

Supporting Information

Fe-Catalyzed Tandem Cyclization for the Synthesis of 3-Nitrofurans from Homopropargylic Alcohols and $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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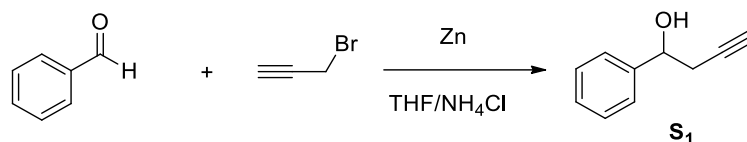
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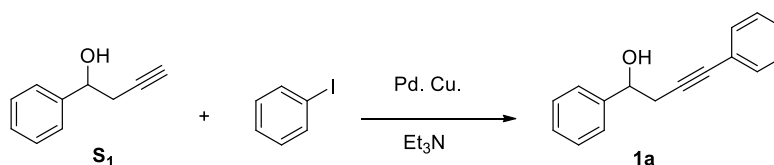
General remark

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on 400MHz and 100MHz in CDCl_3 (BRUKER 400M or JNM-ECS 400M). All chemical shifts were given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. All compounds were further characterized by HRMS; copies of their ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra are provided. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gels. All melting points were determined without correction. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents and solvents were used without further purification.

General procedure for the synthesis of homopropargylic alcohols^[1-2]:



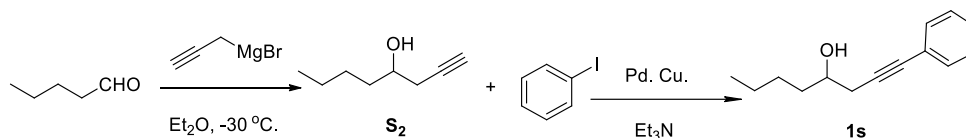
- 1) Aldehyde (1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF. A sample was taken out for analysis and propargyl bromide (2.0 equiv.) was added. Another sample was taken out for analysis and saturated aqueous NH_4Cl was added. Portions of activated zinc dust (2.0 equiv.) were added slowly on at 0°C and the resulting suspension was stirred overnight at this temperature. The THF layer was separated from the aqueous layer, which was extracted with diethyl ether for 3 times. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was directly used in the next step without further purification; the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, appropriate mixture of n-hexane/ethyl acetate) to obtain **S₁**.



- 2) To a dried schlenk flask was added $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (0.2 mmol), CuI (0.2 mmol), iodoarene (11.0 mmol), **S₁** (10.0 mmol) and freshly distilled Et_3N under argon. The resulting mixture was stirred for 16 h at rt. 50 mL of EtOAc were added and

the mixture filtered. After removal of solvent using rotary evaporator, the crude compound was purified by SiO₂ chromatography to give **1a-1q** and **1t** and **1v**.

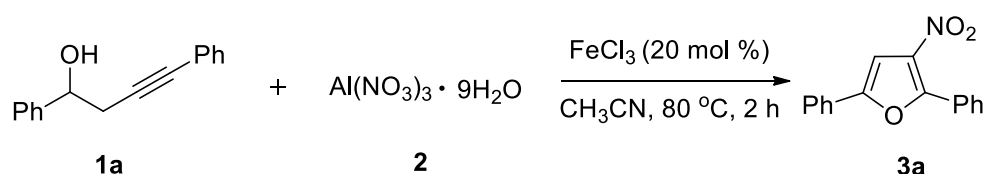
1o and 1p were prepared in the method^[3]



Under an argon atmosphere, magnesium turnings (0.67 g, 27.5 mmol) and mercury chloride (0.34 g, 1.3 mmol) were mixed in dry diethyl ether (40 mL) in a 250 mL round-bottom flask. To the solution, propargyl bromide (2.0 mL, 25 mmol) was then added dropwise at 60 °C over about 1 h. The reaction was kept at the same temperature until the yellow solution turned cloudy. This solution was cooled to -30 °C and a solution of valeraldehyde (6 mmol) in Et₂O (12 ml) was added dropwise. After addition the reaction was moved to room temperature for further 30 min then quenched with sat. NH₄Cl (aq). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the extracts were combined with the above organic layer. The combined solution was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvent the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, appropriate mixture of *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford **S₂**.

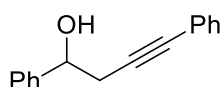
To a dried schlenk flask was added **S₂** (10.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.2 mmol), CuI (0.4 mmol), iodoarene (11.0 mmol) and freshly distilled Et₃N (50 ml) under argon. The resulting mixture was stirred for 16 h at rt. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl (aq) and 50 mL of ethyl acetate were added and the mixture filtered. After removal of solvent using rotary evaporator, the crude compound was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give **1s**.

General procedure for synthesis of 3-nitrofurans from homopropargylic alcohols and Al(NO₃)₃ · 9H₂O:



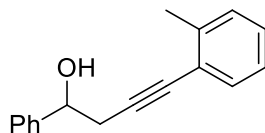
In a sealed tube, homopropargylic alcohols (44.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (37.5 mg, 0.15 mmol) and FeCl_3 (6.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) were successively added to MeCN (2.0 mL). The reactor was flushed with air. The reaction mixture was stirring at 80 °C for 2 hour and then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (10:1) to afford the desired 3-(nitryl)-2,5-diphenylfuran **1a**.

The data of products:



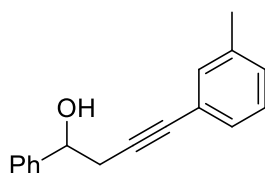
1,4-diphenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (**1a**)

Yellow solid (1.26 g, 88% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.42-7.25 (m, 10 H), 4.92-4.89 (m, 1 H), 2.83-2.82 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.61 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 142.8, 131.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 125.9, 123.3, 86.1, 83.2, 72.7, 30.6.



1-phenyl-4-(*o*-tolyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (**1b**)

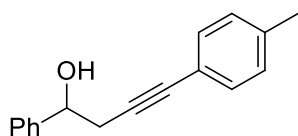
Yellow solid (1.16 g, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.44-7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1 H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 2 H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 1 H), 4.95-4.91 (m, 1 H), 2.92-2.90 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.50-2.49 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 142.7, 140.2, 132.0, 129.4, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 125.9, 125.5, 123.1, 89.8, 82.2, 72.7, 30.6, 20.7.



1-phenyl-4-(*m*-tolyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (**1c**)

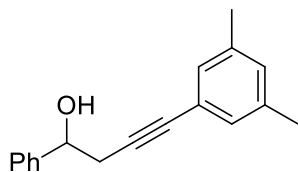
Yellow solid (1.19 g, 82% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.37-7.35 (d,

$J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.18-7.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1 H), 7.05-7.04 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.86-4.82 (m, 1 H), 2.91 (s, 1 H), 2.78-2.77 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.25 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 142.6, 137.7, 132.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 125.7, 122.9, 85.6, 83.1, 72.4, 30.3, 21.0$.



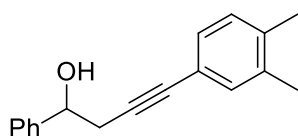
1-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (1d)

Yellow solid (1.17 g, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.43$ -7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.09-7.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 4.94-4.90 (m, 1 H), 2.84-2.83 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.60-2.59 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 142.9, 138.2, 131.7, 131.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.0, 125.9, 120.3, 85.3, 83.4, 72.8, 30.8, 21.6$.



4-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1e)

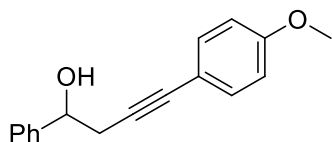
Yellow solid (1.08 g, 79% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.42$ -7.41 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.02 (s, 2 H), 6.91 (s, 1 H), 4.92-4.84 (m, 1 H), 2.83-2.82 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.58-2.55 (m, 1 H), 2.26 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 142.8, 137.9, 130.0, 129.5, 128.5, 128.0, 125.9, 122.9, 85.3, 83.6, 72.8, 30.8, 21.2$.



4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1f)

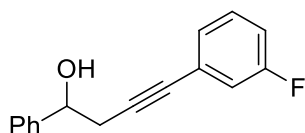
Yellow solid (1.11 g, 80% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.44$ -7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 1 H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 1 H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 1 H), 7.05-7.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.93-4.91 (m, 1 H), 2.84-2.82 (m, 2 H), 2.57 (s, 1 H),

2.24 (s, 3 H), 2.21 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 142.9, 137.0, 136.7, 132.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 125.9, 120.5, 85.0, 83.6, 72.8, 30.8, 19.8, 19.7.



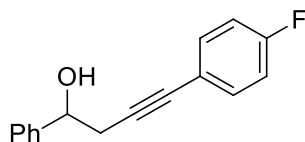
4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1g)

Yellow solid (1.03 g, 79% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.43-7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 3 H), 6.81-6.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.93-4.89 (m, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H) 2.83-2.81 (m, 2 H), 2.55-2.54 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 159.4, 142.8, 133.1, 128.4, 127.9, 125.8, 115.4, 113.9, 84.4, 83.1, 72.7, 55.3, 30.7.



4-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1h)

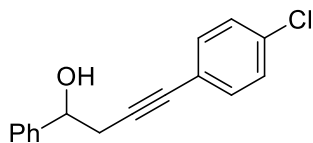
Yellow solid (0.97 g, 77% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.43-7.37 (m, 4 H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 1 H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 1 H), 7.16-7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.08-7.05 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H) 7.01-6.97 (m, 1 H), 4.95-4.91 (m, 1 H), 2.86-2.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.60 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 162.4 (d, J = 245.0 Hz, 1 C), 142.7, 129.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.6, 125.9, 125.3 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 C), 118.7, 118.6, 118.5 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 C), 115.5 (d, J = 25.0 Hz, 1 C), 87.4, 82.0, 72.7 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1 C), 30.5.



4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1i)

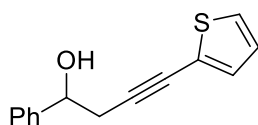
Yellow solid (0.99 g, 78% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.45-7.31 (m, 7 H), 7.01- 6.96 (m, 2 H), 4.97-4.93 (m, 1 H), 2.86-2.85 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.48-2.47 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 162.4 (d, J = 248.0 Hz, 1 C), 142.7, 133.6 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 C), 128.5, 128.0, 125.8, 119.4 (d, J =

3.0 Hz, 1 C), 115.5 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz, 1 C), 85.7 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1 C), 82.1, 72.6, 30.5.



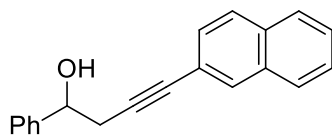
4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1j)

Yellow solid (0.93 g, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.42\text{--}7.35$ (m, 4 H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.28–7.21 (m, 4 H), 4.93–4.89 (m, 1 H), 2.83–2.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.58 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 142.6$, 133.9, 132.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 125.7, 121.7, 87.1, 81.9, 72.5, 30.4.



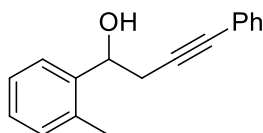
1-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-3-yn-1-ol (1k)

Yellow solid (0.91 g, 74% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.44\text{--}7.31$ (m, 5 H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2 H), 6.95–6.93 (m, 1 H), 4.94–4.92 (m, 1 H), 2.88–2.86 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 142.6$, 131.6, 128.5, 128.0, 126.9, 126.5, 125.8, 95.2, 90.2, 72.6, 30.9.



4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1l)

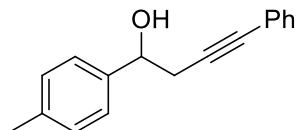
Yellow solid (0.95 g, 76% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 8.11\text{--}8.09$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.79–7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 1 H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 4 H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 4 H), 5.00–4.97 (m, 1 H), 3.01–2.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.75 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 142.7$, 133.4, 133.1, 130.2, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.6, 126.2, 125.9, 125.1, 120.9, 90.9, 81.1, 72.7, 30.6.



4-phenyl-1-(o-tolyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (1m)

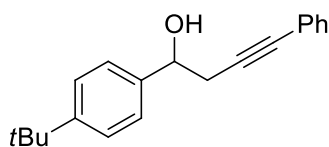
Yellow solid (1.15 g, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.47\text{--}7.45$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.19–7.04 (m, 6 H), 5.09–5.06 (m, 1 H),

2.73-2.72 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.51 (s, 1 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 140.9, 134.8, 131.9, 131.7, 130.6, 130.4, 128.3, 126.4, 125.4, 125.4, 86.4, 83.1, 69.3, 29.5, 19.3$.



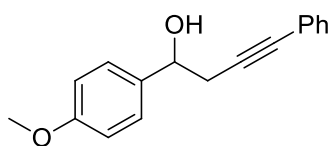
4-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (1n)

Yellow solid (1.16 g, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.40\text{--}7.37$ (m, 2 H), 7.33-7.31 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3 H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2 H), 4.94-4.92 (m, 1 H), 2.85-2.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.43-2.42 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 139.85, 137.72, 131.93, 131.59, 129.45, 128.99, 128.55, 128.13, 127.85, 126.02, 125.64, 123.39, 86.21, 83.21, 72.82, 30.69$.



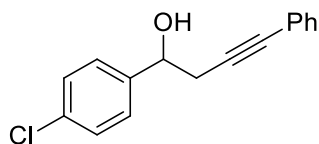
1-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1o)

Yellow solid (0.97 g, 78% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.41\text{--}7.36$ (m, 6 H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3 H), 4.95-4.91 (m, 1 H), 2.87-2.85 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2 H), 2.41-2.40 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1 H), 1.32 (s, 9 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 150.9, 139.3, 131.7, 128.2, 128.0, 125.6, 125.4, 123.3, 86.3, 83.1, 72.5, 34.6, 31.4, 30.5$.



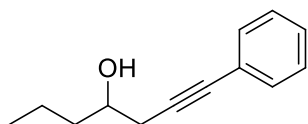
1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1p)

Yellow solid (0.96 g, 76% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.40\text{--}7.35$ (m, 4 H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3 H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 2 H), 4.93-4.89 (m, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 2.85-2.83 (m, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 159.4, 135.0, 131.8, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 114.0, 113.9, 86.2, 83.2, 72.5, 55.5, 30.7$.

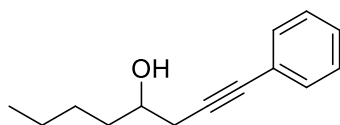


1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1q)

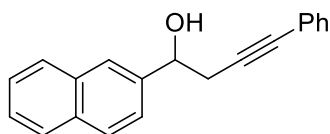
Yellow solid (0.94 g, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.36-7.26 (m, 9 H), 4.90-4.87 (m, 1 H), 2.81-2.79 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.68-2.67 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 141.2, 133.6, 131.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 123.1, 85.5, 83.5, 71.9, 30.6.

**1-phenylhept-1-yn-4-ol (1r)**

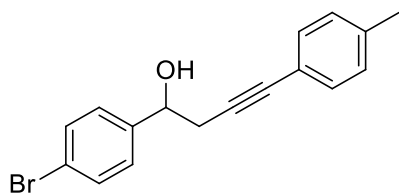
Colorless oil (0.41g, 82% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.42-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.27 (m, 3 H), 3.84 (s, 1 H), 2.67-2.51 (m, 2 H), 2.08 (s, 1 H), 1.61-1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.51-1.38 (m, 2 H), 0.97-0.94 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 131.7, 128.3, 127.9, 123.4, 86.3, 83.0, 70.2, 36.1, 28.4, 27.8, 22.7, 14.0.

