

Supporting Information

Calcium Catalysed Regioselective Tandem Process for the Synthesis of Fully Substituted Furans

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1. General information

The starting materials were synthesized and used. ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on avance bruker 500 MHz spectrometer, in CDCl_3 . Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) and calibrated to residual chloroform peaks. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz and coupling patterns are described as s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, hept = heptet, m = multiplet. Mass spectra were recorded on a Agilent 6530 Accurate- Mass Q-TOF [electron ionization (EI), 70 eV] and peaks are listed according to their m/z values. Melting points were measured with a Büchi Melting Point B-540 apparatus. Column chromatography was performed with Merck silica gel 60 (60-120 mesh). Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) with aluminium sheets silica gel 60 F254 from Merck with detection by UV light and charring with KMnO_4 stain.

2. General procedure for the syntheses of propargylic alcohol (1)¹

LHMDS (1.2 equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of alkyl propiolate or phenyl acetylene (1.1 equiv.) in dry THF (15 ml.) at -78 °C and stirred for 30 minutes at the same temperature. Aryl aldehyde (1 equiv.) was added slowly to the reaction mixture and the reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl and extracted into EtOAc thrice. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (pet ether: EtOAc) to obtain the desired product (1).

3. General procedure for the syntheses of fully substituted furocoumarins (3a-3i, 6a-6c and 7a-7c):

A mixture of propargylic alcohol (1, 1.0 equiv.,) and 4-hydroxy-coumarin (2, 1.1 equiv.) were heated at 120 °C in presence of $\text{Ca}(\text{OTf})_2$ (10 mol%) and Bu_4NPF_6 (10 mol%). Heating was continued till completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC, generally 2-3.5 h). After completion reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and was diluted with minimum amount water and

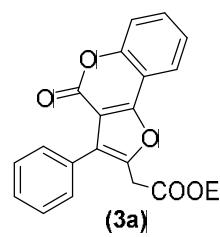
extracted with EtOAc thrice. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (pet ether: EtOAc) to obtain the desired product.

4. General procedure for the synthesis of fully substituted benzofurans (**5a-5o** and **8a-8d**):

A mixture of propargylic alcohol (**1**, 1.0 equiv.,) and cyclohexane 1,3-dione (**4**, 1.1 equiv.) were heated at 120 °C in presence of Ca(OTf)₂(10 mol%) and Bu₄NPF₆(10 mol%). Heating was continued till completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC, generally 2-4 h). After completion reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and was diluted with minimum amount water and extracted with EtOAc thrice. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (pet ether: EtOAc) to obtain the desired product.

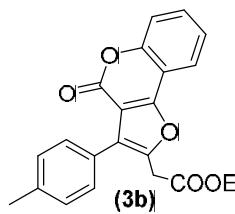
5. Characterization data for substituted furans

Ethyl 2-(4-oxo-3-phenyl-4H-furo[3,2-c]chromene-2-yl)acetate (**3a**)³



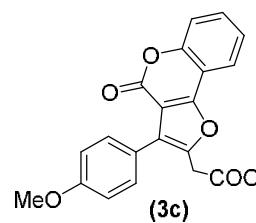
Light yellow solid, m.p. 107 °C, 73.7 mg, 91% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether : EtOAc 88:12) ; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (dd, *J*= 7.5 Hz, *J*= 8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 - 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.49 - 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.44 - 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J*= 7 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J*= 7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 168.75, 157.5, 157.2, 152.6, 147.3, 130.8, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 126.6, 124.4, 121.0, 117.2, 112.6, 109.6, 61.7, 32.9, 14.1 ppm.

Ethyl 2-(4-oxo-3-(p-tolyl)-4H-furo[3,2-c]chromene-2-yl)acetate (3b)



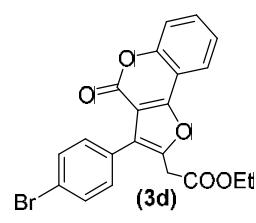
Brown solid, m.p. 107 °C, 66.4 mg, 80% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.25$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.25$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.8, 157.6, 157.1, 152.5, 147.1, 138.2, 130.7, 129.6, 129.1, 126.2, 124.4, 123.4, 120.9, 117.1, 112.6, 109.6, 61.7, 32.9, 21.3, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_6$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 379.1176; found 379.1194.

Ethyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-4H-furo[3,2-c]chromene-2-yl)acetate (3c)



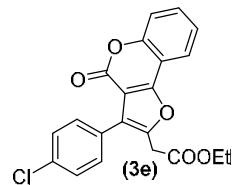
Yellow solid, m.p. 109.2 °C, 67.6 mg, 83 % yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91 (dd, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.8, 159.6, 157.1, 152.5, 146.9, 131.0, 130.7, 124.4, 123.2, 121.3, 120.9, 117.1, 113.9, 112.7, 109.6, 61.7, 55.3, 32.9, 14.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{NaO}_5$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 385.1046; found 385.1062.

Ethyl 2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-4-oxo-4H-furo[3,2-c]chromen-2-yl)acetate (3d)³



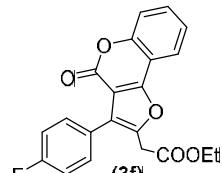
Yellow solid, m.p. 128 °C, 64 mg, 85% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.93 (dd, $J = 8$ Hz, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 1H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.25$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.5, 157.5, 157.3, 152.6, 147.4, 131.6, 131.4, 131.0, 128.1, 124.5, 122.8, 122.5, 121.0, 117.2, 112.5, 109.3, 51.9, 32.9, 14.1 ppm.

Ethyl 2-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxo-4*H*-furo[3,2-*c*]chromen-2-yl)acetate (3e)³



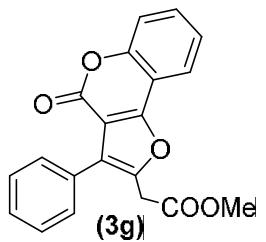
Yellow solid, m.p. 129.6 °C, 60.1mg, 78% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8 Hz, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 157.5, 157.3, 152.6, 147.4, 134.8, 131.1, 130.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 124.5, 122.5, 121.0, 117.2, 112.5, 109.4, 61.8, 32.9, 14.1 ppm.

Ethyl 2-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxo-4*H*-furo[3,2-*c*]chromen-2-yl)acetate (3f)



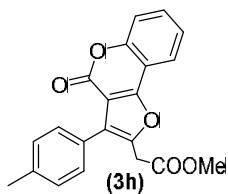
Brown solid, m.p. 73 °C, 66mg, 80 % yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.6, 157.2, 152.6, 147.3, 131.6, 131.5, 130.9, 125.2, 124.5, 122.6, 121.0, 117.2, 115.6, 115.4, 112.6, 61.8, 32.9, 29.7, 14.1 ppm.

Methyl 2-(4-oxo-3-phenyl-4*H*-furo[3,2-*c*]chromene-2-yl)acetate (3g)



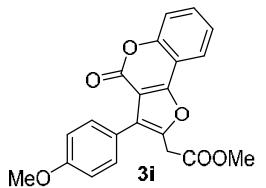
Light yellow, m.p. 118.3 °C, 81.7mg, 93% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.1, 157.5, 157.2, 152.6, 147.1, 130.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 124.4, 123.6, 121.0, 117.2, 112.6, 109.6, 52.7, 32.6 ppm. ESI *m/z* for C₂₀H₁₄O₅ [M + H]⁺ found 335.0400.

Methyl 2-(4-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)-4*H*-furo[3,2-*c*]chromene-2-yl)acetate (3h)



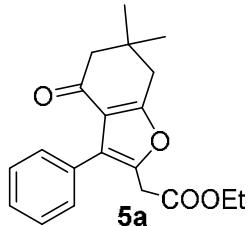
Pale yellow solid, m.p. 129.7 °C, 81mg, 95 % yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8 Hz, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.2, 157.6, 157.2, 152.6, 146.9, 138.2, 130.7, 129.6, 129.2, 126.1, 124.3, 123.6, 121.0, 117.1, 112.7, 109.6, 52.7, 32.6, 21.3 ppm.

Methyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-4*H*-furo[3,2-*c*]chromen-2-yl)acetate (3i)



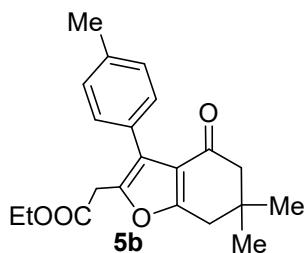
Yellow solid, m.p.123.2 °C, 74.5mg, 90% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 88:12); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 5H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.3, 159.6, 157.6, 157.1, 52.6, 146.7, 131.0, 130.7, 124.3, 123.3, 121.3, 121.0, 117.1, 113.9, 112.7, 109.6, 55.3, 52.7, 32.6 ppm.

Ethyl 2-(6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-3-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5a)³



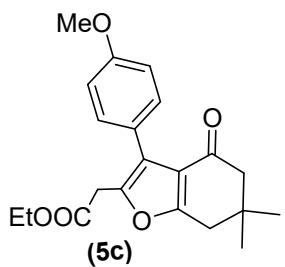
Yellow liquid (**59.4** mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.4, 169.3, 165.8, 144.9, 134.6, 130.8, 129.7, 128.0, 127.6, 122.1, 61.4, 52.9, 37.6, 34.9, 32.5, 28.6, 14.1 ppm.

Ethyl 2-(6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5b)²



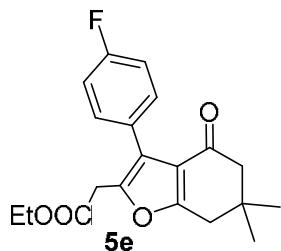
Yellow liquid, 62.4 mg, 80% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.4, 169.4, 165.8, 144.7, 137.3, 129.5, 128.7, 127.7, 122.0, 118.6, 61.4, 52.99, 37.6, 34.8, 32.5, 28.6, 21.3, 14.1 ppm.

Ethyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl) acetate (5c)



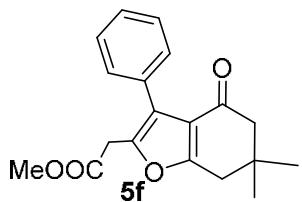
Yellow liquid, 72.5 mg, 89% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.5, 169.4, 165.8, 159.0, 144.5, 130.9, 123.0, 121.7, 118.5, 113.5, 61.4, 55.2, 52.9, 37.6, 34.8, 32.5, 28.6, 14.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄O₅ [M + H]⁺ 365.1364; found 365.1348.

Ethyl 2-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5e)



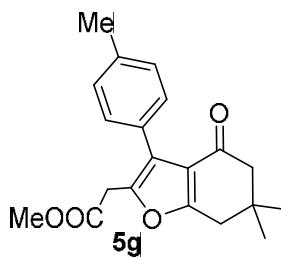
Yellow solid, m.p. 65.6 °C, 58.1mg, 75% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ¹H NMR (5100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (q, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.5, 169.2, 165.9, 161.4, 144.9, 131.5, 131.4, 126.7, 121.2, 118.4, 115.1, 114.9, 61.5, 52.9, 37.6, 34.9, 32.4, 28.5, 14.1 ppm.

Methyl 2-(6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-3-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5f)



Brown solid, m.p. 81.3 °C, 70.6 mg, 86% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.35 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.81 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.4, 169.8, 165.9, 144.7, 129.7, 128.0, 128.1, 127.66, 122.2, 118.5, 52.9, 52.5, 37.6, 34.9, 32.2, 28.6 ppm.

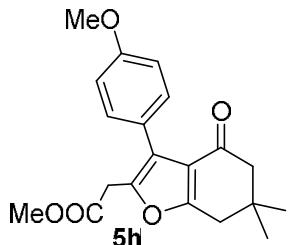
Methyl 2-(6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5g)



Yellow liquid, 59.9 mg, 75% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.4, 169.9, 165.8, 144.5, 137.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 127.7, 122.1, 118.5, 52.9, 52.4, 37.6, 34.8, 32.2, 28.6, 21.3 ppm; ESI *m/z* for C₂₀H₂₂O₄ [M + H]⁺:

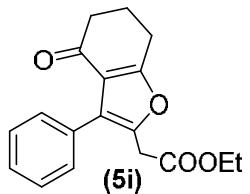
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Methyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5h)



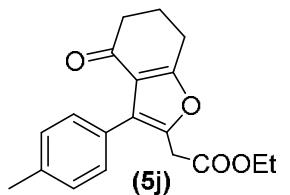
Yellow liquid; 64.5 mg, 83% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.5, 169.9, 165.8, 159.1, 144.3, 130.8, 122.9, 121.8, 118.5, 113.5, 55.2, 52.9, 52.4, 37.6, 34.8, 32.9, 32.2, 28.6 ppm.

Ethyl 2-(4-oxo-3-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5i)³



Brown liquid, 51.5 mg, 74% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42 (d, $J = 1$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.31 (m, 2H), 4.24 - 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.94 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.9, 169.4, 166.7, 144.6, 130.88, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.6, 122.3, 119.7, 61.4, 38.6, 32.4, 23.7, 22.3, 14.1 ppm.

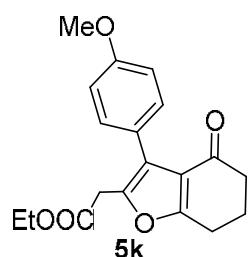
Ethyl 2-(4-oxo-3-(*p*-tolyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5j)²



Brown liquid, 57.9 mg, 81% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.25$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 2.93 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.21 (quint, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (125

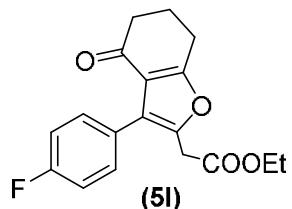
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Ethyl 2-(3-(4-methylphenyl)-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5k)



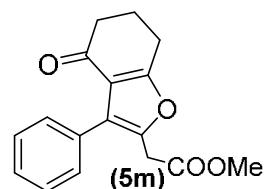
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Ethyl 2-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5l)



Yellow liquid, 62.2 mg, 87% yield; (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 80:20); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 194.0, 169.3, 166.7, 144.6, 131.4, 131.3, 121.4, 119.6, 115.1, 114.9, 61.5, 38.5, 32.3, 23.7, 22.3, 14.1 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FO₄ [M + Na]⁺ 367.1321; found 367.1306.

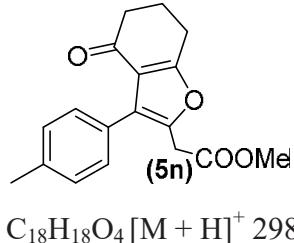
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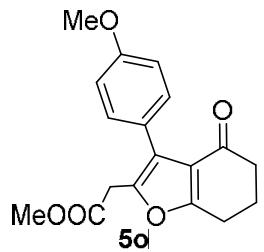
129.6, 128.0, 127.6, 122.3, 119.7, 52.5, 38.6, 32.1, 23.7, 22.3 ppm; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆O₄ [M + H]⁺ 307.0946; found 307.0931.

Methyl 2-(4-oxo-3-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5n)



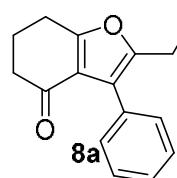
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Methyl 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzofuran-2-yl)acetate (5o)



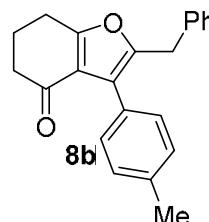
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2-benzyl-3-phenyl-6,7-dihydrobenzofuran-4(5H)-one (8a)⁴



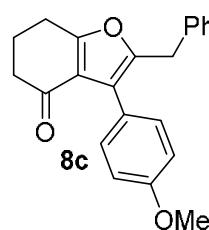
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2-benzyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-6,7-dihydrobenzofuran-4(5H)-one (8b)



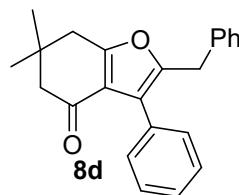
Brown liquid, 61.2 mg, 86% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 90:10); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 - 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.28 - 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ 194.2, 166.4, 158.9, 150, 138.1, 130.9, 128.6, 128.4, 126.6, 123.7, 120, 119.8, 113.5, 55.2, 38.6, 32, 23.8, 22.4 ppm.

2-benzyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydrobenzofuran-4(5H)-one (8c)



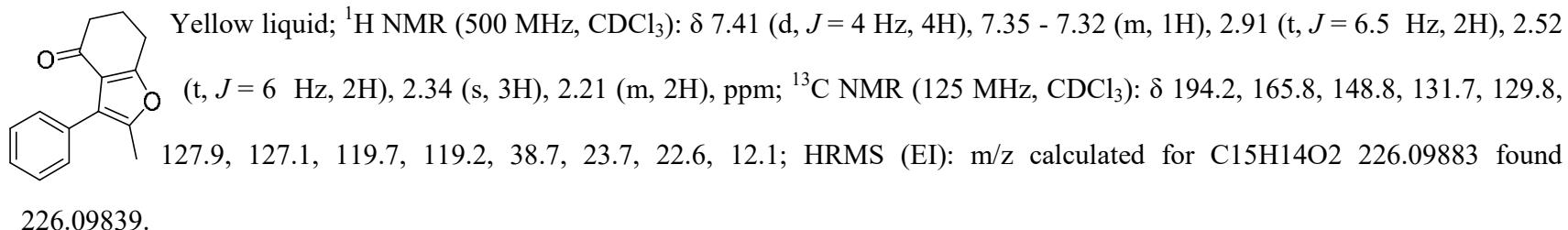
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2-benzyl-6,6-dimethyl-3-phenyl-6,7-dihydrobenzofuran-4(5H)-one (8d)



Yellow solid, m.p. 59.3 °C, 72.2 mg, 91% yield, (eluent: Petroleum ether: EtOAc 90:10); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 - 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.36 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 2H), 1.18 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 193.7, 165.7, 150, 138, 131.3, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128, 127.4, 126.6, 124.4, 120.4, 118.5, 52.9, 37.7, 34.9, 32.1, 28.6 ppm.

2-methyl-3-phenyl-6,7-dihydrobenzofuran-4(5H)-one (10a)⁵



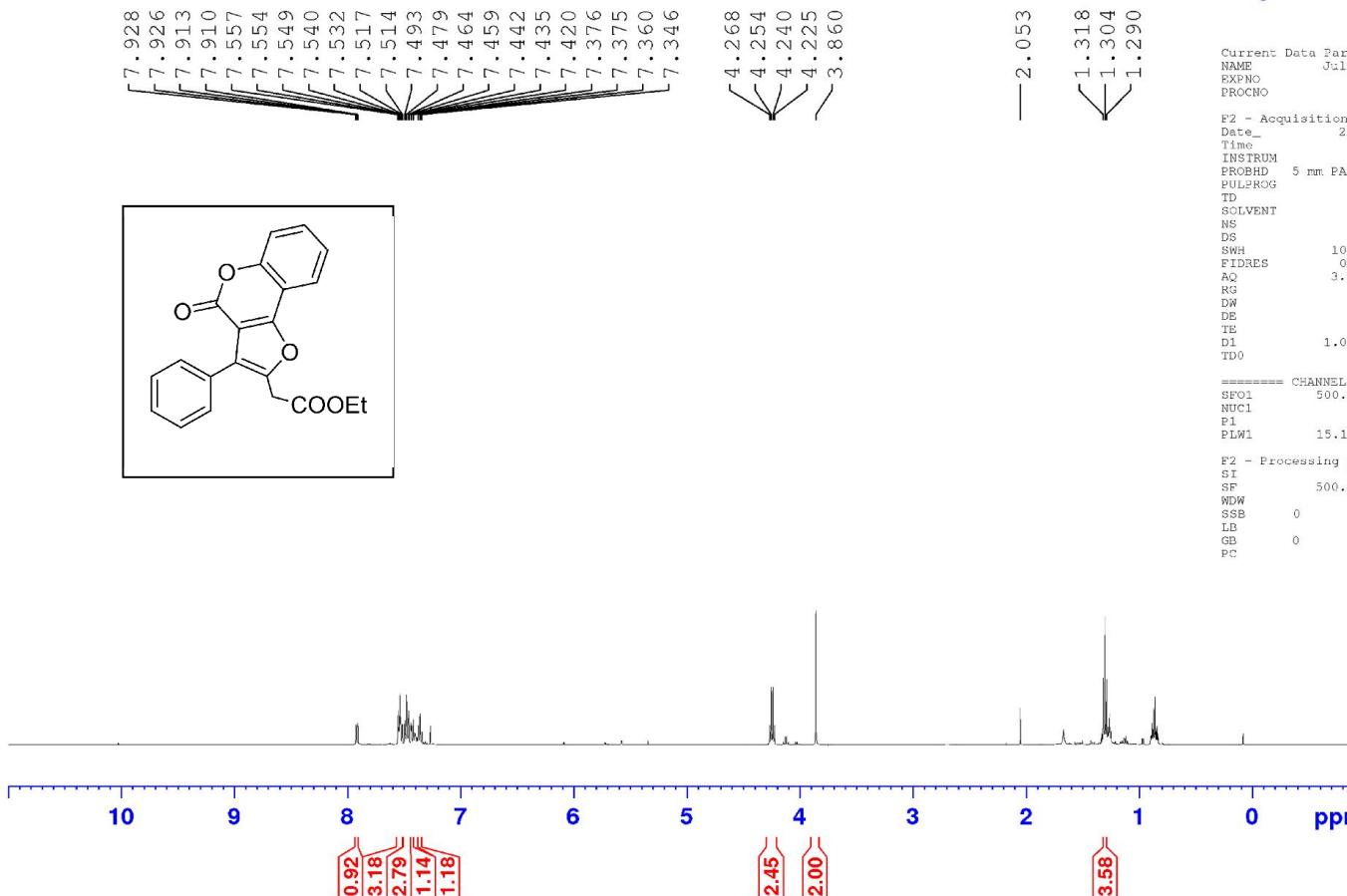
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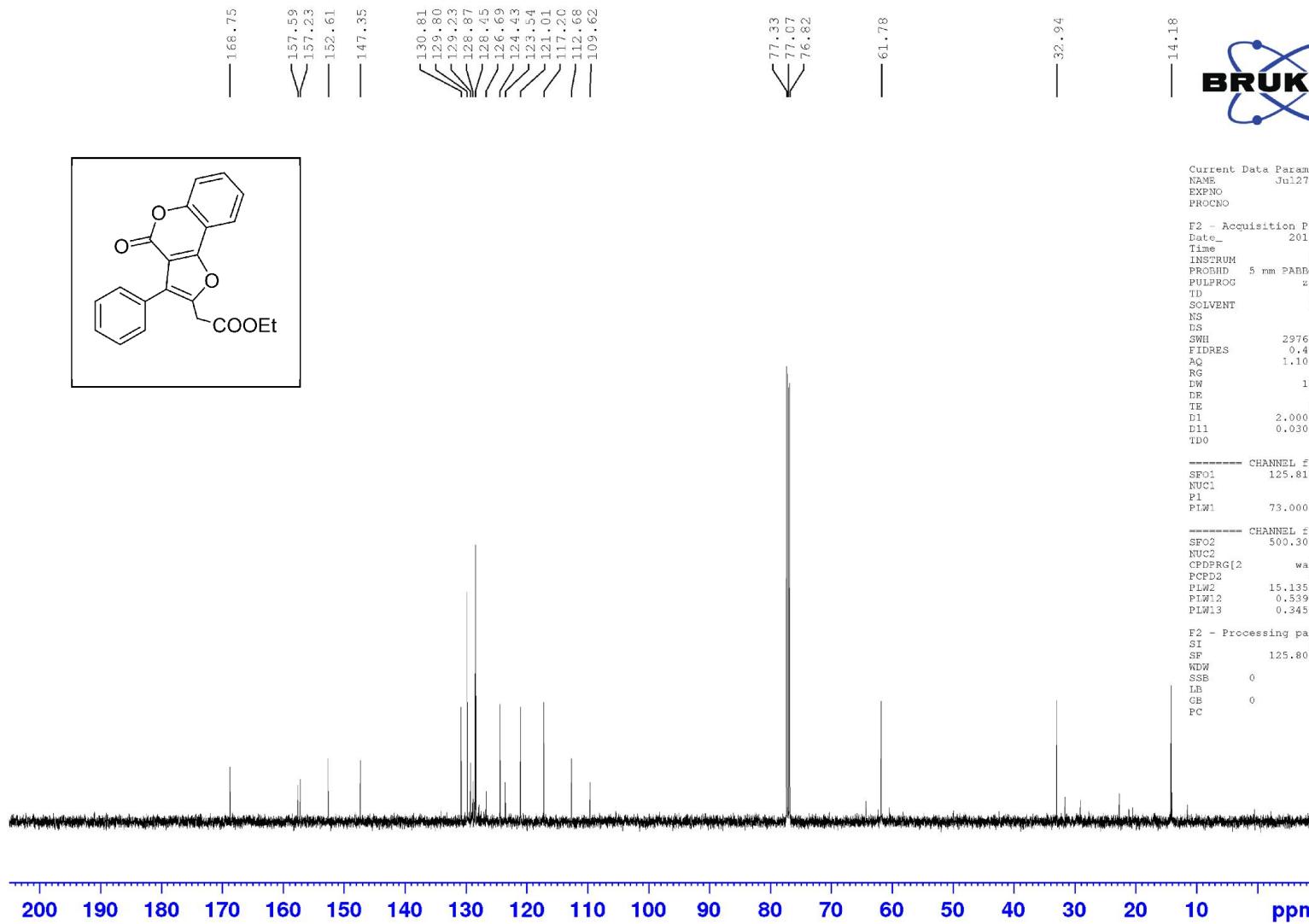
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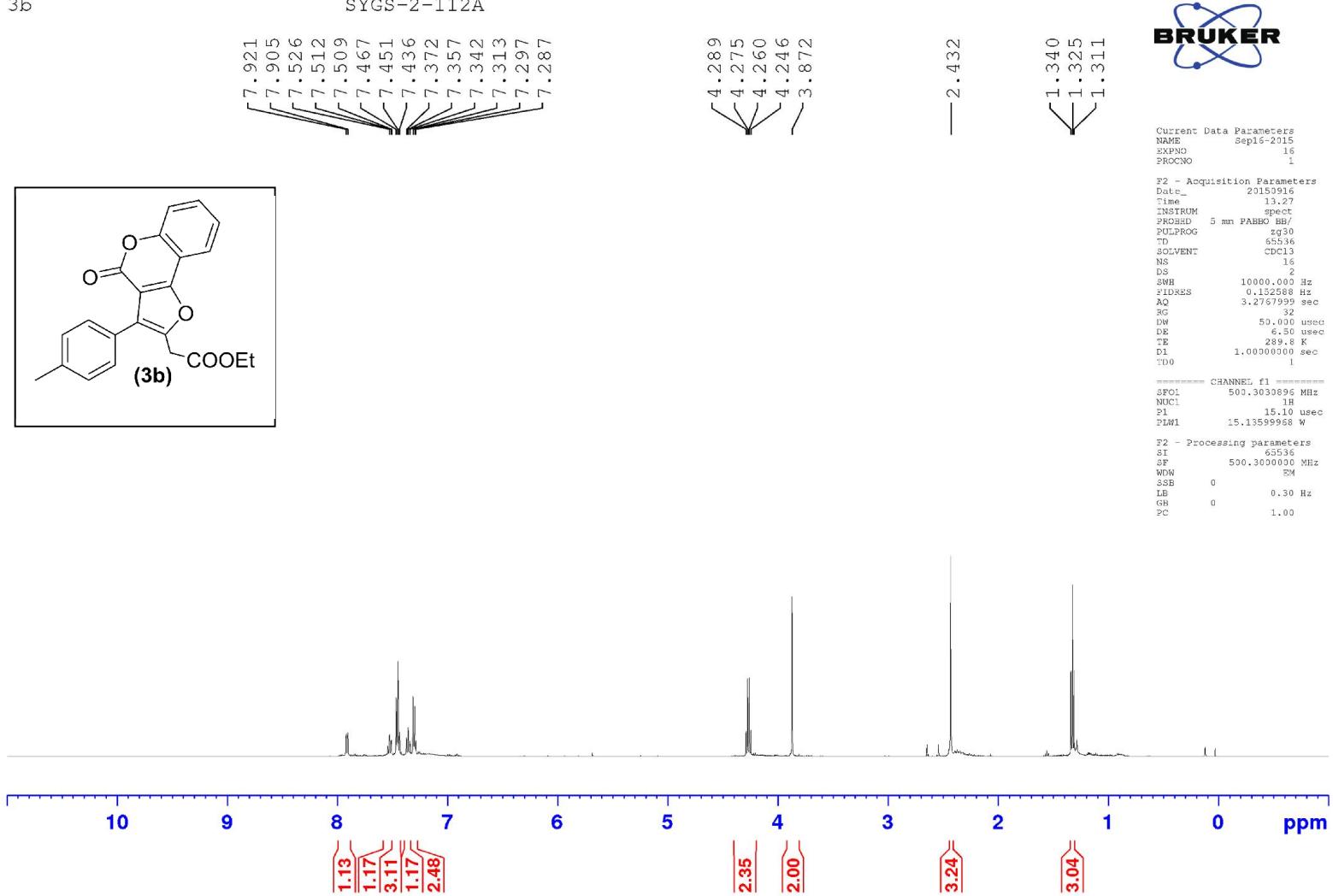
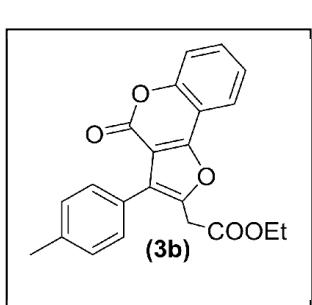
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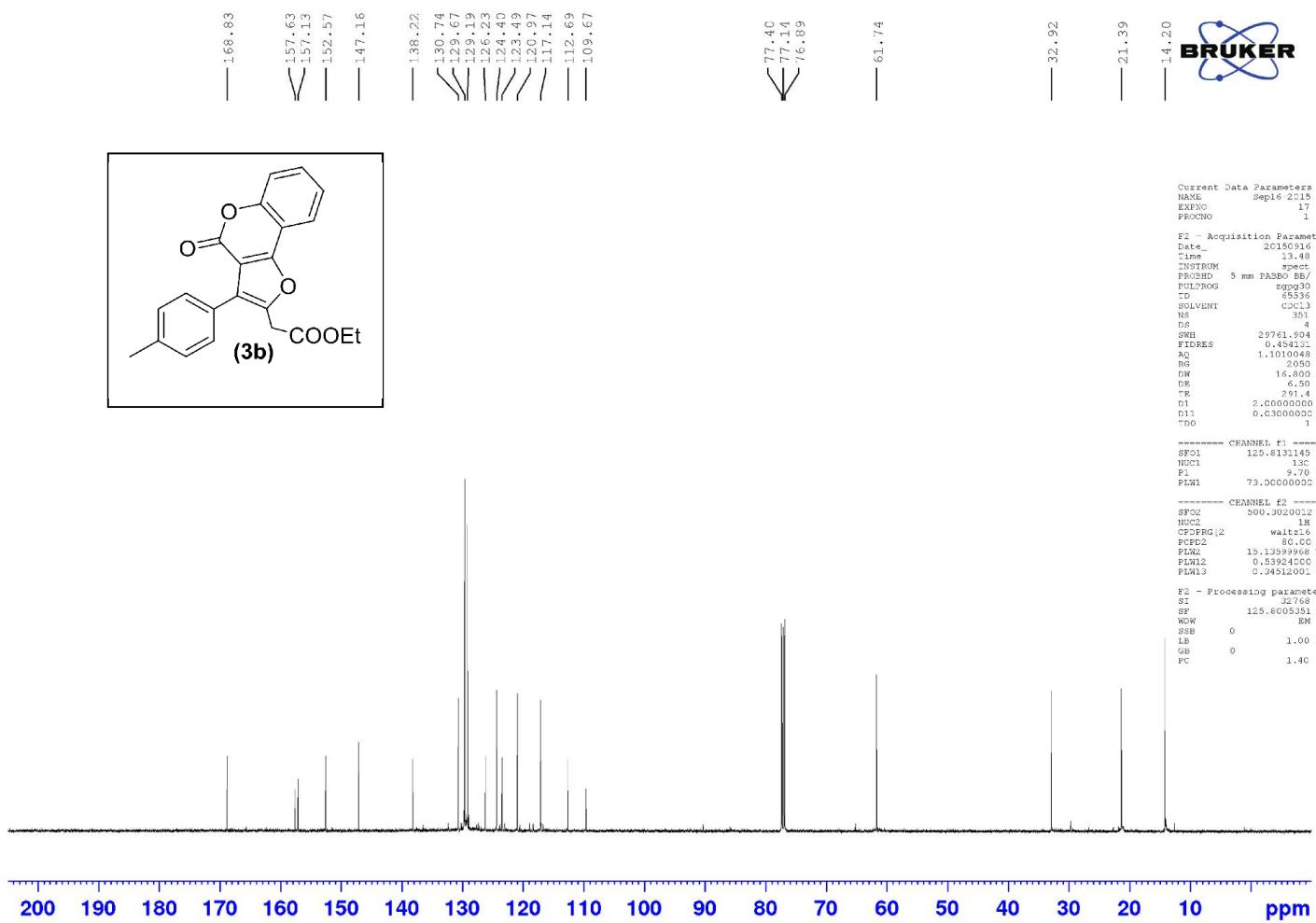


