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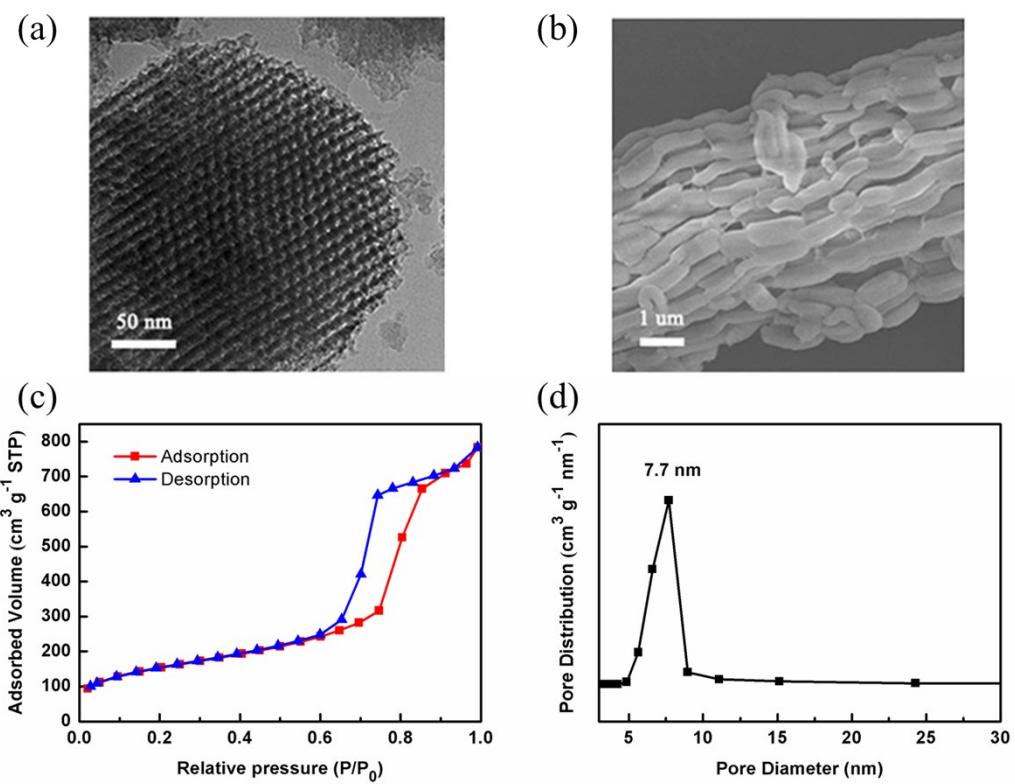
**Visible light-driven oxidative coupling of dibenzylamine and substituted anilines with 2D WSe<sub>2</sub> nanomesh material**

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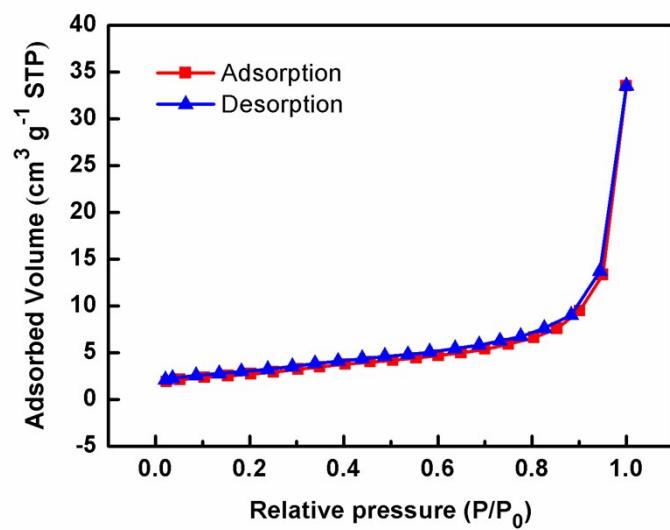
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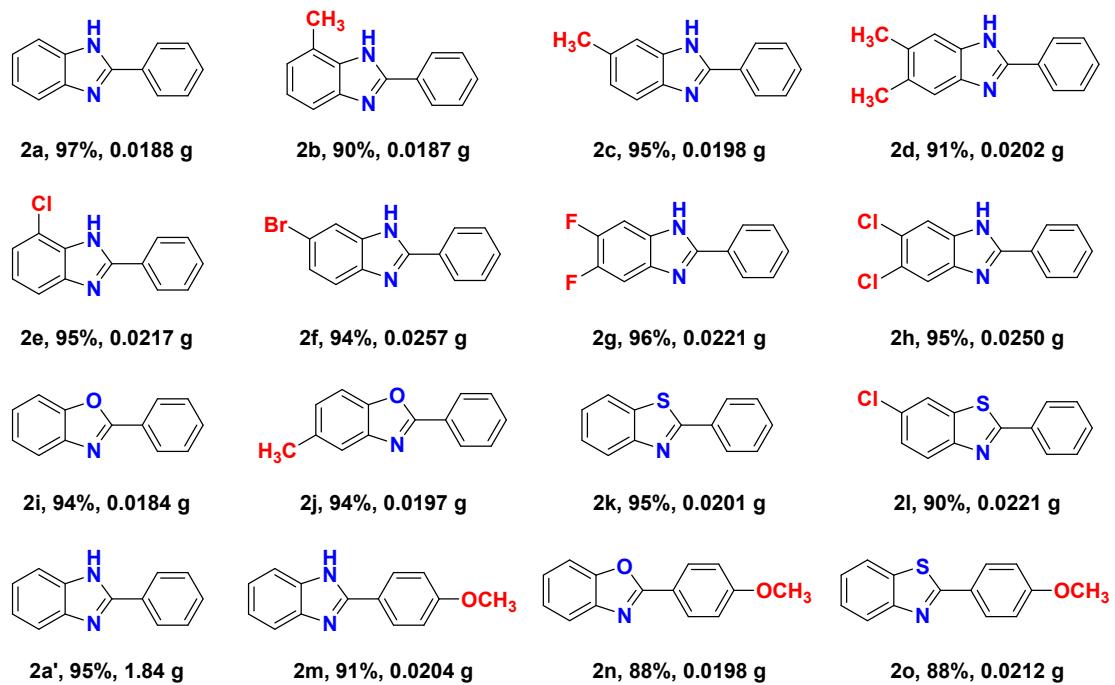
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**Figure S1.** (a) TEM image of the SBA-15; (b) SEM image of the SBA-15; (c)  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms for SBA-15; (d) Pore size distributions of the SBA-15.



**Figure S2.**  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms for the WSe<sub>2</sub> nanomesh.

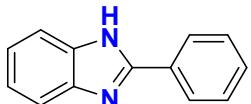


**Scheme S1.** Isolated yield and quantity of the synthesized compounds.

## Results and Discussion

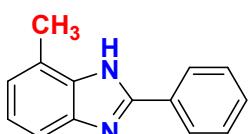
### Characterization of the products

#### 2-Phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2a) <sup>[1]</sup>



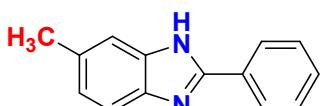
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.97 (s, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.73, 130.67, 130.30, 129.42, 126.93, 122.61; HRMS (ESI+): Calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 195.0917, Found 195.0919.

#### 7-Methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2b) <sup>[2]</sup>



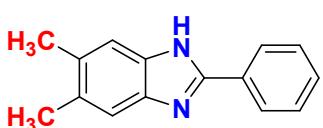
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.71 (d, *J* = 130.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (s, 2H), 7.63 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.23, 130.81, 130.14, 129.32, 127.04, 122.62, 17.39; HRMS (ESI+): Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 209.1073, Found 209.1076.

#### 6-Methyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2c) <sup>[1]</sup>



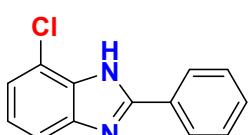
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.77 (s, 1H), 8.20 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 9.2, 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.36, 130.77, 130.12, 129.37, 126.77, 124.04, 21.81; HRMS (ESI+): Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 209.1073, Found 209.1073.

#### 5,6-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2d) <sup>[3]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.65 (s, 1H), 8.21 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 150.81, 130.93, 129.91, 129.32, 126.68, 20.50; HRMS (ESI+): Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1230, Found 223.1234.

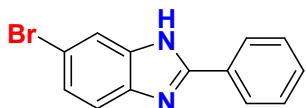
#### 7-Chloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2e) <sup>[4]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.27 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.50 (m, 4H),

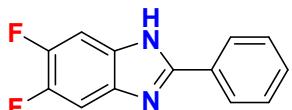
7.29 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  152.51, 141.27, 136.68, 130.75, 130.05, 129.50, 127.16, 123.80, 123.19, 122.02, 111.01; HRMS (ESI+): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{H}$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  229.0527, Found 229.0530.

**6-Bromo-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2f)** <sup>[5]</sup>



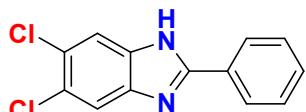
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**5,6-Difluoro-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2g)** <sup>[6]</sup>



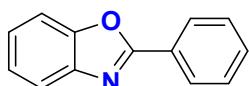
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**5,6-Dichloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2h)** <sup>[7]</sup>



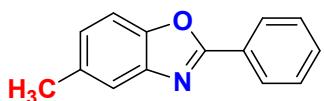
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**2-Phenylbenzo[*d*]oxazole (2i)** <sup>[8]</sup>



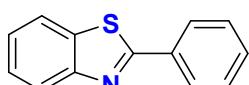
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**5-Methyl-2-phenylbenzo[*d*]oxazole (2j)** <sup>[8]</sup>



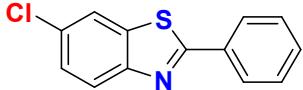
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**2-Phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazole (2k)** <sup>[9]</sup>



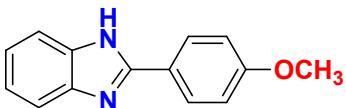
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**6-Chloro-2-phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazole (2l)** <sup>[9]</sup>



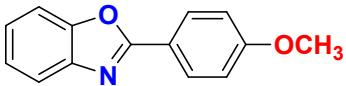
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**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (2m)** <sup>[11]</sup>



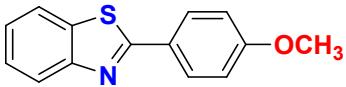
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.92 (s, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 160.11, 151.55, 131.93, 130.57, 122.68, 119.21, 116.34, 111.86, 55.76; HRMS (ESI+): Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OH: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 225.1023, Found 225.1013.

**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (2n)** <sup>[8]</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.16 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.84, 162.60, 150.58, 142.18, 129.56, 125.37, 125.10, 119.87, 119.24, 115.18, 111.11, 55.93; HRMS (ESI+): Calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 248.0682, Found 248.0681.

