

Supporting Information
for
**Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling
of 2-Fluorobenzofurans with Arylboronic Acids
via Aromatic C–F Bond Activation**

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1. General Statement

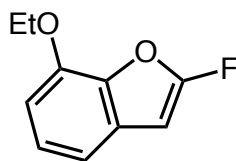
^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and ^{19}F NMR were recorded on a Bruker Avance 500 or a JEOL ECS-400 spectrometer. Chemical shift values are given in ppm relative to internal Me_4Si (for ^1H NMR: $\delta = 0.00$ ppm), CDCl_3 (for ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 77.0$ ppm), and C_6F_6 (for ^{19}F NMR: $\delta = 0.0$ ppm). IR spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-730 spectrometer. Mass spectra were measured on a JEOL JMS-T100GCV or a JEOL JMS-T200GC spectrometer.

Column chromatography was conducted on silica gel (Silica Gel 60 N, Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.). Toluene and *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) were purified by a solvent-purification system (GlassContour) equipped with columns of activated alumina and supported-copper catalyst (Q-5) before use. 1,4-Dioxane and methanol were distilled from sodium, and stored over molecular sieves 4A. Unless otherwise noted, materials were obtained from commercial sources and used directly without further purifications.

2. Preparation of 2-Fluorobenzofurans

2-Fluorobenzofuran (**1a**) [1], 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**) [1], 2-fluoro-7-methoxybenzofuran (**1c**) [1], 2-fluorobenzo[*b*]thiophene (**4**) [2], 5-bromo-2-fluorobenzofuran (**1e**) [1], 2-chlorobenzofuran (**1a-Cl**) [3], 2-bromobenzofuran (**1a-Br**) [4], and 2-iodobenzofuran (**1a-I**) [5] were prepared according to the literature procedures, and their spectral data showed good agreement with the literature data.

7-Ethoxy-2-benzofuran (1d)

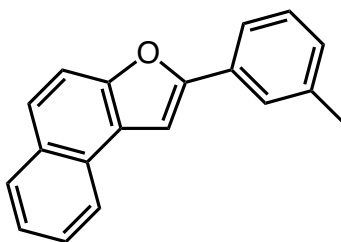


To a DMF (415 mL) solution of 2-(2,2-difluorovinyl)-6-ethoxyphenol (2.75 g, 13.7 mmol) was added DBU (2.46 mL, 16.5 mmol). After stirring at 100 °C for 2 h, water (250 mL) was added to the mixture. Organic materials were extracted with diethyl ether three times. The combined extracts were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (pentane/diethyl ether = 10/1) to give **1d** (1.65 g, 67%) as a colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J*_{HF} = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 280 Hz), 144.1, 136.8, 129.6, 124.2, 112.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 5 Hz), 107.3, 78.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 13 Hz), 64.6, 14.9. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 49.5 (d, *J*_{FH} = 7 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 3136, 3060, 2983, 2933, 1643, 1496, 1439, 1396, 1340, 1296, 1196, 1082, 1018, 978, 893, 783, 727, 658, 607, 555 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd for C₁₀H₉FO₂ [M]⁺: 180.0587; Found: 180.0592.

3. Synthesis of 2-Arylbenzofurans

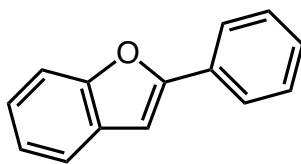
2-(3-Methylphenyl)naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**3bb**)



To the mixture of 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**, 56 mg, 0.30 mmol), (3-methylphenyl)boronic acid (**2b**, 41 mg, 0.30 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (4.2 mg, 0.015 mmol), PCy₃ (8.2 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.8 μ L, 0.015 mmol), and K₂CO₃ (50 mg, 0.36 mmol) were added toluene (3.0 mL) and H₂O (0.6 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 13 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O. Organic materials were extracted with diethyl ether three times. The combined extracts were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give **3bb** (76 mg, 98%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.67 (m, 4H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.6, 152.3, 138.5, 130.5, 130.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 127.6, 126.2, 125.3, 125.1, 124.6, 124.5, 123.4, 121.9, 112.3, 100.3, 21.5. IR (KBr): 3051, 1606, 1487, 1387, 1280, 1255, 1163, 1053, 991, 935, 789, 690 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄O [M]⁺: 258.1045; Found: 258.1035.

2-Phenylbenzofuran (3aa)



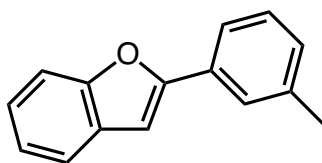
Compound **3aa** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluorobenzofuran (**1a**, 28 mg, 0.20 mmol), phenylboronic acid (**2a**, 29 mg, 0.24 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), PCy₃ (5.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.2 μL, 0.010 mmol), K₂CO₃ (55 mg, 0.40 mmol), toluene (2.0 mL), and H₂O (0.4 mL).

A white solid, 31 mg, 77% yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.9, 154.8, 130.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 124.9, 124.2, 122.9, 120.9, 111.1, 101.3.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [6].

2-(3-Methylphenyl)benzofuran (3ab)



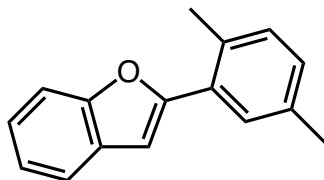
Compound **3ab** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluorobenzofuran (**1a**, 28 mg, 0.20 mmol), (3-methylphenyl)boronic acid (**2b**, 33 mg, 0.24 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), PCy₃ (5.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.2 μL, 0.010 mmol), K₂CO₃ (55 mg, 0.40 mmol), toluene (2.0 mL), and H₂O (0.4 mL).

A white solid, 41 mg, 96% yield.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.1, 154.8, 138.4, 130.3, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 125.5, 124.1, 122.9, 122.1, 120.8, 111.1, 101.2, 21.5.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [7].

2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)benzofuran (3ac)



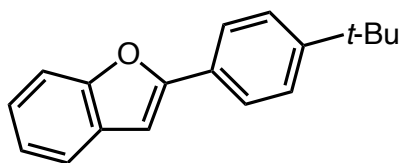
Compound **3ac** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluorobenzofuran (**1a**, 27 mg, 0.20 mmol), (2,5-dimethylphenyl)boronic acid (**2c**, 36 mg, 0.24 mmol), $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), PCy_3 (5.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.2 μL , 0.010 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55 mg, 0.40 mmol), toluene (2.0 mL), and H_2O (0.4 mL).

A white solid, 37 mg, 83% yield.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.8, 154.3, 135.5, 132.7, 131.2, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 124.1, 122.7, 120.8, 111.0, 104.9, 21.4, 21.0.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [6].

2-[4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl]benzofuran (**3ad**)



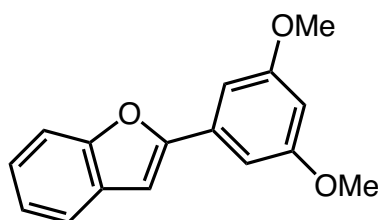
Compound **3ad** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluorobenzofuran (**1a**, 29 mg, 0.21 mmol), [4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl]boronic acid (**2d**, 43 mg, 0.24 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), PCy₃ (5.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.2 μ L, 0.010 mmol), K₂CO₃ (57 mg, 0.41 mmol), toluene (2.0 mL), and H₂O (0.4 mL).

A white solid, 53 mg, 99% yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.1, 154.8, 151.8, 129.3, 127.7, 125.7, 124.7, 124.0, 122.8, 120.7, 111.1, 100.7, 34.7, 31.2.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [8].

2-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)benzofuran (**3ae**)



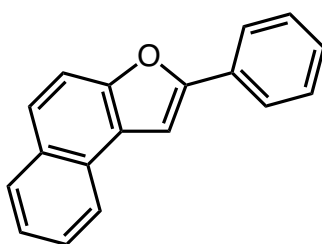
Compound **3ae** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluorobenzofuran (**1a**, 28 mg, 0.20 mmol), (3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)boronic acid (**2e**, 44 mg, 0.24 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol), PCy₃ (11 mg, 0.040 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (2.5 μ L, 0.020 mmol), K₂CO₃ (55 mg, 0.40 mmol), toluene (2.0 mL), and H₂O (0.4 mL).

A colorless oil, 38 mg, 73% yield.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.58 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.04–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.48 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.0, 155.6, 154.7, 132.1, 129.0, 124.3, 122.9, 120.9, 111.1, 102.9, 101.8, 101.0, 55.4.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [8].

2-Phenylnaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (3ba)



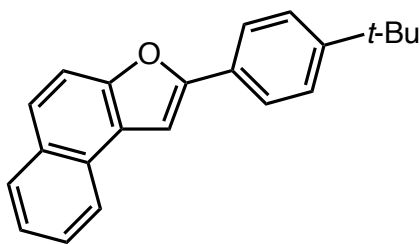
Compound **3ba** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**, 56 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid (**2a**, 38 mg, 0.31 mmol), $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (4.2 mg, 0.015 mmol), PCy_3 (8.4 mg, 0.030 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.8 μL , 0.015 mmol), K_2CO_3 (50 mg, 0.36 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), and H_2O (0.6 mL).

A white solid, 71 mg, 96% yield.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H) 7.95–7.91 (m, 3H), 7.72 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.3, 152.3, 130.6, 130.4, 128.80, 128.76, 128.2, 127.6, 126.2, 125.1, 124.6, 124.52, 124.48, 123.4, 112.2, 100.4.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [8].

2-[4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl]naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**3bd**)



Compound **3bd** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**, 55 mg, 0.30 mmol), [4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl]boronic acid (**2d**, 54 mg, 0.30 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (4.3 mg, 0.016 mmol), PCy₃ (8.2 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.8 μL, 0.015 mmol), K₂CO₃ (51 mg, 0.37 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), and H₂O (0.6 mL).

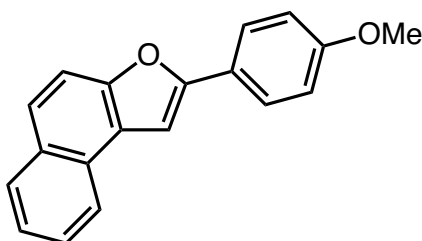
A white solid, 84 mg, 94% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.46 (m, 4H), 1.36 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.6, 152.2, 151.5, 130.4, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 126.1, 125.8, 124.8, 124.6, 124.5, 123.5, 112.3, 99.8, 34.7, 31.3.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [9].

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**3bf**)



Compound **3bf** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**, 39 mg, 0.21 mmol), (4-methoxyphenyl)boronic acid (**2f**, 38 mg, 0.25 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), PCy₃ (5.6 mg, 0.020 mmol), 1,5-

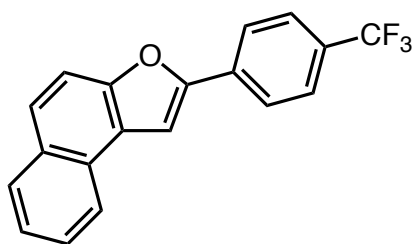
cyclooctadiene (1.2 μ L, 0.010 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55 mg, 0.40 mmol), toluene (2.0 mL), and H_2O (0.4 mL).

A white solid, 54 mg, 94% yield.

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 159.8, 155.5, 152.0, 130.4, 128.7, 127.5, 126.12, 126.06, 124.7, 124.5, 124.4, 123.52, 123.45, 114.3, 112.2, 98.8, 55.3.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [10].

2-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**3bg**)



Compound **3bg** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**, 56 mg, 0.30 mmol), [4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]boronic acid (**2g**, 57 mg, 0.30 mmol), $Ni(cod)_2$ (17 mg, 0.060 mmol), PCy_3 (34 mg, 0.12 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (7.4 μ L, 0.060 mmol), K_3PO_4 (76 mg, 0.36 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), and H_2O (0.6 mL).

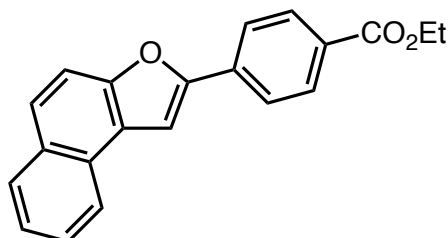
A white solid, 74 mg, 78% yield.

1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.69 (m, 4H), 7.63–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 153.6, 152.8, 133.8, 130.5, 129.8 (q, J_{CF} = 32 Hz), 128.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.2, 125.9 (q, J_{CF} = 4 Hz), 124.9, 124.6, 124.3, 124.1 (q, J_{CF} = 271 Hz), 123.4, 112.3, 102.4. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 100.3 (s). IR (KBr): 3066,

2929, 1616, 1412, 1325, 1169, 1128, 1072, 1012, 922, 841, 802, 750, 675, 594 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (EI): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 312.0762; Found: 312.0770.

Ethyl 4-(naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan-2-yl)benzoate (3bh**)**

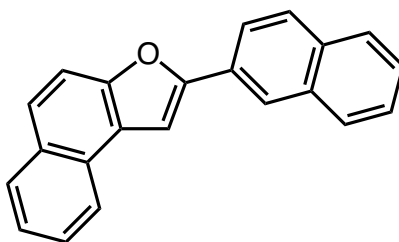


Compound **3bh** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**, 38 mg, 0.20 mmol), [4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]boronic acid (**2h**, 47 mg, 0.24 mmol), $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$ (2.9 mg, 0.011 mmol), PCy_3 (5.7 mg, 0.020 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.2 μL , 0.010 mmol), K_2CO_3 (57 mg, 0.41 mmol), toluene (2.0 mL), and H_2O (0.4 mL).

A white solid, 35 mg, 54% yield.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.19–8.13 (m, 3H), 7.99–7.95 (m, 3H), 7.77 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.2, 154.2, 152.9, 134.5, 130.5, 130.2, 129.8, 128.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.1, 124.8, 124.4, 124.3, 123.4, 112.3, 102.5, 61.1, 14.4. IR (KBr): 3057, 2981, 1712, 1608, 1410, 1367, 1279, 1178, 1105, 1022, 989, 856, 810, 768, 690 cm^{-1} . HRMS (FD): m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 316.1099; Found: 316.1105.

2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)naphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**3bi**)



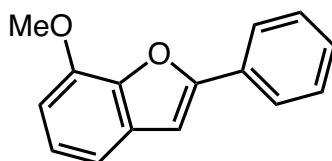
Compound **3bi** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoronaphtho[2,1-*b*]furan (**1b**, 56 mg, 0.30 mmol), 2-naphthylboronic acid (**2i**, 51 mg, 0.30 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (4.1 mg, 0.015 mmol), PCy₃ (8.5 mg, 0.030 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.8 μ L, 0.015 mmol), K₂CO₃ (50 mg, 0.36 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), methanol (0.6 mL), and H₂O (0.6 mL).