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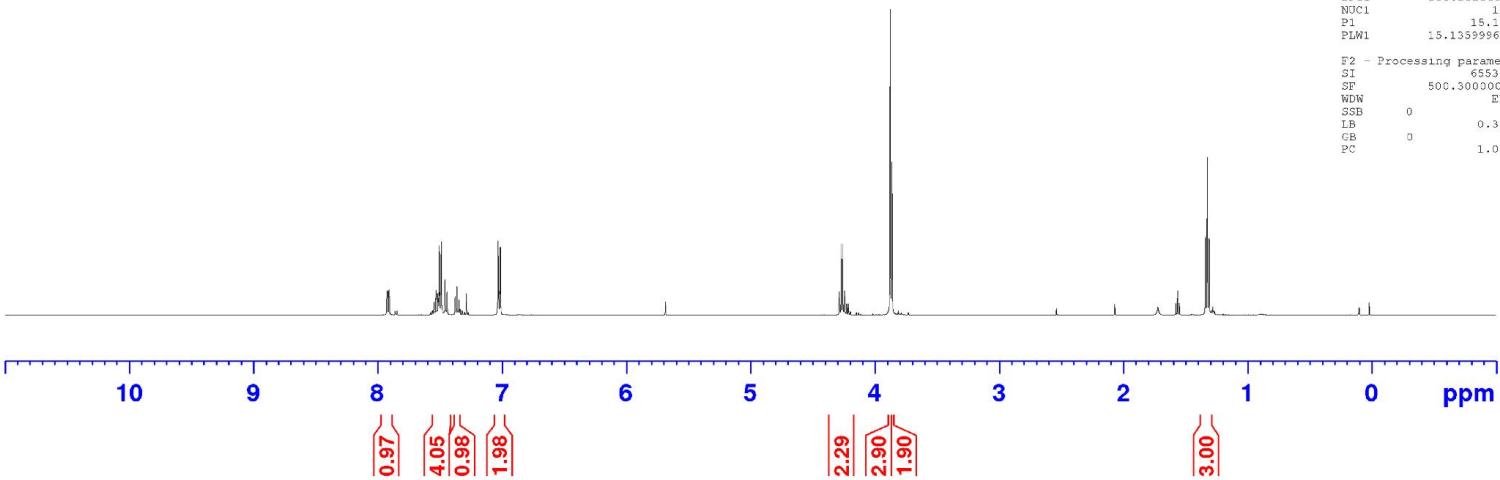
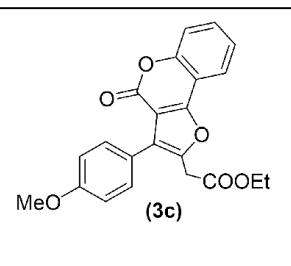
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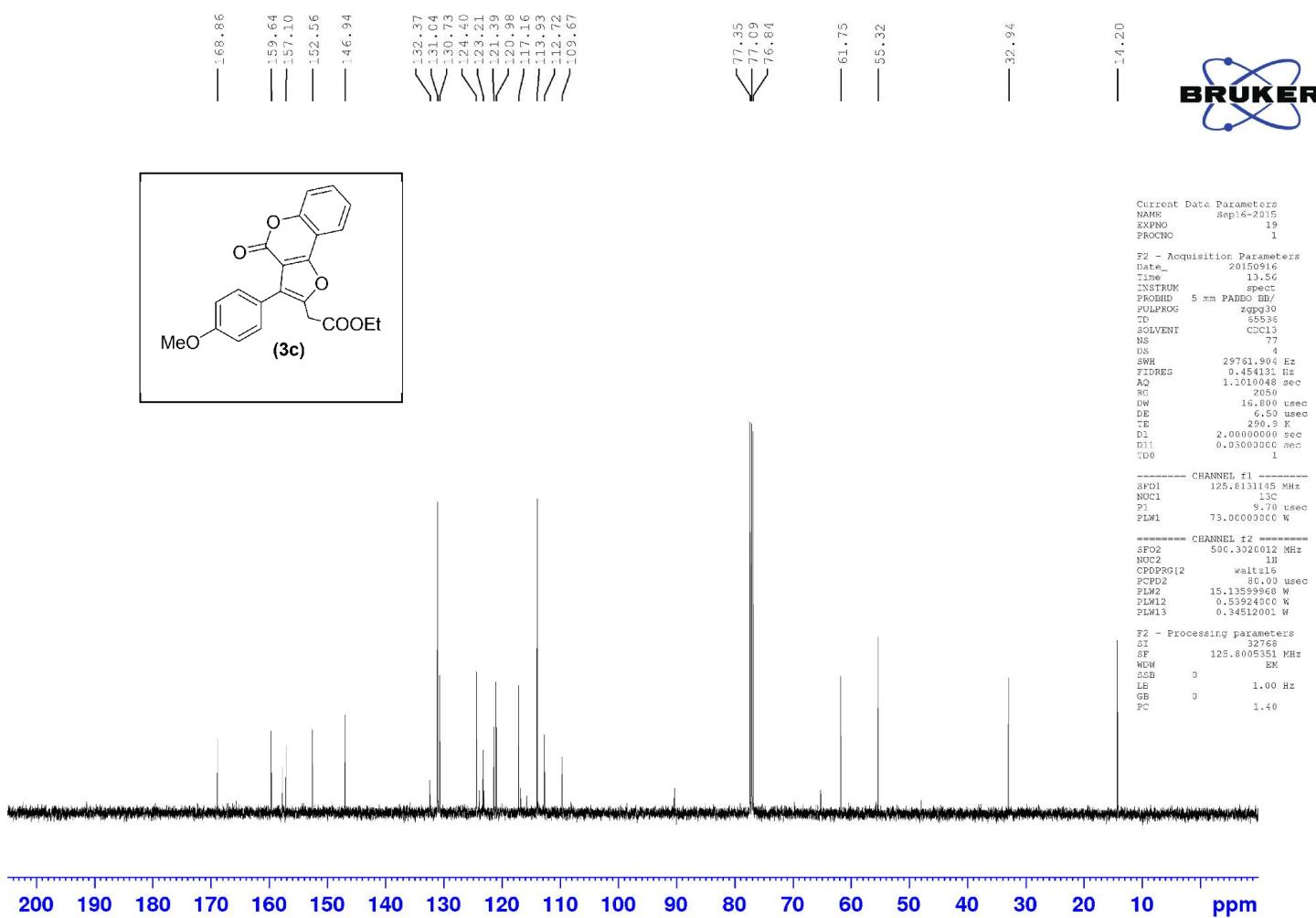
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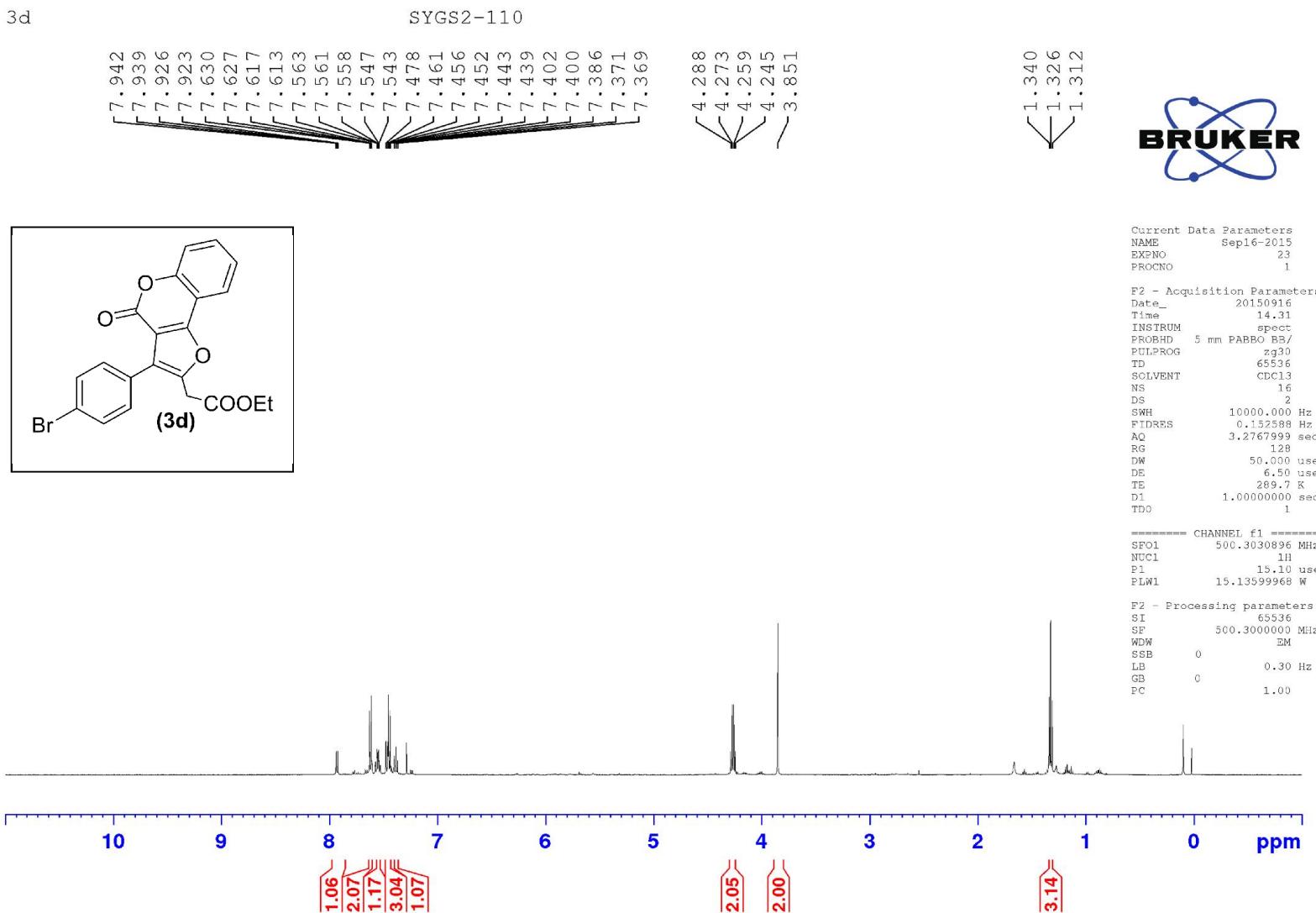
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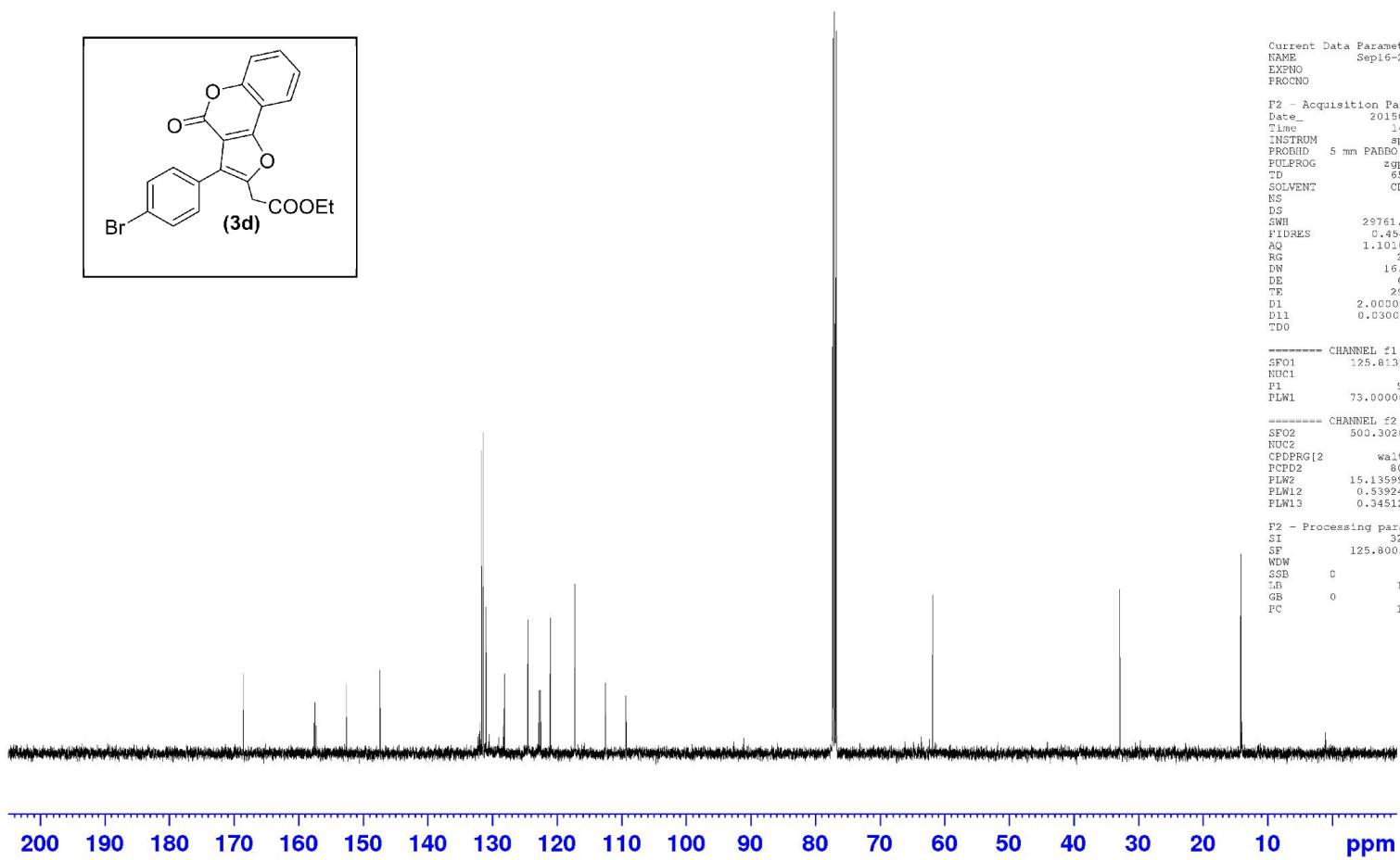
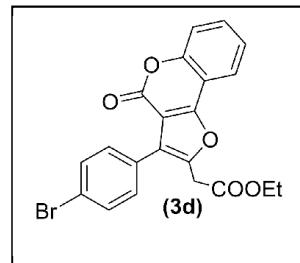