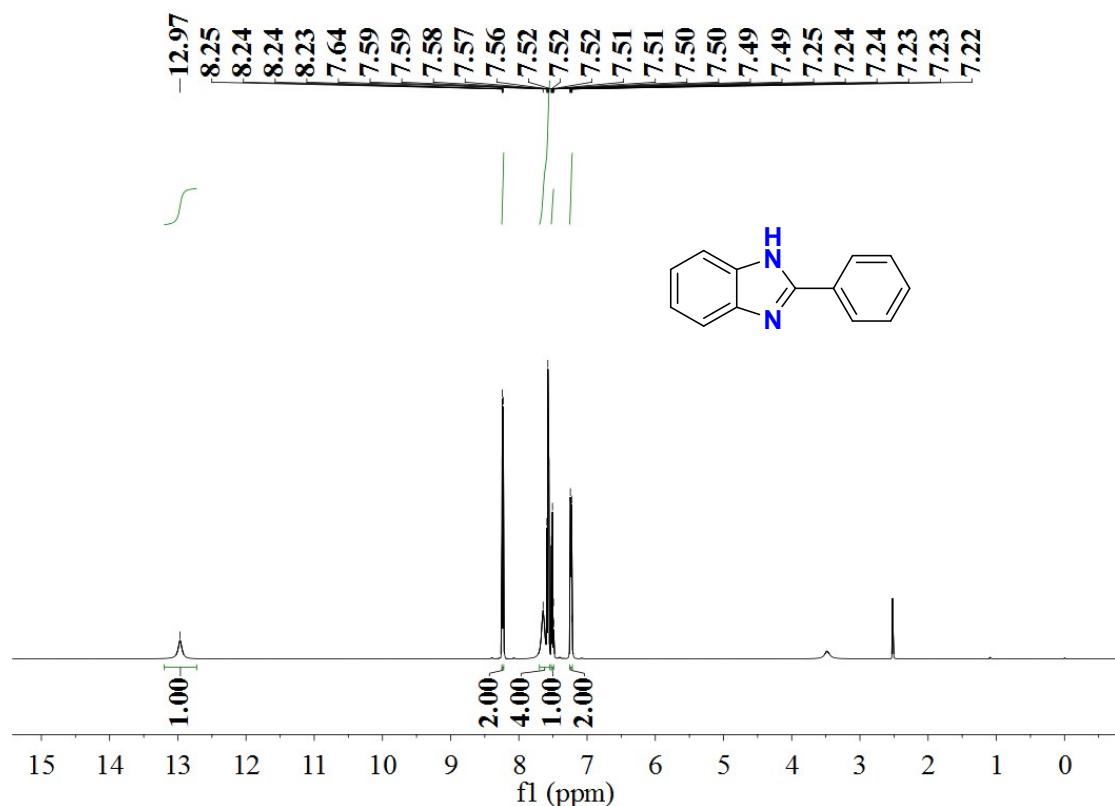
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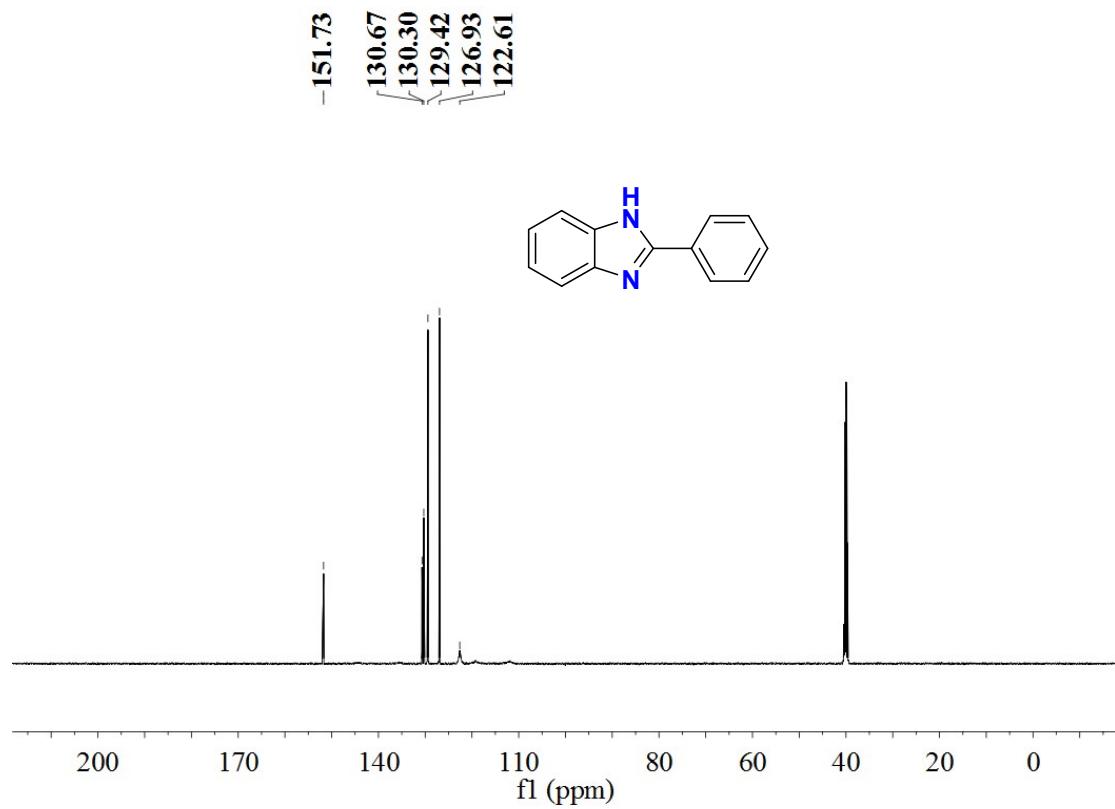
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## Copies of $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra

