136.4, 134.7, 127.4, 126.5, 124.0, 42.0, 35.0, 16.3; IR (KBr): 2925, 2864, 1740, 1612, 1504, 1460, 1254, 1041 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 169.0623; found: 169.0628.

(8R,13S,14S)-3-methoxy-13,16-dimethyl-7,8,9,11,12,13,15,16-octahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17(14H)-one



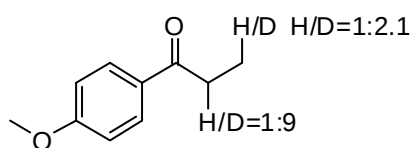
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz) δ 7.20 (d, 1H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.73-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.65-6.64 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.90-2.89 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.16 (m, 6H), 1.99-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.14 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 0.94 (s, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz) δ 223.2, 157.6, 137.8, 132.1, 126.3, 113.9, 111.6, 55.2, 49.1, 48.6, 48.4, 47.7, 44.1, 38.2, 32.0, 30.7, 30.0, 26.8, 25.9, 17.0, 15.3; IR (KBr): 2934, 2867, 1740, 1610, 1499, 1457, 1254, 1043 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(M + \text{Na}^+)$ 321.1825; found: 321.1829.

4a



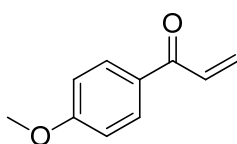
Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, 2H, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.95 (q, 1.8 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.21 (t, 3H, $J = 7.6$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.4, 163.3, 130.2, 130.1, 113.7, 55.4, 31.4-30.8 (m), 8.4.

4b



Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 6.93 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.94 (d, 1.8 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.20-1.18 (m, 0.98 H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 163.3, 130.2, 130.0, 113.7, 55.4, 31.4-30.8 (m), 8.3-7.7(m).

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one(4c)



Colorless oil. $R_f = 0.4$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 9:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3)

δ 7.97 (d, 2H, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.17 (q, 1H, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 6.96 (d, 2H, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 6.42 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.6, 16.8$ Hz), 5.87 (dd, 1H, $J = 1.6, 10.4$ Hz), 3.88 (s, 3H), $J = 7.2$ Hz).

6. References for known products

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3	2c	[S3]
4	2d	[S4]
5	2e	[S5]
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7	2g	[S7]
8	2h	[S8]
9	2i	[S9]
10	2j	[S10]
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12	2l	[S12]
13	2m	[S 13]
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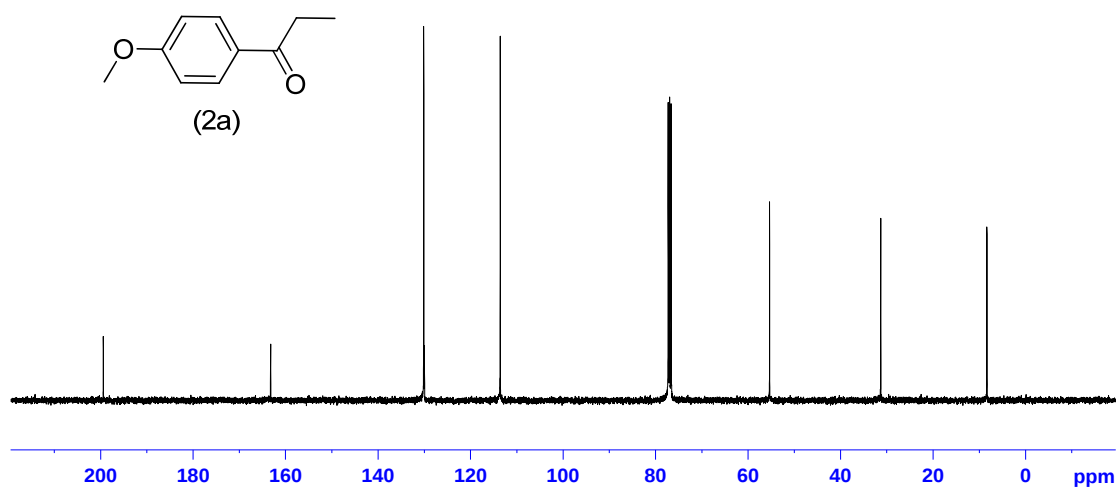
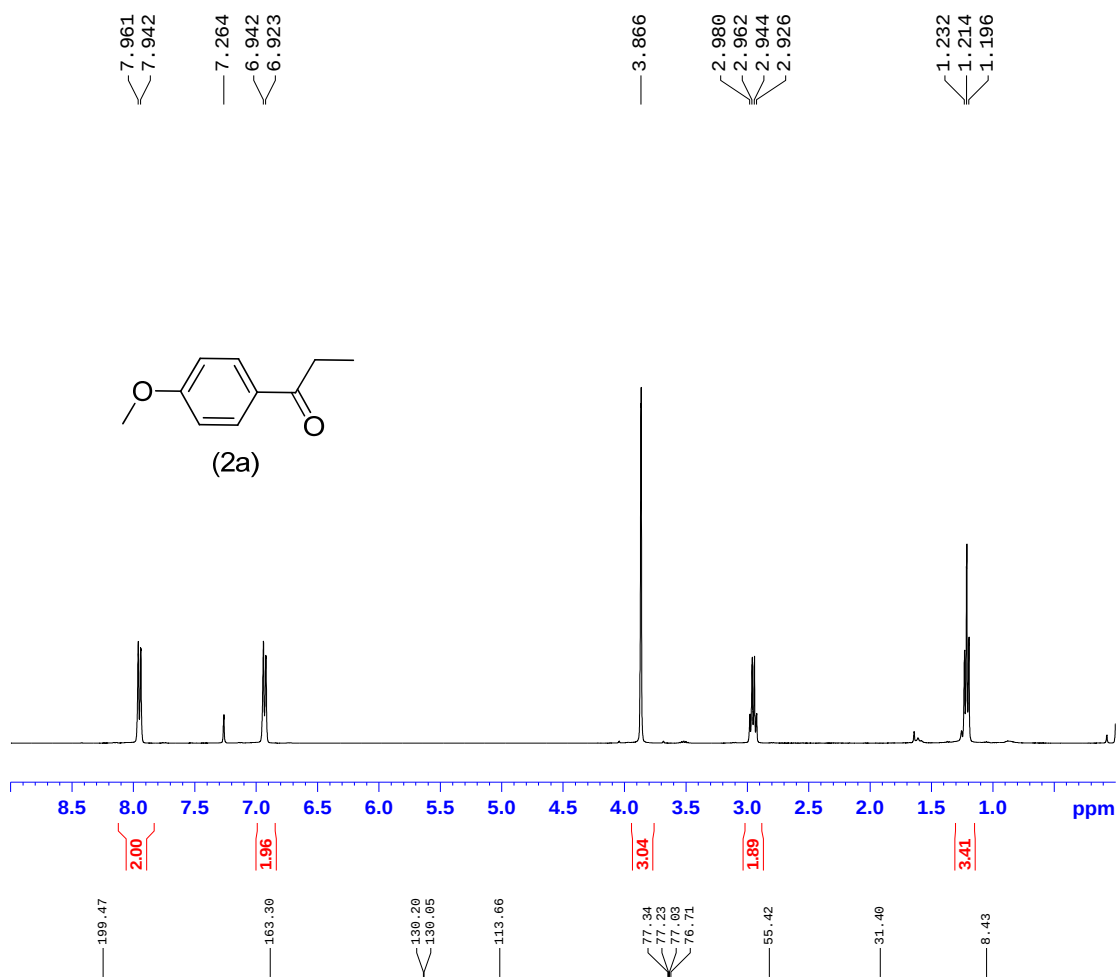
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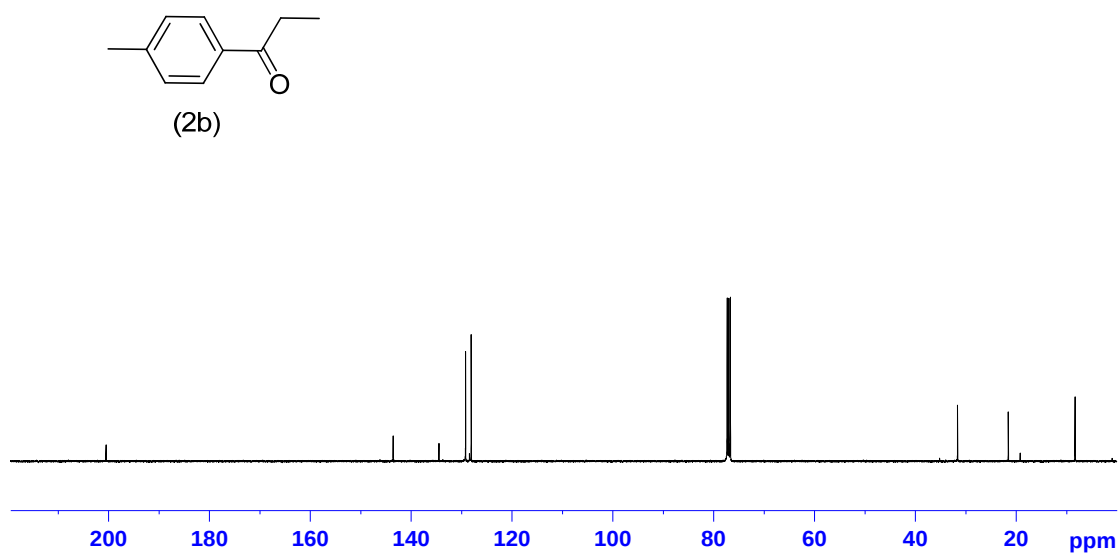
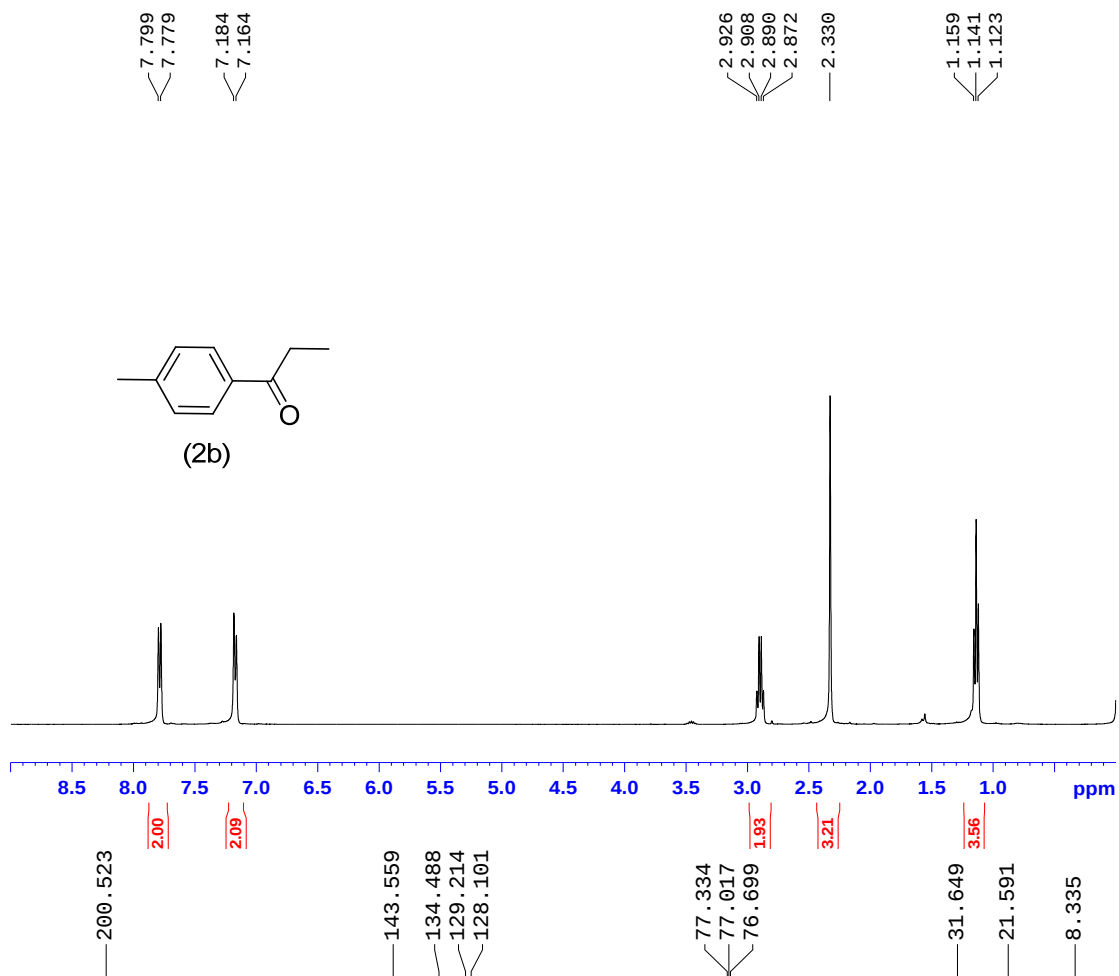
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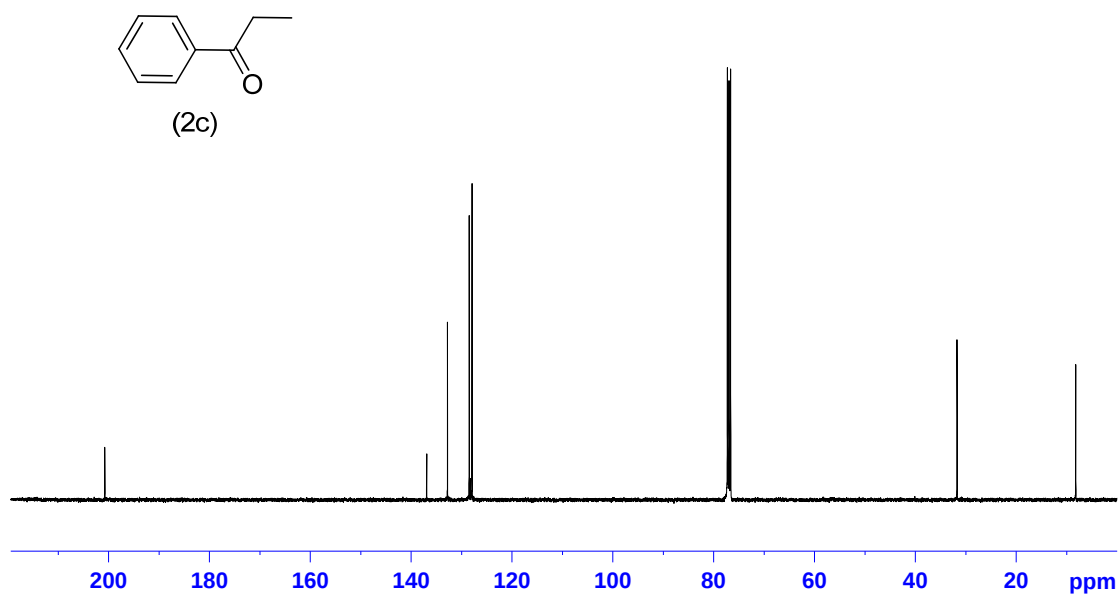
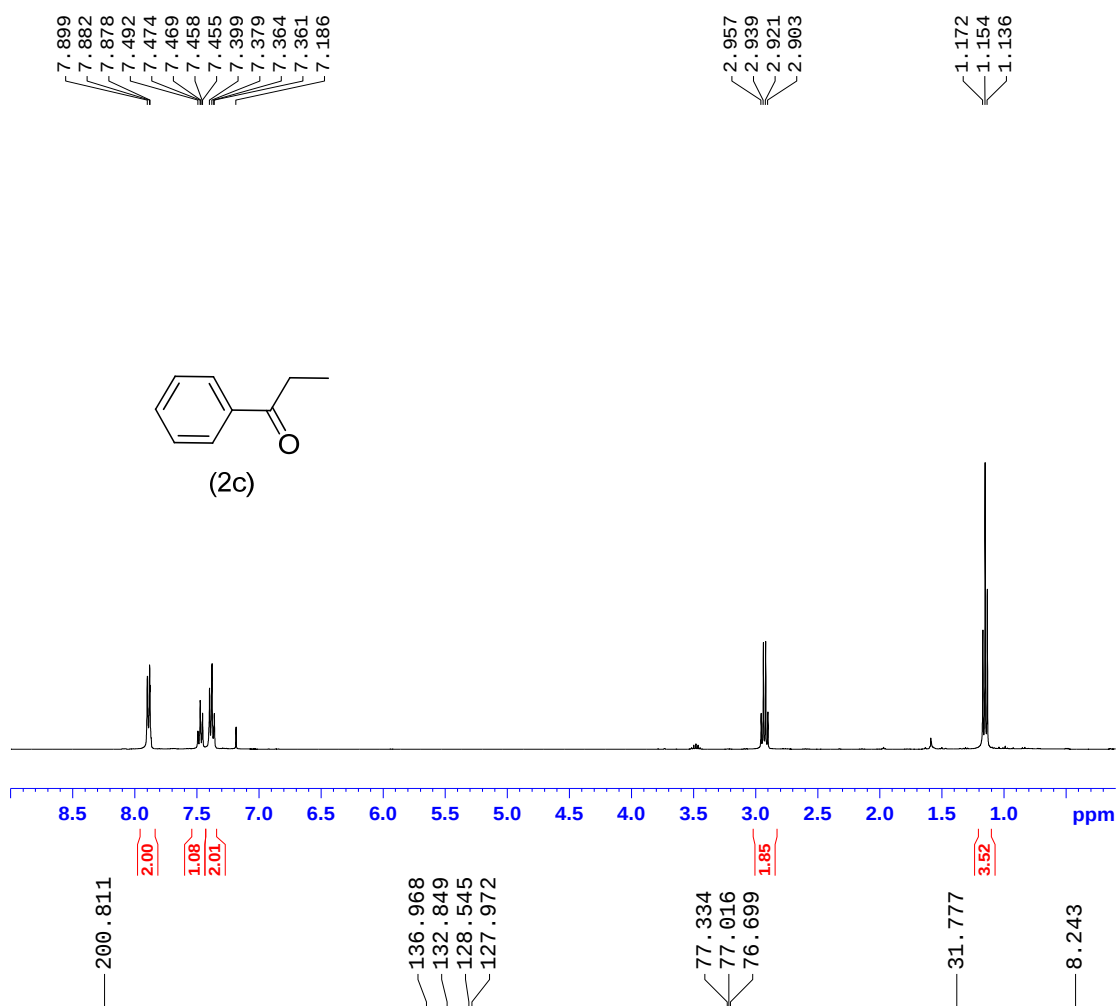
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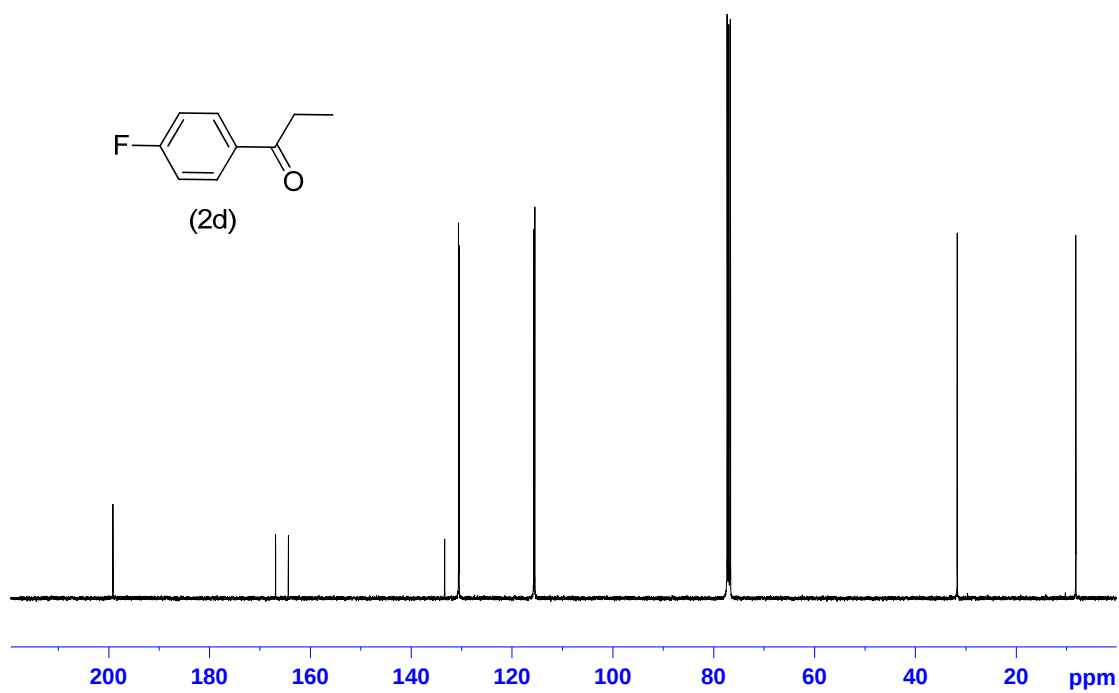
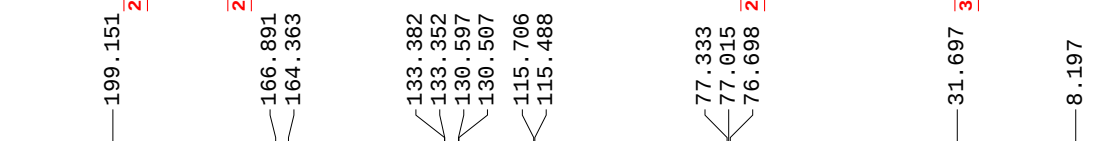
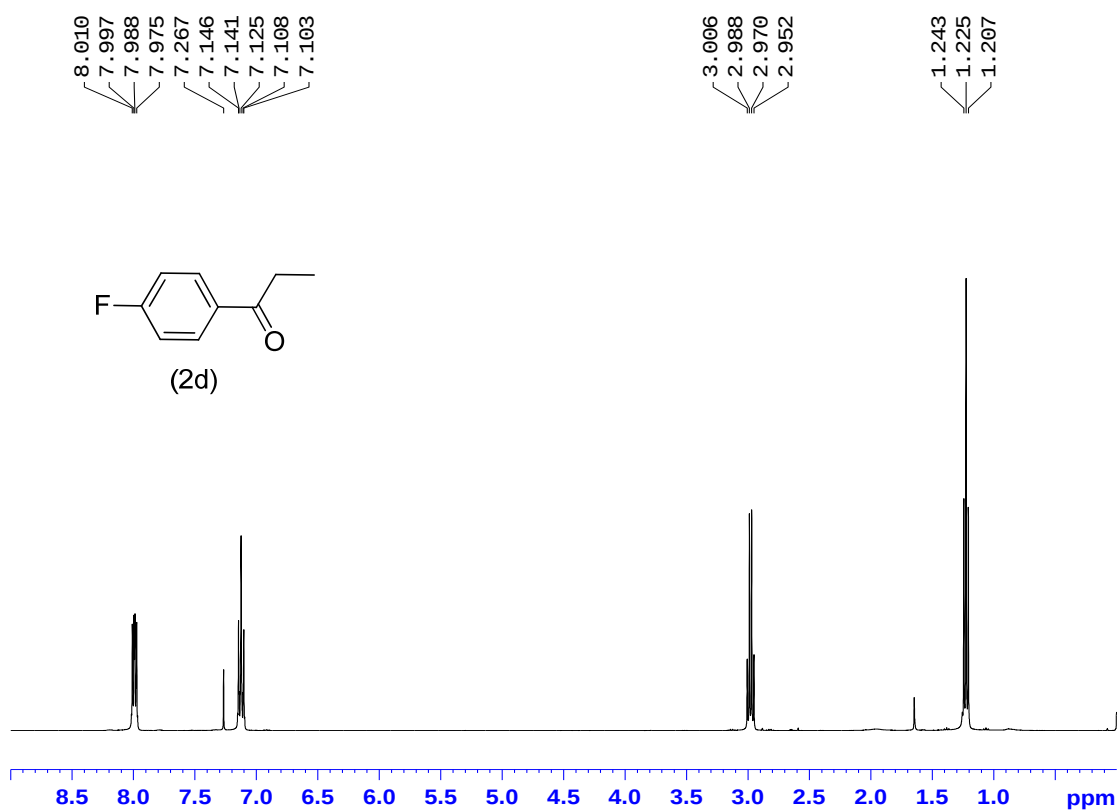
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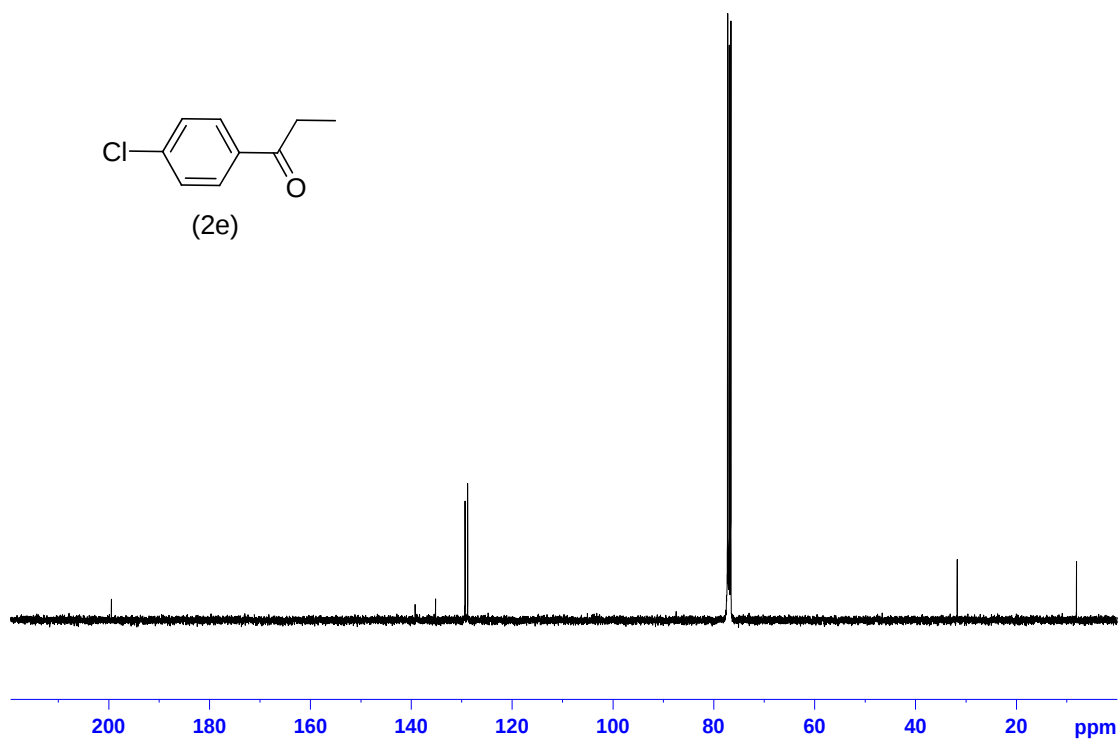
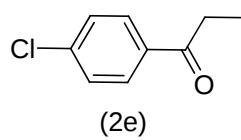
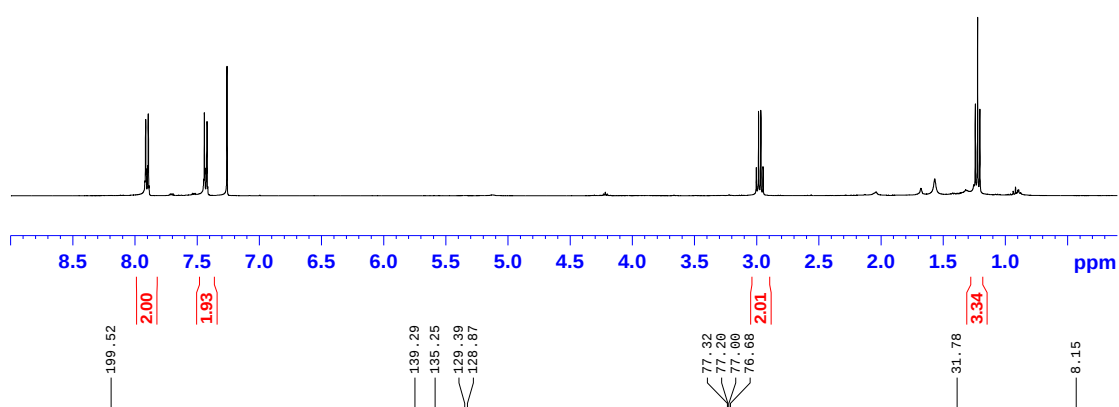
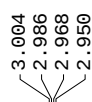
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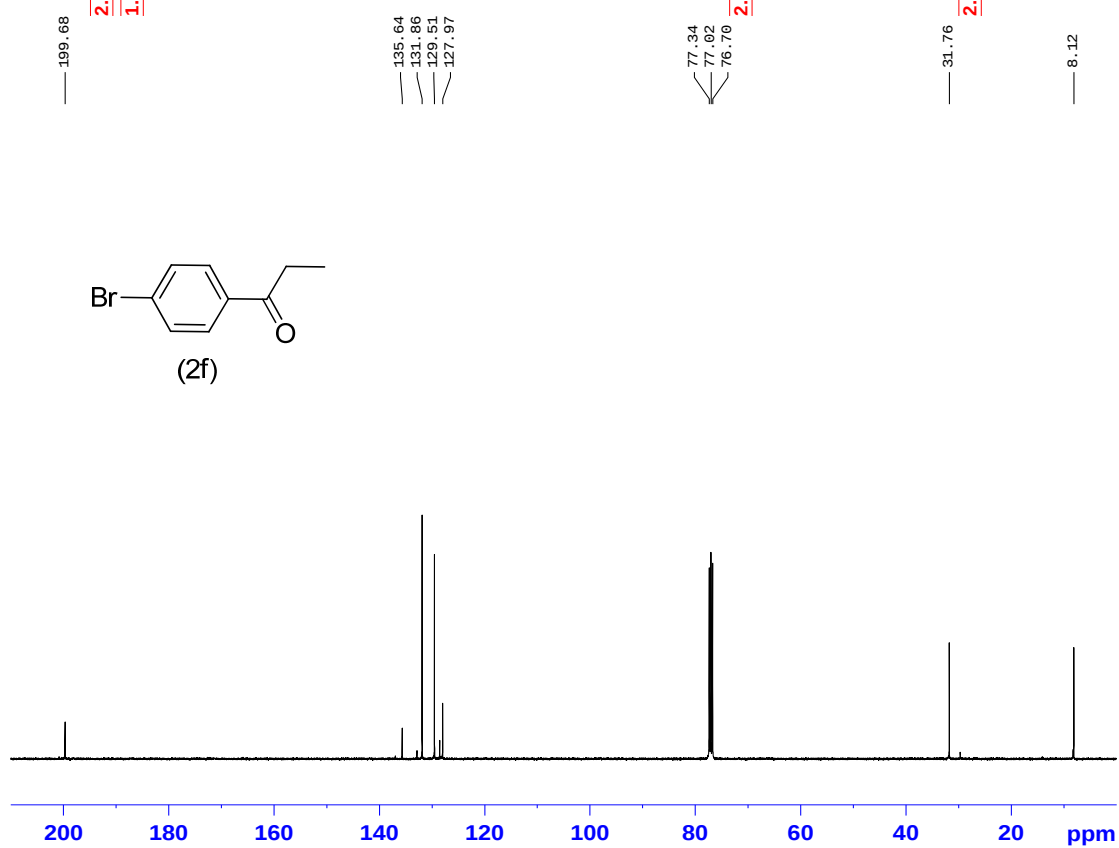
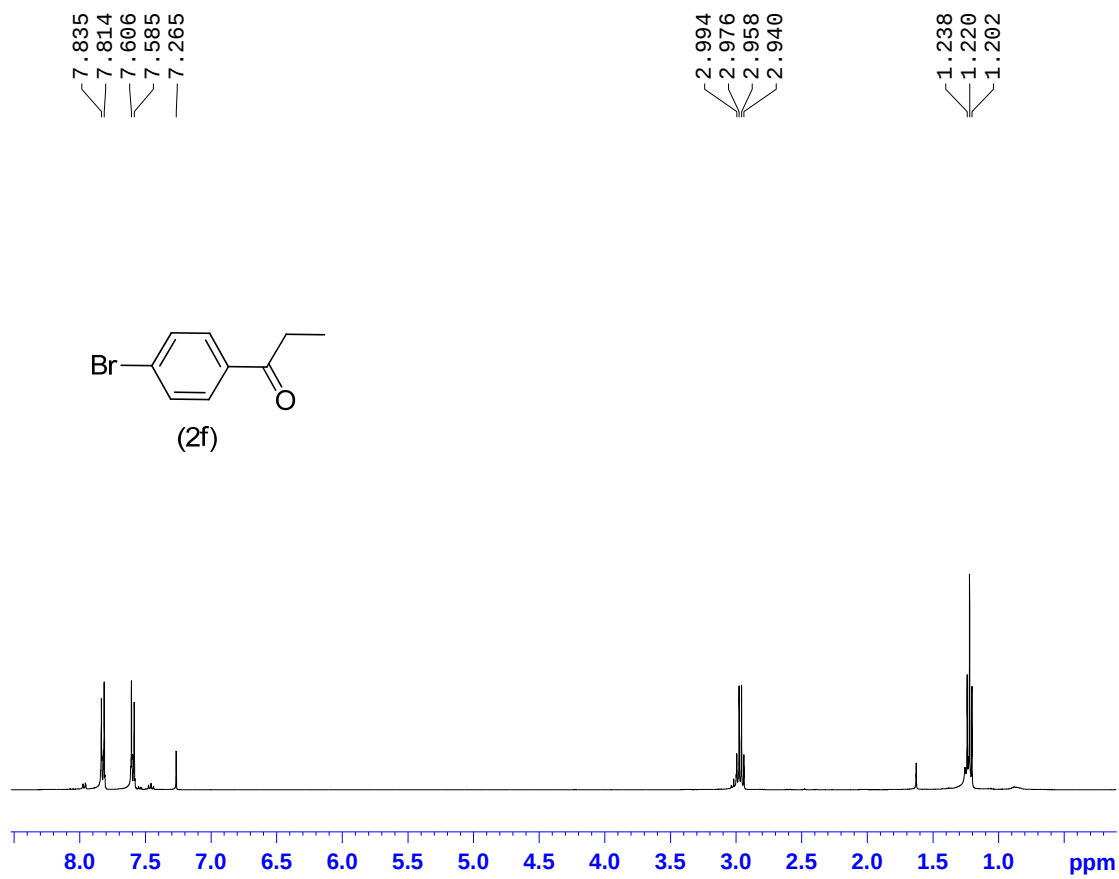


