

Supplementary Information

**Metal-free radical C-H methylation of pyrimidinones and
pyridinones with dicumyl peroxide**

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1. General information

All reactions were performed in air. ¹H NMR (400 MHz or 300 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (75 MHz or 101 MHz) spectra were determined on a Varian-Inova 300 MHz or 400 MHz spectrometer with CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆ as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) from internal TMS (δ), all coupling constants (*J* values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a TOF machine (CI and ESI). Column chromatography was performed with 300-400 mesh silica gel using flash column techniques. All of the reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification unless otherwise noted.

2. Experimental procedures

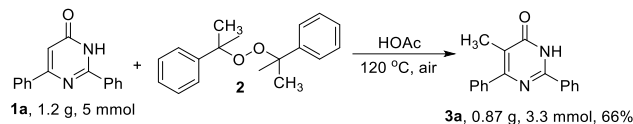
General procedure for the preparation of 5-methylpyrimidin-4-ones (3) and 3-methylpyridin-2-ones (5). To 1 mmol of pyrimidin-4-ones (1) or pyridin-2-ones (4) in 2 mL of acetic acid was added dicumyl peroxide (DCP, 2) (0.81 g, 3 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in air for 5 h. After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), water (10 mL) was added, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 3). The combined organic fractions were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL \times 3) and water (15 mL \times 2), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum to give the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give the corresponding products 3 or 5.

Typical procedure for the preparation of 2,6-diphenyl-5-methylpyrimidinone (3a). To a solution of 2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4-one (1a) (0.25 g, 1 mmol) in acetic acid (2 mL), dicumyl peroxide (DCP, 2) (0.81 g, 3 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in air for 5 hours, after the completion of the reaction, water (10 mL) was added, extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 3). The combined organic fractions were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL \times 3) and water (15 mL \times 2), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated

under vacuum to give the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give 2,6-diphenyl-5-methyl pyrimidinone (**3a**) (191 mg, 73% yield).

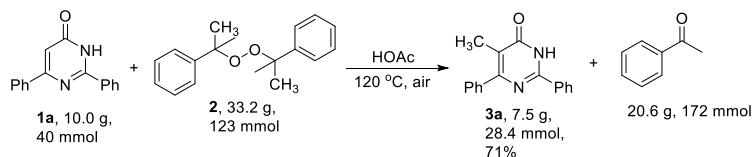
Procedure for scale-up preparation of 2,6-diphenyl-5-methylpyrimidinone (**3a**)

Procedure for 1 gram-scale preparation of **3a**



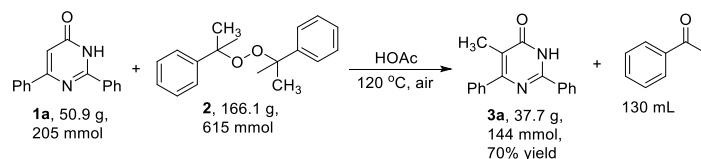
To 2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4-one (**1a**) (1.2 g, 5 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL) was added DCP (**2**) (4.05 g, 15 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in air for 5 hours. After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), water (30 mL) was added, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (20 mL \times 3). The combined organic fractions were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO_3 solution (30 mL \times 3) and water (30 mL \times 2), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under vacuum to give the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to give 2,6-diphenyl-5-methyl pyrimidinone (**3a**) (0.87 g, 66% yield).

Procedure for 10 gram-scale preparation of **3a**



To 2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4-one (**1a**) (10.0 g, 40 mmol) in acetic acid (80 mL) was added DCP (**2**) (33.2 g, 123 mmol) in portions. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C under air. After the completion of reaction (monitored by TLC), acetic acid and acetophenone by-product were recovered by distillation under reduced pressure leaving behind a residue. To the residue was added water (50 mL), followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (25 mL \times 4). The combined organic fractions were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO_3 solution (50 mL \times 2) and water (60 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under vacuum to give the crude product, which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate to afford the pure compound **3a** (7.5 g, 71% yield).

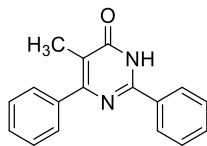
Procedure for 50 gram-scale preparation of **3a**



To 2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4-one (**1a**) (50.9 g, 205 mmol) in acetic acid (400 mL) was added DCP (**2**) (166.1 g, 615 mmol) in batches. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C under air. After the completion of reaction (monitored by TLC), acetic acid (390 mL) and acetophenone by-product (130 mL, 133.9 g, 1.12 mol) were recovered by distillation under reduced pressure leaving behind a residue. To the residue was added water (200 mL), followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (100 mL \times 4). The combined organic fractions were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO_3 solution (200 mL \times 2) and water (200 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under vacuum to give the crude product, which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate to afford the pure compound **3a** (37.7 g, 70% yield).

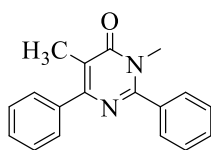
3. NMR and MS spectral data

5-Methyl-2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (**3a**)



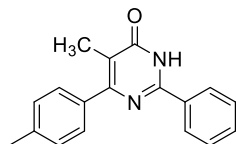
Colorless solid, mp 258–260 °C, 73% yield (191 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.85 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.15, 152.97, 138.68, 132.26, 131.62, 129.11, 129.02, 128.86, 128.15, 127.45, 119.09, 12.65. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₅N₂O 263.1184, found 263.1194.

3,5-Dimethyl-2,6-diphenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (**3a'**)



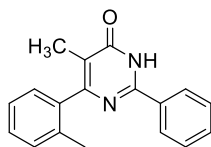
Colorless solid, mp 128–130 °C, 87% yield (240 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.78, 157.60, 156.37, 137.99, 134.58, 129.61, 128.51, 128.31, 128.23, 127.83, 127.69, 118.29, 34.14, 13.09. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O 277.1341, found 277.1330.

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-6-(*p*-tolyl)pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (**3b**)



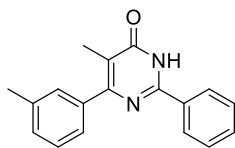
Colorless solid, mp 238–239 °C, 96% yield (265 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.69 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.76, 160.65, 152.48, 138.58, 135.43, 131.90, 131.03, 128.64, 128.35, 128.29, 127.10, 118.20, 20.92, 12.36. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O 277.1341, found 277.1350.

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-6-(*o*-tolyl)pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (**3c**)



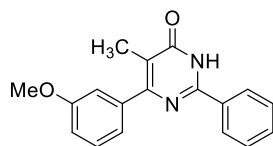
Colorless solid, mp 197–199 °C, 82% yield (226 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.11 (s, 1H), 8.30 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.28 – 6.15 (m, 4H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.45, 162.46, 152.78, 137.93, 134.97, 131.80, 131.11, 129.98, 128.33, 128.09, 127.77, 127.18, 125.28, 119.73, 19.12, 11.62. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O 277.1341, found 277.1354.

5-Methyl-2-phenyl-6-(m-tolyl)pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3d)



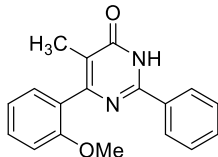
Colorless solid, mp 194–196 °C, 87% yield (226 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.21 (s, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.81, 161.02, 152.62, 138.21, 137.40, 131.86, 131.08, 129.28, 129.17, 128.32, 127.54, 127.16, 125.72, 118.48, 21.07, 12.32. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O 277.1341, found 277.1340.

6-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3e)



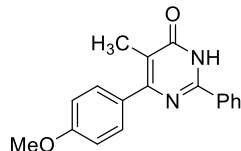
Colorless solid, mp 227–229 °C, 90% yield (263 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.74 (s, 1H), 8.44 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 158.92, 139.93, 132.56, 131.29, 129.16, 128.58, 127.54, 121.14, 118.32, 114.42, 114.24, 55.17, 12.64. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂ 293.1290, found 293.1293.

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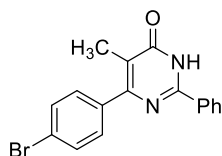
Colorless solid, mp 183–184 °C, 66% yield (193 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.73 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 1.82 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 156.30, 131.68, 130.54, 130.19, 129.61, 129.03, 128.19, 127.98, 120.83, 111.86, 55.86, 12.67. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂ 293.1290, found 293.1291.

6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3g)



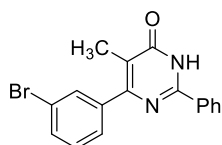
Colorless solid, mp 220–221 °C, 74% yield (216 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.91 (s, 1H), 8.31 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.25, 160.70, 160.28, 152.79, 132.35, 131.53, 131.10, 130.79, 128.80, 127.51, 118.16, 113.52, 55.39, 12.95. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂O₂ 293.1290, found 293.1293.

6-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3h)



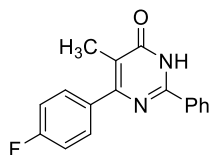
Colorless solid, mp 202–203 °C, 75% yield (255 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.11 (s, 1H), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.91 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.52, 159.12, 152.89, 140.20, 131.59, 131.57, 131.53, 131.30, 129.19, 128.40, 127.24, 127.10, 121.88, 119.02, 12.22. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄BrN₂O 341.0290, found 341.0299.

6-(3-Bromophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3i)



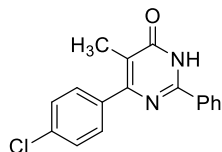
Colorless solid, mp 205–206 °C, 76% yield (258 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.55 (s, 1H), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dt, *J* = 14.1, 5.5 Hz, 5H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.71, 159.53, 153.26, 140.64, 132.06, 132.02, 132.01, 131.81, 129.67, 128.93, 127.71, 127.44, 122.36, 119.57, 12.73. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄BrN₂O 341.0290, found 341.0281.

6-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3j)



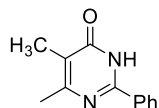
Colorless solid, mp 258–260 °C, 76% yield (213 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.93 (s, 1H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 3H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.55, 163.90, 161.42, 159.60, 152.61, 134.20, 131.68, 131.23, 130.67 (d, *J* = 8 Hz), 128.40, 127.00, 118.45, 114.70 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 12.34. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄FN₂O 281.1090, found 281.1099.

6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3k)



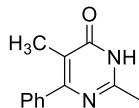
Colorless solid, mp 264–267 °C, 75% yield (222 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.66 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.83, 159.93, 153.12, 137.03, 135.14, 132.06, 131.78, 130.54, 128.92, 128.42, 127.39, 119.20, 12.78. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄ClN₂O 297.0795, found 297.0794.

5,6-Dimethyl-2-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3l)



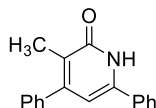
Colorless solid, mp 167–168 °C, 65% yield (130 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.28 (s, 1H), 8.30 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.83, 161.13, 152.52, 131.87, 130.91, 128.28, 127.08, 118.12, 21.69, 10.40. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₂O 201.1028, found 201.1035.

2,5-Dimethyl-6-phenylpyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3m)



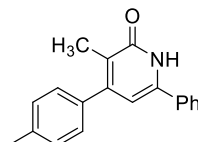
Colorless solid, mp 165–167 °C, 63% yield (126 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.19 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 2.54 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 3H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.32, 161.61, 155.03, 138.50, 128.91, 128.71, 128.27, 117.94, 21.63, 12.46. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₂O 201.1028, found 201.1034.

3-Methyl-4,6-diphenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5a)



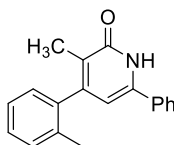
Colorless solid, mp 220–222 °C, 74% yield (193 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.38 (s, 1H), 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 8H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.05, 151.10, 141.95, 139.34, 133.05, 129.16, 128.54, 127.95, 127.80, 127.57, 126.02, 123.87, 106.93, 13.11. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NO 262.1232, found 262.1236.

3-Methyl-6-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one (5b)



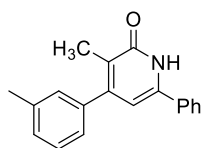
Colorless solid, mp 241–244 °C, 67% yield (179 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.40 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 164.33, 150.51, 142.13, 139.20, 135.59, 133.71, 130.41, 128.95, 128.86, 127.89, 127.86, 127.53, 125.62, 123.65, 109.07, 19.72, 13.08. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO 276.1388, found 276.1395.

3-Methyl-6-phenyl-4-(o-tolyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one (5c)



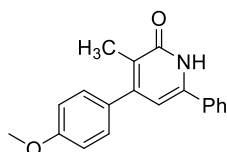
Colorless solid, mp 181–182 °C, 55% yield (151 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.40 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.26 (m, 9H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.33, 150.51, 142.13, 139.20, 135.59, 133.71, 130.41, 128.95, 128.86, 127.89, 127.86, 127.53, 125.62, 123.65, 109.07, 19.72, 13.08. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO 276.1388, found 276.1393.

3-Methyl-6-phenyl-4-(m-tolyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one (5d)



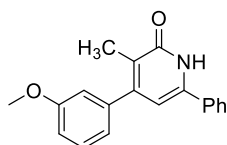
Colorless solid, mp 194–196 °C, 51% yield (140 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.29 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.44, 142.20, 139.84, 138.96, 133.50, 130.45, 129.00, 128.40, 128.27, 128.02, 126.90, 123.30, 107.07, 21.46, 13.69. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO 276.1388, found 276.1399.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-6-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5e)



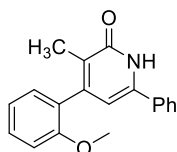
Colorless solid, mp 231–233 °C, 79% yield (230 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.23 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.51, 160.78, 151.64, 142.32, 139.99, 128.38, 128.27, 127.96, 127.88, 126.04, 123.29, 114.38, 106.46, 55.41, 13.56. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ 292.1338, found 292.1346.

4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-6-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5f)



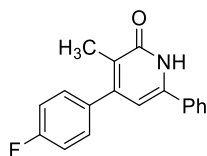
Colorless solid, mp 213–215 °C, 61% yield (178 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.84 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.18 (m, 8H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.31, 160.14, 151.41, 142.20, 139.80, 134.96, 130.08, 128.41, 128.28, 128.04, 124.58, 118.74, 115.77, 111.58, 107.38, 55.52, 13.72. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ 292.1338, found 292.1342.

4-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-6-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5g)



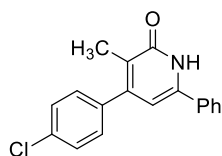
Colorless solid, mp 175–177 °C, 61% yield (178 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.22 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.30 (m, 7H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.16, 155.97, 150.72, 139.72, 139.34, 130.73, 129.04, 127.90, 127.80, 127.50, 124.09, 120.99, 120.95, 111.22, 107.73, 55.32, 13.35. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ 292.1338, found 292.1343.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-methyl-6-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5h)



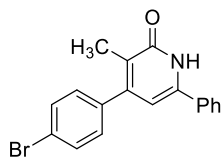
Colorless solid, mp 233–235 °C, 35% yield (119 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.22 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.85, 162.37, 151.60, 141.50, 139.69, 129.82, 128.53 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 128.45, 128.23, 128.11, 116.07 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 107.30, 13.56. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅FNO 280.1138, found 280.1149.

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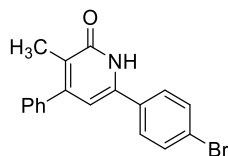
Colorless solid, mp 252–253 °C, 62% yield (183 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.90 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (ddd, *J* = 24.7, 16.7, 7.4 Hz, 7H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.54, 141.23, 139.59, 135.77, 132.01, 129.26, 128.47, 128.23, 128.15, 127.76, 124.79, 107.52, 13.63. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅ClNO 296.0842, found 296.0840.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-methyl-6-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5j)



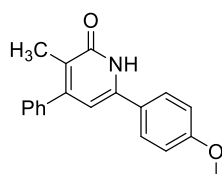
Colorless solid, mp 216–217 °C, 61% yield (170 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.15 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.45, 150.58, 142.90, 138.98, 133.74, 132.00, 130.31, 130.16, 129.46, 126.70, 122.64, 107.09, 13.92. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrNO 340.0337, found 340.0329.

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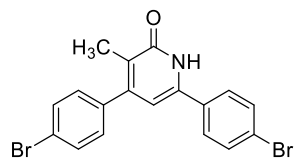
Colorless solid, mp 263–265 °C, 41% yield (139 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.79 (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.62, 149.75, 142.07, 138.15, 132.92, 131.17, 129.48, 129.33, 128.64, 125.87, 121.82, 106.27, 13.10. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: (M+H)⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrNO 340.0337, found 340.0341.

6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-4-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5l)



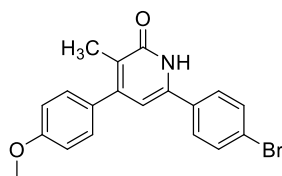
Colorless solid, mp 223–224 °C, 66% yield (192 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.77 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 5H), 7.04 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 163.70, 160.19, 149.94, 142.76, 139.49, 128.37, 128.28, 128.02, 127.93, 125.96, 121.70, 114.11, 105.32, 55.28, 13.51. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ 292.1338, found 292.1345.

4,6-Bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-methylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5m)



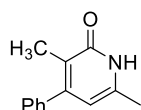
Colorless solid, mp 260–262 °C, 33% yield (138 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.60 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.78, 149.91, 142.23, 138.30, 133.07, 131.32, 129.63, 129.49, 128.79, 126.03, 121.97, 106.42, 13.25. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}_2\text{NO}$ 419.9422, found 419.9427.

6-(4-Bromophenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5n)



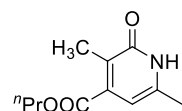
Colorless solid, mp 251–253 °C, 74% yield (273 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.79 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 163.61, 159.03, 149.55, 142.26, 133.34, 131.57, 131.31, 129.81, 128.70, 122.65, 122.28, 113.76, 107.33, 55.16, 13.65. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_2$ 370.0443, found 370.0445.

3,6-Dimethyl-4-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (5o)



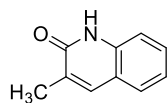
Colorless solid, mp 170–173 °C, 65% yield (129 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.67 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 168.35, 154.56, 145.81, 144.32, 133.05, 132.76, 132.52, 125.72, 110.82, 22.93, 18.04. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ 200.1075, found 200.1080.

Propyl 6-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-4-carboxylate (5p)



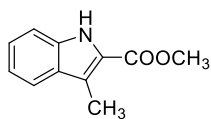
Colorless solid, mp 178–179 °C, 51% yield (107 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 11.88 (s, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.23 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.71 (dt, J = 11.4, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 166.65, 163.35, 142.40, 139.27, 125.31, 102.17, 66.57, 21.42, 18.21, 12.90, 10.34. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ 210.1130, found 210.1125.

3-Methylquinolin-2(1H)-one (5q)



Colorless solid, mp 210–213 °C, 45% yield (72 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 12.10 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.70, 137.52, 137.49, 130.02, 129.27, 126.83, 122.43, 120.33, 115.68, 16.85. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}$ 160.0762, found 160.0757.

