**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Transition Metal Free Decarbonyl-Oxidation of 3-Arylbenzofuran-2(3*H*)-ones: Access to 2-Hydroxy Benzophenones

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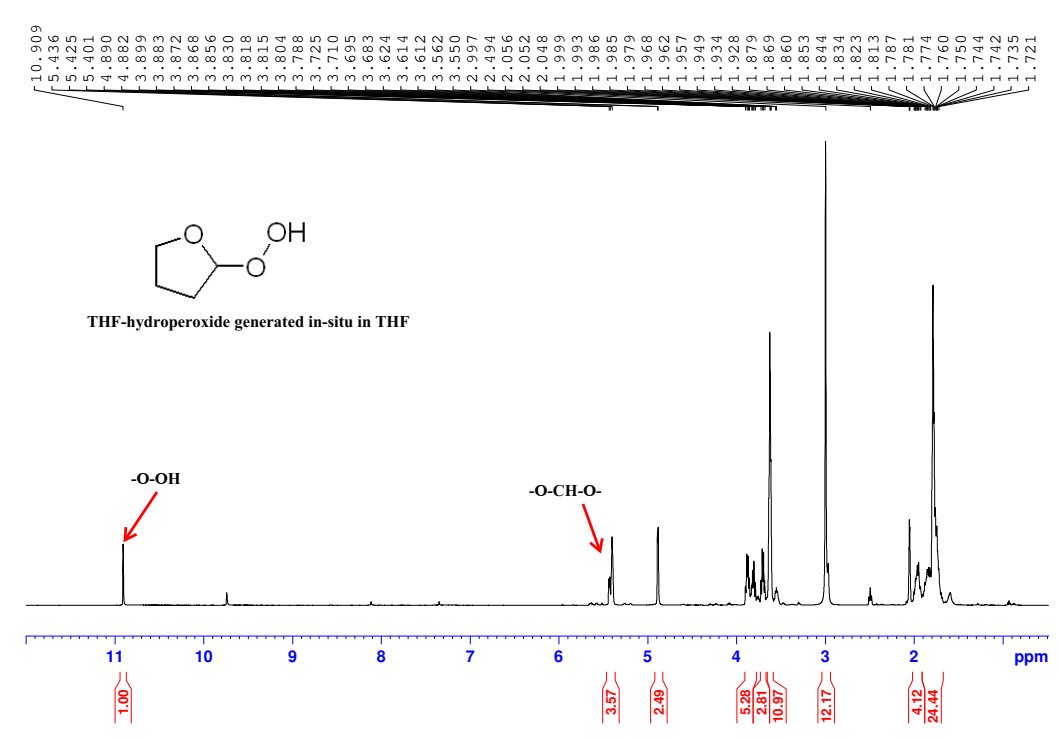
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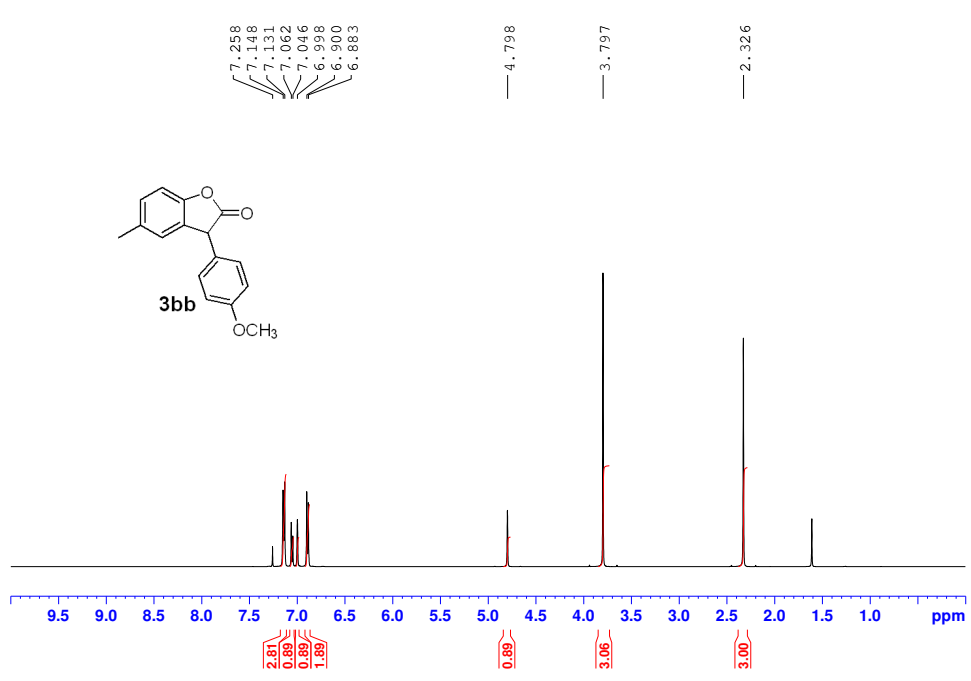
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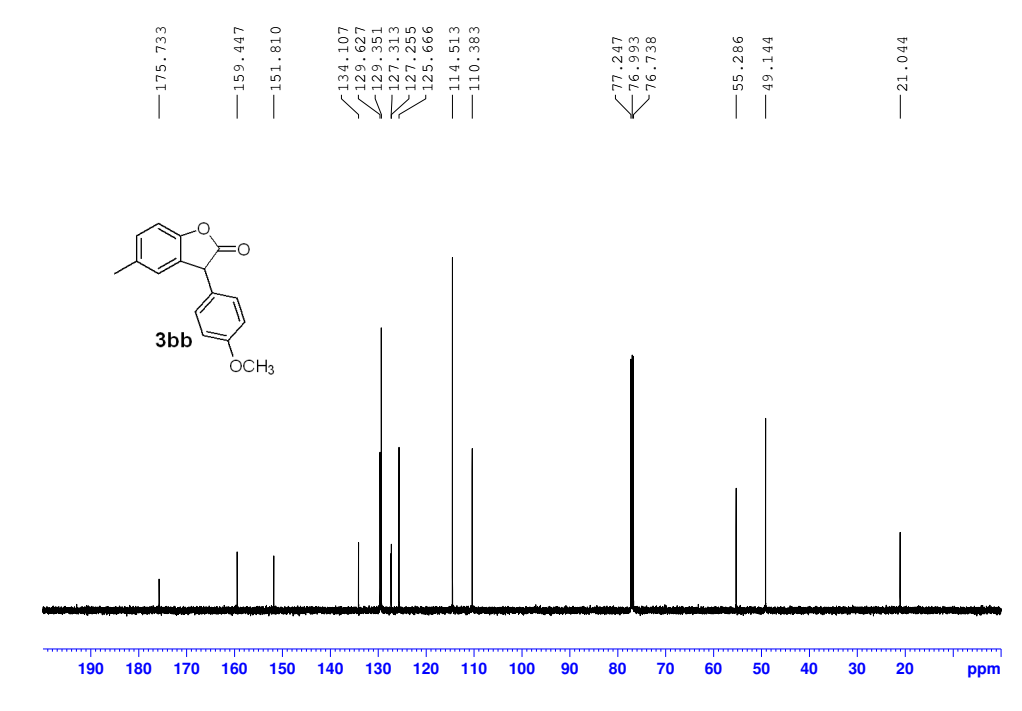
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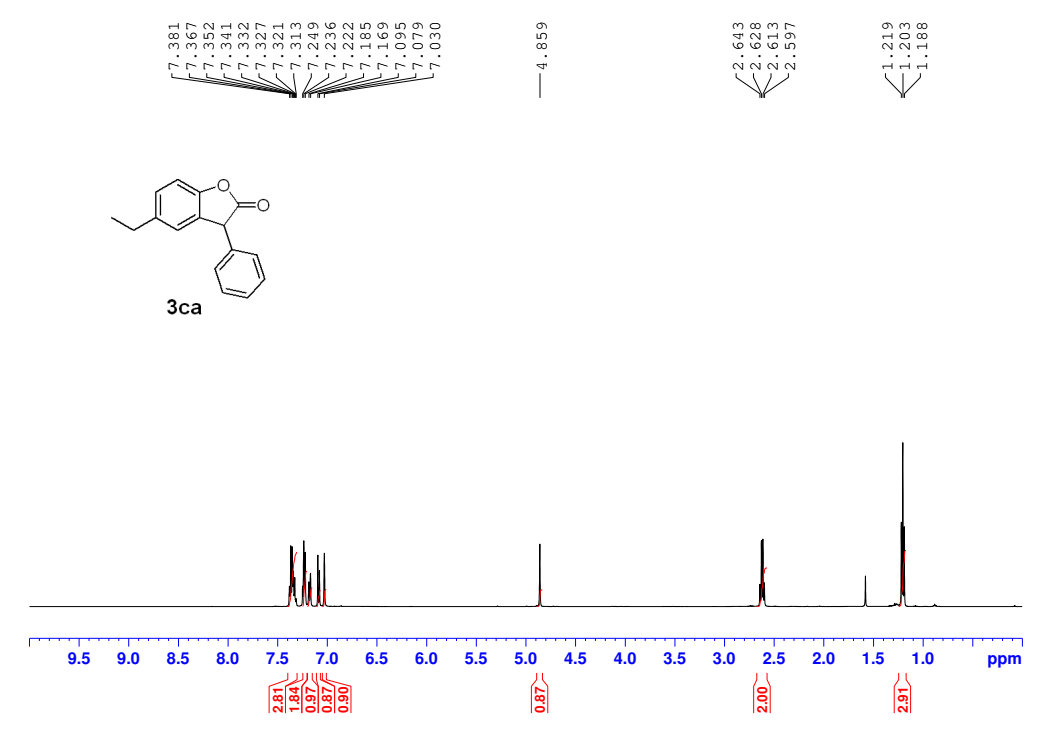


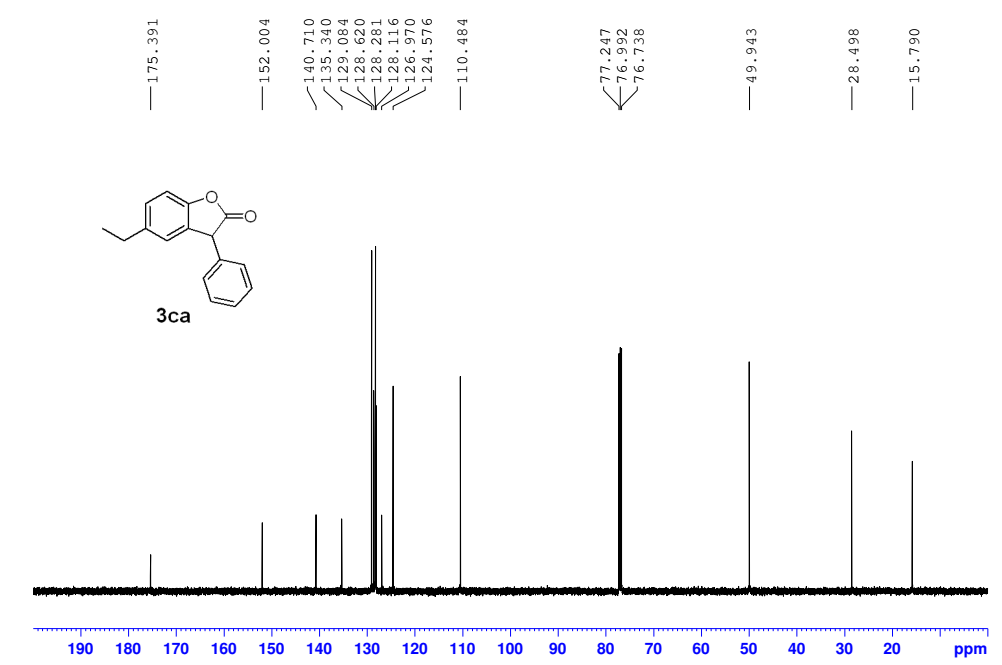
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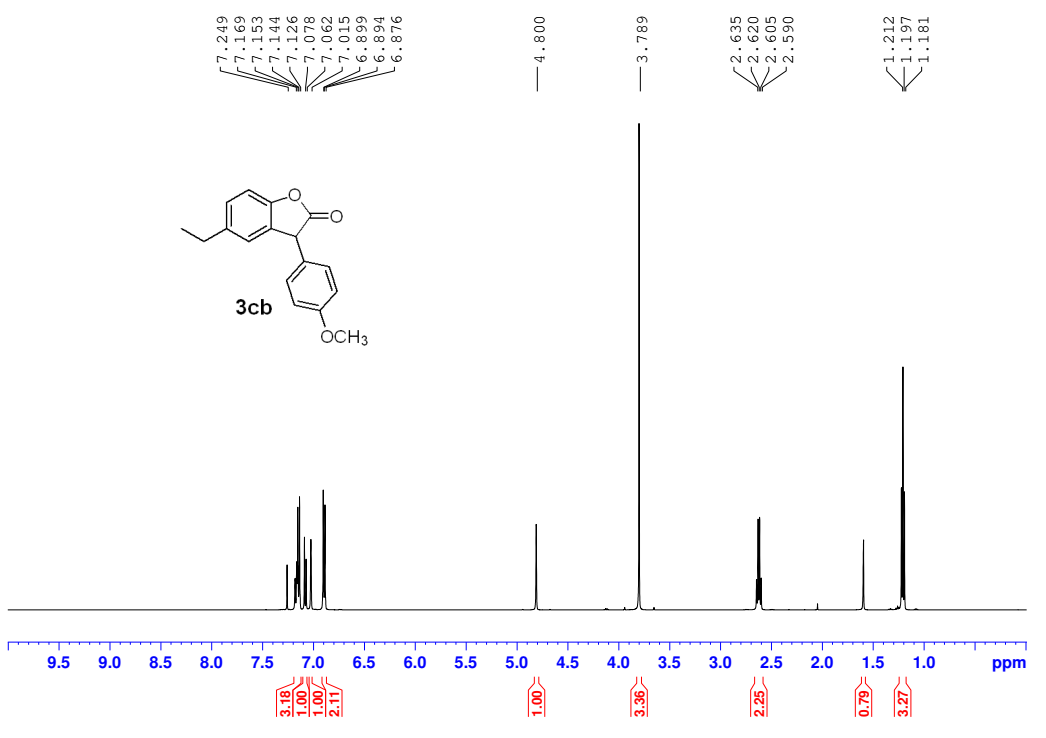