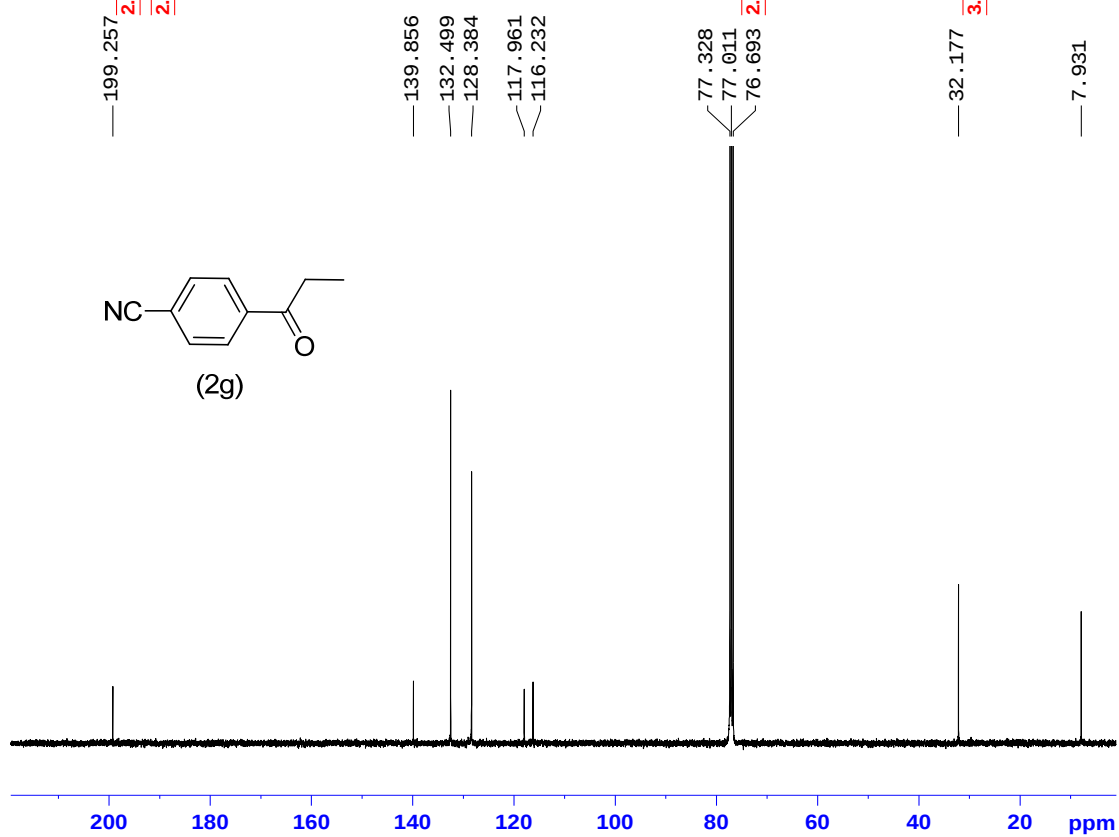
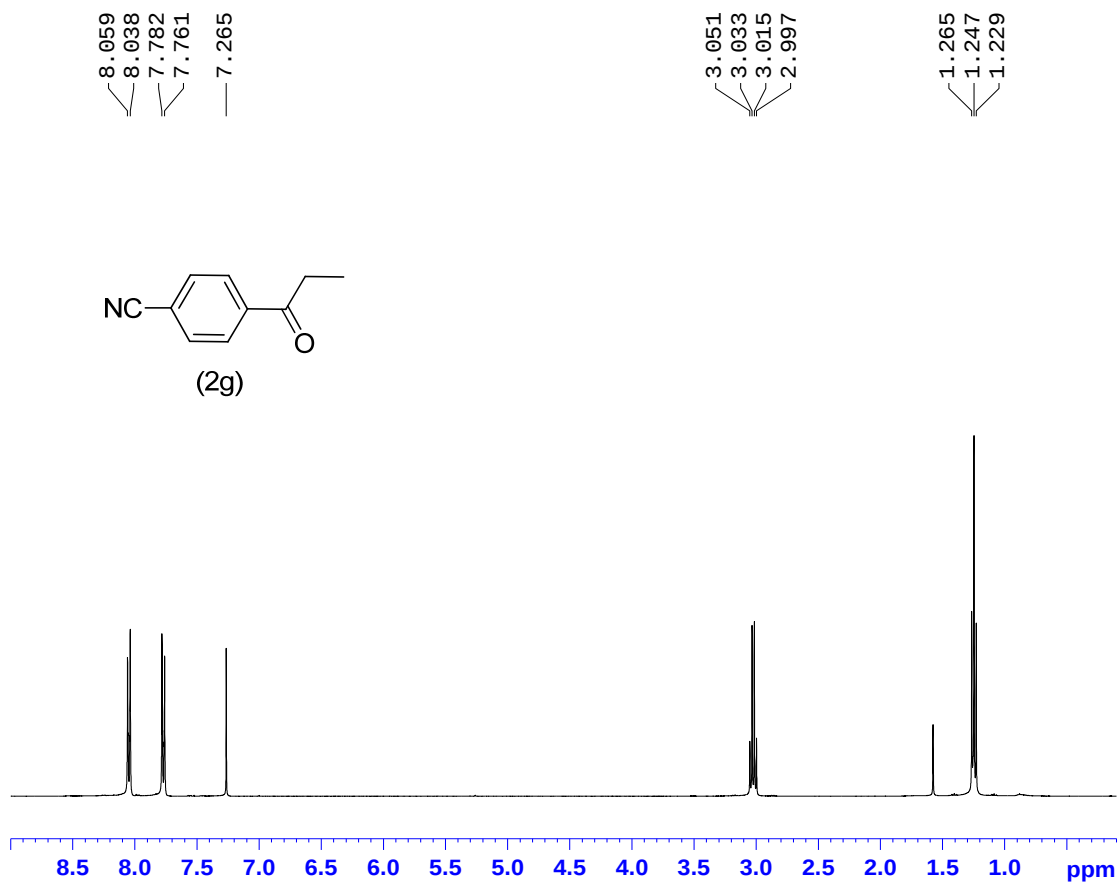


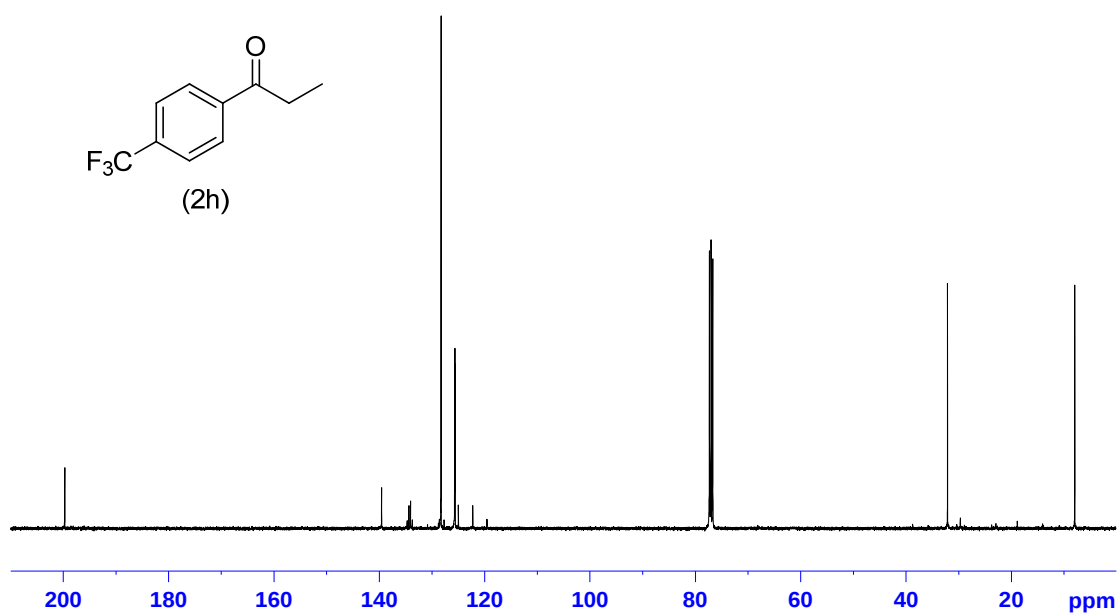
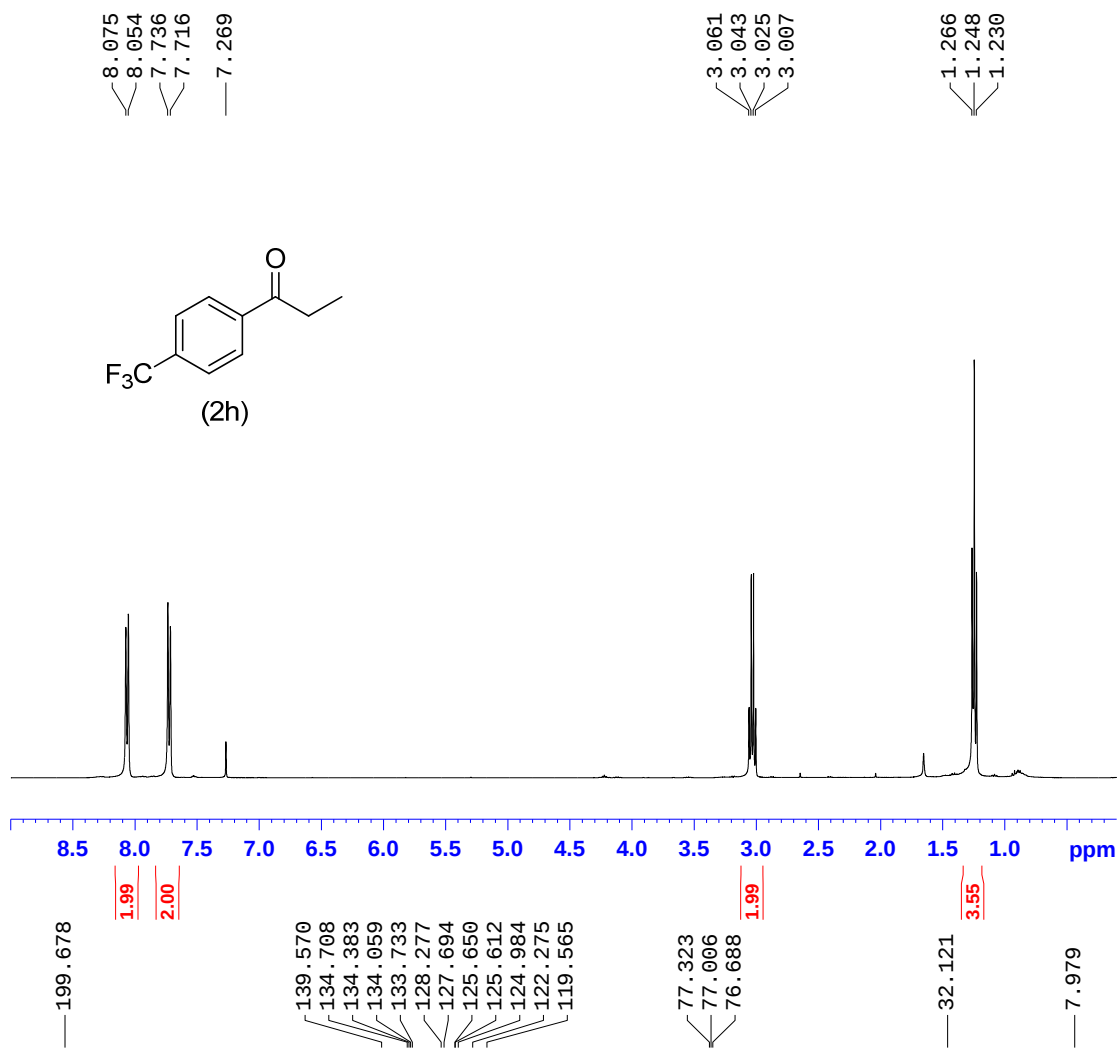


