

Niobium-promoted reaction of α -phenylglyoxylic acid with *ortho*-functionalized anilines: synthesis of 2-arylbenzothiazoles and 3-aryl-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]benzoxazin-2-ones

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General Information: The reactions were monitored by TLC carried out on Merck silica gel (60 F₂₅₄) by using UV light as visualization agent and the mixture between 5% of vanillin in 10% of H₂SO₄ under heating conditions as developing agents. Merck silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm) was used to flash chromatography. Hydrogen nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR) were obtained at 400 MHz on Bruker Nuclear Ascend 400 spectrometers. The spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ solutions. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm, referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the external reference. Hydrogen coupling patterns are described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t) and multiplet (m). Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹³C NMR) were obtained at 100 MHz on Bruker Nuclear Ascend 400 spectrometers. The chemical shifts are reported in ppm, referenced to the solvent peak of CDCl₃. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a LTQ Orbitrap Discovery mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) and these experiments were realized by direct infusion (5 μL/min) in electrospray ionization source using the positive mode. The isotopes simulation were calculated using the Quad Browser v.2.0.7 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.) to compare the elementary composition.

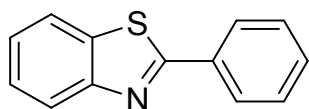
General Procedure for the Synthesis of the 2-(aryl)-benzothiazoles

In a round-bottom flask were added α-phenylglyoxylic acids **1a-d** (0.6 mmol), 2-aminothiophenoles **2a-b** (0.5 mmol), ANO (10 mol%, 0.019 g) and the PEG-400 (1 mL), respectively. The resulting solution was stirred for the time indicated on the Table 2 under conventional heating at 100 °C and under ultrasound irradiation (20 KHz, 60% of ultrasonic amplitude). After that, the reaction mixture was received in water (20 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. Thus, the residue was purified through chromatography column on silica gel utilizing hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of the 3-(aryl)-benzoxazin-2-onas

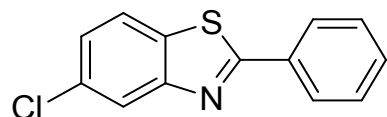
In a round-bottom flask were added α -phenylglyoxylic acids **1a-c** (0.6 mmol), 2-aminophenoles **4a-c** (0.5 mmol), ANO (10 mol%, 0.019 g) and the PEG-400 (1 mL), respectively. The resulting mixture was stirred for the time indicated on the Table 3 under conventional heating at 100 °C and under ultrasound irradiation (20 KHz, 60% of ultrasonic amplitude). After that, the reaction mixture was received in water (20 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3X 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. Thus, the residue was purified through chromatography column on silica gel utilizing hexane/ethyl acetate as the eluent.

2-phenylbenzo[d]thiazole (3aa)



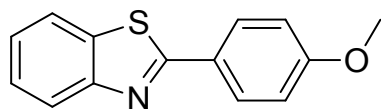
Yield: 0.090 g (85%); Light yellow solid; mp 107-110 °C (Lit.¹: 109-111 °C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.11 – 8.07 (m, 3H), 7.91 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 168.05, 154.13, 135.05, 133.61, 130.94, 129.00, 127.55, 126.29, 125.17, 123.22, 121.60.

5-chloro-2-phenylbenzo[d]thiazole (3ab)



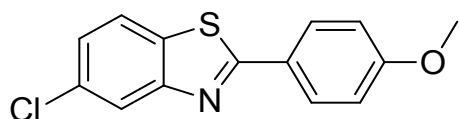
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2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (3ba)



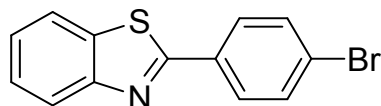
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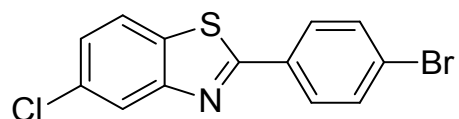
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2-(4-bromophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (3ca)



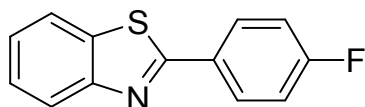
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2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-chlorobenzo[d]thiazole (3cb)



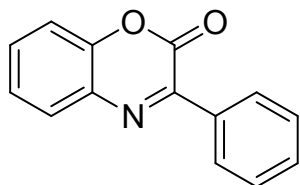
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2-(4-fluorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (3da)



Yield: 0.076 g (67%); White solid: mp 98-100 °C (Lit.⁶: 98-100 °C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.09 – 8.04 (m, 3H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 8.3, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 166.67, 164.41 (d, *J* = 251.9 Hz), 154.05, 135.01, 129.92 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 129.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 126.36, 125.19, 123.15, 121.56, 116.10 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz).

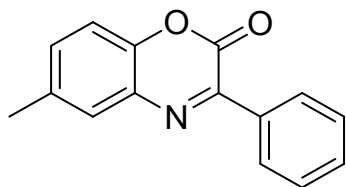
3-phenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5aa)



Yield: 0.095 g (80%); Beige solid: mp: 118-119 °C (Lit.⁷: 121-122 °C) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.33 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 152.14,

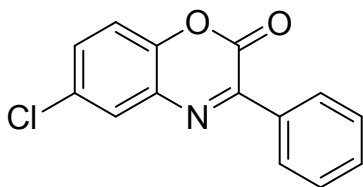
150.69, 146.37, 134.04, 131.55, 131.33, 131.02, 129.37, 129.36, 128.29, 125.46, 116.07.

6-methyl-3-phenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5ab)



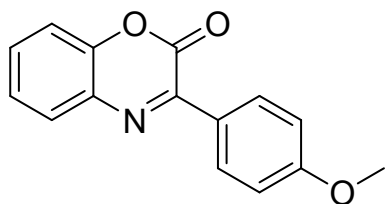
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6-chloro-3-phenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5ac)



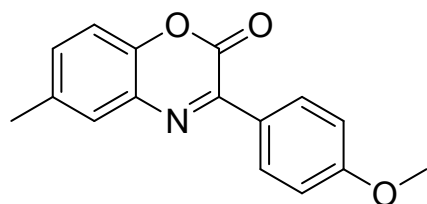
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3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5ba)



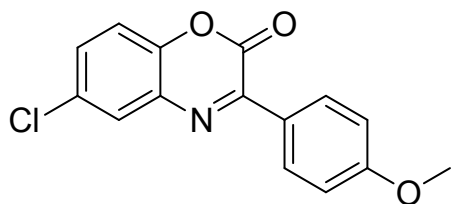
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3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5bb)



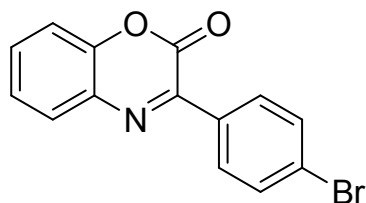
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6-chloro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5bc)



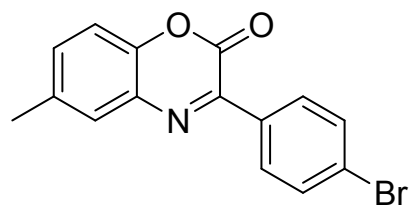
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3-(4-bromophenyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5ca)



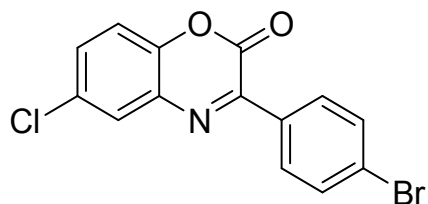
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3-(4-bromophenyl)-6-methyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-2-one (5cb)



Yield: 0.150 g (93%); Yellow solid; mp 129-131 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.27 – 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 152.29, 149.35, 144.38, 135.63, 133.02, 132.40, 131.56, 131.24, 130.92, 129.27, 126.29, 115.74, 20.82. HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrNO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 314.9895. Found: 314.9891.

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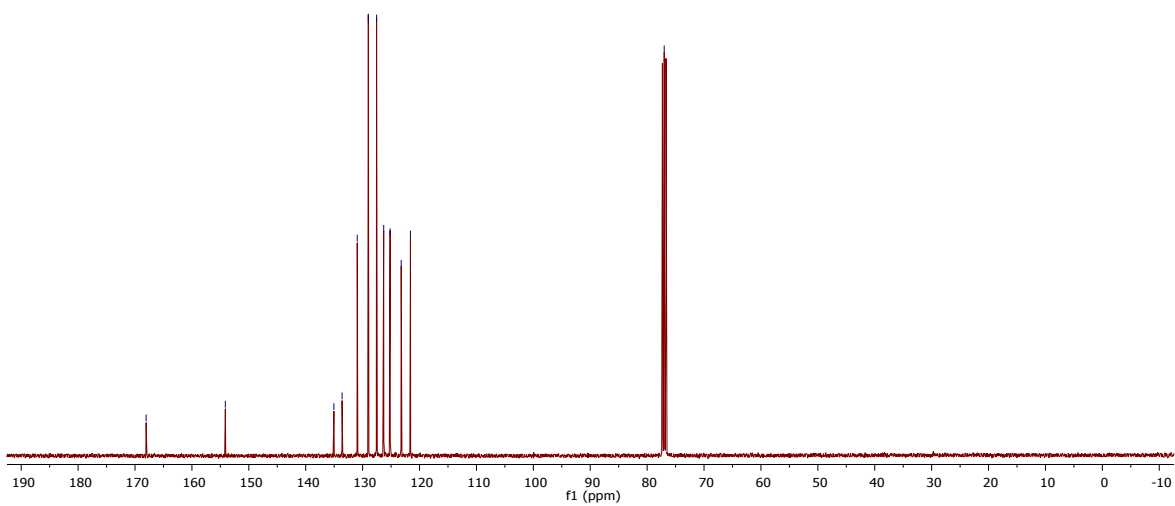
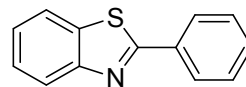
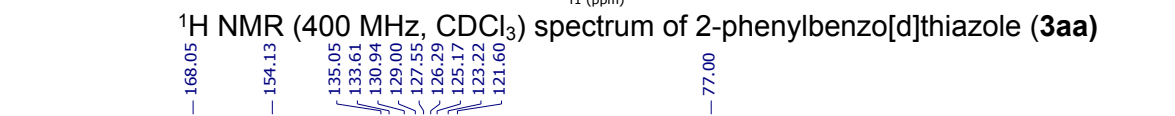
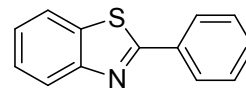
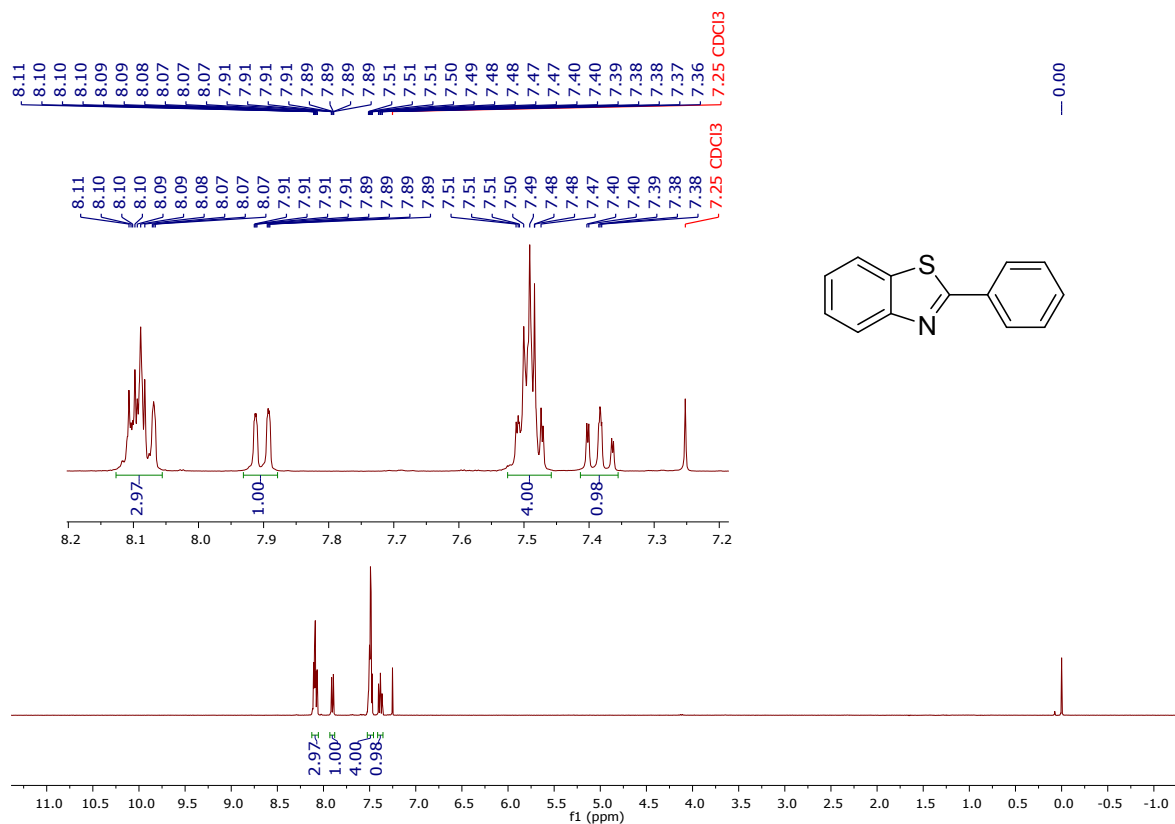