A white solid, 62 mg, 70% yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01–7.92 (m, 4H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.4, 152.5, 133.5, 133.1, 130.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 126.4, 126.3, 125.4, 124.63, 124.61, 123.5, 123.4, 122.7, 112.3, 101.1.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [11].

7-Methoxy-2-phenylbenzofuran (**3ca**)



Compound **3ca** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoro-7-methoxybenzofuran (**1c**, 56 mg, 0.33 mmol), phenylboronic acid (**2a**, 37 mg, 0.31 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (4.1 mg, 0.015 mmol), PCy₃ (8.1 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1,5-

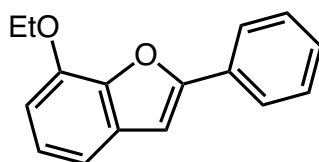
cyclooctadiene (1.8 μ L, 0.015 mmol), K_2CO_3 (50 mg, 0.36 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), and H_2O (0.6 mL).

A white solid, 46 mg, 67% yield.

1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 7.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 156.0, 145.3, 144.1, 130.9, 130.3, 128.7, 128.5, 125.0, 123.6, 113.3, 106.6, 101.6, 56.1.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [12].

7-Ethoxy-2-phenylbenzofuran (3da)



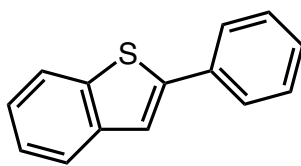
Compound **3da** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 7-ethoxy-2-fluorobenzofuran (**1d**, 54 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid (**2a**, 37 mg, 0.31 mmol), $Ni(cod)_2$ (4.1 mg, 0.015 mmol), PCy_3 (8.1 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.8 μ L, 0.015 mmol), K_2CO_3 (50 mg, 0.36 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), and H_2O (0.6 mL).

A colorless oil, 46 mg, 65% yield.

1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 155.9, 144.5, 144.3, 131.0, 130.4, 128.7, 128.5, 125.0, 123.5, 113.2, 108.1, 101.6, 64.7, 15.0.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [12].

2-Phenylbenzo[*b*]thiophene (**5**)



Compound **5** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluorobenzo[*b*]thiophene (**4**, 45 mg, 0.29 mmol), phenylboronic acid (**2a**, 37 mg, 0.30 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (17 mg, 0.060 mmol), PCy₃ (34 mg, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (50 mg, 0.36 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), and H₂O (0.6 mL).

A white solid, 29 mg, 48% yield.

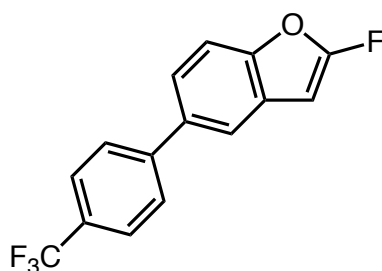
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.29 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.2, 140.7, 139.5, 134.3, 128.9, 128.2, 126.5, 124.5, 124.3, 123.5, 122.2, 119.4.

Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [13].

4. Orthogonal Coupling Reactions of Aromatic C–F and C–Br Bonds

2-Fluoro-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]benzofuran (**1f**)

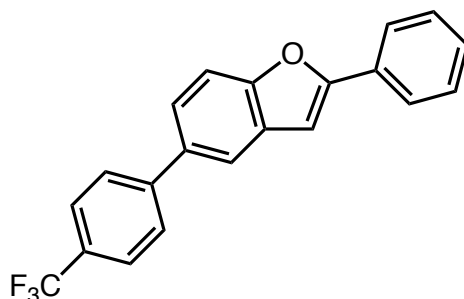


To the mixture of 5-bromo-2-fluorobenzofuran (**1e**, 357 mg, 1.66 mmol), [4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]boronic acid (**2g**, 453 mg, 2.39 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (92 mg, 0.080 mmol), K₃PO₄ (1.27 g, 5.98 mmol), and H₂O (0.18 mL, 10 mmol) was added 1,4-dioxane (5.3 mL). After stirring at 80 °C for 12 h, the reaction mixture was diluted

with H₂O. Organic materials were extracted with dichloromethane three times. The combined extracts were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane) to give **1f** (444 mg, 95%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73–7.65 (m, 5H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 5.91 (d, *J*_{HF} = 6.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 281 Hz), 147.7, 144.9, 135.9, 129.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32 Hz), 128.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz), 127.6, 125.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz), 124.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 272 Hz), 123.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz), 119.5 (d, *J*_{CF} = 6 Hz), 111.3, 78.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 14 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 100.5 (s, 3F), 52.3 (d, *J*_{FH} = 7 Hz, 1F). IR (KBr): 3149, 1637, 1468, 1323, 1165, 1124, 1068, 976, 843, 810, 777, 671 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): *m/z* Calcd for C₁₅H₈F₄O [M]⁺: 280.0511; Found: 280.0522.

2-Phenyl-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]benzofuran (**3fa**)



Compound **3fa** was synthesized by the method described for compound **3bb** using 2-fluoro-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]benzofuran (**1f**, 85 mg, 0.30 mmol), phenylboronic acid (**2a**, 38 mg, 0.31 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (4.2 mg, 0.015 mmol), PCy₃ (8.2 mg, 0.029 mmol), 1,5-cyclooctadiene (1.8 μL, 0.015 mmol), K₂CO₃ (50 mg, 0.36 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL), and H₂O (0.6 mL).

A white solid, 83 mg, 81% yield.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.69 (m, 4H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H),

7.08 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.0, 154.9, 145.2, 135.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.0 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32$ Hz), 128.85, 128.85, 127.6, 125.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4$ Hz), 125.0, 124.5 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 270$ Hz), 123.9, 119.6, 111.5, 101.3. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 99.4 (s).

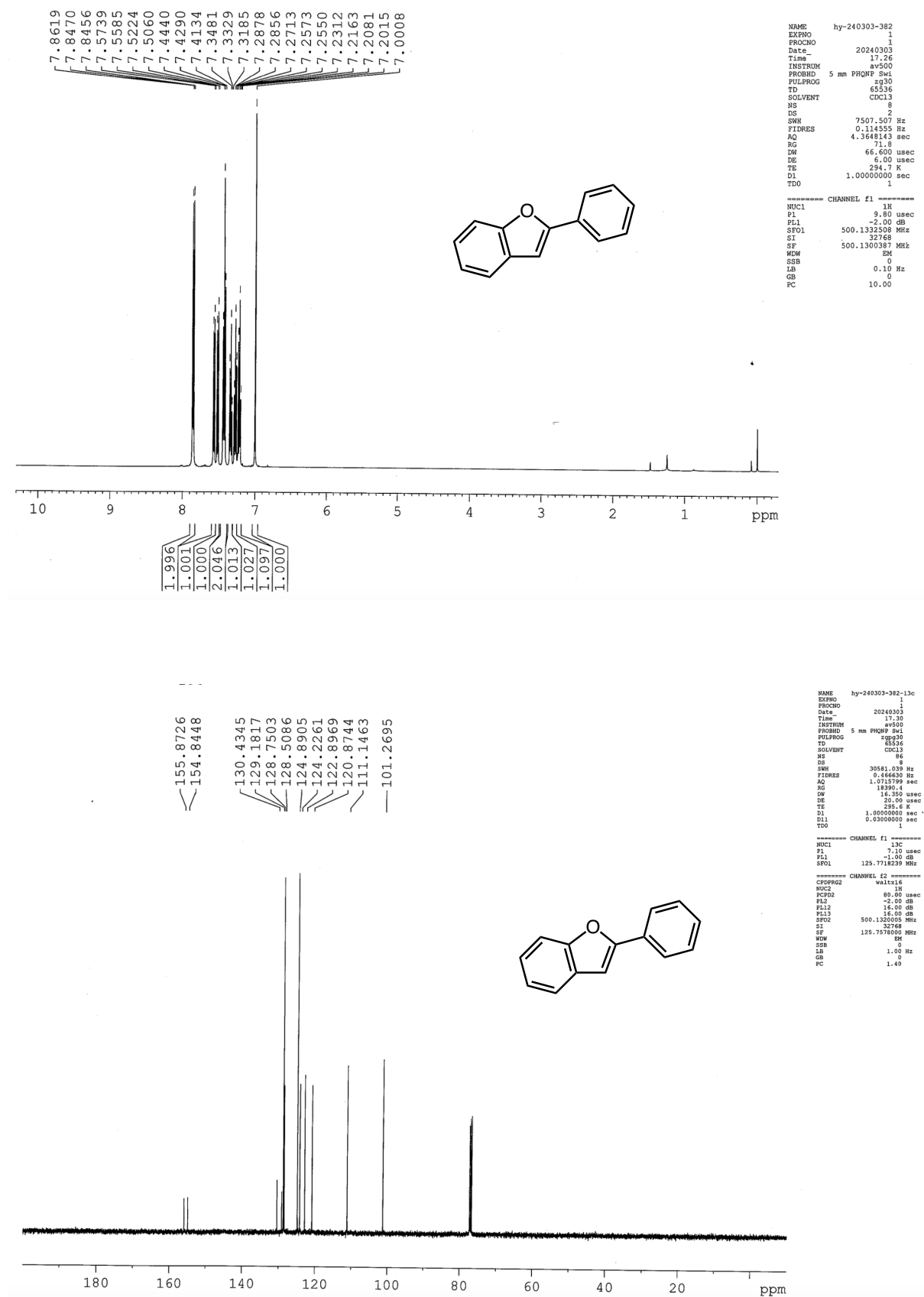
Spectral data for this compound showed good agreement with literature data [14].

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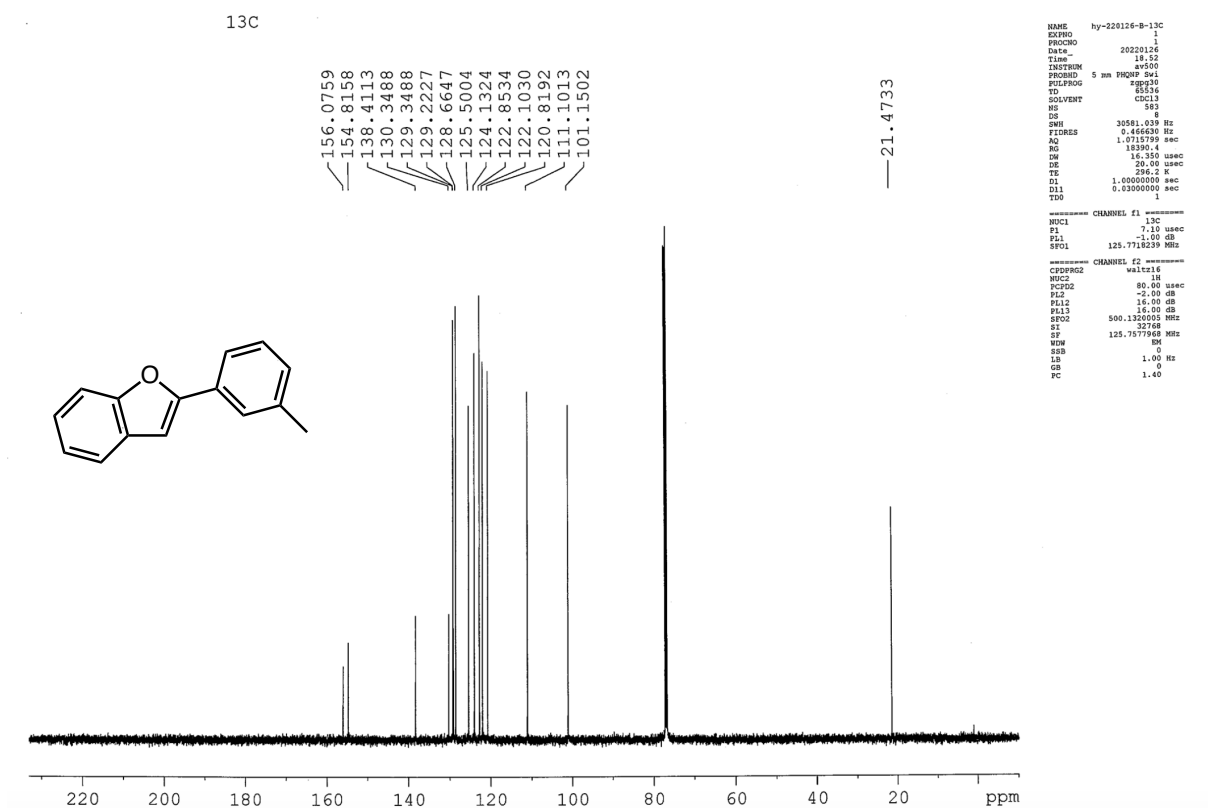
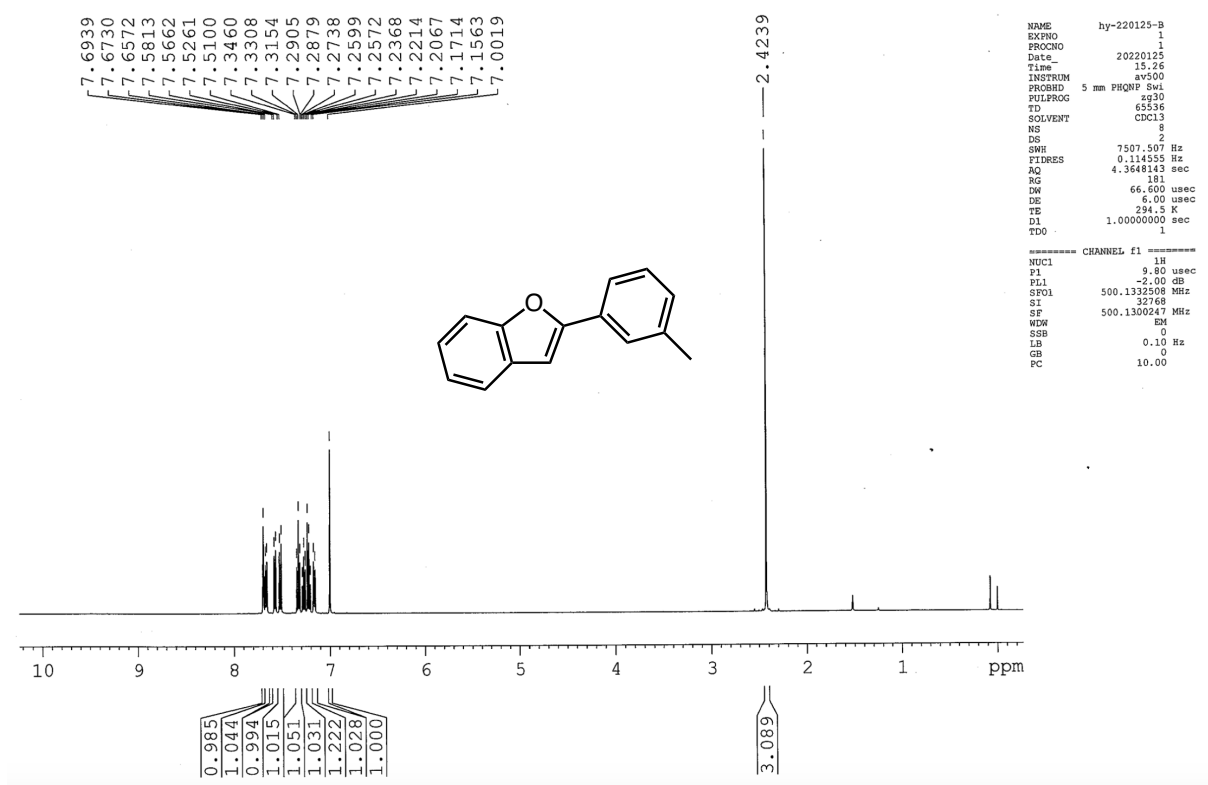
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6. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR Charts