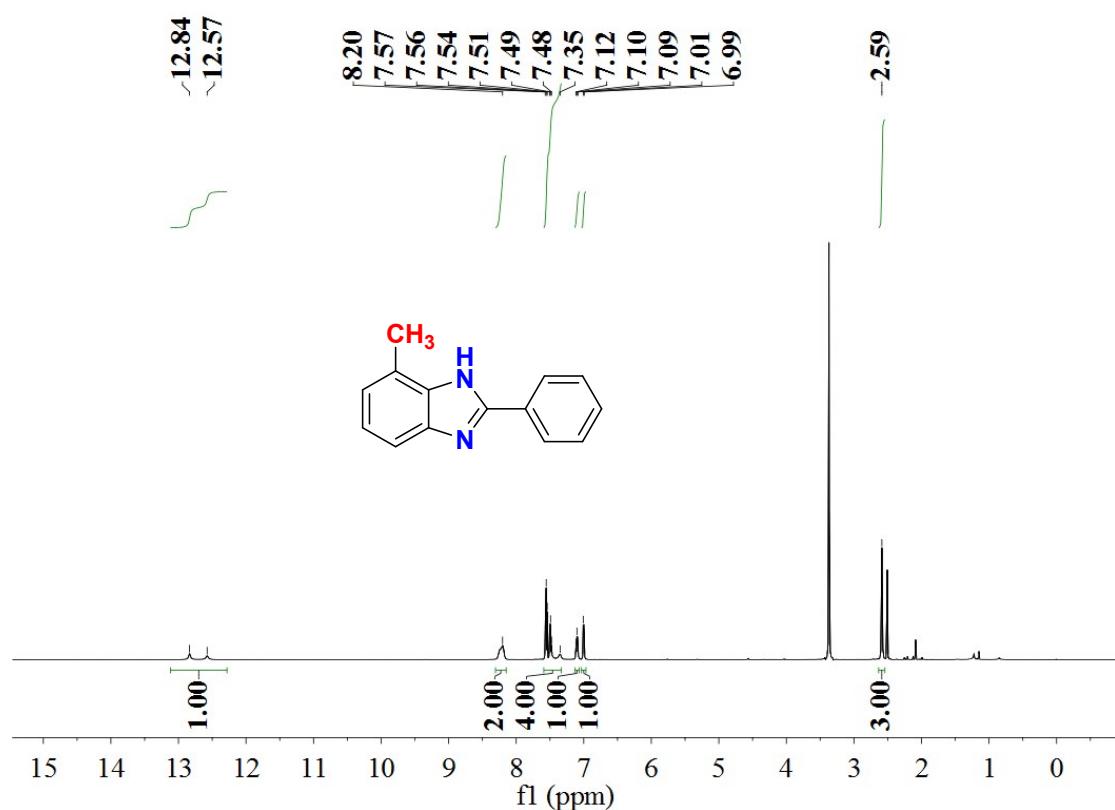
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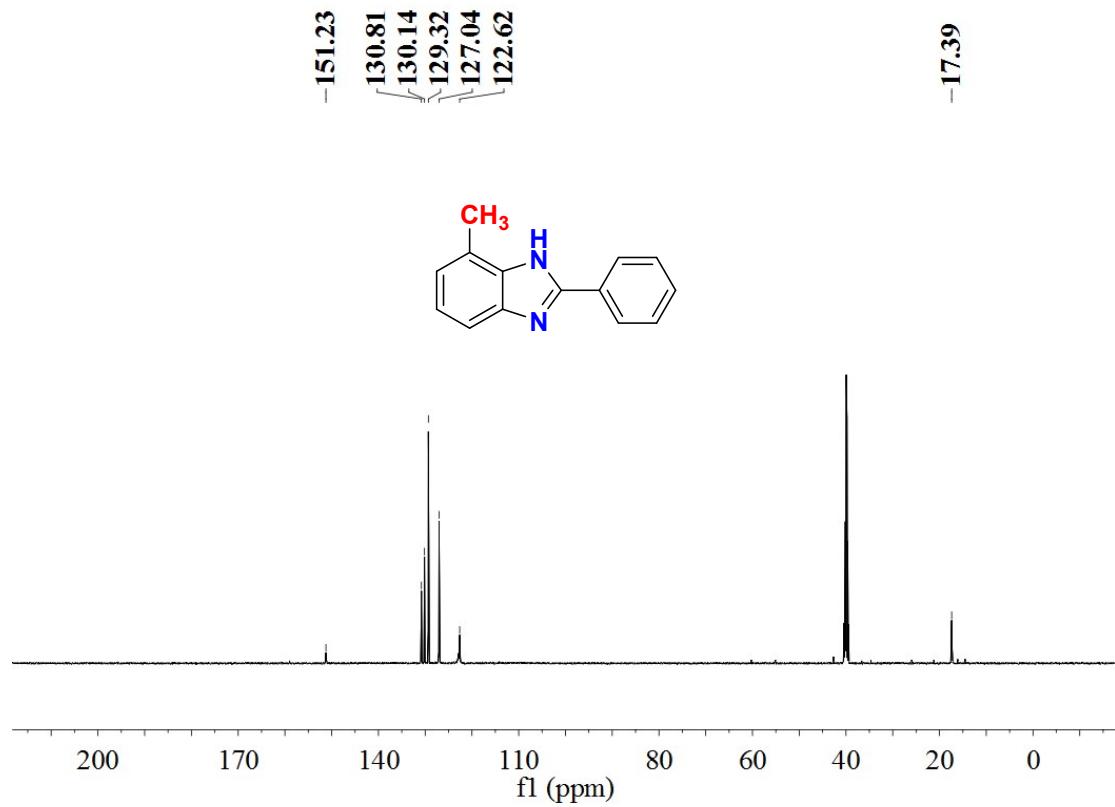
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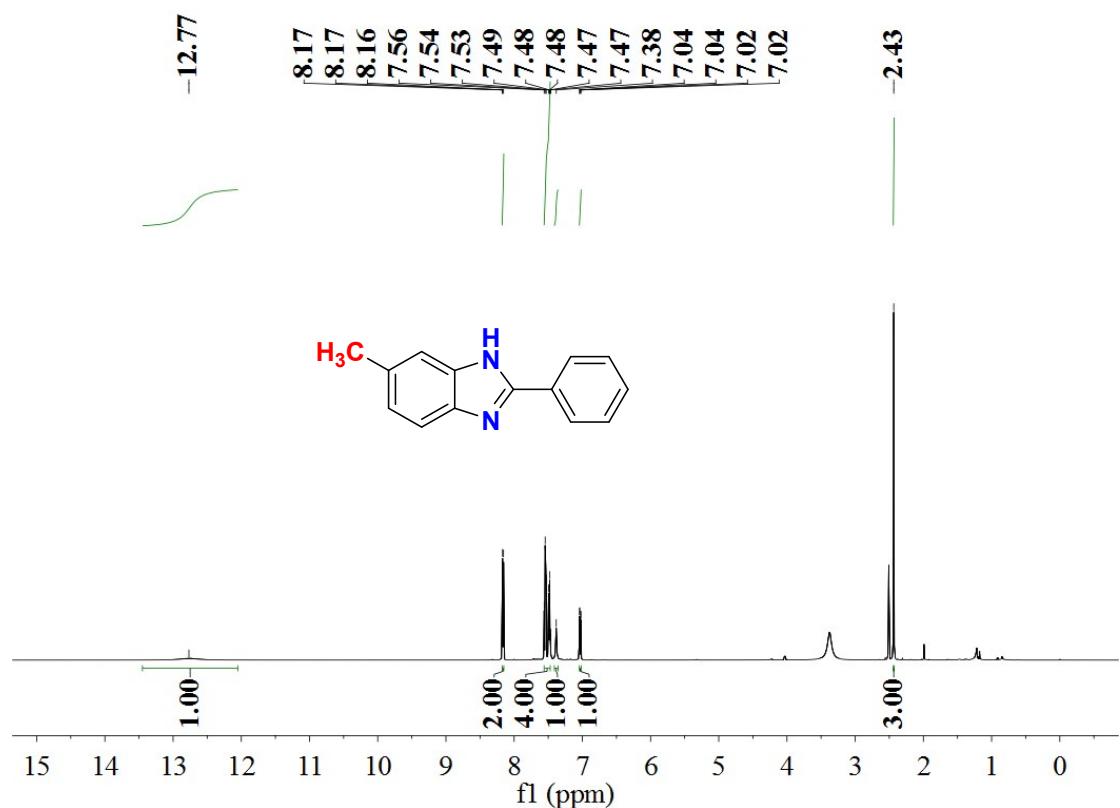
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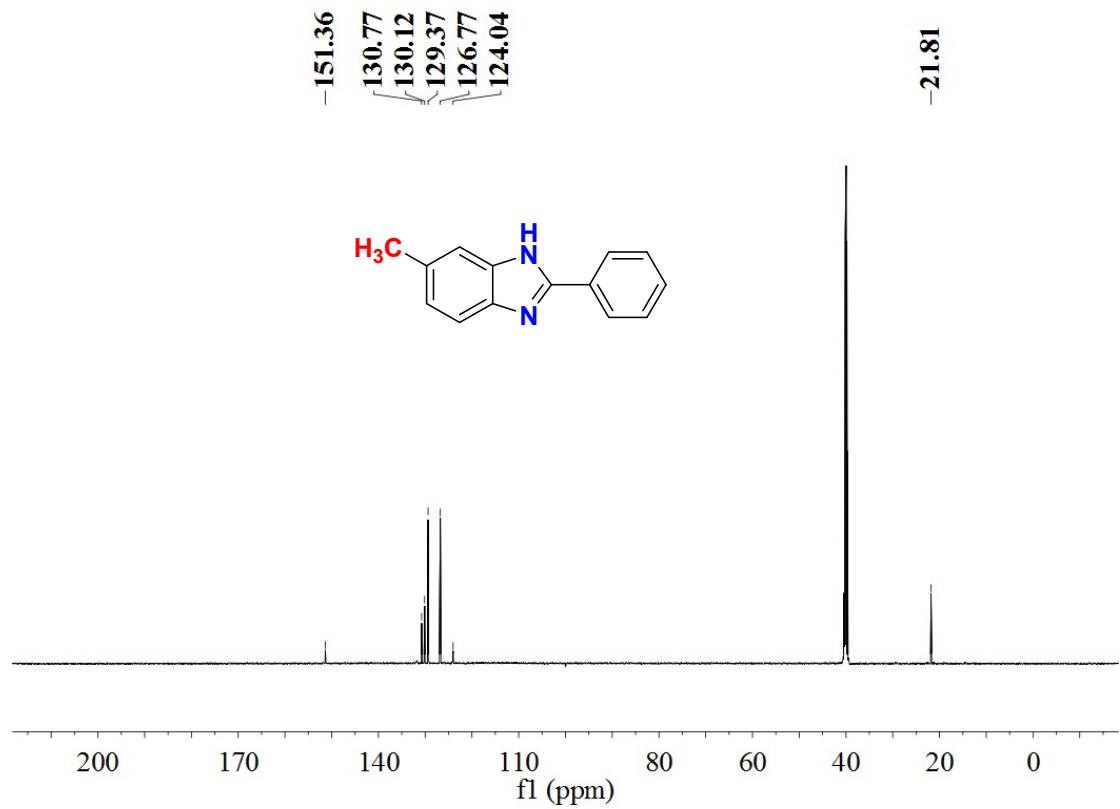
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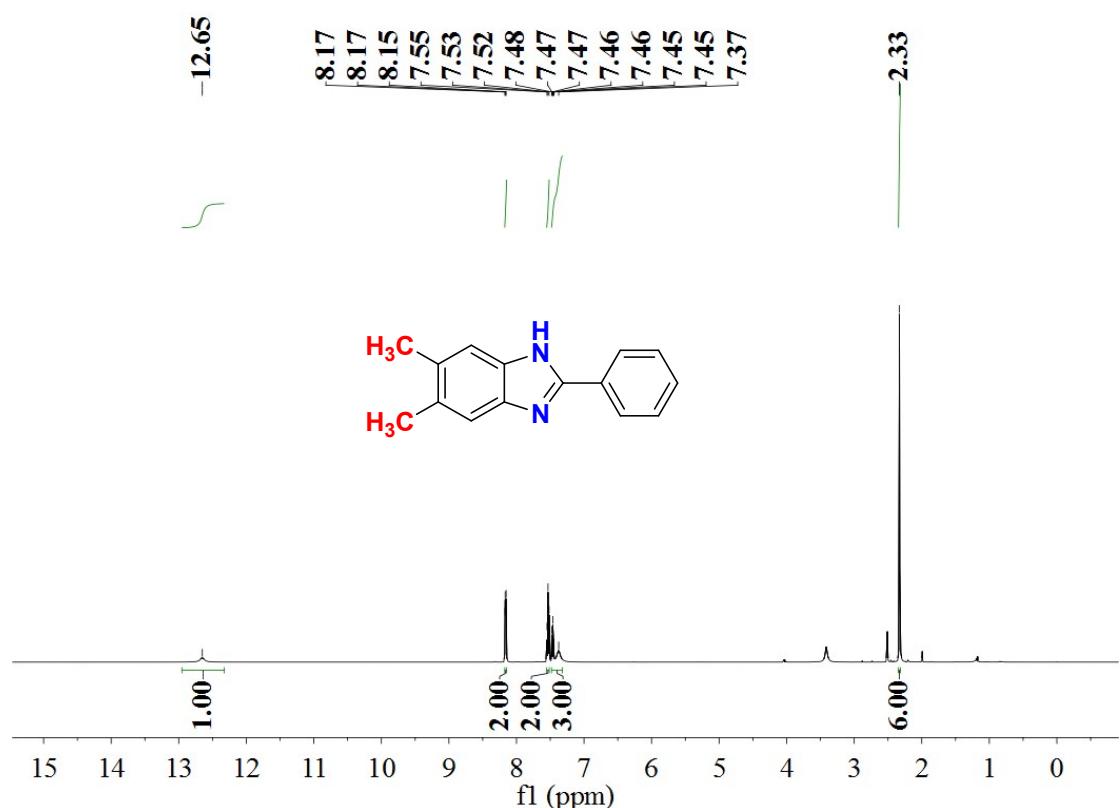
