

Regioselective synthesis of unsymmetrical biheteroaryls via copper(II)-catalyzed cascade annulation

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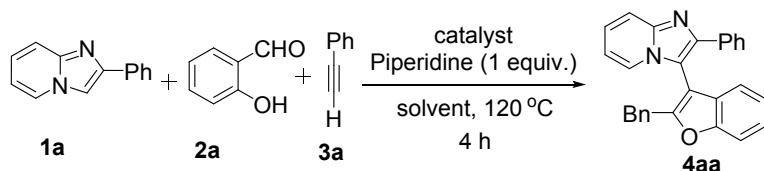
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1. General information:

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. ^1H NMR spectra were determined on 400 MHz spectrometer as solutions in CDCl_3 . Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (δ) and the signals were reported as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet) and coupling constants (J) were given in Hz. $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz in CDCl_3 solution. Chemical shifts as internal standard are referenced to CDCl_3 ($\delta = 7.26$ for ^1H and $\delta = 77.16$ for $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR) as internal standard. TLC was done on silica gel coated glass slide. All solvents were dried and distilled before use. Commercially available solvents were freshly distilled before the reaction. All reactions involving moisture sensitive reactants were executed using oven dried glassware. All the imidazoheterocycles were prepared by our reported method.^{1a,b}

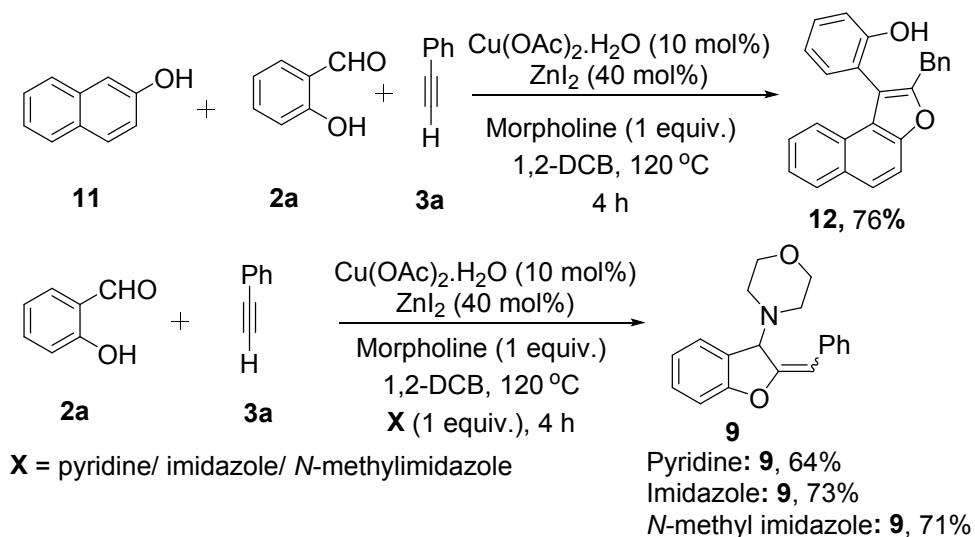
2. Optimization table^a



Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Additives (mol%)	Solvent	Yields (%)
1	CuI (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	CH ₃ CN	57
2	CuI (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	Toluene	26
3	CuI (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,4-dioxane	11
4	CuI (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCE	28
5	CuI (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	Chlorobenzene	15
6	CuI (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	72
7	CuI (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	DMF	56
8	Cu ₂ O (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	42
9	CuBr (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	61
10	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	80
11	Cu(OTf) ₂ (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	79
12	CuBr ₂ (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	82
13	CuCl ₂ (10)	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	78
14	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (10)	AgOTf (20)	1,2-DCB	43
15	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (10)	1,10-phenanthroline (20)	1,2-DCB	26
16	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (10)	Zn(OTf) ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	35
17	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (10)	-	1,2-DCB	49
18	-	ZnI ₂ (20)	1,2-DCB	16
19	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (20)	ZnI ₂ (40)	1,2-DCB	86
20	Cu(OAc)₂.H₂O (10)	ZnI₂ (40)	1,2-DCB	88
21	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (10)	ZnI ₂ (40)	1,2-DCB	85 ^b , 77 ^c
22	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (10)	ZnI ₂ (40)	1,2-DCB	53 ^d , 76 ^e , 0 ^f

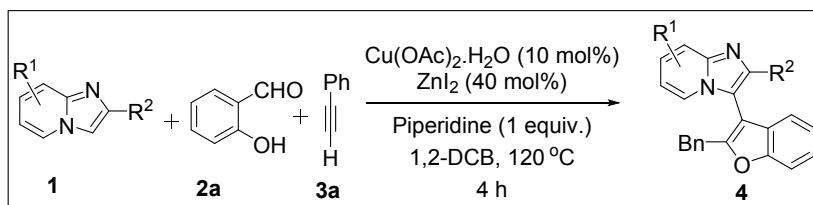
^aReaction conditions: Carried out with 0.2 mmol of **1a**, 0.2 mmol of **2a**, piperidine (1 equiv.) and 0.21 mmol of **3a** in presence of catalyst in 2 mL of solvent for 4 h at 120 °C. ^bTemperature at 140 °C. ^cTemperature at 80 °C for 12 h with 20 mol% catalyst. ^d1 equiv. pyrrolidine. ^e1 equiv. morpholine. ^f1 equiv. 1,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline.

3. Substrates scope of other heterocycles:



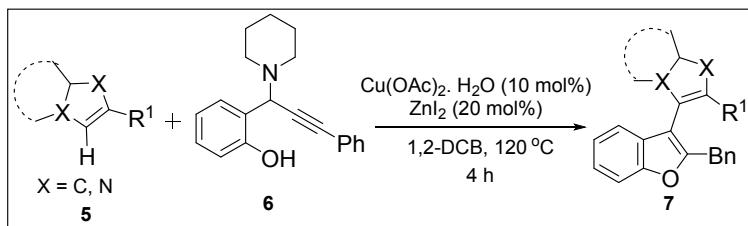
4. Experimental procedures:

4.1. Typical experimental procedure for the synthesized compounds (4aa-4ak):



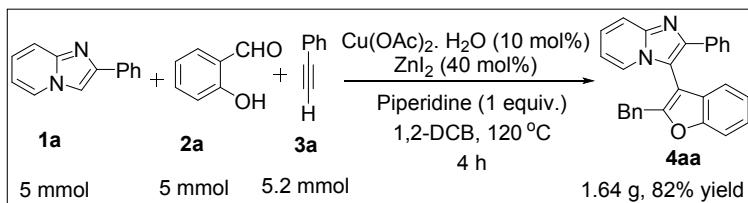
A mixture of salicylaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 24 mg) (**2a**), piperidine (1 equiv., 17 mg), phenylacetylene (0.21 mmol, 21 mg) (**3a**), and 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (0.2 mmol, 38 mg) (**1a**) was taken in an oven dried reaction tube. Then Zinc iodide (40 mol%, 25.5 mg), and copper(II) acetate monohydrate (10 mol%, 4 mg) was added to it in 1,2-DCB (2 ml) and stirred at 120 °C for 4 h under open atmosphere. After completion of the reaction (TLC) the reaction was cooled to room temperature and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The crude residue was obtained after evaporating the solvent in vacuum and was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (75:25) as an eluting solvent to afford the pure product (**4aa**) (70 mg, 88%) as a white solid.

4.2. Typical experimental procedure for the synthesized compounds (4al-7da):



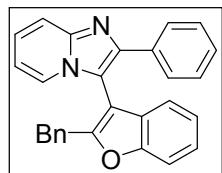
A mixture of 6-phenylimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (0.2 mmol, 40 mg) (**5a**) and 2-(3-phenyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)phenol (0.2 mmol, 58.2 mg) (**6**) was taken in an oven dried reaction tube in presence of zinc iodide (20 mol%, 12.7 mg), and copper(II) acetate monohydrate (10 mol%, 4 mg) in 1,2-DCB (2 mL) and stirred at 120 °C for 4 h under open atmosphere. After completion of the reaction (TLC) the reaction was cooled to room temperature and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The crude residue was obtained after evaporating the solvent in vacuum and was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (76:24) as an eluting solvent to afford the pure product (**7aa**) (71%, 57 mg) as a yellow gummy mass.

4.3. Synthesis of **4aa** on 5 mmol scale.

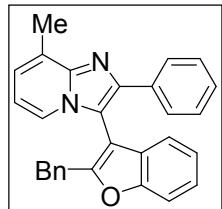


A mixture of salicyaldehyde (5 mmol, 610 mg) (**2a**), piperidine (5 equiv., 425 mg), phenylacetylene (5.2 mmol, 531 mg) (**3a**), and 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (5 mmol, 970.4 mg) (**1a**) was taken in an oven dried 25 mL round bottom flask. Then Zinc iodide (40 mol%, 638.4 mg), and copper(II) acetate monohydrate (10 mol%, 99.8 mg) was added to it in 1,2-DCB (10 ml) and stirred at 120 °C for 4 h under open atmosphere. After completion of the reaction (TLC) the reaction was cooled to room temperature and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The crude residue was obtained after evaporating the solvent in vacuum and was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a mixture petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (75:25) as an eluting solvent to afford the pure product (**4aa**) (1.64 mg, 82%) as a white solid.

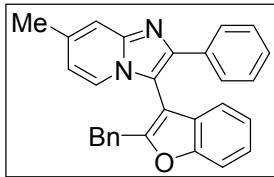
5. Characterization data for the synthesized products:



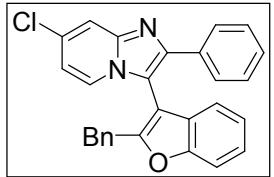
3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4aa): White solid (88%, 70 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 75 : 25); M.p. 130-131 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.93-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.85 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.92 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.3, 154.9, 145.7, 144.4, 136.1, 133.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 125.3, 124.7, 124.1, 123.4, 119.9, 117.8, 112.6, 111.8, 111.2, 105.5, 33.6. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 83.98; H, 5.03; N, 7.00%; Found: C, 84.19; H, 5.07; N, 6.89%.



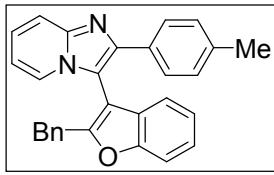
3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ba): Brown gummy mass (89%, 73 mg); $R_f = 0.55$ (PE : EA = 93 : 7); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.60 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.72 (m, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.1, 155.0, 146.3, 144.1, 136.3, 134.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.77, 127.71, 126.6, 124.6, 123.9, 123.4, 122.0, 120.0, 112.4, 111.7, 111.6, 106.1, 33.6, 17.2; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 84.03; H, 5.35; N, 6.76%; Found: C, 83.88; H, 5.41; N, 6.68%.



3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-7-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ca): Brown gummy mass (87%, 72 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 76 : 24); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (s, 3H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 5H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.86-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.67 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.2, 154.9, 146.0, 143.8, 136.8, 136.1, 133.6, 128.7, 128.47, 128.40, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 124.6, 123.4, 123.3, 119.8, 116.2, 115.5, 111.8, 110.7, 105.3, 33.5, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 415.1805; found: 415.1795.

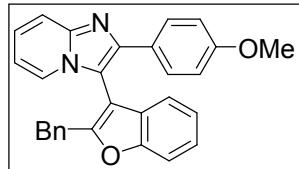


3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-7-chloro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4da): White solid (89%, 77mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 78 : 22); M.p. 154-155 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 3.85-3.77 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.6, 155.0, 145.5, 144.1, 135.8, 133.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 126.4, 124.9, 123.7, 121.9, 120.7, 119.8, 117.9, 111.88, 111.80, 105.2, 33.9. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C, 77.33; H, 4.40; N, 6.44%; Found: C, 77.08; H, 4.35; N, 6.51%.

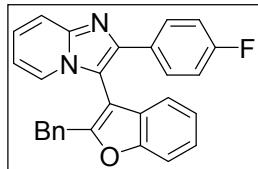


3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ea): Brown gummy mass (73%, 60 mg); $R_f = 0.40$ (PE : EA = 77 : 23); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.76 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 5H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.74 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H);

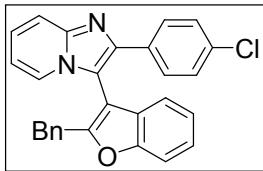
$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.3, 155.0, 145.7, 144.6, 137.6, 136.2, 131.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.6, 125.1, 124.6, 124.1, 123.4, 120.0, 117.6, 112.4, 111.8, 110.9, 105.8, 33.6, 21.3; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 84.03; H, 5.35; N, 6.76%; Found: C, 84.23; H, 5.39; N, 6.65%.



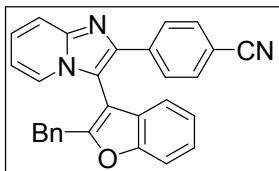
3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4fa): Brown gummy mass (71%, 61 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 76 : 24); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.81 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.69 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.73 (m, 5H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.4, 157.3, 155.0, 145.7, 144.3, 136.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 126.6, 126.3, 125.1, 124.6, 124.1, 123.4, 119.9, 117.5, 113.9, 112.4, 111.8, 105.7, 55.2, 33.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 431.1760; found: 431.1755.



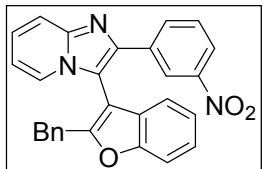
3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ga): Brown gummy mass (84%, 70 mg); $R_f = 0.55$ (PE : EA = 74 : 26); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.96-6.89 (m, 4H), 6.68 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.76 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.6 ($J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 245$ Hz), 157.3, 155.0, 145.8, 143.7, 136.0, 130.2 ($J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3$ Hz), 129.2 ($J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8$ Hz), 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 126.7, 125.2, 124.8, 124.1, 123.5, 119.9, 117.6, 115.5 ($J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 21$ Hz), 112.4, 111.8, 110.9, 105.6, 33.6; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$: C, 80.37; H, 4.58; N, 6.69%; Found: C, 80.21; H, 4.51; N, 6.60%.



3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (4ha): Light yellow gummy mass (78%, 67 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 80 : 20); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.06 (m, 5H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.82-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.62-6.59 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.67 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.2, 154.9, 145.8, 143.3, 135.9, 133.7, 132.5, 128.79, 128.76, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 126.7, 125.4, 124.8, 124.1, 123.5, 119.8, 117.6, 112.6, 111.8, 111.3, 105.4, 33.6; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C, 77.33; H, 4.40; N, 6.44%; Found: C, 77.55; H, 4.46; N, 6.32%.

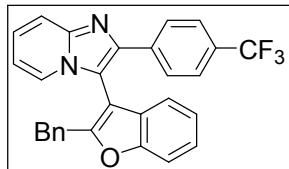


4-(3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-2-yl)benzonitrile (4ia): White solid (81%, 68 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 74 : 26); M.p. 145-146 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.76 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.3, 155.0, 146.0, 142.3, 138.6, 135.6, 132.3, 128.5, 127.7, 126.8, 125.9, 125.0, 124.3, 123.7, 119.7, 119.1, 117.9, 112.9, 112.6, 111.9, 111.0, 105.2, 33.7; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: C, 81.86; H, 4.50; N, 9.88%; Found: C, 82.04; H, 4.47; N, 9.98%.

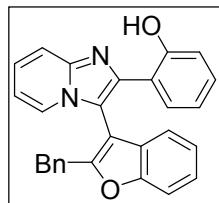


3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(3-nitrophenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (4ja): Light yellow gummy mass (79%, 70 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 74 : 26); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.66 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.01 (m, 1H), 7.97-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.92-6.89 (m,

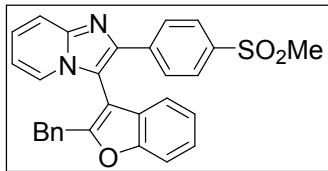
2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 3.94-3.82 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.4, 155.0, 148.6, 145.9, 142.0, 135.9, 135.6, 132.9, 129.3, 128.4, 127.7, 126.8, 125.8, 125.0, 124.3, 123.7, 122.3, 119.7, 117.9, 112.9, 112.2, 111.9, 105.2, 33.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: 446.1505; found: 446.1500.



3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ka): Brown gummy mass (78%, 73 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 76 : 24); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.77 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.4, 155.0, 146.0, 143.0, 137.6, 135.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 126.8, 125.5 ($J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 12$ Hz, 9 Hz), 124.9, 124.3, 123.7, 119.8, 117.9, 112.8, 112.2, 111.9, 105.4, 33.7; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 74.35; H, 4.09; N, 5.98%; Found: C, 74.58; H, 4.03; N, 6.09%.

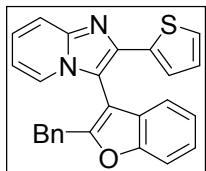


2-(3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)phenol (4la): White solid (85%, 70 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 81 : 19); M.p. 210-211 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 13.15 (br s, 1H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.57-6.53 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.87 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.0, 157.8, 155.1, 143.38, 143.32, 135.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 126.79, 126.70, 125.7, 124.9, 123.8, 123.6, 119.9, 118.9, 117.7, 116.7, 113.0, 111.8, 109.9, 105.7, 34.0; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: C, 80.75; H, 4.84; N, 6.73%; Found: C, 80.60; H, 4.89; N, 6.65%.

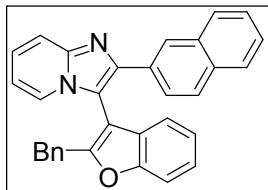


3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ma):

Yellow gummy mass (70%, 66 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 55 : 45); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.61 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.01 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.5, 155.0, 146.0, 142.2, 139.5, 139.2, 135.6, 130.0, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.1, 125.1, 124.3, 123.8, 119.7, 117.9, 113.1, 112.0, 105.1, 44.6, 33.8; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: C, 72.78; H, 4.63; N, 5.85%; Found: C, 72.99; H, 4.59; N, 5.78%.

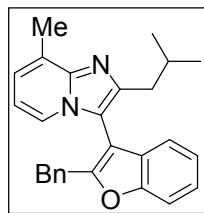


3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4na): White solid (86%, 69 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 80 : 20); M.p. 179-180 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.65 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.9, 155.0, 145.6, 140.0, 137.1, 136.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.6, 126.7, 125.6, 125.2, 124.8, 124.6, 123.9, 123.4, 119.9, 117.3, 112.4, 111.6, 110.0, 105.0, 33.9; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$: C, 76.82; H, 4.46; N, 6.89%; Found: C, 76.63; H, 4.39; N, 6.99%.

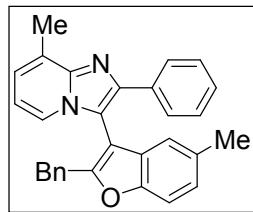


3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4oa): Brown gummy mass (78%, 70 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 78 : 22); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38-

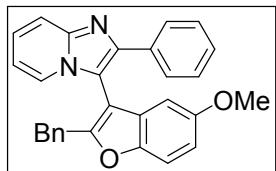
7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.03-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.69 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.75 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.4, 155.0, 145.9, 144.4, 136.0, 133.6, 133.0, 131.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.8, 126.6, 126.1, 125.35, 125.32, 124.8, 124.7, 124.2, 123.5, 120.0, 117.6, 112.4, 111.8, 111.6, 105.9, 33.7; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 85.31; H, 4.92; N, 6.22%; Found: C, 85.11; H, 4.89; N, 6.30%.



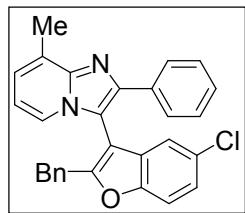
3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-isobutyl-8-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4pa): Brown gummy mass (90%, 70 mg); $R_f = 0.60$ (PE : EA = 81 : 19); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.06-3.97 (m, 2H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.14 (m, 1H), 0.86 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.73 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.9, 154.8, 145.9, 145.8, 136.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 126.84, 126.82, 124.4, 123.8, 123.2, 122.0, 119.8, 112.7, 112.0, 111.6, 105.7, 37.4, 33.5, 28.9, 22.8, 22.2, 17.7; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 82.20; H, 6.64; N, 7.10%; Found: C, 82.44; H, 6.69; N, 7.19%.



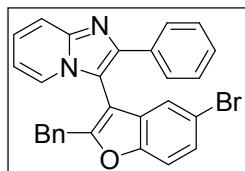
3-(2-Benzyl-5-methylbenzofuran-3-yl)-8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4bb): Brown gummy mass (77%, 65 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 94 : 6); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.78-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.62 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.81-3.70 (m, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.2, 153.4, 146.3, 144.1, 136.4, 134.4, 133.0, 131.0, 130.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 126.6, 125.8, 123.7, 122.1, 119.8, 112.3, 111.8, 111.2, 105.9, 33.5, 21.4, 17.2; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 84.08; H, 5.65; N, 6.54%; Found: C, 84.26; H, 5.59; N, 6.42%.



3-(2-Benzyl-5-methoxybenzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ac): Brown solid (89%, 76 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 80 : 20); M.p. 135-136 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 3H), 6.93-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.66 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.82-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.0, 156.5, 149.8, 145.8, 144.5, 136.2, 134.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 126.6, 125.1, 124.1, 117.6, 113.4, 112.4, 112.3, 111.2, 105.9, 102.0, 55.9, 33.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 431.1760; found: 431.1756.

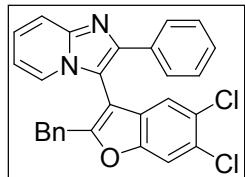


3-(2-Benzyl-5-chlorobenzofuran-3-yl)-8-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4bd): Light yellow gummy mass (83%, 74 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 92 : 8); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.88-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.63 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.82-3.71 (m, 2H), 2.74 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.8, 153.4, 146.4, 144.5, 135.9, 134.3, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.8, 124.9, 123.9, 121.8, 119.5, 112.8, 112.6, 110.6, 106.0, 33.6, 17.2; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$: C, 77.59; H, 4.72; N, 6.24%; Found: C, 77.38; H, 4.76; N, 6.11%.

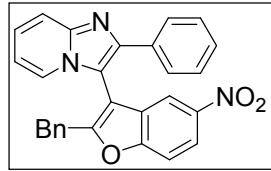


3-(2-Benzyl-5-bromobenzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ae): Brown solid (73%, 69 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 82 : 18); M.p. 223-224 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 2H),

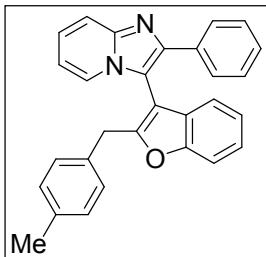
6.72 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.82-3.73 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.9, 153.7, 145.9, 144.8, 135.7, 133.8, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 125.3, 123.9, 122.4, 117.8, 116.7, 113.3, 112.7, 110.2, 105.4, 33.6; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}$: C, 70.16; H, 4.00; N, 5.84%; Found: C, 70.33; H, 3.97; N, 5.77%.



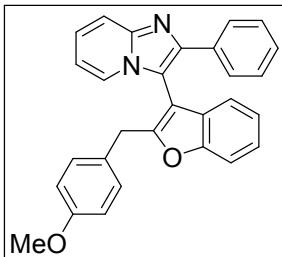
3-(2-Benzyl-5,6-dichlorobenzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4af): White solid (75%, 70 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 77 : 23); M.p. 165-166 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 4H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.0, 149.4, 145.9, 145.0, 135.2, 133.7, 130.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.4, 126.9, 125.4, 125.0, 123.7, 118.1, 117.8, 117.7, 112.7, 109.5, 106.4, 33.7; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 71.65; H, 3.87; N, 5.97%; Found: C, 71.84; H, 3.82; N, 6.05%.



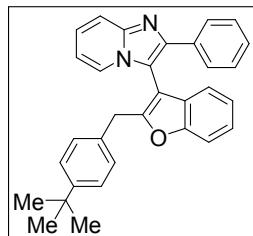
3-(2-Benzyl-5-nitrobenzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ag): Light yellow solid (92%, 81 mg); $R_f = 0.55$ (PE : EA = 76 : 24); M.p. 184-185 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.28-8.25 (m, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.74 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.81 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.0, 157.7, 146.1, 145.3, 144.7, 135.1, 133.7, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 127.0, 125.5, 123.6, 120.7, 117.9, 116.2, 113.0, 112.3, 109.0, 106.9, 33.8; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$: C, 75.49; H, 4.30; N, 9.43%; Found: C, 75.29; H, 4.36; N, 9.54%.



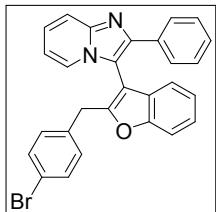
3-(2-(4-Methylbenzyl)benzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ah): Brown gummy mass (79%, 65 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 78 : 22); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.62 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.80-3.71 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.6, 155.0, 145.8, 144.6, 136.3, 134.1, 133.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 125.1, 124.6, 124.2, 123.4, 119.9, 117.7, 112.4, 111.8, 111.3, 105.6, 33.3, 21.0; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 84.03; H, 5.35; N, 6.76%; Found: C, 84.26; H, 5.40; N, 6.67%.



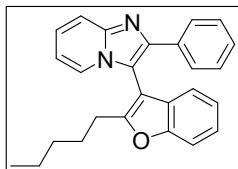
3-(2-(4-Methoxybenzyl)benzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4ai): Light yellow gummy mass (66%, 56 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 89 : 19); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.78-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.68 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.58 (m, 2H), 3.73 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.3, 157.7, 155.0, 145.8, 144.5, 134.0, 129.7, 128.6, 128.27, 128.21, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 125.1, 124.6, 124.2, 123.4, 119.9, 117.7, 113.8, 112.4, 111.8, 105.4, 55.3, 32.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 431.1760; found: 431.1758.



3-(2-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)benzyl)benzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (4aj): Brown gummy mass (65%, 59 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 77 : 23); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75 (br s, 3H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 1.21 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.6, 155.0, 149.5, 134.2, 133.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 125.3, 125.0, 124.6, 124.2, 123.4, 119.9, 117.7, 113.7, 112.3, 111.7, 105.7, 34.4, 33.2, 31.4; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 84.18; H, 6.18; N, 6.14%; Found: C, 84.00; H, 6.12; N, 6.24%.

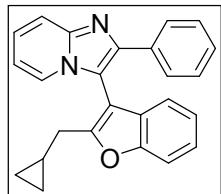


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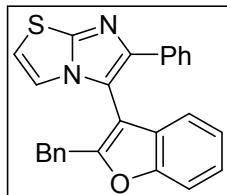


3-(2-Pentylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (4al): Yellow gummy mass (86%, 65mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 88 : 12); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.18-

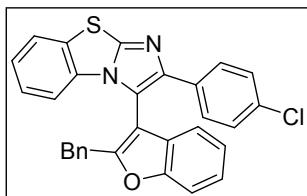
7.14 (m, 2H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.34 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.07-1.03 (m, 4H), 0.69 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5, 154.8, 145.7, 144.2, 134.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 125.1, 124.3, 124.2, 123.3, 119.8, 117.7, 112.5, 111.8, 111.5, 104.8, 31.3, 27.1, 26.9, 22.2, 13.9; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 82.07; H, 6.36; N, 7.36%; Found: C, 82.33; H, 6.41; N, 7.45%.



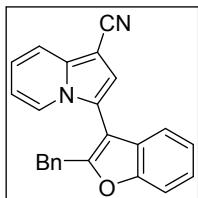
3-(2-(Cyclopropylmethyl)benzofuran-3-yl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (4am): Brown gummy mass (83%, 60 mg); $R_f = 0.50$ (PE : EA = 87 : 13); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77-7.71 (m, 4H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.71 (m, 1H), 2.39 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 0.87-0.79 (m, 1H), 0.29-0.25 (m, 2H), (-)0.08-(-)0.11 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.1, 154.9, 145.8, 144.3, 134.2, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 125.0, 124.4, 124.2, 123.3, 119.9, 117.7, 112.4, 111.63, 111.60, 105.0, 32.1, 9.1, 4.6, 4.5; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: C, 82.39; H, 5.53; N, 7.69%; Found: C, 82.55; H, 5.60; N, 7.61%.



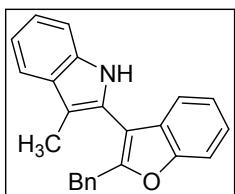
5-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazole (7aa): yellow gummy mass (71%, 57 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 76 : 24); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.89-3.80 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.4, 154.8, 149.9, 145.7, 136.4, 134.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 126.8, 124.9, 124.6, 123.4, 119.9, 117.9, 112.5, 111.7, 106.6, 33.7; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$: C, 76.82; H, 4.46; N, 6.89%; Found: C, 76.60; H, 4.42; N, 7.00%.



3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]imidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazole (7ba): Light yellow solid (62%, 60 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 92 : 7); M.p. 215-216 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 4H), 7.68 (t, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.8, 153.4, 149.0, 145.5, 135.2, 133.4, 132.7, 132.4, 130.9, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.8, 126.3, 124.9, 124.3, 122.6, 117.1, 113.4, 113.1, 112.8, 105.9, 33.9; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_2\text{OS}$: C, 73.39; H, 3.90; N, 5.71%; Found: C, 73.59; H, 3.96; N, 5.59%.

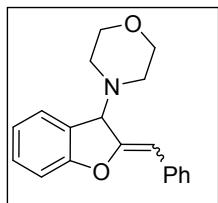


3-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)indolizine-1-carbonitrile (7ca): Yellow gummy mass (53%, 36 mg); $R_f = 0.60$ (PE : EA = 93 : 7); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.68 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.06 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.0, 154.5, 138.7, 136.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.0, 126.1, 124.9, 124.7, 123.4, 122.7, 119.9, 118.2, 118.0, 116.9, 113.0, 111.8, 106.7, 82.1, 33.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 349.1341; found: 349.1337.

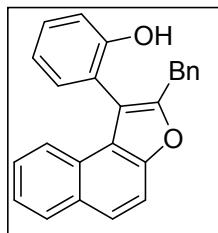


2-(2-Benzylbenzofuran-3-yl)-3-methyl-1*H*-indole (7da): Brown gummy mass (45%, 30 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 94 : 6); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.14 (m, 9H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.1, 154.5, 137.6, 136.4, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 124.3, 123.1, 122.3, 120.2, 119.5, 118.9, 111.4, 111.0, 110.8, 33.6, 9.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$: 338.1539; found: 338.1538.



4-(2-Benzylidene-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl)morpholine (9):² Yellow solid (73%, 42 mg); $R_f = 0.45$ (PE : EA = 86 : 14); M.p. 102-103 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.73 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4H), 2.51-2.44 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.9, 155.1, 138.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 124.0, 122.8, 120.8, 111.5, 105.3, 69.8, 67.1, 52.3; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 77.79; H, 6.53; N, 4.77%; Found: C, 78.01; H, 6.59; N, 4.68%.

