

Supporting Information

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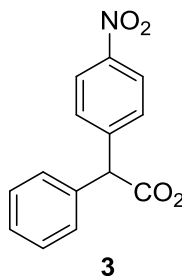
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General Remarks

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under air with magnetic stirring. All nitroarene compounds, except **2b** and **2c**, were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. or Oakwood Chemicals and used without further purification. Nitroarene coupling partners **2b** and **2c** were synthesized via literature protocols.¹ All activated C(sp³)-H bond substrates, with the exception of **1a**, **1s**, **5b**, **7c** and **7e**, were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. or Oakwood Chemicals and used without further purification. Substrates **1a**, **1s**, **5b**, **7c** and **7e** were synthesized via literature protocols.² All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) with E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 pre-coated plates (0.25 mm). Silica gel (particle size 0.032-0.063 mm) purchased from SiliCycle was used for flash chromatography. Proton (¹H) and carbon (¹³C) NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400 (or a Bruker DRX-600) spectrometer operating at 400 MHz (or 600 MHz) for proton and 100 MHz (or 151 MHz) for carbon nuclei using CDCl₃ [or DMSO-d₆] as solvent. Chemical shifts are expressed as parts per million (δ , ppm) and are referenced to 7.26 (CDCl₃) or 2.50 (DMSO-d₆) for ¹H NMR and 77.00 (CDCl₃) or 40.45 (DMSO-d₆) for ¹³C NMR. Proton signal data uses the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, dddd = doublet of doublet of doublet of doublets, ddt = doublet of doublets of triplets, dt = doublet of triplets, t = triplet, td = triplet of doublets, q = quartet, dq = doublet of quartets, m = multiplet and *J* = coupling constant. High Resolution Mass Spectrometry was performed on a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF under the conditions of electrospray ionization (ESI) in both positive and negative mode. Melting points and ranges were recorded on Mettler Toledo MP50 melting point system.

General Procedure for the Dehydrogenative mono-Arylation

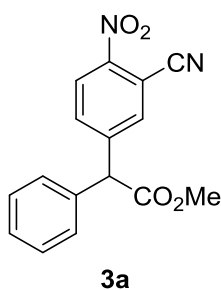
t-BuOK (224.0 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in one portion to a solution of methyl phenylacetate **1** (150 mg, 1.0 mmol) and nitrobenzene **2** (246 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMSO (5 mL) at room temperature. Once the base was added, the mixture was stirred in an open flask at room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched via the addition of saturated NH₄Cl solution (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 10:1) to give methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate **3** (146.9 mg, 54% yield) as a yellow oil.



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 5H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.8, 147.0, 145.8, 137.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.4, 127.8, 123.7, 56.5, 52.6; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 272.0917. Found: 272.0912.

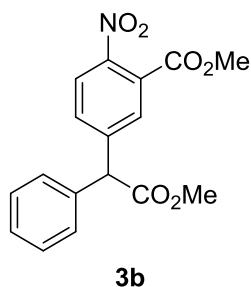
Analysis Data of Arylated Products

1. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3a**)



Yellow oil, 72% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.9, 147.2, 146.2, 136.0, 135.7, 133.9, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 125.6, 114.8, 108.1, 55.9, 52.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 319.0686. Found: 319.0689.

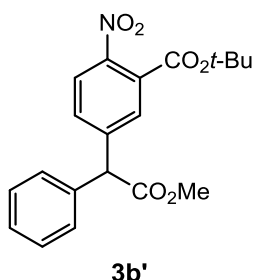
2. methyl 5-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)-2-nitrobenzoate (**3b**)



Yellow oil, 35% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.4, 165.7, 146.9, 144.4, 136.7, 131.8, 130.0, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1,

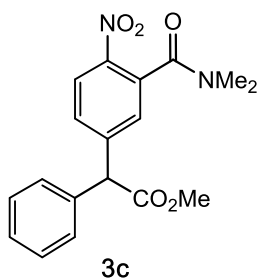
127.9, 124.2, 56.3, 53.3, 52.8; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{17}H_{15}NO_6Na$ $[M+Na]^+$: 352.0789. Found: 352.0792.

3. *tert*-butyl 5-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)-2-nitrobenzoate (**3b'**)



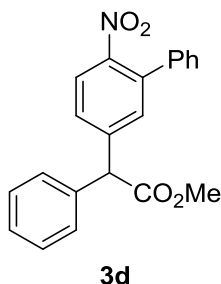
Colorless oil, 50% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 3H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.5, 164.0, 147.3, 143.9, 136.8, 131.4, 130.2, 129.12, 129.10, 128.4, 128.0, 123.9, 83.9, 56.3, 52.7, 27.7; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{20}H_{21}NO_6Na$ $[M+Na]^+$: 394.1261. Found: 394.1257.

4. methyl 2-(3-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3c**)



Yellow oil, 55% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 171.9, 166.9, 146.7, 144.3, 138.3, 133.4, 130.5, 129.4 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 128.6, 128.0, 125.4, 55.3, 53.0, 38.3, 34.7; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{18}H_{19}N_2O_5$ $[M+H]^+$: 343.1288. Found: 343.1281.

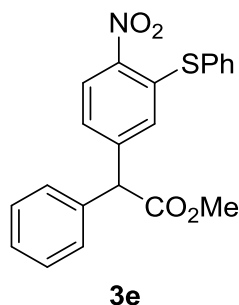
5. methyl 2-(6-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate (**3d**)



Yellow oil, 46% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.29 (m, 12H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.9, 148.1, 143.3,

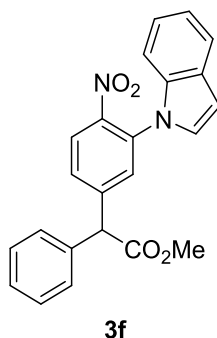
137.2, 137.1, 136.6, 132.2, 129.0, 128.6 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 124.4, 56.5, 52.6; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{21}H_{18}NO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 348.1230. Found: 348.1224.

6. methyl 2-(4-nitro-3-(phenylthio)phenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3e**)



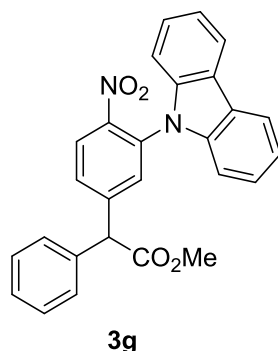
Yellow solid, m.p. 95-96 °C. 35% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.4, 144.7, 143.7, 139.9, 136.6, 135.8, 130.6, 130.04, 129.96, 128.9, 128.3, 127.7, 125.8, 125.2, 56.4, 52.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{21}H_{17}NO_4S$ $[M-H]^-$: 378.0806. Found: 378.0816.

7. methyl 2-(3-(1H-indol-1-yl)-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3f**)



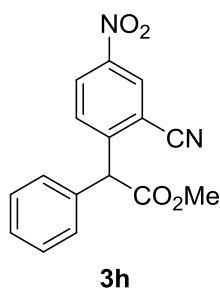
Yellow oil, 62% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.5, 145.2, 144.6, 136.8, 136.4, 132.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.31, 128.25, 128.1, 127.8, 125.7, 122.9, 121.3, 120.9, 109.4, 105.1, 56.3, 52.8; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{23}H_{18}N_2O_4$ $[M-H]^-$: 385.1194. Found: 385.1200.

8. methyl 2-(3-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3g**)



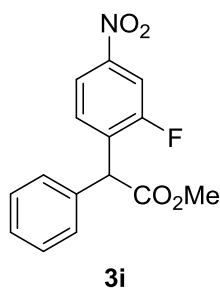
Yellow oil, 70% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15-8.11 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.29 (m, 9H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.5, 145.9, 145.6, 140.42, 140.39, 136.8, 131.4, 131.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.3, 128.1, 126.30, 126.27, 126.2, 123.8, 120.7, 120.5, 108.99, 108.96, 56.3, 52.8; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 435.1350. Found: 435.1360.

9. methyl 2-(2-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3h**)



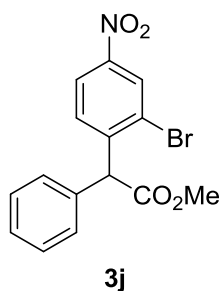
Yellow oil, 56% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 5H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 148.6, 146.6, 137.5, 135.4, 130.9, 129.3, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 115.5, 114.2, 54.5, 53.0; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 319.0680. Found: 319.0689.

10. methyl 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3i**)



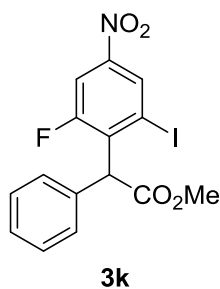
Yellow oil, 61% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, $J = 9.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.0, 159.6 (d, $J = 252.0$ Hz), 147.7 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 135.5, 133.6 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 130.7 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.0, 128.5, 128.0, 119.1 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 111.0 (d, $J = 27.6$ Hz), 52.6, 49.7 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 290.0823. Found: 290.0810.

11. methyl 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3j**)



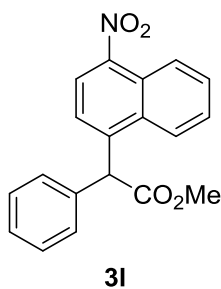
Yellow oil, 53% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, $J = 9.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 147.1, 145.3, 135.9, 131.0, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 125.0, 122.2, 56.2, 52.8; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 350.0022. Found: 350.0005.

12. methyl 2-(2-fluoro-6-iodo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**3k**)



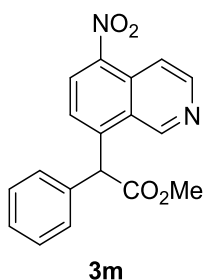
Yellow oil, 41% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.56 (dd, $J = 1.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, $J = 9.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 158.9 (d, $J = 256.4$ Hz), 147.7 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 137.9 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz), 134.7, 130.5 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 129.2 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.7, 128.1, 112.2 (d, $J = 28.5$ Hz), 101.6 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 58.0, 52.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{FINO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 415.9795. Found: 415.9794.

13. methyl 2-(4-nitronaphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenylacetate (**3l**)



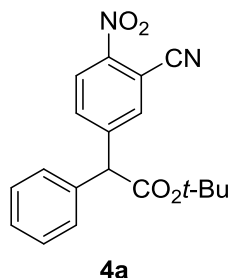
Yellow oil, 65% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.31 (m, 6H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.1, 146.5, 141.2, 136.6, 132.3, 129.0, 128.83, 128.81, 127.94, 127.90, 125.3, 125.0, 123.8, 123.6, 123.0, 53.7, 52.7; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 344.0885. Found: 344.0893.

14. methyl 2-(5-nitroisoquinolin-8-yl)-2-phenylacetate (**3m**)



Yellow solid, m.p. 120-122 °C. 33% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.65 (br s, 1H), 8.76 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.42 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.5, 148.6, 145.9, 144.4, 143.1, 136.0, 129.2, 128.79, 128.76, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 126.6, 116.2, 53.0, 52.9; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 323.1026. Found: 323.1117.

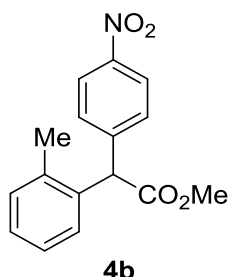
15. tert-butyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**4a**)



Tan solid, m.p. 99.9-101.7 °C. 60% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.7,

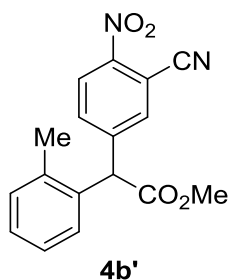
147.3, 147.0, 136.7, 135.9, 134.0 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 125.6, 115.0, 108.2, 83.1, 57.2, 28.0 (3C); HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}N_2O_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 339.1339. Found: 339.1332.

16. methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(o-tolyl)acetate (**4b**)



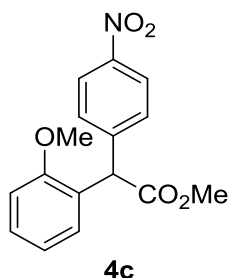
Yellow oil, 45% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 4H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.1, 147.0, 145.2, 136.3, 135.5, 131.0, 129.9, 128.0, 127.8, 126.6, 123.6, 53.3, 52.6, 19.7; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{16}H_{15}NO_4Na$ $[M+Na]^+$: 308.0885. Found: 308.0893.

17. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(o-tolyl)acetate (**4b'**)



Yellow solid, m.p. 87-88 °C. 74% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 4H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.4, 147.2, 145.6, 136.2, 136.0, 134.3, 134.2, 131.4, 128.6, 127.6, 127.0, 125.5, 114.9, 108.1, 53.0, 52.7, 19.7; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{17}H_{14}N_2O_4$ $[M-H]^-$: 309.0881. Found: 309.0871.

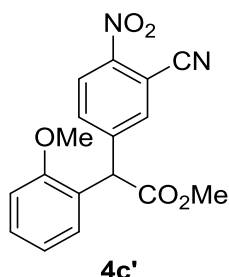
18. methyl 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4c**)



Yellow oil, 46% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.16 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.90 (m, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.3, 156.6, 147.0, 145.5, 129.9, 129.1, 128.7,

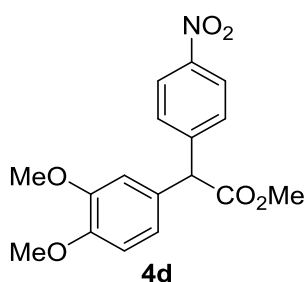
126.1, 123.5, 120.8, 110.8, 55.5, 52.5, 50.4; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}NO_5$ $[M-H]^-$: 300.0882. Found: 300.0877.

19. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)acetate (**4c'**)



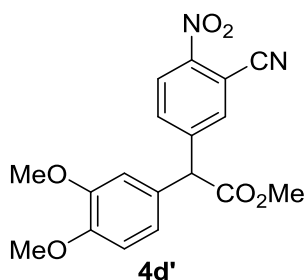
Yellow oil, 72% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.4, 156.4, 147.1, 146.1, 136.1, 134.2, 129.8, 128.5, 125.4, 124.9, 121.2, 115.1, 111.2, 107.9, 55.5, 52.8, 50.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{17}H_{14}N_2O_5$ $[M-H]^-$: 325.0830. Found: 325.0846.

20. methyl 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4d**)



Yellow oil, 48% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.0, 149.2, 148.7, 147.0, 146.0, 129.4, 129.3, 123.6, 120.7, 111.5, 111.2, 56.00, 55.96, 55.8, 52.6; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}NO_6Na$ $[M+Na]^+$: 354.0935. Found: 354.0948.

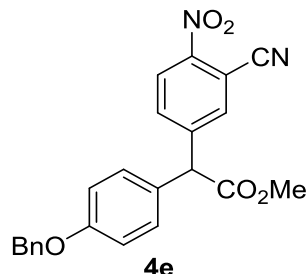
21. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acetate (**4d'**)



Yellow oil, 73% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.25 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s,

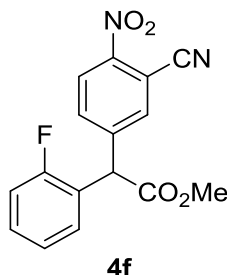
3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 149.5, 149.1, 147.1, 146.5, 135.5, 133.7, 128.2, 125.6, 120.6, 114.8, 111.5, 111.3, 108.0, 55.92, 55.87, 55.4, 52.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 355.0936. Found: 355.0949.

22. methyl 2-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4e**)



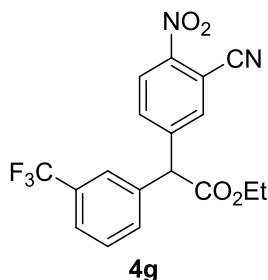
Yellow oil, 80% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 158.8, 147.3, 146.6, 136.5, 135.7, 133.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 125.6, 115.7, 114.9, 108.2, 70.1, 55.2, 53.0; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5]^-$: 325.0800. Found: 325.0793.

23. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)acetate (**4f**)



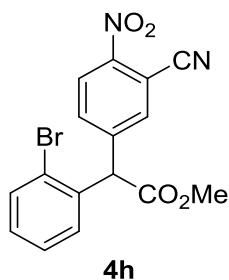
Yellow oil, 82% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 160.1 (d, J = 247.8 Hz), 147.4, 145.0, 135.8, 134.0, 130.4 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 129.1 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 125.7, 125.0 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 123.7 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 116.1 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 114.8, 108.2, 53.1, 49.2 (d, J = 3.3 Hz); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 315.0776. Found: 315.0913.

24. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (**4g**)



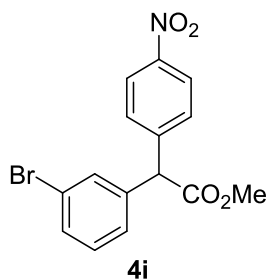
Yellow solid, m.p. 56-57 °C. 64% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 3H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 147.5, 145.4, 137.1, 135.6, 133.8, 131.67, 131.66 (q, J = 32.0 Hz), 129.9, 125.9, 125.3 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 125.2 (q, J = 4.5 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 272.0 Hz), 114.7, 108.4, 62.5, 55.8, 13.9; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 401.0720 Found: 401.0679.

25. methyl 2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4h**)



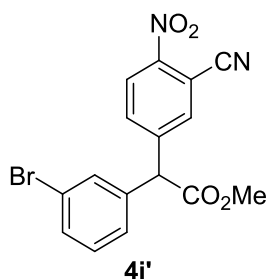
Yellow oil, 79% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 1H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 147.3, 144.7, 136.0, 135.5, 134.3, 133.7, 130.0, 129.2, 128.3, 125.5, 124.8, 114.8, 108.1, 55.1, 53.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 374.9975. Found: 374.9926.

26. methyl 2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4i**)



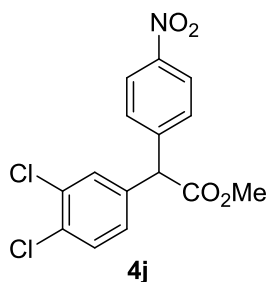
Yellow oil, 45% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 147.3, 145.0, 139.3, 131.5, 131.1, 130.5, 129.5, 127.1, 123.9, 123.0, 56.1, 52.8; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 347.9889. Found: 347.9877.

27. methyl 2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4i'**)



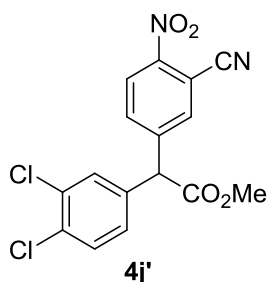
Yellow oil, 60% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 147.4, 145.4, 138.1, 135.6, 133.8, 131.6, 131.4, 130.9, 126.9, 125.8, 123.3, 114.7, 108.3, 55.4, 53.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 372.9829. Found: 372.9832.

28. methyl 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4j**)



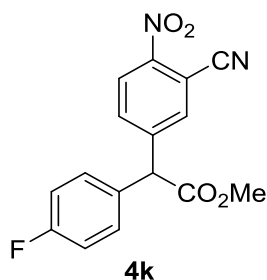
Yellow oil, 37% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 1.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.0, 147.3, 144.6, 137.2, 133.0, 132.2, 130.8, 130.4, 129.4, 127.8, 123.9, 55.5, 52.9; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_4\text{Cl}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 337.9995. Found: 337.9992.

29. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)acetate (**4j'**)



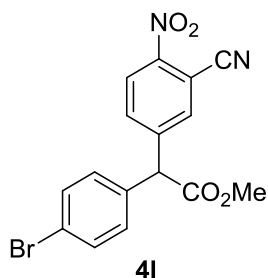
Yellow solid, m.p. 139-140 °C. 40% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 147.5, 145.0, 136.0, 135.5, 133.7, 133.5, 133.0, 131.2, 130.3, 127.6, 125.9, 114.6, 108.5, 54.8, 53.3; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 365.0090. Found: 365.0053.

30. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (**4k**)



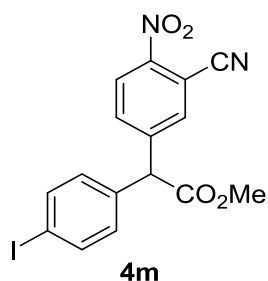
Yellow solid, m.p. 89-91 °C. 73% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dt, J = 5.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 162.5 (d, J = 248.8 Hz), 147.4, 146.0, 135.6, 133.7, 131.8 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 130.1 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 125.7, 116.4 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 114.7, 108.3, 55.1, 53.1; HRMS (EI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 315.0776. Found: 315.0772.

31. methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4l**)



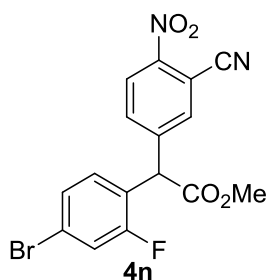
Yellow solid, m.p. 78-80 °C. 60% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 147.4, 145.6, 135.6, 135.0, 133.8, 132.5, 130.0, 125.8, 122.7, 114.7, 108.3, 55.3, 53.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 372.9829. Found: 372.9837.

32. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-iodophenyl)acetate (**4m**)



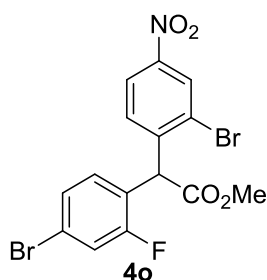
Yellow solid, m.p. 77-78 °C. 56% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.03 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.5, 147.4, 145.5, 138.5, 135.65, 135.60, 133.8, 130.2, 125.8, 114.7, 108.3, 94.3, 55.4, 53.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{IN}_2\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 444.9656. Found: 444.9650.

33. methyl 2-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4n**)



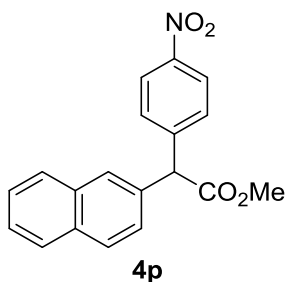
Yellow oil, 80% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.19 (m, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.8, 159.9 (d, $J = 252.0$ Hz), 147.5, 144.3, 135.7, 133.9, 130.3 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 128.3 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 125.8, 123.0, 122.9 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 119.8 (d, $J = 25.4$ Hz), 114.6, 108.4, 53.3, 48.8 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrFN}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 392.9881. Found: 392.9714.

34. methyl 2-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4o**)



Yellow oil, 52% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.48 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 160.3 (d, $J = 253.2$ Hz), 147.6, 143.4, 130.9 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 130.6, 128.2, 128.0 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 125.3, 122.8 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 122.7 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 122.5, 119.7 (d, $J = 25.4$ Hz), 53.1, 49.8 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz); HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{Br}_2\text{FNNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 467.8853. Found: 467.8846.

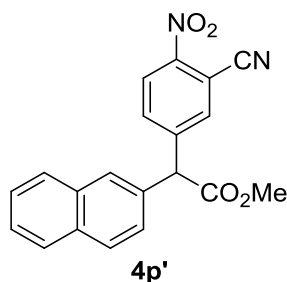
35. methyl 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (**4p**)



Yellow oil, 54% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 1.2, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.8, 147.1, 145.7, 134.5, 133.2, 132.6, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.5, 126.4,

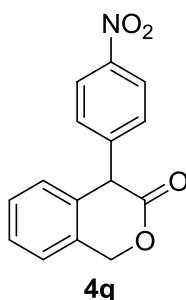
126.1, 123.7, 56.6, 52.7; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{19}H_{15}NO_4Na$ $[M+Na]^+$: 344.0891. Found: 344.0893.

36. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)acetate (**4p'**)



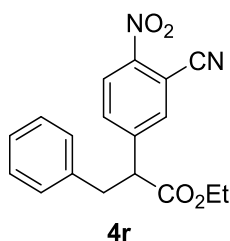
Yellow oil, 70% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.76 (m, 6H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 1.6, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 171.0, 147.3, 146.1, 135.8, 134.0, 133.3, 132.8, 129.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 125.7, 125.6, 114.8, 108.2, 56.1, 53.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{20}H_{15}N_2O_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 347.1026. Found: 347.0956.

37. 4-(4-nitrophenyl)isochroman-3-one (**4q**)



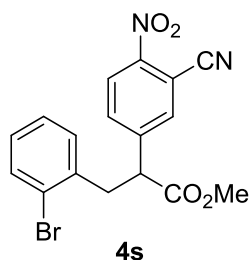
Yellow solid, m.p. 176-177 °C. 33% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.34 (AB, $J_{AB} = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (AB, $J_{BA} = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 170.1, 147.5, 141.8, 132.8, 131.6, 129.8, 129.3, 128.3, 127.4, 125.1, 124.0, 69.6, 51.4; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{15}H_{10}NO_4$ $[M-H]^-$: 268.0615. Found: 268.0620.

38. ethyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylpropanoate (**4r**)



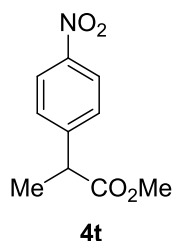
Yellow oil, 32% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 2H), 4.10-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.93 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, $J = 14.4, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, $J = 14.4, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 147.3, 146.0, 136.8, 135.2, 133.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.0, 125.6, 114.8, 108.1, 61.7, 52.9, 39.7, 13.9. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 325.1183. Found: 325.1207.

39. methyl 3-(2-bromophenyl)-2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)propanoate (**4s**)



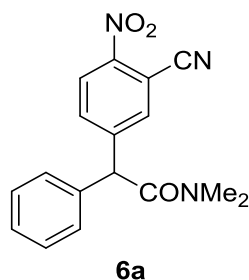
Orange solid, m.p. 111-113 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. 30% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 9.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 1H), 4.21 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.5, 147.4, 145.7, 136.3, 135.1, 133.3, 133.1, 131.3, 129.0, 127.6, 125.7, 124.4, 114.7, 108.2, 52.7, 50.5, 39.9. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 410.9951. Found: 410.9957.

40. methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)propanoate (**4t**)



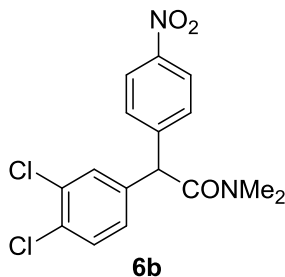
Yellow oil, 15% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 1.53 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6, 147.7, 147.1, 128.5, 123.8, 52.4, 45.2, 18.4.

41. 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-*N,N*-dimethyl-2-phenylacetamide (**6a**)



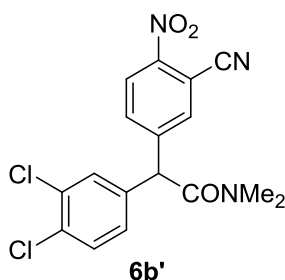
Yellow oil, 82% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 148.1, 146.8, 136.4, 136.2, 134.6, 129.5, 128.21, 128.16, 125.1, 115.1, 107.4, 54.1, 37.5, 36.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 308.1041. Found: 308.1045.

42. 2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethyl-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetamide (**6b**)



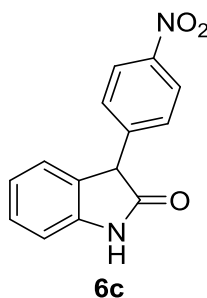
Yellow solid, m.p. 121-122 °C. 45% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 2.0, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 3.01 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 147.0, 145.9, 138.1, 132.9, 131.8, 130.72, 130.65, 129.8, 128.1, 123.7, 53.2, 37.5, 36.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 351.0309. Found: 351.0313.

43. 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-N,N-dimethylacetamide (**6b'**)



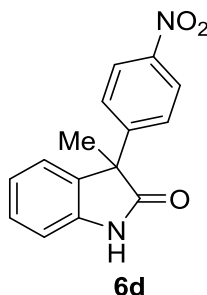
Yellow solid, m.p. 172-174 °C. 79% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 9.0, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 7.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 3.04 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.6, 147.3, 146.6, 136.5, 136.2, 134.4, 133.8, 132.9, 131.5, 130.4, 127.7, 125.5, 114.8, 108.0, 52.9, 37.7, 36.4; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_3]^-$: 378.0407. Found: 378.0465.

44. 3-(4-nitrophenyl)indolin-2-one (**6c**)



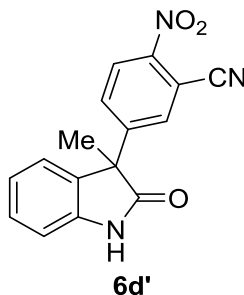
Yellow solid, m.p. 134.9 °C. 40% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (br s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.4, 147.4, 143.6, 141.6, 129.4, 129.1, 127.9, 125.2, 124.1, 123.1, 110.5, 52.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 256.0842. Found: 256.0824.

45. 3-methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)indolin-2-one (**6d**)



Yellow solid, m.p. 185-186 °C. 42% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (br s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.2, 147.7, 147.0, 140.3, 134.0, 128.7, 127.8, 124.2, 123.6, 123.2, 110.7, 52.9, 23.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₁₁N₂O₃ [M-H]⁻: 267.0785. Found: 267.0775.

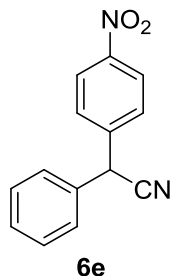
46. 5-(3-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6d'**)



Yellow solid, m.p. 209-210 °C. 34% yield. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H);

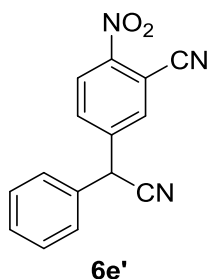
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.9, 148.2, 147.4, 140.0, 134.1, 132.4, 132.3, 129.5, 125.7, 124.5, 123.7, 114.9, 110.9, 108.3, 52.3, 24.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 294.0873. Found: 294.0854.

47. 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetonitrile (**6e**)



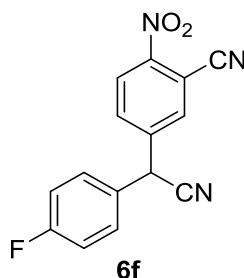
Yellow solid, m.p. 69.4 °C. 54% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.26 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.7, 142.7, 134.4, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 124.3, 118.5, 42.2; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 239.0815. Found: 239.0816.

48. 5-(cyano(phenyl)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6e'**)



Orange oil, 59% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.0, 143.2, 134.6, 133.1, 132.7, 130.0, 129.5, 127.7, 126.5, 117.5, 114.2, 109.1, 41.9. HRMS (CI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 262.0622. Found: 262.0593.

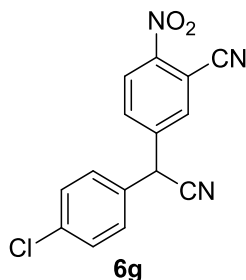
49. 5-(cyano(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6f**)



Orange oil, 62% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H), 5.30 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.0 (d, J = 249.9 Hz), 148.1, 143.0, 134.5, 132.7, 129.7 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 129.0 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 126.5, 117.3 (d,

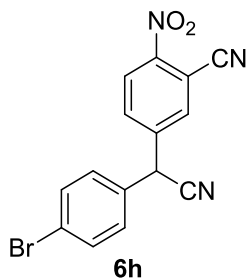
$J = 28.5$ Hz), 117.0, 114.2, 109.1, 41.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{15}H_9FN_3O_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 282.0673. Found: 282.0665.

50. 5-((4-chlorophenyl)(cyano)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6g**)



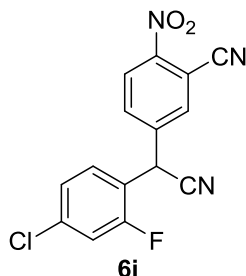
Green oil, 53% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 6.6, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 148.1, 142.7, 135.8, 134.5, 132.7, 131.6, 130.2, 129.1, 126.6, 117.1, 114.1, 109.2, 41.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{15}H_9ClN_3O_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 298.0378. Found: 298.0357.

51. 5-((4-bromophenyl)(cyano)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6h**)



Orange oil, 61% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 6.6, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 148.2, 142.6, 134.5, 133.2, 132.7, 132.1, 129.3, 126.6, 124.0, 117.0, 114.1, 109.3, 41.4. HRMS (CI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{15}H_7BrN_3O_2$ $[M-H]^-$: 339.9727. Found: 339.9712.

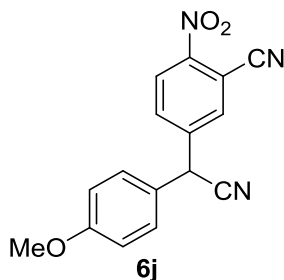
52. 5-((4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)(cyano)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6i**)



Yellow oil, 32% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 9.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.3 (d, $J = 253.2$ Hz), 148.2, 141.4, 137.2 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 134.3, 132.6, 129.8 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 126.6, 126.2 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 119.5 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz), 117.5 (d, $J =$

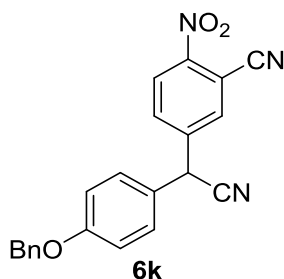
24.2 Hz), 116.2, 114.1, 109.2, 35.6 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz). HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{15}H_8ClFN_3O_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 316.0284. Found: 316.0270.

53. 5-(cyano(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6j**)



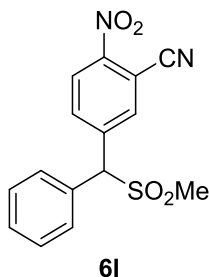
Orange oil, 62% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.26 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 160.2, 147.8, 143.7, 134.4, 132.6, 129.0, 126.4, 125.0, 117.8, 115.2, 114.3, 108.8, 55.4, 41.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{16}H_{11}N_3NaO_3$ $[M+Na]^+$: 316.0693. Found: 316.0691.

54. 5-((4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)(cyano)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6k**)



Orange oil, 42% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.34 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 6.6, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (dd, $J = 6.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.5, 147.9, 143.6, 136.2, 134.5, 132.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 127.4, 126.4, 125.2, 117.7, 116.2, 114.3, 109.0, 70.2, 41.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{22}H_{15}N_3NaO_3$ $[M+Na]^+$: 392.1011. Found: 392.1010.

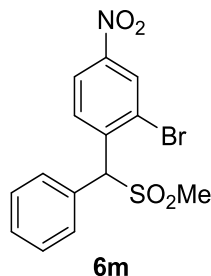
55. 5-((methylsulfonyl)(phenyl)methyl)-2-nitrobenzonitrile (**6l**)



Orange solid, m.p. 185-186 °C. 55% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.34 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.12-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H);

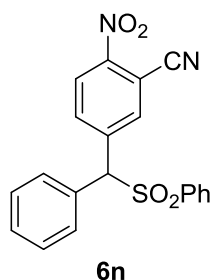
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.3, 139.2, 136.9, 135.1, 131.2, 130.2, 130.0, 129.2, 125.8, 114.5, 108.5, 73.0, 40.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 339.0410. Found: 339.0415.

56. 2-bromo-1-((methylsulfonyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-nitrobenzene (**6m**)



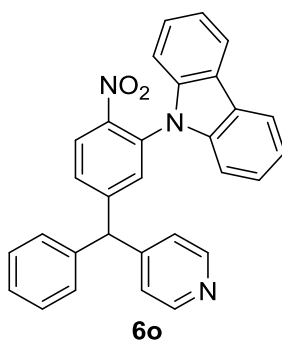
Orange oil, 29% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.50 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.9, 139.7, 131.1, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.4, 128.4, 126.0, 122.8, 71.5, 40.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNNaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 391.9563. Found: 391.9559.

57. 2-nitro-5-(phenyl(phenylsulfonyl)methyl)benzonitrile (**6n**)



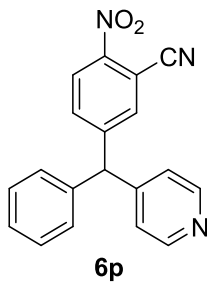
Yellow solid, m.p. 176-178 °C. 33% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 5.41 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.0, 140.5, 137.0, 136.8, 135.0, 134.4, 130.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 125.7, 114.5, 108.4, 74.7. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 401.0566. Found: 401.0568.

58. 9-(2-nitro-5-(phenyl(pyridin-4-yl)methyl)phenyl)-9H-carbazole (**6o**)



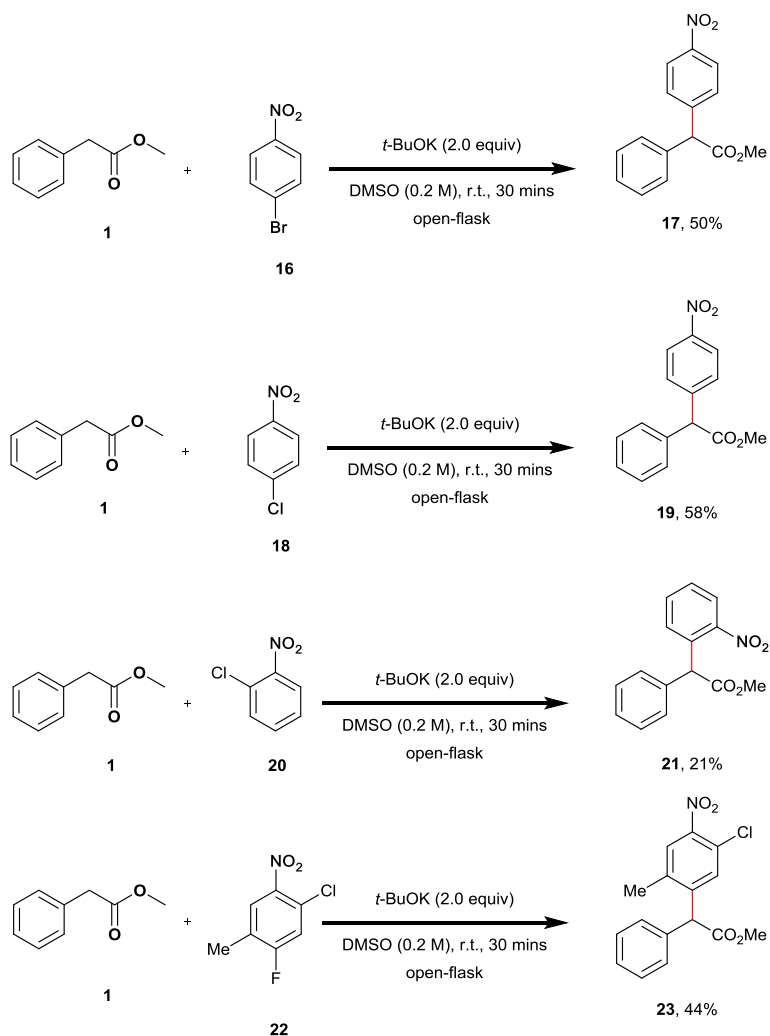
Yellow solid, m.p. 173-174 °C. 55% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.62 (br s, 2H), 8.14-8.07 (m, 3H), 7.44 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 4H), 5.62 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.5, 150.0, 149.6, 145.2, 140.3, 140.0, 131.7, 131.2, 129.4, 129.0, 127.6, 126.22, 126.20, 126.19, 124.2, 123.7, 120.6, 120.5, 108.7, 55.5. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 456.1707. Found: 456.1714.

59. 2-nitro-5-(phenyl(pyridin-4-yl)methyl)benzonitrile (**6p**)



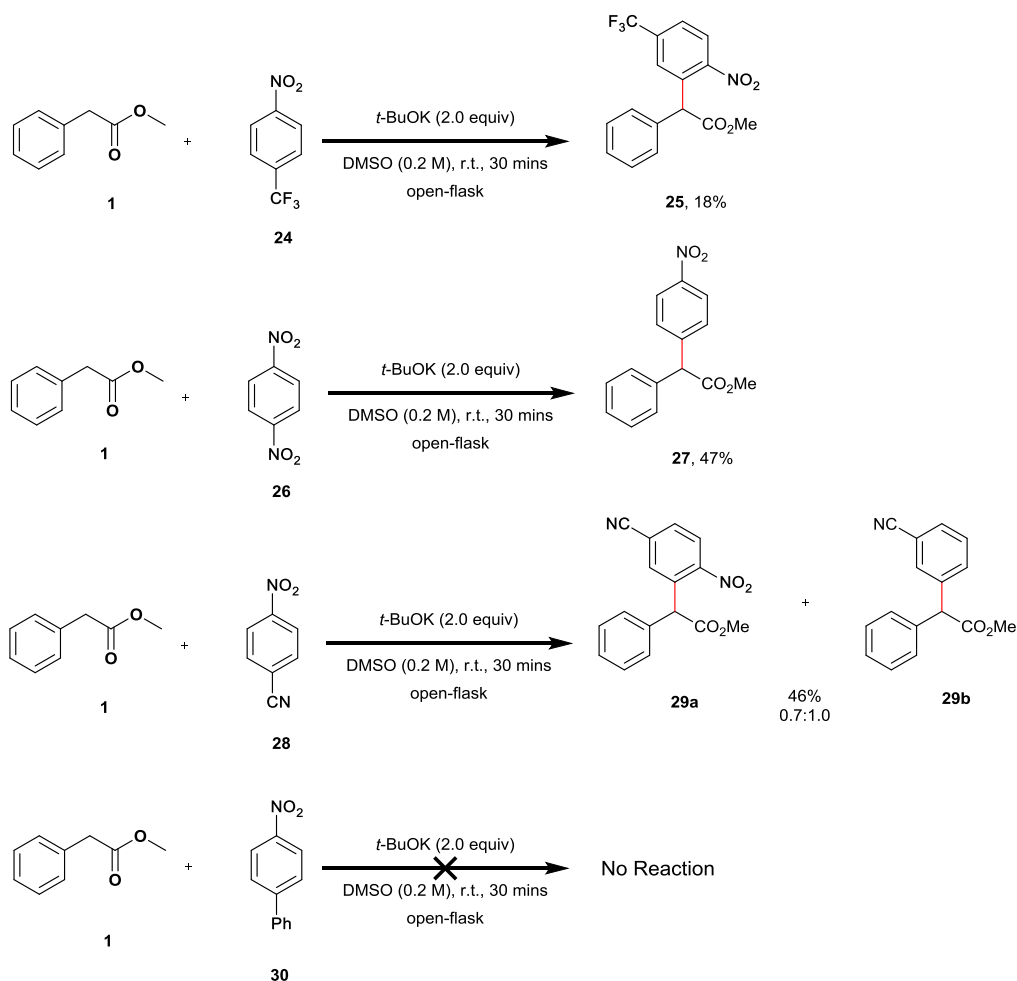
Yellow solid, m.p. 156-158 °C. 57% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.2, 150.0, 149.8, 146.9, 139.2, 136.0, 134.3, 129.2, 129.0, 127.9, 125.7, 124.1, 114.7, 108.2, 55.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 316.1081. Found: 316.1085.

Formation of S_NAr Products with *ortho*- and *para*- halogenated Nitroarene Substrates



Scheme S1. Formation of S_NAr products when utilizing *ortho*- or *para*- halogenated nitroarenes as arylation substrates

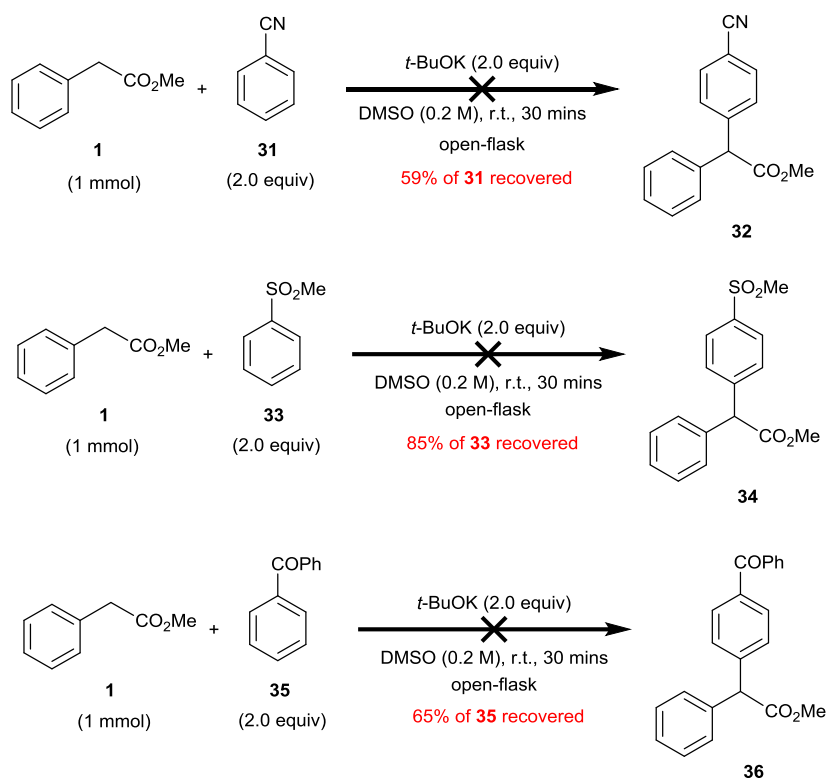
Utilizing *para*-substituted Nitroarenes as Arylation Substrates



Scheme S2. Arylation of methyl 2-phenylacetate with *para*-substituted nitroarene substrates

These results indicate that when the *para*-position is occupied by another strongly electron-withdrawing group, dehydrogenative arylation at the *ortho*-position is possible, but with low yields. Additionally with these types of substrates, the nitro group can actually serve as a leaving group and an S_NAr -type reaction occurs. If the group in the *para*-position is not an electron-withdrawing group then no reaction takes place.

Utilizing other Electron Deficient Arenes (i.e. not nitroarenes) as Electrophiles



Scheme S3. α -arylation reactions conducted under standard conditions with a variety of electron deficient arene substrates

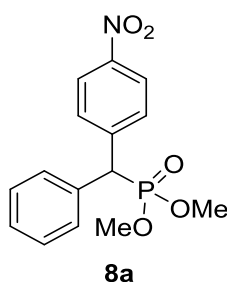
The electron-withdrawing groups in substrates **31**, **33** and **35** are not as powerful as the nitro group. Because of this, the initial addition of the ester enolate to the aromatic ring apparently does not take place. The expected arylated products were not observed and the electron deficient arenes could be recovered.

General Procedure for the Arylation of Substrates for Reactivity Predictions

t-BuOK (224 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in one portion to a solution of the arylation substrates **7a-d** and **7f-i** (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv, (0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv for **7e**)) and nitrobenzene **2** (246 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMSO (0.2 M) at room temperature. Once the base was added, the mixture was stirred in an open flask at room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched via the addition of saturated NH₄Cl solution (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude products **8a-8c** were purified by column chromatography.

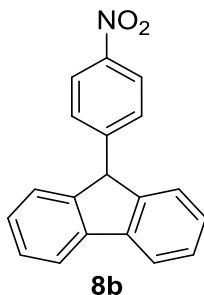
Analysis Data of pK_a Reactivity Prediction Products

60. dimethyl((4-nitrophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)phosphonate (**8a**)



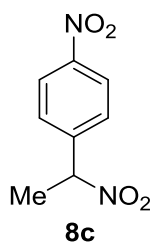
Yellow oil, 7% yield. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 25.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 36.0, 10.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.2 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 144.3 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 135.2 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2C), 129.5 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz 2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.0, 123.9 (2C), 53.7 (dd, *J* = 89.1, 7.2 Hz, 2C), 50.8; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇NO₅P [M+H]⁺: 322.0844. Found: 322.0844. Product purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 1:1).

61. 9-(4-nitrophenyl)-9H-fluorene (**8b**)



Yellow solid, m.p. 123.1-124.4 °C. 26% yield. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 6H), 5.15 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.8, 147.1, 146.6 (2C), 141.2 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.8 (2C), 125.3 (2C), 124.1 (2C), 120.3 (2C), 54.0; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₁₂NO₂ [M]⁺: 286.0874. Found: 286.0866. Product purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 20:1).

62. 1-nitro-4-(1-nitroethyl)benzene (**8c**)



Yellow oil, 86% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.26 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.6, 141.7, 128.6 (2C), 124.2 (2C), 85.1, 19.5; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}$] $^-$: 195.0411. Found: 195.0423. Product purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 10:1).

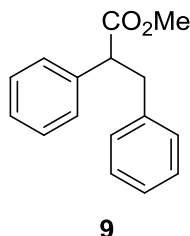
General Two-step Preparation of All Carbon Quaternary Center Containing Compounds

Step 1: *t*-BuOK (1.2 g, 10.9 mmol, 1.09 equiv) was suspended in 8 mL of dry DMF under an argon atmosphere. At 0 °C methyl phenylacetate (1.5 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added followed by benzyl bromide (1.71 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) after 5 minutes. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. Water (12 mL) was added and the solution was extracted with DCM (2×12 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with saturated NH_4Cl (12 mL) and water (12 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 10:1)³ to give methyl 2,3-diphenylpropanoate **9** (941 mg, 39% yield) as a colorless oil.

Step 2: *t*-BuOK (224 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in one portion to the solution of **9** (240 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 2-nitro benzonitrile **2a** (296 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMSO (0.2 M) at room temperature. Once the base was added the mixture was stirred in an open flask at room temperature for 30 minutes, followed by the addition of saturated NH_4Cl solution (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 10:1) to give methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenylpropanoate **10** (67.4 mg, 18% yield) as a yellow oil.

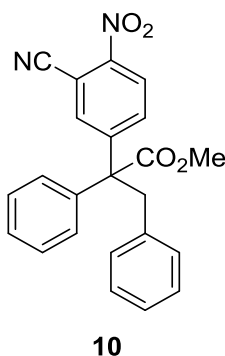
Analysis Data for All Carbon Quaternary Center Containing Compounds Prepared in Two Steps

63. methyl 2,3-diphenylpropanoate (**9**)



Colorless oil, 39% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.23 (m, 2H), 3.98 (dd, $J = 8.8, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.55 (dd, $J = 13.7, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 139.0, 138.6, 128.9 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 127.4, 126.3, 53.6, 51.9, 39.8; These shifts are consistent with literature reported values. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 241.1223. Found: 241.1224.

64. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenylpropanoate (**10**)



Yellow oil, 18% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 7.6, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.6$, 2H), 6.64 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 150.4, 146.6, 140.89, 137.1, 135.5, 135.2, 130.3 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.6, 128.5 (2C), 128.0 (2C), 127.6, 124.1, 115.1, 106.7, 62.0, 53.0, 44.1; HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 387.1339. Found: 387.1338.

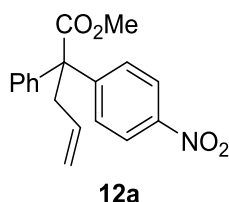
General One-pot Preparation of all Carbon Quaternary Center Containing Compounds

t-BuOK (448 mg, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added in one portion to a solution of methyl phenylacetate **1** (300 mg, 2.0 mmol) and nitrobenzene **2** (492 mg, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dry DMSO (10 mL) at room temperature. Once the base was added completely, the mixture was stirred

in an open flask at room temperature for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes allylic bromide (480 mg, 4.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred under N₂ at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction was quenched via the addition of saturated NH₄Cl solution (10 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The organic layers were combined and washed with brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 10:1) to give methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-enoate **12a** (275.8 mg, 44% yield) as a yellow oil.

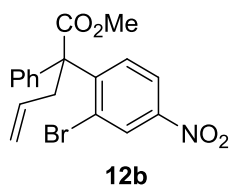
Analysis Data of all Carbon Quaternary Center Containing Compounds Prepared via One-pot Method

65. methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-enoate (**12a**)



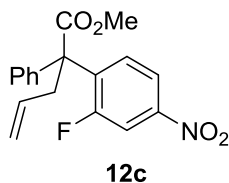
Yellow oil. 44% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.25 (m, 7H), 5.64-5.51 (m, 1H), 5.00-4.89 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 150.0, 146.5, 141.2, 133.0, 130.2, 128.44, 128.37, 127.6, 122.8, 119.3, 60.4, 52.7, 42.5. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₄ [M+H]⁺: 312.1230. Found: 312.1232.

66. methyl 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-enoate (**12b**)



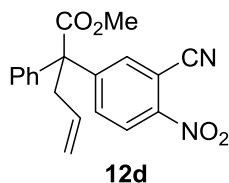
Yellow oil. 48% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.60-5.47 (m, 1H), 5.05-4.90 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 149.2, 146.7, 138.9, 132.8, 132.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 127.8, 124.8, 121.2, 119.0, 60.9, 52.7, 39.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇BrNO₄ [M+H]⁺: 390.0335. Found: 390.0327.

67. methyl 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-enoate (**12c**)



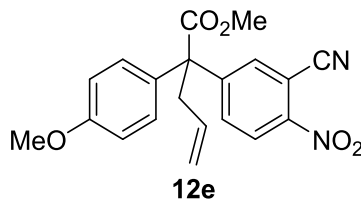
Yellow oil. 61% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 1H), 5.69-5.57 (m, 1H), 4.98-4.89 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (755 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 160.2 (d, $J = 250.4$ Hz), 147.6 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 138.39, 138.36 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 133.0, 131.1 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 128.5 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 127.9, 121.1, 119.0, 118.4 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 111.5 (d, $J = 28.4$ Hz), 57.4 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 52.7, 39.9 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz). HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 330.1136. Found: 330.1126.

68. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-enoate (**12d**)



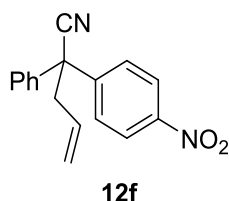
Yellow oil. 46% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 5.62-5.52 (m, 1H), 5.04 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, $J = 16.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, $J = 14.8, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, $J = 14.0, 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 150.6, 146.7, 140.2, 136.5, 134.6, 132.2, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 124.6, 120.3, 115.1, 107.2, 60.2, 53.0, 42.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 337.1183. Found: 337.1174.

69. methyl 2-(3-cyano-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoate (**12e**)



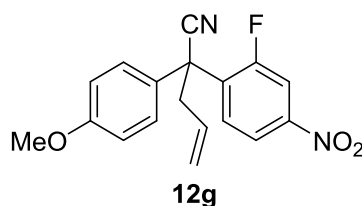
Yellow oil. 48% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.13 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.82 (m, 2H), 5.60-5.50 (m, 1H), 4.99 (dd, $J = 10.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, $J = 17.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.33 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, $J = 14.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 159.0, 150.8, 146.3, 136.2, 134.4, 132.2, 131.8, 129.0, 124.4, 119.9, 115.0, 114.0, 106.8, 59.3, 55.0, 52.7, 42.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 367.1288. Found: 367.1296.

70. 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-enenitrile (**12f**)



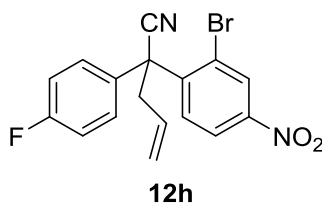
Yellow oil. 61% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.32 (m, 5H), 5.75-5.64 (m, 1H), 5.25-5.18 (m, 2H), 3.22 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 14.0, 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 146.7, 138.2, 130.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 126.9, 124.0, 121.3, 120.8, 51.6, 43.6. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 279.1128. Found: 279.1125.

71. 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-4-enenitrile (**12g**)



Yellow oil. 54% yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 11.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 2H), 5.64-5.55 (m, 1H), 5.17-5.04 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.19 (dd, $J = 14.0, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.39 (d, $J = 254.6$ Hz), 159.38, 148.5 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 134.1 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 130.6, 129.3 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 128.8, 127.7, 121.0, 119.8, 119.2 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 114.2, 112.4 (d, $J = 27.0$ Hz), 55.1, 48.3 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 41.6 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz). HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 327.1139. Found: 327.1136.

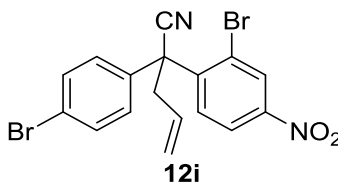
72. 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)pent-4-enenitrile (**12h**)



Yellow oil. 35% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.00 (m, 2H), 5.75-5.61 (m, 1H), 5.25-5.16 (m, 2H), 3.46 (dd, $J = 13.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.2 (d, $J = 247.7$ Hz), 147.9, 143.6, 133.2 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 130.6, 130.2 (d, $J = 15.8$

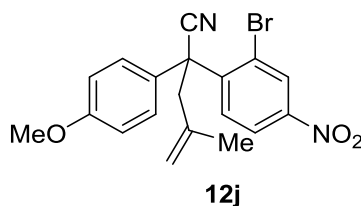
Hz), 128.9 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 124.5, 122.2, 121.6, 119.0, 116.0, 115.7, 51.4, 43.7. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{17}H_{13}BrFN_2O_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 375.0139. Found: 375.0156.

73. 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)pent-4-enenitrile (**12i**)



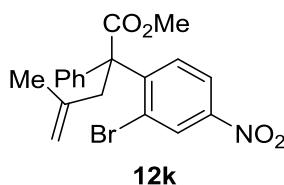
Yellow oil. 37% yield. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.44 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.77-5.60 (m, 1H), 5.25-5.17 (m, 2H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 13.5, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 13.5, 6.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 147.8, 143.2, 136.4, 131.9, 130.5, 130.1, 130.0, 128.7, 124.5, 122.3, 122.2, 121.7, 118.6, 51.5, 43.6. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{17}H_{12}Br_2N_2NaO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 456.9158. Found: 456.9171.

74. 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methylpent-4-enenitrile (**12j**)



Yellow oil. 46% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.87 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.46 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.4, 147.7, 144.3, 138.5, 130.70, 130.67, 129.8, 128.4, 124.1, 122.0, 120.3, 118.0, 114.3, 55.3, 51.1, 45.2, 23.6. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{19}H_{18}BrN_2O_3$ $[M+H]^+$: 401.0495. Found: 401.0491.

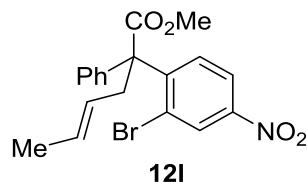
75. methyl 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-4-methyl-2-phenylpent-4-enoate (**12k**)



Yellow oil. 38% yield. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.40 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 4.71 (t, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, $J = 14.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.43 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.2, 149.4, 146.6, 140.8, 139.6, 131.5, 129.6, 129.0,

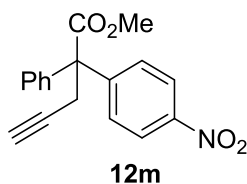
128.1, 127.5, 125.2, 121.2, 116.3, 61.1, 52.6, 44.1, 24.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}BrNO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 404.0492. Found: 404.0489.

76. methyl (E)-2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylhex-4-enoate (**12l**)



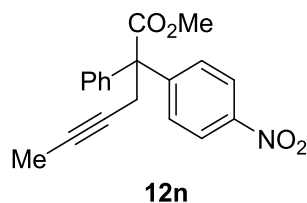
Yellow oil. 54% yield. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.44 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.26 (m, 4H), 5.45-5.31 (m, 1H), 5.26-5.16 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.45-3.36 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.23 (m, 1H), 1.47 (dd, J = 6.3, 1.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.7, 149.5, 146.8, 139.2, 132.1, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 127.7, 125.1, 124.9, 121.1, 61.2, 52.7, 38.4, 17.9. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}BrNO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 404.0492. Found: 404.0503.

77. methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-ynoate (**12m**)



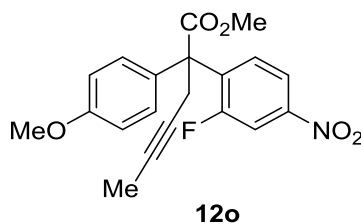
Yellow oil. 39% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.19-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.26 (m, 5H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.7, 148.8, 146.9, 140.0, 130.2, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 122.8, 79.9, 72.7, 59.9, 53.0, 29.0. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{18}H_{16}NO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 310.1074. Found: 310.1064.

78. methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylhex-4-ynoate (**12n**)



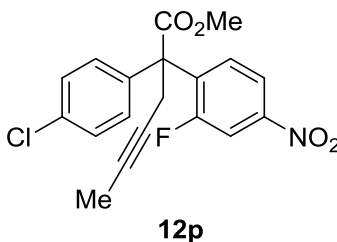
Yellow oil. 49% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.05-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.15 (m, 5H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 3.20 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 16.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 172.8, 149.2, 146.6, 140.4, 130.1, 128.14, 128.12, 127.5, 122.4, 79.9, 74.5, 60.1, 52.7, 29.1, 3.2. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{19}H_{18}NO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 324.1230. Found: 324.1240.

79. methyl 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hex-4-ynoate (**12o**)



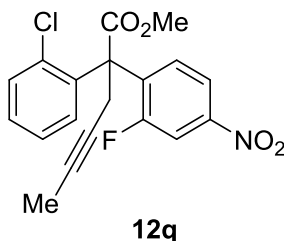
Yellow oil. 36% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.45 (dd, $J = 16.8$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 17.6$, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 159.1 (d, $J = 32.0$ Hz), 147.7, 138.4 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz), 132.1 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 118.0 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 113.9, 111.3 (d, $J = 28.4$ Hz), 80.0, 74.5, 56.4 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 55.3, 52.9, 26.2 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 3.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}_5$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 372.1242. Found: 372.1237.

80. methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)hex-4-ynoate (**12p**)



Yellow oil. 57% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dd, $J = 16.8$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 17.6$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 160.2 (d, $J = 251.0$ Hz), 148.0 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 137.6 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz), 136.0, 134.3, 131.9 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 130.1, 128.7, 118.2 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 111.5 (d, $J = 28.3$ Hz), 80.4, 74.0, 56.7 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 53.1, 26.3 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 3.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClFNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 376.0746. Found: 376.0727.

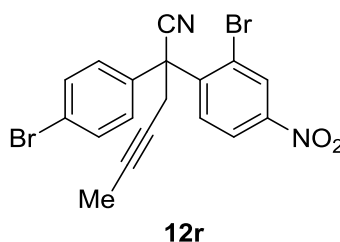
81. methyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)hex-4-ynoate (**12q**)



Yellow oil. 57% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (dd, $J = 8.8$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 10.8$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.27 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s,

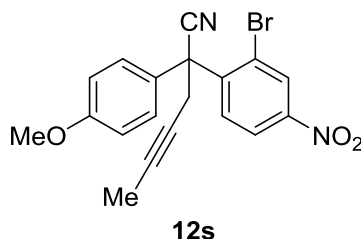
3H), 3.56-3.40 (m, 2H), 1.60 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.1, 160.5 (d, $J = 253.8$ Hz), 148.0 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 137.0, 134.3 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz), 133.7, 132.0 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 131.2, 130.2 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 129.2, 126.8, 118.2 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 112.0 (d, $J = 29.1$ Hz), 80.4, 74.1, 58.4 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 53.1, 27.6 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 3.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClFNO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 376.0746. Found: 376.0738.

82. 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)hex-4-ynenitrile (**12r**)



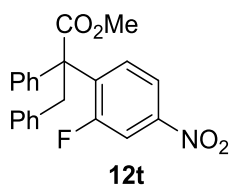
Yellow oil. 53% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd, $J = 8.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.20 (m, 2H), 1.74 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.0, 142.2, 136.5, 132.0, 130.42, 130.36, 128.4, 124.8, 122.6, 122.1, 118.5, 82.7, 72.0, 51.8, 32.2, 3.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 446.9338. Found: 446.9332.

83. 2-(2-bromo-4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)hex-4-ynenitrile (**12s**)



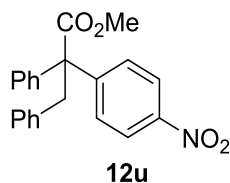
Pale yellow solid, m.p. 127-129 $^\circ\text{C}$. 66% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.31 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.82 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.37-3.20 (m, 2H), 1.75 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.5, 147.8, 143.1, 130.5, 130.4, 129.3, 128.0, 124.8, 122.0, 119.2, 114.3, 82.2, 72.5, 55.3, 51.8, 32.2, 3.5. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 421.0158. Found: 421.0150.

84. methyl 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenylpropanoate (**12t**)



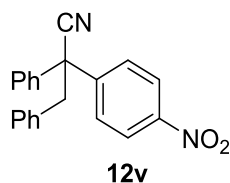
Yellow oil. 66% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 160.4 (d, J = 251.7 Hz), 147.5 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 140.1, 137.9 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 136.1, 131.7 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 130.3, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.8, 118.1 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 111.4 (d, J = 29.1 Hz), 59.1 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 52.6, 42.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 402.1112. Found: 402.1122.

85. methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenylpropanoate (**12u**)



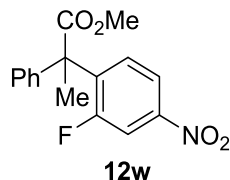
Yellow oil. 52% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.70-6.61 (m, 2H), 4.02 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.8, 150.0, 146.4, 141.8, 136.2, 130.6, 130.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 126.7, 122.3, 62.0, 52.4, 44.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NNaO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 384.1206. Found: 384.1201.

86. 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenylpropanenitrile (**12v**)



Yellow oil. 54% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.13 (m, 3H), 6.91-6.86 (m, 2H), 3.75 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.4, 147.0, 138.7, 133.6, 130.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 123.8, 120.8, 52.9, 45.1. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 329.1285. Found: 329.1287.

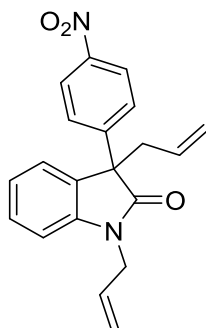
87. methyl 2-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpropanoate (**12w**)



Yellow oil. 46% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (dd, J = 10.4, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4, 160.0 (d, J = 251.0 Hz), 147.5 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 140.9 (d, J = 12.4 Hz), 139.2, 129.9 (d, J = 4.4

Hz), 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 118.7 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 111.4 (d, $J = 28.4$ Hz), 53.5 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 52.7, 23.6 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz). HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{16}H_{15}FNO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 304.0980. Found: 304.0976.

88. 1,3-diallyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)indolin-2-one (**12x**)



12x

Yellow solid, m.p. 97.0-98.6 °C. 36% yield. 1H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.16 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.79 (ddt, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dddd, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (m, 2H), 5.07 (dq, $J = 17.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (m, 2H), 3.05 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 176.5, 147.2, 146.9, 143.0, 131.5, 131.2, 130.4, 128.9, 128.3 (2C), 125.3, 123.7 (2C), 122.9, 120.3, 117.9, 109.7, 56.5, 42.7, 42.4. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $C_{20}H_{19}N_2O_3$ $[M+H]^+$: 335.1369. Found: 335.1365.

Experimental Procedures for the Formation of Heterocycles and Intermediates

Substituted Carbazole Synthesis

PhMgBr (0.92 M in THF solution) (3.3 mL, 3 mmol) was slowly (0.3 mL/min) added to the mixture of methyl 2-(6-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate **3d** (348 mg, 1 mmol) and dry THF (10 mL) at 0 °C in 10 minutes. Then the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 minutes followed by the slow addition of saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution (0.5 mL). Then 50 mL water was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 10:1) ⁴ to give methyl 2-(9H-carbazol-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate **13** (155 mg, 49%) as a white solid.

Substituted Tetrahydrofuran Synthesis

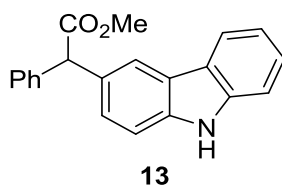
Step 1: To a solution of Diisobutylaluminium hydride (4 mL, 1.5 M in toluene, 6.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL), methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-enoate **12a** (620 mg, 2 mmol) in Et_2O (10 mL) was slowly added at 0 °C. After stirred for 12 h, the reaction mixture was carefully quenched by the

slow addition of saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution (0.5 mL). Then 50 mL water was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes:Ethyl Acetate = 10:1)⁵ to give 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol **14** (364 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil.

Step 2: A solution of I_2 (12.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) and PhSiH_3 (12.3 μL , 0.10 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was stirred for 15 ~30 min and 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol **14** (140 mg, 0.5 mmol) was then added under air. The resulting mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous Na_2CO_3 and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane:EtOAc = 10:1)⁵ to give 2-methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-phenyltetrahydrofuran **15** (99.6 mg, 70%) as pale yellow oil (*dr* = 1:1).

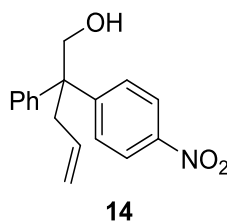
Analysis Data of Heterocycles and Intermediates

89. methyl 2-(9H-carbazol-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate (**13**)



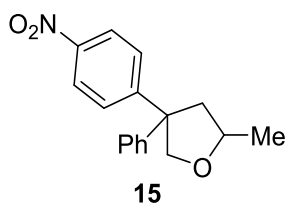
White solid, m.p. 165-167 °C. 49% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.39-7.22 (m, 9H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.7, 139.8, 139.4, 138.7, 129.6, 128.6 (2C), 127.1, 126.6, 125.9, 123.5, 123.1, 120.4, 120.3, 119.4, 110.7, 110.6, 57.0, 52.3. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 316.1332. Found: 316.1337.

90. 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol (**14**)



Pale yellow oil. 64% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H), 5.48-5.32 (m, 1H), 5.13-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.17 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 3.06-2.91 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.3, 146.3, 143.9, 133.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.0, 123.1, 119.0, 67.5, 52.0, 40.9. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 284.1281. Found: 284.1283.

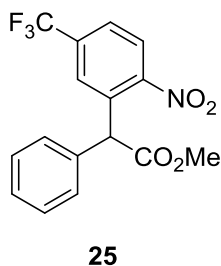
91. 2-methyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-phenyltetrahydrofuran (**15**)



Pale yellow oil. 64% yield. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 6.9$, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 6.9$, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.15 (m, 5H), 4.61-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.28-4.12 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.30 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.04, 153.95, 146.1, 146.0, 144.5, 144.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.89, 126.86, 126.8, 126.6, 123.3, 123.2, 76.4, 76.0, 74.8, 74.4, 56.6, 56.4, 46.2, 46.1, 21.1, 21.0. HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 284.1281. Found: 284.1289.

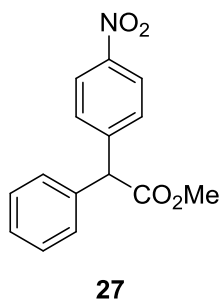
Analysis Data of Arylation Products Formed with *para*-substituted Nitroarenes

methyl 2-(2-nitro-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**25**)



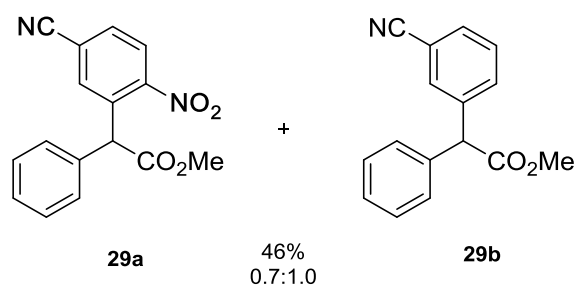
Yellow oil. 18% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.25, 150.88, 135.41, 134.87, 134.59 (d, $J = 33.4$ Hz), 129.44, 129.04, 128.78 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 128.52, 125.54, 125.51 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 122.75 (d, $J = 273.2$ Hz), 52.89, 52.84.

methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**27**)



Pale yellow oil. 47% yield. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.20 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.84, 147.18, 145.84, 137.22, 129.63 (2C), 129.04 (2C), 128.45 (2C), 127.95, 123.77 (2C), 56.66, 52.70.

methyl 2-(5-cyano-2-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**29a**) and methyl 2-(3-cyanophenyl)-2-phenylacetate (**29b**)

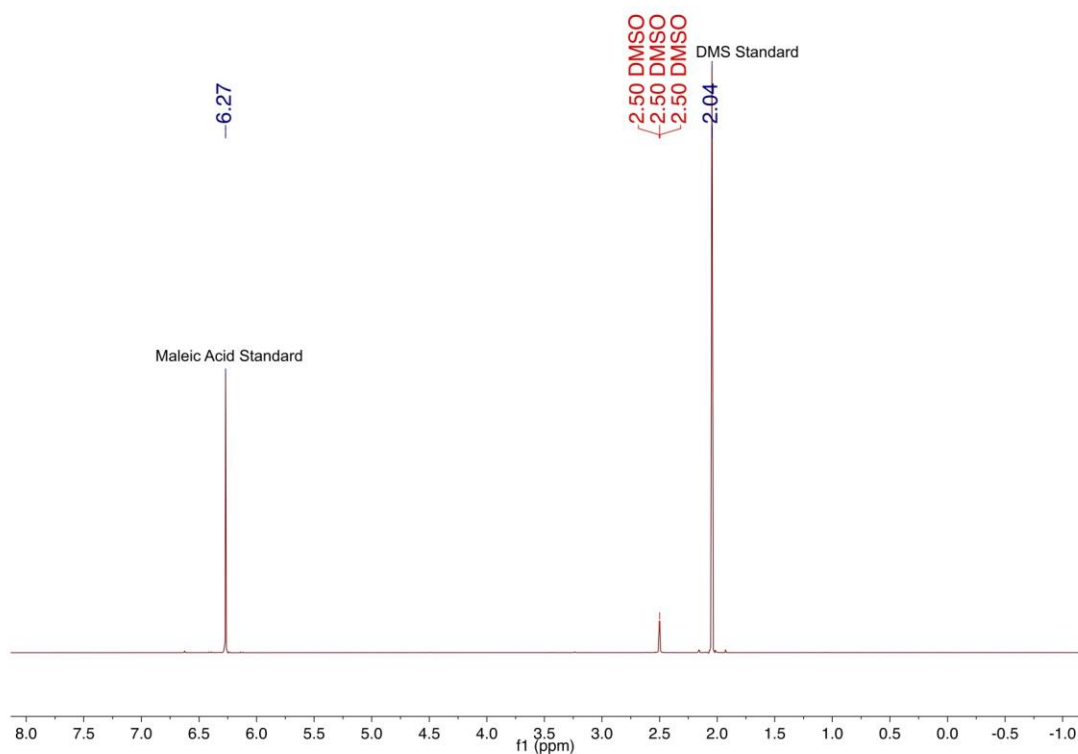


Yellow oil. 46% yield (isolated as a mixture) ^1H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.94, 171.01, 150.99, 143.89, 137.30, 135.65, 135.38, 135.01, 132.37 (2C), 131.98, 129.67 (2C), 129.49 (2C), 129.01(2C), 128.98 (2C), 128.76, 128.47 (2C), 127.87, 125.46, 118.62, 116.95, 116.79, 111.33, 56.86, 52.95, 52.79, 52.64. (**29a**)HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 319.0689. Found: 319.0667. (**29b**)HRMS (ESI): Exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 252.1019. Found: 252.2019.

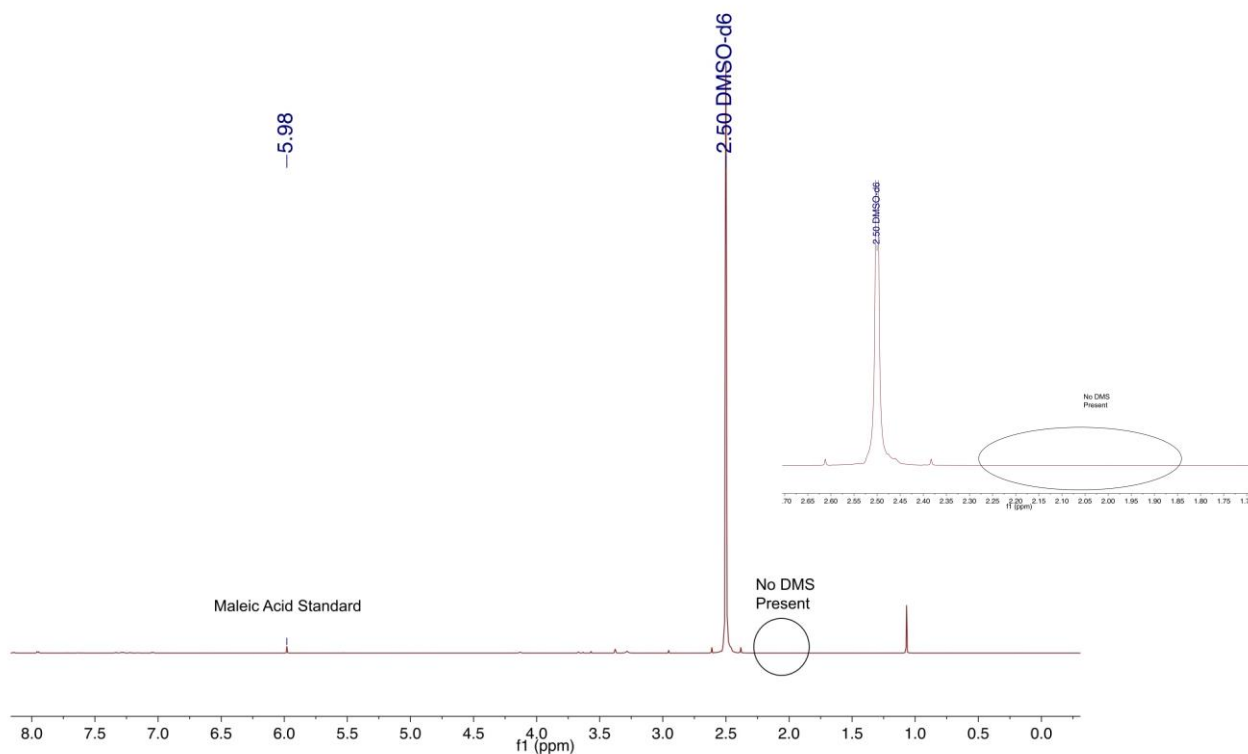
¹H NMR Study of DMS in Crude Reaction Mixture

Methyl 2-phenylacetate (**1**) was submitted to the standard arylation conditions using 2-cyanonitrobenzene (**2a**) as the coupling partner. The presence or absence of DMS was observed in crude ¹H NMR spectra. To make the NMR samples, 250 μL aliquots were removed from the crude reaction mixture and combined with the internal standard maleic acid (6.1 mg, 0.0525 mmol). Crude ¹H NMR was taken on a Bruker DRX-600 spectrometer operating at 600 MHz.

