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**Palladium-Catalyzed  $\beta$ -selective C(sp<sup>2</sup>)–H Carboxamidation of Enamides by Isocyanide Insertion: Synthesis of N-acyl Enamine Amides**

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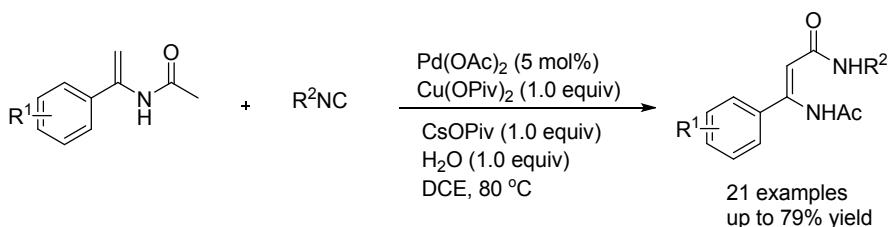
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## I. General Information

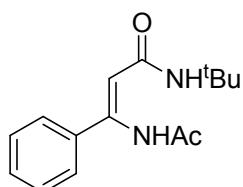
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz) were registered on 400 M and 500 M spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance in the  $^1\text{H}$  spectrum as 0.00 ppm,  $\text{CDCl}_3$  resonance in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectrum as 77.0 ppm. All coupling constants ( $J$  values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). NMR analysis was carried out at 298 K unless noted otherwise. HRMS was obtained on an ESI-LC-MS/MS spectrometer.

## II. General Procedure



**General procedure:** To an oven-dried 10 mL schlenk tube charged with enamide (0.2 mmol),  $\text{Pd(OAc)}_2$  (0.01 mmol, 2.24 mg),  $\text{Cu(OPiv)}_2$  (0.2 mmol, 53.2 mg) and  $\text{CsOPiv}$  (0.2 mmol, 46.8 mg) was added a solution of *t*-BuNC (0.3 mmol, 34.0  $\mu\text{L}$ ) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.2 mmol, 3.6  $\mu\text{L}$ ) in 2.0 mL of dry DCE by syringe. The mixture was stirred at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  under air. When the reaction was completed (detected by TLC), the mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 2 mL of  $\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The crude reaction mixture was extracted with EA (20 mL  $\times$  3) and washed with brine (20 mL). The organic phase was concentrated in *vacuo* and the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding products.

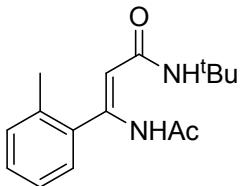
## III. Characterization Data



$(Z)$ -3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-phenylacrylamide(**3a**)

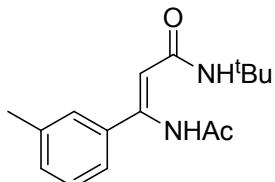
Prepared from *N*-(1-phenylvinyl)acetamide (32.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column

chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3a** as a colorless oil (39 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.53 (s, 1H), 7.30 (brs, 5H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.7, 167.8, 150.9, 136.8, 128.9, 127.9, 126.9, 104.8, 51.6, 28.9, 24.9; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(M+H<sup>+</sup>) 261.1598; found 261.1599.



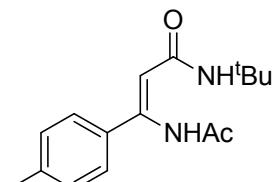
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Prepared from *N*-(1-(*o*-tolyl)vinyl)acetamide (35.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3b** as a colorless oil (32 mg, 0.12 mmol, 58% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.89 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 3H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.3, 167.7, 151.3, 137.0, 135.5, 129.6, 128.4, 127.6, 125.5, 102.7, 51.6, 29.1, 24.8, 19.6; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(M+H<sup>+</sup>) 275.1754; found 275.1754.



**(Z)-3-acetamido-N-(tert-butyl)-3-(m-tolyl)acrylamide(**3c**)**

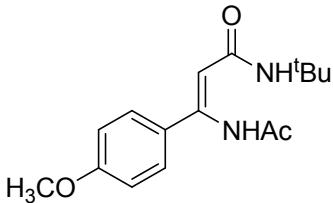
Prepared from *N*-(1-(*m*-tolyl)vinyl)acetamide (35.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3c** as a colorless oil (35 mg, 0.13 mmol, 64% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.49 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.19(m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 3H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.7, 167.8, 151.4, 137.6, 136.8, 129.8, 127.9, 127.5, 124.2, 104.5, 51.6, 29.1, 25.0, 21.6; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(M+H<sup>+</sup>) 275.1754; found 275.1757.



**(Z)-3-acetamido-N-(tert-butyl)-3-(p-tolyl)acrylamide(**3d**)**

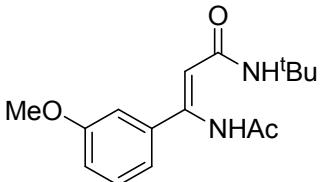
Prepared from *N*-(1-(*p*-tolyl)vinyl)acetamide (35.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column

chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3d** as a colorless oil (33 mg, 0.12 mmol, 60% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.49 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.16, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.16 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 167.9, 151.3, 139.1, 133.9, 128.8, 126.9, 104.1, 51.6, 29.1, 25.0, 21.5; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>(M++H) 275.1754; found 275.1761.



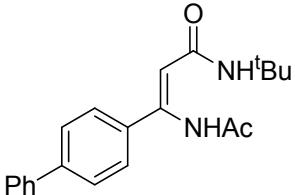
**(Z)-3-acetamido-N-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide(**3e**)**

Prepared from *N*-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (38.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3e** as a light yellow oil (29 mg, 0.10 mmol, 50% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.50 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.9, 168.0, 160.4, 150.9, 129.0, 128.4, 113.5, 103.7, 55.4, 51.6, 29.1, 25.1; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(M+H<sup>+</sup>) 291.1703; found 291.1716.



**(Z)-3-acetamido-N-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylamide(**3f**)**

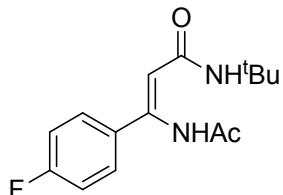
Prepared from *N*-(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (38.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3f** as a colorless oil (29 mg, 0.10 mmol, 50% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.47 (s, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.84 (m, 3H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.7, 167.8, 159.3, 151.0, 138.3, 129.1, 119.6, 114.5, 112.8, 104.7, 55.4, 51.7, 29.0, 24.9; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(M+H<sup>+</sup>) 291.1703; found 291.1703.



**(Z)-3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-acetamido-N-(*tert*-butyl)acrylamide(**3g**)**

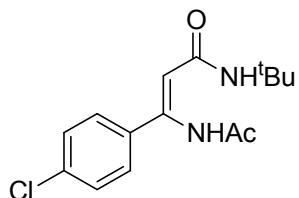
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product **3g** as a colorless oil (44 mg, 0.13 mmol, 66% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.9, 167.8, 150.8, 141.9, 140.7, 135.7, 128.9, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 104.7, 51.7, 29.1, 25.0; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 337.1911; found 337.1921.



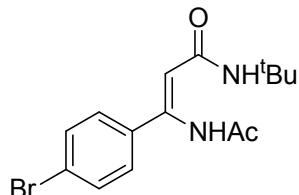
**(Z)-3-acetamido-N-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide(**3h**)**

Prepared from *N*-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (35.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3h** as a light yellow oil (30 mg, 0.11 mmol, 54% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 167.7, 164.2 (*J* = 248.4 Hz), 150.2, 132.9 (*J* = 3.63 Hz), 128.9 (*J* = 8.51 Hz), 115.1 (*J* = 21.9 Hz), 104.6, 51.7, 29.0, 25.0; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 279.1503; found 279.1497.



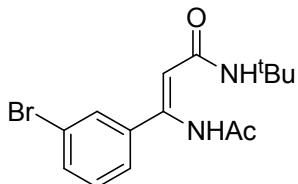
**(Z)-3-acetamido-N-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)acrylamide(**3i**)**

Prepared from *N*-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (39.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3i** as a colorless oil (40 mg, 0.14 mmol, 67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.54 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 167.6, 150.0, 135.3, 134.9, 128.3, 128.2, 104.9, 51.8, 29.0, 24.9; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 295.1208; found 295.1216.



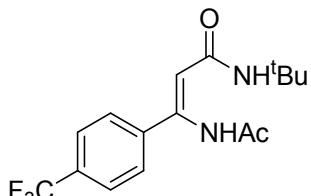
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Prepared from *N*-(1-(4-bromophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3j** as a light yellow oil (49 mg, 0.14 mmol, 72% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.54 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 167.6, 150.0, 135.8, 131.2, 128.6, 123.2, 104.9, 51.8, 29.0, 24.9; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 339.0703; found 339.0710.



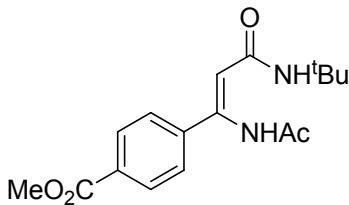
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Prepared from *N*-(1-(3-bromophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3k** as a light yellow oil (36 mg, 0.11 mmol, 53% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.50 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.7, 167.5, 149.6, 139.0, 131.9, 129.8, 129.5, 125.8, 122.1, 105.3, 51.8, 29.0, 24.9; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 339.0703; found 339.0700.



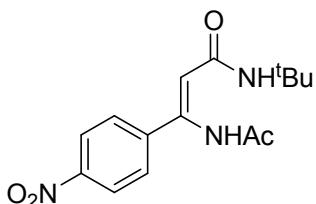
**(Z)-3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylamide(**3l**)**

Prepared from *N*-(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)acetamide (45.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3l** as a colorless oil (44 mg, 0.13 mmol, 67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.59 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 167.4, 149.7, 140.6, 130.9 (*J* = 32.4 Hz), 127.3, 125.2 (*J* = 272.3 Hz), 125.0 (*J* = 3.75 Hz), 105.6, 51.9, 29.0, 24.8; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 329.1471; found 329.1480.



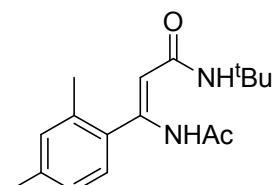
*(Z)-methyl 4-(1-acetamido-3-(*tert*-butylamino)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate(3m)*

Prepared from methyl 4-(1-acetamidovinyl)benzoate (43.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3m** as a colorless oil (31 mg, 0.97 mmol, 49% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.55 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.7, 167.5, 166.8, 150.2, 141.5, 130.4, 129.4, 127.0, 105.5, 52.3, 51.8, 29.0, 24.8; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 319.1652; found 319.1666.



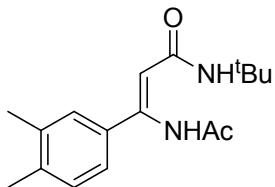
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Prepared from *N*-(1-(4-nitrophenyl)vinyl)acetamide (41.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3n** as a yellow oil (34 mg, 0.11 mmol, 56% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.62 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 167.1, 148.8, 147.9, 143.5, 127.9, 123.4, 106.2, 52.0, 29.0, 24.7; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 306.1448; found 306.1449.



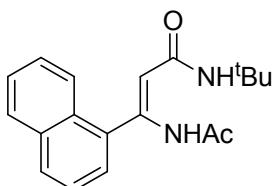
*(Z)-3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)acrylamide(3o)*

Prepared from *N*-(1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (37.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3o** as a colorless oil (31 mg, 0.11 mmol, 53% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.87 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.95 (m, 2H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.4, 167.7, 151.5, 138.1, 135.3, 134.2, 130.5, 127.6, 126.2, 102.7, 51.6, 29.1, 24.8, 21.3, 19.6; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 289.1911; found 289.1915.



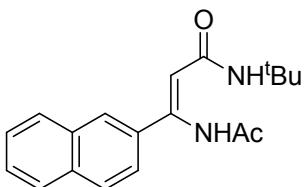
**(Z)-3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)acrylamide(**3p**)**

Prepared from *N*-(1-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)vinyl)acetamide (37.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3p** as a colorless oil (36 mg, 0.13 mmol, 63% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 11.46 (s, 1H), 7.09-7.05 (m, 3H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.8, 168.0, 151.4, 137.8, 136.2, 134.3, 129.4, 128.1, 124.6, 104.1, 51.6, 29.1, 25.0, 19.9, 19.8; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 289.1911; found 289.1915.