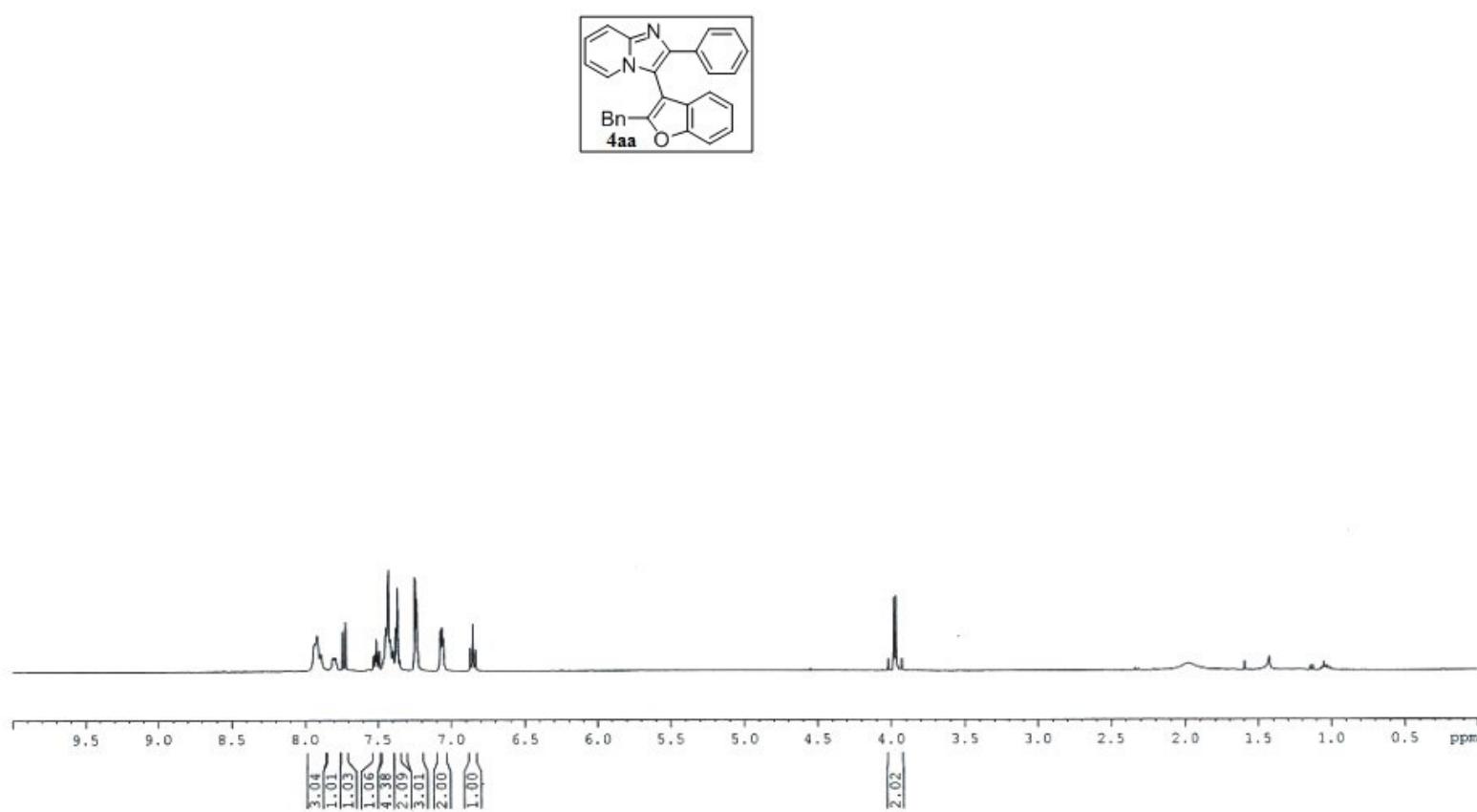


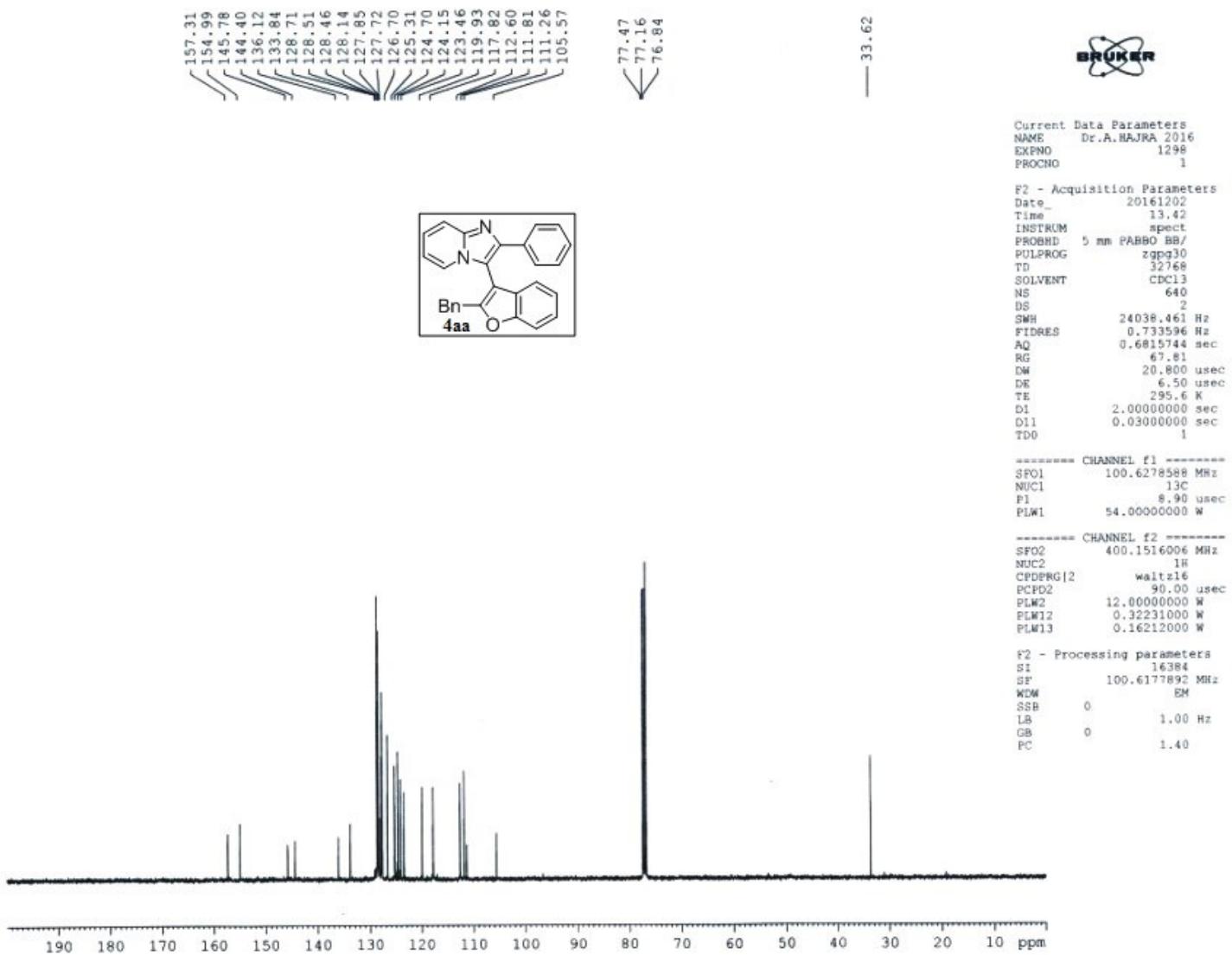
2-(2-Benzylnaphtho[2,1-b]furan-1-yl)phenol (12): Yellow solid (76%, 53 mg); $R_f = 0.55$ (PE : EA = 94 : 6); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.07-3.98 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 154.8, 154.4, 152.4, 137.6, 131.7, 130.8, 130.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 126.8, 126.5, 125.7, 124.6, 122.7, 121.9, 121.1, 119.4, 115.8, 112.7, 112.4, 23.0; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$: C, 85.69; H, 5.18%; Found: C, 85.49; H, 5.22%.

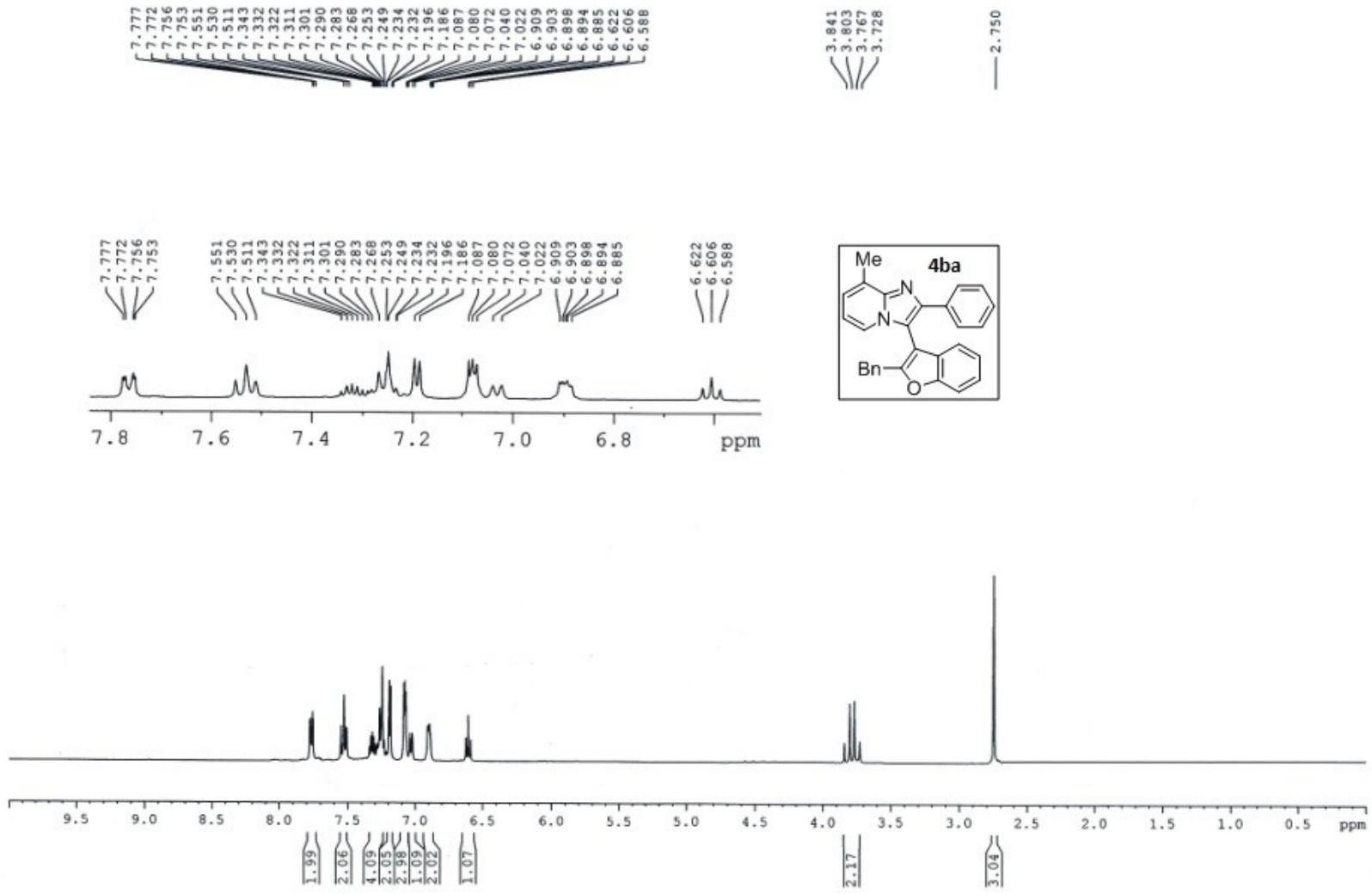
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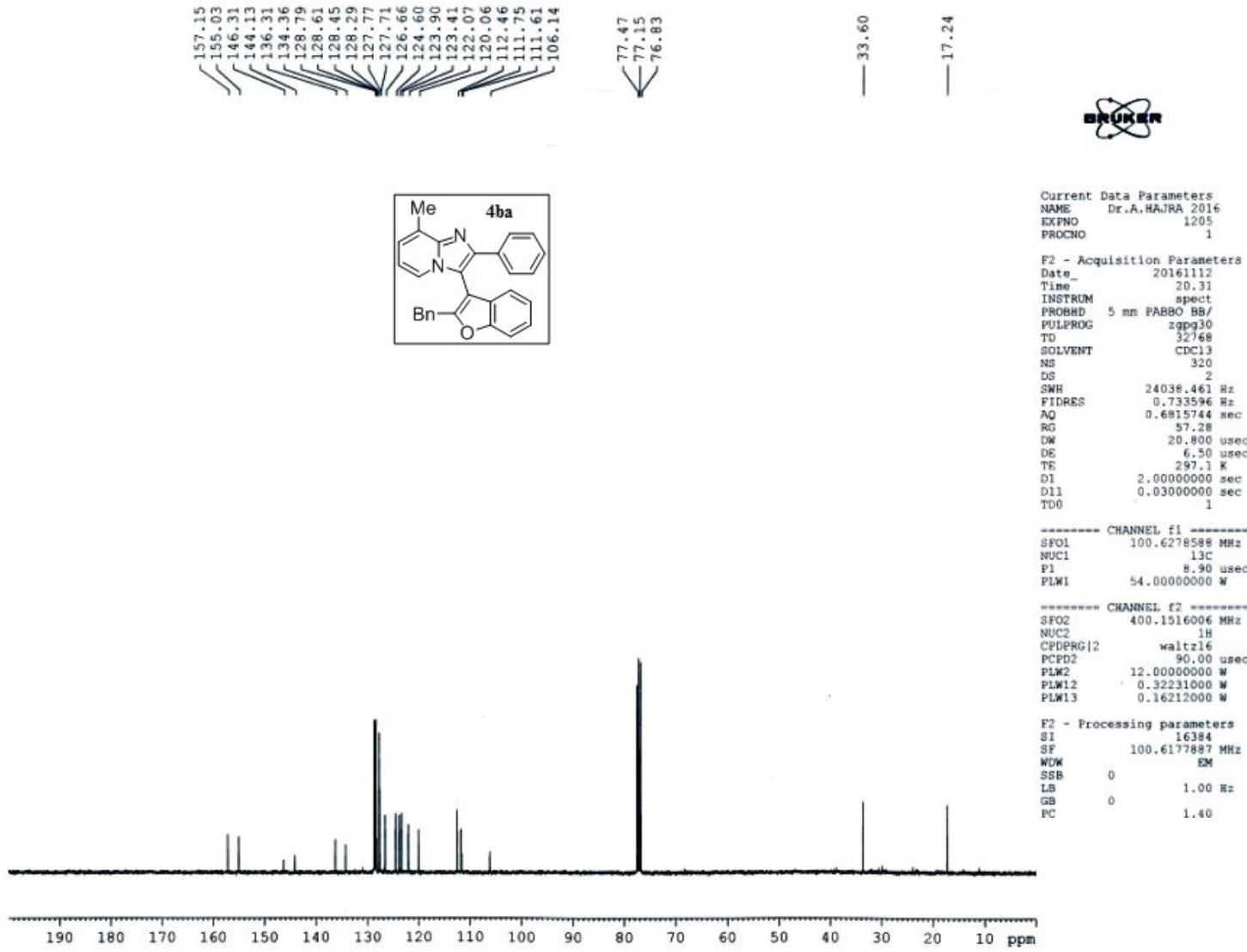
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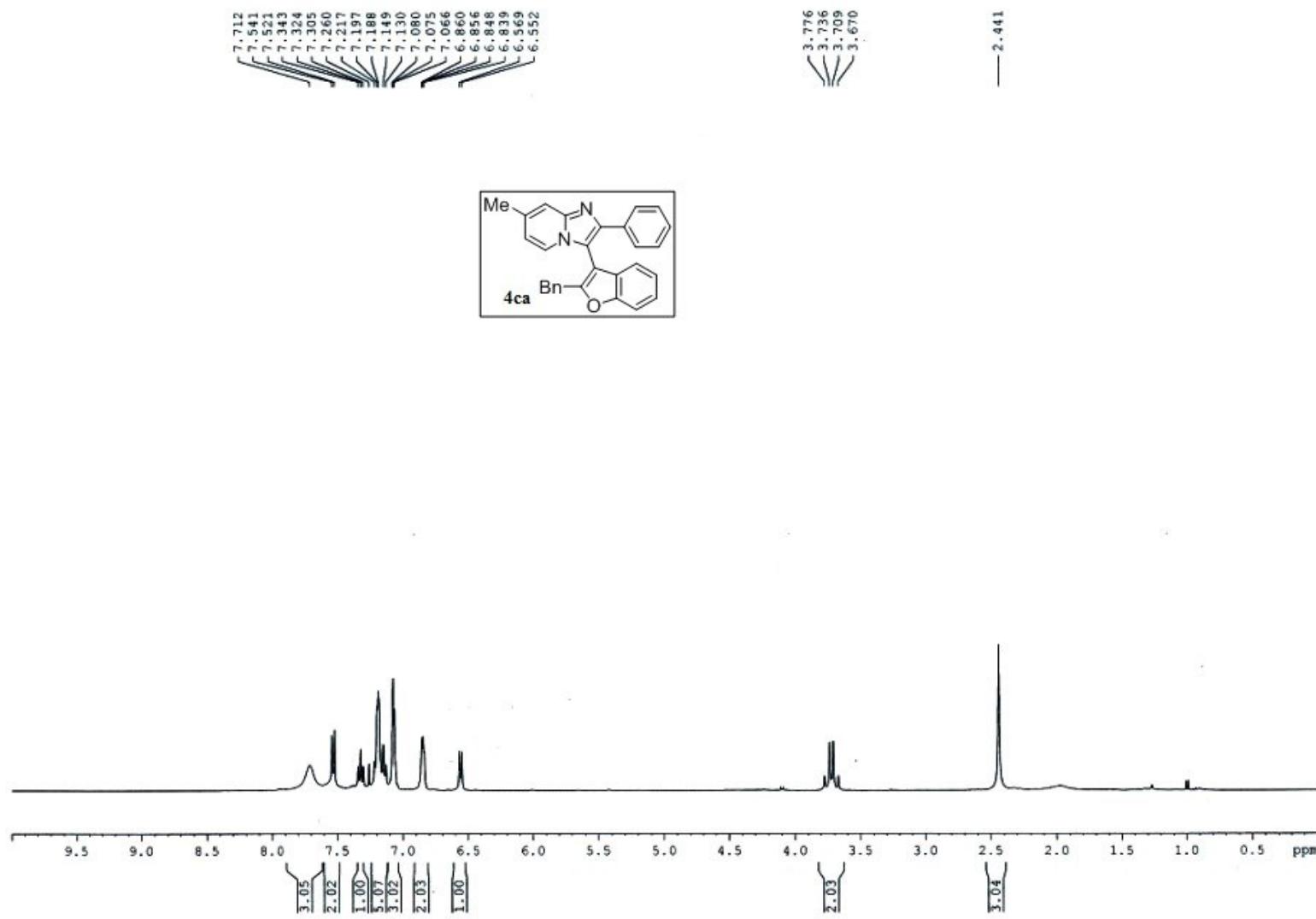
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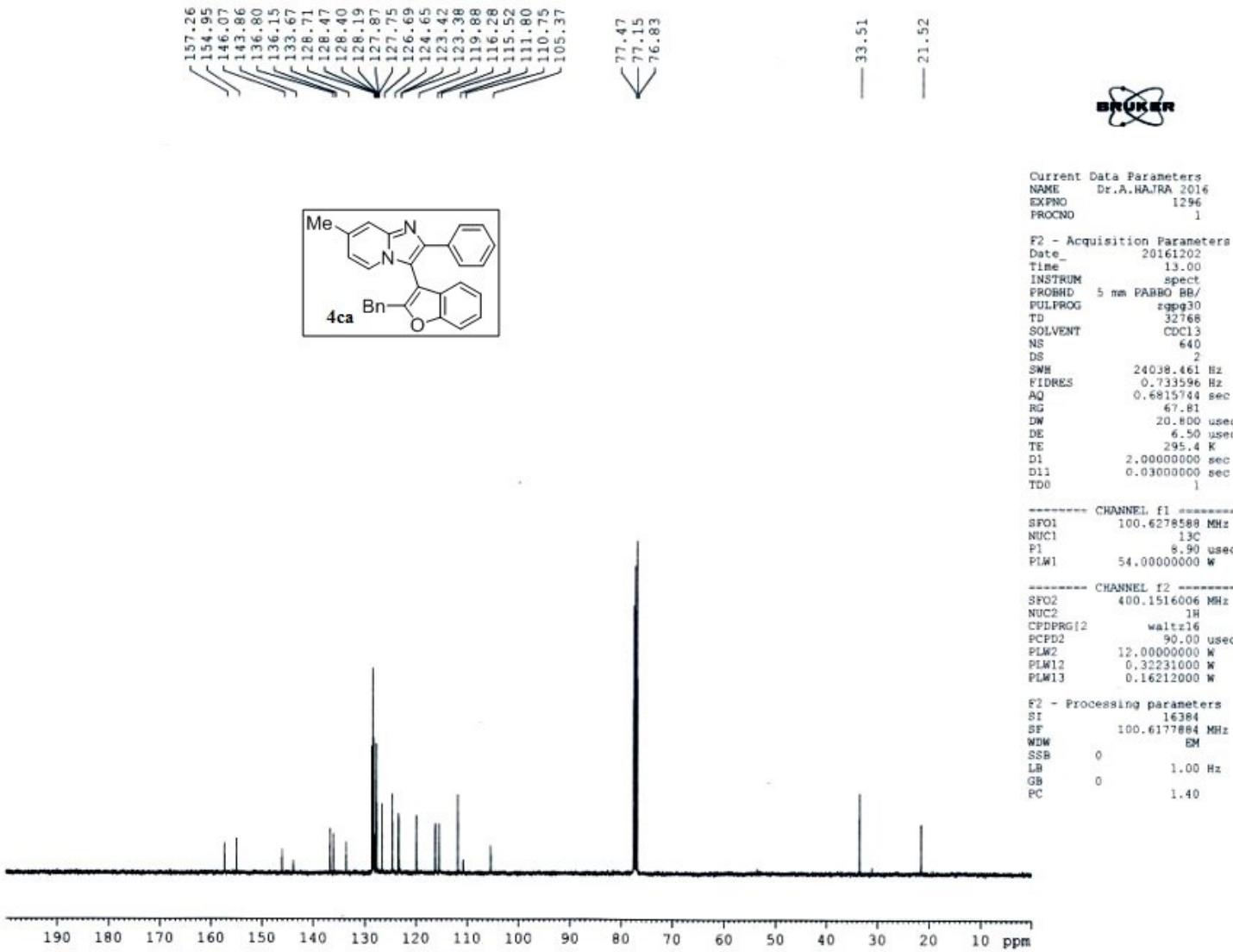


