

Phosphinoyl Radical-initiated Vicinal Cyanophosphinylation of Alkenes

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1. Experimental Section

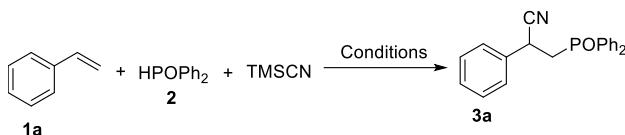
General Methods. ^1H NMR (400 or 300 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (101 or 75 MHz) spectra were determined with CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard or 85% H_3PO_4 as external standard for ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from internal TMS (δ), all coupling constants (J values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a TOF machine (ESI). Column chromatography was performed with 300-400 mesh silica gel using flash column techniques. All of the reagents were used directly as obtained commercially unless otherwise noted. All alkenes were purified by flash column chromatography (Al_2O_3) before use.

Abbreviations: Me: methyl; Bu: butyl; Ph: phenyl; HOTf: trifluormethanesulfonic acid; DCM: dichloromethane; DCE: 1,2-dichloroethane; EtOAc: ethyl acetate; THF: tetrahydrofuran; CH_3CN : acetonitrile; EtOH: ethanol; NMP: *N*-methyl pyrrolidone; HOAc: acetic acid; DMF: *N,N*-dimethylformamide; DMA: *N,N*-dimethylacetamide; DMSO: dimethylsulfoxide; TBHP: *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide; DTBP: di-*tert*-butyl peroxide.

2. Details for optimization of reaction conditions

We tested a series of reaction conditions, which could generate phosphoryl radicals (Table S1). For entries 1-3, to a Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stirring bar, $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (20 mol%) was added and exchanged with argon gas for three times. A solution of styrene (**1a**) (0.40 mmol), HP(O)Ph_2 (0.8 mmol) and TMSCN (0.80 mmol) in CH_3CN (3 mL) was injected and TBHP or DTBP (1.2 mmol) was injected followed by. The mixture was allowed to stir at 60 °C (monitored with TLC). For entries 4-8, to a Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stirring bar, CuCN (20 mol%), other solid catalyst and oxidants were added and exchanged with argon gas for three times. A solution of **1a** (0.40 mmol), HP(O)Ph_2 (0.8 mmol) and TMSCN (0.80 mmol) in the solvent (3 mL) was then injected. The mixture was allowed to stir at different temperature (monitored with TLC). After the substrate was consumed, the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1) to give the product **3a**.

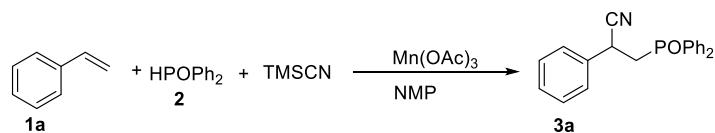
As shown in Table S1 below, only the reactions using Ag_2O or $\text{Mn}(\text{OAc})_3$ as the oxidant could give the target product (Table S1, entries 7 and 10). Finally, we chose $\text{Mn}(\text{OAc})_3$ as the oxidant because it is cost-effective and relatively environmental benign.

Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions^a

Entry	Oxidant	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Yield ^b
1	TBHP 70% in H ₂ O (3 eq)/ Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.2 eq)	CH ₃ CN	60	N. D. ^c
2	TBHP 5.5 M in decane (3 eq)/ Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.2 eq)	CH ₃ CN	60	N. D.
3	DTBP(3 eq)/ Cu(OTf) ₂ (0.2 eq)	CH ₃ CN	60	N. D.
4	AgNO ₃ (0.05 eq)/ K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (2 eq) / CuCN (0.2 eq)	CH ₃ CN	100	Trace
5	Mn(OAc) ₂ .4H ₂ O (0.1 eq)/ MnO ₂ (3 eq)/ CuCN (0.2 eq)	CH ₃ CN	70	N. R. ^d
6 ^e	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (10 mol%)/Mg(NO ₃) ₂ (1.5 eq) / CuCN (0.2 eq)	CH ₃ CN	80	N. D.
7 ^f	Ag ₂ O (3 eq) / CuCN (0.2 eq)	NMP	120	39%
8	AgNO ₃ (0.1 eq)/ CuCN (0.2 eq)	CH ₃ CN	100	N. D.
9	AgOAc (3 eq) / CuCN (0.2 eq)	DCE	90	N. D.
10	Mn(OAc)₂.2H₂O (2.5 eq) / CuCN (0.2 eq)	NMP	55	27%

^a Reaction conditions: styrene (**1a**, 0.4 mmol), HPOPh₂ (1.5 eq), TMSCN (2 eq) under argon atmosphere for 3 h. ^b Isolated yields. ^c N. D. means none detected. ^d N. R. means no reaction. ^e 4Å MS (0.2 g) was added. ^f 1,10-Phen (10 mol%) was added.

The screening results of a range of copper salts are summarized in Table S2 below, which show that using CuCN as catalyst is a better choice.

Table S2. Copper catalyst screening results^a

Entry	Cat. (20 mol%)	Solvent	Yield ^b
1	CuCN	NMP	47%
2	CuI	NMP	19%
3	CuBr	NMP	39%
4	Cu ₂ O	NMP	42%
5	CuCl	NMP	40%
6 ^c	CuCl ₂ .2H ₂ O	NMP	20%
7	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	NMP	10%
8	Cu(OTf) ₂	NMP	35%
9	CuBr ₂	NMP	Trace

^a Reaction conditions: styrene (**1a**, 0.4 mmol), HPOPh₂ (1.5 eq), TMSCN (2 eq), Mn(OAc)₃.2H₂O (2.5 eq), NMP (3 mL) under argon atmosphere at 20 °C for 3 h. ^b Isolated yields.

The screening results of solvent are summarized in Table S3 below, which show that formamide such as DMF, HCON(Et)₂ is better than other solvents, finally, DMF was chosen as solvent for the reaction.

Table S3. Solvent screening results^a

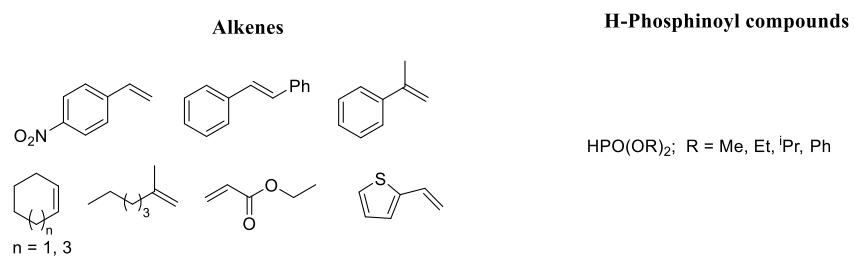
Entr y	Solvent	Yield ^b	Entry	Solvent	Yield ^b
1	CH ₃ CN	Trace	10	HOAc	Trace
2	CH ₃ NO ₂	Trace	11	THF	Trace
3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	Trace	12	EA	N. D. ^c
4	DCE	35%	13	DMSO	Trace
5	Toluene	Trace	14	DMF	70%
6 ^c	Chlorobenzene	Trace	15	DMA	Trace
7	Dioxane	21%	16	HCON(<i>n</i> -Bu) ₂	Trace
8	EtOH	41%	17	HCONEt ₂	51%
9	Acetone	Trace			

^a Reaction conditions: styrene (**1a**, 0.4 mmol), HPOPh₂ (1.5 eq), TMSCN (2 eq), CuCN (20 mol%), Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O (2.5 eq), solvent (3 mL) under argon atmosphere at 20 °C for 3 h. ^b Isolated yields. ^c N. D. means none detected.

3. The reactions of other alkenes with dialkylphosphites

The reactions of alkenes below with dialkylphosphites were performed, no desired product was detected under standard reaction conditions (Scheme S1).

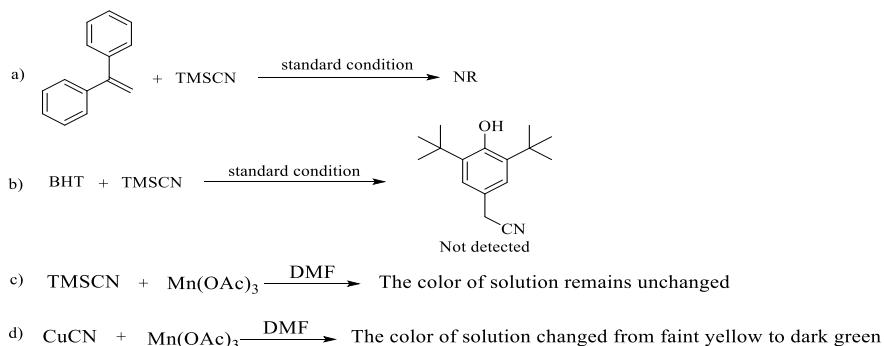
Scheme S1



4. Mechanistic exploration

The control experiments for observing cyano radical formation were done (Scheme S2)

Scheme S2. Control experiments for observing cyano radical formation



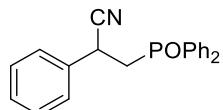
5. Typical procedure for the preparation of products **3a** and **3c**

Preparation of **3a** (at 0.40 mmol scale). To a Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stirring bar, CuCN (0.08 mmol) and Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O (1.2 mmol) were added and exchanged with argon gas for three times. A solution of styrene (**1a**, 0.40 mmol), HP(O)Ph₂ (0.8 mmol) and TMSCN (0.80 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was then injected. The mixture was allowed to stir at 20 °C for 3 h (monitored with TLC). After the substrate was consumed, water (50 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, then extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (50 mL×3) and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with 1:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate to afford the desired product **3a**.

Preparation of **3c** (at 1.0 mmol scale). To a Schlenk tube charged with a magnetic stirring bar, CuCN (0.20 mmol) and Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O (3.0 mmol) were added and exchanged with argon gas for three times. A solution of 4-methoxystyrene (**1c**, 1.0 mmol), HP(O)Ph₂ (2.0 mmol) and TMSCN (2.0 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was then injected. The mixture was allowed to stir at 20 °C for 3 h (monitored with TLC). After the substrate was consumed, water (80 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, then extracted with dichloromethane (35 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (50 mL×3) and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with 1:1 petroleum ether:ethyl acetate to afford the desired product **3c** (242 mg, 67% yield).

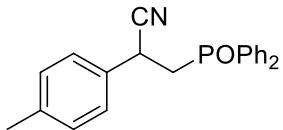
6. Structure characterization of compounds **3** and **5-8** (reactions at 0.40 mmol scale)

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile (3a**)**



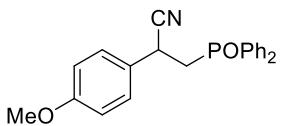
White solid; 114 mg, 86% yield. Mp: 103–105 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.92 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 4.39 (td, *J* = 9.4, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.56 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 134.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 132.00 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.51 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 130.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 130.04 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 128.69, 128.49, 128.37, 128.25, 128.13, 128.00, 127.04, 119.35 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 35.80 (d, *J* = 68.0 Hz), 30.05 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 26.17. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NOP 332.1204, found 332.1196.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(*p*-tolyl)propanenitrile (3b)



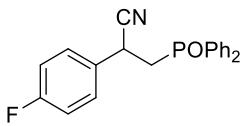
White solid; 124 mg, 90% yield. Mp: 142–144 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.50 – 4.35 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.06 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.70 (t, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.84, 131.82, 131.62 (d, J = 64.2 Hz), 130.45 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 130.07 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 129.27, 128.46, 128.34, 128.18, 128.06, 126.92, 119.53 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 35.88 (d, J = 68.1 Hz), 29.70, 20.52. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.53. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOP}$ 346.1361, found 346.1355.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanenitrile (3c)



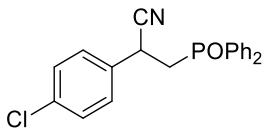
White solid; 101 mg, 69% yield. Mp: 130–132 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 4.65 – 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.14 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.73 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 158.91, 133.36, 132.66, 131.62 (d, J = 31.0 Hz), 130.54 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 130.30 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 128.95, 128.62, 128.50, 128.39, 127.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 120.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 114.10, 55.13, 33.33 (d, J = 67.8 Hz), 29.08. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.27. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{P}$ 362.1310, found 362.1301.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)propanenitrile (3d)



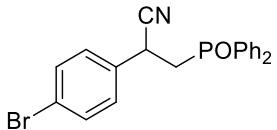
White solid; 121 mg, 87% yield. Mp: 170–172 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82 (dd, J = 11.3, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.45 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.76 – 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.29 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.89 – 2.46 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.99 (d, J = 248.3 Hz), 132.03, 131.50, 130.38, 130.29, 130.07, 129.98, 129.11, 129.02, 128.47 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 128.18 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 119.37 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 115.55 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 35.72 (d, J = 67.9 Hz), 29.51. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.33. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNOP}$ 350.1110, found 350.1106.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (3e)



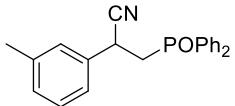
White solid; 130 mg, 89% yield. Mp: 173–174 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.88 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.49 (m, 6H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 4.69 – 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.23 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.76 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): δ 134.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 133.55 (d, J = 12.7 Hz), 132.83, 132.51, 131.83, 131.46, 130.50 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 130.30 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 129.79, 128.63 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 128.52 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 128.39, 120.13 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 32.80 (d, J = 68.4 Hz), 29.38. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO): δ 26.05. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNOP}$ 366.0815, found 366.0817.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (3f)



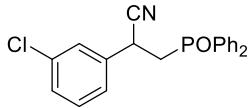
White solid; 136 mg, 83% yield. Mp: 167–169 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.11 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.53 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.72 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 133.49, 132.08, 131.71, 131.47, 130.31 (d, J = 29.8 Hz), 129.01, 128.41 (d, J = 26.9 Hz), 122.23, 119.07, 34.90 (d, J = 109.2 Hz), 29.80. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.20. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNOP}$ 410.0309, found 410.0280.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(*m*-tolyl)propanenitrile (3g)



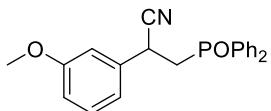
White solid; 123 mg, 84% yield. Mp: 112–114 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.05 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 4.47 – 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.07 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.5, 134.70 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 131.97 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.70 (d, J = 19.7 Hz), 131.46 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 130.70 (d, J = 19.2 Hz), 130.42 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 130.00 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 128.65 (d, J = 11.4 Hz), 128.41 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 128.15, 128.03, 127.78, 124.00, 119.49 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 35.74 (d, J = 68.2 Hz), 29.96 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 20.74. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.18. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+Na) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NOPNa}$ 368.1180, found 368.1176.

2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (3h)



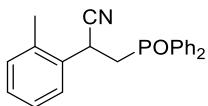
White solid; 127 mg, 87% yield. Mp: 147–148 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 4.60 – 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.10 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.73 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 136.38, 134.47, 132.10, 131.65, 130.27 (d, $J = 34.1$ Hz), 129.95, 128.42 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 128.23, 127.49, 125.50, 118.92, 35.69 (d, $J = 69.4$ Hz), 29.88. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.07. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNOP}$ 366.0815, found 366.0802.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)propanenitrile (3i)



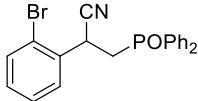
Yellow solid; 127 mg, 88% yield. Mp: 108–109 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.36 (td, $J = 7.5, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dt, $J = 9.8, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.09 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.72 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5, 136.2 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 132.0 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 131.5 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 130.4 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 130.0 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 129.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 119.3 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 119.2, 113.7, 112.62, 54.8, 35.7 (d, $J = 68.0$ Hz), 30.1 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.41. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{P}$ 362.1310, found 362.1301.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(o-tolyl)propanenitrile (3j)



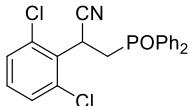
White solid; 104 mg, 75% yield. Mp: 137–140 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.37 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.69 – 4.54 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 134.87, 133.33 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 132.03, 131.55, 130.70, 130.56, 130.47, 130.05, 129.96, 128.43 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 128.24, 128.10, 127.18, 126.40, 119.46 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 34.77 (d, $J = 69.4$ Hz), 26.64, 18.80. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.30. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOP}$ 346.1361, found 346.1352.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (3k)



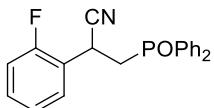
Light yellow solid; 106 mg, 65% yield. Mp: 134–136 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80 (dd, $J = 11.4, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 11.5, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.40 (m, 8H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 – 4.47 (m, 1H), 3.09 – 2.73 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 134.02 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 133.16, 131.96 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 131.69 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 130.49 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 130.27 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 129.73, 129.49, 128.44, 128.32, 128.19, 127.84, 122.20, 118.19 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 33.56 (d, $J = 67.2$ Hz), 30.72. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.86. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNOP}$ 410.0309, found 410.0306.

2-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (3l)



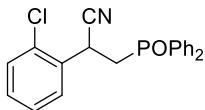
White solid; 133 mg, 79% yield. Mp: 115–1116 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.88 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 5.38 (dt, $J = 10.0, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 3.13 – 2.98 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 134.82, 132.02 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 131.58 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 130.35 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 130.10 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 129.92, 128.48 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 128.09 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 116.95 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 30.94 (d, $J = 68.2$ Hz), 25.91. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.17. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+Na) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{NOPNa}$ 422.0244, found 422.0225.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)propanenitrile (3m)



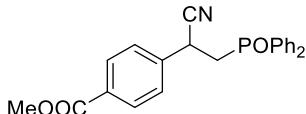
White solid; 120 mg, 86% yield. Mp: 122–124 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77 (dd, $J = 11.6, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 9.3, 5.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 13.3, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 4.57 (dd, $J = 16.4, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 – 2.85 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.02 (d, $J = 248.8$ Hz), 132.41 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 132.08 (d, $J = 39.3$ Hz), 131.96 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.07 (d, $J = 39.2$ Hz), 130.78 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 130.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 130.53 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 129.98 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 128.88 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 128.61 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 124.72 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 122.10 (dd, $J = 13.4, 6.7$ Hz), 118.72 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 115.98 (d, $J = 20.9$ Hz), 33.73 (d, $J = 68.2$ Hz), 25.84 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.71. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNOP}$ 350.1110, found 350.1113.

2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (3n)



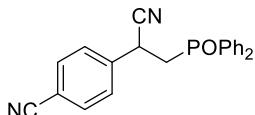
White solid; 130 mg, 89% yield. Mp: 128–130 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25 (dd, J = 7.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.74 (ddd, J = 9.7, 8.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.00 – 2.87 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 132.24, 132.18 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 131.94 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.61 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.58 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.42 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 130.17 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 129.81, 129.55 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 128.44, 128.32, 128.25, 128.13, 127.15, 118.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 33.17 (d, J = 67.7 Hz), 28.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.90. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNOP}$ 366.0815, found 366.0816.

Methyl 4-(1-cyano-2-(diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl)benzoate (3o)



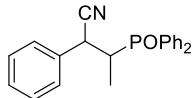
White solid; 124 mg, 80% yield. Mp: 147–149 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd, J = 11.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, J = 18.9, 9.8 Hz, 5H), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.51 (dd, J = 16.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.12 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.71 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.72, 139.49 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 132.12 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.62 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.37 (d, J = 19.0 Hz), 130.41 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 130.02 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 129.89, 129.85, 128.49 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 128.24 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 128.03 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 127.25, 118.80 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 51.80, 35.45 (d, J = 67.8 Hz), 30.06 (d, J = 2.1 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 36.10. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$ 390.1259, found 390.1257.

4-(1-Cyano-2-(diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl)benzonitrile (3p)



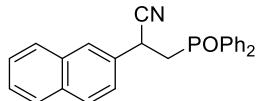
White solid; 127 mg, 84% yield. Mp: 194–196 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.43 (m, 10H), 7.36 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.63 – 4.50 (m, 1H), 3.14 – 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.88 – 2.73 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 140.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 133.49 (d, J = 12.9 Hz), 132.58, 131.86 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 131.55 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.64 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 130.48 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 130.31 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 129.11, 128.61 (d, J = 11.8 Hz), 128.48 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 119.72 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 118.35, 110.98, 32.31 (d, J = 68.0 Hz), 30.02 (d, J = 2.6 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.91. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{NaOP}$ 379.0976, found 379.0970.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-phenylbutanenitrile (3q)



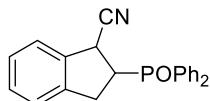
White solid; 110 mg, 80% yield. Mp: 180–182 °C. dr = 14:1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 – 7.93 (m, 0.28H), 7.92 – 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.73 – 7.64 (m, 0.28H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 0.14H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 0.35H), 4.57 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.8 Hz, 0.07H), 3.16 – 3.08 (m, 0.07H), 2.89 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 1.35 (dd, J = 16.1, 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (dd, J = 15.7, 7.4 Hz, 0.21H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 134.31, 134.22, 131.95 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.84 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.63 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.46 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 131.31, 131.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 130.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 130.39 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 128.59, 128.56, 128.47, 128.34 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 128.29, 128.21, 128.17, 128.08, 127.87, 127.34, 117.49 (d, J = 4.7 Hz), 38.33 (d, J = 68.8 Hz), 36.63 (d, J = 69.7 Hz), 36.47, 35.88, 10.99, 10.29. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 32.96, 32.49. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOP}$ 346.1361, found 346.1359.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)propanenitrile (3r)



White solid; 133 mg, 87% yield. Mp: 160–161 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 – 7.69 (m, 6H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 7H), 7.39 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 4.64 (dt, J = 9.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.82 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 132.46 (d, J = 16.0 Hz), 131.99 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.78 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 131.60 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 131.16 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 130.60 (d, J = 15.3 Hz), 130.41 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 129.90 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 128.83, 128.49, 128.37, 127.97, 127.85, 127.43, 127.09, 126.74, 126.18, 124.02, 119.43 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 35.75 (d, J = 68.2 Hz), 30.28 (d, J = 2.2 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.14. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.91. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{NOP}$ 382.1361, found 382.1355.

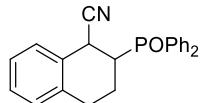
2-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-1-carbonitrile (3s)



White solid; 121 mg, 88% yield. Mp: 174–176 °C. dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.01 – 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 6H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, J = 13.8, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.54 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 3.07 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 135.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 132.28 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.91 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.99 (d, J = 79.3 Hz), 130.72 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 130.39, 130.30, 129.61, 128.64

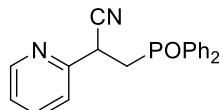
(d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 128.52 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 128.47, 127.33, 124.04 (d, $J = 50.0$ Hz), 119.18 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 42.55 (d, $J = 73.2$ Hz), 34.35, 32.07. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 30.32. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOP}$ 344.1204, found 344.1212.

2-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carbonitrile (3t)



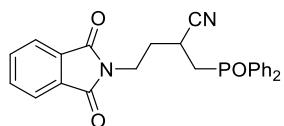
White solid; 90 mg, 63% yield. Mp: 187–189 °C. dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.89 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 10.5, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 6.0, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.45 (dd, $J = 12.4, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (ddd, $J = 13.0, 9.4, 4.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (ddd, $J = 15.2, 12.6, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.12 – 1.87 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 135.73 (d, $J = 0.6$ Hz), 132.14 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.76 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 130.88 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 130.48 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 129.83 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz), 128.65, 128.58 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 128.46 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 128.32, 128.21, 128.09, 127.63, 126.61, 119.97 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 36.77 (d, $J = 70.5$ Hz), 28.85, 27.52 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 21.41 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 32.26. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M-CN+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{OP}$ 332.1330, found 332.1301.

3-(Diphenylphosphoryl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)propanenitrile (3u)



Yellow oil; 100 mg, 75% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.48 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.48 (m, 6H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 6.9, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dt, $J = 10.3, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.15 – 3.03 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 154.1 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 149.4, 137.4, 133.6 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 132.6 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 131.9 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 130.3 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 128.6 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 128.5 (d, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 123.4, 123.0, 119.6 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 32.3 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 31.7 (d, $J = 68.9$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.75. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OP}$ 333.1157, found 333.1167.

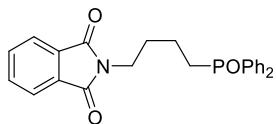
4-(1,3-Dioxoisindolin-2-yl)-2-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)butanenitrile (5a)



White solid; 117 mg, 65% yield. Mp: 127–129 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 6H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 3.83 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.16 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.71 (m,

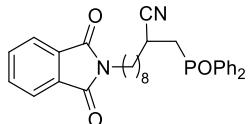
1H), 2.69 – 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.34 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.17 – 2.05 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.73, 133.64, 132.43, 132.01 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 131.90 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.44, 130.56 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 130.05 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 129.54, 128.54 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 128.42 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 122.95, 119.67 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 34.50, 31.39 (d, $J = 58.4$ Hz), 31.02 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 22.74 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.23. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_3\text{P}$ 451.1187, found 451.1175.

2-(4-(Diphenylphosphoryl)butyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (5a')¹



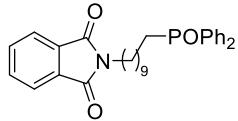
White solid; 28 mg, 14% yield. Mp: 102–104 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 – 7.67 (m, 8H), 7.53 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 3.66 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.58 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.32, 133.94, 132.77 (d, $J = 98.3$ Hz), 132.03, 131.73 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 130.78 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 128.66 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 123.21, 36.98, 29.51 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 29.08 (d, $J = 61.7$ Hz), 18.66 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 32.47. MS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$ 404.1, found 404.1.

10-(1,3-Dioxoisooindolin-2-yl)-2-((diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)decanenitrile (5b)



White solid; 109 mg, 53% yield. Mp: 107–108 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.08 – 7.67 (m, 6H), 7.67 – 7.50 (m, 8H), 3.45 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.18 – 3.08 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 3H), 1.30 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 132.57, 132.05 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 131.87 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 131.57, 130.90 (s), 130.54 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 130.03 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 129.03, 128.55 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 128.43 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 120.51 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz), 119.59, 33.50, 32.95 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 32.24, 32.08 (d, $J = 69.6$ Hz), 28.51, 28.18, 28.05, 27.55, 26.25, 24.83 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.38. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}-\text{PhCOCON}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{29}\text{NOP}$ 366.1987, found 366.1972.

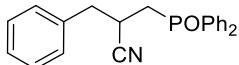
2-(10-(Diphenylphosphoryl)decyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (5b')



White solid; 47 mg, 25% yield. Mp: 90–93 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (dd, $J = 5.3, 3.0$ Hz,

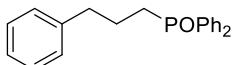
2H), 7.76 – 7.64 (m, 6H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 3.64 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.30 – 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.41 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.17 (m, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.44, 133.83, 132.14, 131.62, 130.82, 130.73, 128.61 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 123.13, 38.03, 30.98, 30.86, 29.32, 29.23, 29.07, 28.98, 28.55, 26.80, 21.41. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 32.69. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M- $\text{PhCOCO} + \text{Na} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_2\text{PNa}$ 396.2068, found 396.2087.

2-Benzyl-3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propanenitrile (5c)



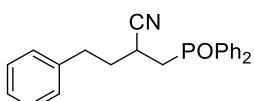
White solid; 84 mg, 57% yield. Mp: 145–146 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.61 – 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.43 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.68 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 1.89 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.32, 133.47, 131.29, 130.39, 130.30, 129.59 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 128.90, 128.27, 128.16, 128.07, 127.96, 125.65, 115.11, 36.19 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 28.87 (d, J = 6.3 Hz), 22.53. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.91. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+Na) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{NNaOP}$ 368.1180, found 368.1171.

Diphenyl(3-phenylpropyl)phosphine oxide (5c')²



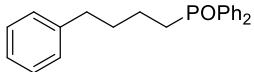
White solid; 29 mg, 18% yield. Mp: 114–116 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.93 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.83, 132.95 (d, J = 98.1 Hz), 131.70 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.75 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 128.70, 128.56 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 128.43, 126.12, 36.65 (d, J = 14.8 Hz), 28.94 (d, J = 72.1 Hz), 23.03 (d, J = 3.4 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 32.50. MS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{OP}$ 321.1, found 321.1.

2-((Diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)-4-phenylbutanenitrile (5d)



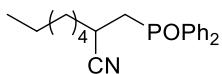
White solid; 76 mg, 50% yield. Mp: 79–80 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72 (dd, J = 10.8, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.58 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.66 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 141.39, 134.85, 133.31 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 132.03, 131.56 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 131.25, 130.70, 130.50 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 130.00 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 128.43 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 128.18 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 127.98 (d, J = 25.3 Hz), 126.79 (d, J = 78.0 Hz), 125.32, 119.46 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 34.97 (d, J = 13.0 Hz), 26.63, 20.72, 18.78. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 33.21. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+Na) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{NNaOP}$ 382.1337, found 382.1331.

Diphenyl(4-phenylbutyl)phosphine oxide (5d')²



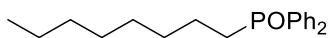
White solid; 40 mg, 24% yield. Mp: 148–150 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 2.56 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.60 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.36, 132.61 (d, J = 97.9 Hz), 131.21 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 130.27 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 128.23, 128.12, 127.85, 125.32, 34.88, 32.15 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 29.11 (d, J = 71.9 Hz), 20.71 (d, J = 3.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 32.38. MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₄OP 335.2, found 335.2.

2-((Diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)pentanenitrile (5e)



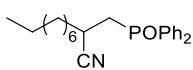
Colourless oil; 71 mg, 52% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 6H), 3.17 – 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.80 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.17 (m, 6H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 132.72, 131.98 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.80 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.40 (d, J = 64.5 Hz), 130.54 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 130.03 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 128.51 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 128.39 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 120.56 (d, J = 10.8 Hz), 32.99 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 32.12 (d, J = 69.7 Hz), 30.91, 27.98, 26.27, 24.83 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 21.97, 13.50. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.24. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₇NOP 340.1830, found 340.1843.

Octyldiphenylphosphine oxide (5e')



White solid; 61 mg, 39% yield. Mp: 56–59 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 2.33 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.21 (m, 10H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 132.74 (d, J = 97.4 Hz), 132.05 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 131.14, 131.11, 130.35, 130.26, 128.18, 128.06, 31.27, 30.50 (d, J = 14.7 Hz), 29.26 (d, J = 72.2 Hz), 29.22, 28.53, 22.11, 20.92 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 13.58. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 32.58. MS (ESI-TOF) m/z: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₈OP 315.2, found 315.2.

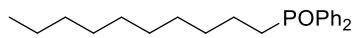
2-((Diphenylphosphoryl)methyl)pentanenitrile (5f)



Colourless oil; 104 mg, 47% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.61 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 3.30 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.19 (m, 10H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 132.03 (d, J = 2.4

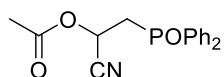
Hz), 131.83 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 130.56 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 130.05 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 128.94, 128.53 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 128.41 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 120.54 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 115.03, 33.03 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 32.13 (d, J = 69.7 Hz), 31.37, 31.28, 28.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 28.33, 26.32, 24.83 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 22.13, 13.60. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.63. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{NNaOP}$ 390.1963, found 390.1983.

Decyldiphenylphosphine oxide (5f)³



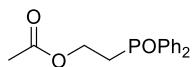
Colourless oil; 68 mg, 40% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73 (dd, J = 10.6, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 2.34 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.17 (m, 12H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 132.05 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.87 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 130.59, 130.49, 130.08, 129.98, 128.55 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 128.43 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 33.50, 32.95 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 32.24, 32.08 (d, J = 69.6 Hz), 29.22, 28.51, 28.11 (d, J = 13.1 Hz), 27.55, 26.25, 24.83 (d, J = 2.4 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 33.11. MS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{OP}$ 343.2, found 343.2.

1-Cyano-2-(diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl acetate (5g)



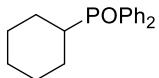
Light yellow solid; 65 mg, 52% yield. Mp: 97–99 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.58 – 7.46 (m, 6H), 5.75 (td, J = 9.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.12 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.87, 132.16, 131.89, 130.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 130.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 128.61, 128.50, 128.41, 128.30, 115.71 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 55.52, 32.80 (d, J = 67.3 Hz), 19.21. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 25.40. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$ 314.0946, found 314.0929.

2-(Diphenylphosphoryl)ethyl acetate (5g')



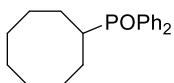
White solid; 46 mg, 32% yield. Mp: 101–103 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73 (dd, J = 11.1, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 4.41 (dt, J = 10.8, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (dt, J = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.27, 132.66, 131.66, 131.50, 131.47, 130.22, 130.13, 128.32, 128.20, 57.88, 29.19 (d, J = 70.3 Hz), 20.06. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.54. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ 289.0994, found 289.0991.

Cyclohexyldiphenylphosphine oxide (5h')³



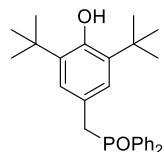
White solid, 77 mg, 68% yield, mp 165–166 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 – 7.72 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 2.34 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.66 (m, 5H), 1.61 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.17 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 131.95 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 131.01, 130.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 128.10 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 36.74 (d, *J* = 72.4 Hz), 28.83, 25.97, 25.84, 25.28, 24.32. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 35.54. MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₂OP 285.1, found 285.1.

Cyclooctyldiphenylphosphine oxide (5i')³



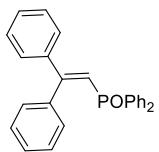
White solid, 81 mg, 64% yield, mp 143–145 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 2.58 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 3H), 1.64 – 1.52 (m, 5H), 1.47 – 1.38 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 132.20 (d, *J* = 93.9 Hz), 130.93, 130.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 128.07 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 35.14 (d, *J* = 70.5 Hz), 29.21, 26.47, 26.35, 25.91, 25.78, 25.47, 25.32. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 39.75. MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₆OP 313.2, found 313.2.

(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (BHT-POPh₂) (6)



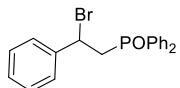
White solid, 30 mg, 35% yield, mp 177–179 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.30 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 135.30 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 132.02, 131.27 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 131.00, 130.91, 127.97, 127.86, 126.50 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 120.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 37.48 (d, *J* = 67.2 Hz), 33.65, 29.64. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 30.91. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+Na)⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₃₃NaO₂P 443.2116, found 443.2124.

(2,2-Diphenylvinyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (7)



White solid, 51 mg, 74% yield, mp 217–218 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 11H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.84 – 6.74 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.67 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 141.36 (d, J = 16.2 Hz), 137.50 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 133.71 (d, J = 106.2 Hz), 130.64 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.40 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 129.82, 129.08, 128.17, 127.89 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 127.82, 127.75, 127.12, 119.86 (d, J = 103.9 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.21. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{OP}$ 381.1408, found 381.1395.

(2-Bromo-2-phenylethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (8)³



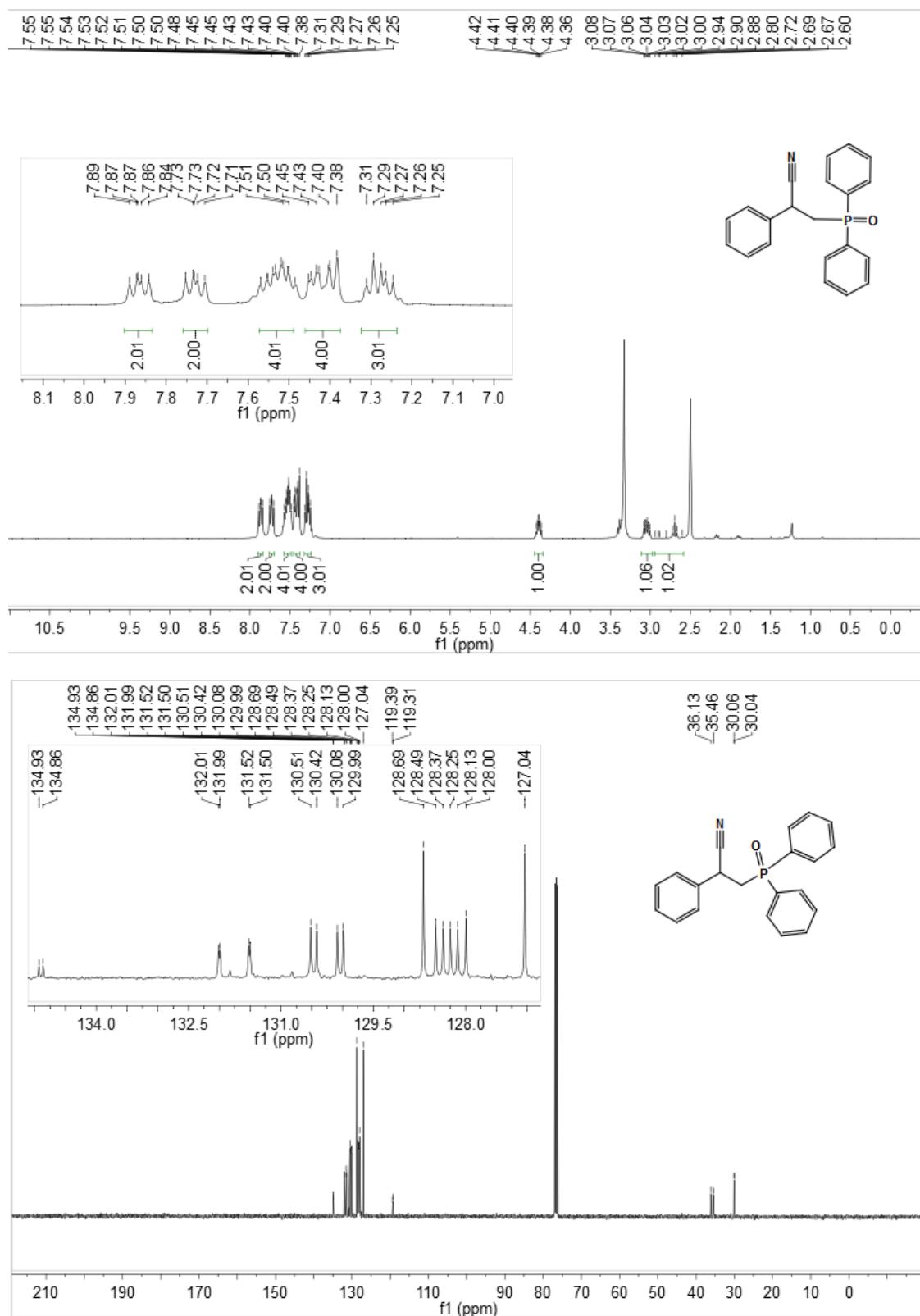
White solid, 25 mg, 15% yield, mp 147–148 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 7.35 (td, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 7.3, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 5.62 – 5.55 (m, 1H), 3.48 – 3.32 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.92 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 133.42, 132.42, 132.02 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 131.43 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 130.68 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 130.58 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 128.79, 128.63 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 128.46, 128.31 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 127.38, 46.40, 41.58 (d, J = 64.7 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.77. MS (ESI-TOF) m/z : (M+H)⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrOP}$ 385.0, found 385.0.