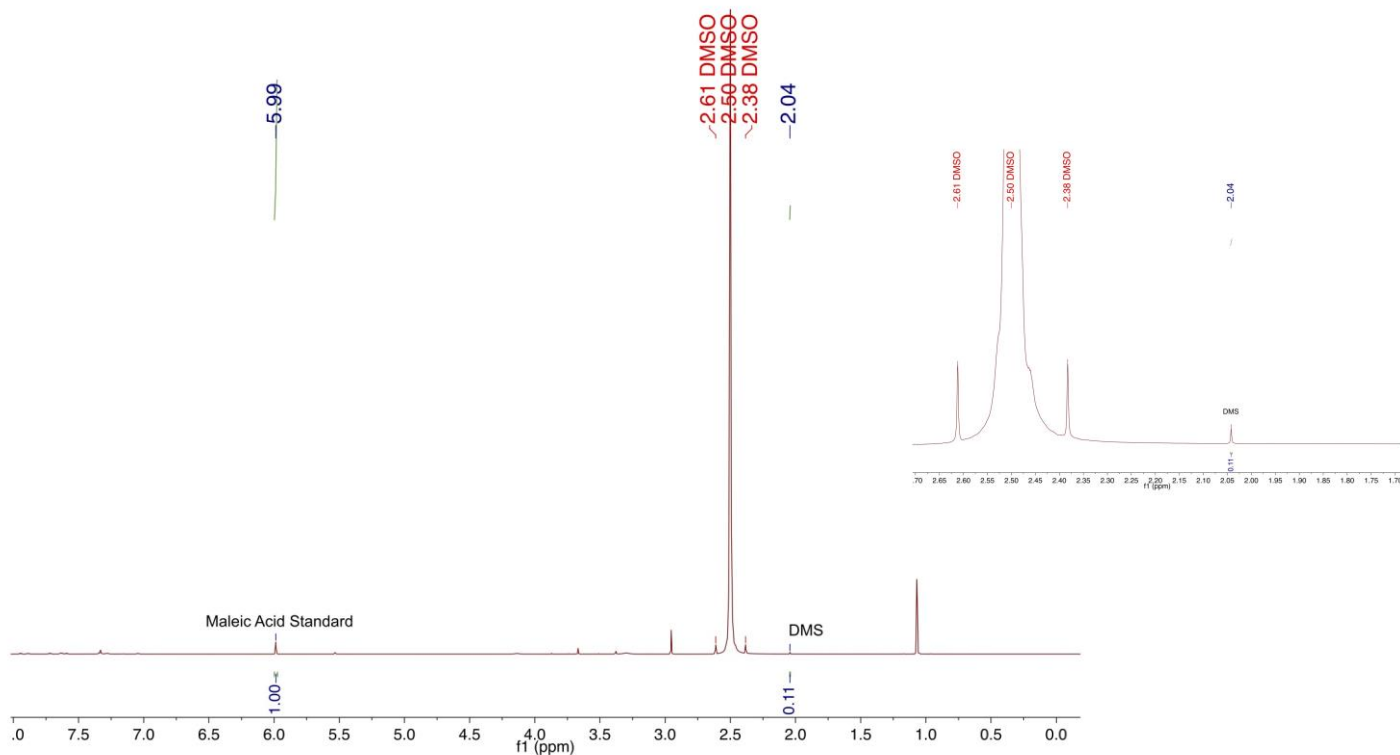
Pure Standards in DMSO-d6



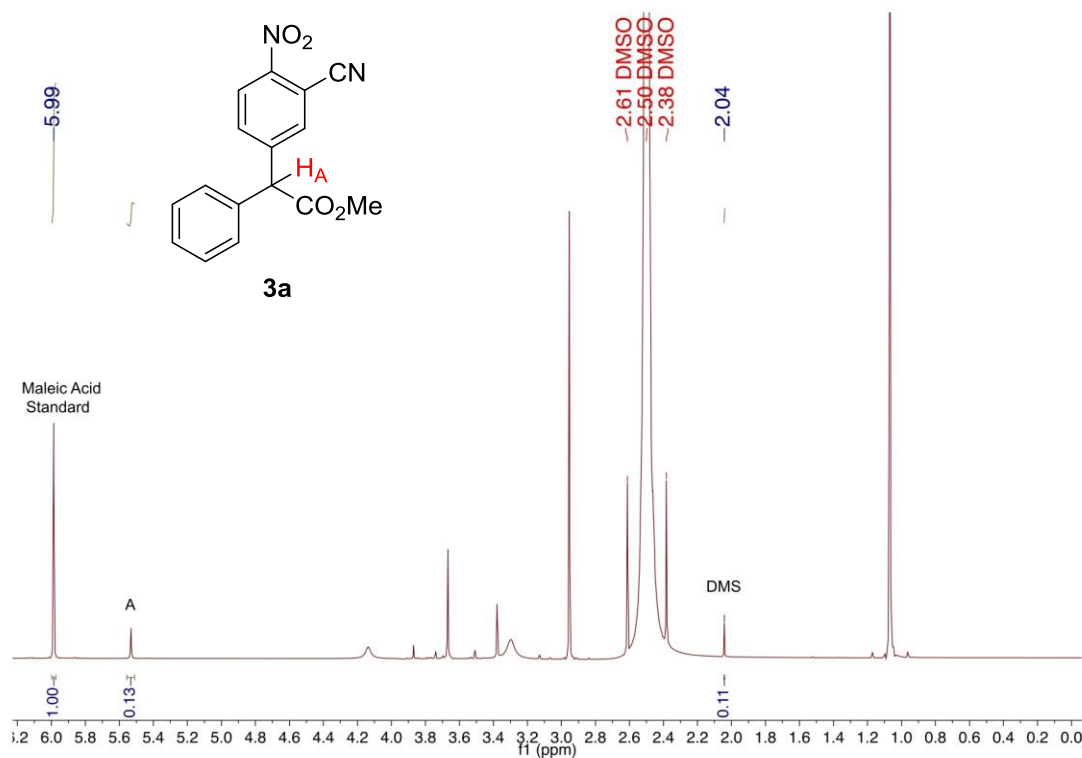
Crude Reaction Mixture at the Beginning of the Reaction in DMSO



Crude Reaction Mixture After 30 Minutes in DMSO



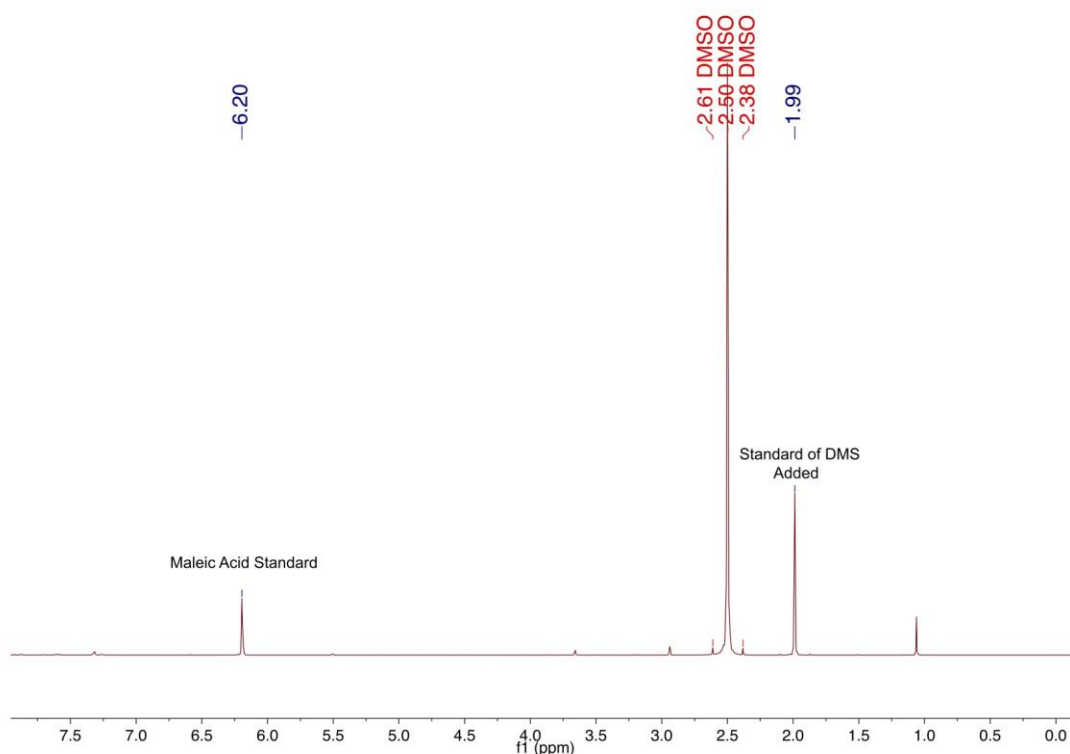
Crude Reaction Mixture After 30 Minutes in DMSO Showing Arylated Product **3a**



Based on peak integrations, 0.00190 mmol of DMS was present in the sample after 30 minutes of reaction time. In the same sample, 0.0136 mmol of arylated product **3a** was calculated to be present based on peak integrations. Although DMS was present, there was not a 1:1 molar ratio of DMS to product **3a**. Therefore, DMS cannot be acting as the major oxidizing agent.

DMS : Arylated Product **3a** = 0.00190 mmol : 0.0136 mmol = 1 : 7 molar ratio

Crude Reaction Mixture After 30 Minutes Doped with DMS Standard in DMSO



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X-Ray Diffraction Data – Compound 4g

Diffraction data were collected on a colorless plate (approximate dimensions 0.40 x 0.35 x 0.20 mm³) at room temperature (T = 23 °C) on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). The cell parameters for the organic complex were obtained from the least-squares refinement of the spots (from 36 collected frames) using the APEX2 program. A hemisphere of the crystal data was collected up to a resolution of 0.75 Å, and the intensity data were processed using the APEX2 program. All calculations for structure determination were carried out using the SHELXL-2014 package. Initial atomic positions were located using Intrinsic Phasing, and the structure was refined by least-squares methods using SHELX with 6515 independent reflections and within the range of Θ = 2.20–33.13 (completeness 100%). Calculated hydrogen positions were input and refined in a riding manner along with the attached carbons. A CF₃ group demonstrated disorder and this was treated with a combination DELU, SIMU, EADP, and ISOR restraints.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for C₁₈ H₁₃ F₃ N₂ O₄.

Identification code	kl128_a	
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₃ F ₃ N ₂ O ₄	
Formula weight	378.30	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 18.290(2) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 10.7507(14) Å	β = 98.659(2)°.
	c = 9.2330(12) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1794.8(4) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.400 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.120 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	776	
Crystal size	0.400 x 0.350 x 0.200 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.204 to 33.126°.	

Index ranges	-27<=h<=27, -16<=k<=16, -14<=l<=13
Reflections collected	23928
Independent reflections	6515 [R(int) = 0.0201]
Completeness to theta = 25.000°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.686
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	6515 / 72 / 255
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.059
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0696, wR2 = 0.2152
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1075, wR2 = 0.2452
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.383 and -0.355 e.Å ⁻³

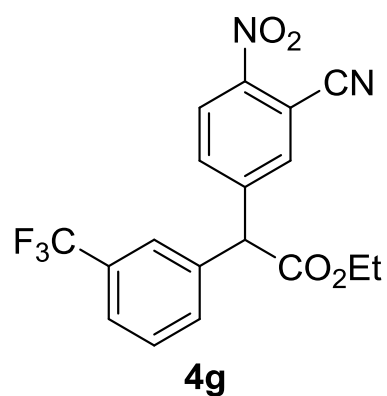
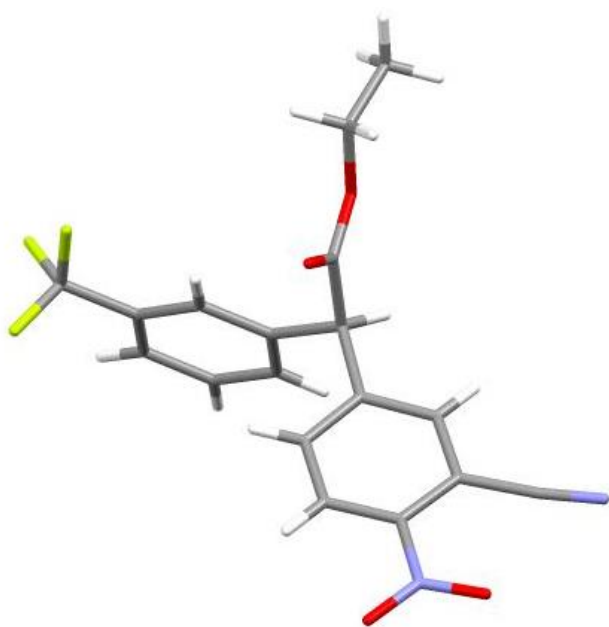


Table 2. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for C18 H13 F3 N2 O4. $U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})$
F(1)	9714(3)	6512(5)	3697(7)	150(2)
F(2)	10308(2)	5043(5)	3085(8)	160(2)
F(3)	9709(4)	6198(7)	1504(6)	169(2)
F(1A)	10068(8)	5808(14)	3772(12)	169(2)
F(2A)	10018(5)	5368(10)	1529(12)	150(2)
F(3A)	9424(3)	6837(9)	2247(15)	160(2)
O(1)	4770(1)	7435(2)	-672(2)	98(1)
O(2)	4049(1)	6620(2)	652(2)	101(1)
O(3)	7331(1)	6796(1)	5057(2)	65(1)
O(4)	7689(1)	5160(1)	6482(1)	66(1)
N(1)	4658(1)	6786(1)	338(2)	60(1)
N(2)	3965(1)	4570(3)	3082(3)	94(1)
C(1)	7170(1)	4718(1)	4057(2)	45(1)
C(2)	7831(1)	4354(2)	3324(2)	48(1)
C(3)	7832(1)	3210(2)	2618(3)	68(1)
C(4)	8427(2)	2861(2)	1941(3)	85(1)
C(5)	9023(1)	3630(2)	1958(3)	80(1)
C(6)	9027(1)	4758(2)	2641(3)	69(1)
C(7)	8438(1)	5130(2)	3332(2)	57(1)
C(8)	9673(2)	5621(4)	2651(4)	105(1)
C(9)	6517(1)	5207(1)	3002(2)	44(1)
C(10)	6599(1)	6008(2)	1856(2)	53(1)

C(11)	5992(1)	6508(2)	981(2)	54(1)
C(12)	5292(1)	6200(1)	1248(2)	47(1)
C(13)	5186(1)	5379(2)	2368(2)	47(1)
C(14)	5808(1)	4888(2)	3234(2)	47(1)
C(15)	4481(1)	4979(2)	2700(2)	62(1)
C(16)	7395(1)	5693(2)	5246(2)	50(1)
C(17)	7895(2)	6001(3)	7723(2)	87(1)
C(18)	8042(3)	5286(4)	9030(3)	136(2)

Table 3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for C18 H13 F3 N2 O4

F(1)-C(8)	1.354(5)
F(2)-C(8)	1.325(5)
F(3)-C(8)	1.238(5)
F(1A)-C(8)	1.186(10)
F(2A)-C(8)	1.320(8)
F(3A)-C(8)	1.415(10)
O(1)-N(1)	1.206(2)
O(2)-N(1)	1.206(2)
O(3)-C(16)	1.202(2)
O(4)-C(16)	1.317(2)
O(4)-C(17)	1.464(3)
N(1)-C(12)	1.468(2)
N(2)-C(15)	1.144(3)
C(1)-C(9)	1.516(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.523(2)
C(1)-C(16)	1.528(2)
C(1)-H(1)	0.9800
C(2)-C(7)	1.387(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.392(2)
C(3)-C(4)	1.387(3)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9300
C(4)-C(5)	1.366(4)
C(4)-H(4)	0.9300
C(5)-C(6)	1.366(3)
C(5)-H(5)	0.9300

C(6)-C(7)	1.391(3)
C(6)-C(8)	1.502(4)
C(7)-H(7)	0.9300
C(9)-C(14)	1.389(2)
C(9)-C(10)	1.391(2)
C(10)-C(11)	1.380(2)
C(10)-H(10)	0.9300
C(11)-C(12)	1.379(2)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9300
C(12)-C(13)	1.395(2)
C(13)-C(14)	1.392(2)
C(13)-C(15)	1.436(2)
C(14)-H(14)	0.9300
C(17)-C(18)	1.422(4)
C(17)-H(17A)	0.9700
C(17)-H(17B)	0.9700
C(18)-H(18A)	0.9600
C(18)-H(18B)	0.9600
C(18)-H(18C)	0.9600
C(16)-O(4)-C(17)	115.66(16)
O(1)-N(1)-O(2)	122.82(18)
O(1)-N(1)-C(12)	118.62(17)
O(2)-N(1)-C(12)	118.53(17)
C(9)-C(1)-C(2)	113.86(13)
C(9)-C(1)-C(16)	108.94(13)
C(2)-C(1)-C(16)	110.44(12)
C(9)-C(1)-H(1)	107.8

C(2)-C(1)-H(1)	107.8
C(16)-C(1)-H(1)	107.8
C(7)-C(2)-C(3)	118.46(17)
C(7)-C(2)-C(1)	122.09(14)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	119.45(16)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	120.4(2)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	119.8
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	119.8
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	120.7(2)
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	119.6
C(3)-C(4)-H(4)	119.6
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C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	120.3
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	120.3
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	121.1(2)
C(5)-C(6)-C(8)	120.1(2)
C(7)-C(6)-C(8)	118.9(2)
C(2)-C(7)-C(6)	119.93(18)
C(2)-C(7)-H(7)	120.0
C(6)-C(7)-H(7)	120.0
F(1A)-C(8)-F(2A)	114.8(8)
F(3)-C(8)-F(2)	109.6(4)
F(3)-C(8)-F(1)	104.6(5)
F(2)-C(8)-F(1)	99.5(4)
F(1A)-C(8)-F(3A)	101.8(8)
F(2A)-C(8)-F(3A)	99.0(7)
F(1A)-C(8)-C(6)	119.0(5)

F(3)-C(8)-C(6)	116.6(4)
F(2A)-C(8)-C(6)	109.6(4)
F(2)-C(8)-C(6)	111.4(4)
F(1)-C(8)-C(6)	113.6(3)
F(3A)-C(8)-C(6)	110.3(3)
C(14)-C(9)-C(10)	118.72(15)
C(14)-C(9)-C(1)	118.62(14)
C(10)-C(9)-C(1)	122.59(14)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	121.10(15)
C(11)-C(10)-H(10)	119.5
C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	119.5
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	119.27(15)
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	120.4
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	120.4
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	121.40(15)
C(11)-C(12)-N(1)	117.95(15)
C(13)-C(12)-N(1)	120.63(15)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	118.22(14)
C(14)-C(13)-C(15)	116.47(15)
C(12)-C(13)-C(15)	125.31(16)
C(9)-C(14)-C(13)	121.27(15)
C(9)-C(14)-H(14)	119.4
C(13)-C(14)-H(14)	119.4
N(2)-C(15)-C(13)	172.0(2)
O(3)-C(16)-O(4)	124.92(16)
O(3)-C(16)-C(1)	124.26(15)
O(4)-C(16)-C(1)	110.79(14)

C(18)-C(17)-O(4)	108.9(2)
C(18)-C(17)-H(17A)	109.9
O(4)-C(17)-H(17A)	109.9
C(18)-C(17)-H(17B)	109.9
O(4)-C(17)-H(17B)	109.9
H(17A)-C(17)-H(17B)	108.3
C(17)-C(18)-H(18A)	109.5
C(17)-C(18)-H(18B)	109.5
H(18A)-C(18)-H(18B)	109.5
C(17)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5
H(18A)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5
H(18B)-C(18)-H(18C)	109.5

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) C18 H13 F3 N2 O4. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{23}	U^{13}	U^{12}
F(1)	109(2)	160(3)	195(4)	-63(3)	70(3)	-67(2)
F(2)	55(1)	189(3)	232(4)	-18(3)	14(2)	-14(2)
F(3)	174(4)	192(4)	141(3)	38(3)	25(3)	-84(3)
F(1A)	174(4)	192(4)	141(3)	38(3)	25(3)	-84(3)
F(2A)	109(2)	160(3)	195(4)	-63(3)	70(3)	-67(2)
F(3A)	55(1)	189(3)	232(4)	-18(3)	14(2)	-14(2)
O(1)	93(1)	95(1)	100(1)	45(1)	-4(1)	10(1)
O(2)	56(1)	121(2)	121(2)	29(1)	-1(1)	13(1)
O(3)	79(1)	53(1)	64(1)	-9(1)	13(1)	0(1)
O(4)	71(1)	74(1)	50(1)	-5(1)	-3(1)	14(1)
N(1)	62(1)	49(1)	66(1)	-3(1)	-4(1)	4(1)
N(2)	57(1)	125(2)	102(2)	12(1)	18(1)	-22(1)
C(1)	45(1)	44(1)	48(1)	1(1)	7(1)	-3(1)
C(2)	48(1)	44(1)	51(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	3(1)
C(3)	72(1)	49(1)	82(1)	-12(1)	13(1)	1(1)
C(4)	97(2)	60(1)	100(2)	-20(1)	26(1)	18(1)
C(5)	69(1)	86(2)	88(2)	-6(1)	22(1)	28(1)
C(6)	50(1)	80(1)	79(1)	-2(1)	14(1)	4(1)
C(7)	49(1)	56(1)	66(1)	-9(1)	11(1)	-3(1)
C(8)	58(1)	150(3)	114(2)	-10(2)	31(2)	-8(2)
C(9)	45(1)	42(1)	46(1)	-1(1)	8(1)	-5(1)
C(10)	48(1)	56(1)	56(1)	8(1)	12(1)	-7(1)

C(11)	59(1)	50(1)	54(1)	10(1)	9(1)	-5(1)
C(12)	51(1)	41(1)	48(1)	-4(1)	2(1)	-1(1)
C(13)	44(1)	49(1)	48(1)	-7(1)	8(1)	-8(1)
C(14)	47(1)	48(1)	47(1)	2(1)	8(1)	-10(1)
C(15)	47(1)	76(1)	64(1)	1(1)	8(1)	-10(1)
C(16)	44(1)	56(1)	50(1)	-4(1)	9(1)	2(1)
C(17)	96(2)	102(2)	60(1)	-21(1)	-7(1)	10(1)
C(18)	191(4)	151(3)	58(2)	-8(2)	-11(2)	50(3)

Table 5. Hydrogen coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^{-3}$)
for C18 H13 F3 N2 O4.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(1)	7006	3974	4532	55
H(3)	7430	2677	2601	81
H(4)	8420	2096	1469	102
H(5)	9423	3387	1510	96
H(7)	8451	5898	3799	68
H(10)	7072	6211	1675	63
H(11)	6053	7046	220	65
H(14)	5747	4335	3981	57
H(17A)	8331	6474	7586	105
H(17B)	7495	6581	7791	105
H(18A)	7604	4840	9174	204
H(18B)	8188	5829	9848	204
H(18C)	8433	4706	8949	204

X-Ray Diffraction Data – Compound 12s

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for lft-1-19(compound 12s).

Identification code	lft-1-19(compound 12s)
Empirical formula	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ BrN ₂ O ₃
Formula weight	399.24
Temperature/K	298.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	10.499(3)
b/Å	20.581(6)
c/Å	8.367(2)
α /°	90
β /°	108.054(3)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	1718.9(8)
Z	4
ρ calc/g/cm ³	1.543
μ /mm ⁻¹	2.412
F(000)	808.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.15 × 0.1 × 0.08
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.710)
2 Θ range for data collection/ °	3.954 to 49.98
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -24 ≤ k ≤ 24, -9 ≤ l ≤ 9
Reflections collected	15229
Independent reflections	3039 [R _{int} = 0.0709, R _{sigma} = 0.0592]
Data/restraints/parameters	3039/0/228
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.026
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0398, wR ₂ = 0.0688
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0796, wR ₂ = 0.0814
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.26/-0.43

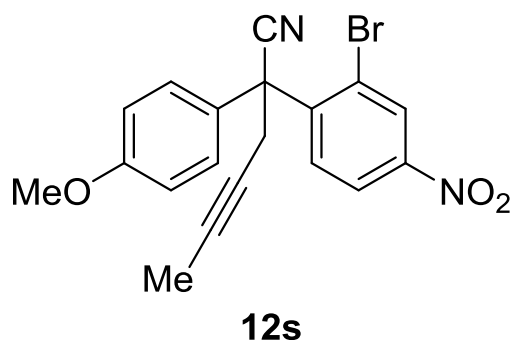
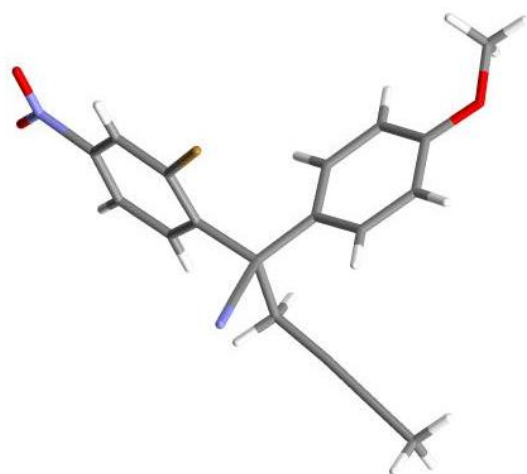


Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for lft-1-19(compound 12s). Ueq is defined as 1/3 of of the trace of the orthogonalised UIJ tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
Br1	5803.2(4)	4178.0(2)	5909.4(5)	50.47(15)
C1	7955(4)	5502(2)	-1392(5)	67.6(13)
C2	8300(4)	5104(2)	126(5)	48.9(10)
C3	8583(4)	4780.0(19)	1338(5)	45.3(10)
C4	9003(4)	4398.1(18)	2889(5)	44.3(10)
C5	7863(3)	4306.2(16)	3717(4)	36.1(9)
C6	7452(4)	4974.3(19)	3987(4)	37.0(9)
C7	8402(4)	3975.7(15)	5462(4)	34.2(9)
C8	9715(4)	3748.8(17)	6048(4)	39.2(9)
C9	10210(4)	3436.4(16)	7572(5)	43(1)
C10	9371(4)	3350.4(16)	8509(4)	39.2(9)
C11	8077(4)	3572.5(16)	8021(5)	41.9(9)
C12	7600(3)	3888.8(16)	6496(4)	35.5(9)
C13	6719(3)	3917.6(17)	2518(4)	35.5(9)
C14	5703(4)	4220.5(19)	1278(4)	48.3(10)
C15	4716(4)	3867.2(19)	156(5)	51.9(11)
C16	4700(4)	3199.8(19)	250(5)	43.4(10)
C17	5714(4)	2889.3(18)	1461(5)	50.5(11)
C18	6718(4)	3251.5(18)	2572(5)	46.1(10)
C19	3501(4)	2214(2)	-694(6)	69.3(13)
N1	7234(3)	5502.8(17)	4207(4)	53.4(9)
N2	9864(5)	3004.6(16)	10127(5)	57.8(10)
O1	3643(3)	2895.6(13)	-877(3)	60.2(8)
O2	9117(4)	2939.5(17)	10959(4)	95.9(13)
O3	10981(4)	2787.3(19)	10528(4)	100.5(13)

Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for lft-1-19(compound 12s). The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^*2U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$.

Atom	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Br1	37.9(2)	54.9(2)	62.1(3)	5.9(2)	20.62(19)	5.7(2)
C1	69(3)	82(3)	52(3)	16(3)	19(2)	-3(3)
C2	52(3)	56(3)	43(3)	-7(2)	22(2)	-12(2)
C3	44(3)	55(3)	40(3)	-7(2)	18(2)	-7(2)
C4	37(2)	55(2)	42(2)	-6.8(19)	13.3(19)	-3.9(19)
C5	33(2)	37(2)	39(2)	1.2(17)	11.0(17)	2.0(17)
C6	33(2)	46(2)	30(2)	6.1(18)	8.3(17)	-1.7(19)
C7	34(2)	33(2)	34(2)	-4.1(16)	7.0(18)	-2.1(16)
C8	34(2)	47(2)	37(2)	0.6(18)	11.0(18)	-0.2(19)
C9	36(2)	42(2)	42(2)	-2.3(19)	-1(2)	1.7(19)
C10	51(3)	28.6(19)	30(2)	-1.4(16)	2(2)	0.5(19)
C11	54(3)	36(2)	38(2)	-0.1(18)	18(2)	2(2)
C12	33(2)	33.5(19)	40(2)	-2.7(17)	11.5(18)	2.3(17)
C13	28(2)	41(2)	36(2)	0.4(17)	8.1(18)	2.7(17)
C14	45(2)	43(2)	48(3)	9(2)	2(2)	0(2)
C15	43(3)	54(3)	45(3)	13(2)	-5(2)	3(2)
C16	33(2)	53(3)	39(2)	-4(2)	4.3(19)	-2(2)
C17	46(2)	37(2)	55(3)	-4.4(19)	-4(2)	3(2)
C18	34(2)	51(3)	42(2)	-3(2)	-3.5(19)	9(2)
C19	59(3)	53(3)	78(3)	-11(2)	-6(3)	-8(2)
N1	57(2)	48(2)	56(2)	2.6(18)	17.8(18)	2.8(19)
N2	74(3)	43(2)	49(2)	5.1(18)	8(2)	3(2)
O1	45.4(17)	54.5(18)	60.0(19)	-1.4(15)	-13.8(15)	-4.4(15)
O2	141(4)	93(3)	69(2)	36(2)	57(3)	53(2)
O3	62(2)	131(3)	87(3)	60(2)	-7(2)	8(2)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for lft-1-19(compound 12s).

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
Br1	C12	1.892(3)	C10	C11	1.371(5)
C1	C2	1.459(5)	C10	N2	1.474(5)
C2	C3	1.173(5)	C11	C12	1.380(5)
C3	C4	1.463(5)	C13	C14	1.385(5)
C4	C5	1.569(5)	C13	C18	1.372(5)
C5	C6	1.479(5)	C14	C15	1.372(5)
C5	C7	1.550(5)	C15	C16	1.376(5)
C5	C13	1.531(5)	C16	C17	1.379(5)
C6	N1	1.138(4)	C16	O1	1.365(4)
C7	C8	1.392(5)	C17	C18	1.387(5)
C7	C12	1.394(5)	C19	O1	1.424(4)
C8	C9	1.378(5)	N2	O2	1.206(4)
C9	C10	1.359(5)	N2	O3	1.202(4)

Table 5 Bond Angles for lft-1-19(compound 12s).

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C3	C2	C1	179.4(5)	C10	C11	C12	118.4(3)
C2	C3	C4	176.8(4)	C7	C12	Br1	123.0(3)
C3	C4	C5	113.3(3)	C11	C12	Br1	115.8(3)
C6	C5	C4	104.7(3)	C11	C12	C7	121.2(3)
C6	C5	C7	107.6(3)	C14	C13	C5	121.5(3)
C6	C5	C13	112.3(3)	C18	C13	C5	120.6(3)
C7	C5	C4	111.3(3)	C18	C13	C14	117.8(3)
C13	C5	C4	109.0(3)	C15	C14	C13	121.2(4)
C13	C5	C7	111.8(3)	C14	C15	C16	120.7(4)
N1	C6	C5	174.7(4)	C15	C16	C17	119.0(4)
C8	C7	C5	120.8(3)	O1	C16	C15	116.1(3)
C8	C7	C12	117.5(3)	O1	C16	C17	124.9(3)
C12	C7	C5	121.8(3)	C16	C17	C18	119.8(3)
C9	C8	C7	122.0(3)	C13	C18	C17	121.5(3)
C10	C9	C8	117.9(4)	O2	N2	C10	118.6(4)
C9	C10	C11	122.9(3)	O3	N2	C10	118.0(4)
C9	C10	N2	119.2(4)	O3	N2	O2	123.4(4)
C11	C10	N2	117.9(4)	C16	O1	C19	117.8(3)

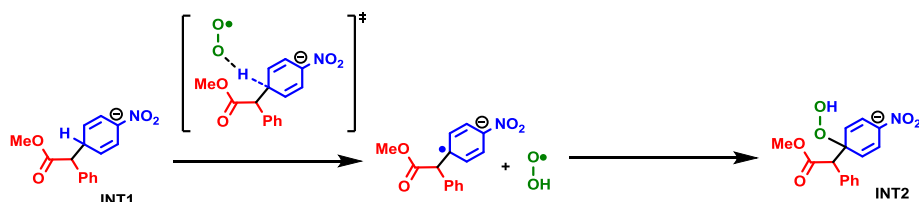
Table 6 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA}\times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2\times 10^3$) for lft-1-19(compound 12s).

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
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H1B	8592	5427	-1984	101
H1C	7973	5953	-1089	101
H4A		9759	4612	3687 53
H4B	9300	3974	2645	53
H8	10275	3810	5390	47
H9	11090	3289	7948	52
H11	7533	3512	8699	50
H14	5690	4671	1204	58
H15	4050	4081	-677	62
H17	5725	2438	1533	61
H18	7407	3038	3373	55
H19A	2664	2071	-1462	104
H19B	3521	2120	437	104
H19C	4224	1990	-935	104

Computational details and xyz coordinates

All calculations were performed in Gaussian 09. Geometry optimizations were carried out with M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p), which is highly accurate for small molecular organic structures. Energies and optimizations were performed with the SMD continuum solvent model for DMSO. Vibrational frequencies were calculated to verify stationary points as minima or first-order saddle points (transition states). Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations were used to verify connection between transition states and intermediates. Solvated single point energies were carried out with M06-2X/def2-TZVPD downloaded from the EMSL basis set exchange. Enthalpies reported are the sum of $E_{\text{(large)}} + \Delta E_{\text{ZPE(small)}} + \Delta U_{\text{vib(small)}} + \Delta U_{\text{rot(small)}} + \Delta U_{\text{trans(small)}} + nRT + \Delta G_{\text{solv(large)}}$. E is the total SCF energy. $\Delta E_{\text{ZPE(small)}}$ is the zero-point energy correction. $\Delta U_{\text{vib(small)}}$, $\Delta U_{\text{rot(small)}}$, and $\Delta U_{\text{trans(small)}}$ are thermal energy vibrational, rotational, and translational corrections at 298 K. R is the gas constant. No concentration corrections were applied. $\Delta G_{\text{solv(large)}}$ is the standard state solvation free energy change.

Because C-H oxidation occurs with triplet oxygen, after the hydrogen atom abstraction transition state a pair of radicals are formed and then rebound to form a C-O bond on the singlet potential energy surface.



Relative pK_a value estimates were based on M06-2X/def2-TZVP//M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p) free energies (which include $-T\Delta S$ corrections) of enolates using the reaction equation shown below. The amide enolate was set to the reference pK_a value of 26.6. The calculated pK_a value the ester enolate was 22. For PhCH_2CN , the calculated pK_a value was 19. For PhSO_2Me , the calculated pK_a value was 30.



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H	-2.5634930	-2.4021610	-0.2500020
N	-4.3241110	-0.4962960	0.3236190
O	-4.7256140	-1.6744760	0.5849400
O	-5.1117320	0.4860870	0.5030880
C	1.8596100	-0.6381050	0.1443720
C	2.7516800	-0.7689180	-0.9270100
C	1.9463520	-1.5366950	1.2119750
C	3.7121700	-1.7794790	-0.9272040
H	2.6950720	-0.0760510	-1.7629100
C	2.9062650	-2.5496600	1.2119150
H	1.2536180	-1.4435720	2.0448220
C	3.7920420	-2.6736680	0.1419890
H	4.3992840	-1.8686320	-1.7636950
H	2.9597840	-3.2416060	2.0474470
H	4.5400620	-3.4609700	0.1401310
O	1.6295550	2.4153570	1.0942390
C	2.2560530	3.7035130	1.0025560
H	2.3292620	4.0699000	2.0252490
H	3.2509140	3.6114900	0.5616720
H	1.6458660	4.3795170	0.4003150
H	-3.3292710	1.8521300	-0.4186800

Ester hydrogen atom abstraction TS

C	-1.7084210	0.4570220	0.7258980
C	-2.8372640	0.2613830	-0.1498360
H	-1.9460920	0.3784870	1.7832360
O	-2.9051360	0.4834780	-1.3560550
C	-0.8892530	-1.5360210	0.5657820
C	-0.4255010	-1.6451110	-0.7910030
C	0.1156580	-1.5512630	1.5957990
H	-1.8620090	-1.9559750	0.8072780
C	0.8942670	-1.4404590	-1.0977680
H	-1.1436630	-1.8138710	-1.5875580
C	1.4354590	-1.3507510	1.2936610
H	-0.1911730	-1.6476210	2.6334080
C	1.8425960	-1.2466510	-0.0613910
H	1.2345700	-1.4505230	-2.1278750
N	3.1840010	-1.0020010	-0.3738820
O	3.5356970	-0.9492380	-1.5689380
O	4.0079120	-0.8410410	0.5480980
C	-0.5729670	1.2916920	0.3927610
C	0.2918620	1.6974420	1.4360600
C	-0.1894950	1.6144080	-0.9302120
C	1.4934840	2.3457470	1.1743470
H	0.0129860	1.4752750	2.4638050
C	1.0137400	2.2688420	-1.1845720
H	-0.8376220	1.3287390	-1.7495660
C	1.8747810	2.6205790	-0.1425510
H	2.1424020	2.6280540	1.9995520
H	1.2903410	2.4925190	-2.2120470

H	2.8186310	3.1165820	-0.3501310
O	-3.8829070	-0.3171960	0.5108490
C	-5.0201440	-0.6345430	-0.2876570
H	-5.7418060	-1.0926040	0.3889960
H	-5.4498290	0.2670170	-0.7322950
H	-4.7572780	-1.3368900	-1.0830440
H	2.1851830	-1.2970930	2.0758700

Ester radical pair intermediates

C	1.1809230	0.5221750	-0.6567570
C	1.5832090	1.8207360	0.0297680
O	2.1942250	1.9127030	1.0714050
C	-0.3016050	0.2555660	-0.4294410
C	-1.0316720	-0.4389940	-1.4053050
C	-0.9647300	0.6392150	0.7447560
C	-2.3720190	-0.7488760	-1.2265240
H	-0.5335950	-0.7423160	-2.3241160
C	-2.3066670	0.3438970	0.9486840
H	-0.4284340	1.1821860	1.5211460
C	-3.0292070	-0.3590950	-0.0387540
H	-2.9313340	-1.2829460	-1.9849130
H	-2.8147410	0.6461760	1.8561390
N	-4.3718930	-0.6602840	0.1530240
O	-5.0091230	-1.2983420	-0.7649820
O	-4.9471410	-0.2944200	1.2443840
C	2.0649160	-0.6363240	-0.2284210
C	3.0126970	-1.1485410	-1.1175140
C	1.9469590	-1.2117950	1.0418310

C	3.8330330	-2.2168110	-0.7479400
H	3.1074610	-0.7100330	-2.1081460
C	2.7676690	-2.2735080	1.4154390
H	1.2088870	-0.8287940	1.7417260
C	3.7133070	-2.7806840	0.5206330
H	4.5612720	-2.6068340	-1.4531060
H	2.6674450	-2.7094760	2.4052240
H	4.3481400	-3.6125110	0.8112300
H	1.3276610	0.6821250	-1.7302010
O	1.1430770	2.8798180	-0.6573450
C	1.3690110	4.1602320	-0.0518090
H	0.9580220	4.8908790	-0.7466320
H	0.8519290	4.2188150	0.9087700
H	2.4372950	4.3334850	0.0921570

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C	-1.4123490	-0.1878550	-0.5283920
C	-2.4897750	-0.8149300	0.3398960
O	-2.4631140	-0.9006960	1.5498170
C	-0.0531910	-0.9530560	-0.3967820
C	0.8935070	-0.5115220	-1.4703200
C	0.5724990	-0.9156950	0.9652210
C	2.2011030	-0.2536860	-1.2462920
H	0.4836360	-0.4315040	-2.4751300
C	1.8904970	-0.6661150	1.1601460
H	-0.0729430	-1.1329760	1.8109860
C	2.7588580	-0.3397480	0.0717610
H	2.8517100	0.0352640	-2.0655420

H	2.3062730	-0.6889980	2.1625870
N	4.0857330	-0.0772330	0.2908180
O	4.8343860	0.2253540	-0.6752610
O	4.5566210	-0.1413440	1.4571260
O	-0.5317030	-2.3247980	-0.6681140
O	0.5609080	-3.2288120	-0.6405900
H	0.8644100	-3.1633510	0.2843630
C	-1.2681090	1.2983560	-0.2605420
C	-1.2594820	2.1821550	-1.3452020
C	-1.1097150	1.8134500	1.0318660
C	-1.0936470	3.5531460	-1.1481310
H	-1.3831870	1.7915550	-2.3522300
C	-0.9470400	3.1844830	1.2298370
H	-1.1210280	1.1418700	1.8839290
C	-0.9363690	4.0584590	0.1419980
H	-1.0894340	4.2238190	-2.0023590
H	-0.8272820	3.5697060	2.2382940
H	-0.8080290	5.1252470	0.2997110
H	-1.7261060	-0.3129470	-1.5681640
O	-3.5165390	-1.2521370	-0.3962460
C	-4.5861560	-1.8729730	0.3300400
H	-5.3228460	-2.1600950	-0.4183330
H	-4.2205960	-2.7550440	0.8601330
H	-5.0229650	-1.1692680	1.0415610

Ester OOH anion TS

C	-1.2263950	-0.3551030	-0.5056860
C	-1.9200670	-1.4230310	0.3205970
O	-1.7913910	-1.5944890	1.5152630
C	0.2793520	-0.3224840	-0.3144900
C	1.0482030	0.2263160	-1.3742710
C	0.8941960	-0.4134330	0.9585670
C	2.3805940	0.5376360	-1.2159080
H	0.5759610	0.3740110	-2.3418990
C	2.2341890	-0.1074040	1.1282470
H	0.3145730	-0.7596430	1.8060500
C	2.9788090	0.3617560	0.0420350
H	2.9638490	0.9284200	-2.0420160
H	2.7032080	-0.2090370	2.1007180
N	4.3638410	0.6884470	0.2208980
O	5.0010780	1.1101860	-0.7445950
O	4.8717220	0.5354600	1.3321720
O	0.1683910	-2.4544860	-0.9050610
O	1.4522410	-2.9857980	-0.5339970
H	1.6428050	-2.5123400	0.2925830
C	-1.8553030	1.0059330	-0.2222550
C	-2.3898250	1.7539360	-1.2749100
C	-1.8843420	1.5382130	1.0726130
C	-2.9427400	3.0145550	-1.0422800
H	-2.3707960	1.3472010	-2.2831090
C	-2.4389810	2.7952630	1.3065970
H	-1.4748570	0.9640460	1.8994020
C	-2.9687110	3.5382570	0.2493940

H	-3.3528240	3.5844250	-1.8709670
H	-2.4566600	3.1960370	2.3159380
H	-3.3984880	4.5185640	0.4328760
H	-1.4064150	-0.5980010	-1.5544610
O	-2.8159500	-2.0899920	-0.4152810
C	-3.5497110	-3.1064200	0.2744540
H	-4.2175360	-3.5457300	-0.4653680
H	-2.8669890	-3.8645420	0.6652480
H	-4.1270470	-2.6735160	1.0944780

Ester arylation product

C	1.0567430	0.5343710	0.6935440
C	1.6009000	1.7715550	-0.0104420
O	1.0487110	2.3789640	-0.8997730
C	-0.8827060	-0.0050440	-0.8516070
C	-1.3404700	0.4960010	1.4673370
C	-2.2369620	-0.1943420	-1.0892130
H	-0.1791060	-0.1324140	-1.6686580
C	-2.7025440	0.3059660	1.2522840
H	-0.9900220	0.7643970	2.4595820
C	-3.1226540	-0.0357920	-0.0262880
H	-2.6013550	-0.4617390	-2.0738350
N	-4.5547170	-0.2431350	-0.2651890
O	-5.3205710	-0.1118650	0.6774360
O	-4.9128570	-0.5378800	-1.3952370
C	-0.4230210	0.3430790	0.4249200
C	1.8620220	-0.7057730	0.3171350
C	2.5413630	-0.8122100	-0.8993350

C	1.8766040	-1.7875640	1.2034110
C	3.2255120	-1.9845040	-1.2246490
H	2.5441700	0.0166800	-1.6047490
C	2.5586510	-2.9585090	0.8791880
H	1.3490000	-1.7079190	2.1512500
C	3.2357220	-3.0597630	-0.3373390
H	3.7516620	-2.0537770	-2.1720180
H	2.5644710	-3.7897370	1.5780390
H	3.7700760	-3.9705170	-0.5902620
H	1.1915720	0.7057610	1.7667760
O	2.7956020	2.1044290	0.4809580
C	3.4451640	3.2210660	-0.1462450
H	4.3960430	3.3352350	0.3711950
H	3.6116820	3.0128340	-1.2053930
H	2.8405040	4.1232850	-0.0361880
H	-3.4187030	0.4194540	2.0572930

Amide enolate

C	-1.4239760	-0.3506970	-0.1134090
O	-1.2805270	-1.6038200	-0.0815790
C	-3.0350470	1.5457860	-0.0322230
H	-4.0954440	1.7236150	-0.2300830
H	-2.8193950	1.8760170	0.9977650
H	-2.4621270	2.1696020	-0.7218240
C	1.0334820	0.2695080	-0.0206030
C	1.9820400	1.3313960	0.0418350
C	1.5827600	-1.0436000	-0.0413270
C	3.3513060	1.1069010	0.0773340

H	1.6124870	2.3553500	0.0607810
C	2.9602320	-1.2572460	-0.0070440
H	0.8995200	-1.8827110	-0.0840660
C	3.8665080	-0.1959590	0.0525670
H	4.0282870	1.9571020	0.1239650
H	3.3318290	-2.2799440	-0.0266920
H	4.9372100	-0.3740900	0.0794720
C	-0.3690160	0.5905390	-0.0569840
H	-0.5997630	1.6485570	-0.0438020
N	-2.7536780	0.1378720	-0.2434940
C	-3.7970520	-0.7362350	0.2674710
H	-3.8753610	-0.6887560	1.3675440
H	-4.7603850	-0.4366890	-0.1549890
H	-3.5843230	-1.7649570	-0.0166830

Amide TS

C	-1.5250960	0.4719880	0.5794290
C	-2.6085850	0.3707850	-0.3837820
H	-1.7787110	0.3001780	1.6193510
O	-2.5345460	0.7980850	-1.5531640
C	-0.7004800	-1.5553890	0.2617760
C	-0.1531160	-1.5080350	-1.0625120
C	0.2258240	-1.6927830	1.3488930
H	-1.6996960	-1.9640260	0.3841410
C	1.1872870	-1.2961800	-1.2578330
H	-0.8207740	-1.5636290	-1.9166700
C	1.5668250	-1.4866950	1.1593780
H	-0.1532920	-1.8884850	2.3482220

C	2.0646880	-1.2461150	-0.1461770
H	1.5959470	-1.1917900	-2.2572460
N	3.4302950	-1.0052150	-0.3411890
O	3.8607660	-0.8187540	-1.4962250
O	4.1955140	-0.9869650	0.6428860
C	-0.3485960	1.2915060	0.3924360
C	0.4609490	1.5613250	1.5247550
C	0.1394040	1.7331500	-0.8628360
C	1.6949050	2.1908340	1.4115420
H	0.1080680	1.2485590	2.5053710
C	1.3742780	2.3701260	-0.9675830
H	-0.4615630	1.5547470	-1.7452030
C	2.1733150	2.5861530	0.1578880
H	2.2927140	2.3659890	2.3025560
H	1.7262270	2.6859200	-1.9470090
H	3.1413340	3.0700260	0.0637060
C	-4.9020890	-0.2820540	-0.8632940
H	-5.5110290	-1.1755140	-0.7046120
H	-5.5235760	0.6030250	-0.6597990
H	-4.5785430	-0.2463210	-1.9018060
N	-3.7398080	-0.3347610	0.0080030
C	-4.0261310	-0.6236060	1.4053000
H	-4.2309090	0.2865080	1.9871090
H	-4.9106400	-1.2623630	1.4497070
H	-3.2052510	-1.1648020	1.8813010
H	2.2621160	-1.5271700	1.9909260

Cyano enolate

C	-0.1676240	-0.4151120	-0.0000530
C	0.9438750	-1.3000870	-0.0001370
C	0.1364830	0.9724840	-0.0000520
C	2.2520120	-0.8318270	0.0000450
H	0.7575700	-2.3720580	-0.0002660
C	1.4499920	1.4307300	-0.0000290
H	-0.6785180	1.6932890	-0.0001190
C	2.5287580	0.5405920	0.0000870
H	3.0699830	-1.5487320	0.0000270
H	1.6339110	2.5027480	-0.0000320
H	3.5517690	0.9032180	0.0002160
C	-1.5093080	-0.9250290	0.0001320
H	-1.6832800	-1.9952620	0.0002790
C	-2.6138780	-0.0874660	-0.0000270
N	-3.5390420	0.6444410	0.0000140

Cyano TS

C	2.5971850	0.3639980	0.5702170
C	1.2993230	-1.1088810	1.5304980
C	0.4727960	-0.3017920	2.3769290
C	0.6450920	-1.7789130	0.4483160
H	2.1716330	-1.5910610	1.9607480
C	-0.7853470	0.0510100	1.9781400
H	0.8751510	0.0922230	3.3050690
C	-0.6141620	-1.4144640	0.0416680
H	1.1743950	-2.5471330	-0.1059420
C	-1.3638610	-0.4493460	0.7783730

H	-1.3873140	0.7176860	2.5844280
N	-2.6400800	0.0334570	0.4233830
O	-3.1958960	0.8506470	1.1796910
O	-3.1909620	-0.3512510	-0.6162990
Cl	-1.2387700	-2.2669650	-1.3524830
C	1.6433820	1.1590250	-0.1782200
C	1.1974760	0.7804930	-1.4632070
C	1.0152020	2.2607370	0.4413410
C	0.1453700	1.4506100	-2.0786530
H	1.6700480	-0.0583540	-1.9696000
C	-0.0373430	2.9263000	-0.1790250
H	1.3542880	2.5770630	1.4248570
C	-0.4930850	2.5147910	-1.4346840
H	-0.1903280	1.1313530	-3.0619230
H	-0.5139970	3.7632040	0.3245900
H	-1.3233220	3.0267430	-1.9122770
H	3.0219470	0.7973780	1.4718640
C	3.4560620	-0.5173430	-0.1229970
N	4.1019250	-1.3167720	-0.6789410

(Methylsulfonyl)benzene enolate

C	-2.1434970	-0.0665850	1.5068450
H	-1.8327200	0.8199190	2.0638810
H	-1.8301740	-0.9989330	1.9817920
S	-1.5277110	0.0037290	-0.0638530
O	-1.8839760	-1.2304980	-0.8101840
O	-1.8791920	1.3010860	-0.6965640
C	0.2860810	0.0022030	-0.0781230

C	0.9782870	1.2120810	-0.0364940
C	0.9738130	-1.2111630	-0.0443490
C	2.3714170	1.2060450	0.0385030
H	0.4271280	2.1470780	-0.0741760
C	2.3663410	-1.2111550	0.0304330
H	0.4203130	-2.1448660	-0.0872950
C	3.0665340	-0.0037860	0.0740090
H	2.9139200	2.1466240	0.0647540
H	2.9054190	-2.1538230	0.0509060
H	4.1509770	-0.0062010	0.1308350

(Methylsulfonyl)benzene enolate addition TS

C	0.6026160	1.1177380	1.0376600
H	1.1473310	2.0614930	1.0934460
C	-1.6057250	1.7796550	1.0435110
C	-2.0683230	1.8521790	-0.3049610
C	-2.2601300	0.8578590	1.9164590
H	-1.1473860	2.6589800	1.4769760
C	-2.9456530	0.9189770	-0.8014280
H	-1.6832240	2.6281150	-0.9582230
C	-3.1332420	-0.0831570	1.4245570
H	-2.0298040	0.8734280	2.9773380
C	-3.4556150	-0.0805920	0.0528320
H	-3.2706240	0.9529480	-1.8354030
N	-4.3674980	-1.0419130	-0.4557400
O	-4.6717530	-1.0062240	-1.6546710
O	-4.8336950	-1.8940350	0.3112670
H	0.6617490	0.5193130	1.9477830

S	1.1290430	0.2231880	-0.3131010
O	0.4408200	-1.0884970	-0.3489580
O	1.0542440	1.0777280	-1.5211940
C	2.8819450	-0.1937440	-0.1622900
C	3.8412150	0.6764410	-0.6793120
C	3.2574540	-1.3432850	0.5333550
C	5.1939370	0.3876100	-0.5006740
H	3.5273620	1.5622190	-1.2235720
C	4.6116200	-1.6250570	0.7079440
H	2.4954780	-2.0122260	0.9229770
C	5.5799630	-0.7607810	0.1926120
H	5.9460370	1.0571450	-0.9074200
H	4.9108290	-2.5218460	1.2423770
H	6.6338490	-0.9840720	0.3288450
H	-3.6010920	-0.8079600	2.0815510

(Nitromethyl)benzene enolate

C	1.1563460	-0.7646130	0.0000550
C	-0.2178170	-0.3143490	0.0001140
C	-0.6669680	1.0262610	0.0001270
C	-1.2113260	-1.3254480	-0.0000150
C	-2.0314920	1.3209670	0.0000470
H	0.0626870	1.8241130	0.0002390
C	-2.5656340	-1.0207940	-0.0000940
H	-0.8977930	-2.3670040	0.0000010
C	-2.9929580	0.3117200	-0.0000250
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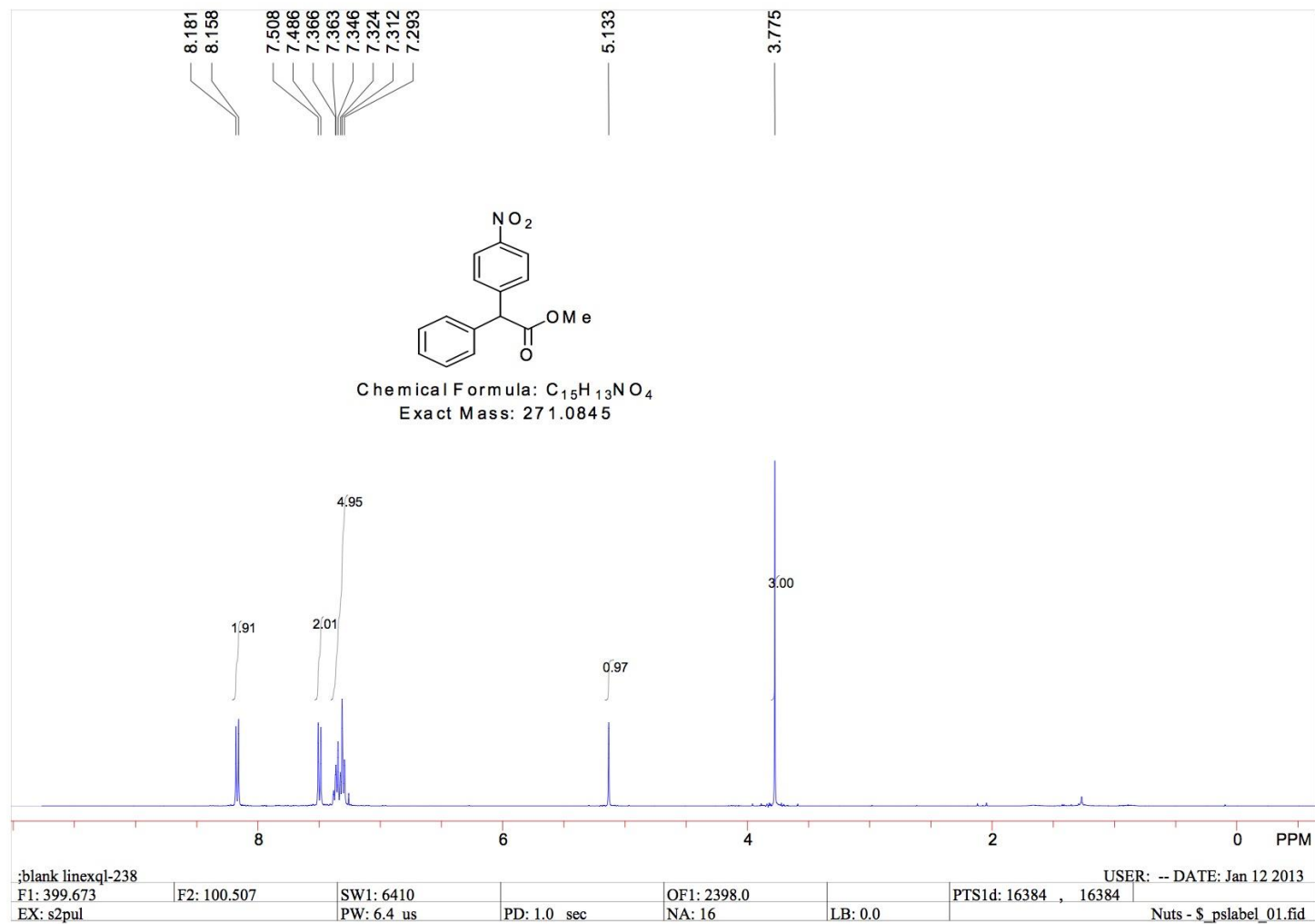
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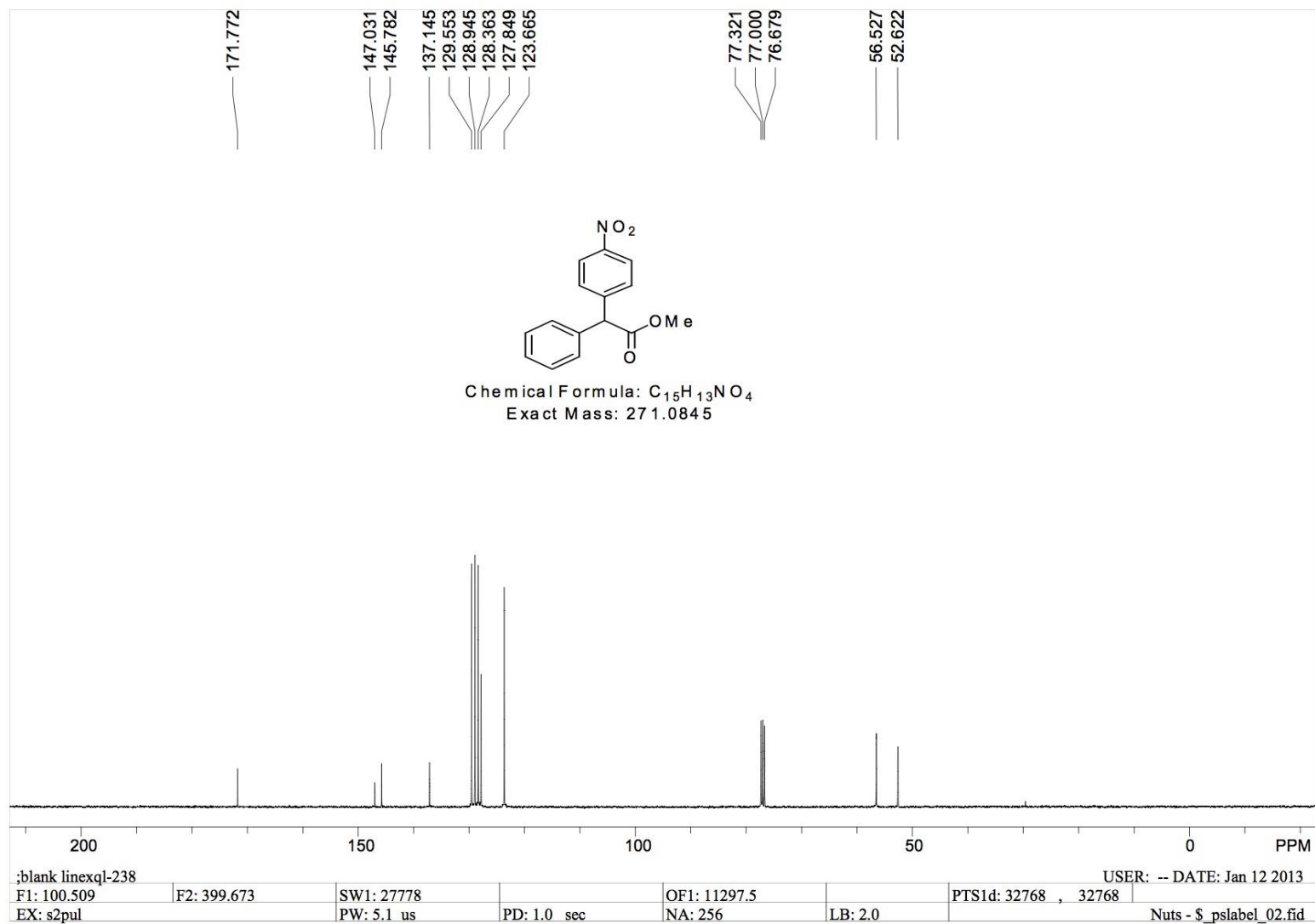
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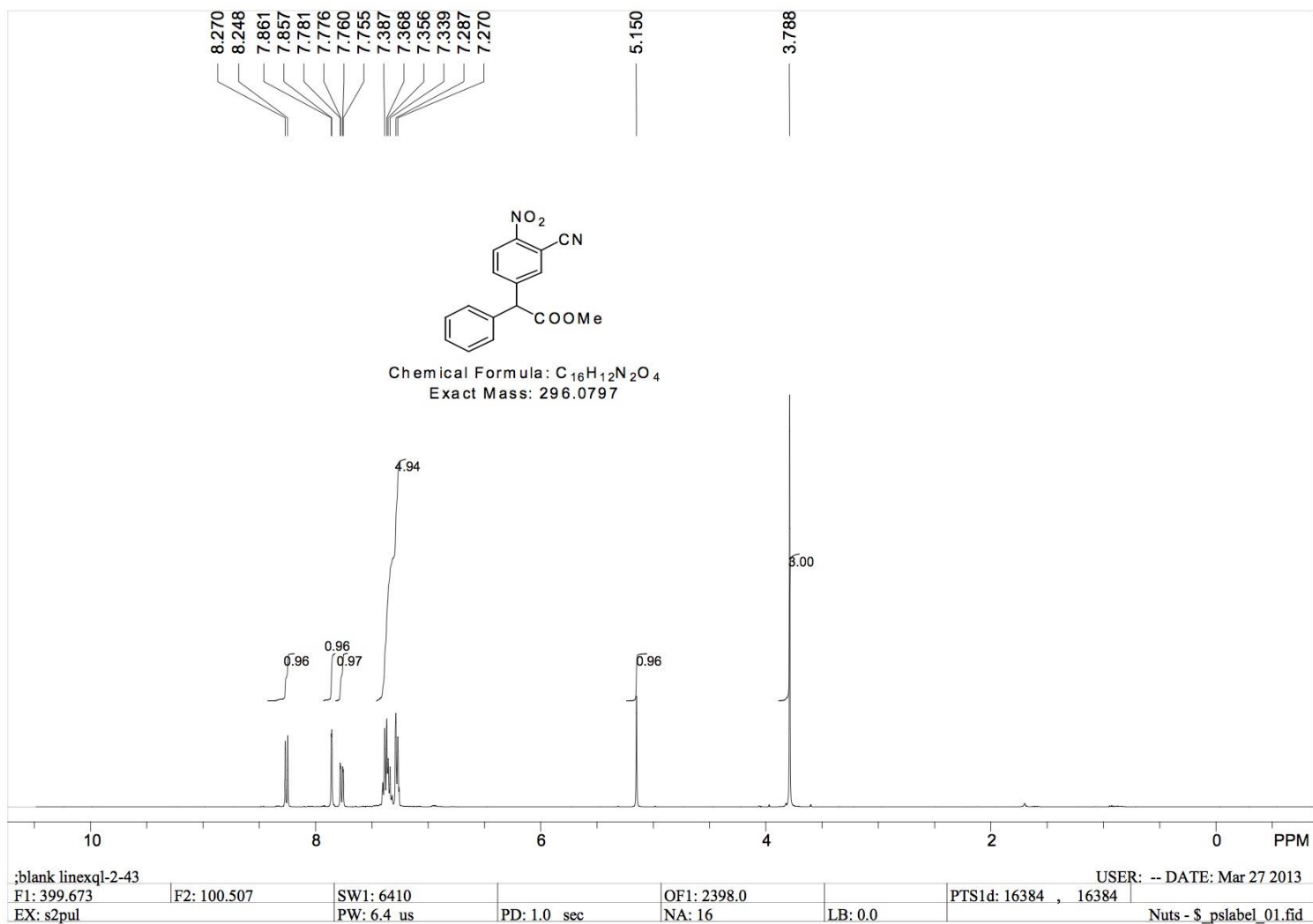
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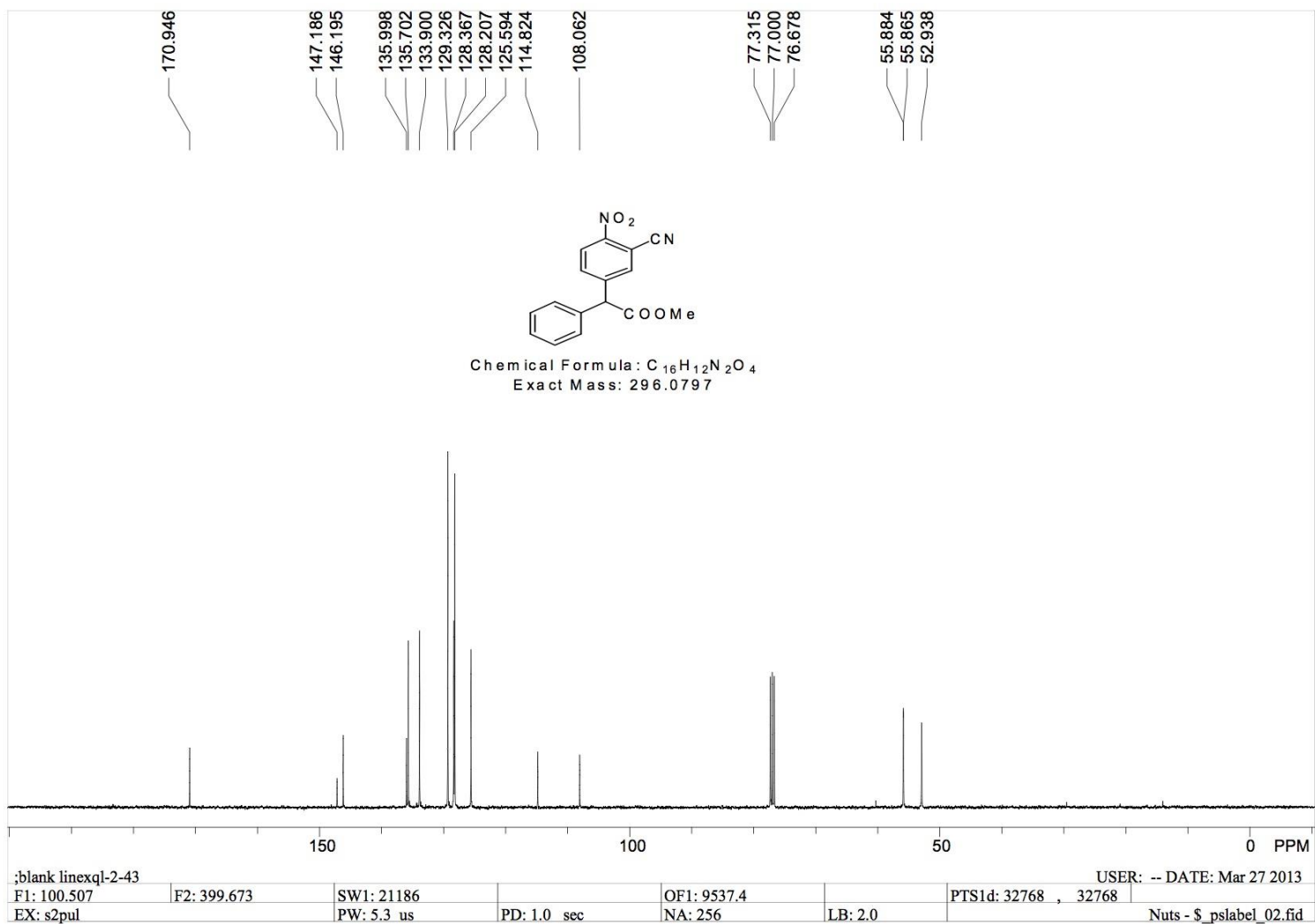
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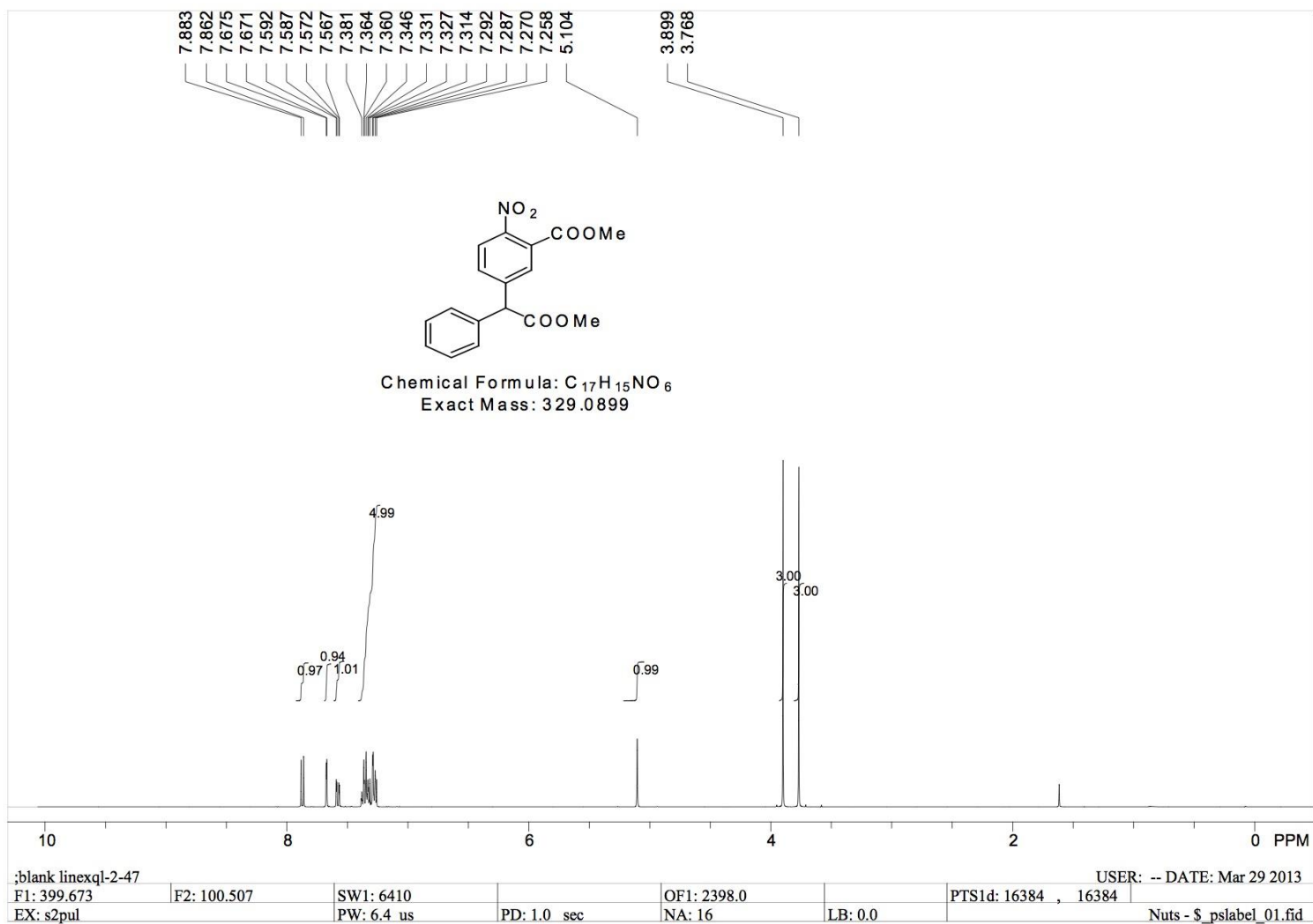
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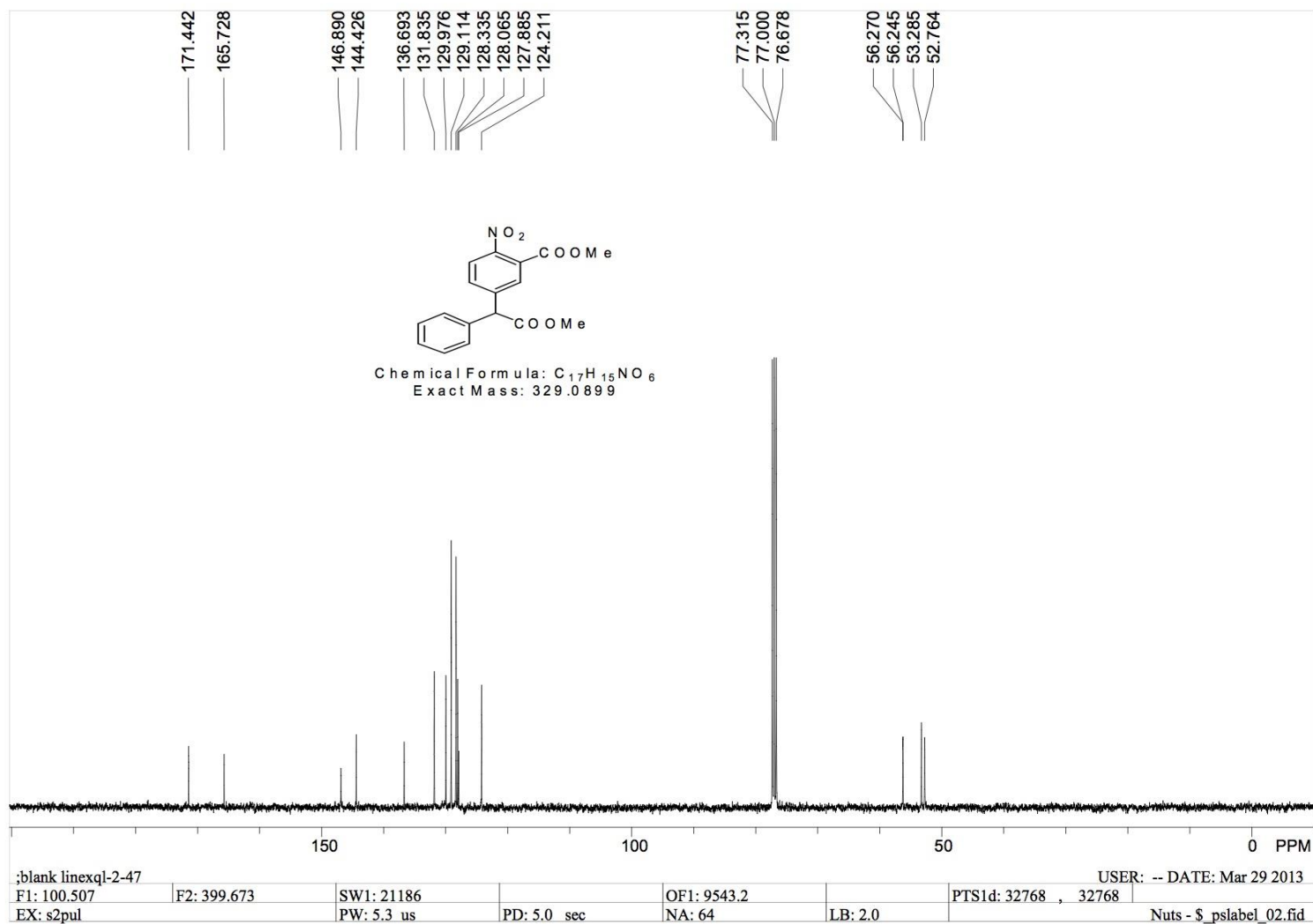


