

## Supporting Information

### Direct construction of 2,3-unsubstituted benzofurans and benzothiophenes *via* metal-free catalyzed intramolecular Friedel-Crafts reaction

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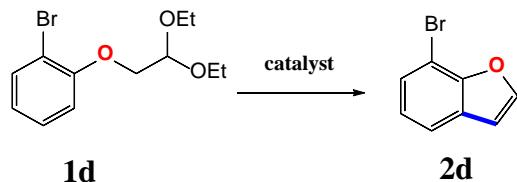
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## 1. Screening of acids as the catalyst

**Table S1.** Screening of acids as the catalyst<sup>a,b</sup>



Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	T [°C]	GC yield <sup>b</sup>
1	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Toluene	110	trace
2	HNO <sub>3</sub>	Toluene	110	trace
3	HCl	Toluene	110	trace
4	CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	Toluene	110	trace
5	CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H	Toluene	110	trace
6	TsOH	Toluene	110	trace
7	PPA <sup>c</sup>	Toluene	110	23%
8	BF <sub>3</sub> -Et <sub>2</sub> O	Toluene	110	trace
9	H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Toluene	110	17%

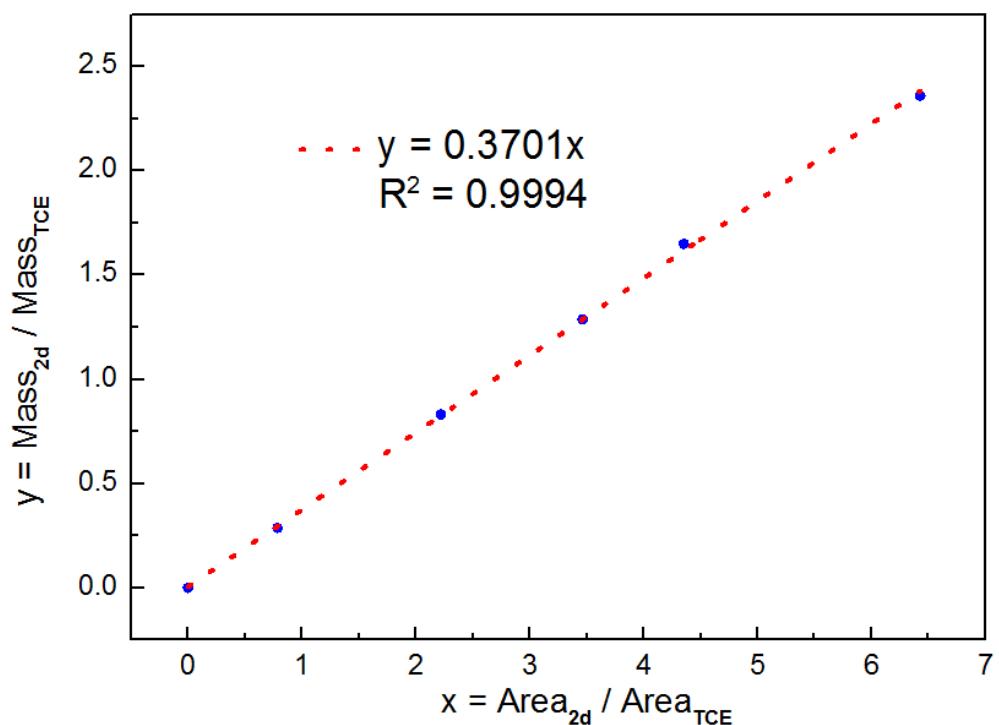
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed with **1d** (1 mmol), catalyst (100 µL) in 2.0 mL toluene at 110 °C for 12 h. <sup>b</sup> GC yield with TCE as internal standard. <sup>c</sup> 100 mg PPA was used.