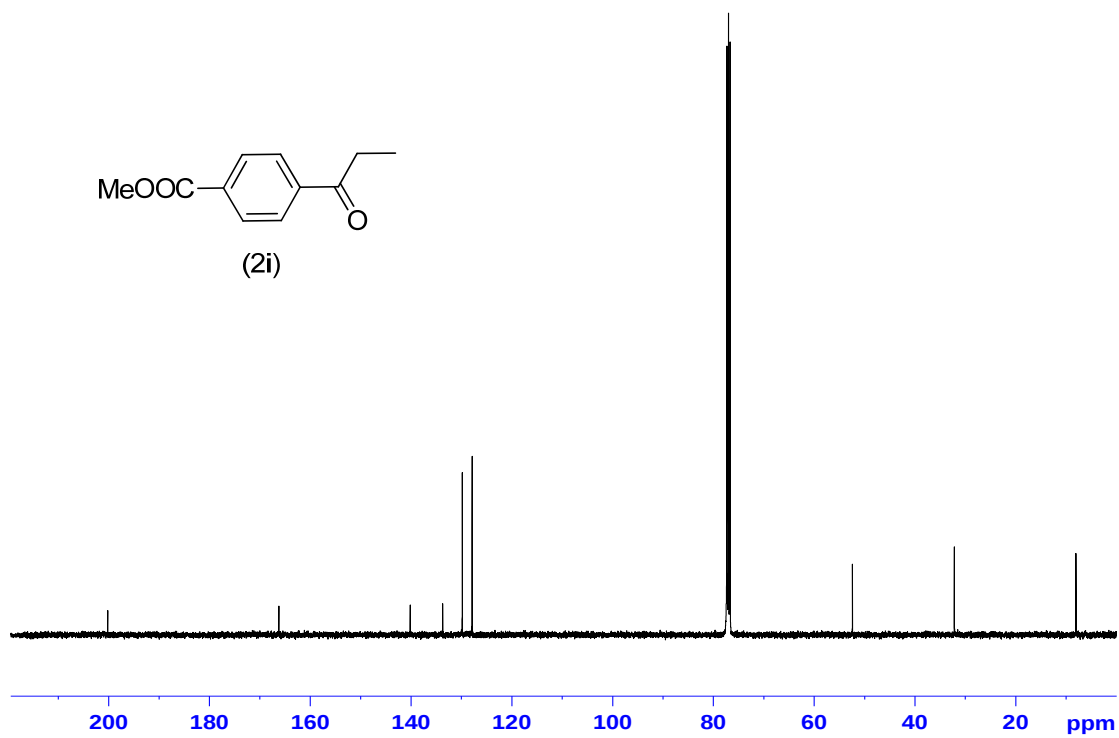
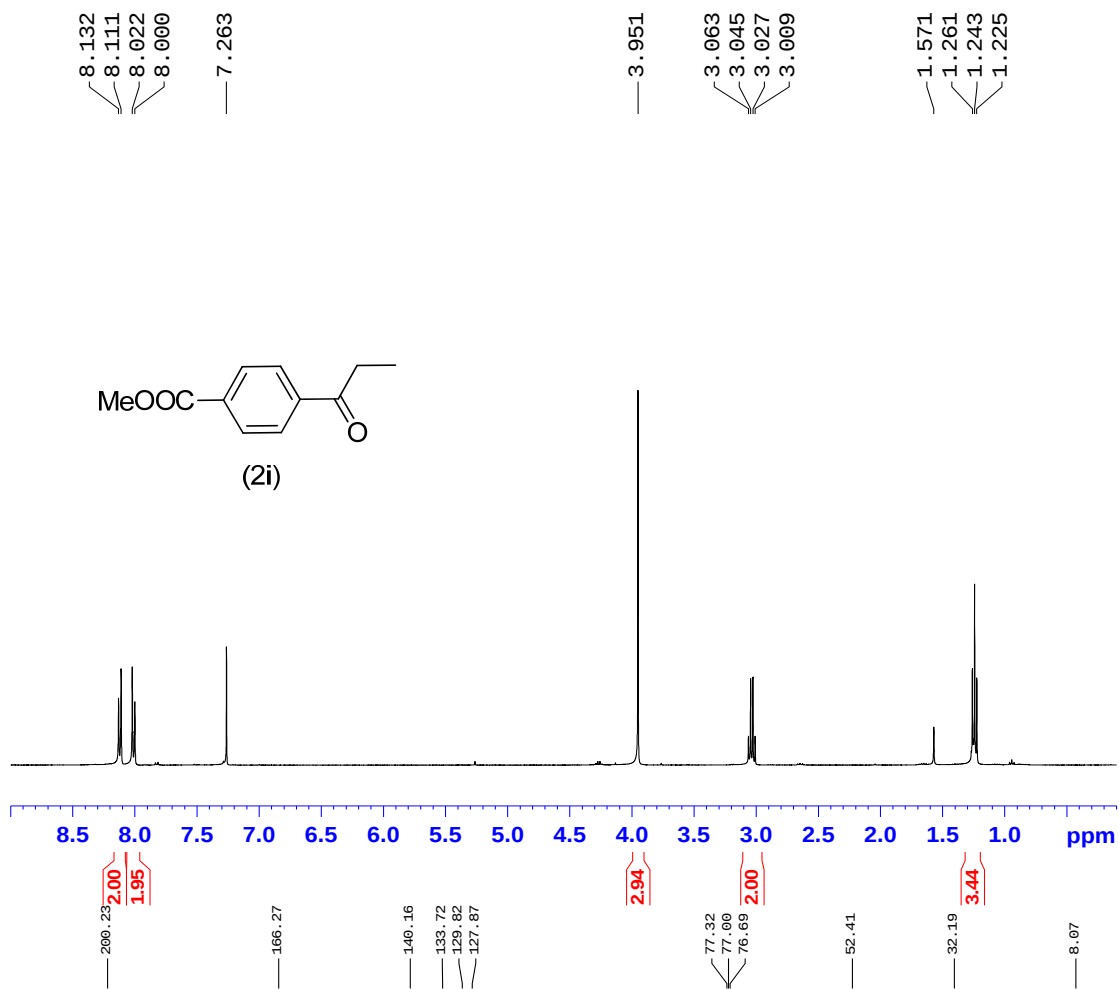


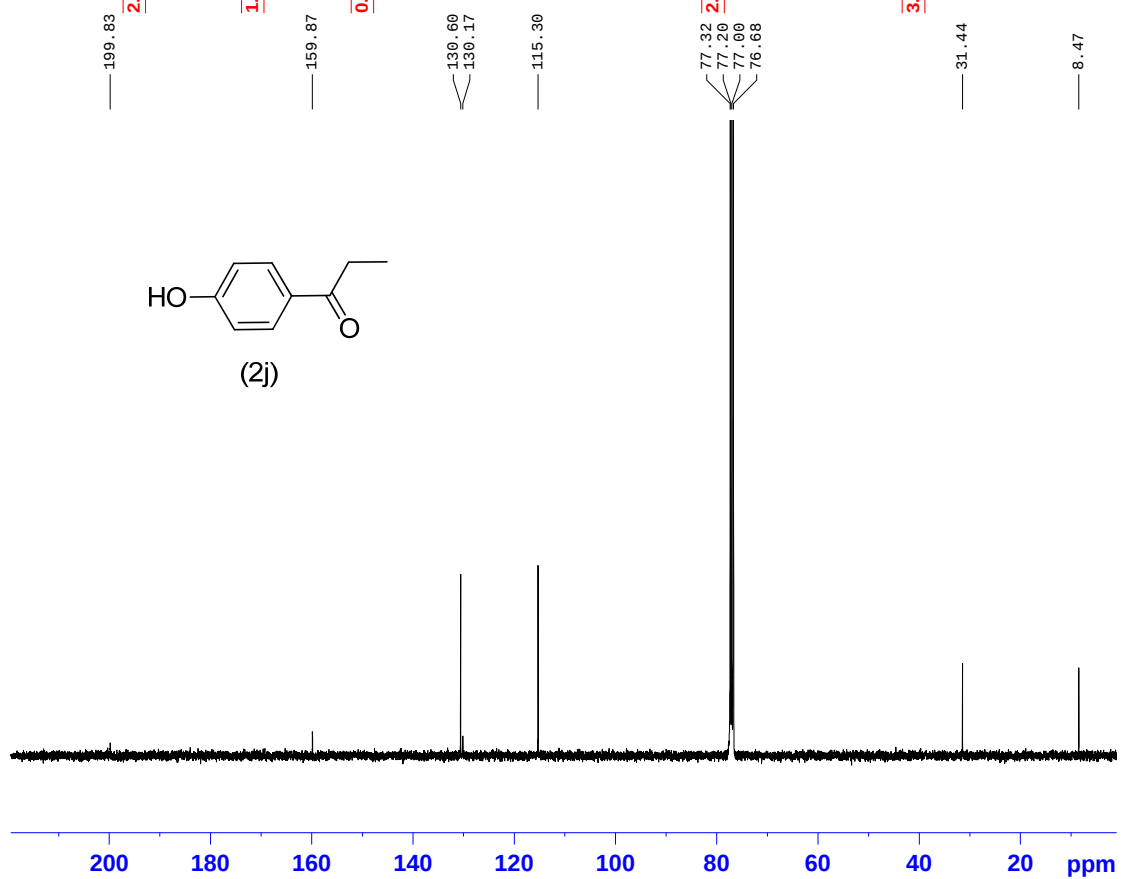
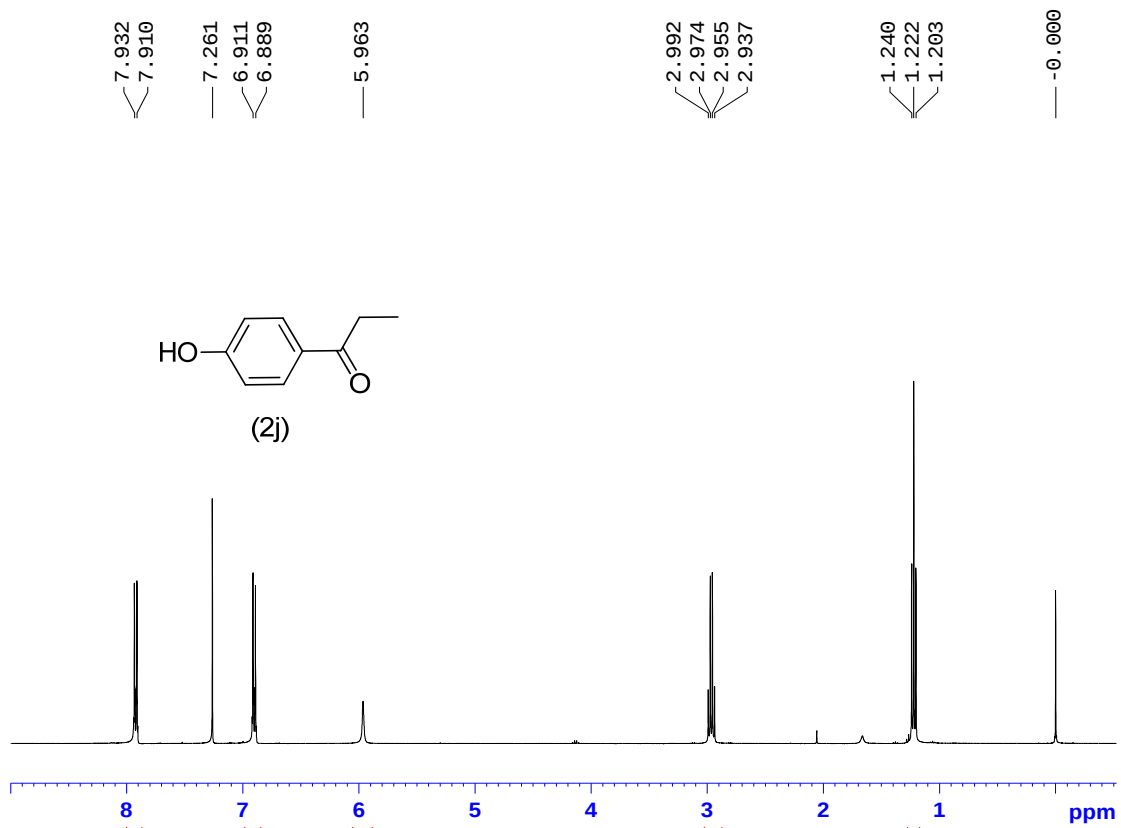


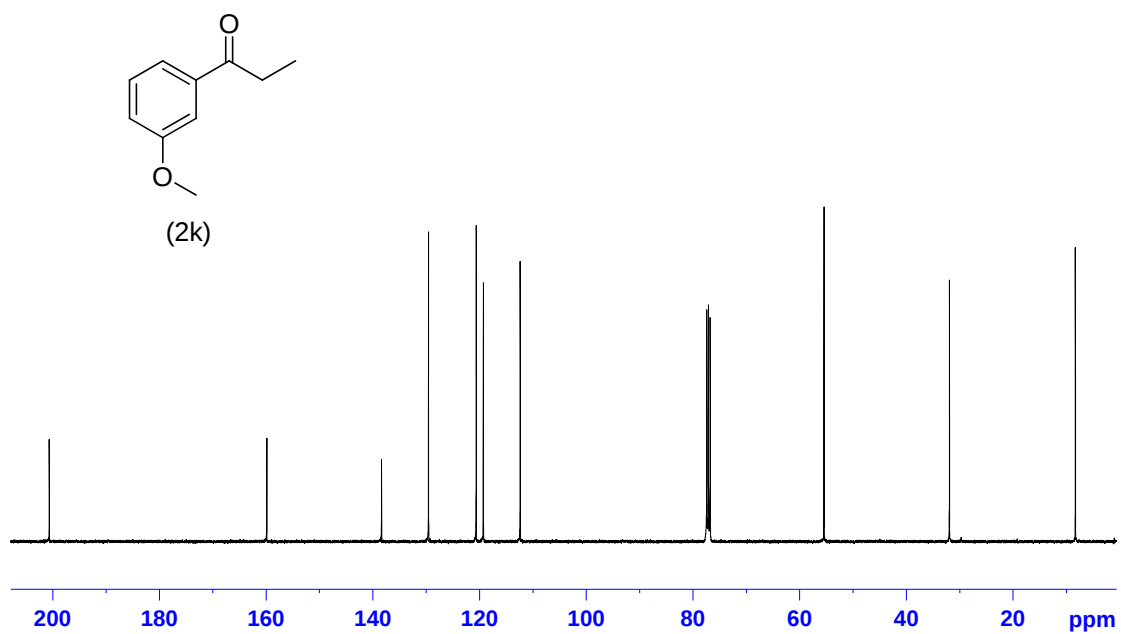
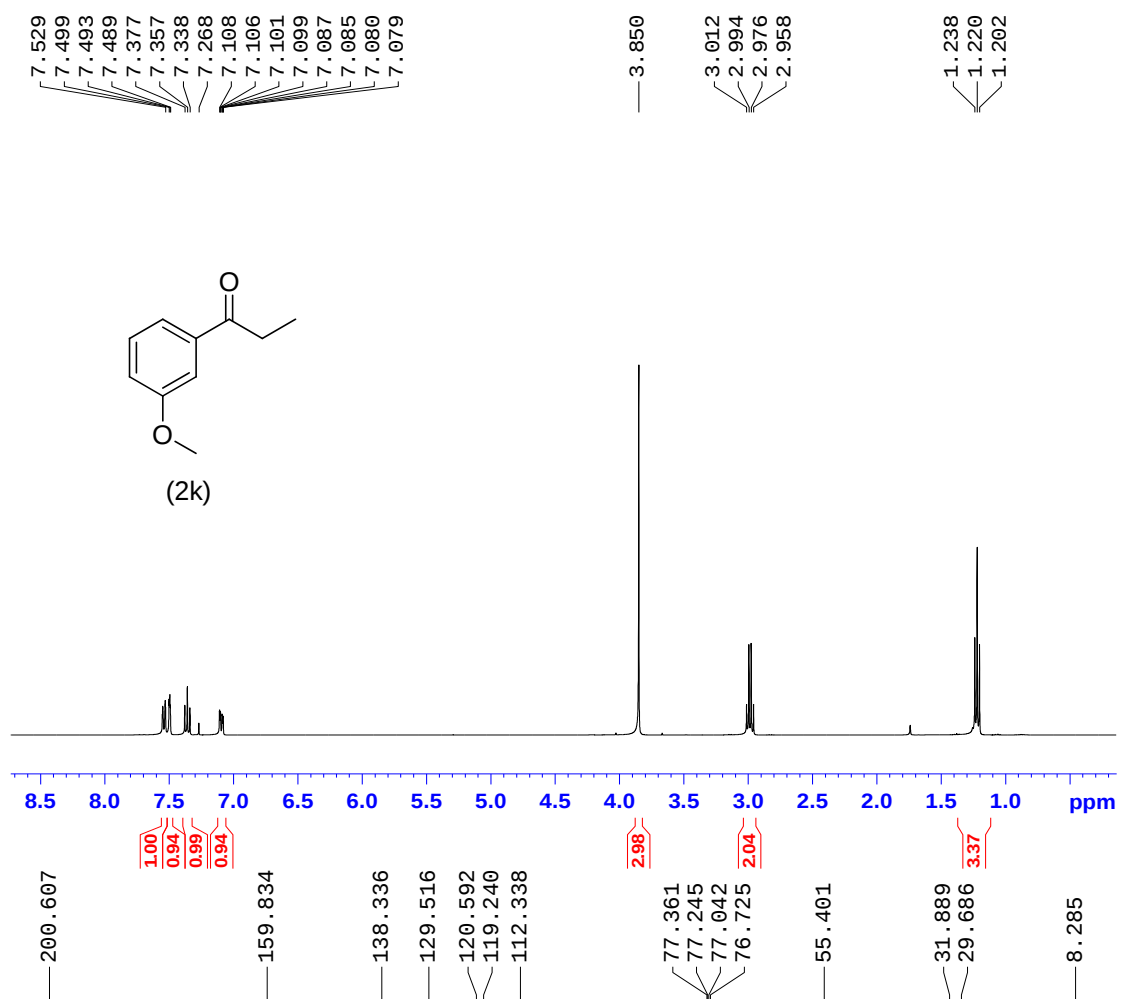


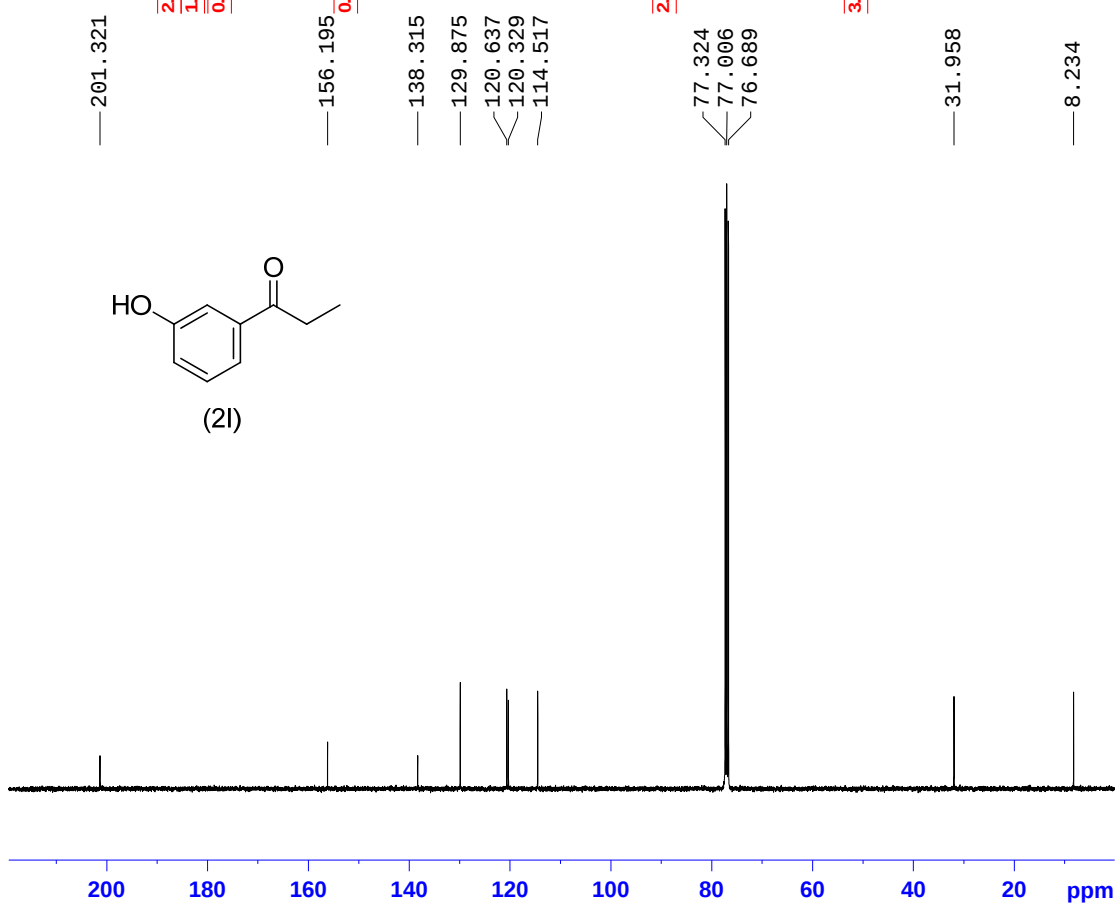
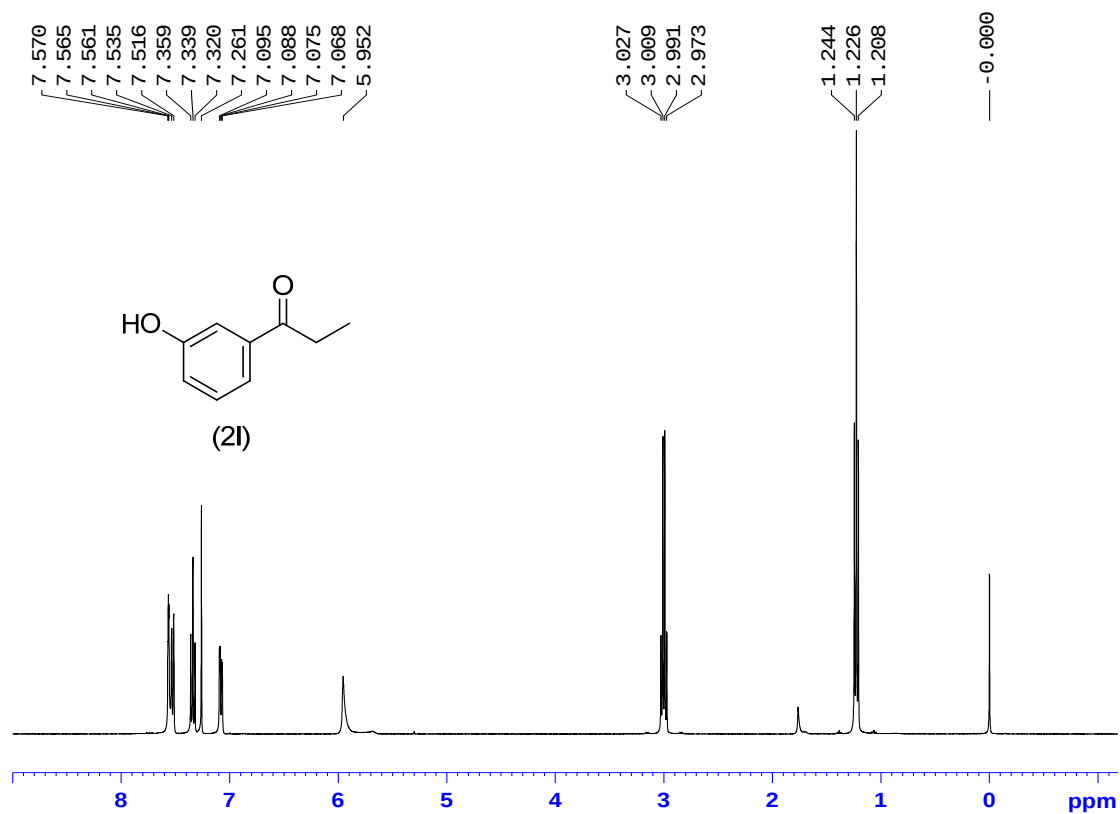