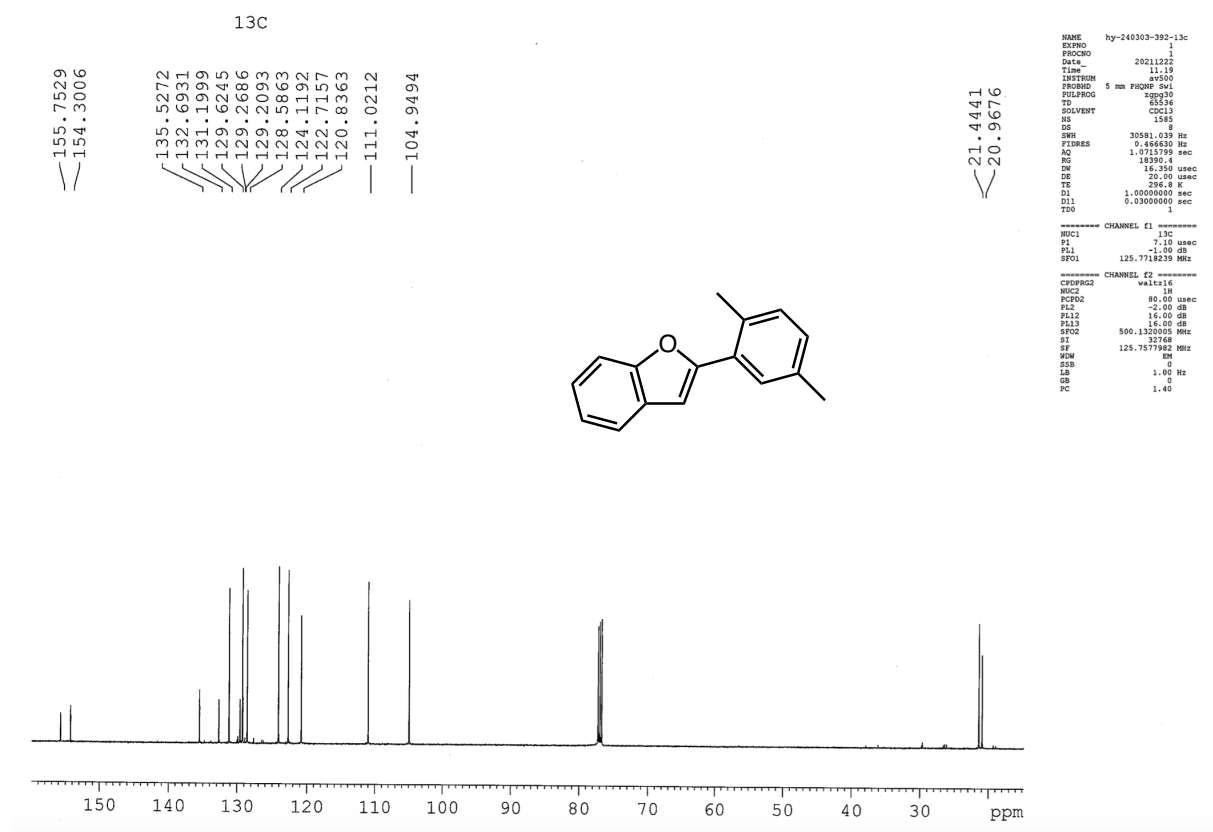
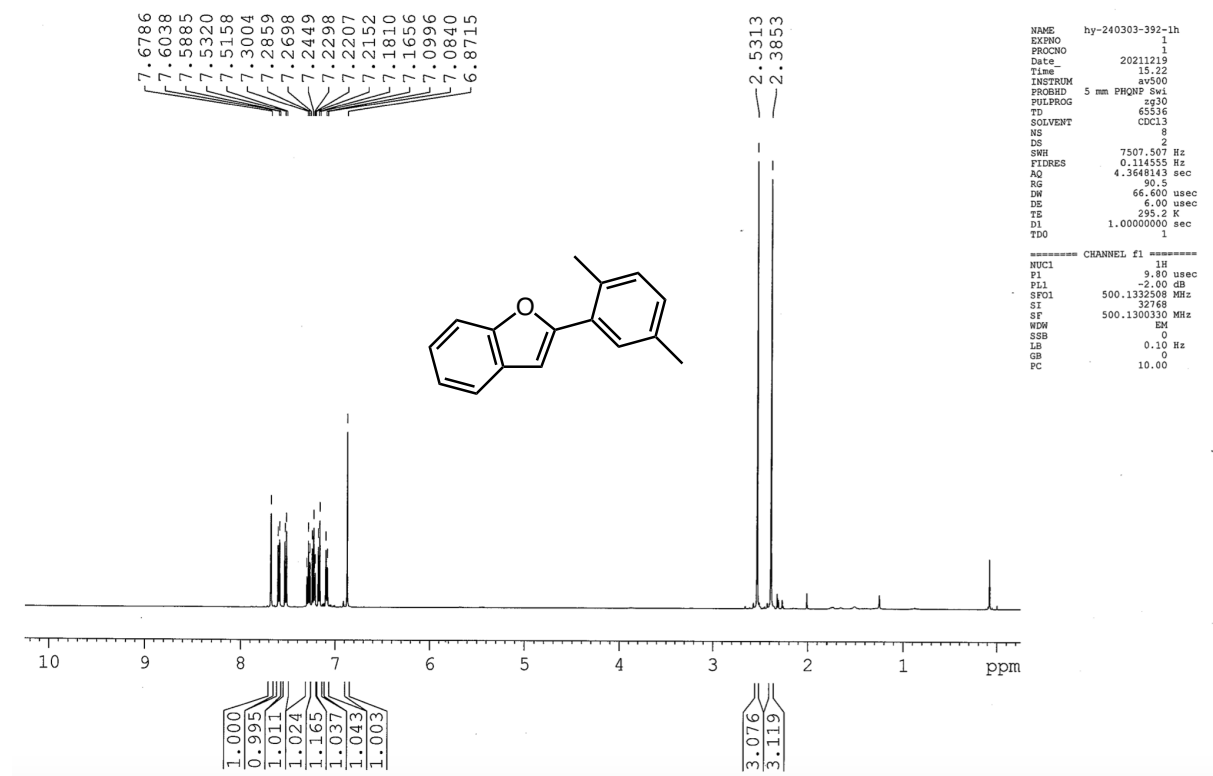
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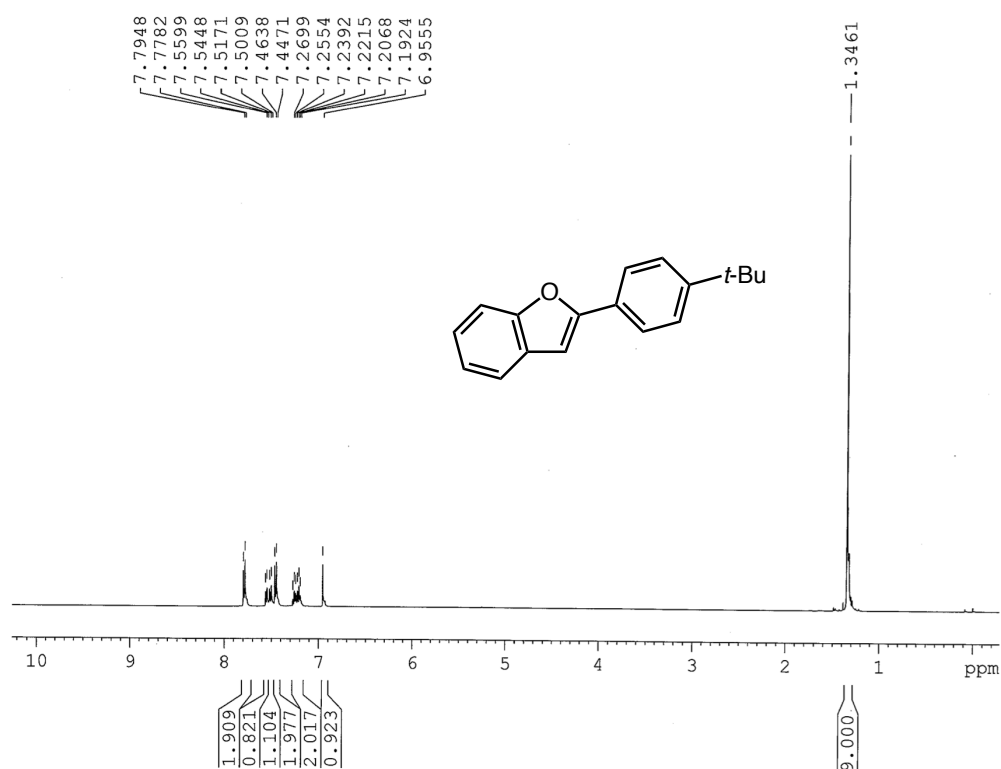
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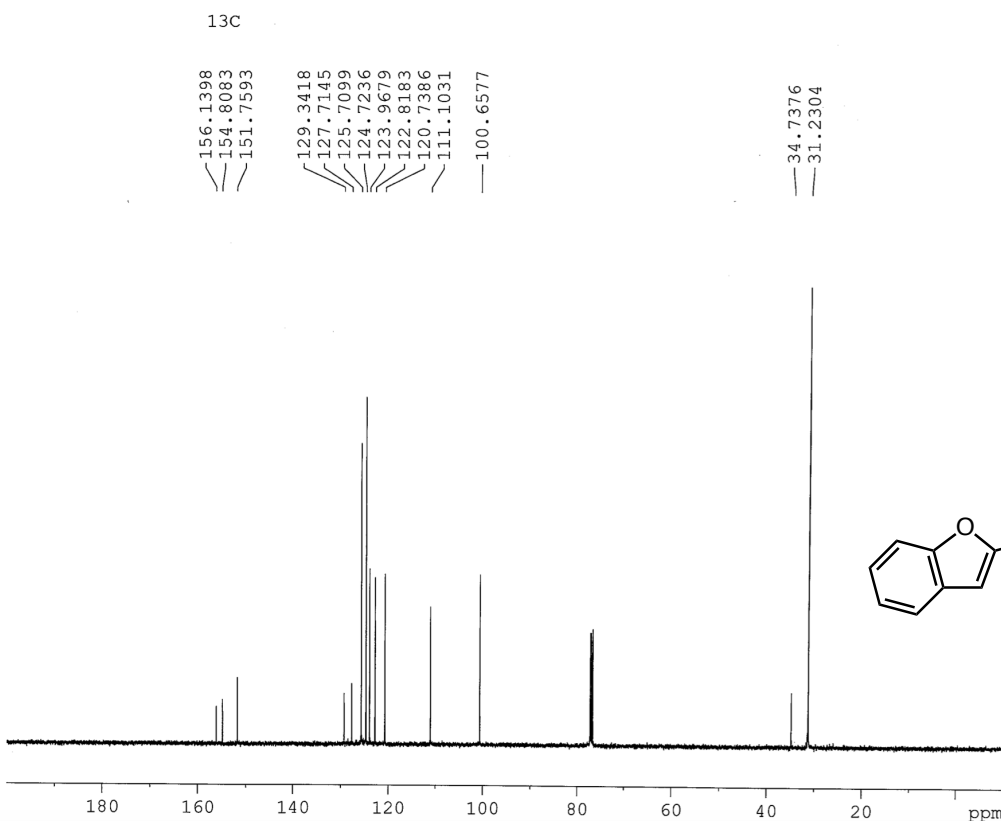
