

Supplementary Information

for

Transition metal free catalytic hydroboration of aldehydes and aldimines by amidinato silane

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General Experimental Information

All reactions were performed under argon atmosphere using Schlenk techniques or inside a MBraun glove box. Pinacolborane (HBpin), aldehydes were purchased from Sigma–Aldrich, Alfa–Aesar, and TCI and used without further purification. Imines obtained from benzaldehyde derivatives were prepared by stirring the carbonyl precursor with 1.1 equivalents of the relevant amine in dichloromethane over molecular sieves for 18 hours at room temperature, followed by filtration, solvent removal and recrystallization of the imine from hexanes.^[S1] Compound **1** was synthesized by a literature procedure.^[S2] Benzene was distilled from Na/benzophenone and further dried by molecular sieves prior to use. Acetonitrile was used from MBraun-SPS 800. C₆D₆ and CDCl₃ were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, were degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, and stored over molecular sieves. ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV–200MHz and referenced to the resonances of the solvent used.

Stoichiometric reaction of catalyst **1** and benzaldehyde

A solution of Benzaldehyde (0.1 g, 1 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was added dropwise to the toluene solution (15 mL) of **1** (0.3 g, 1 mmol) at –60 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Volatiles of the mixture were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with toluene and concentration of the solution led to colorless solid of **Int-2**. Yield (0.40 g, 49%), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.80-7.28 (m, 10H, ArH), 5.05 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 1.17 (s, 18H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 125.70 MHz, 298 K): δ 31.56 (CH₃), 55.45 (C(CH₃)₃), 66.00 (OCH₂), 155.15 (NCN) ppm; ²⁹Si{¹H}NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K): δ -101.28 ppm.

*Note: The formation of **Int-2** was always accompanied with the formation of free amidinate ligand! As a result designation of phenyl carbons in **Int-2** from the ¹³C NMR spectrum was difficult.*

Alternative Preparation of Int-2. To the solution of KOBn (0.2 g, 1.36 mmol) in 10 mL toluene, toluene solution (20 mL) of PhC(NtBu)₂SiCl₃ (0.5 g, 1.36 mmol) was added drop by drop at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C and then slowly allowed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The filtrate was collected by filtration through celite pad glass frit, concentrated under vacuum and kept for crystallization. Yield: 52%.

General catalytic procedure for the hydroboration of aldehydes

Aldehyde (0.5 mmol), pinacolborane (0.5 mmol), catalyst (1 mol%), benzene (1 mL) were charged in a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bead inside the glove box. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by ¹H

NMR, which indicated the completion of the reaction by the disappearance of aldehyde (RCHO) proton and appearance of a new OCH₂ resonance. For isolation of corresponding primary alcohol of few aldehyde, reactions were scaled up and carried out at same reaction condition as mentioned.

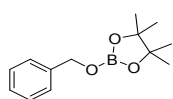
Upon completion of the reaction, three of the resulted boronate ester residue were hydrolysed by silica gel with methanol at 60 °C for 4–6 hrs. The completion of hydrolysis was checked by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered and washed three times with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried, evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100–200 mesh) with pet ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) mixture as eluent, which provided the pure primary alcohols.

Table S1. Optimization Table of Hydroboration of Benzaldehyde Catalysed by 1 in benzene

entry	catalyst (mol%)	temp.	Time (h)	Conv. (%)
1	0.5	rt	1	77
2	0.5	50 °C	1	88
3	1.0	rt	1	96
4	1.5	rt	1	96

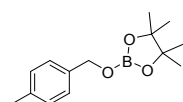
Analytical data and NMR (¹H, ¹³C) spectra of boronate esters of corresponding aldehydes

2-(benzyloxy)-pinacolborane (2): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.28-7.18 (m, 5H,



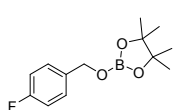
ArH), 4.85 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 1.18 (s, 12H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.48 (CH₃), 66.55 (CH₂), 82.90 (C(CH₃)₂), 126.65 (Ph), 127.27 (Ph), 128.20 (Ph), 139.16 (ArC-R) ppm.

2-((4-methylbenzyl)oxy)-pinacolborane (3): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.18-



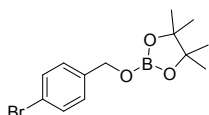
7.14 (d, ³J_{H-H}=8.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.07-7.03 (d, ³J_{H-H}=7.9 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.80 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.25 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 1.18 (s, 12H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 21.05 (Ar-CH₃), 24.54 (CH₃), 66.51 (CH₂), 82.80 (C(CH₃)₂), 126.77 (Ph), 126.87 (Ph), 136.19 (Ph), 139.90 (Ph) ppm.

2-((4-fluorobenzyl)oxy)-pinacolborane (4): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.30-



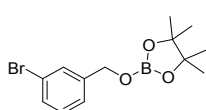
6.85 (m, 4H, *ArH*), 4.80 (s, 2H, CH_2), 1.19 (s, 12H, CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.51 (CH_3), 65.98 (CH_2), 83.01 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 115.05 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}=21.22$ Hz, *Ar-C*), 128.58 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}=8.05$ Hz, *Ar-C*), 134.88 (*Ar-C*), 162.13 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.17$ Hz, *ArC-F*) ppm.

2-((4-bromobenzyl)oxy)-pinacolborane (5): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.36 (d,



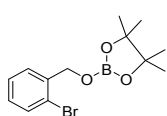
2H, *ArH*), 7.12(d, 2H, *ArH*), 4.78 (s, 2H, CH_2), 1.18 (s, 12H, CH_3) ppm.

2-((3-bromobenzyl)oxy)-pinacolborane (6): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.49-



7.06 (m, 4H, *ArH*), 4.81 (s, 2H, CH_2), 1.19 (s, 12H, CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.56 (CH_3), 65.77 (CH_2), 83.12 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 125.09 (*Ph*), 129.66 (*Ph*), 129.81 (*Ph*), 130.37 (*Ph*), 137.24 (*Ph*), 141.45 (*Ph*) ppm.

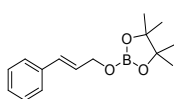
2-((2-bromobenzyl)oxy)-pinacolborane (7): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.47-



6.97(m, 4H, *ArH*), 4.90(s, 2H, CH_2), 1.19 (s, 12H, CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.53 (CH_3), 66.21 (CH_2), 83.08 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 121.45 (*Ph*), 127.27 (*Ph*), 127.73 (*Ph*), 128.54 (*Ph*), 132.18 (*Ph*), 138.25 (*Ph*)

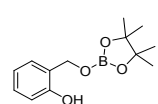
ppm.

2-(cinnamyloxy)-pinacolborane (8): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.32-7.09 (m,



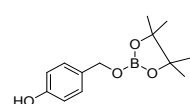
5H, *ArH*), 6.61-6.49 (d, 1H, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=15.7$ Hz, 1H *ArCH*), 6.29-6.13 (m, 1H, *CHCH*), 4.48-4.45 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=5.3$ Hz, CH_2), 1.18 (s, 12H, CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.51 (CH_3), 65.17 (CH_2), 82.87 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 126.34 (*Ph*), 126.69 (*Ph*), 127.42 (*Ph*), 128.43 (*Ar-CH*), 130.54 (*Ar-CHCH*), 136.76 (*ArC-R*) ppm.

2-(2-hydroxybenzyloxy)-pinacolborane (9): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.11-



7.07 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=7.58$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 6.84-6.79 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 4.90 (s, 2H, CH_2), 1.19 (s, 12H, CH_3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.45 (CH_3), 64.50 (CH_2), 83.49 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 116.85 (*Ph*), 124.11 (*Ph*), 128.23 (*Ph*), 129.22 (*Ph*), 129.49 (*Ph*), 152.02 (*ArC-OH*) ppm.

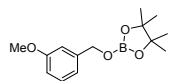
2-(4-hydroxybenzyloxy)-pinacolborane (10): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.19-



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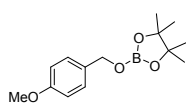
(CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.41 (CH₃), 66.55 (CH₂), 83.04 (C(CH₃)₂), 116.08 (*Ph*), 124.11 (*Ph*), 128.19 (*Ph*), 132.45 (*Ph*), 155.59 (ArC-OH) ppm.

2-((3-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-pinacolborane (11): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.20-



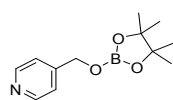
6.67 (m, 4H, ArH), 4.83 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.18 (s, 12H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.49 (CH₃), 55.05 (OCH₃), 66.43 (CH₂), 82.89 (C(CH₃)₂), 111.74 (*Ph*), 113.07 (*Ph*), 118.77 (*Ph*), 129.20 (*Ph*), 140.73 (*Ph*), 159.57 (ArC-OMe) ppm.

2-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-pinacolborane (12): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.22-



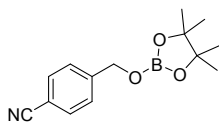
7.17 (d, ³J_{H-H}=8.84 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80-6.76 (d, ³J_{H-H}=8.72 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.77 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.18 (s, 12H, CH₃) ppm.

4-(((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)pyridine (13): ¹H NMR



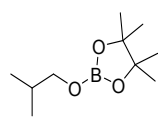
(CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 8.51-8.48 (d, ³J_{H-H}=6.06 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.21-7.18 (d, ³J_{H-H}=5.81 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.87 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.19 (s, 12H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.48 (CH₃), 64.86 (CH₂), 83.21 (C(CH₃)₂), 120.79 (*Ph*), 128.20 (*Ph*), 149.36 (*Ph*) ppm.

4-(((4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)oxy)methyl)benzonitrile (14): ¹H NMR



(CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.56-7.52 (d, ³J_{H-H}=8.46 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.38-7.33 (d, ³J_{H-H}=7.83 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.89 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.19 (s, 12H, CH₃) ppm.

2-isobutoxy-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (15): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz,

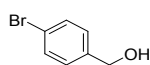


298 K): δ 3.60 (d, ³J_{H-H}=6.57 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.81 (sept, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.25 (s, 12H, CH₃), 0.88 (d, ³J_{H-H}=6.69 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 82.42 (C(CH₃)₂), 71.21 (CH₂), 29.68 (CH(CH₃)₂), 24.43 (CH₃), 18.61 (CH₃) ppm.

Isolation of primary alcohols

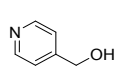
In three cases, we have performed the hydrolysis and isolated the primary alcohols:

4-bromo benzyl alcohol (5'): Yield: 146.5 mg (78.3%); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K):



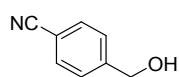
δ 7.42-7.37 (d, ³J_{H-H}=8.46 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.17-7.13 (d, ³J=7.83 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.55 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.61 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 64.58 (CH₂), 128.32 (*Ph*), 128.57 (*Ph*), 139.74 (*Ph*) ppm.

(Pyridine-4-yl)methanol (13'): Yield: 89.5 mg (83%); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K):



δ 8.48-8.45 (d, ³J_{H-H}=5.94 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.31-7.28 (d, ³J_{H-H}=6.06 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.74 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.99 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 62.97 (CH₂), 121.20(Ph), 149.27(Ph), 151.02 (Ph) ppm.

4-cyano benzylalcohol (14'): Yield: 53 mg (40%); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ



7.67-7.63 (d, ³J_{H-H}=8.34 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.50-7.46 (d, ³J_{H-H}=8.59 Hz, 2H, ArH), 4.79 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.05 (s, 1H, OH) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 24.7 (CH₃), 64.17 (CH₂), 111.11 (C-CN), 118.83 (CN), 126.98 (Ph), 132.28 (Ph), 146.19 (ArC-CN) ppm.

General catalytic procedure for the hydroboration of Imines

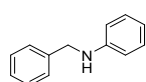
Imine (1 mmol), pinacolborane (1 mmol), catalyst **1** (2 mol %), acetonitrile (1 mL) were charged in a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bead inside the glove box. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature and then slowly heated at 65 °C for 48-72 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR, which indicated the completion of the reaction by the disappearance of Imine (RCHNR') proton and appearance of a new CH₂ resonance. Upon completion of the reaction, resulted boronate ester residues were hydrolysed with silica gel and methanol at 65 °C for 4-6 h. The completion of hydrolysis was checked by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered and washed three times with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried, evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100–200 mesh) with pet ether/ethyl acetate (1:5) mixture as eluent, which provided the pure secondary amines.

Table S2. Optimization Table of Hydroboration of diphenyl imines Catalysed by **1 in acetonitrile**

entry	catalyst (mol%)	temp.	Time (h)	Conv. (%)
1	1	rt	24	0
2	2	rt	24	Trace
3	2	65°C	24	70
4	2	65°C	48	95

Isolation of secondary amines

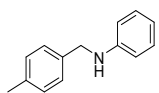
N-benzylaniline (16): Isolated Yield: 157.5 mg (86%); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz, 298 K):



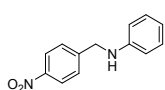
δ 7.36-7.13 (m, 7H, ArH), 6.74-6.61 (m, 3H, ArH), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.01 (s,

1H, NH) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 148.11, 139.40, 129.23, 128.60, 127.48, 127.19, 117.53, 112.81 (*Ph*), 48.29 (CH_2) ppm.

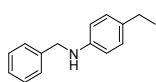
N-(4-methylbenzyl)aniline (17): Isolated Yield: 146 mg (74%); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.20-7.05 (m, 6H, *ArH*), 6.67-6.53 (m, 3H, *ArH*), 4.20 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.89 (s, 1H, *NH*), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH_3) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 148.19, 136.84, 136.33, 129.27, 129.22, 127.49, 117.45, 112.80 (*Ph*), 48.05 (CH_2), 21.07 (CH_3) ppm.



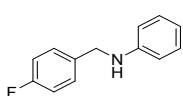
N-(4-nitrobenzyl)aniline (18): Isolated Yield: 198.5 mg (87%); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 8.20-8.16 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=8.84$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 7.55-7.51 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=8.84$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 7.22-7.12 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 6.78-6.71 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=7.0$ Hz, 1H, *ArH*), 6.60-6.56 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=7.58$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 4.47 (s, 2H, CH_2), 4.25 (s, 1H, *NH*) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 147.47, 147.29, 147.15, 129.35, 127.66, 123.85, 118.18, 112.88 (*Ph*), 47.58 (CH_2) ppm.



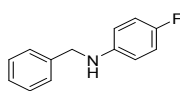
N-benzyl-4-ethyl-aniline (19): Isolated Yield: 186 mg (88%); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.31-7.11 (m, 5H, *ArH*), 6.95-6.90 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=8.46$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 6.51-6.47 (d, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=6.46$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 4.21 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.81 (s, 1H, *NH*), 2.51-2.39 (q, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=22.74$ Hz, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 1.14-1.06 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}=15.16$ Hz, 3H, CH_2CH_3) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 146.06, 139.61, 133.43, 128.55, 127.51, 127.13, 112.98 (*Ph*), 48.65 (CH_2NH), 27.90 (CH_2CH_3), 15.92 (CH_2CH_3) ppm.



N-(4-fluorobenzyl)aniline (20): Isolated Yield: 152.9 mg (76%); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 7.15-7.05 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 6.98-6.89 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 6.68-6.51 (m, 3H, *ArH*), 4.21 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.92 (s, 1H, *NH*) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 162.01 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}=245.17$ Hz, *ArC-F*), 147.90 (*Ph*), 135.10 (*Ph*), 129.25 (*Ph*), 128.96 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}=8.05$ Hz, *Ph*), 117.71, (*Ph*), 115.40 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}=21.22$ Hz, *Ar-C*), 112.85 (*Ph*), 47.57 (CH_2) ppm.

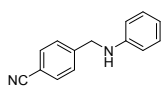


N-benzyl-4-fluoroaniline (21): Isolated Yield: 158.9 mg (79%); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.36-7.23 (m, 5H, *ArH*), 6.91-6.82 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 6.58-6.51 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 4.27 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.92 (s, 1H, *NH*) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 155.85 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}=234.92$ Hz, *ArC-F*), 144.44 (*Ph*),



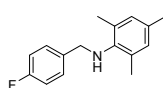
139.21 (*Ph*), 128.63 (*Ph*), 127.45 (*Ph*), 127.27 (*Ph*), 115.62 (d, $J_{C-F}=22.32$ Hz, *Ph*), 113.61 (d, $J_{C-F}=7.32$ Hz, *Ph*), 48.89 (CH_2) ppm.

4-((phenylamino)methyl)benzonitrile (22): 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.55-



7.51 (d, $^3J_{H-H}=8.46$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 7.41-7.37 (d, $^3J_{H-H}=8.08$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 7.17-7.05 (q, $^3J_{H-H}=6.46$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 6.69-6.62 (t, $^3J_{H-H}=14.65$ Hz, 1H, *ArH*), 6.52-6.47 (d, $^3J_{H-H}=7.71$ Hz, 2H, *ArH*), 4.34 (s, 2H, CH_2), 4.14 (s, 1H, *NH*) ppm; $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 50.28 MHz, 298 K): δ 147.35, 145.35, 132.37, 129.30, 127.64, 118.83, 118.03, 112.82, 110.83 (*Ph*), 47.71 (CH_2) ppm.

N-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2,4,6-trimethylaniline (23): Isolated Yield: 126.5 mg (52%); 1H NMR



($CDCl_3$, 200 MHz, 298 K): δ 7.29-7.18 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 6.99-6.90 (m, 2H, *ArH*), 6.76 (s, 2H, CH_2), 3.94 (s, 2H, *NH*), 2.95 (s, 1H, CH_3) ppm.

Details of the theoretical calculations

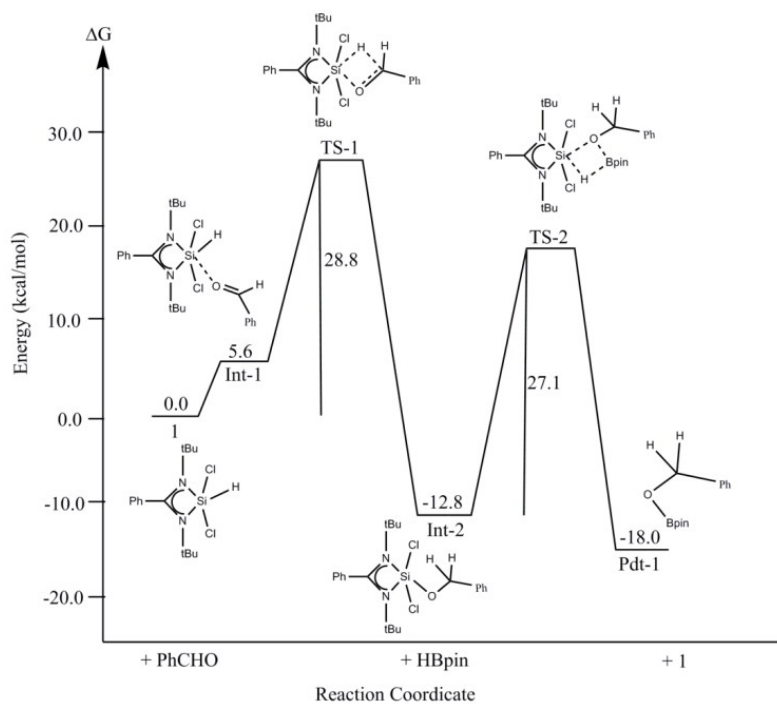
All the calculations in this study have been performed with density functional theory (DFT), with the aid of the Turbomole 6.4 suite of programs,^[S3] using the PBE functional.^[S4] The TZVP^[S5] basis set has been employed. The resolution of identity (RI),^[S6] along with the multiple accelerated resolution of identity (marij)^[S7] approximations have been employed for an accurate and efficient treatment of the electronic Coulomb term in the DFT calculations. Dispersion correction (disp3) and solvent correction were incorporated with optimization calculations using the COSMO model,^[S8] with dichloroethane ($\epsilon = 10.36$) as the solvent. The values reported are ΔG values, with zero point energy corrections, internal energy and entropic contributions included through frequency calculations on the optimized minima with the temperature taken to be 298.15 K. Harmonic frequency calculations were performed for all stationary points to confirm them as a local minima or transition state structures. The efficiency of a catalytic cycle, as well as the relative prominence of transition states, can be estimated using the *AUTO*F program, which is based on the energetic span model (ESM) defined by Shaik and co-workers.^[S9-S11] According to this model, the TOF-determining transition state (TDTS) and intermediate (TDI) can be located from a catalytic cycle by the evaluation of the degree of TOF control (X_{TOF}).⁵⁶ TOF can be calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{TOF} = \frac{K_B T}{h} e^{-\delta E/RT}$$

Where δE , the energetic span, can be defined as,

$$\delta E = T_{\text{TDS}} - T_{\text{TDI}} \quad \text{If TDS appears after TDI}$$

$$\delta E = T_{\text{TDS}} - T_{\text{TDI}} + \Delta G_r \quad \text{If TDS appears before TDI}$$



Scheme S1. The reaction energy profile diagram for the catalytic hydroboration of benzaldehyde by catalyst 1. The values (in kcal/mol) have been calculated at the PBE/TZVP level of theory with DFT.

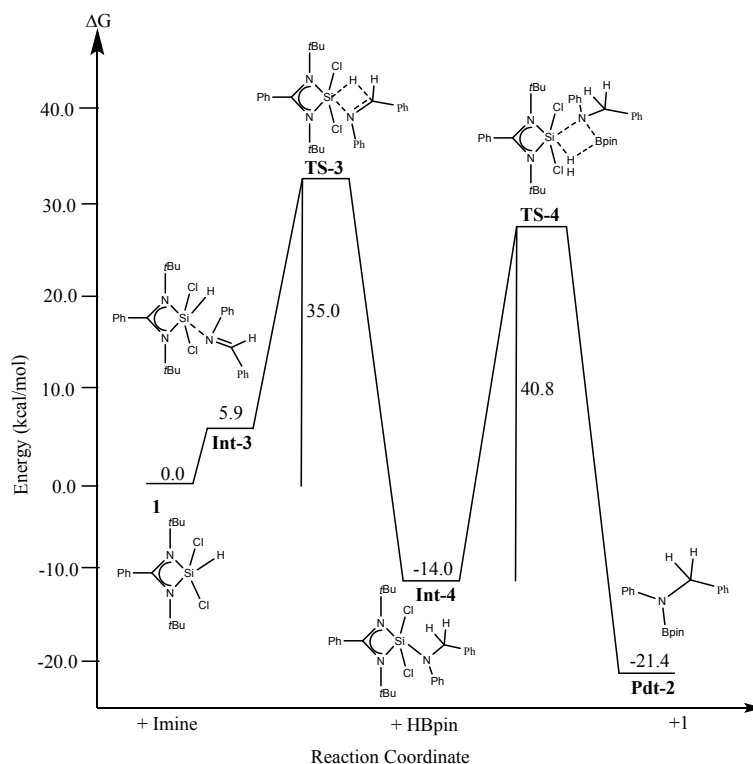


Figure S1. The reaction energy profile diagram for the catalytic imine hydroboration by catalyst **1**. The values (in kcal/mol) have been calculated at the PBE/TZVP level of theory with DFT.

