

Supporting Information

Hypervalent Iodine Catalysis for Selective Oxidation of Baylis–Hillman adducts *via* In Situ Generation of o-Iodoxybenzoic Acid (IBX) from 2- Iodosobenzoic acid (IBA) in Presence of Oxone

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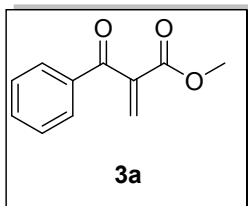
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Experimental Section

General Information: The starting materials and reagents were purchased from various commercial sources and used without further purification. The reactions were performed at room temperature. ACME silica gel (60-120 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated TLC plates with silica gel 60-F₂₅₄ plates and visualized by UV-light. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded, using tetramethylsilane (TMS) in the solvent of CDCl₃+DMSO as the internal standard on a 300, 500 MHz spectrometer (¹H NMR: TMS at 0.00 ppm, CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm; ¹³C NMR: CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm, DMSO at 39.43). Chemical shifts (δ) were recorded in ppm with respect to TMS as an internal standard and coupling constants are quoted in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra were recorded on a mass spectrometer by the electron spray ionization (ESI) and the data acquired in positive ionization mode. HRMS spectra were determined on TOF type mass analyzer.

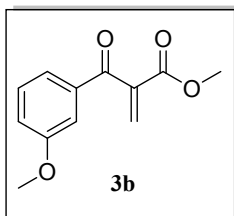
Characterization Data for the Products:

Methyl 2-benzoylacrylate (3a)¹



Isolated yield: 94%; Colourless liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 3063, 2983, 1722, 1672, 1402, 1231, 1021, 983, 863, 755, 688. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.47 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.93 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz): δ 192.9, 164.7, 140.8, 136.0, 133.6, 131.5, 129.4, 128.5, 52.4. **MS** (ESI): (*m/z*) = 191 (M+H)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI) (M+H)⁺ *m/z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₁O₃ = 191.0698, found = 191.0702.

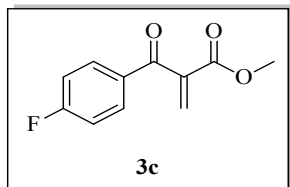
Methyl 2-(3-methoxybenzoyl)acrylate (3b)



Isolated yield: 92%; Colourless Liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 3006, 2953, 1723, 1663, 1437, 1316, 1173, 1026, 977, 845, 780, 640. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (q, 1H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 1.3, *J* = 2.7 Hz,

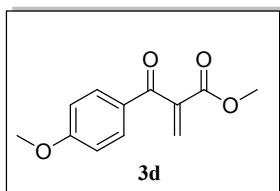
1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.7, 164.6, 159.7, 140.7, 137.0, 131.3, 129.4, 122.4, 120.3, 119.0, 55.3, 52.3. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 221 (M+H)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI) (M+H)⁺ m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄ = 221.0804, found = 221.0808.

Methyl 2-(4-fluorobenzoyl)acrylate (3c)²



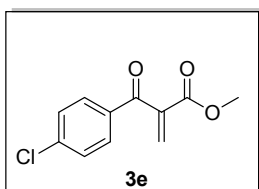
Isolated yield: 88%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 2954, 2962, 1727, 1697, 1506, 1437, 1329, 1285, 1142, 980, 817, 780. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.95 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.4, 167.3, 140.6, 132.2, 132.1, 131.5, 115.9, 115.7, 52.5. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 209 (M+H)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI) (M+1)⁺ m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₀FO₃ = 209.0606, found = 209.0608.

Methyl 2-(4-methoxybenzoyl)acrylate (3d)³



Isolated yield: 94%; Pale yellow liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 3006, 2953, 1723, 1663, 1437, 1316, 1240, 1173, 1026, 977, 845, 780, 640. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.85 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.6, 164.0, 140.9, 131.9, 130.6, 129.0, 113.8, 55.5, 52.4. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 221 (M+H)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI) (M+H)⁺ m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₄ = 221.0803, found = 221.0808.

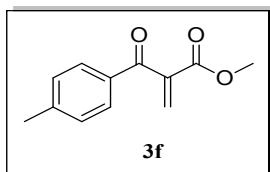
Methyl 2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)acrylate (3e)⁴



Isolated yield: 89%; yellow liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 2955, 2853, 1729, 1679, 1484, 1253, 986, 849, 770, 675. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87 (d,

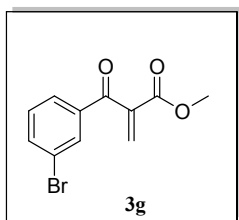
$J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.69$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.7, 164.5, 140.5, 140.2, 134.4, 131.8, 130.7, 128.9, 52.5. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 225 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$. **HRMS** (ESI) ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClO}_3$ = 225.0309, found = 225.0313.

Methyl 2-(4-methylbenzoyl)acrylate (3f)



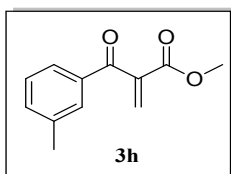
Isolated yield: 95%; Colourless liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 3031, 2953, 1724, 1667, 1436 1234, 1138, 974, 837, 766, 607. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75 (d, $J = 7.78$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.93$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.5, 164.7, 144.6, 140.9, 133.4, 130.9, 129.5, 126.1, 52.5, 21.5. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 205 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$. **HRMS** (ESI) ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3$ = 205.0853, found = 205.0859.

Methyl 2-(3-bromobenzoyl)acrylate (3g)



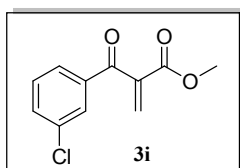
Isolated yield: 85%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2955, 2924, 1722, 1632, 1439, 1282, 1149, 1071, 804, 756, 704. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.5, 164.7, 140.2, 137.8, 136.4, 132.2, 132.1, 130.1, 127.9 122.8, 52.5. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 271 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$.

Methyl 2-(3-methylbenzoyl)acrylate (3h)



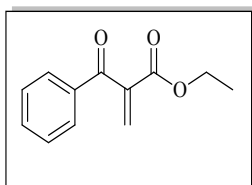
Isolated yield: 91%; White Liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 3031, 2953, 1724, 1667, 1436, 1234, 1172, 984, 837, 766, 607. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 7.58$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.1, 164.7, 140.9, 138.4, 136.0, 134.4, 131.2, 129.7, 128.3, 126.7, 52.3, 21.2. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 205 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$. **HRMS** (ESI) ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3$ = 205.0854, found = 205.0859

Methyl 2-(3-chlorobenzoyl)acrylate (**3i**)¹



Isolated yield: 89%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2955, 1729, 1679, 1484, 1326, 1253, 1129, 986, 770, 650. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3+d_6 -DMSO): δ 7.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.0, 164.4, 140.5, 132.0, 130.3, 130.2, 125.3, 120.8, 120.5, 116.1, 115.8, 52.5. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 225 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$. **HRMS** (ESI) ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClO}_3$ = 225.0308, found = 225.0313.

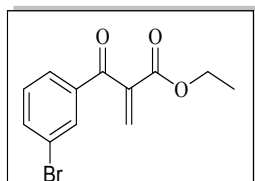
Ethyl 2-benzoylacrylate (**3j**)¹



Isolated yield: 95%; Colorless liquid, **IR** cm^{-1} : 3063, 2936, 1722, 1672, 1408, 1231, 1140, 1021, 863, 755, 688. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (d, $J = 7.94$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.58$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, 2H), 1.19 (t, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.0, 164.2, 141.3, 136.1, 133.4, 131.2, 129.2, 128.4, 61.5, 13.8. **MS** (ESI):

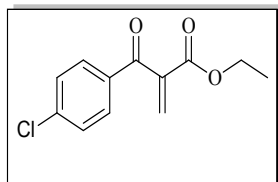
(m/z) = 205 ($M+H$)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI) ($M+H$)⁺ m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}O_3$ = 205.0854, found = 205.0859.

Ethyl 2-(3-bromobenzoyl)acrylate (3k)³



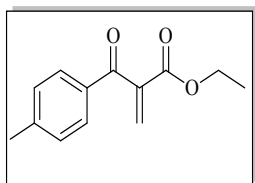
Isolated yield: 85%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2980, 2853, 1725, 1679, 1421, 1281, 1142, 1020, 903, 758, 677. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.7 (s, 1H), 6.1 (s, 1H), 4.24 (q, 2H), 1.21 (t, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 191.7, 163.9, 140.8, 138.0, 136.3, 132.1, 132.0, 130.1, 127.8, 122.8, 61.6, 13.9. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 282 ($M+H$)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI) ($M+H$)⁺ m/z calcd for $C_{12}H_{12}BrO_3$ = 282.9962, found = 282.9964.

Ethyl 2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)acrylate (3l)³



Isolated yield: 92%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2955, 1736, 1655, 1490, 1326, 1253, 1129, 982, 849, 770, 650. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, 2H), 1.21 (t, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 191.9, 164.0, 141.0, 140.0, 134.6, 131.6, 130.6, 128.8, 61.5, 13.9. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 239 ($M+H$)⁺.

Ethyl 2-(4-methylbenzoyl)acrylate (3m)³

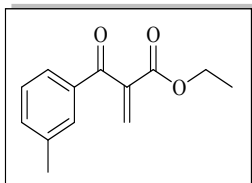


Isolated yield: 96%; Colourless liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2983, 1723, 1670, 1447, 1324, 1234, 1022, 981, 839, 768. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.24 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.93 Hz, 2H), 6.6 (s, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 4.22 (q, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 192.8,

164.4, 144.5, 141.5, 133.7, 130.8, 129.5, 129.2, 61.4, 21.7, 13.9. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 219 ($M+H$)⁺.

HRMS (ESI) ($M+H$)⁺ m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₅O₃ = 219.1010, found = 219.1015.

Ethyl 2-(3-methylbenzoyl)acrylate (**3n**)³



Isolated yield: 94%; Colourless liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 2982, 1721, 1670, 1319,

1247, 1197, 1132, 1023, 973, 769, 655. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

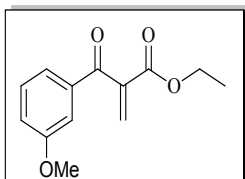
7.68 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.58 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H),

1.21 (t, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.8, 164.4, 144.5, 141.5, 133.7, 130.8, 129.5,

129.2, 61.4, 21.7, 13.9. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 219 ($M+H$)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI) ($M+H$)⁺ m/z calcd for

C₁₃H₁₅O₃ = 219.10103, found = 219.10157.

Ethyl 2-(3-methoxybenzoyl)acrylate (**3o**)



Isolated yield: 92%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 2981, 1721, 1672, 1429,

1257, 1134, 1010, 865, 766, 655. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-

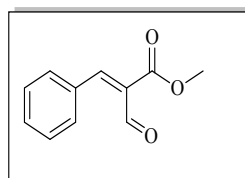
7.34 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, 2H),

3.85 (s, 3H), 1.20 (t, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.0, 164.0,

136.1, 133.4, 131.2, 129.2, 128.4, 61.3, 13.8. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 235 ($M+H$)⁺. **HRMS** (ESI)

($M+H$)⁺ m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₅O₄ = 235.0958, found = 235.0940.

(E)-Methyl 2-formyl-3-phenylacrylate (**5a**)⁵



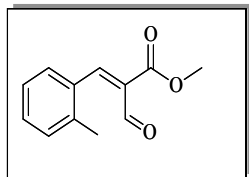
Isolated yield: 98%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 3221, 1751, 1624, 1480,

1270, 1162, 843, 658, 457. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.61 (s, 1H),

7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR**

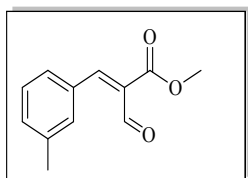
(100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.6, 166.2, 152.8, 150.2, 132.2, 131.7, 131.1, 130.0, 129.0, 52.6. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 191.03 (M+1)⁺.

(E)-methyl 2-formyl-3-o-tolylacrylate (5b)



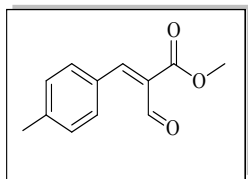
Isolated yield: 90%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 2954, 1733, 1689, 1450, 1228, 1141, 755, 687. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.68 (s, 1H), 7.79(s, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19(m, 2H), 3.78(s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.3, 166.0, 152.8, 148.8, 138.0, 131.1, 131.1, 130.7, 128.2, 126.2, 52.3, 19.8. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 205 (M+H)⁺.

(E)-methyl 2-formyl-3-m-tolylacrylate (5c)



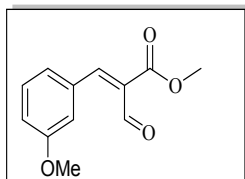
Isolated yield: 92%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 2986, 1732, 1679, 1366, 1265, 969, 833, 770. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.60 (s, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H) 7.32.-7.29(m, 4H), 3.87(s, 3H) 2.38 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.5, 166.2, 153.1, 150.3, 138.7, 132.5, 130.7, 128.9, 127.1, 52.5, 21.3. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 205 (M+H)⁺.

(E)-methyl 2-formyl-3-p-tolylacrylate (5d)⁵



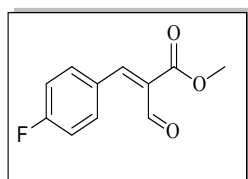
Isolated yield: 95%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm⁻¹: 2955, 1735, 1679, 1436, 1293, 1154, 969, 833, 770. **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.24(d, *J* = 7.94Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 3.89(s, 3H) 2.40 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.7, 166.4, 153.0, 150.3, 142.7, 141.7, 133.0, 131.5, 130.2, 129.7, 52.5, 21.5. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 205 (M+H)⁺.

(E)-methyl 2-formyl-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (5e)



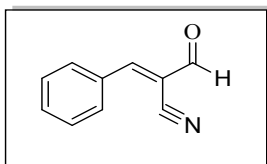
Isolated yield: 93%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2953, 1729, 1605, 1454, 1260, 1076, 1035, 783, 699. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.60 (s, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.9\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.10(d, $J = 7.0\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.0 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.5, 166.1, 159.7, 149.9, 134.3, 133.5, 133.0, 122.6, 117.7, 114.6, 55.2, 52.6. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 221 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$.

(E)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-formylacrylate (5f)



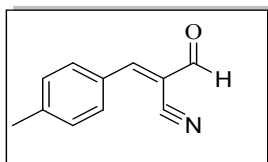
Isolated yield: 85%; yellow Liquid. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2955, 1735, 1684, 1508, 1227, 1157, 967, 835, 768, 611. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.61 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 189.3, 166.0, 150.8, 148.6, 132.5, 132.4, 116.4, 116.2, 52.6. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 209 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$.

(E)-2-formyl-3-phenylacrylonitrile (7a)⁶



Isolated yield: 95%; **IR** cm^{-1} : 2224, 1690, 1576, 1464, 1270, 1162, 843, 658. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.2\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$, 2H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 186.7, 159.0, 158.9, 136.1, 134.3, 131.3, 131.2, 129.5, 112.3. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 158.17 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$.

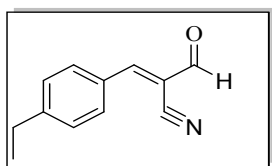
(E)-2-formyl-3-p-tolylacrylonitrile (7b)⁶



Isolated yield: 96%; **IR** cm^{-1} : 2227, 1695, 1480, 1270, 1162, 843, 658, 457. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.57 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J =$

8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.4(s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 186.9, 158.8, 146.4, 131.5, 130.3, 128.6, 114.3, 111.1, 22.0. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 172.07 ($M+1$) $^+$.

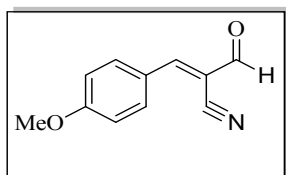
(E)-3-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-formylacrylonitrile (7c)⁷



Isolated yield: 95%; White solid, mp 55-57 °C. **IR** cm^{-1} : 2226, 1688, 1624, 1456, 1185, 922, 830, 738, 601. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (q, 2H), 1.28 (t, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ

187.0, 159.3, 159.0, 152.0, 131.6, 129.0, 128.8, 114.3, 111.1, 29.1, 14.8. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 186.08 ($M+H$) $^+$.

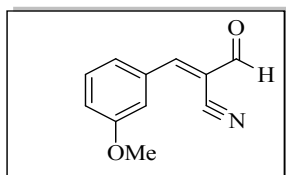
(E)-2-formyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile (7d)⁷



Isolated yield: 95%; **IR** cm^{-1} : 2972, 2223, 1678, 1560, 1431, 1274, 1120, 922, 826, 745. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 187.0, 164.6, 158.2,

134.0, 124.1, 115.0, 114.7, 109.1, 55.7. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 188.08 ($M+H$) $^+$.

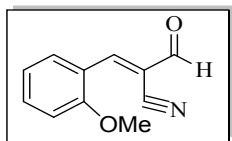
(E)-2-formyl-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile (7e)⁸



Isolated yield: 92%; **IR** cm^{-1} : 3082, 2920, 2228, 1686, 1573, 1278, 1214, 779, 680. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, 1H), 7.10 (t, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.9 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 187.4,

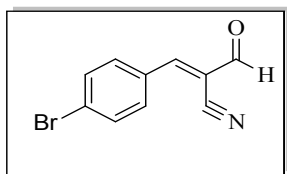
159.3, 153.4, 136.2, 129.6, 121.2, 120.2, 114.3, 111.6, 111.3, 55.8. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 188 ($M+H$) $^+$.

(E)-2-formyl-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile (7f)



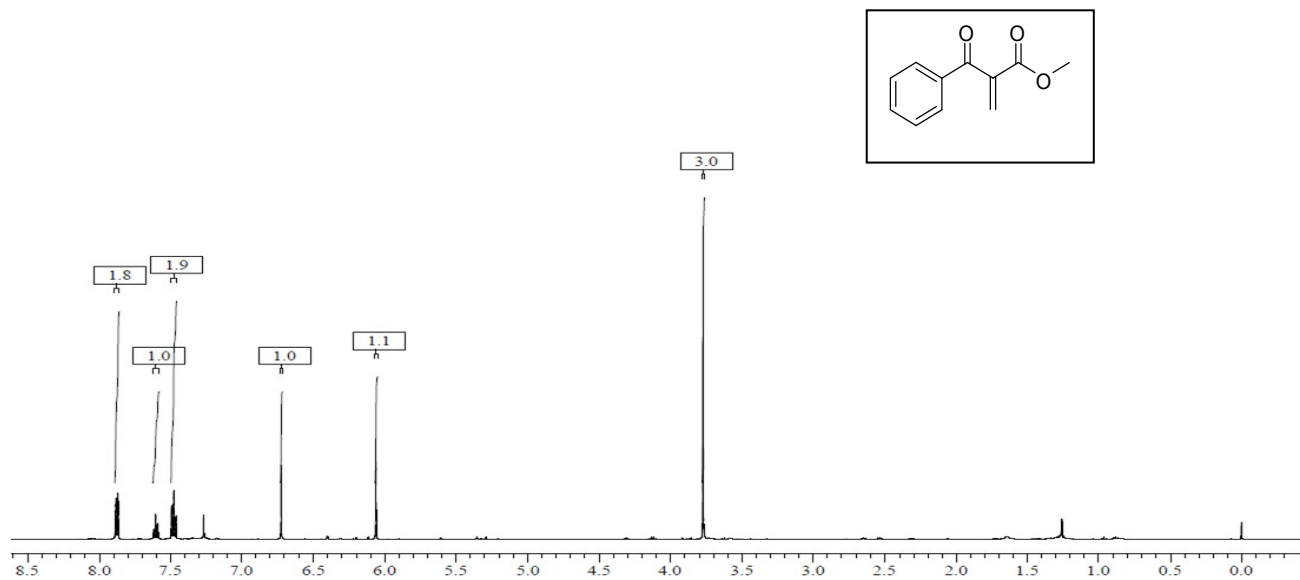
Isolated yield: 91%; **IR** cm^{-1} : 3095, 2920, 2256, 1678, 1556, 1236, 1160, 779, 680. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.47(s, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.58(t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.9 (s, 3H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 187.4, 159.3, 153.4, 136.2, 129.6, 121.2, 120.2, 114.3, 111.6, 111.3, 55.8. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 188 (M+H)⁺.