## 2. GC Standard curve of **2d**

**Table S2.** GC standard curve of 7-bromobenzofuran (**2d**) with TCE as internal reference.

GC Method: 50 °C hold for 1 min, followed by a temperature increase of 10 °C/min to 200 °C, and 30 °C/min to 300 °C, hold for 2 min (total run time: 21.3 min). Retention time: TCE 5.72 min, **2d** 12.1 min.

entry	Mass of <b>2d</b> (mg)	Mass of TCE (mg)	$y = \frac{\text{Mass of } \mathbf{2d}}{\text{Mass of TCE}}$	Area of <b>2d</b>	Area of TCE	$x = \frac{\text{Area of } \mathbf{2d}}{\text{Area of TCE}}$
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	9.2	32	0.2875	2358189	12180674	0.786918905
3	26.6	32	0.83125	7384301	9931586	2.221038125
4	41.2	32	1.2875	9433960	7151579	3.464410322
5	52.8	32	1.65	14638007	7461543	4.35185074
6	75.5	32	2.359375	20850021	8133414	6.427492562



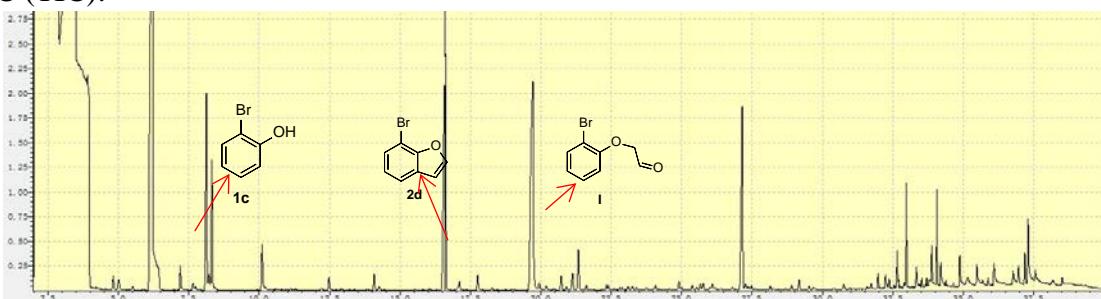
**Figure S1:** The standard curve of **2d** with TCE.

### 3. Mechanism study for the synthesis of 2d

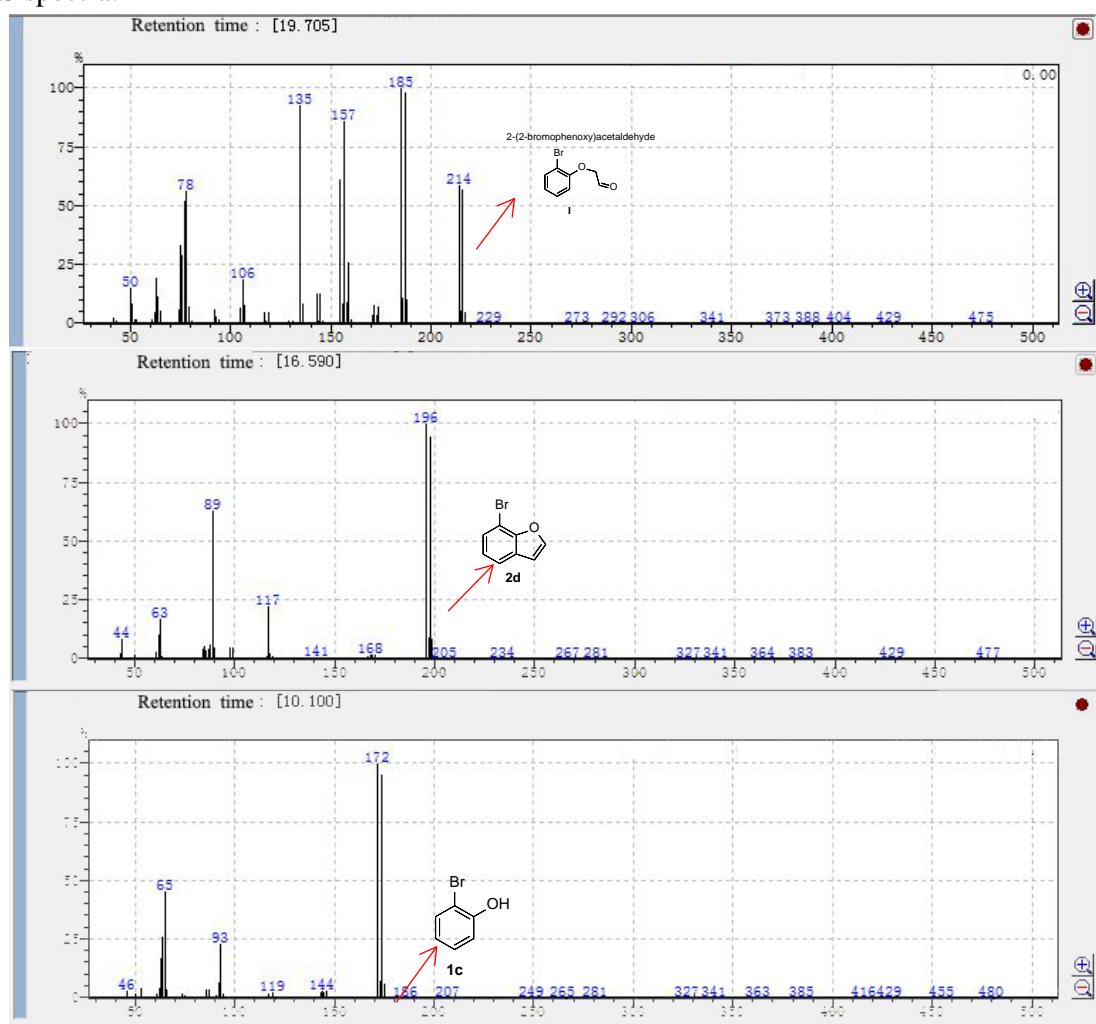
#### 3.1 Mechanism study for the synthesis of 2d by GC-MS