**1-phenyloct-1-yn-4-ol (1s)**

Colorless oil (0.39 g, 79% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.42-7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 3 H), 3.85-3.80 (m, 1 H), 2.67-2.51 (m, 2 H), 2.06 (s, 1 H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 2 H), 1.48-1.33 (m, 4 H), 0.94-0.90 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 131.7, 128.3, 127.9, 123.4, 86.3, 83.0, 70.0, 38.6, 28.4, 18.9, 14.0.

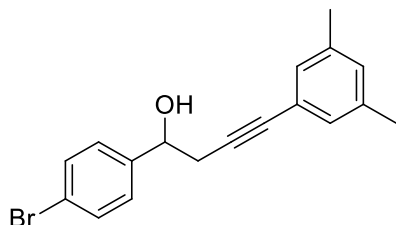
**1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-1-ol (1t)**

Yellow solid (0.94 g, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.07-8.04 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.85-7.82 (m, 1 H), 7.77-7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3 H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2 H), 5.67-4.65 (m, 1 H), 3.10-3.02 (m, 1 H), 2.96-2.88 (m, 1 H), 2.78-2.77 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 138.1, 133.7, 131.6, 130.2, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 126.1, 125.5, 125.3, 123.2, 122.9, 86.3, 83.4, 69.3, 29.7.



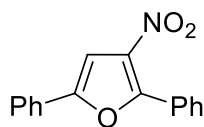
1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (1u)

Yellow solid (0.83 g, 71% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.63-7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.46-7.45 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1 H), 7.21-7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.05-7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.96-2.86 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 1 H), 2.30 (s, 3 H), 2.28-2.26 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 144.8, 137.9, 131.5, 128.8, 127.9, 126.7, 125.6, 120.1, 84.9, 84.0, 76.0, 34.2.



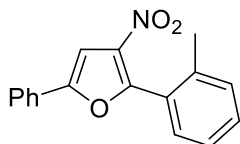
1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)but-3-yn-1-ol (1v)

Yellow solid (0.79 g, 70% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.46-7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.7.27-7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.99 (s, 2 H), 6.91 (s, 1 H), 4.85-4.83 (m, 1 H), 2.78 (s, 1 H), 2.76-2.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.25 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 141.6, 137.7, 131.4, 130.0, 129.3, 127.5, 122.5, 121.5, 84.6, 83.7, 71.9, 30.4, 21.0.



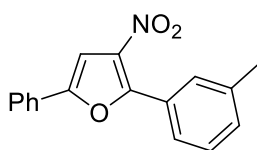
3-nitro-2,5-diphenylfuran (3a)

Yellow solid (34.5 mg, 65% yield), melting point: 78-80 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.36-8.34 (m, 2 H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 5 H), 7.05 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.8, 170.7, 162.4, 135.7, 134.0, 130.7, 129.1, 128.6, 126.7, 126.0, 100.2; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 266.0812; found: 266.0816.



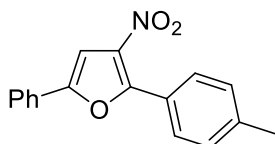
3-nitro-5-phenyl-2-(o-tolyl)furan (3b)

Yellow solid (26.2 mg, 47% yield), melting point: 115-118 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 8.40-8.37 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.90-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.50-7.49 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 3 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 186.0, 170.6, 162.4, 138.4, 135.7, 134.9, 131.0, 130.7, 129.1, 128.4, 127.1, 126.7, 125.9, 100.2, 21.3; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 280.0968; found: 280.0971.



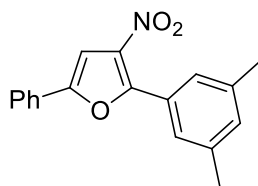
3-nitro-5-phenyl-2-(m-tolyl)furan (3c)

Yellow solid (26.8 mg, 48% yield), melting point: 127-129 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 8.16-8.13 (m, 2 H), 7.86-7.84 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 3 H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.04 (s, 1 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 186.0, 170.6, 162.4, 138.4, 135.7, 134.9, 131.0, 130.7, 129.1, 128.4, 128.0, 126.7, 125.9, 100.2, 21.4; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 280.0968; found: 280.0973.



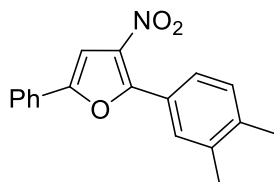
3-nitro-5-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)furan (3d)

Yellow solid (33.5 mg, 60% yield), melting point: 104-106 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 8.27-8.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.49 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 3 H), 7.35-7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.04 (s, 1 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 185.3, 170.6, 162.5, 145.2, 133.2, 130.8, 130.7, 129.3, 129.1, 126.7, 126.0, 100.3, 21.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 280.0968; found: 280.0972.



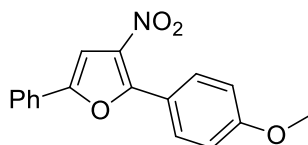
2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-nitro-5-phenylfuran (3e)

Yellow solid (27.0 mg, 46% yield), melting point: 62-64 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.93 (s, 2 H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 3 H), 7.30 (s, 1 H), 7.03 (s, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 186.2, 170.6, 162.5, 138.3, 135.8, 135.7, 130.7, 129.1, 128.4, 126.7, 125.9, 100.2, 21.3; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 294.1125; found: 284.1129.



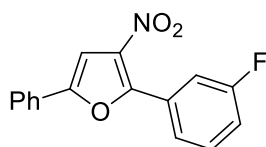
2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-nitro-5-phenylfuran (3f)

Yellow solid (28.1 mg, 48% yield), melting point: 106-109 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.11-8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.85-7.83 (m, 2 H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 3 H), 7.29-7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (s, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.5, 170.5, 162.5, 143.9, 137.0, 133.6, 131.5, 130.6, 129.8, 129.1, 128.6, 126.7, 125.9, 100.2, 20.2, 19.8; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 294.1125; found: 284.1130.



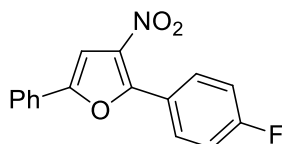
2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-nitro-5-phenylfuran (3g)

Yellow solid (29.5 mg, 50% yield), melting point: 107-109 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.40-8.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3 H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 3 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 183.9, 170.5, 164.4, 162.7, 133.2, 130.6, 129.1, 128.6, 126.7, 125.9, 113.9, 100.3, 55.5; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 296.0918; found: 296.0923.



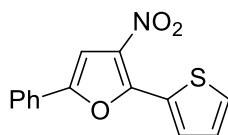
2-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-nitro-5-phenylfuran (3h)

Yellow solid (26.6 mg, 47% yield), melting point: 109-111 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.20-8.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.07-8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 4 H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1 H), 7.05 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 184.4, 171.0, 163.8, 162.2, 161.4, 137.5 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 C), 130.8, 130.2 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 C), 129.2, 126.6 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 C), 126.0, 121.1 (d, J = 21.0 Hz, 1 C), 117.3 (d, J = 23.0 Hz, 1 C), 100.3; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 284.0718; found: 284.0721.



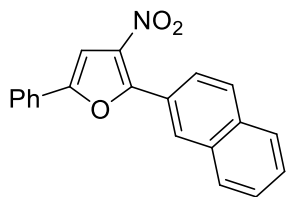
2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-nitro-5-phenylfuran (3i)

Yellow solid (25.5 mg, 45% yield), melting point: 107-110 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.45-8.42 (m, 2 H), 7.86-7.83 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 3 H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.05 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 184.0, 170.8, 167.7, 165.1, 162.4, 133.5 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 C), 130.8, 129.1, 126.6, 126.0, 115.8 (d, J = 22.0 Hz, 1 C), 100.2; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 284.0718; found: 284.0723.



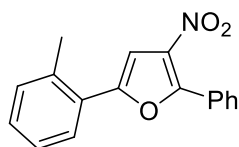
3-nitro-5-phenyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)furan (3k)

Yellow solid (32.5 mg, 60% yield), melting point: 118-120 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.52-8.50 (m, 1 H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 3 H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 3 H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.05 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 177.0, 170.9, 162.2, 141.6, 136.7, 136.1, 130.1, 129.1, 128.6, 126.6, 125.9, 99.7; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 272.0376; found: 272.0380.



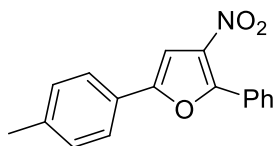
2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-nitro-5-phenylfuran (3l)

Yellow solid (25.2 mg, 40% yield), melting point: 128-130 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.61-8.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.20-8.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.09-8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.93-7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 1 H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 188.1, 171.1, 163.5, 133.8, 133.7, 133.1, 131.8, 130.8, 130.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 126.7, 126.6, 125.9, 125.3, 124.2, 100.0; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 316.0968; found: 316.0974.



3-nitro-2-phenyl-5-(o-tolyl)furan (3m)

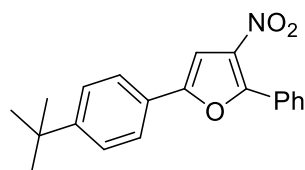
Yellow oil (27.9 mg, 50% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.38-8.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.80-7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 3 H), 6.91 (s, 1 H), 2.56 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.8, 170.7, 162.1, 136.4, 135.7, 134.0, 131.5, 130.6, 130.5, 128.5, 128.4, 126.4, 126.2, 103.2, 21.5; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 280.0968; found: 280.0973.



3-nitro-2-phenyl-5-(p-tolyl)furan (3n)

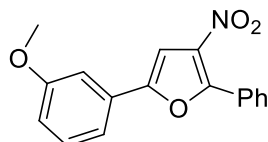
Yellow solid (20.6 mg, 37% yield), melting point: 63-65 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.36-8.33 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.32-7.29 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.99 (s, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.9, 171.0, 162.4, 141.1, 135.8, 134.0, 130.7, 129.8, 128.5, 125.9, 124.0, 99.6, 21.5; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 280.0968;

found: 280.0971.



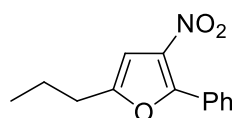
5-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-3-nitro-2-phenylfuran (3o)

Yellow oil (24.4 mg, 38% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.36-8.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.80-7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 4 H), 7.01 (s, 1 H), 1.36 (s, 9 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.9, 170.9, 162.4, 154.2, 135.8, 134.0, 130.7, 128.5, 126.1, 125.8, 124.0, 99.7, 35.0, 31.1; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1438; found: 322.1435.



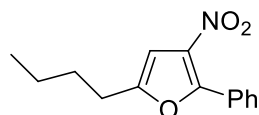
5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-nitro-2-phenylfuran (3p)

Yellow solid (28.3 mg, 48% yield), melting point: 102-104 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.35-8.34 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.7, 170.6, 162.3, 159.9, 135.6, 134.0, 130.6, 130.3, 128.5, 127.7, 118.4, 116.6, 111.0, 100.4, 55.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 296.0918; found: 296.0923.



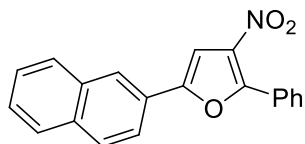
3-nitro-2-phenyl-5-propylfuran (3r)

Yellow oil (27.9 mg, 57% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.31-8.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2 H), 6.53 (s, 1 H), 2.84-2.80 (m, 2 H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 2 H), 1.05-1.01 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 186.1, 174.5, 161.8, 135.8, 133.8, 130.6, 128.5, 101.6, 28.5, 20.8, 13.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 232.0968; found: 232.0973.



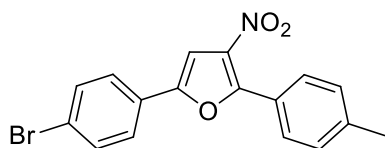
5-butyl-3-nitro-2-phenylfuran (3s)

Yellow oil (28.5 mg, 55% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.30-8.29 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2 H), 6.52 (s, 1 H), 2.86-2.82 (m, 2 H), 1.78-1.70 (m, 2 H), 1.48-1.39 (m, 2 H), 0.98-0.94 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 186.1, 174.7, 161.8, 135.8, 133.8, 130.6, 128.5, 101.4, 29.4, 26.2, 22.1, 13.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 246.1125; found: 246.1130.



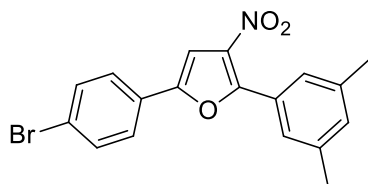
5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-nitro-2-phenylfuran (3t)

Yellow solid (22.1 mg, 35% yield), melting point: 101-103 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.43-8.40 (m, 2 H), 8.35-8.32 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.02-7.99 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.96-7.88 (m, 2 H), 7.70-7.54 (m, 6 H), 7.17 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.8, 170.8, 162.2, 135.8, 134.1, 133.8, 131.4, 130.7, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 125.1, 124.7, 124.3, 104.3; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 316.0968; found: 316.0974.



5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-nitro-2-(p-tolyl)furan (3u)

Yellow solid (31.7 mg, 46% yield), melting point: 182-184 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.26-8.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.73-7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.66-7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.35-7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.04 (s, 1 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 185.1, 169.5, 162.6, 145.3, 133.1, 132.4, 130.8, 129.4, 127.4, 125.6, 125.1, 100.7, 21.8; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 358.0074; found: 358.0080.



5-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-nitrofuran (3v)

Yellow solid (33.5 mg, 45% yield), melting point: 150-152 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

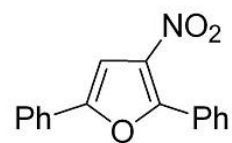
CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.91 (s, 2 H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 2 H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (s, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 185.9, 169.5, 162.5, 138.3, 135.9, 135.6, 132.4, 128.3, 127.3, 125.6, 125.1, 100.6, 21.2; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrNO₃ [M+H]⁺ 372.0230; found: 372.0235.