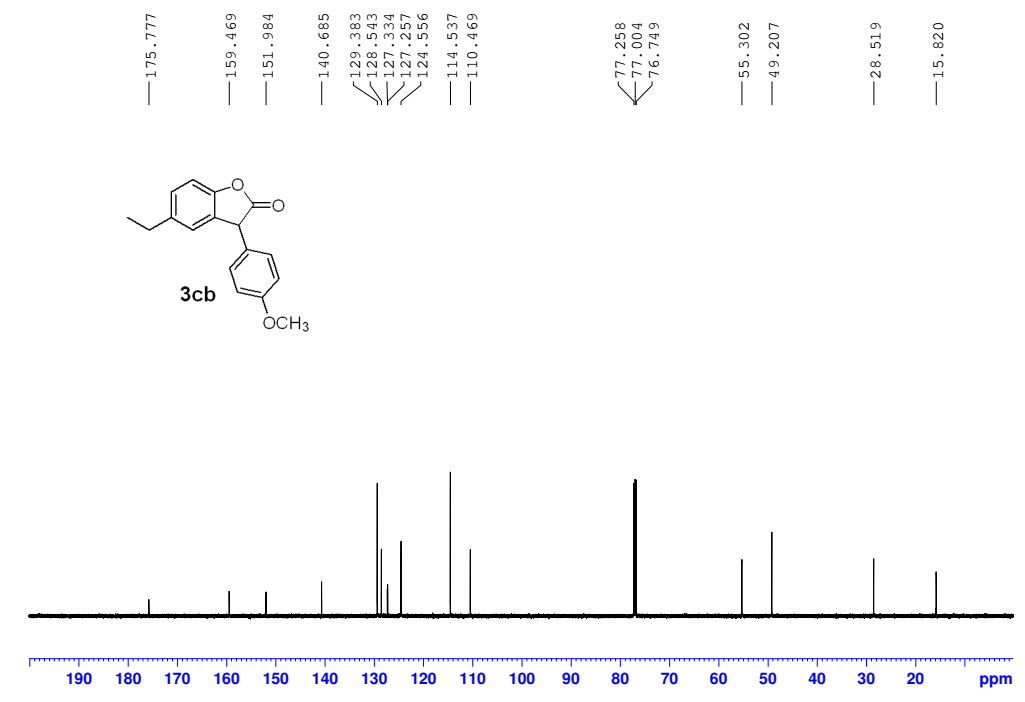
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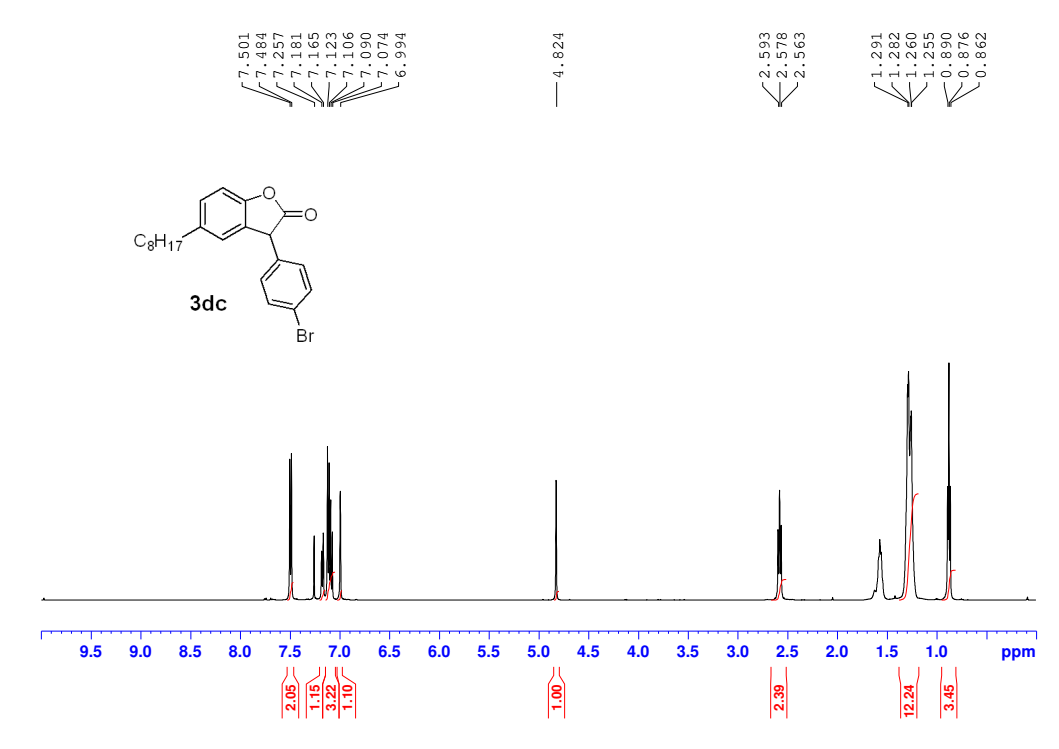


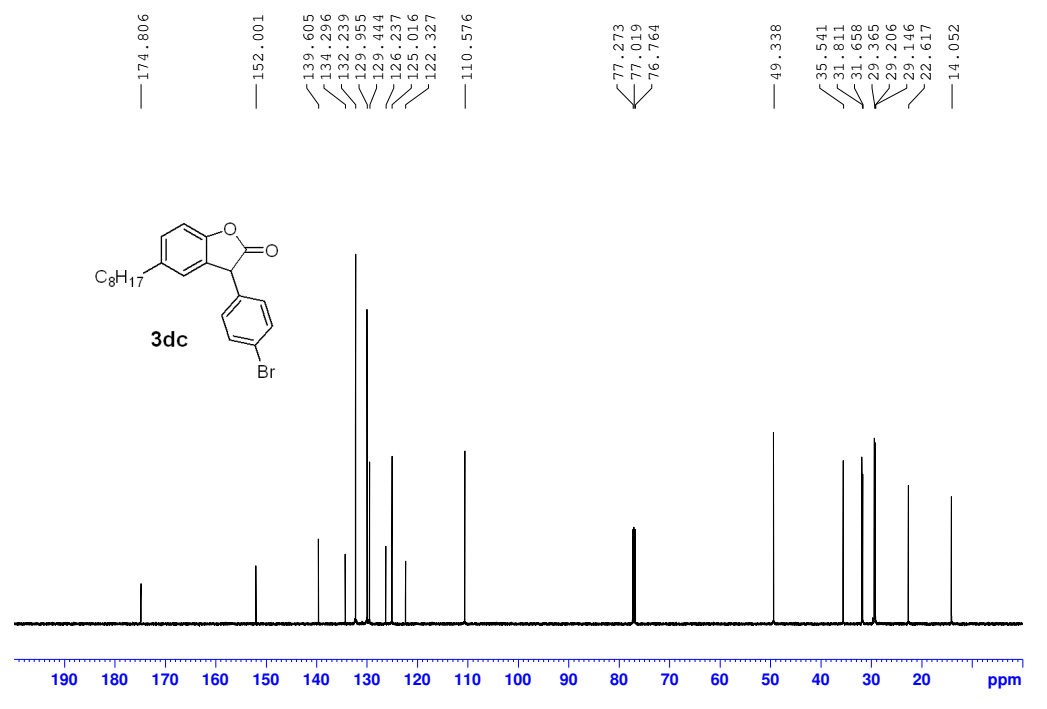
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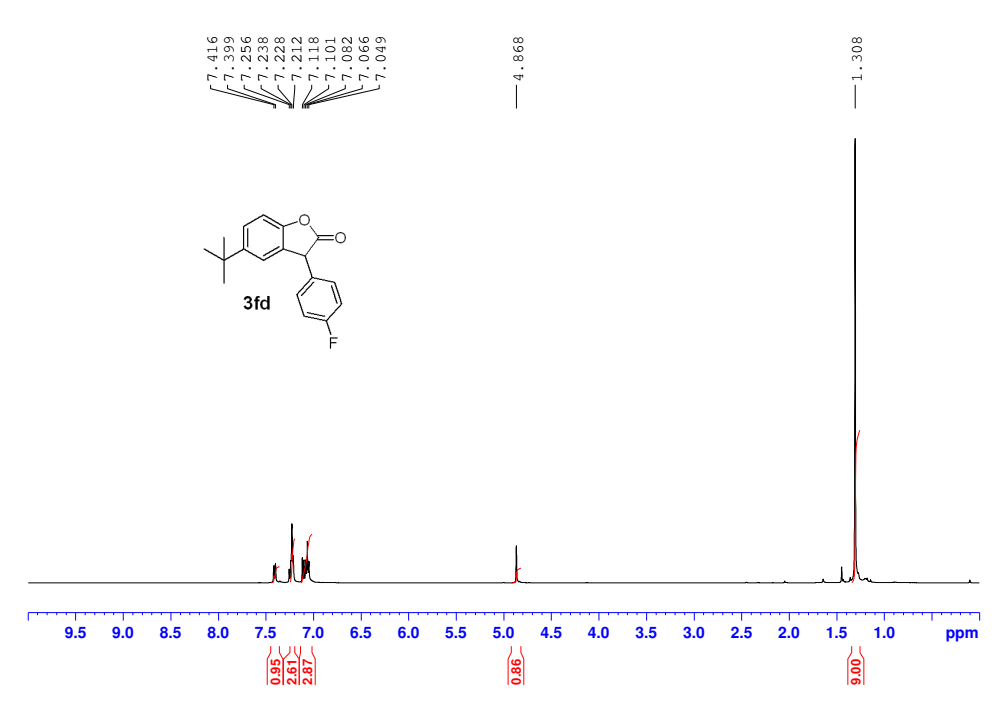


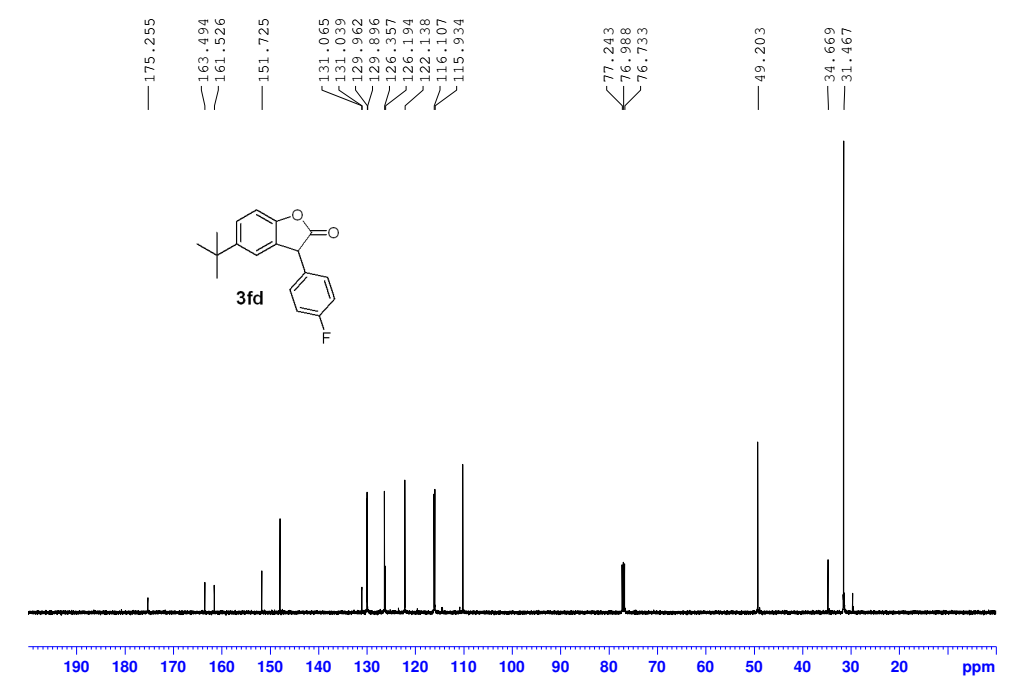
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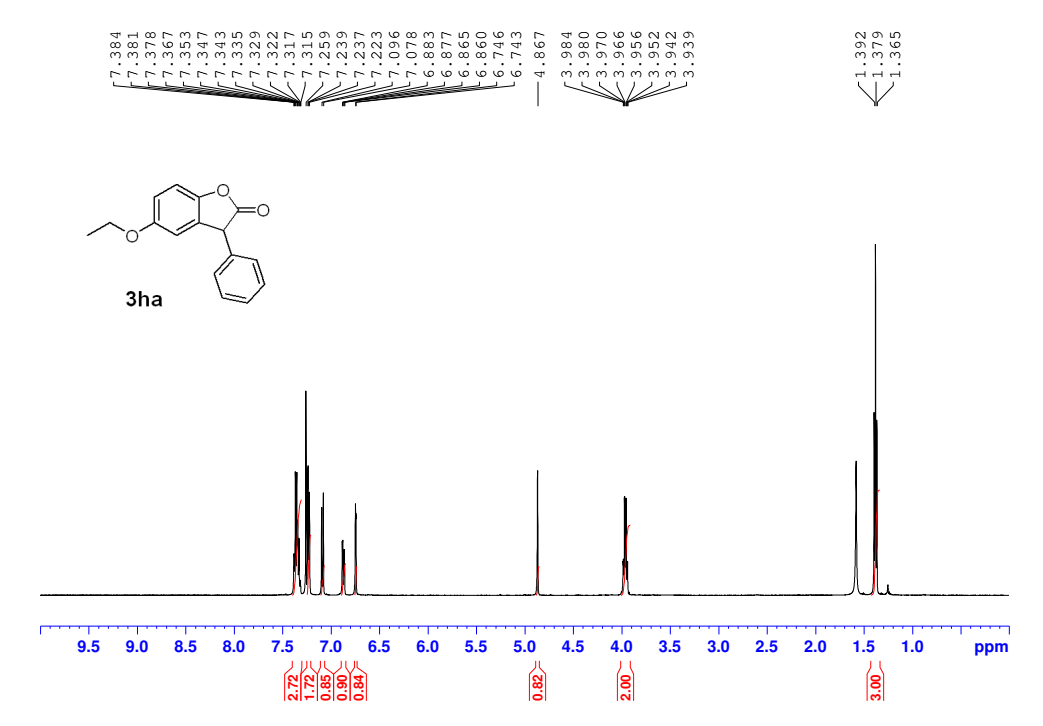