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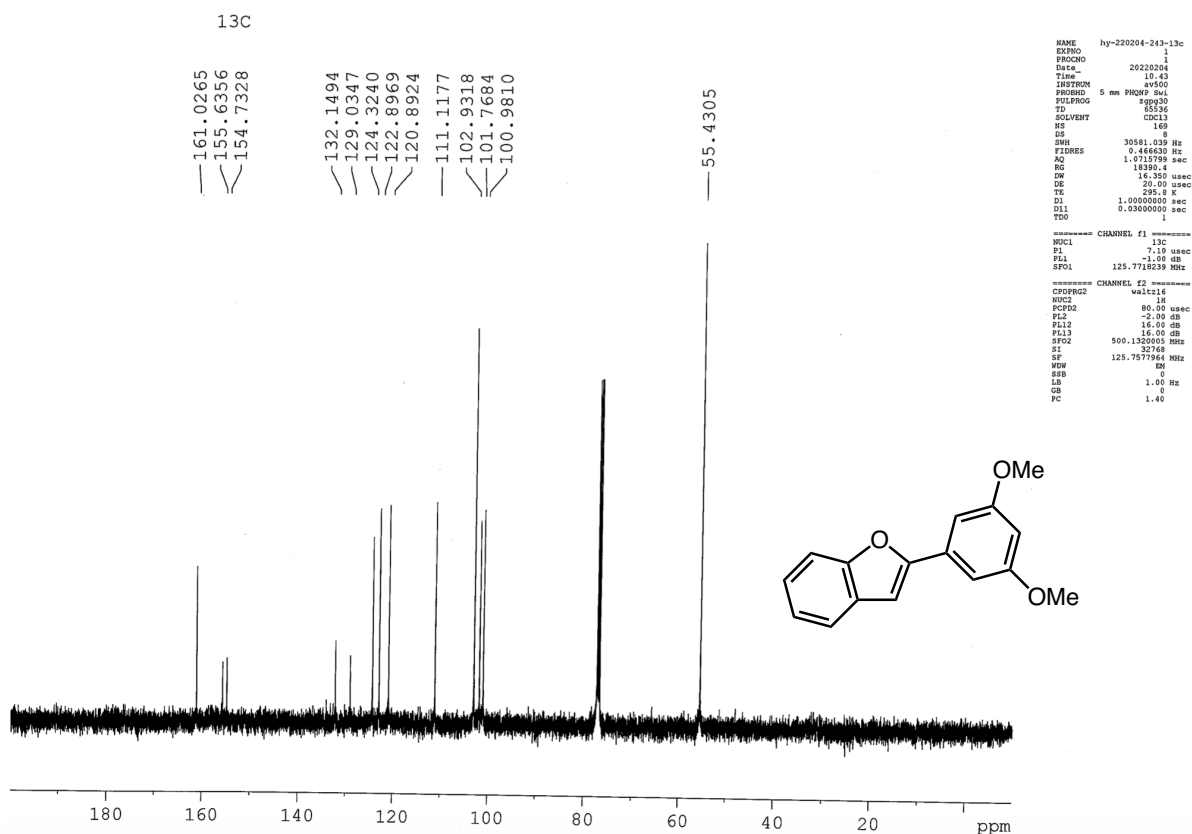
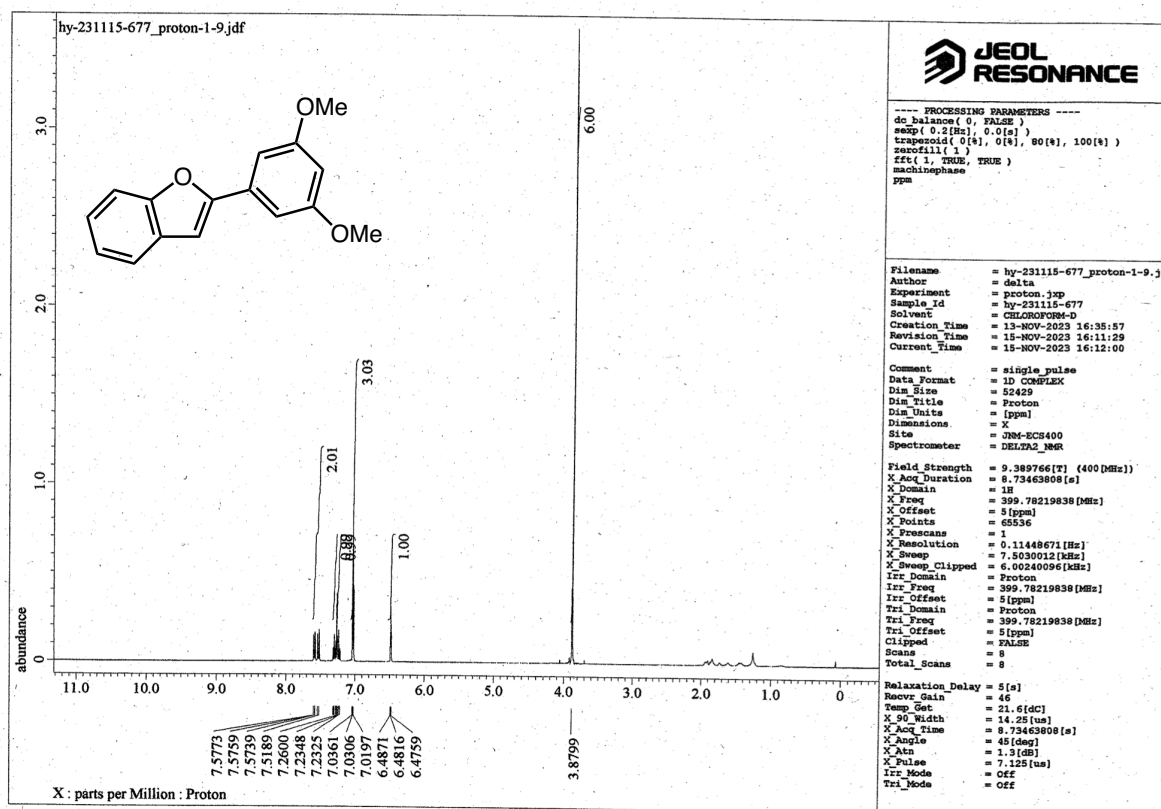
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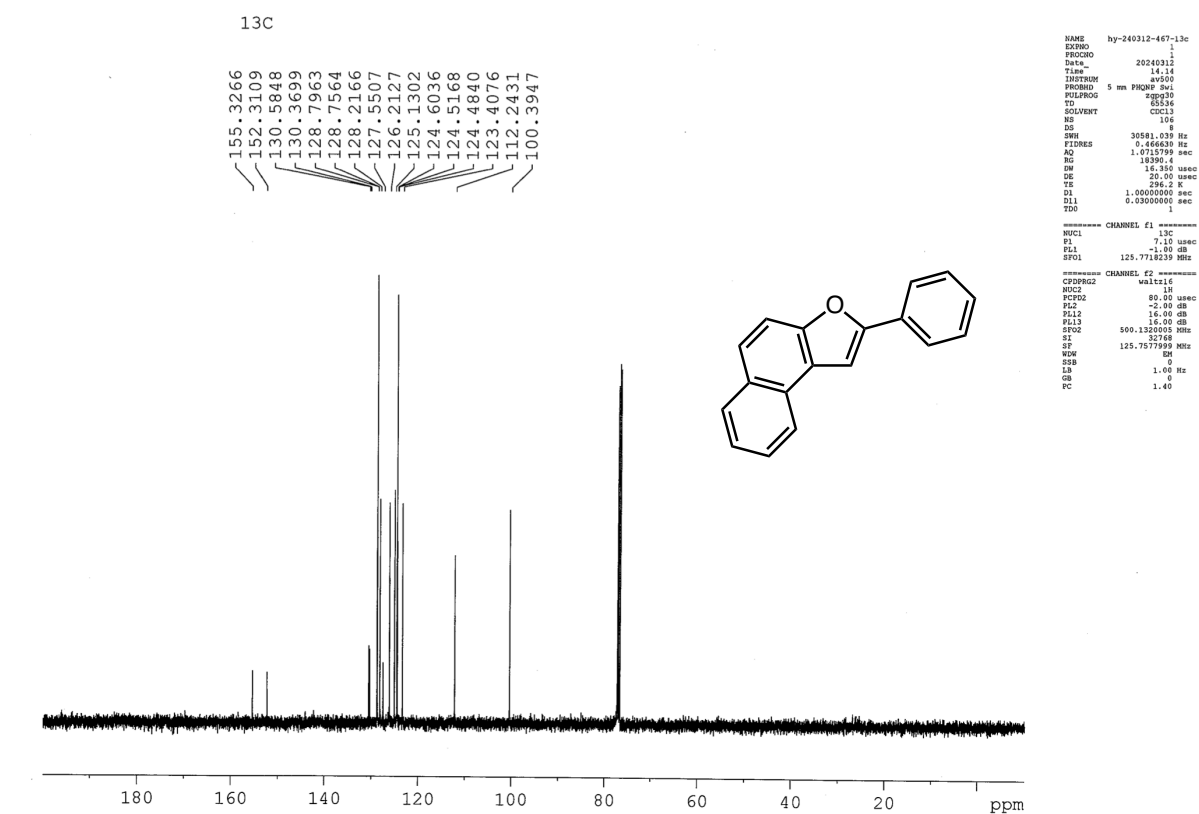
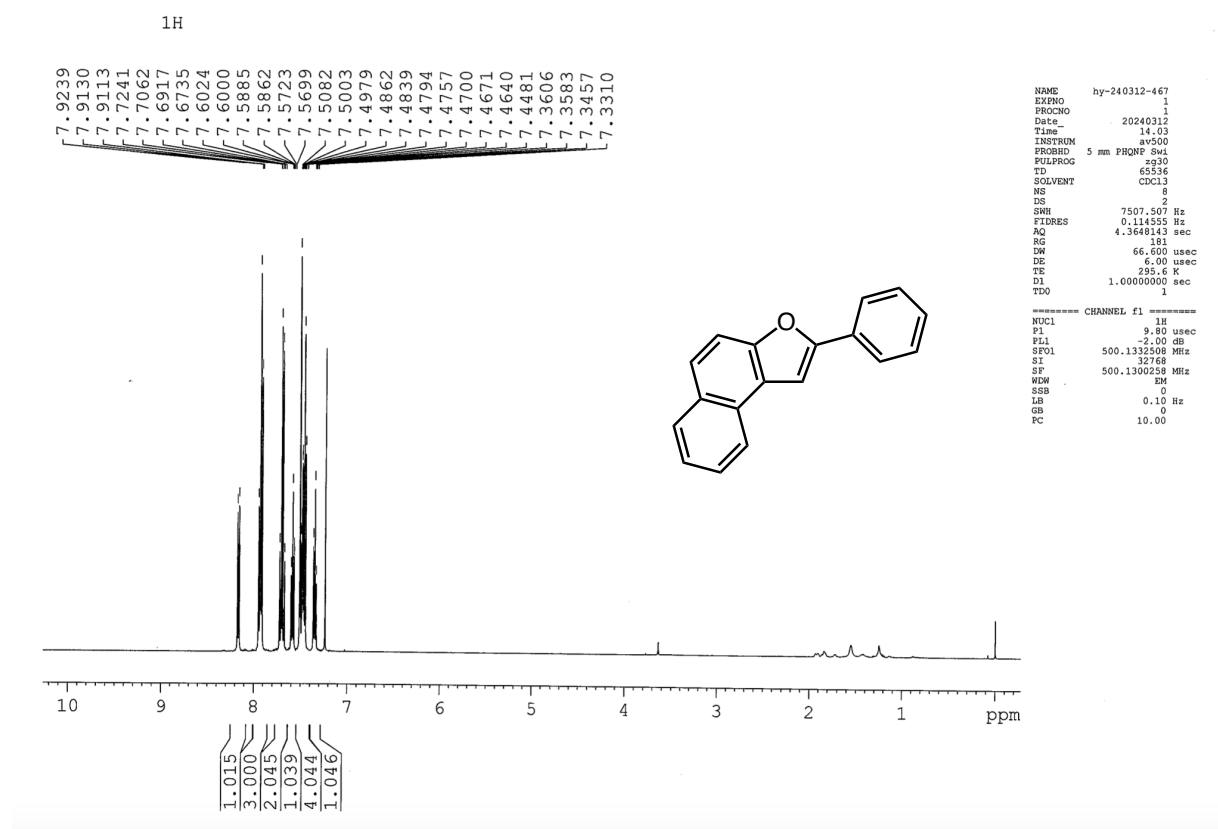
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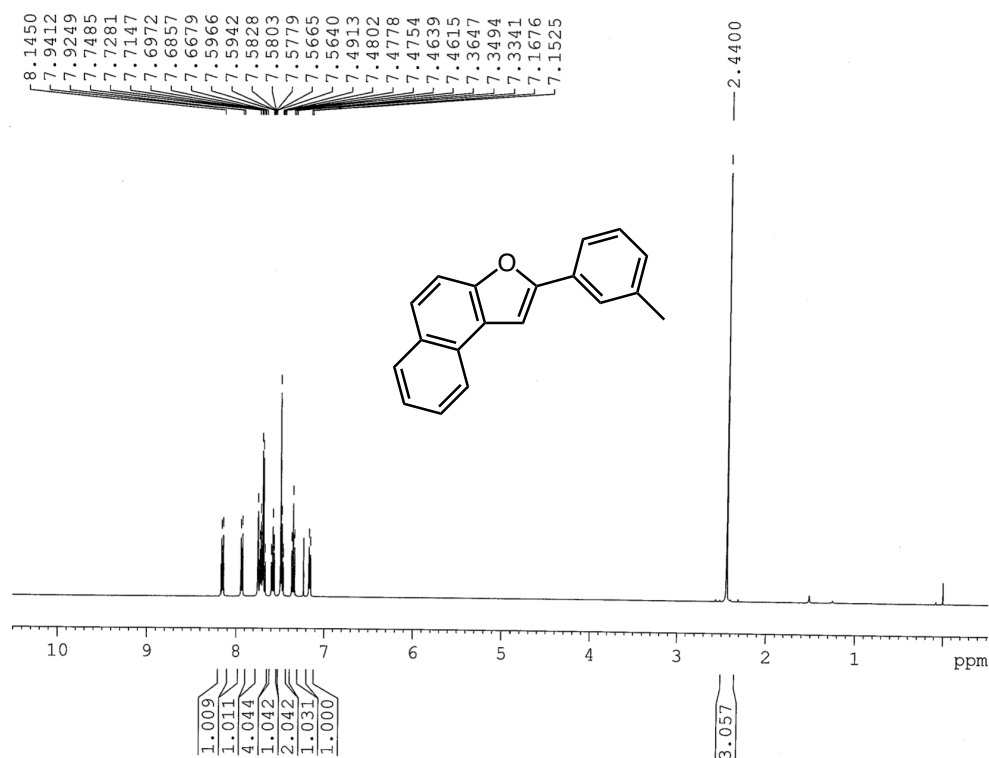