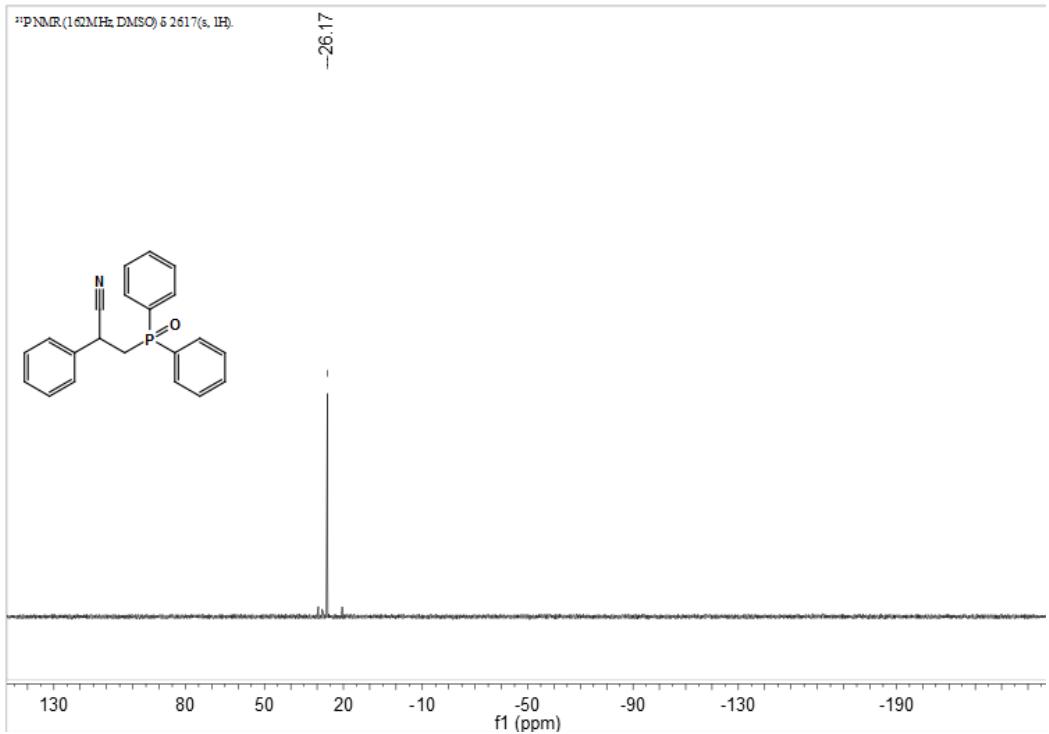
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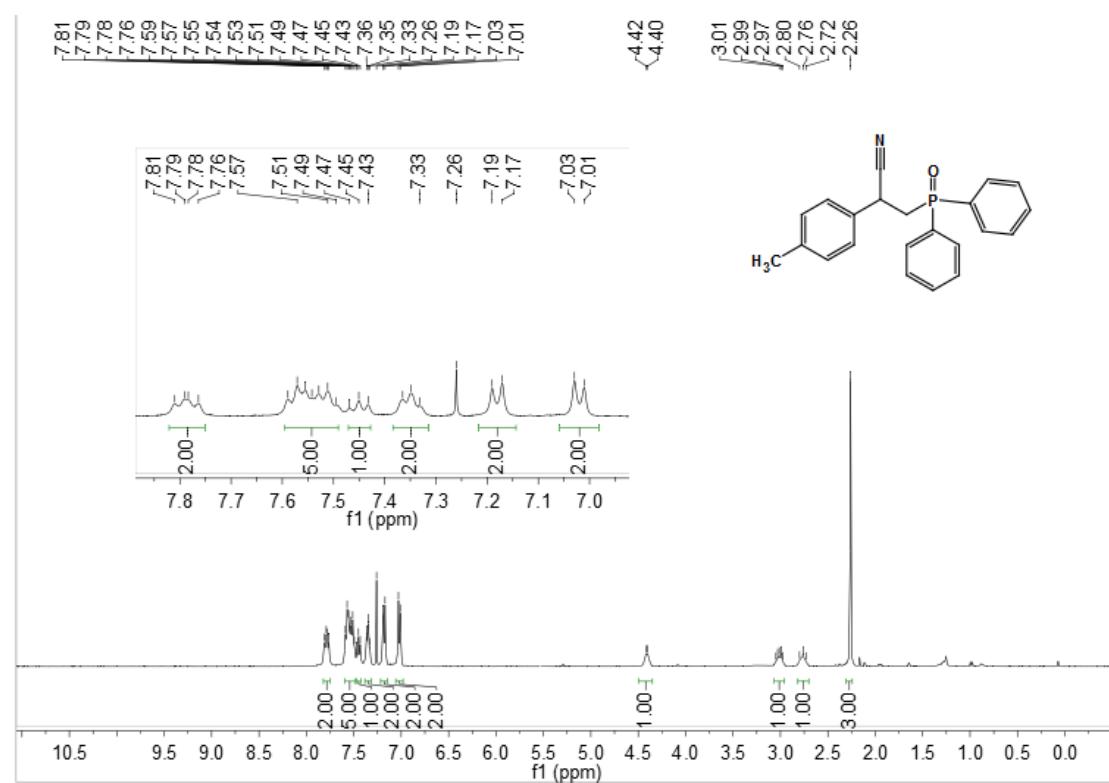
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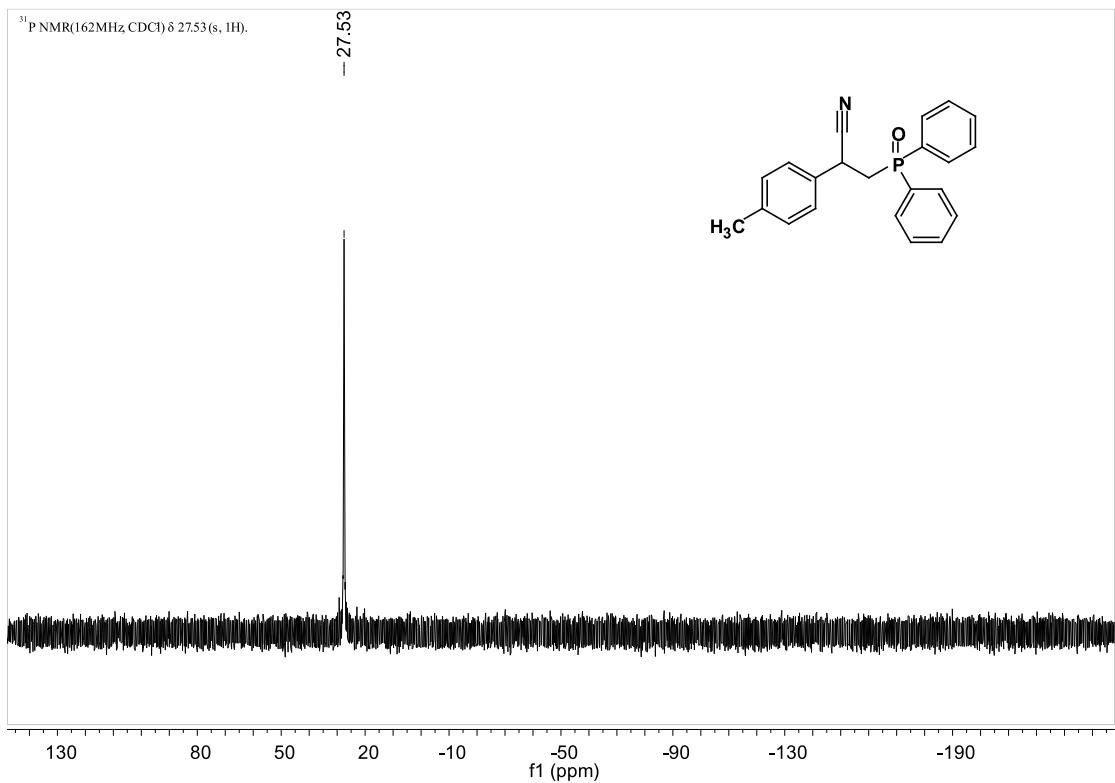
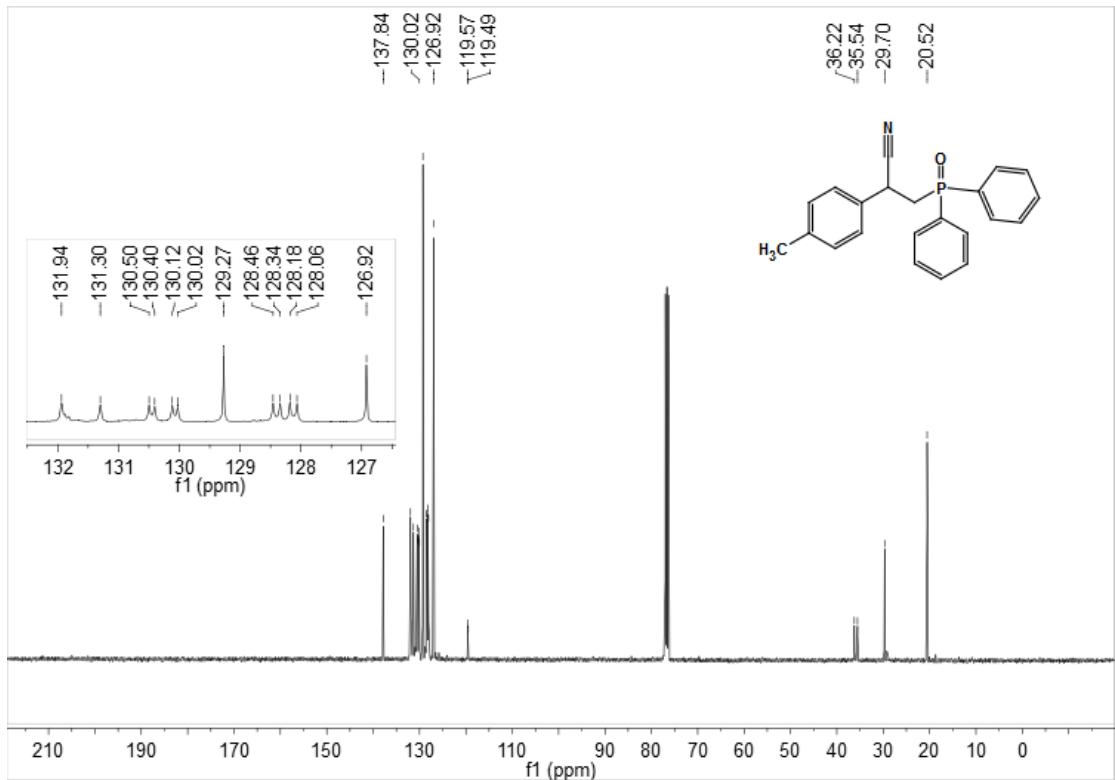
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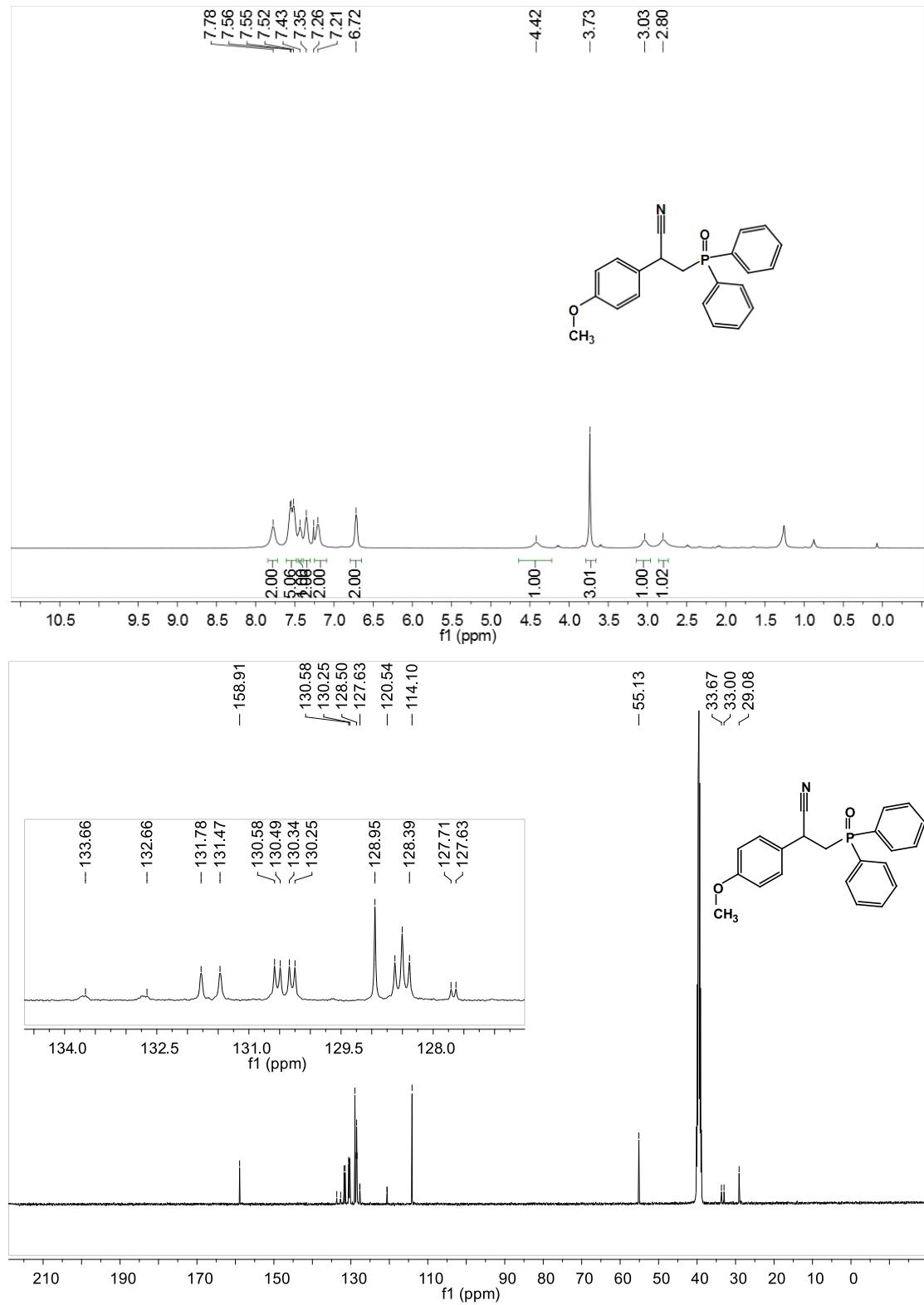


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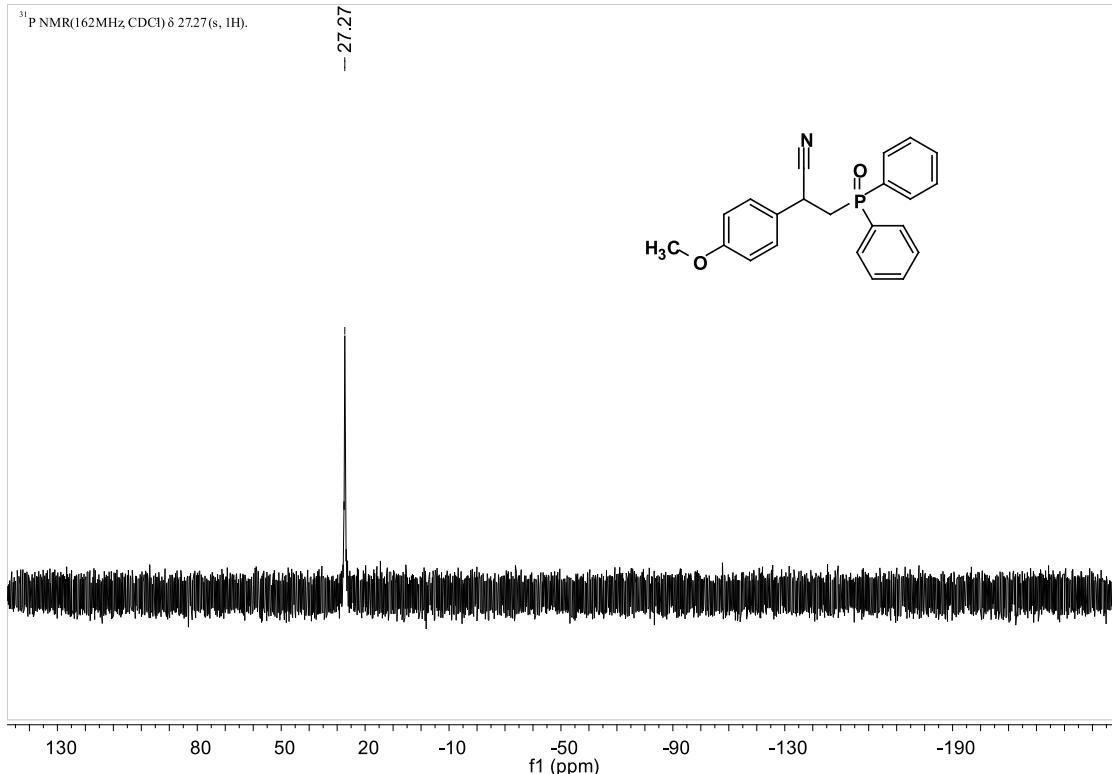
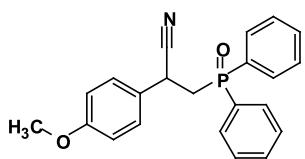


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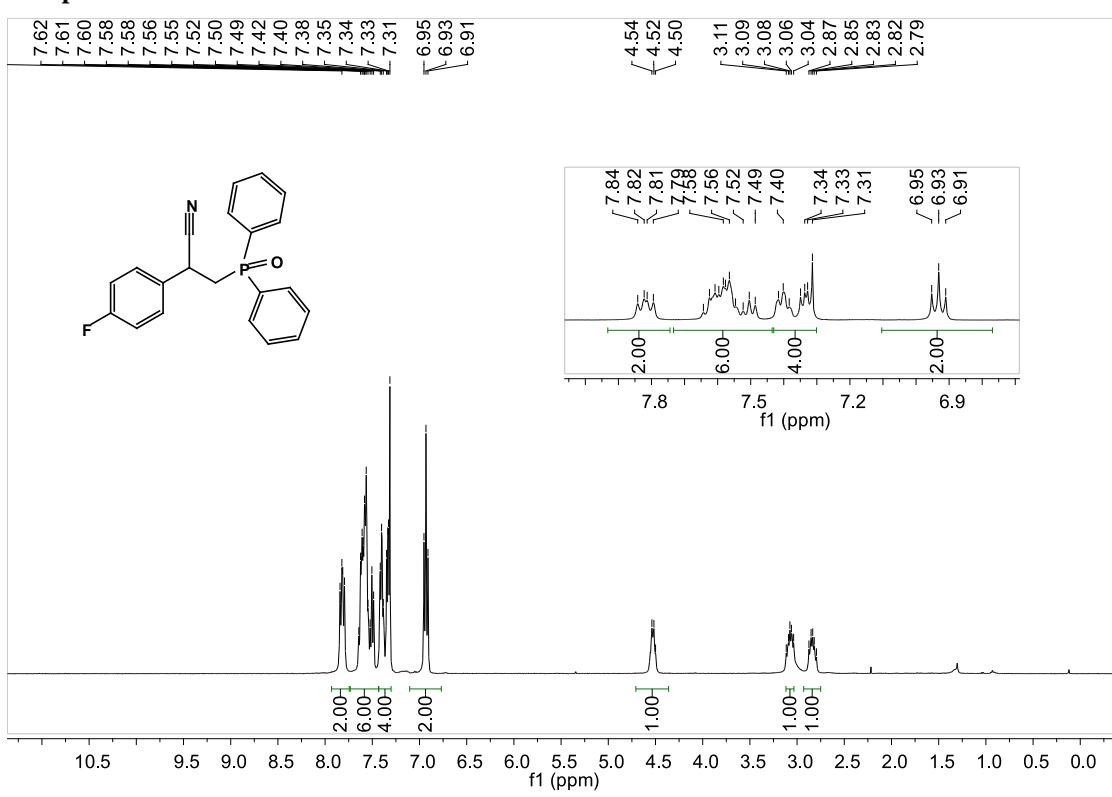


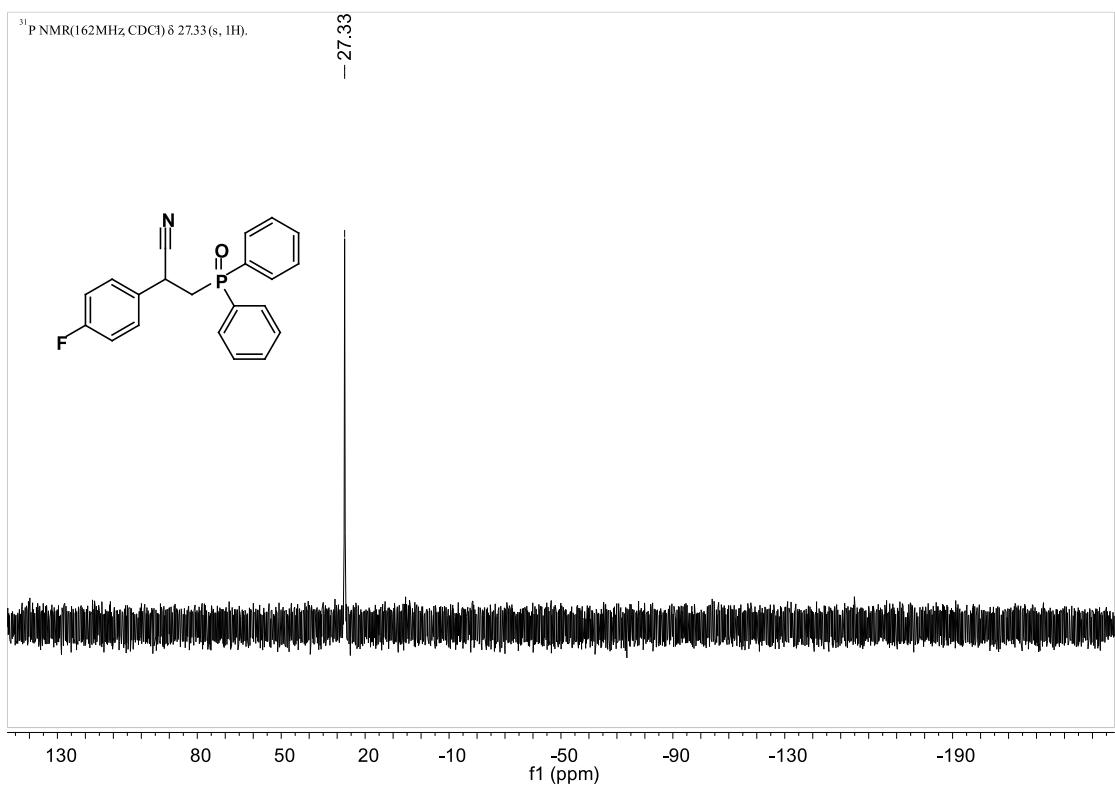
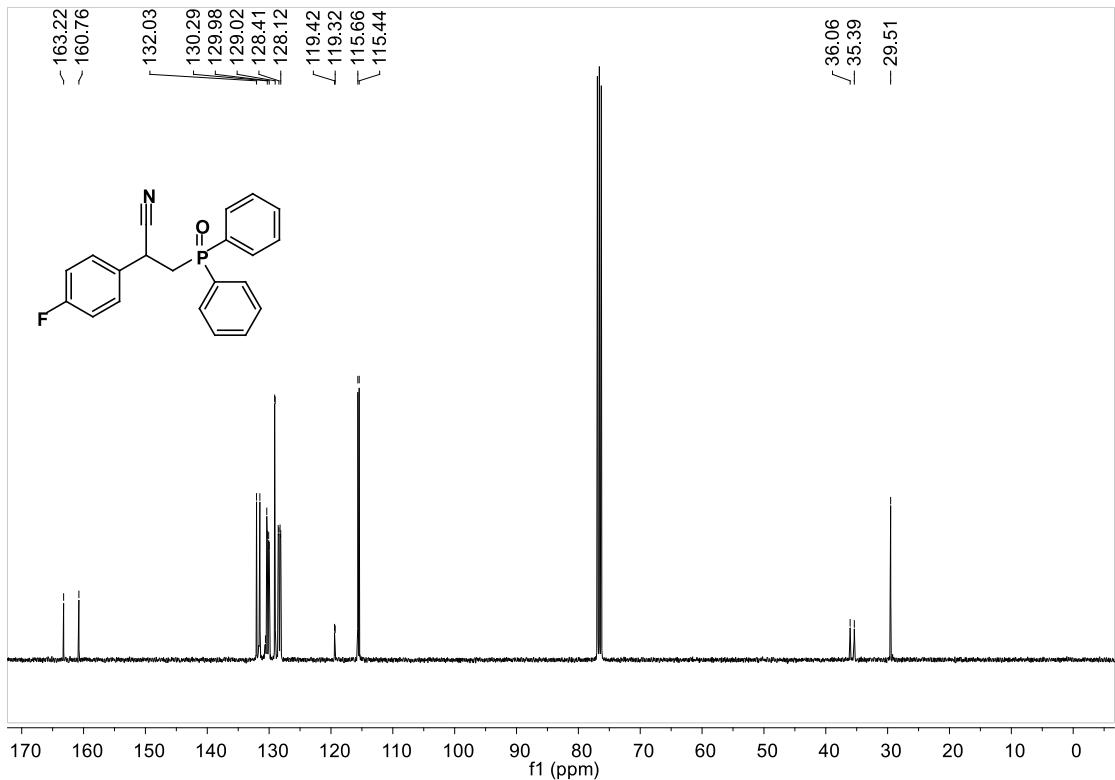
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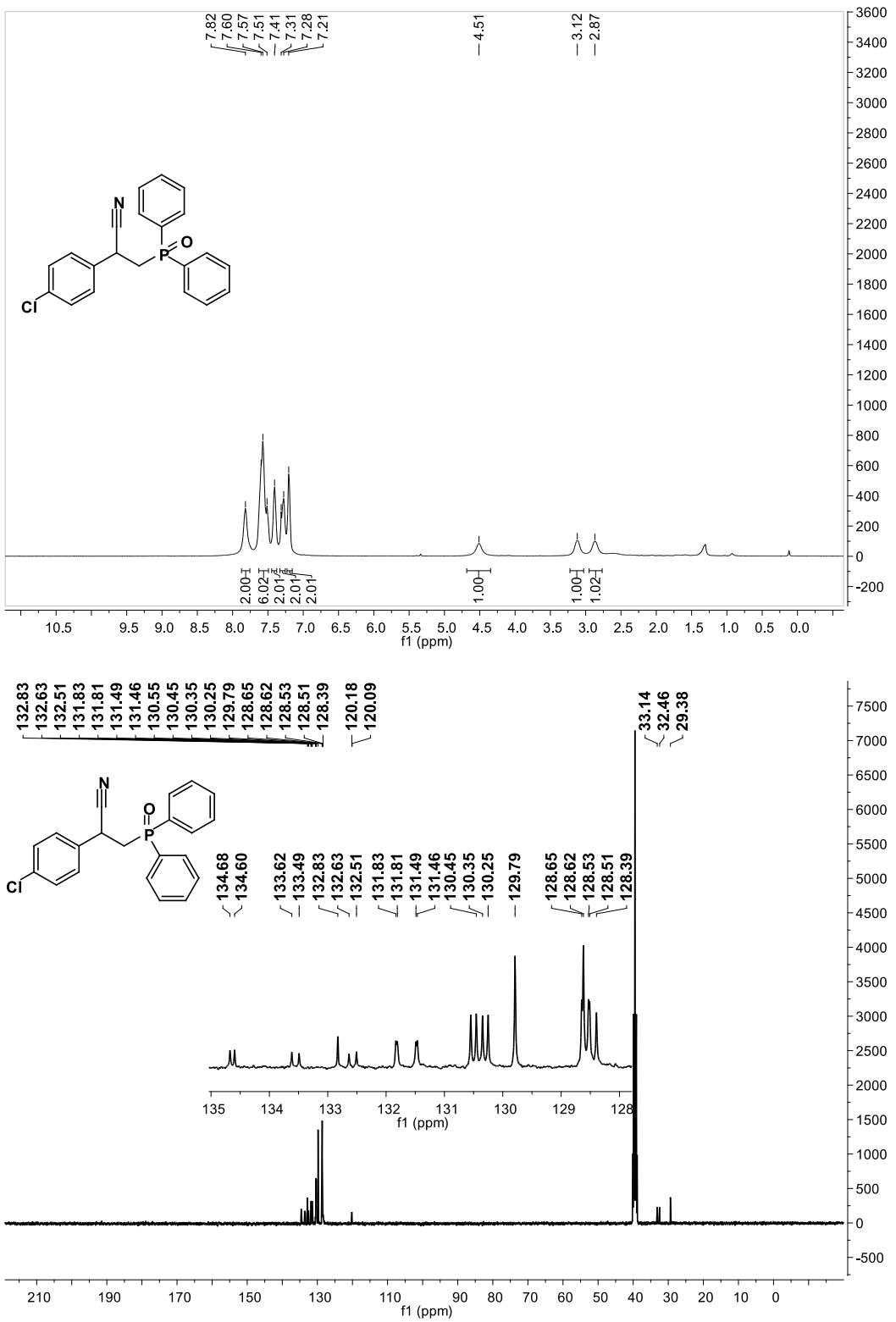


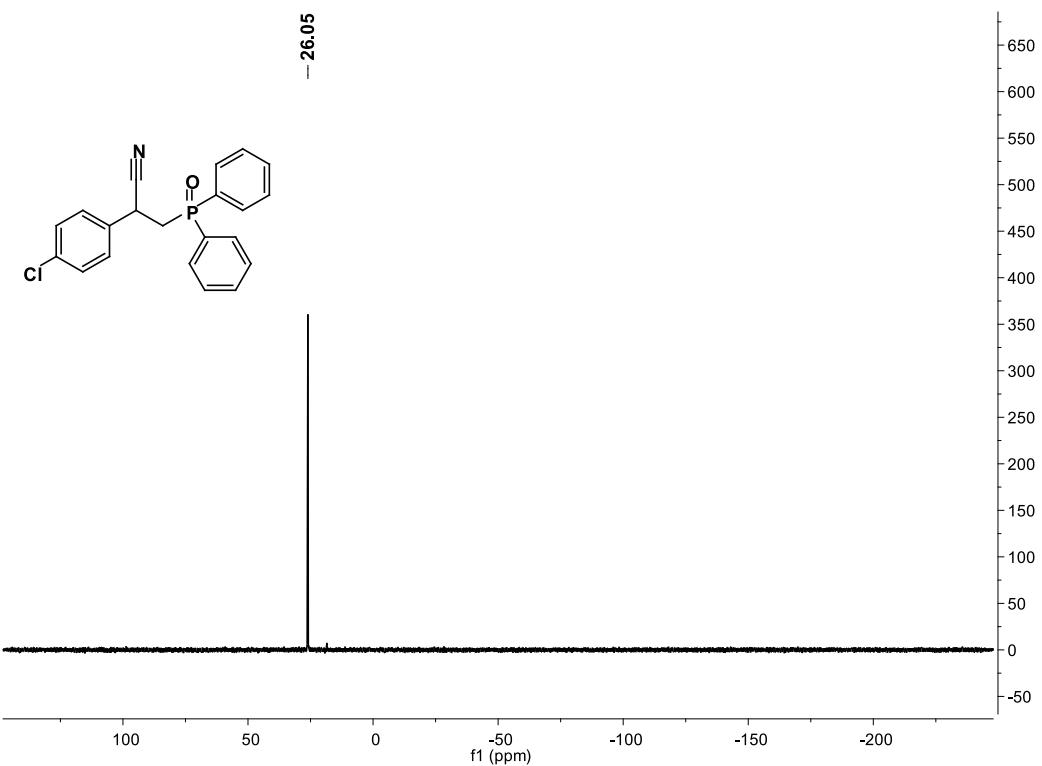
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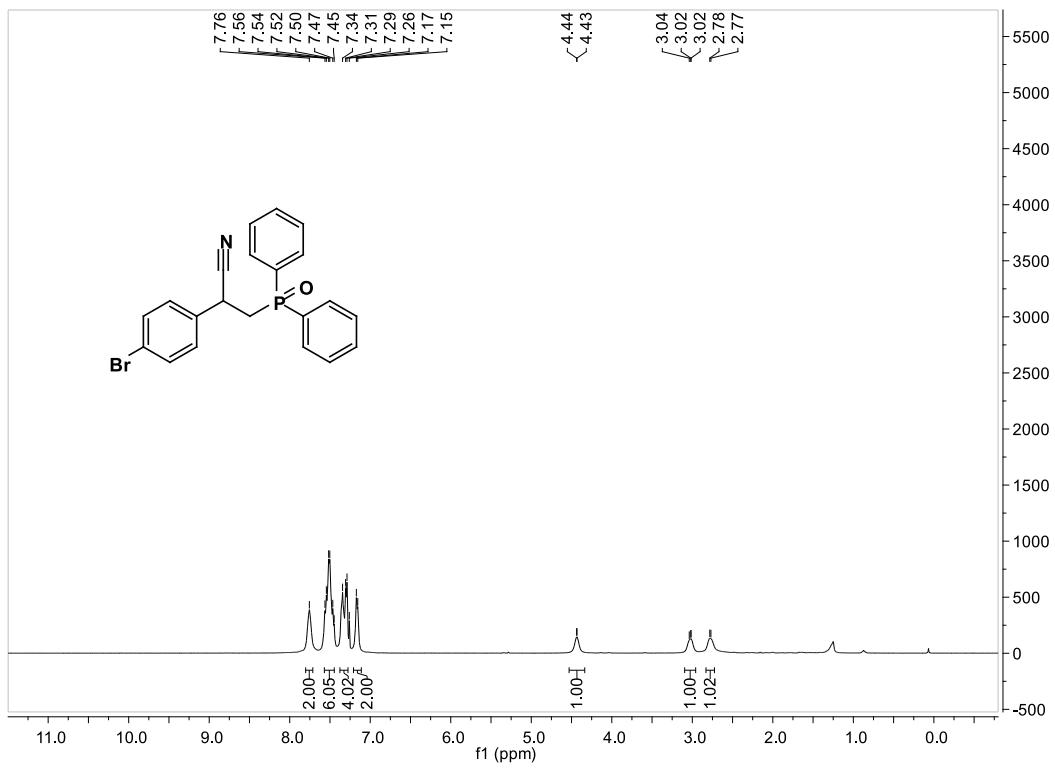