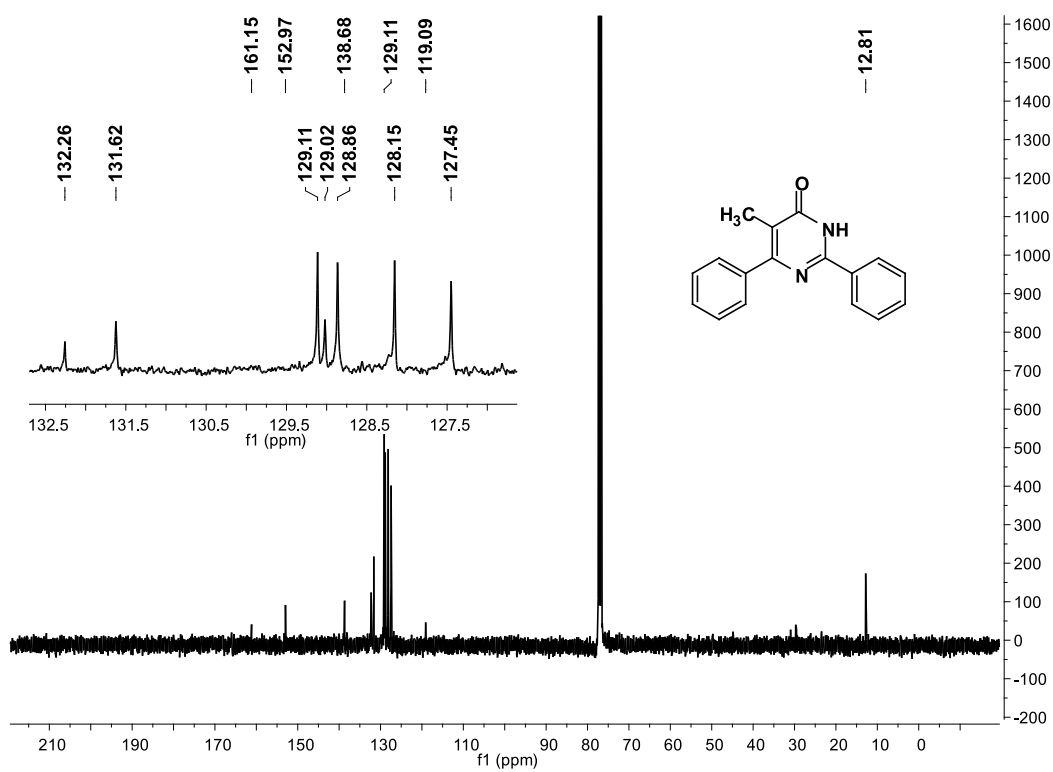
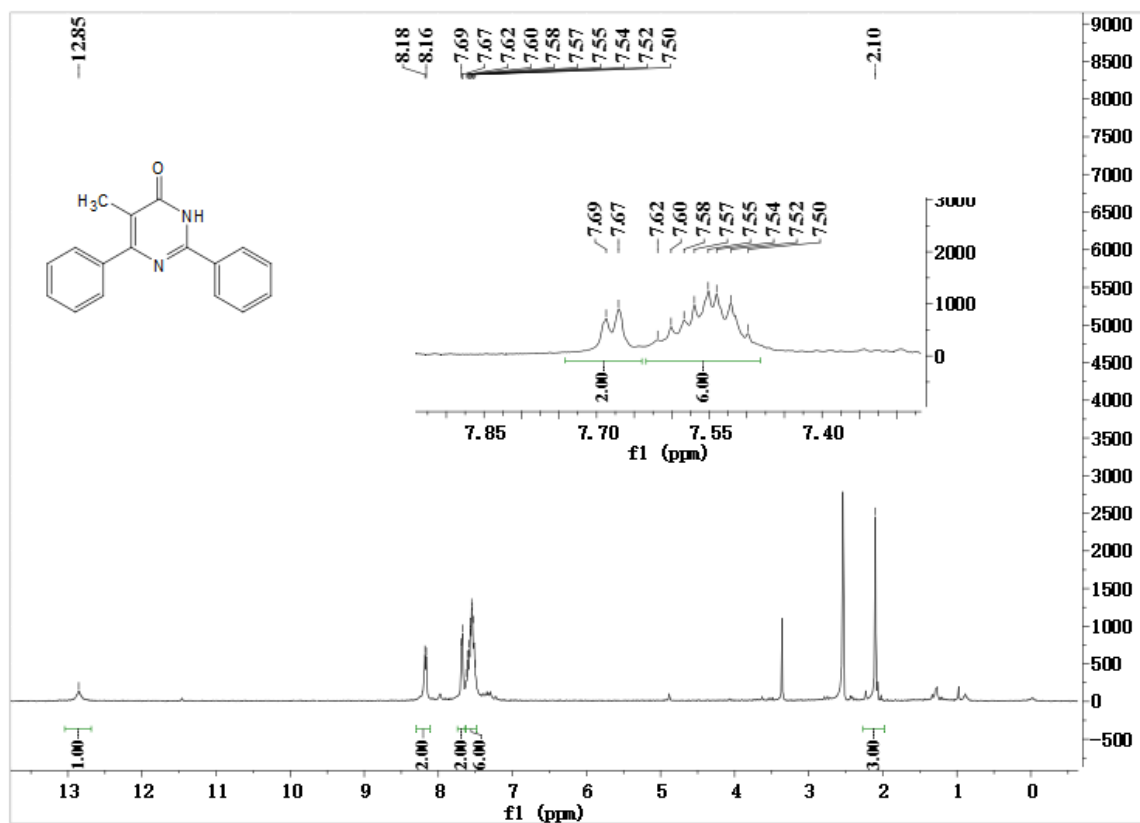
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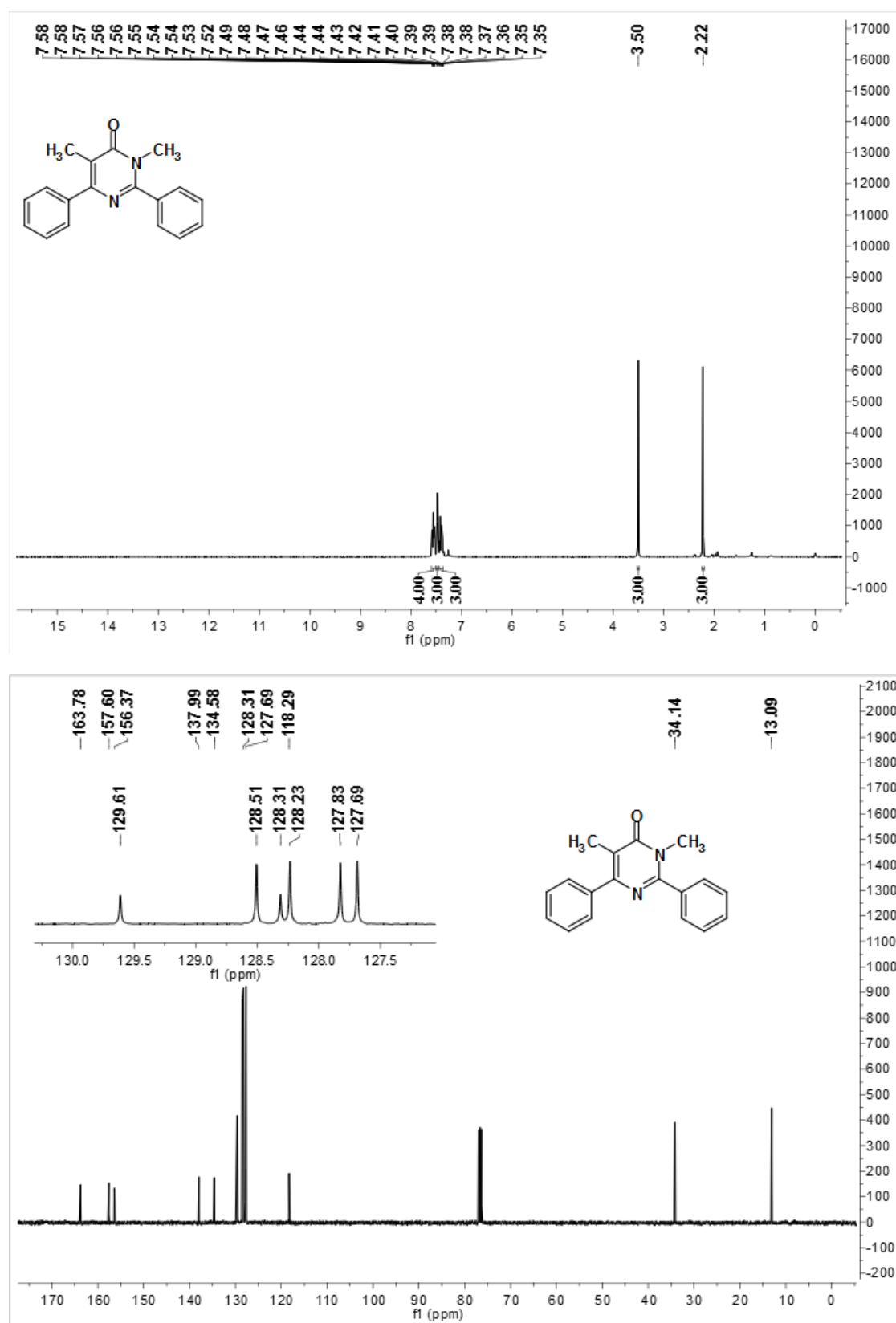
Colorless solid, mp 146–148 °C, 22% yield (42 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, J = 15.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.32, 136.62, 127.00, 126.62, 124.95, 122.17, 120.34, 111.56, 108.40, 51.61, 29.27. MS (ESI-TOF) m/z : ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2$ 190.1, found 190.1.