(E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-formylacrylonitrile (7g)⁷

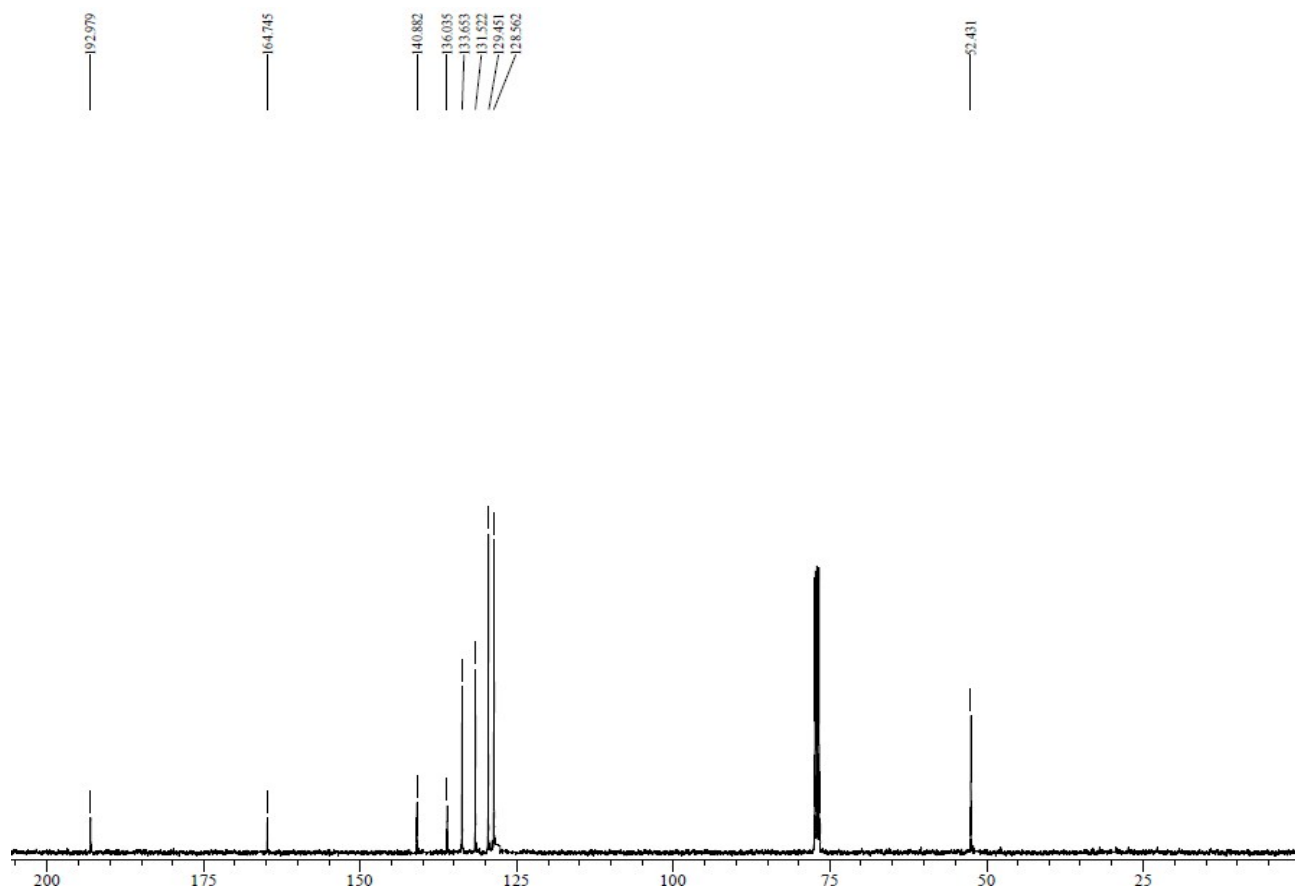


Isolated yield: 88%; **IR** cm^{-1} : 2972, 2224, 1608, 1581, 1399, 1158, 928, 759. **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 7.91(d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H). **^{13}C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 186.3, 157.1, 132.9, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 113.9, 112.7. **MS** (ESI): (m/z) = 236.96 (M+2)⁺.