Yield: 0.111 g (66%); Orange needled solid: 153-155 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.27 – 8.25 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 151.48, 150.52, 144.98, 132.46, 131.99, 131.73, 131.25, 131.08, 130.84, 128.84, 127.04, 117.31. HRMS calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{BrClNO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 334.9349. Found: 334.9339

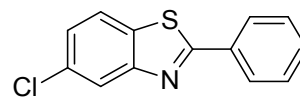
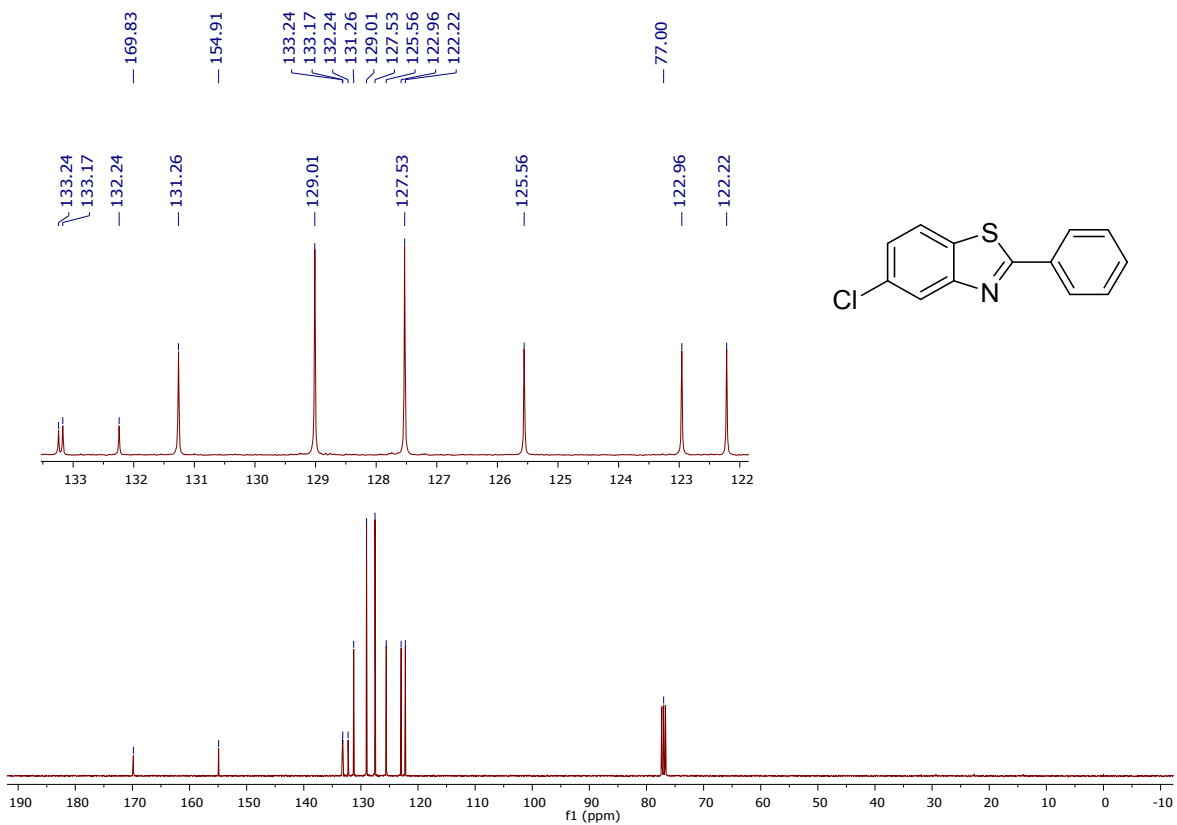
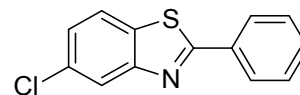
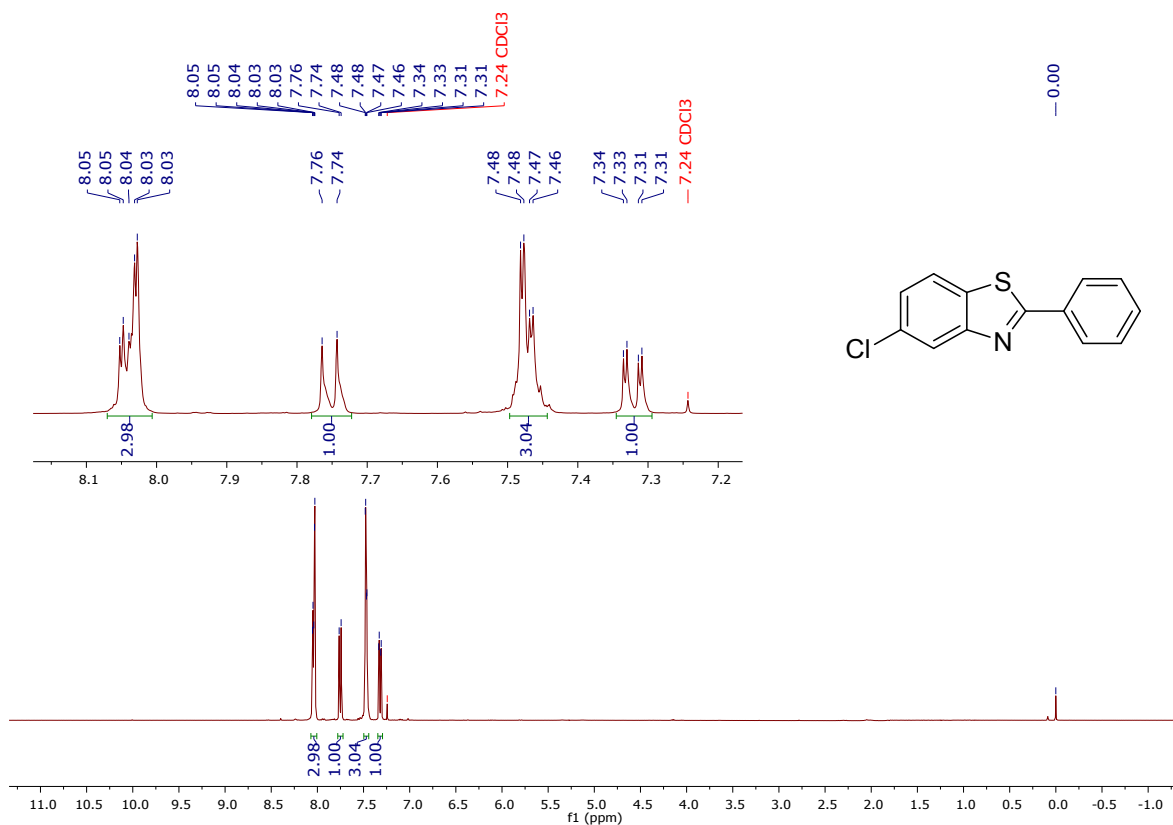
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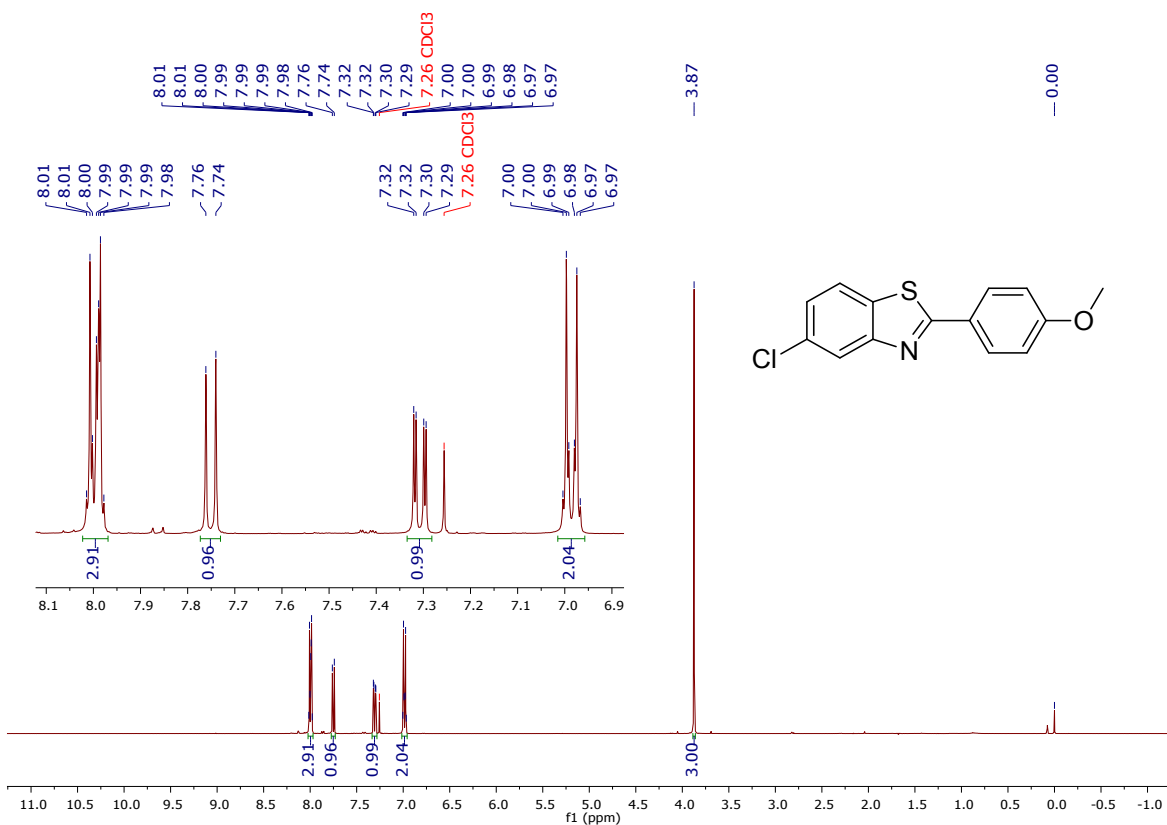
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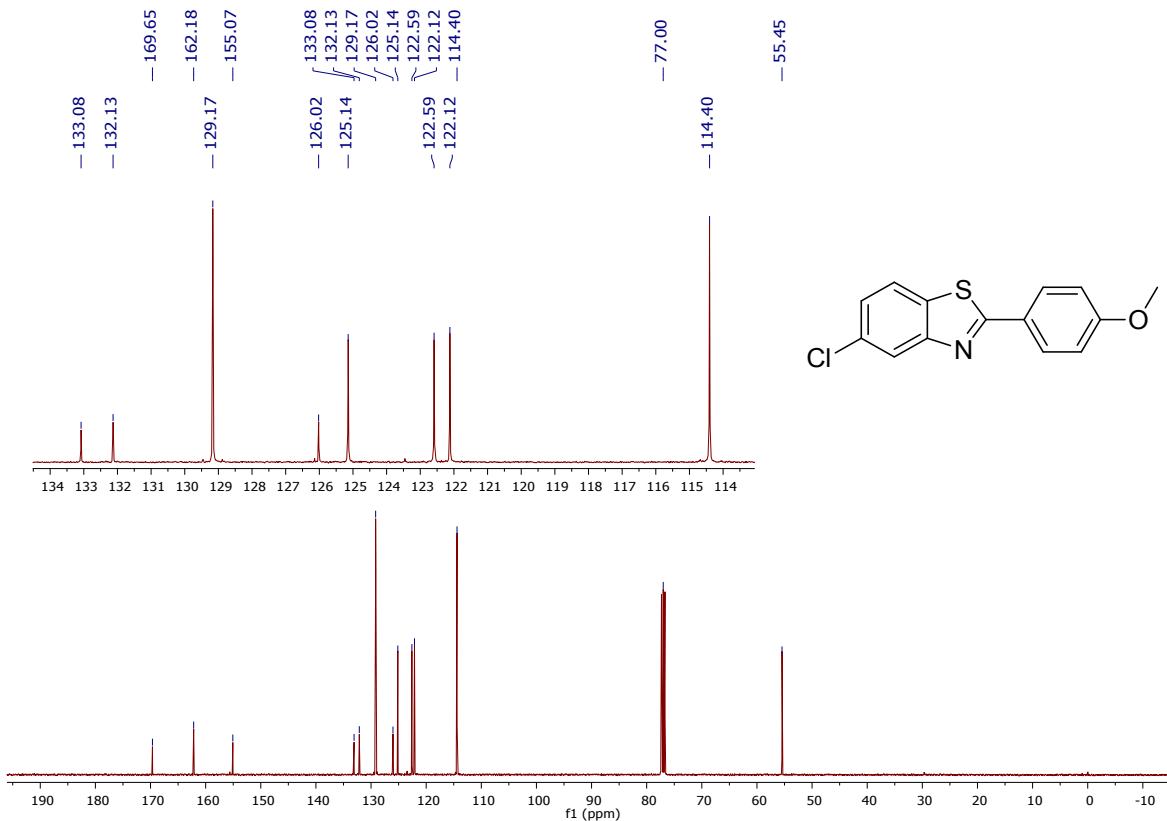


¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of 2-phenylbenzo[d]thiazole (**3aa**)

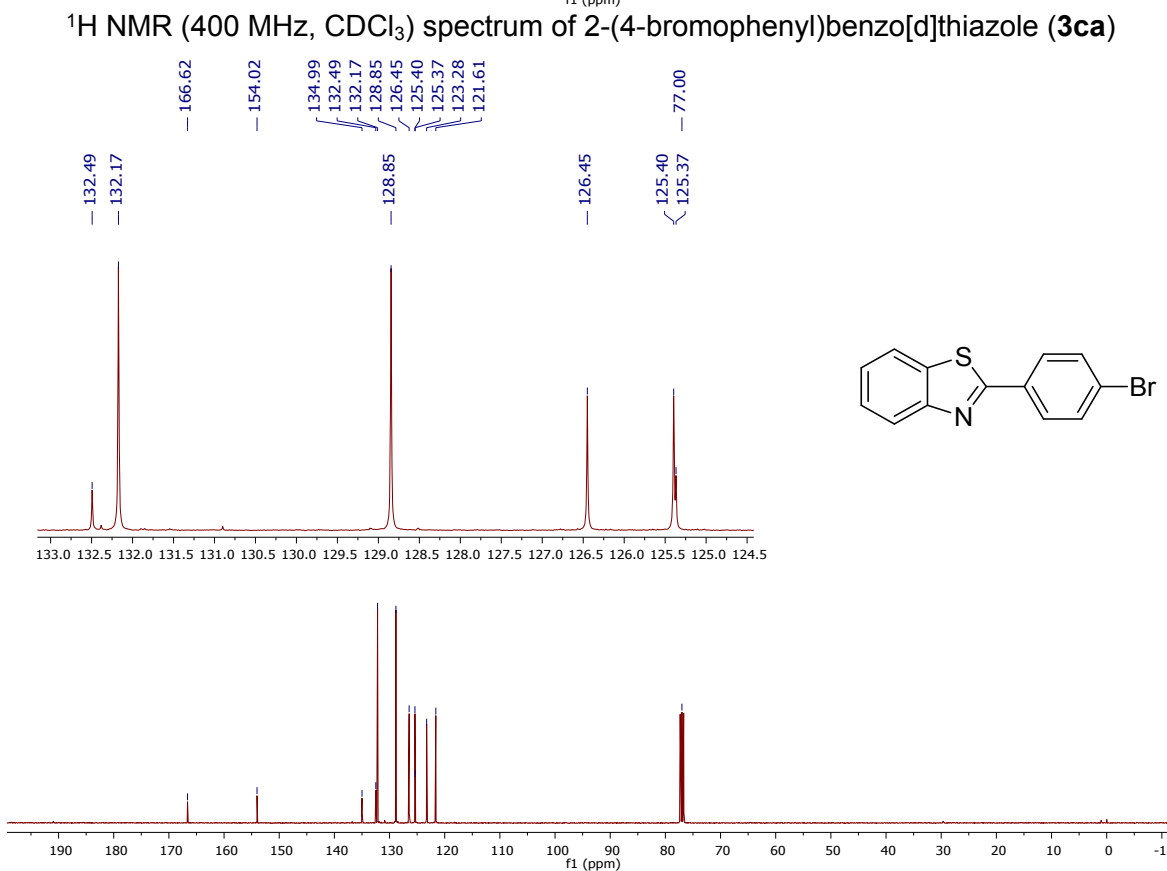
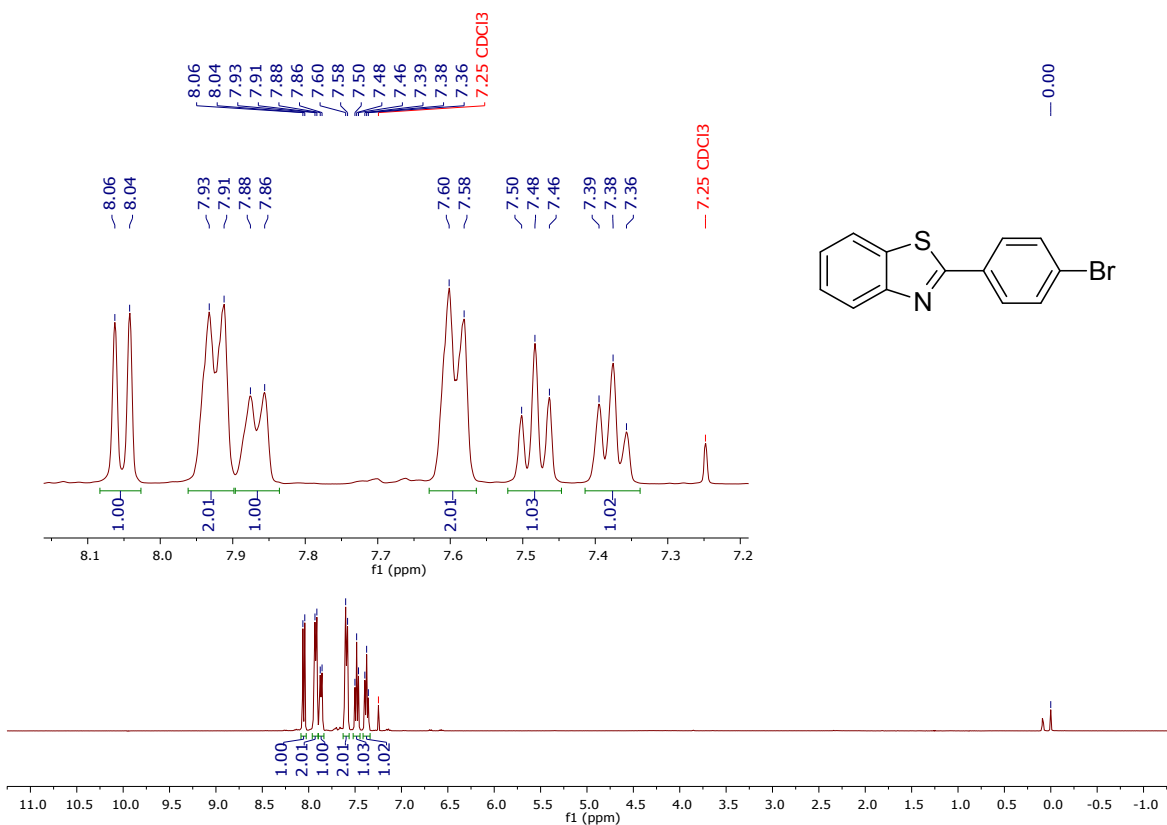