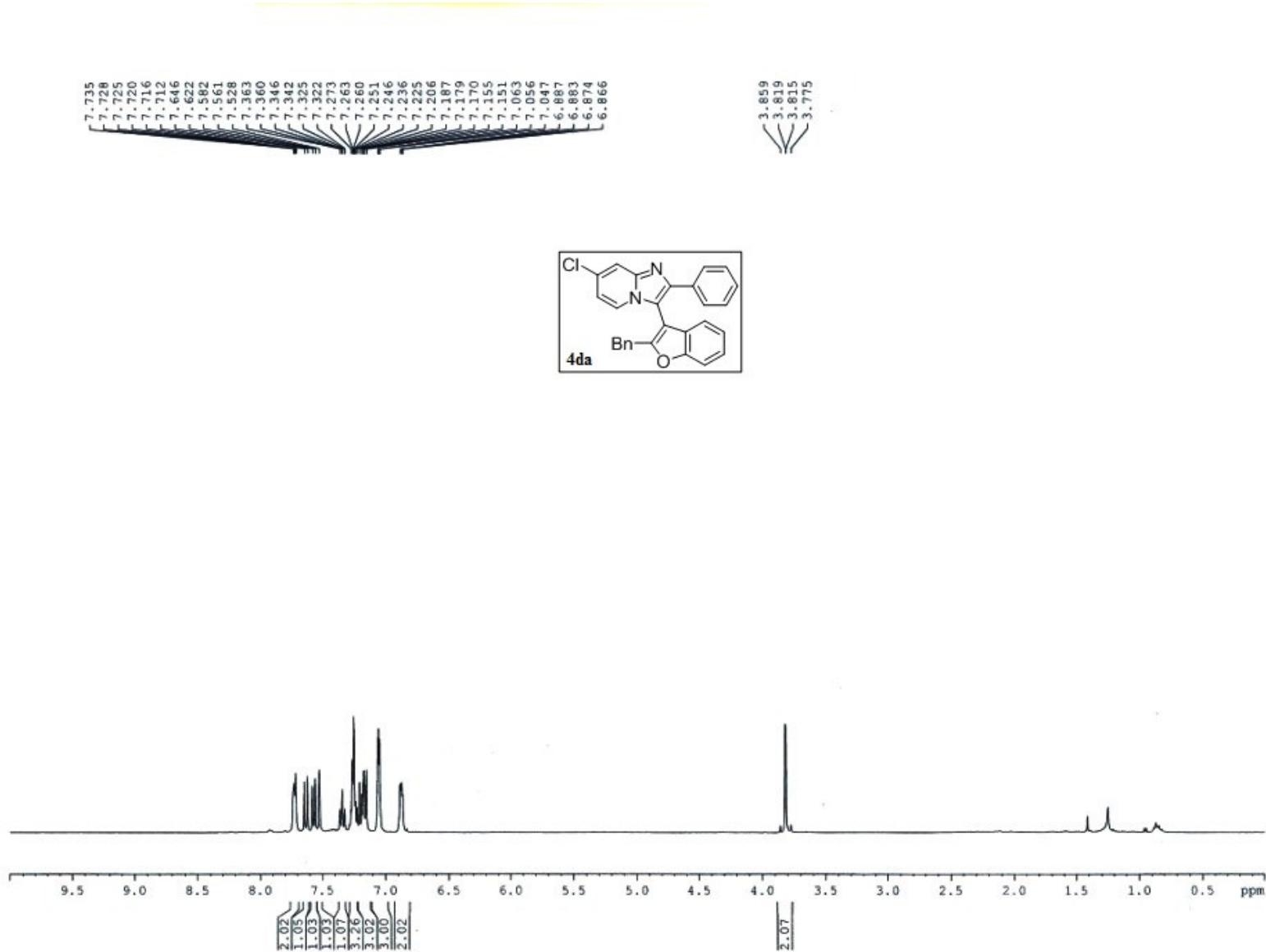


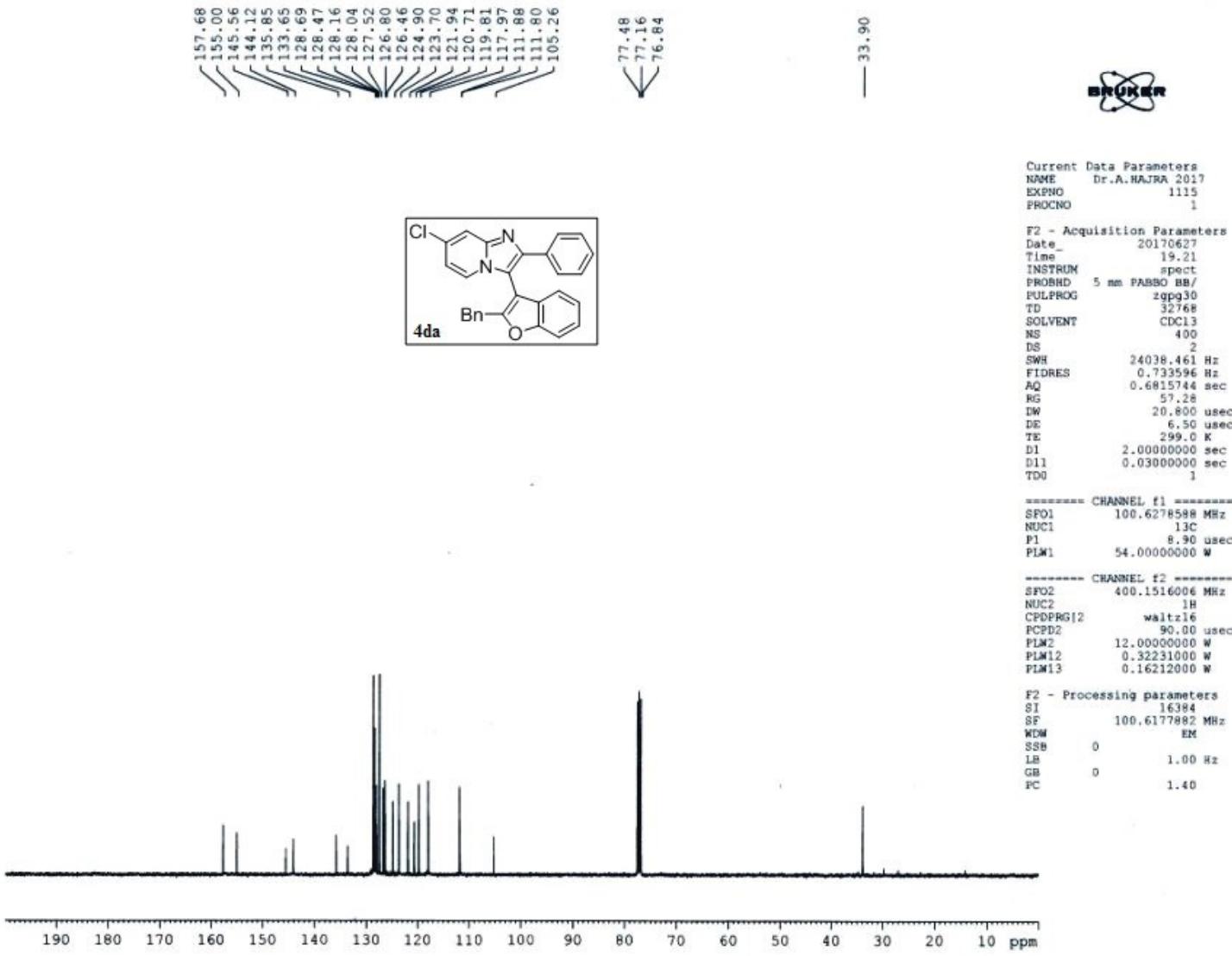


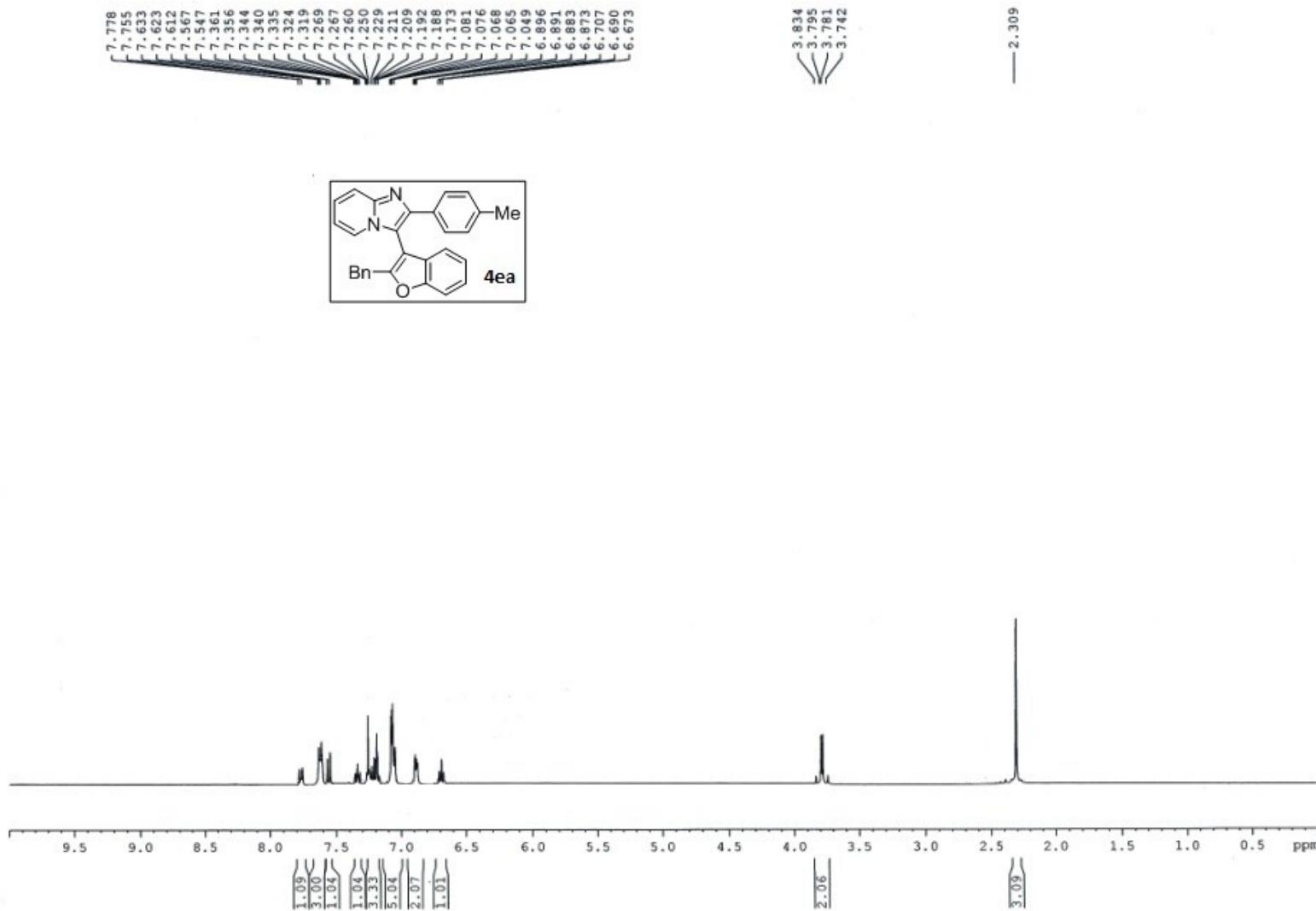


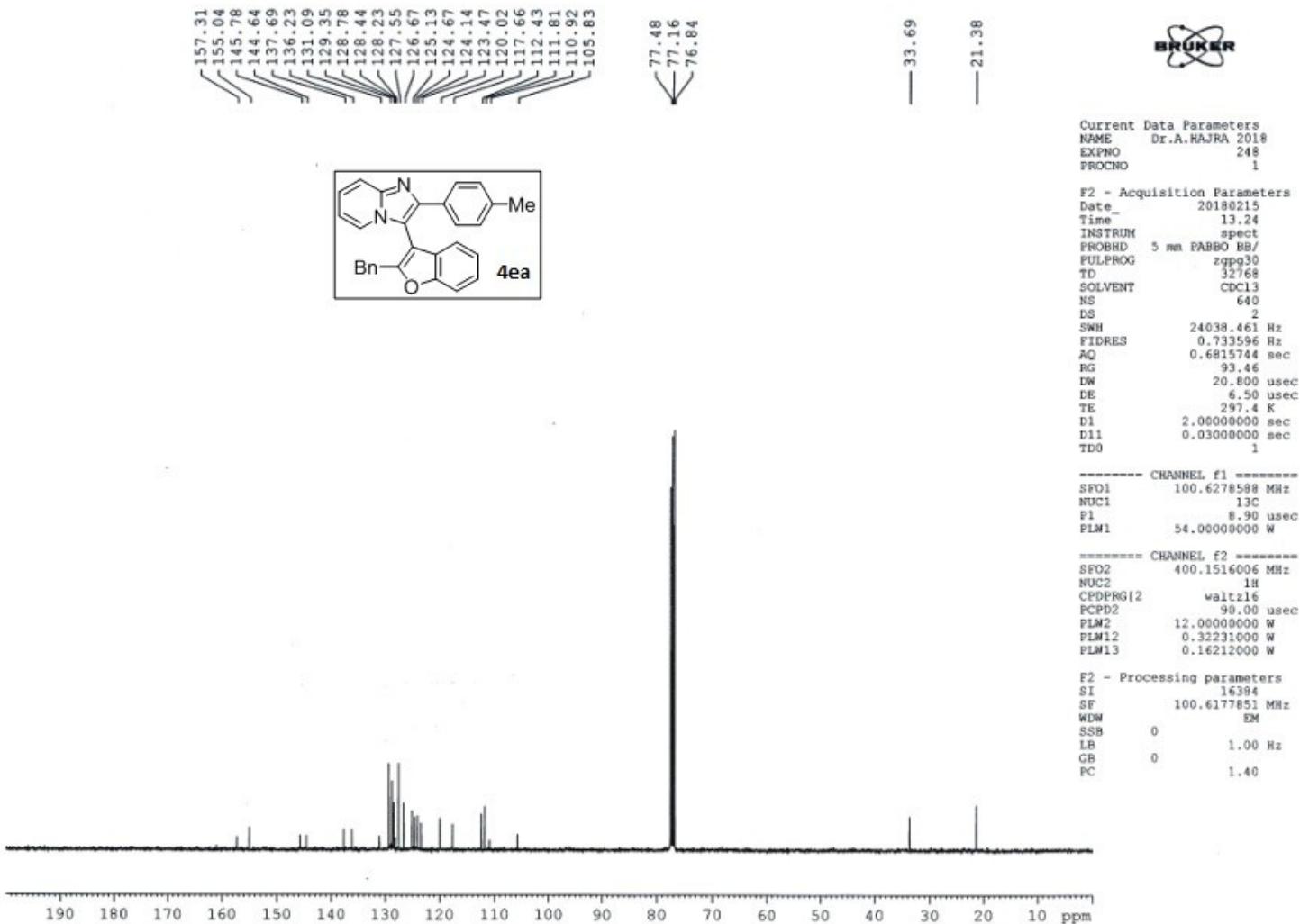


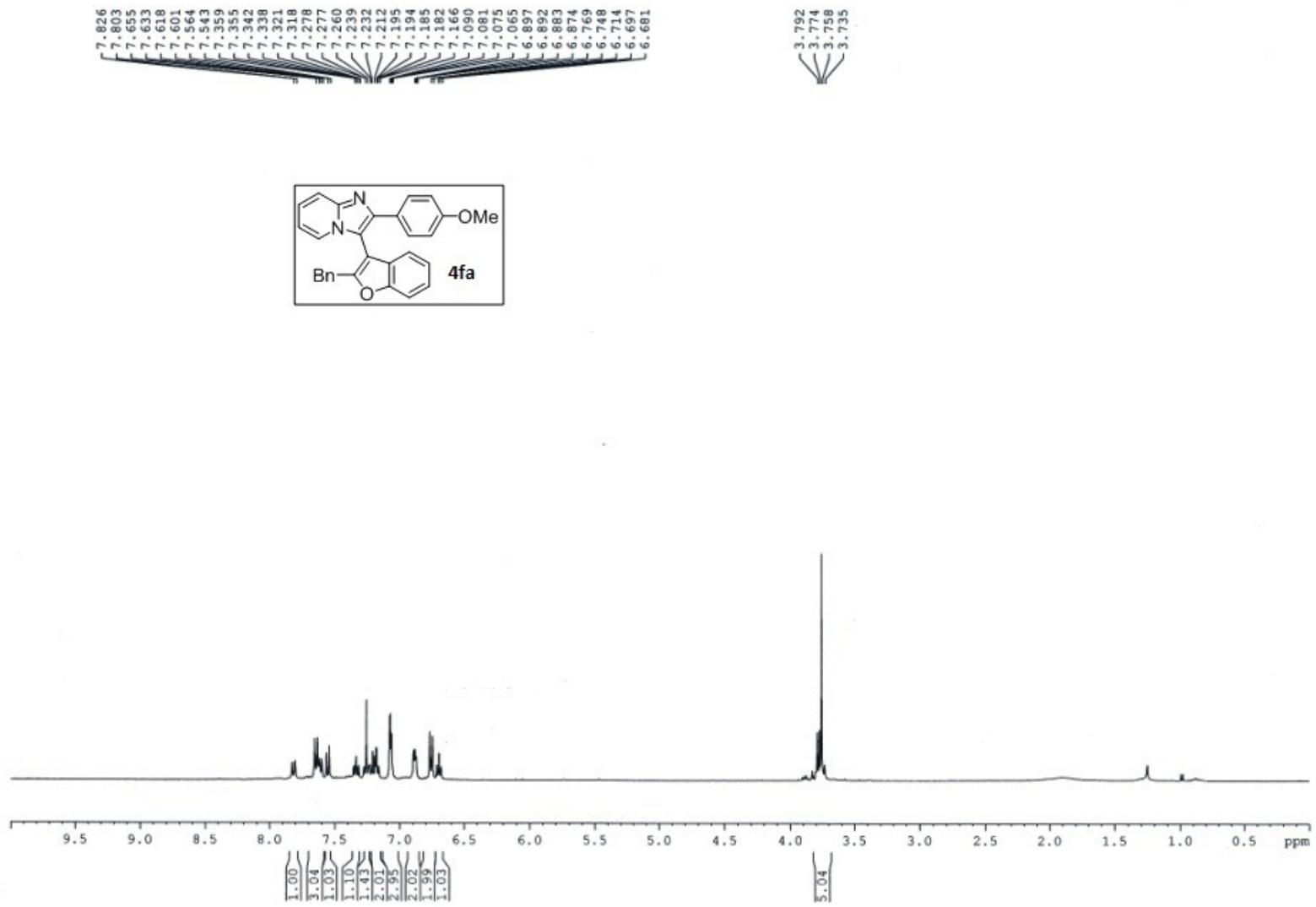


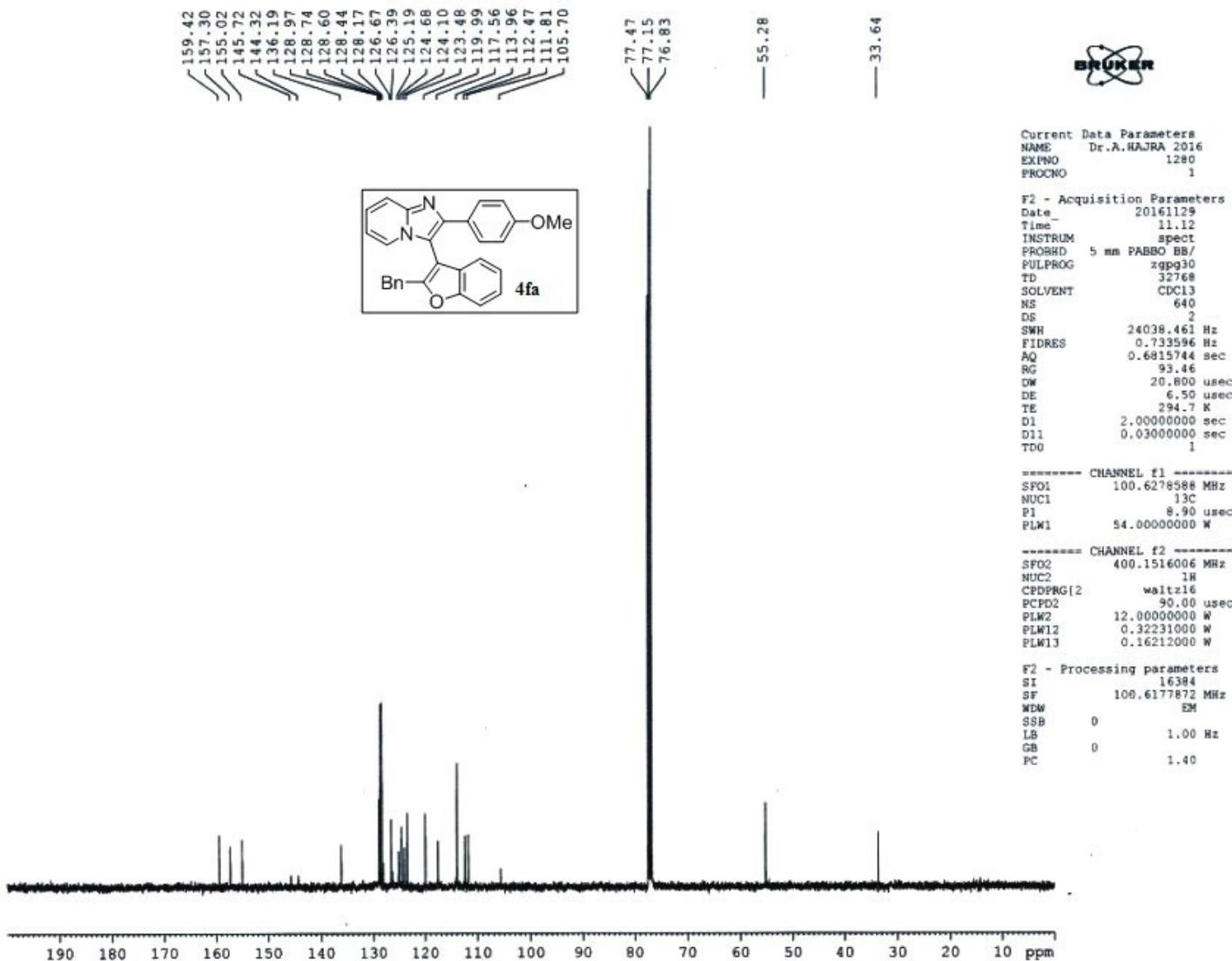


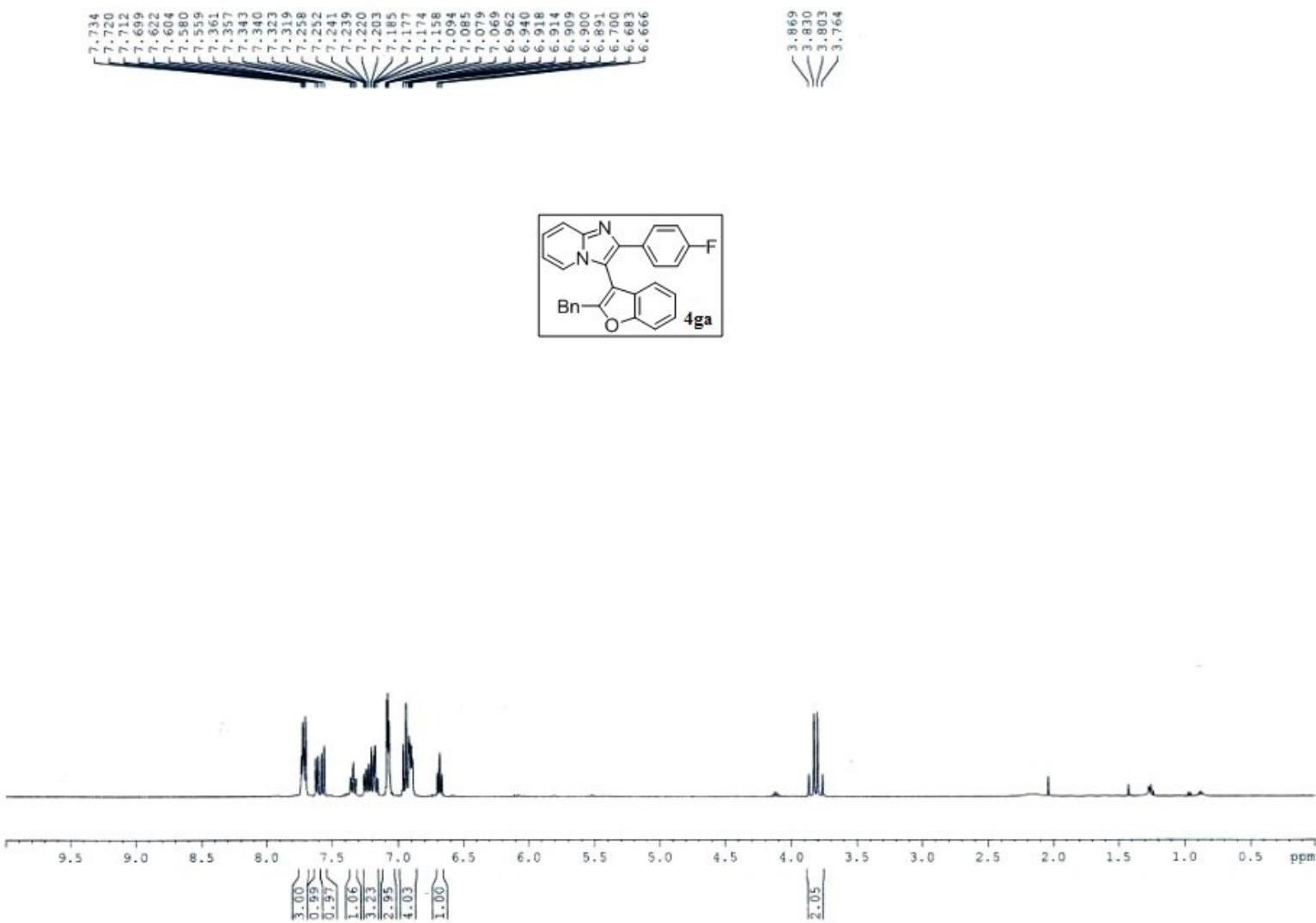


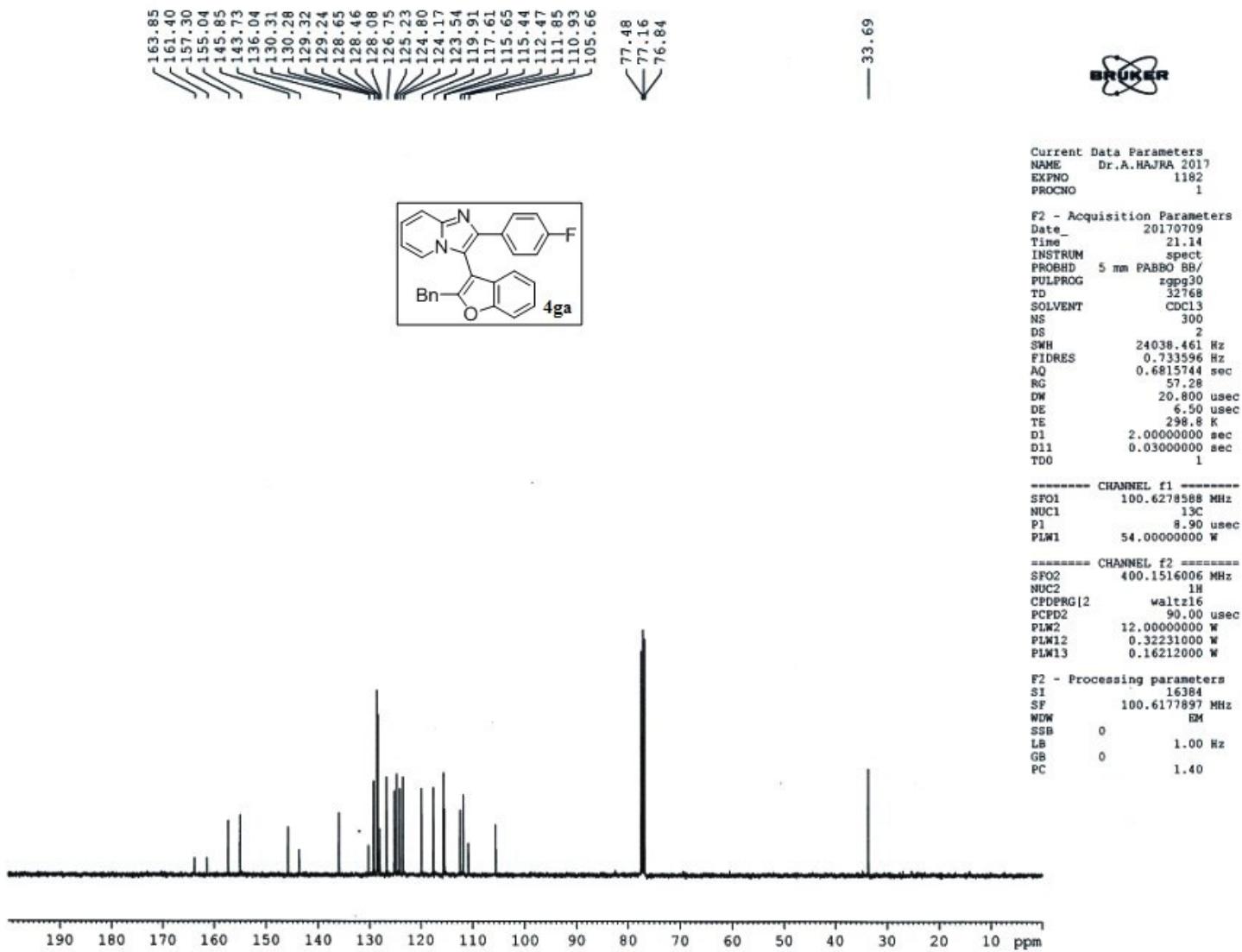


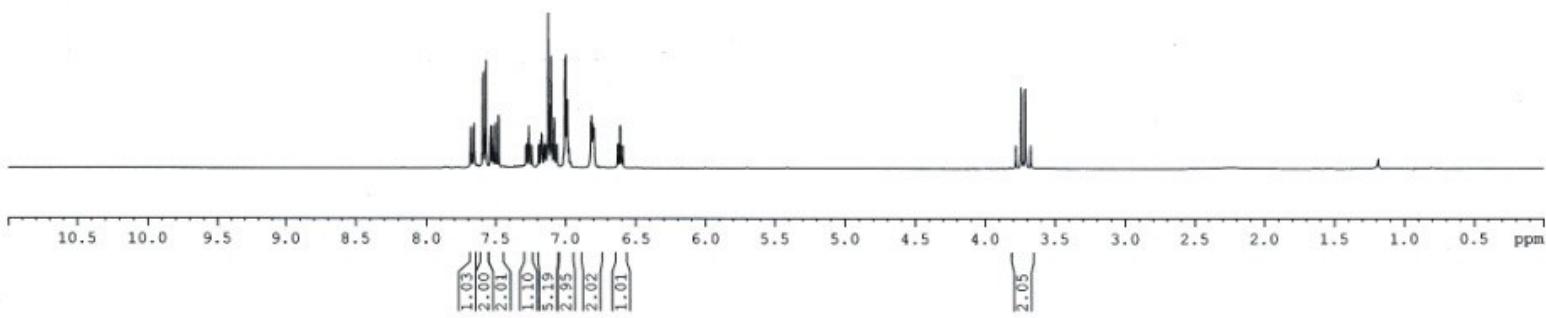
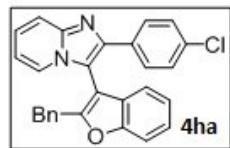


