

Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

Bimetallic Cu-Mn B spinel oxide catalyzed oxidative synthesis of 1,2-disubstituted benzimidazoles from benzyl bromides

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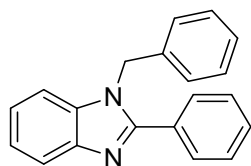
S1. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

S1.1. Chemistry protocols

General. All chemicals were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Company and used as received. ^1H , ^{13}C and DEPT NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-Avance DPX FT-NMR 500 and 400 MHz instruments. Chemical data for protons are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the residual proton in the NMR solvent (CDCl_3 , 7.26 ppm; CD_3OD , 3.31 ppm; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ 2.51 ppm). The carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (^{13}C NMR) were recorded at 100 MHz: chemical data for carbons are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent (CDCl_3 , 77.16 ppm; CD_3OD , 49.0; $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ 39.51 ppm). ESI-MS spectra were recorded on Agilent 1100 LC-Q-TOF. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer IR spectrophotometer.

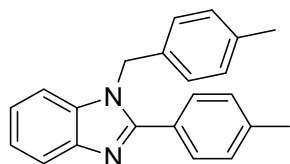
Procedure for synthesis of substituted 2-aryl-N benzyl benzimidazoles and 2-aryl benzimidazoles: To a solution of substituted *o*-phenylenediamine **1** (1 equiv.) in 3 mL of DMSO was added 10% w/w of Cu-Mn B, 2.5 equiv of K_2CO_3 and 2 equiv. of benzyl bromide **2** (2 equiv.) and heated at 100 °C for 12h. After completion of reaction monitored by TLC, reaction mixture was filtered to recover the catalyst. Water and ethyl acetate work up was done, organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and finally concentrated to get crude product. The residue was subjected to purification by 100-200 silica gel column using EtOAc/hexane as eluent to get the desired products **3(a-q)** in 48-72% and **4(a-q)** in 12-22 % yield.

1-benzyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (**3a**)¹



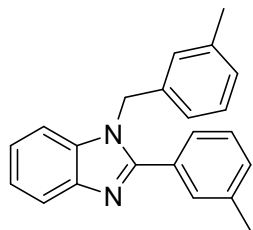
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 5.48 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.2, 143.2, 136.4, 136.1, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 125.9, 123.1, 122.7, 119.9, 110.5, 48.4; ESI-MS (LTQ): 285.21 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$

1-(4-methylbenzyl)-2-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3b)²



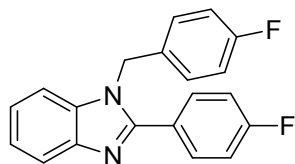
¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 140.2, 137.5, 133.3, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 126.7, 125.9, 125.7, 122.9, 122.7, 119.7, 110.6, 48.2, 21.4, 21.1; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 3410, 2919, 1621, 1429, 1274, 1083, 963 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 313.14 [M+H]⁺

1-(3-methylbenzyl)-2-(m-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3c)³



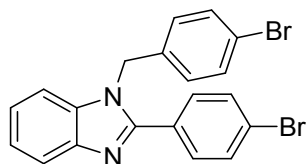
¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 143.1, 138.8, 138.7, 136.5, 130.7, 128.9, 128.5, 128.5, 126.7, 123.1, 122.9, 110.6, 48.5, 21.5, 21.4; ESI-MS (LTQ): 313.17 [M+H]⁺

1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3d)⁴



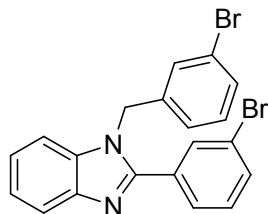
¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 4H), 5.37 (s, 2H); IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2956, 2924, 1711, 1607, 1509, 1482, 1458, 1414, 1381, 1226, 1157 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 321.51 [M+H]⁺

1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3e)⁵



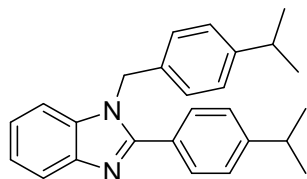
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 142, 139.4, 135.1, 132.4, 132.1, 130.6, 129.3, 128, 123.6, 123.1, 122, 120.1, 111.6, 110.3, 47.9; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2925, 1733, 1455, 1260, 1012 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 341. 40[M+2H]⁺

1-(3-bromobenzyl)-2-(3-bromophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3f)⁴



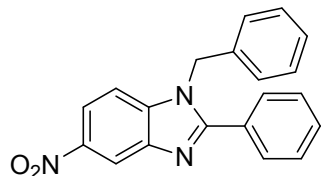
¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-786 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 142.8, 138.3, 133.2, 132.3, 131.3, 130.8, 130.3, 129.2, 127.5, 126, 125, 124.6, 123.8, 123.3, 123.2, 123, 120.2, 110.4, 47.9; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2957, 2923, 2870, 1713, 1597, 1571, 1456, 1379, 1248, 1190, 1160, 1072 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 341.97 [M+H]⁺

1-(4-isopropylbenzyl)-2-(4-isopropylphenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3g)⁶



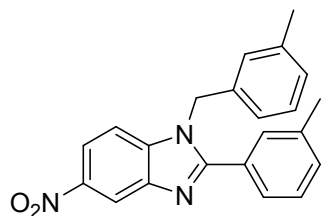
¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.4, 150.9, 148.4, 143.2, 136.1, 133.8, 129.3, 127.5, 127.1, 126.9, 125.9, 122.8, 122.5, 119.8, 110.6, 48.2, 34.1, 33.8, 23.9, 23.8; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2959, 2904, 1613, 1513, 1458, 1417, 1383, 1361, 1329, 1276, 1254, 1161, 1054, 1018 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 369.21 [M+H]⁺

1-benzyl-5-nitro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3h)⁷



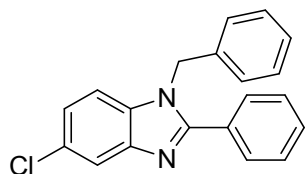
¹ HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (s, 1H), 8.22 (dd, J = 8, 12 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 5.54 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 144.1, 142.5, 140.2, 135.2, 130.8, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.3, 125.9, 118.8, 116.6, 110.5, 48.8; ESI-MS (LTQ): 330.08 [M+H]⁺

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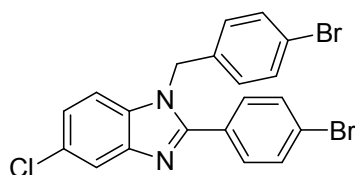
Yellow semi solid; ¹ HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 8, 12 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 8Hz, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9, 144, 142.5, 139.1, 139, 135.3, 131.6, 130.2, 129.2, 129, 128.8, 126.6, 126, 122.9, 118.8, 116.5, 110.5, 48.9, 21.5, 21.4; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 3430, 2923, 1634, 1522, 1454, 1341 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 358.16 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z 358.1540 calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₃O₂+H⁺ (358.1550).

1-benzyl-5-chloro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3j)¹



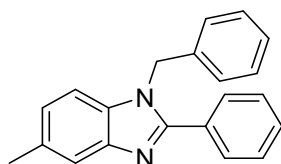
¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 1.8Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 3H), 5.46 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4, 144, 136, 135, 130.2, 129.3, 129.2, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128, 126, 123.5, 120, 111.3, 48.6; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2956, 2924, 1714, 1604, 1454, 1379, 1078 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 319.01 [M+H]⁺

1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-chloro-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3k)



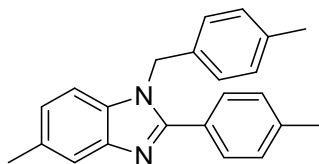
Yellow Semisolid; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃+MeOD) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 5.36 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.6, 139.8, 134.5, 132.5, 132.2, 131.6, 130.5, 129.3, 128.6, 127.4, 125, 123.9, 122.2, 121, 110.4, 47.9; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2957, 2924, 1709, 1596, 1465, 1400, 1378, 1072, 1011 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 475.52 [M+2H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): m/z 474.9214 calcd for C₂₀H₁₃Br₂ClN₂+H⁺ (474.9207).

1-benzyl-5-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3l)⁸



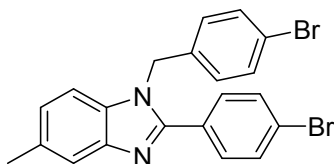
¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.45 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 3031, 2956, 2924, 2854, 1715, 1606, 1454, 1386, 1357, 1329, 1260, 1170, 1076, 1029 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 299.12 [M+H]⁺

5-methyl-1-(4-methylbenzyl)-2-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3m)⁹



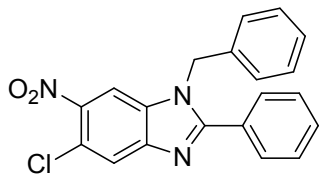
¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.00 (m, 3H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.9, 139.9, 137.4, 133.6, 132.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 125.9, 125.8, 124.3, 124.2, 119.3, 110.3, 110, 48.1, 21.9, 21.4, 21.1; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2956, 2923, 1712, 1459, 1378, 1275 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 327.69 [M+H]⁺

1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3n)



White semisolid; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.96 (m, 3H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 143.3, 135.3, 133.7, 132.9, 132.3, 132.1, 130.6, 128.9, 127.5, 124.8, 121.8, 110.1, 47.7, 21.9; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2956, 2924, 2854, 1713, 1594, 1488, 1461, 1404, 1378, 1251, 1073, 1011 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 455.55 [M+2H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* 454.9763 calcd for C₂₁H₁₆Br₂N₂+H⁺ (454.9753).

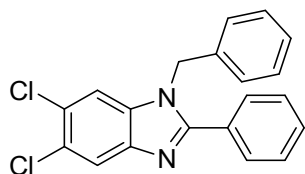
1-benzyl-5-chloro-6-nitro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3o)



White semisolid; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4Hz, 2H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 16Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 145.9, 141, 138.6, 134.8, 133.8, 131.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 125.8, 122.4, 117.9, 112.9, 48.9; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2957, 2924, 1732, 1616, 1585, 1528, 1445, 1379,

1327, 1260, 1150, 1079, 1028, 1006 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS (LTQ): 364. 43 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; HRMS (ESI): m/z 364.0847 calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{Cl}+\text{H}^+$ (364.0847).

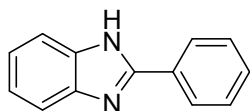
1-benzyl-5,6-dichloro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3p)¹⁰



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.55-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 5.44 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.1, 142.5, 135.4, 130.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 126.9, 125.8, 121.1, 111.8, 48.6; ESI-MS (LTQ): 353.01 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$

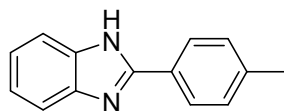
Monosubstituted Benzimidazole

2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4a)¹¹



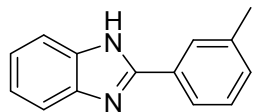
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.93 (s, 1H (NH)), 8.21 (d, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.23 (t, $J = 8\text{ Hz}$, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.7, 144.3, 135.5, 130.6, 130.3, 129.4, 126.9, 122.9, 122.1, 119.3, 111.8; IR (CHCl_3): ν_{max} 2955.1, 2920.8, 2870.4, 1713.2, 1458.4, 1377.9, 1275, 1260.7, 1187.8, 1081.5, 1019 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS (LTQ): 195.20 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$

2-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4b)¹²



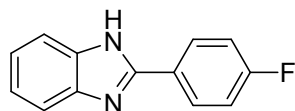
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8\text{Hz}$, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H); IR (CHCl_3): ν_{max} 3410, 2919, 1621, 1429, 1274, 1083 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS (LTQ): 209.05 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$

2-(m-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4c)¹³



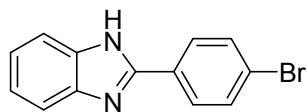
¹ HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃+MeOD) δ 7.98-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃+MeOD) δ 156.1, 142.6, 134.7, 133.6, 132.7, 131.2, 127.6, 126.50, 25.1; IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 3418, 2957, 2923, 1633, 1455, 1378, 1309 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 209.04 [M+H]⁺

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4d)¹⁴



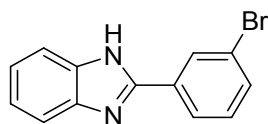
¹ HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8Hz, 2H); IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2918, 1600, 1496, 1429, 1395, 1275, 1227, 1083 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 212.98 [M+H]⁺

2-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4e)¹⁵



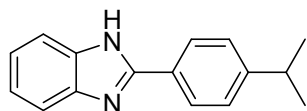
¹ HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 4H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H); IR (CHCl₃): ν_{max} 2923, 1427, 1275, 749 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS (LTQ): 272.95 [M+H]⁺

2-(3-bromophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4f)



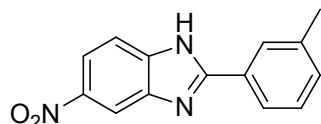
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2-(4-isopropylphenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4g)¹⁶



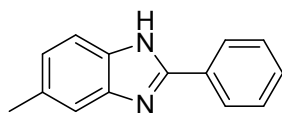
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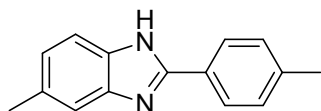
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5-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4l)¹⁸



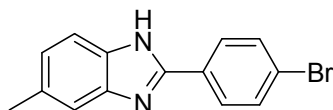
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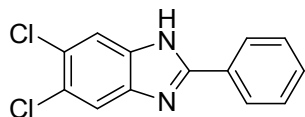
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2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4n)²⁰



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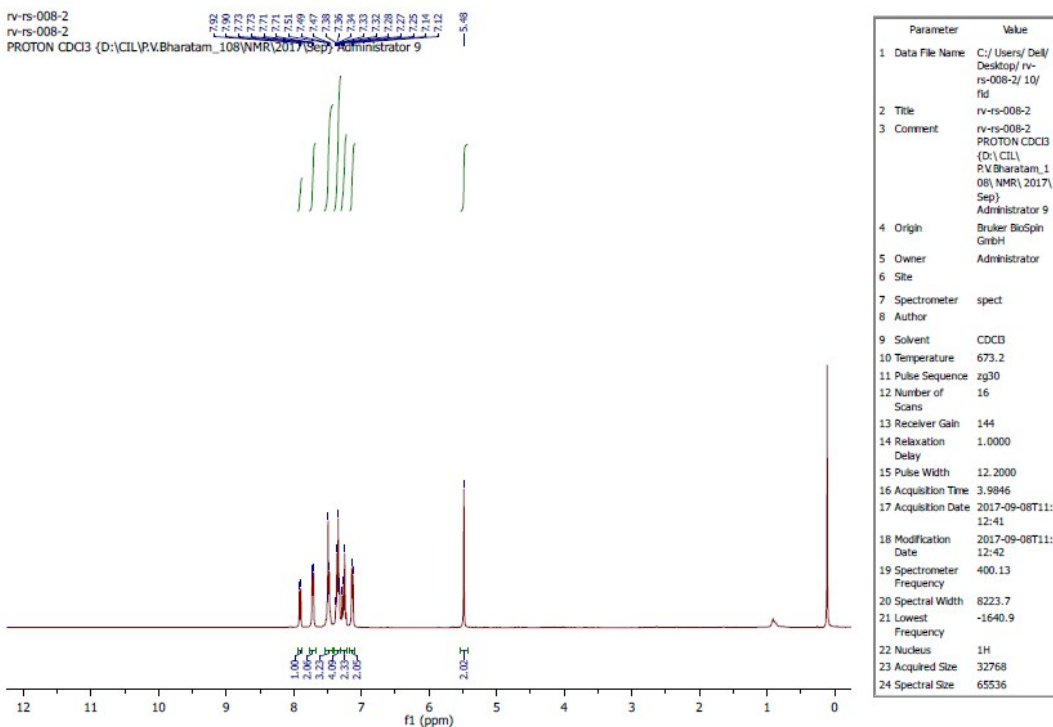
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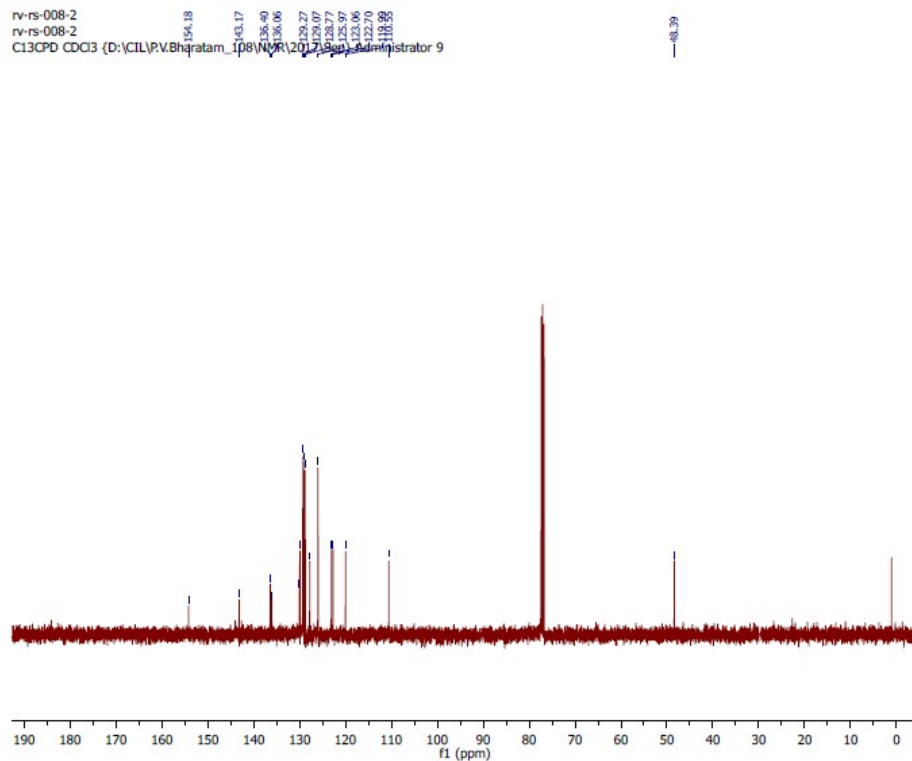
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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra's of 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3a).