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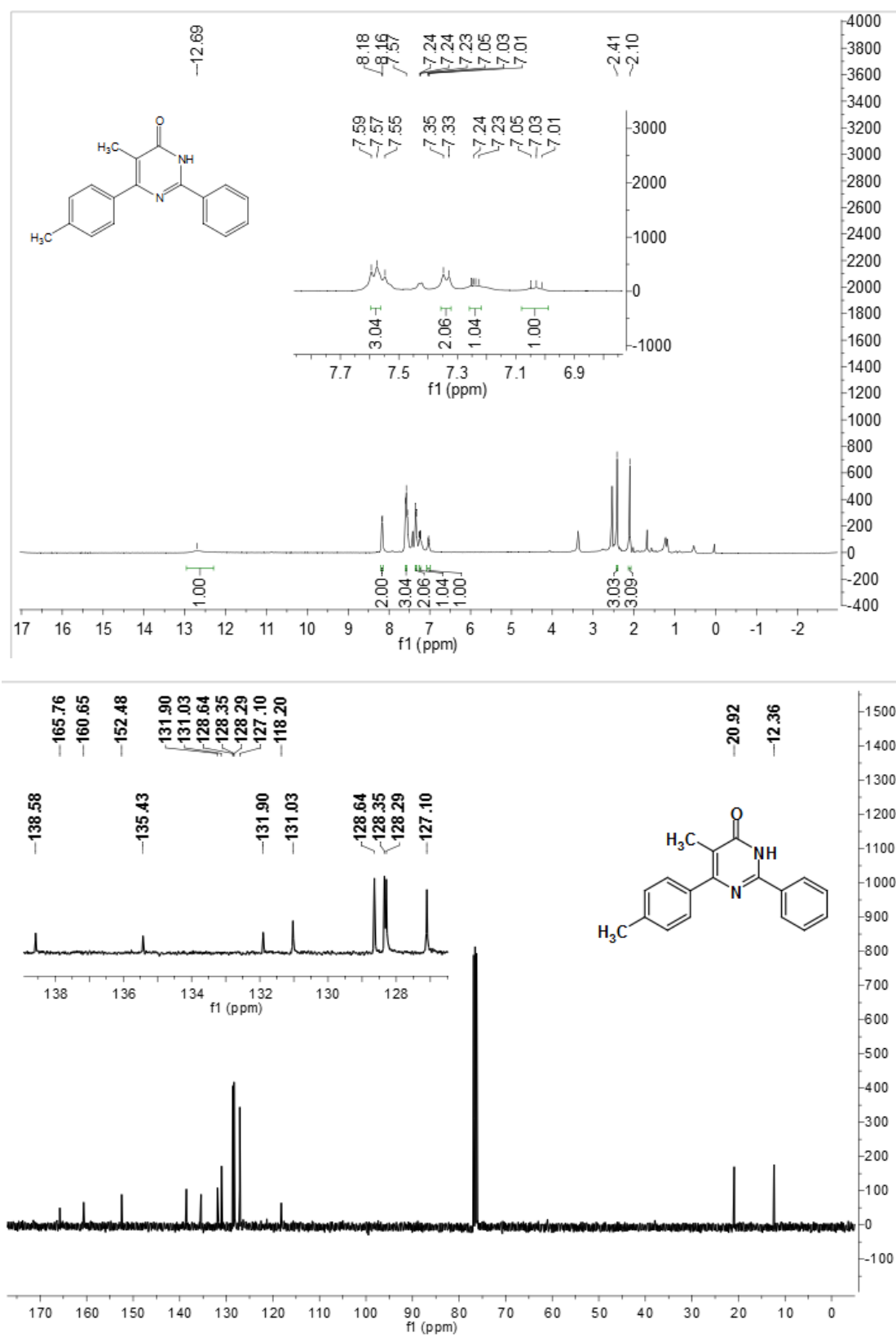
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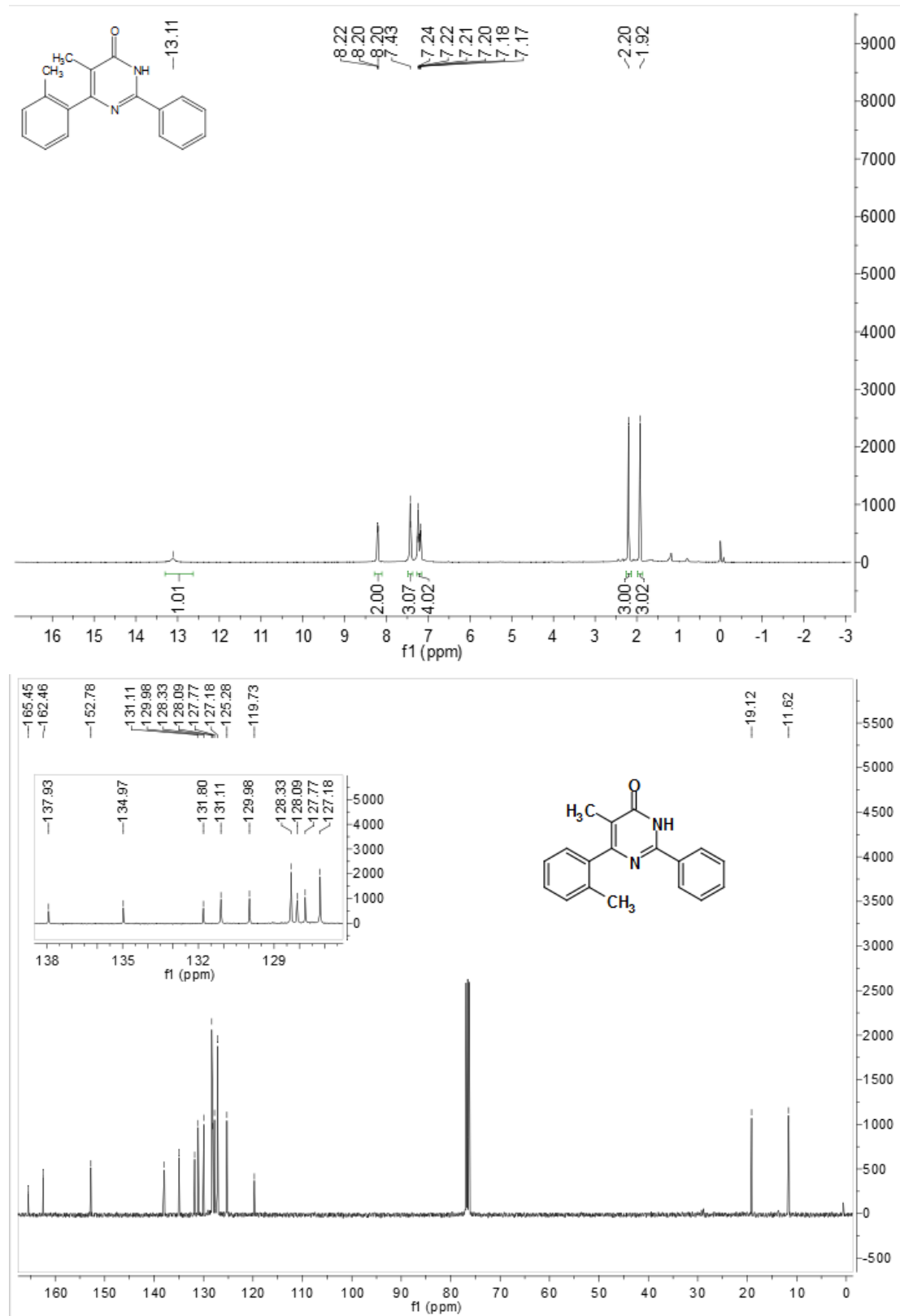
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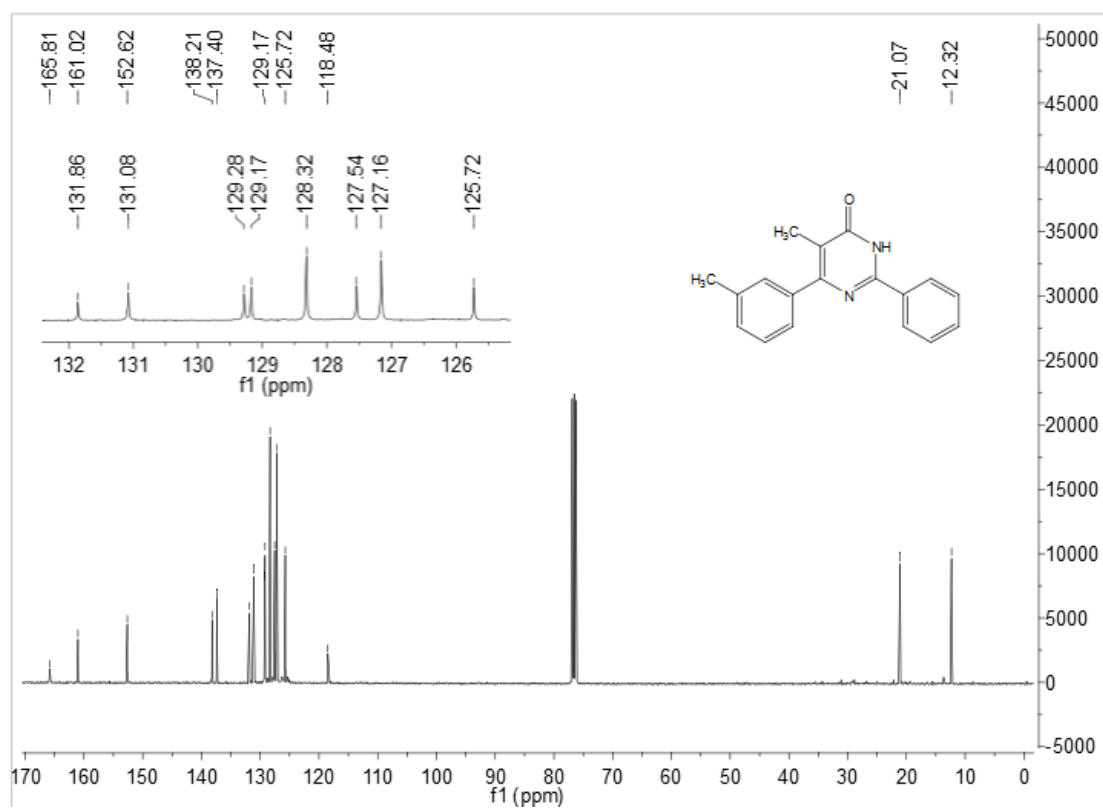
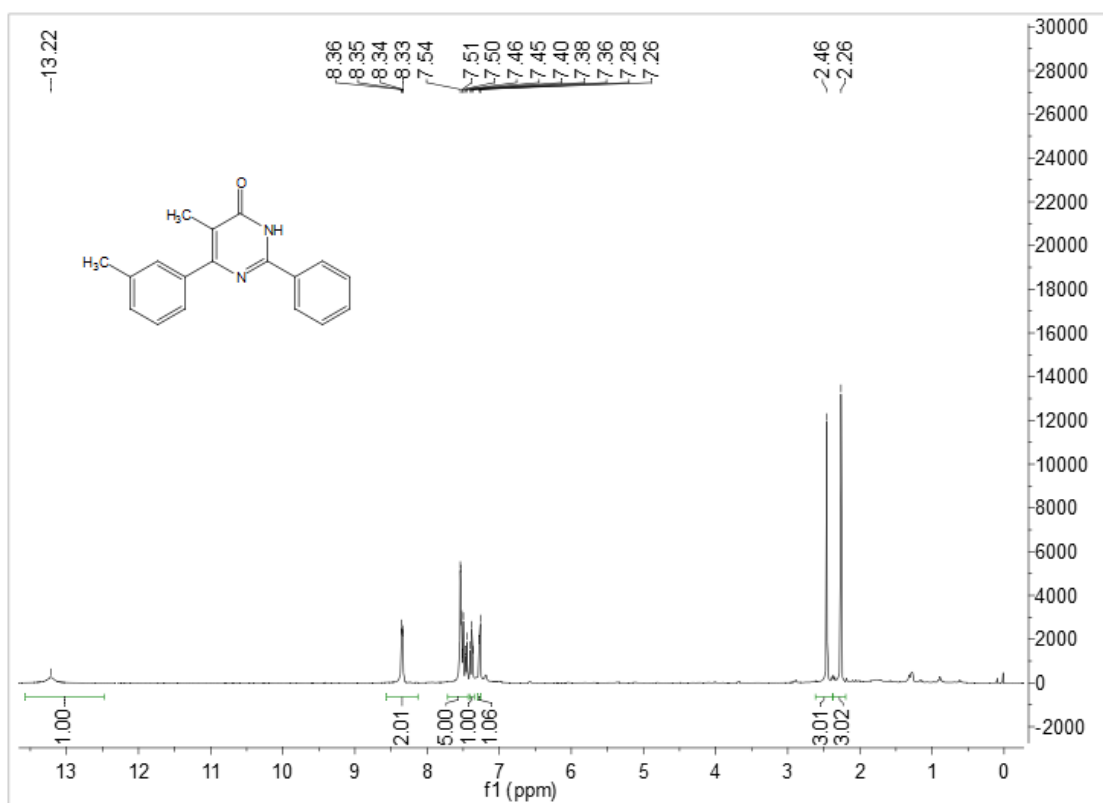
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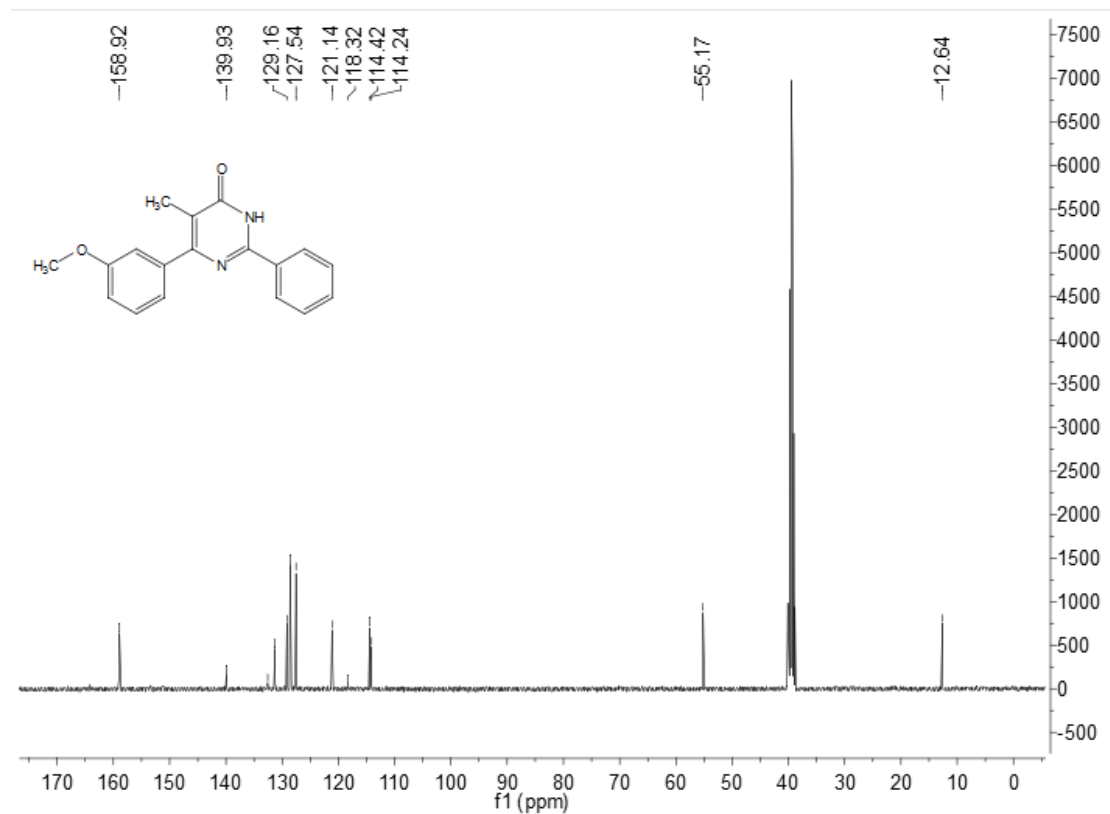
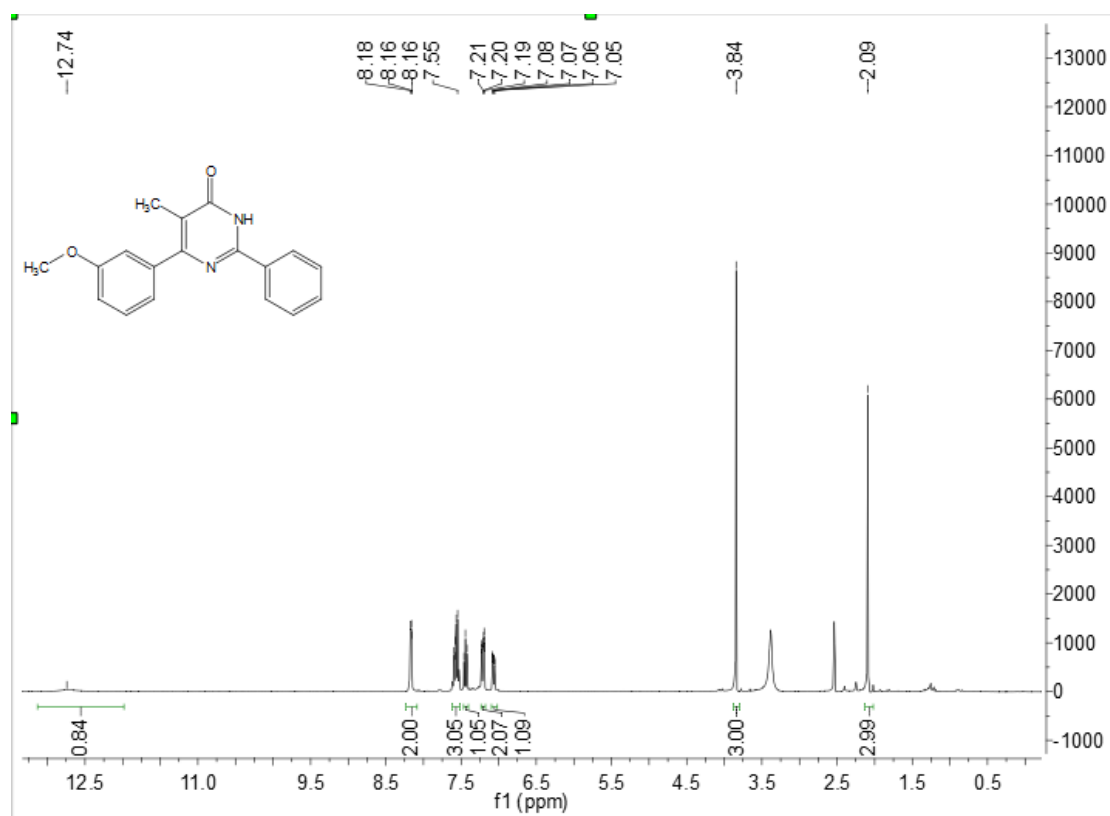
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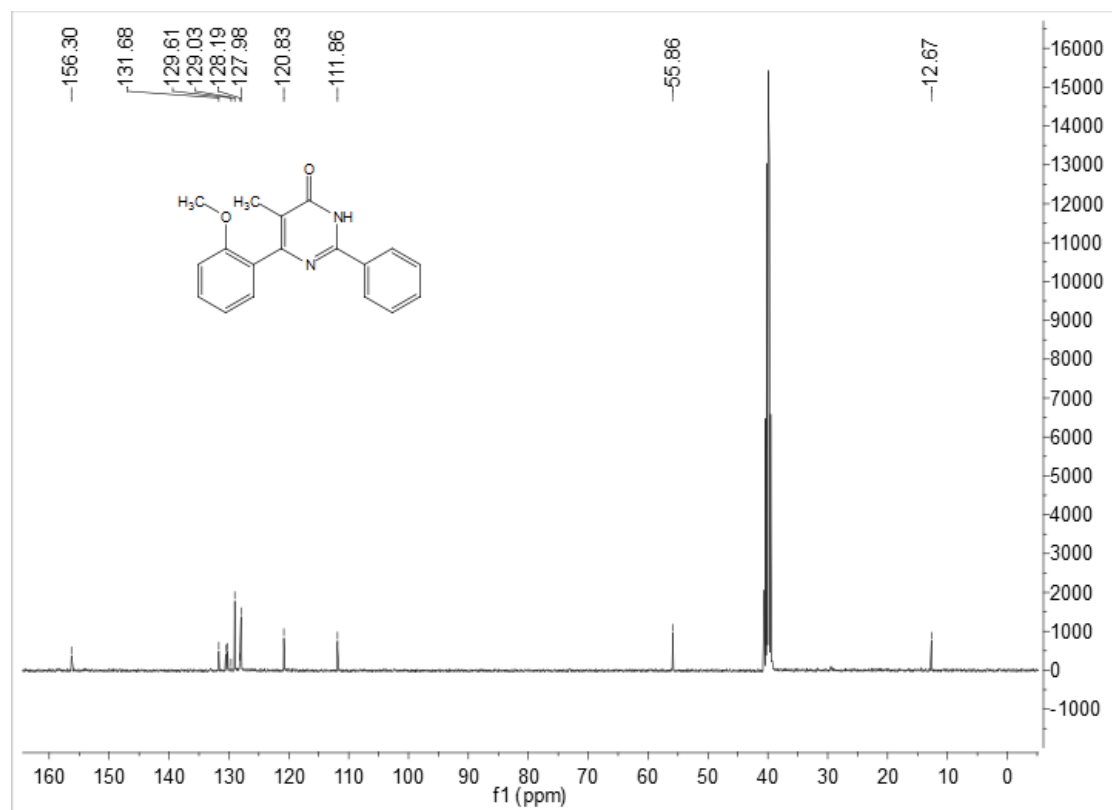
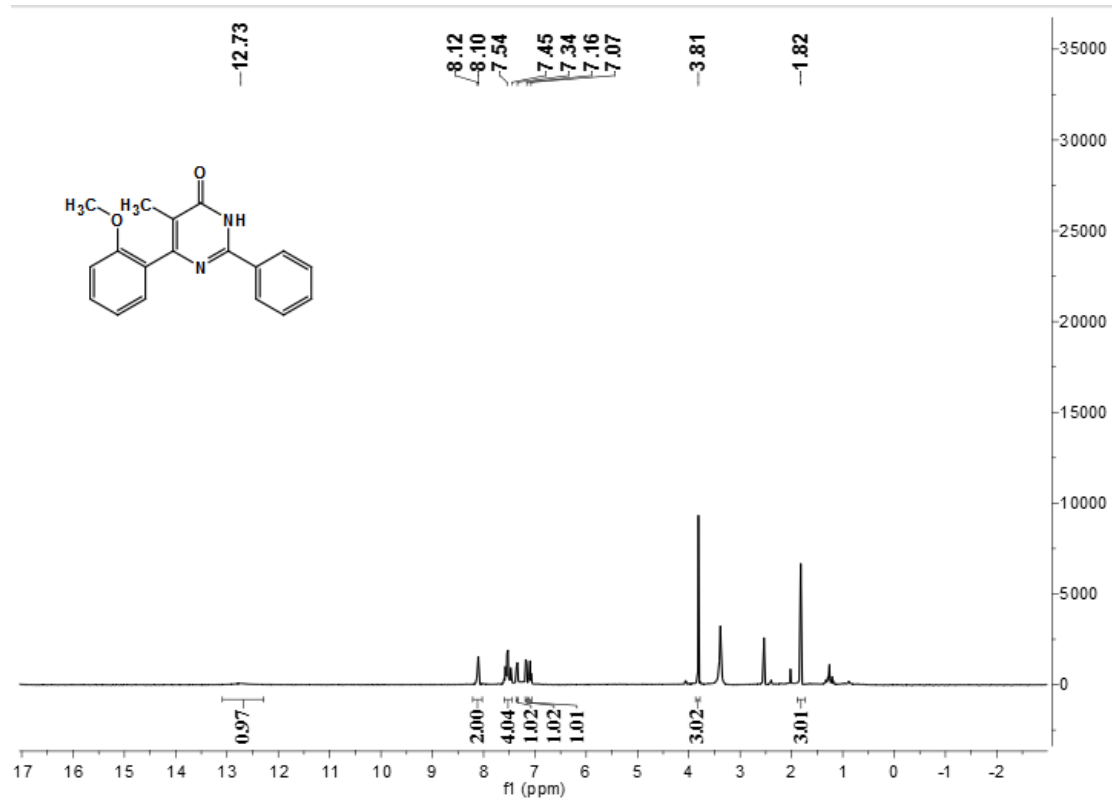
