

Electronic Supplementary Information

Synthesis and characterization of trinuclear *N*-heterocyclic carbene-palladium(II) complexes and their applications in the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction

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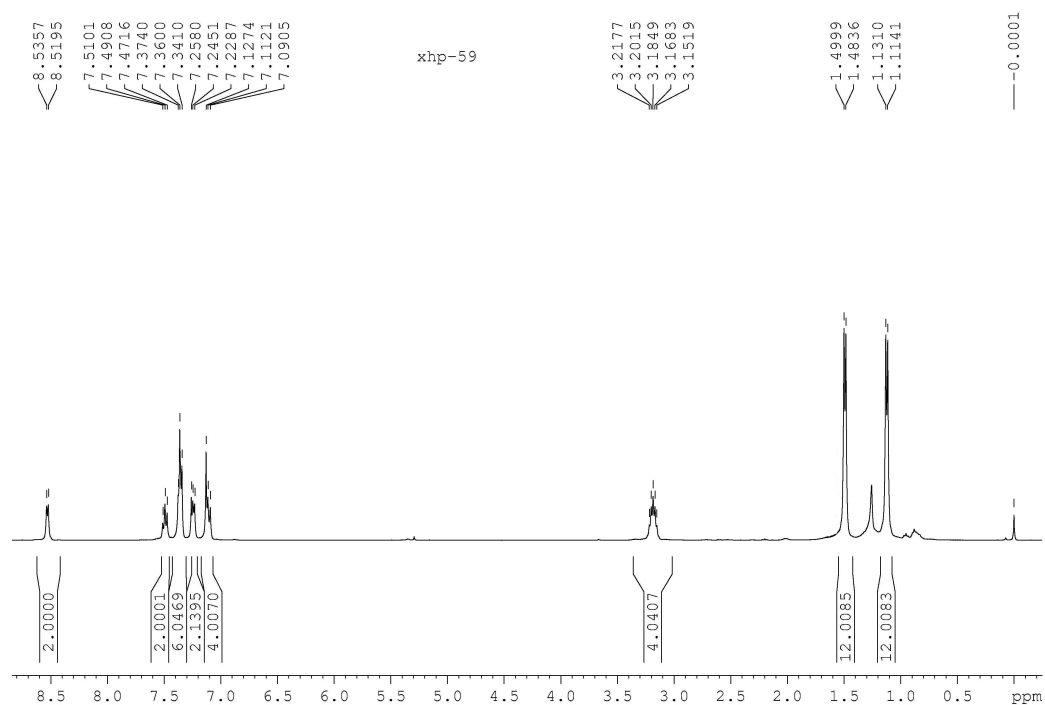