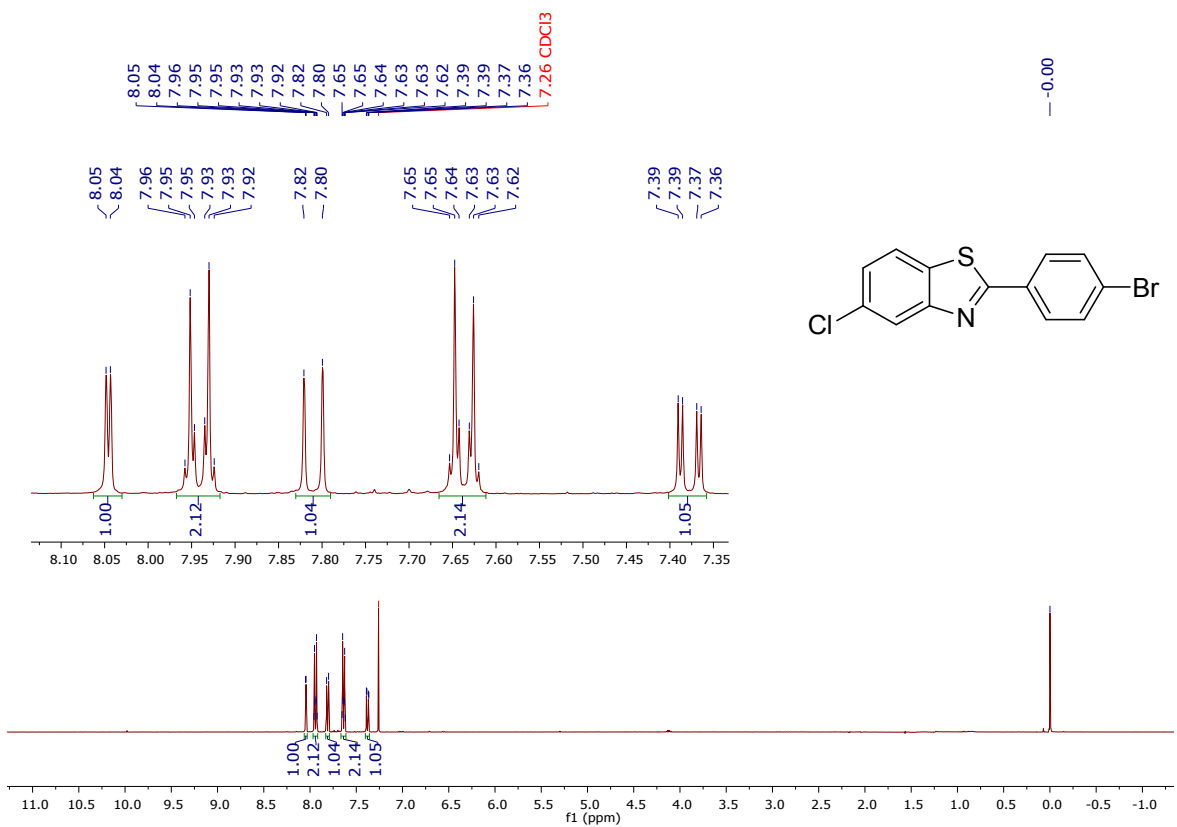


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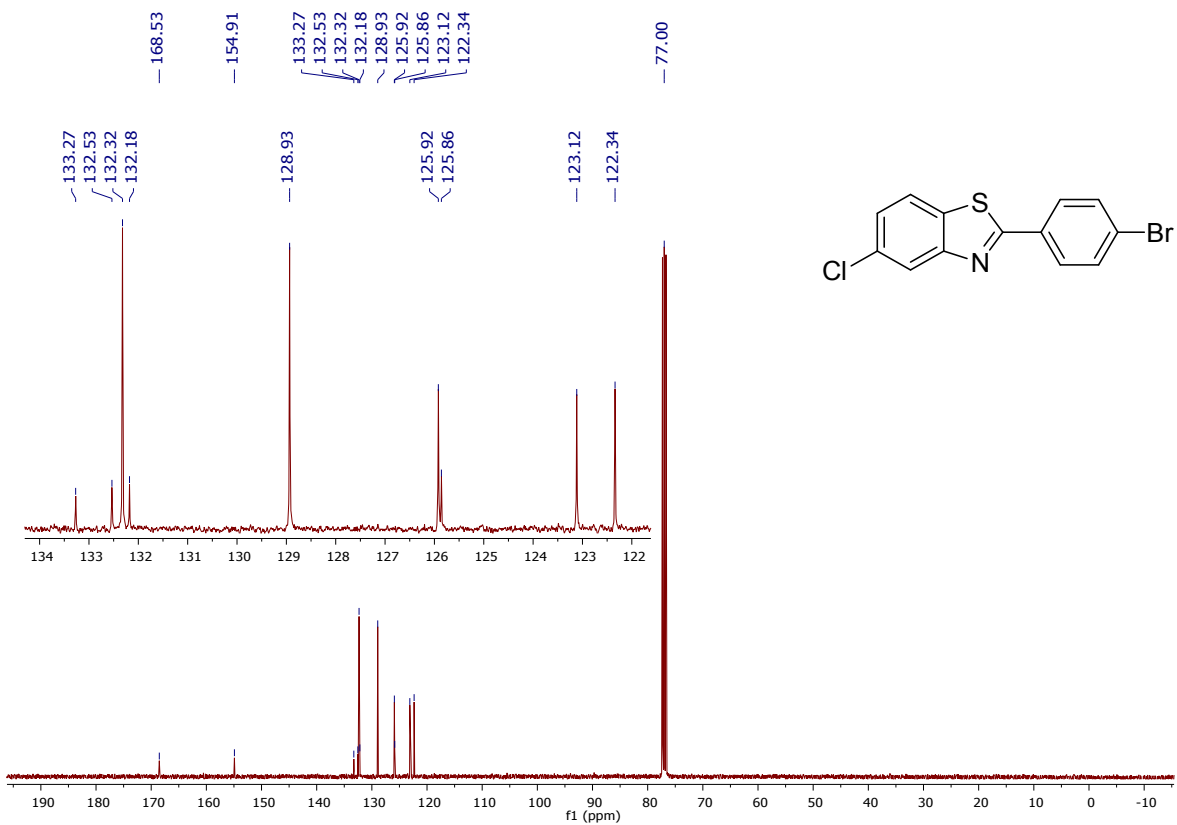


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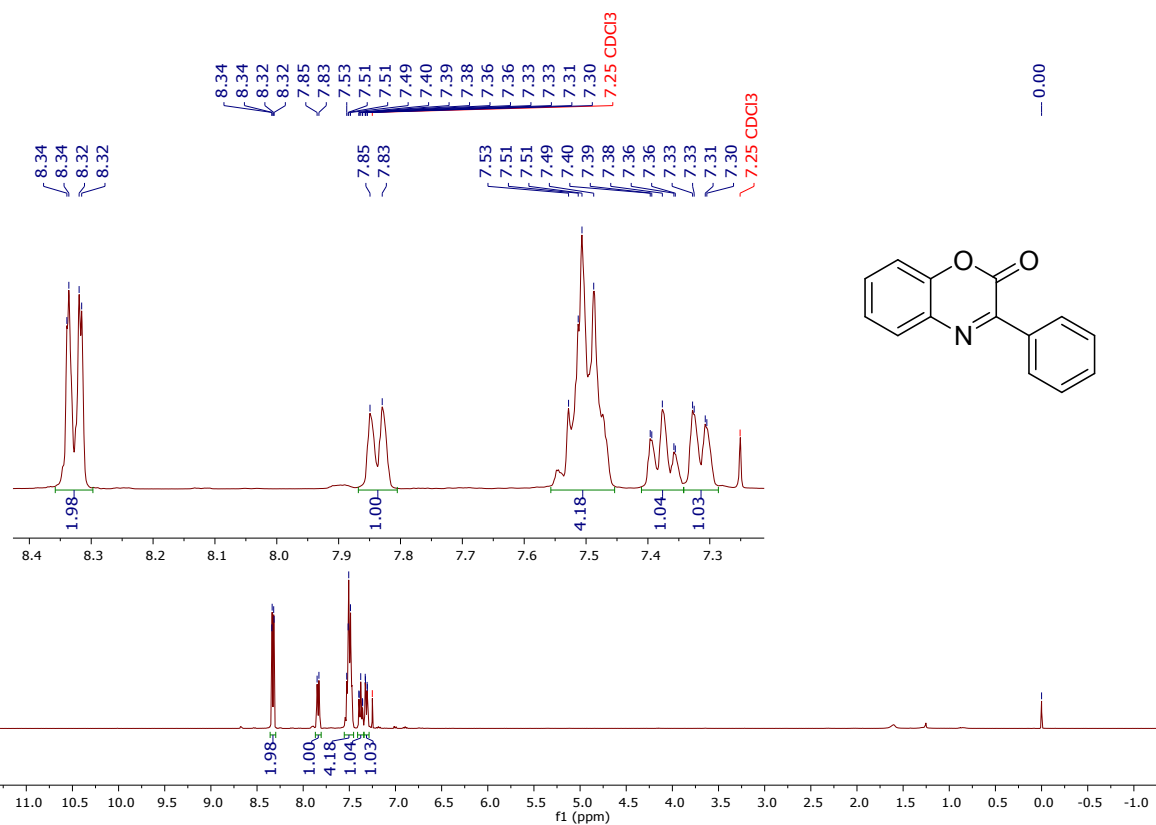