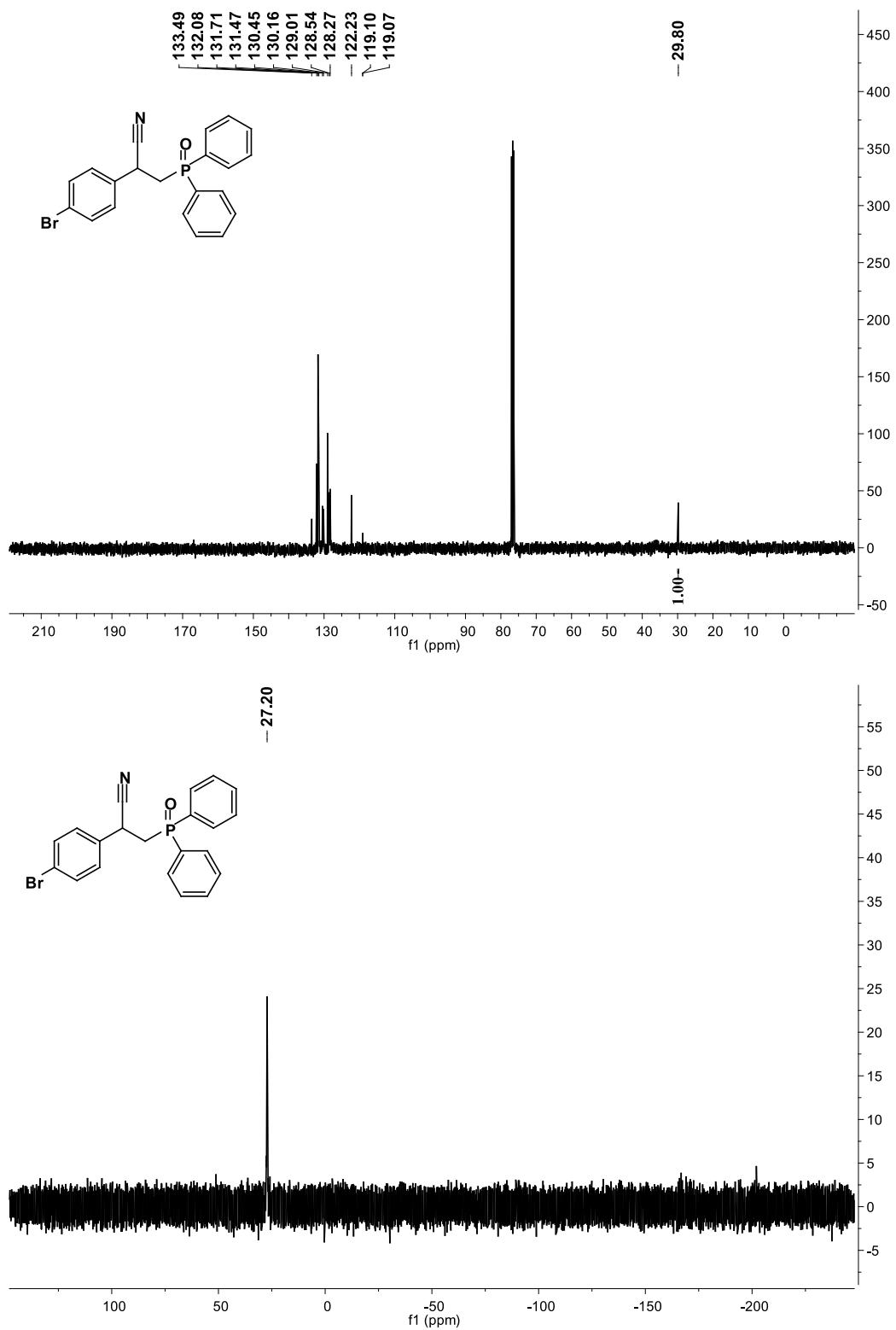
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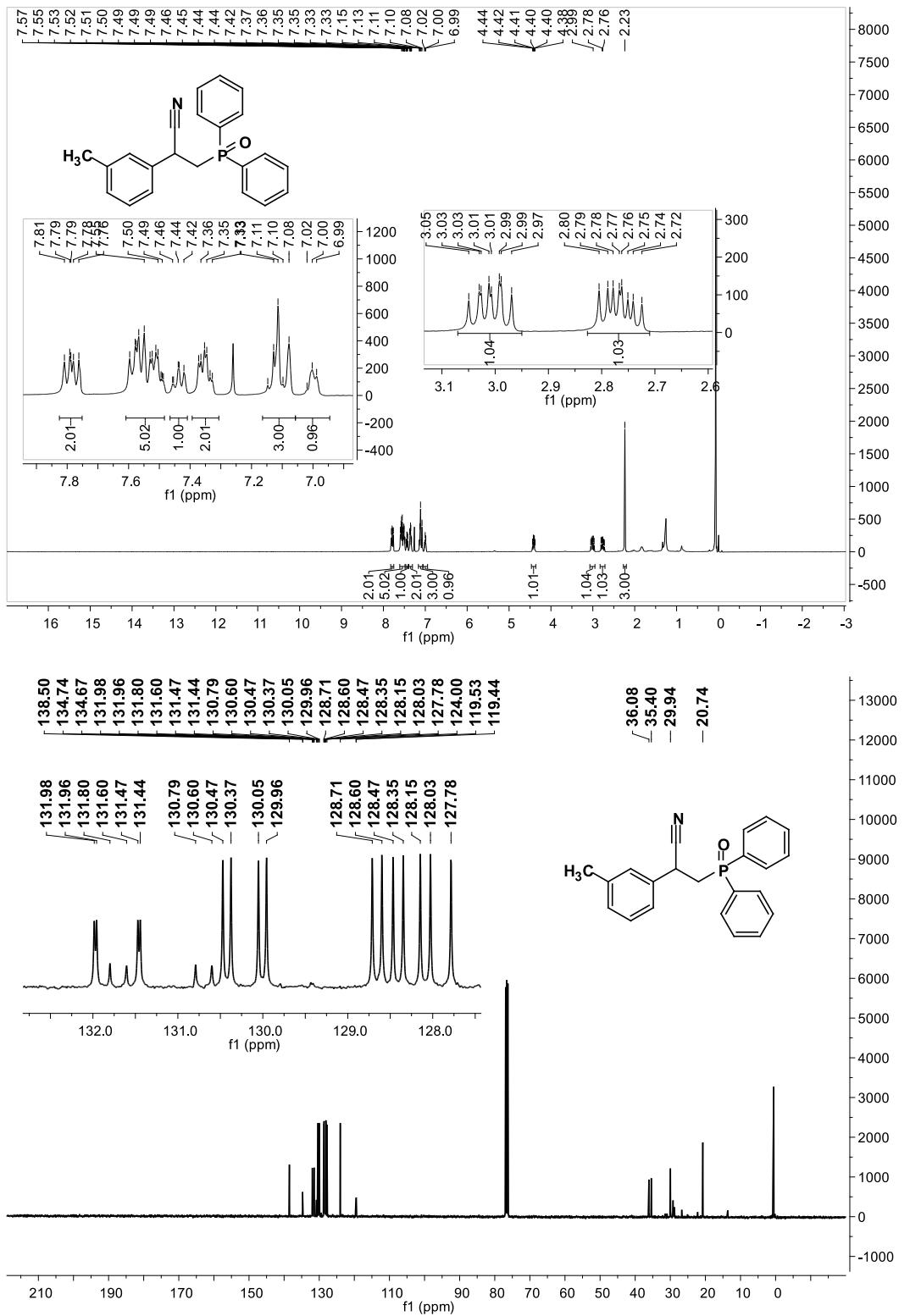


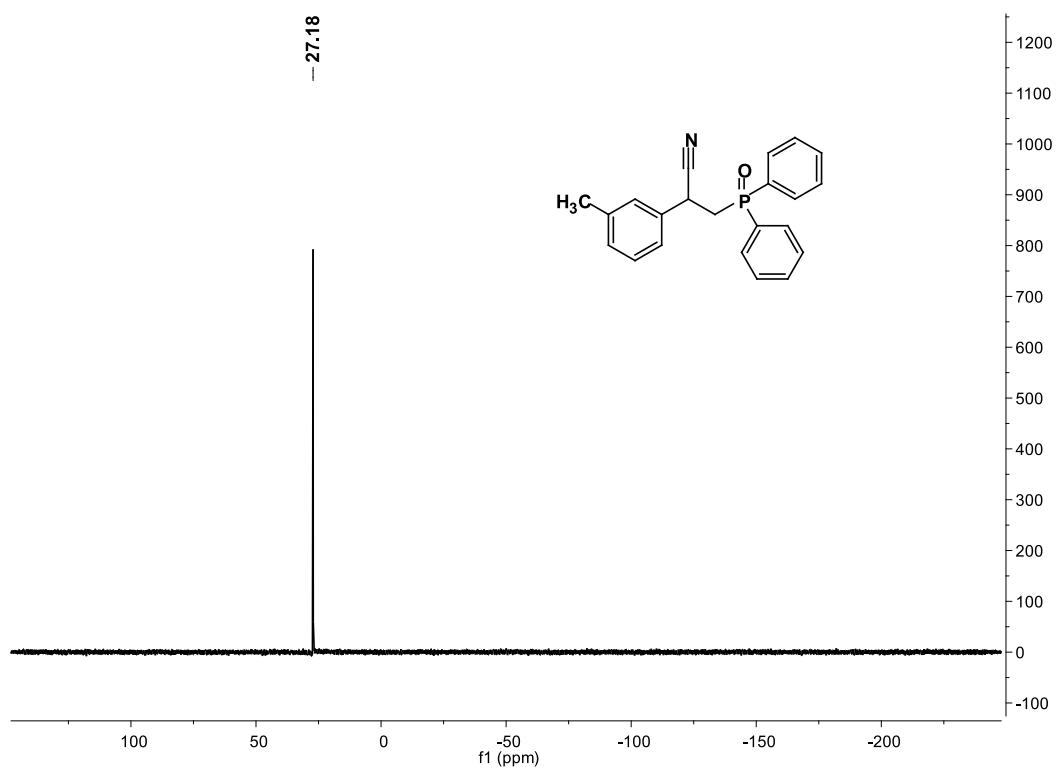
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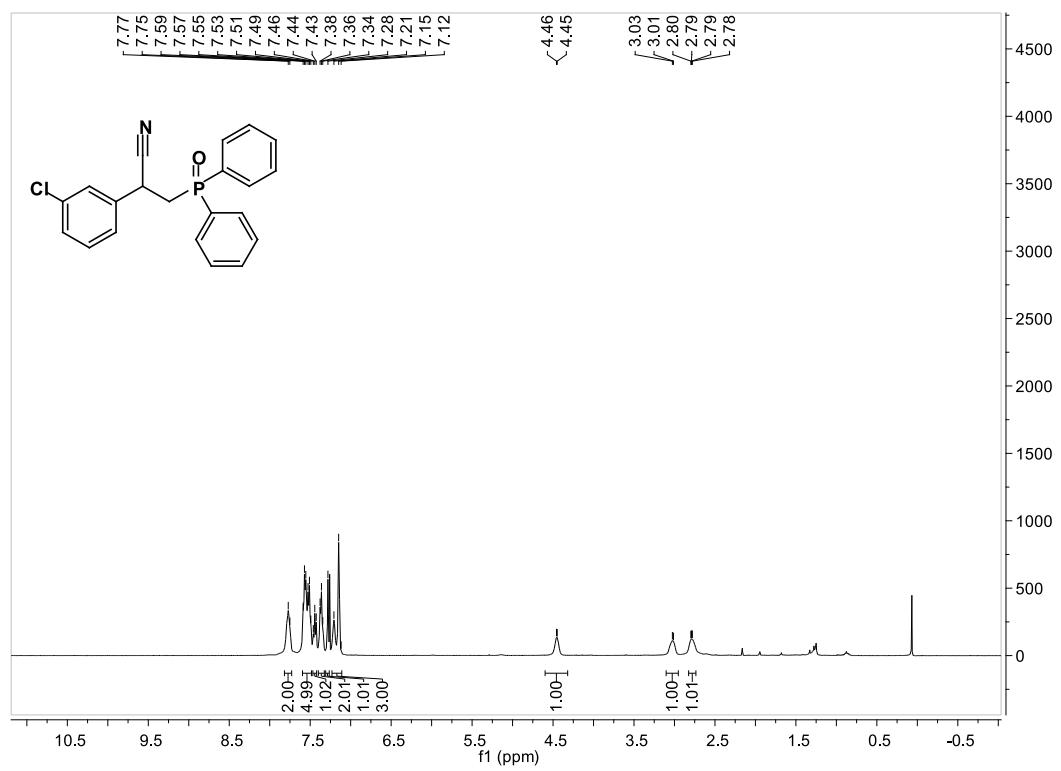


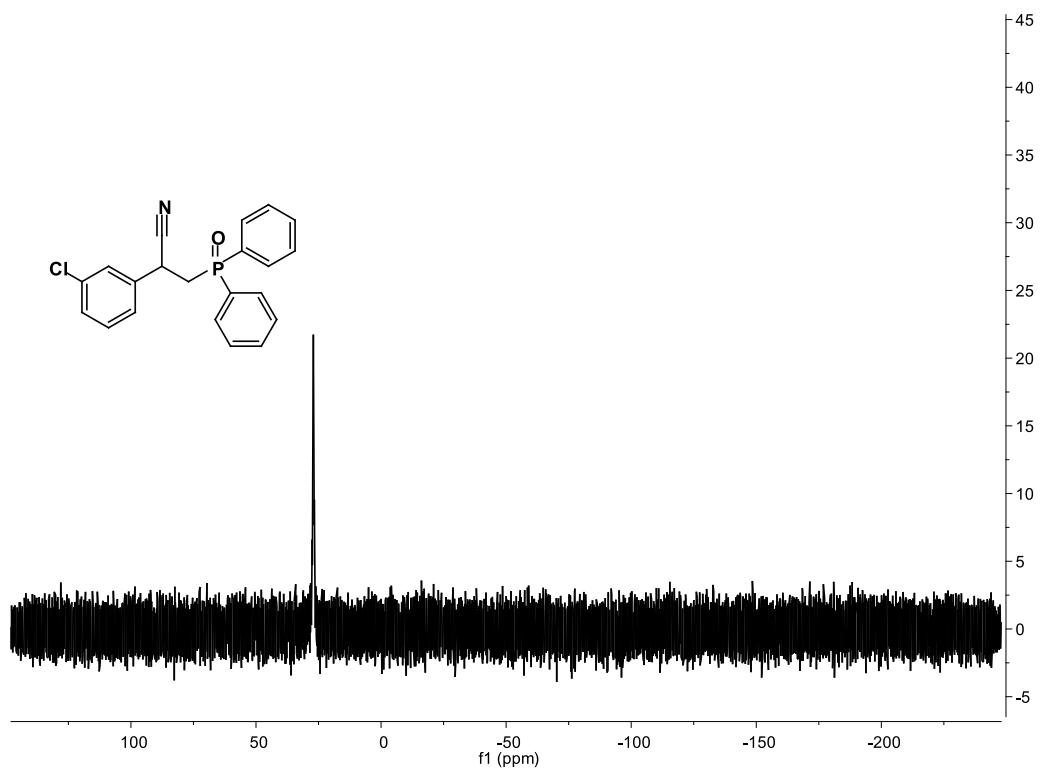
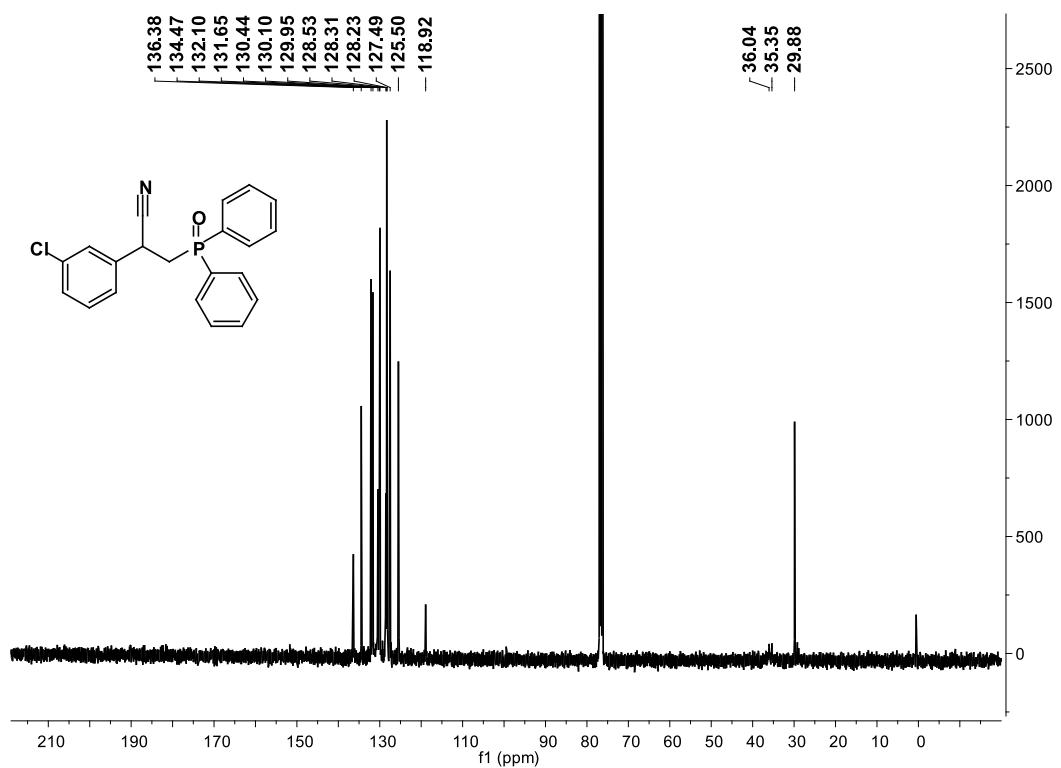
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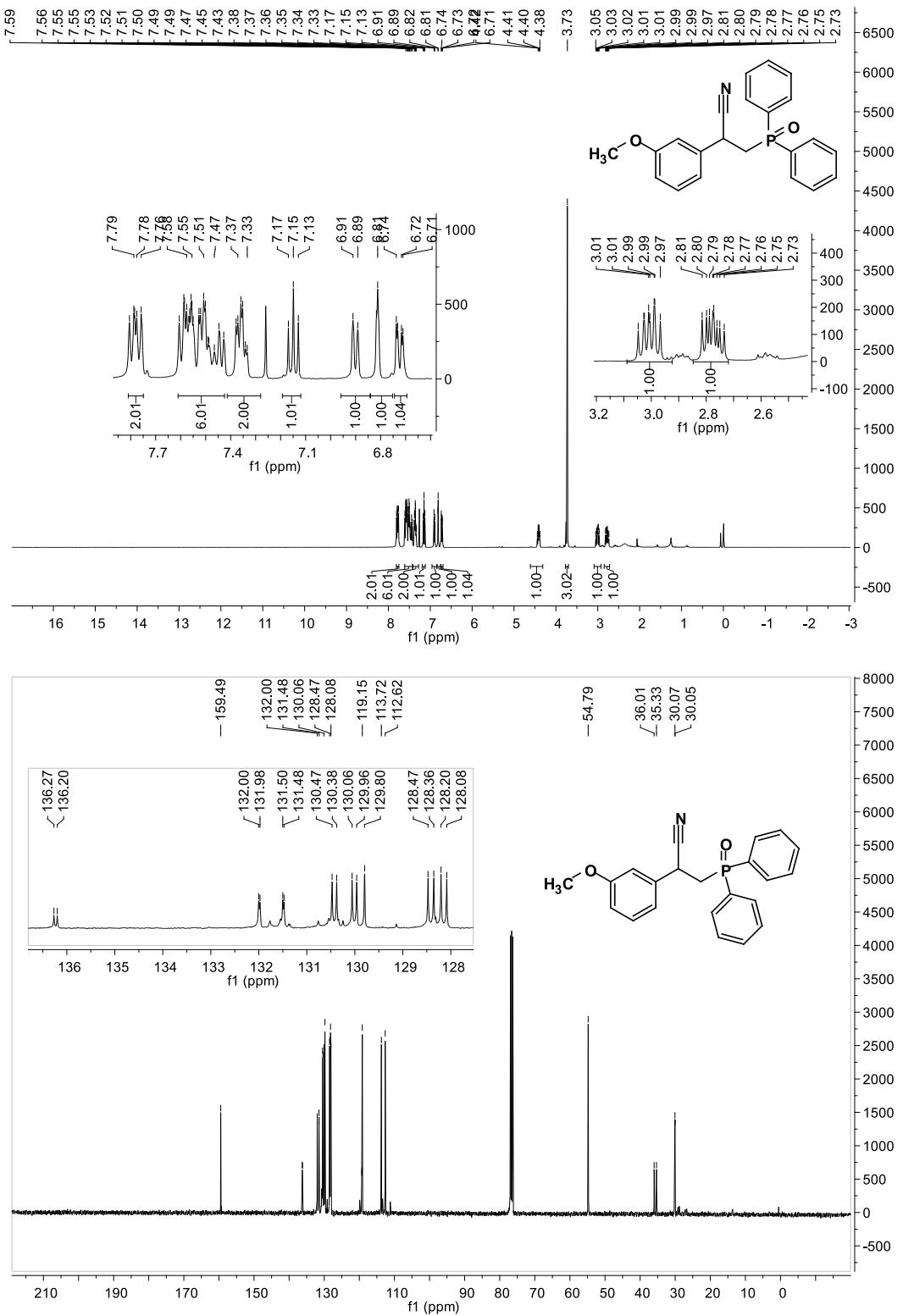


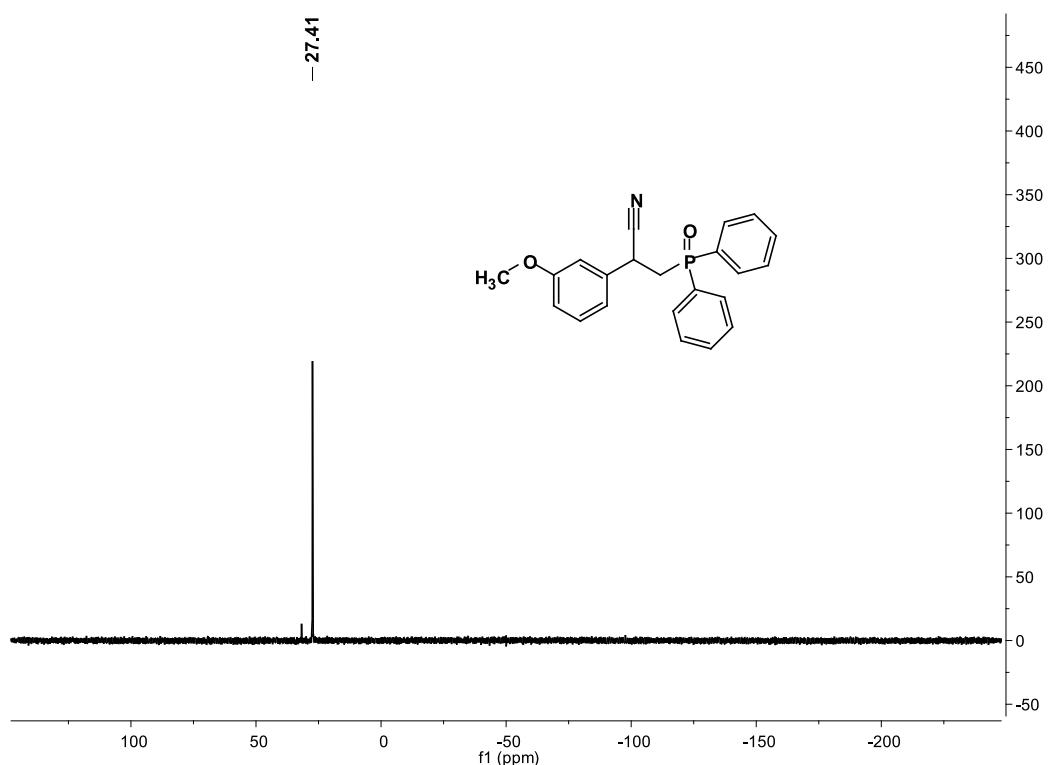
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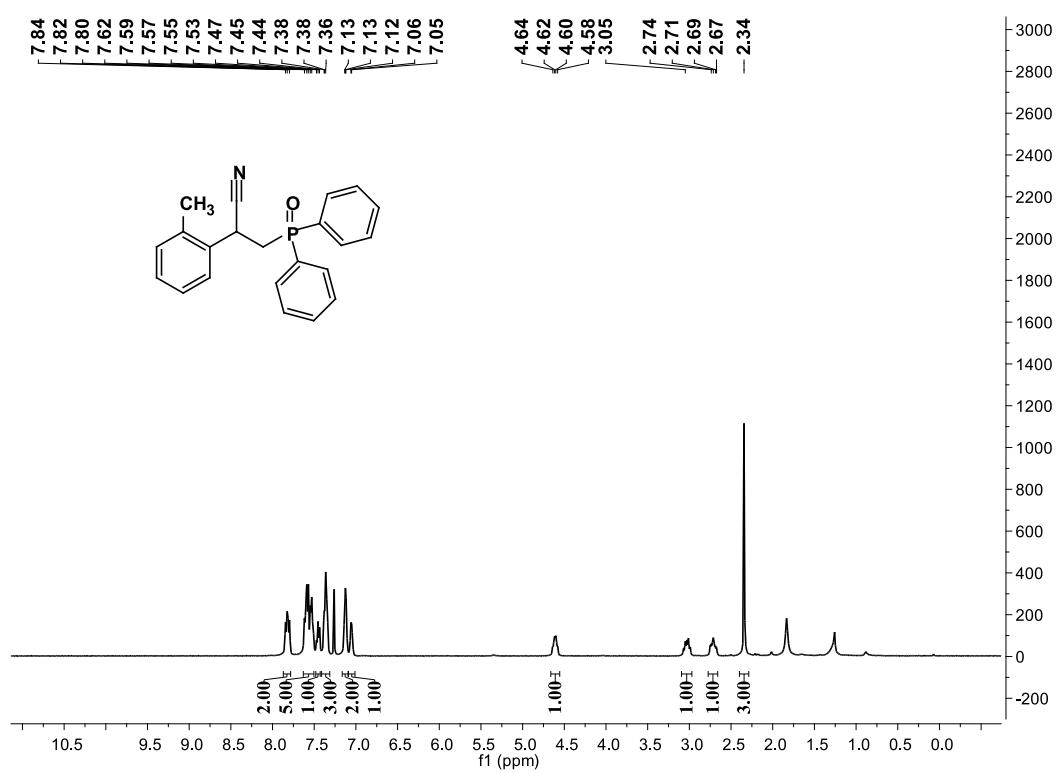


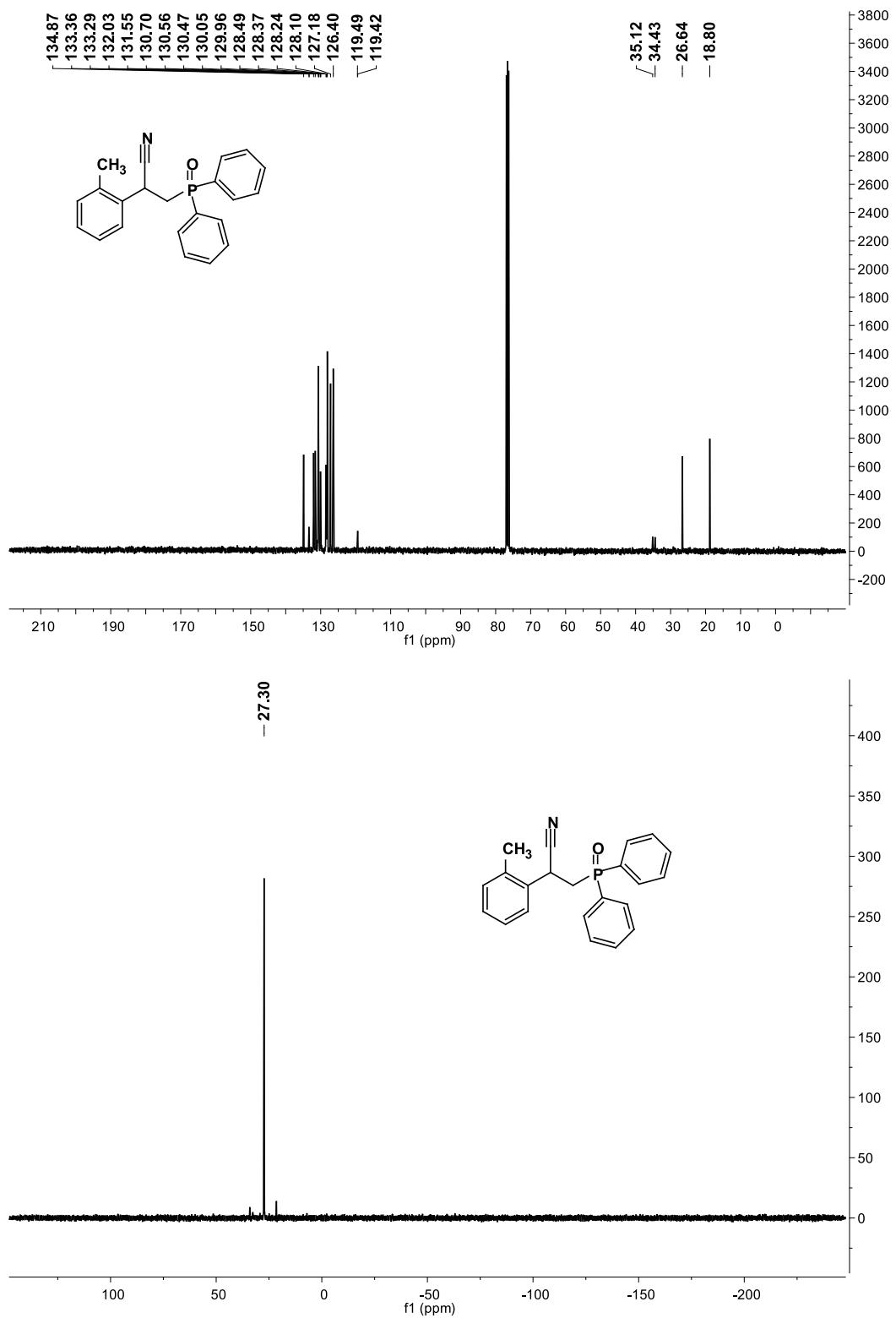
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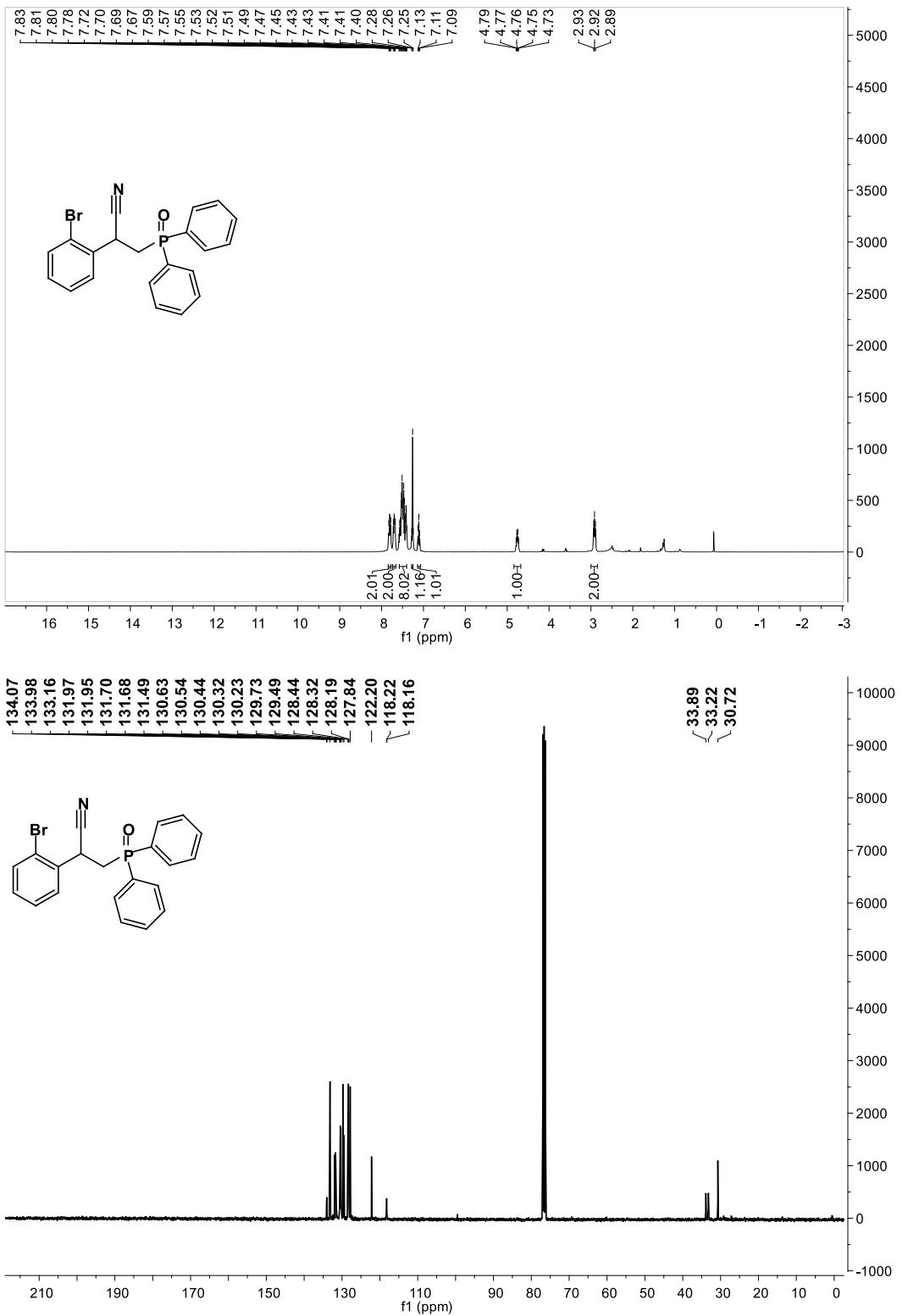


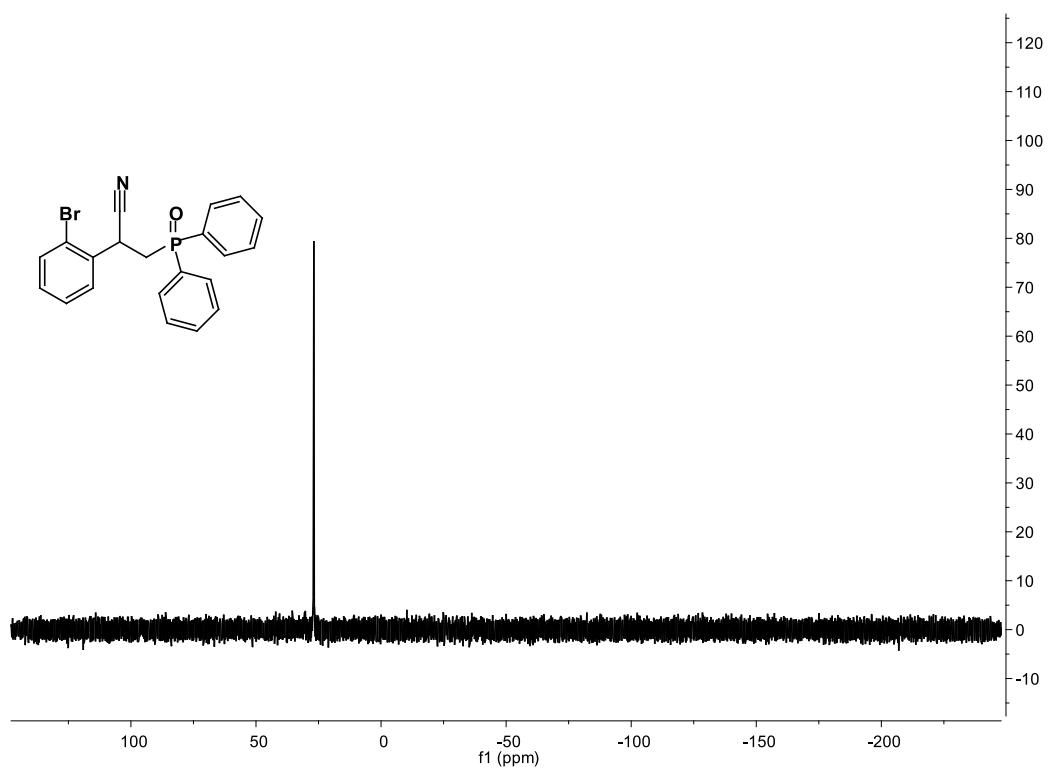
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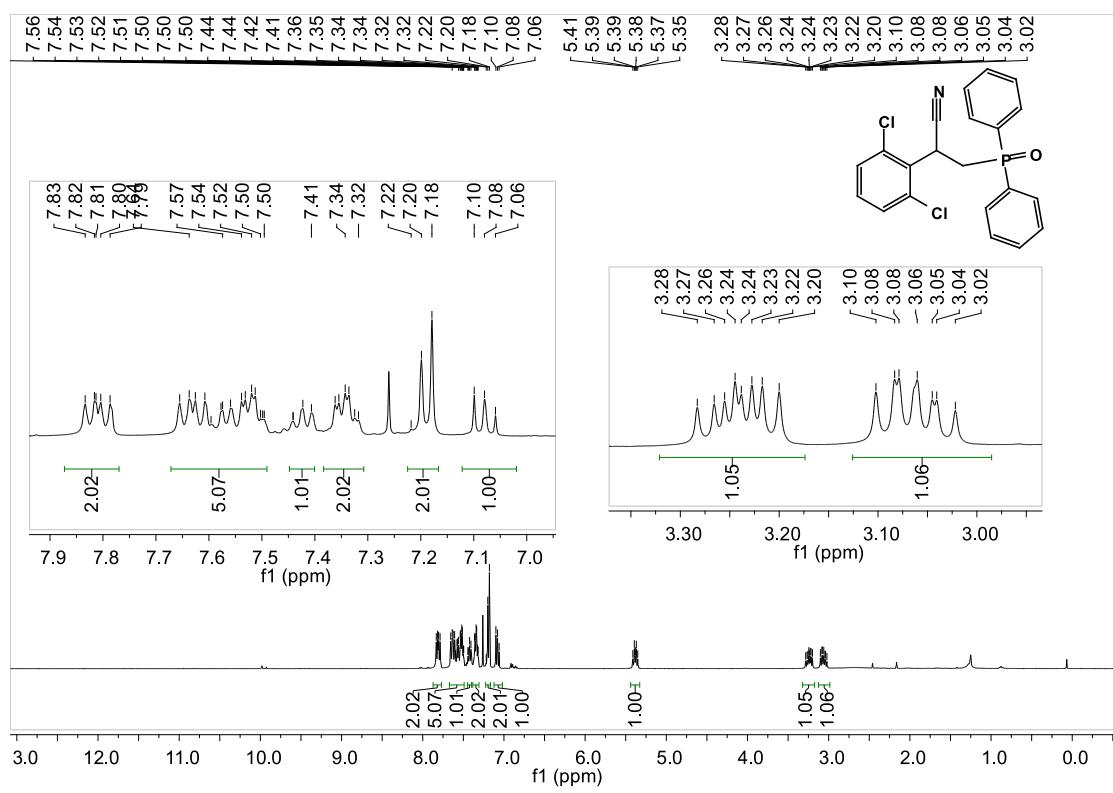


