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**The binuclear Cu(I) complex as novel catalyst towards direct synthesis of
N-2-aryl-substituted-1,2,3-triazoles from chalcones**

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Materials and methods

All chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemicals, USA and Merck Chemicals, India, and used without further purification. Solvents were purified by standard methods. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck Kieselgel 60 GF₂₅₄ plates (thickness 0.25 mm). Visualization was performed with a 254 nm UV lamp and by staining in I₂ chamber. All the reactions were carried out under an open atmosphere using oven-dried glassware.

Physico-chemical measurements

C, H and N contents were determined on an Exeter Analytical Inc. CHN Analyzer (Model CE-440). The copper content in the complex was analyzed gravimetrically as CuSCN after decomposing the organic matter with a mixture of conc. HNO₃ and HCl and by employing the standard literature procedure.¹ ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P NMR spectra of the compounds were recorded in DMSO-d₆ on a JEOL AL-300 FT-NMR multinuclear spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. All exchangeable protons were confirmed by addition of D₂O. Infrared spectra were recorded in KBr on a Varian 3100 FT-IR spectrophotometer in 4000–400 cm⁻¹ region.

Crystal structure determination

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data of H₂bioh ligand and its Cu(I) complex was obtained at 295(2) K, on a Oxford Diffraction Gemini diffractometer equipped with CrysAlis Pro., using a graphite mono-chromated Mo K α (λ = 0.71073 Å) radiation source. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXL-97) and refined against all data by full matrix least-square on F² using anisotropic displacement parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. All hydrogen atoms were included in the refinement at geometrically ideal position and refined with a riding model.^{2, 3} The MERCURY package and ORTEP-3 for Windows program were used for generating structures.^{4, 5}

Fig. S1. ^1H NMR spectra of the ligand (H_2bioh).

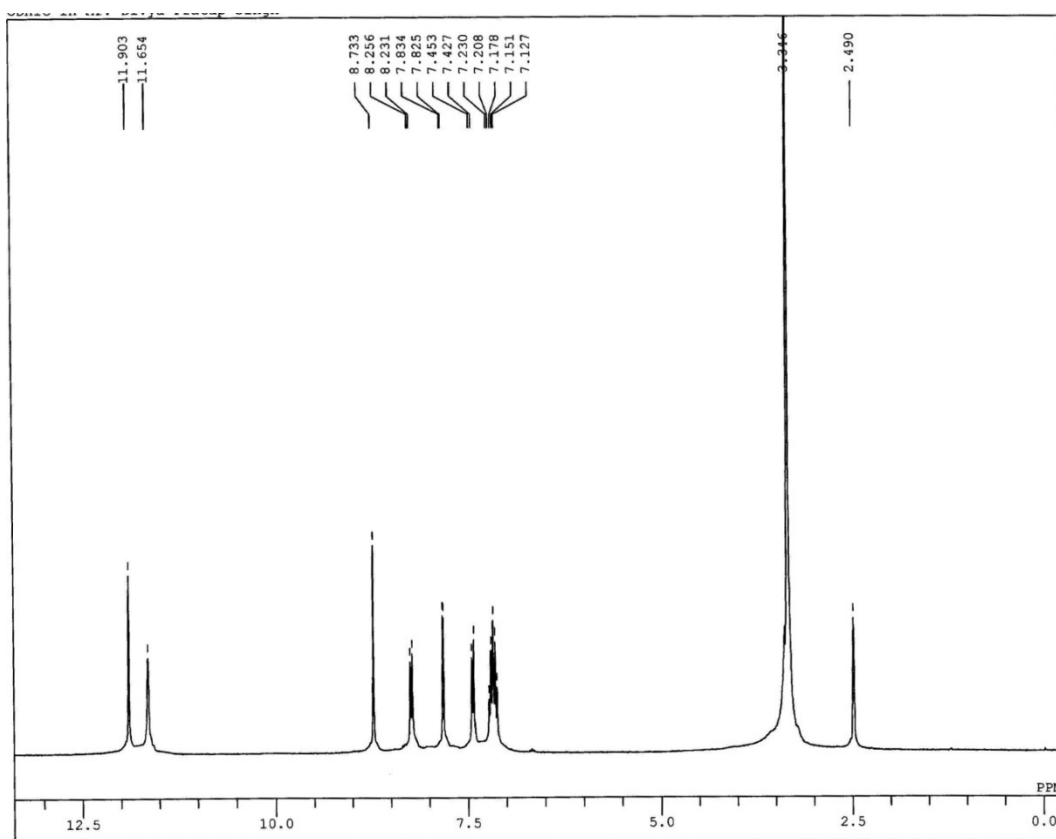


Fig. S2. ^{13}C NMR spectra of Cu(I) complex.