Taking **2d** as an example, when the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at 130 °C, we took small amount of sample for testing, and the GC-MS spectra are shown below (Figure S2).

GC (TIC):



MS spectra:



**Figure S2:** GC-MS data of the reaction mixture for synthesis of **2d**.

### 3.2 Further verification of the proposed mechanism

To a 50 mL round-bottomed flask was added 1-bromo-2-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1d**) (1.4 g, 5 mmol), phosphoric acid (1.5 ml, 4.8 equiv) and chlorobenzene (15 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the organic layer was separated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was finally purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired intermediate I: 2-(2-bromophenoxy)acetaldehyde (360 mg, 1.67 mmol, 33% yield) as yellow liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.91 (s, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 199.04, 154.23, 133.99, 128.75, 123.40, 113.67, 112.44, 73.64. GC-MS (EI) *m/z* 214. IR: 3069, 2826, 2717 (ν<sub>C-H</sub> of aldehyde group), 1731 (ν<sub>C=O</sub>), 1586, 1442, 1282, 1240, 1055, 1028, 740, 657 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

To a 10 mL Schleck tube was added 2-(2-bromophenoxy)acetaldehyde (108 mg, 0.5 mmol) isolated above, phosphoric acid (150 μL, 4.8 equiv) and chlorobenzene (1.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 8 h. The GC yield is 90%. As we predicted, intermediate product I can be converted into the target product **2d** efficiently.

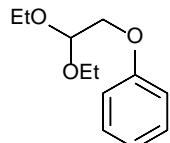
#### **4. General information**

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise specified. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using TLC silica gel 60 F254 glass plates. Silica gel 60 (200-300 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectra were measured on JEOL 400YH spectrometers. Chemical shifts for hydrogens are reported in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$  scale) downfield from tetramethylsilane ( $\delta = 0$ ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), and coupling constant (Hz). Detection and analysis of compounds by gas chromatography (Shimazu GC- 2010 plus) and gas chromatography mass spectrometry were performed (Shimazu GC-2010 plus and Shimazu GCMS-TQ8040). HRMS spectra were determined on a Bruker Apex IV Fourier Transform Mass Spectrometer (EI) or Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometer (ESI).