PBE/TZVP optimized geometries for all the compounds and transition states

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PBE/TZVP Energy : -1195016.22 kcal/mol

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PBE/TZVP Energy : -1802264.03 kcal/mol

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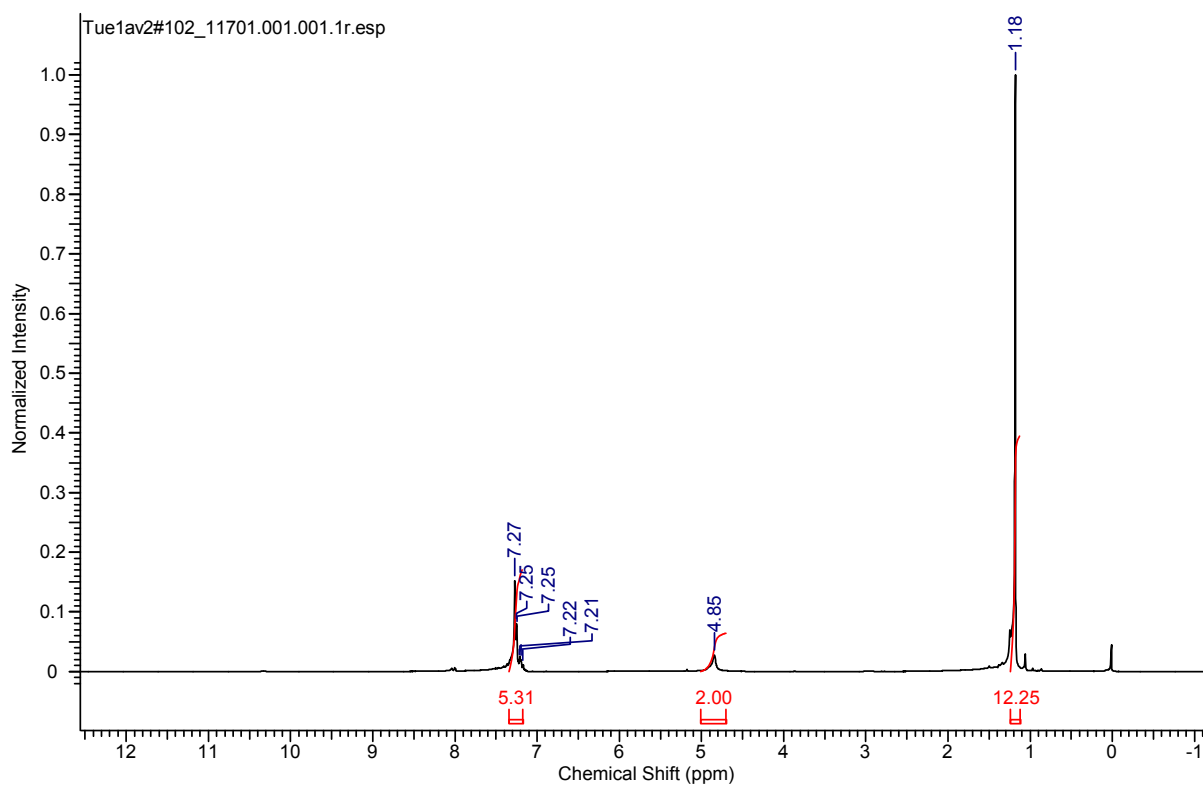
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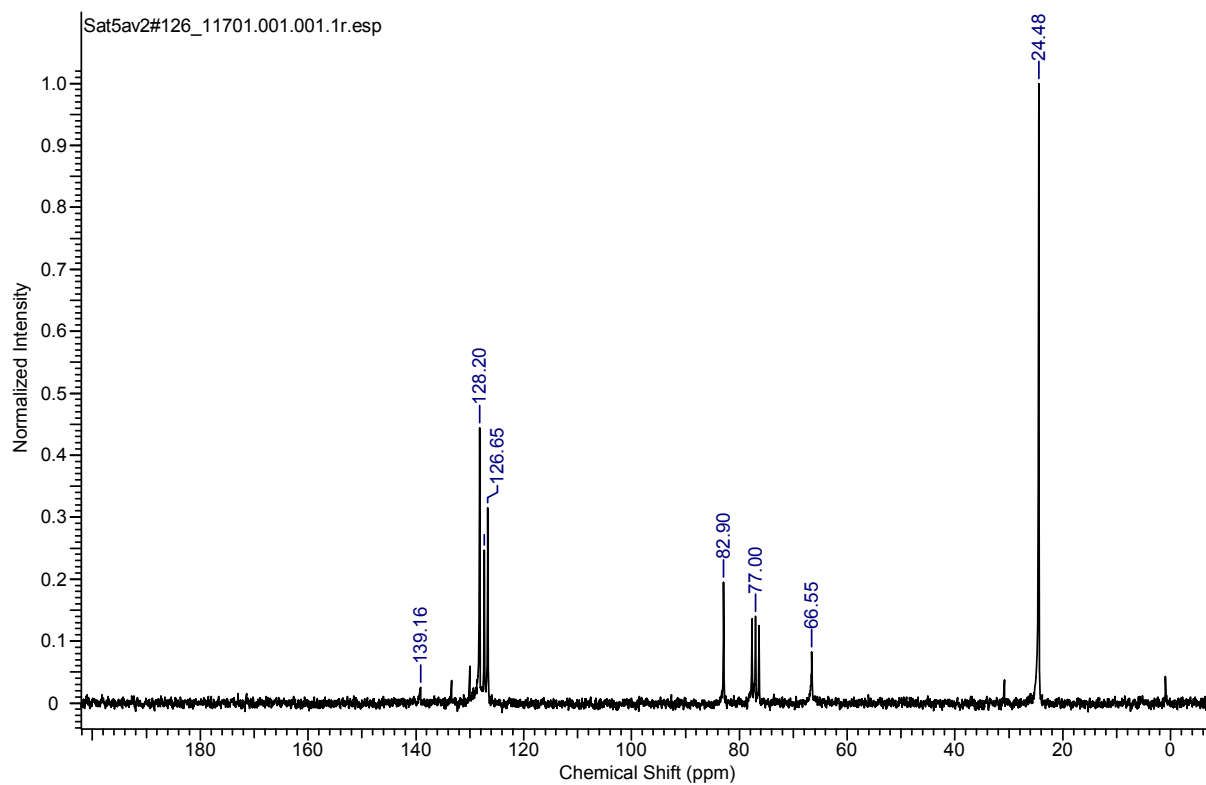
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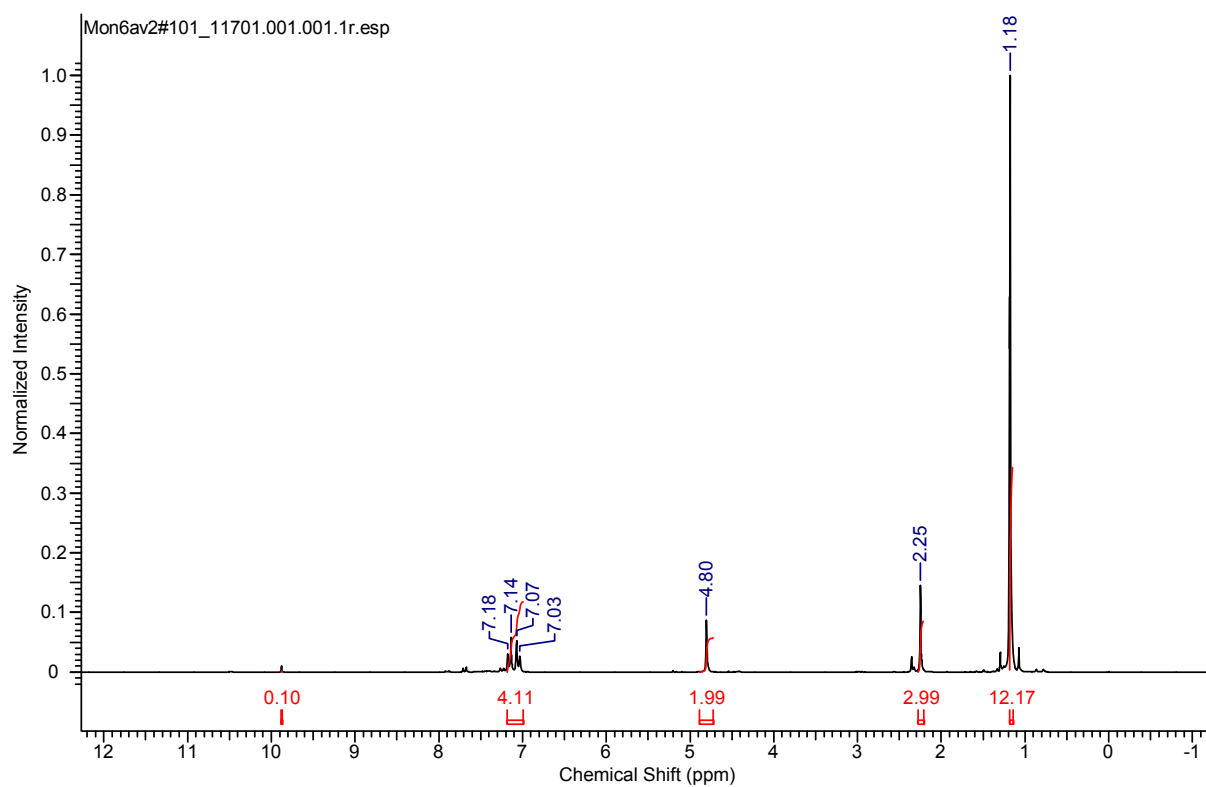
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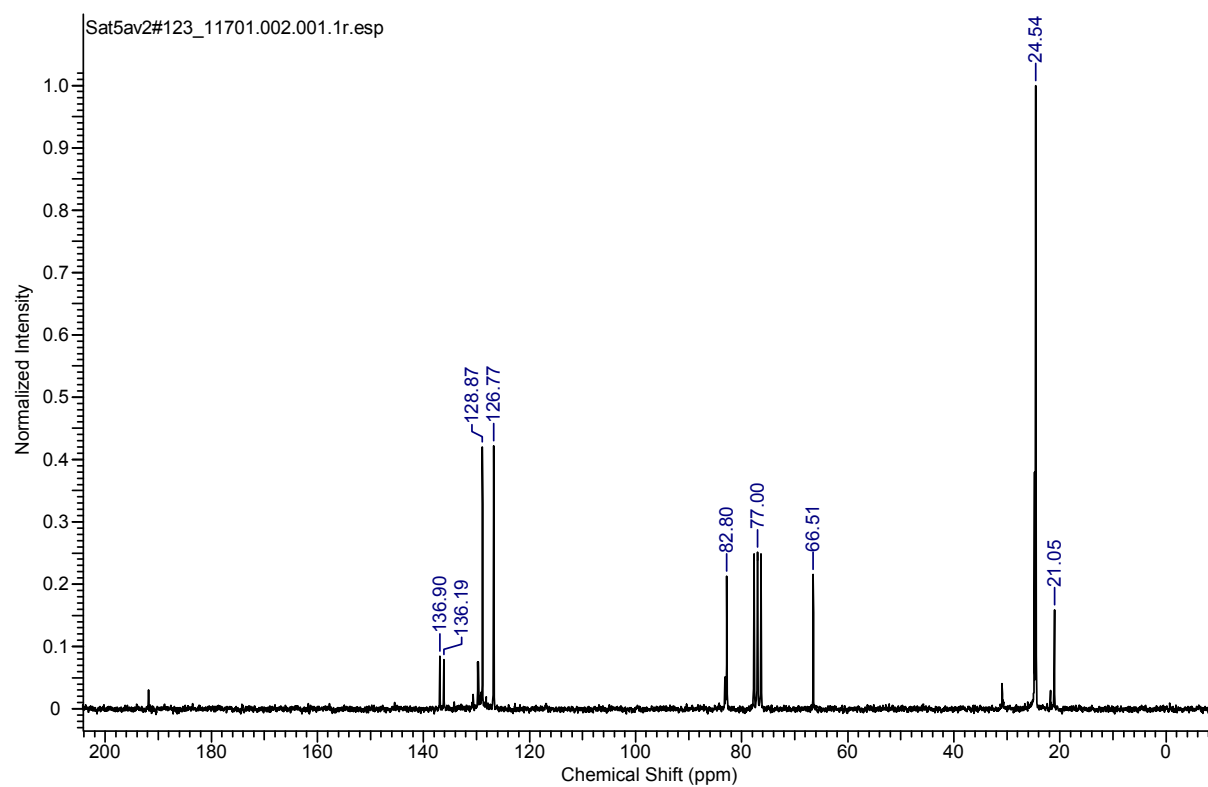
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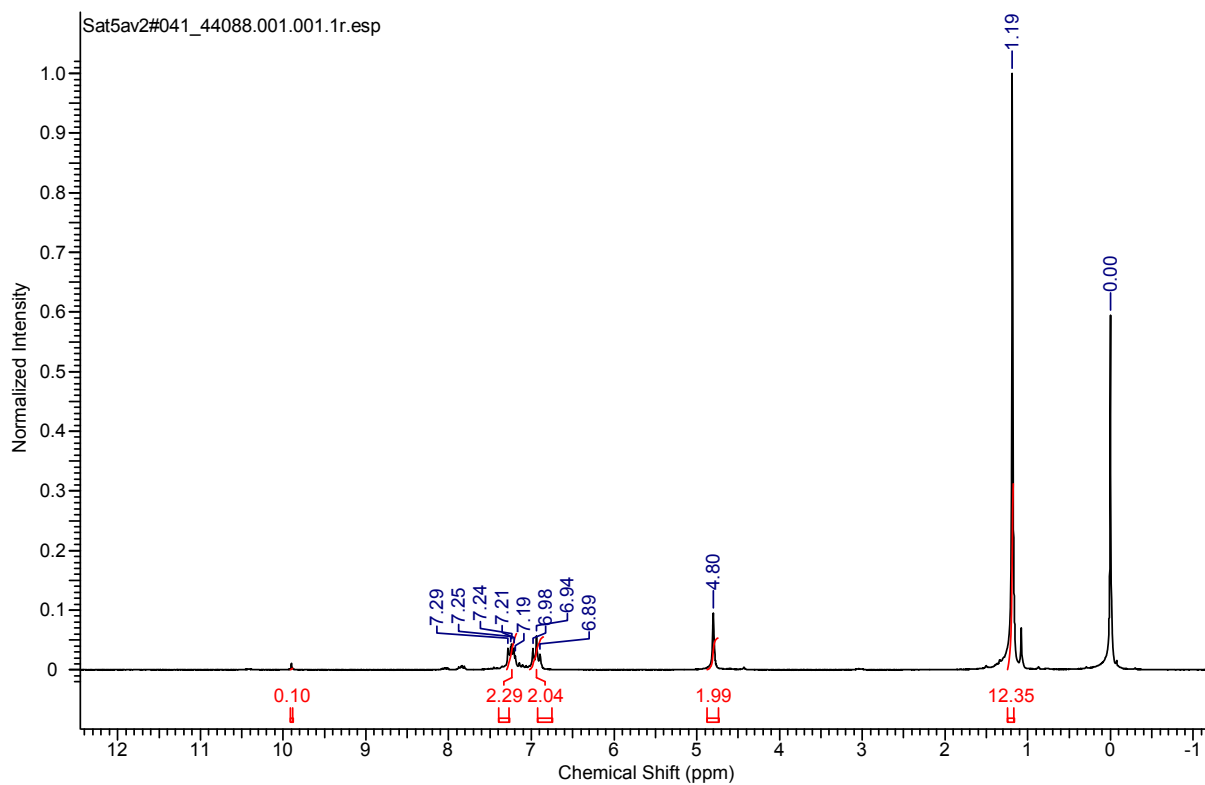