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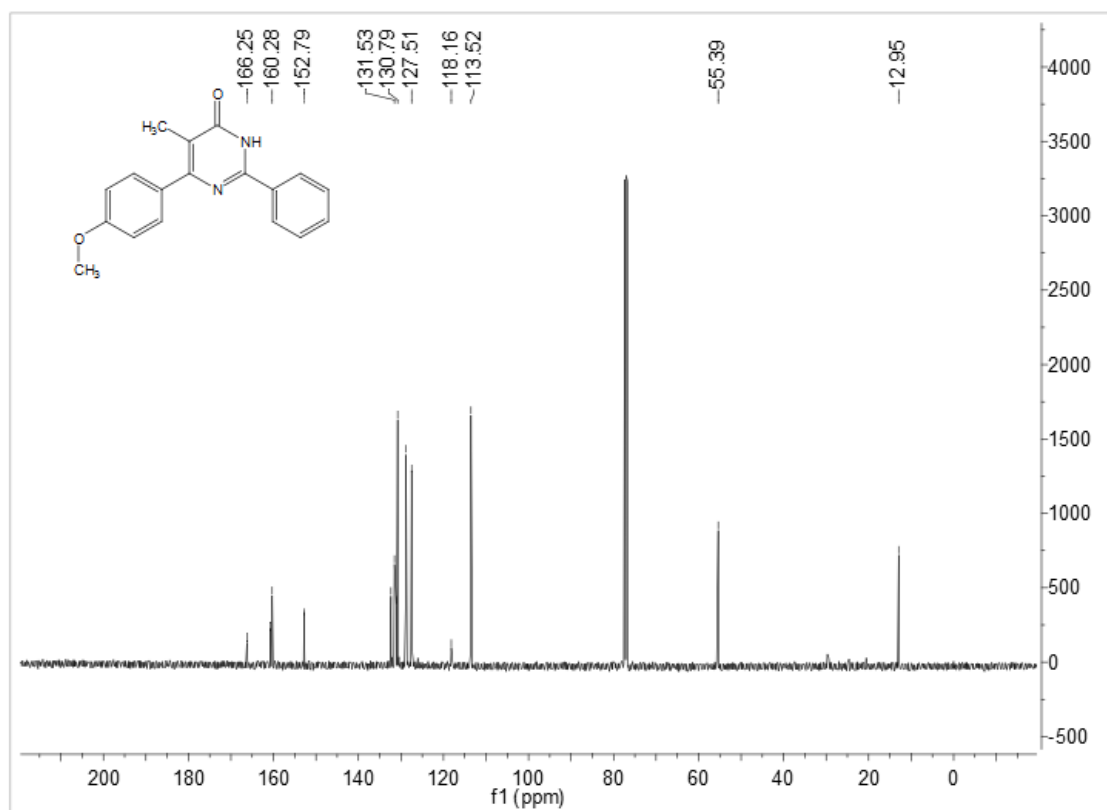
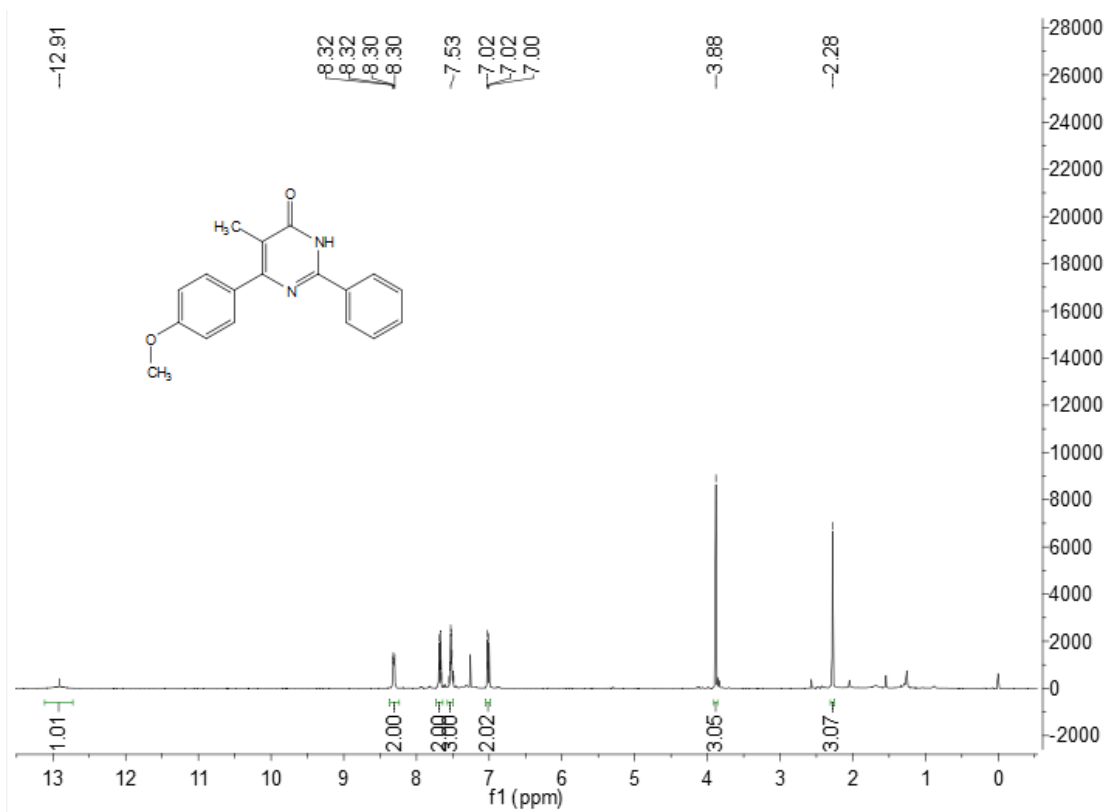
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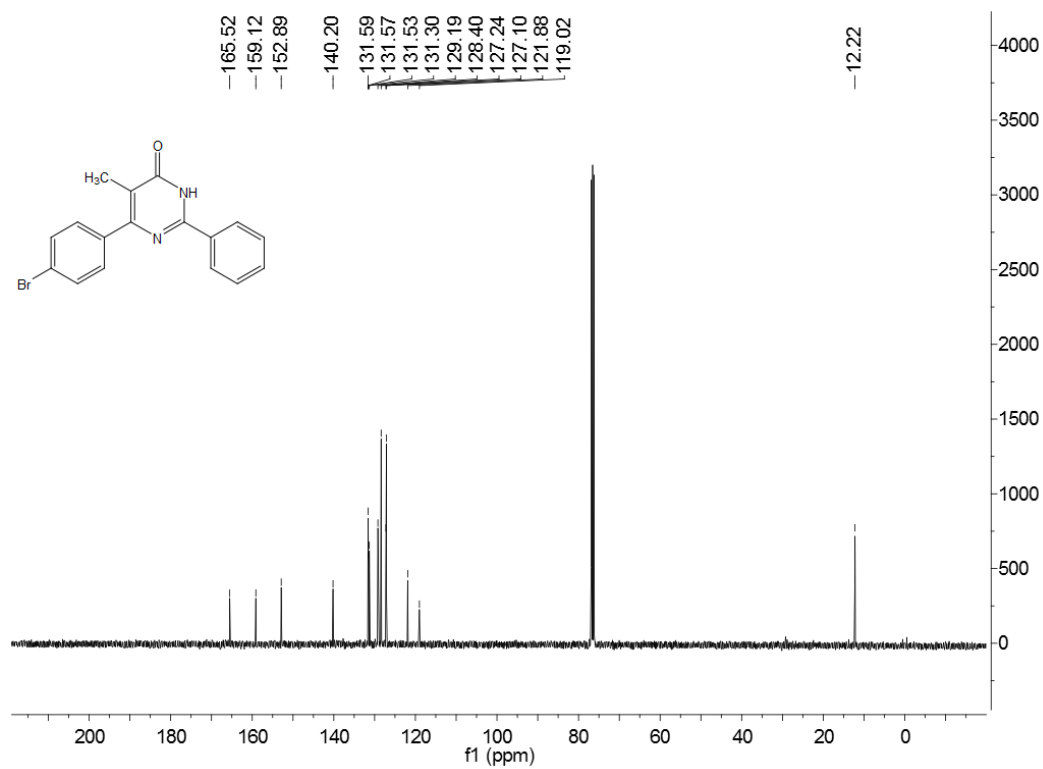
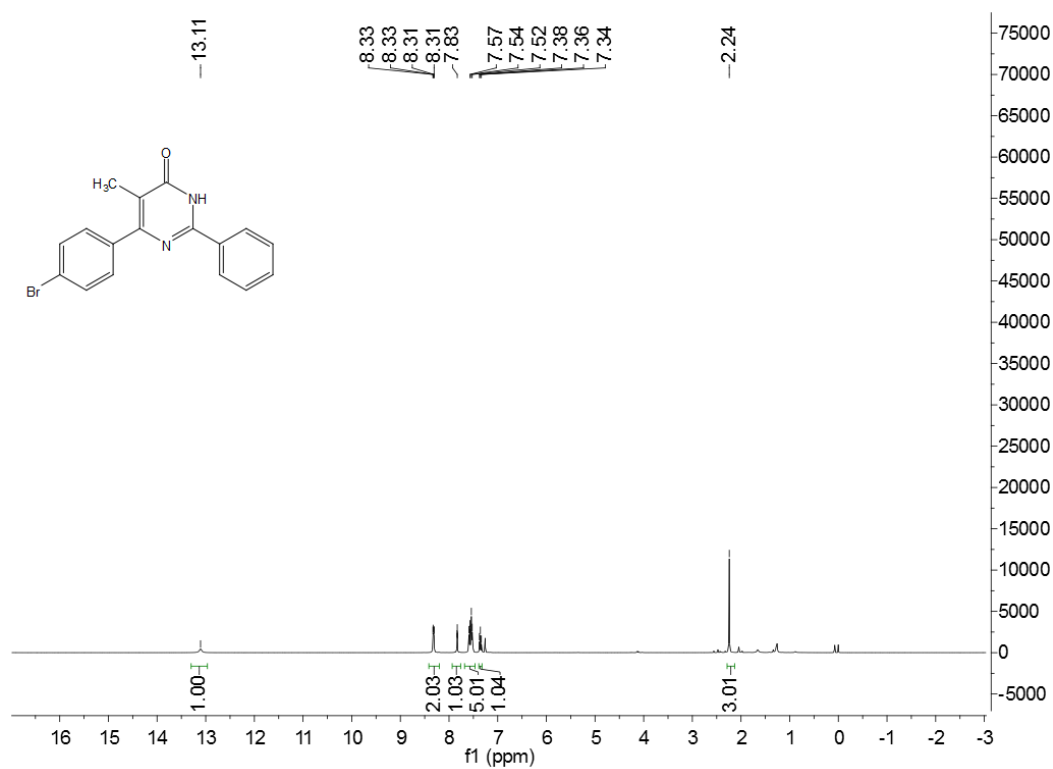
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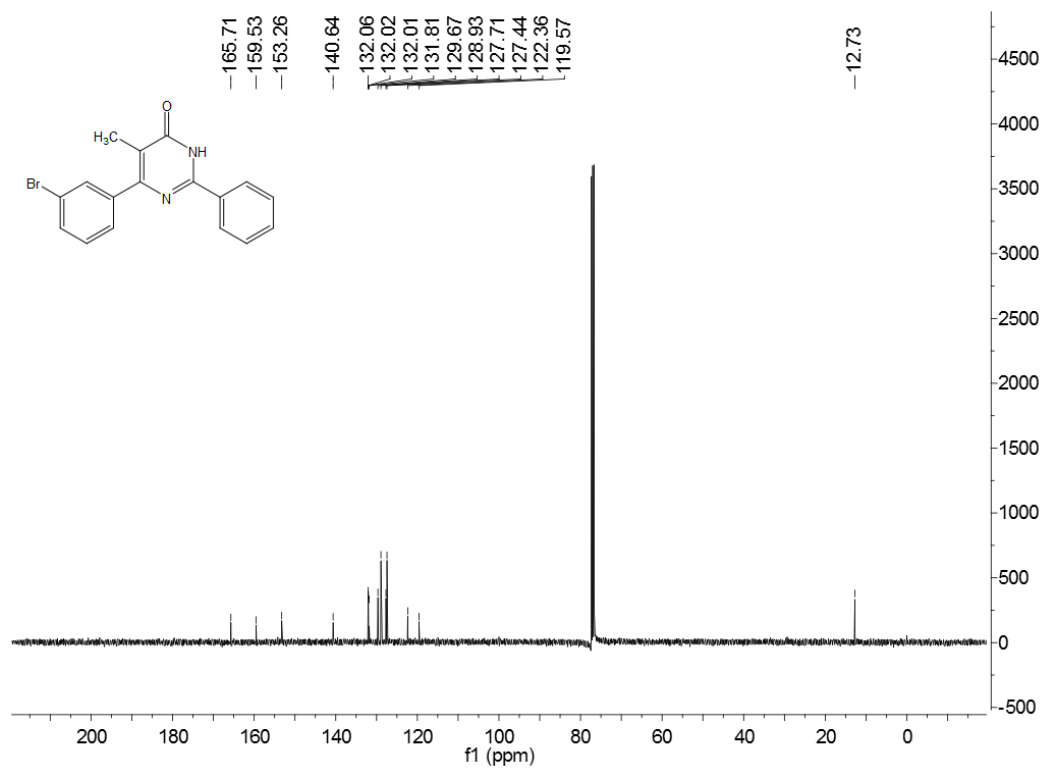
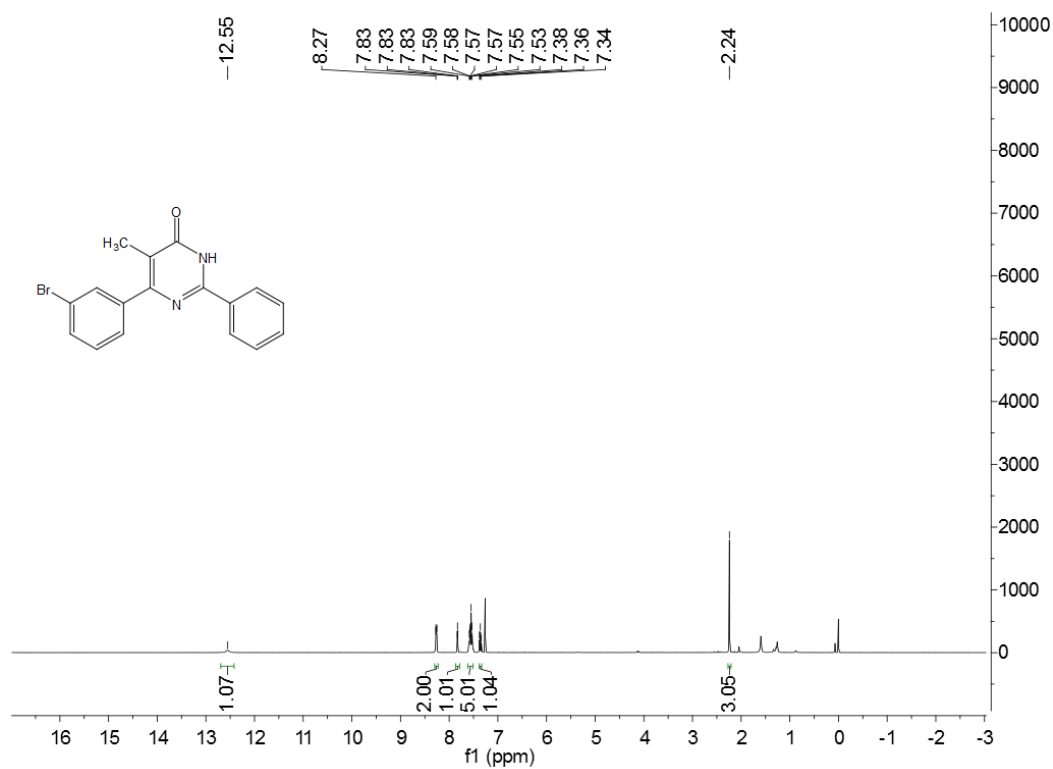
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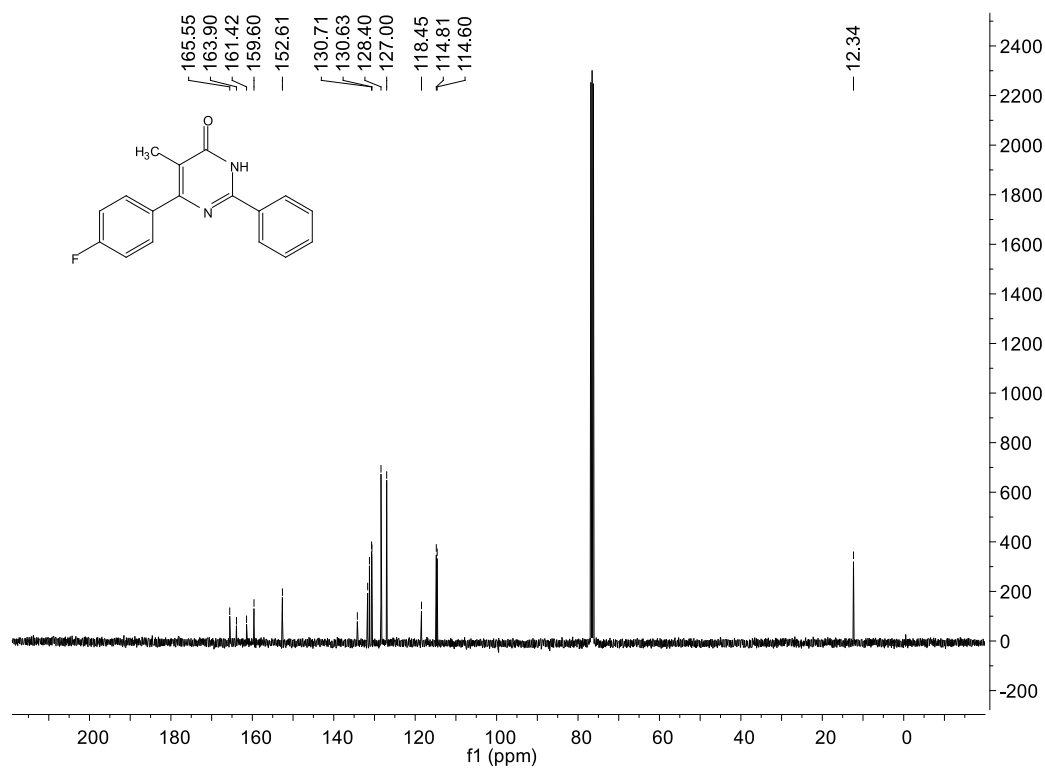
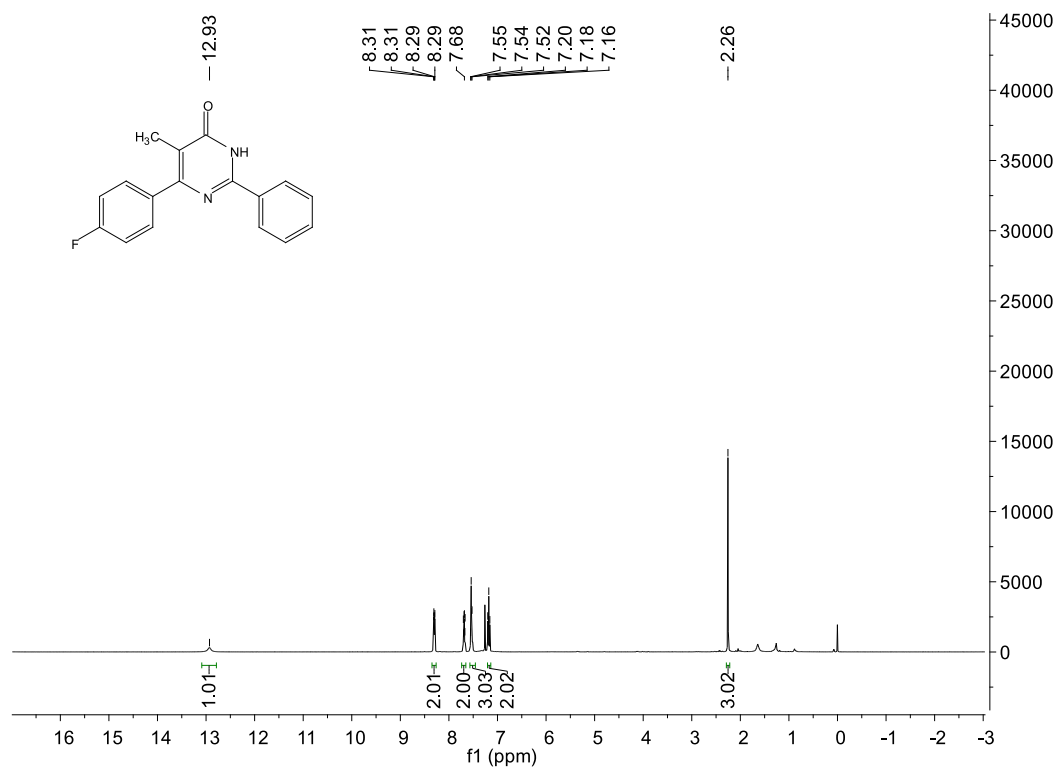
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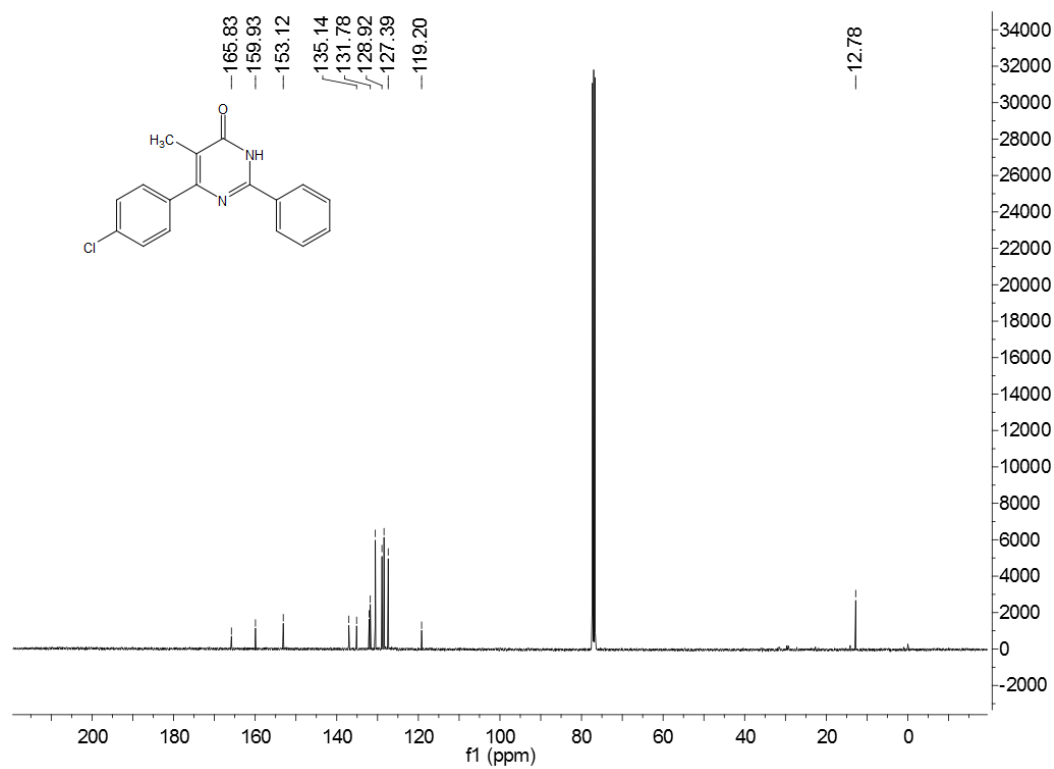
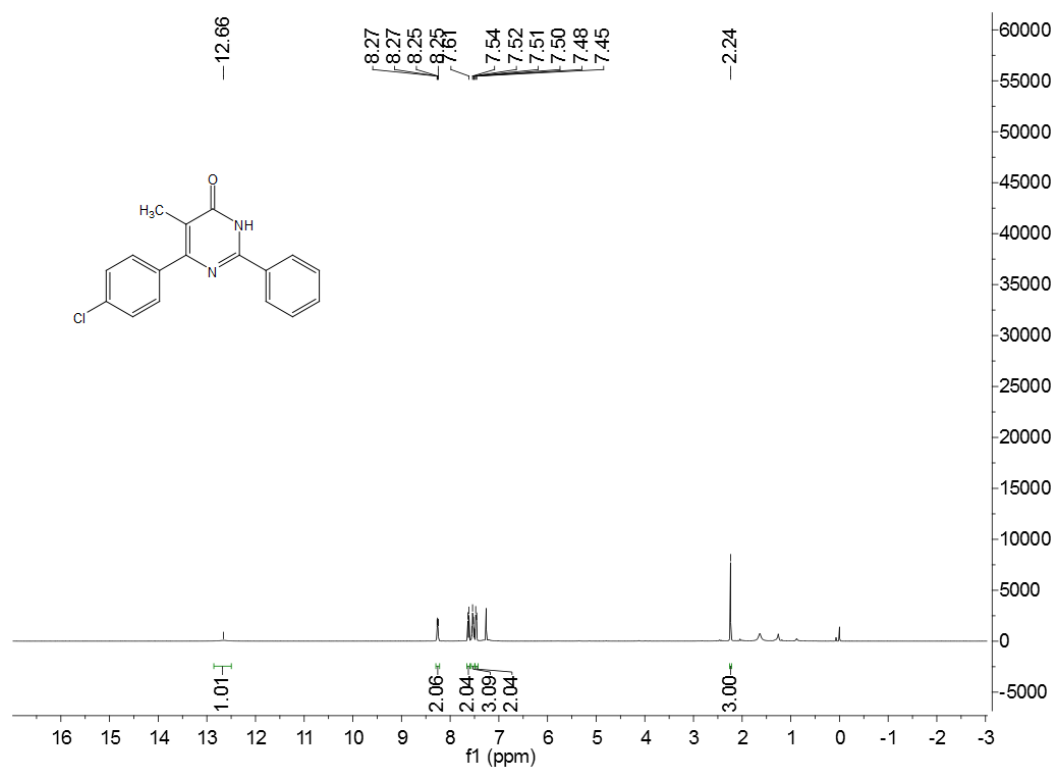