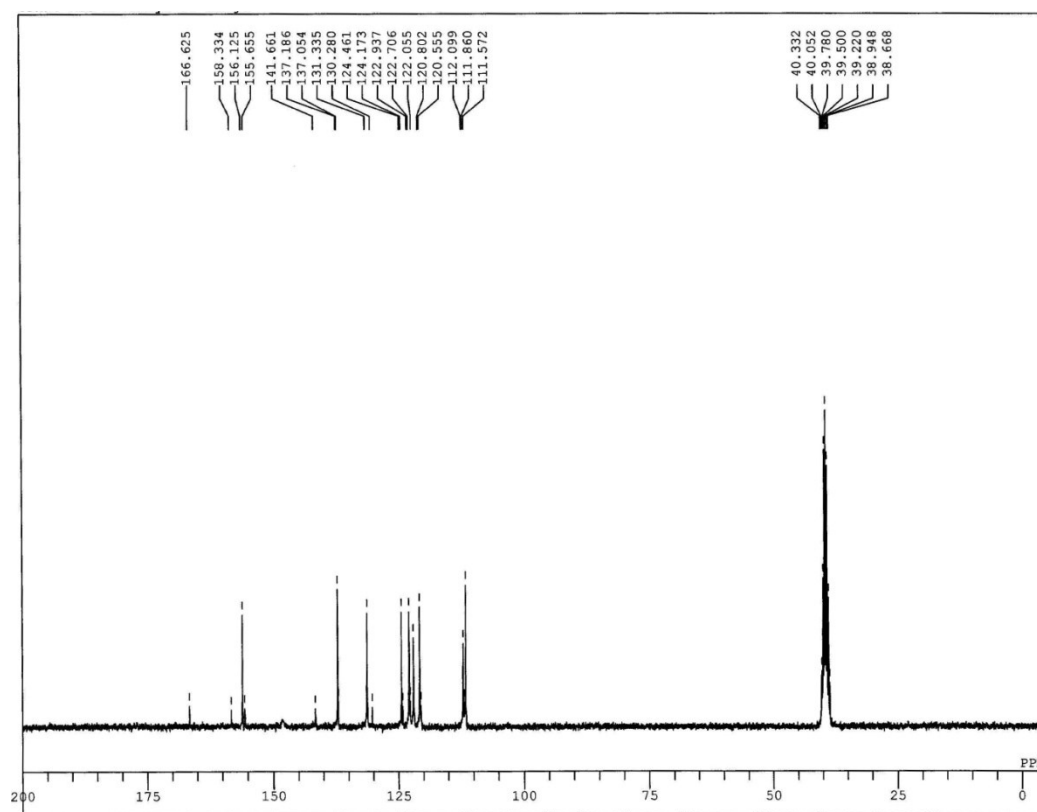


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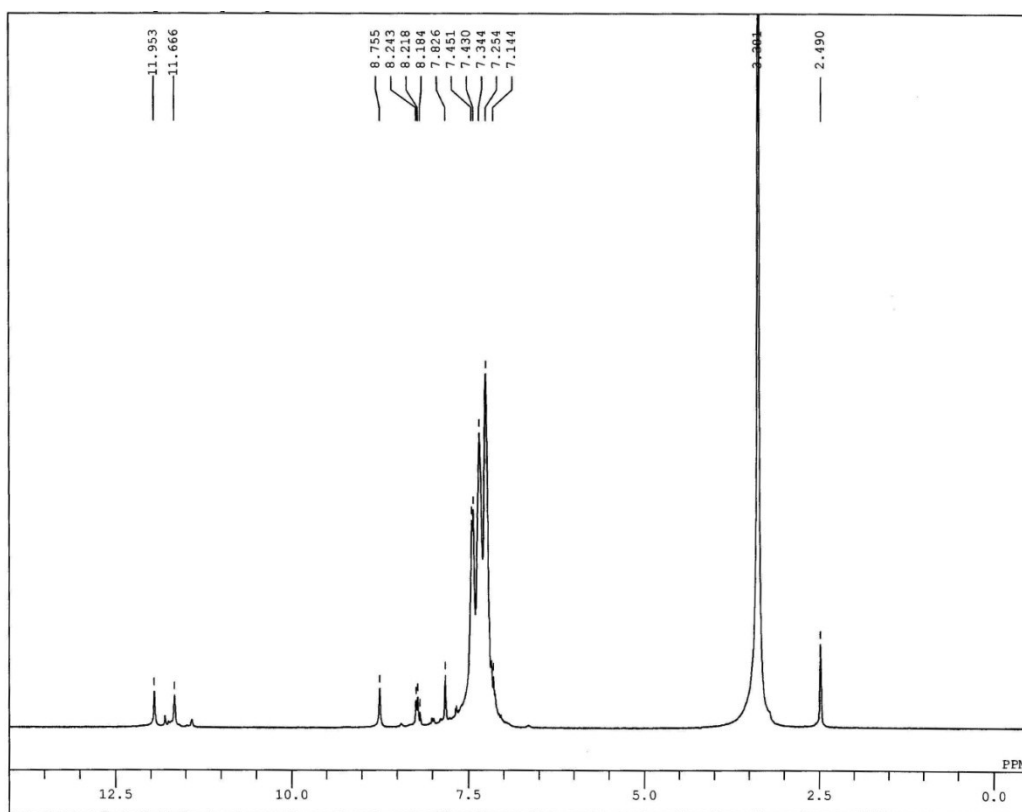