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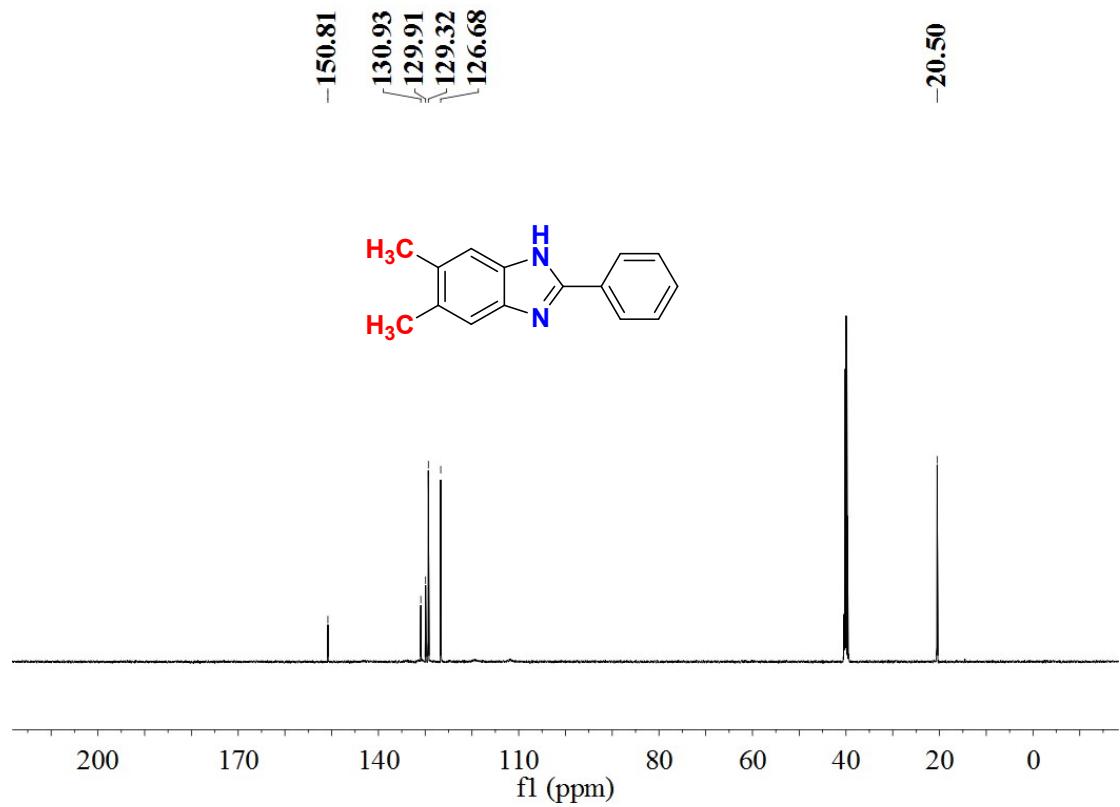
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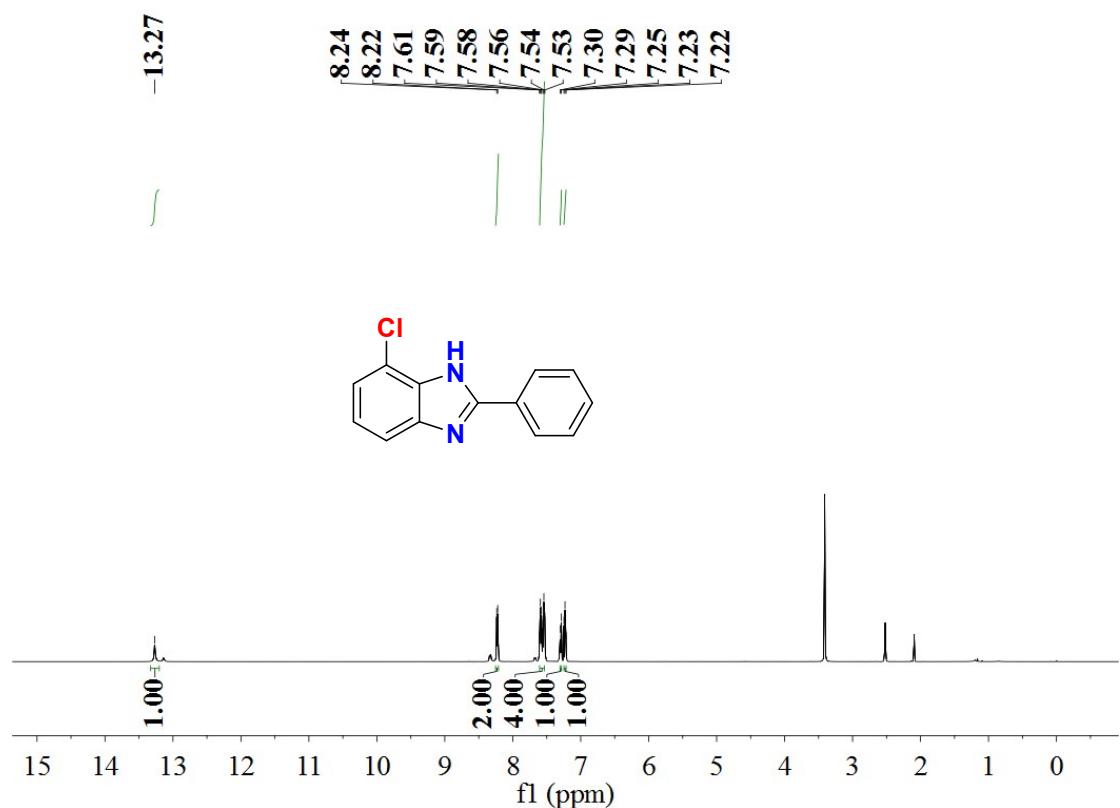
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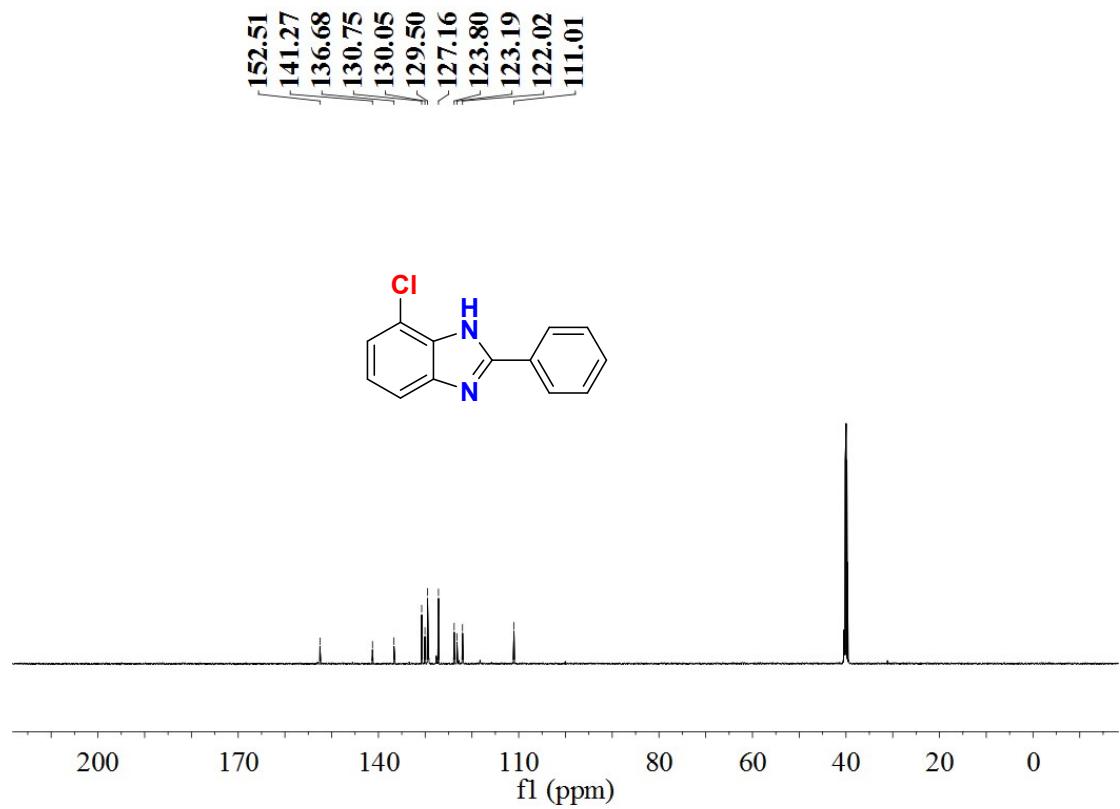
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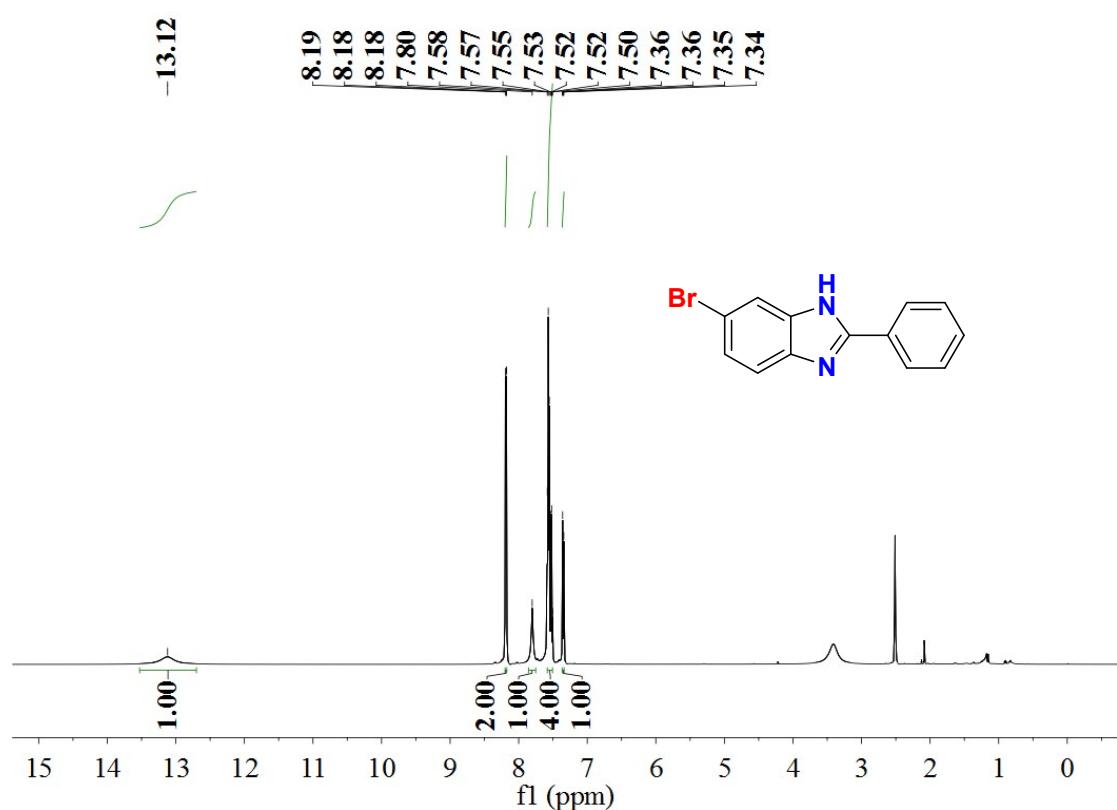
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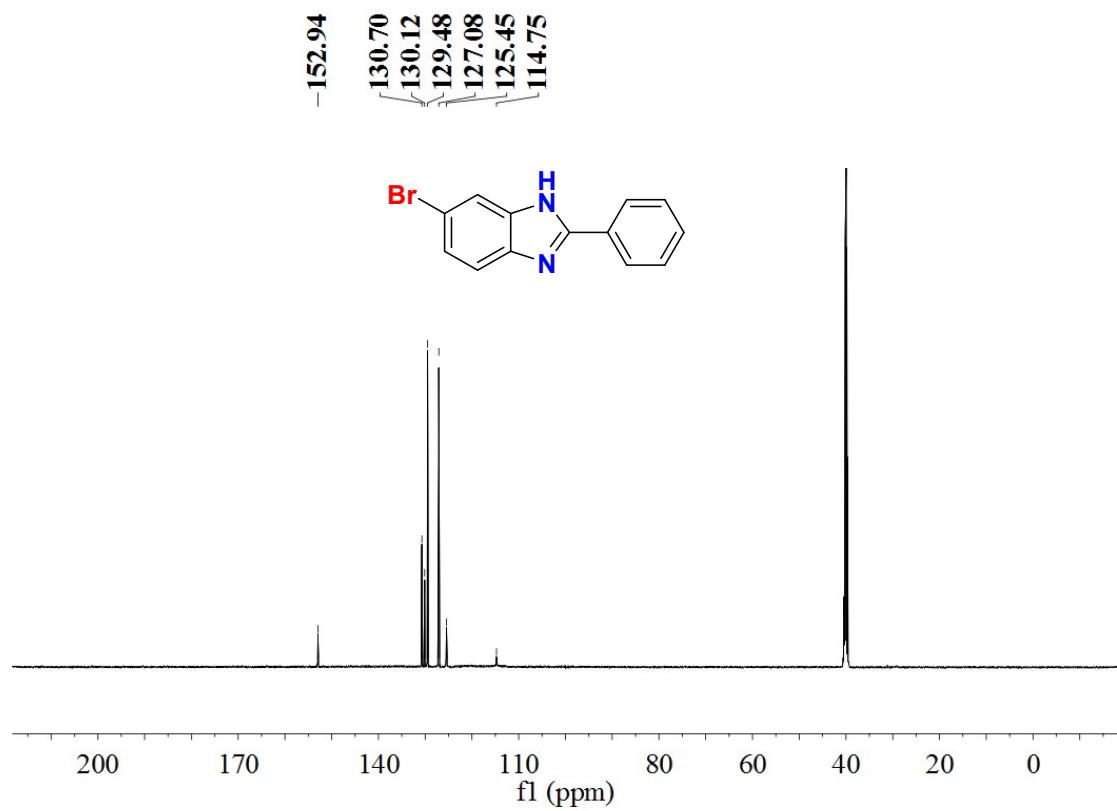