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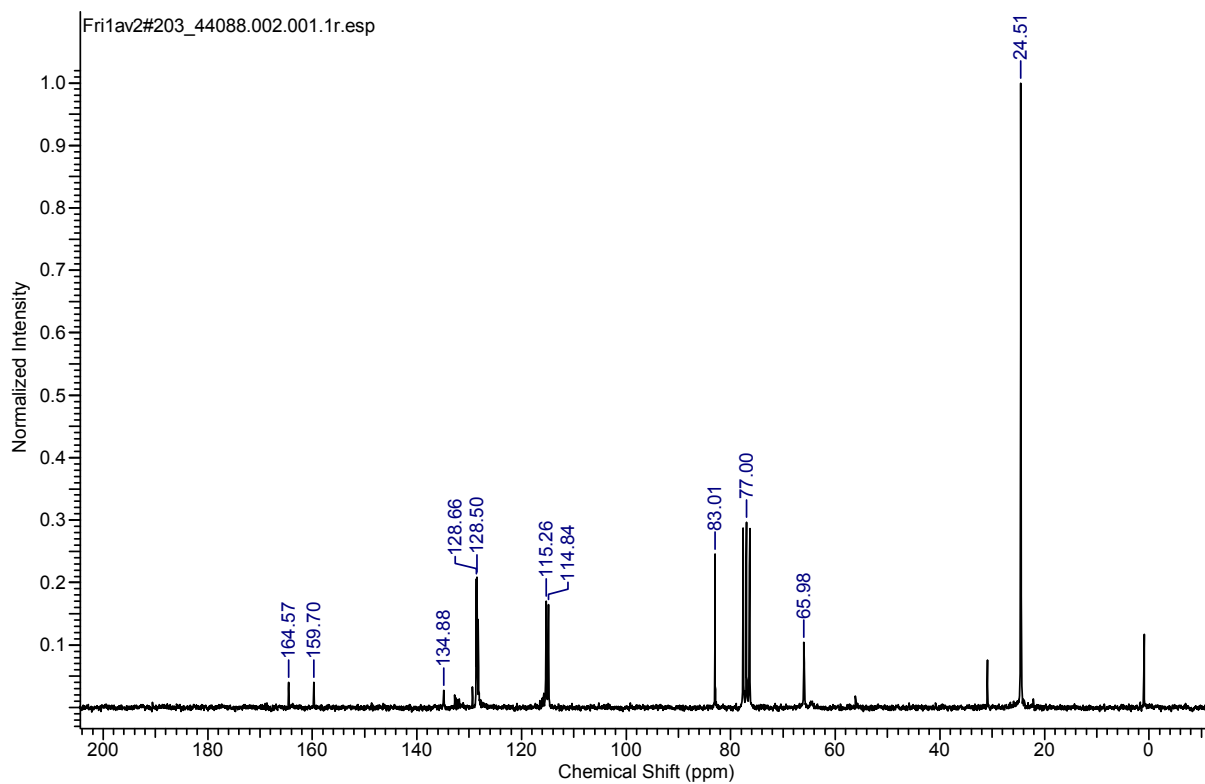
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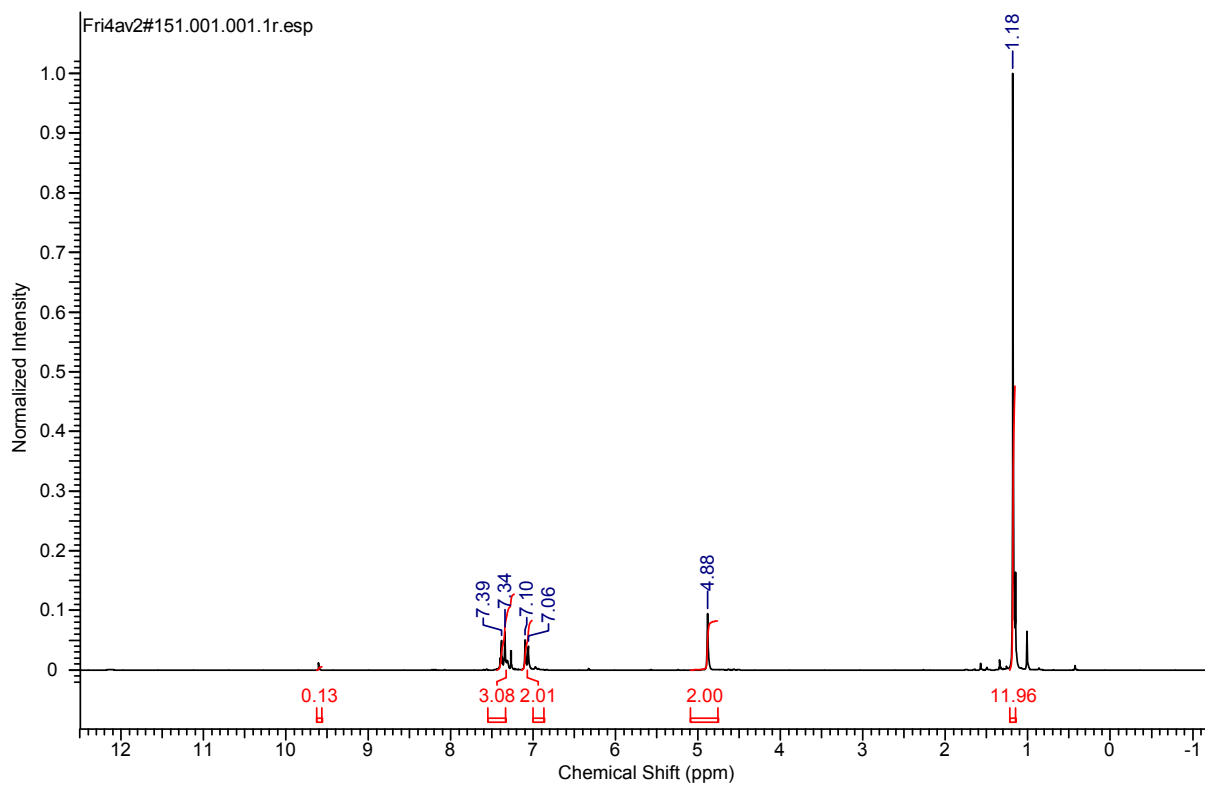
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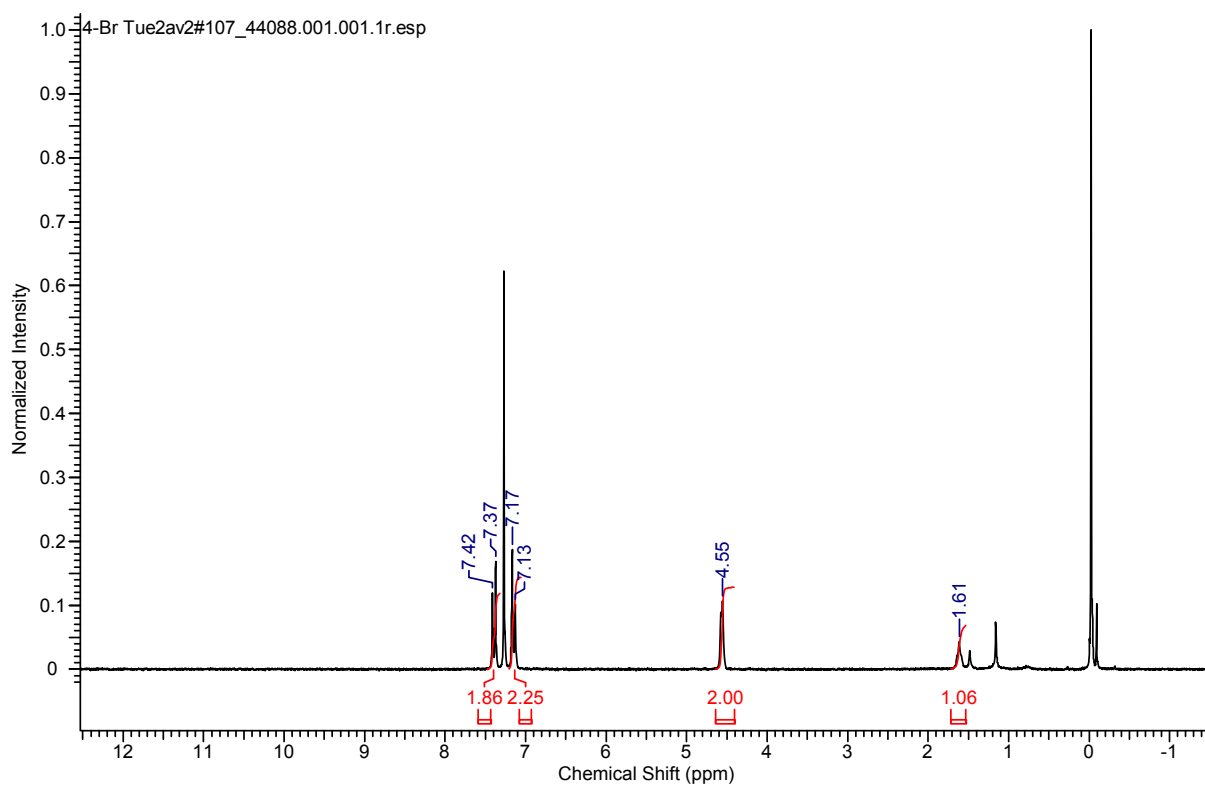
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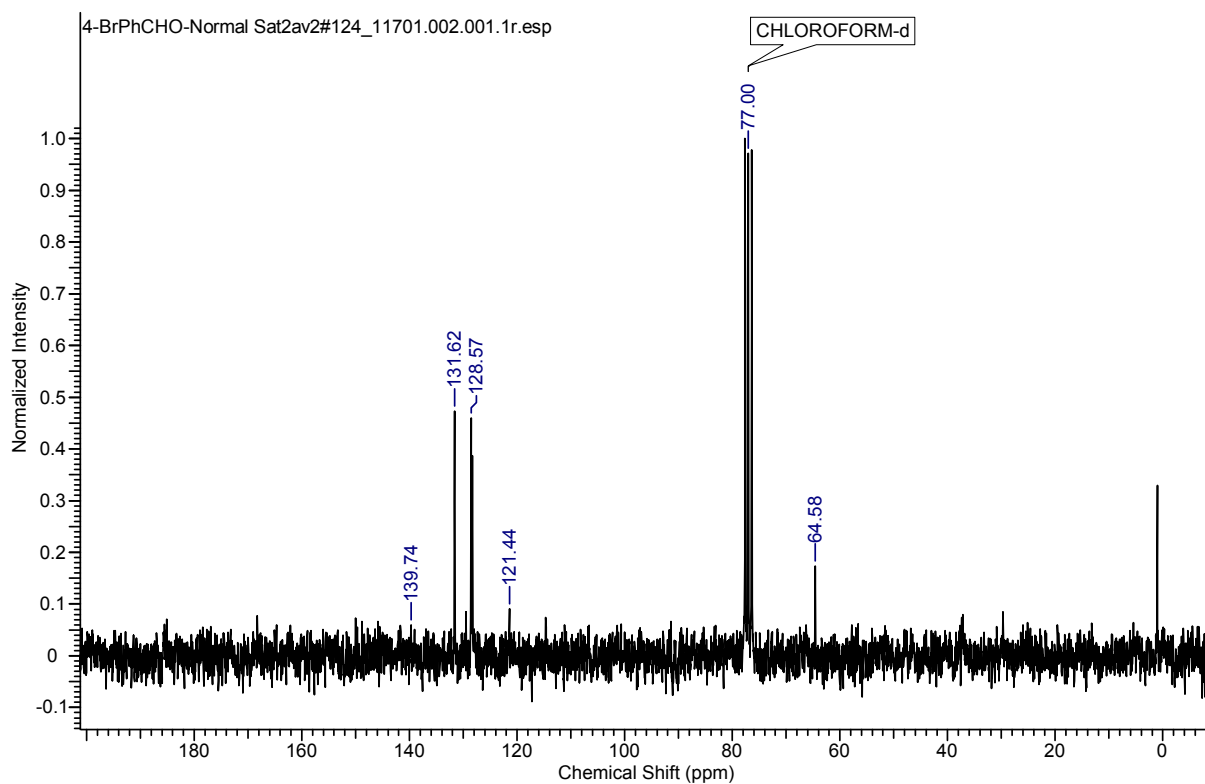
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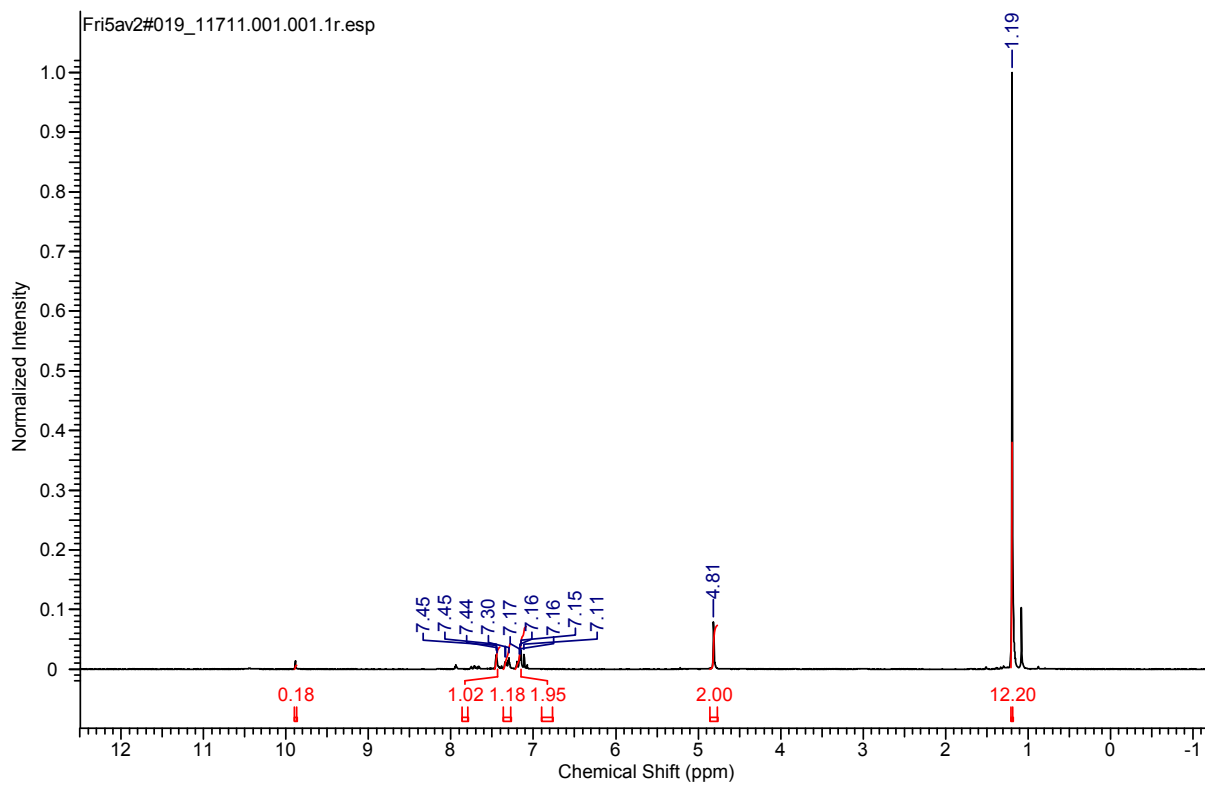
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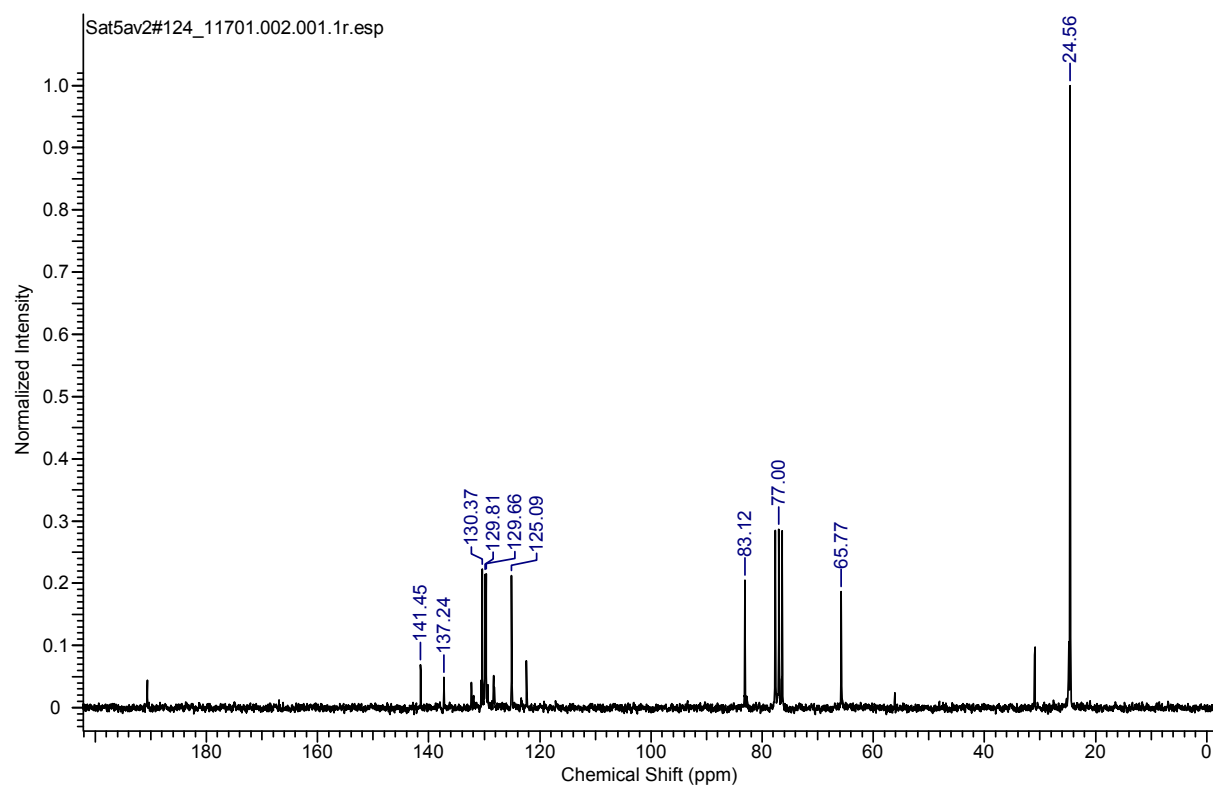
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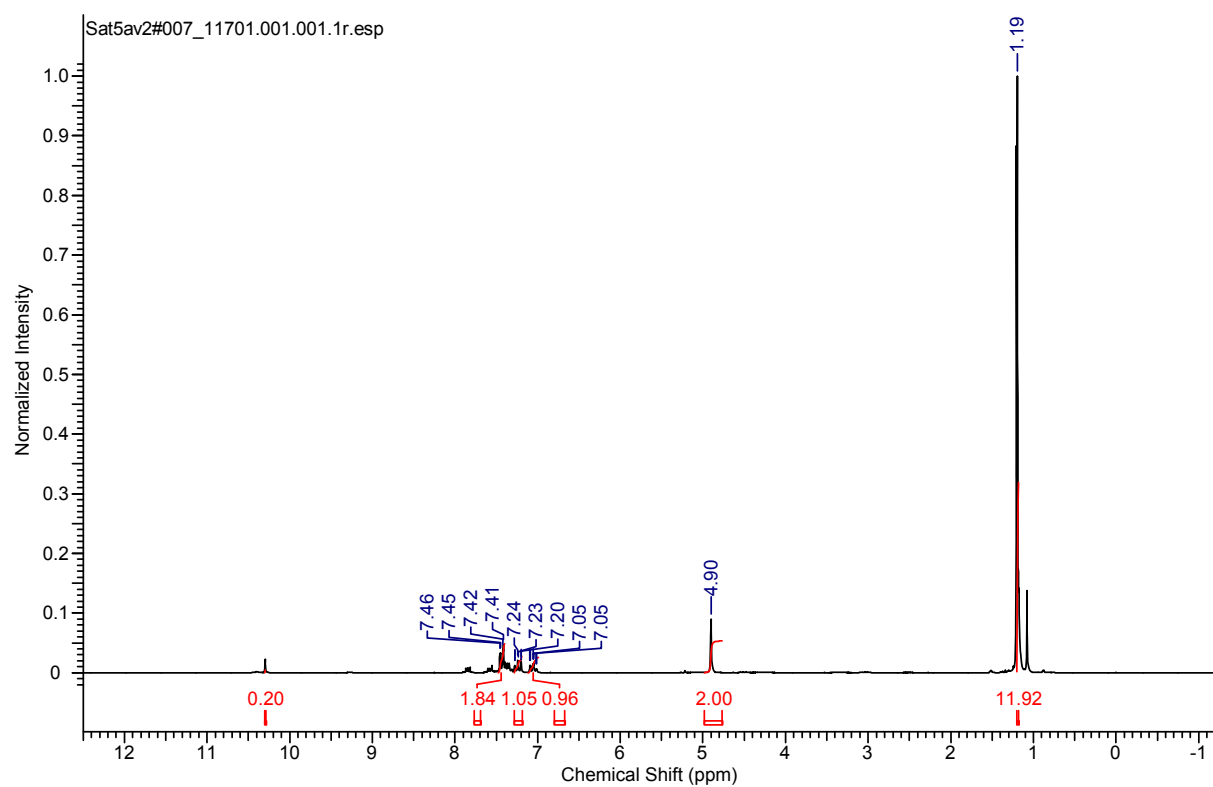
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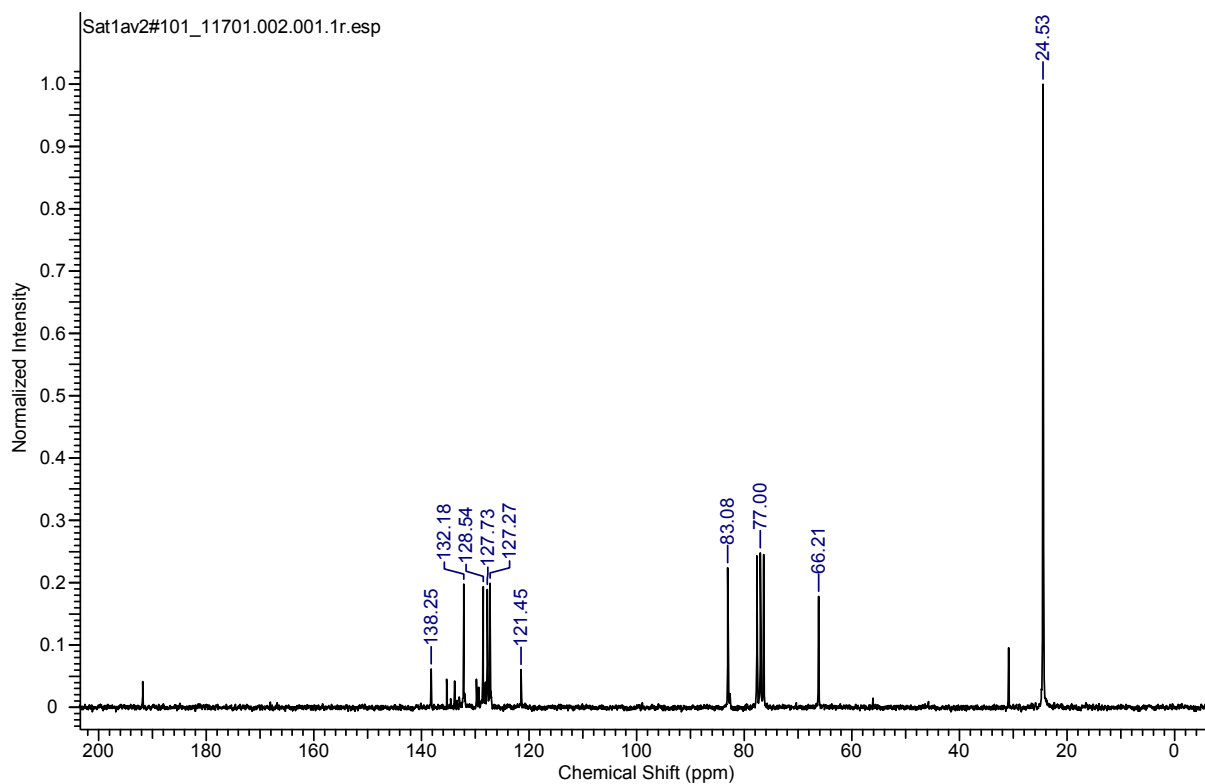
