

The cumene/O₂ system: a very simple tool for the radical chain oxidation of some functional groups

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1) General Information

All reactions were carried out in dried reaction vessels with sealed Teflon screw caps under oxygen. NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker AMX 400 using CDCl_3 as solvent, with proton and carbon resonances at 400 and 101 MHz, respectively. Coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hz. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (40-63 mesh) by standard technique. Substrates were purchased either from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI, or ABCR. HR-MS data were determined on a WATERS GCT-PremierTM mass spectrometer.

2) Methods

Standard conditions for the oxidation of cumenes with O_2 : 85 ml reactor equipped with Teflon screw cap was charged with cumene derivatives (14 mmol). The reactor was then flushed with oxygen atmosphere (1-2 min.), then sealed (tightly) and exposed to 190°C for 24 h (magnetic stirring set to approx. 500 turns/min). The reactor was then cooled to room temperature. $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{Cl}_4$ (0.5 mmol) was added to the mixture and the mixture has been measured by NMR spectroscopy.

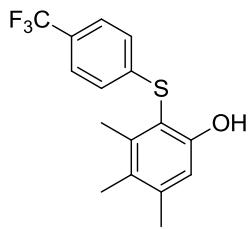
Control experiment: 2 mmol of 2,4,6-tri-tertbutylphenol is added to the otherwise standard reactions described above. Only a trace of benzophenone was observed.

Standard conditions for the cross dehydrogenative coupling of phenols with thiophenols under cumene/ O_2 : phenol (1 mmol), thiophenol (0.5 mmol) and cumene (1 ml) are united under air in a 85 ml reactor equipped with Teflon screw cap. The reactor is then flushed with oxygen atmosphere (1-2 min.), then sealed (tightly) and exposed to 150°C for 24 h. (magnetic stirring set to approx. 500 turns/min). The reactor is then cooled to room temperature. The solvent from the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to leave a residue that was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 gel).

Standard conditions for the oxidation of 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 under cumene/ O_2 : The substrate (1 mmol) and cumene (1.2 ml) are united under air in an 85 ml reactor equipped with Teflon screw cap. The reactor is then flushed with oxygen atmosphere (1-2 min.), then sealed (tightly) and exposed to 150°C for 24 h. (magnetic stirring set to approx. 500 turns/min). The reactor is then cooled to room temperature. The solvent from the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to leave a residue that was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 gel) hexane/ethyl acetate (15:1).

Note: for the cross dehydrogenative coupling of phenols with phenothiazines, please refer to this paper: M.-L. Louillat-Habermeyer, R. Jin & F. W. Patureau, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 4102.

3) Product Characterization



Chemical Formula: C₁₆H₁₅F₃OS

Exact Mass: 312.0796

Molecular Weight: 312,3499

m/z: 312.0796 (100.0%), 313.0829 (17.3%), 314.0754 (4.5%), 314.0863 (1.4%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 61.52; H, 4.84; F, 18.25; O, 5.12; S, 10.27

8a. From 4-trifluoromethylthiophenol and 3,4,5-trimethylphenol. The concentrated reaction mixture is purified by SiO₂ gel column chromatography hexane/DCM (5:1). Isolated yield: 44% (white powder).

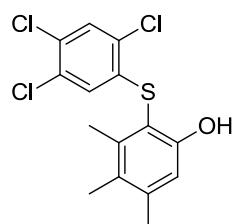
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)δ (ppm): 2.09 (3H, s, Me), 2.24 (3H, s, Me), 2.28 (3H, s, Me), 6.37 (1H, s, OH), 6.75 (1H, s, CH), 6.98 (2H, d, ³J = 8.4 Hz, CH), 7.36 (2H, d, ³J = 8.4 Hz, CH).

¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 15.97 (s, Me), 18.23 (s, Me), 21.25 (s, Me), 111.55(s, C), 114.33 (s, CH), 124.07 (q, ¹J = 270.6 Hz, CF₃), 125.66 (s, CH), 125.96 (q, ³J = 3.7 Hz, CH), 127.75 (q, ²J = 32.6 Hz, C), 128.25 (s, C), 141.25 (s, C), 141.42 (s, C), 141.62 (s, C), 155.17(s, C).

¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -62.43 (s, CF₃).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): v: 3408, 2925, 1919, 1603, 1566, 1496, 1458, 1401, 1320, 1291, 1223, 1201, 1164, 1152, 1127, 1107, 1087, 1061, 1040, 1011, 952, 851, 830, 779.

EI-HRMS: mass spectrometry: m/z calc. 312.0796 [C₁₆H₁₅F₃OS] ^{•+}, measured 312.0766.



Chemical Formula: C₁₅H₁₃Cl₃OS

Exact Mass: 345,9753

Molecular Weight: 347,6871

m/z: 345.9753 (100.0%), 347.9723 (95.9%), 349.9694 (30.6%), 346.9786 (16.2%), 348.9757 (15.6%), 350.9727 (5.0%), 347.9711 (4.5%), 349.9681 (4.3%), 351.9664 (3.3%), 351.9652 (1.4%), 347.9820 (1.2%), 349.9790 (1.2%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 51.82; H, 3.77; Cl, 30.59; O, 4.60; S, 9.22

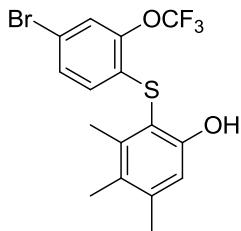
8b. From 2,4,5-trichlorothiophenol and 3,4,5-trimethylphenol. The concentrated reaction mixture is purified by SiO₂ gel column chromatography hexane/DCM (5:1). Isolated yield: 24% (pale yellow powder).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 2.11 (3H, s, Me), 2.26 (3H, s, Me), 2.28 (3H, s, Me), 6.21 (1H, s, OH), 6.39 (1H, s, CH), 6.76 (1H, s, CH), 7.39 (1H, s, CH).

¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 16.04 (s, Me), 18.20 (s, Me), 21.31 (s, Me), 110.35 (s, C), 114.74 (s, CH), 126.55 (s, CH), 128.67 (s, C), 129.79 (s, C), 129.81 (s, C), 130.74 (s, CH), 132.04 (s, C), 135.79 (s, C), 141.60 (s, C), 142.07 (s, C), 155.17 (s, C).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): v: 3429, 3409, 3070, 2921, 2853, 1737, 1598, 1563, 1460, 1430, 1374, 1322, 1295, 1256, 1225, 1204, 1149, 1107, 1054, 1038, 1000, 949, 926, 879, 863, 852, 782.

EI-HRMS: mass spectrometry: m/z calc. 345.9753 and 347.9723 [C₁₅H₁₃Cl₃OS]⁺, measured 345.9746 and 347.9726 respectively.



Chemical Formula: C₁₆H₁₄BrF₃O₂S

Exact Mass: 405.9850

Molecular Weight: 407,2454

m/z: 405.9850 (100.0%), 407.9830 (97.3%), 406.9884 (17.3%), 408.9863 (16.8%), 407.9808 (4.5%), 409.9787 (4.4%), 407.9917 (1.4%), 409.9897 (1.4%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 47.19; H, 3.47; Br, 19.62; F, 14.00; O, 7.86; S, 7.87

8c. From 4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethoxy)thiophenol and 3,4,5-trimethylphenol. The concentrated reaction mixture is purified by SiO₂ gel column chromatography hexane/DCM (5:1). Isolated yield: 24% (pale yellow powder).

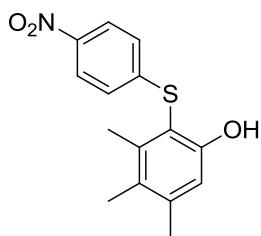
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 2.09 (3H, s, Me), 2.24 (3H, s, Me), 2.26 (3H, s, Me), 6.28 (1H, s, OH), 6.32 (1H, d, ³J = 8.5 Hz, CH), 6.74 (1H, s, CH), 7.10 (1H, dd, ³J = 8.5 Hz, J = 2.0 Hz, CH), 7.33 (1H, quint, J = 1.5 Hz, CH).

¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 15.97 (s, Me), 18.09 (s, Me), 21.24 (s, Me), 110.04 (s, C), 114.49 (s, CH), 118.85 (s, C), 120.54 (q, ¹J = 259.7 Hz, CF₃), 124.31 (s, CH), 127.74 (s, CH), 128.43 (s, C), 129.65 (s, C), 130.67 (s, CH), 141.64 (s, C), 141.85 (s, C), 145.89 (s, C), 155.41 (s, C).

¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -57.51 (s, CF₃).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): ν: 3402, 2925, 2857, 1595, 1561, 1465, 1382, 1316, 1245, 1213, 1197, 1168, 1149, 1087, 1054, 1037, 938, 866, 852, 841, 817, 799.

EI-HRMS: mass spectrometry: m/z calc. 405.9850 and 407.9830 [C₁₆H₁₄BrF₃O₂S]^{•+}, measured 405.9861 and 407.9842 respectively.



Chemical Formula: C₁₅H₁₅NO₃S

Exact Mass: 289.0773

Molecular Weight: 289.3495

m/z: 289.0773 (100.0%), 290.0806 (16.2%), 291.0731 (4.5%), 291.0840 (1.2%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 62.26; H, 5.23; N, 4.84; O, 16.59; S, 11.08

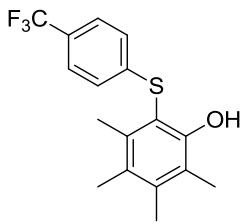
8d. From 4-nitrothiophenol and 3,4,5-trimethylphenol. The concentrated reaction mixture is purified by SiO₂ gel column chromatography hexane/EtOAc (20:1). Isolated yield: 21% (yellow powder).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 2.11 (3H, s, Me), 2.26 (3H, s, Me), 2.28 (3H, s, Me), 6.22 (1H, s, OH), 6.77 (1H, s, CH), 6.99 (2H, AA'part, 6.9765, 6.9831, 6.9878, 7.007, 7.0054, 7.0120), 7.99 (2H, BB' part, 7.9719, 7.9782, 7.9832, 7.9957, 8.0008, 8.0070).

¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 16.00 (s, Me), 18.21 (s, Me), 21.28 (s, Me), 110.72 (s, C), 114.62 (s, CH), 124.26 (s, CH), 125.58 (s, CH), 128.56 (s, C), 141.51 (s, C), 141.93 (s, C), 145.66 (s, C), 145.94 (s, C), 155.12 (s, C).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): ν: 3432, 2921, 2853, 1593, 1572, 1501, 1475, 1425, 1377, 1334, 1319, 1288, 1222, 1198, 1152, 1110, 1083, 1045, 1008, 957, 926, 854, 838, 781, 740, 680.

EI-HRMS: mass spectrometry: m/z calc. 289.0773 [C₁₅H₁₅NO₃S]^{•+}, measured 289.0775.



Chemical Formula: C₁₇H₁₇F₃OS

Exact Mass: 326,0952

Molecular Weight: 326,3765

m/z: 326.0952 (100.0%), 327.0986 (18.4%), 328.0910 (4.5%), 328.1019 (1.6%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 62.56; H, 5.25; F, 17.46; O, 4.90; S, 9.82

8e. From 4-trifluorothiophenol and 2,3,4,5-tetramethylphenol^[1]. The concentrated reaction mixture is purified by SiO₂ gel column chromatography hexane/DCM (10:1). Isolated yield: 23% (white powder).

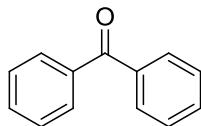
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 2.14 (3H, s, Me), 2.18 (3H, s, Me), 2.20 (3H, s, Me), 6.61 (1H, s, OH), 6.98 (2H, d, ³J = 8.3 Hz, CH), 7.36 (2H, d, ³J = 8.3 Hz, CH).

¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 13.14 (s, Me), 16.74 (s, Me), 16.80 (s, Me), 18.45 (s, Me), 111.12 (s, C), 120.62 (s, C), 124.10 (q, ¹J = 272.7 Hz, CF₃), 125.66 (s, CH), 125.92 (q, ³J = 3.6 Hz, CH), 127.68 (q, ²J = 32.8 Hz, C), 127.79 (s, C), 138.24 (s, C), 139.95 (s, C), 141.36 (s, C), 153.34 (s, C).

¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -62.41 (s, CF₃).

IR (neat, cm⁻¹): ν: 3424, 2925, 1605, 1568, 1497, 1449, 1402, 1325, 1239, 1215, 1164, 1124, 1108, 1086, 1063, 1014, 829, 767, 750.

EI-HRMS: mass spectrometry: m/z calc. 326.0952 [C₁₇H₁₇F₃OS]⁺, measured 326.0956.



Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₀O

Exact Mass: 182,0732

Molecular Weight: 182,2179

m/z: 182.0732 (100.0%), 183.0765 (14.1%)

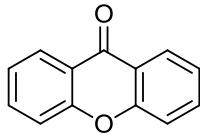
Elemental Analysis: C, 85.69; H, 5.53; O, 8.78

14/15. From Benzhydrol. Isolated yield: 97%. From Diphenylmethane. Isolated yield: 88% .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.36 (4H, t, ³J = 7.3 Hz, CH), 7.47 (2H, t, ³J = 7.3 Hz, CH), 7.69 (4H, d, ³J = 7.1 Hz, CH).

^{13}C { ^1H } NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 128.36 (CH), 130.08 (CH), 132.52 (CH), 137.69 (C), 196.73 (CO).

IR (neat, cm^{-1}): ν : 1657, 1598, 1580, 1494, 1447, 1318, 1275, 1176, 1150, 1074, 1028, 999, 974, 941, 918, 883, 848, 810, 763, 696, 670.



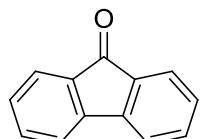
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Molecular Weight: 196.2014
 m/z : 196.0524 (100.0%), 197.0558 (14.1%)
Elemental Analysis: C, 79.58; H, 4.11; O, 16.31

16. From Xanthene. Isolated yield: 93% .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.30 (2H, dt, $^3J = 7.1$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz, CH), 7.49 (2H, dt, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, $J = 1.1$ Hz, CH), 7.52 (2H, td, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, $J = 1.3$ Hz, CH), 7.66 (2H, td, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, $J = 0.9$ Hz, CH).

^{13}C { ^1H } NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 120.31 (CH), 124.32 (CH), 129.13 (CH), 134.14 (C), 134.70 (CH), 144.44 (C), 193.95 (CO).

IR (neat, cm^{-1}): ν : 1653, 1616, 1604, 1567, 1479, 1452, 1345, 1329, 1276, 1239, 1211, 1192, 1143, 1113, 1099, 1031, 1023, 989, 967, 932, 881, 842, 829, 807, 783, 754, 700, 680, 656.



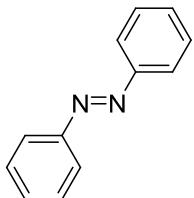
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Molecular Weight: 180.2020
 m/z : 180.0575 (100.0%), 181.0609 (14.1%)
Elemental Analysis: C, 86.65; H, 4.47; O, 8.88

17. From Fluorene. Isolated yield: 74% .

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.29 (2H, dt, $^3J = 7.3$ Hz, $J = 1.3$ Hz, CH), 7.48 (2H, dt, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, $J = 1.0$ Hz, CH), 7.52 (2H, d, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, CH), 7.66 (2H, d, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz, CH).

^{13}C { ^1H } NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 120.25 (CH), 124.37 (CH), 129.11 (CH), 134.04 (C), 134.76 (CH), 144.25 (C), 194.03 (CO).

IR (neat, cm^{-1}): ν : 1712, 1610, 1598, 1472, 1450, 1371, 1324, 1296, 1189, 1147, 1095, 1012, 988, 945, 914, 876, 809, 774, 724, 664.



Chemical Formula: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2$

Exact Mass: 182.0844

Molecular Weight: 182.2212

m/z: 182.0844 (100.0%), 183.0878 (13.0%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 79.10; H, 5.53; N, 15.37

18. From Hydrazobenzene. Isolated yield: 93% .

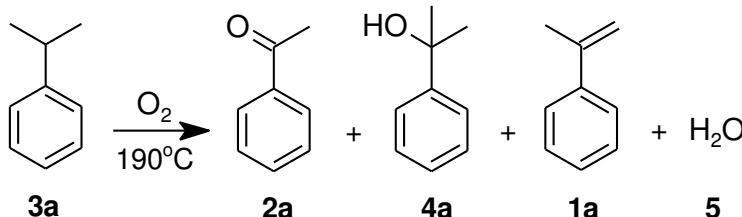
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.39 (2H, t, $^3J = 7.1$ Hz, CH), 7.44 (4H, t, $^3J = 6.8$ Hz, CH), 7.84 (4H, d, $^3J = 7.5$ Hz, CH).

^{13}C { ^1H } NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 122.88 (CH), 129.17 (CH), 130.99 (CH), 152.67 (C).

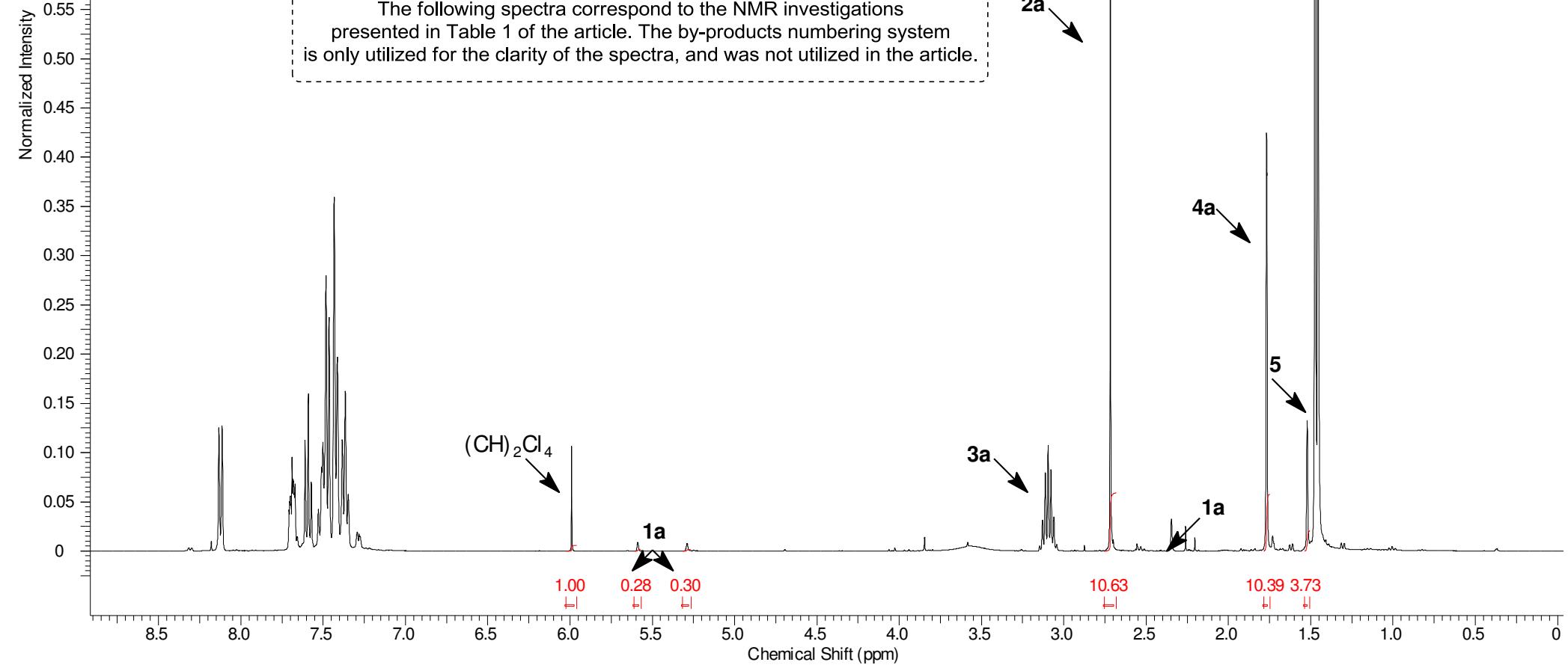
IR (neat, cm^{-1}): ν : 1582, 1535, 1483, 1453, 1398, 1346, 1300, 1221, 1159, 1150, 1071, 1019, 999, 984, 925, 851, 769, 664.

4) Spectra

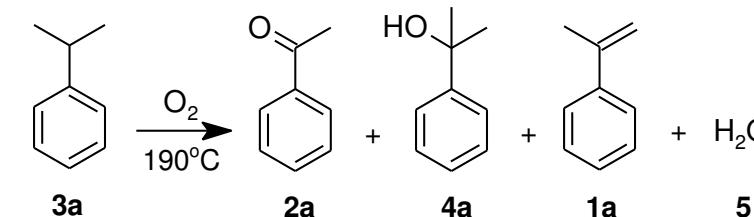
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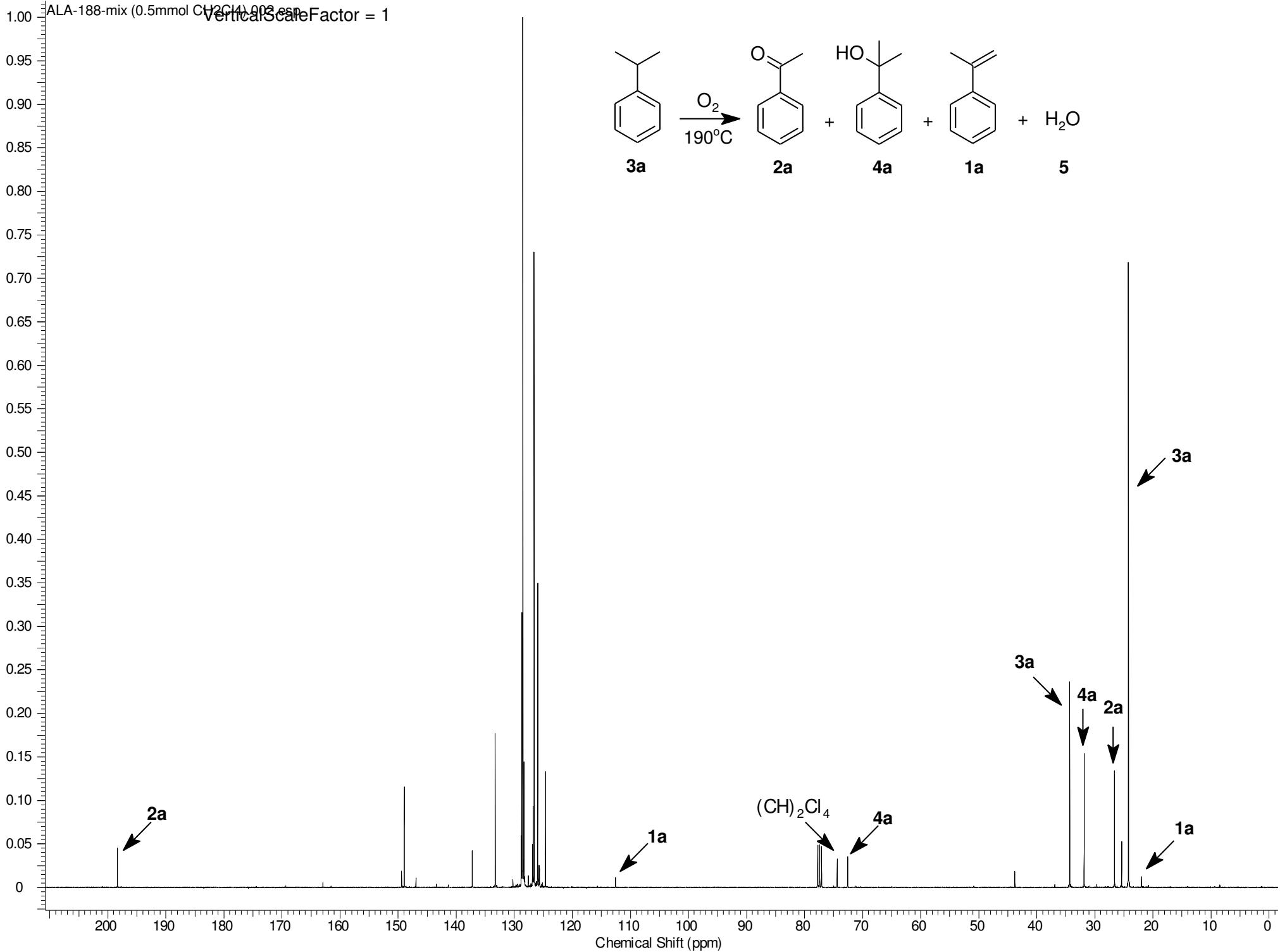
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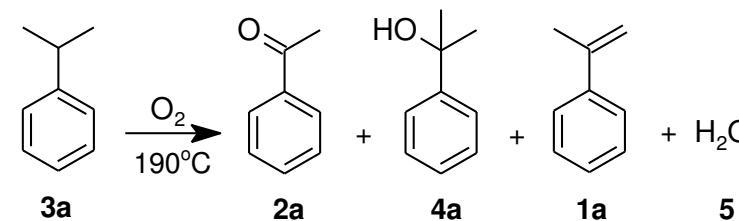


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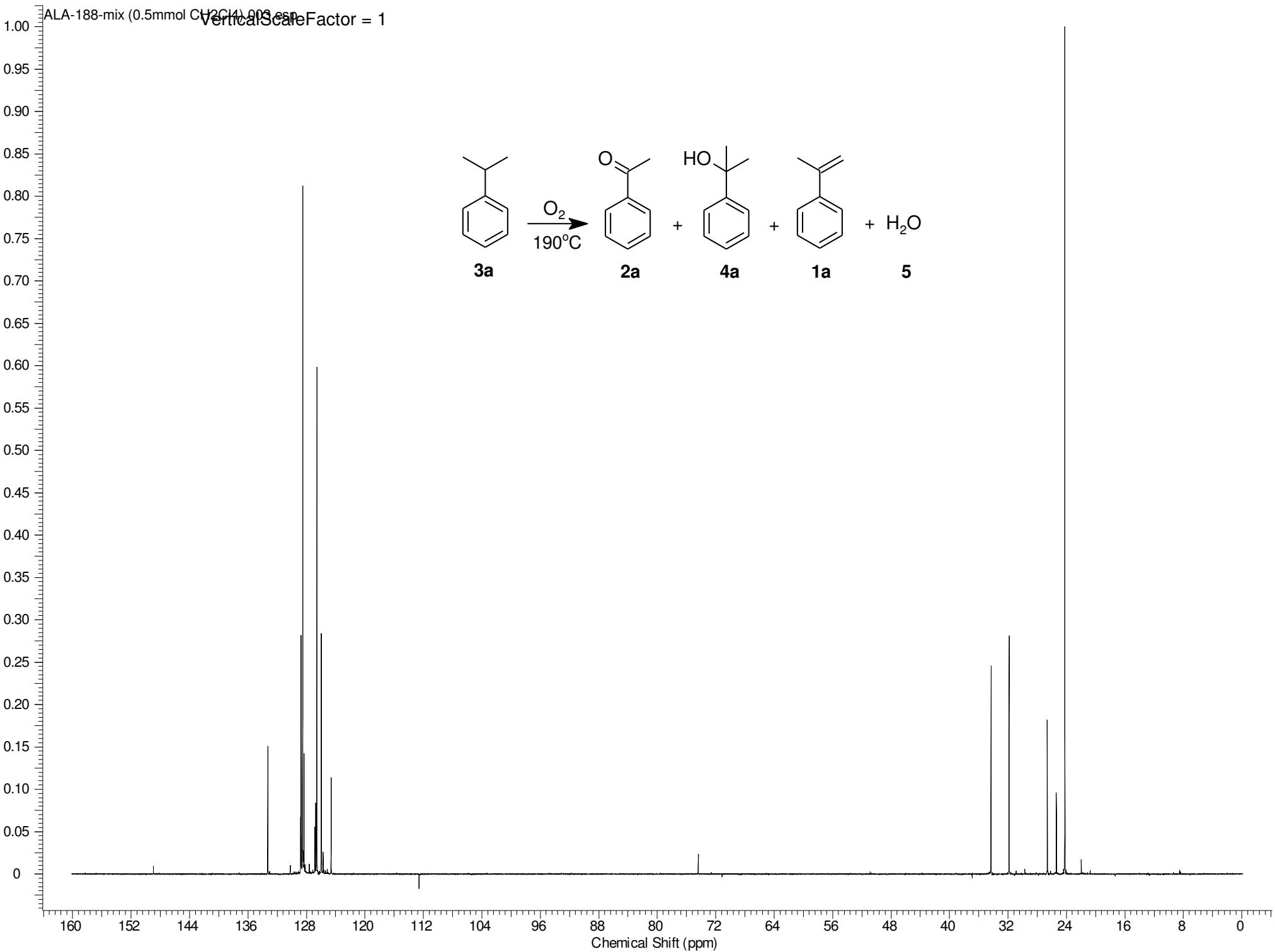