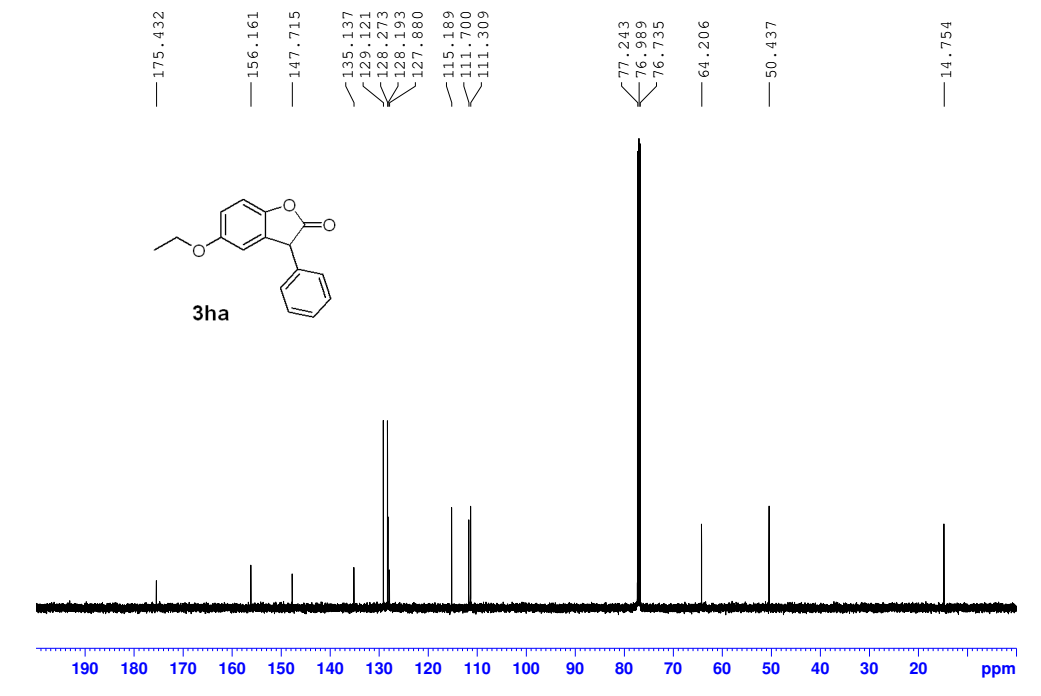
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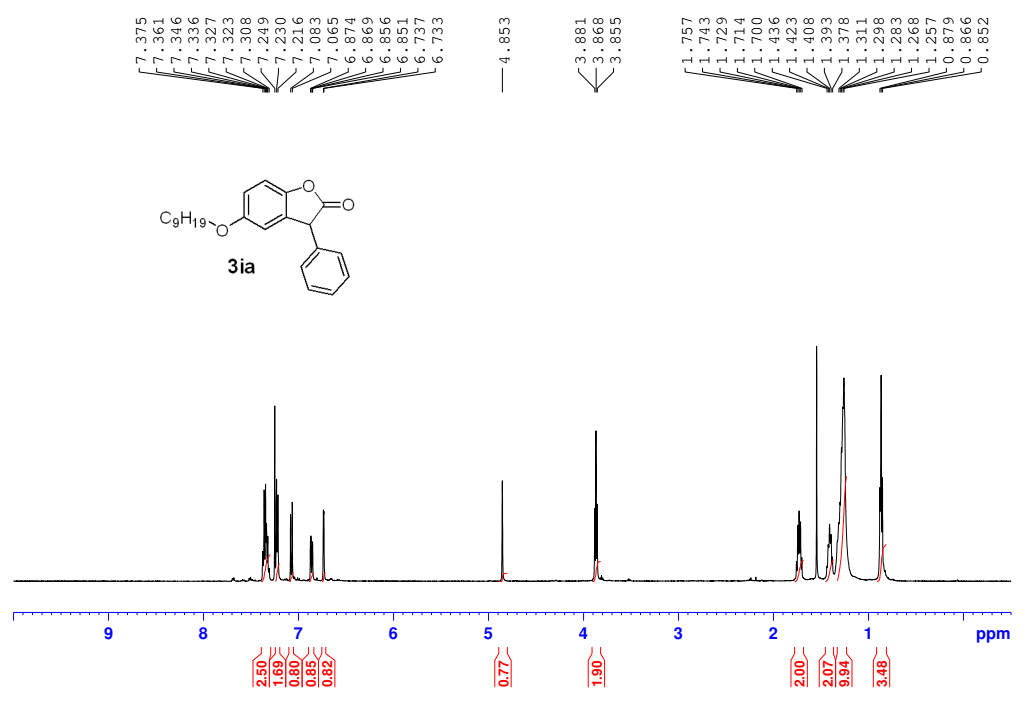


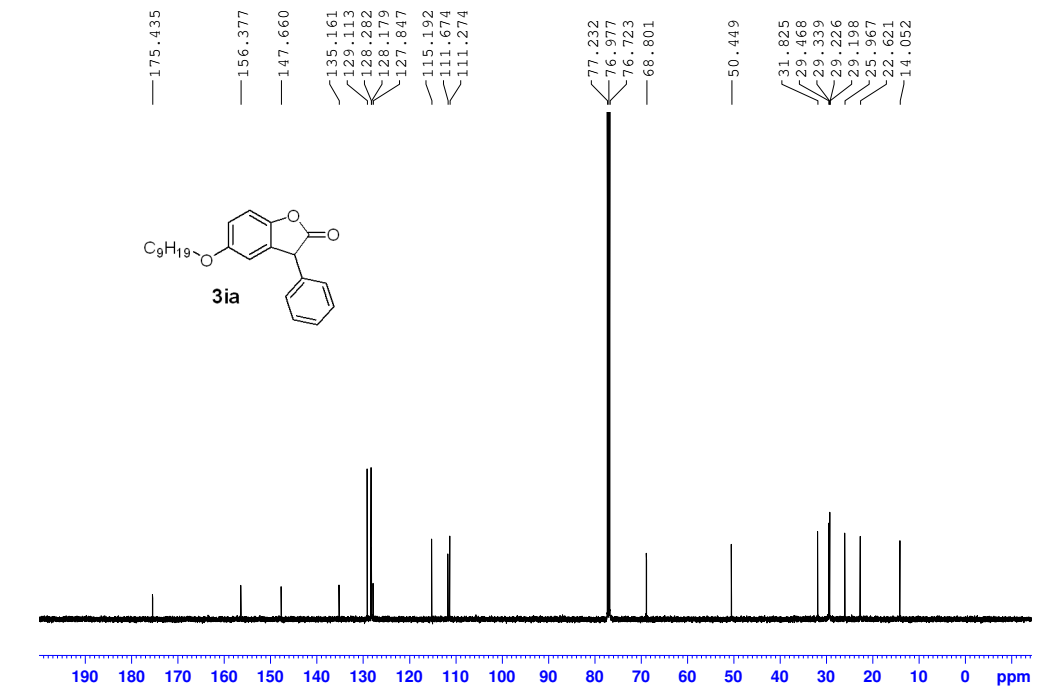
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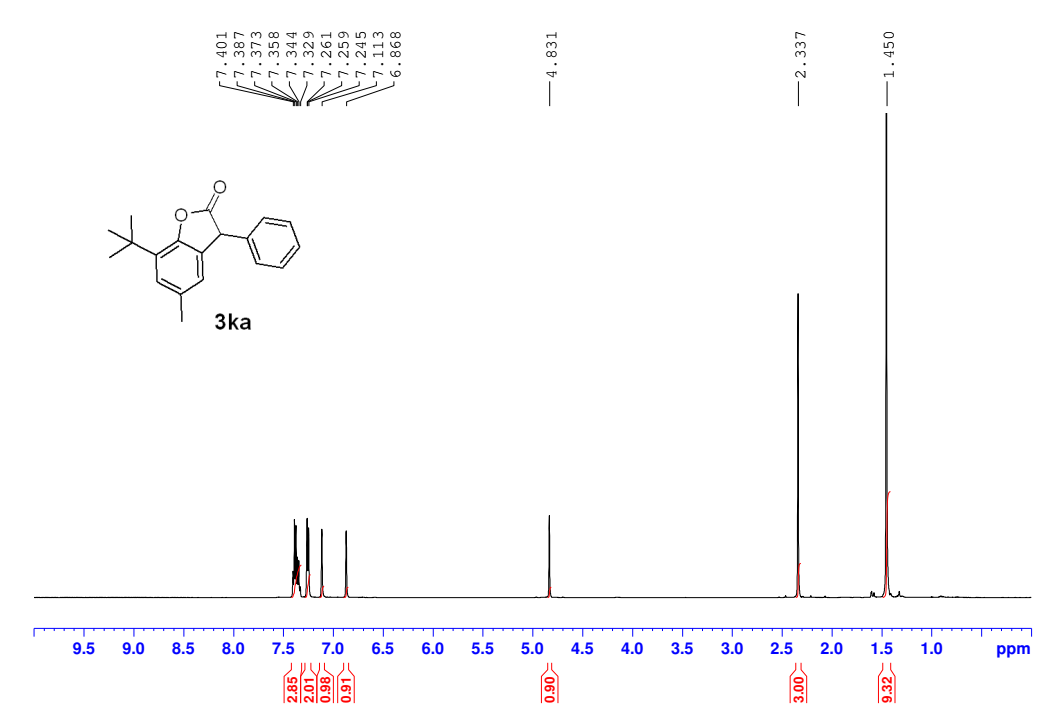


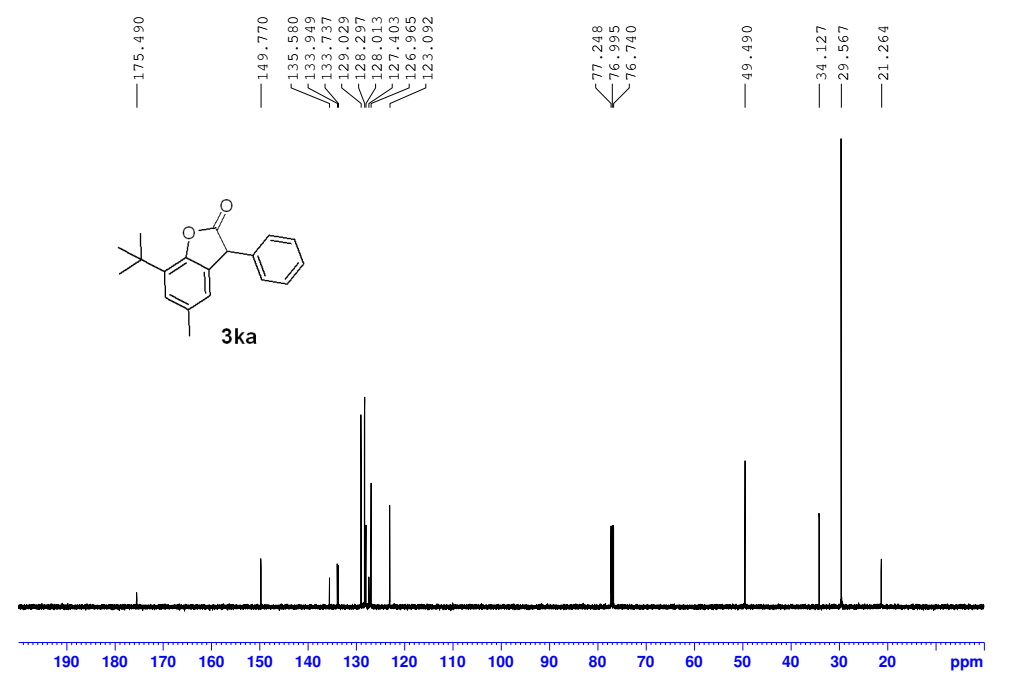
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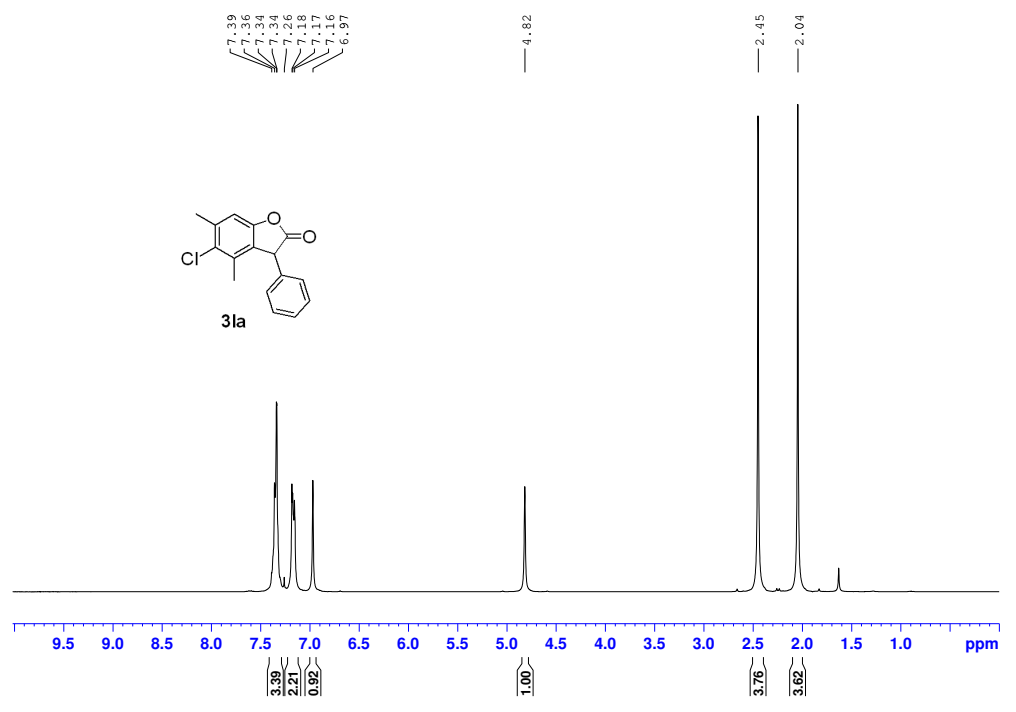


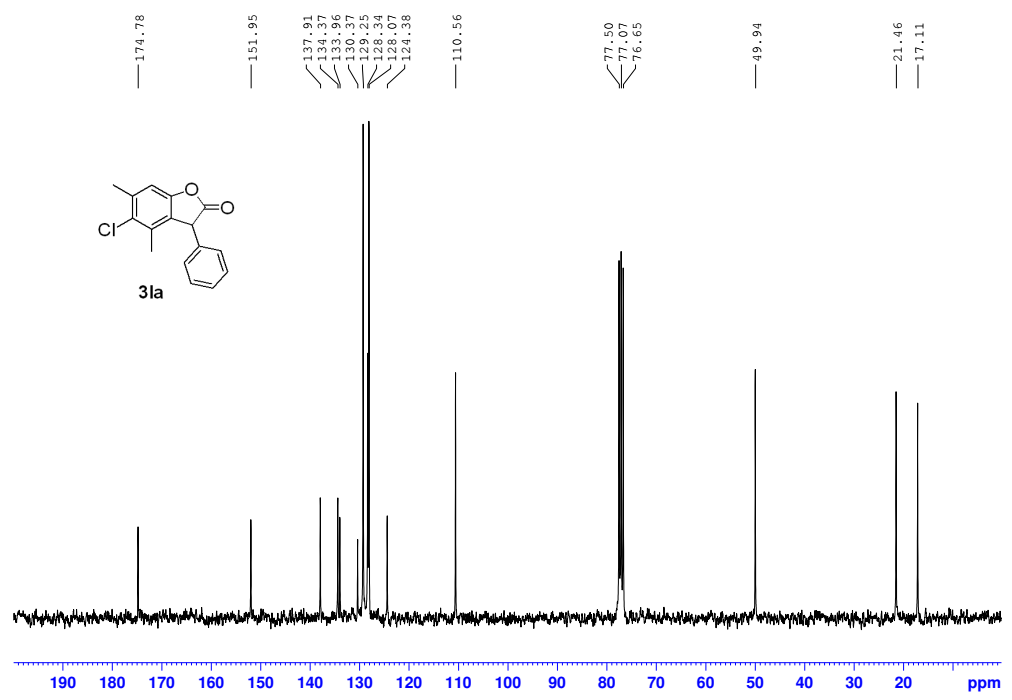
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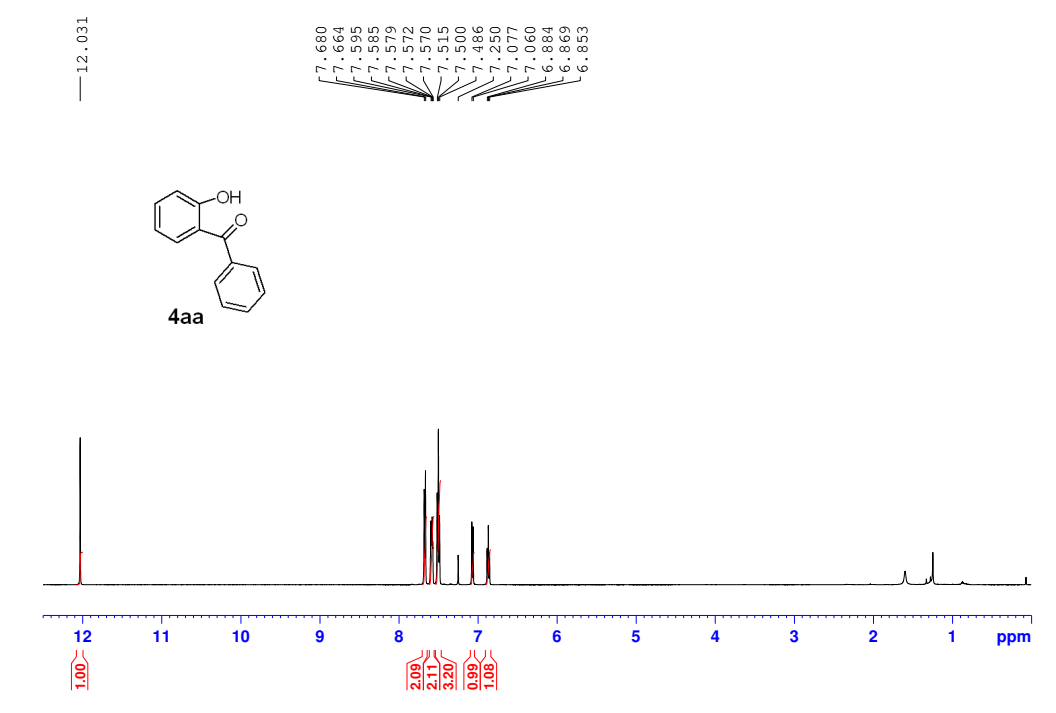