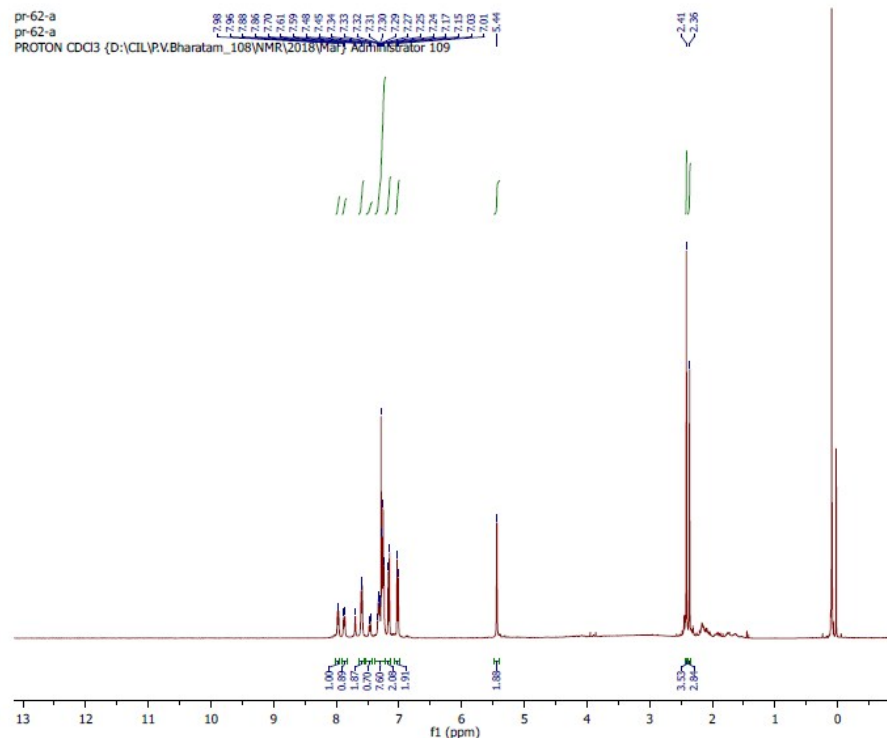
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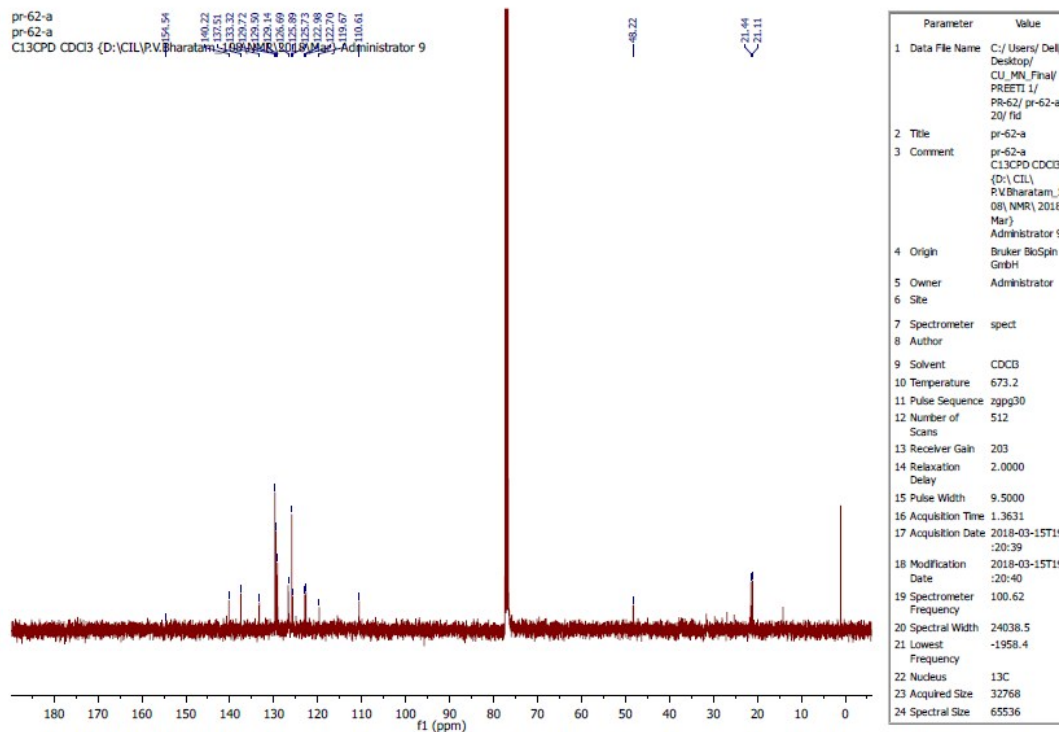
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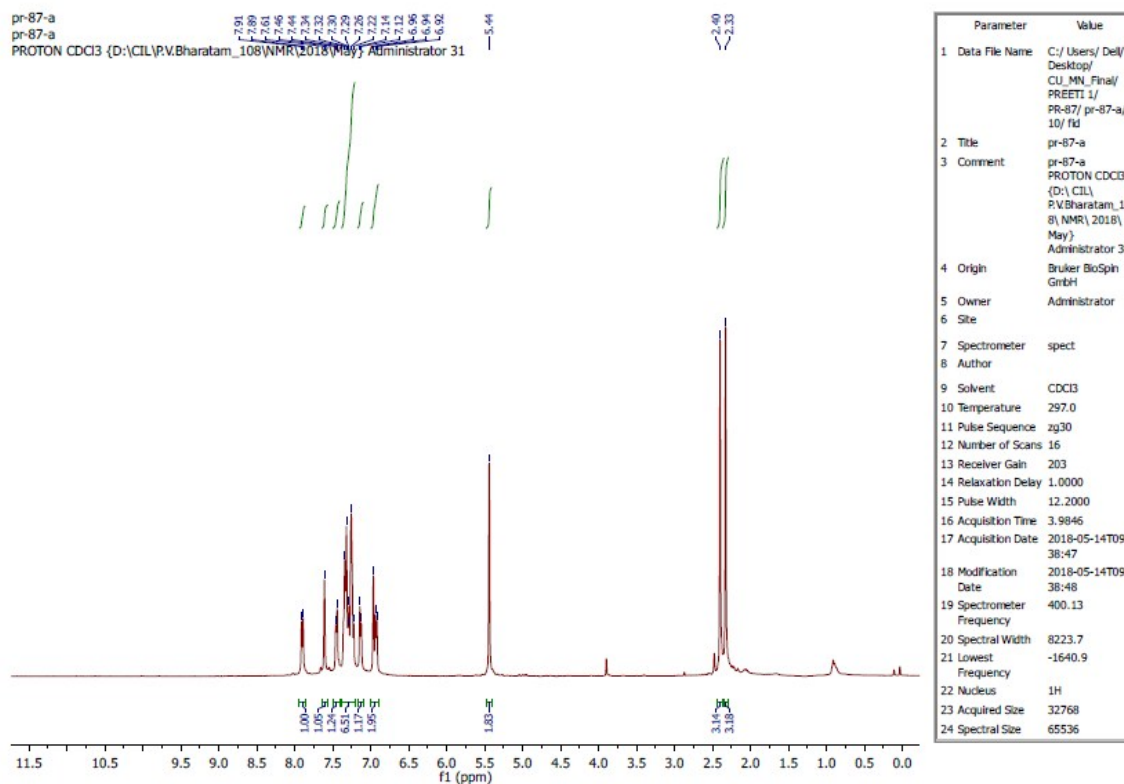
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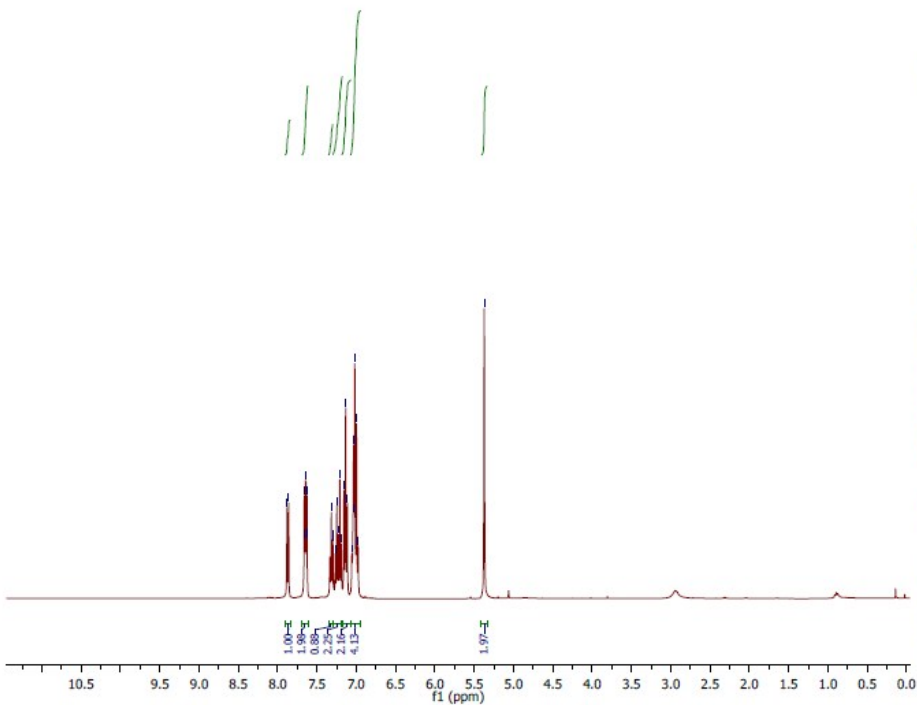
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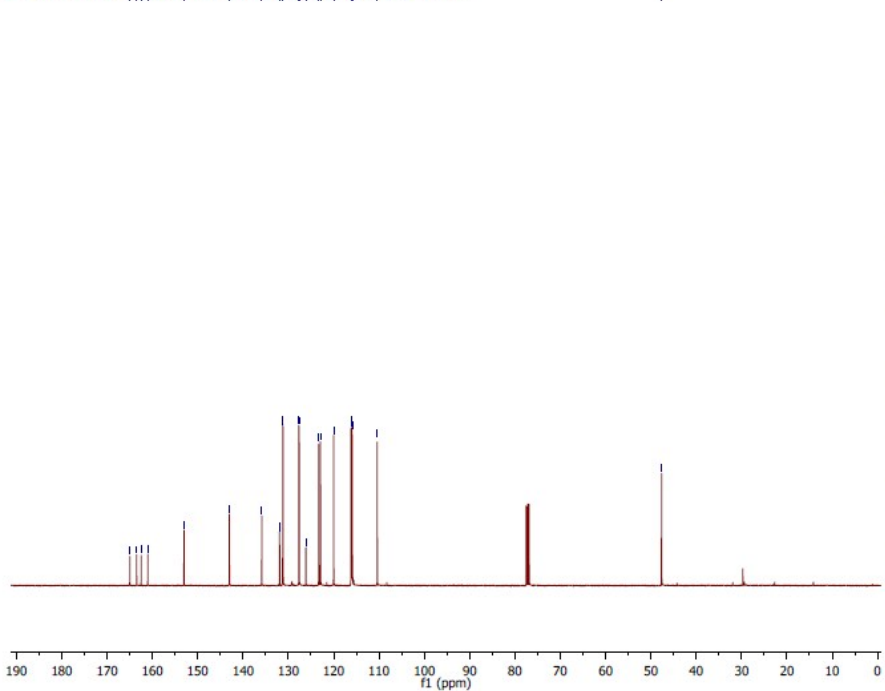


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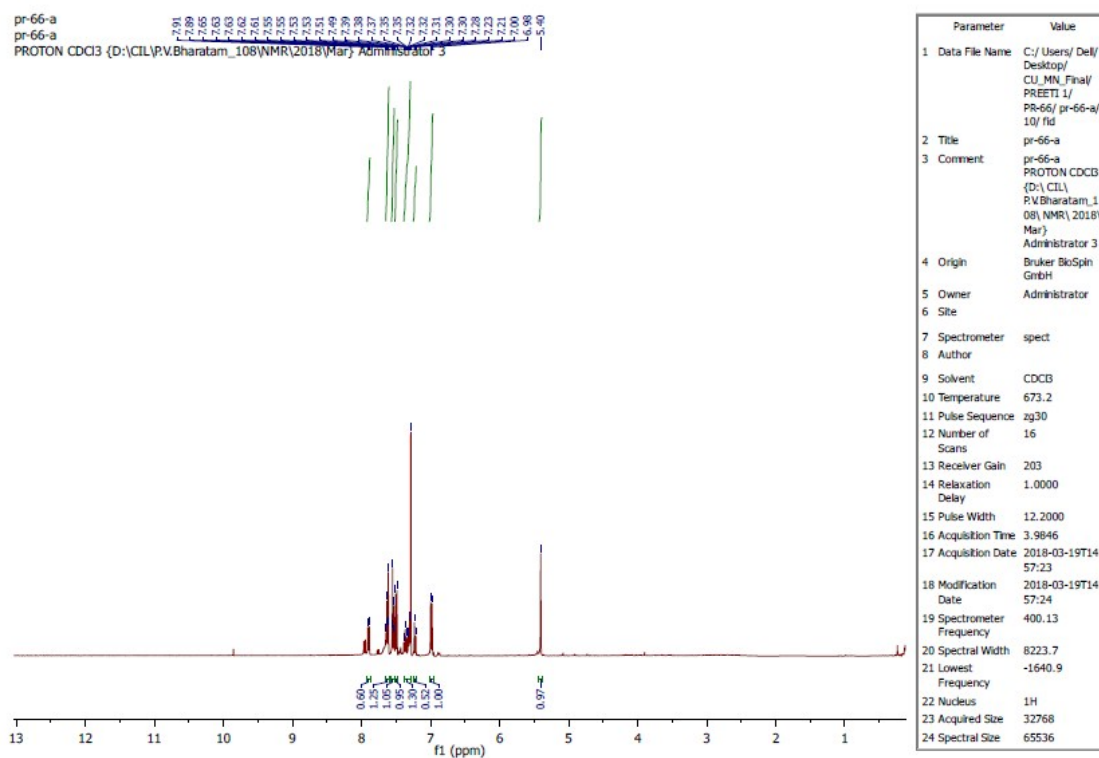
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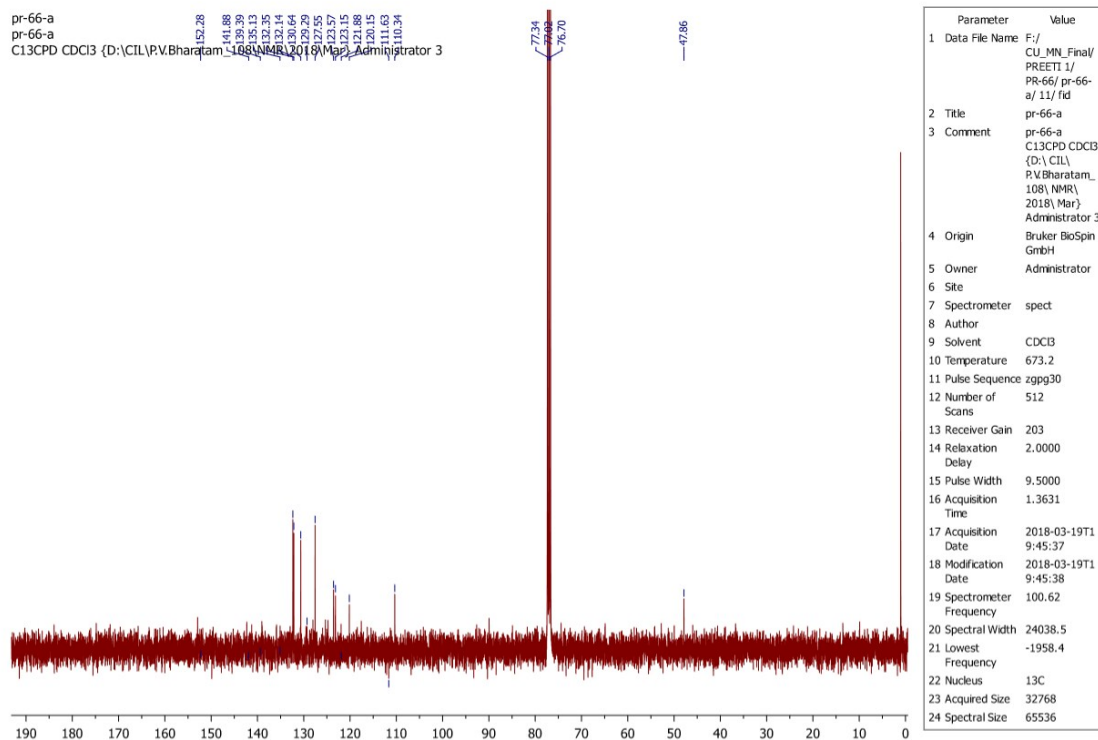
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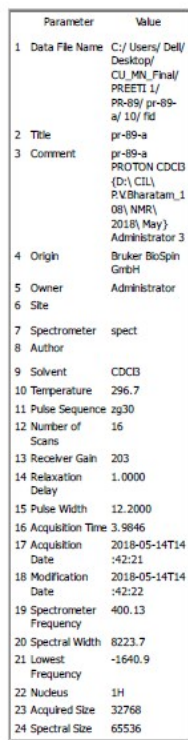
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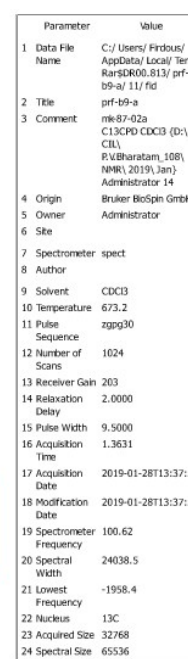