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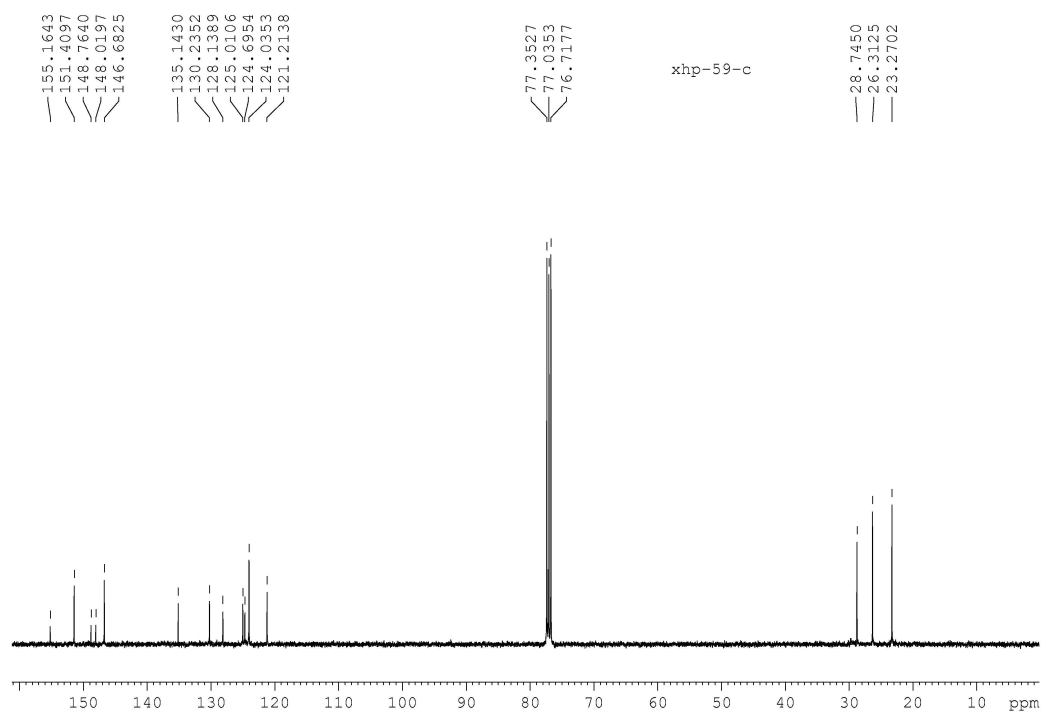
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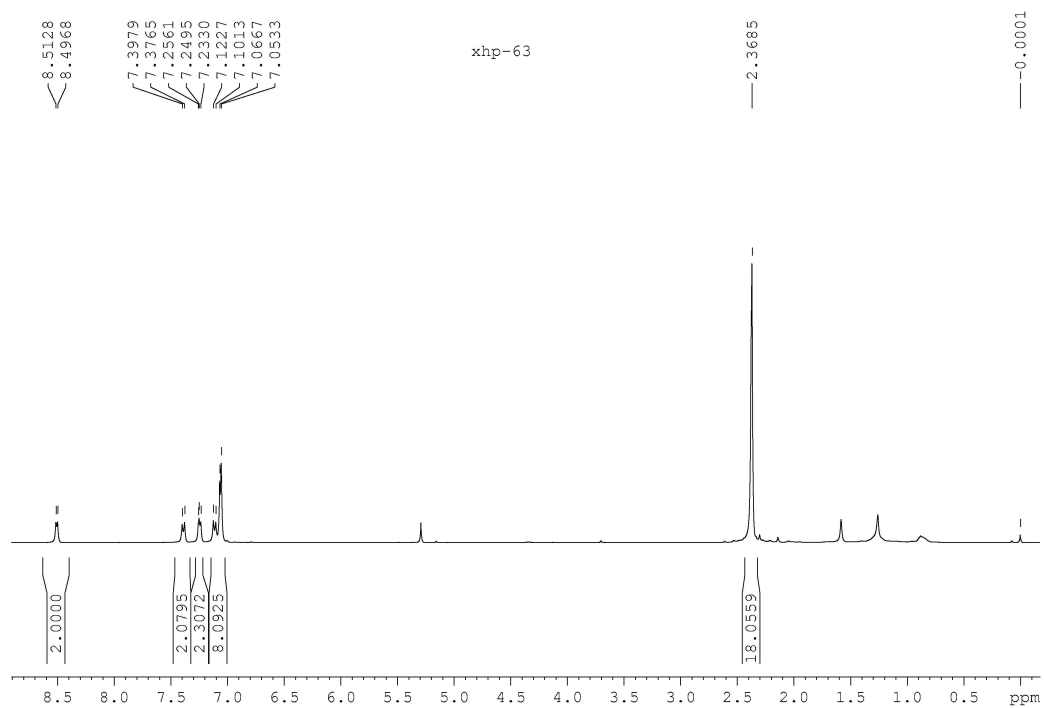
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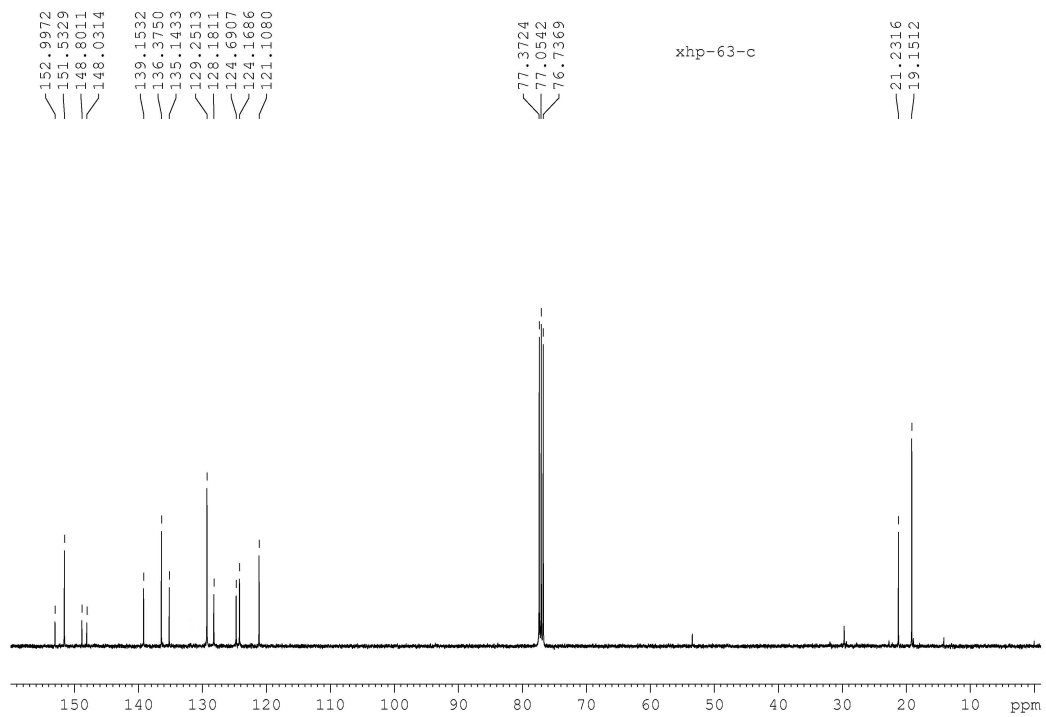