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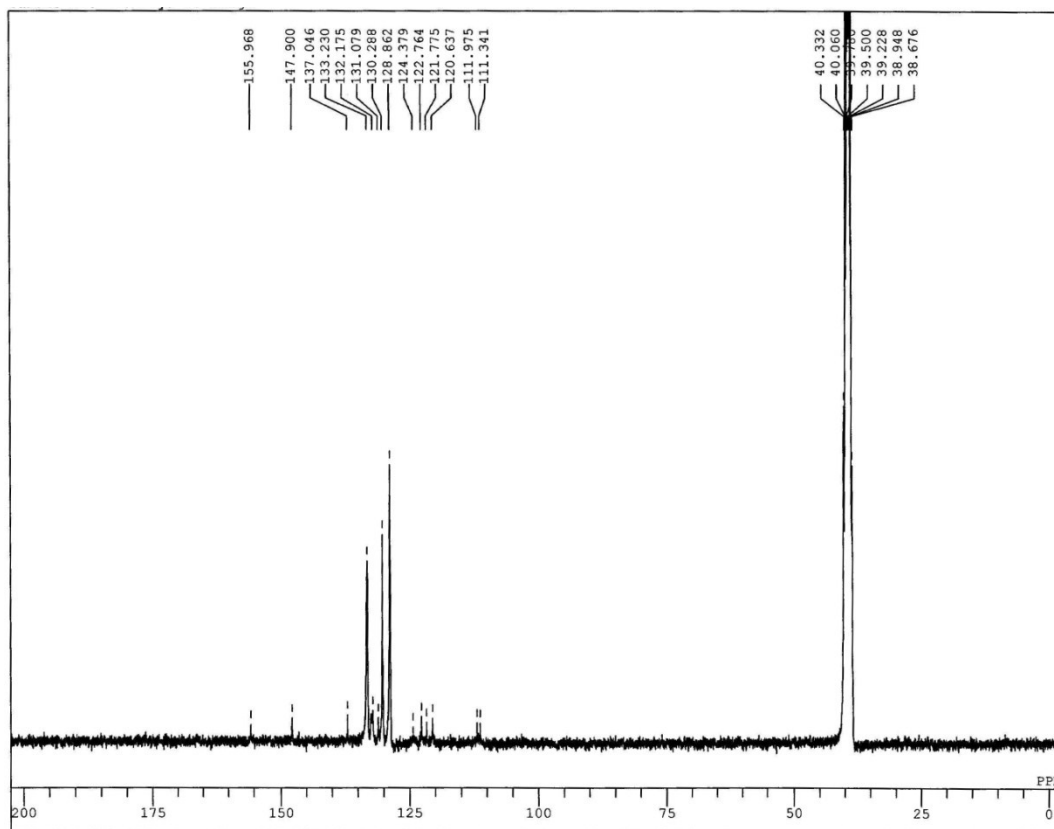


Fig. S5. Diagram showing inter-molecular H-bonding interactions in the H₂bioh.