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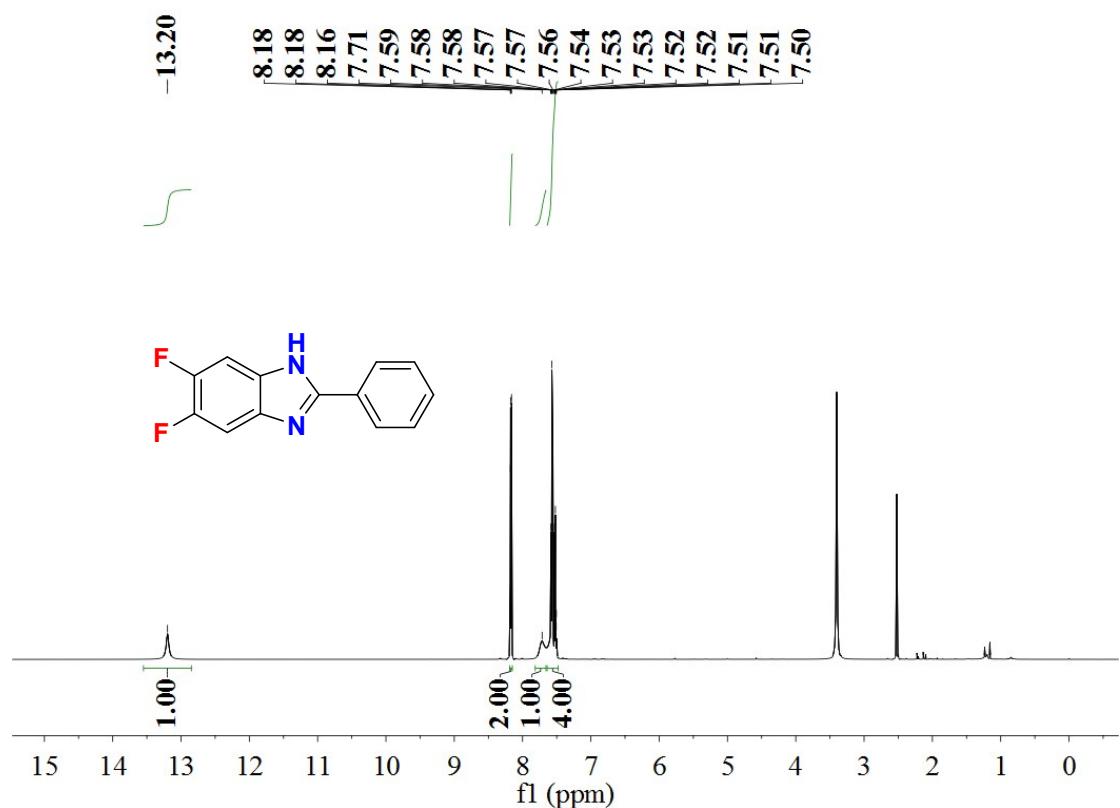
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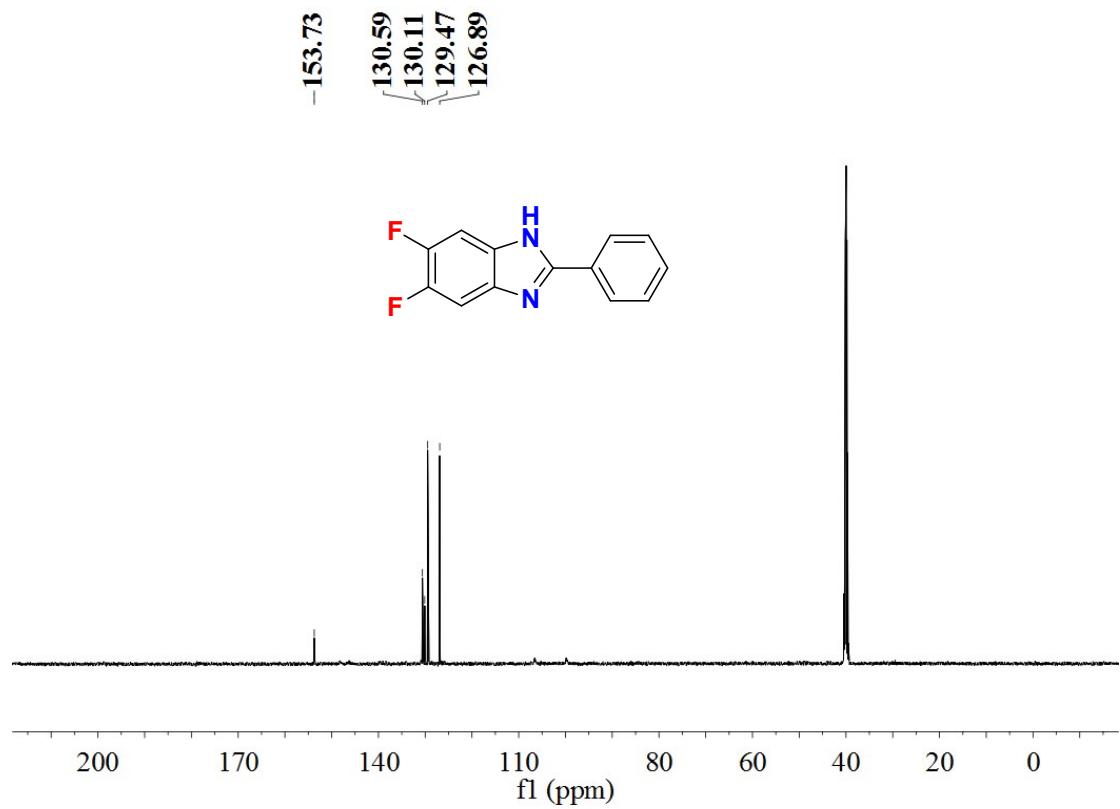
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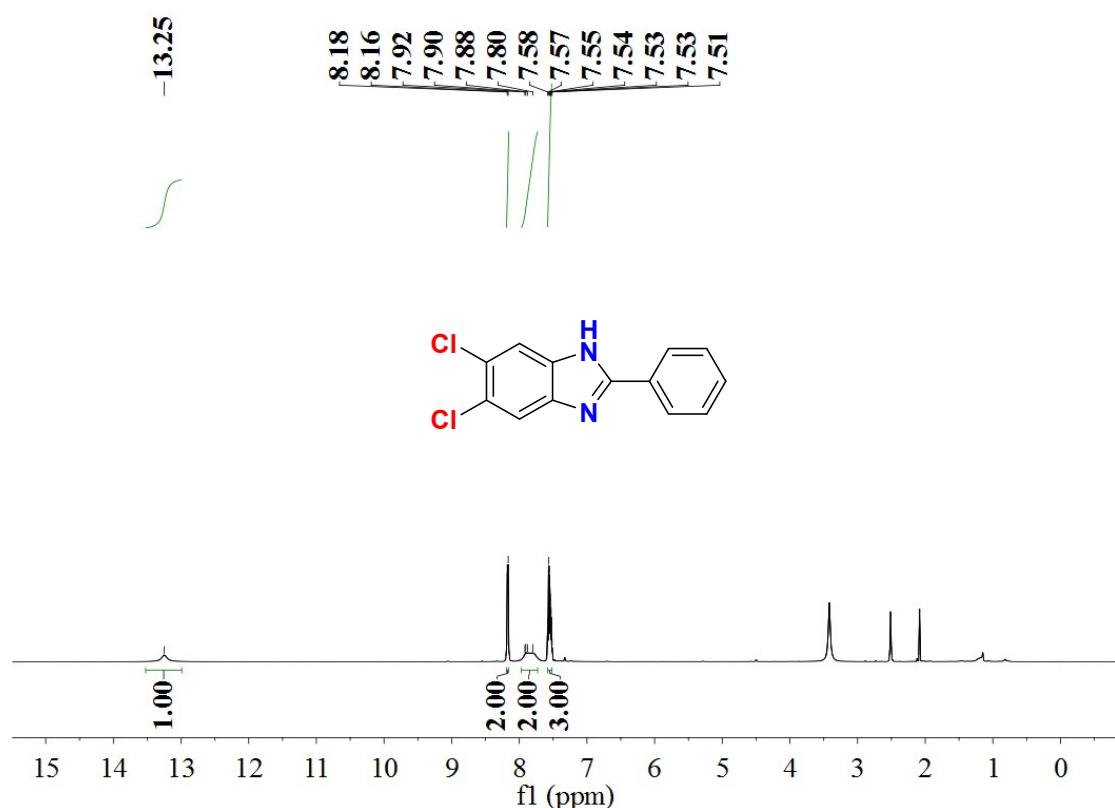
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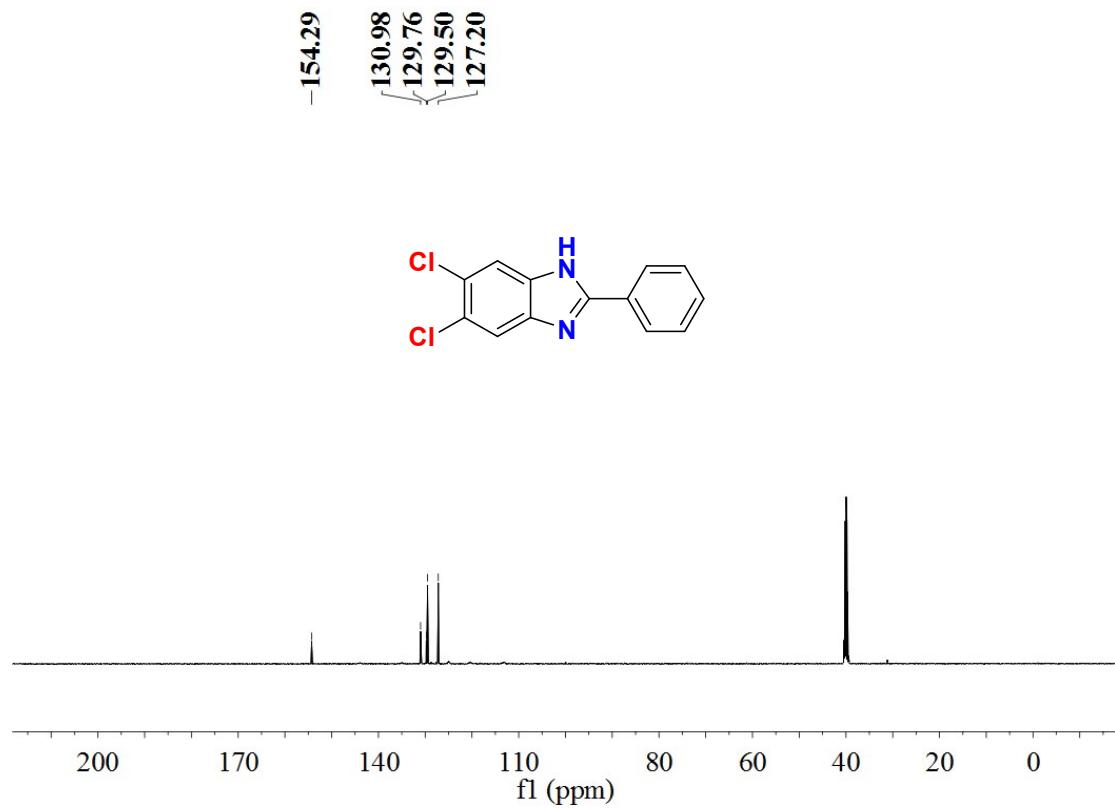
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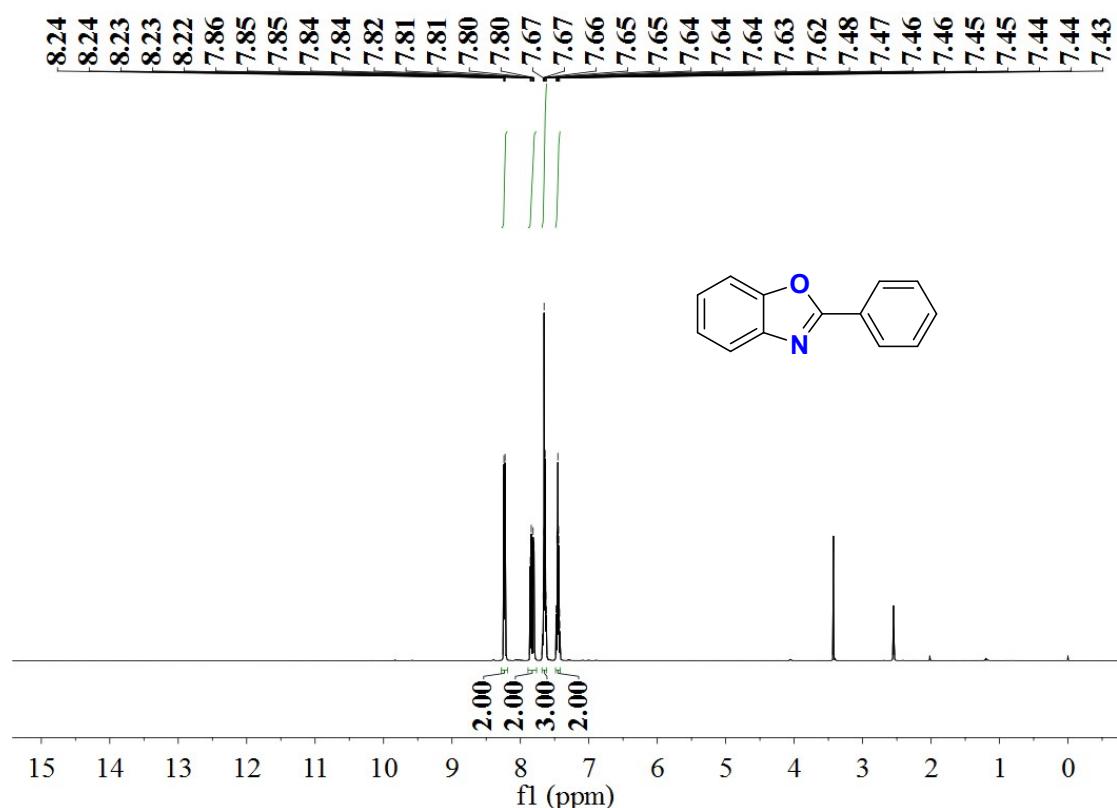