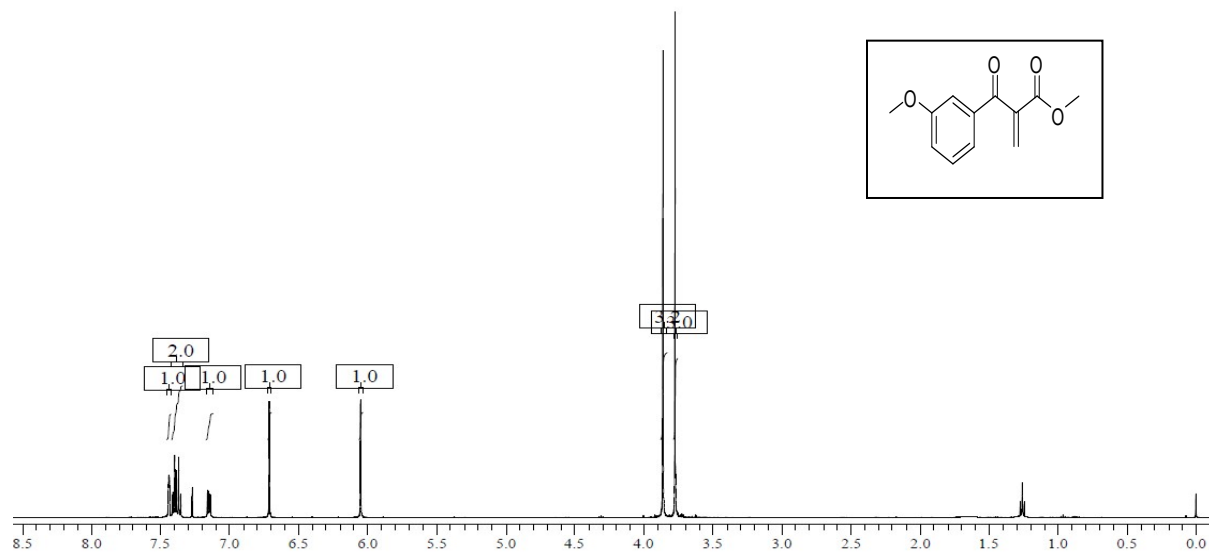
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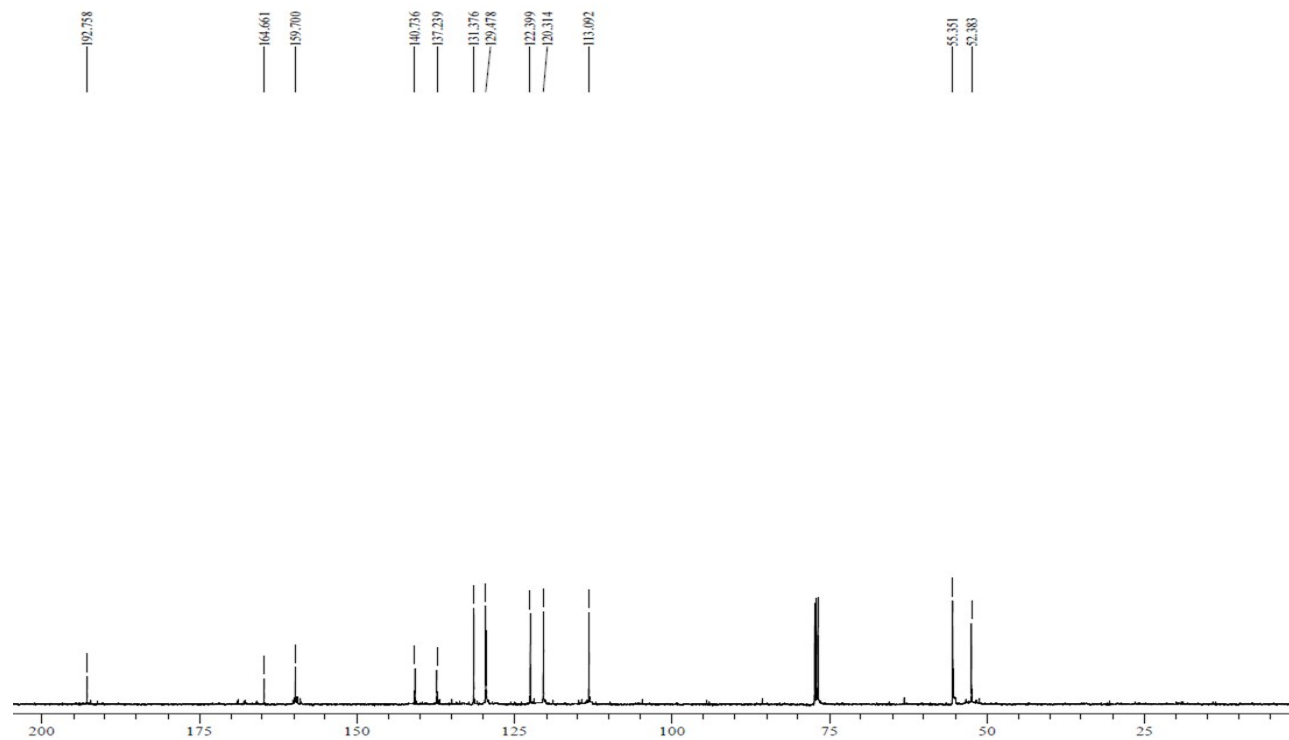
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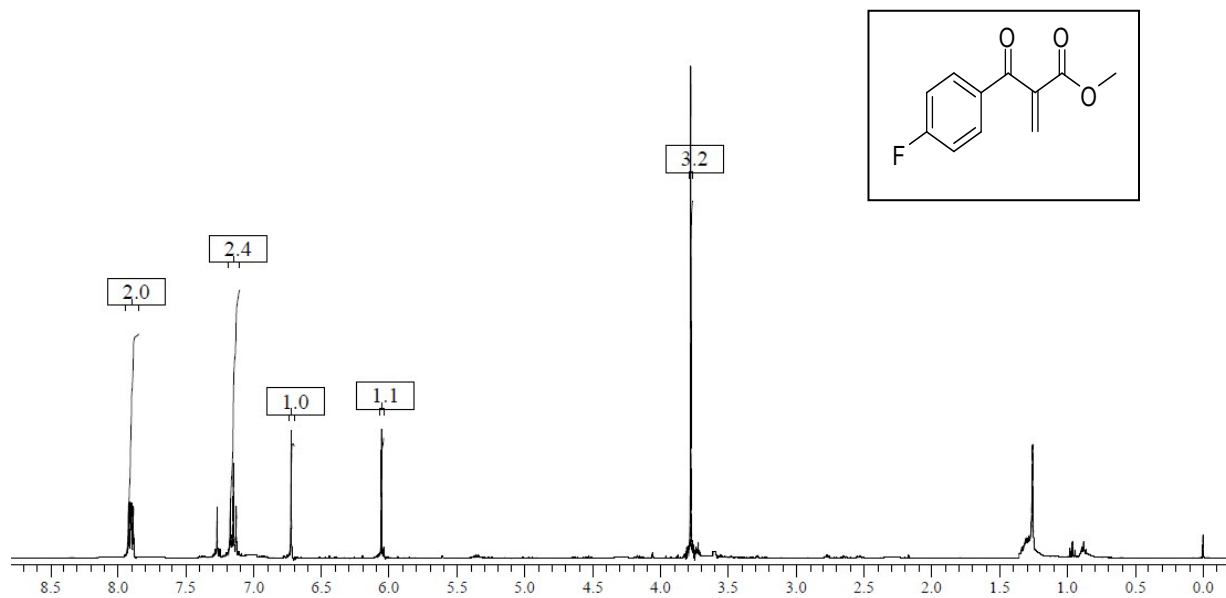
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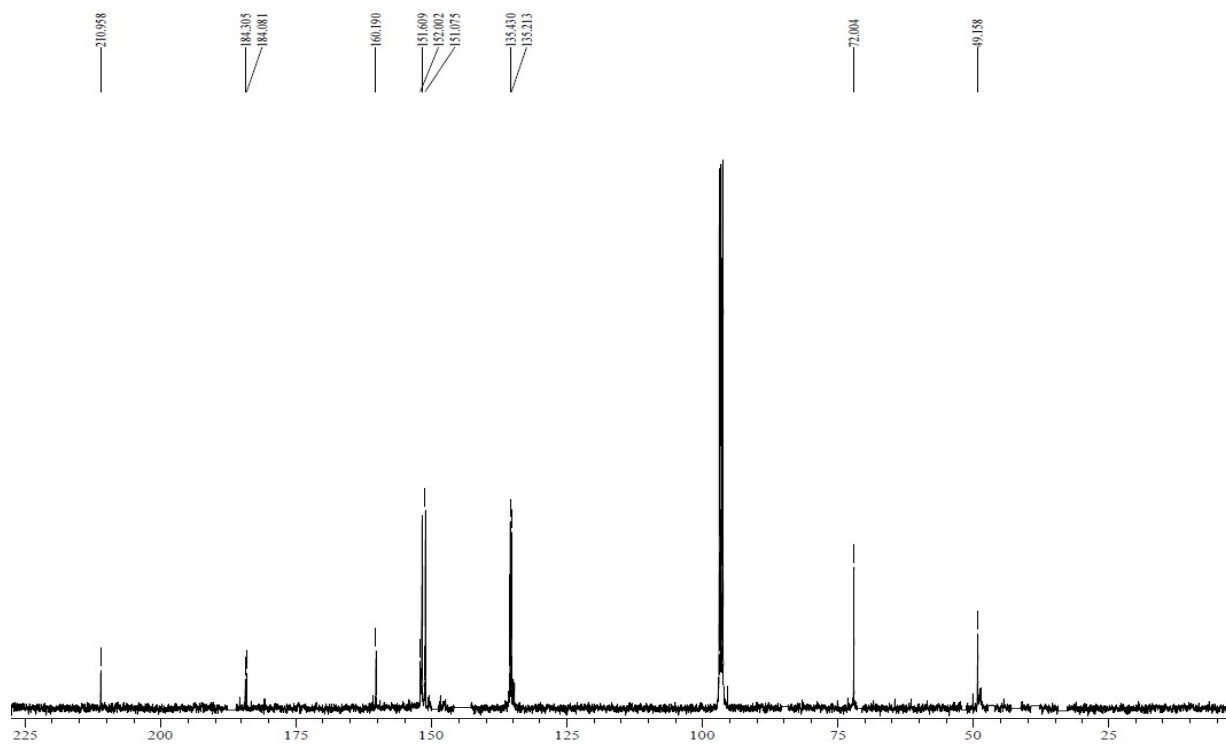
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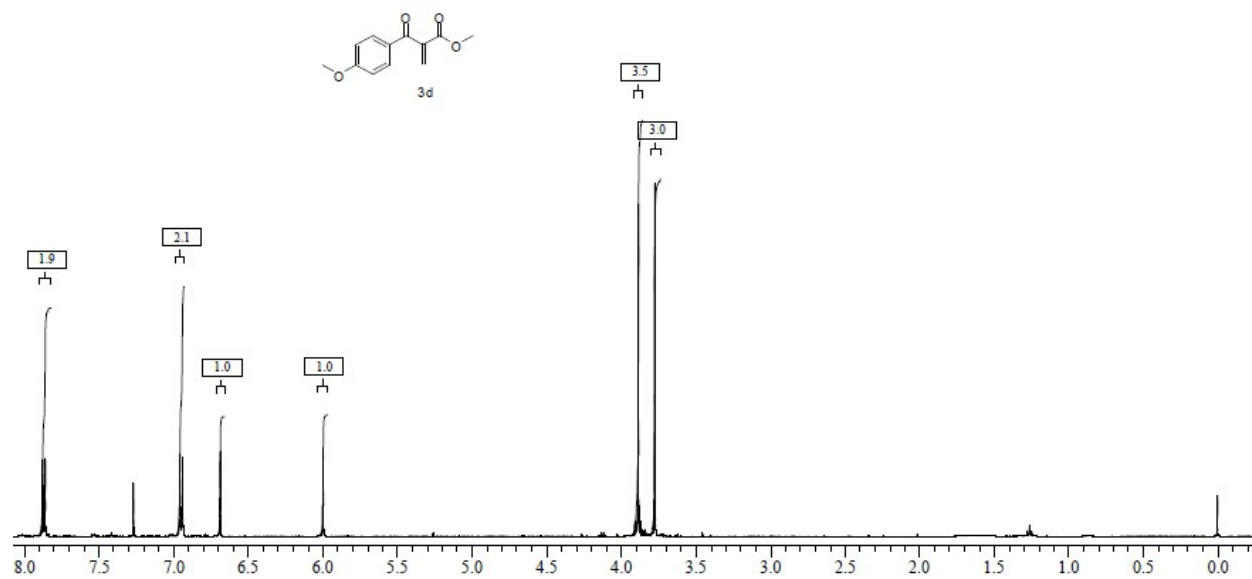
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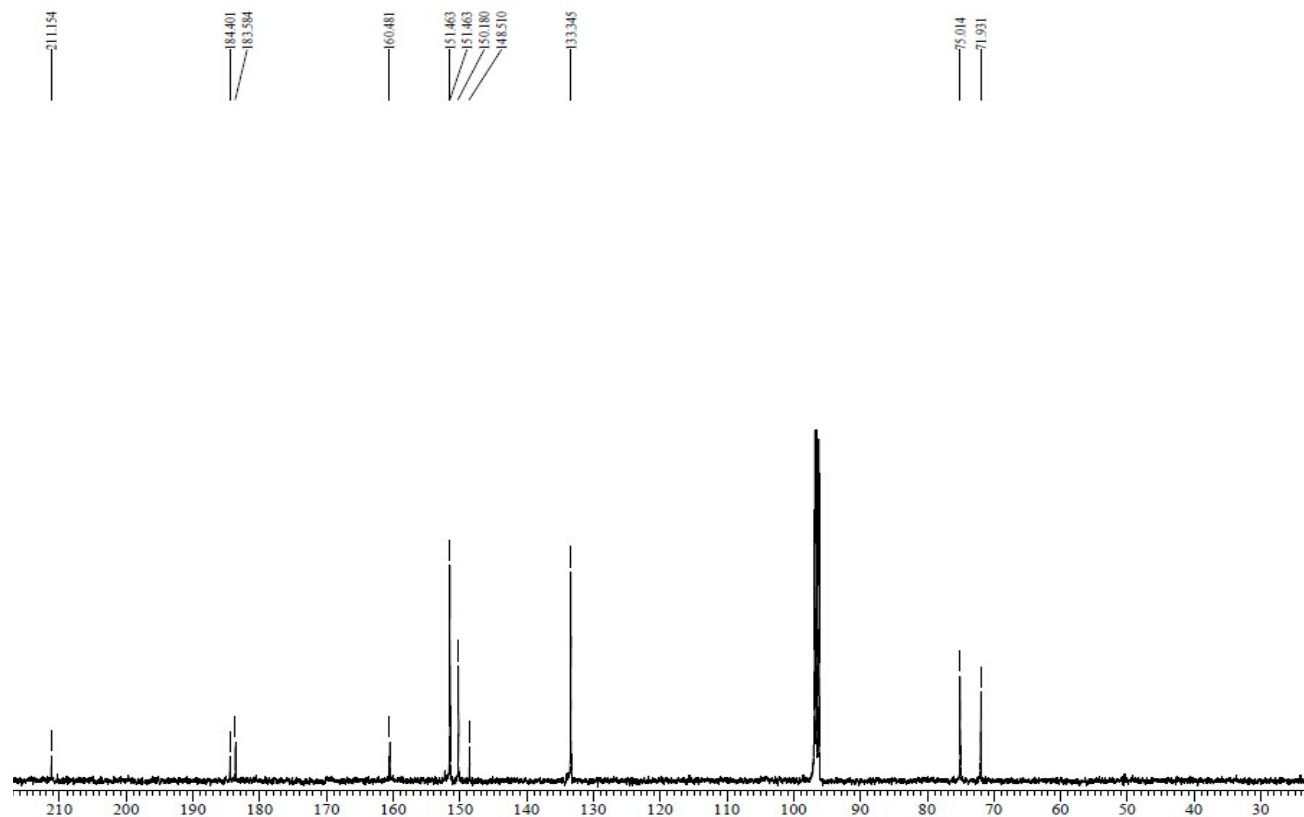
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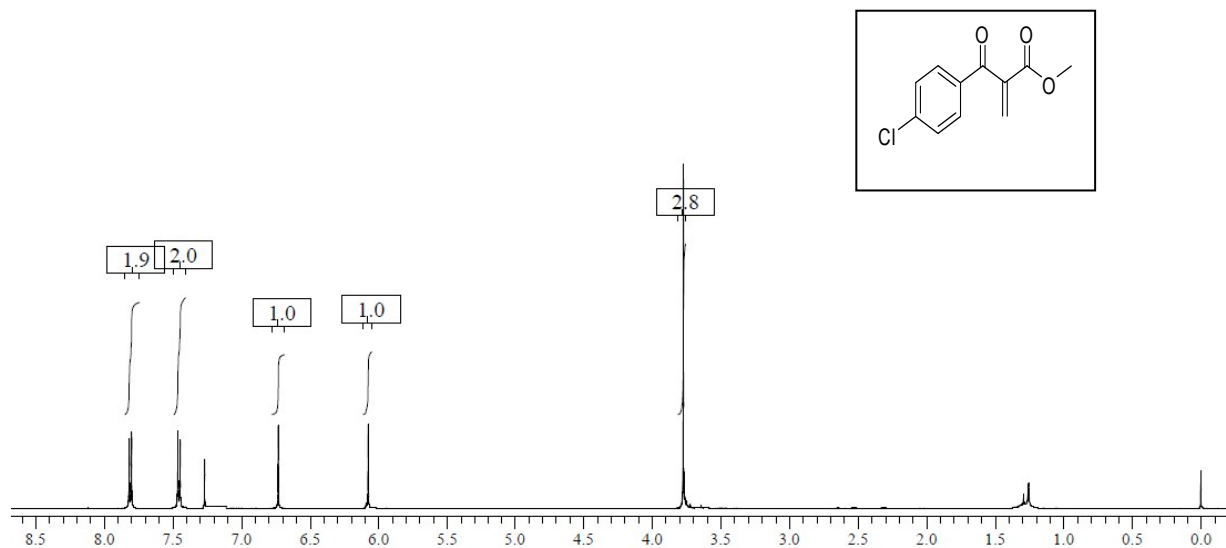
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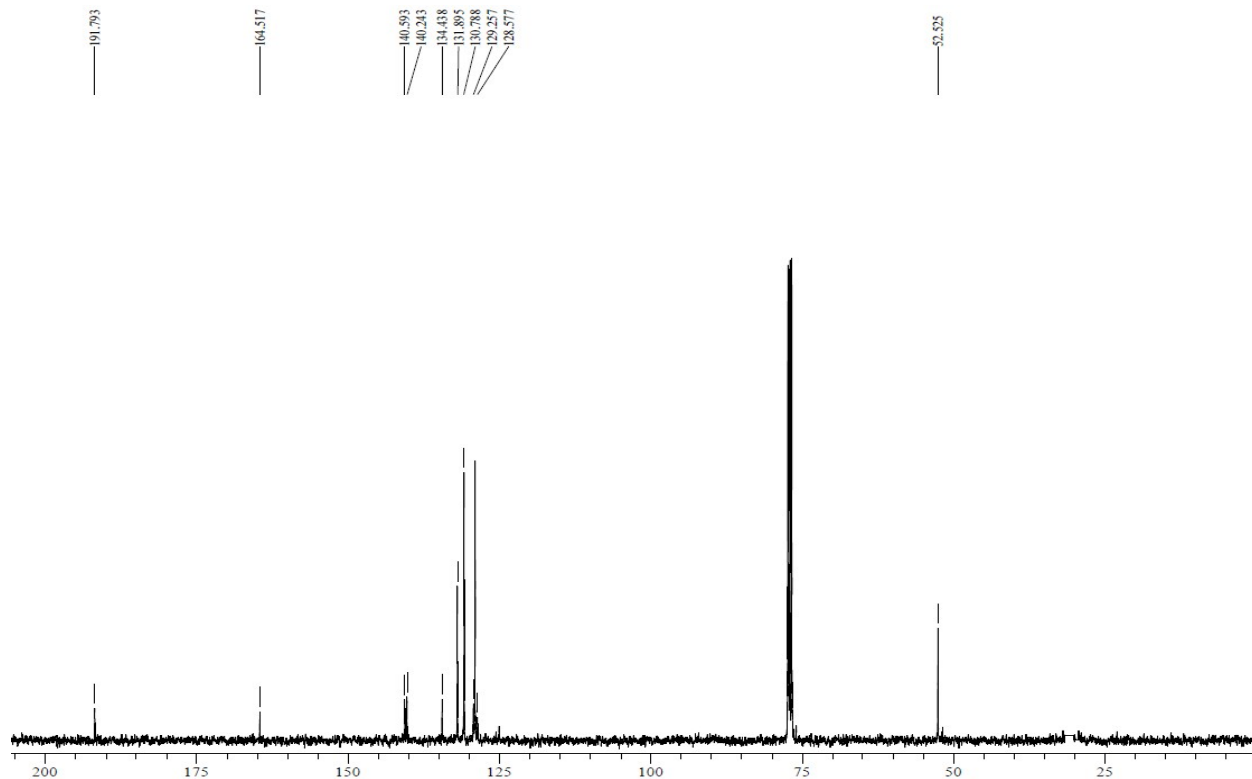
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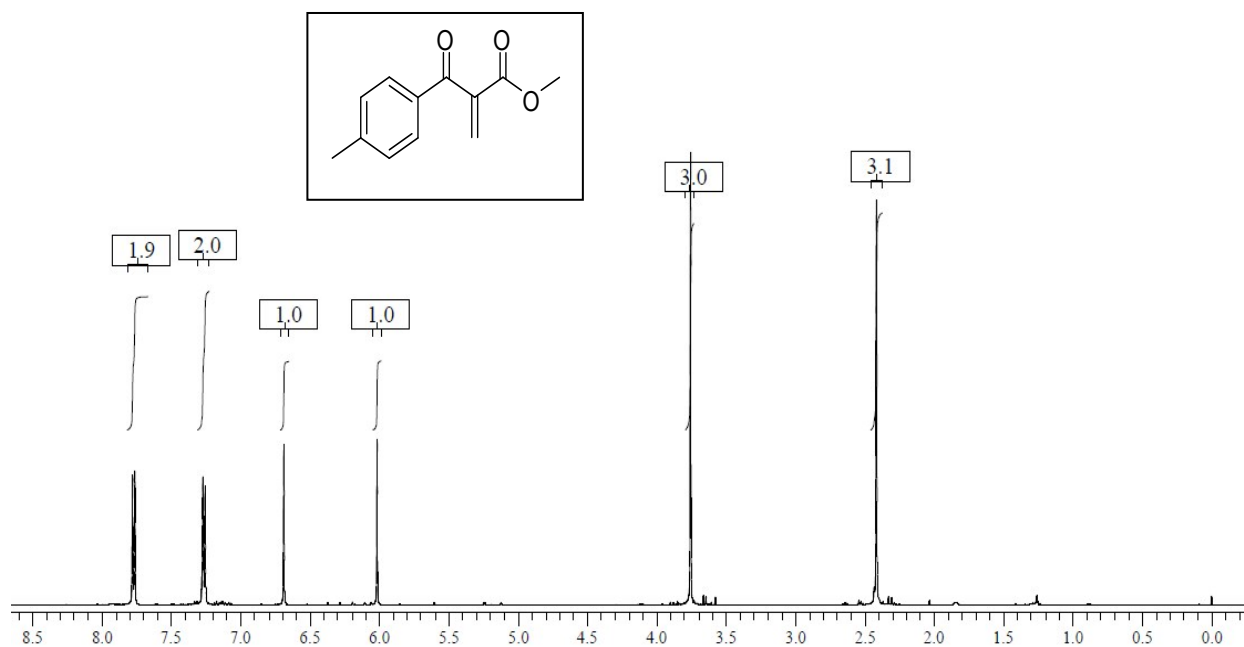
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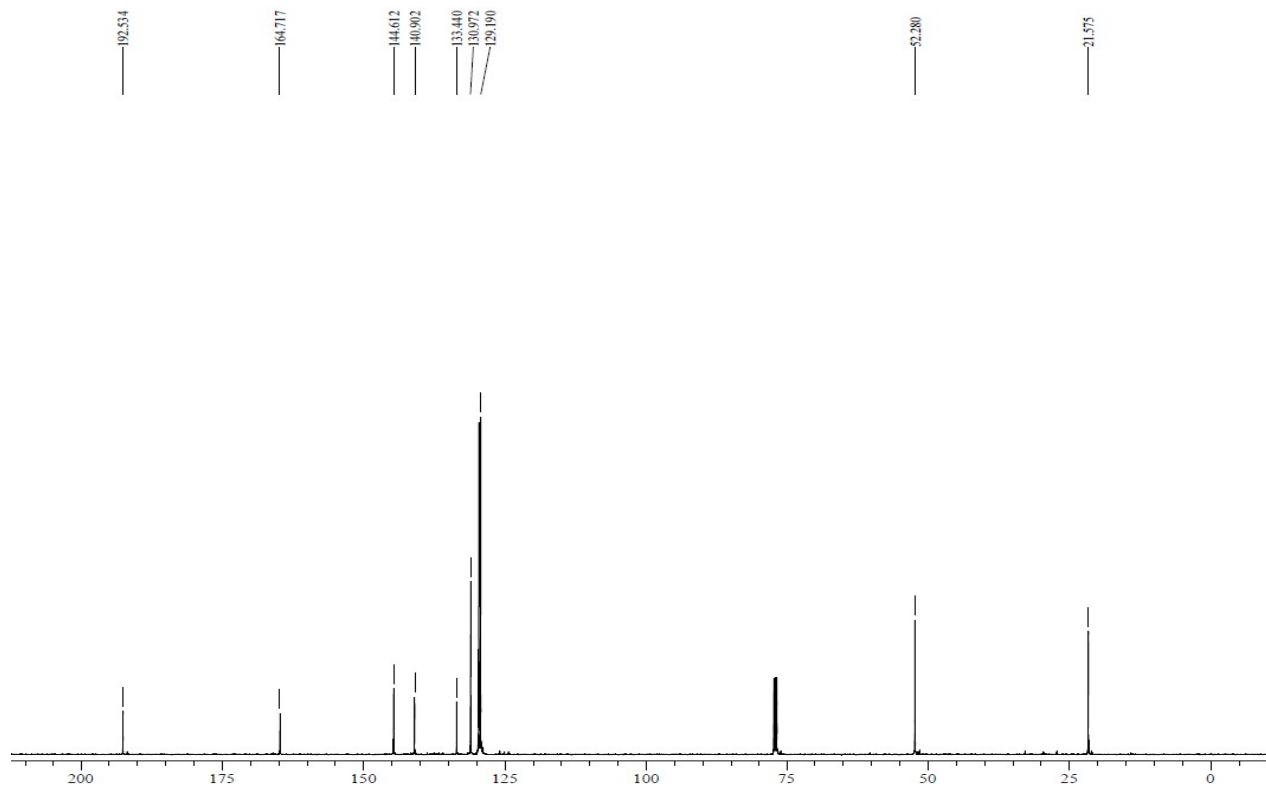