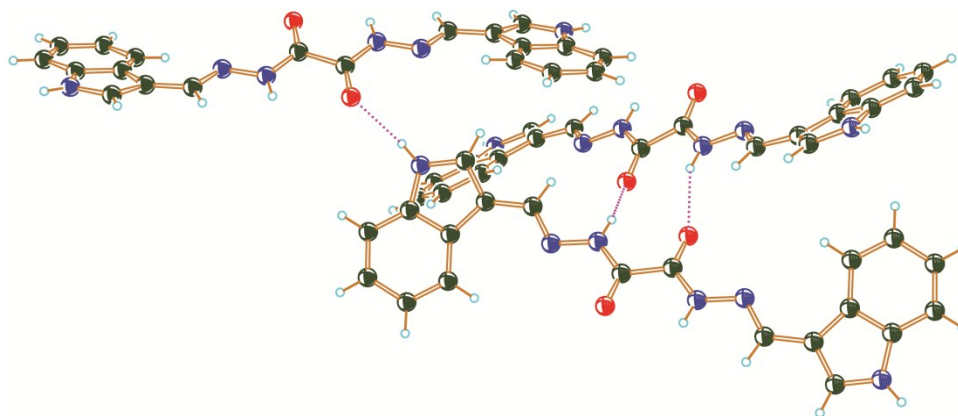


Fig. S6. Diagram of [Cu₂(H₂bioh)(PPh₃)₄]·(NO₃)₂(CH₃OH)₂ complex forming supra-molecular architecture along 'c'-axis.

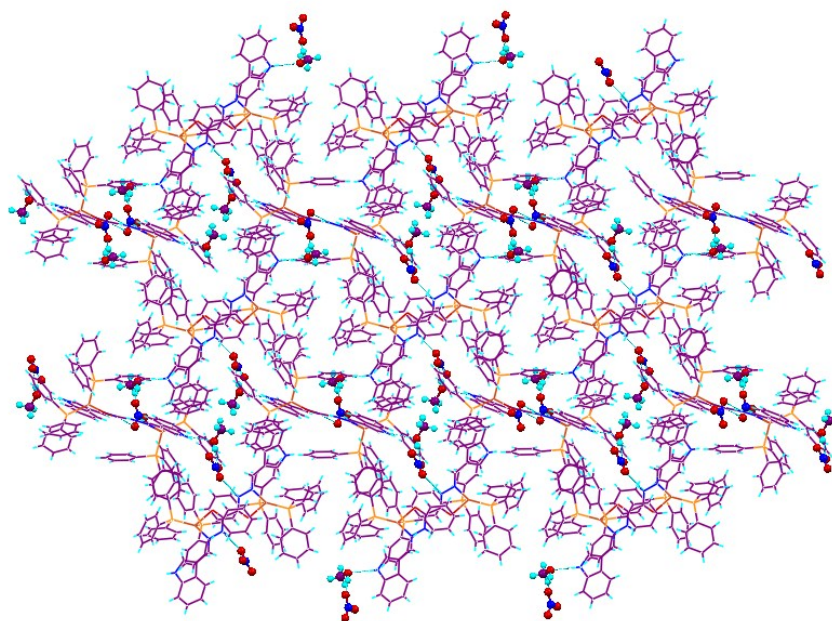


Table S1 Crystallographic data for H₂bioh and [Cu₂(H₂bioh)(PPh₃)₄](NO₃)₂(CH₃OH)₂

	H ₂ bioh	[Cu ₂ (H ₂ bioh)(PPh ₃) ₄](NO ₃) ₂ (CH ₃ OH) ₂
Empirical Formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N ₆ O ₂	C ₉₄ H ₈₂ Cu ₂ N ₈ O ₁₀ P ₄
Formula weight	372.39	1734.64
Temp, K	293(2)	293(2)
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	orthorhombic	Monoclinic
Space group	Pbcn	P 21/c
a (Å)	18.537(2)	12.5570(14)
b (Å)	10.3318(16)	21.963(2)
c (Å)	9.9527(10)	16.5060(18)
α (°)	90°	90°
β (°)	90°	103.072(10)°
γ (°)	90°	90°
V (Å ³)	1906.1(4)	4434.3(8)
Z	4	2
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.2977(3)	1.299
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.089	0.614
F(000)	776.0	1800
Crystal size (mm)	0.20x 0.18x 0.16	0.38 x 0.37 x 0.36
θ range for data collection (°)	3.59 to 29.13	3.14 - 29.22
No. of reflections collected	5521	23291
No. of independent reflections (R _{int})	2222 (0.0490)	10283 (0.0373)
Number of data/restraints/ parameters	2222 / 0 / 127	10283 / 0 / 538
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.053	1.014
R ₁ , wR ₂ ^{a,b} [(I>2 σ (I))]	0.0684, 0.0973	0.0565, 0.1172
R ₁ , wR ₂ ^{a,b} (all data)	0.1502, 0.1237	0.1073, 0.1413
Largest difference in peak and hole (e.Å ⁻³)	0.155 and -0.199	0.397 and -0.296

$$^a R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |Fc|| / \Sigma |F_o|.$$

$$^b R_2 = [\Sigma w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)|^2 / \Sigma w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$$

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°)