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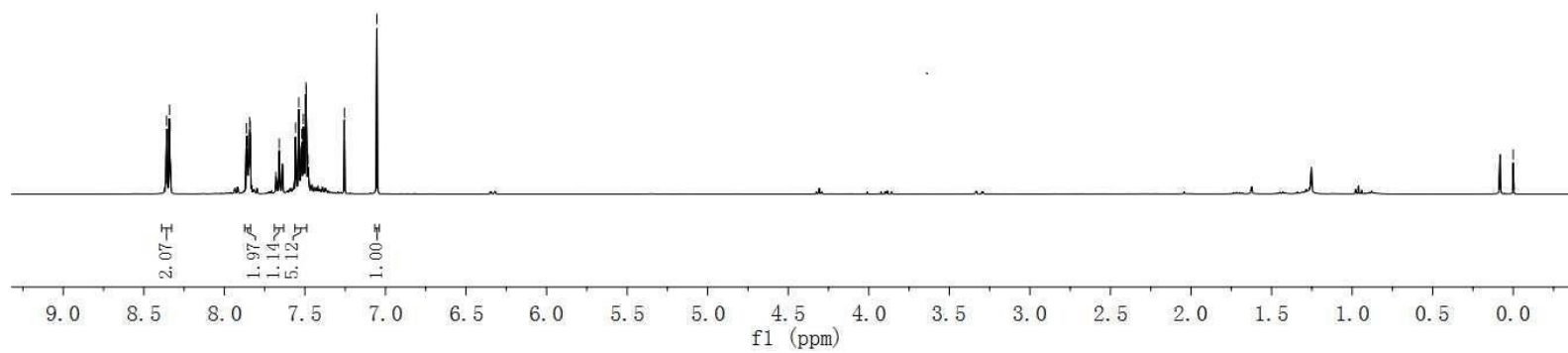
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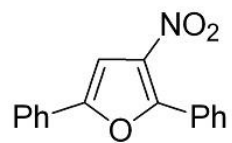
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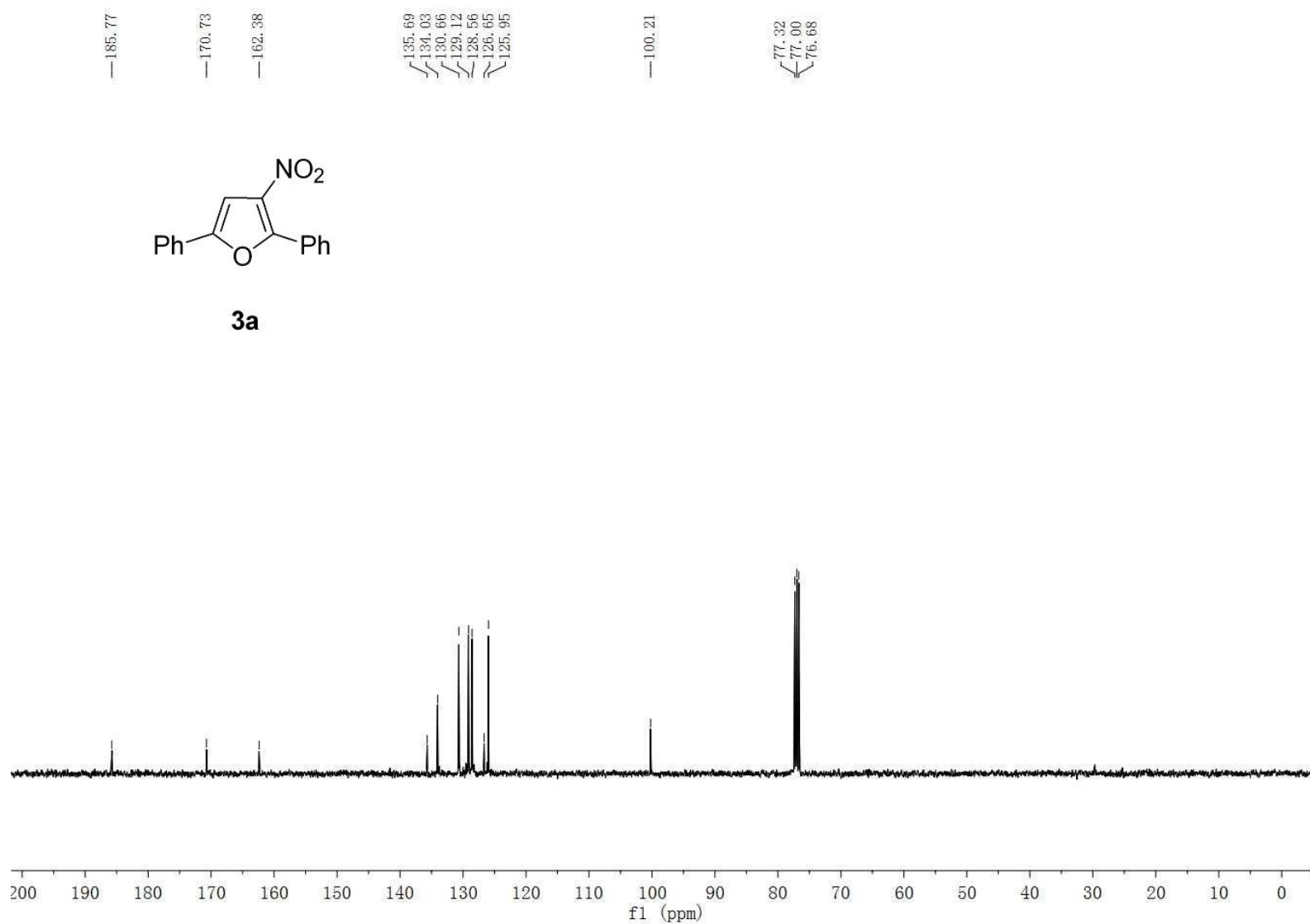


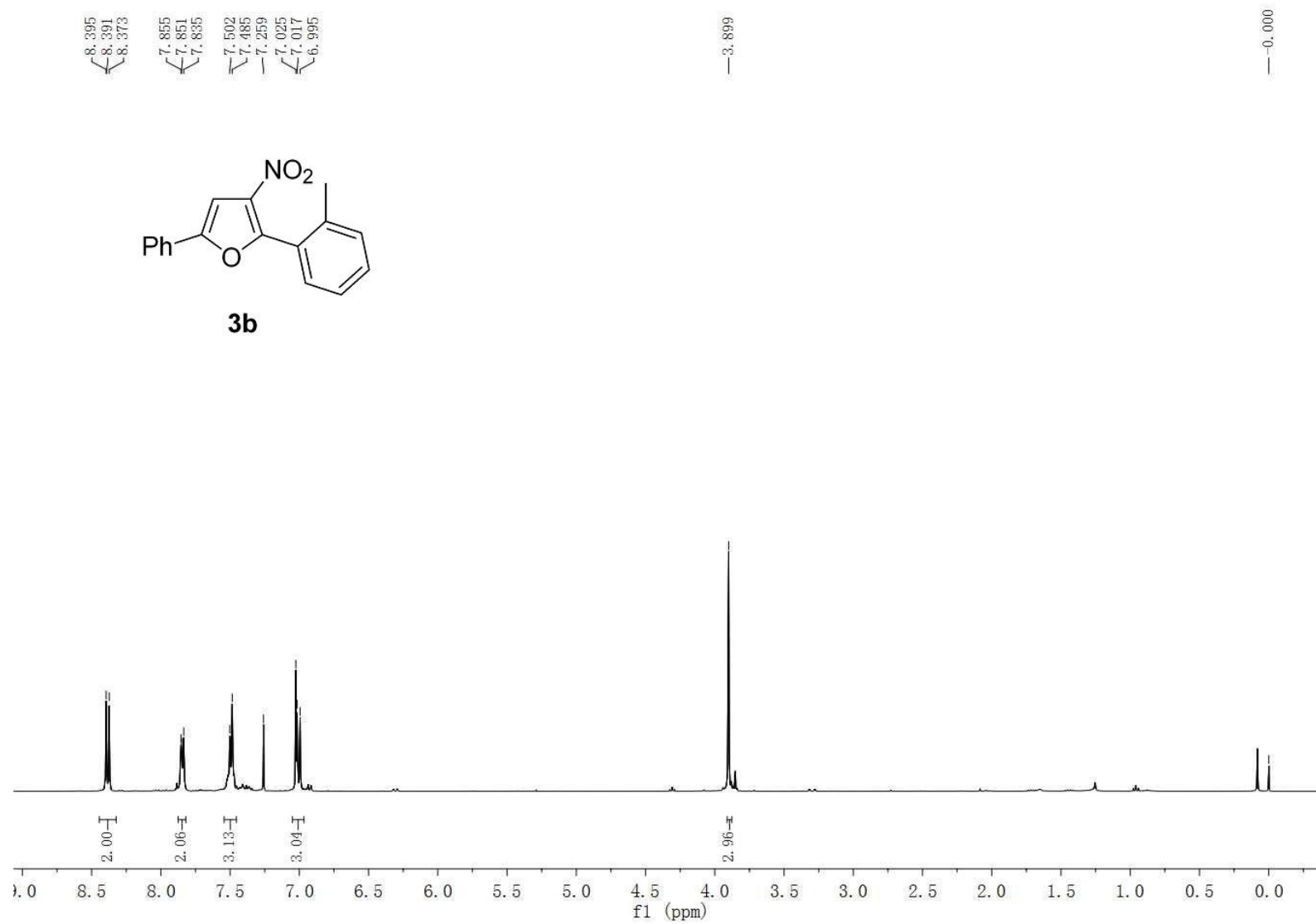
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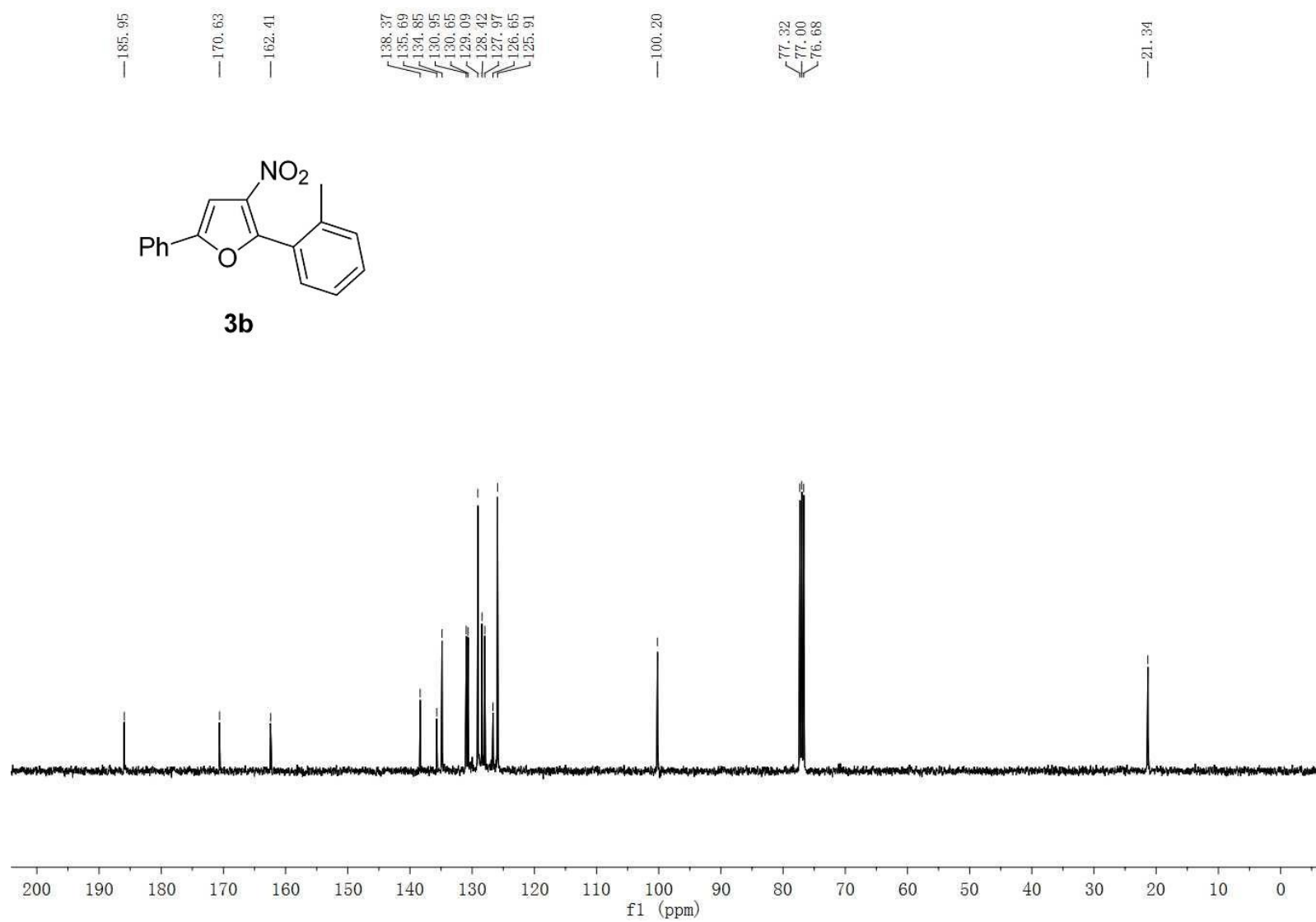