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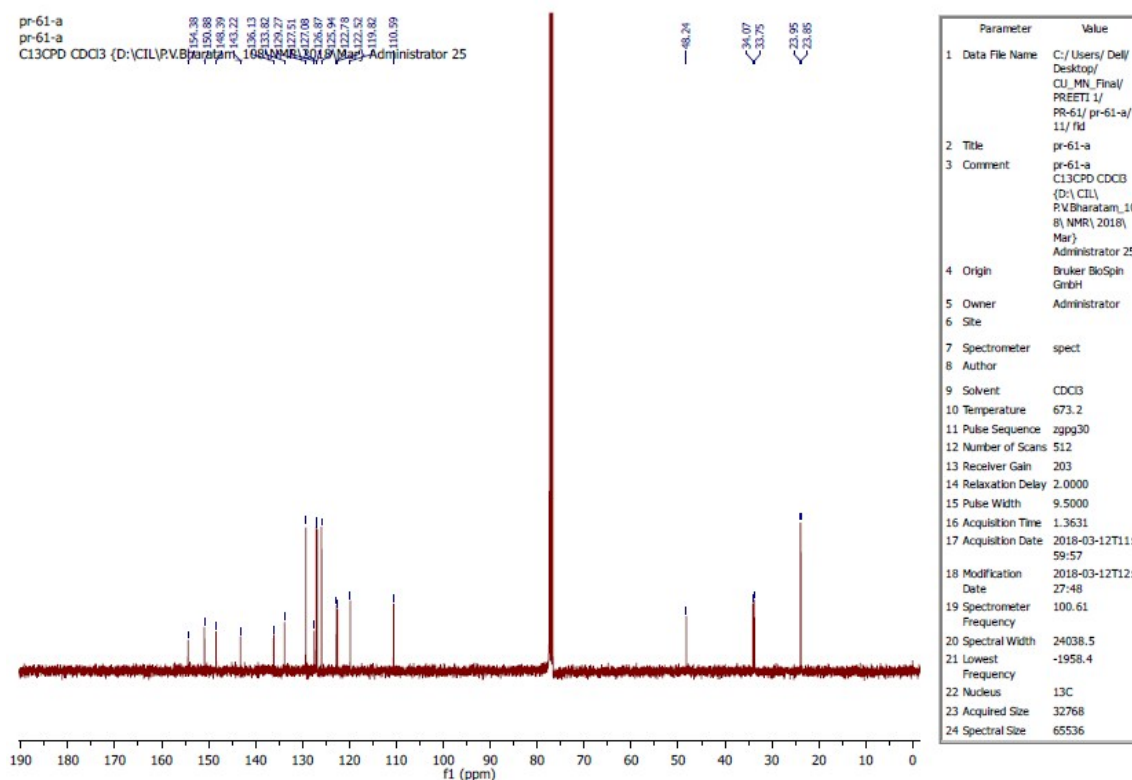
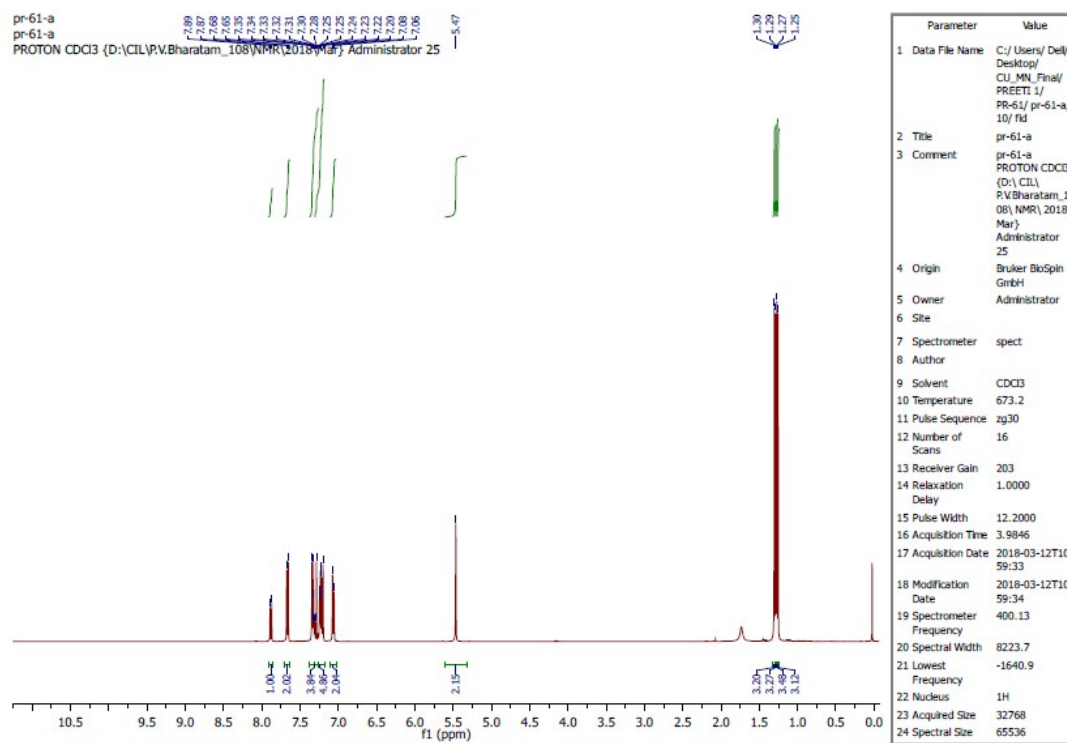
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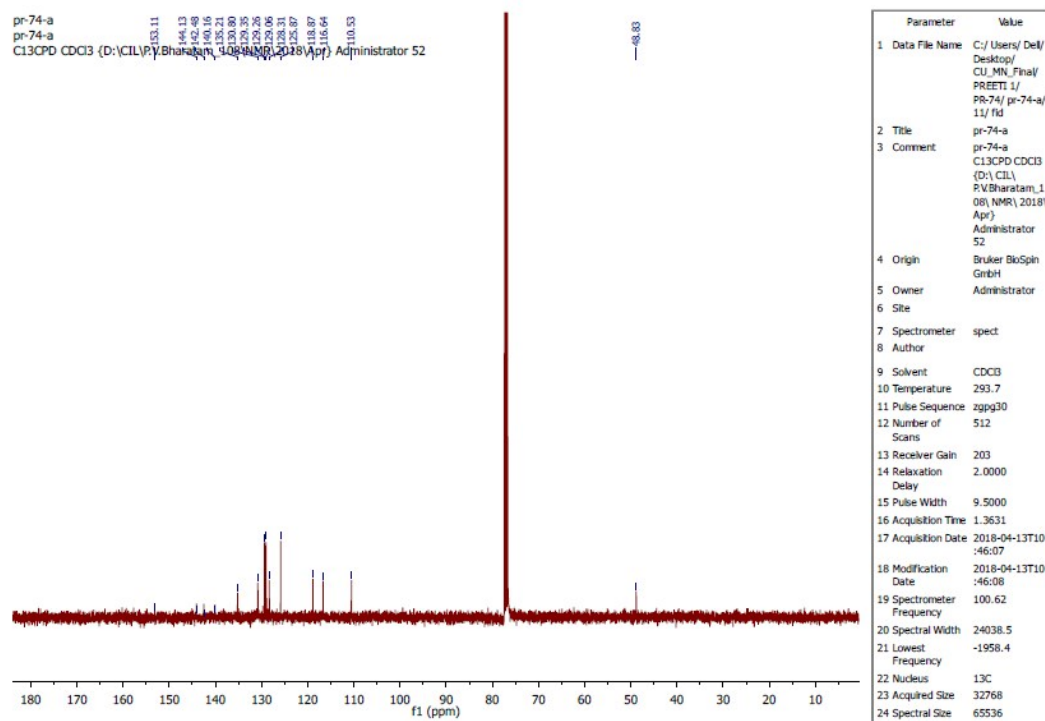
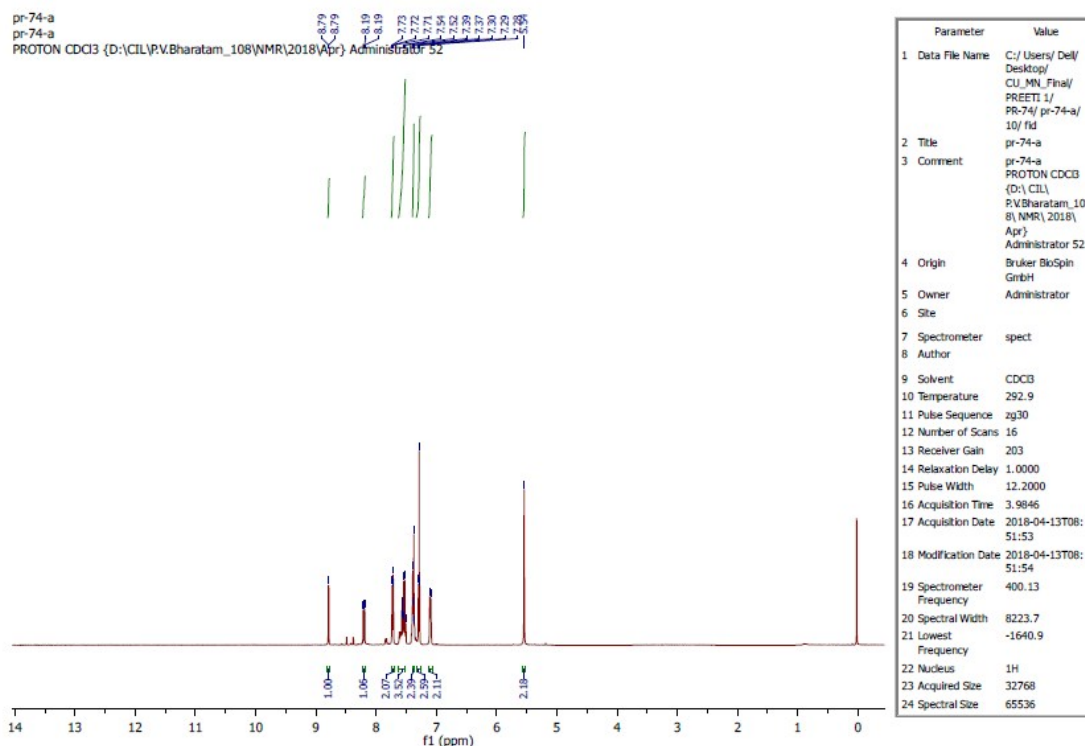
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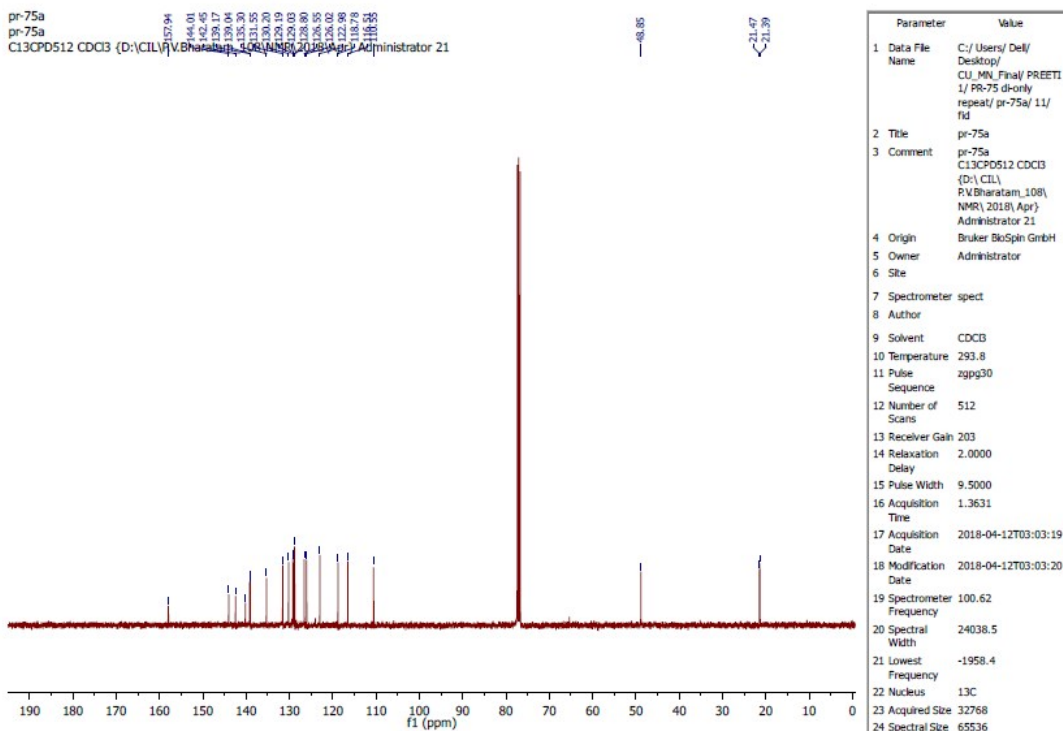
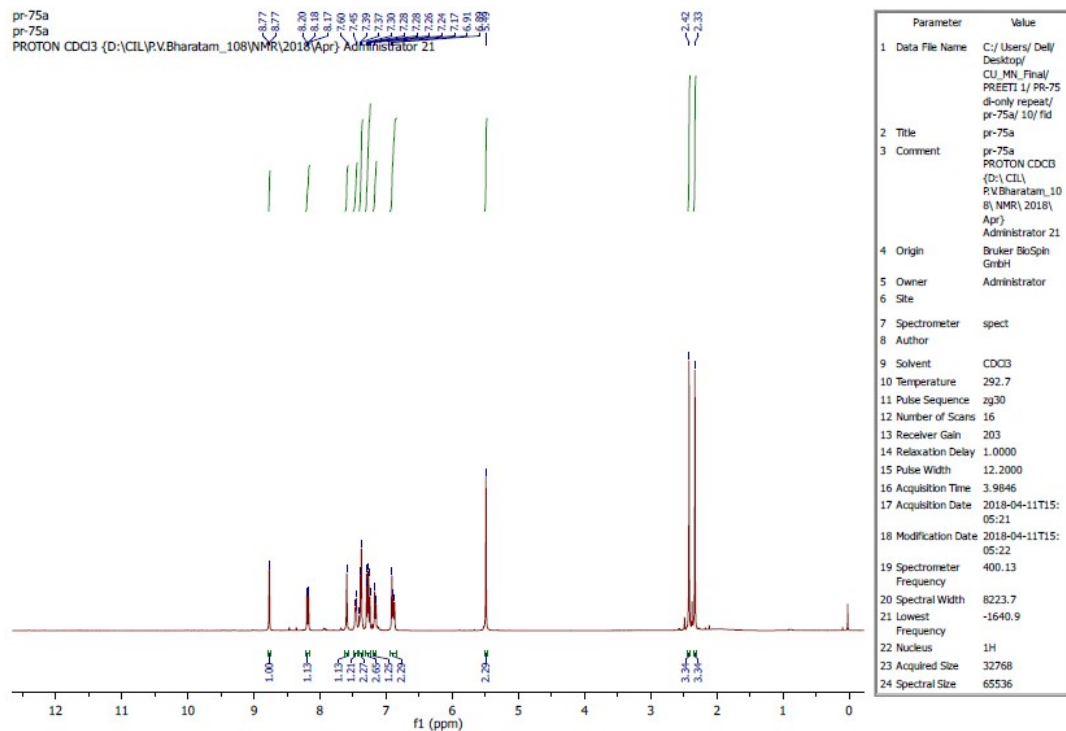
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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 1-benzyl-5-nitro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3h).