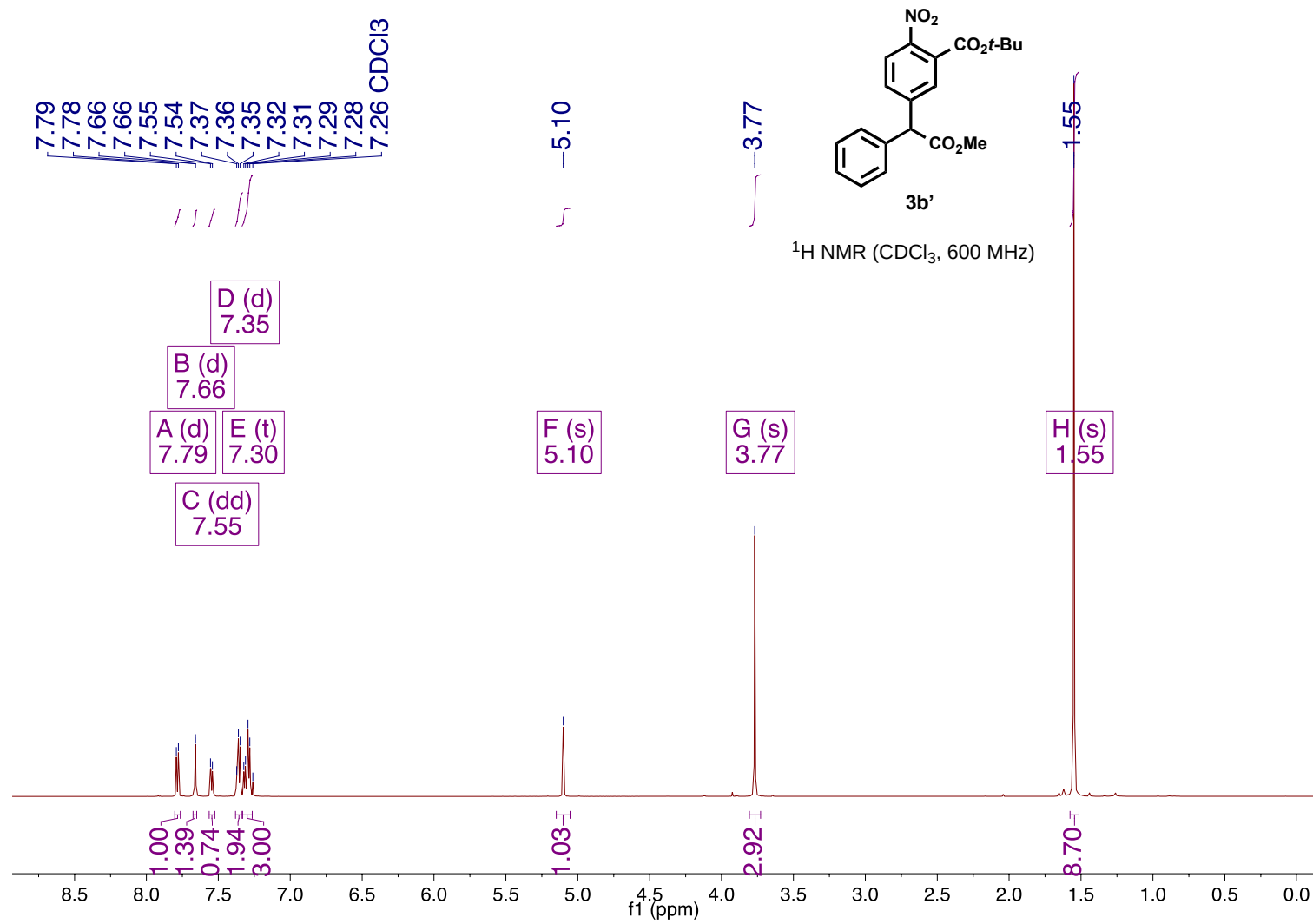


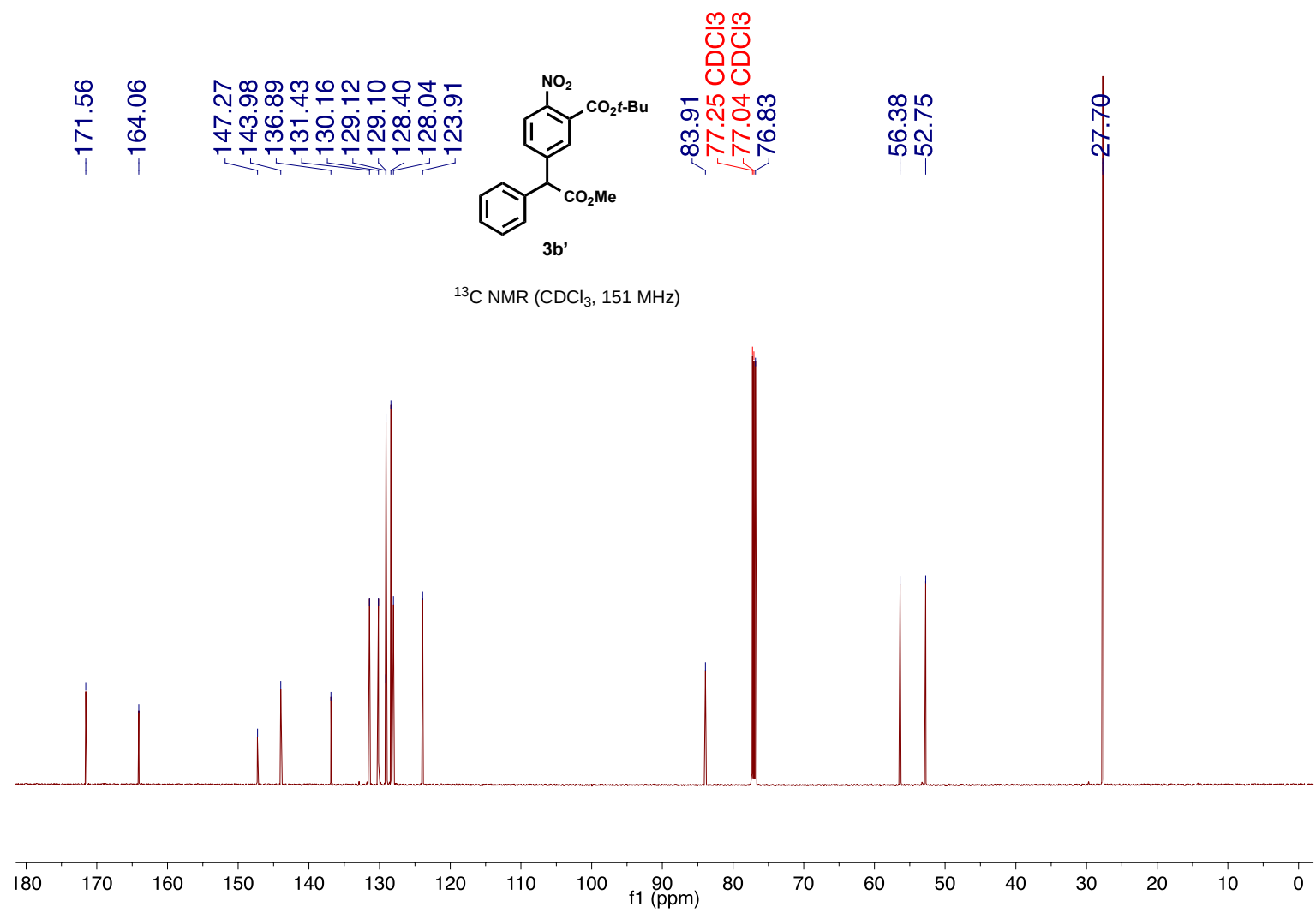


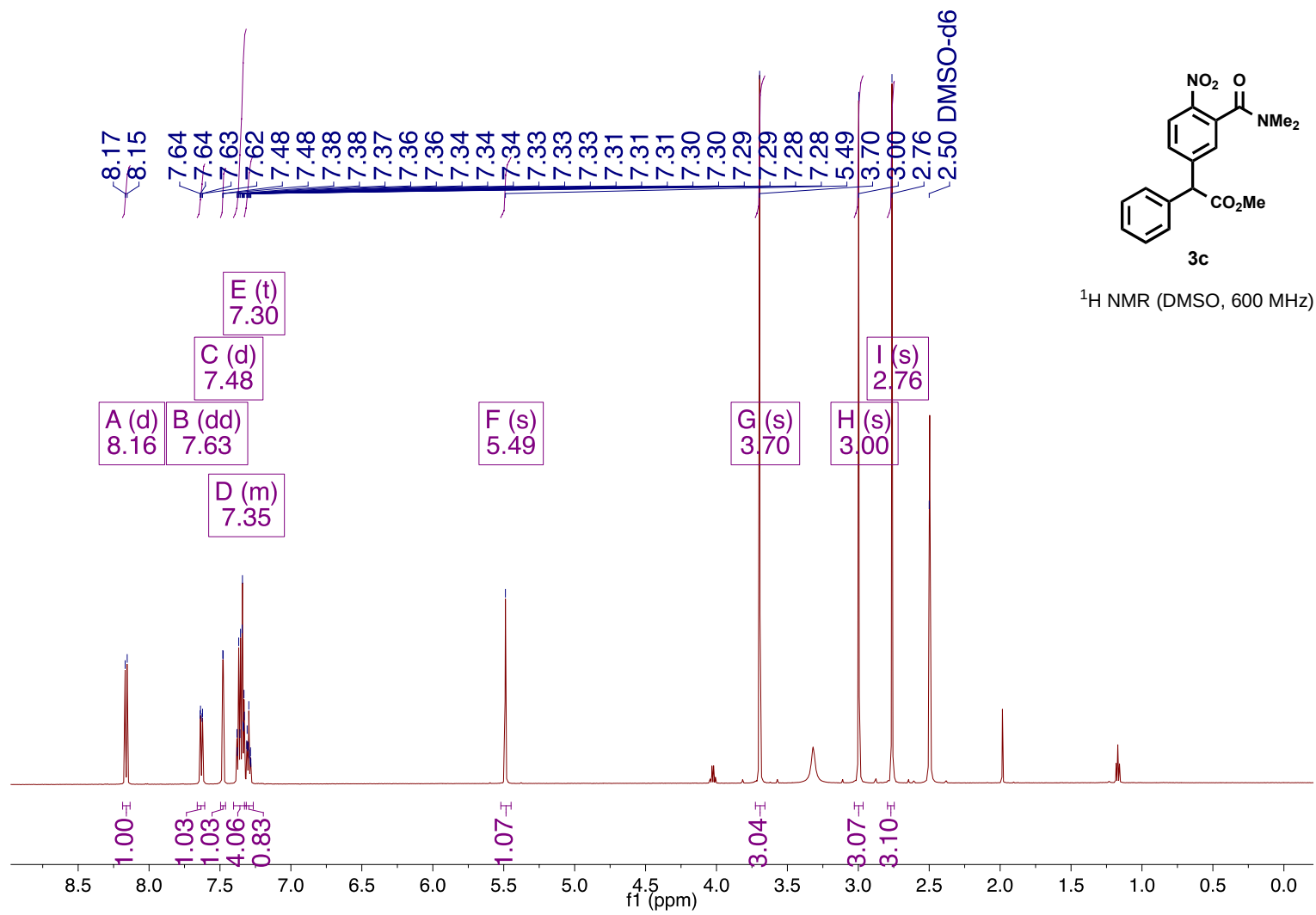


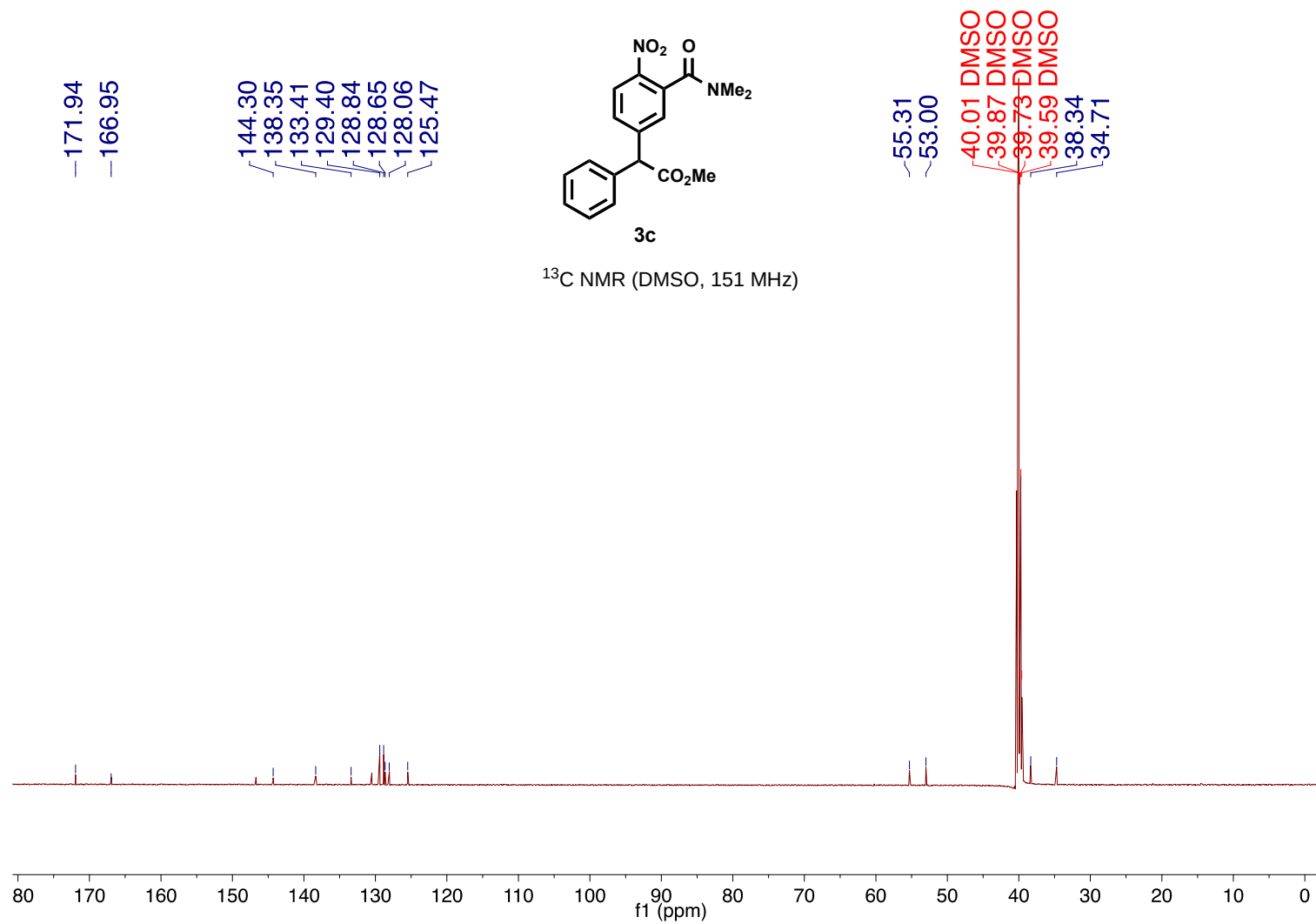


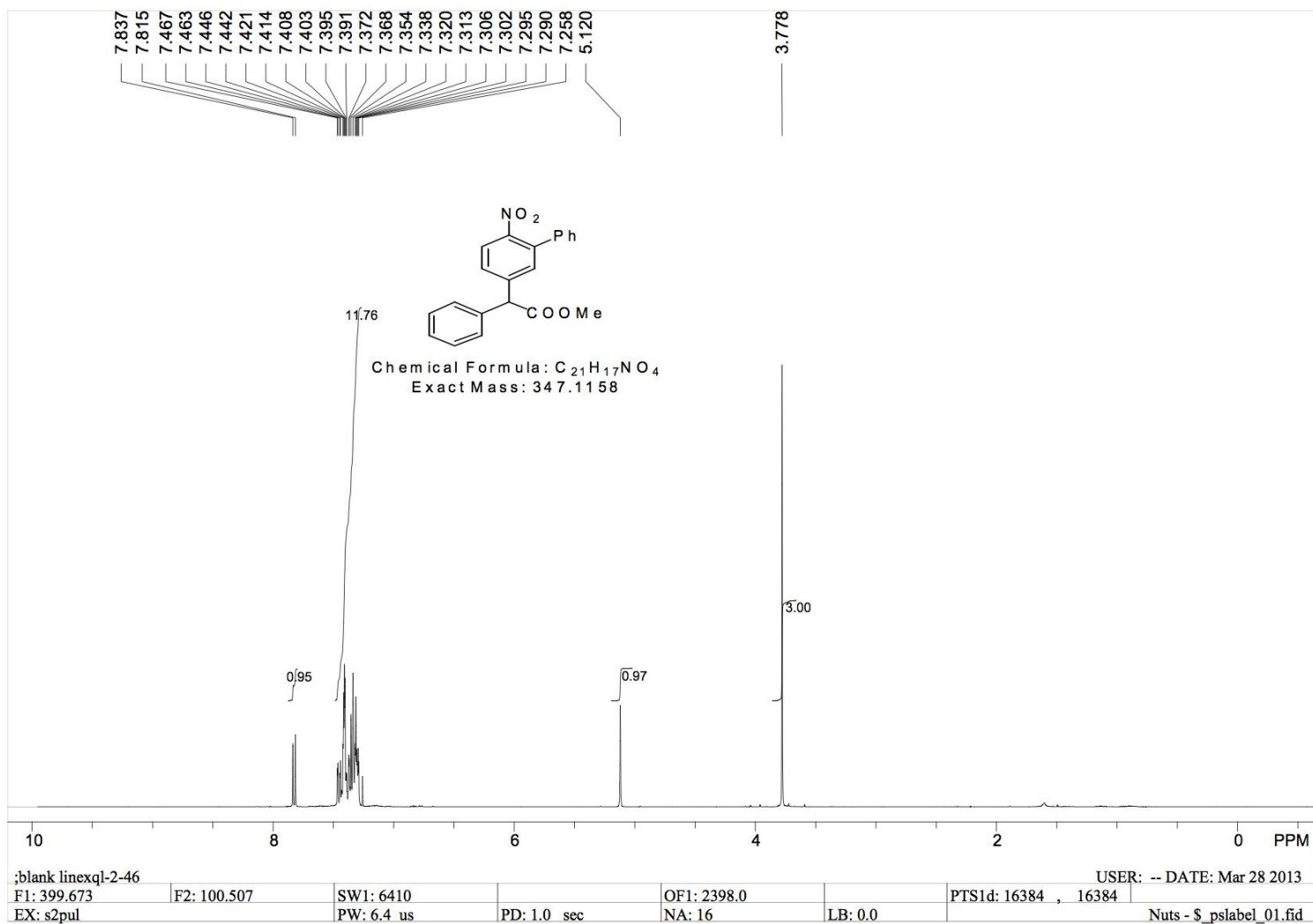


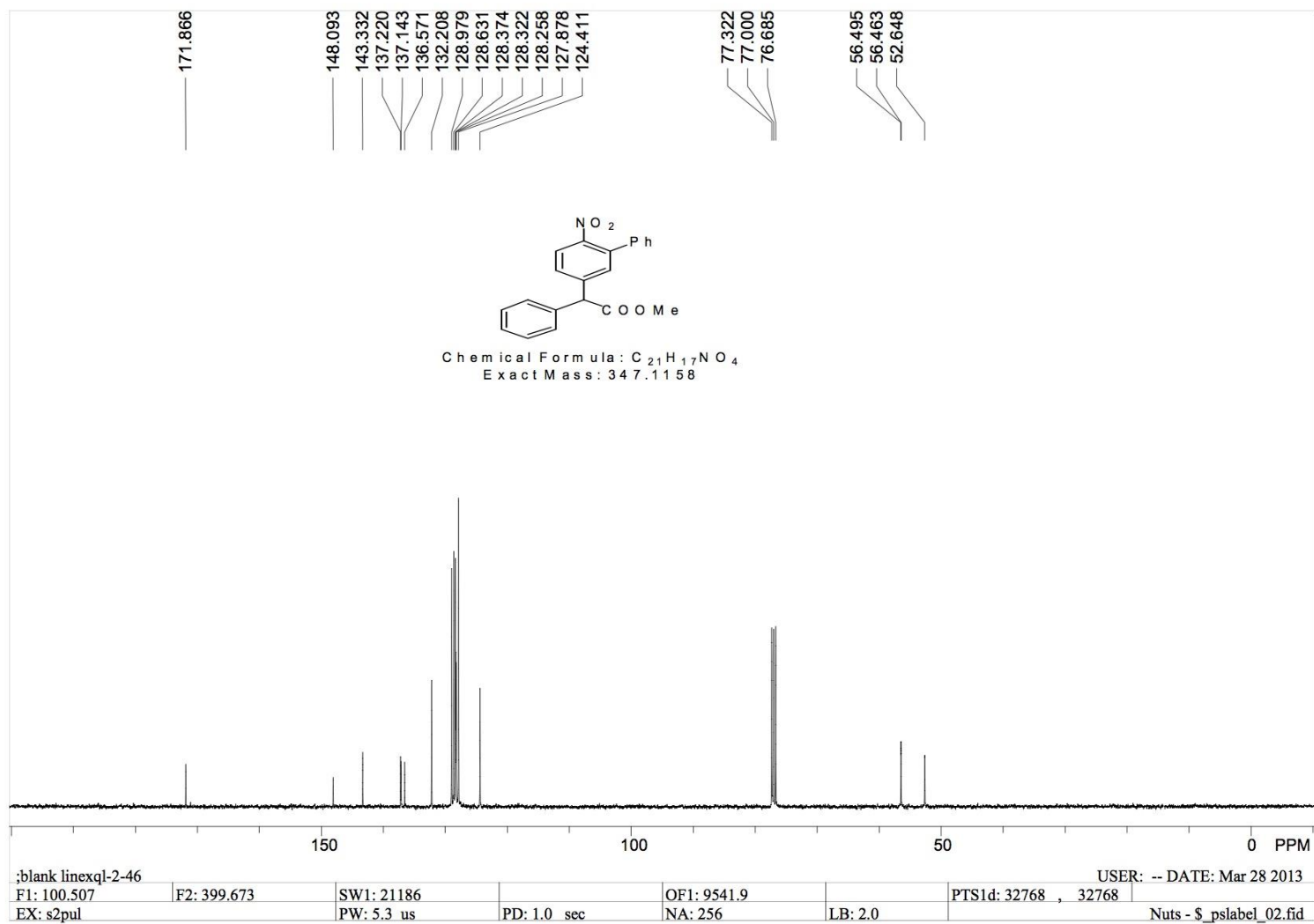


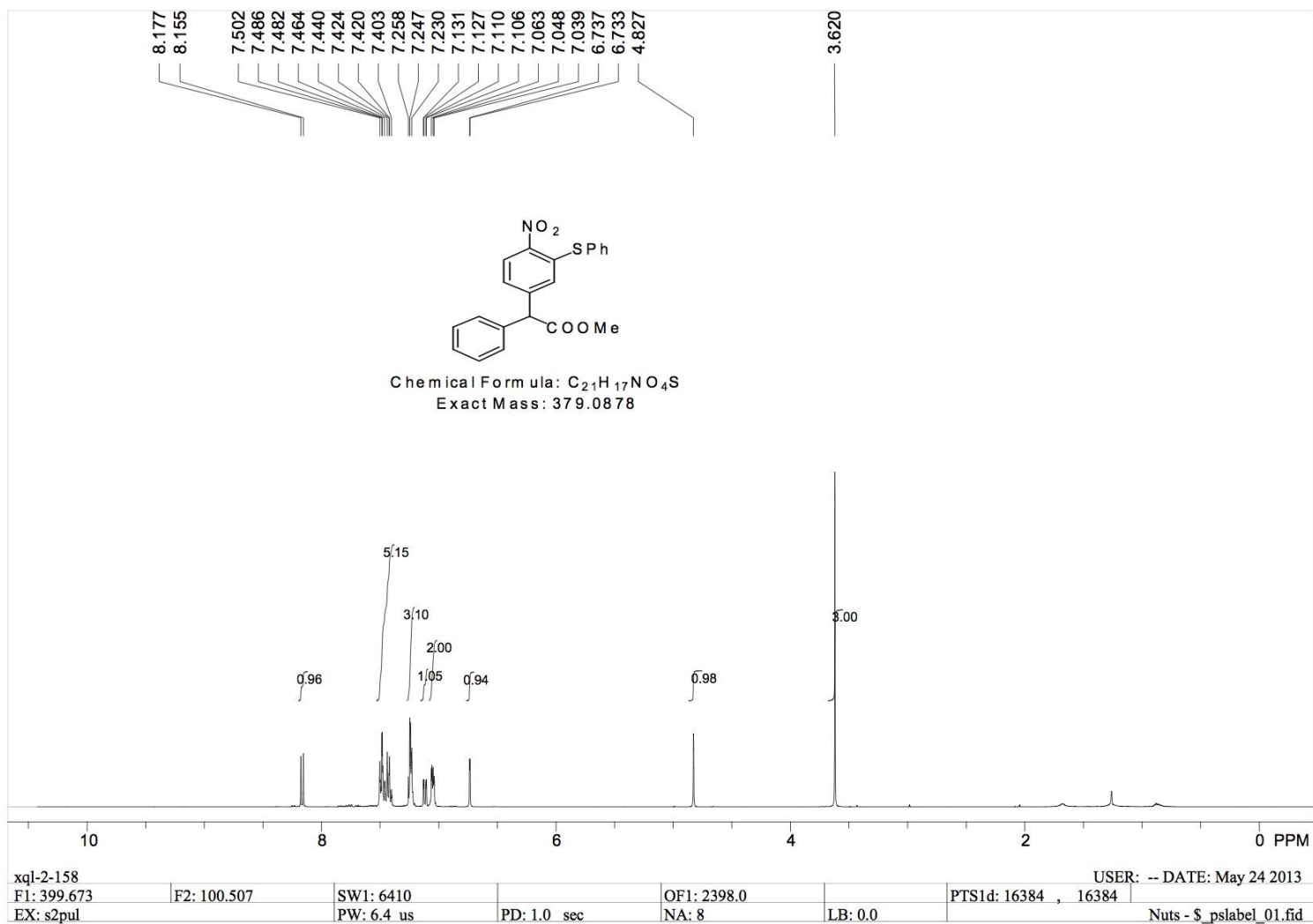


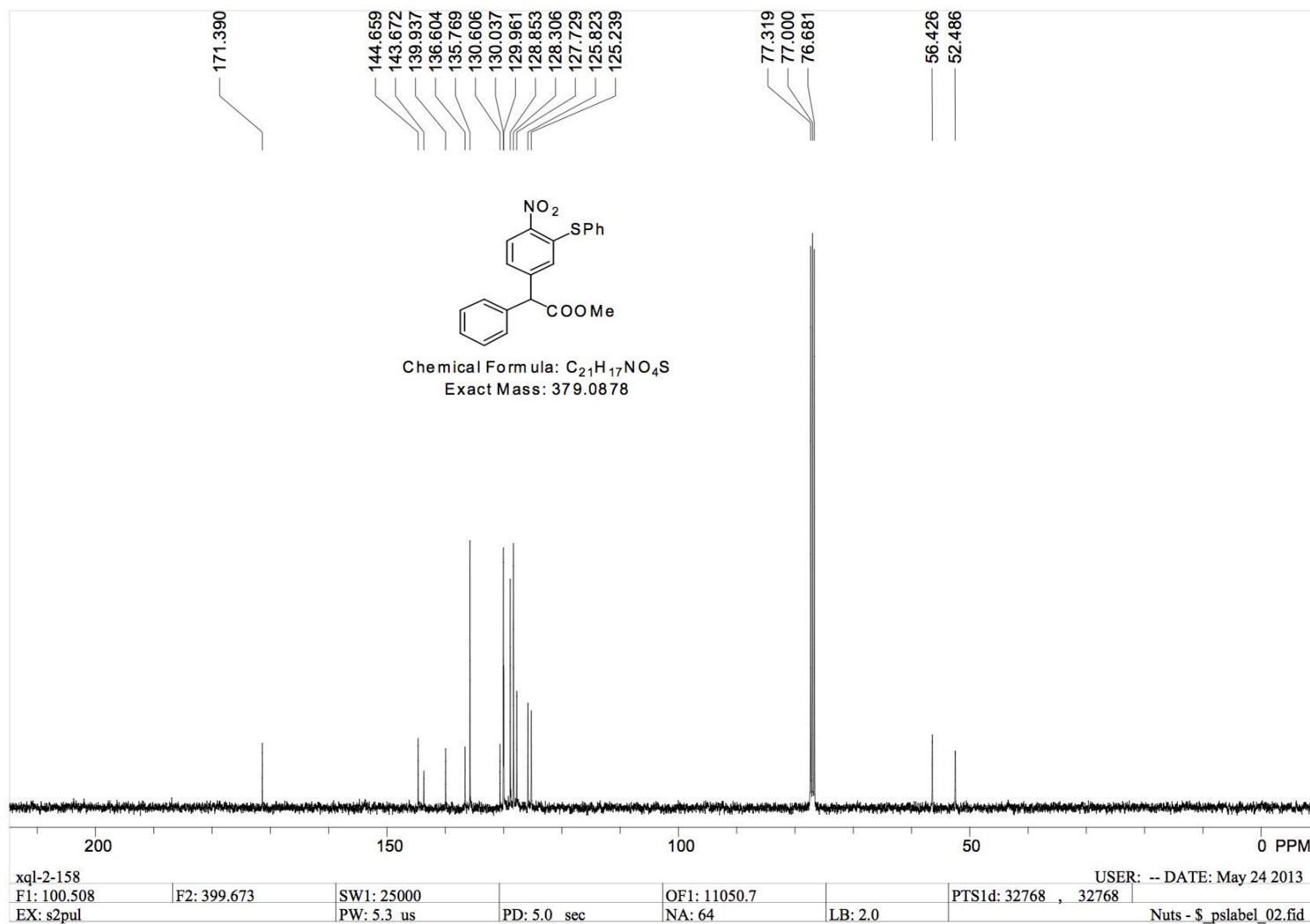


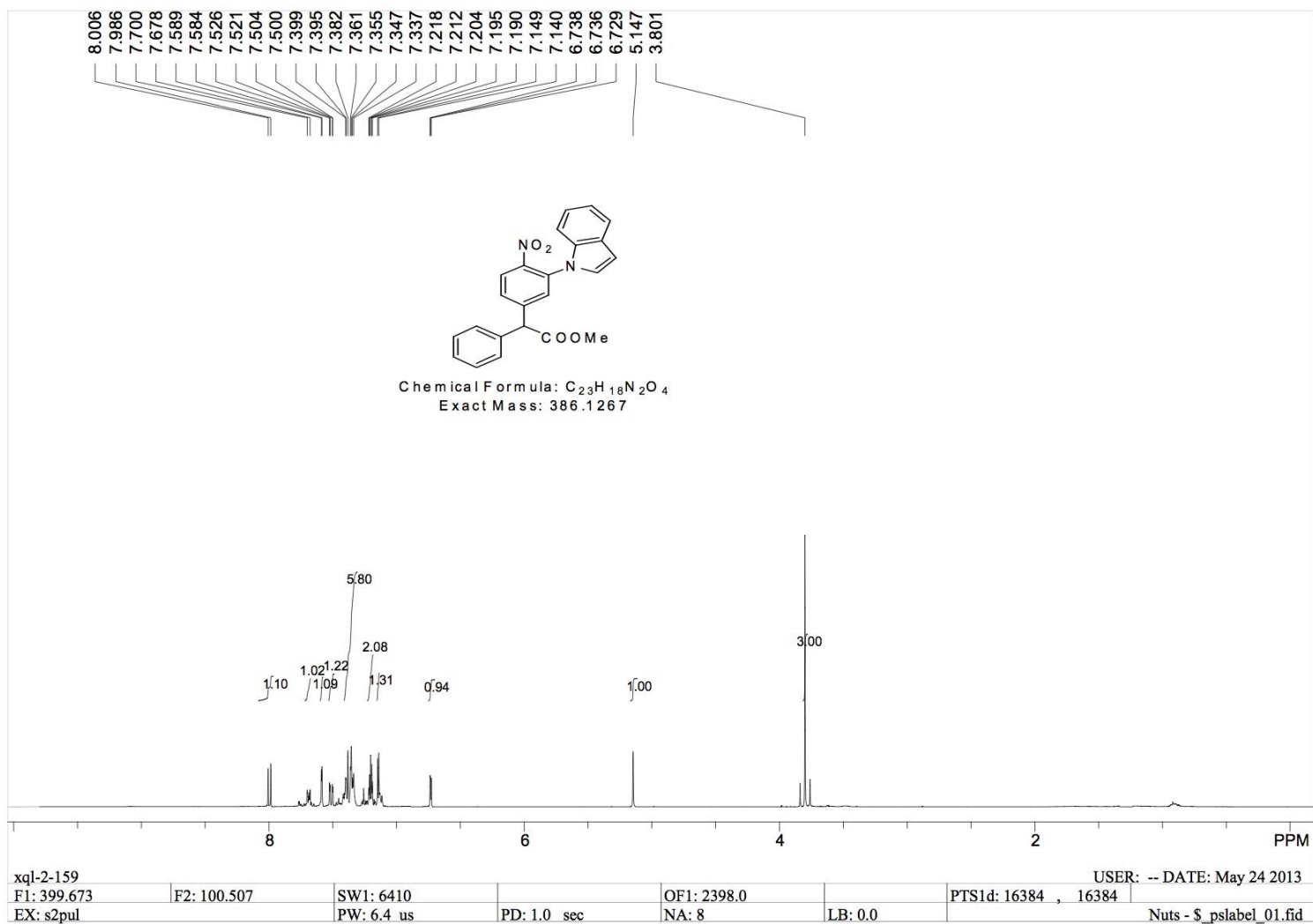


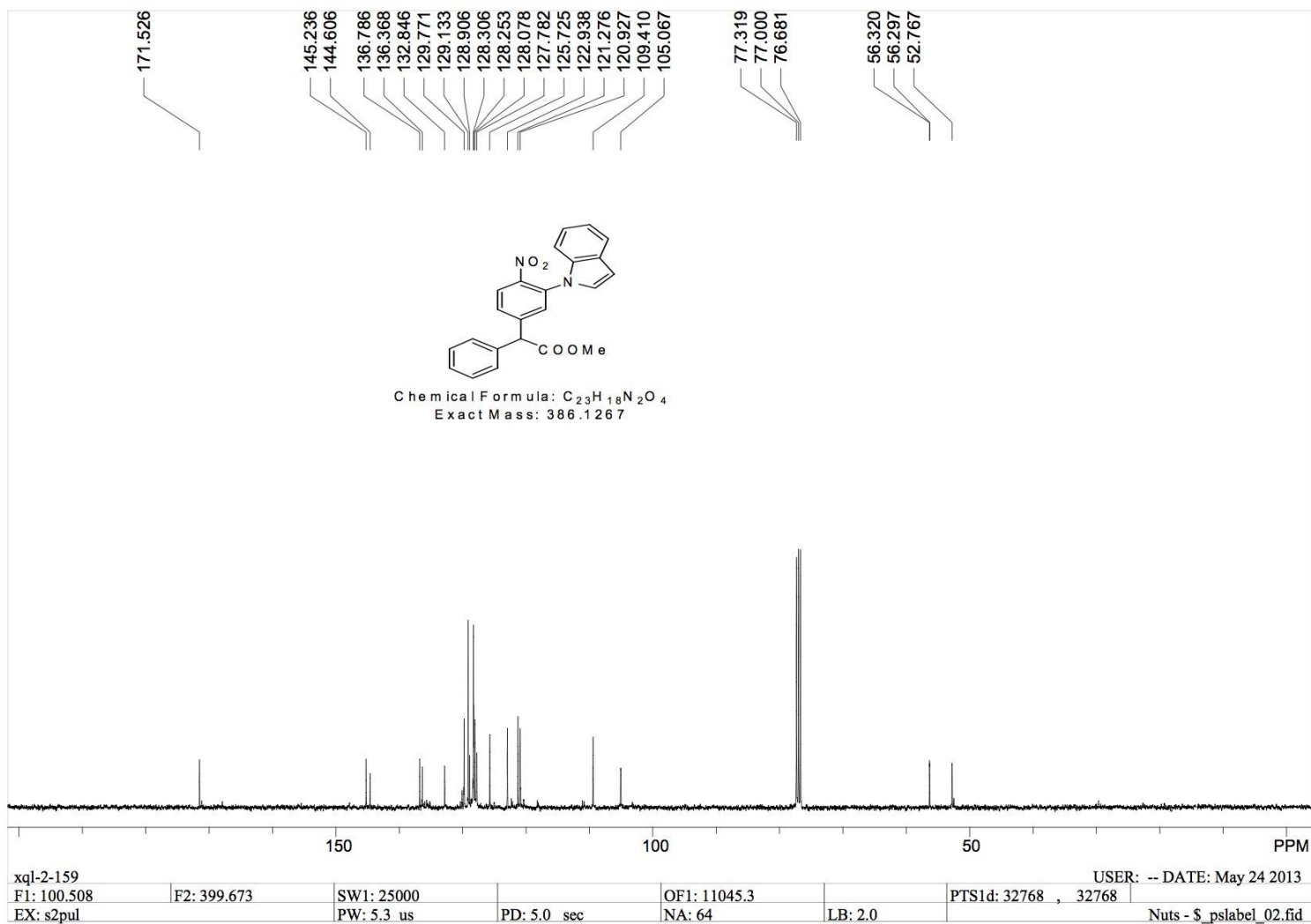


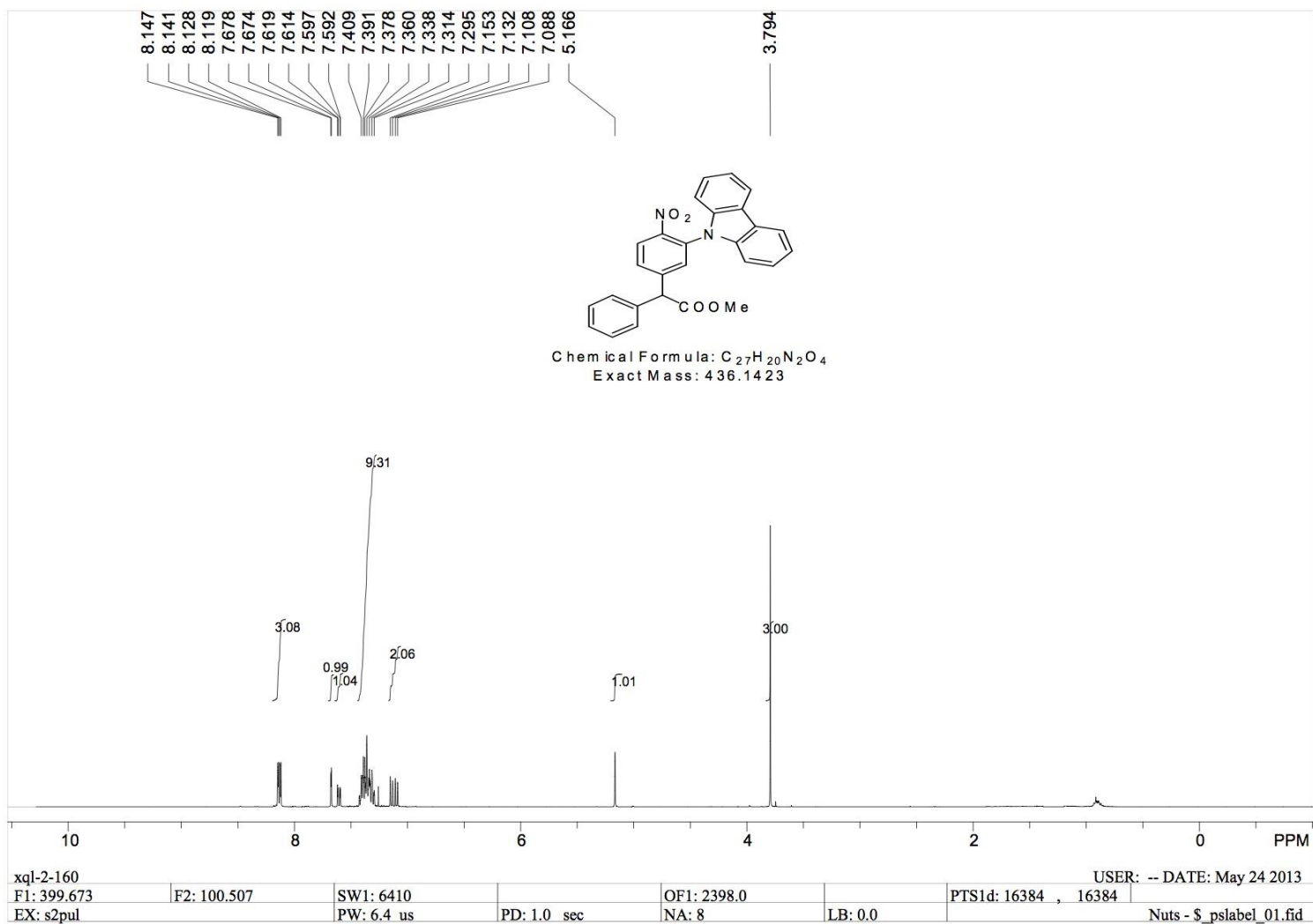


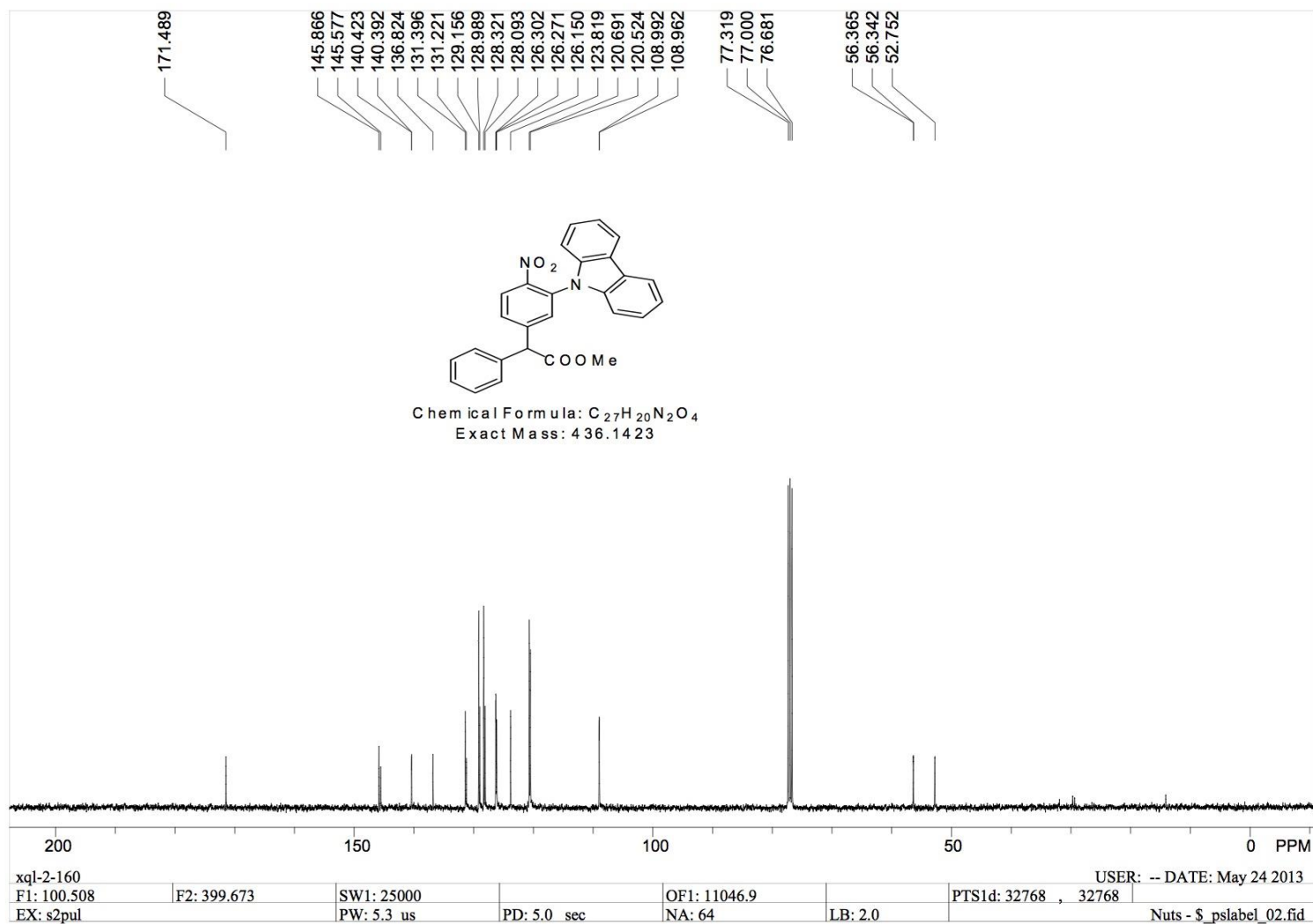


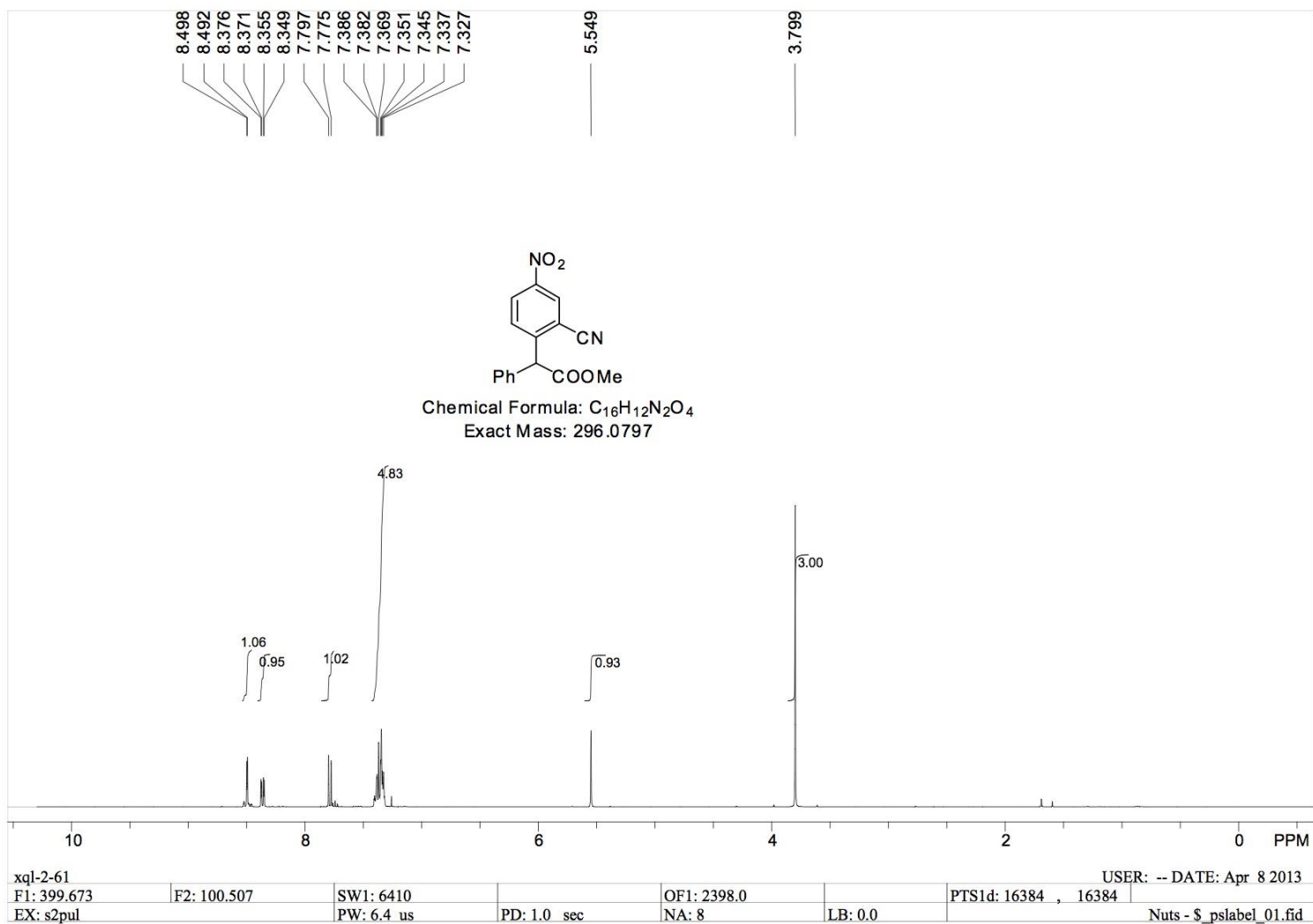


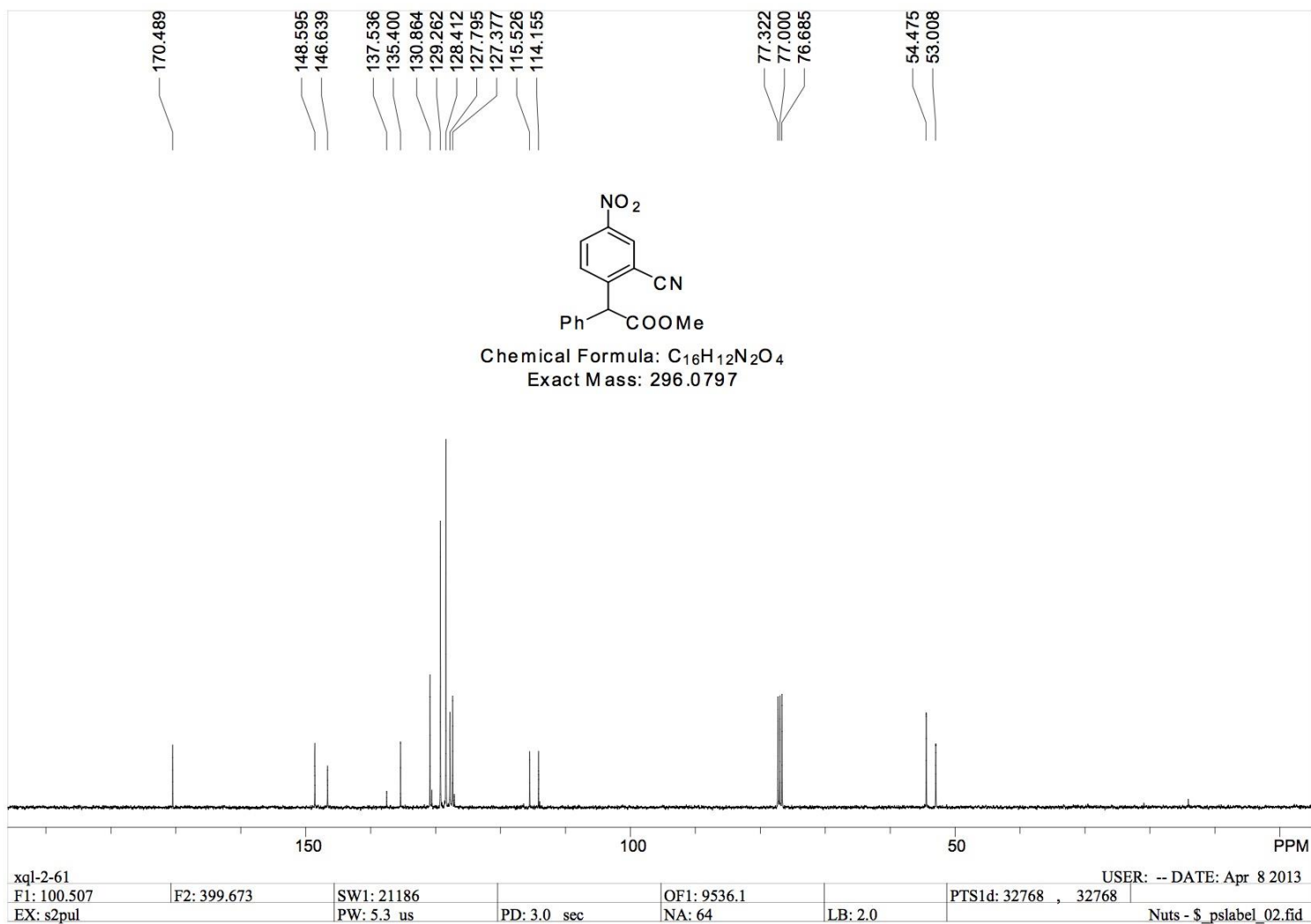


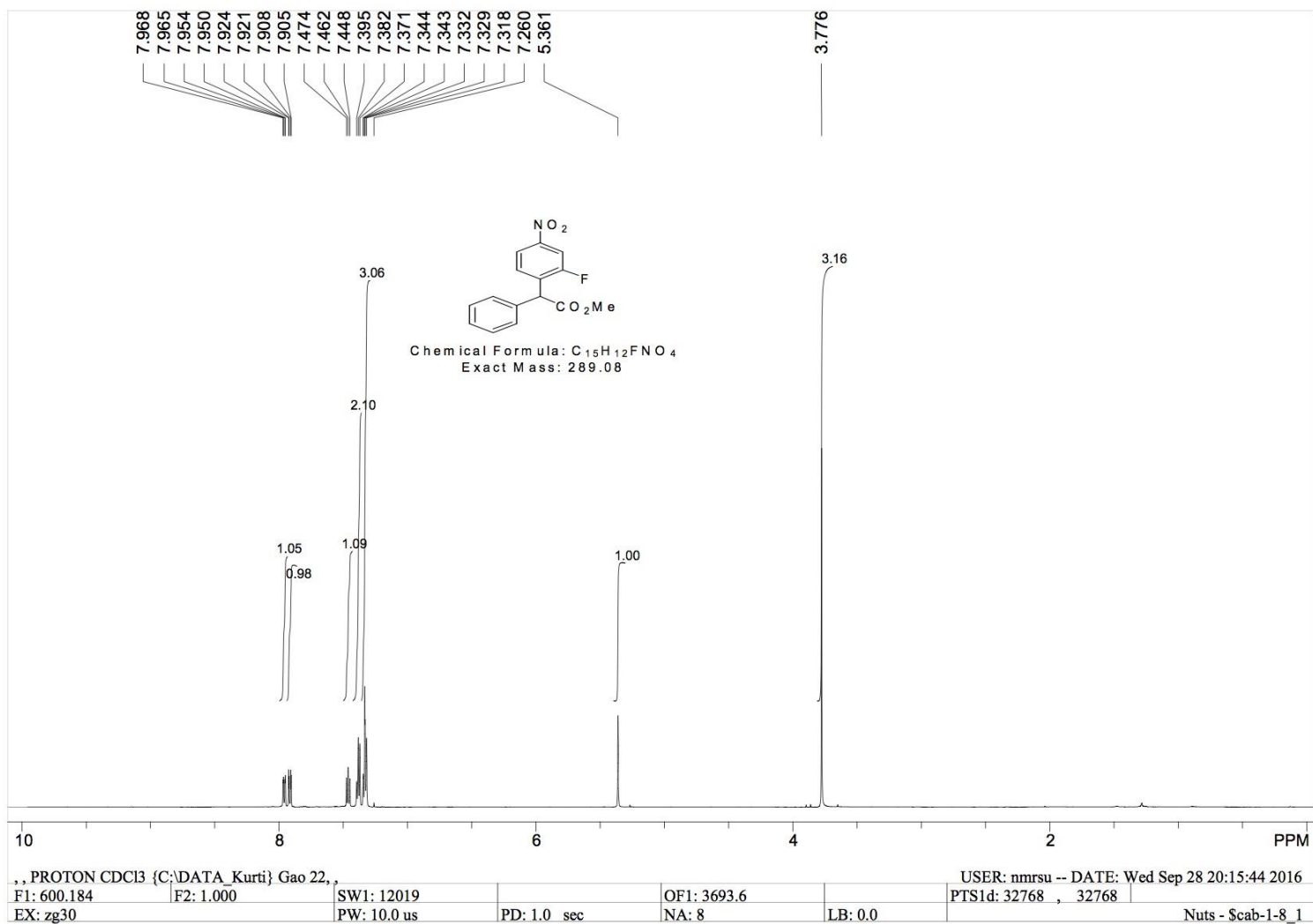


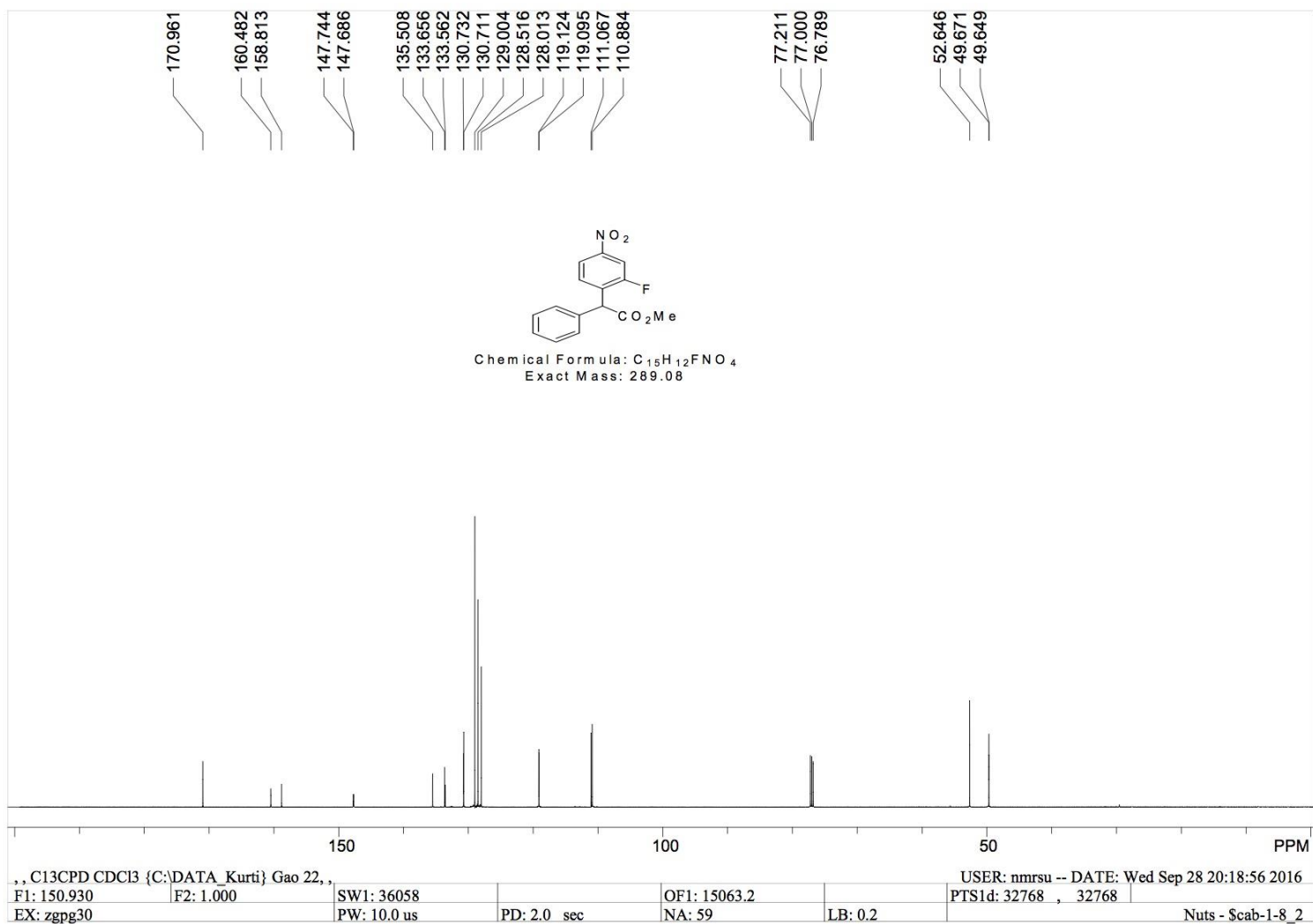


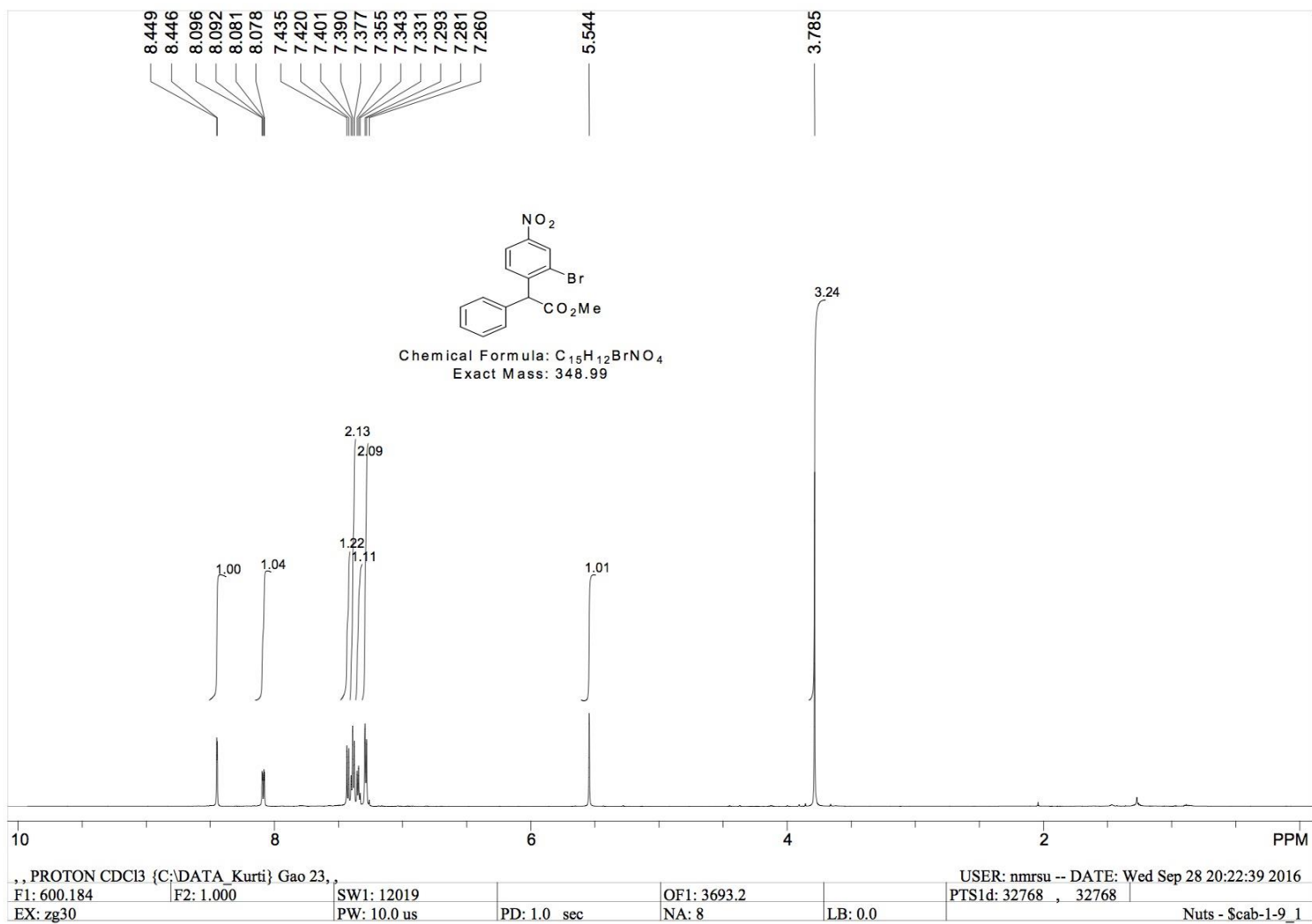


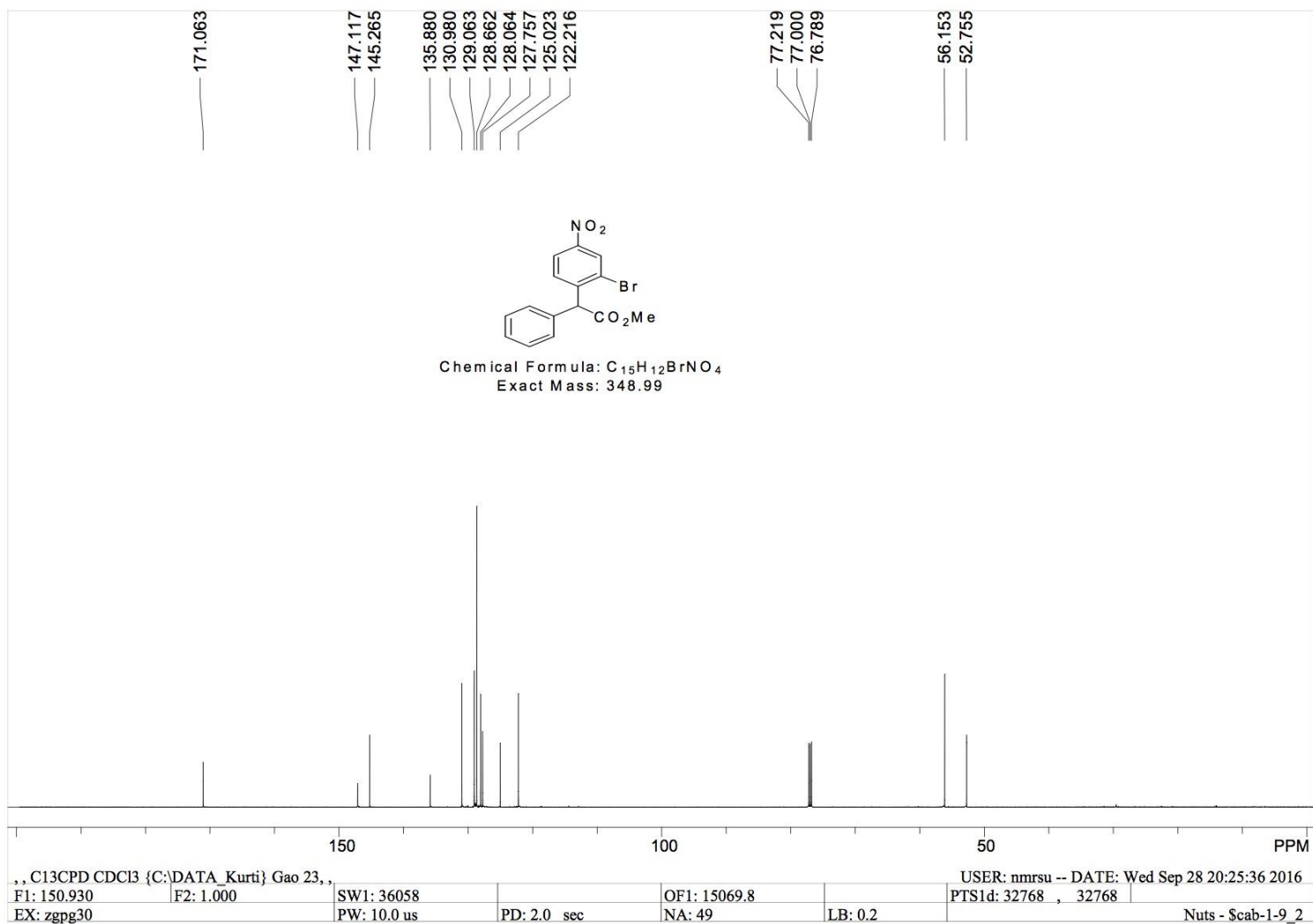


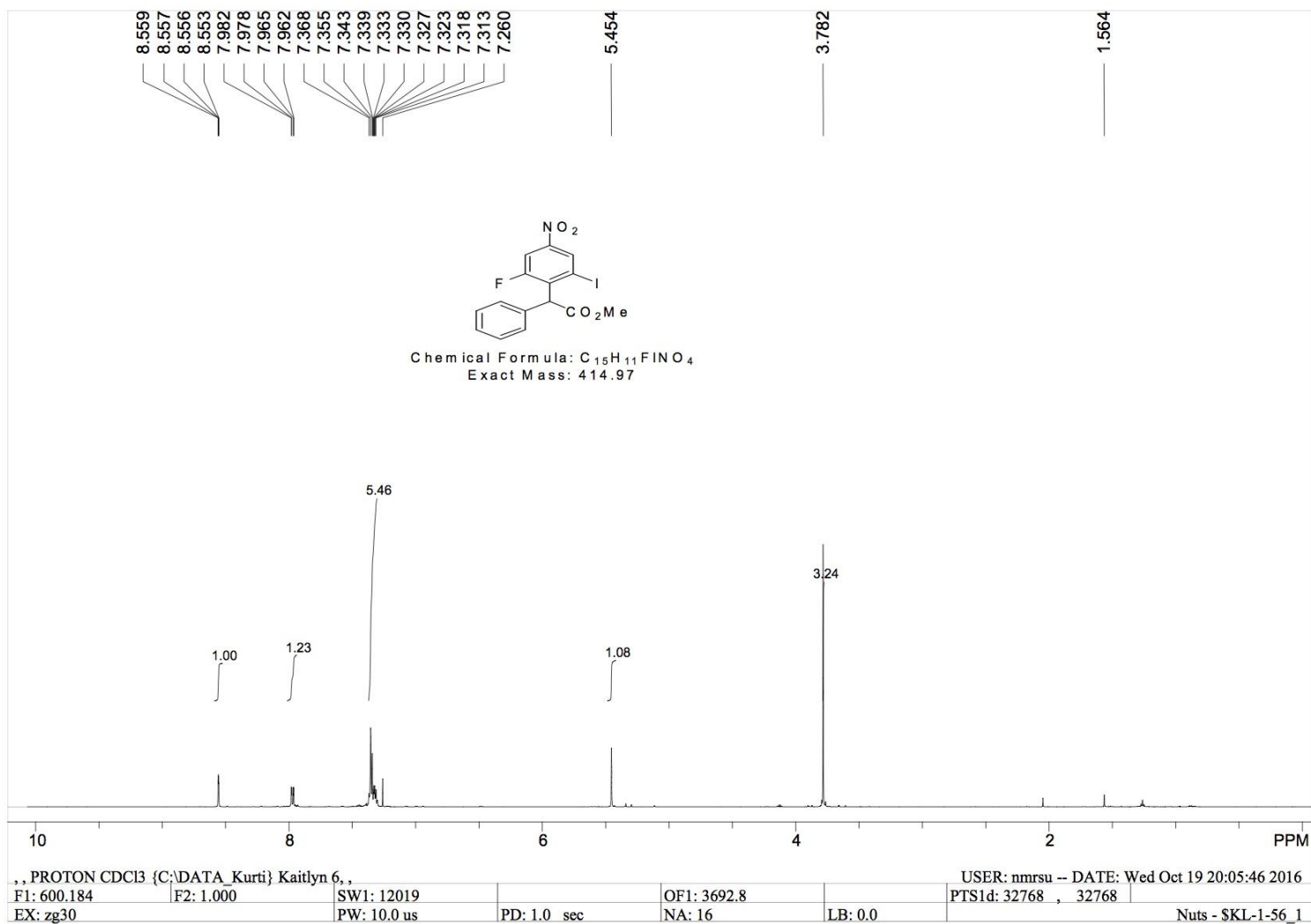


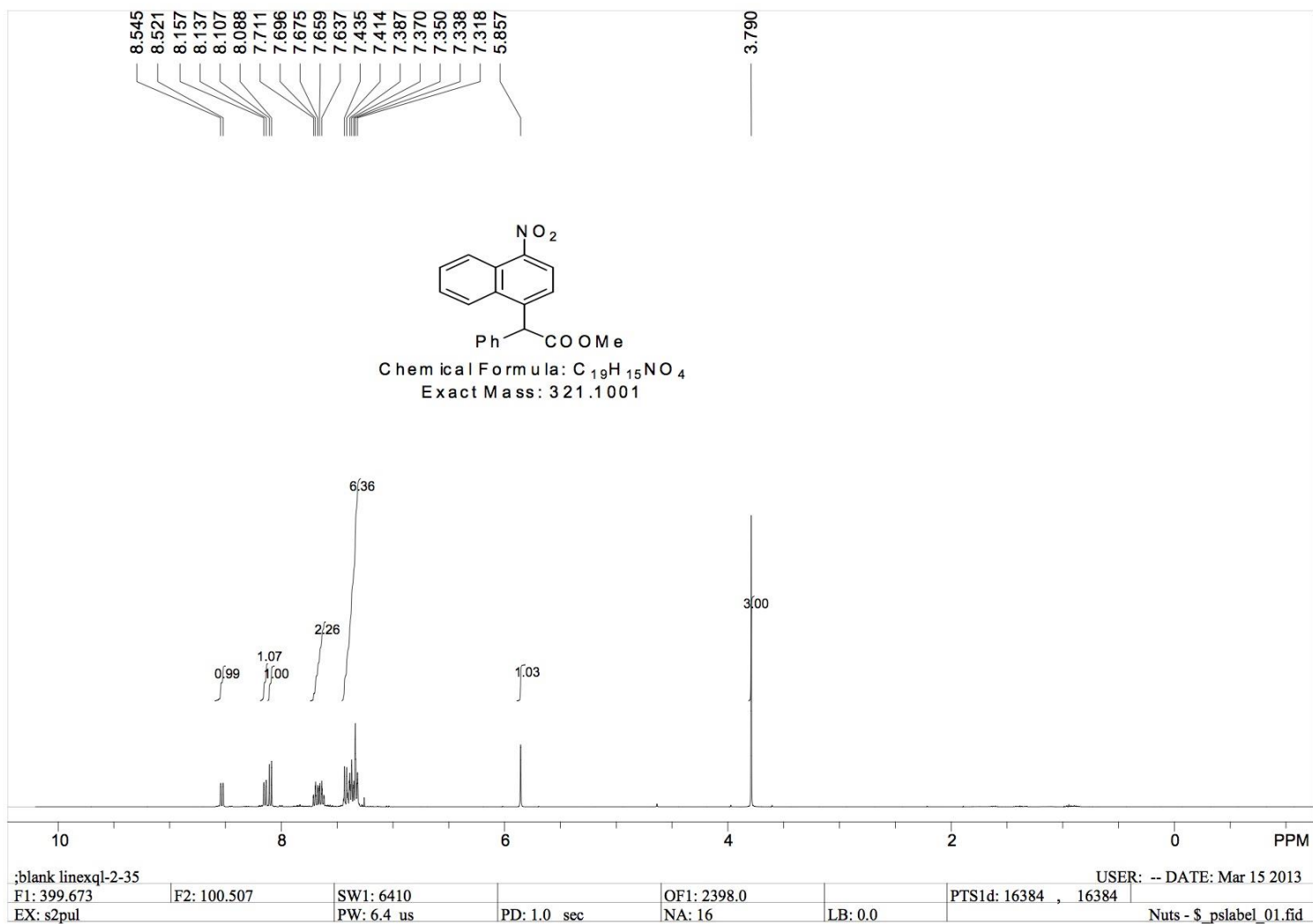


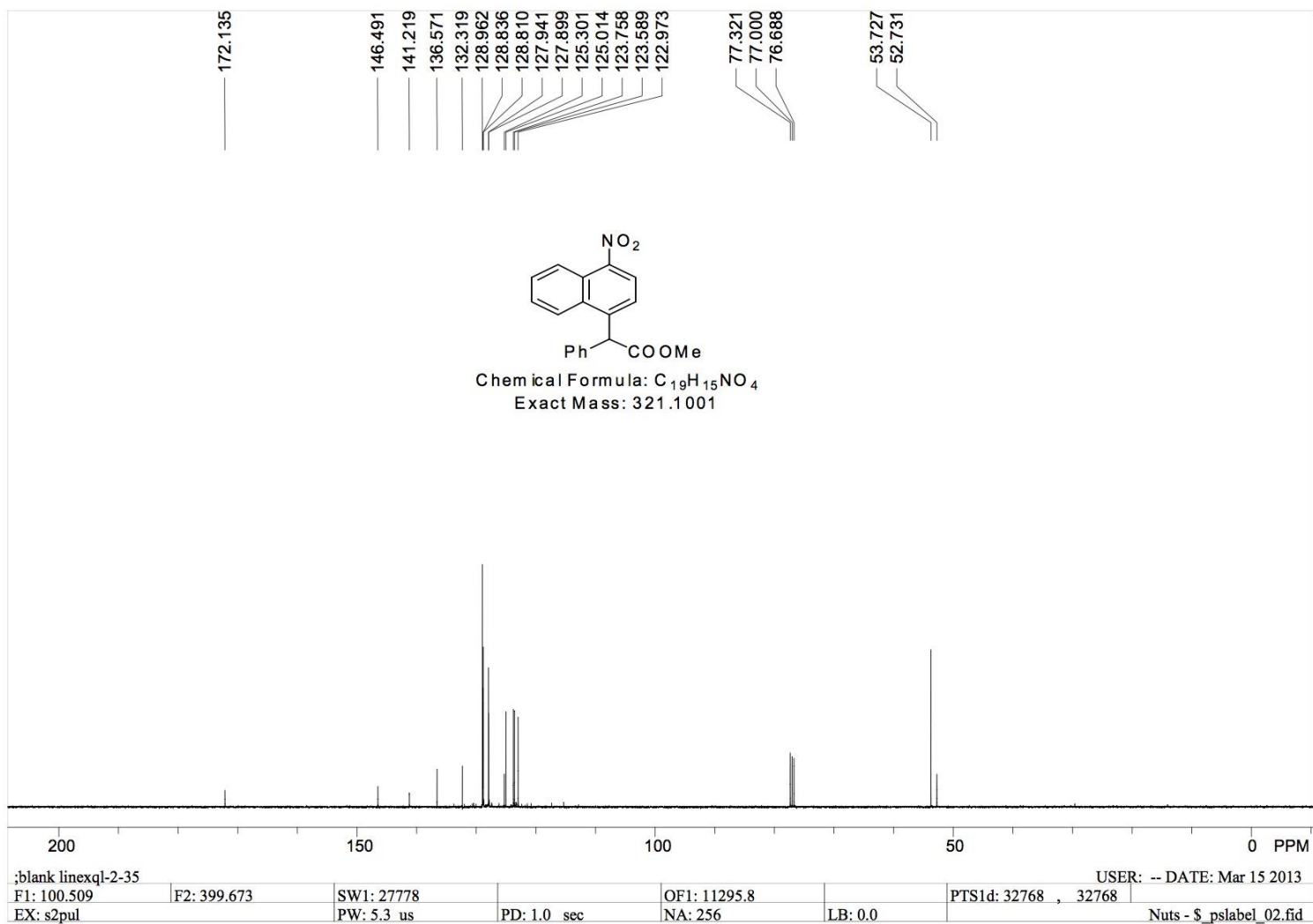


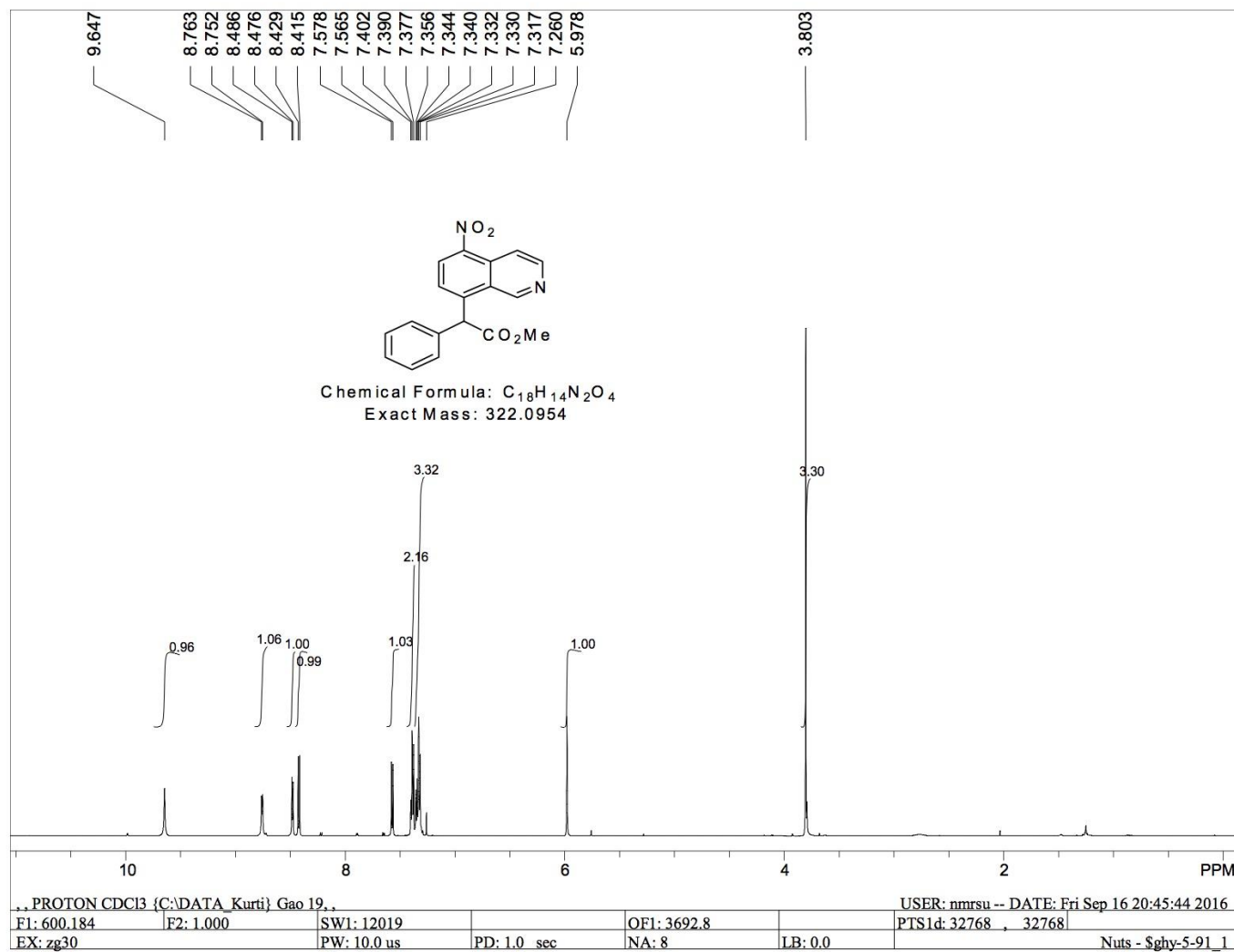


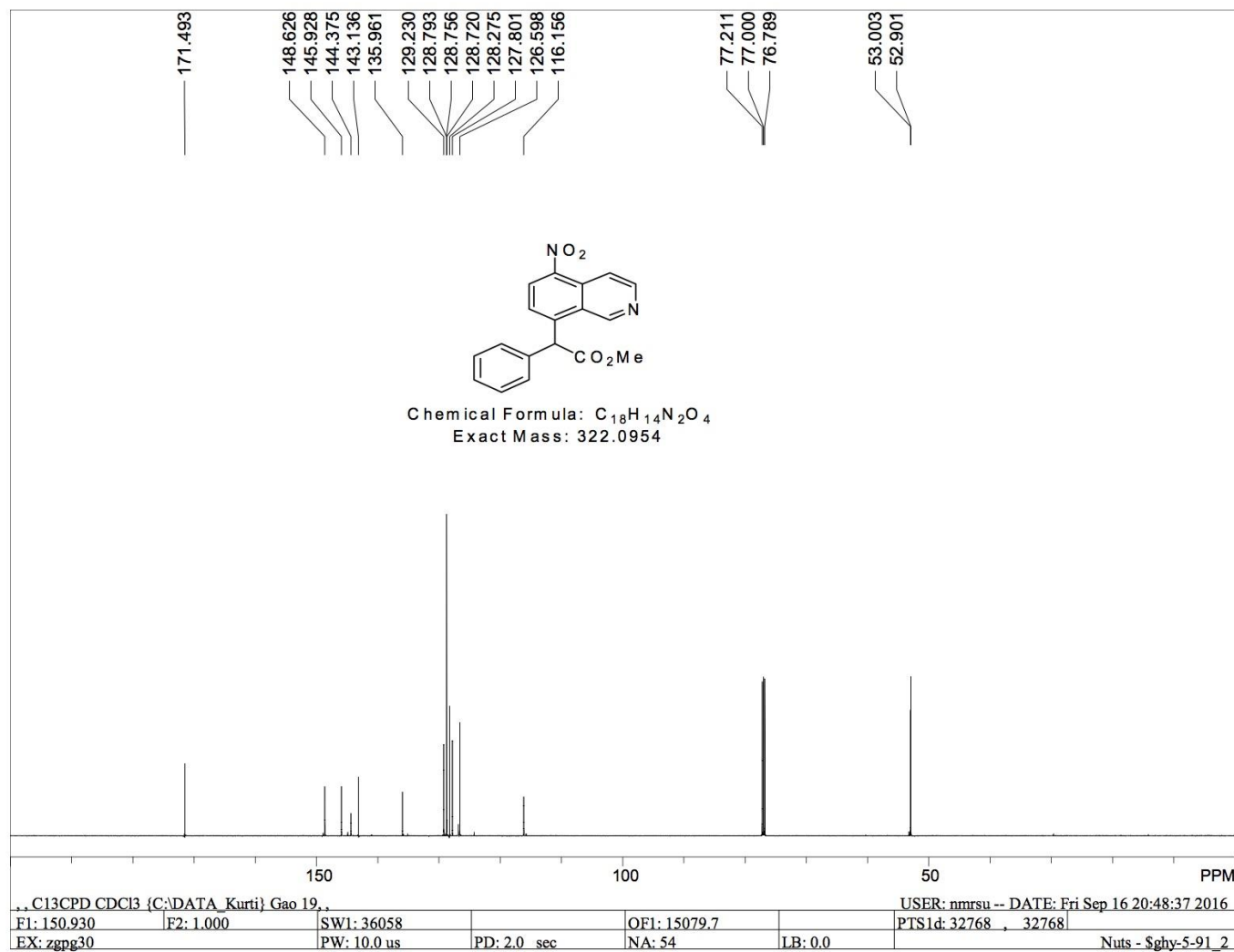


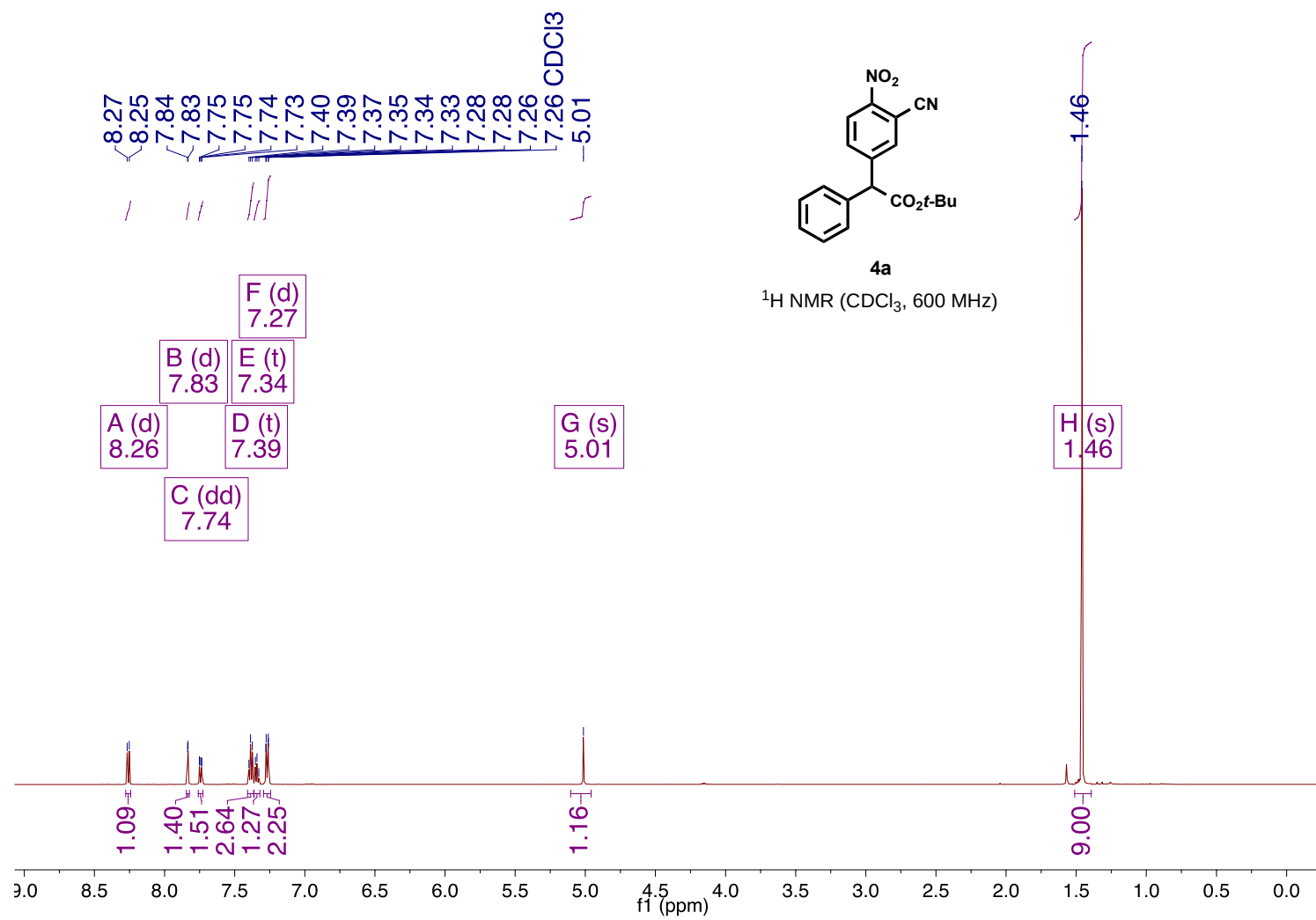


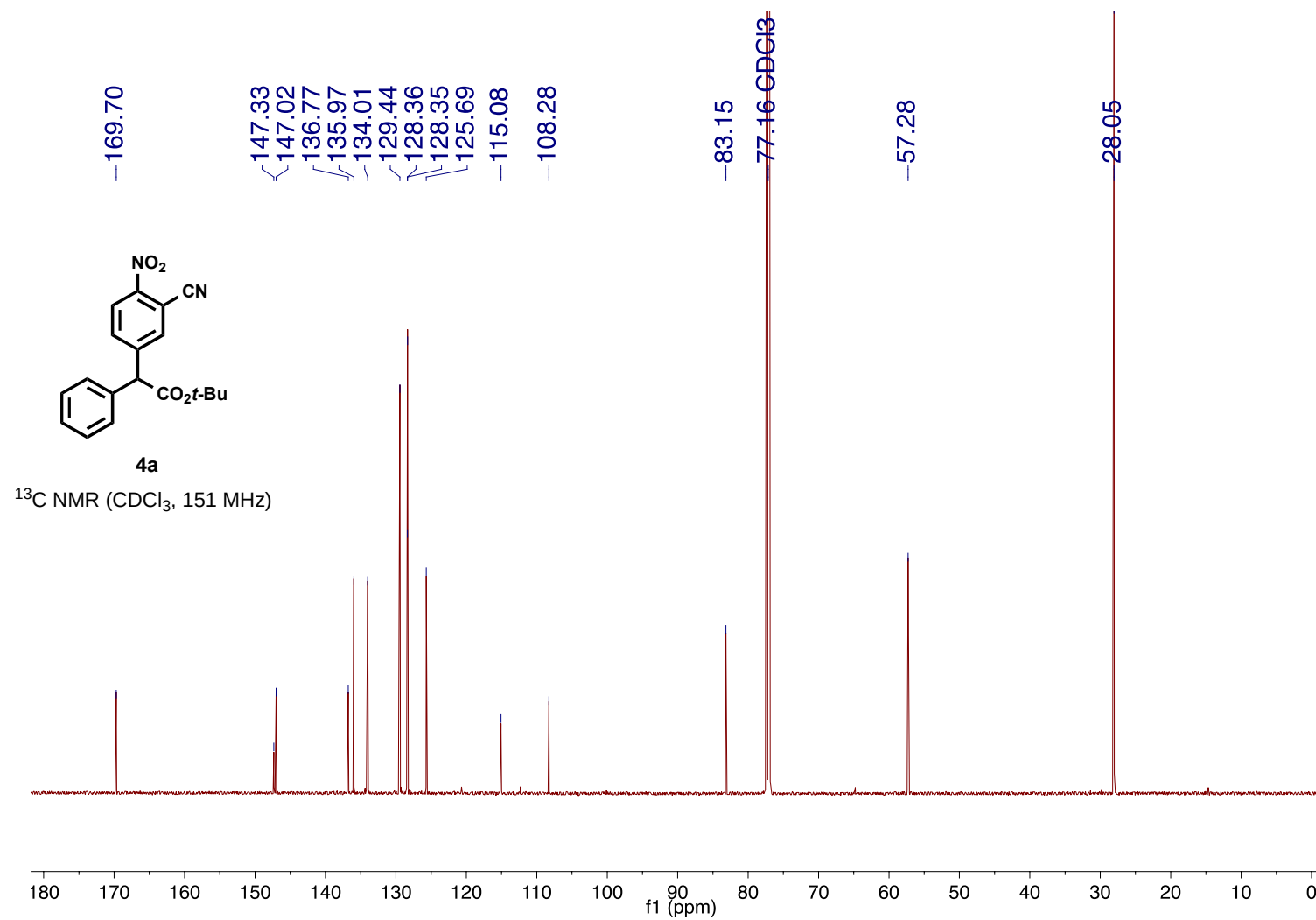


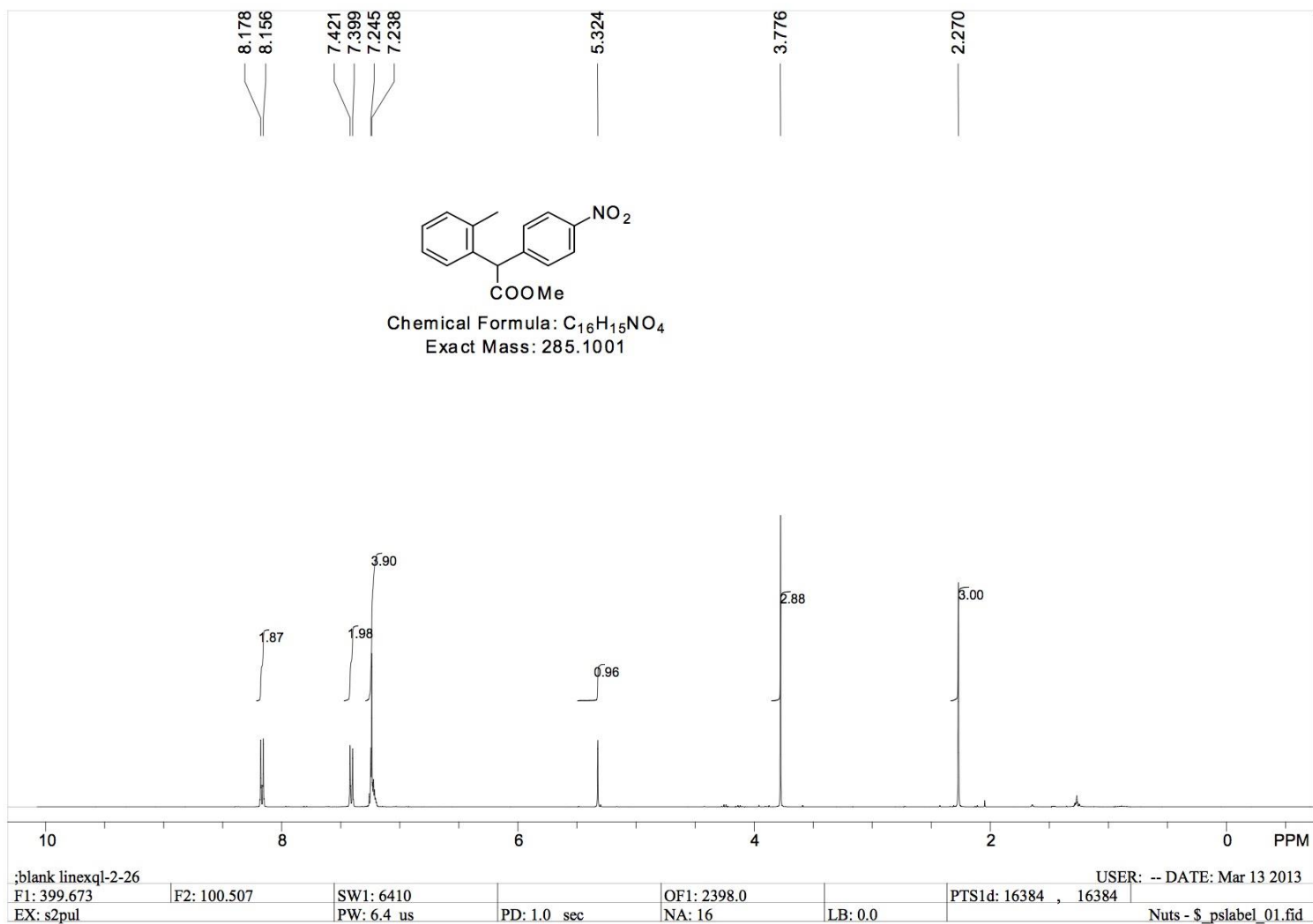


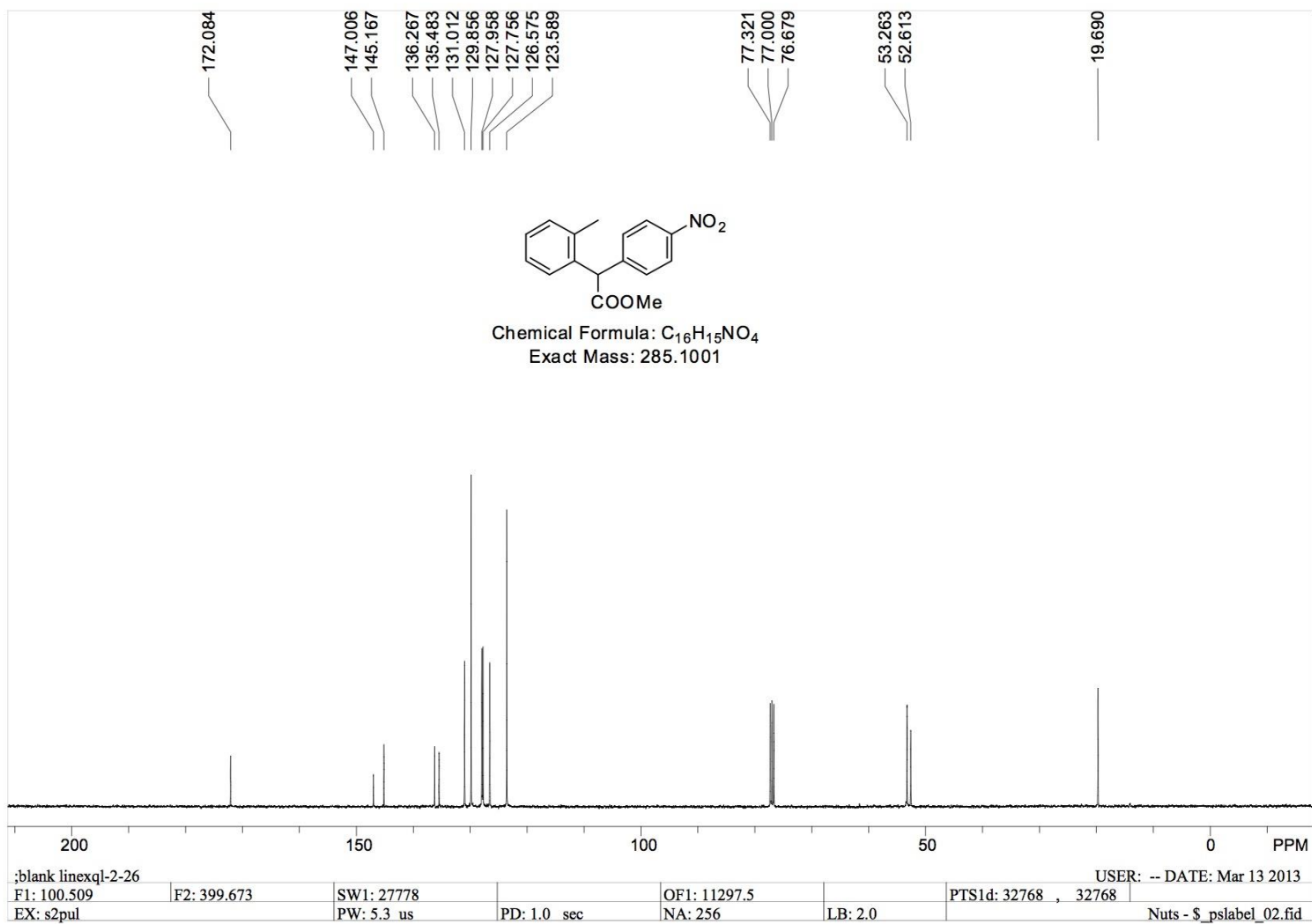


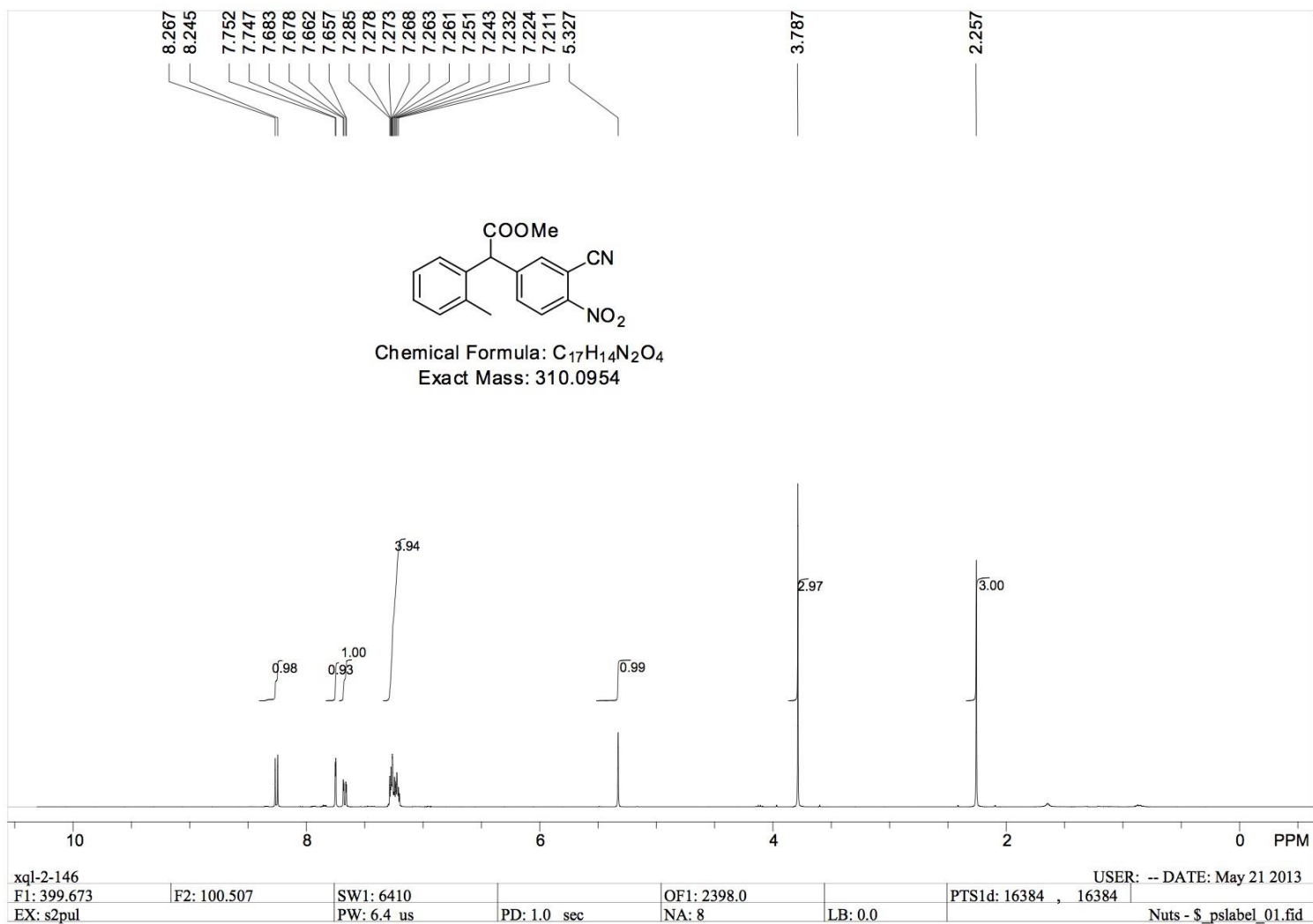


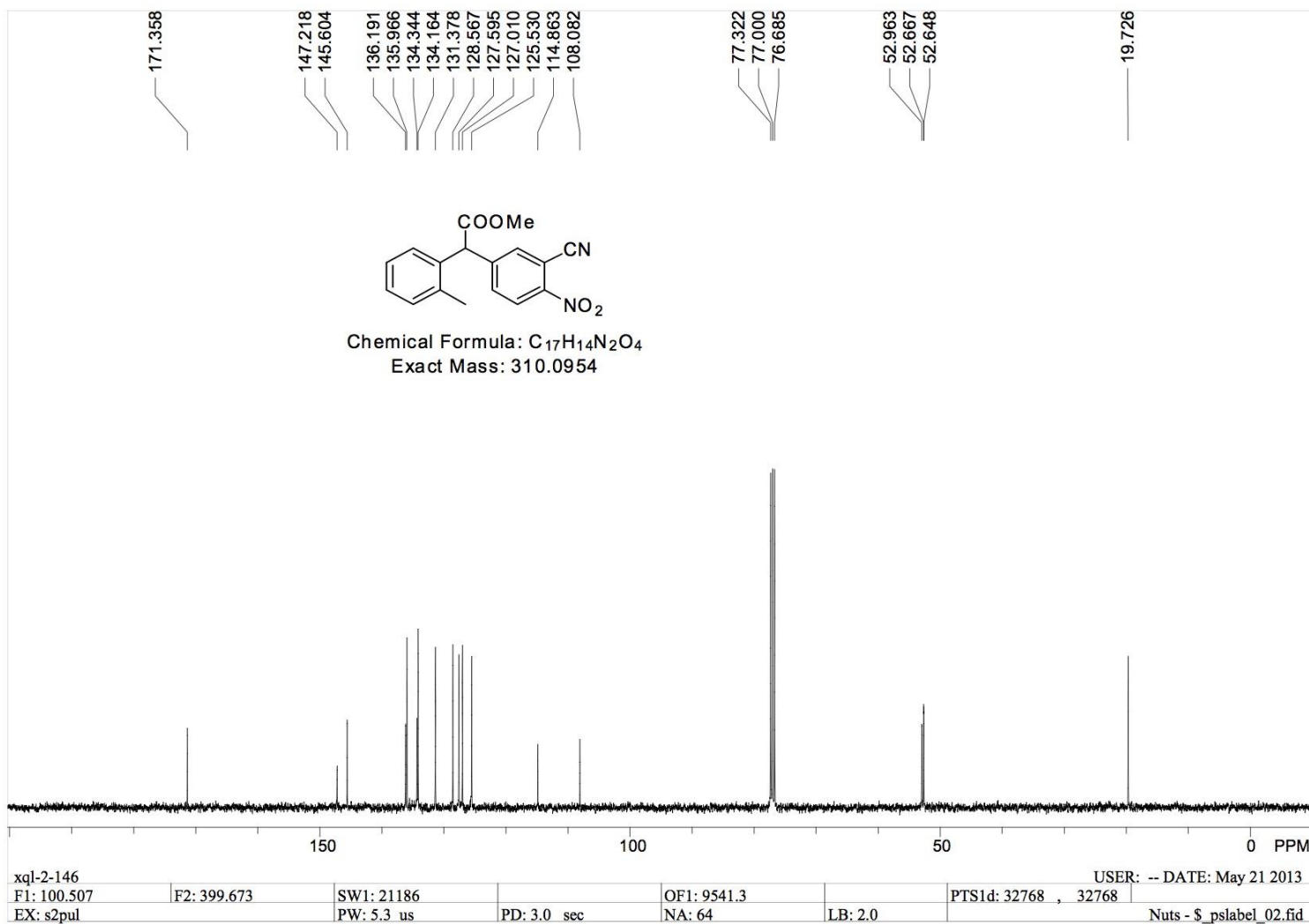


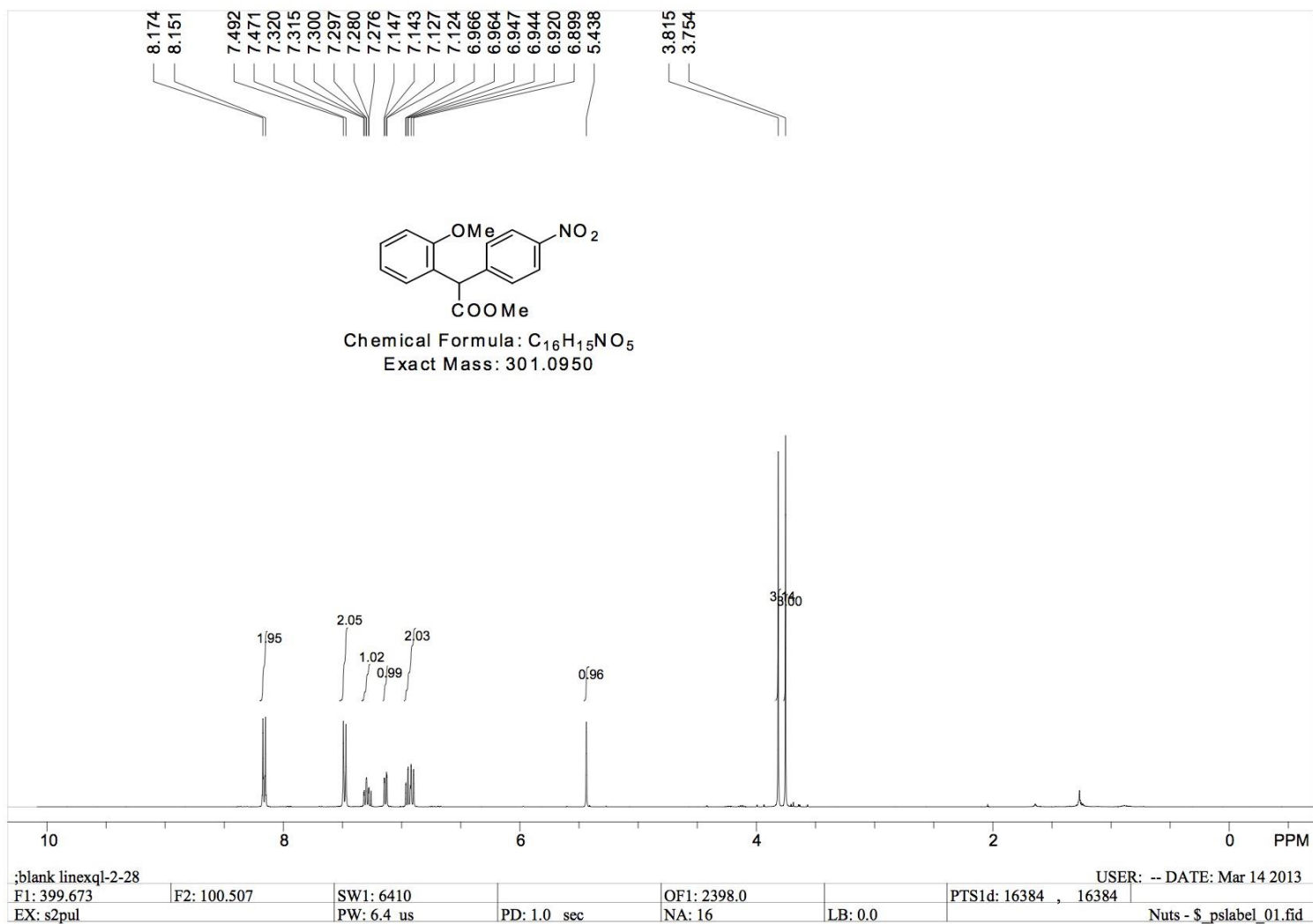


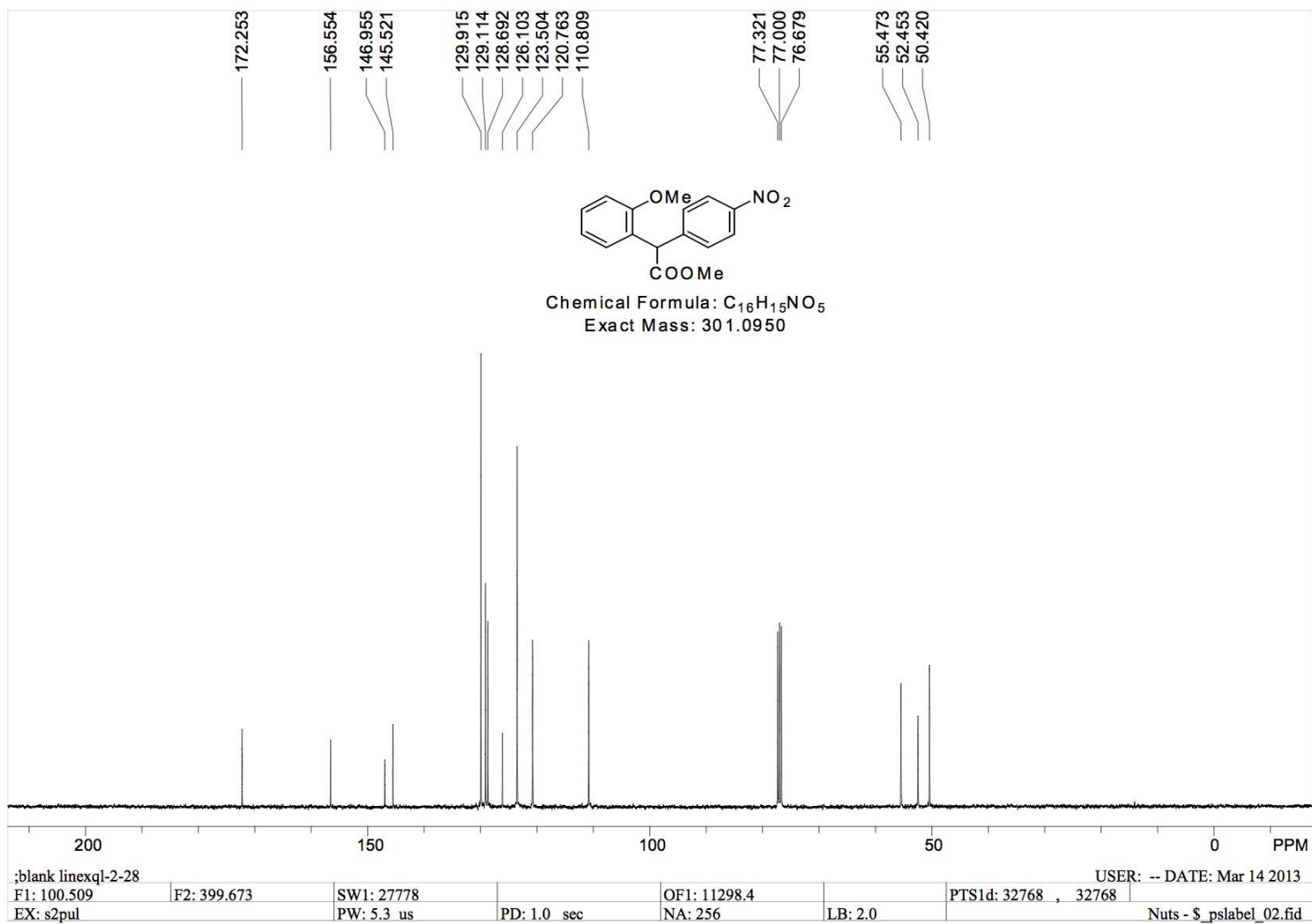




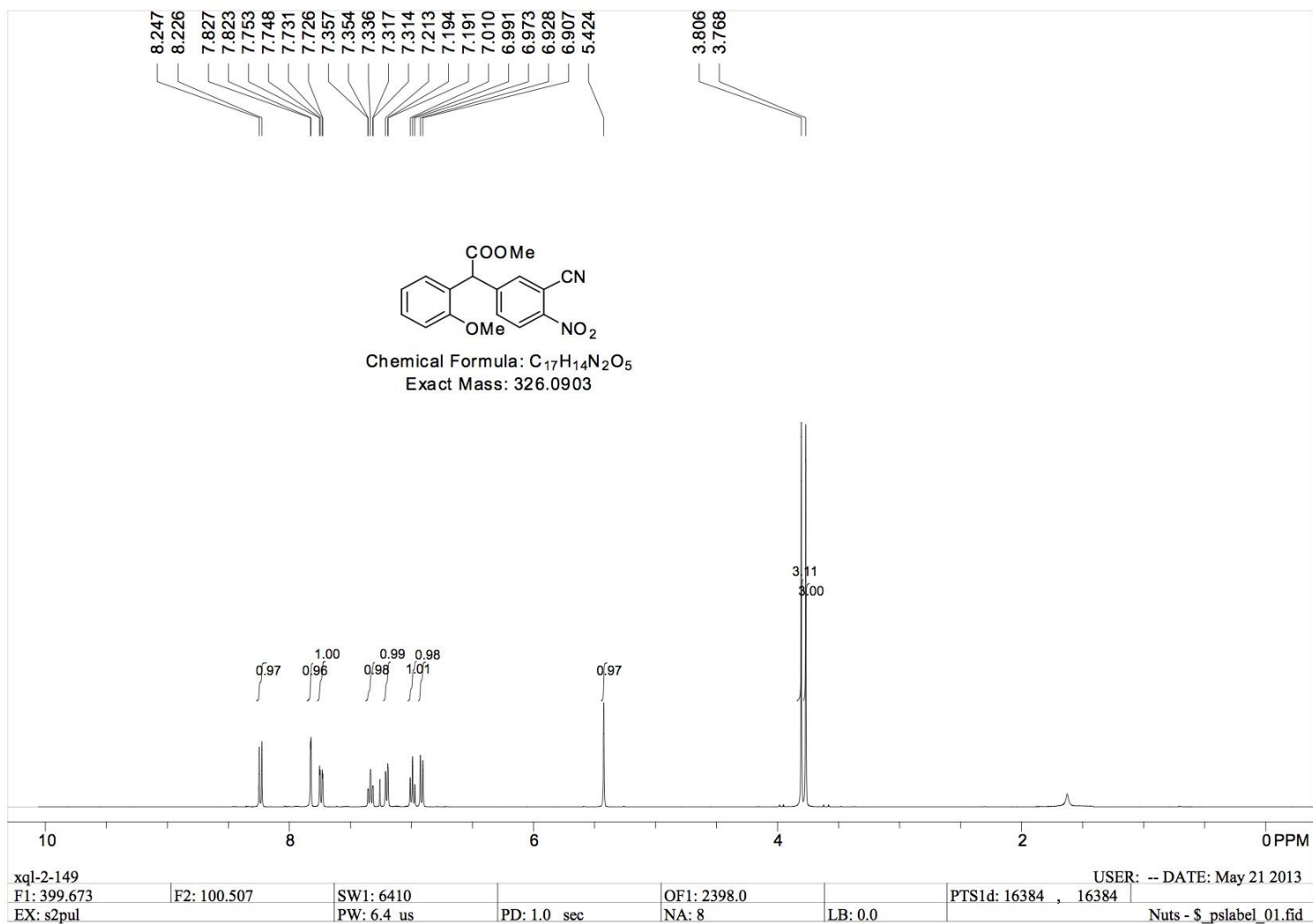


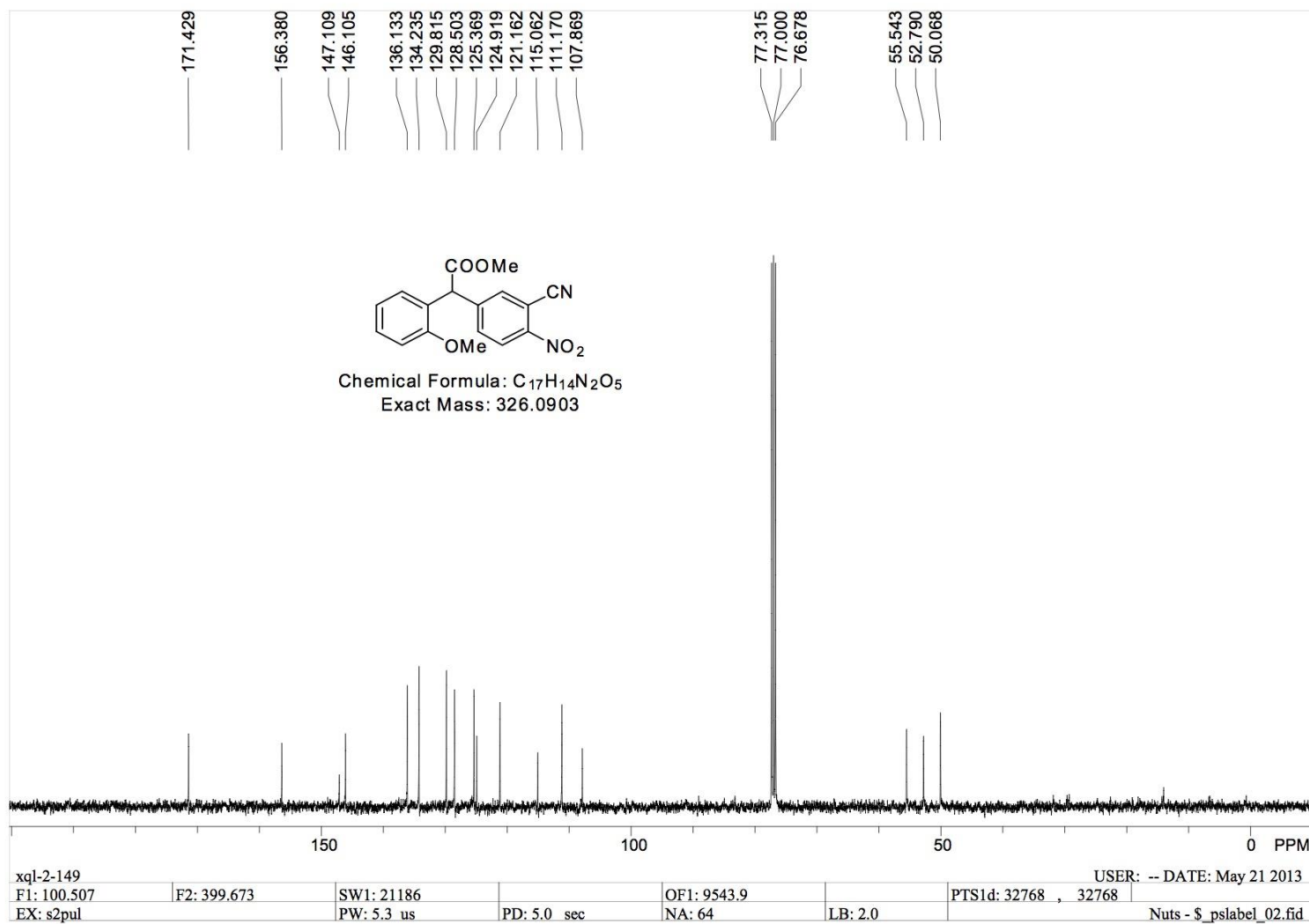


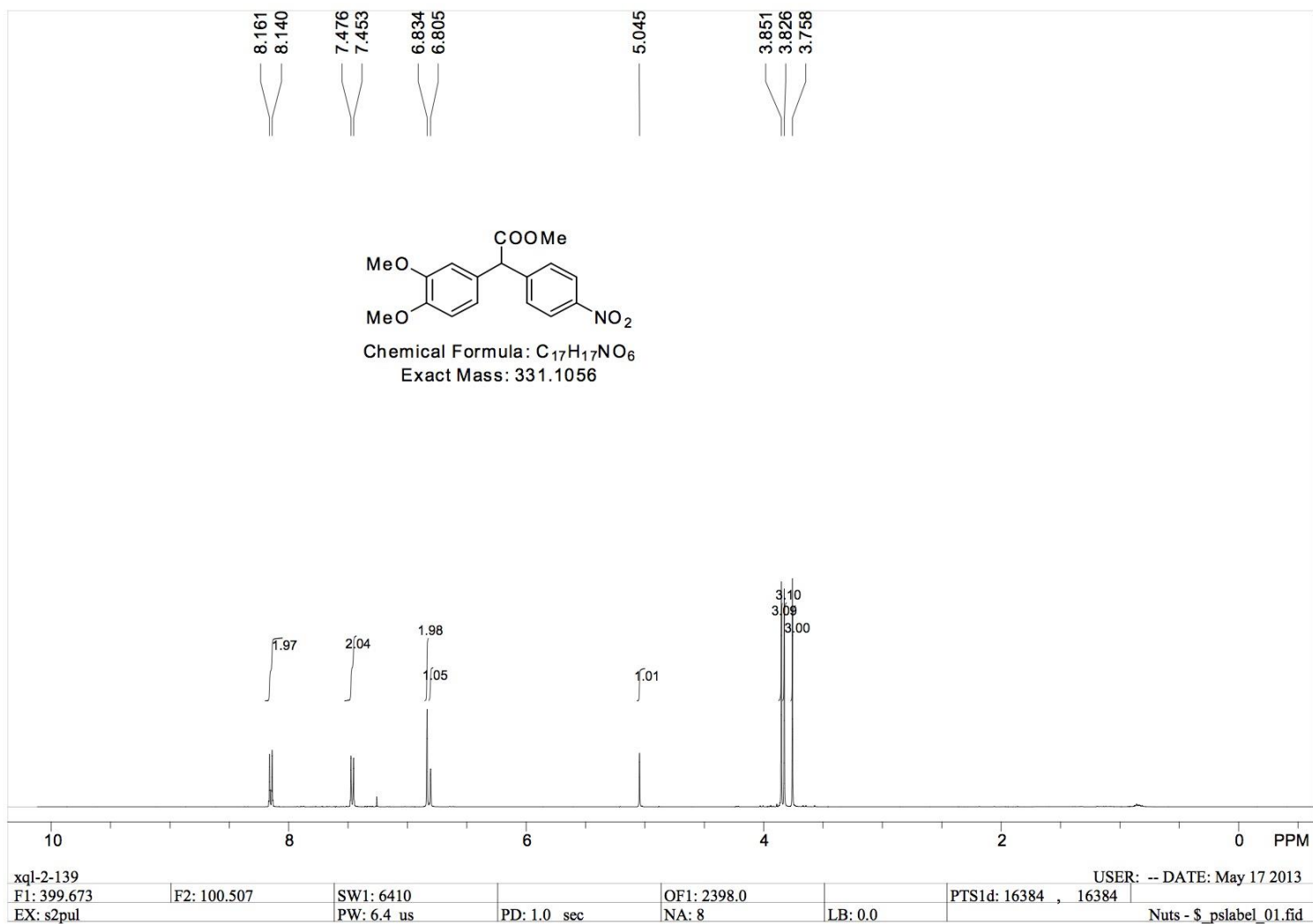


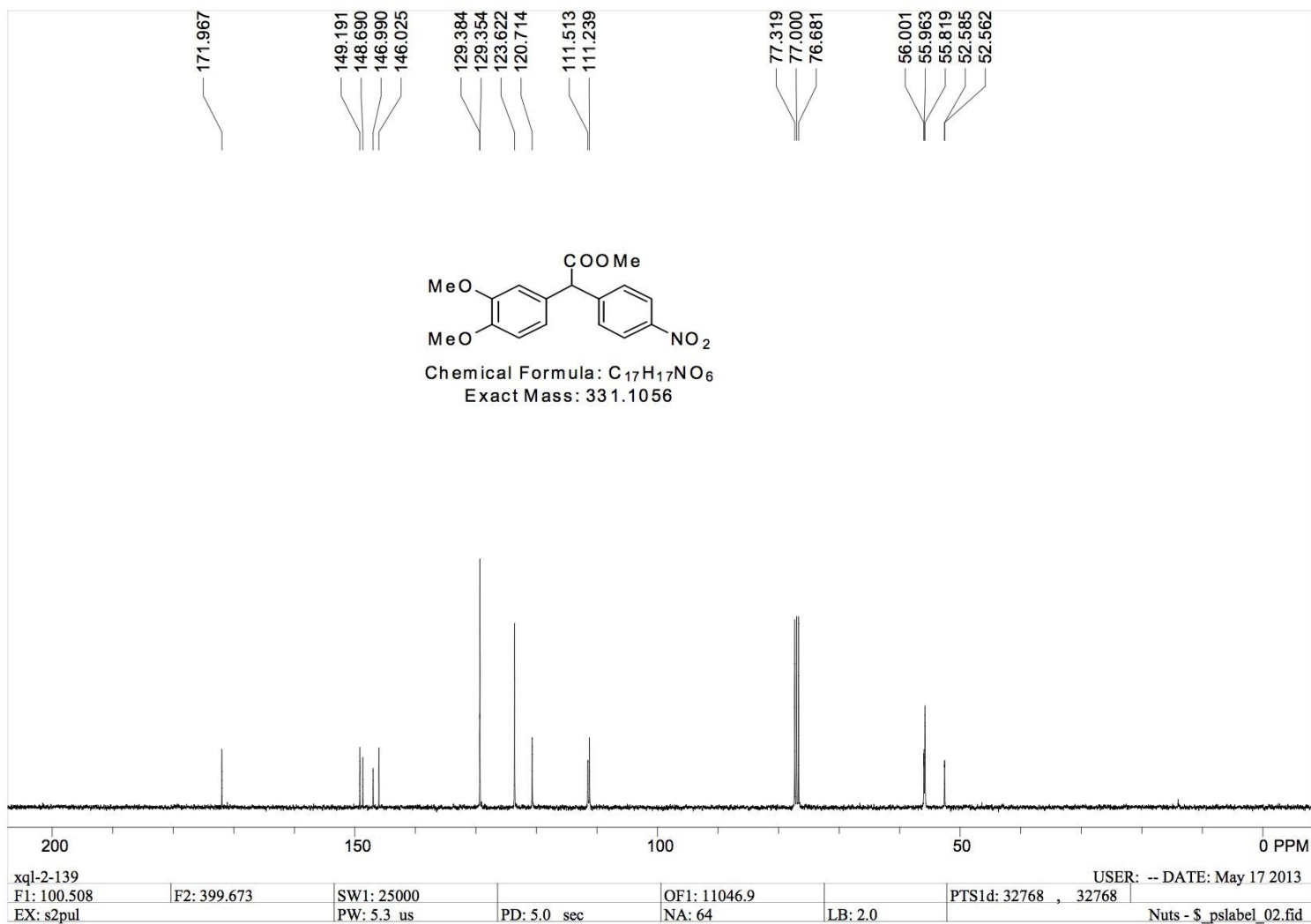


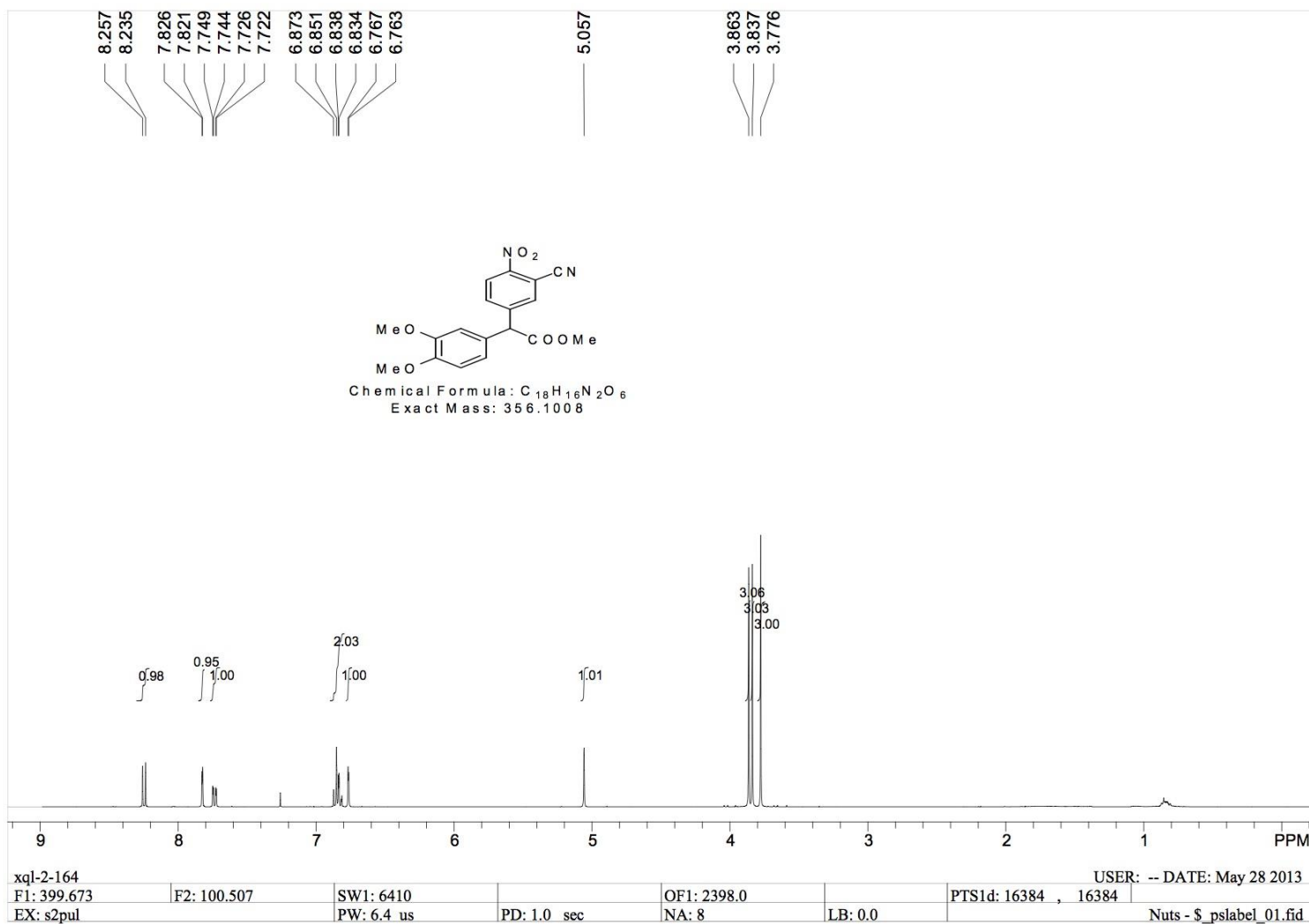
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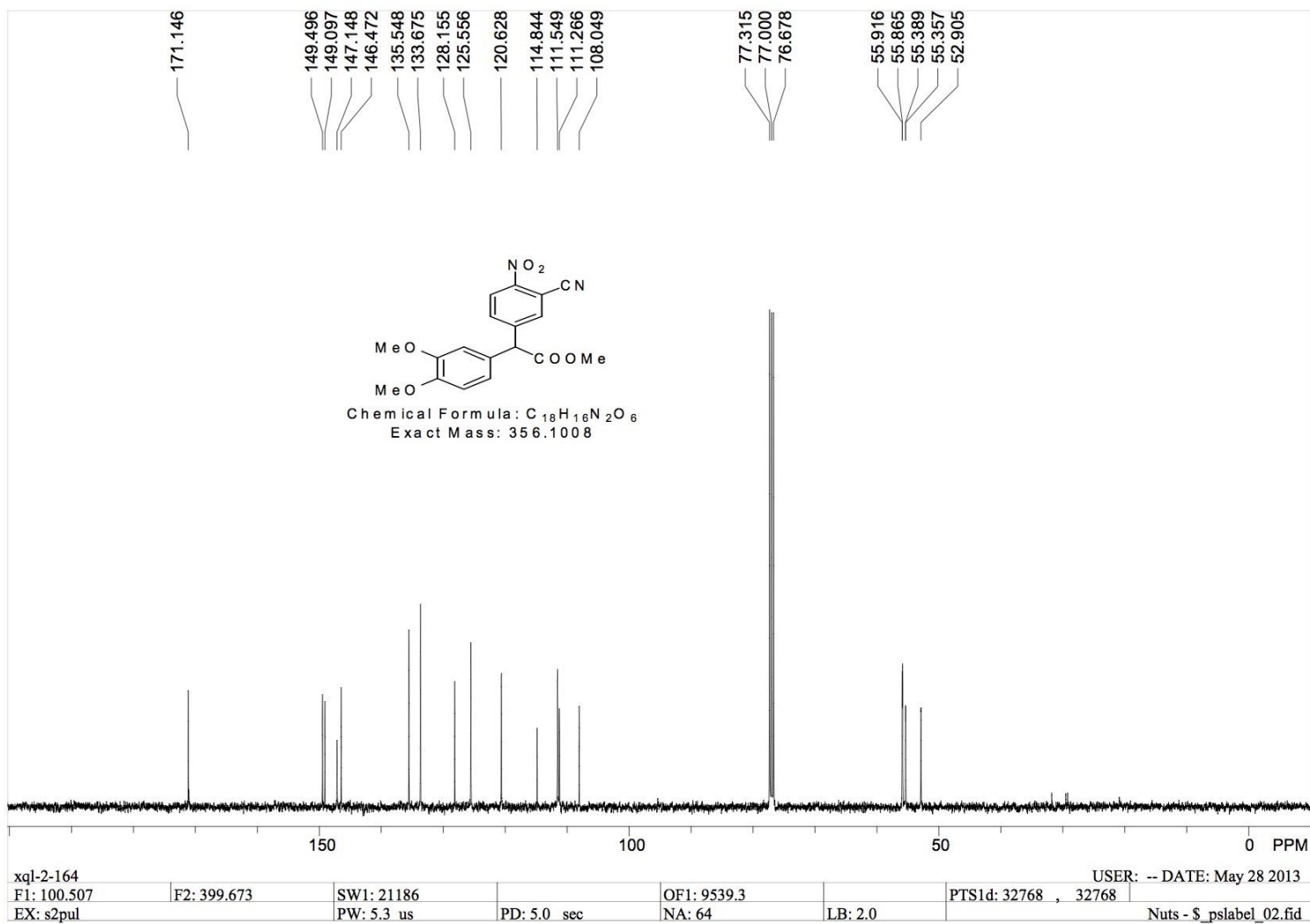


