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A One-Pot Domino C-H, C-C Activation in Coumarins: A fast track to 2,3-diaryl substituted benzo[b]furans

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1. General Methods and Materials

All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Coumarins, catalysts and other reagents were purchased from Acros Organics. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel. TLC was conducted on silica gel 250 micron, F254 plates. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer, using CDCl₃ as solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with TMS as an internal standard (TMS: δ 0.0 ppm). ¹³C NMR spectra are referenced from the solvent central peak (77.23 ppm). Chemical shifts are given in ppm.

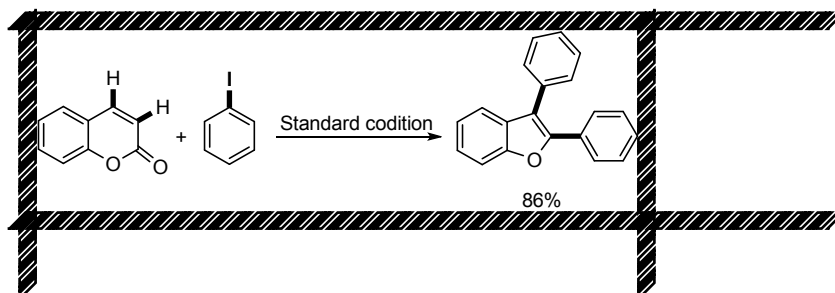
2. Experimental Procedures

A vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with coumarin (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), arylbromide (2.5 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (20 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.5 equiv.), 1,10-Phenanthroline (20 mol %), Mesitylene (0.5 mL), and capped. The resulting mixture was heated in an oil bath at 160 °C for 18 h. Removal of the solvent gave a crude mixture which was purified by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc gradient).

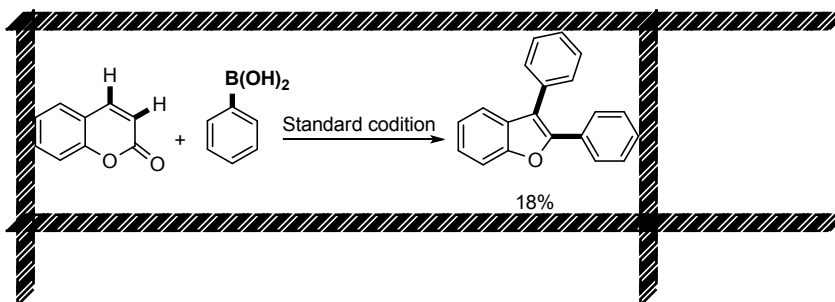
3. Further Experiments

Other experiments being tested are as follows: iodobenzene was allowed to react with coumarin under standard reaction condition generating higher yield than did bromobenzene (**Scheme S1**). In another attempt, phenylboronic acid (**Scheme S2**) and phenyl tosylate (**Scheme S3**) were used in place of bromobenzene which both led to far lower yields (20%). In this context, neither phenyl triflate nor chlorobenzene furnished the product (**Scheme S4**). Besides, using coumarin-3-carboxylic acid as model substrate diminished the yield to a good deal (20%) (**Scheme S5**). It was also observed that use of 4Å molecular sieve had a negligible effect on the reaction yield.

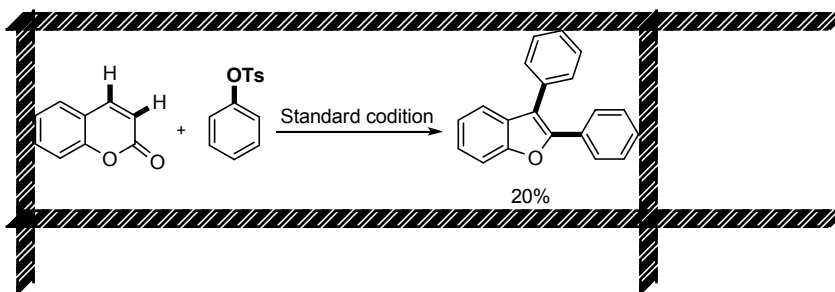
Scheme S1: Reaction of Coumarin with Iodobenzene



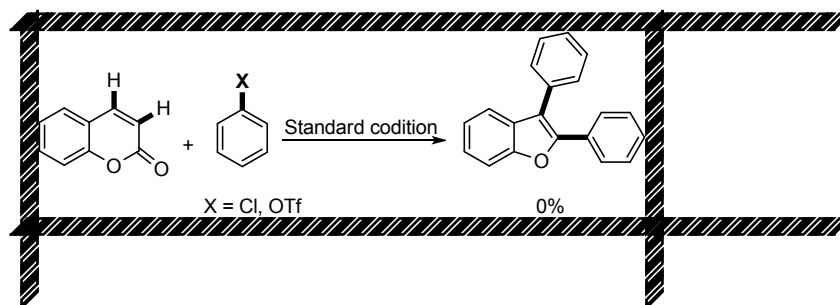
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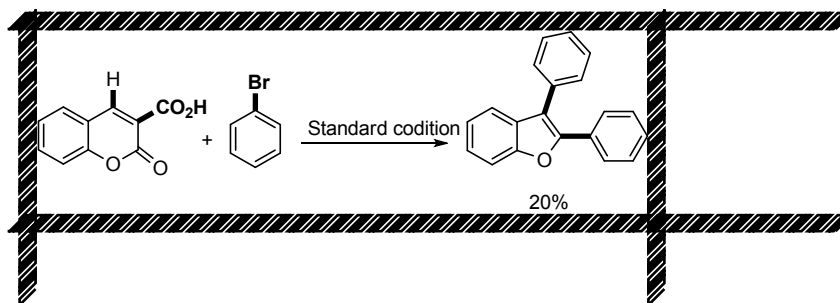
Scheme S3: Reaction of Coumarin with Phenyltosylate



Scheme S4: Reaction of Coumarin with Chlorobenzene and Phenyltriflate

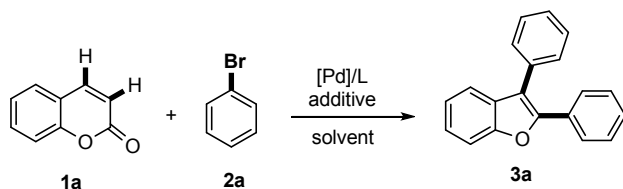


Scheme S5: Reaction of Coumarin-3-carboxylic acid with Bromobenzene



4. Monitoring Reaction Condition:

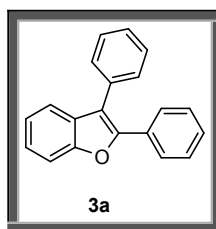
Table S1: Optimization of Reaction of Coumarin (1a) and Bromobenzene (2a)^a



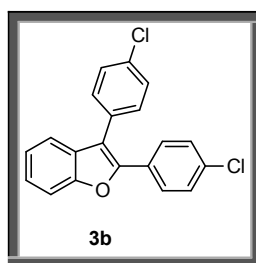
entry	catalyst	ligand	base	solvent	temp. (°C)	yield (%) ^b
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	30
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	PCy ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	28
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	Neocuproine	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	25
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Bipy.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	25
5	Pd(OAc)₂	Phen.	Cs₂CO₃	Mesitylene	160	76
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMAP	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	30
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	2,3-Lutidine	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	0
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	4-Methylbenzene-1,2-diamine	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	0
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	1,3-Dimethyl thiourea	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	0
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	K ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	20
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	KO ^t Bu	Mesitylene	160	5
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	KF	Mesitylene	160	0
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	1,4-Dioxane	160	15
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Dimethylether	160	10
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	160	25
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	160	69
17	PdCl ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	160	30
18	Pd(dba) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	160	40
19	Pd(acac) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	160	14
20	Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	160	58
21	Pd(OAc) ₂	-	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	160	20
22	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	-	Mesitylene	160	0
23	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	120	0
24	Pd(OAc) ₂	Phen.	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Mesitylene	180	70

^a Reaction conditions: Coumarin (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bromobenzene (2.5 equiv), palladium catalyst (20 mol%), Phen. (20 mol%), base (2.5 equiv), solvent (0.2 M), 160 °C, 18 h. ^bIsolated yields.

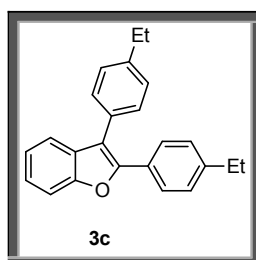
5. Characterization Data



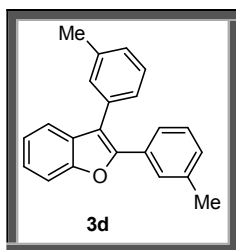
2,3-Diphenylbenzofuran (3a). White crystal, 21 mg, Yield 76%, mp 111-114 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 7H), 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.5, 150.0, 132.4, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.5, 124.2, 122.4, 119.5, 117.0, 110.6; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ (270.10): C, 88.86; H, 5.22. Found: C, 88.61; H, 5.43.



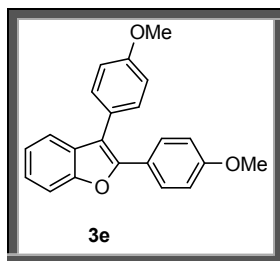
2,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)benzofuran (3b). White crystal, 27 mg, Yield 79%, mp 109-113 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.21 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.5, 149.1, 133.9, 133.3, 130.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 127.7, 124.6, 122.7, 119.3, 116.3, 110.7; MS m/z (%) 338 (M^+ , 100), 302 (19), 268 (55), 239 (56), 134 (29); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ (338.02): C, 70.81; H, 3.57. Found: C, 70.99; H, 3.75.



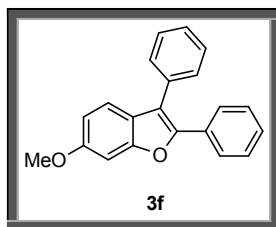
2,3-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)benzofuran (3c). White crystal, 25 mg, Yield 78%, mp 76 – 79 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.4, 150.1, 144.0, 143.0, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.5, 123.8, 122.2, 119.5, 116.3, 110.5, 28.2, 14.9; MS m/z (%) 326 (M^+ , 100), 296 (14), 268 (25), 252 (17), 148 (29), 57 (10); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ (326.16): C, 88.31; H, 6.79. Found: C, 88.61; H, 6.97.



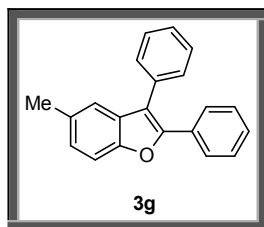
2,3-Di-*m*-tolylbenzofuran (3d). White crystal, 23 mg, Yield 76%, mp 112-116 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.4, 150.1, 138.0, 137.5, 132.2, 130.1, 129.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 126.3, 124.0, 123.7, 122.3, 119.5, 117.0, 110.5, 20.9; MS m/z (%) 298 (M^+ , 100), 281 (15), 255 (23), 238(16); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ (298.13): C, 88.56; H, 6.08. Found: C, 88.71; H, 6.33.



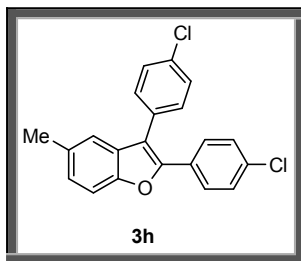
2,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (3e). White crystal, 26 mg, Yield 79%, mp 146-148 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.6, 159.0, 153.8, 150.49, 130.9, 130.6, 128.4, 124.2, 123.5, 122.7, 119.7, 115.7, 114.5, 113.9, 110.9, 55.3; MS m/z (%) 330 (M^+ , 100), 315 (61), 255 (30), 215 (15), 149 (16); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ (330.12): C, 79.98; H, 5.49. Found: C, 79.61; H, 5.23.



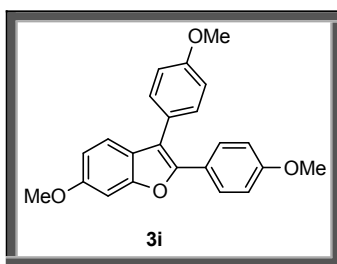
6-Methoxy-2,3-diphenylbenzofuran (3f). White crystal, 25 mg, Yield 83%, mp 117-120 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.9, 154.4, 149.1, 132.4, 130.3, 129.1, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 126.0, 123.2, 119.7, 116.9, 111.4, 95.1, 55.3; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ (300.11): C, 83.98; H, 5.37. Found: C, 83.64; H, 5.03.



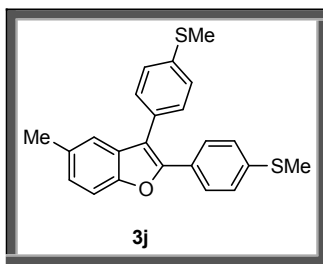
5-Methyl-2,3-diphenylbenzofuran (3g). White crystal, 22 mg, Yield 77%, mp 105-107 °C; ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 6H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³CNMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.9, 150.1, 132.5, 131.9, 130.2, 129.8, 129.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 126.4, 125.4, 119.2, 110.1, 20.8; MS *m/z* (%) 284 (M⁺, 100), 255 (42), 239 (42), 178 (20), 134 (24), 77 (14); Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆O (284.35): C, 88.70; H, 5.67. Found: C, 88.91; H, 5.93.



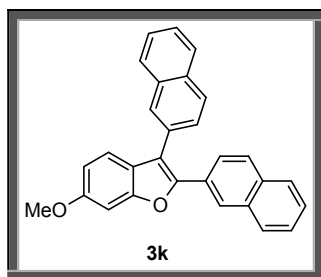
2,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methylbenzofuran (3h). White crystal, 26 mg, Yield 74%, mp 151-153 °C; ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³CNMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.9, 149.2, 133.8, 133.2, 132.3, 130.7, 130.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 125.9, 119.0, 116.0, 110.2, 20.8; MS *m/z* (%) 352 (M⁺, 100), 282 (24), 252 (18), 141 (7); Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₄Cl₂O (354.24): C, 71.40; H, 3.99. Found: C, 71.68; H, 4.23.



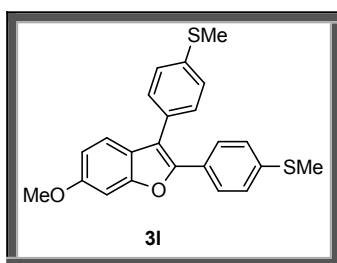
6-Methoxy-2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (3i). White crystal, 33 mg, Yield 91%, mp 263 °C; ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³CNMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 158.4, 157.5, 154.2, 149.0, 130.2, 127.4, 124.7, 123.5, 123.2, 119.3, 115.0, 113.8, 113.3, 111.0, 95.2, 55.3, 54.7; MS *m/z* (%) 360 (M⁺, 100), 345 (81), 326 (68), 311 (27), 202 (12), 180 (19); Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀O₄ (360.40): C, 76.65; H, 5.59. Found: C, 76.98; H, 5.88.



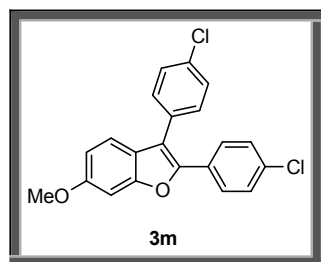
5-Methyl-2,3-bis(4-(methylthio)phenyl)benzofuran (3j). White crystal, 33 mg, Yield 89%, mp 137-139 °C; ¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³CNMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.8, 149.8, 138.5, 137.3, 131.9, 129.6, 129.1, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 126.3, 125.4, 125.3, 119.0, 115.8, 110.0, 20.8, 15.1, 14.8; MS *m/z* (%) 376 (M⁺, 100), 326 (88), 311 (29), 282 (21), 69 (25); Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀OS₂ (376.53): C, 73.37; H, 5.35. Found: C, 73.68; H, 5.63.



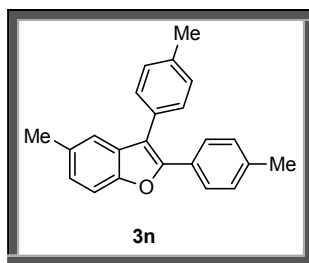
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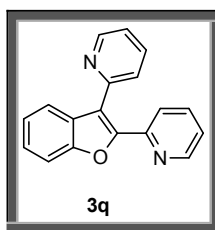
6-Methoxy-2,3-bis(4-(methylthio)phenyl)benzofuran (3l). White crystal, 30 mg, Yield 88%, mp 115-118 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.8, 154.4, 148.8, 138.0, 137.3, 129.5, 129.0, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.5, 123.1, 119.5, 115.9, 111.4, 95.2, 55.3, 15.1, 14.9; MS m/z (%) 392 (M^+ , 100), 317 (9), 226 (18), 196 (30), 149 (34), 57 (16); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ (392.53): C, 70.38; H, 5.14. Found: C, 70.68; H, 5.40.



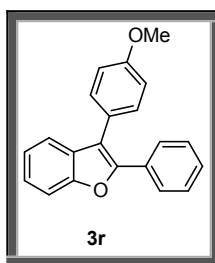
2,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methoxybenzofuran (3m). White crystal, 28 mg, Yield 78%, mp 93-95 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2, 154.5, 148.2, 133.4, 133.2, 130.6, 130.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 122.6, 119.5, 116.2, 111.8, 95.2, 55.3; MS m/z (%) 368 (M^+ , 100), 262 (23), 226 (33), 139 (33), 113 (30); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2$ (369.24): C, 68.31; H, 3.82. Found: C, 68.72; H, 3.97.



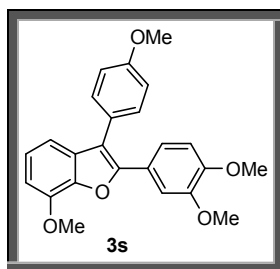
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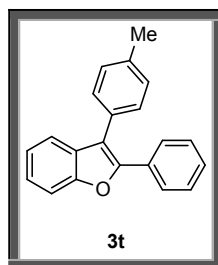
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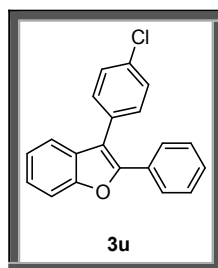
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2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-7-methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (3s). oil, 26mg, Yield 68%, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.83 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H); MS m/z (%) 390 (M^+ , 86), 369 (7), 316 (5), 195 (9), 172 (13), 151 (15), 125 (22); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5$ (390.43): C, 73.83; H, 5.68. Found: C, 73.97; H, 5.73.



2-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)benzofuran (3t). White crystals, 19mg, Yield 68%, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.0, 137.4, 129.7, 129.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.0, 124.6, 122.8, 120.1, 111.1, 29.7; MS m/z (%) 284 (M^+ , 100), 239 (19), 134 (13), 85 (20), 57 (40); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ (284.35): C, 90.83; H, 5.77. Found: C, 90.87; H, 5.77.



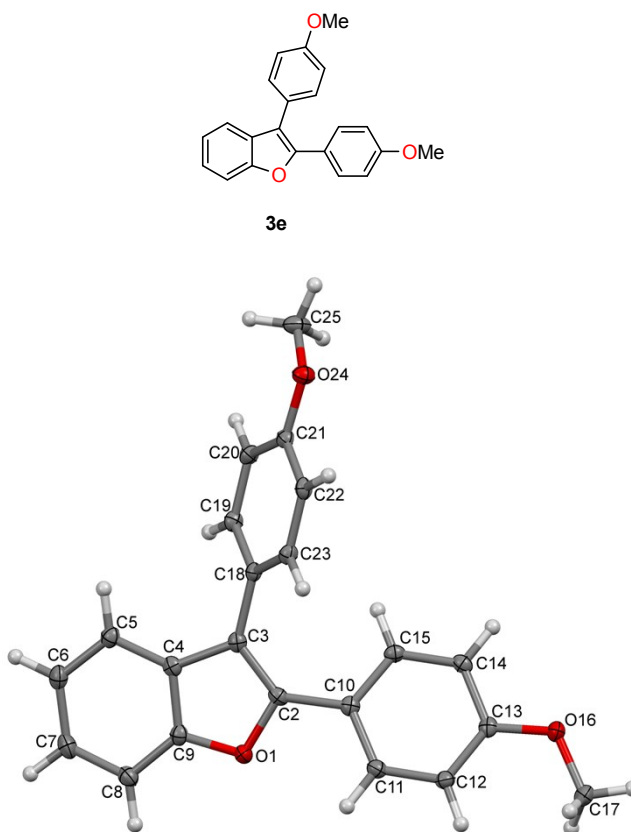
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6. X-ray crystallography

Diffraction data were collected at 100(1)K by the ω -scan technique on Agilent Technologies four-circle XCalibur diffractometer with Eos CCD detector, equipped with graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation source ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The data were corrected for Lorentz-polarization as well as for absorption effects ¹. Precise unit-cell parameters were determined by a least-squares fit of 15846 reflections of the highest intensity, chosen from the whole experiment. The structure was solved with SIR92 ² and refined with the full-matrix least-squares procedure on F² by SHELXL-2013 ³. The scattering factors incorporated in SHELXL97 were used. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, hydrogen atoms were found in difference Fourier maps, and freely refined with isotropic displacement parameters.

6.1. Crystal Data and ORTEP diagram of compound 3e

Figure S1: ORTEP diagram of 3e (CCDC-1035494).



Crystal data for 3e: C₂₂H₁₈O₃, M_r=330.36, monoclinic, P2₁/c, a=8.6642(2)Å, b=20.3575(3)Å, c=10.1977(2)Å, β =115.123(3)°, V=1628.53(7)Å³, Z=4, d_x=1.35 g·cm⁻³, μ =0.089 mm⁻¹, F(000)=696, MoK α , λ =0.71073Å, T=100(1)K, 37859 reflections measured of which 3818 symmetry-independent, R_{int}=2.36%. Final R(all reflections)=3.88%, wR2(all reflections)=8.98%, S=1.036, $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ =0.29/-0.22 e·Å⁻³. CCDC-1035494.