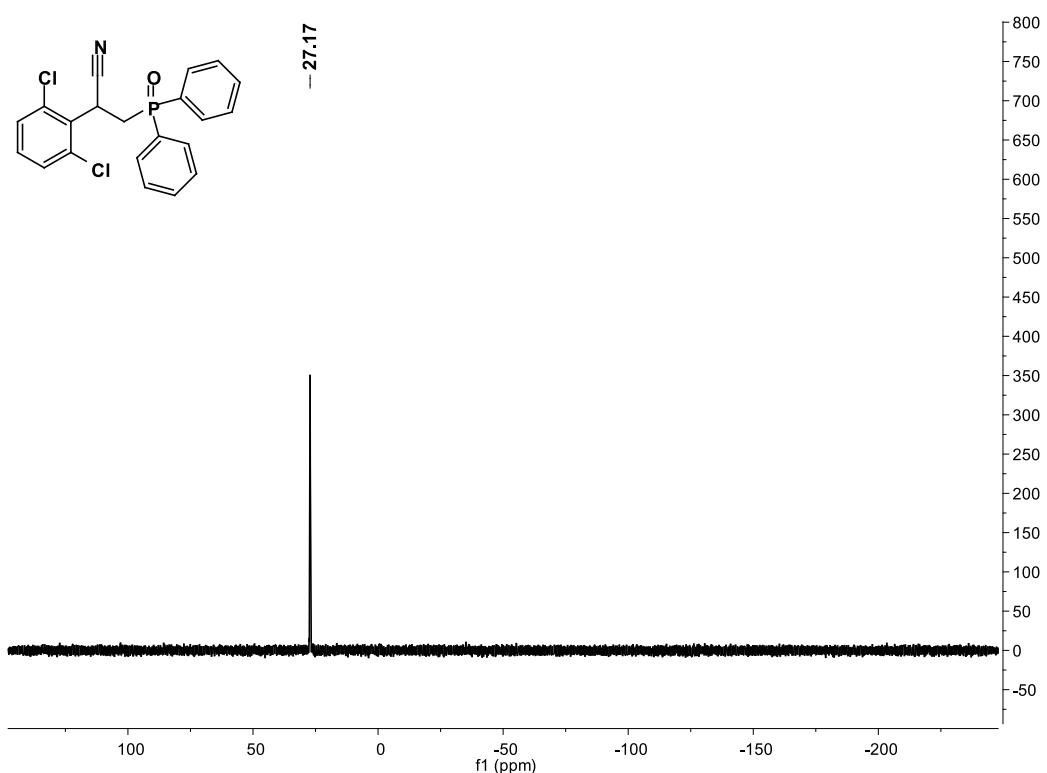
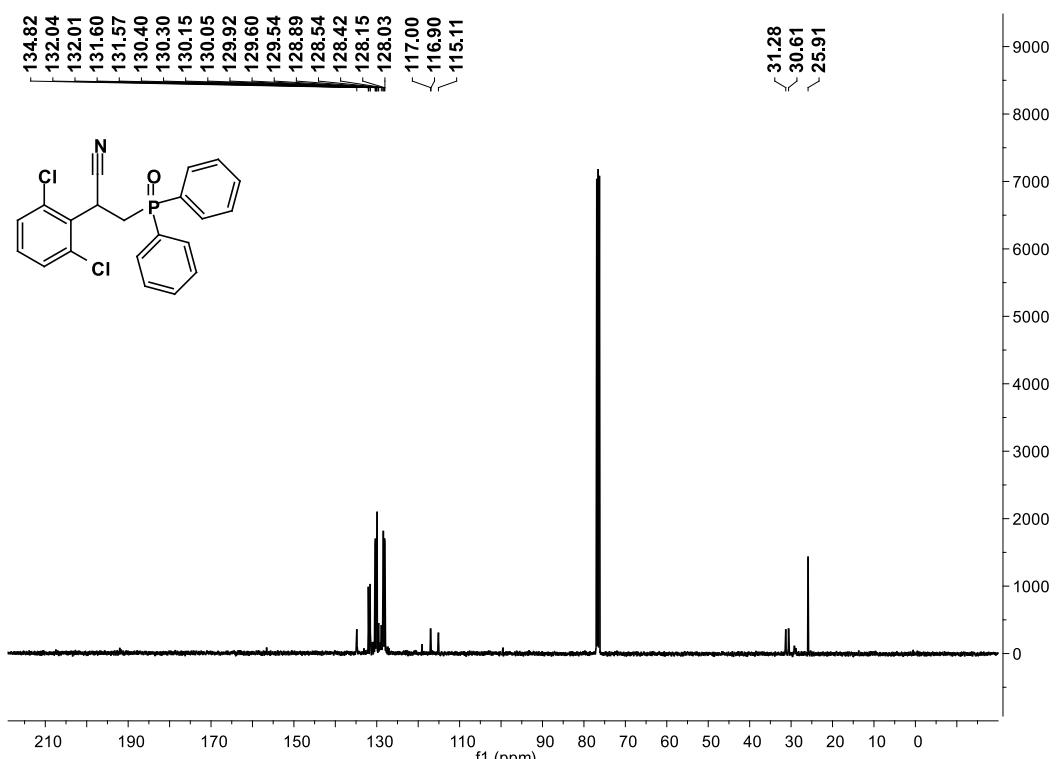
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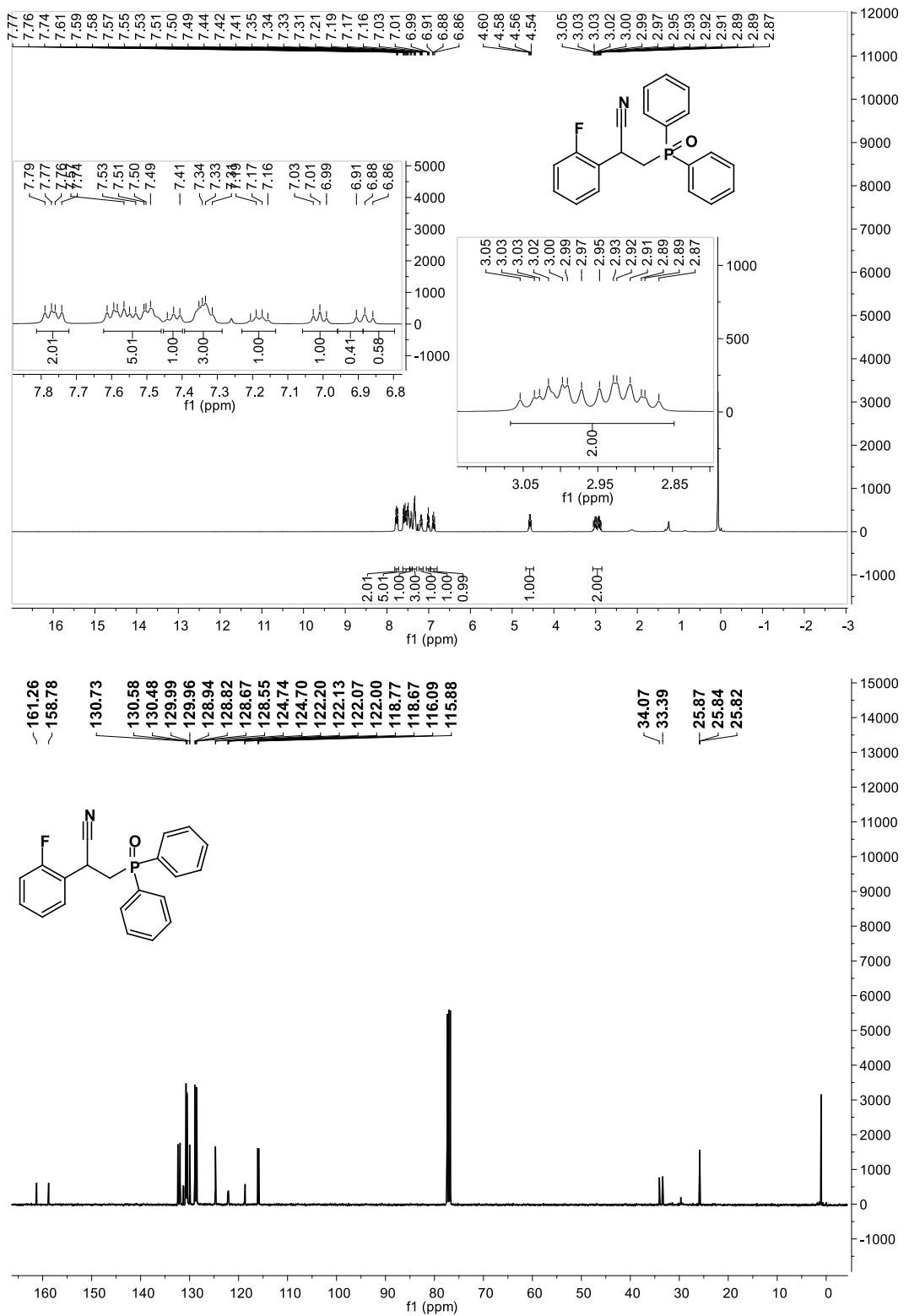


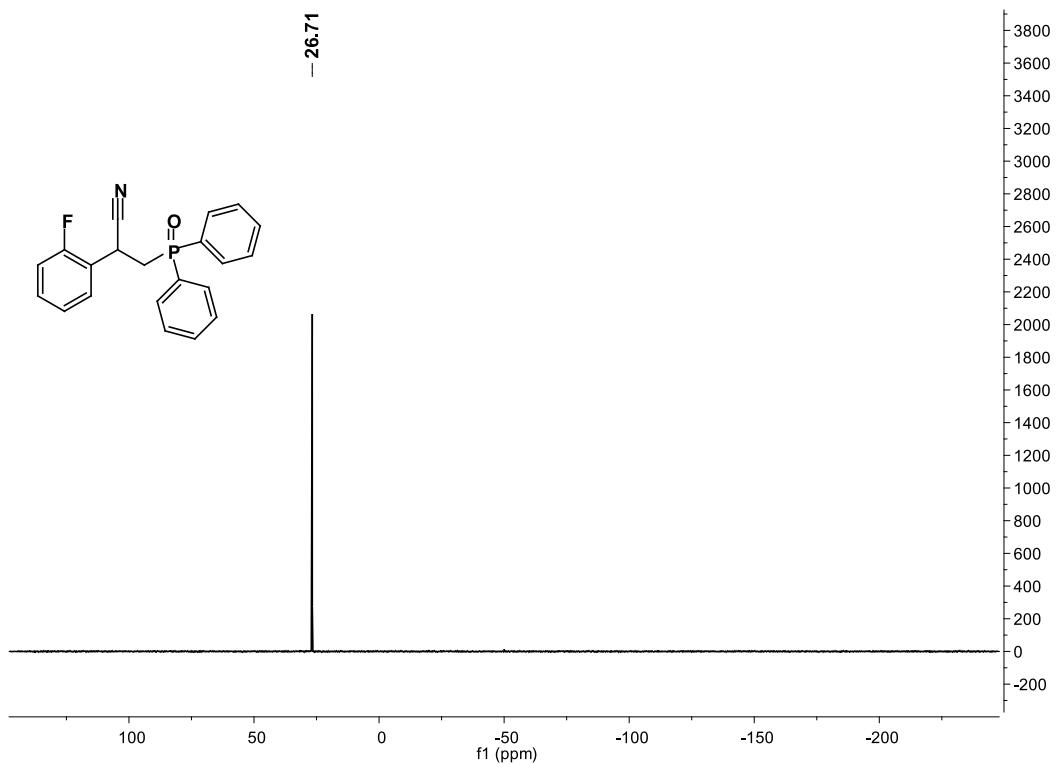
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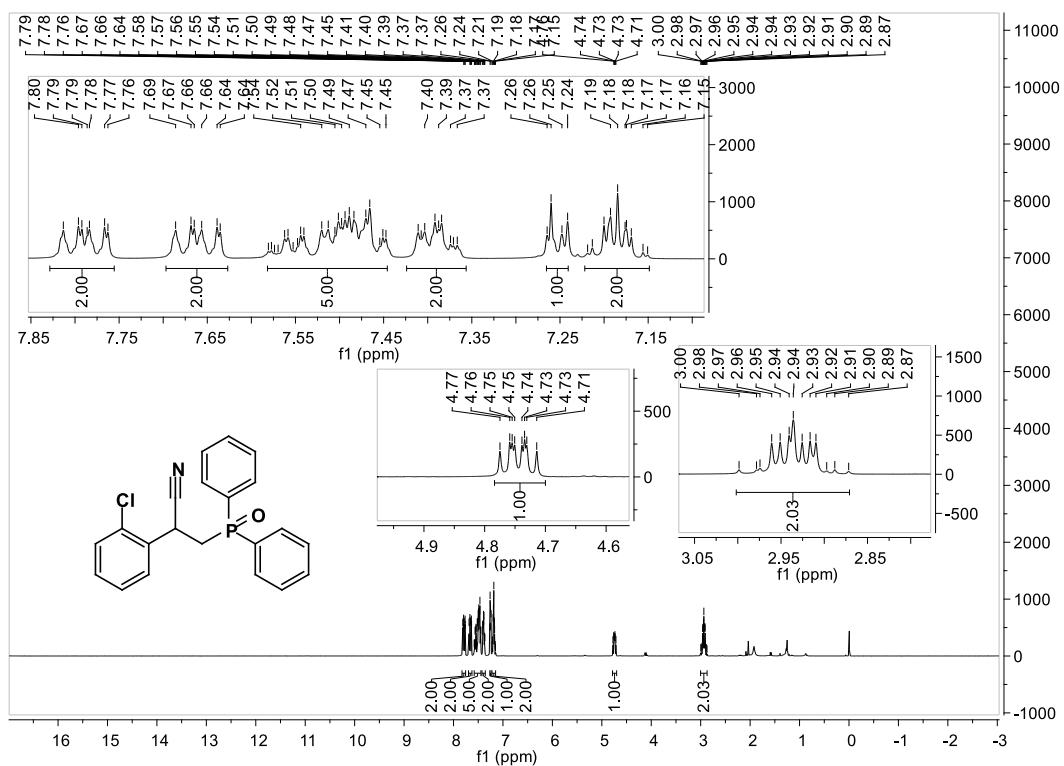


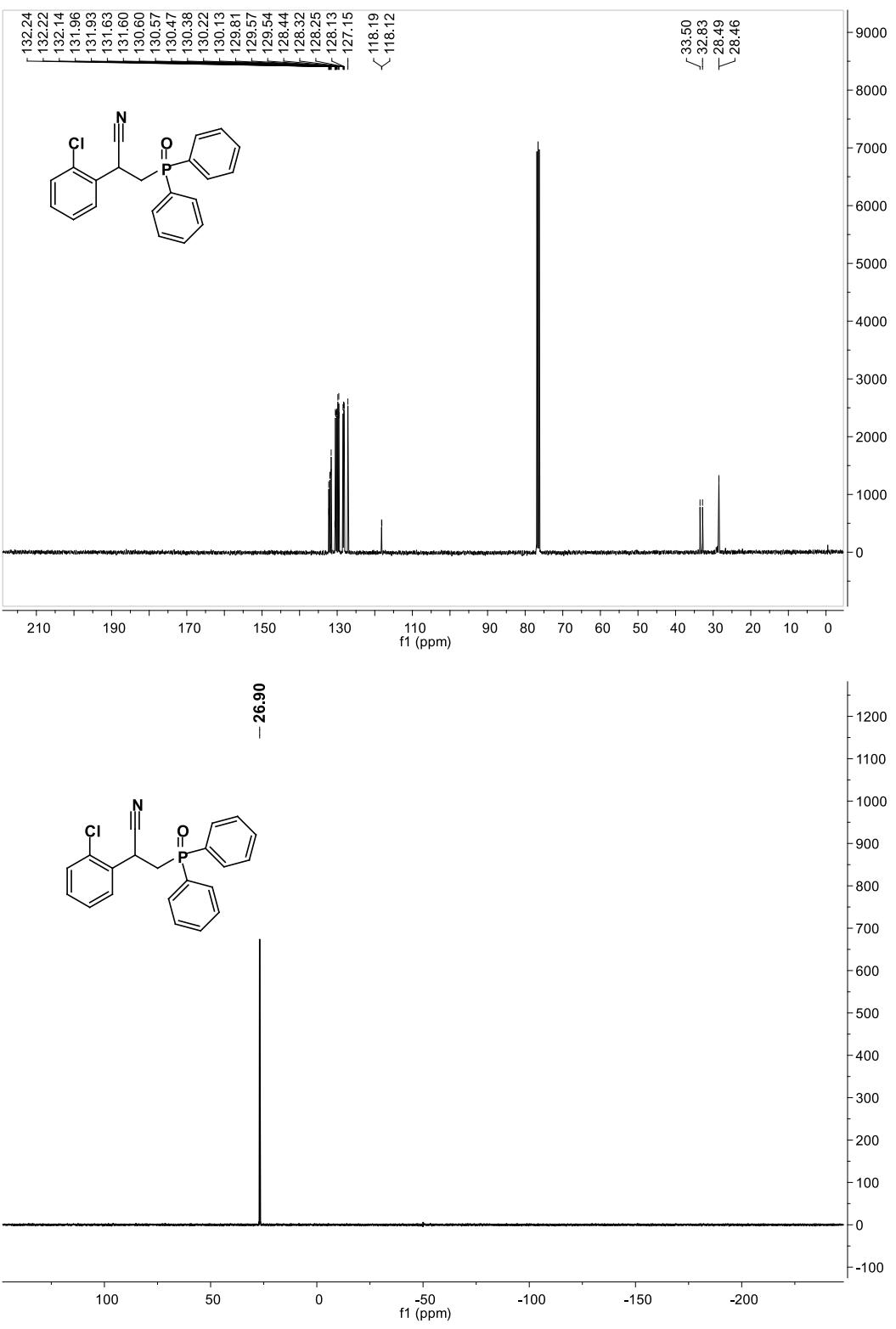
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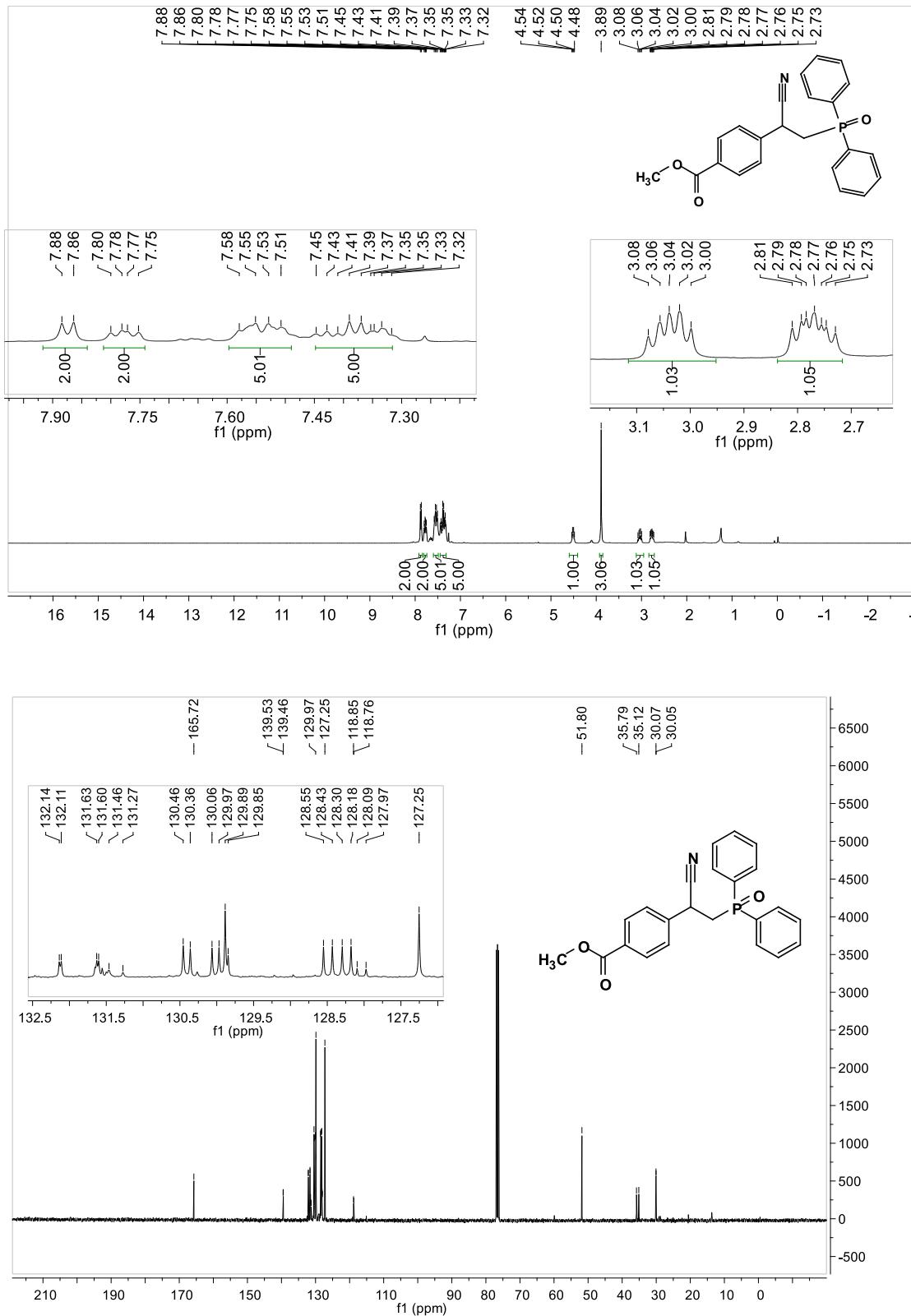


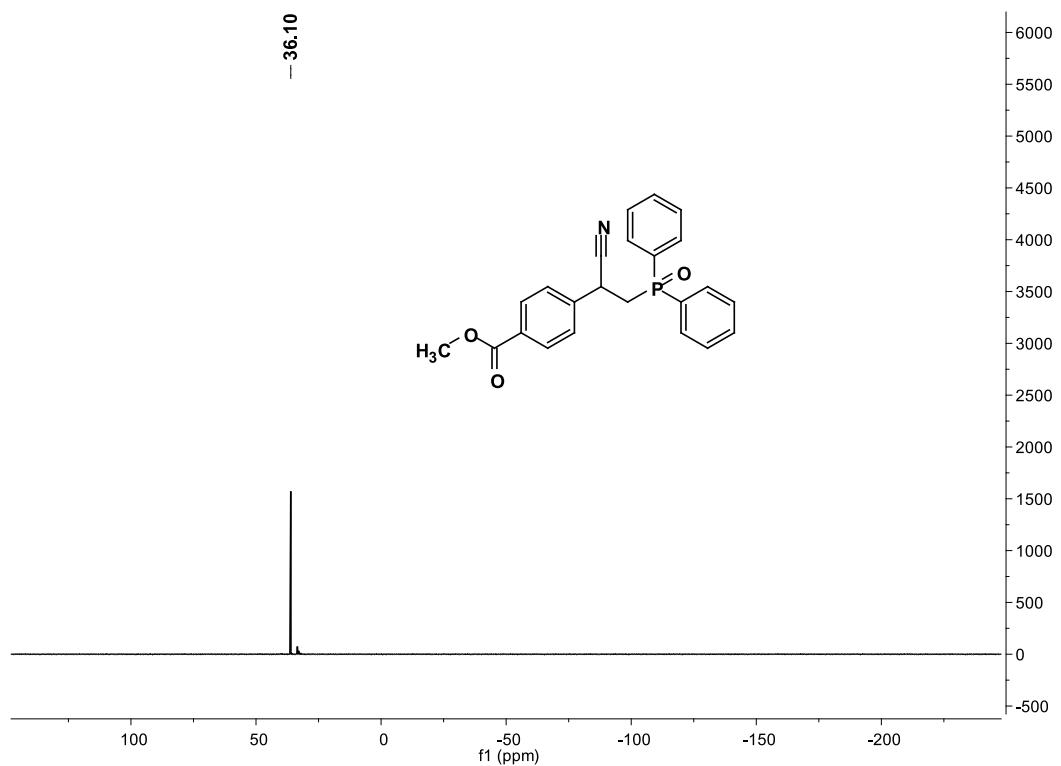
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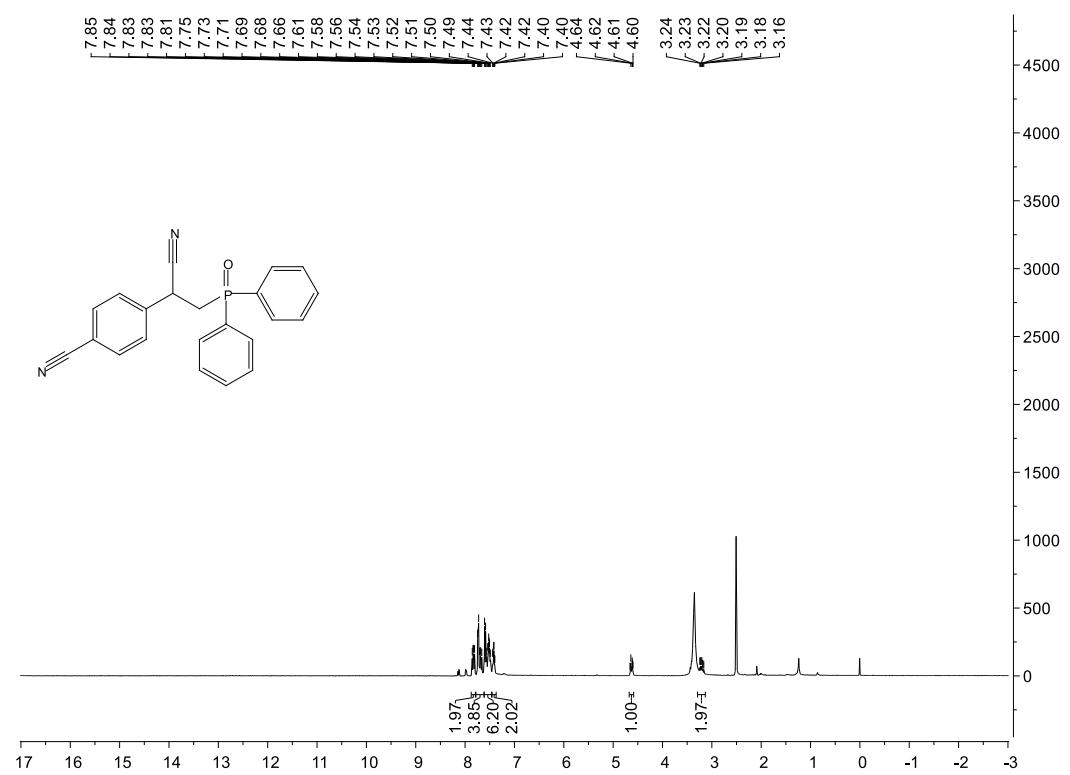


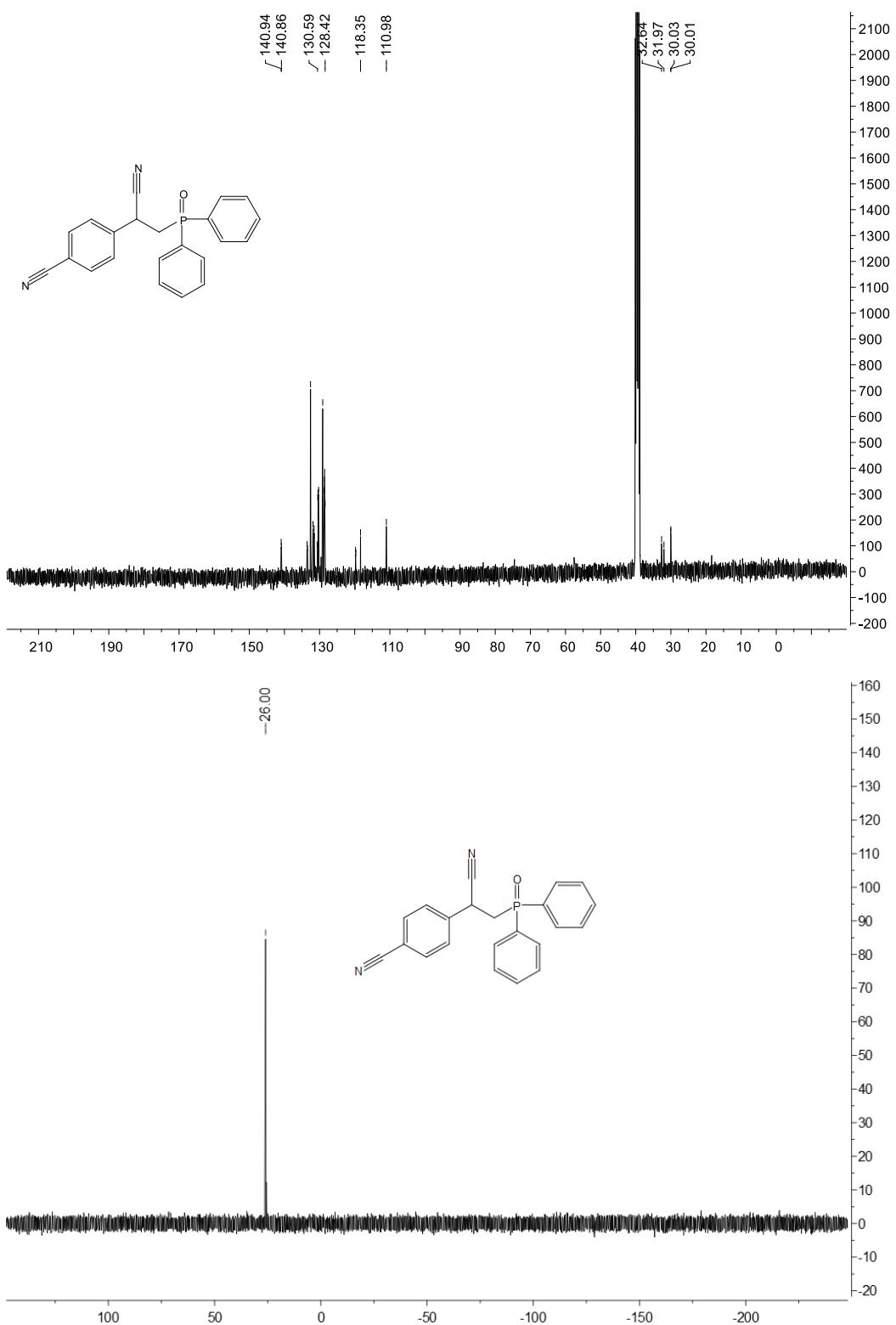
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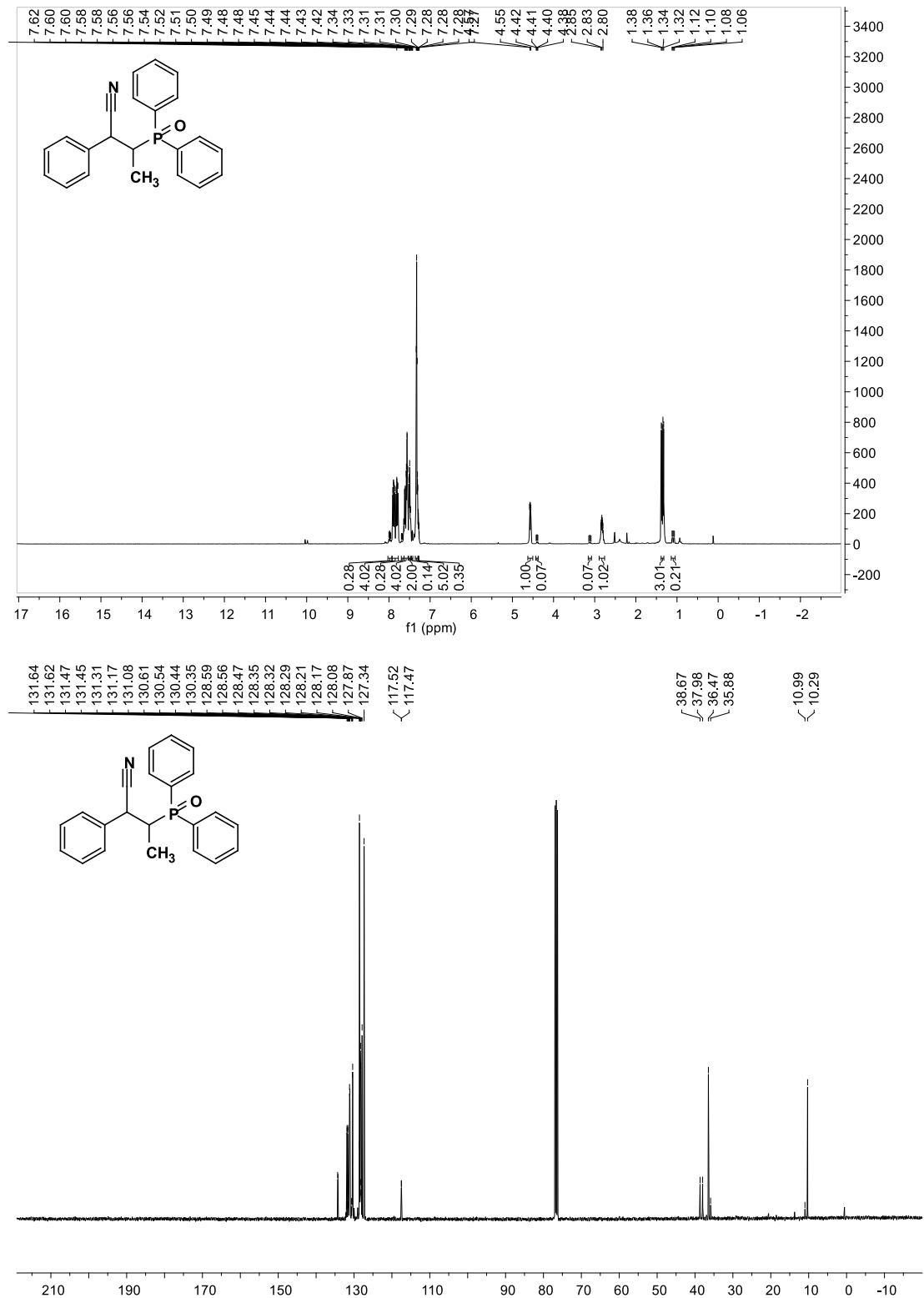


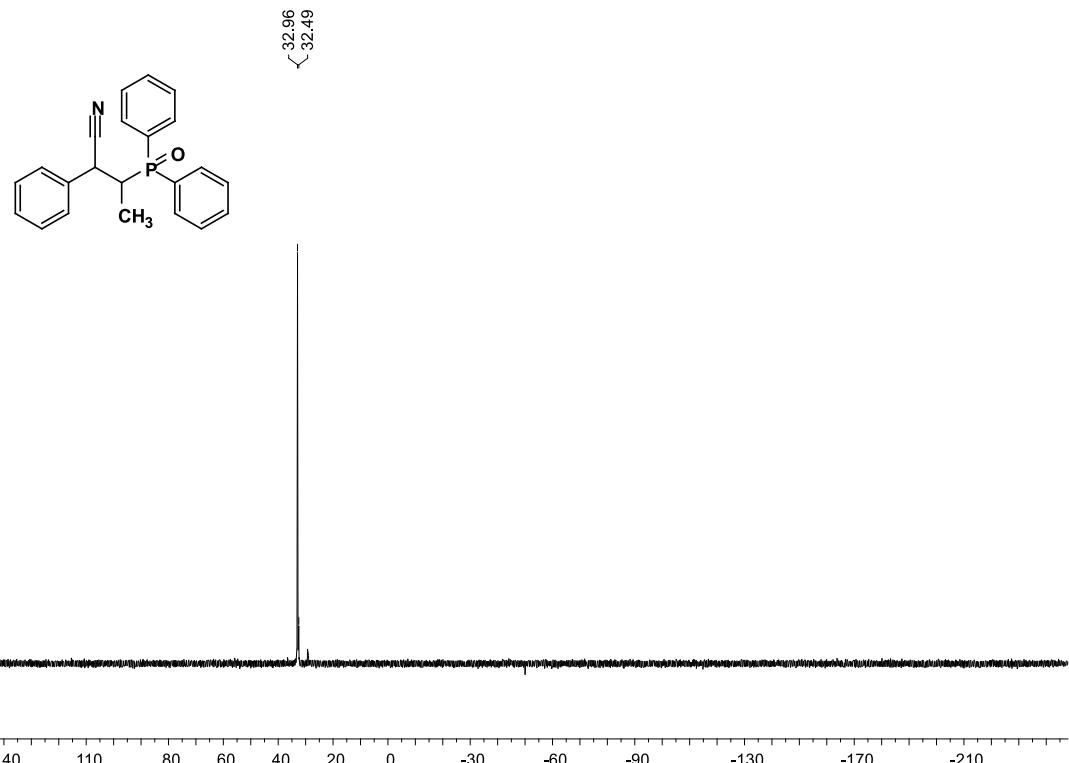
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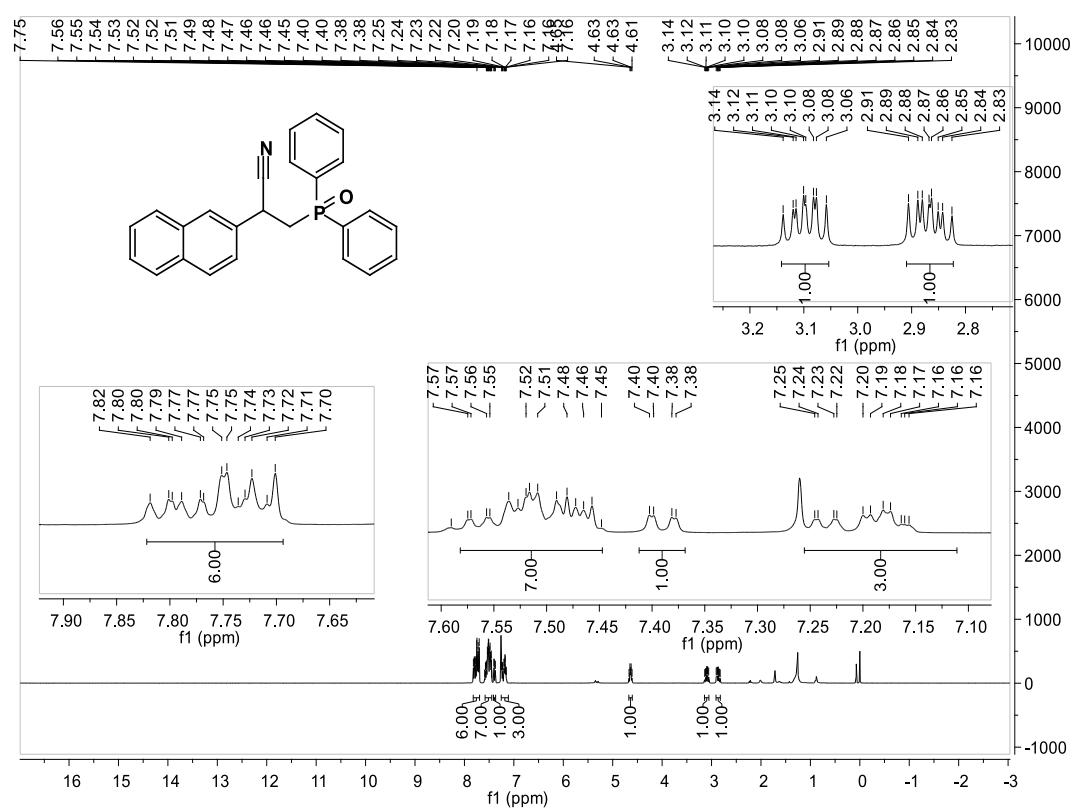