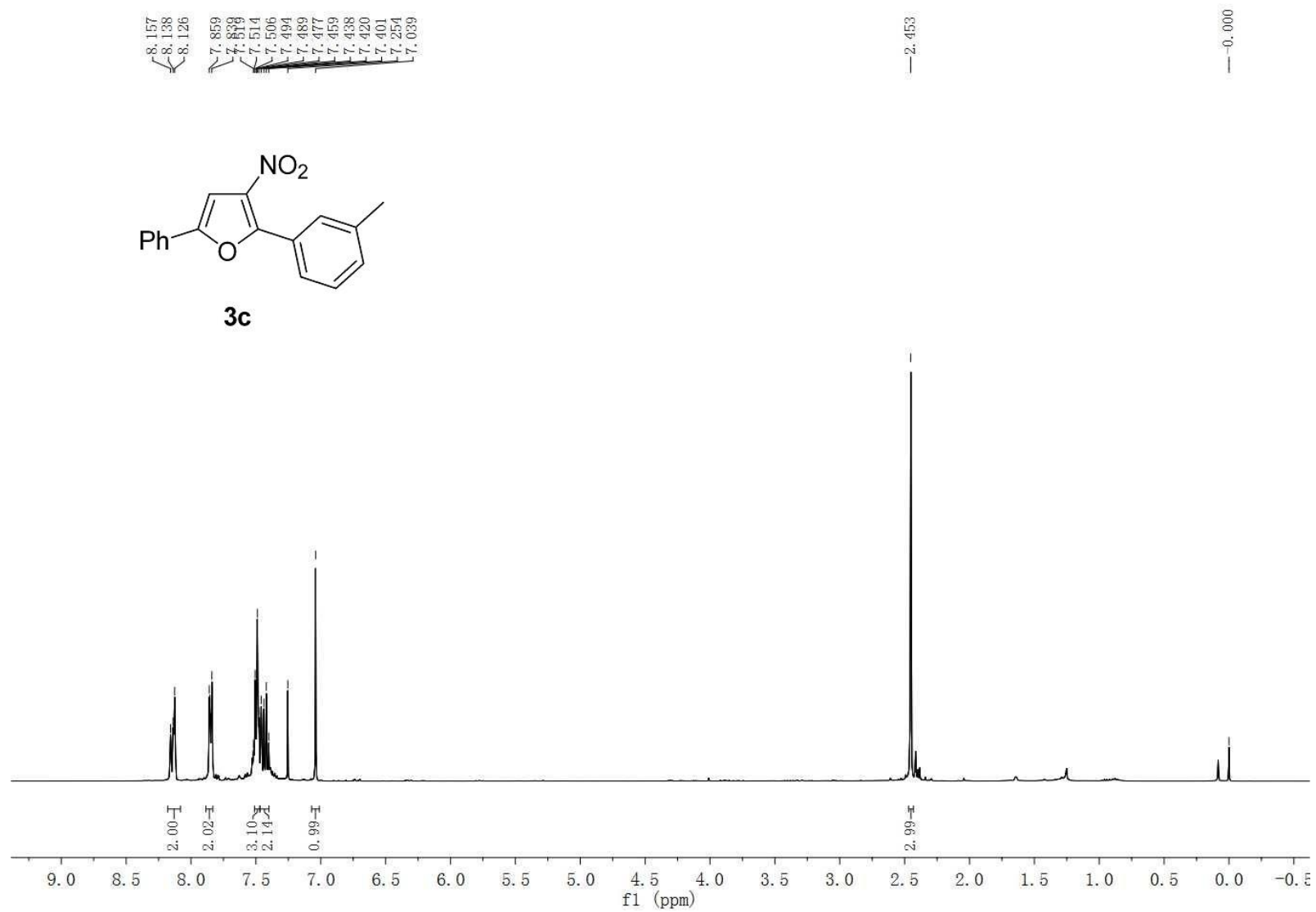


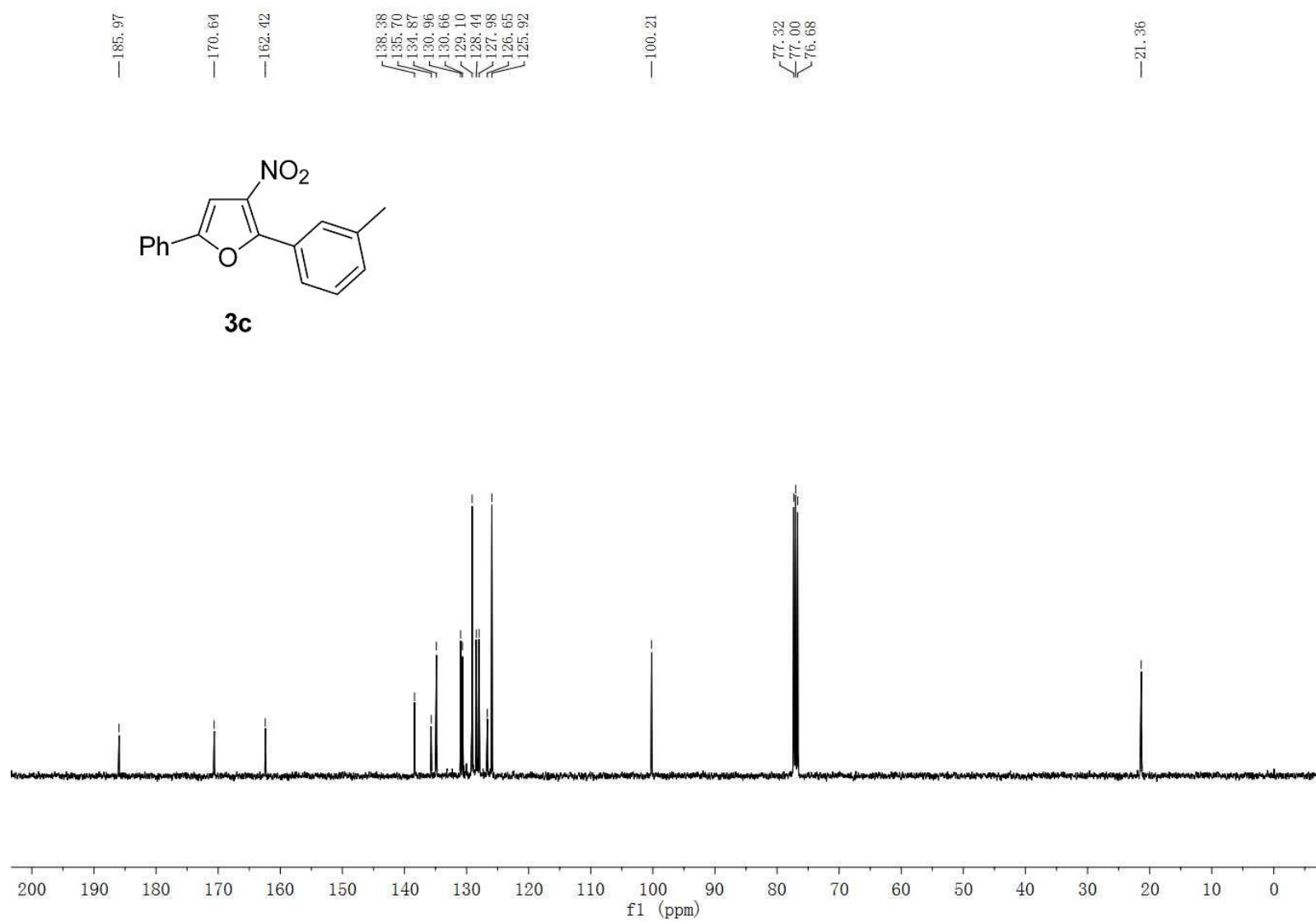
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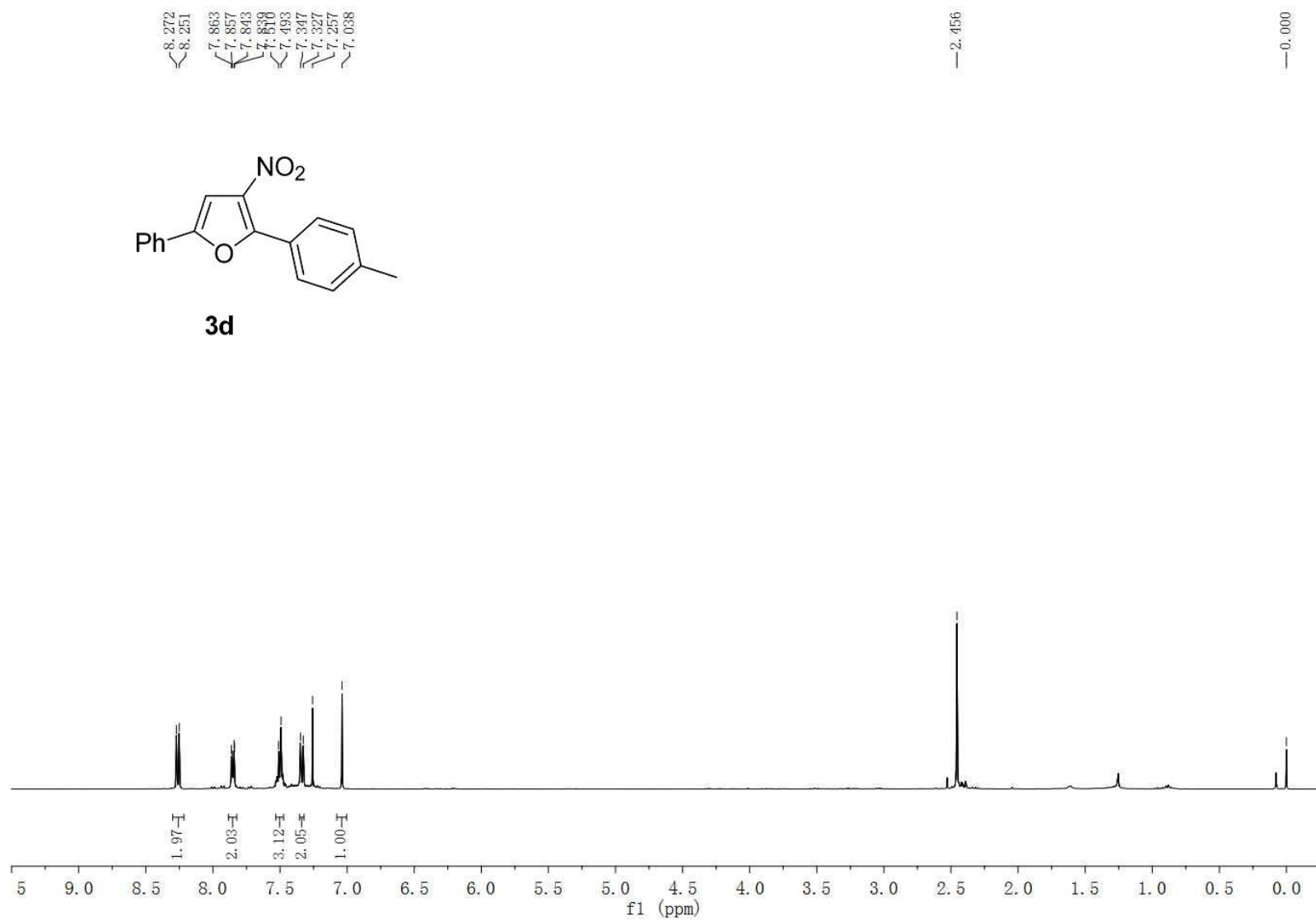
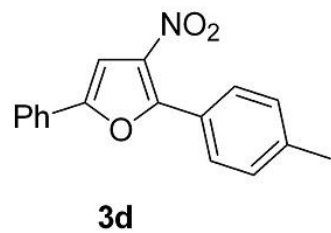