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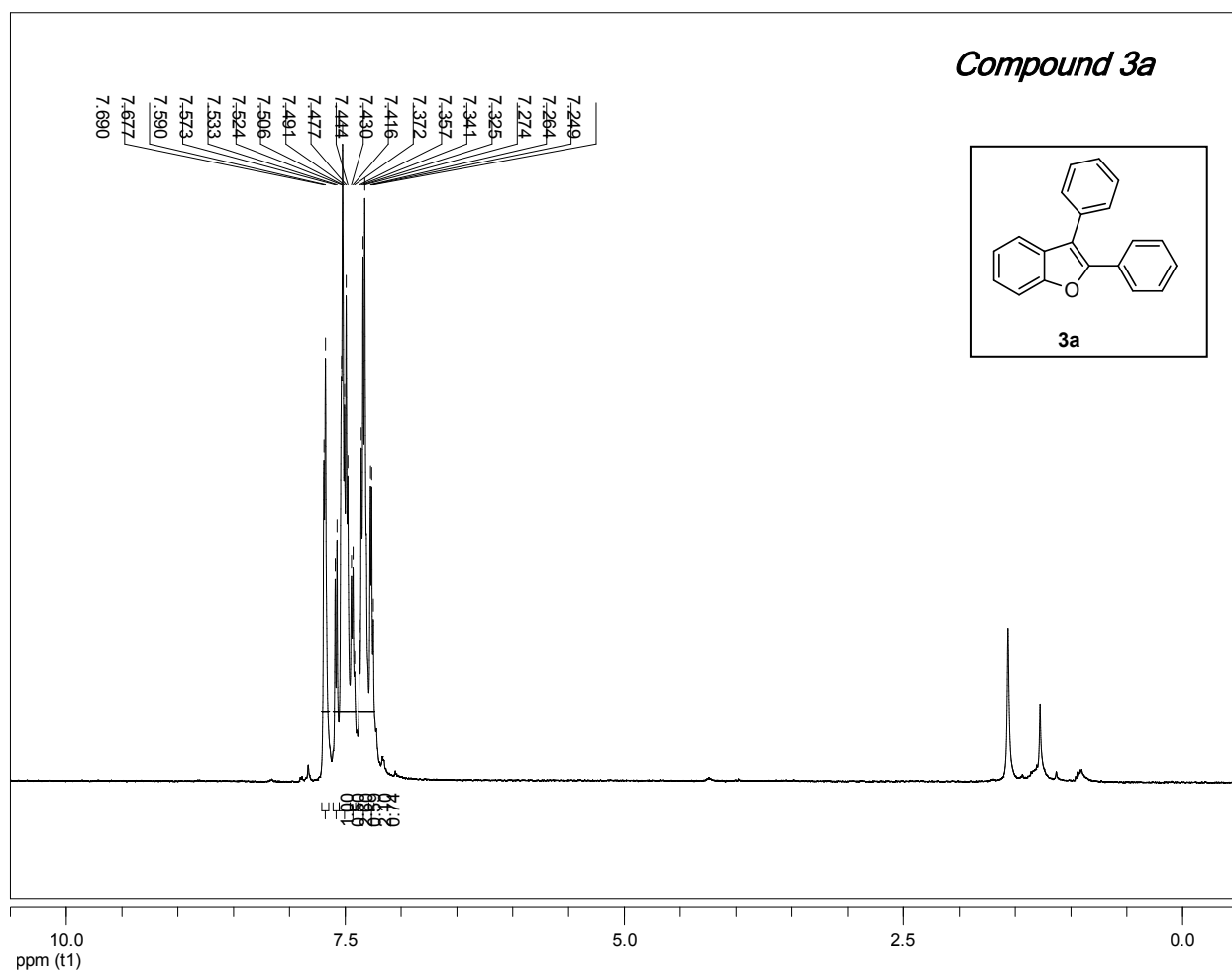
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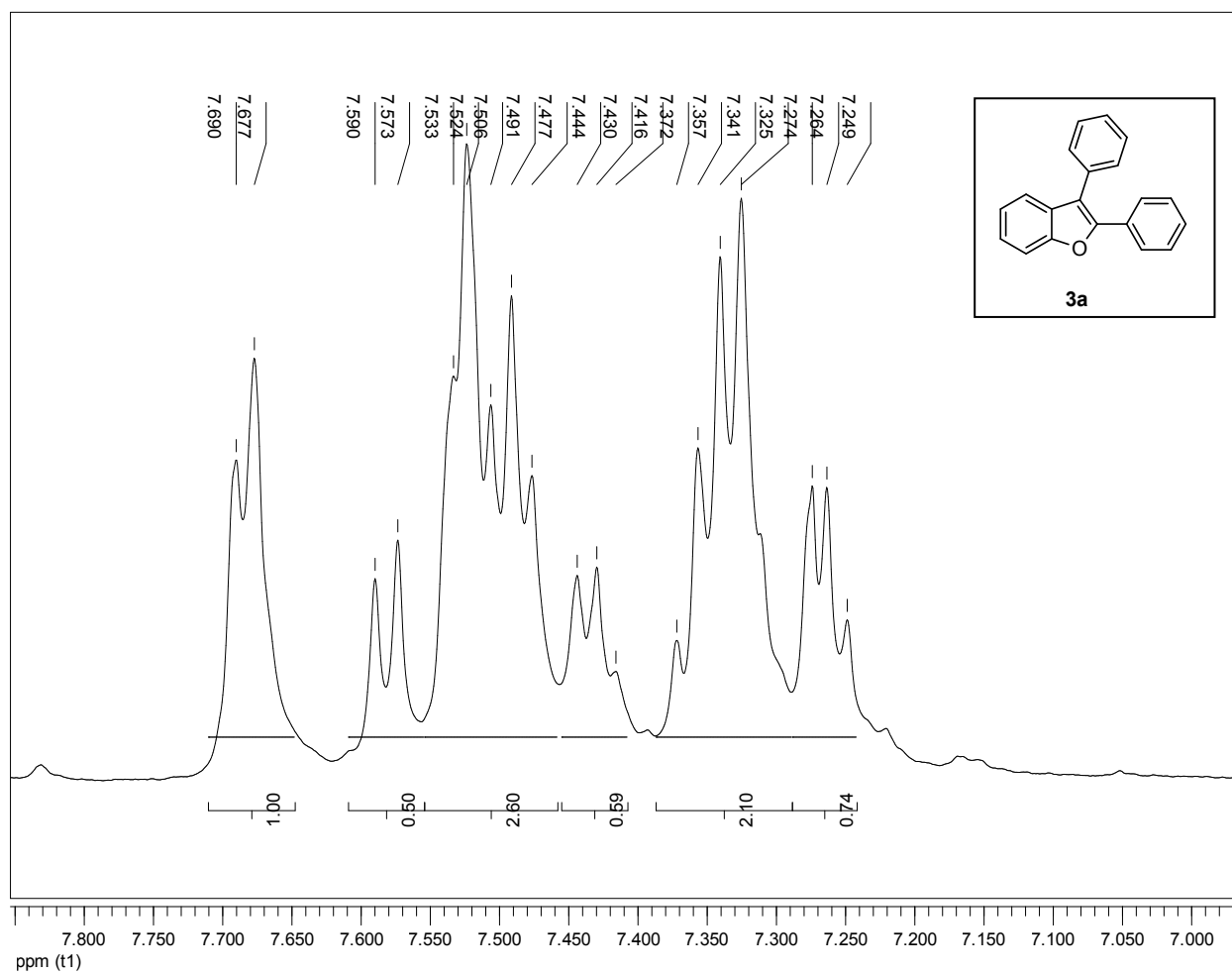
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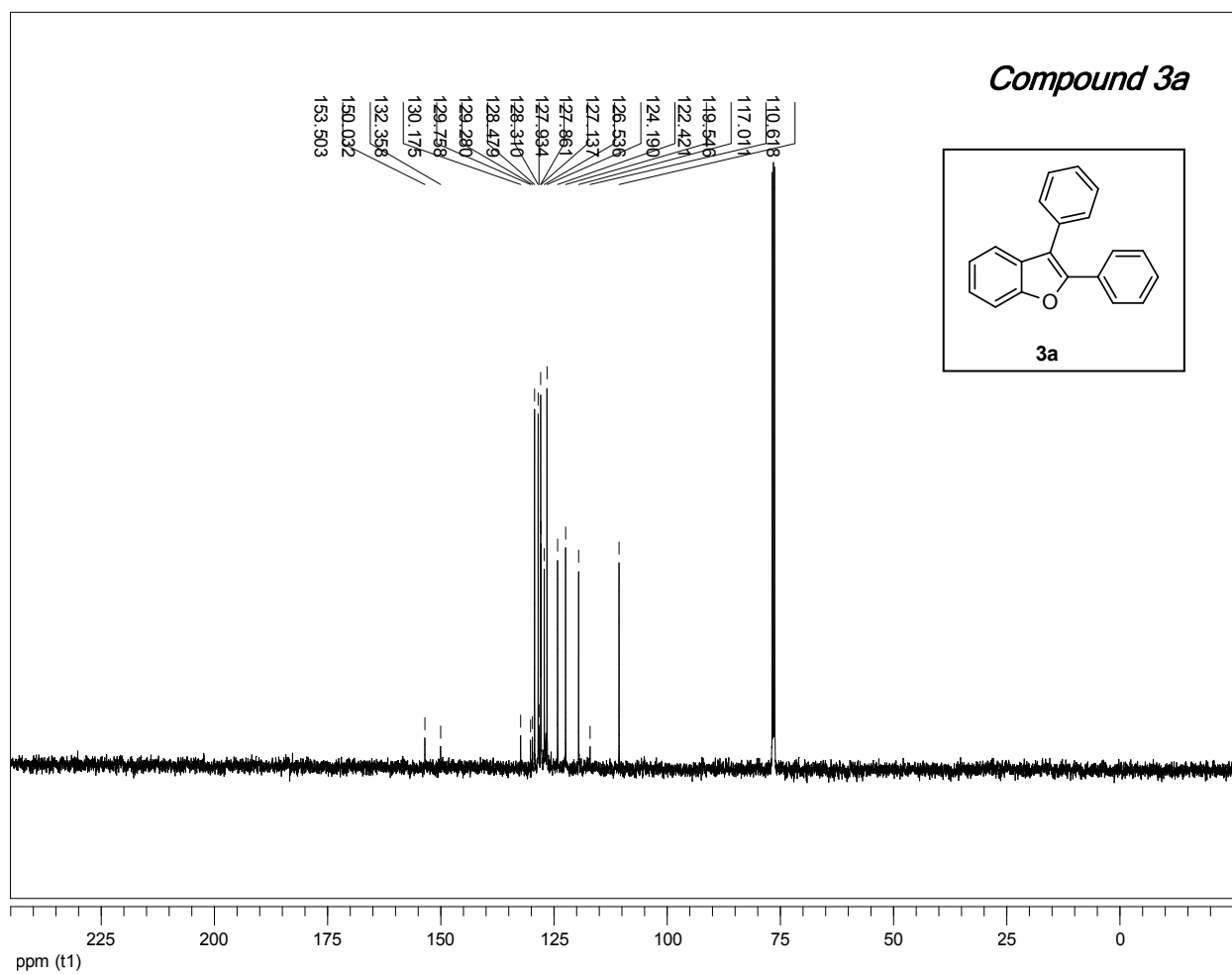
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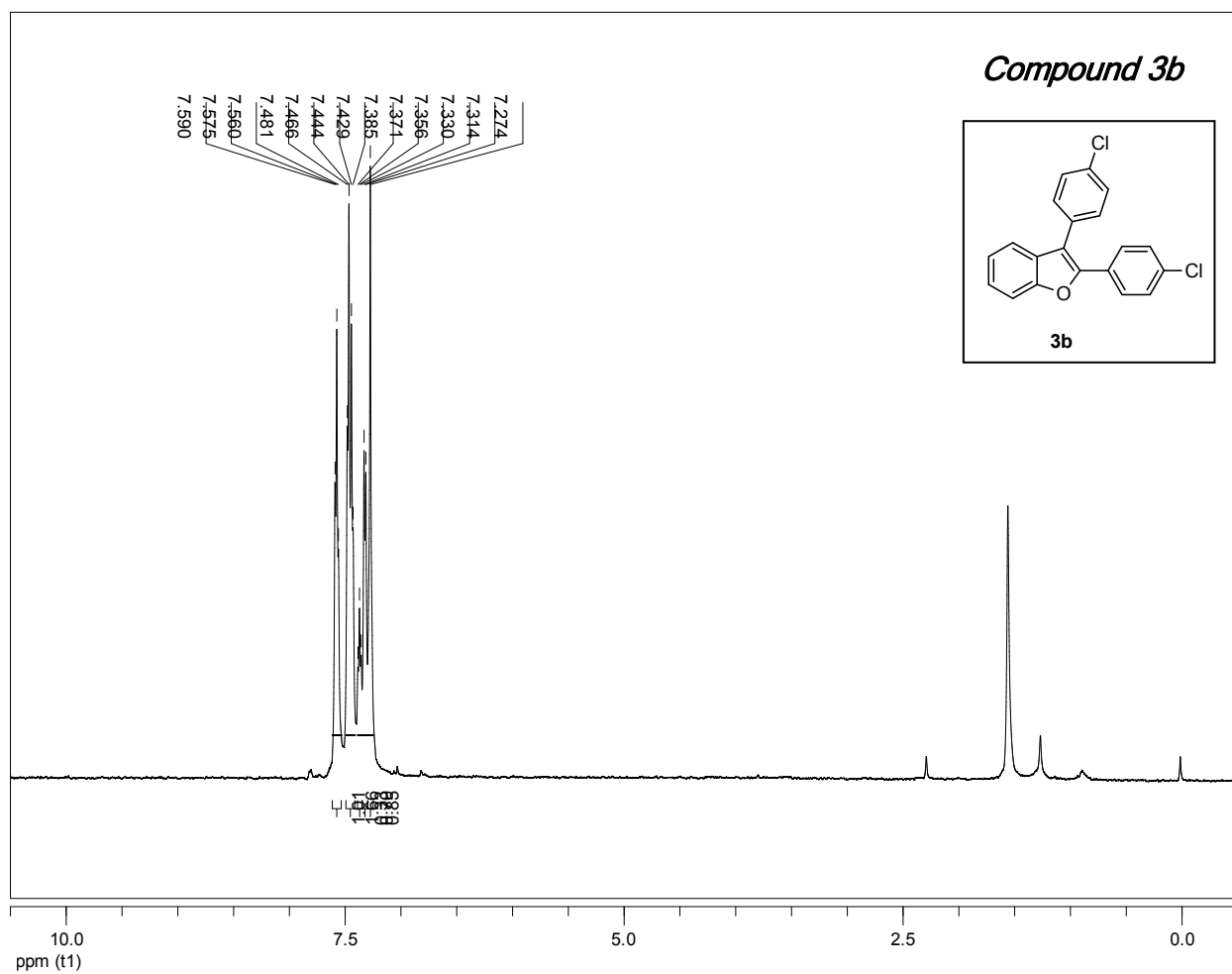
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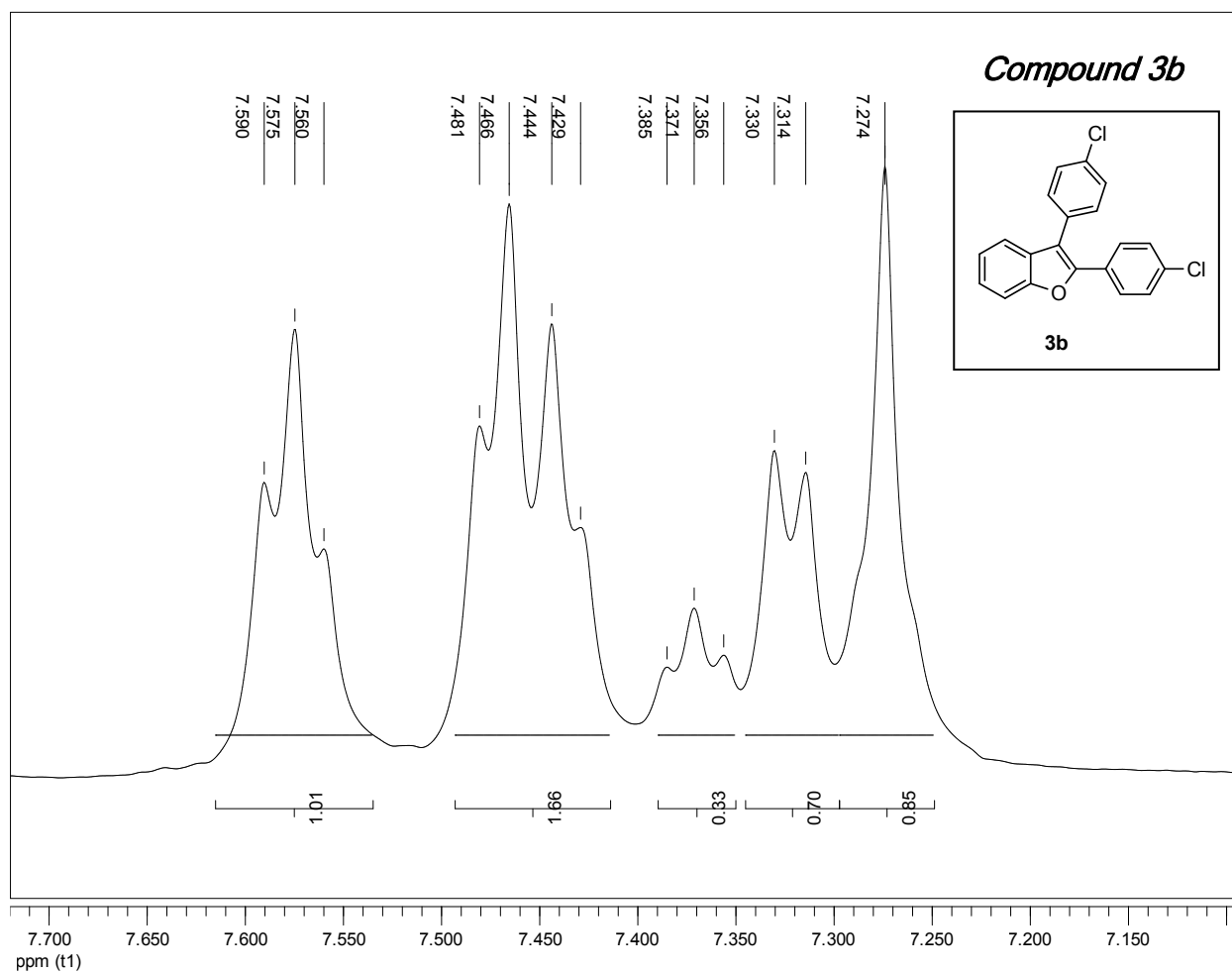
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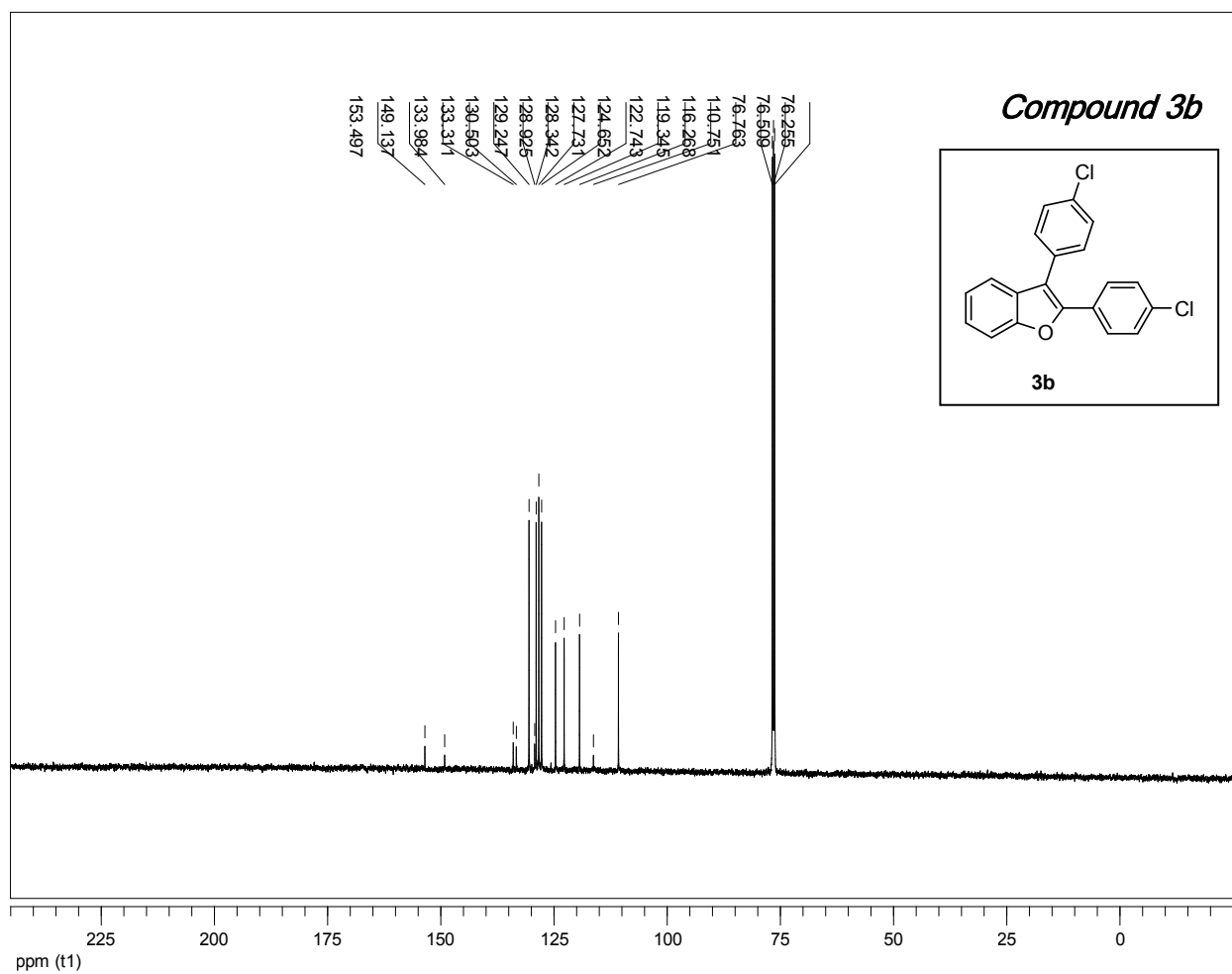