^1H , ^{13}C NMR and HRMS spectra of 1-(3-methylbenzyl)-5-nitro-2-(m-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3i).



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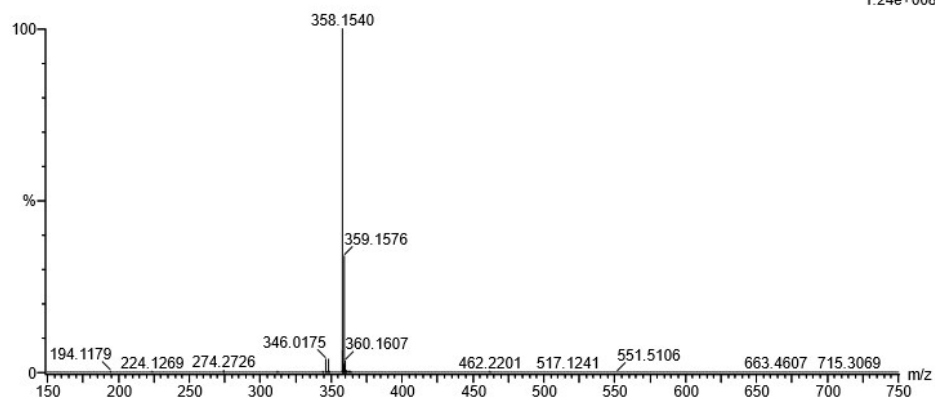
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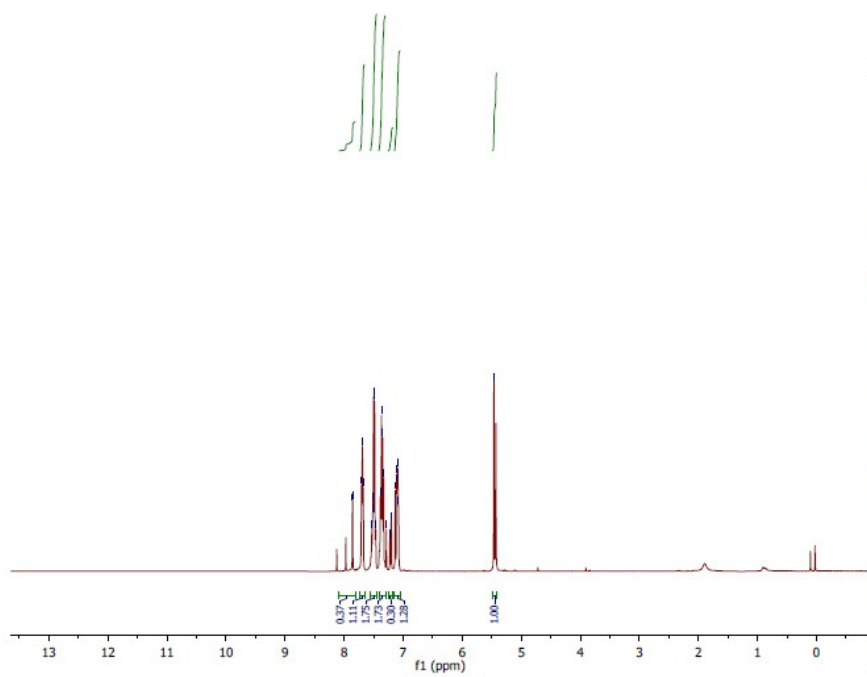
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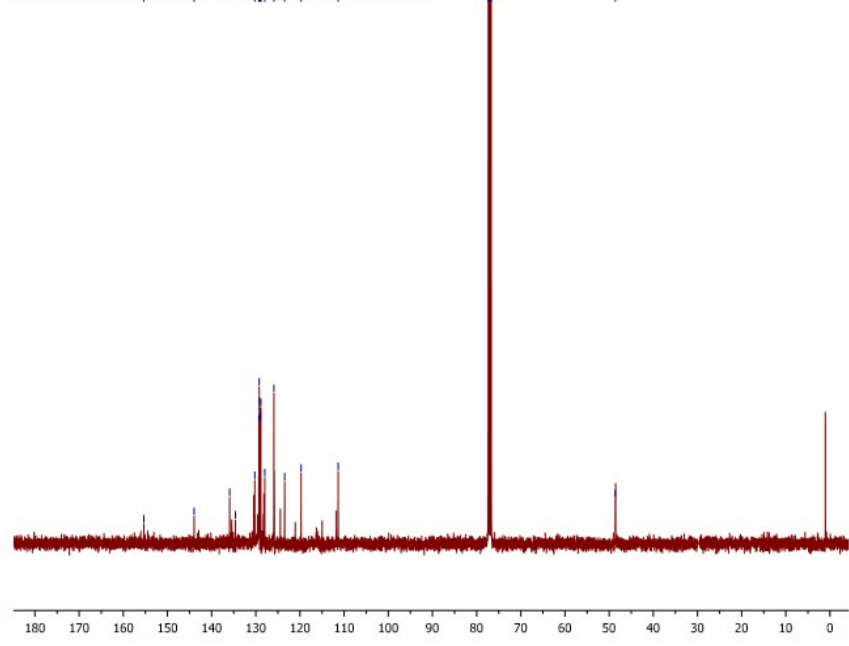
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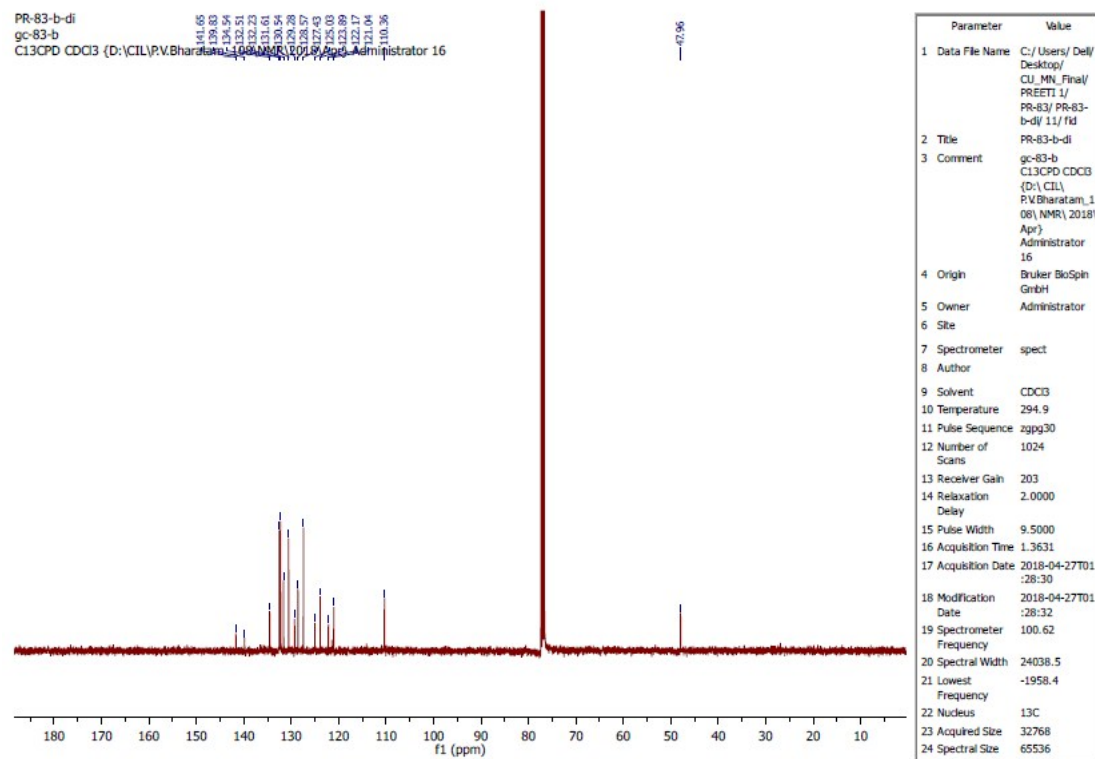
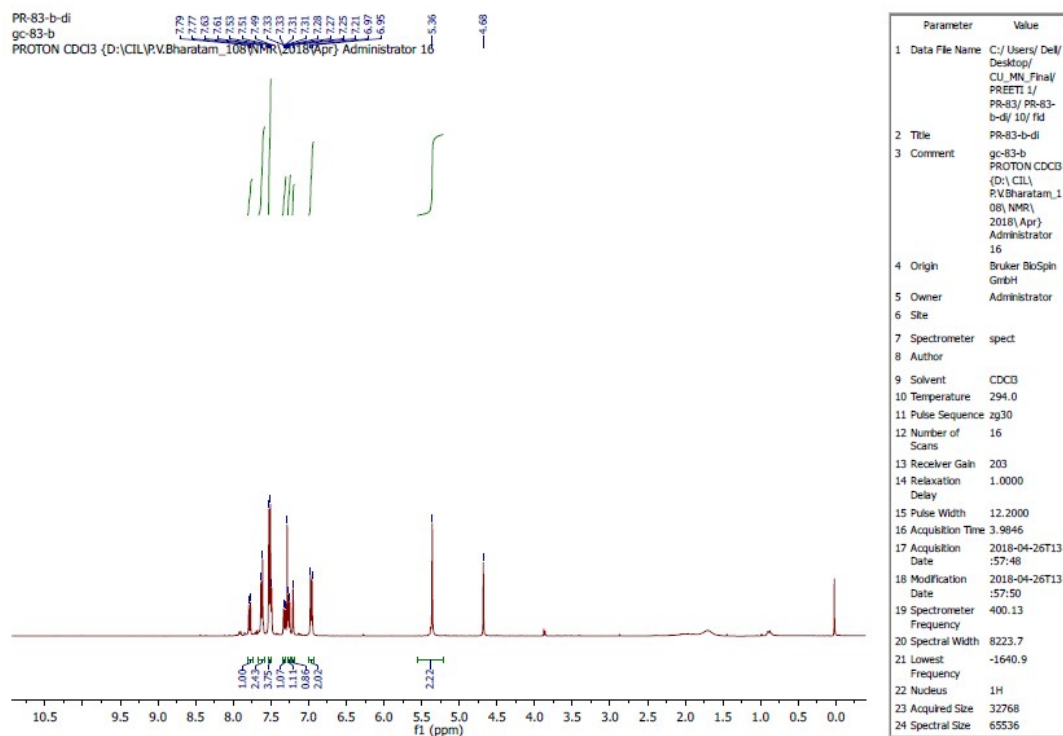
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¹H, ¹³C NMR and HRMS spectra of 1-(4-bromobenzyl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-chloro-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3k).