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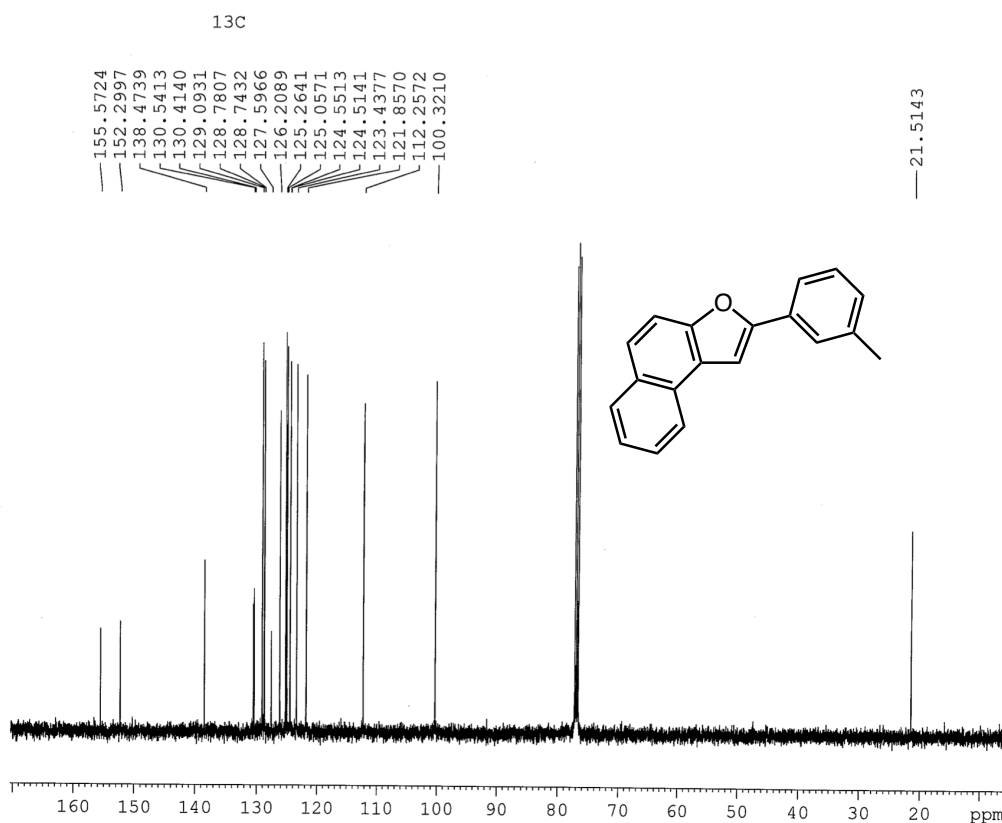
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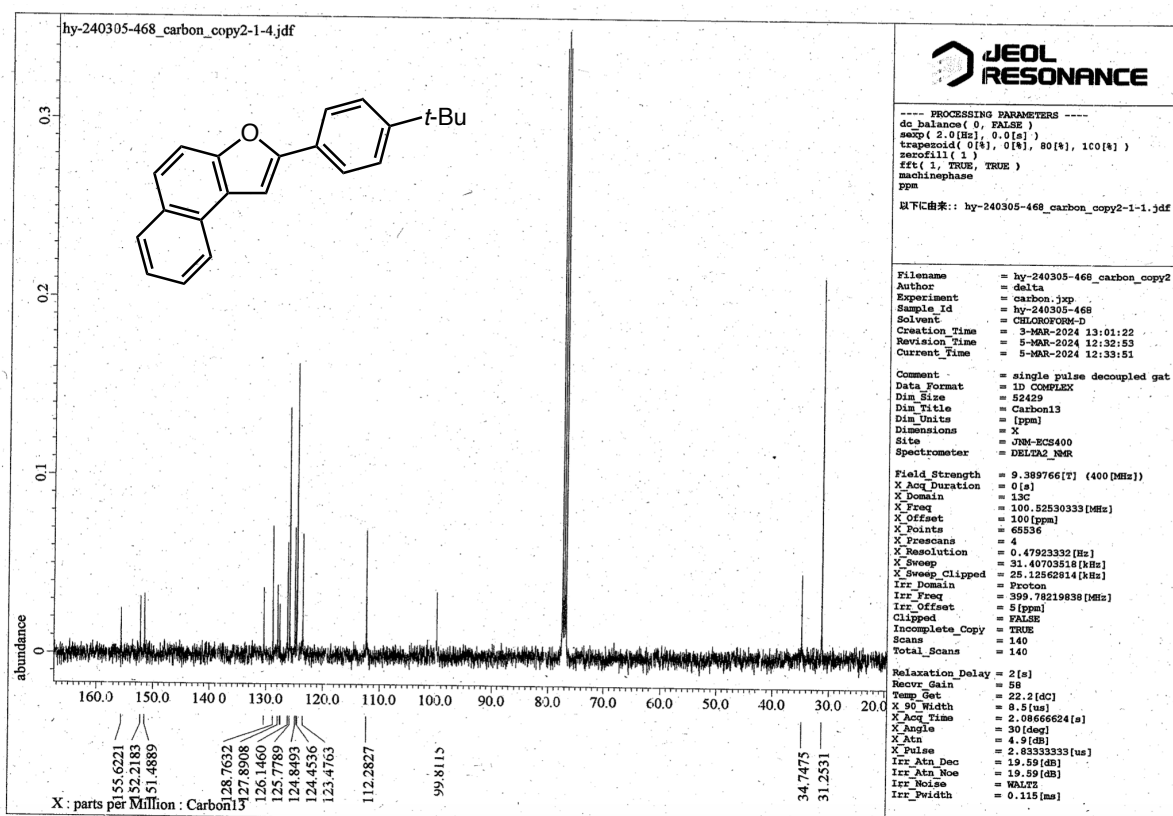
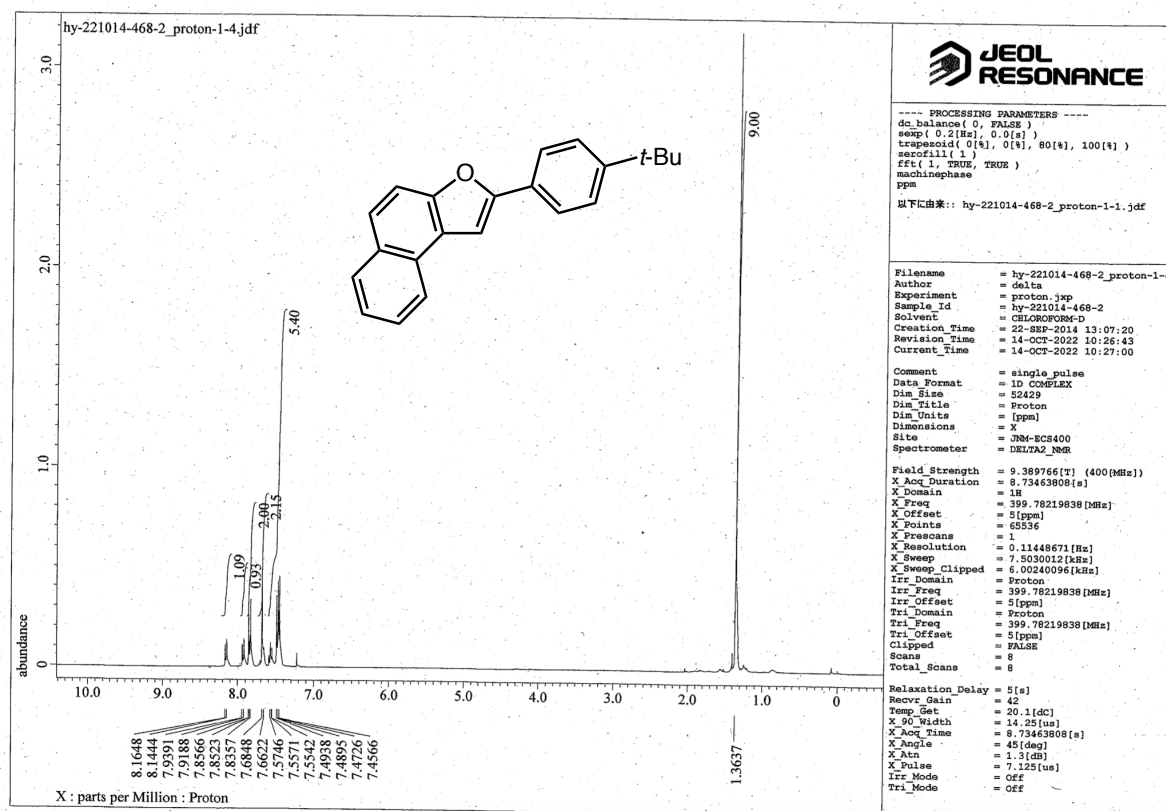
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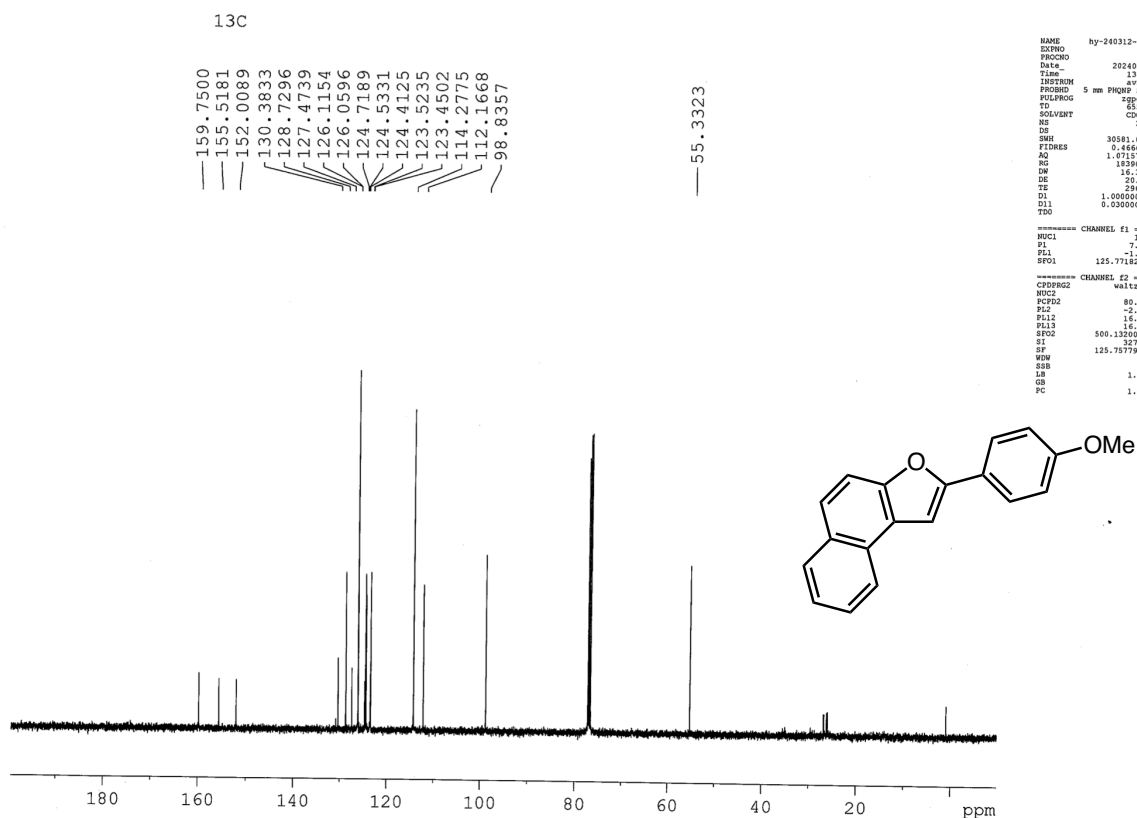