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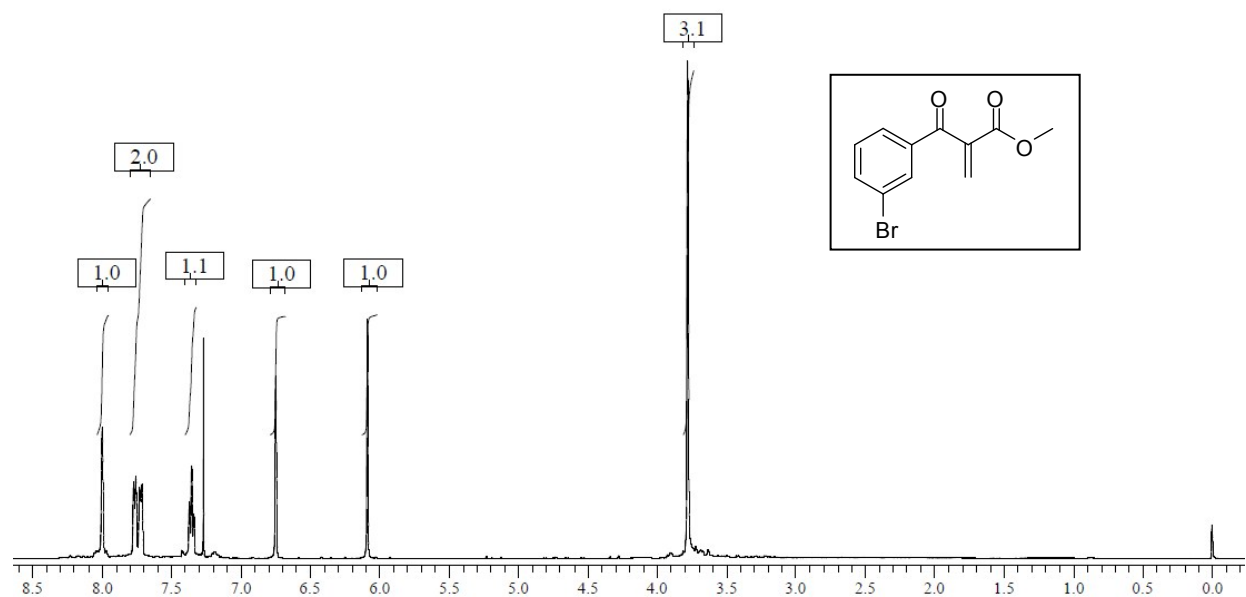
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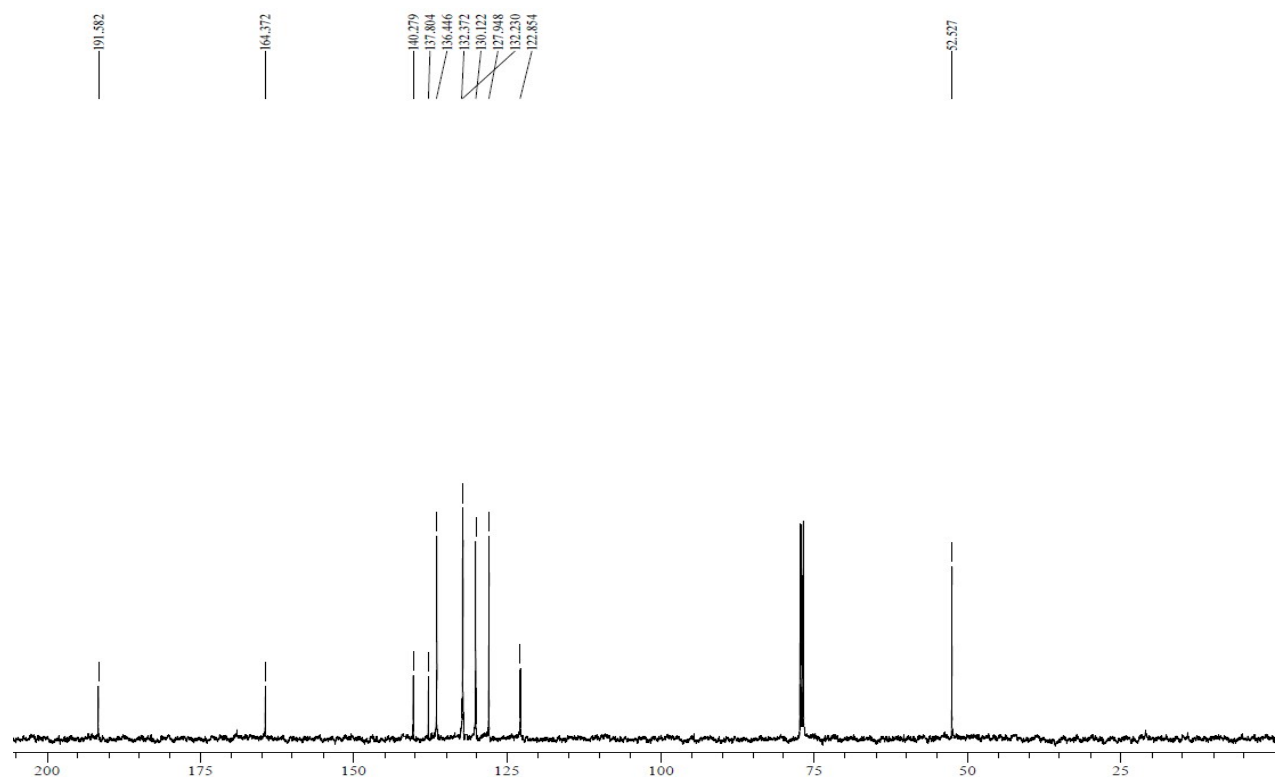
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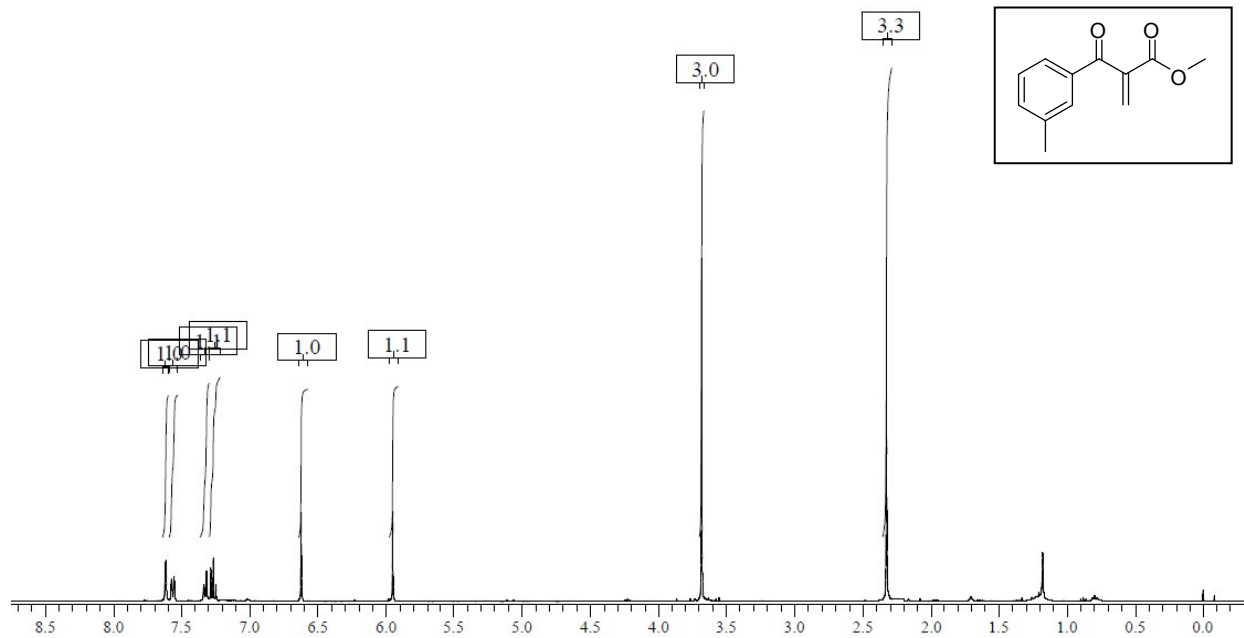
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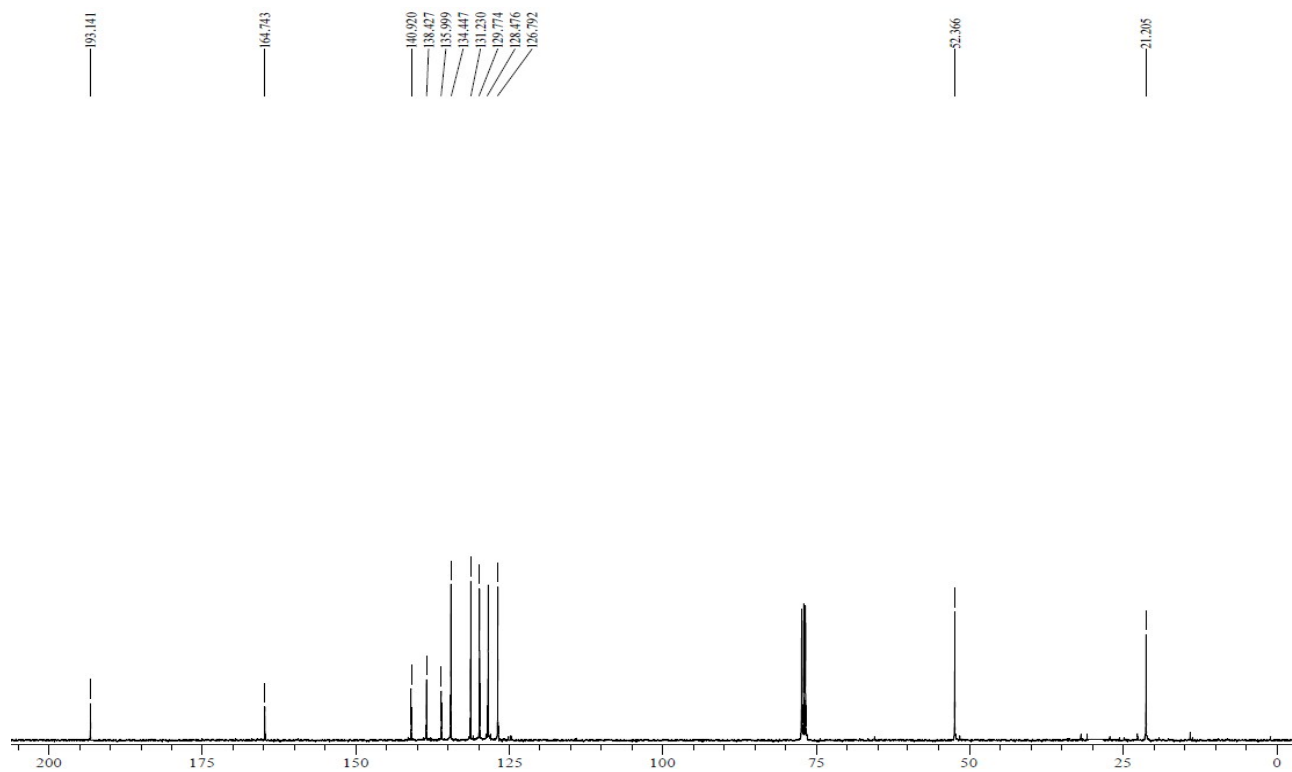
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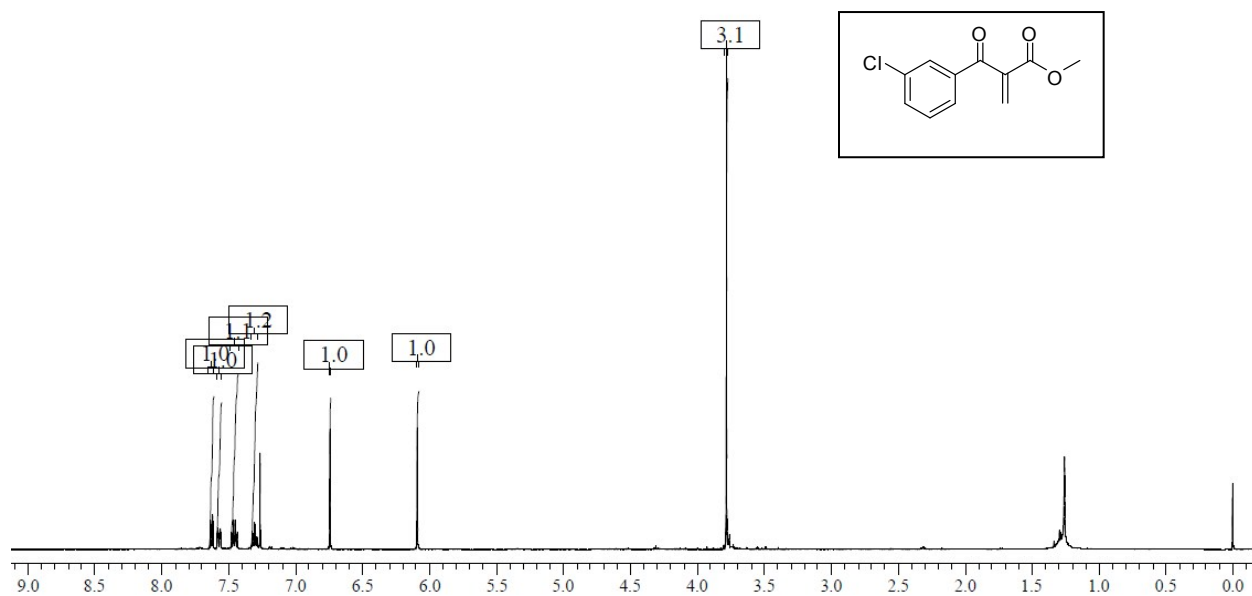
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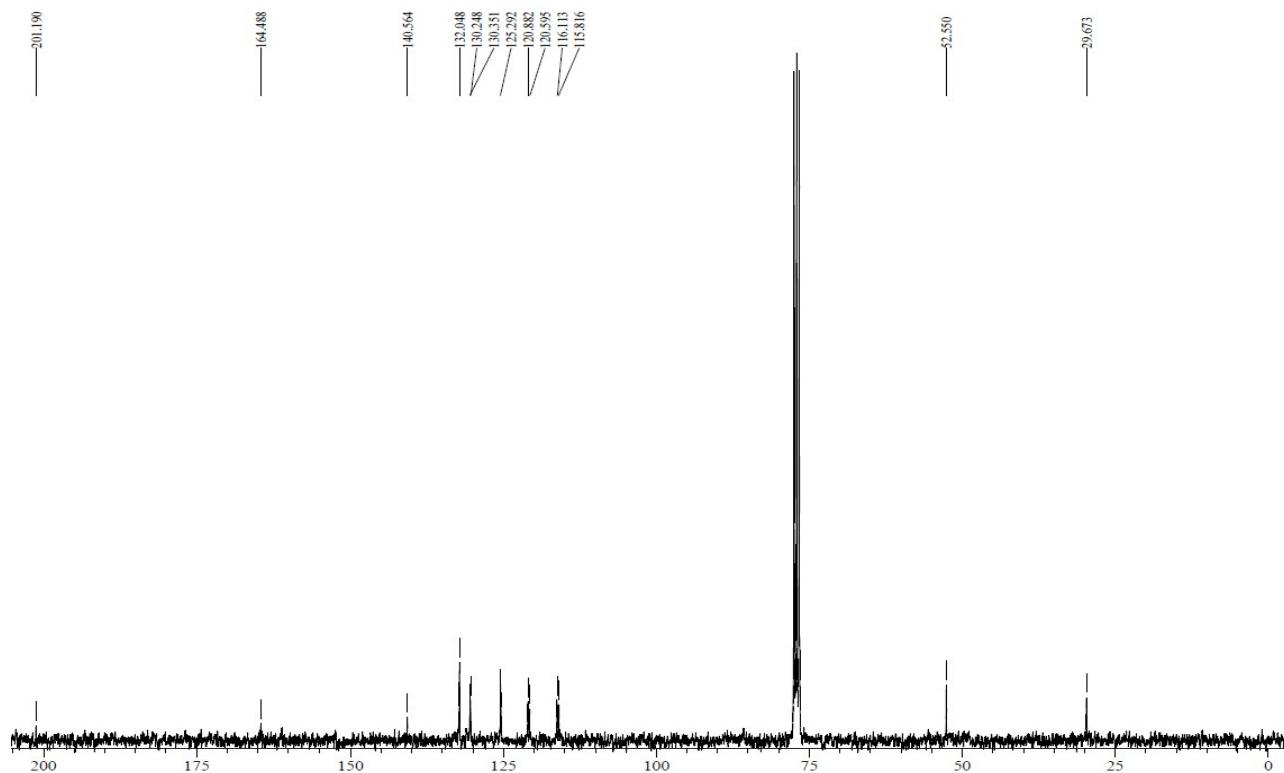
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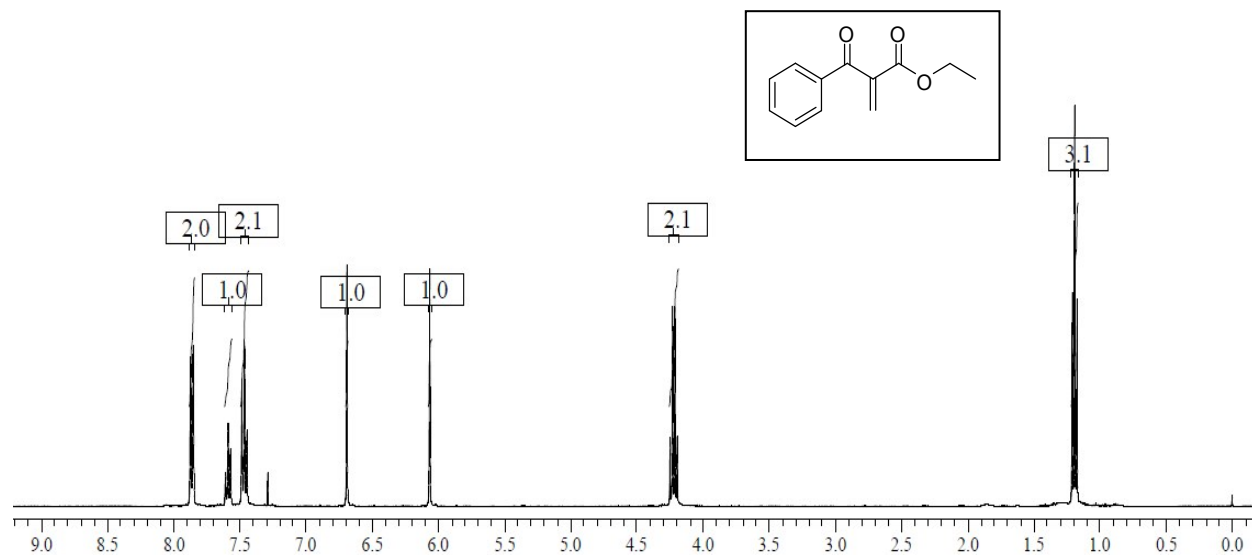
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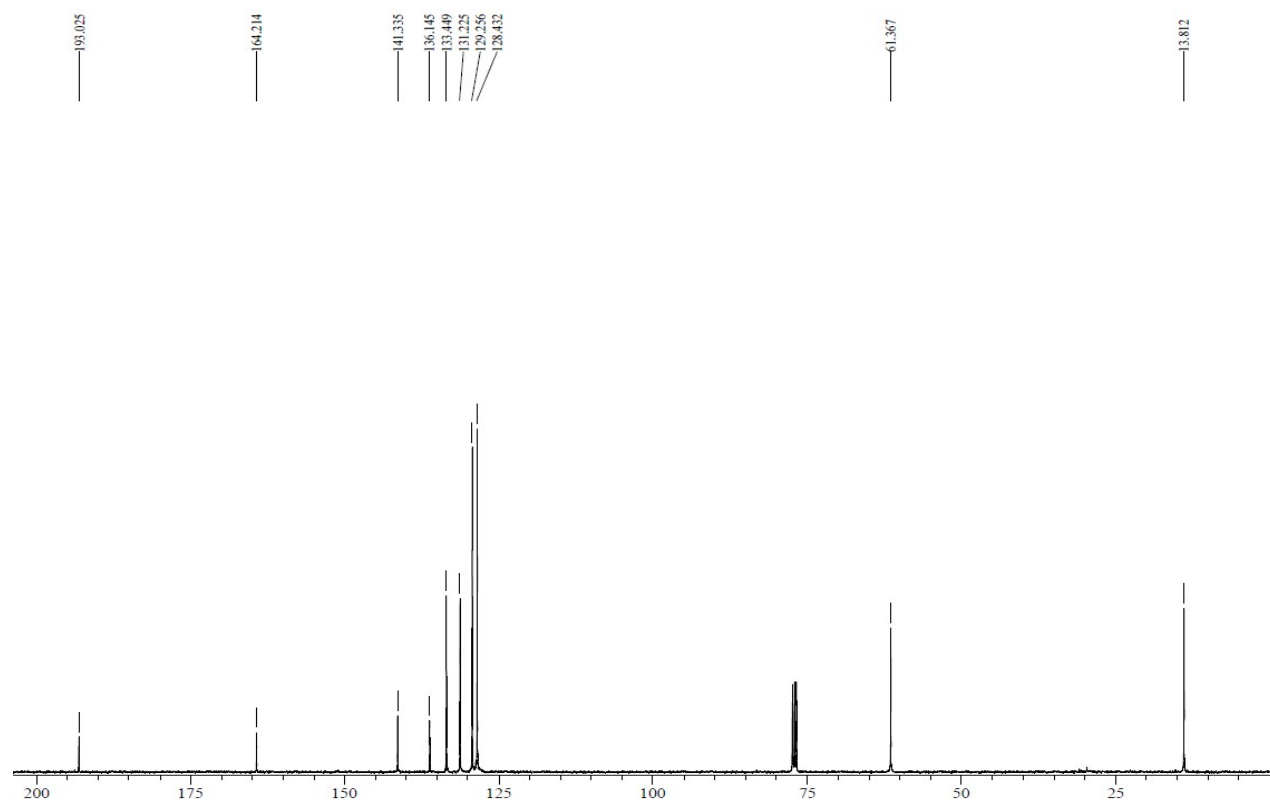
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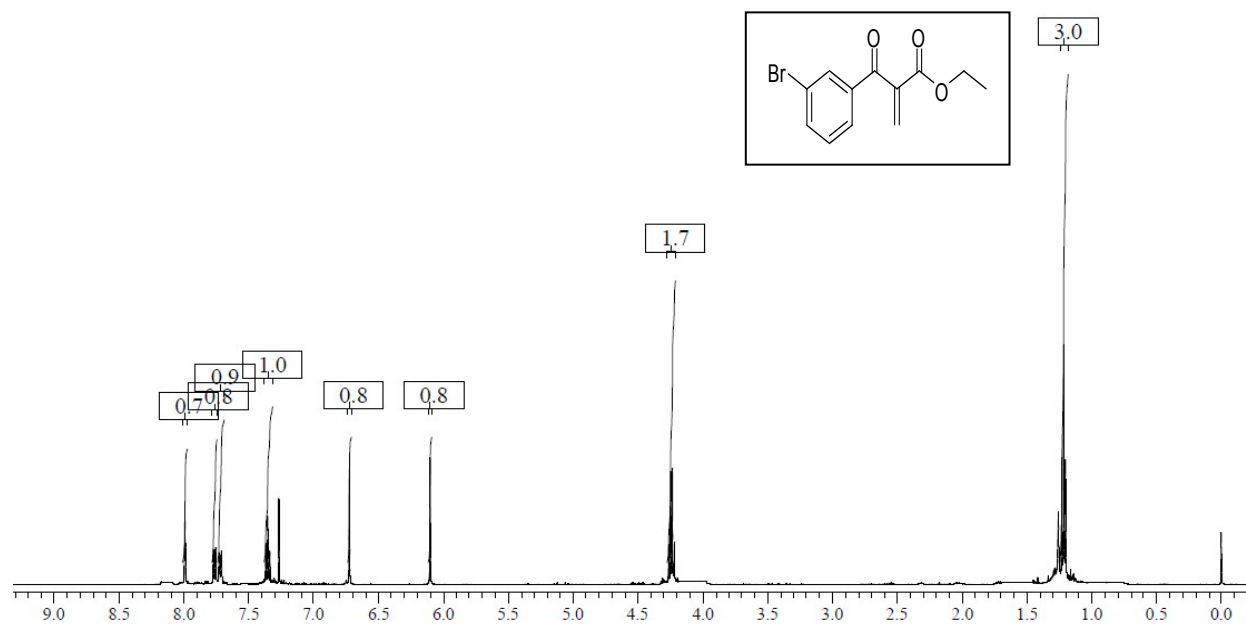
