

## **Electronic Supplemental Information (ESI)**

### **Eco-friendly Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of Arylboronic acids to Aromatic Ketones Catalyzed by Oxime-Palladacycle in Biosolvent 2-MeTHF**

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## 1. General Information

### Instrumentation and Chemicals

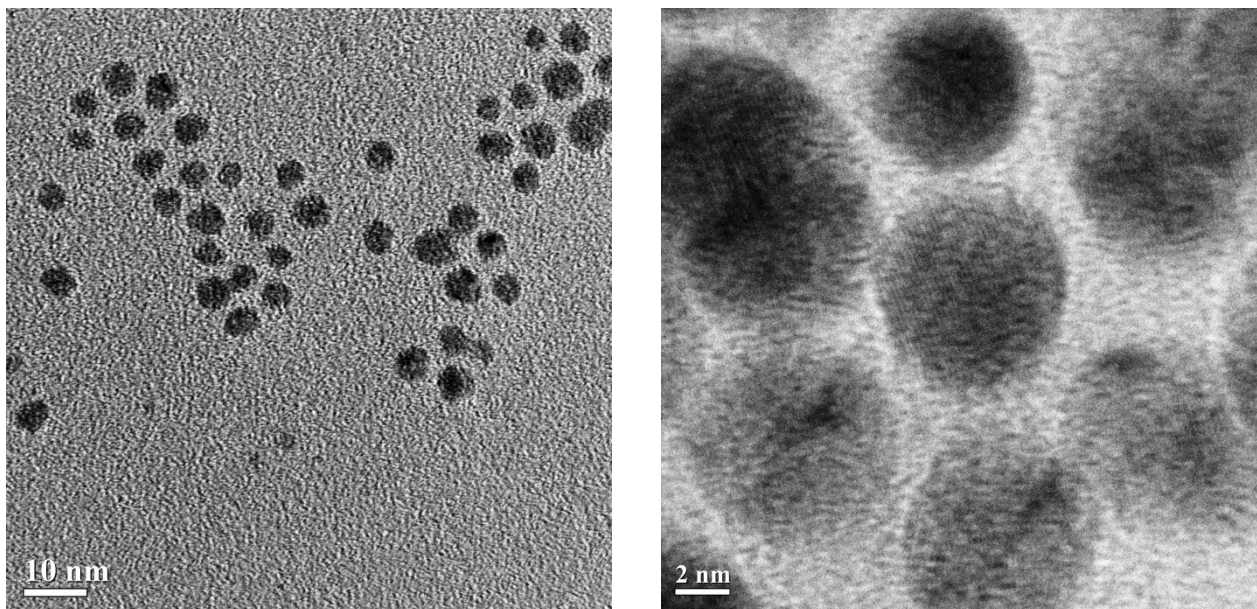
All chemicals were obtained commercially and used as received. Solvents were used as received. The acetophenone oxime-palladacycle was synthesized according to the reported literature.<sup>1</sup> All reactions were carried out on a Process Station Personal Synthesizer (Eyela, Tokyo Rikakikai Co. Ltd., Japan). FT-IR spectra (4000-250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) were recorded in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  or KBr on a Shimadzu Prestige-21 FT-IR spectrophotometer. Melting points were determined using a Buchi B450 melting point apparatus. GC-MS analysis was performed on an Agilent Technologies GC system 7820A coupled with a mass detector 5975 and SHRXI-5MS column (15 m, 0.25 mm inner diameter, 0.25 micron film thickness).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometers using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvent referenced to TMS (0 ppm) or  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (7.26 ppm) on a JEOL, JNM ECS NMR spectrometer.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.0 ppm) as standard. Products are known compounds and were identified by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra and confirmed by comparing with those reported in the literature. The following abbreviations are used for the description of signals: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet). Coupling constants ( $J$ ) were measured in Hz. Analytical thin layer chromatography was carried out on Merck silica gel 60F<sub>254</sub> plates using short wave (254 nm) UV light and  $\text{I}_2$  or  $\text{KMnO}_4$  to visualize components. Silica gel (60-120 mesh) was used for column chromatography.

### 2. Experimental Section:

#### Typical Experimental Procedure for Acylation of Arylboronic acid (3a)

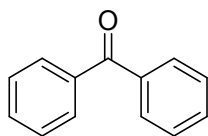
A 50 mL branched test tube was charged with a mixture of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (138 mg, 1.0 mmol), complex **1** (0.4 mol%Pd), 2-MeTHF (4 mL) under open air. The solution was heated to 80 °C on a *Process Station Personal Synthesizer* with continuous stirring, and added with arylboronic acid (0.55 mmol) and acid chloride (0.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for the required time and progress of the reaction was monitored using TLC. After completion of the reaction, the resulting mixture was added with saturated solution of brine (4 mL). The resulting water-organic phases were separated and the organic phase (in 2-MeTHF) was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent, 10-15%: ethyl acetate/hexane) to afford the desired product.

### 3. TEM images of the Pd-nanoparticles:



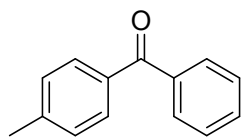
**Figure S1. TEM analysis of oxime-palladacycle Catalyst 1 formed during the cross-coupling reaction**

### 3. Spectroscopic data for the products:



Benzophenone

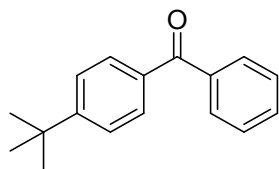
**Benzophenone (4aa):**<sup>2</sup> White solid, Yield: 97%, 88.2 mg; m.p. 48-49 °C (literature,<sup>3</sup> 47-48.5 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 7.81-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.57 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm) δ: 196.9, 137.6, 132.5, 130.1, 128.3; FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1659 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>); GC-MS m/z: 182.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).



Phenyl(*p*-tolyl)methanone

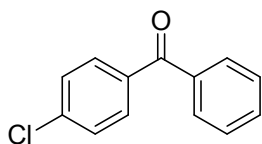
**Phenyl(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4ab):**<sup>2</sup> Colorless liquid, Yield: 96%, 94 mg; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 7.76 (d, *J*= 6.88 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J*= 7.76 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm) δ: 196.7, 143.3, 138, 134.9, 132.3, 130.4, 130.2, 129, 128.5, 128.3, 21.7; FT-IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1657 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>). GC-MS

m/z: 196.1 ( $M^+$ , 100).



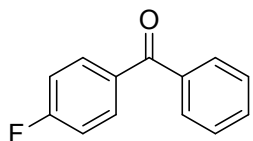
(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone

**(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone (4ac):**<sup>2</sup> White solid, Yield: 93%, 110.6 mg; m.p. 39-40 °C (literature<sup>2</sup> 38-40 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$ : 7.8-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$ : 196.5, 156.2, 138, 134.9, 132.2, 130.2, 130, 128.6, 128.2, 125.3, 31.5, 31.2; FT-IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 1658 ( $\nu_{C=O}$ ). GC-MS m/z: 238.0 ( $M^+$ , 100).



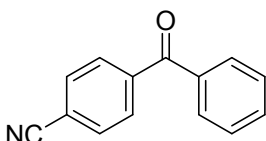
(4-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone

**(4-Chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (4ad/4ca):**<sup>2</sup> White solid, Yield: 91%, 98.3 mg; m.p. 73-74 °C (literature<sup>3</sup> 73.5-75 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$ : 7.78-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.59 (t,  $J=7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$ : 195.5, 138.7, 137.4, 135, 132.7, 131.5, 129.9, 128.7, 128.4; FT-IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 1648 ( $\nu_{C=O}$ ). GC-MS m/z: 216.0 ( $M^+$ , 100).



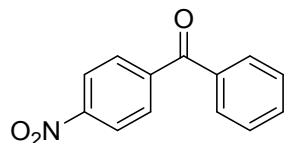
(4-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone

**(4-Fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (4ae):**<sup>2</sup> White solid, Yield: 90%, 90 mg; m.p. 47-48 °C (literature<sup>2</sup> 48-49 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$ : 7.85-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$ : 195.3, 195.3, 166.7, 137.5, 133.8, 132.7, 132.6, 132.5, 129.9, 128.4, 115.6 (d,  $J=21.93$  Hz); FT-IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 1660 ( $\nu_{C=O}$ ). GC-MS m/z: 200.2 ( $M^+$ , 100).



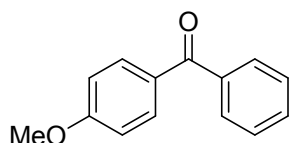
4-Benzoylbenzonitrile

**4-Benzoylbenzotrile (4af):**<sup>4</sup> White solid, Yield: 94%, 97.3 mg; m.p. 111-112 °C (literature<sup>5</sup> 113-114 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H); FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1648 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>). GC-MS m/z: 207.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).



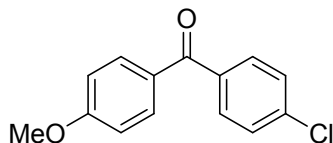
(4-Nitrophenyl)(phenyl)methanone

**(4-Nitrophenyl)(phenyl)methanone (4ba):**<sup>4</sup> Yellow solid, Yield: 87%, 98.7 mg; m.p. 137-138 °C (literature<sup>3</sup> 138-139 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 8.32-8.30 (d, *J*= 4.12, 2H), 7.92-7.90 (d, *J*= 4.12 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J*= 3.68 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J*= 7.8, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm) δ: 194.8, 149.9, 142.9, 136.4, 133.5, 130.7, 130.1, 128.7, 123.5; FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1659 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>). GC-MS m/z: 227.0 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).



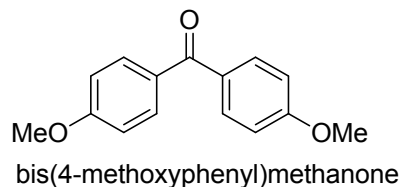
(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone

**(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone (4da):**<sup>6</sup> White solid, Yield: 95%, 100 mg; m.p. 61-62 °C (literature<sup>3</sup> 61-61.5 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 7.82-7.8 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.45 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.93 (d, *J*= 8.68 Hz, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm) δ: 194.5, 162.2, 137.2, 131.5, 130.8, 129.1, 128.6, 127.1, 112.5, 54.47; FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1661 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>). GC-MS m/z: 212.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).