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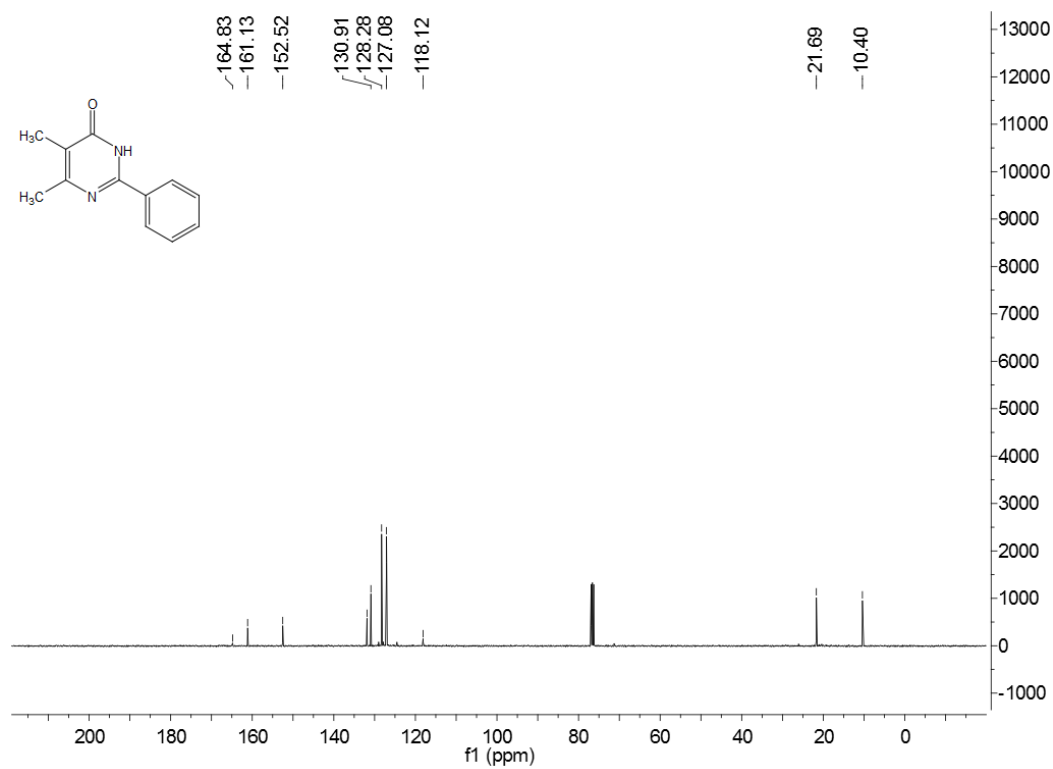
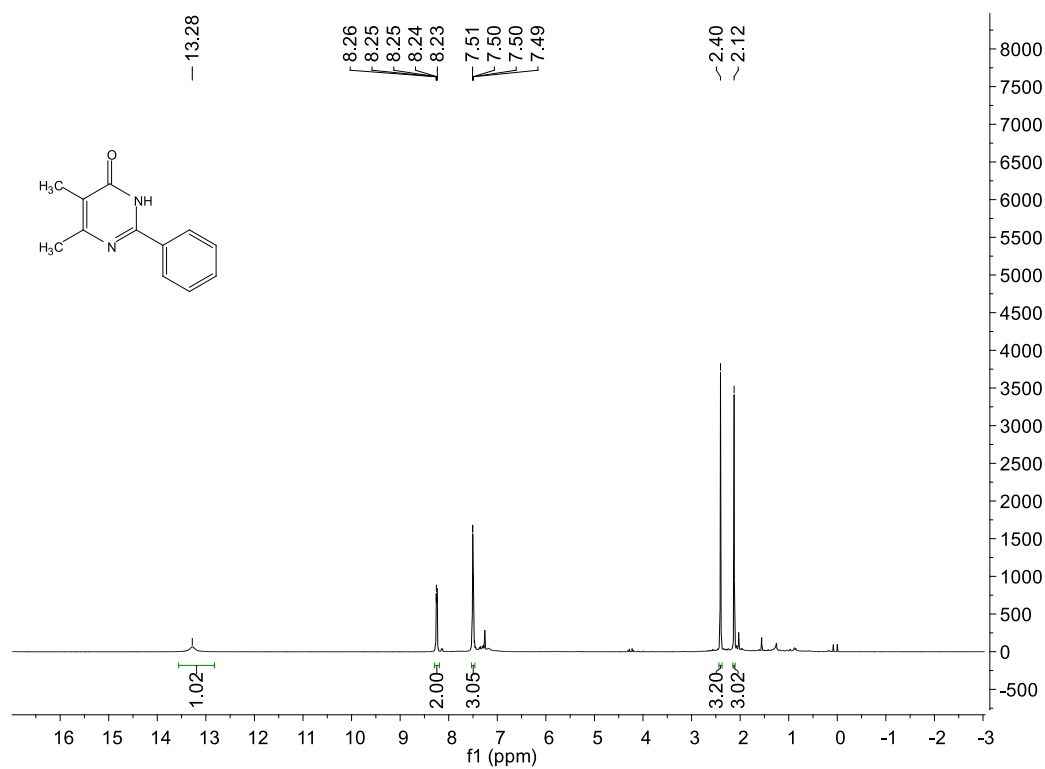
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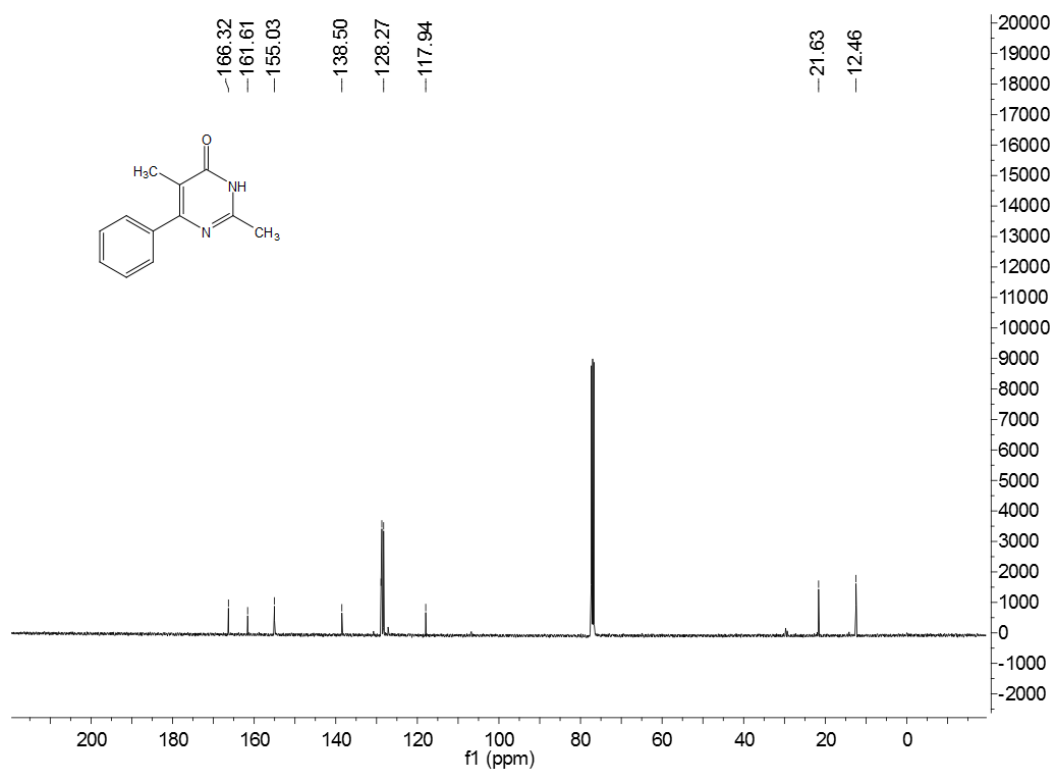
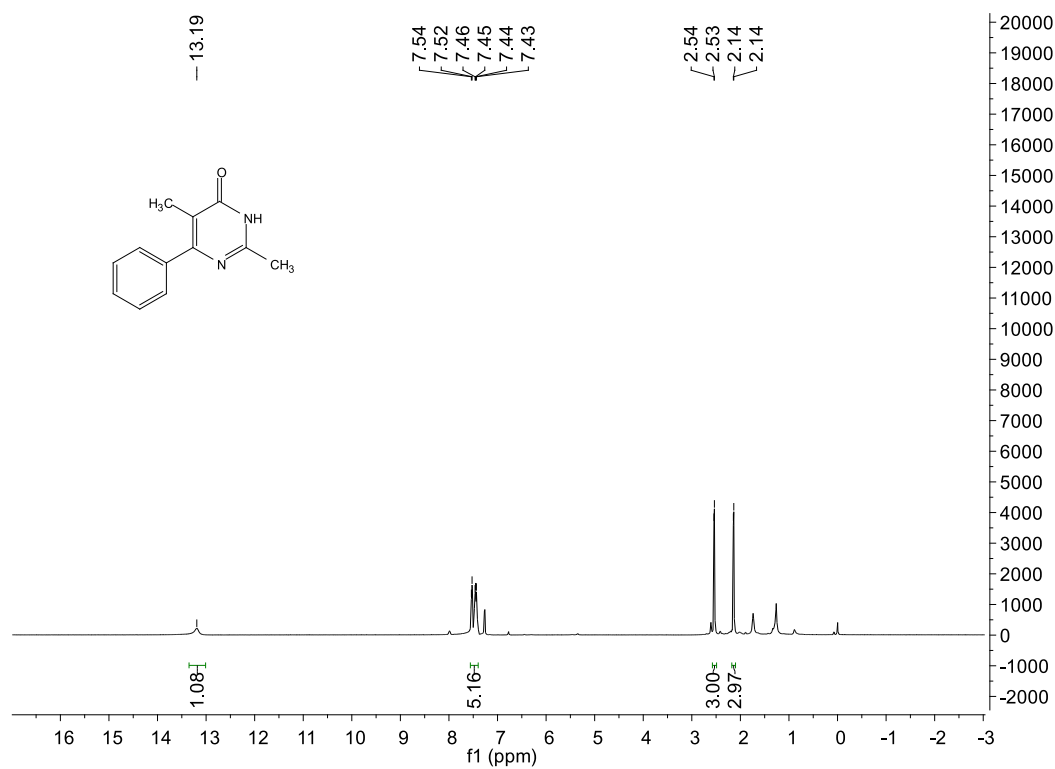
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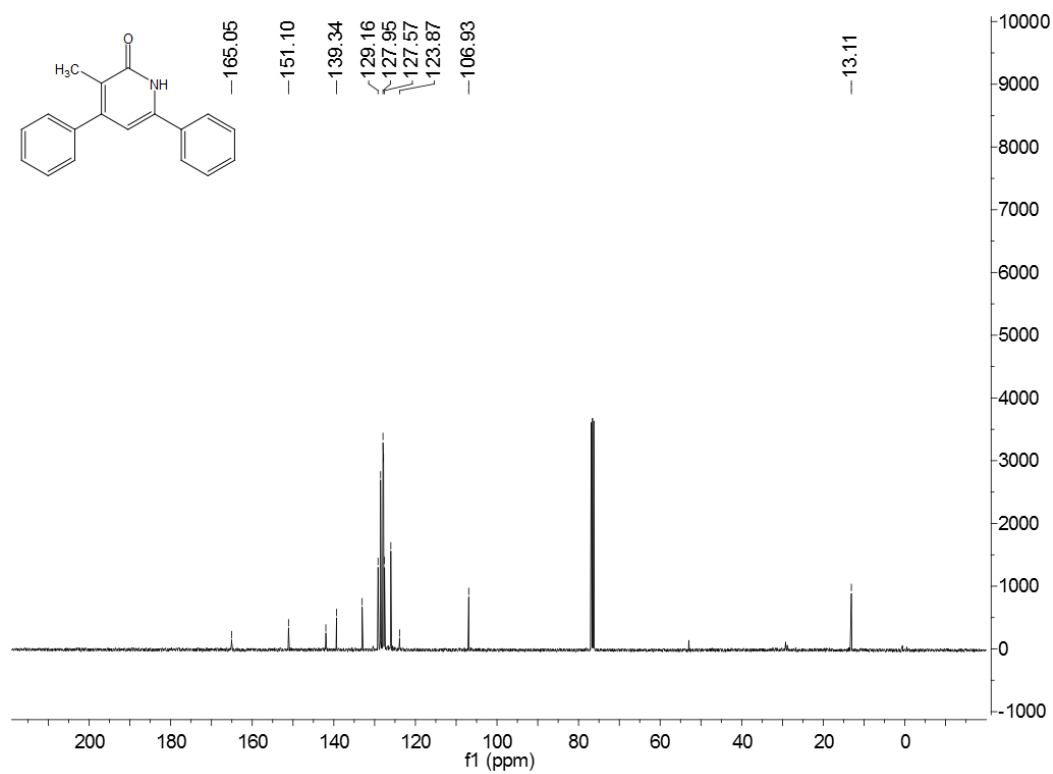
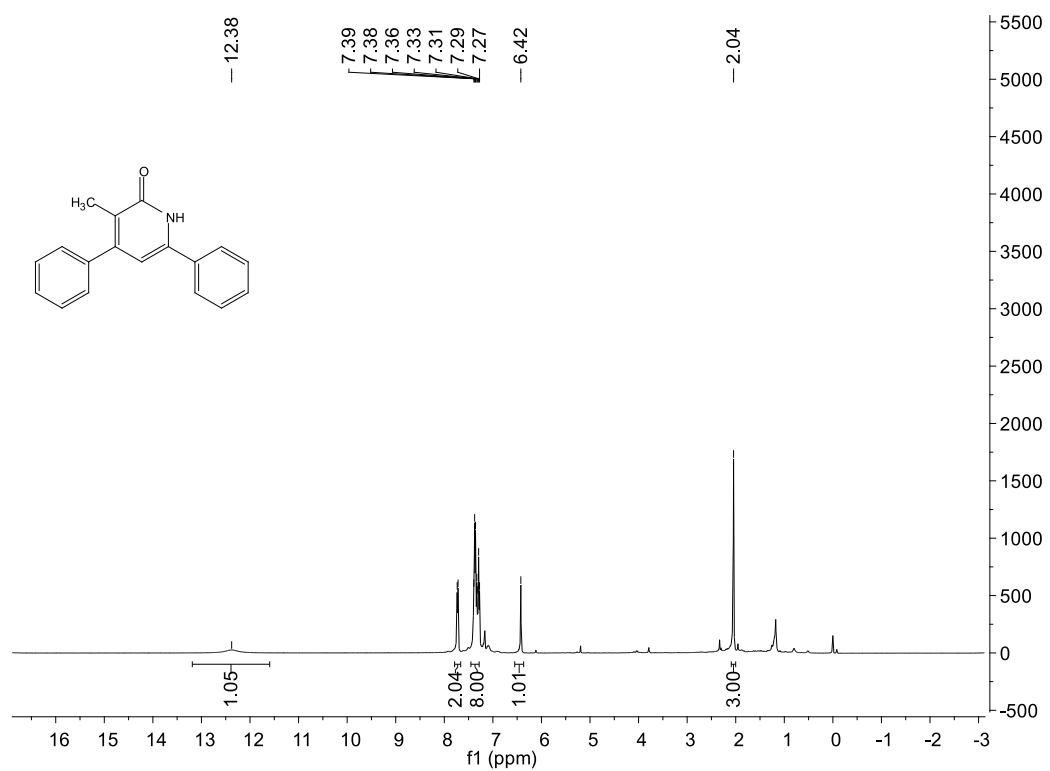
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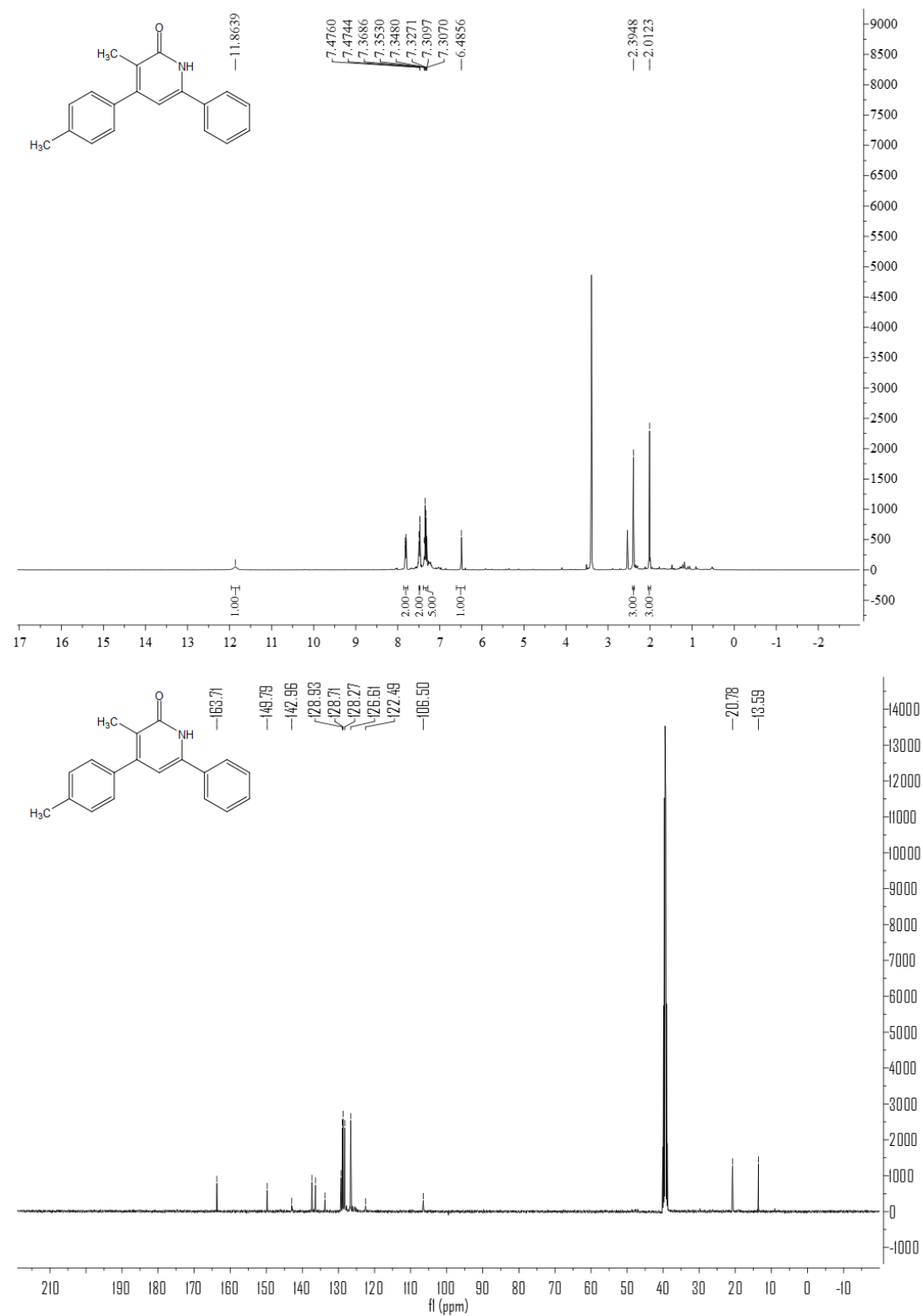
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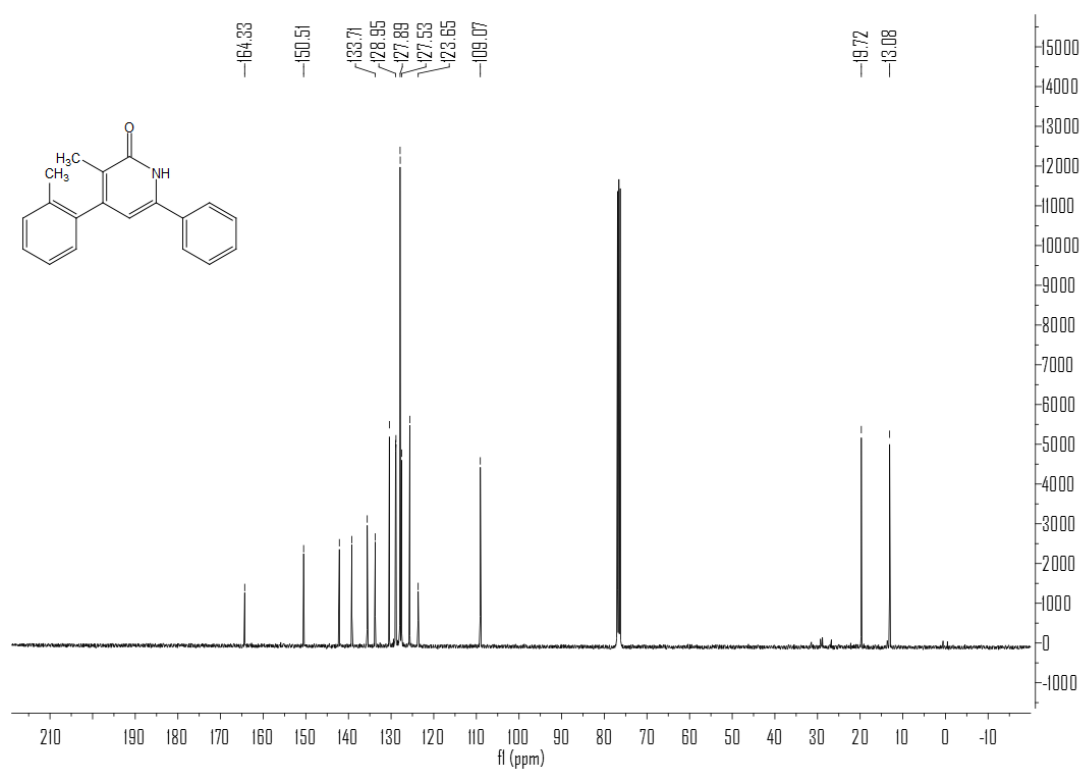
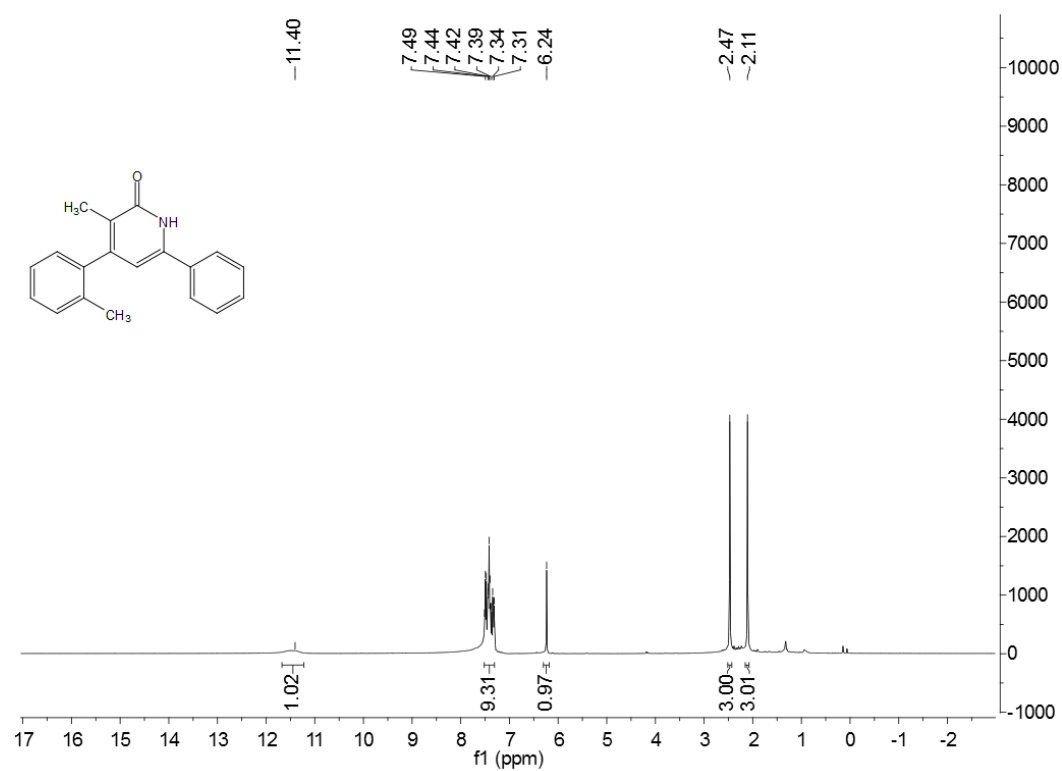