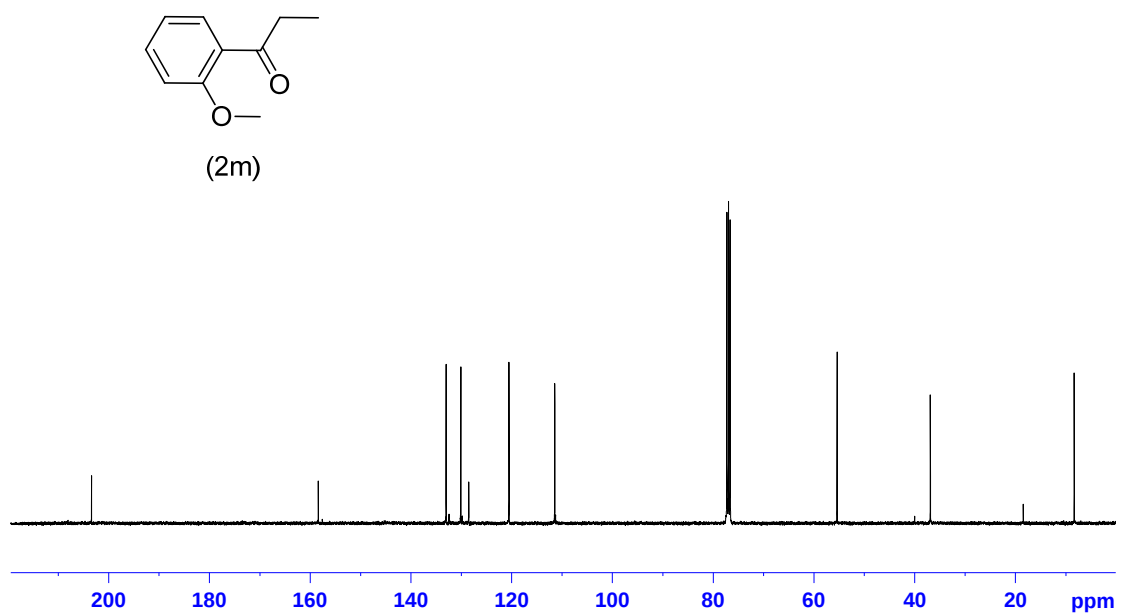
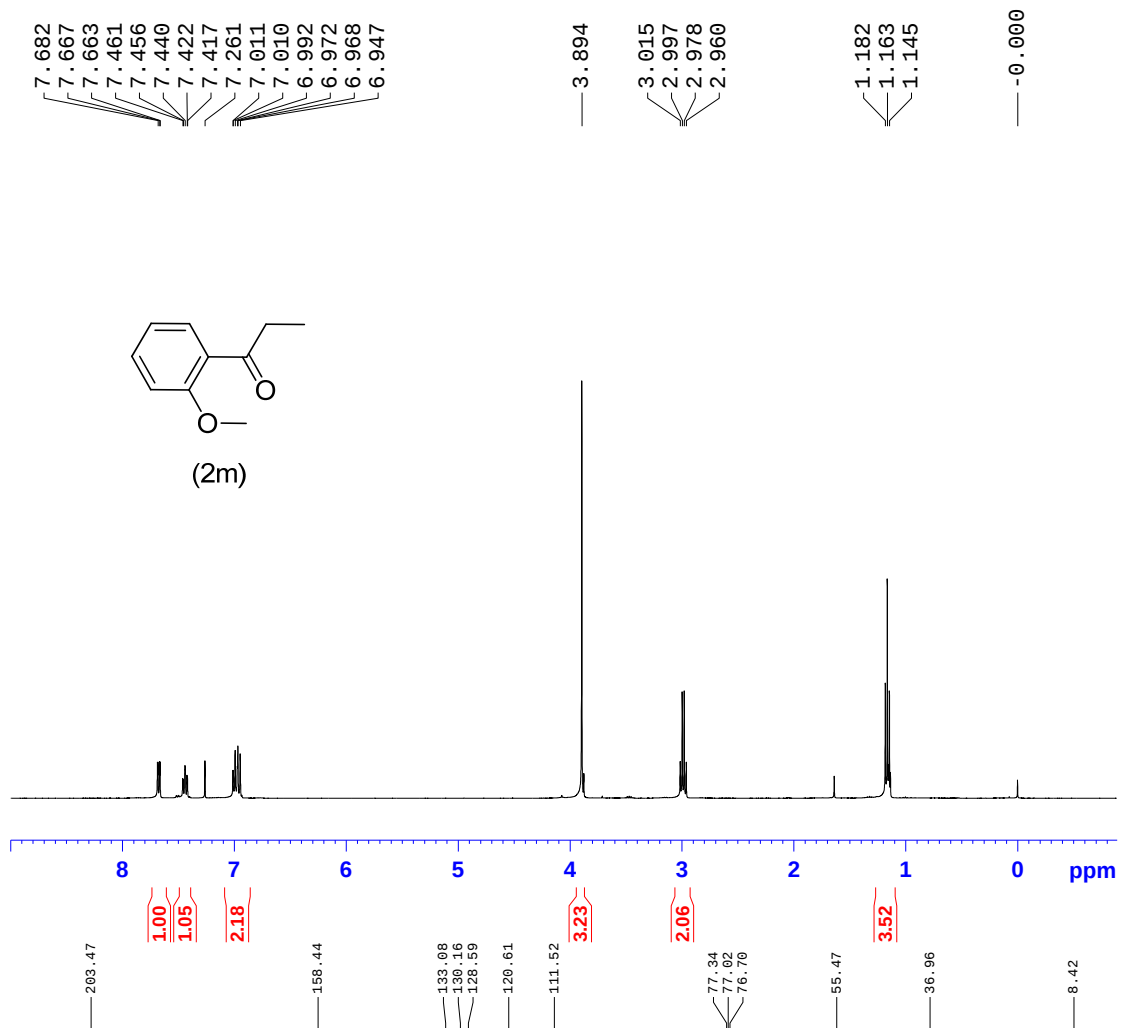


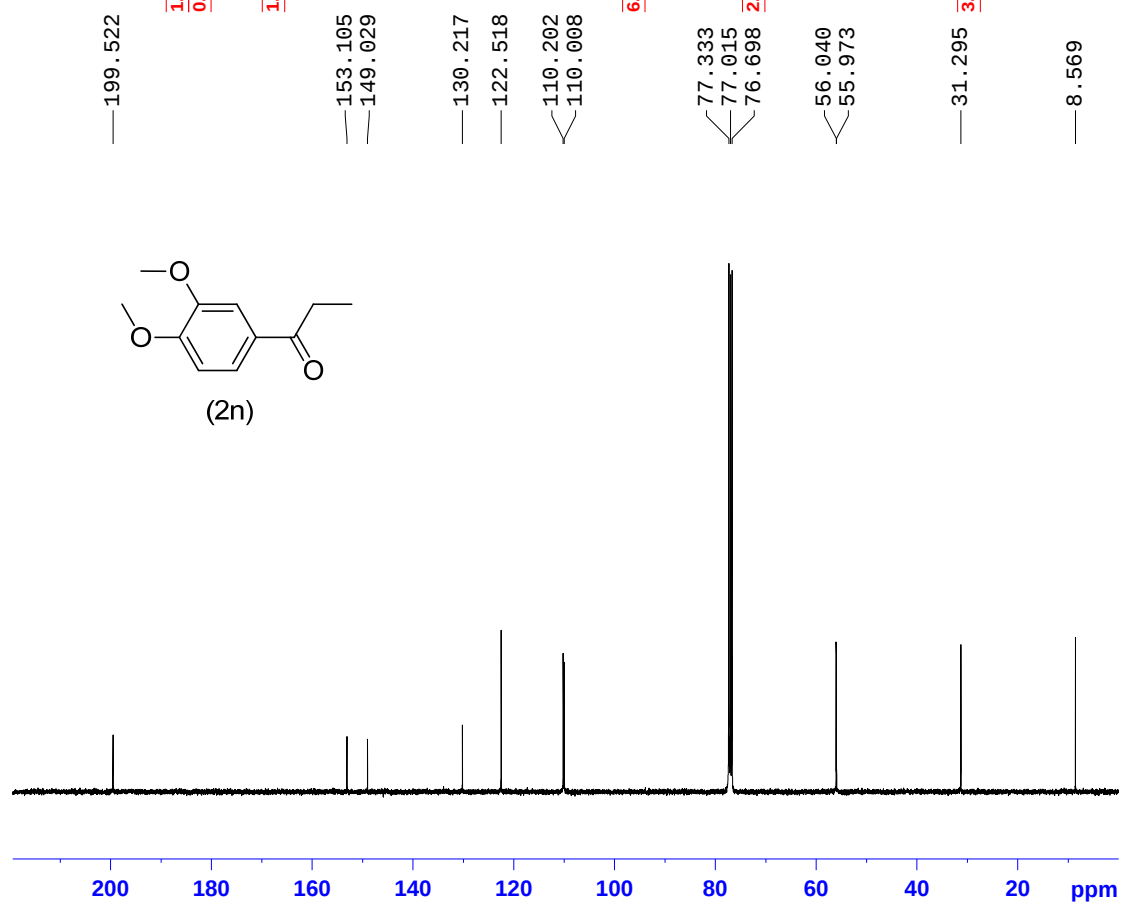
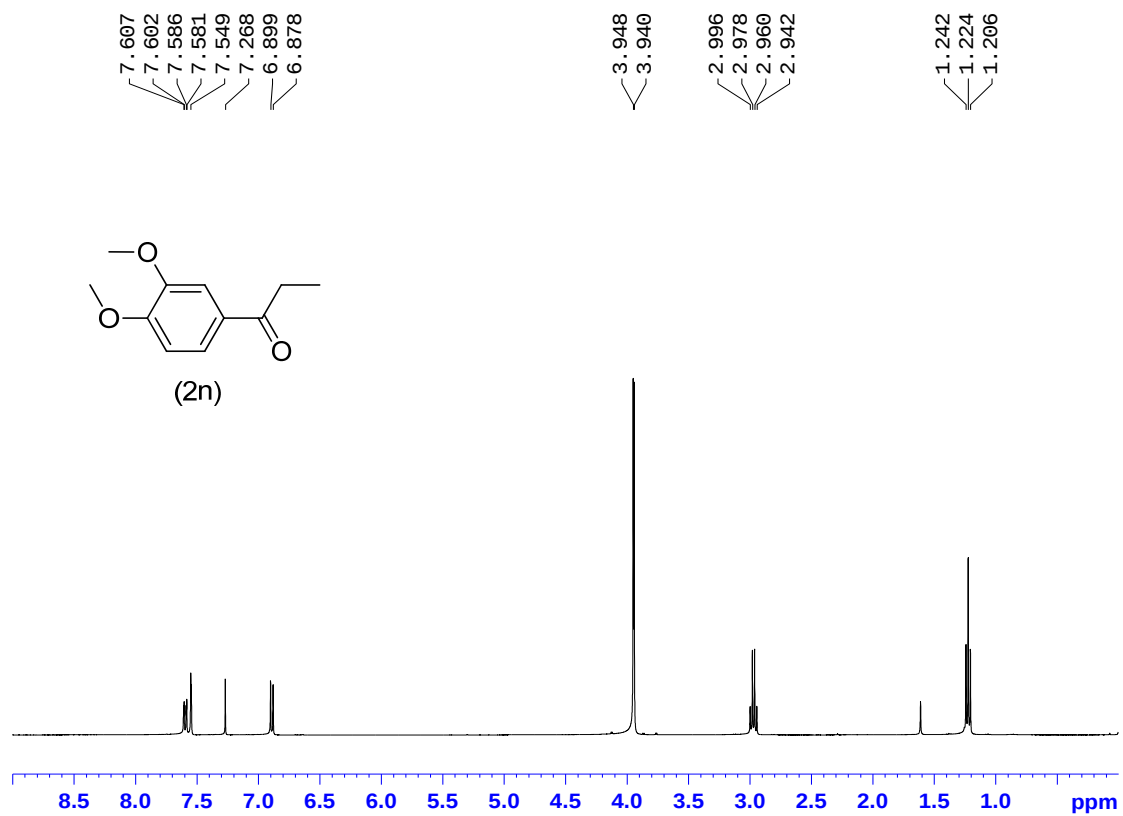


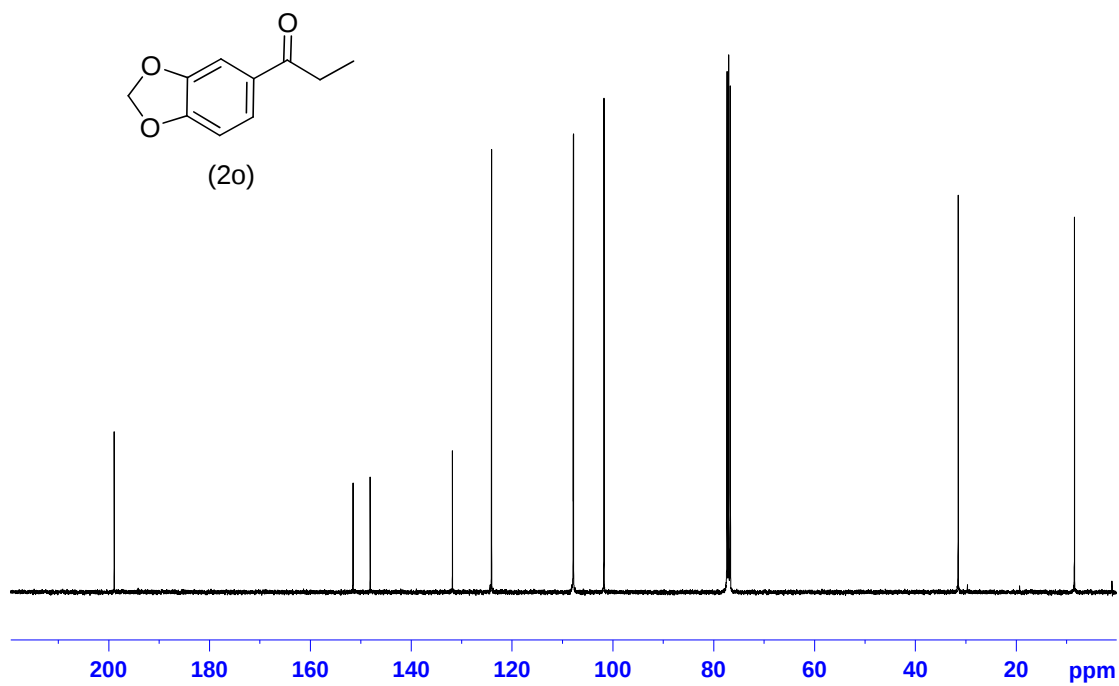
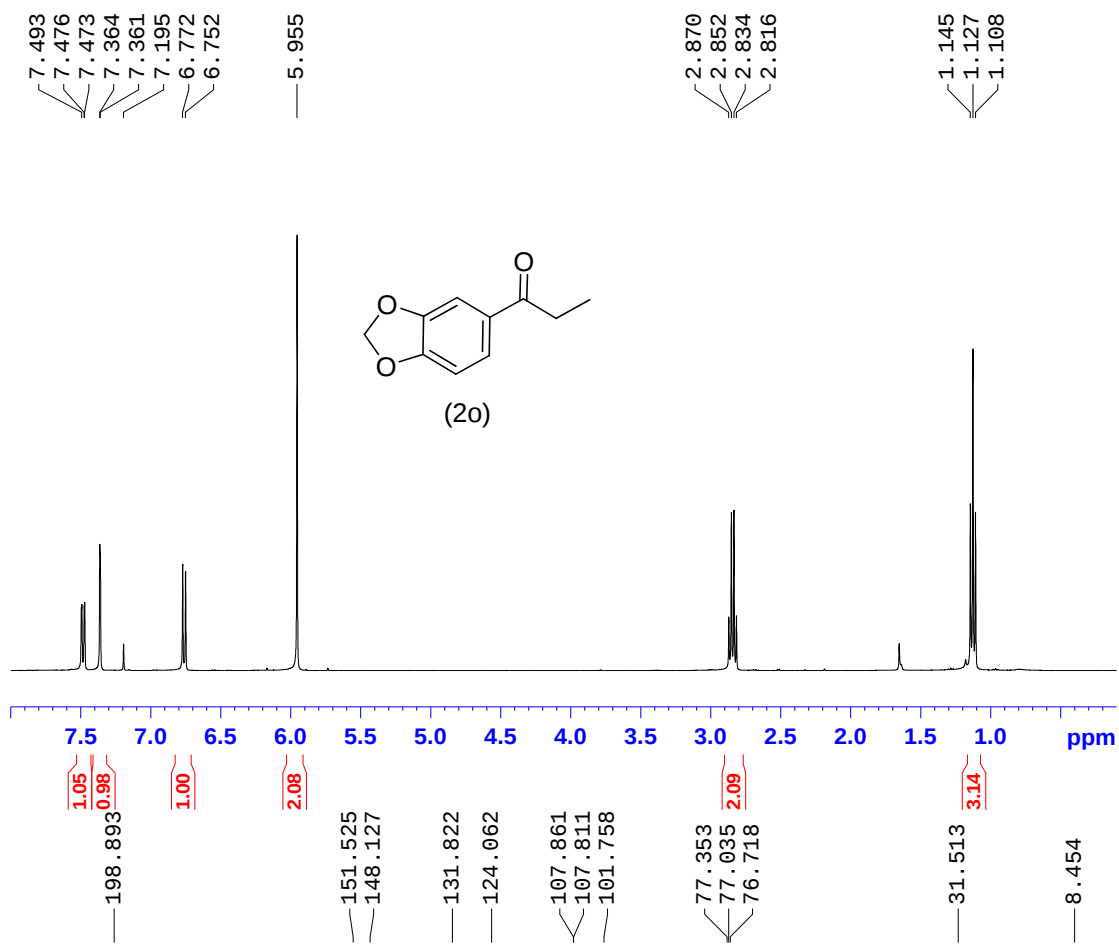


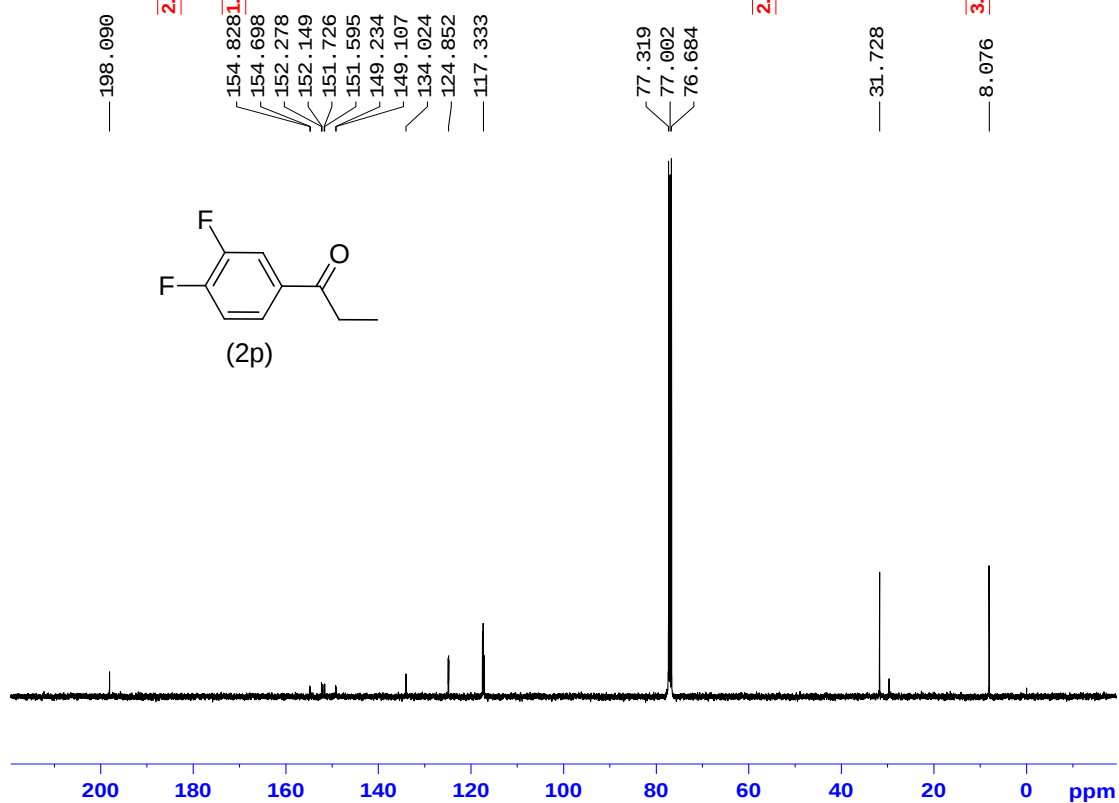
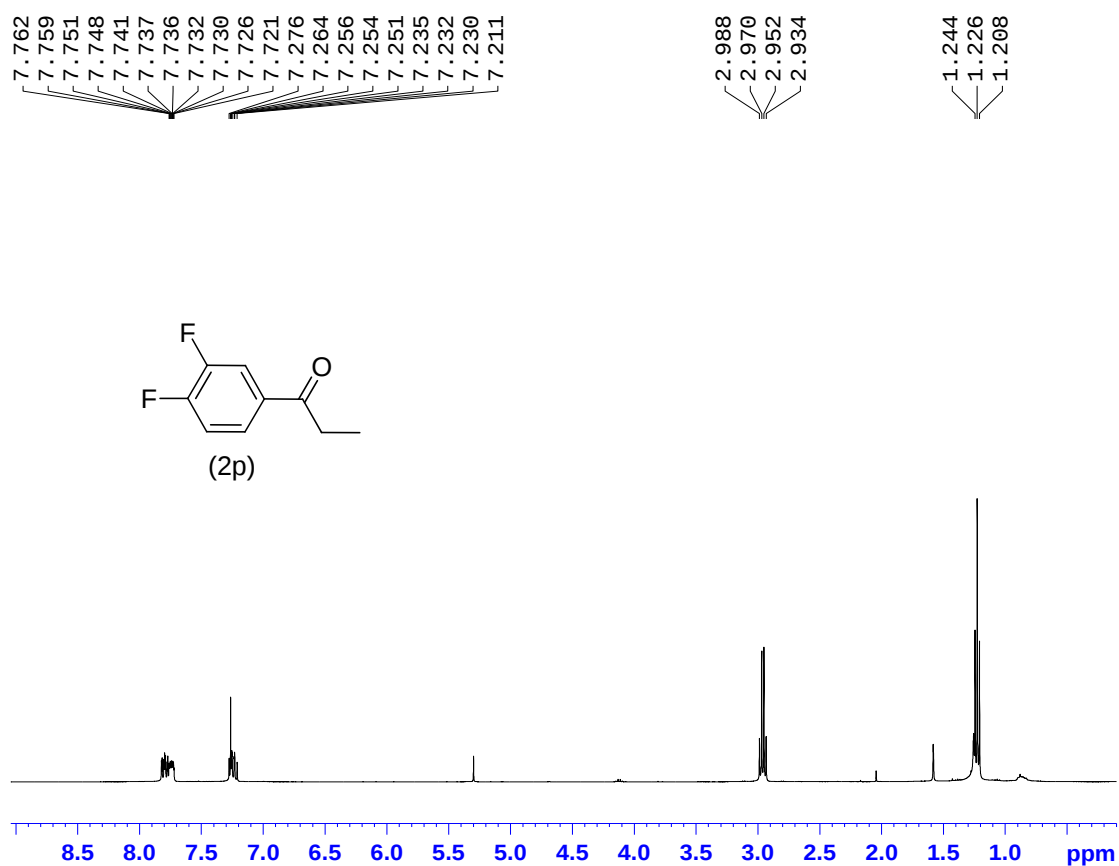