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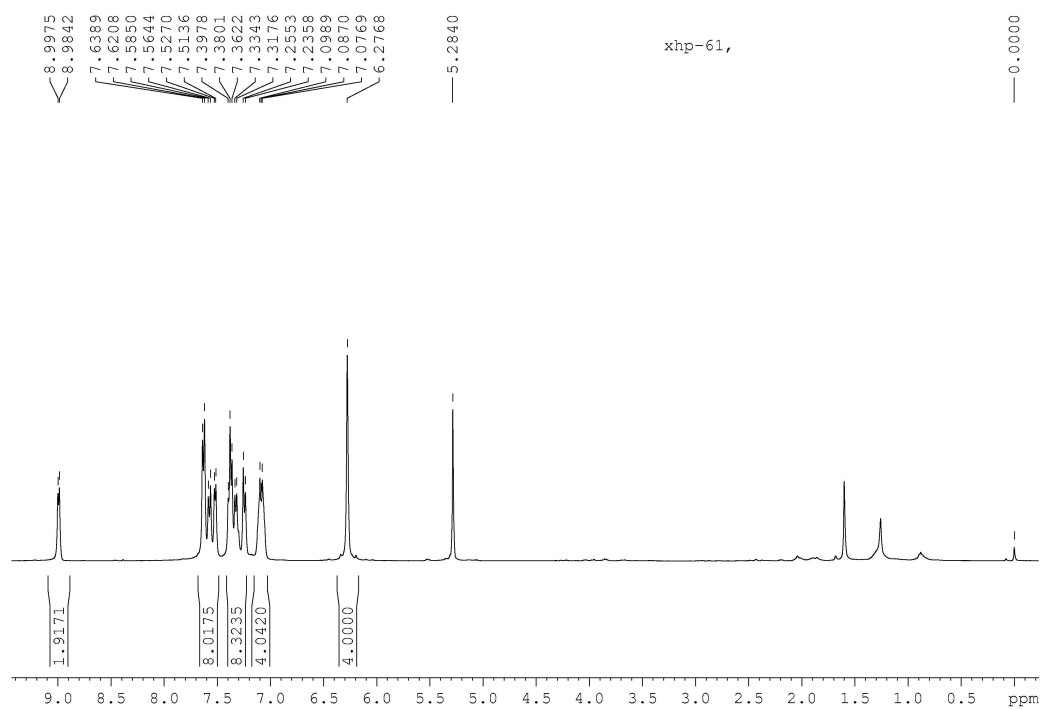
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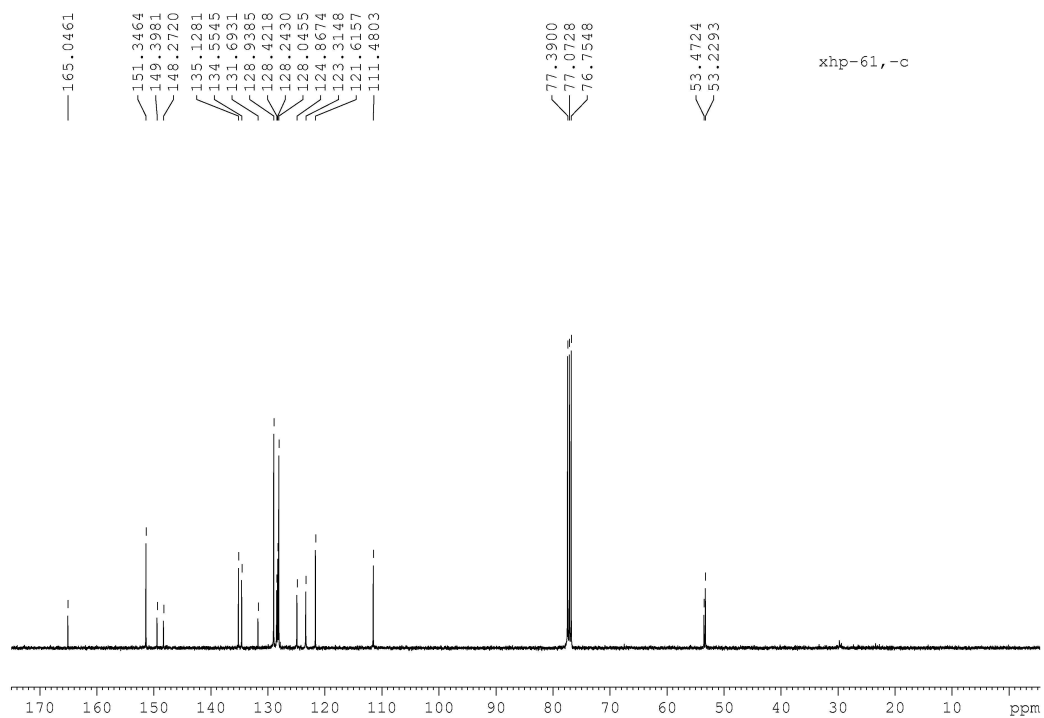
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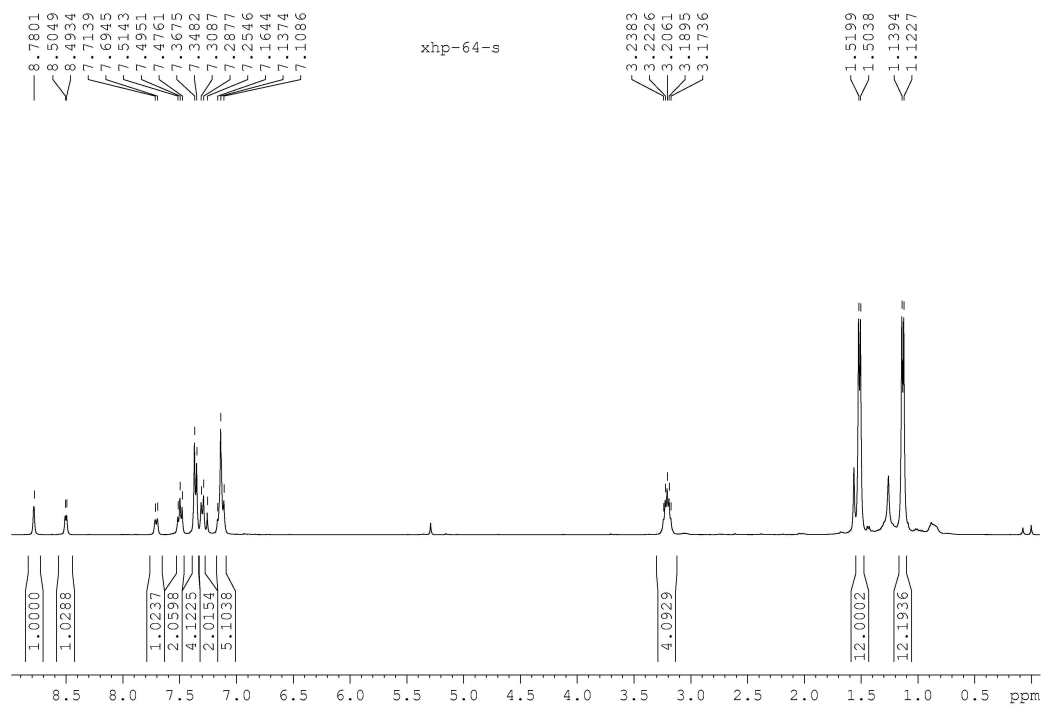