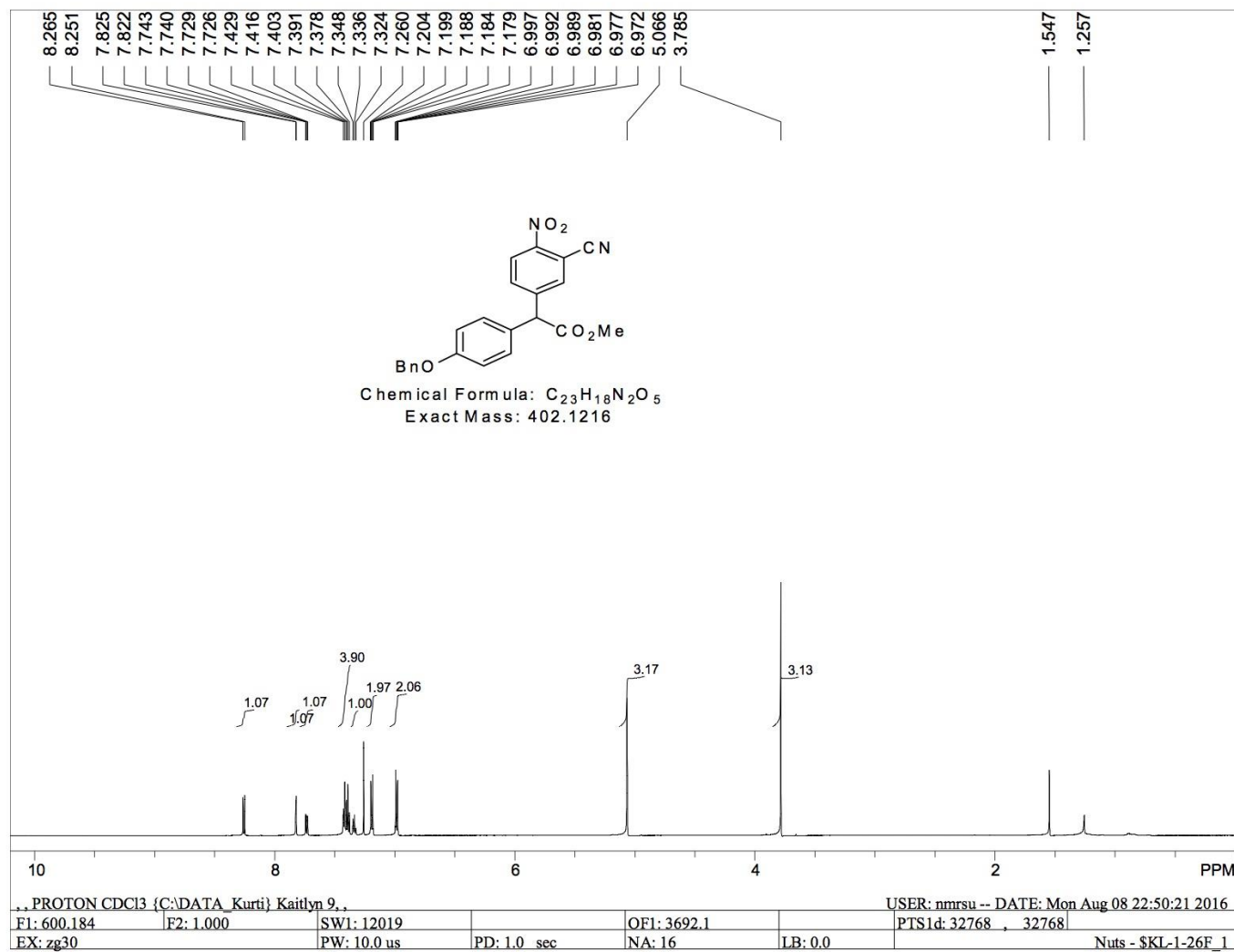


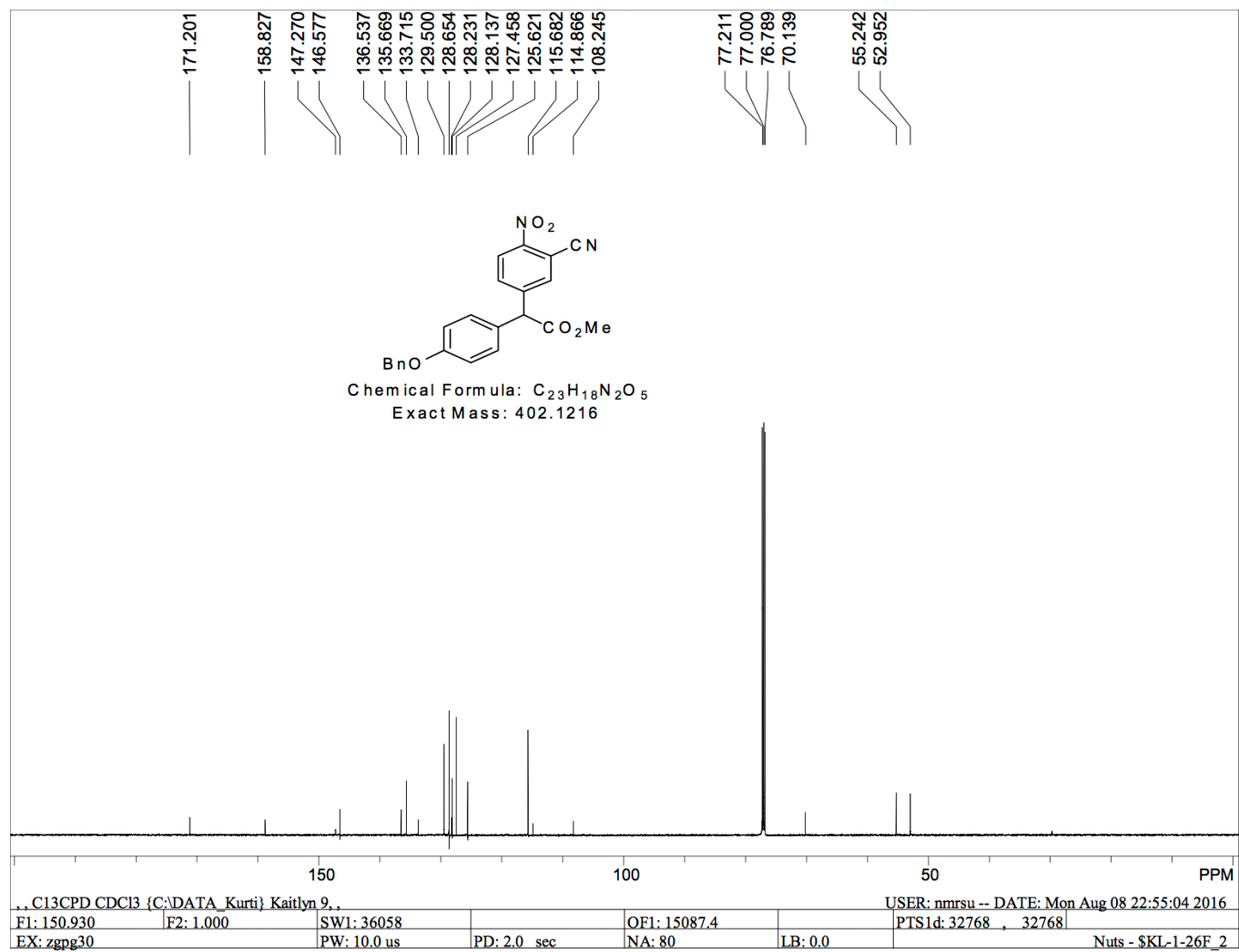


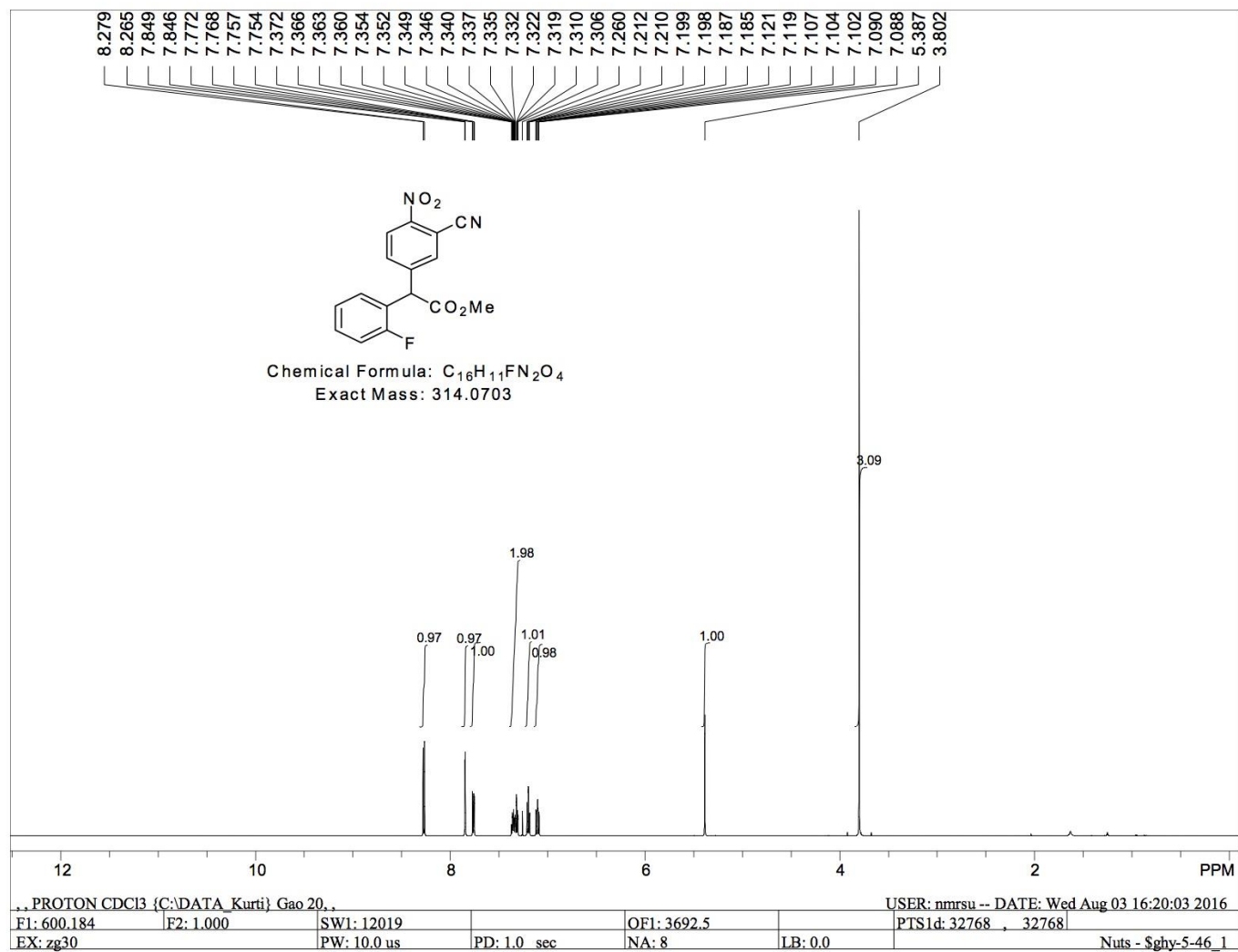


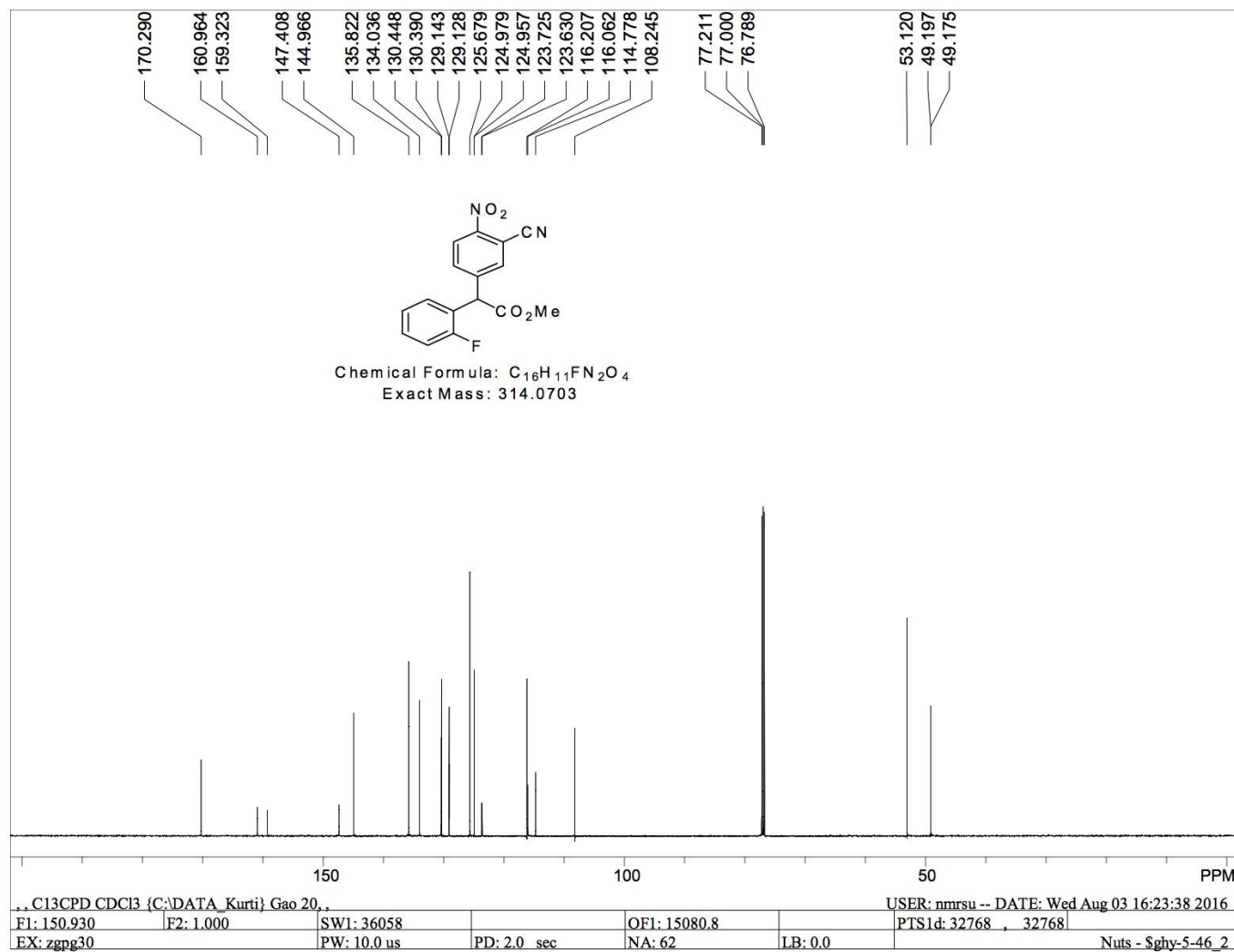


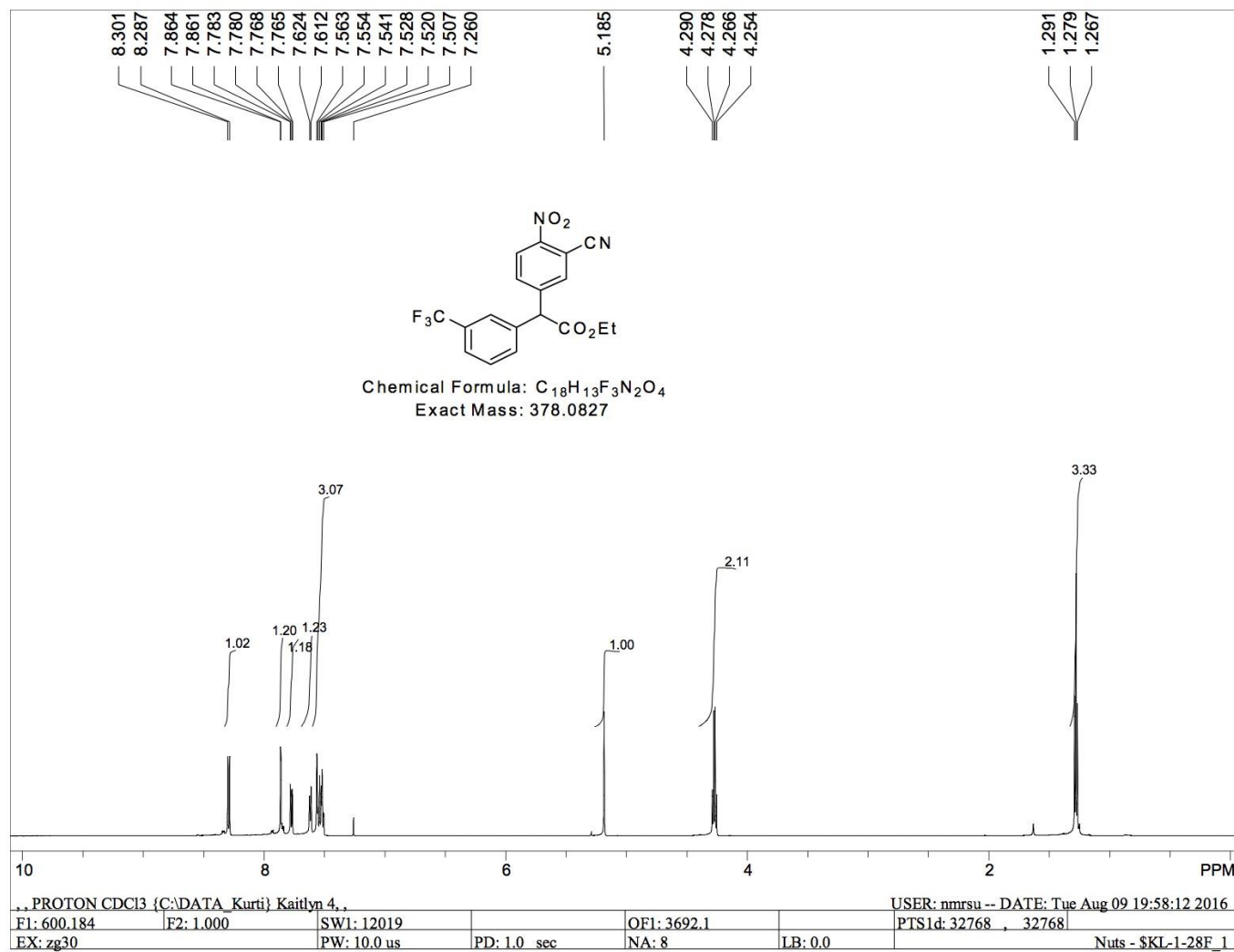


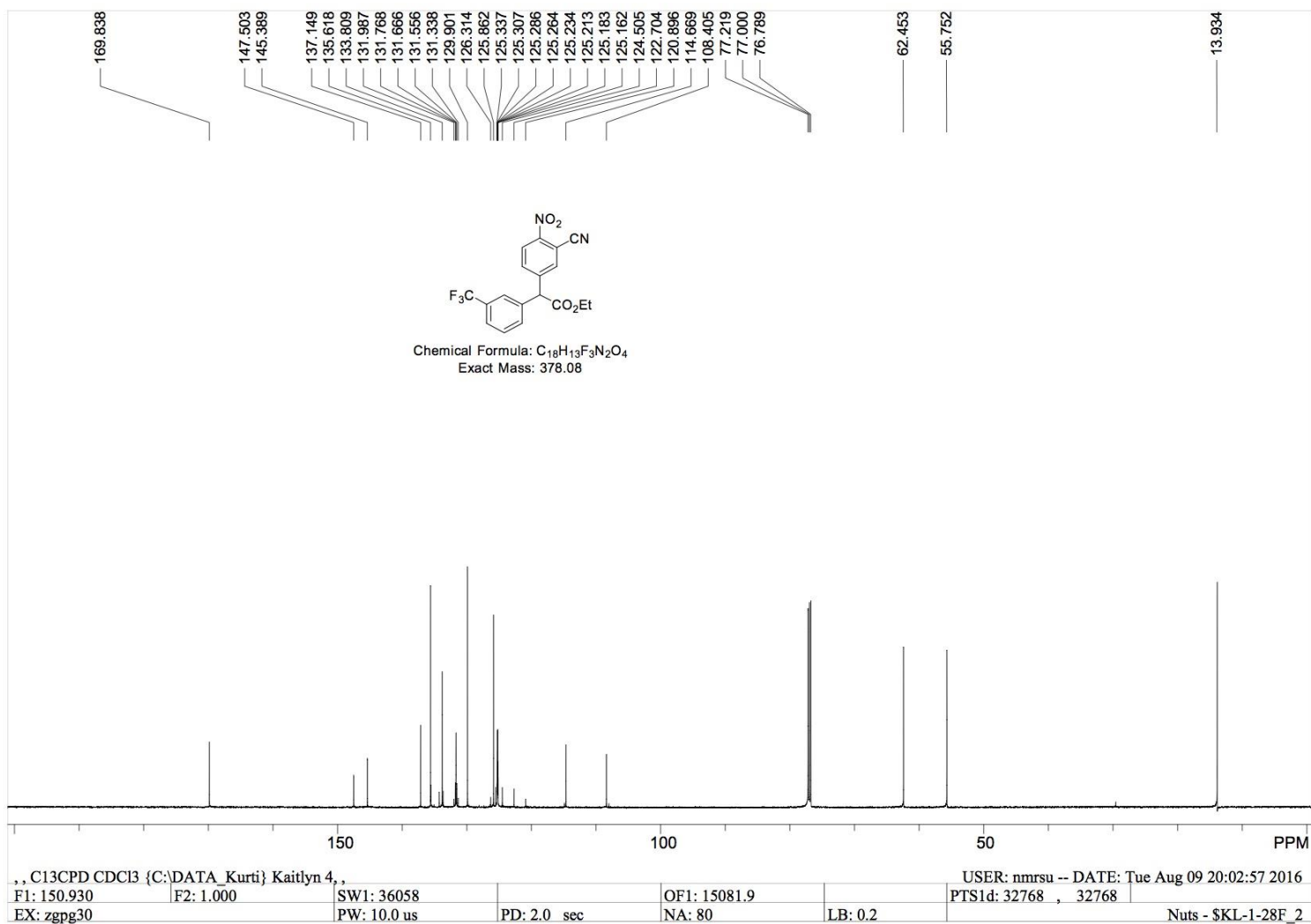


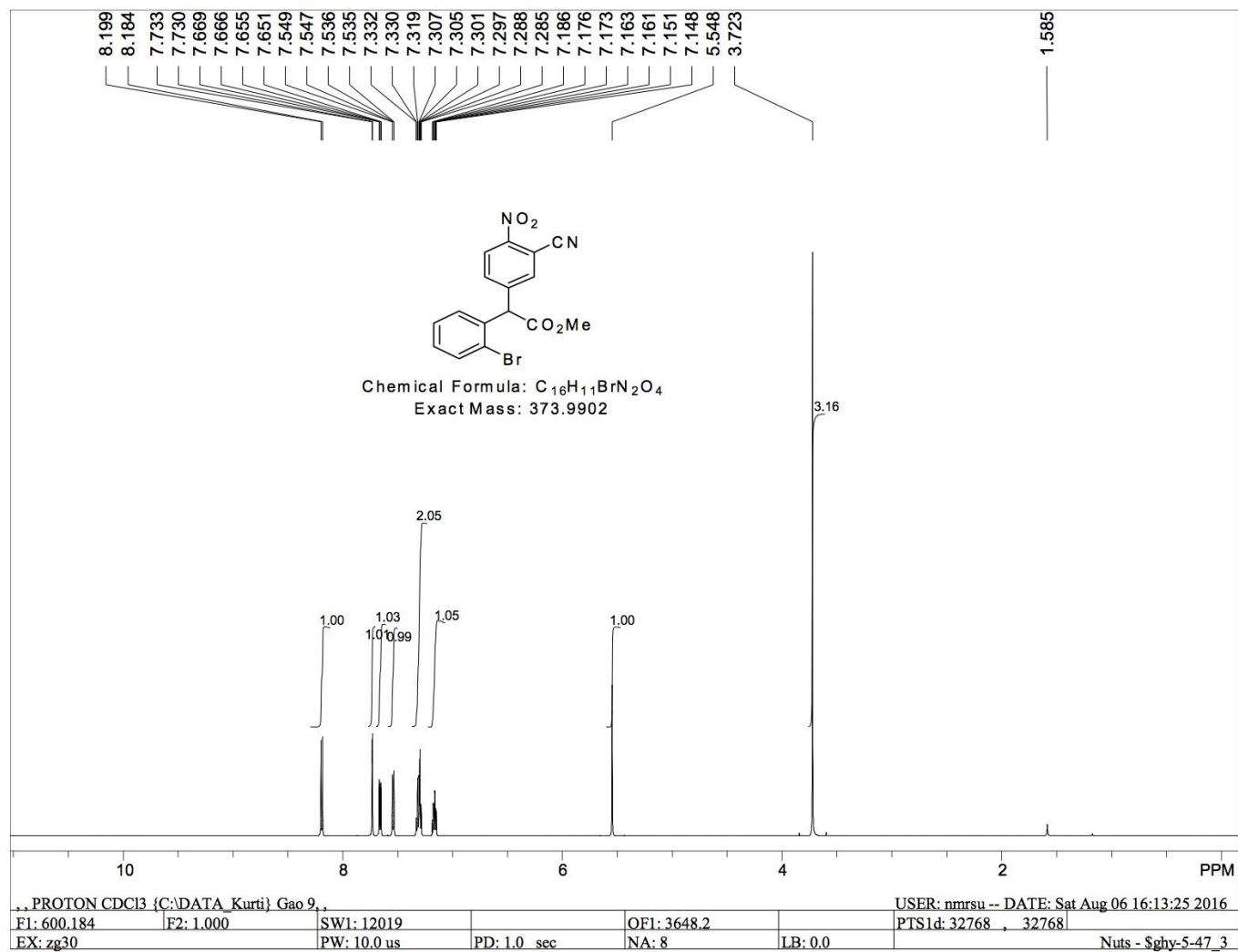


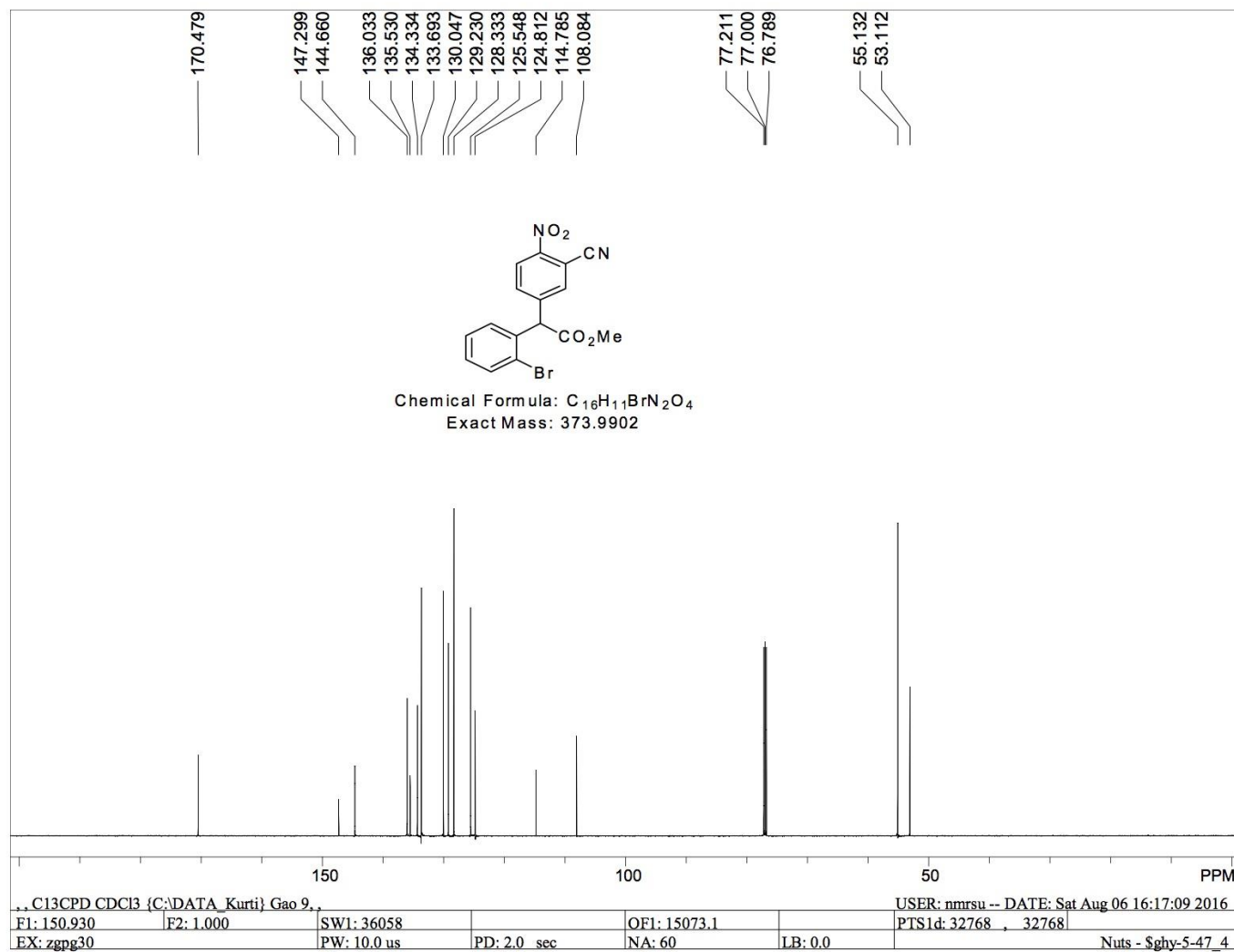


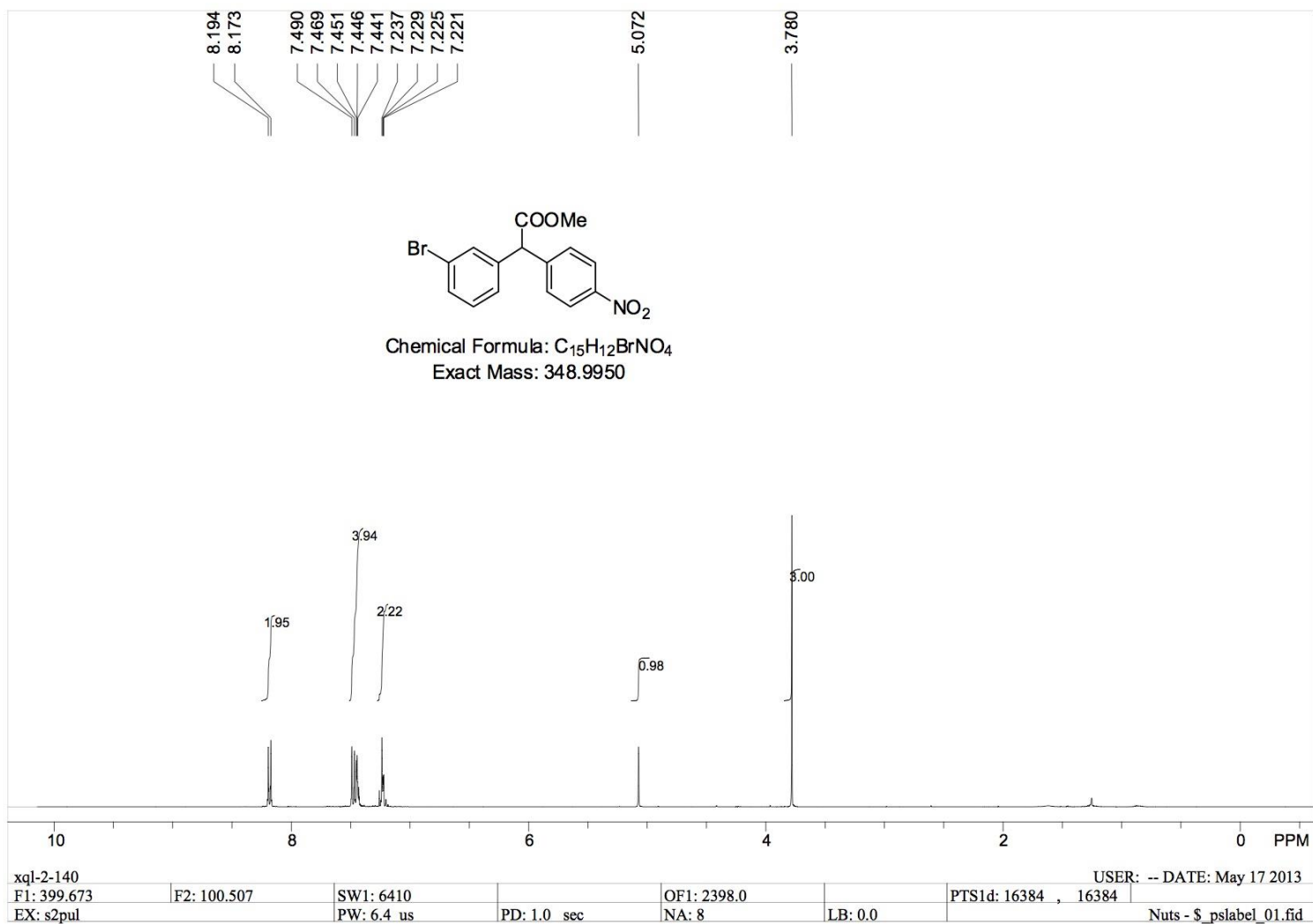


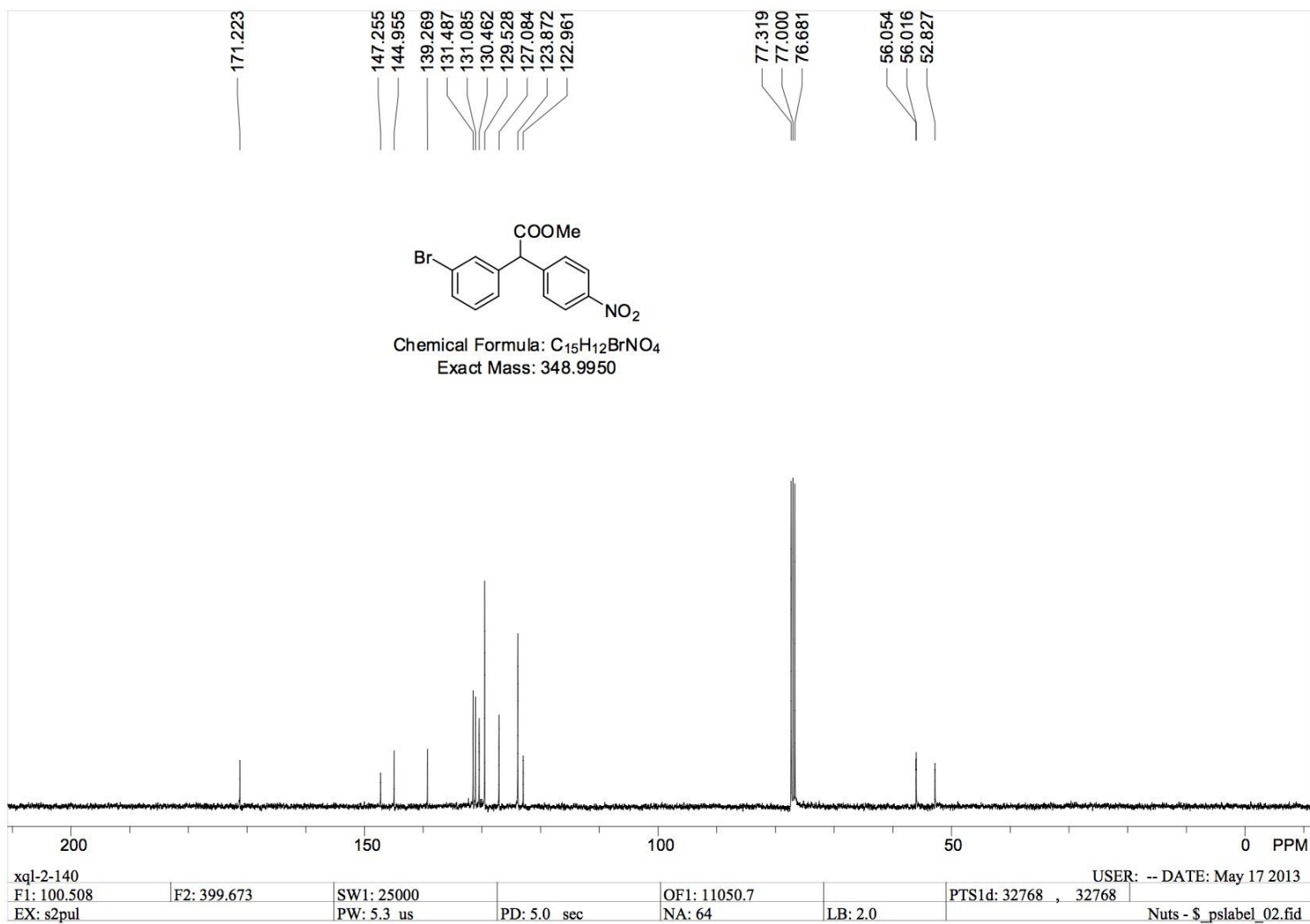


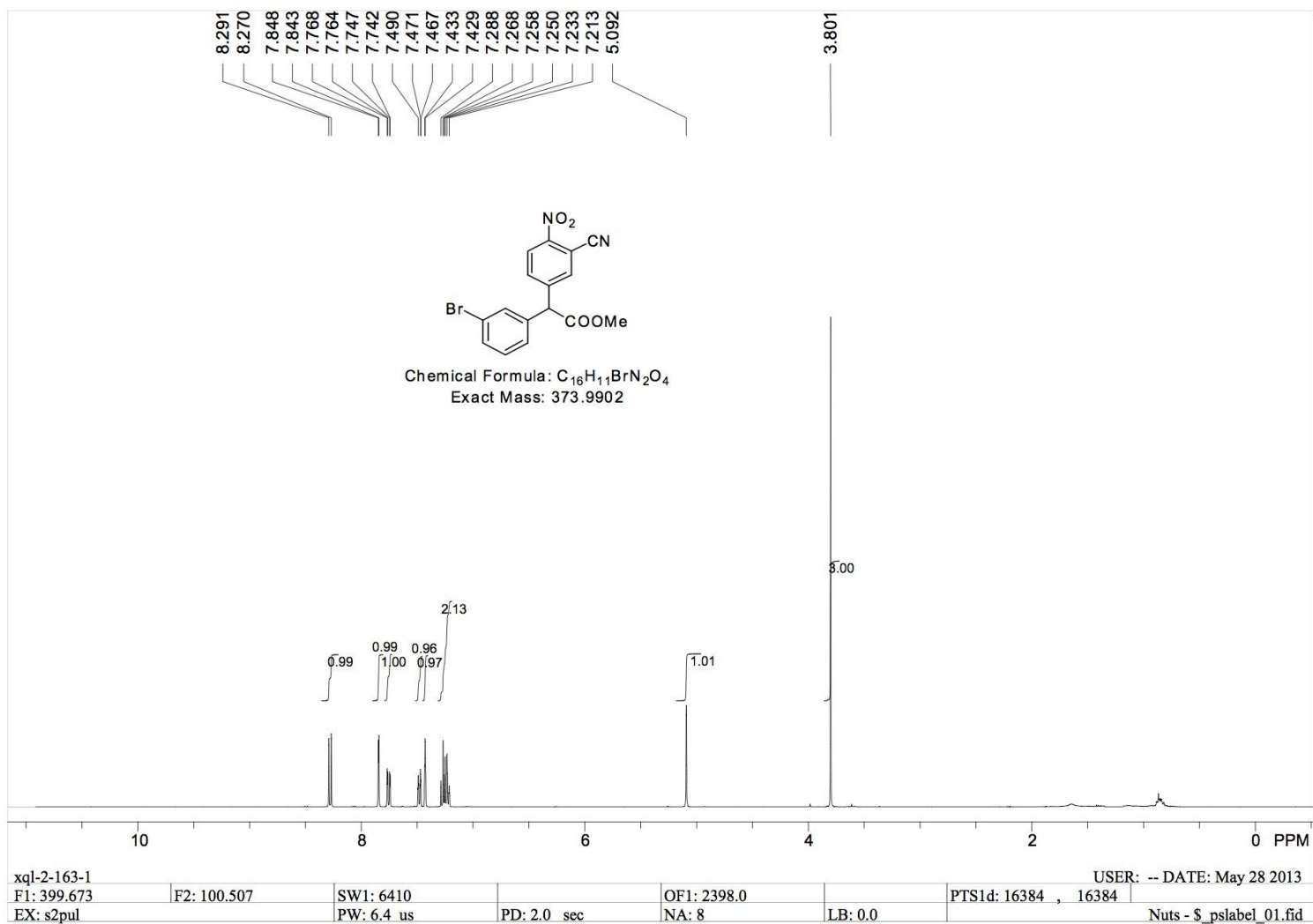


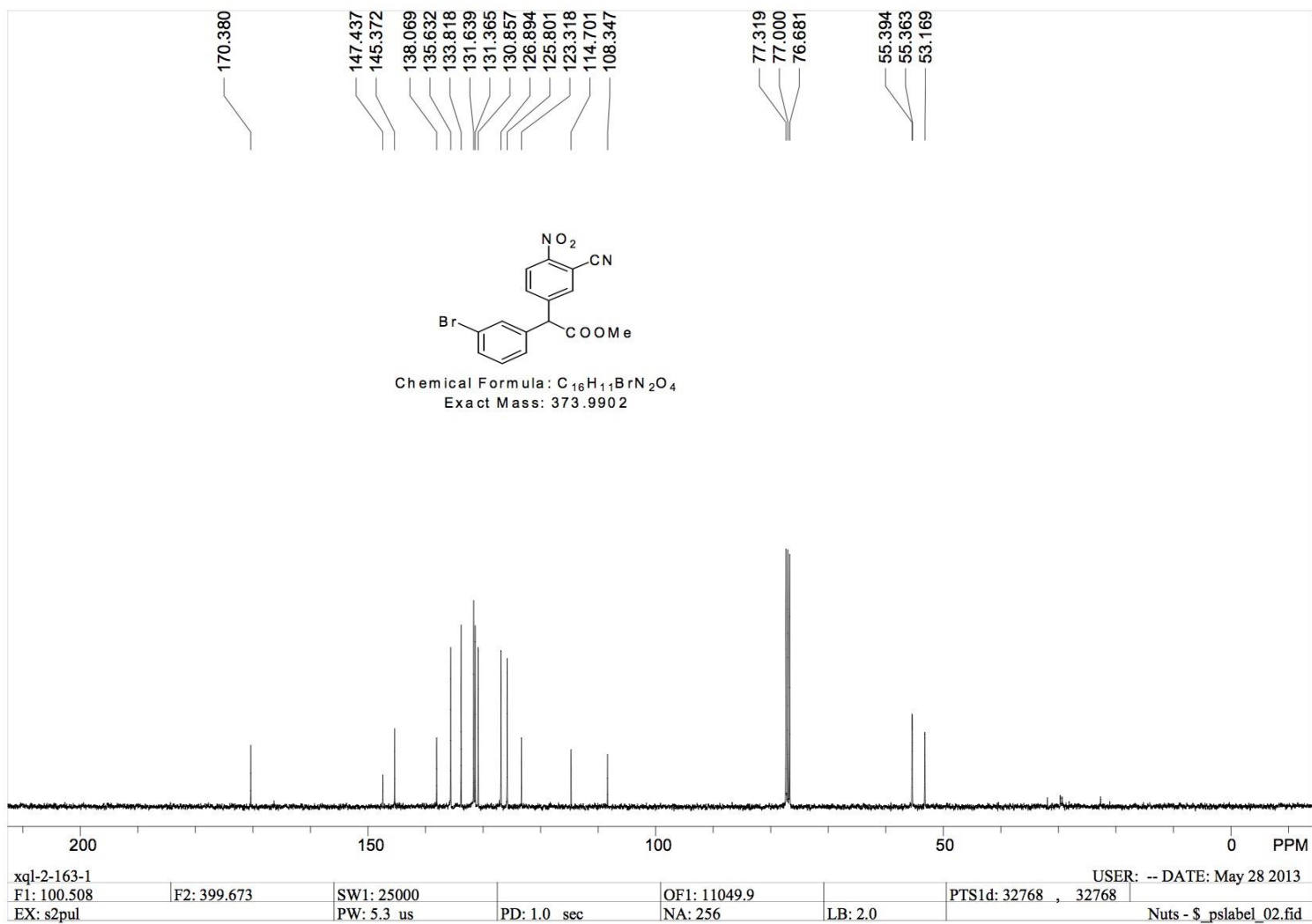


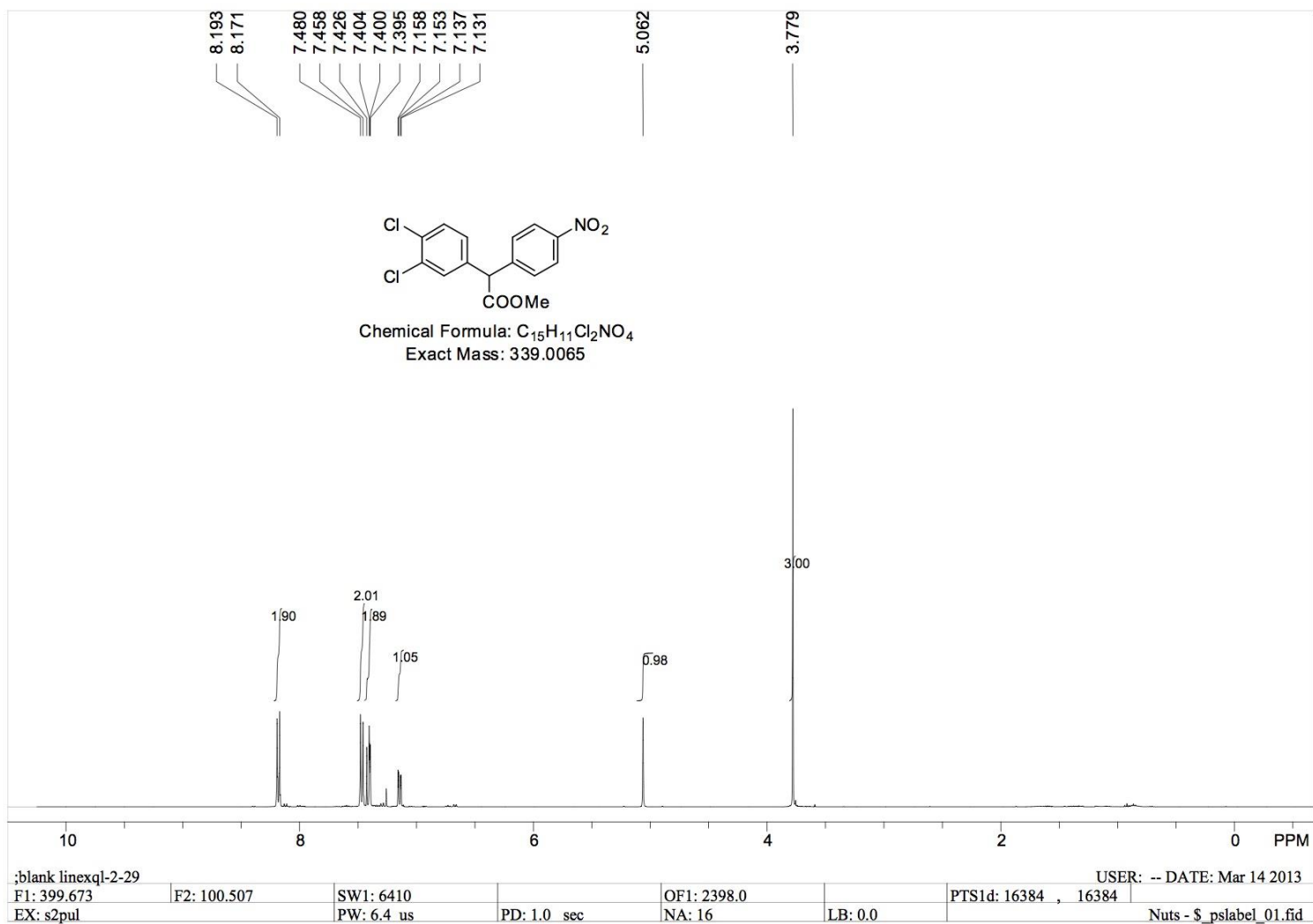


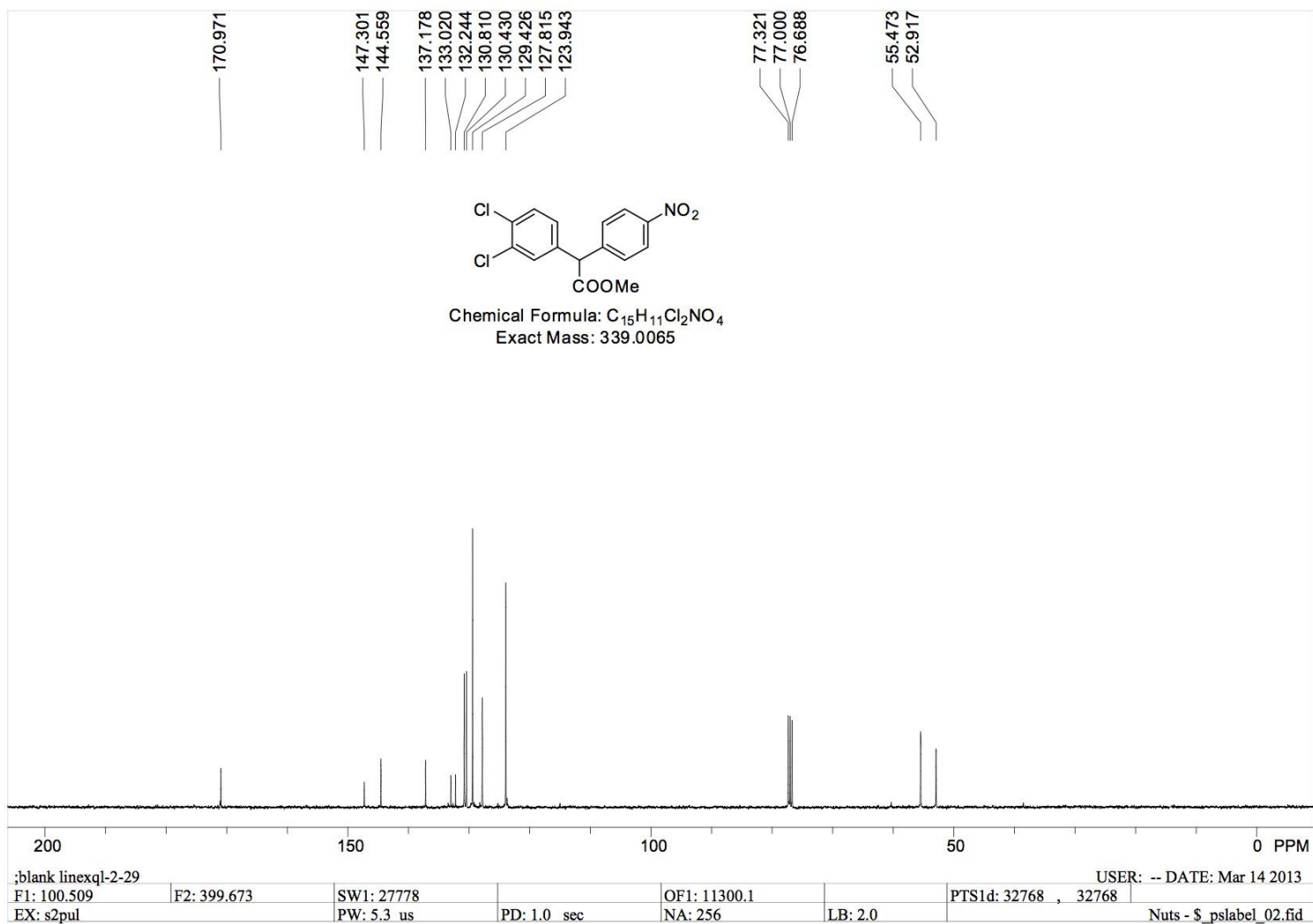




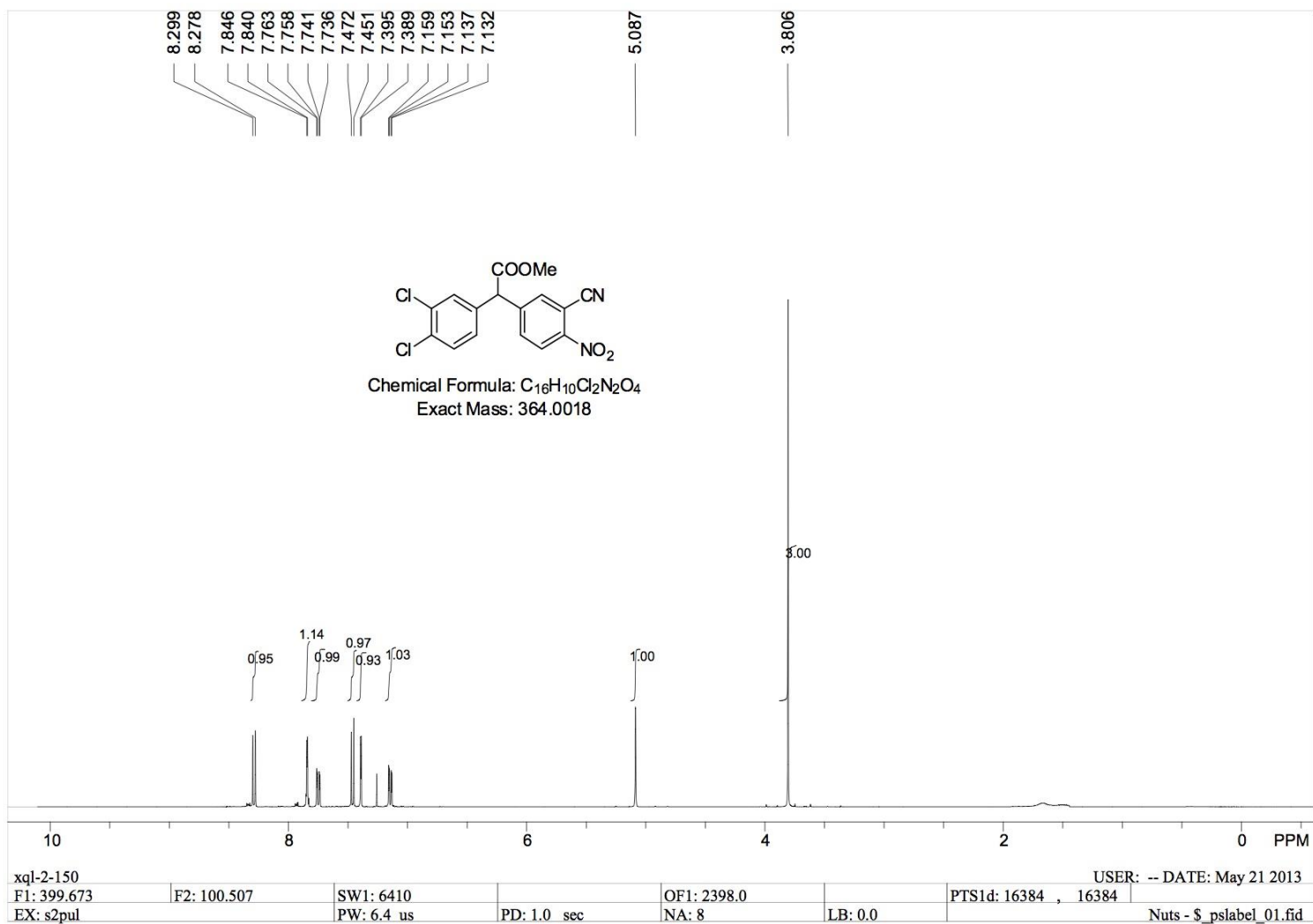


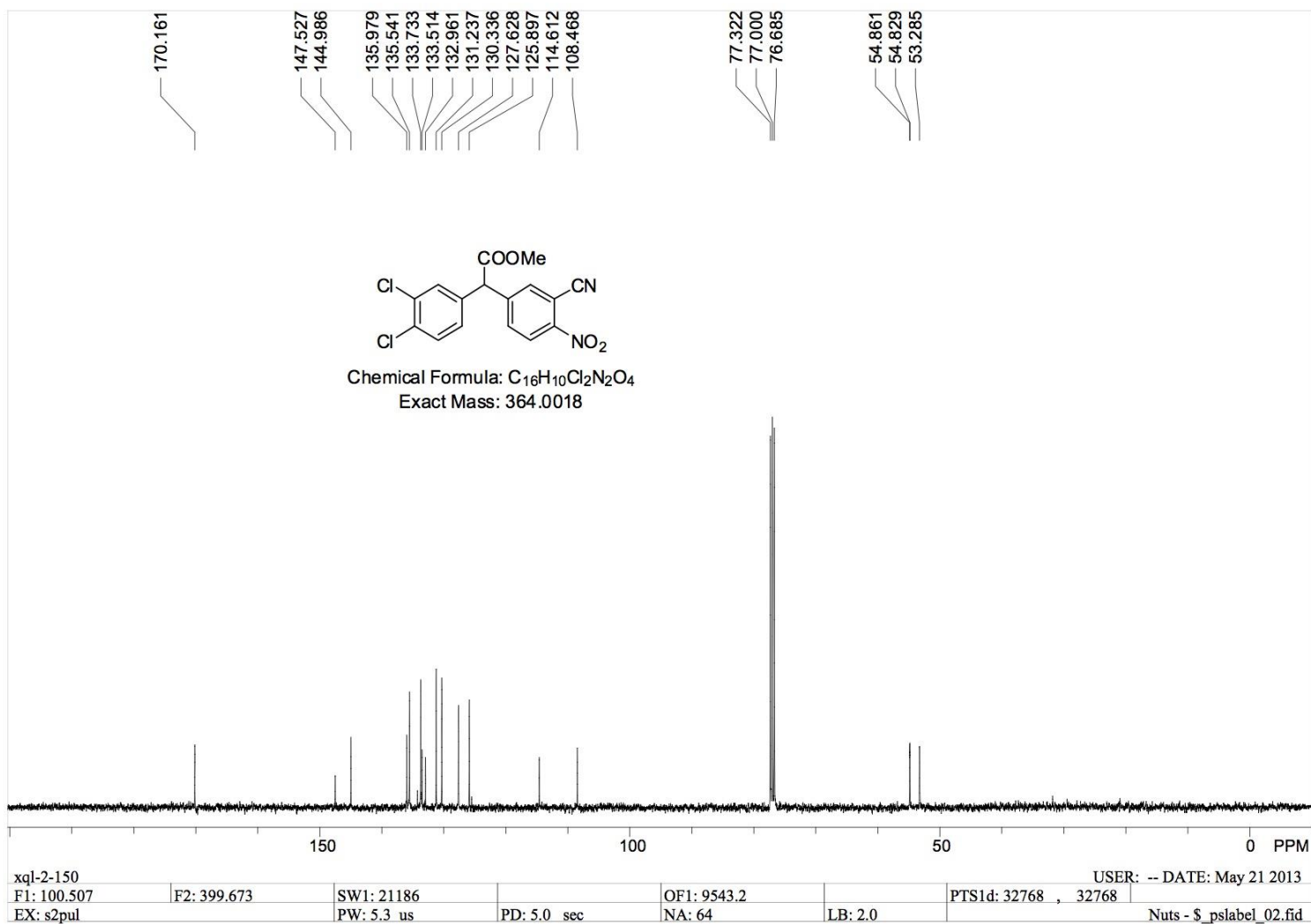


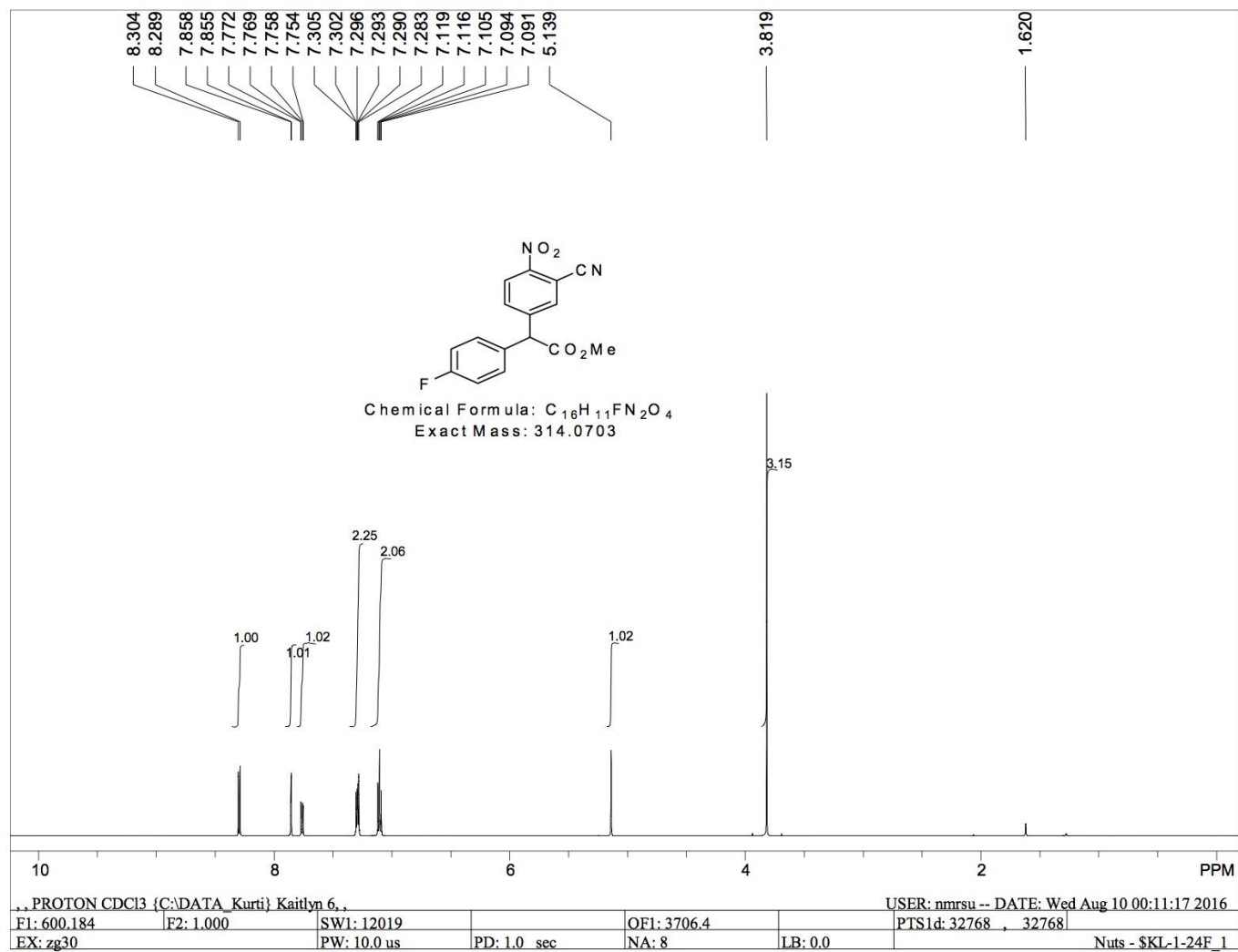


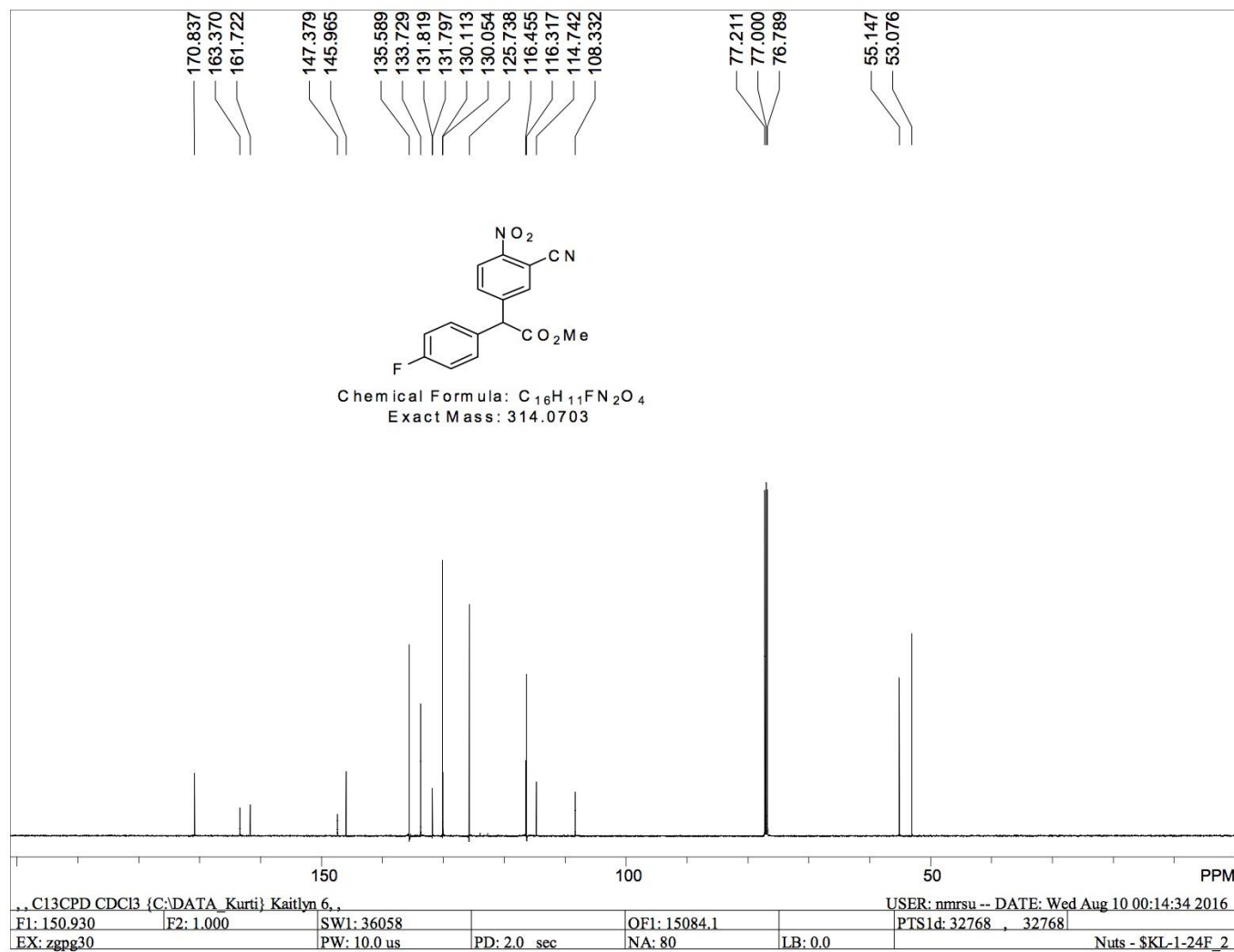


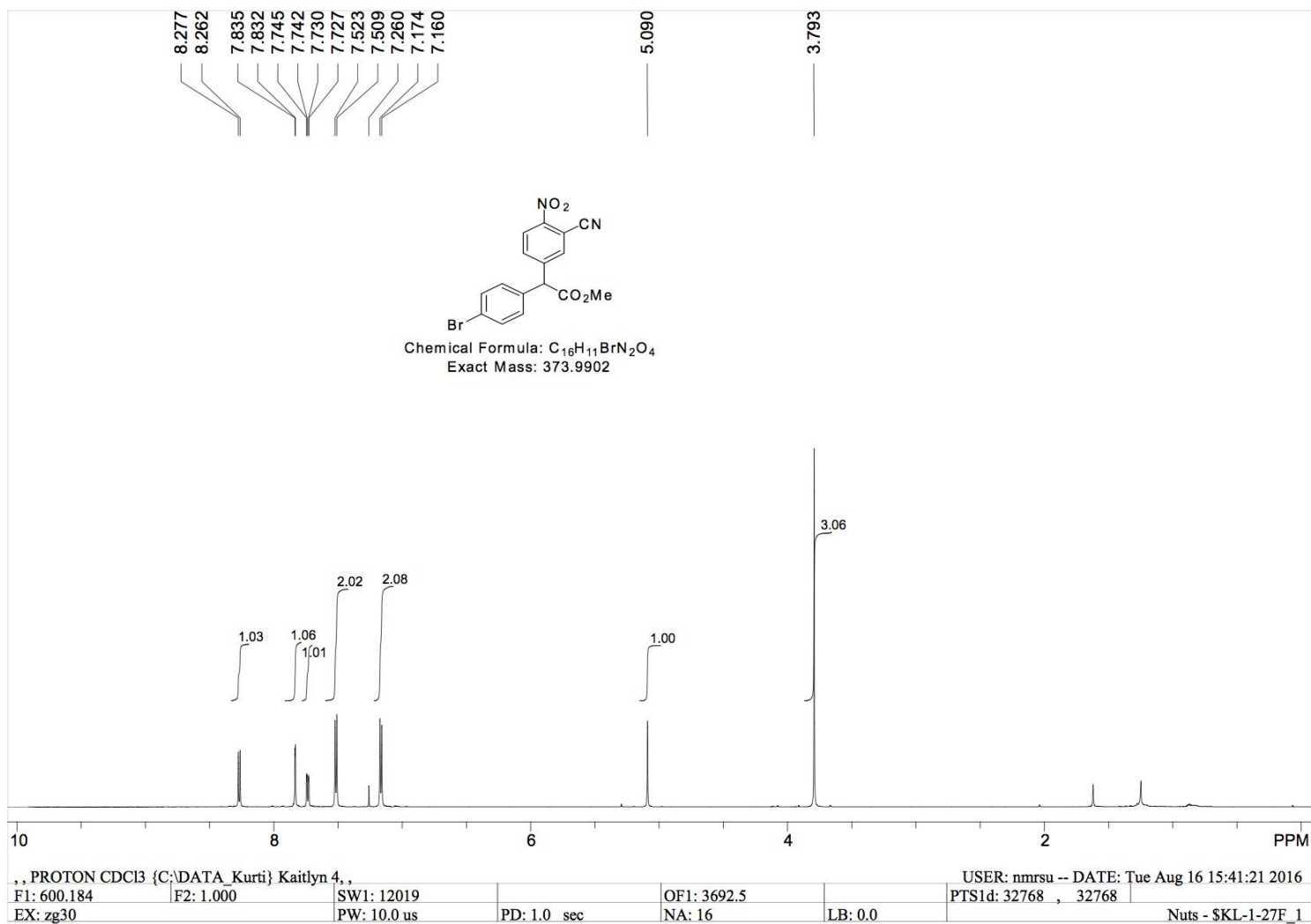
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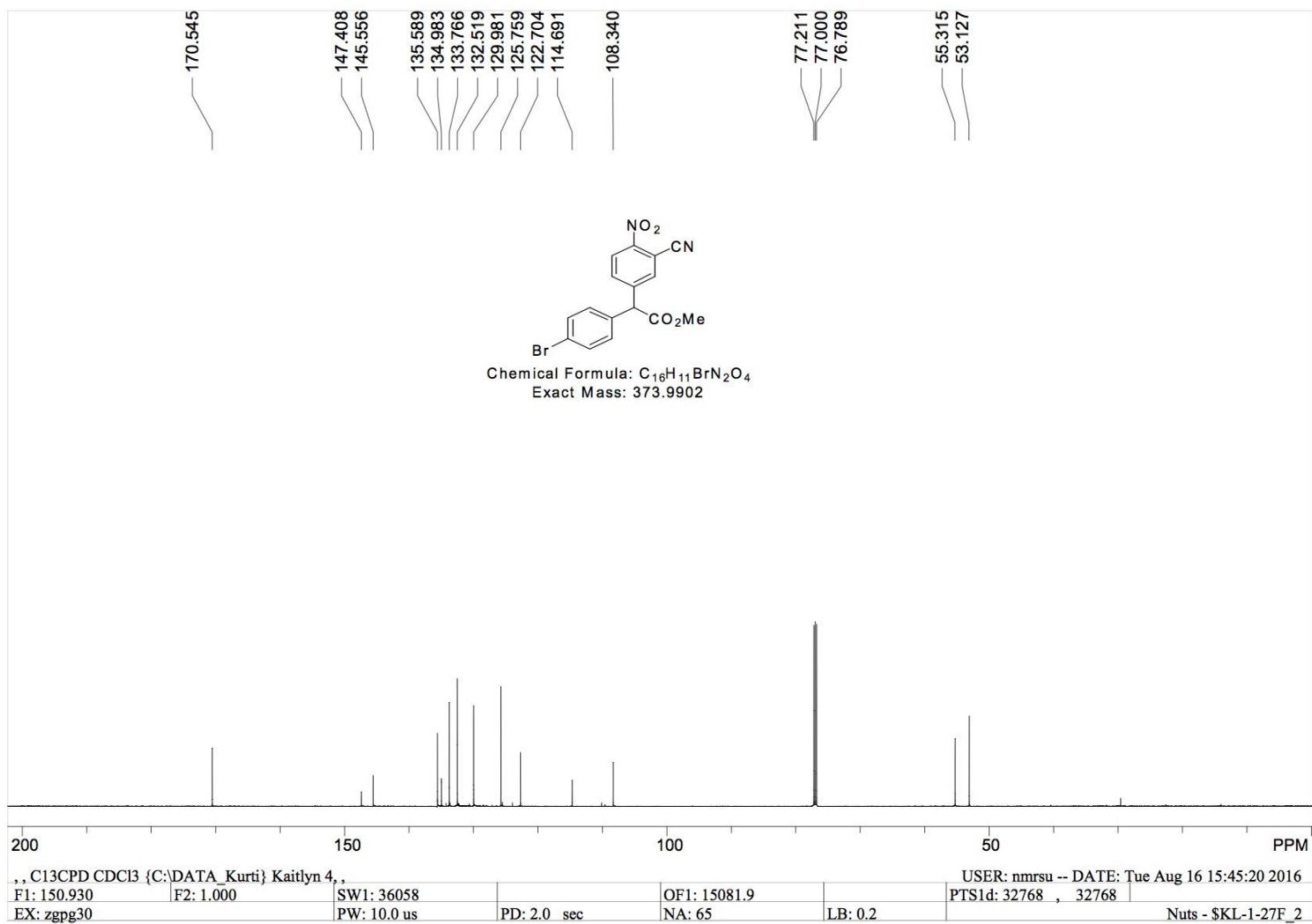