(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone

**(4-Chlorophenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4dd/4cg):**<sup>7</sup> White solid, Yield: 89%, 109 mg; m.p. 123-124 °C (literature<sup>5</sup> 119-120 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 7.80-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (t, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95-6.98 (d, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm) δ: 194.3, 163.4, 138.3, 136.6, 132.5, 131.2, 129.8, 128.6, 113.7, 55.6; FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1641 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>). GC-MS m/z: 246.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).

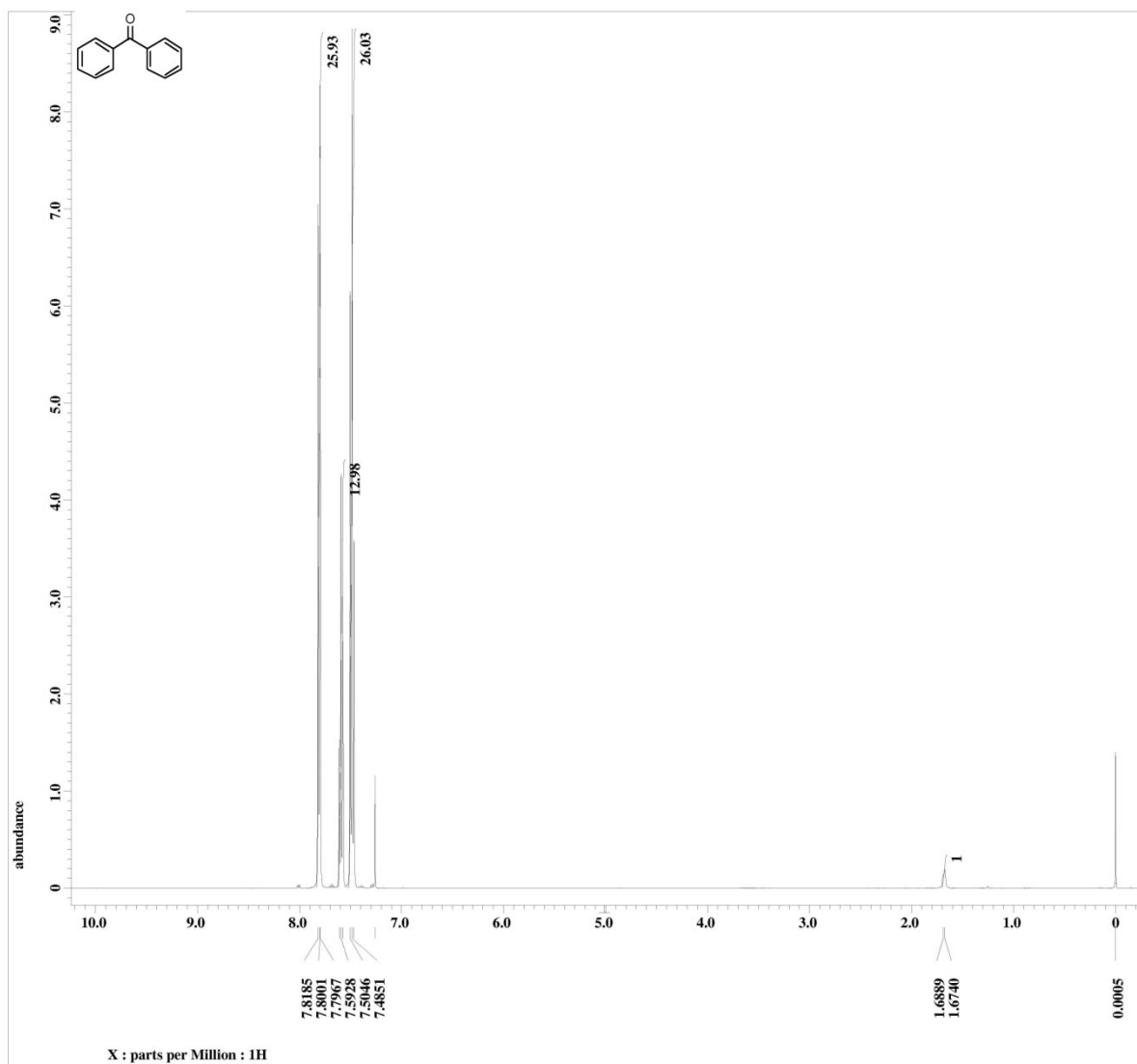


**bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4dg):**<sup>7</sup> White solid, Yield: 94%, 112 mg, m.p. 143-144 °C (literature<sup>5</sup> 138-139 °C), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) δ: 7.78 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.89 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm) δ: 194.6, 162.89, 132.3, 130.78, 113.5, 55.5; FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1639 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>). GC-MS *m/z*: 242.1 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).

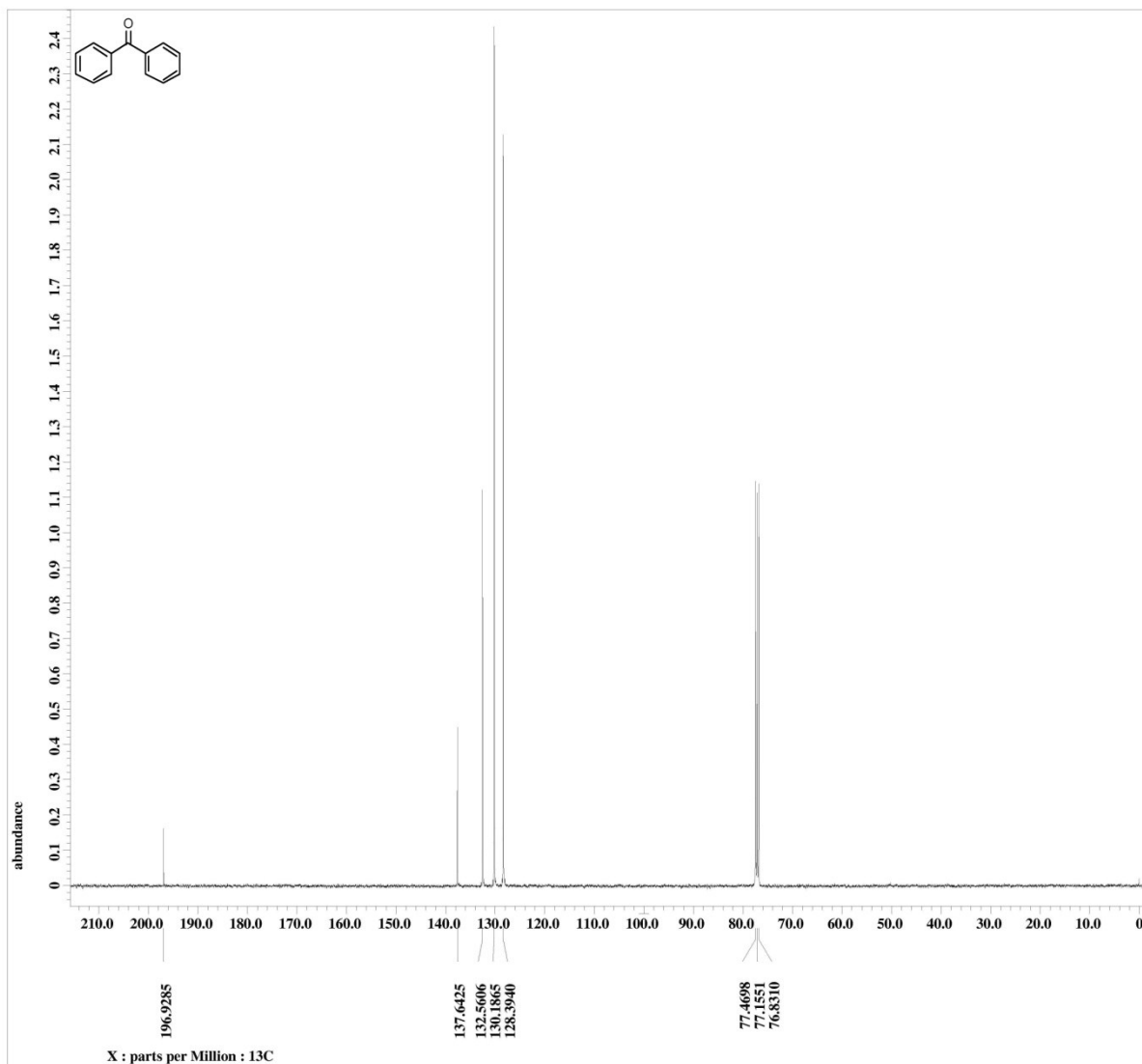
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# NMR Spectra