**(Z)-3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)acrylamide(**3q**)**

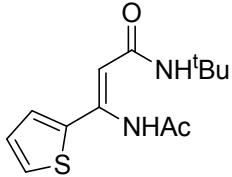
Prepared from *N*-(1-(naphthalen-1-yl)vinyl)acetamide (42.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3q** as a colorless oil (49 mg, 0.16 mmol, 79% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 12.09 (s, 1H), 7.96-7.92 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.2, 167.5, 150.1, 135.3, 133.1, 131.4, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 126.0, 125.1, 125.0, 124.8, 104.0, 51.6, 29.0, 24.7; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 311.1754; found 311.1761.



**(Z)-3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylamide(**3r**)**

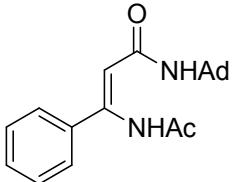
Prepared from *N*-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide (42.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3r** as a colorless oil (34 mg, 0.11 mmol, 55% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,

$\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  11.63 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.8, 167.9, 151.2, 134.7, 133.7, 133.1, 128.4, 127.8, 127.3, 126.6, 126.3, 125.8, 125.2, 104.9, 51.7, 29.1, 25.0; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2(\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$  311.1754; found 311.1761.



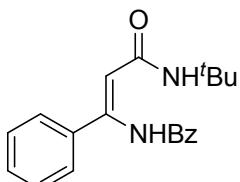
**(Z)-3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)acrylamide(**3s**)**

Prepared from *N*-(1-(thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide (33.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification ( $\text{EtOAc}$  : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3s** as a colorless oil (32 mg, 0.12 mmol, 60% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  11.28 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  169.2, 167.4, 144.0, 138.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.7, 105.0, 51.7, 29.0, 25.0; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}(\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$  267.1162; found 267.1168.



**(Z)-3-acetamido-*N*-(adamantan-1-yl)-3-phenylacrylamide(**3t**)**

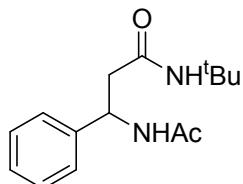
Prepared from *N*-(1-phenylvinyl)acetamide (32.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and AdNC (48.3 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column chromatography purification ( $\text{EtOAc}$  : petroleum ether = 1 : 4) furnished the product **3t** as a colorless oil (38 mg, 0.11 mmol, 56% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  11.49 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.11 (brs, 3H), 2.05-2.01 (m, 6H), 1.71 (brs, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  168.7, 167.6, 151.2, 136.9, 129.0, 128.0, 127.0, 104.8, 52.4, 41.9, 36.4, 29.6, 25.0; HRMS: calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2(\text{M}+\text{H}^+)$  339.2067; found 339.2078.



**(Z)-*N*-(3-(*tert*-butylamino)-3-oxo-1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzamide(**3u**)**

Prepared from *N*-(1-phenylvinyl)benzamide (44.6 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and *t*-BuNC (24.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) according to the general procedure. Column

chromatography purification (EtOAc : petroleum ether = 1 : 8) furnished the product **3u** as a white solid (33.2 mg, 0.11 mmol, 52% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 12.57 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.1, 165.2, 151.9, 137.2, 134.3, 132.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 105.4, 51.8, 29.1; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 323.1754; found 323.1741; mp = 160-162 °C.



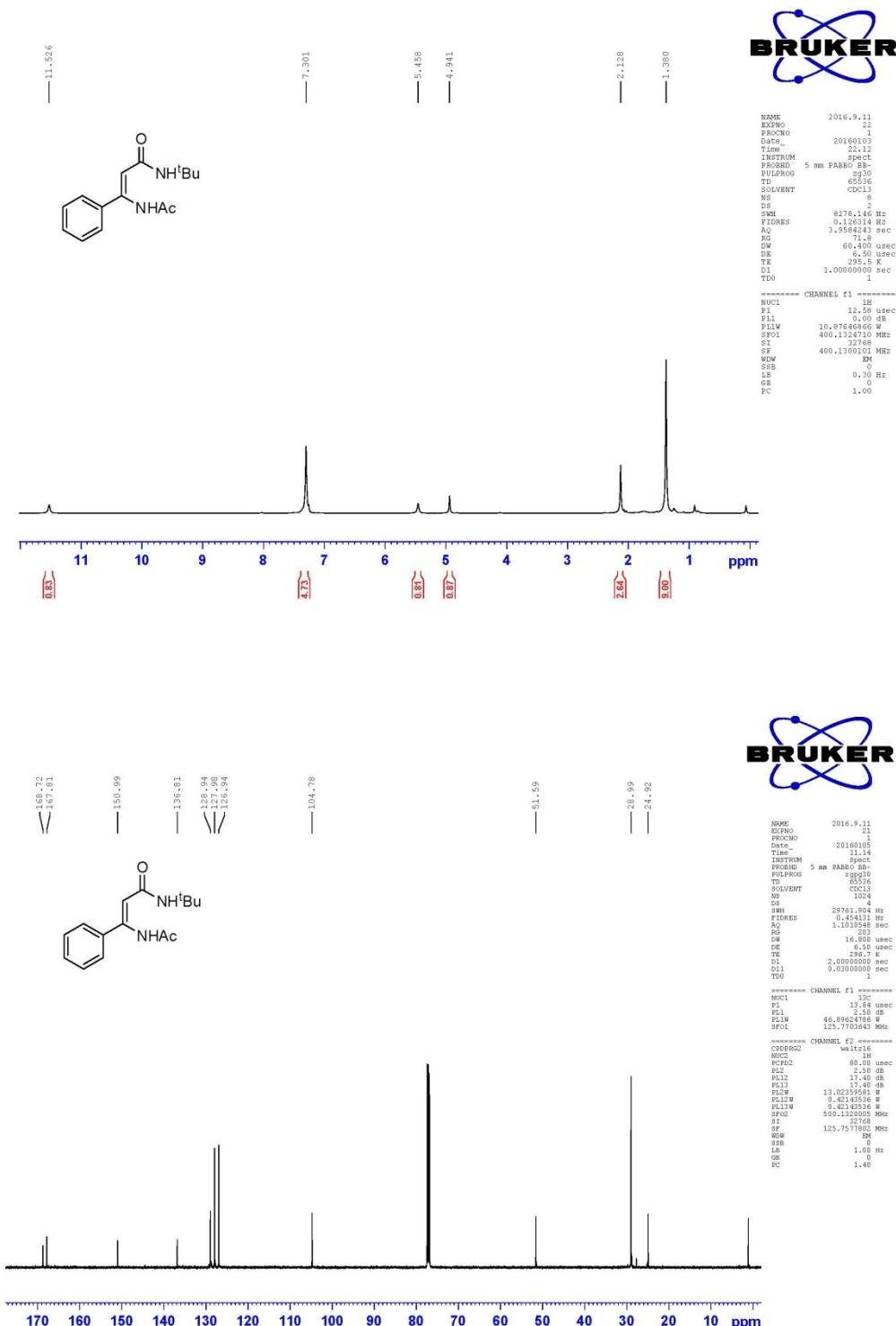
#### 3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-phenylpropanamide(**4**)

To a solution of (*Z*)-3-acetamido-*N*-(*tert*-butyl)-3-phenylacrylamide (**3a**, 0.2 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) was added Pd/C (50.0mg). Then the reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. under H<sub>2</sub>(g) (1 atm). The reaction was monitored by TLC until completion. The crude reaction mixture was filtered to obtain filtrate. After evaporation, the product **4** can be obtained in quantitative yield without further purification.

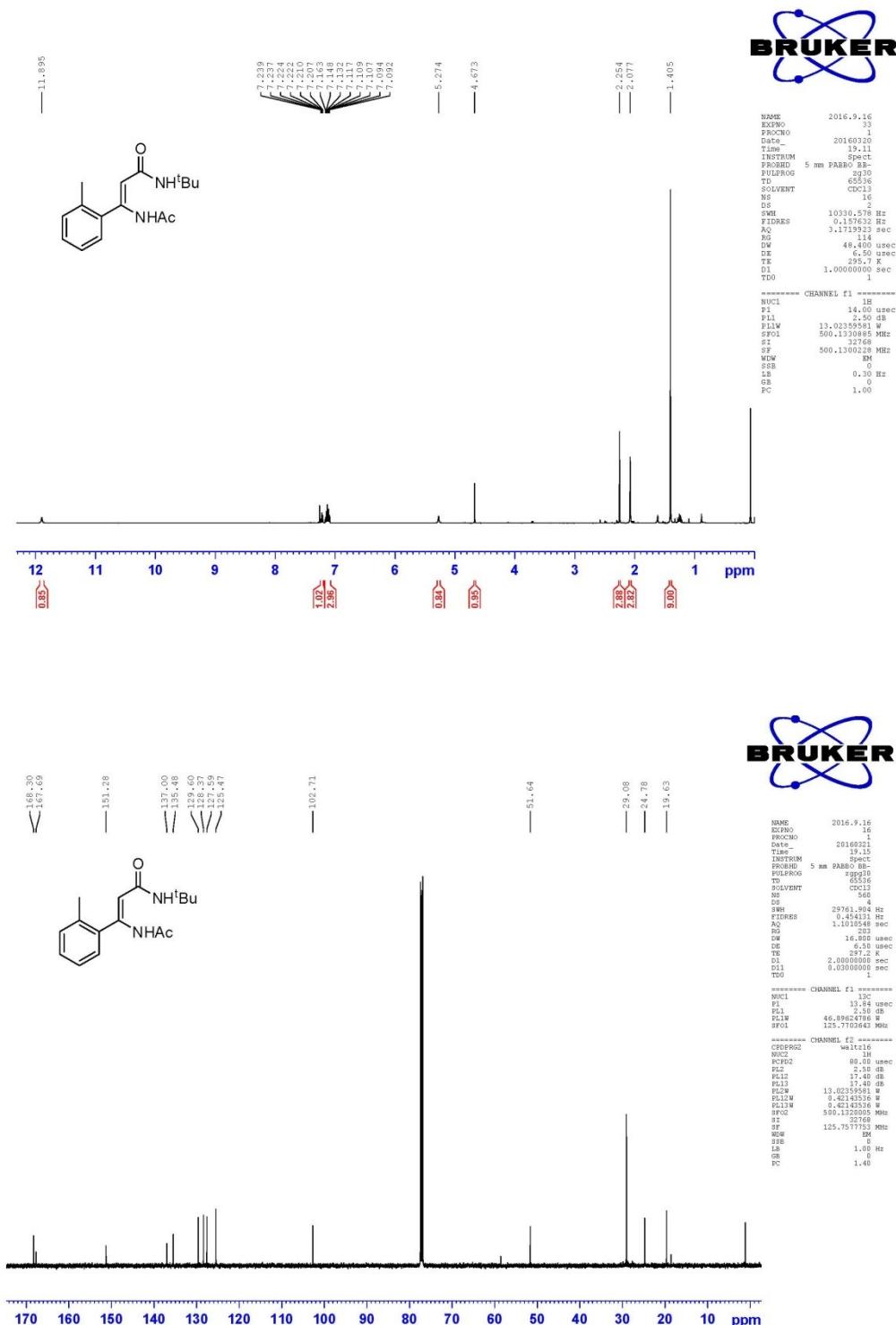
White solid (52.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100% yield). mp = 210-212 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.21 (m, 1H), 5.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 172.2, 171.8, 142.8, 129.5, 128.4, 127.7, 52.5, 51.9, 44.4, 28.8, 22.7; HRMS: calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H<sup>+</sup>) 263.1754; found 263.1754.