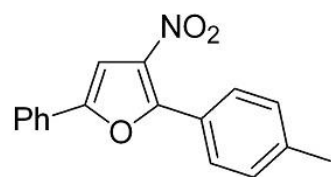




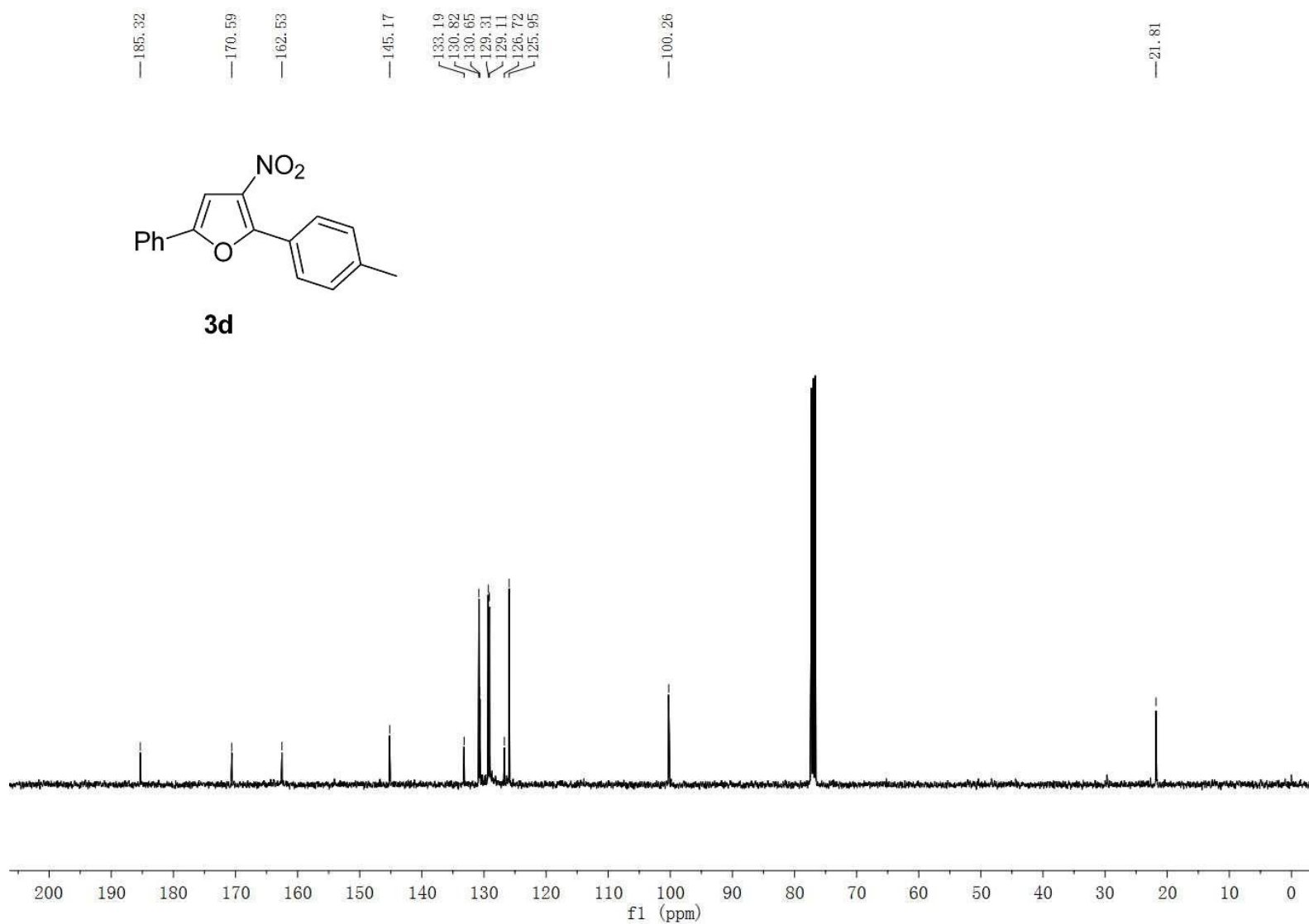


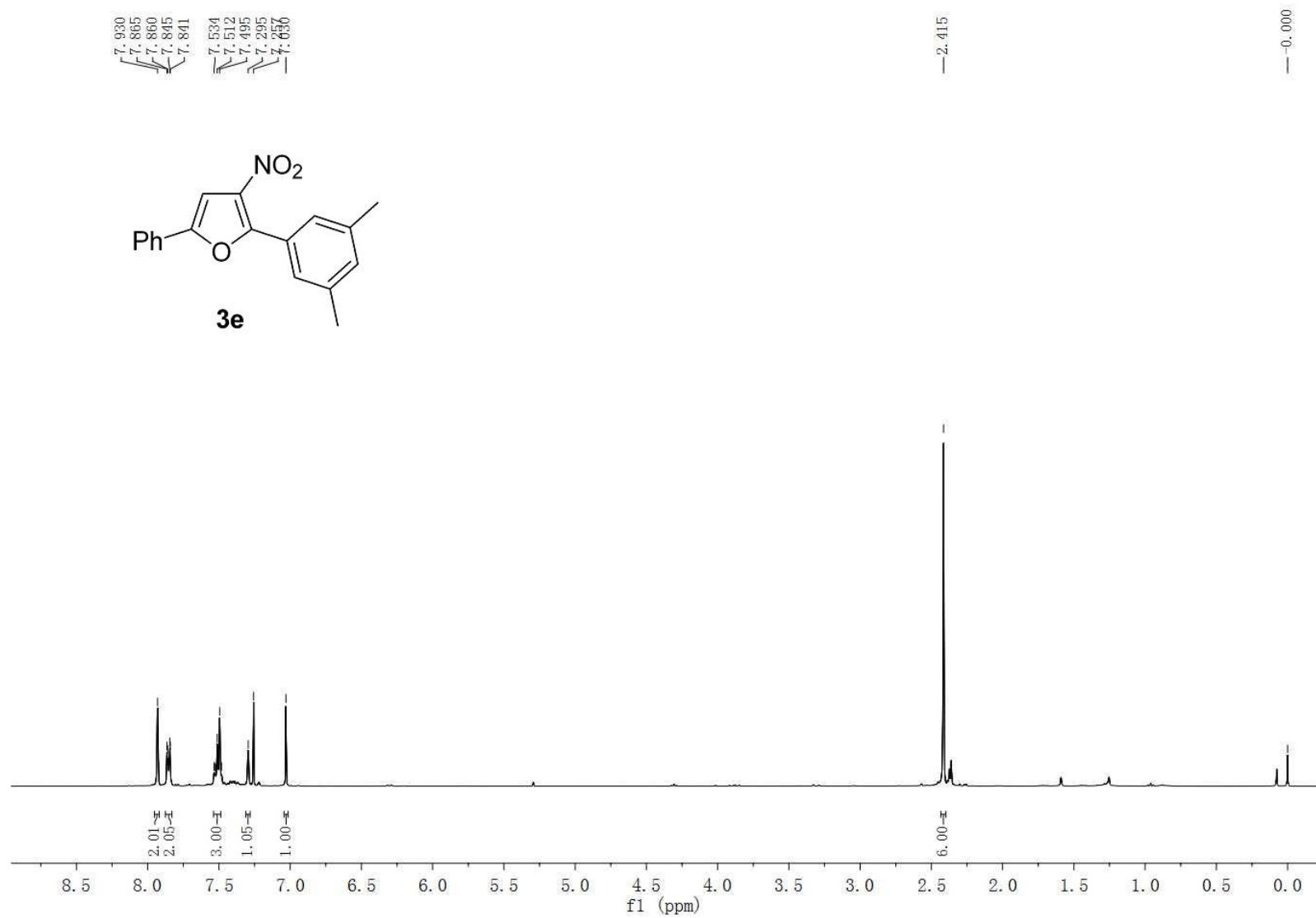


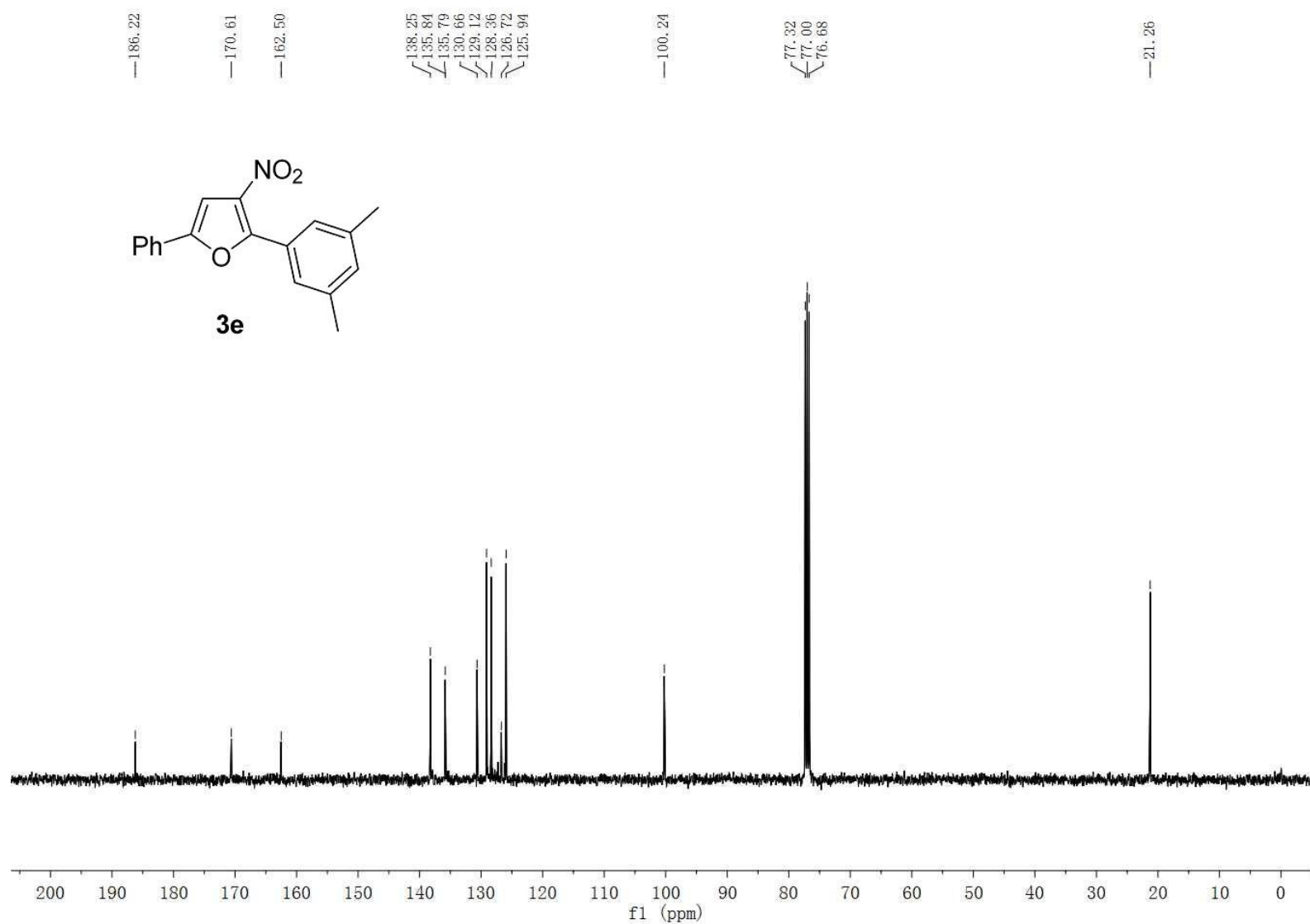


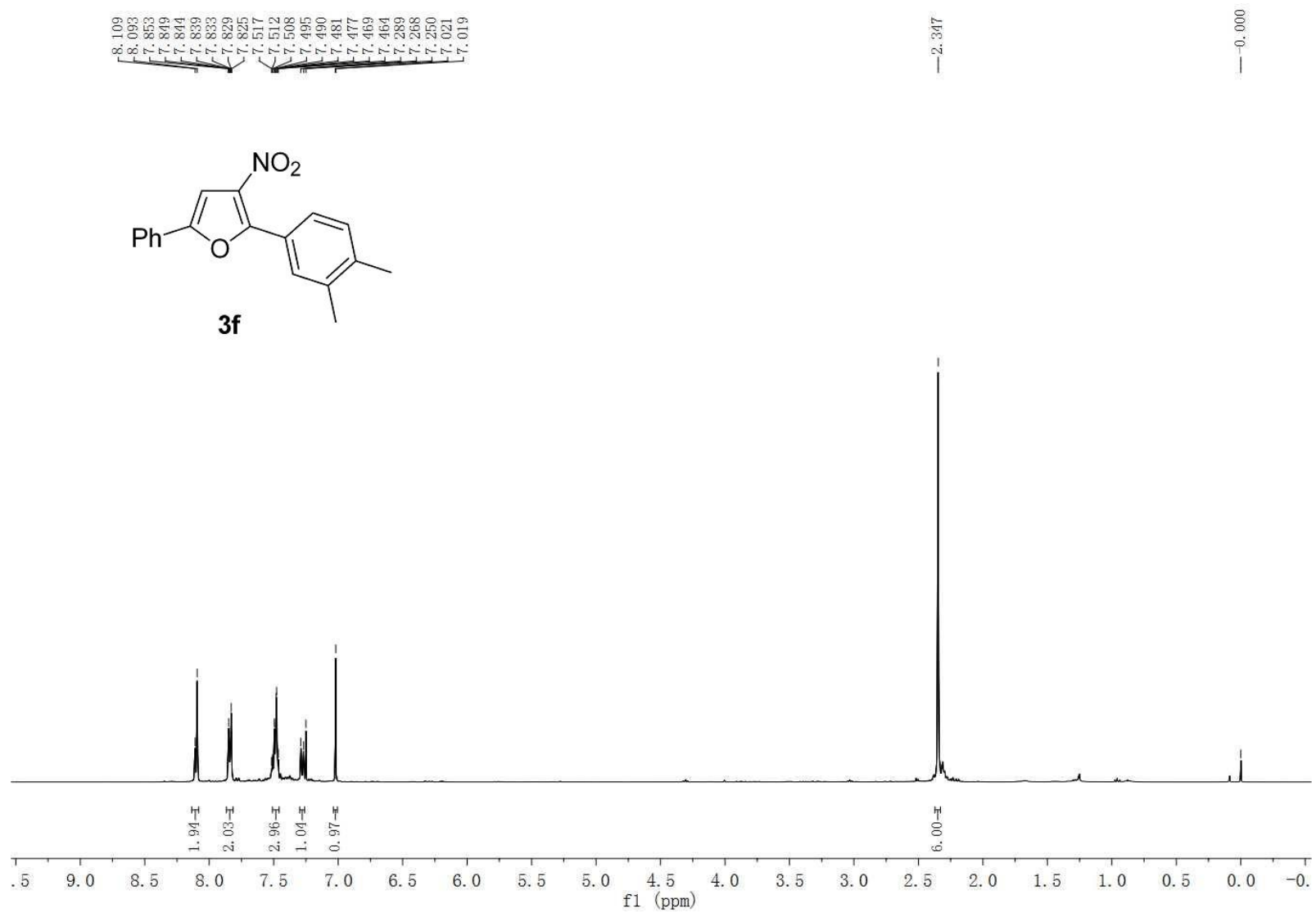


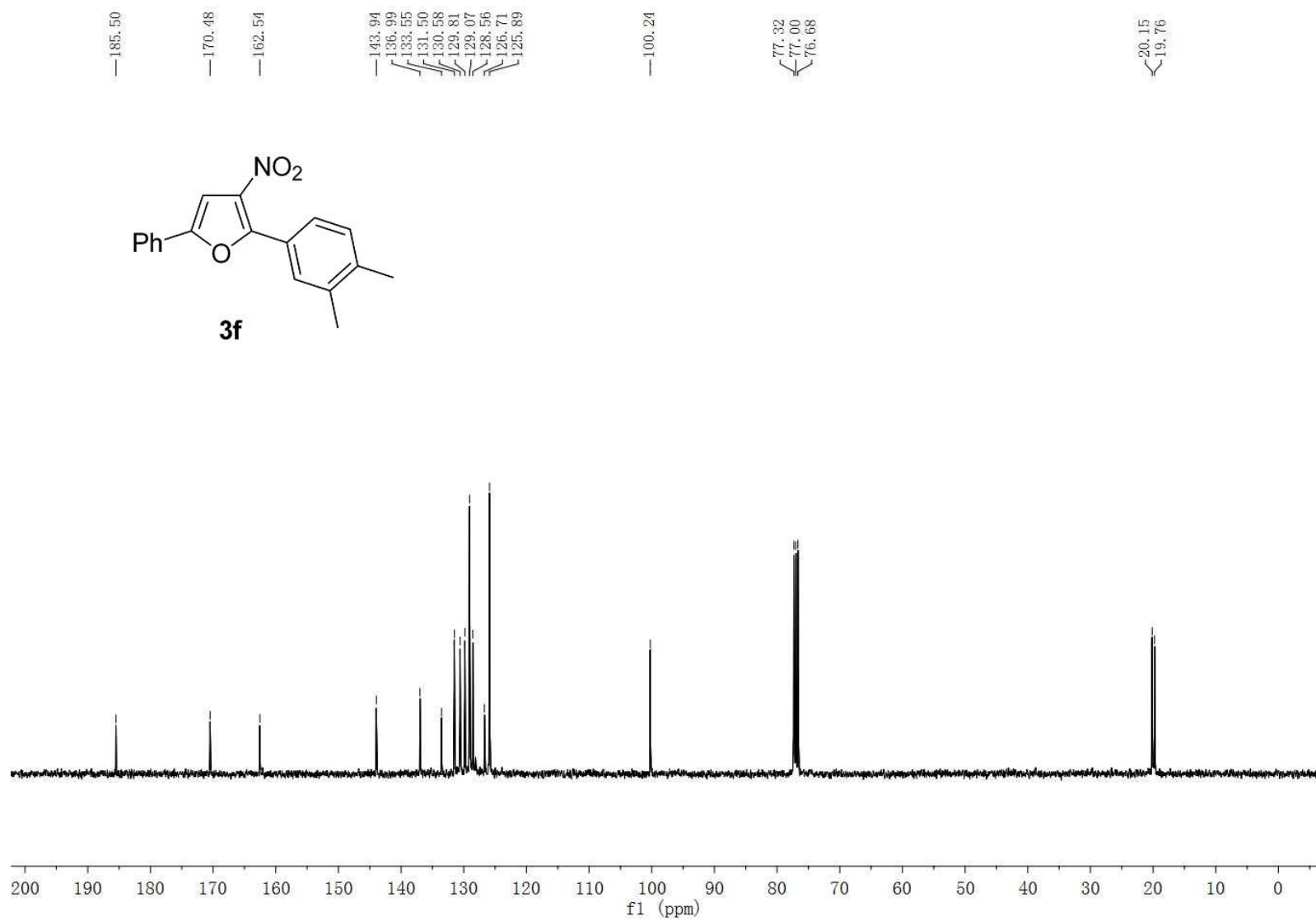
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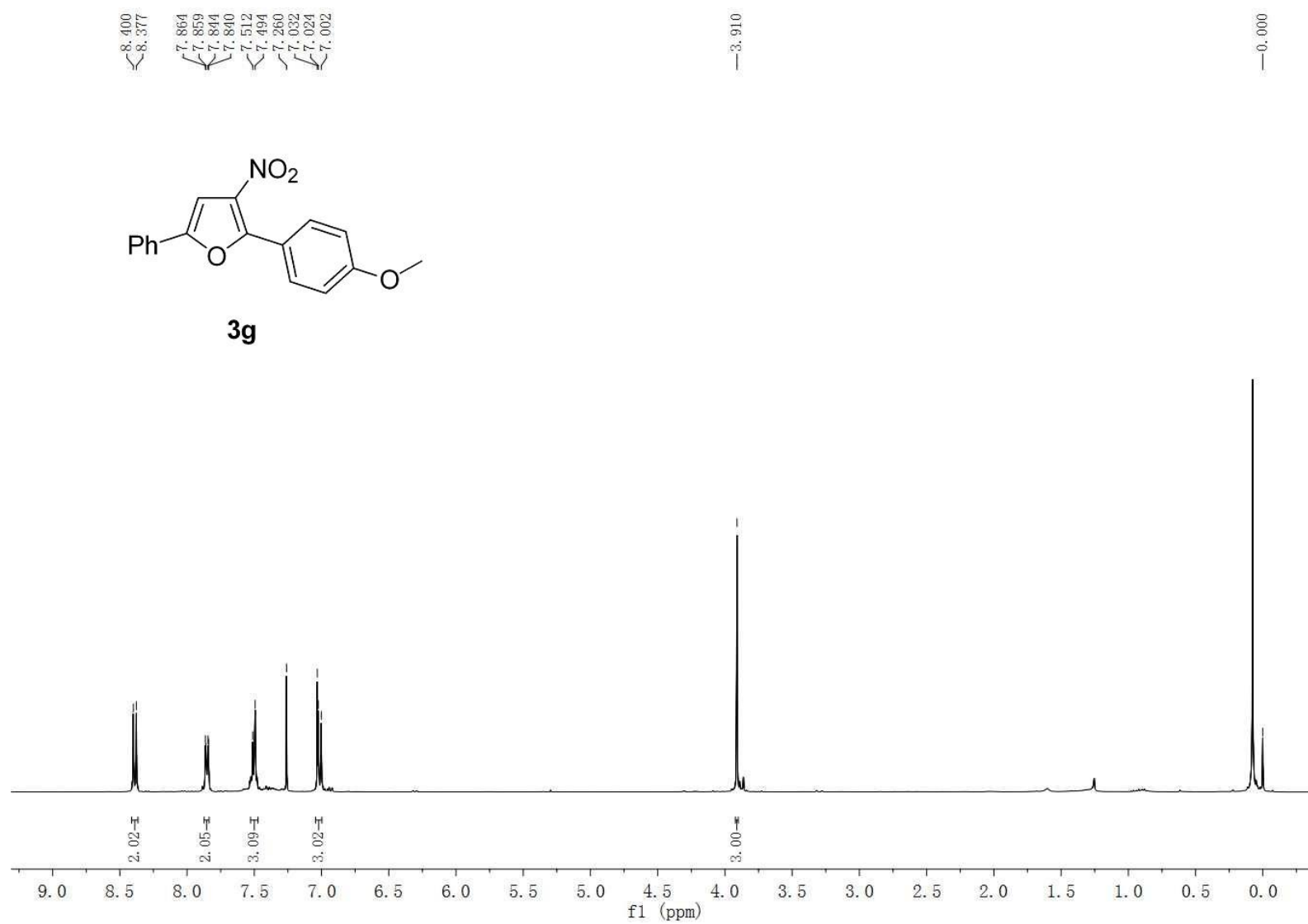