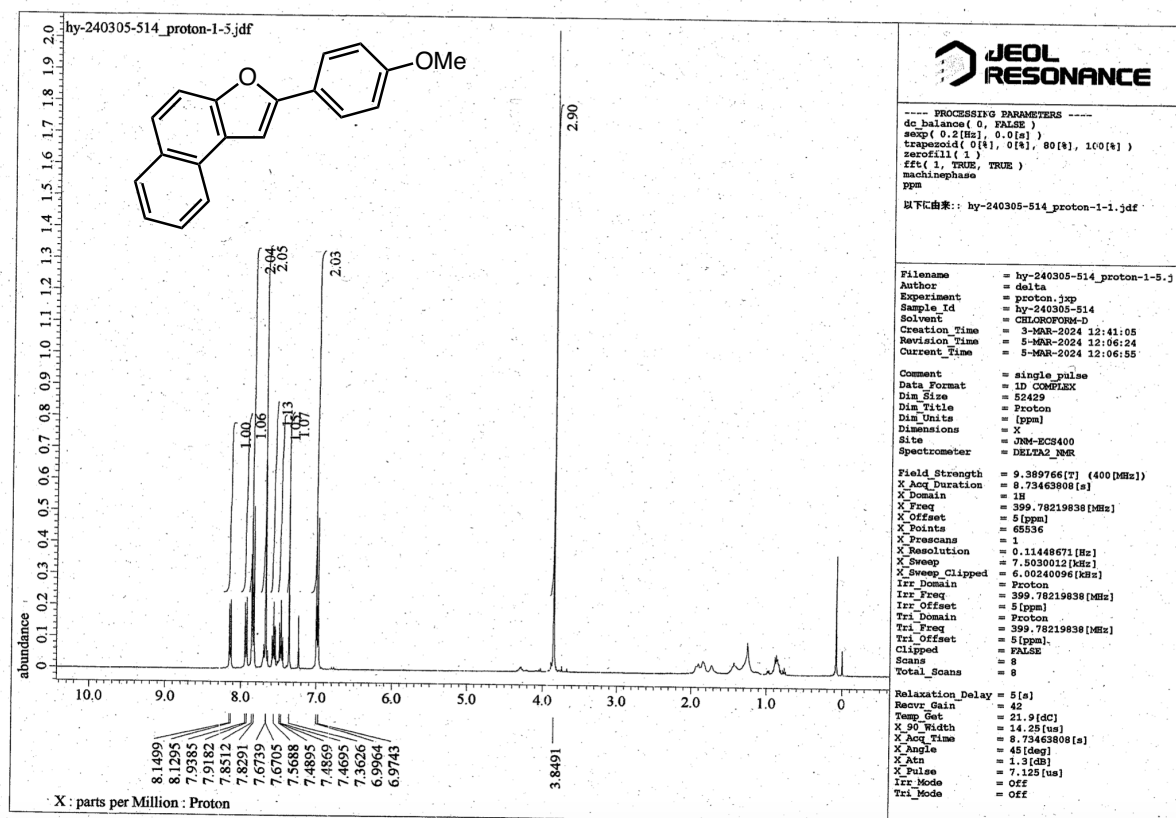
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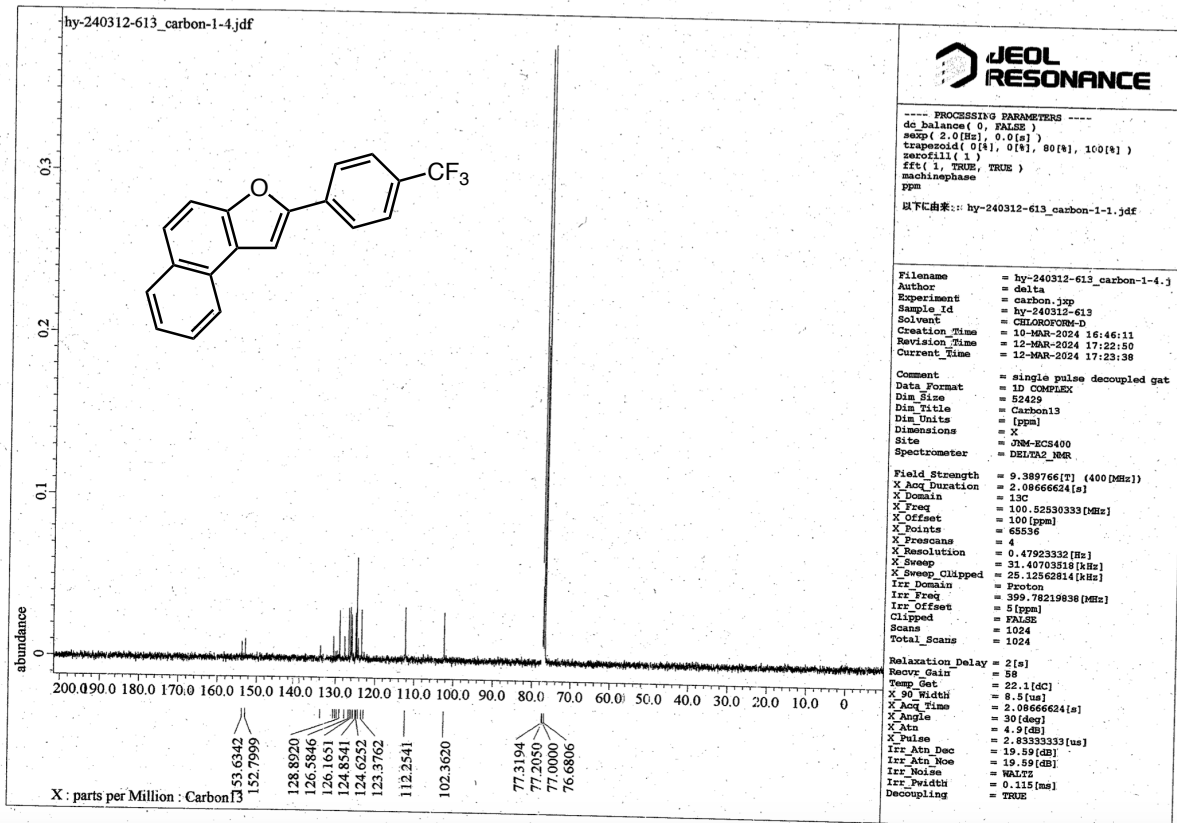
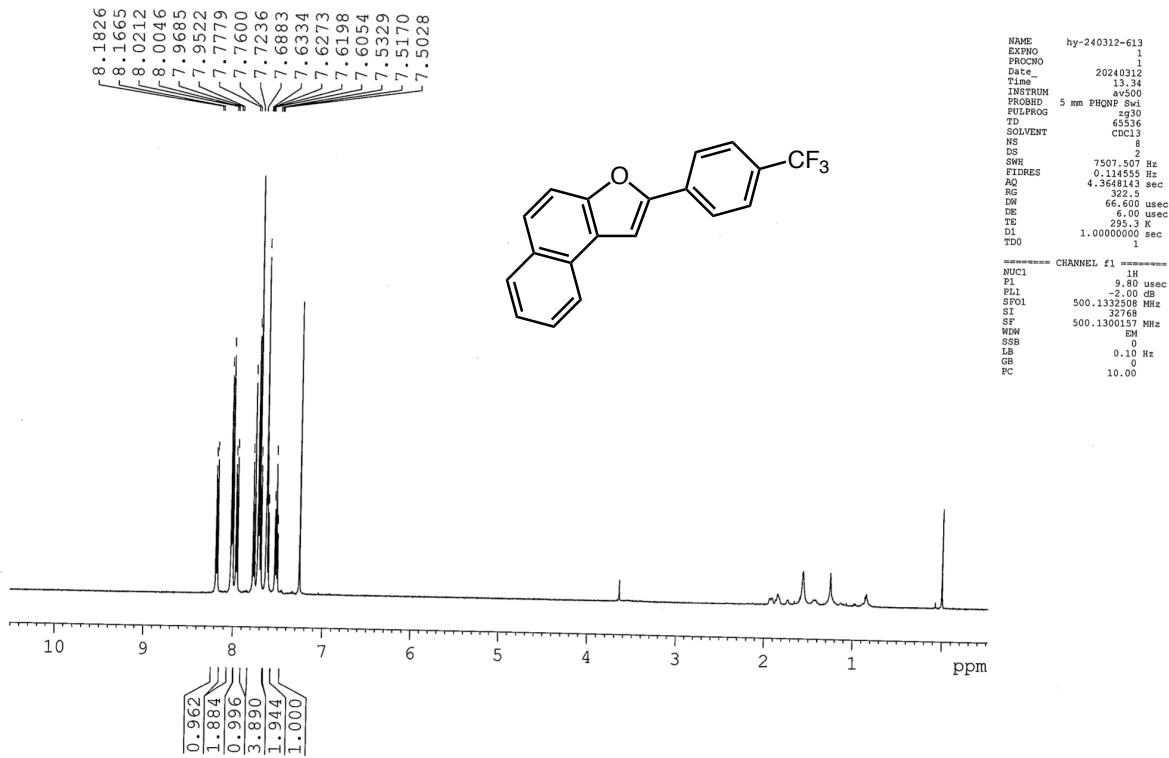
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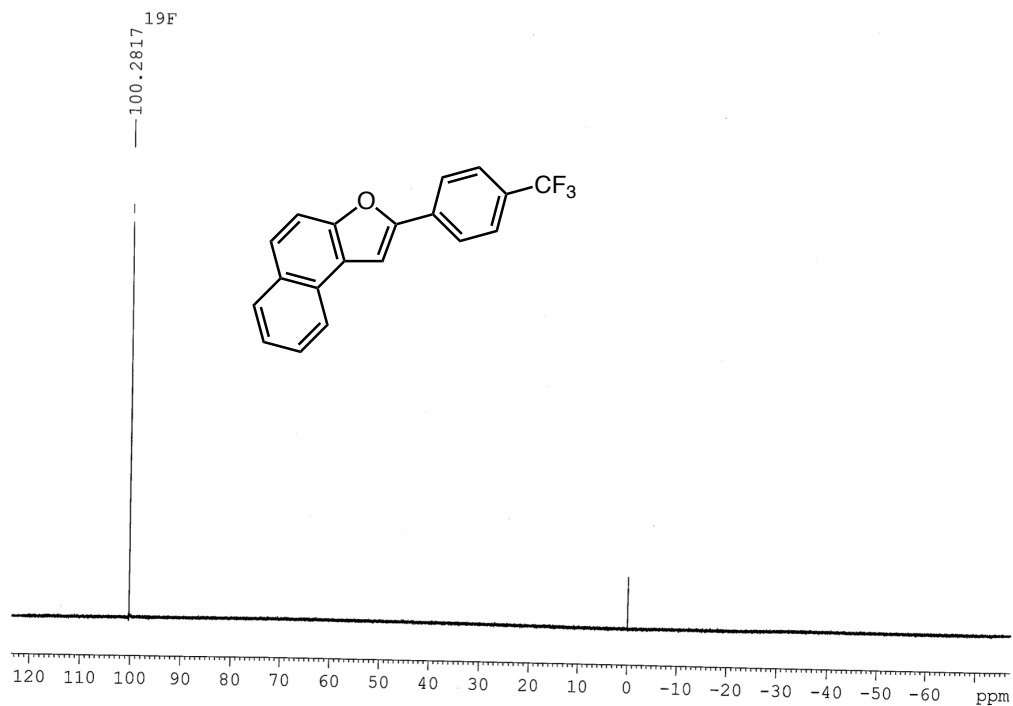