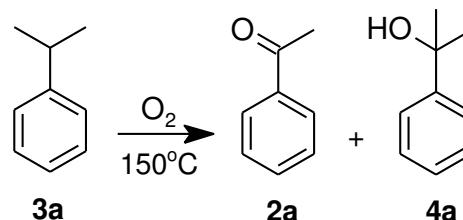
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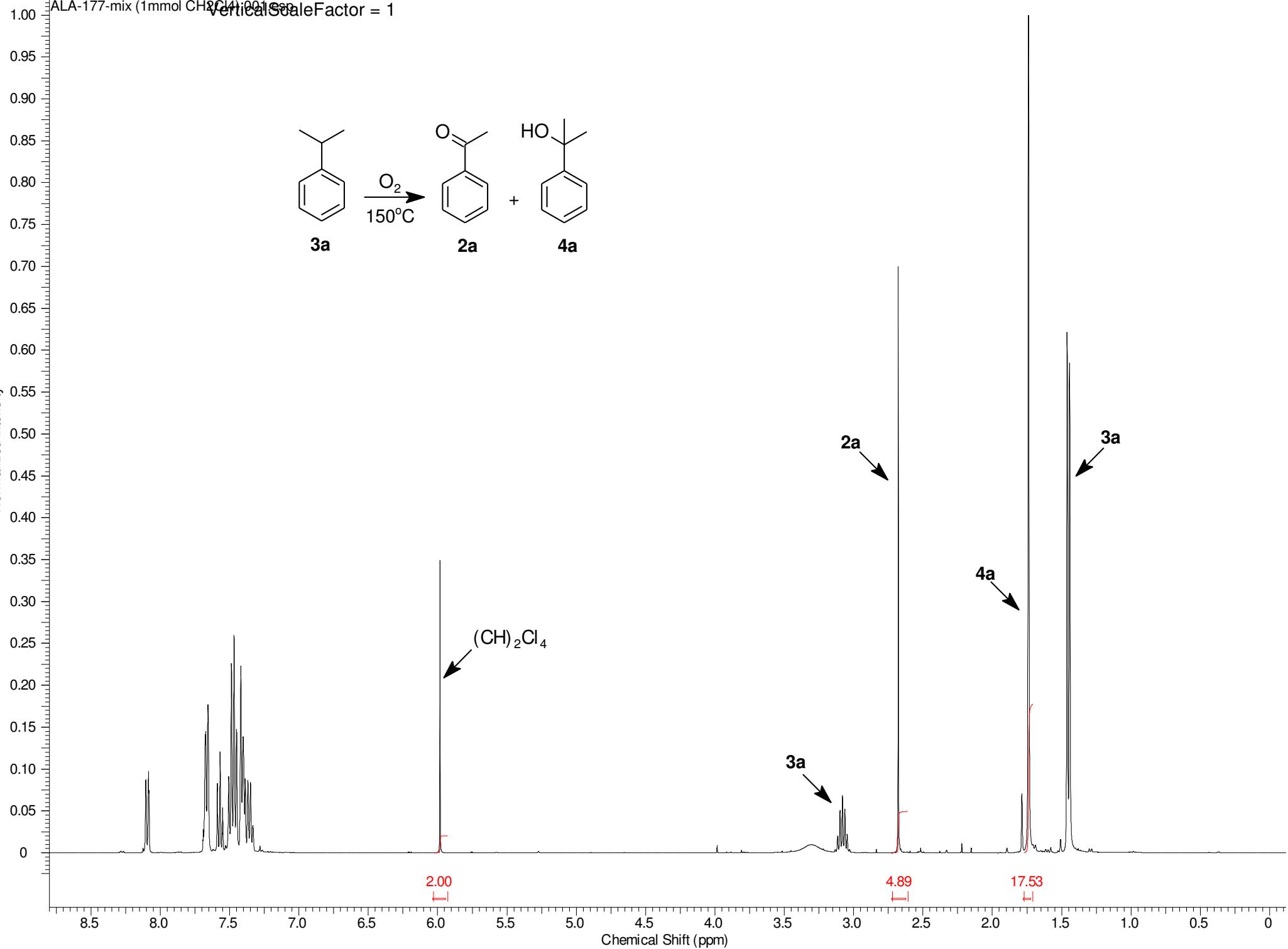


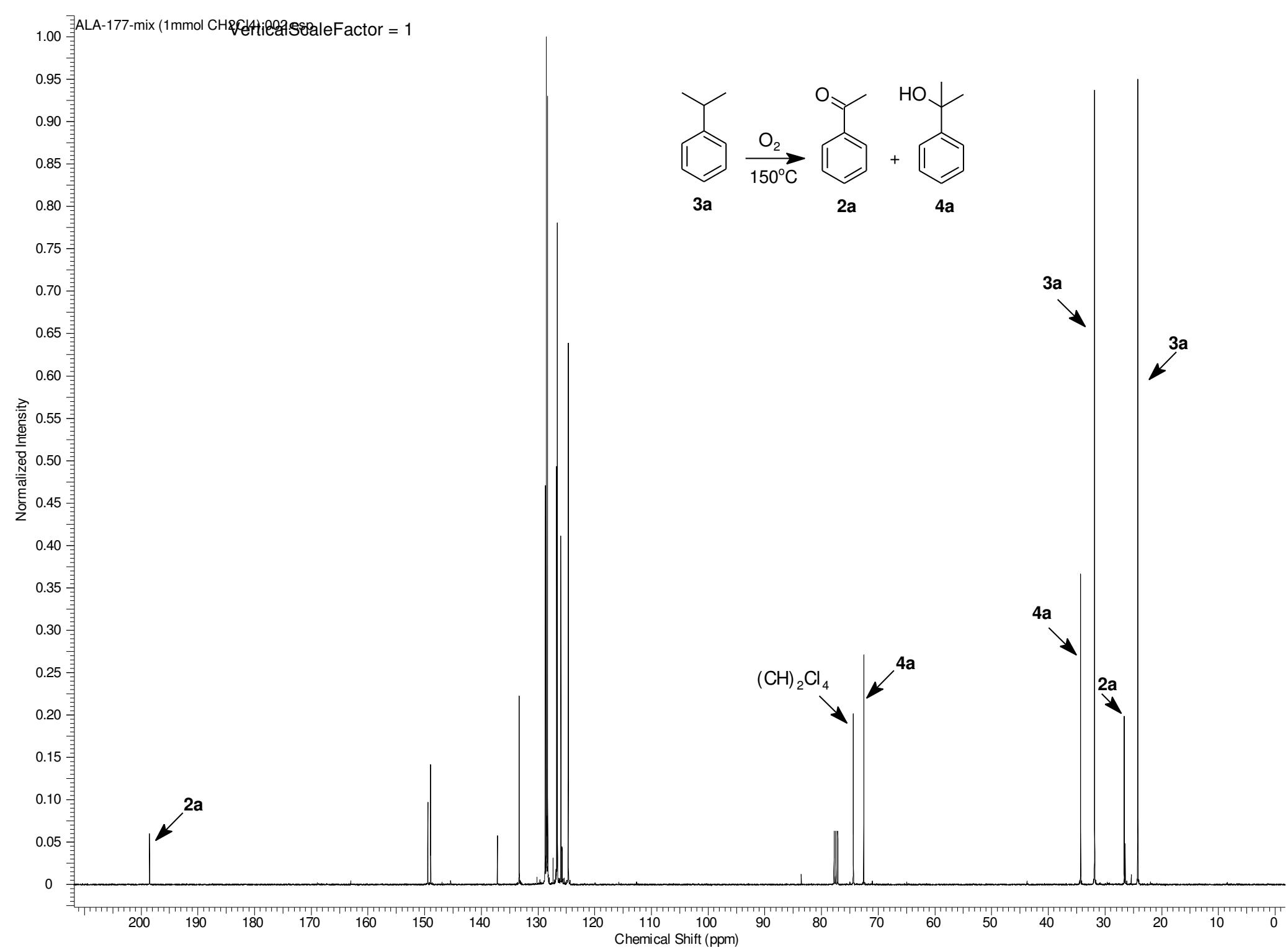
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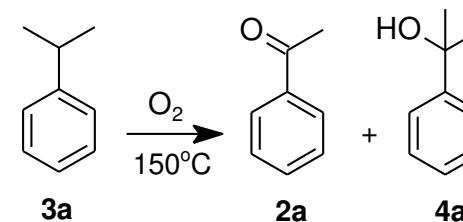




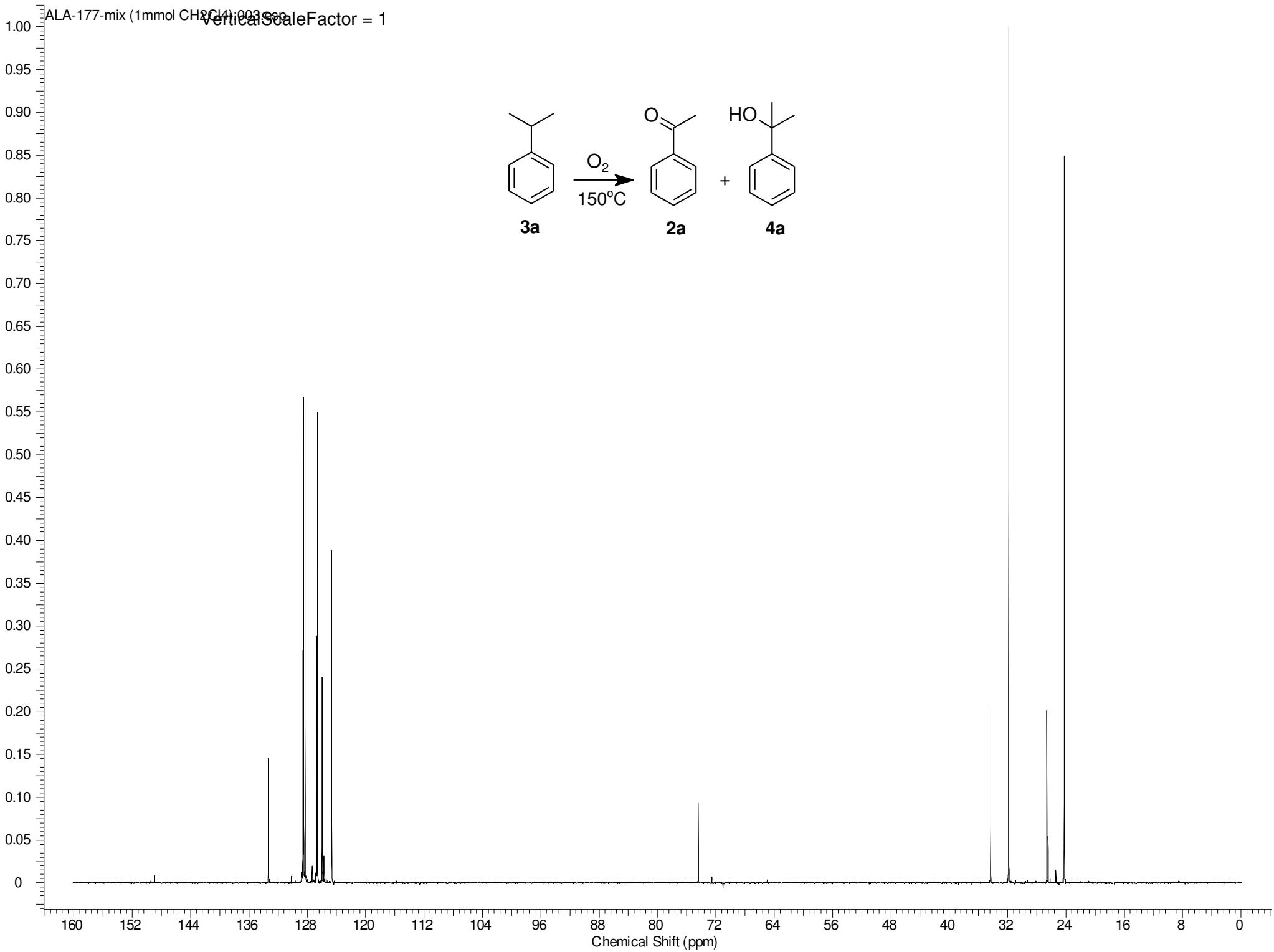
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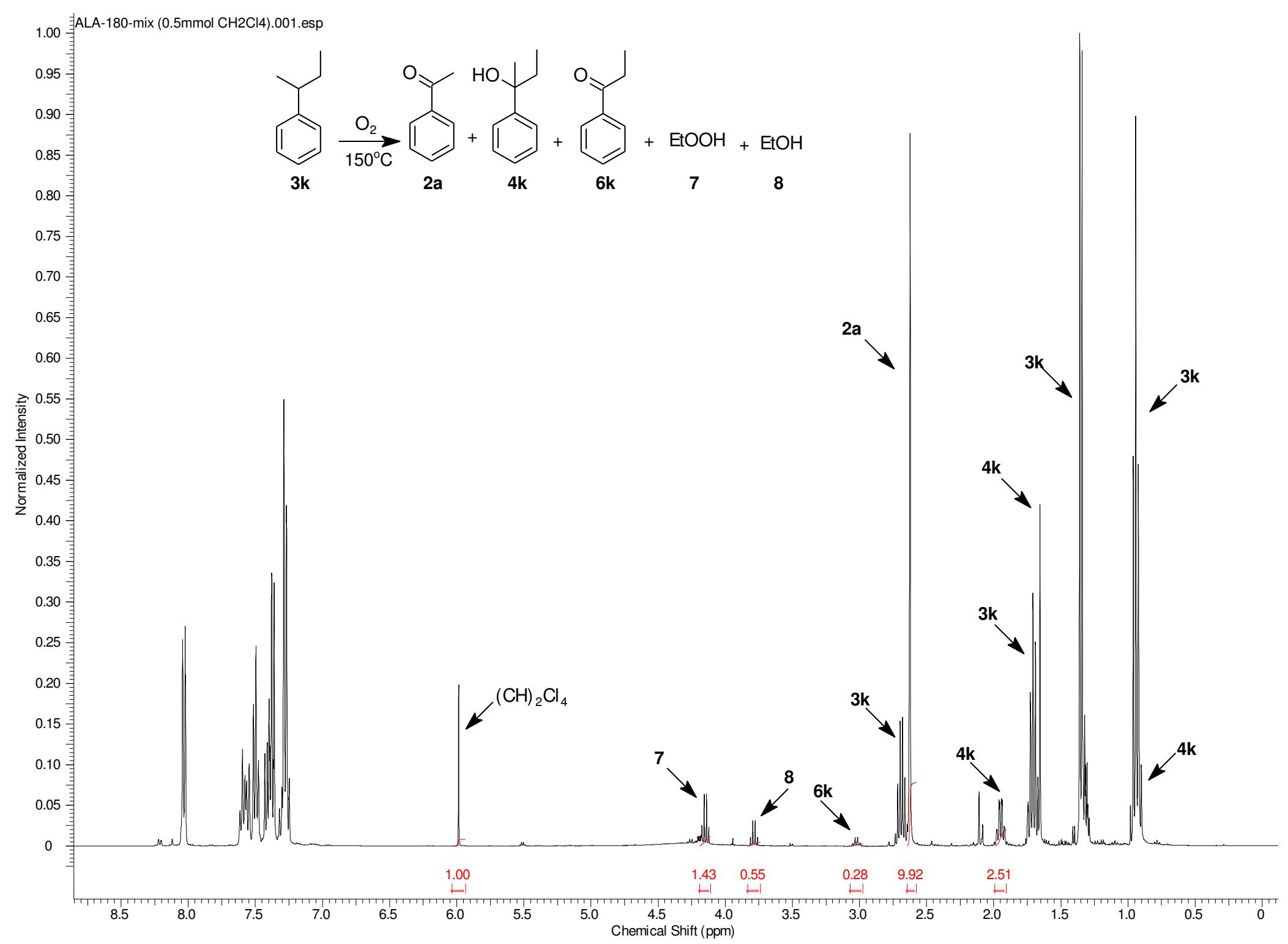


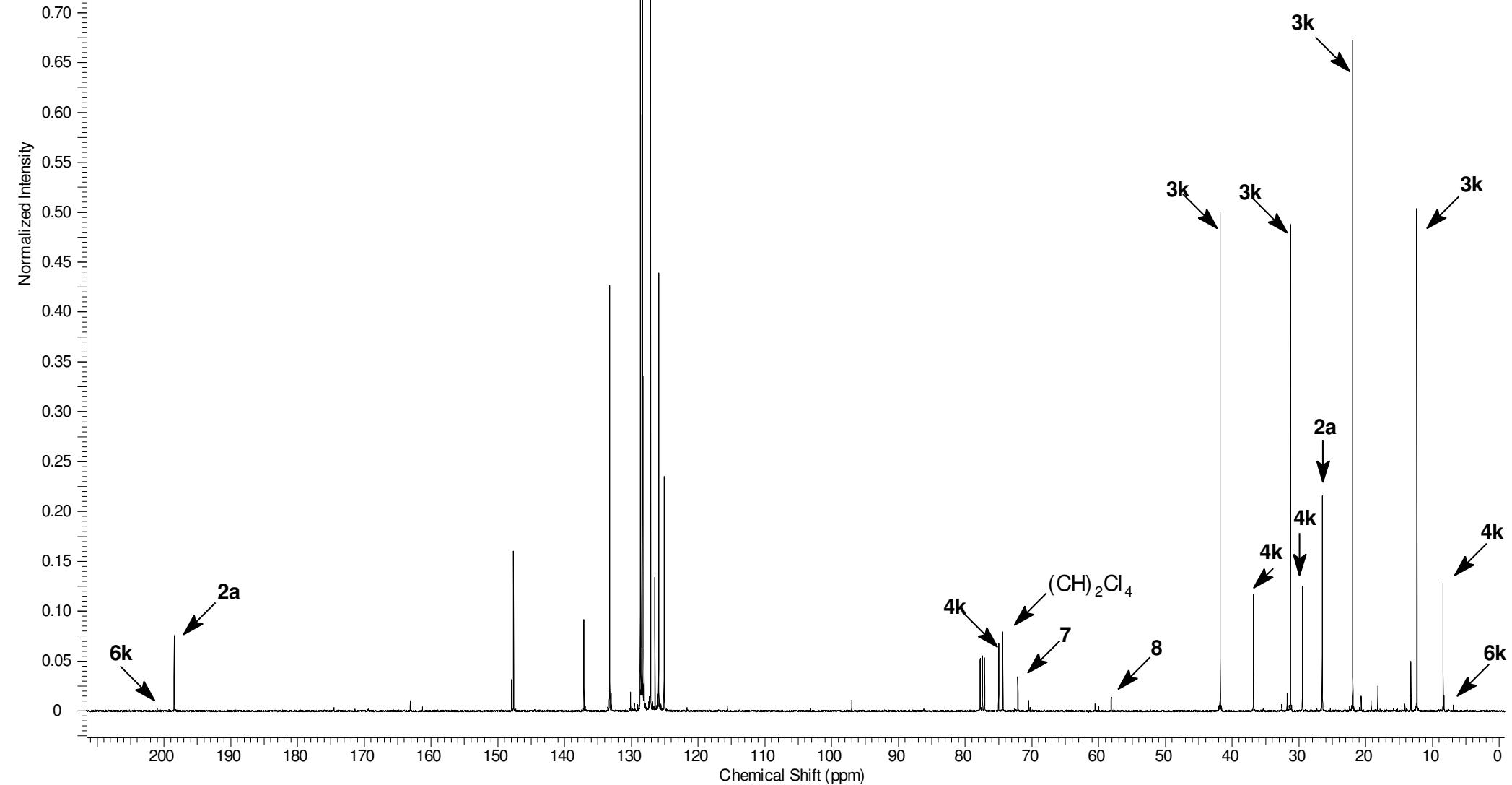
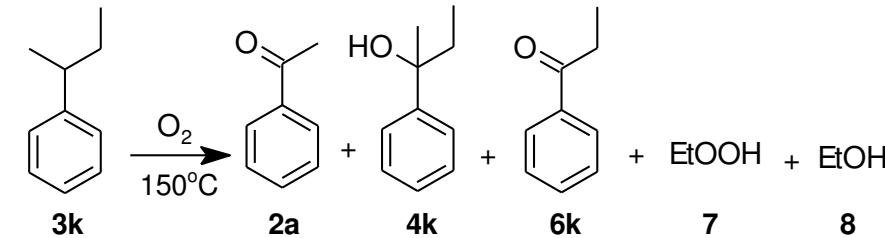


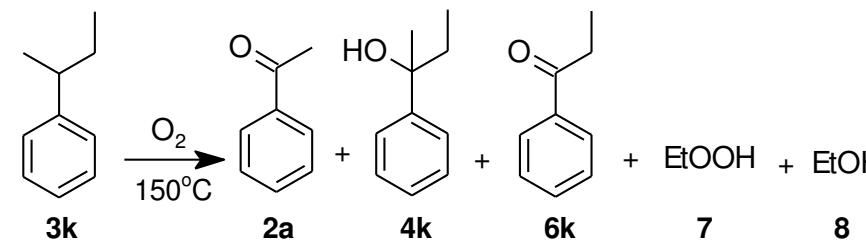


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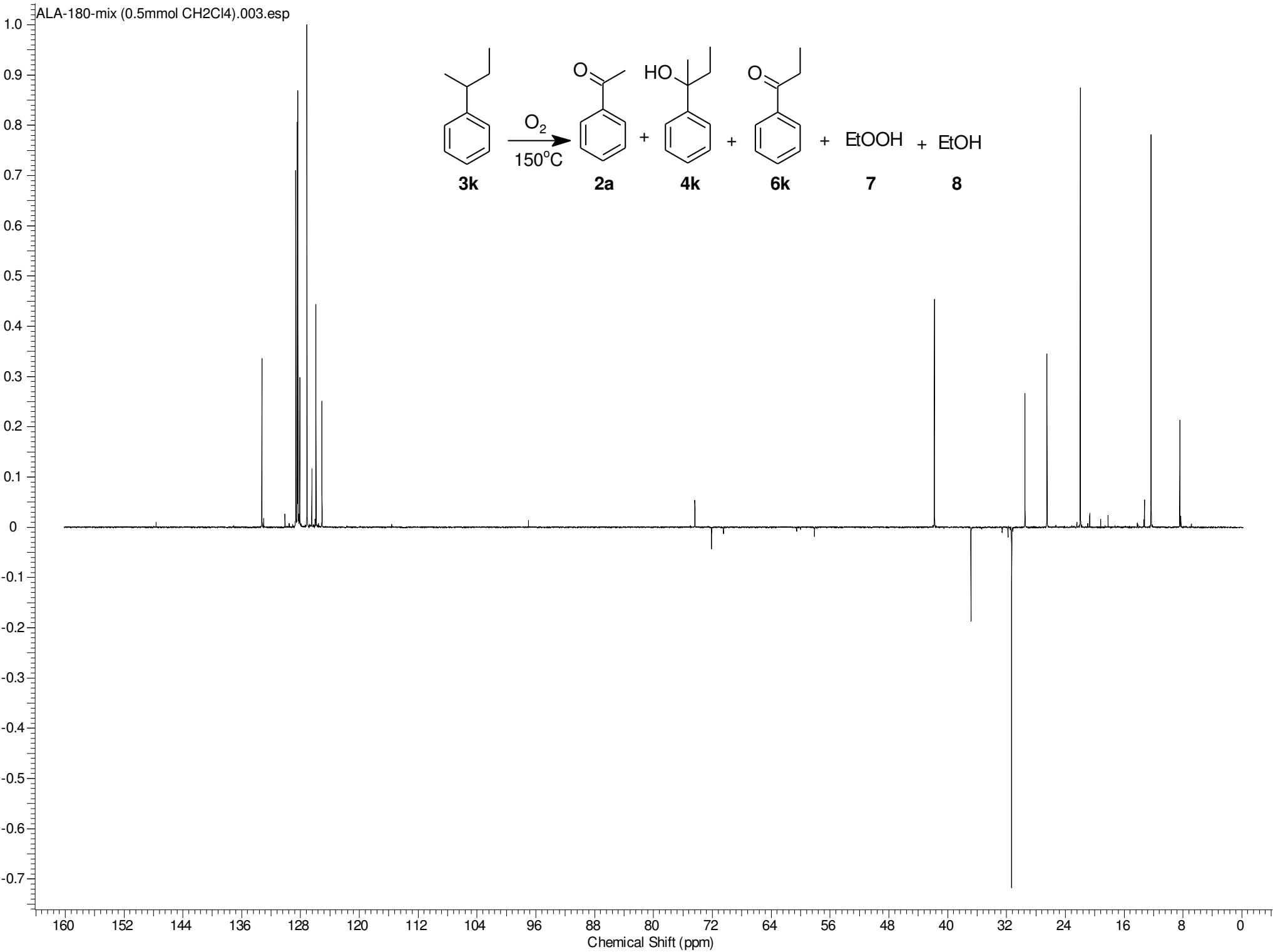


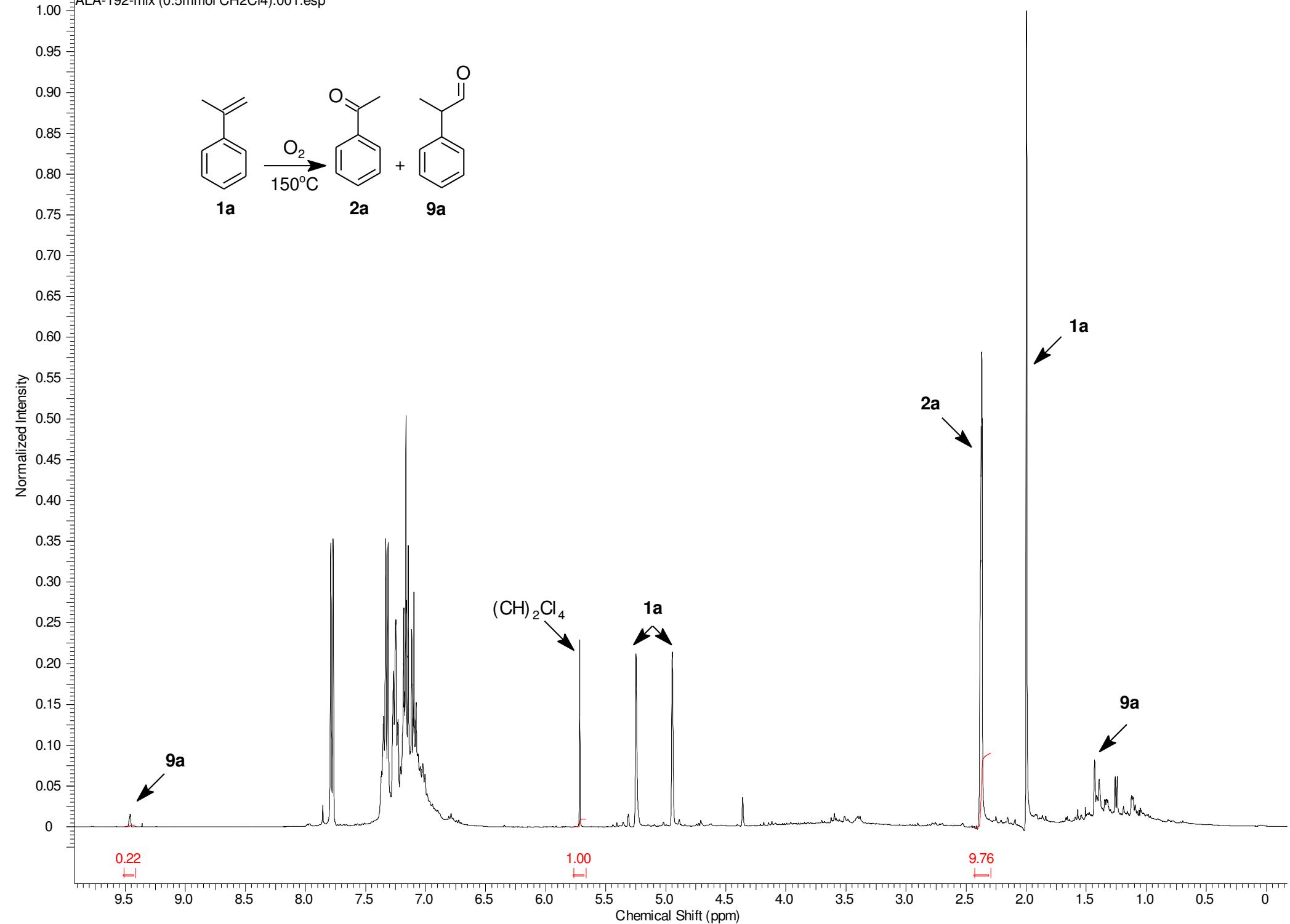
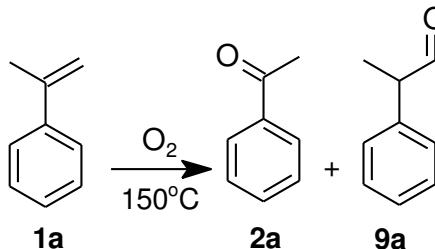