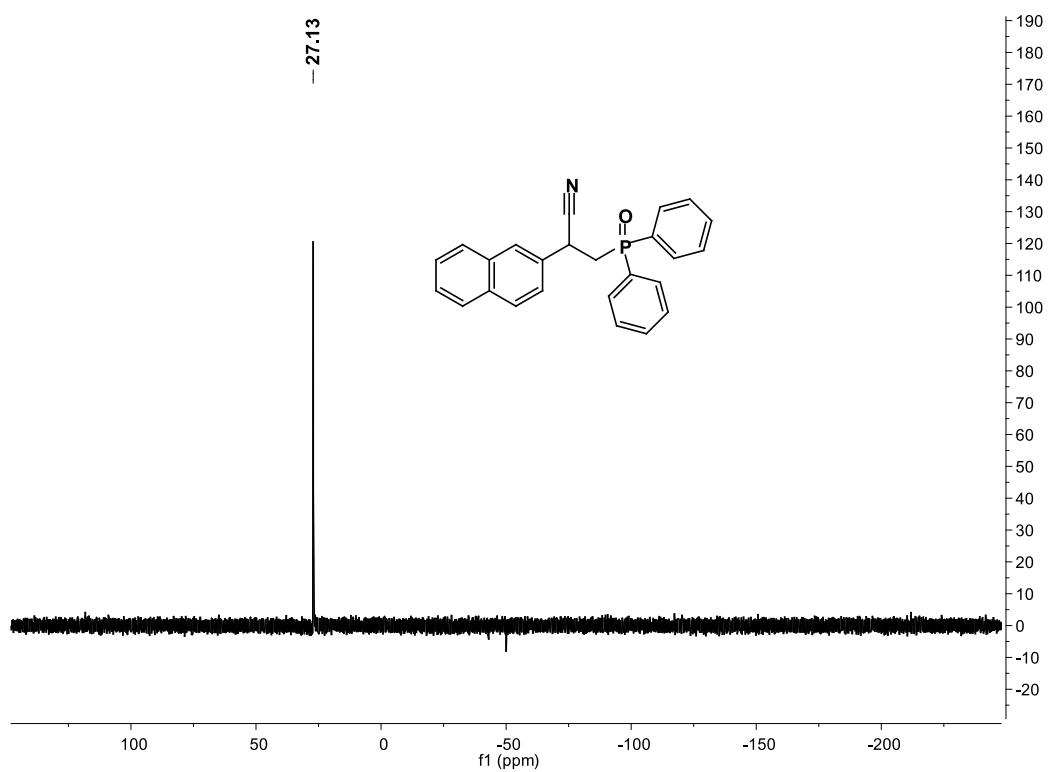
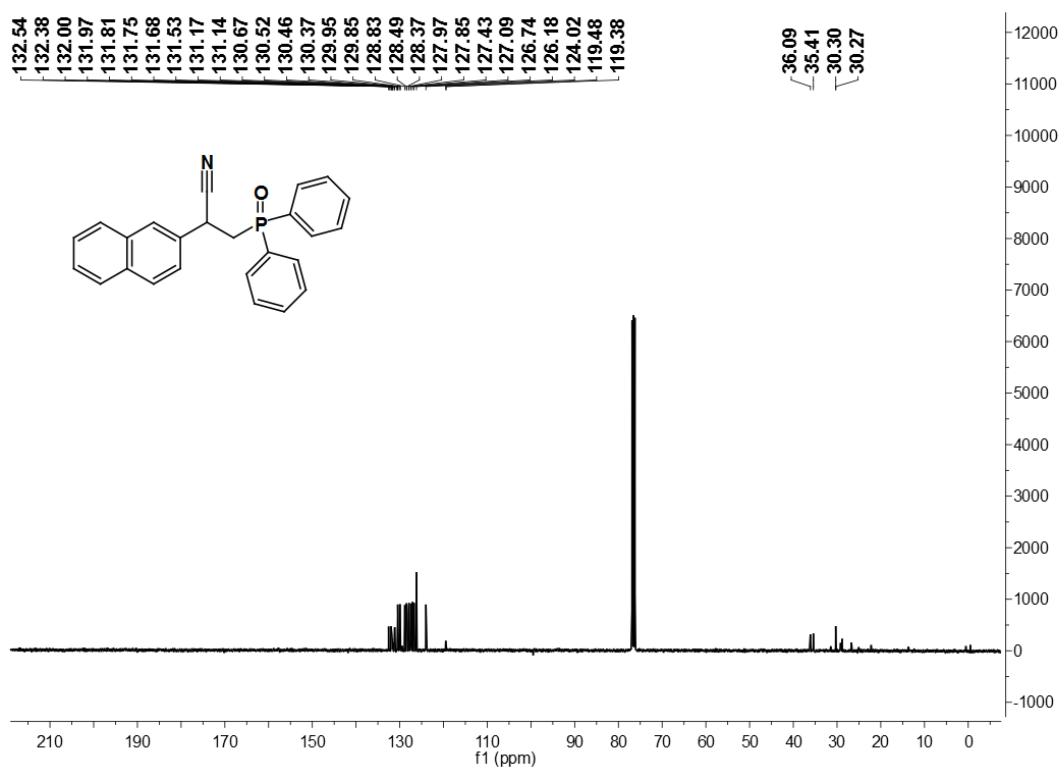
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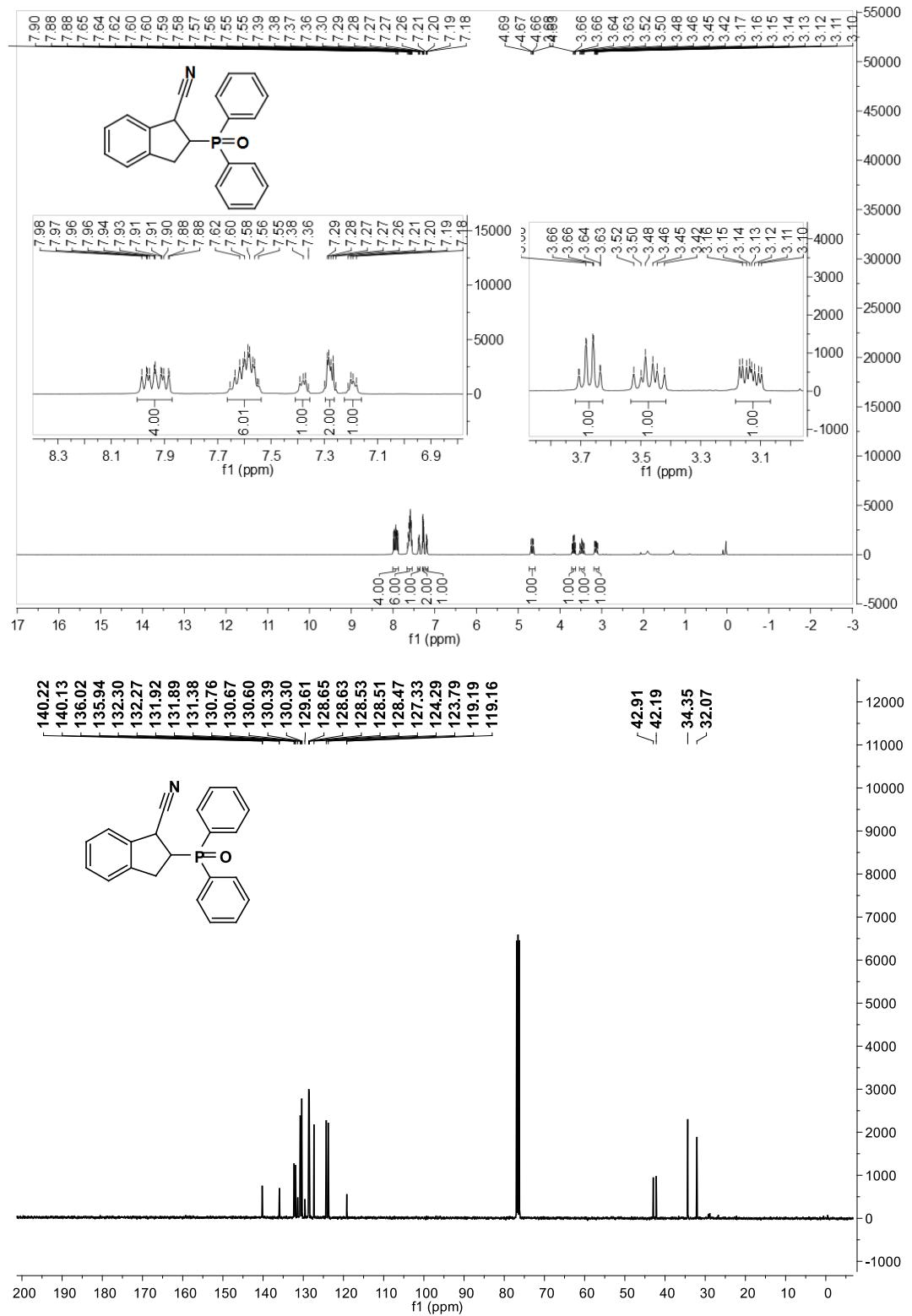


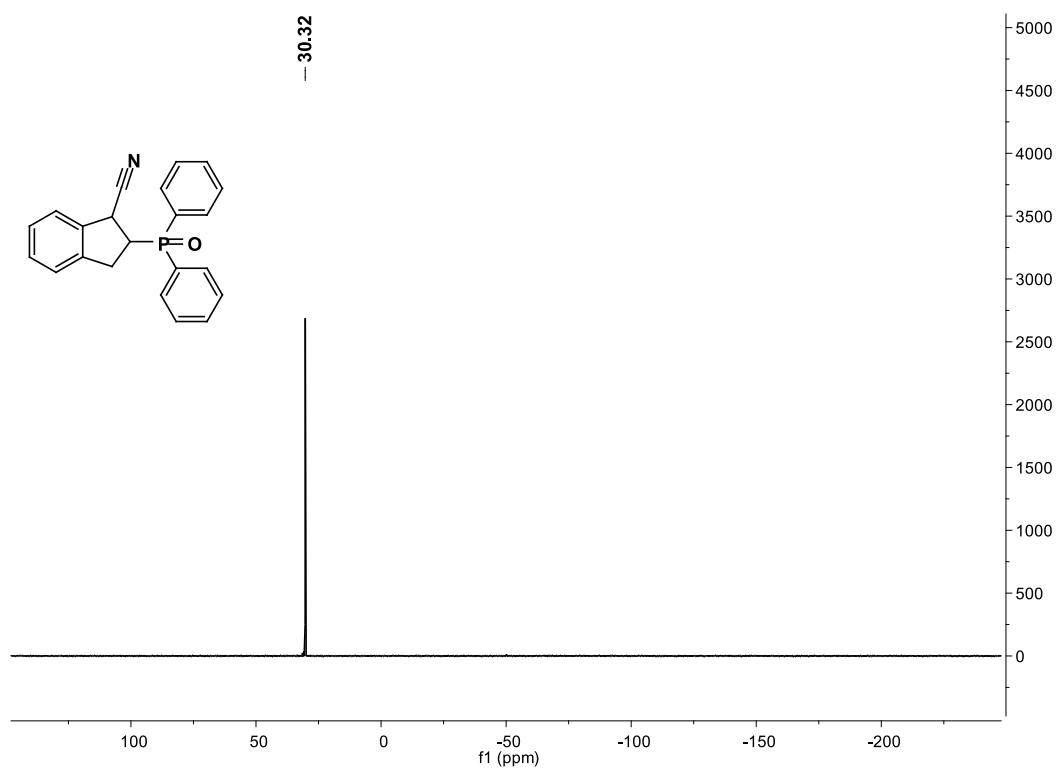
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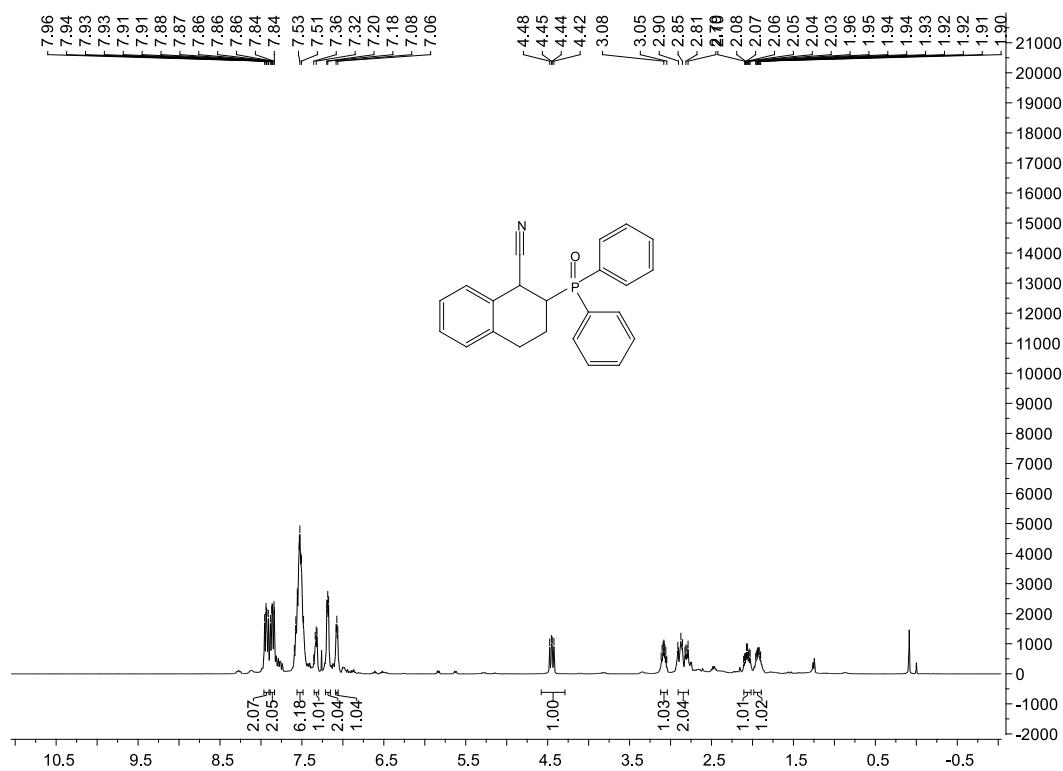


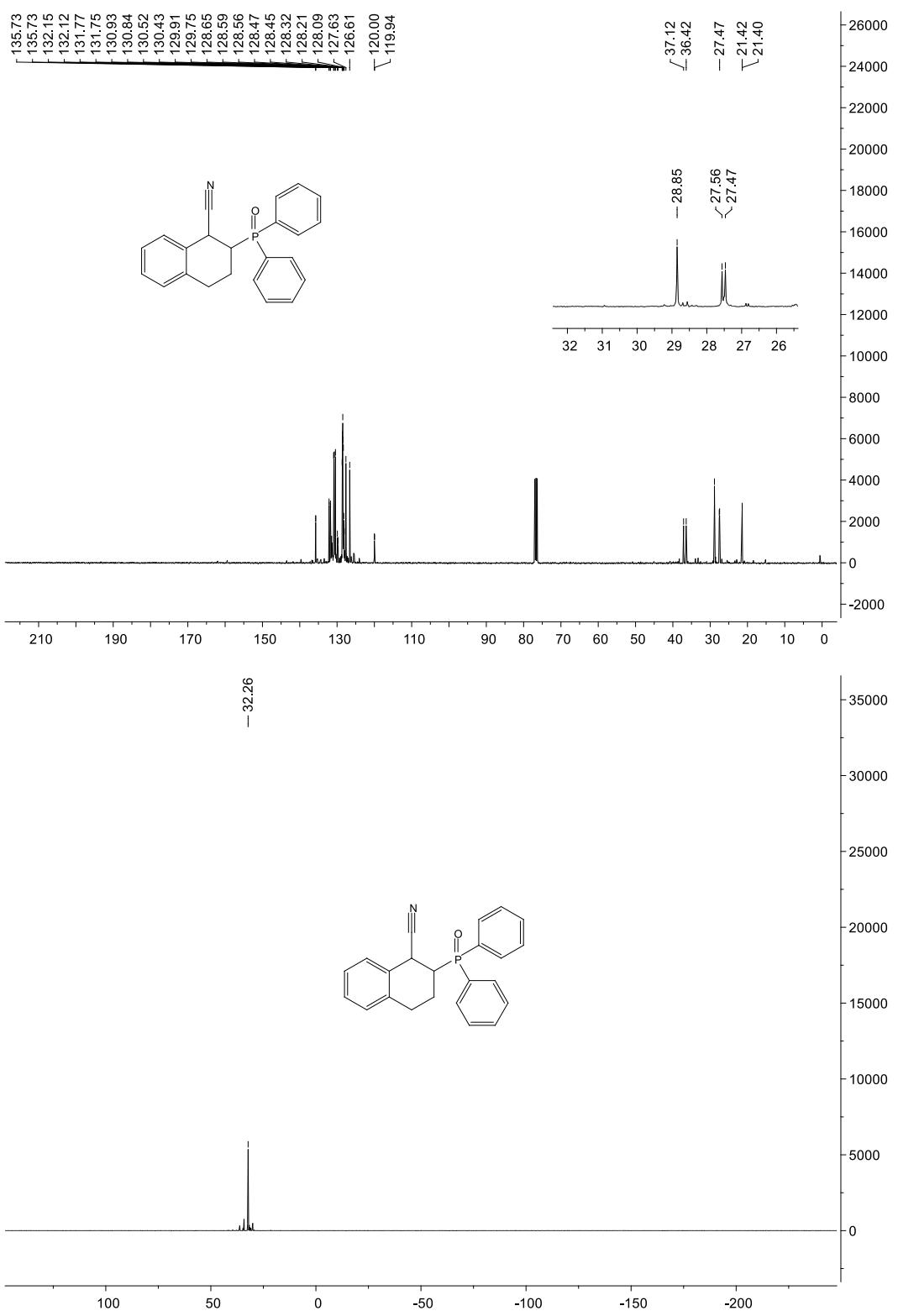
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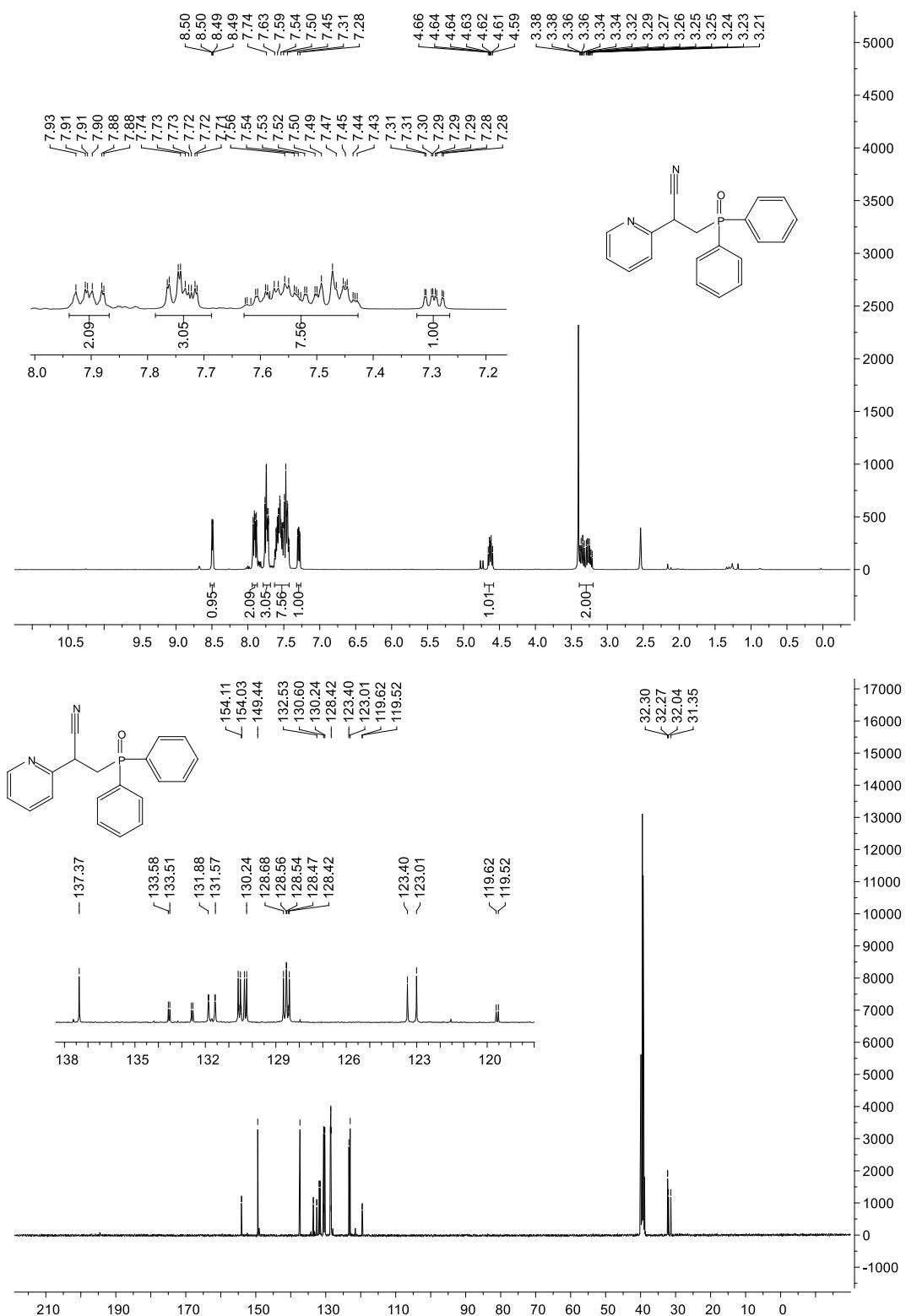


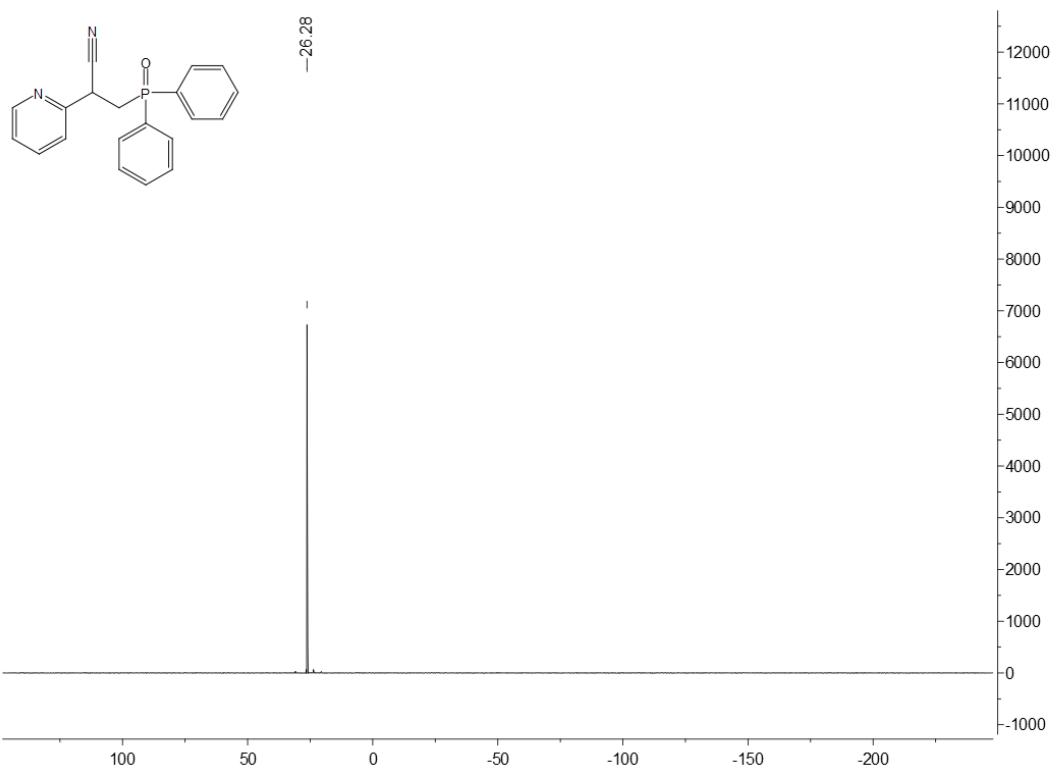
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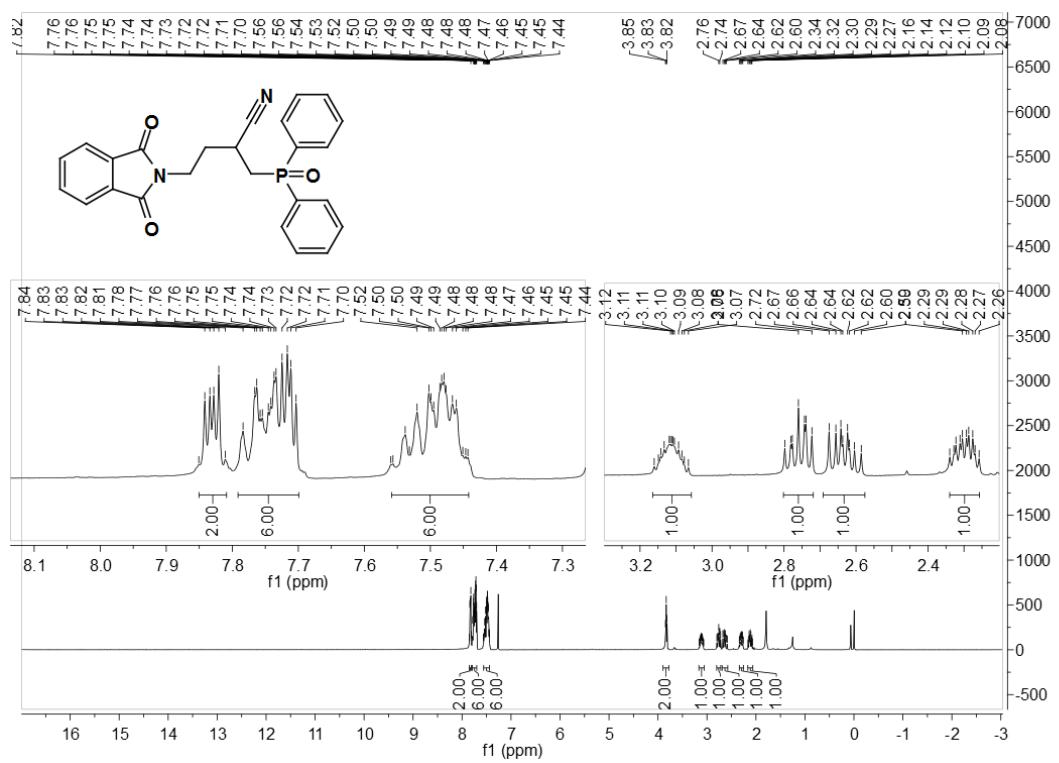


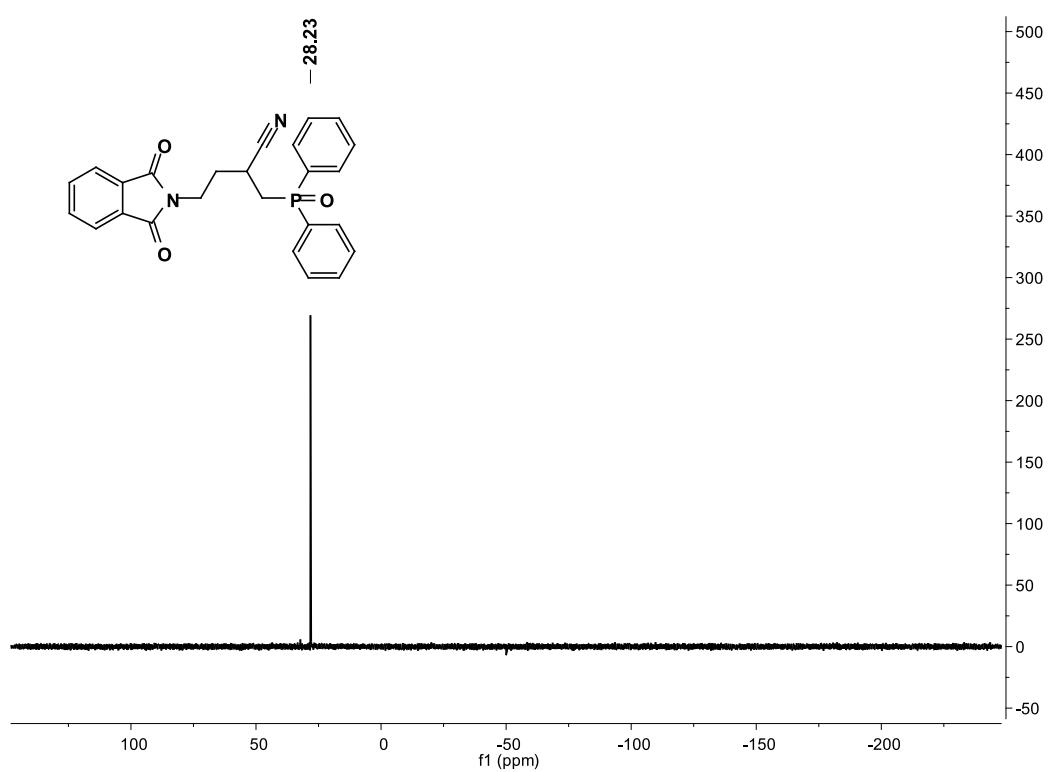
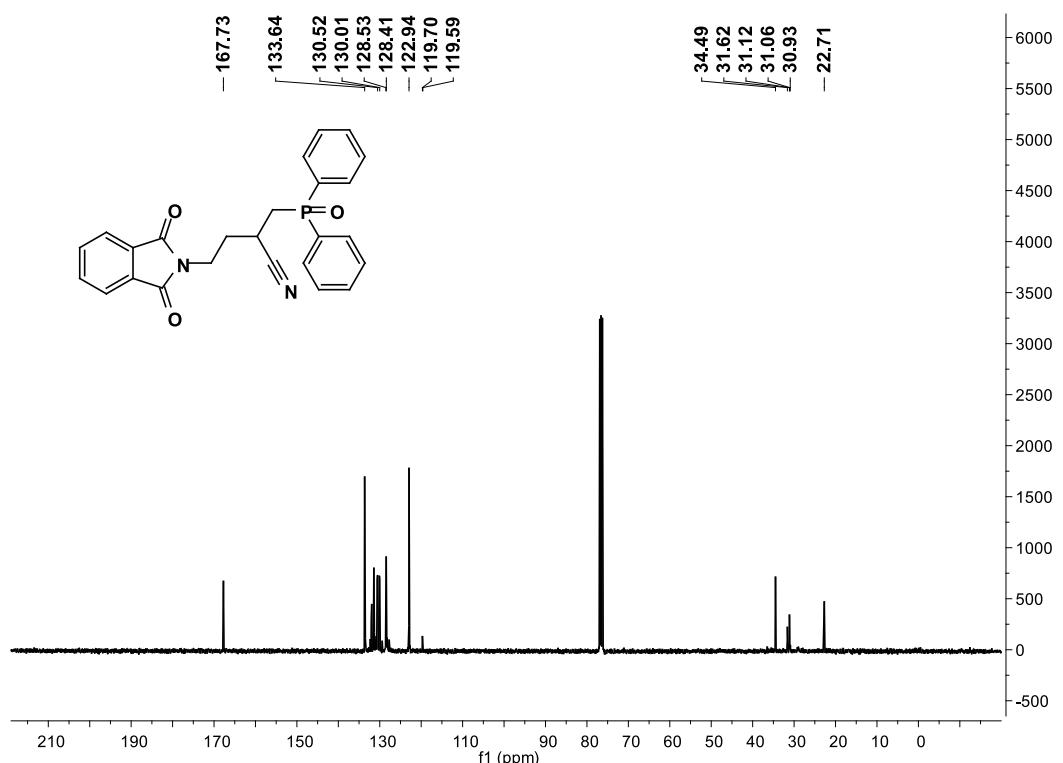
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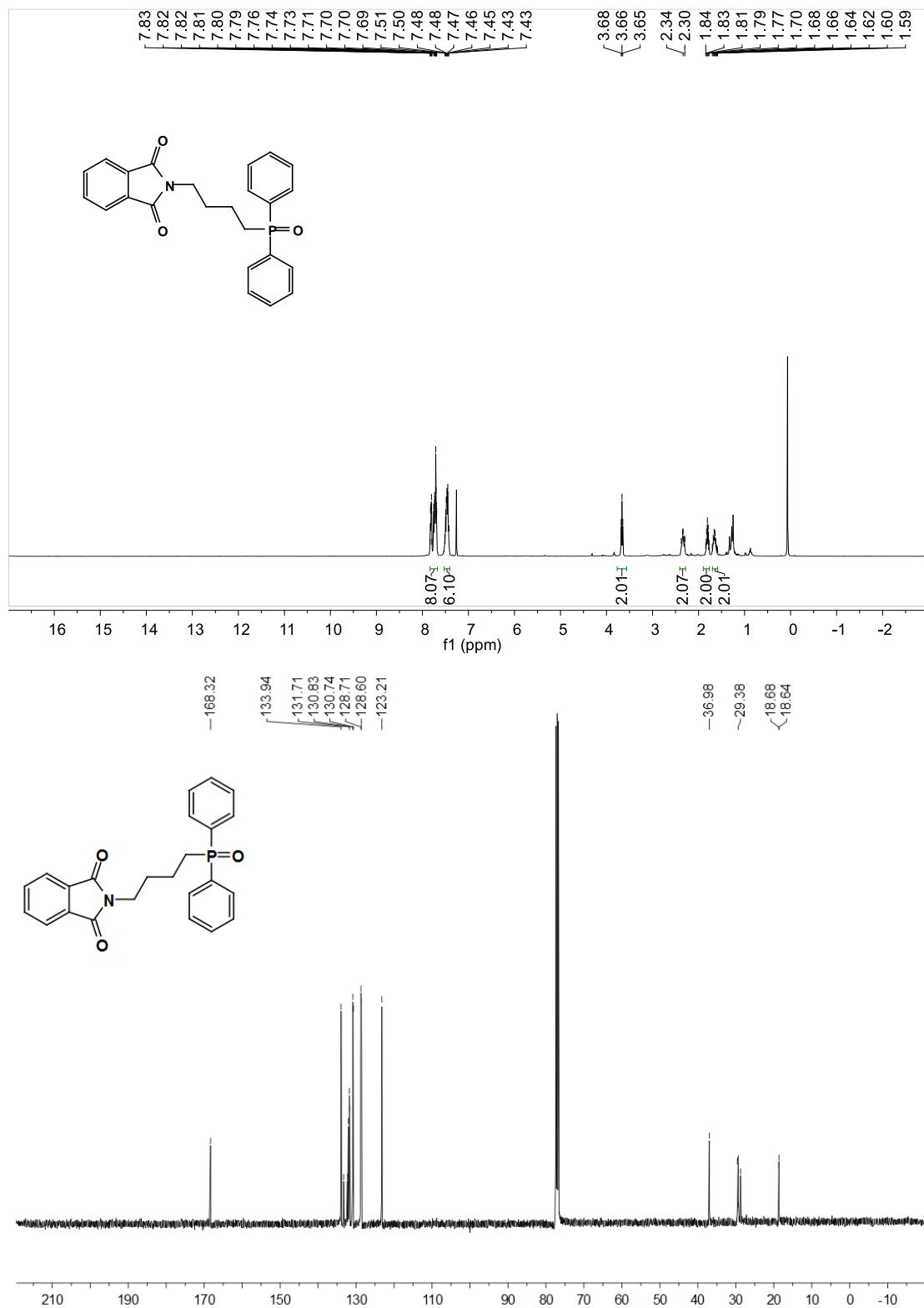