	H ₄ bioh	[Cu ₂ (H ₂ bioh)(PPh ₃) ₄] ²⁺ ·(NO ₃) ₂ (CH ₃ OH) ₂
Bond length		
O(1)-C(10)	1.236(2)	1.228(3)
N(2)-C(9)	1.285(3)	1.294(3)
N(2)-N(3)	1.390(2)	1.398(3)
N(3)-C(10)	1.319(2)	1.325(4)
C(2)-C(9)	1.425(3)	1.426(4)
N(1)-C(1)	1.346(3)	1.357(4)
N(1)-C(8)	1.376(3)	1.386(4)
Cu(1)-O(1)		2.197(18)
Cu(1)-N(2)		2.076(2)
Cu(1)-P(1)		2.235(9)
Cu(1)-P(2)		2.288(9)
Bond angles		
O(1)-C(10)-N(3)	125.21(19)	125.1(2)
C(10)-N(3)-N(2)	120.38(17)	117.3(2)
C(9)-N(2)-N(3)	113.67(19)	113.9(2)
N(2)-C(9)-C(2)	122.6(2)	124.5(3)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	106.0(2)	106.9(2)
C(9)-C(2)-C(3)	131.2(2)	123.6(3)
C(1)-N(1)-C(8)	109.5(2)	108.7(3)
C(10)-O(1)-Cu(1)		107.97(17)
C(9)-N(2)-Cu(1)		136.12(19)
N(3)-N(2)-Cu(1)		109.99(17)
N(2)-Cu(1)-O(1)		77.77(8)
O(1)-Cu(1)-P(1)		115.72(6)
O(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)		92.51(6)
N(2)-Cu(1)-P(1)		122.38(7)
N(2)-Cu(1)-P(2)		111.90(7)
P(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)		122.24(3)

Table S3 Hydrogen bond parameters [$\text{\AA}$ and $^\circ$] in H_2bioh

D–H $\cdots$ A	D–H	H $\cdots$ A	D $\cdots$ A	< (DHA)
N(1)–H(1A) $\cdots$ O(1)	0.86	2.10	2.920(3)	159
N(3)–H(3A) $\cdots$ O(1)	0.86	2.34	2.696(2)	105
N(3)–H(3A) $\cdots$ O(1)	0.86	2.09	2.882	153

$1-x, -y, -z; 1/2-x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z; x, -y, 1/2+z$

Hydrogen bond parameters [$\text{\AA}$ and $^\circ$] in $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{bioh})(\text{PPh}_3)_4] \cdot (\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})_2$

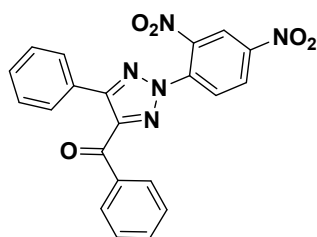
D–H $\cdots$ A	D–H	H $\cdots$ A	D $\cdots$ A	< (DHA)
N(1)–H(1A) $\cdots$ O(2)	0.86	1.96	2.790(4)	163
O(2)–H(2A) $\cdots$ O(3)	0.82	1.95	2.759(5)	169
N(3)–H(3A) $\cdots$ O(3)	0.96(3)	2.52(3)	3.232(4)	131(2)
N(3)–H(3A) $\cdots$ O(4)	0.96(3)	1.99(3)	2.909(4)	160(3)
C(9)–H(9) $\cdots$ O(4)	0.93	2.43	3.257(4)	149
C(14)–H(14) $\cdots$ O(4)	0.93	2.55	3.474(6)	171
C(28)–H(28) $\cdots$ O(1)	0.93	2.56	3.459(4)	164
C(40)–H(40) $\cdots$ O(4)	0.93	2.58	3.337(5)	139

$-1/2+x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z; -1/2+x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z$

$3/2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z; 1/2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z$

Spectral data for some representative products:

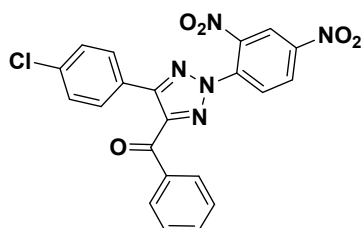
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^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.66–8.56 (m, 1H), 8.55–8.52 (m, 1H), 8.35–8.02 (m, 1H), 8.07–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.85–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45 (br s, 2H) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 186.98, 162.0, 152.2, 146.4, 145.3, 142.5, 136.2, 134.9, 134.2, 130.4, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 125.3, 120.8 ppm.