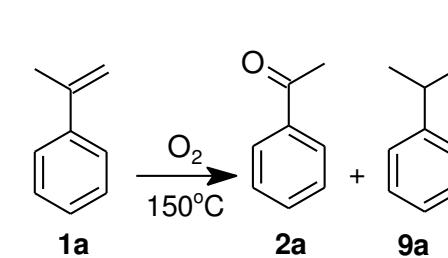
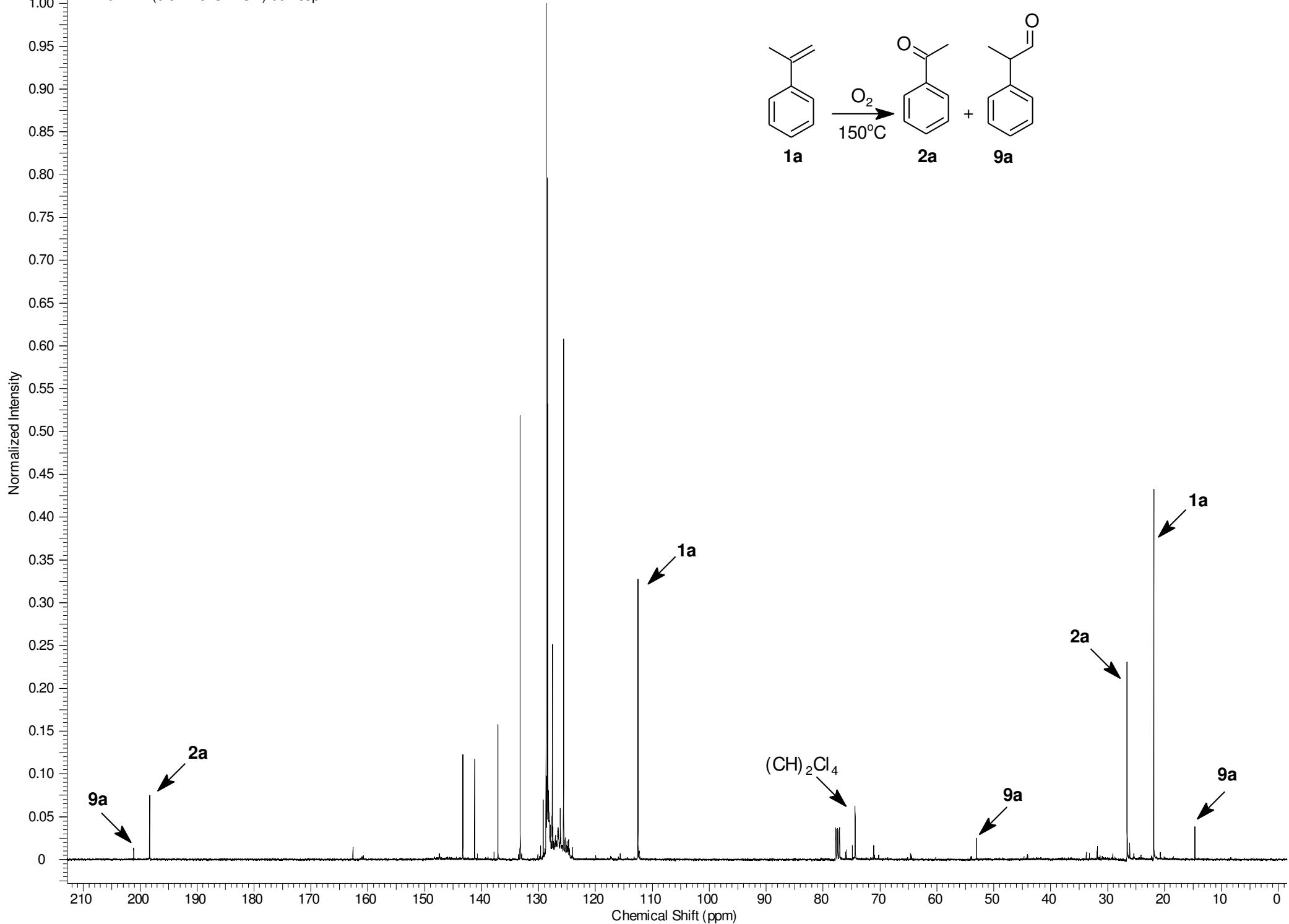


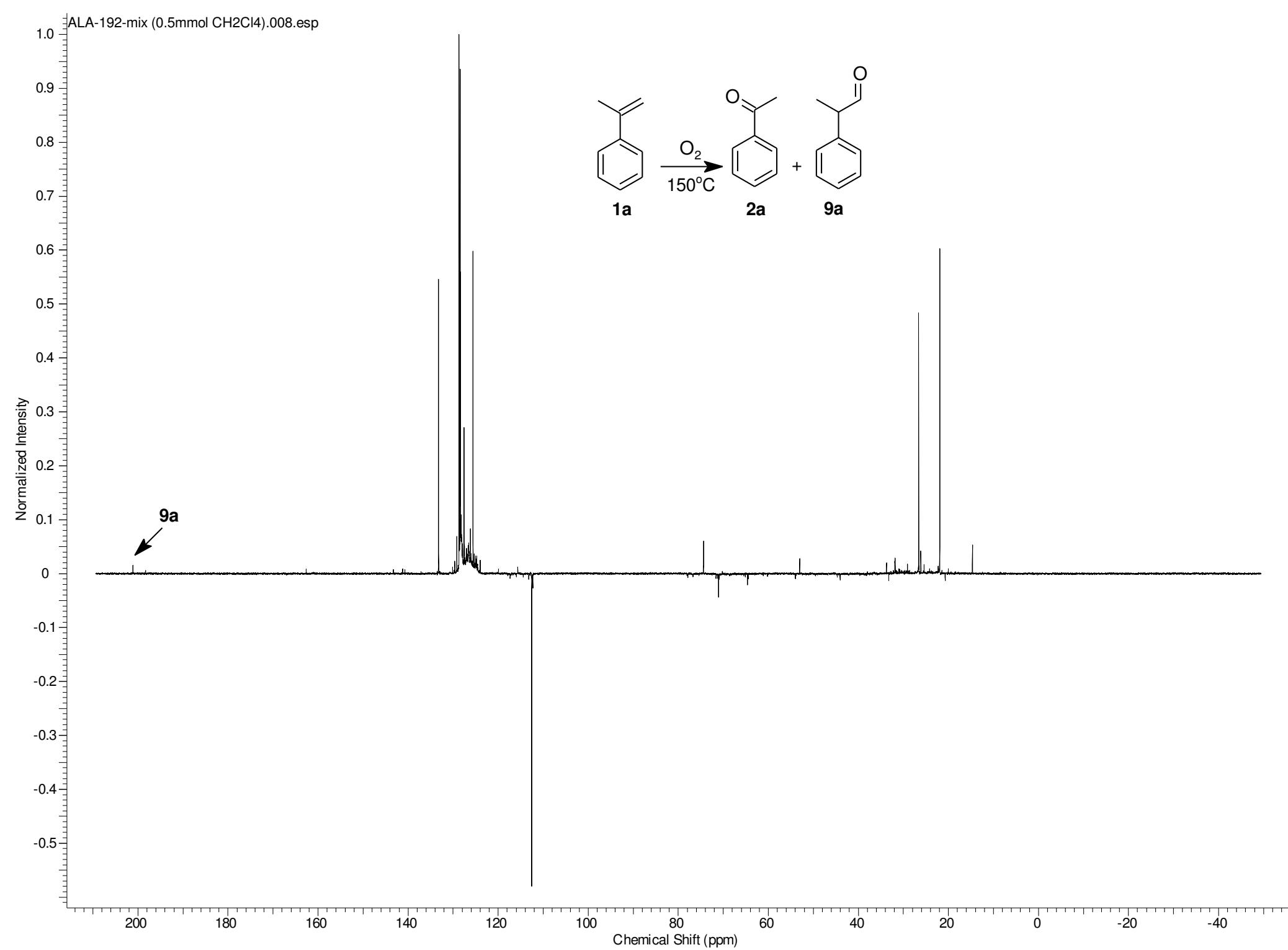


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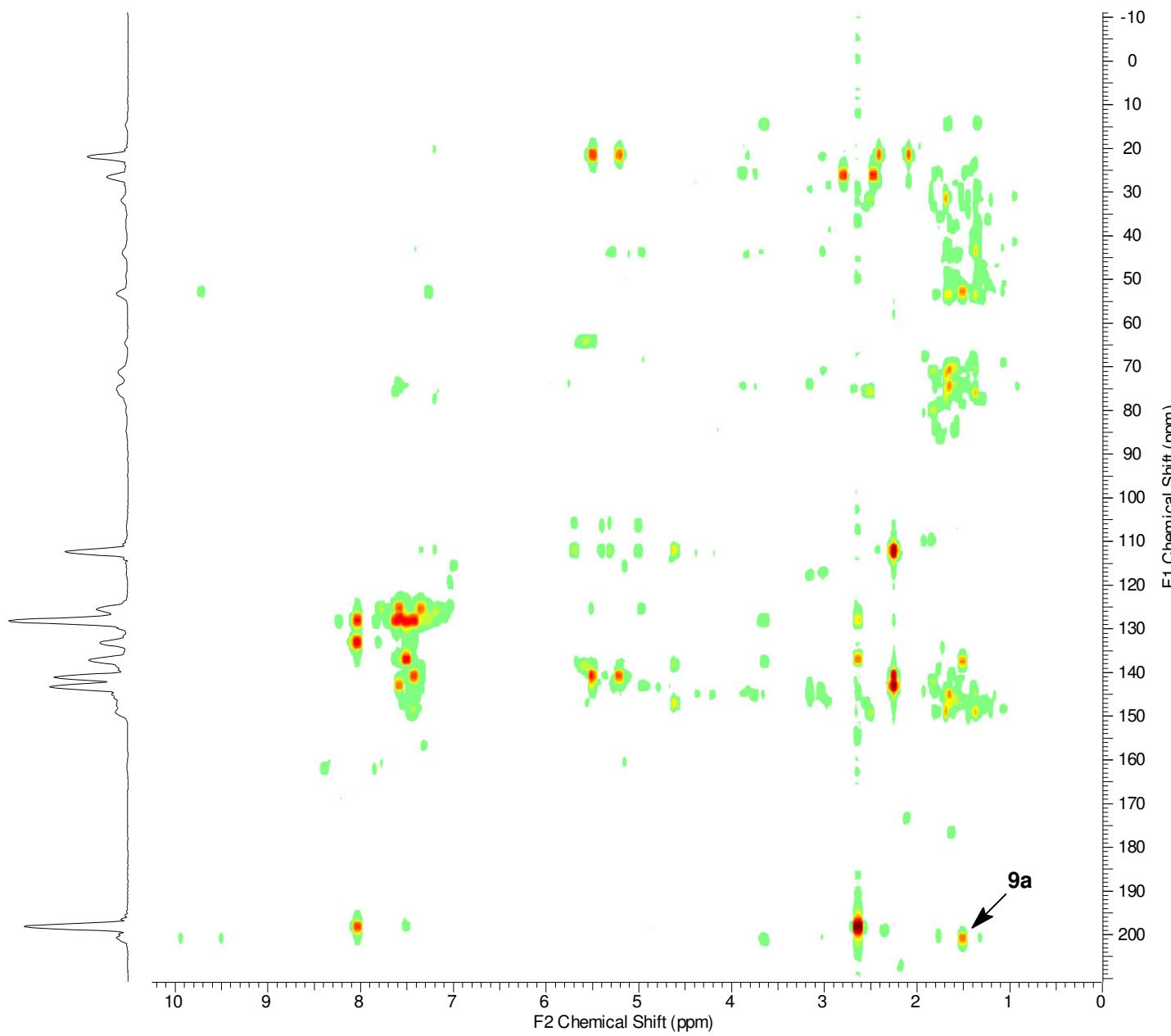
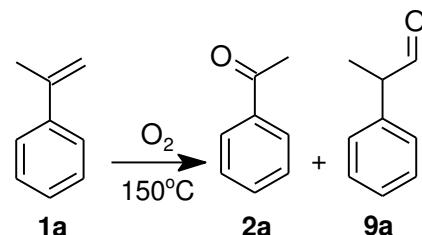


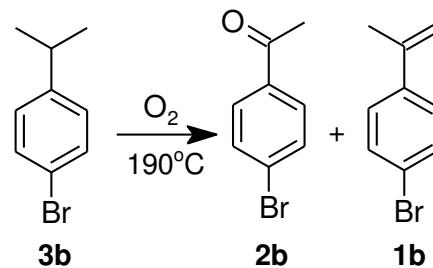




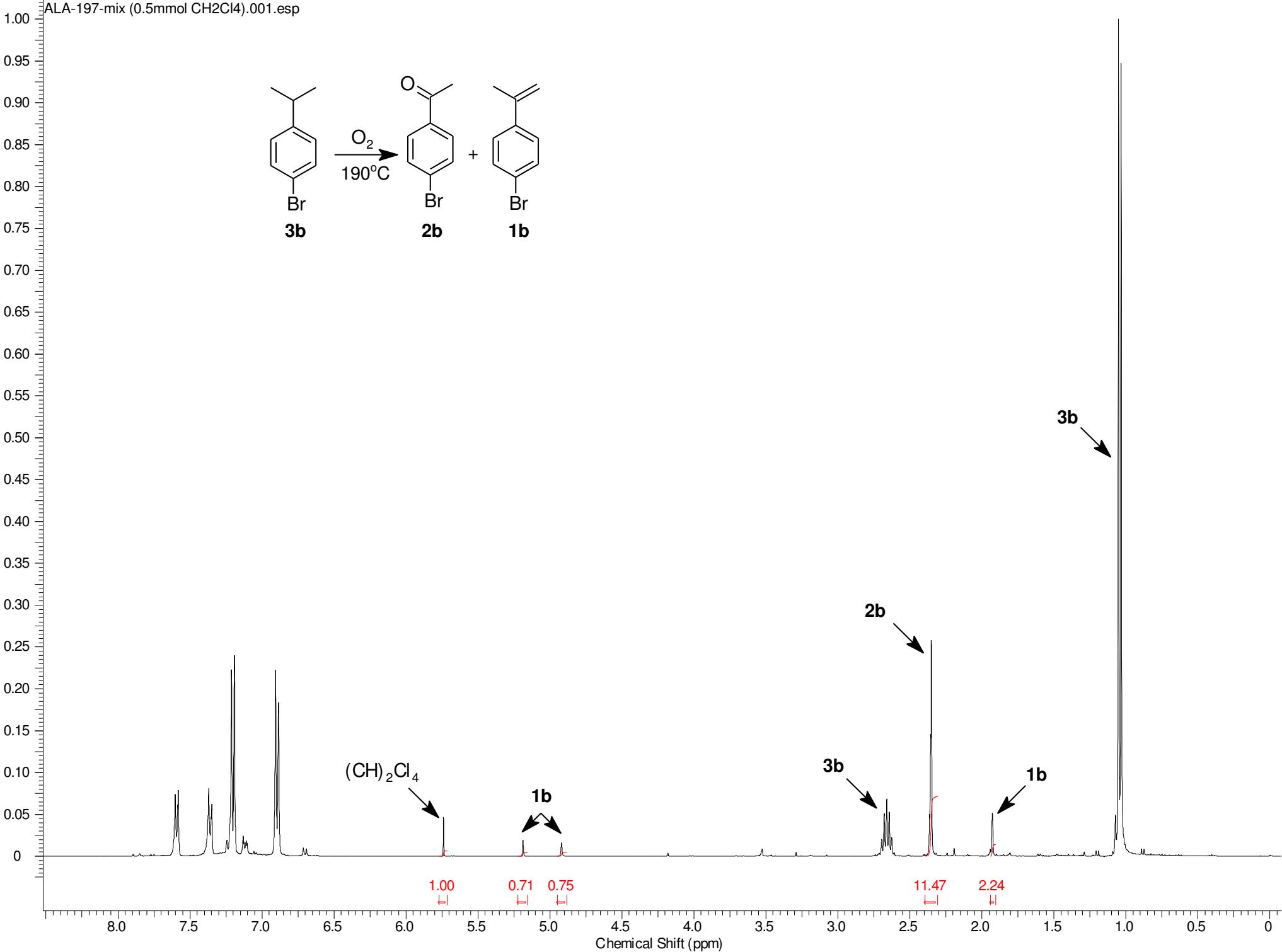


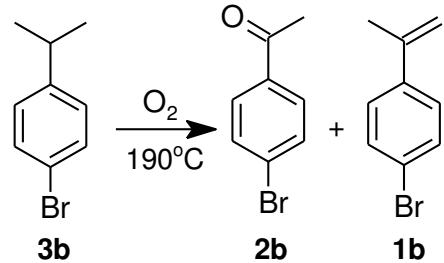
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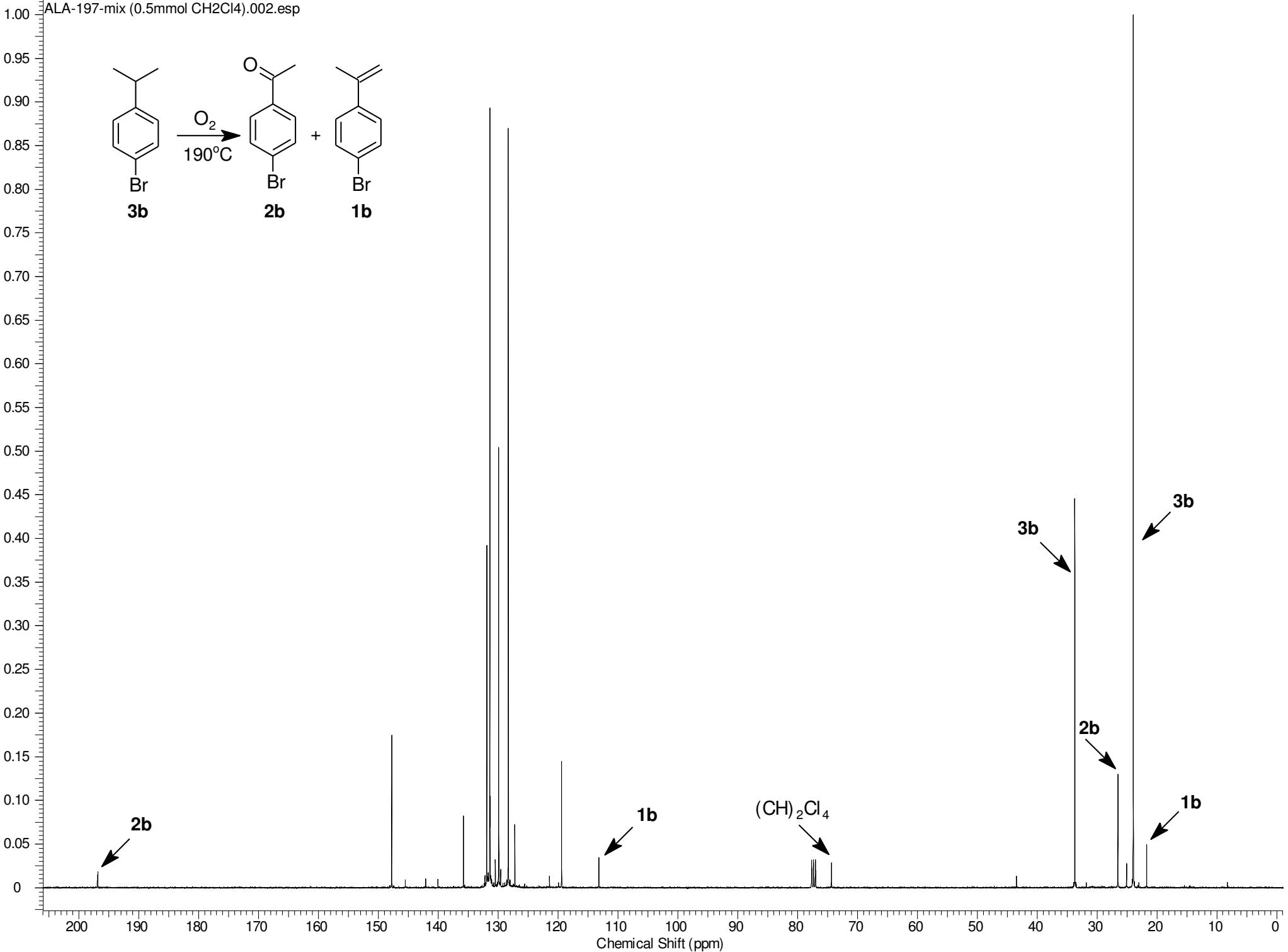


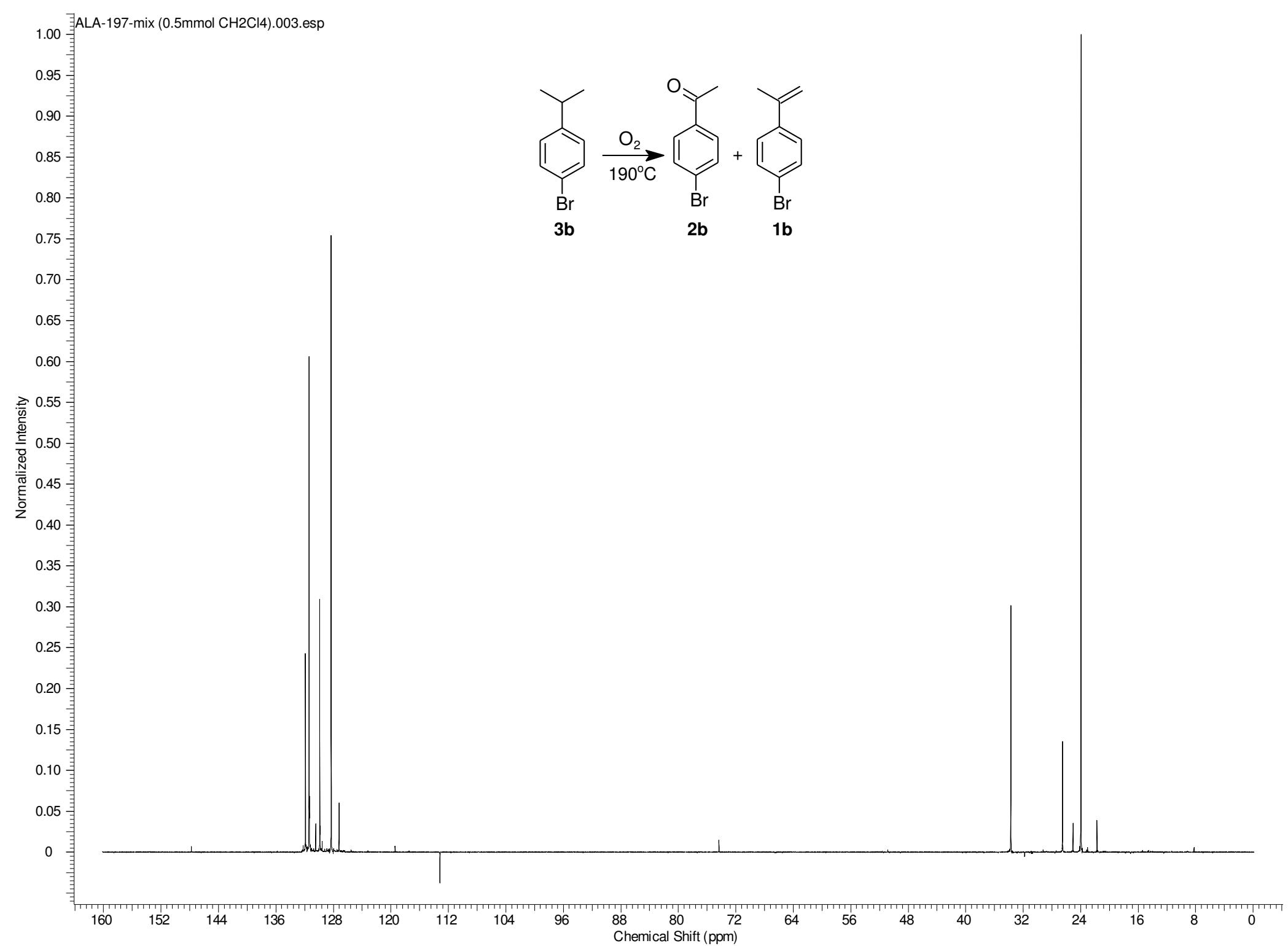
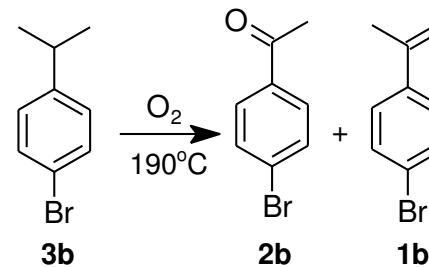
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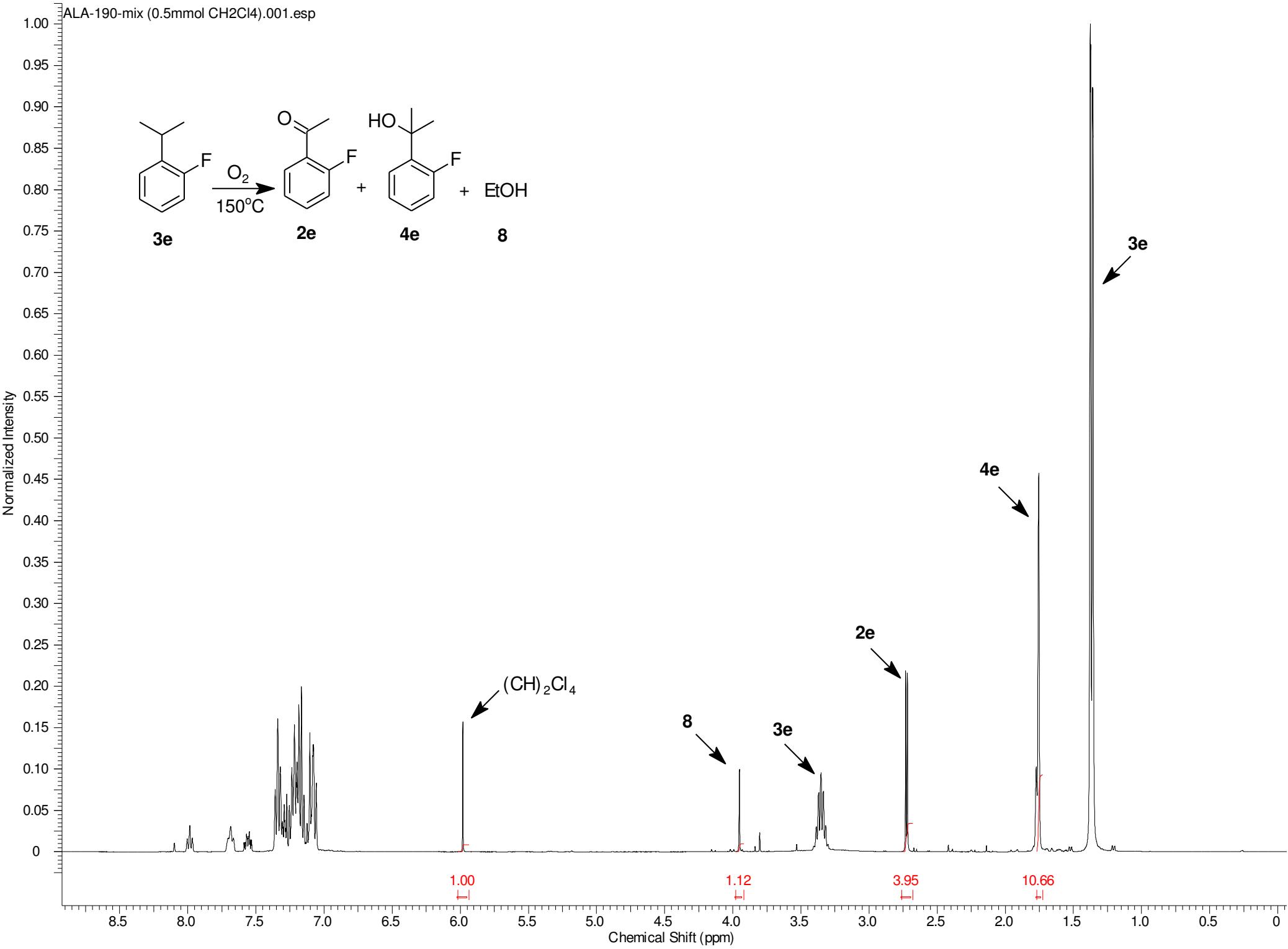


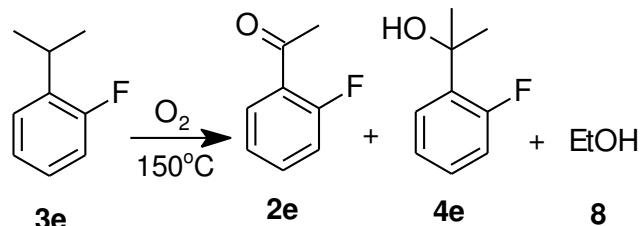


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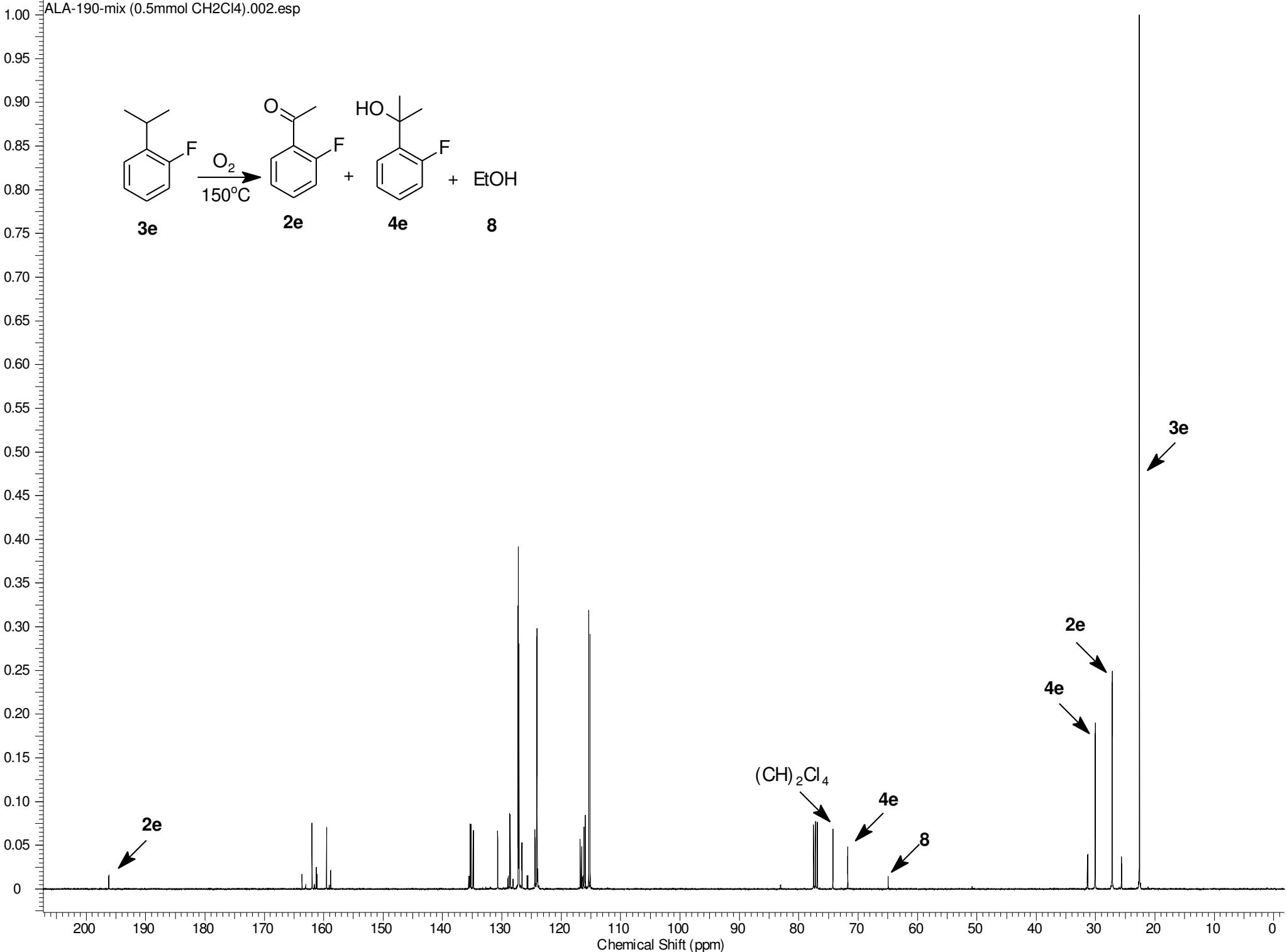