## IV. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra

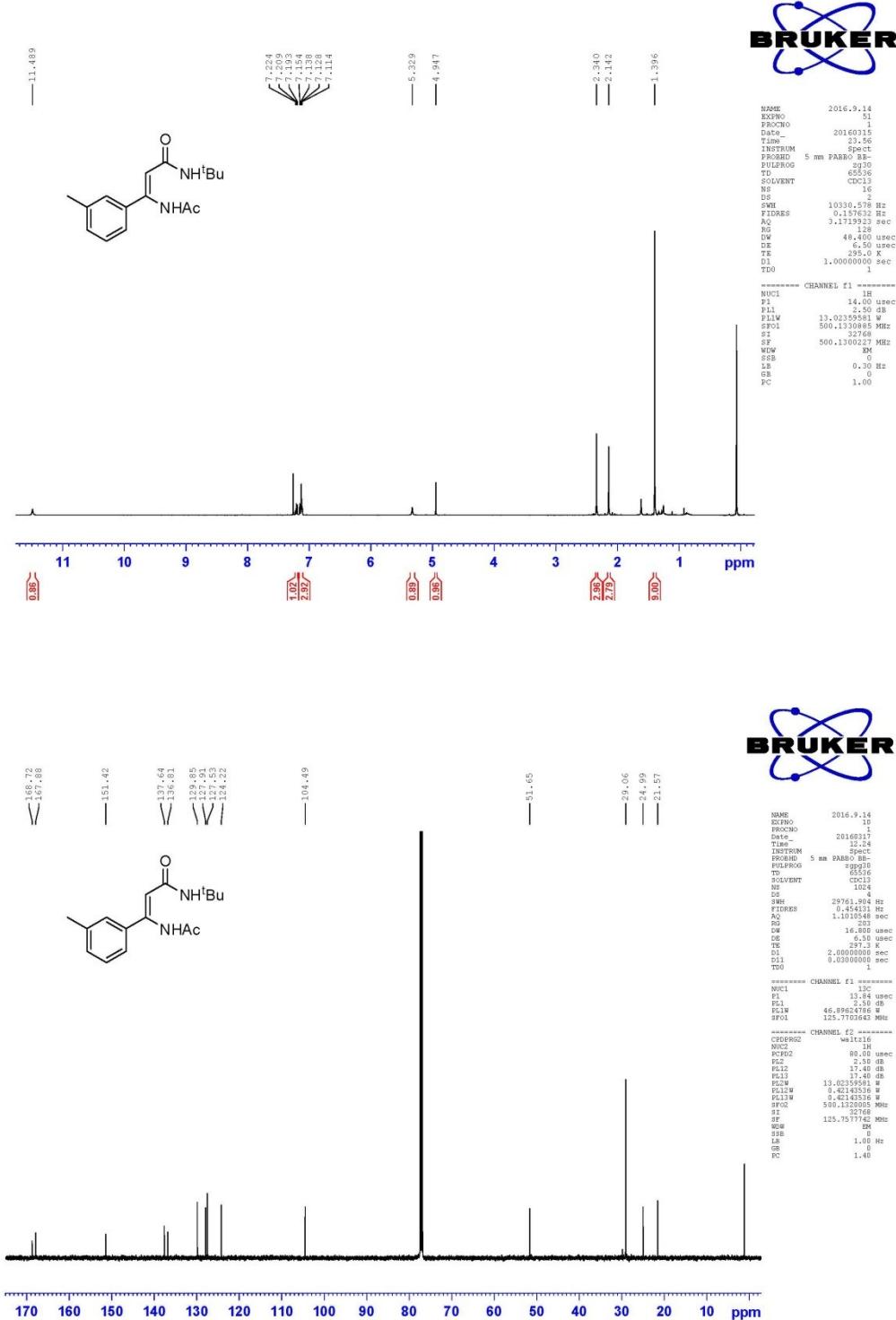
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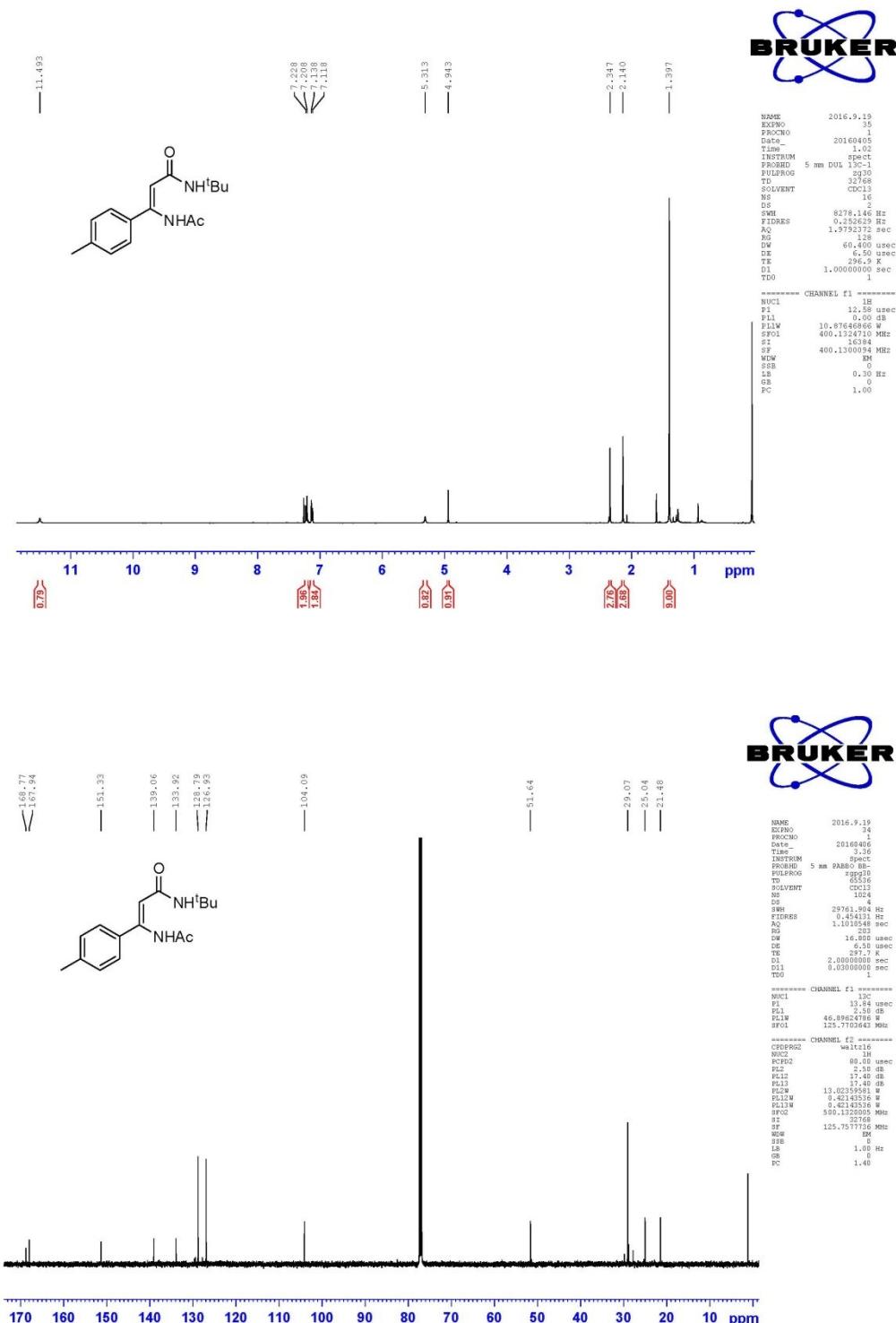
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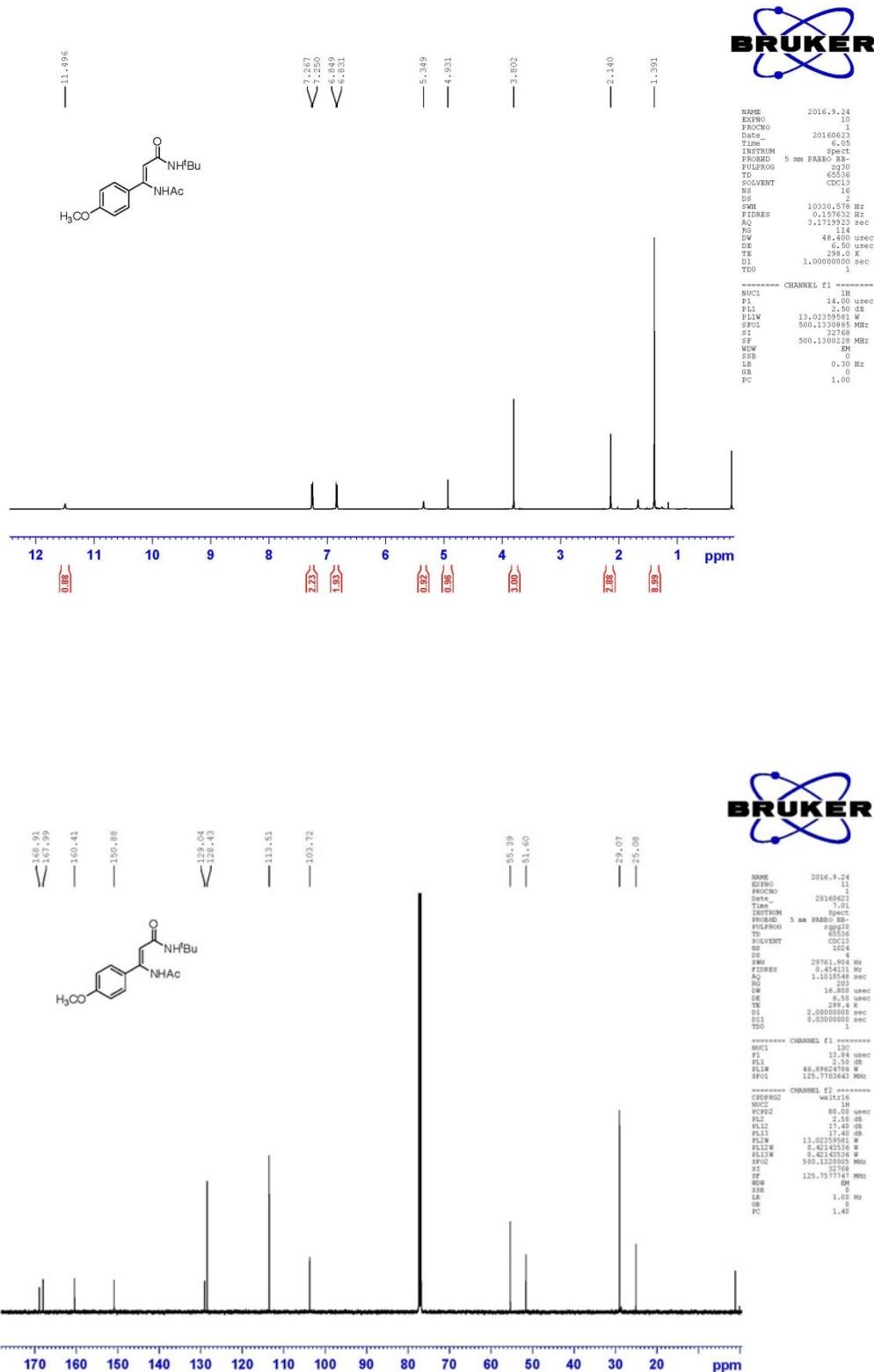
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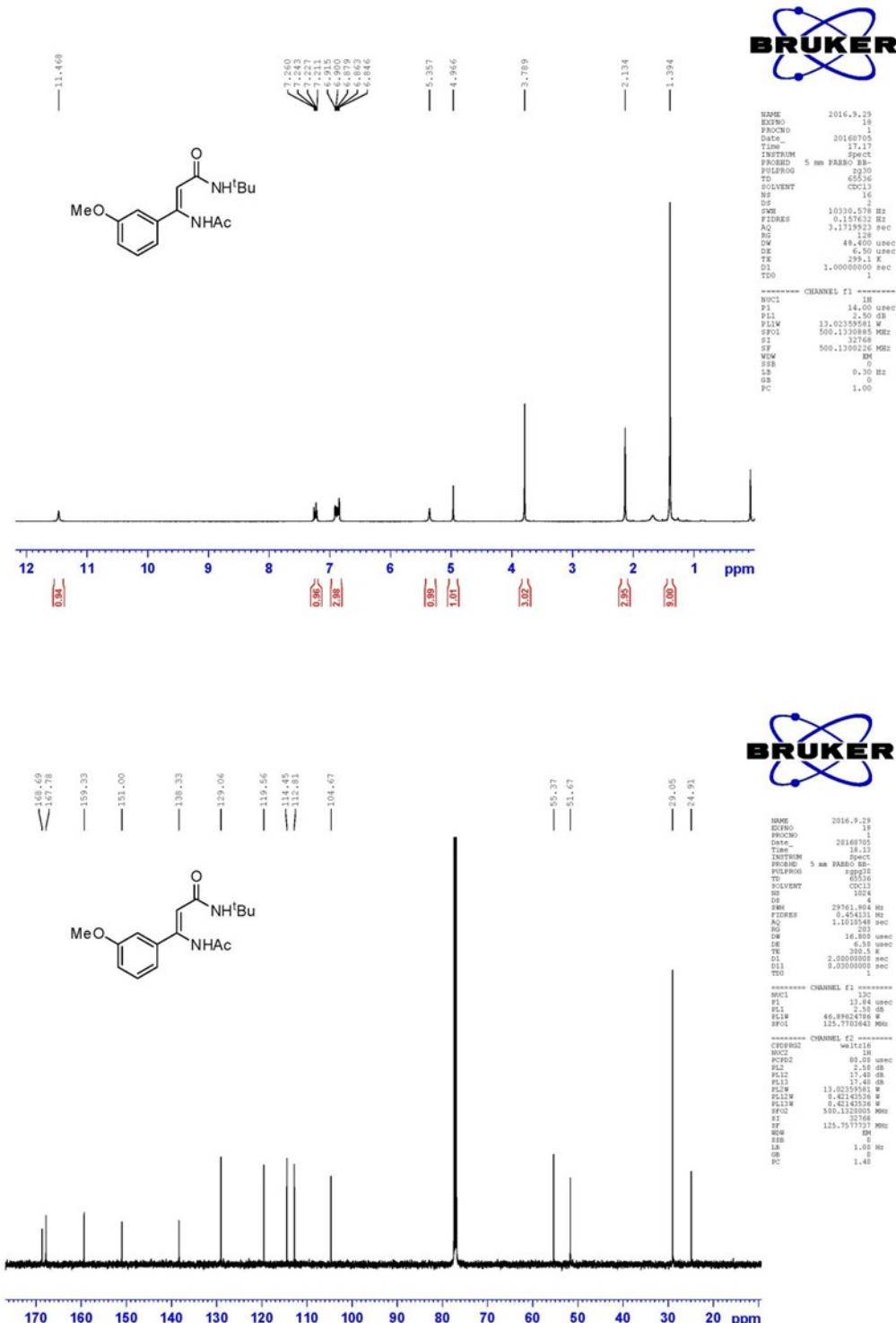
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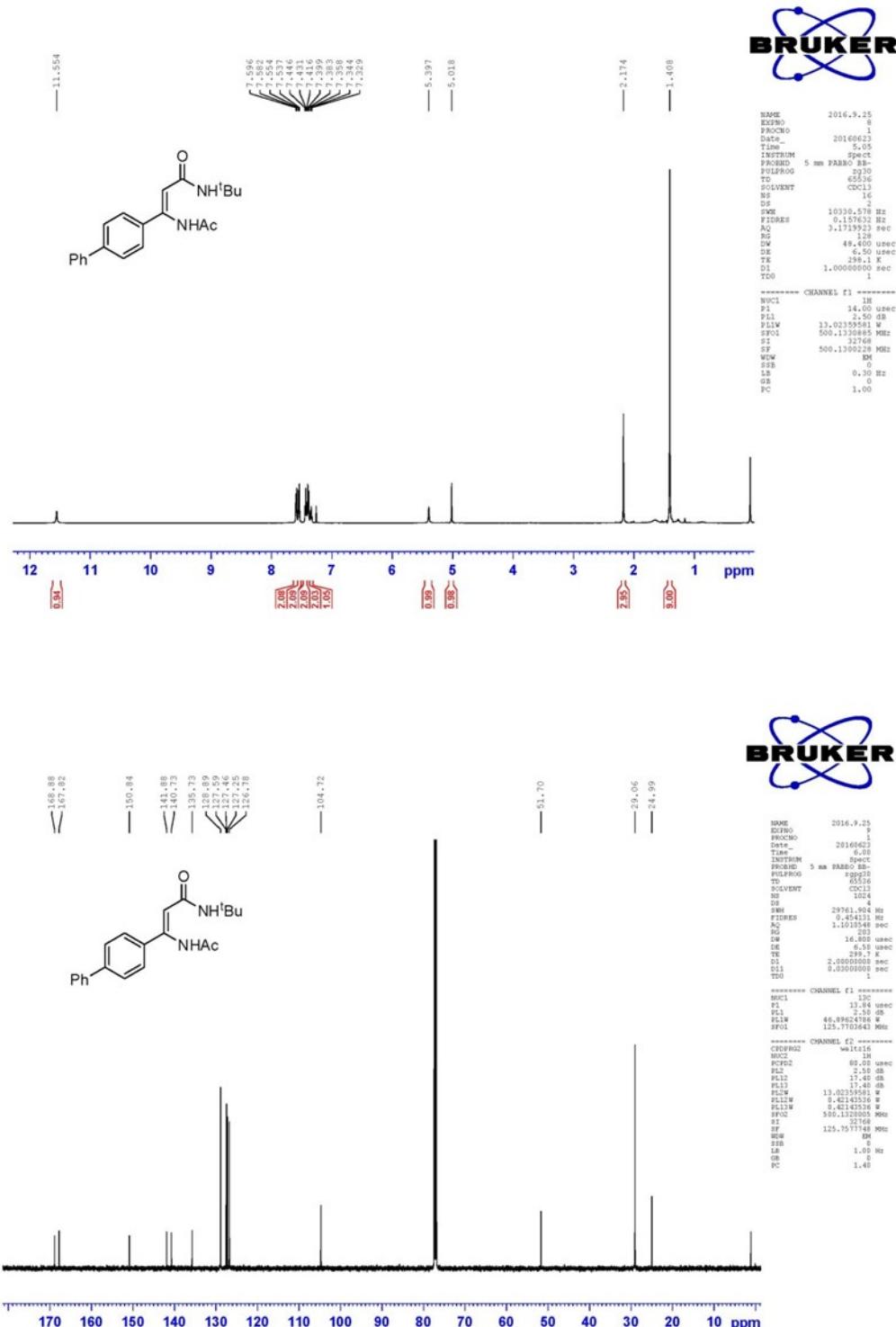