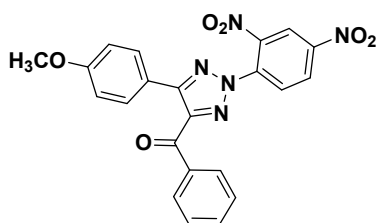
(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4d):



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.66–8.54 (m, 1H), 8.34–8.32 (m, 1H), 8.06–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.26 (m, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 186.67, 158.99, 151.29, 146.5, 145.0, 142.5, 136.4, 136.0, 134.8, 134.3, 131.5, 130.4, 130.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.2, 126.3, 125.4, 121.8, 121.2, 120.8 ppm.

(2-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4g):



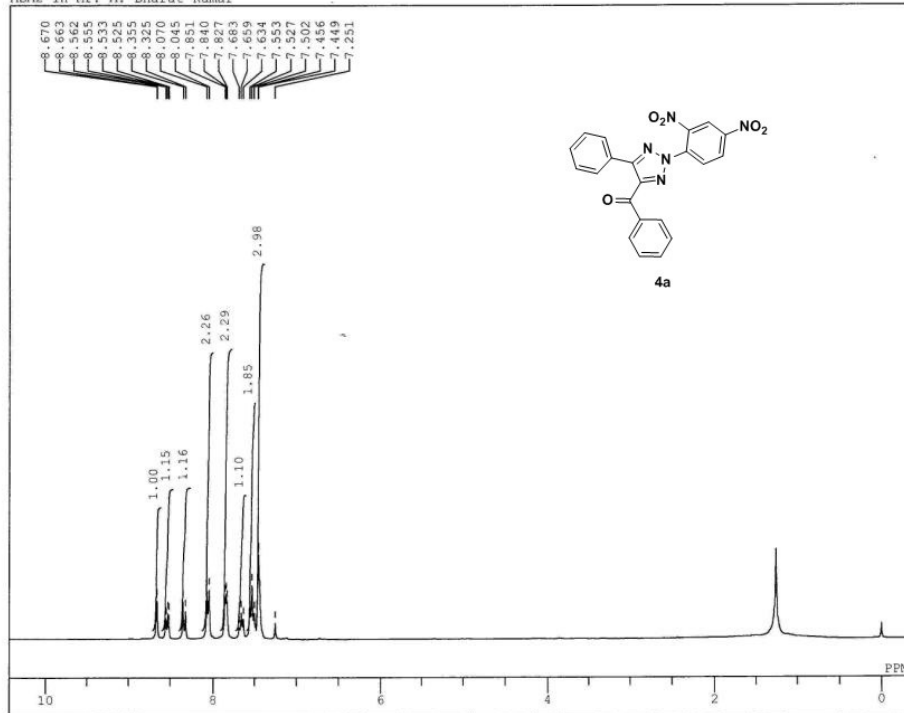
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.59–8.56 (m, 1H), 8.38–8.35 (m, 1H), 8.08–8.05 (m, 2H), 7.86–7.83 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.51 (m, 2H), 6.99–6.96 (m, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 187.1, 161.2, 152.1, 146.3, 144.9, 136.3, 134.9, 134.1, 130.5, 130.4, 128.6, 127.1, 125.1, 120.8, 120.2, 114.1, 55.3 ppm.

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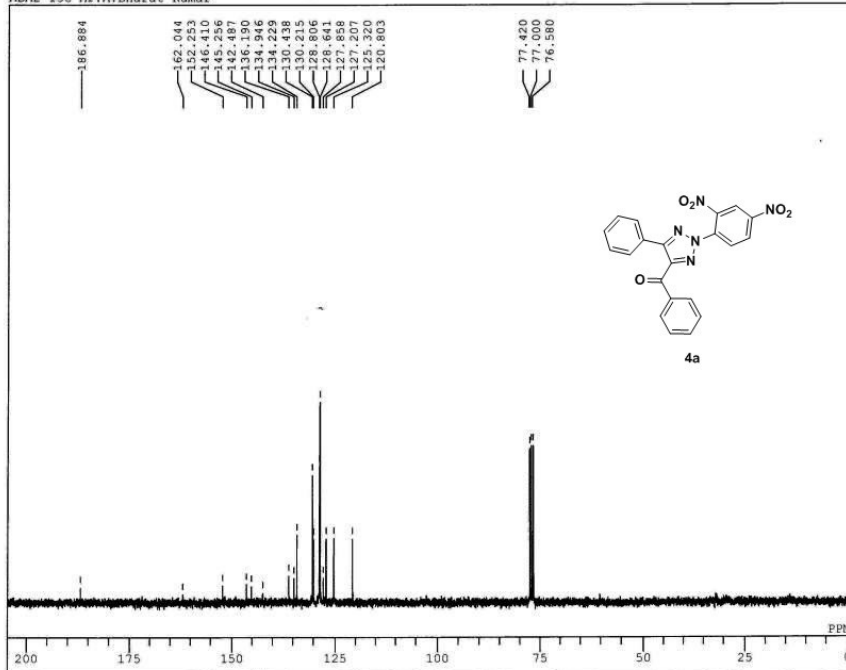