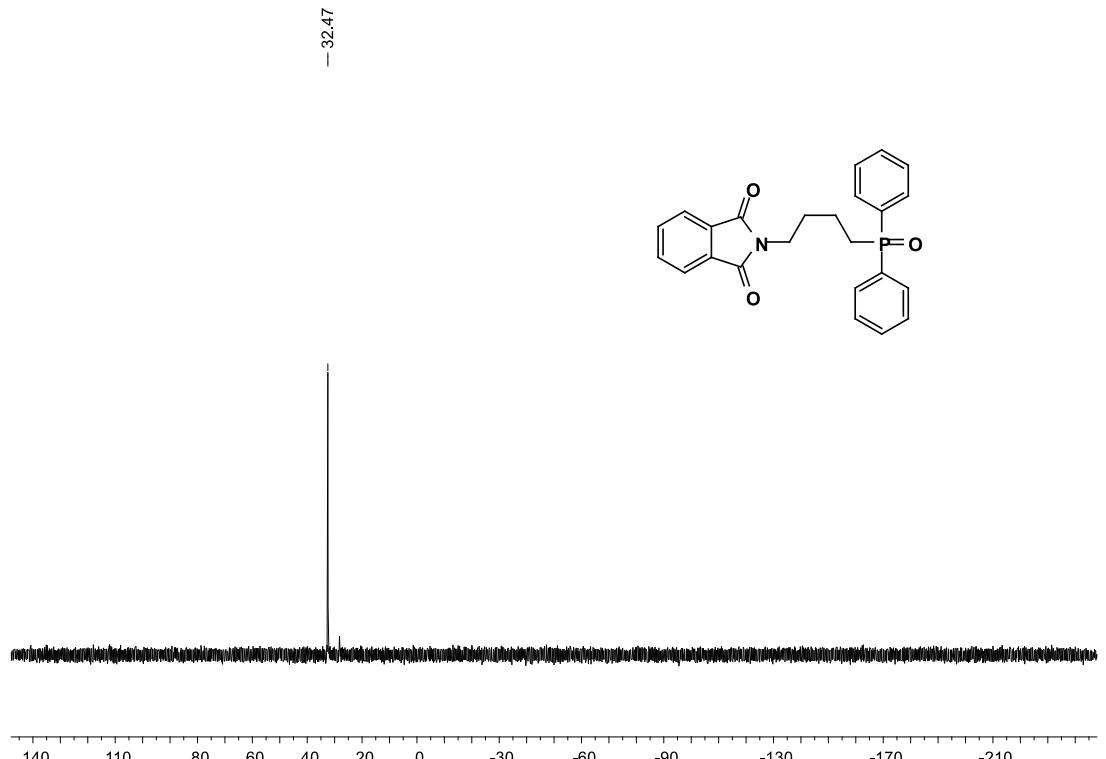
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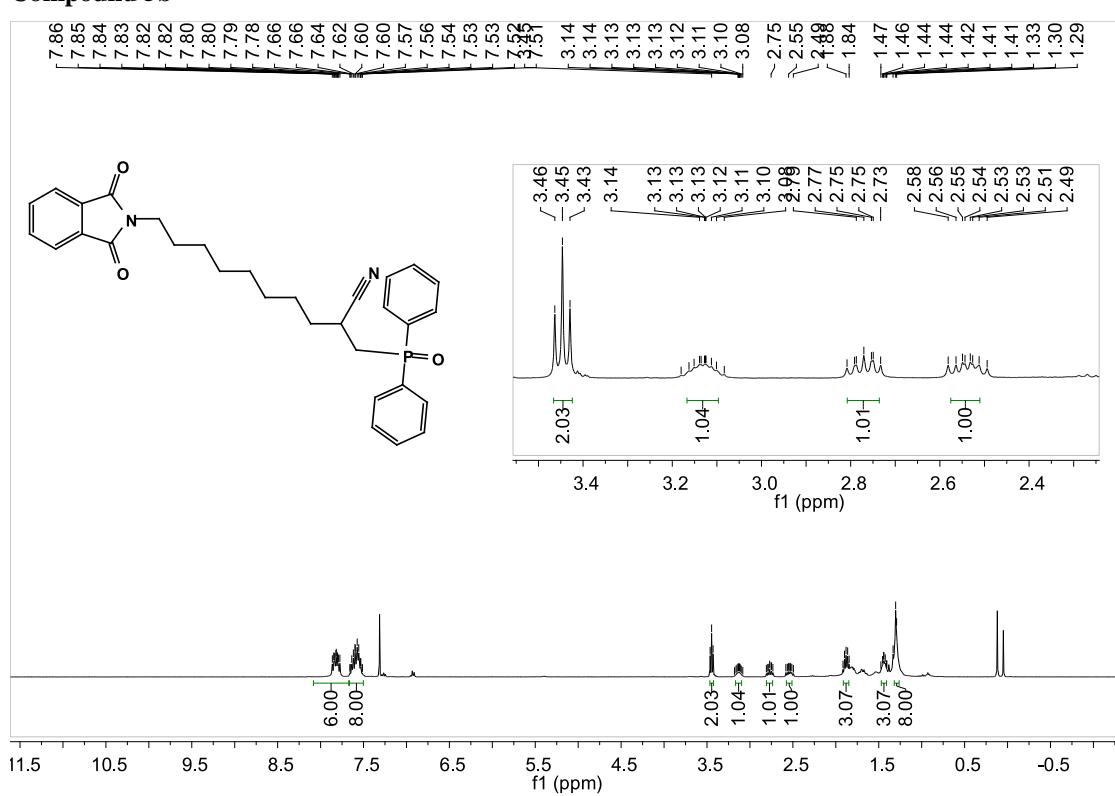


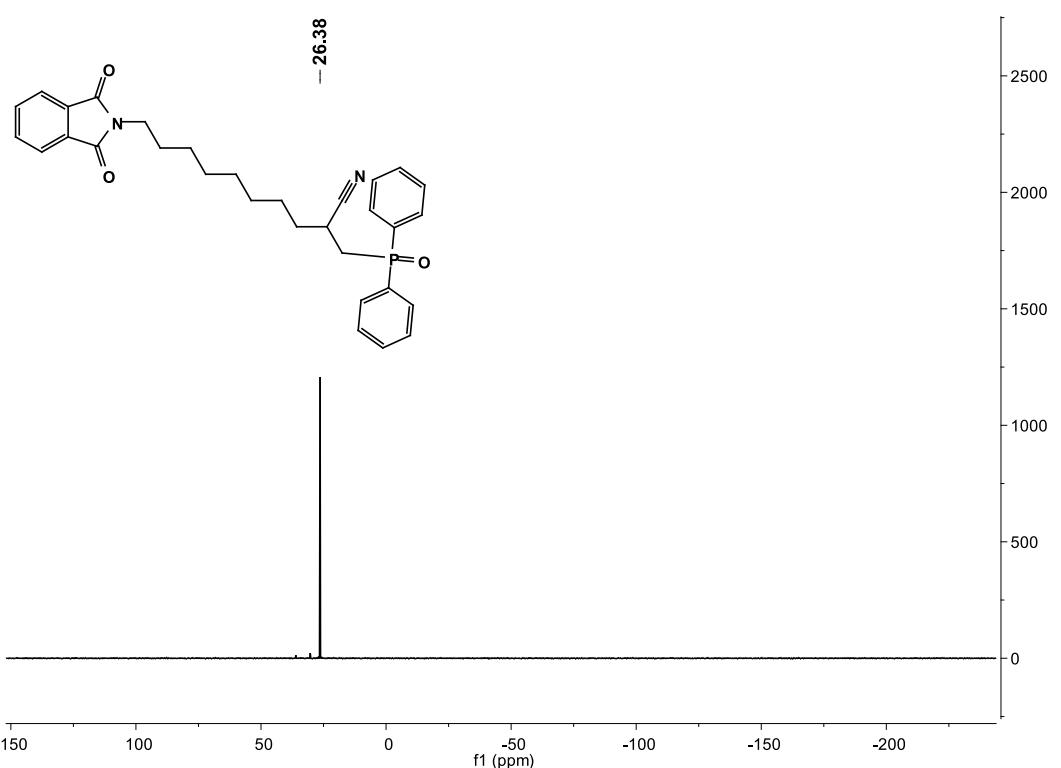
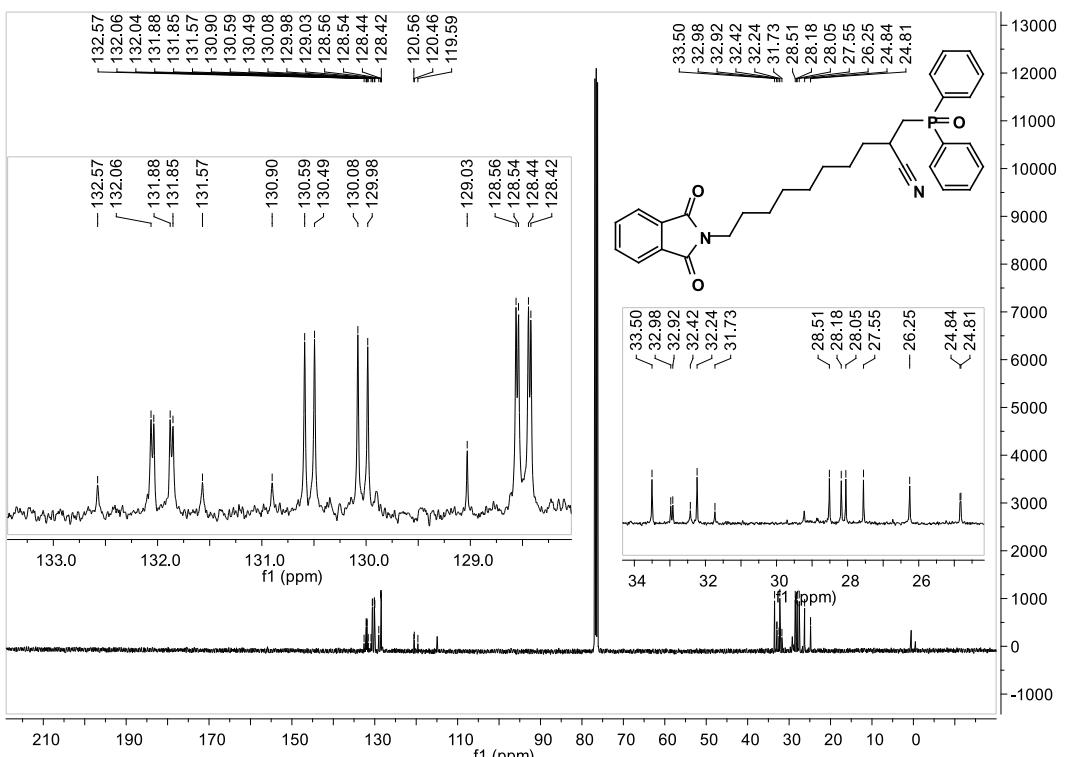
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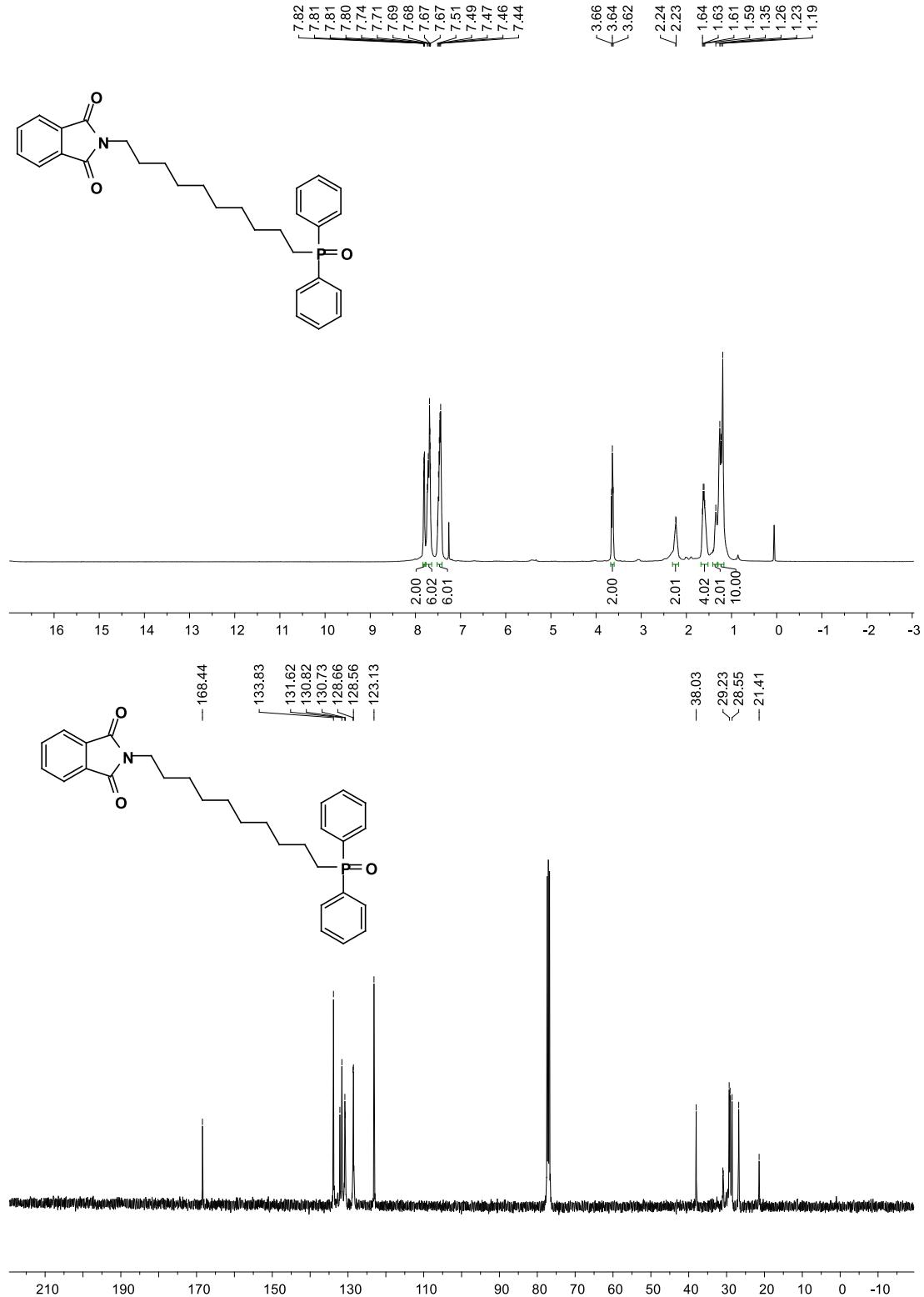


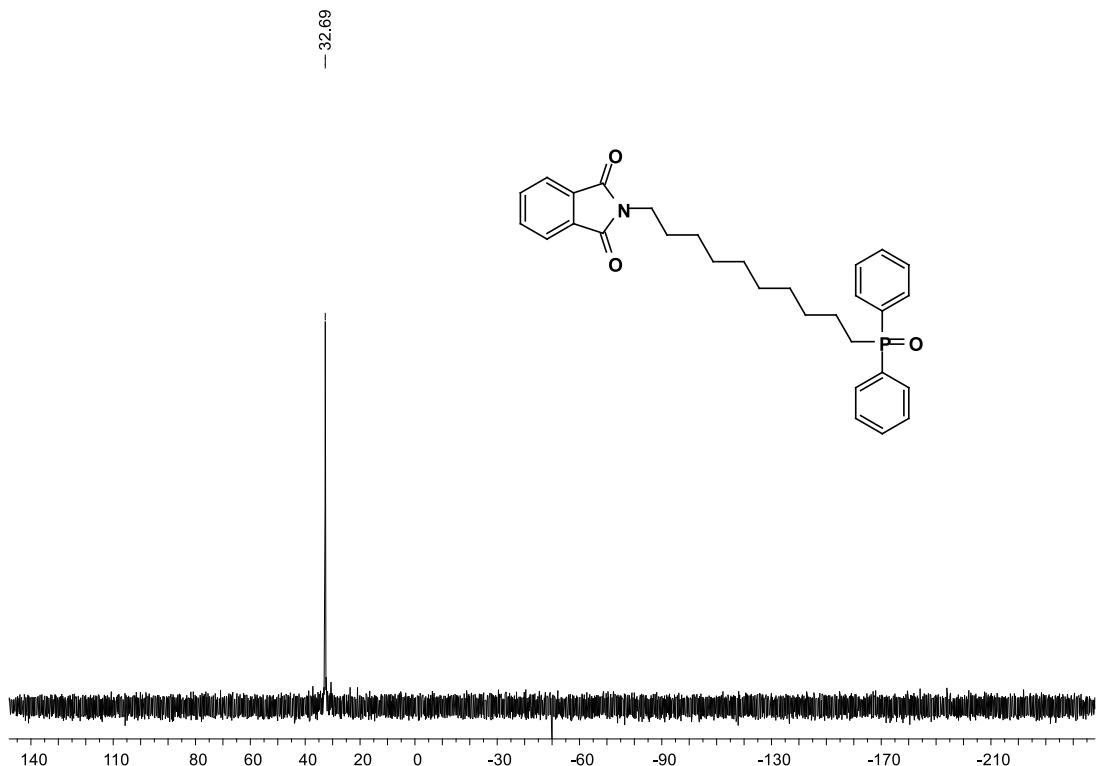
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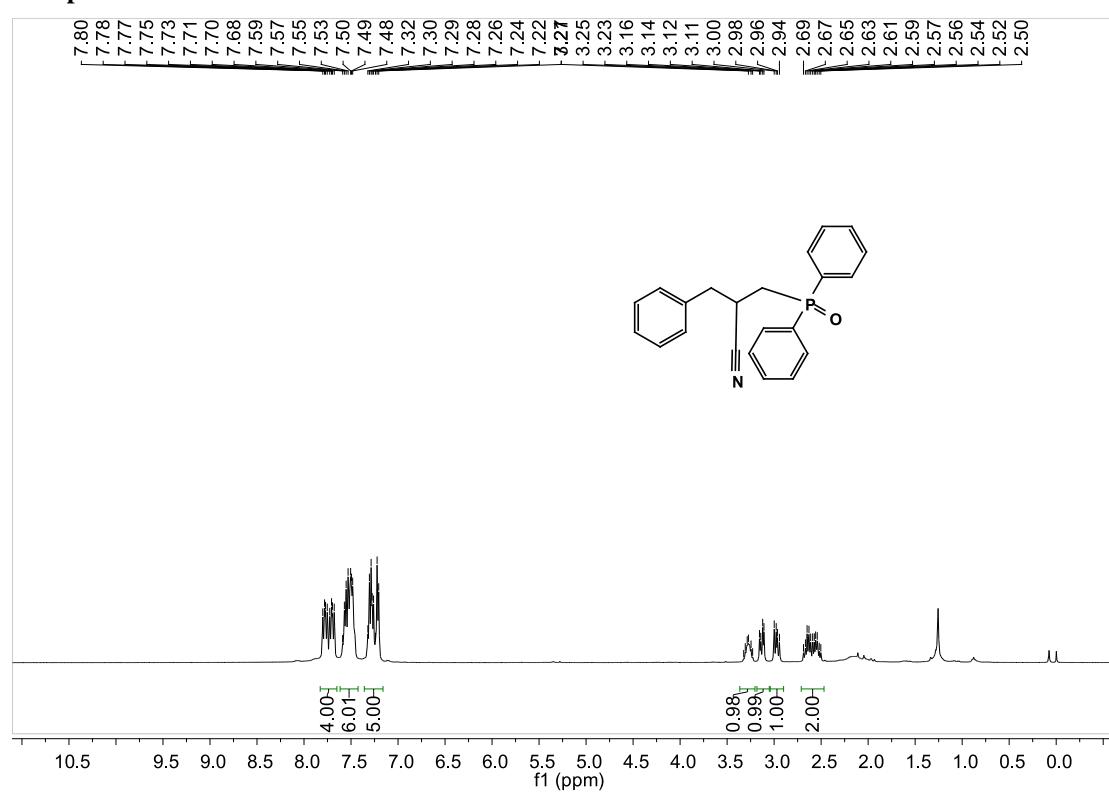


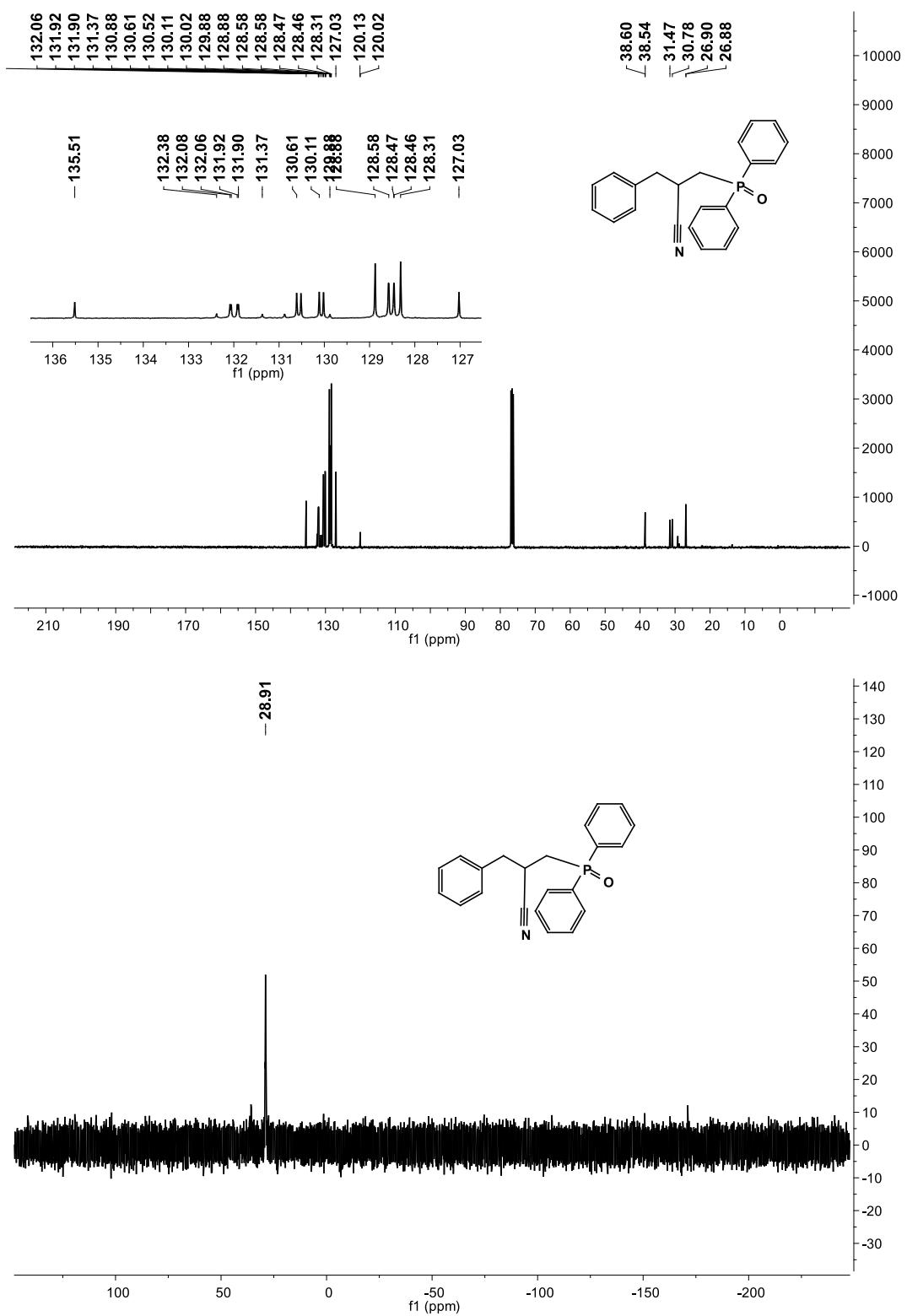
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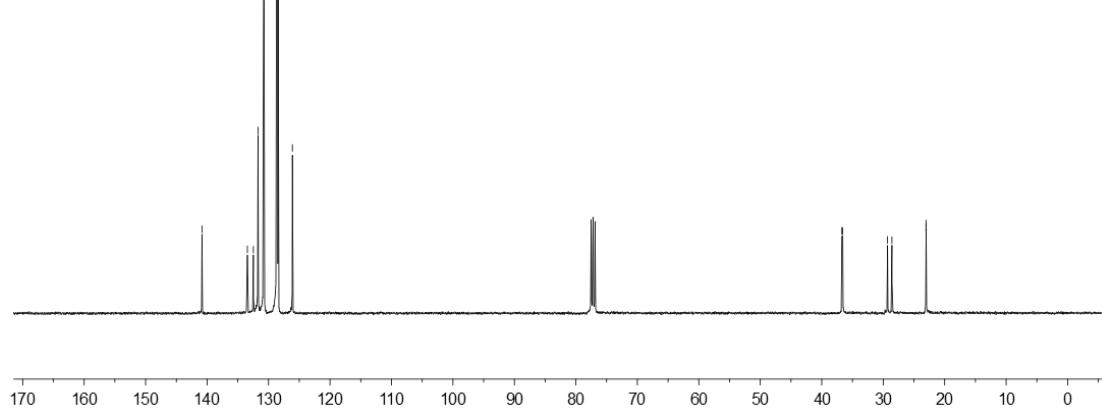
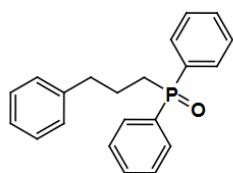
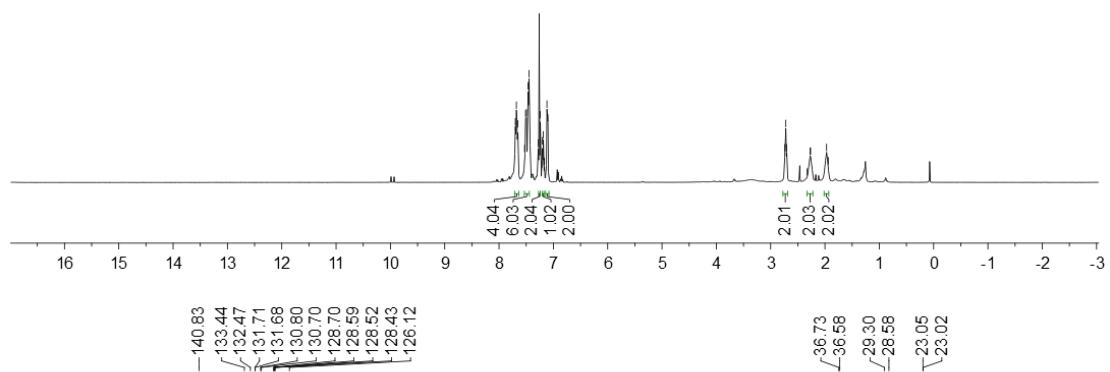
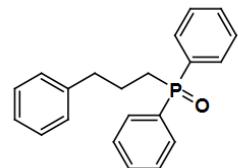


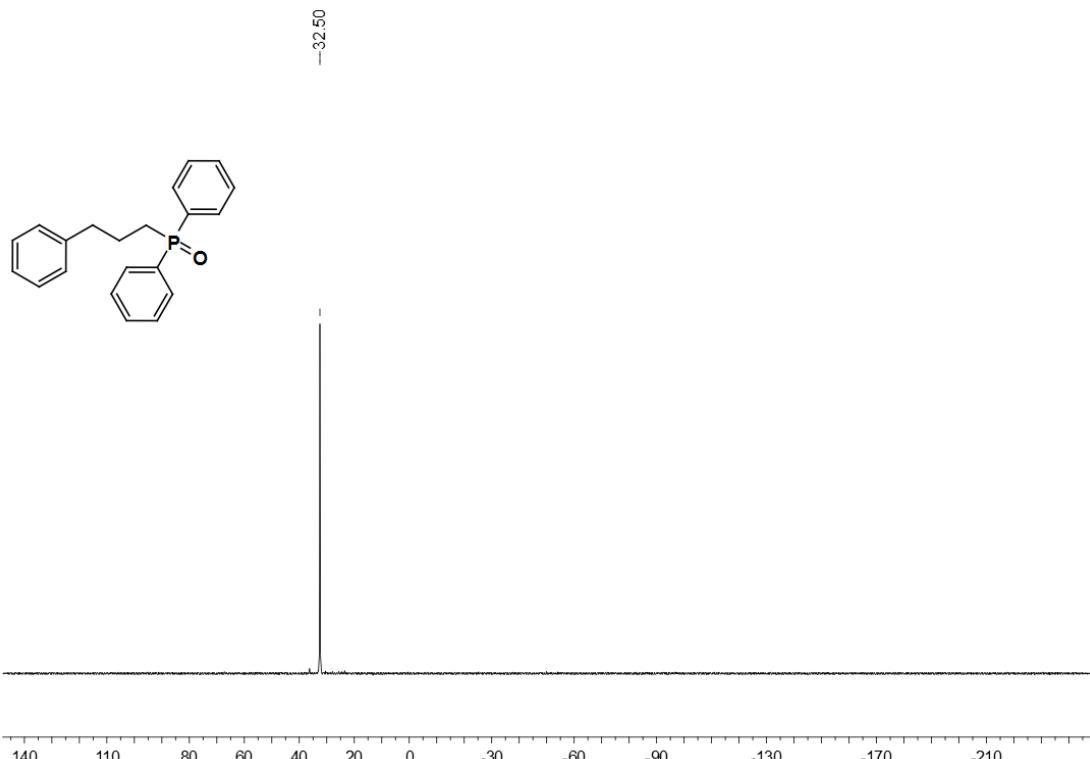
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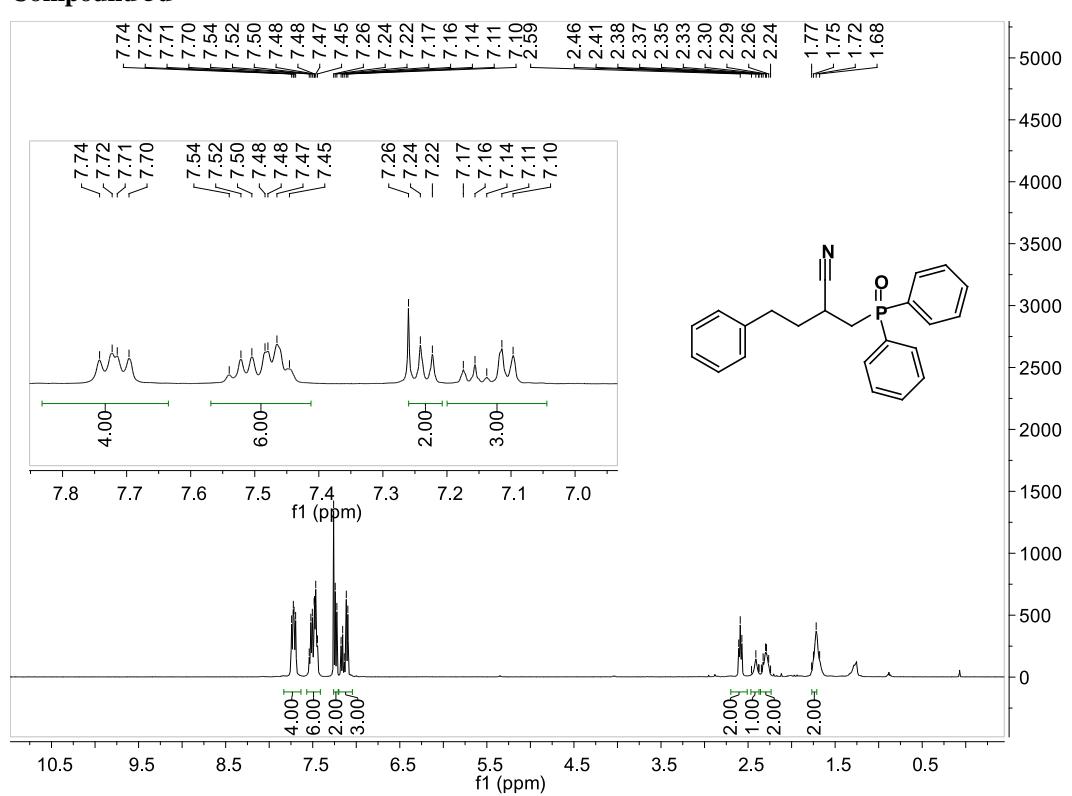


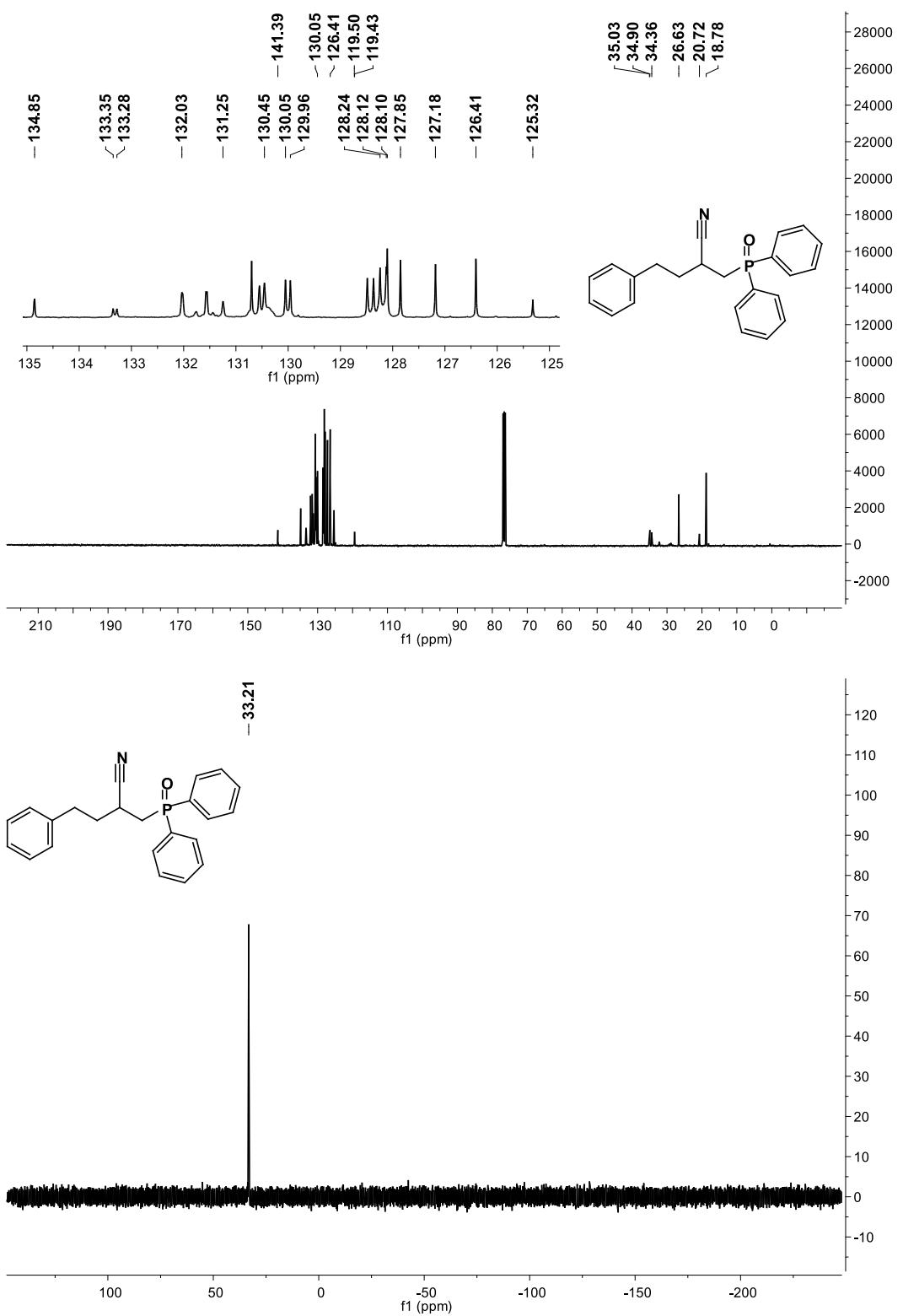
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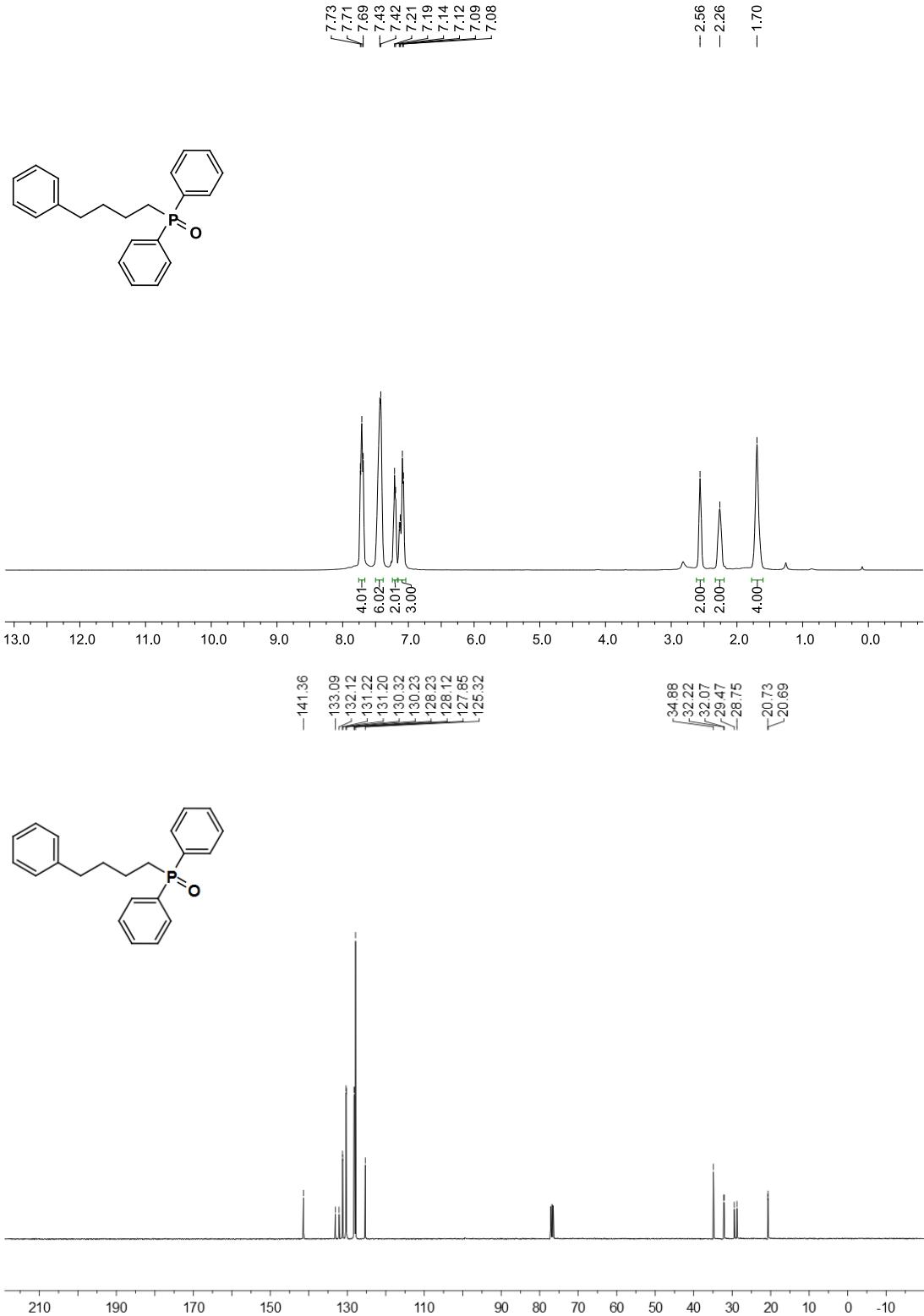