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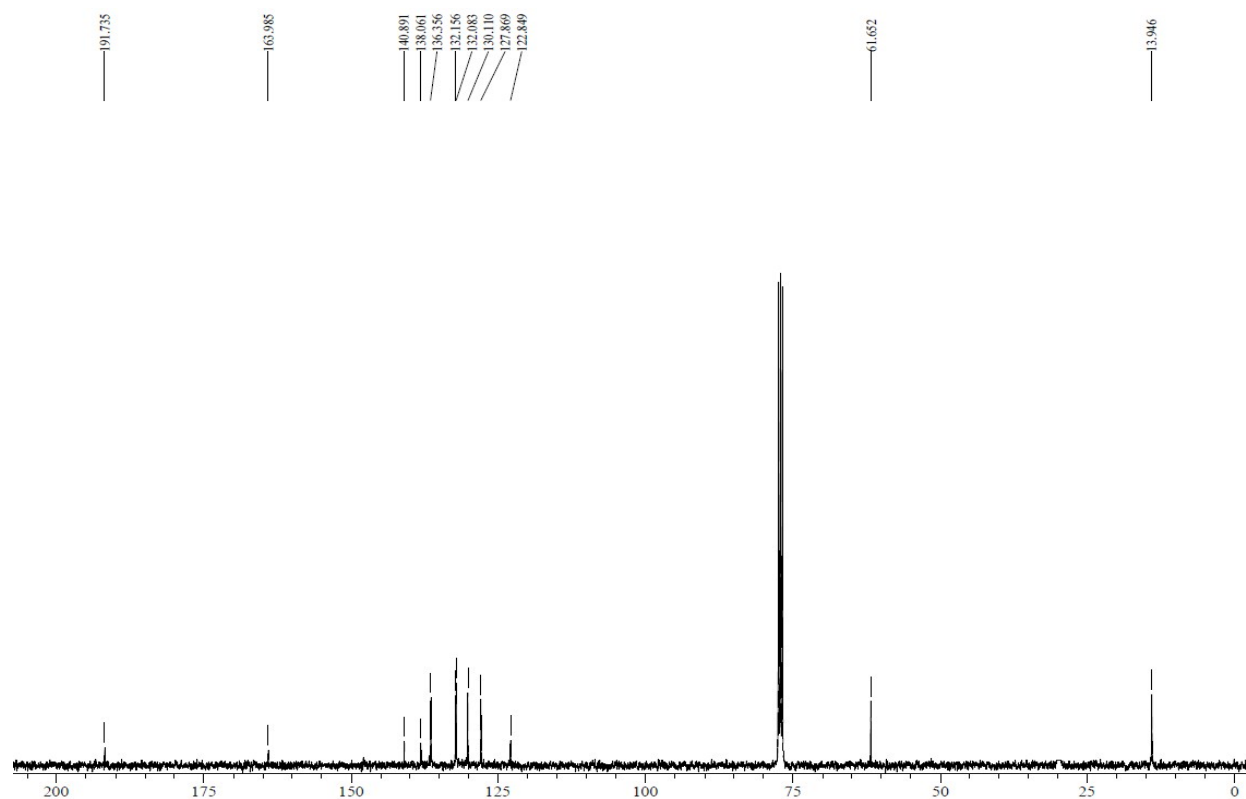
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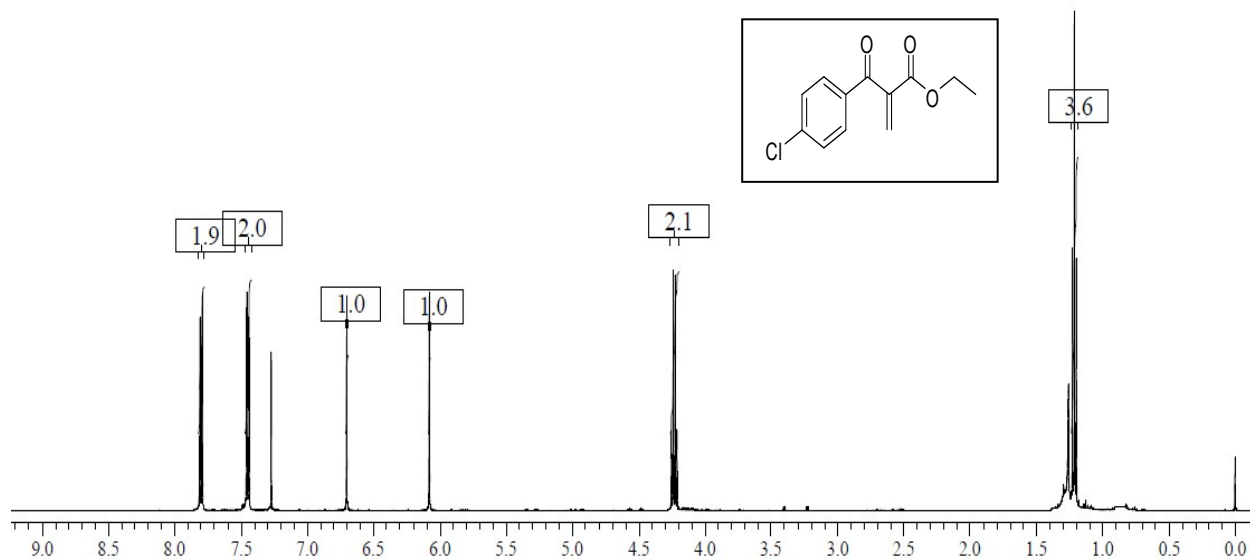
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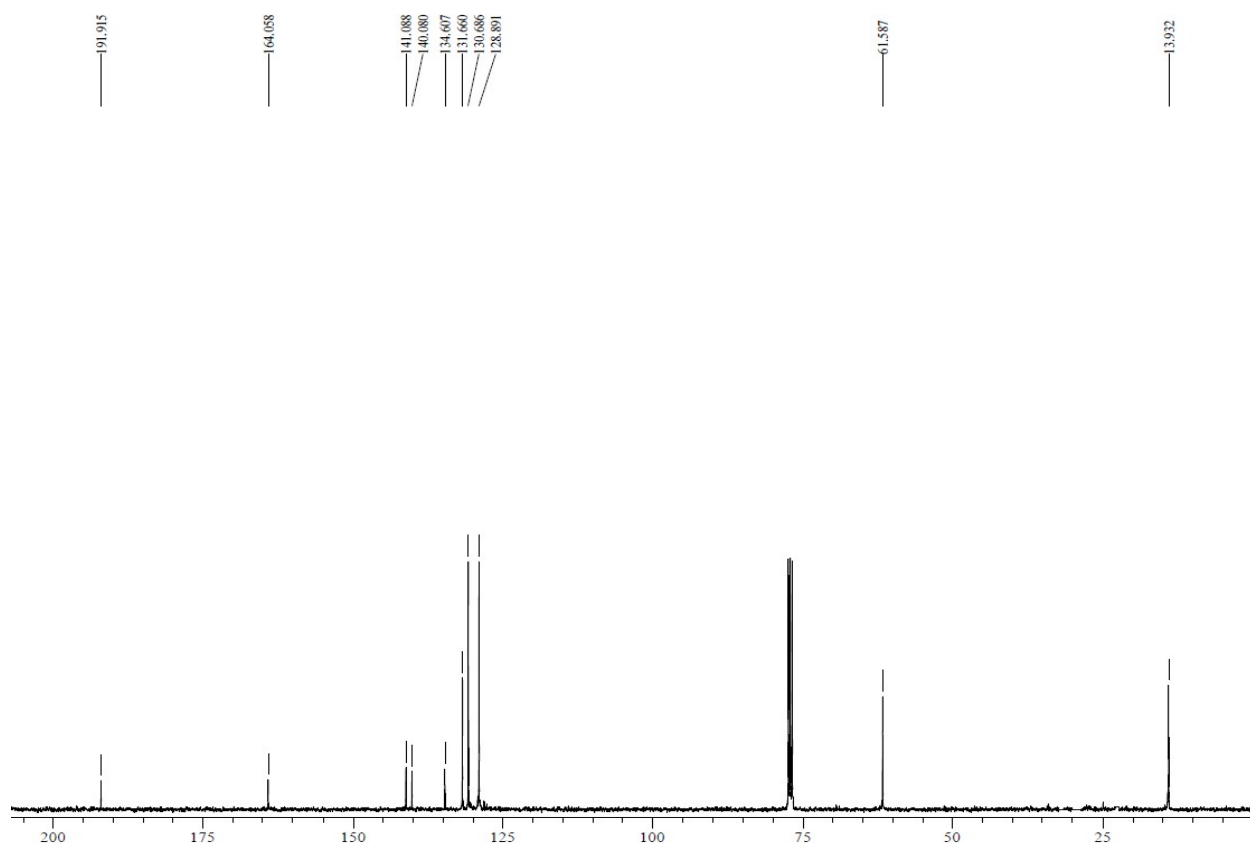
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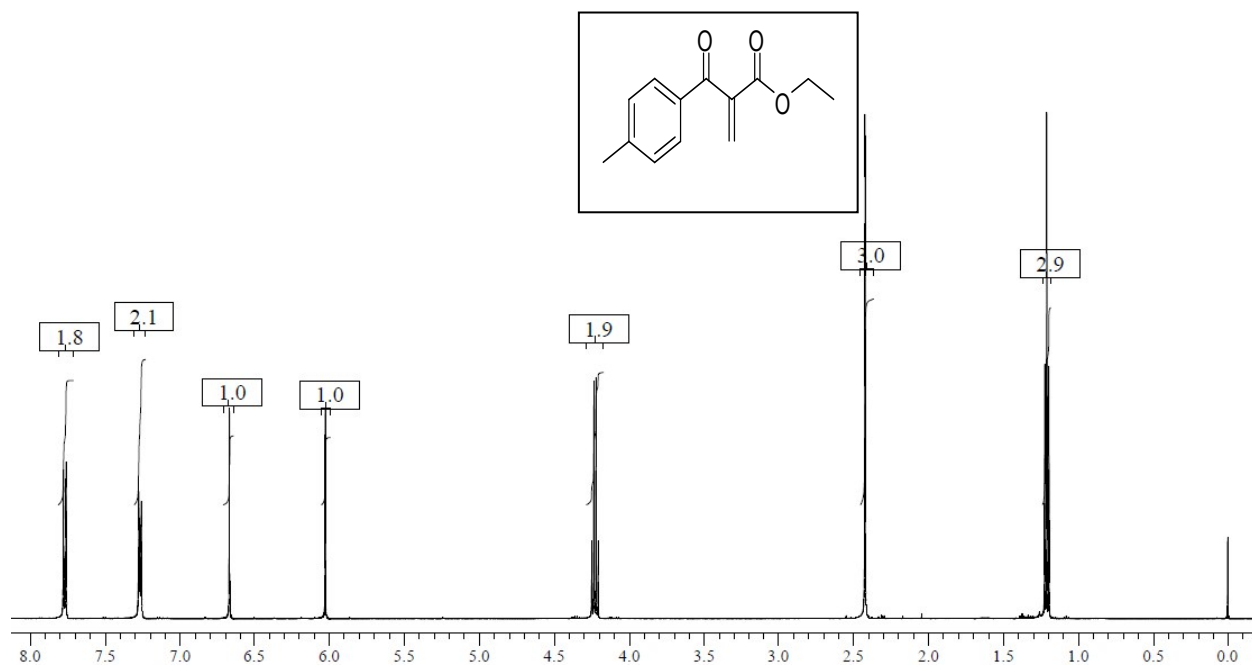
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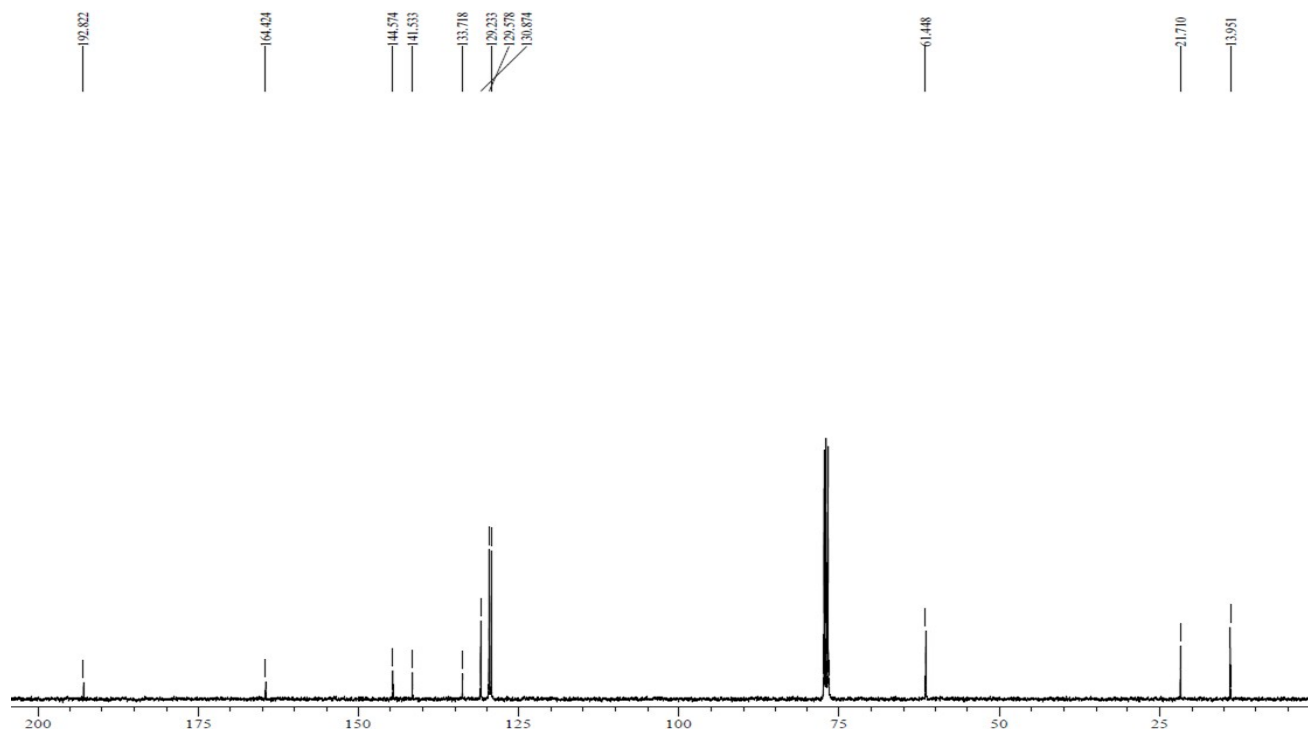
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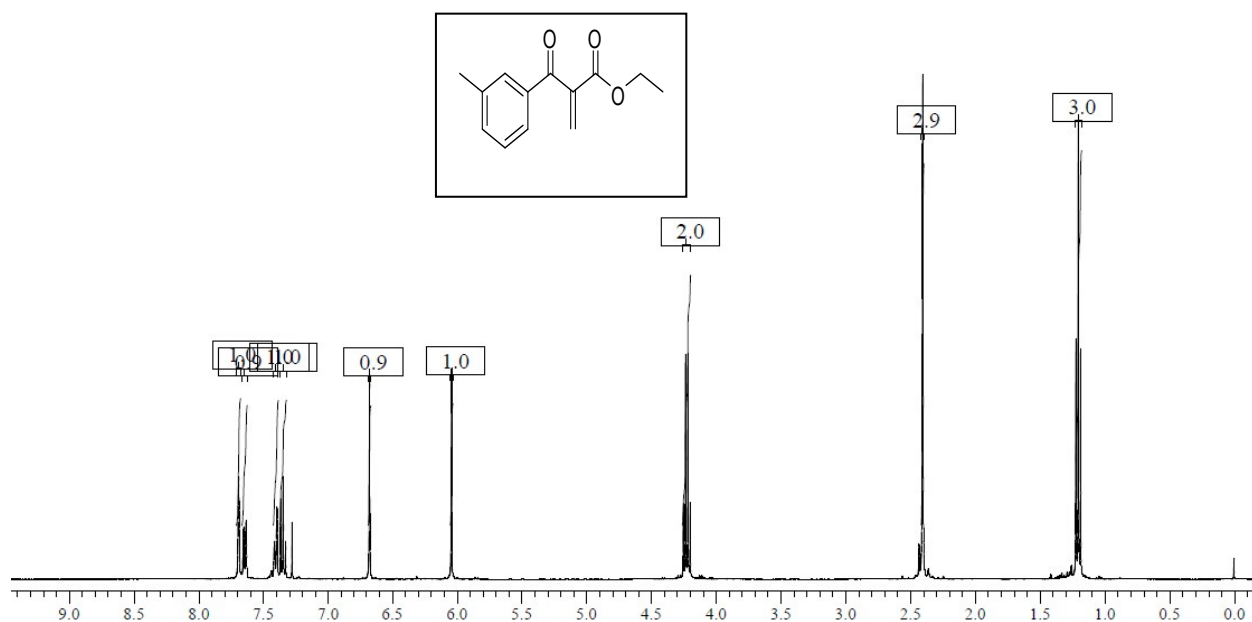
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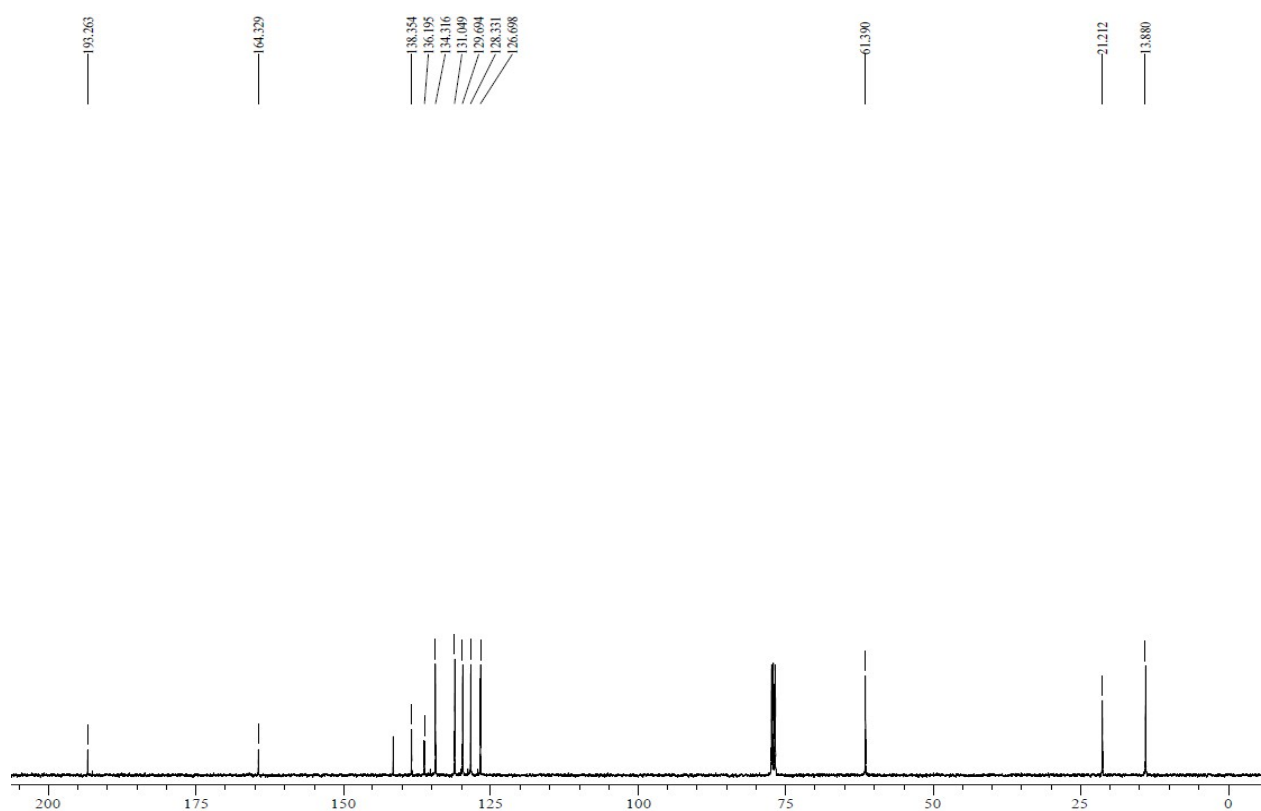
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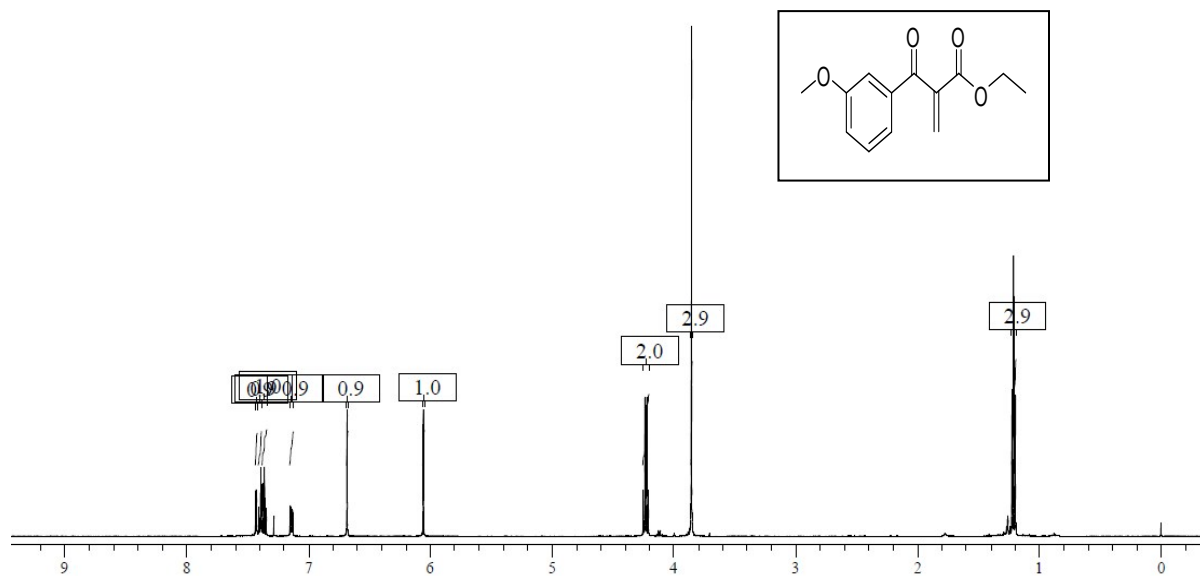
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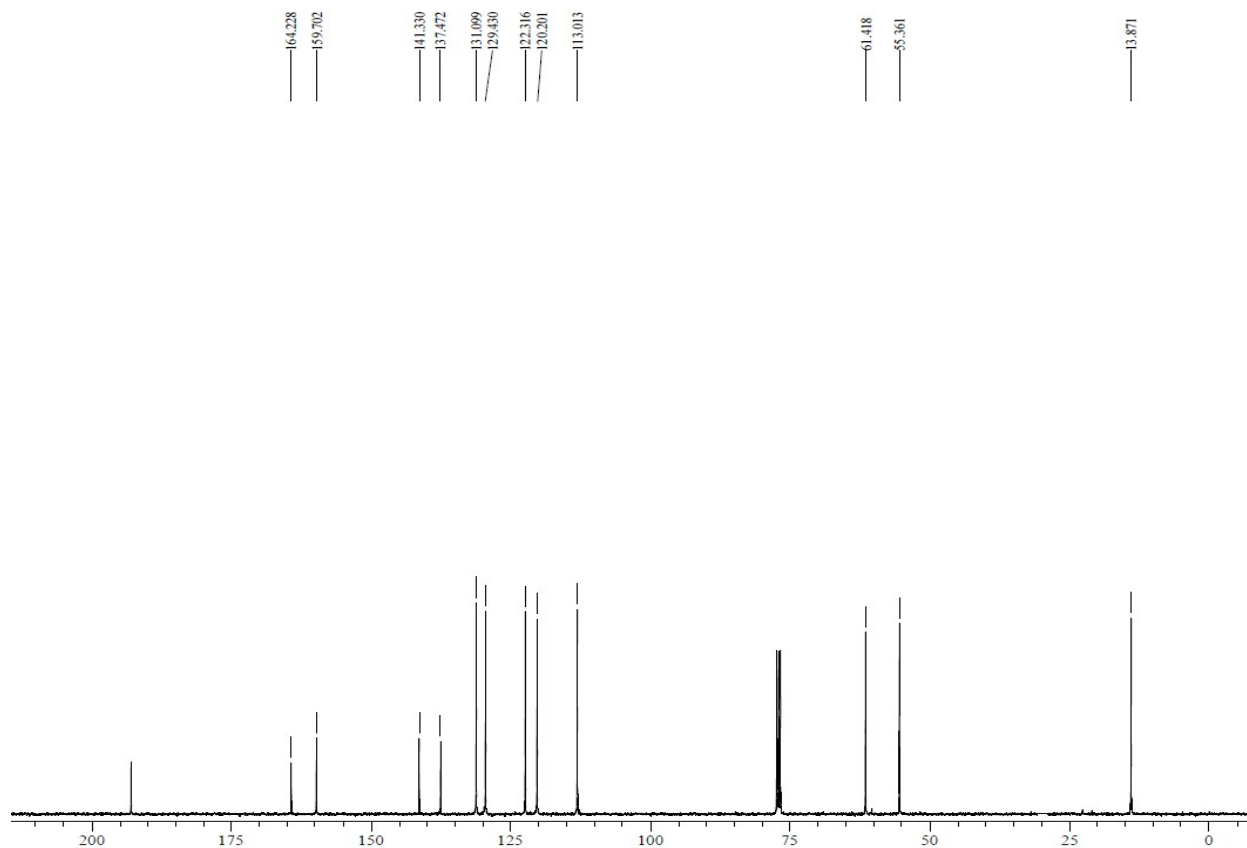
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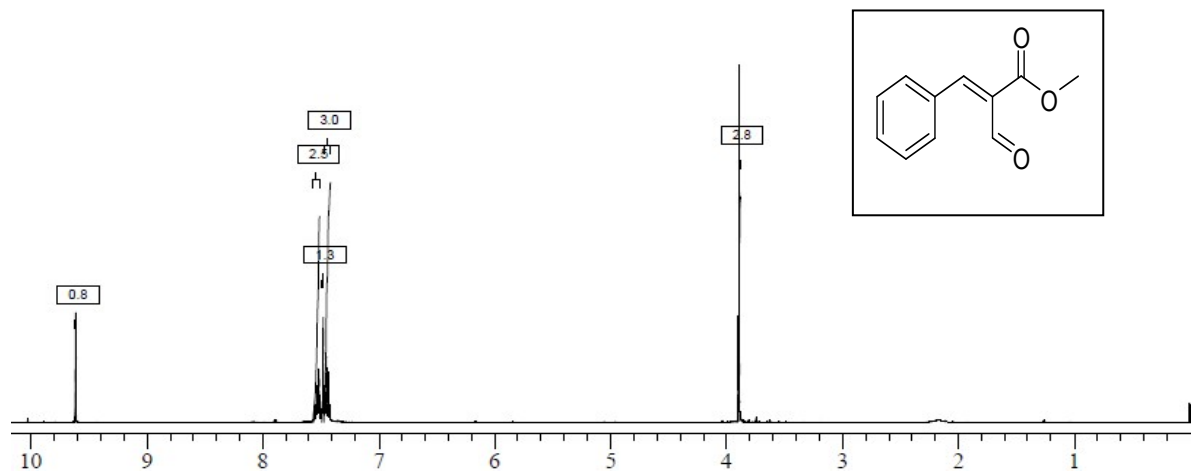