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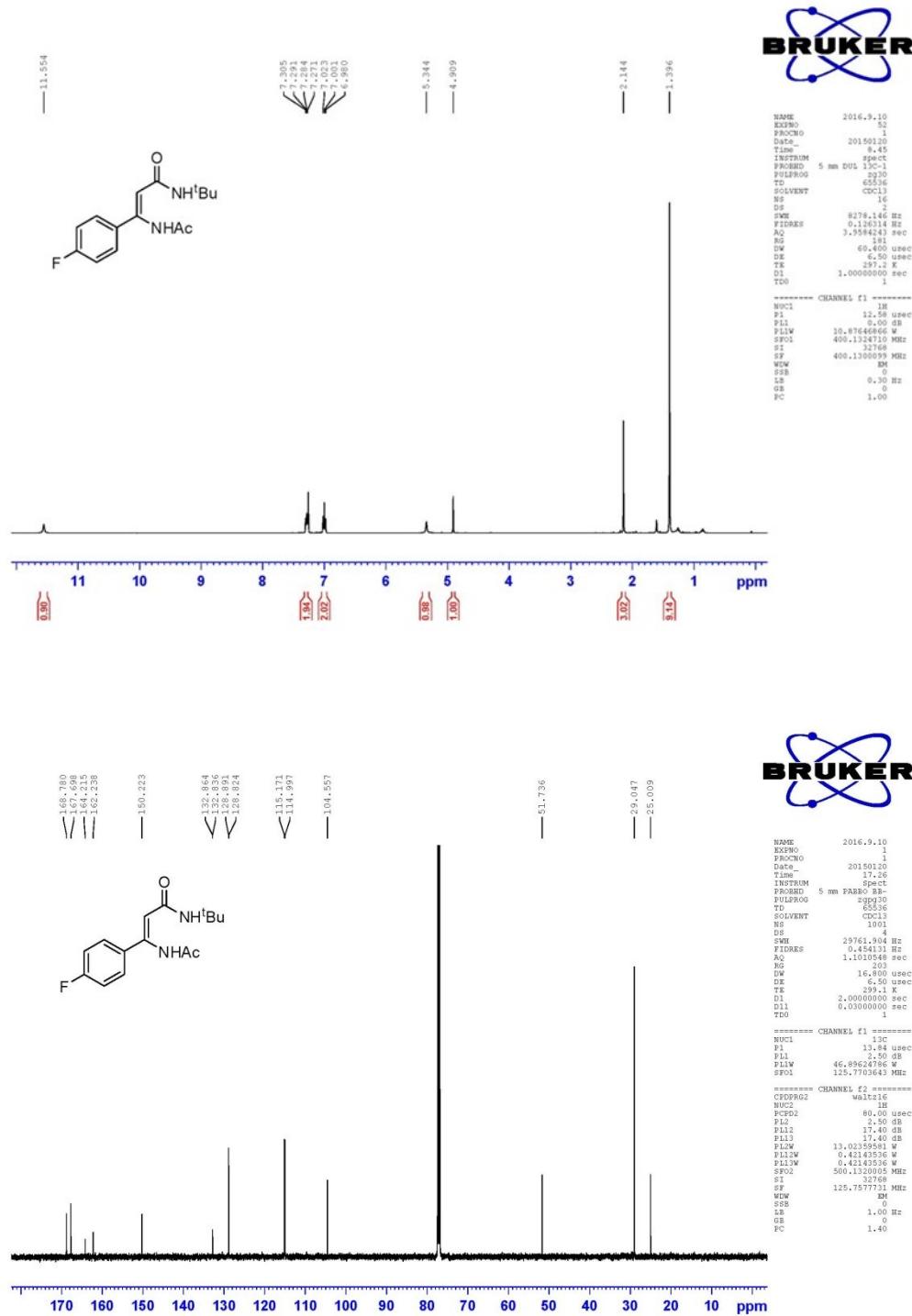
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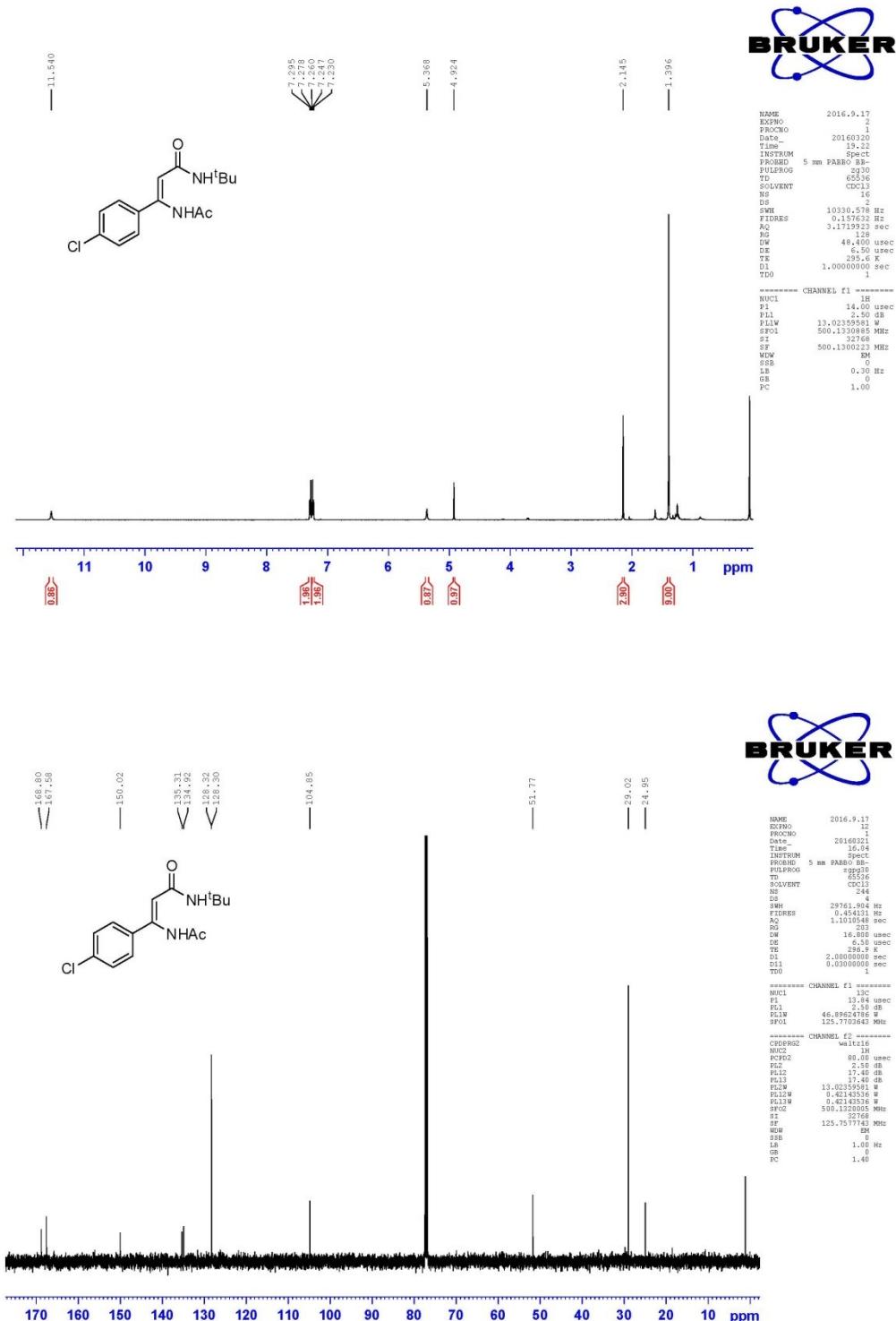
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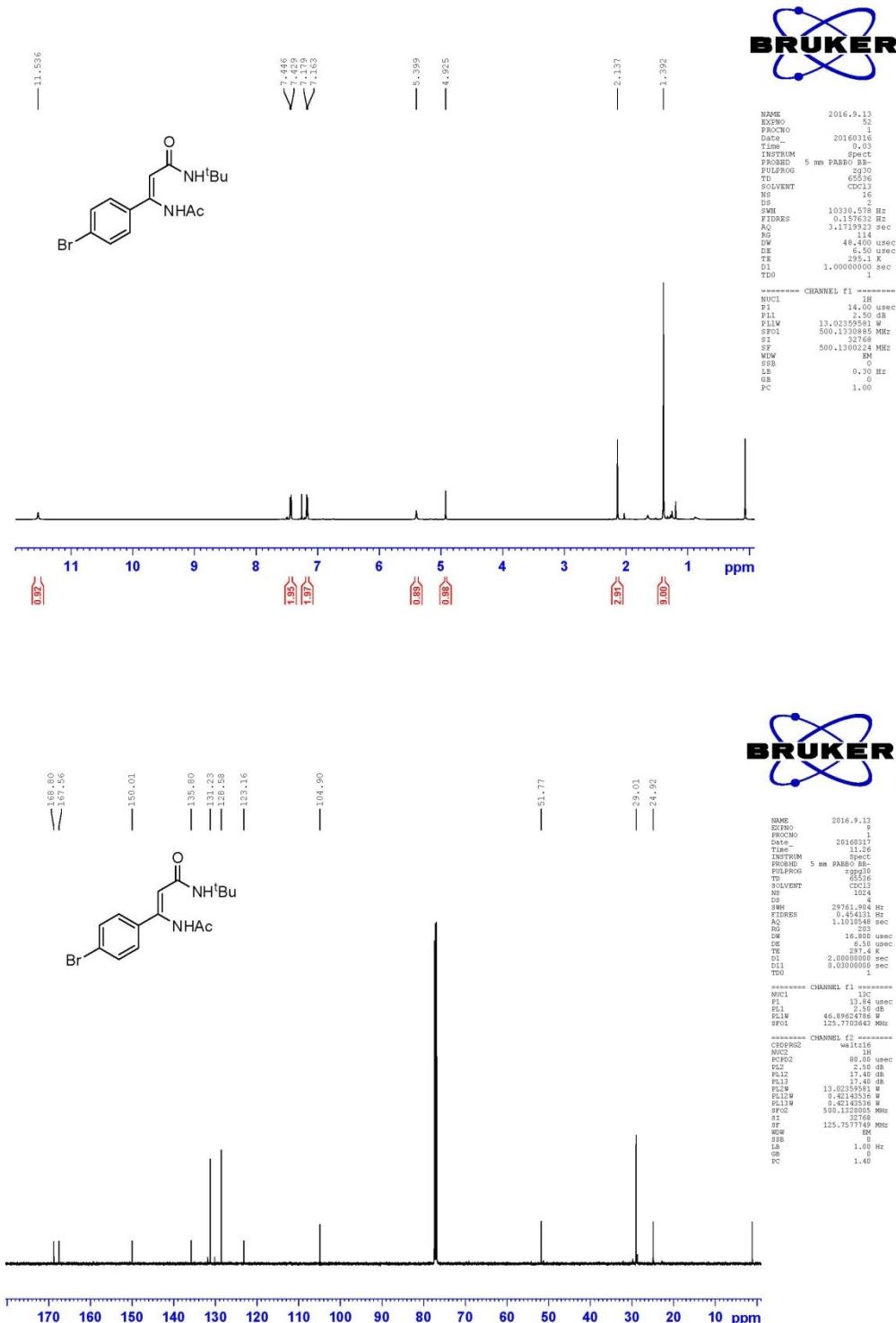
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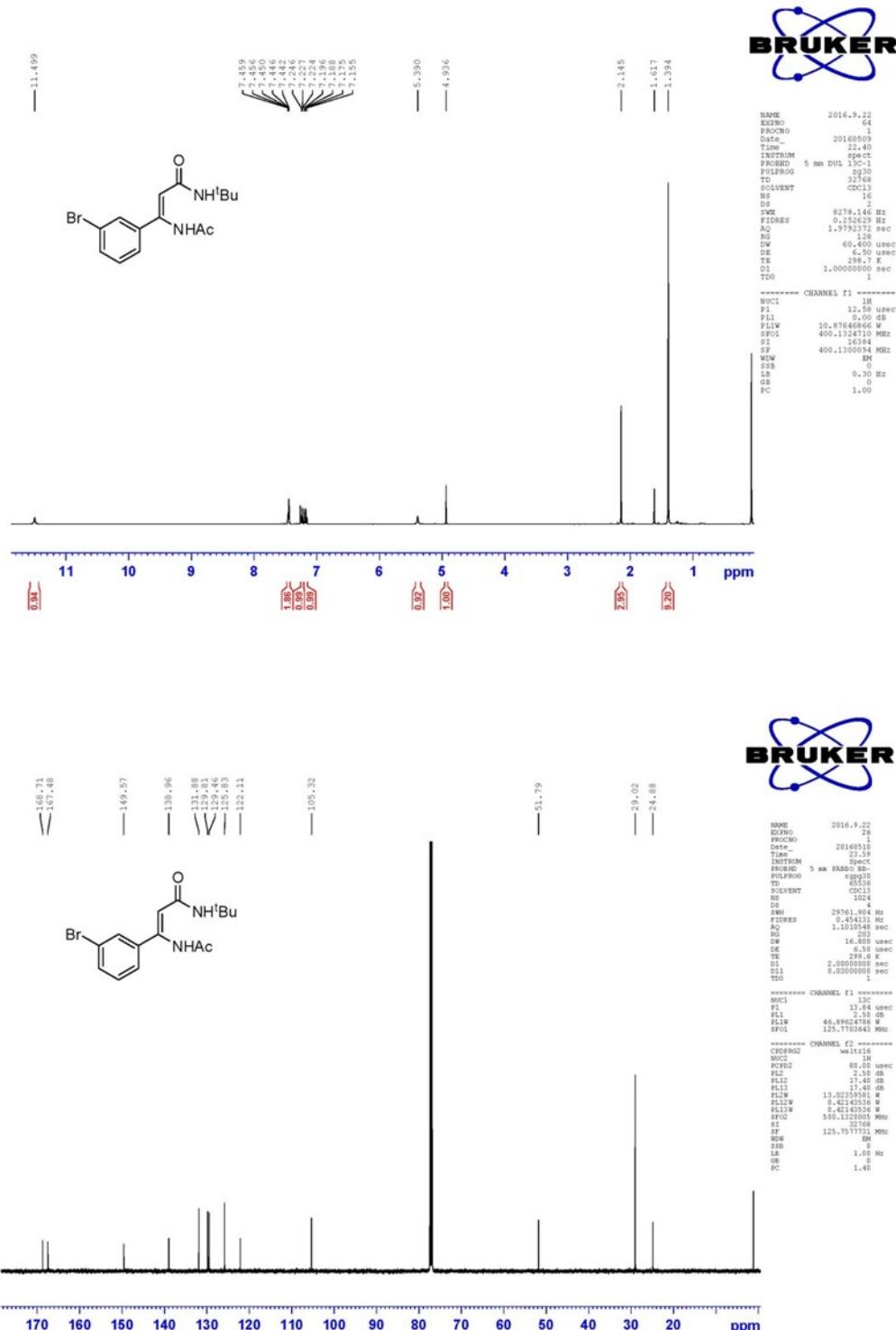
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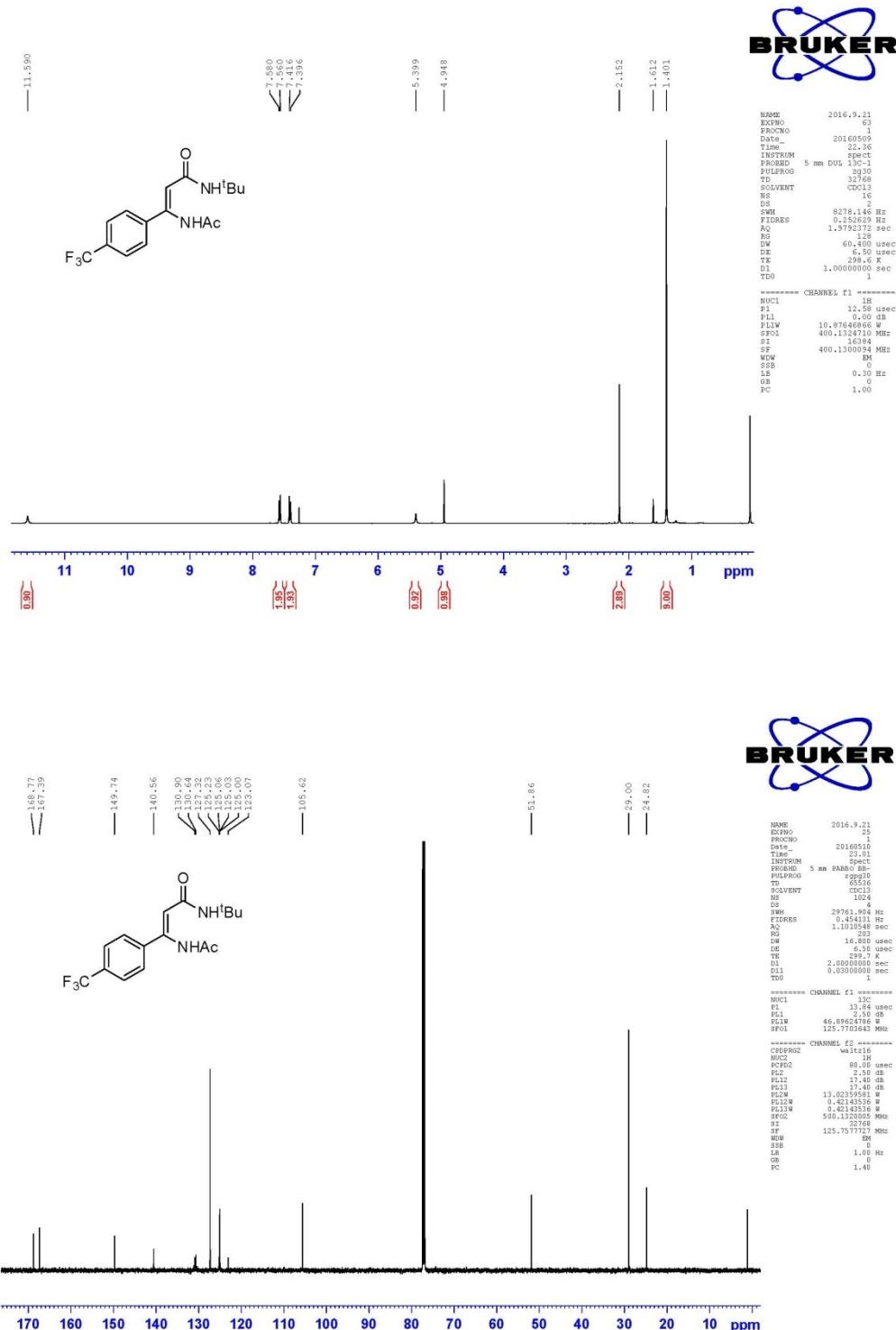