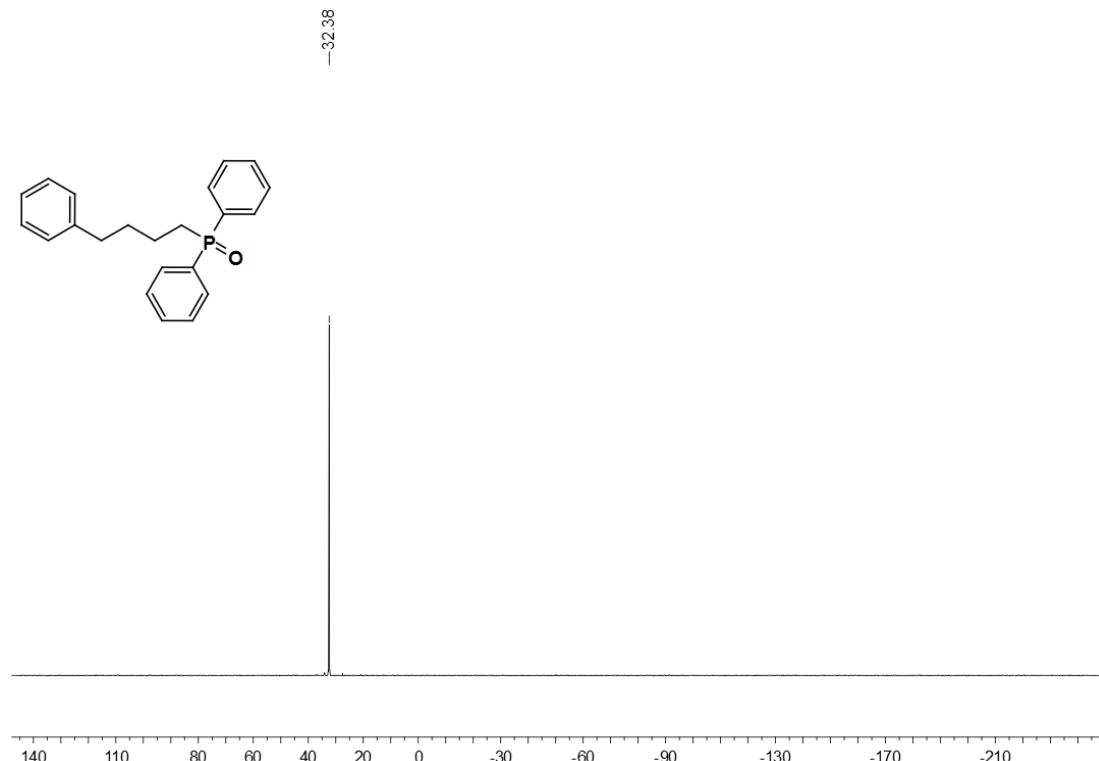
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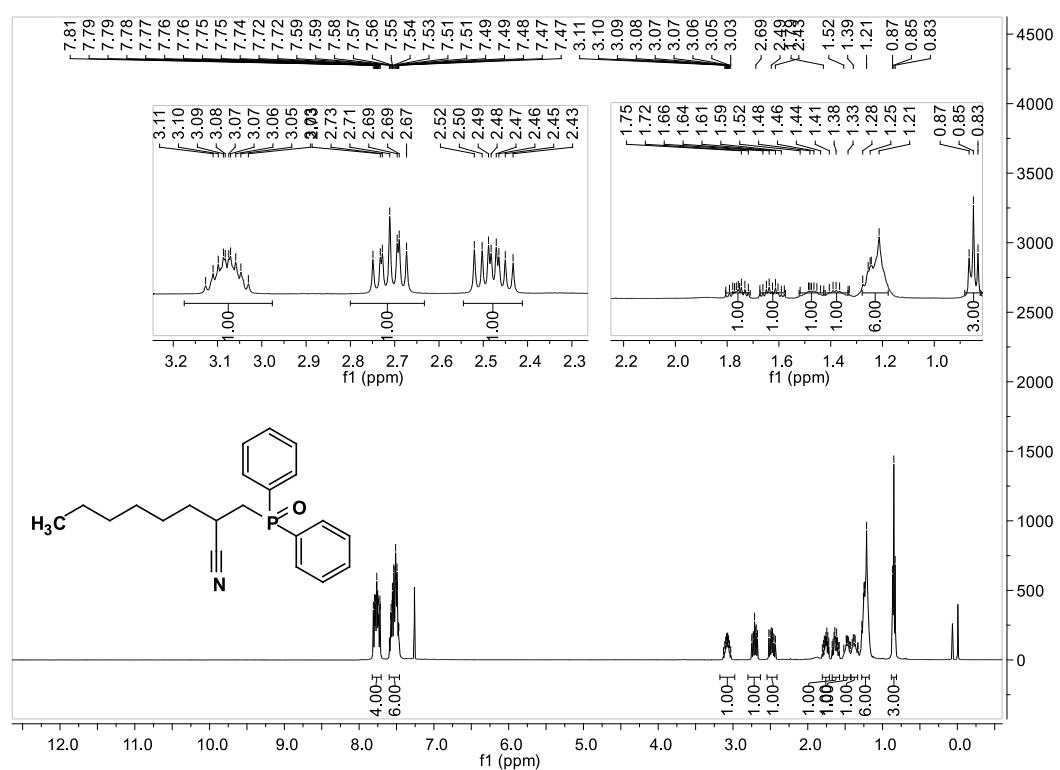


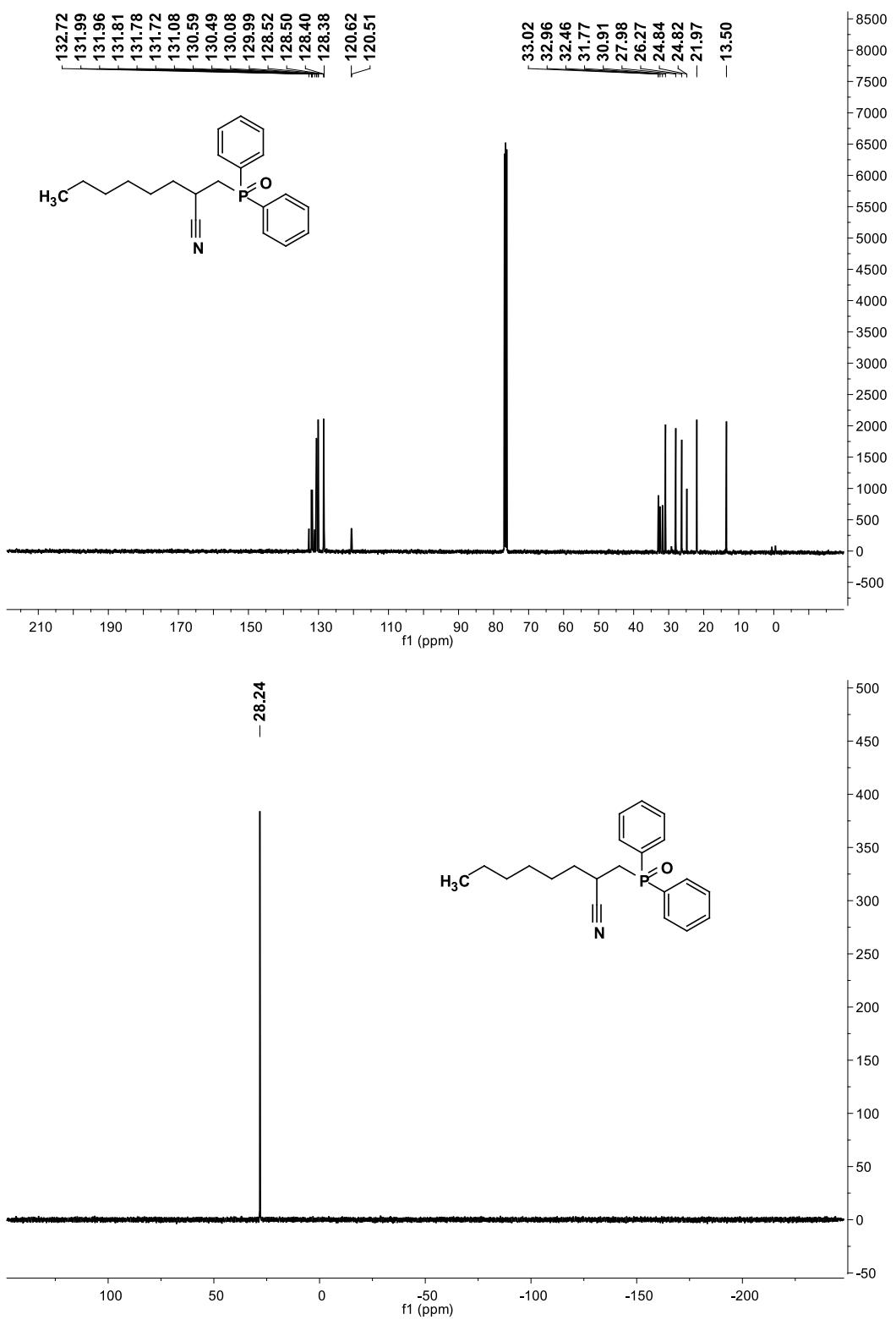
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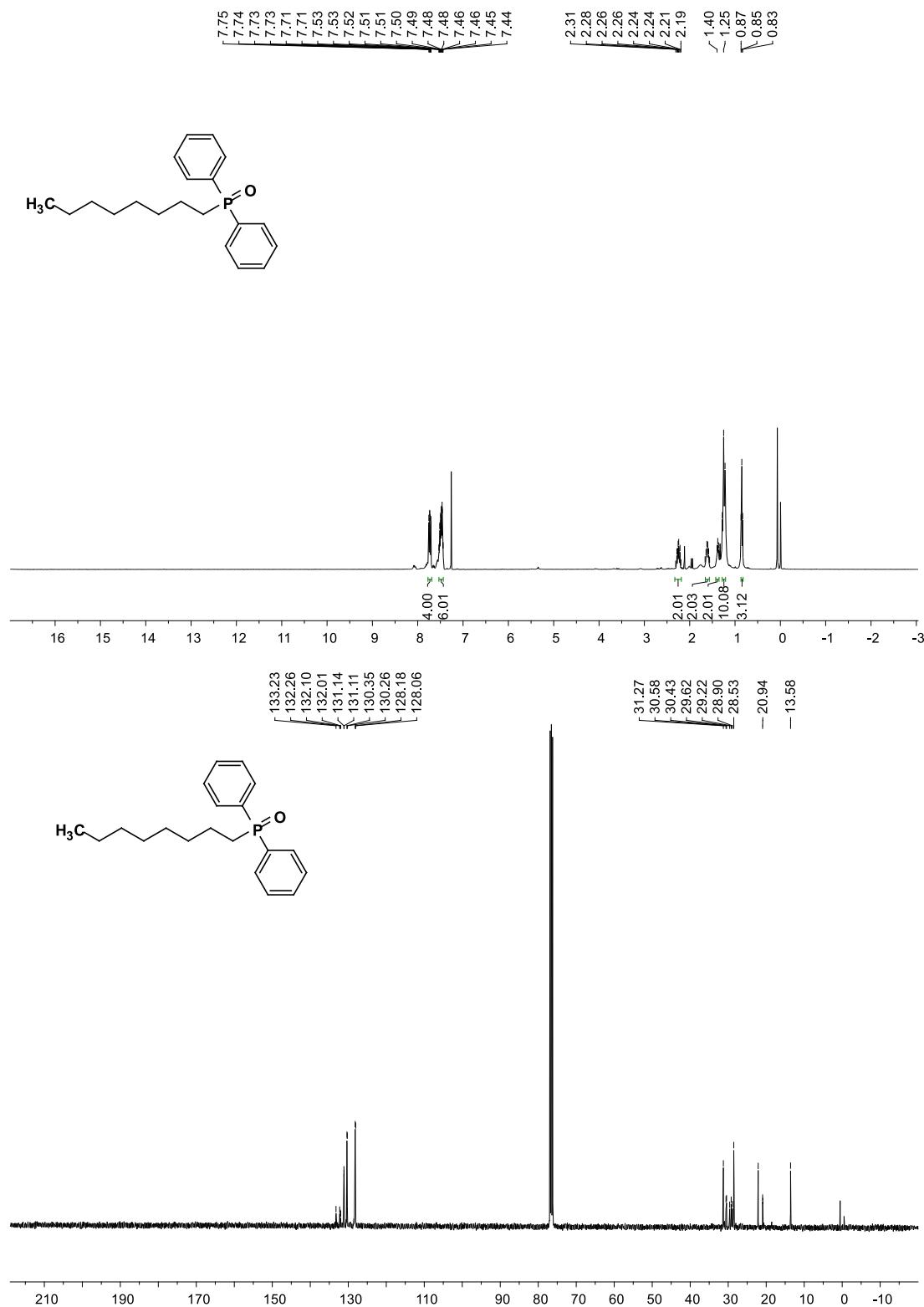


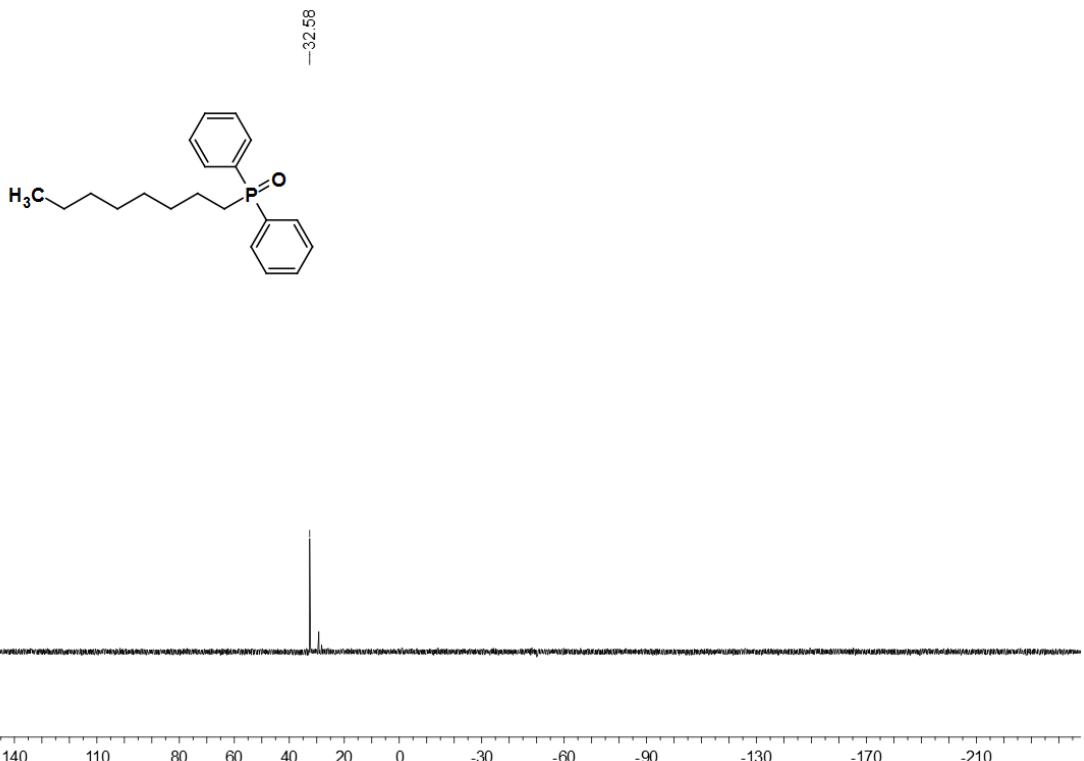
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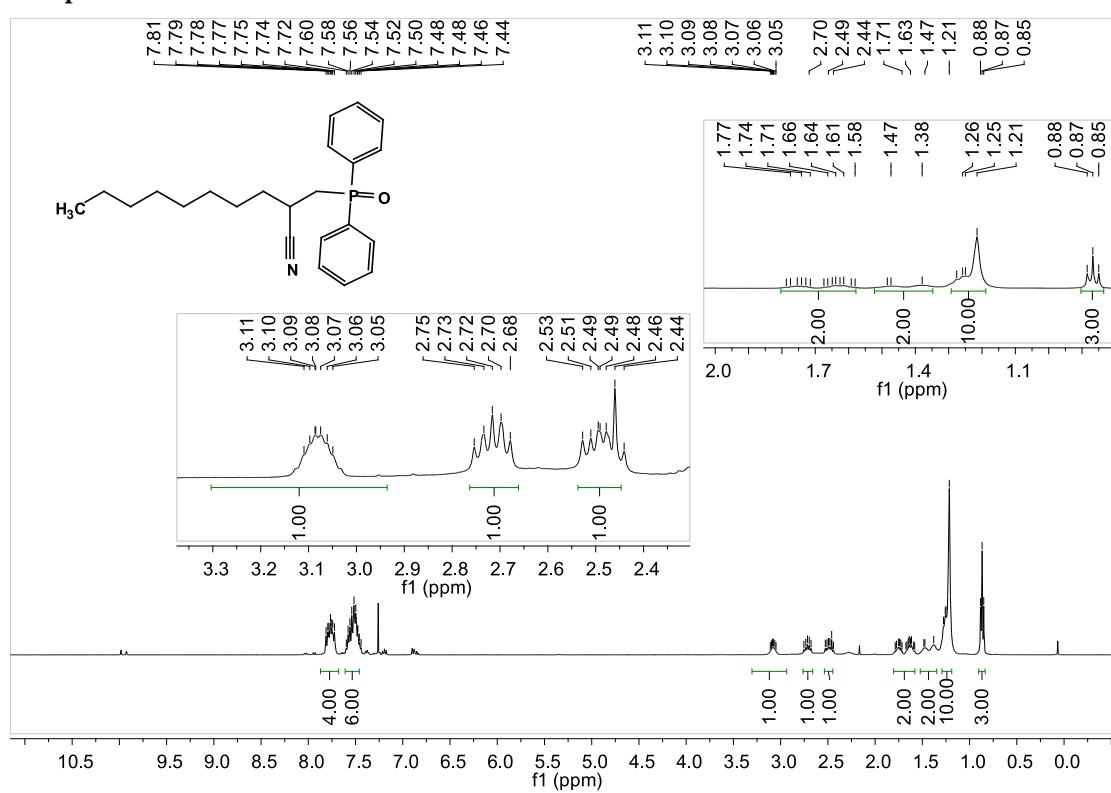


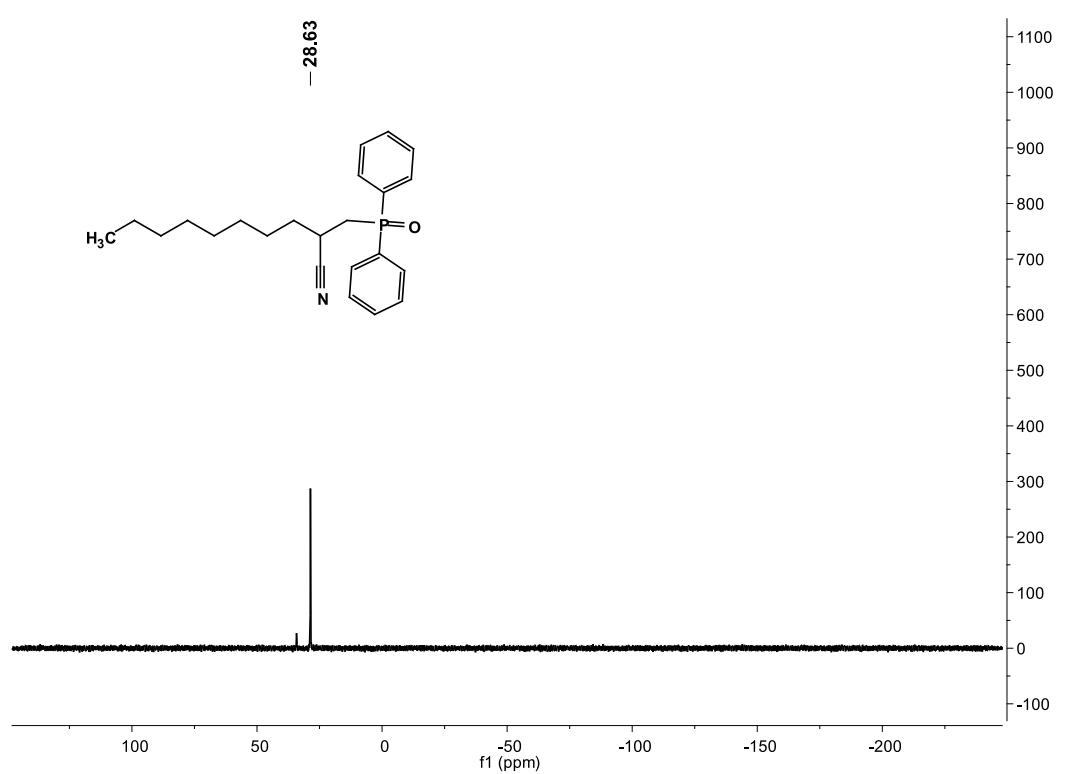
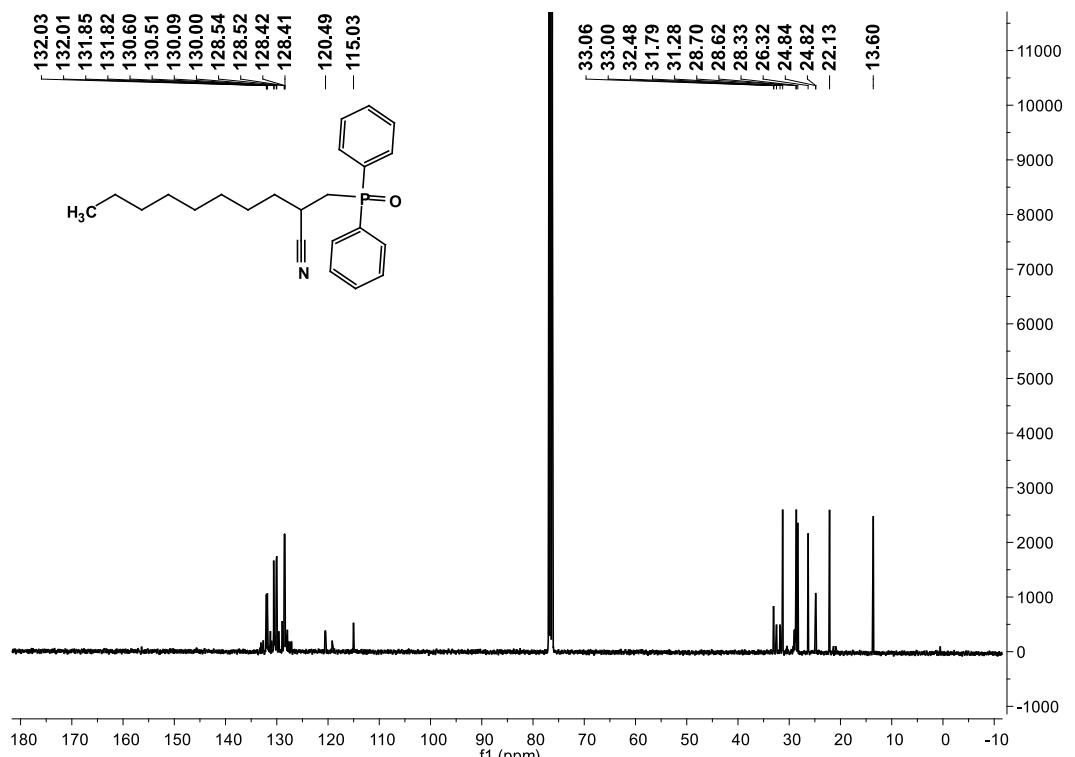
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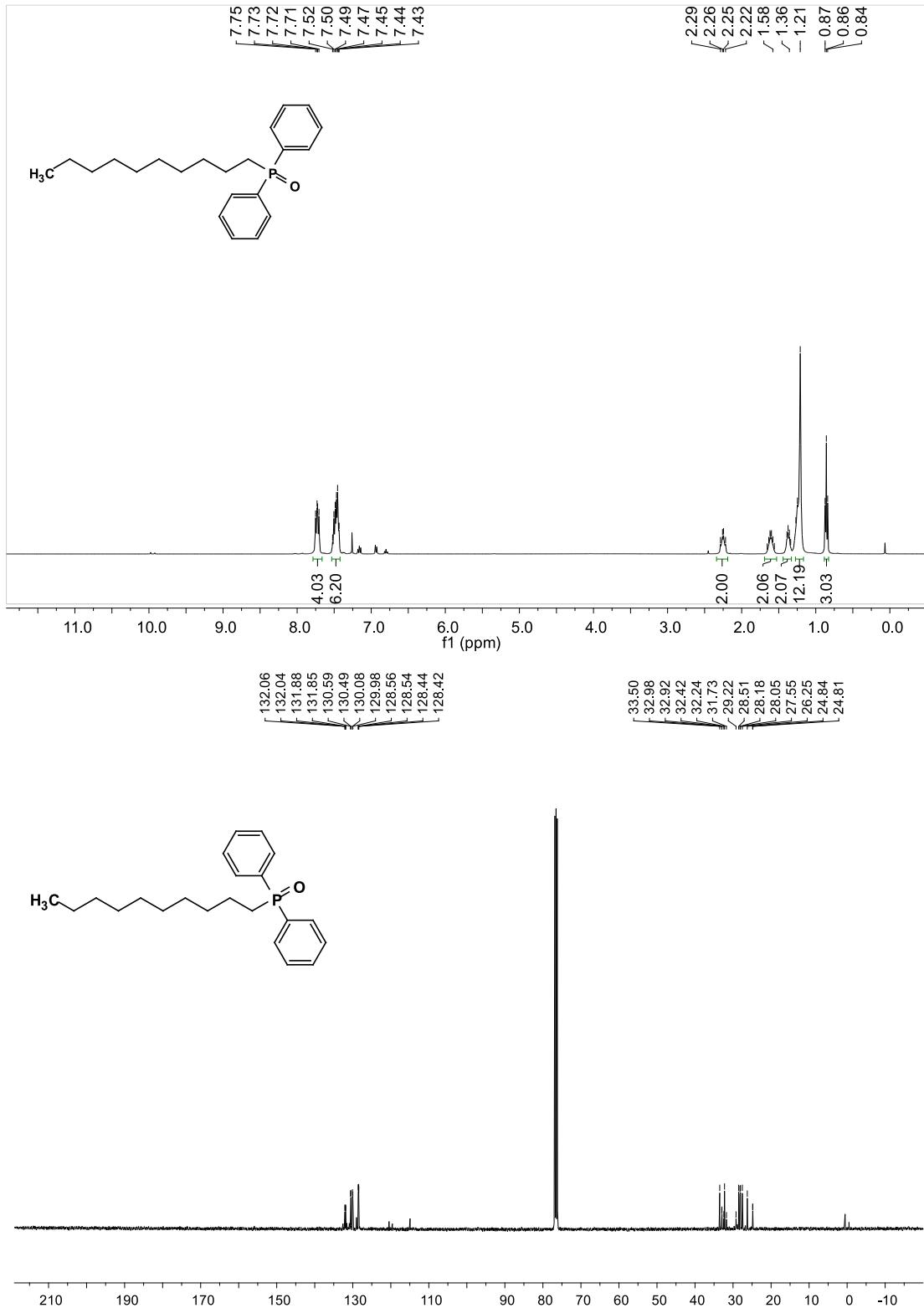


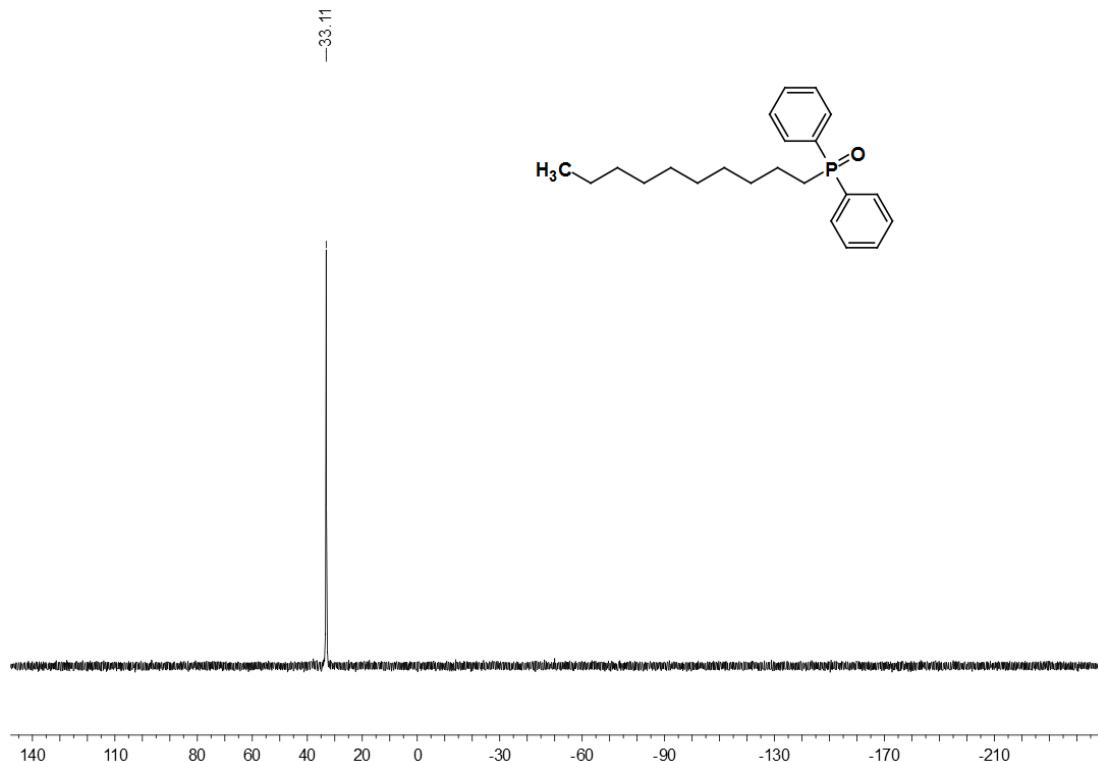
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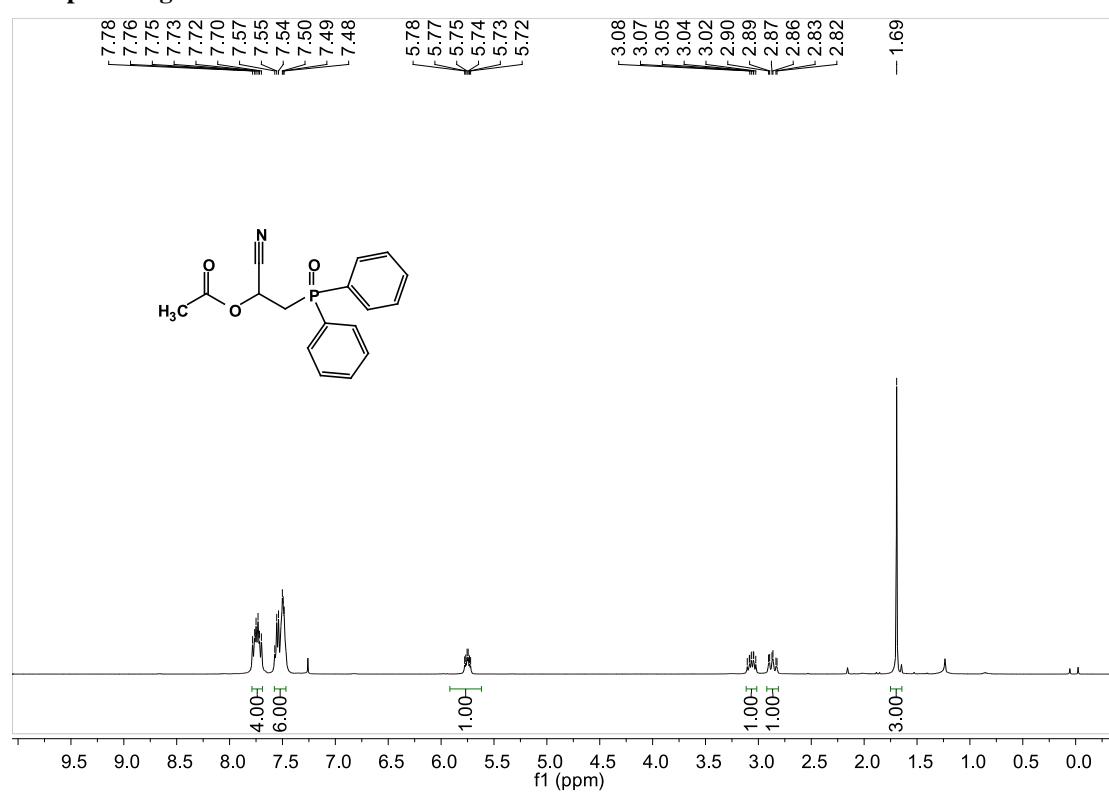


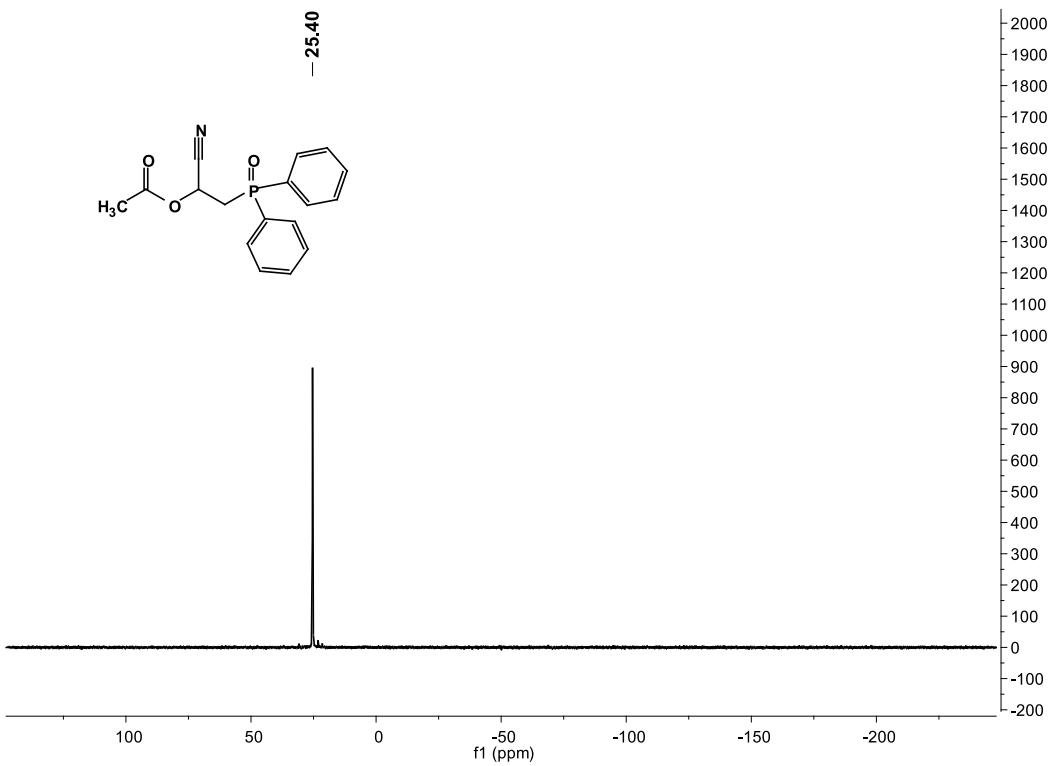
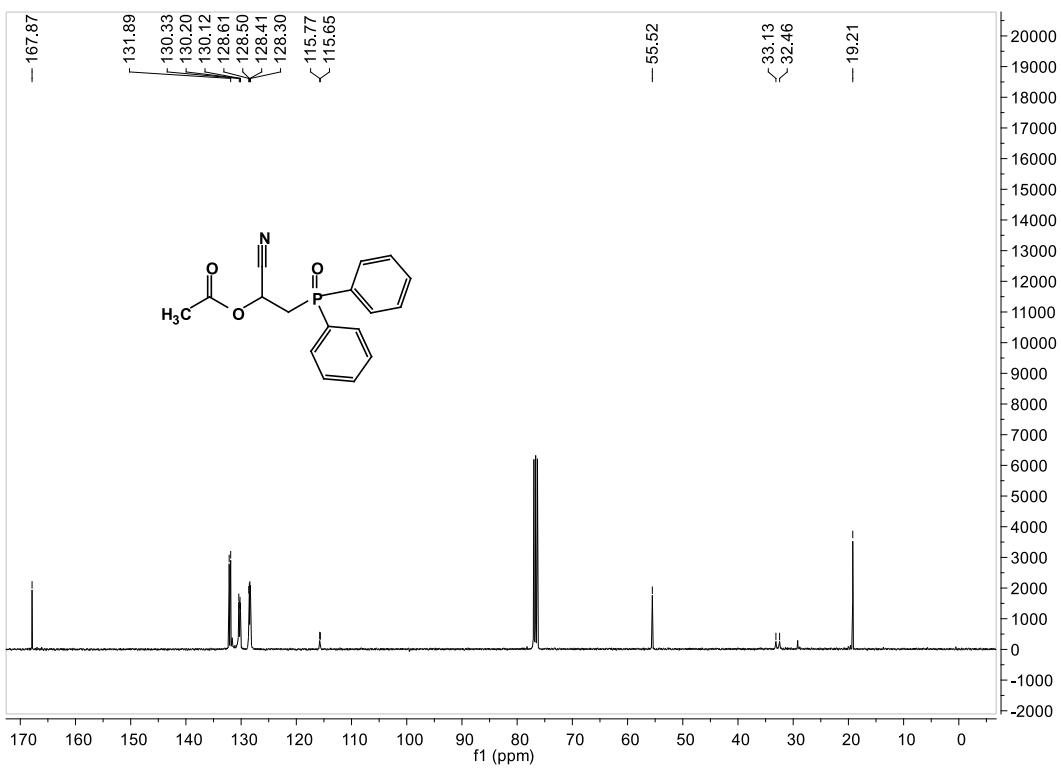
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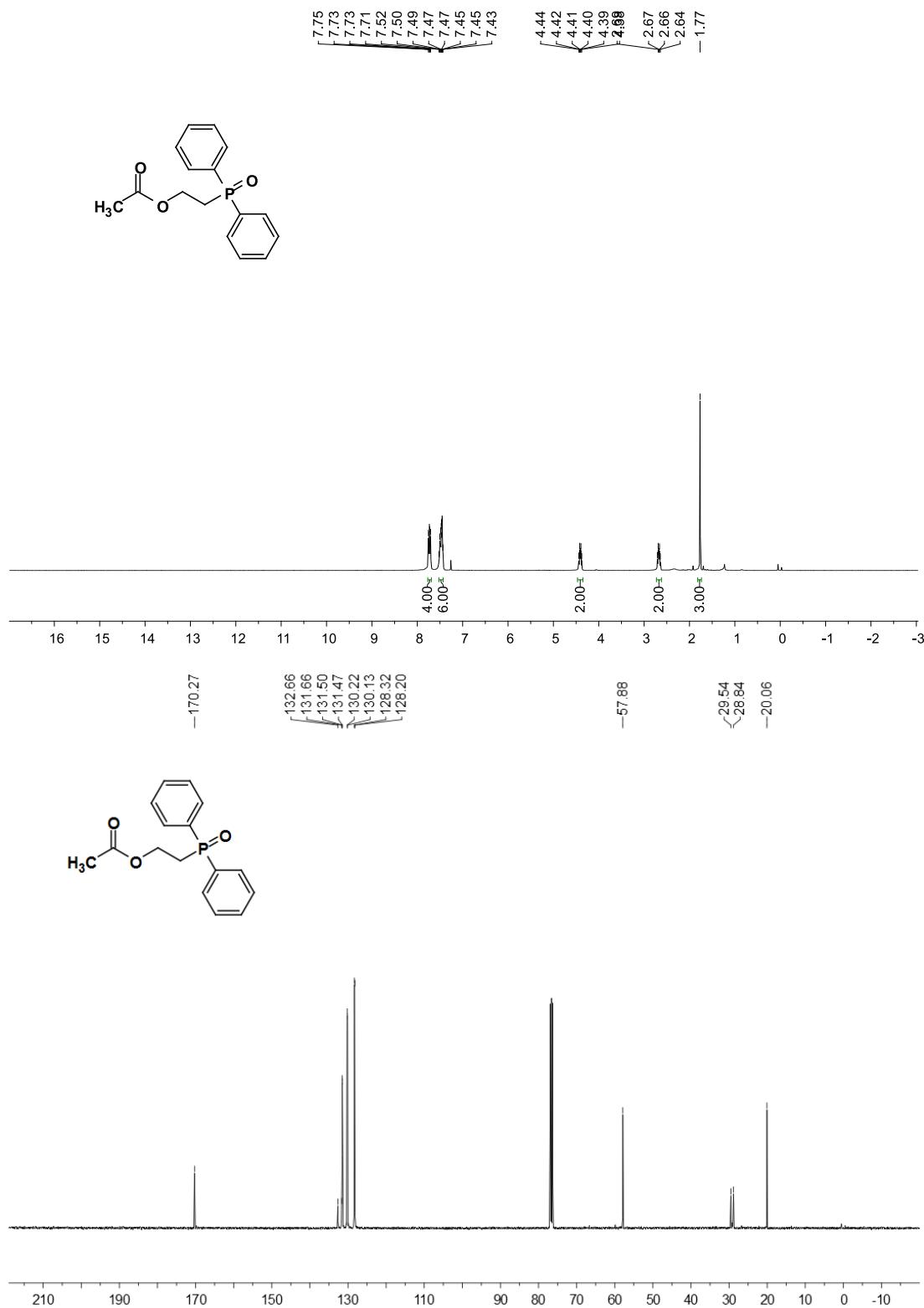