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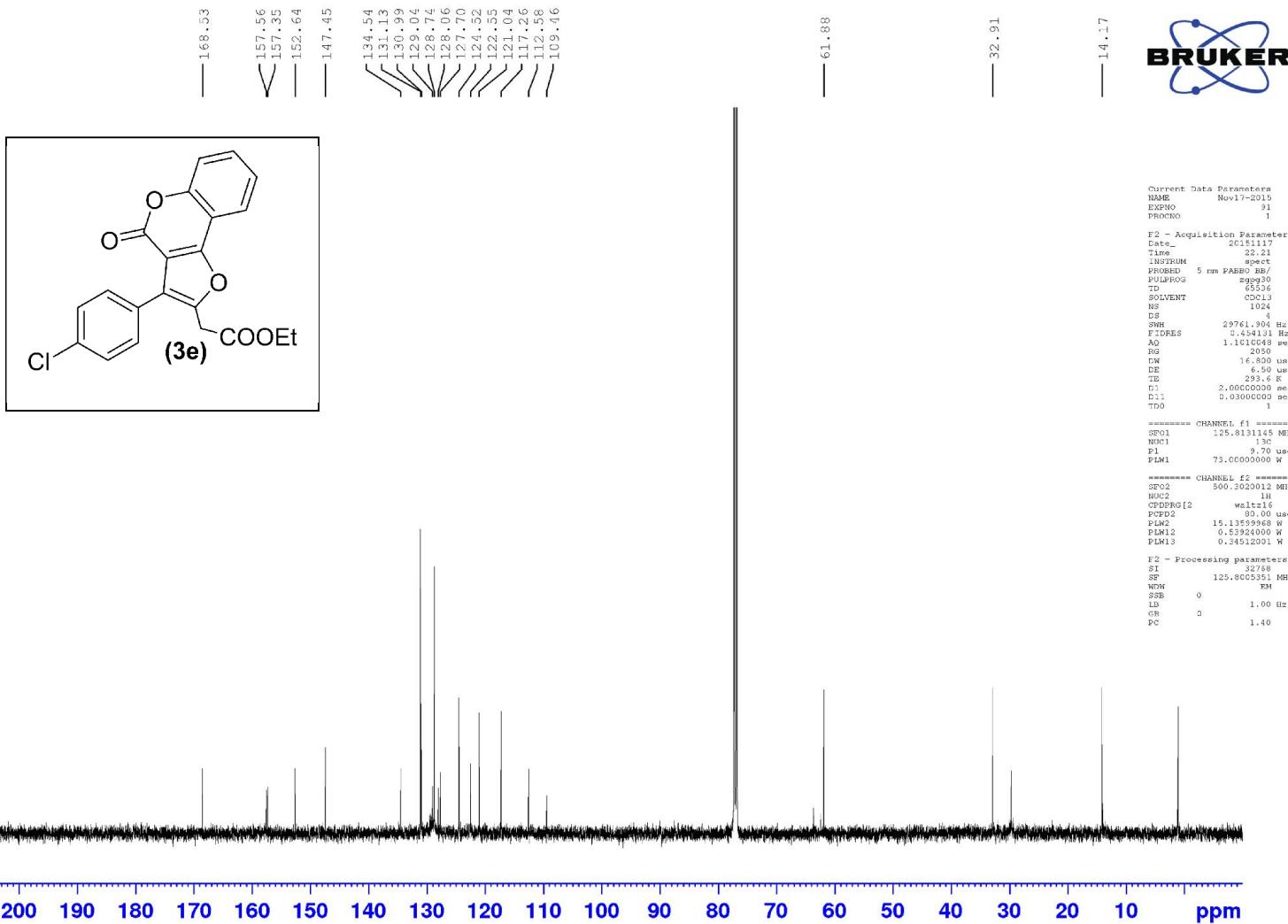
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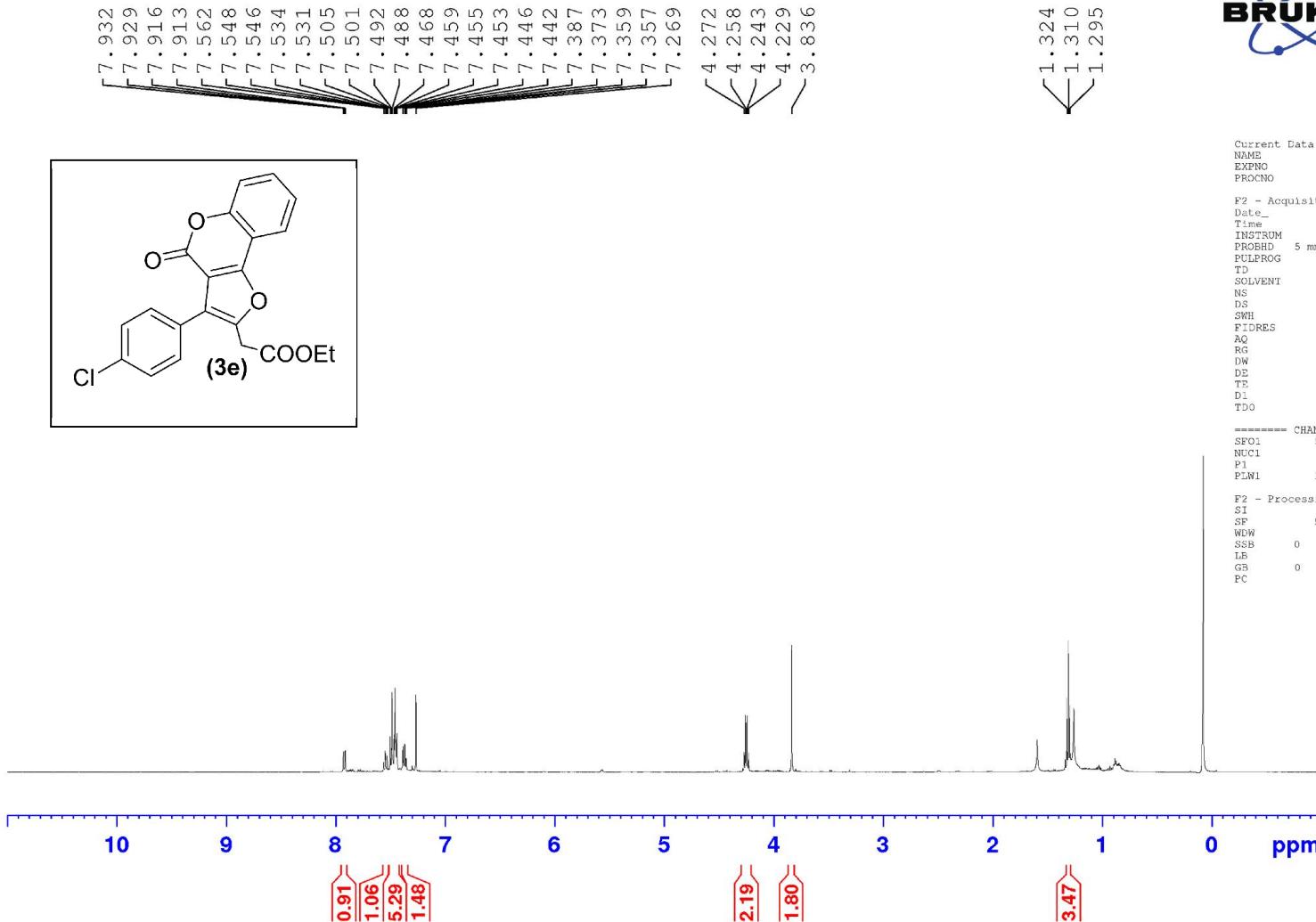
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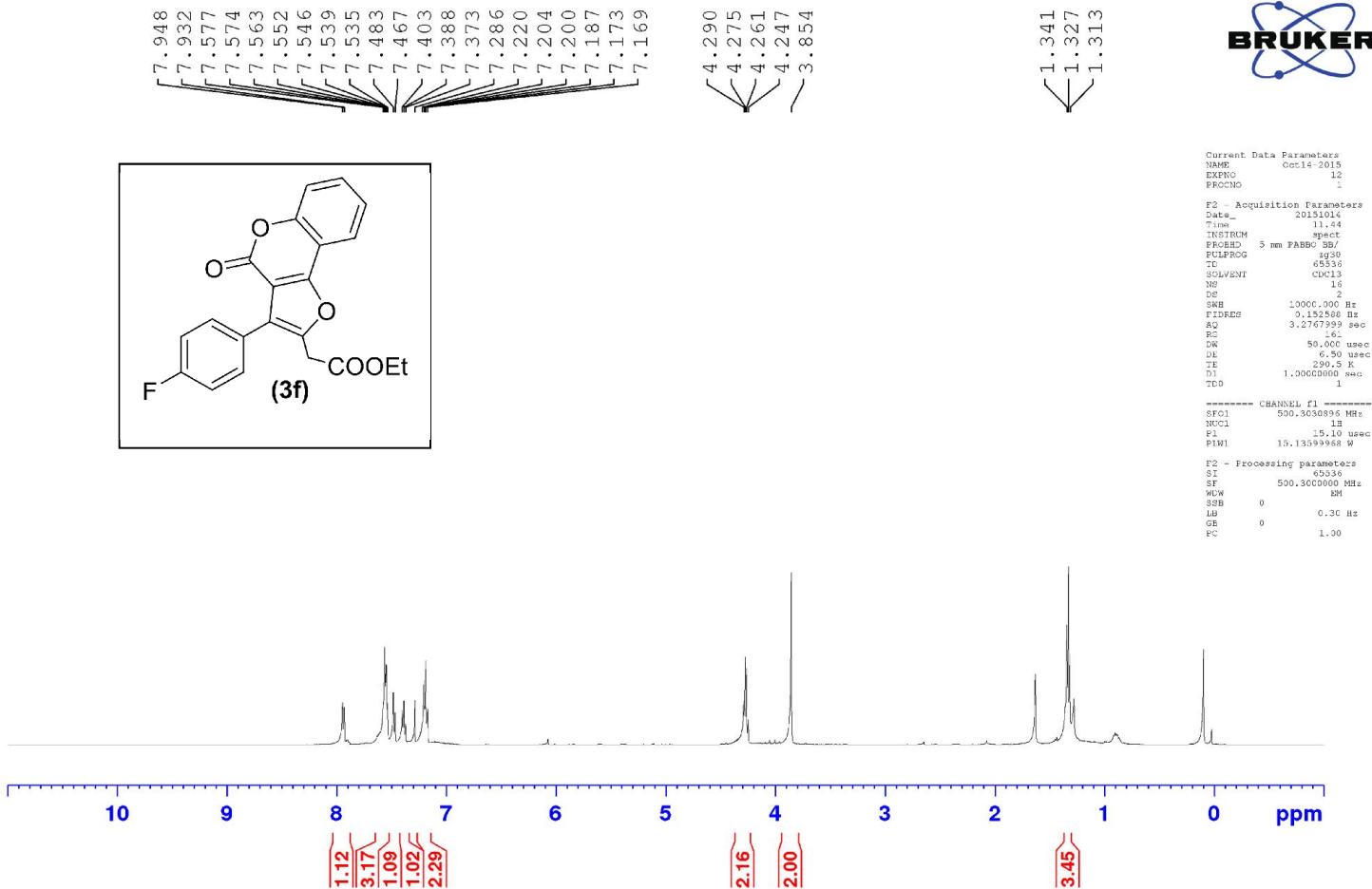
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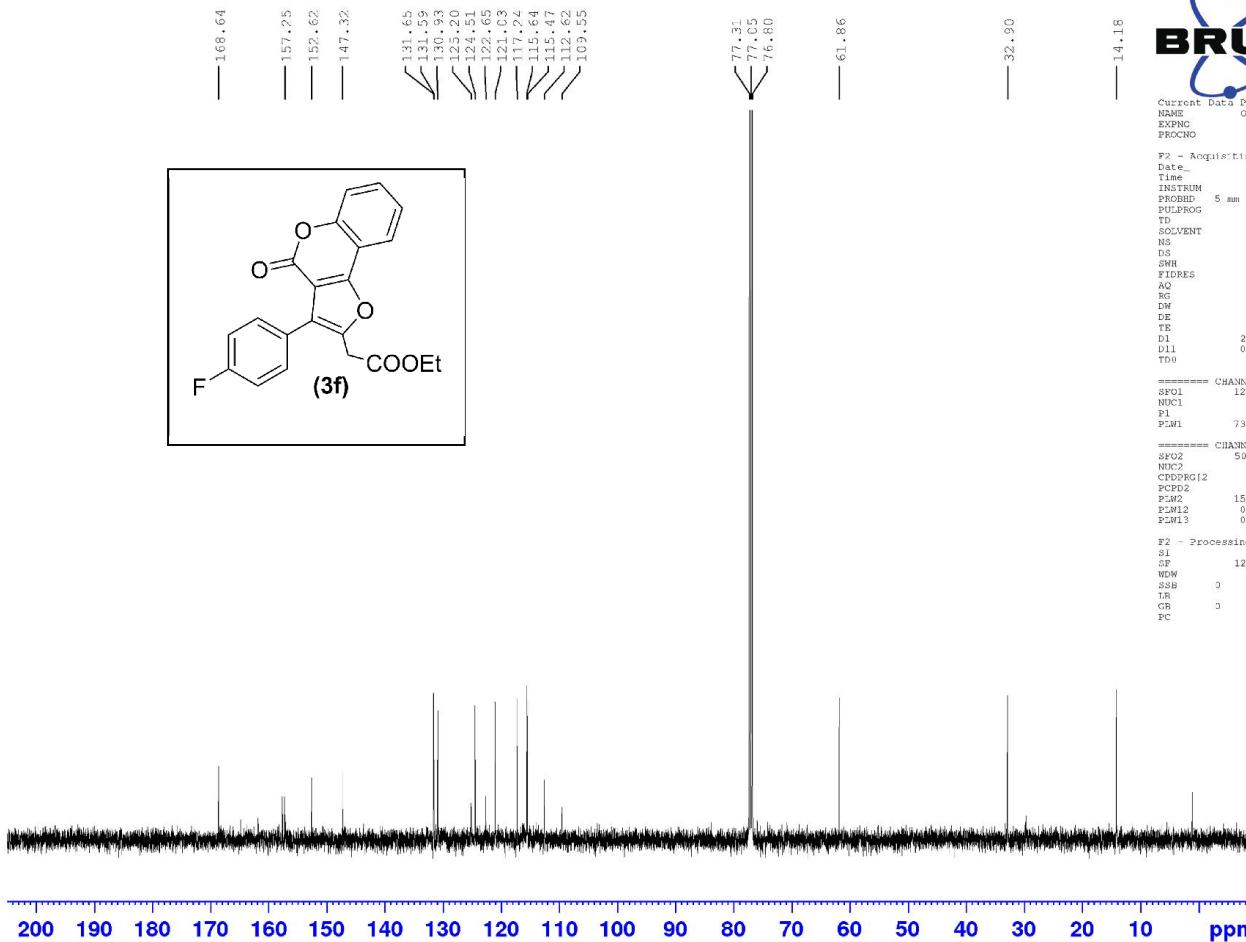
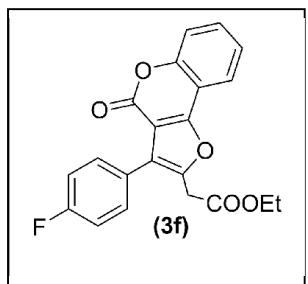
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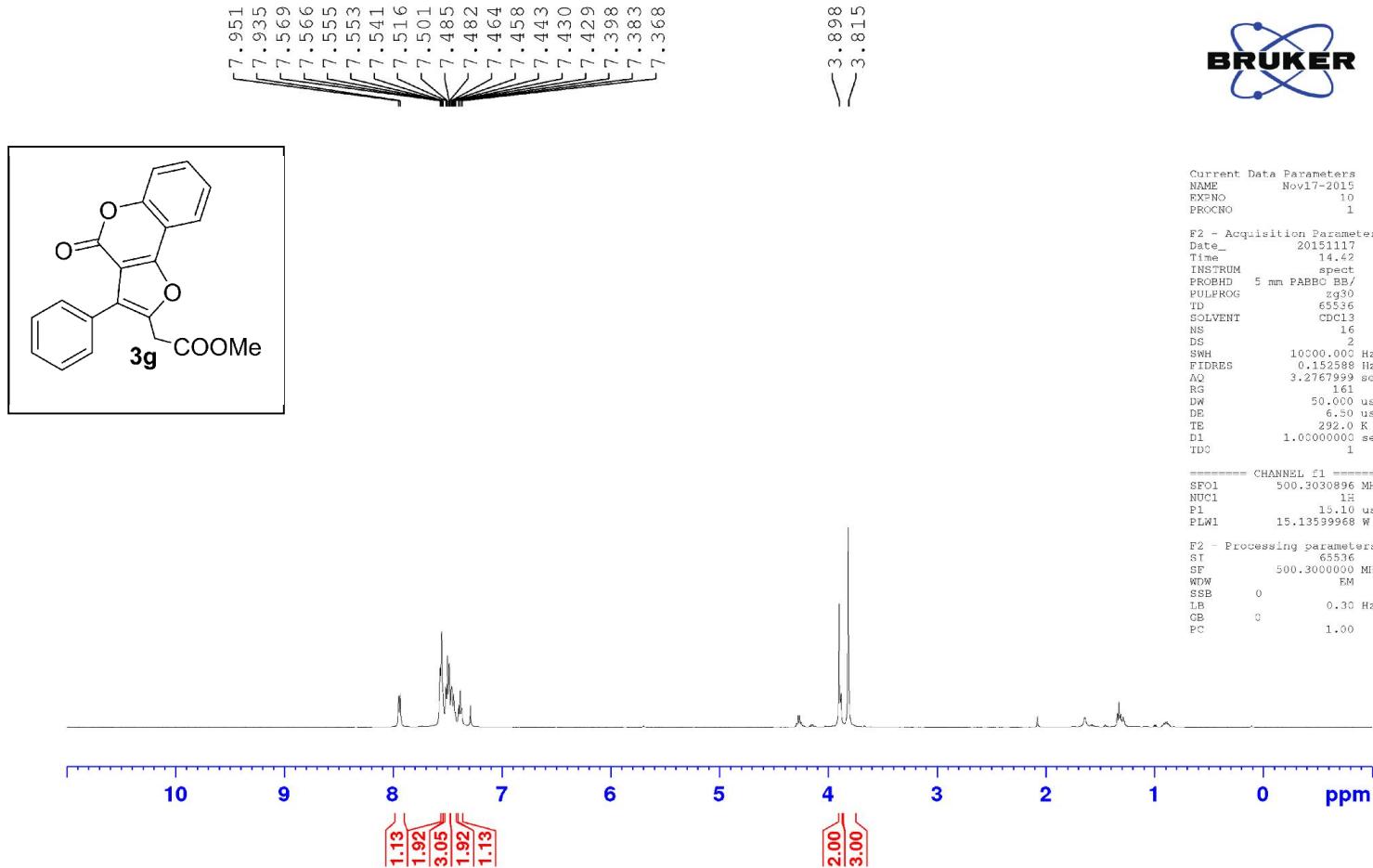
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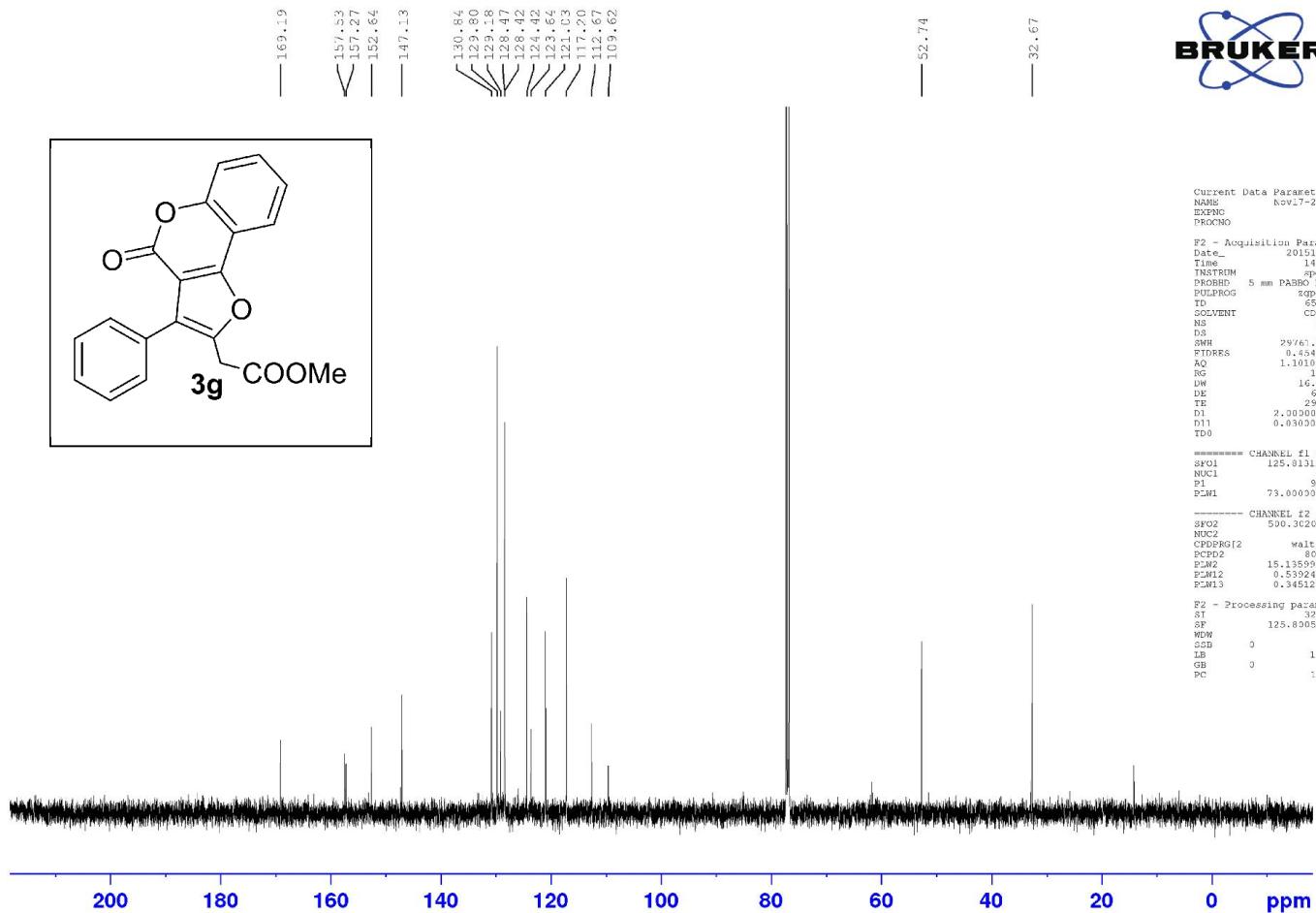
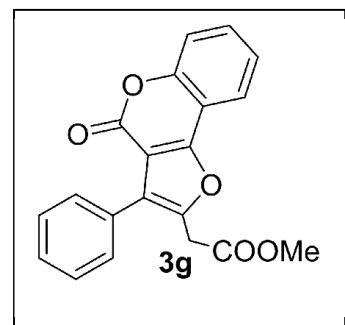
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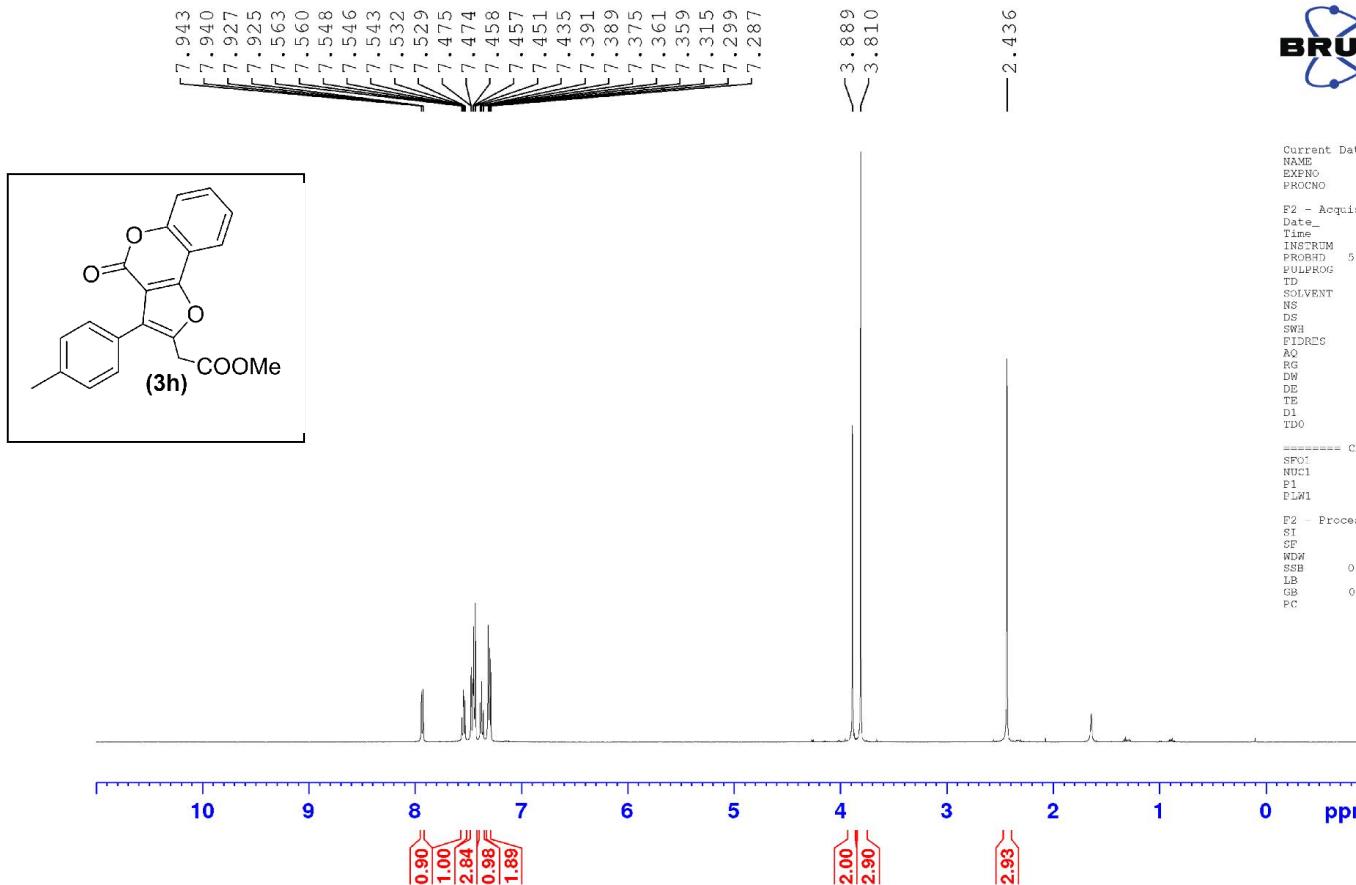
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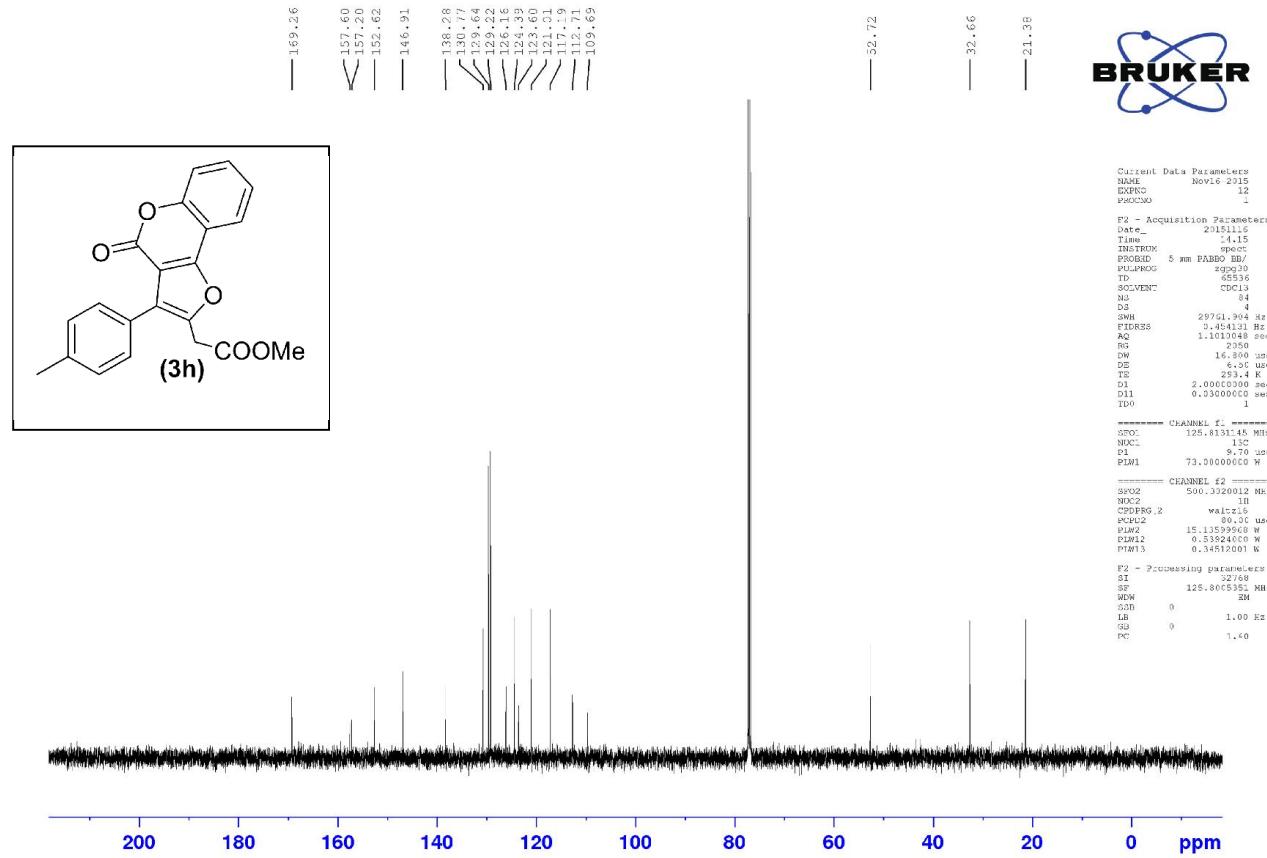
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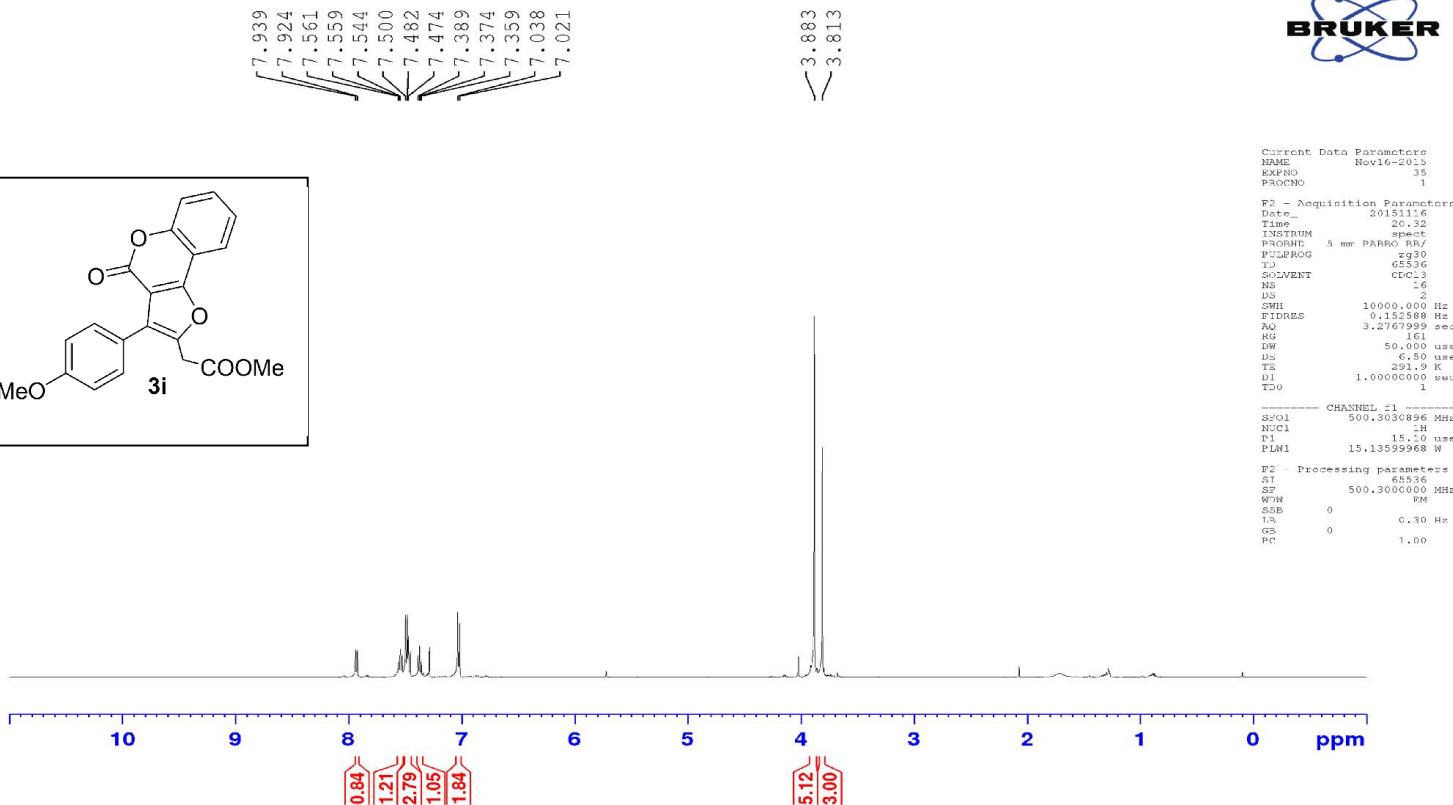
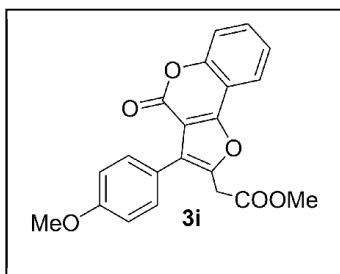