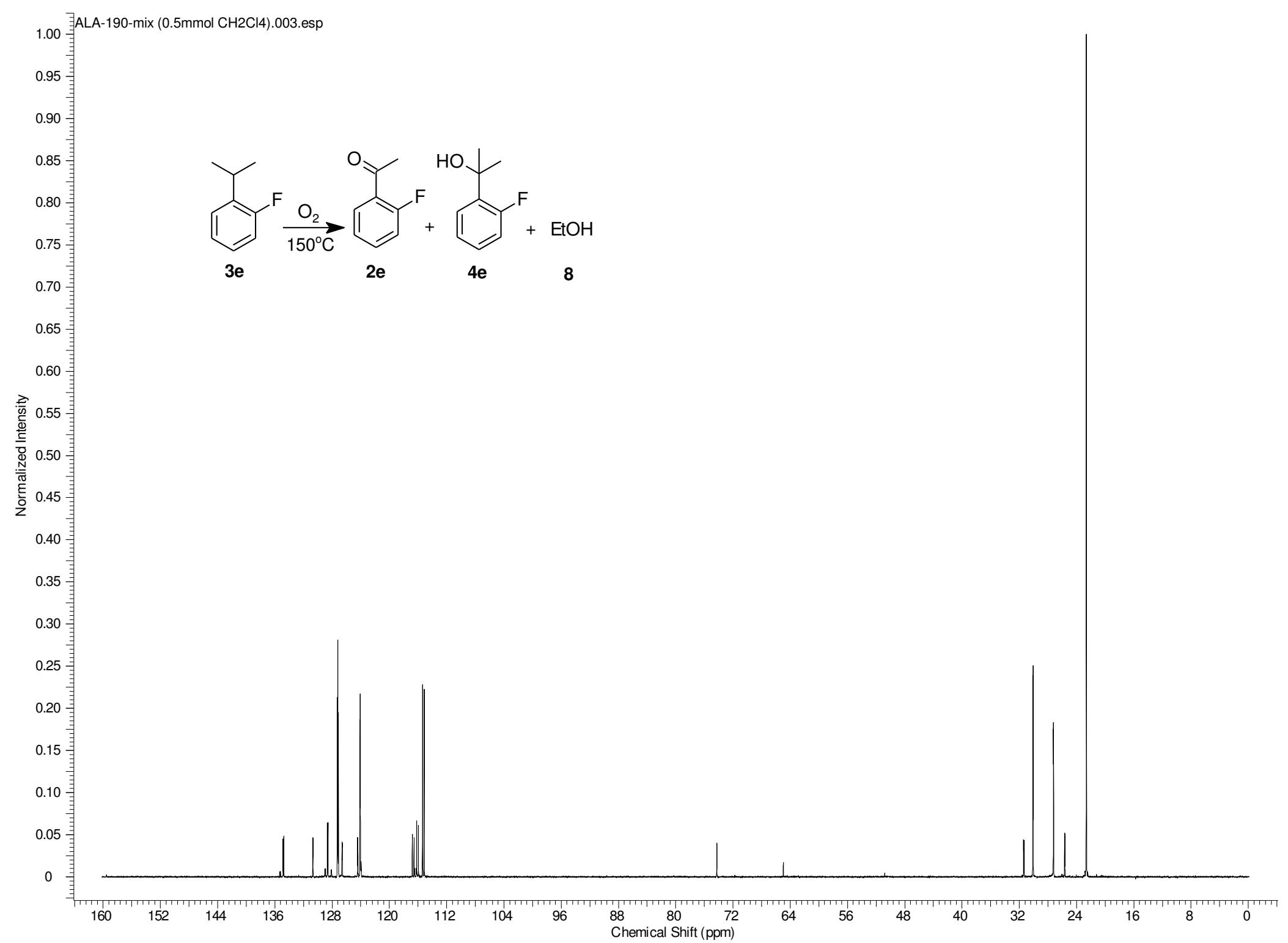


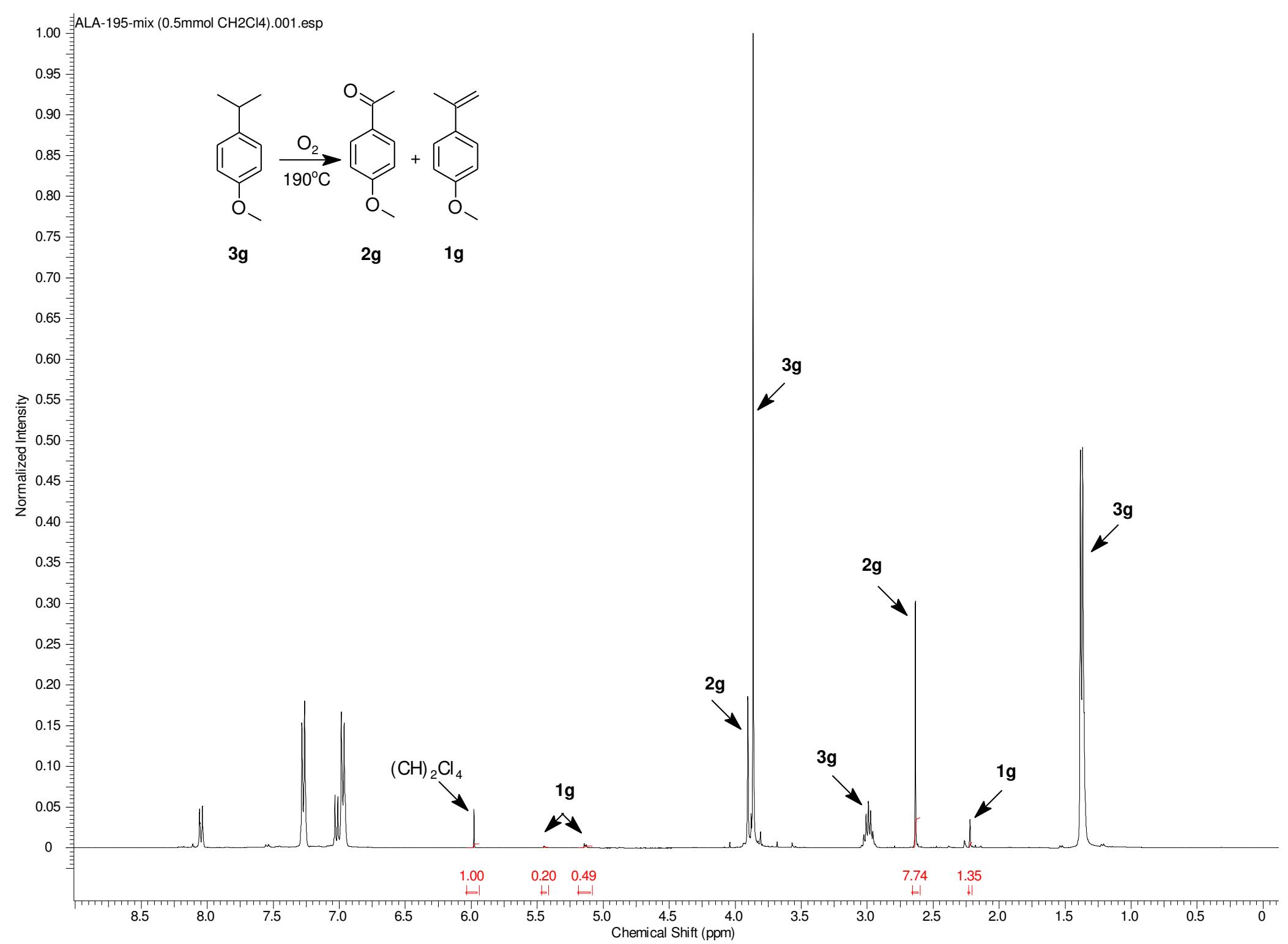


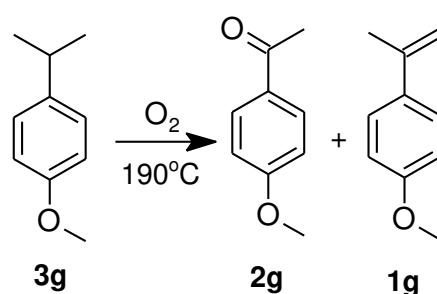


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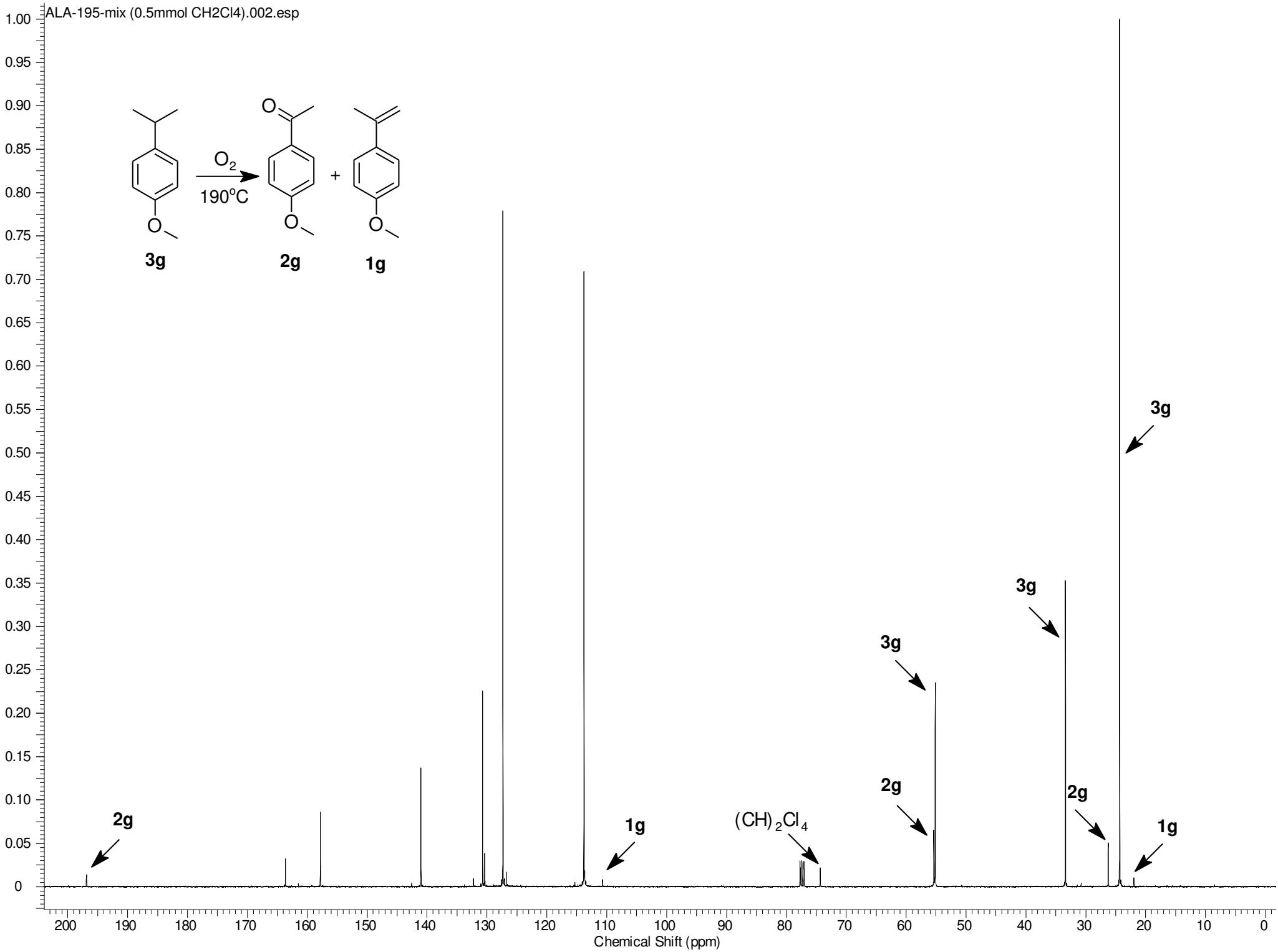


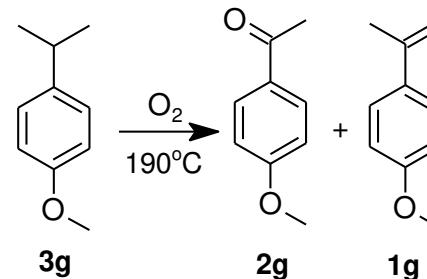






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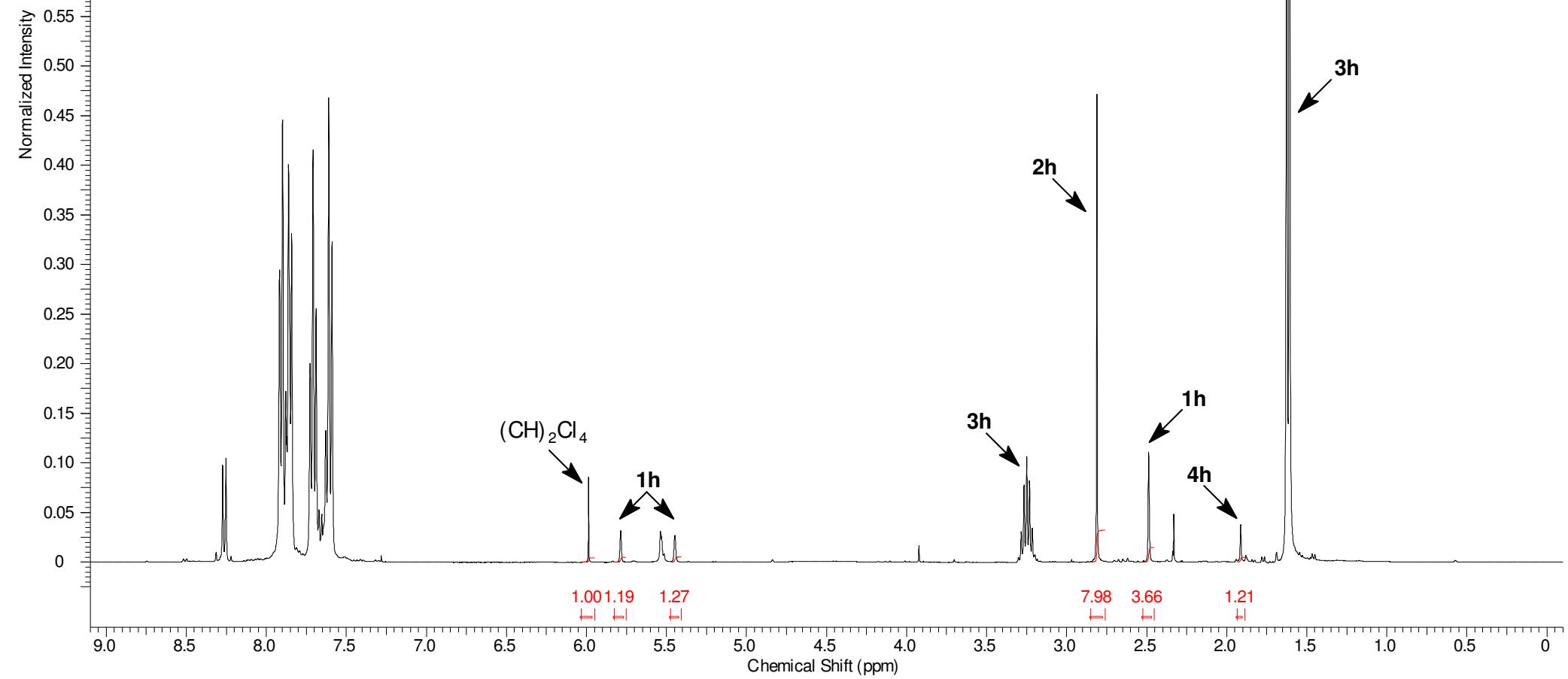
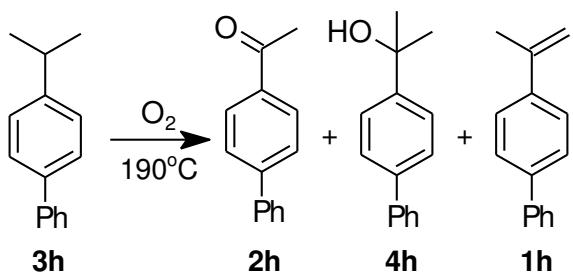


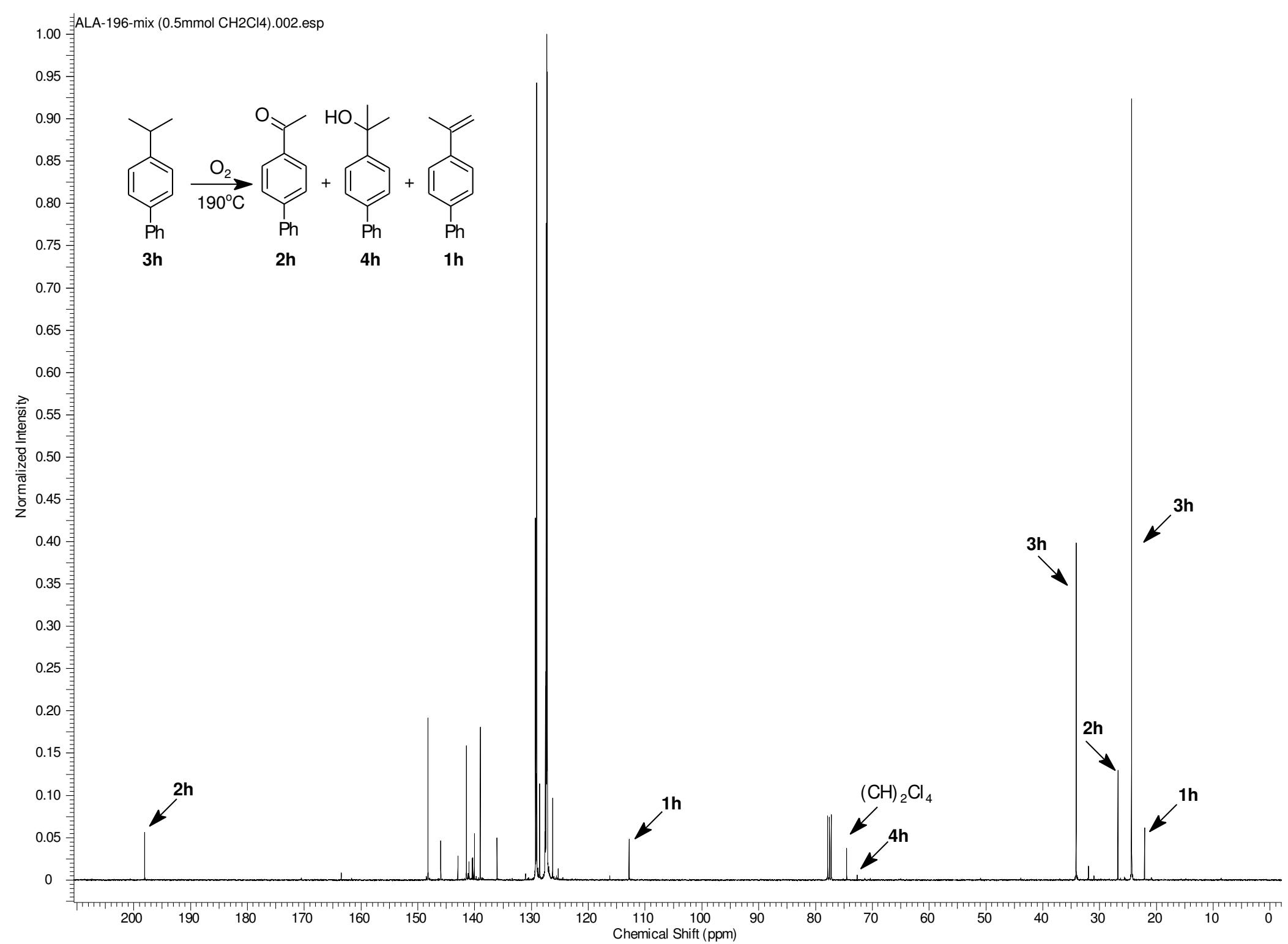
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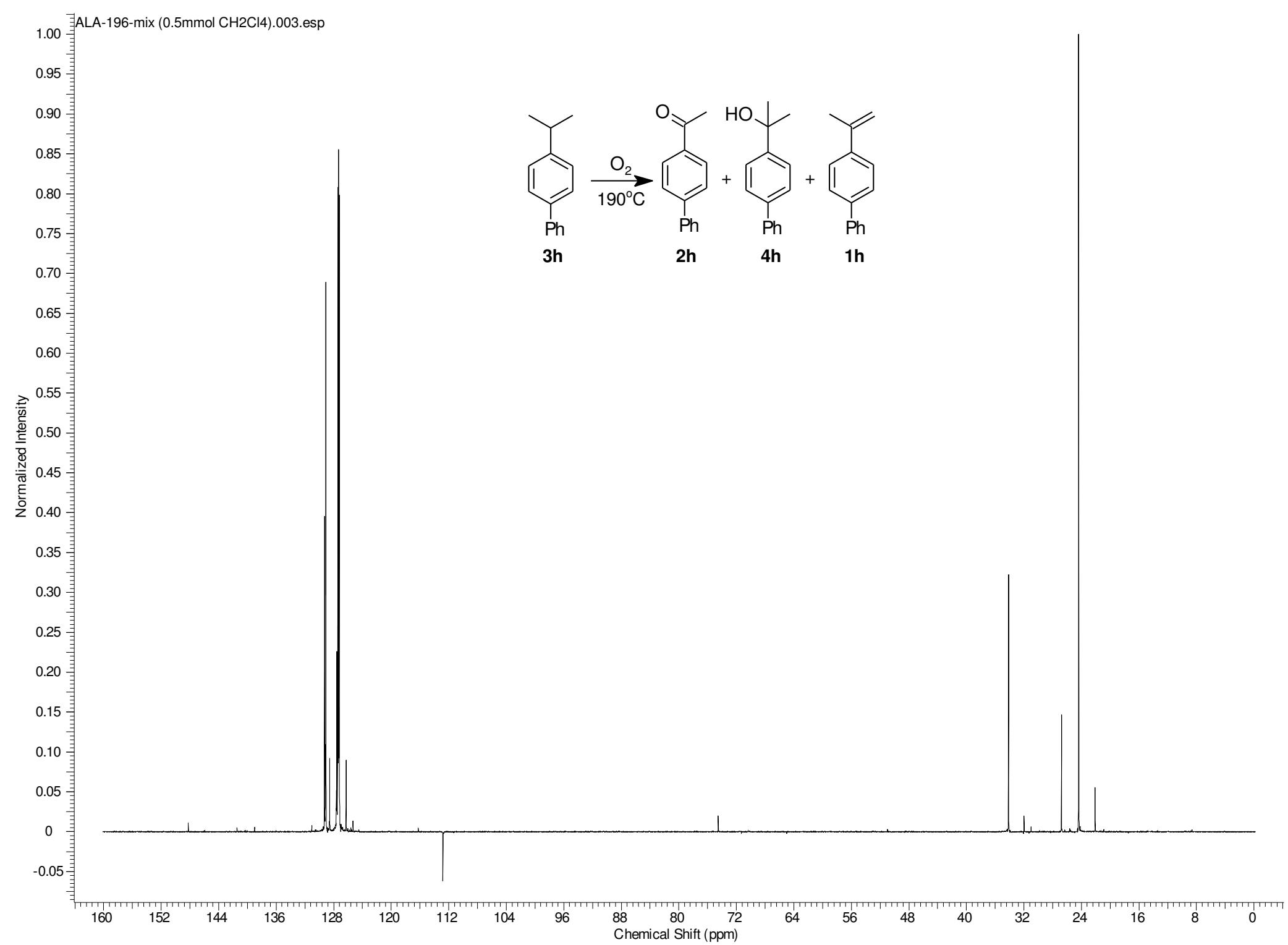
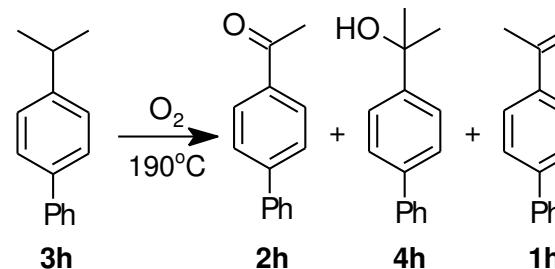
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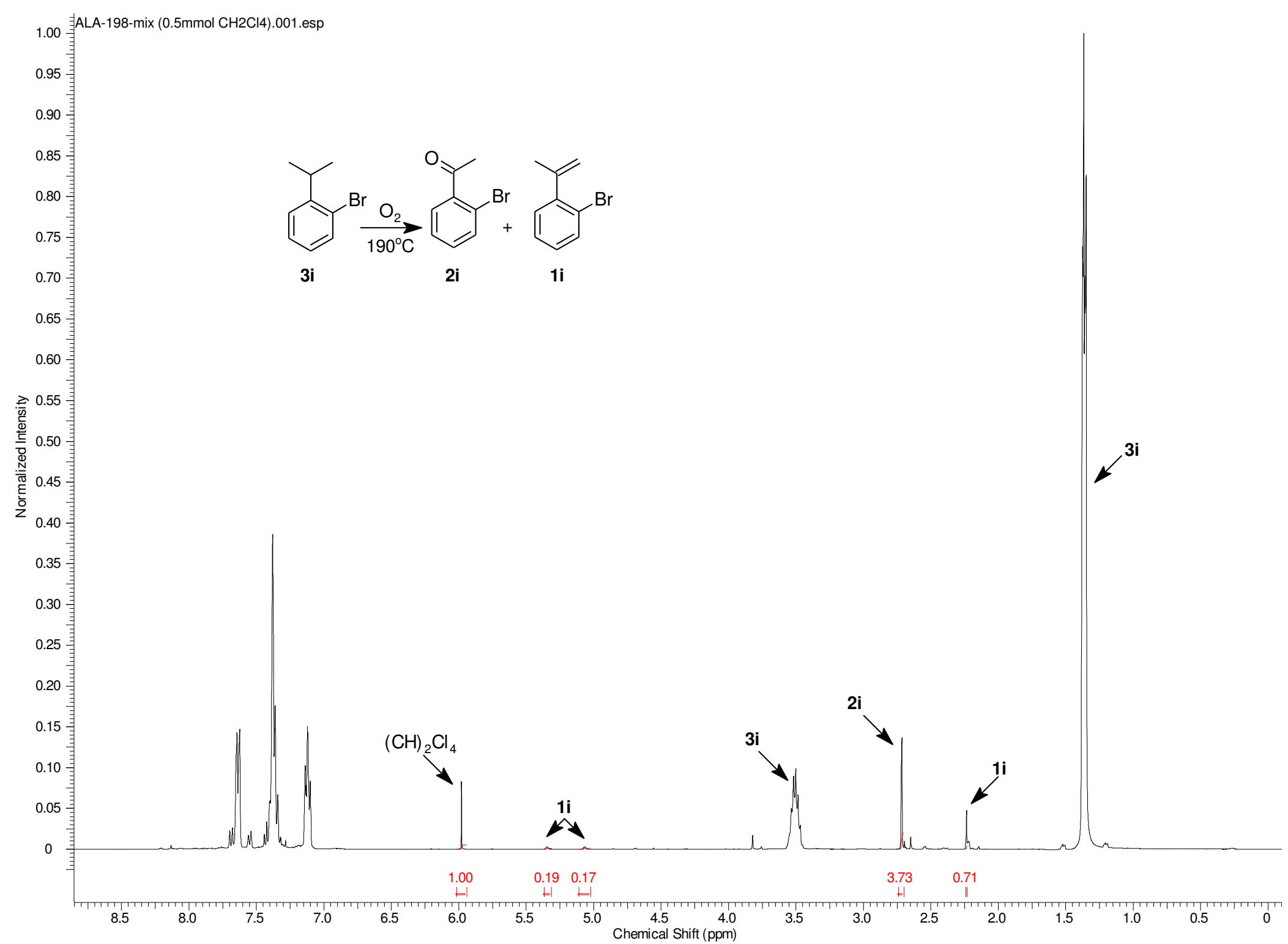
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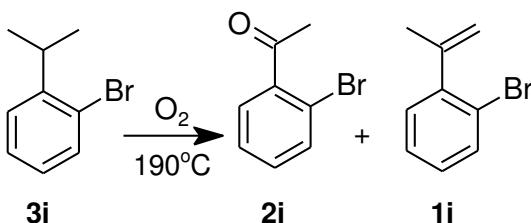
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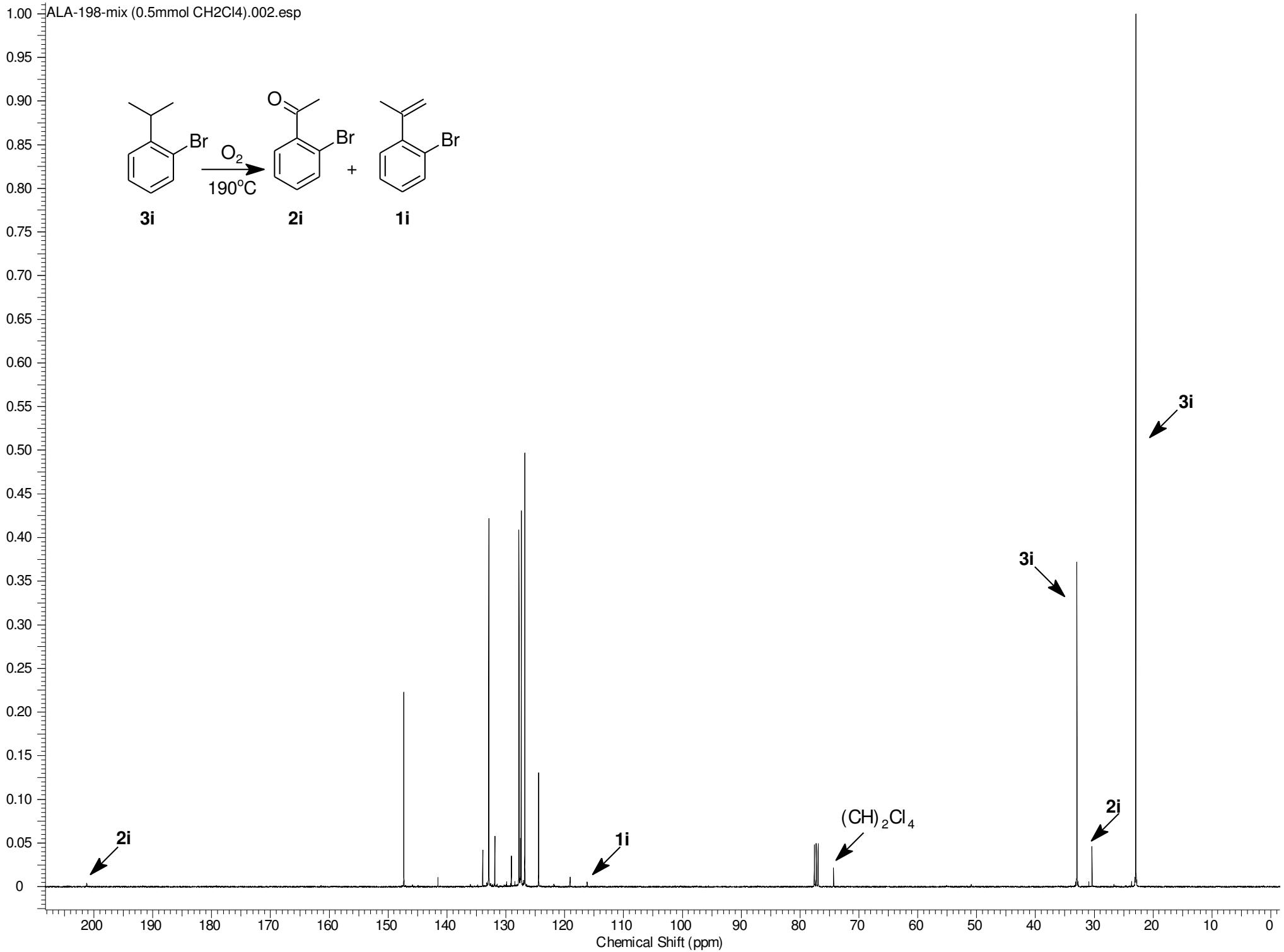