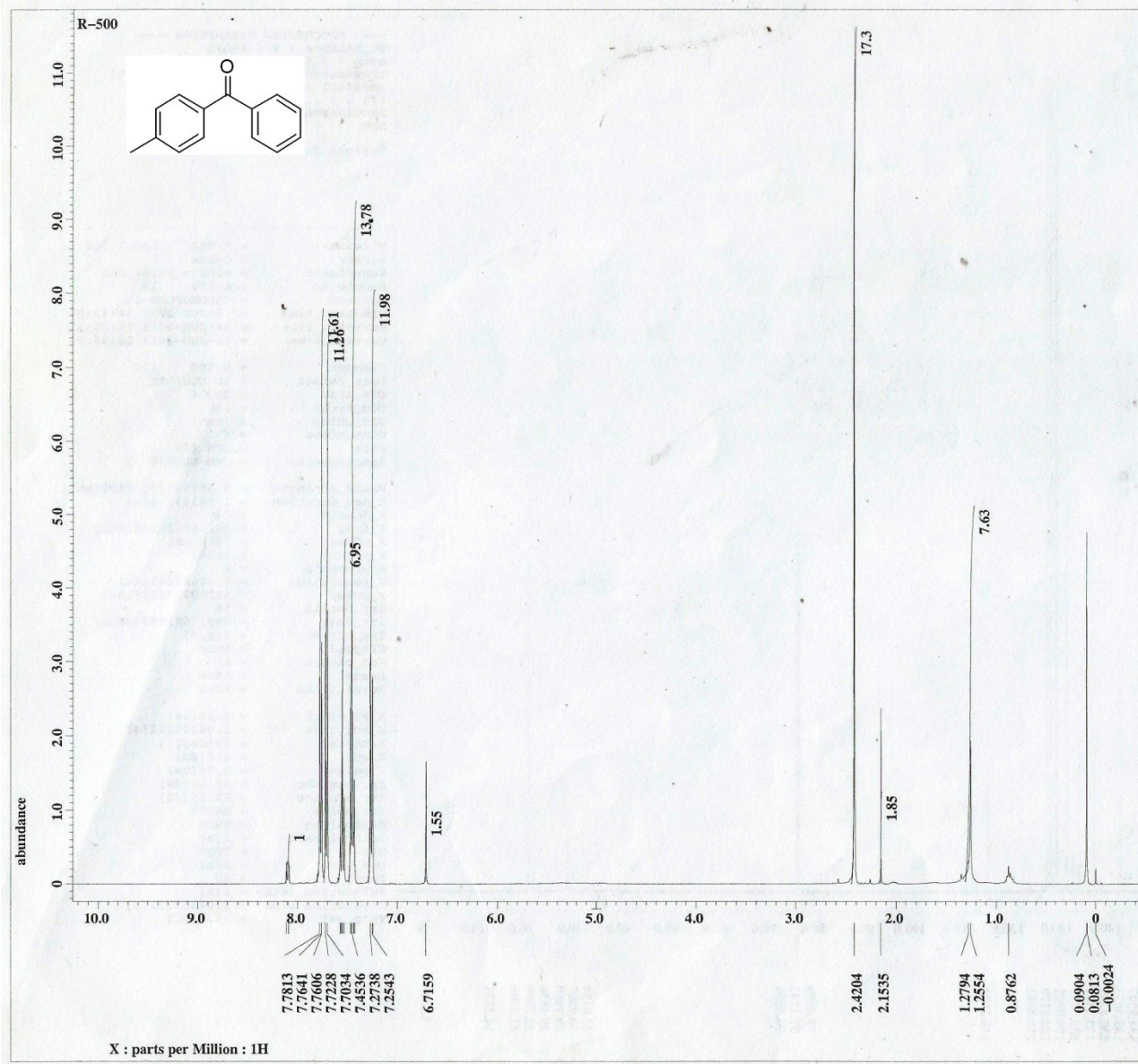


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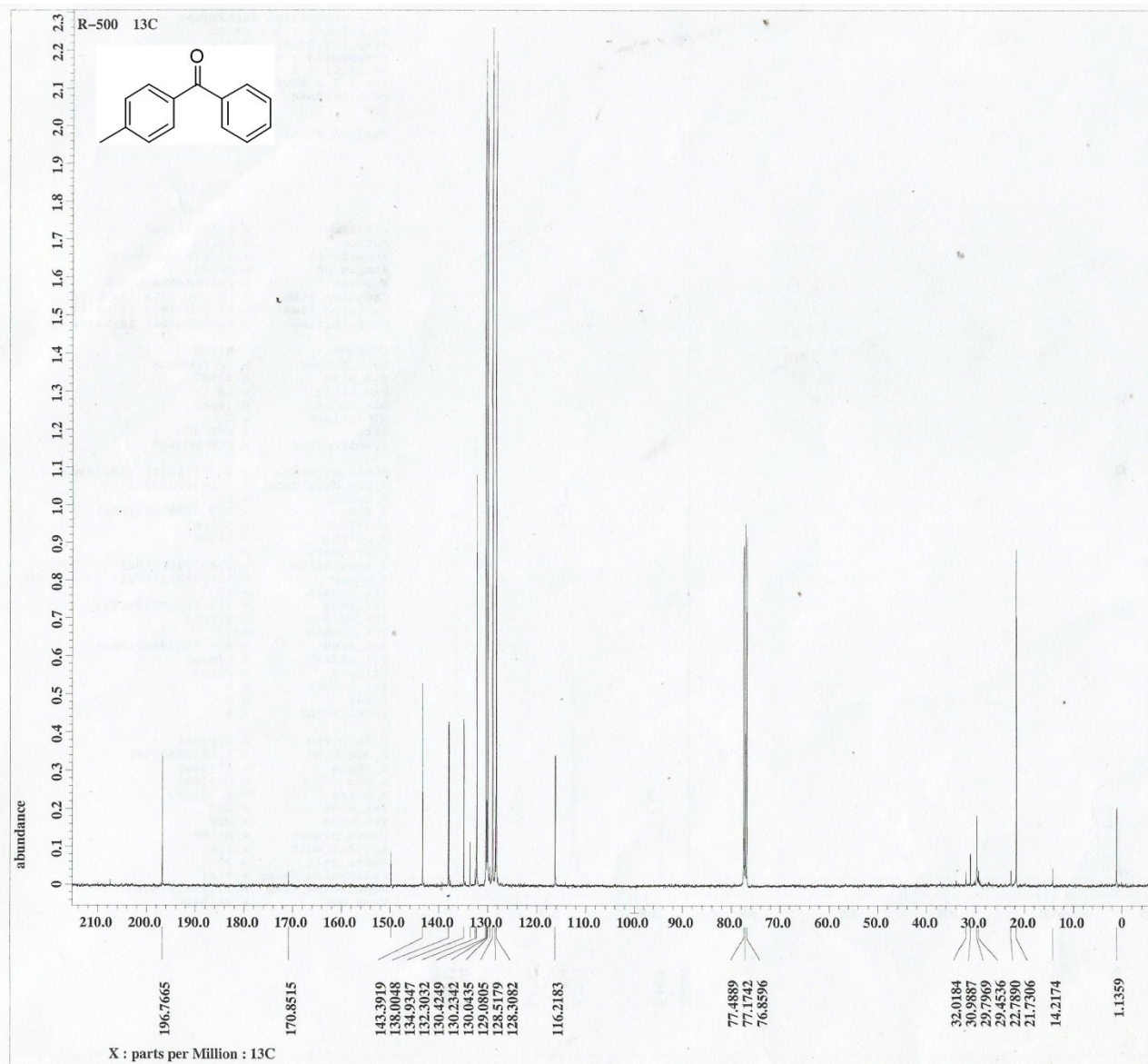


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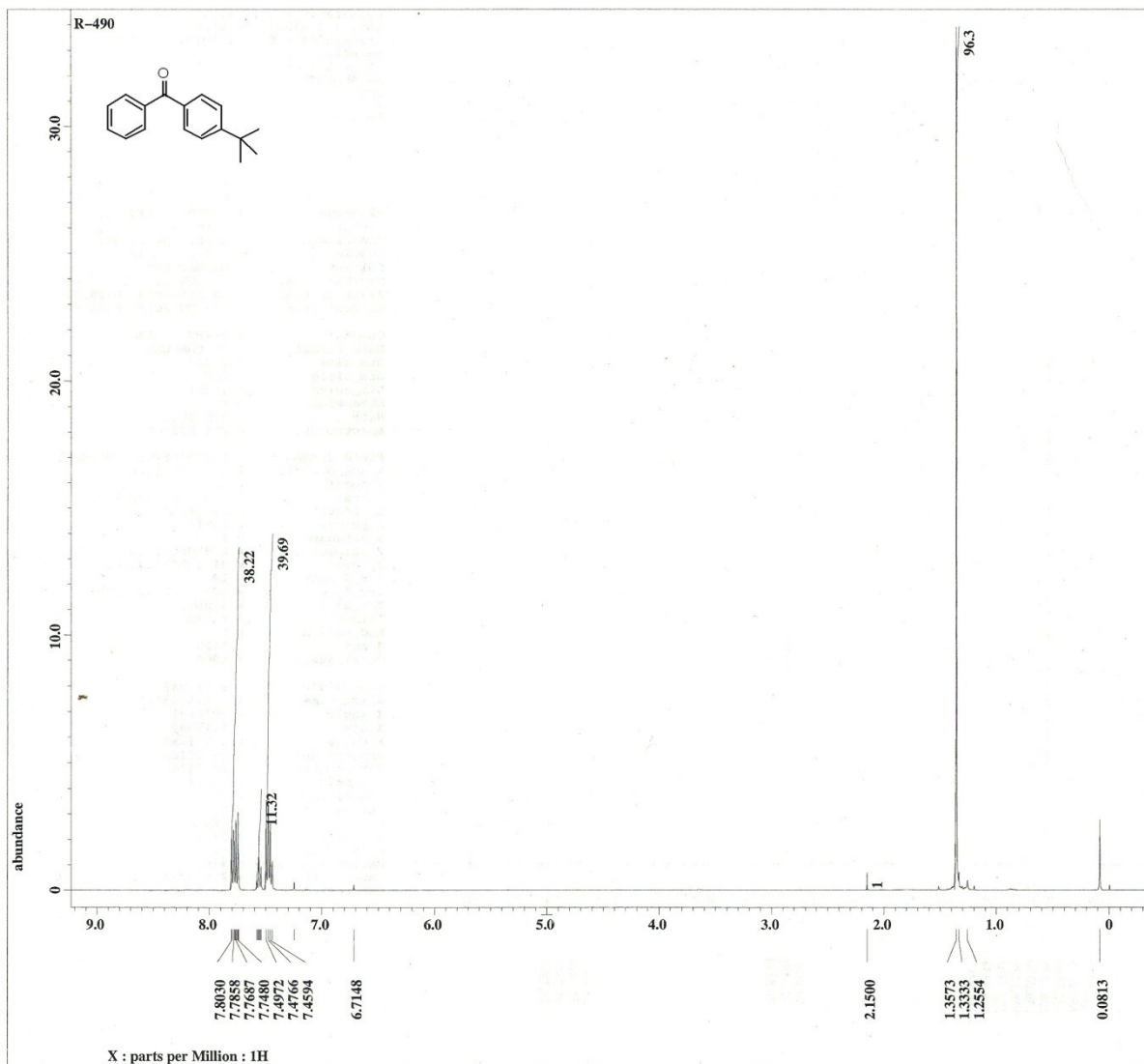