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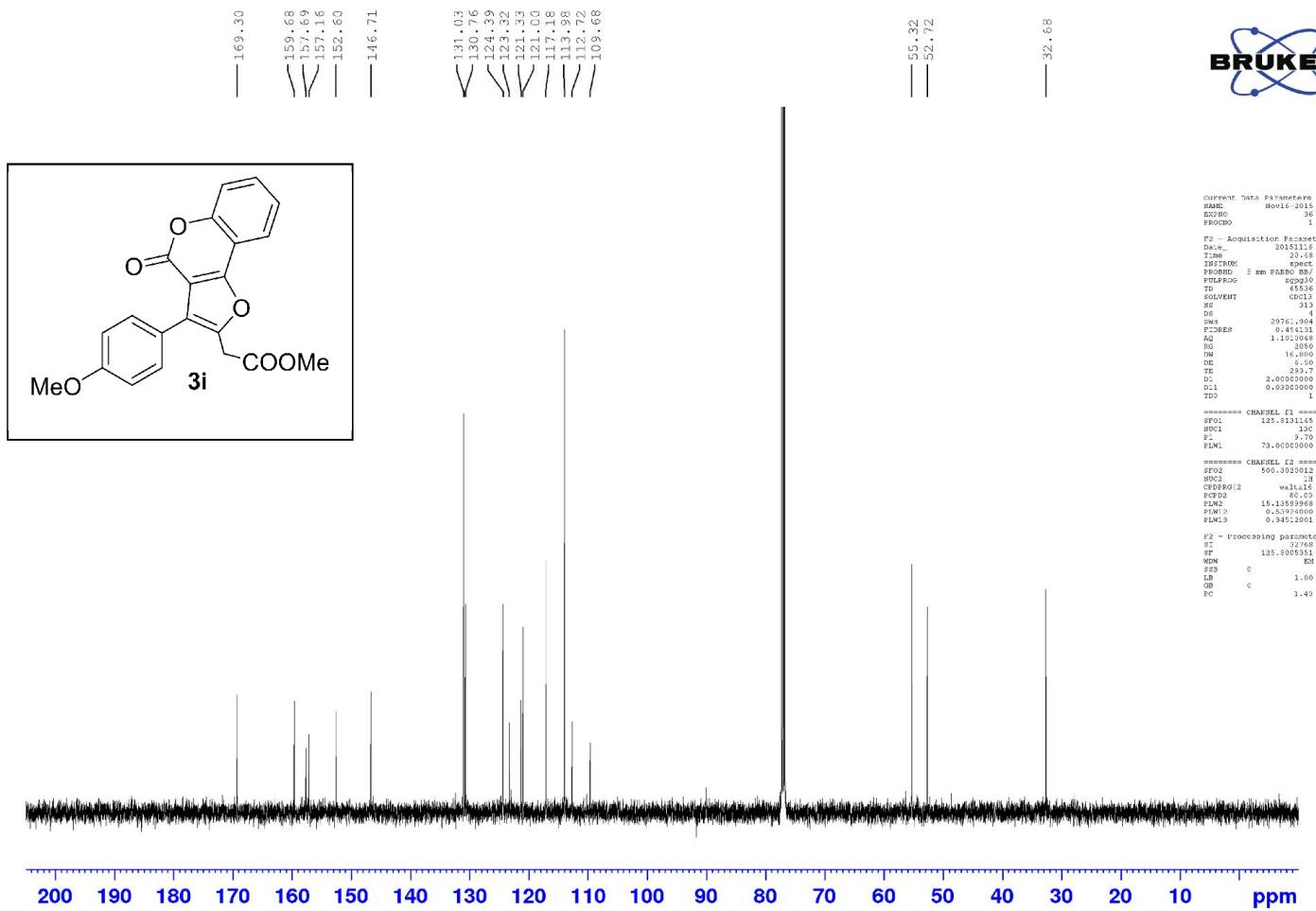
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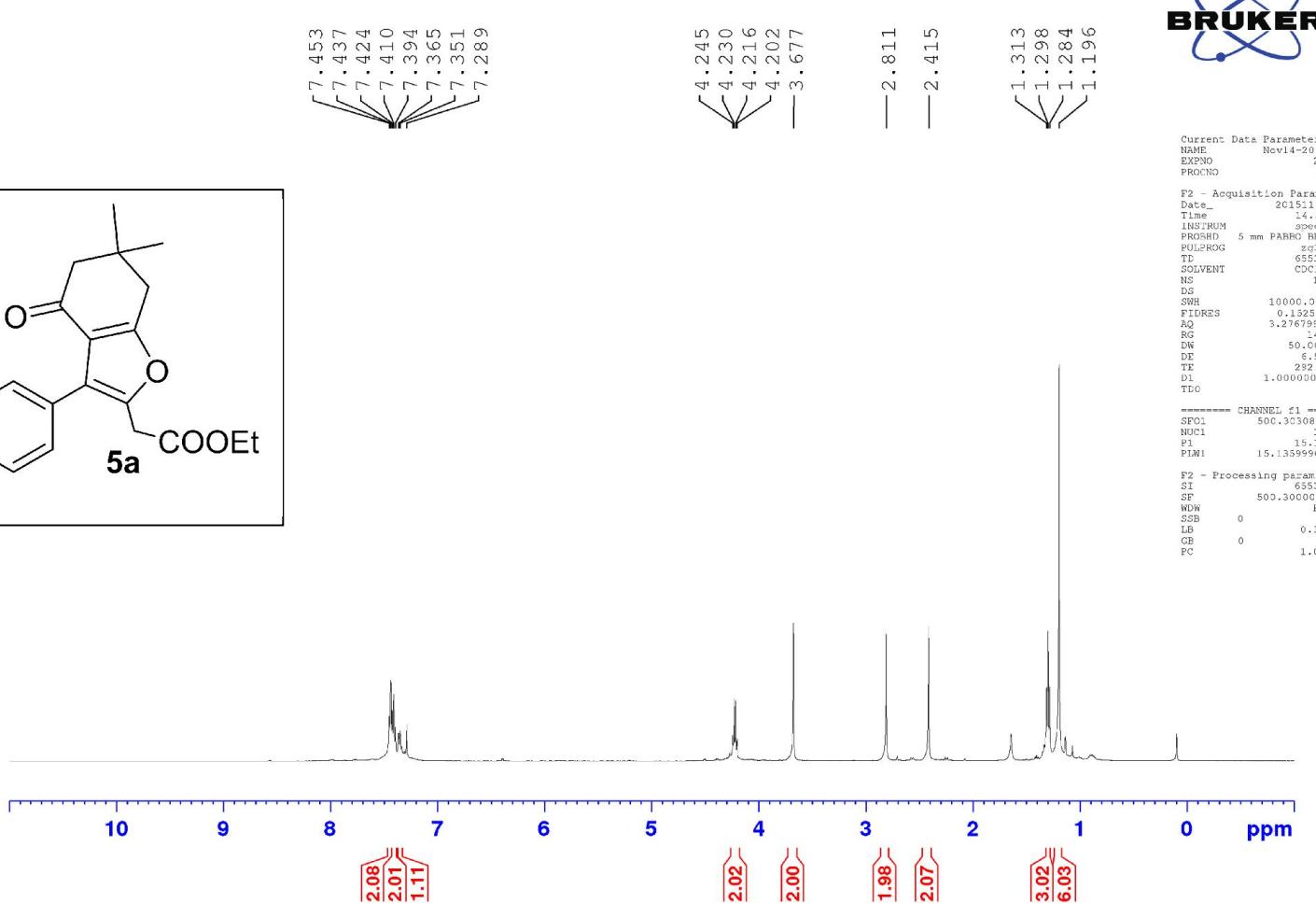
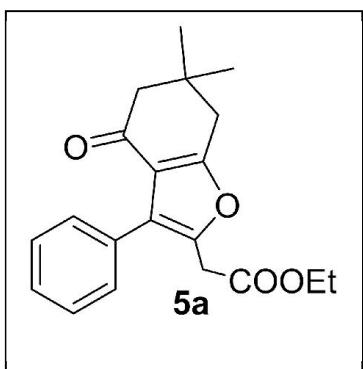
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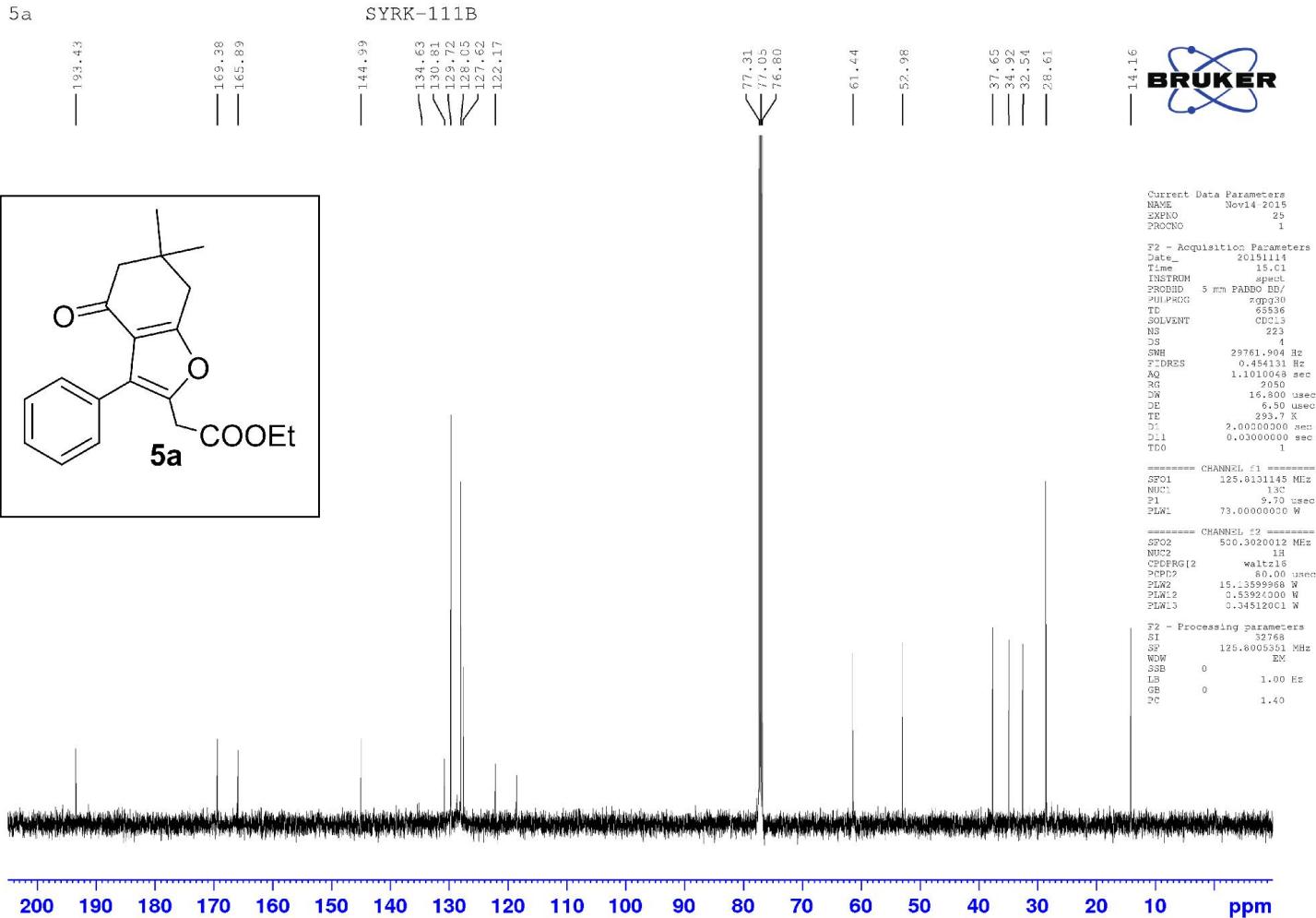
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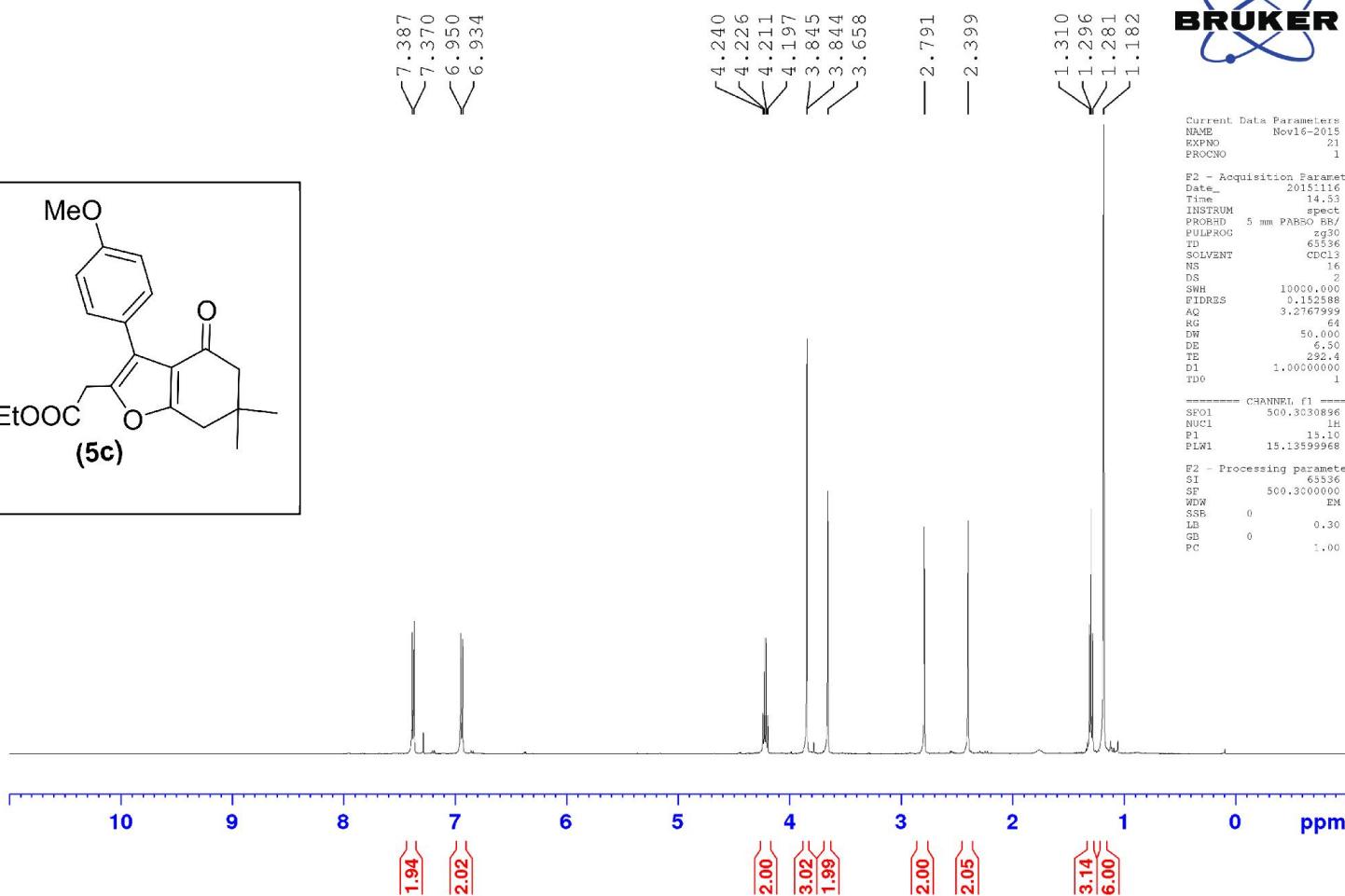
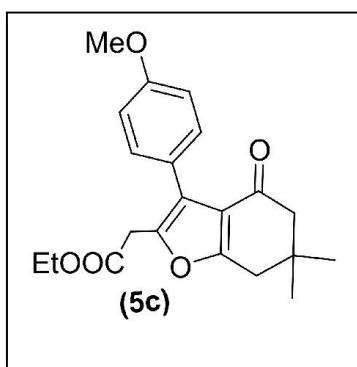
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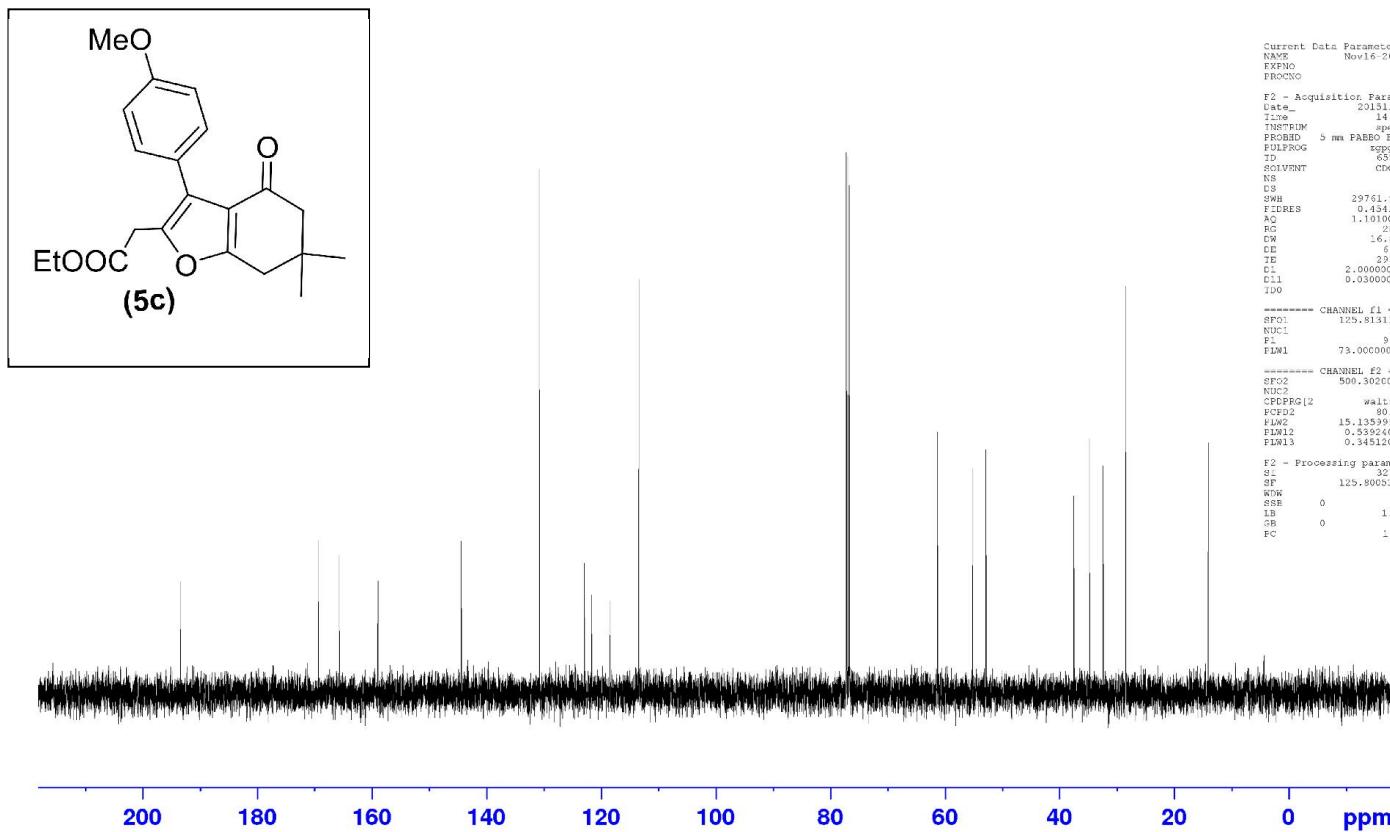
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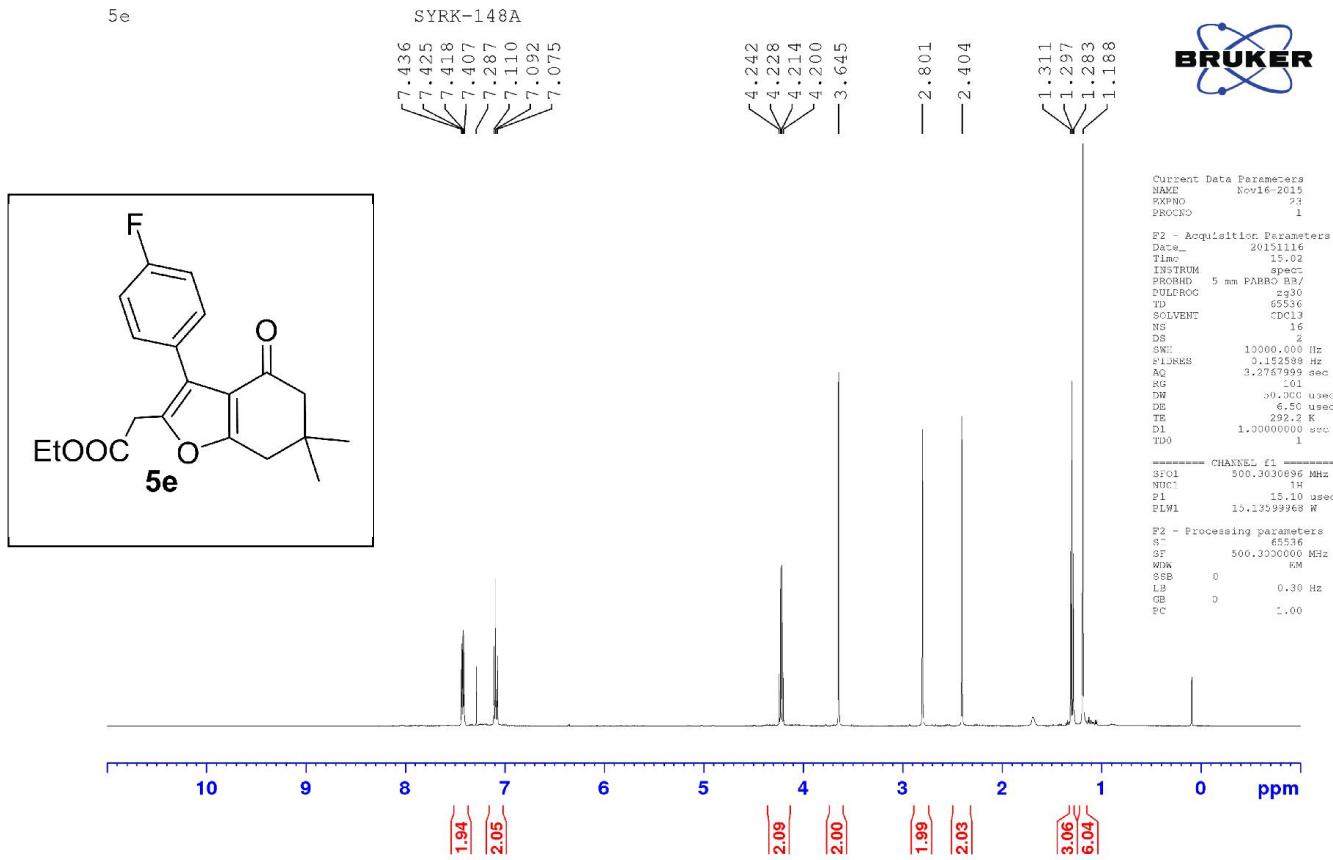
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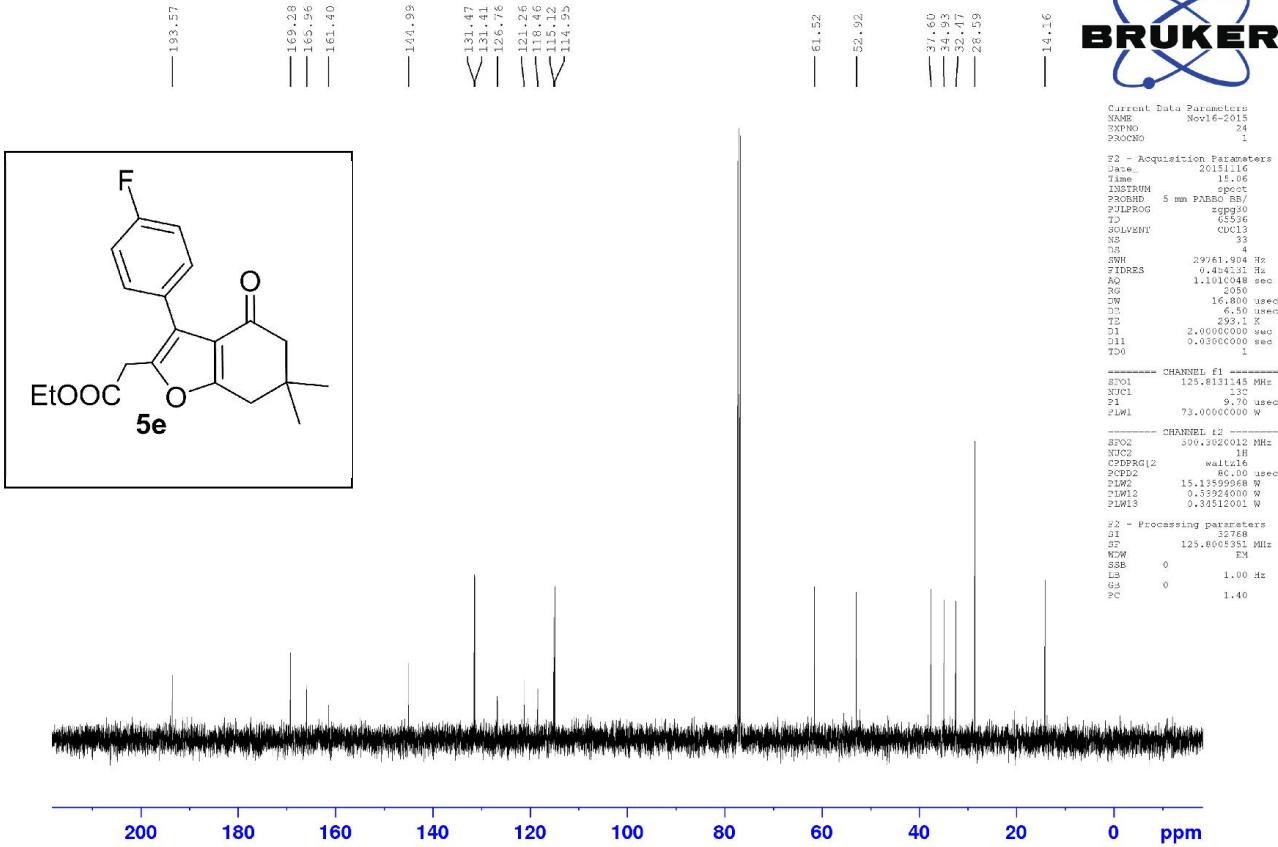


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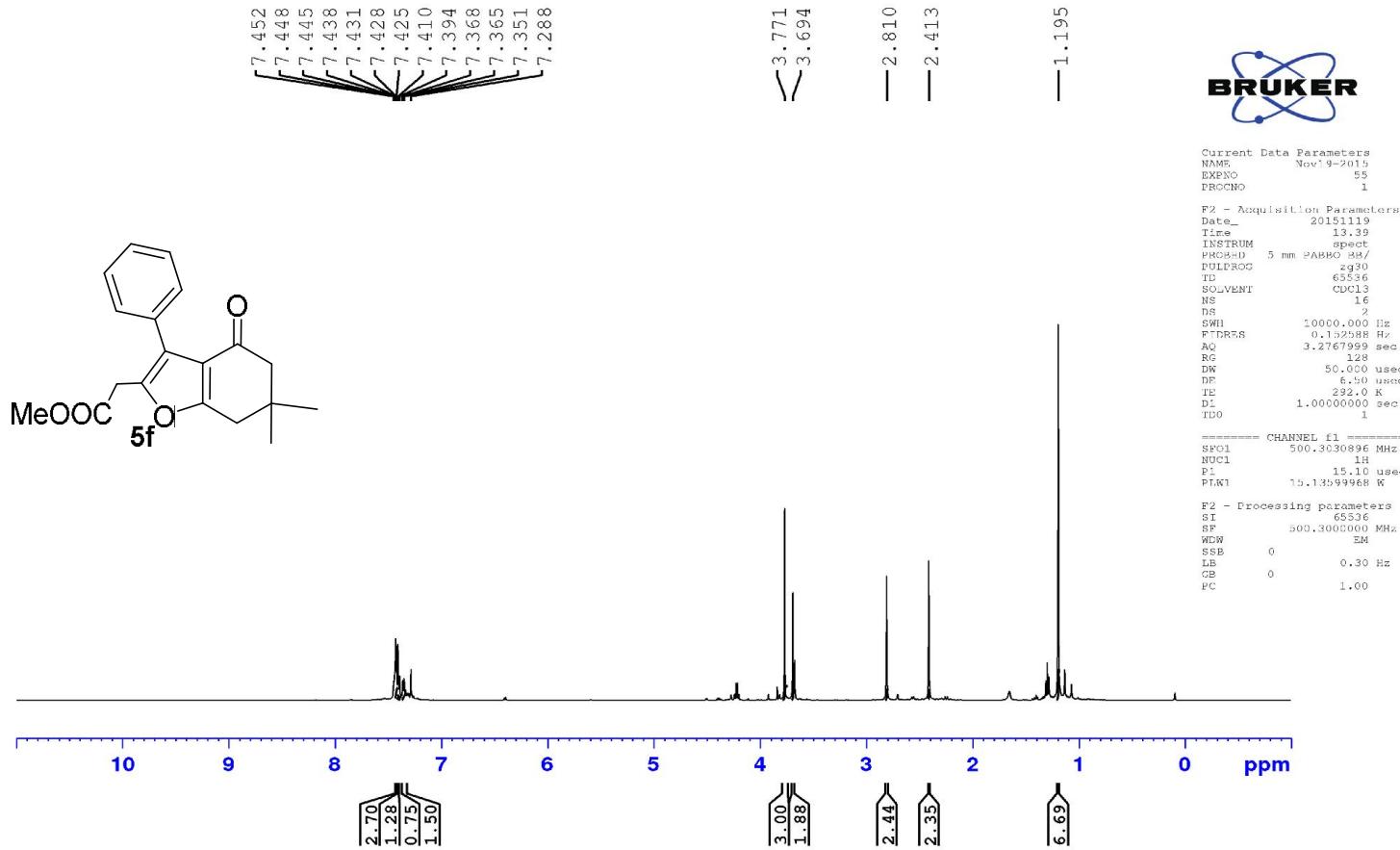


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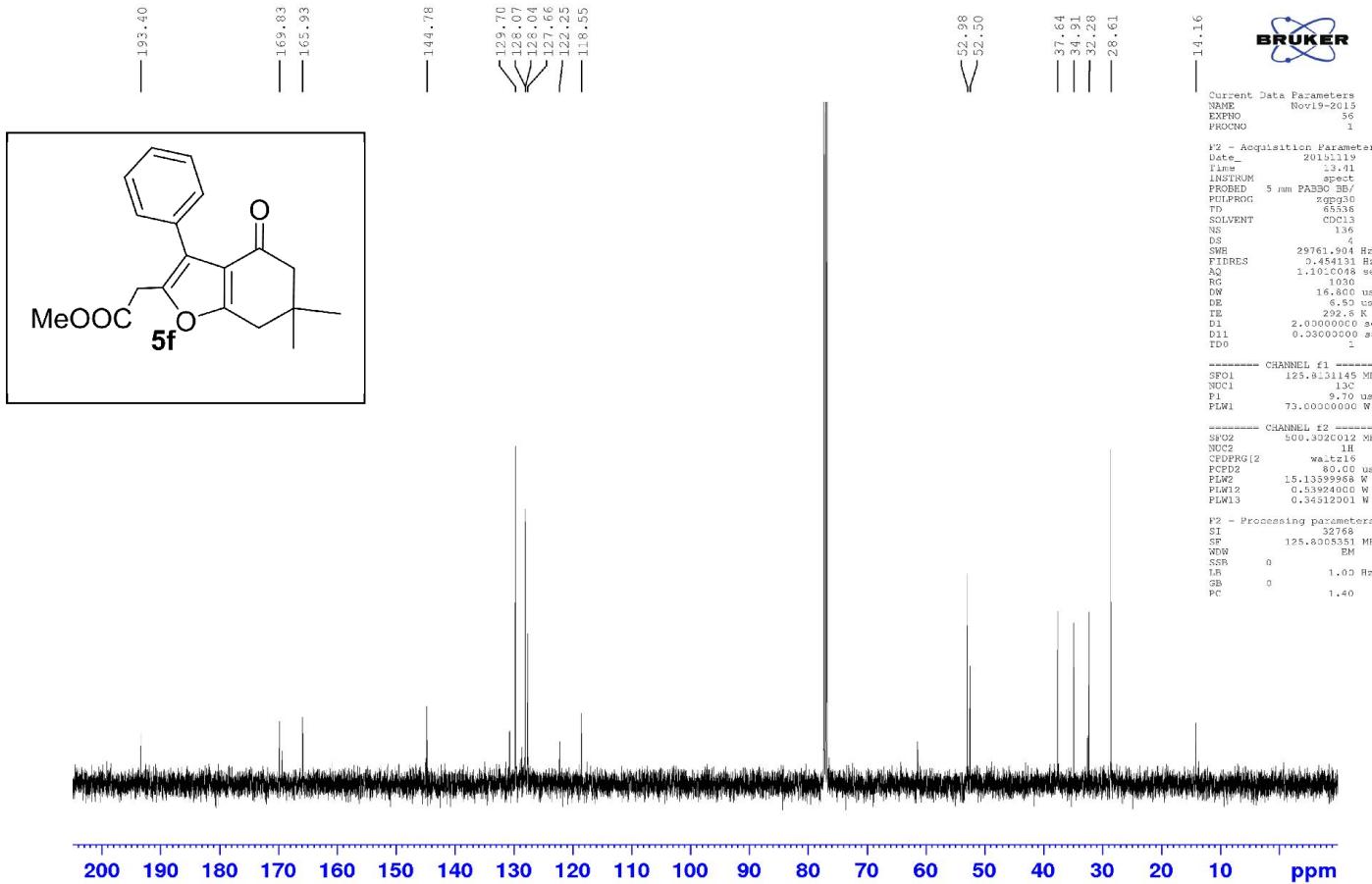


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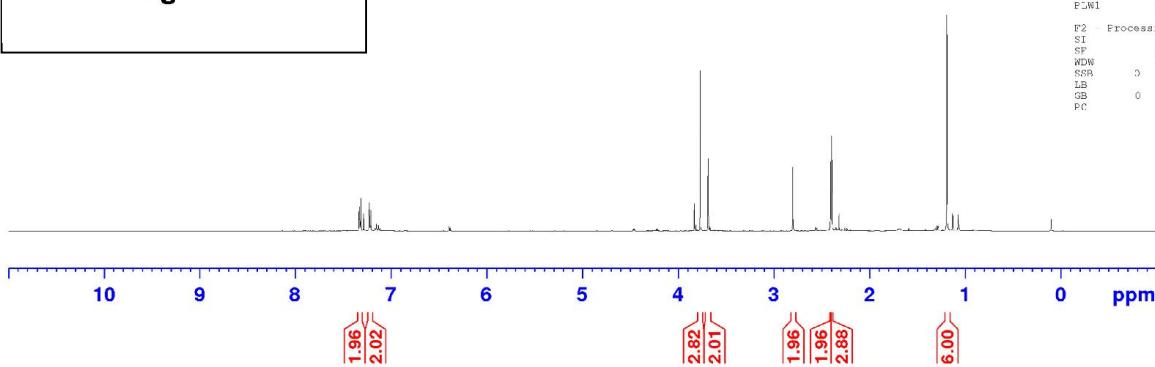
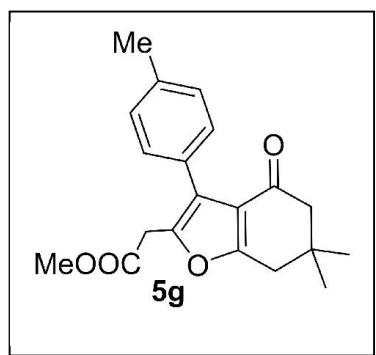
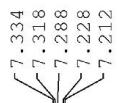
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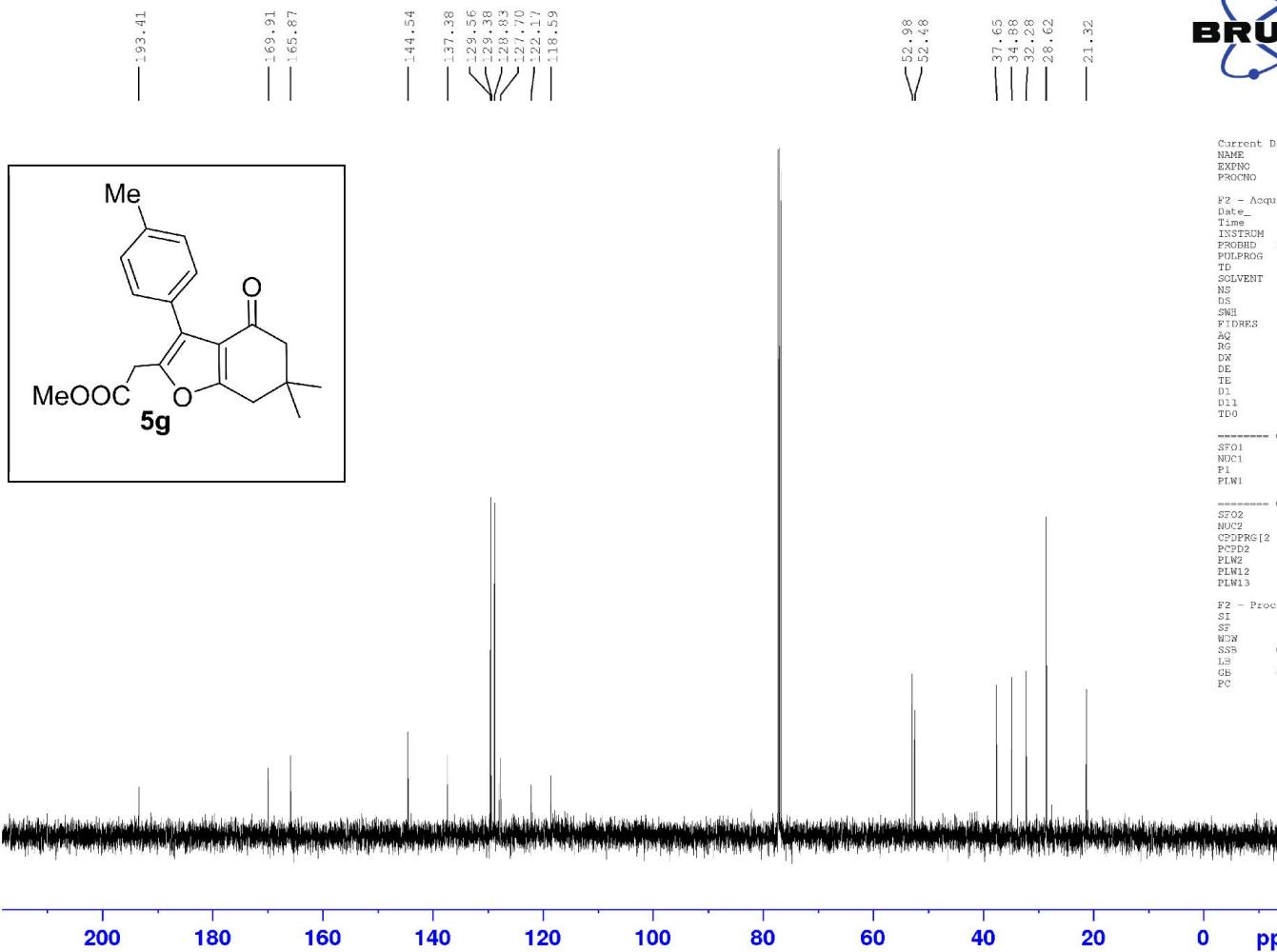
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 DS 2
 SWH 10000.000 Hz
 FIDRES 0.152588 Hz
 AQ 3.2767999 sec
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 DE 6.50 usec
 TE 232.3 K
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 TDO 1
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 NUC1 1H
 F1 15.10 usec
 PLW1 15.13599968 K
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 SF 500.3000000 MHz
 WM EM
 SSB 0
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NAME Nov_6-2015
EXPNO 23
PROCNO 1