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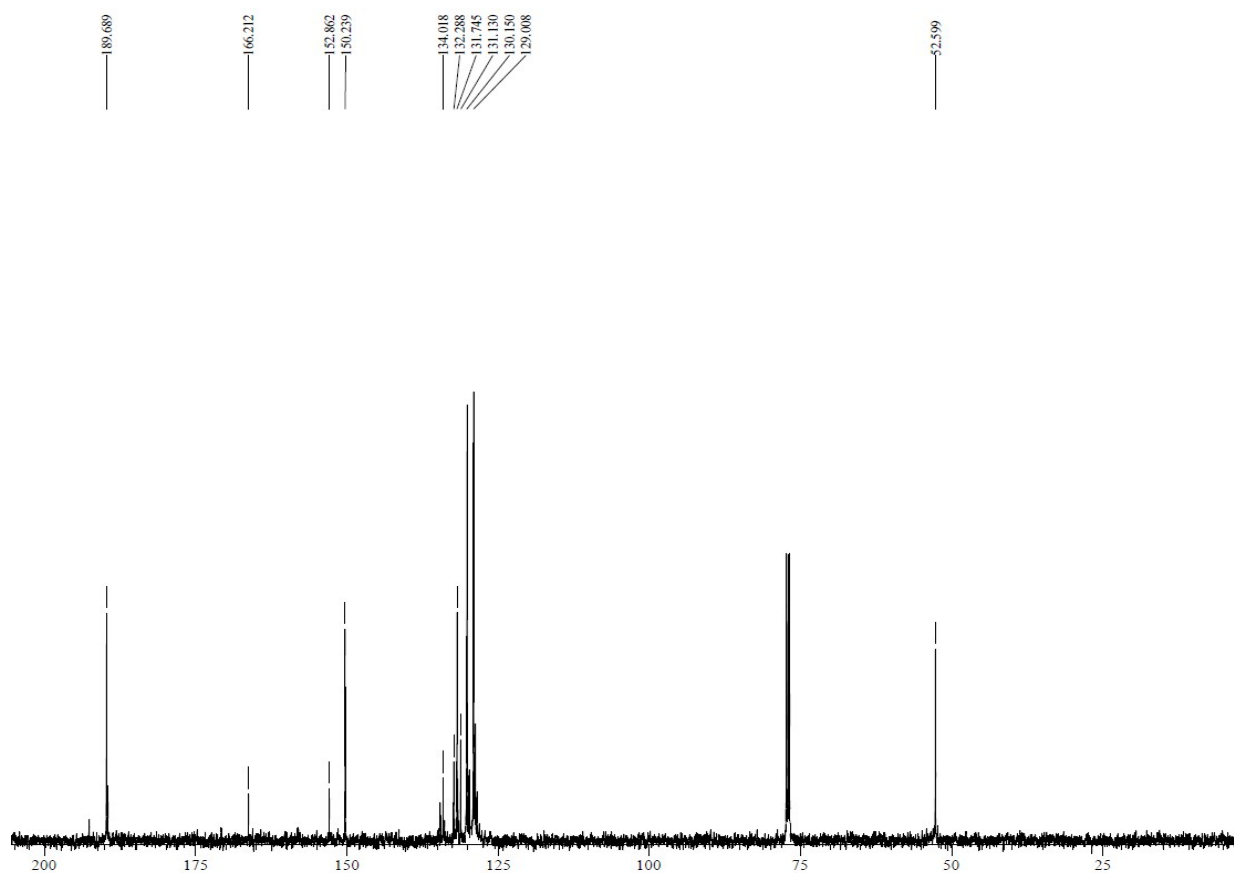
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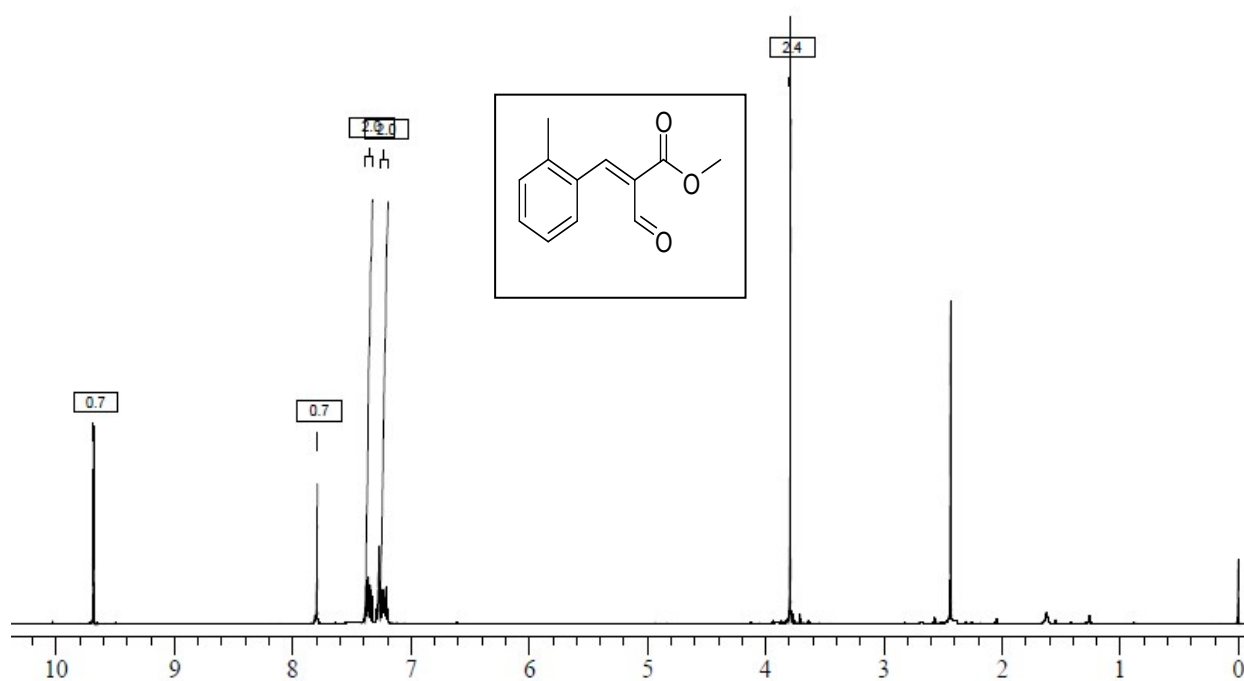
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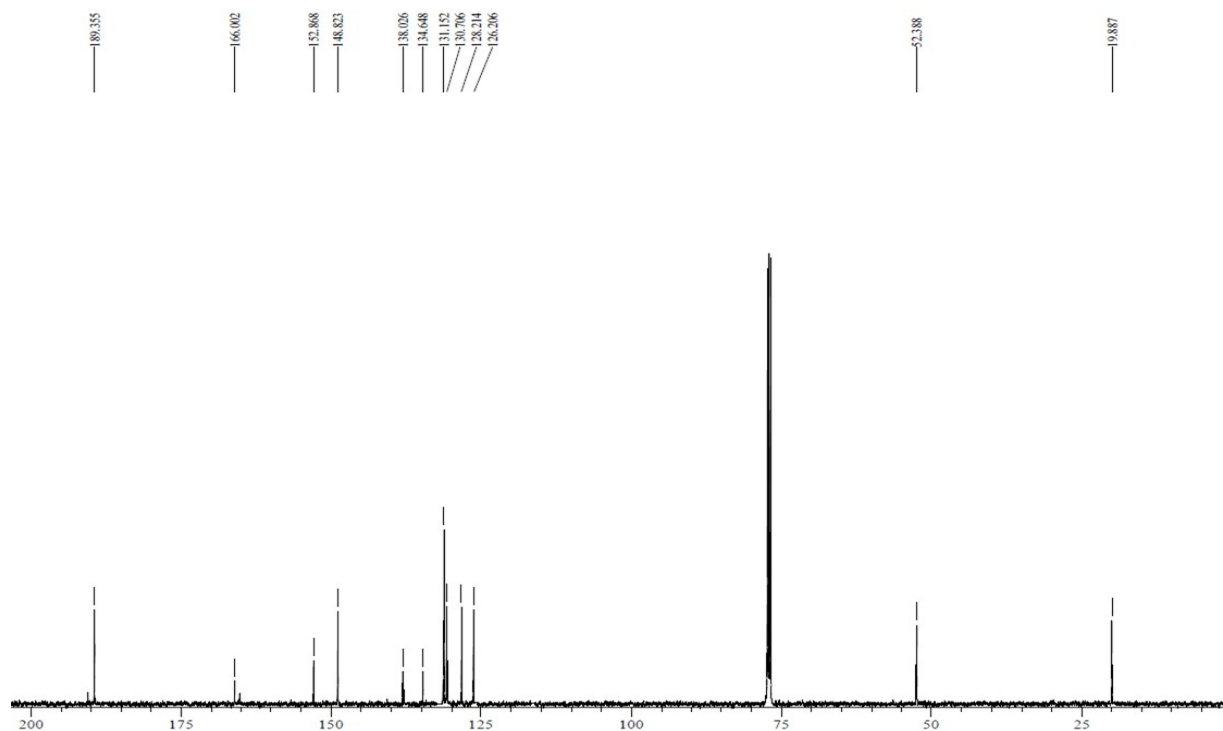
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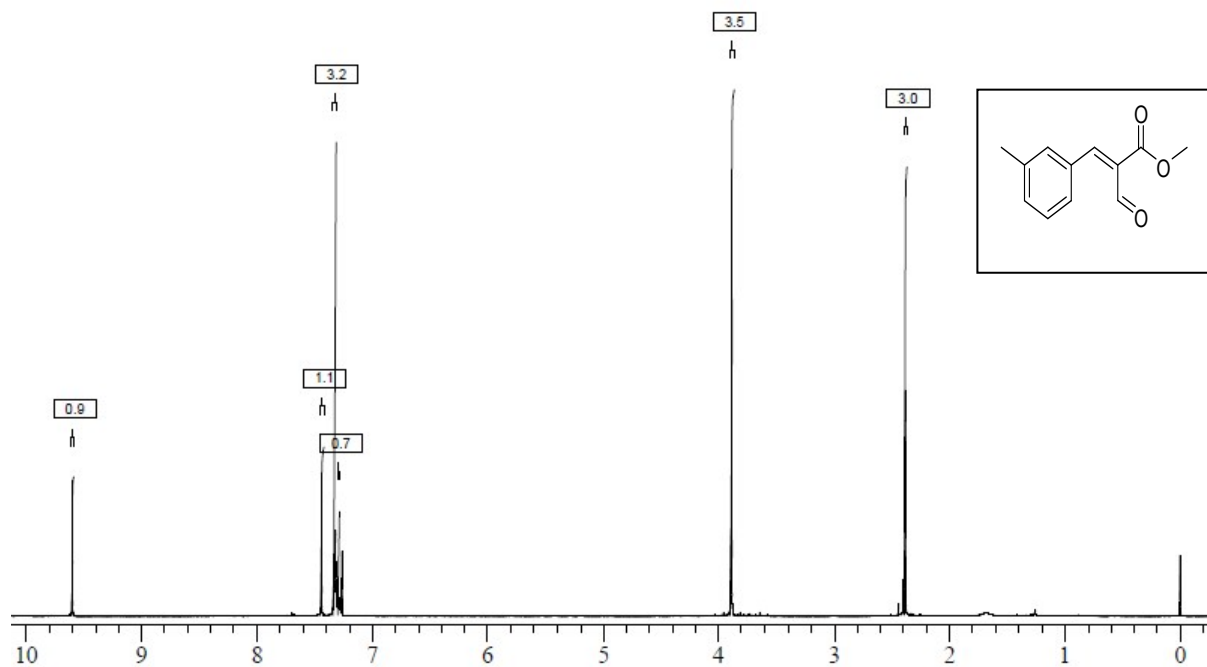
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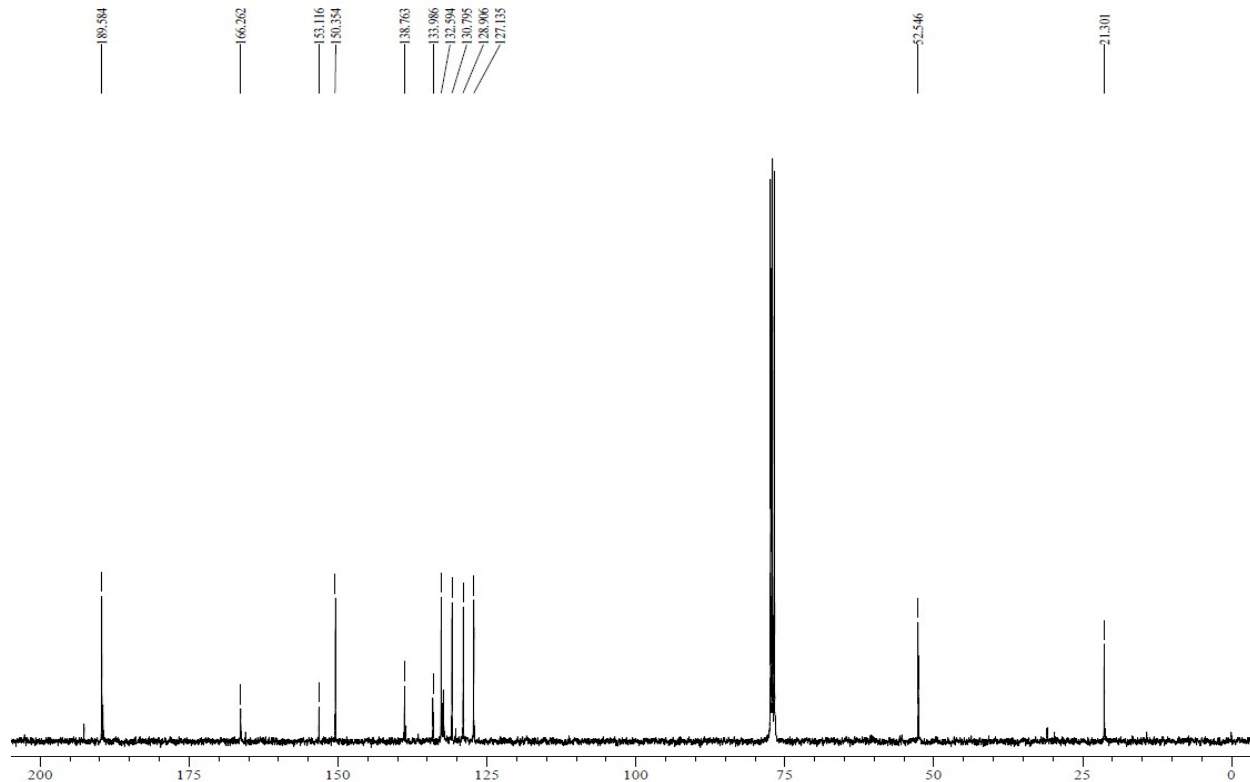
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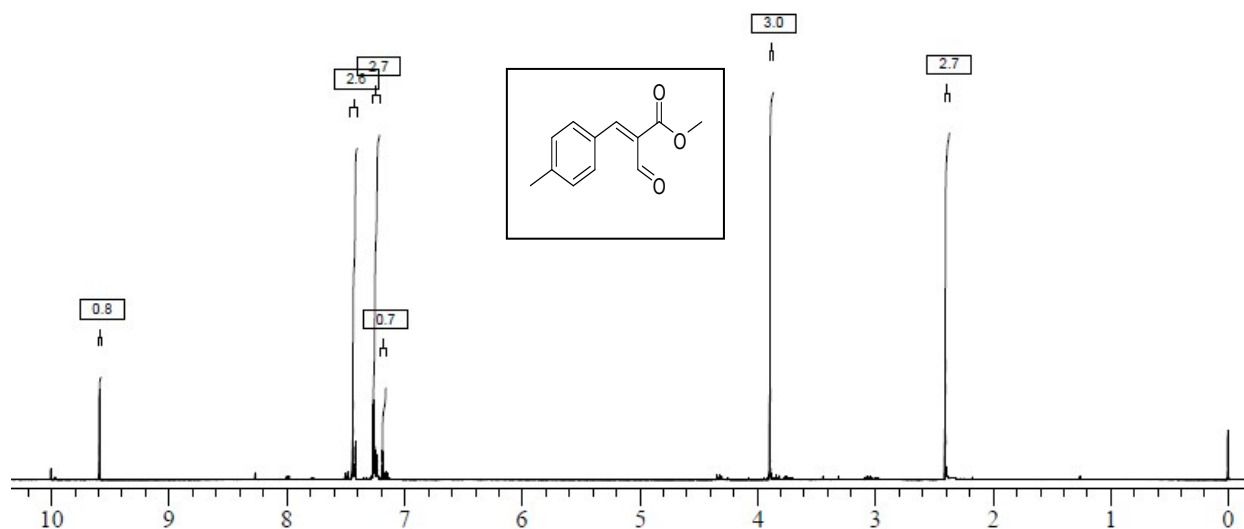
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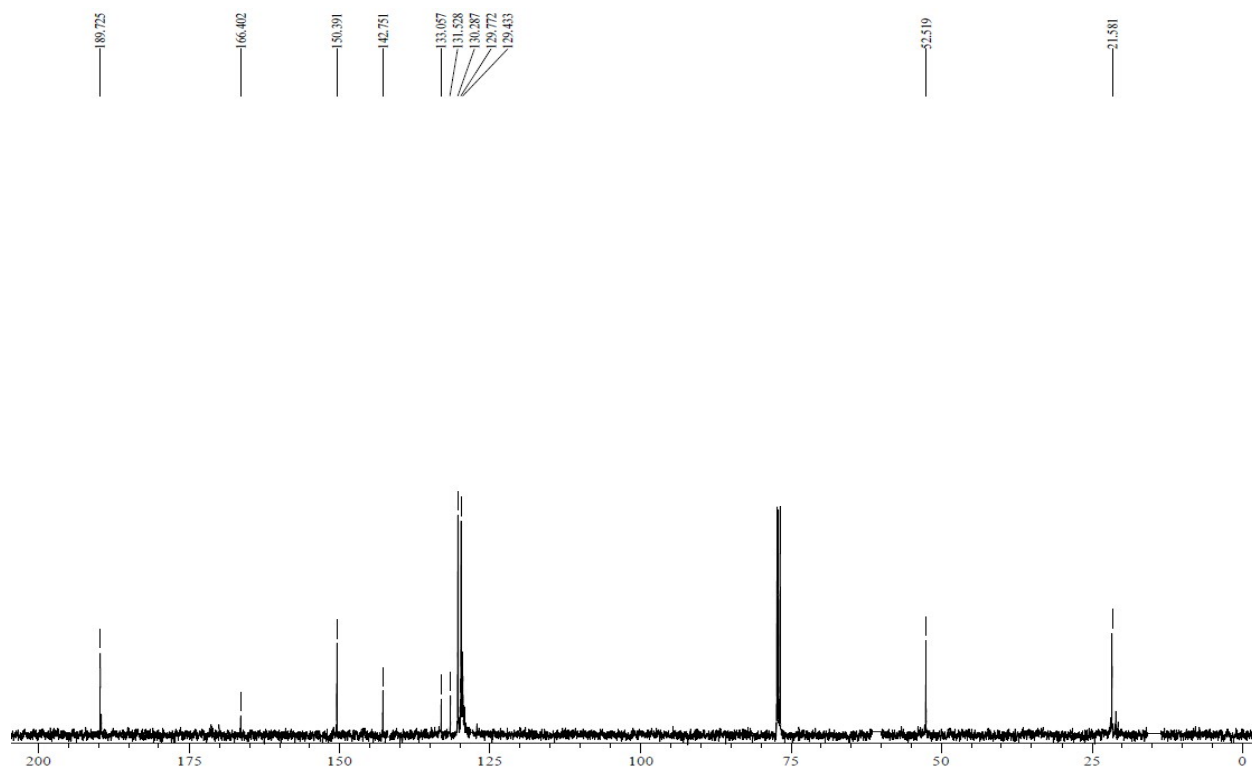
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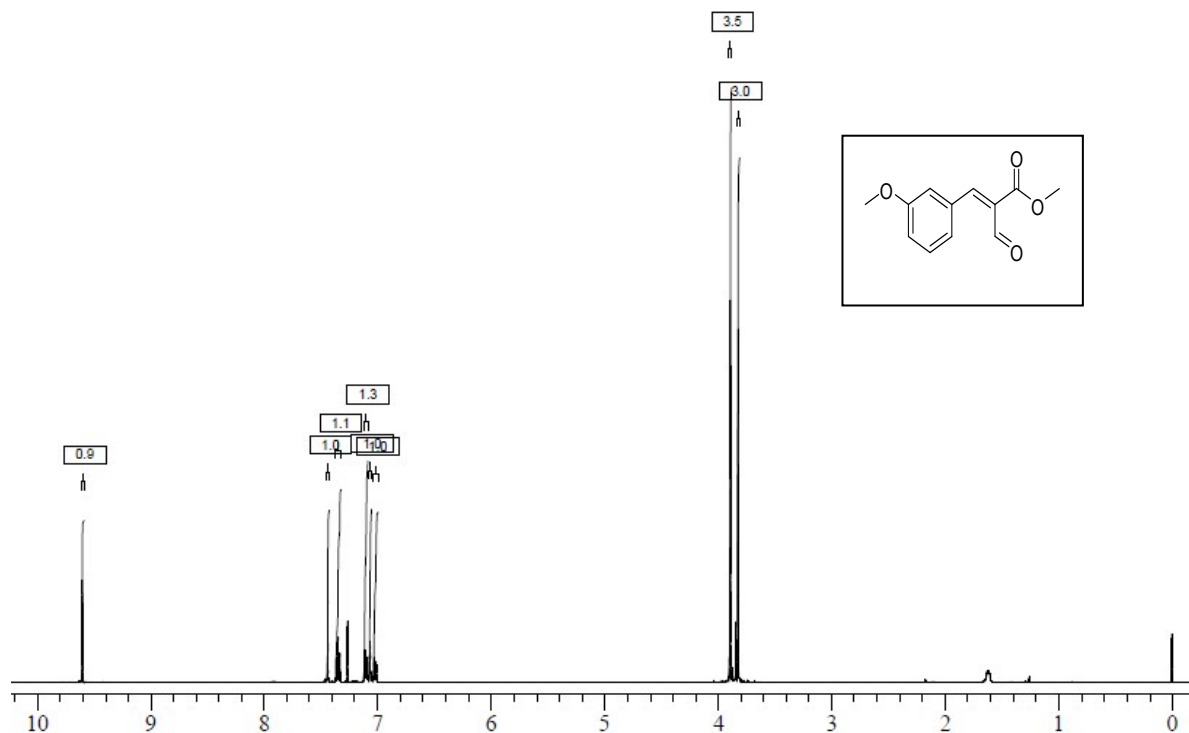
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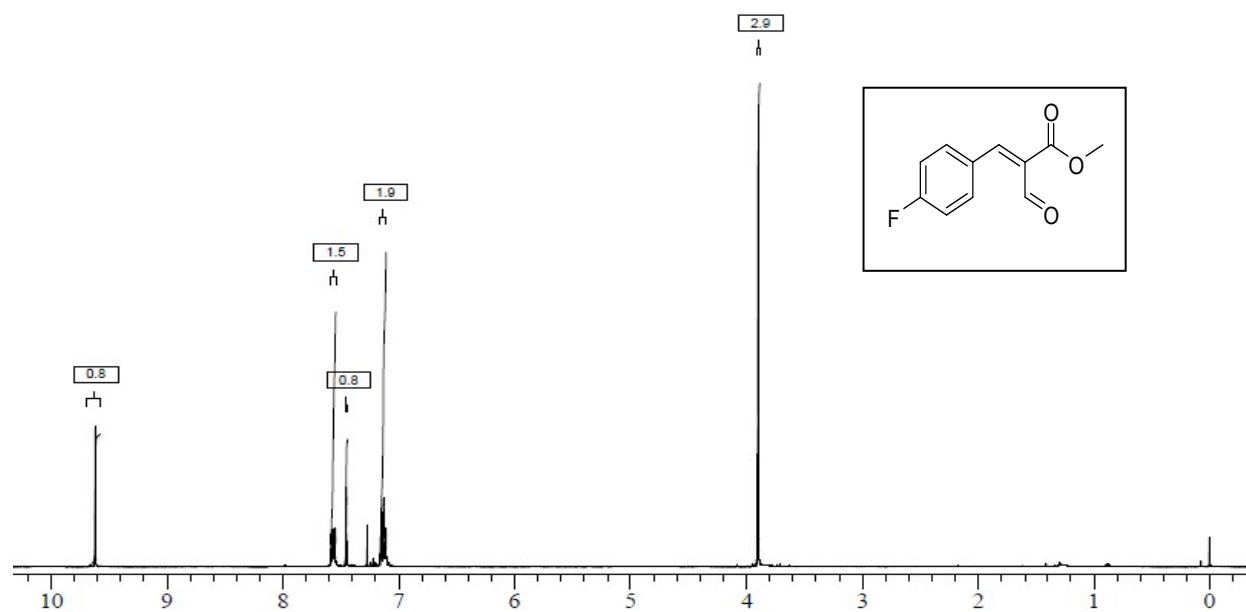