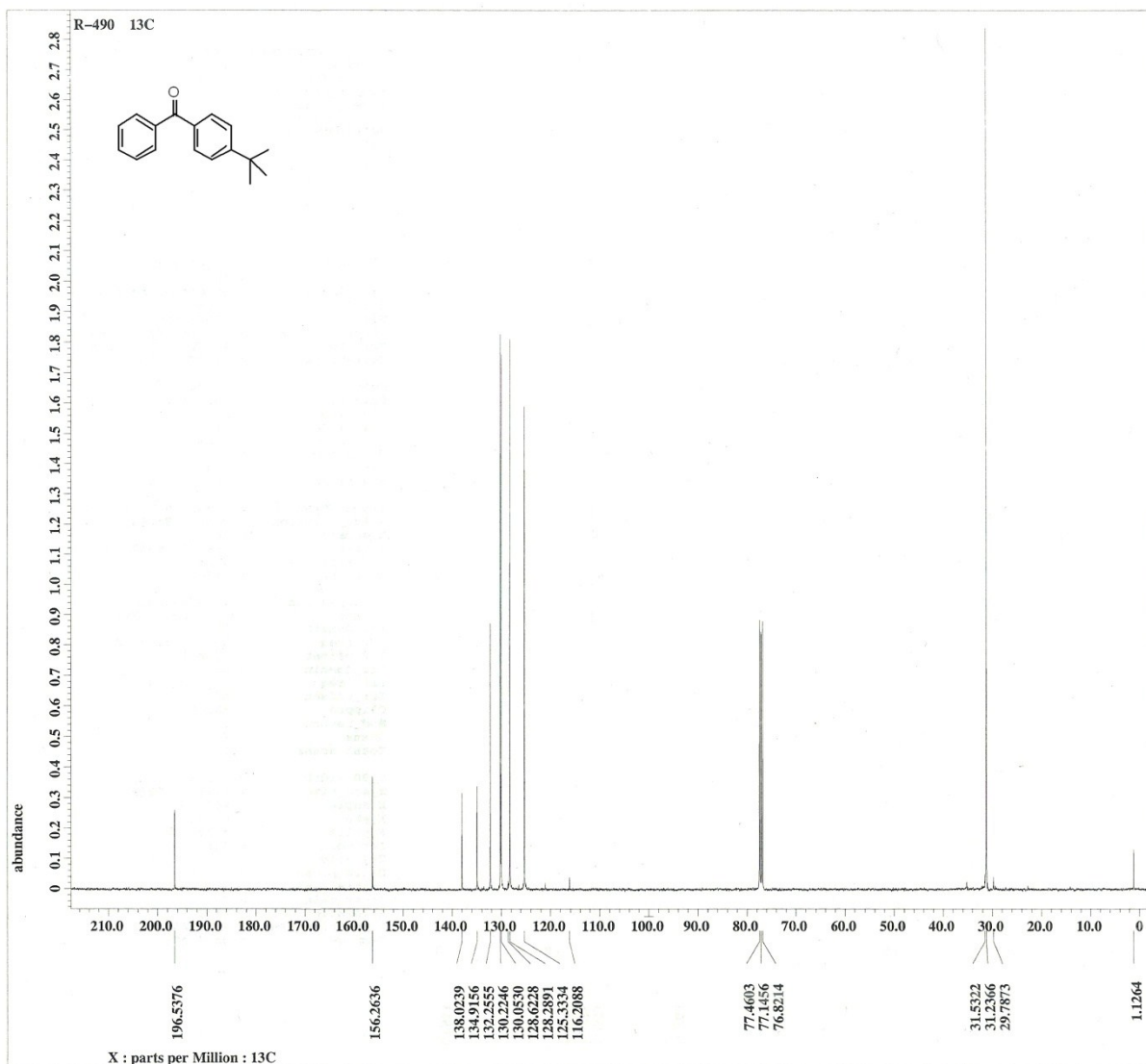
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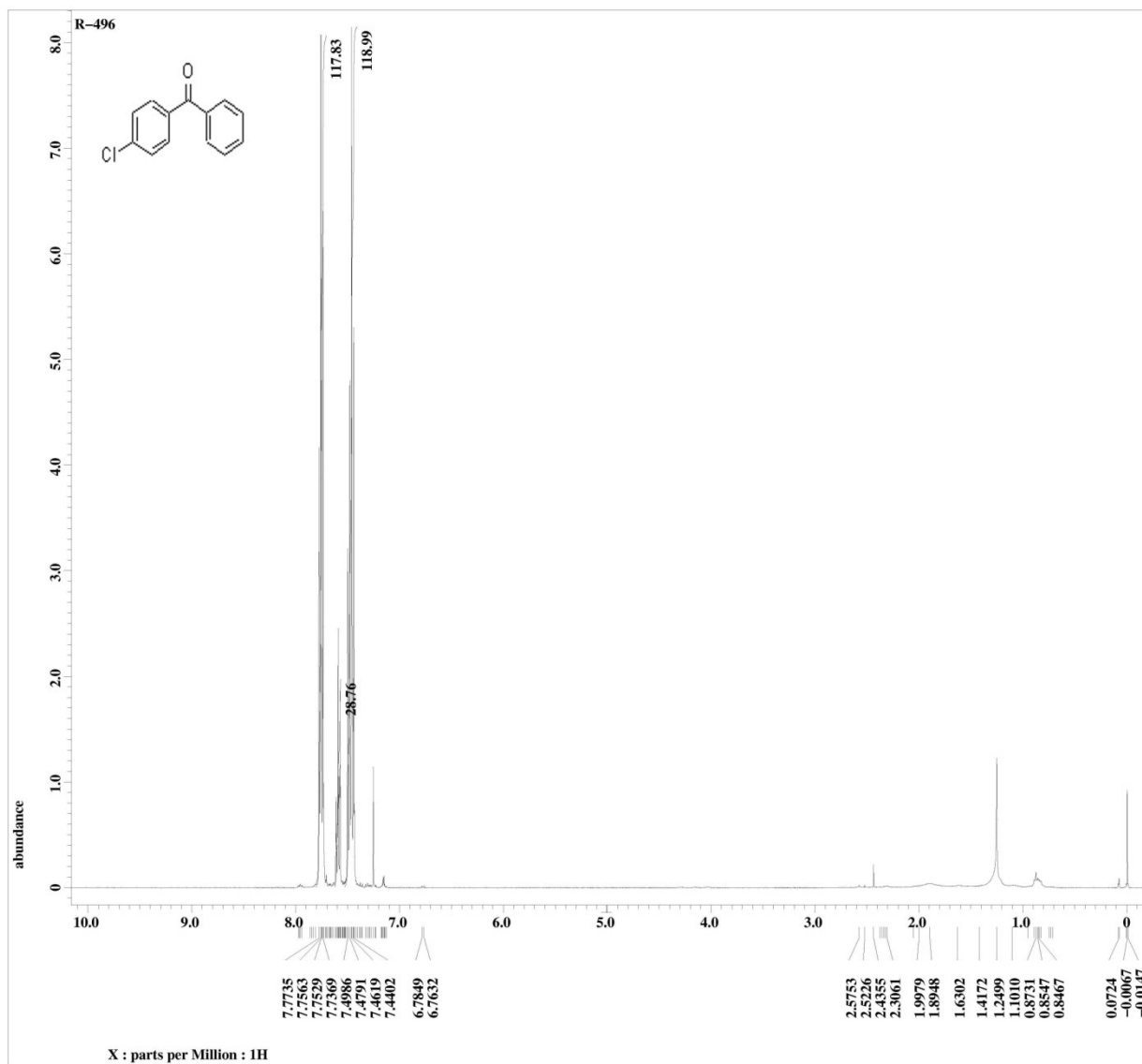
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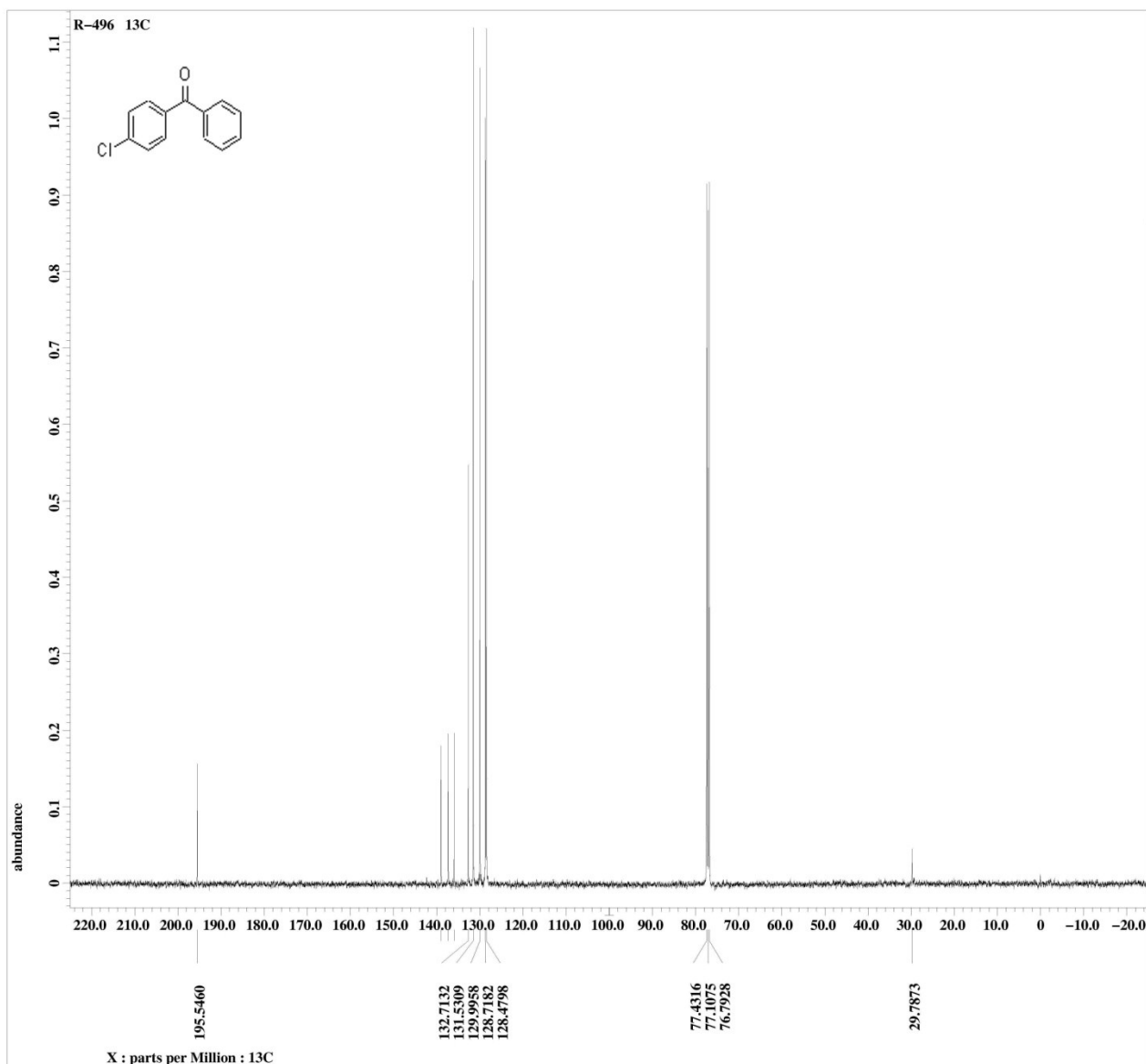
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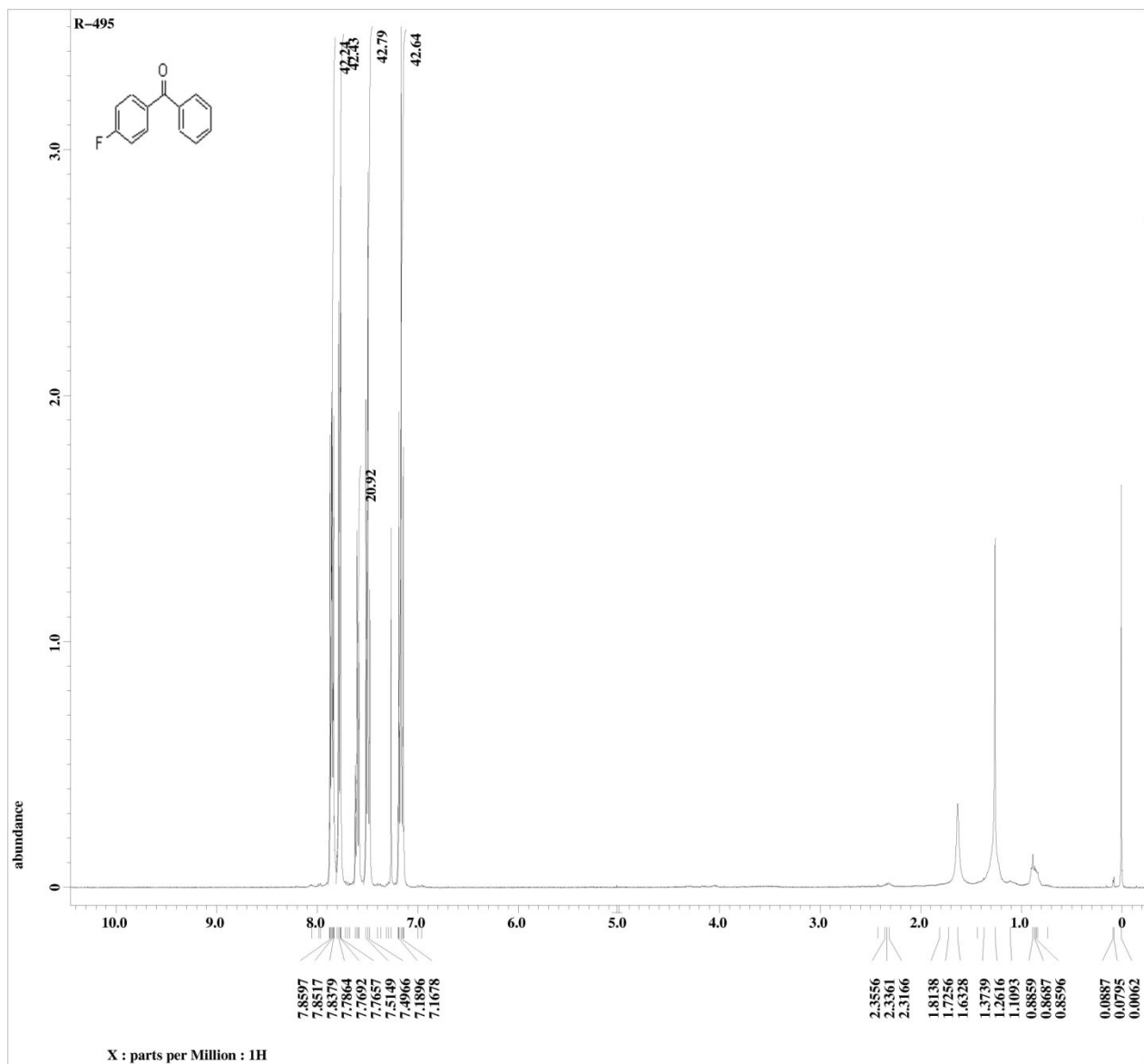
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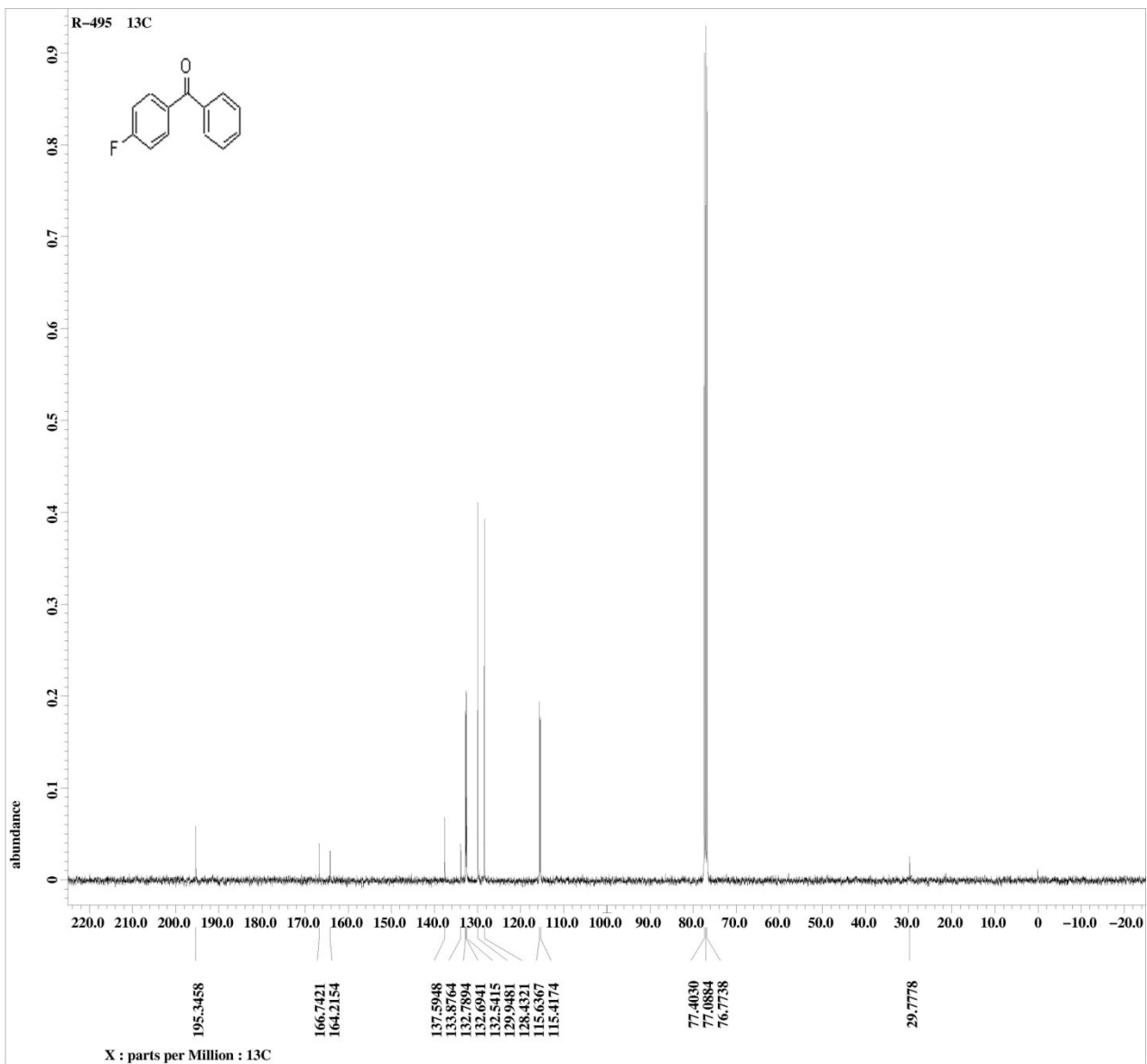
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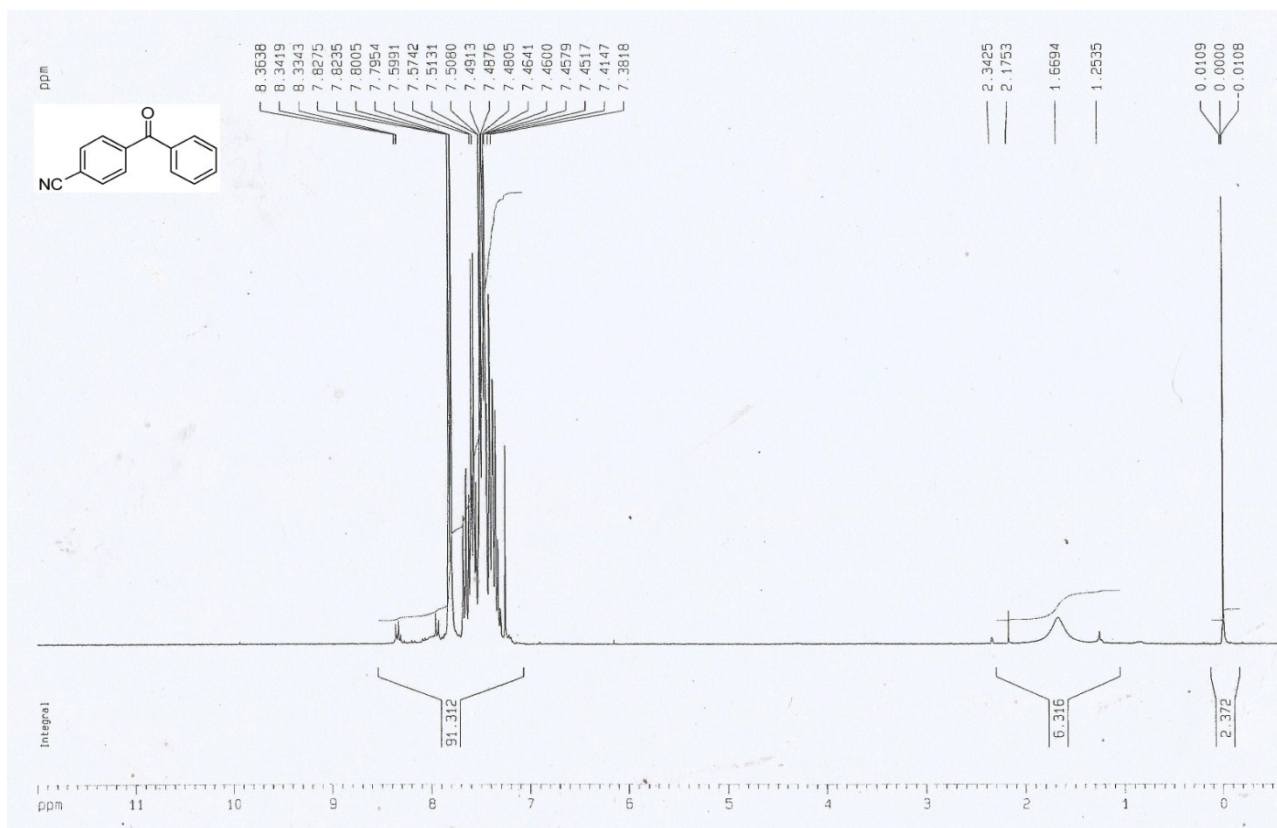