F2 - Acquisition Parameters
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Time 14:03
INSTRUM spect
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TD 65536
SOLVENT CDCl3
NS 4
DS 5
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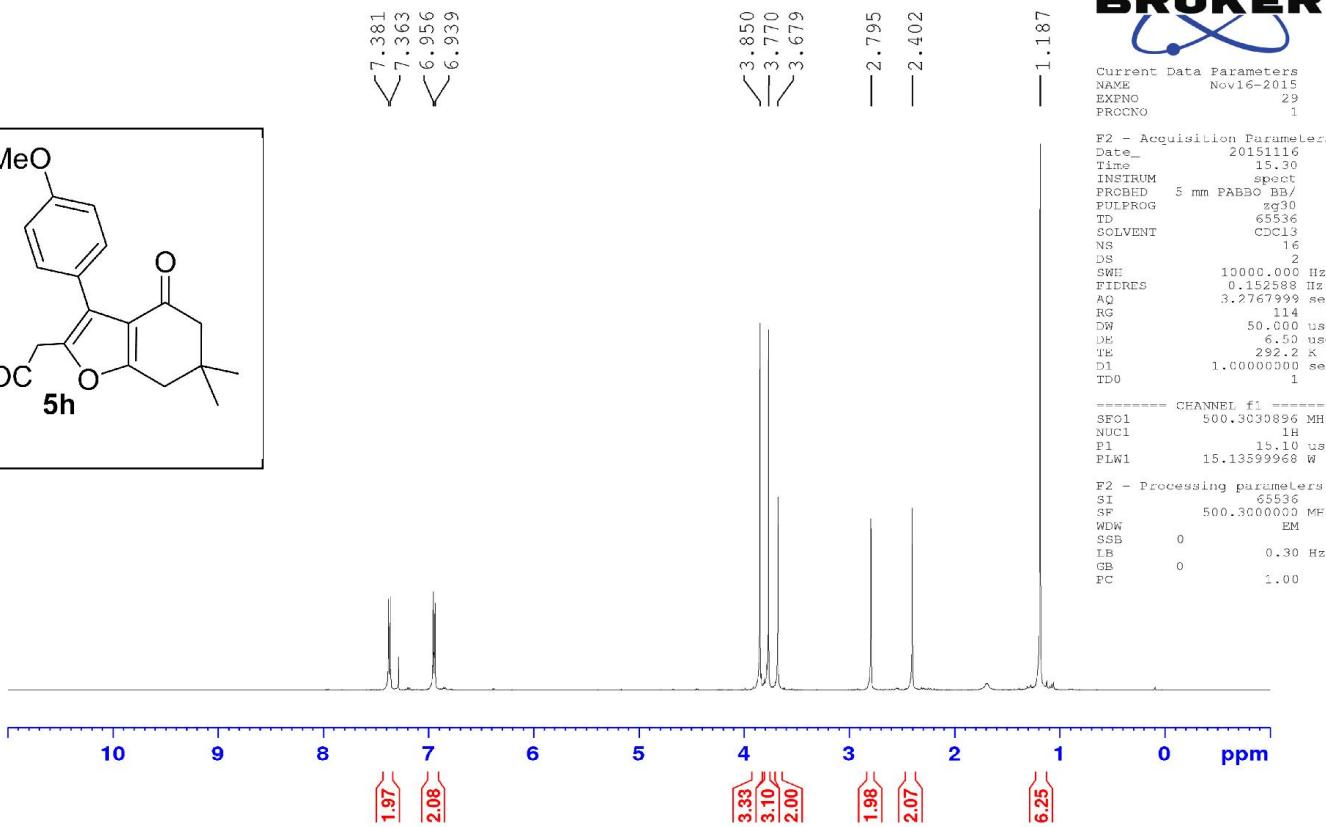
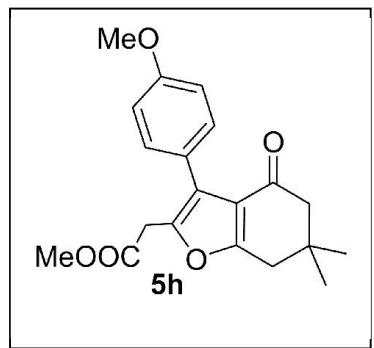
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CPDPG[2] waltz16
PCPD2 80.00 usec
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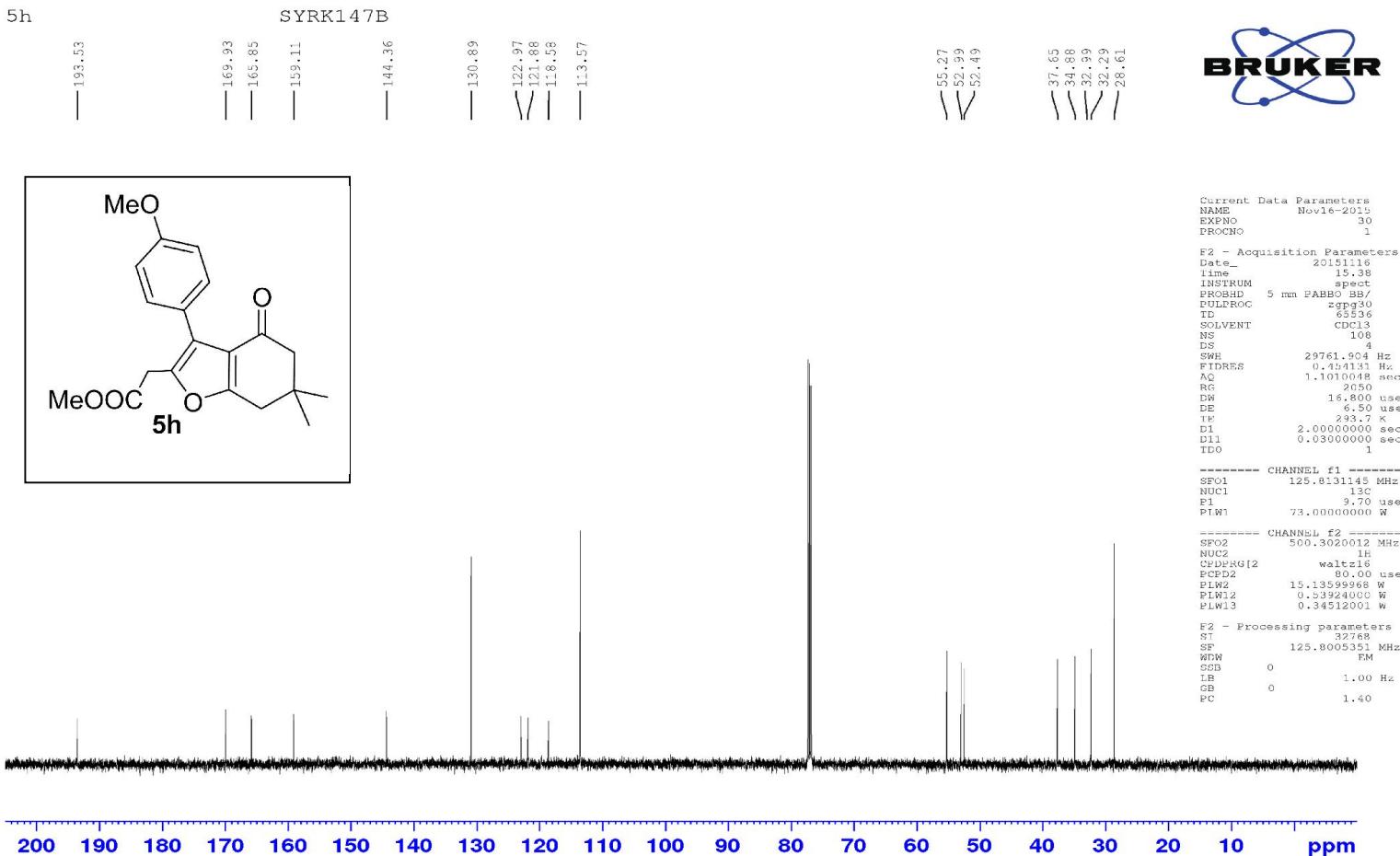


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EXPNO 29
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F2 - Acquisition Parameters
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PULPROG zg30
TD 65536
SOLVENT CDCl3
NS 16
DS 2
SWH 10000.000 Hz
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TE 292.2 K
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TD0 1

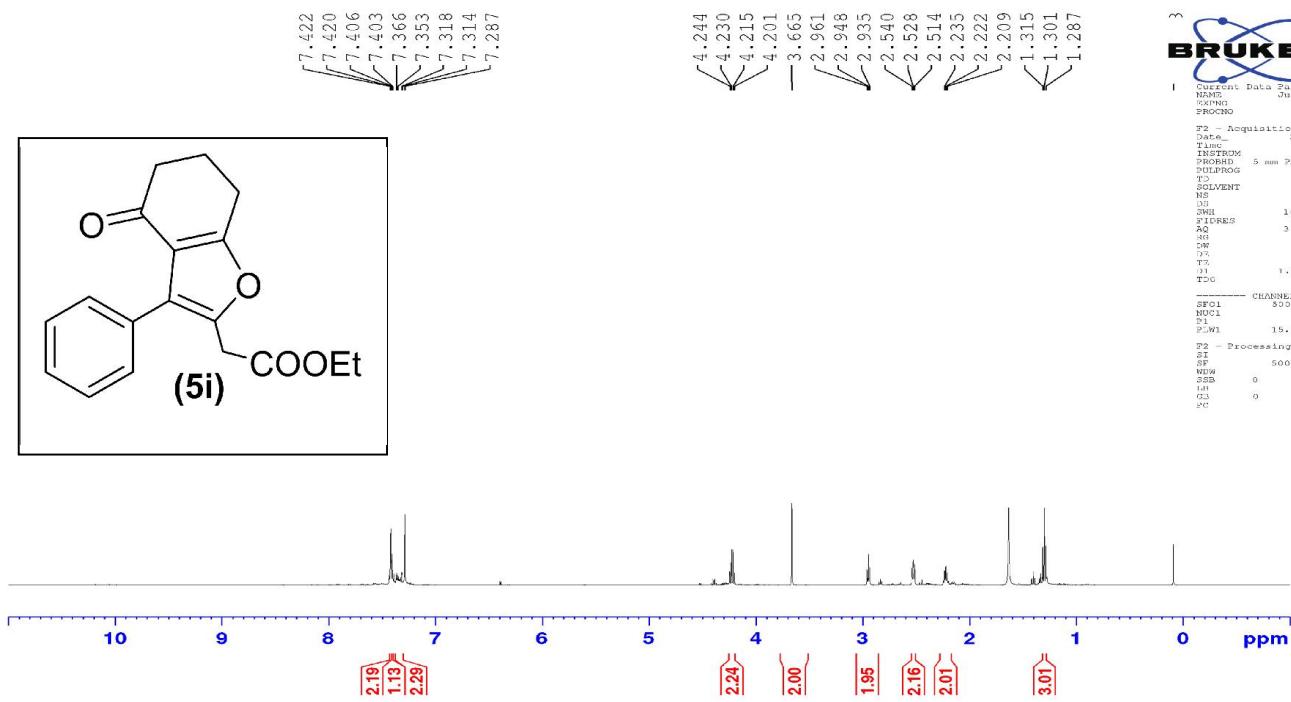
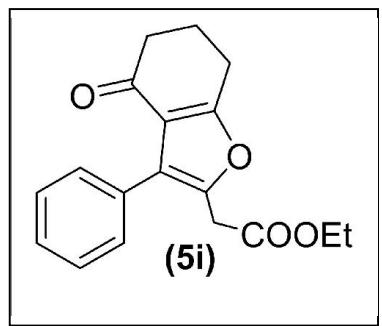
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LB 0.30 Hz
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PC 1.00



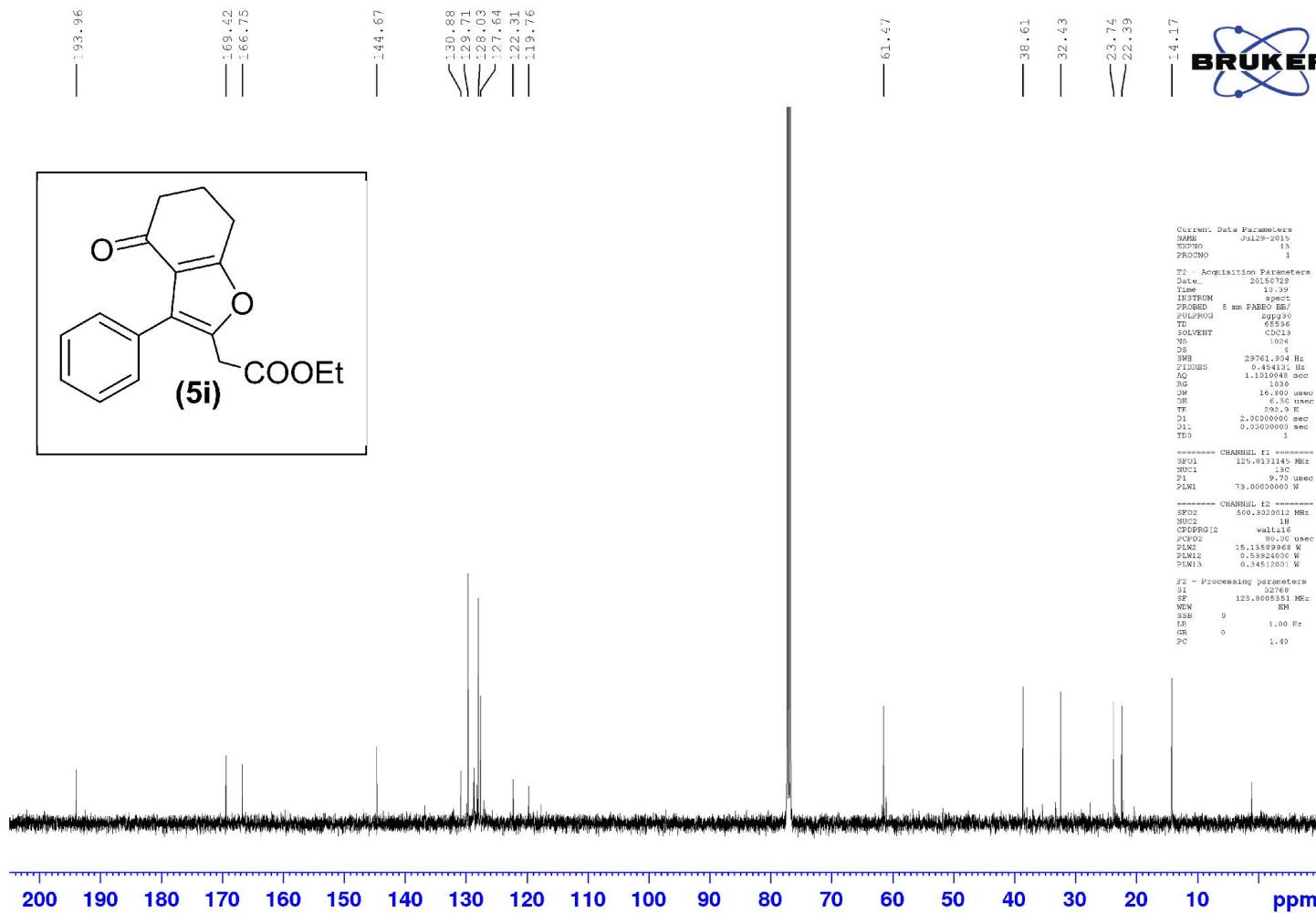
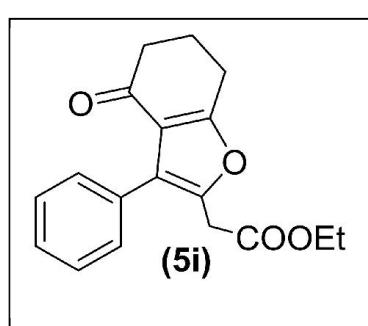
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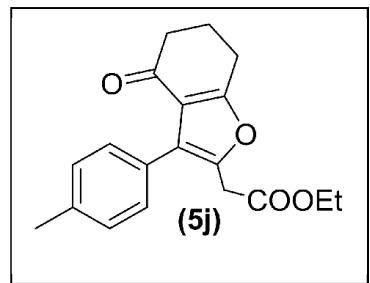
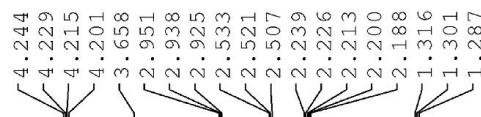
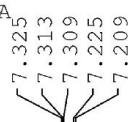
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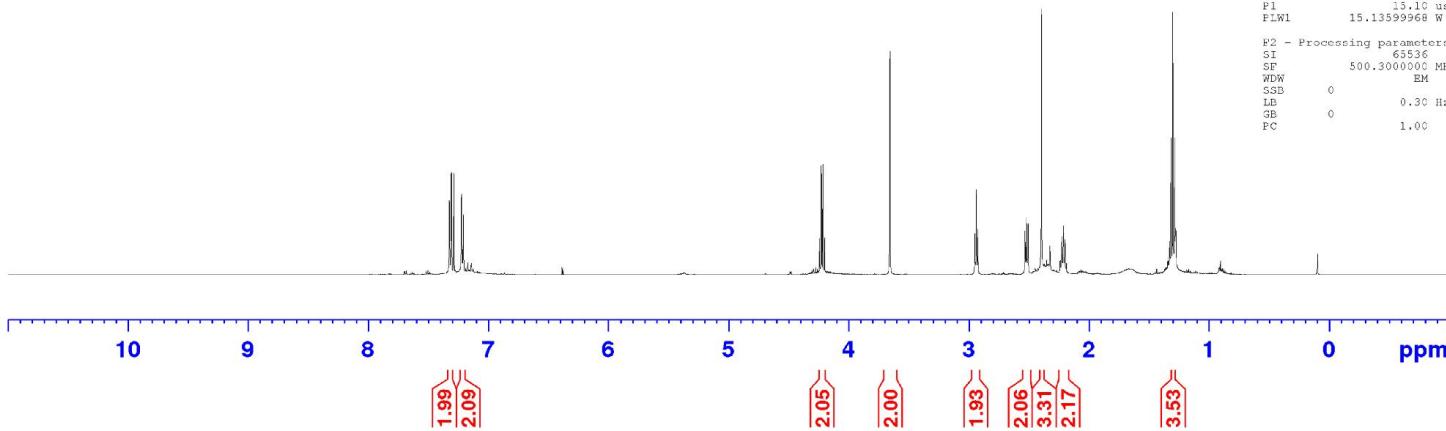
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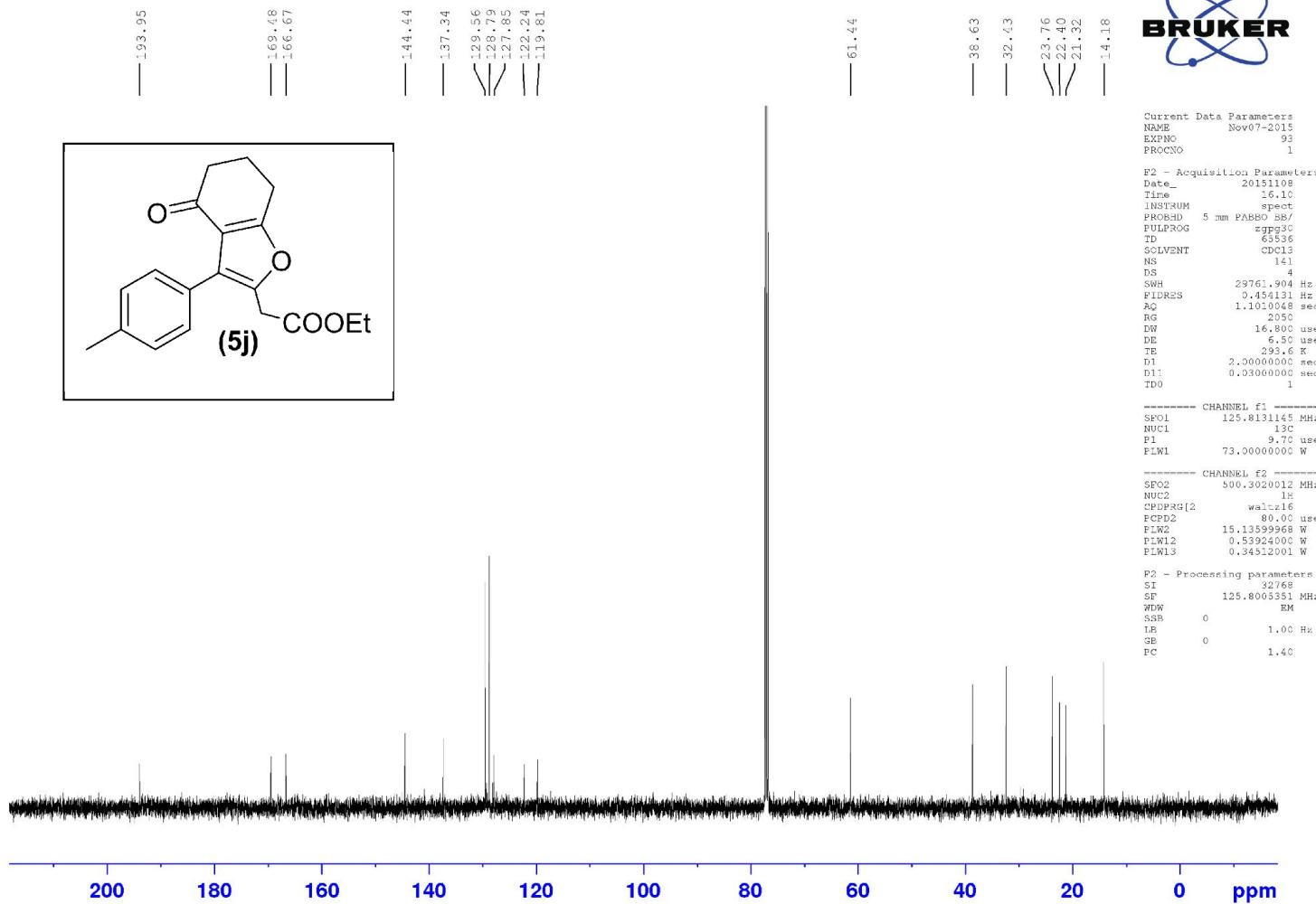
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PROCNO 1

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NS 16
DS 100000.00 Hz
SWH 0.152580 Hz
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AQ 3.2767999 sec
RG 144
DW 50.000 usec
DE 6.50 usec
TE 292.1 K
D1 1.0000000 sec
TDO 1

----- CHANNEL f1 -----
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NUC1 1H
P1 15.10 usec
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F2 - Processing parameters
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GB 0
PC 1.00

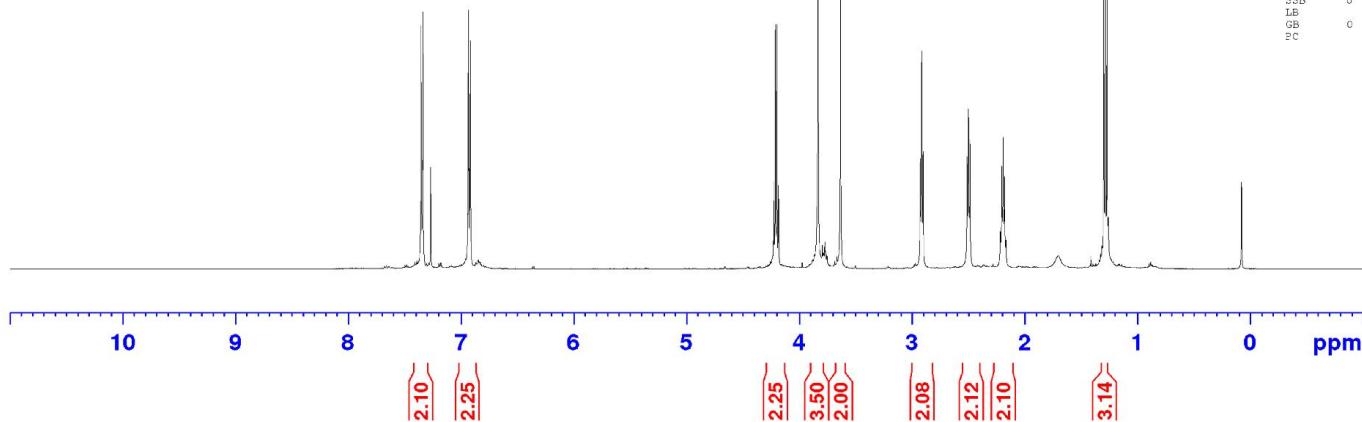
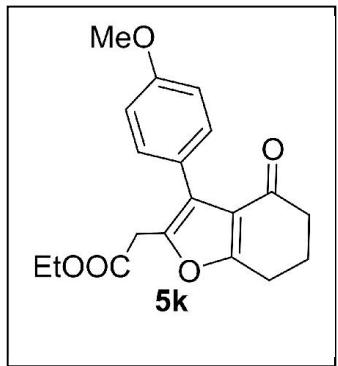


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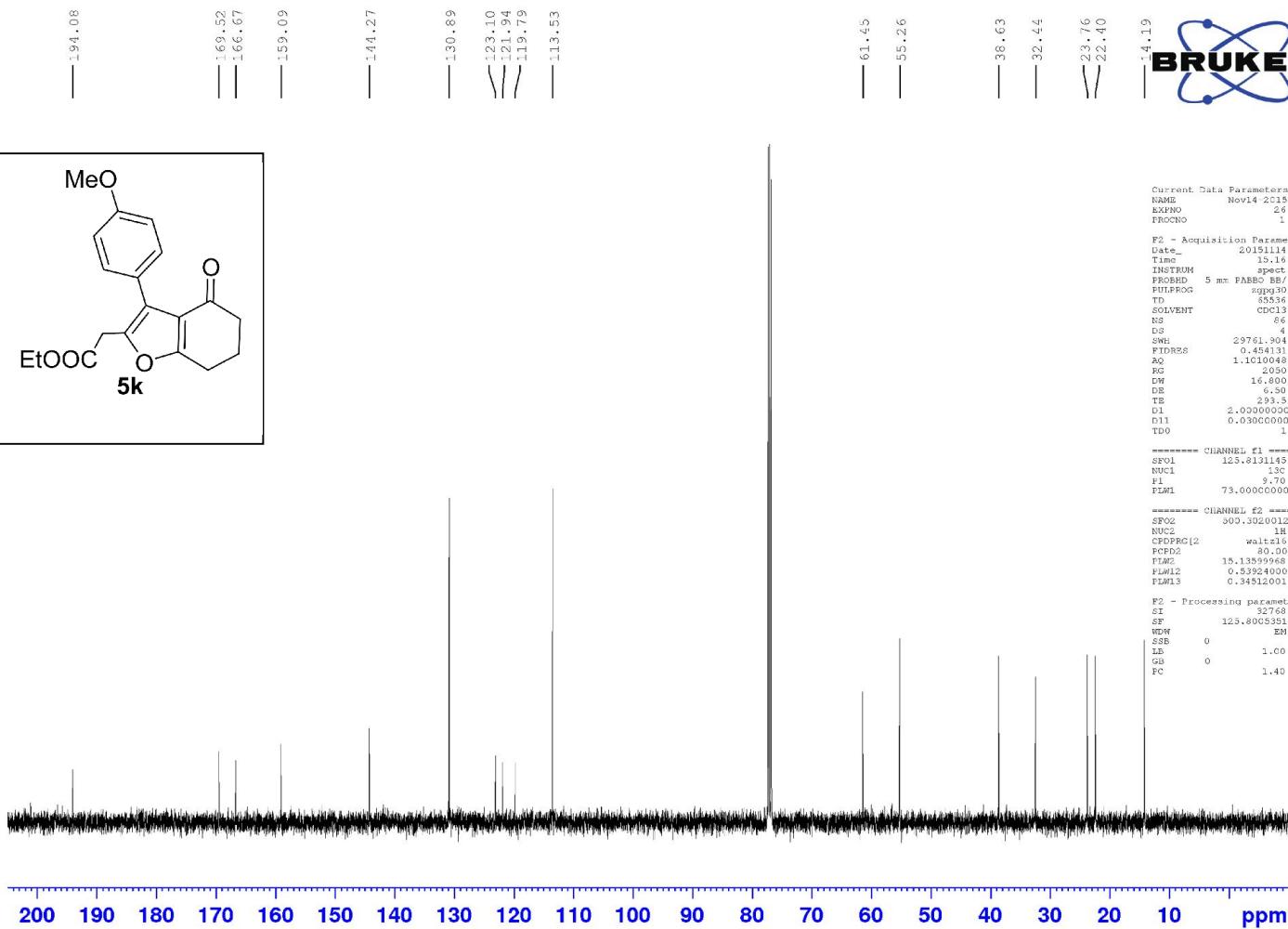
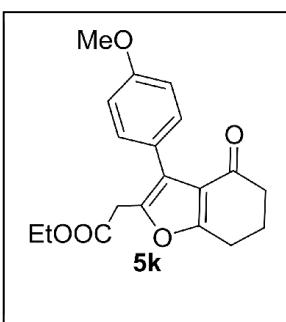
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 EXPNO 10
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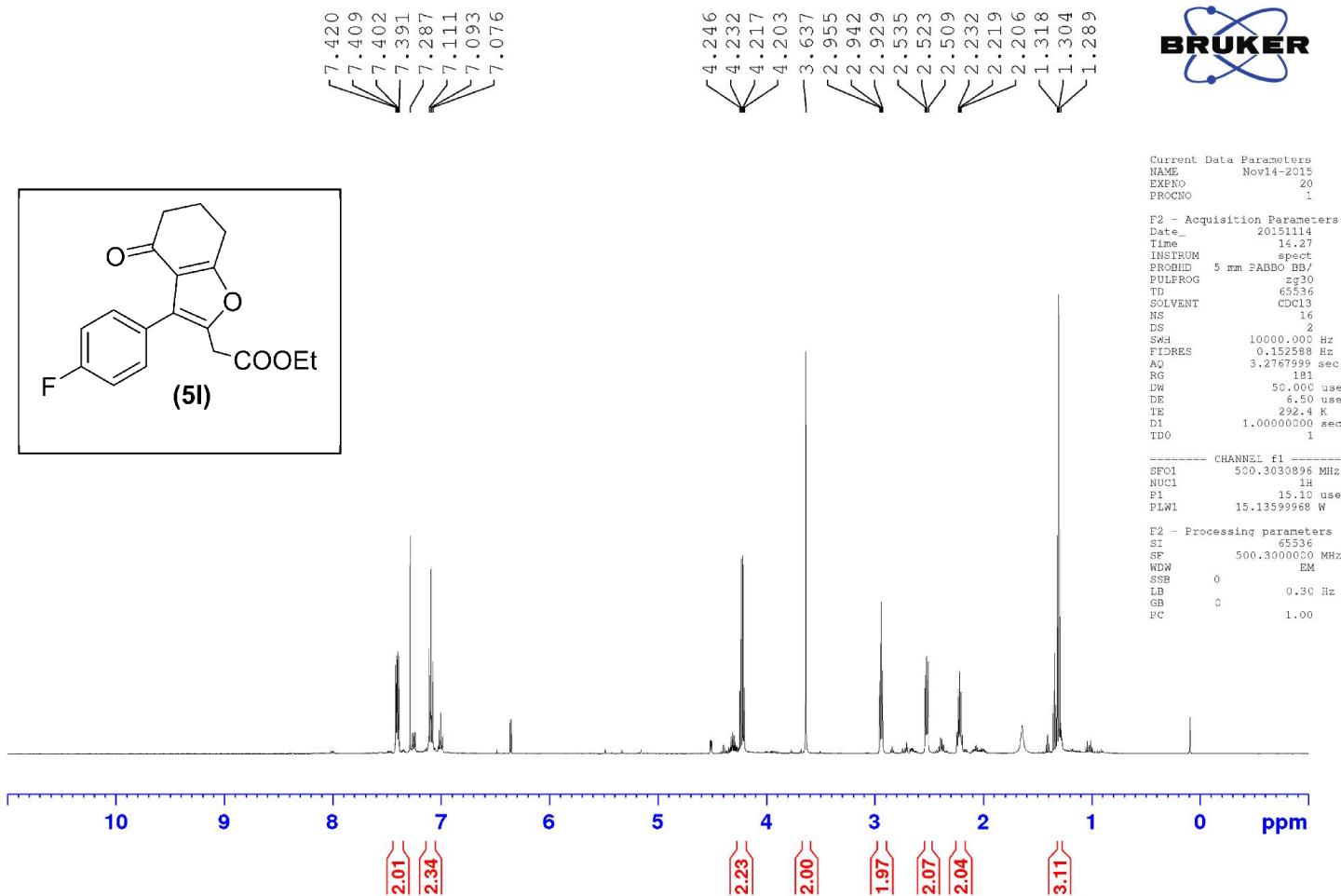
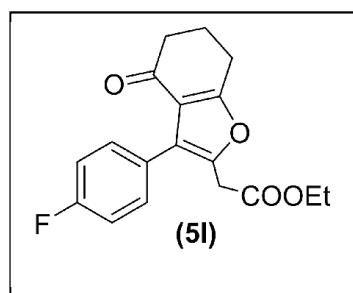
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 Time 15.03
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 PULPROG zg30
 TD 65536
 SOLVENT CDCl3
 NS 16
 DS 2
 SWH 10000.000 Hz
 FIDRES 0.152586 Hz
 AQ 3.276795 sec
 RSPW 1.28
 DW 50,000 usec
 DE 6.50 usec
 TE 292.3 K
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 TDO 1