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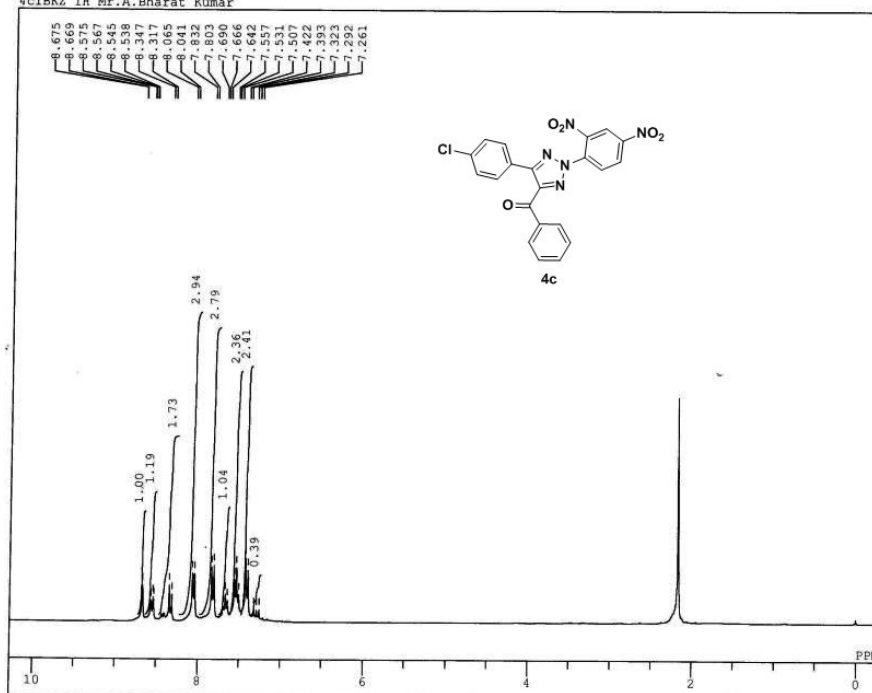


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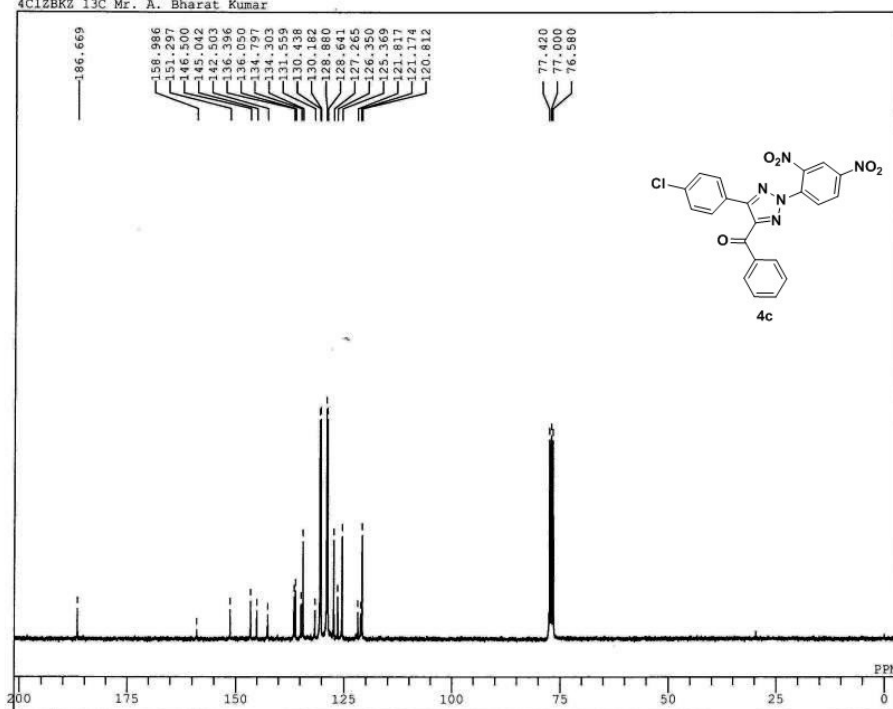