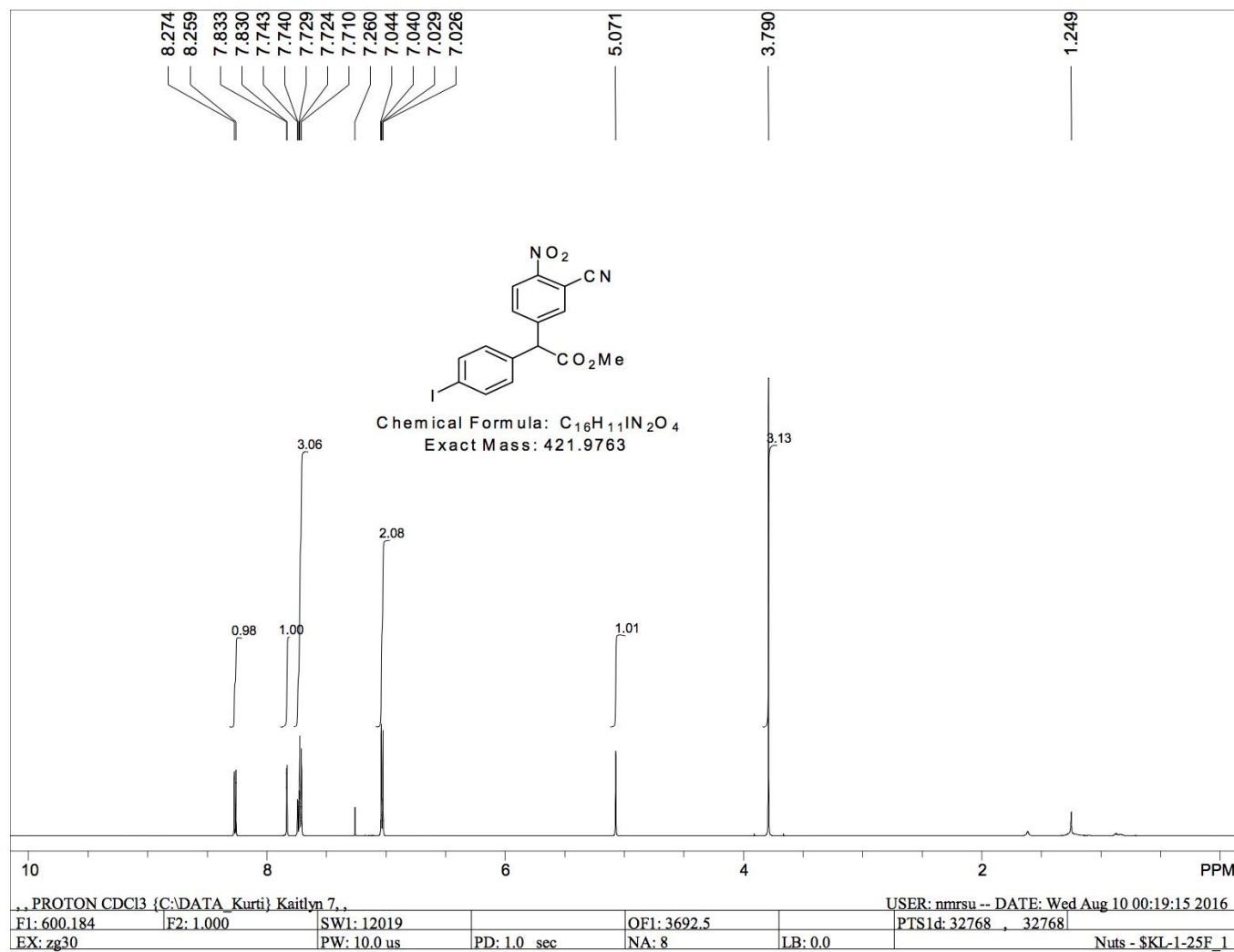


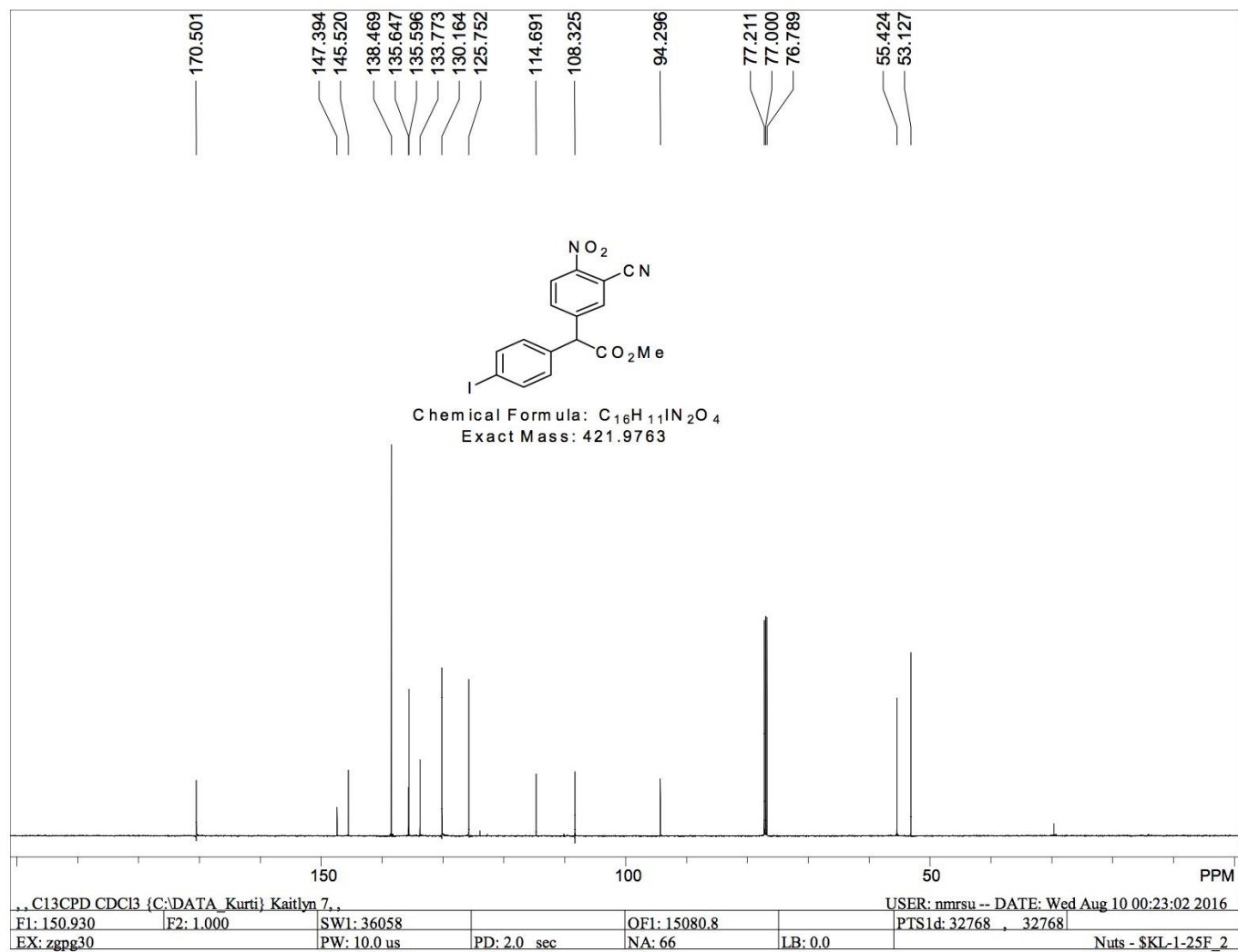


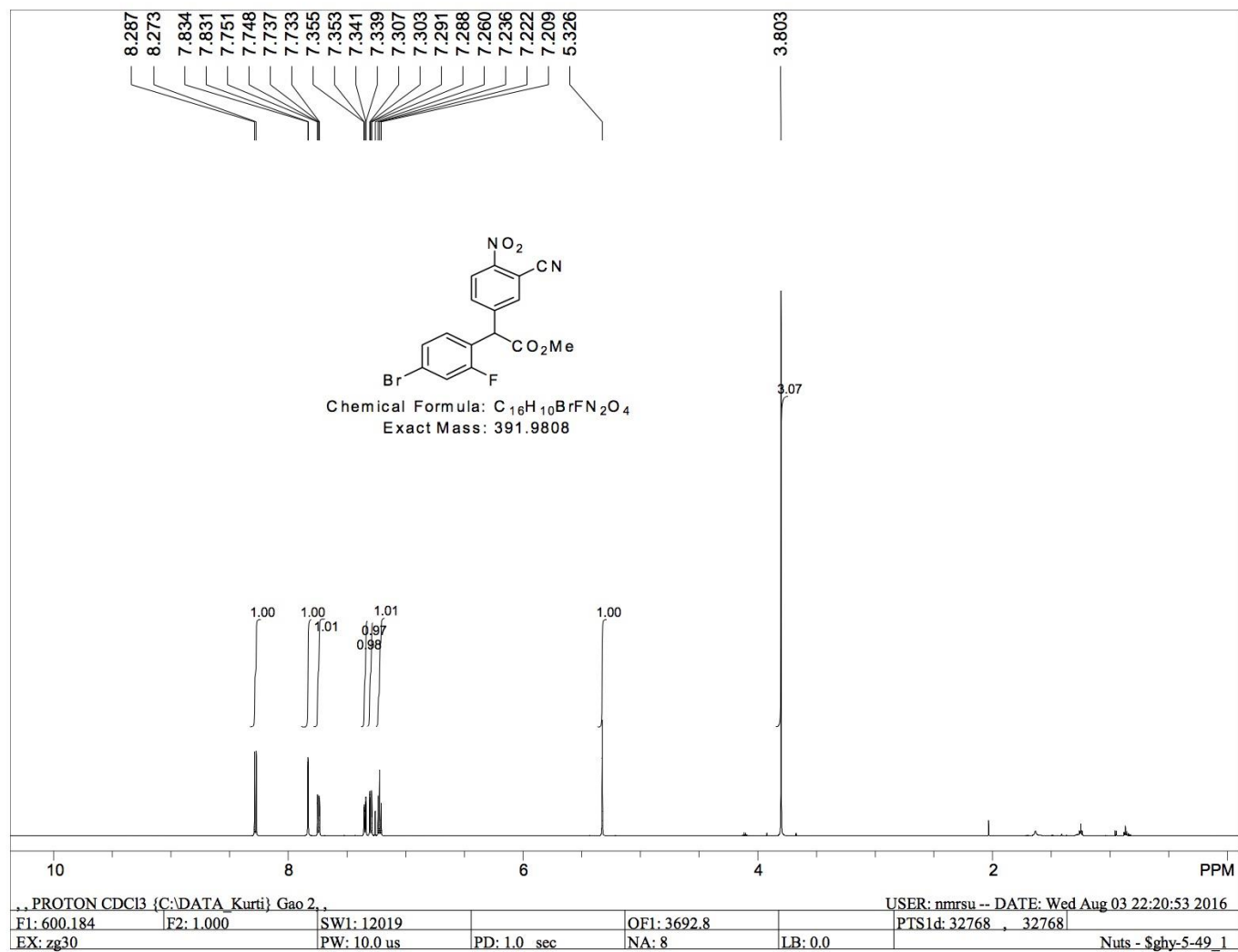


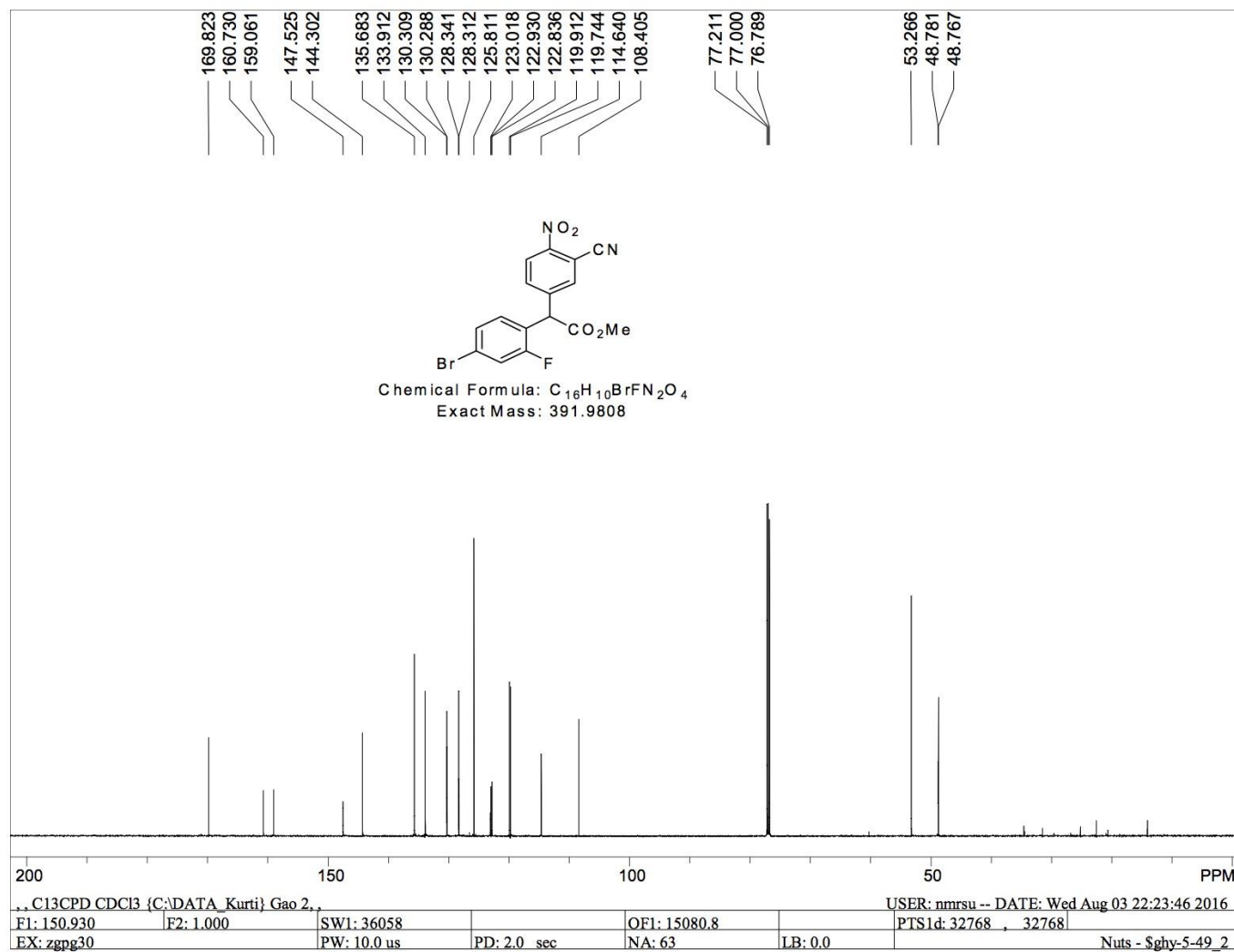


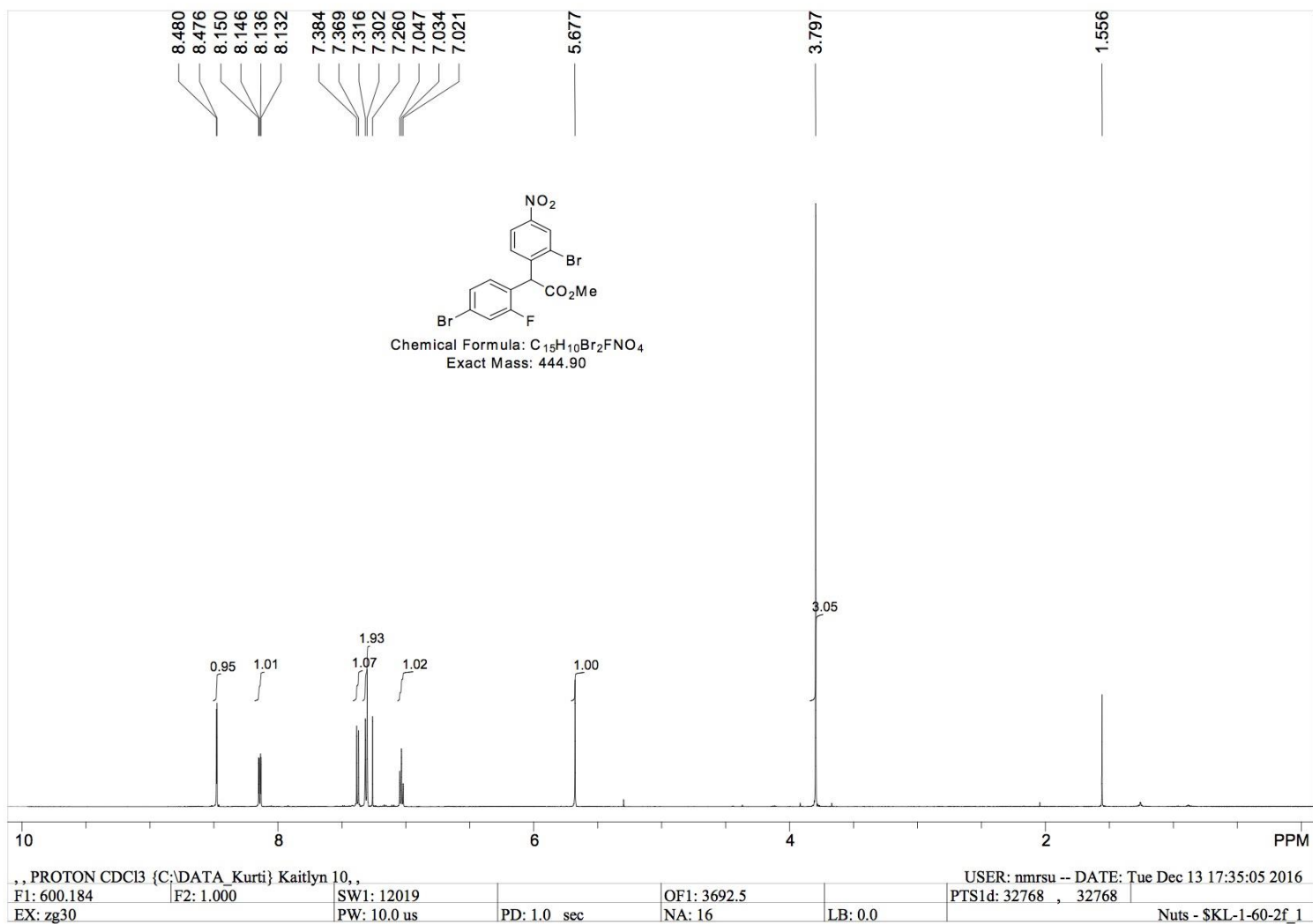


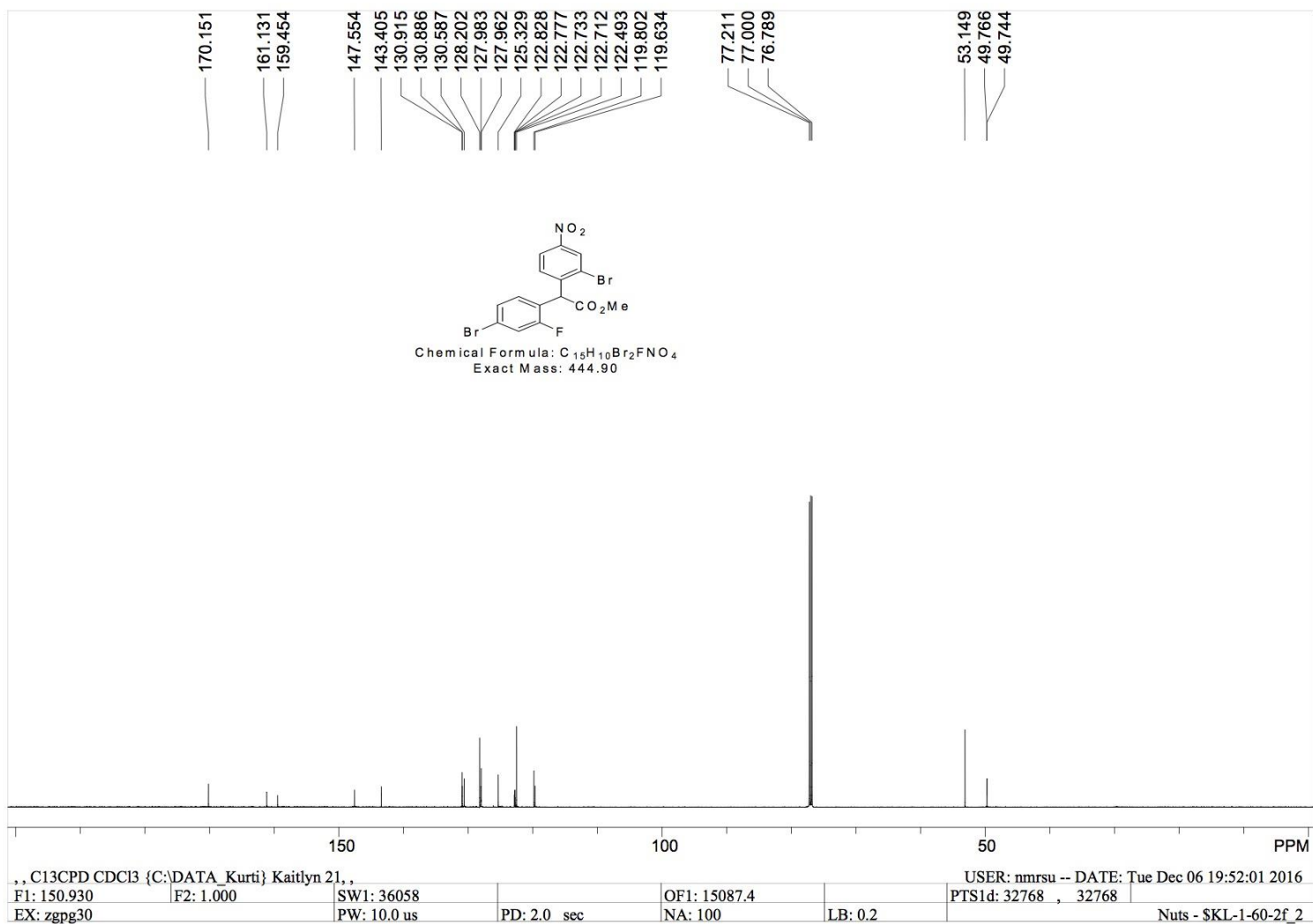


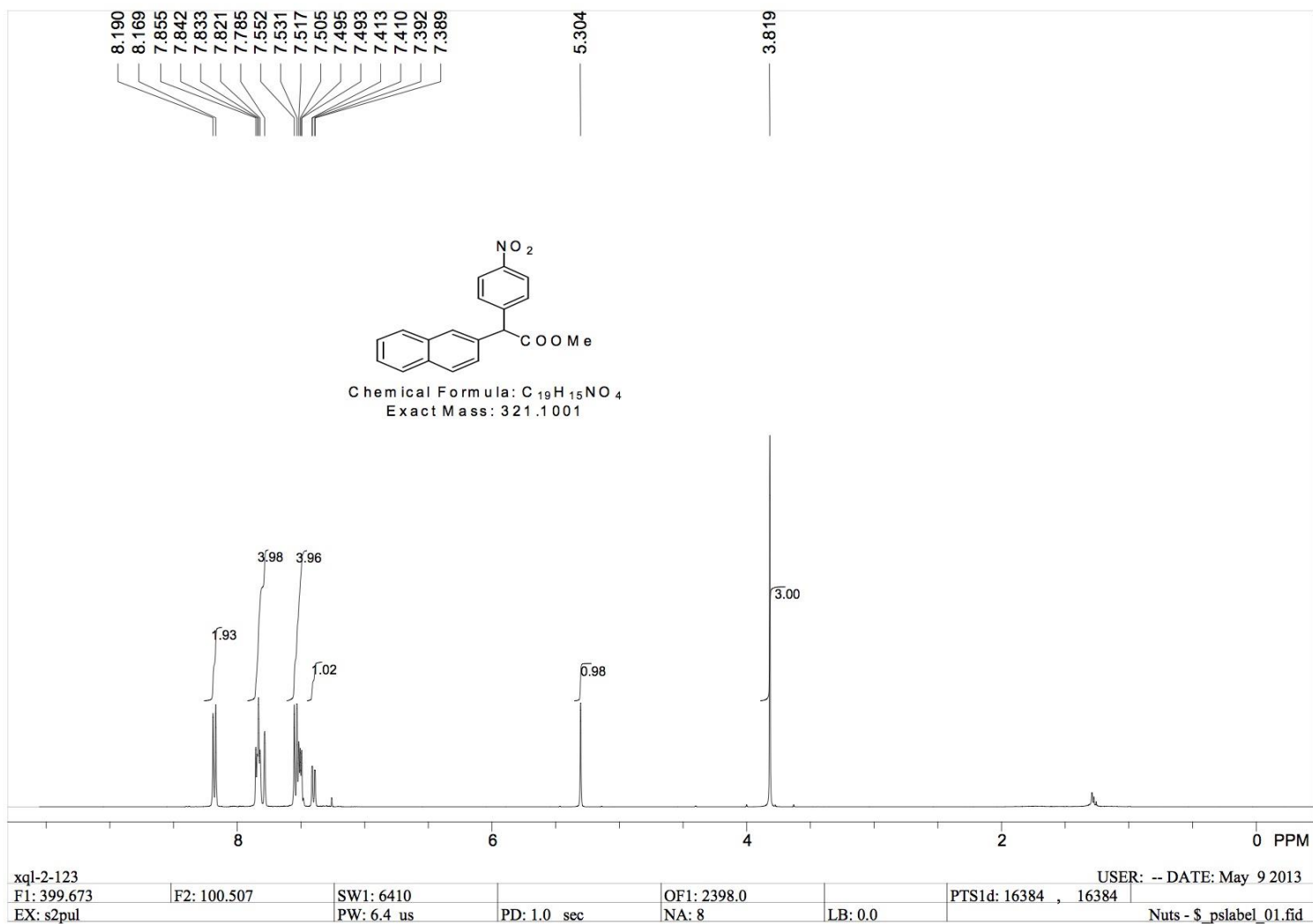


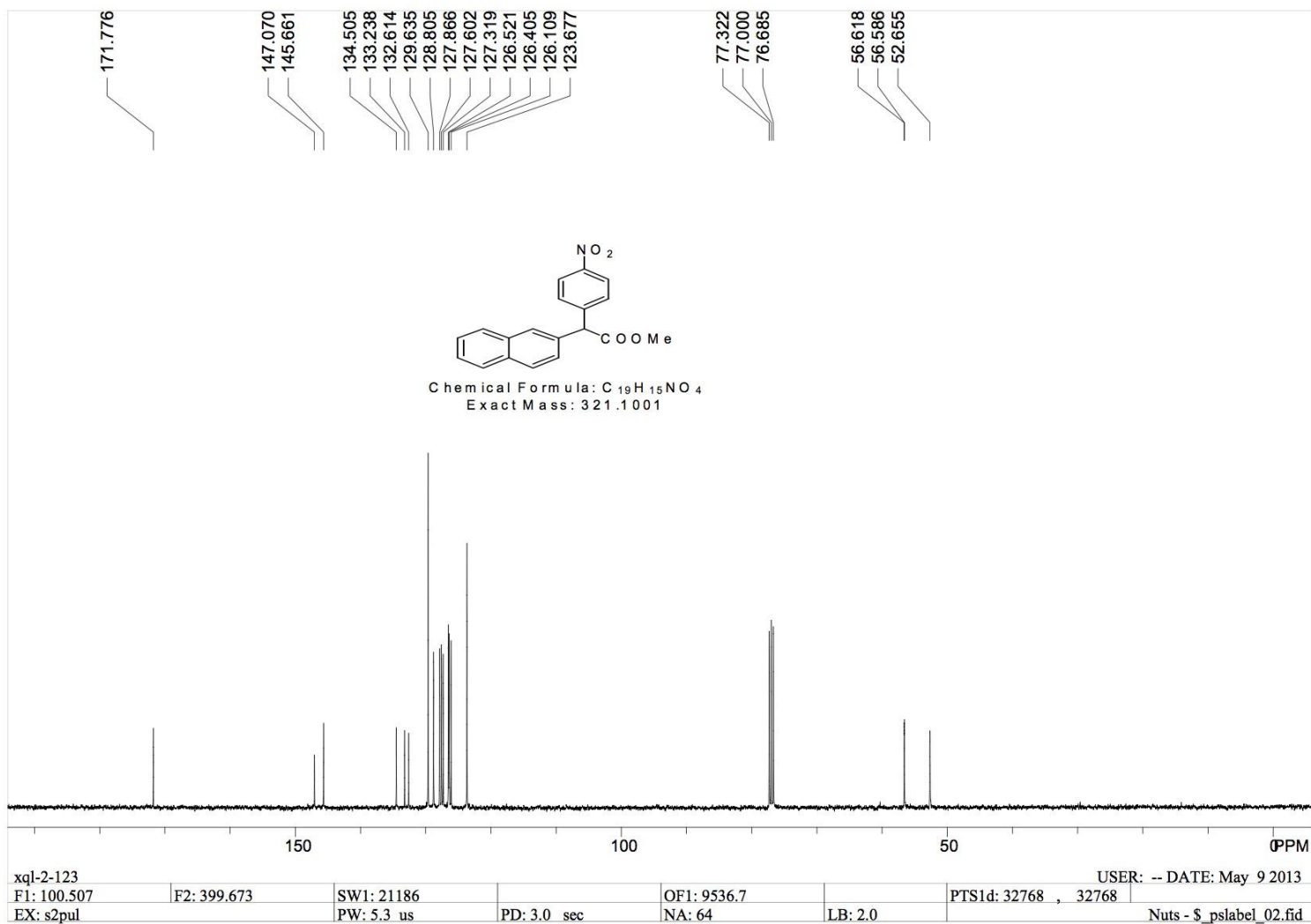


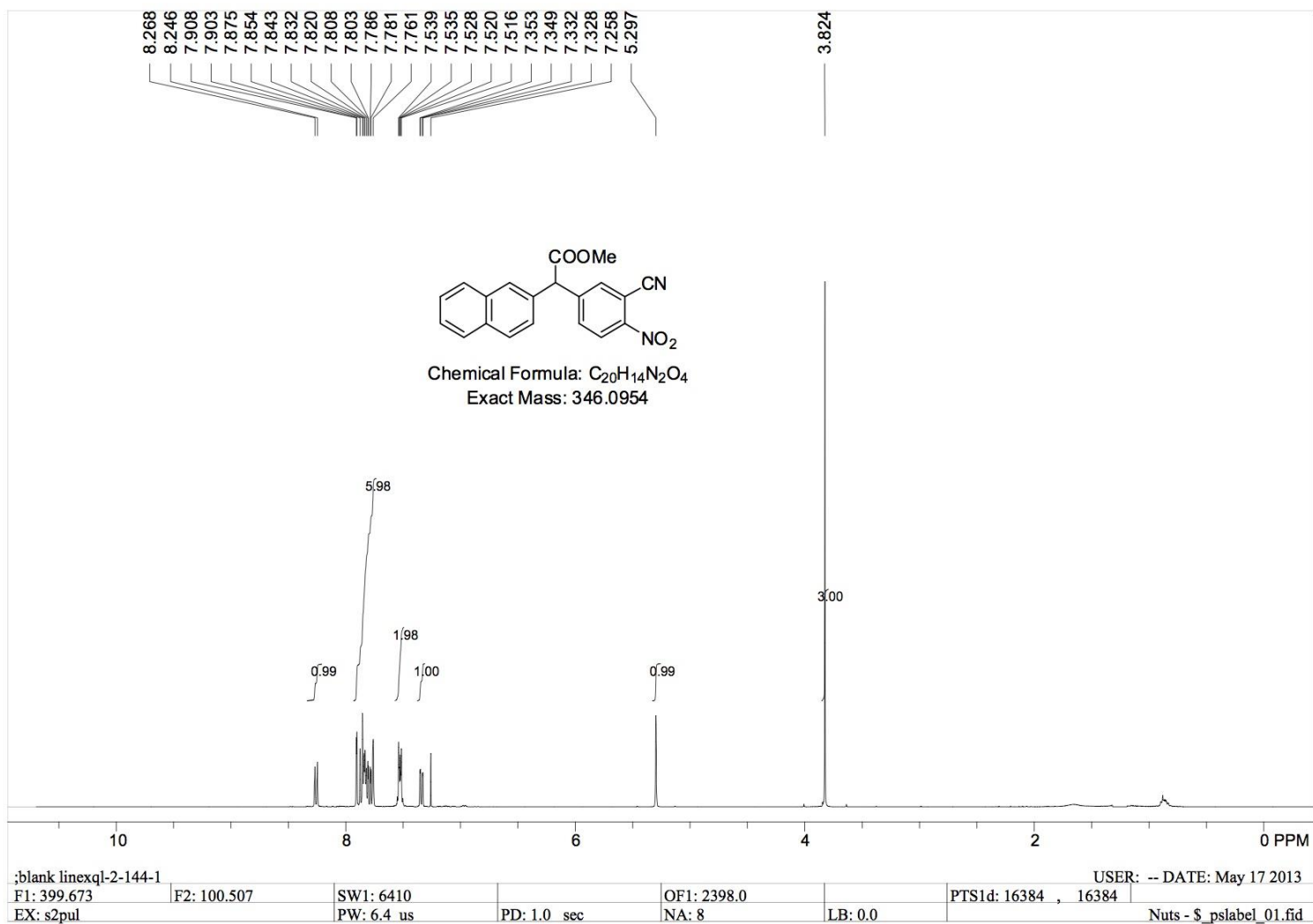


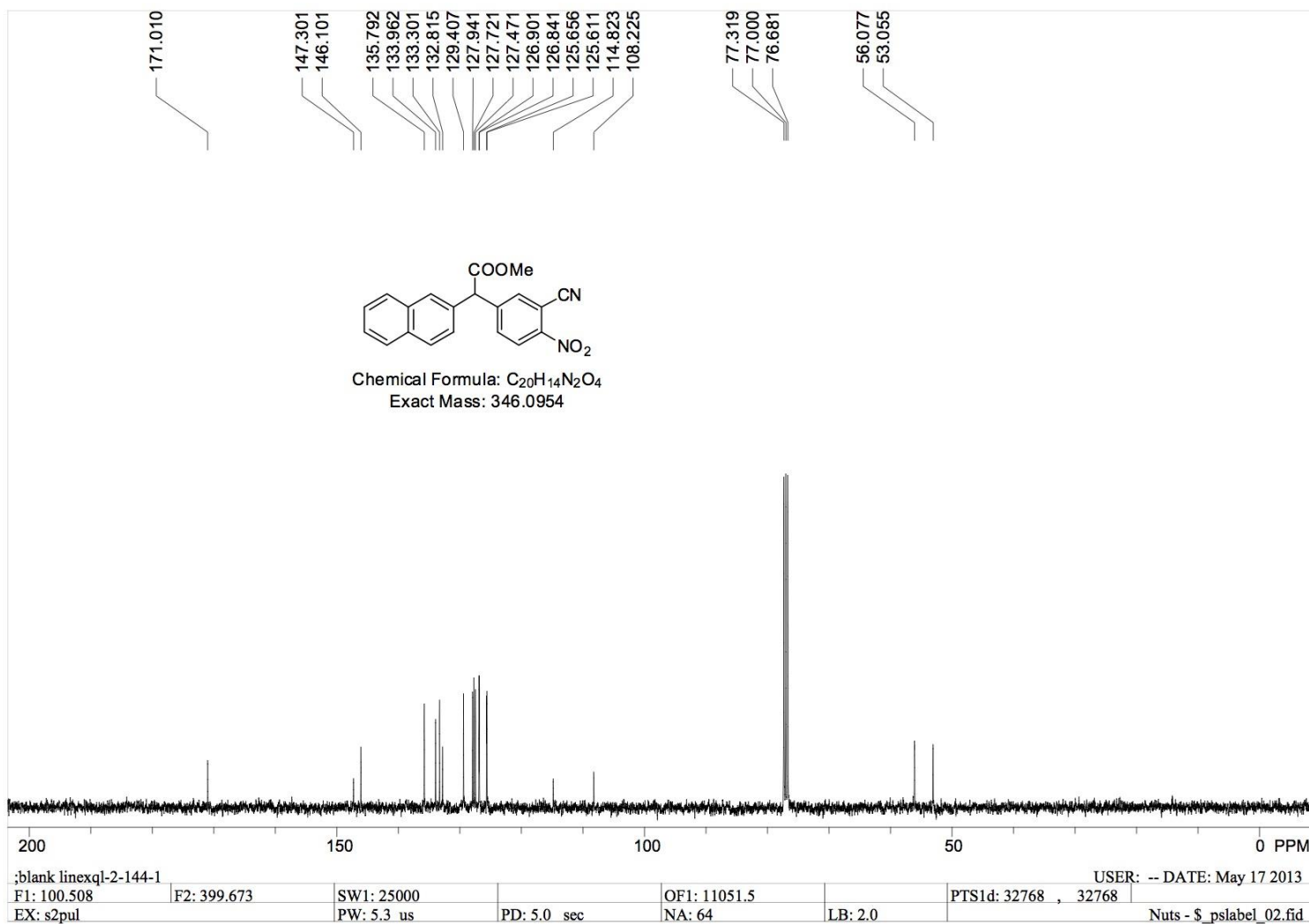


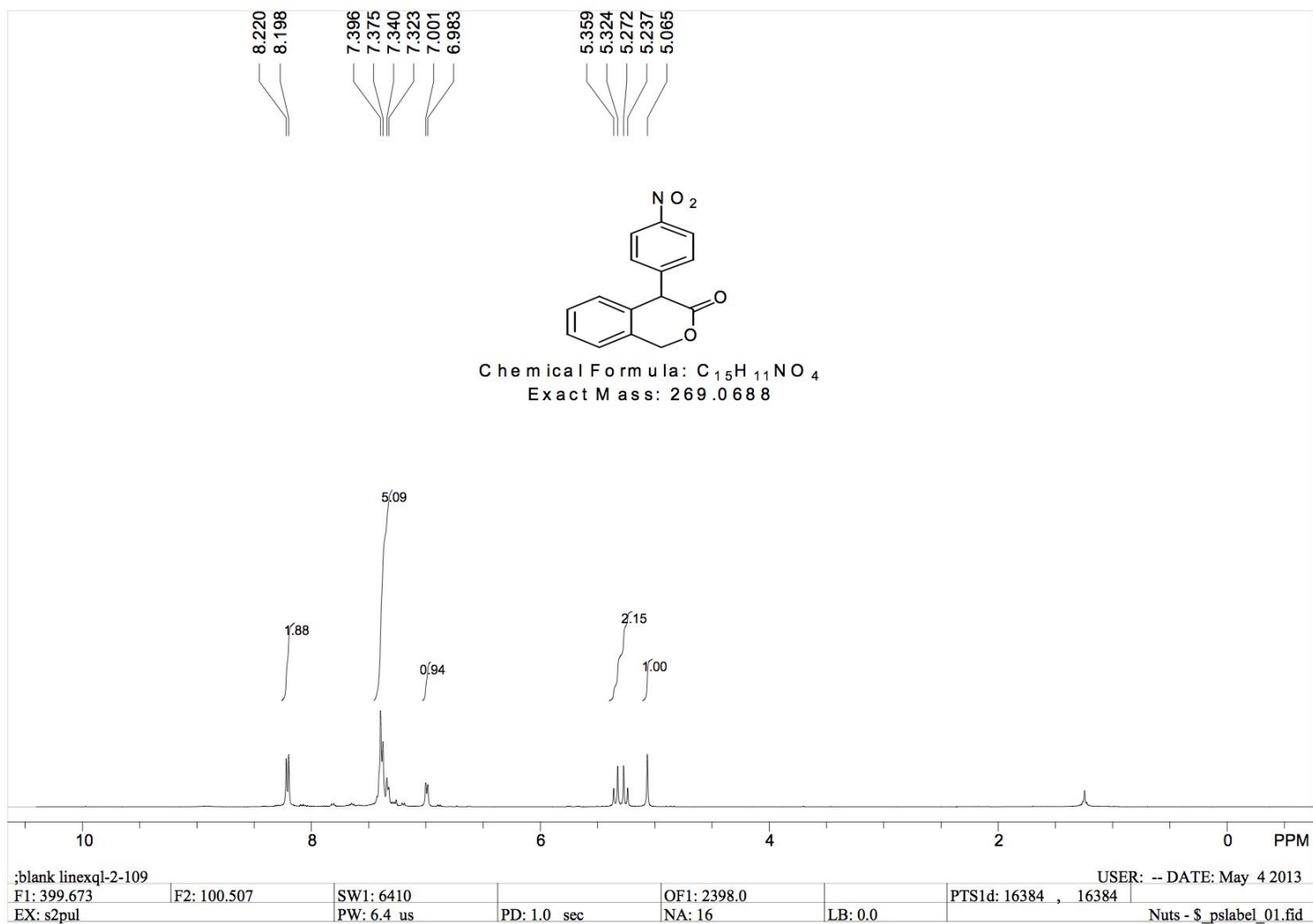


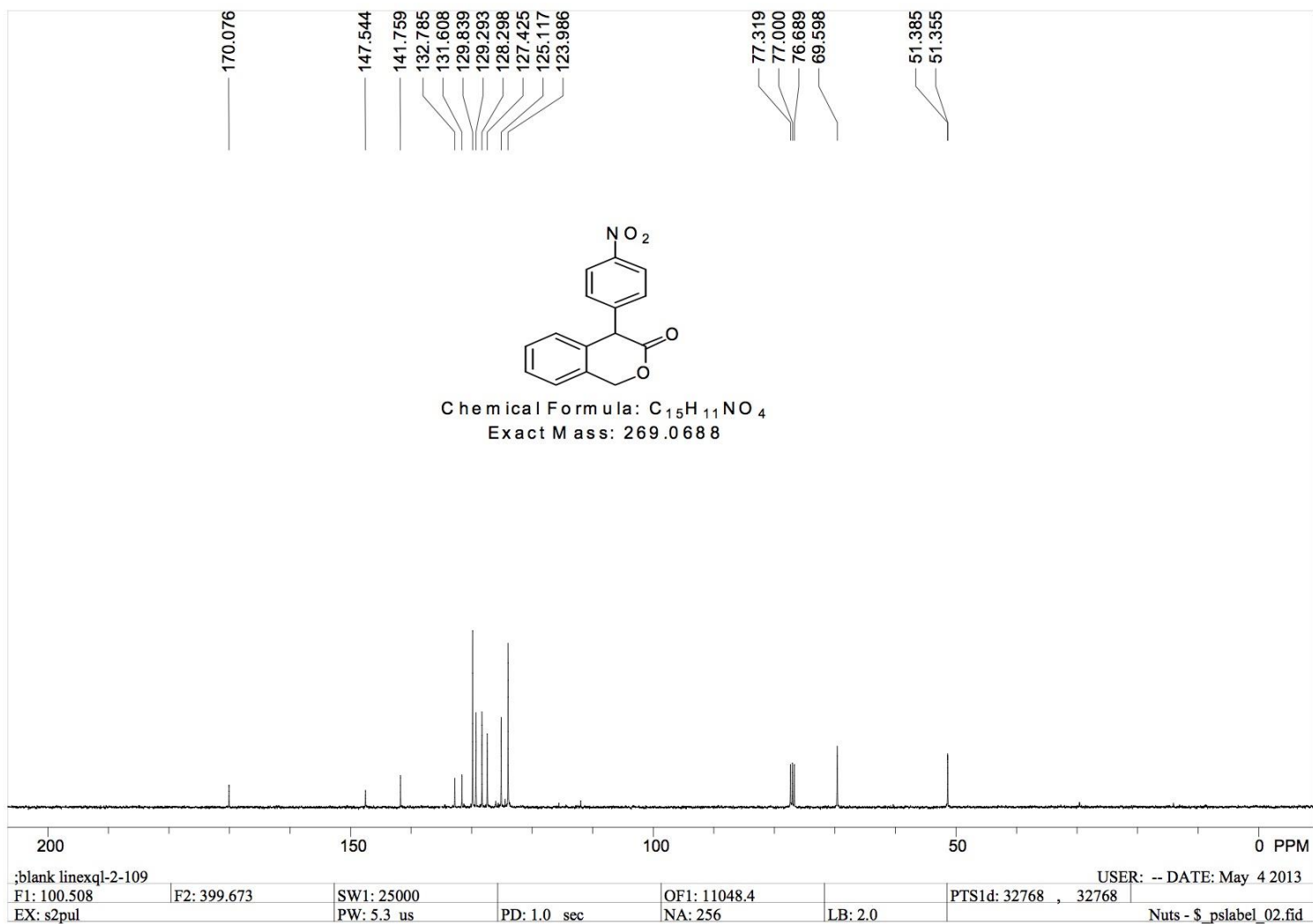


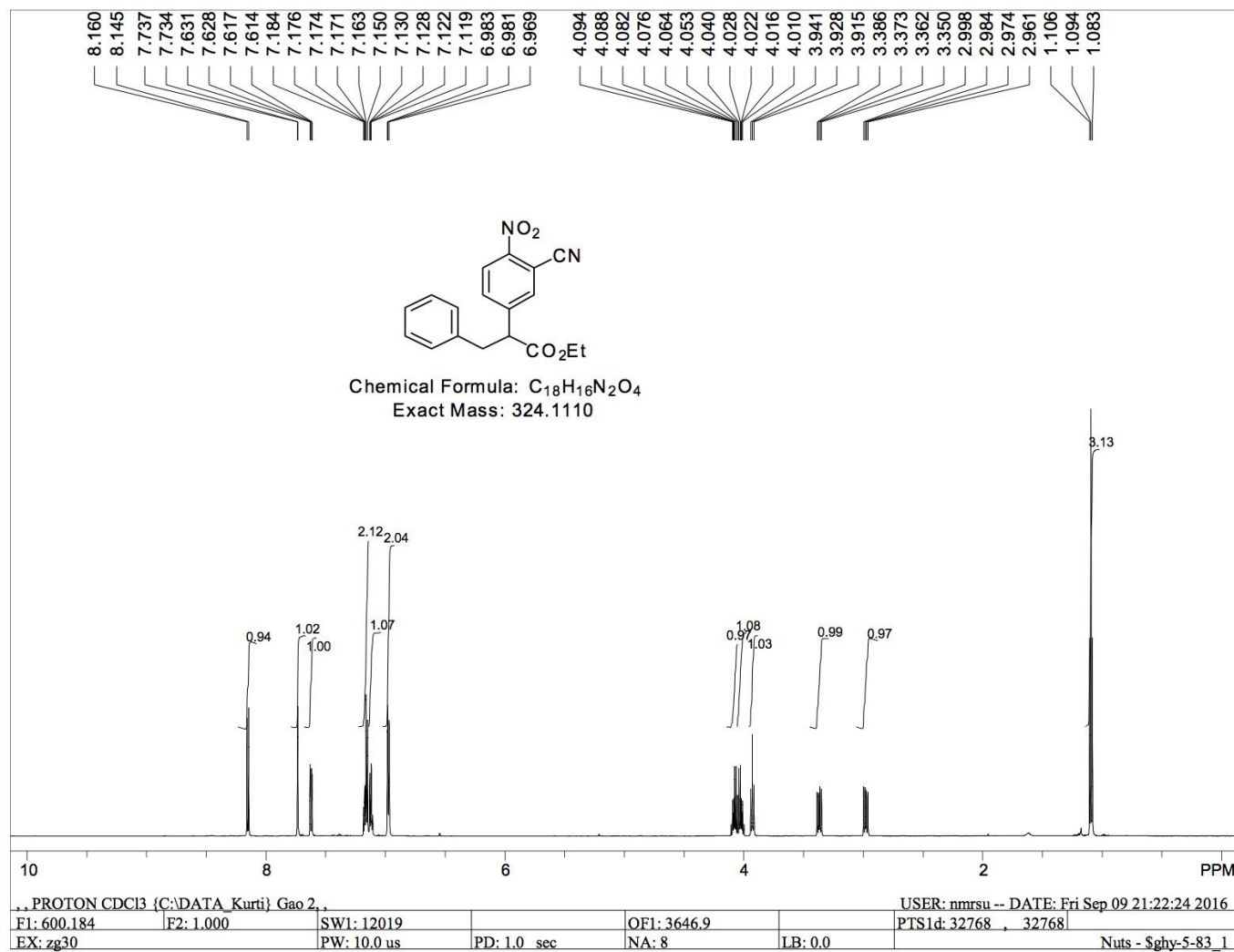


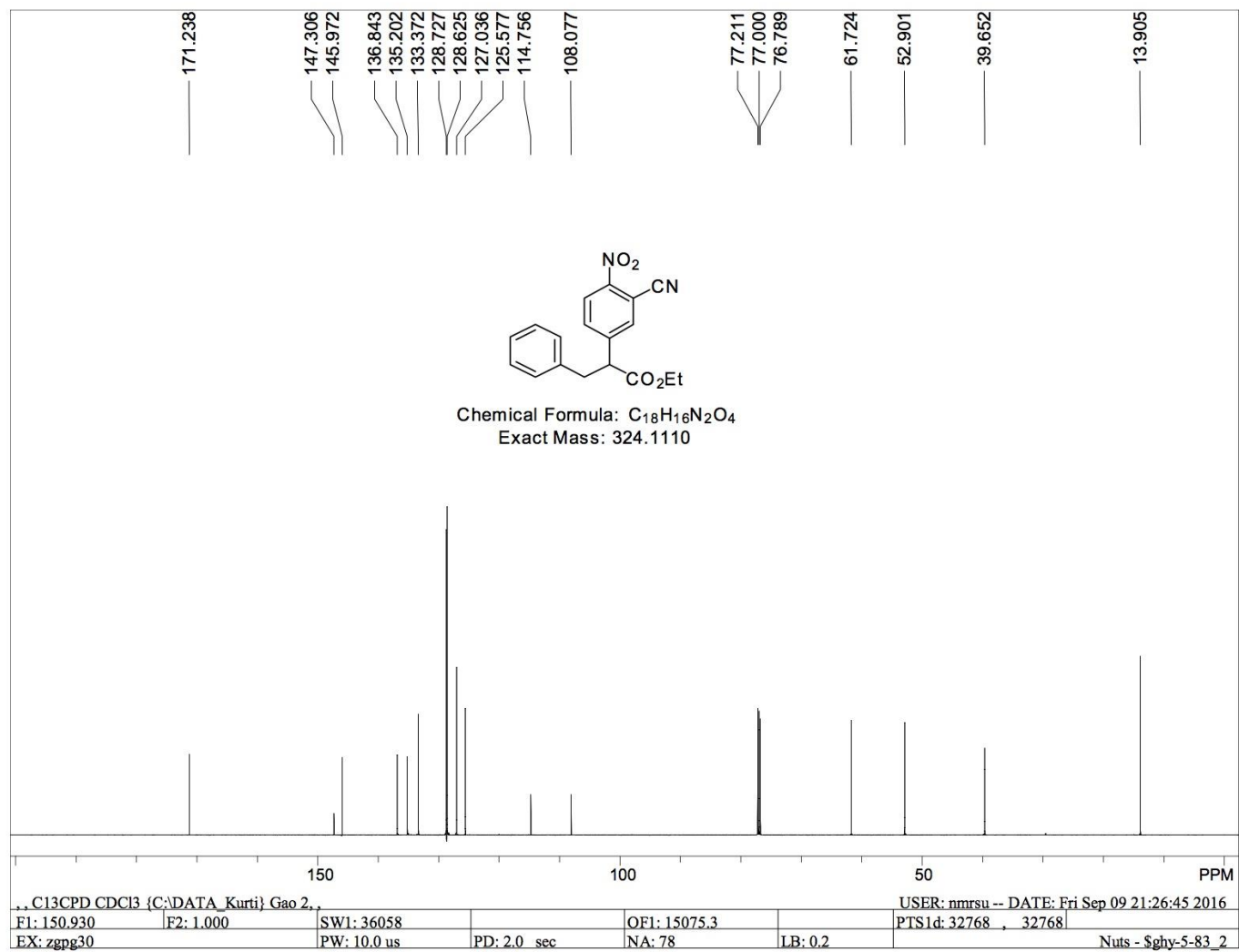


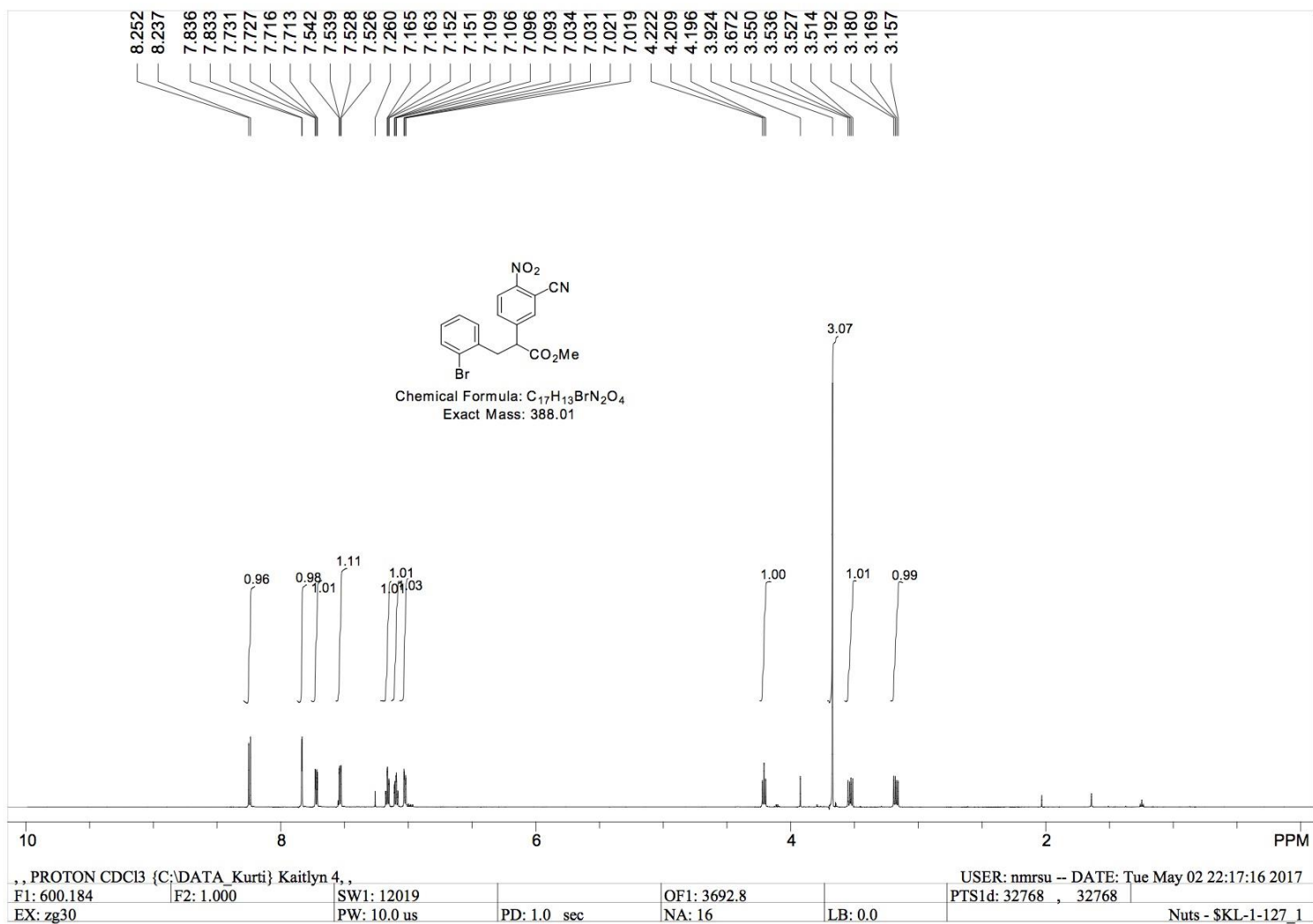


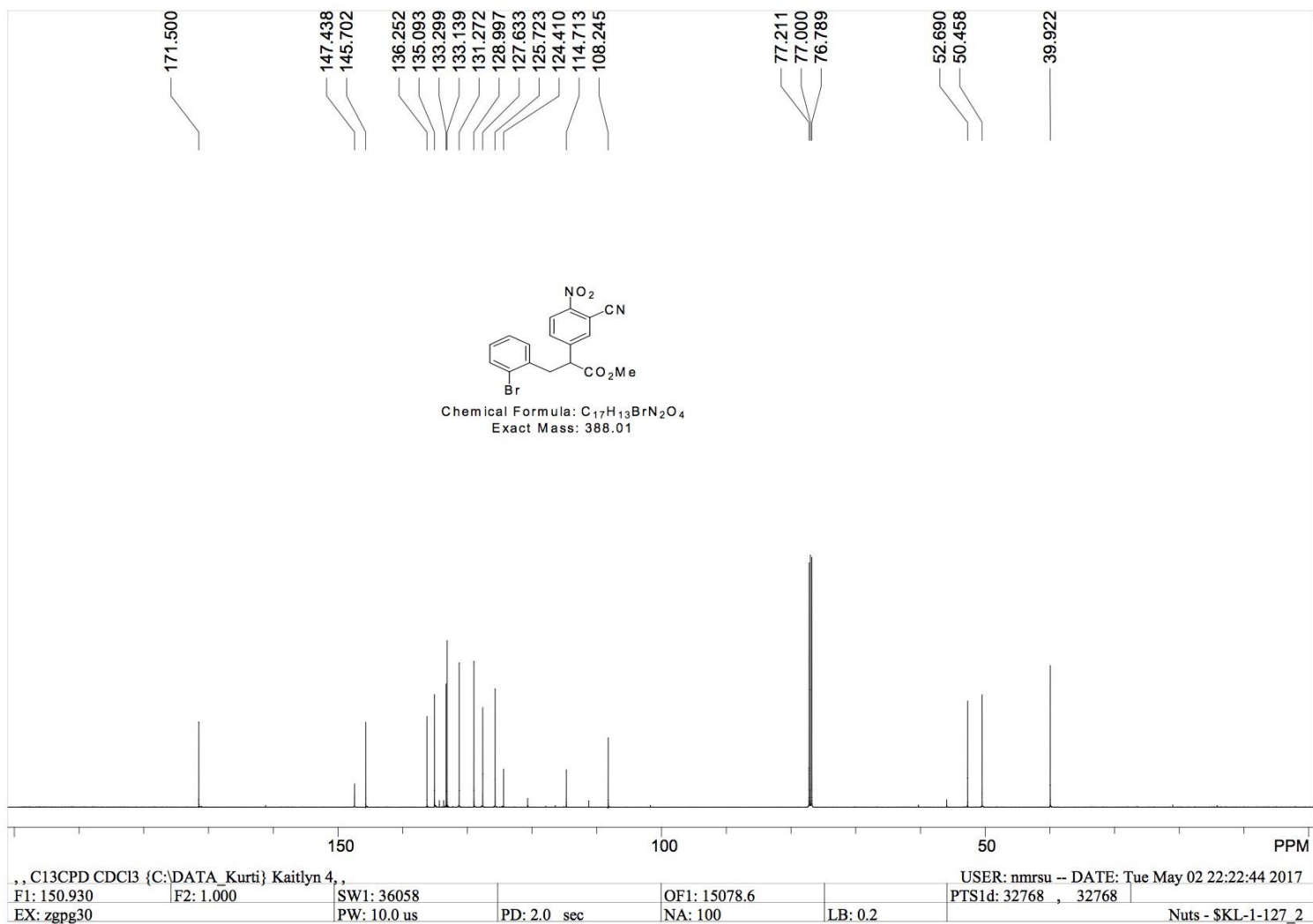


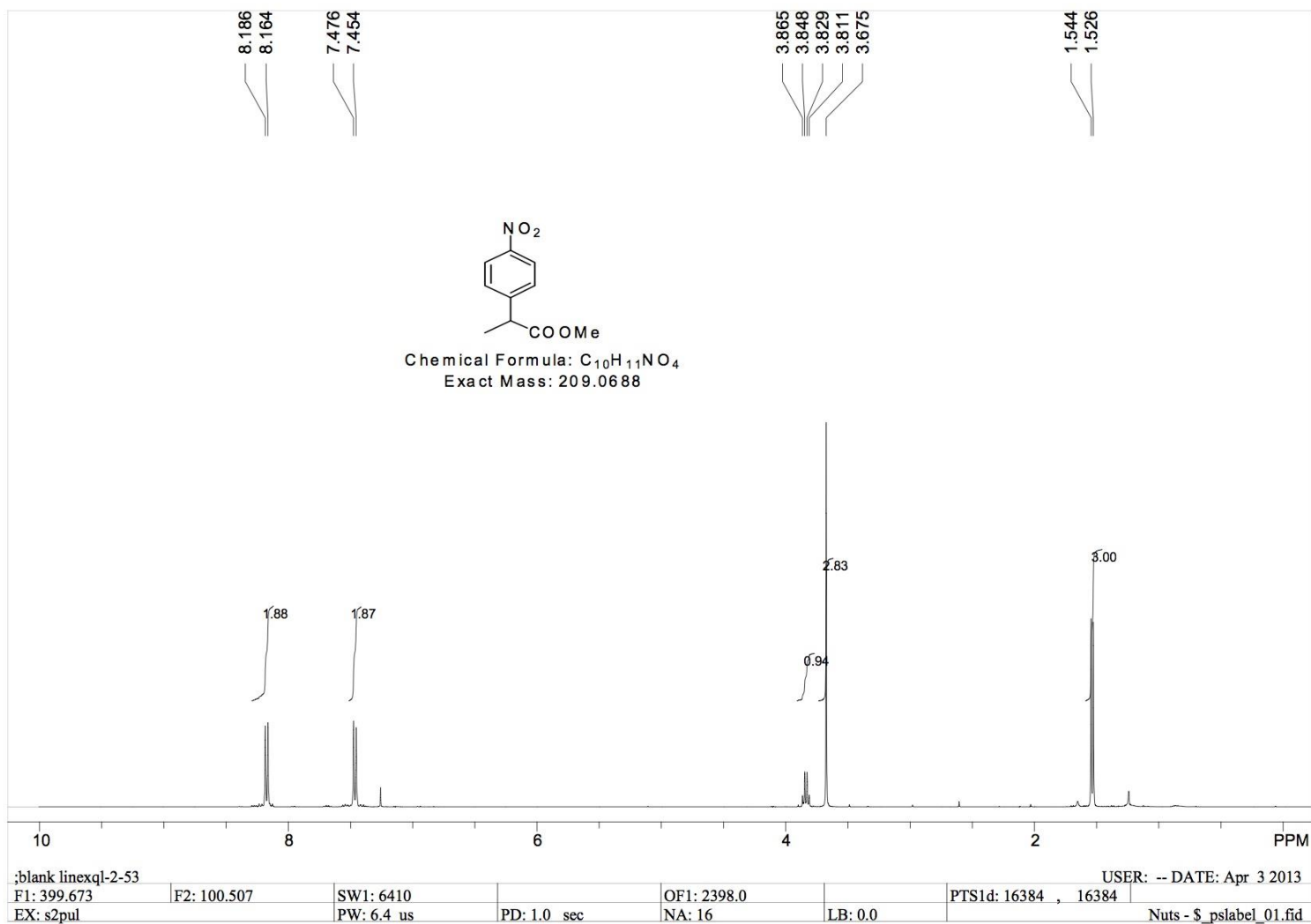


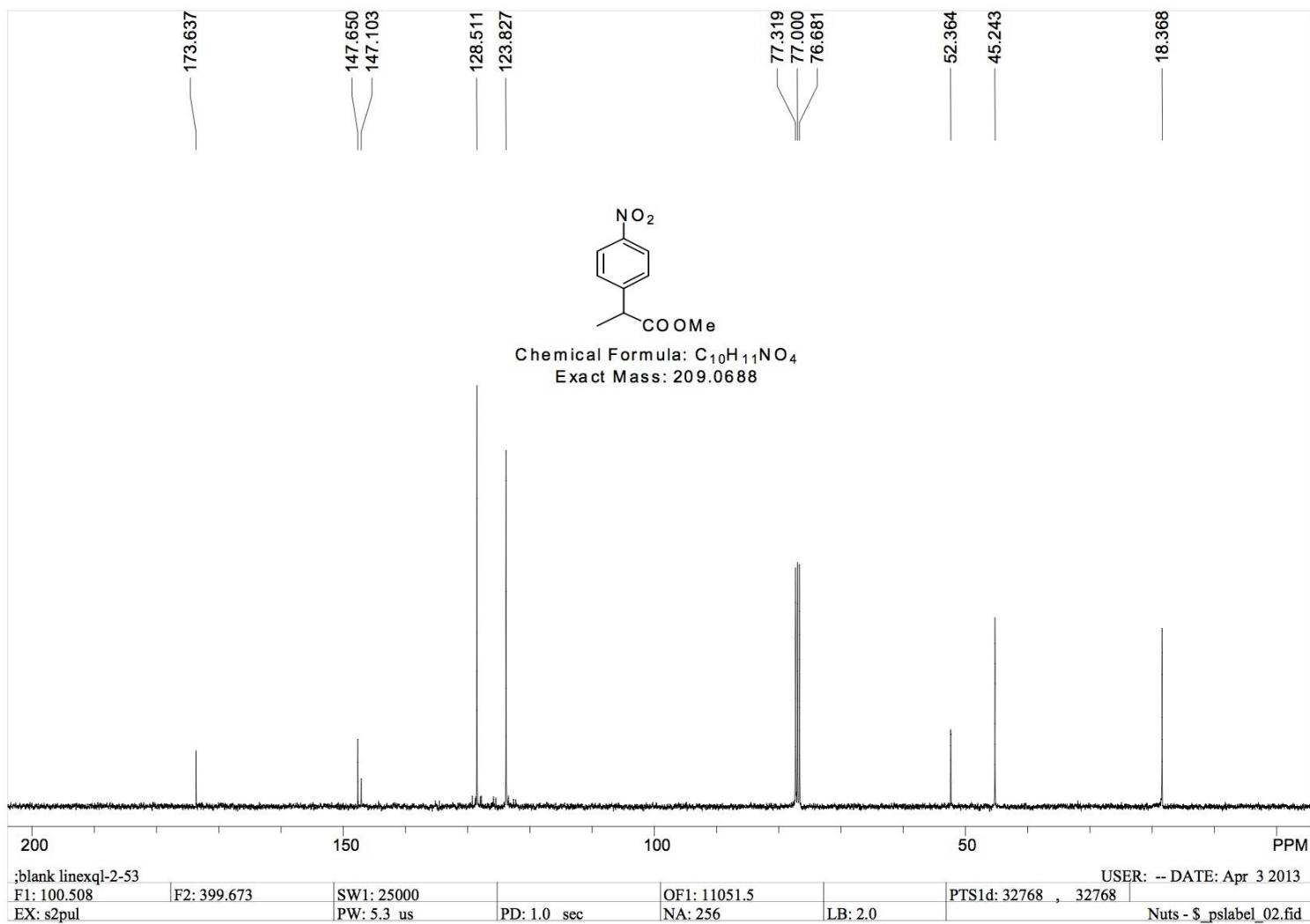


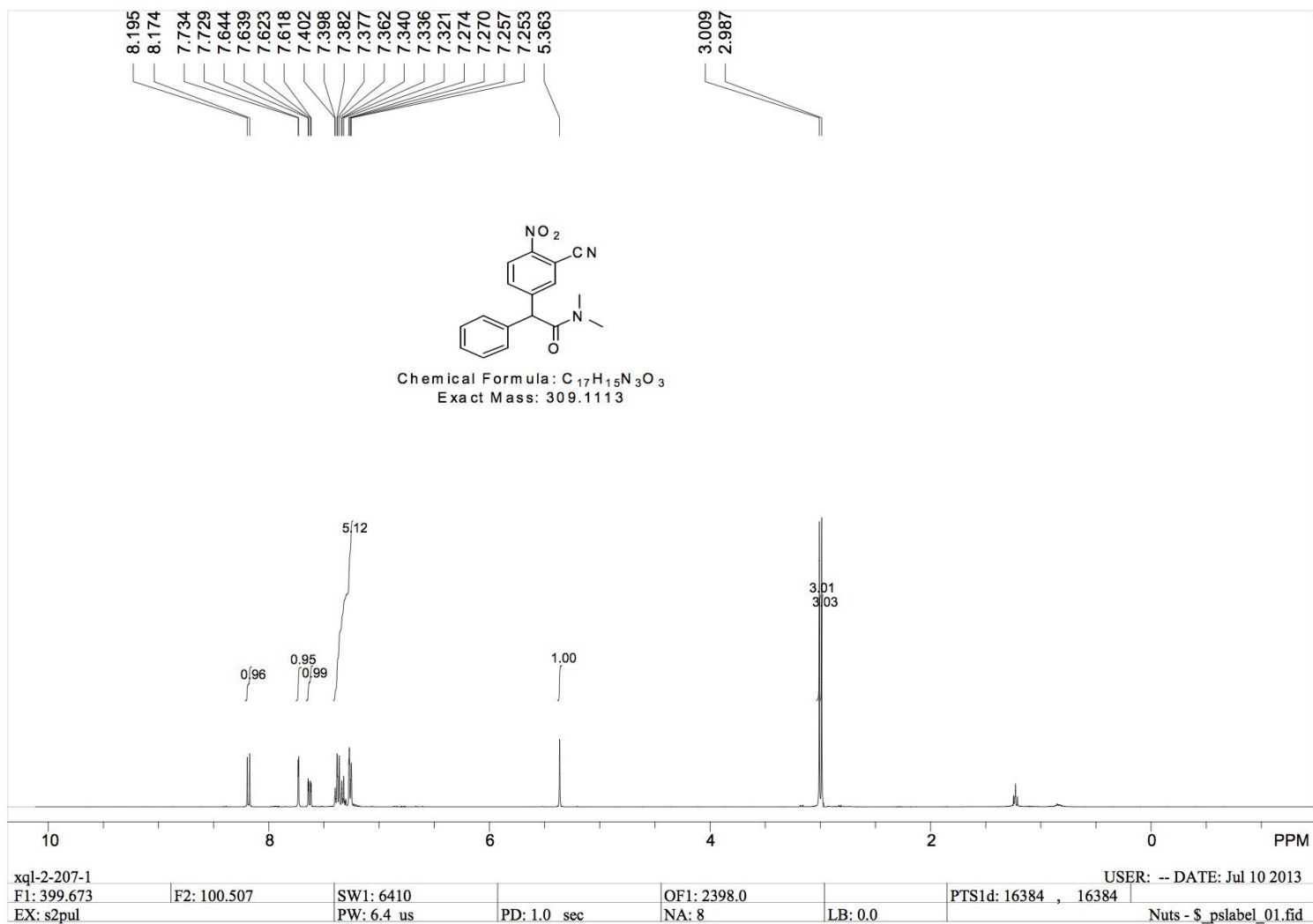


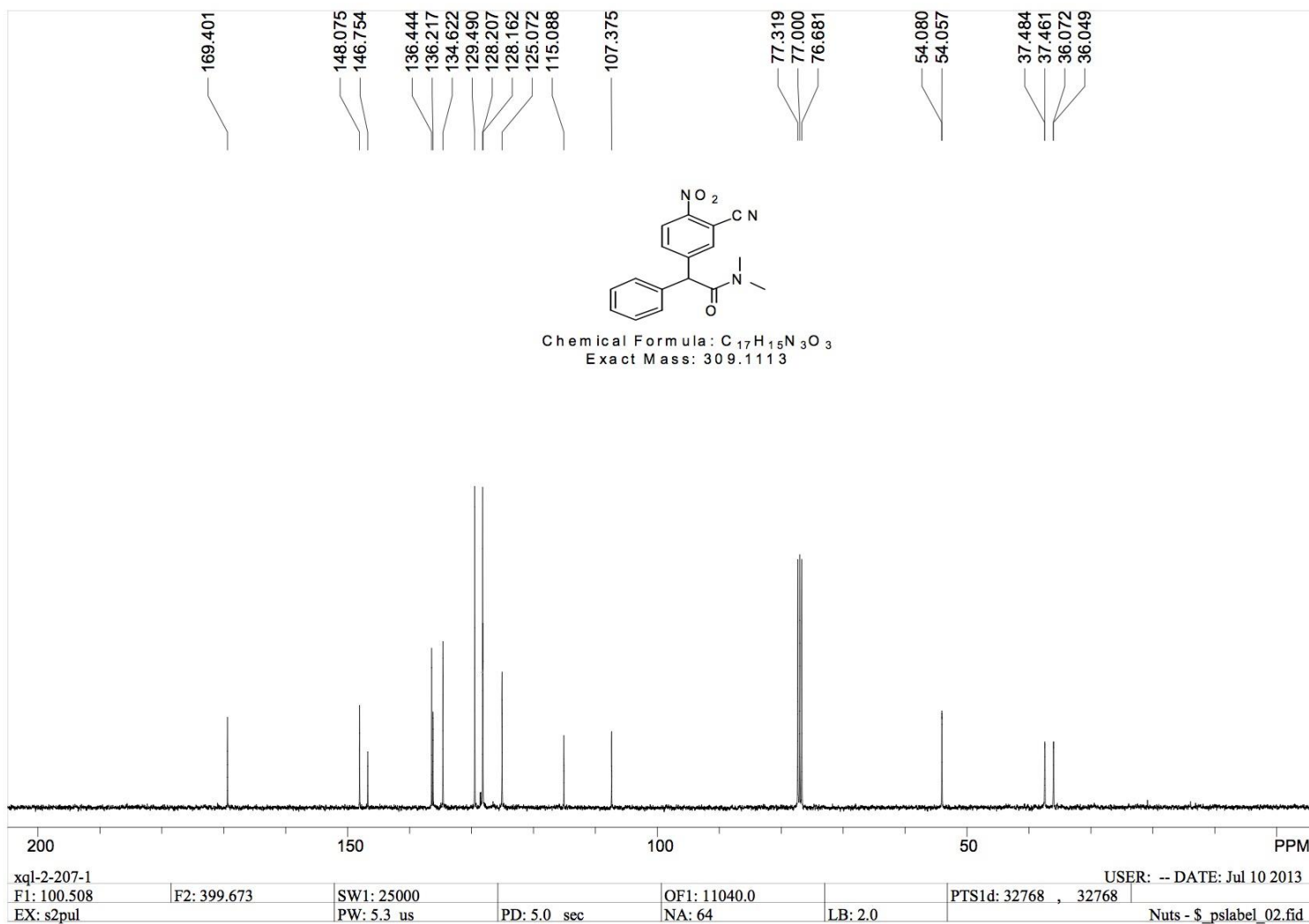


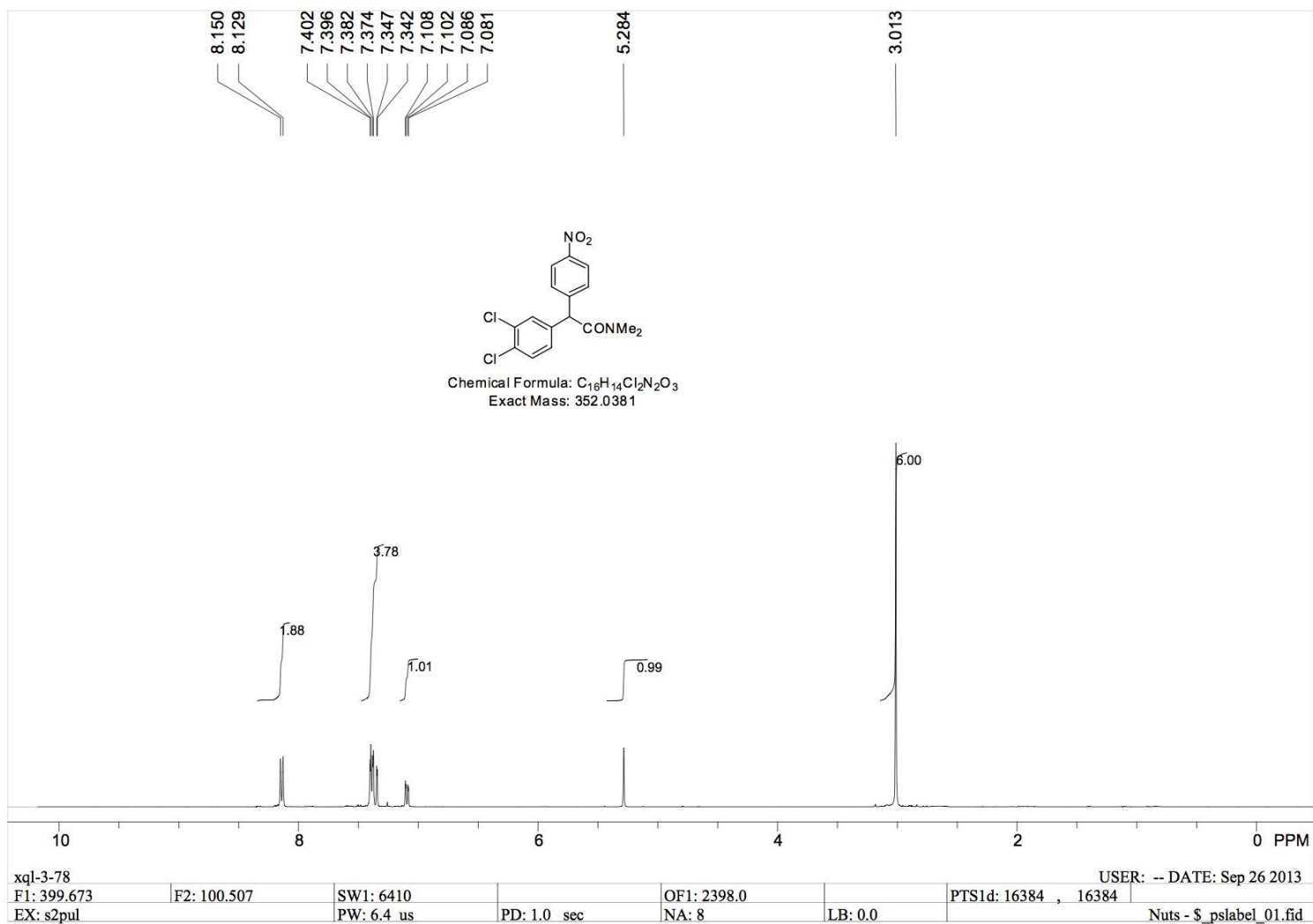


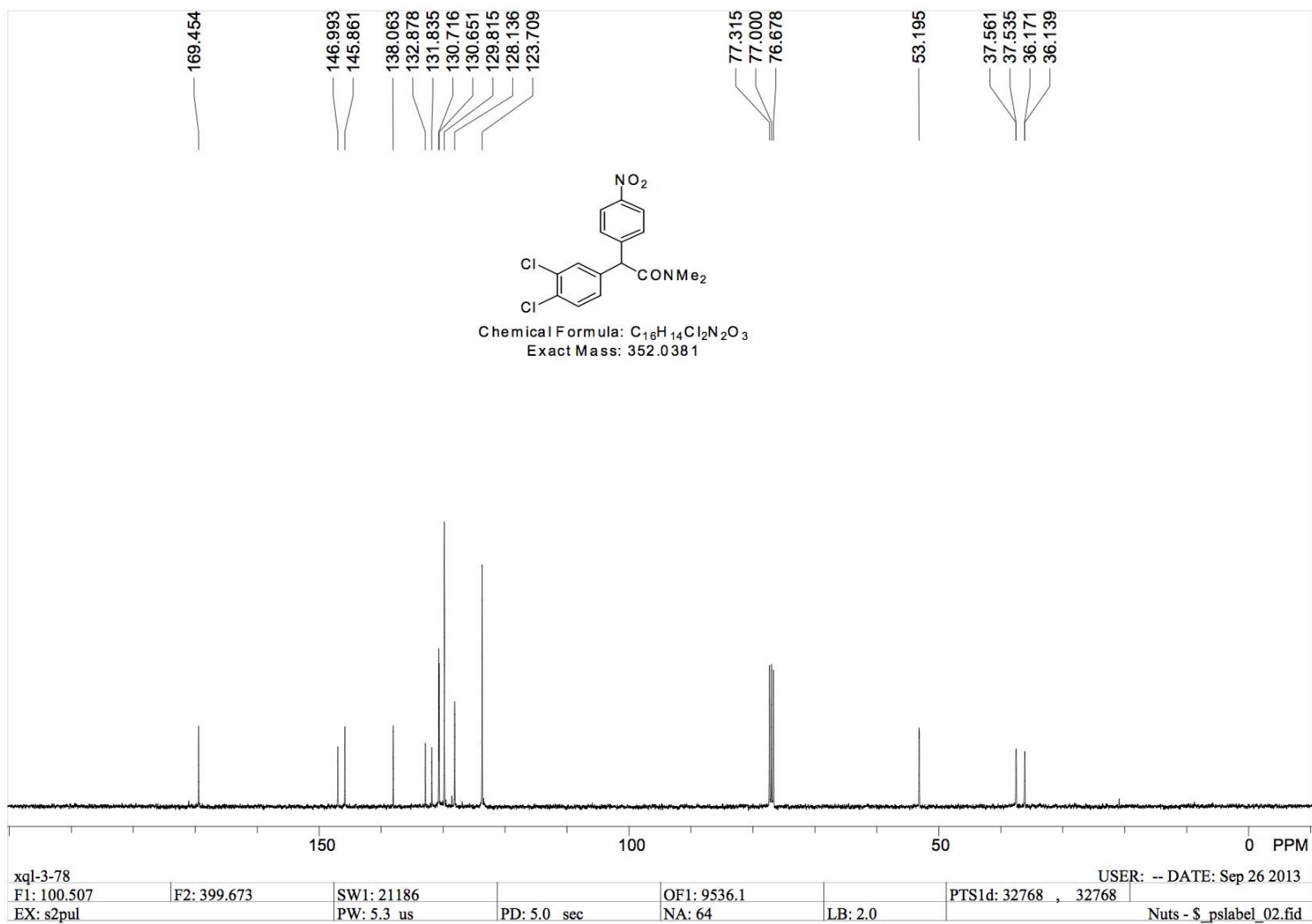


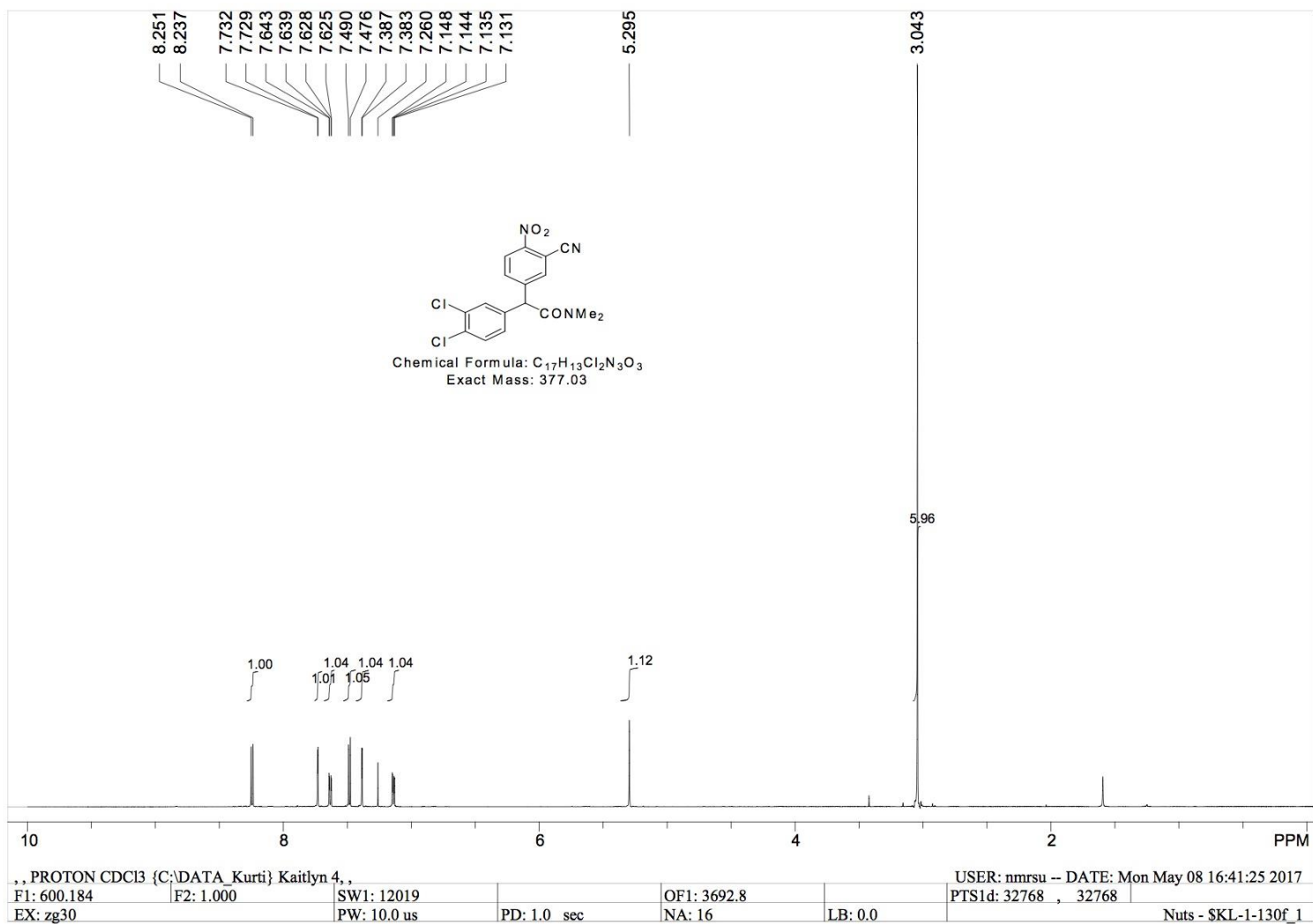


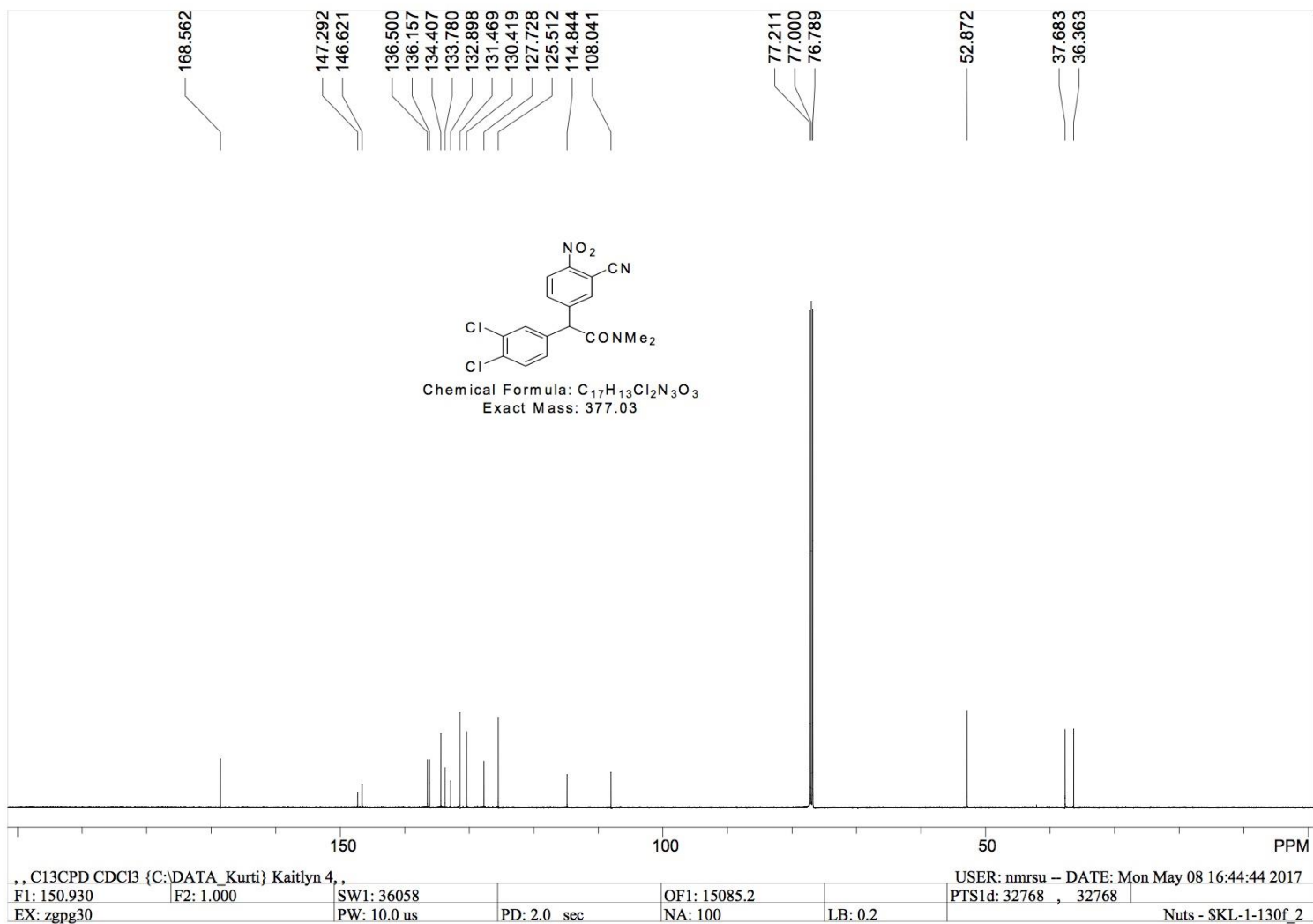


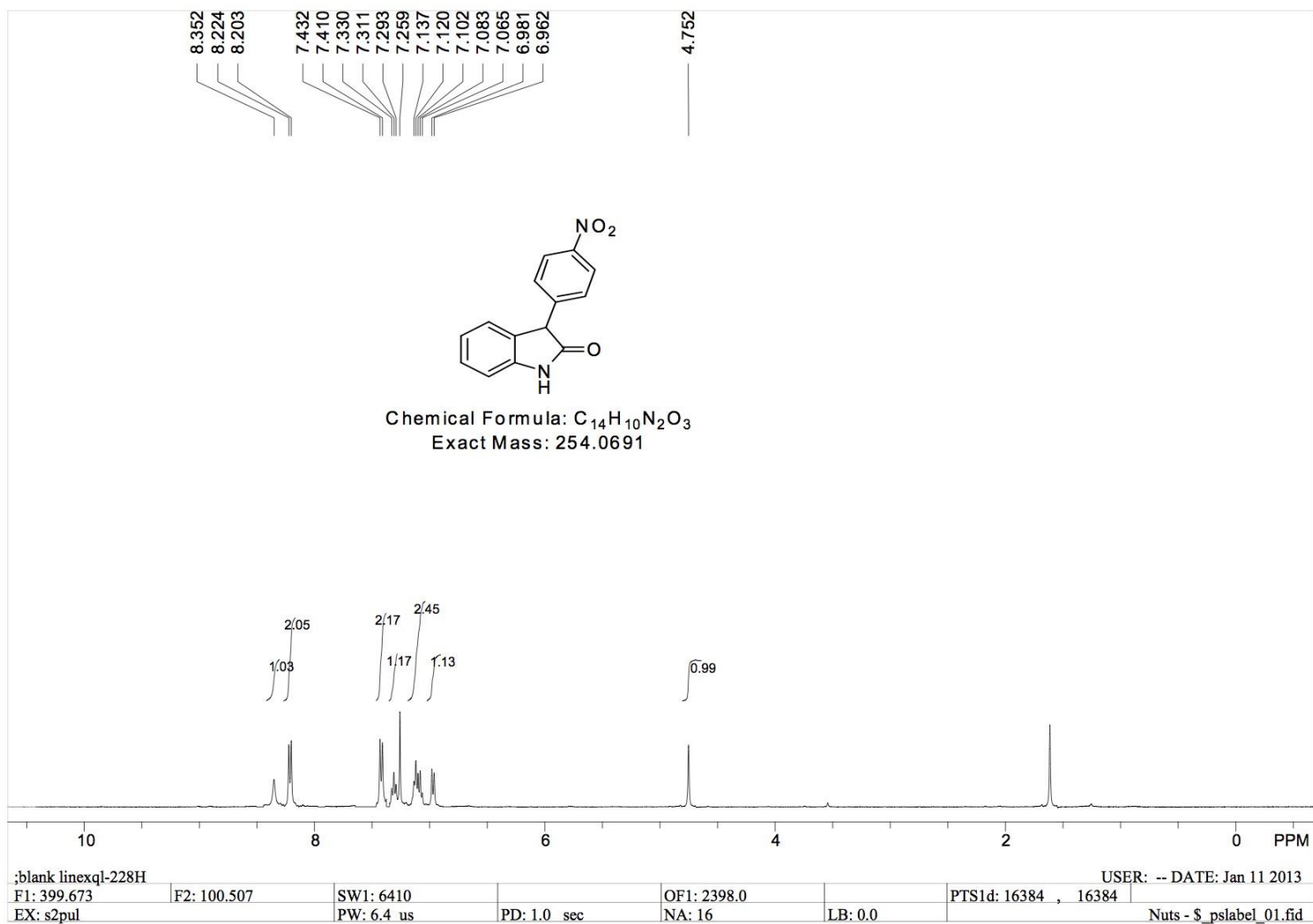


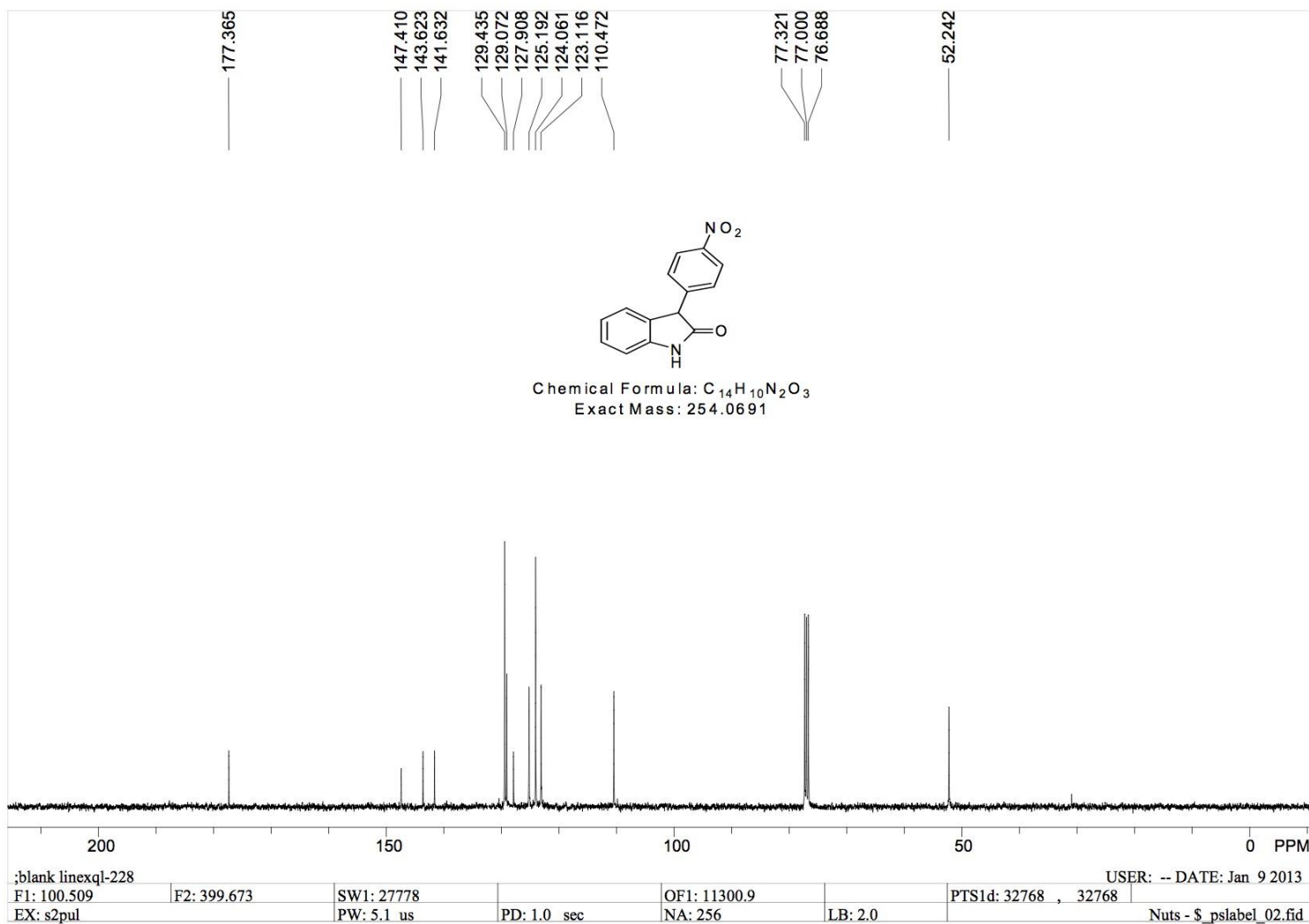




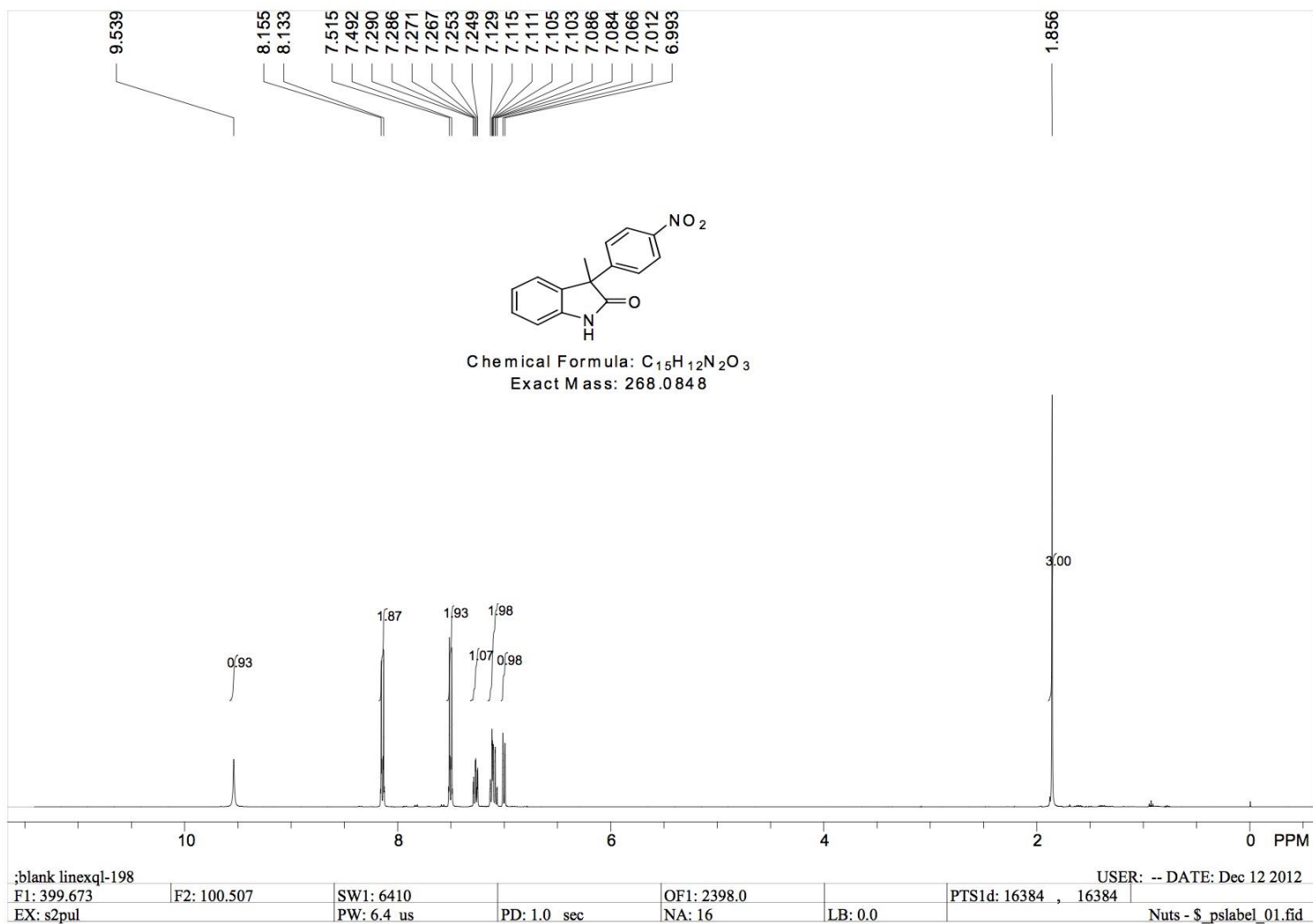


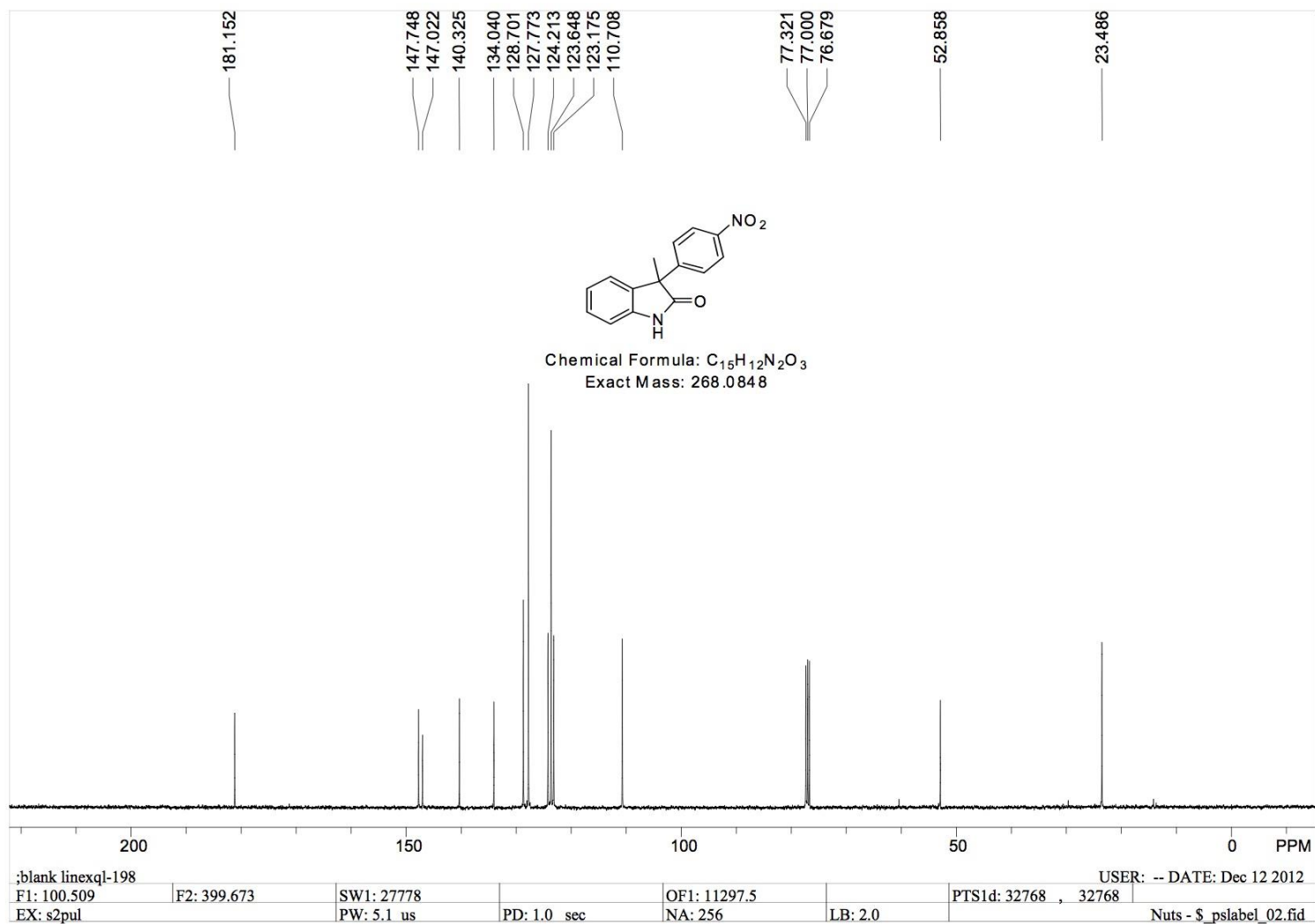




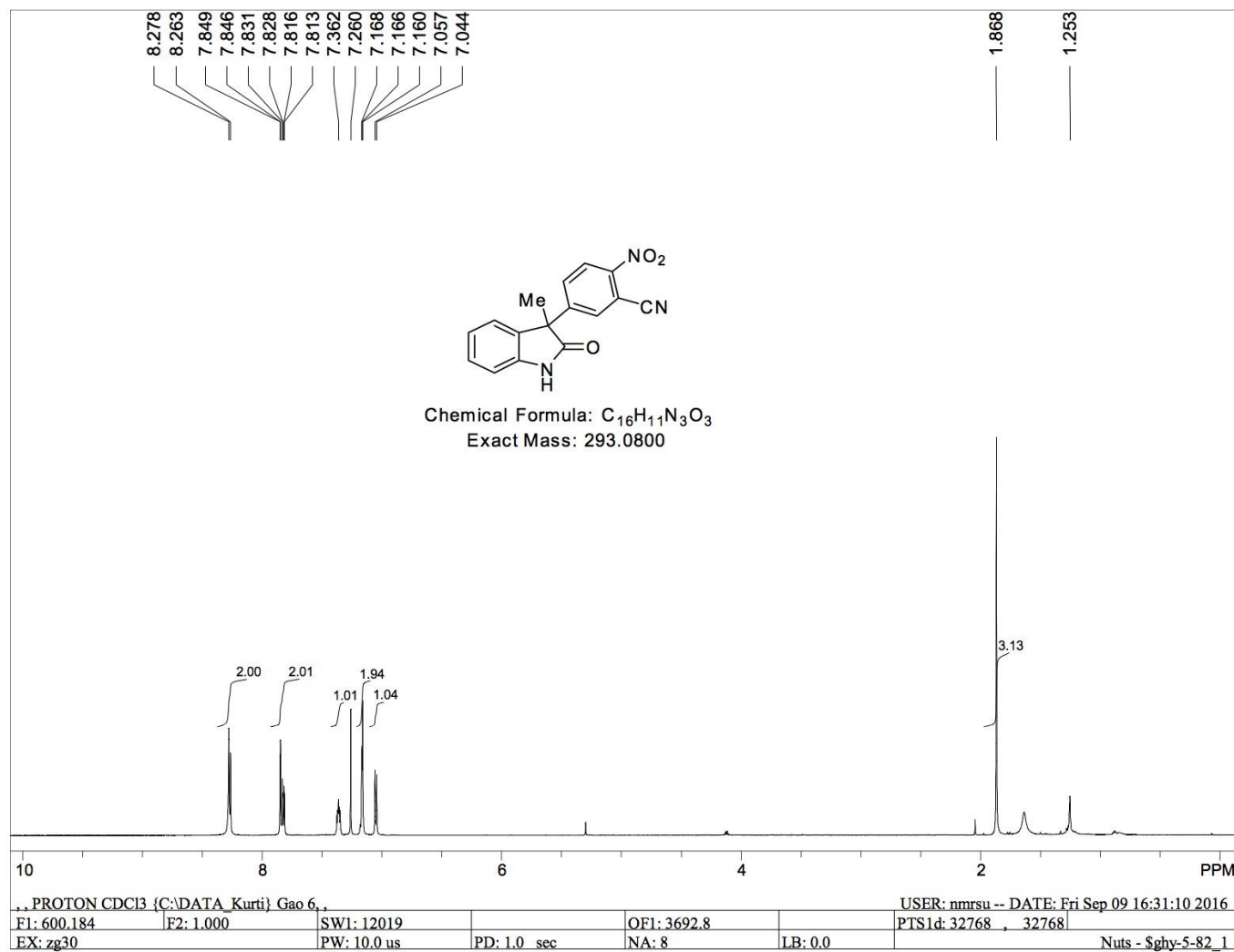


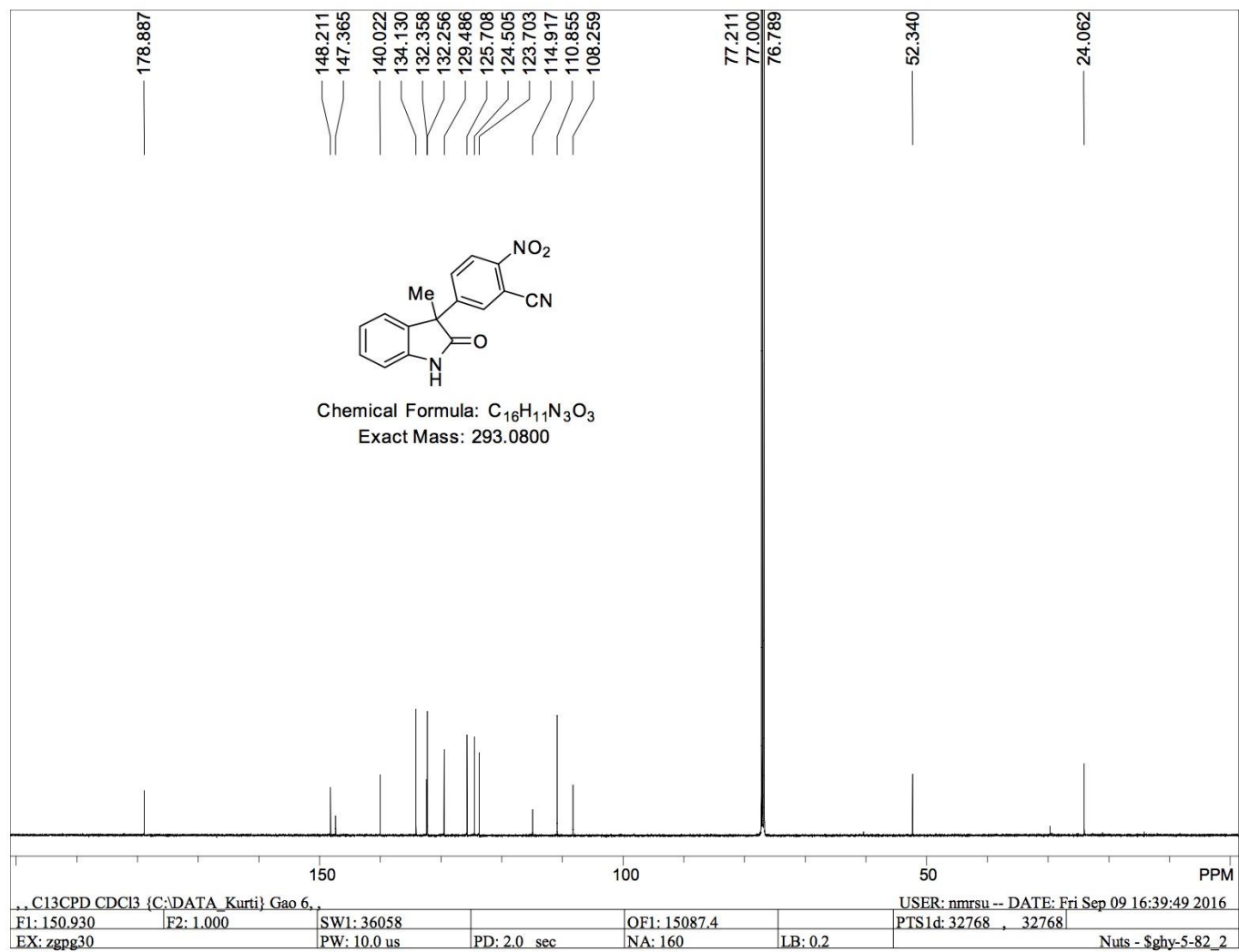
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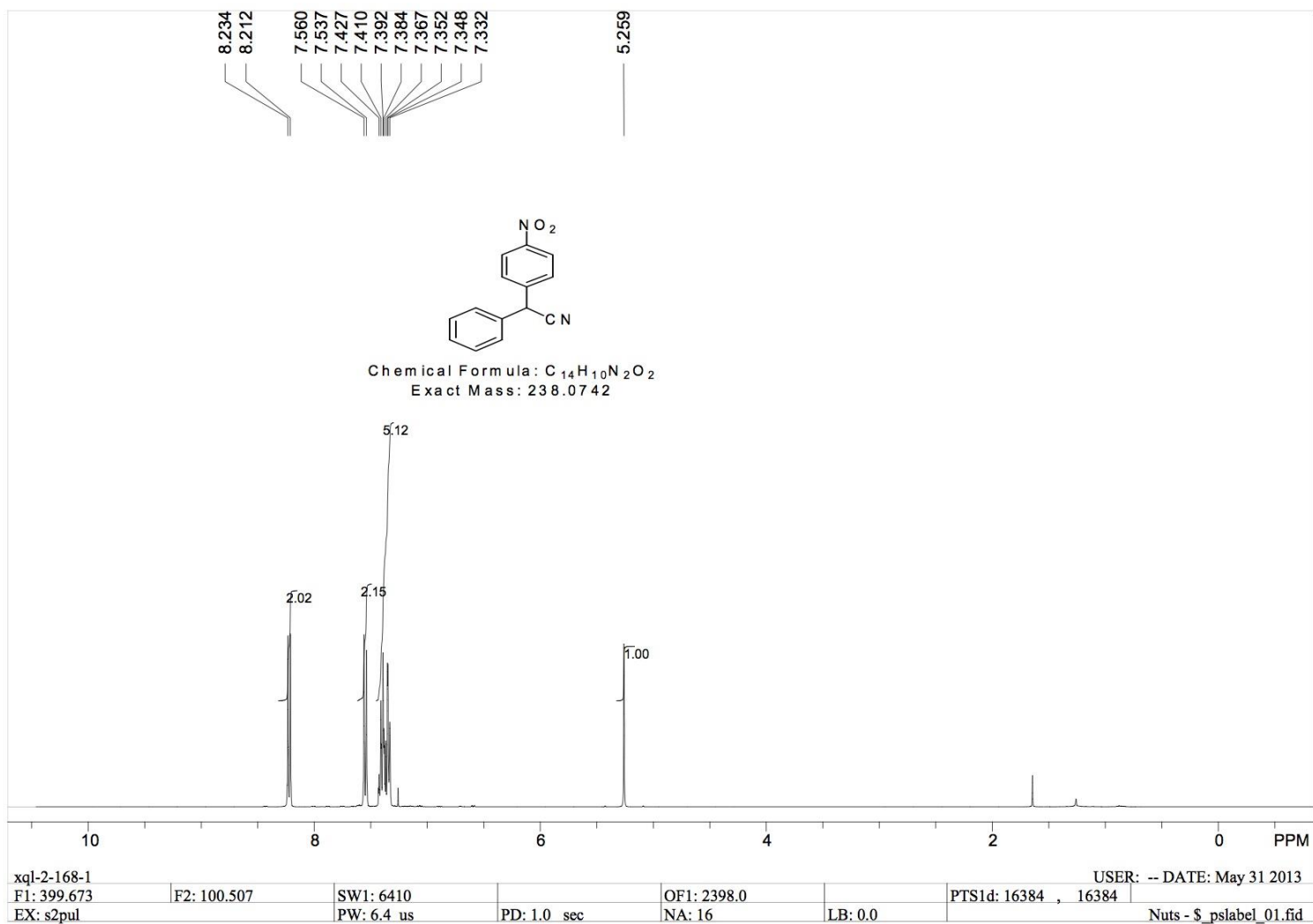