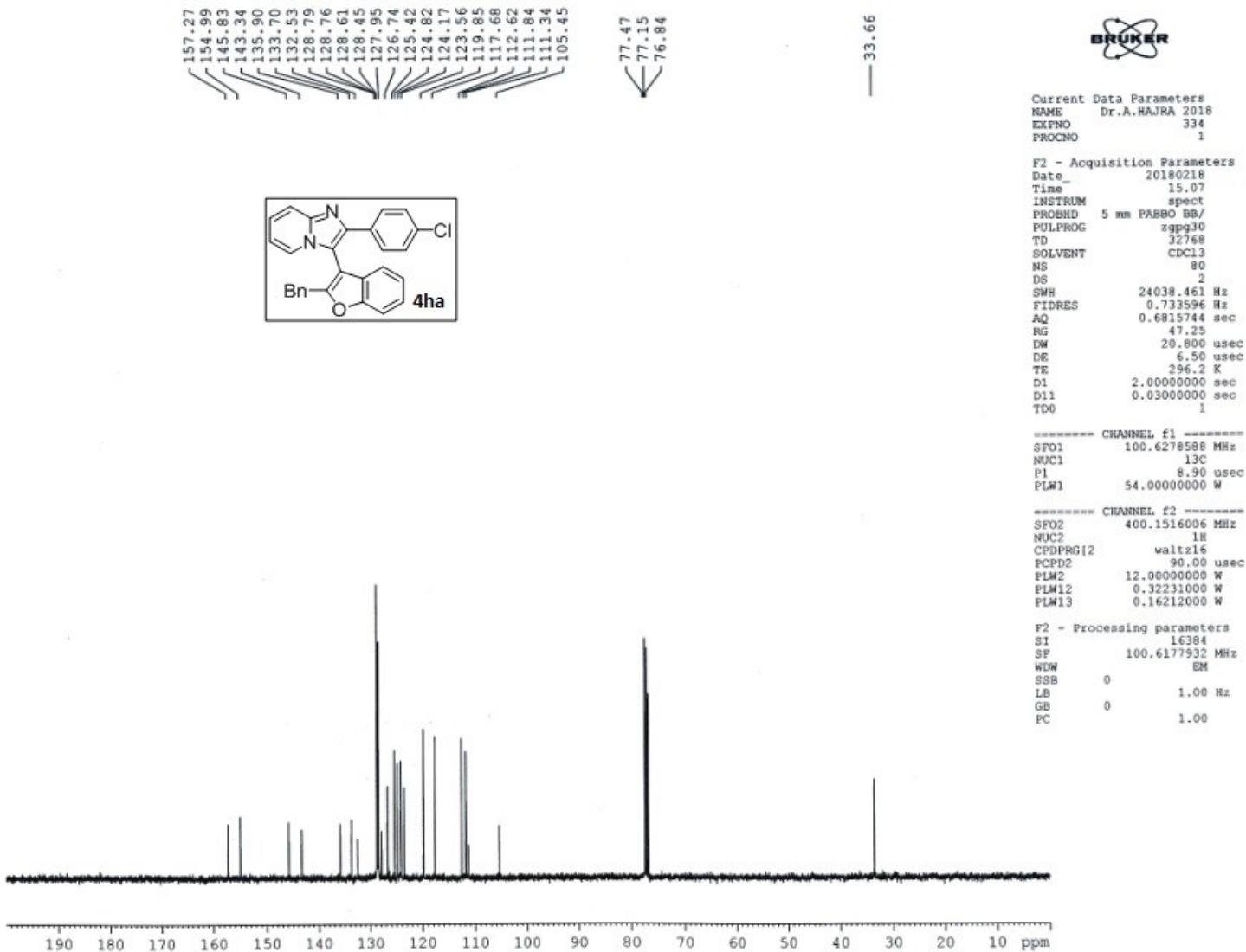


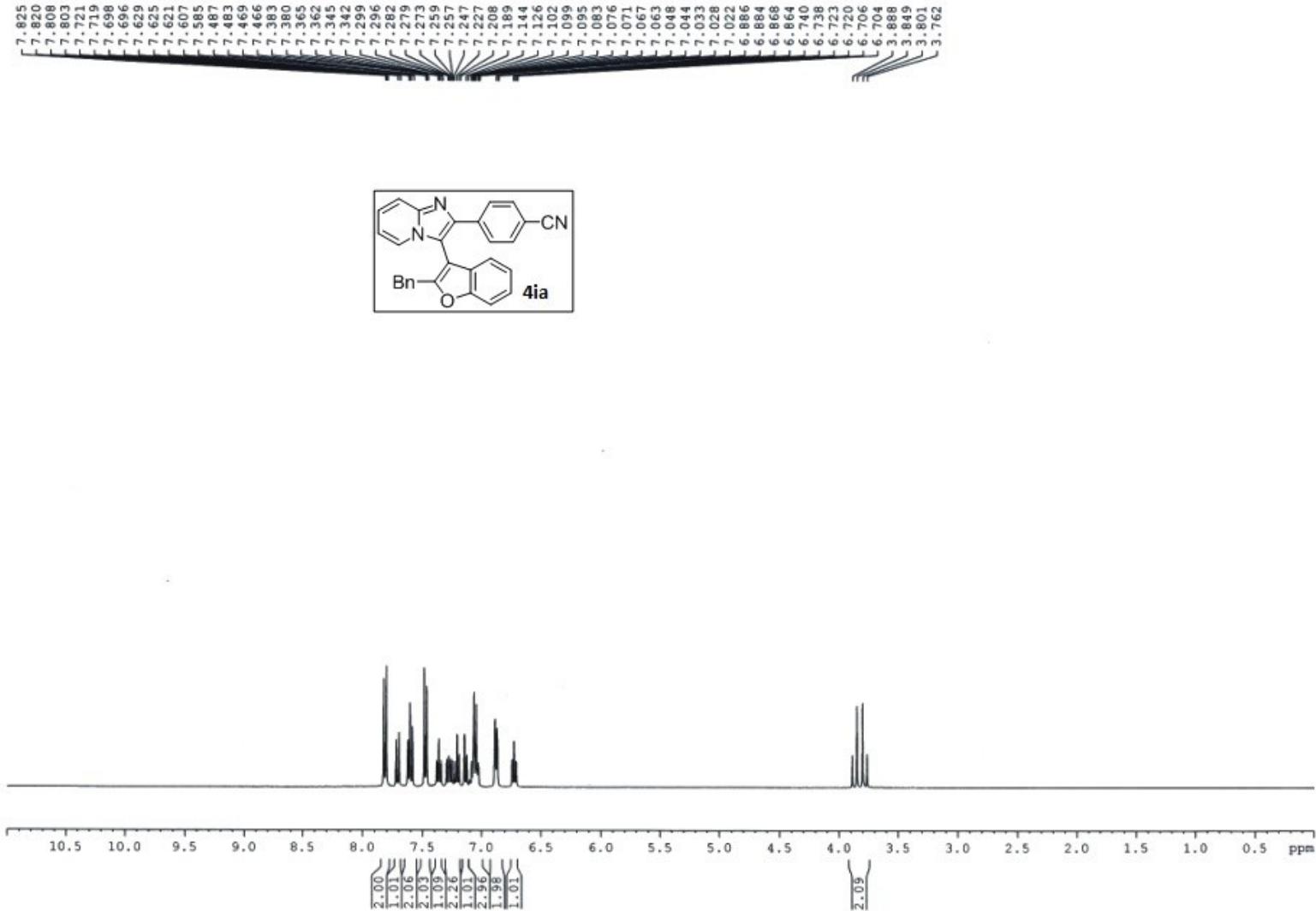


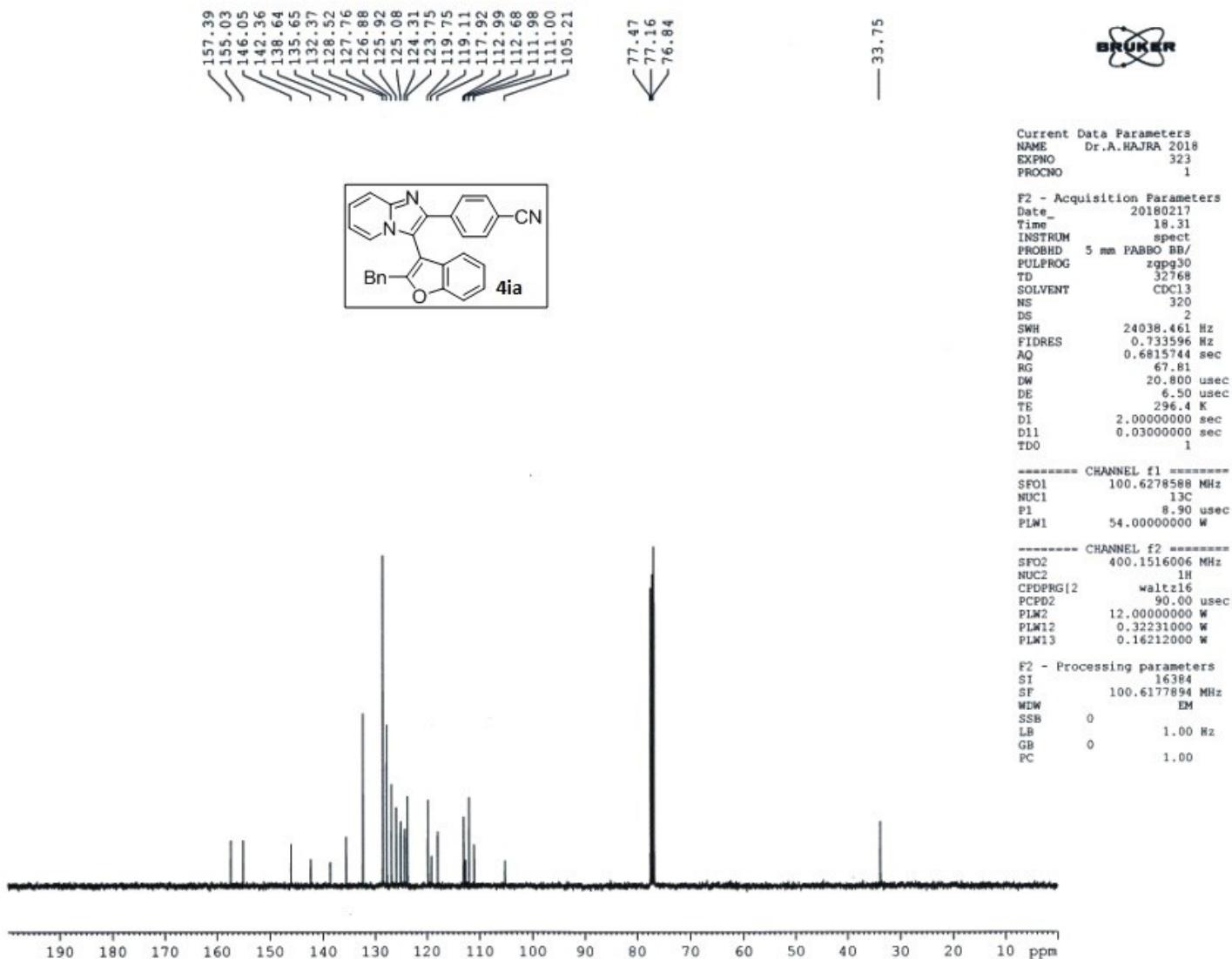


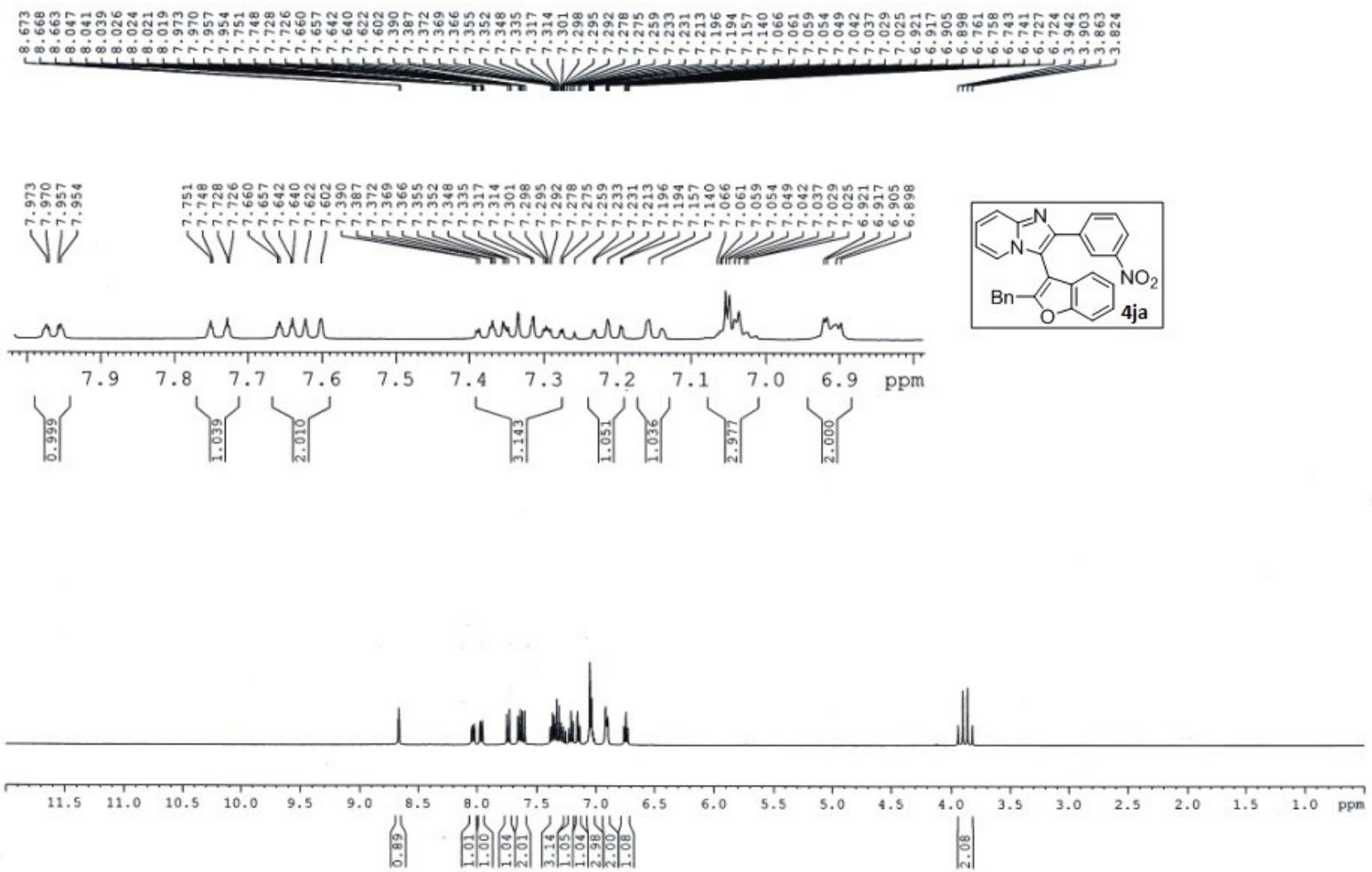


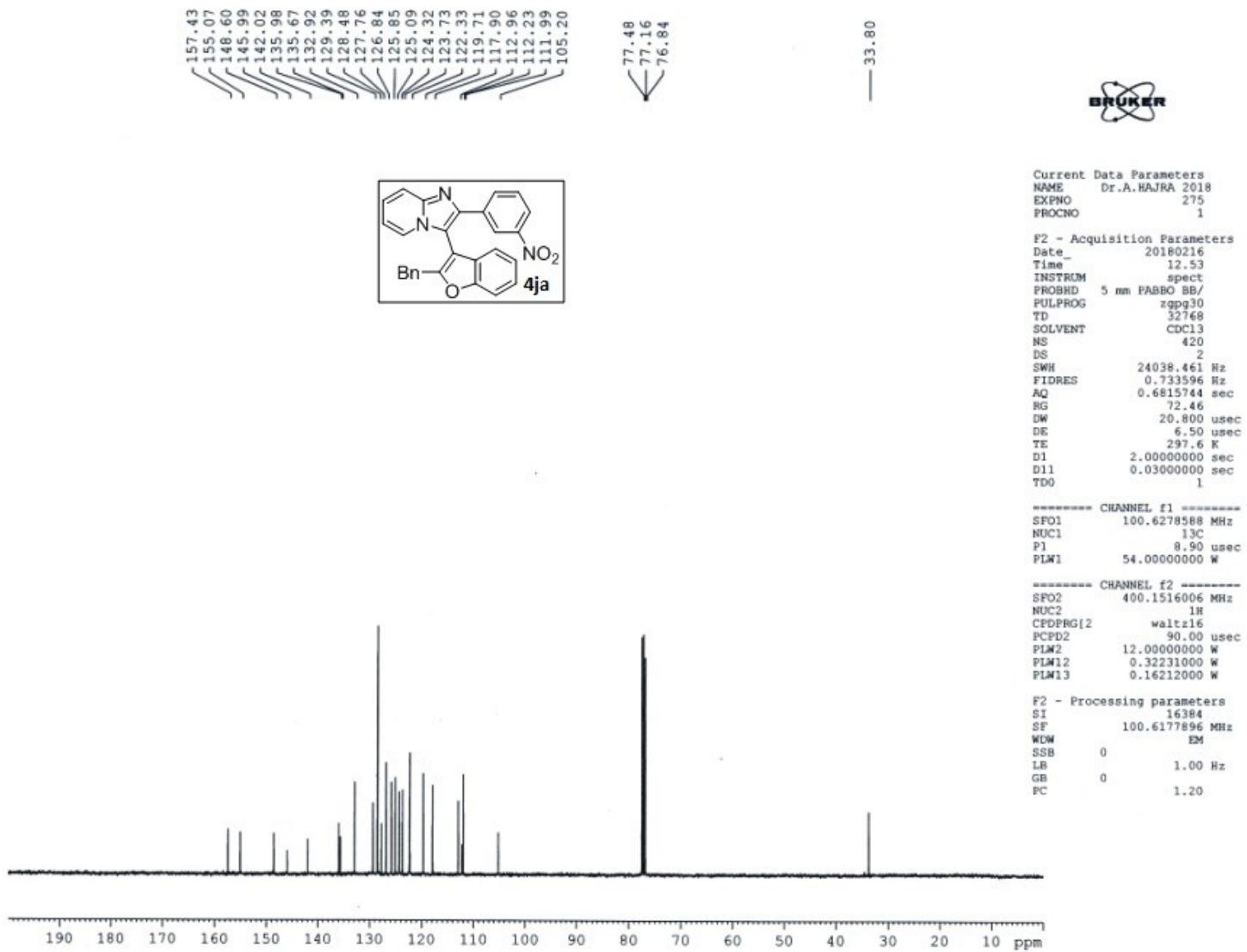


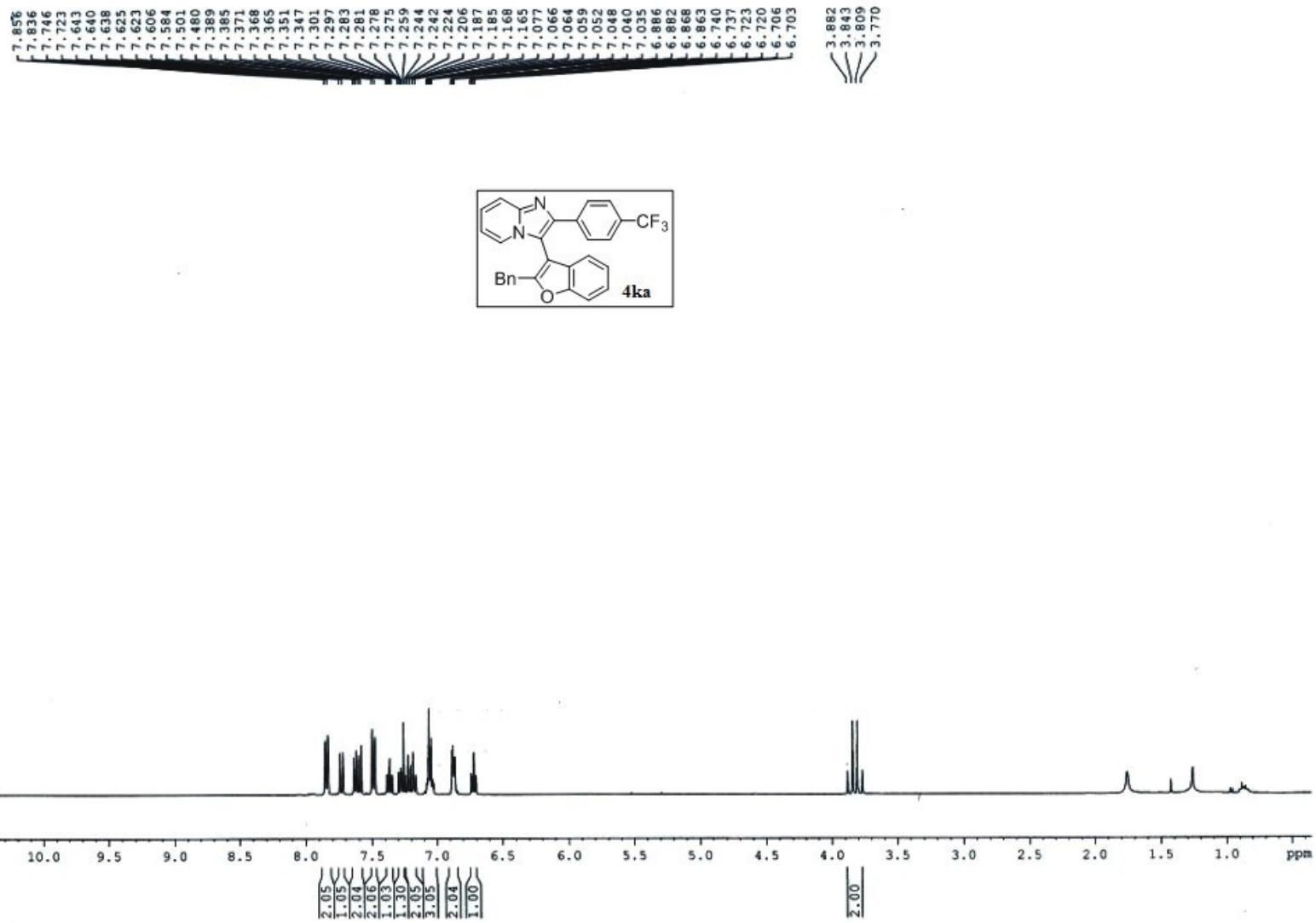


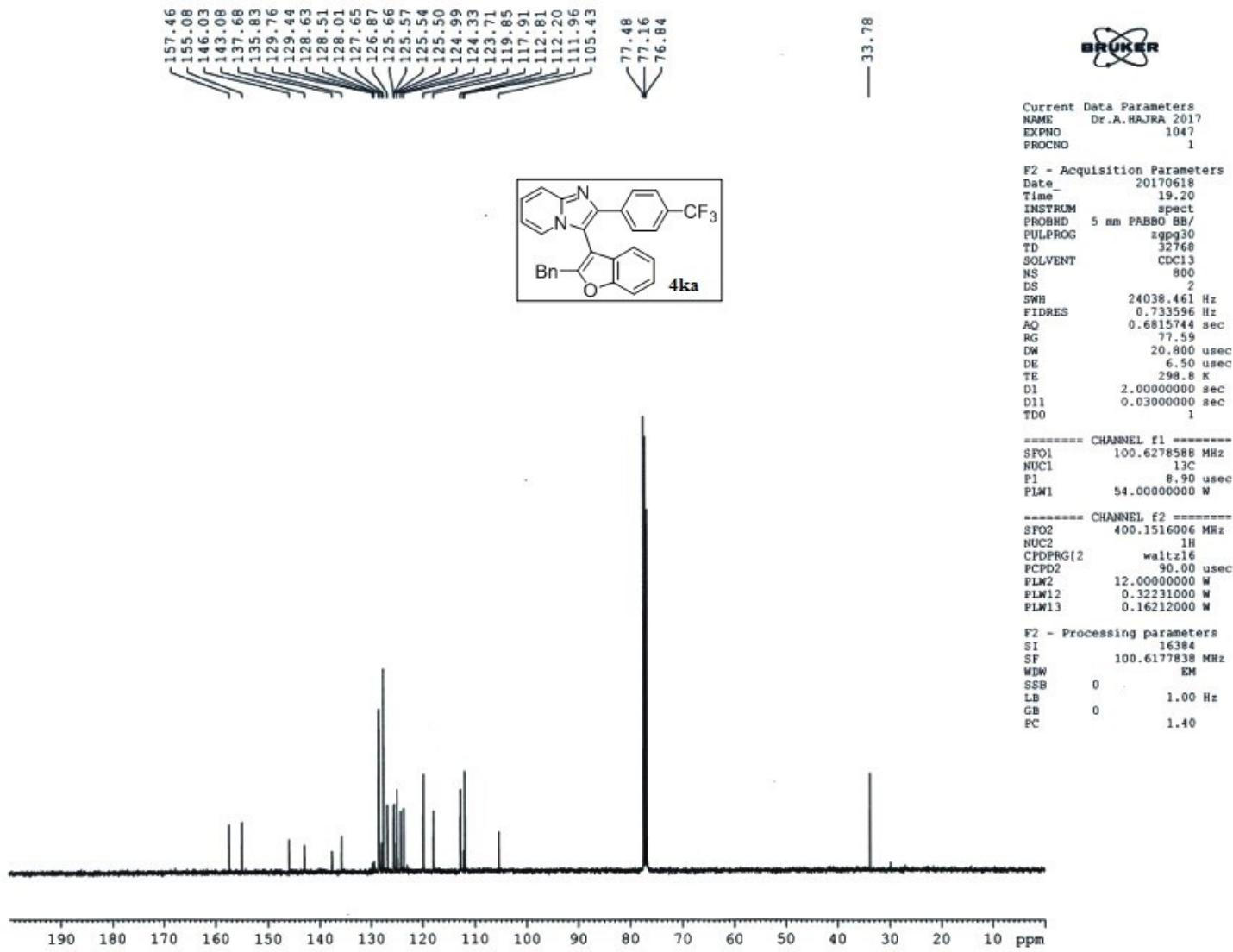


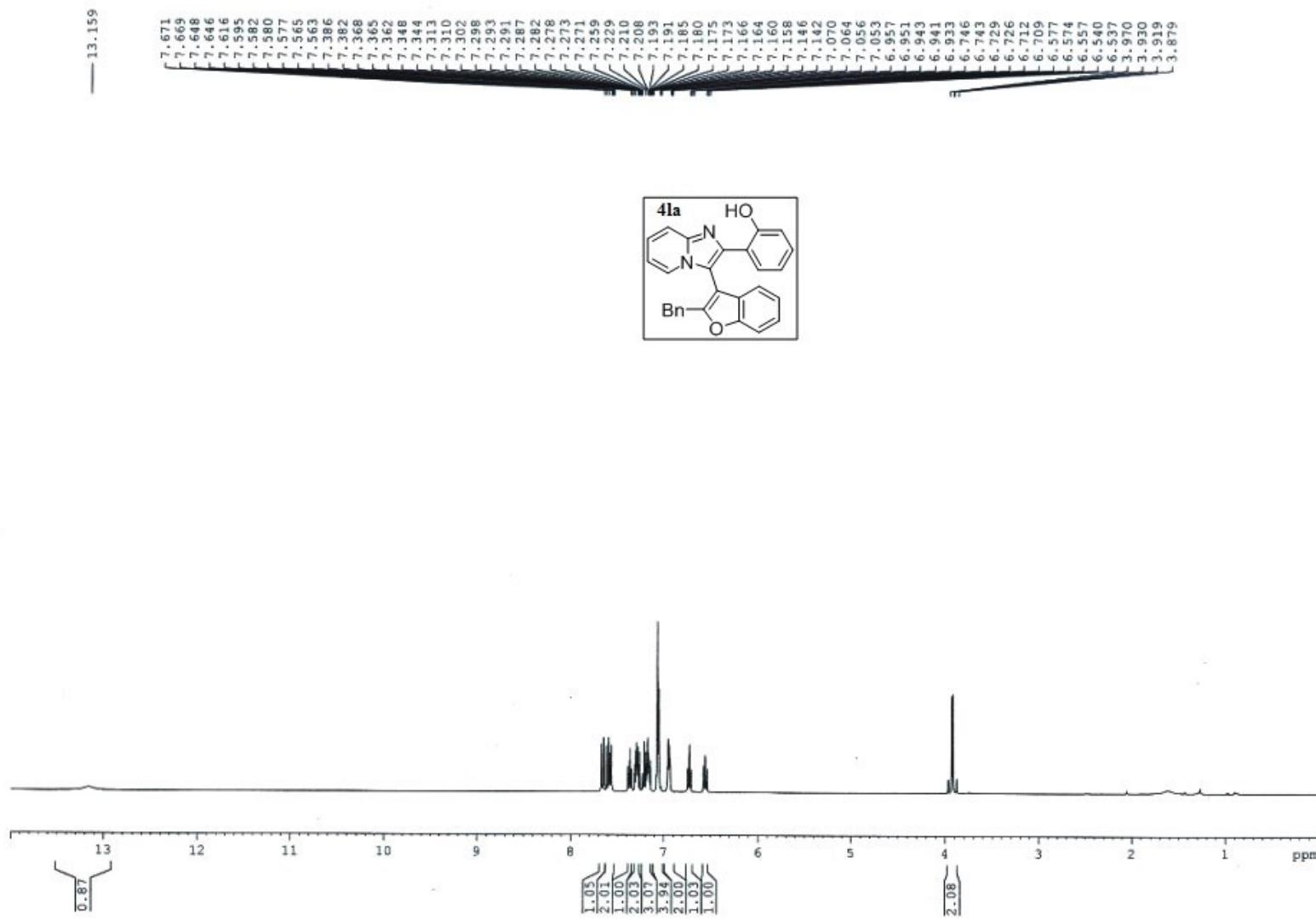


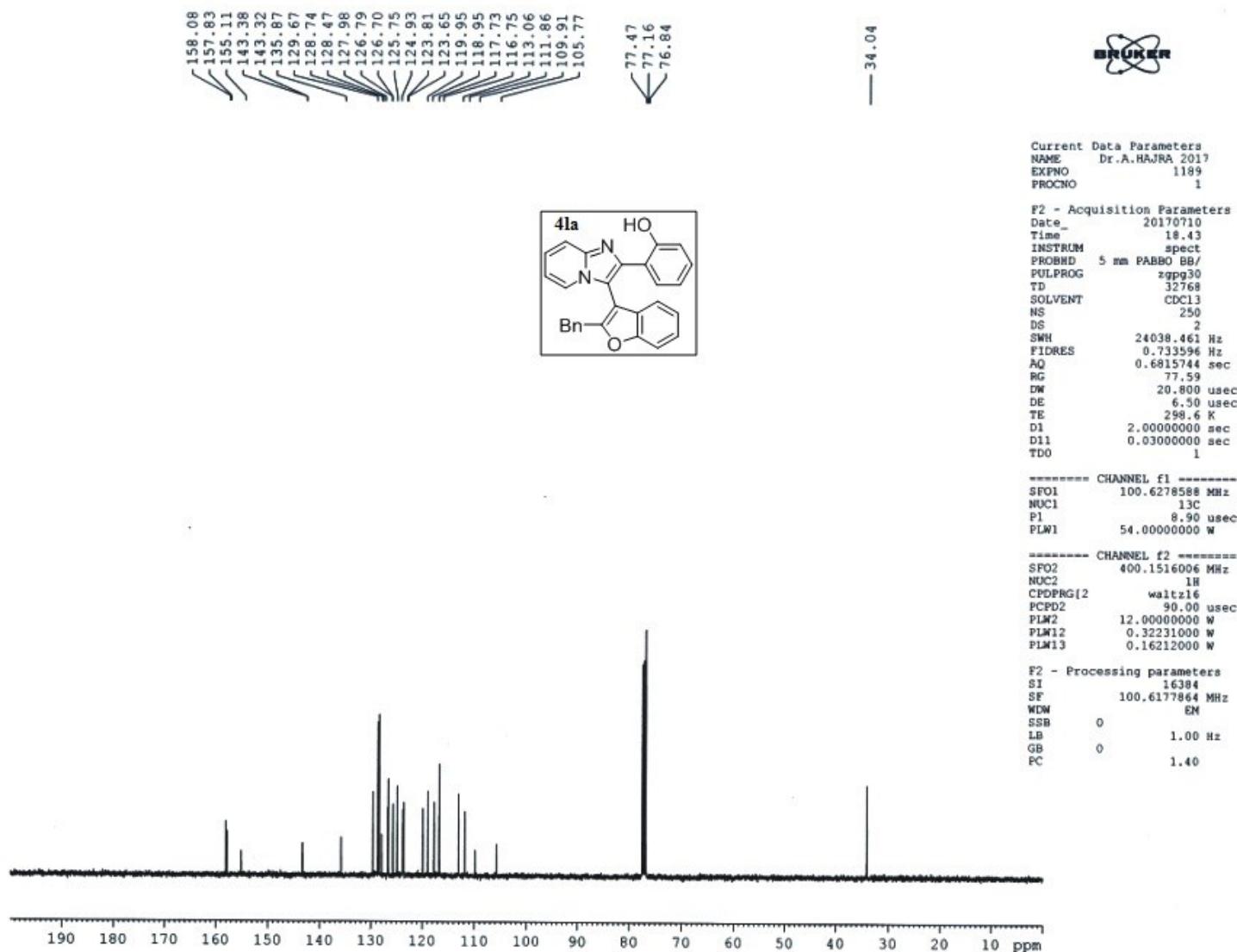