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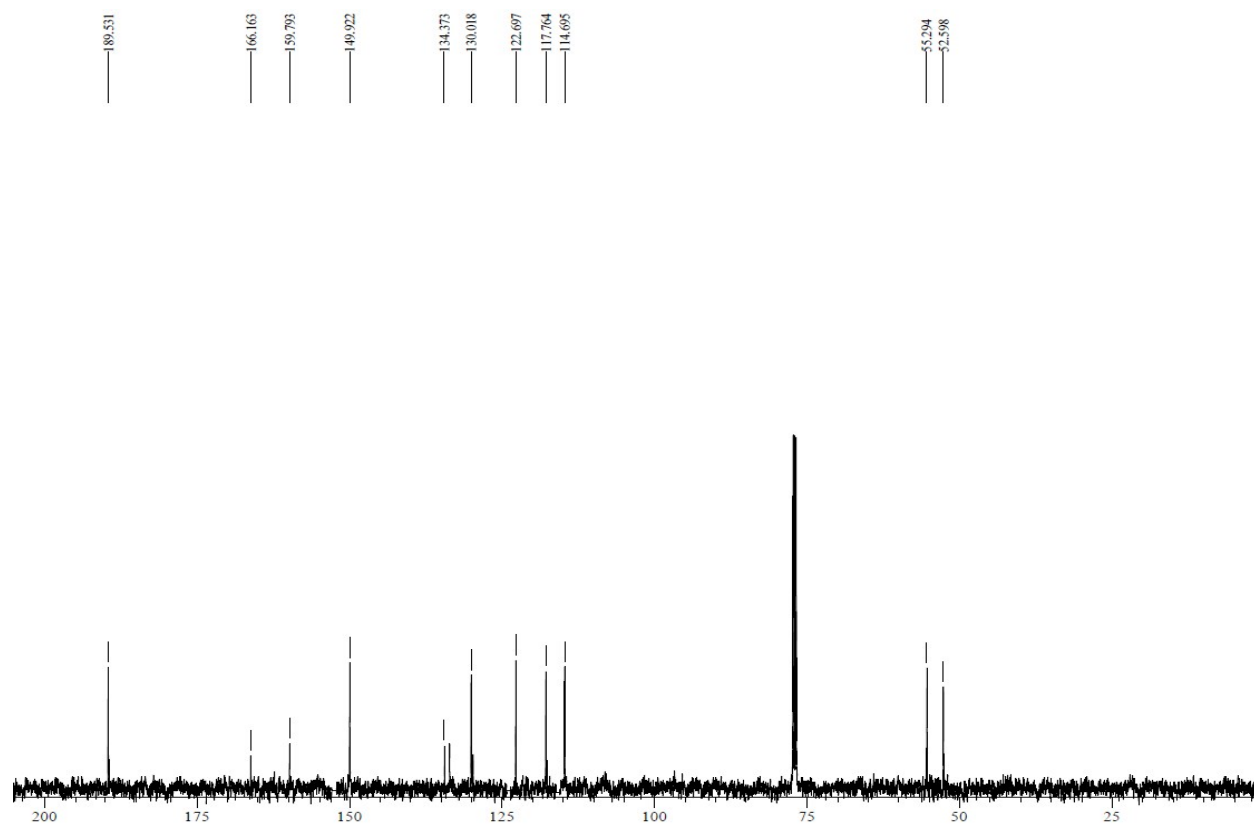
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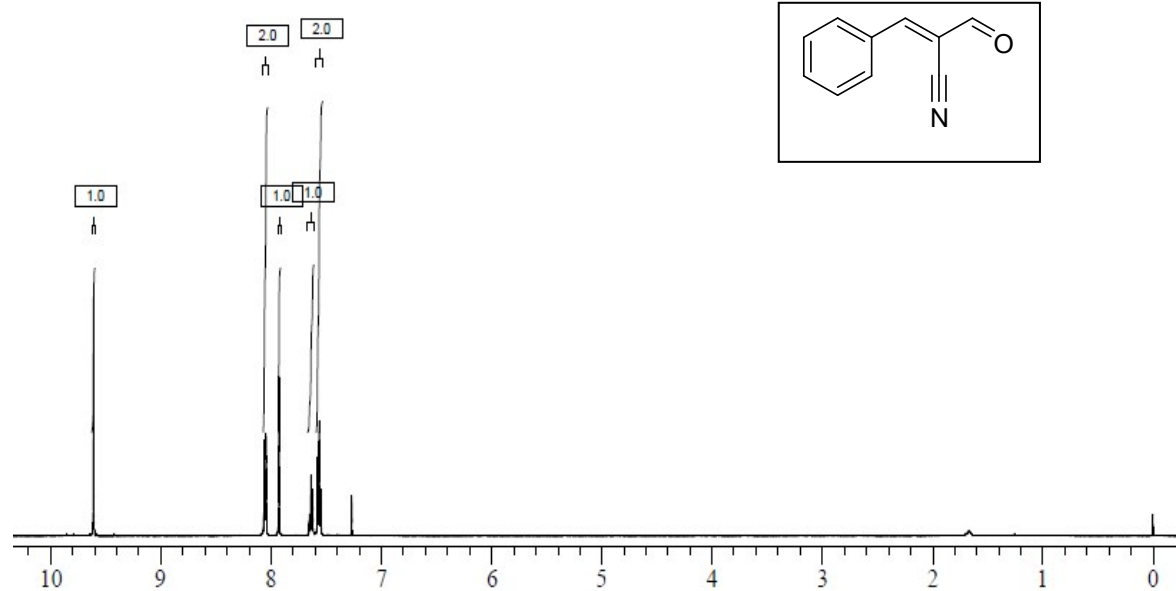
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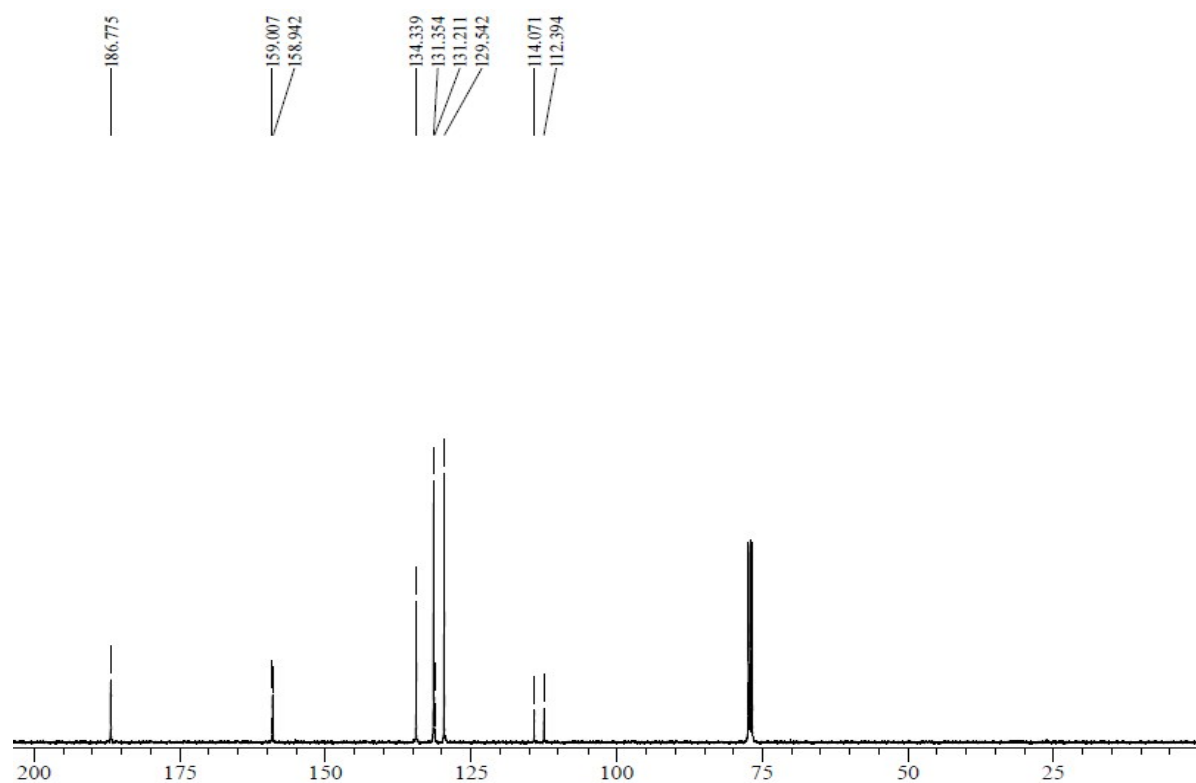
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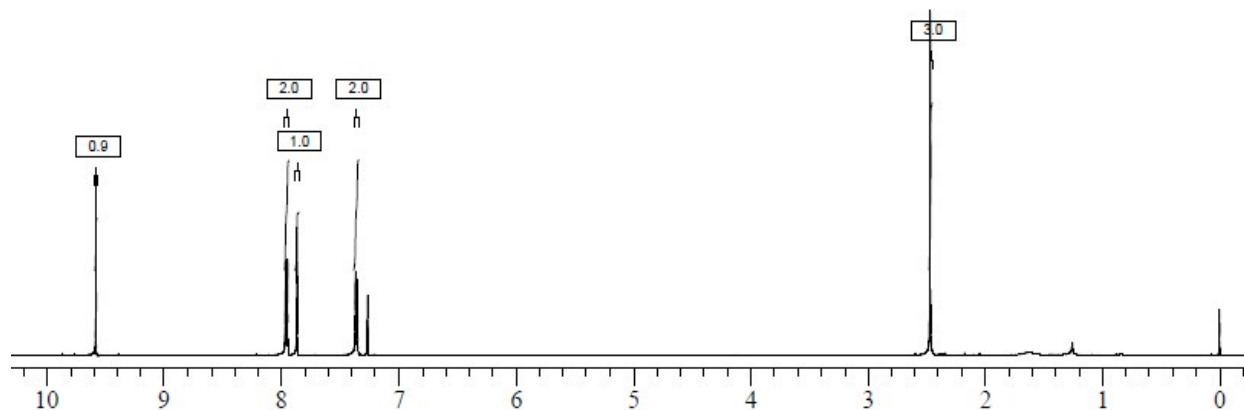
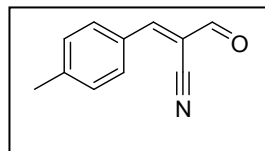
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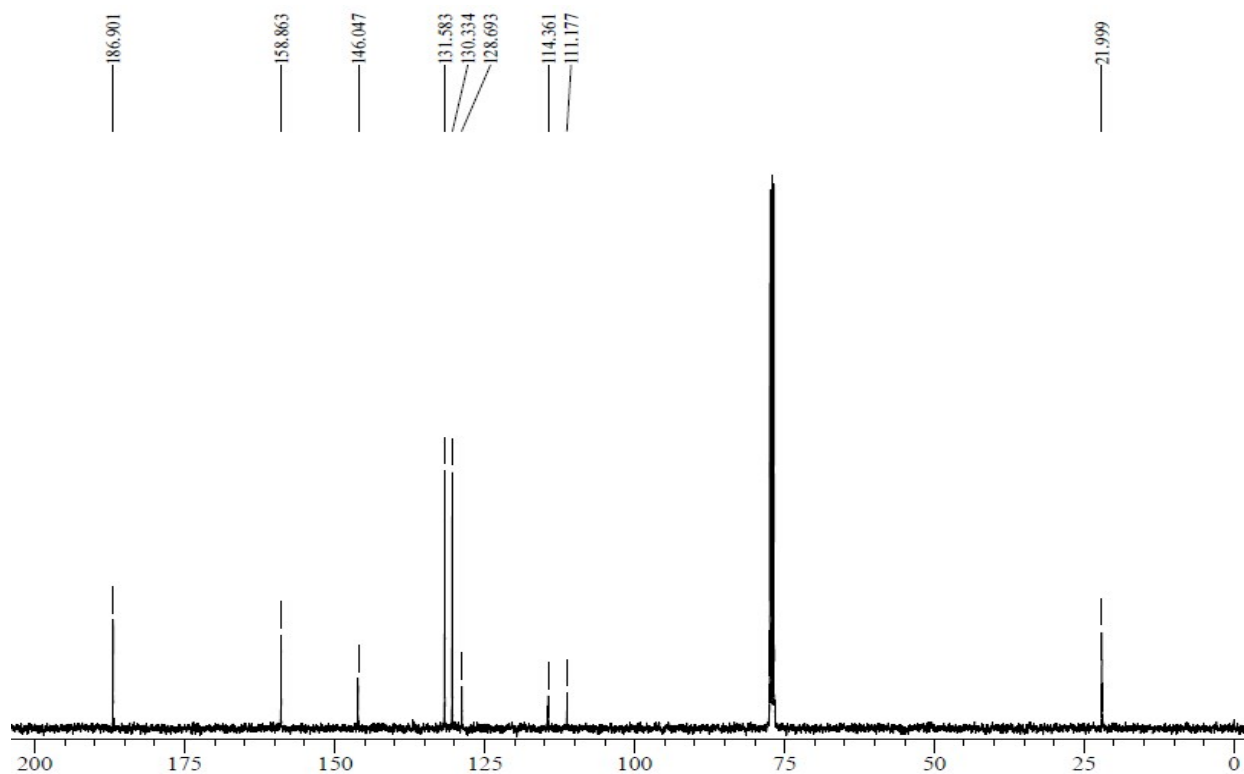
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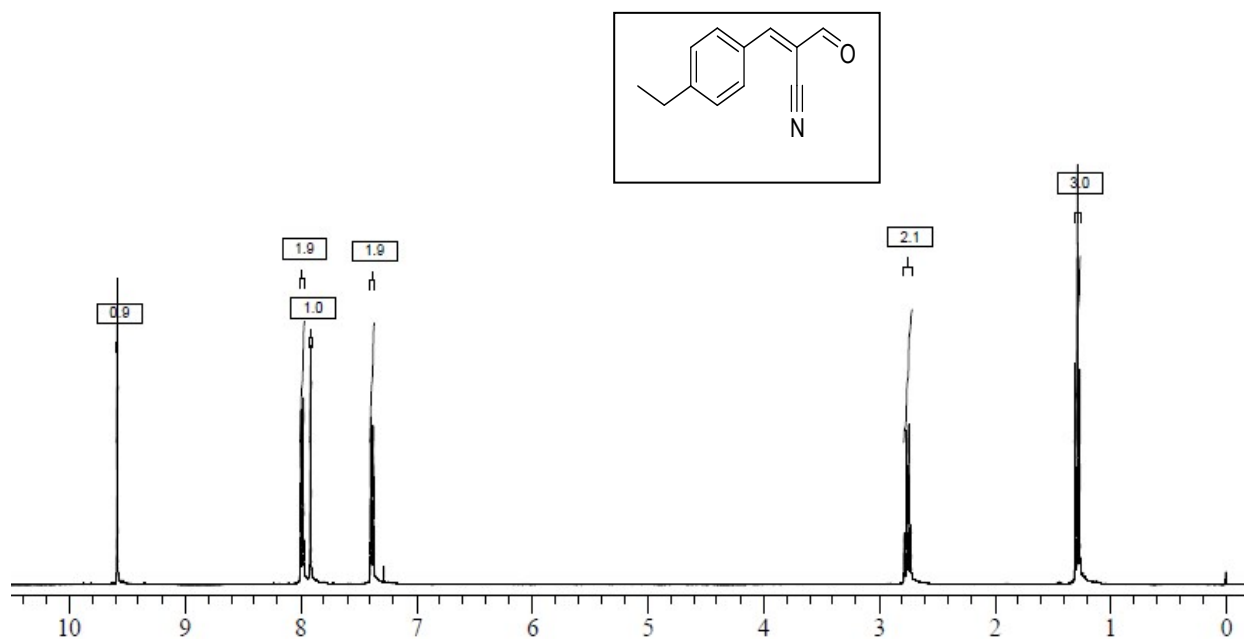
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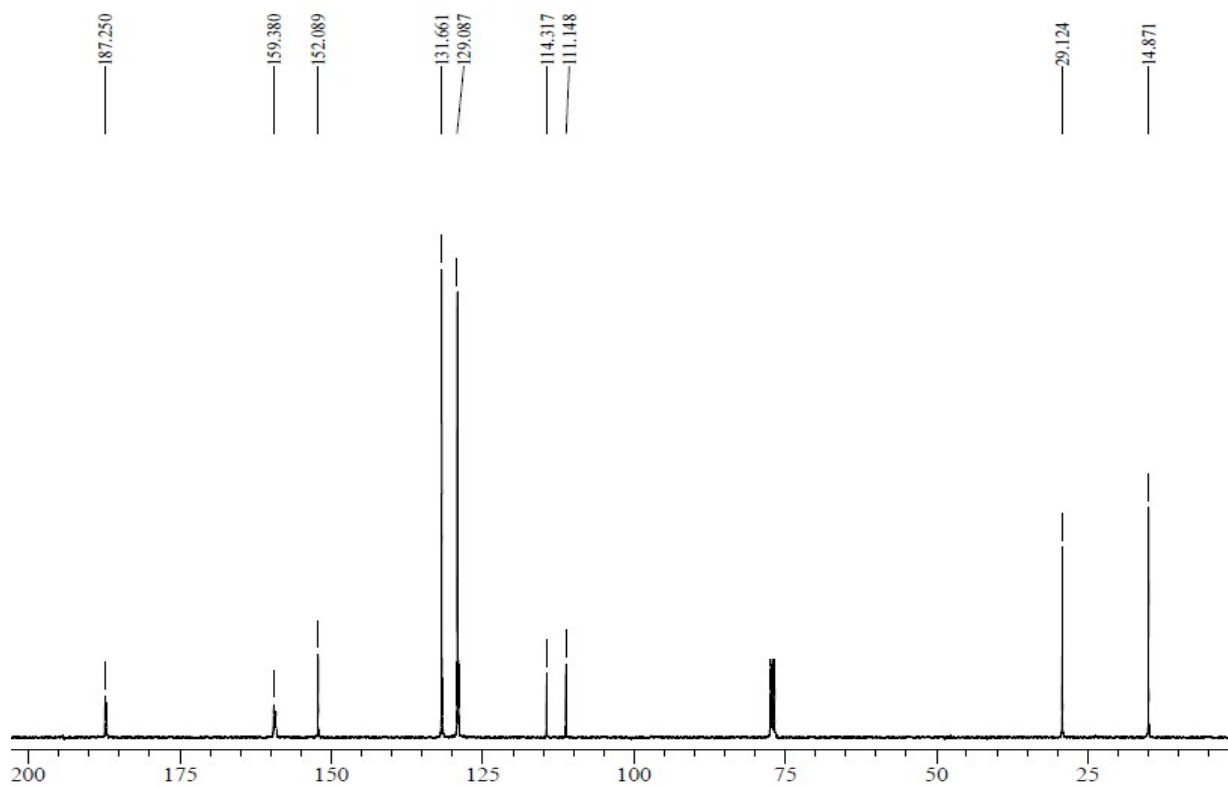
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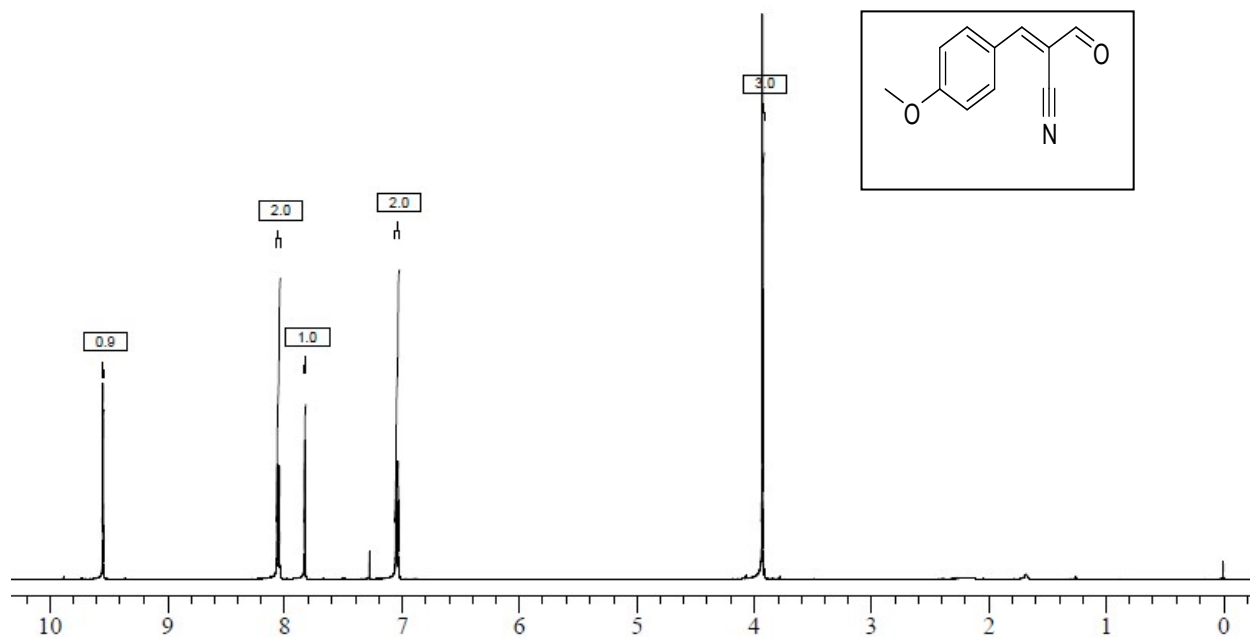
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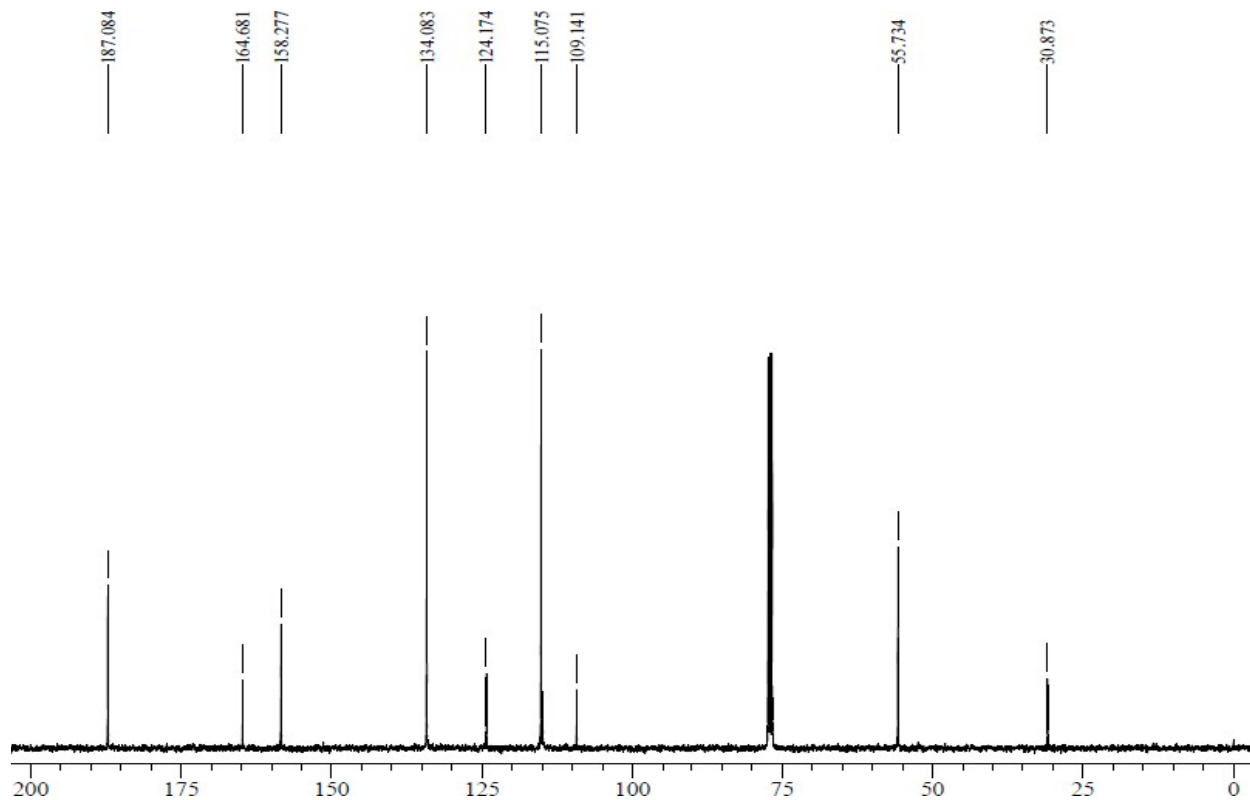