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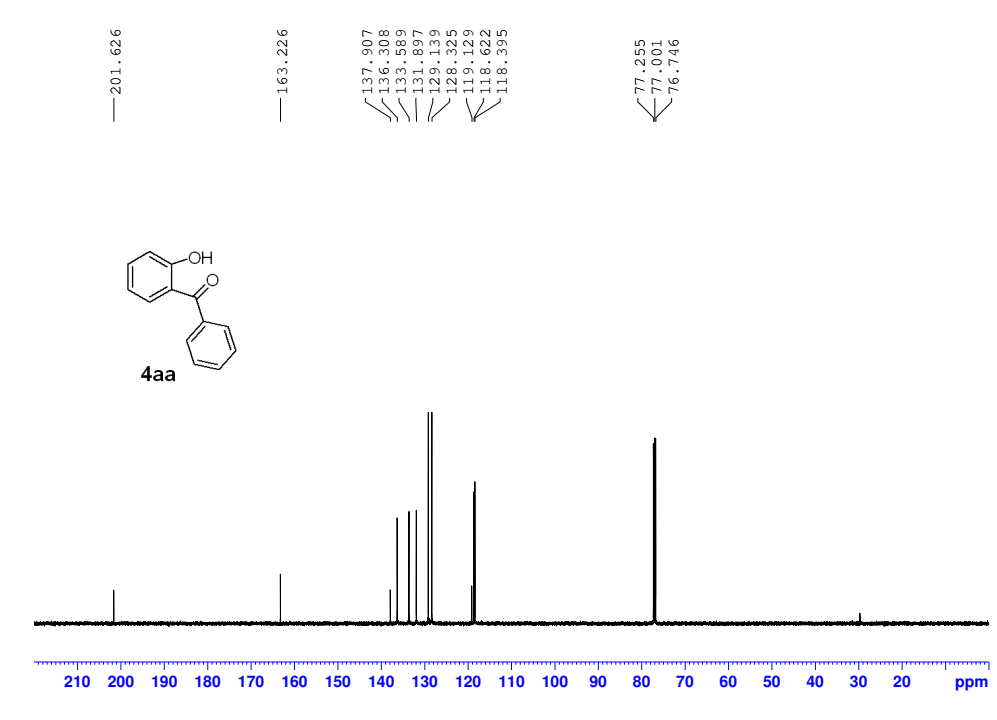




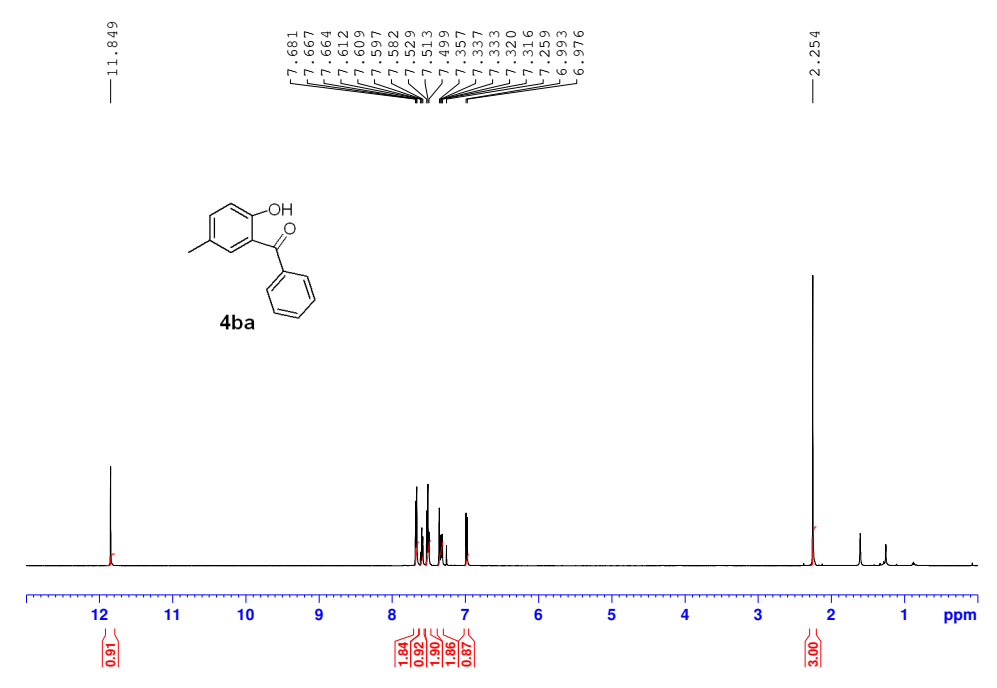
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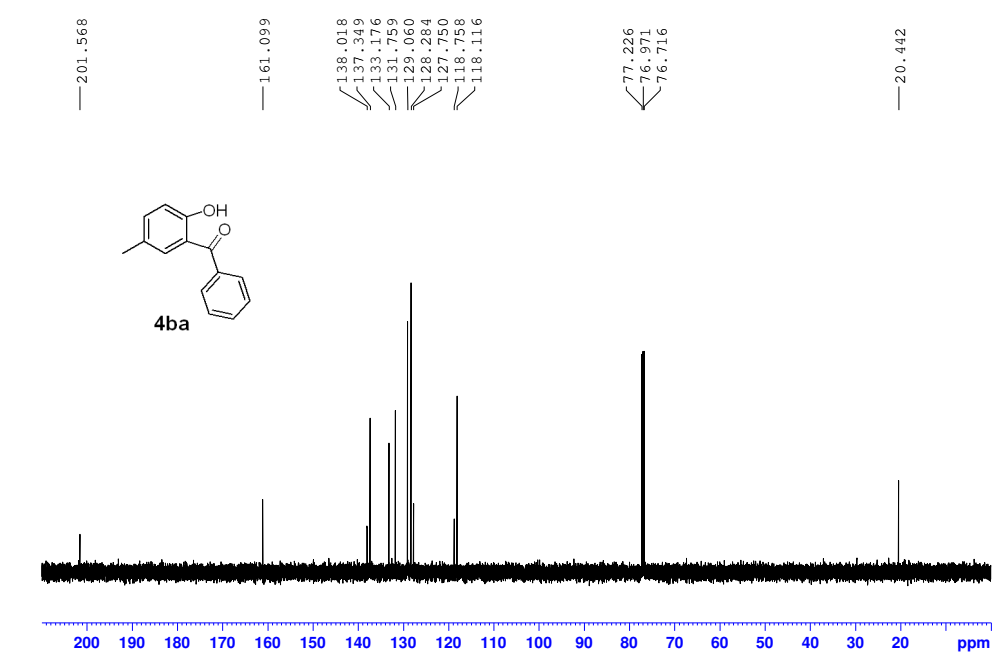
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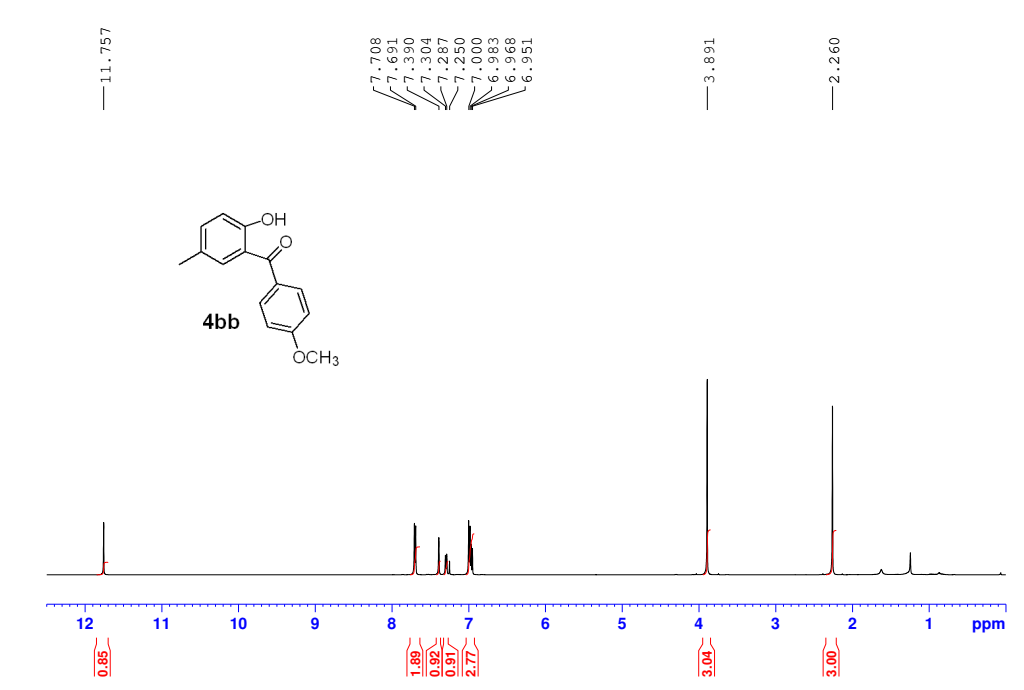
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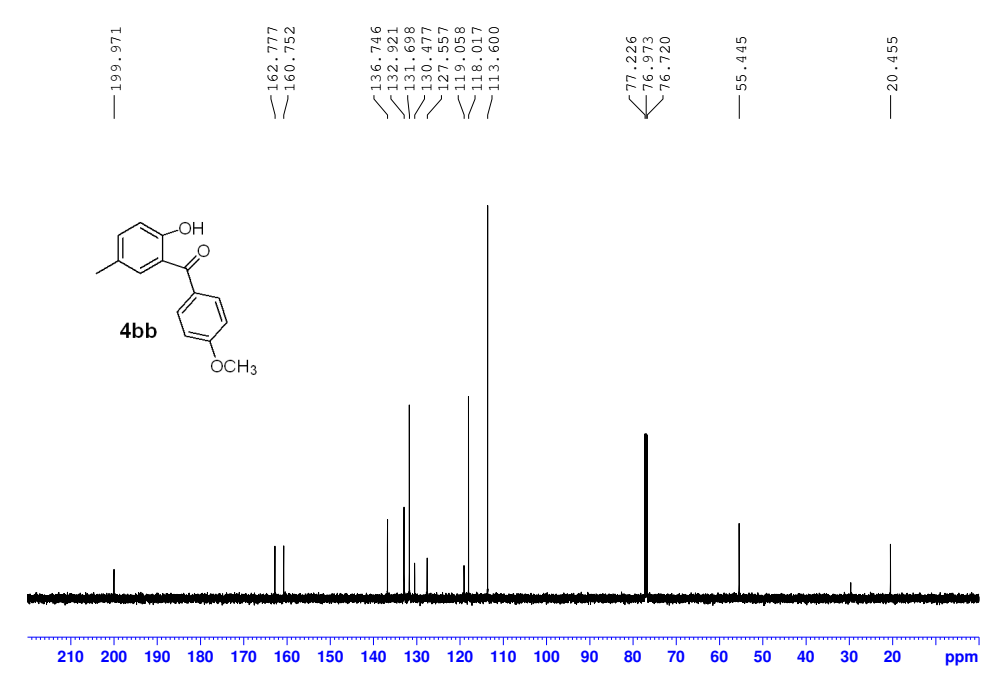
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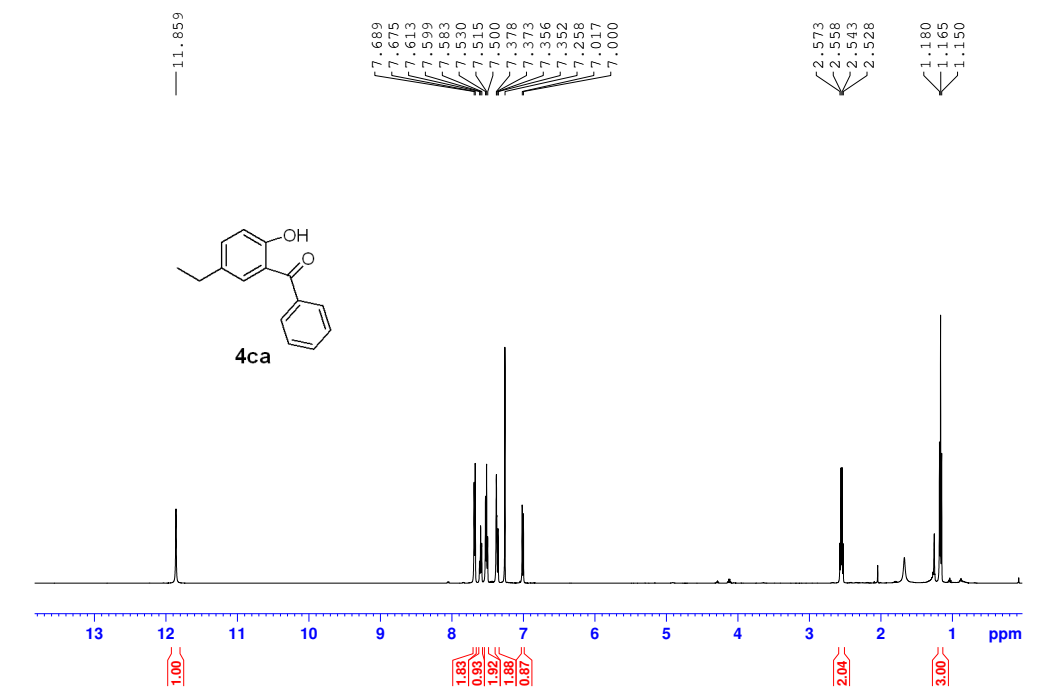
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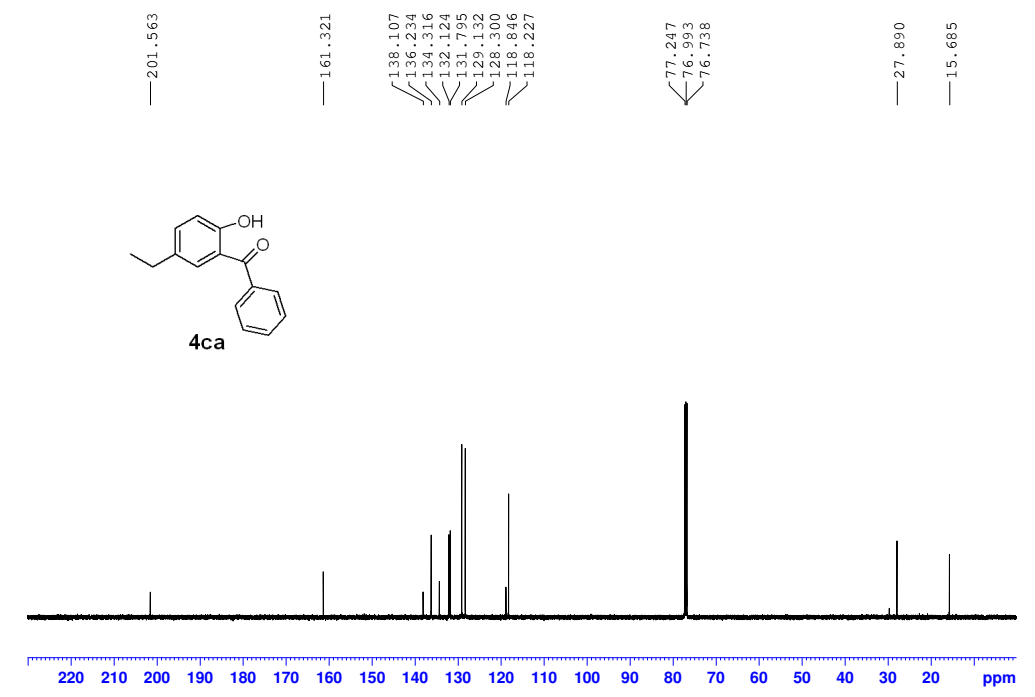
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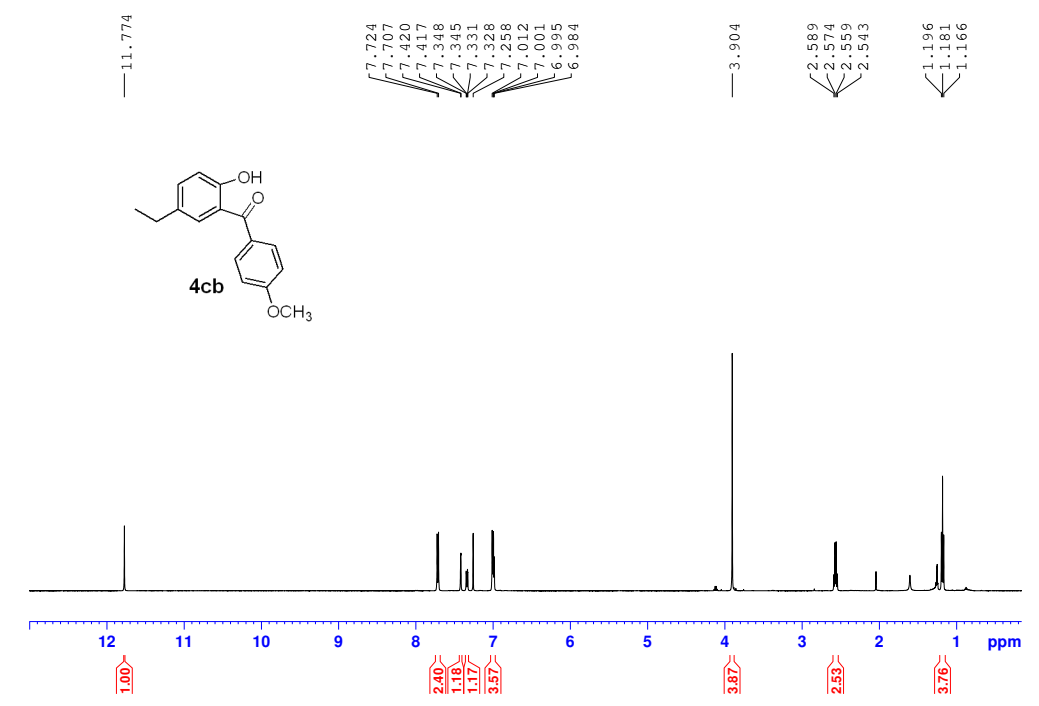
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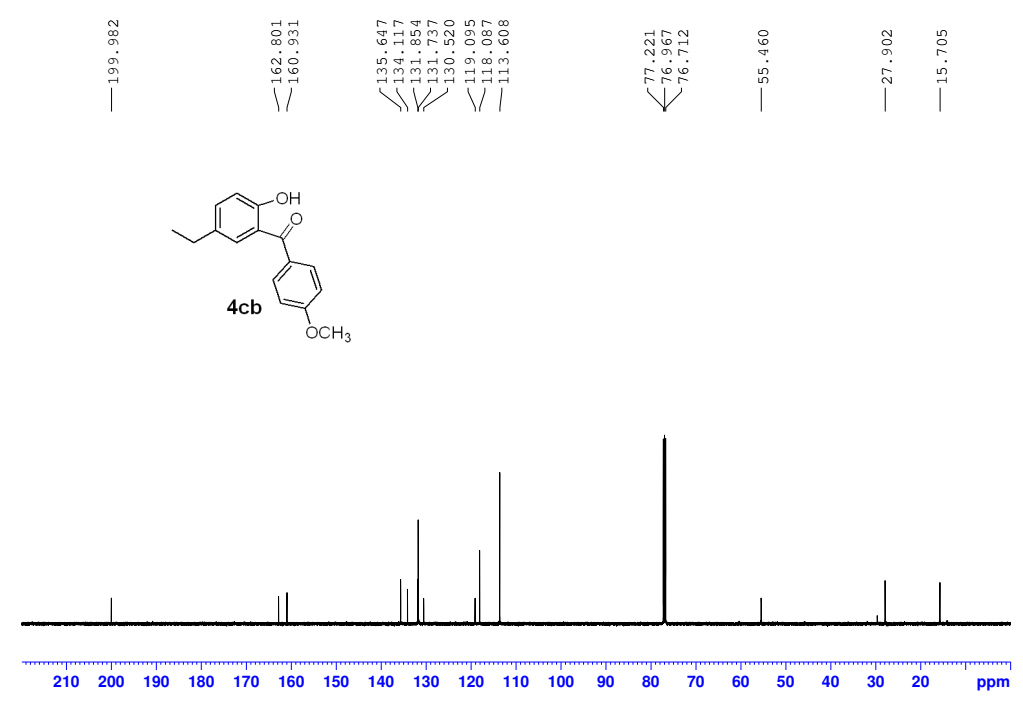
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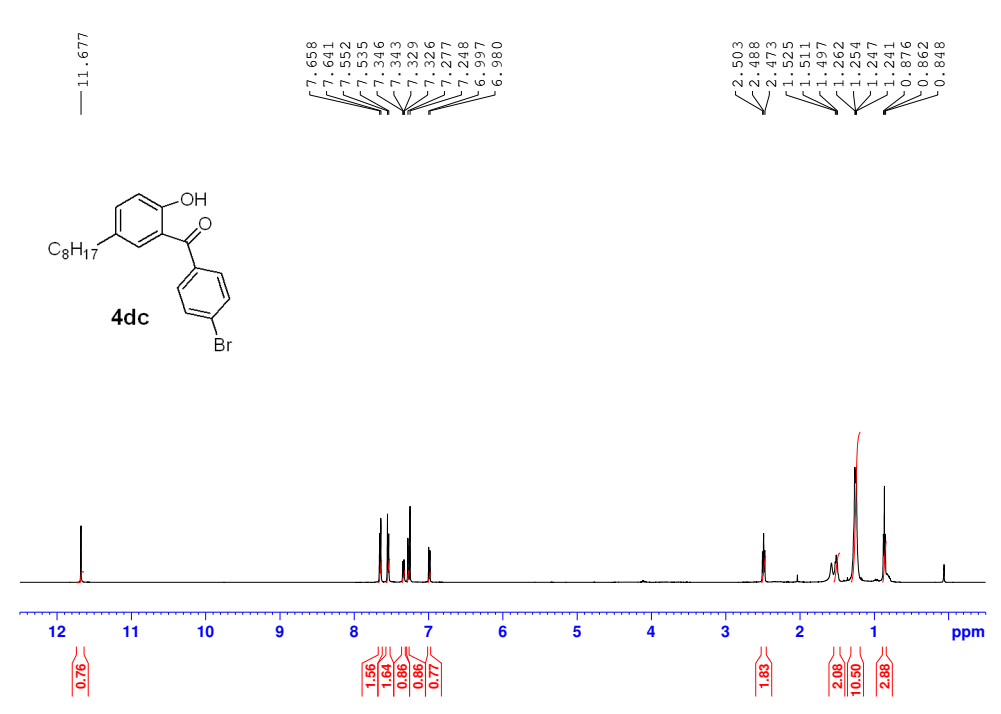
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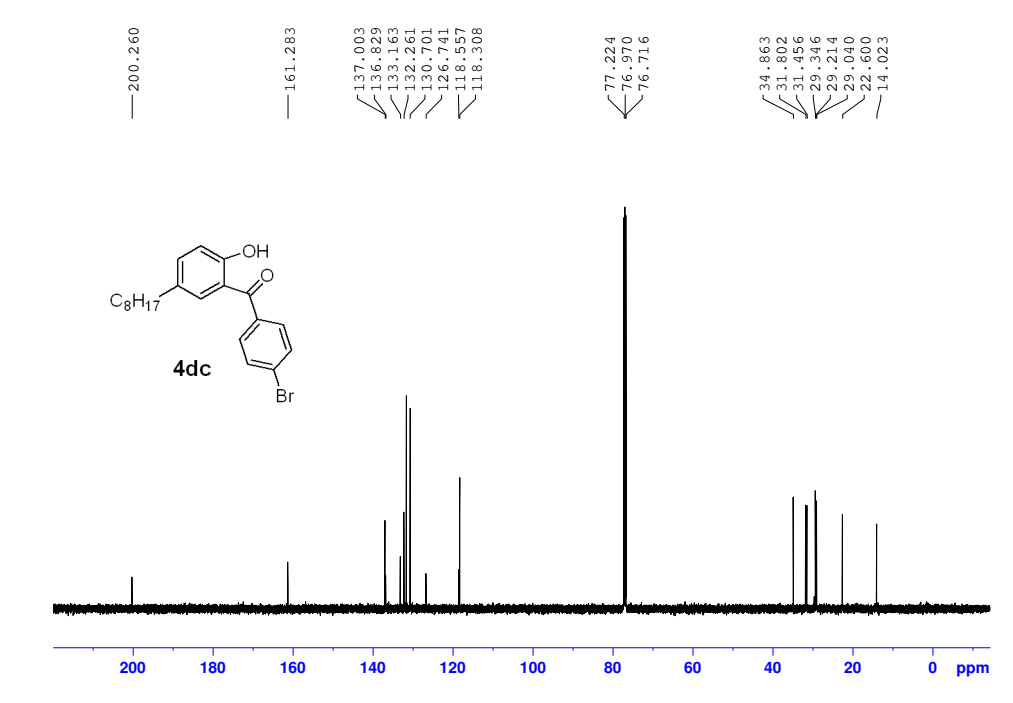