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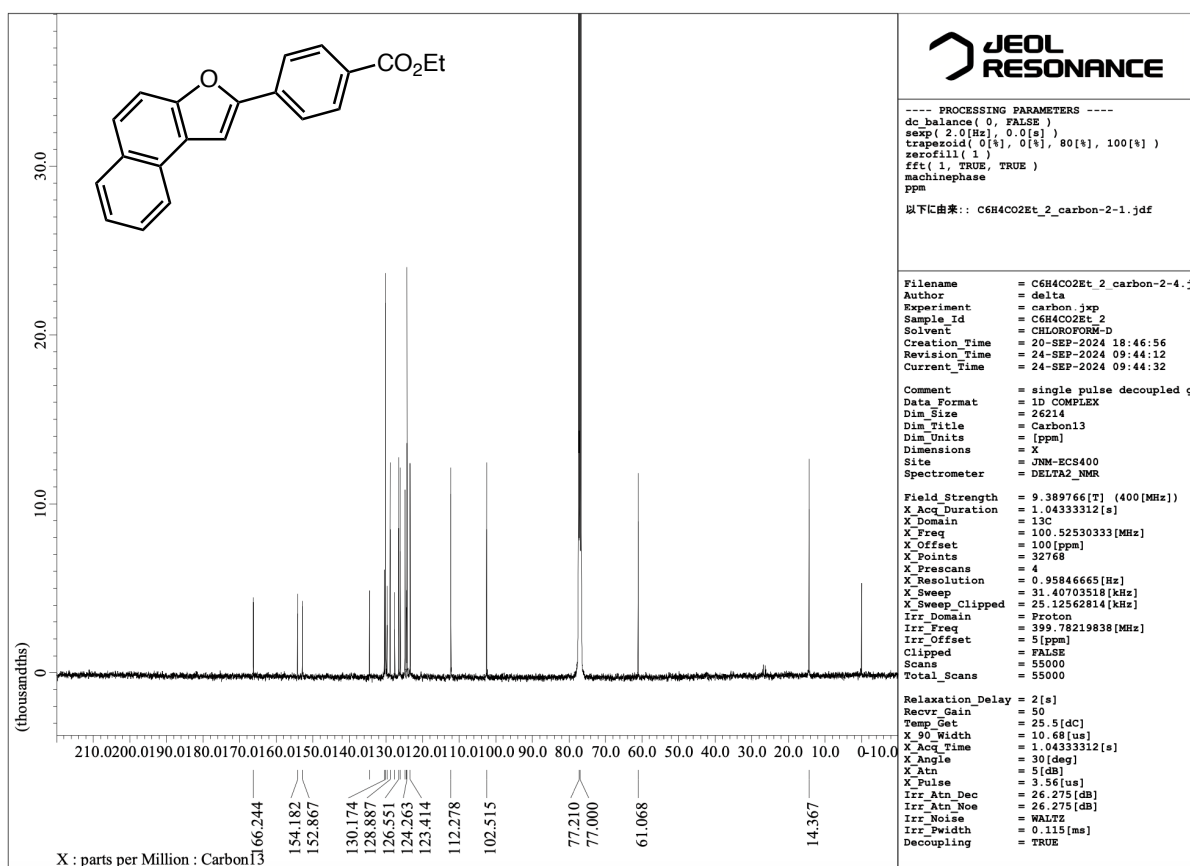
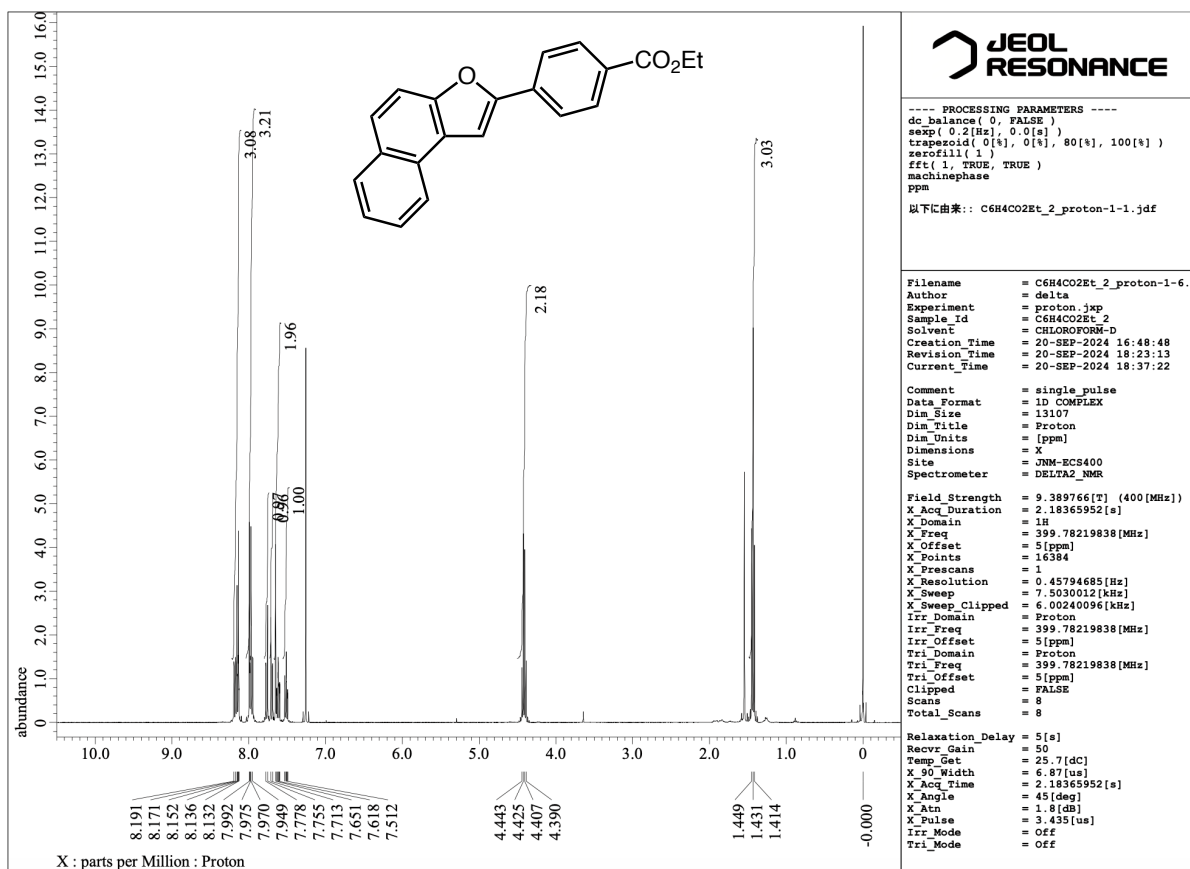
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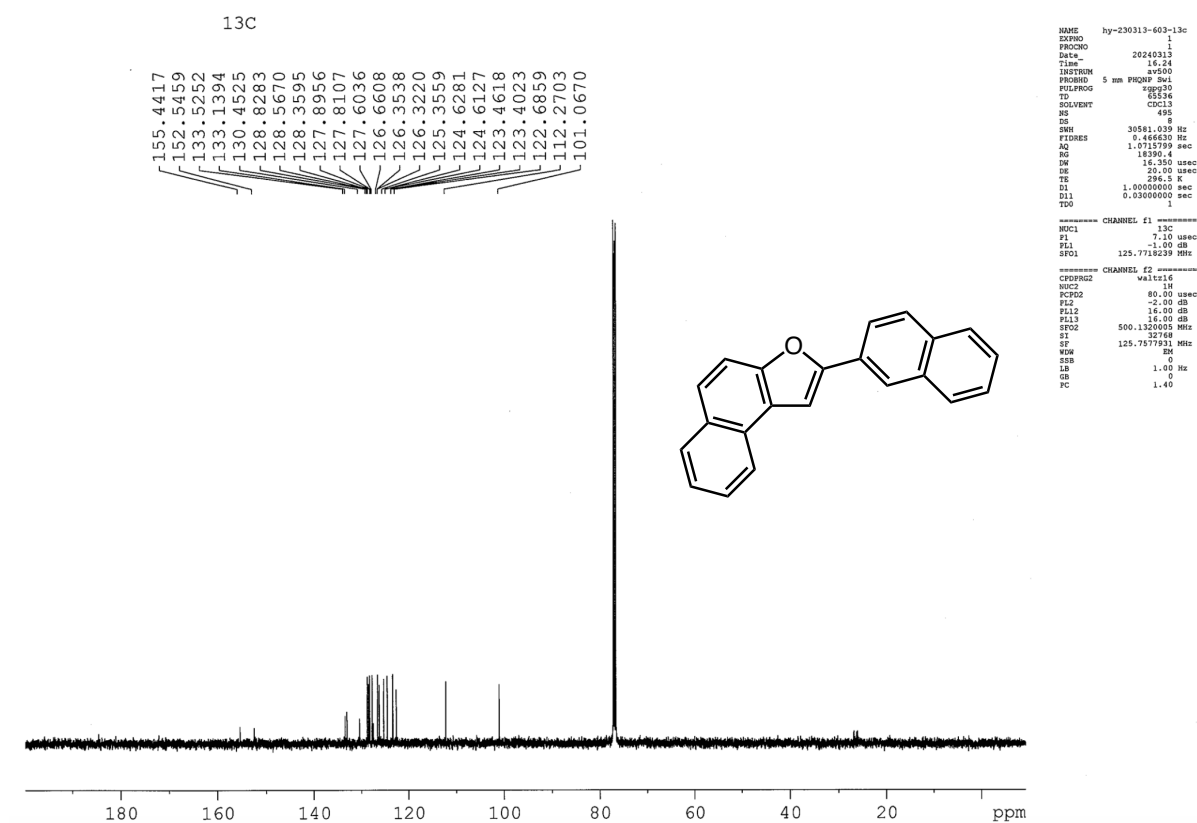
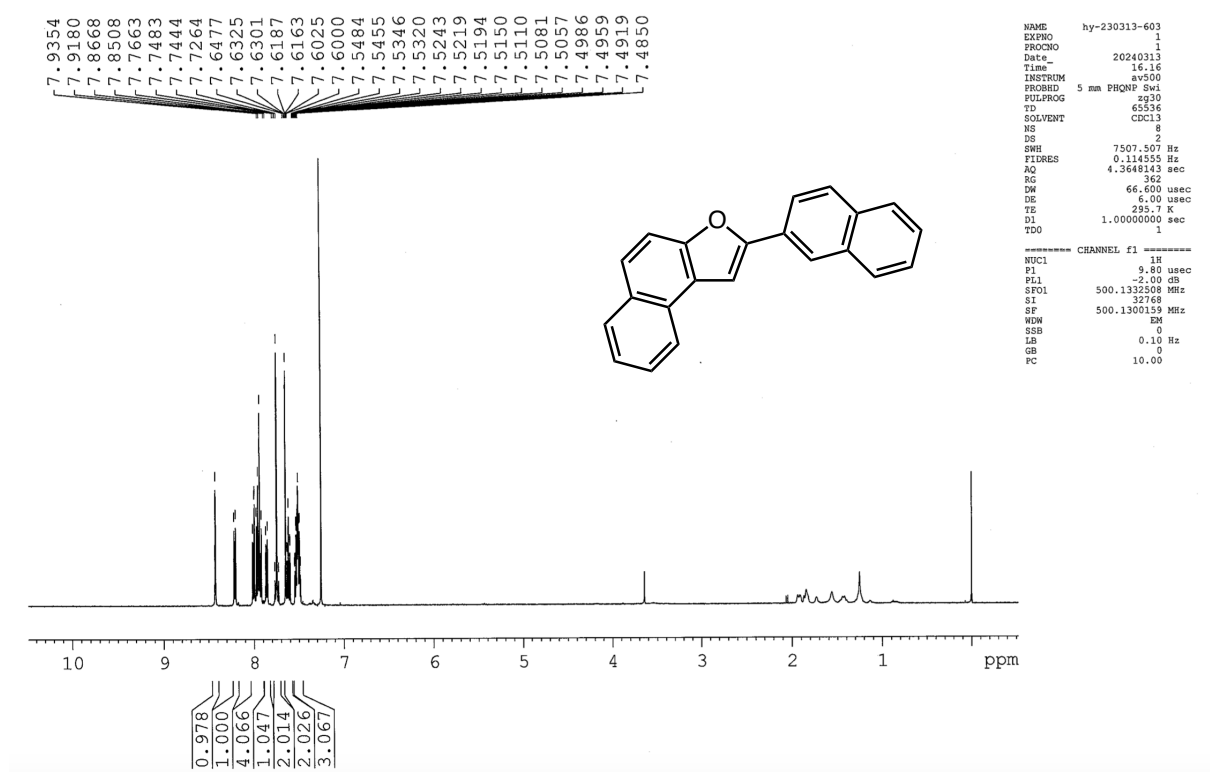
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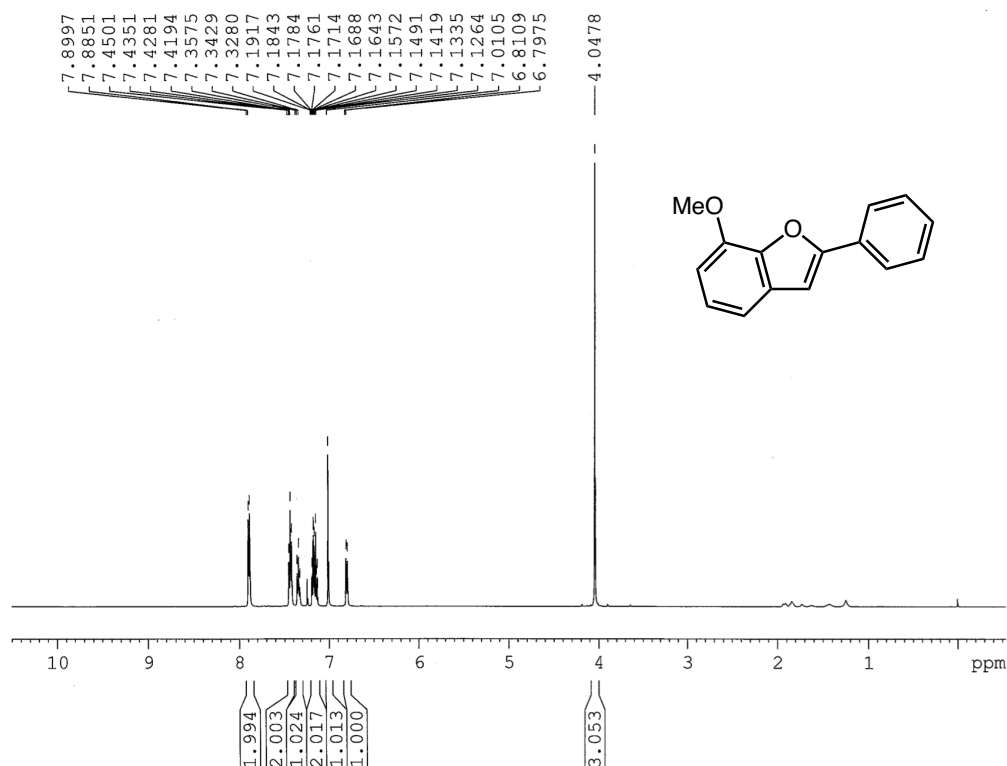
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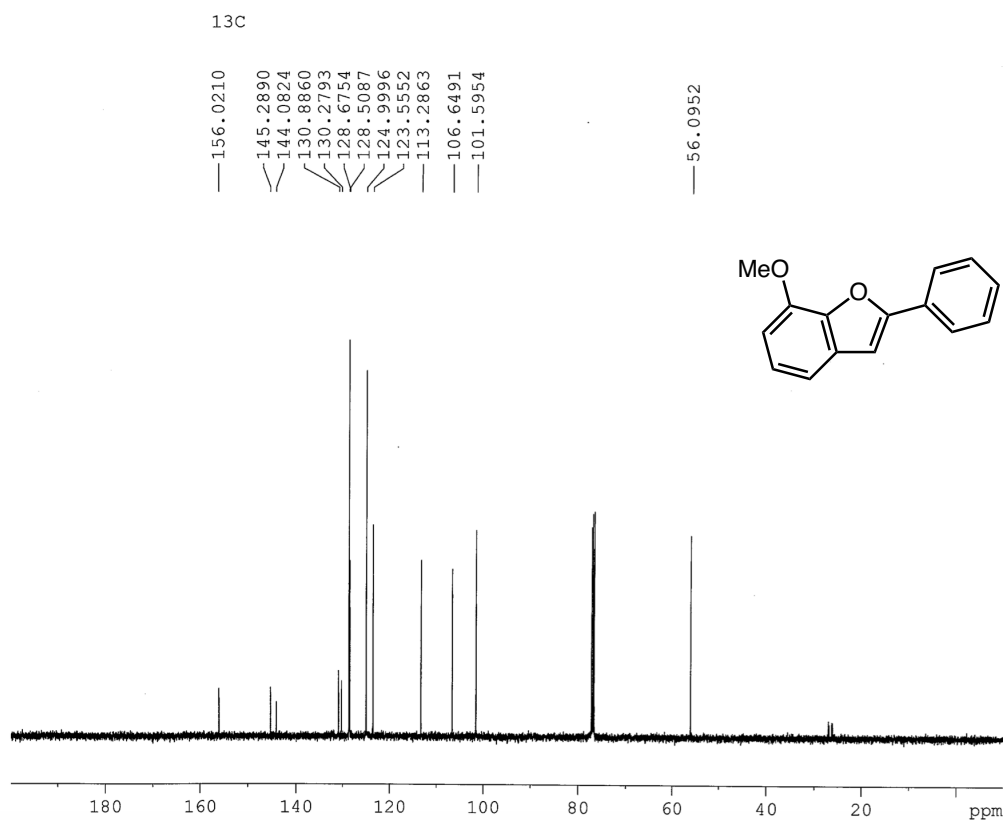