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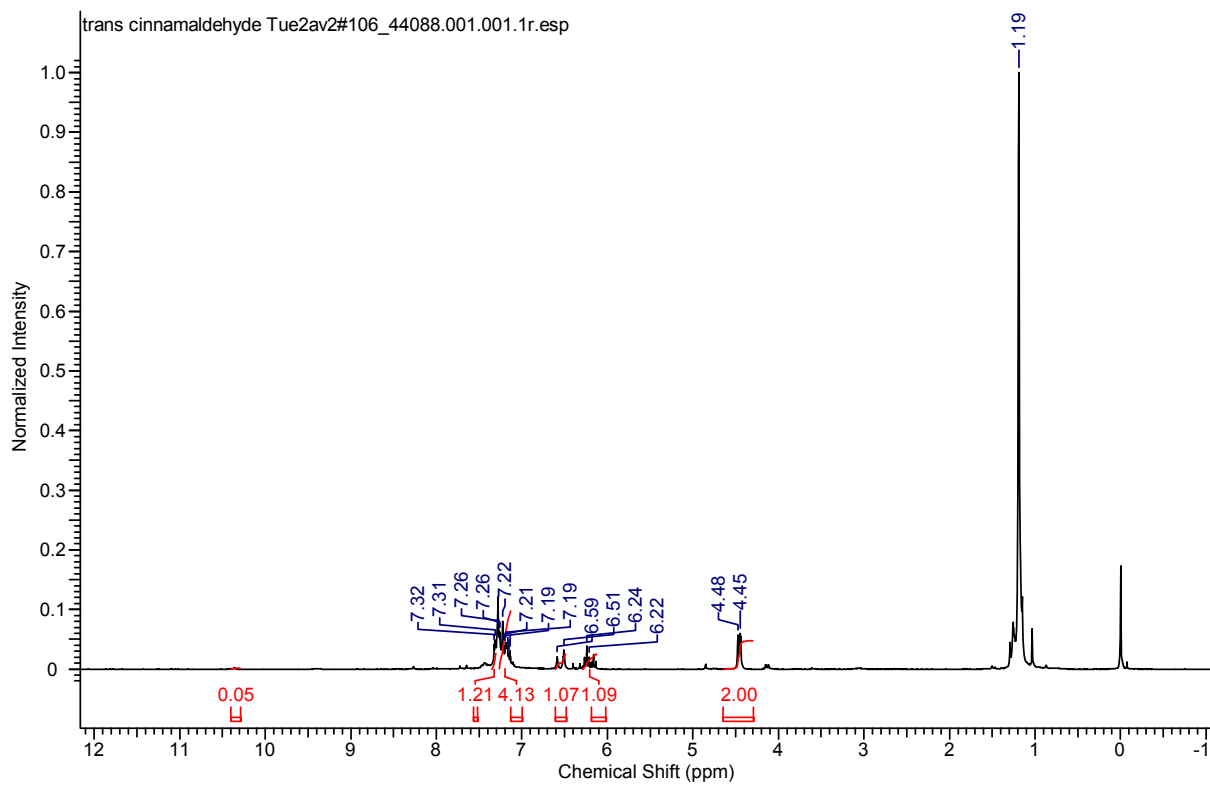
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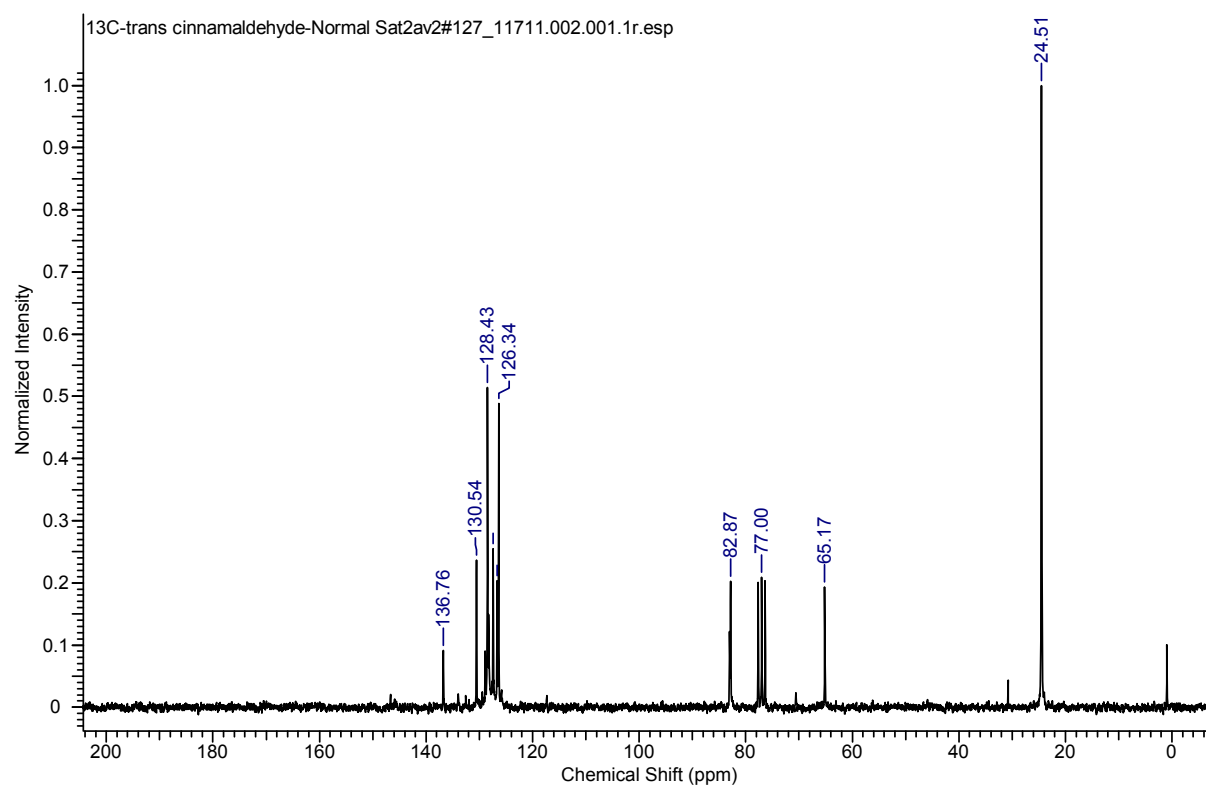
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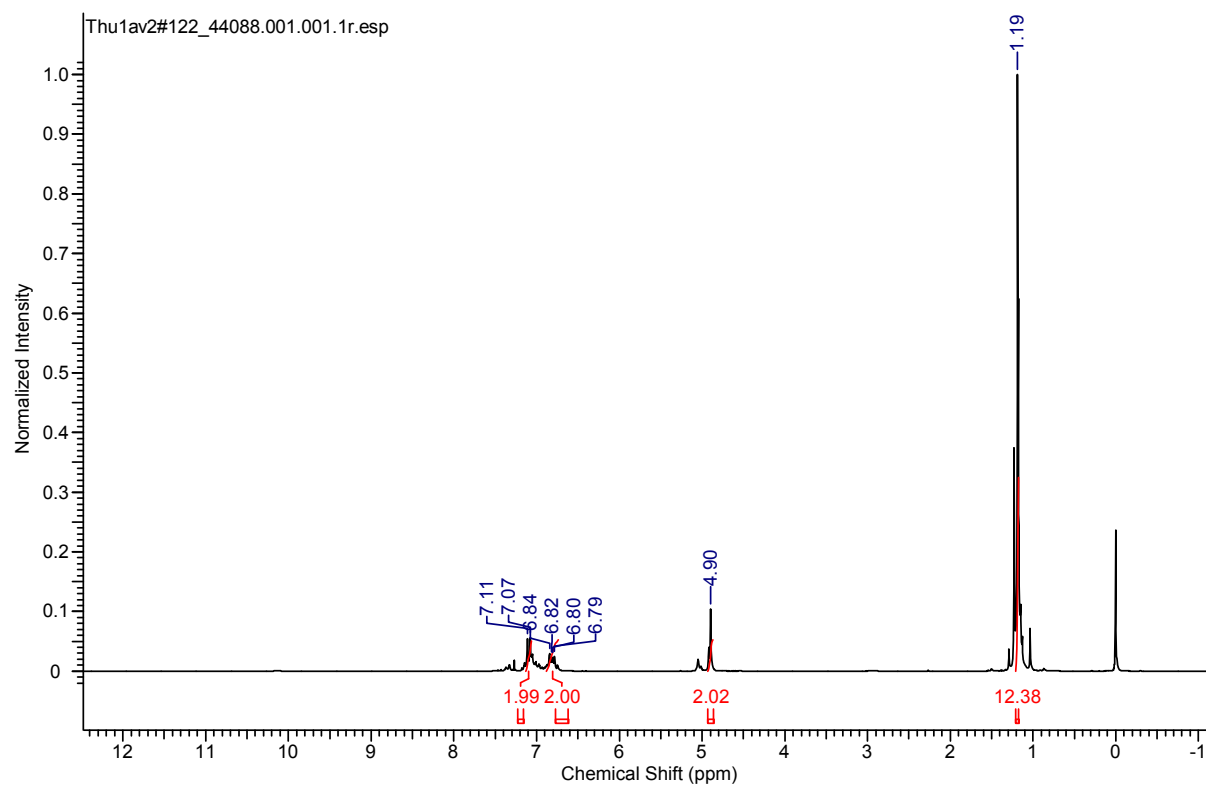
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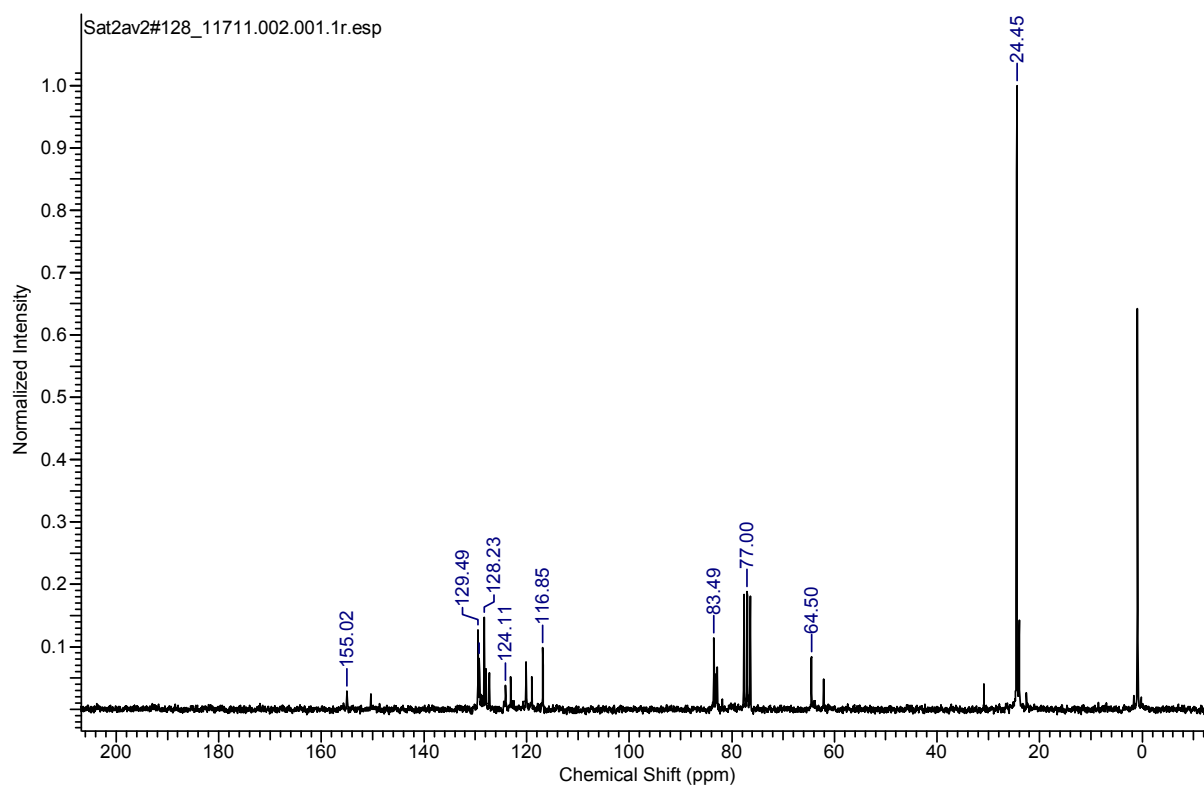
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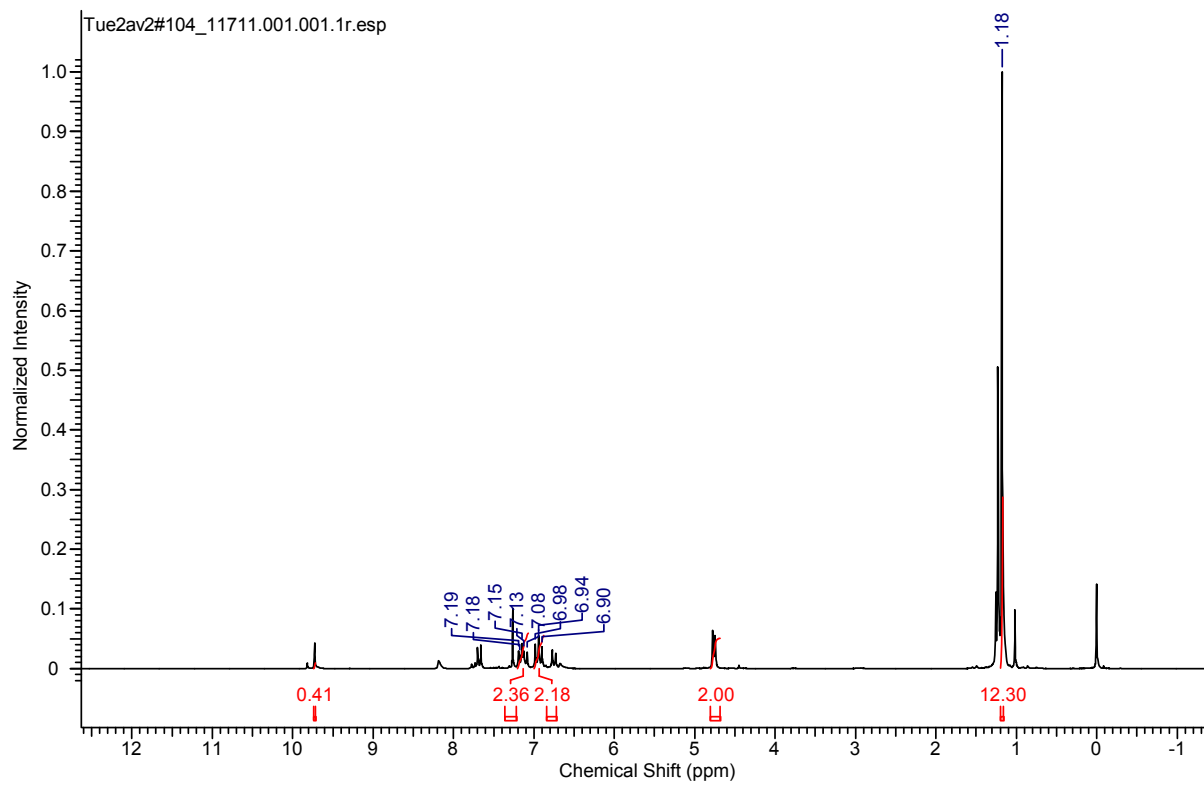
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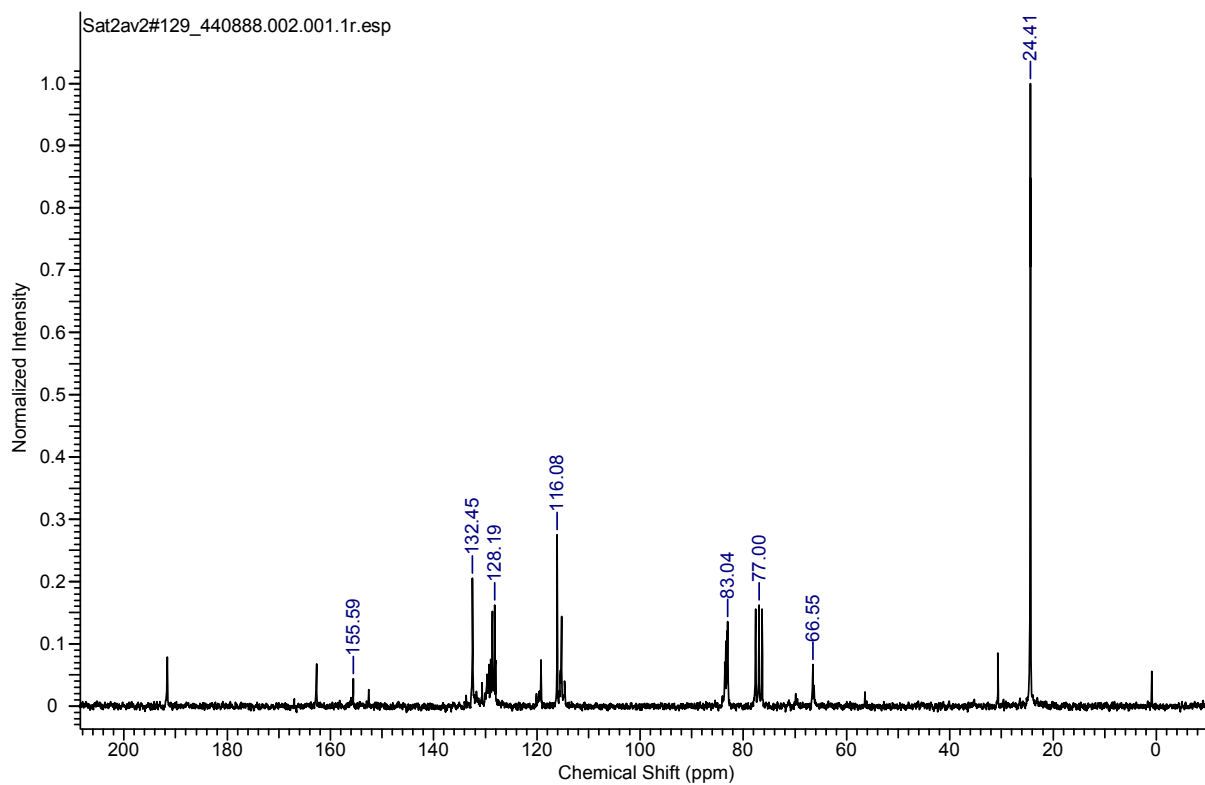
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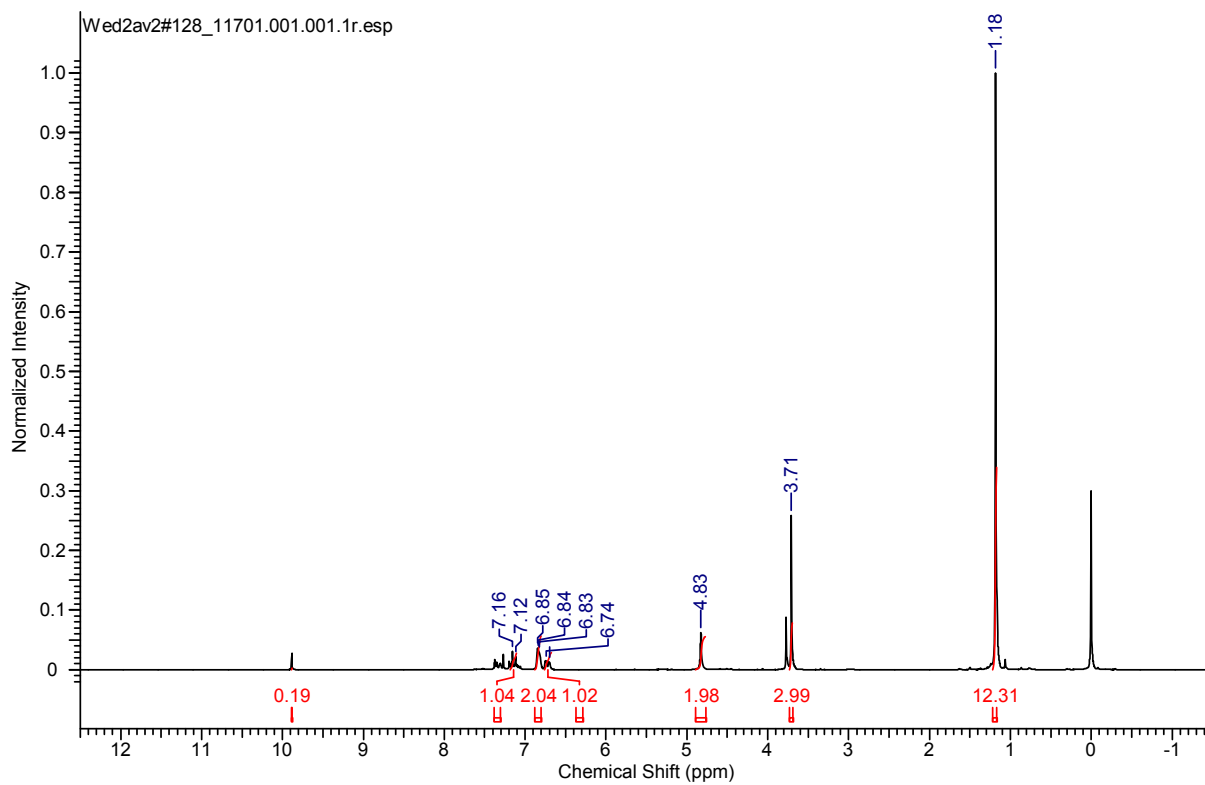
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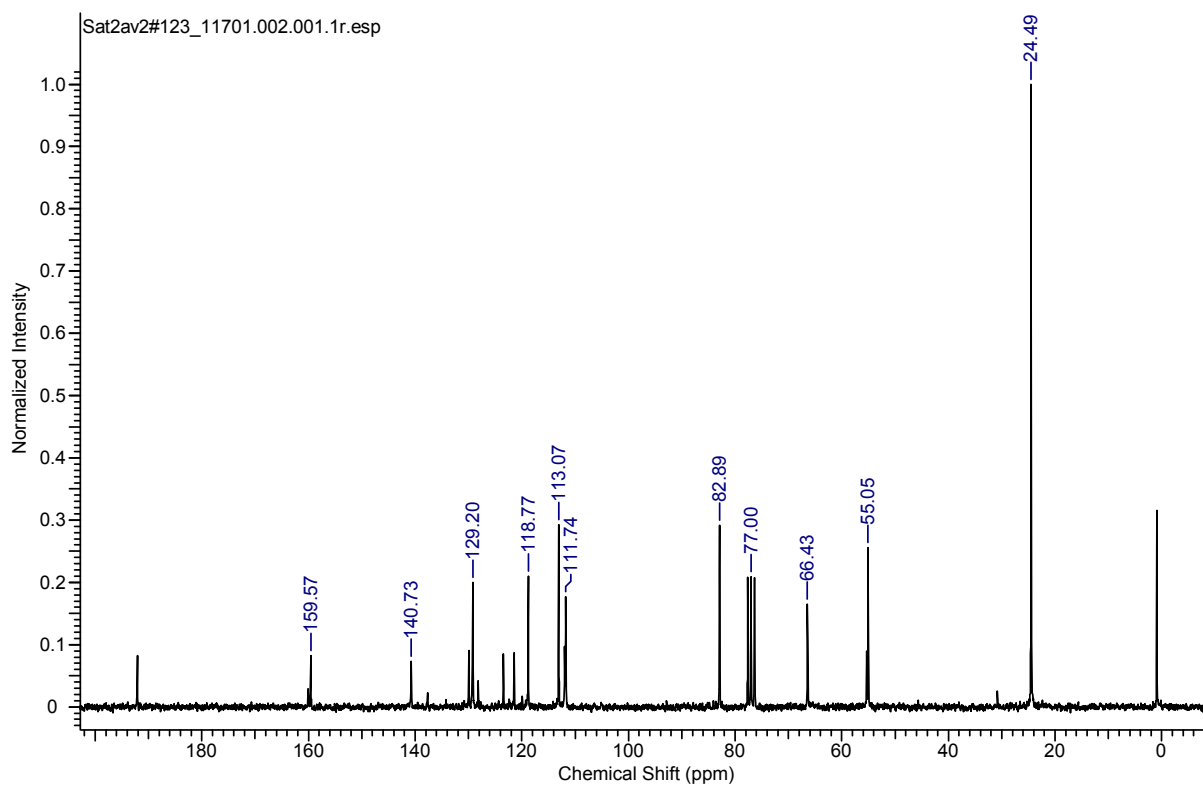