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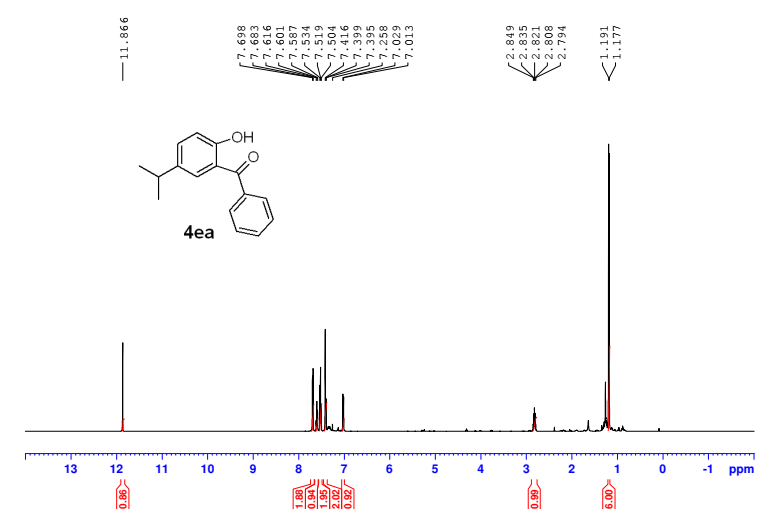


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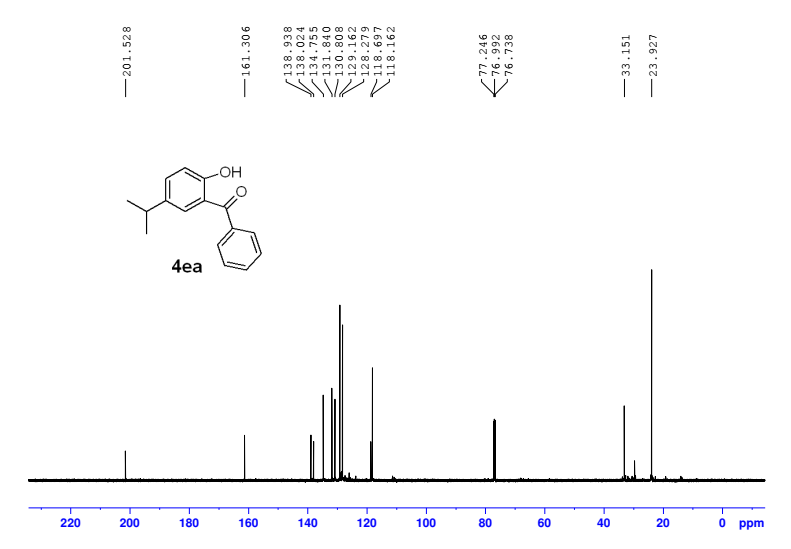
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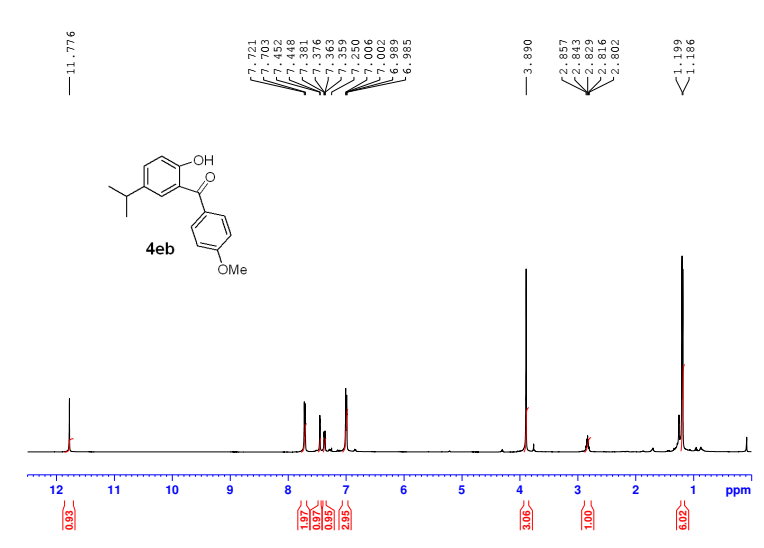