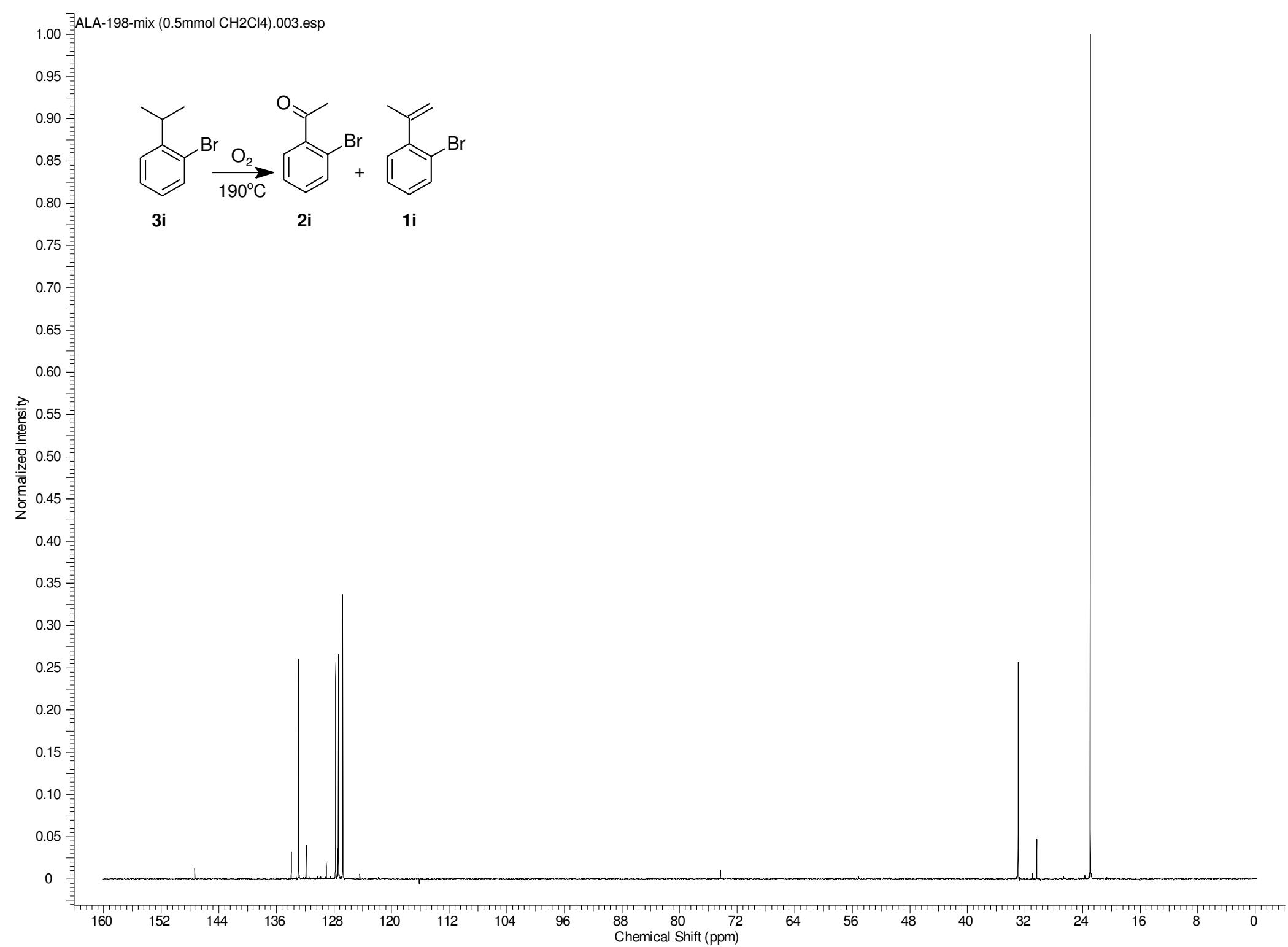


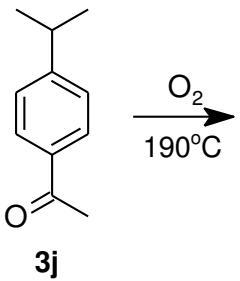




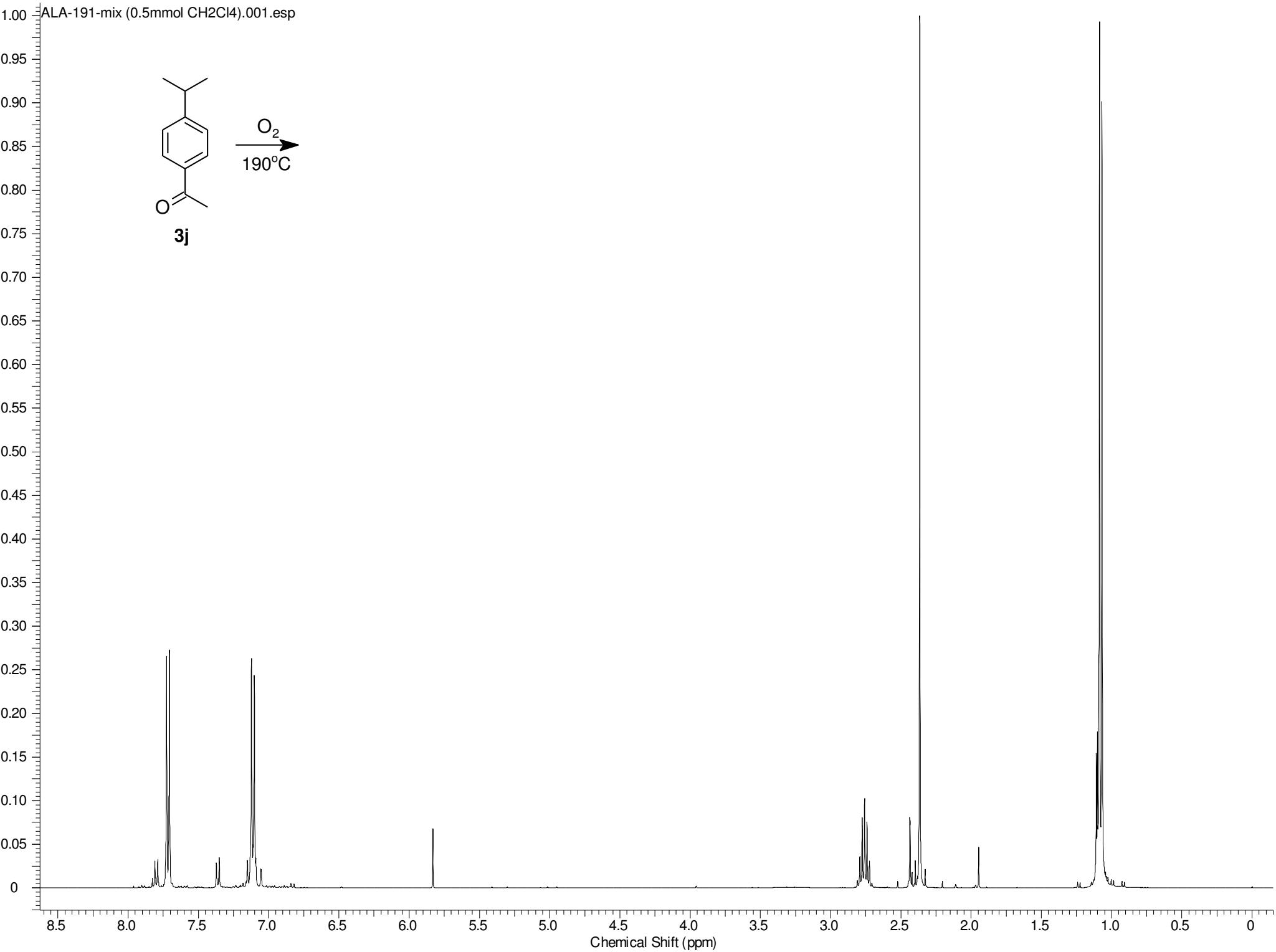
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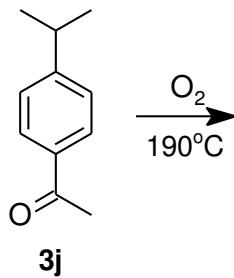




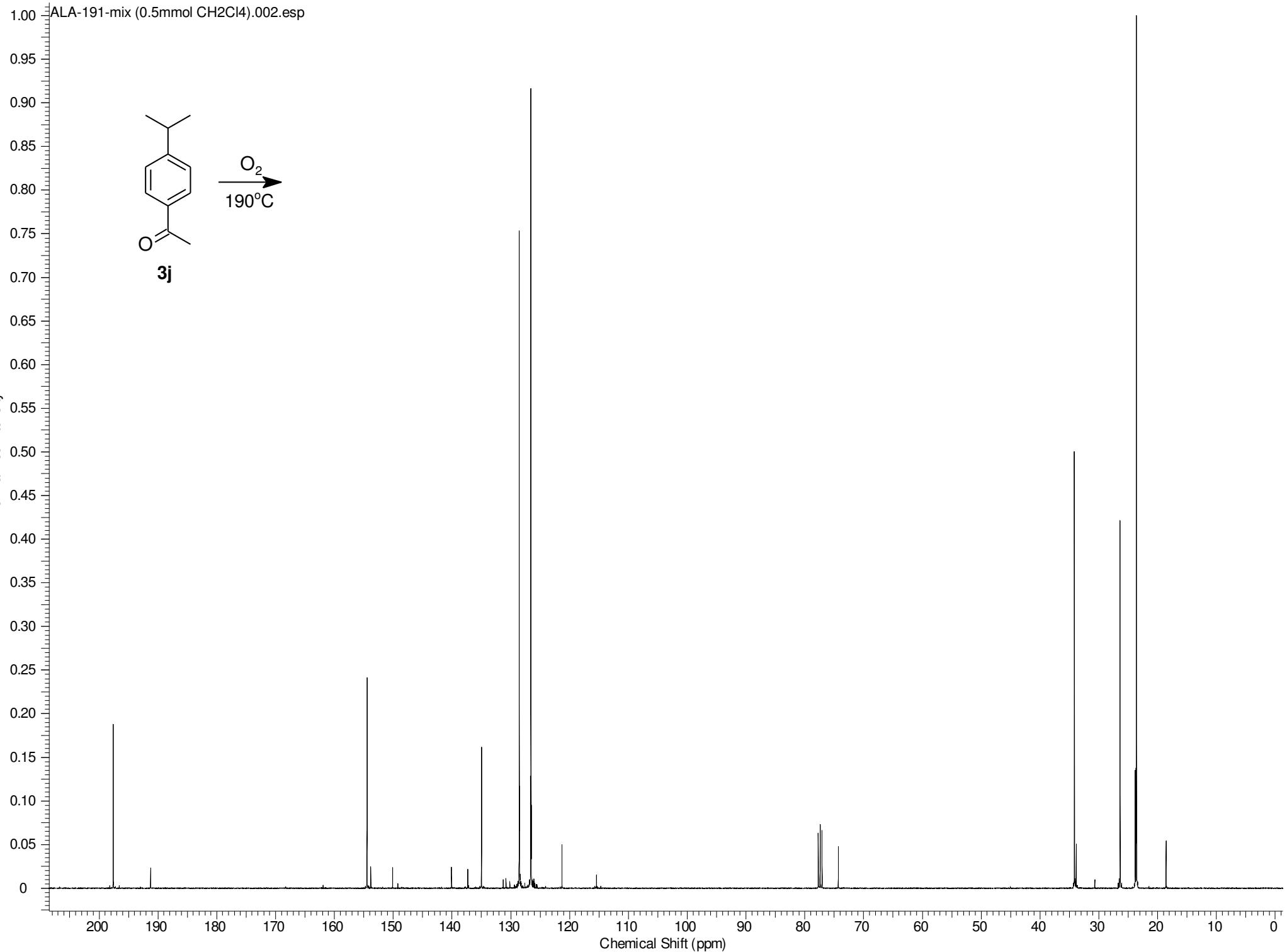


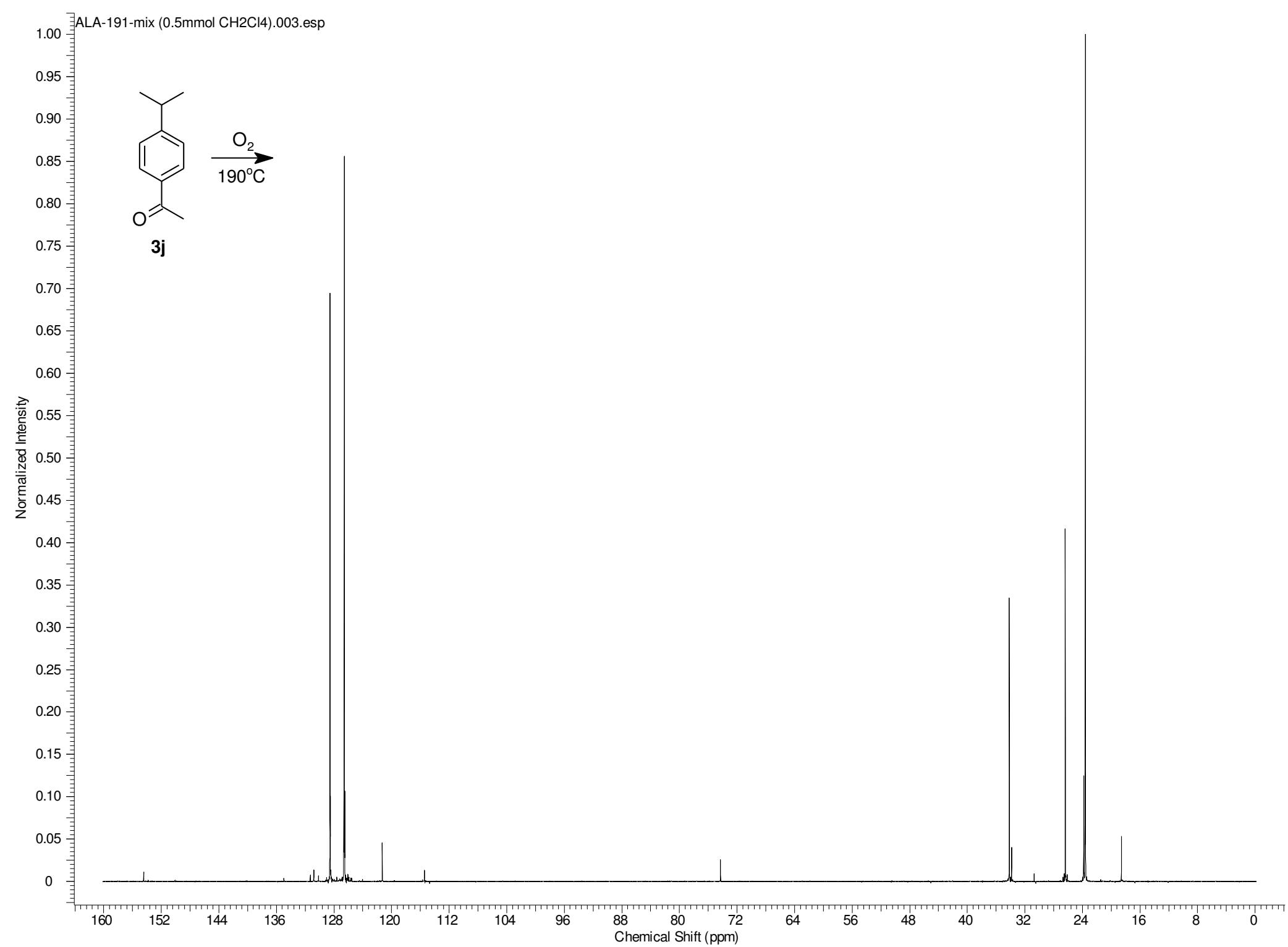
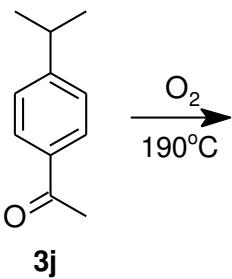
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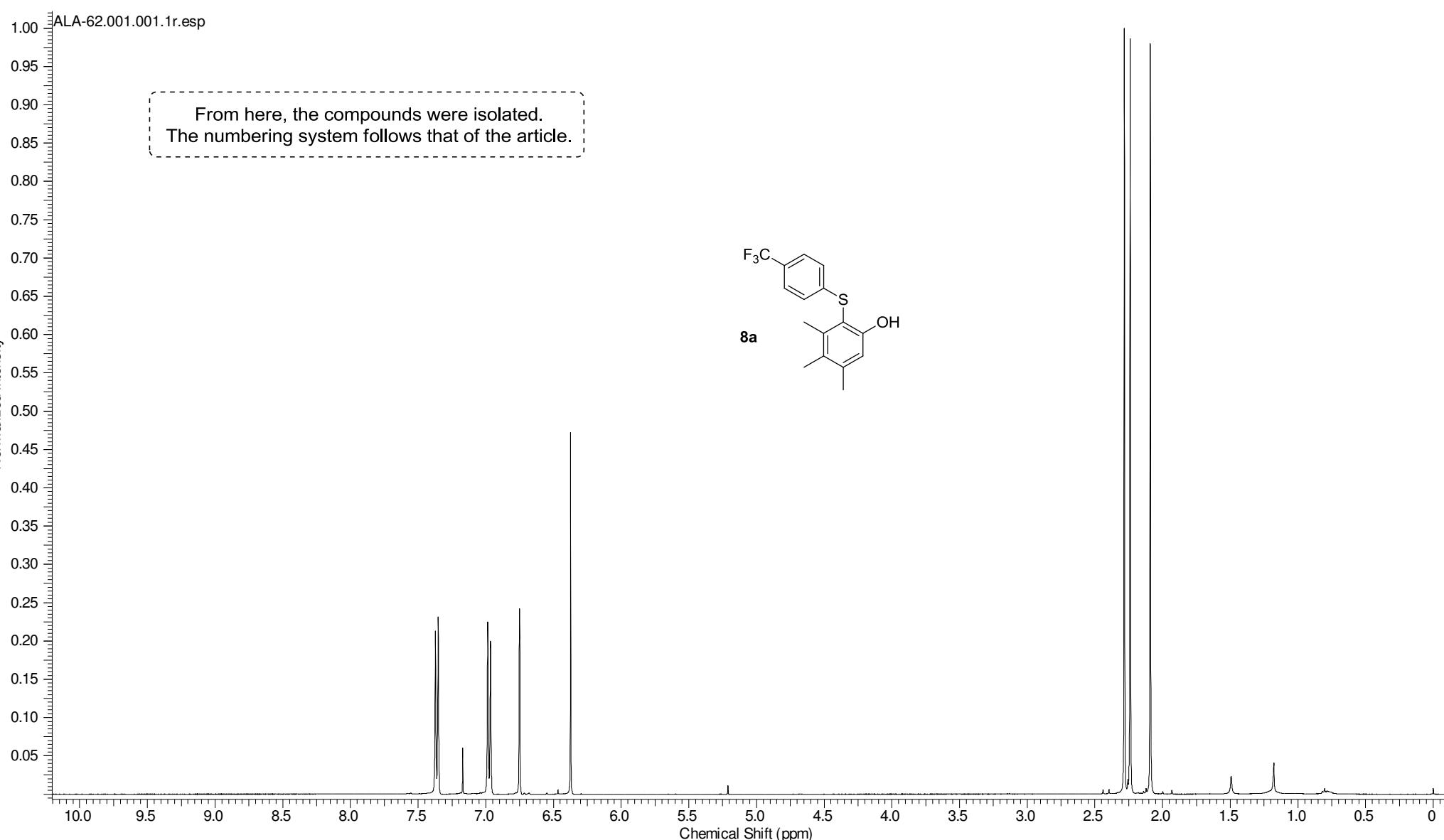


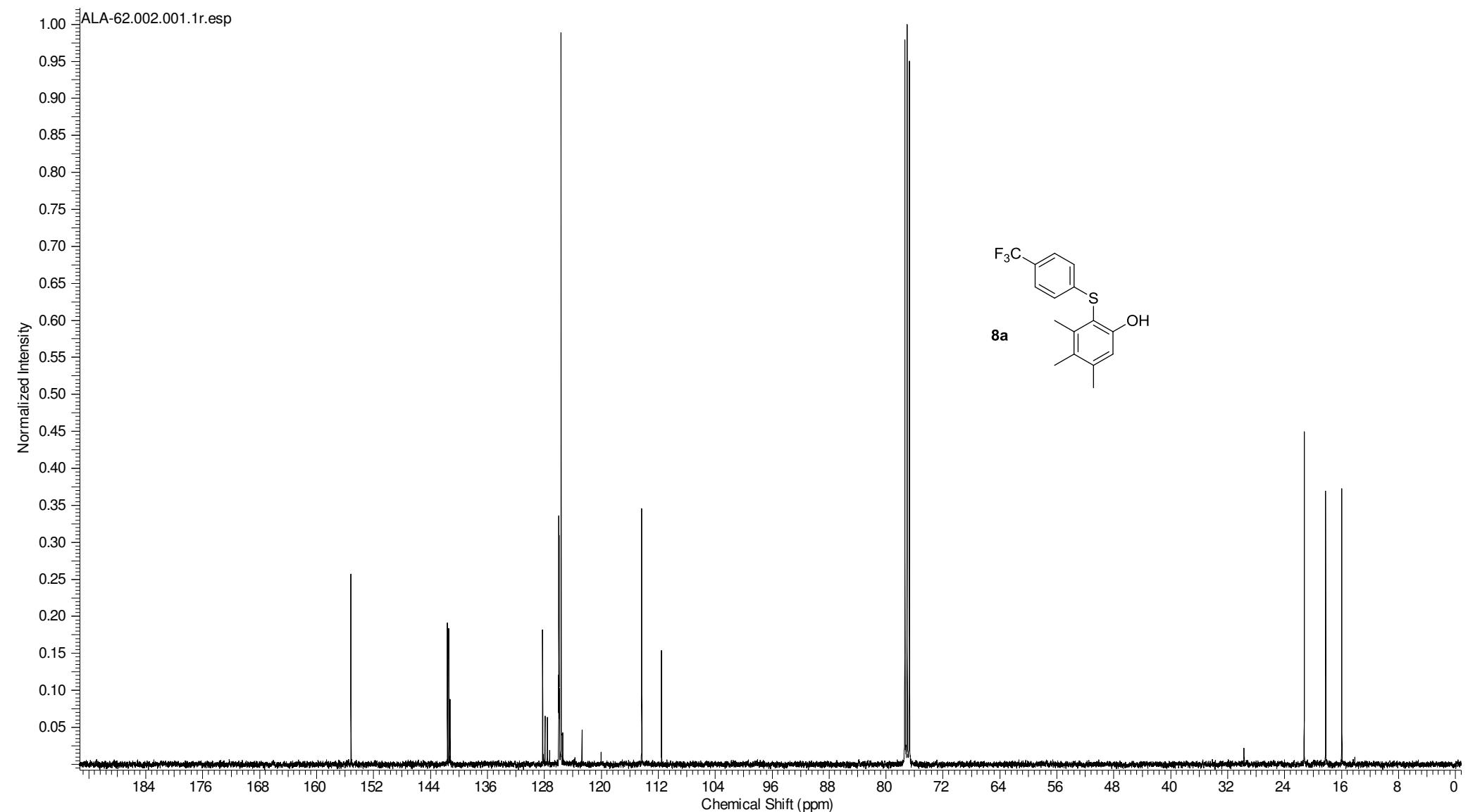


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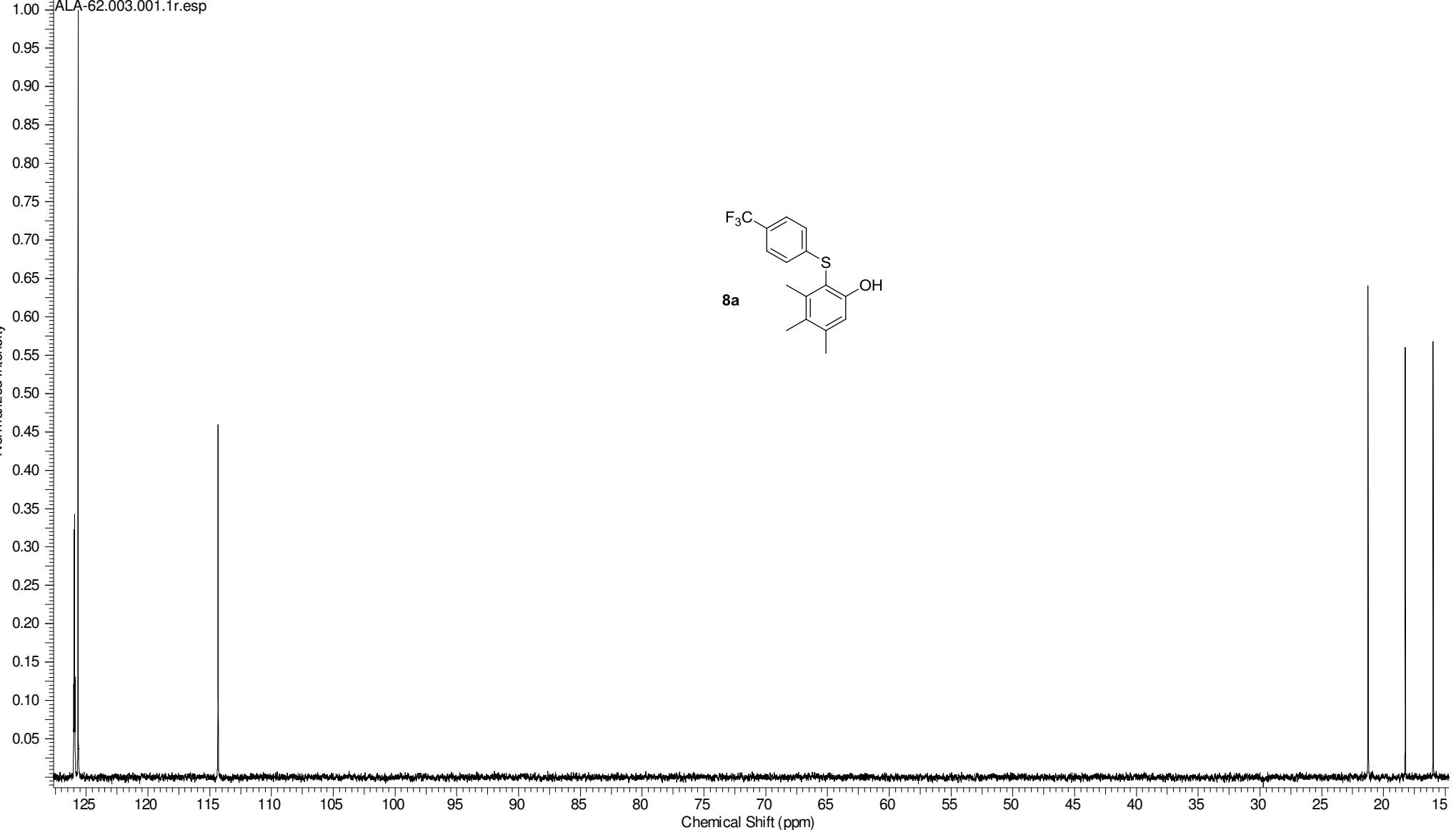