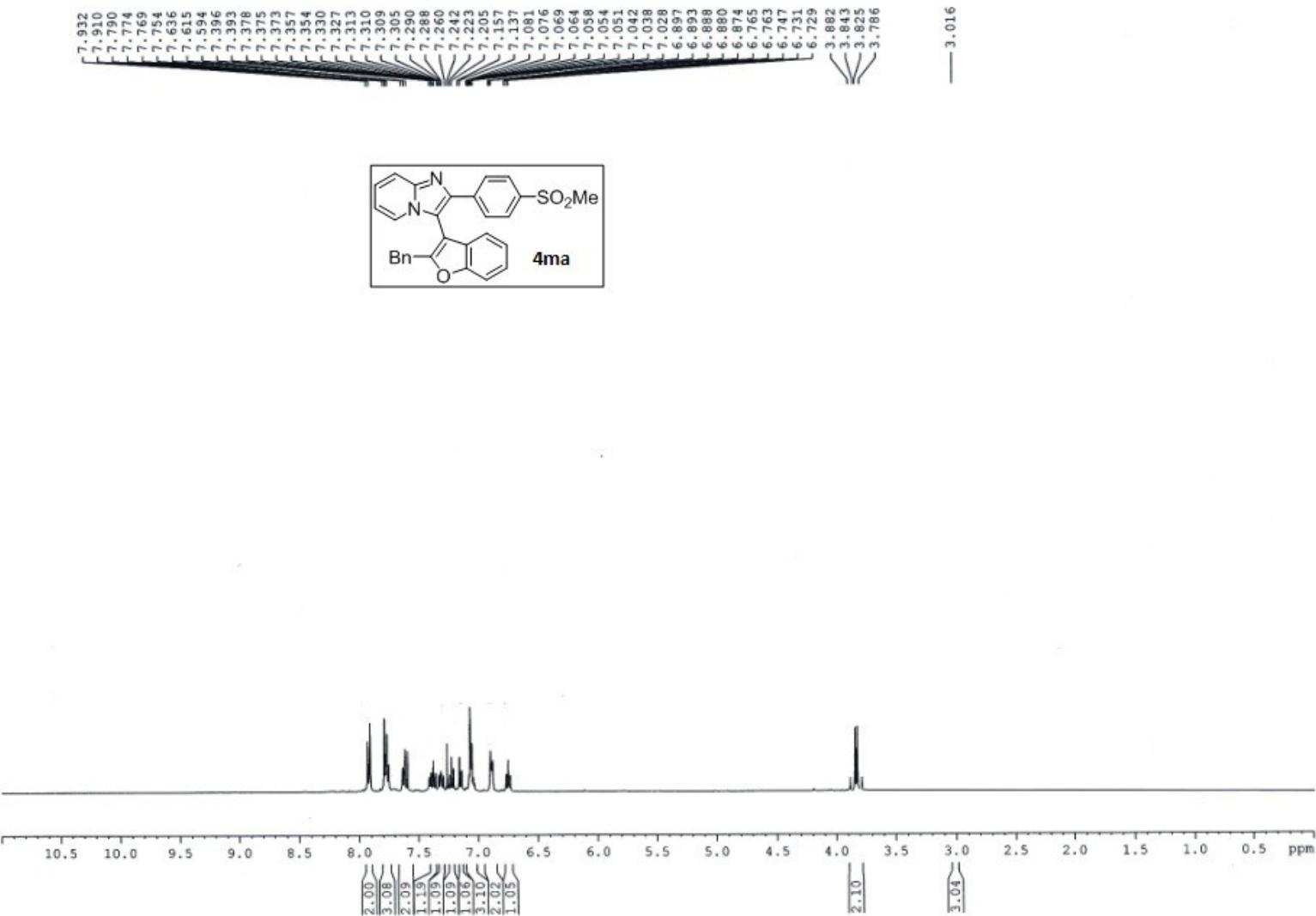


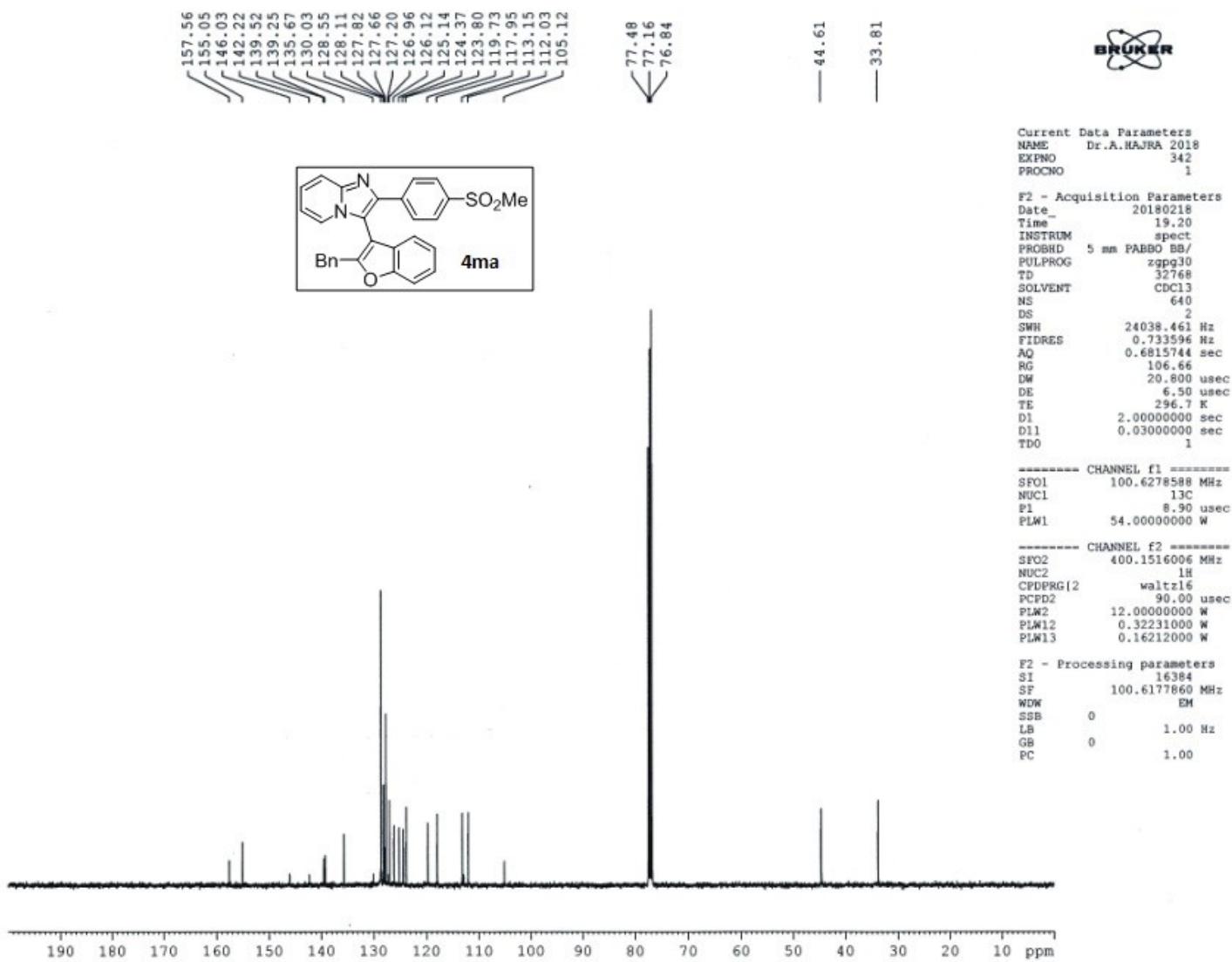


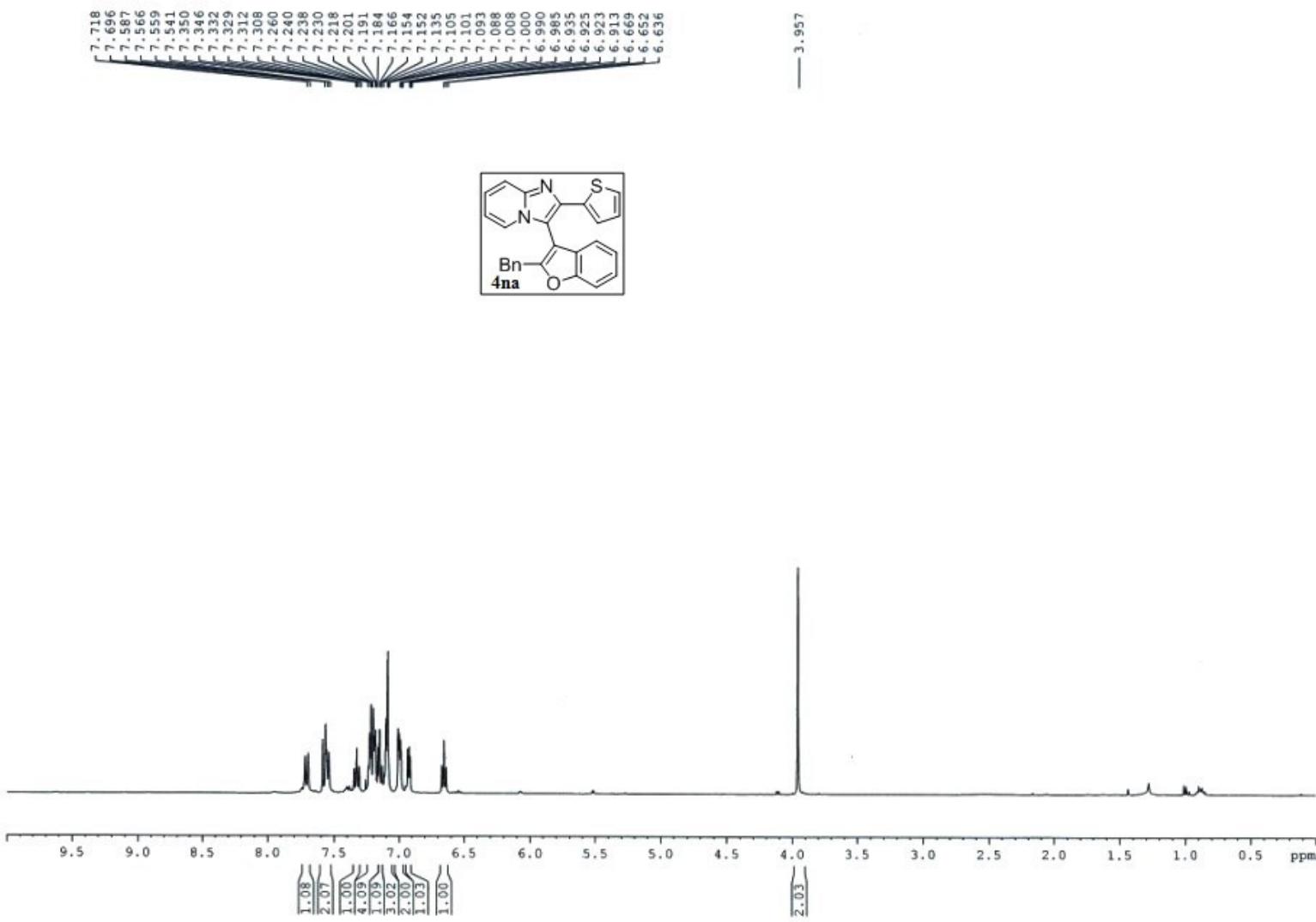


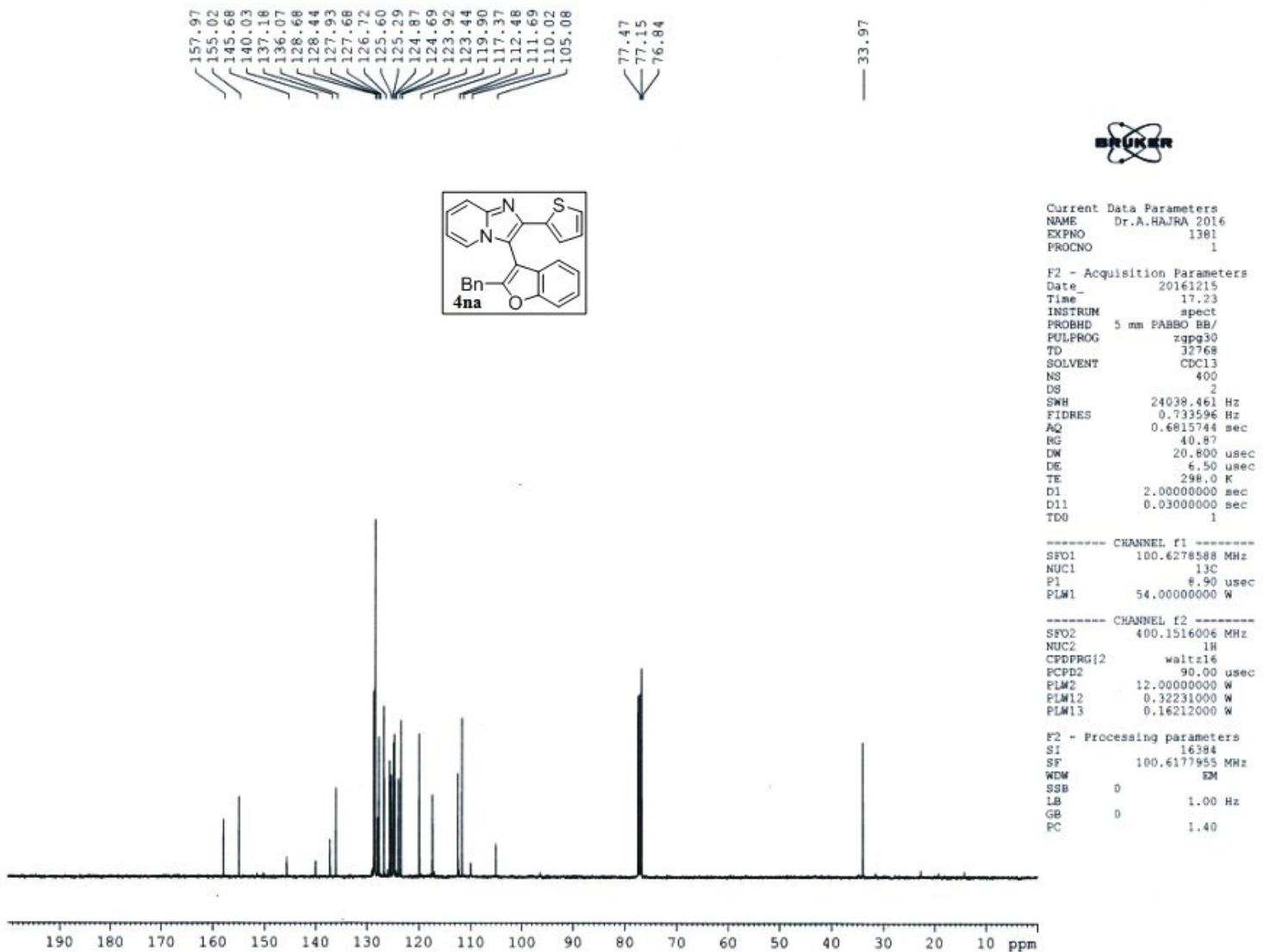


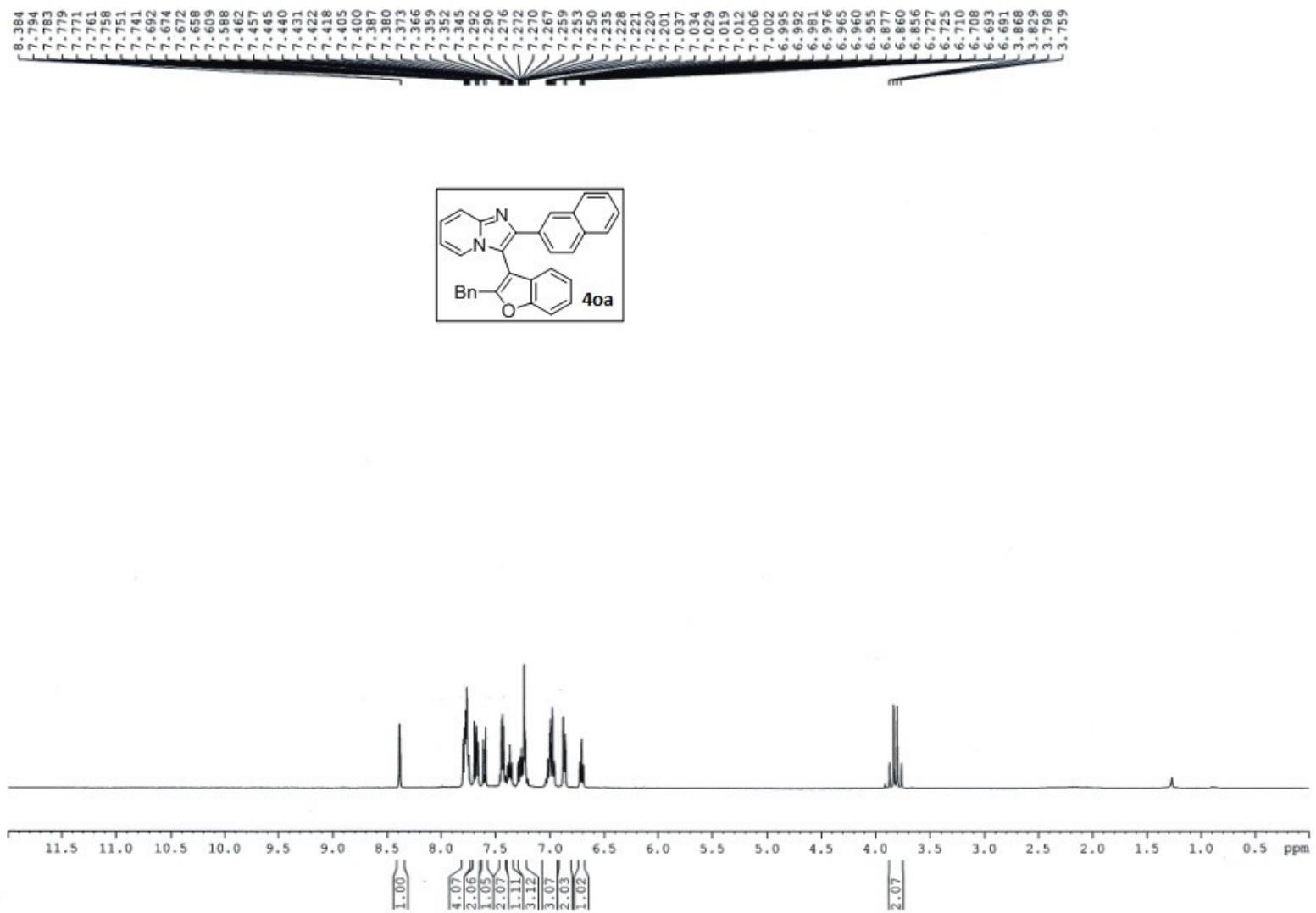


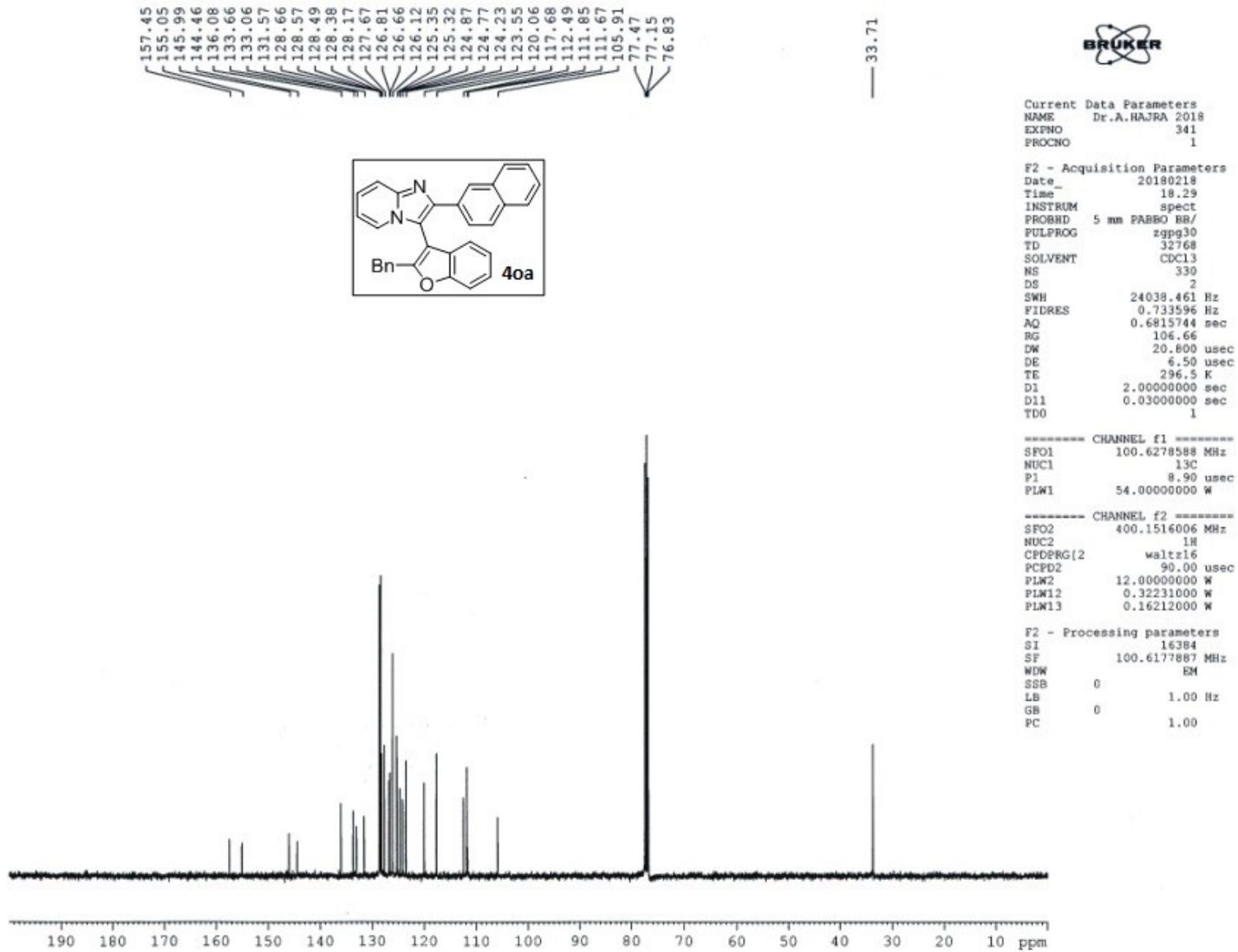


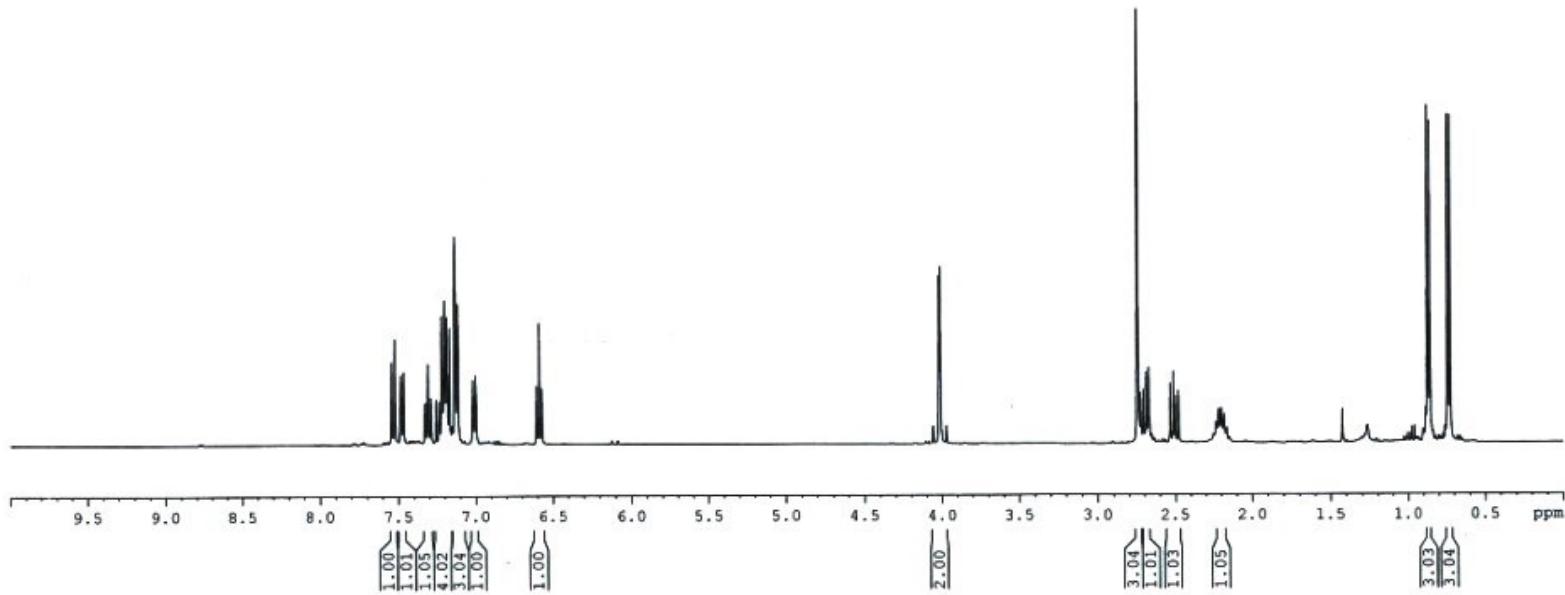
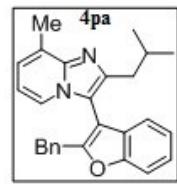
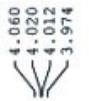