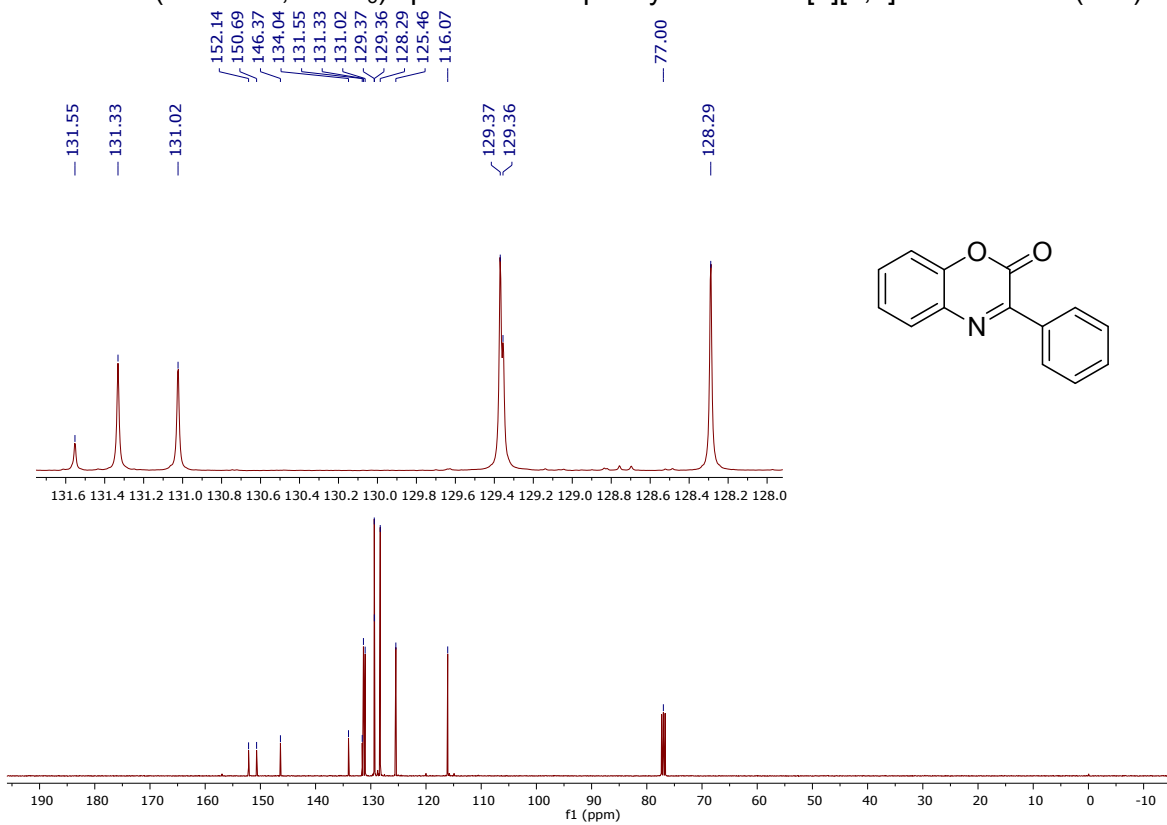
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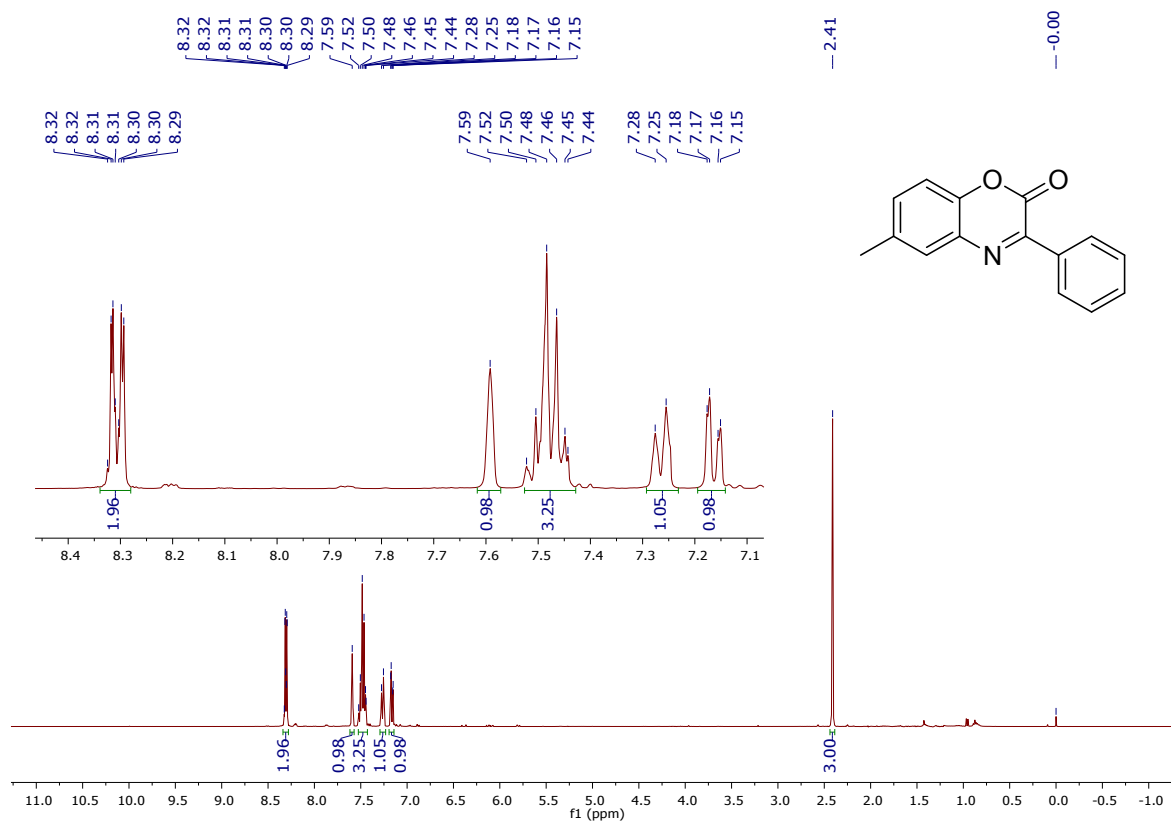
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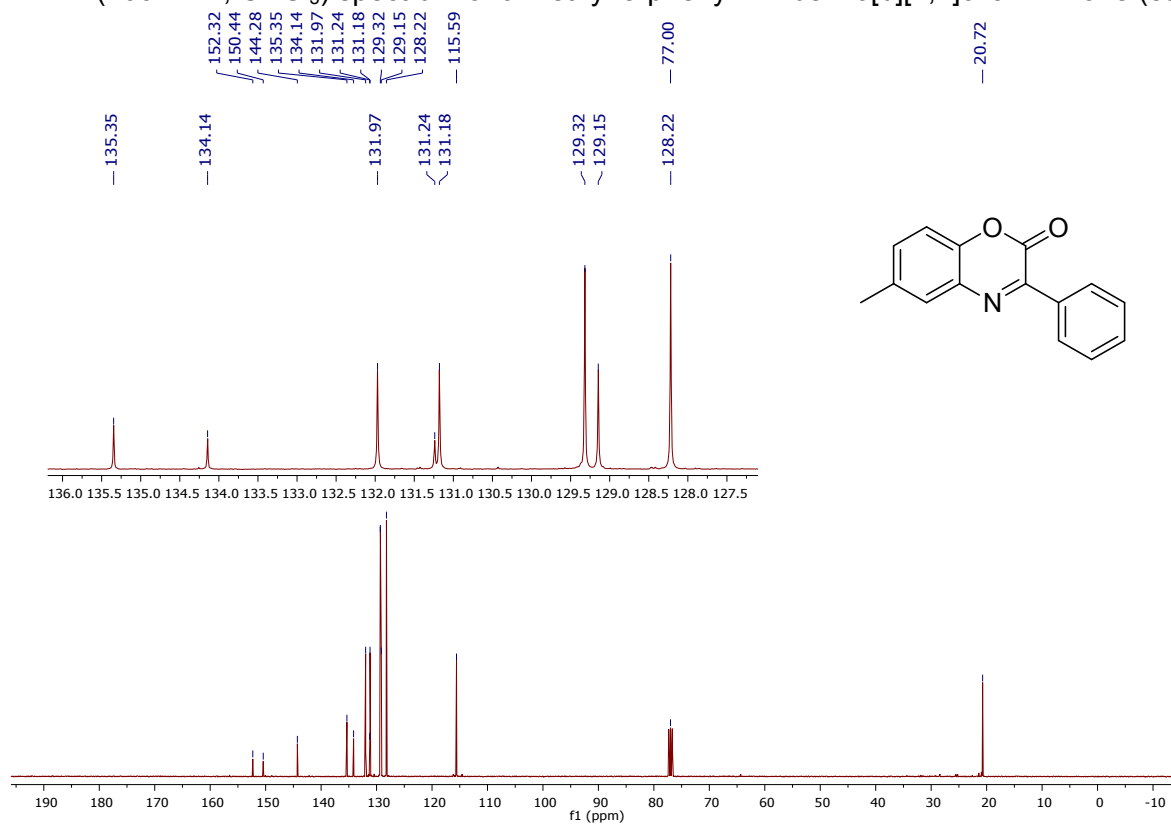
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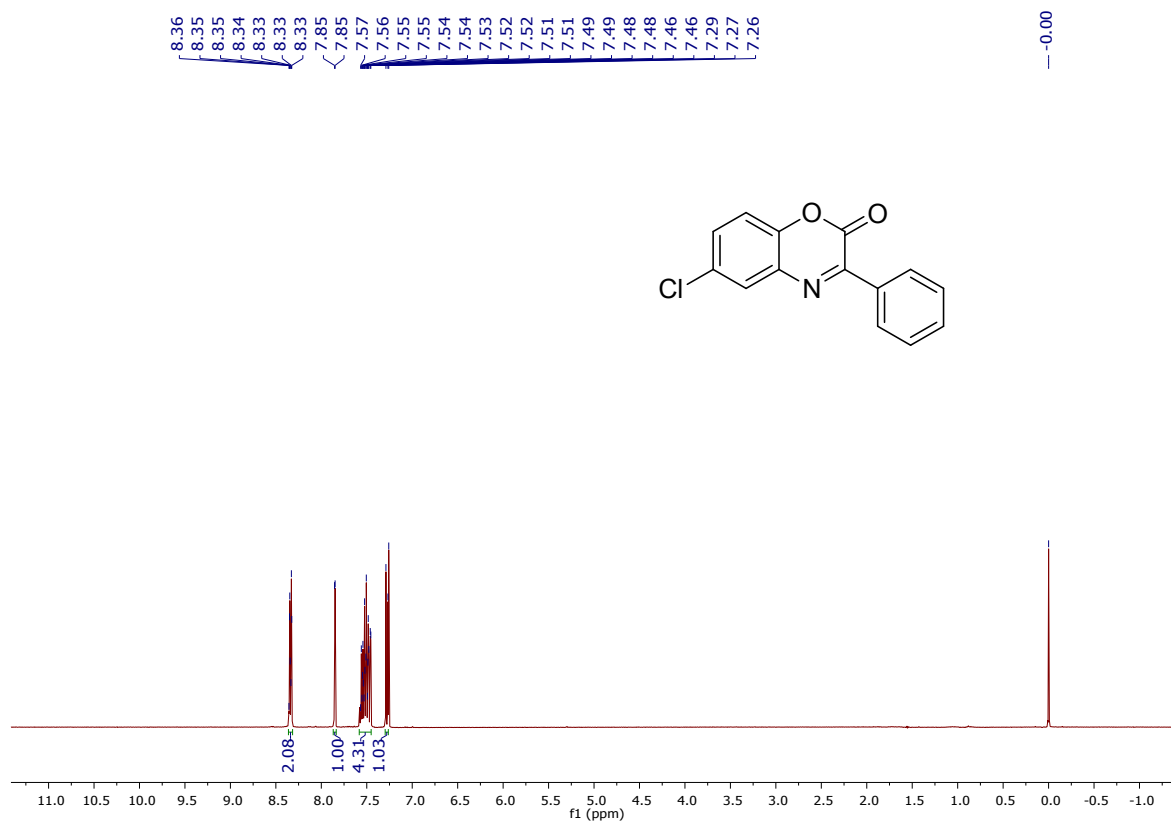