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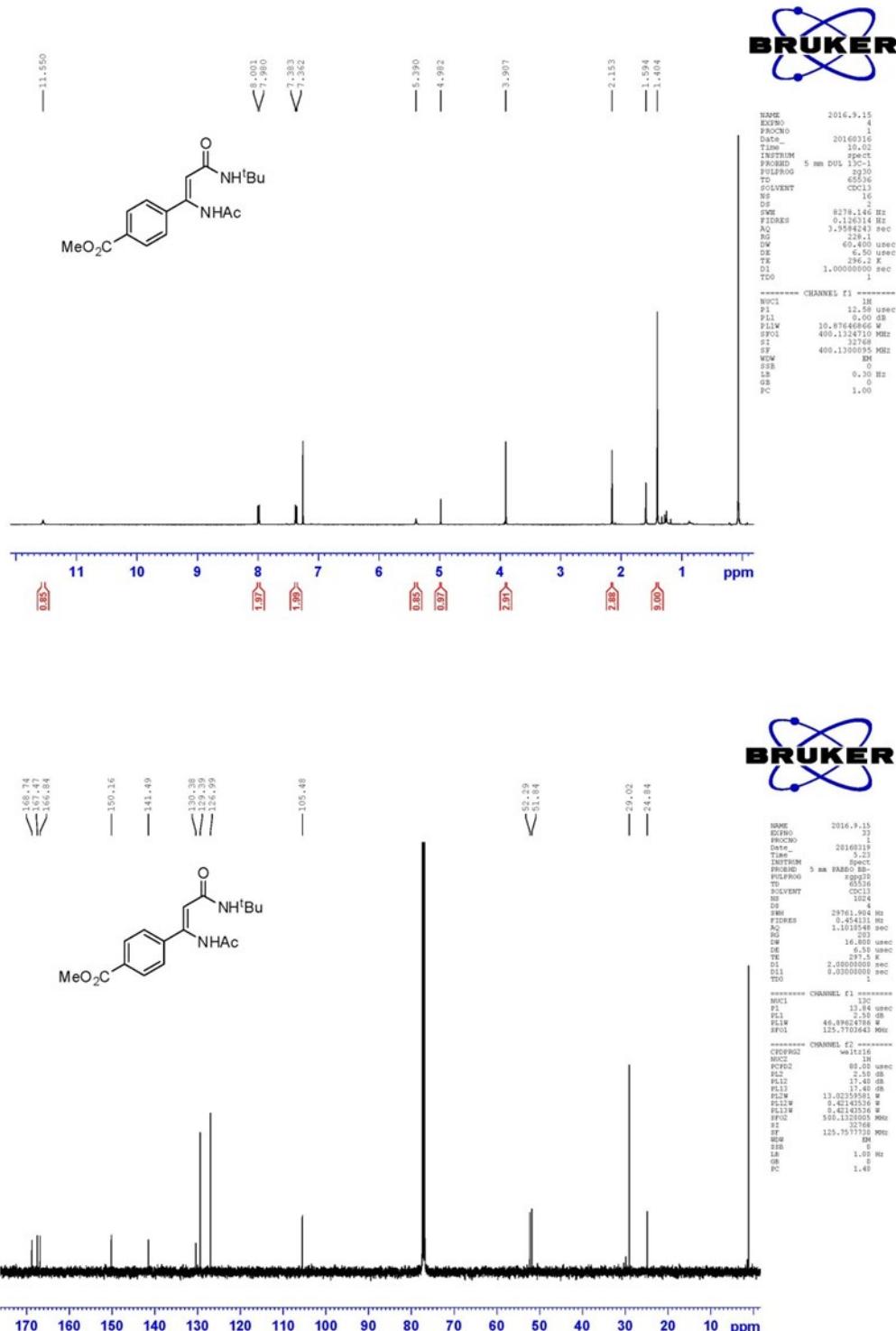