Elemental Composition Report

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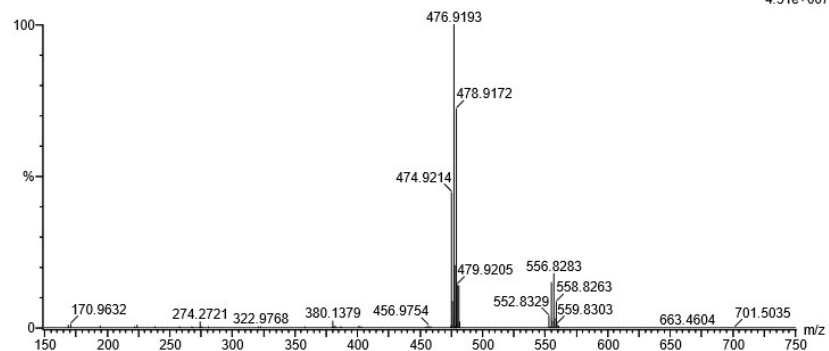
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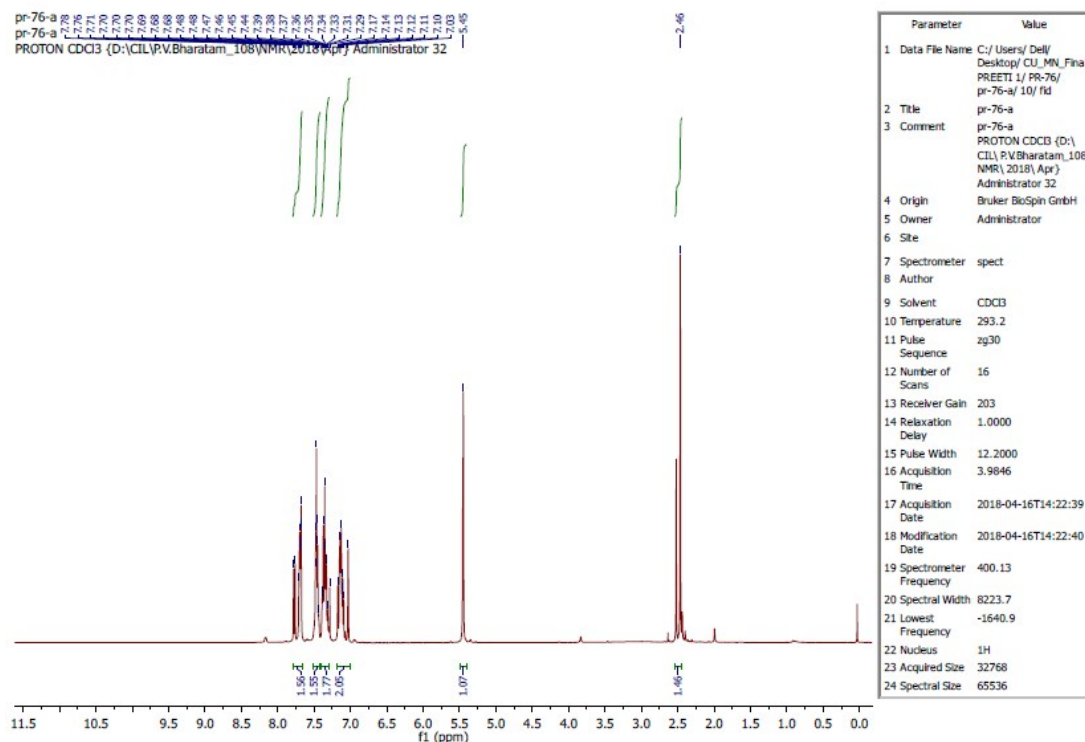
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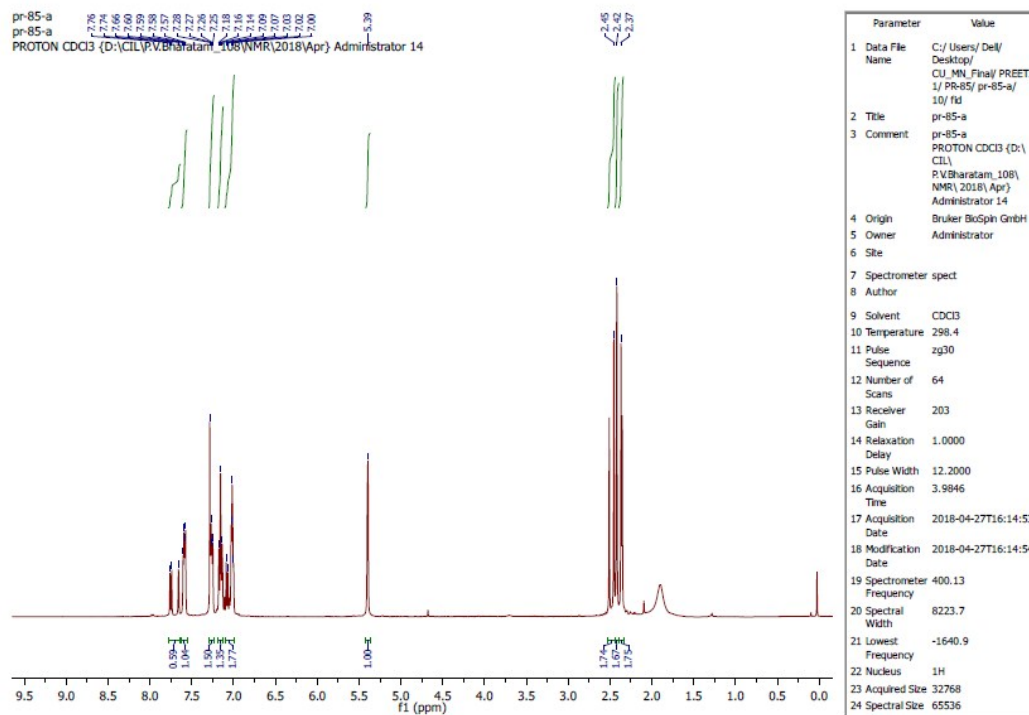
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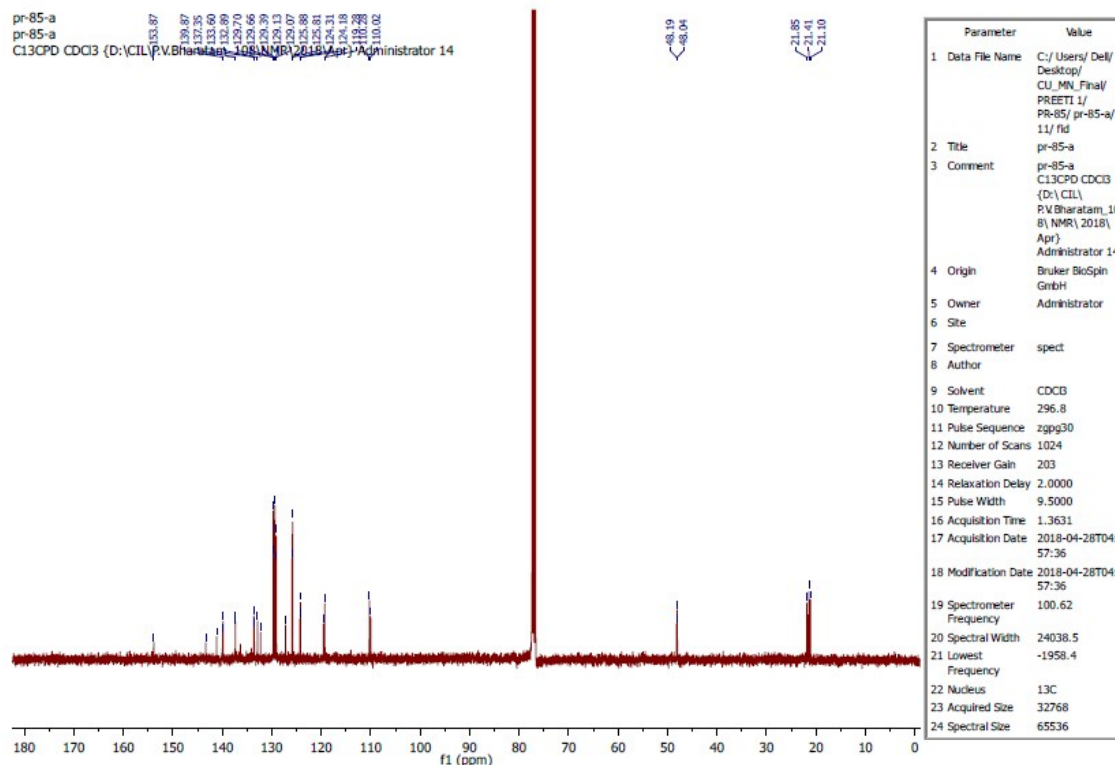
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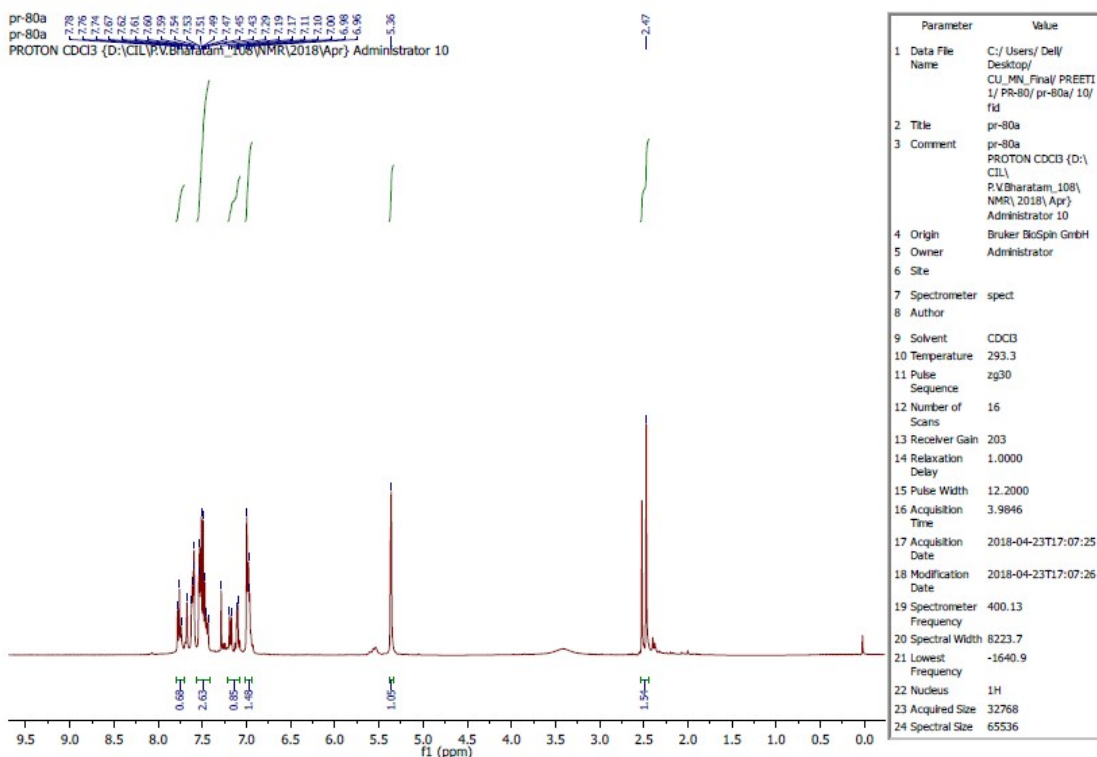


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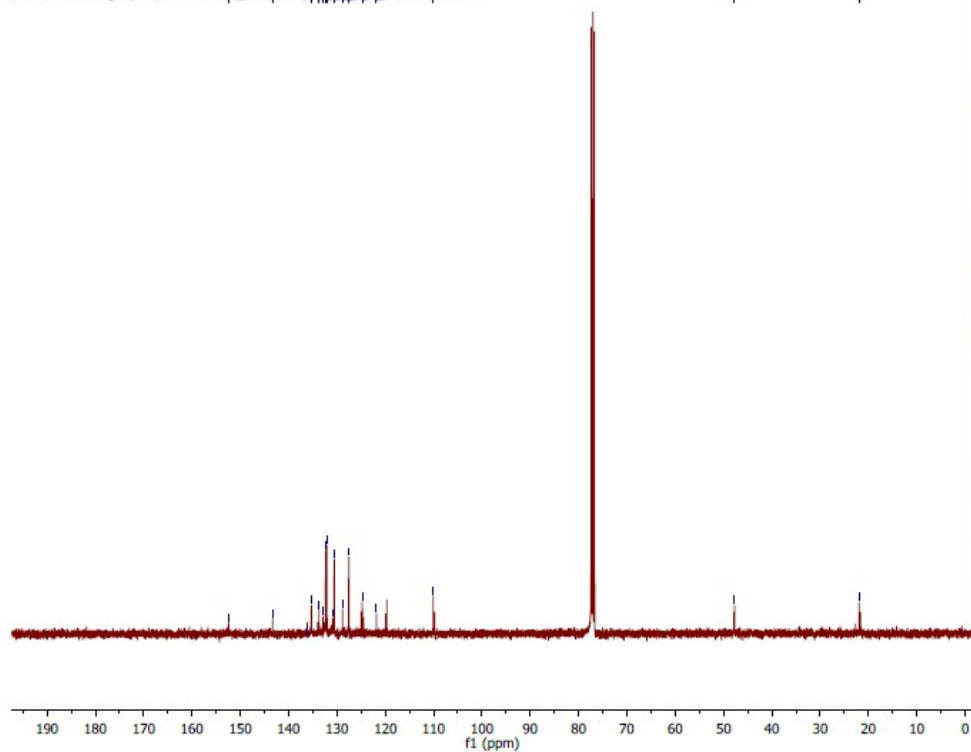




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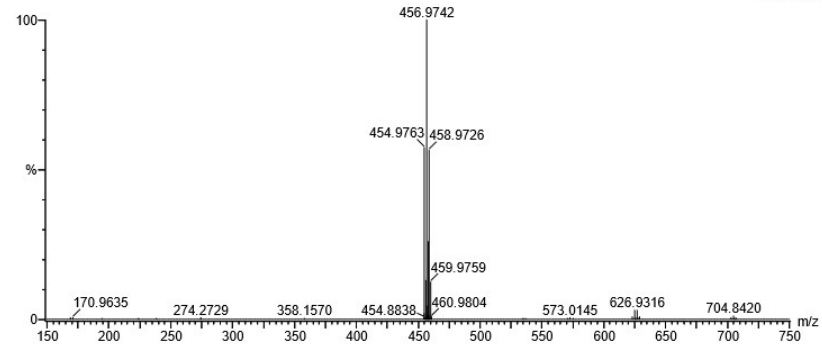
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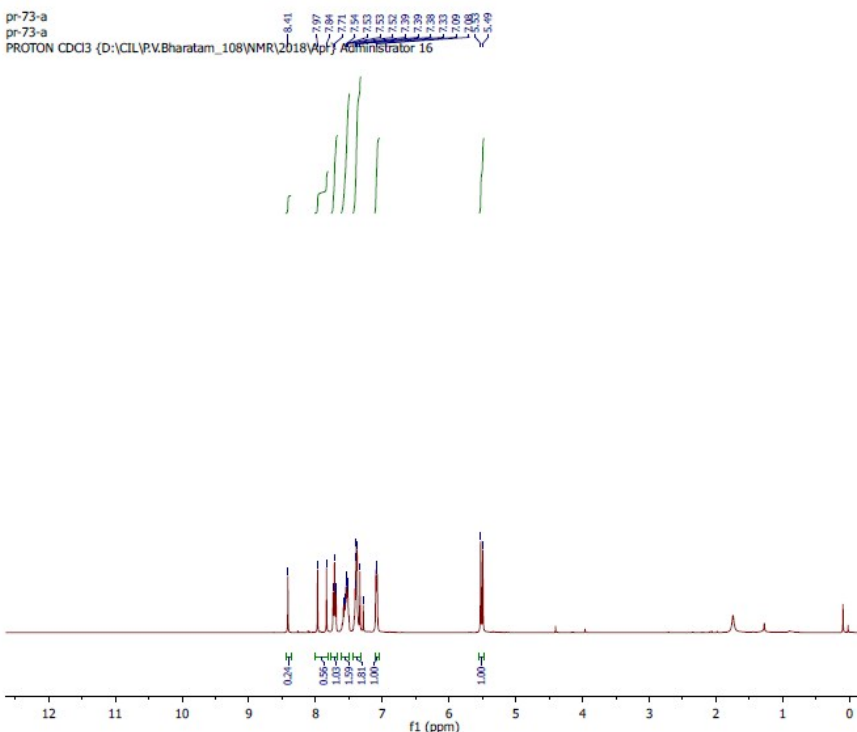


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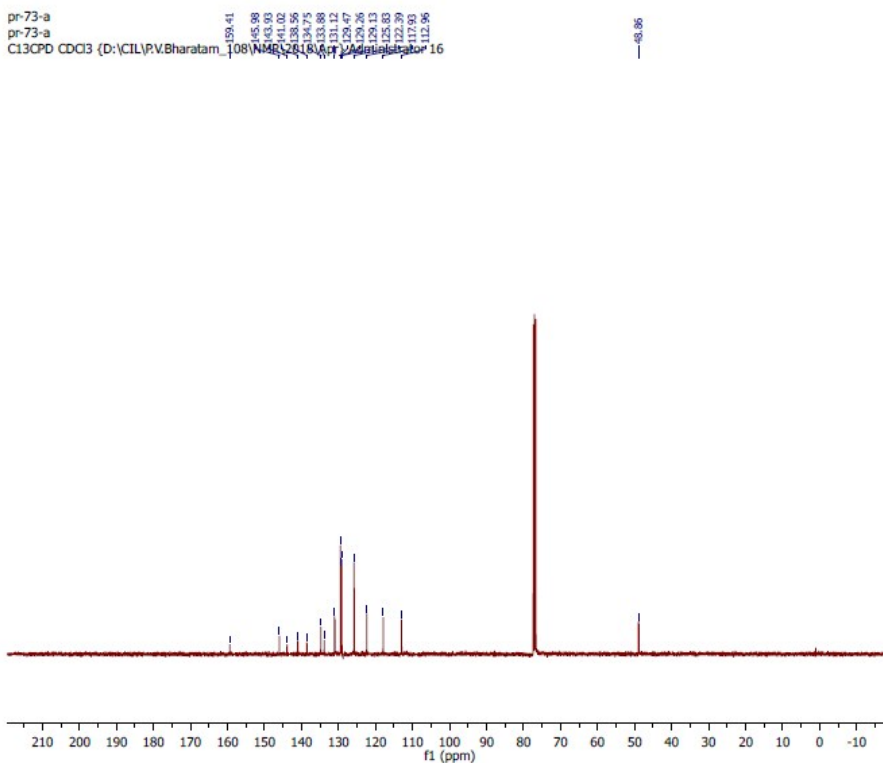
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Elemental Composition Report

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Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

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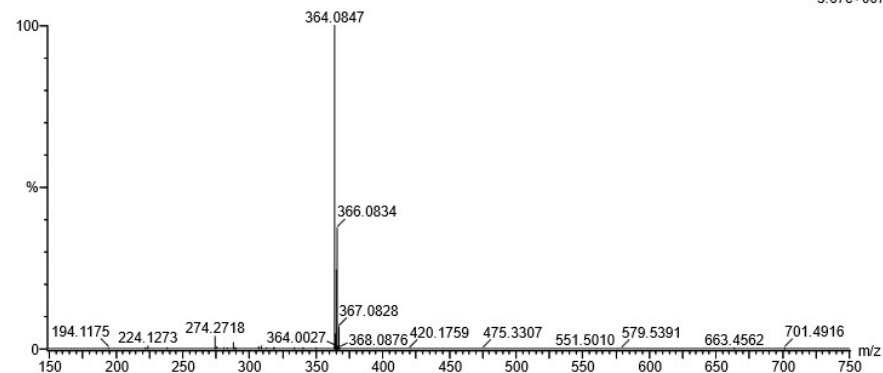
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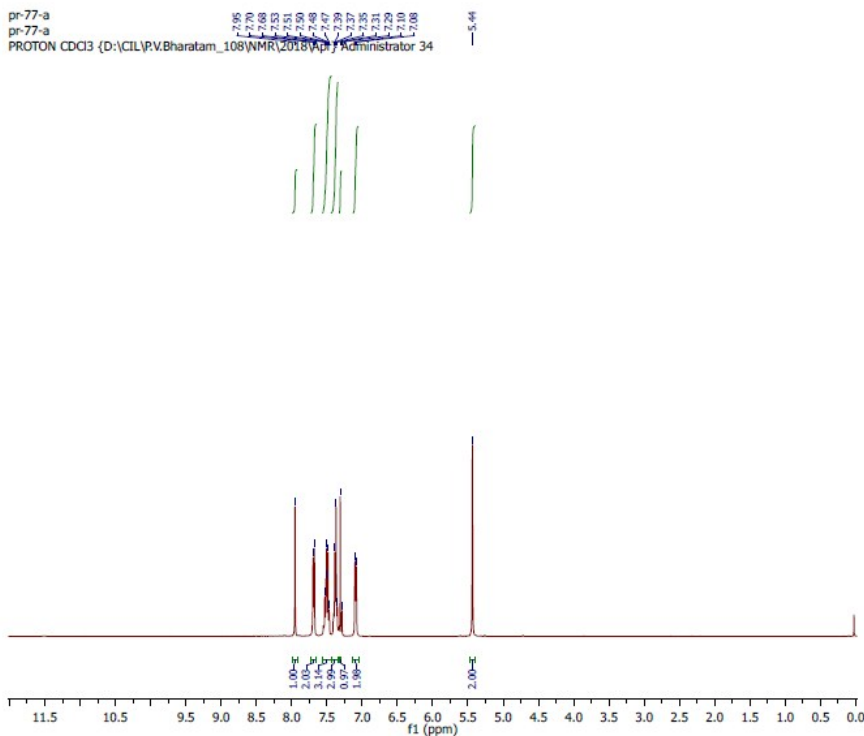