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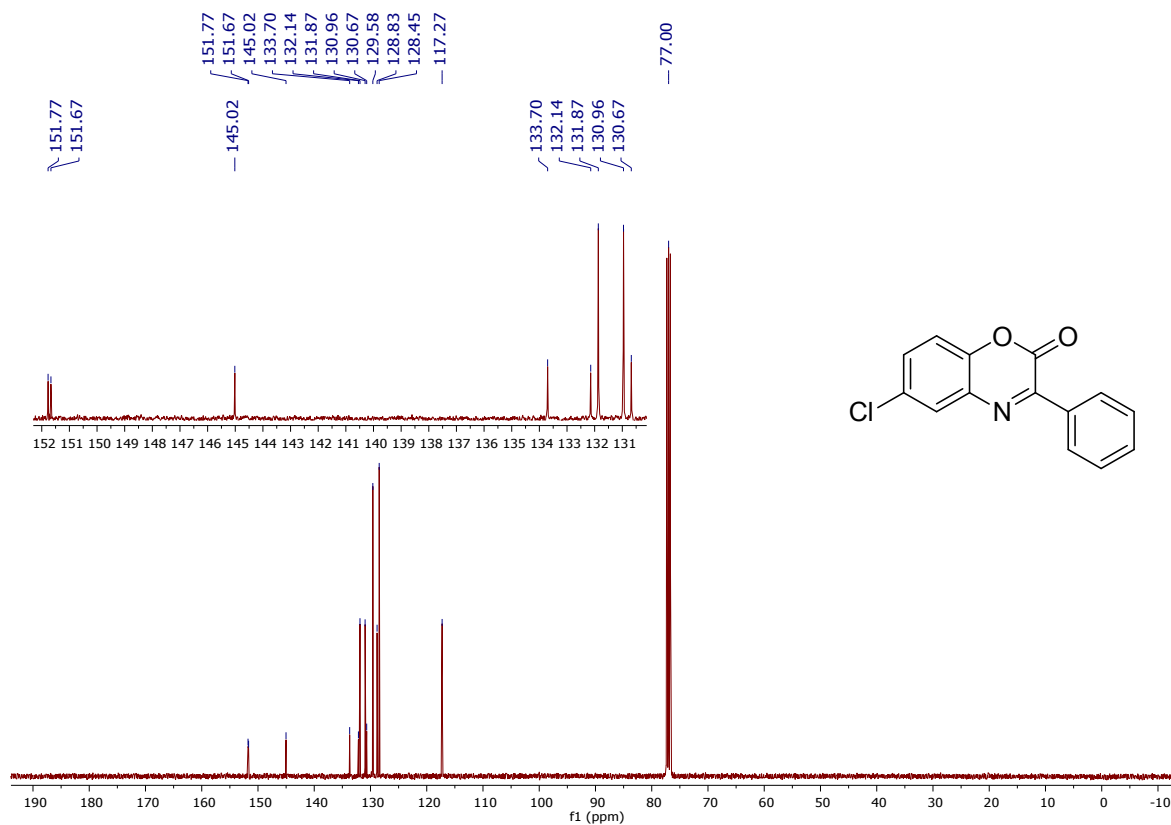
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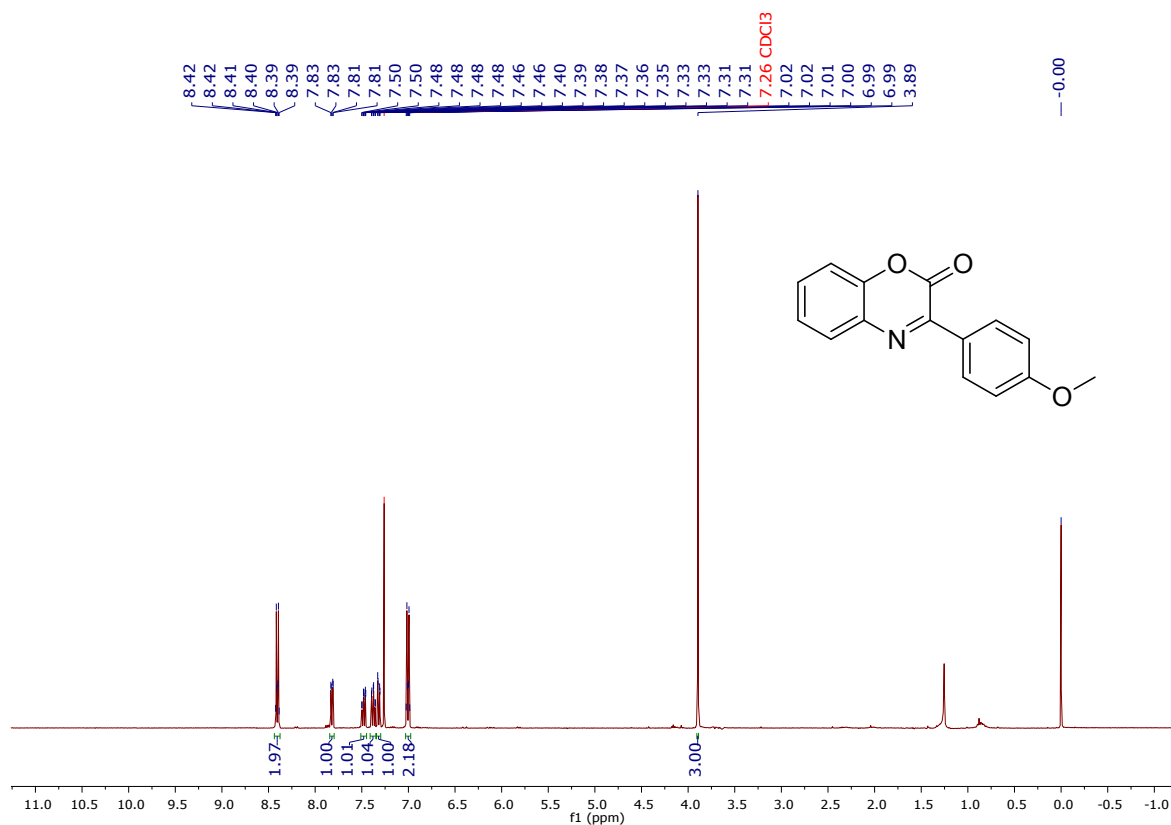
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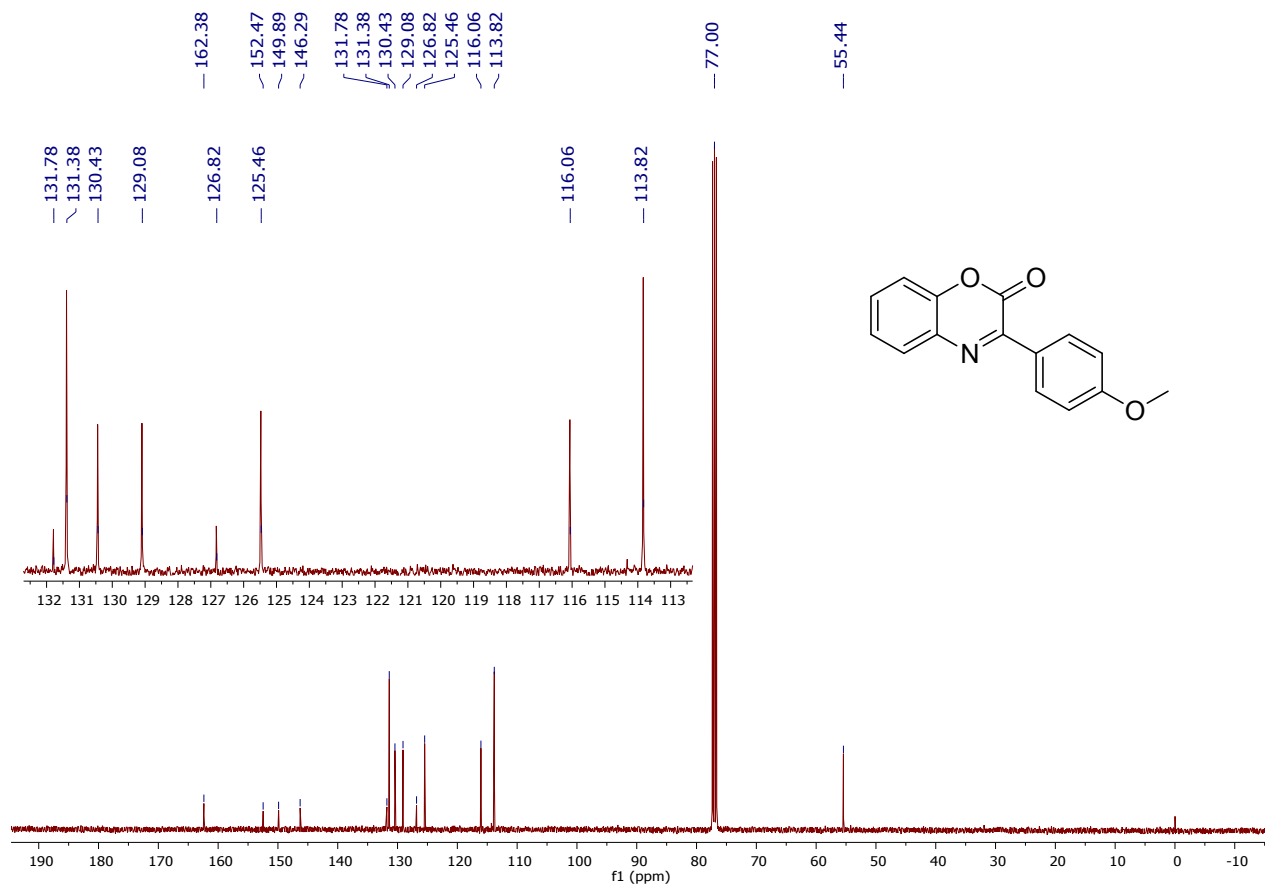
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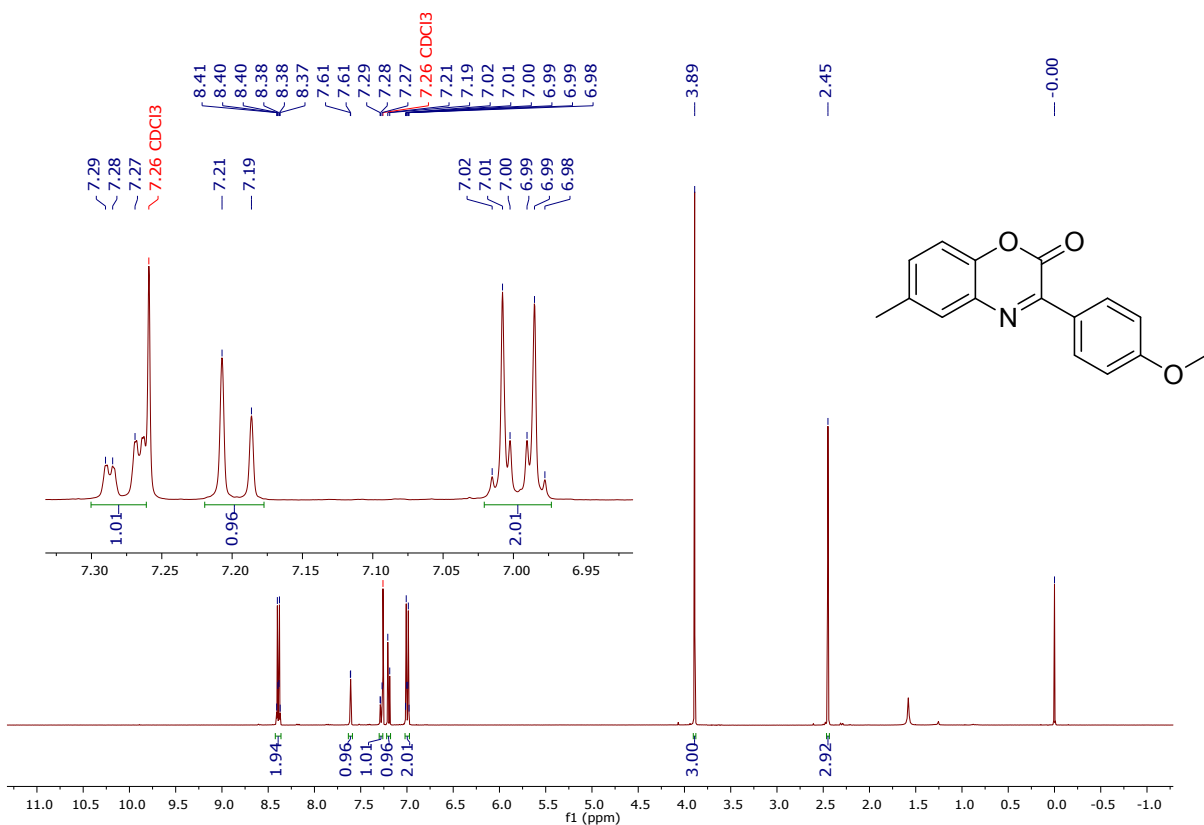