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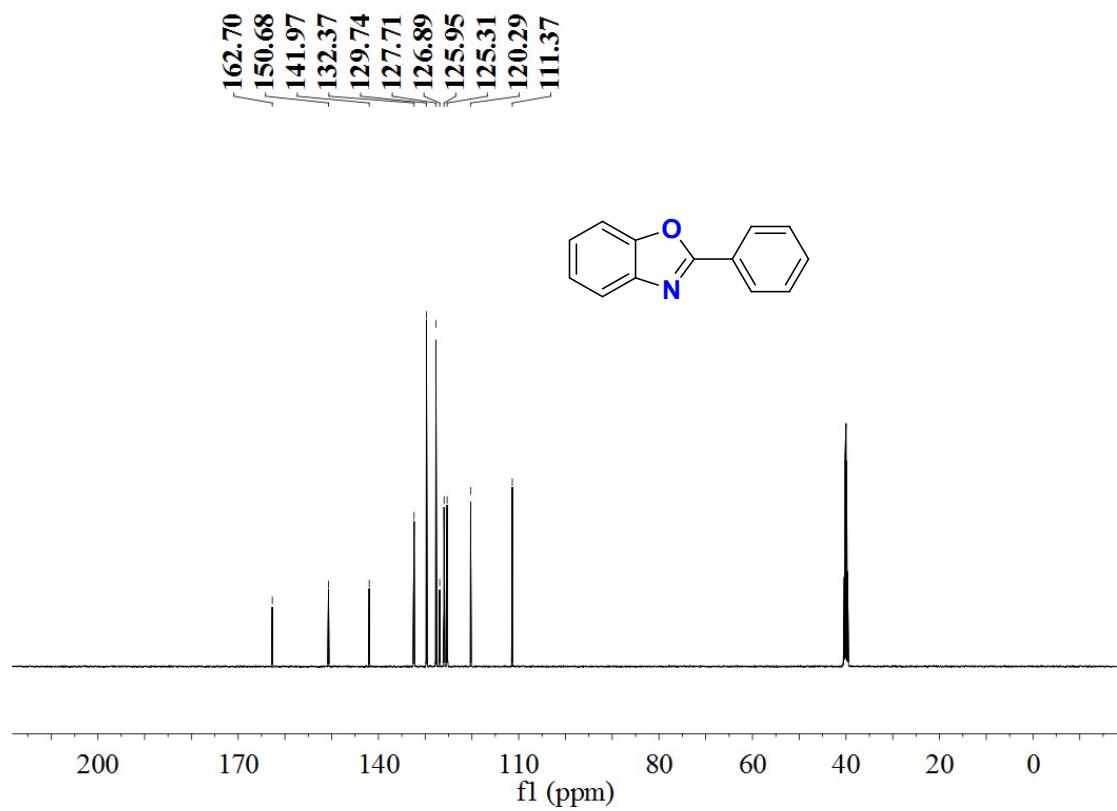
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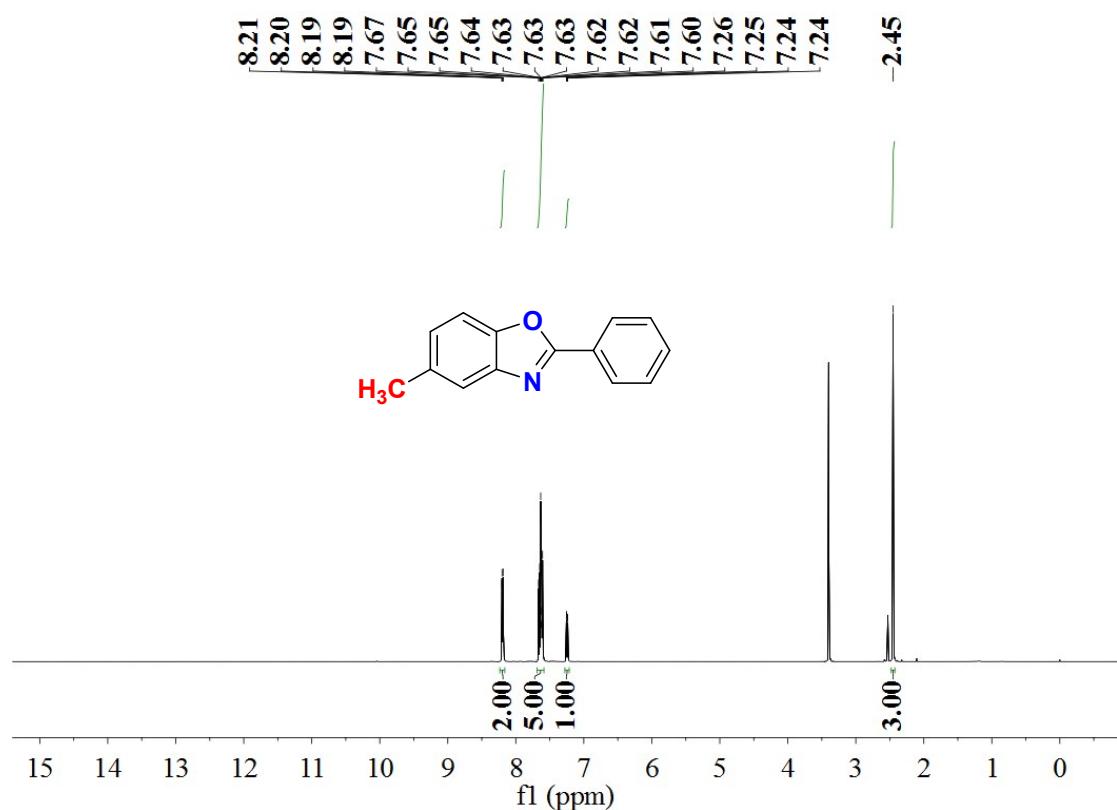
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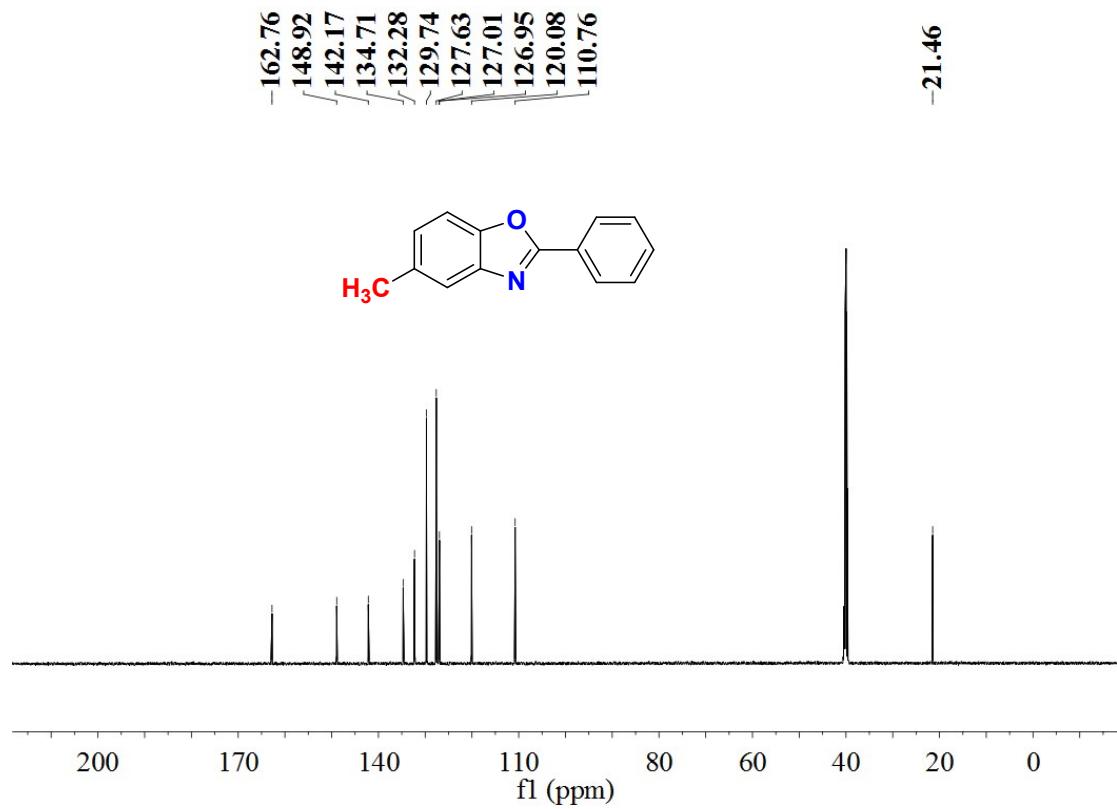
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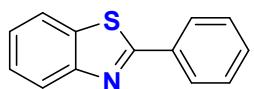
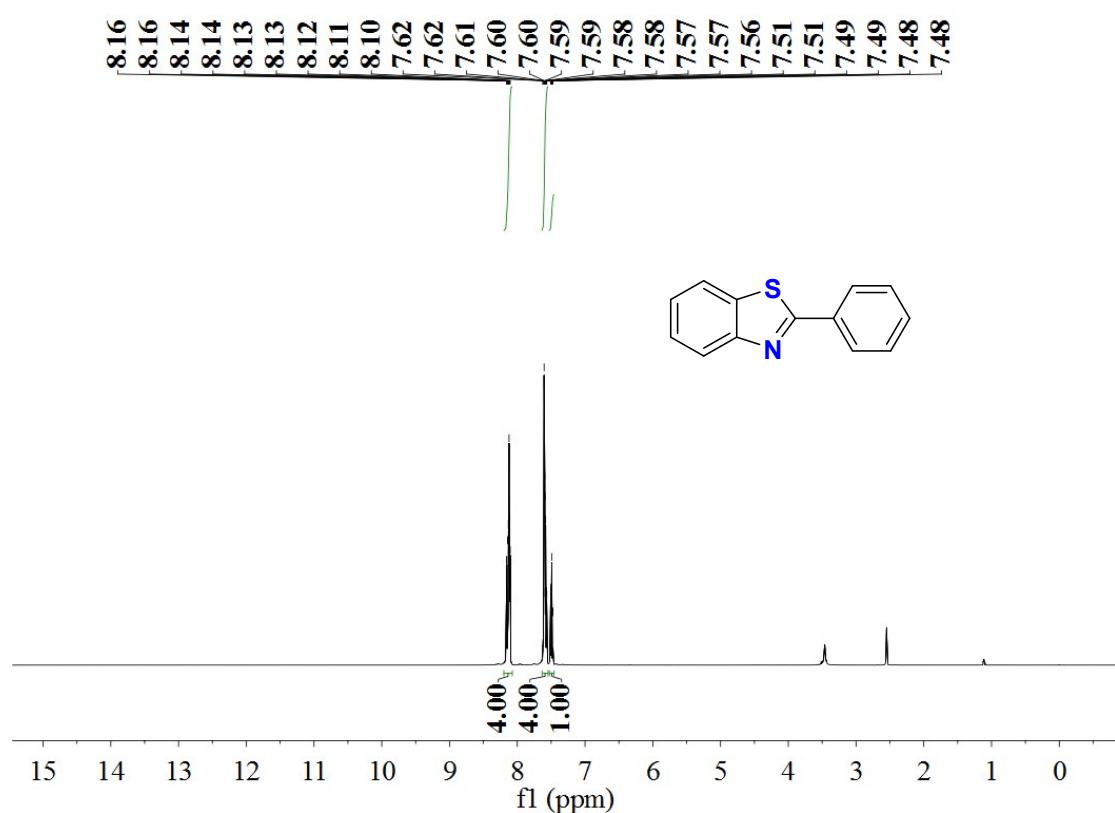