7-Methoxy-2-phenylbenzofuran (3ca)



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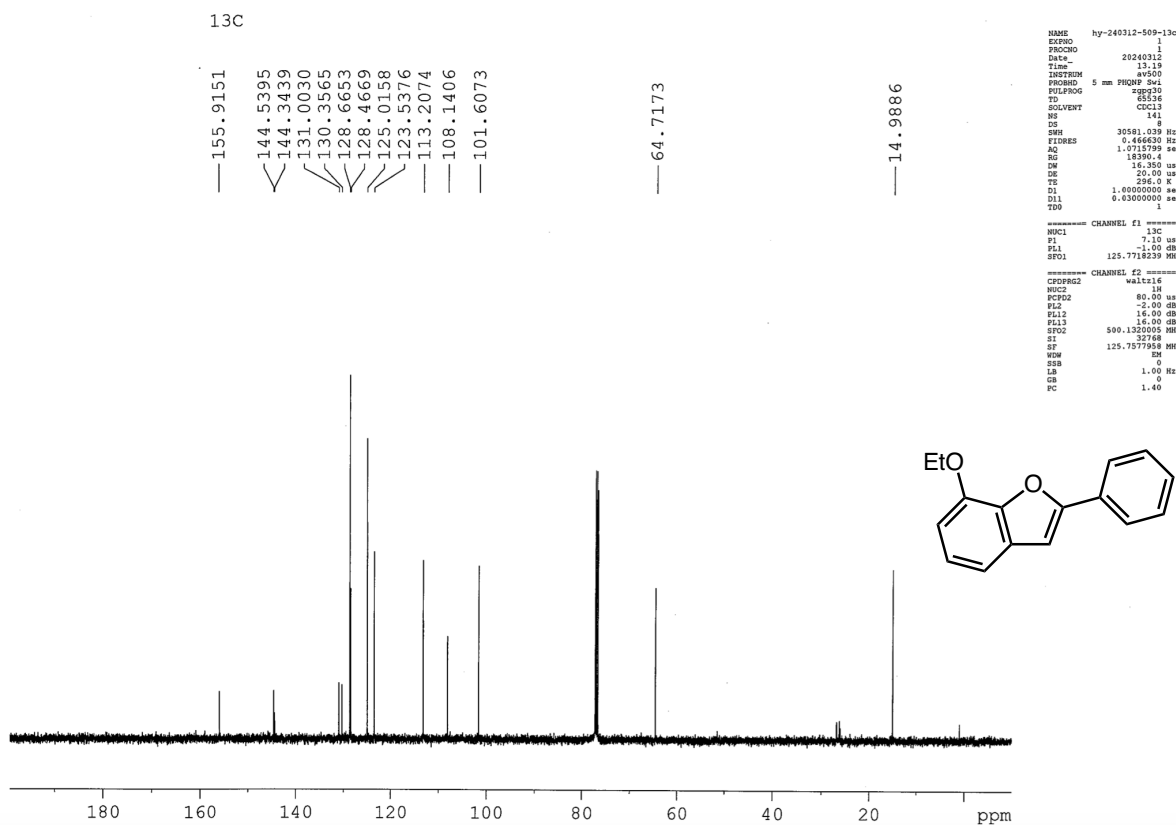
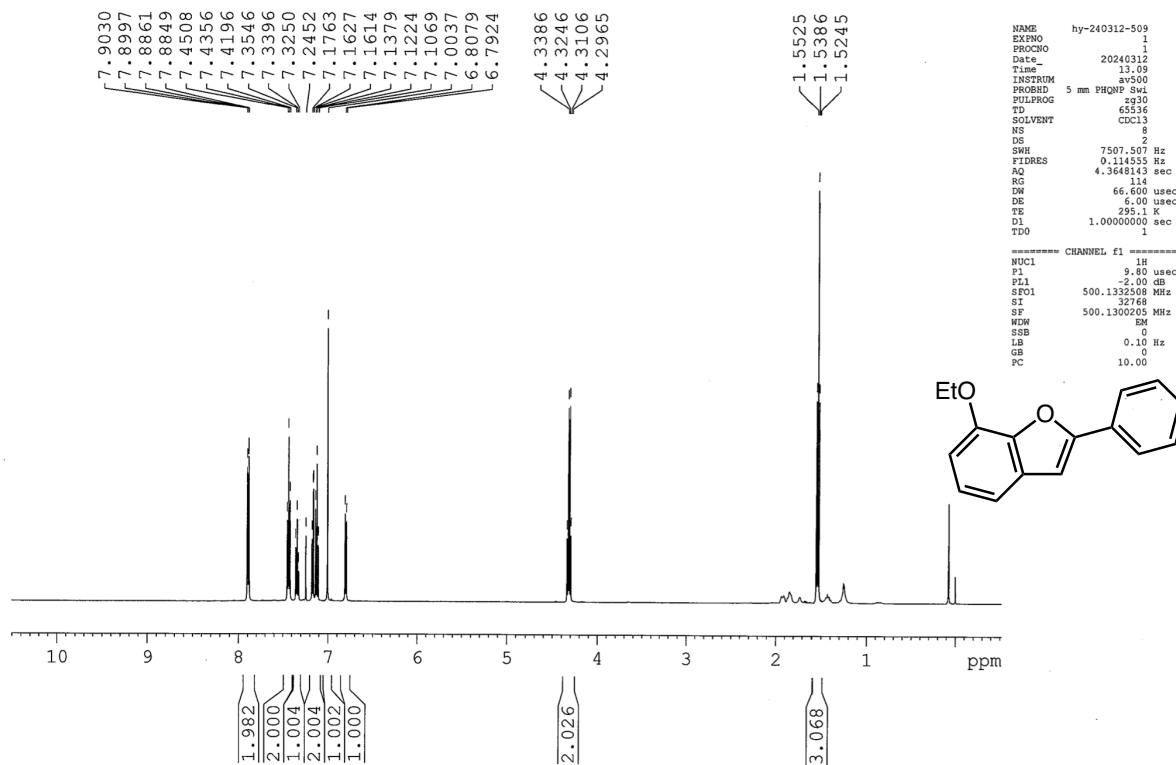
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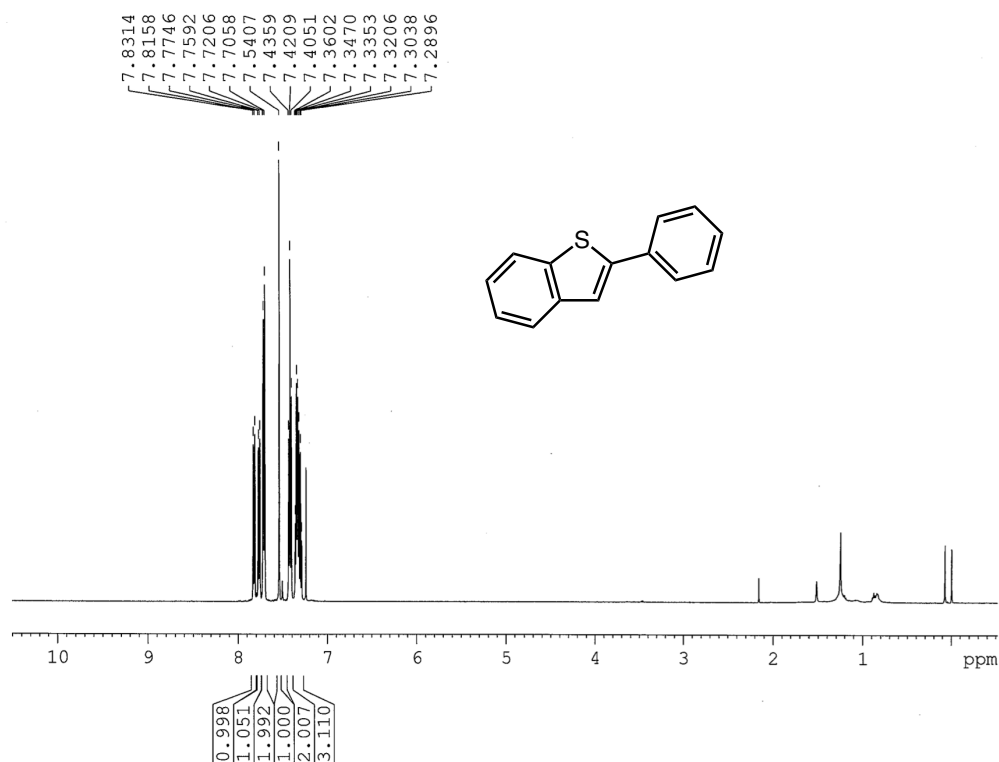
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PL12       16.00 dB
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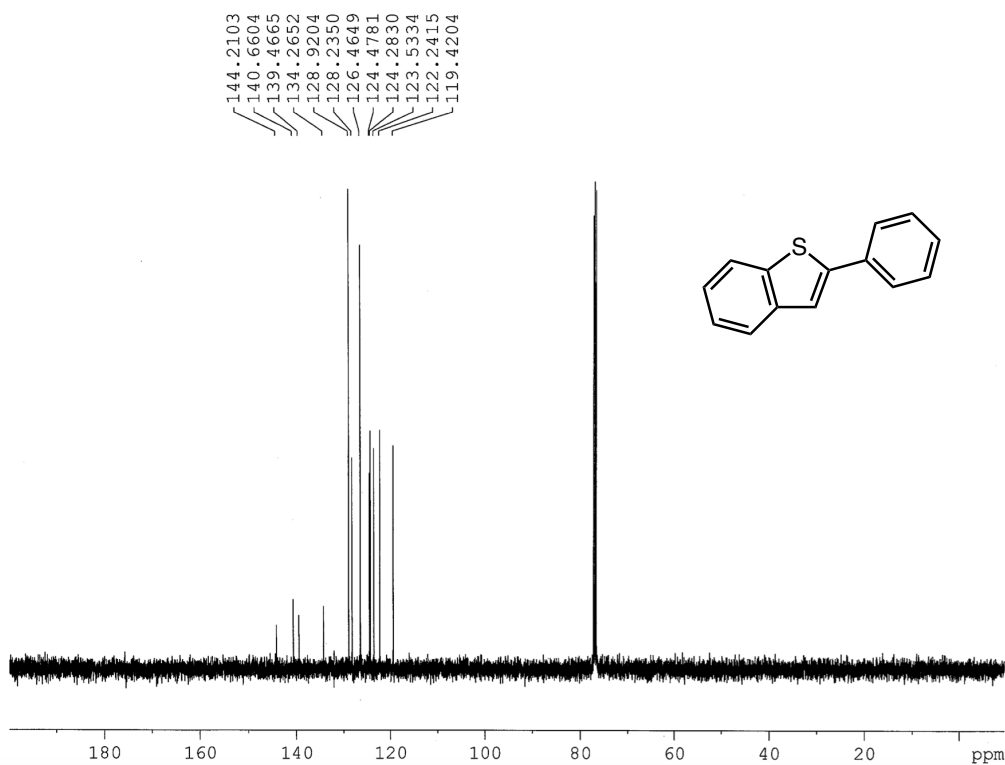
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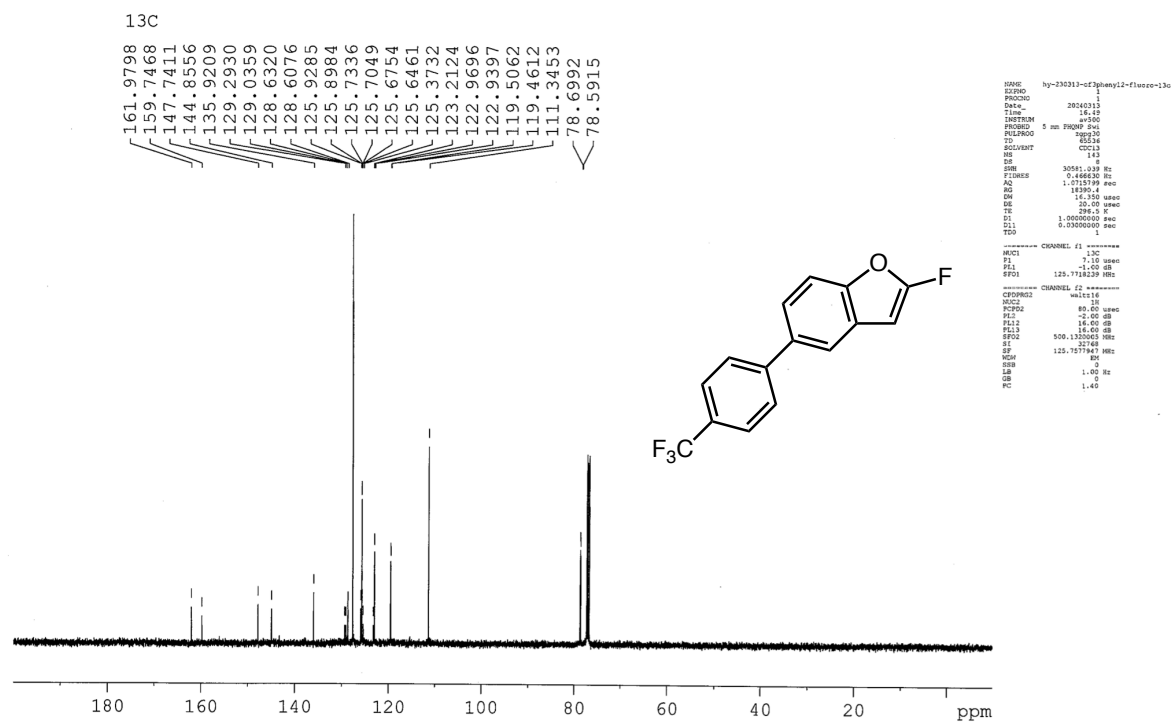
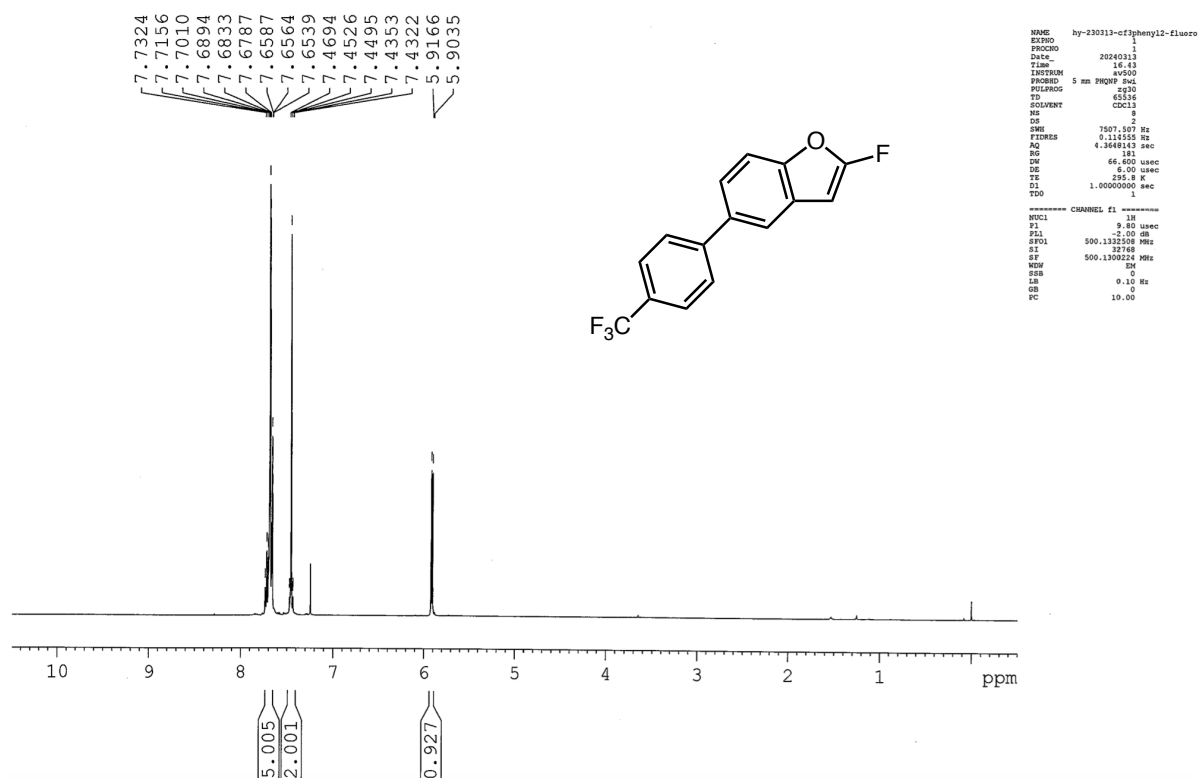
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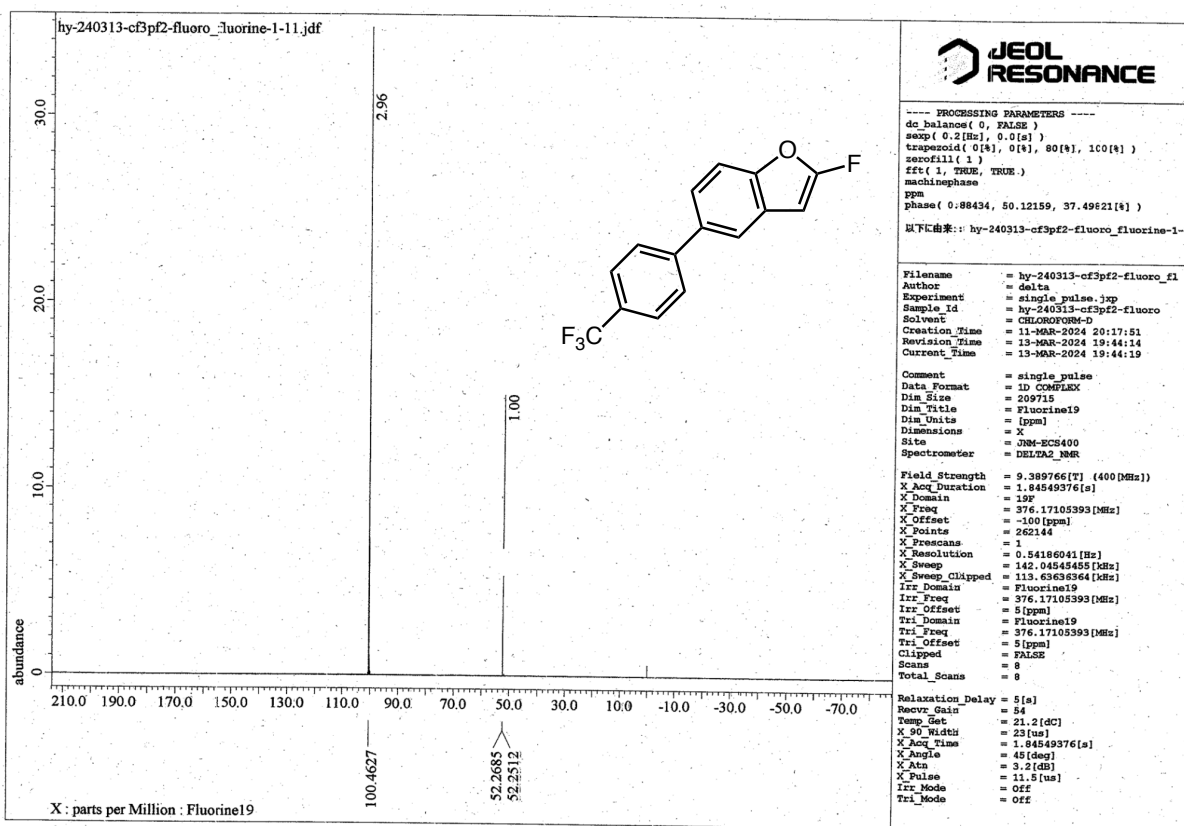


¹³C



2-Fluoro-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]benzofuran (1f)





2-Phenyl-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]benzofuran (3fa)