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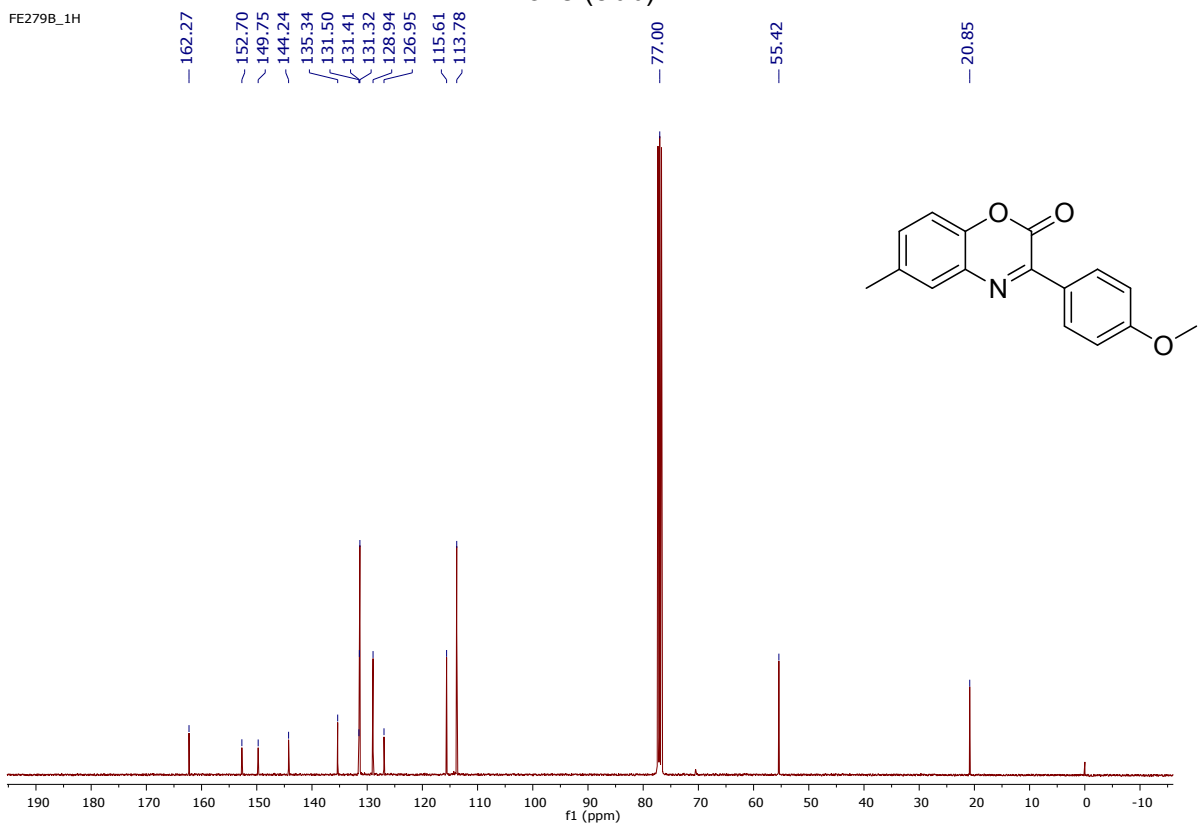
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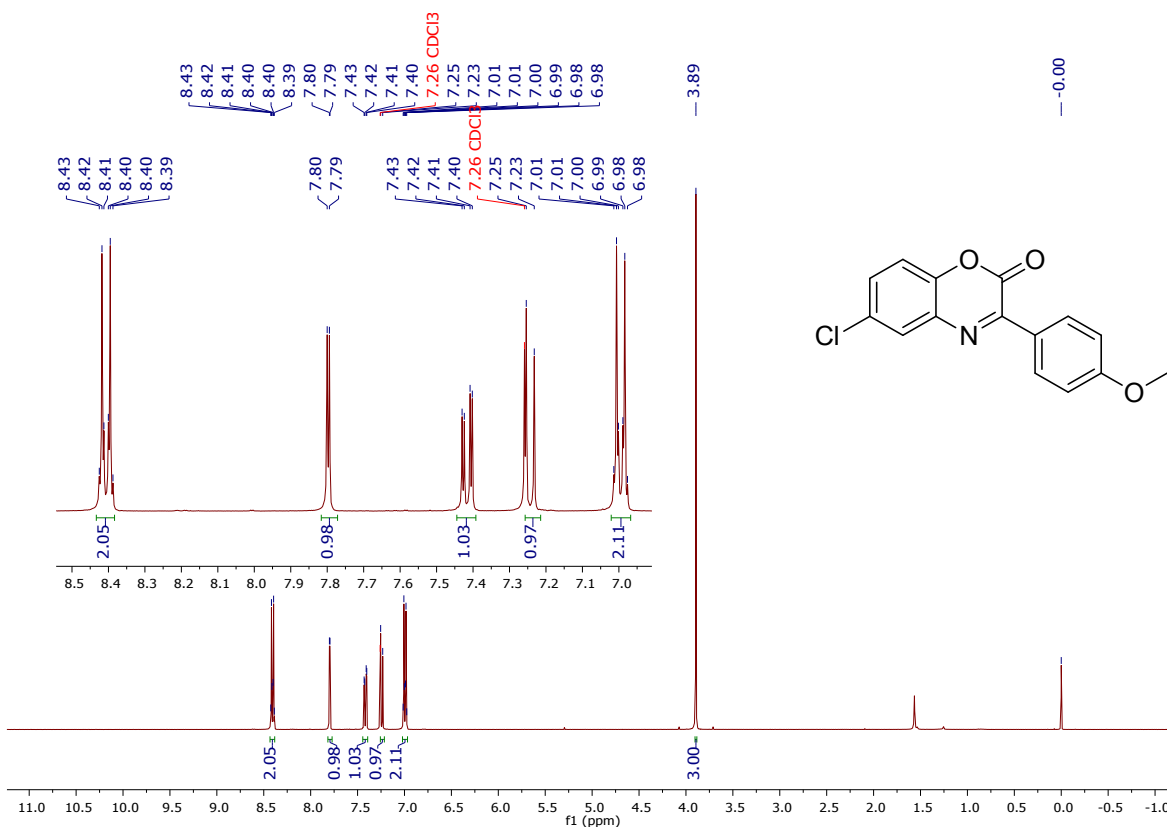
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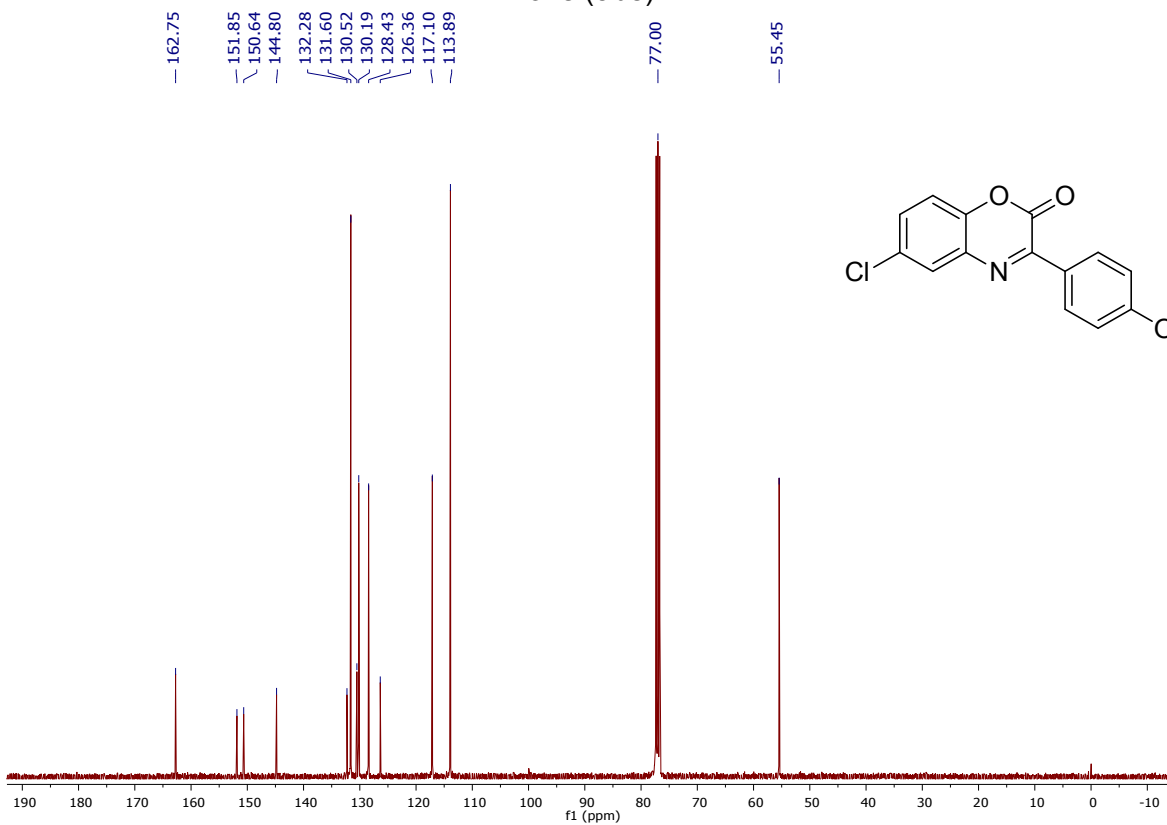
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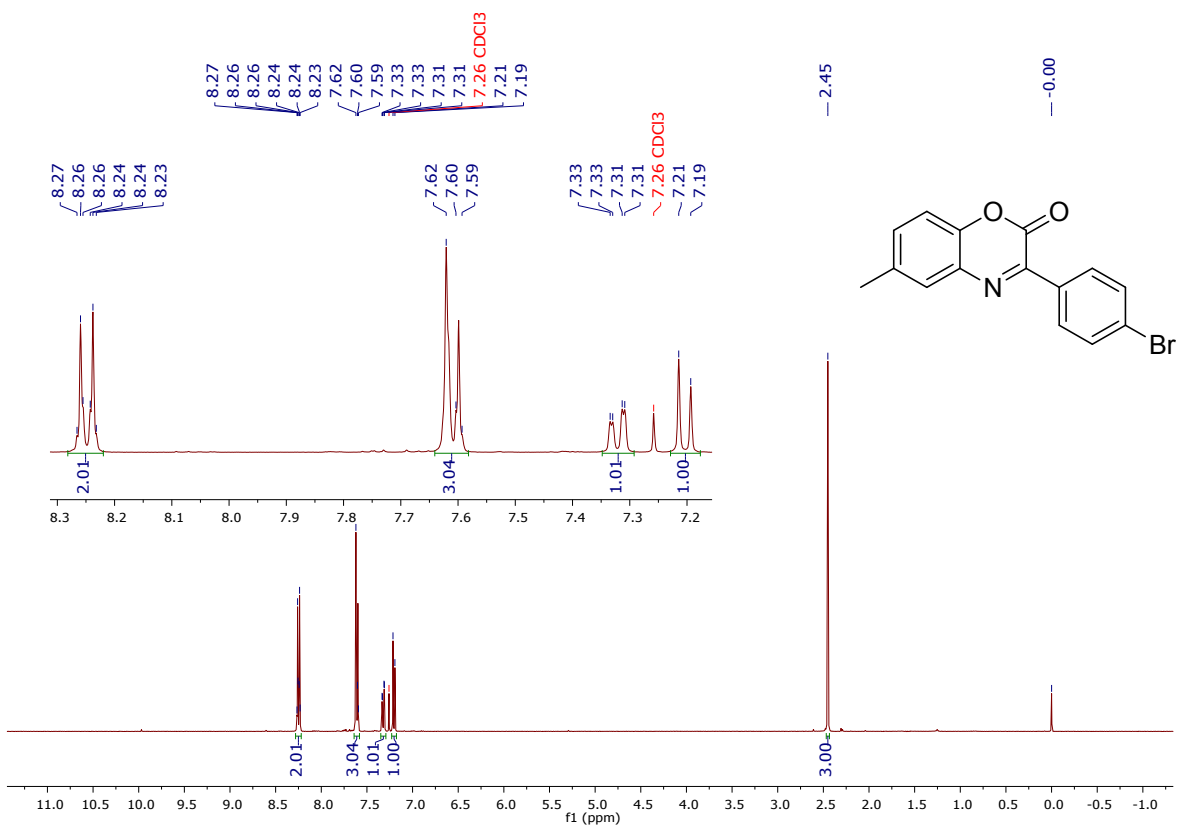