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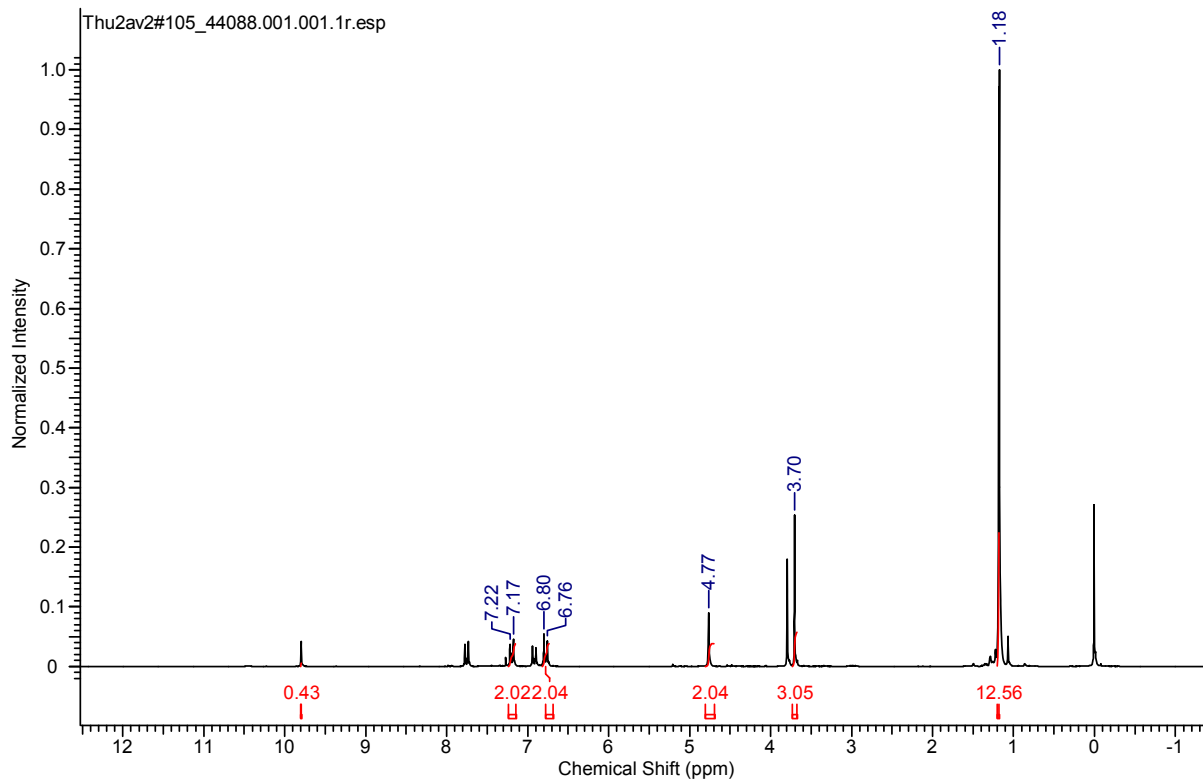
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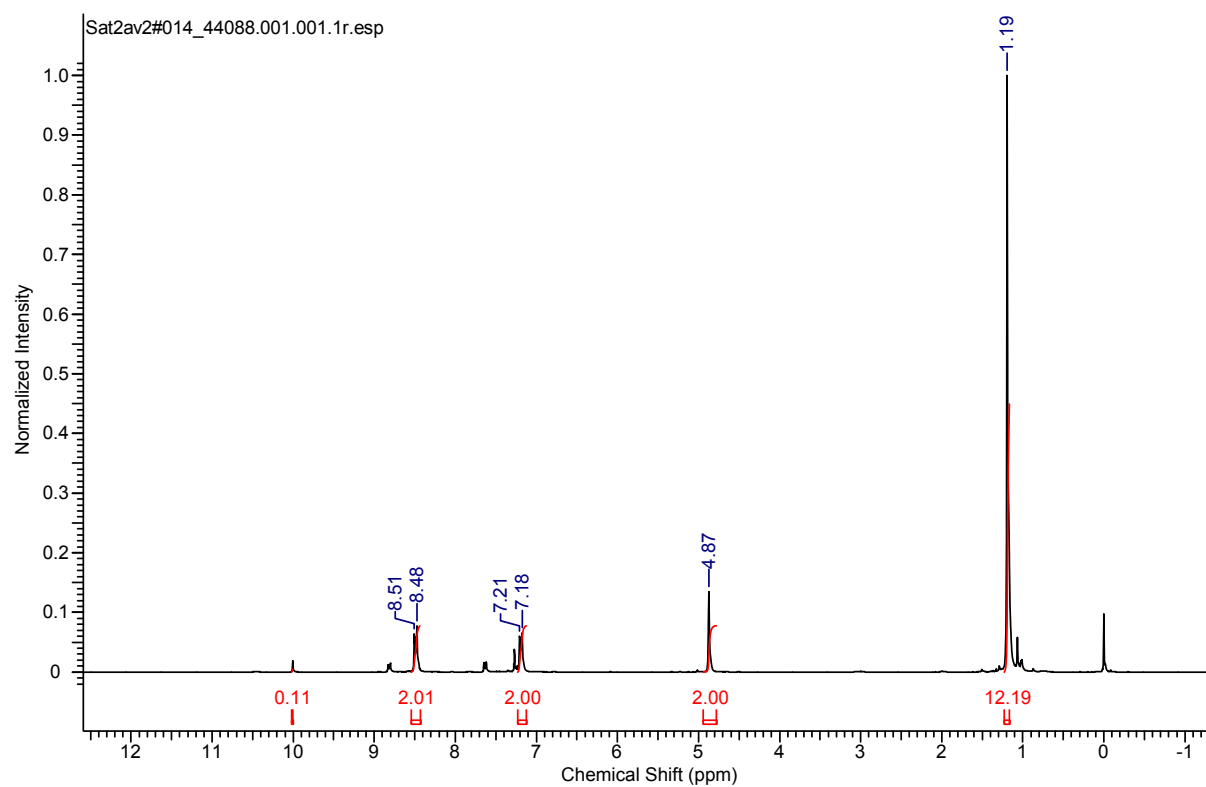
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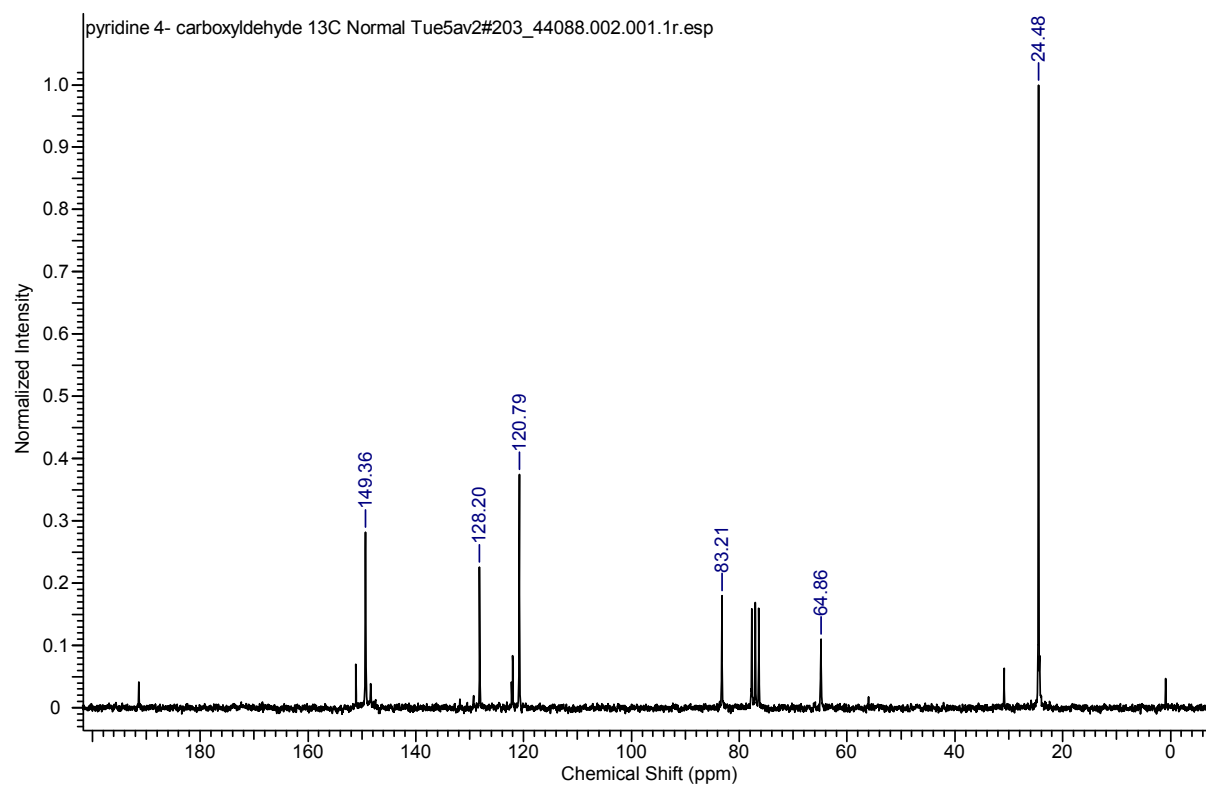
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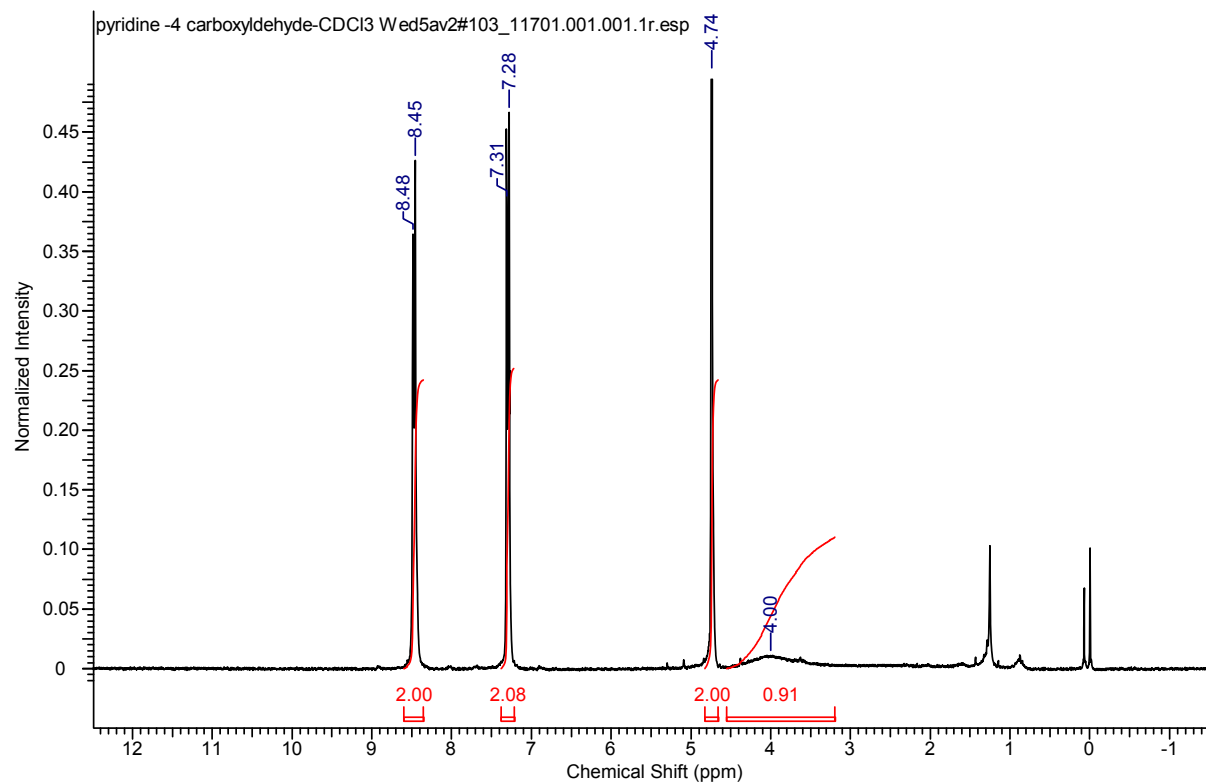
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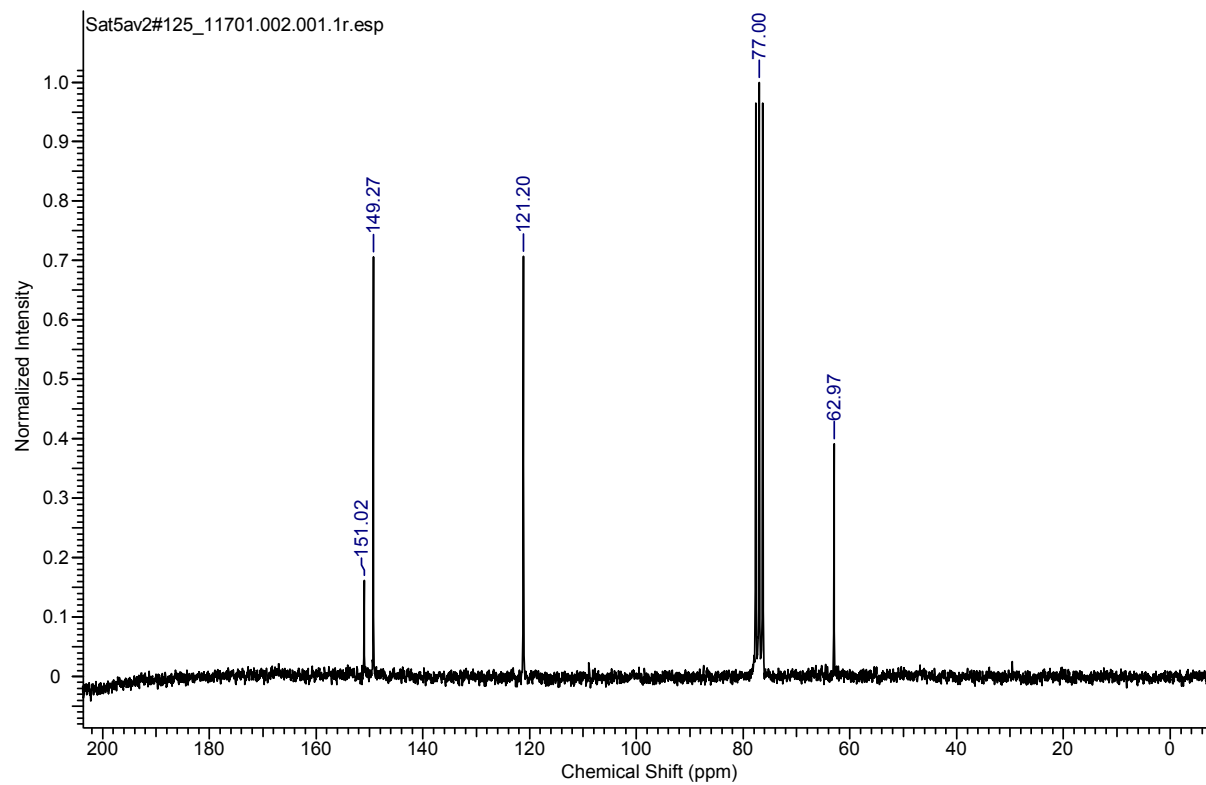
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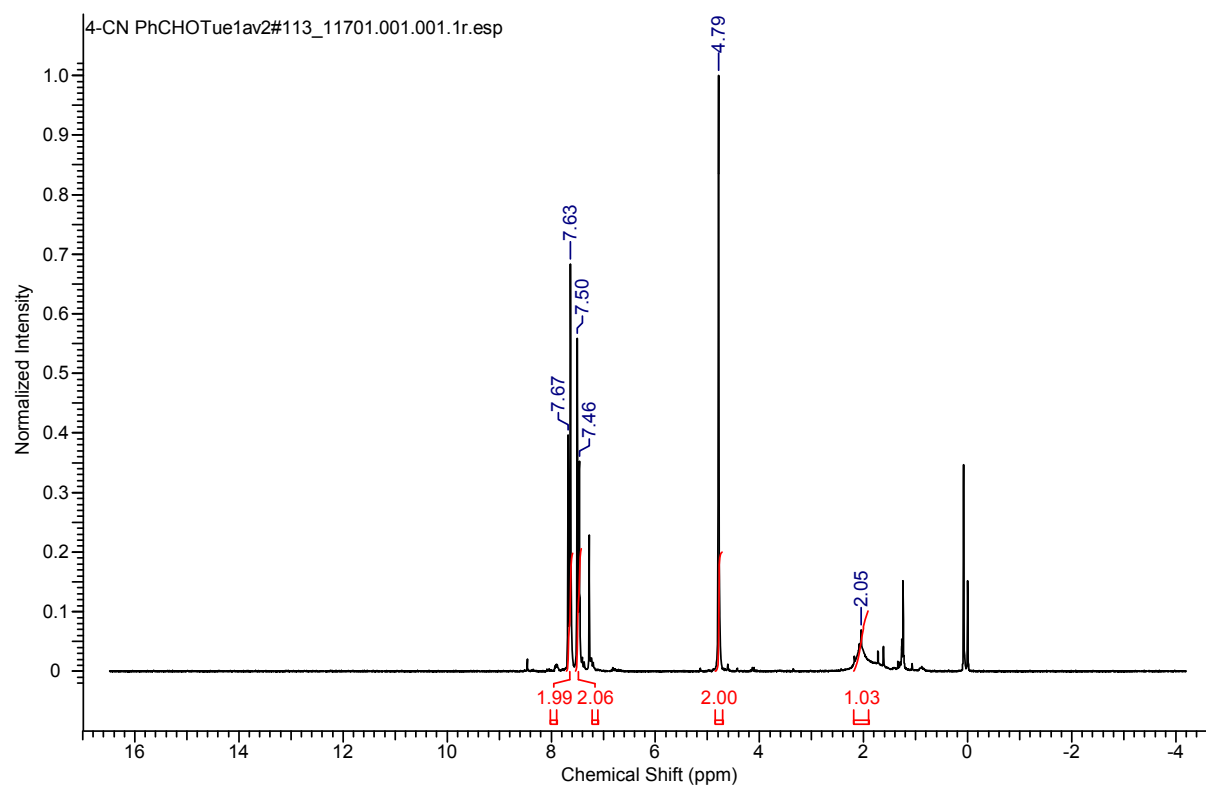
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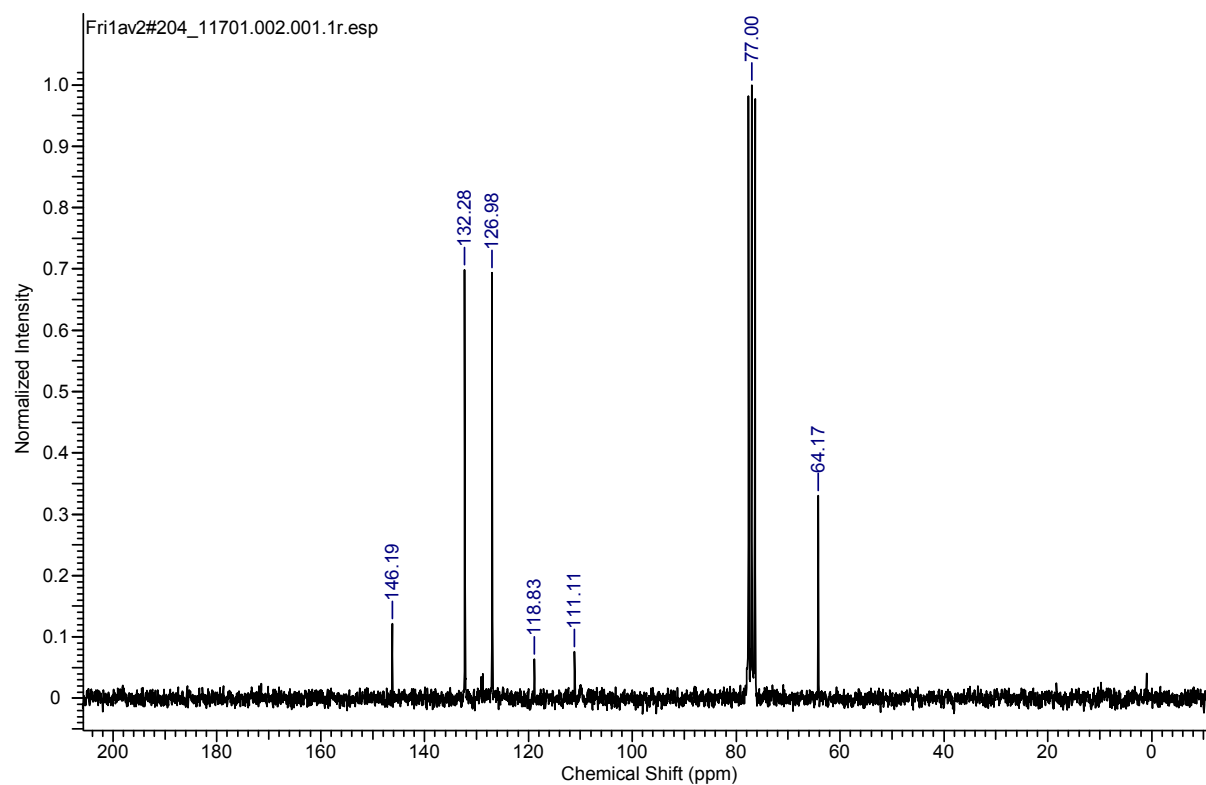