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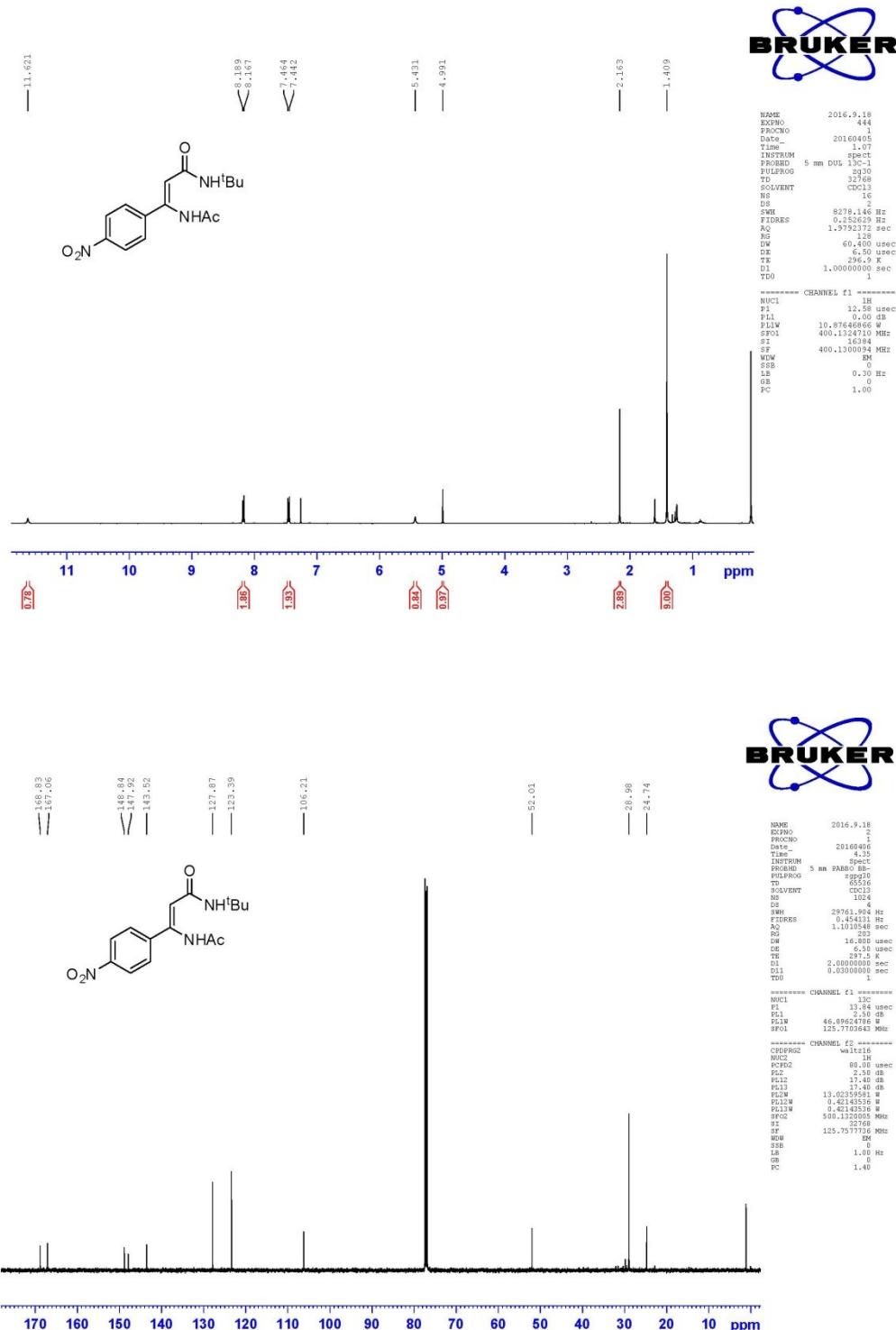