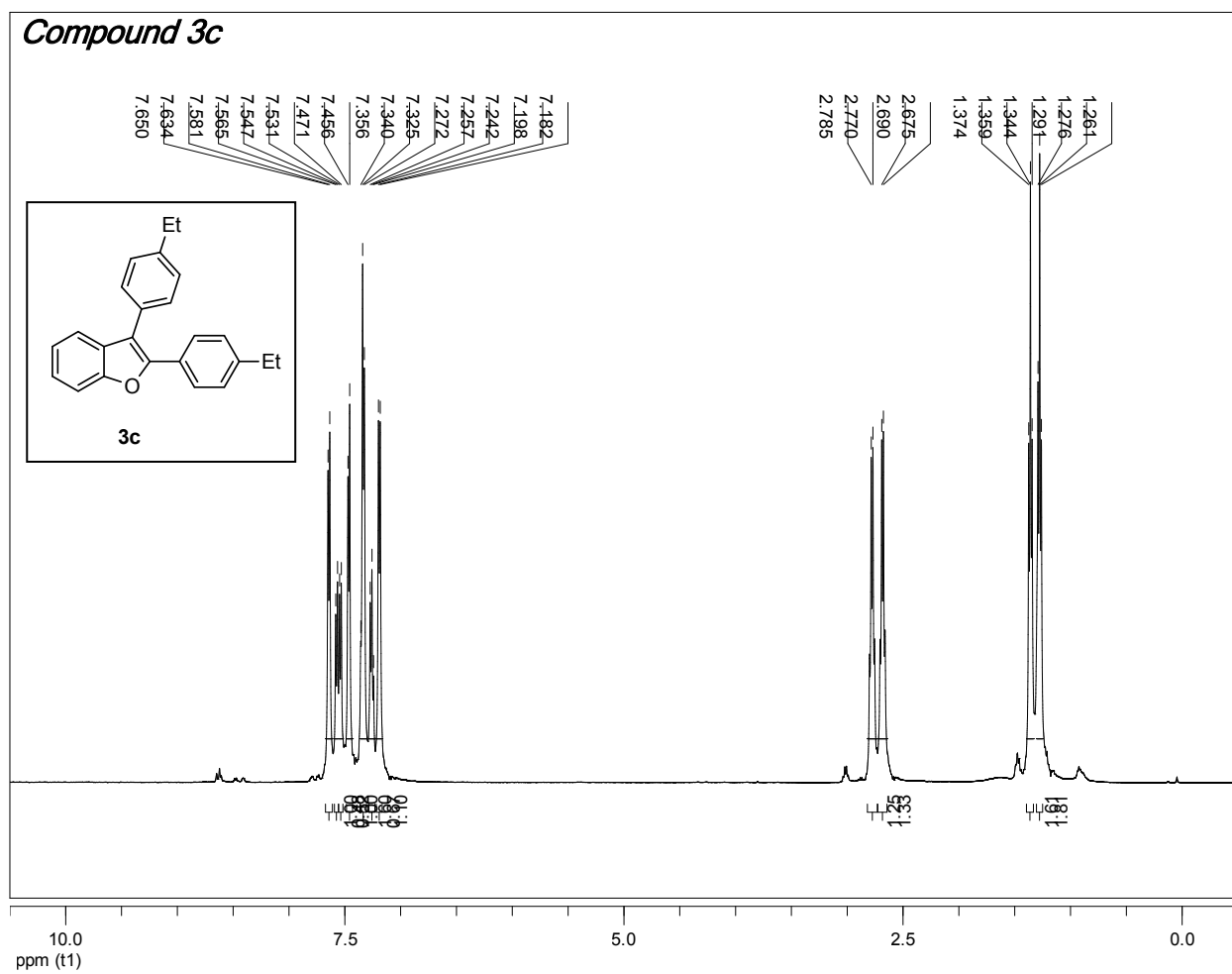


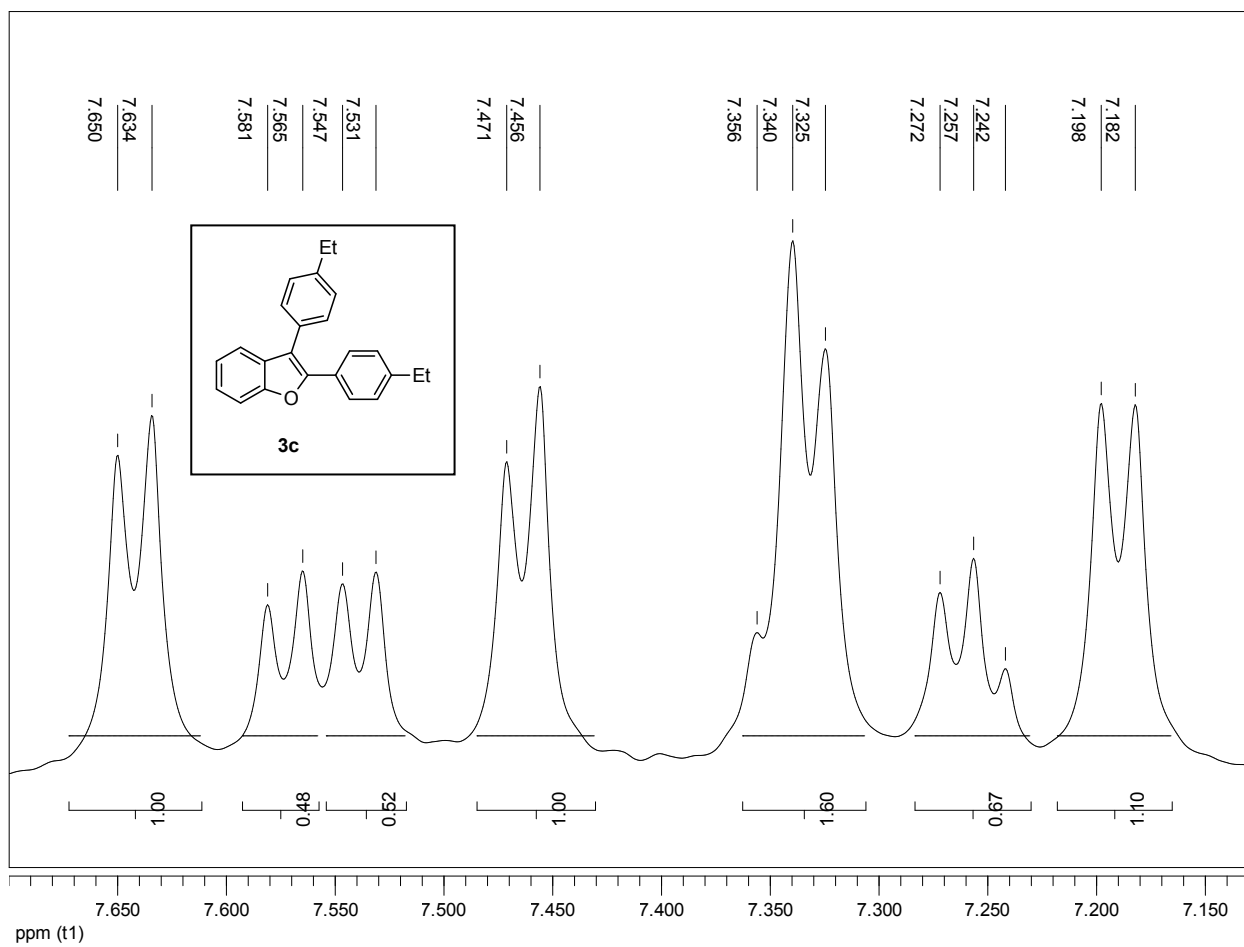


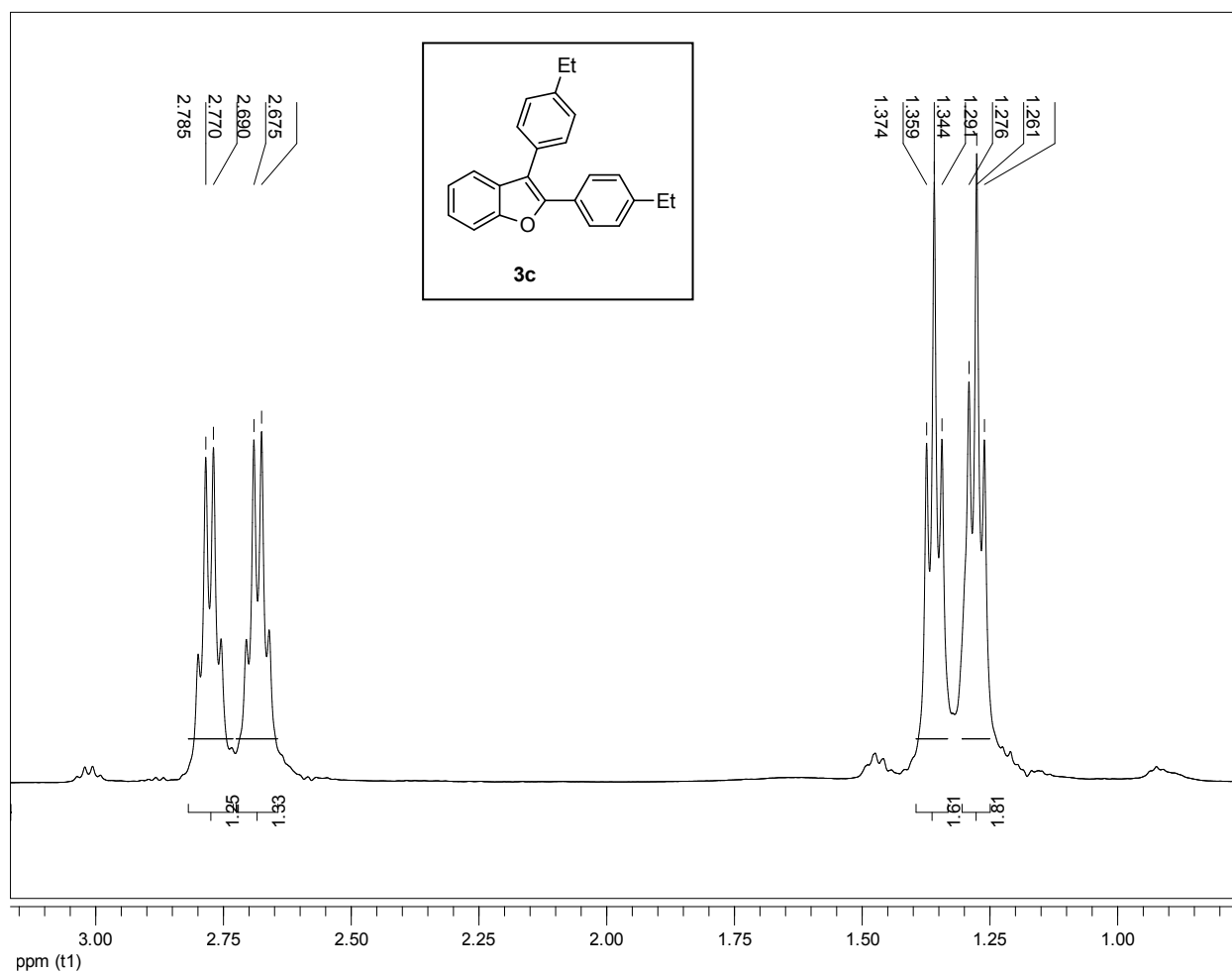




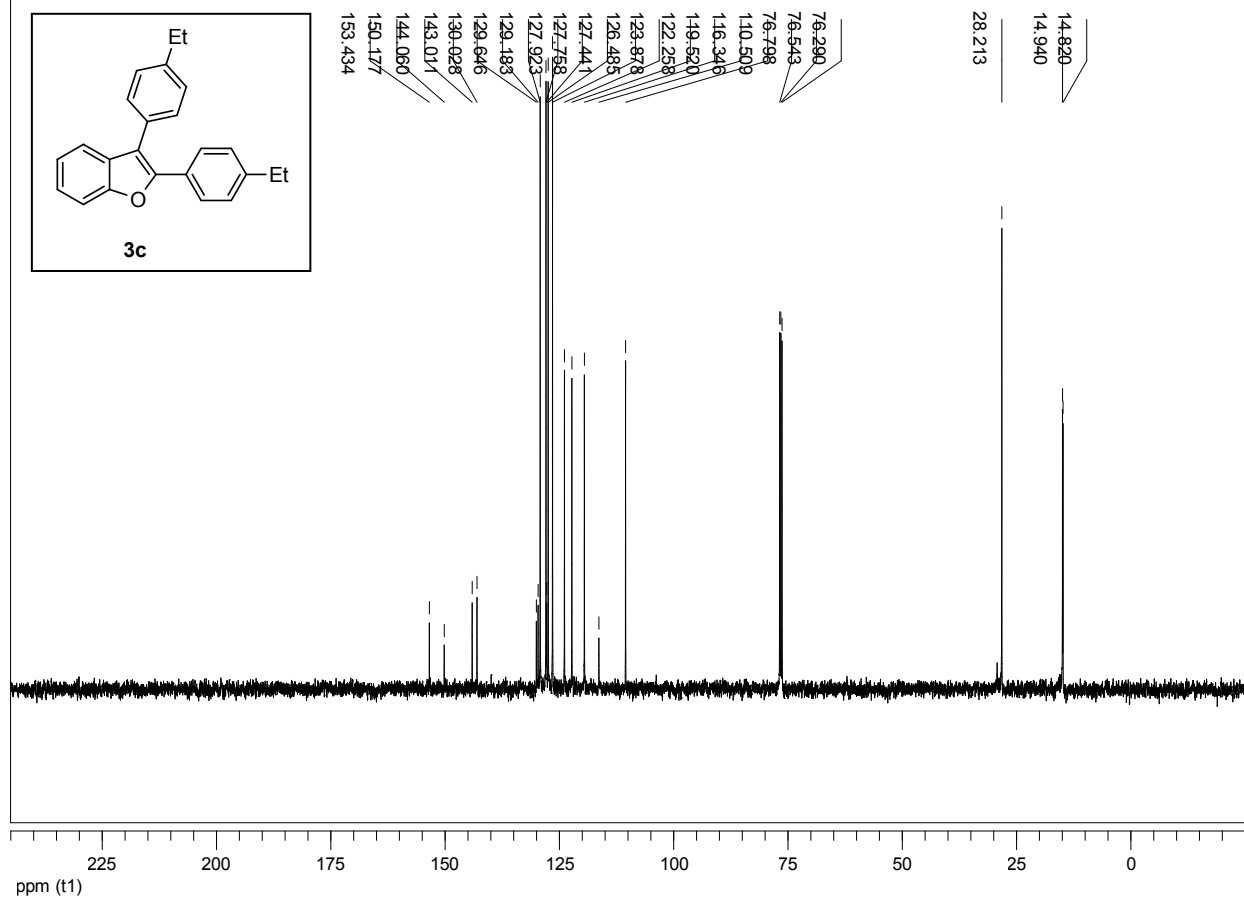


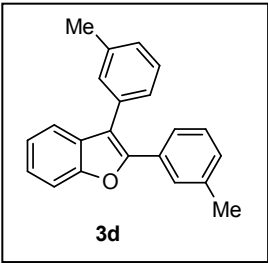
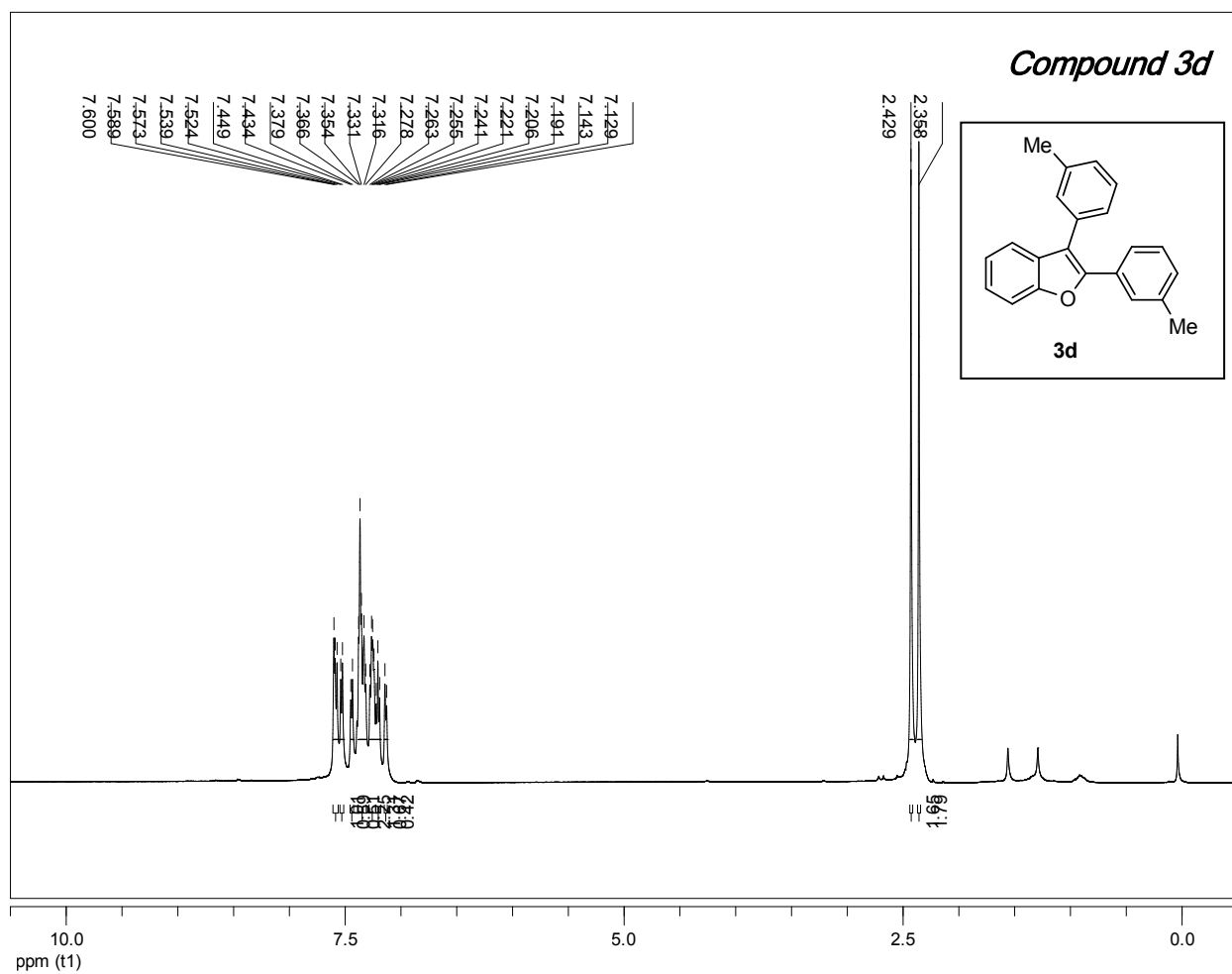


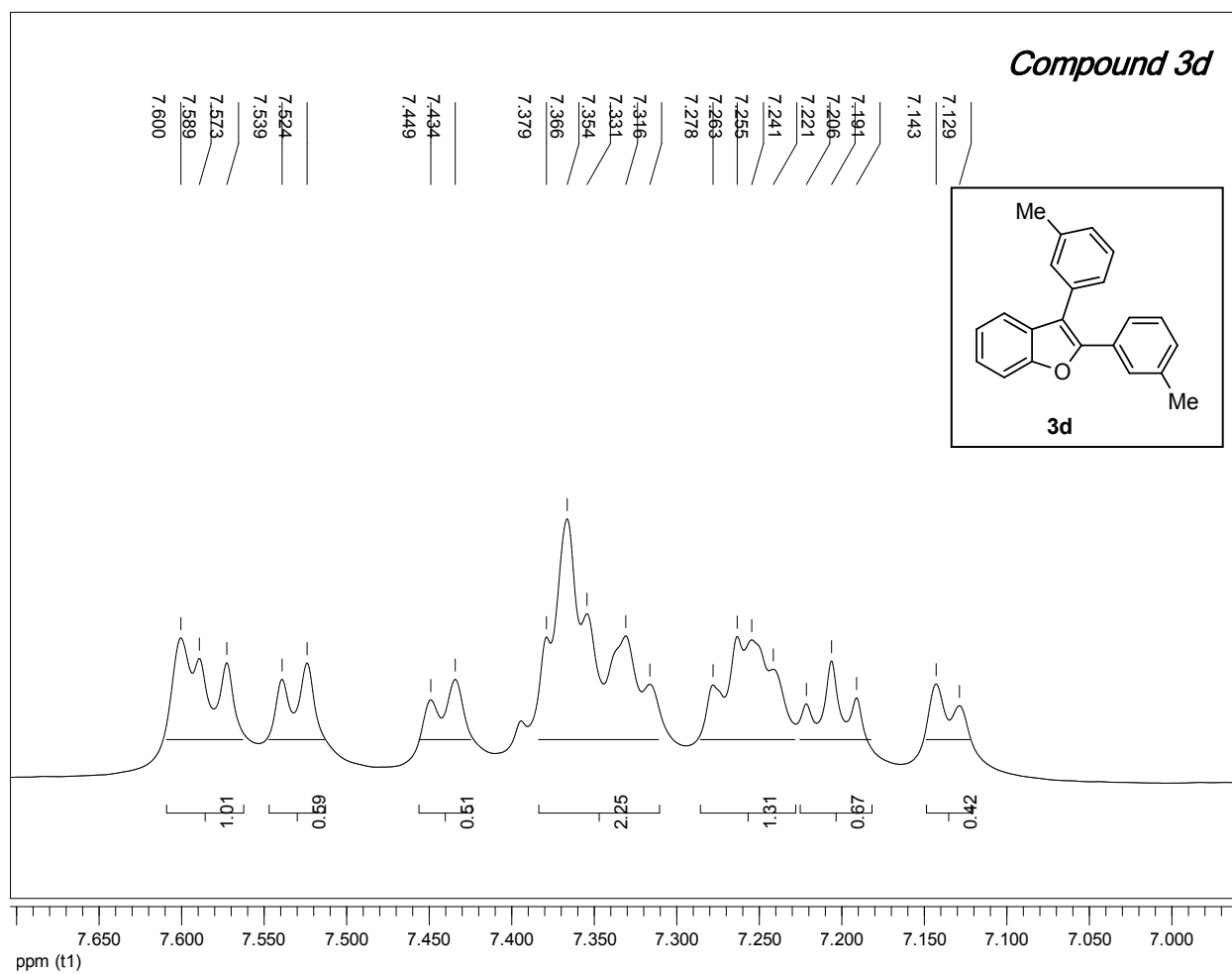


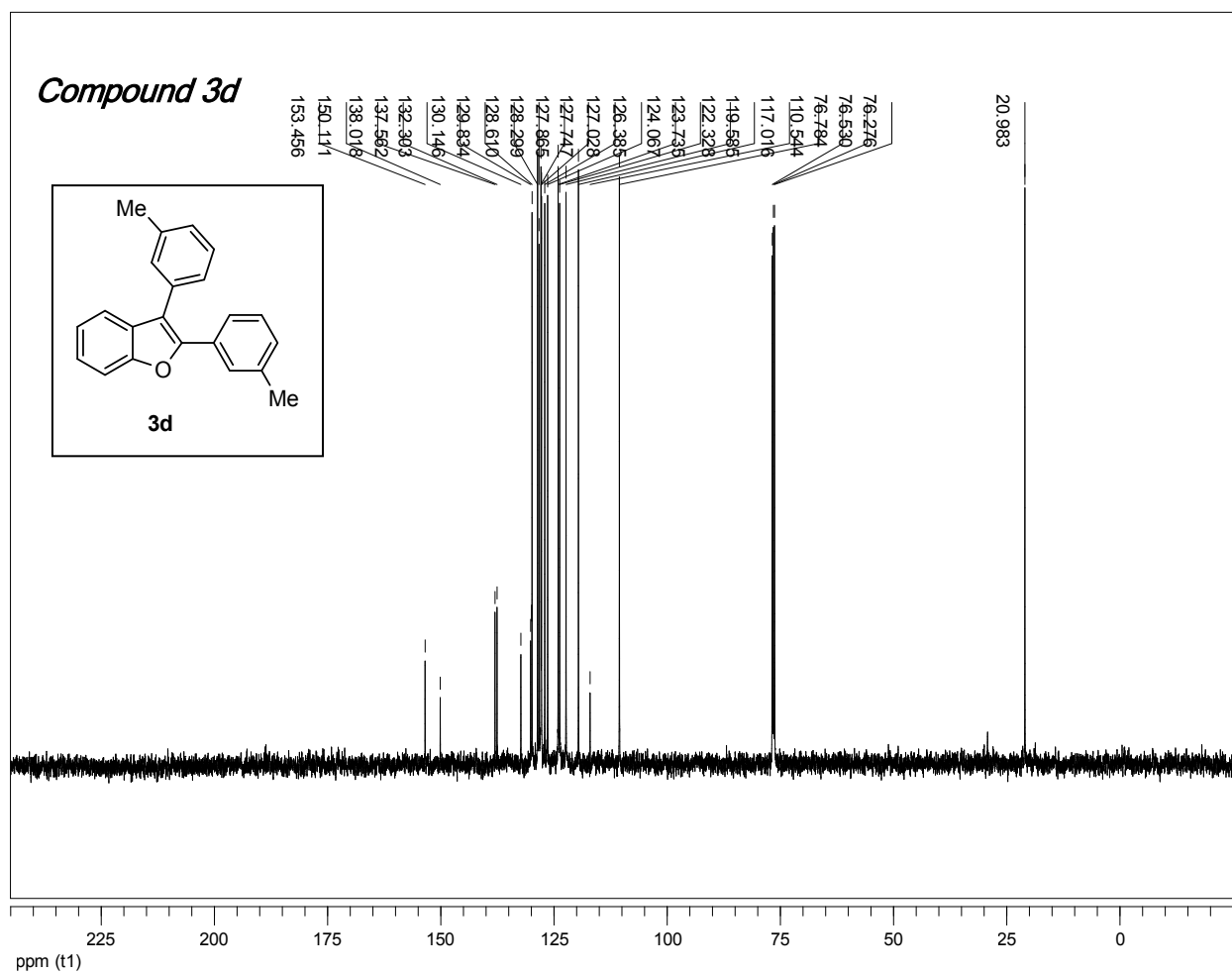


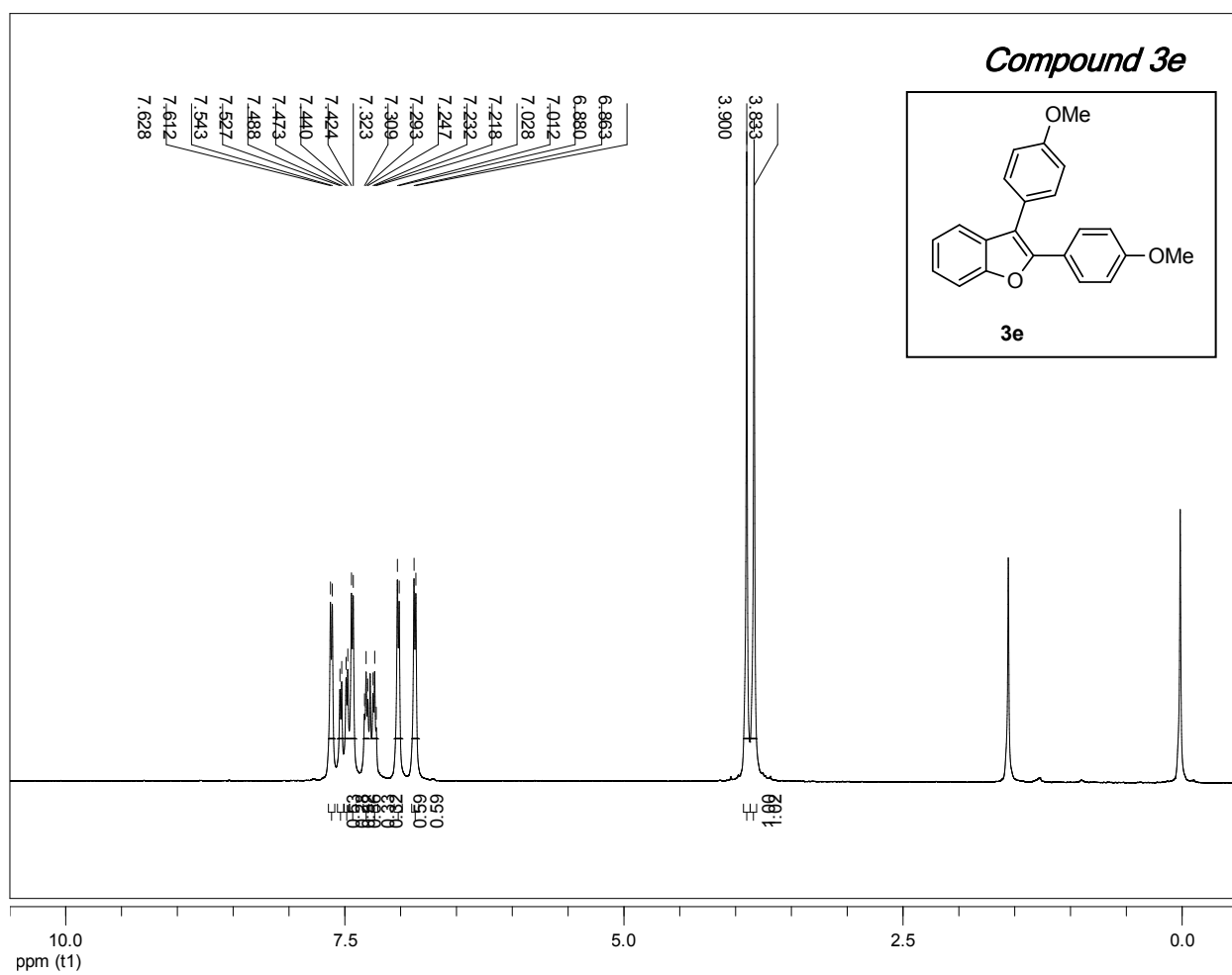
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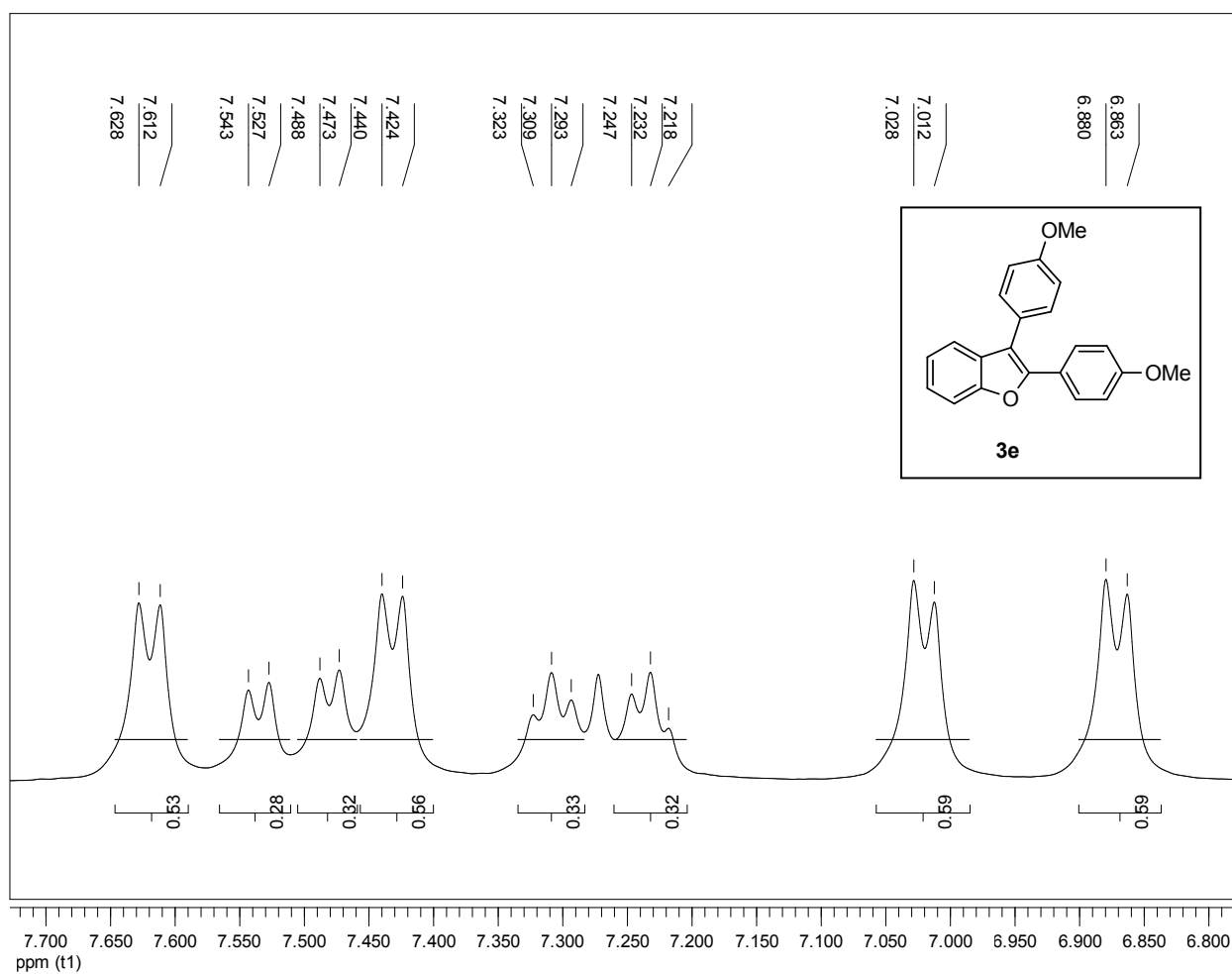