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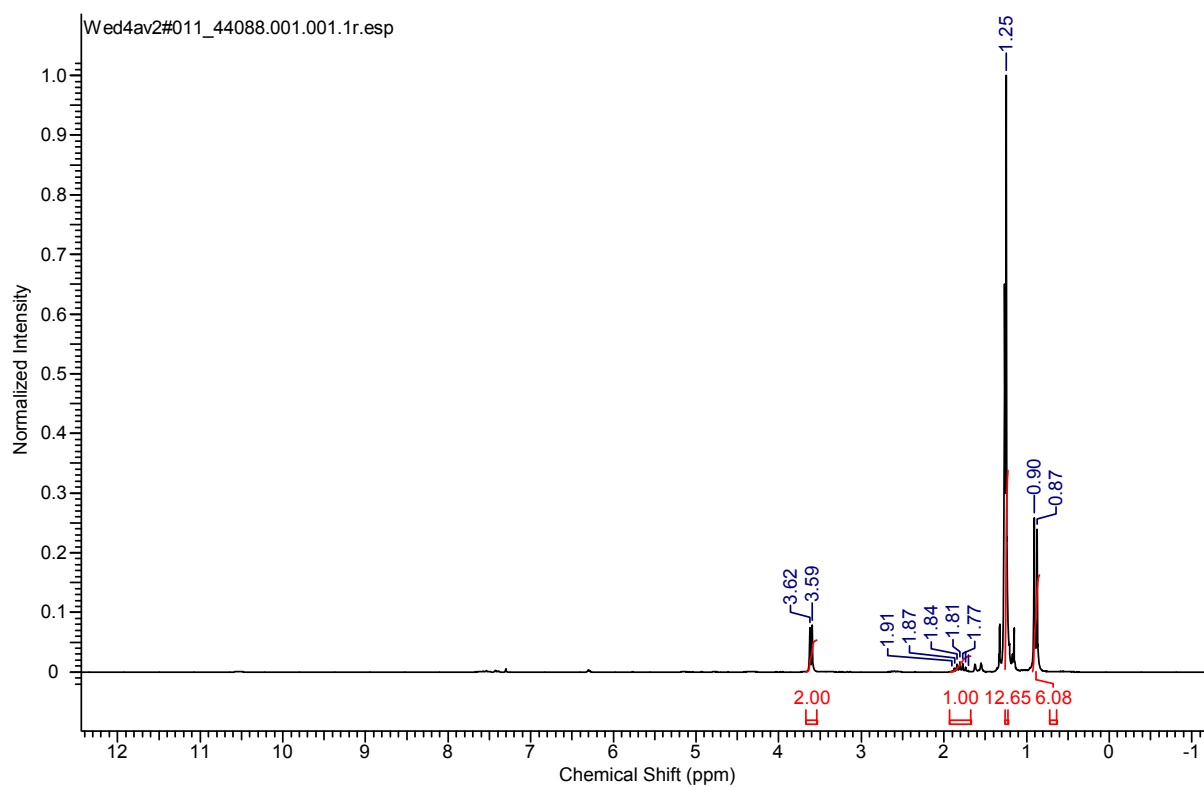
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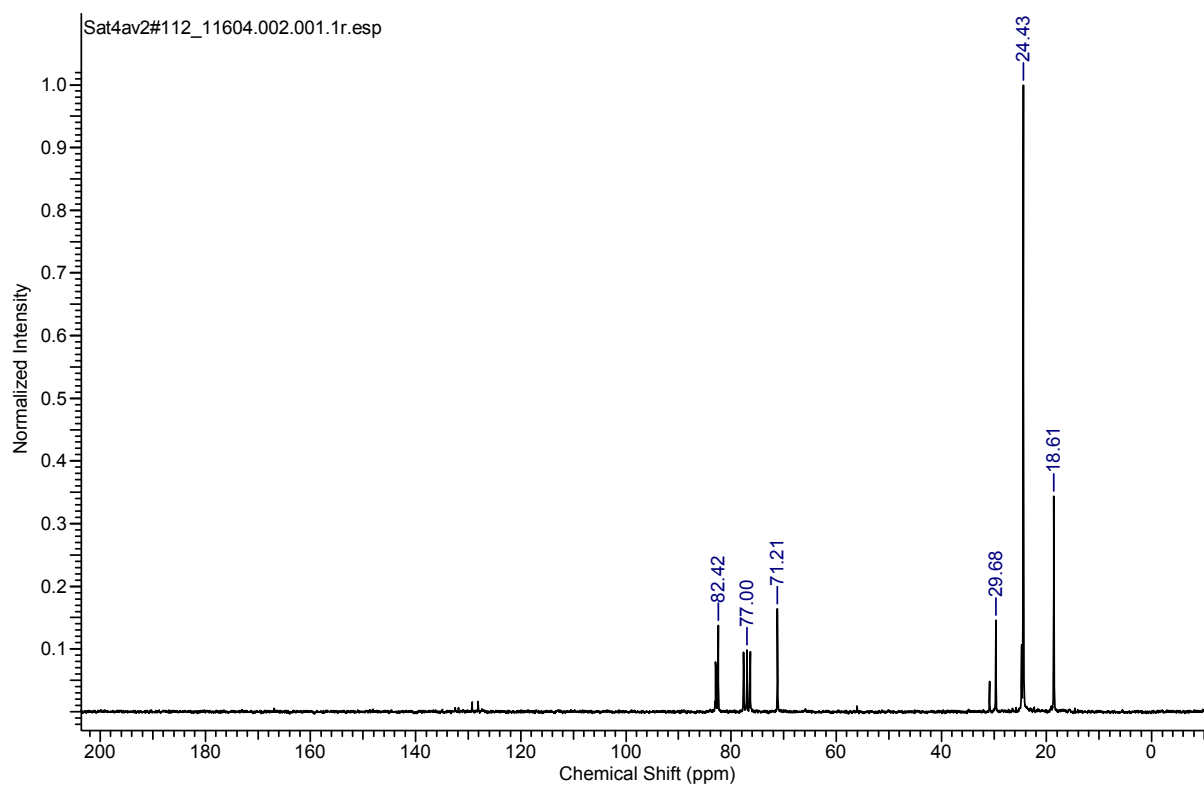
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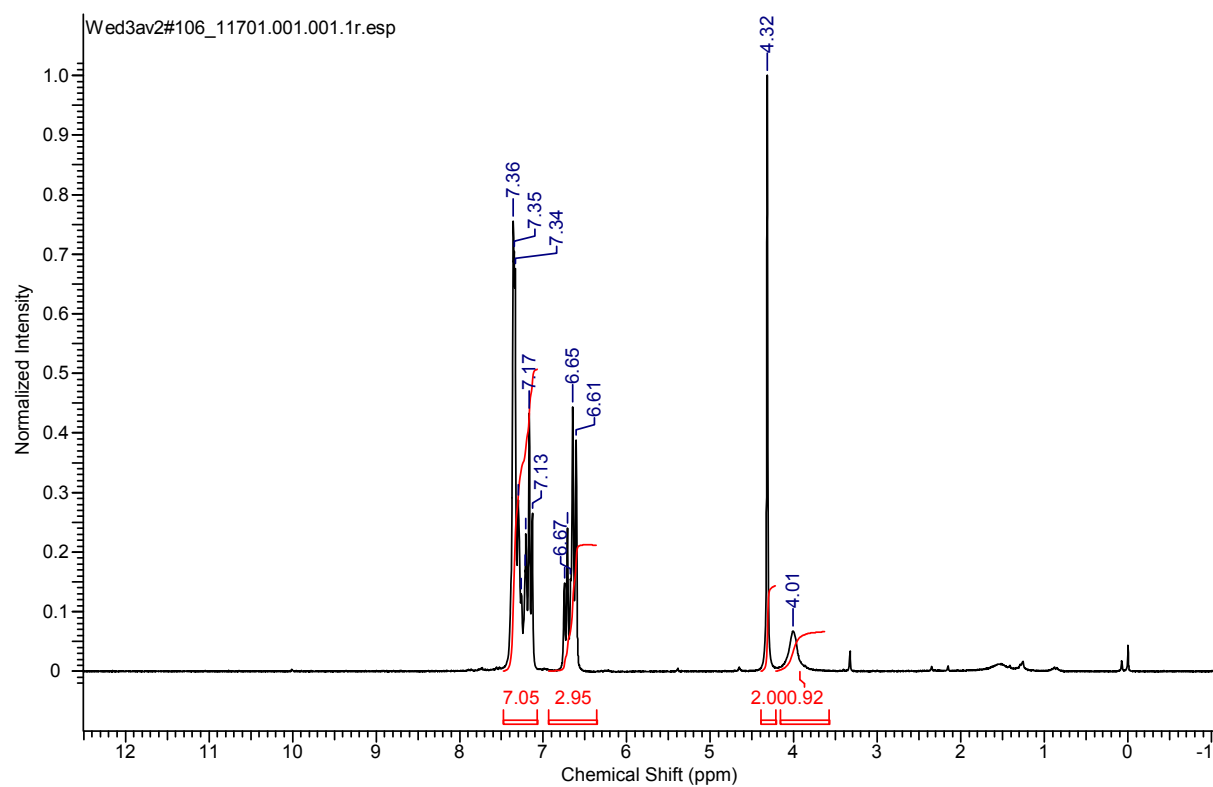
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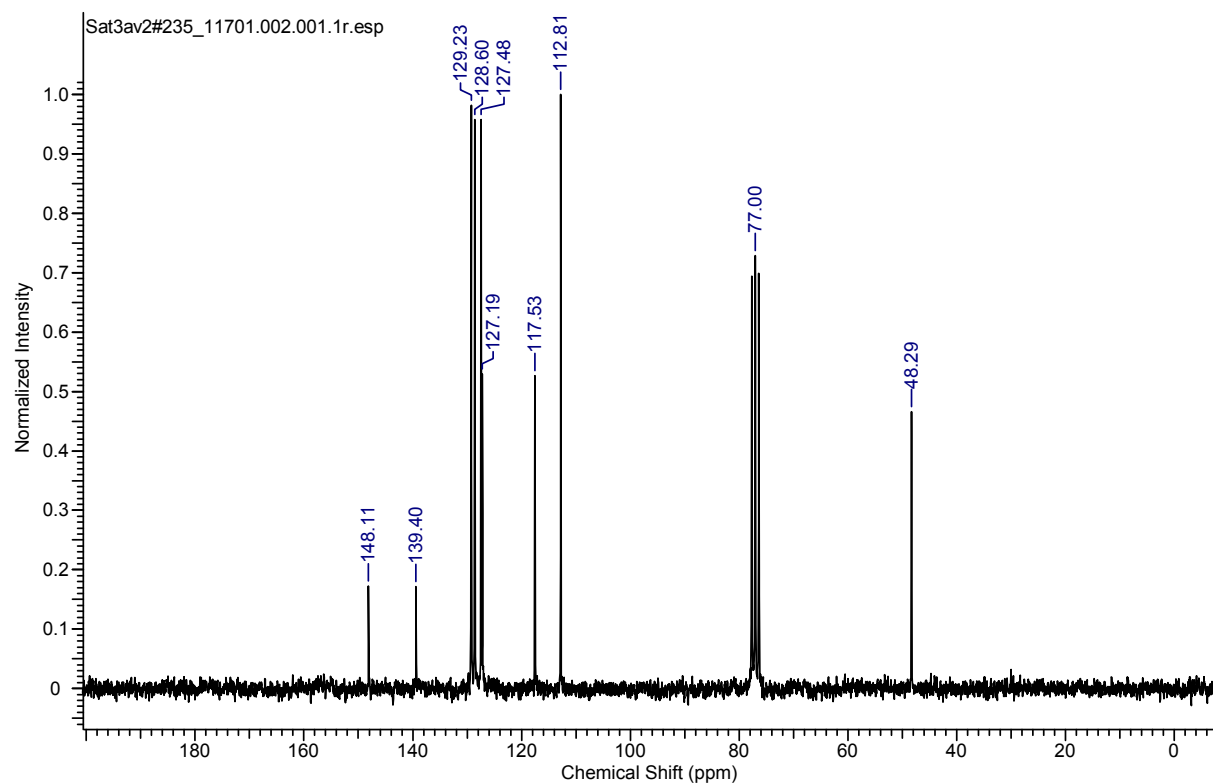
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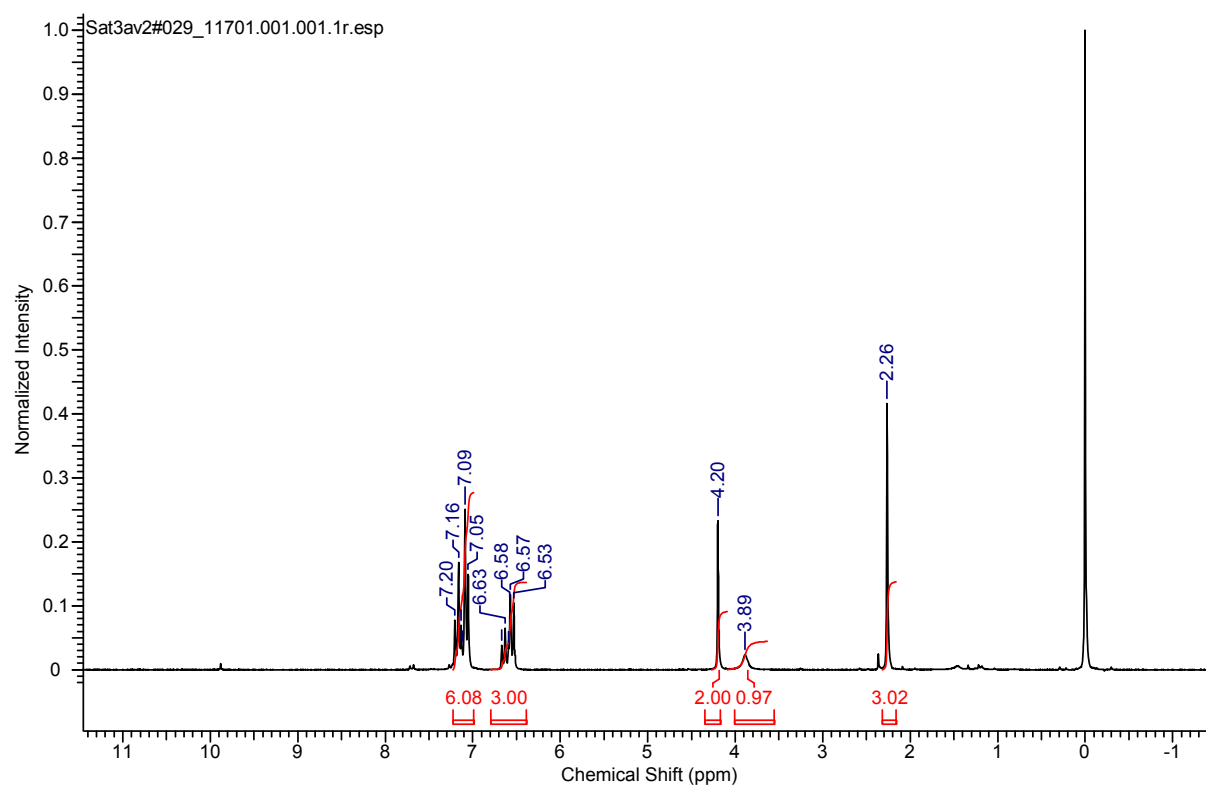
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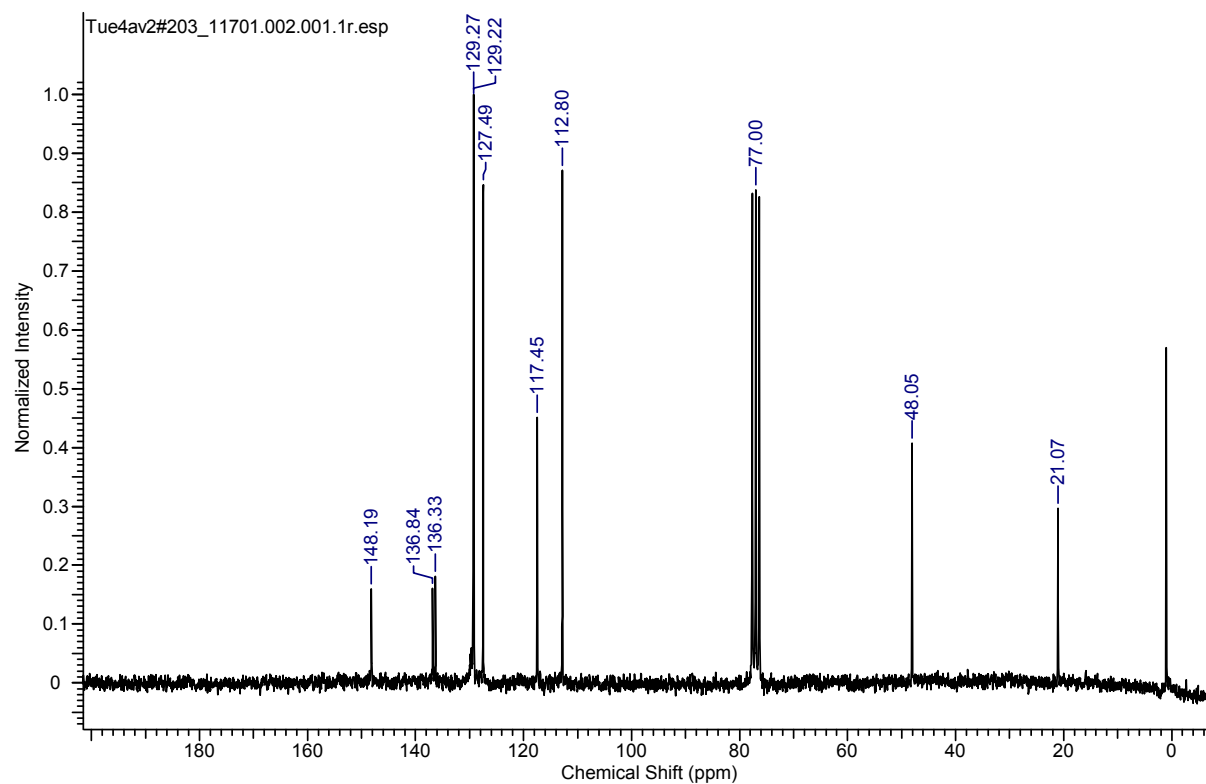
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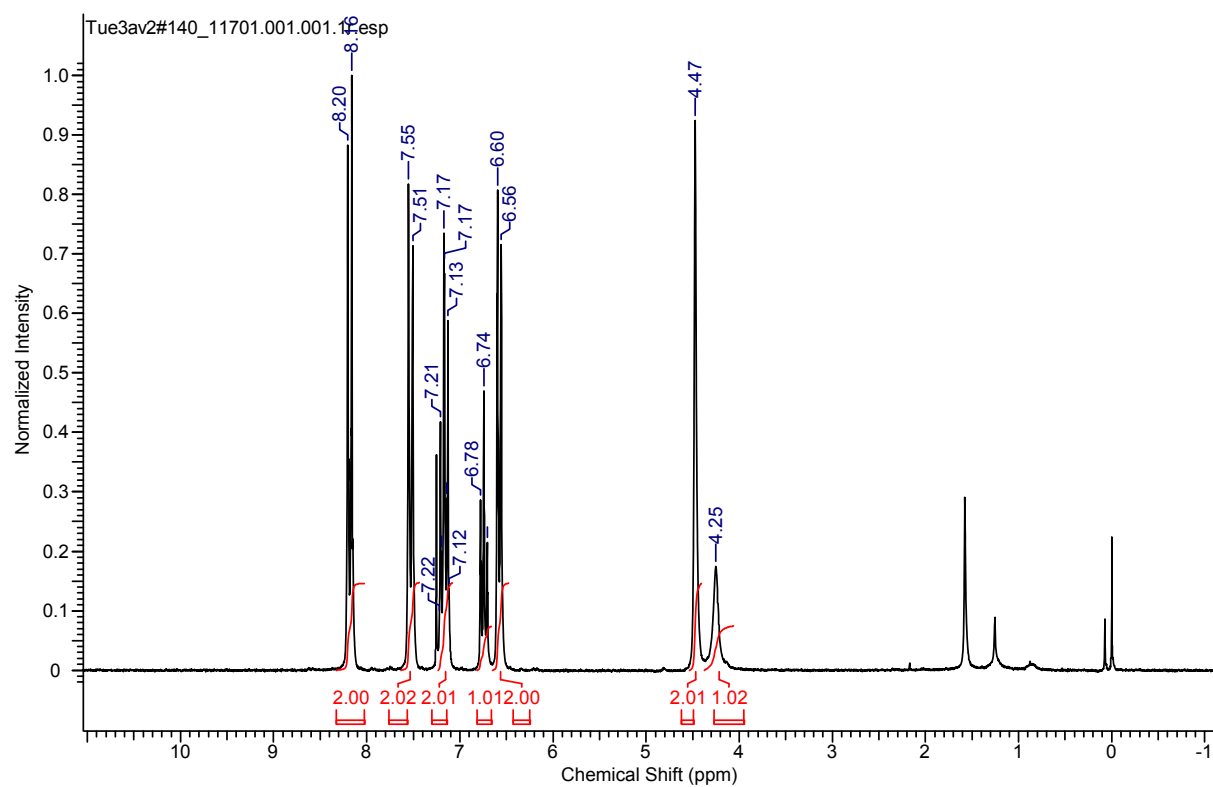
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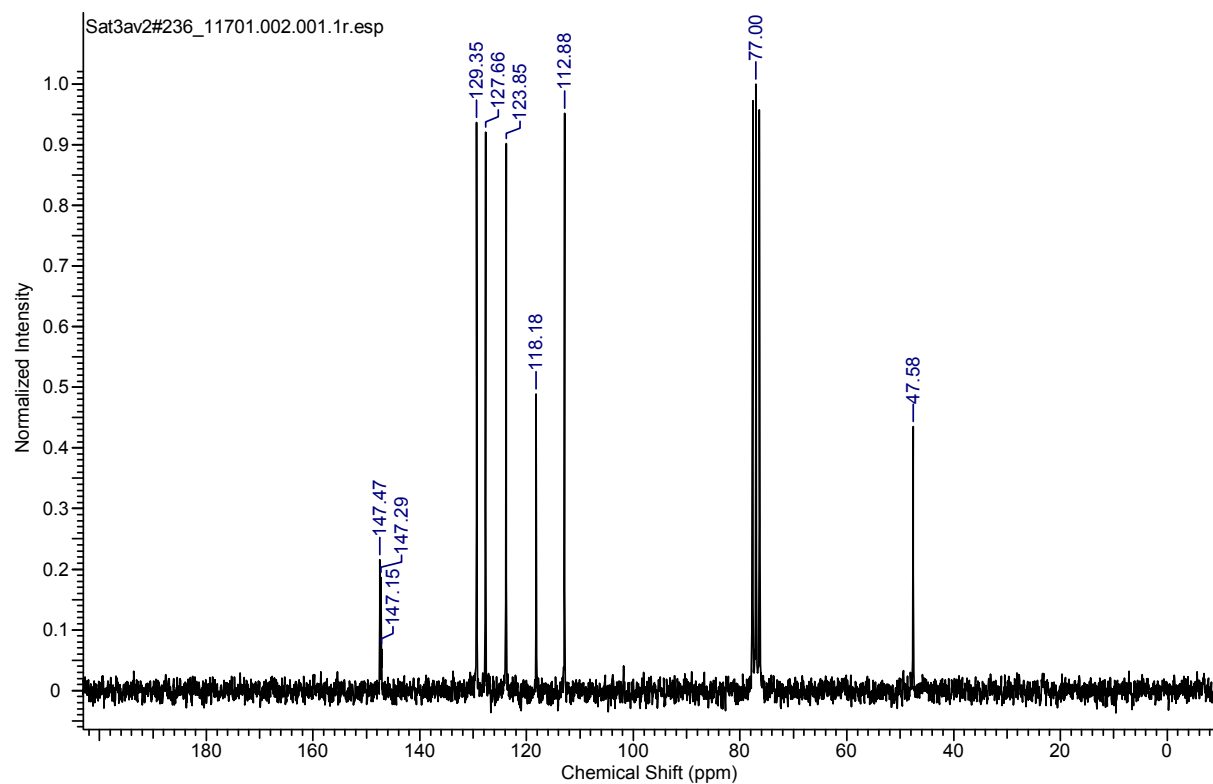