CHANNEL f1
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 P1 15.10 usec
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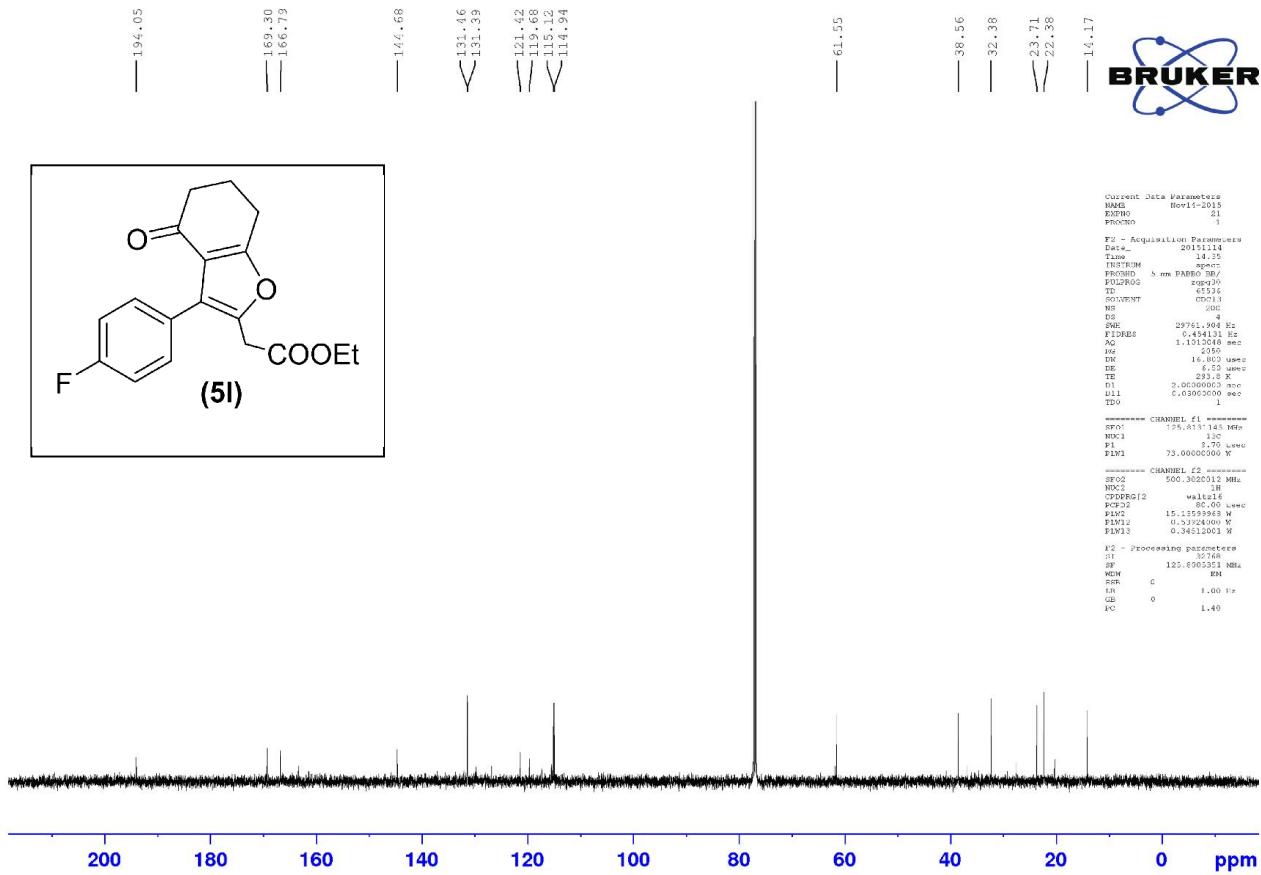
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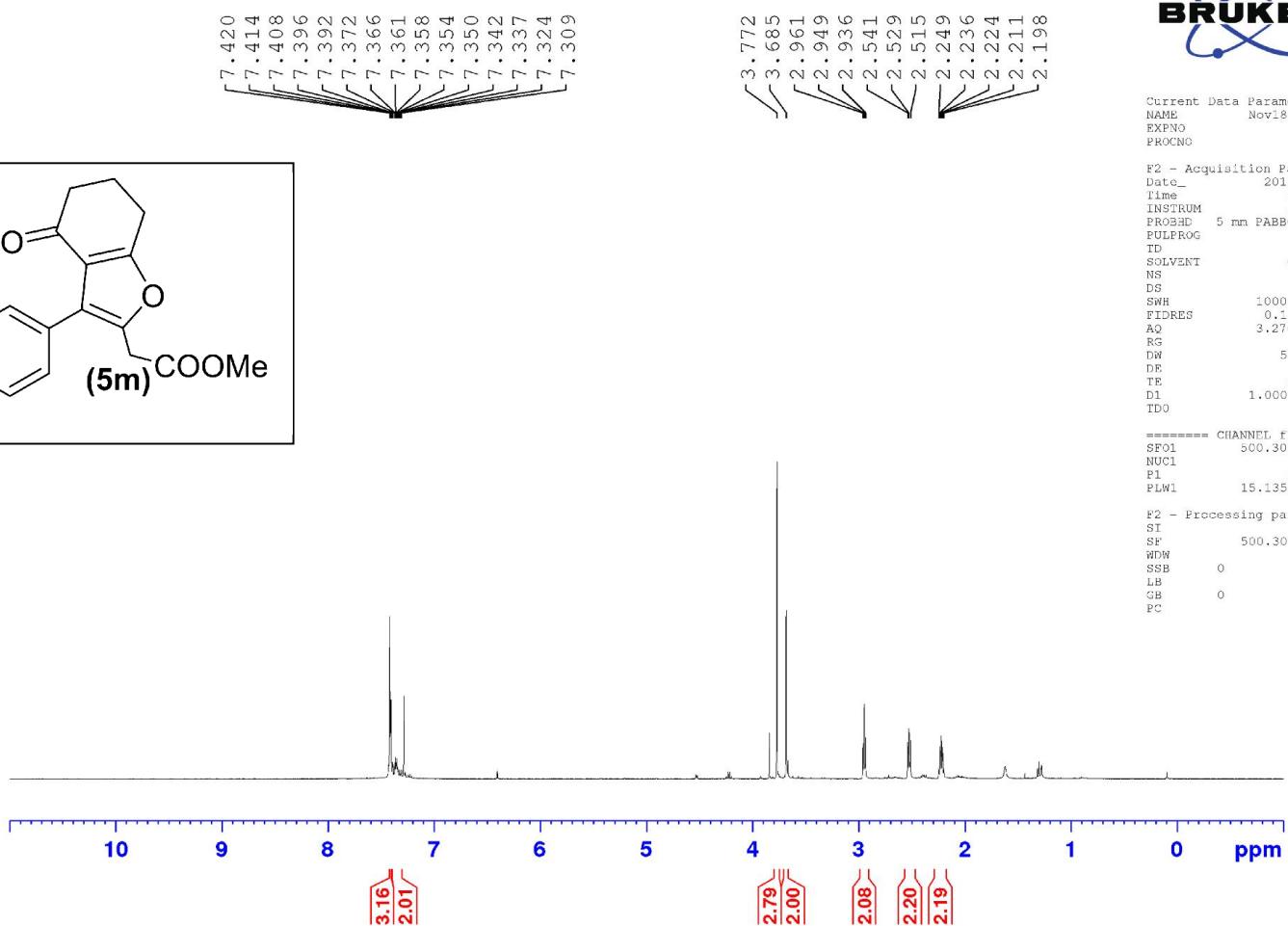
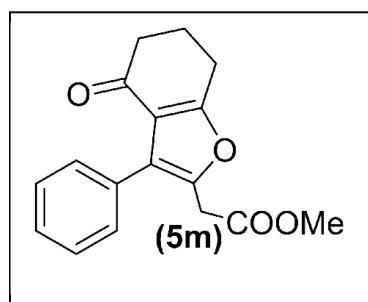


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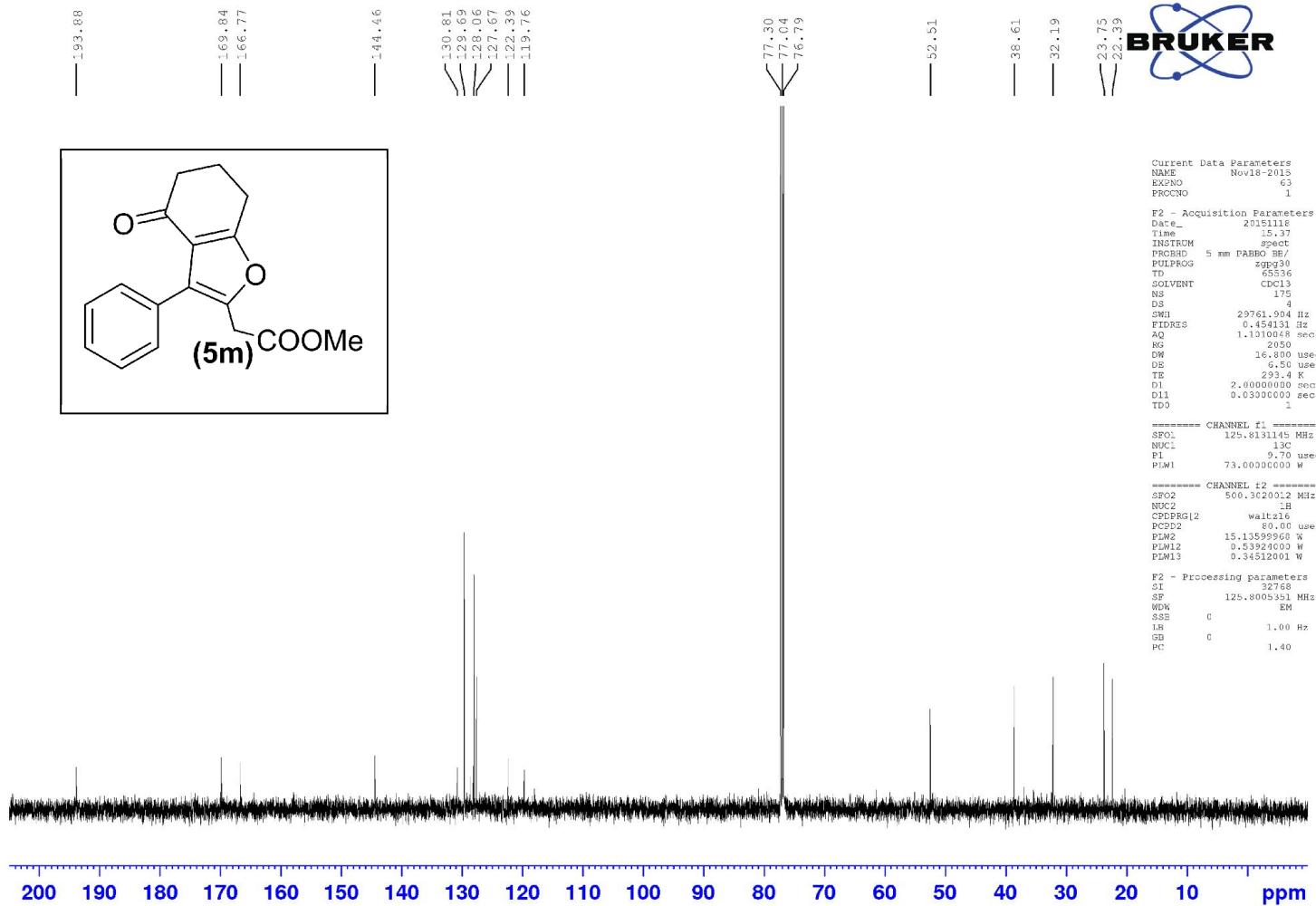


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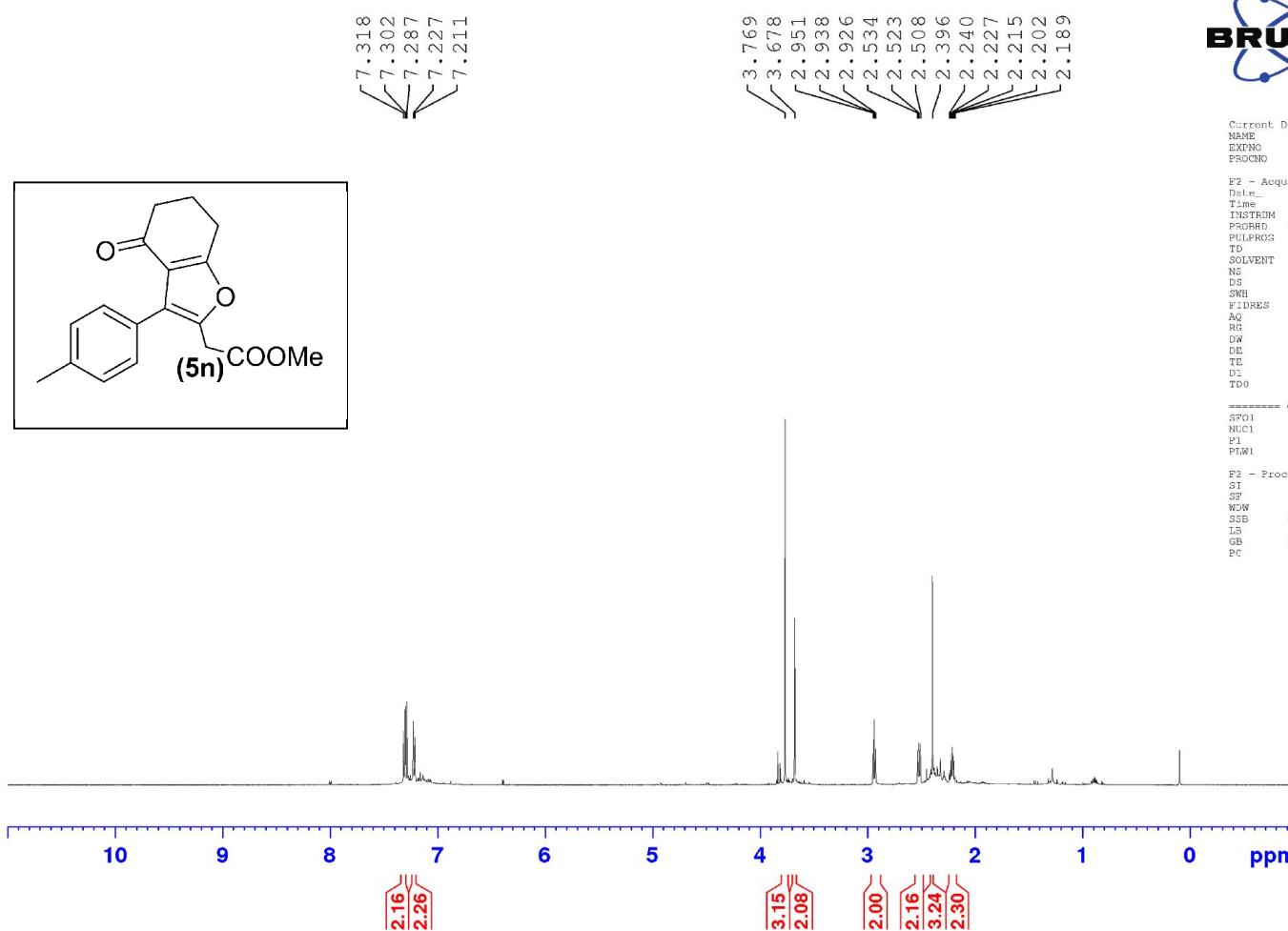
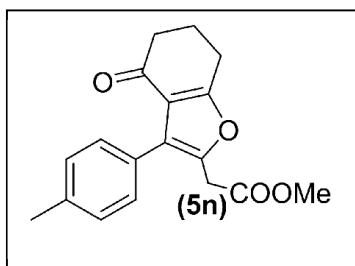


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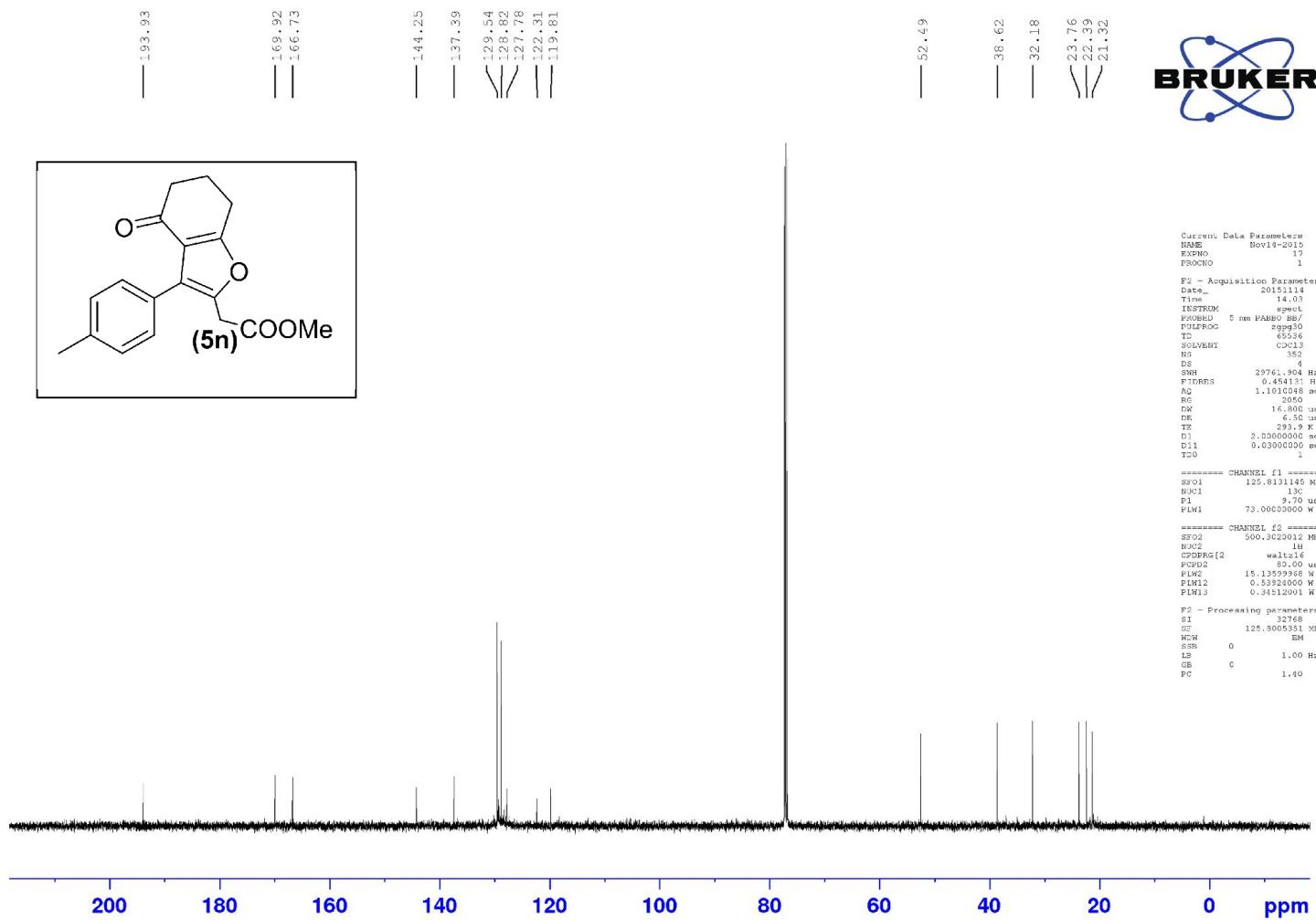
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Time 10:40:10
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PULPROG zg30
TD 65536
SOLVENT CDCl3
NS 16
DS 2
SWH 10000.000 Hz
FIDRES 0.152588 Hz
AQ 3.276799 sec
RG 128
DW 50.000 usec
DE 6.500 usec
TE 202.4 K
D1 1.0000000 sec
T0 1

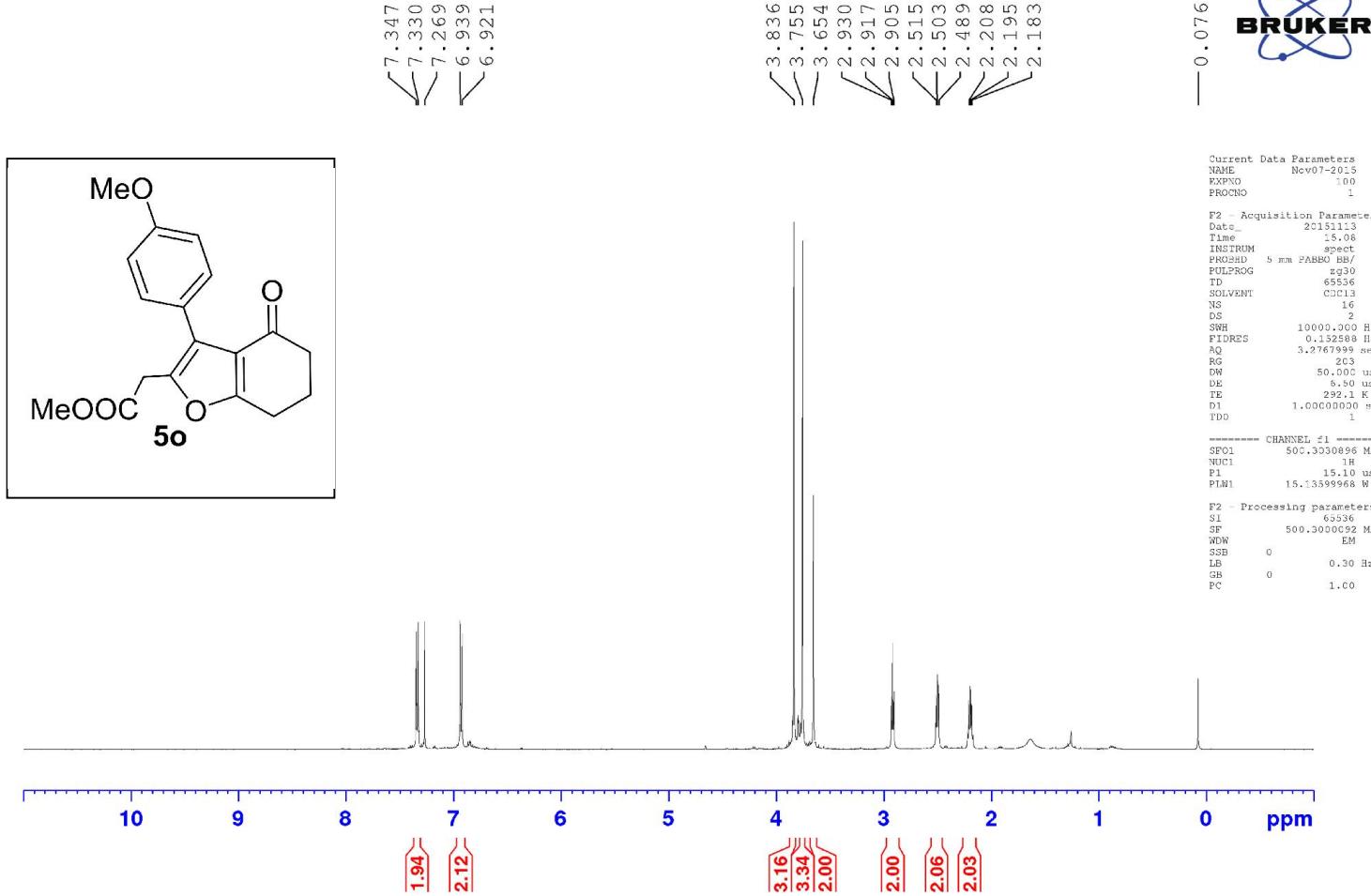
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NUC1 1H
P1 15.10 usec
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F2 - Processing parameters
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LB 0.30 Hz
GB 0
PC 1.00