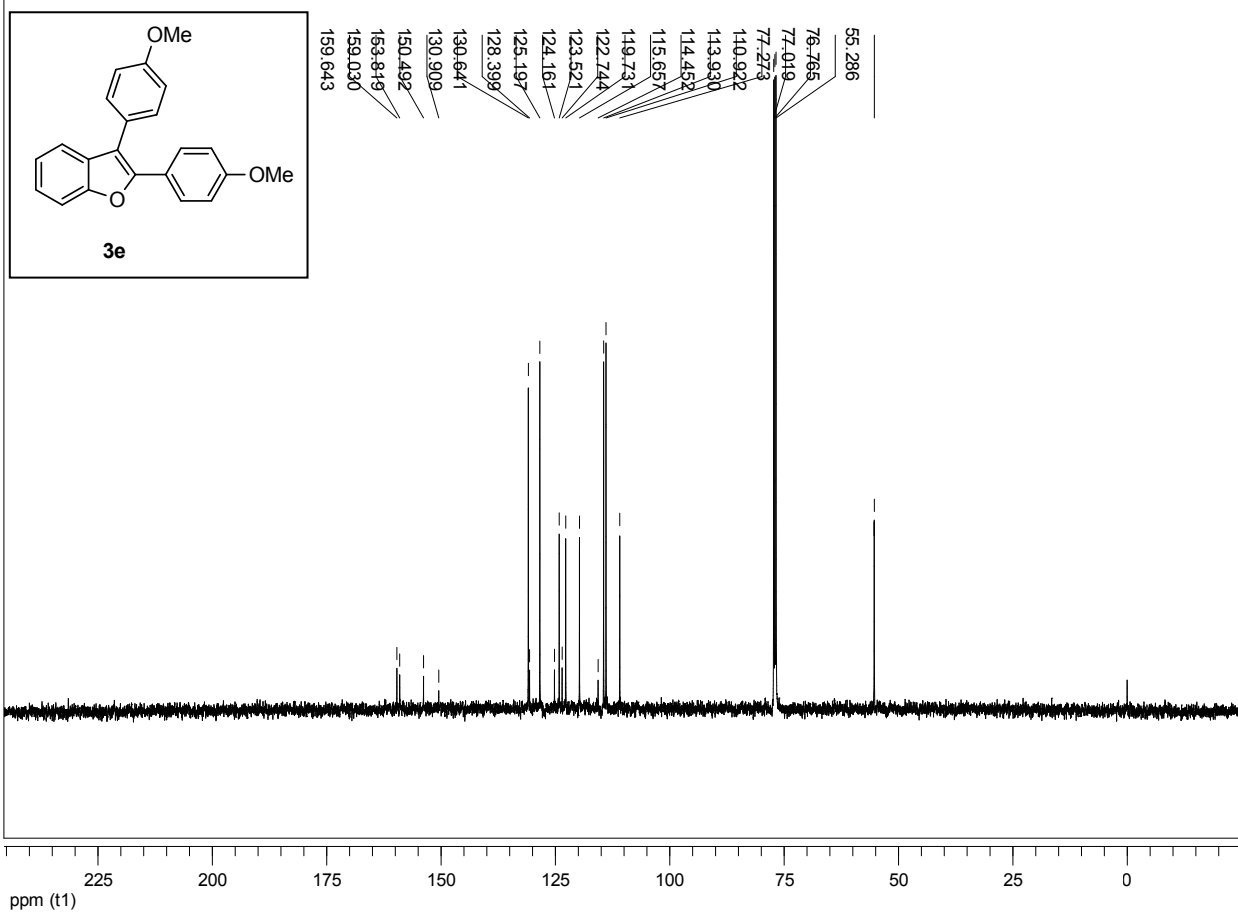


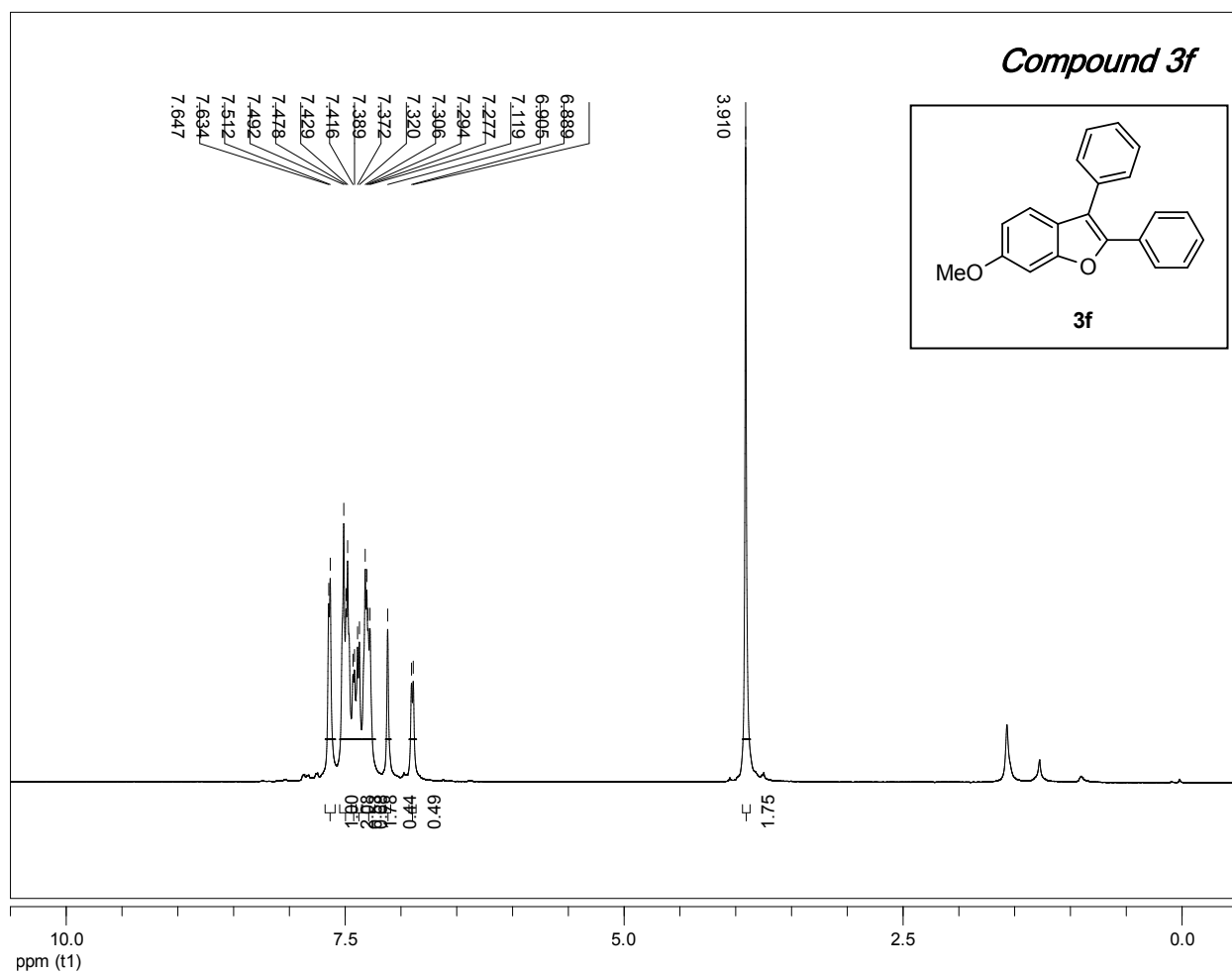


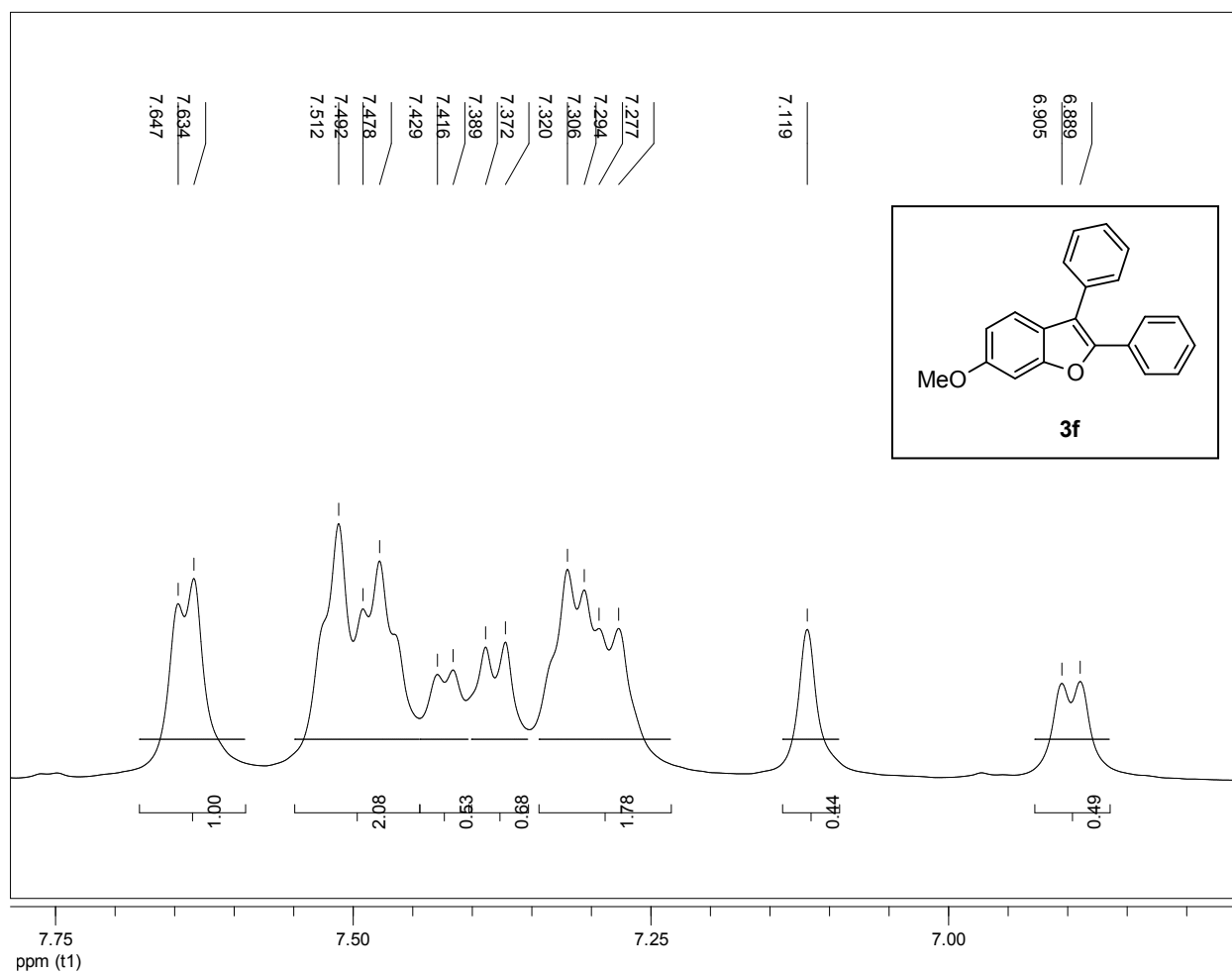




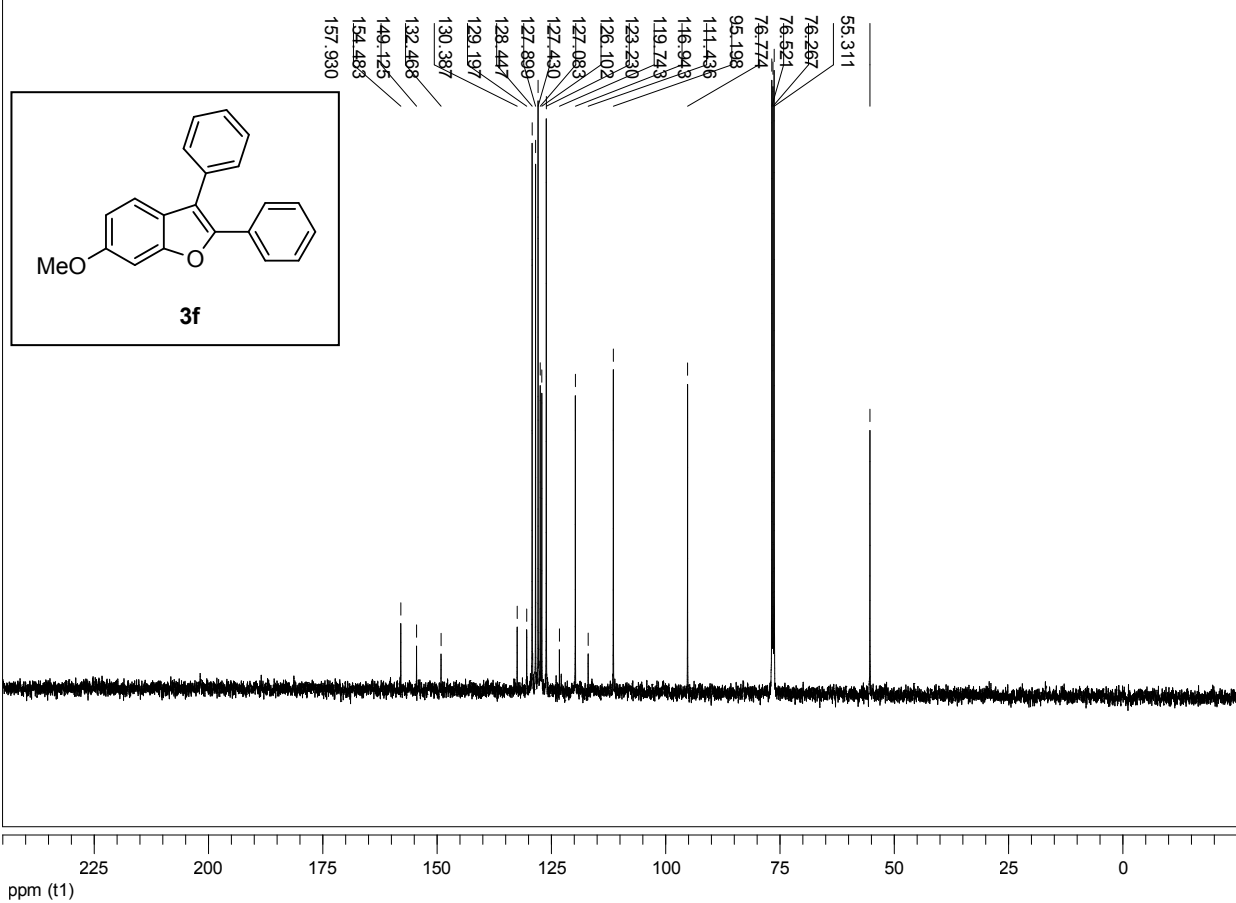
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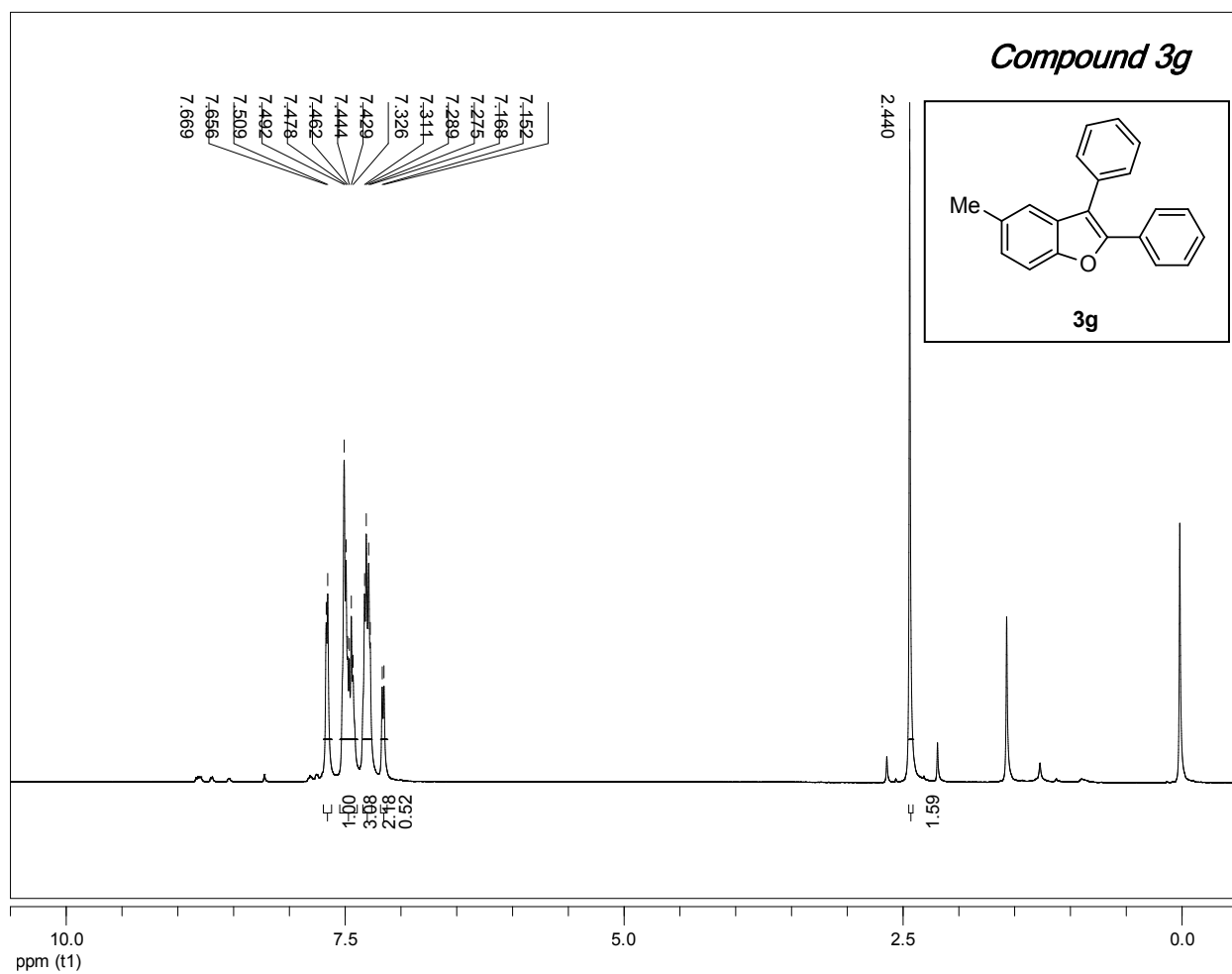


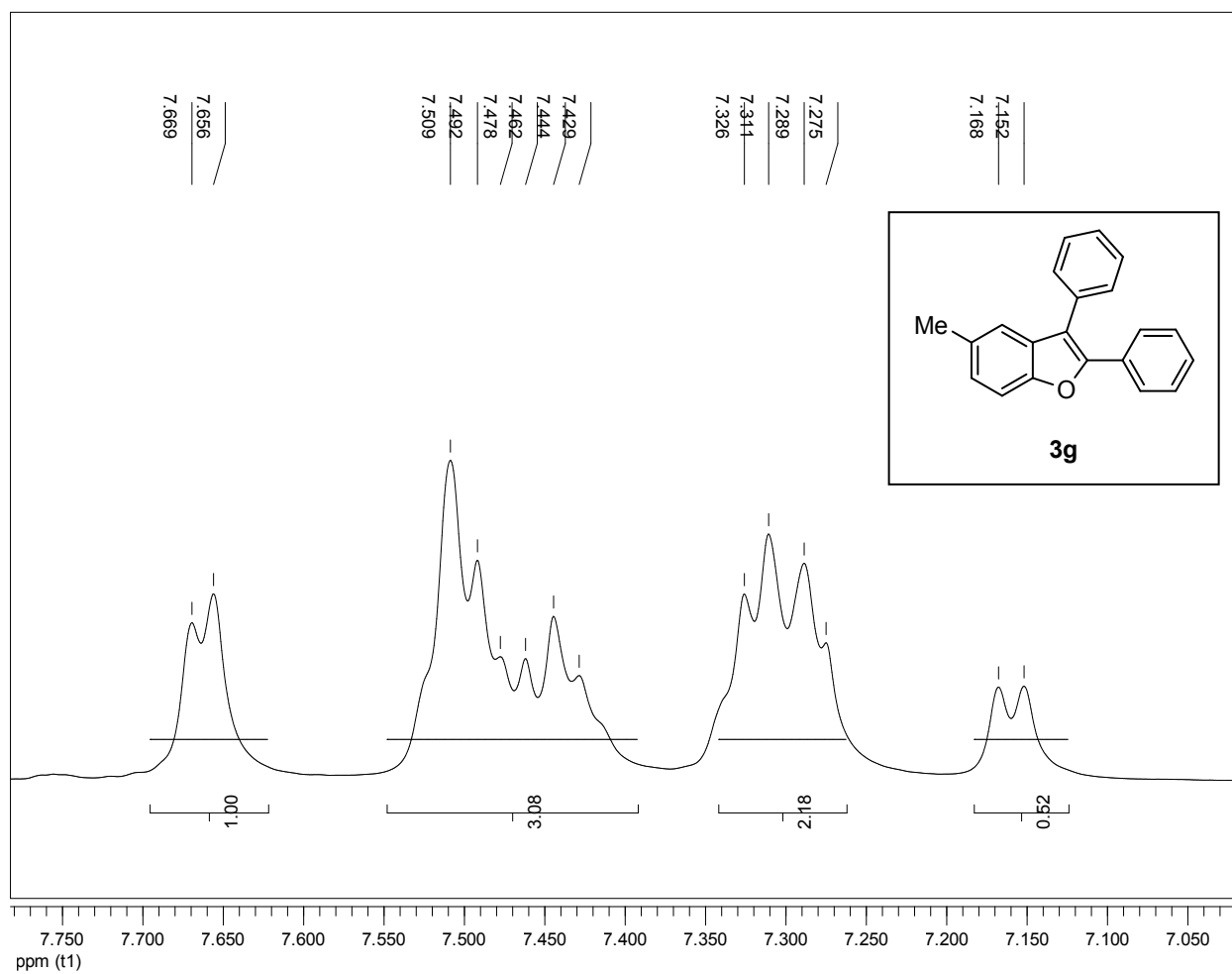




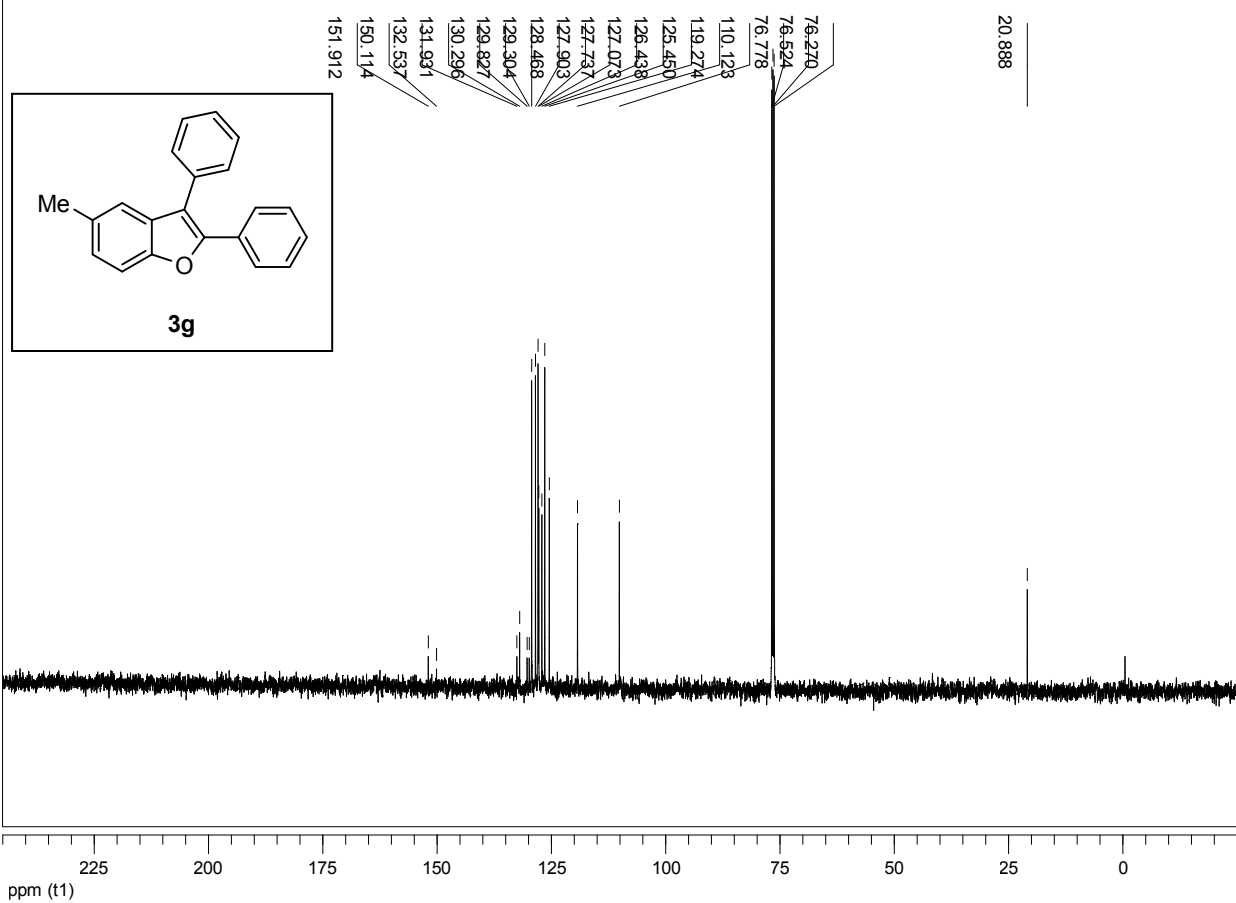
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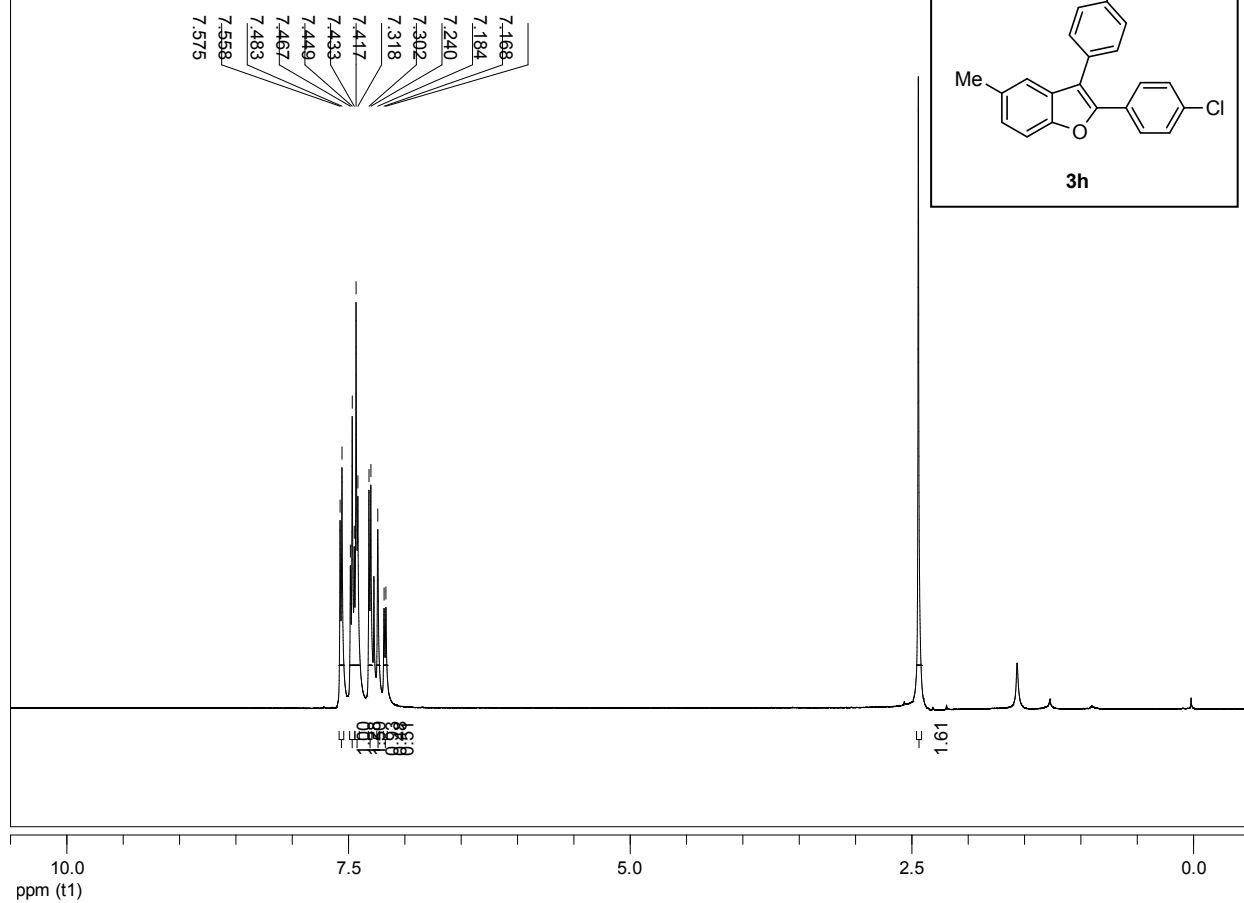