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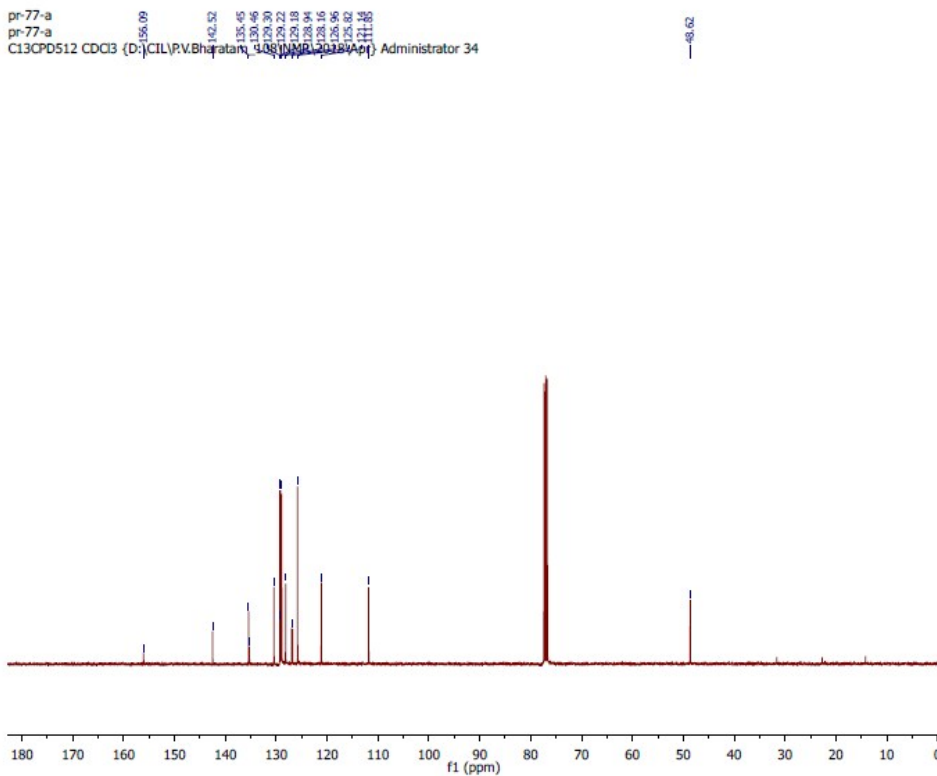
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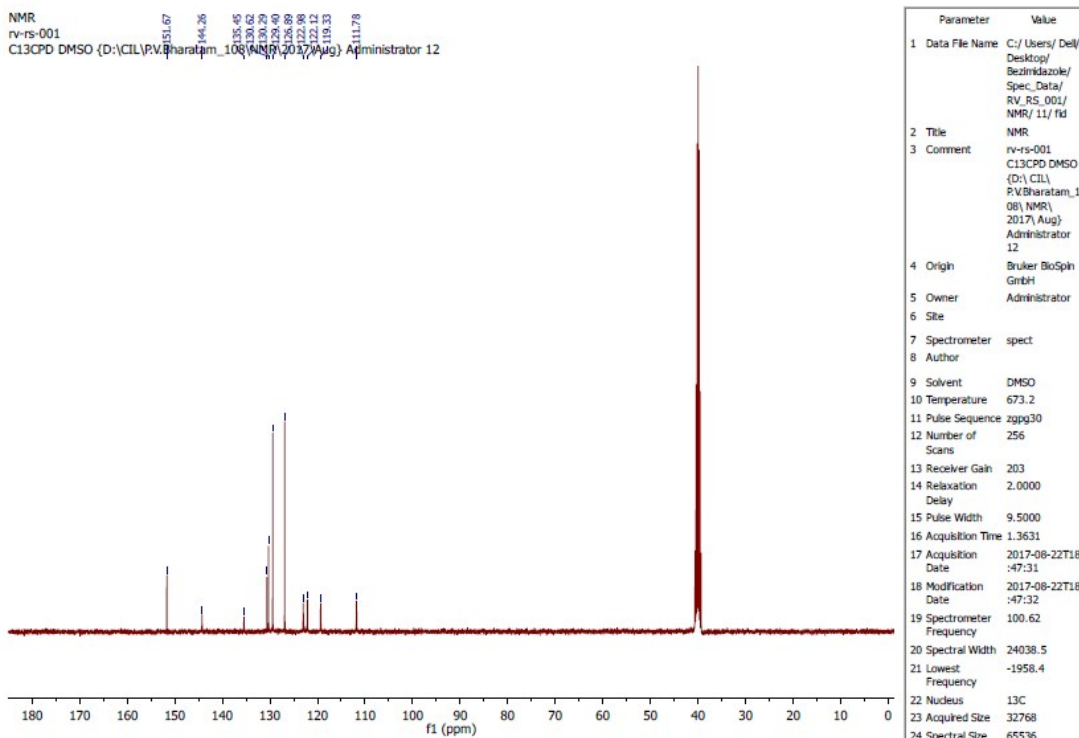
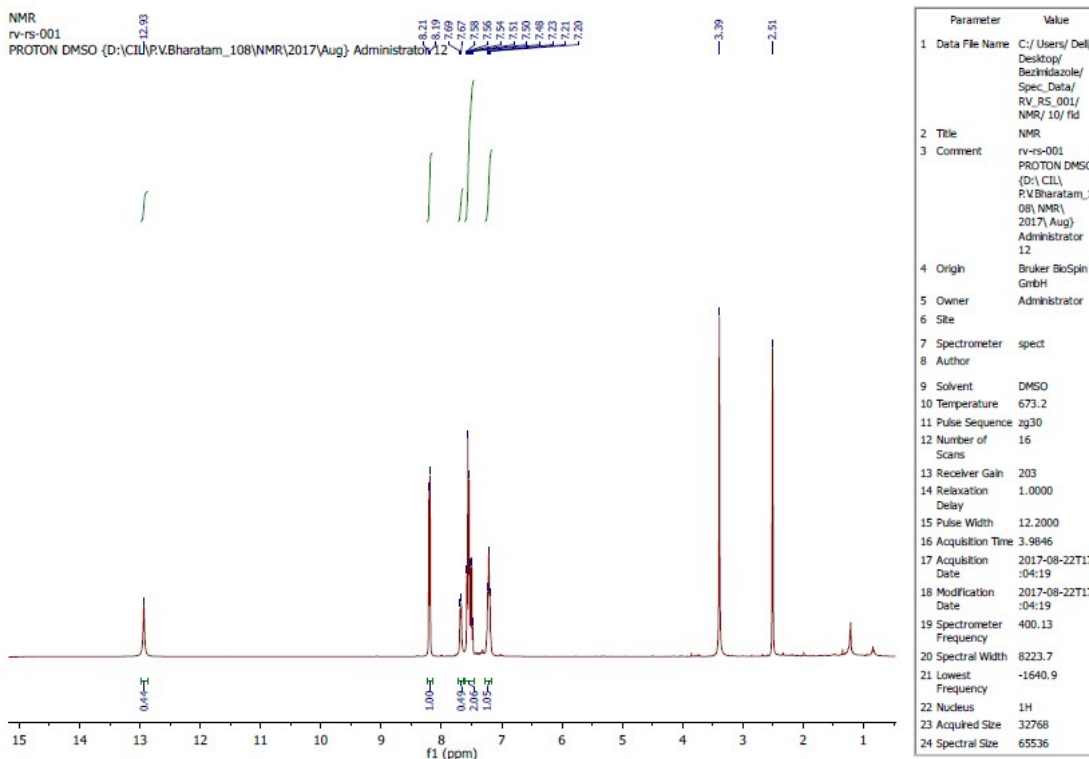
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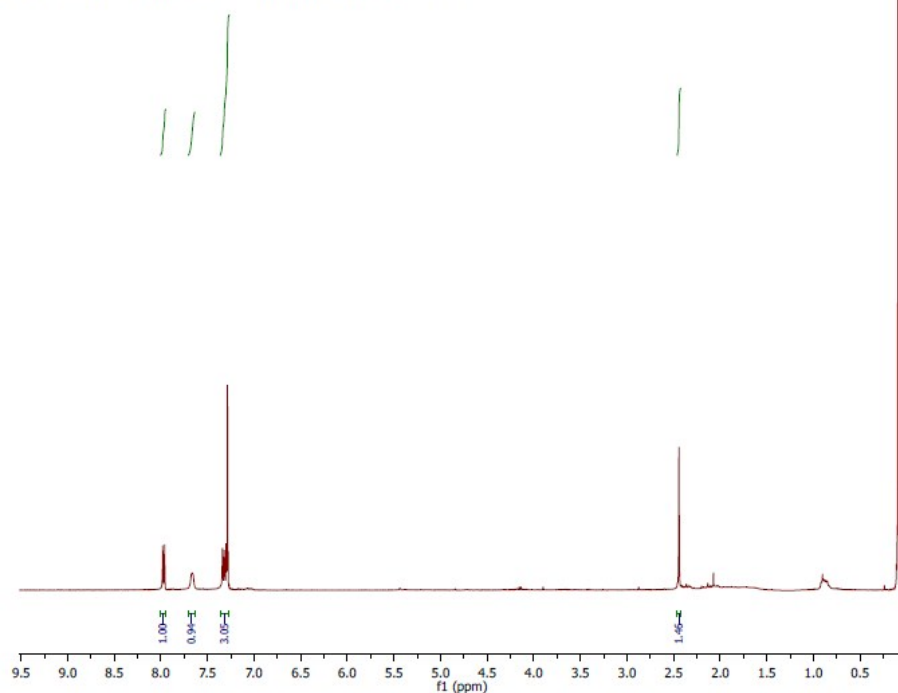
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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4a).



¹H NMR spectra of 2-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4b).

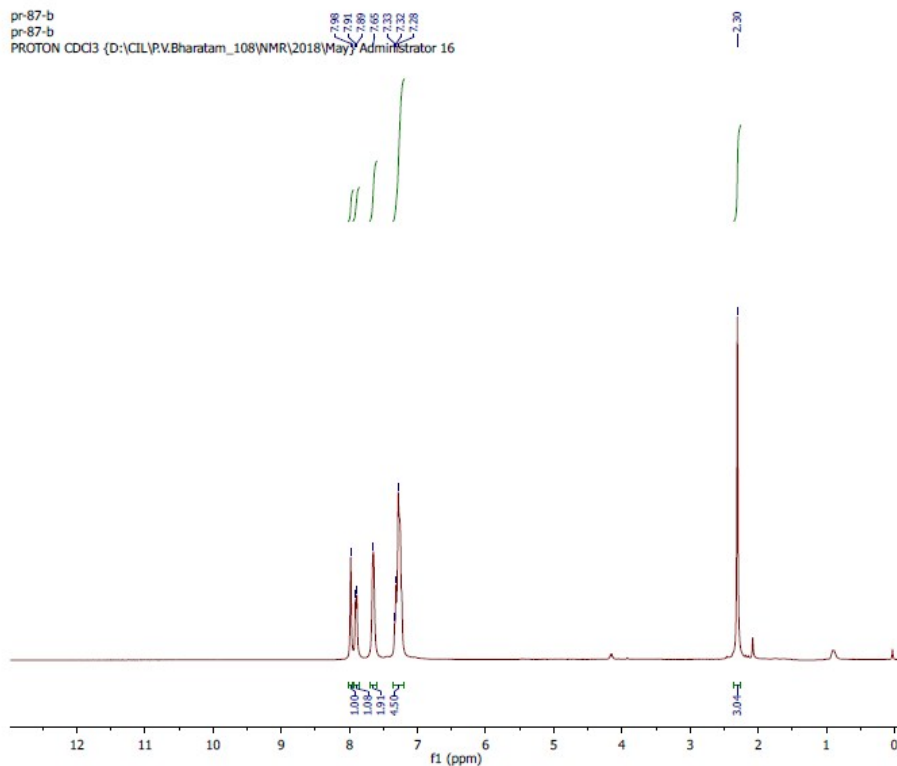
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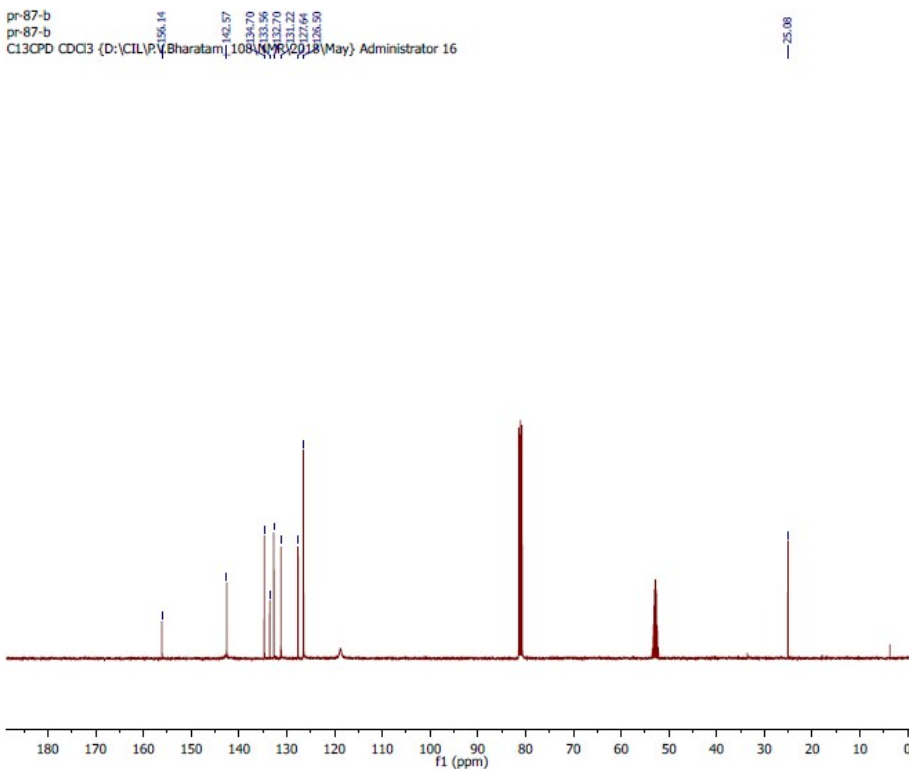
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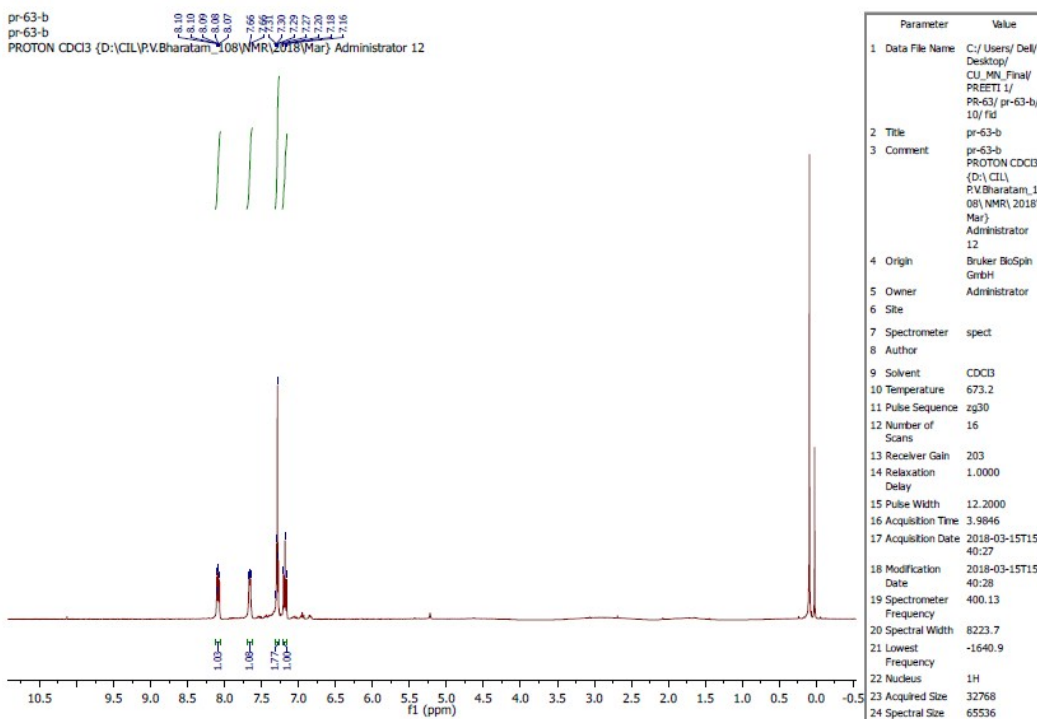
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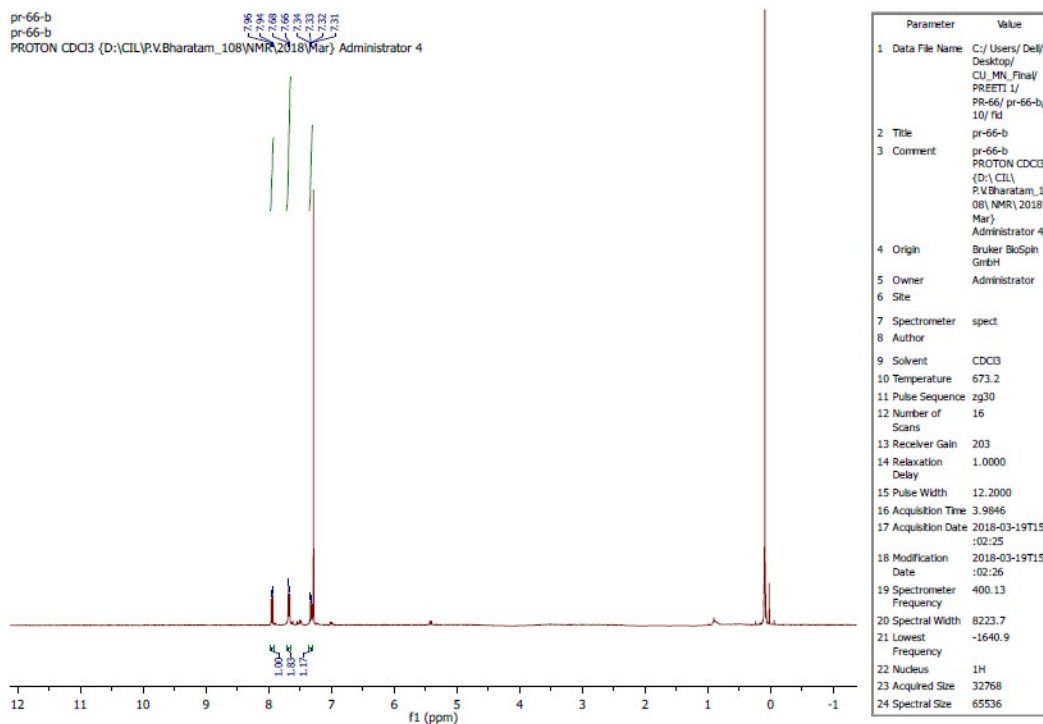