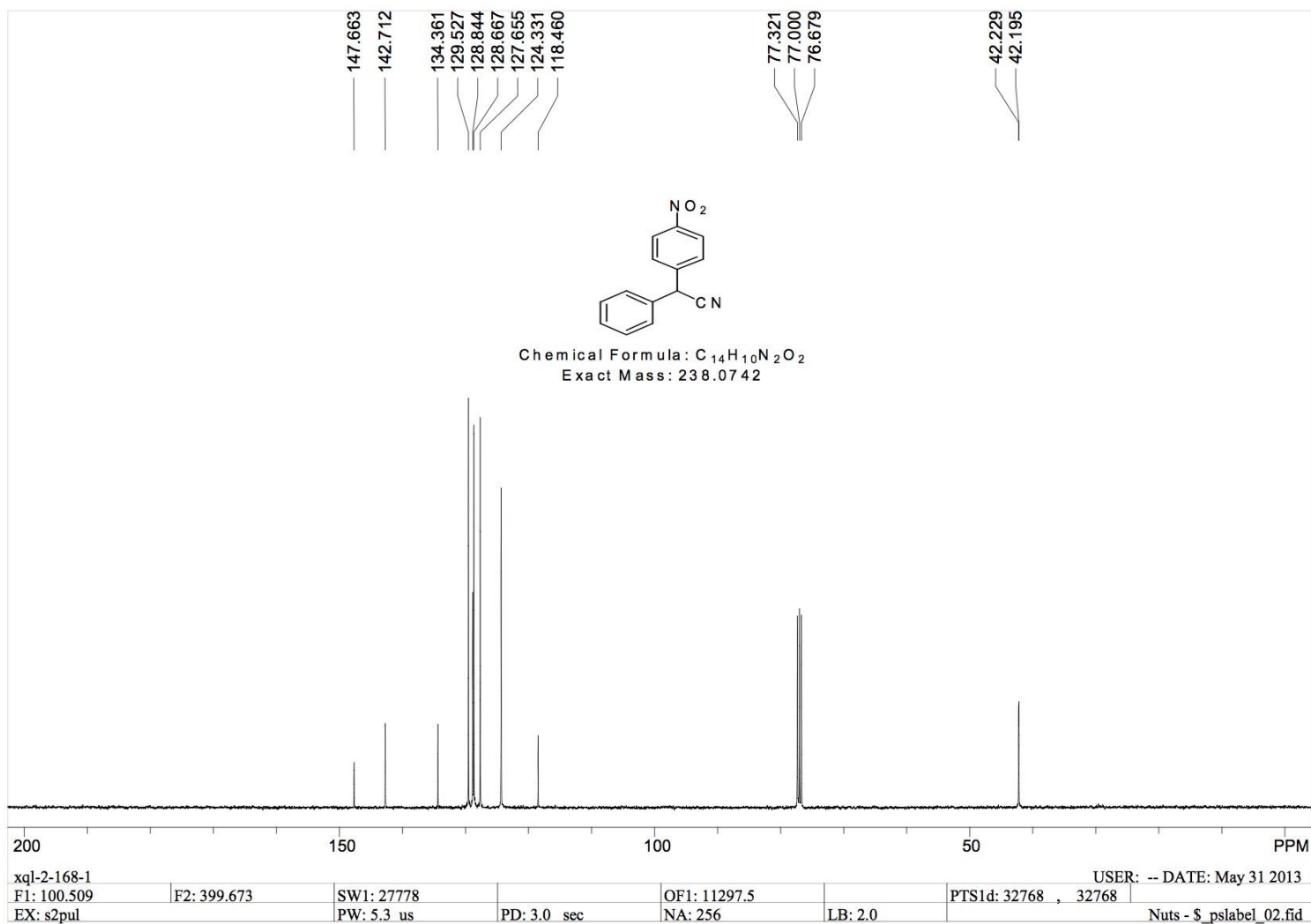


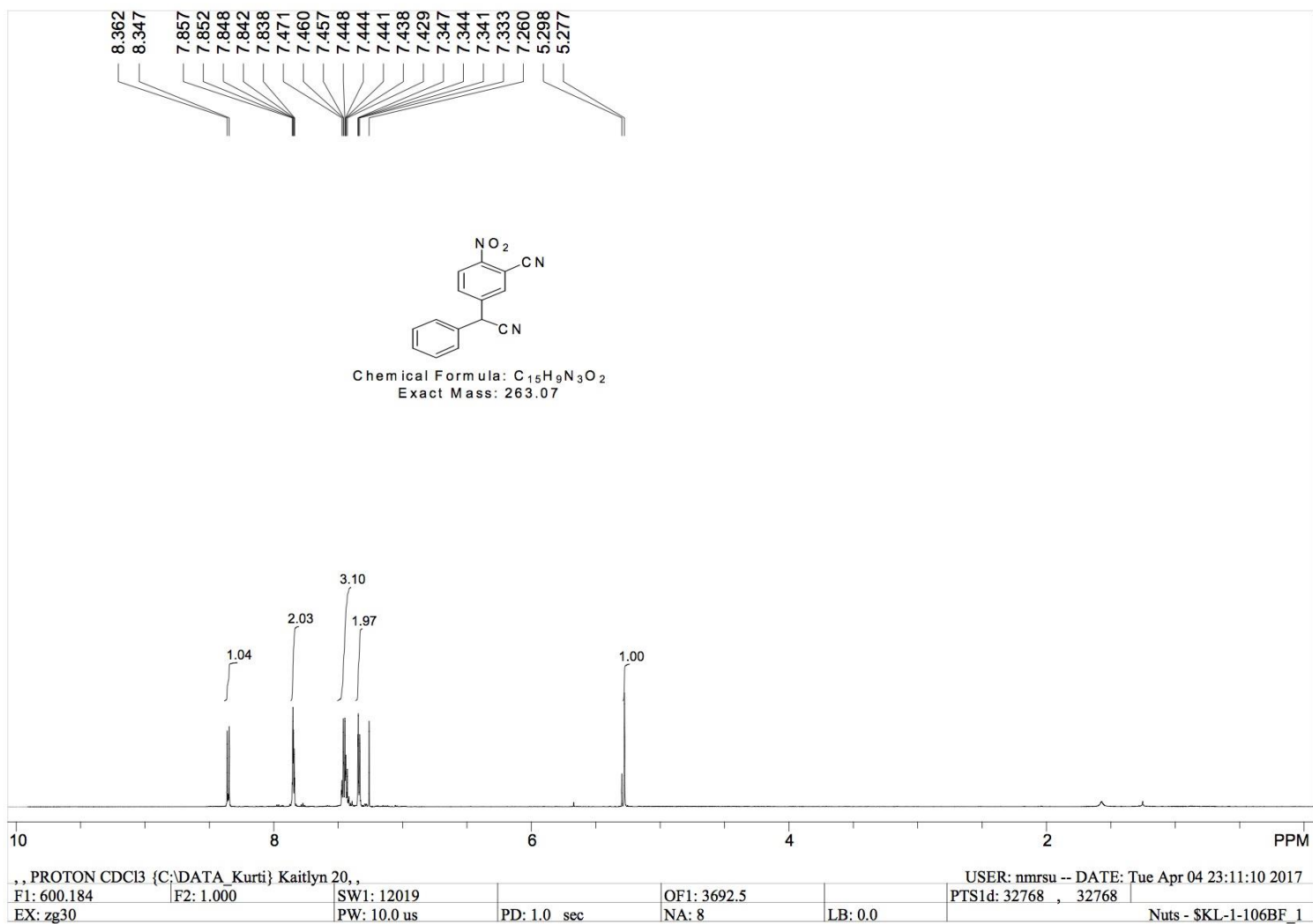
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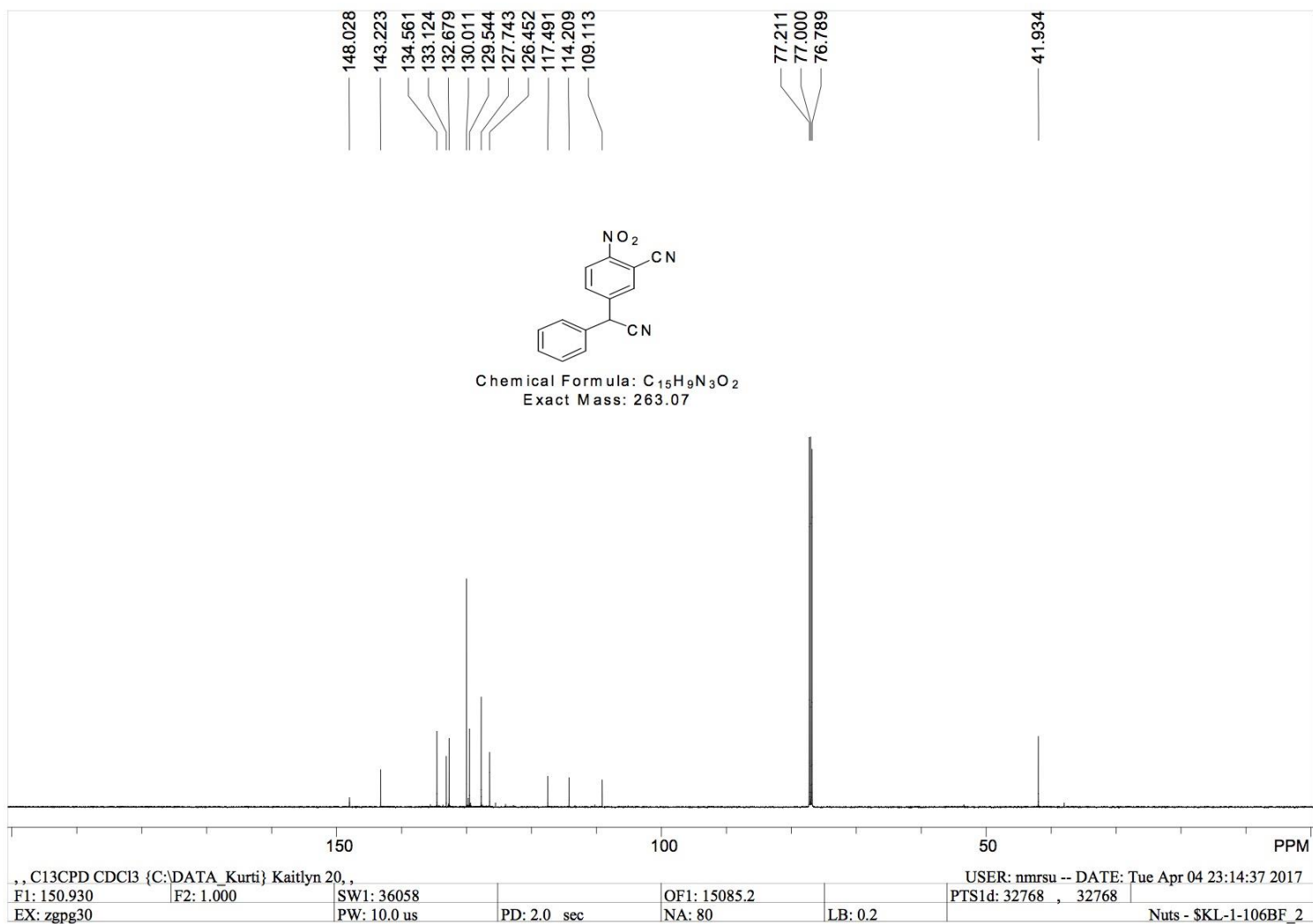