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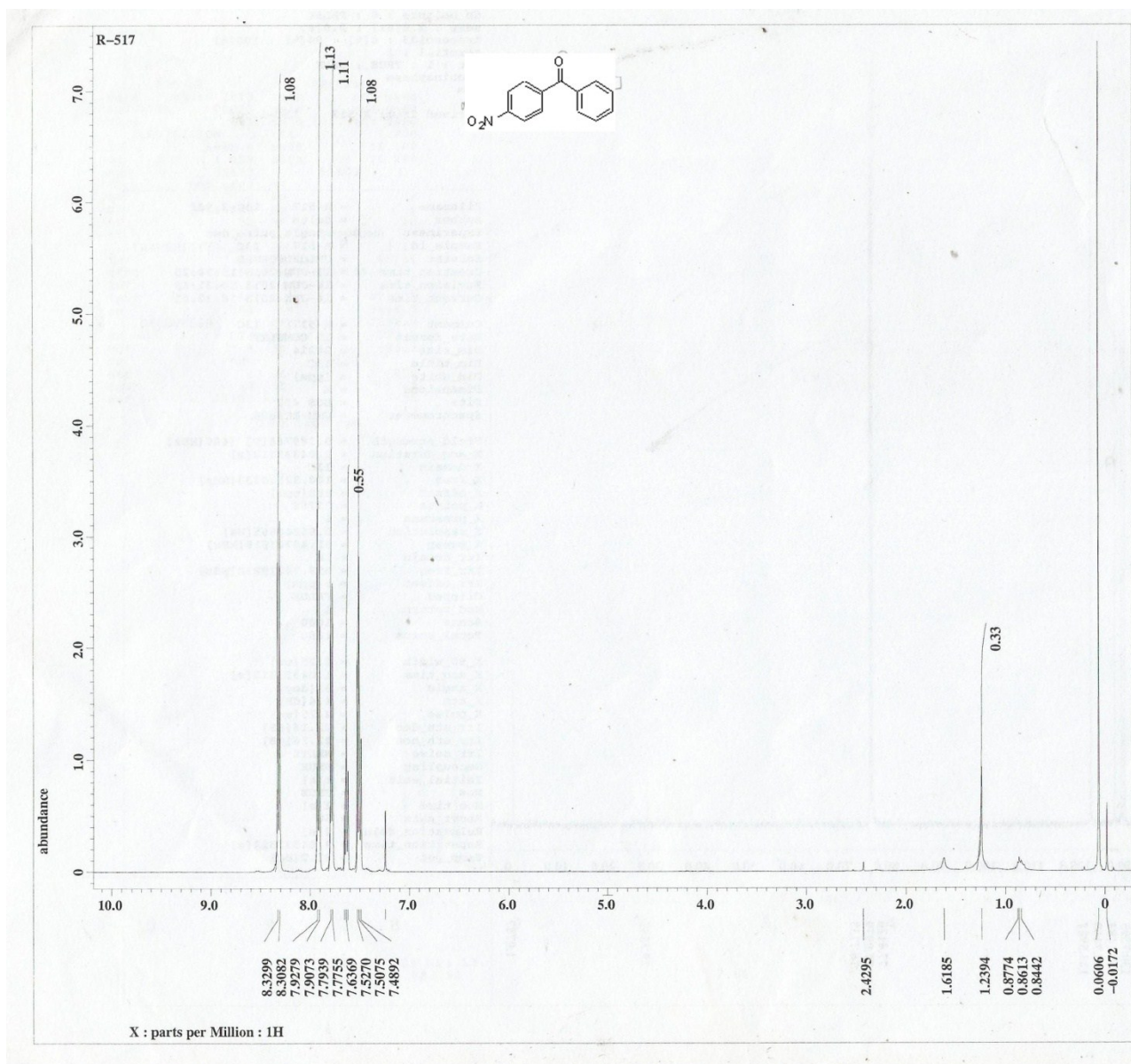