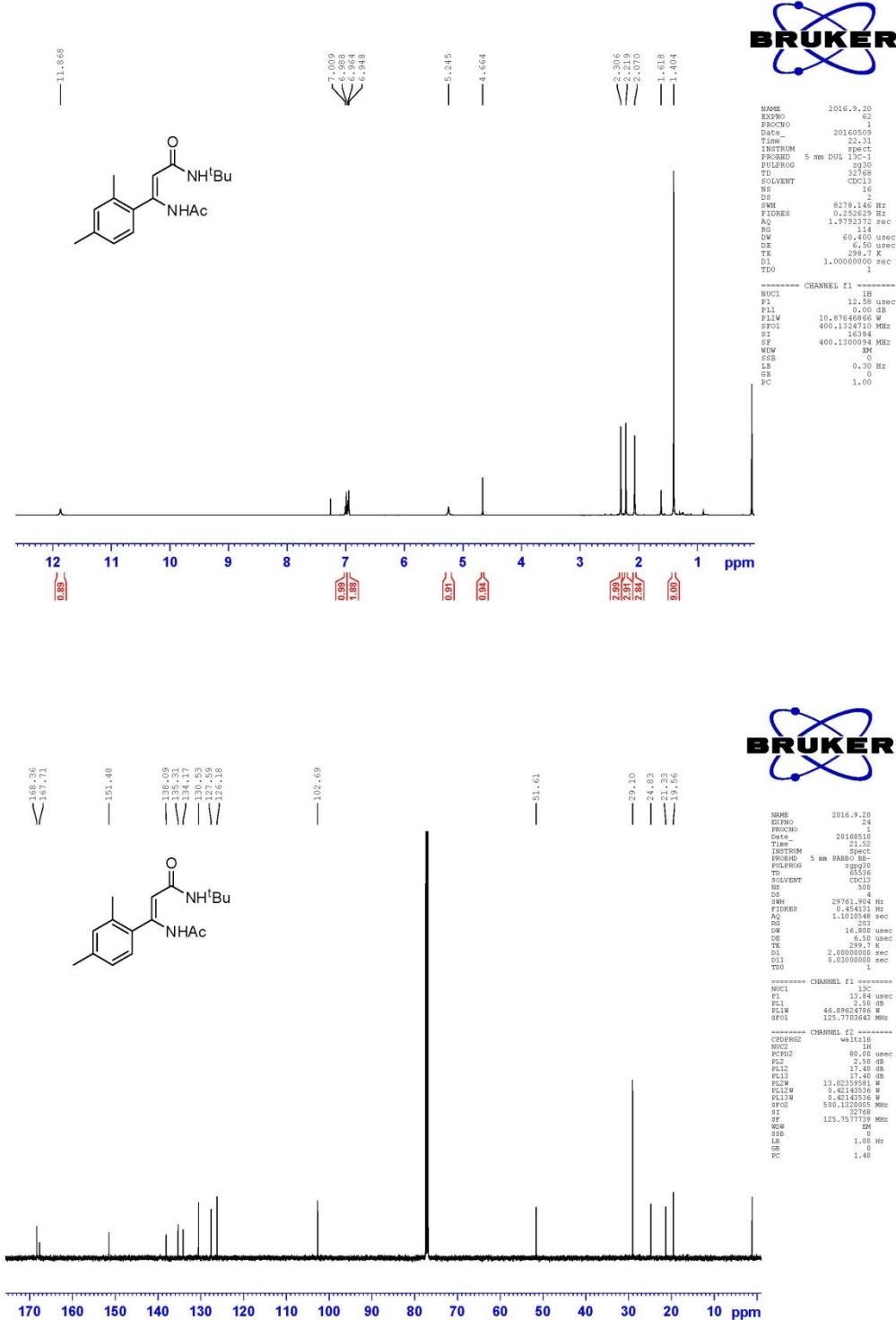
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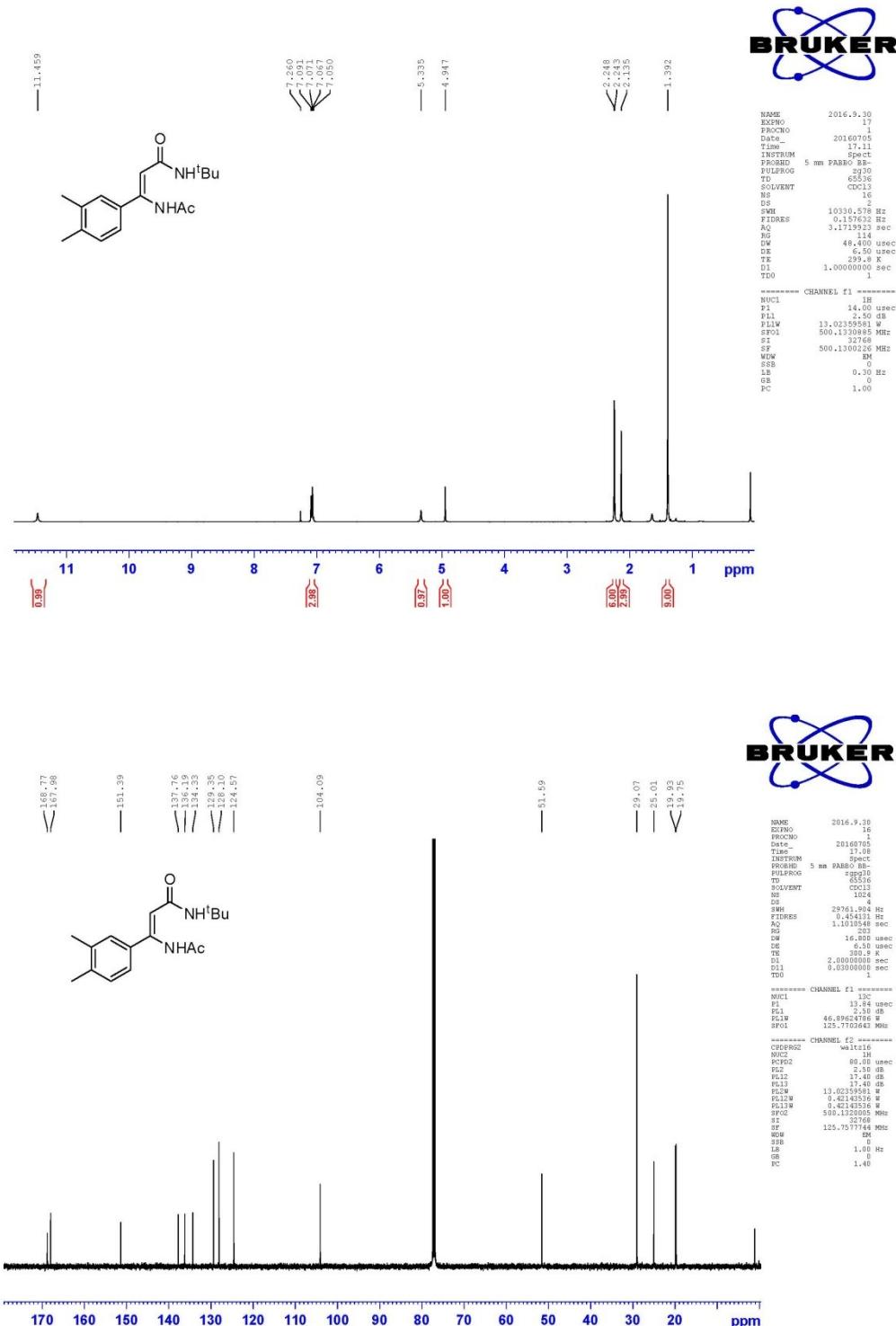
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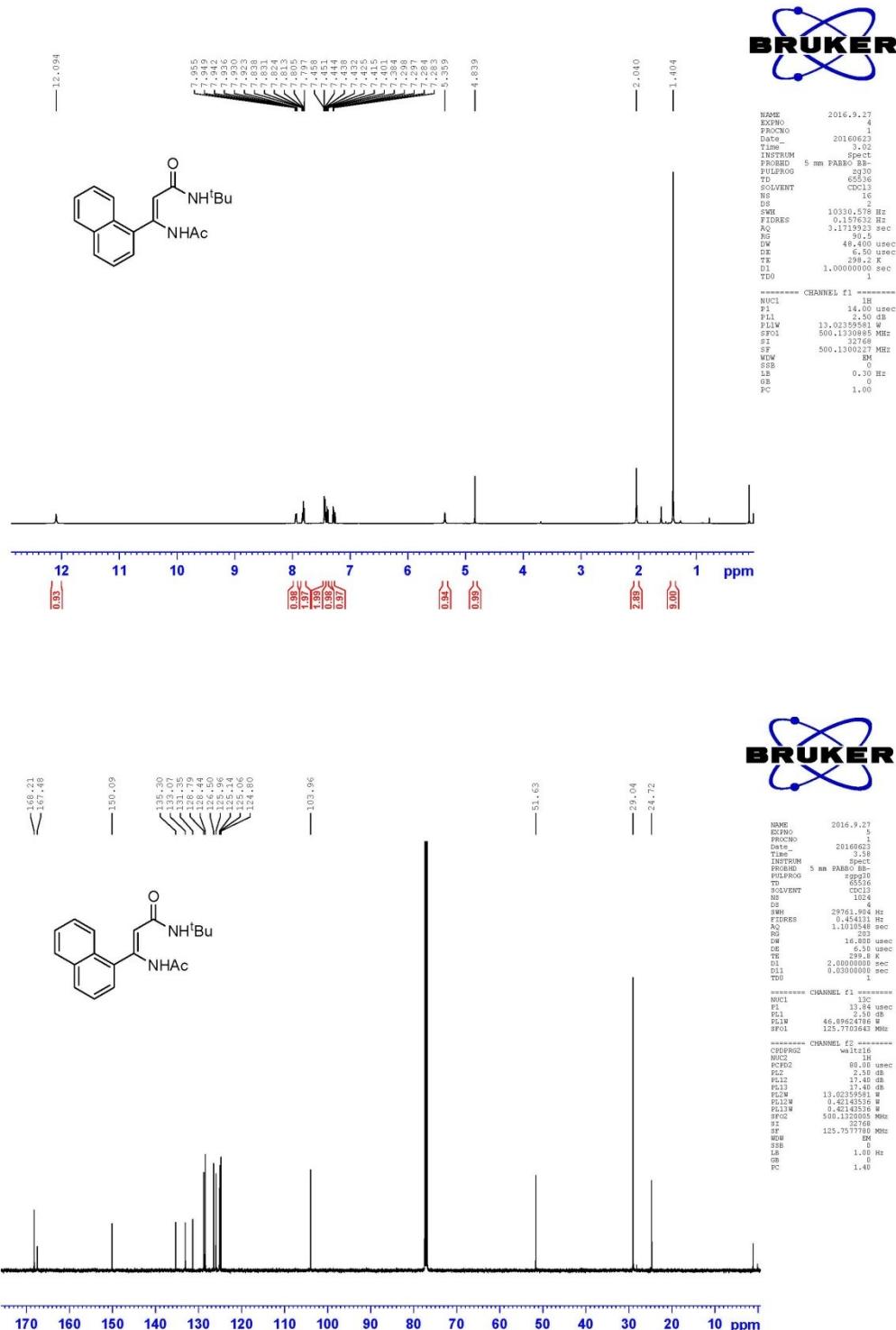
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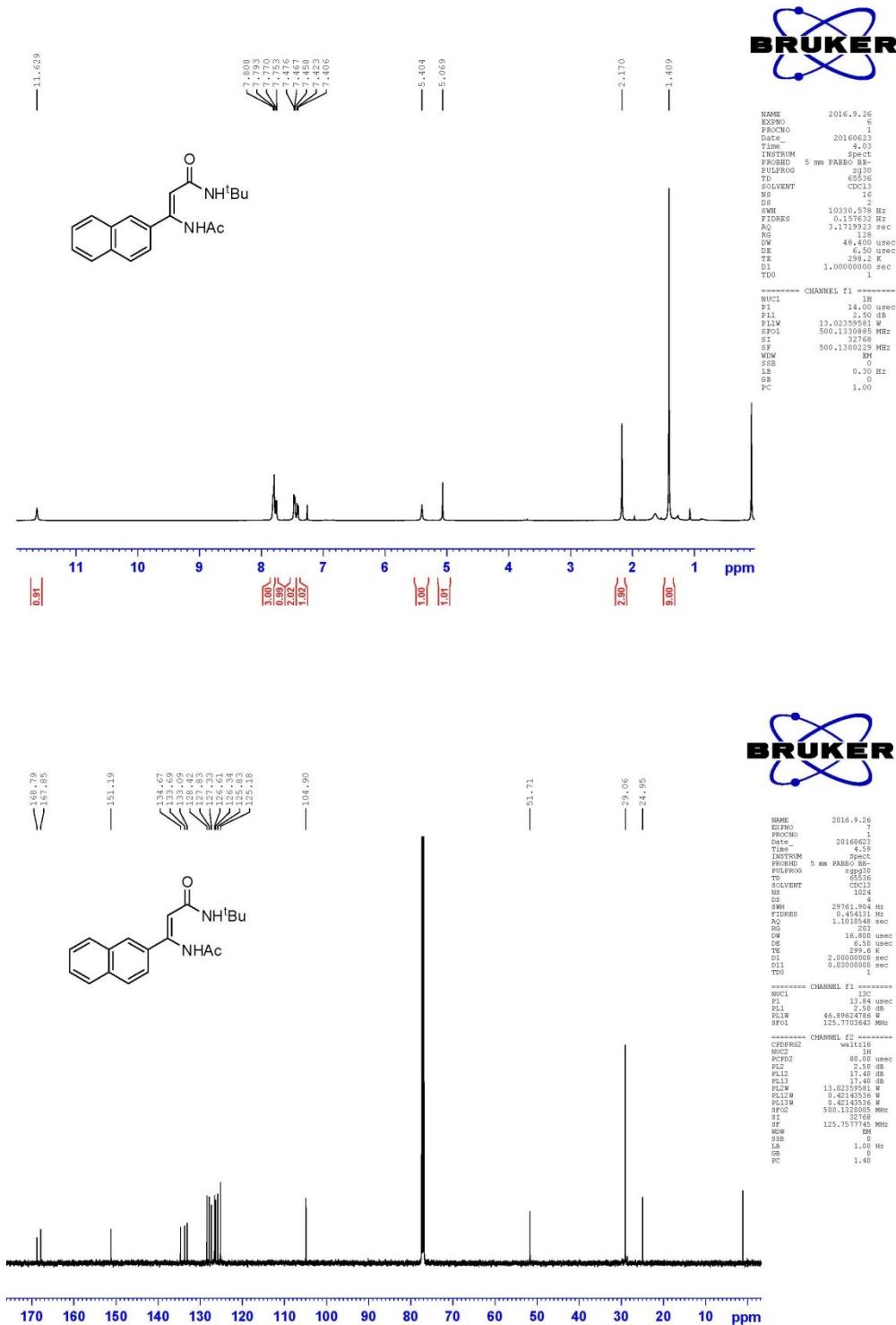
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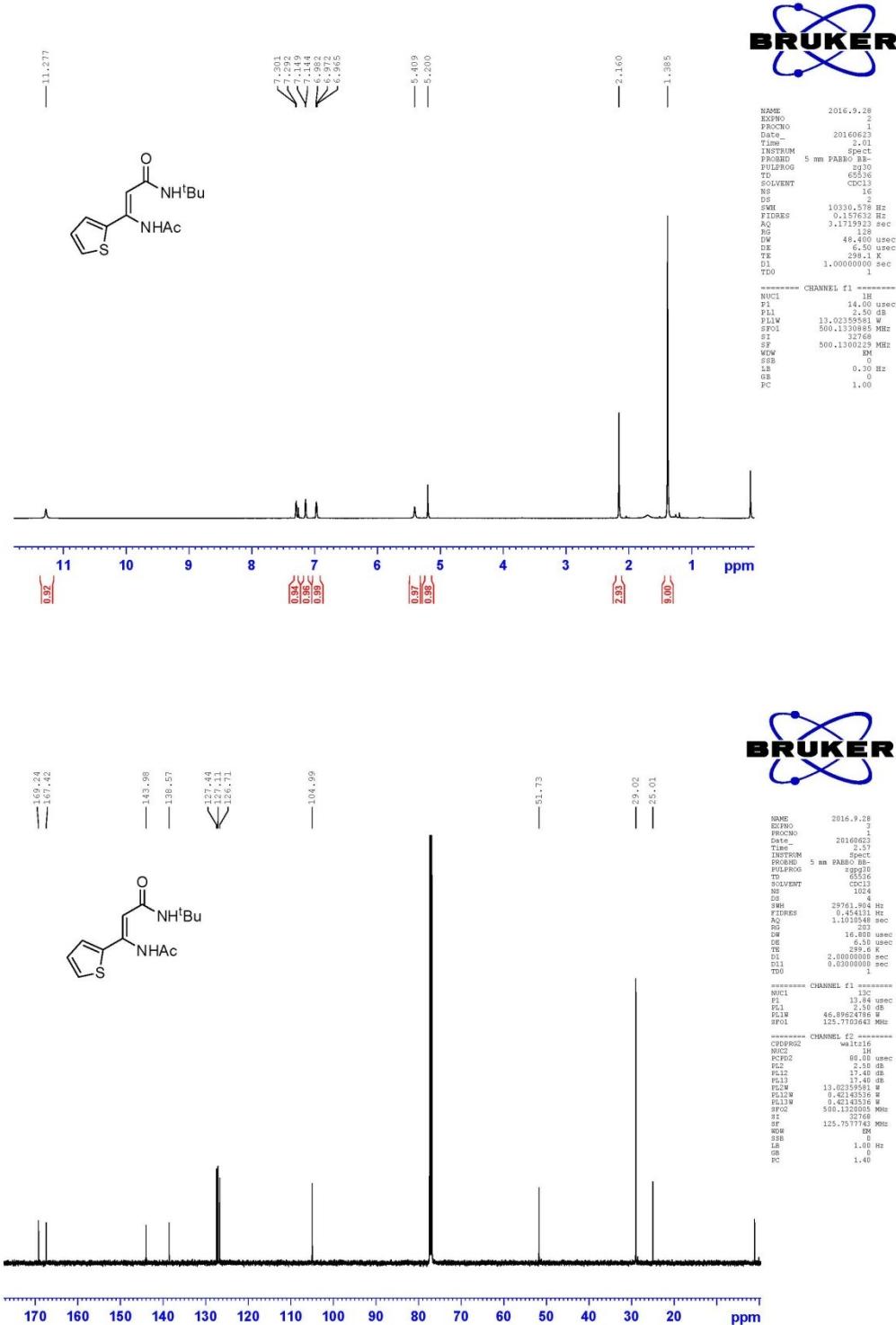