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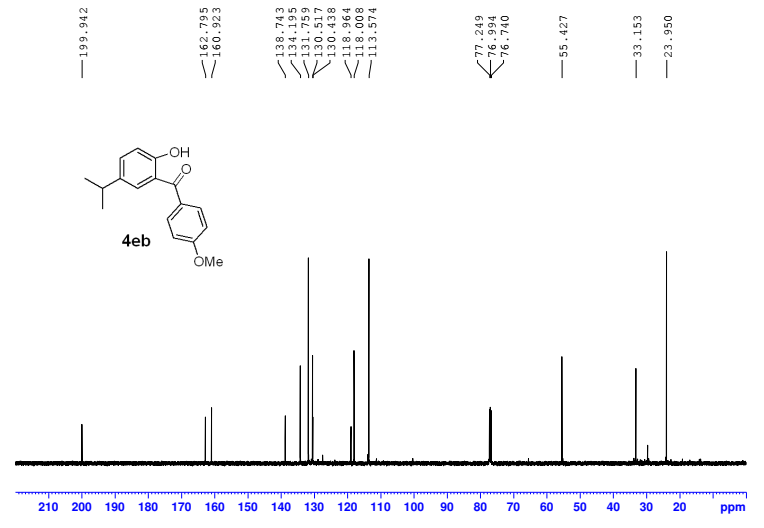


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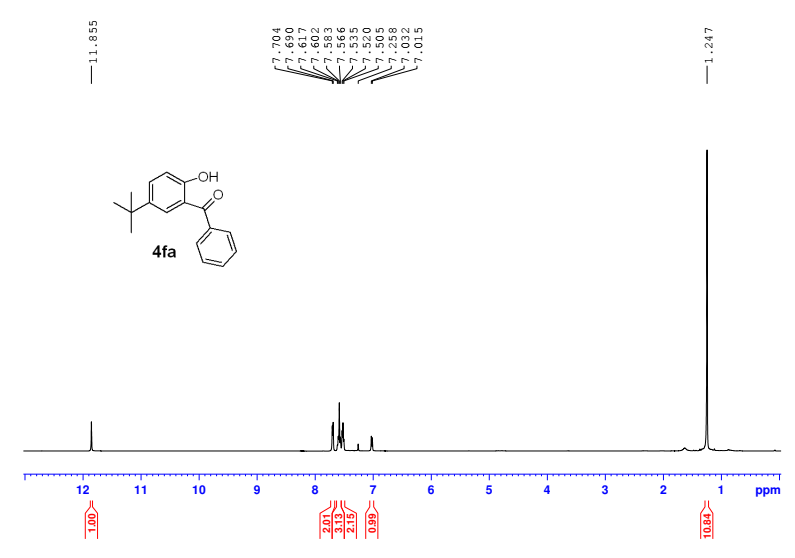


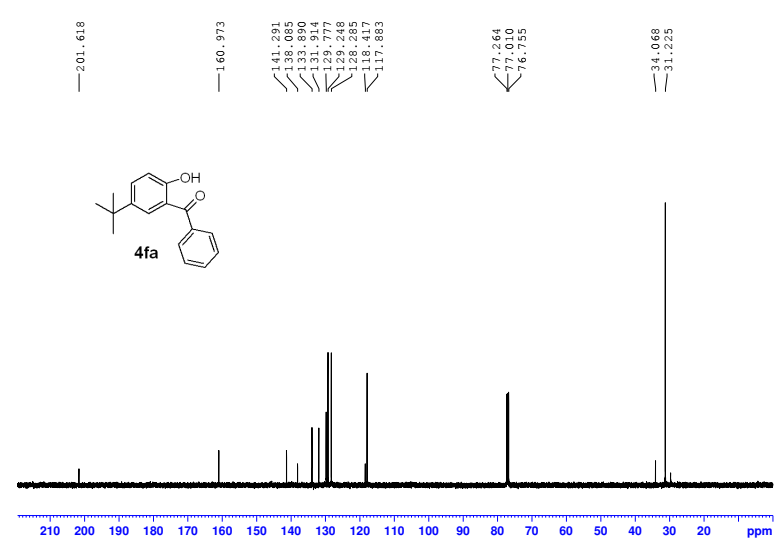
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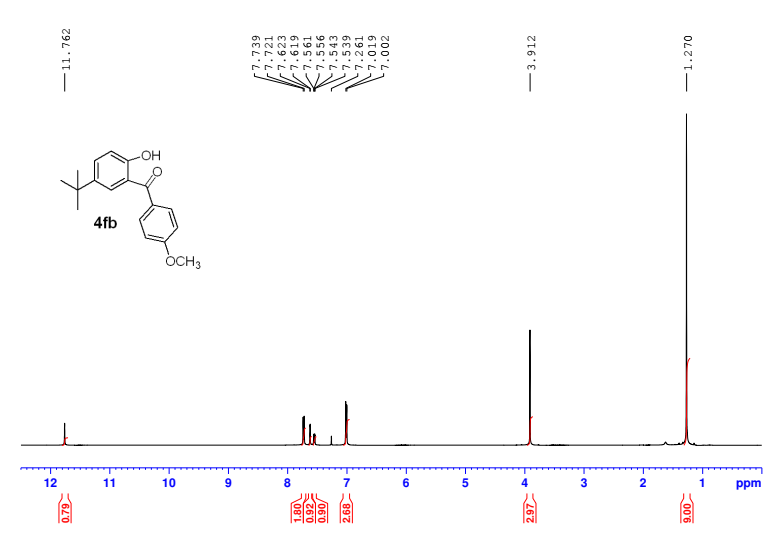
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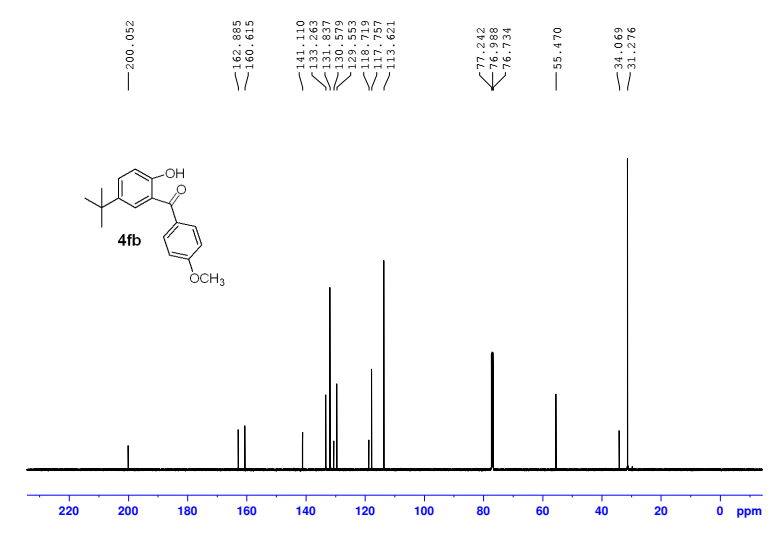
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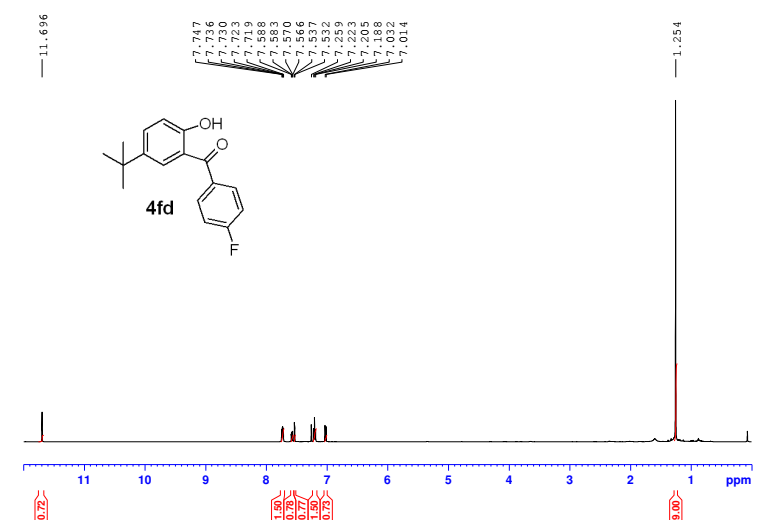


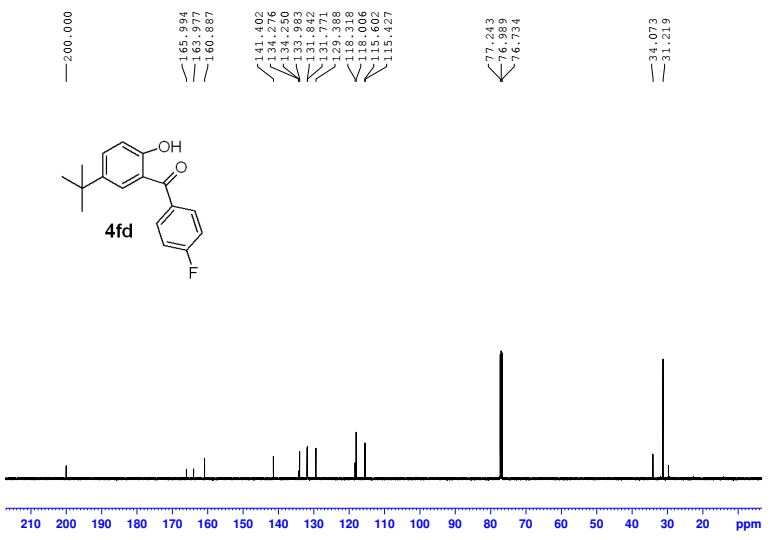
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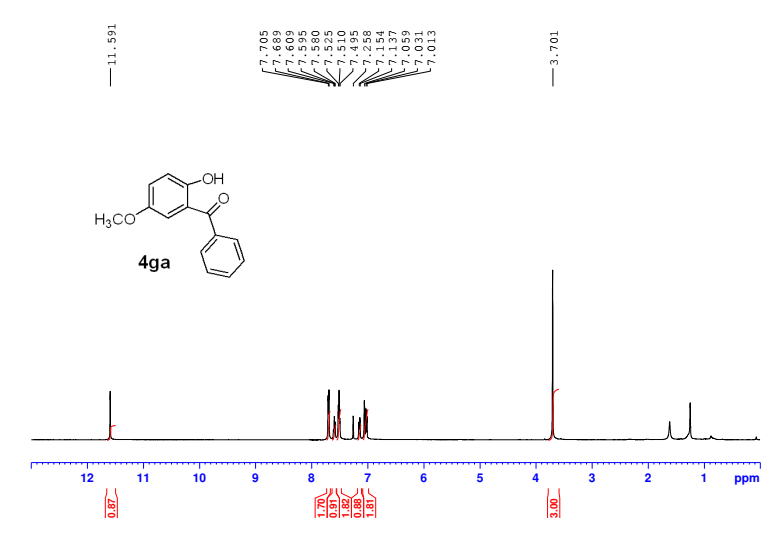


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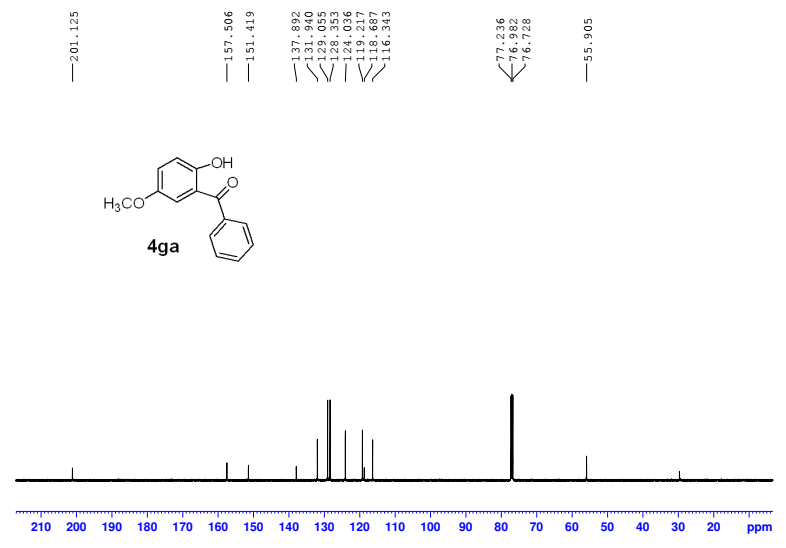




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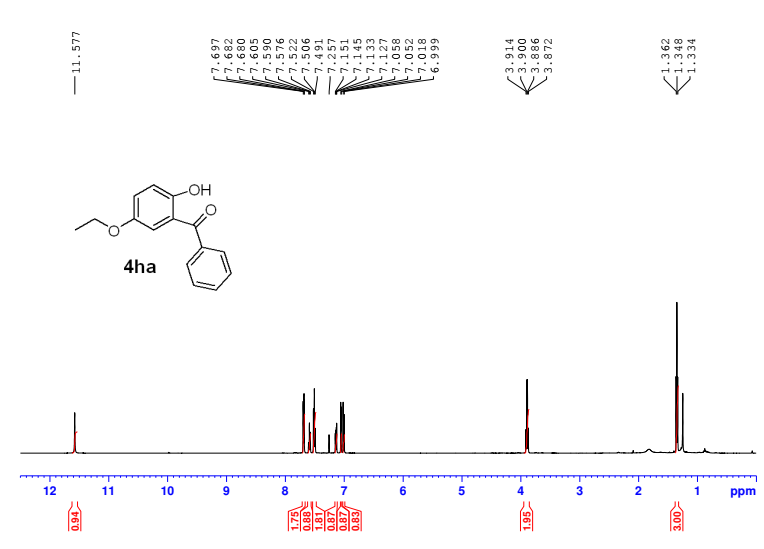


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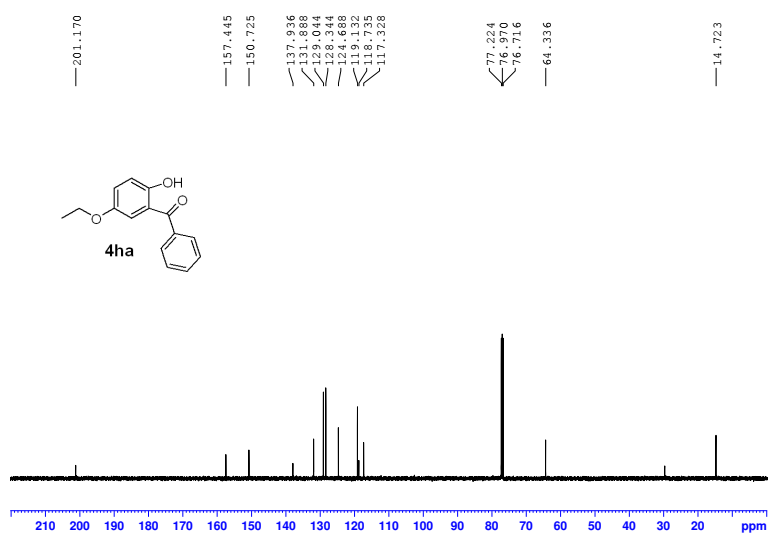