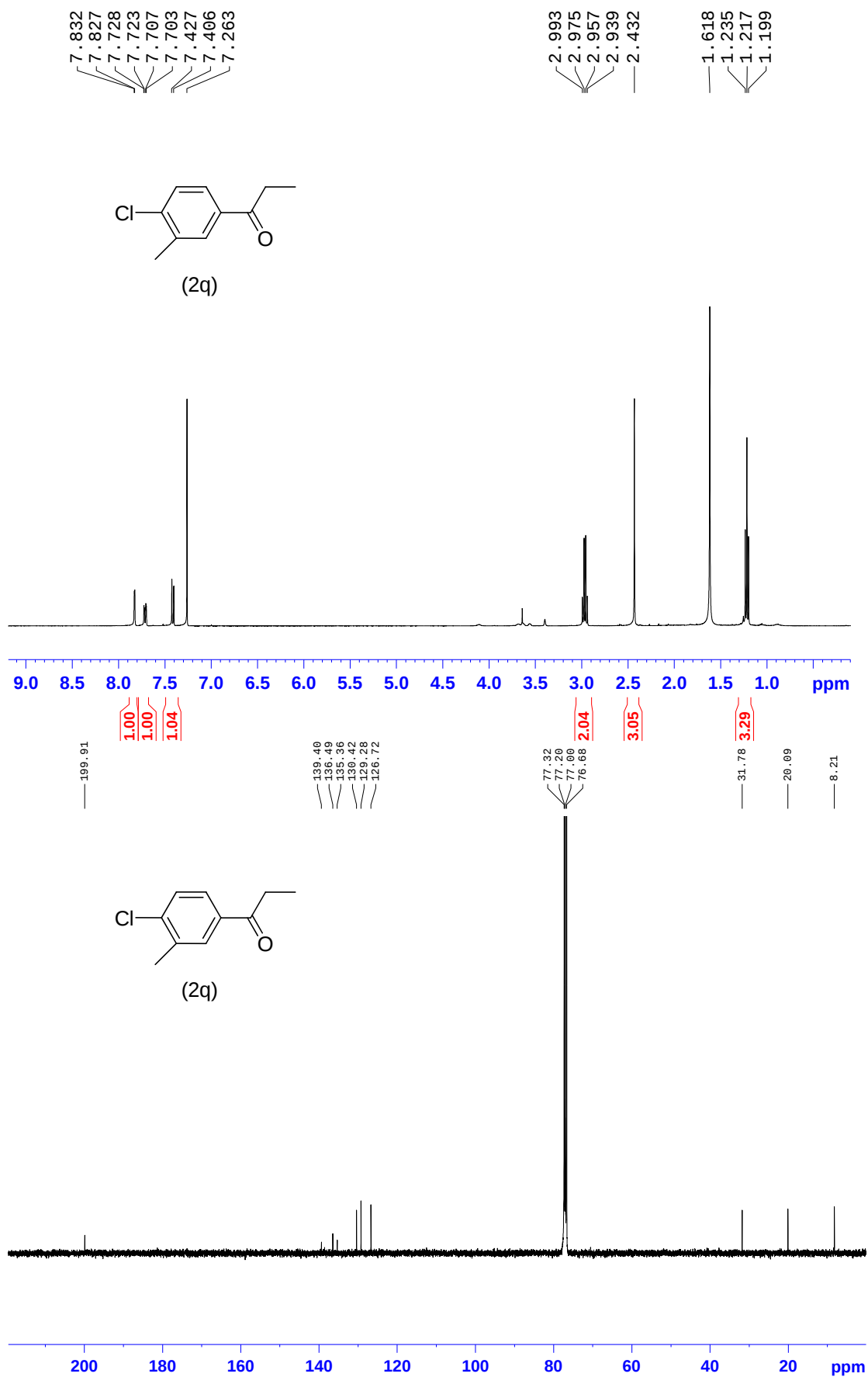


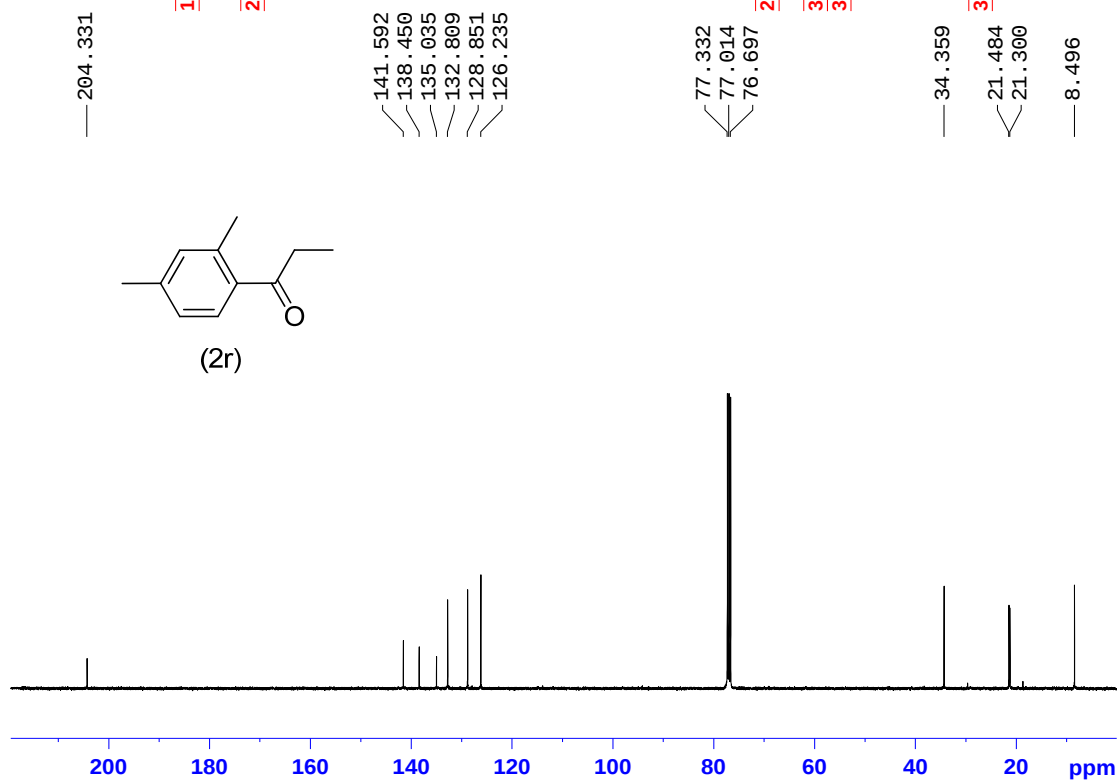
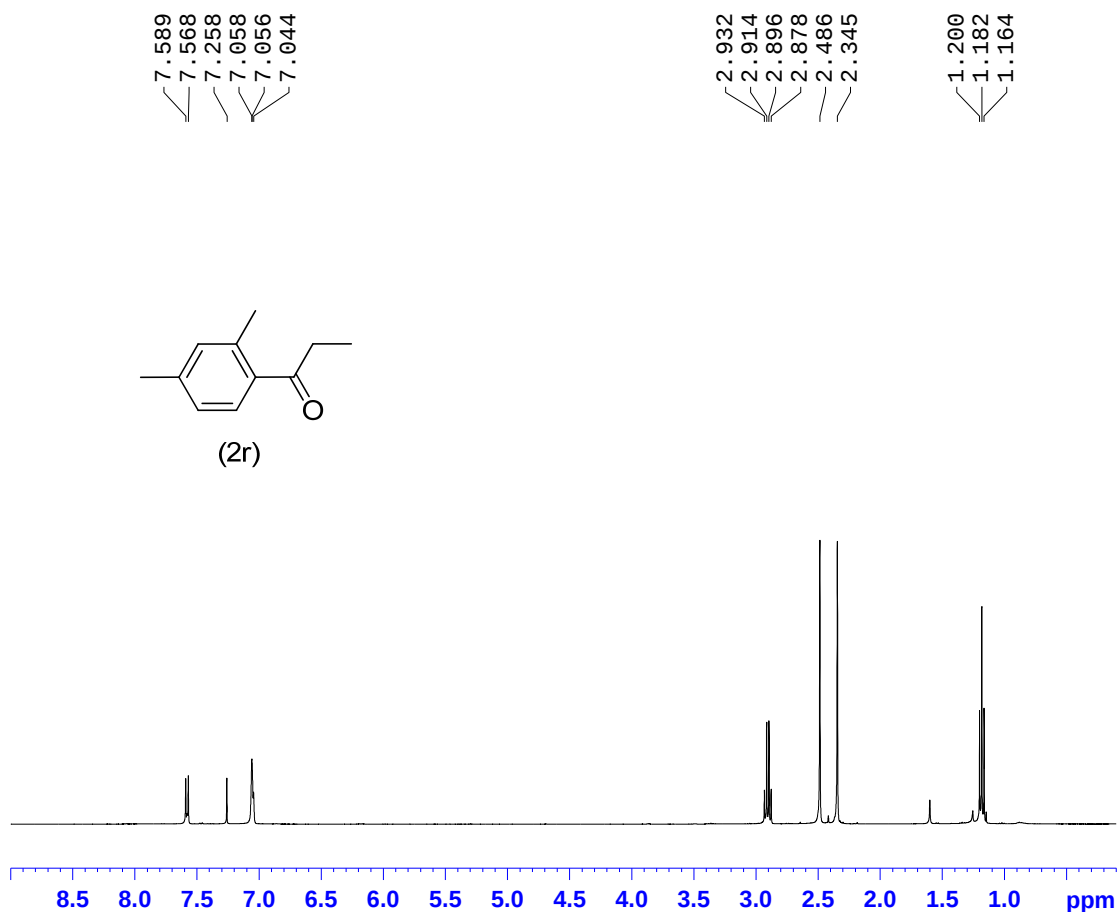


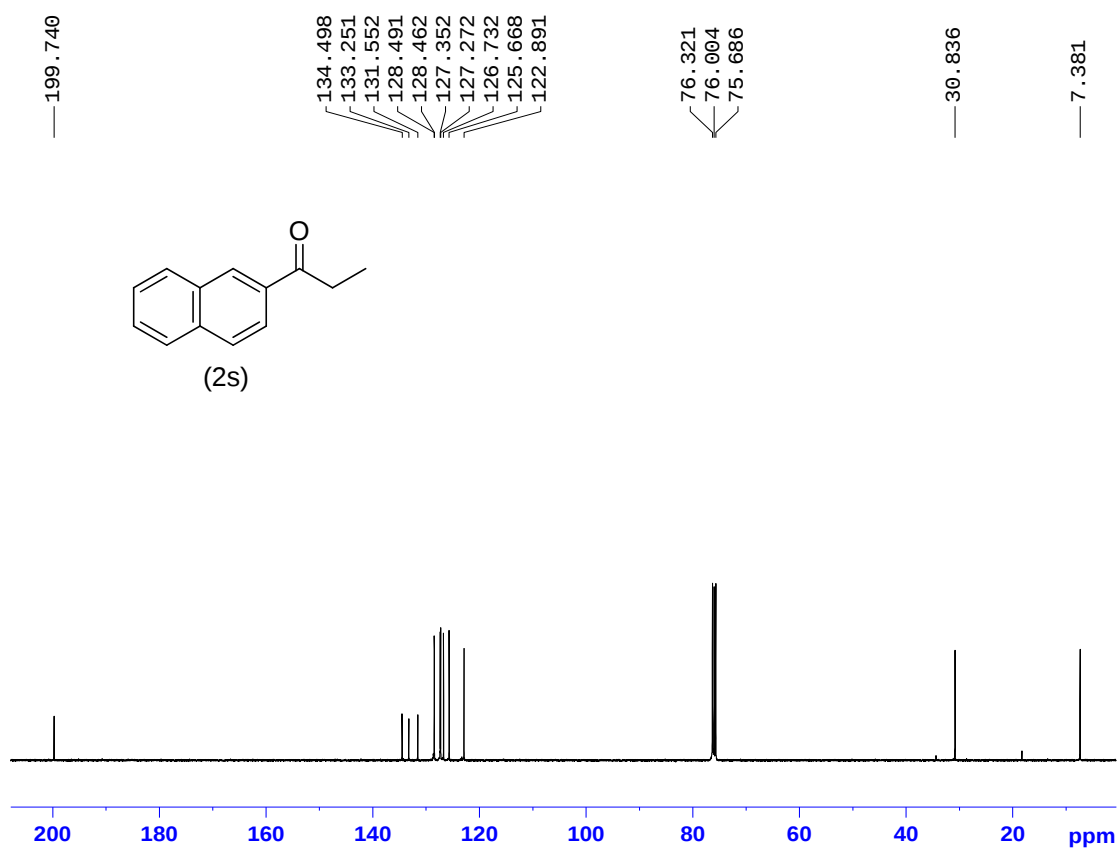
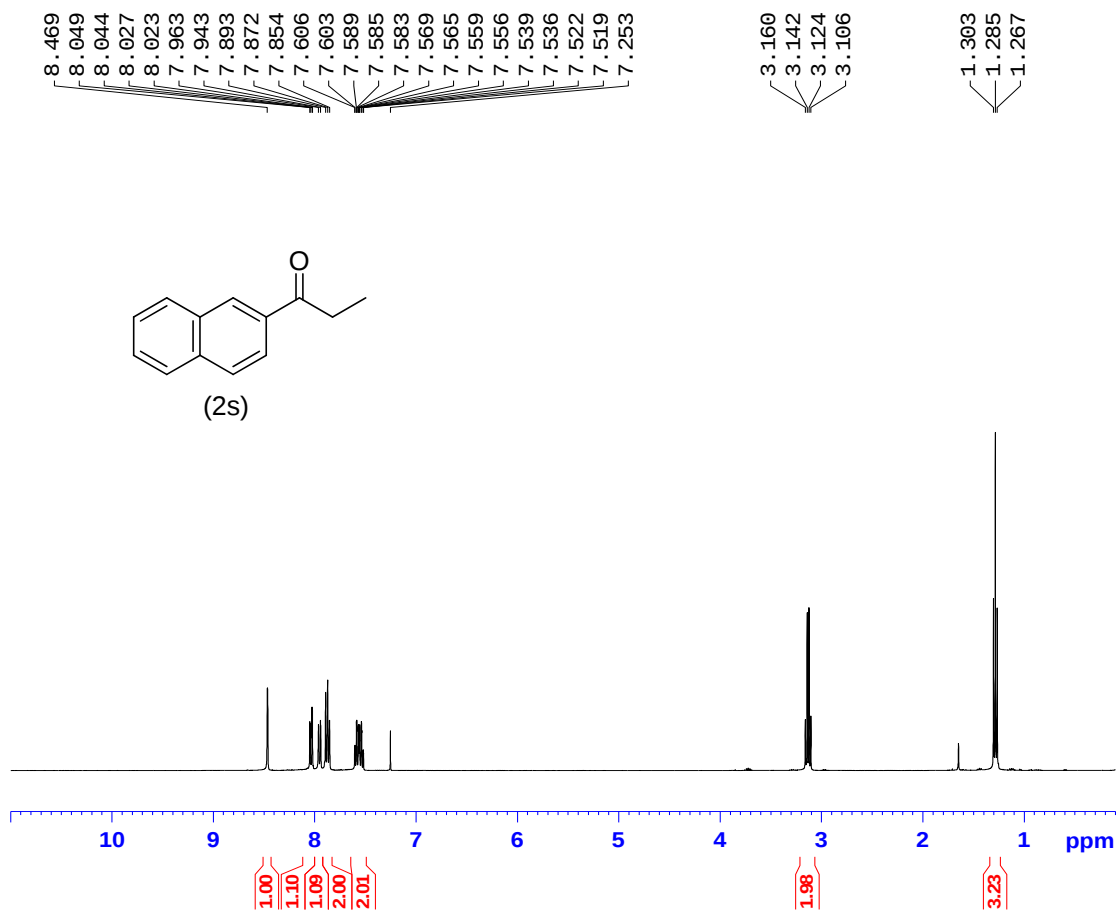


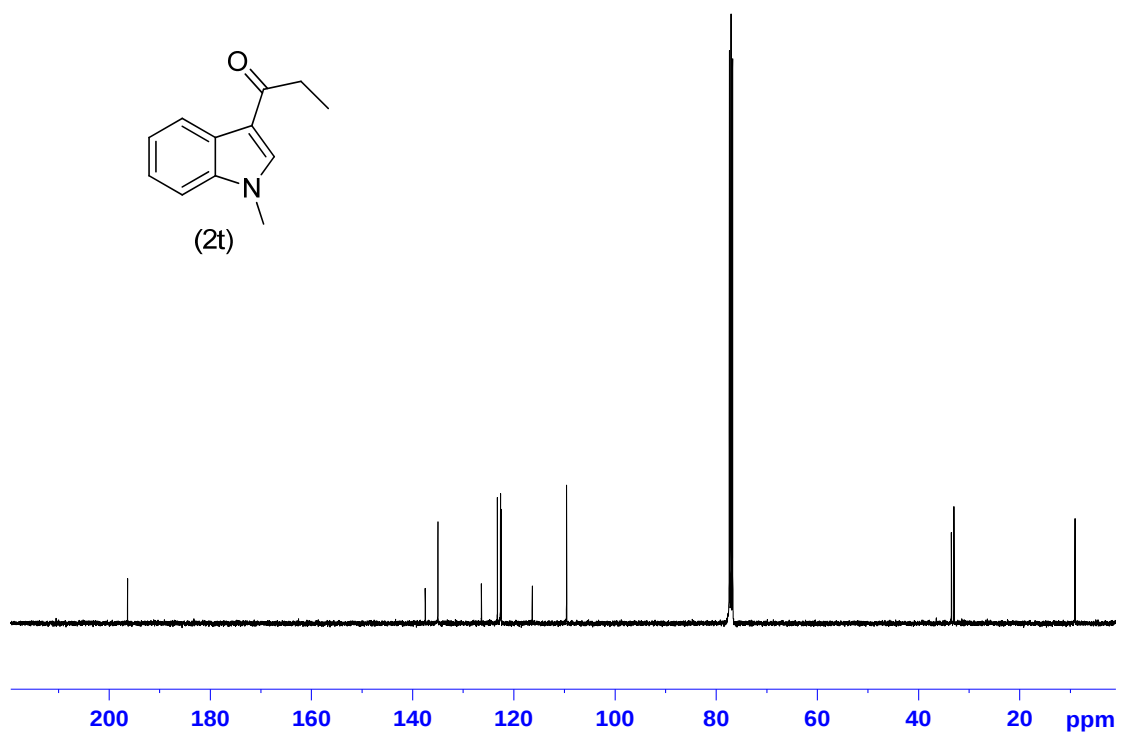
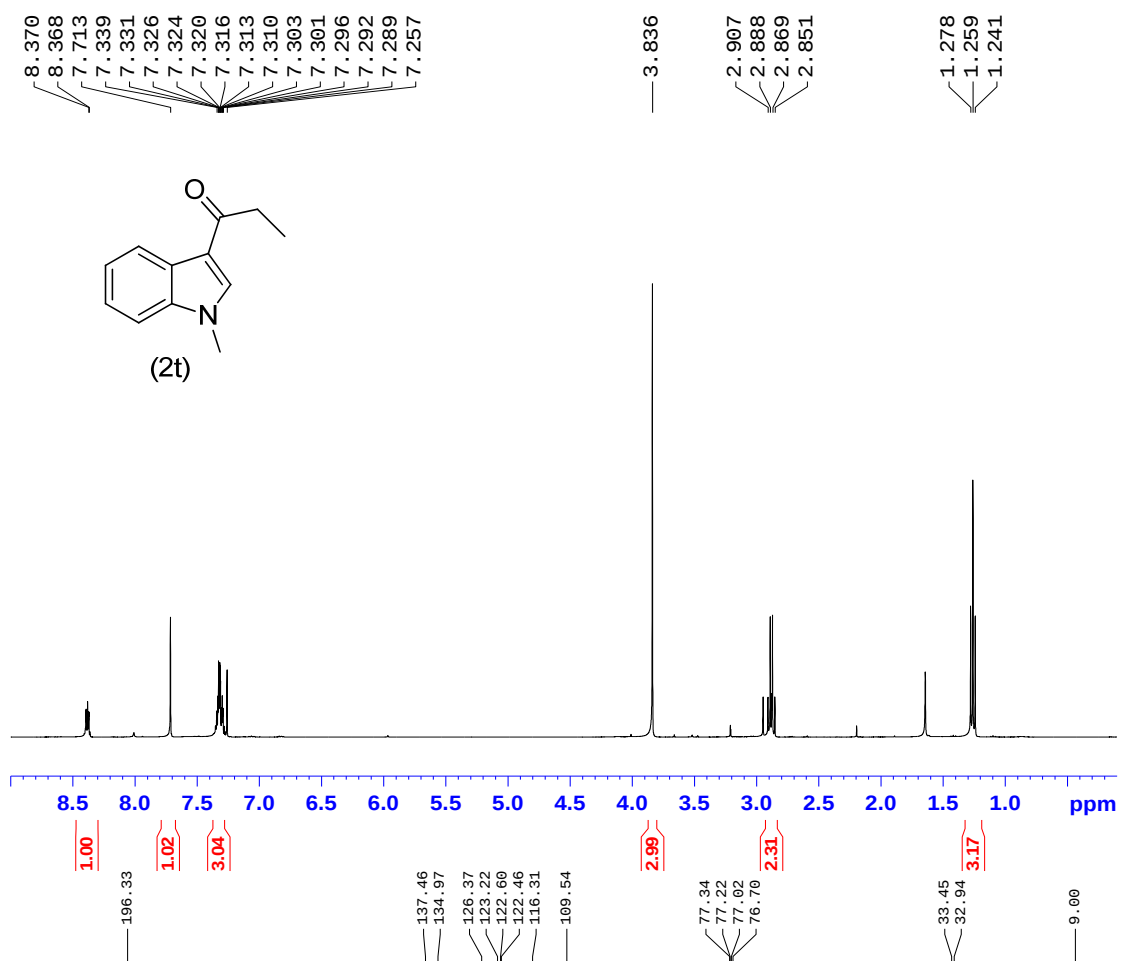