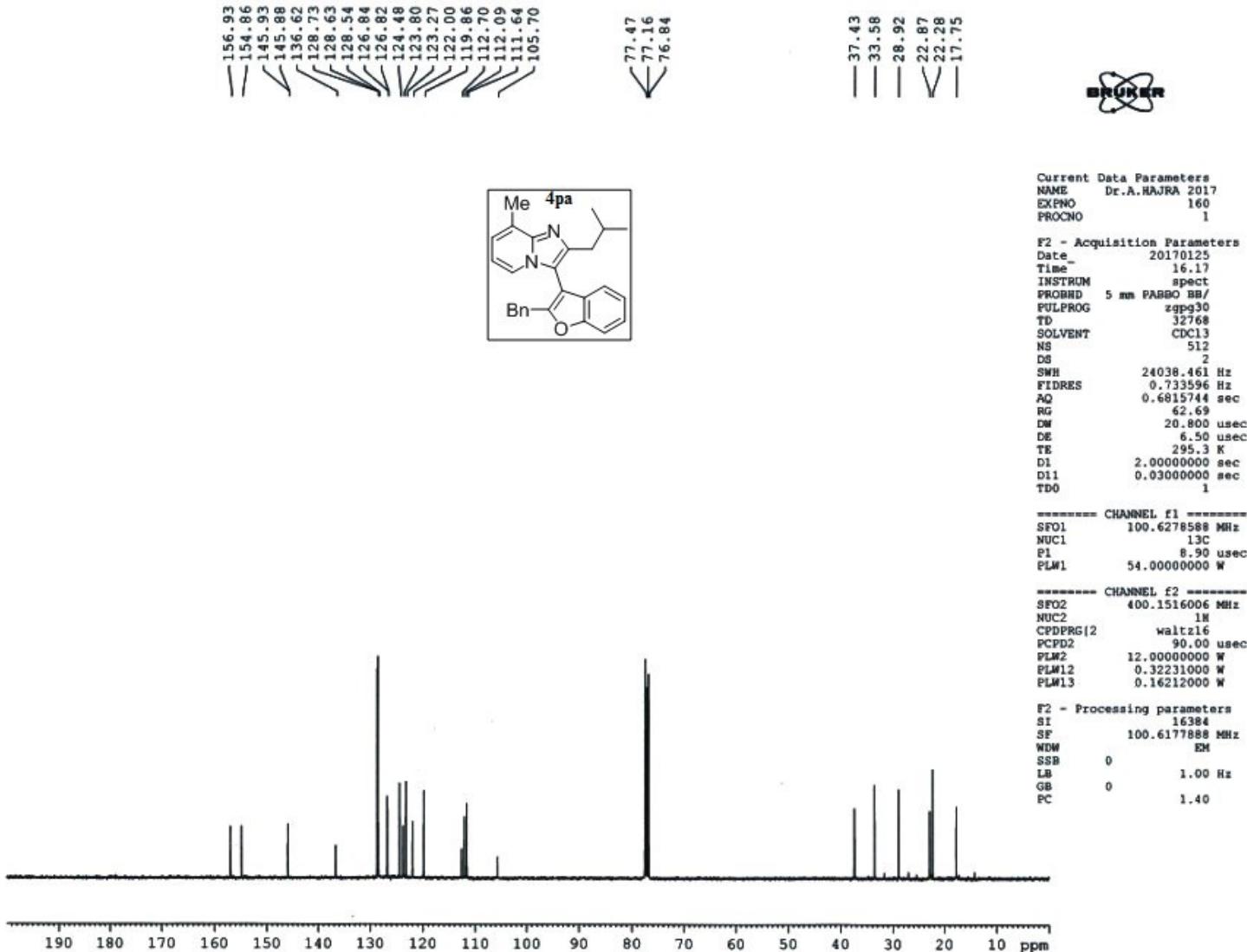


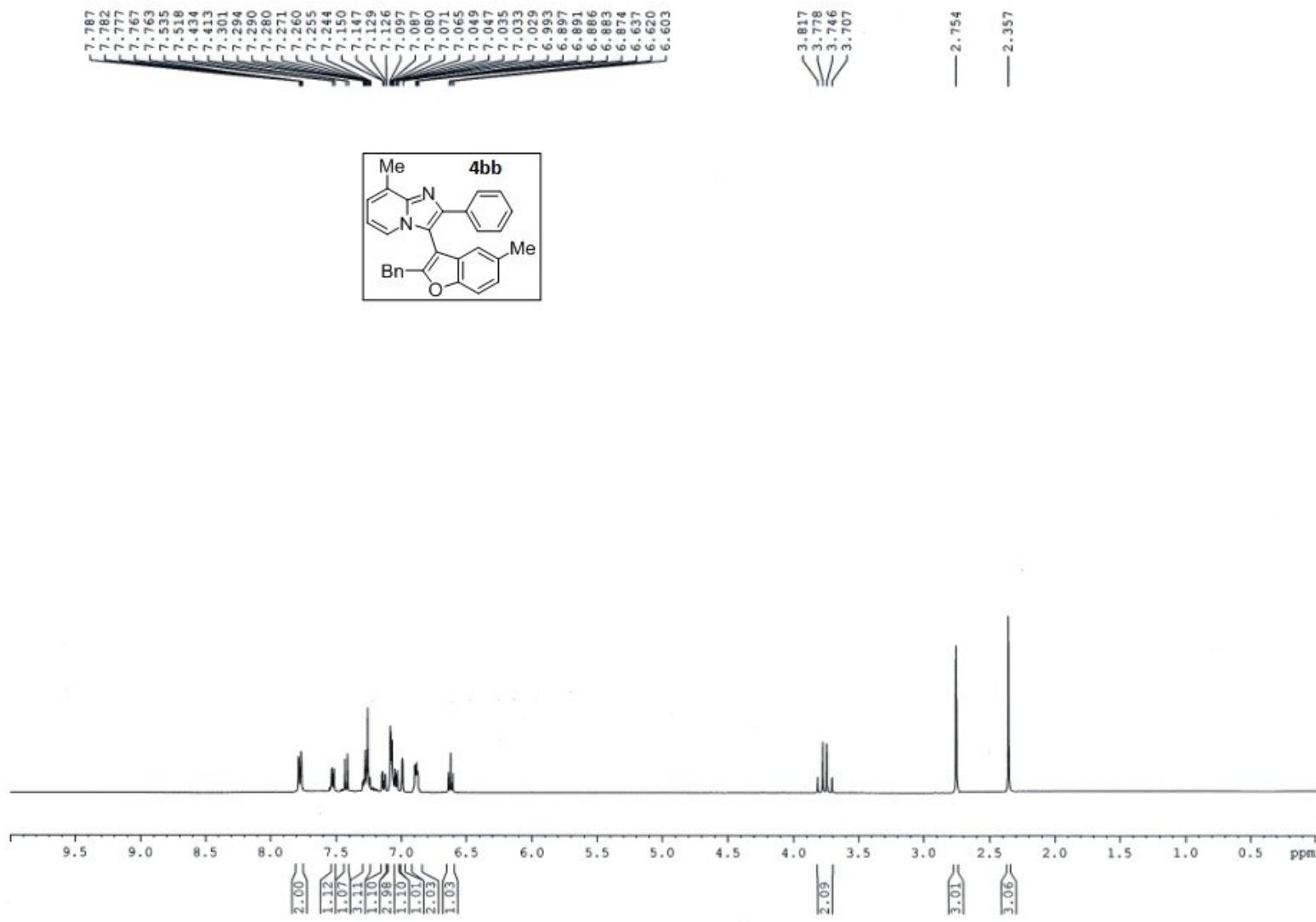


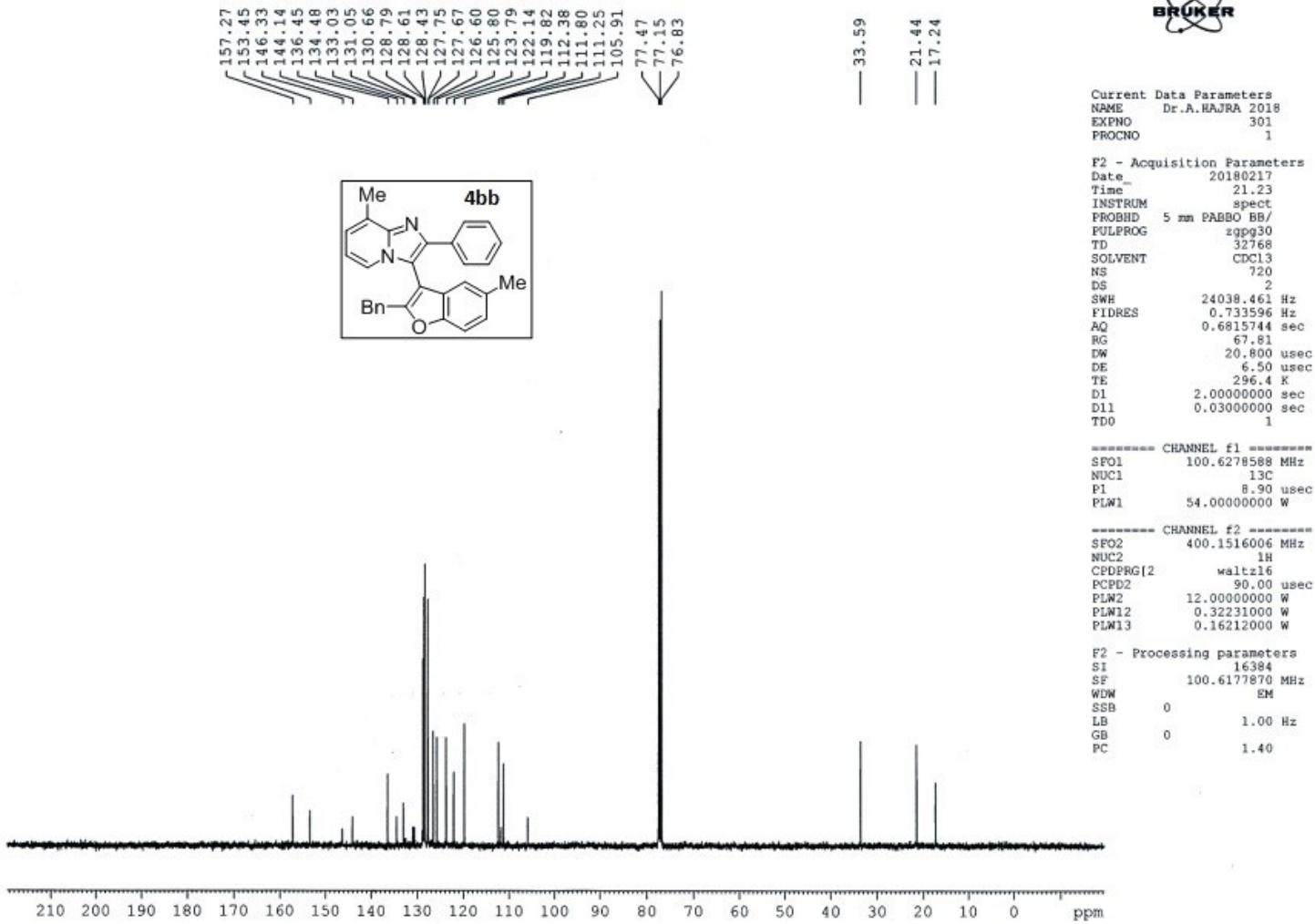


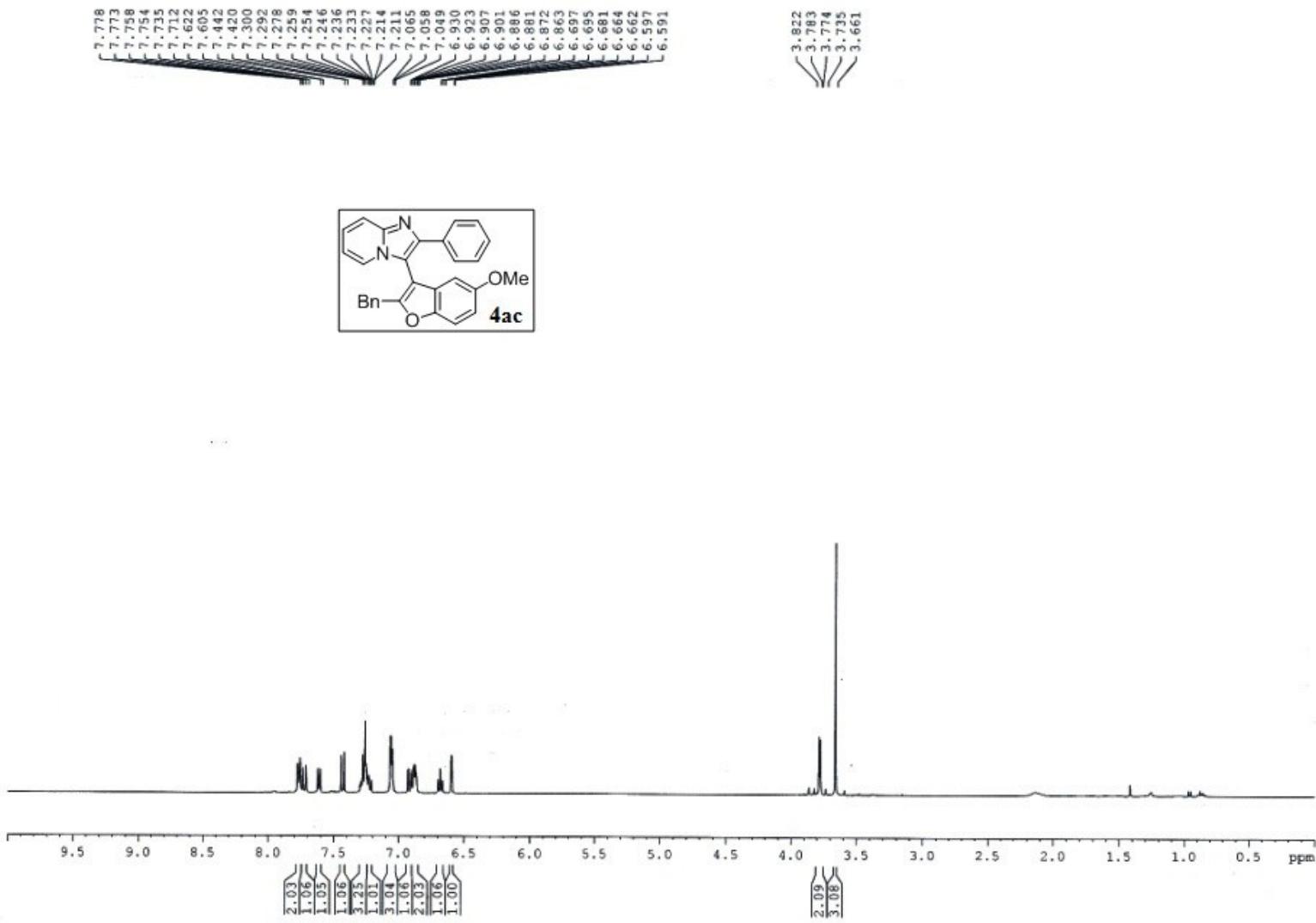


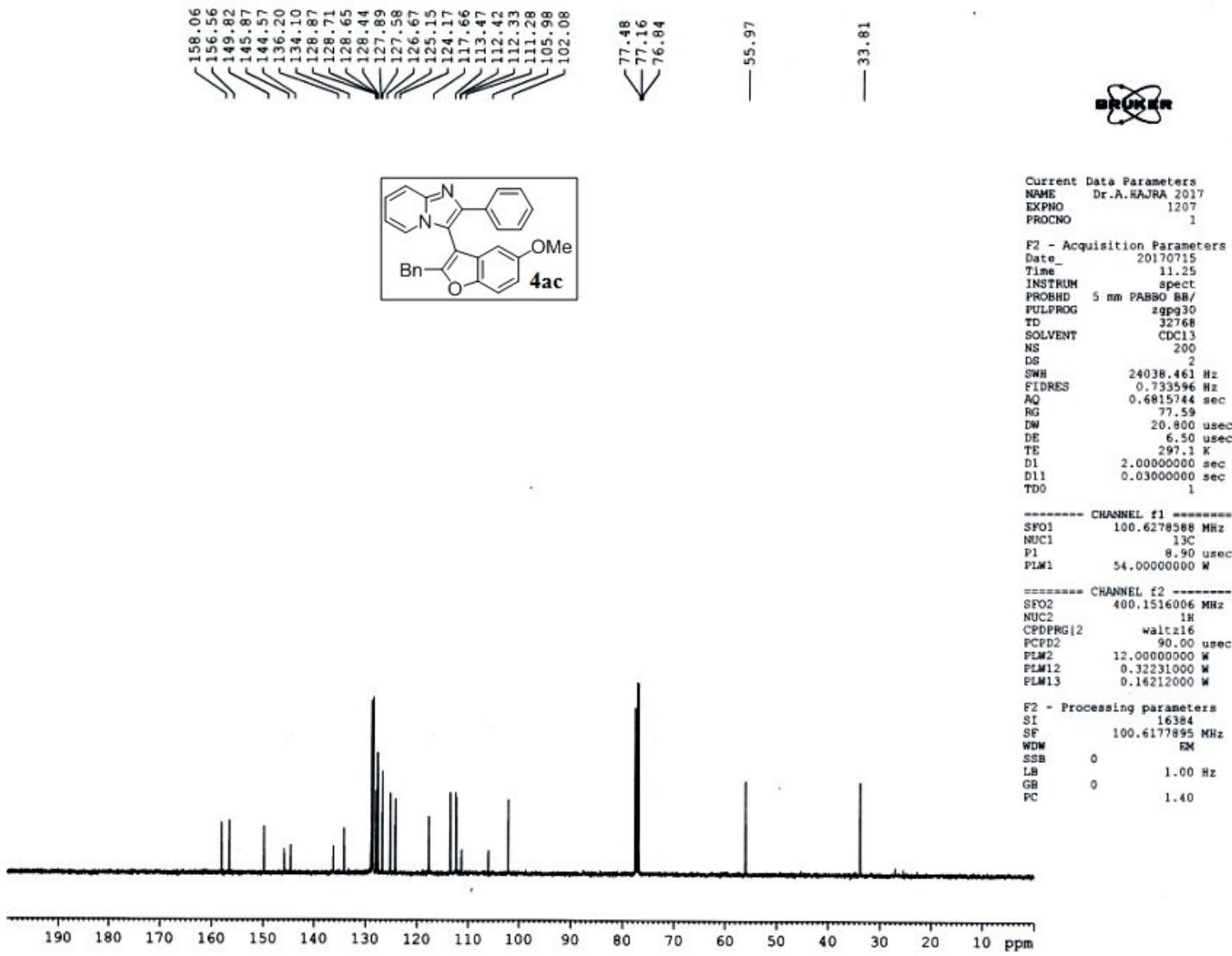


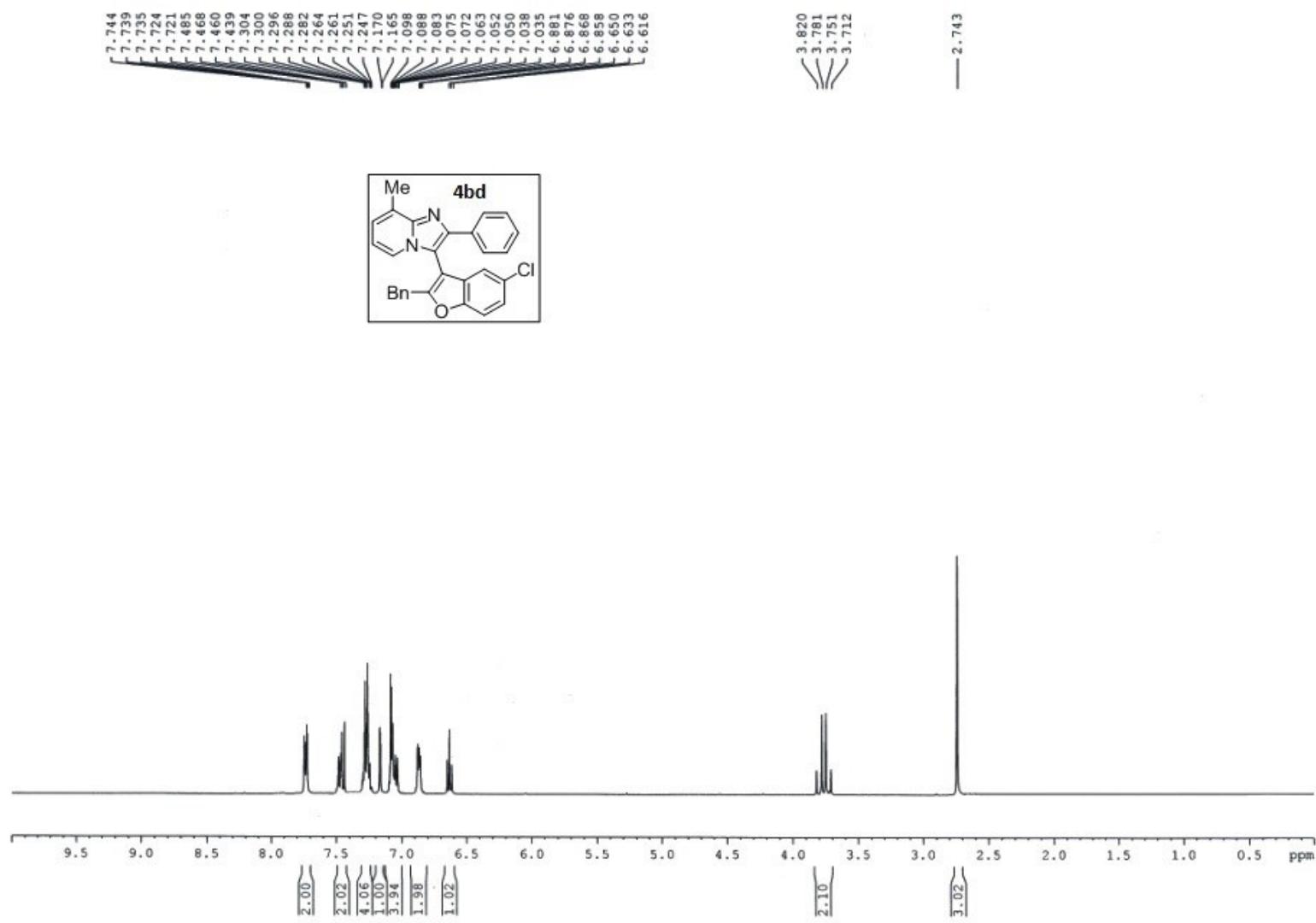


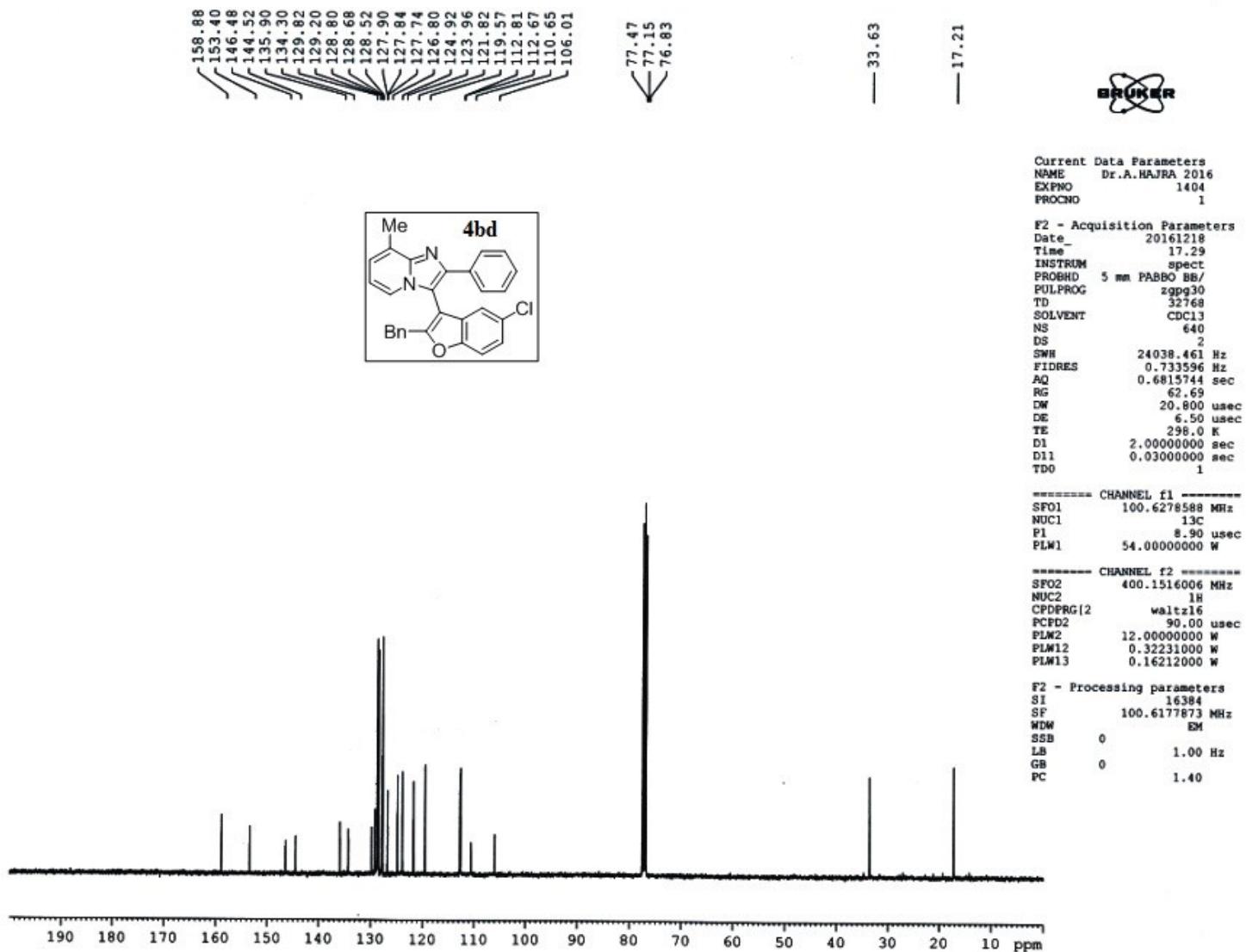


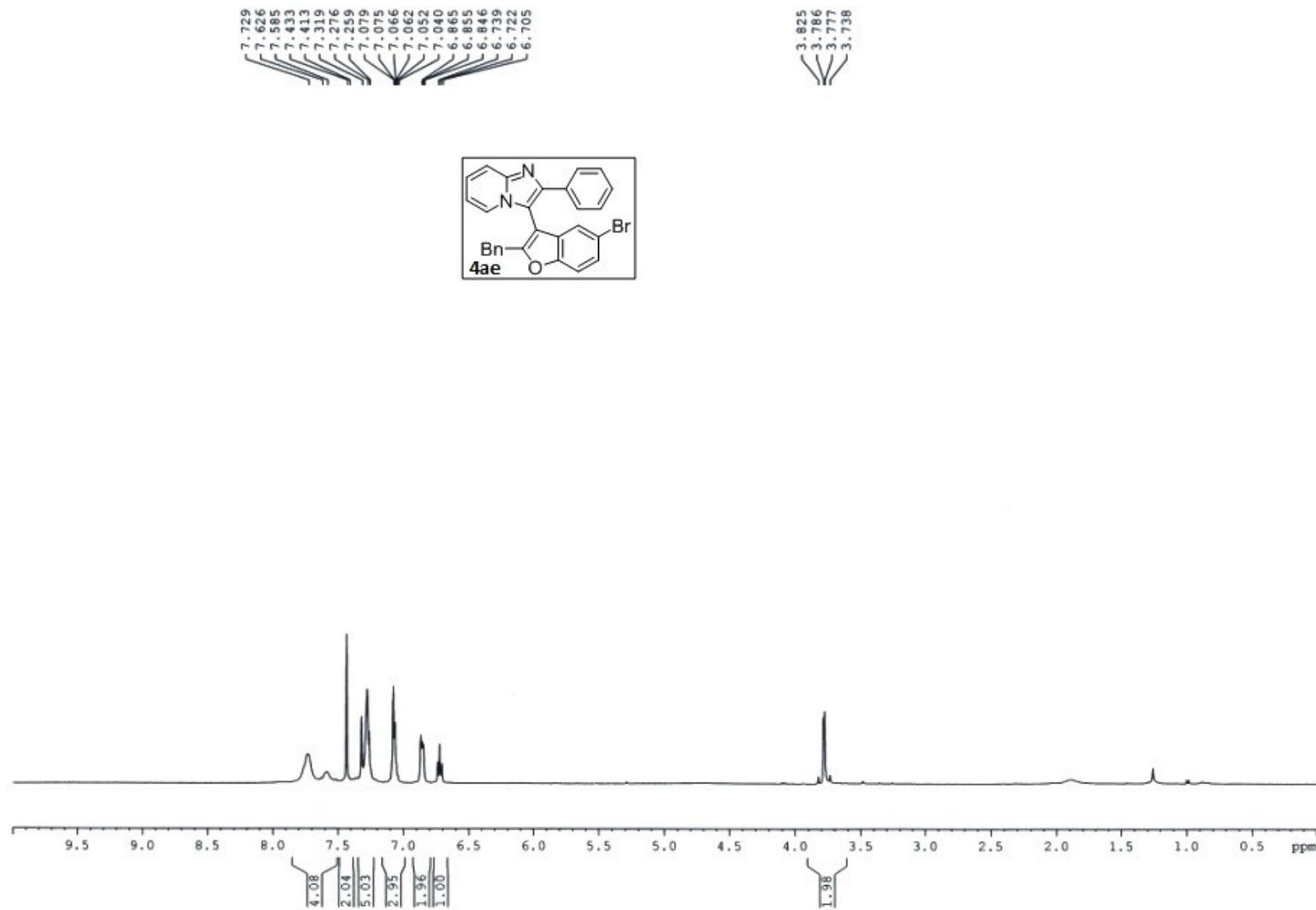


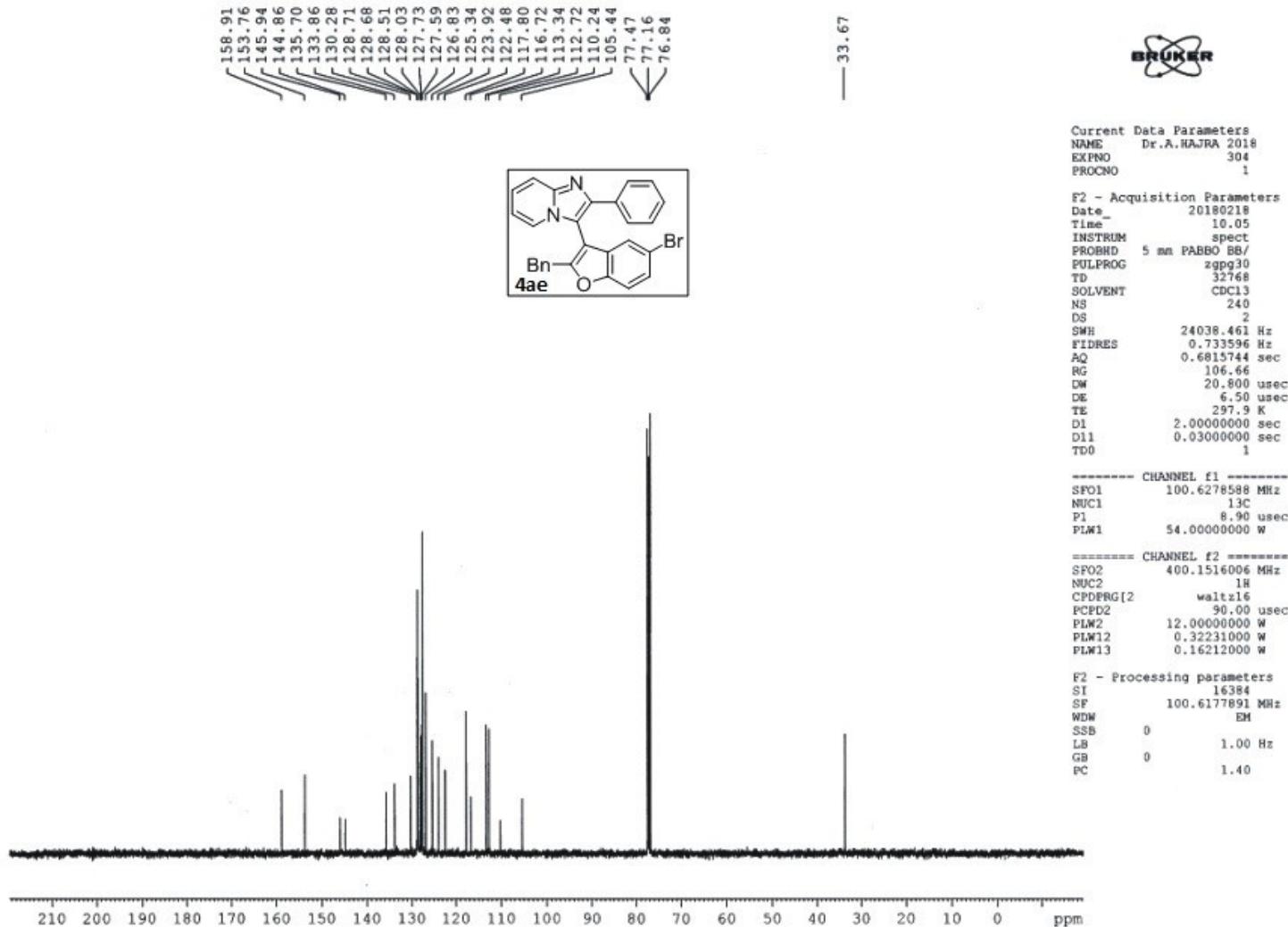


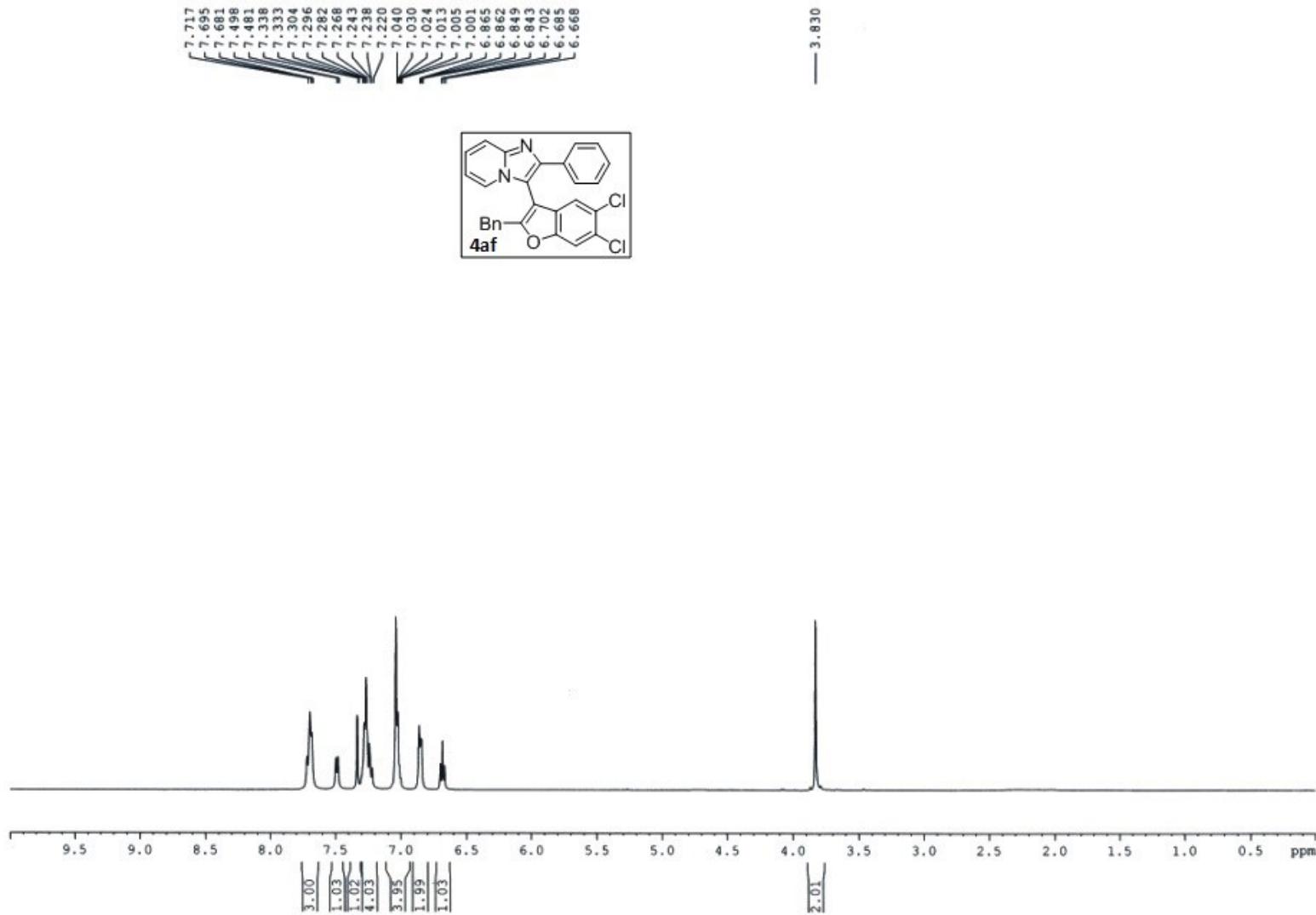


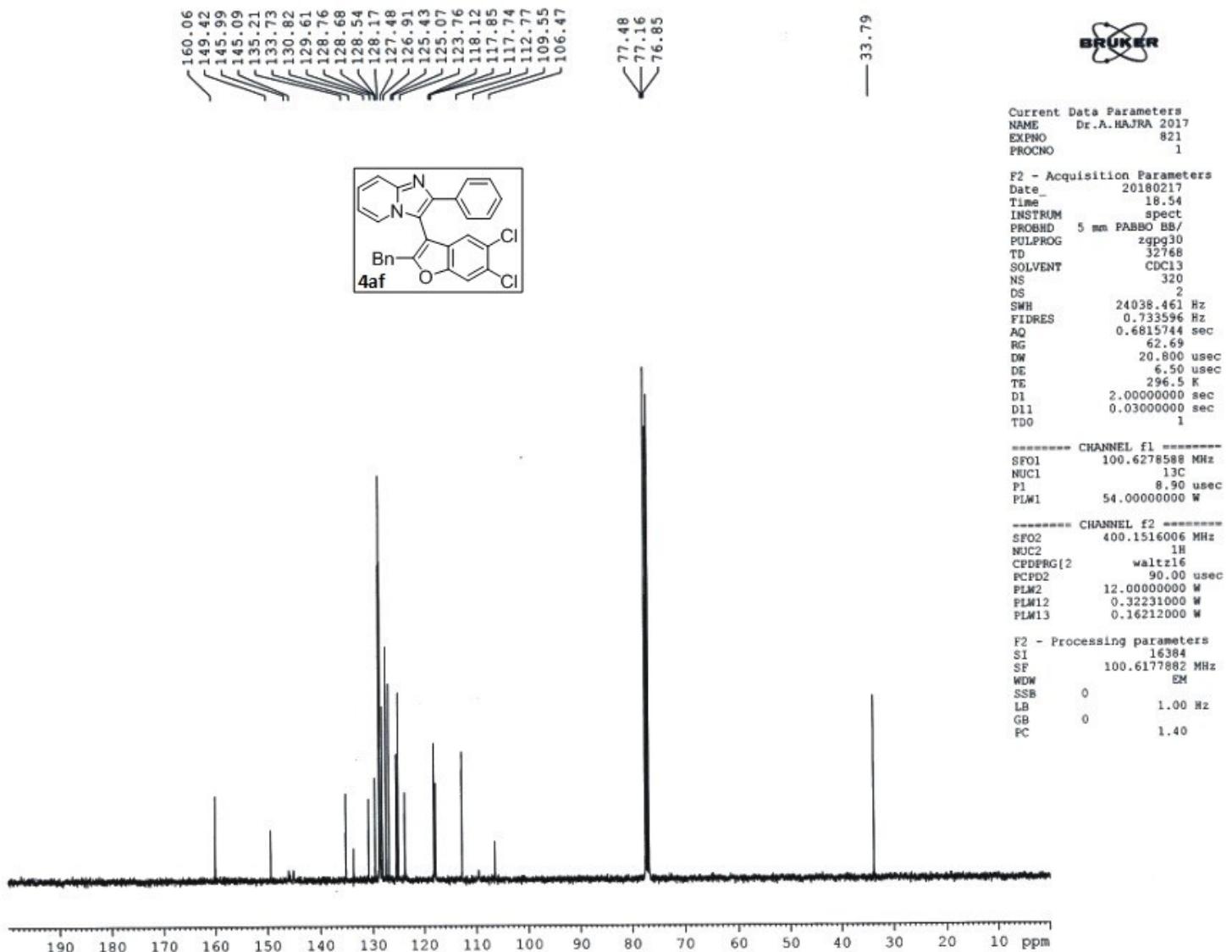


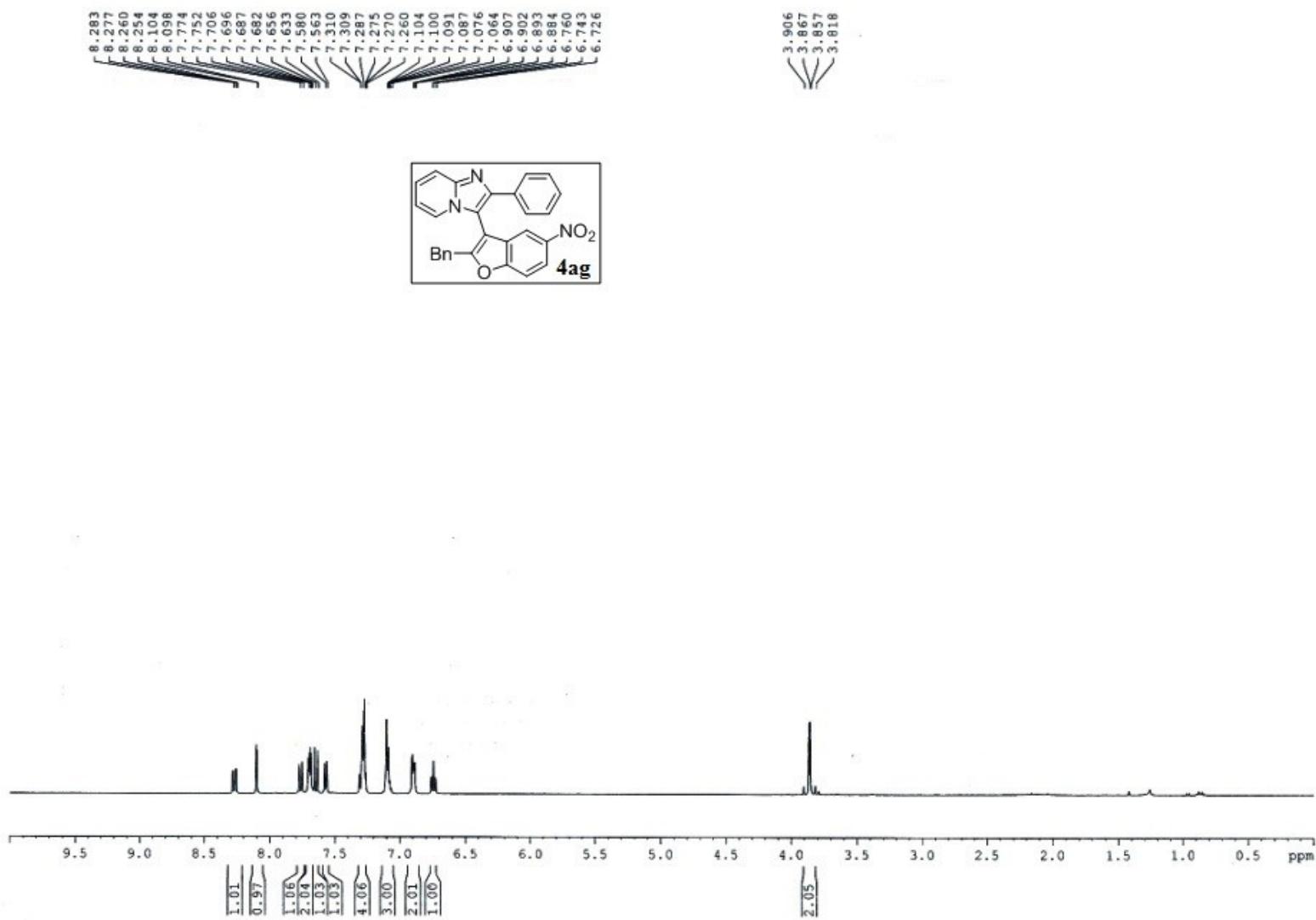


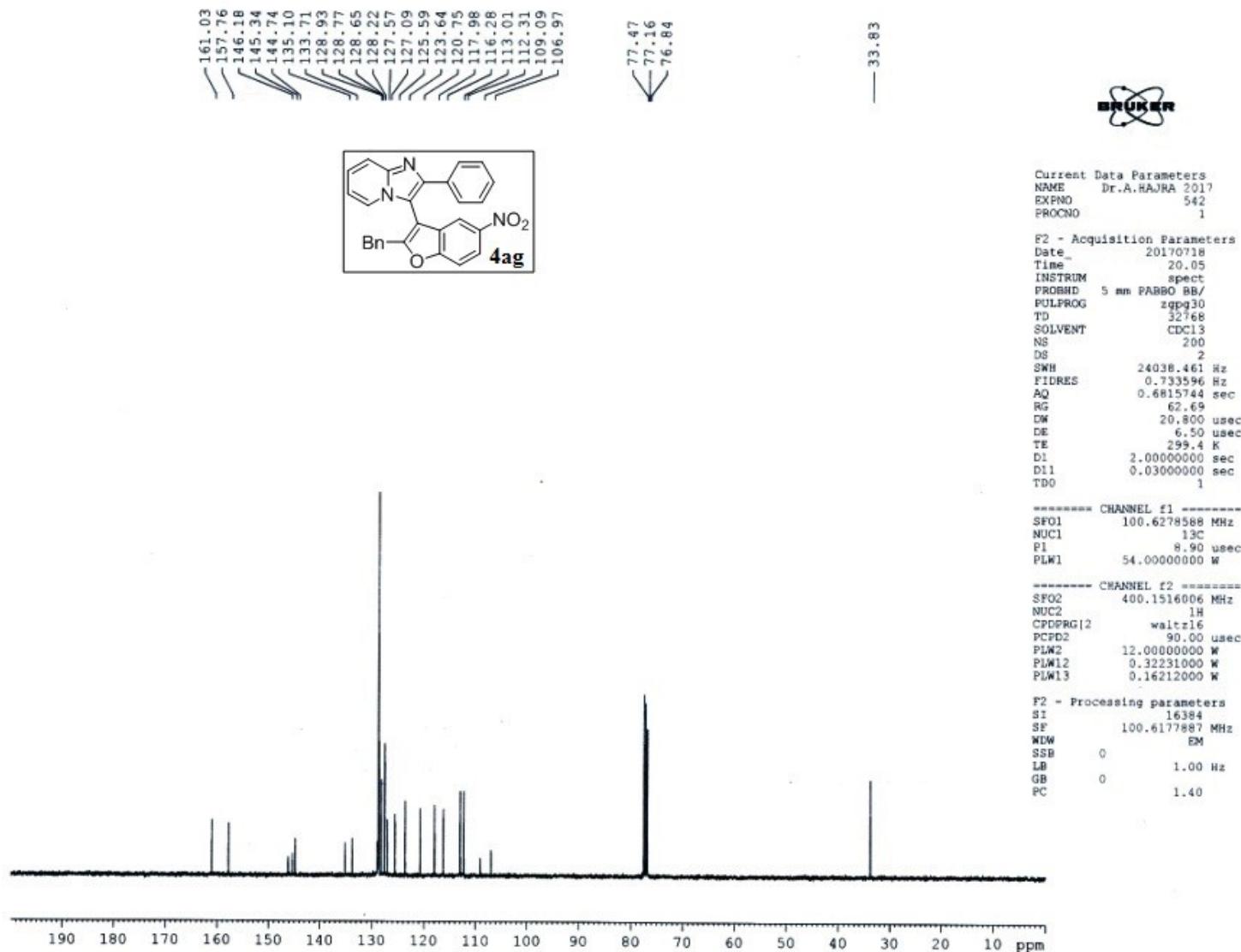


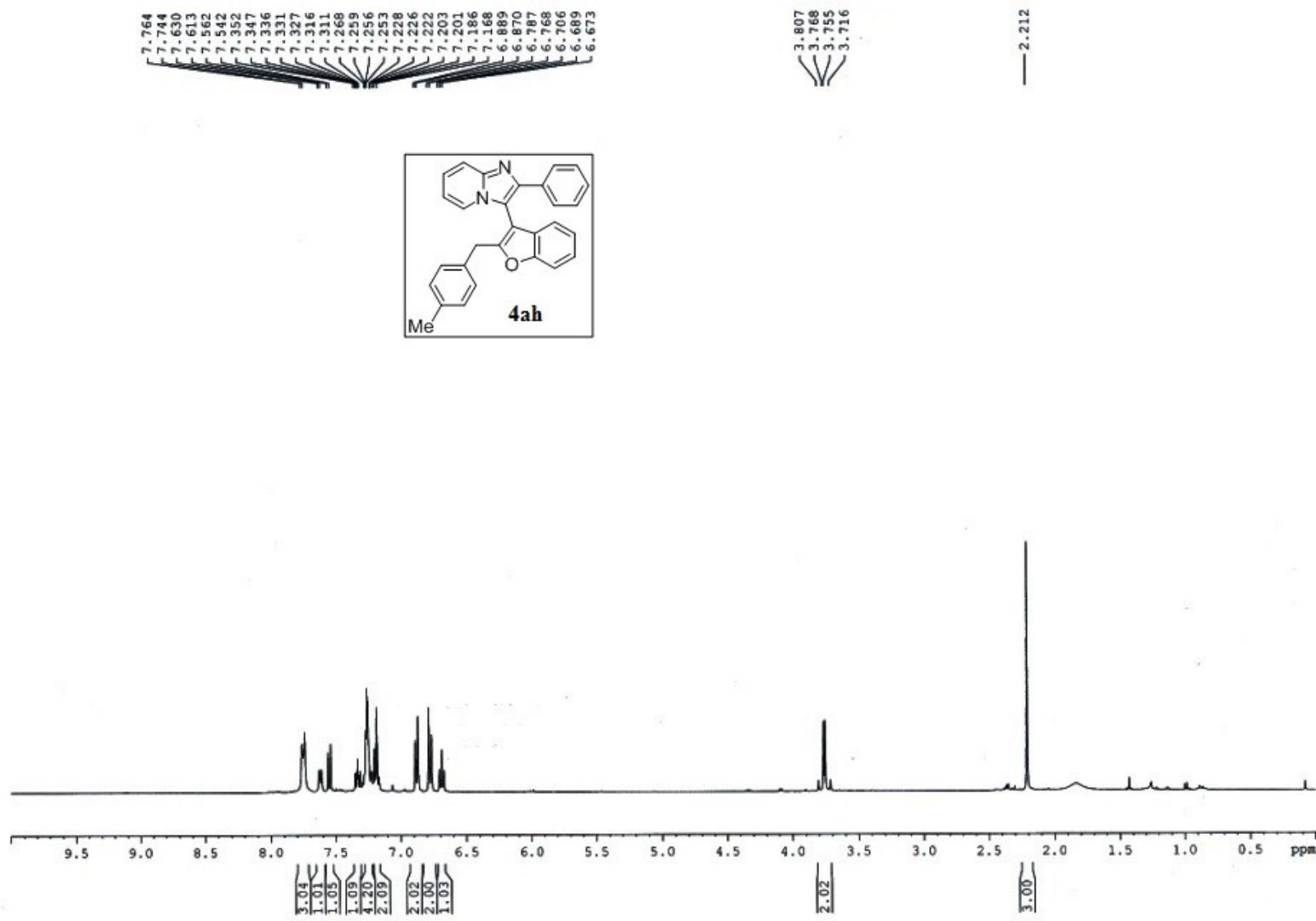


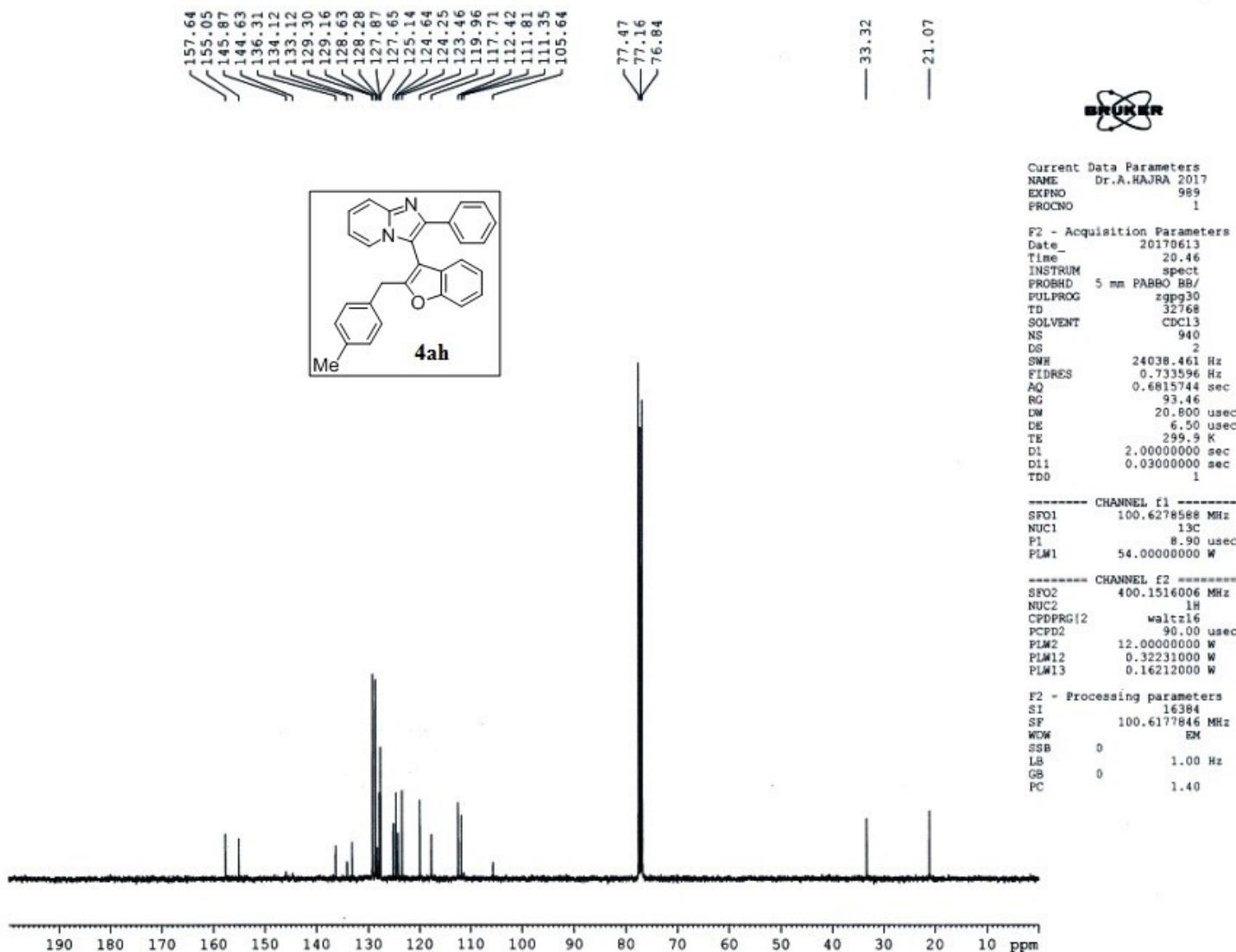


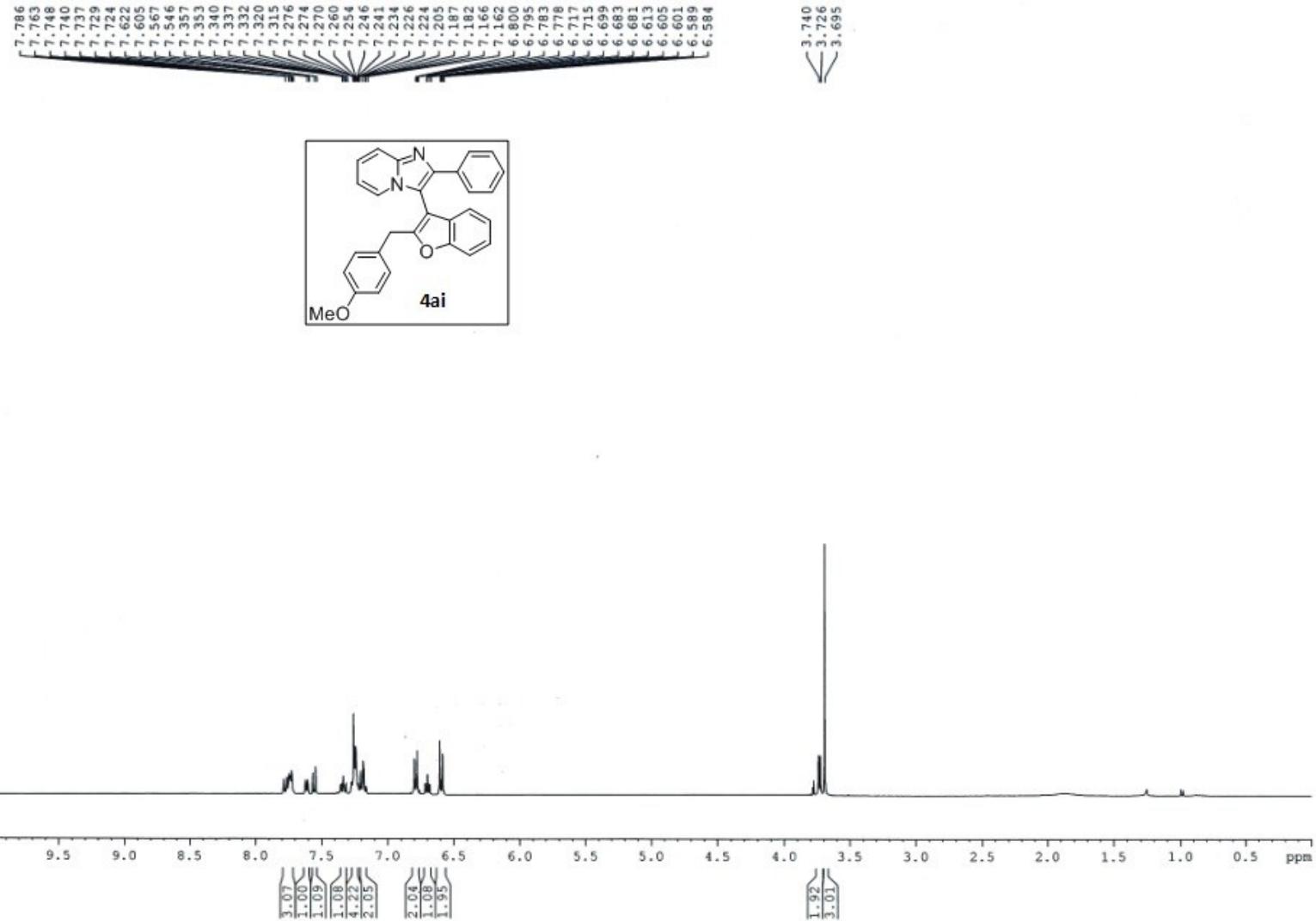


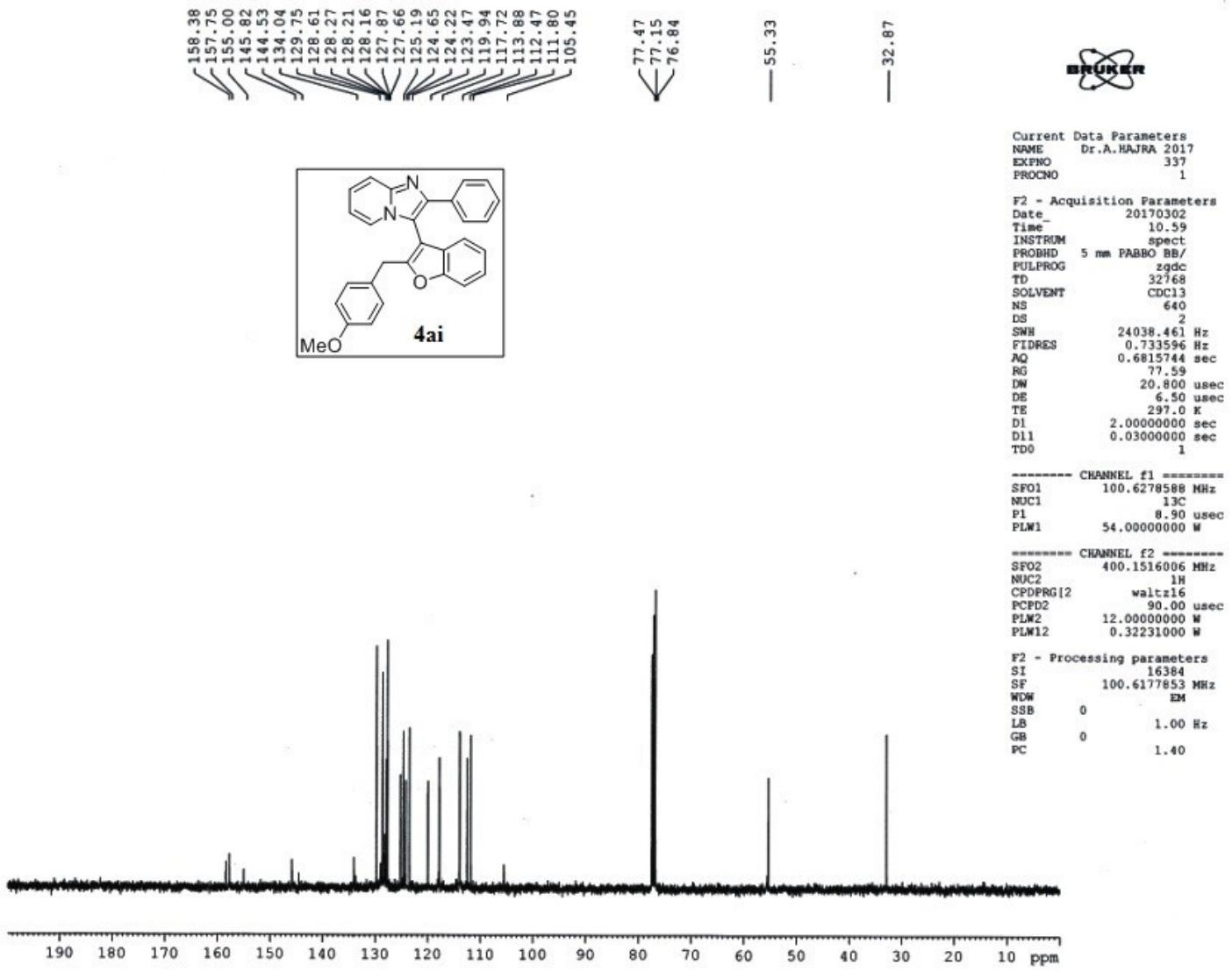


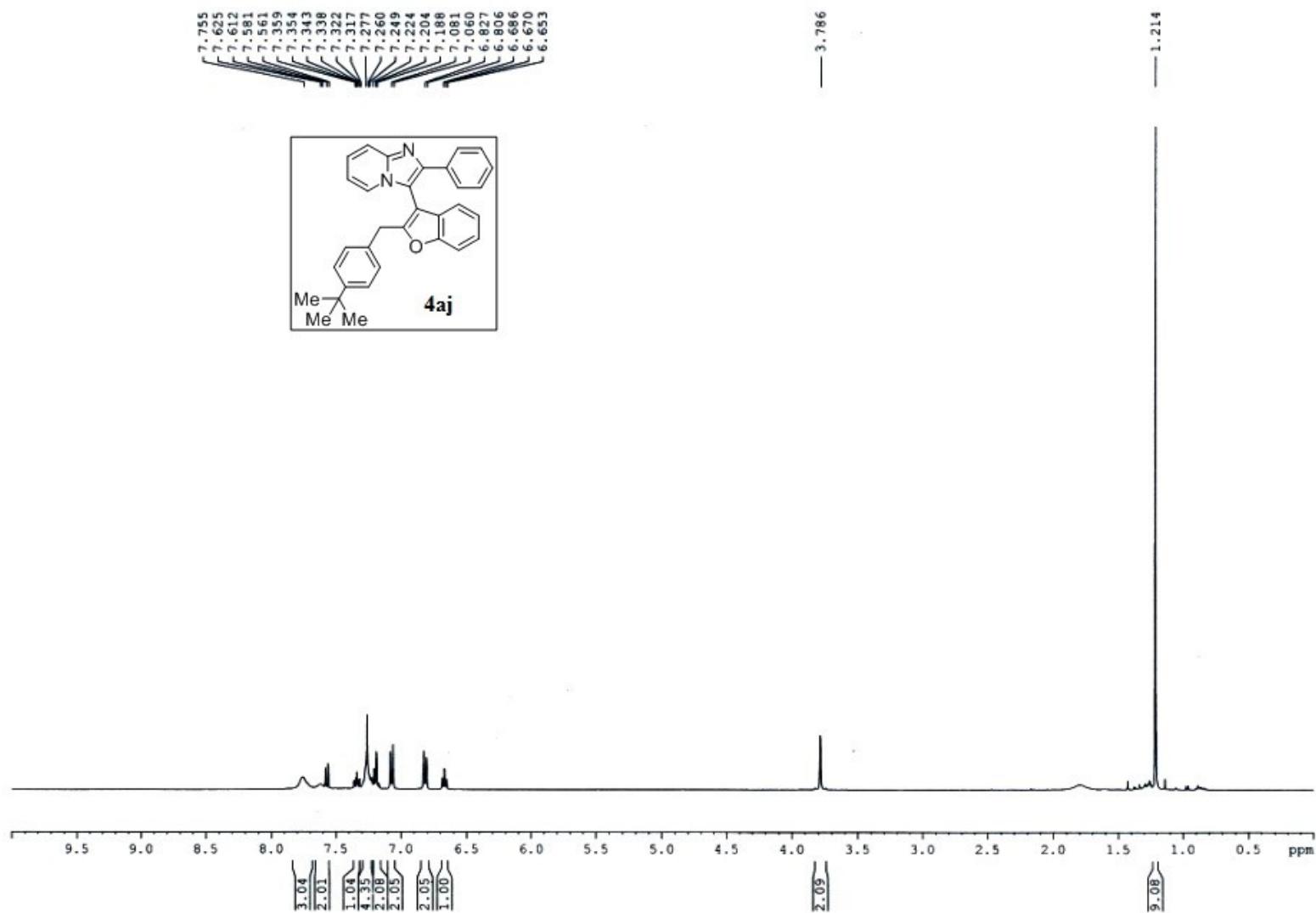