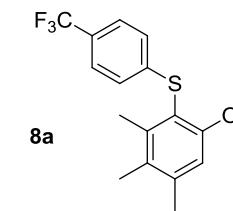
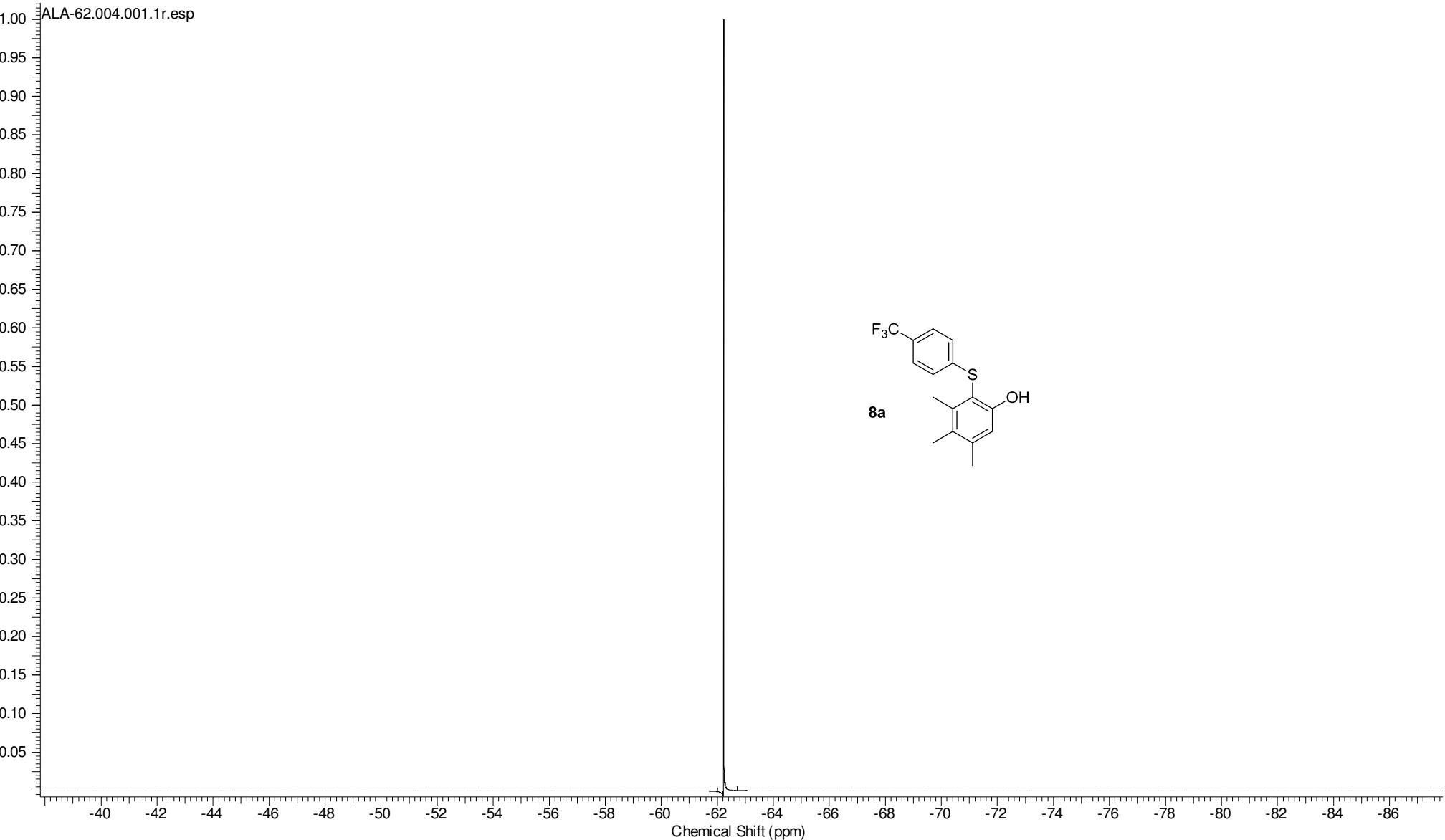


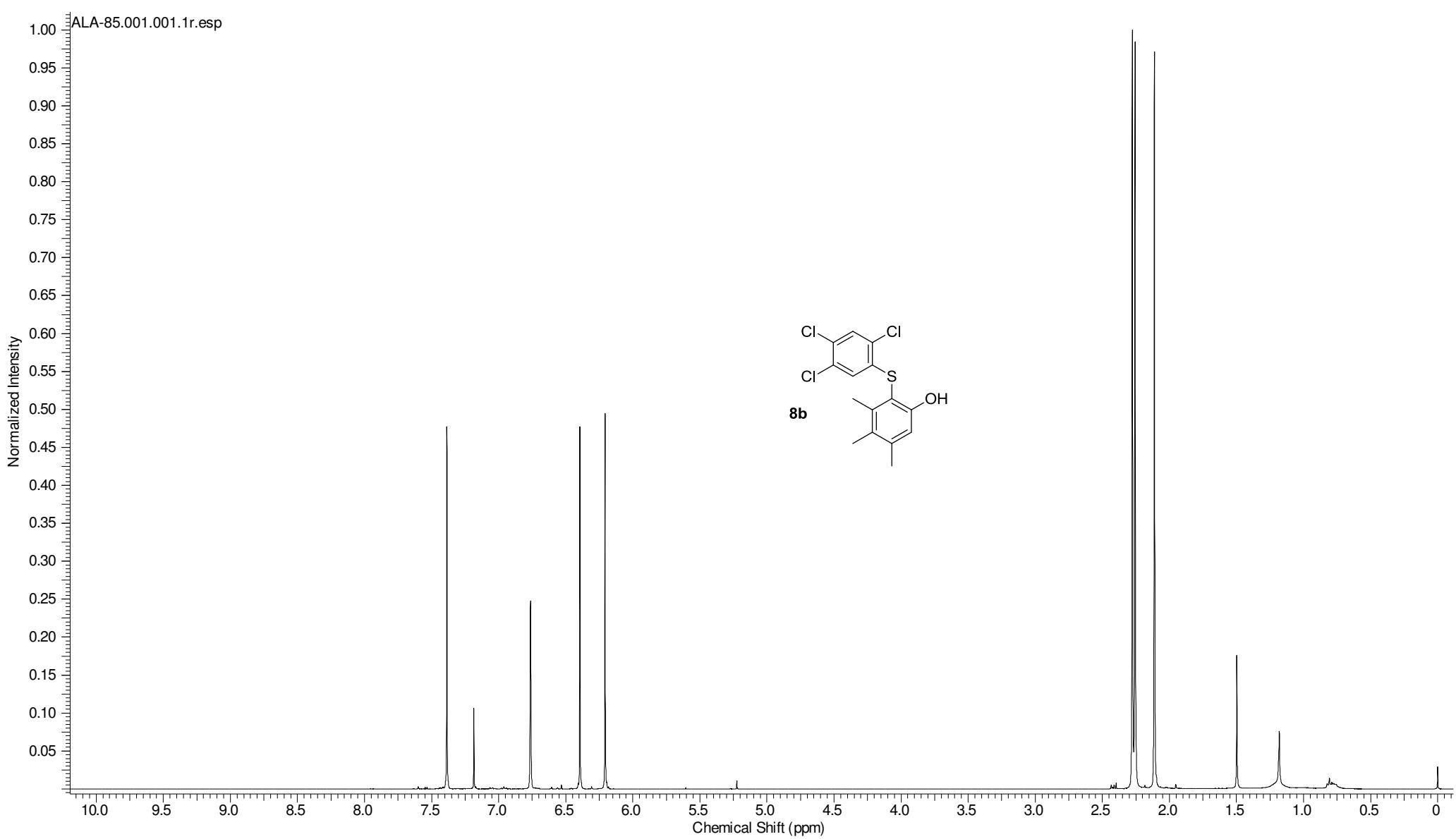


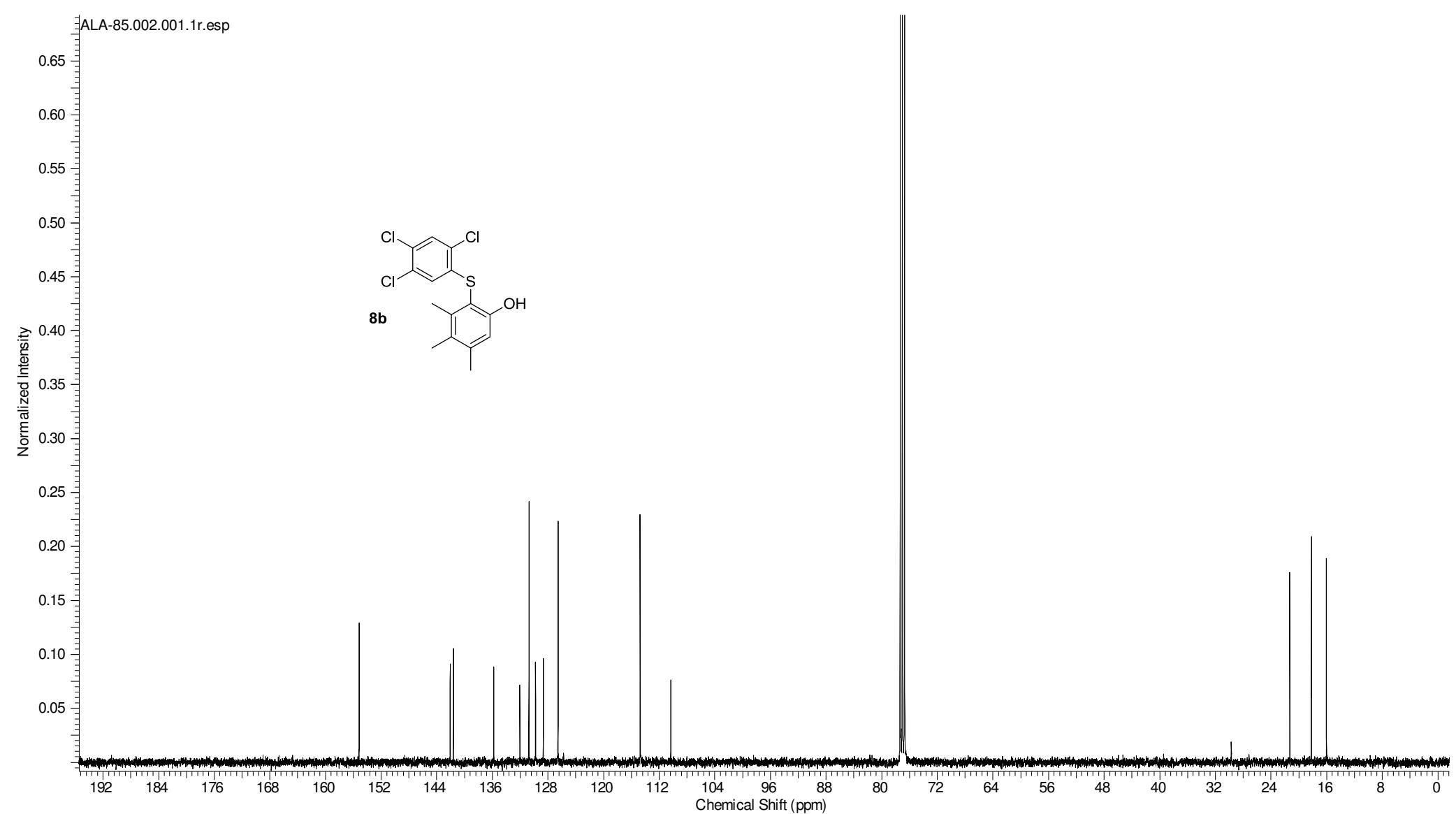
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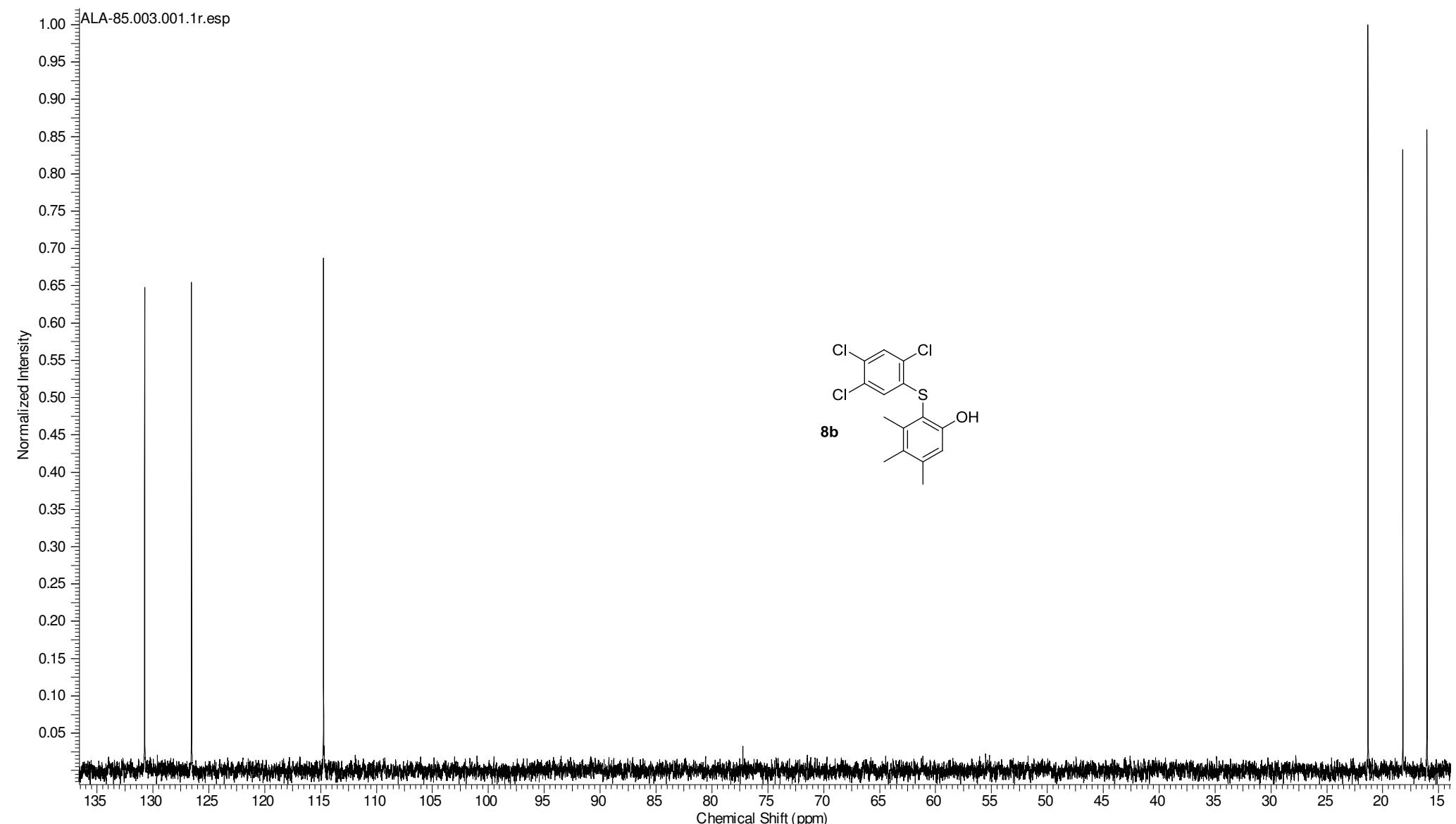


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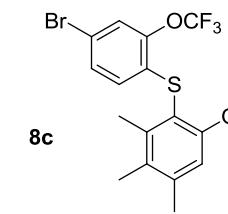
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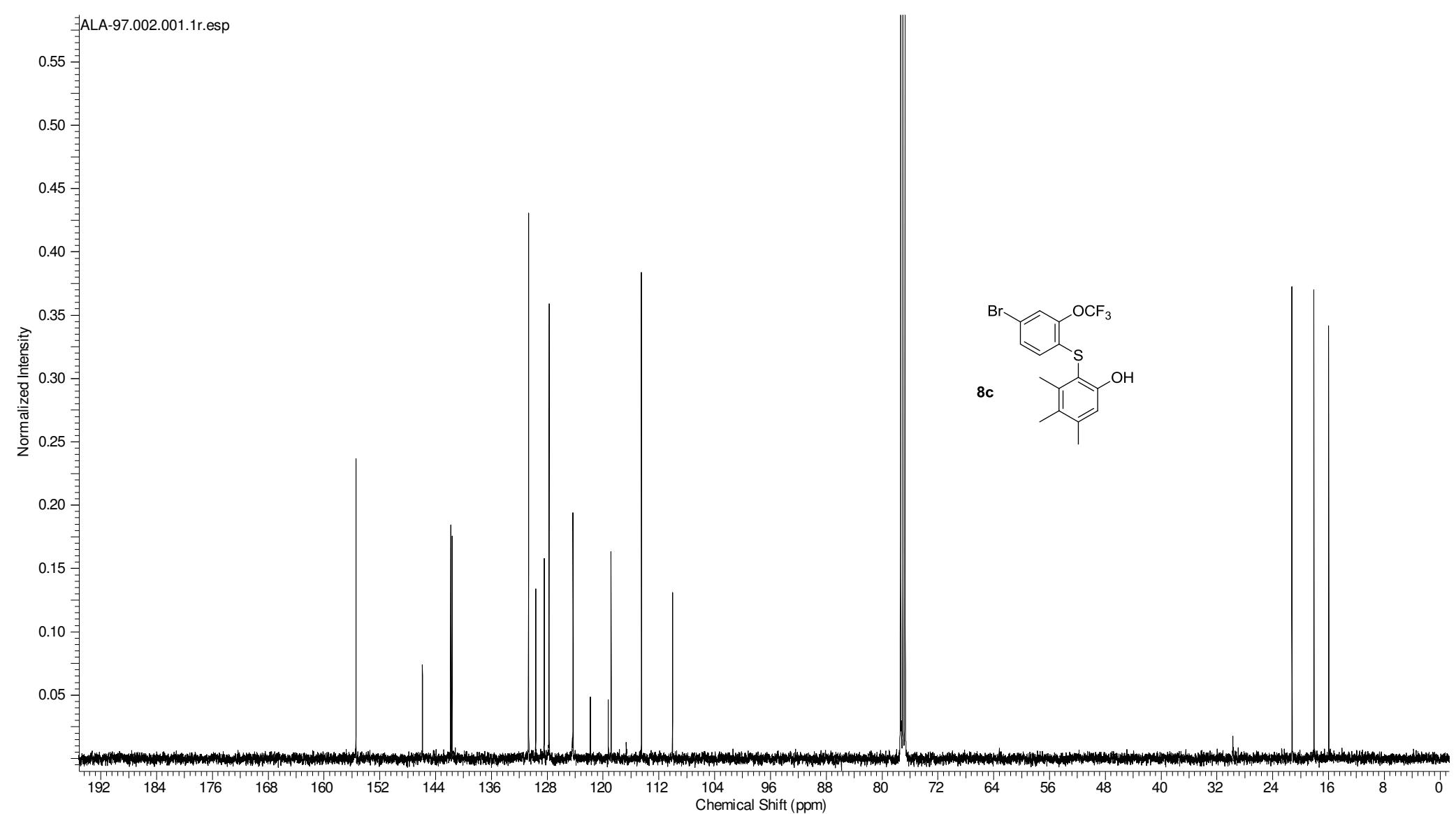
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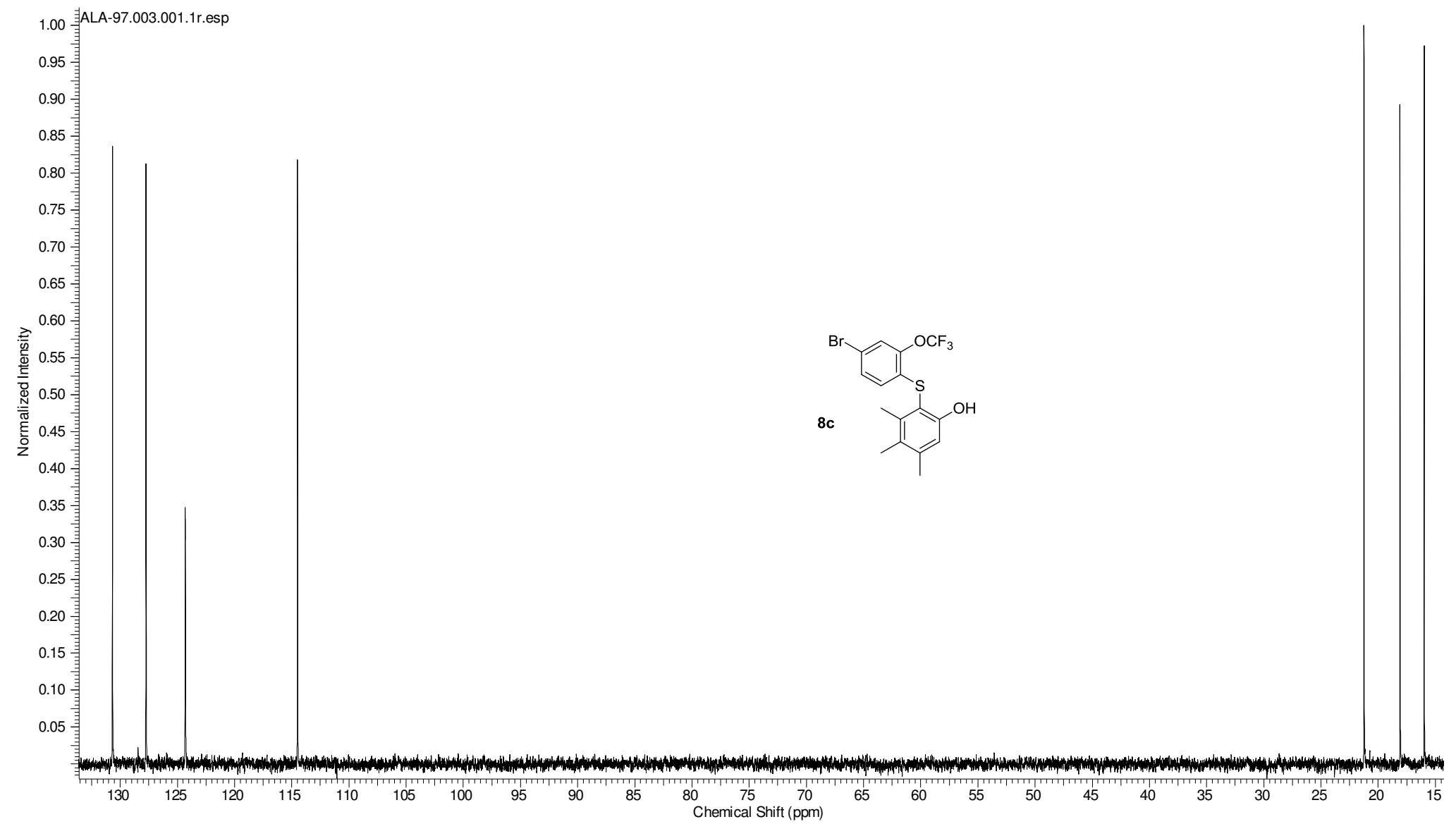


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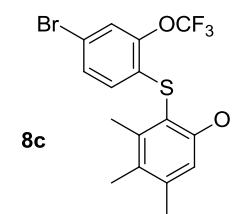
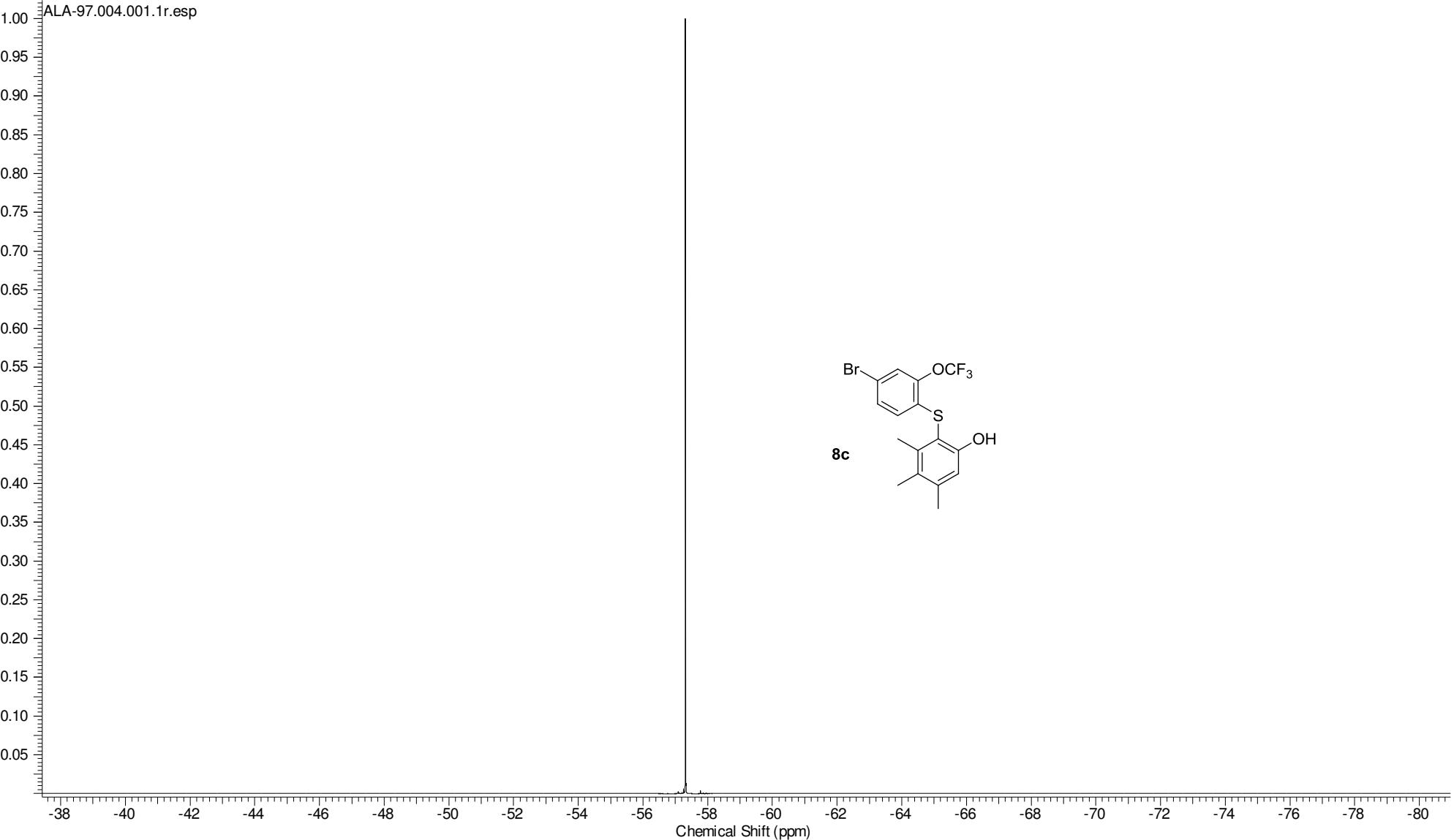
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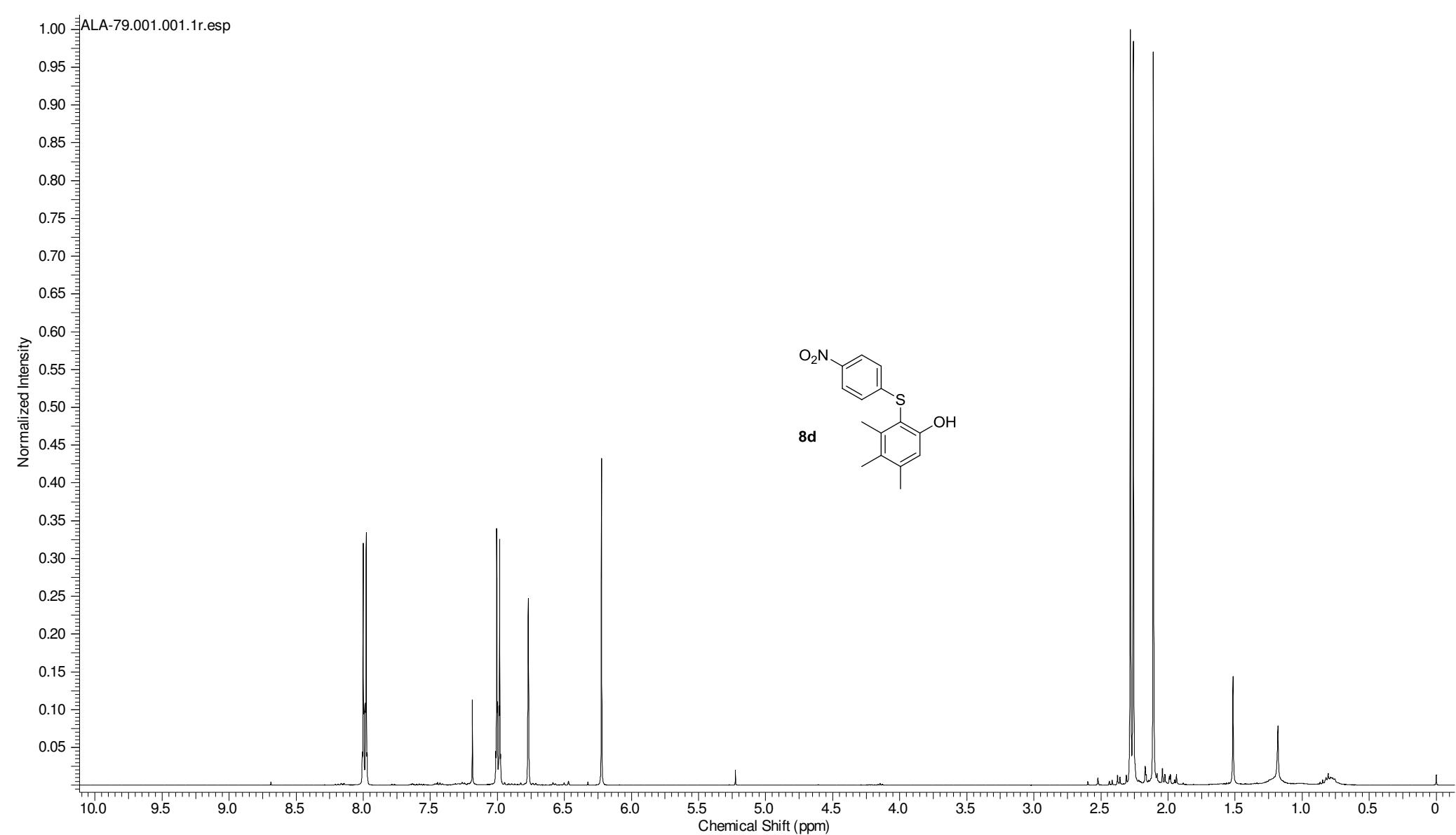
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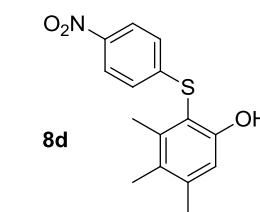
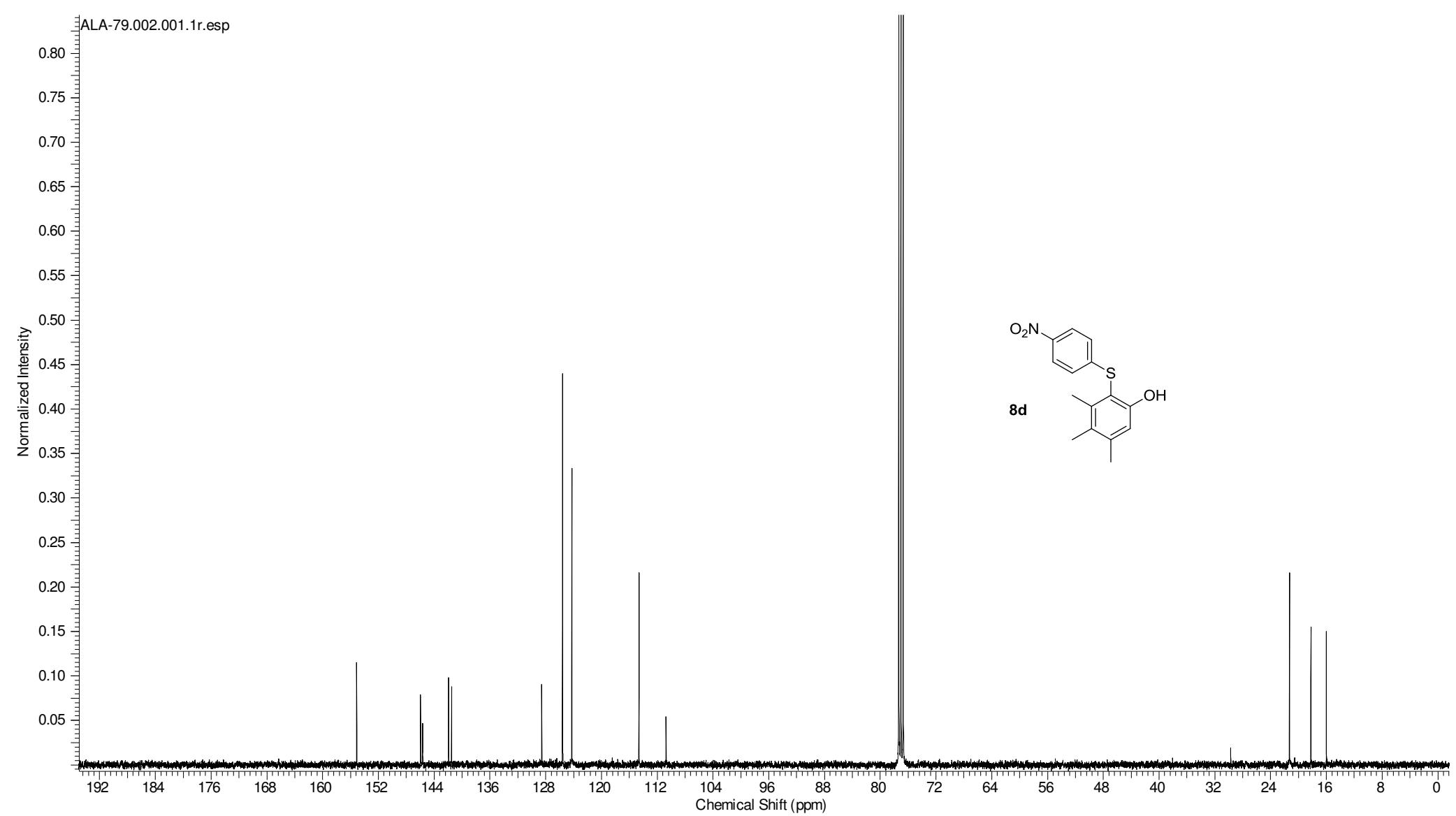