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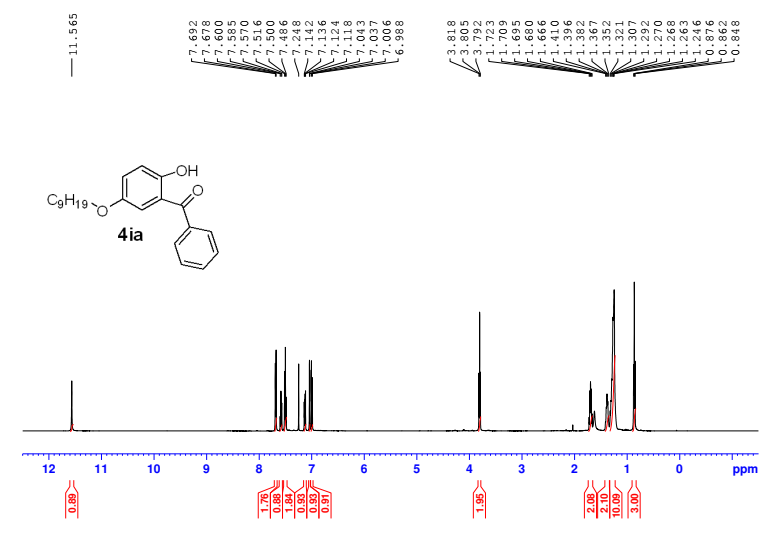


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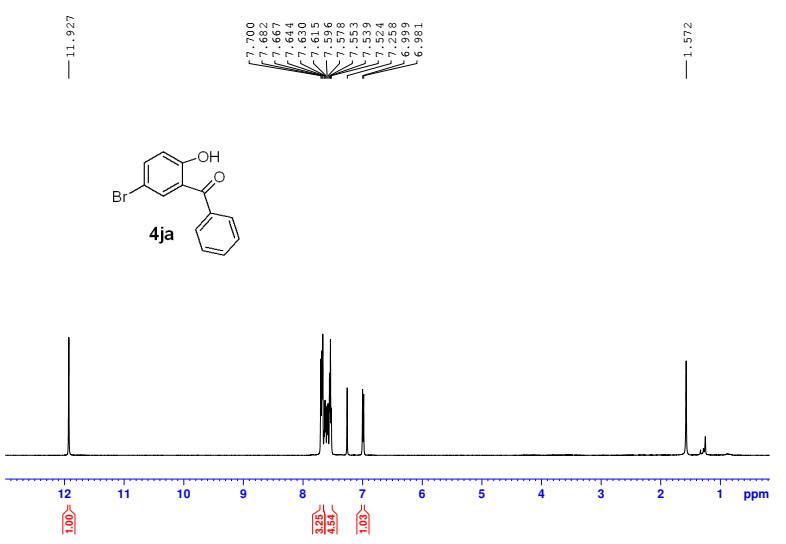
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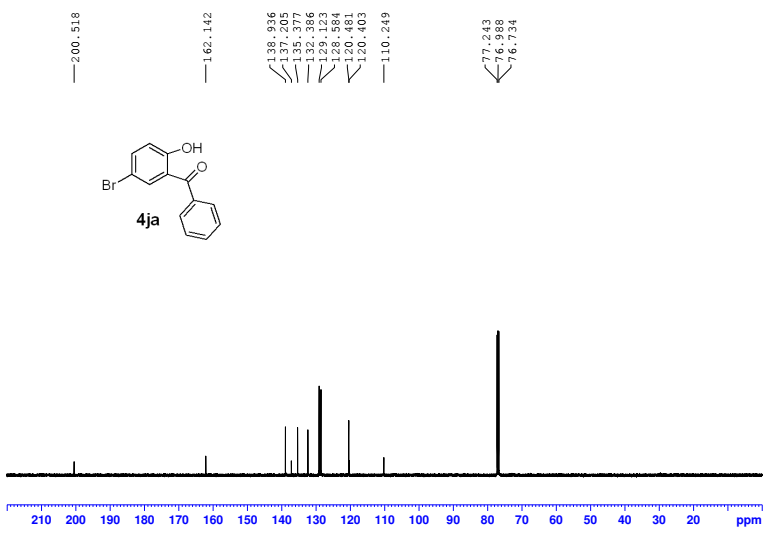




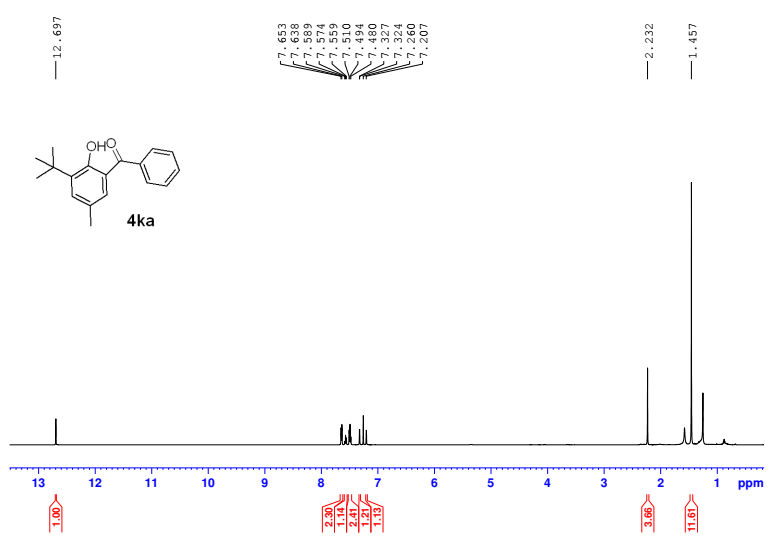
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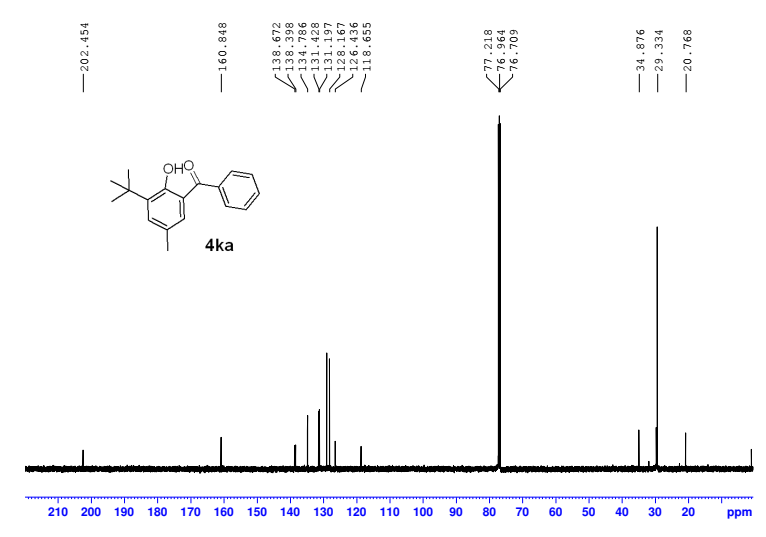
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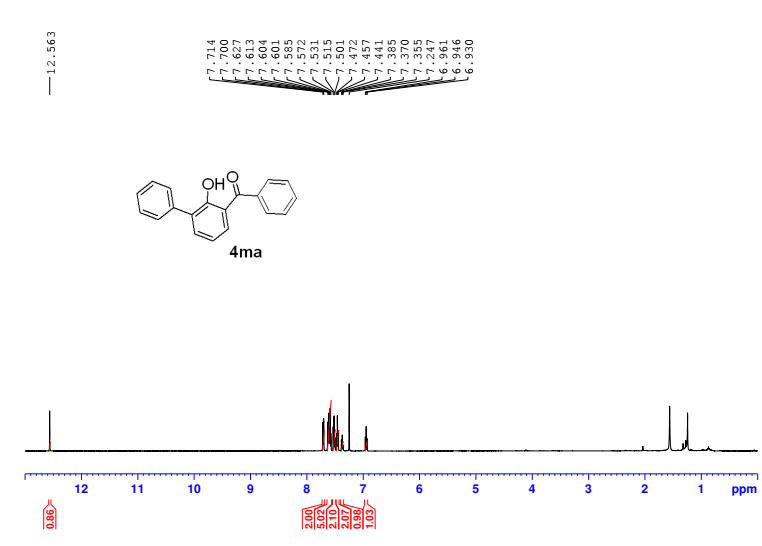
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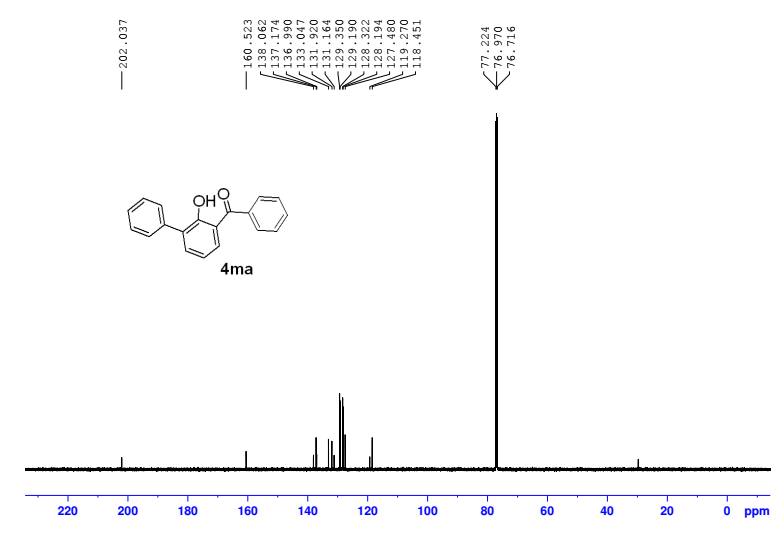
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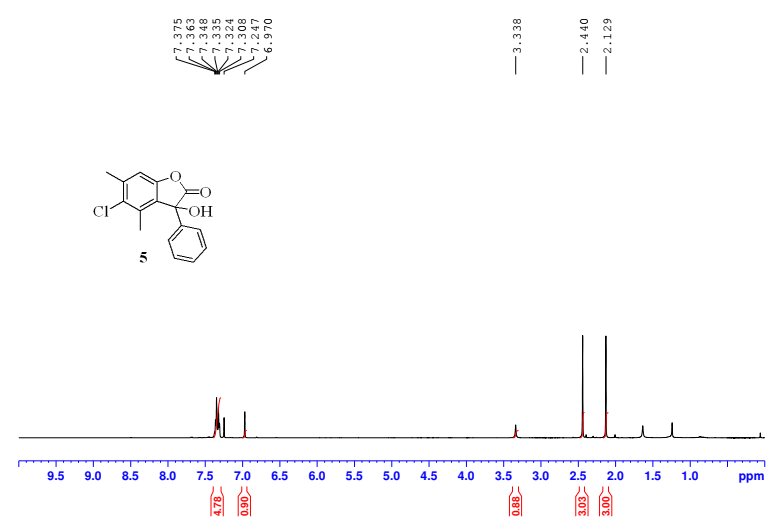
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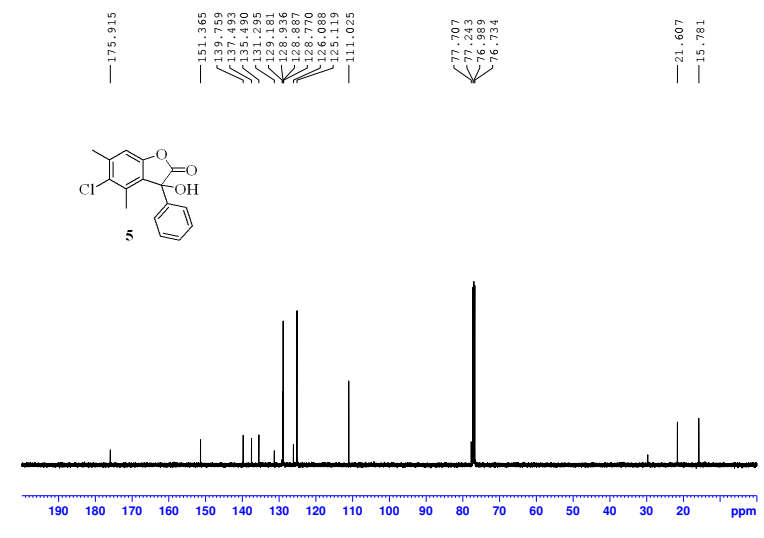
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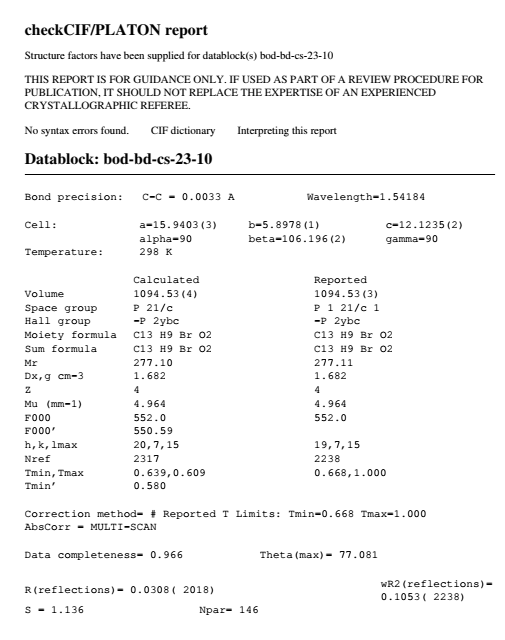


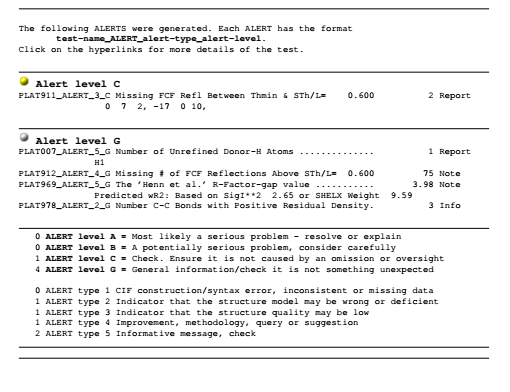
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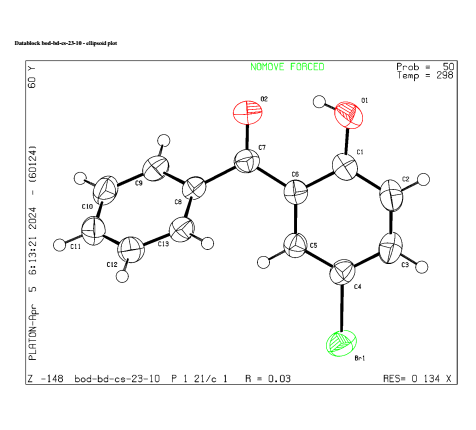