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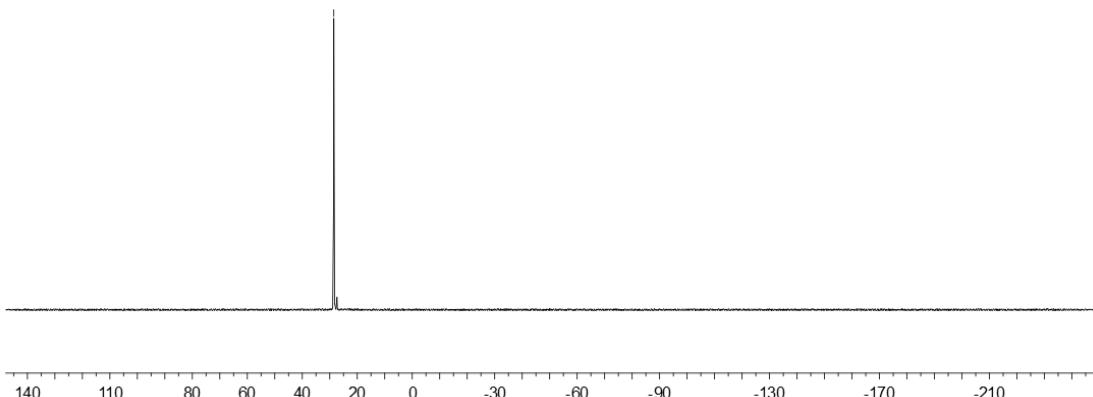
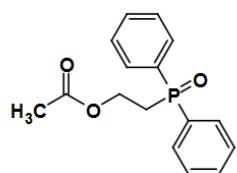




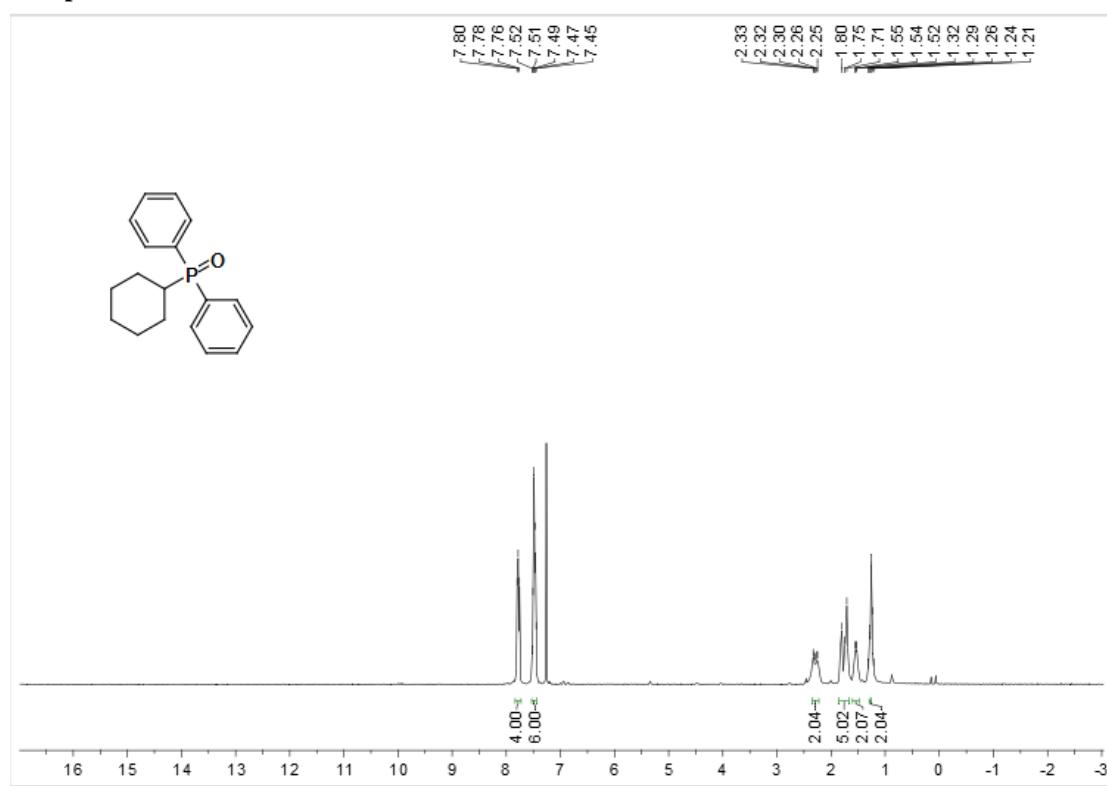
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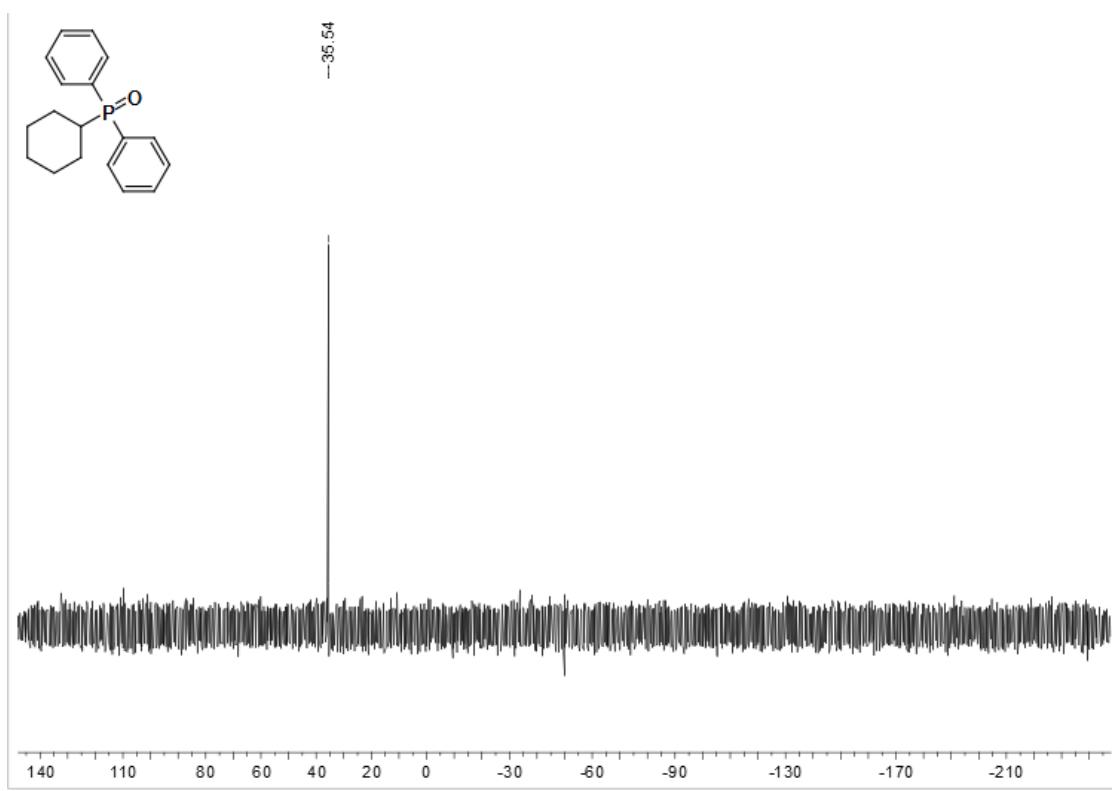
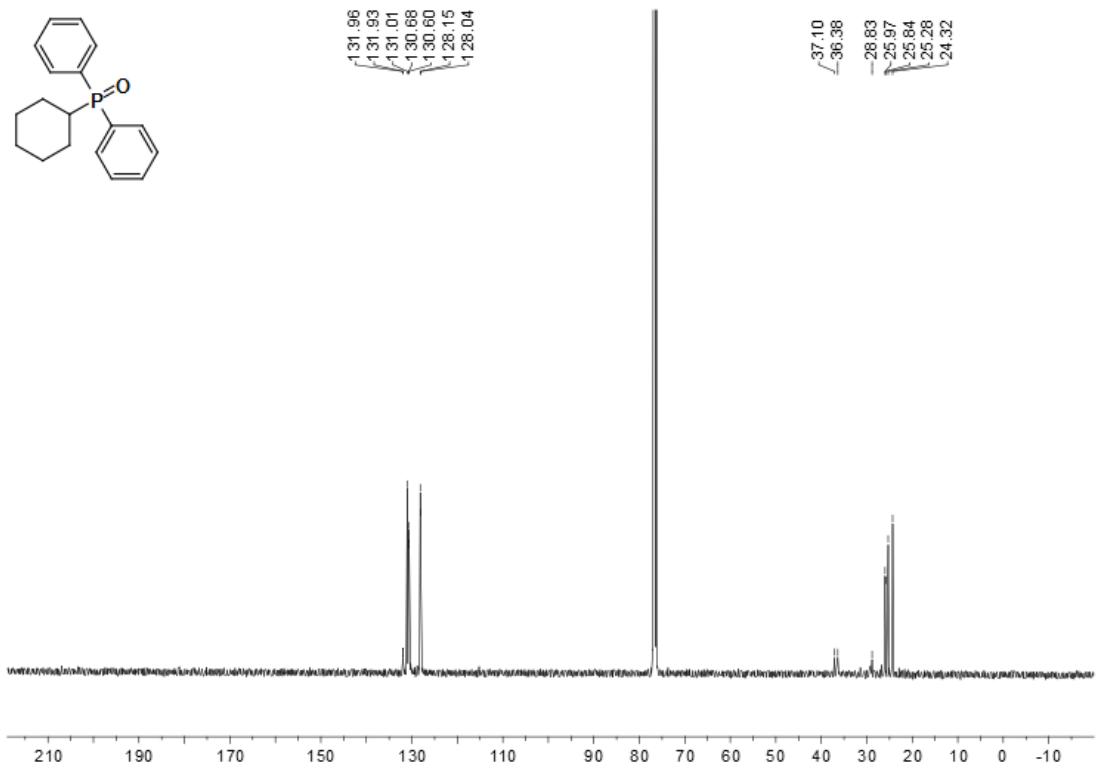


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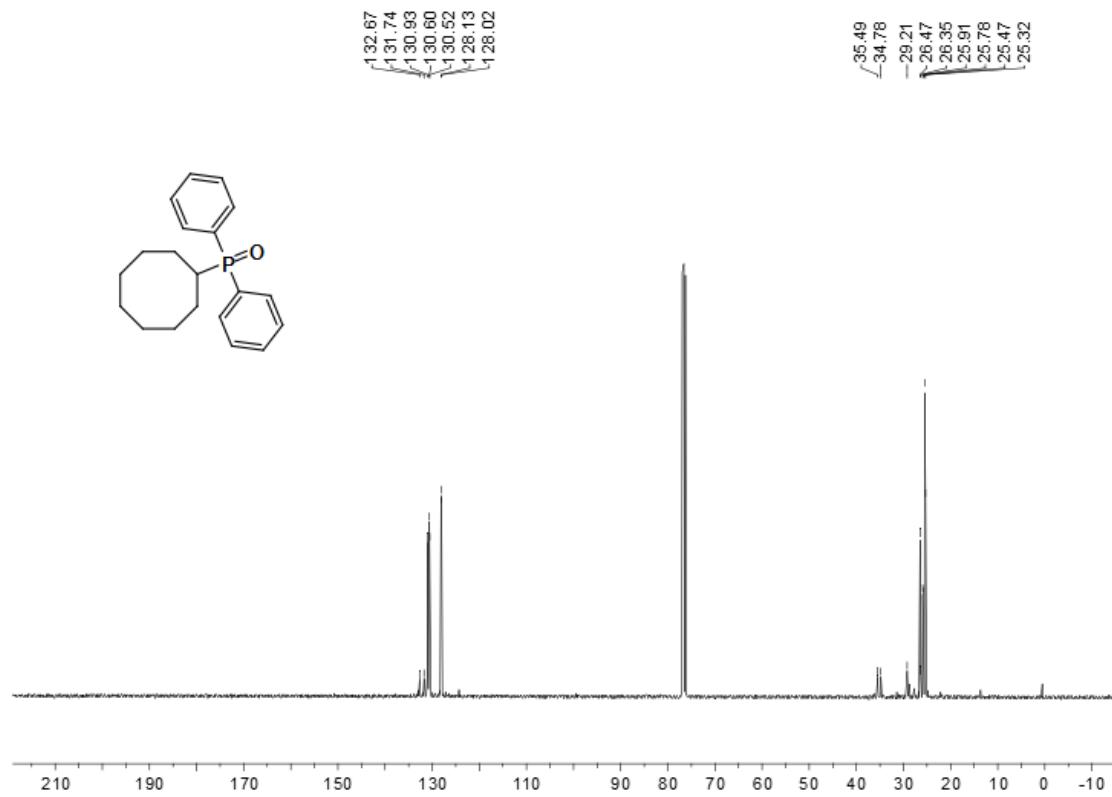
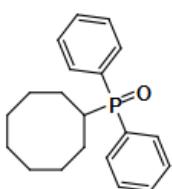
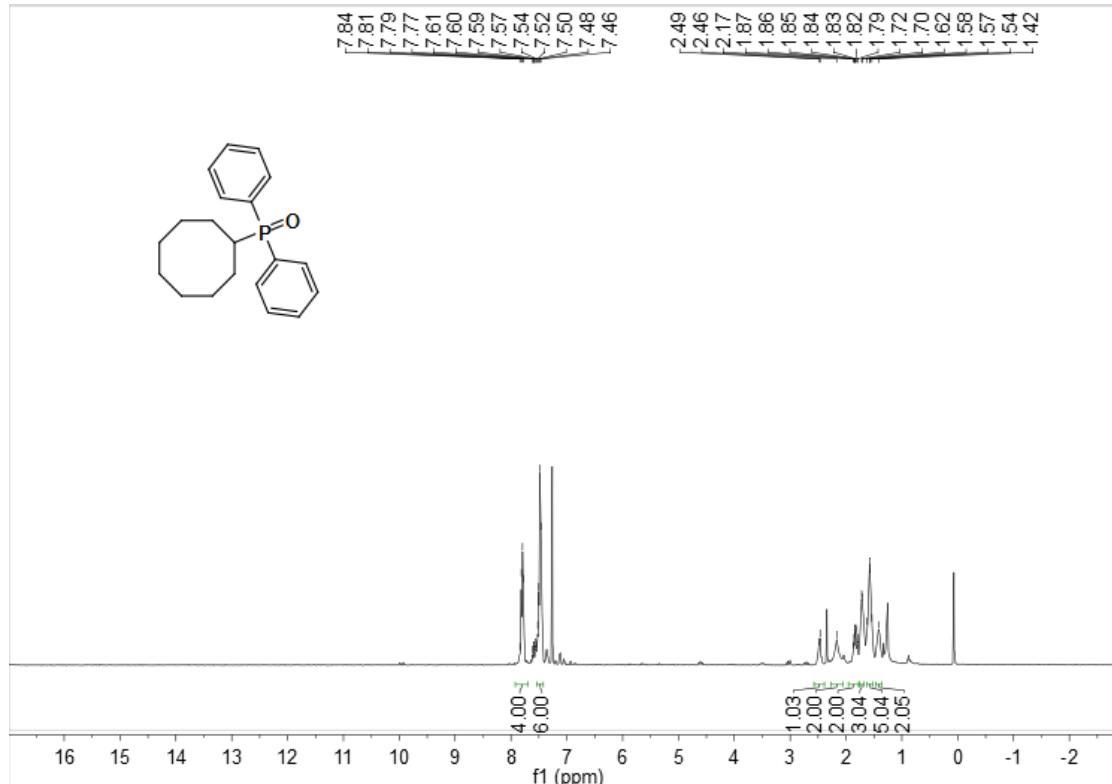
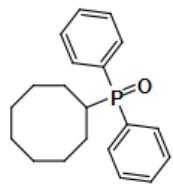


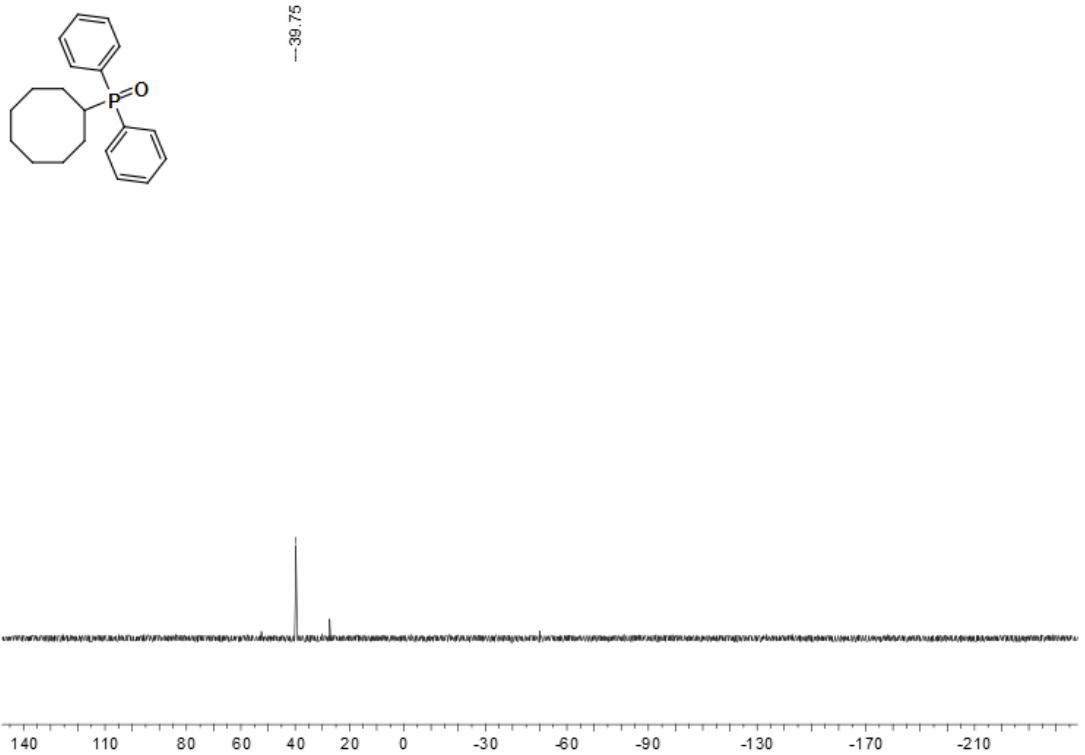
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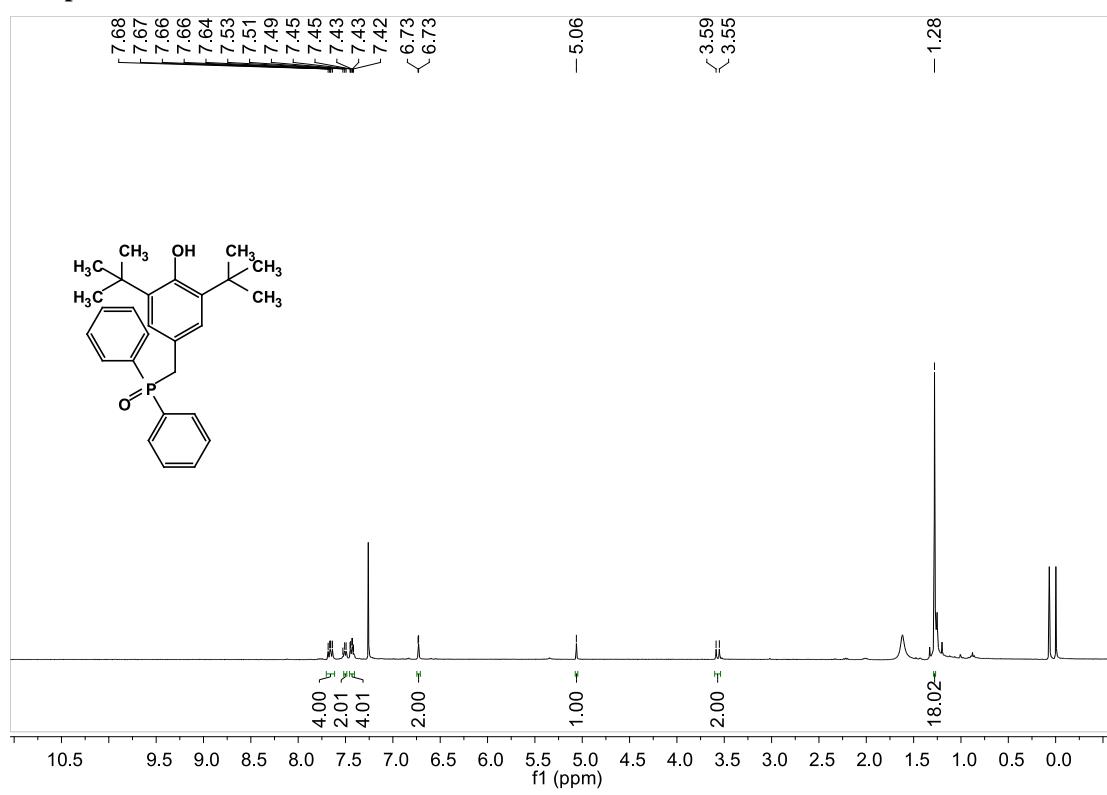


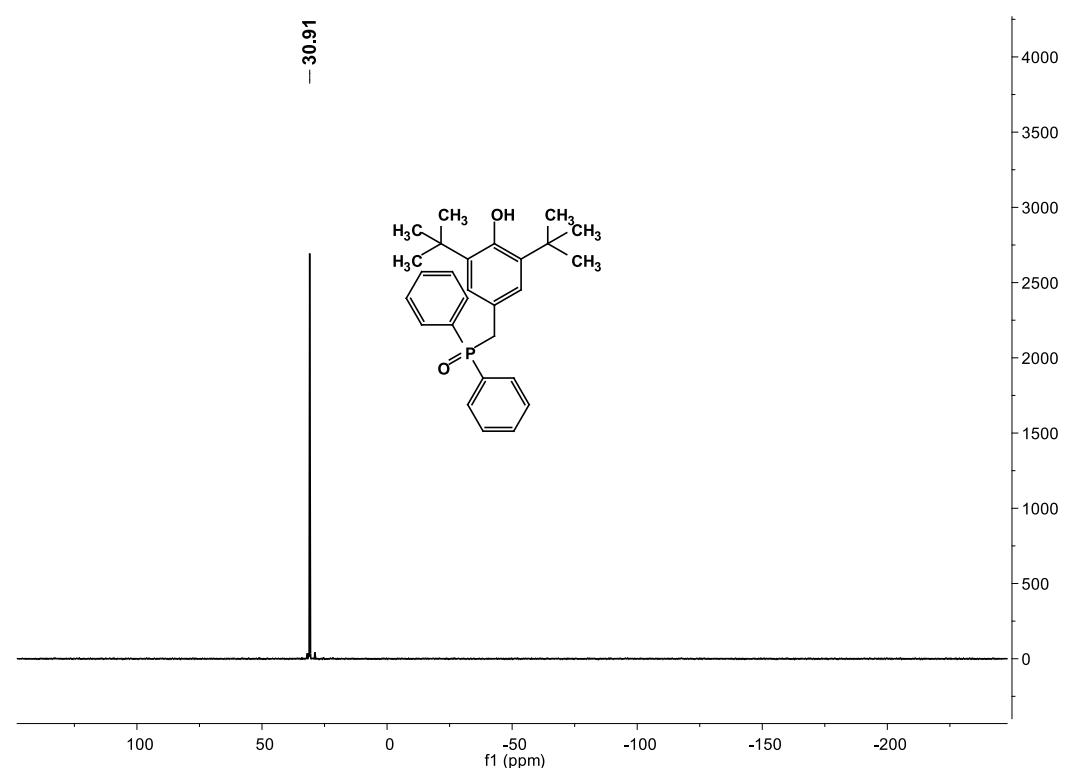
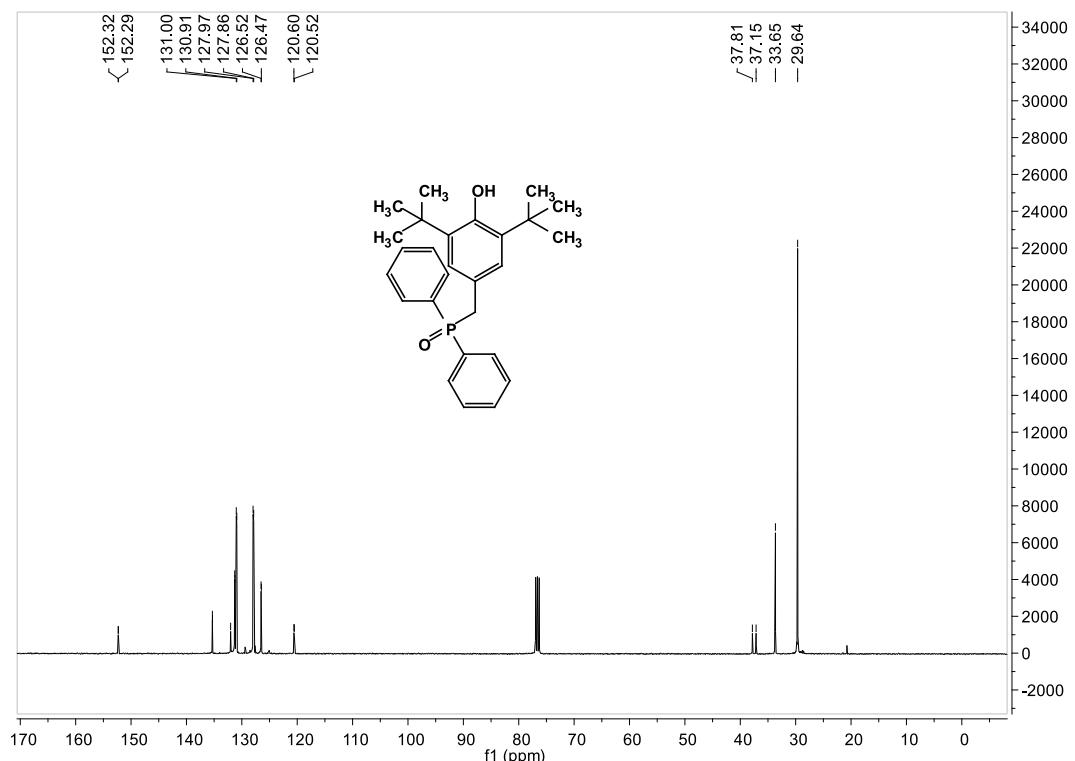
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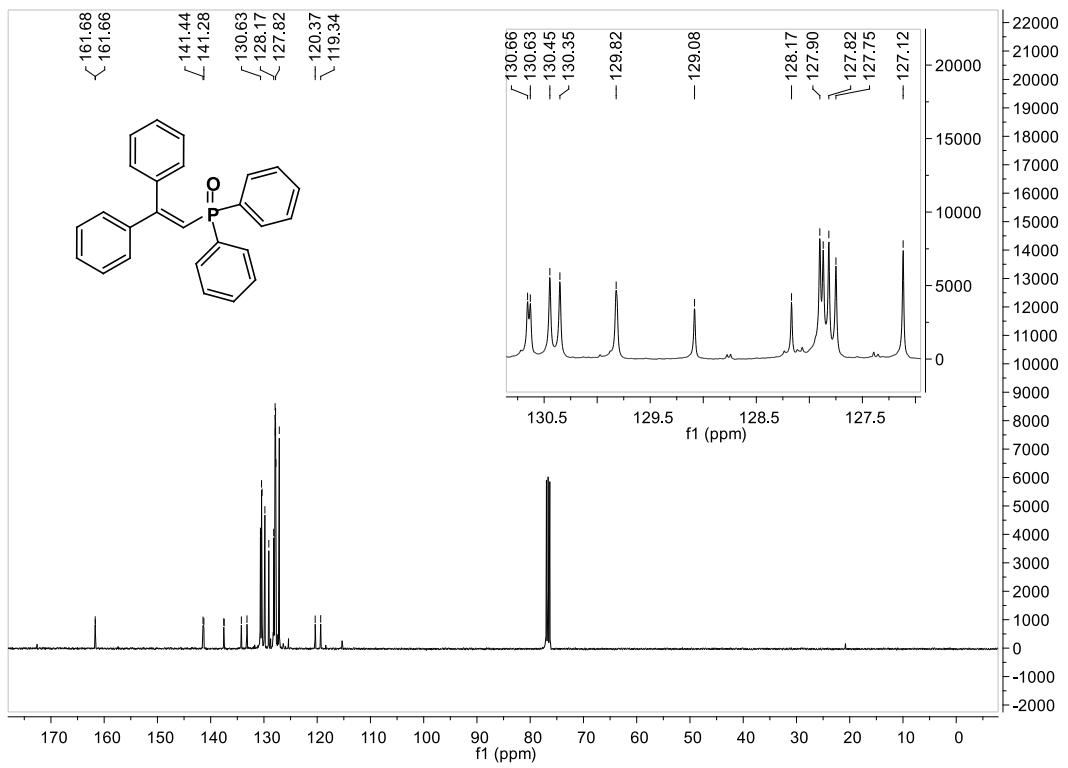
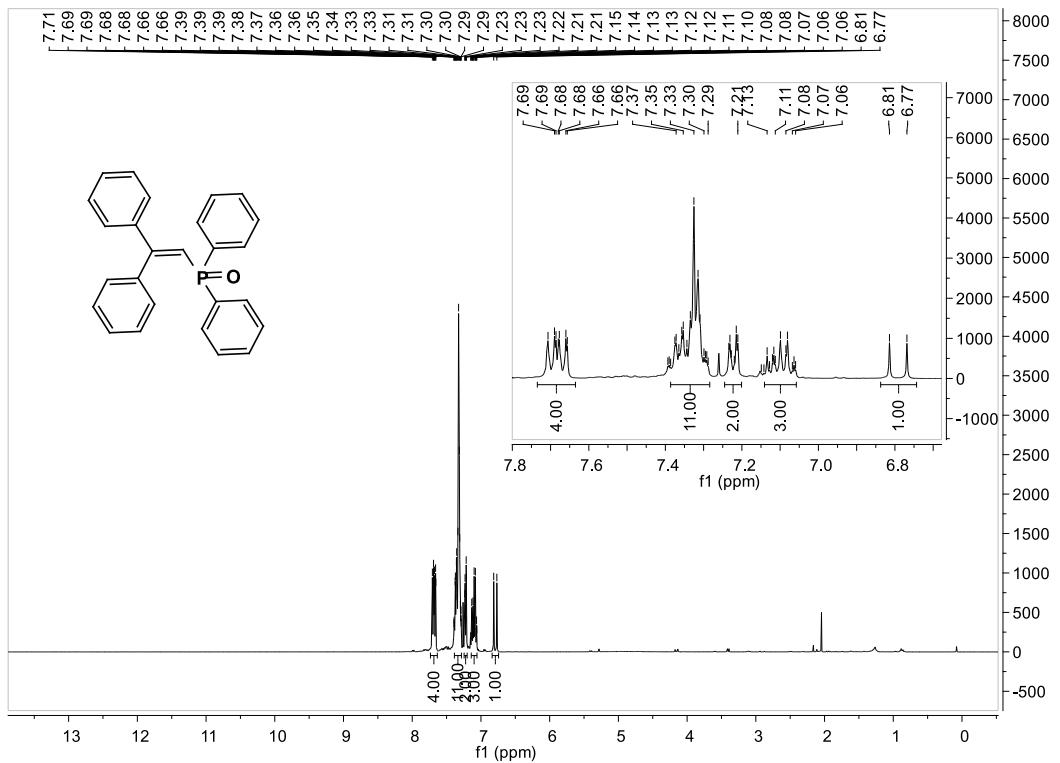


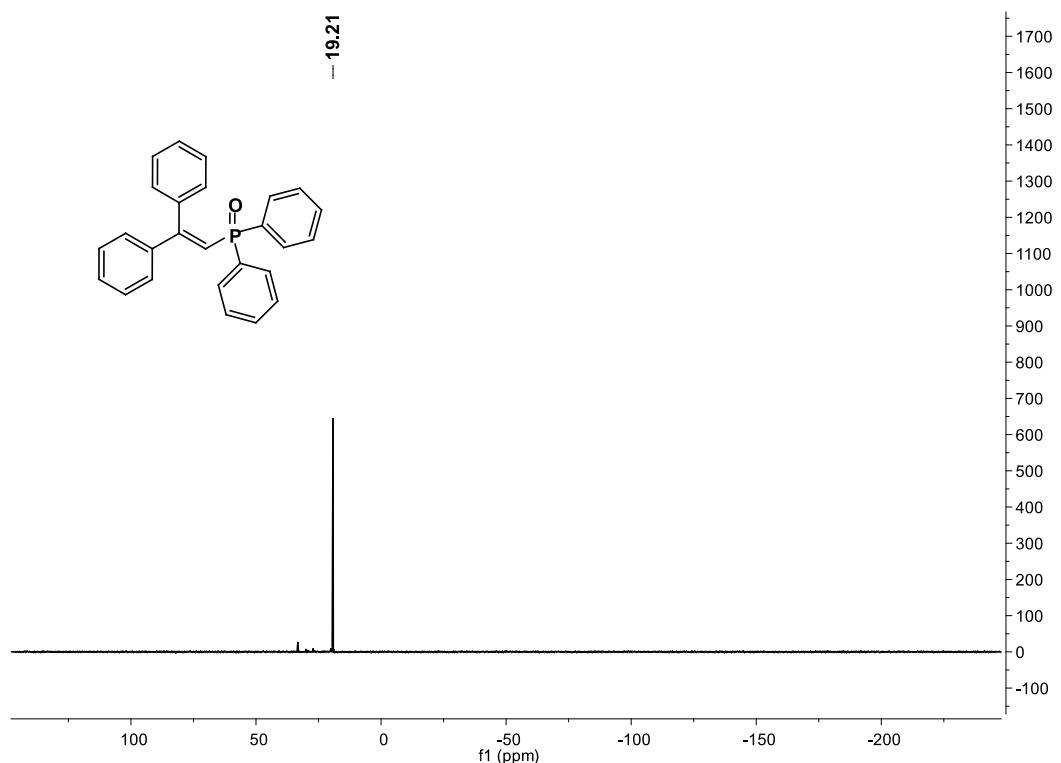
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