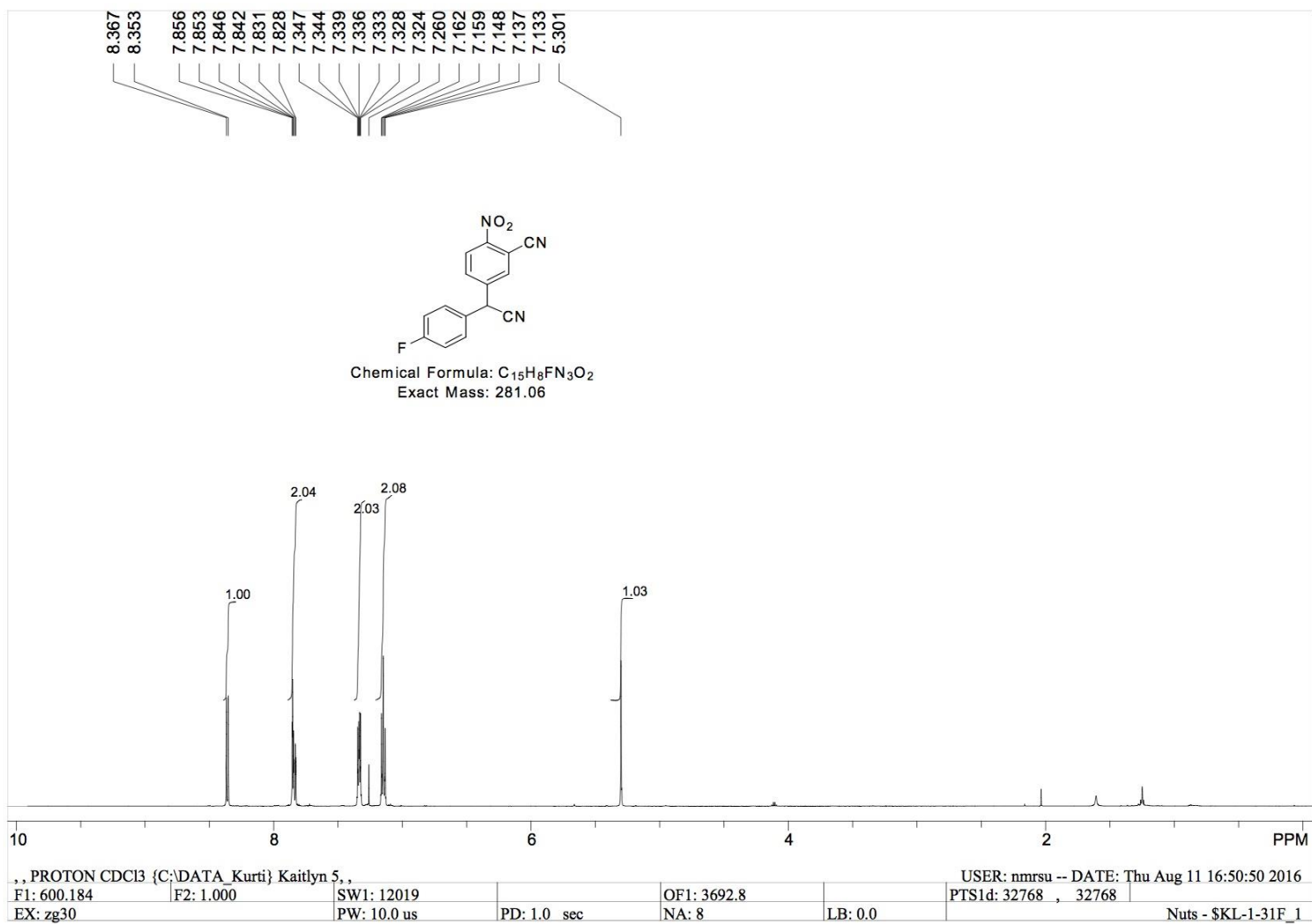


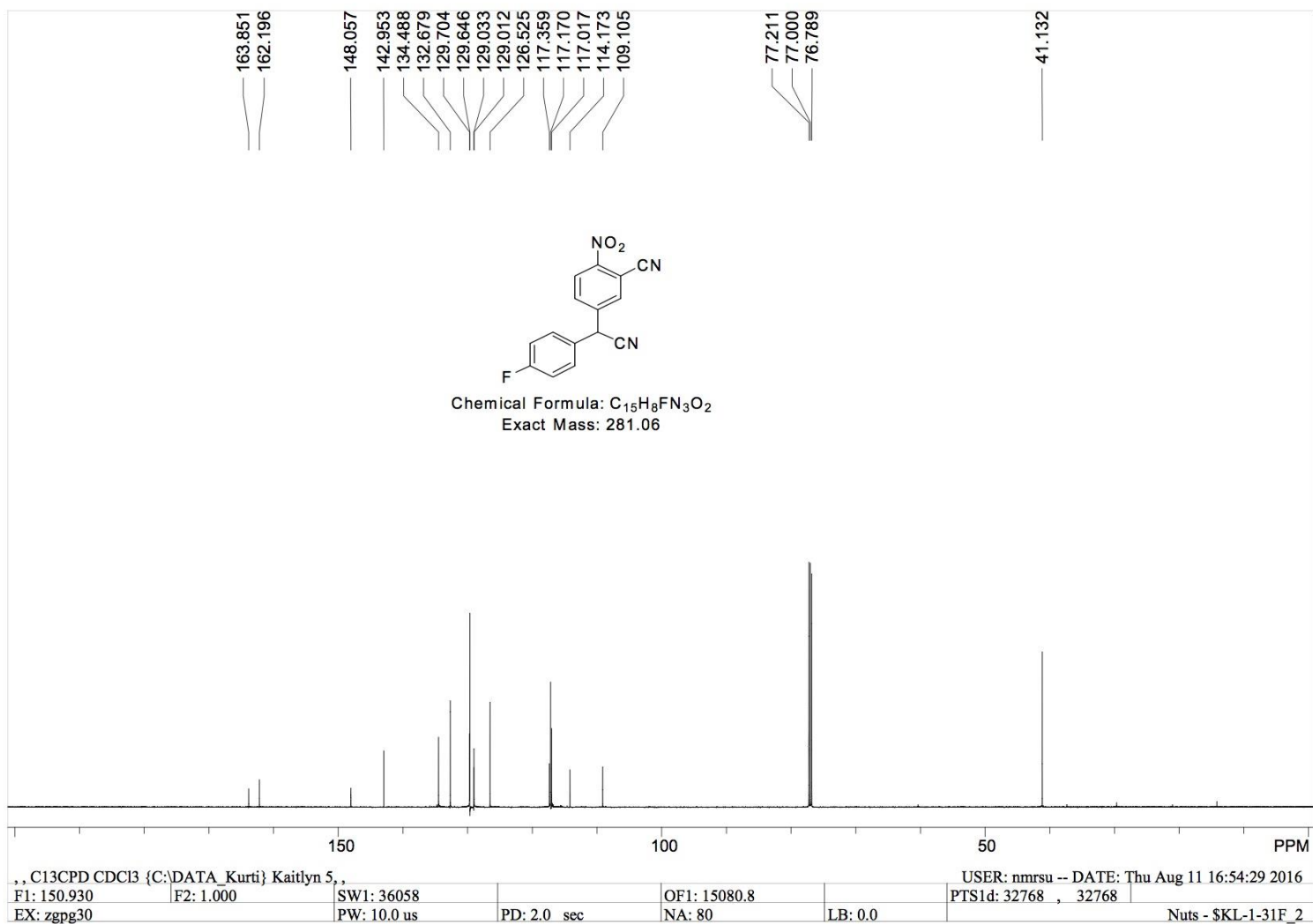


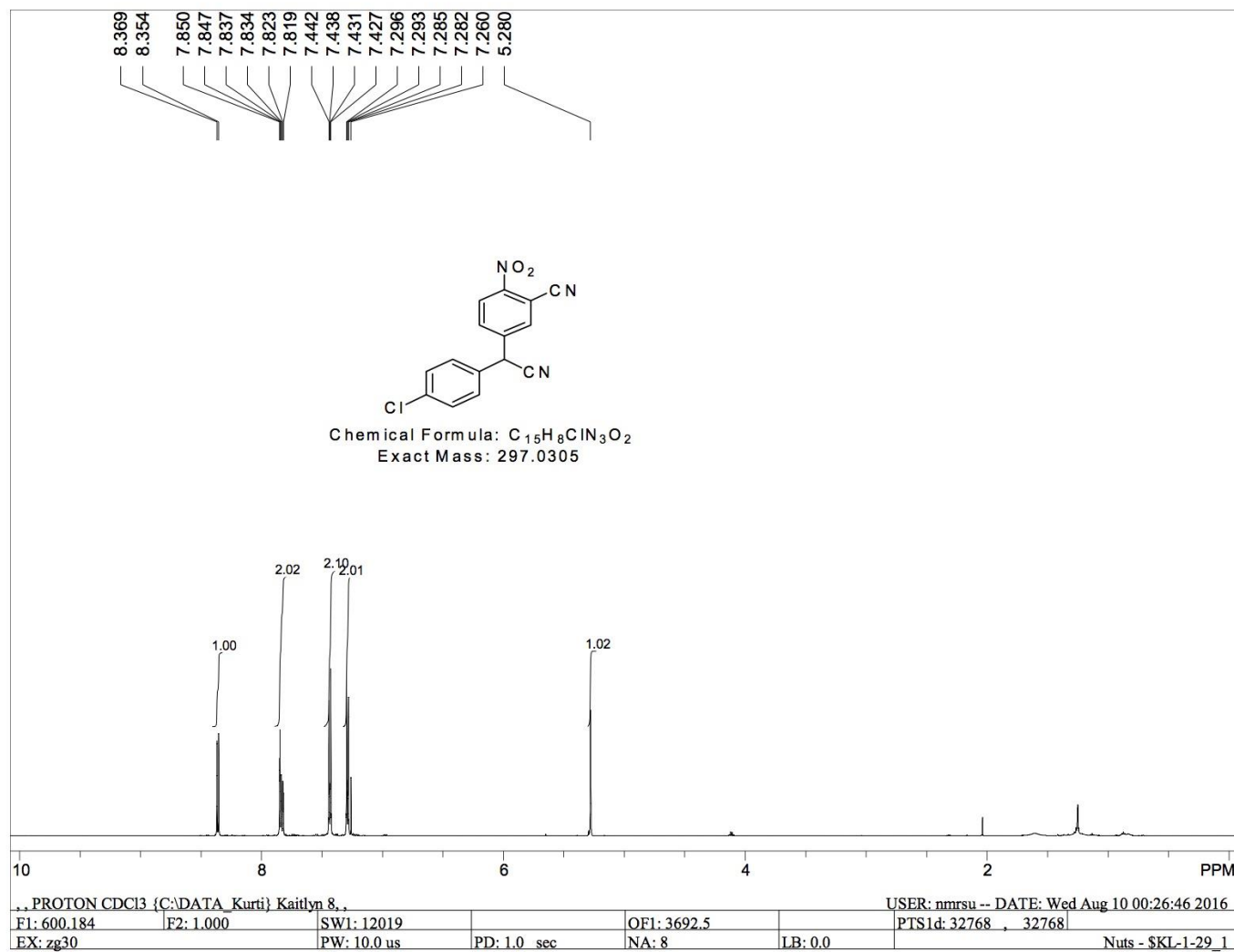


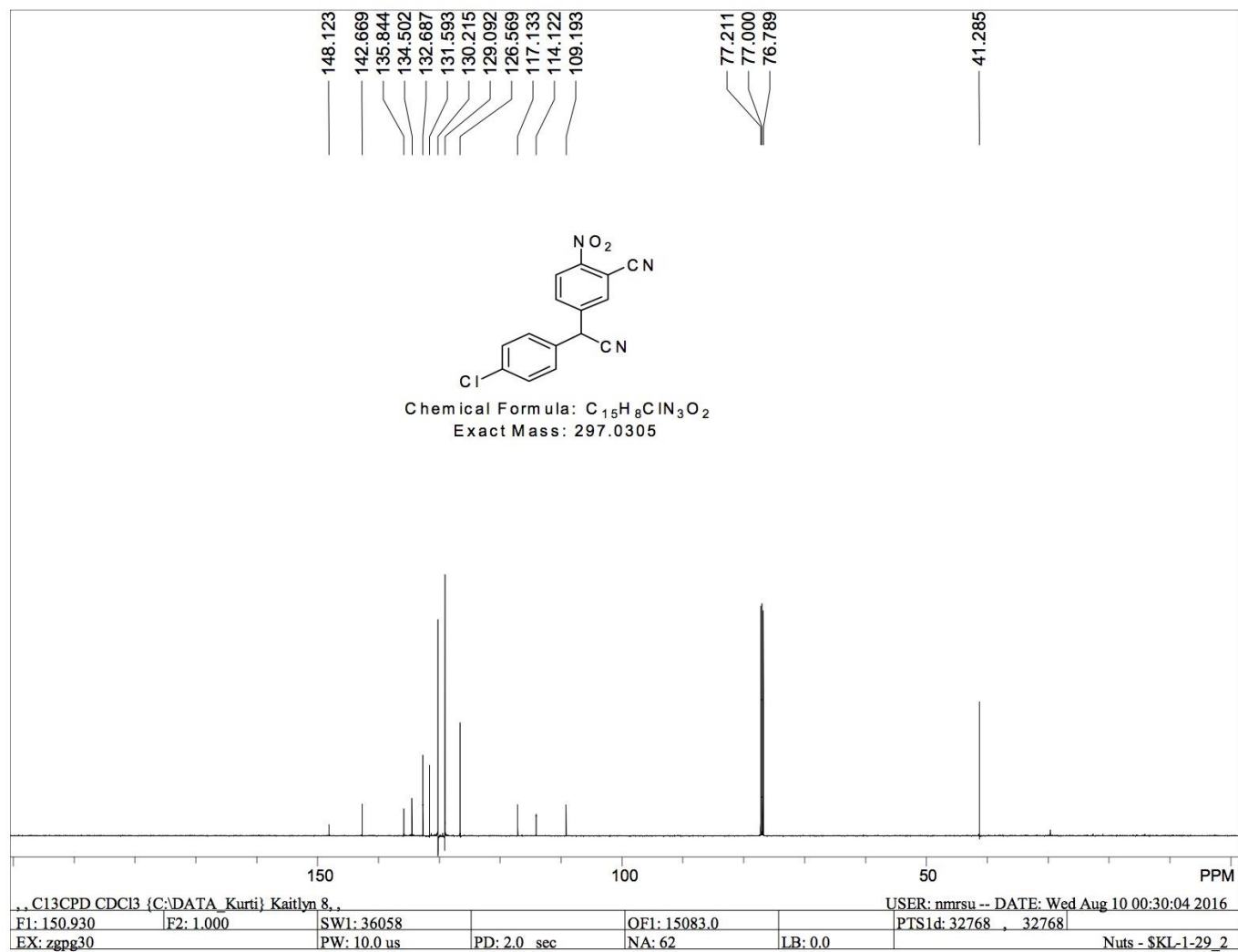


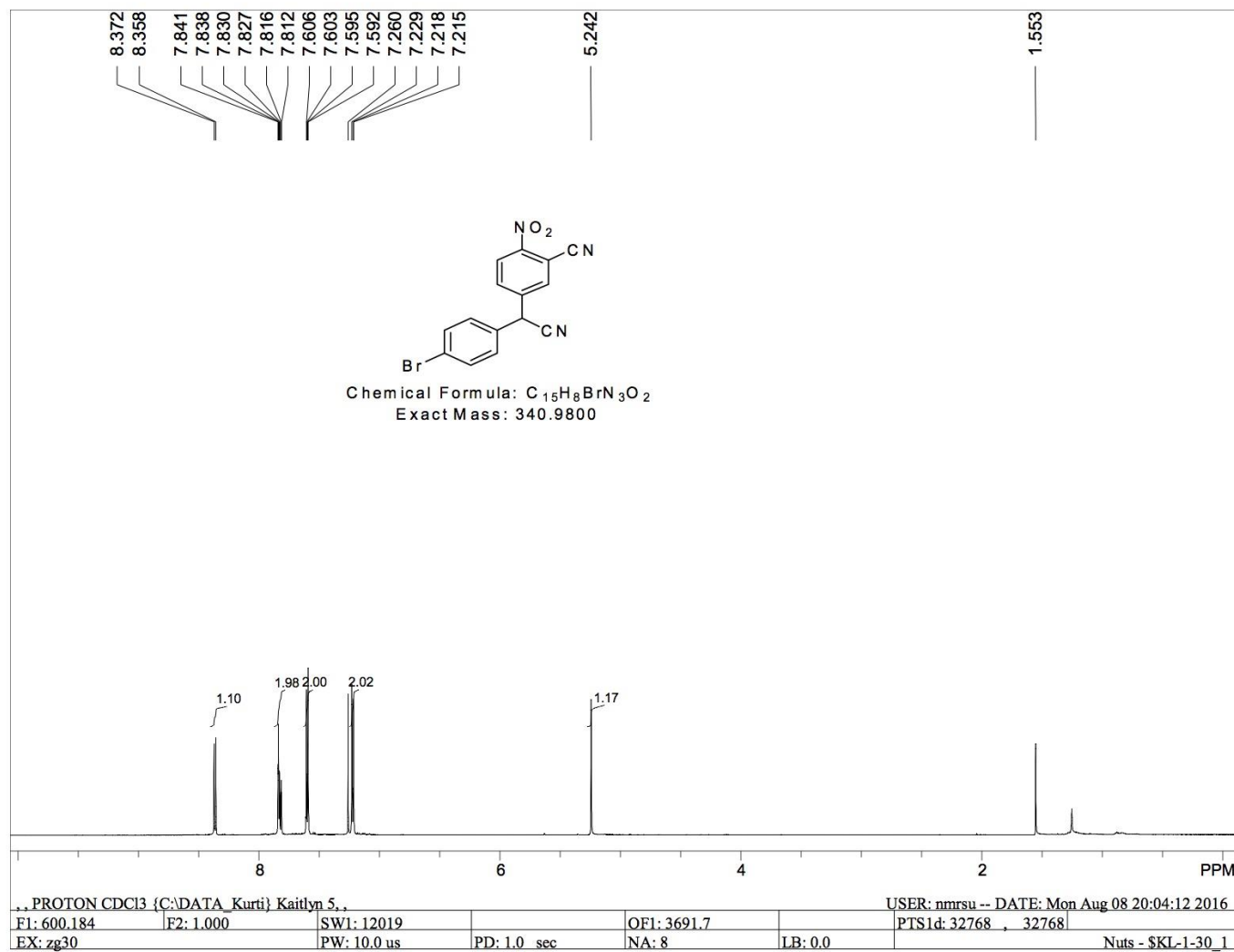


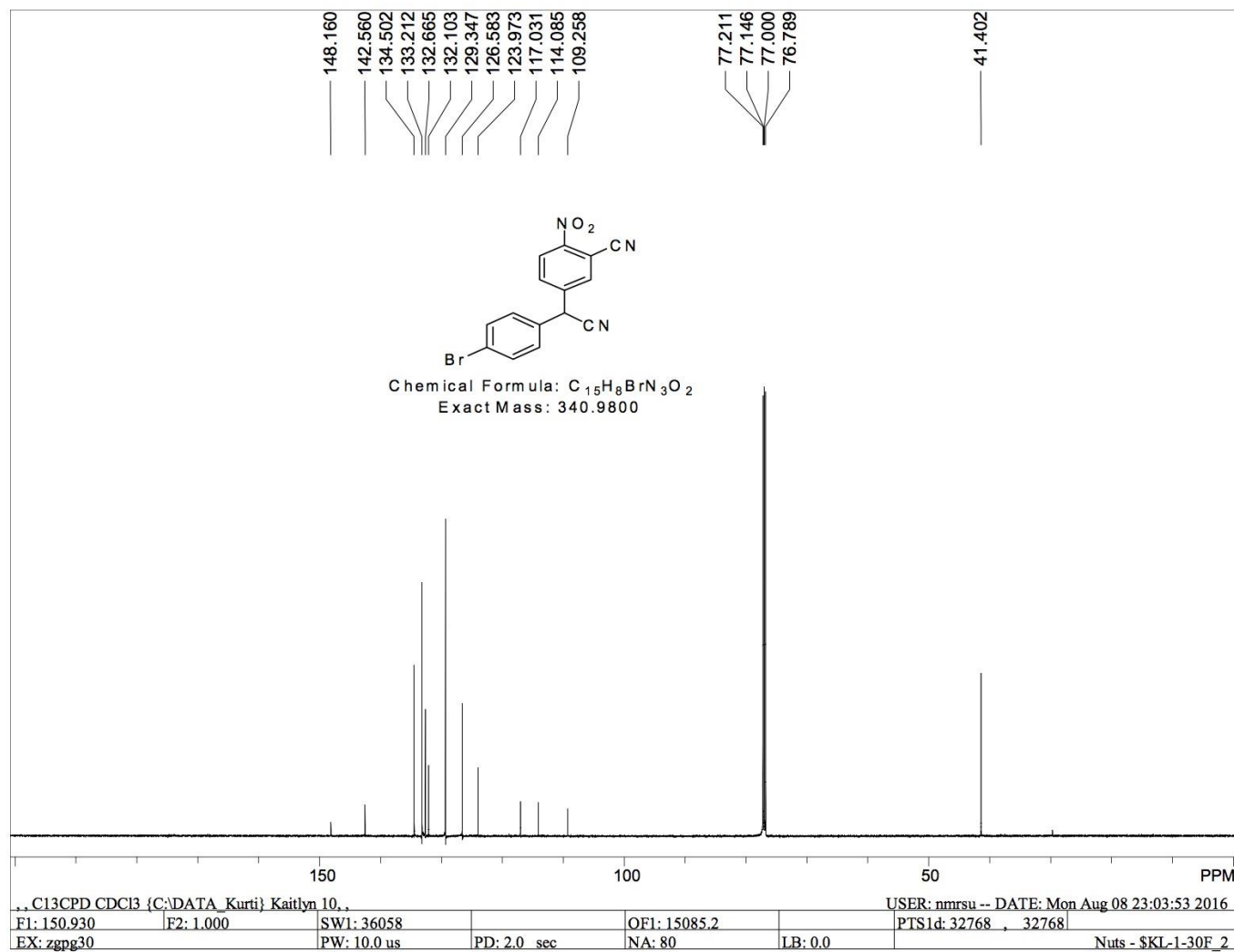


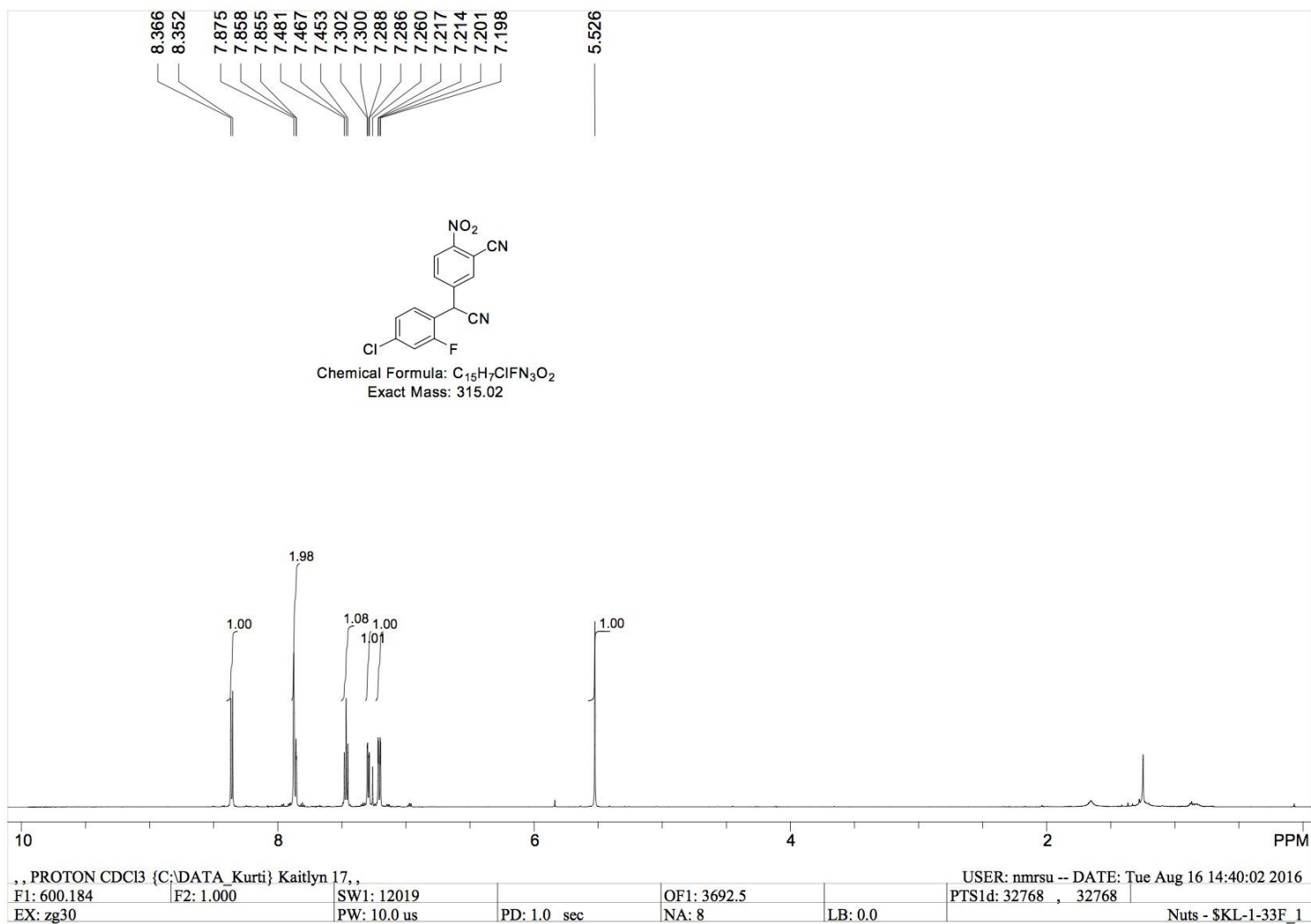


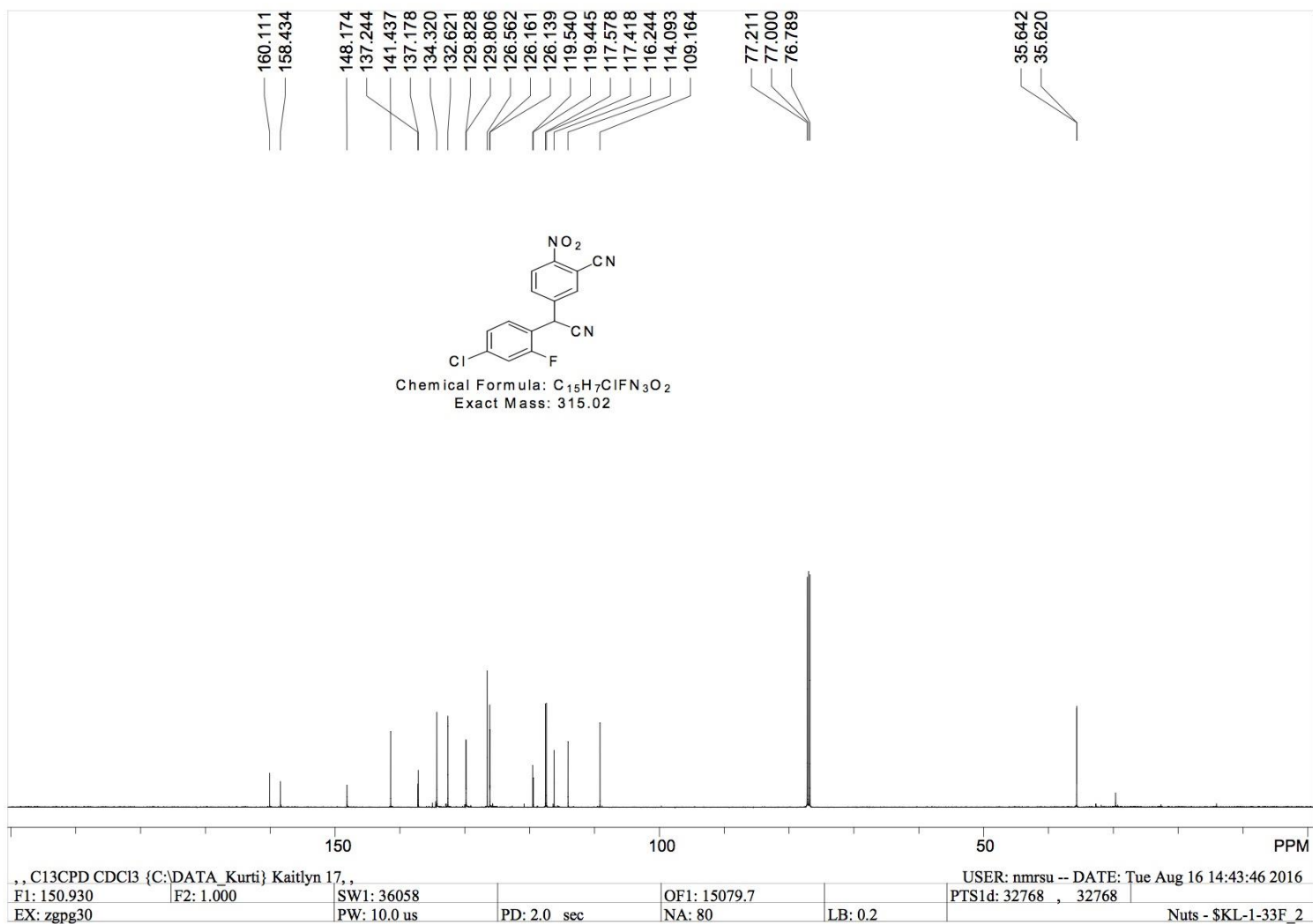


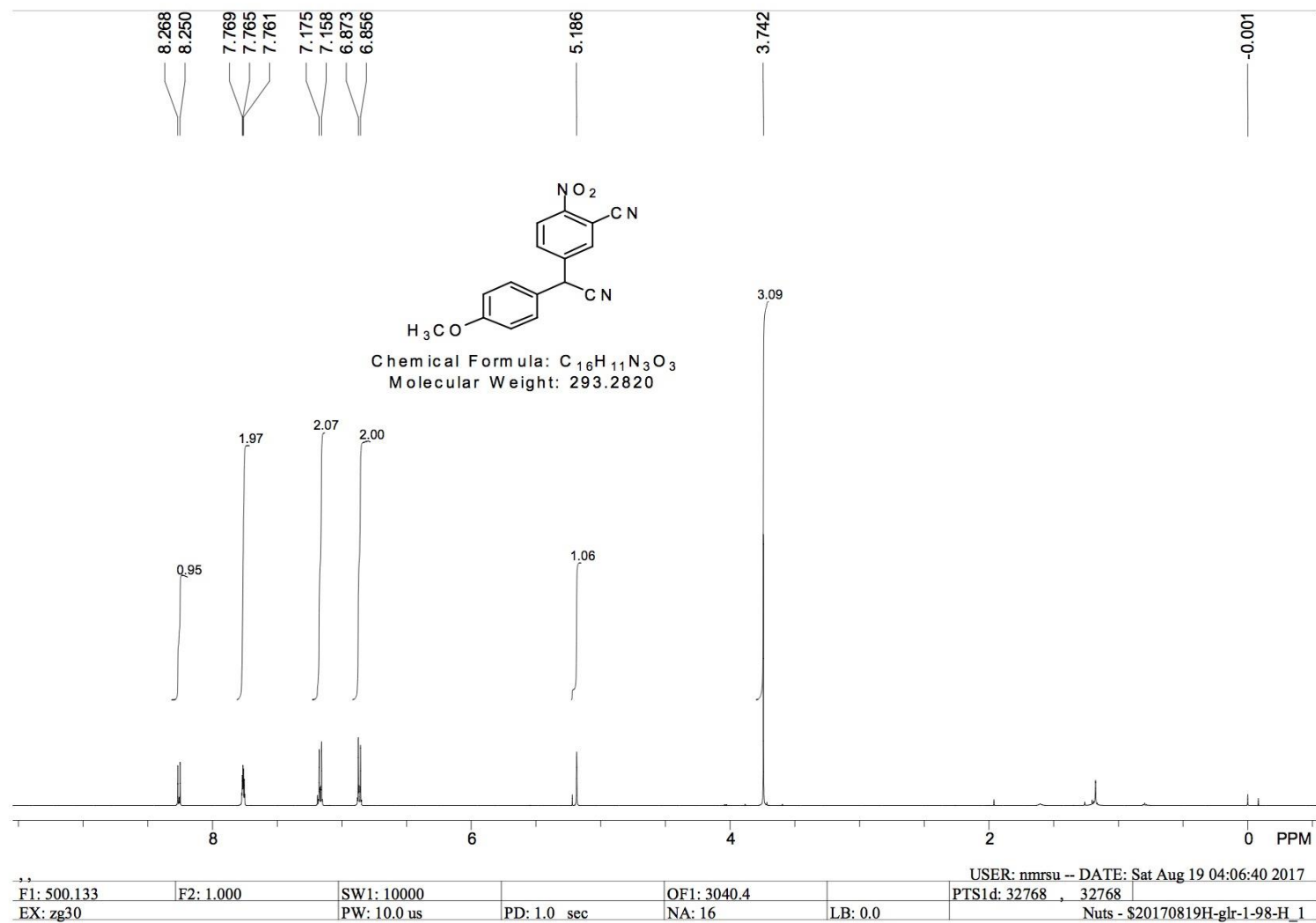


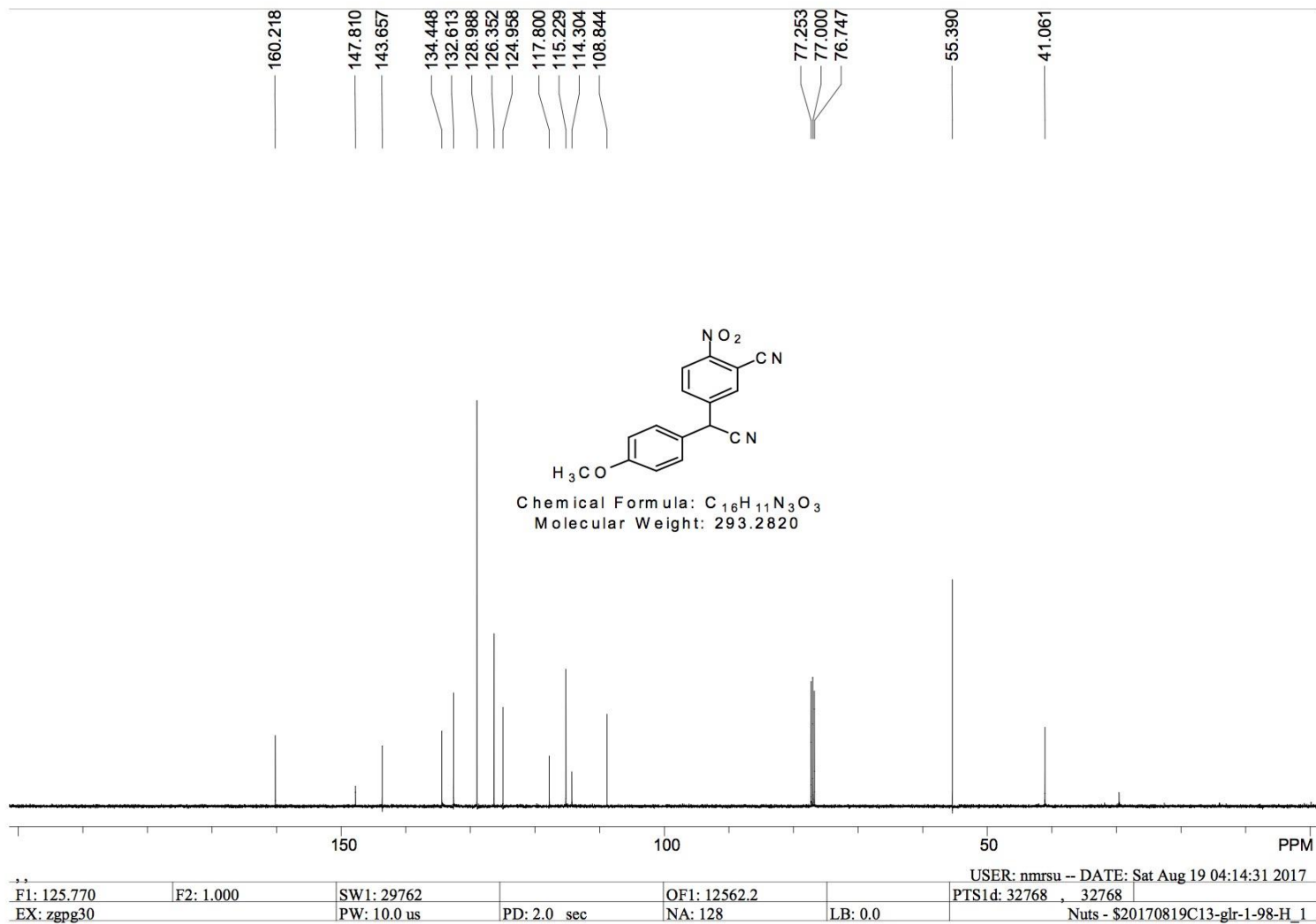


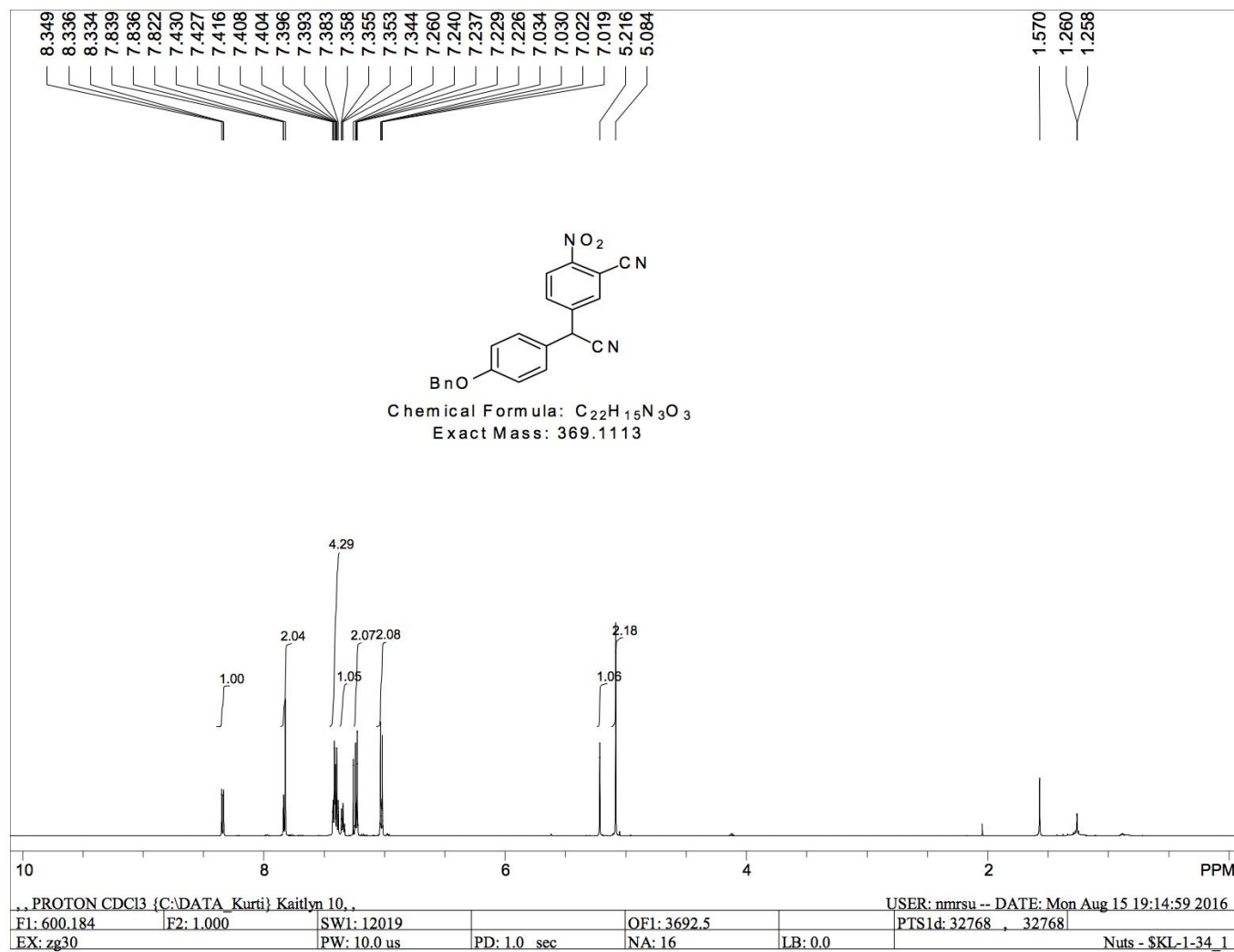


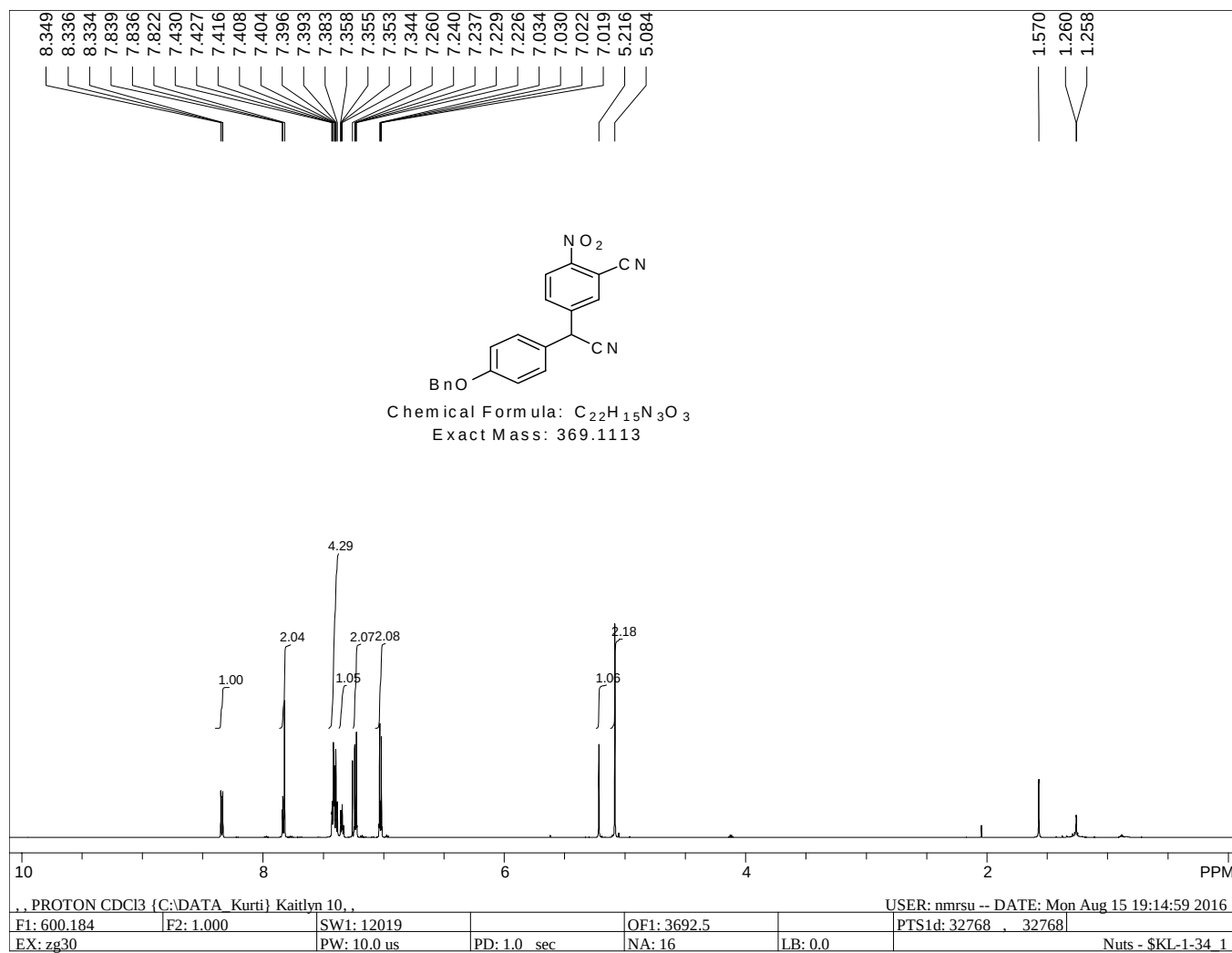


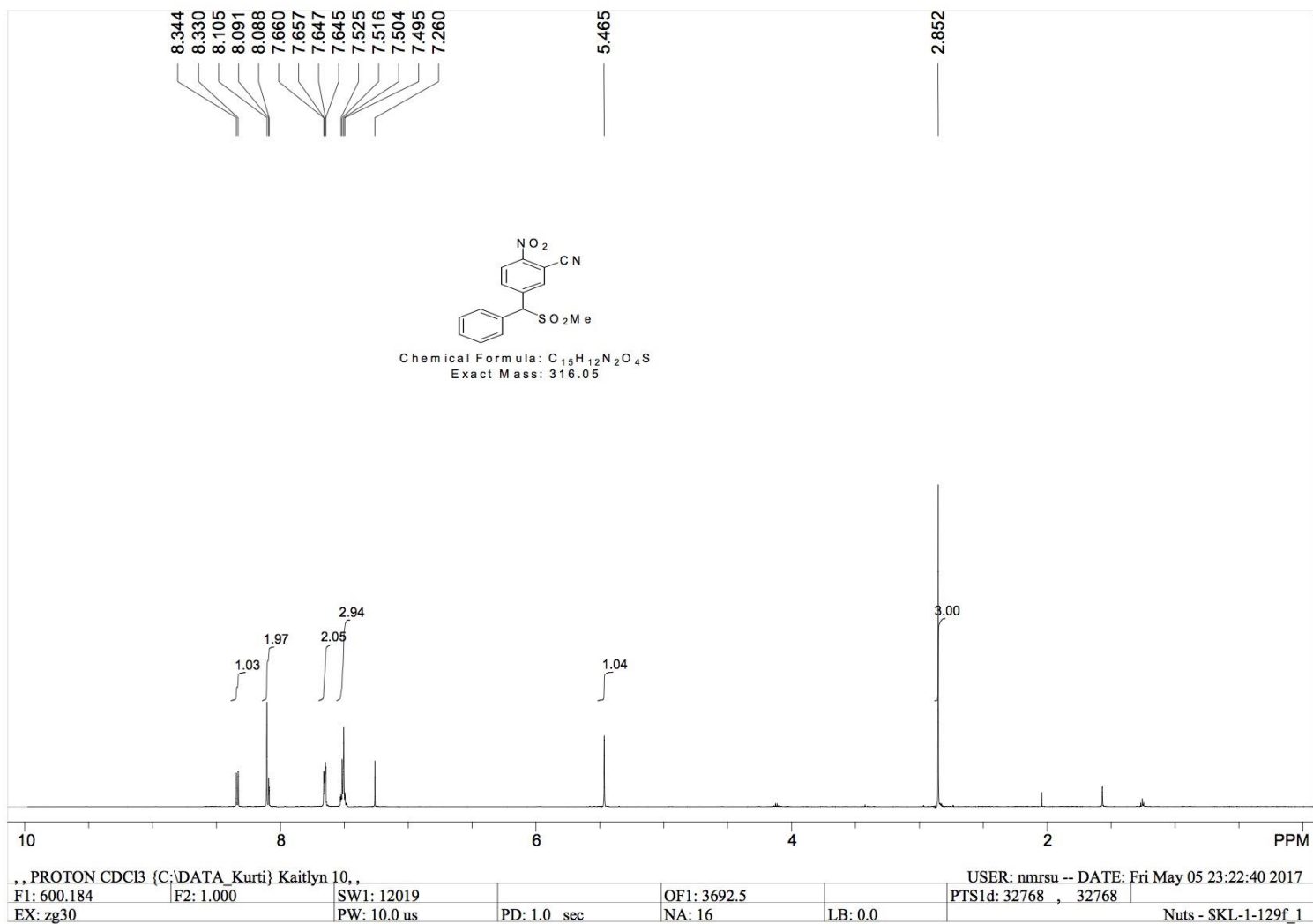


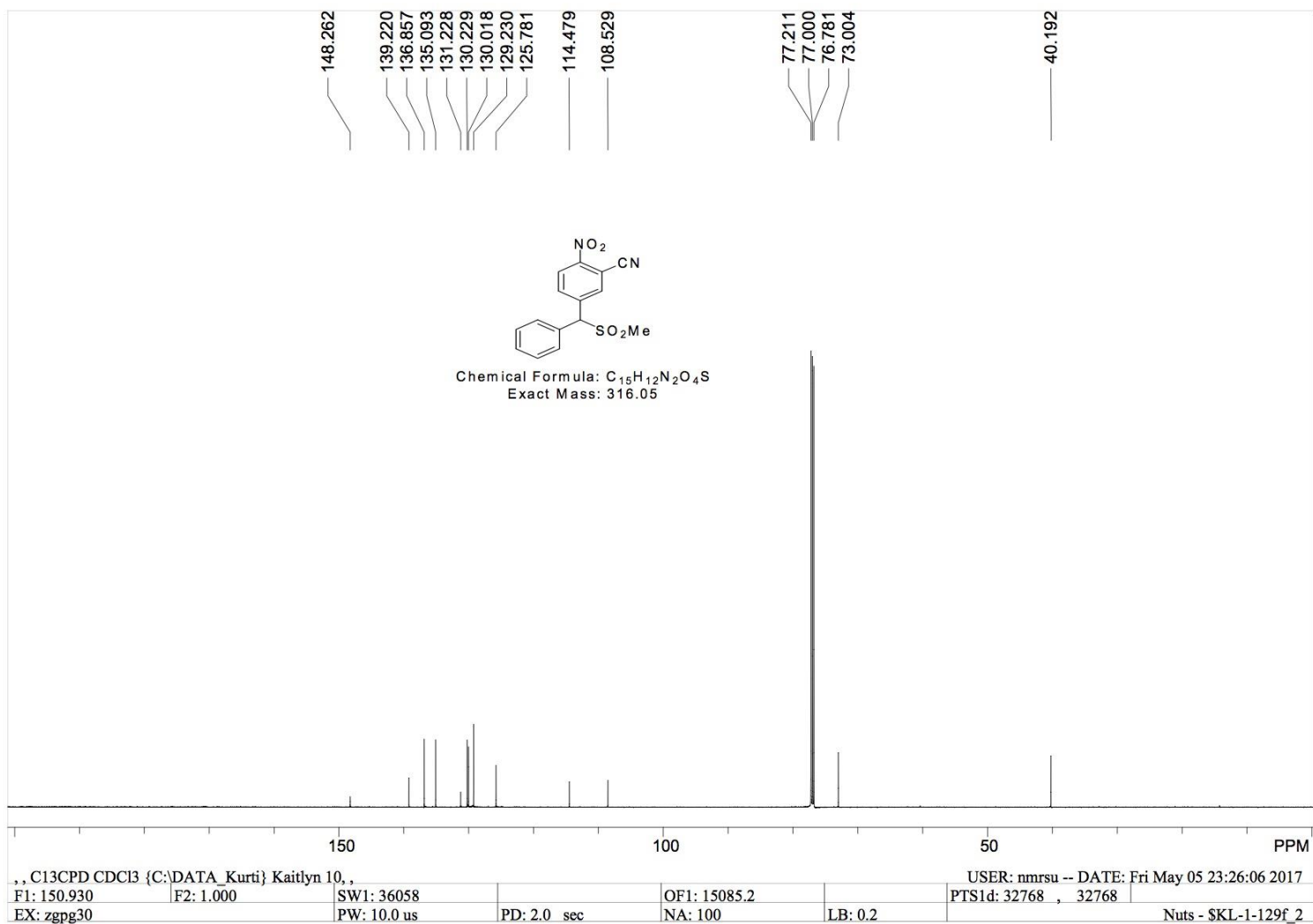


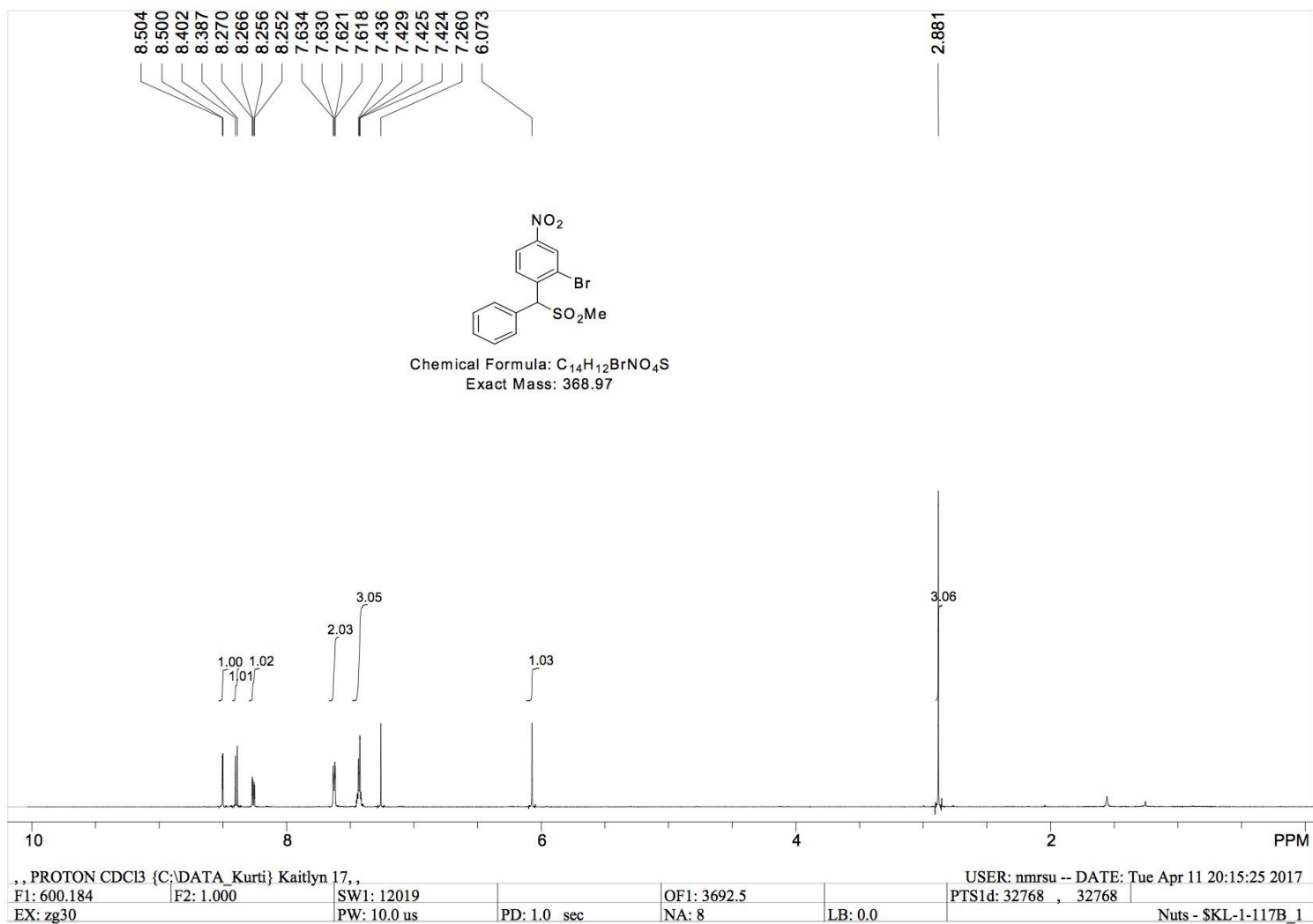


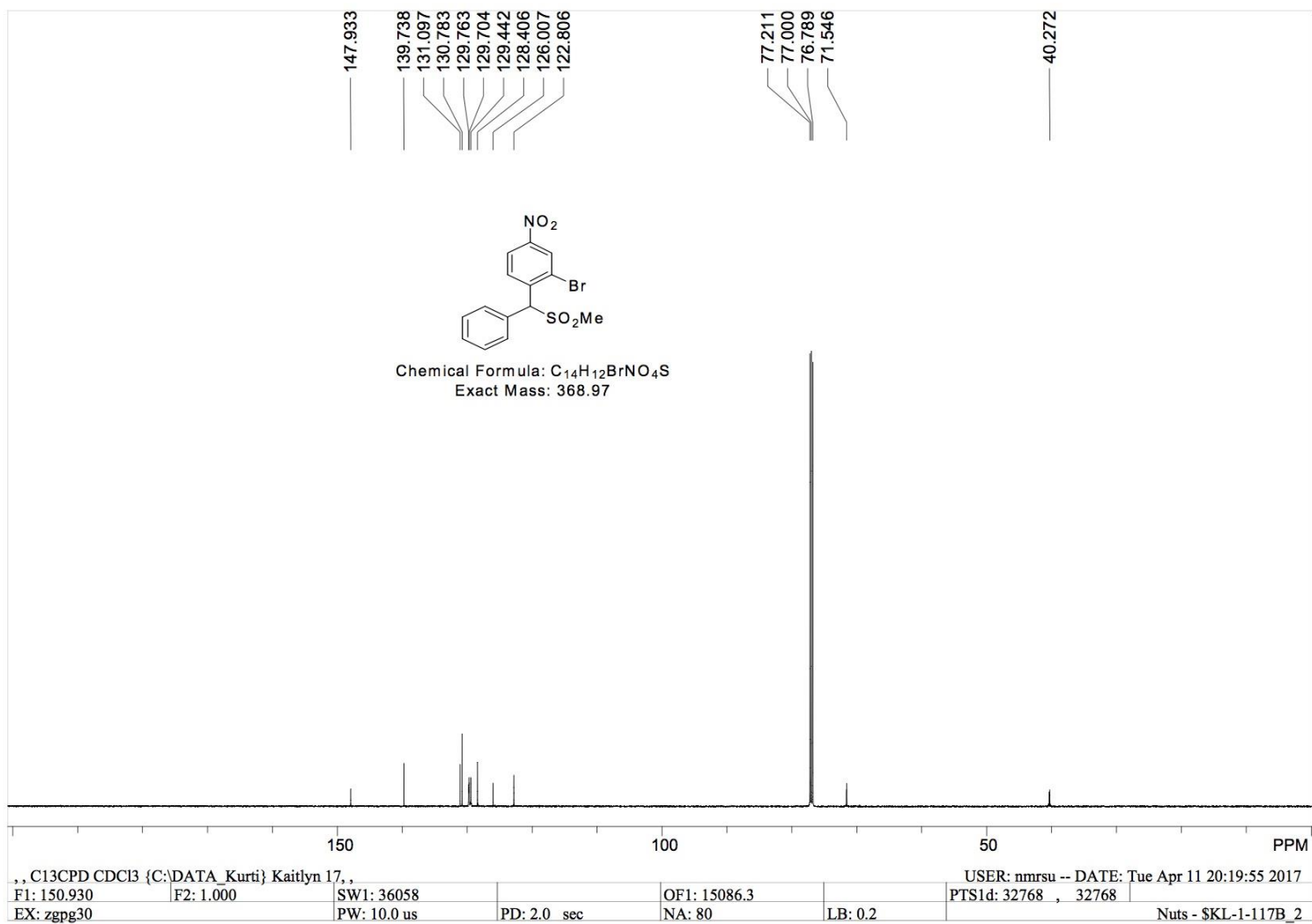


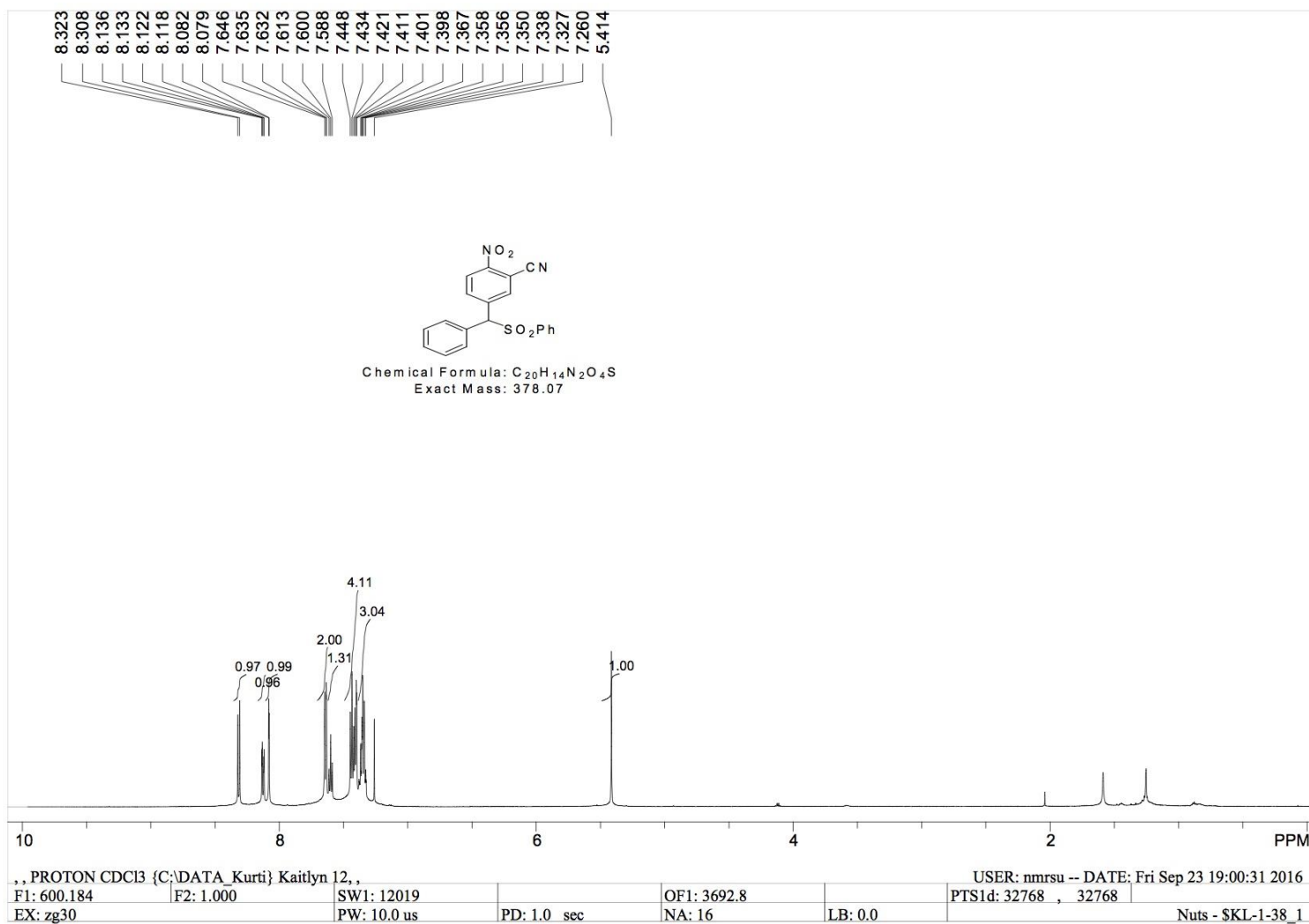


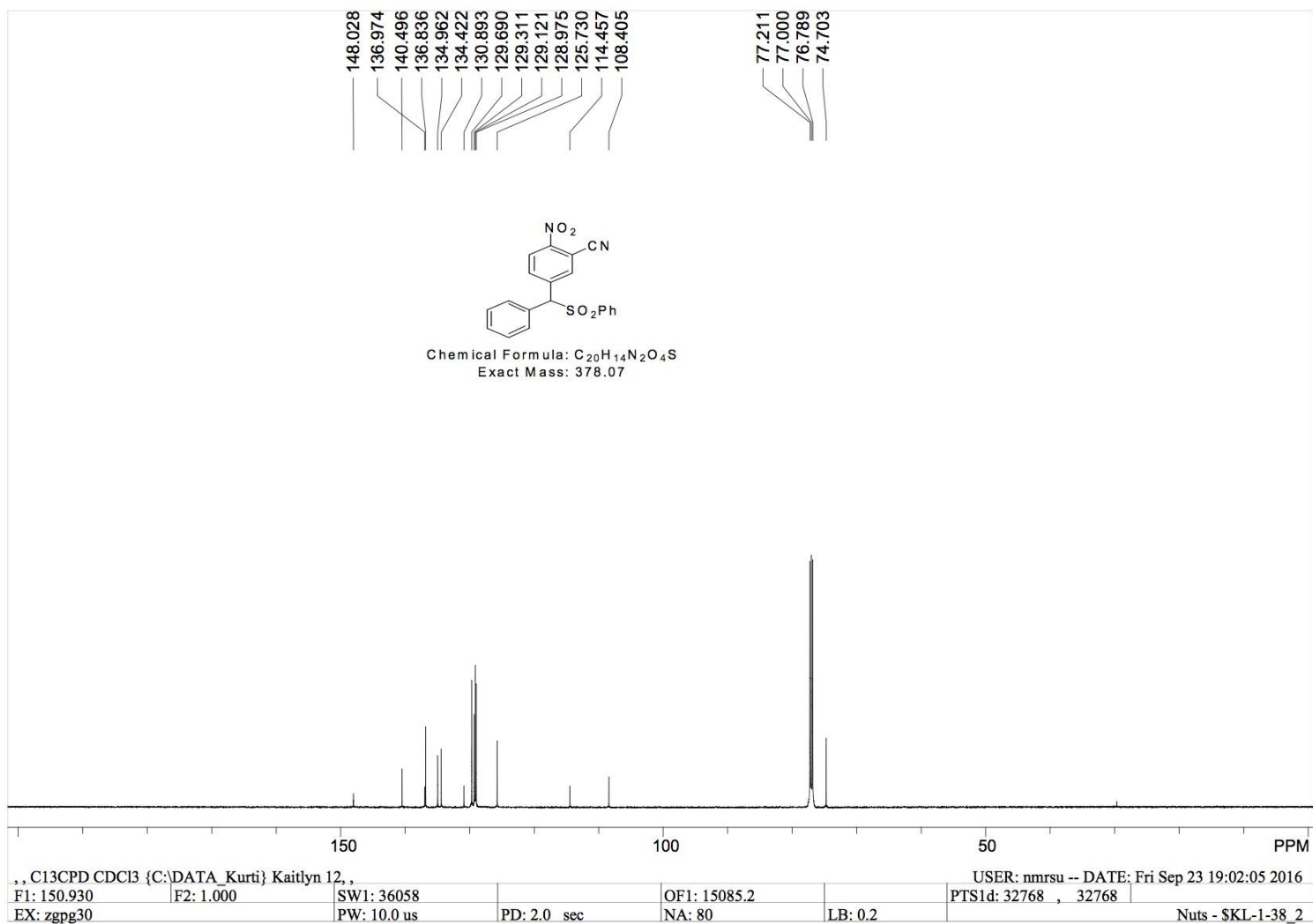


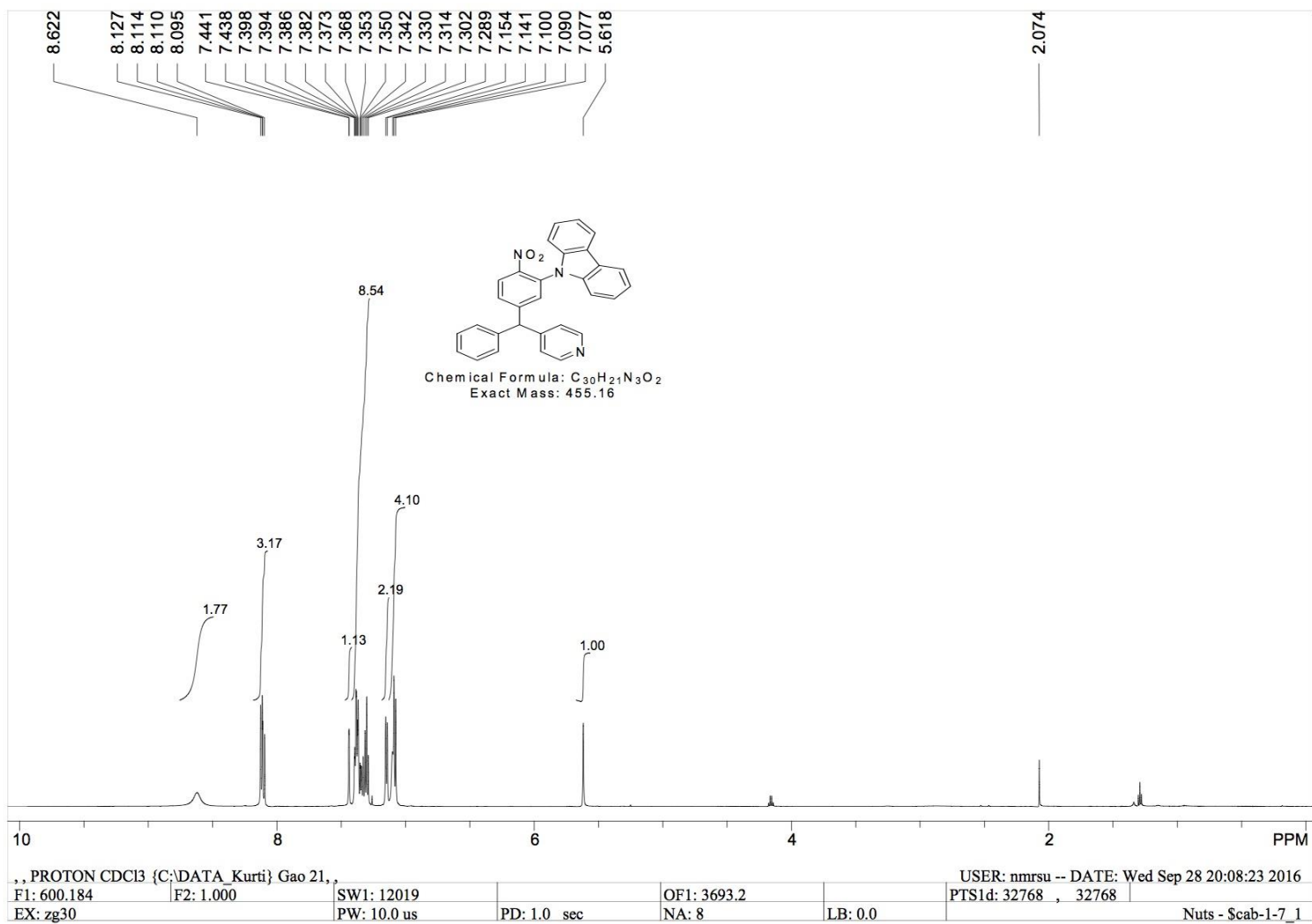


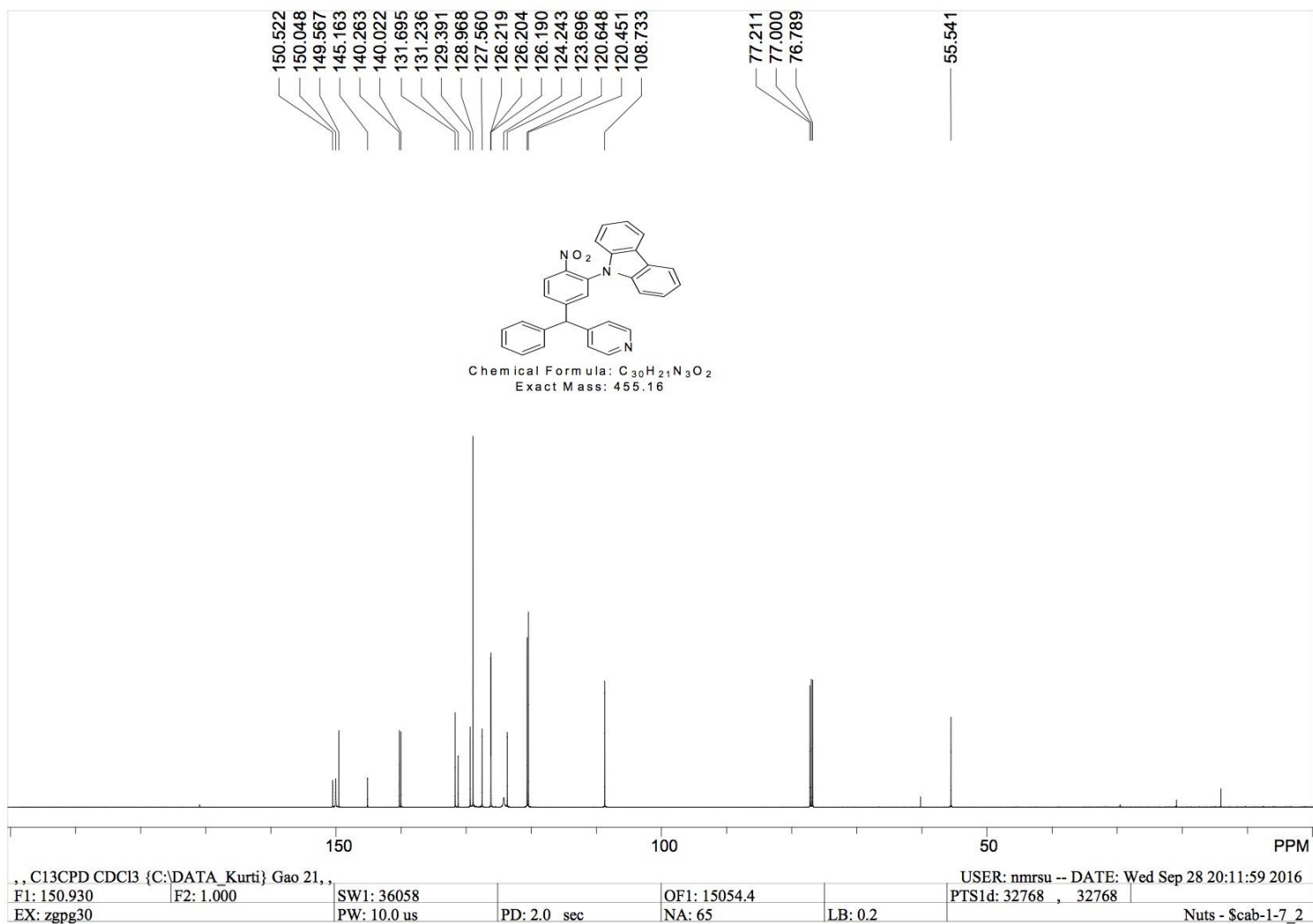


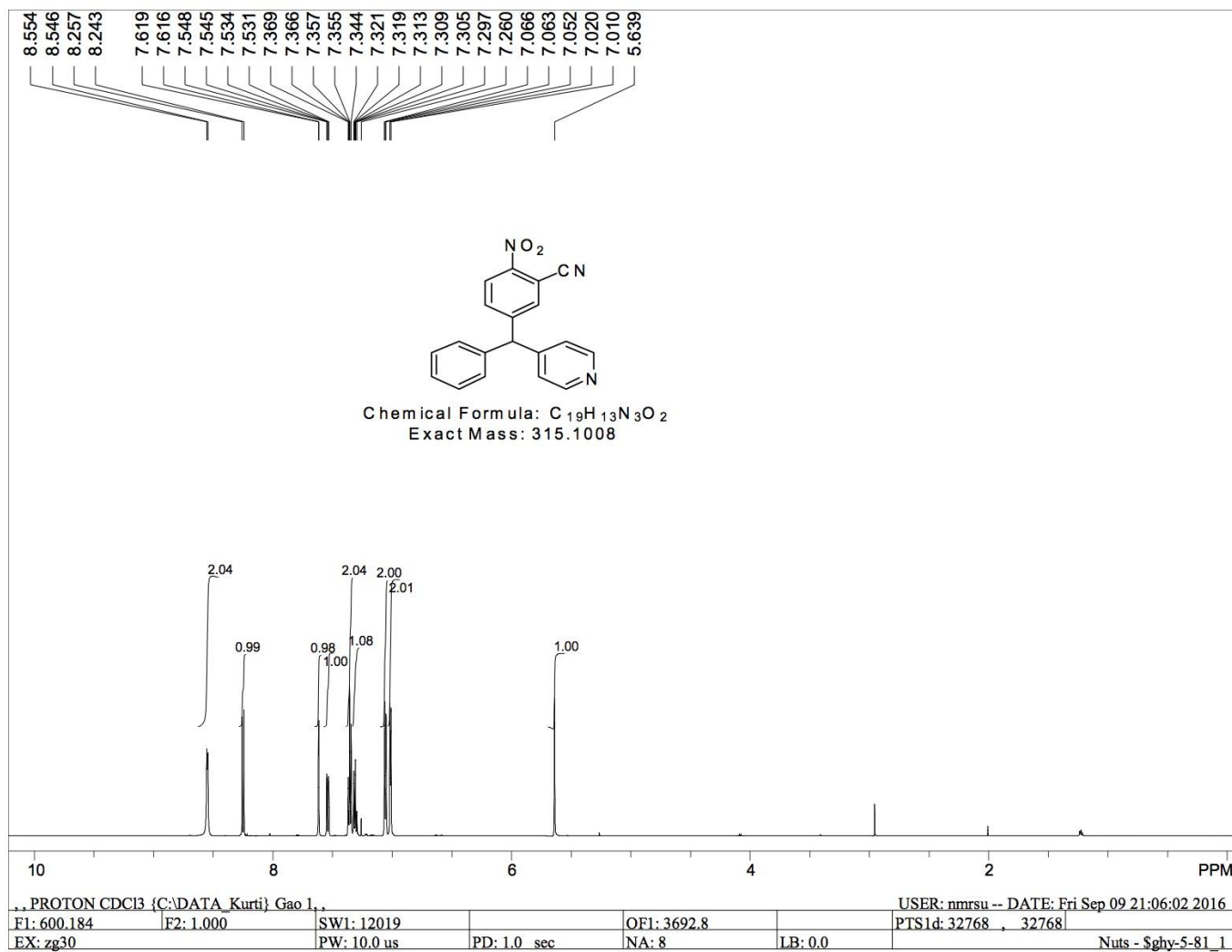


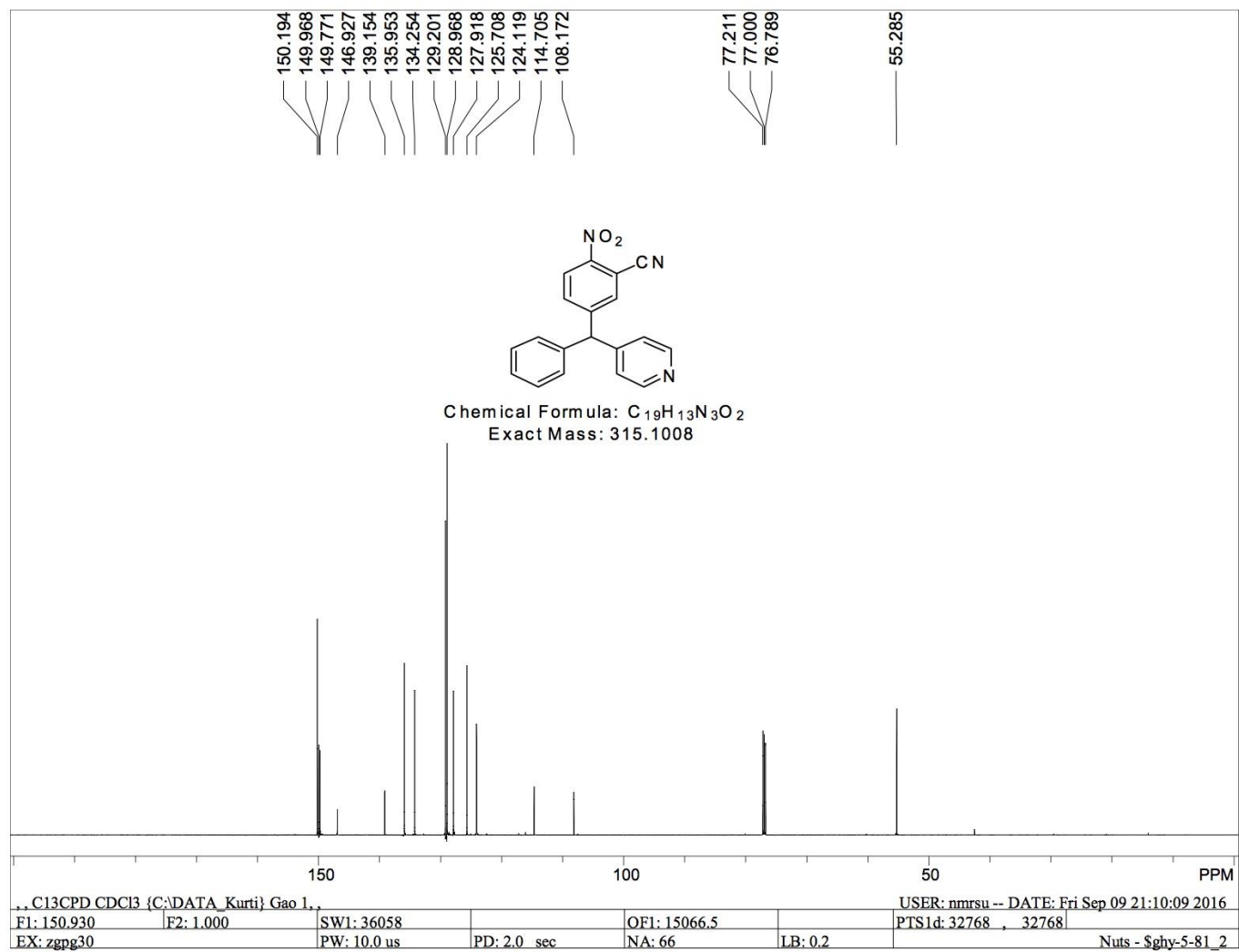


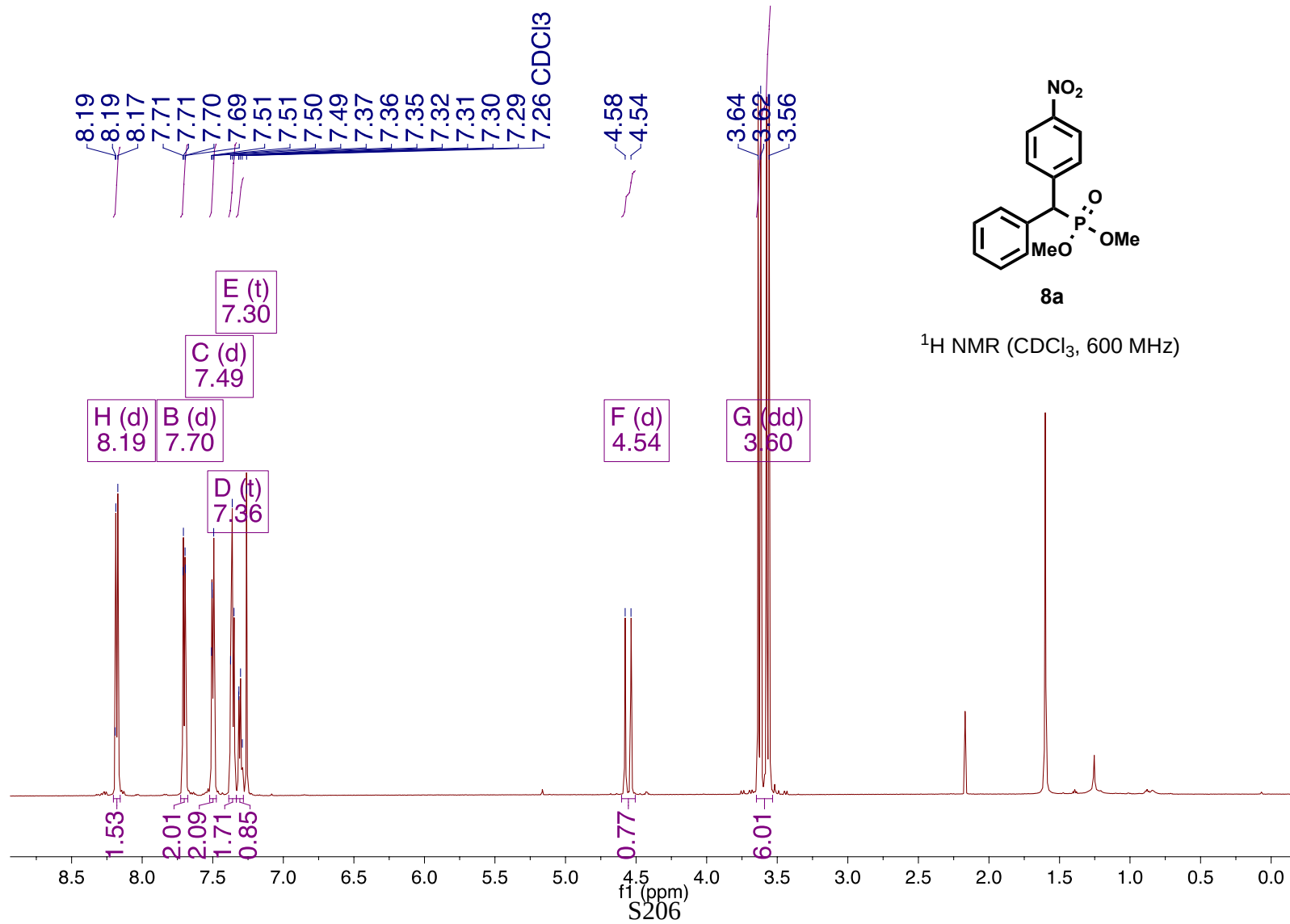


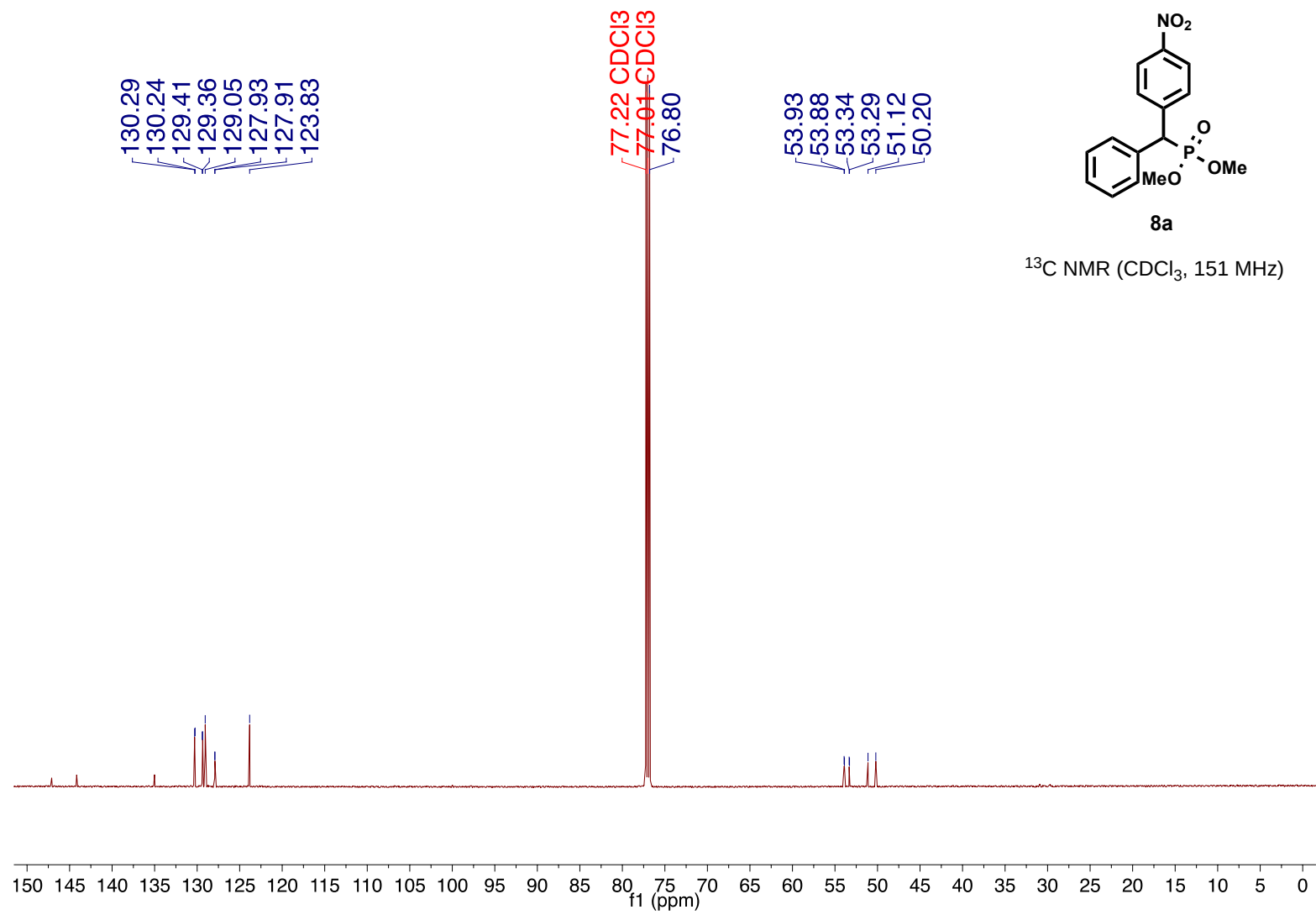




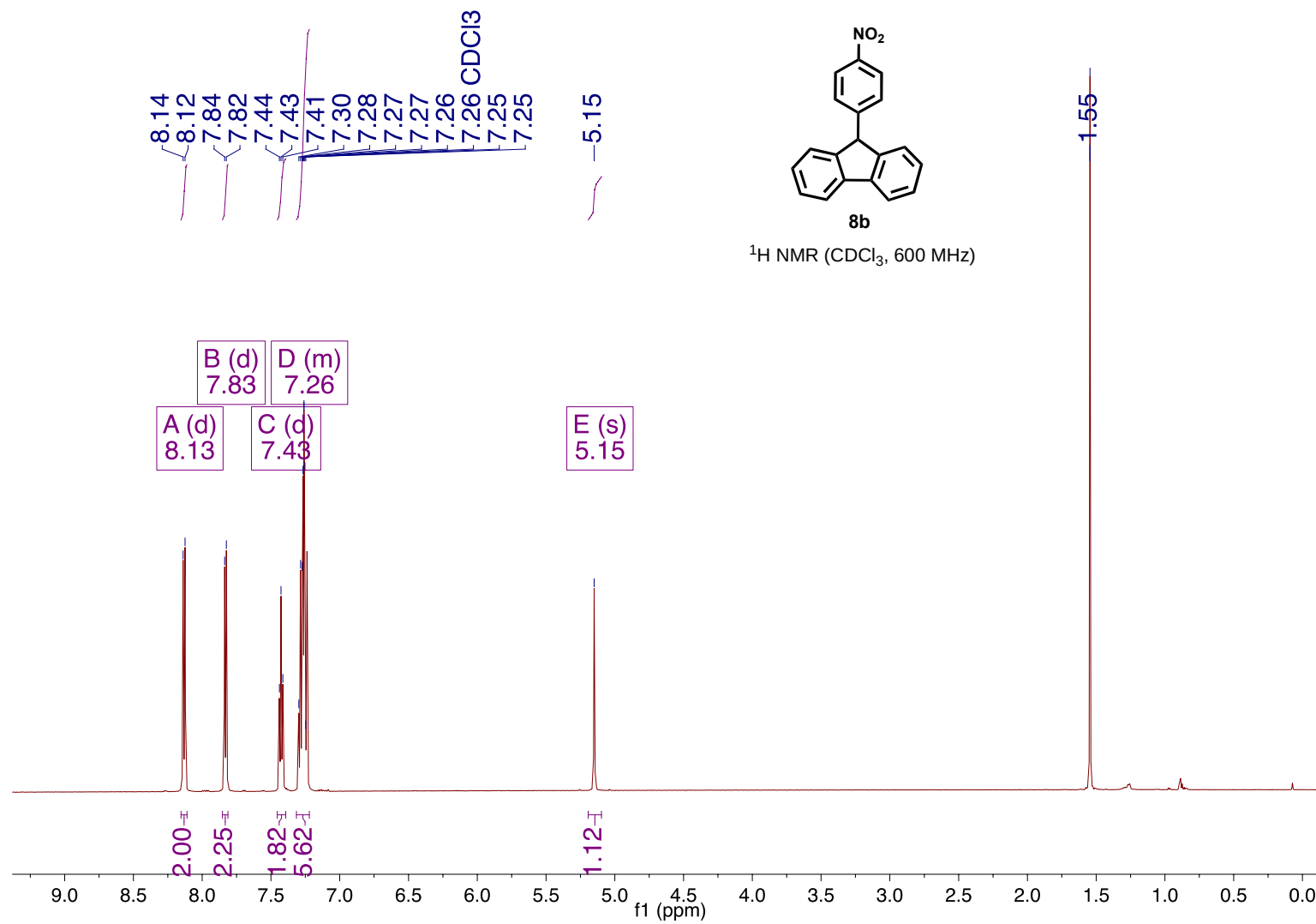




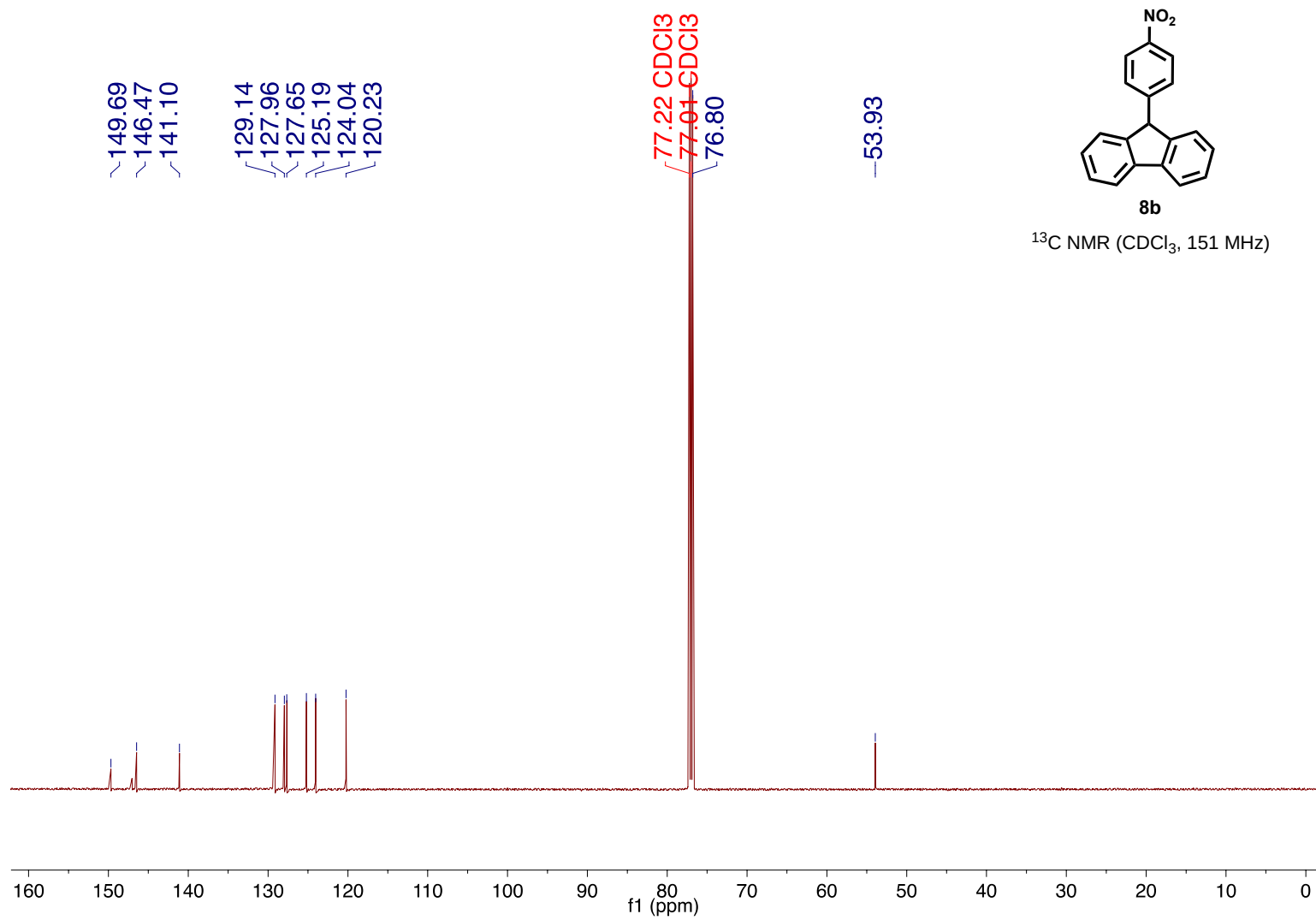




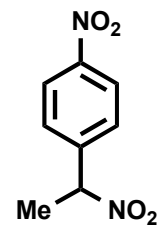
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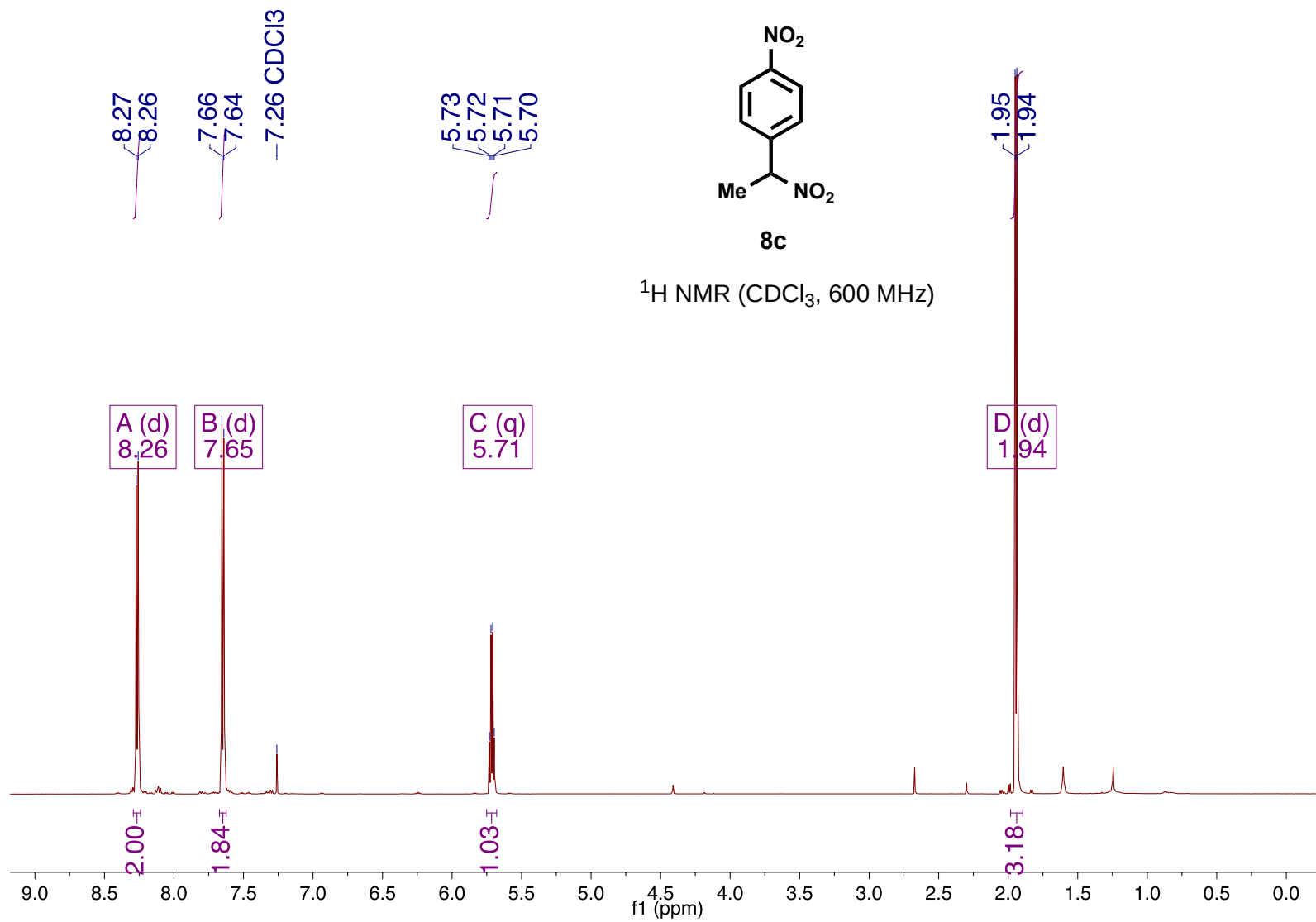