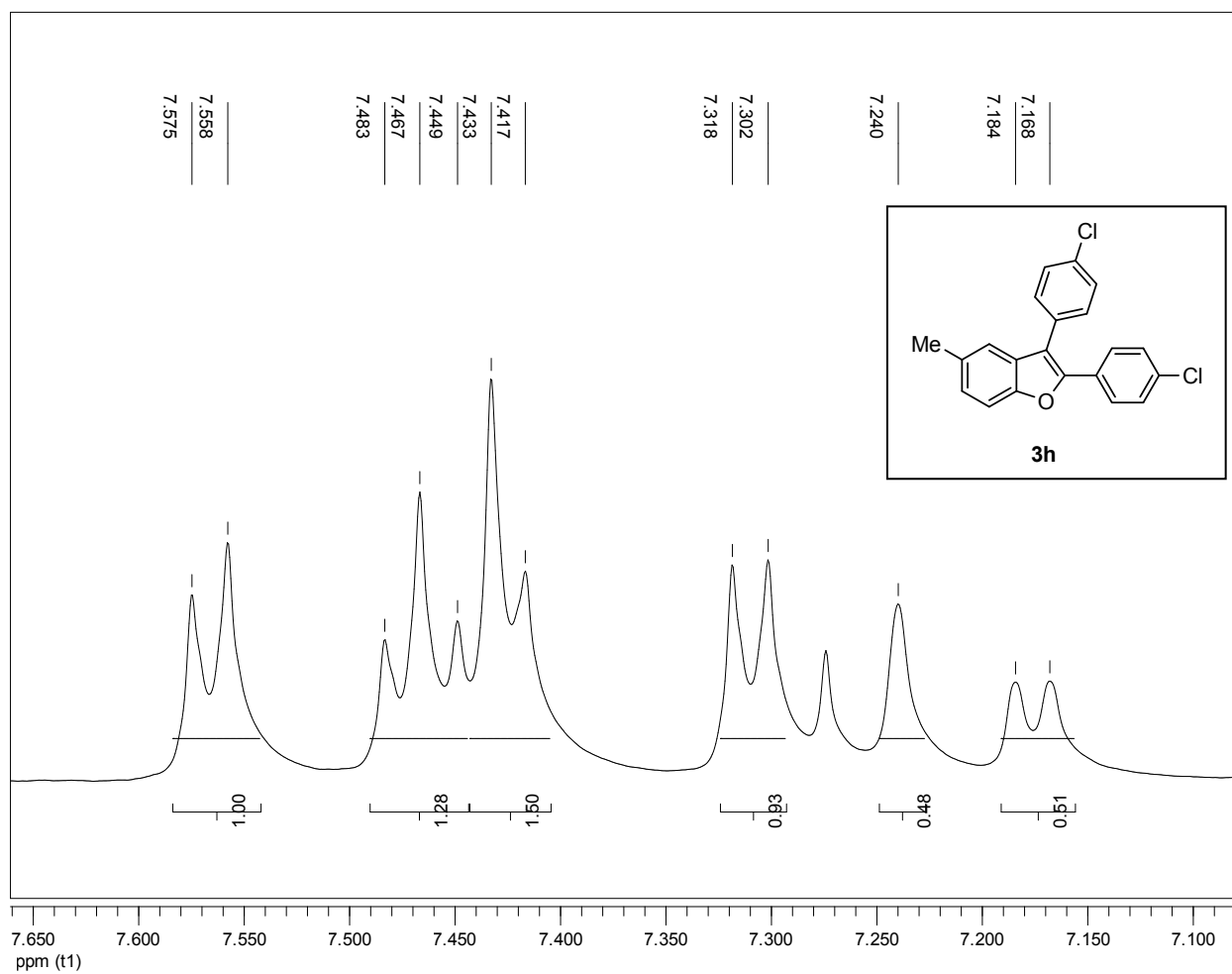


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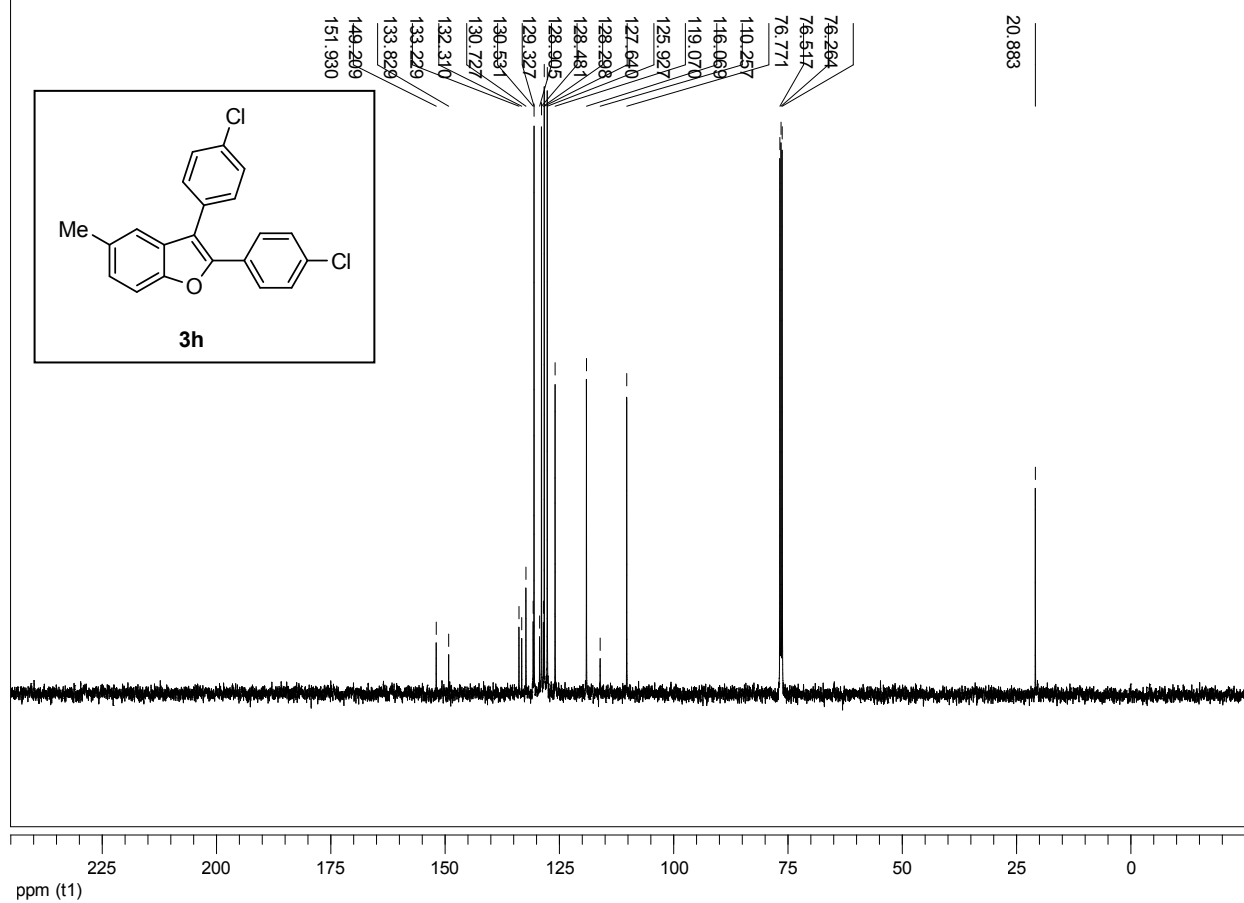


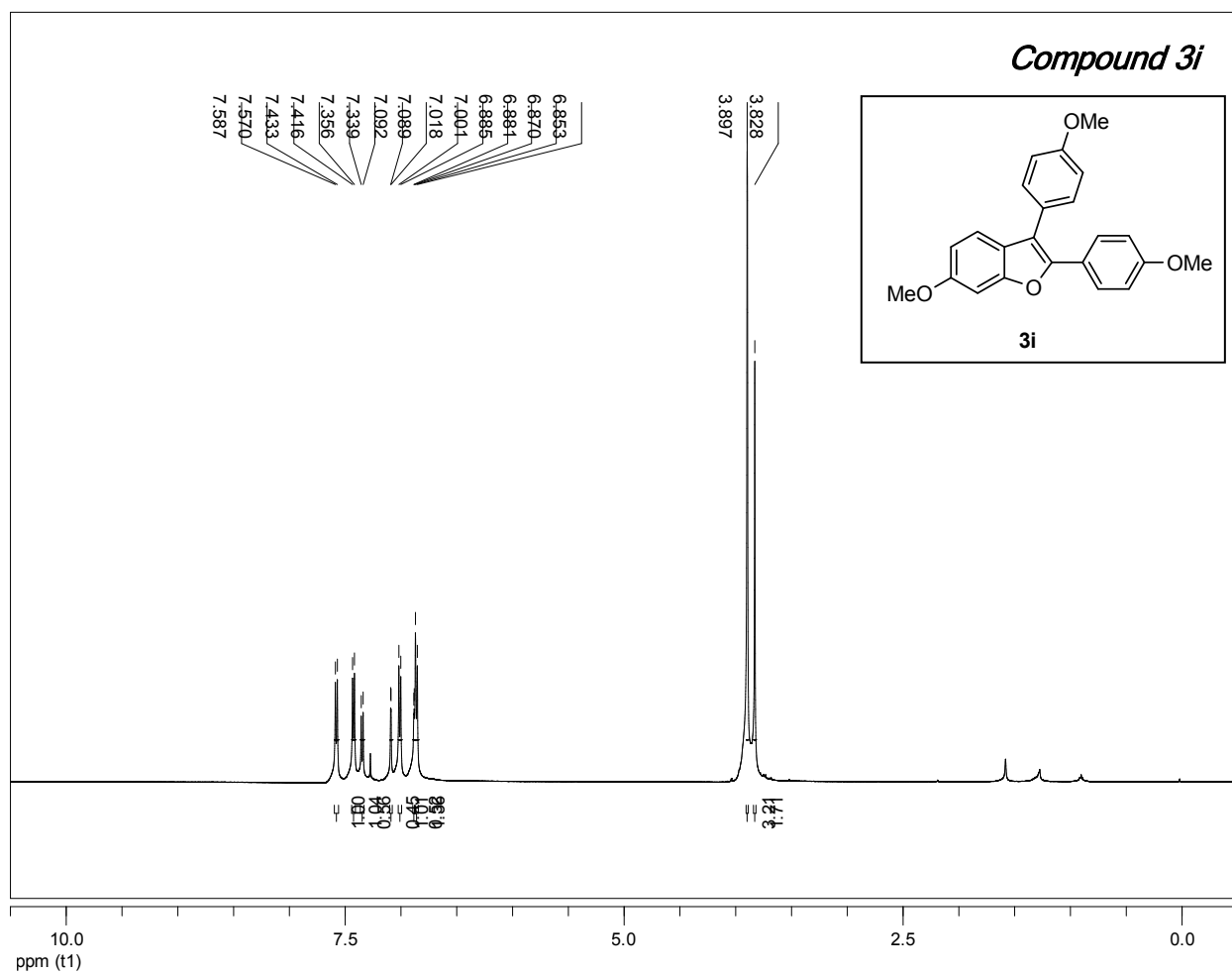
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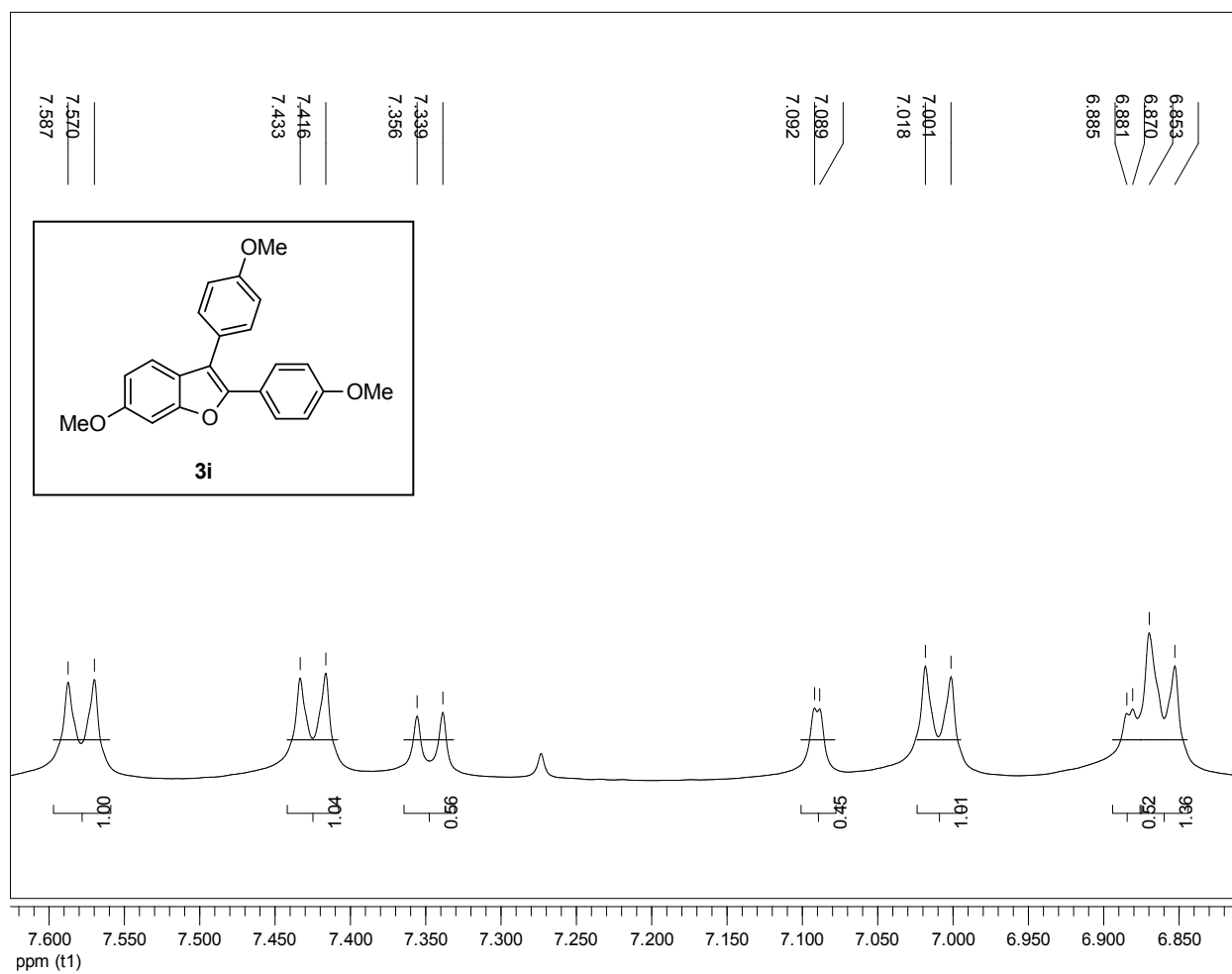




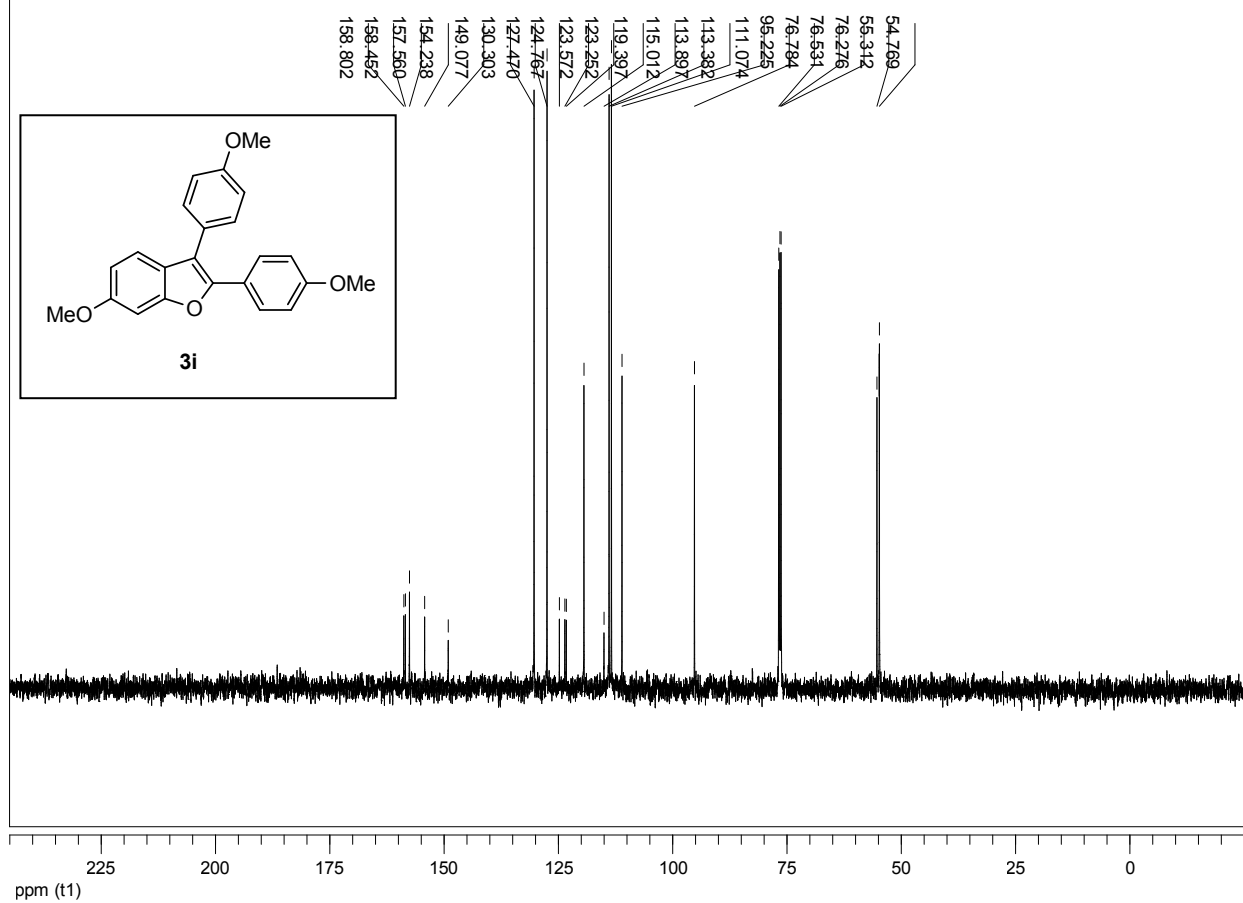
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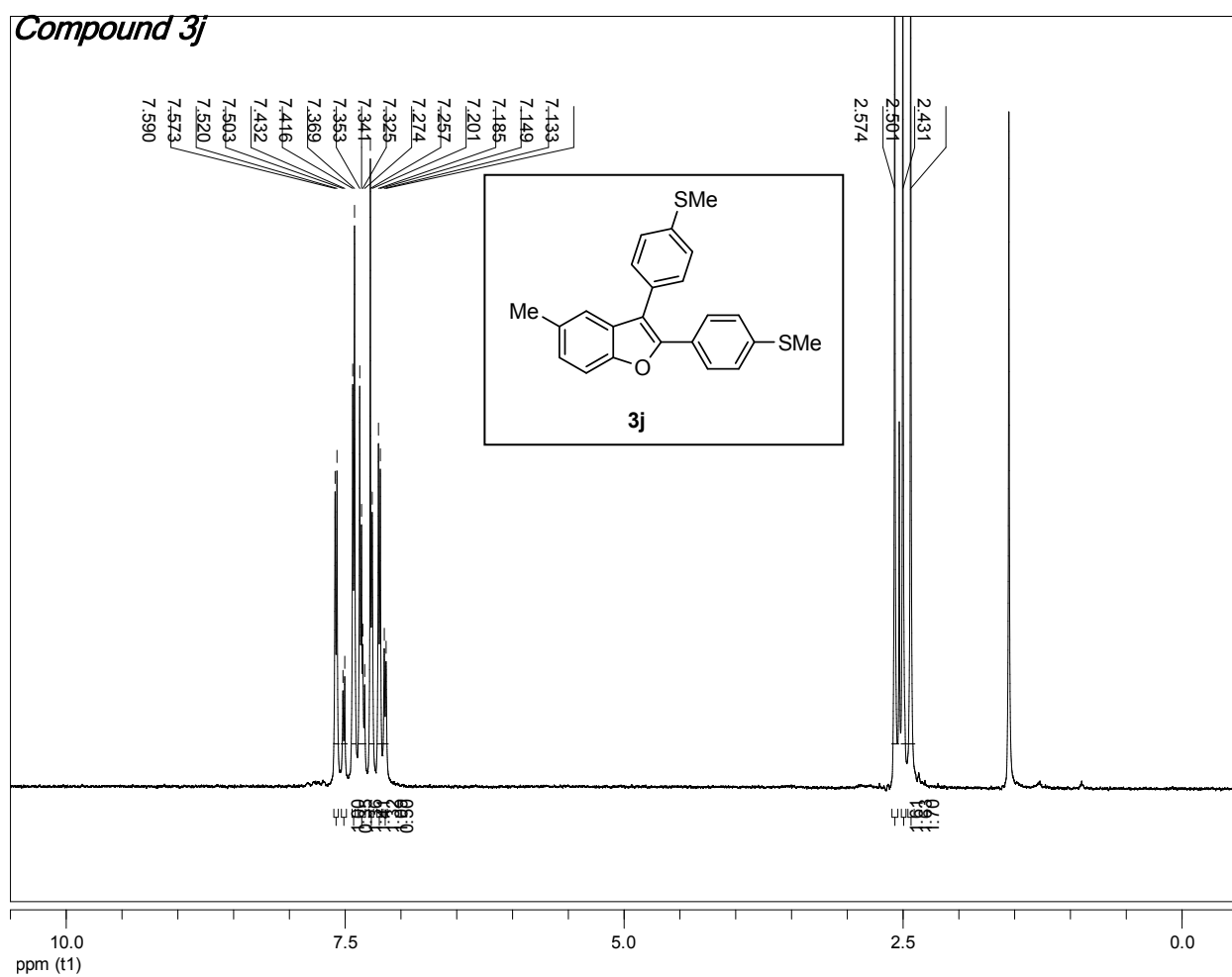