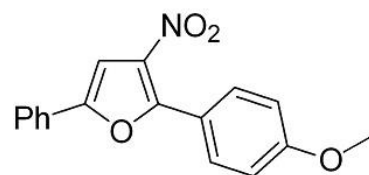




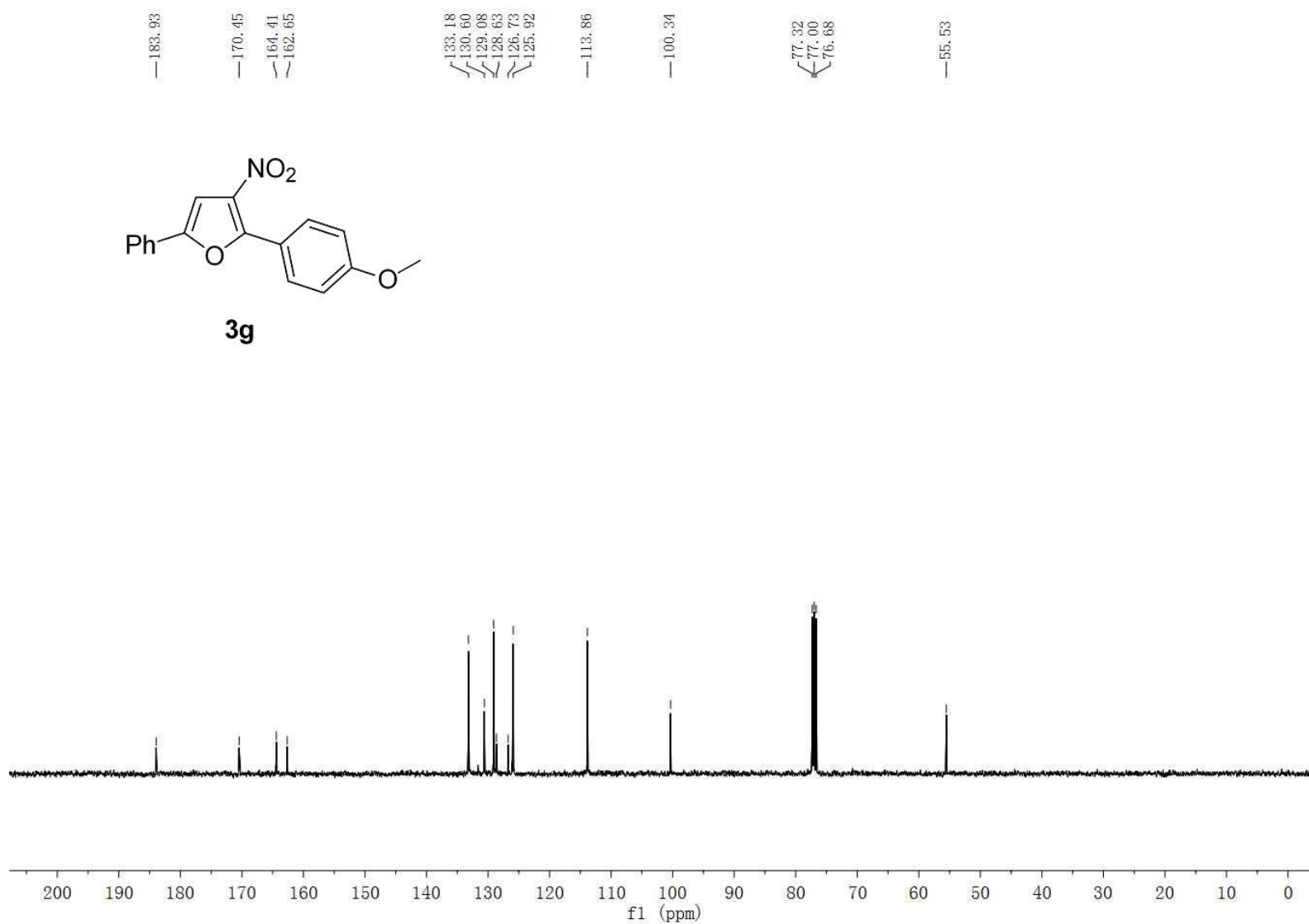


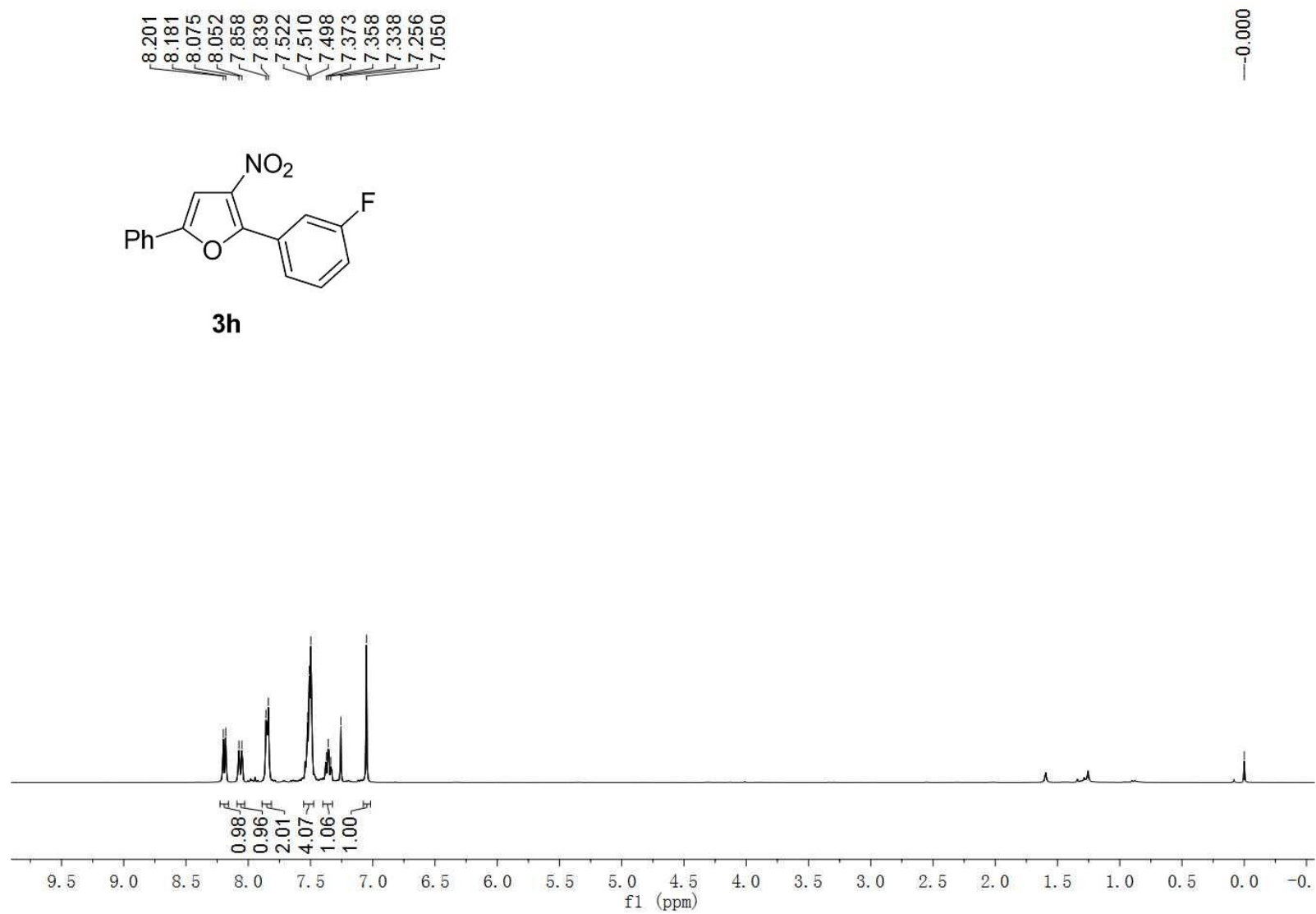


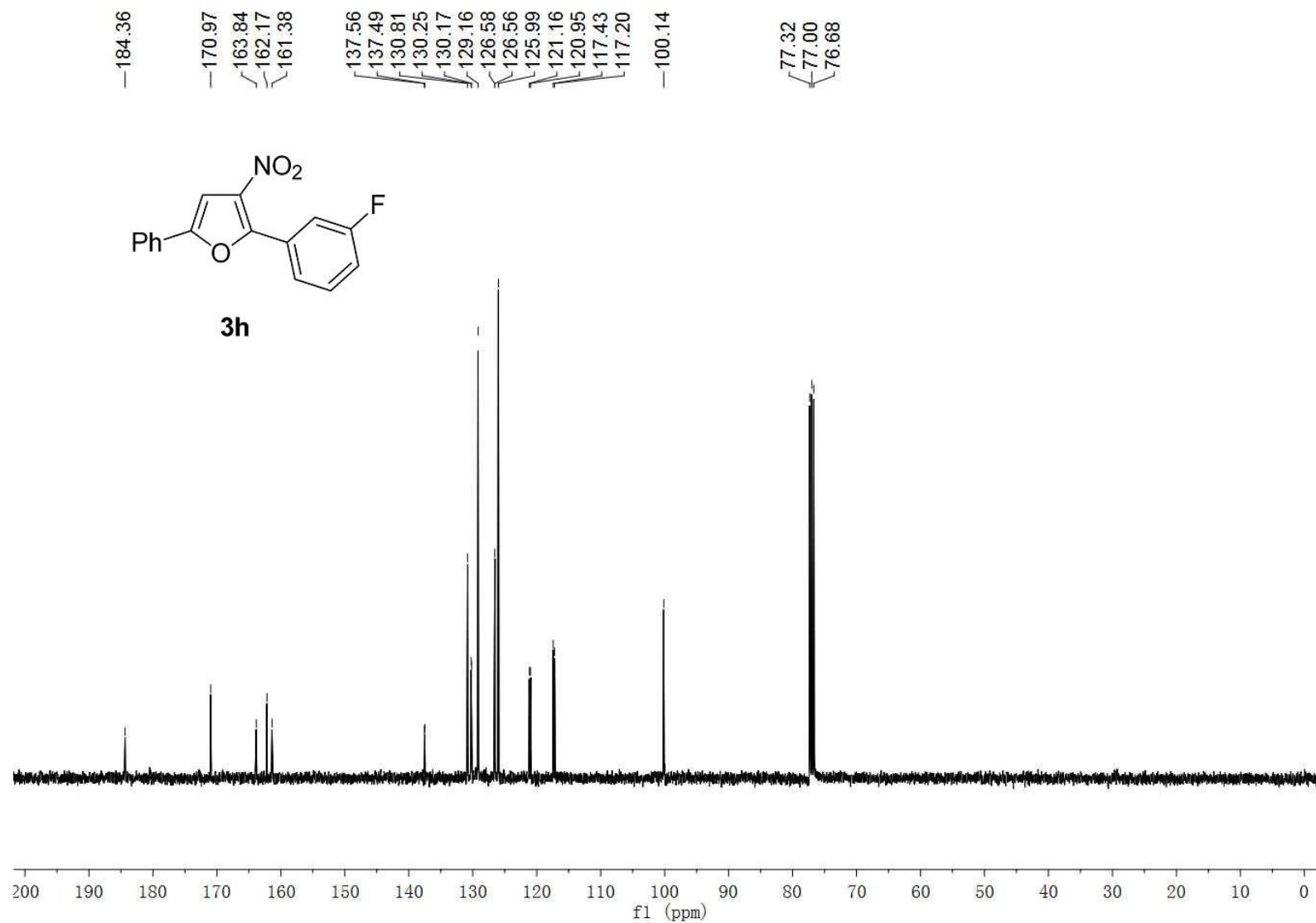


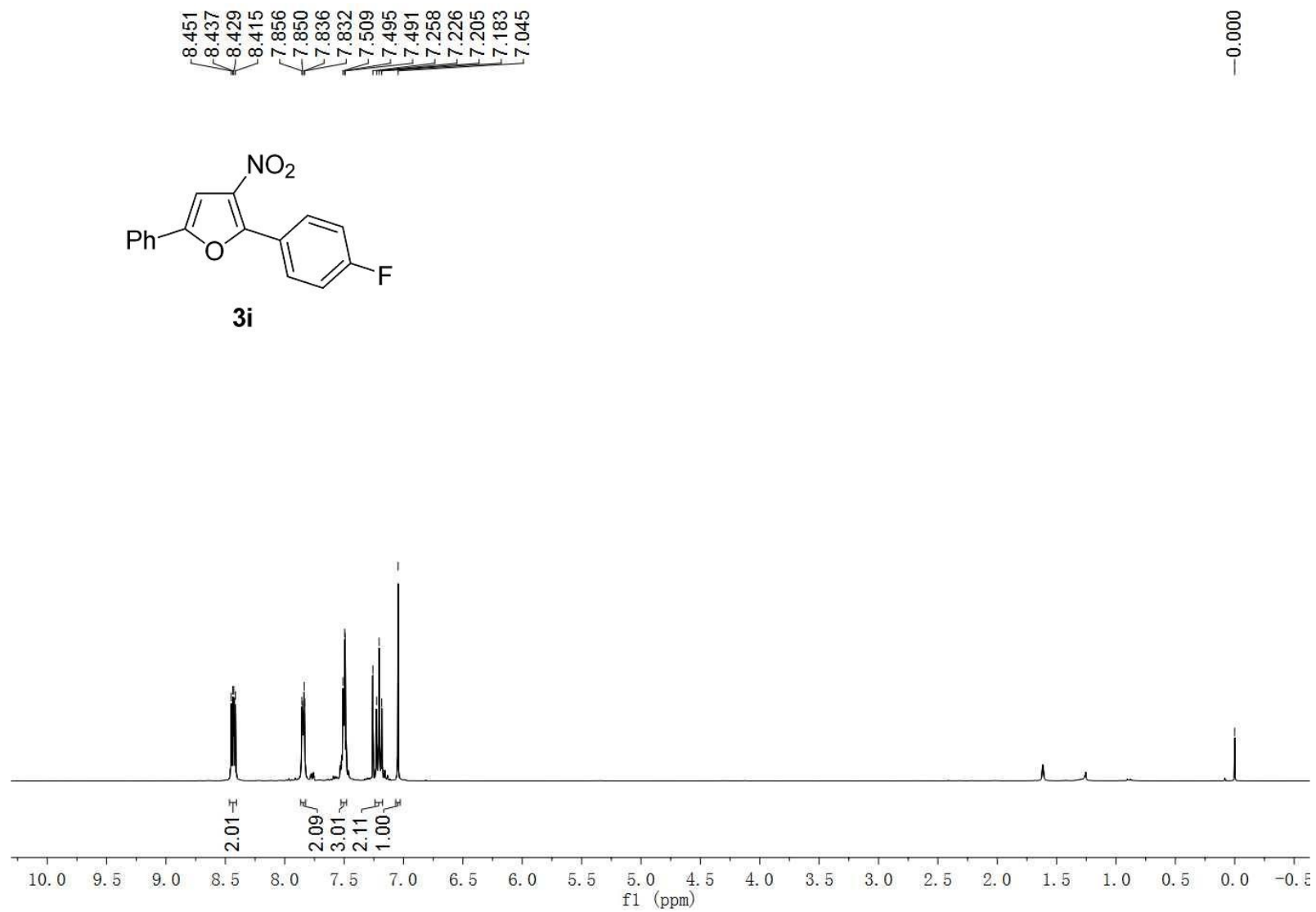


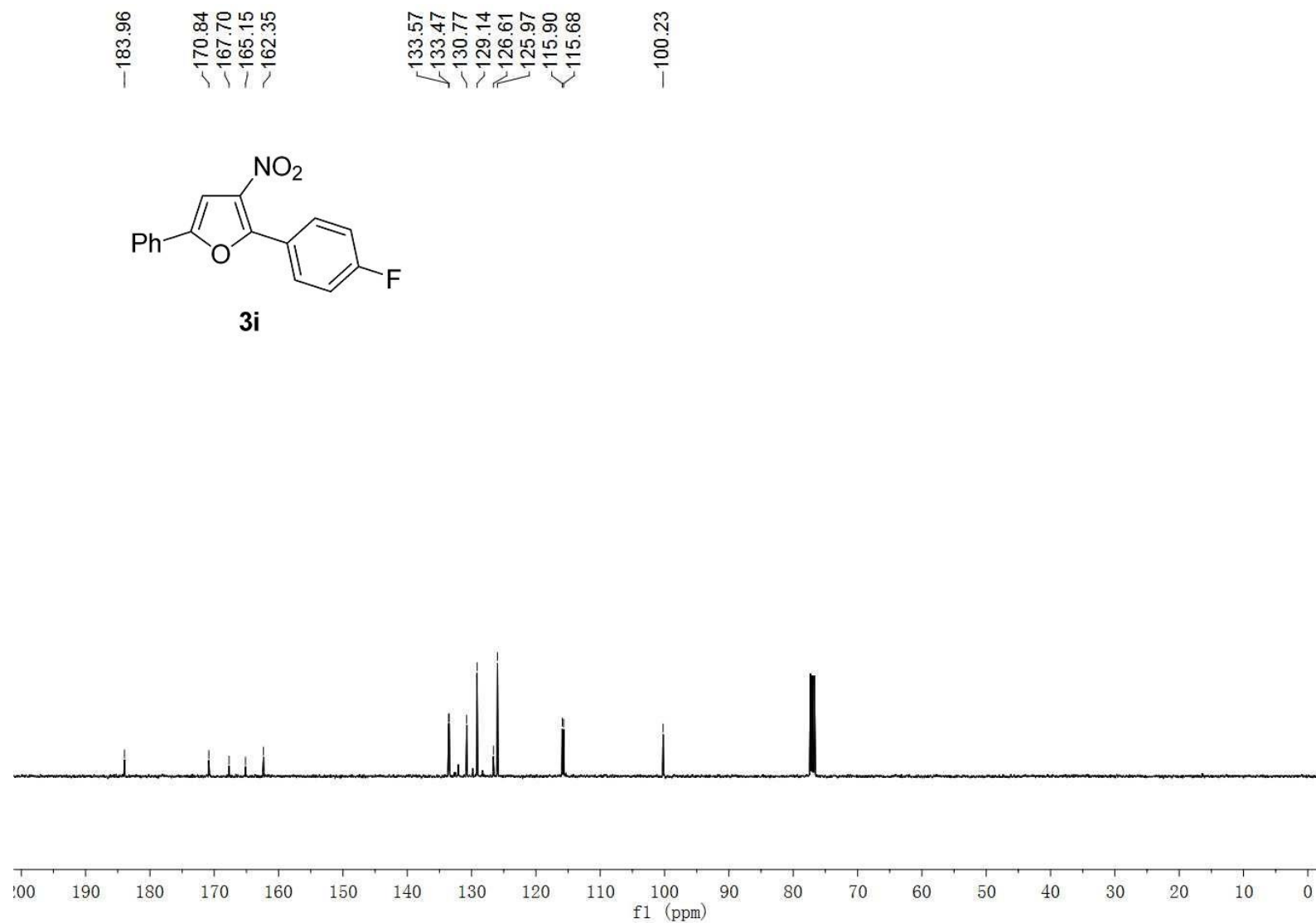
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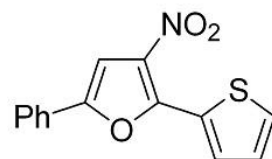