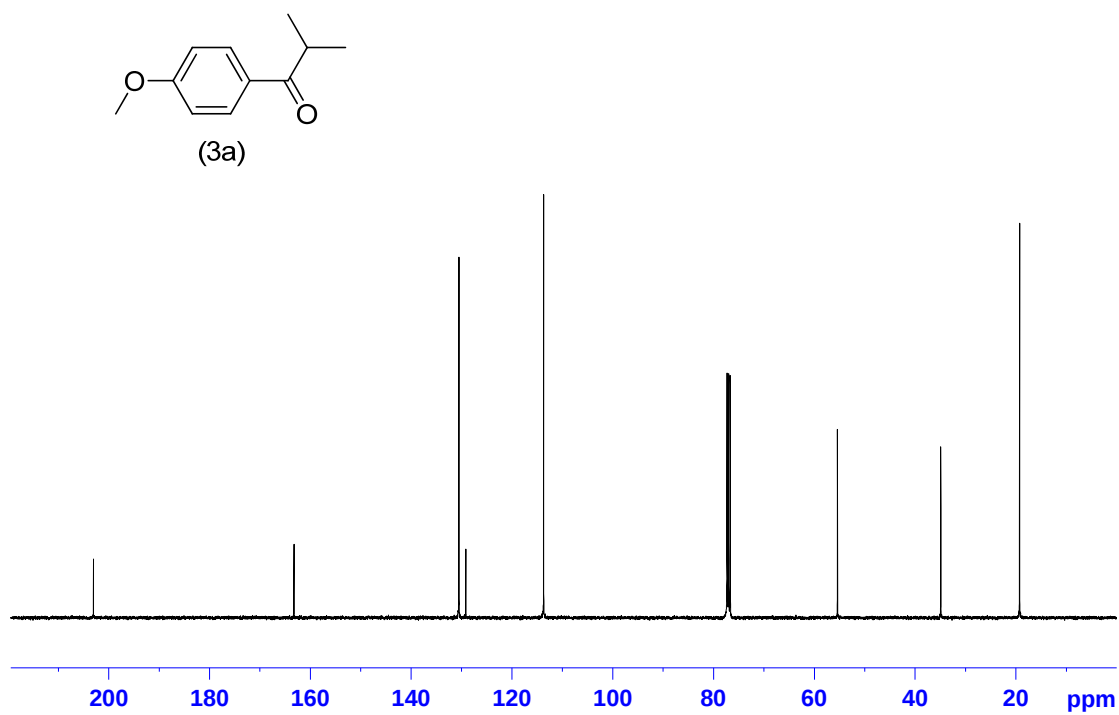
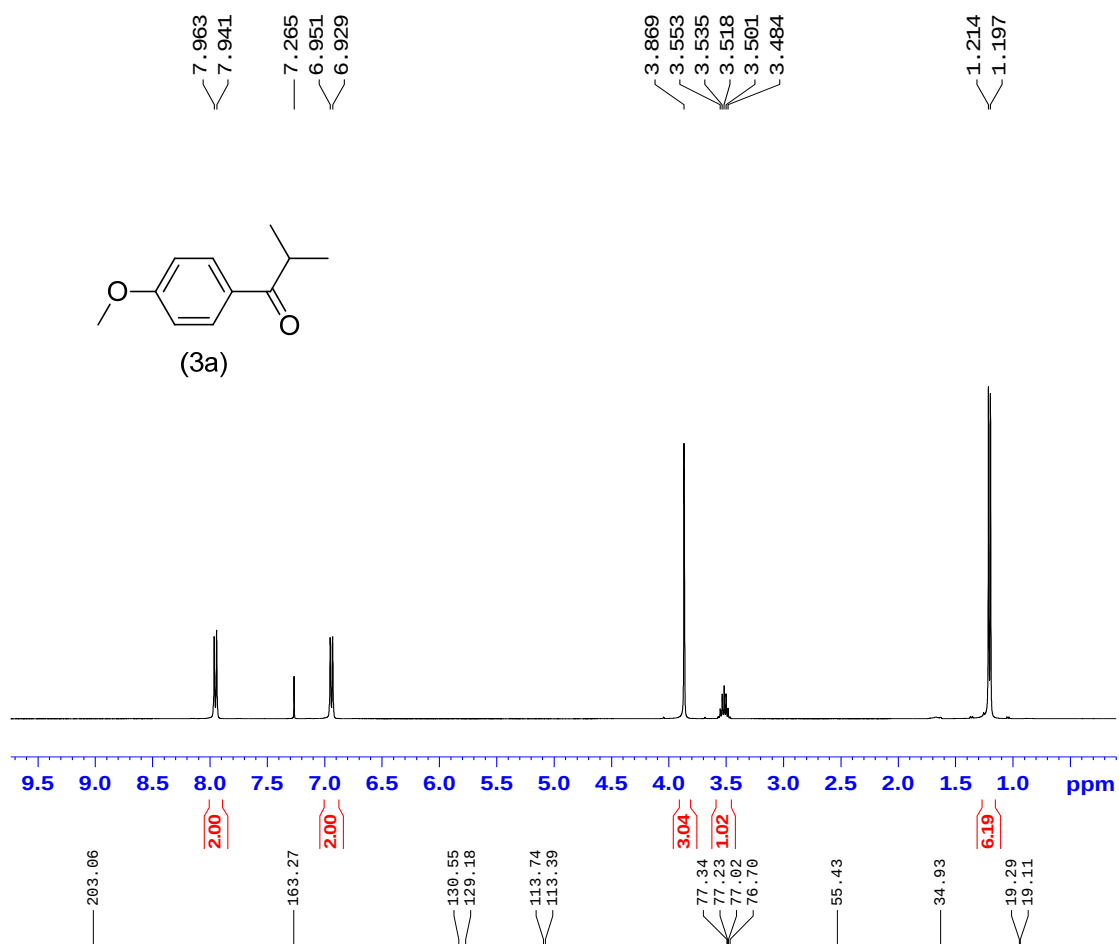


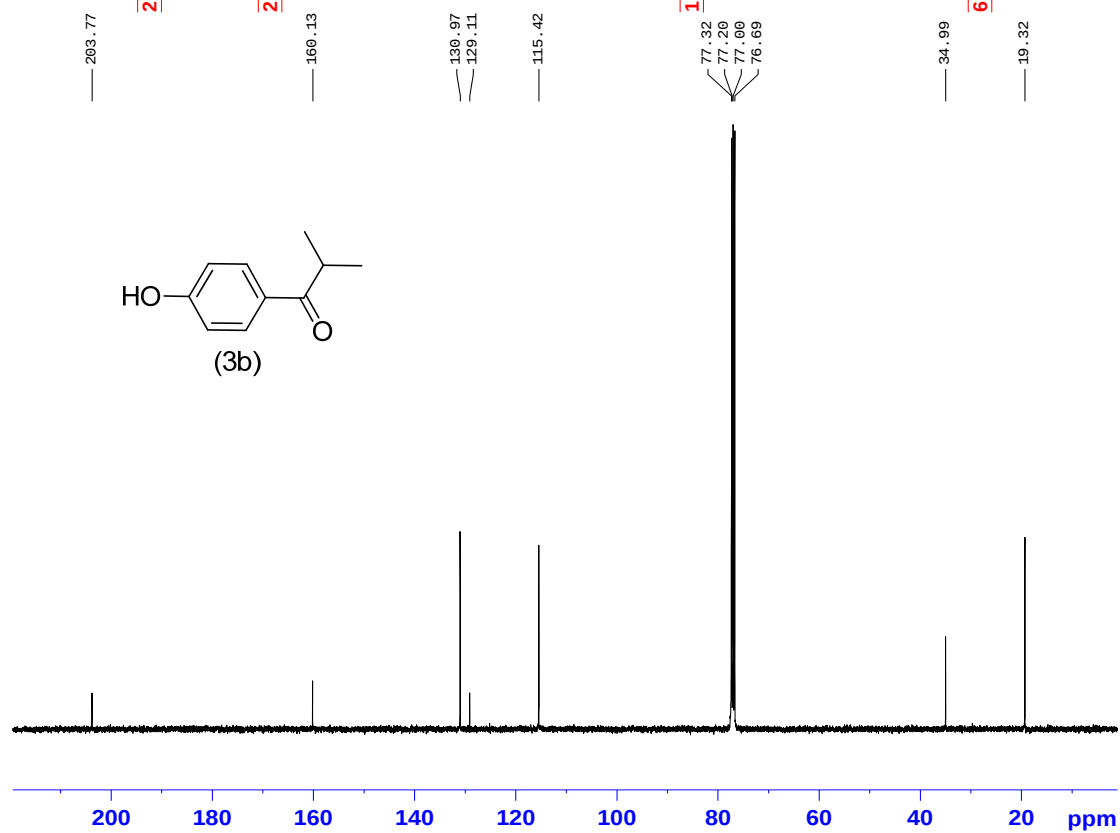
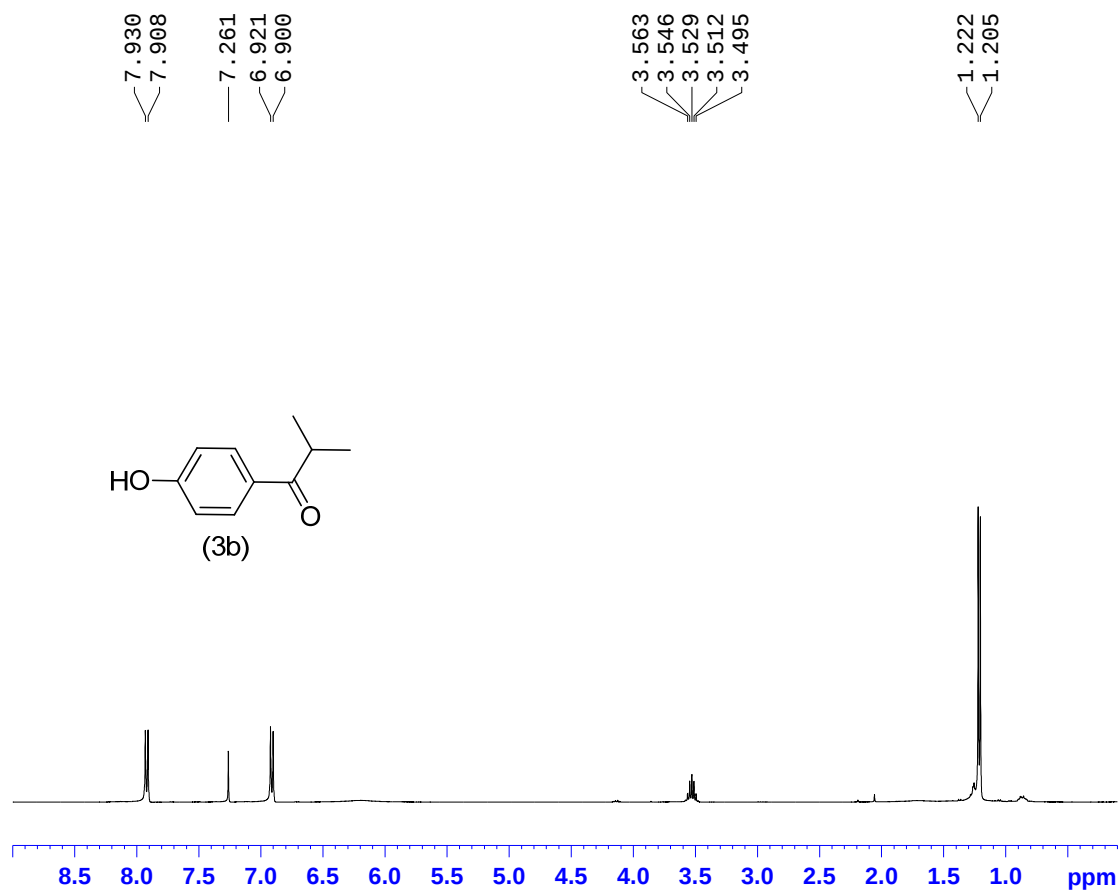


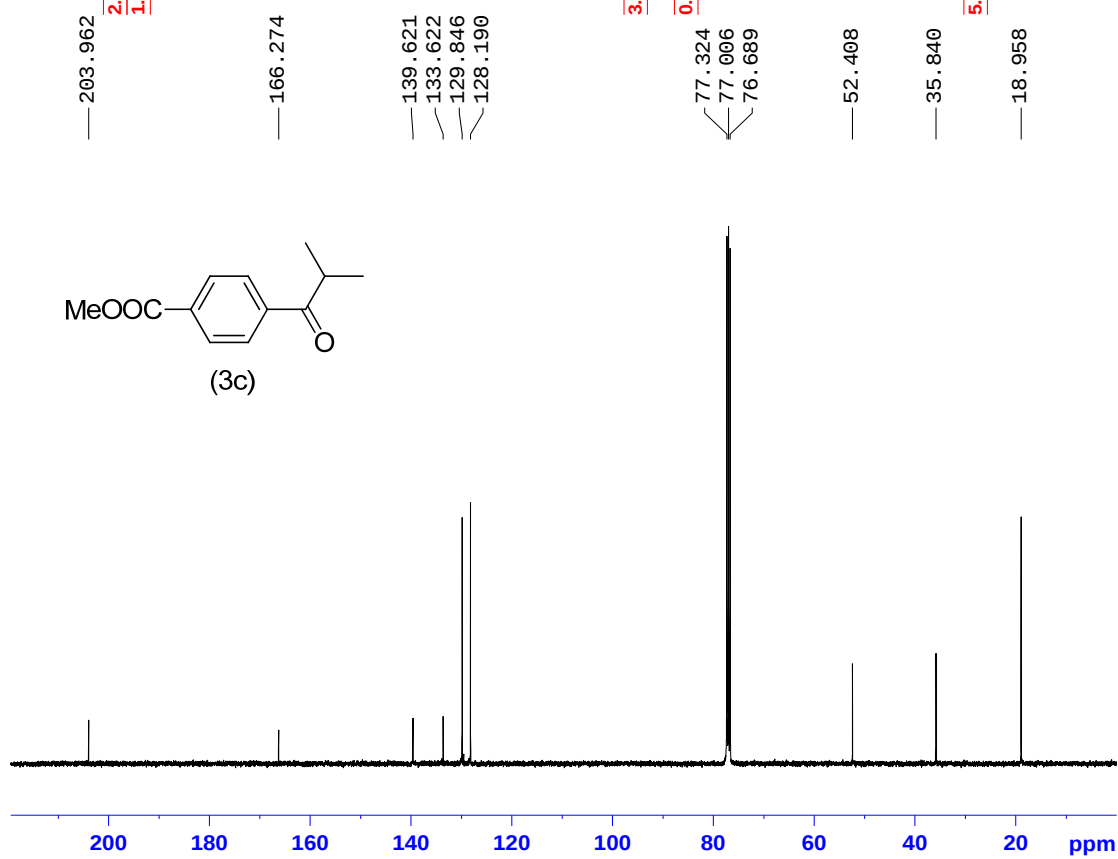
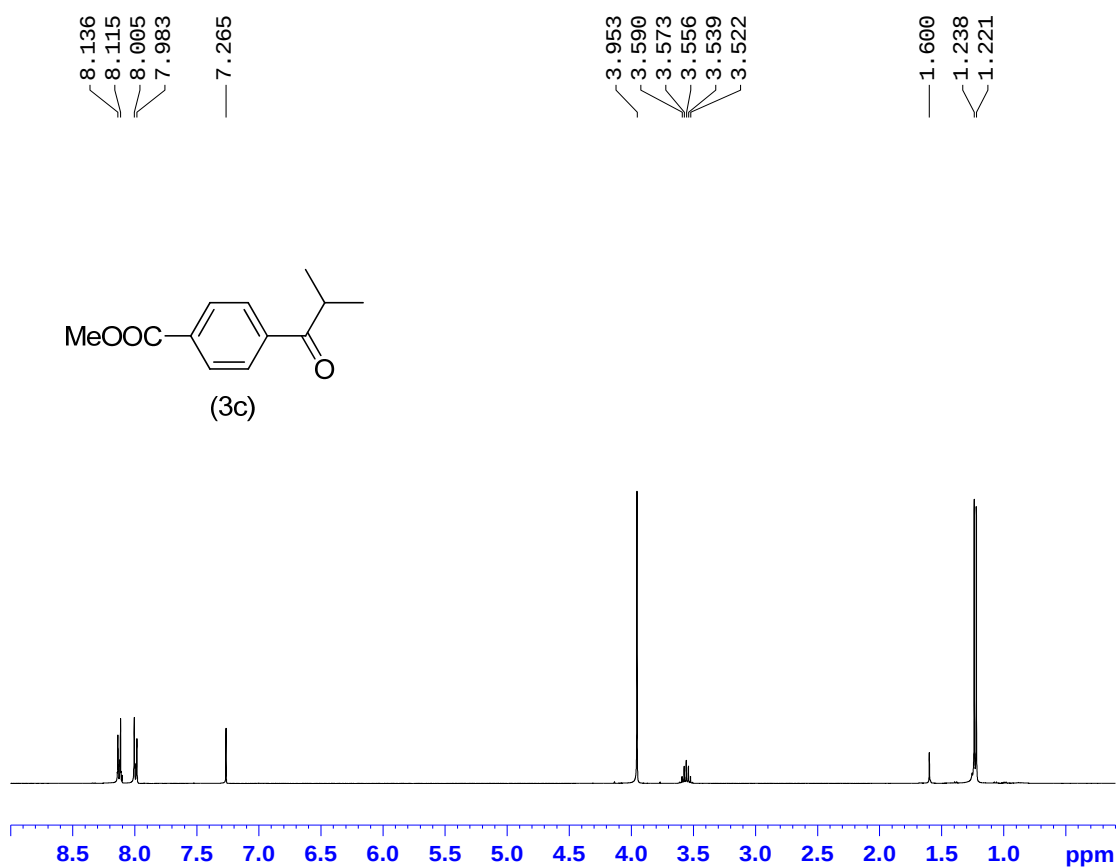


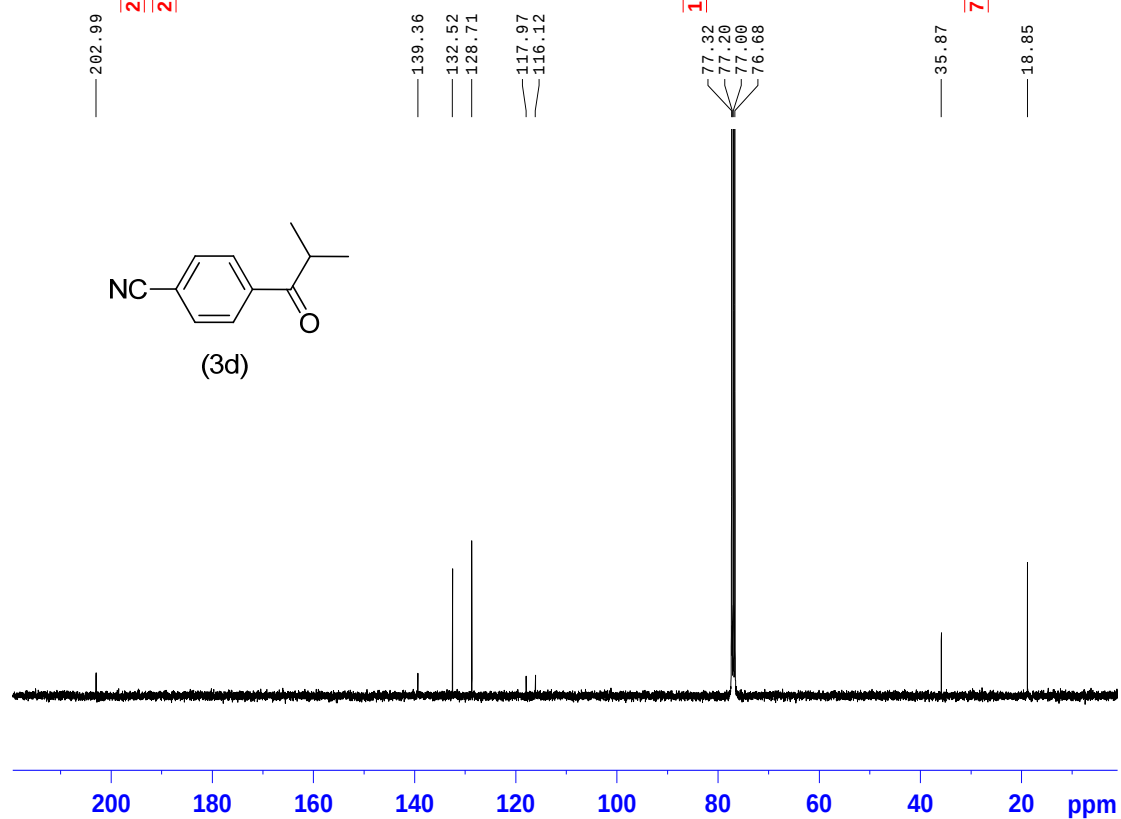
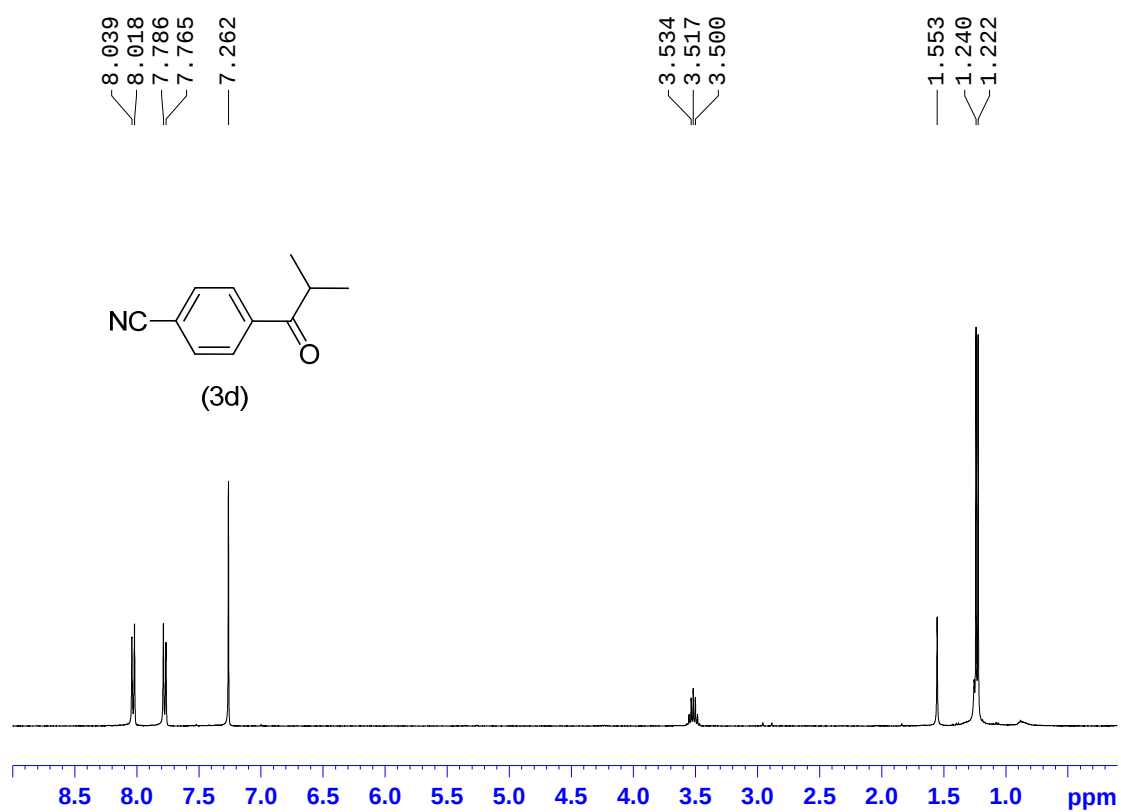