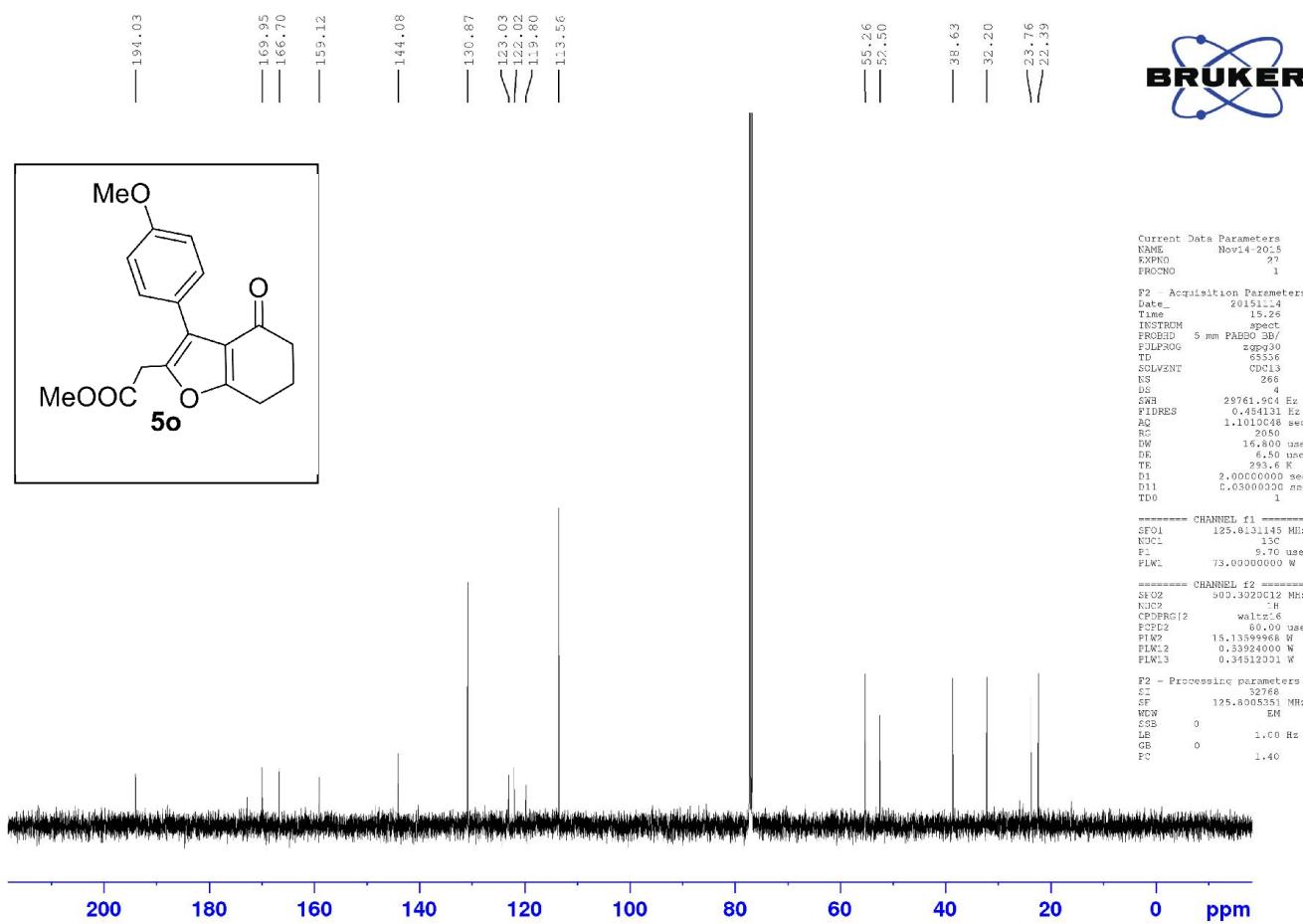
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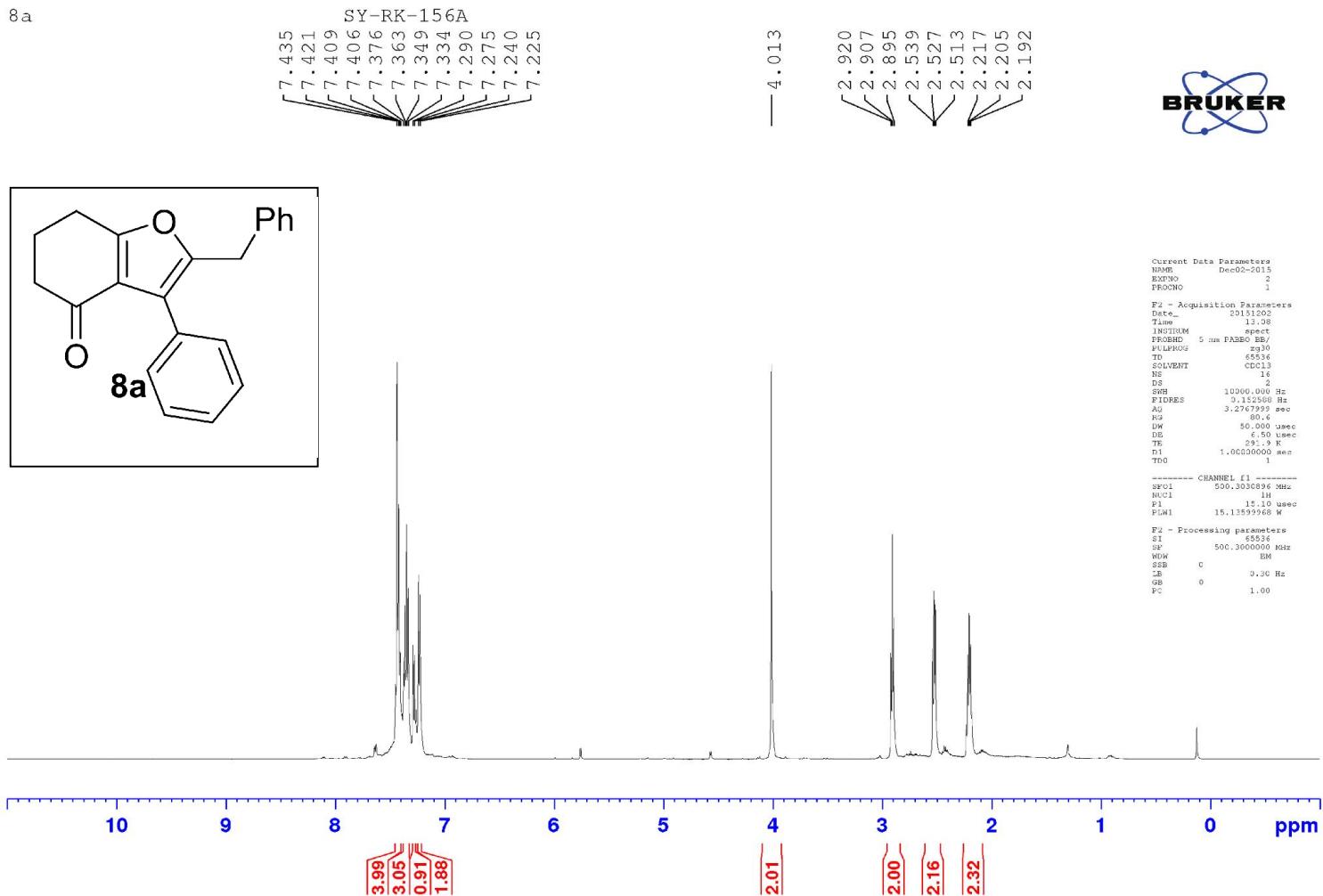
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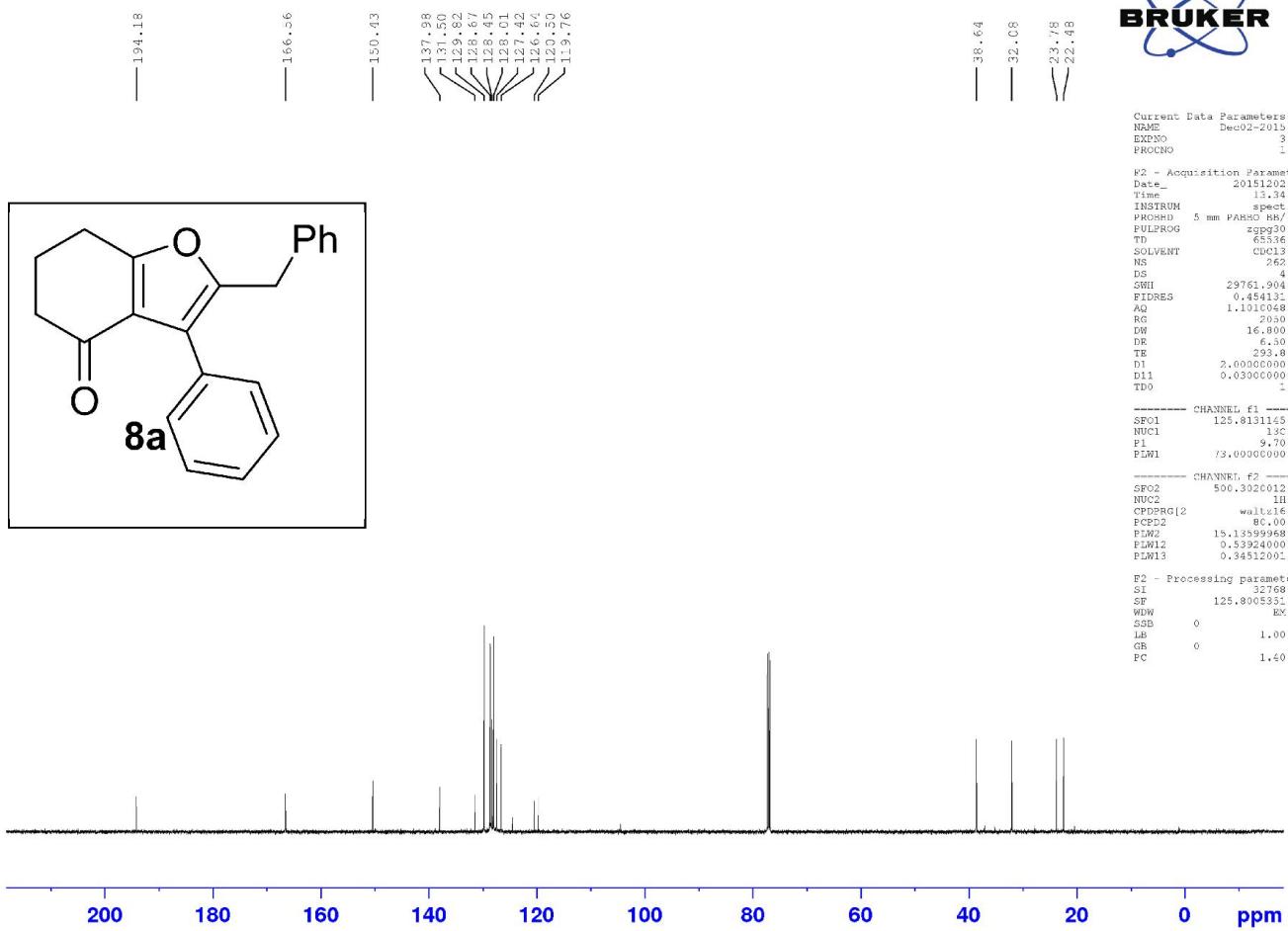
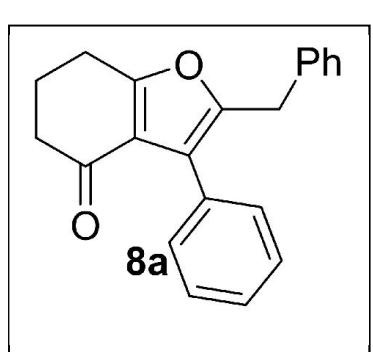
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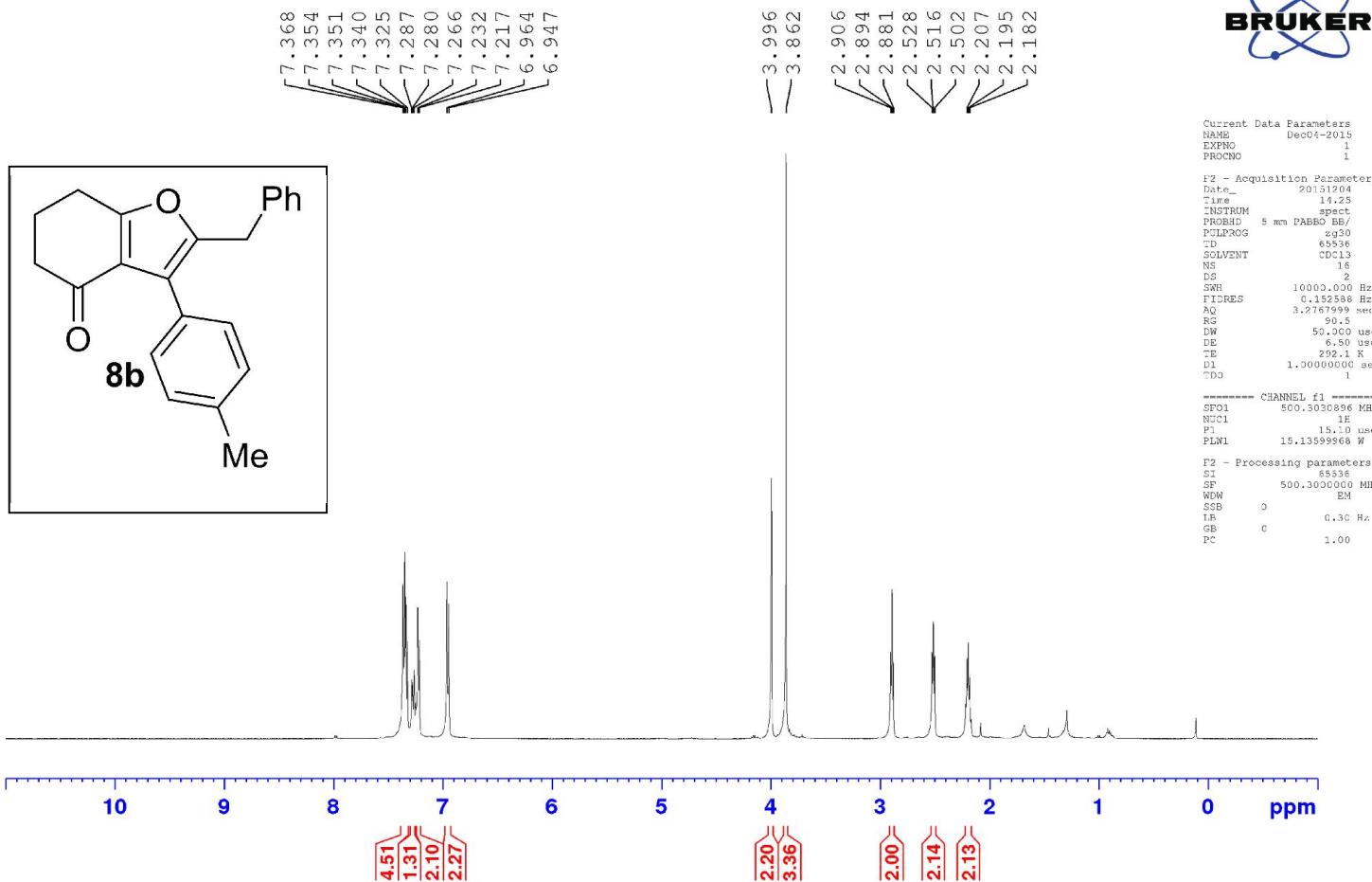
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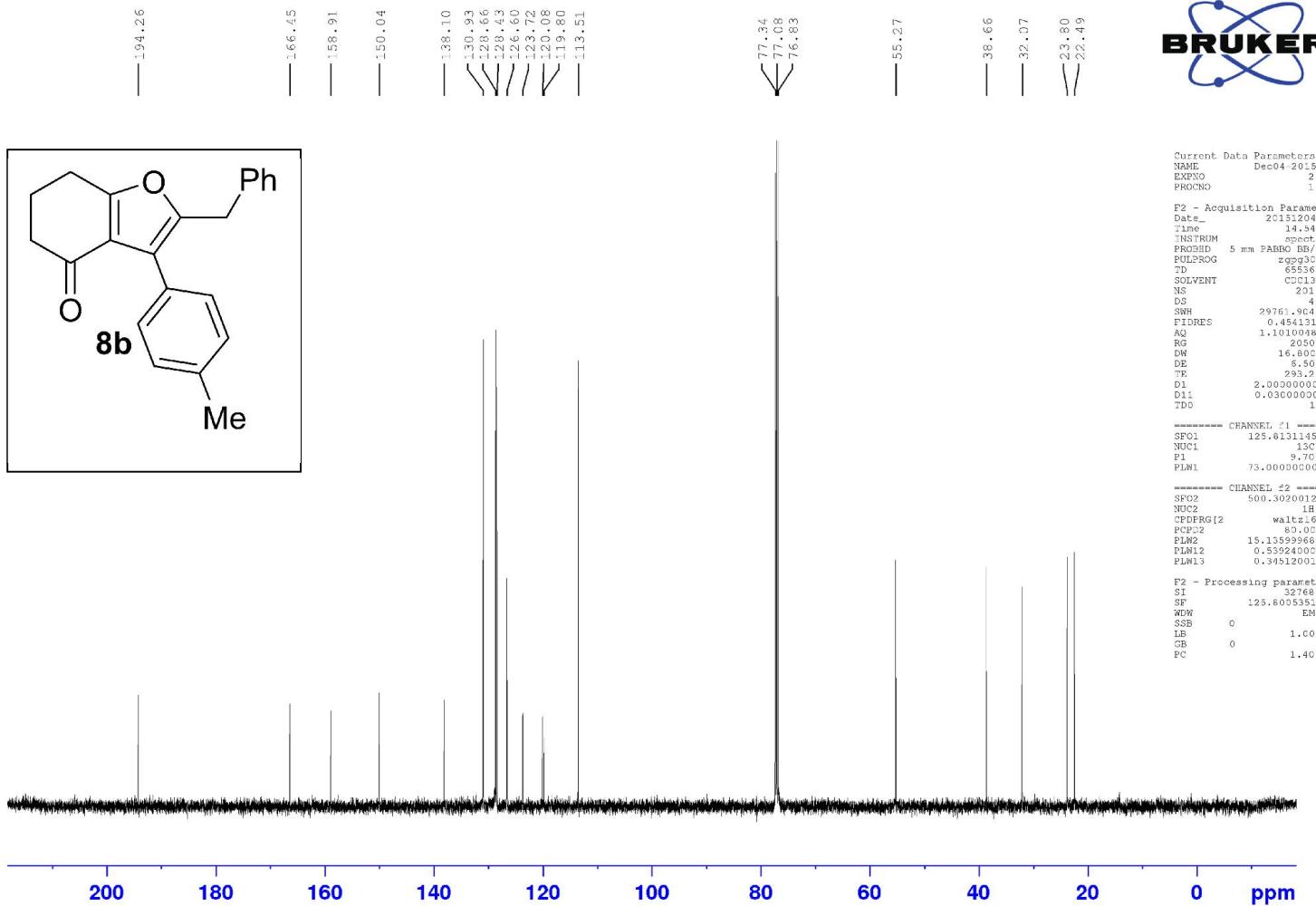
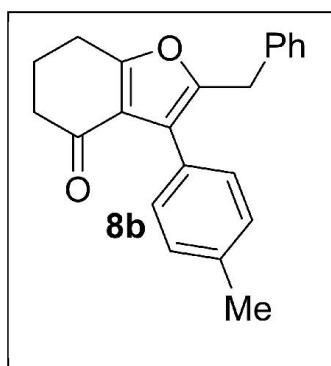
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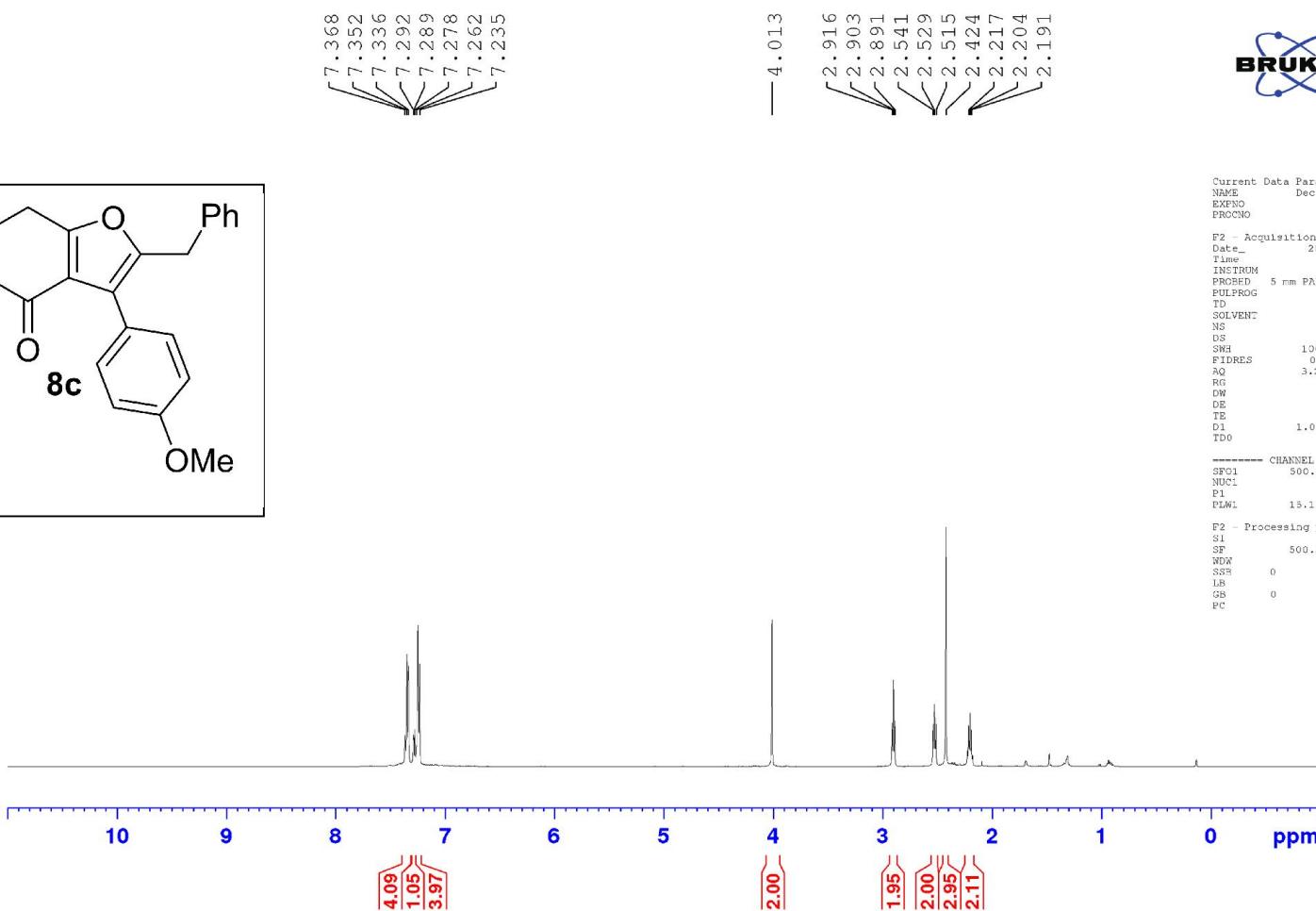
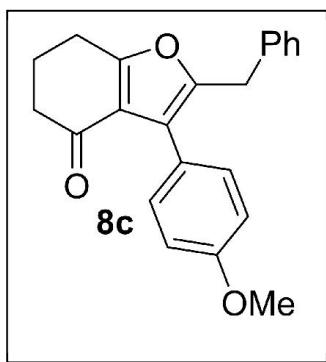
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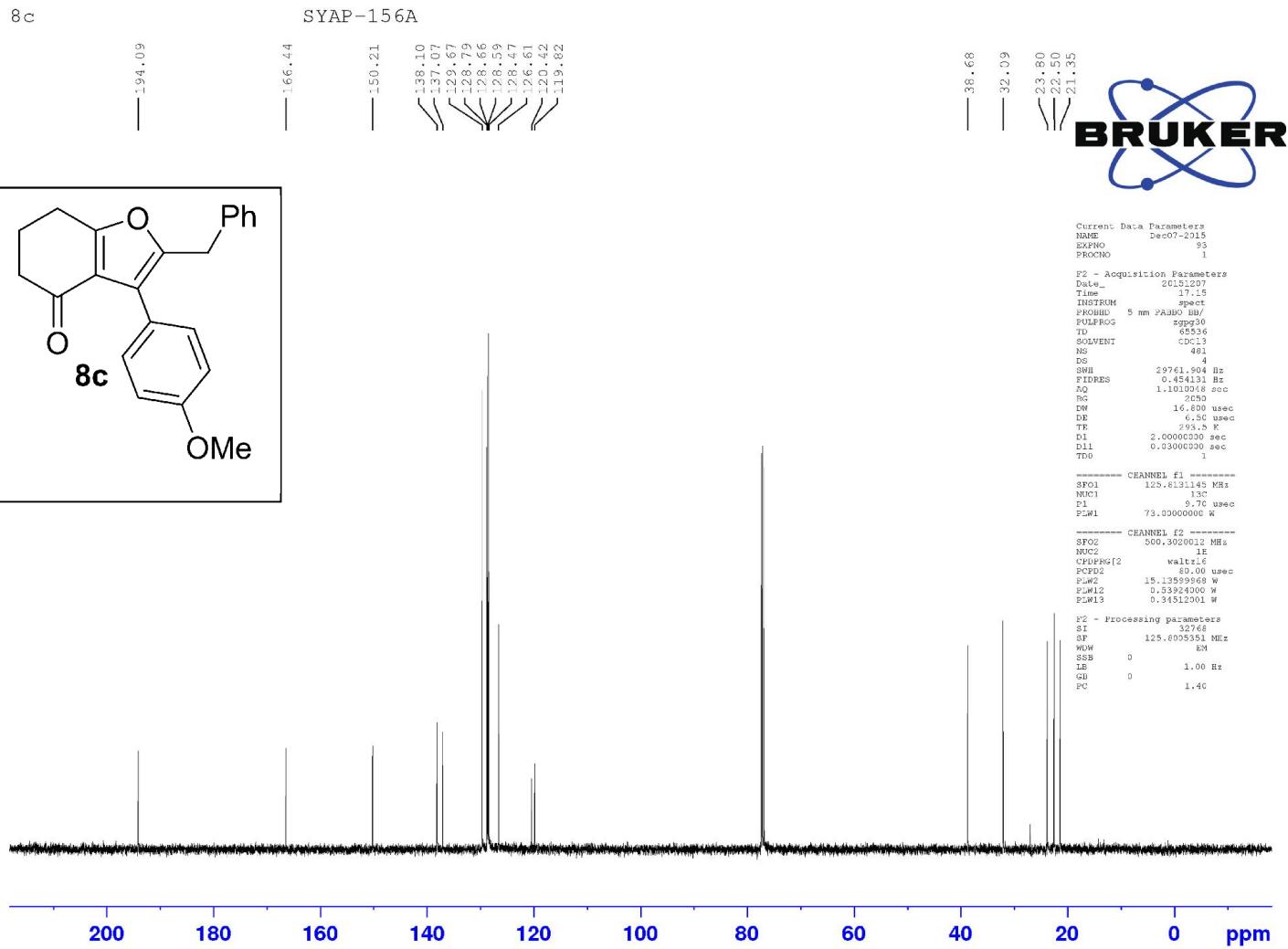


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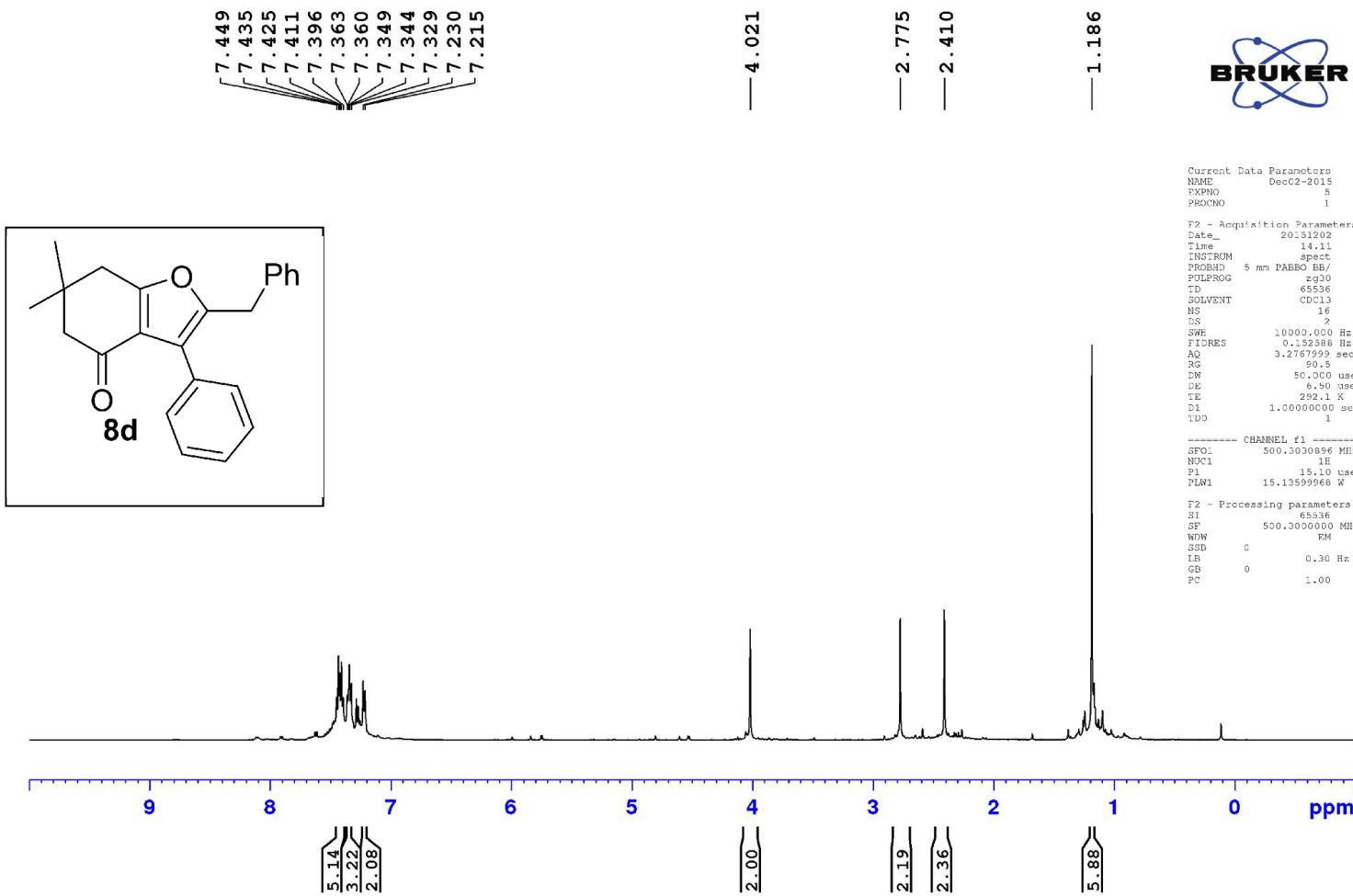
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 NS 16
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 TDO