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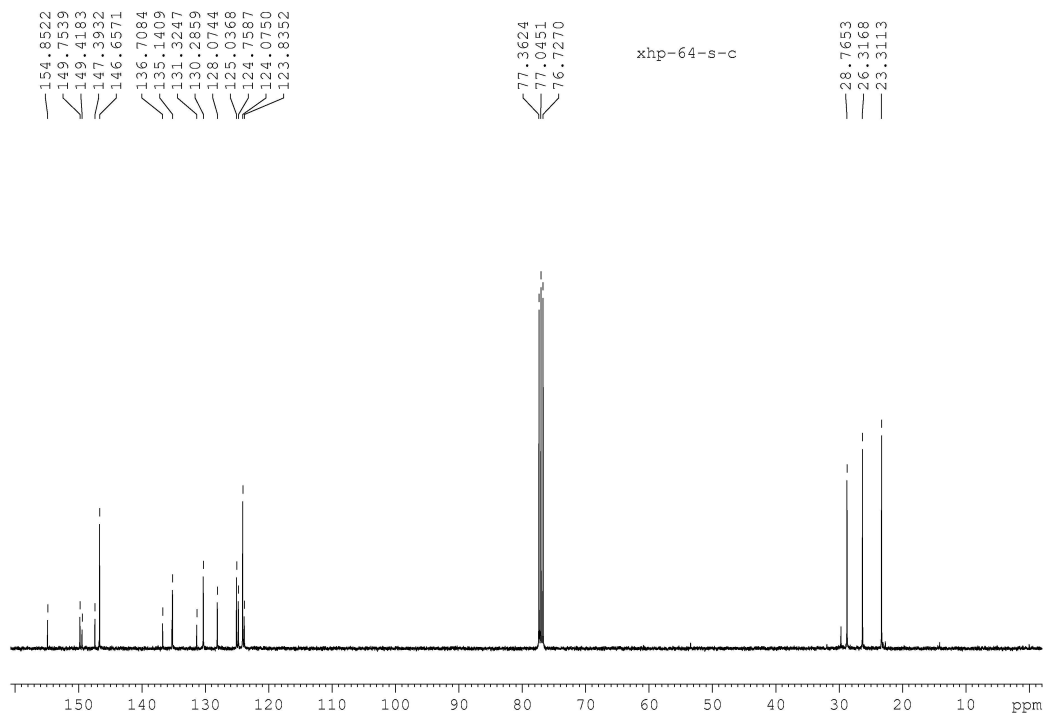
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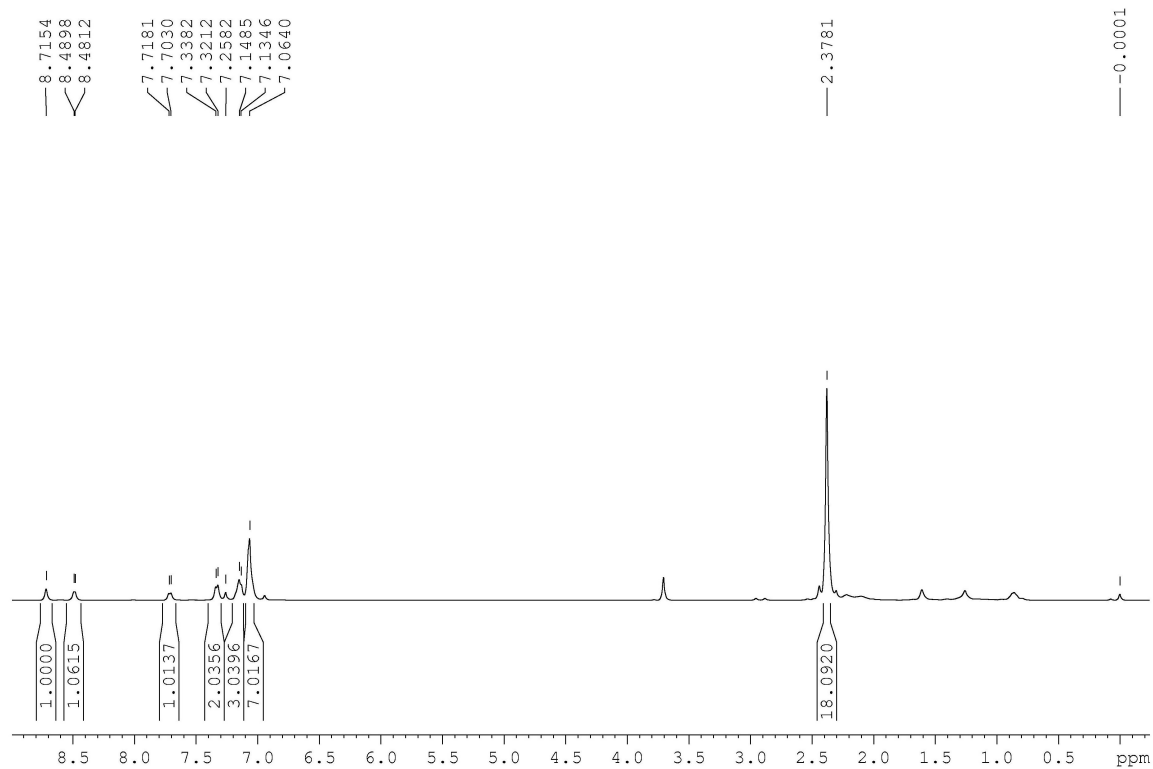
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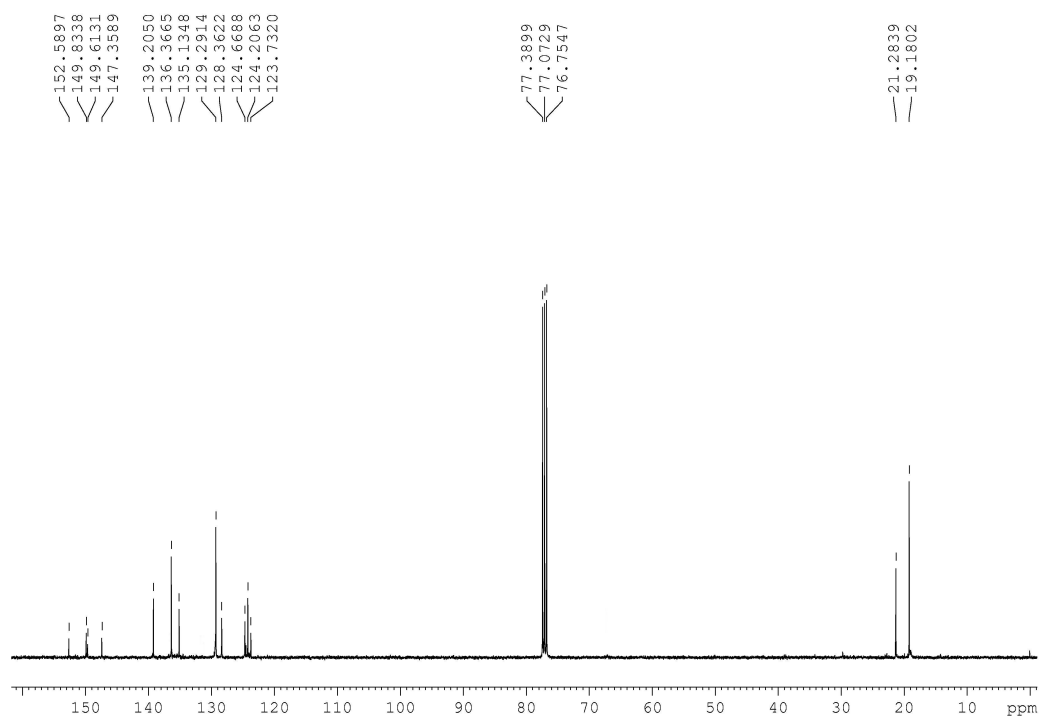
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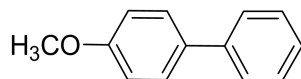
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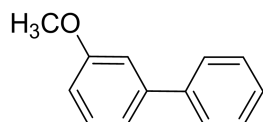
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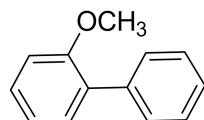
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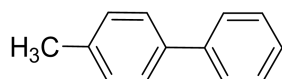
4-methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (8a)¹⁻⁷ : ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H, ArH), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.2, 140.9, 133.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.8, 126.7, 114.2, 55.4.