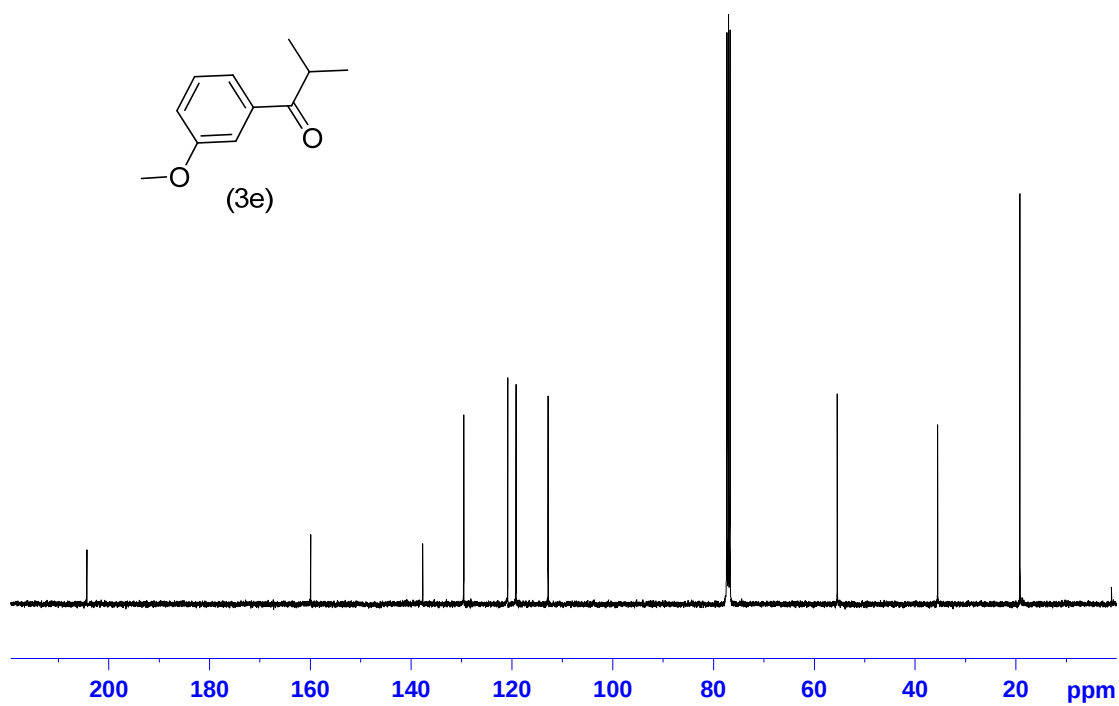
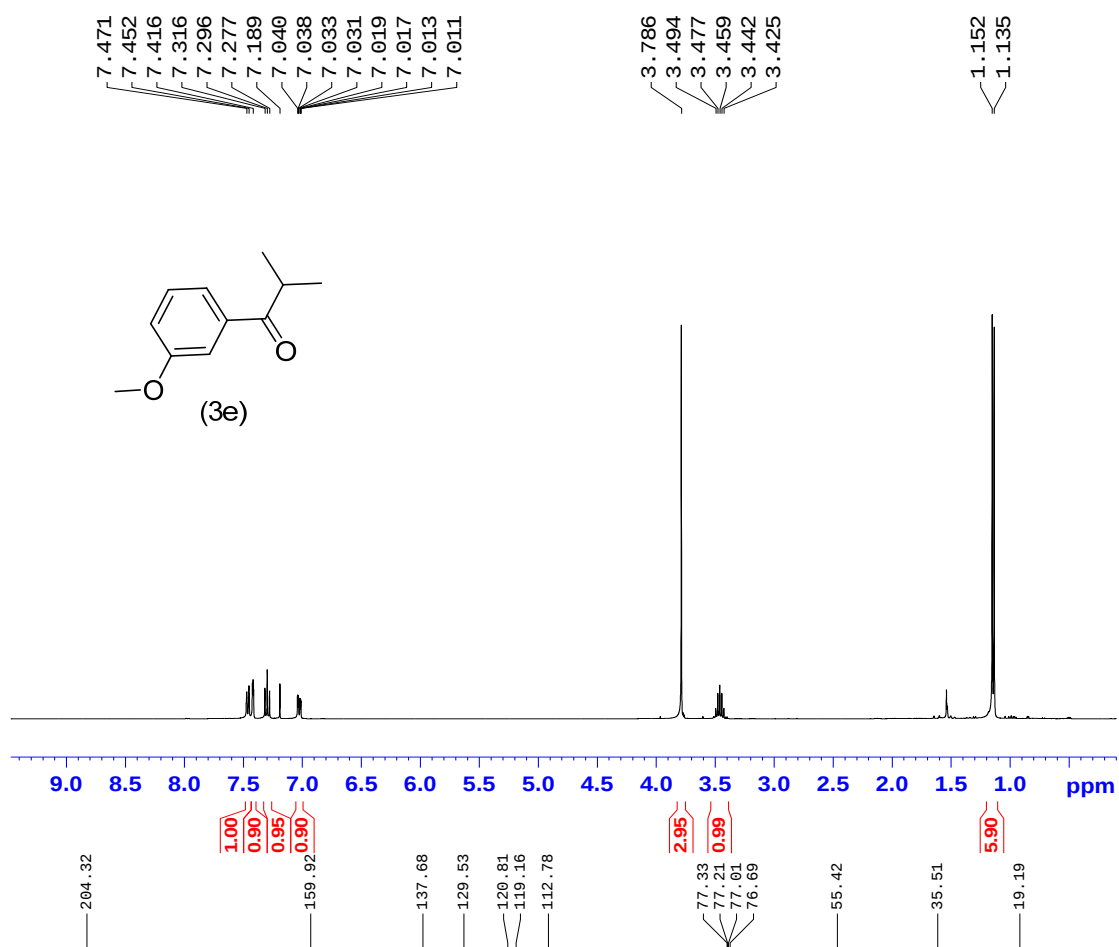


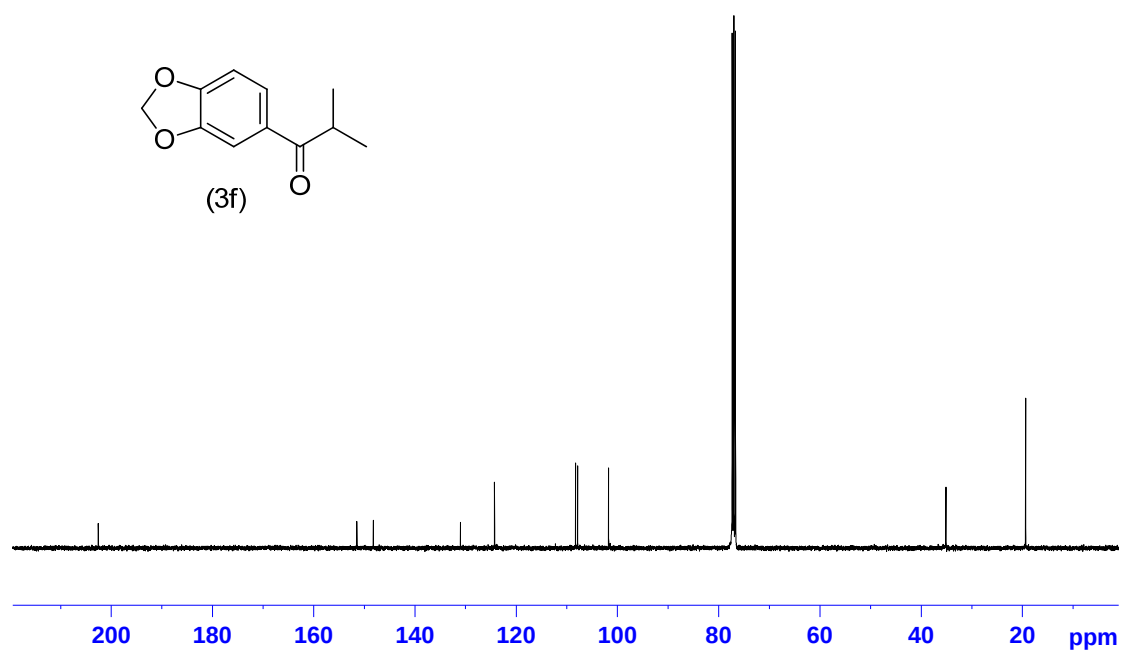
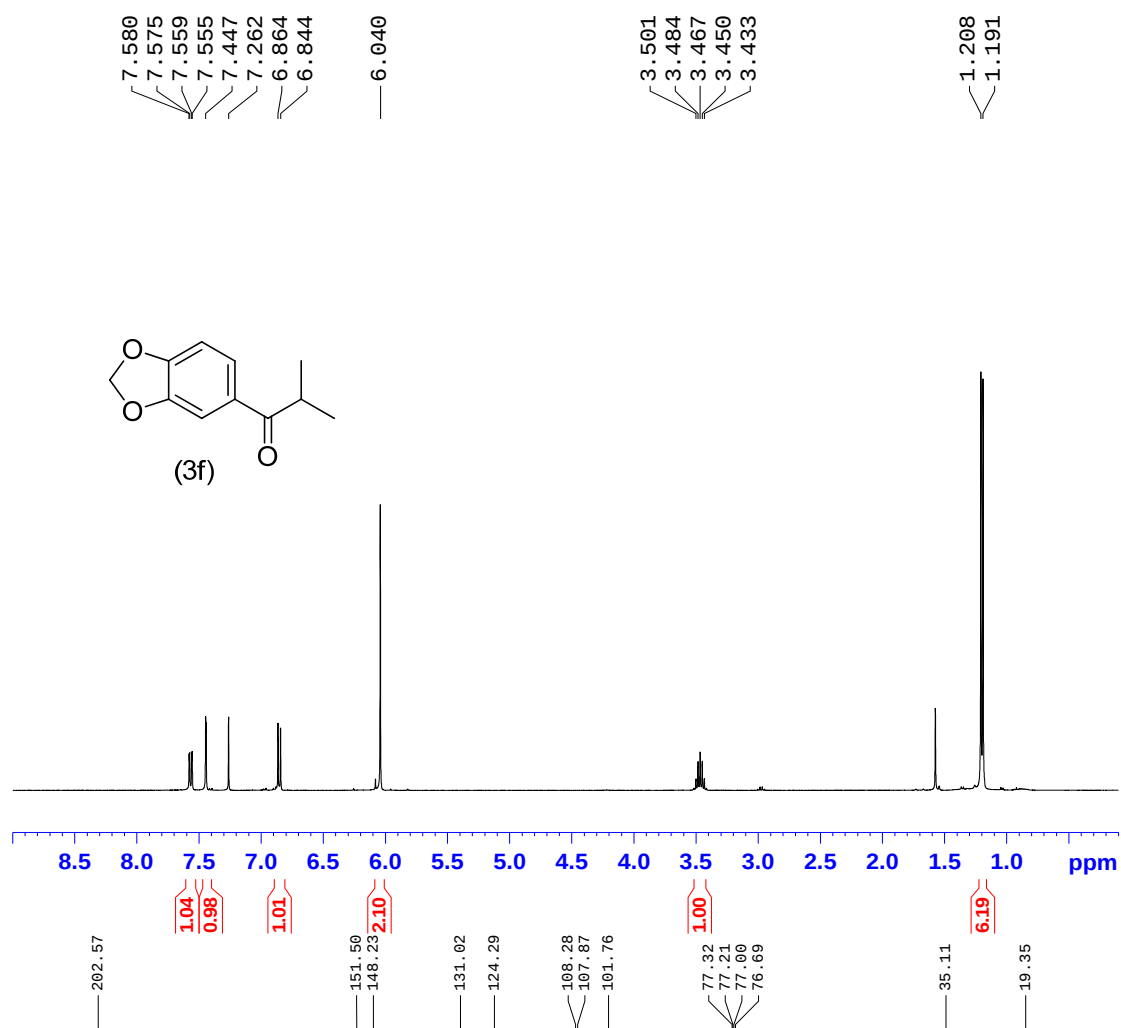


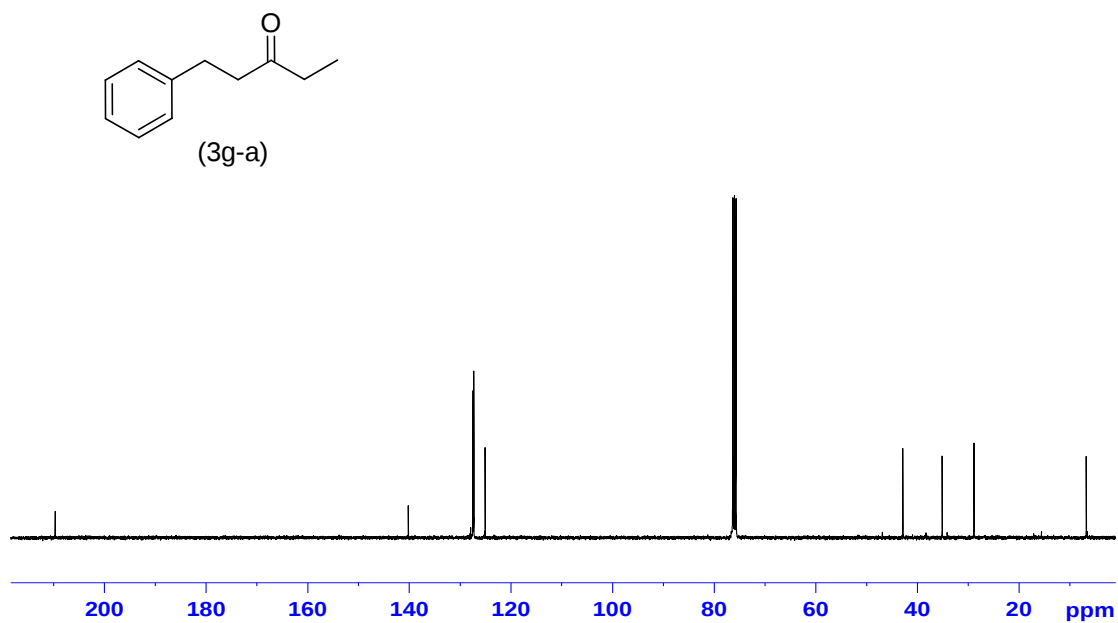
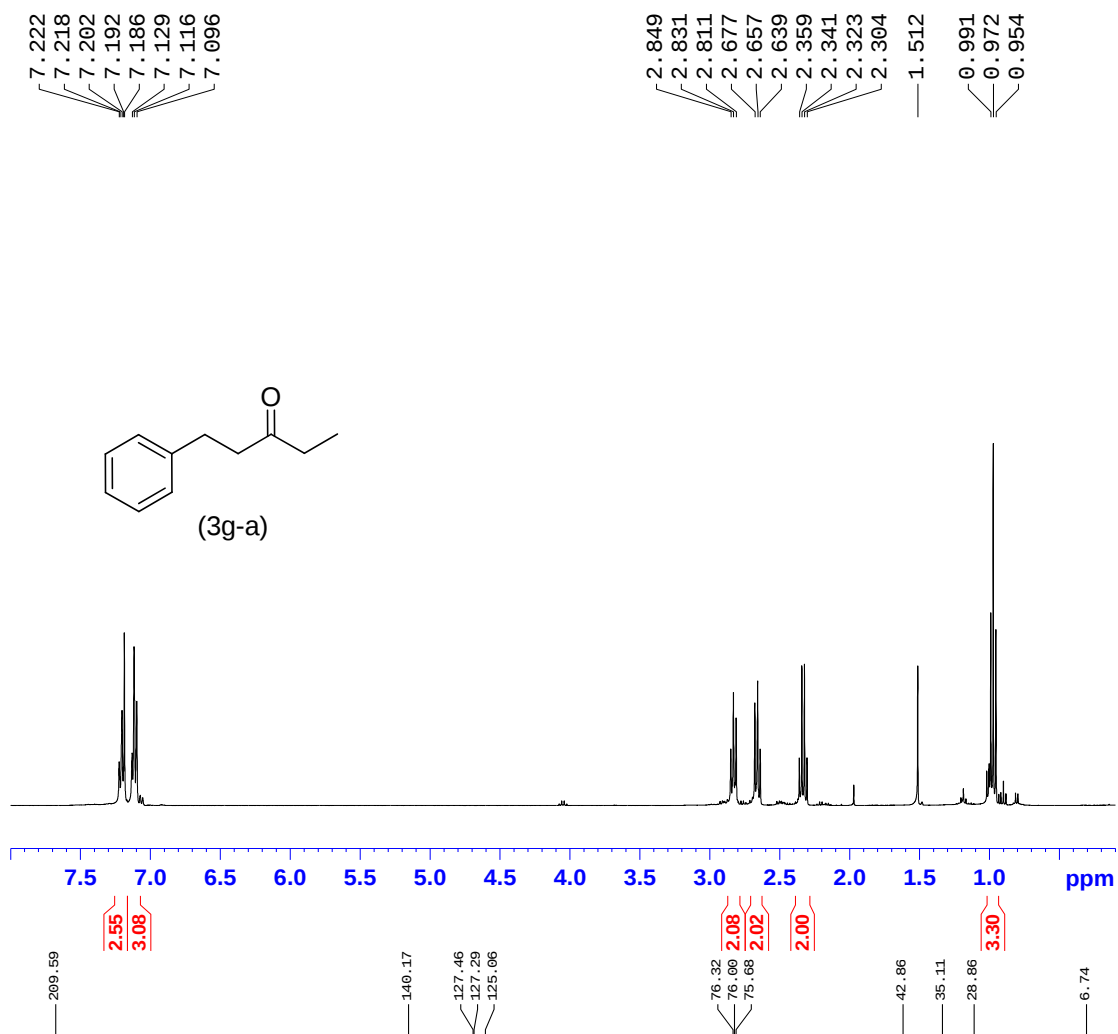


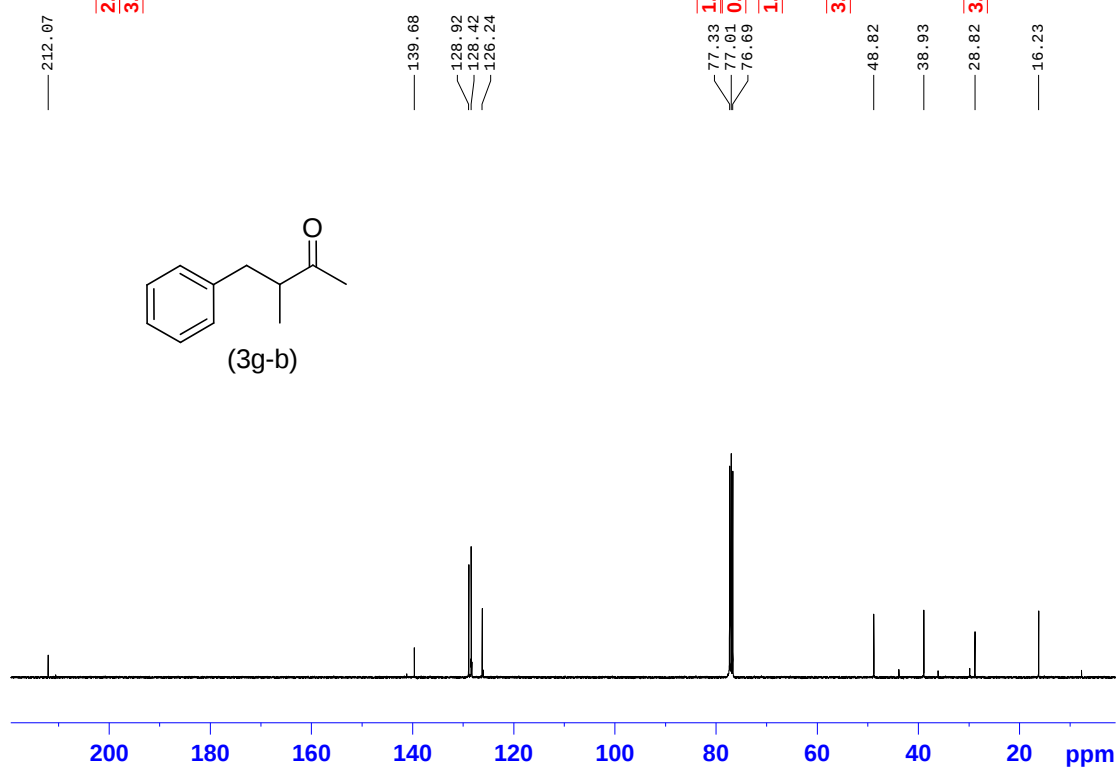
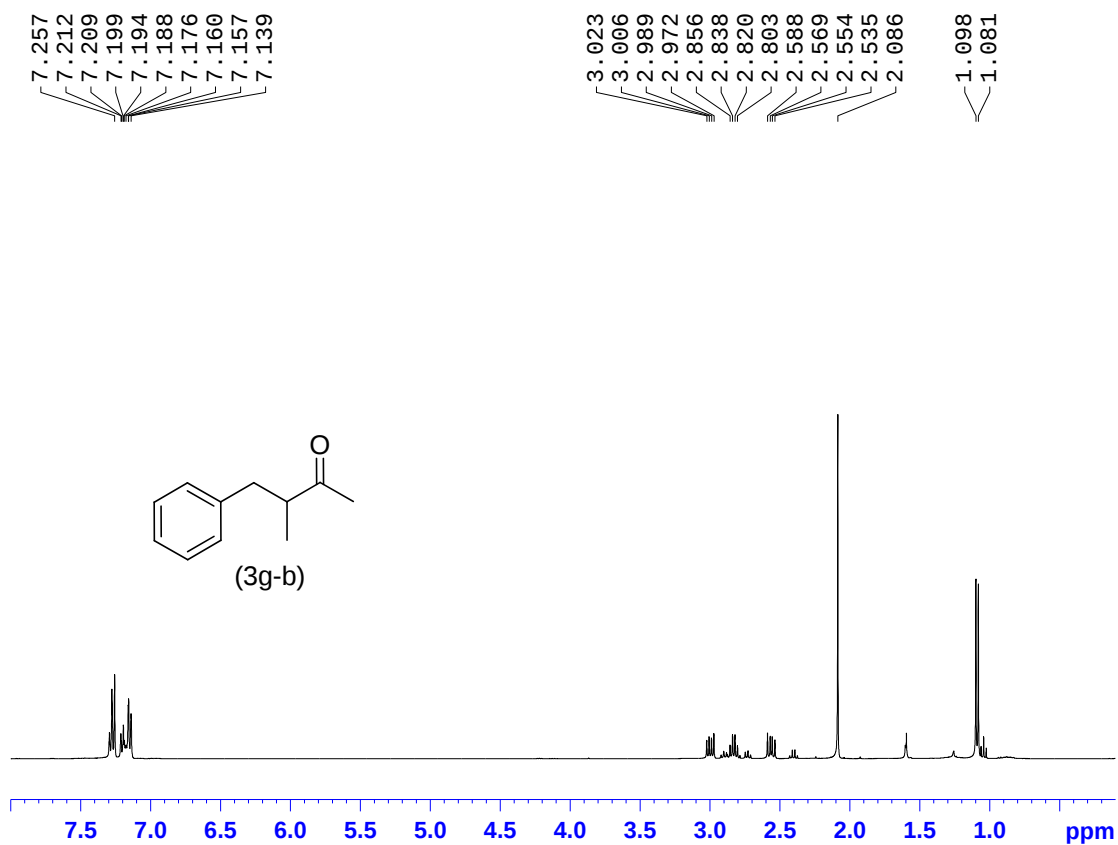