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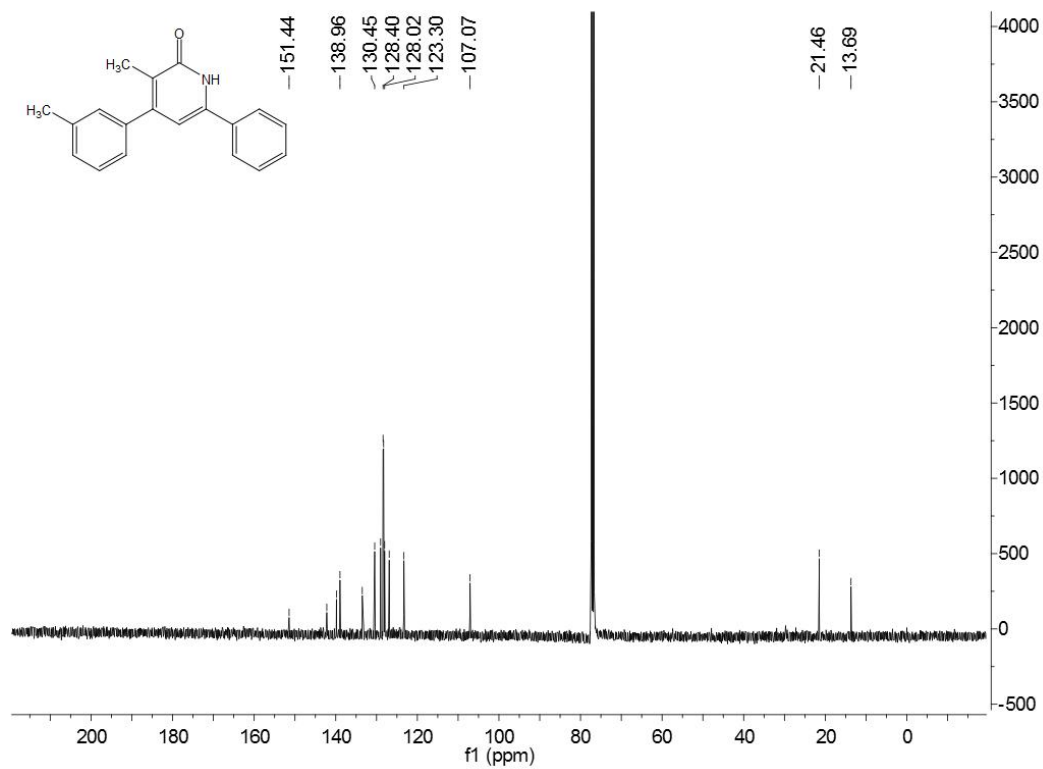
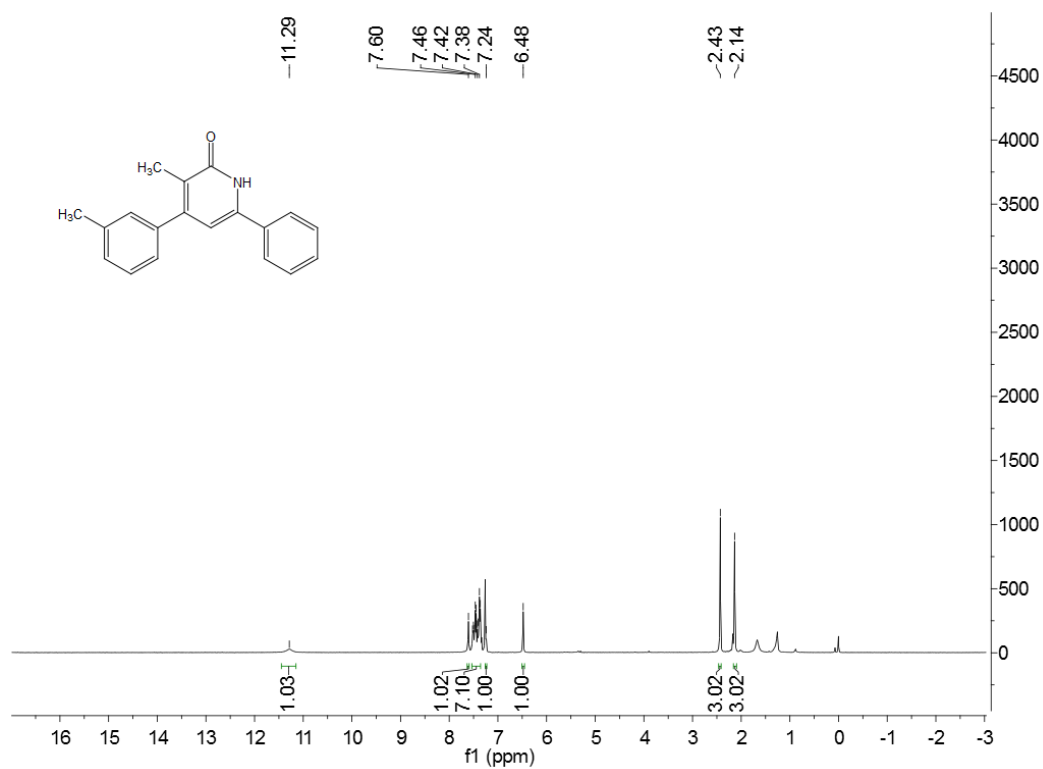
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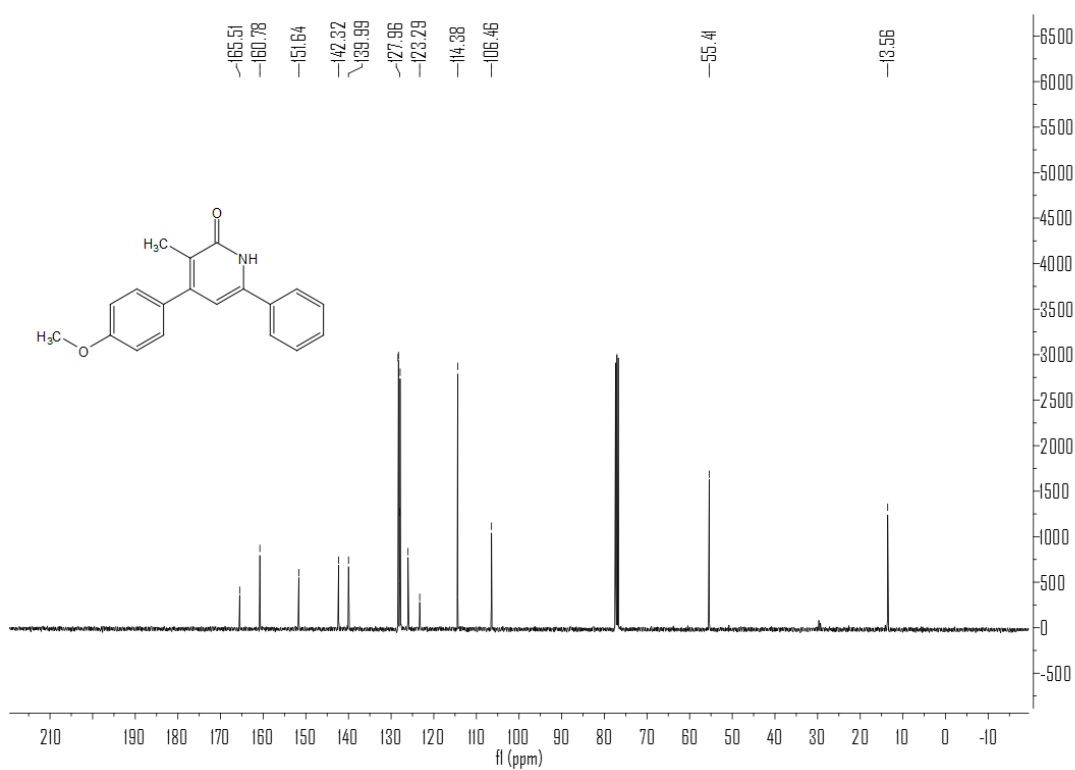
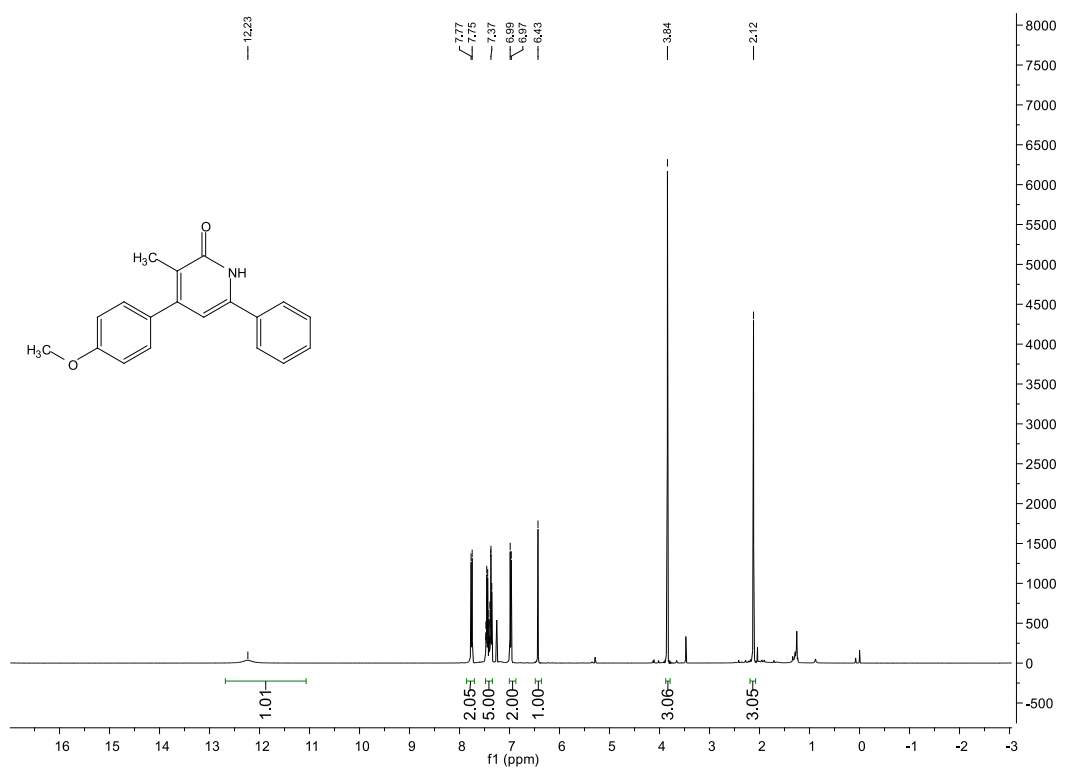
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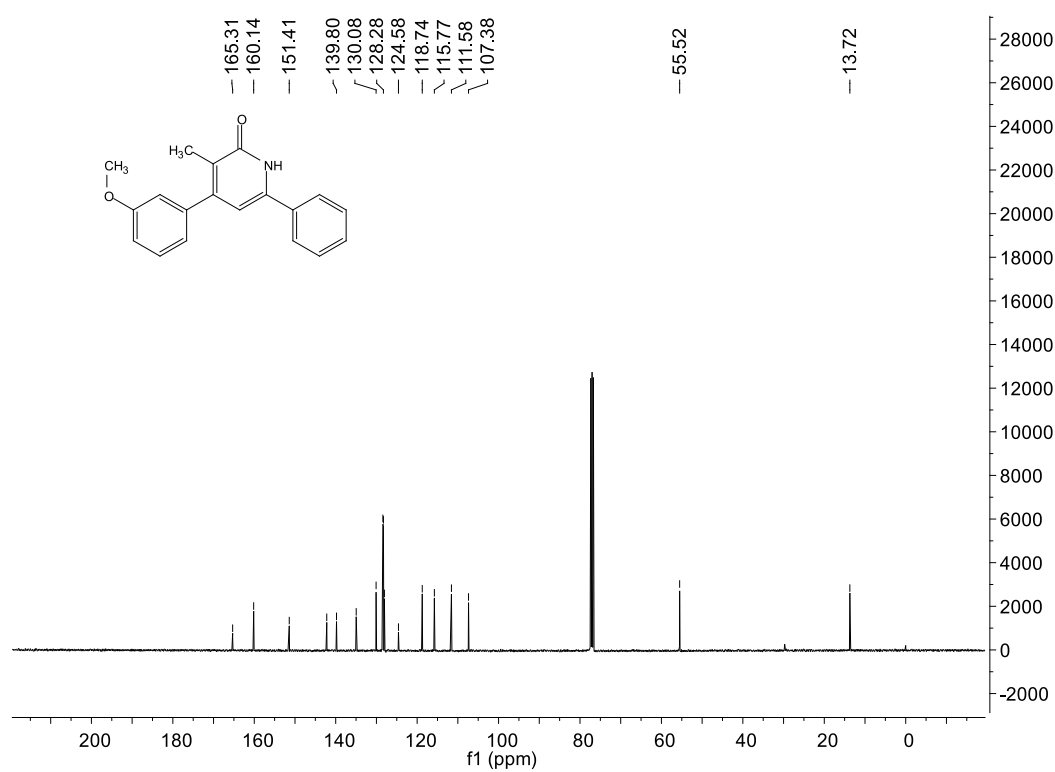
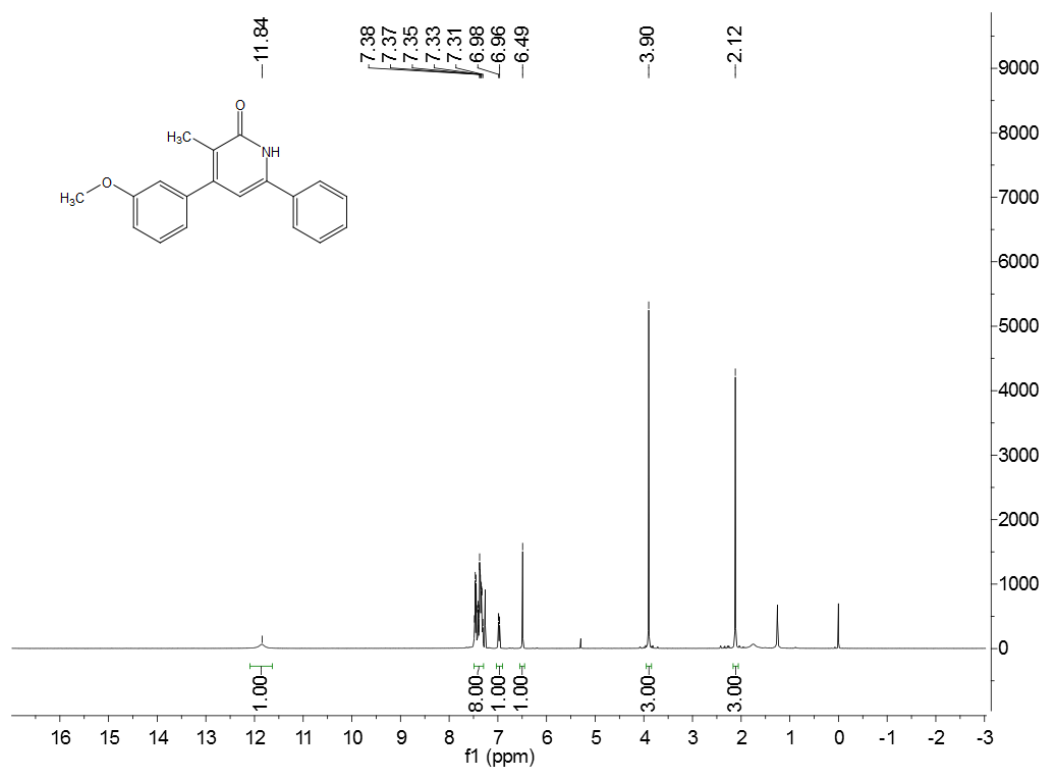
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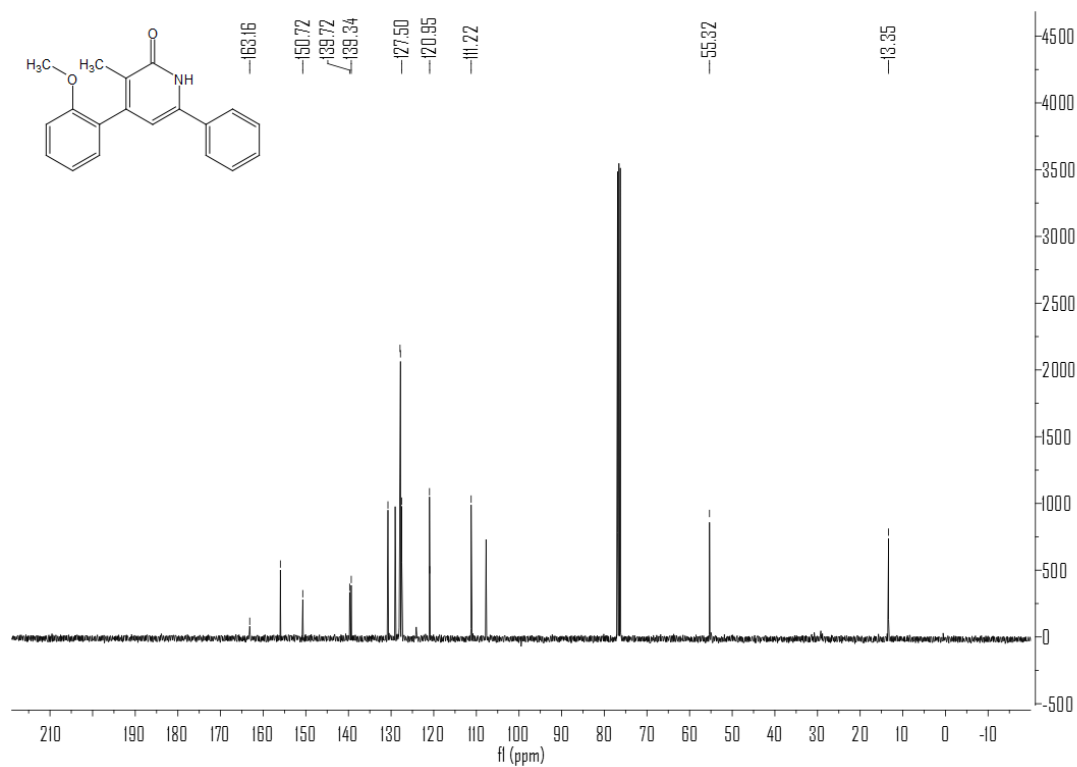
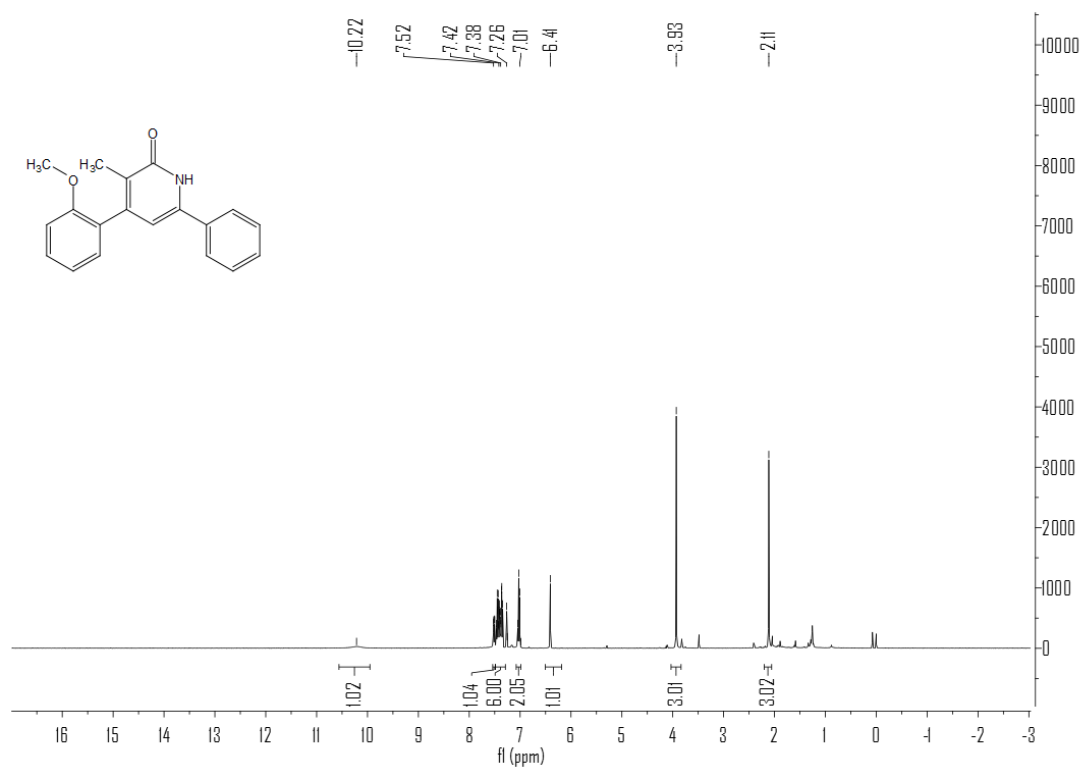
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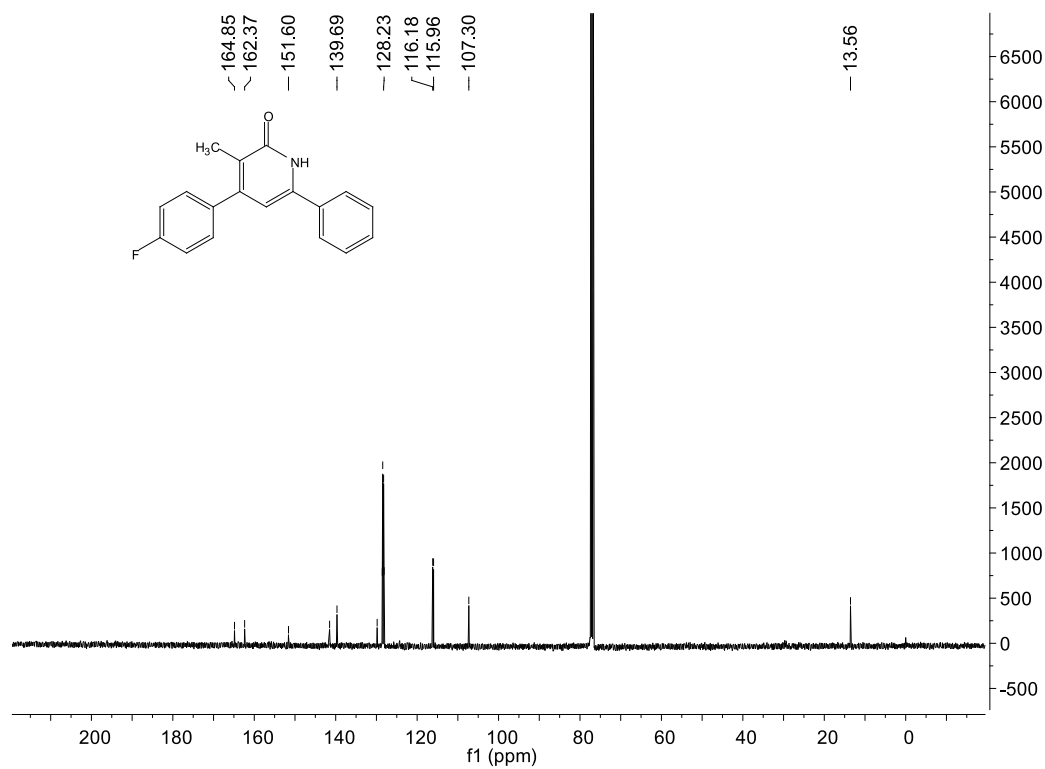