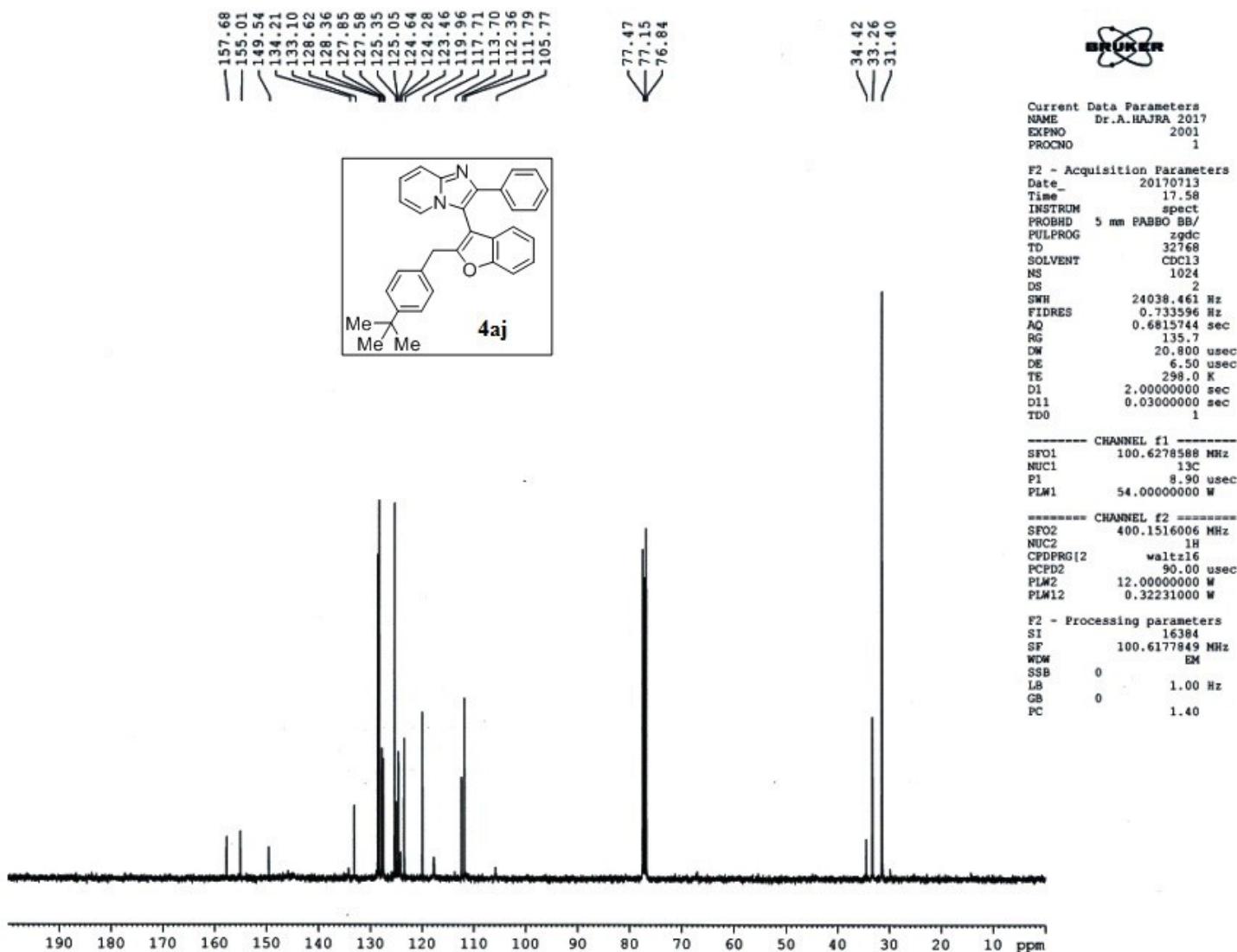


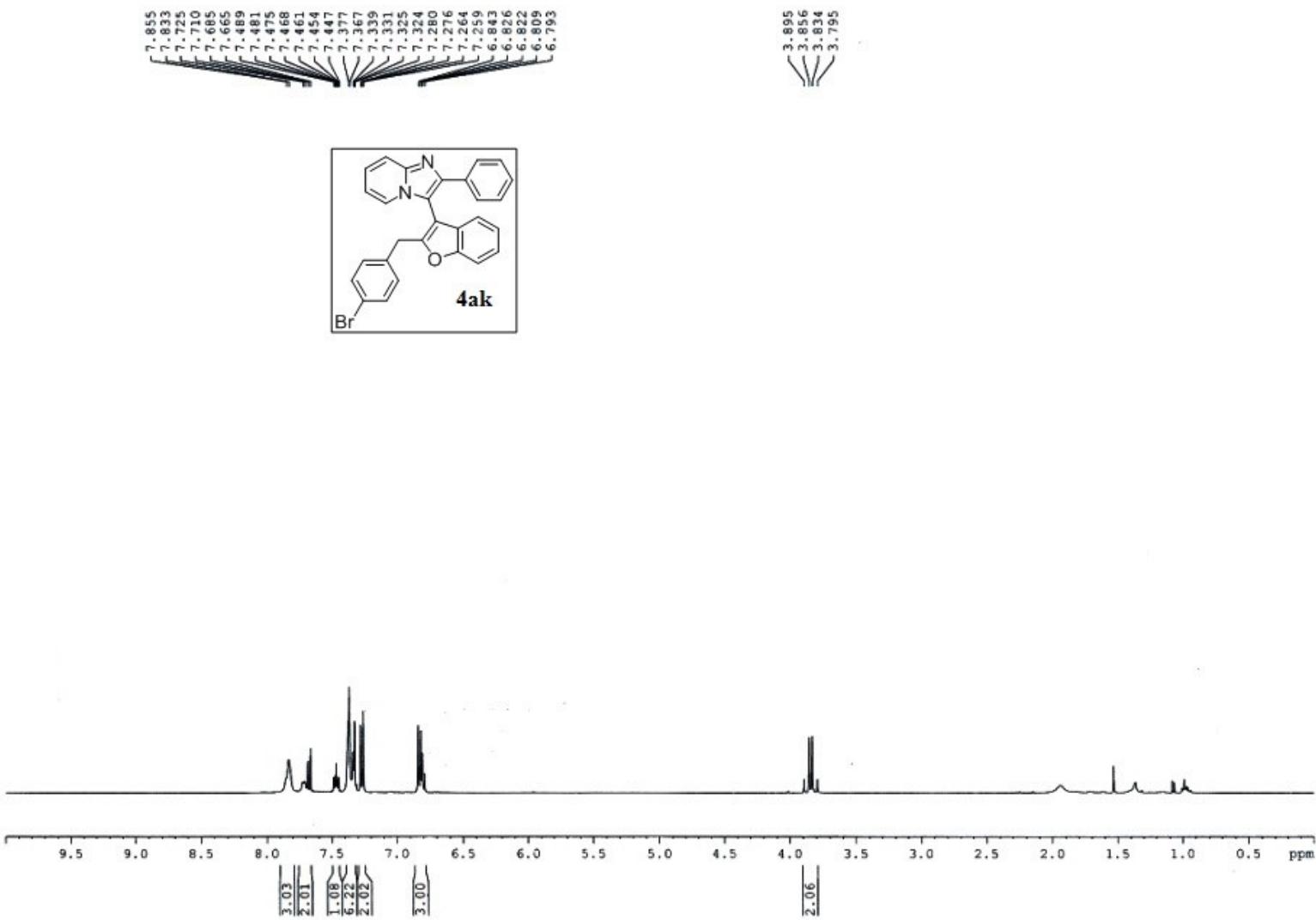


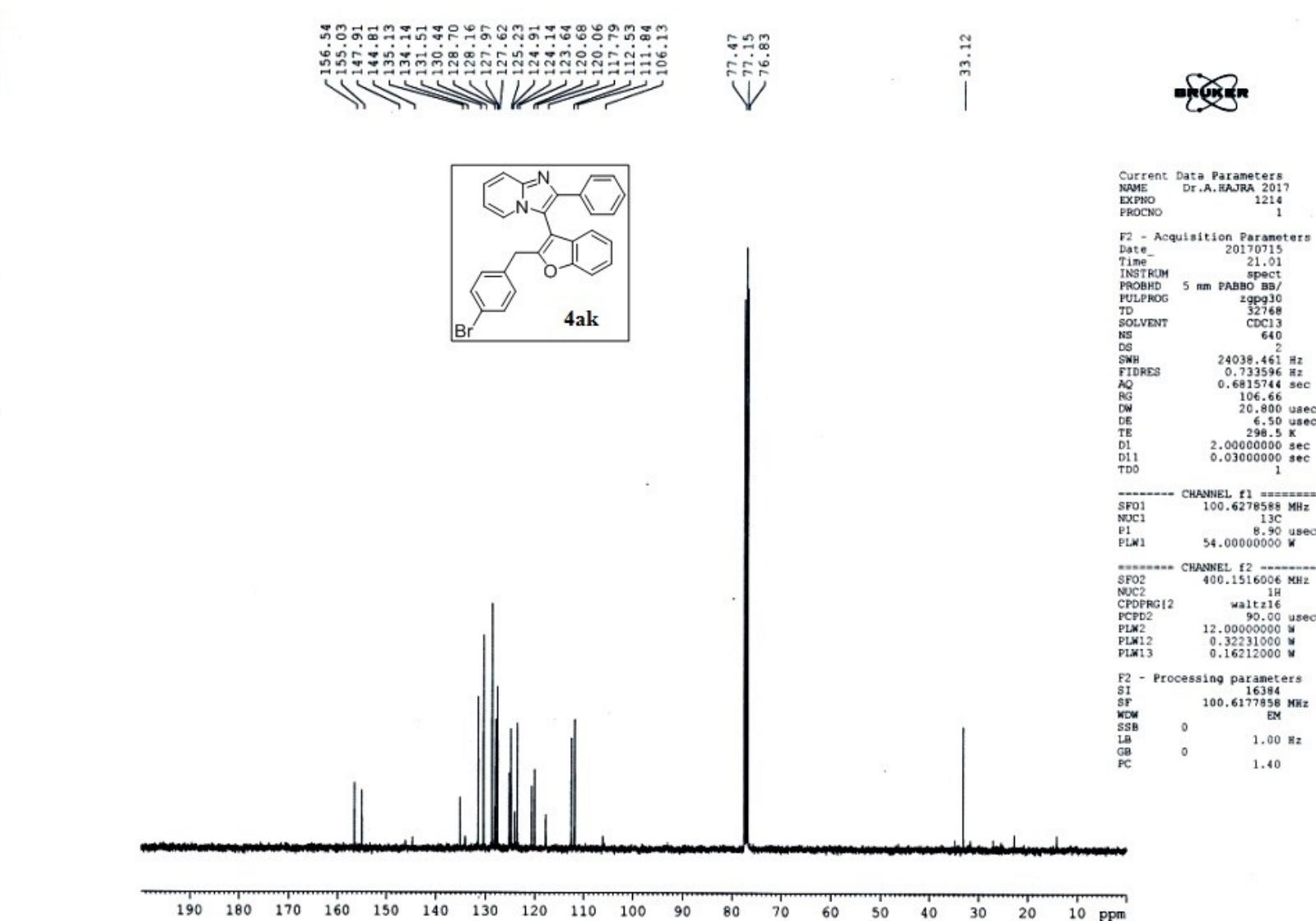




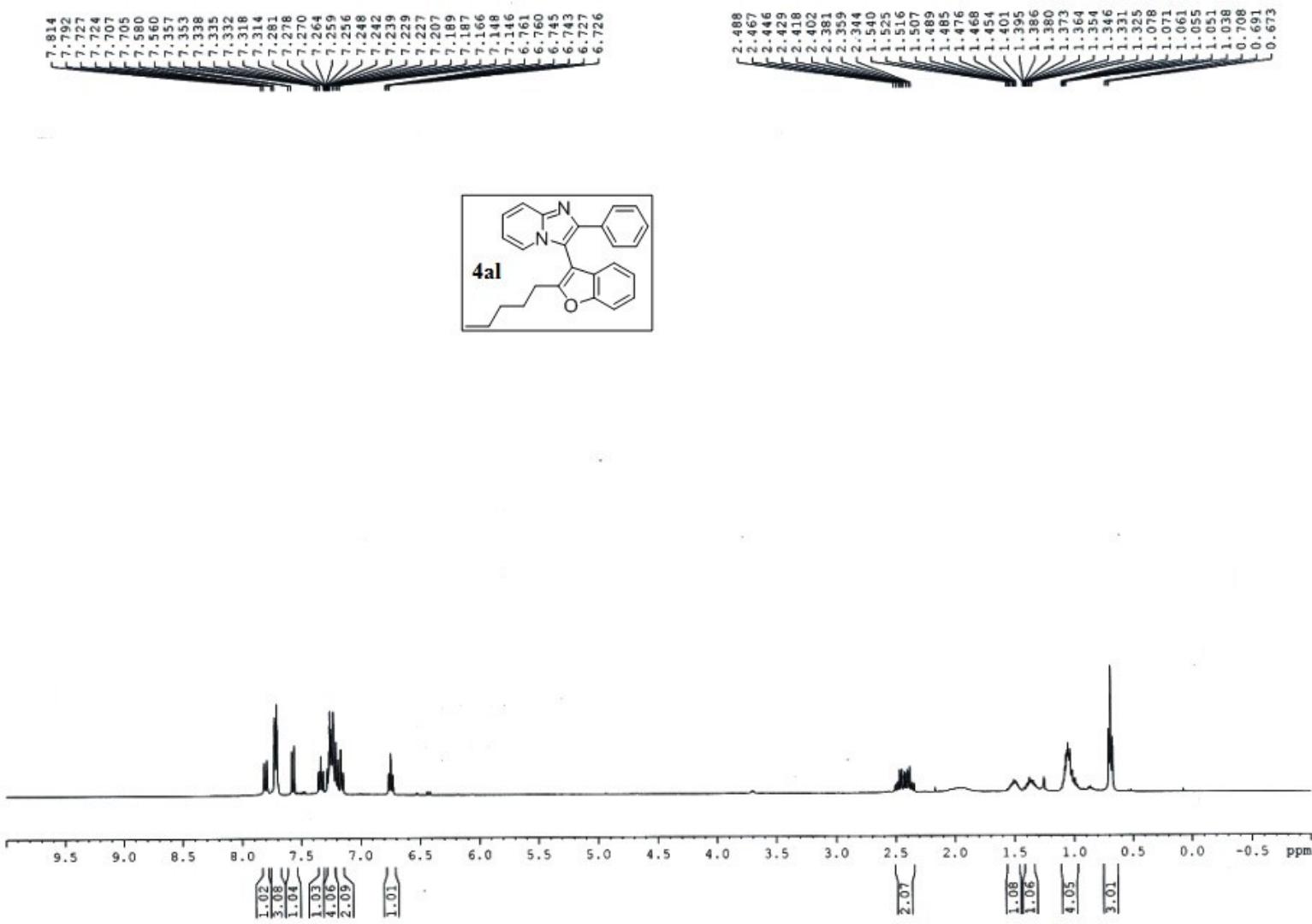


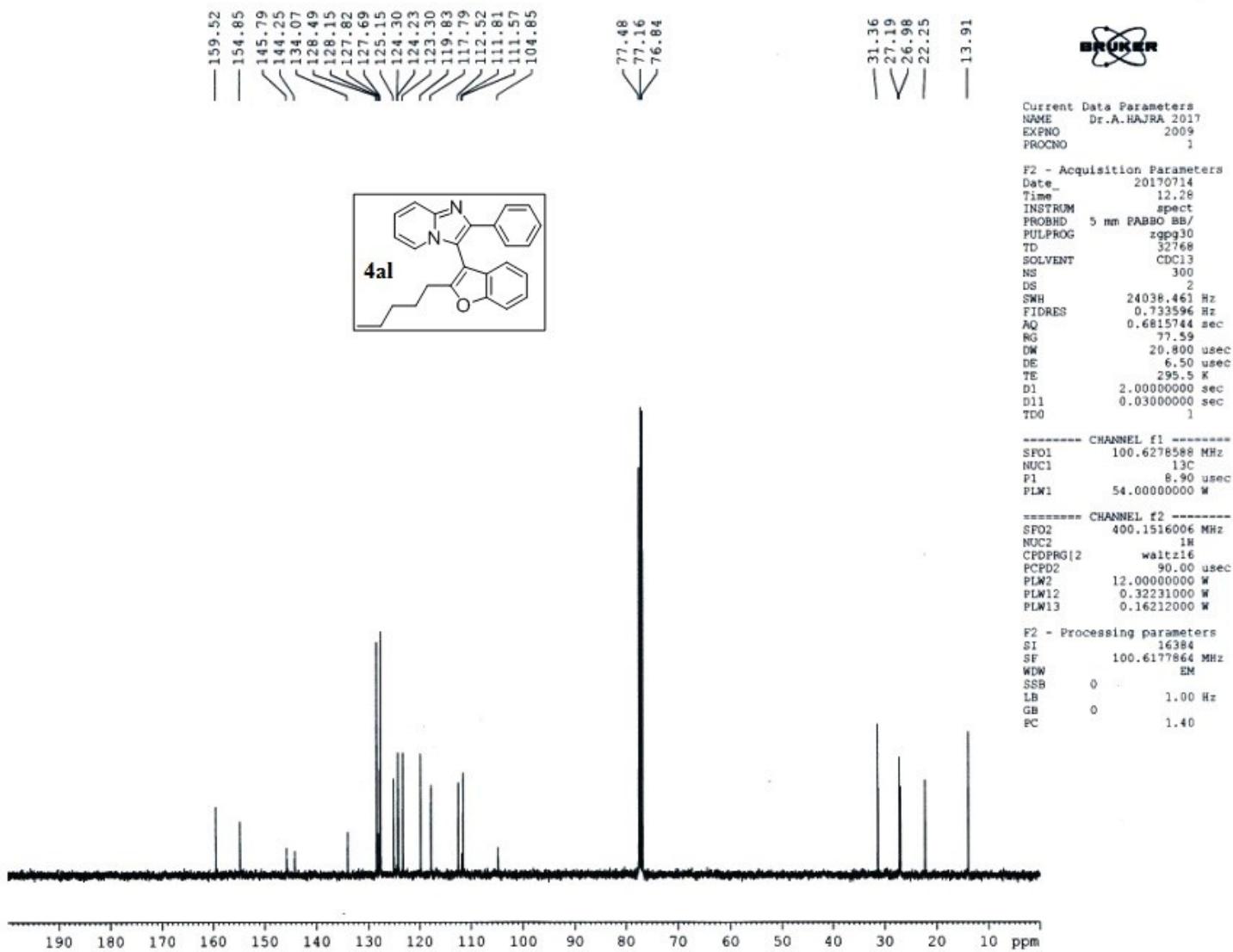


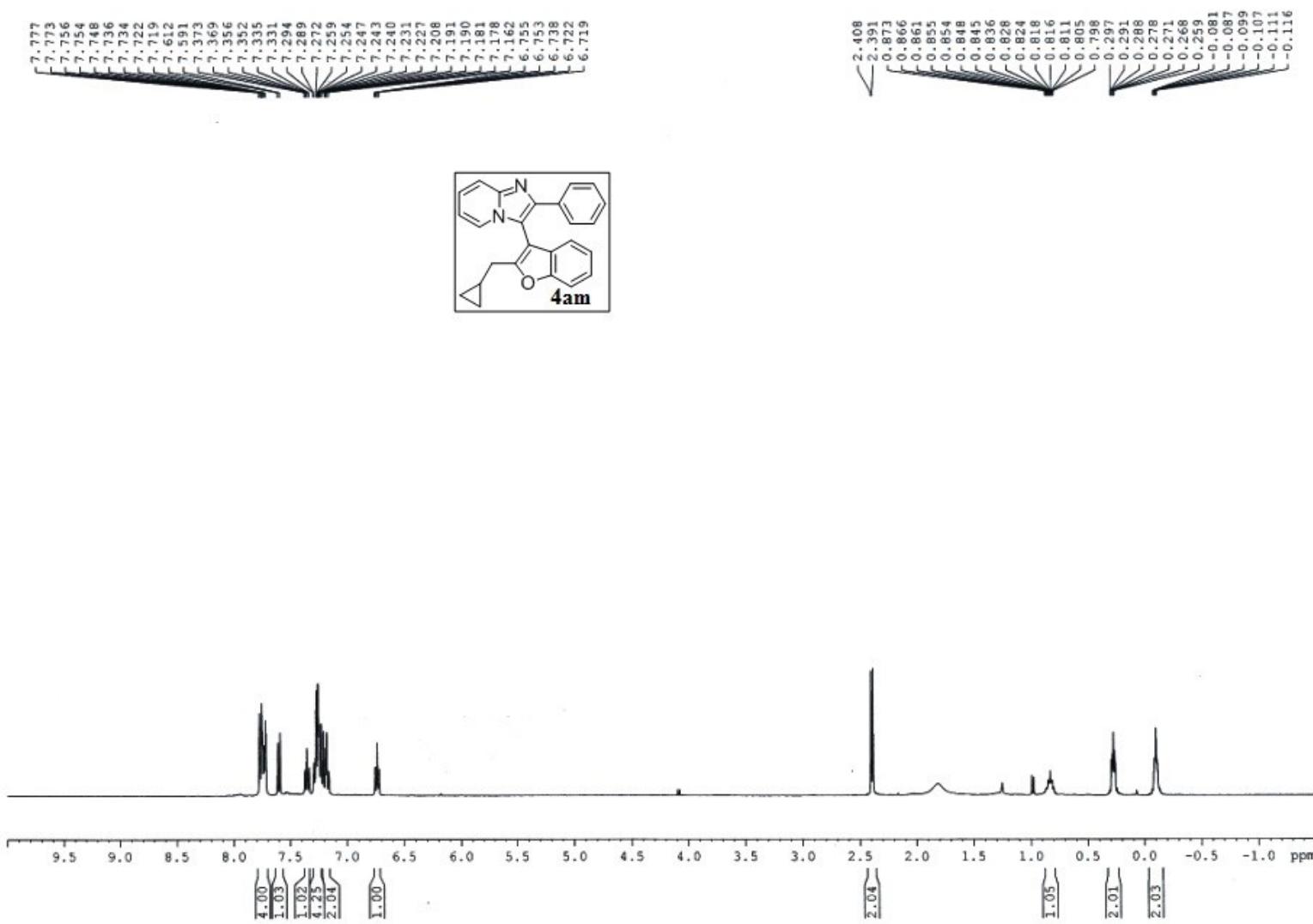


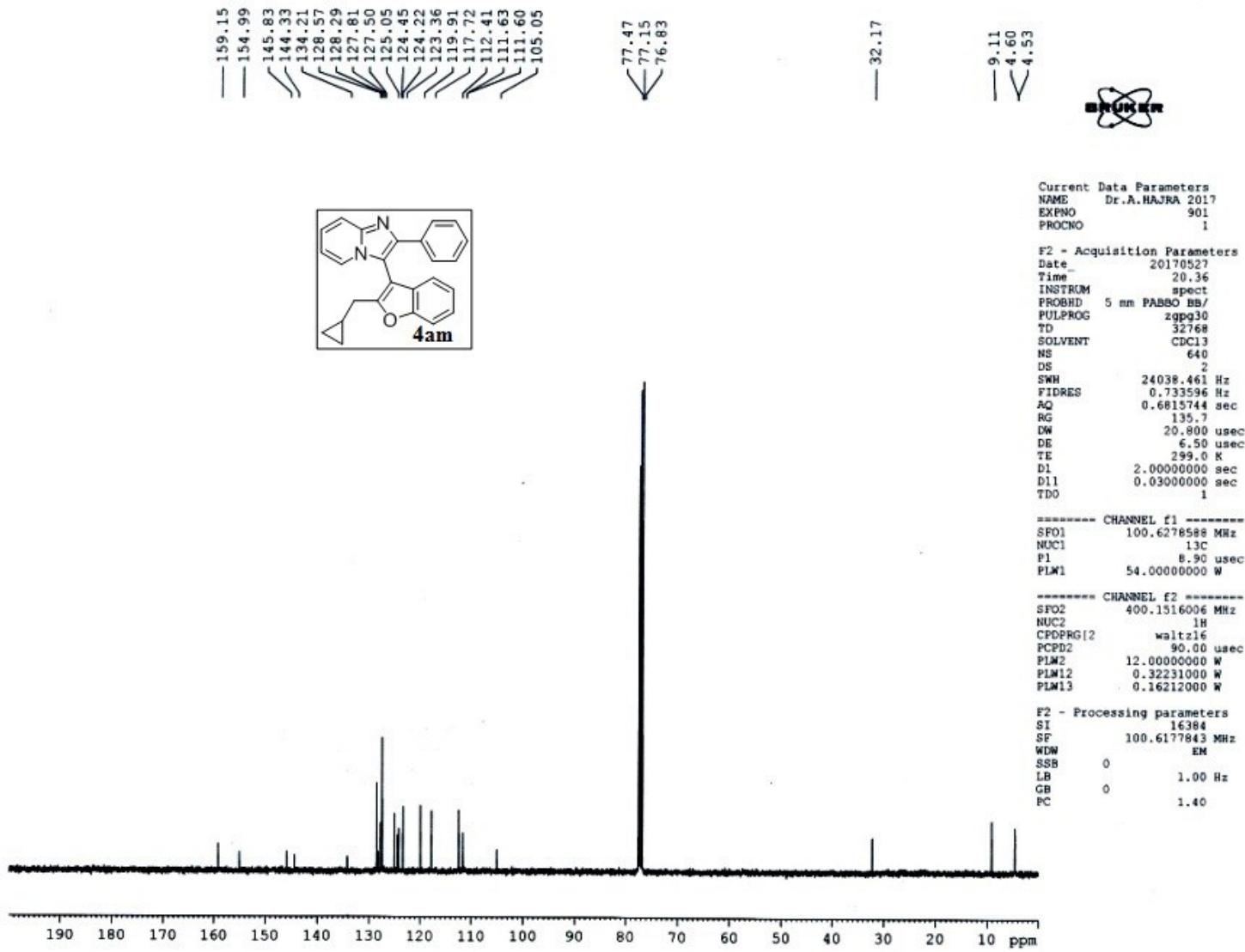


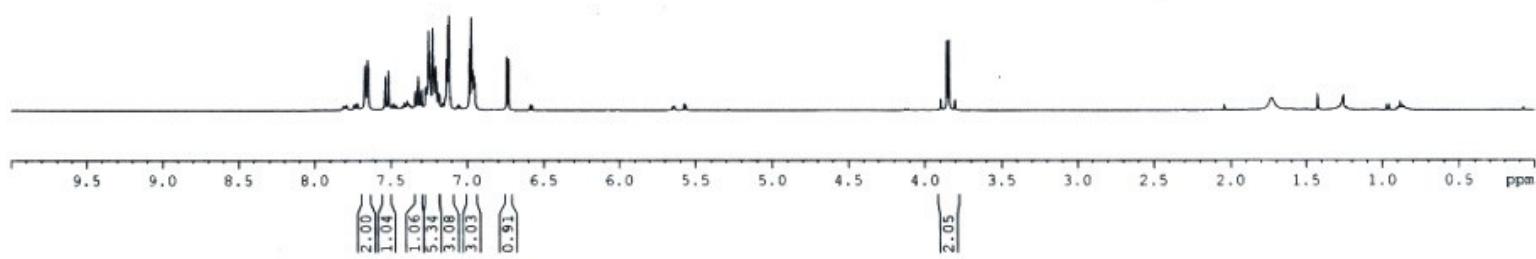
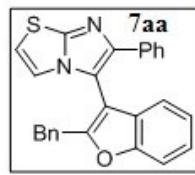
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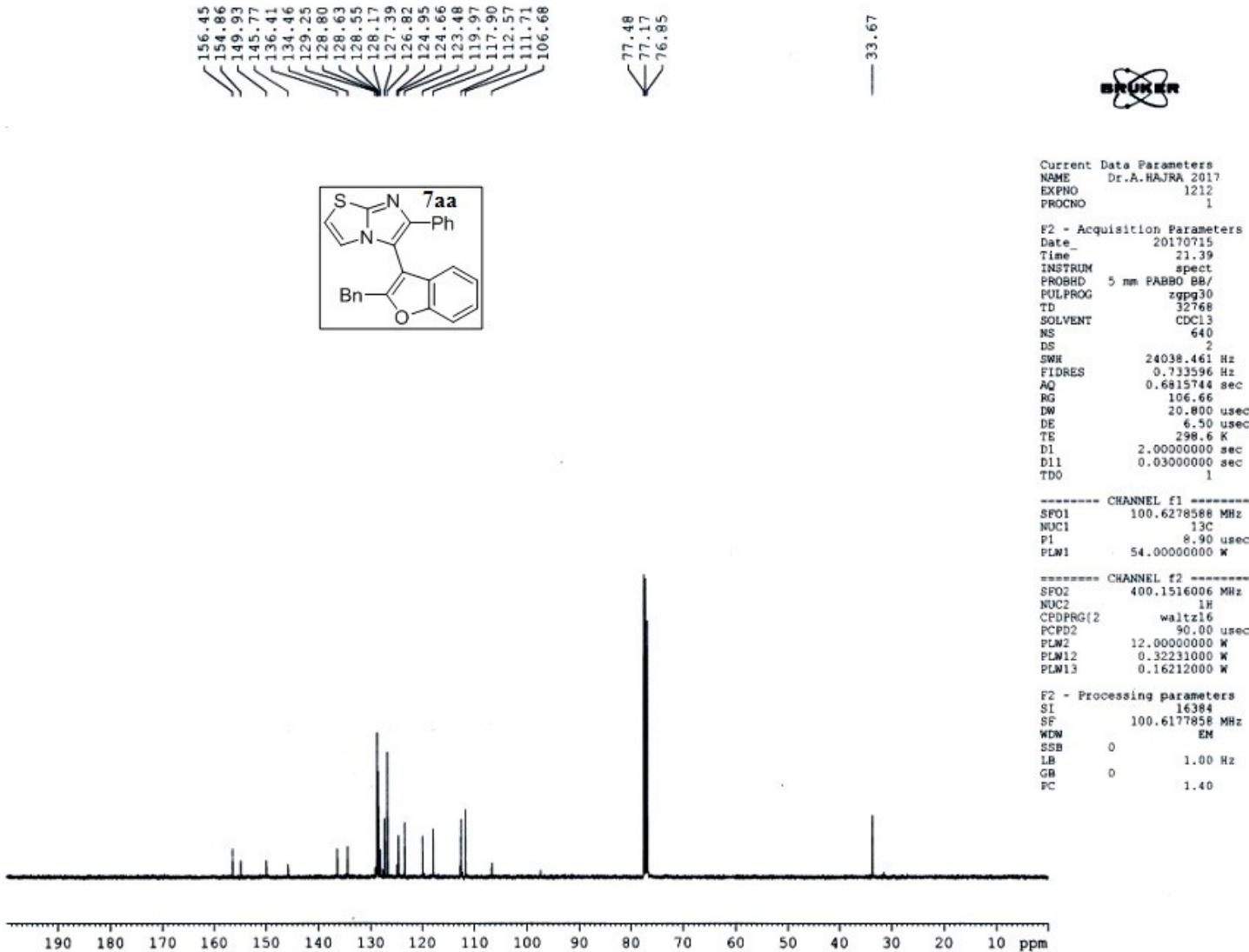


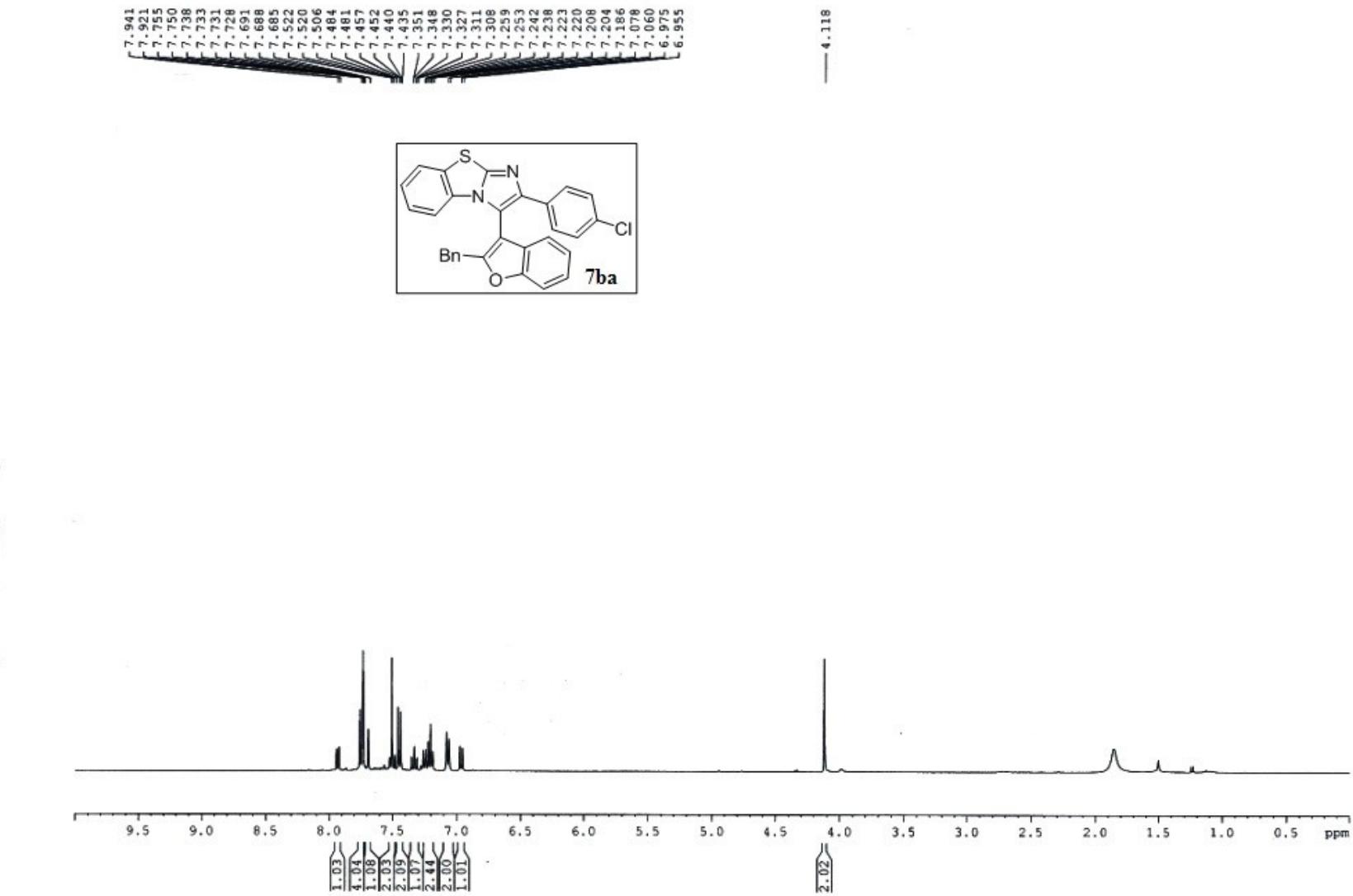


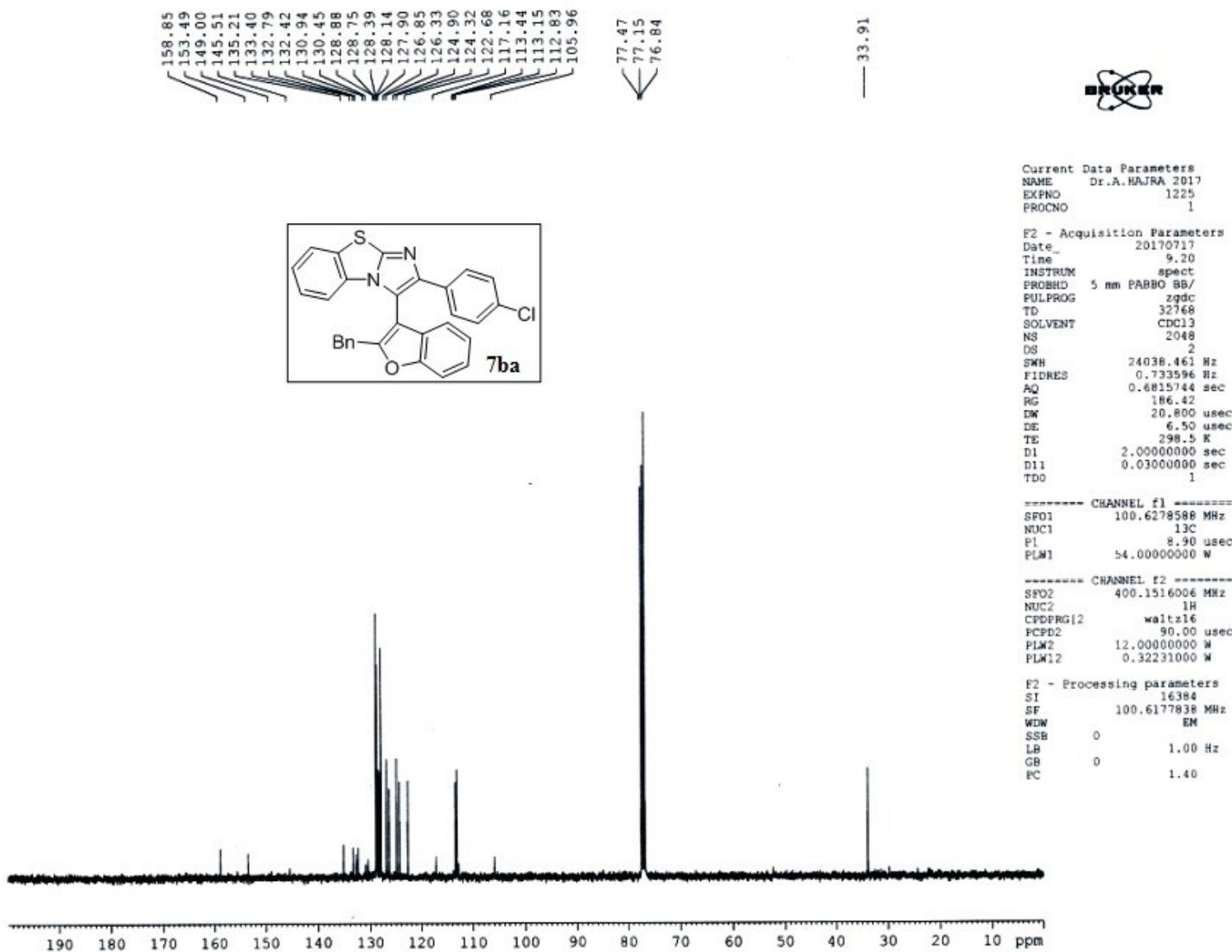


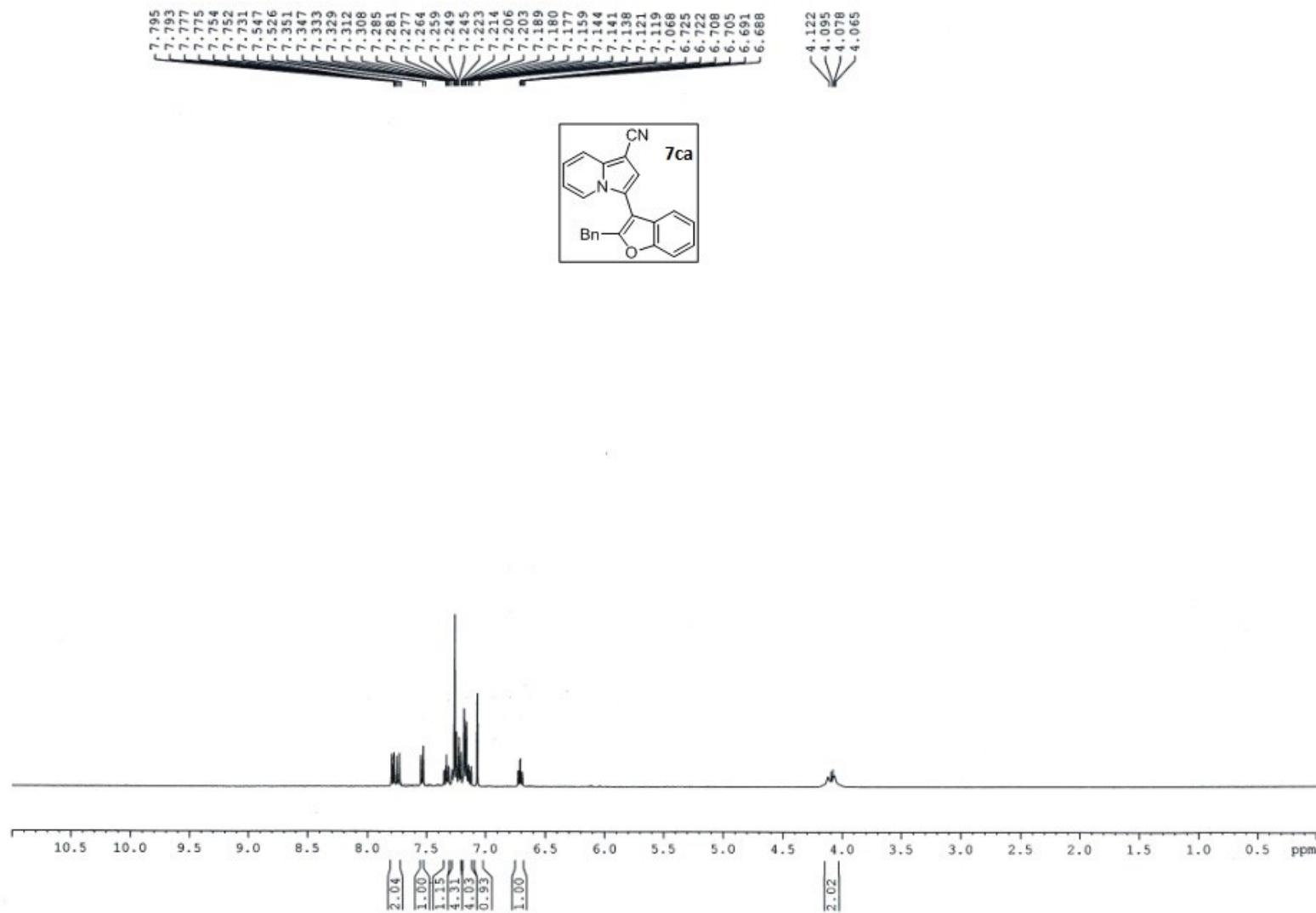


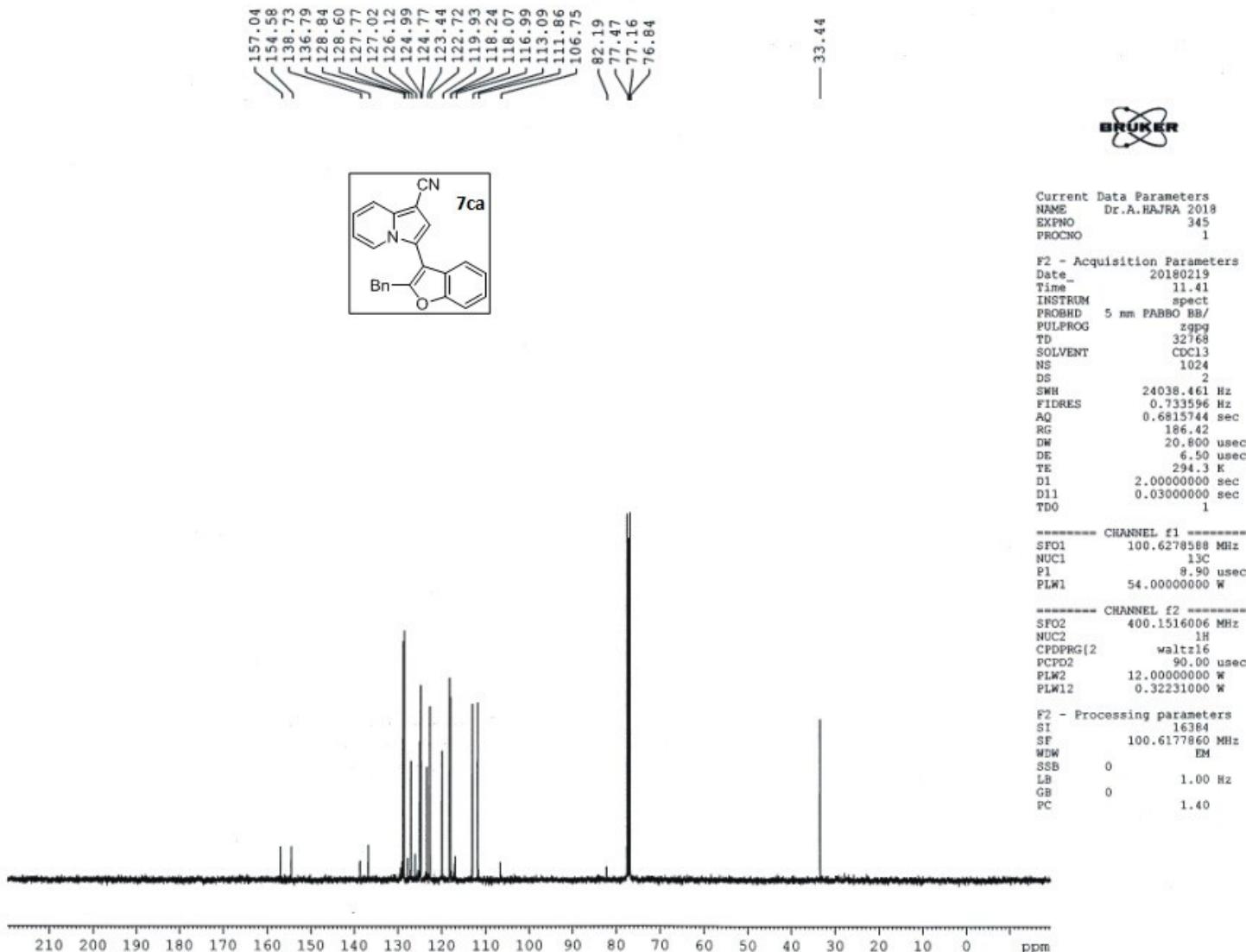


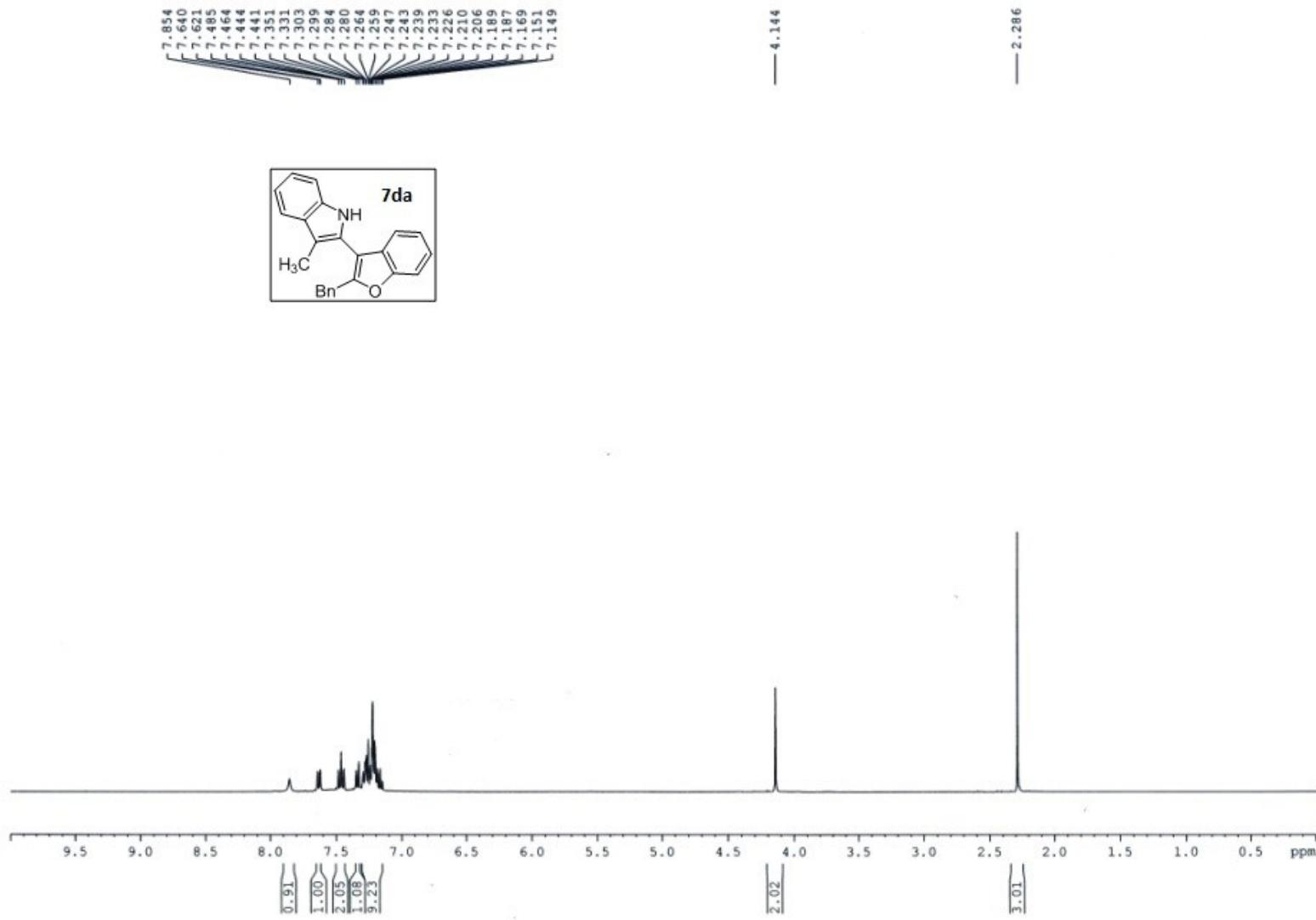


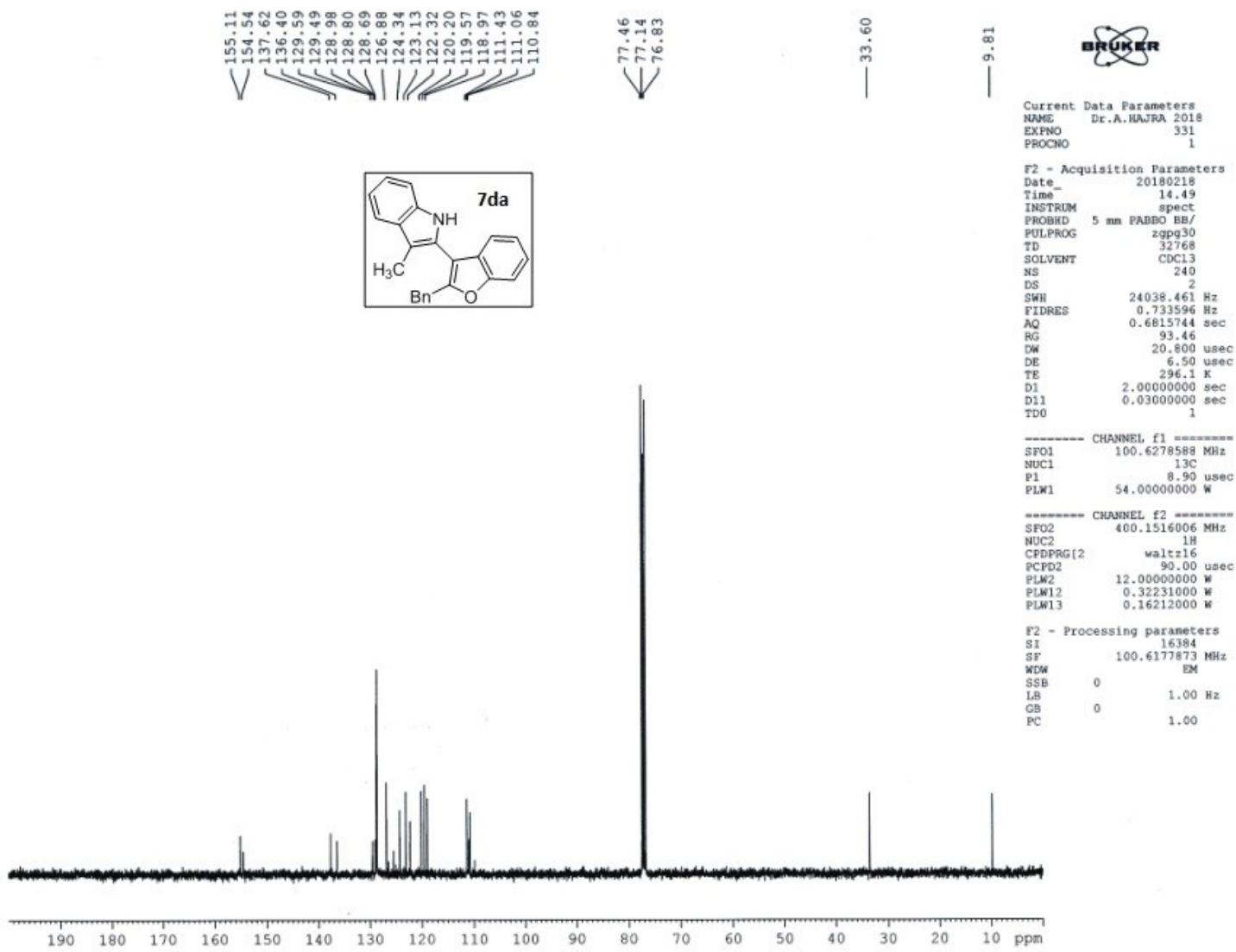