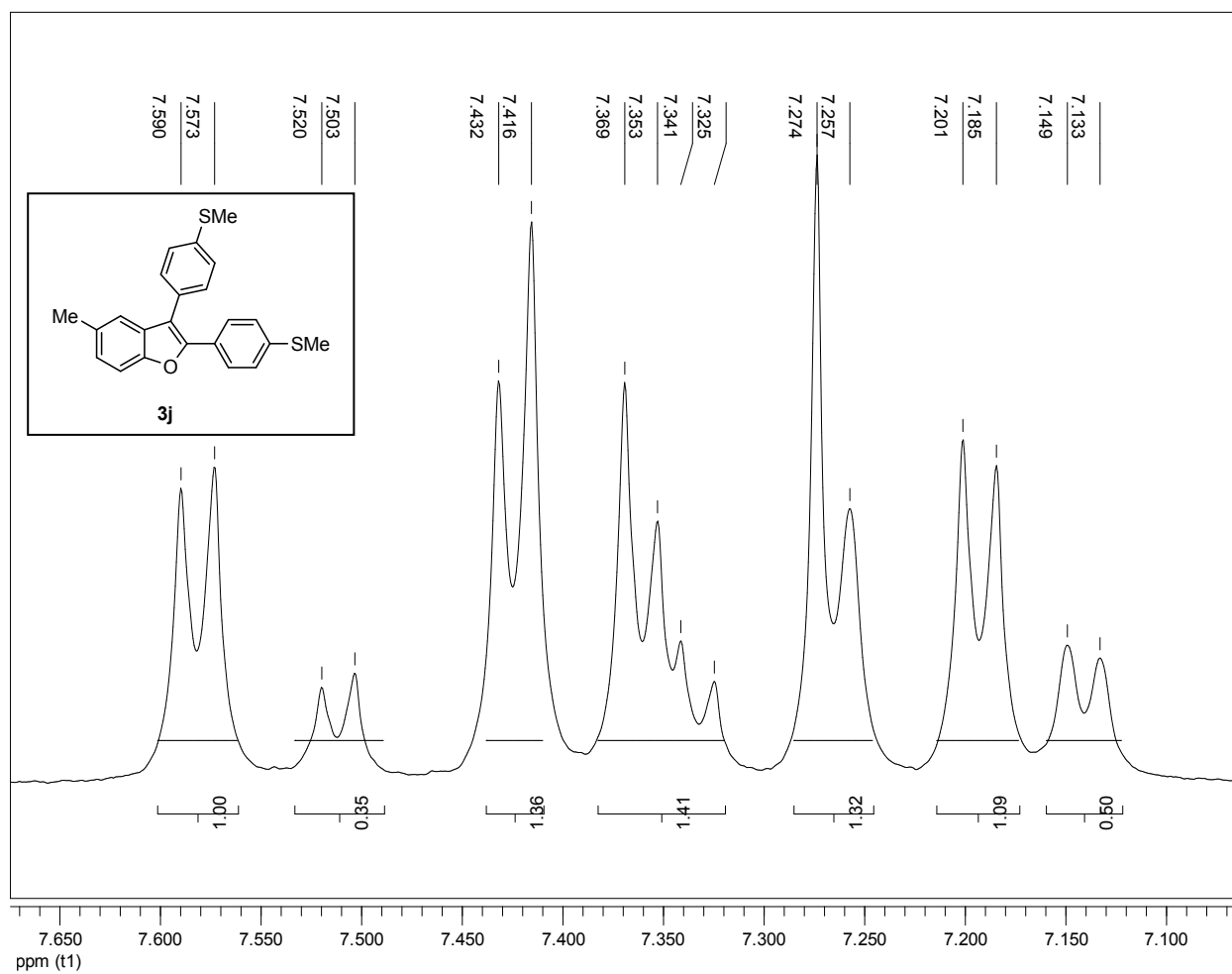




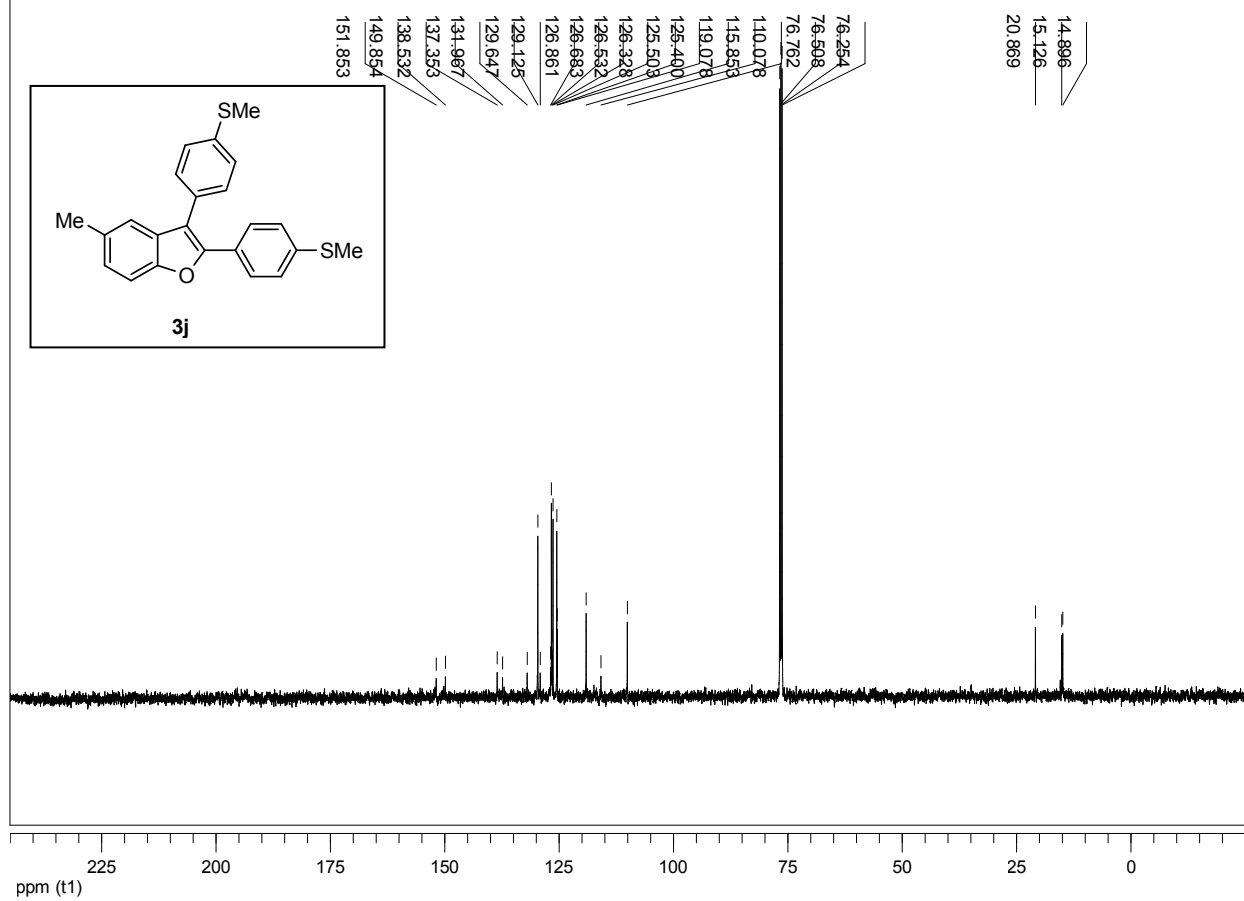
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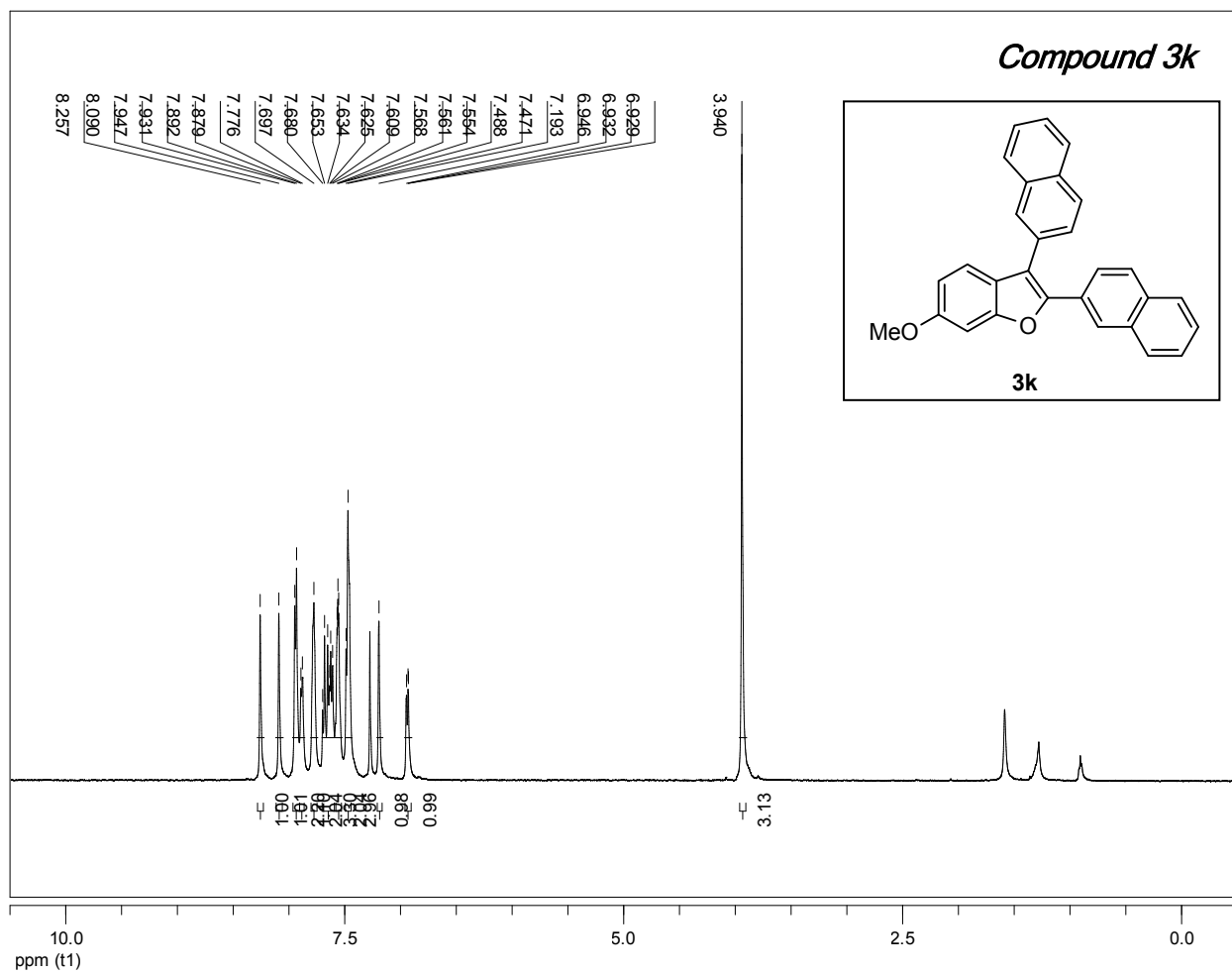


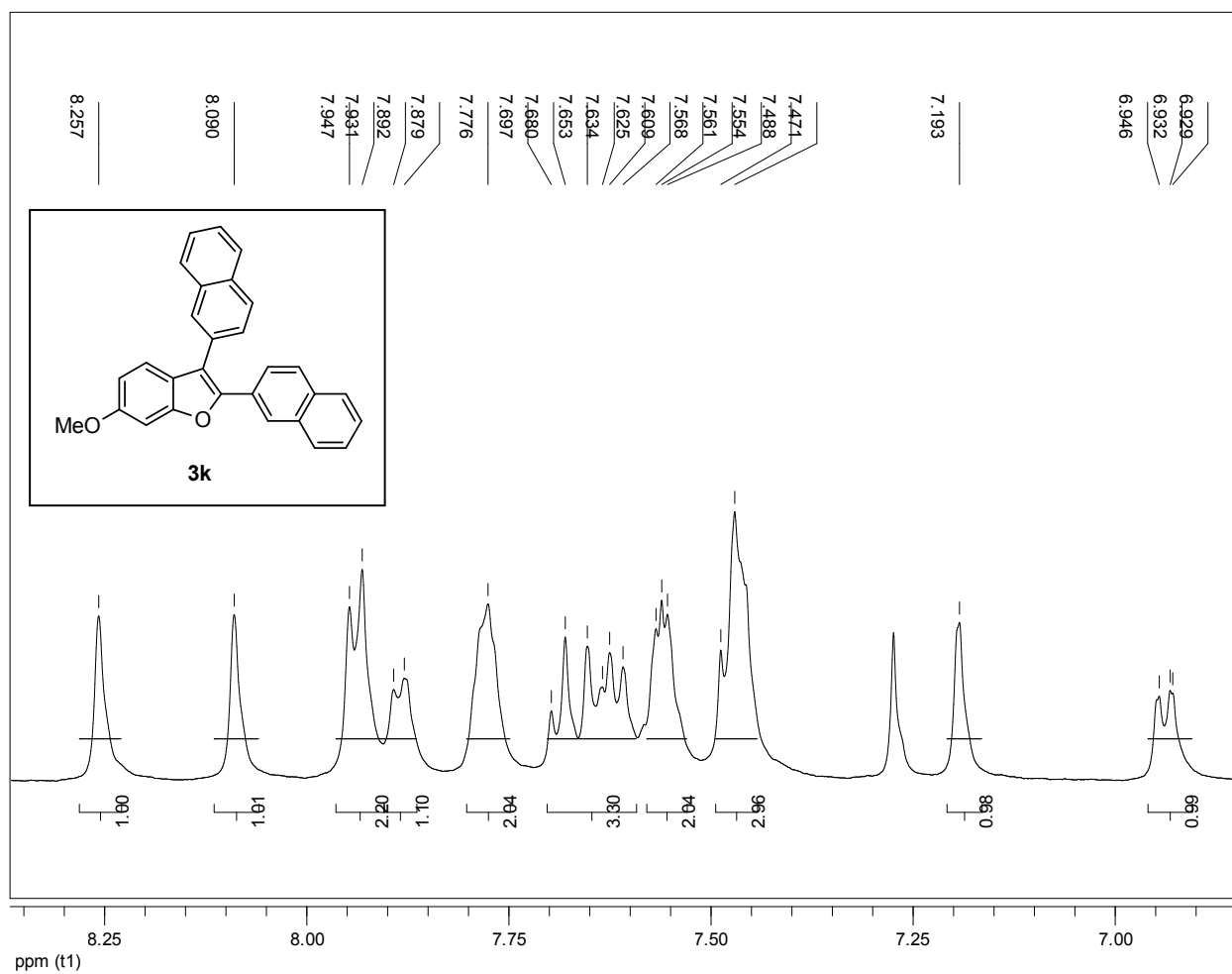


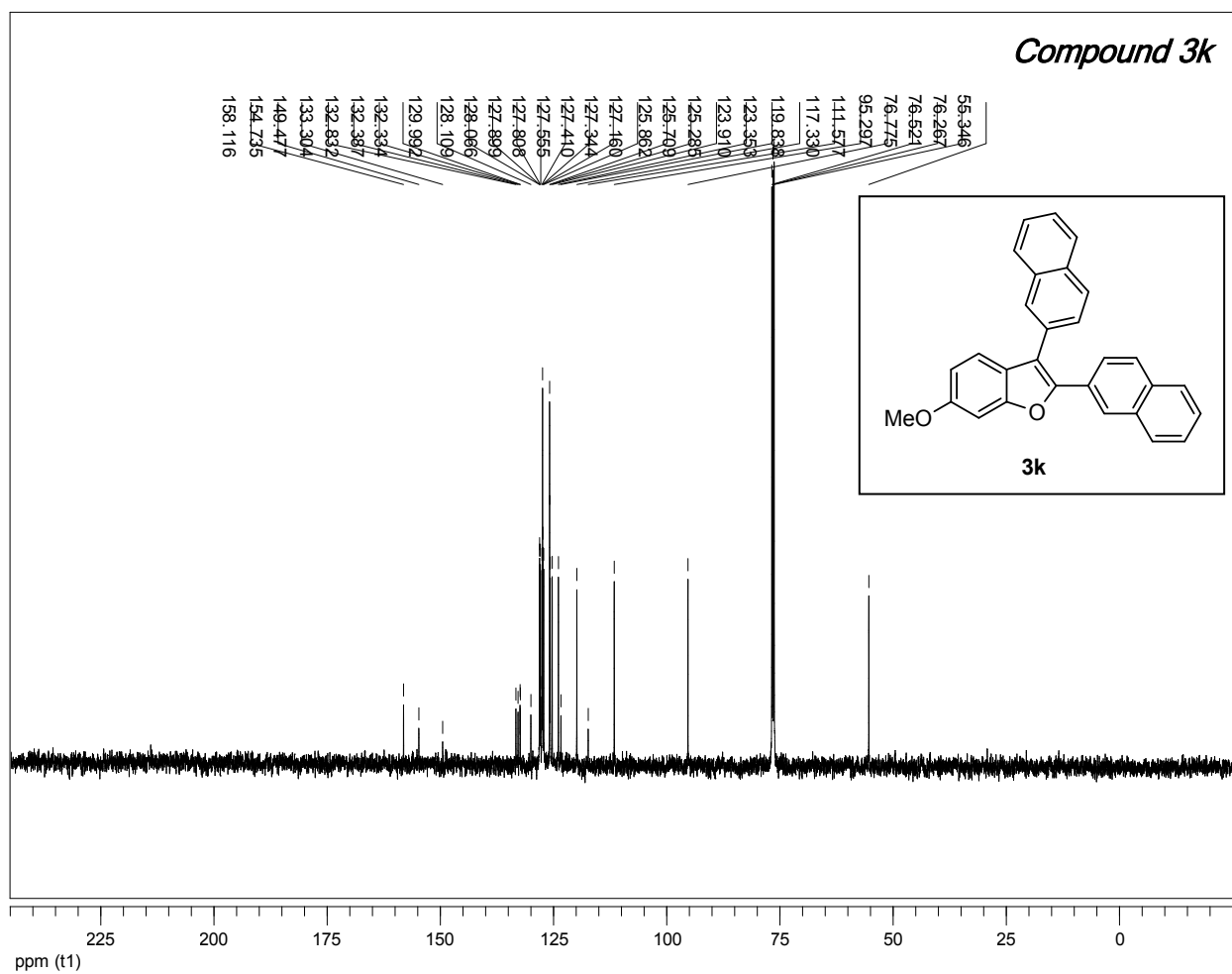


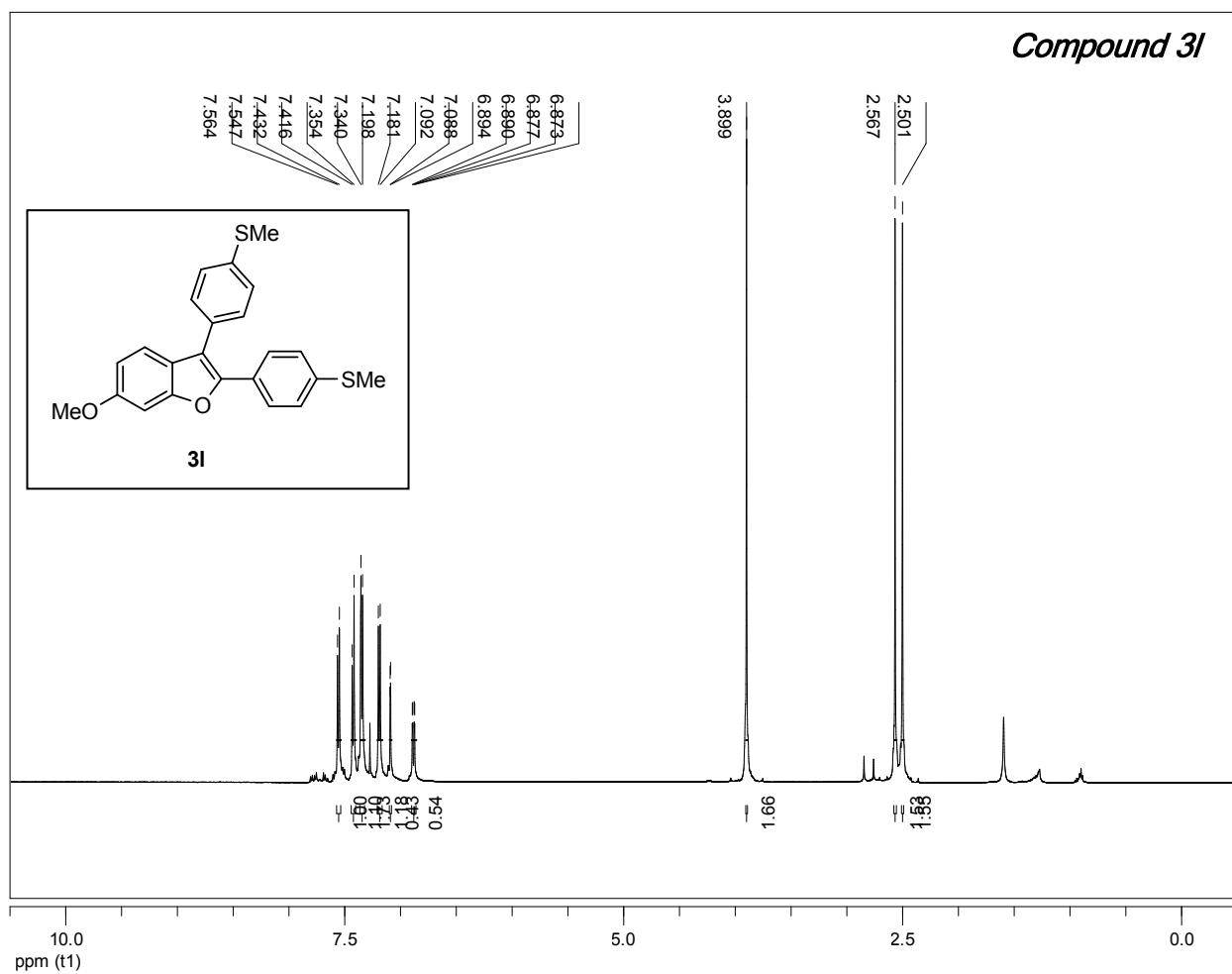
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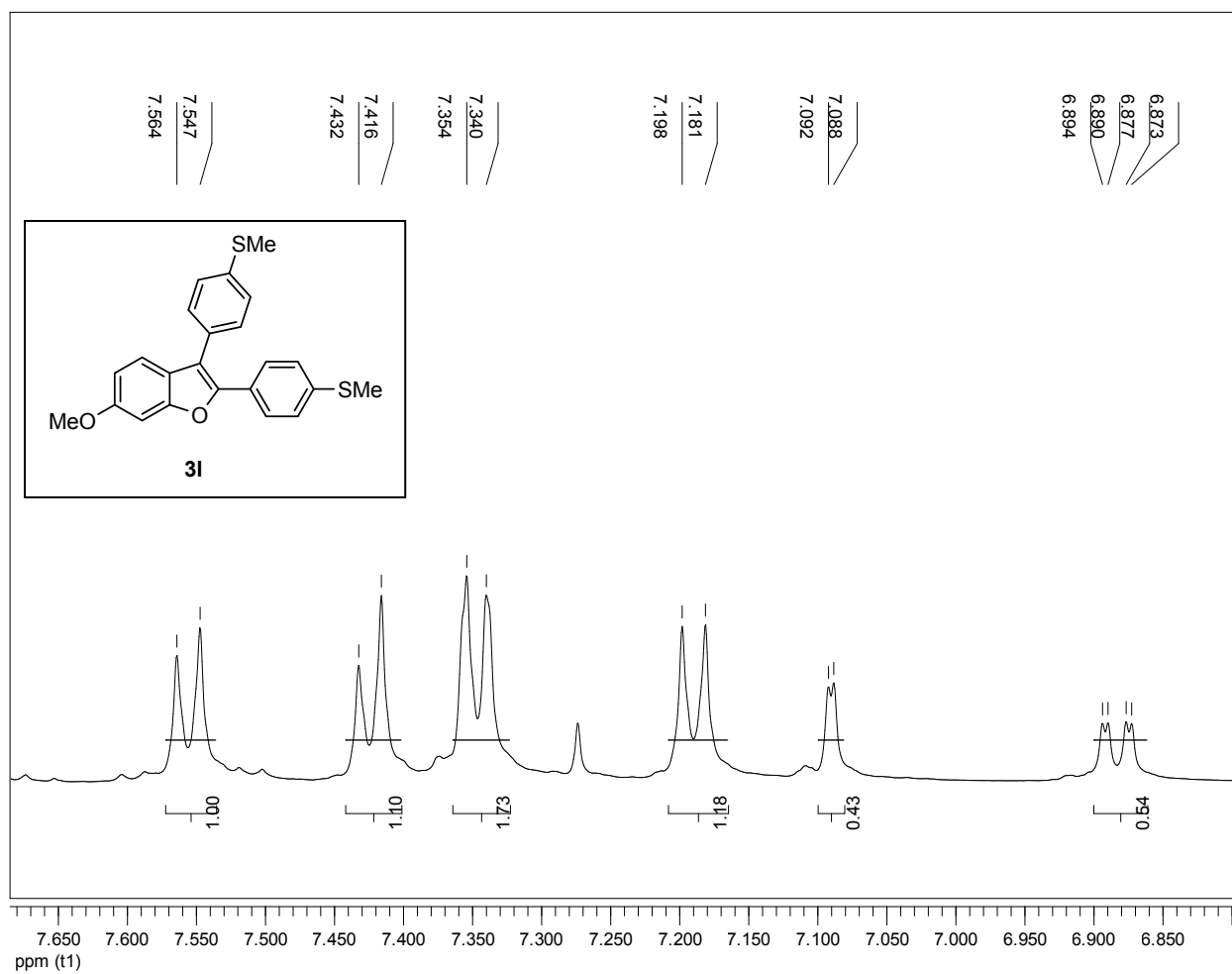