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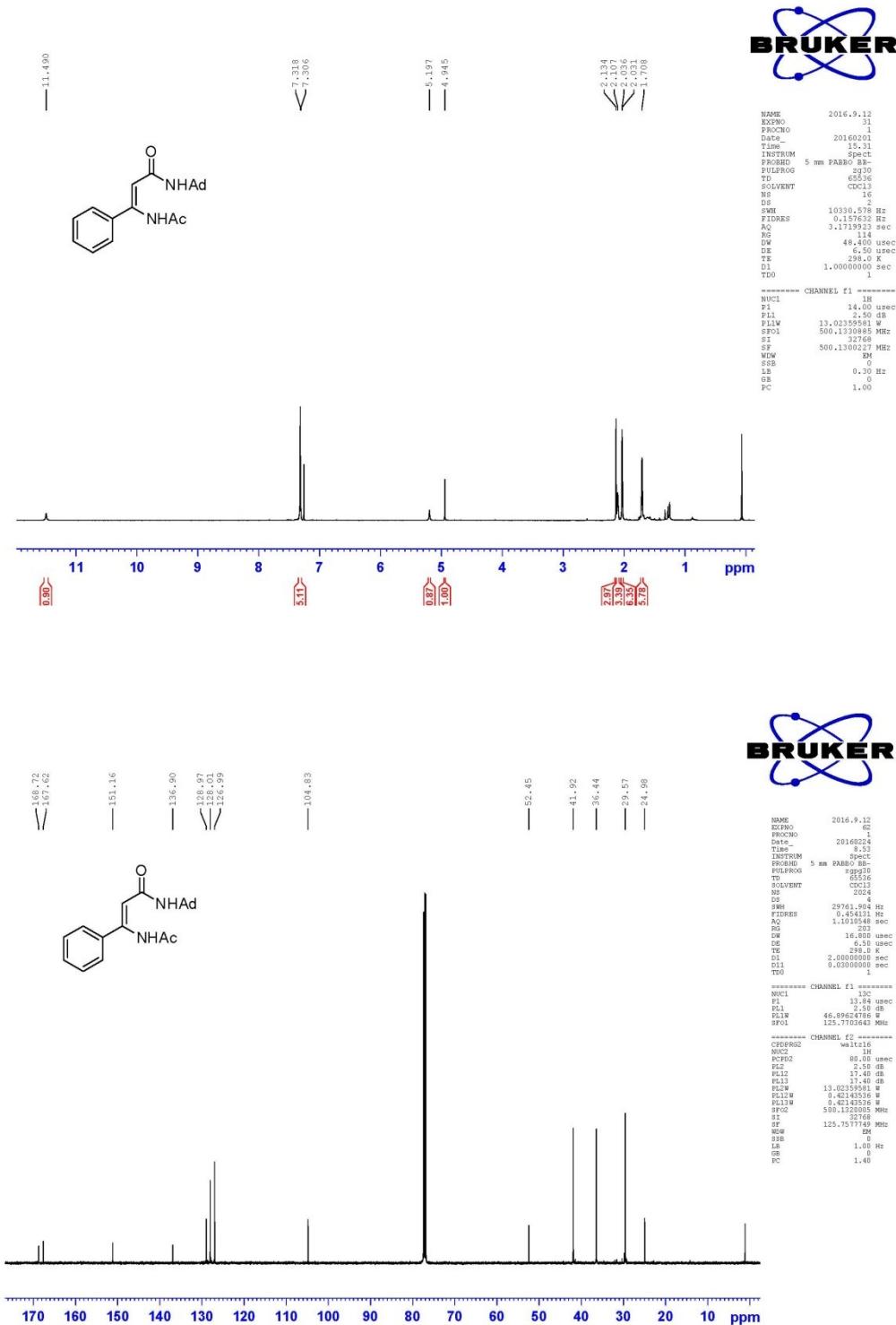
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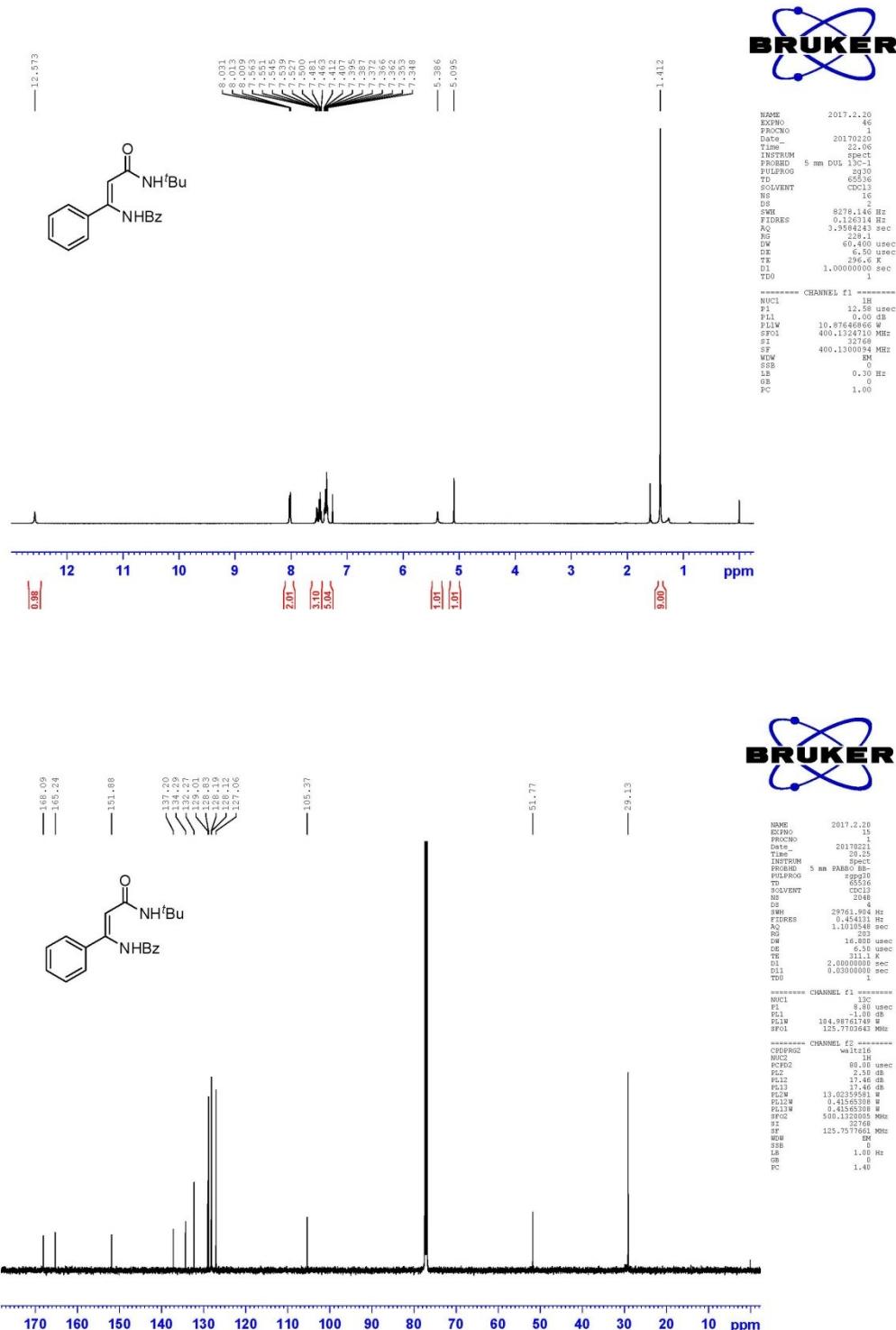
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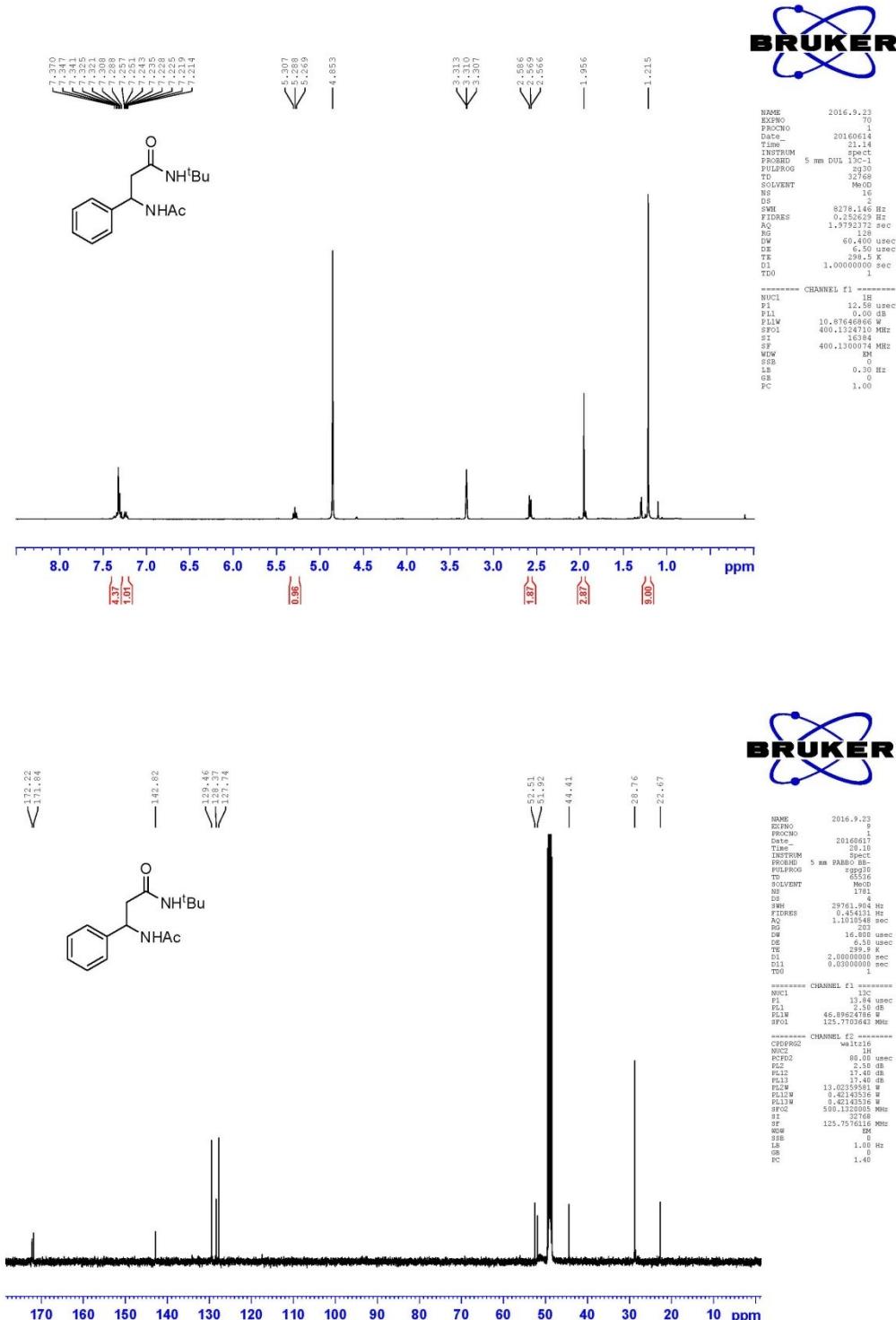


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## NOESY spectra of 3a