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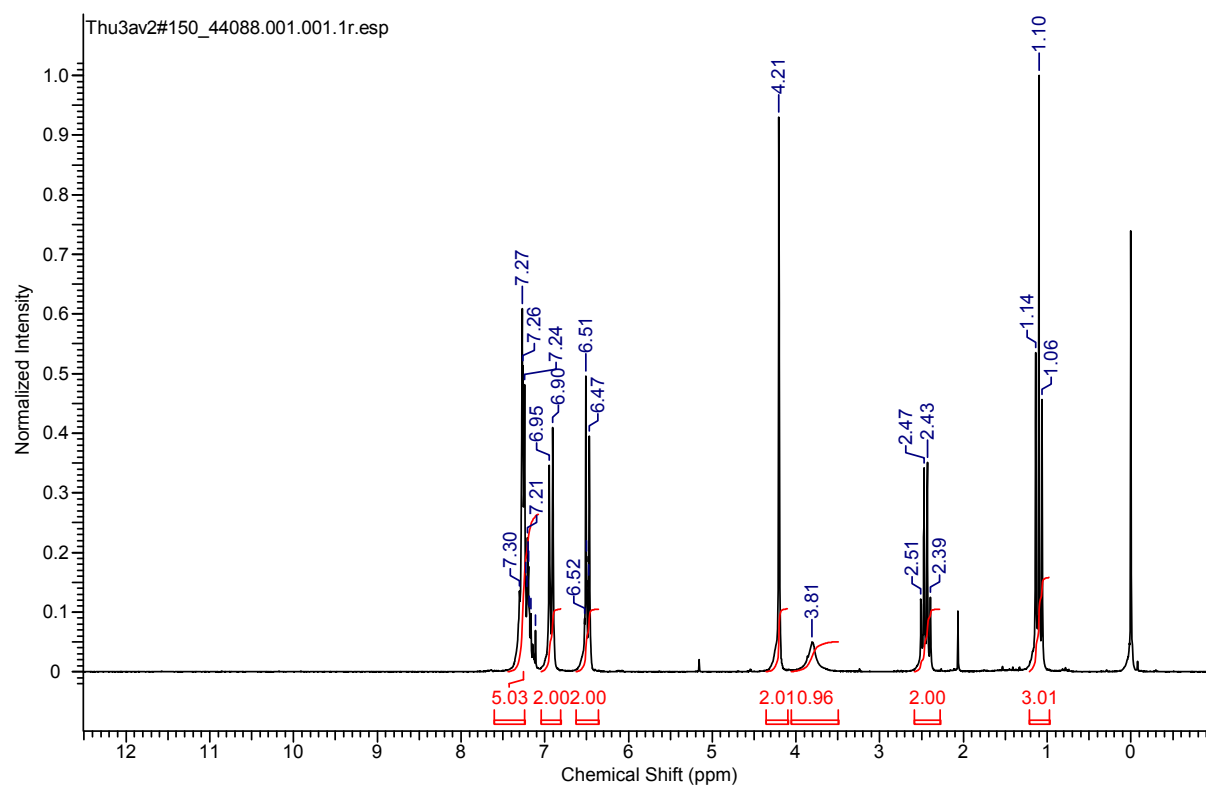
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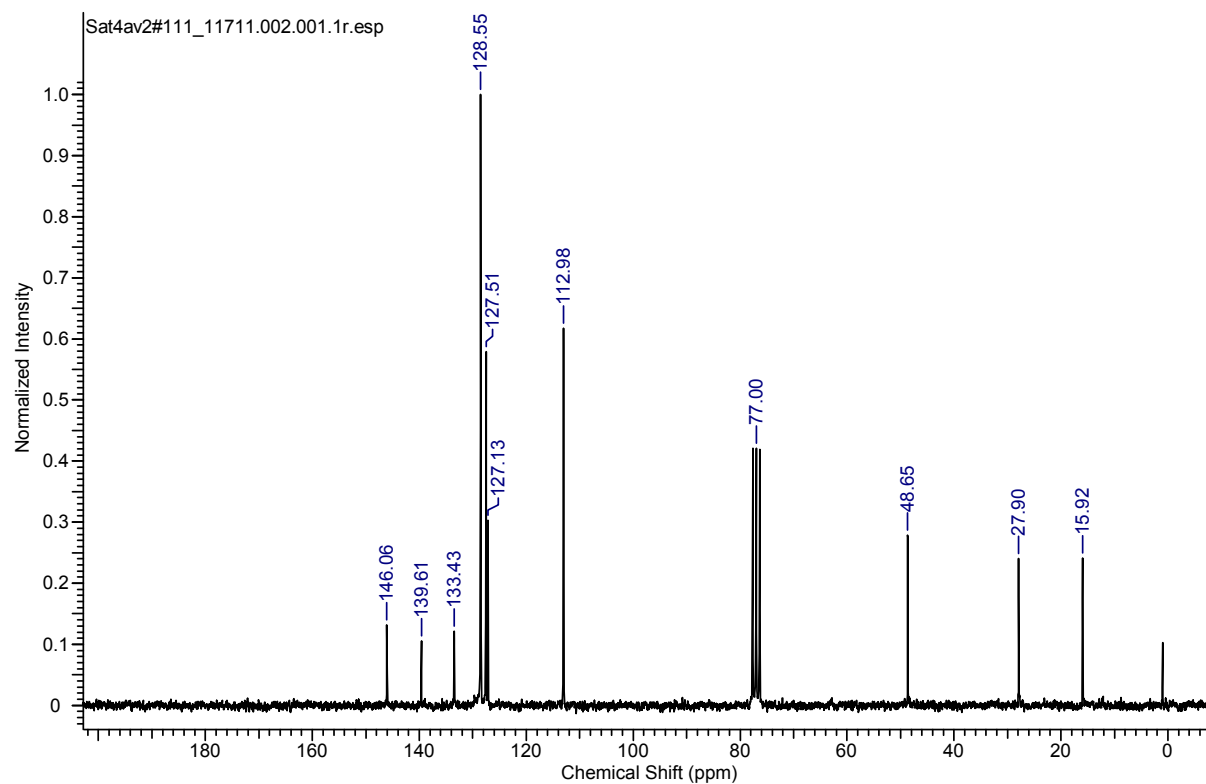
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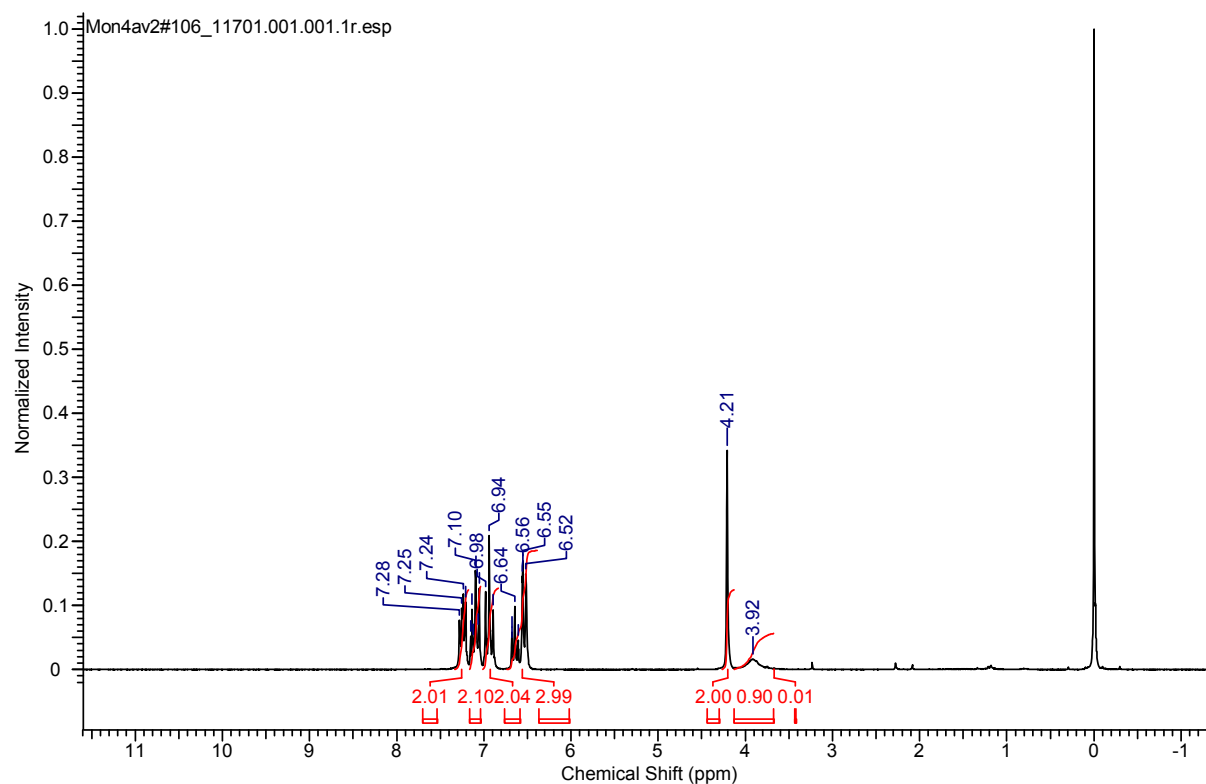
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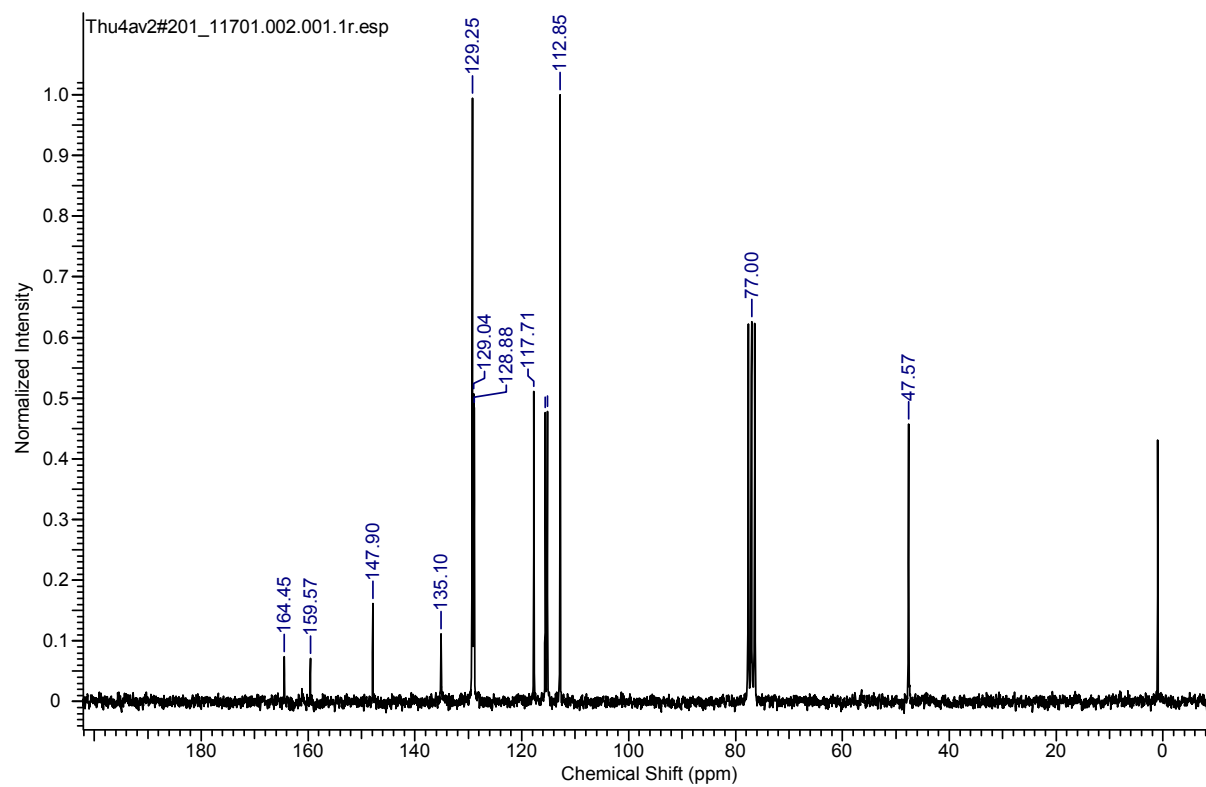
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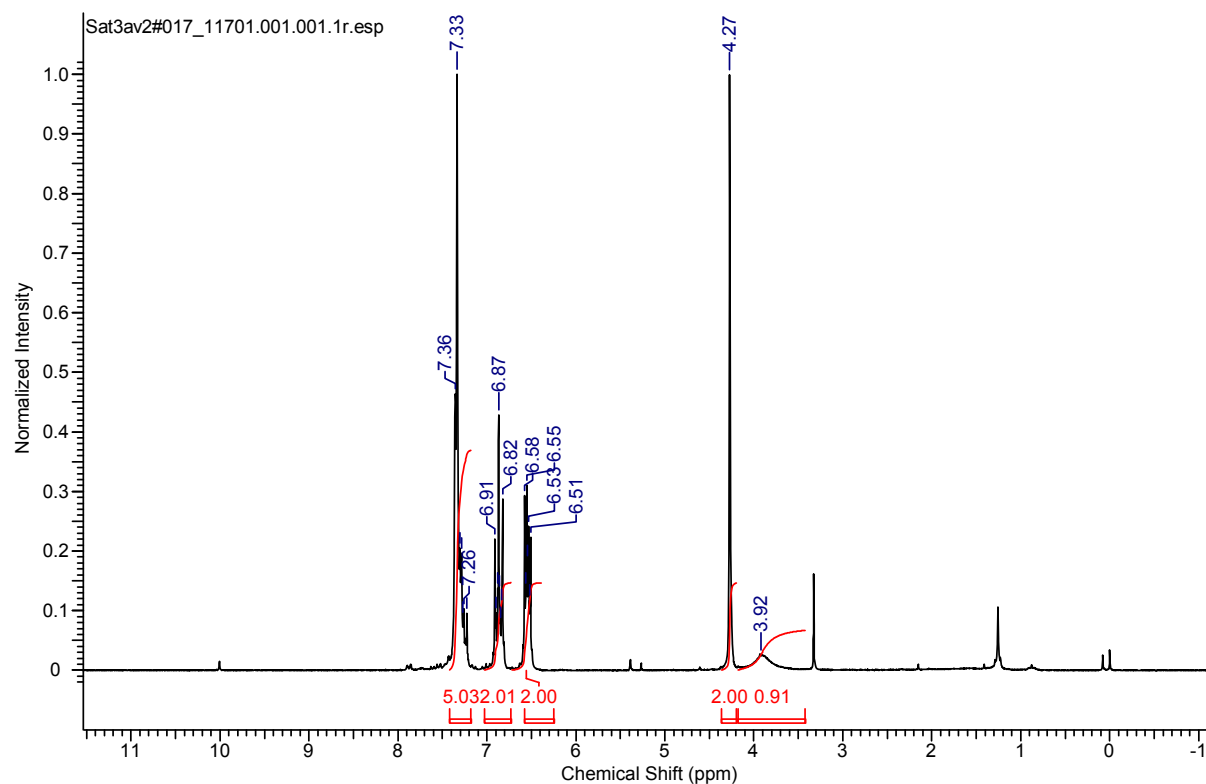
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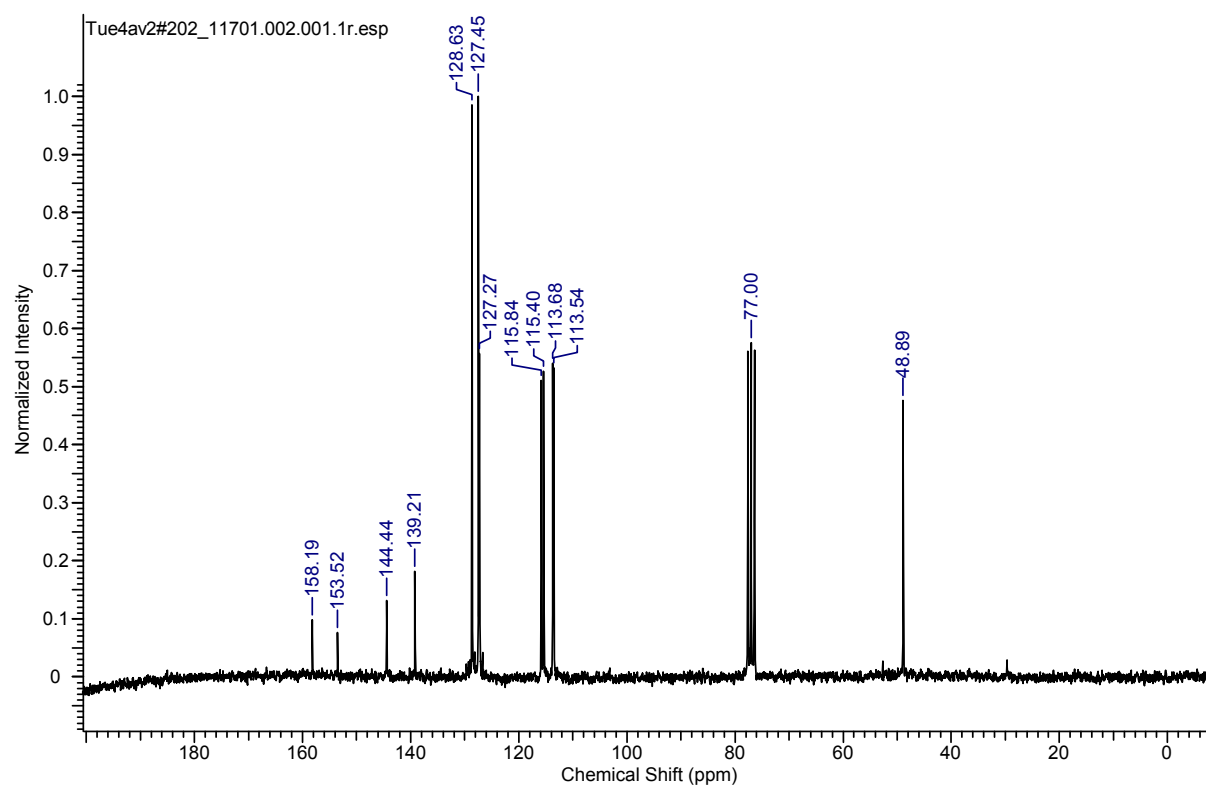
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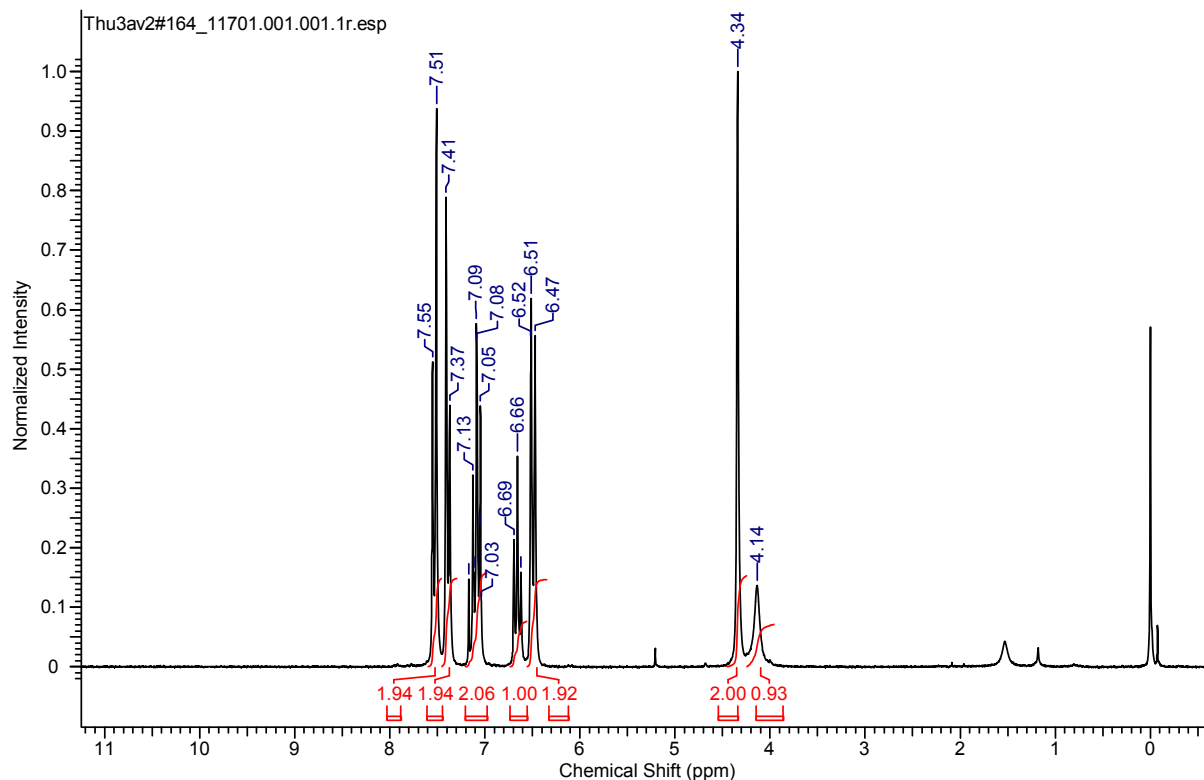
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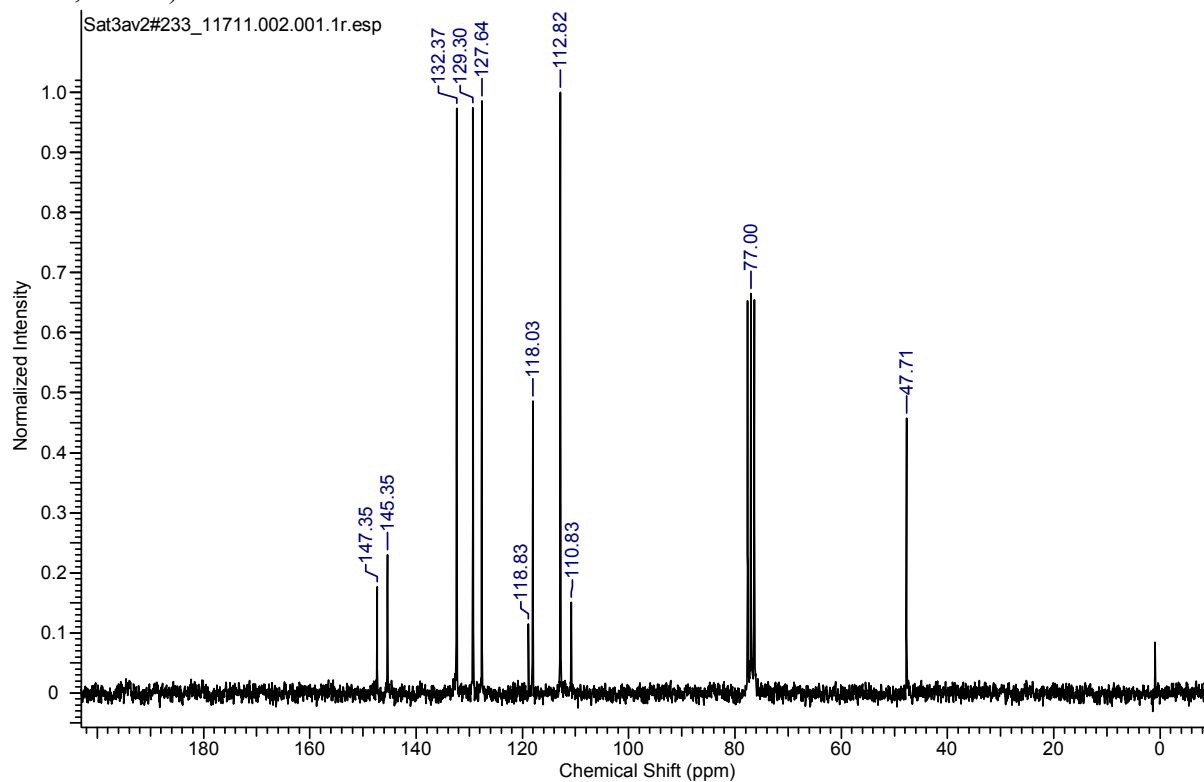