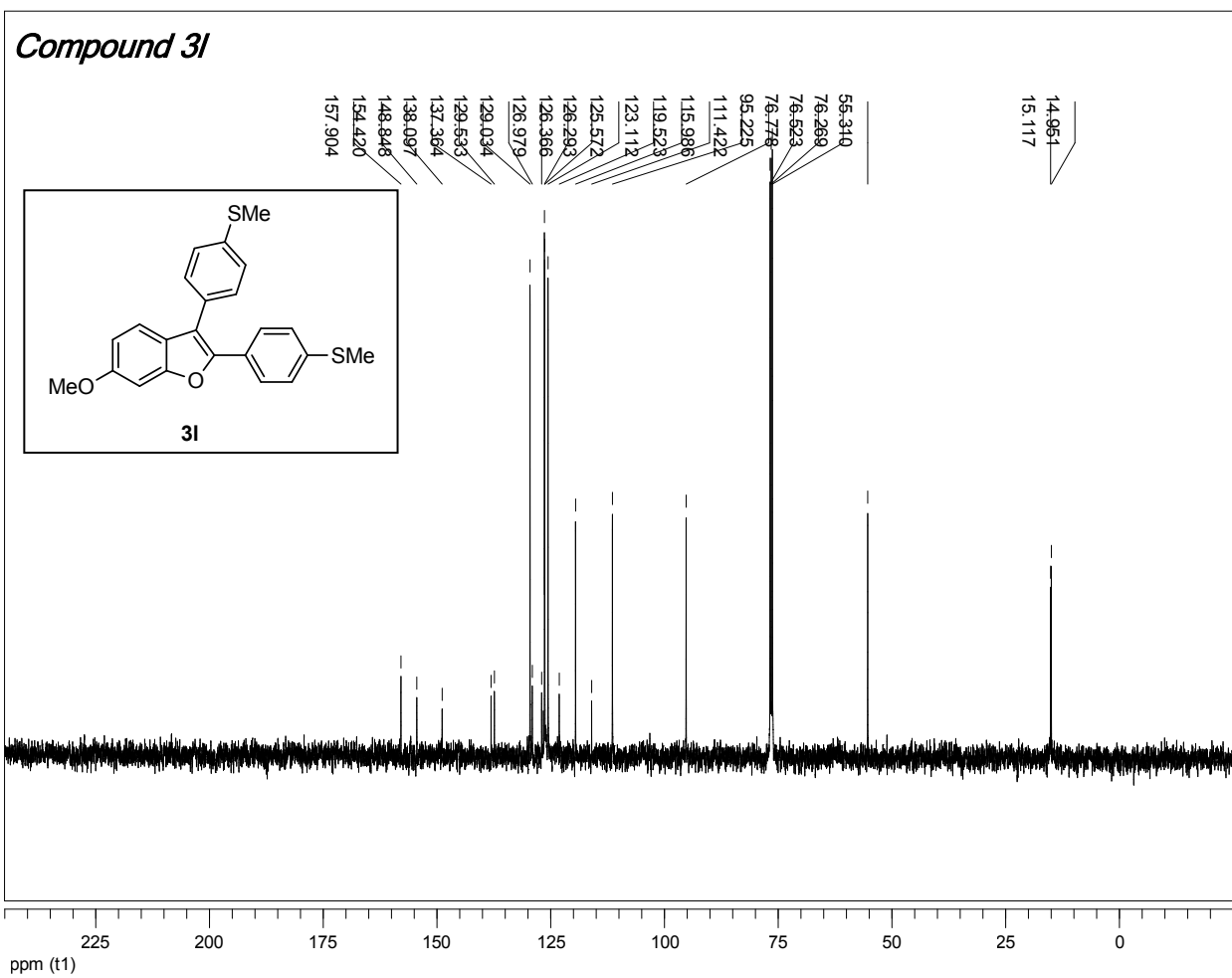


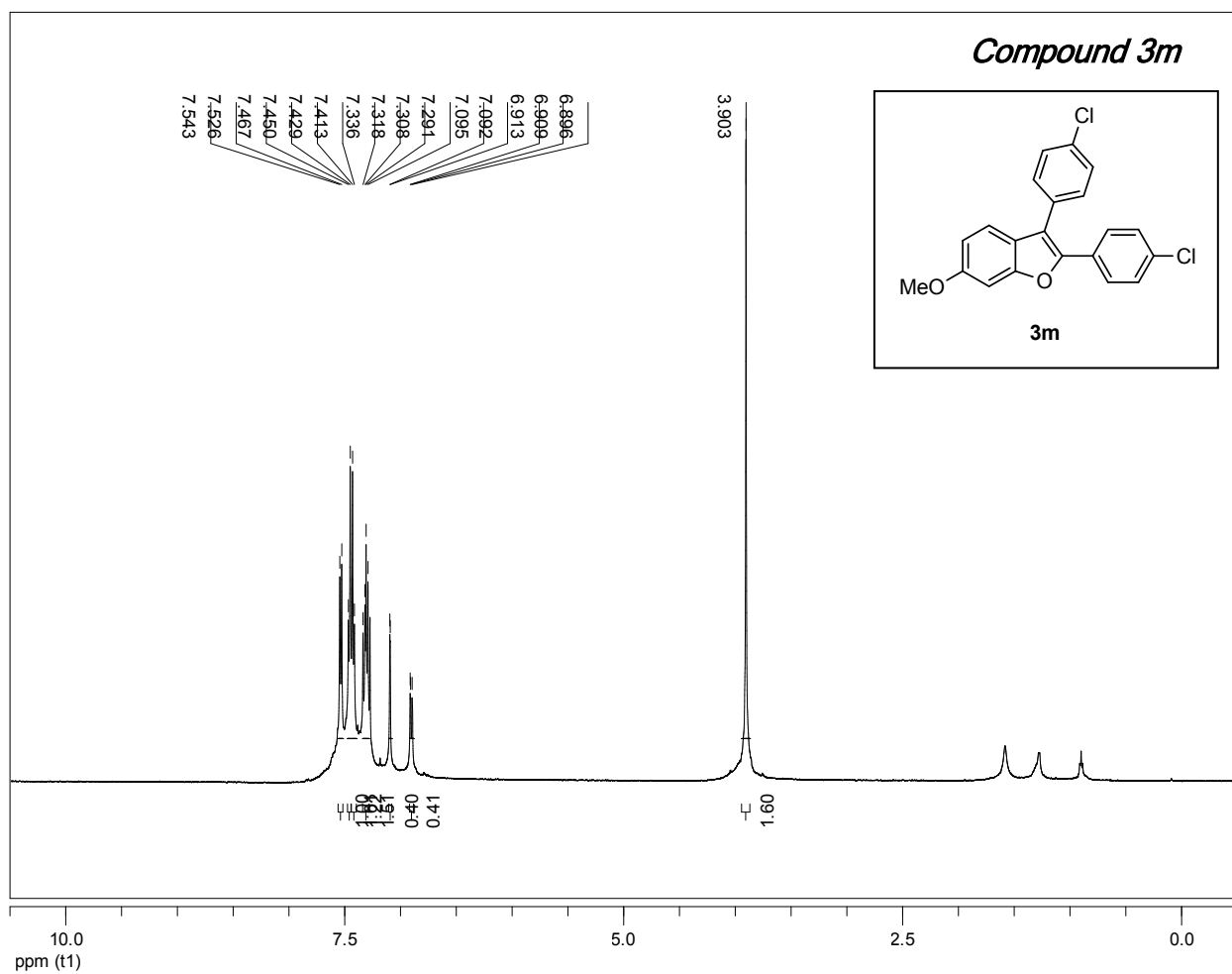


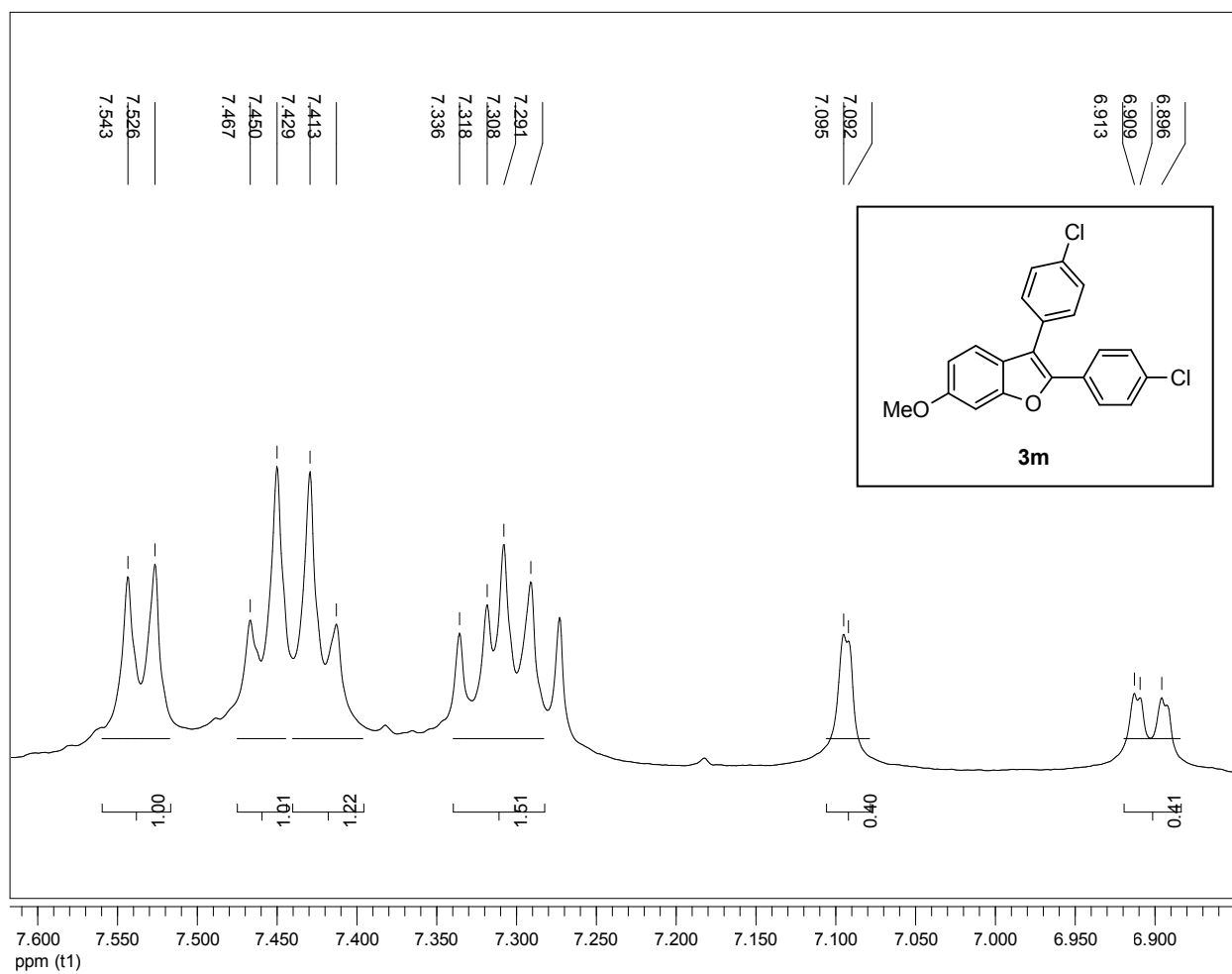




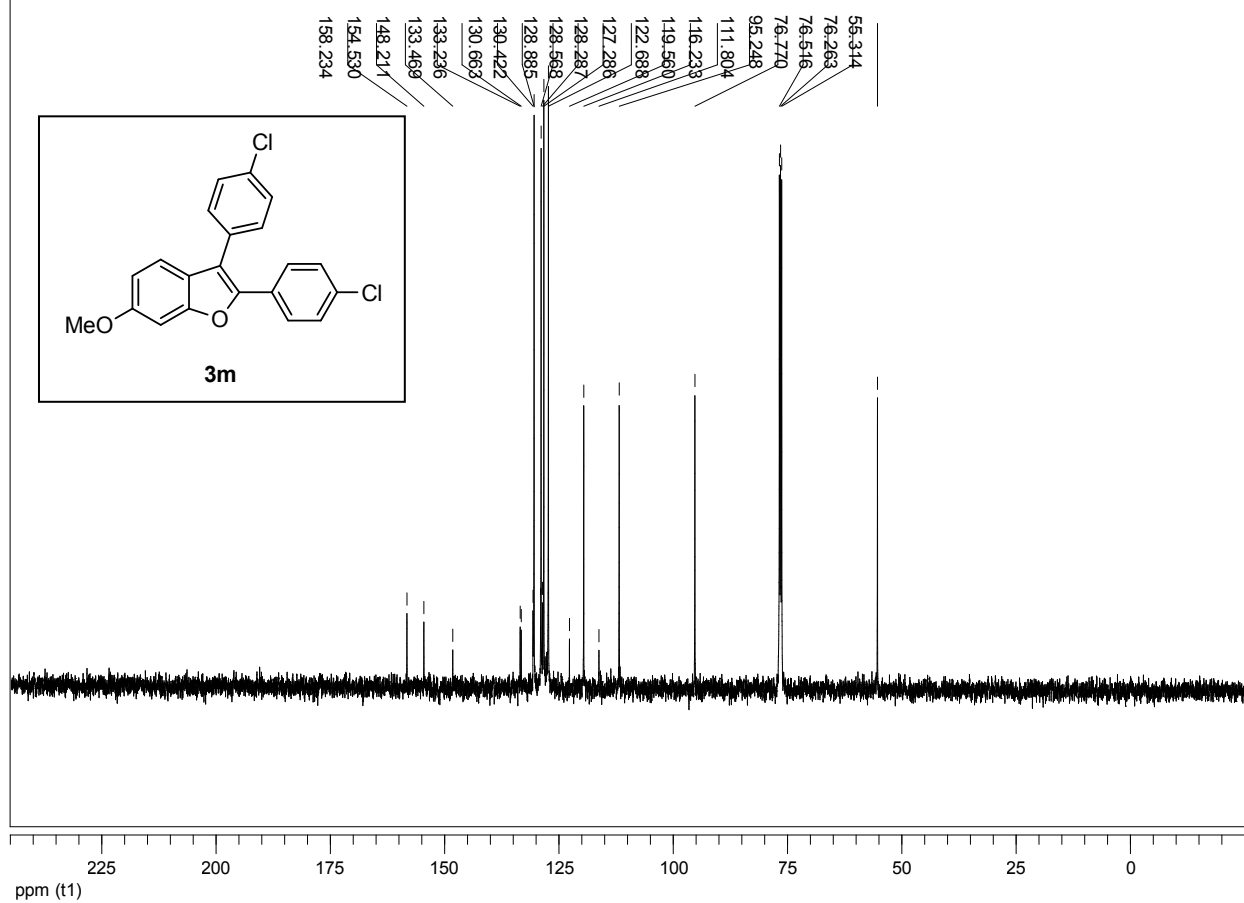




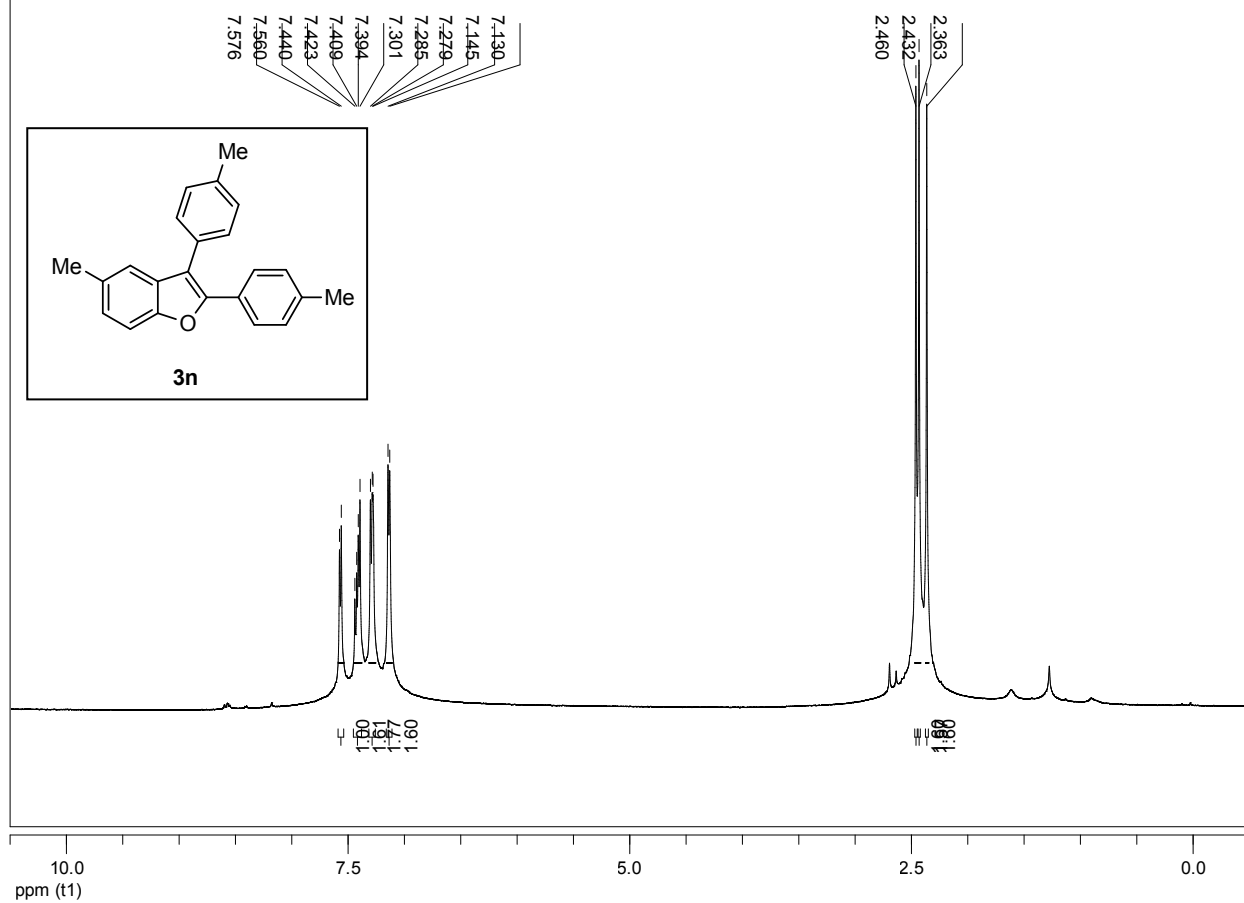


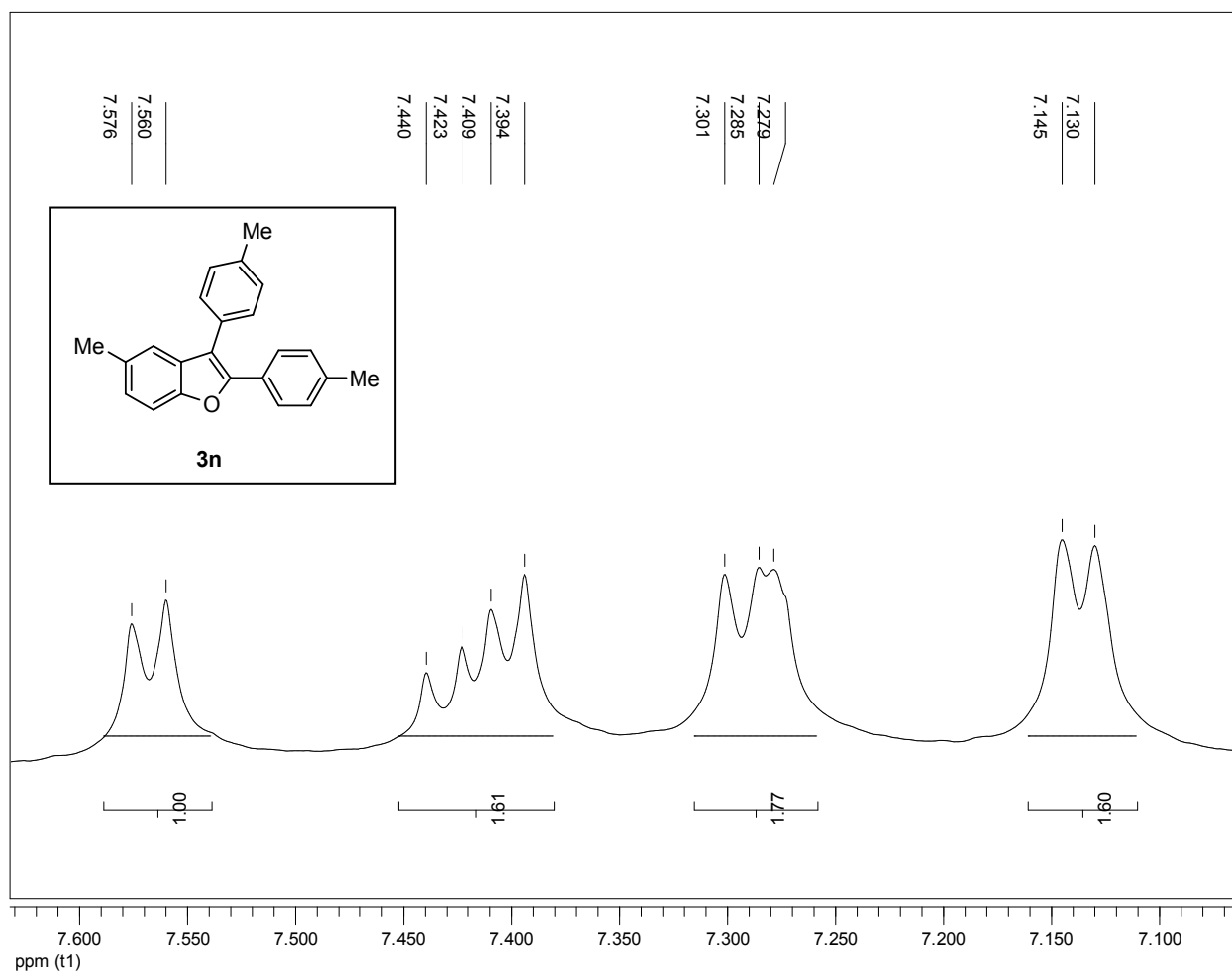


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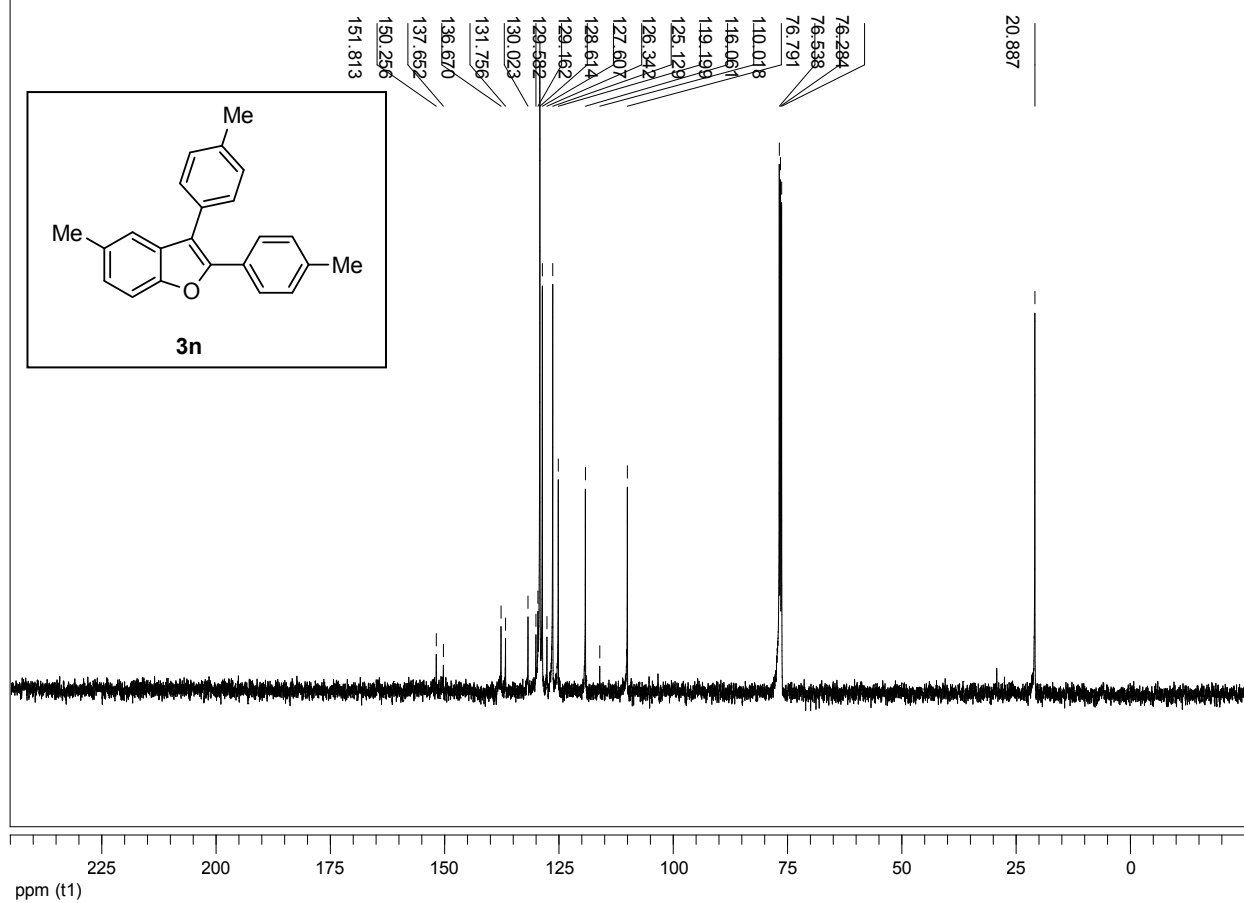