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¹H NMR spectra of 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4d).

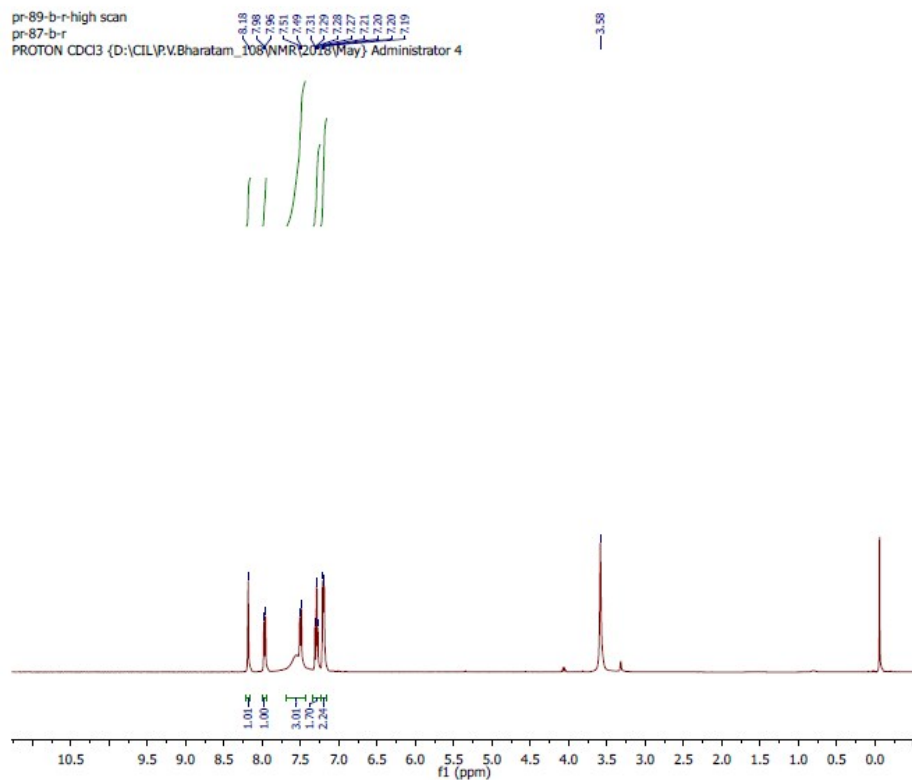


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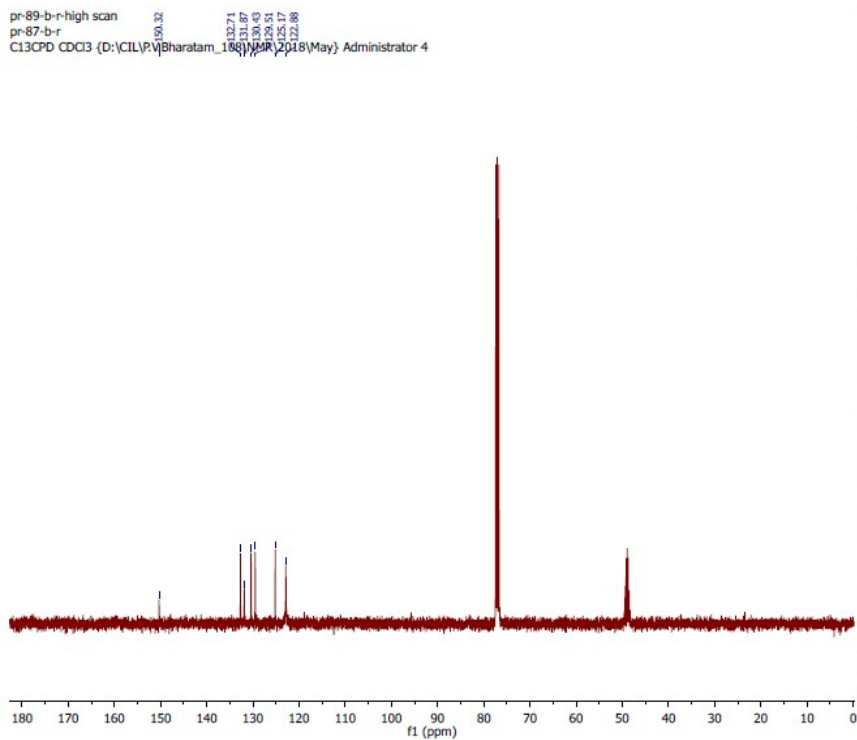
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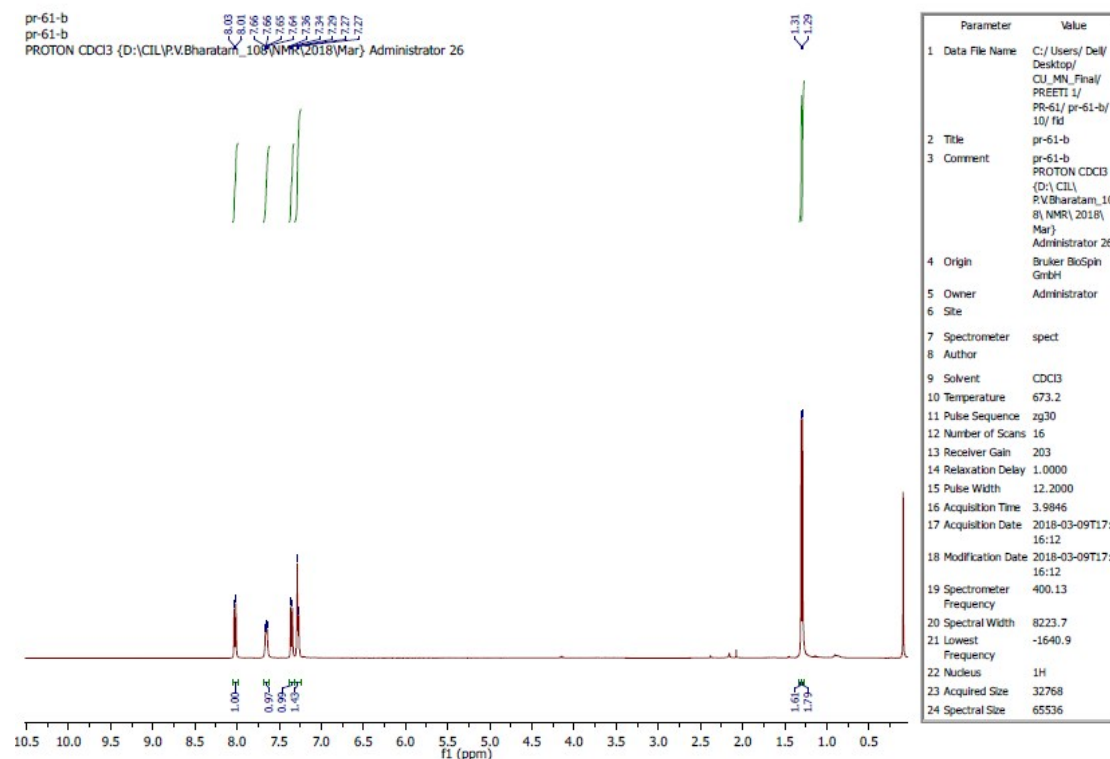
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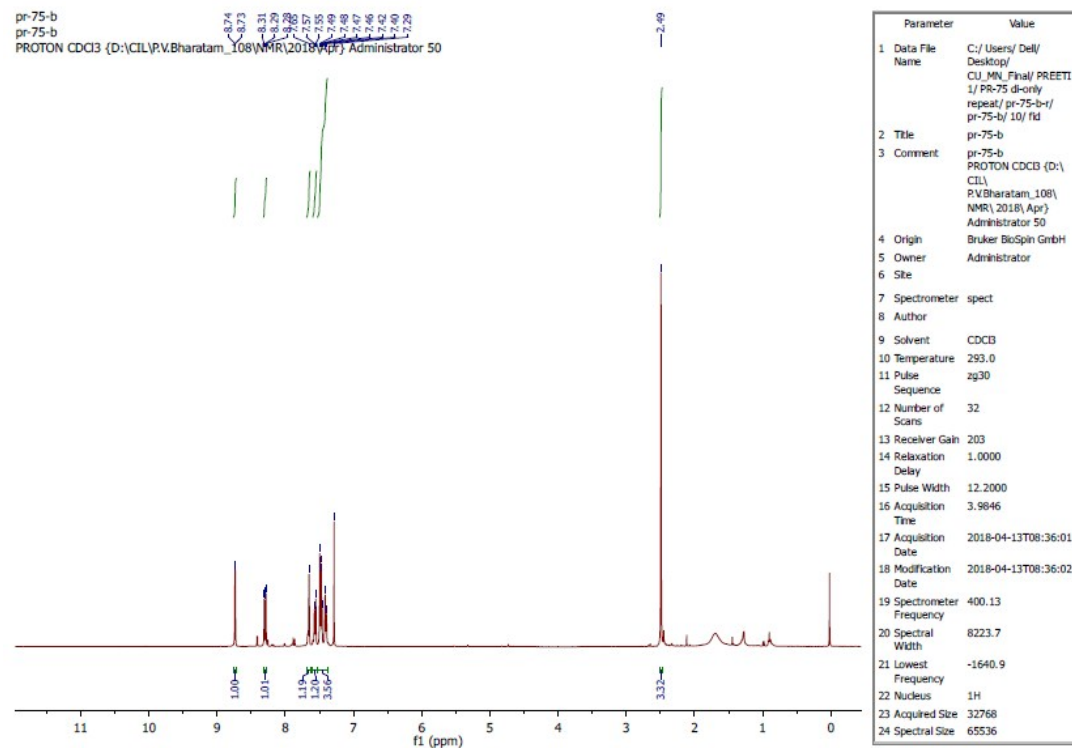


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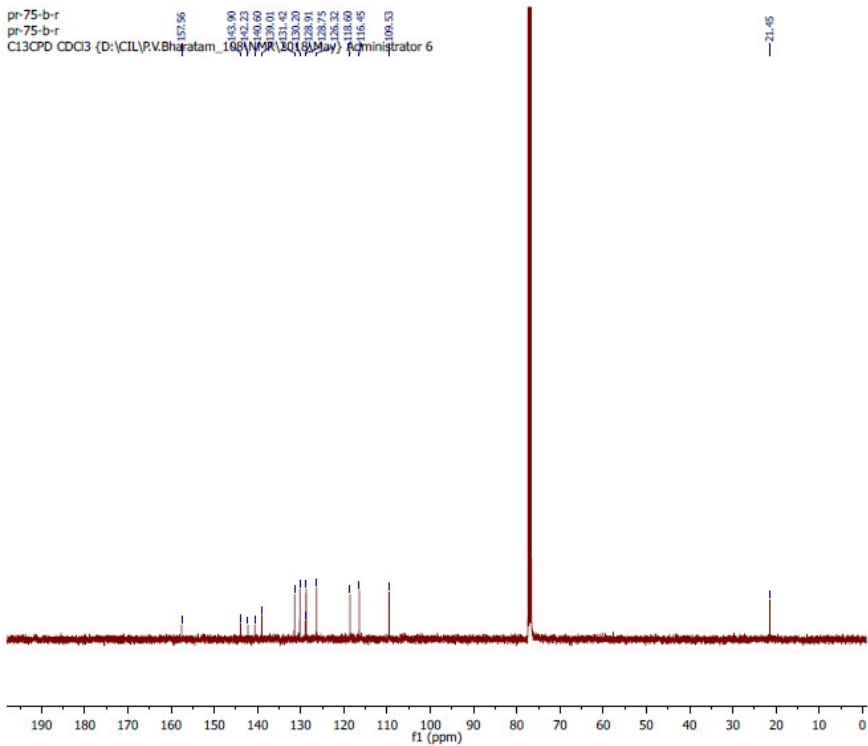
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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 5-nitro-2-(m-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4i)