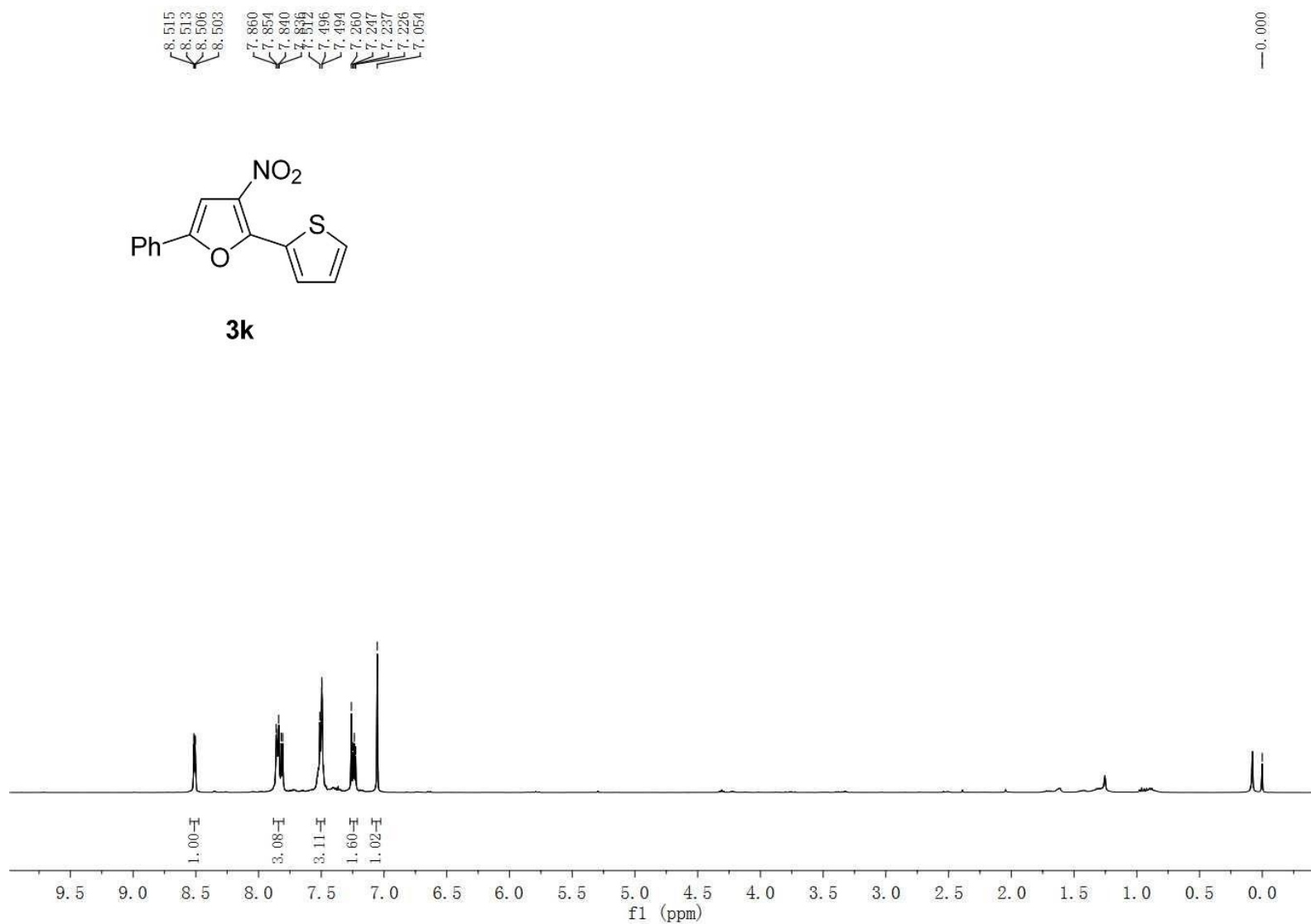


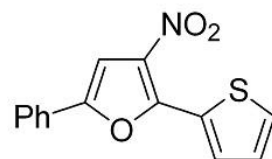




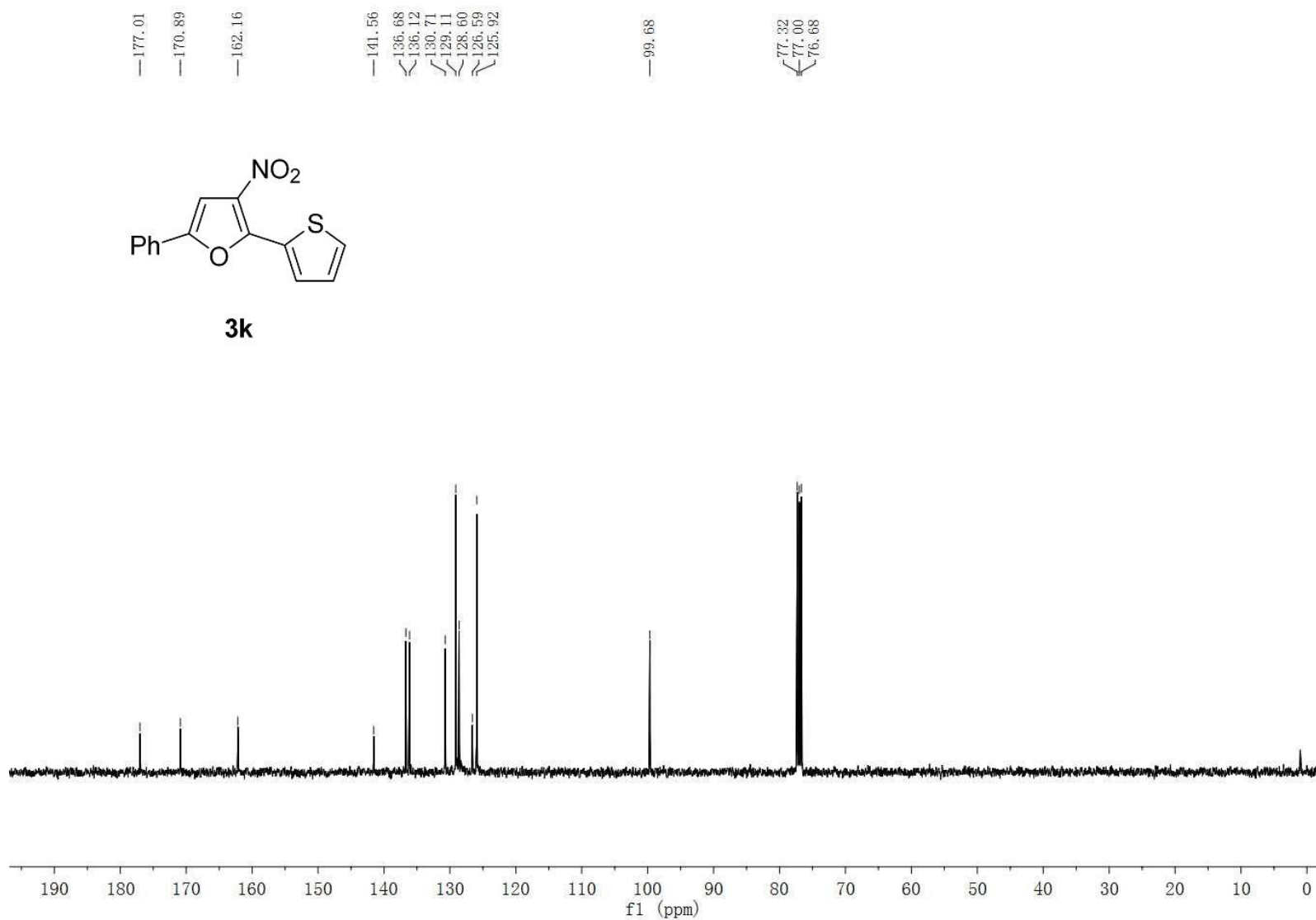


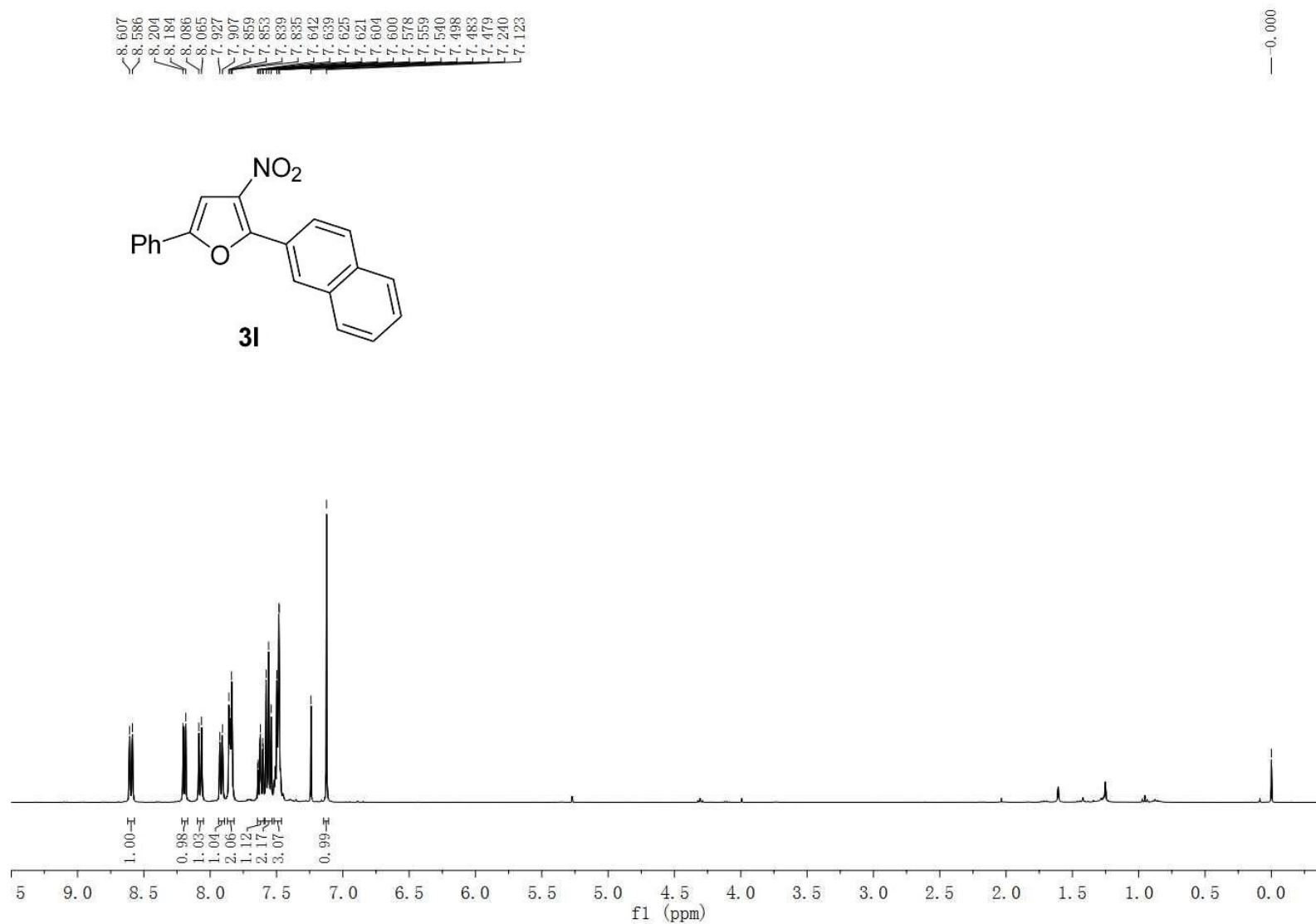
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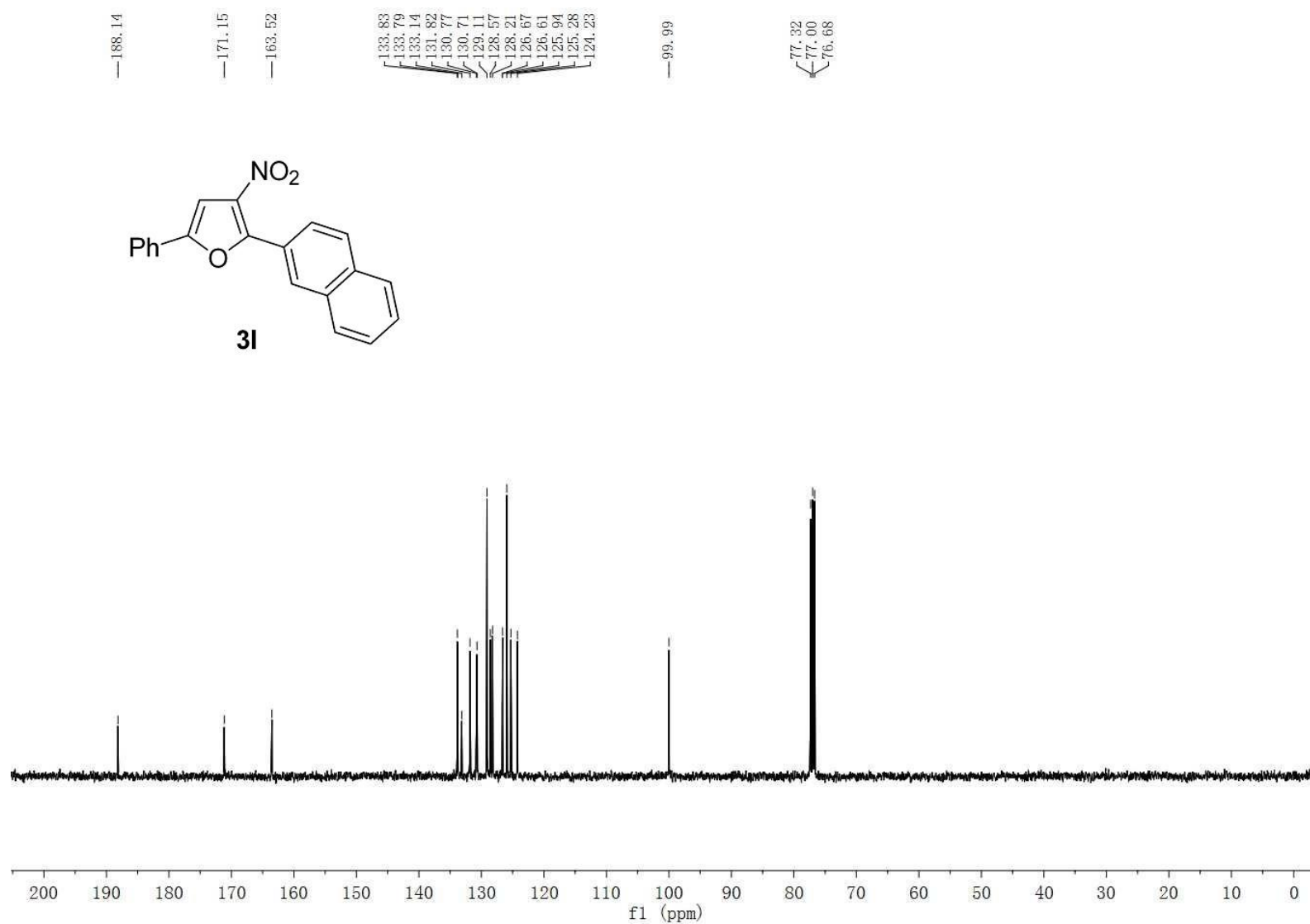