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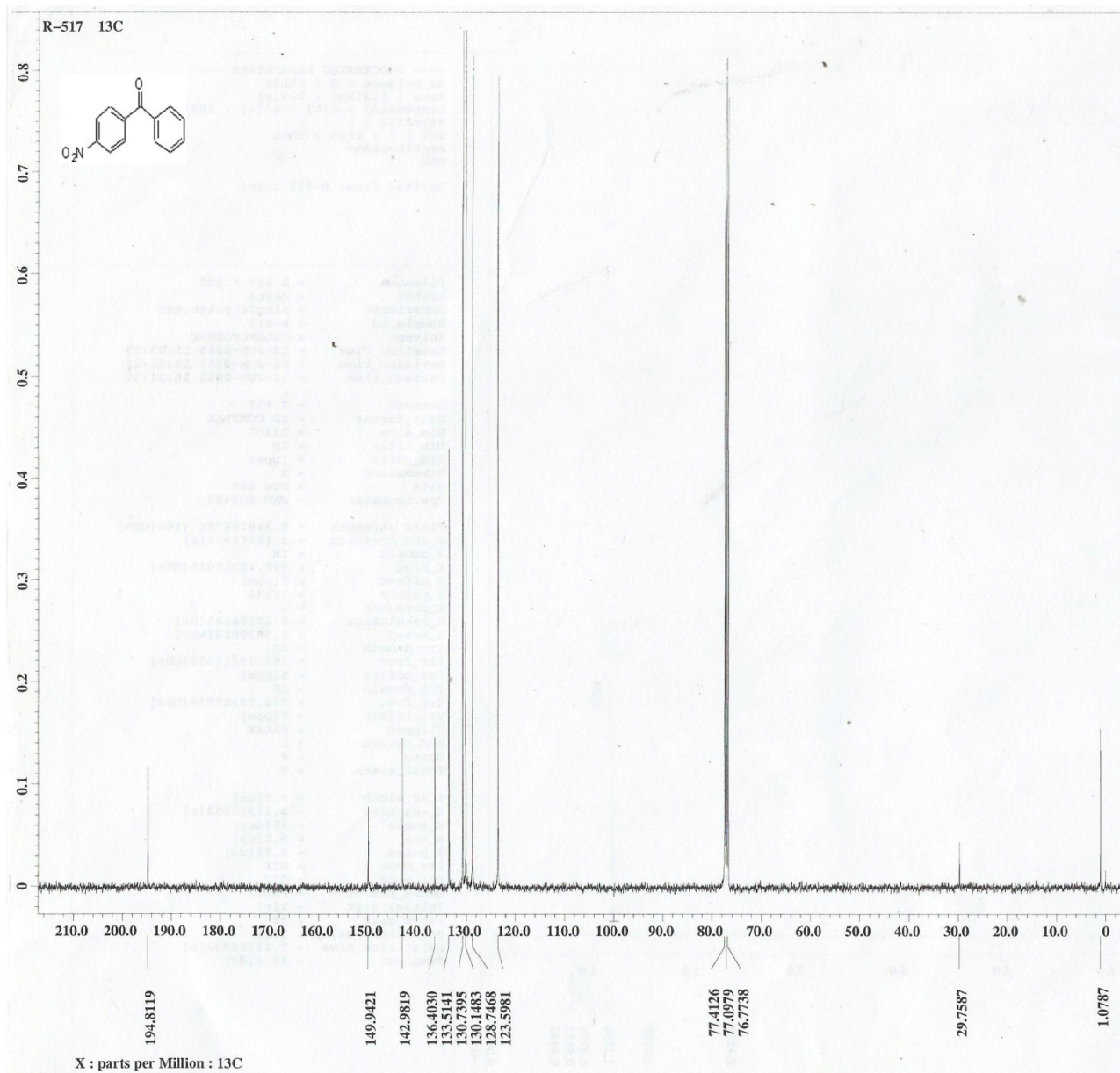