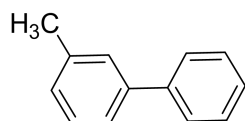
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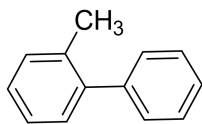
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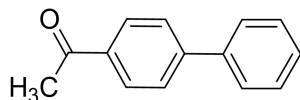
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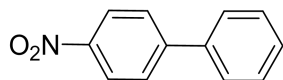
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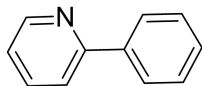
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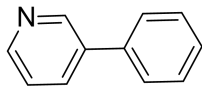
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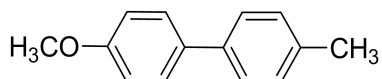
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2-phenylpyridine (8i)^{1,4}: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.98 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.75-7.71 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.41 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.22-7.20 (m, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.5, 149.7, 139.4, 136.8, 129.0, 128.8, 126.9, 122.1, 120.6.

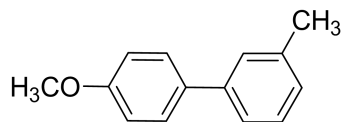


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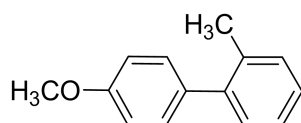


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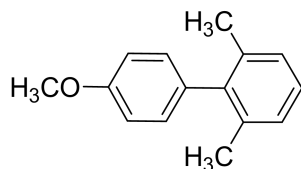
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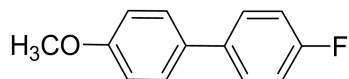
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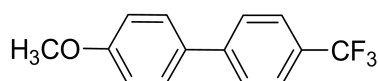
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4'-methoxy-2,6-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (8n)¹⁰ : ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.16-7.04 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.97-6.94 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.04 (s, 6H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.2, 140.5, 135.5, 132.3, 129.0, 126.2, 125.8, 112.8, 54.2, 19.9.