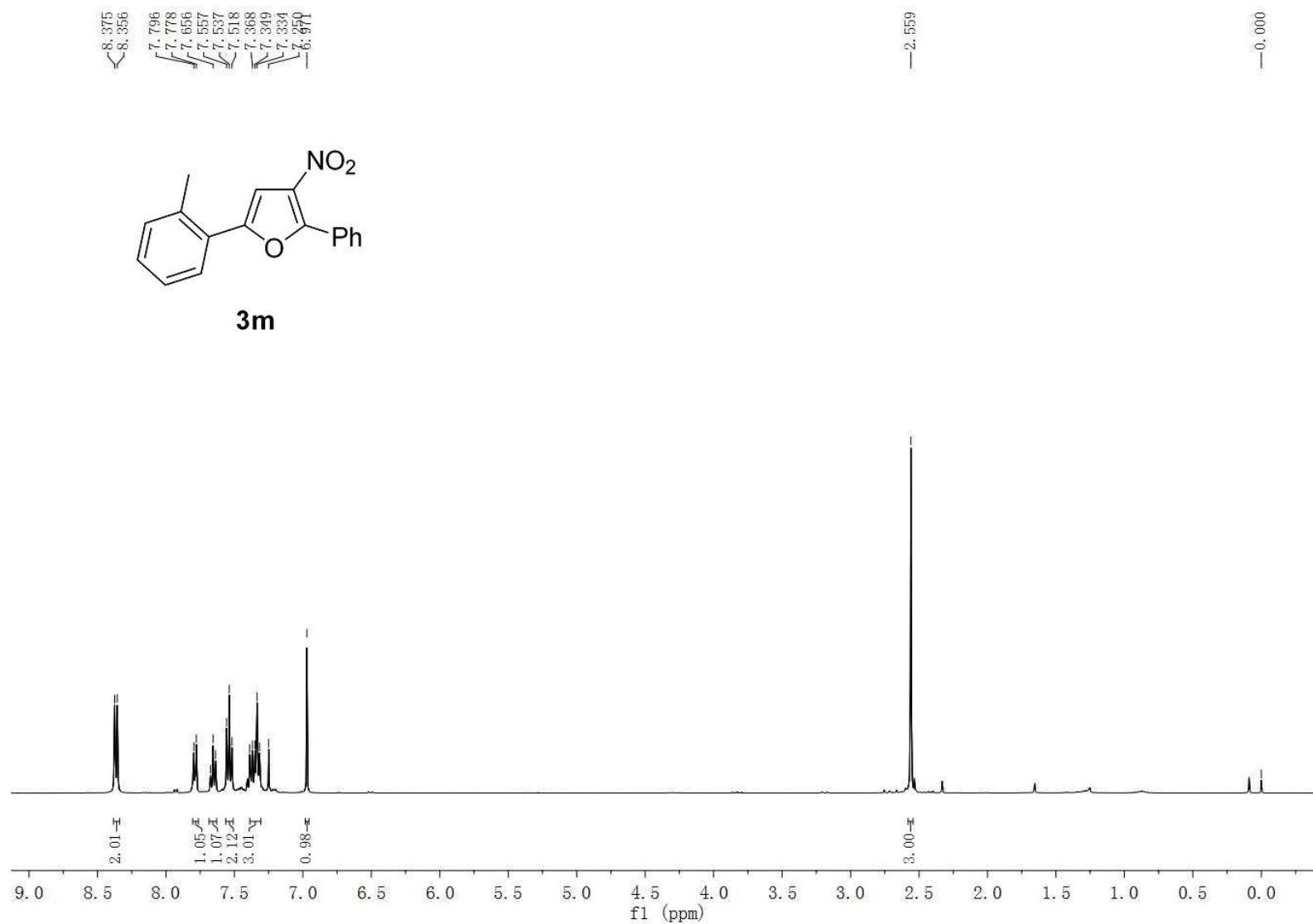


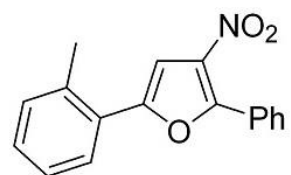
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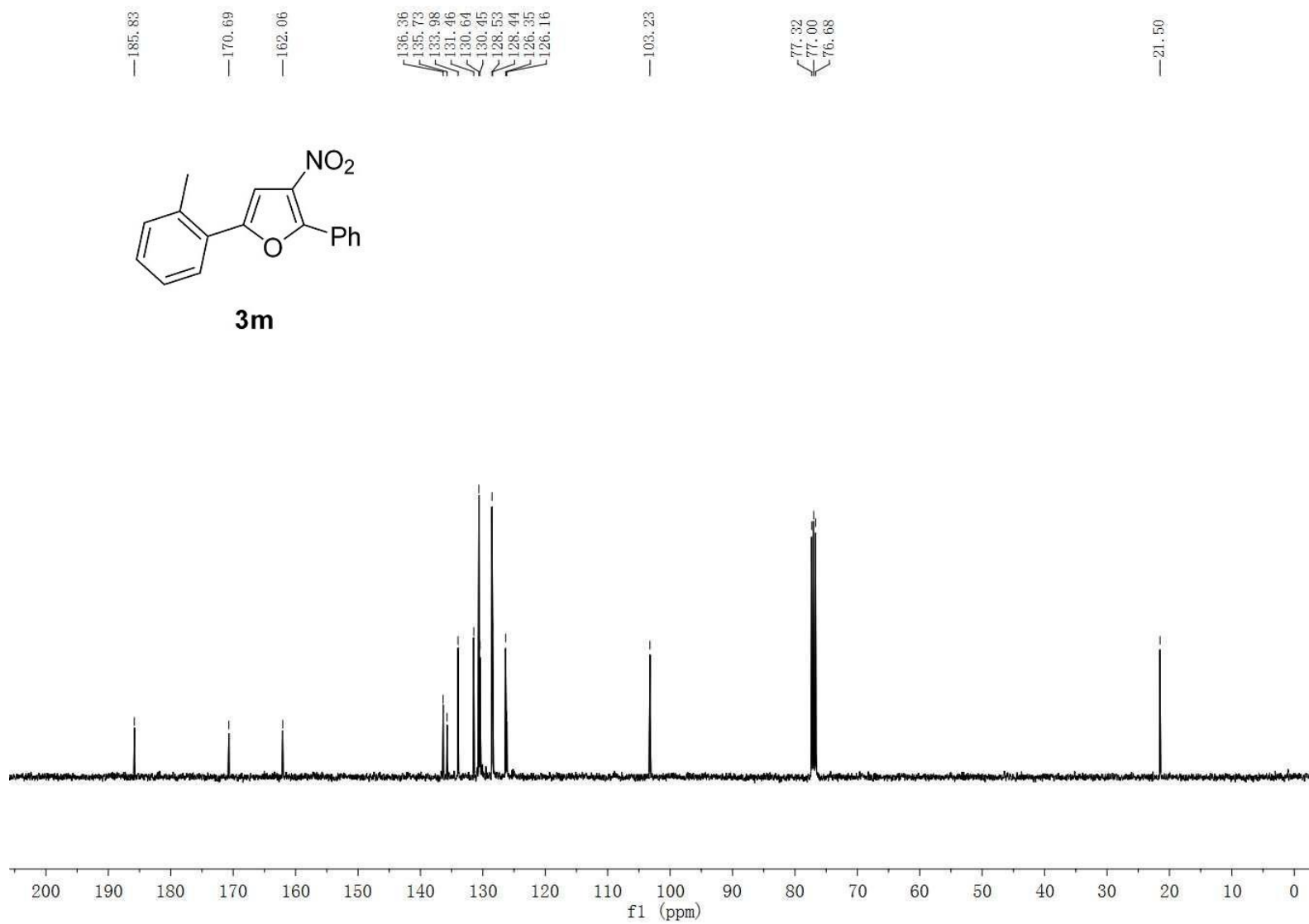


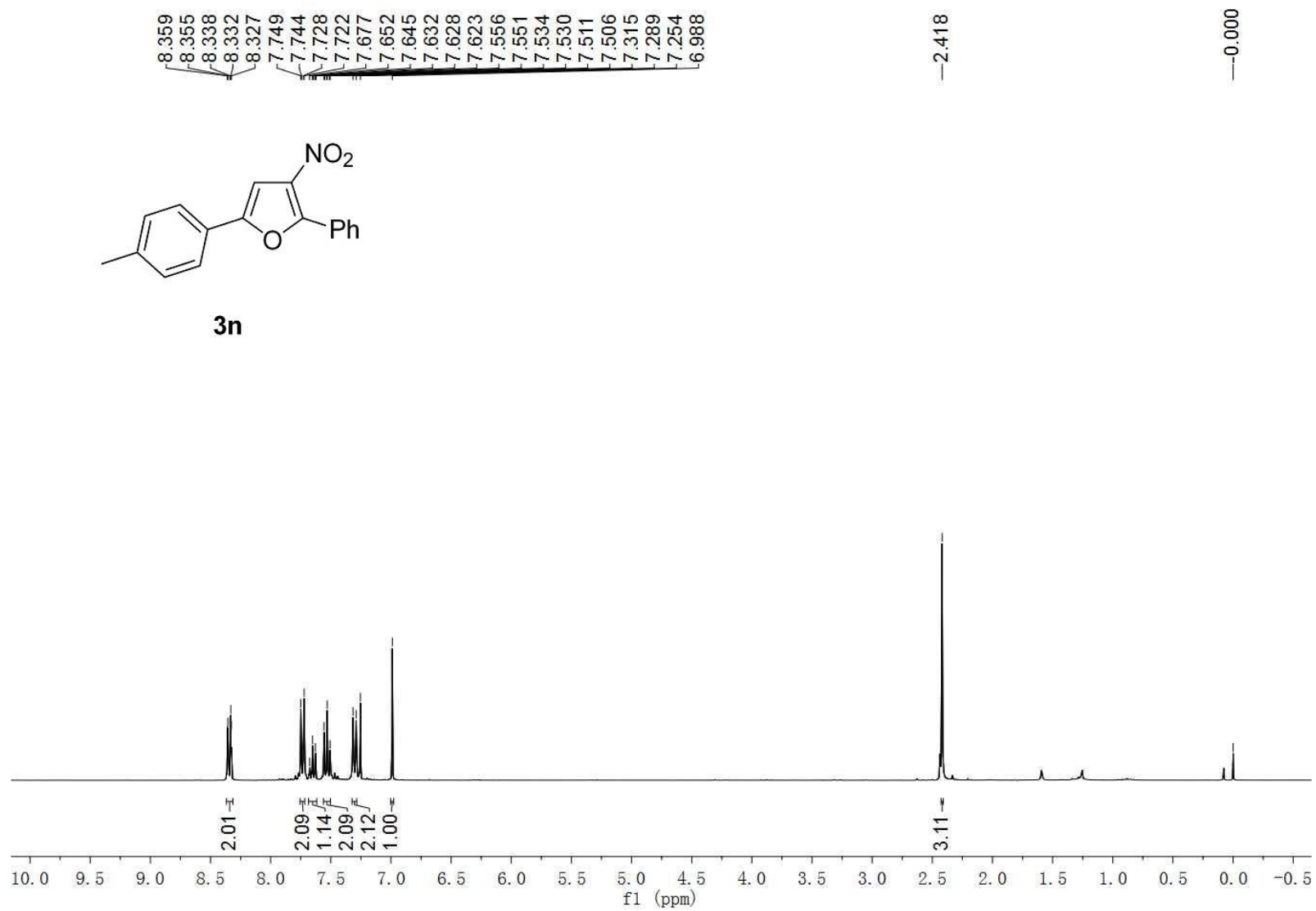


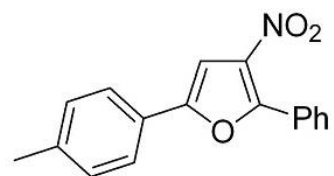




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