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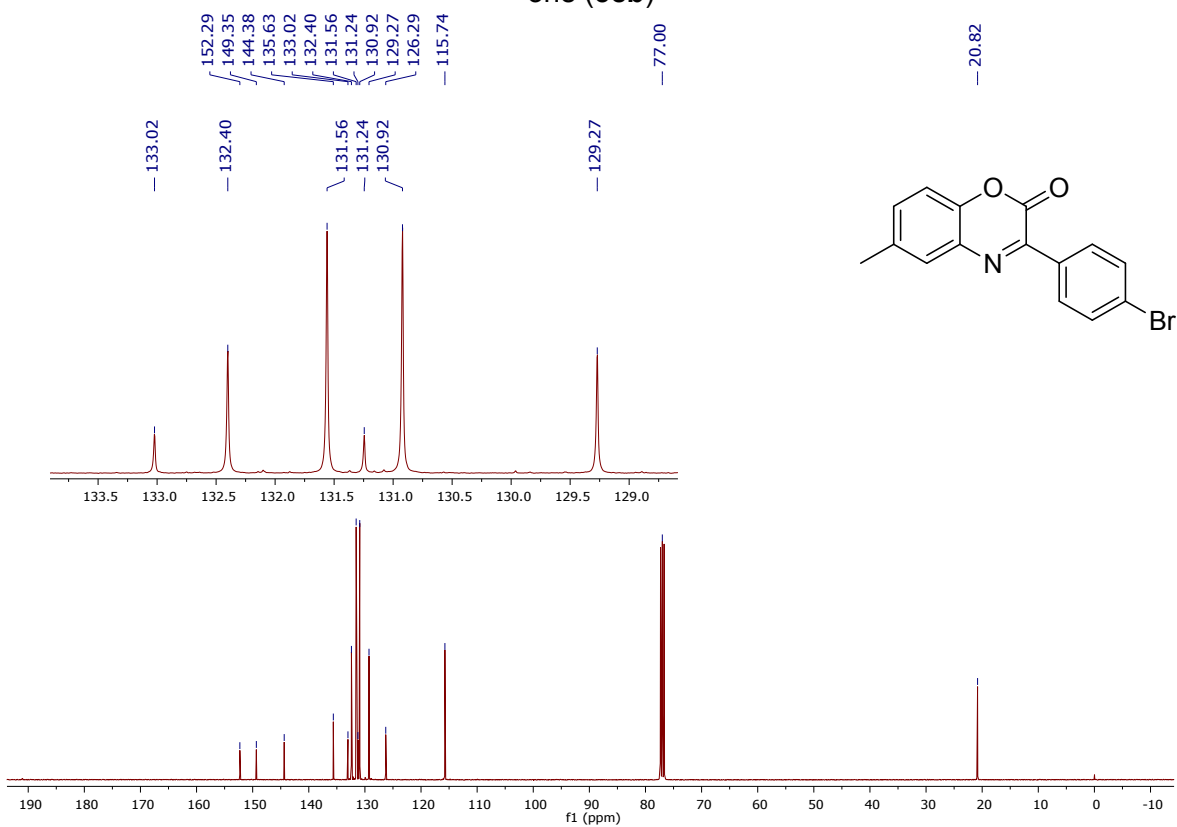
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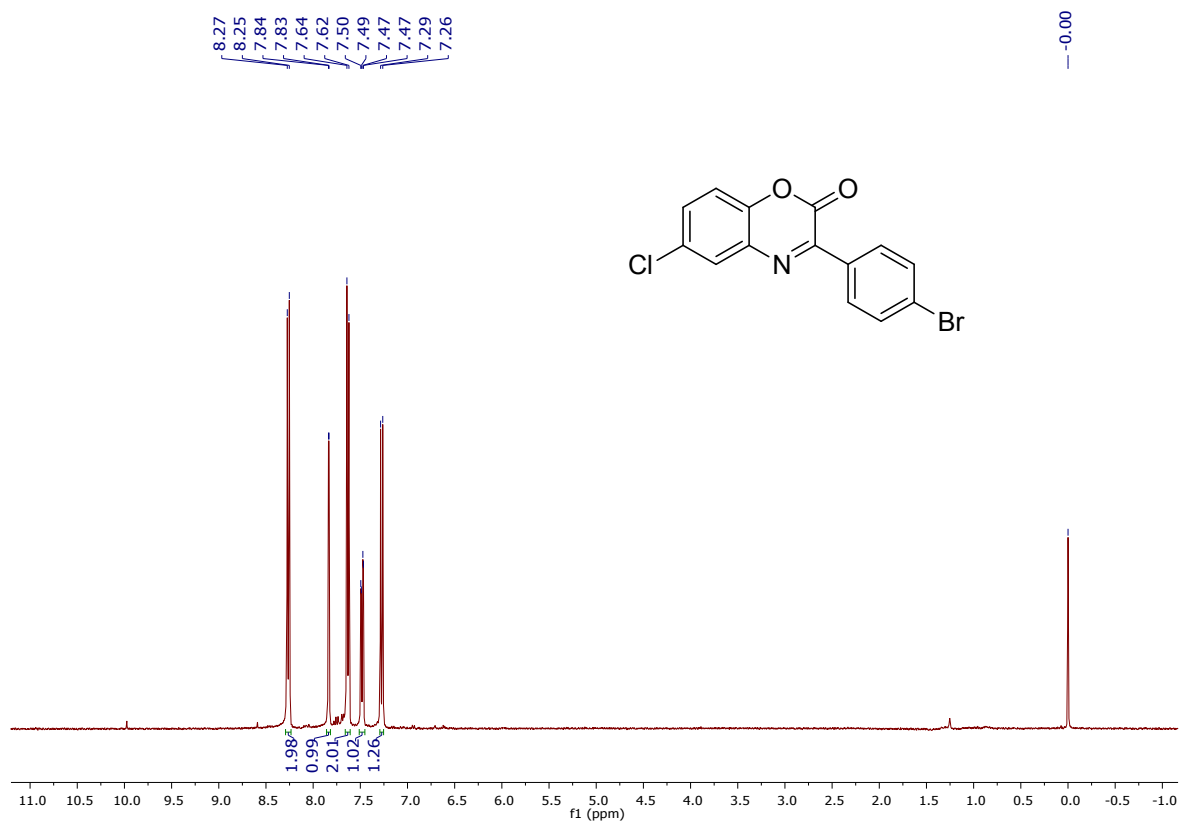
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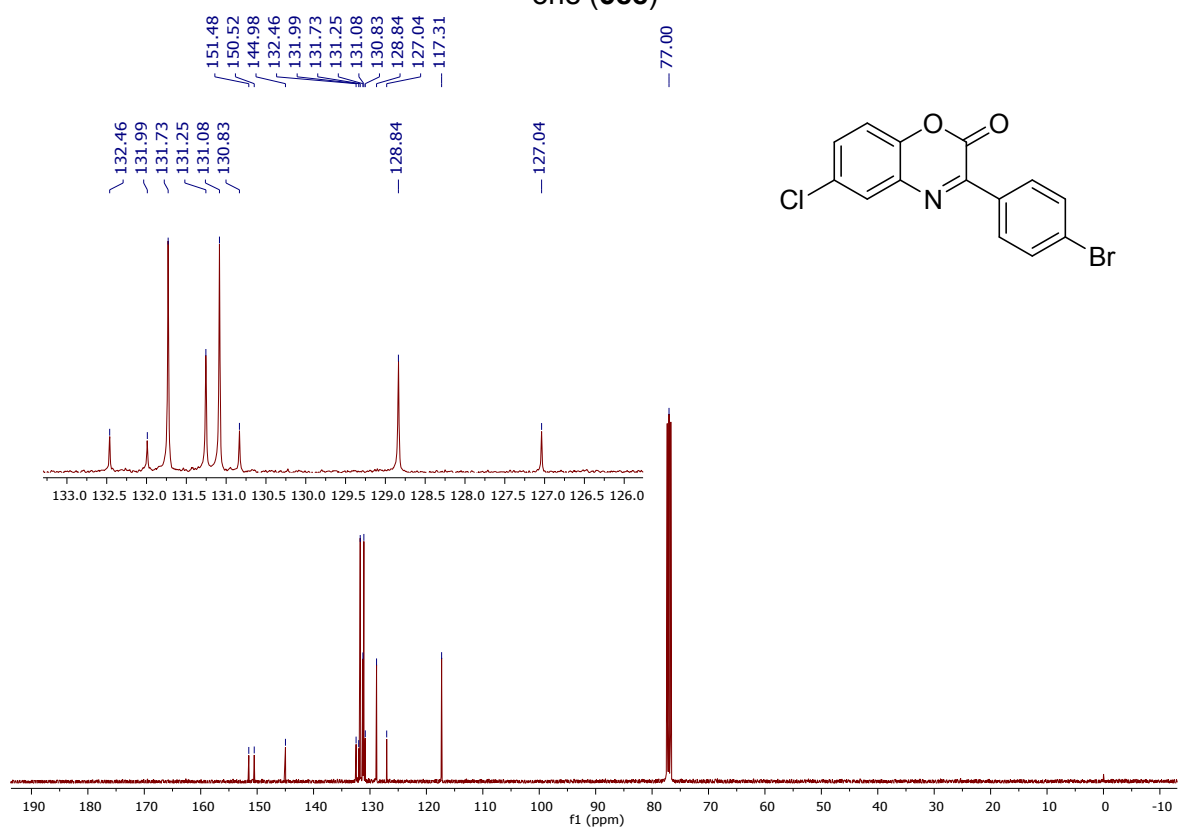
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