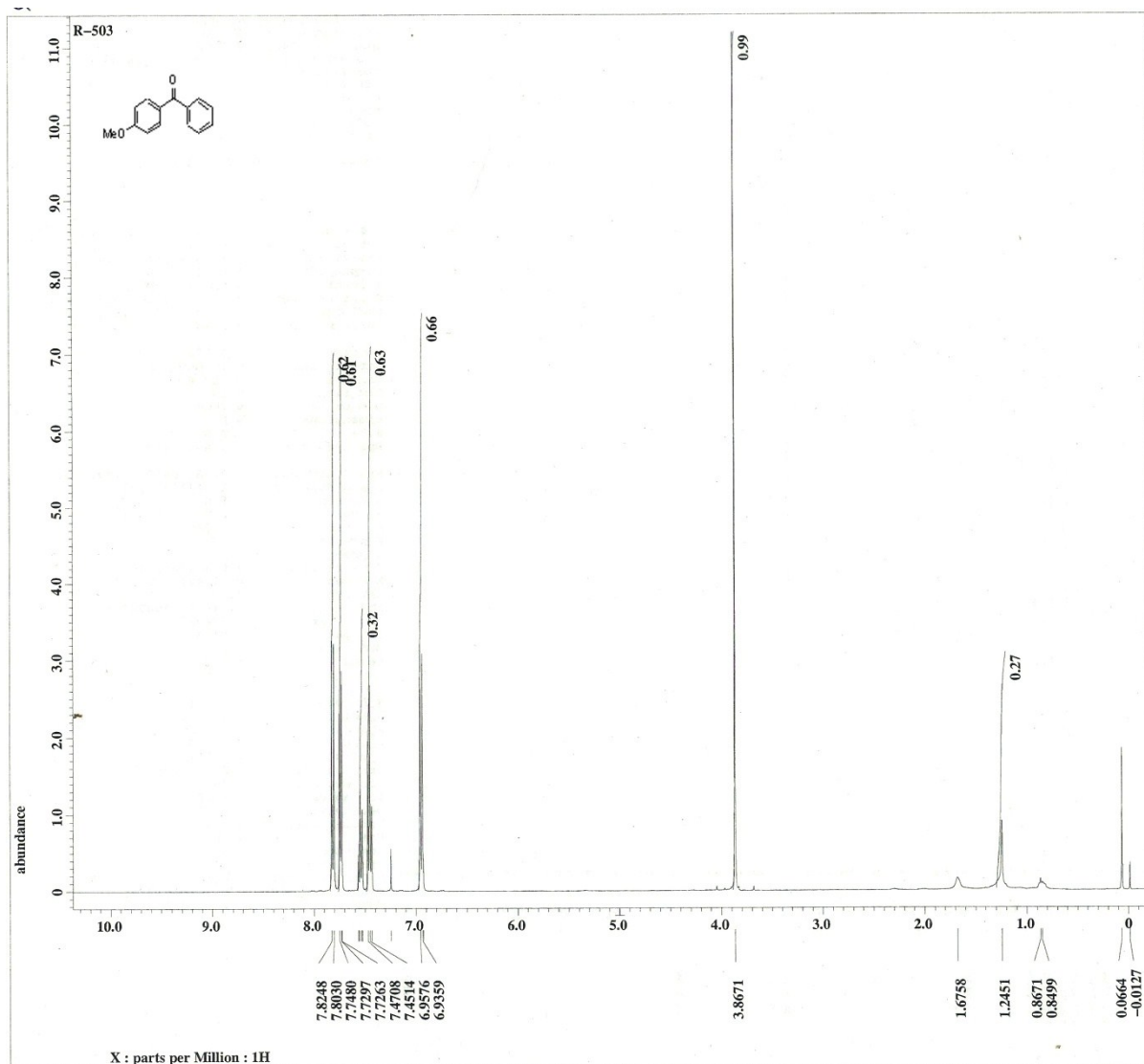
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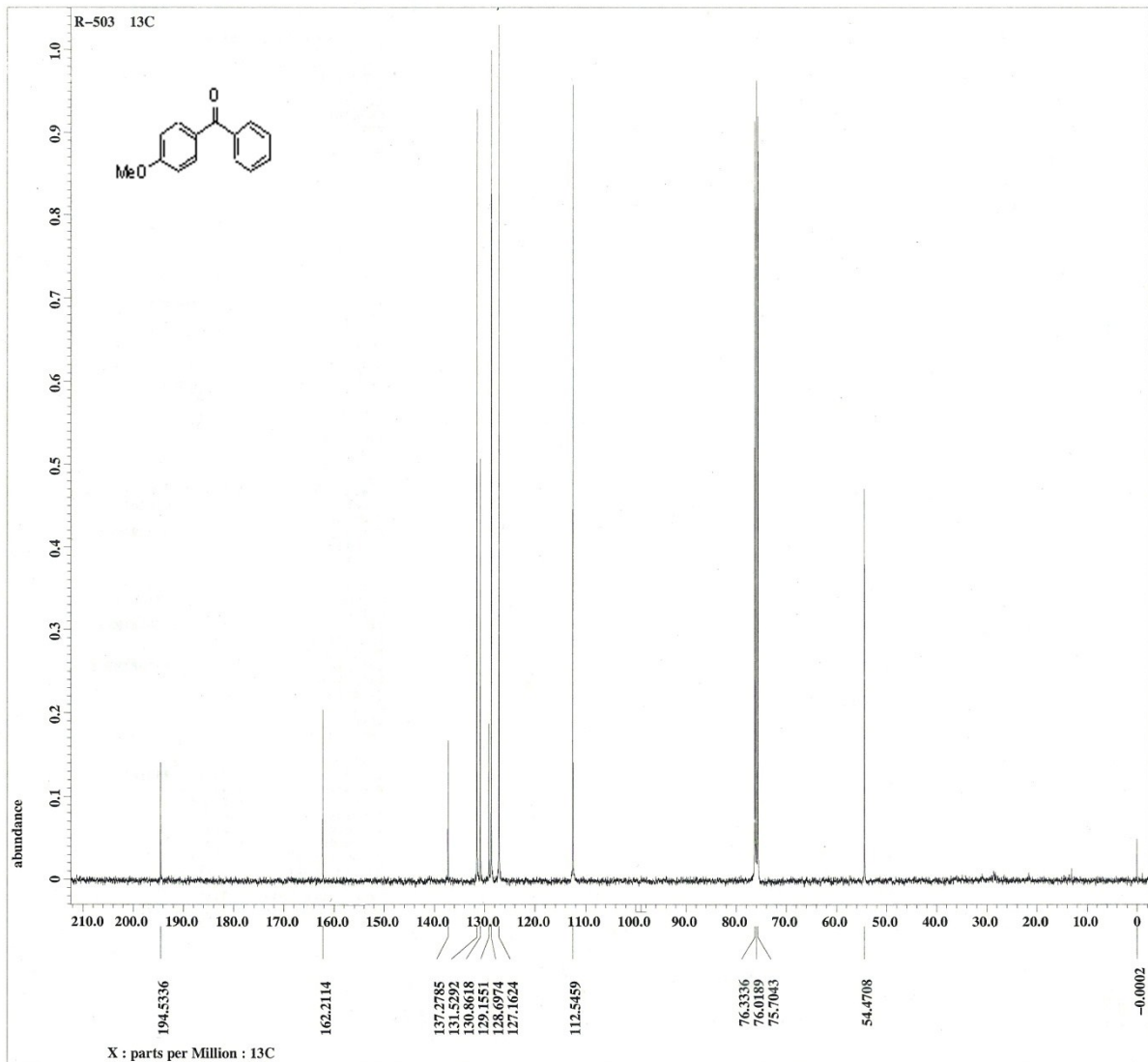
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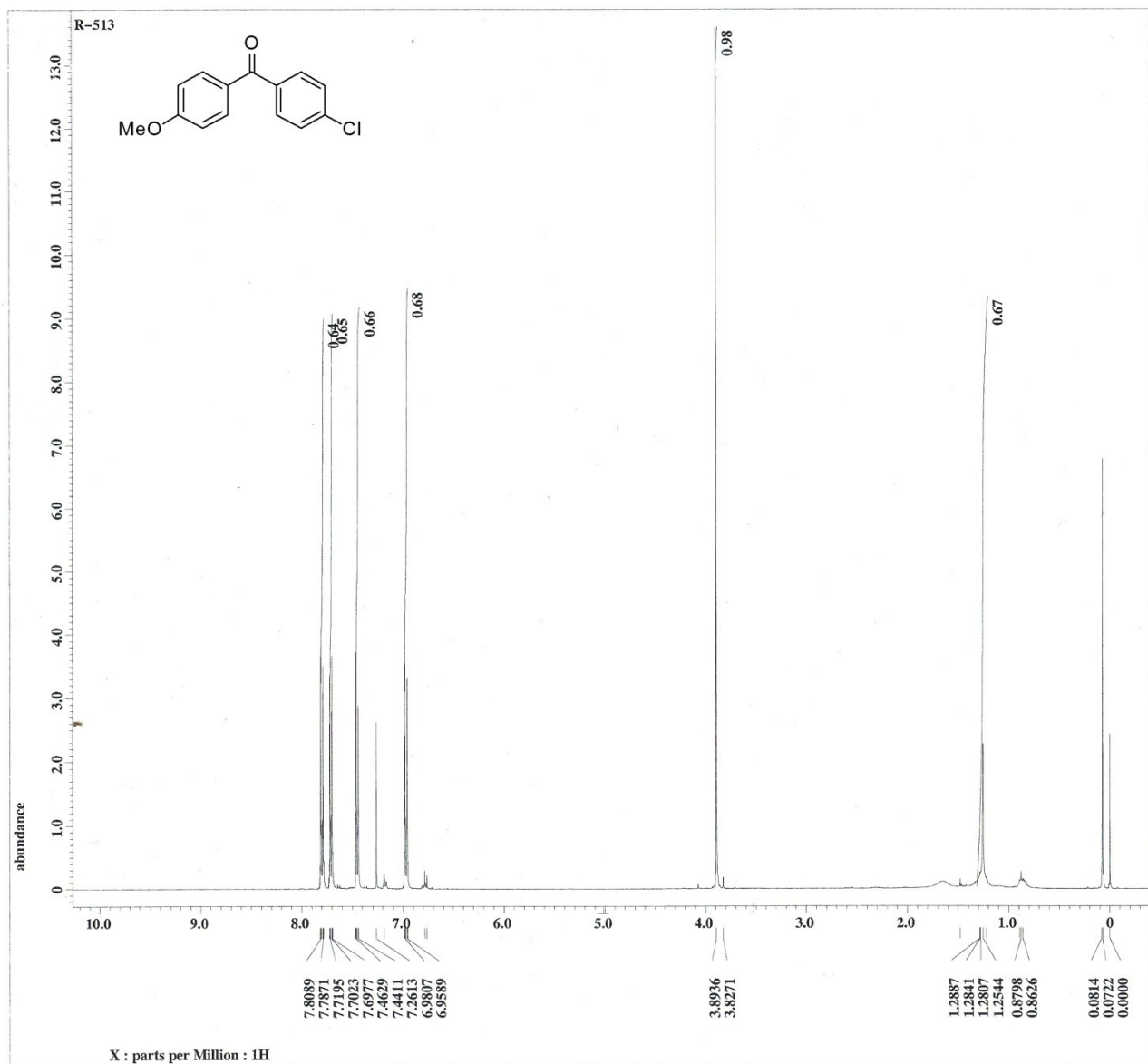
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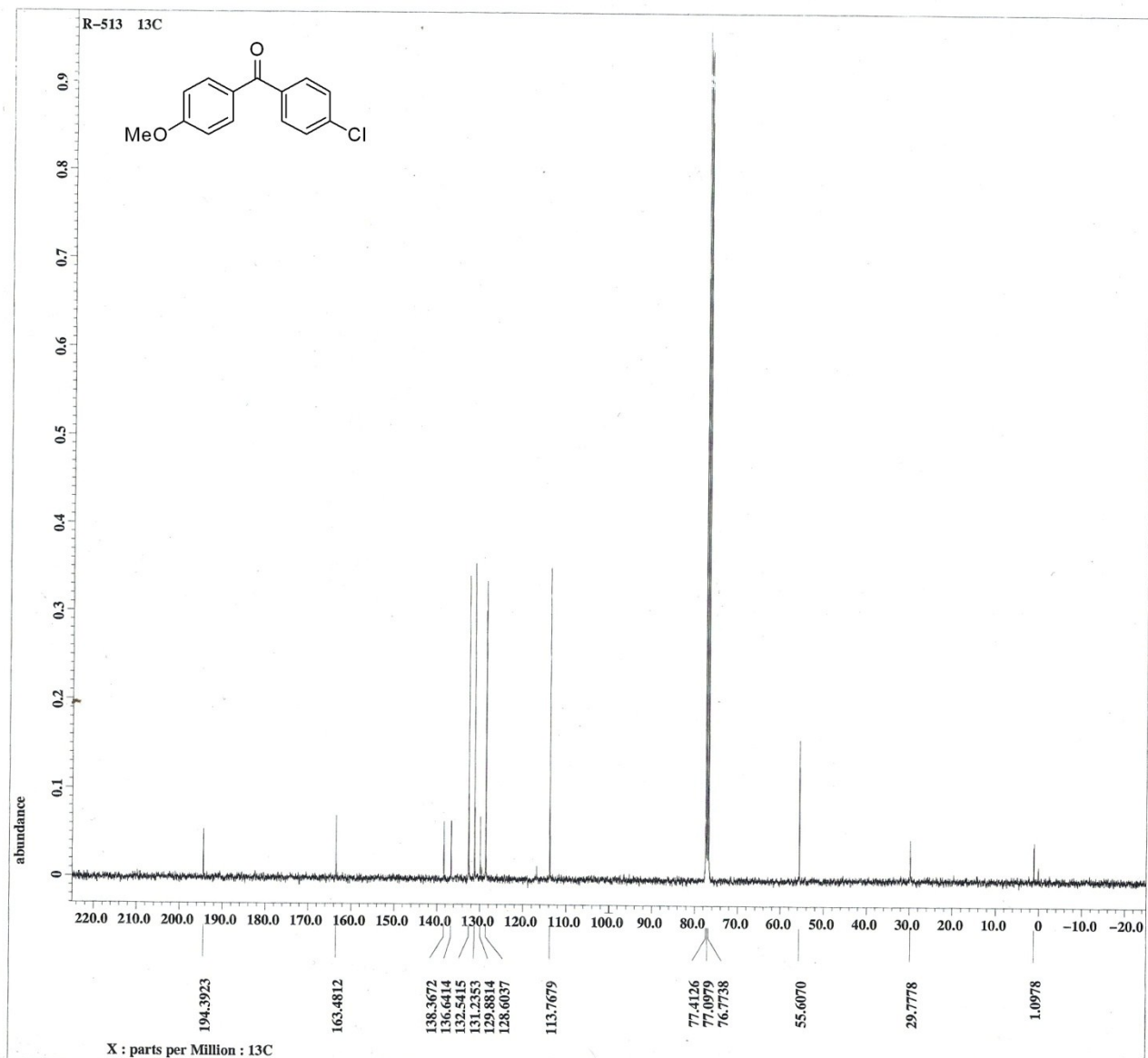