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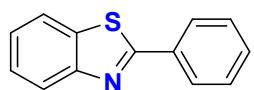
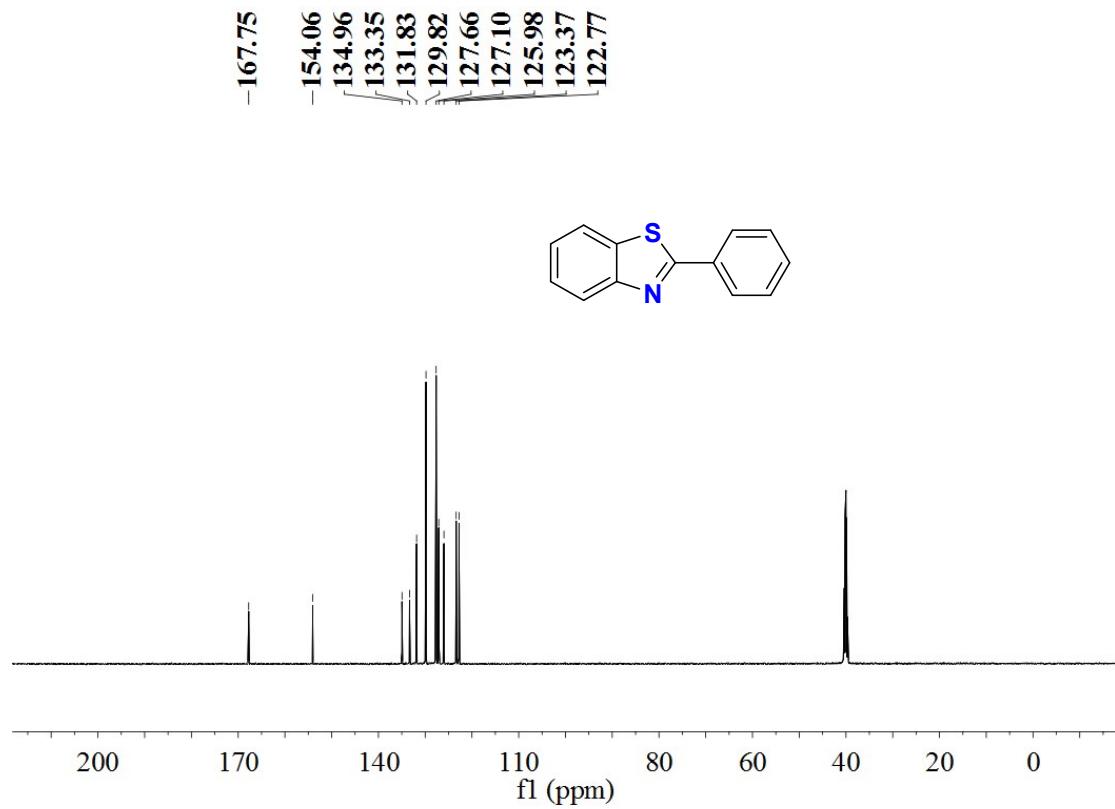
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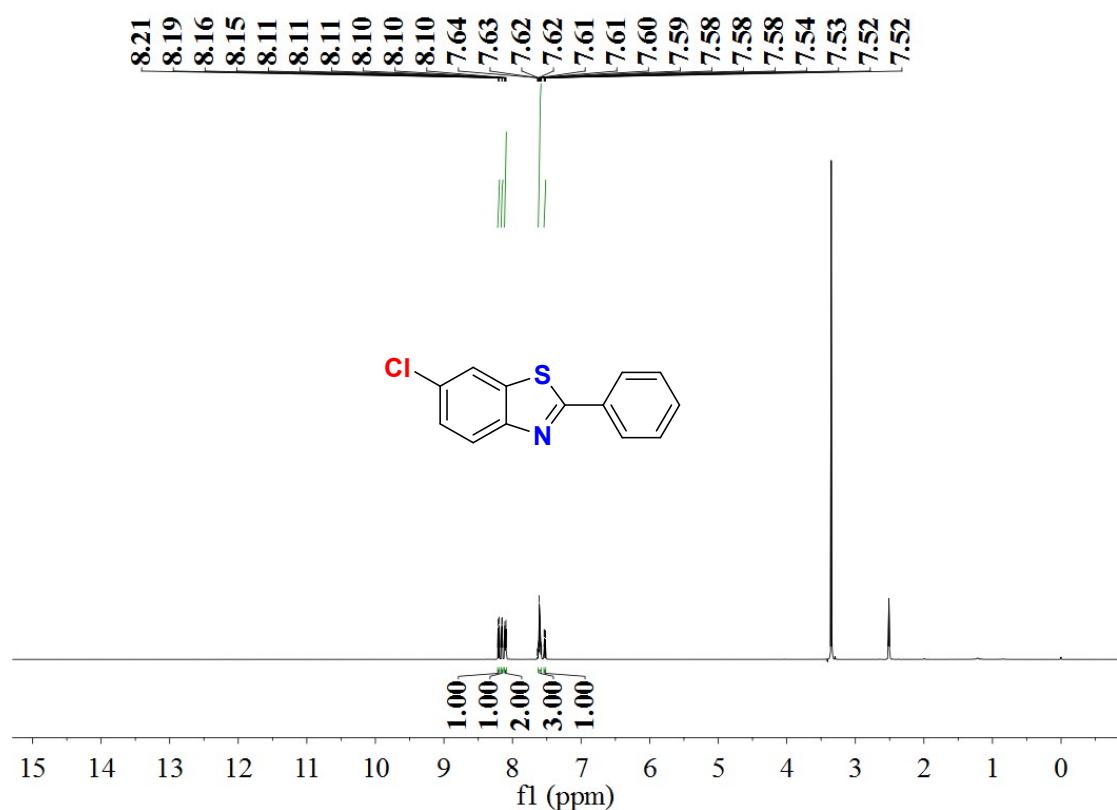
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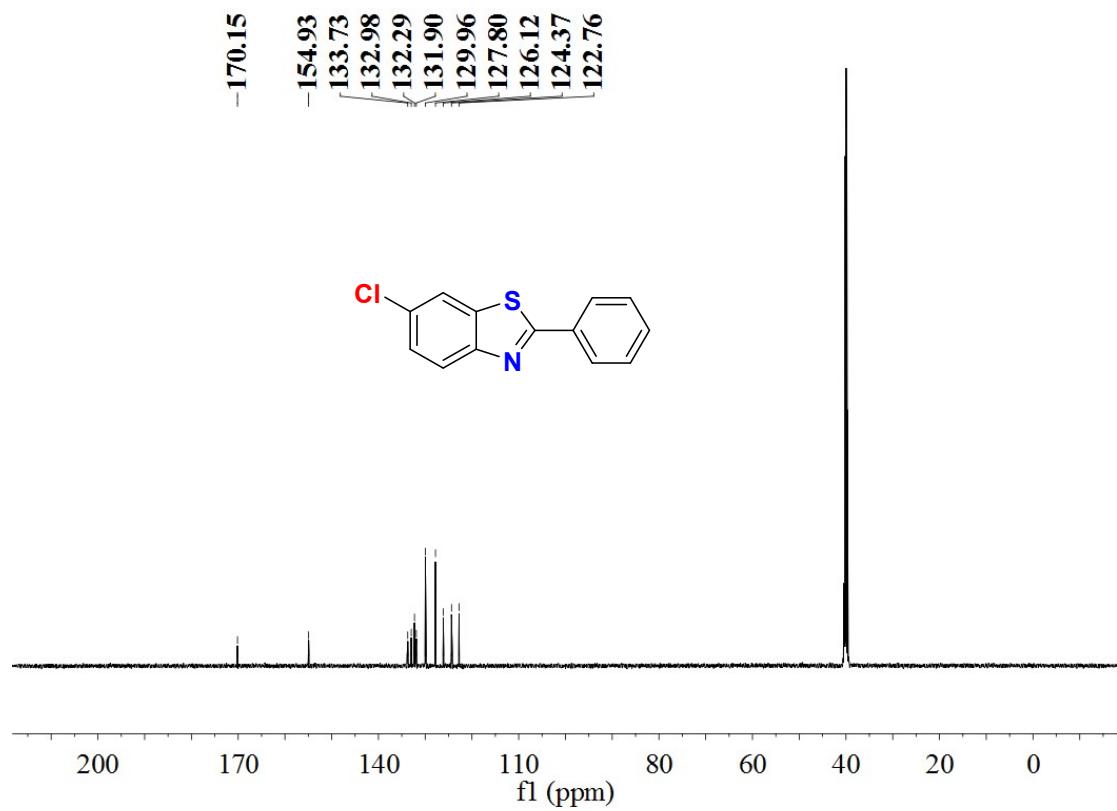
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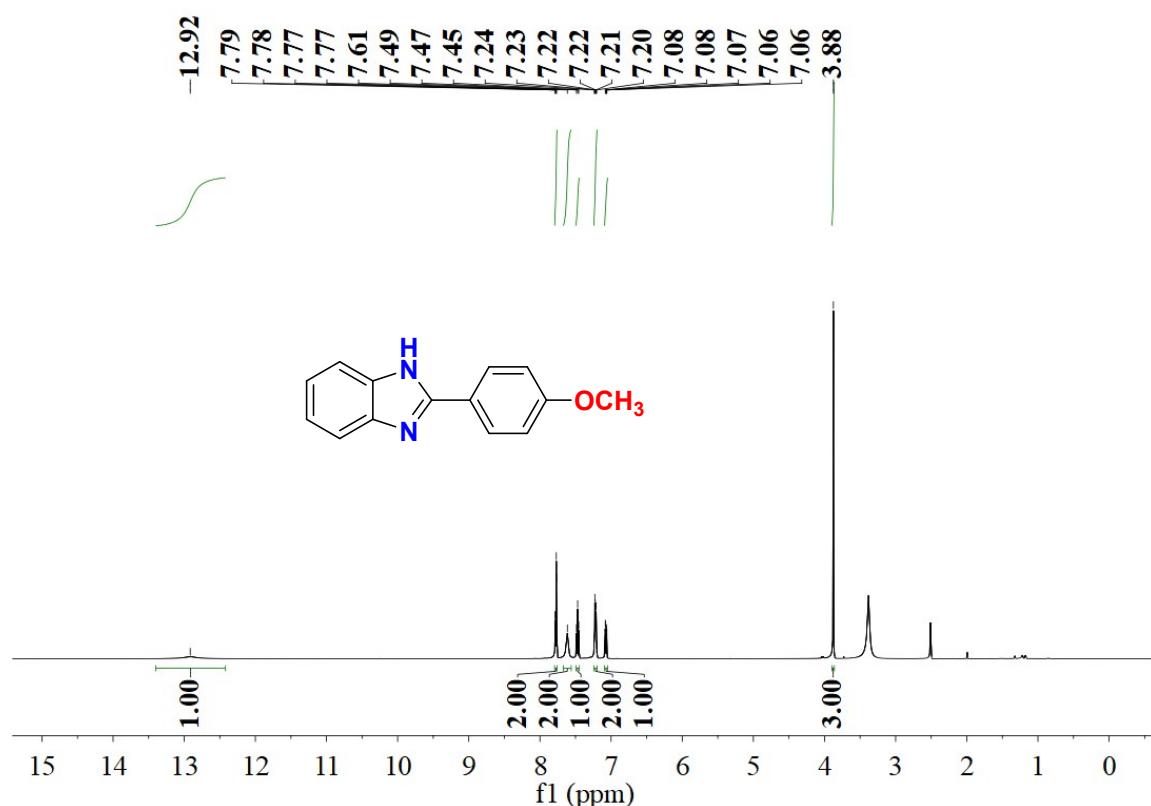
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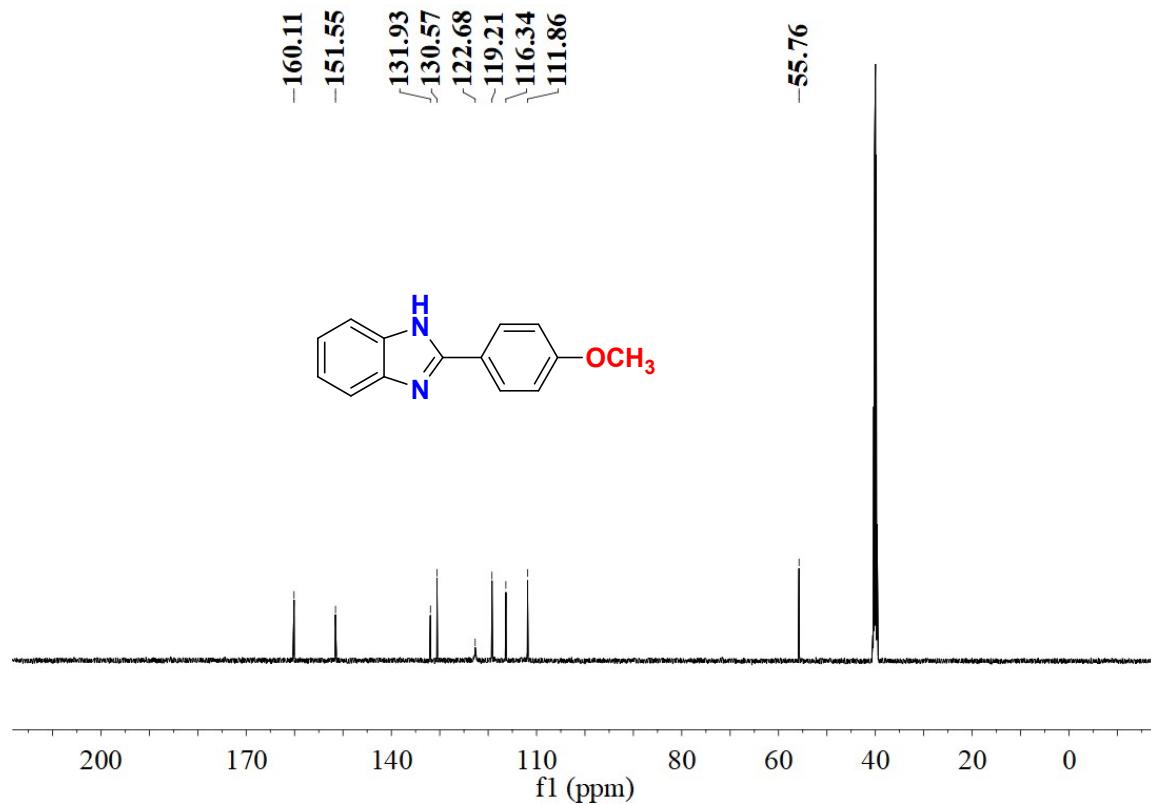