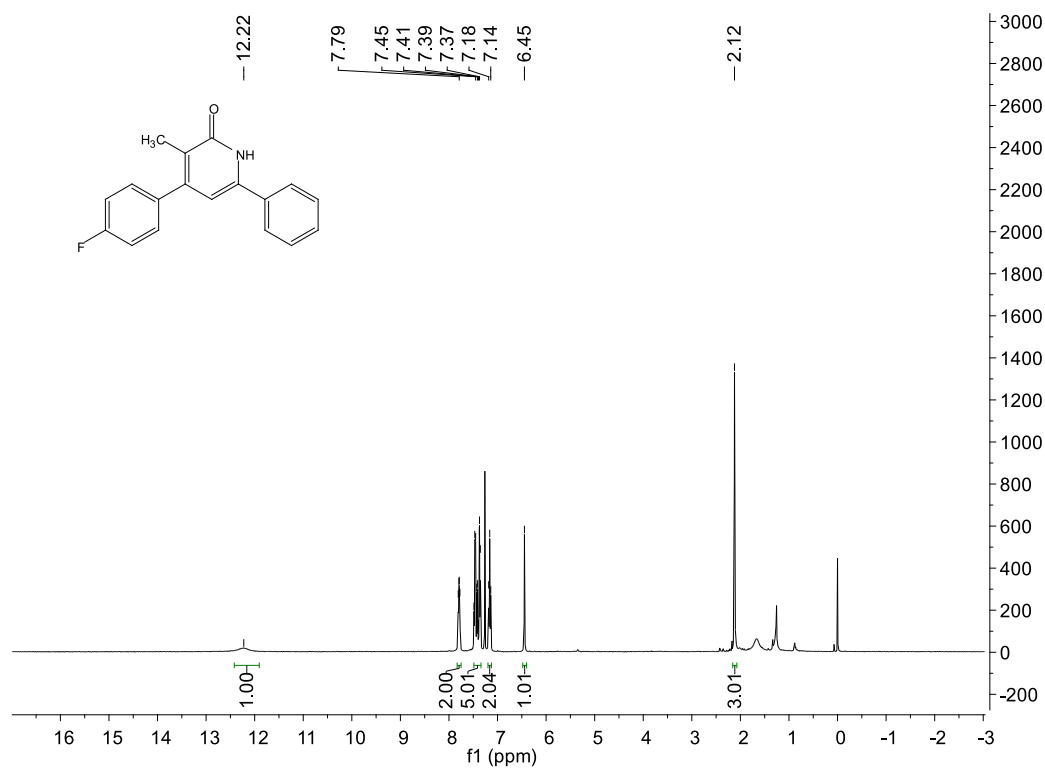
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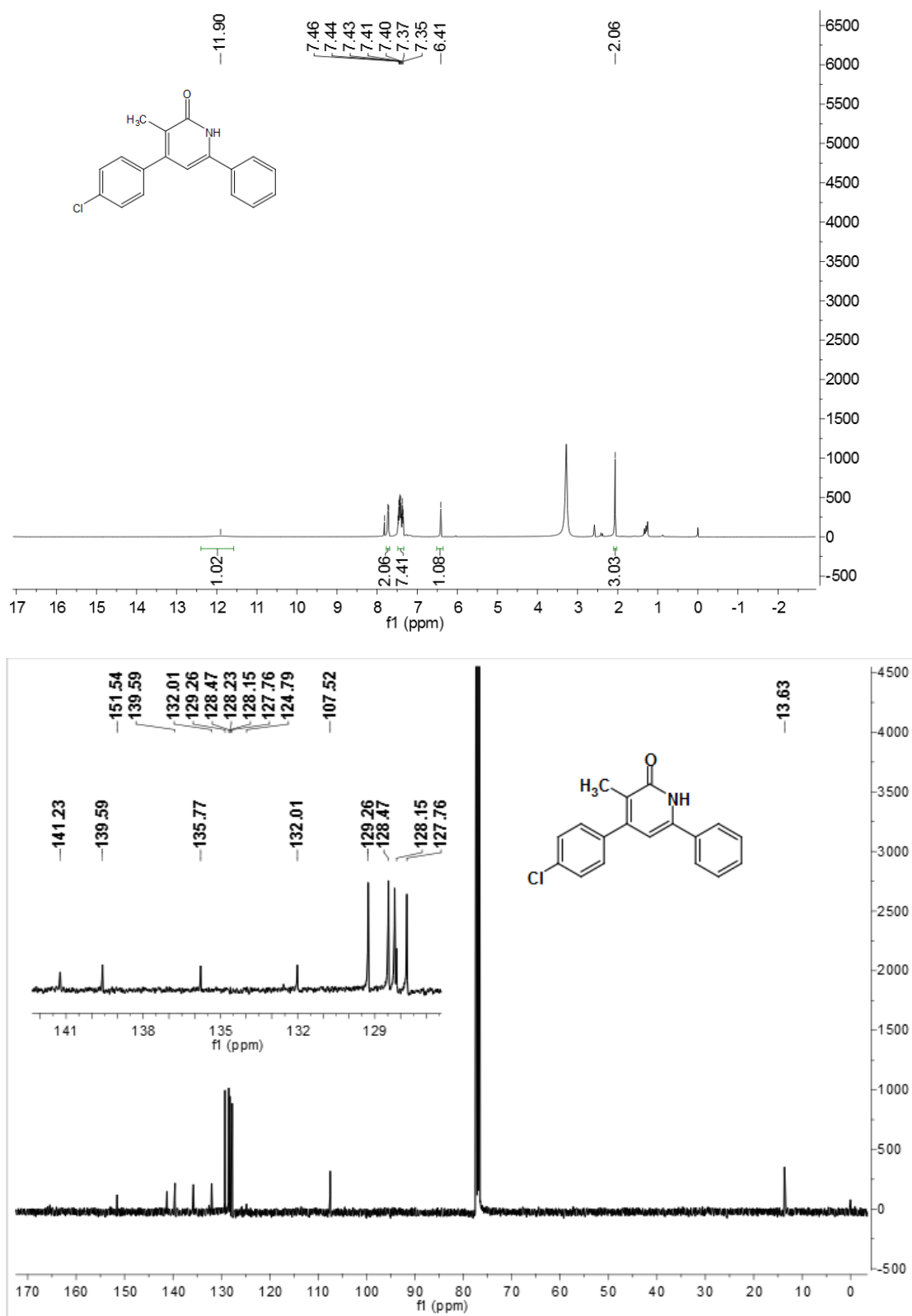
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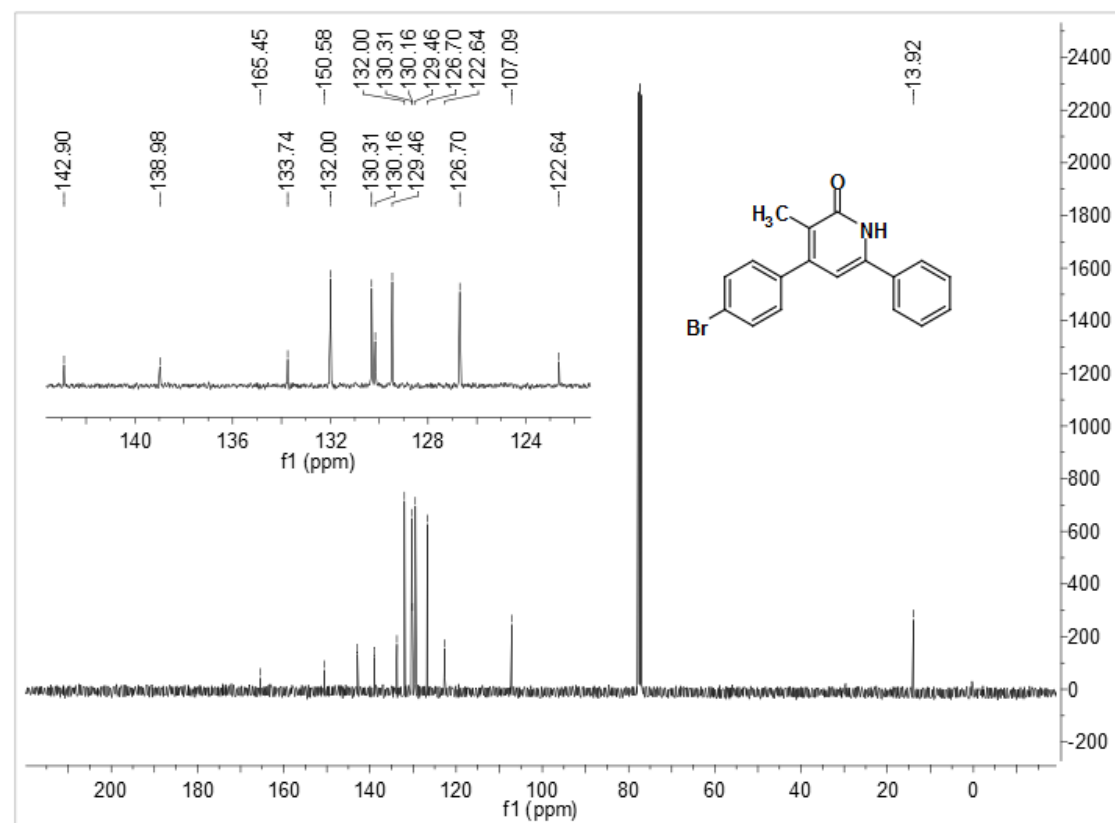
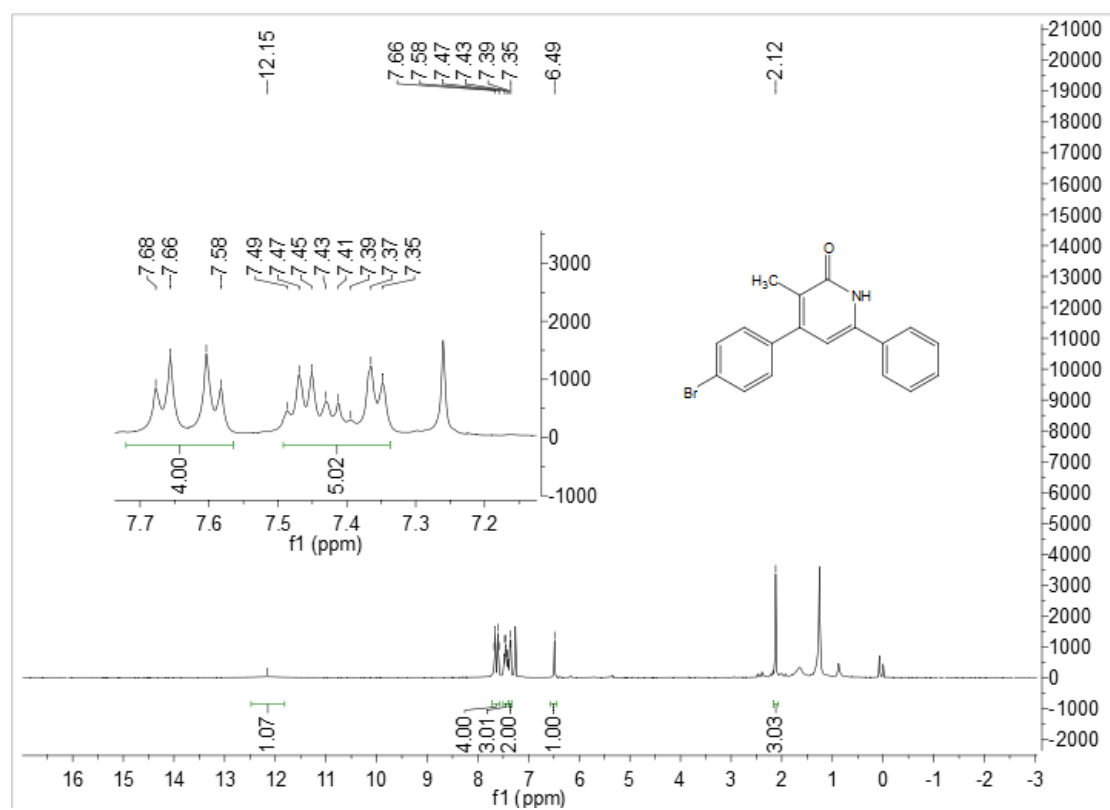
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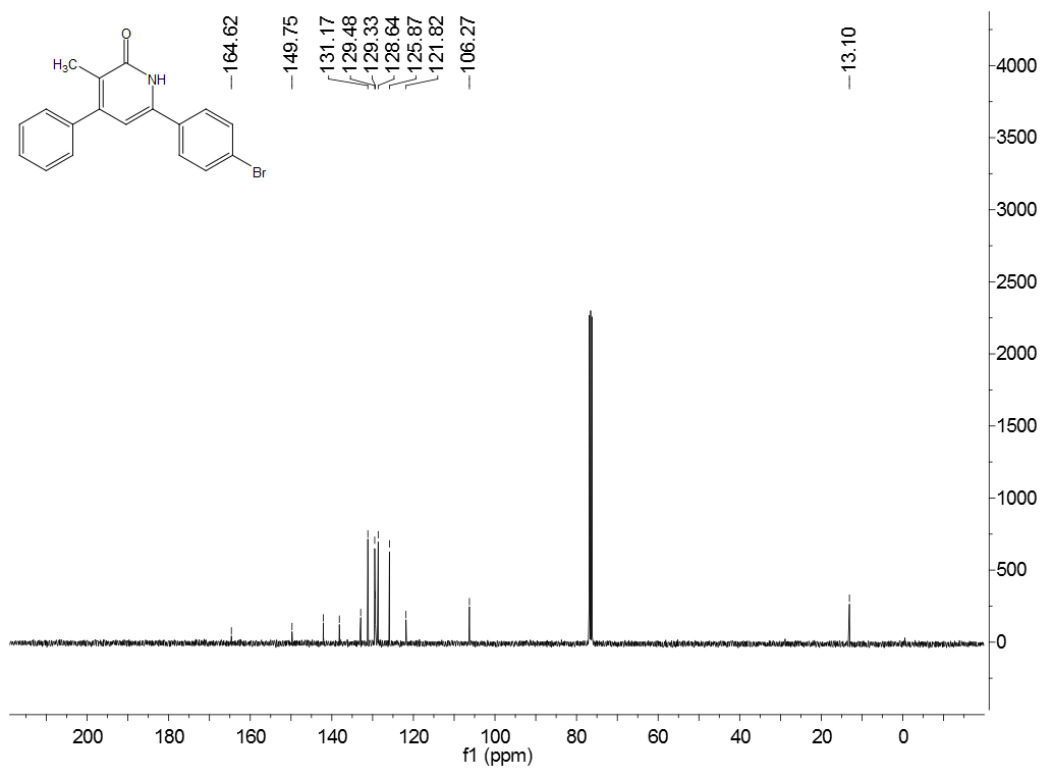
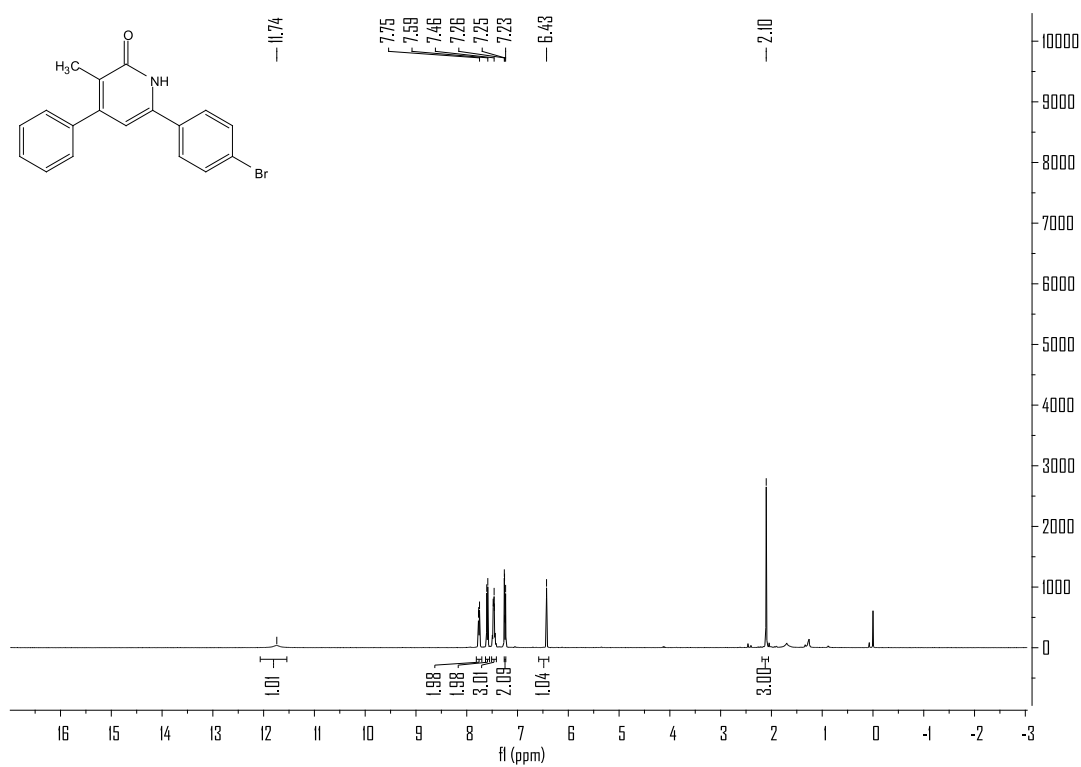
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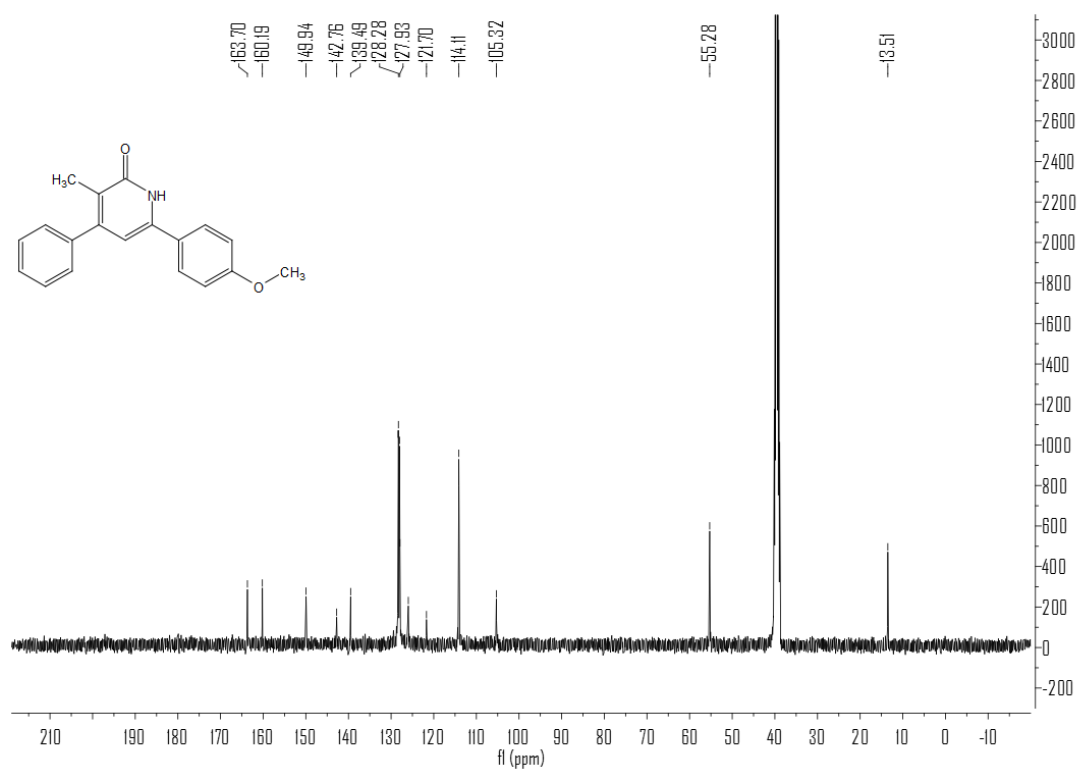
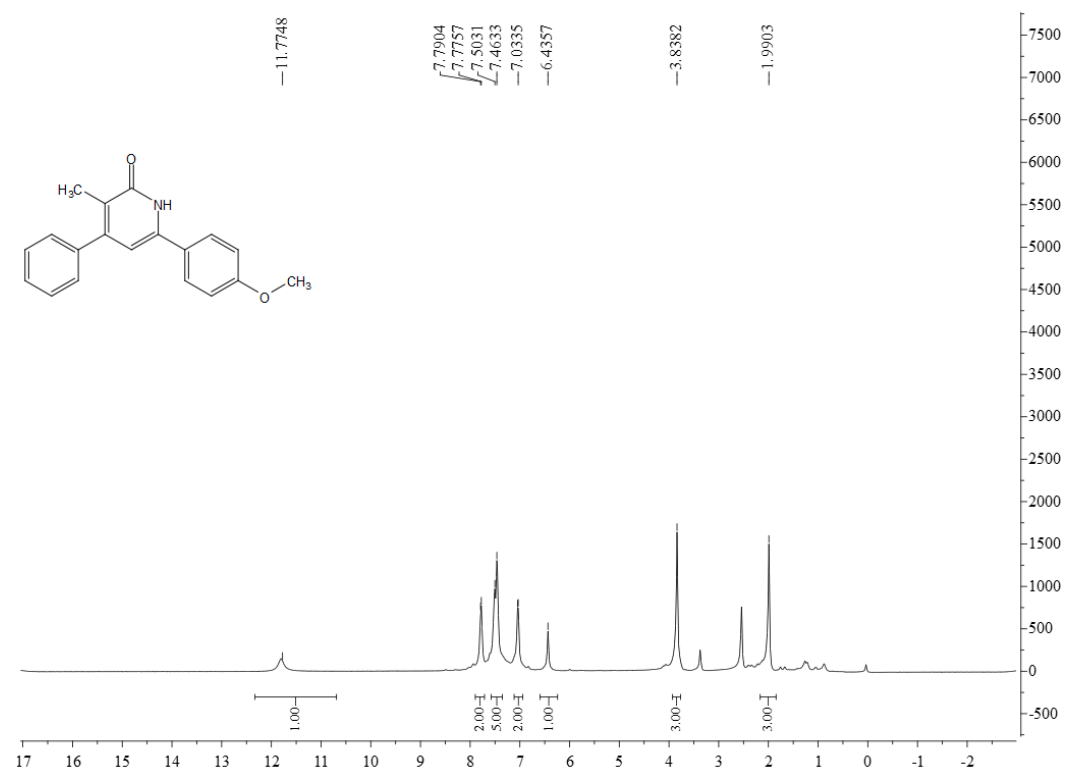
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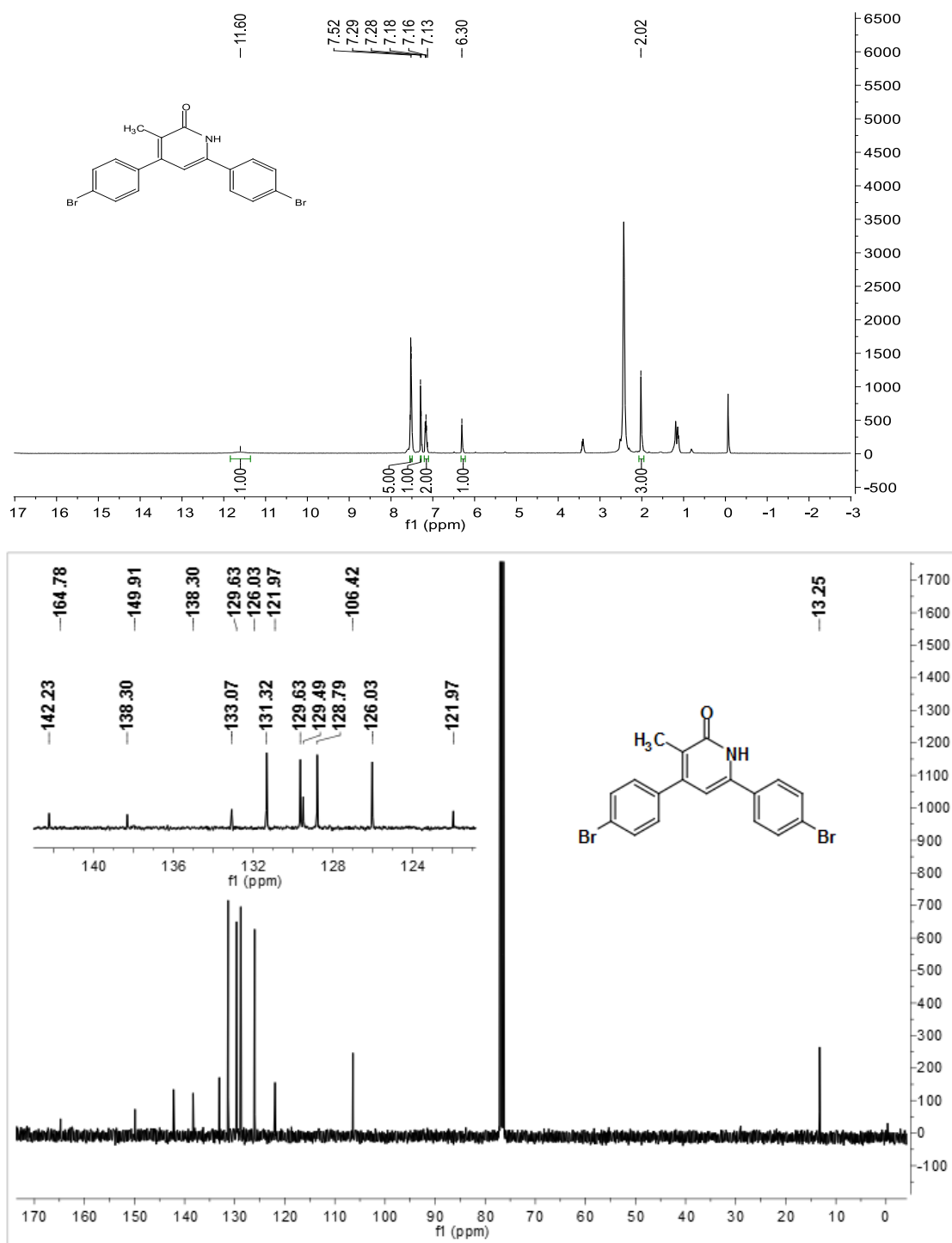