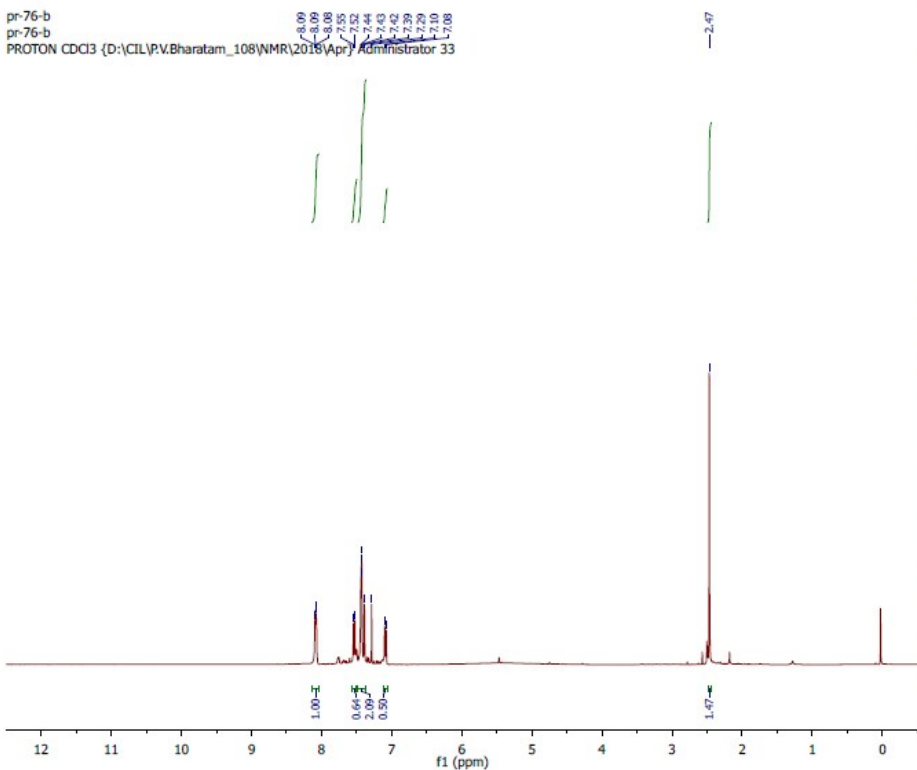
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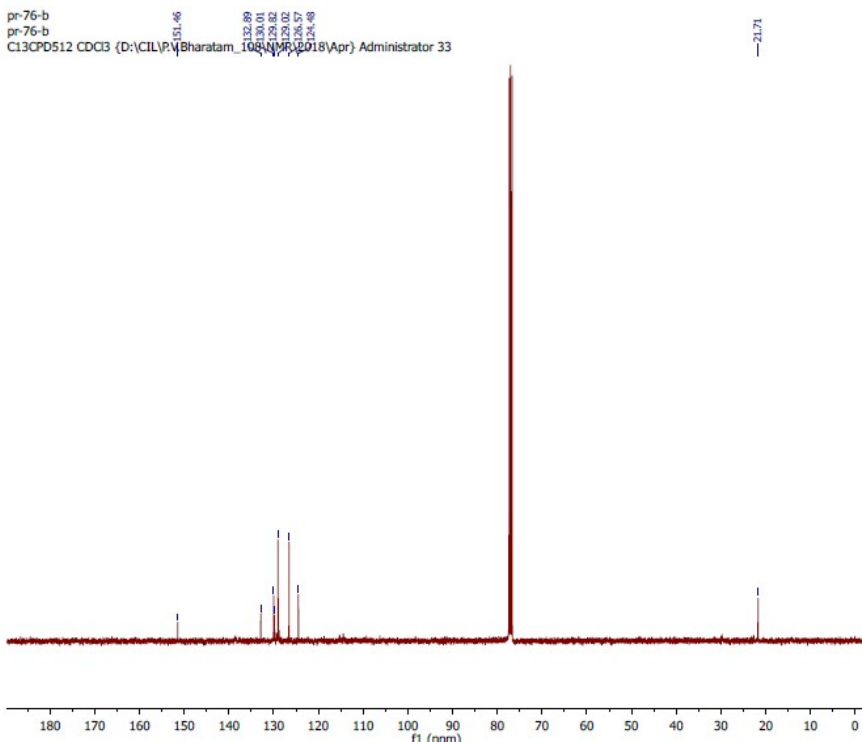
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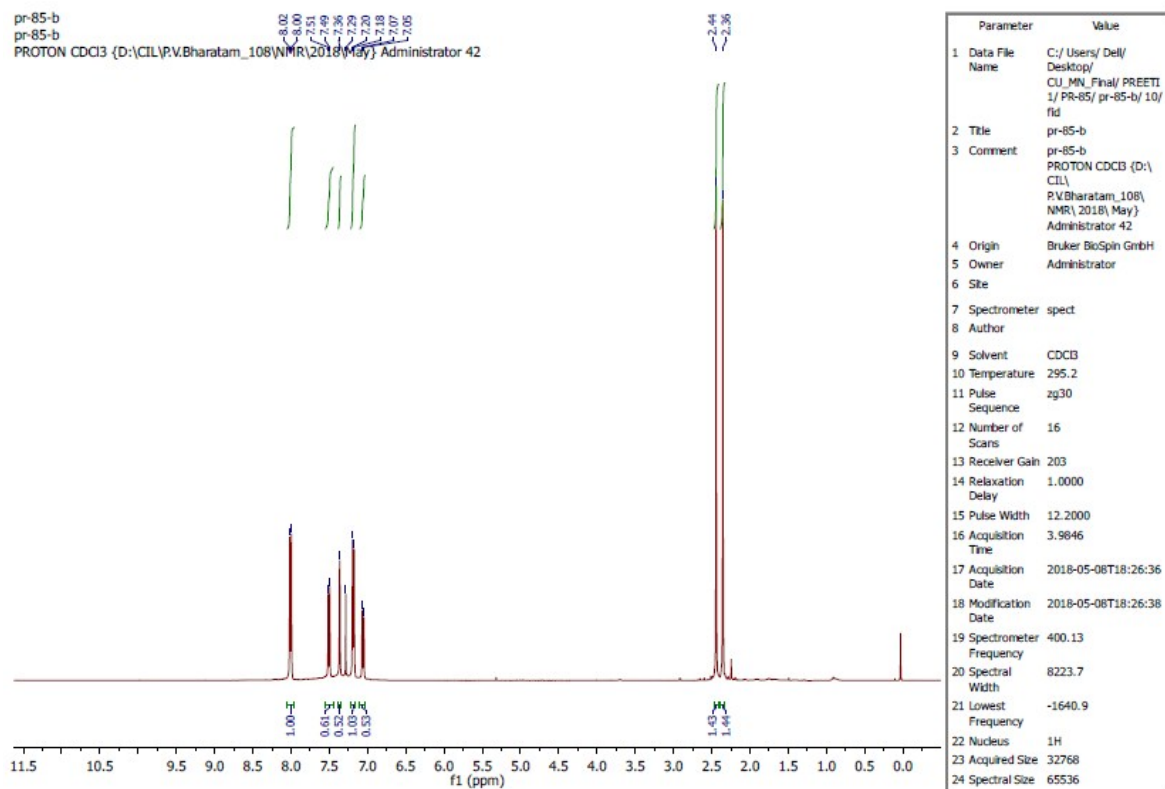
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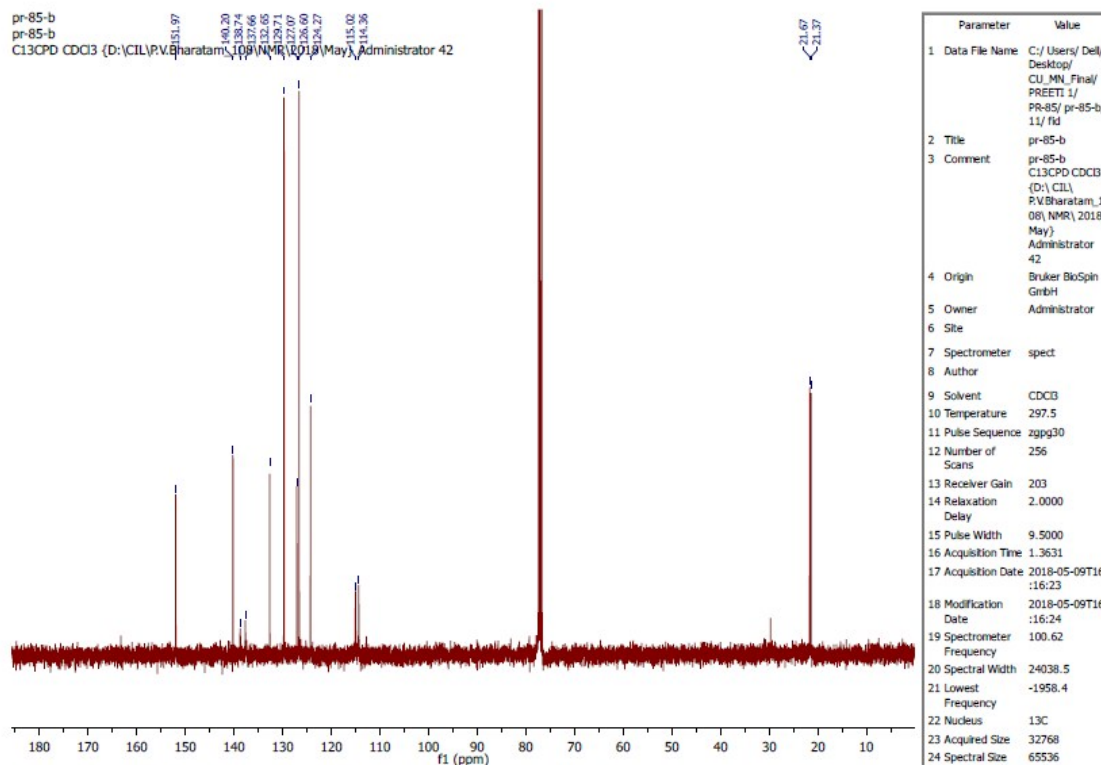
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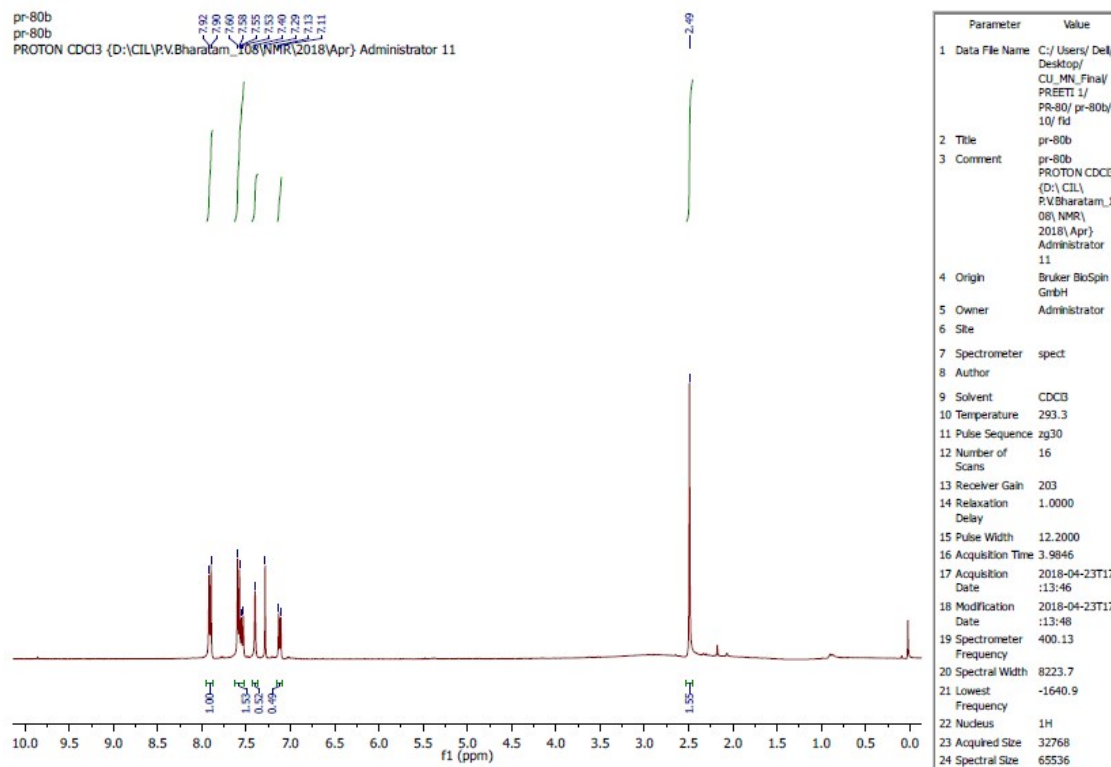
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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 5-methyl-2-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4m).

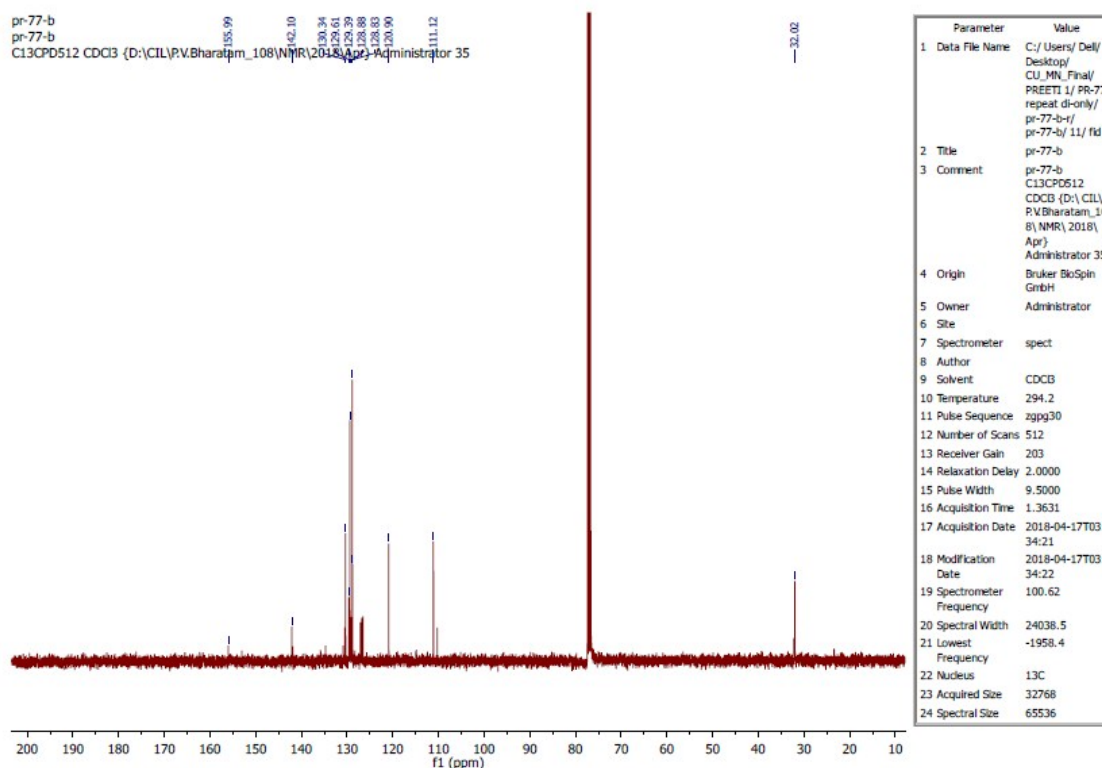
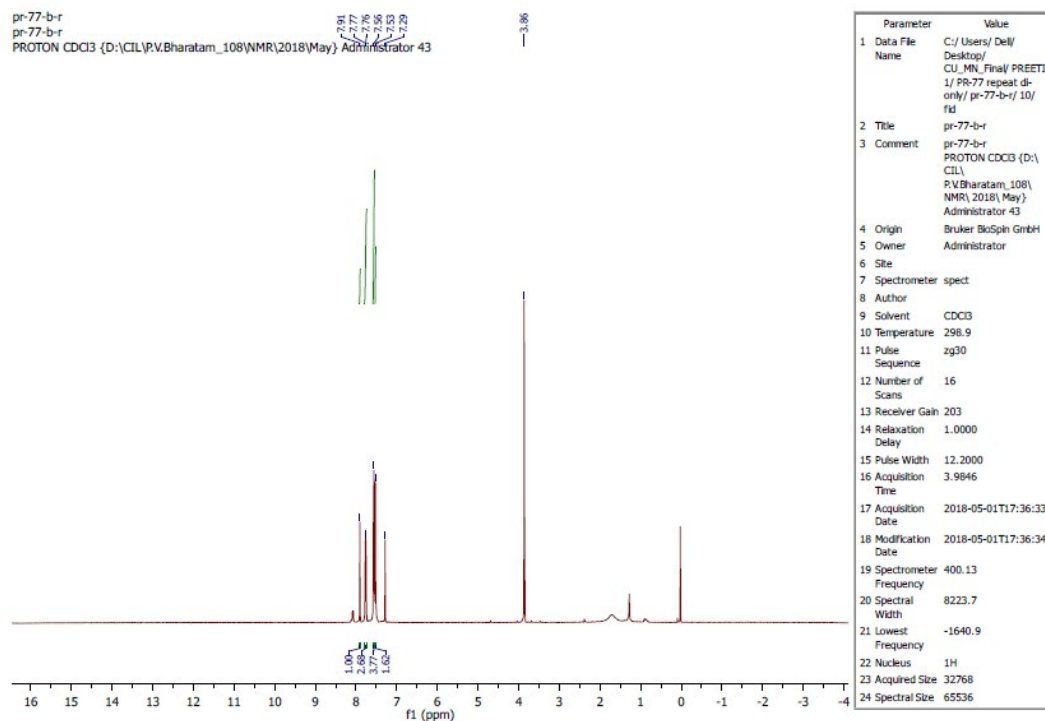




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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 5,6-dichloro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (4p).



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