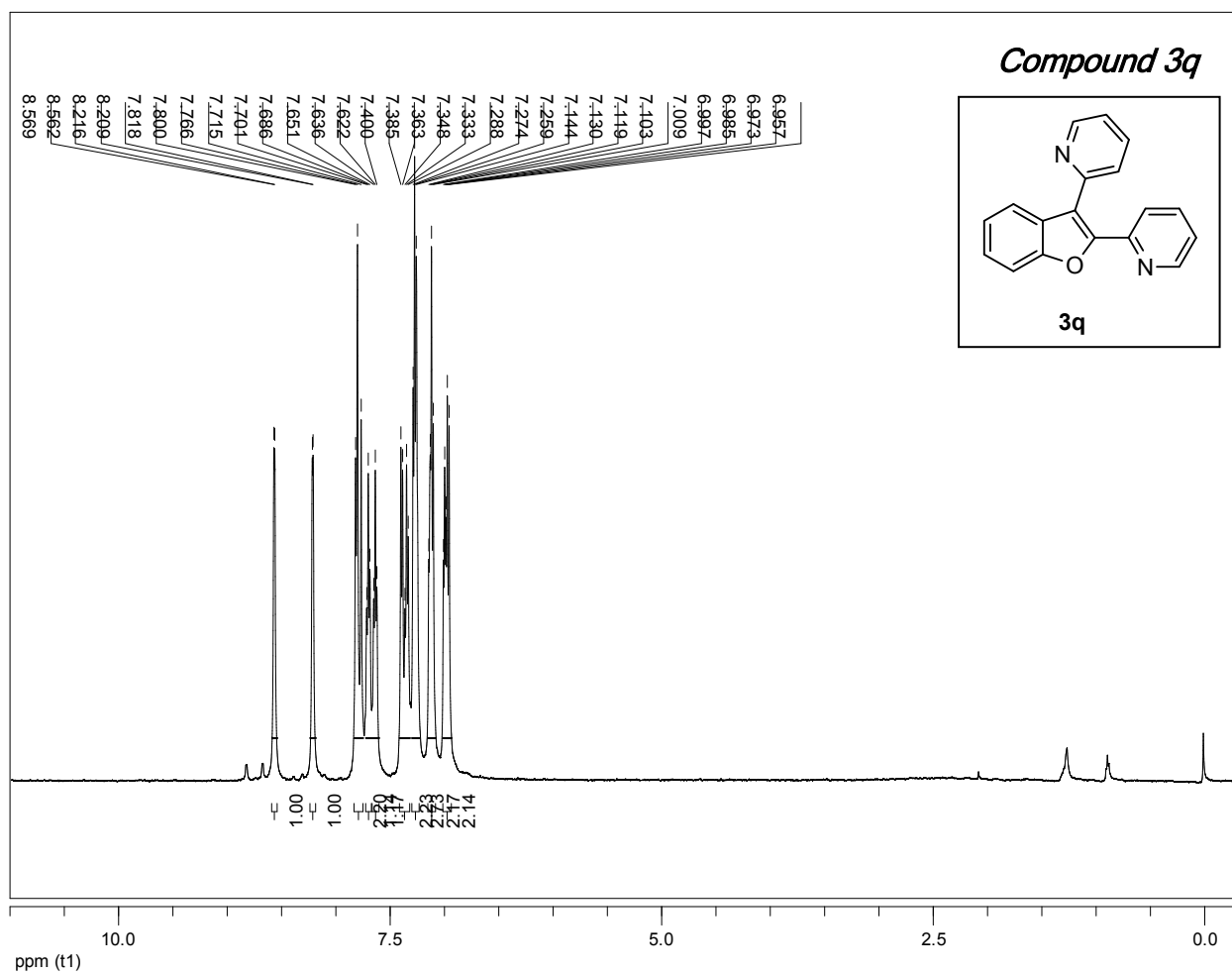
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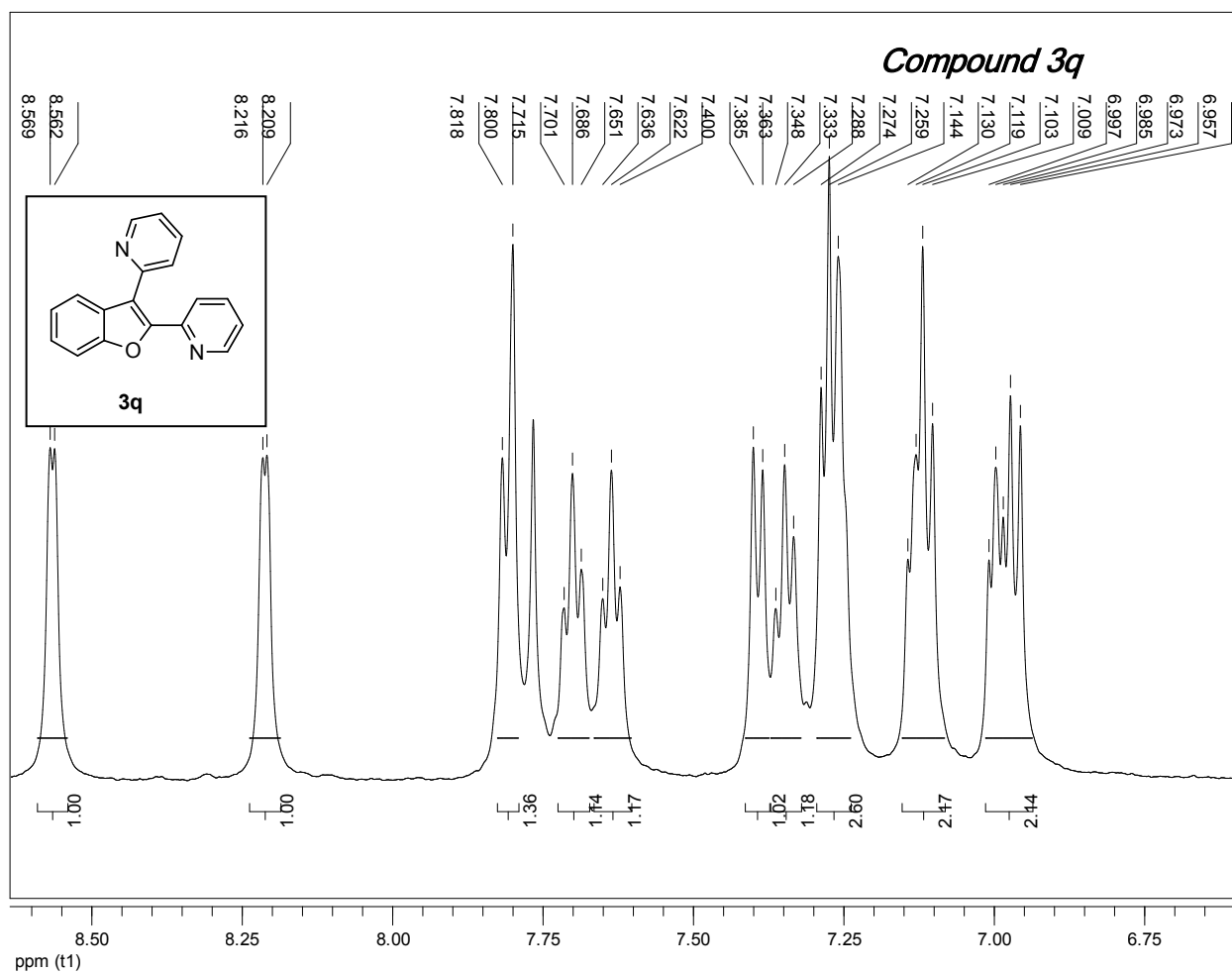




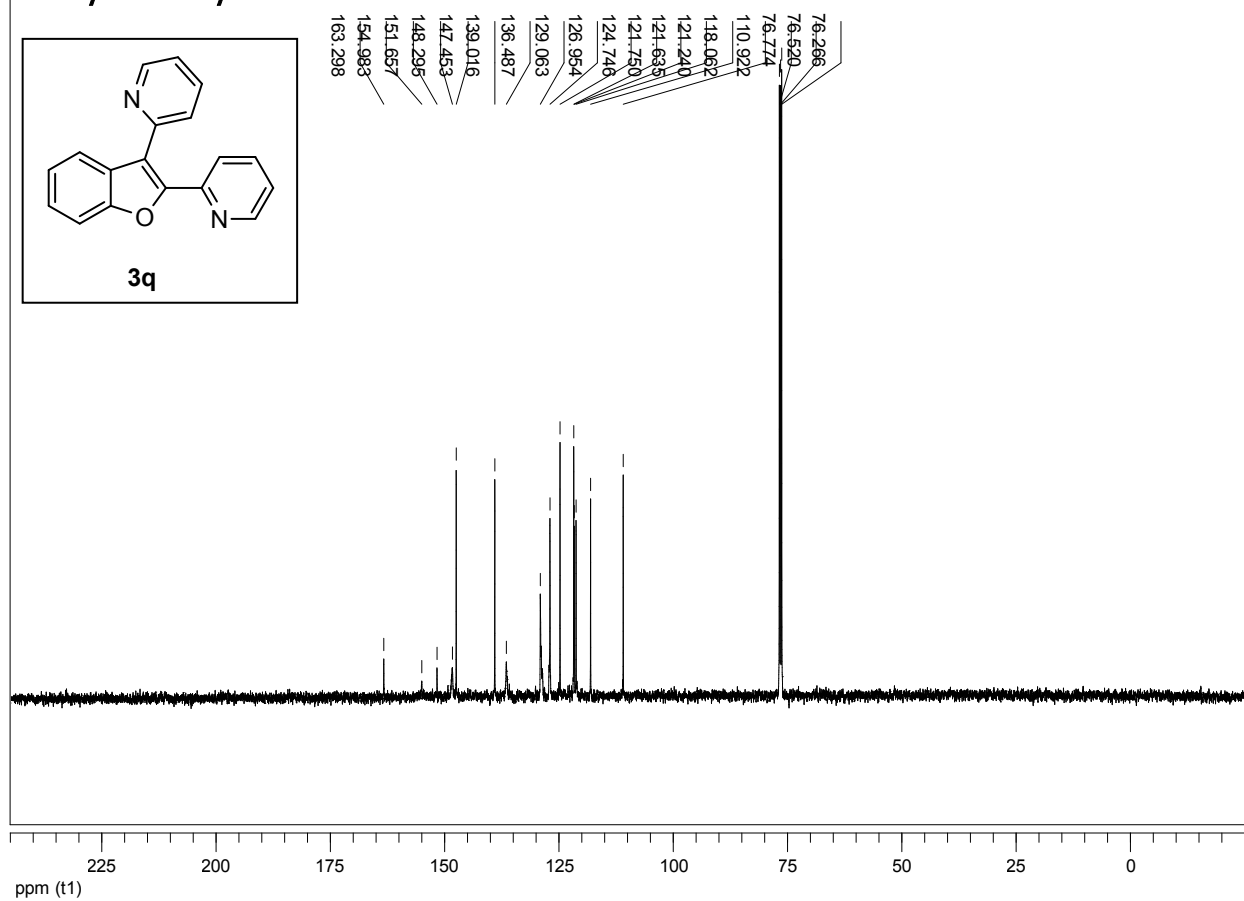
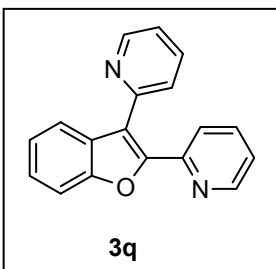
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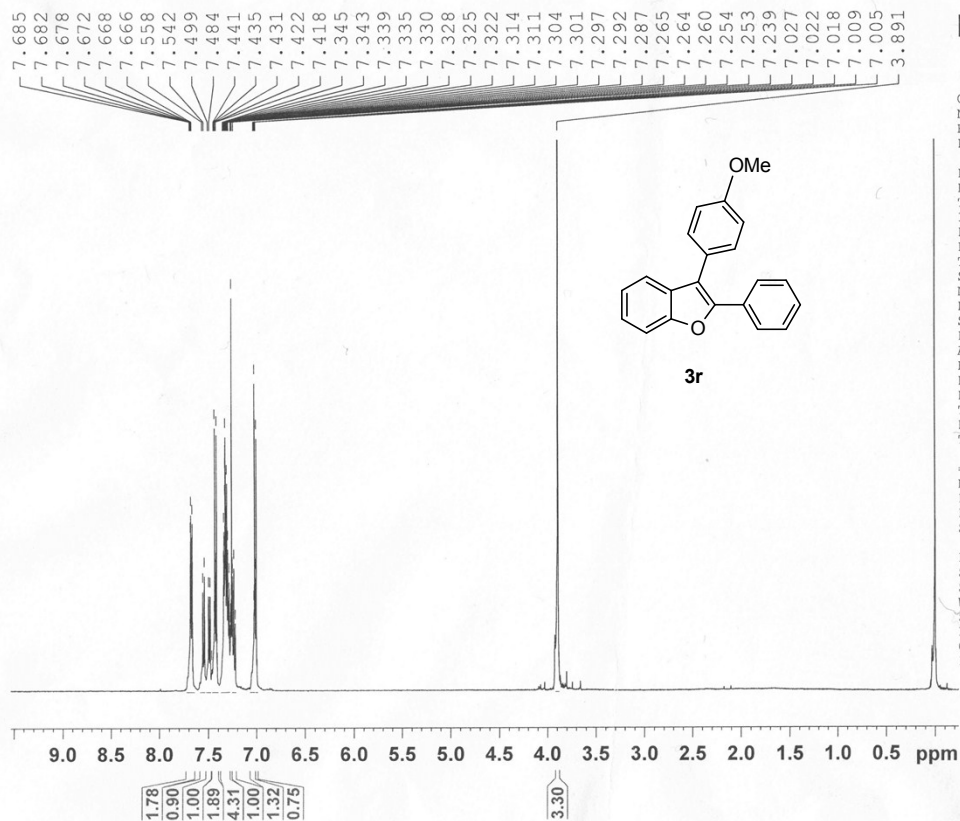






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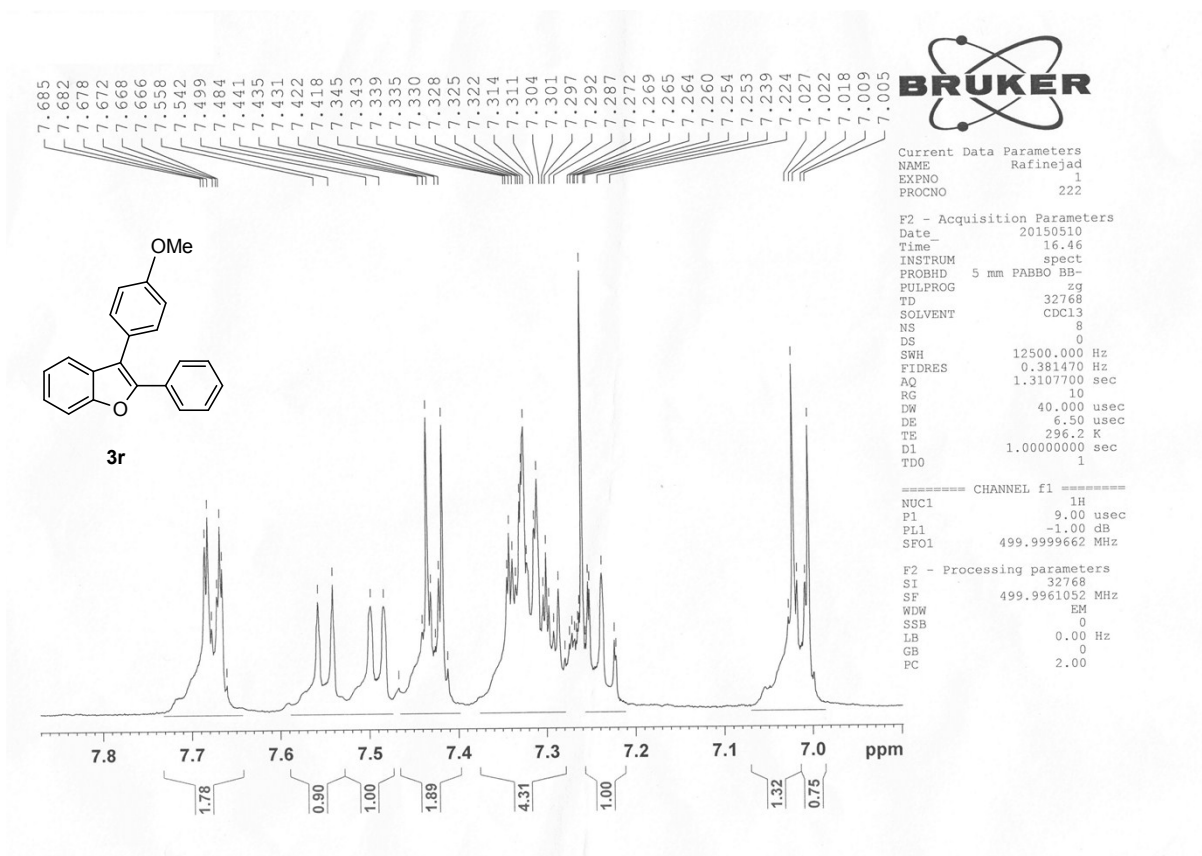


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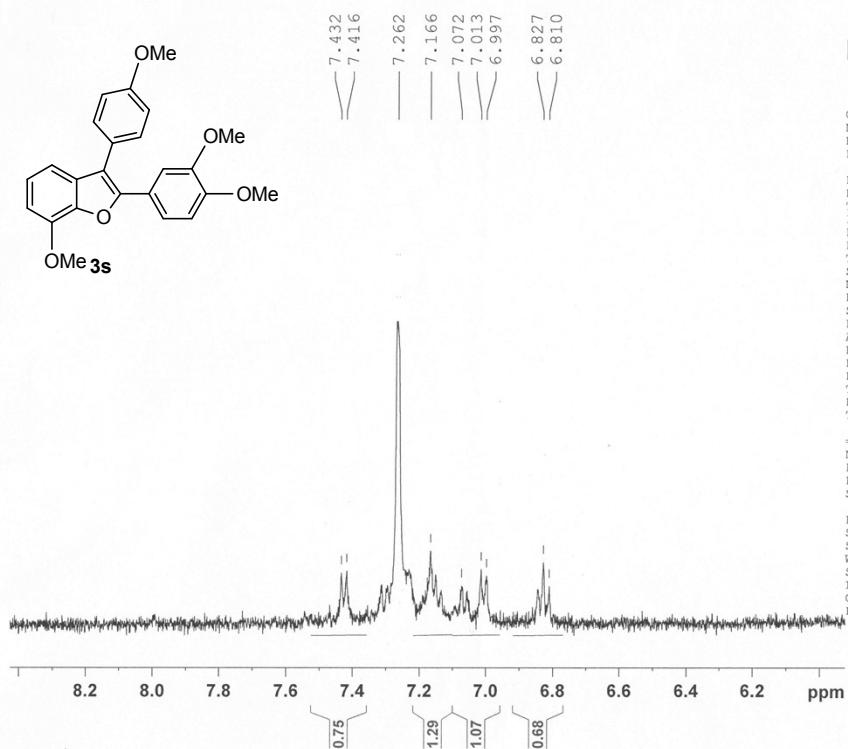
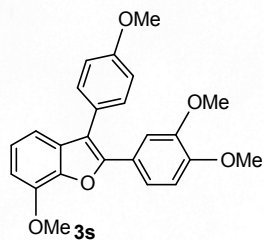
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===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1          13C
P1             9.00 usec
PL1            2.50 dB
SFO1          125.7267890 MHz
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===== CHANNEL f2 =====
CPDPRG2           waltz16
NUC2              1H
PCPD2            90.00 usec
PL12             18.50 dB
PL13             18.50 dB
PL2              -1.00 dB
SF02            499.956500 MHz
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F2 - Processing parameters
SI                      32768
SF                      125.7241222 MHz
WDW                      EM
SSB                      0
LB                      3.00 Hz
GB                      0
PC                      1.40

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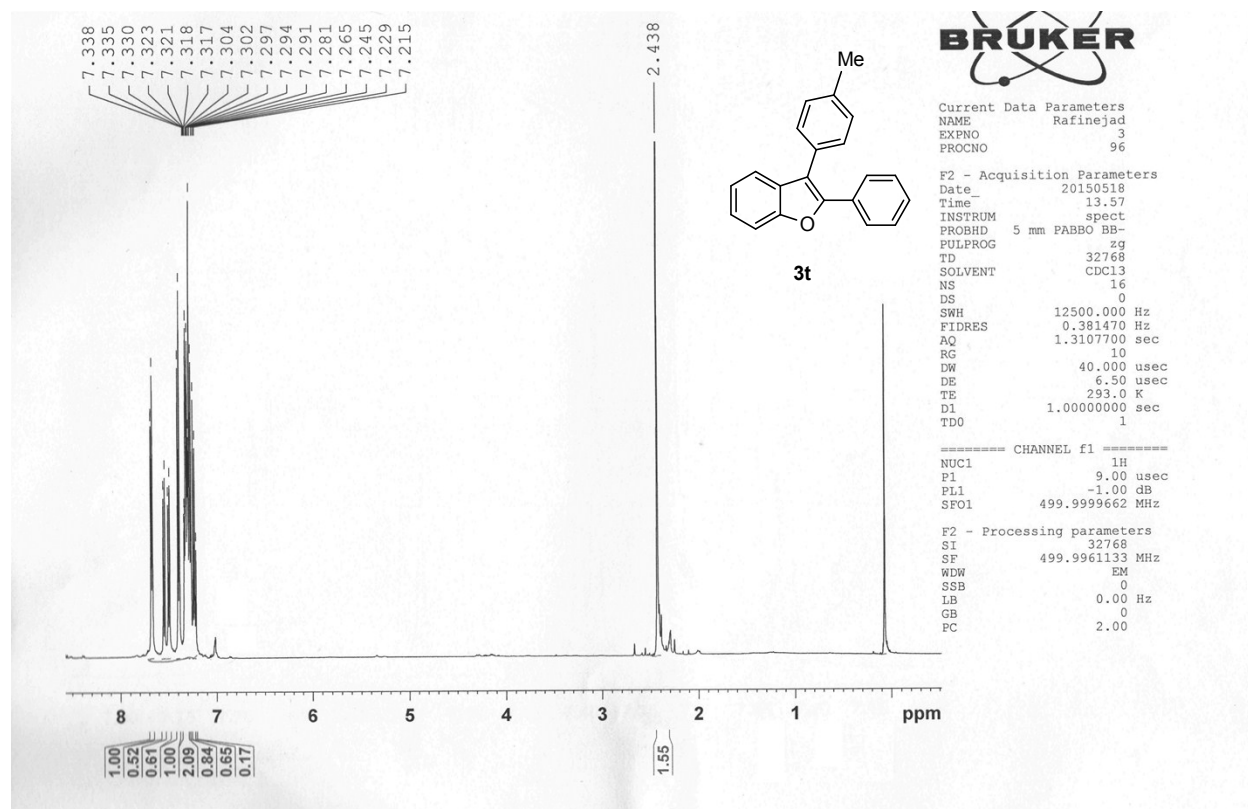



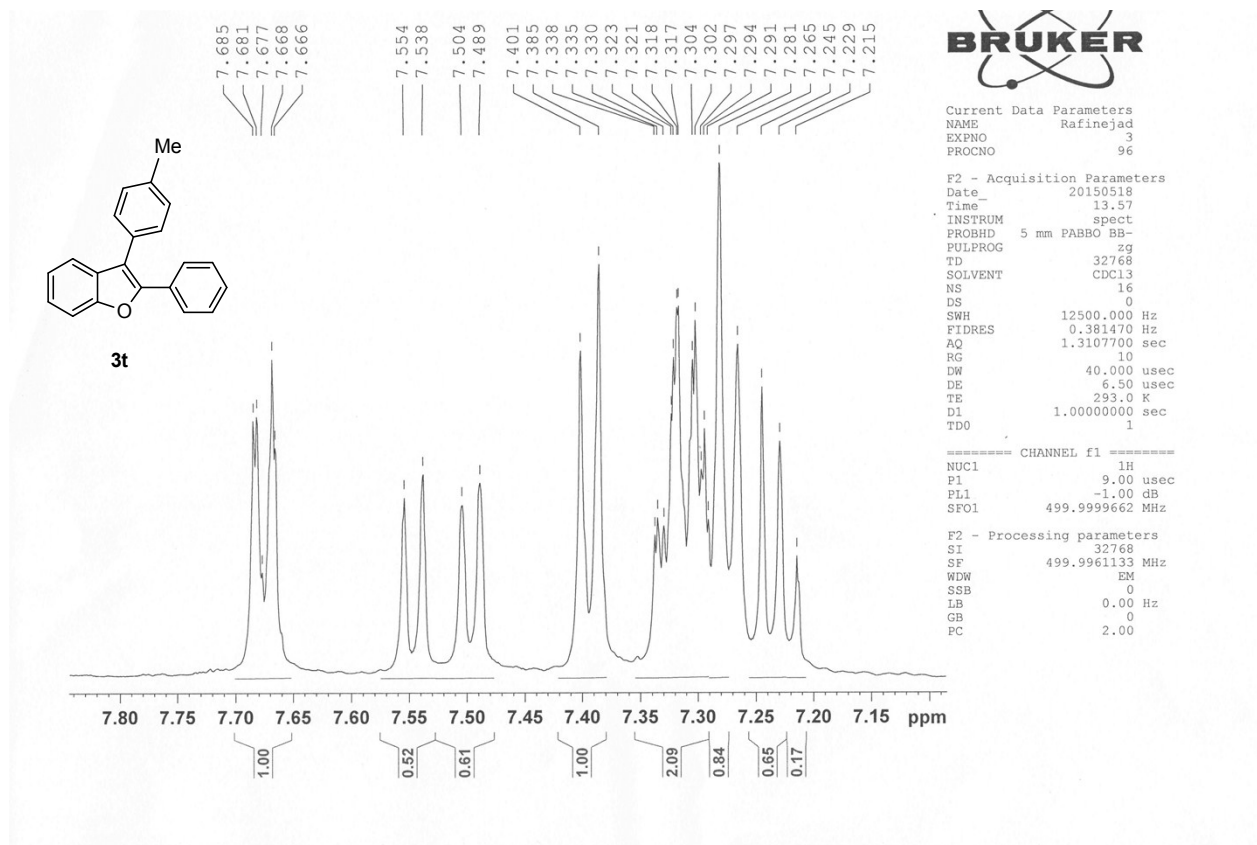
Current Data Parameters
NAME Rafinejad
EXPNO 1
PROCNO 360

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
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Time_ 18.39
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PROBHD 5 mm PABBO BB-
PULPROG zg
TD 32768
SOLVENT CDCl₃
NS 8
DS 0
SWH 12500.000 Hz
FIDRES 0.381470 Hz
AQ 1.3107700 sec
RG 10
DW 40.000 usec
DE 6.50 usec
TE 294.6 K
D1 1.00000000 sec
TD0 1

===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1 1H
P1 9.00 usec
PL1 -1.00 dB
SFO1 499.9999662 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters
SI 32768
SF 499.9961049 MHz
WDW EM
SSB 0
LB 0.00 Hz
GB 0
PC 2.00







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Current Data Parameters
NAME          Rafinejad
EXPNO          2
PROCNO        303
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F2 - Acquisition Parameters
Date-                20150523
Time-                13.54
INSTRUM              spect
PROBH0              5 mm PABBO BB-
PULPROG              zgpg
TD                   62.496
SOLVENT              CDCl3
NS                   256
DS                   0
SWH                  31250.000 Hz
FIDRES              0.500032 Hz
AQ                   0.9999860 sec
RG                   456
DW                   16.000 usec
DE                   6.00 usec
TE                   294.3 K
D1                   1.5000000 sec
d11                  0.03000000 sec
DELTA                1.39999998 sec
TDO                  1

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===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1                13C
Pl                  9.00 usec
PL1                 2.50 dB
SFO1                125.7267890 MHz
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===== CHANNEL f2 =====
CPDPRG2          waltz16
NUC2              1H
PCPD2            90.00 usec
PL12             18.50 dB
PL13             18.50 dB
PL2              -1.00 dB
SFO2             499.956500 Mhz
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F2 - Processing parameters
SI                      32768
SF                      125.7241210 MHz
WDW                      EM
SSB                      0
LB                      3.00 Hz
GB                      0
PC                      1.40

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