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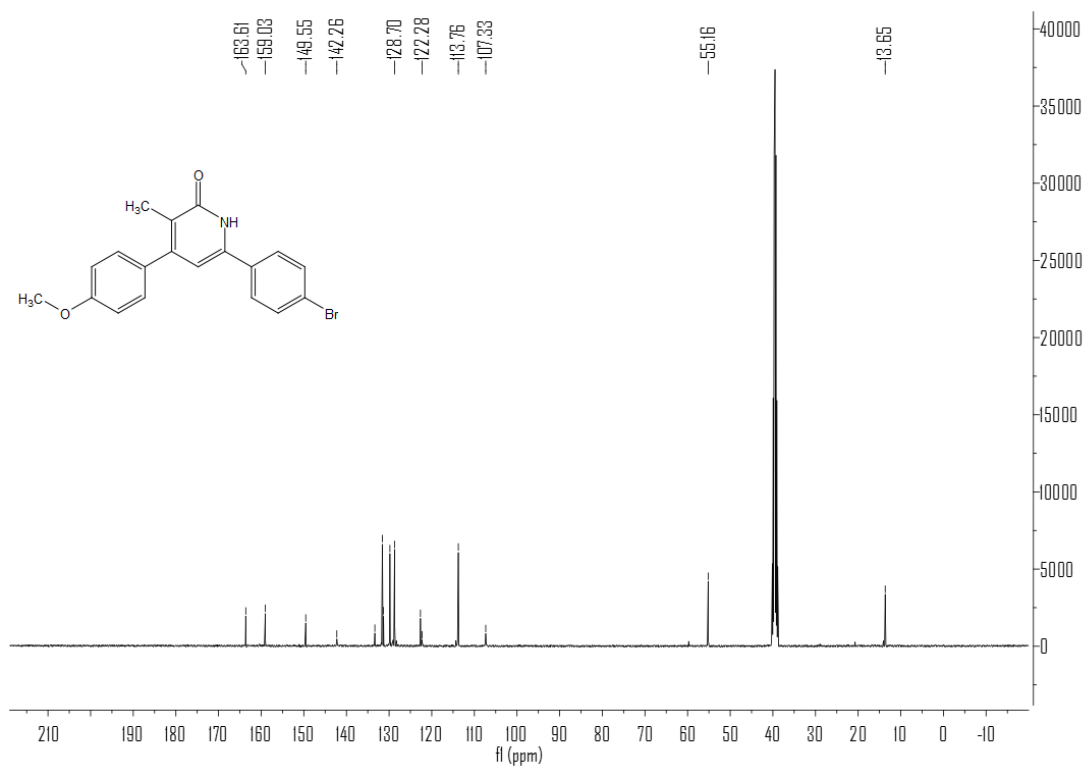
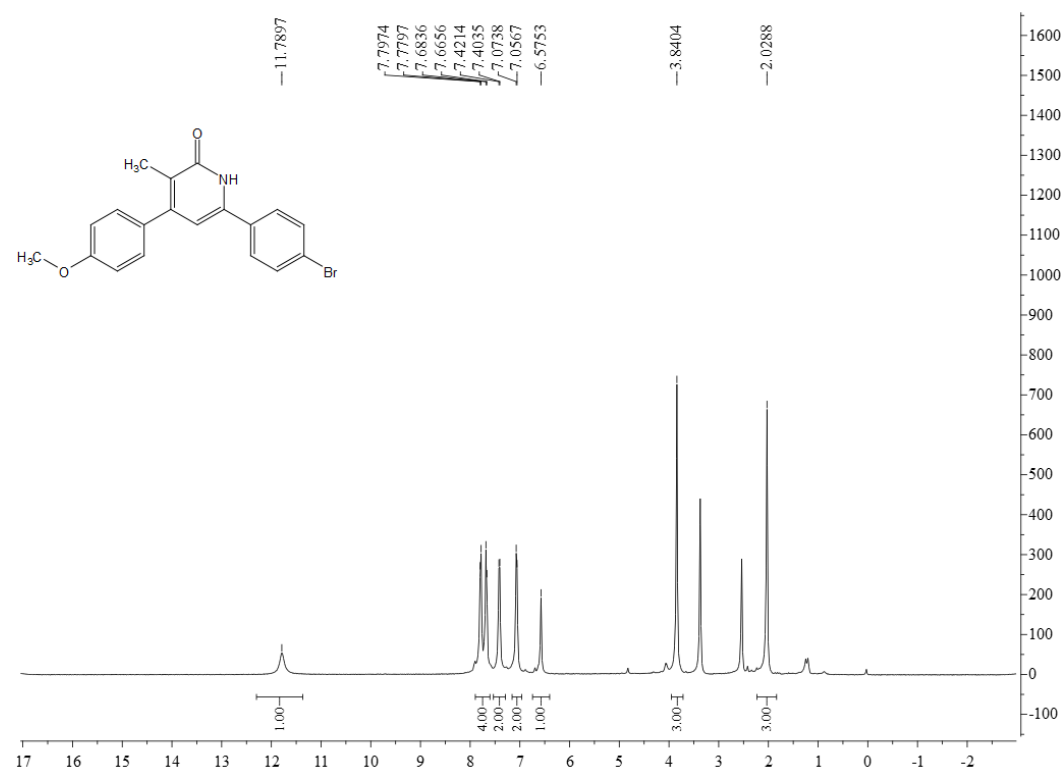
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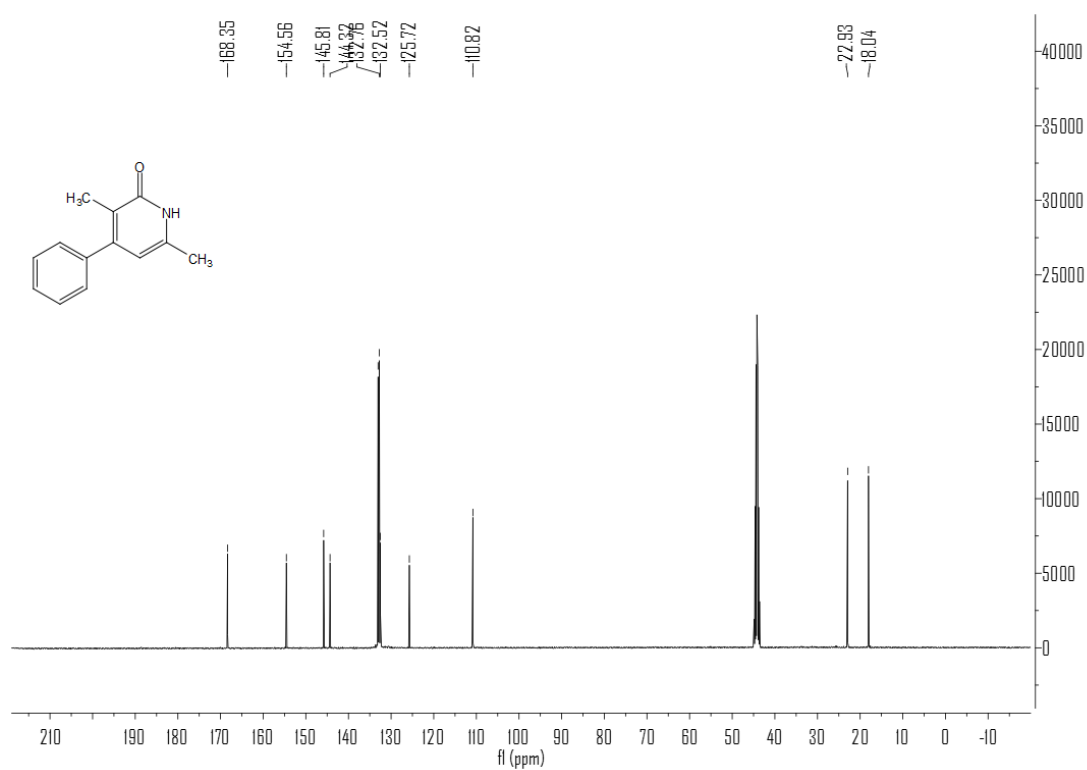
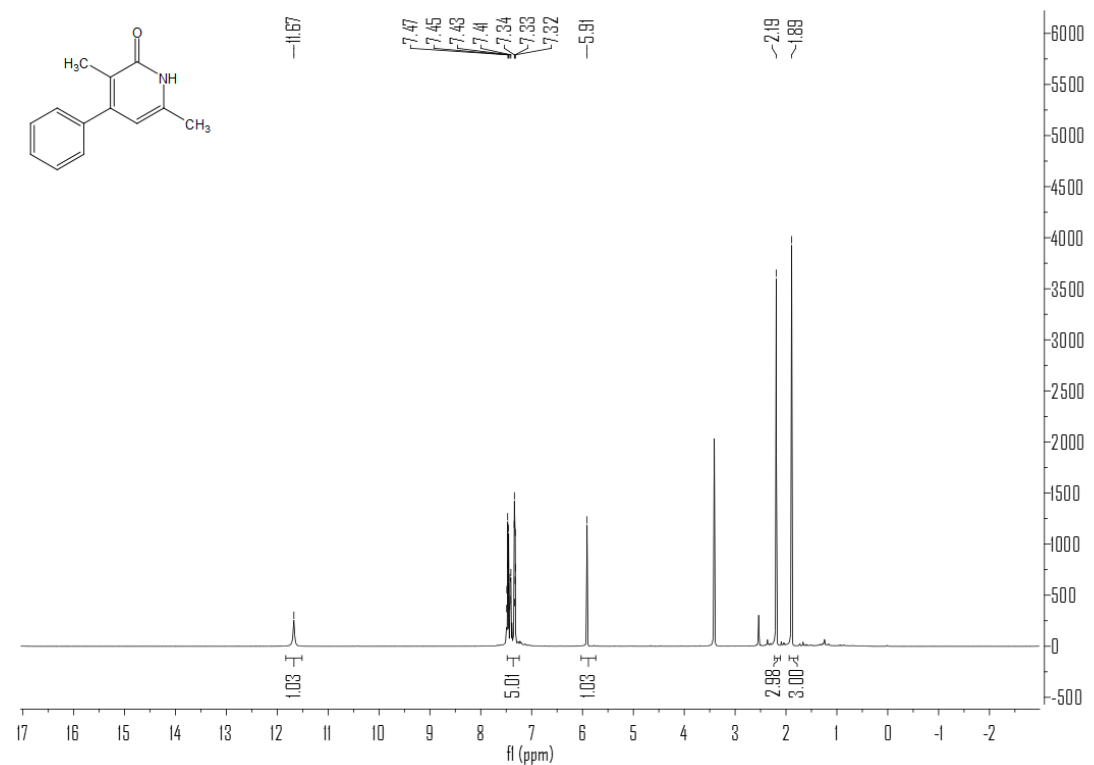
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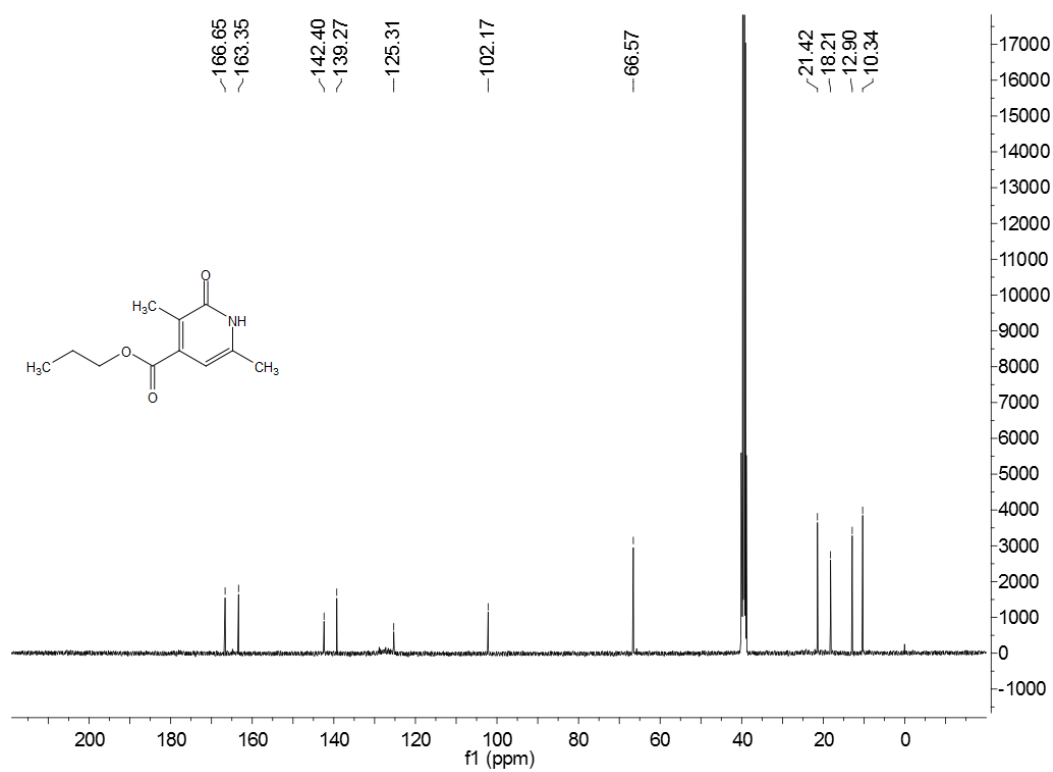
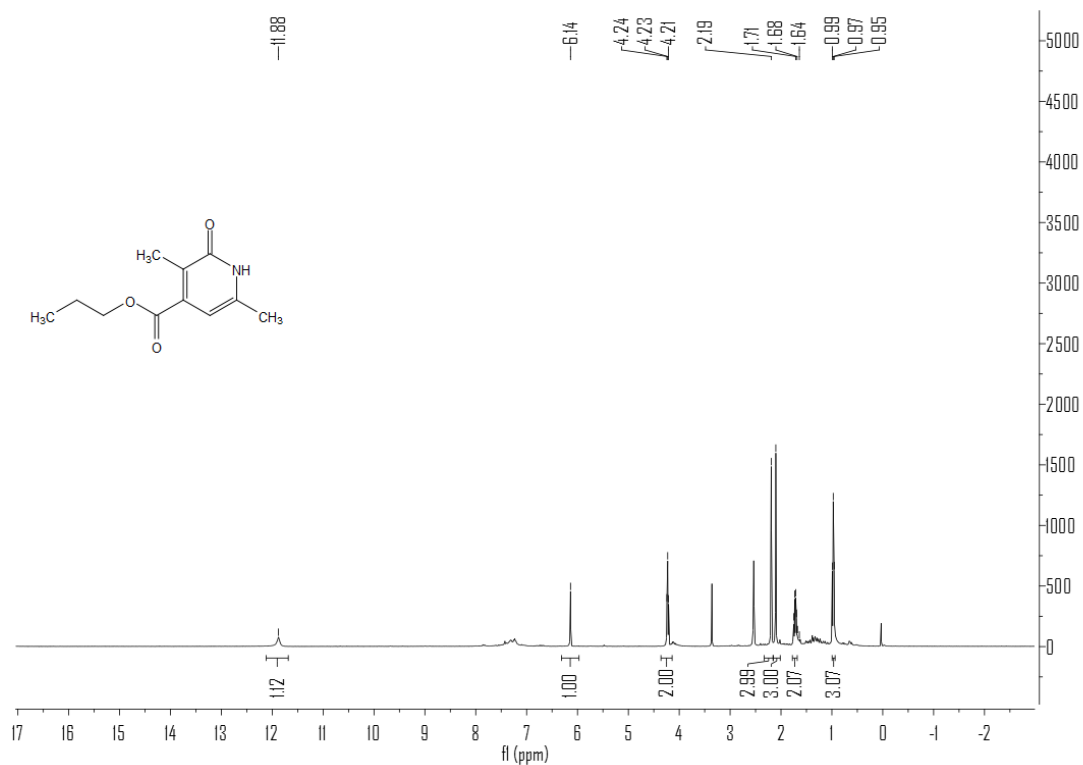
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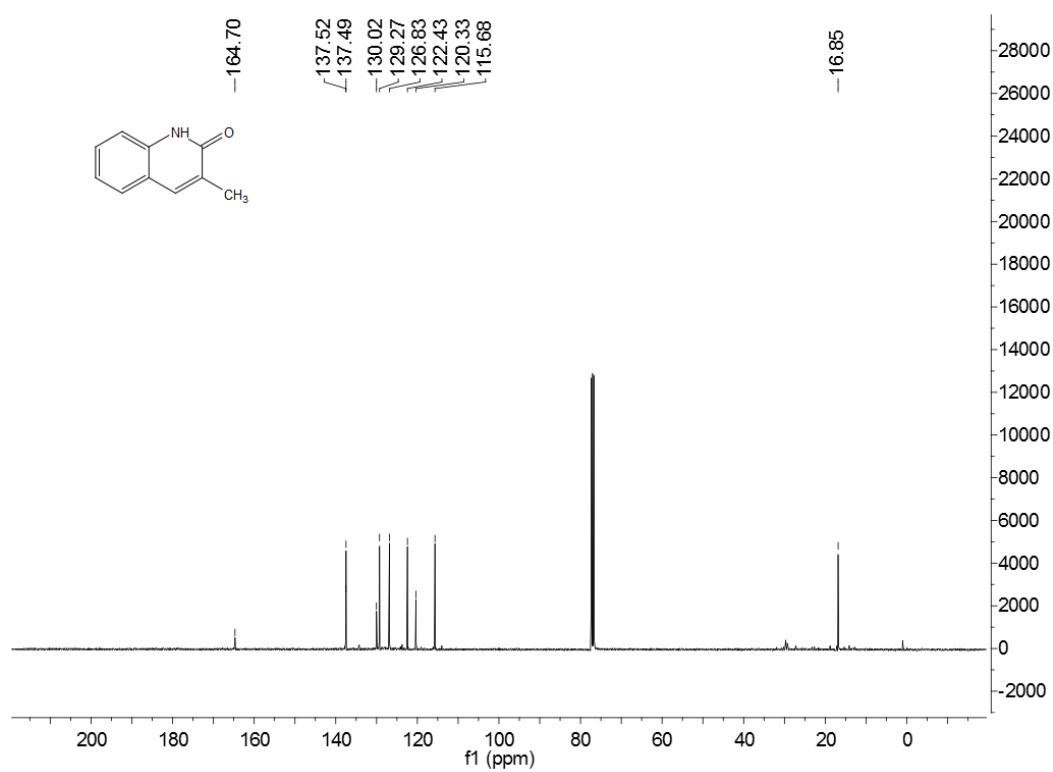
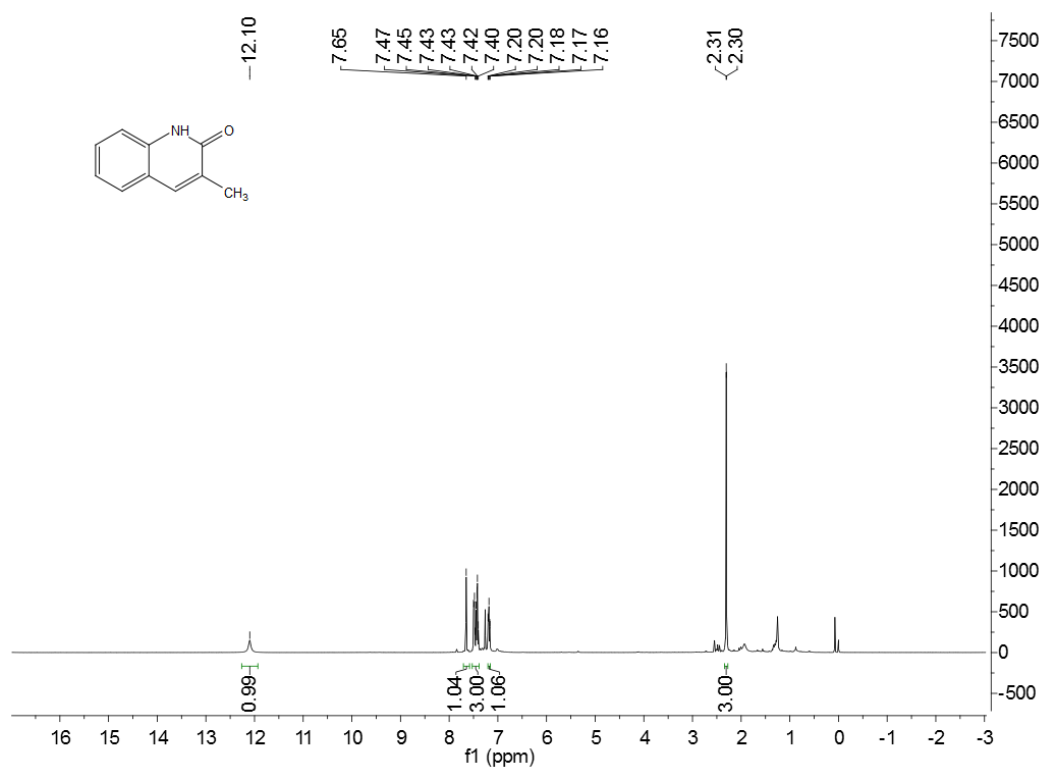
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Compound **5p**



Compound **5q**



Compound **5r**