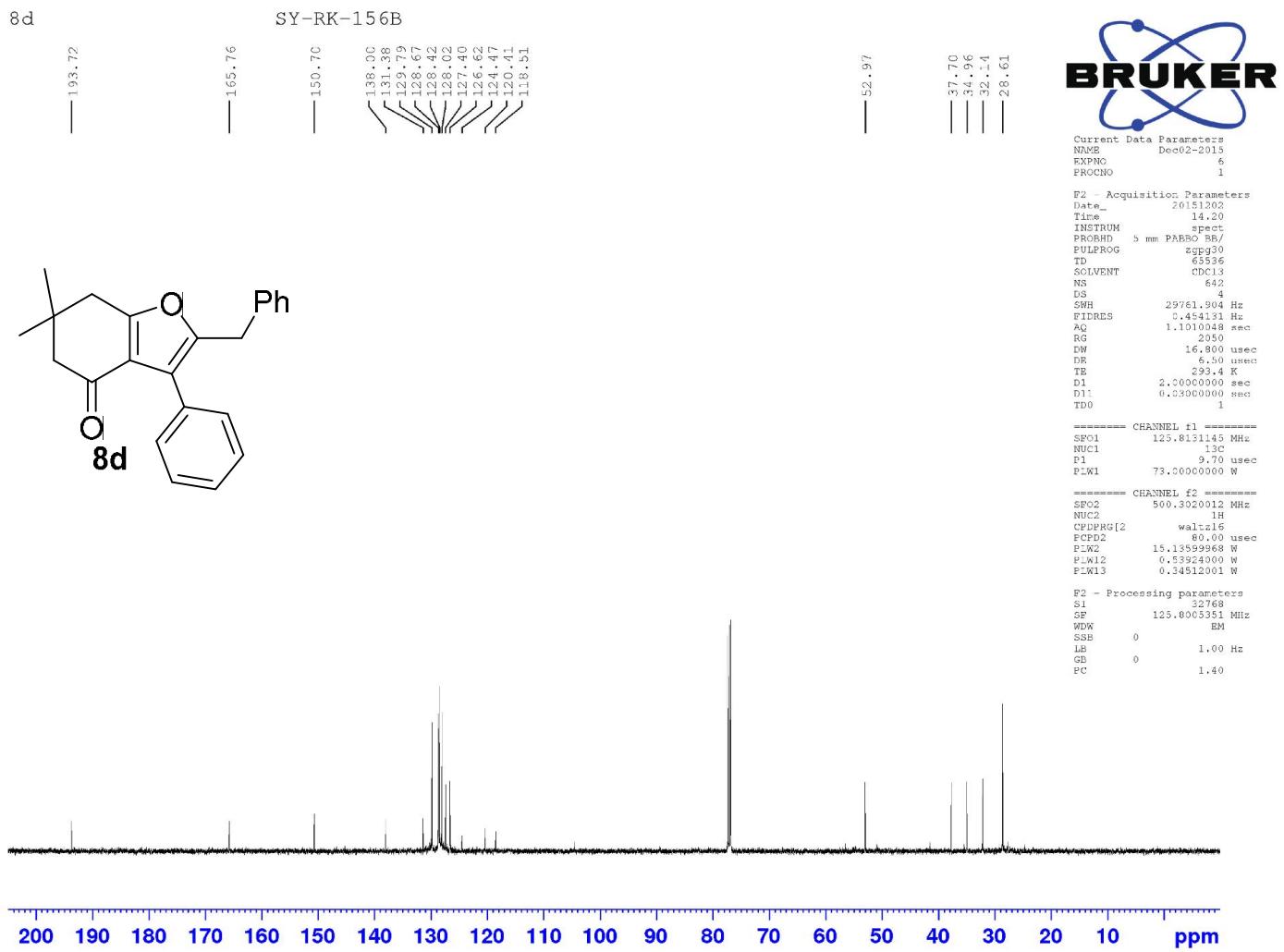
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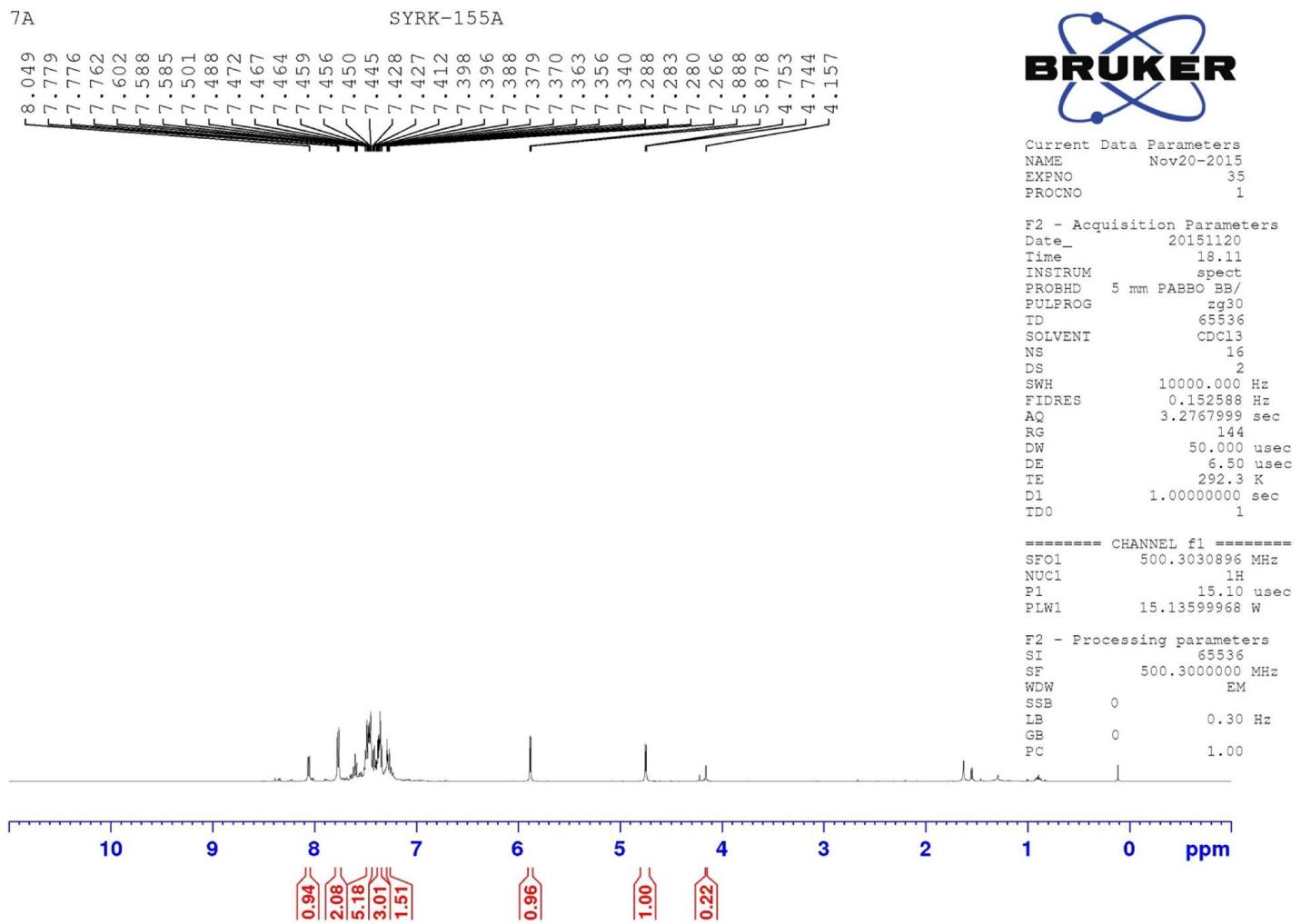
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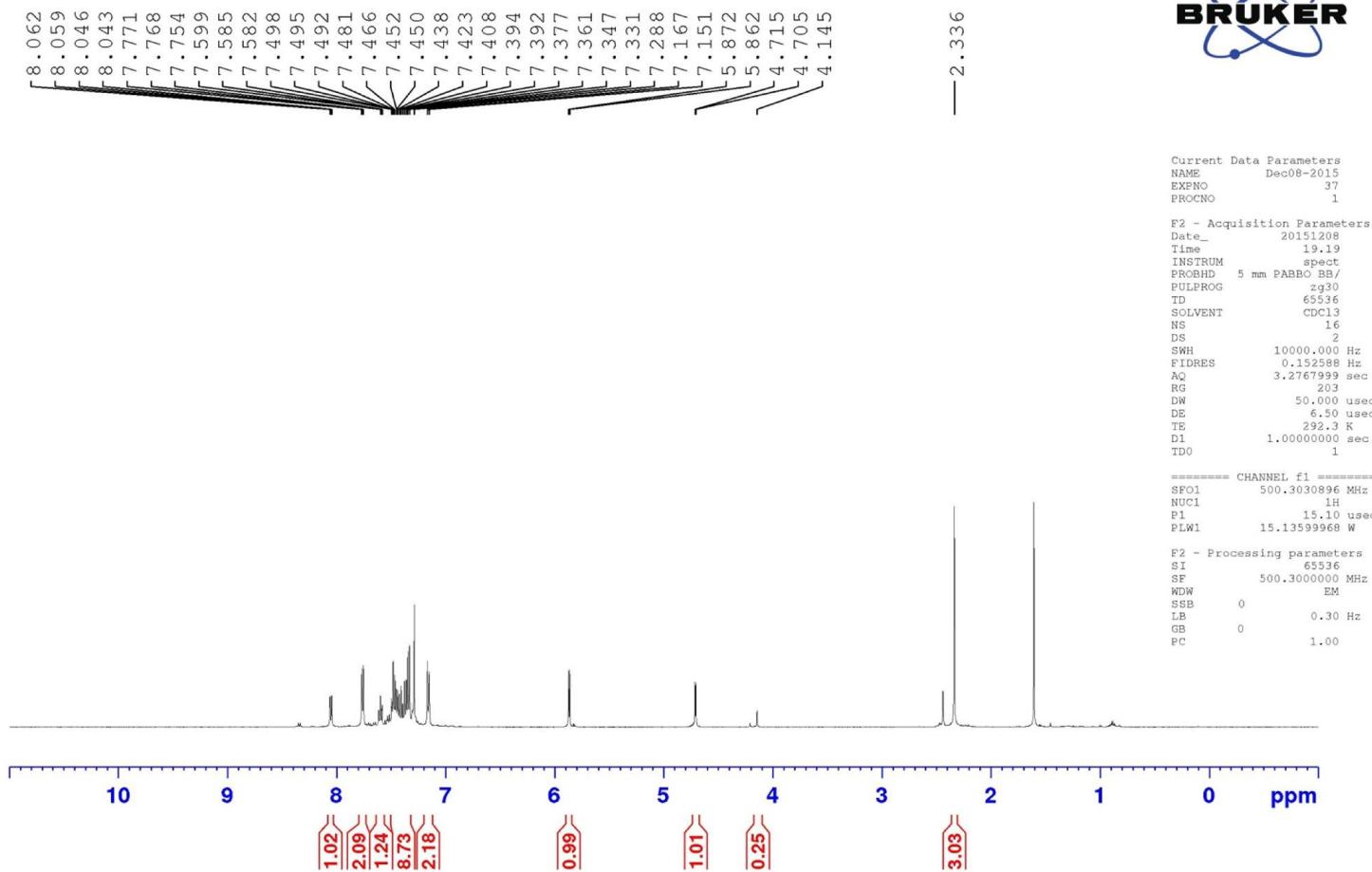




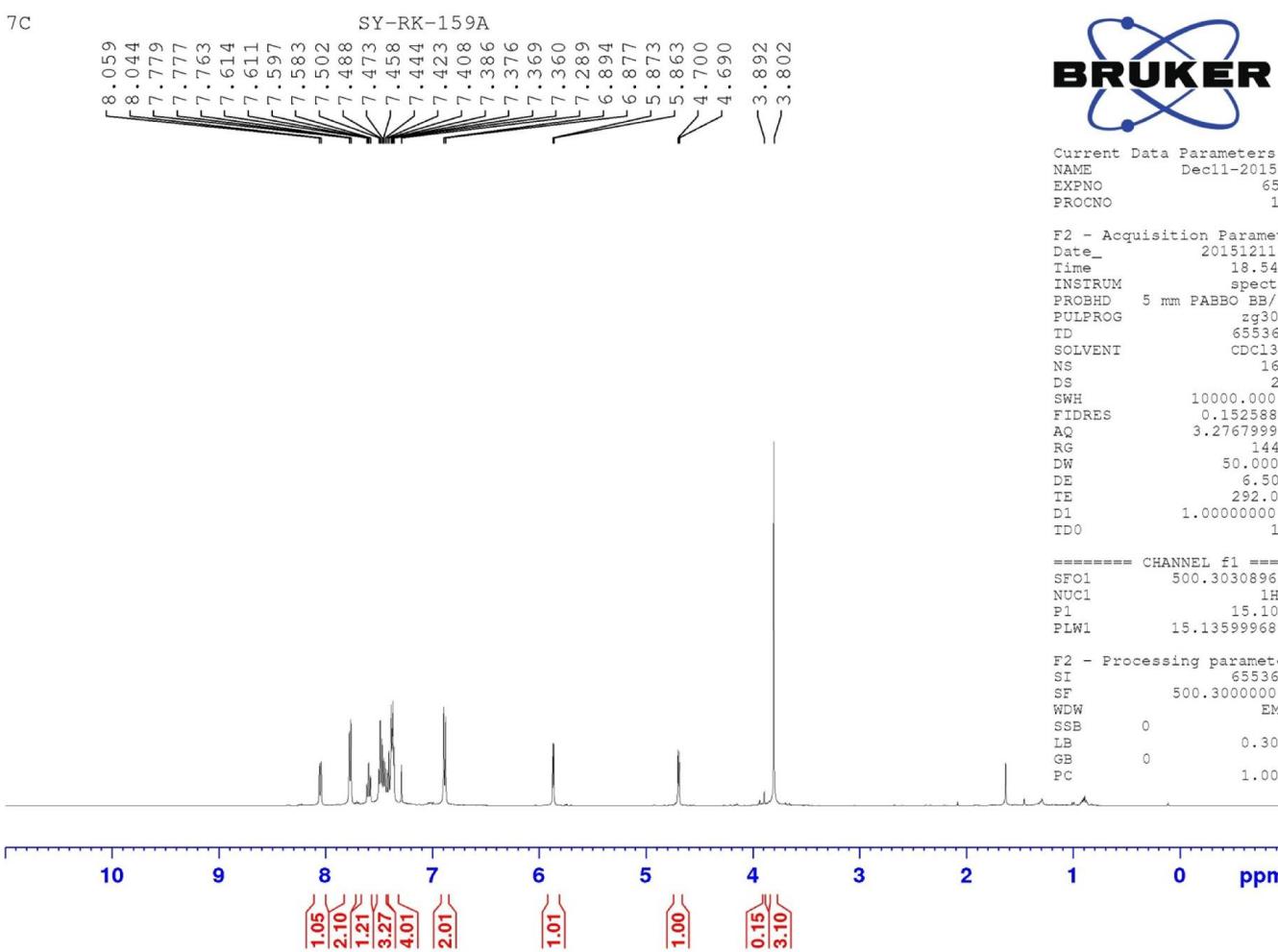


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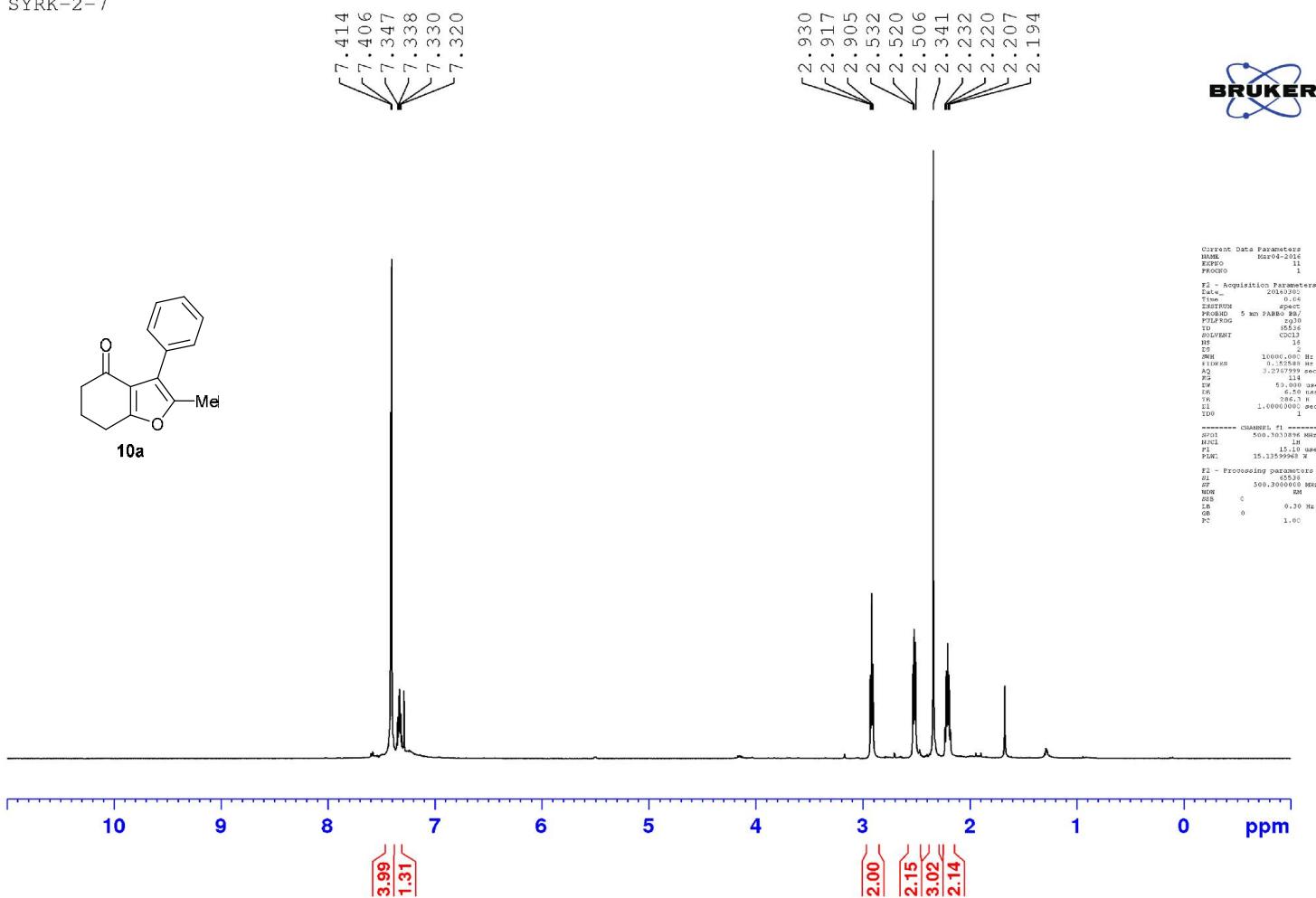
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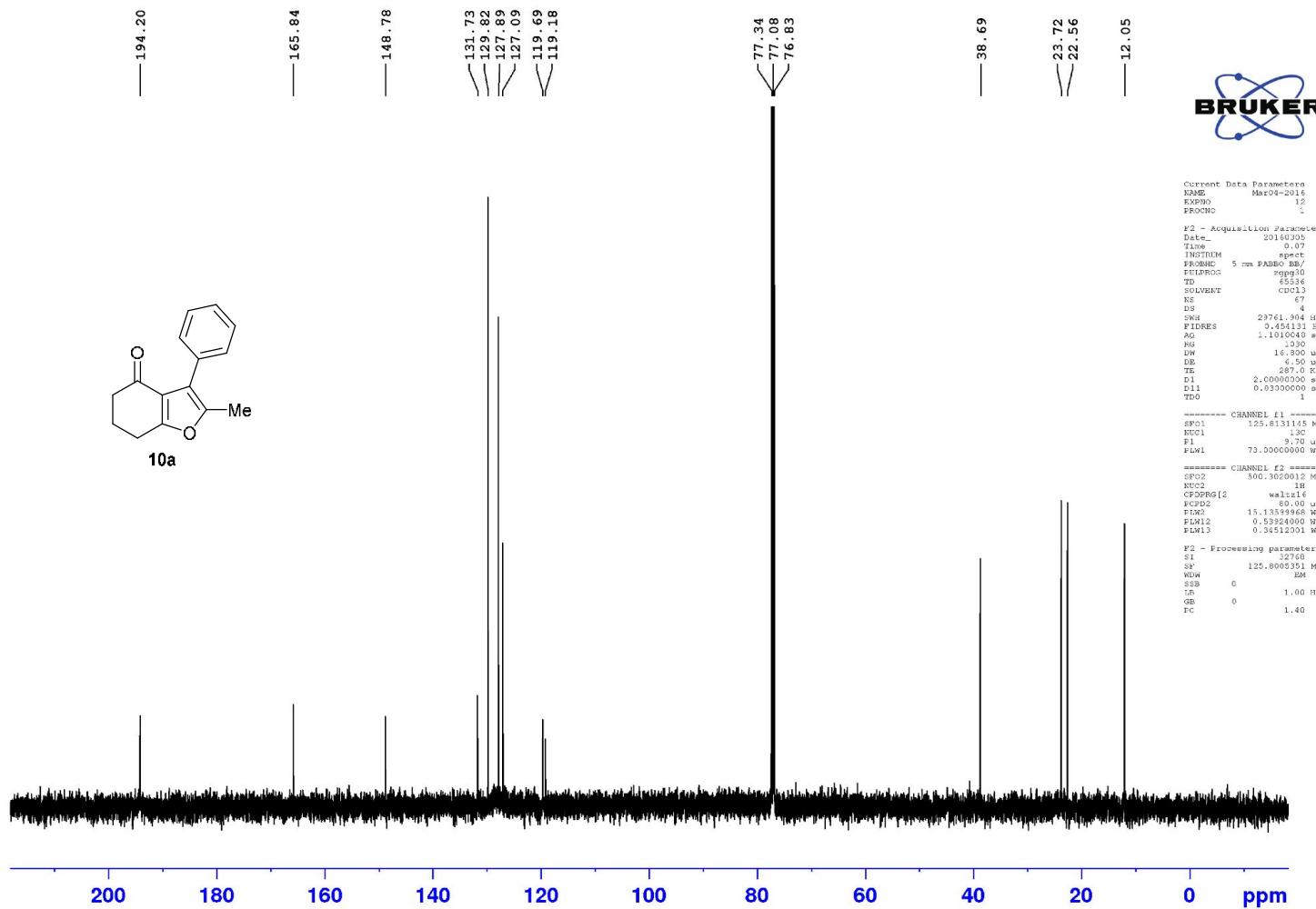
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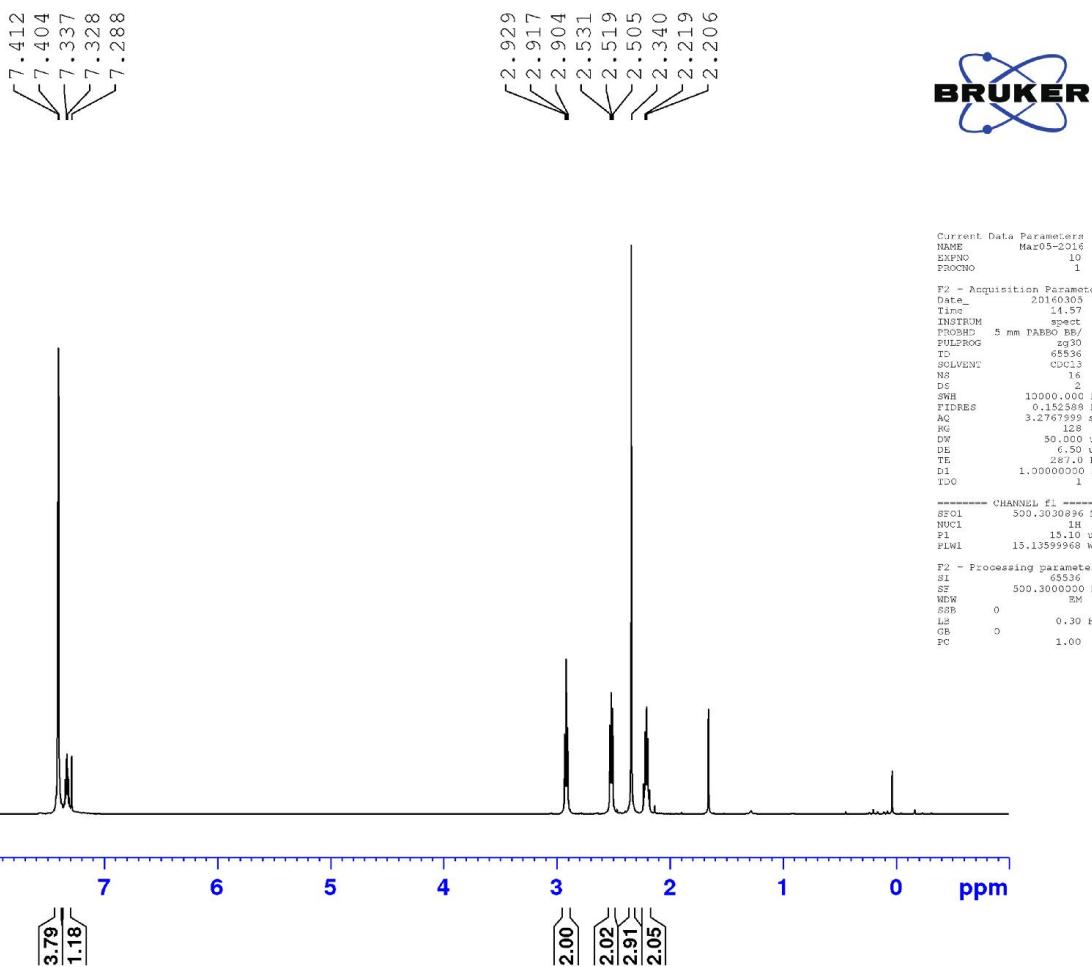
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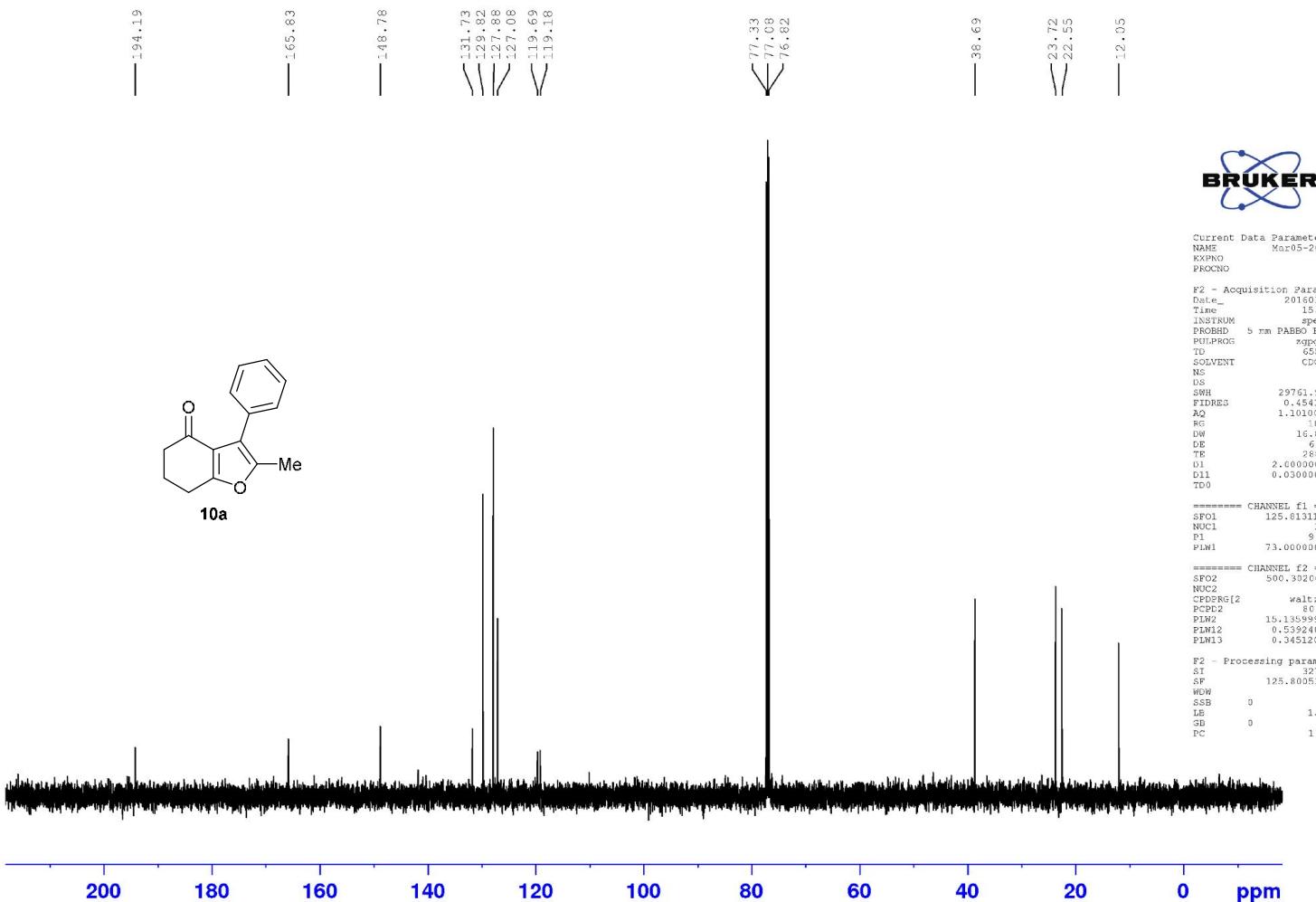
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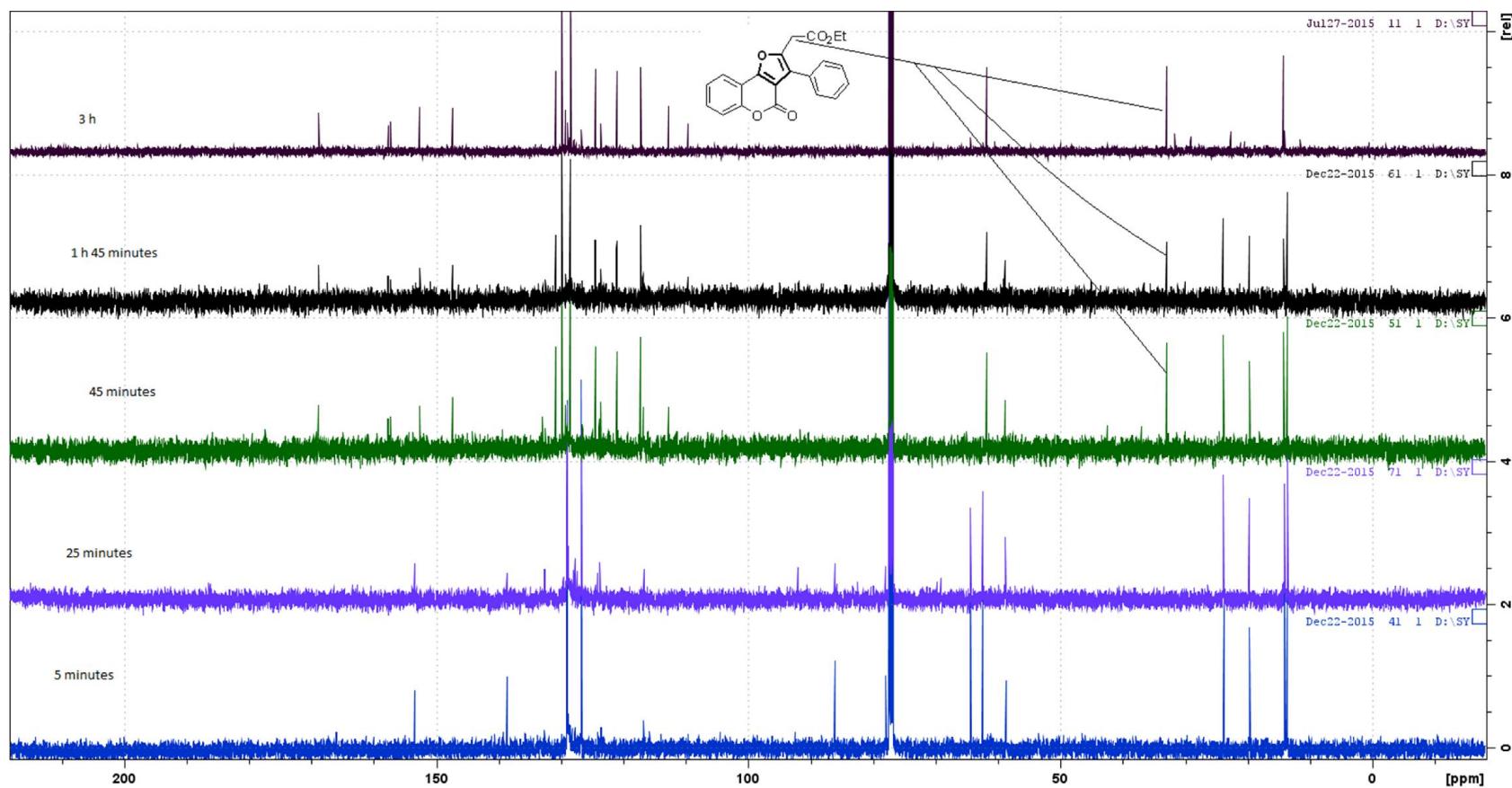


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The reaction progress between propargylic alcohol **1a** and 4-hydroxy coumarin **2** was monitored by ^{13}C NMR spectra. The spectra were recorded in five time intervals (5 min to 3 h). In the initial reaction mixture we could notice the presence of ester carbonyl and alkyne carbons at 153.4, 86.1 and 80 ppm respectively. After 45 min, alkyne carbons were completely absent and the ester carbonyl appeared in the downfield at 168.8 ppm because now it is no more a conjugate ester. This is further evidenced by the presence of a methylene (sp^3) carbon at 32.94 ppm which is α to the ester.