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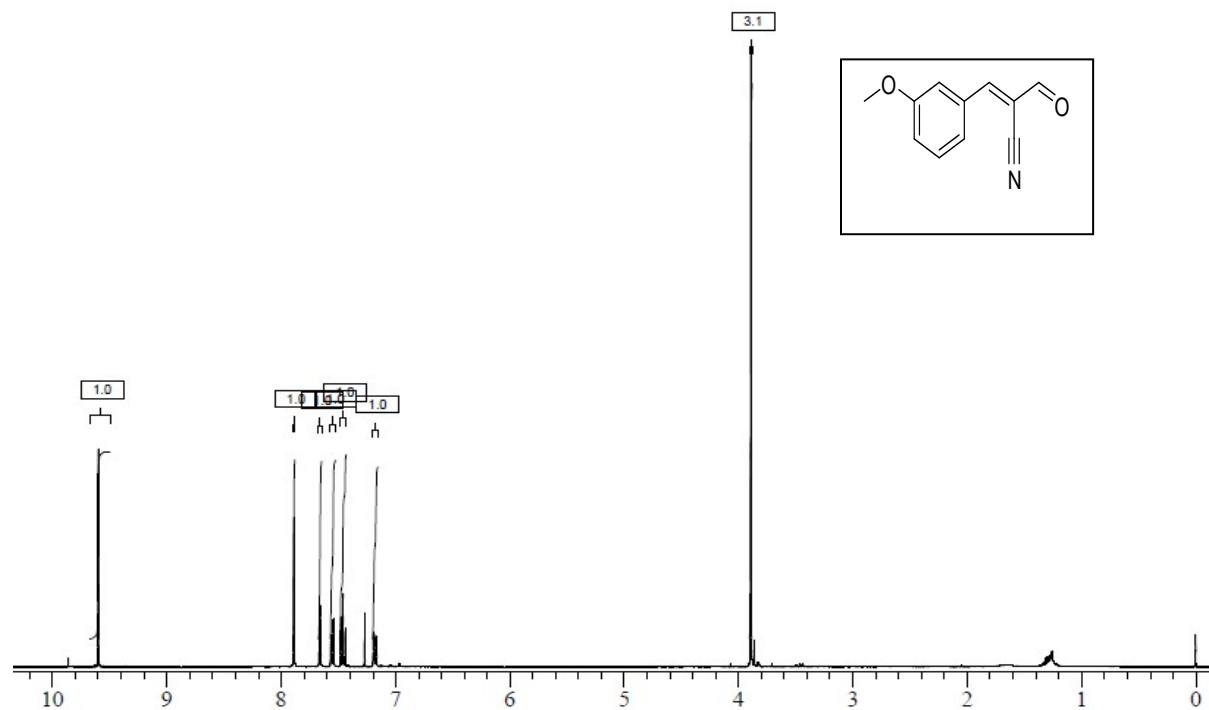
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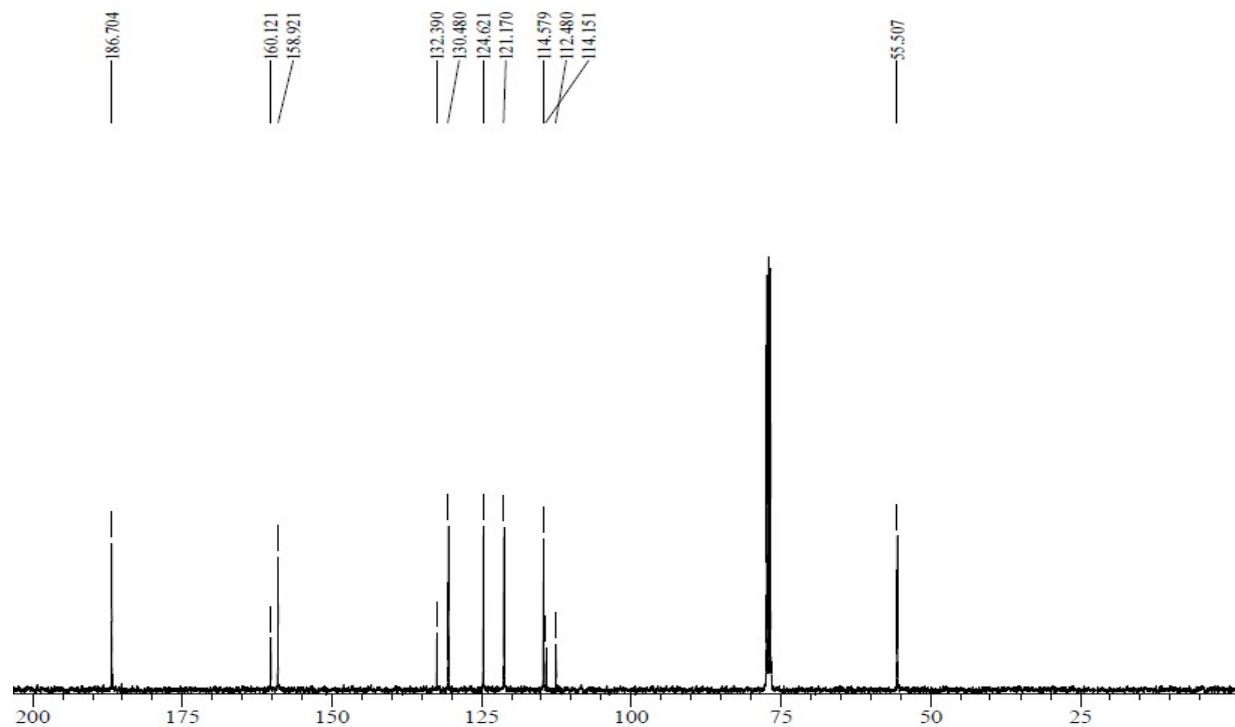
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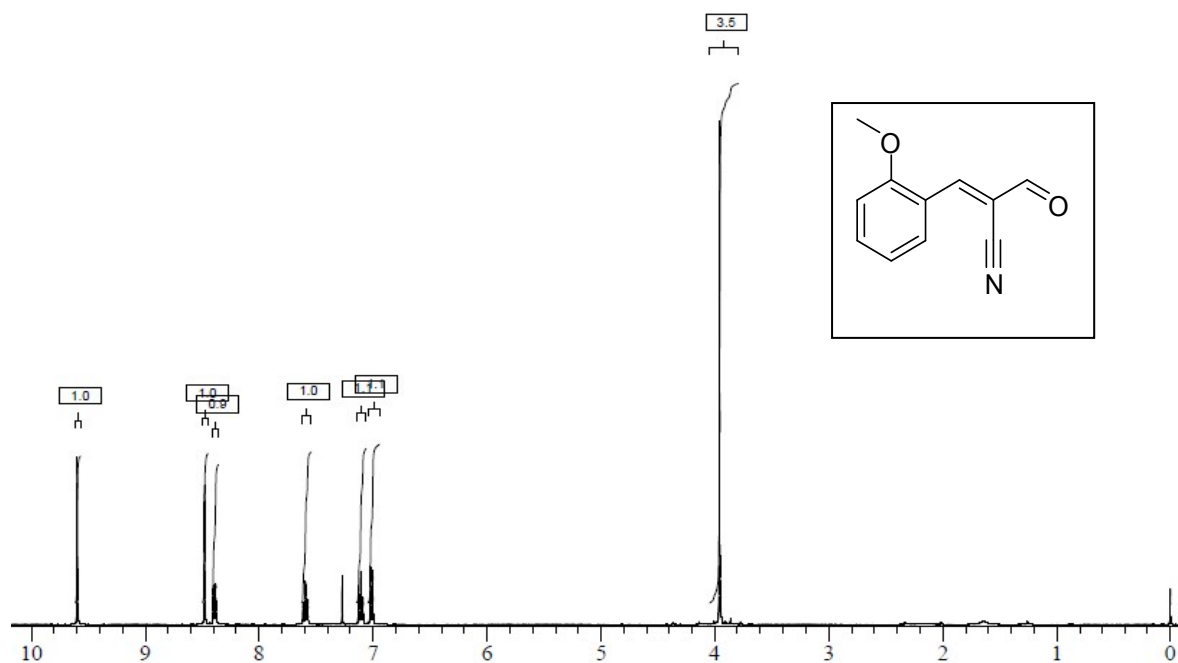
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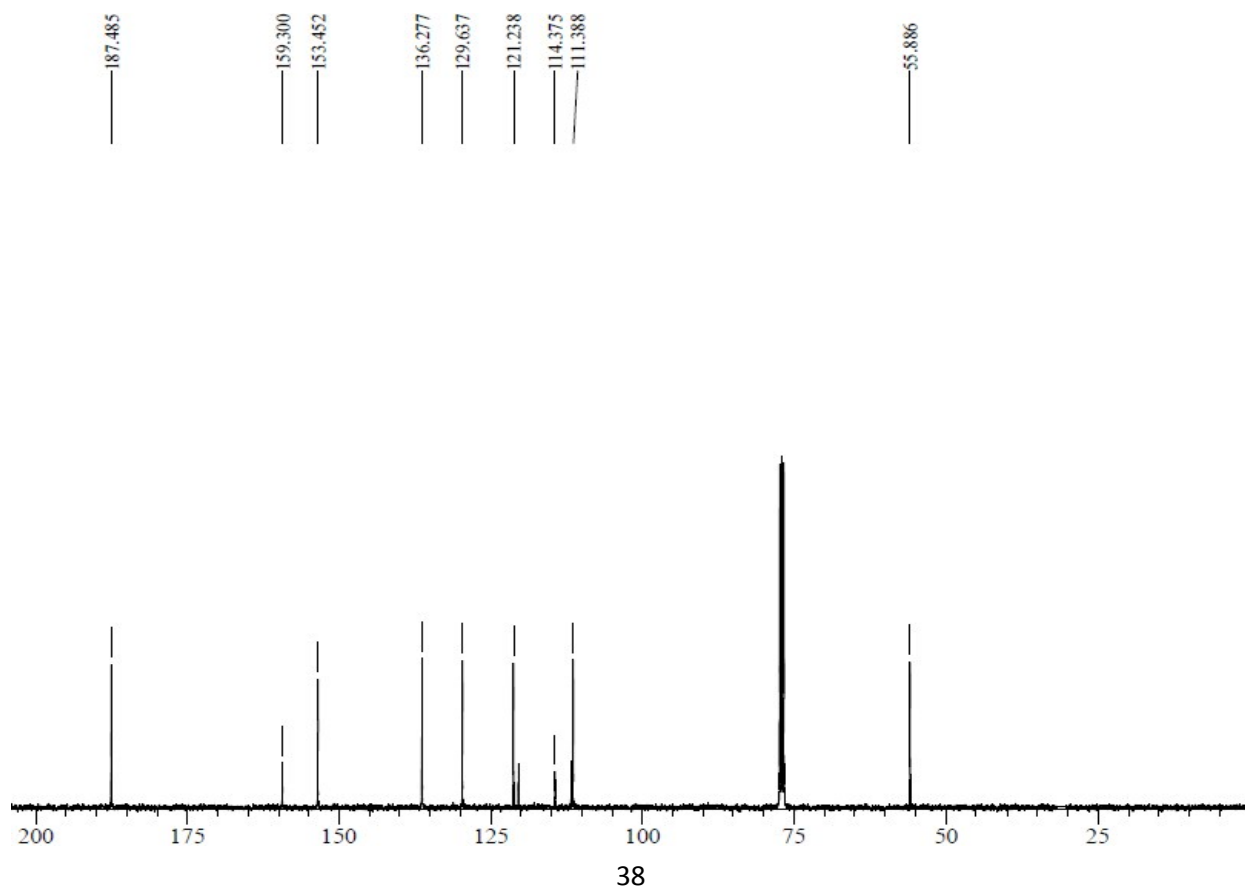
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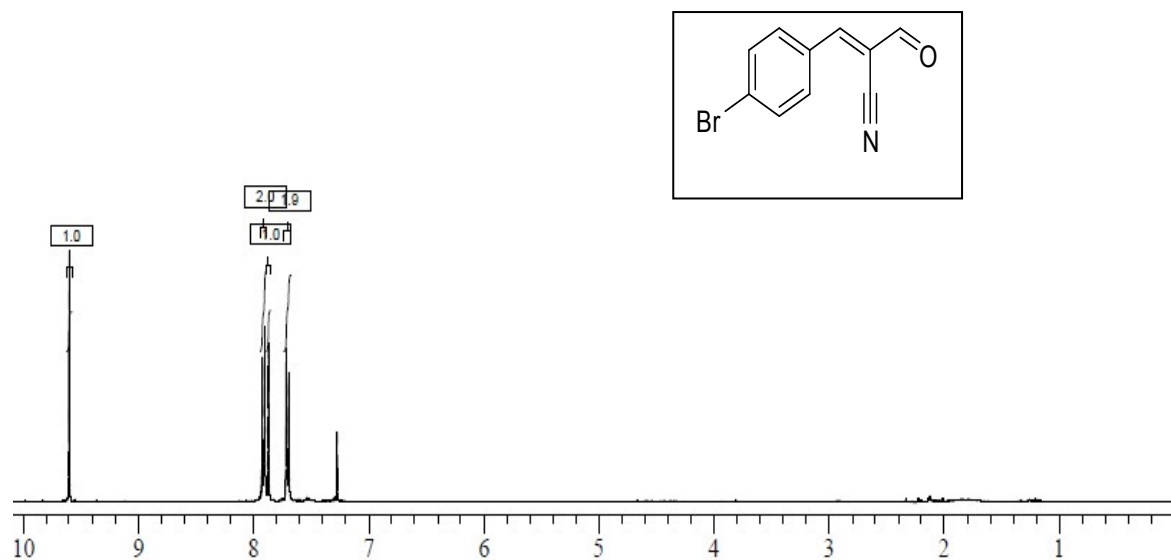
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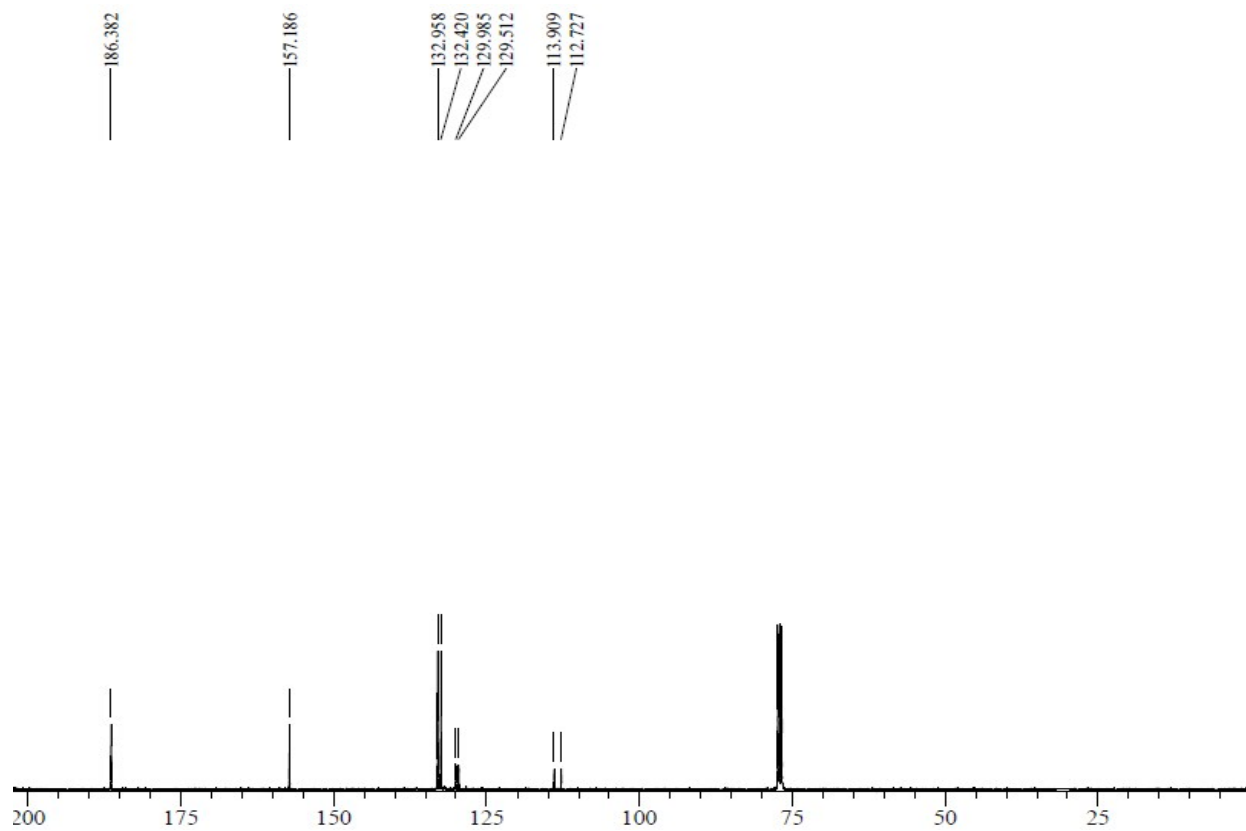
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^1H NMR Spectrum of (E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-formylacrylonitrile (7g**):**



^{13}C NMR Spectrum of (E)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-formylacrylonitrile (7g**):**



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