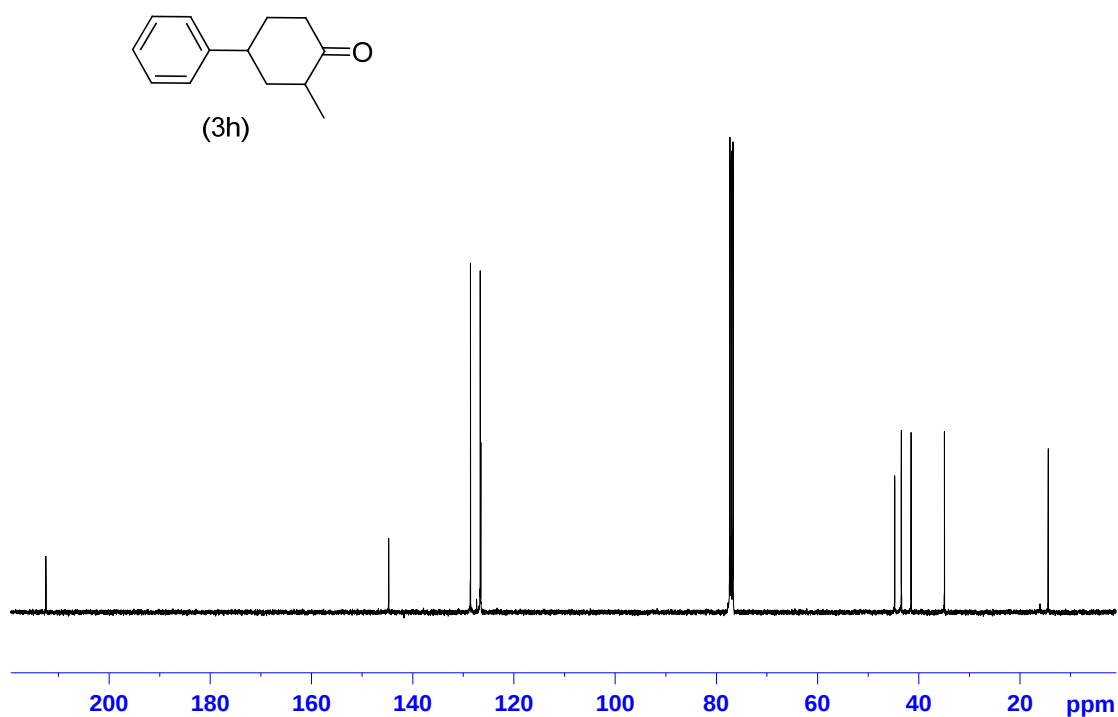
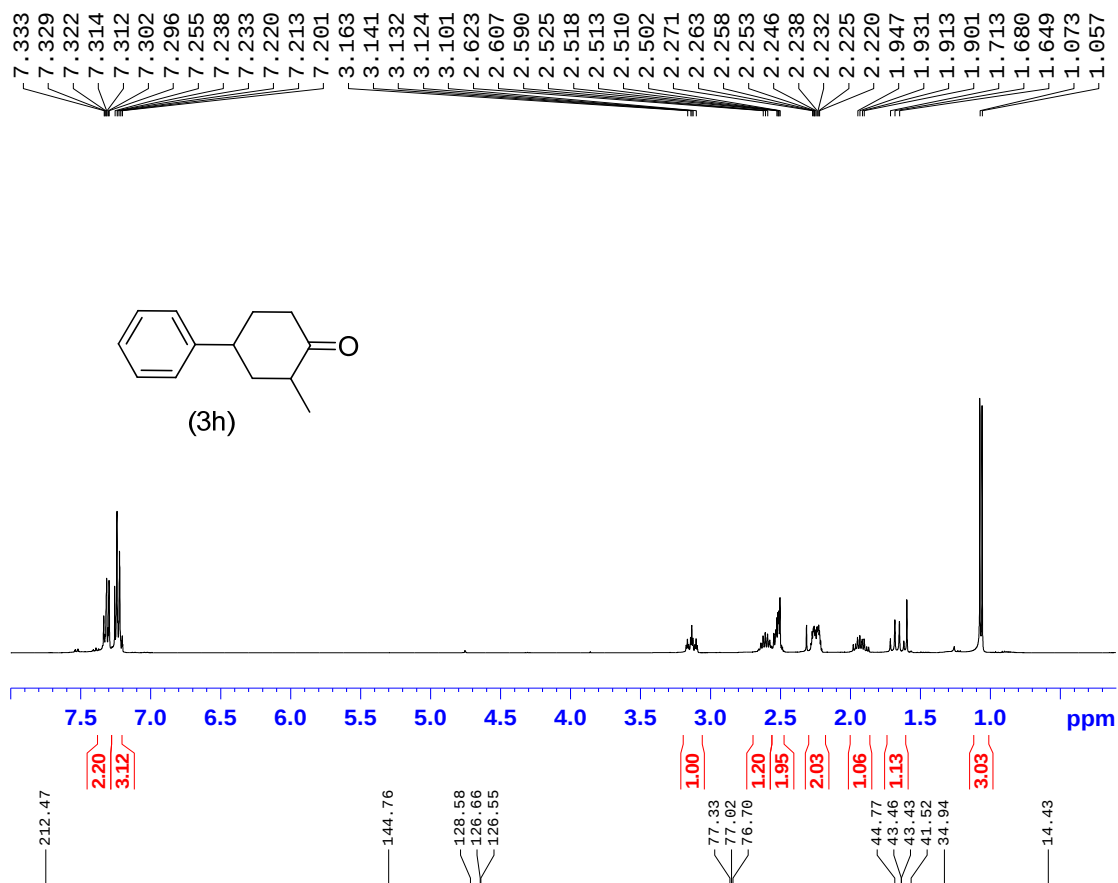


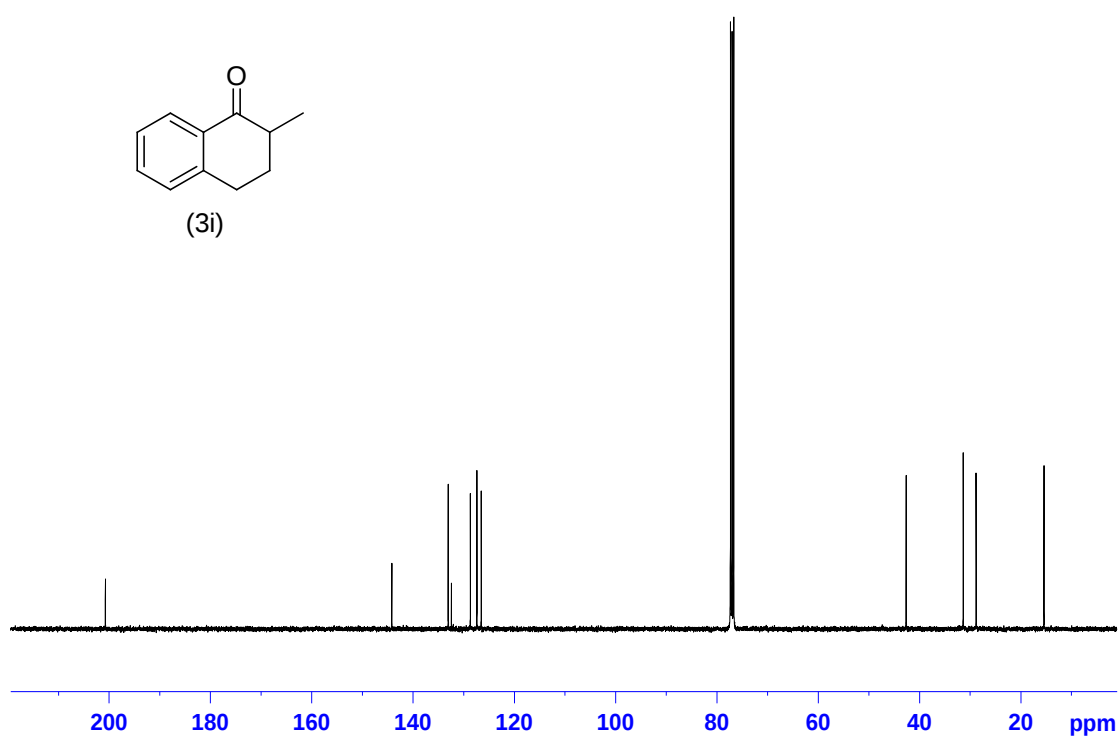
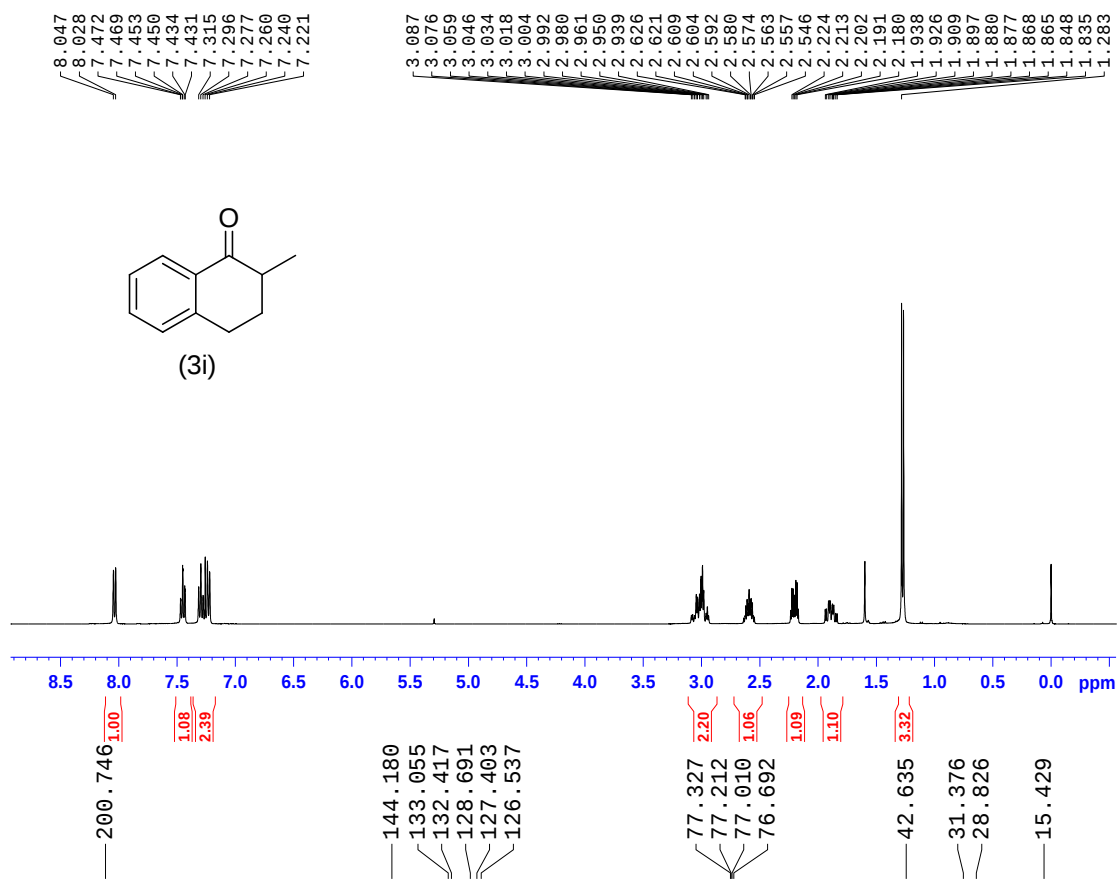


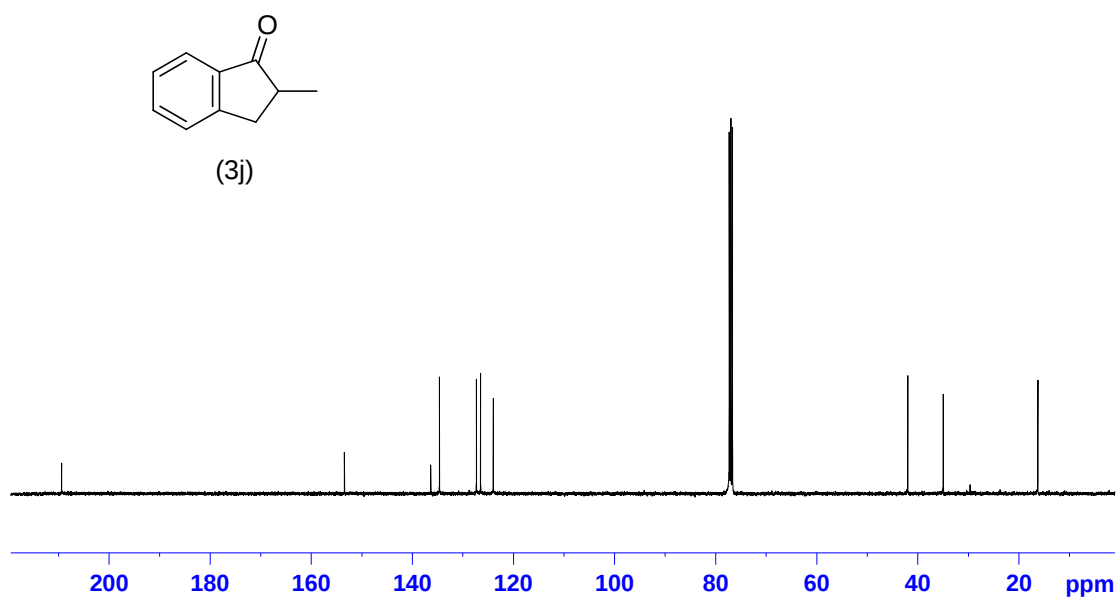
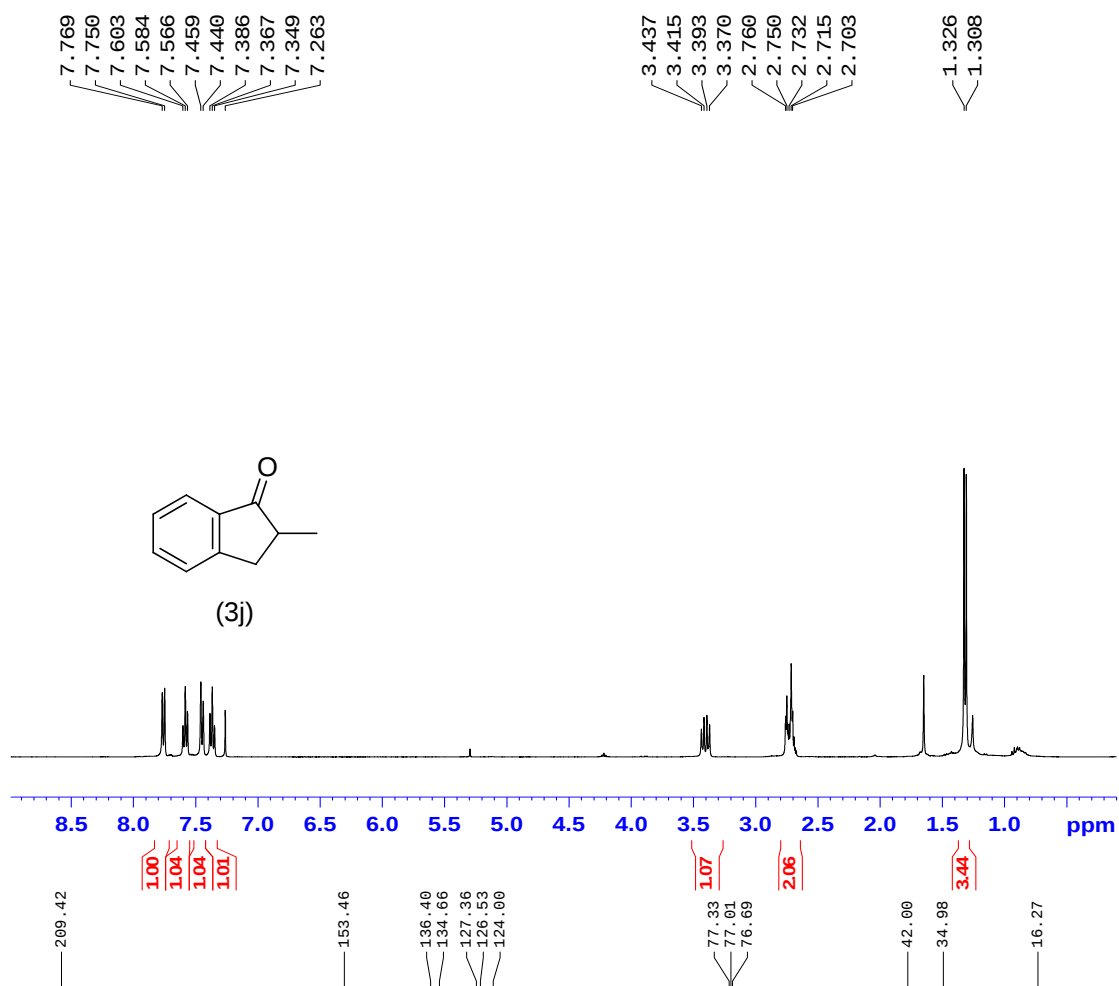


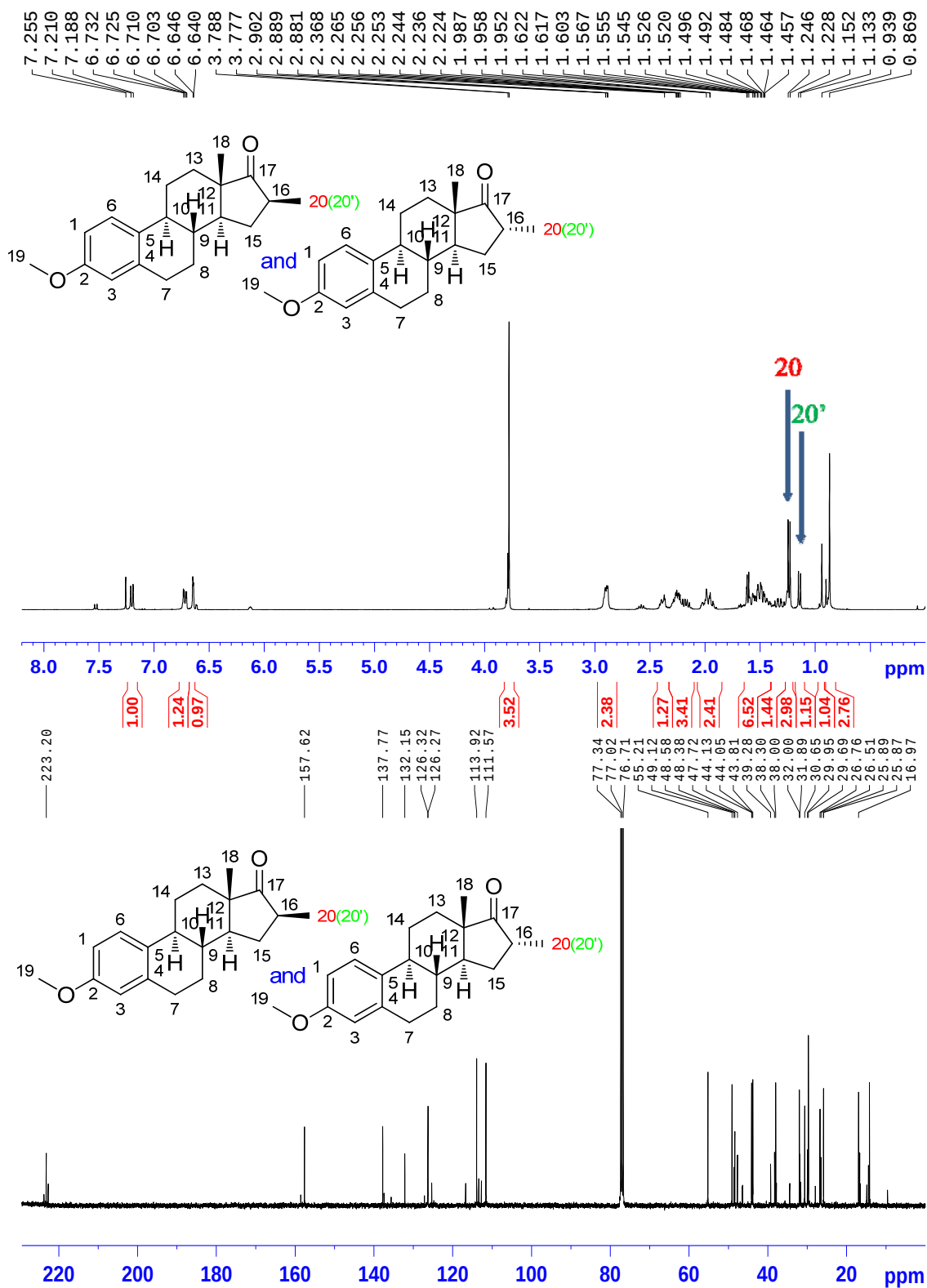












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