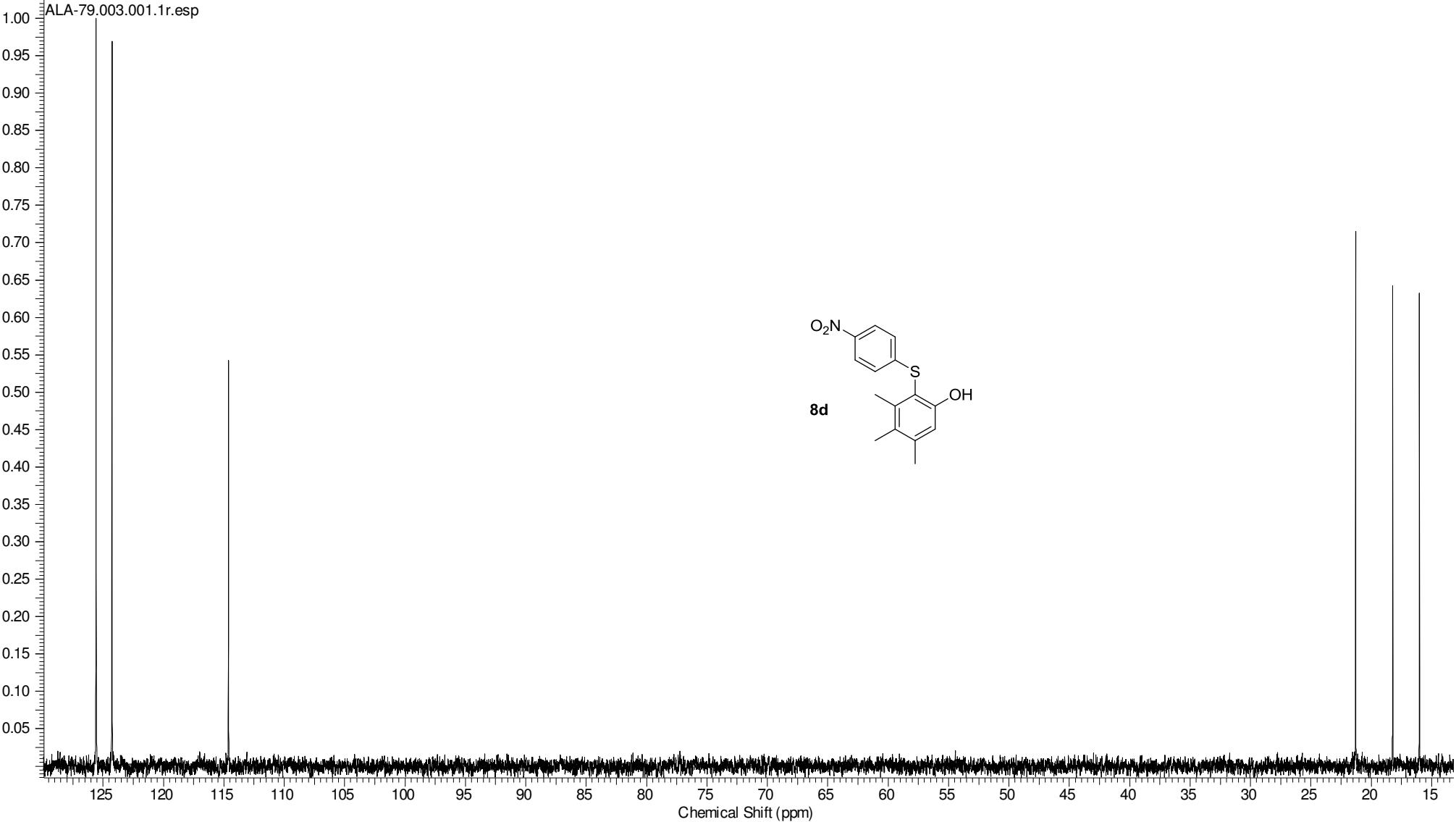
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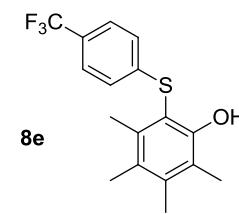
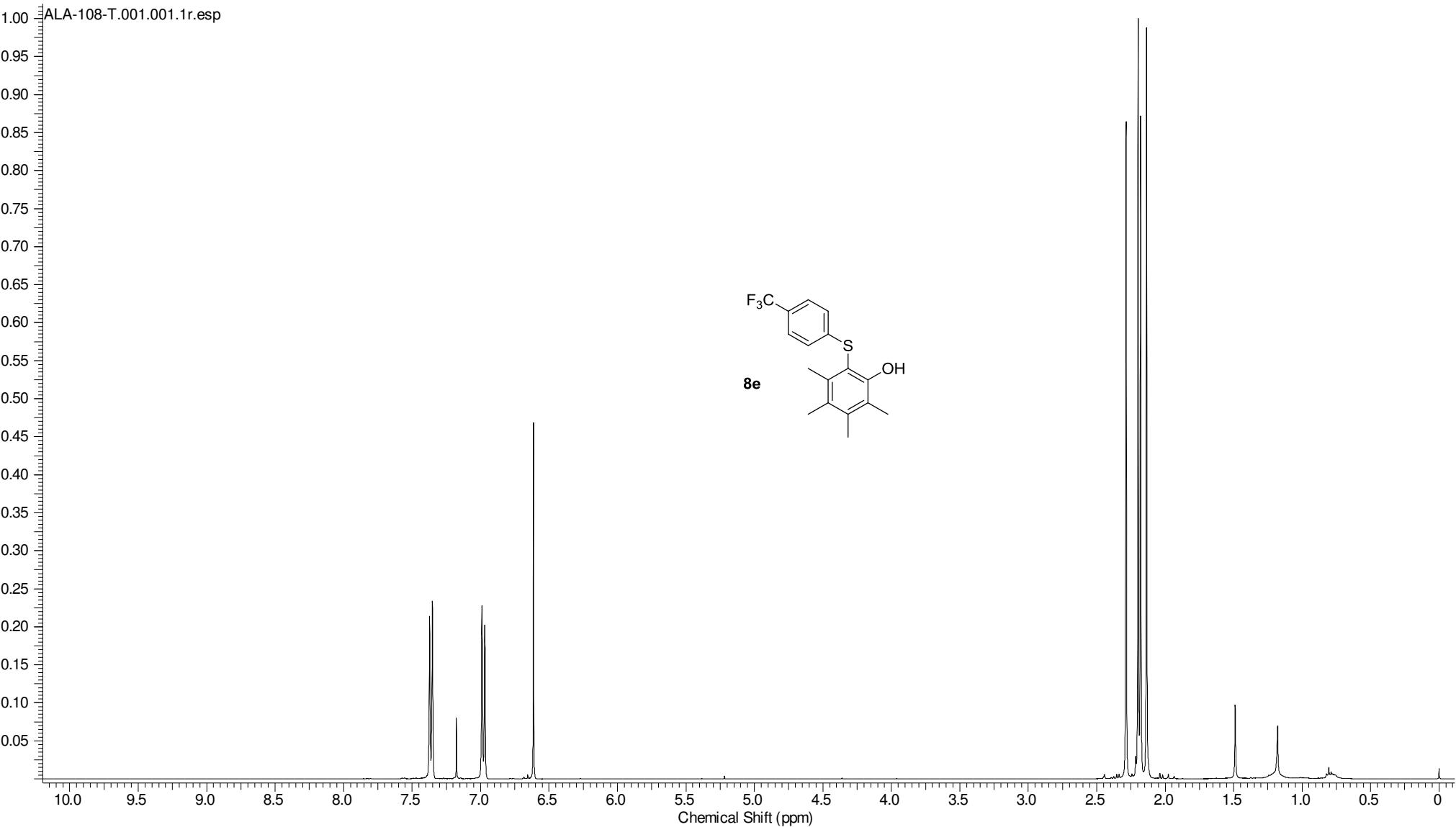


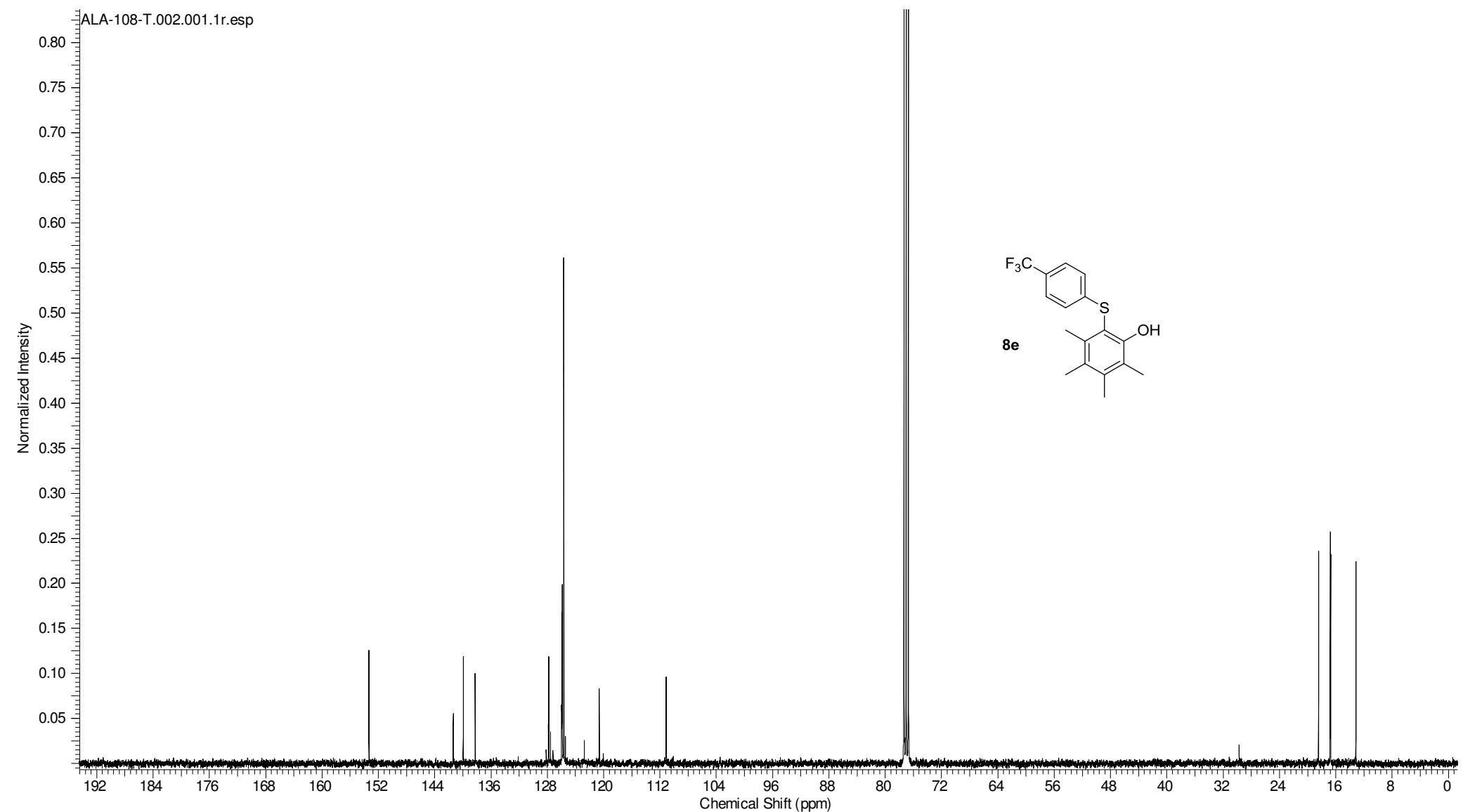


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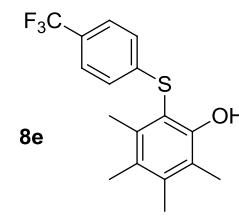
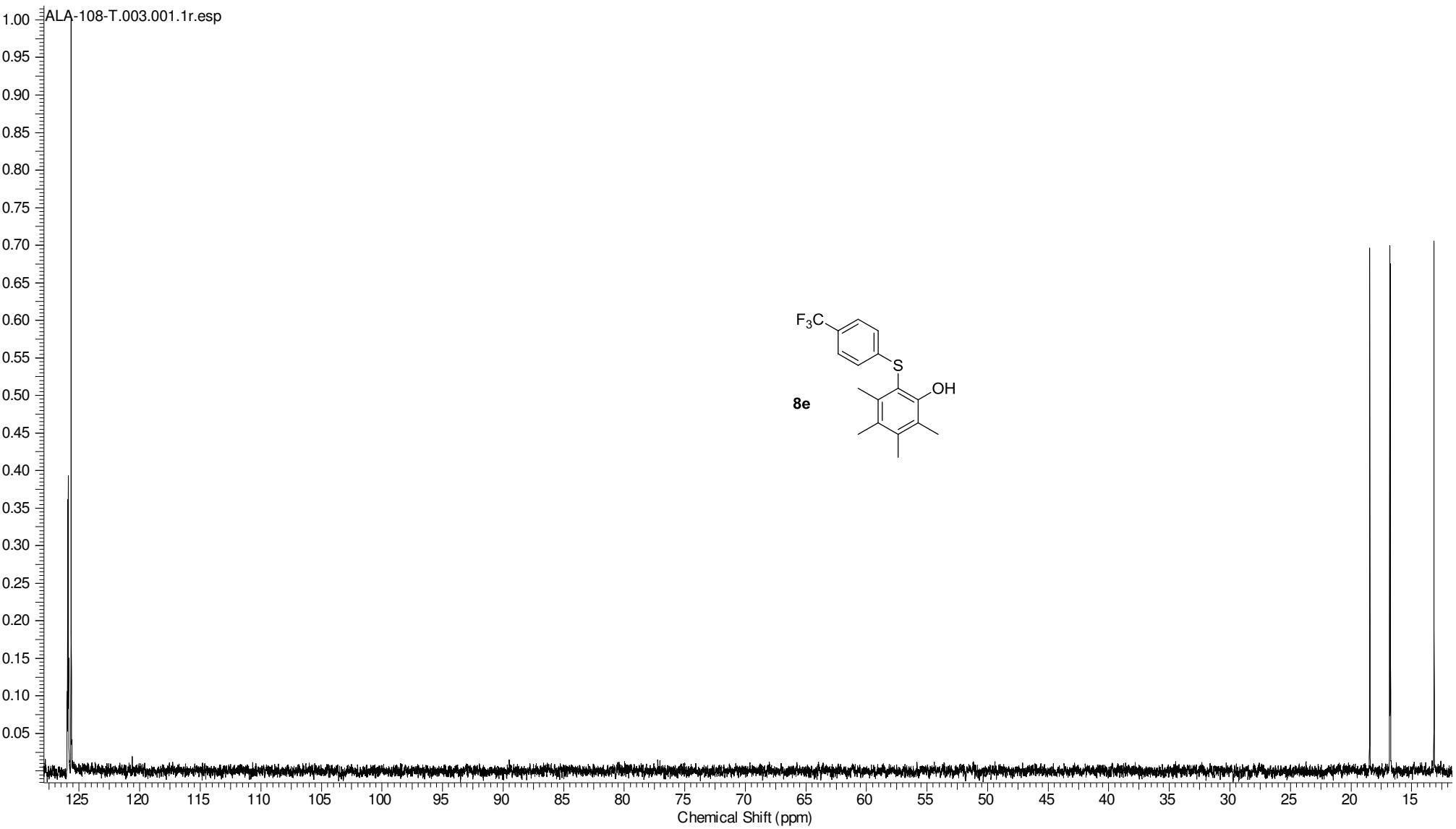


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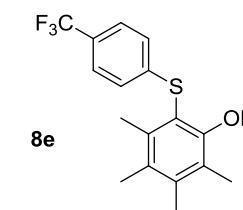
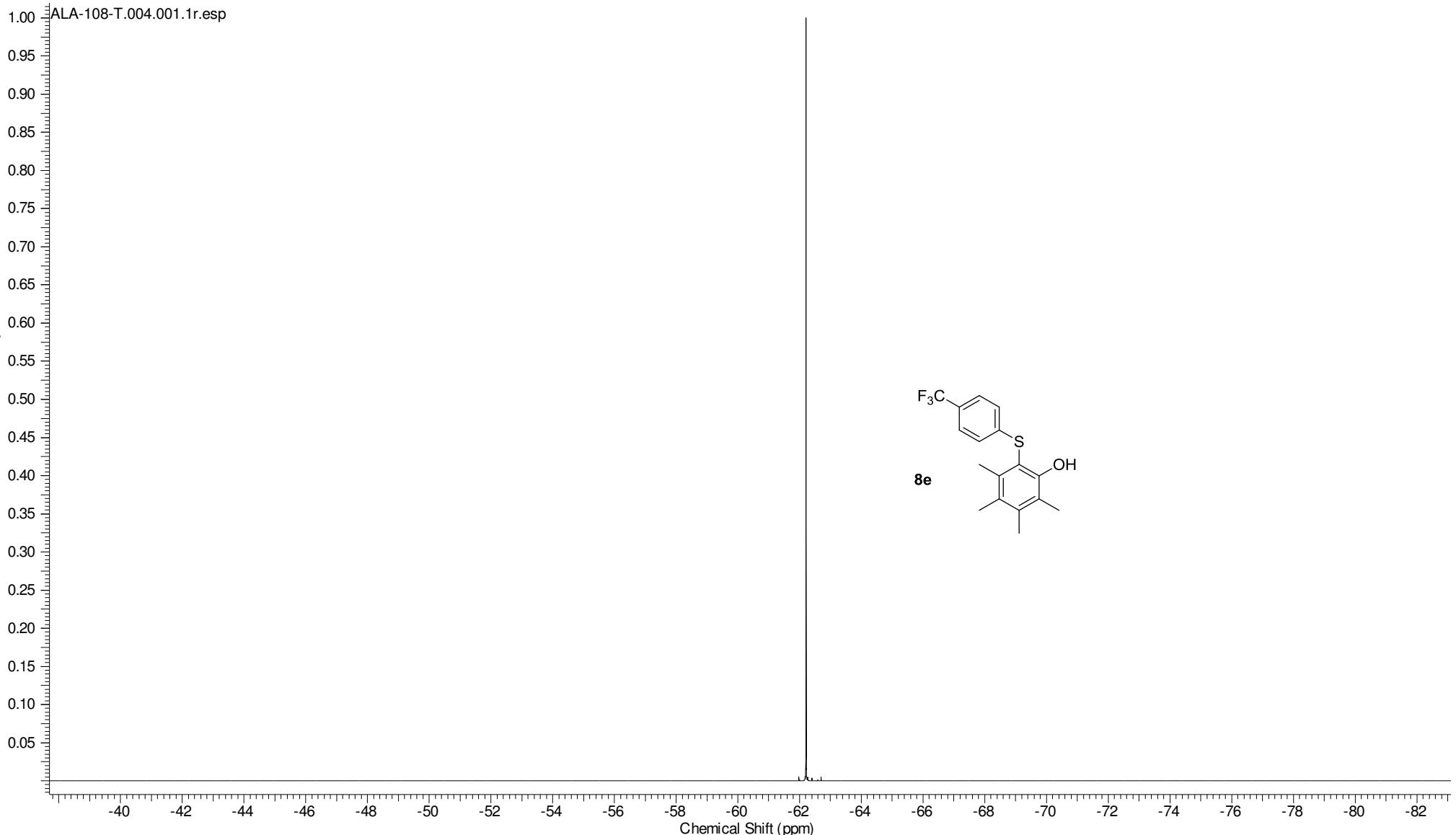