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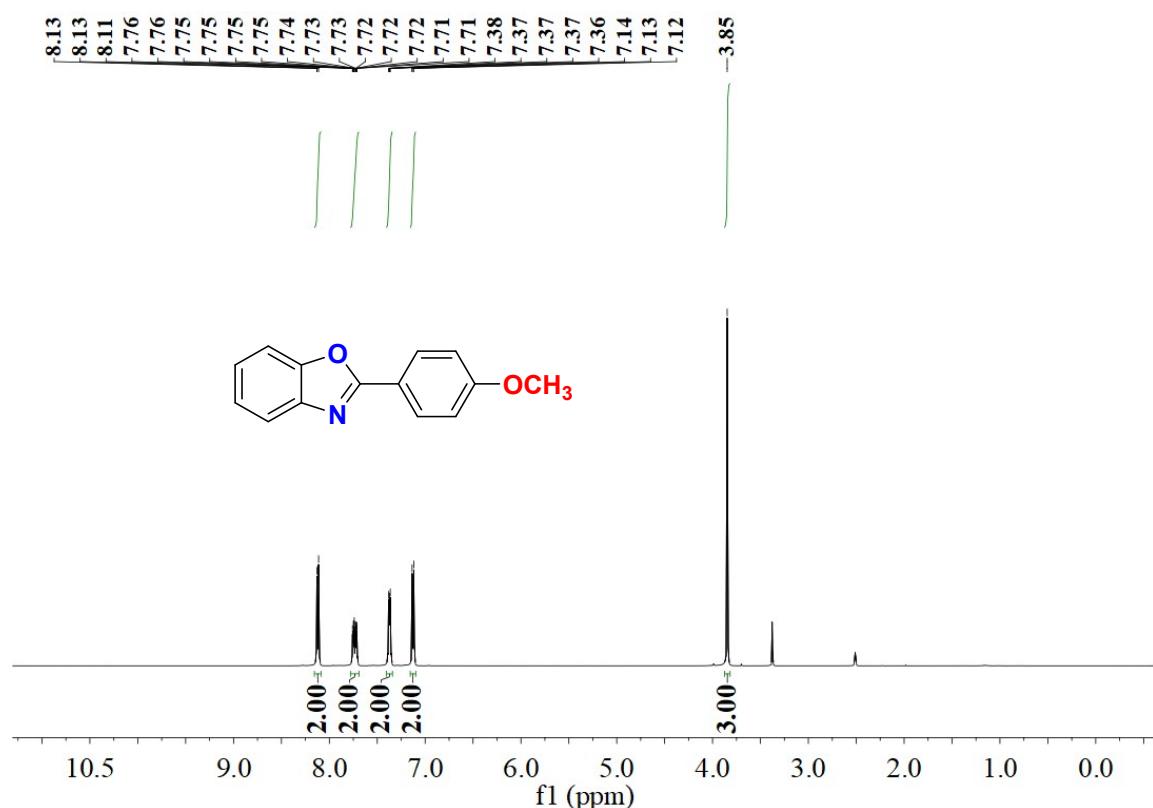
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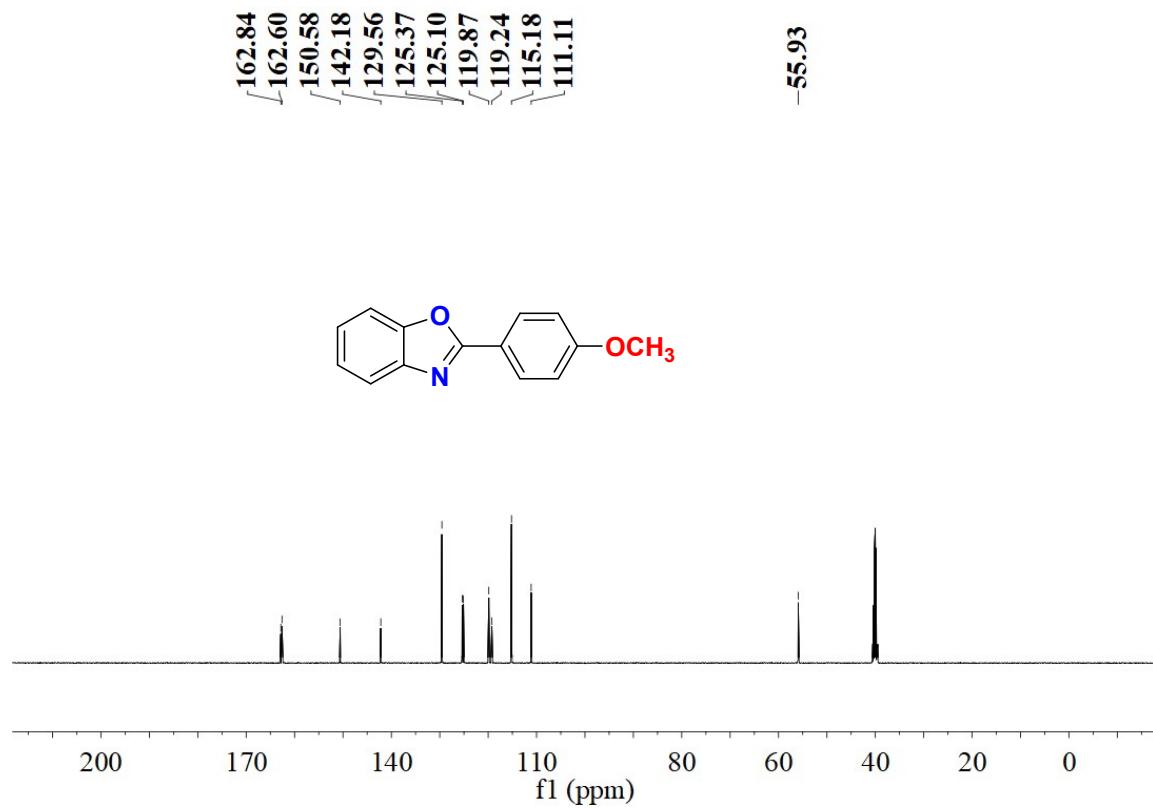
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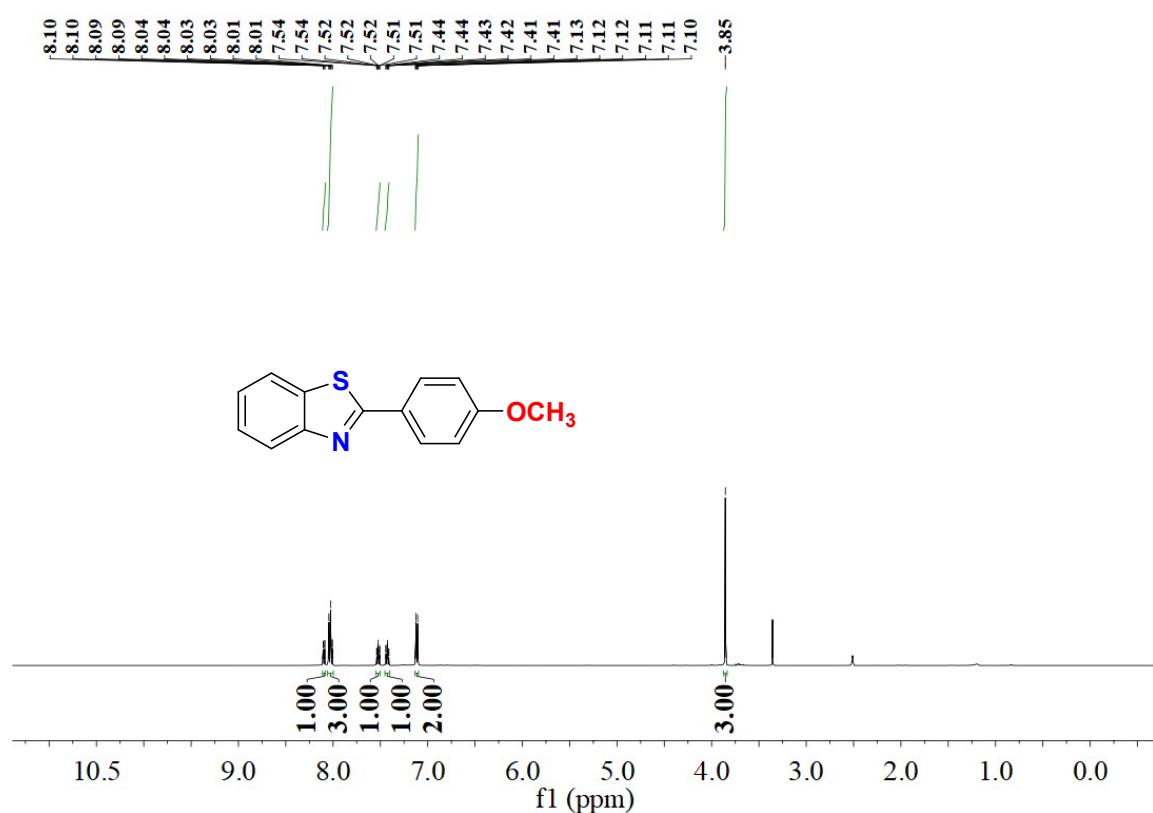
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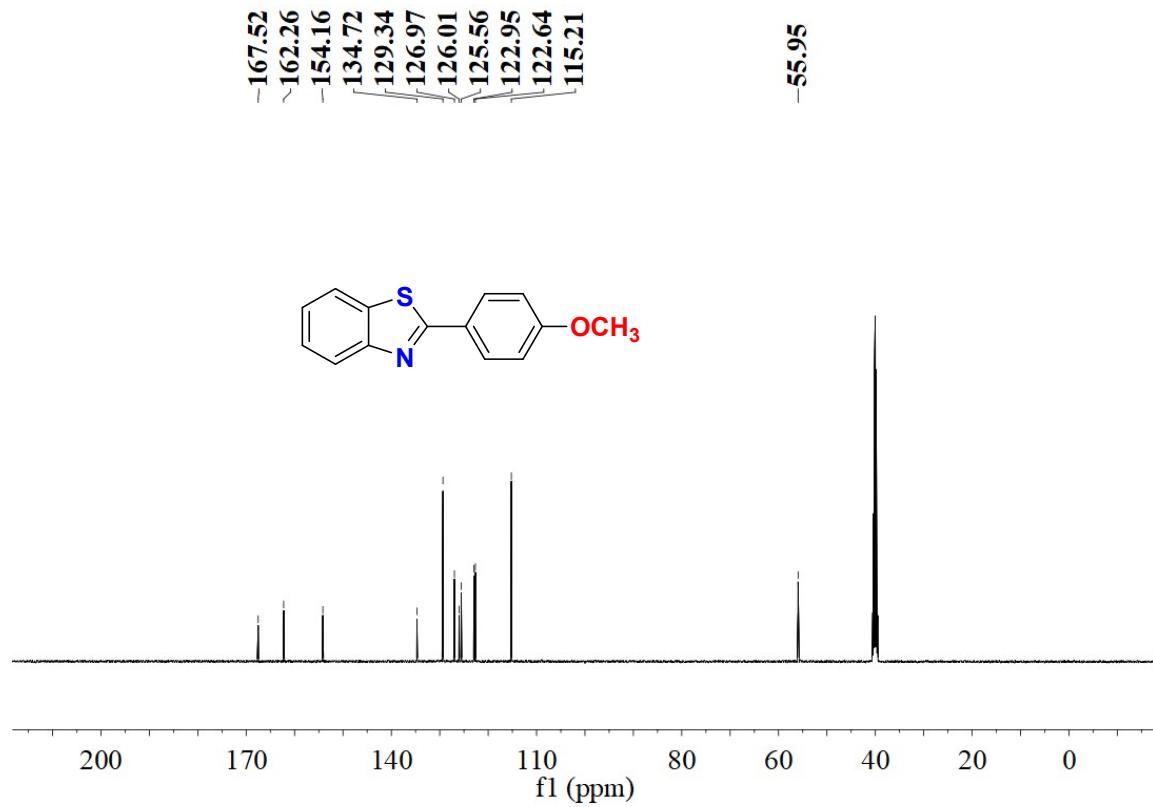
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