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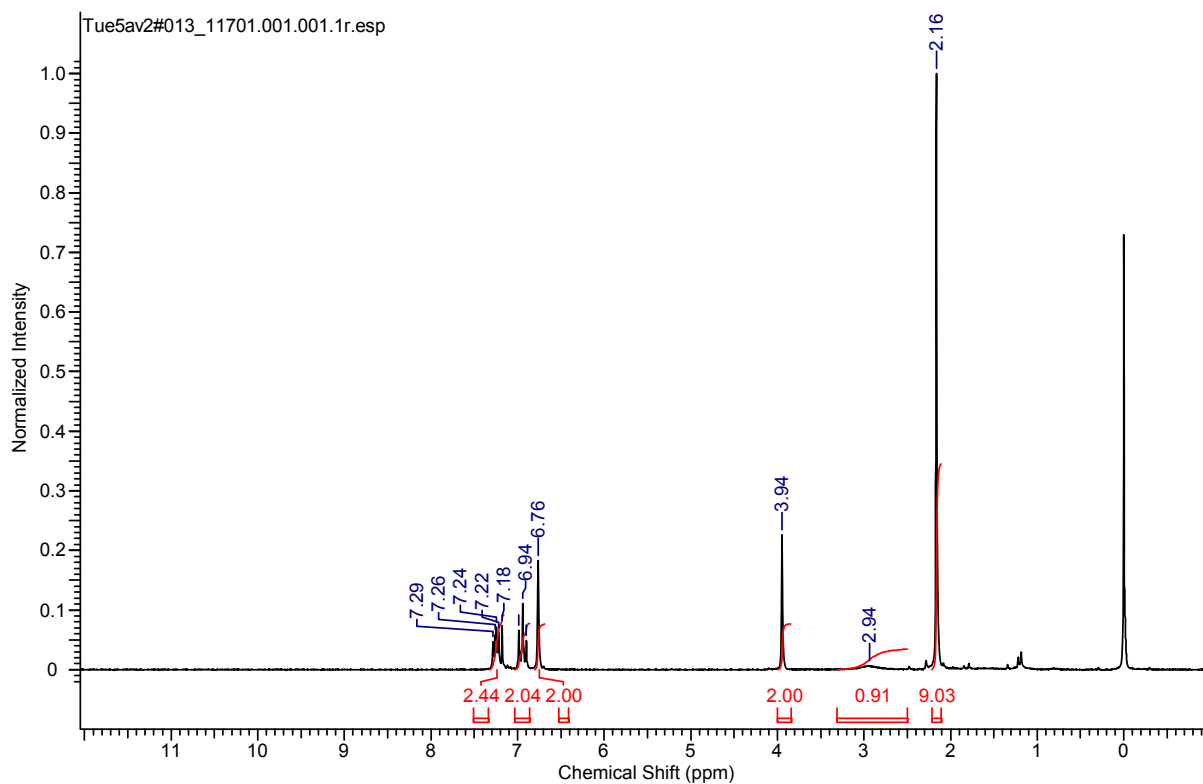
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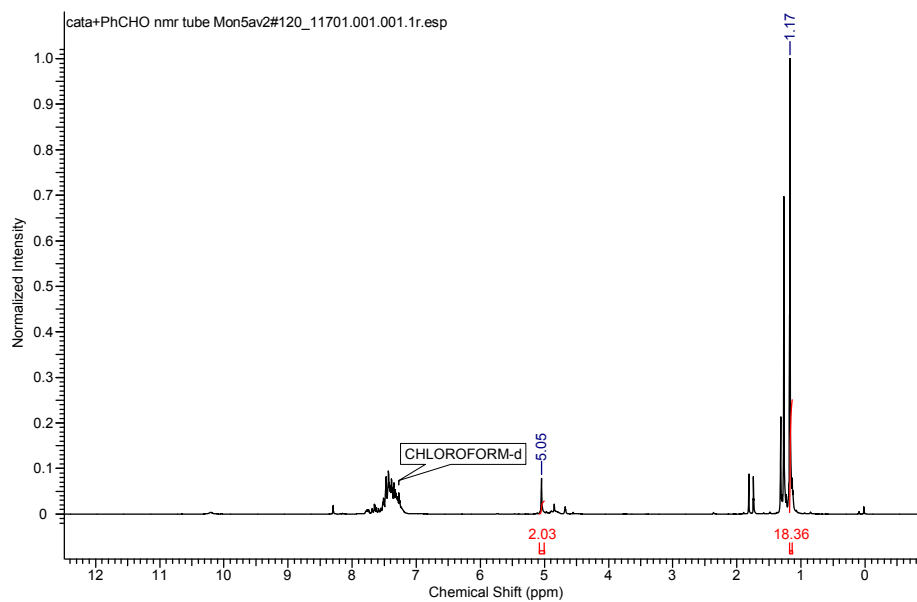
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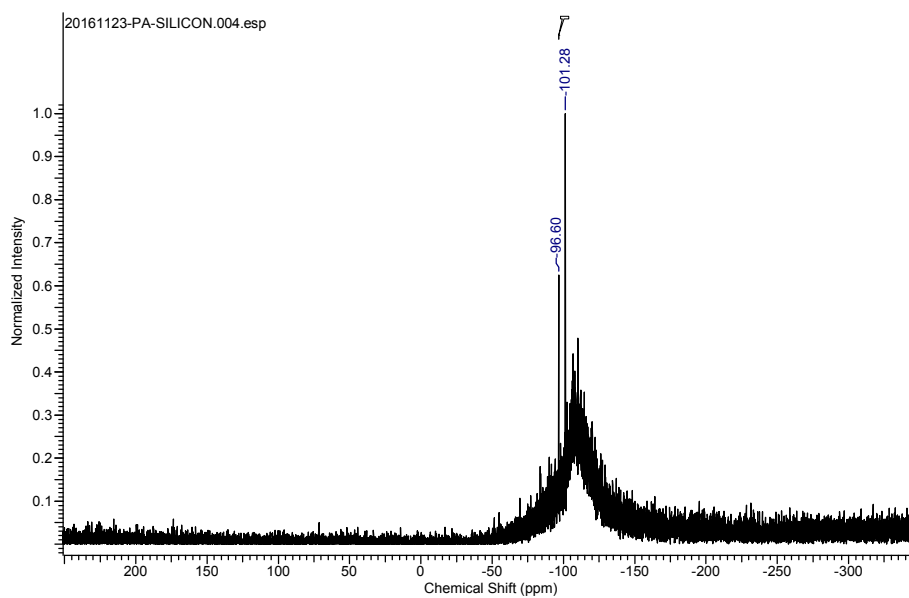
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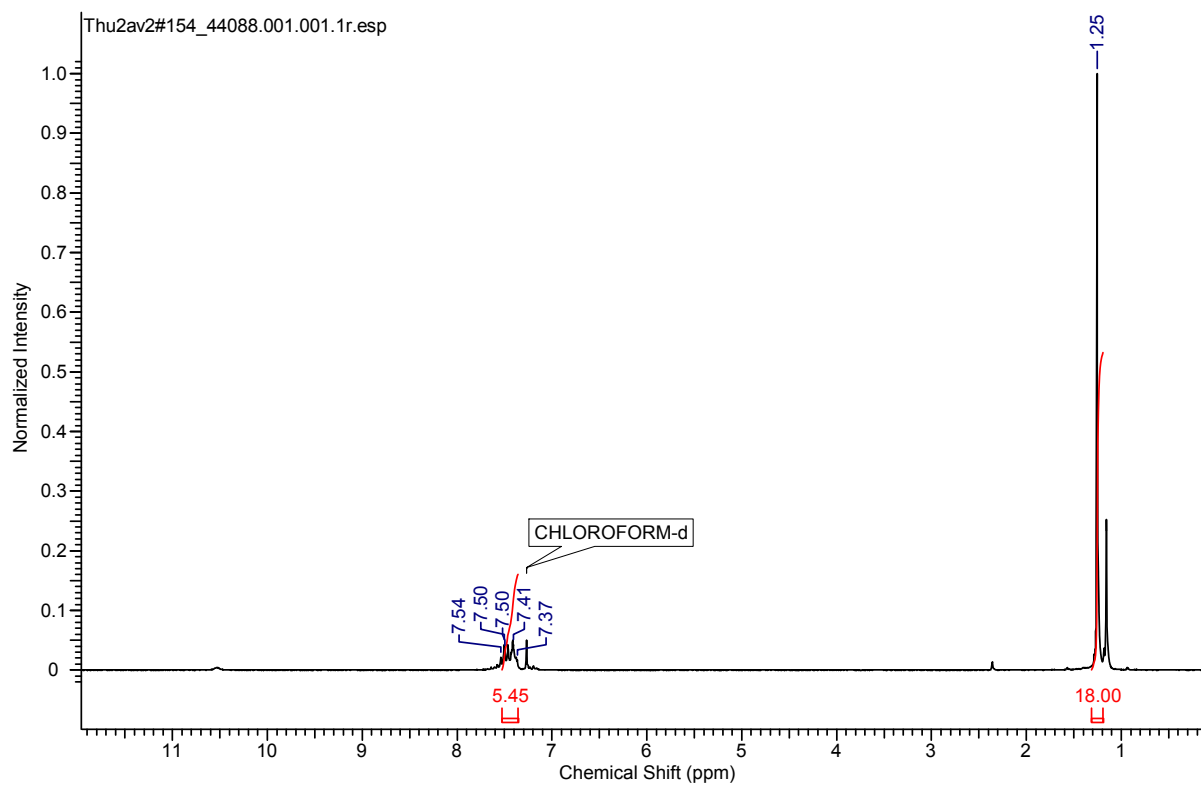
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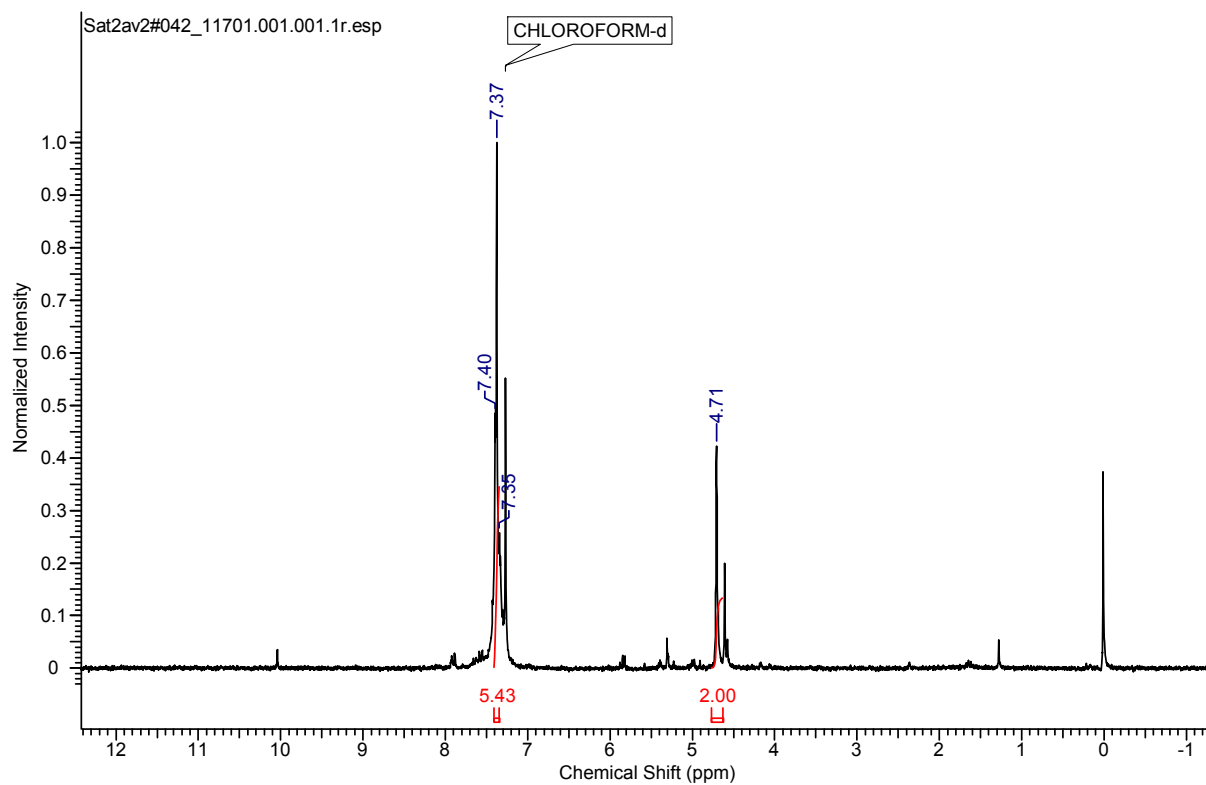
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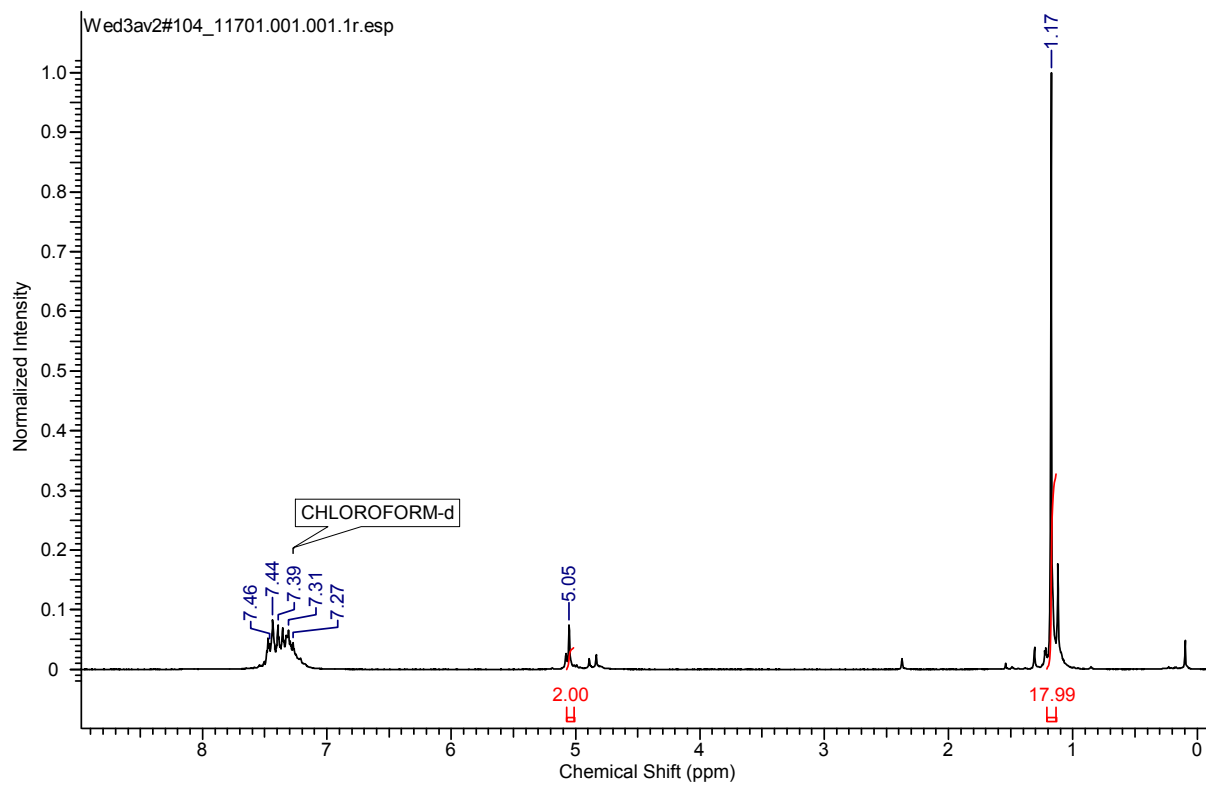
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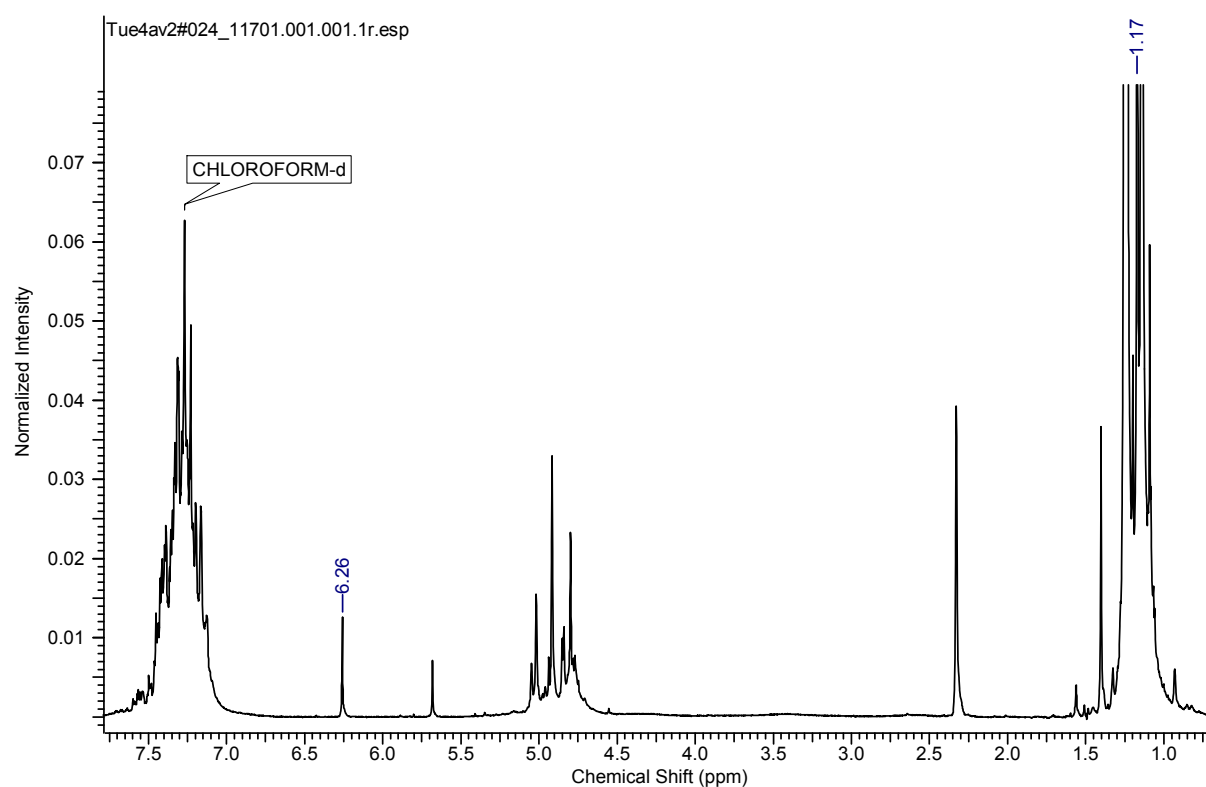
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