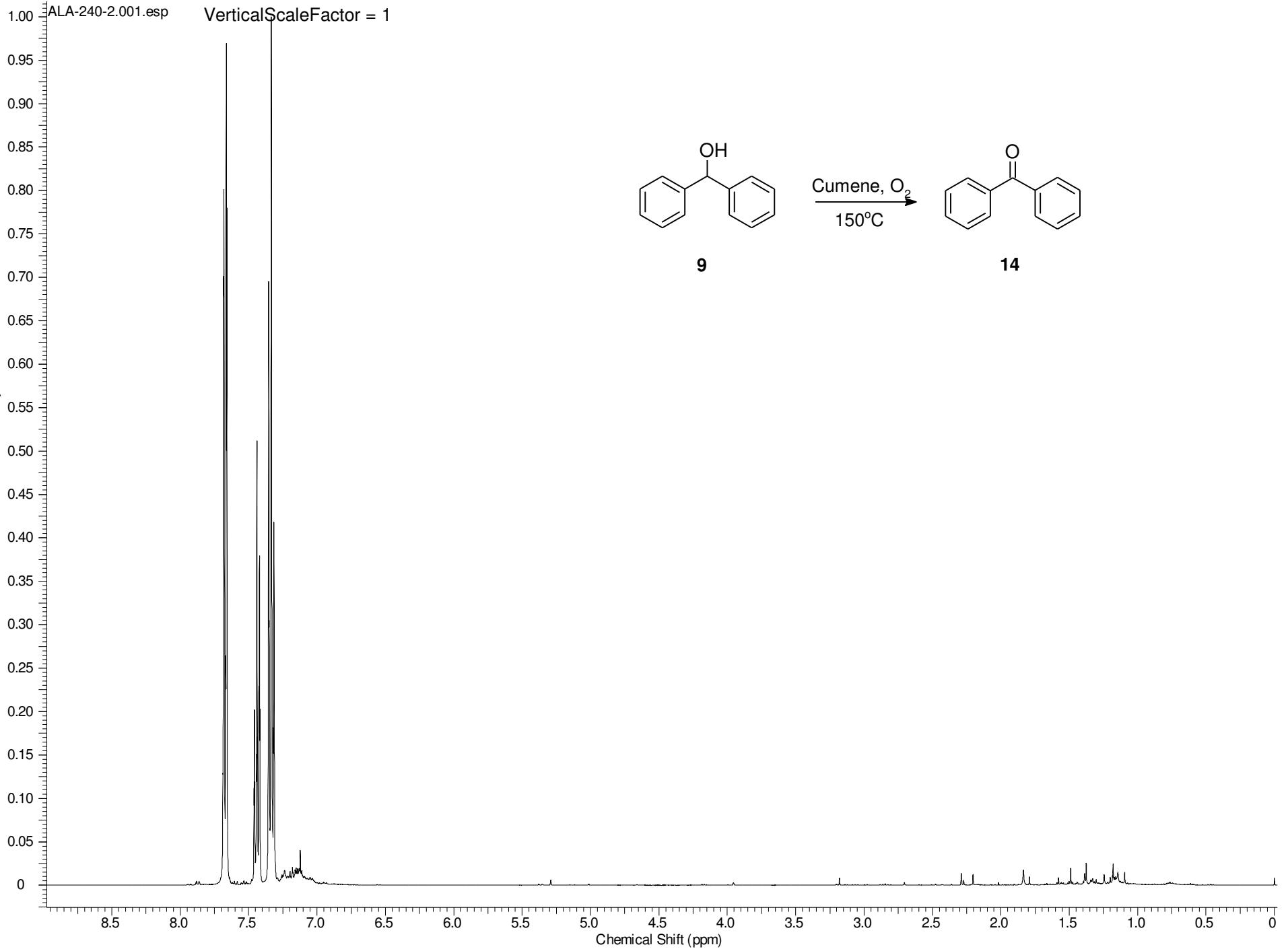


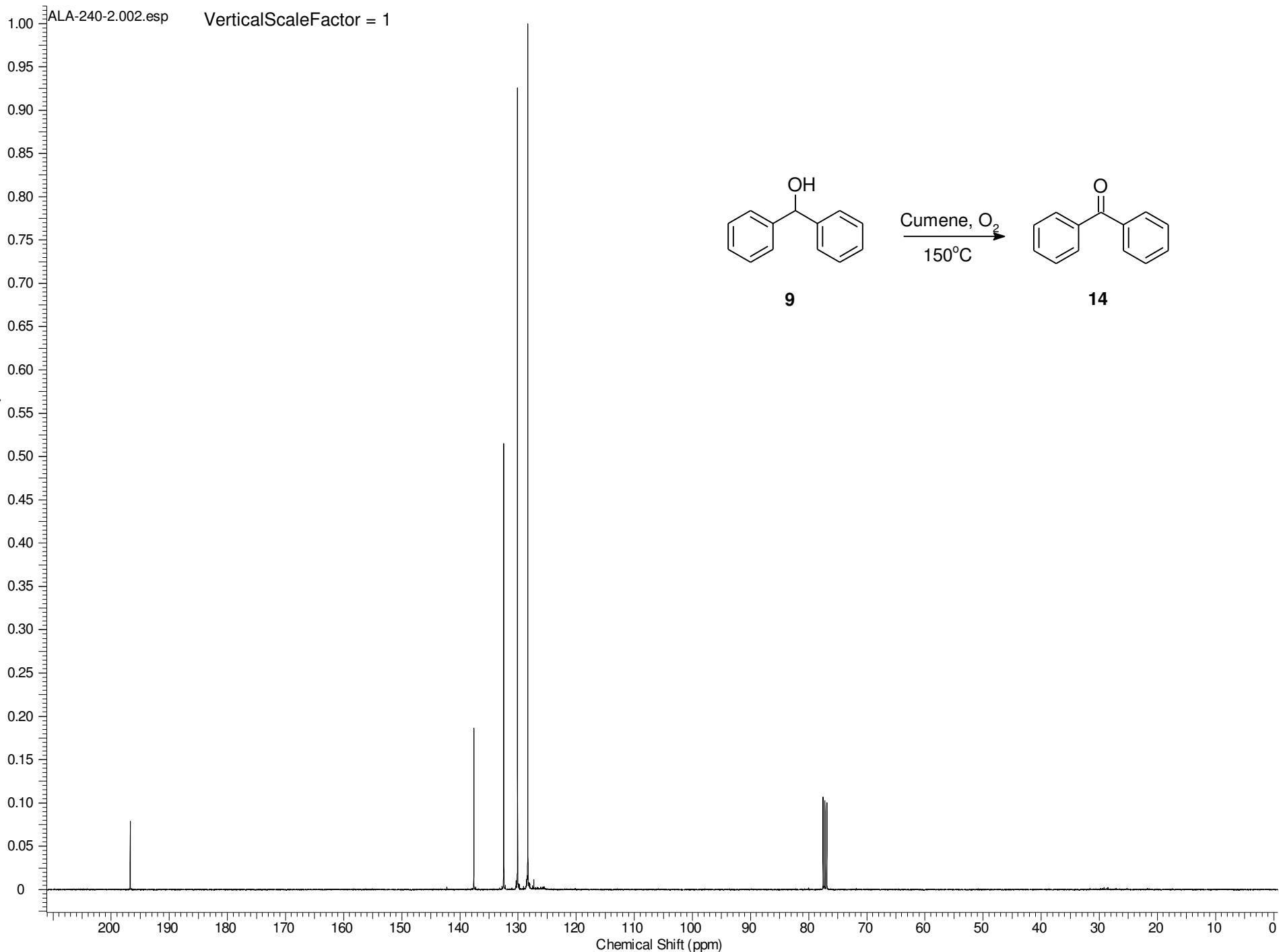
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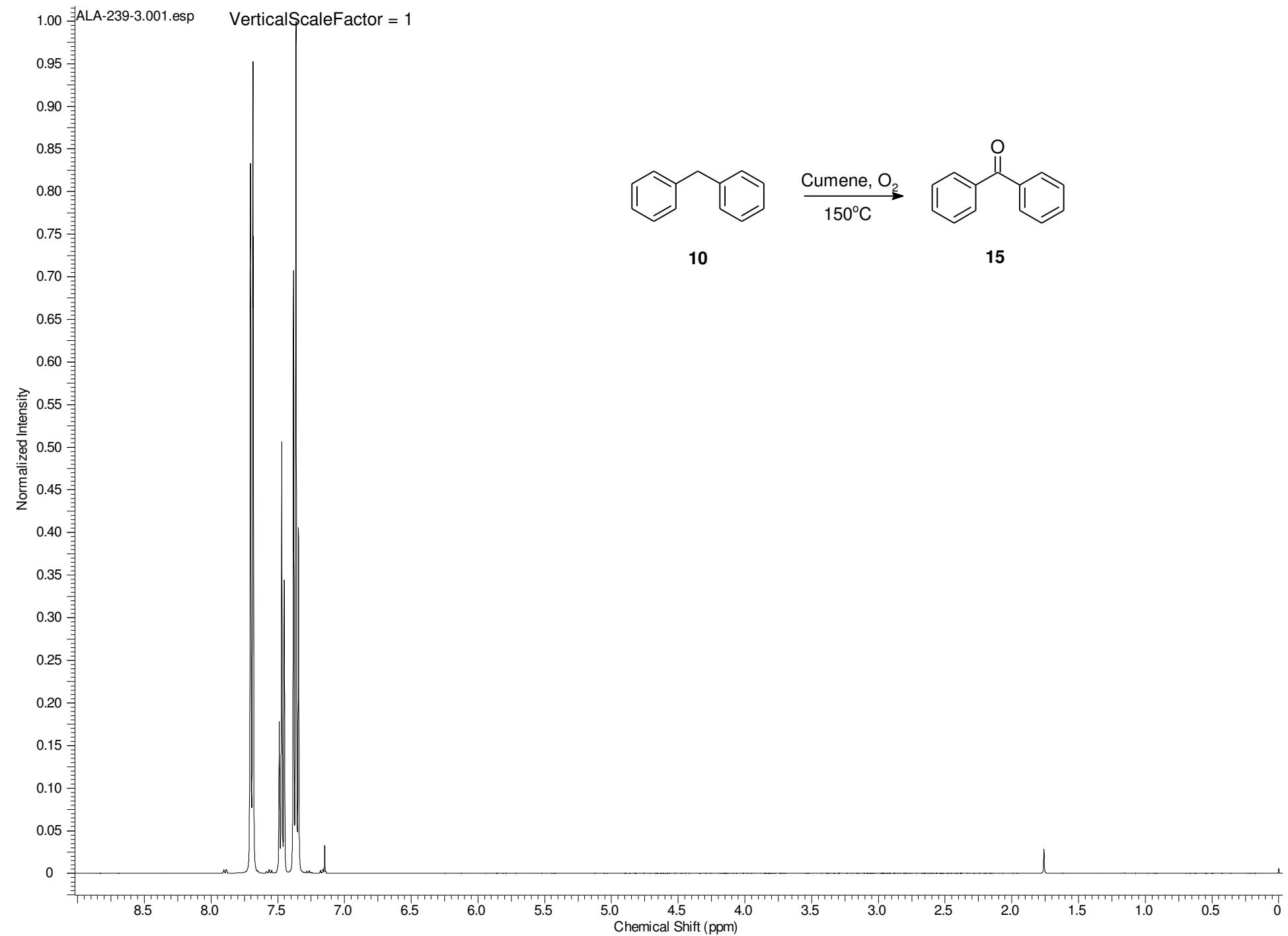


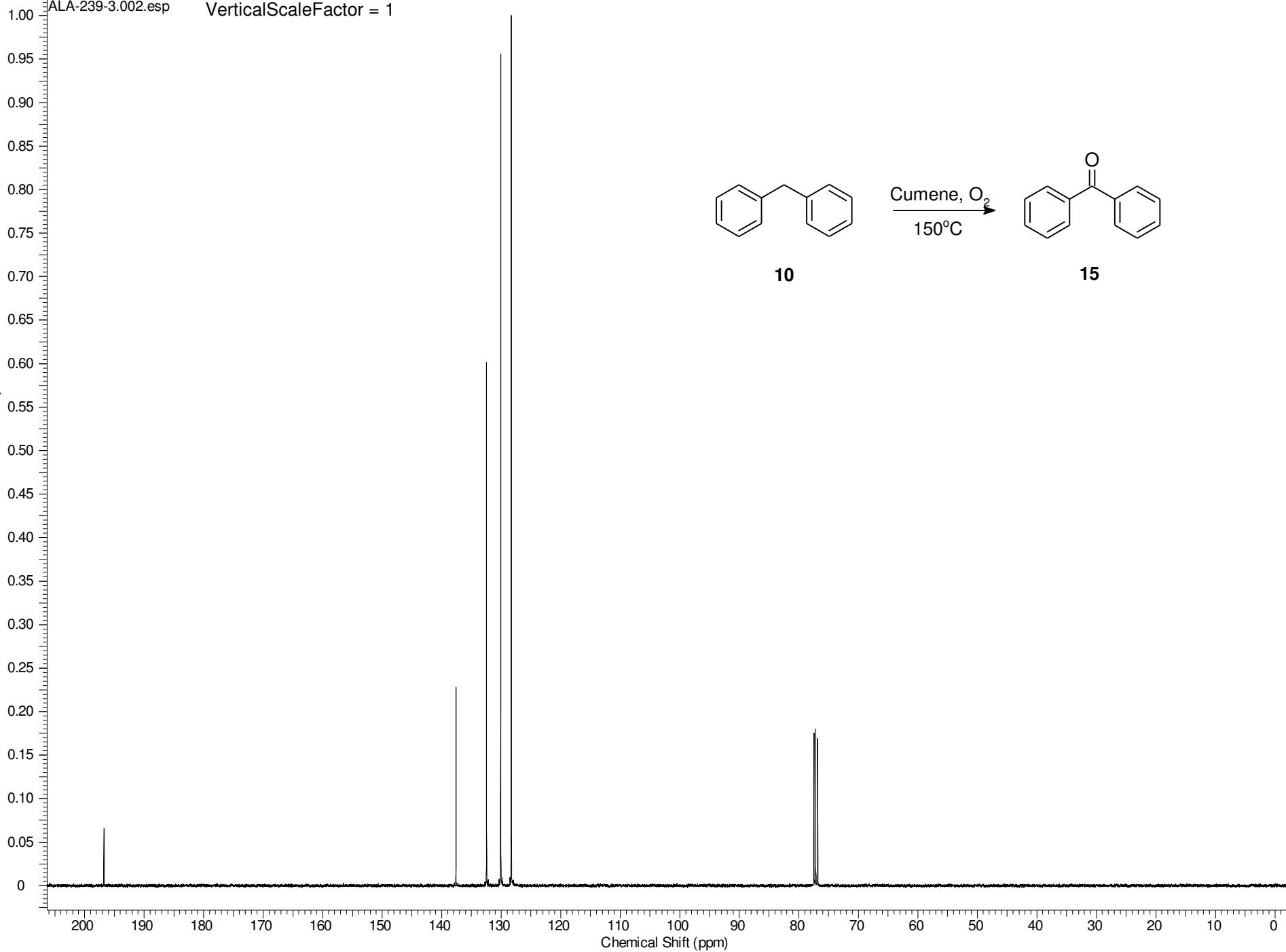
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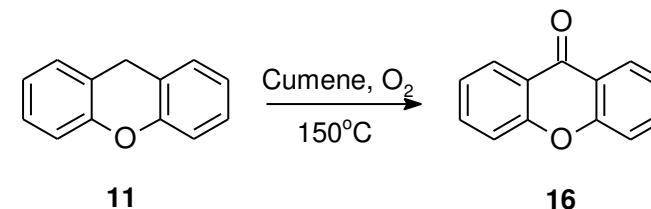




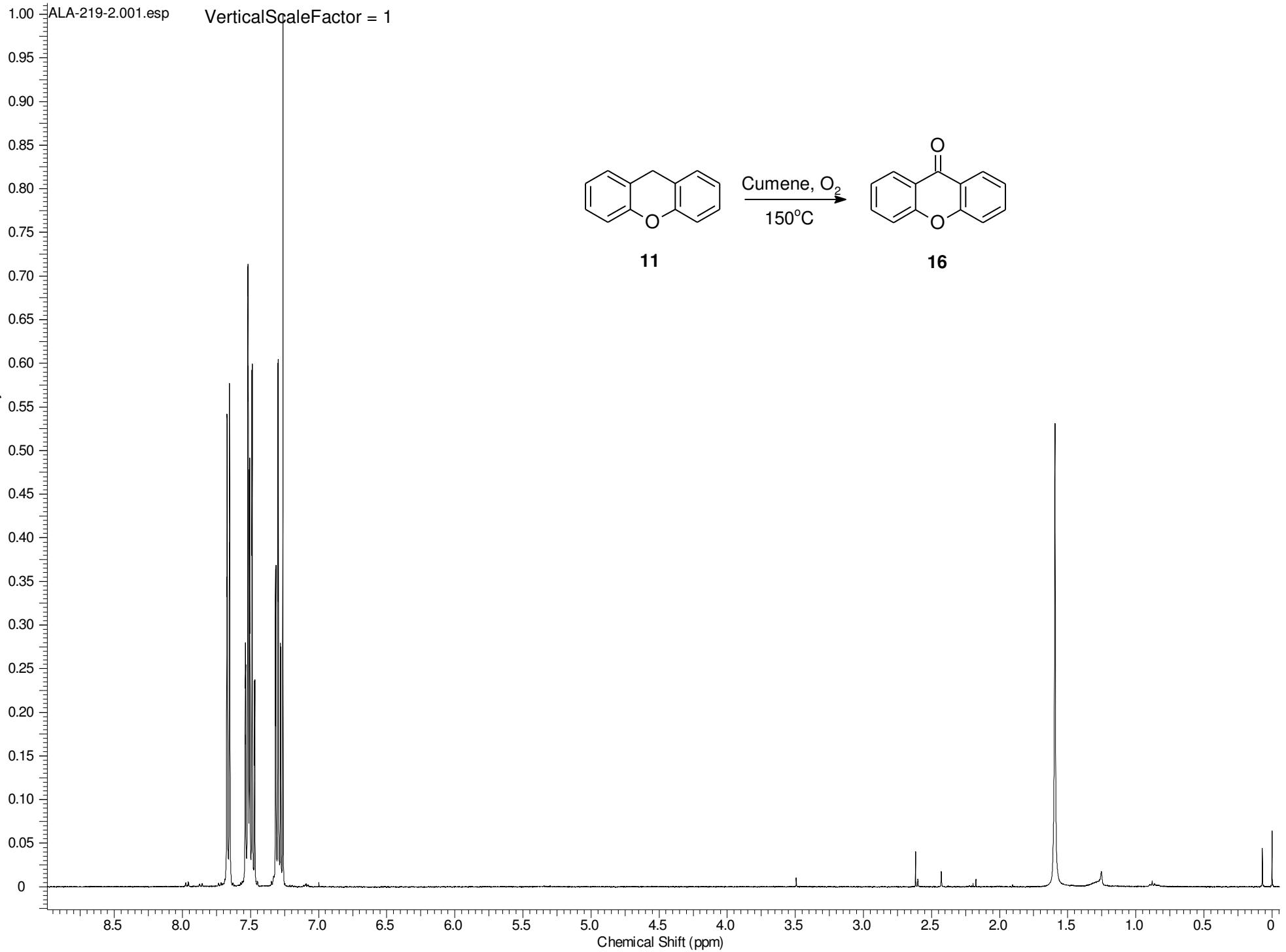


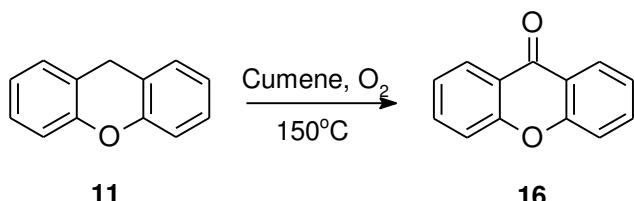
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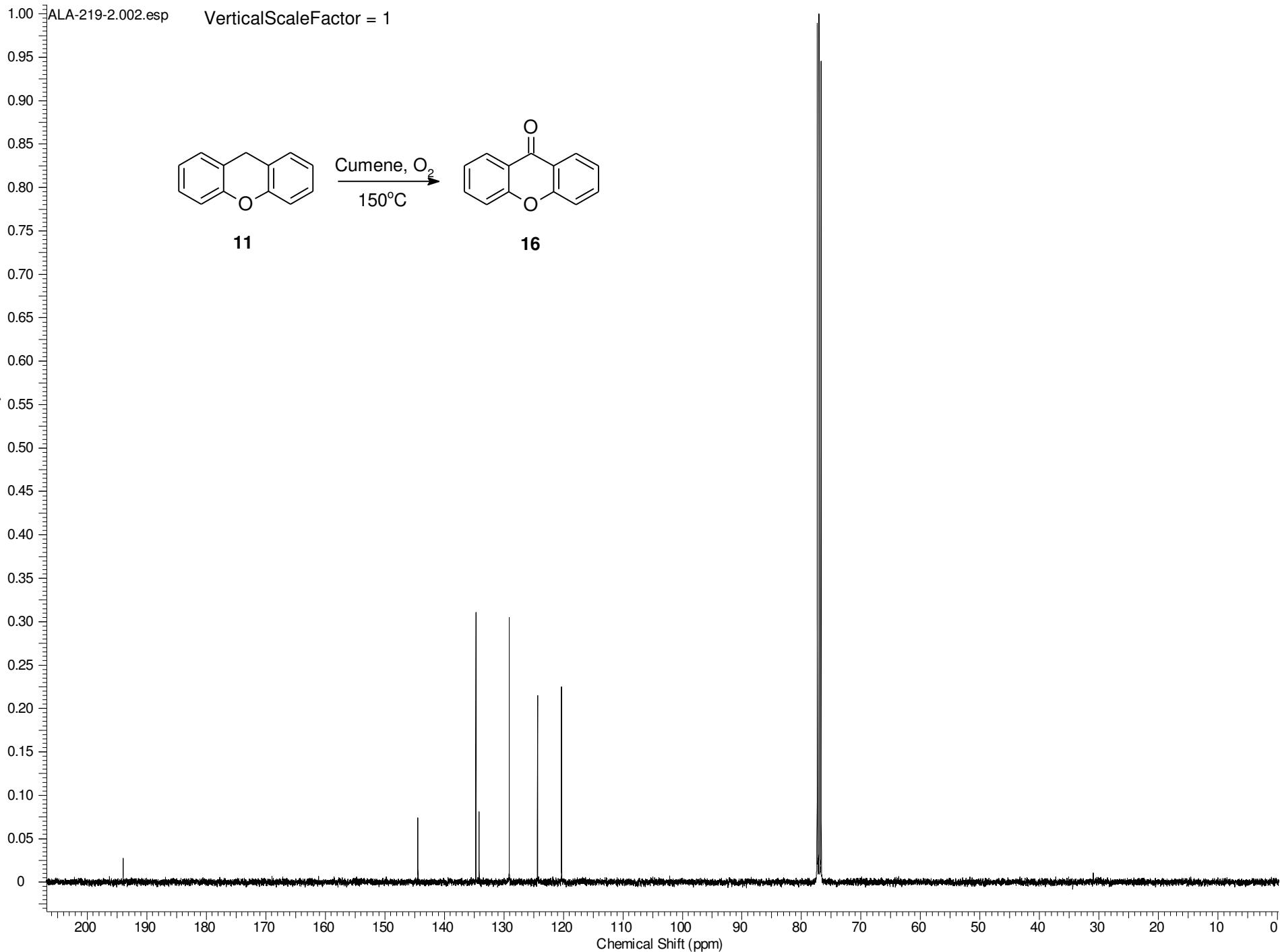


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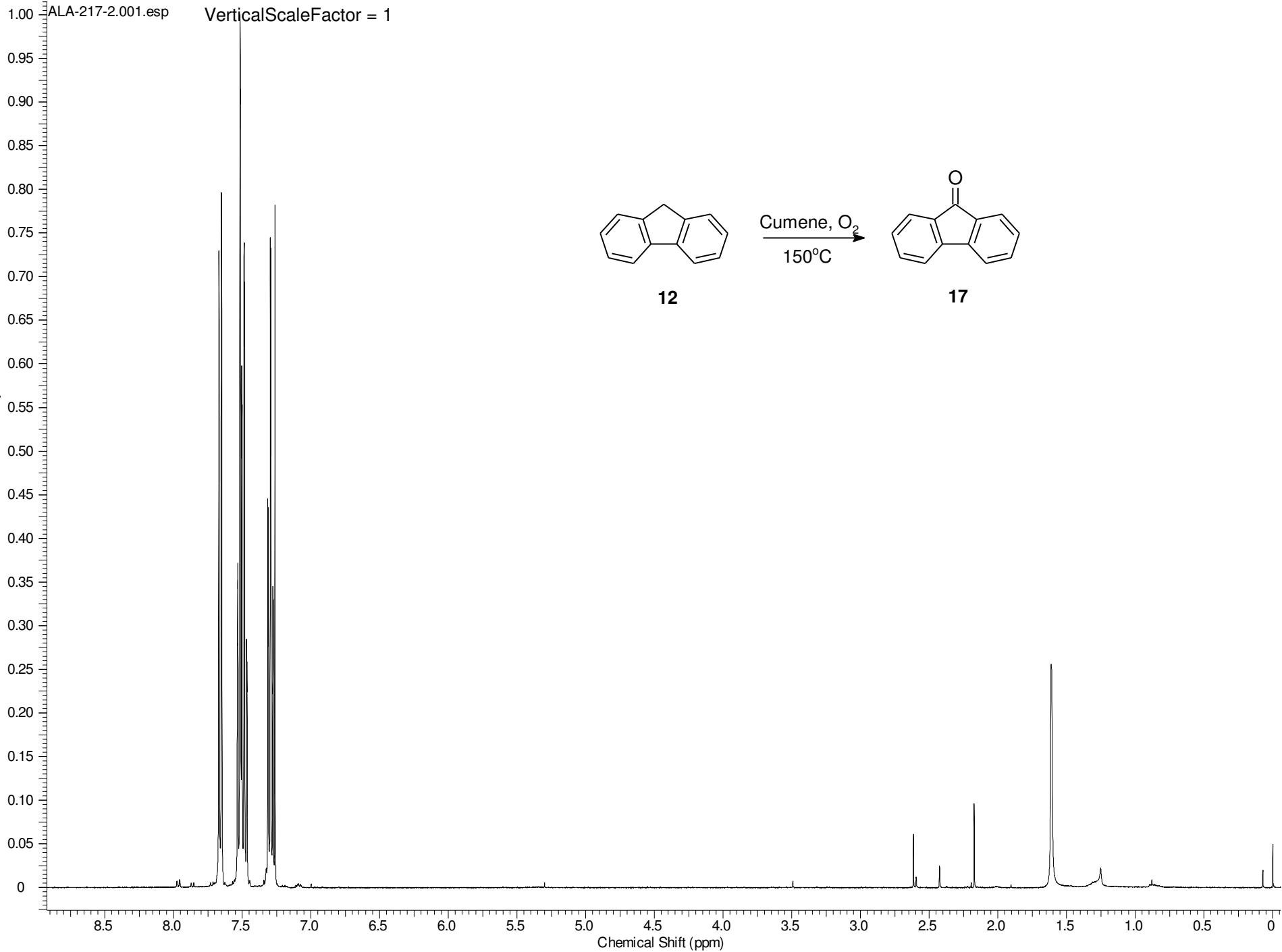


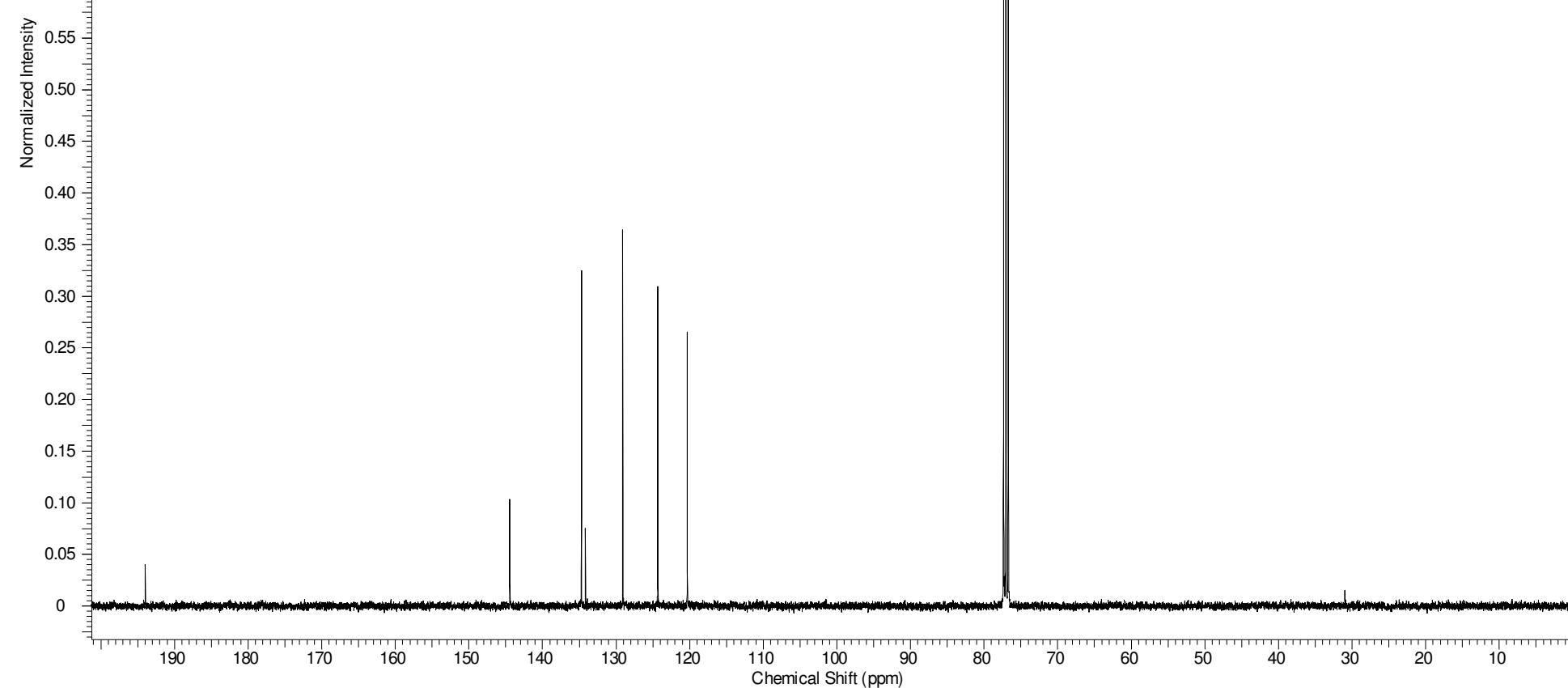
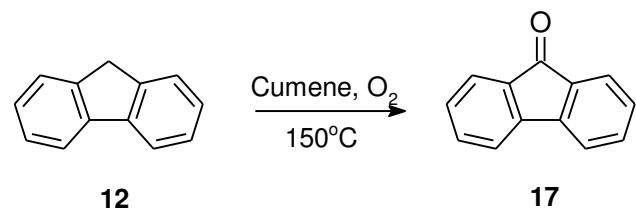
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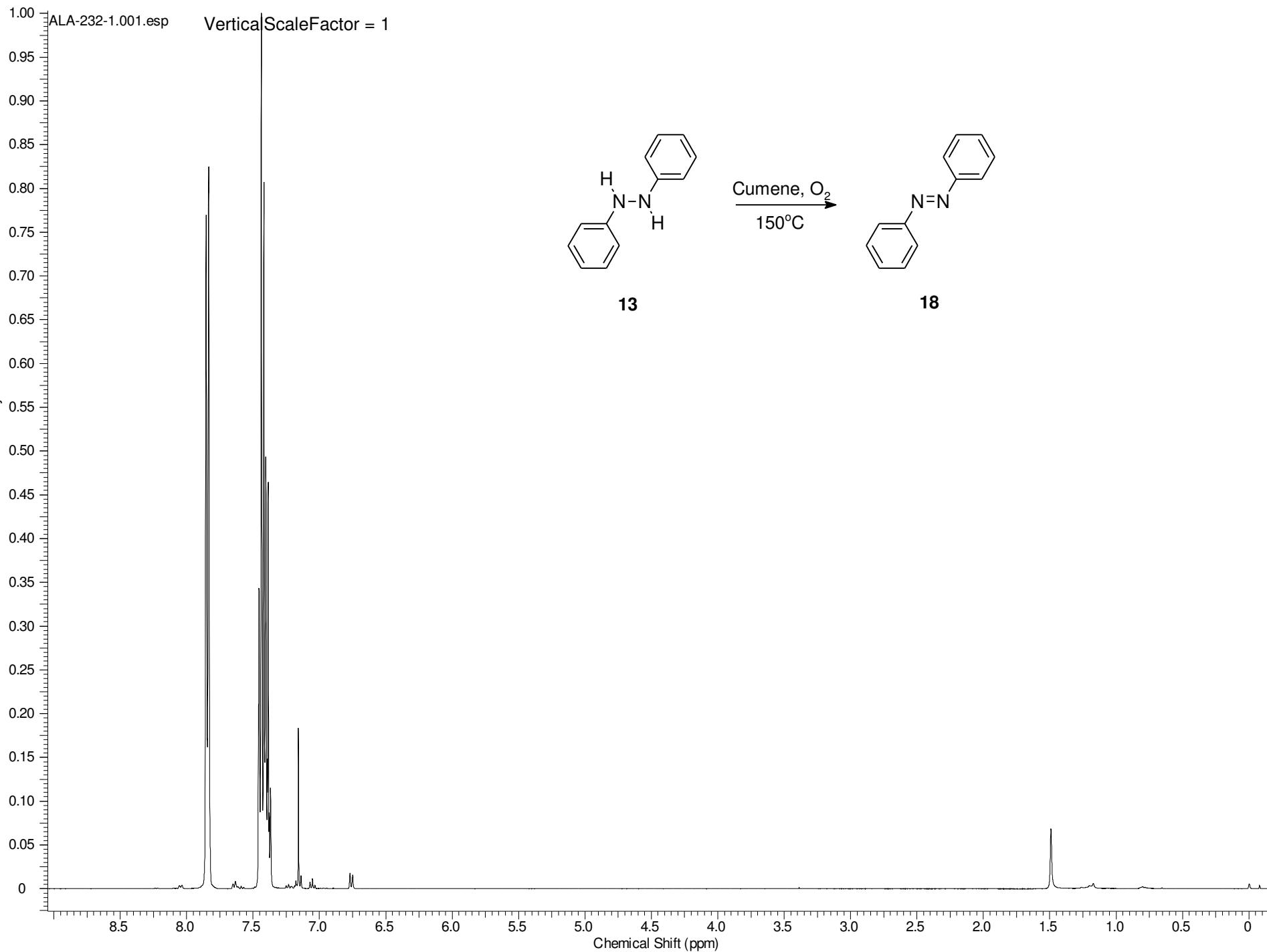
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