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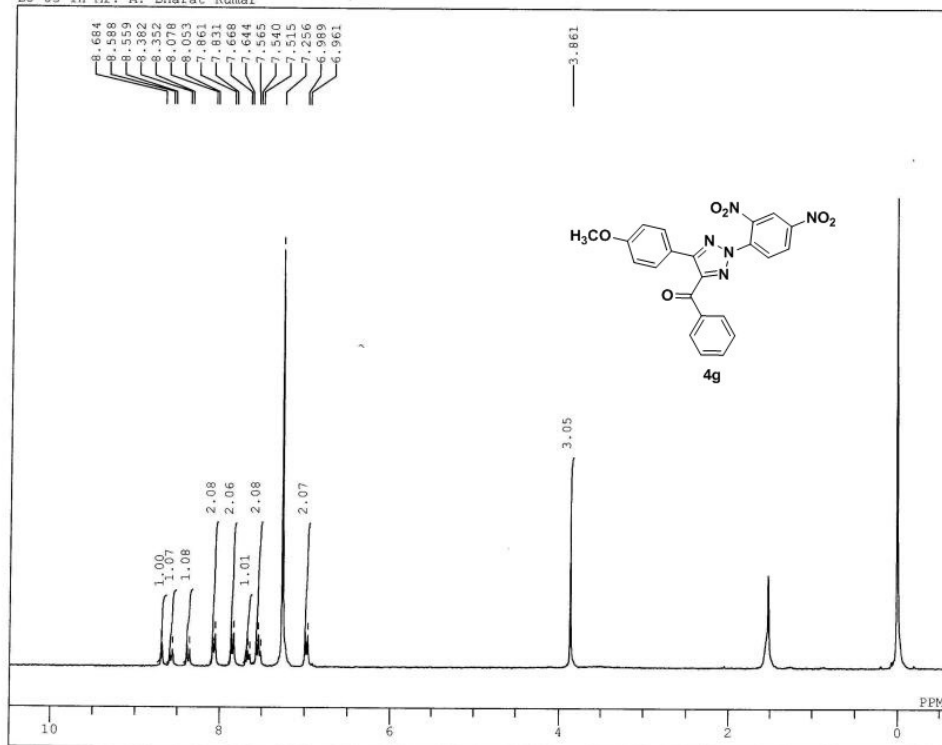


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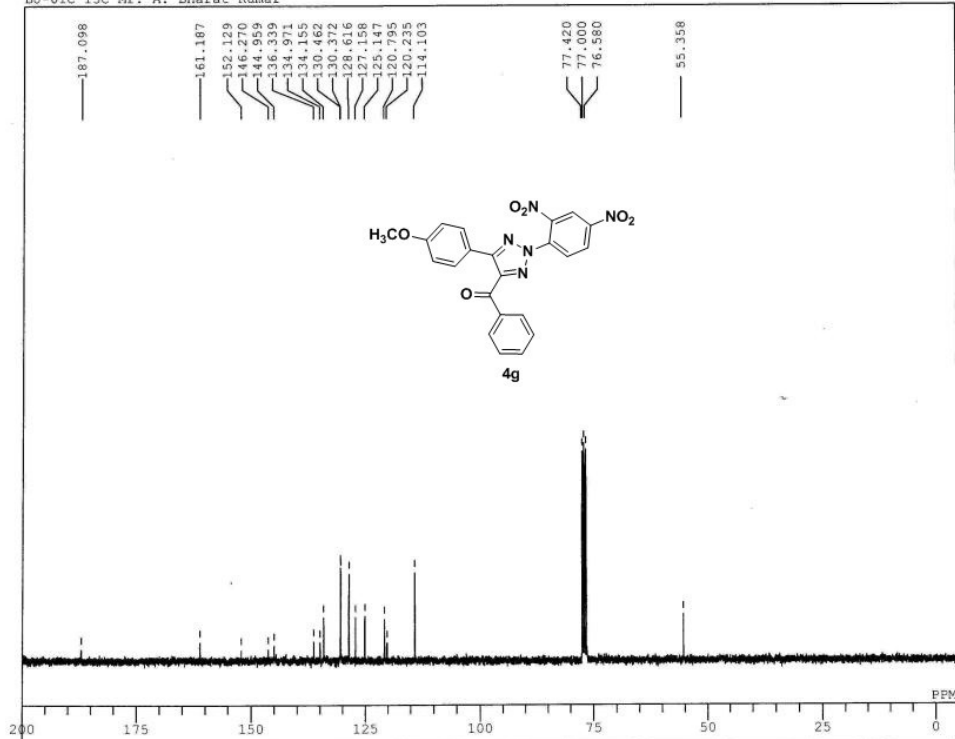


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