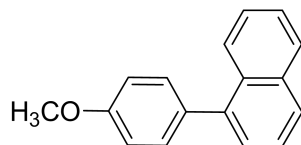


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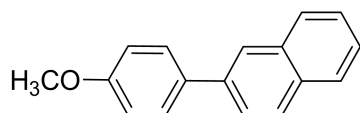


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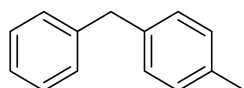
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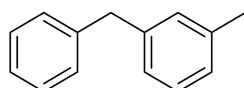
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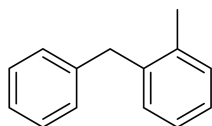
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphthalene (8r)⁶ : ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.90-7.83 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.73-7.64 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.51-7.43 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.04-7.00 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.3, 138.2, 133.8, 133.7, 132.3, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 126.3, 125.7, 125.5, 125.1, 114.3, 55.4.



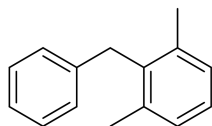
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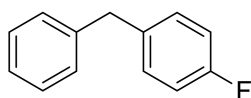
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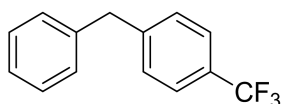
1-benzyl-2-methylbenzene (10c)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.19-7.10 (m, 7H, ArH), 3.97 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.4, 138.9, 136.7, 130.3, 130.0, 128.8, 128.4, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 39.5, 19.7.



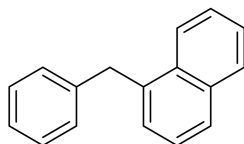
2-benzyl-1,3-dimethylbenzene (10d)¹¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.23-6.99 (m, 8H, ArH), 4.04 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.23 (s, 6H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.8, 137.2, 136.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 126.3, 125.7, 35.1, 20.2.



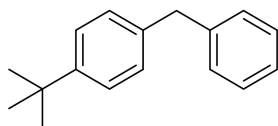
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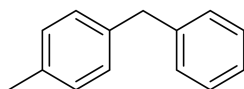
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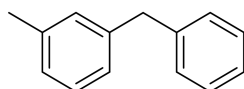
1-benzyl-1-naphthalene (10g)⁹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99-7.97 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.85-7.83 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.44-7.38 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.28-7.23 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, ArH), 4.43 (s, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.7, 136.7, 134.0, 132.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.6, 124.4, 39.1.



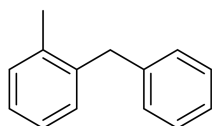
1-benzyl-4-(tert-butyl)benzene (10h)¹²: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31-7.10 (m, 9H, ArH), 3.94 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.29 (s, 9H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 141.3, 138.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0, 125.4, 41.5, 34.4, 31.4.



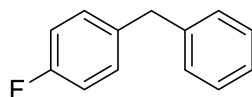
1-benzyl-4-methylbenzene (10i)^{1,9}: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60-7.18 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.08 (s, 4H, ArH), 3.93 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.1, 137.9, 135.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 125.8, 41.3, 20.8.



1-benzyl-3-methylbenzene (10j)⁹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59-7.14 (m, 6H, ArH), 6.99-6.97 (m, 3H, ArH), 3.93 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.5, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.2, 42.1, 21.6.



1-benzyl-2-methylbenzene (10k)¹: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.08 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41-7.24 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.19-7.10 (m, 5H, ArH), 3.97 (s, 2H, CH₂), 2.23 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.3, 137.9, 135.6, 129.2, 128.9, 127.7, 127.3, 125.4, 124.9, 124.8, 38.4, 18.6.



1-benzyl-4-fluorobenzene (10l)^{1,9}: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.08 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.36-7.27 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.22-7.11 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.98-6.94 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.94 (s, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.6, 160.2, 141.2, 140.9, 136.7, 130.3, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.2, 127.1, 126.2, 115.3, 115.1, 41.1.

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