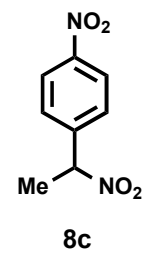
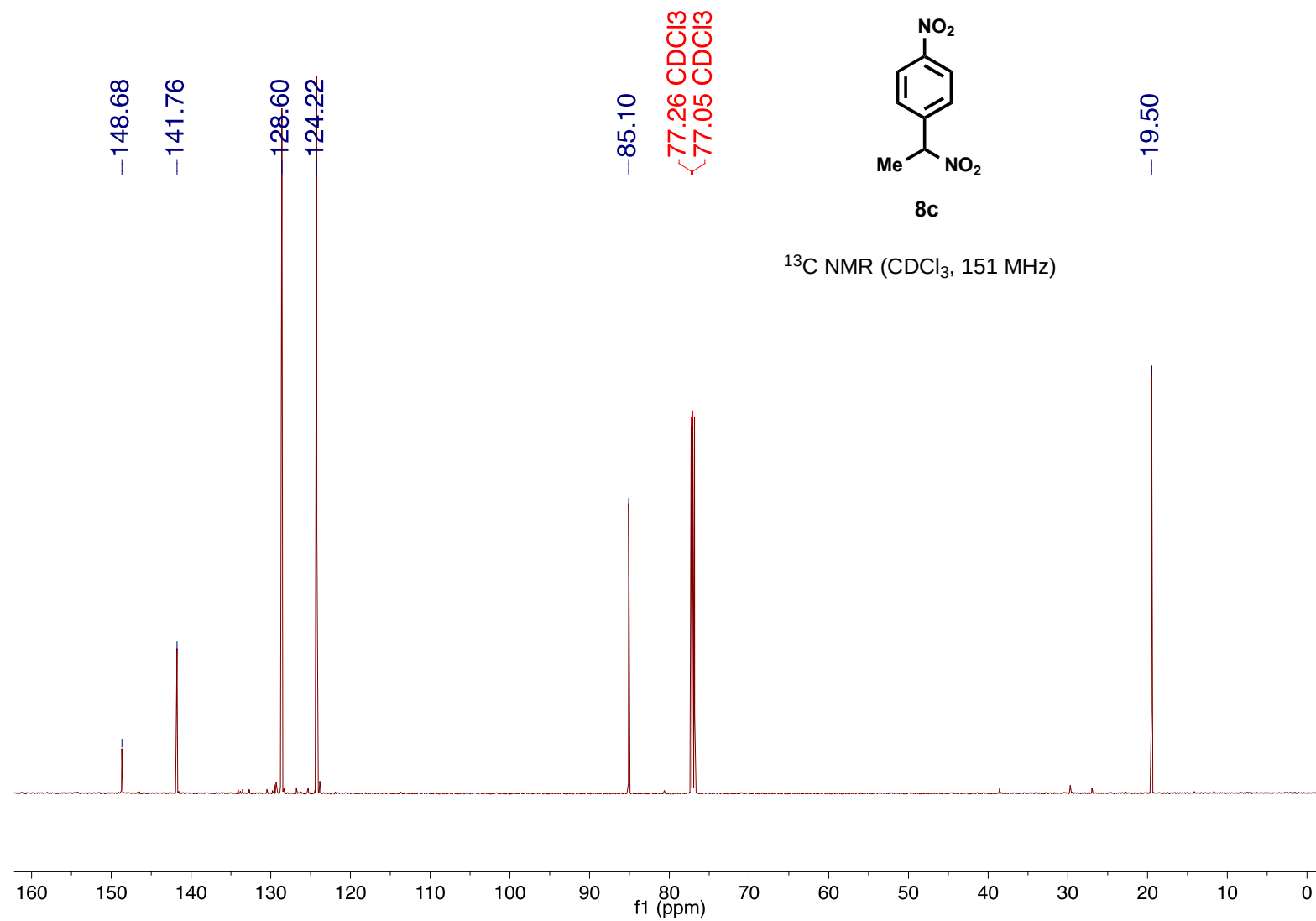
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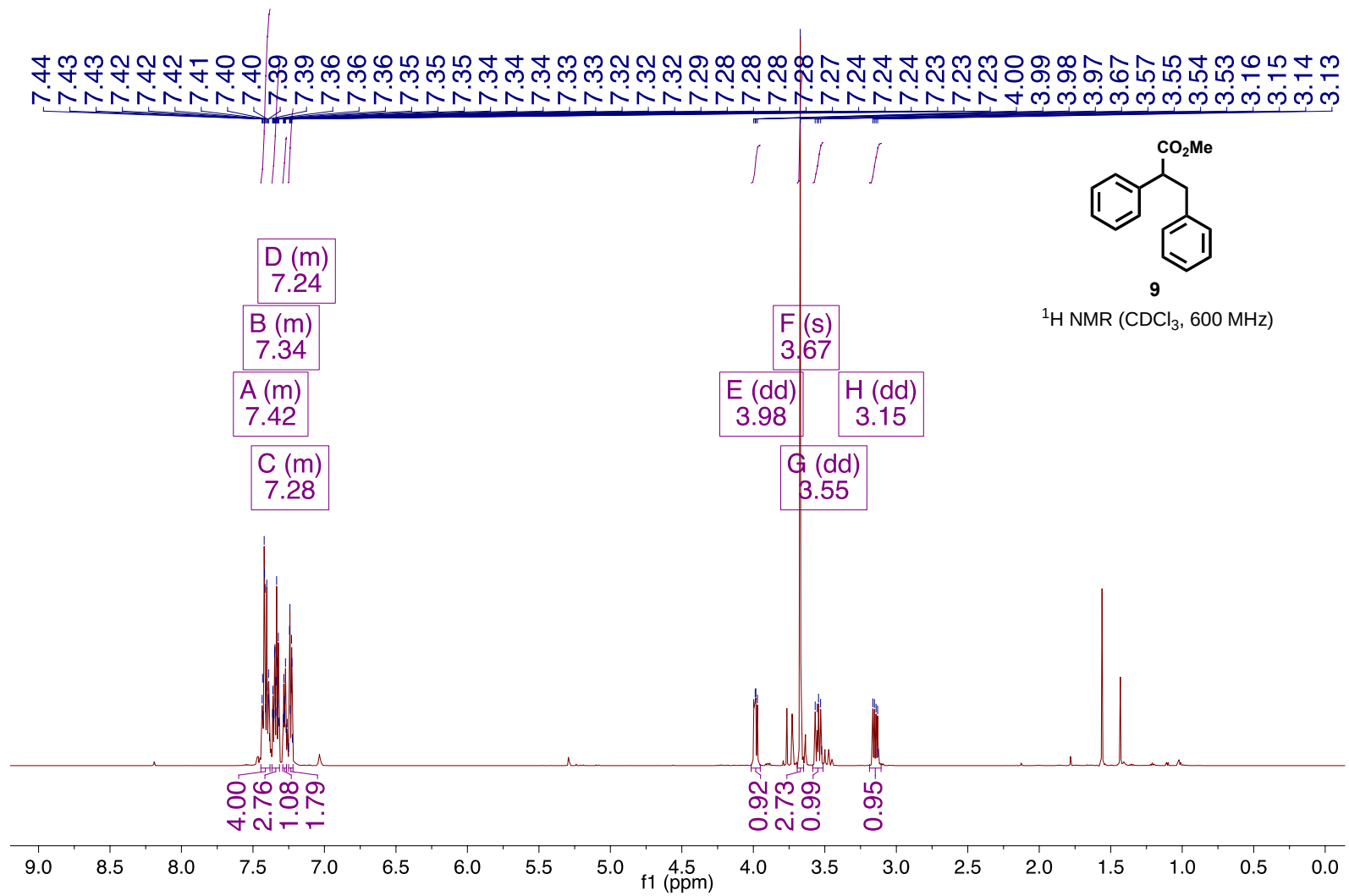
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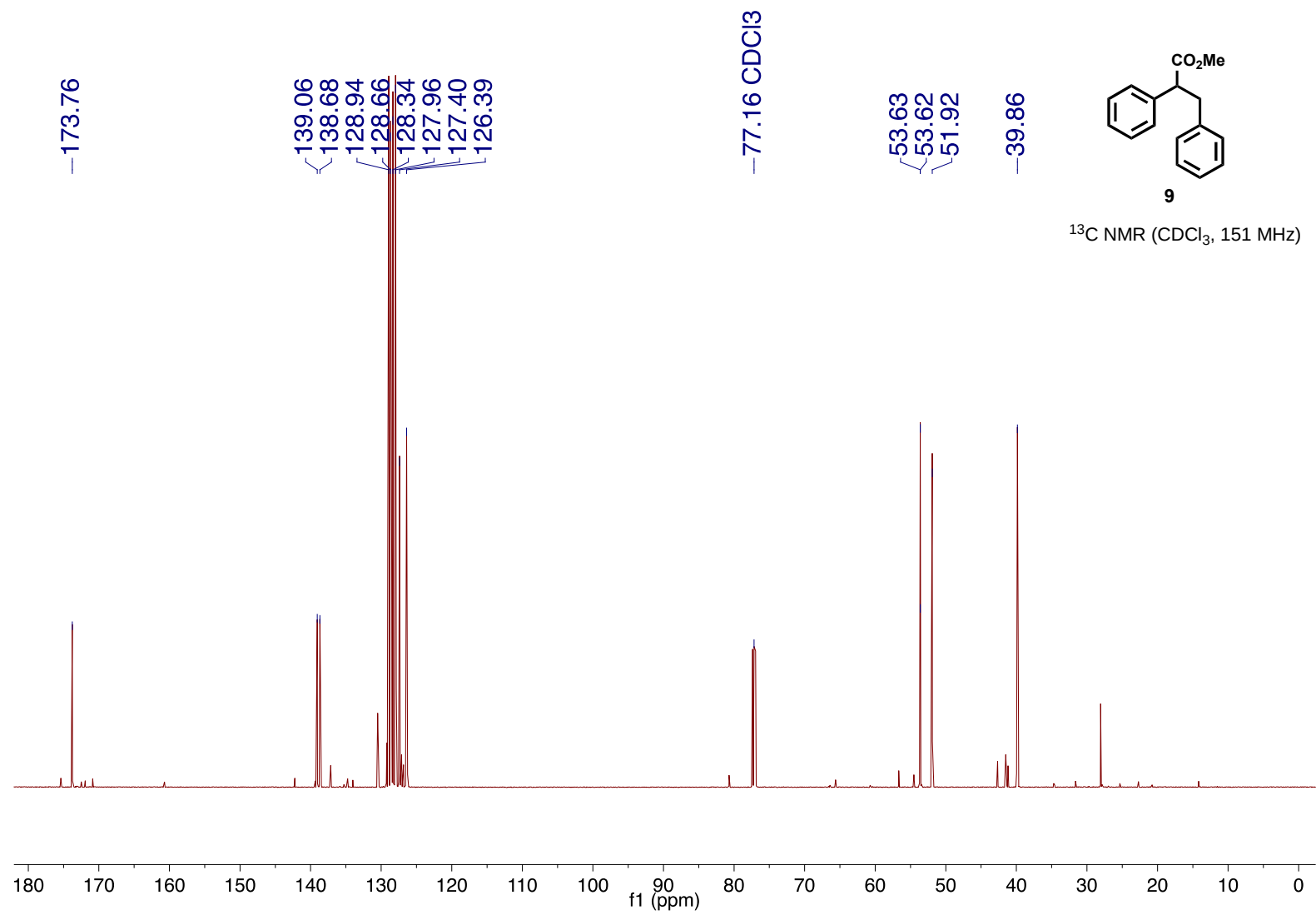




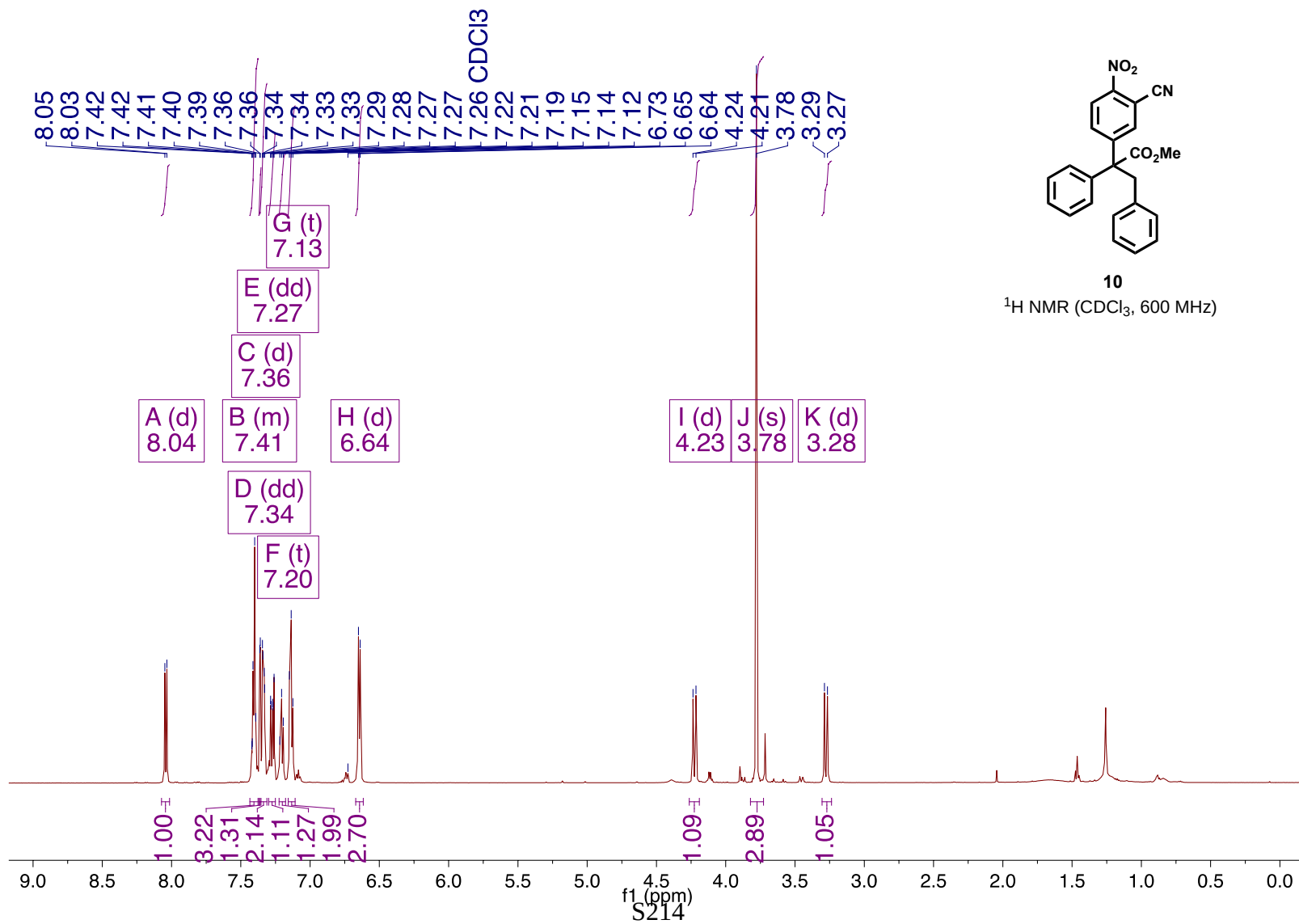
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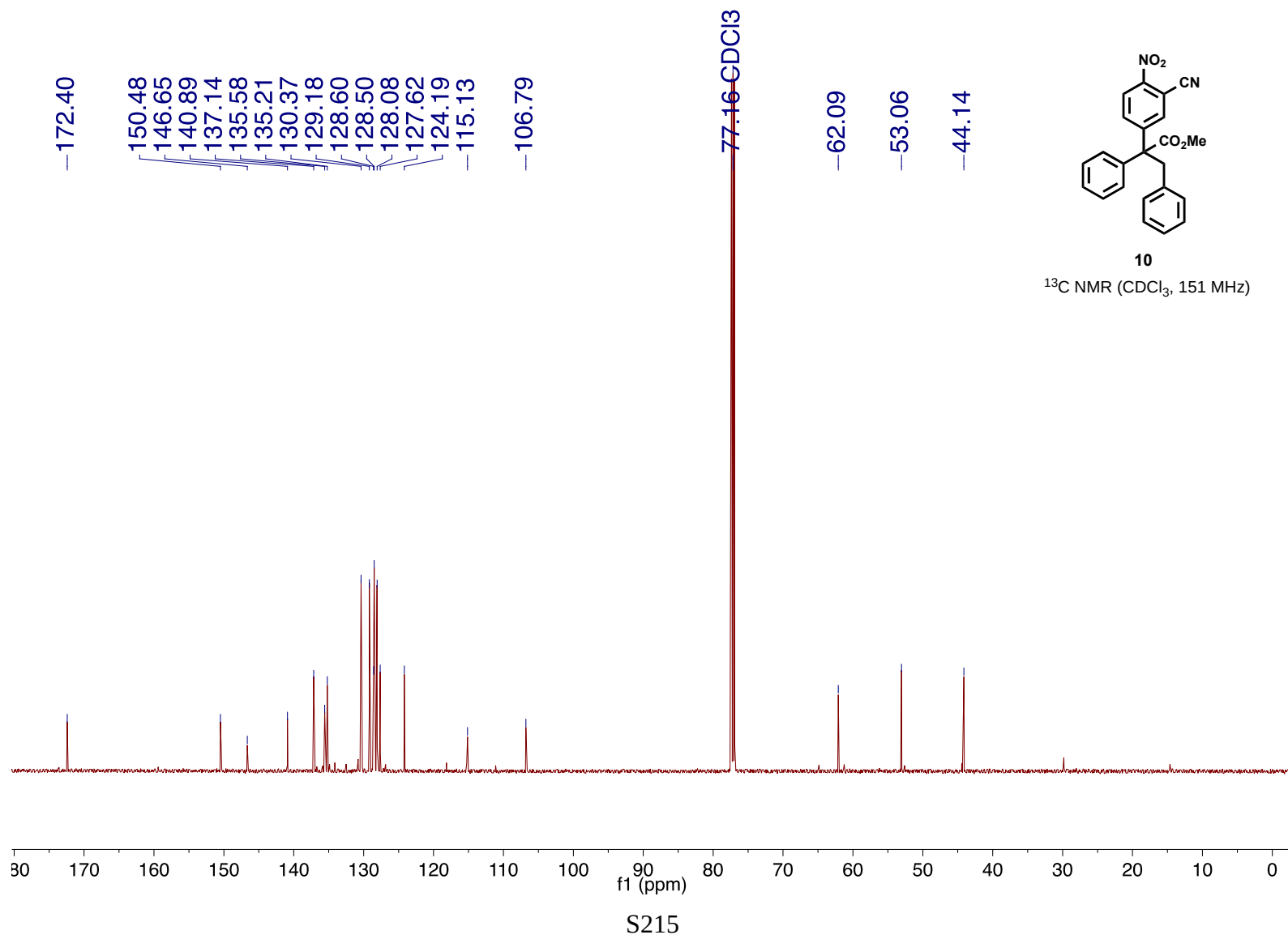


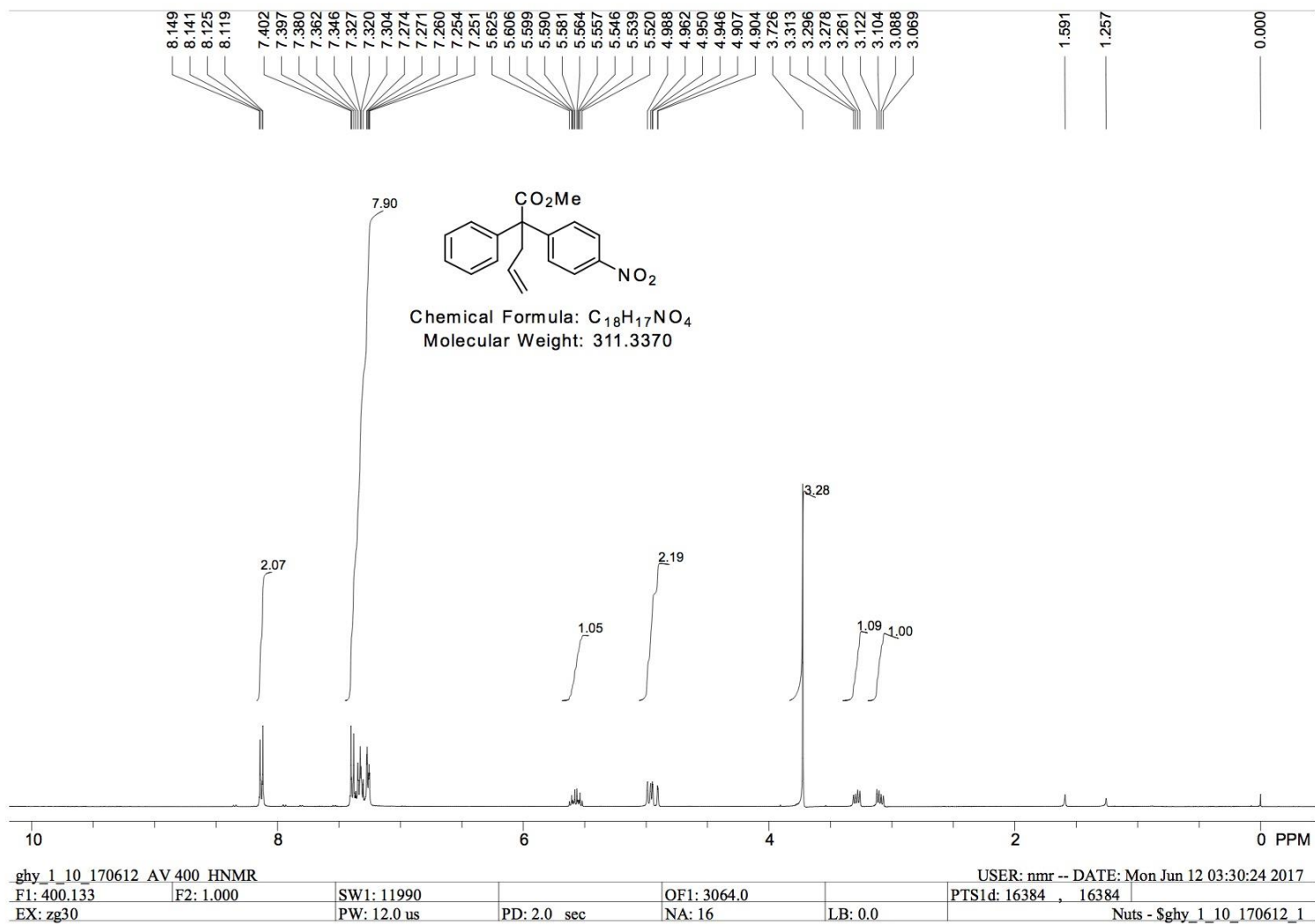
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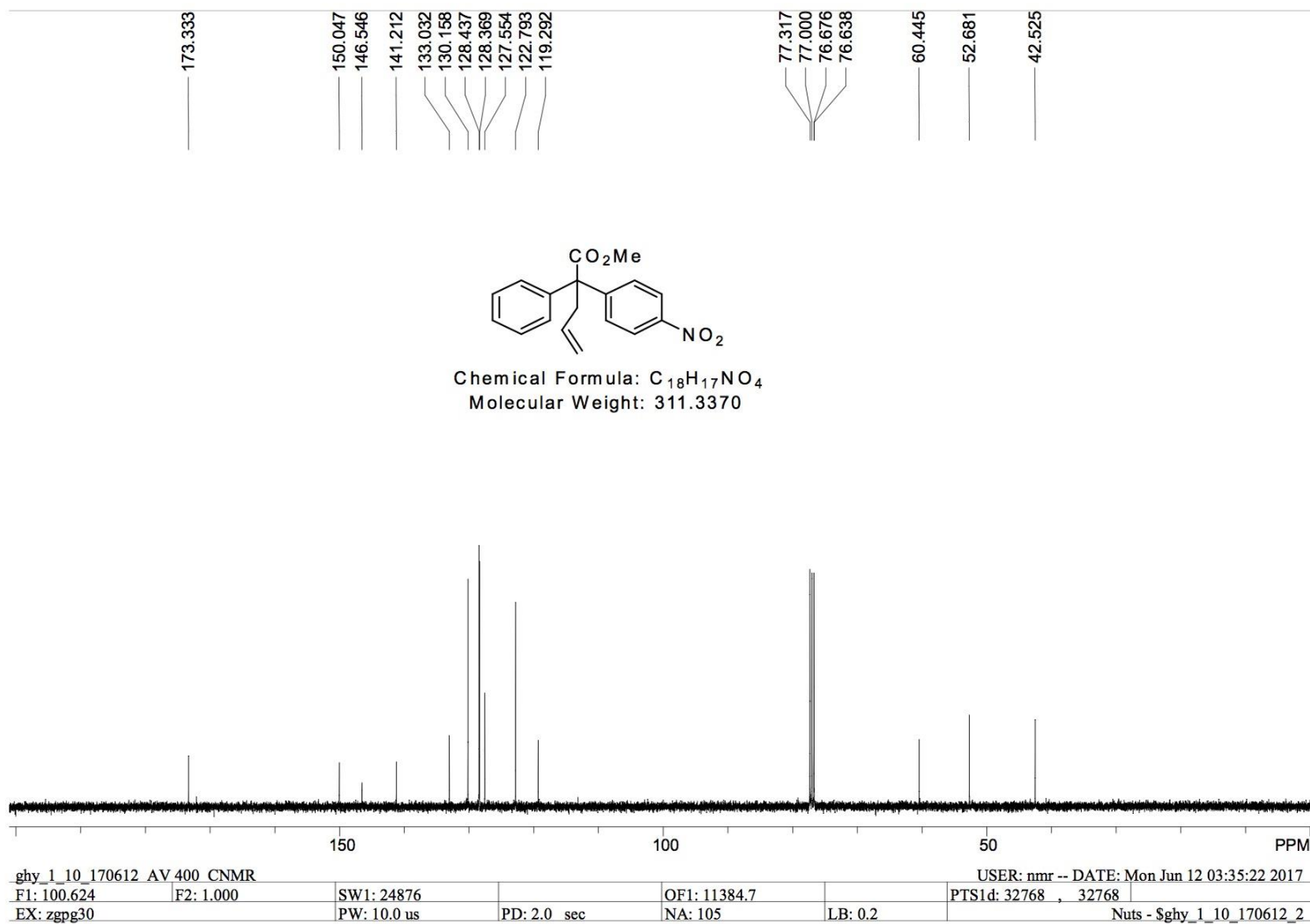


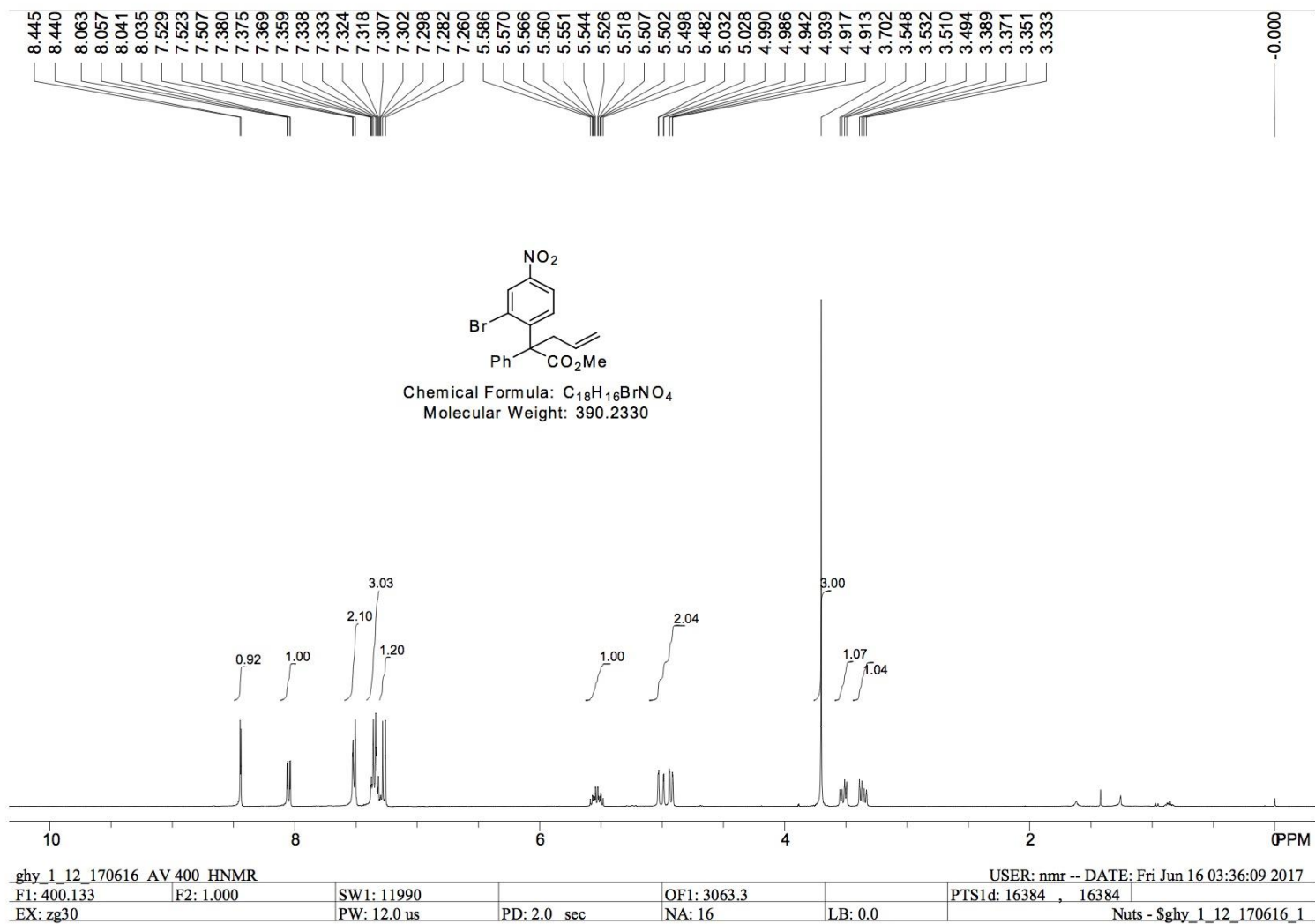
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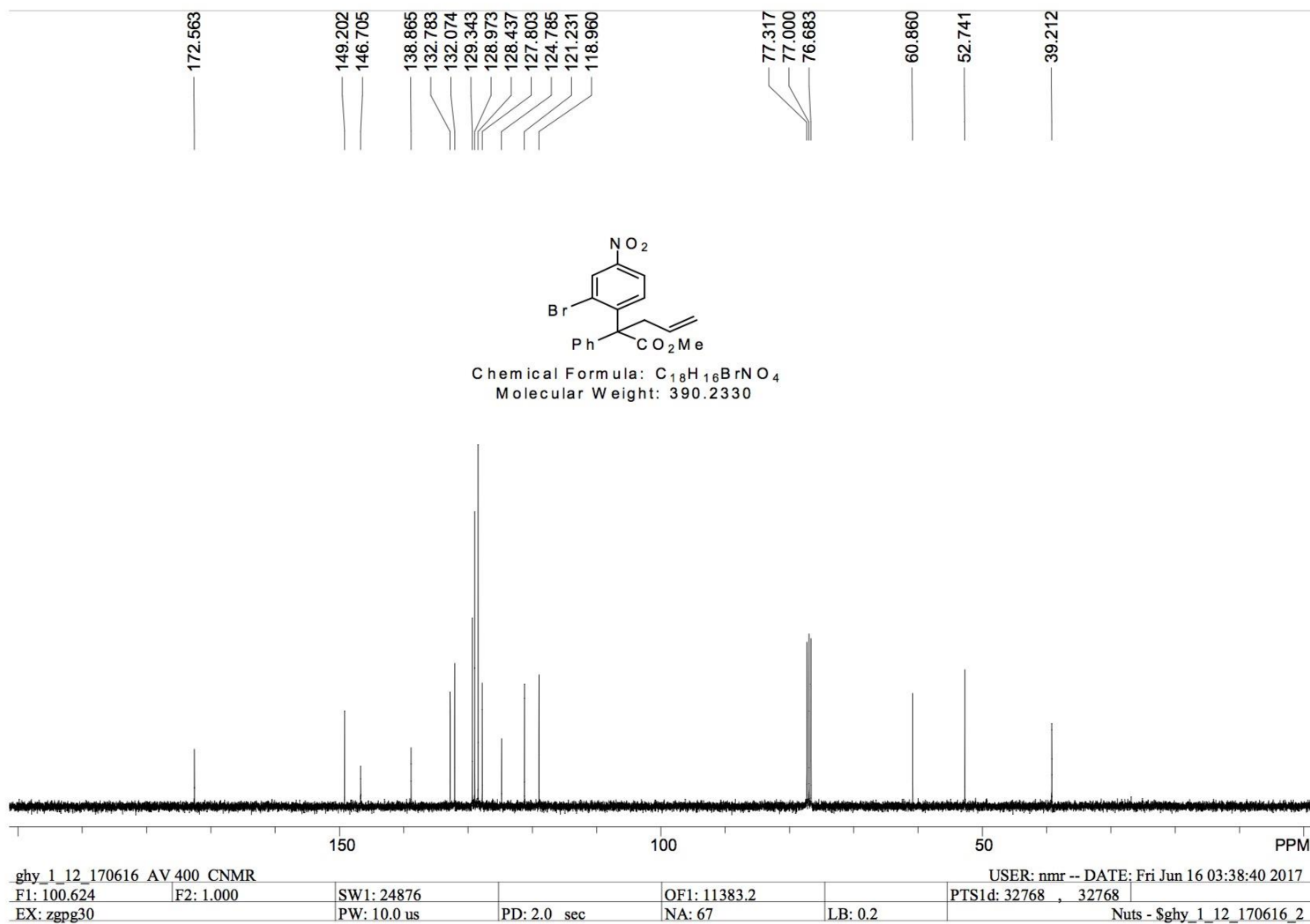


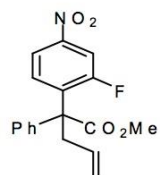
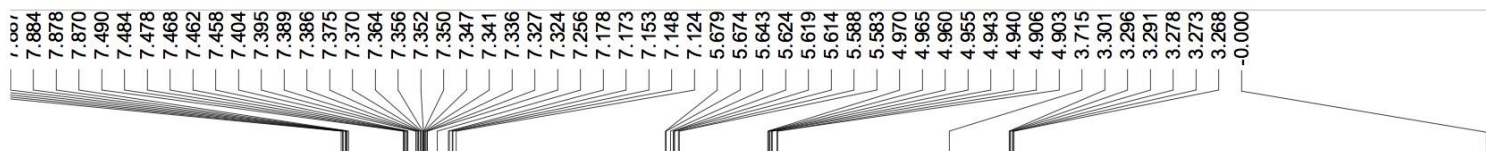




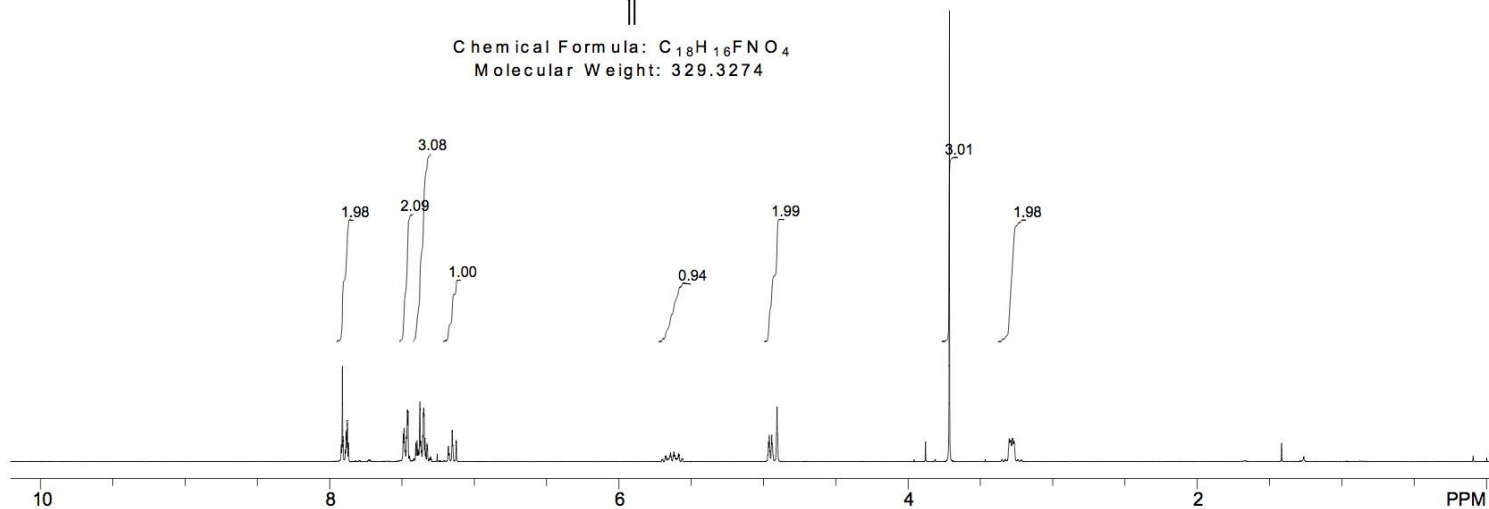








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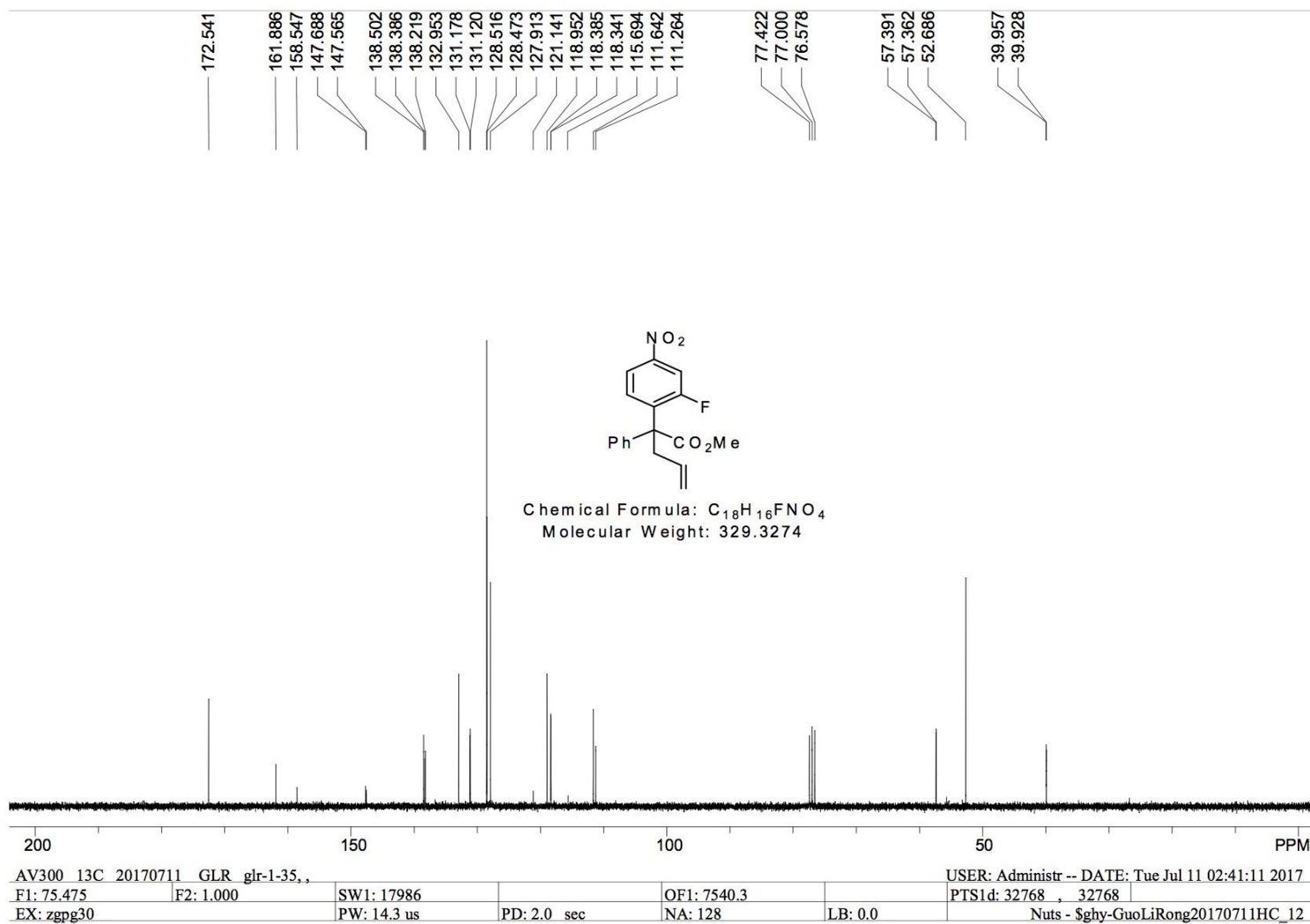
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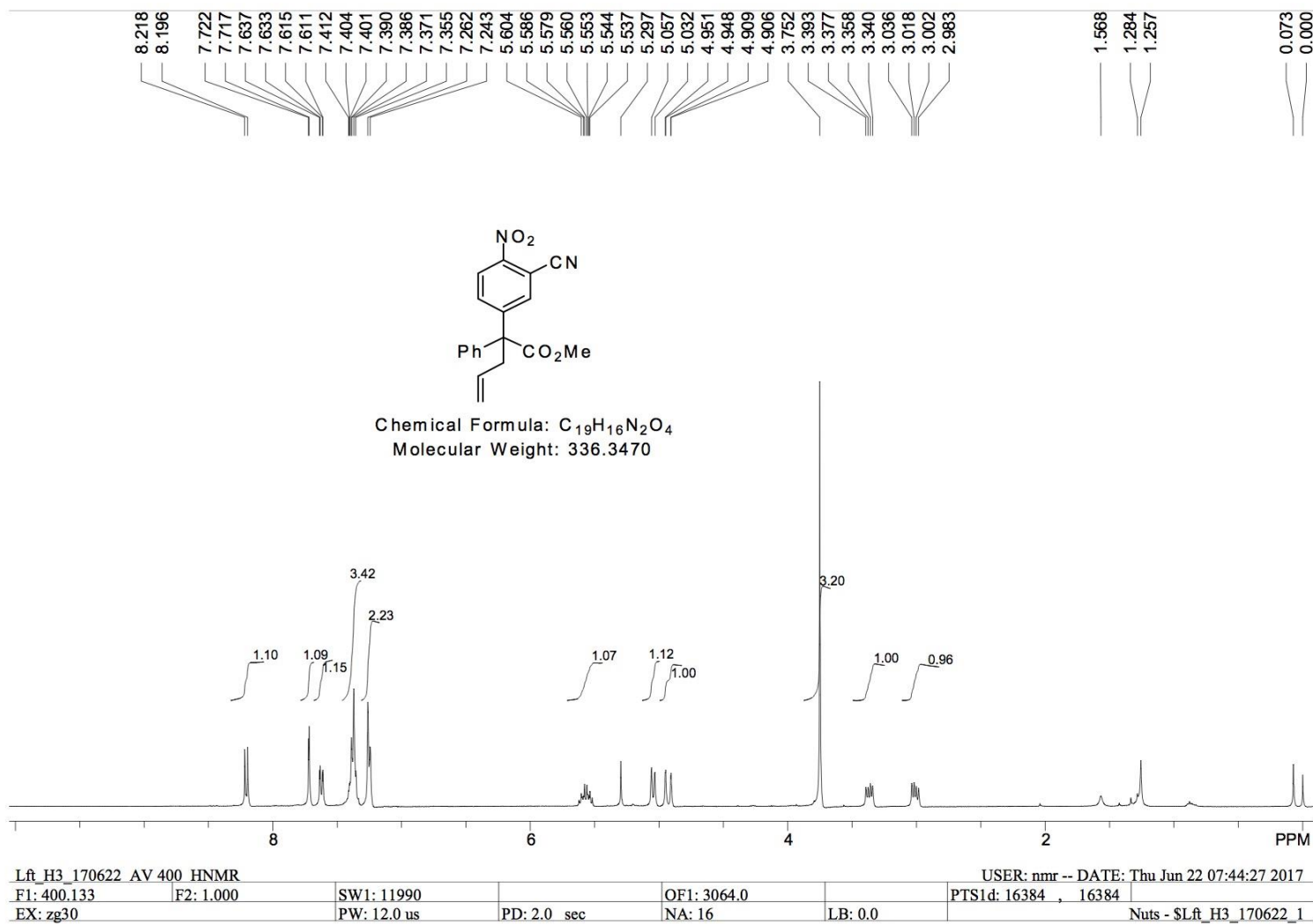
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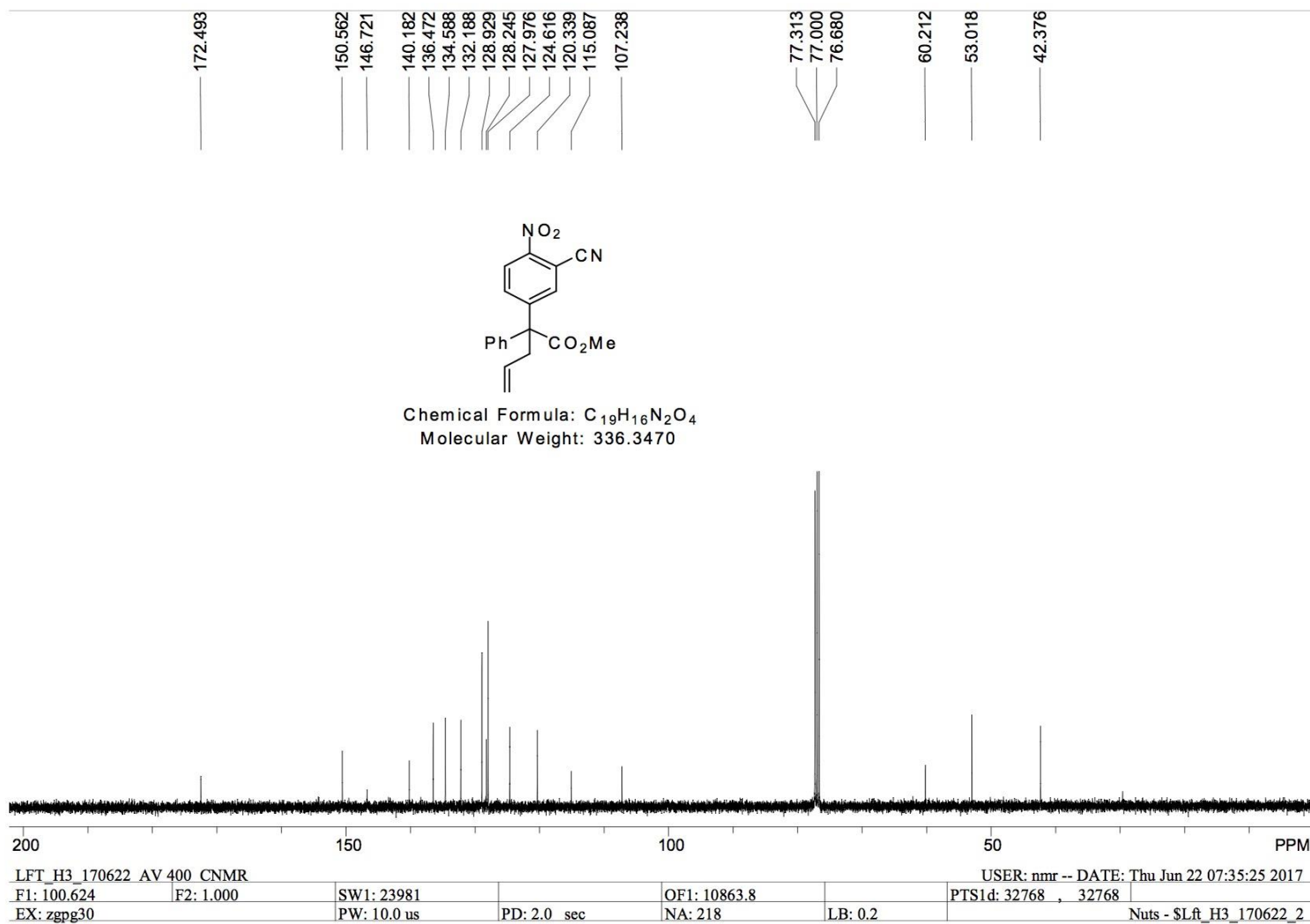
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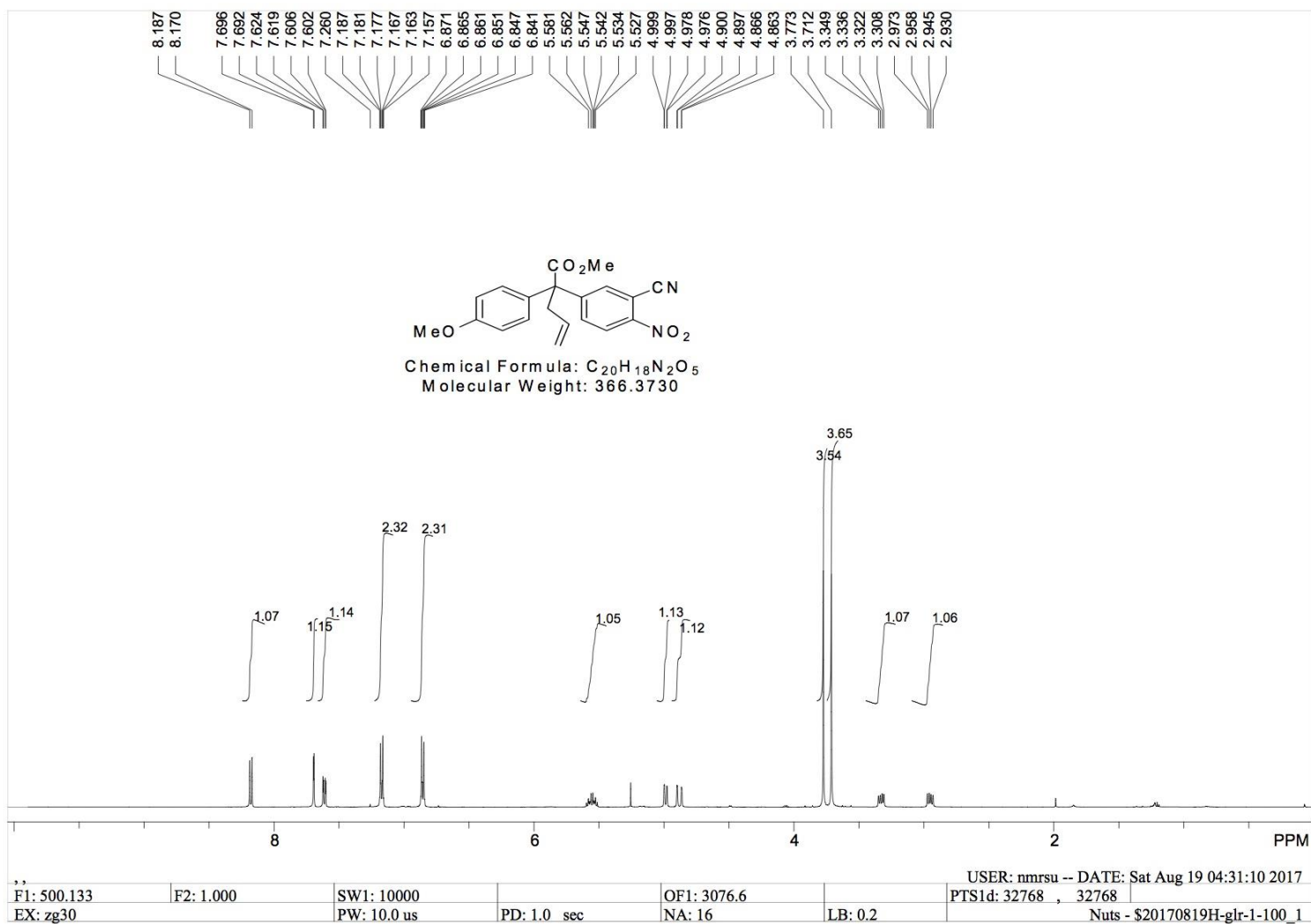
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