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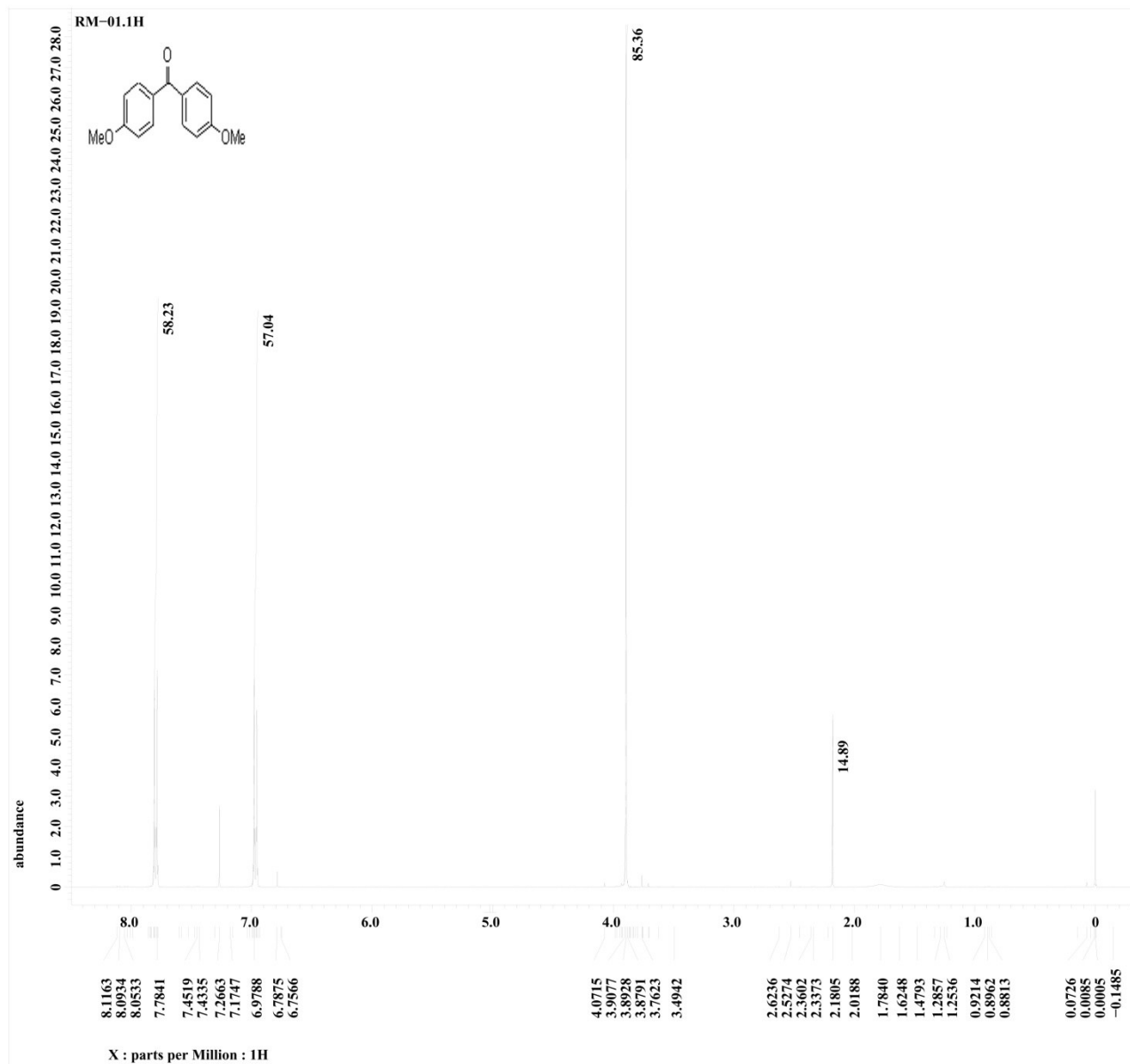
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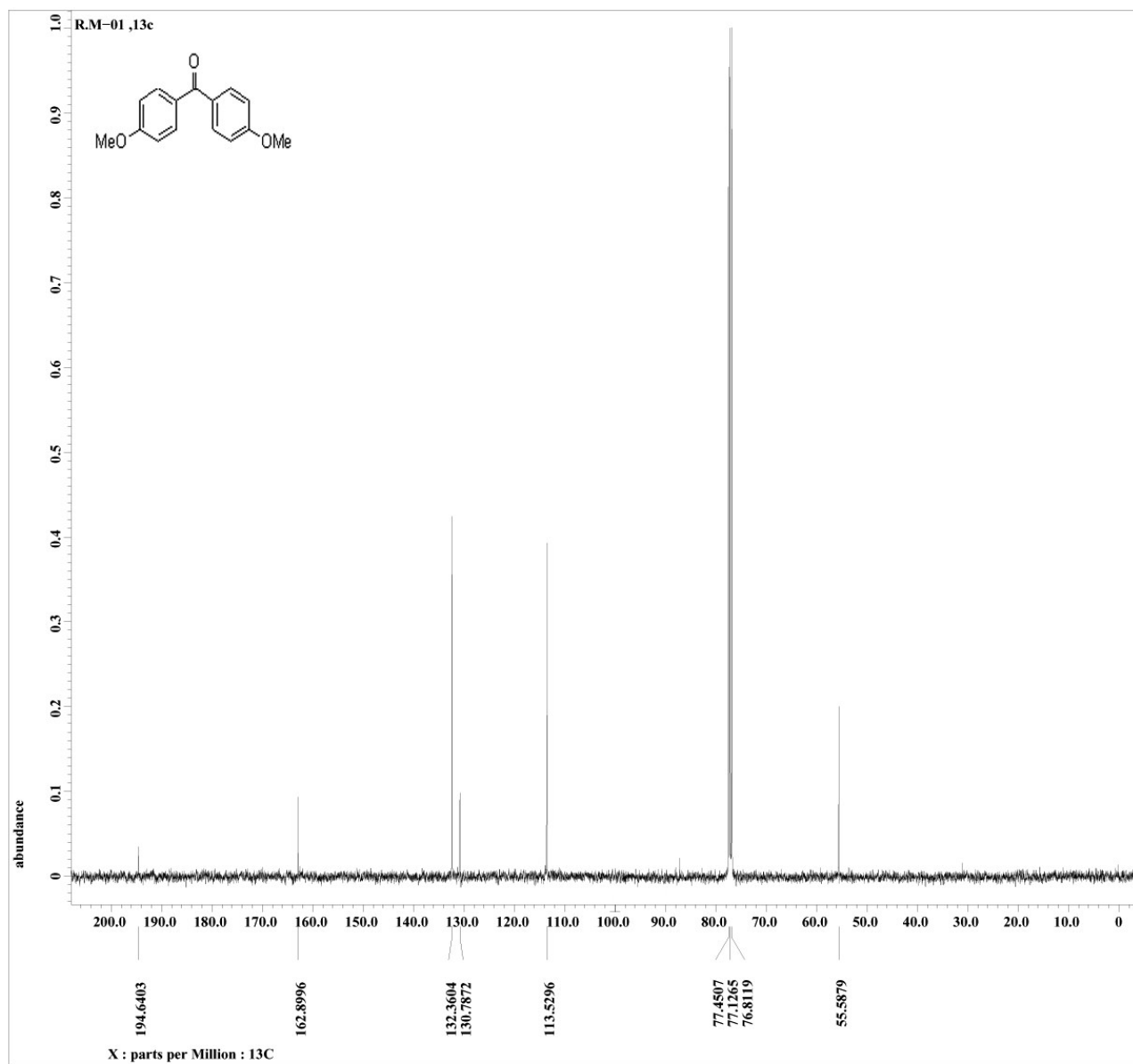


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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR of Compound 4dg**





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