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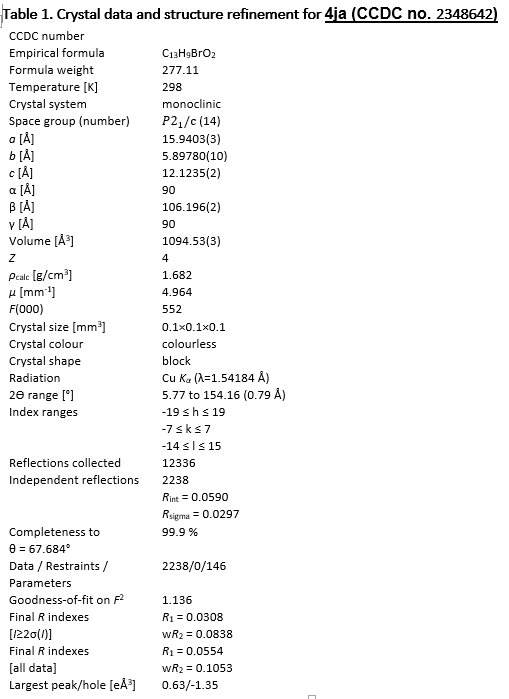
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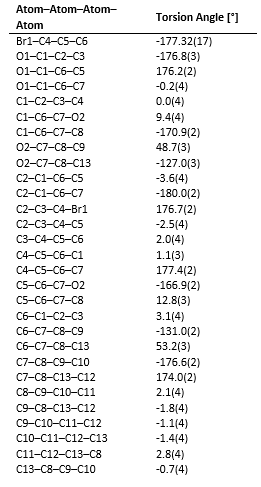
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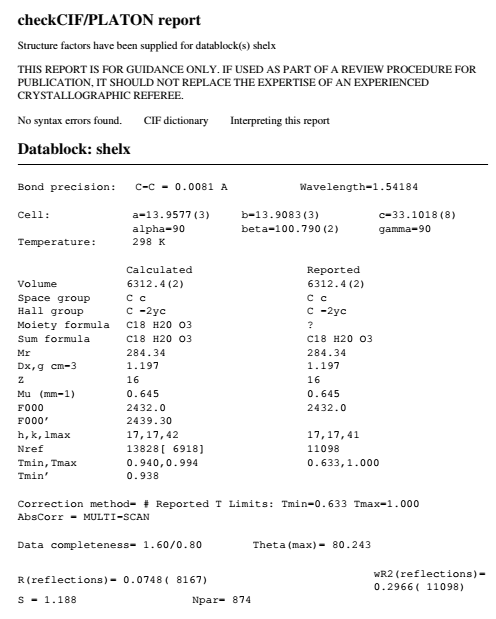
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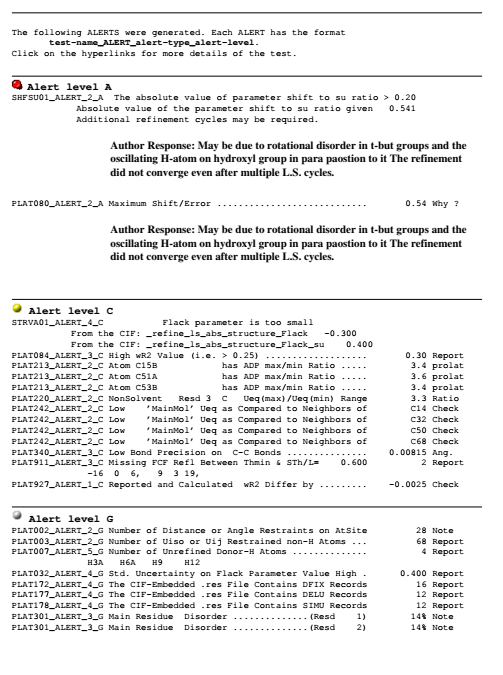
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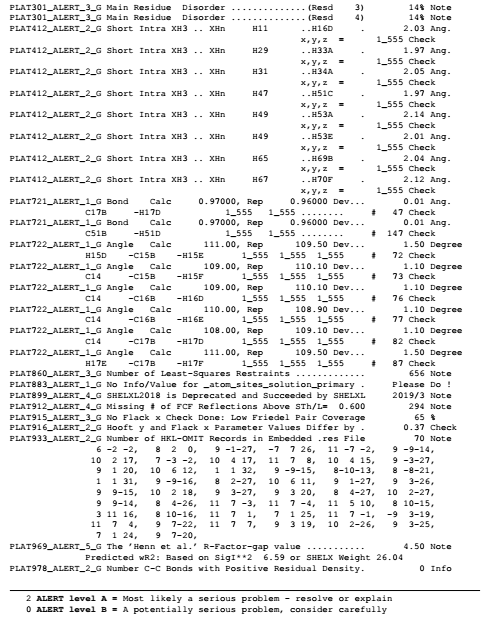
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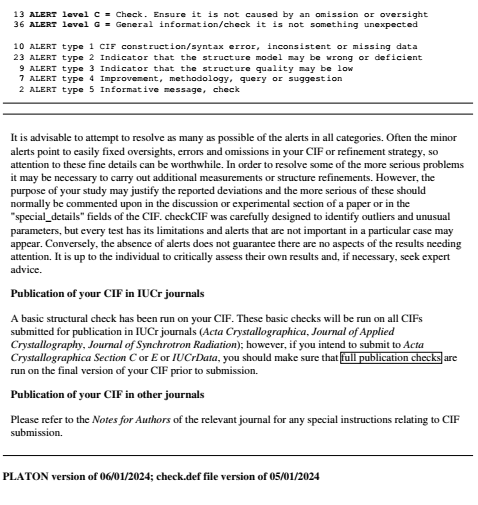


Single crystal XRD data for compound **4fb (CCDC no. 2348641)**









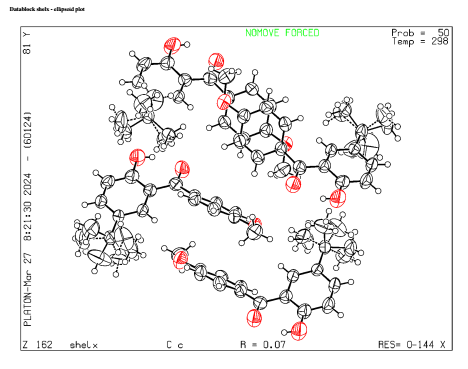


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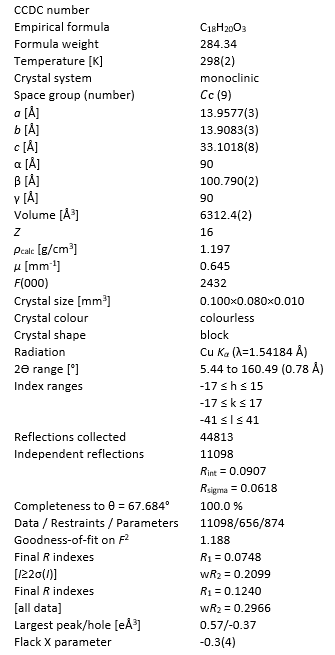
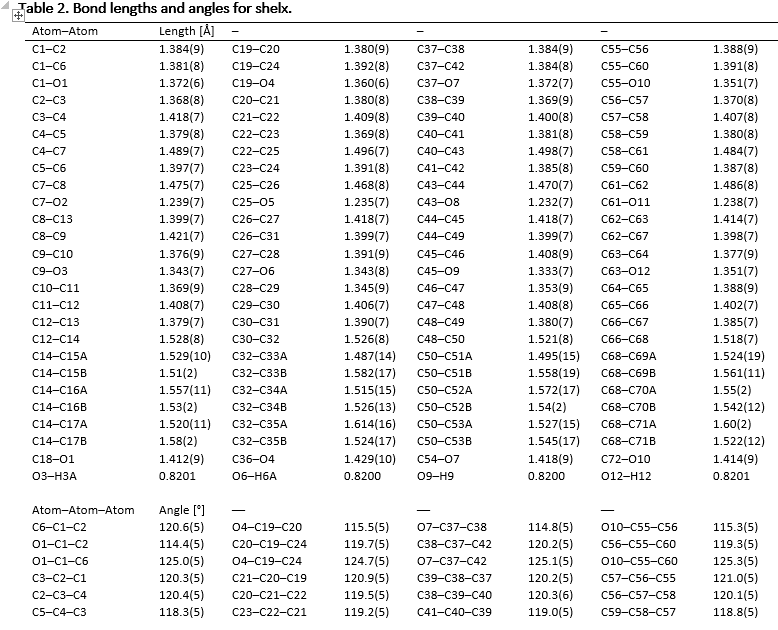


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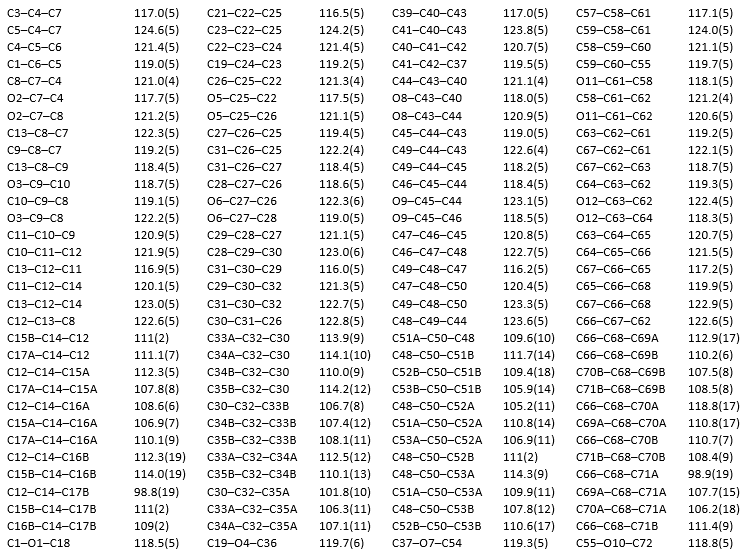


Table S7. Hydrogen bonds for shelx (**4fb : CCDC no. 2348641)**

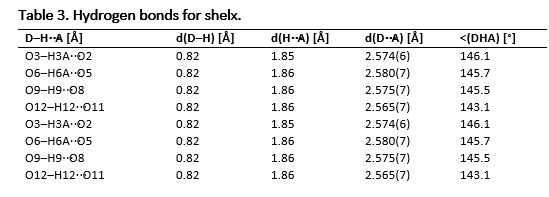
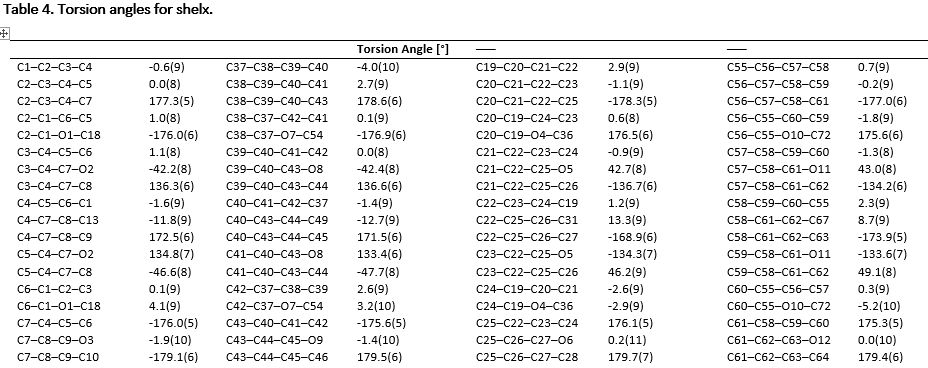
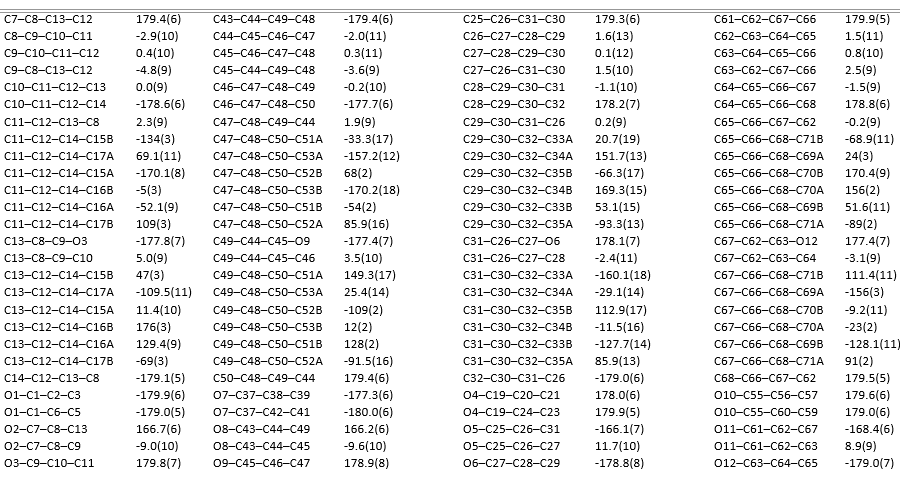
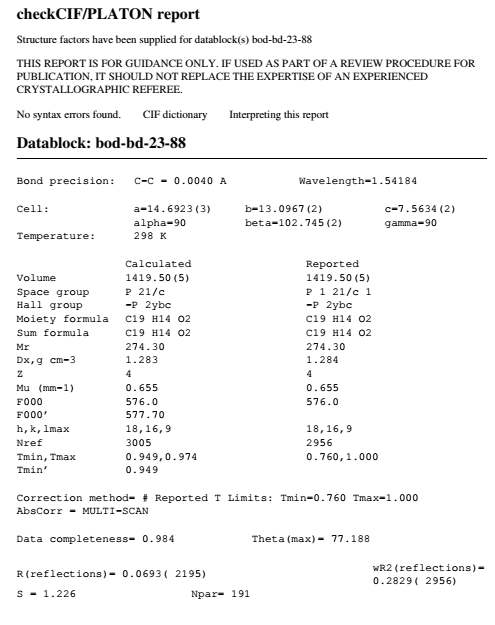


Table S8. Torsion angles for shelx (**4fb : CCDC no. 2348641)**

Single crystal XRD data for compound **4ma (CCDC no. 2348646)**



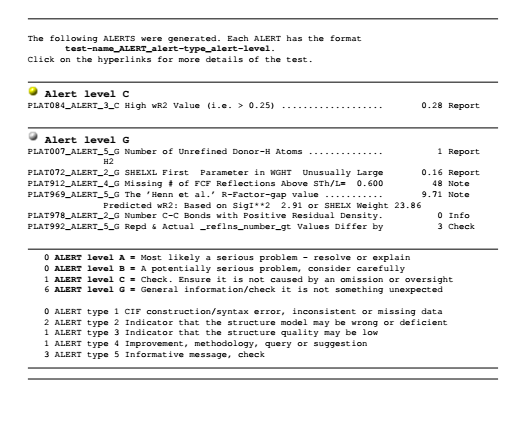
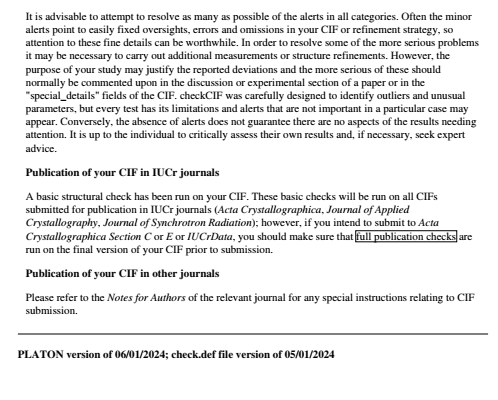
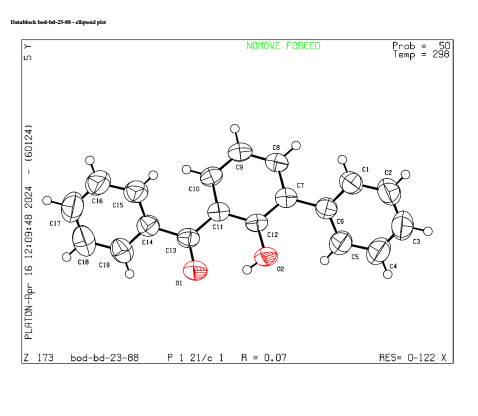
  

Table S9. Crystal data and structure refinement for **4ma (CCDC no. 2348646)**

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Table S10. Bond lengths and angles for **4ma (CCDC no. 2348646)**

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Table S11. Torsion angles for **4ma (CCDC no. 2348646)**