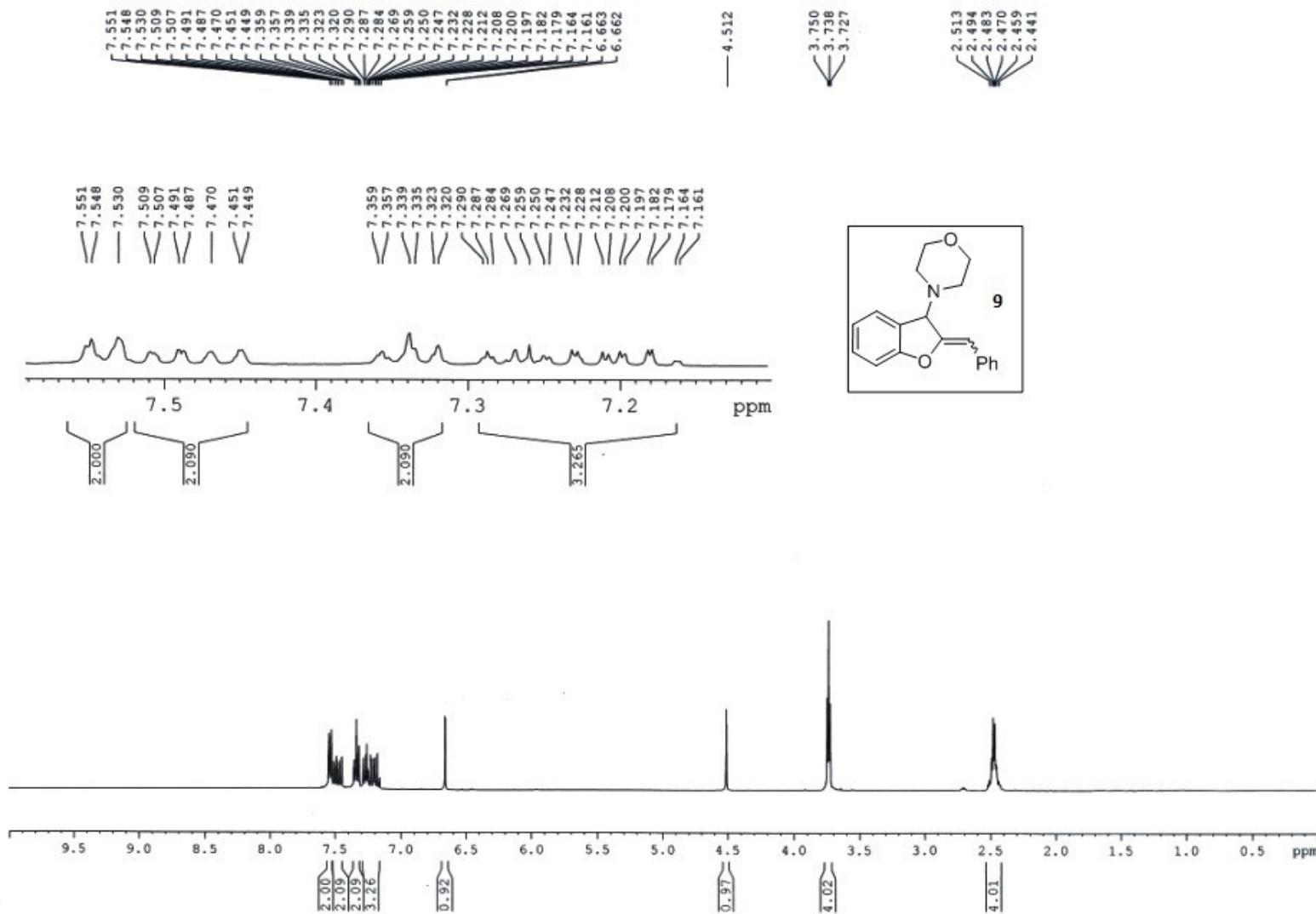


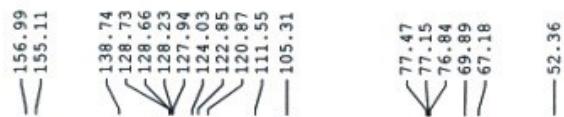




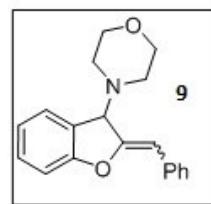








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Current Data Parameters
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 EXPNO 257
 PROCN0 1

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 DE 6.50 usec
 TE 296.0 K
 D1 2.0000000 sec
 D11 0.0300000 sec
 TDO 1

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 NUC1 13C
 PI 8.90 usec
 PLW1 54.00000000 W

----- CHANNEL f2 -----
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 NUC2 1H
 CPDPG[2] waltz16
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 PLW13 0.16212000 W

F2 - Processing parameters
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 GB 0
 PC 1.00