## 5. General procedure A for the preparation of starting materials

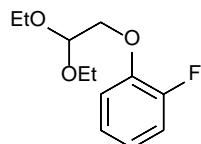
To a mixture of phenol **1** (1.0 equiv.) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  or KOH (2.0 equiv.) was added DMF, and it was stirred at 60 °C for 1 h. Then 2-bromo-acetaldehyde ethyl acetal (1.5 equiv.) was added. The mixture was stirred for about 6 h under reflux until the reaction was completed based on TLC analysis. It was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (50 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were subsequently washed with 5% NaOH aqueous solution and water, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residual crude product was finally purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired 2-aryloxyacetaldehyde diethyl acetals.

(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1a**)<sup>1</sup>



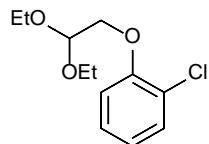
The general procedure A was followed with phenol (1.0 g, 10.6 mmol), KOH (1.19 g, 21.2 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (3.13 g, 15.9 mmol) in DMF (15 mL). **1a** was afforded as a colorless liquid (1.9 g, 9.05 mmol, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 4.84 (t,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.67 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.86, 129.51, 121.06, 114.73, 100.61, 68.54, 62.53, 15.43.

1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-2-fluorobenzene (**1b**)<sup>2</sup>



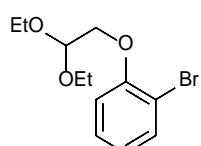
The general procedure A was followed with 2-fluorophenol (5.0 g, 44.6 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (12.3 g, 89.2 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (13.18 g, 66.9 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1b** was afforded as a colorless liquid (7.98 g, 38 mmol, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.09 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.91 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 4.86 (t,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.76 (d,  $J$  = 246 Hz), 146.68 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz), 124.16 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 121.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz), 116.15 (d,  $J$  = 18.2 Hz), 115.19, 100.61, 70.16, 62.93, 15.41.

1-Chloro-2-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1c**)<sup>1</sup>



The general procedure A was followed with 2-chlorophenol (5.0 g, 38.9 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (10.74 g, 77.8 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (11.5 g, 58.4 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1c** was afforded as a colorless liquid (6.55 g, 26.7 mmol, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 4.90 (t,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.87 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.75 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.15, 130.15, 127.71, 122.89, 121.65, 113.78, 100.53, 70.04, 63.22, 15.24.

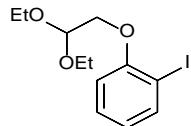
1-Bromo-2-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1d**)<sup>1</sup>



The general procedure A was followed with 2-bromophenol (10.50 g, 60.7 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (16.80 g, 121.4 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (17.95 g, 91.1 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1d** was afforded as a colorless liquid (14.05 g, 48.6 mmol, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.53 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 4.88 (t,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 – 3.77 (m,

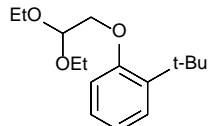
2H), 3.74 – 3.67 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.89, 113.20, 128.32, 122.02, 113.26, 112.05, 100.99, 69.96, 63.29, 15.25.

**1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-2-iodobenzene (**1e**)<sup>3</sup>**



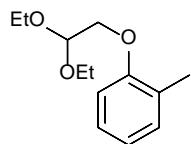
The general procedure A was followed with 2-iodophenol (5 g, 22.7 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (6.27 g, 45.4 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (6.7 g, 34 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1e** was afforded as a colorless liquid (4.74 g, 14.08 mmol, 62%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.81 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 4.89 (t,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.76 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.06, 139.31, 129.32, 122.66, 112.14, 100.57, 86.32, 70.00, 63.31, 15.29.

**1-(*Tert*-butyl)-2-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy) benzene (**1f**)**



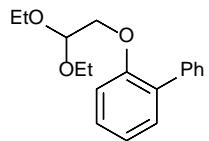
The general procedure A was followed with 2-*tert*-butylphenol (2.9 g, 19.3 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2.2 g, 38.9 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (5.7 g, 28.9 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1f** was afforded as a colorless liquid (2.33 g, 8.76 mmol, 45%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.29 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.84 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (t,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  157.33, 138.17, 127.17, 126.80, 120.67, 111.82, 100.63, 67.80, 62.28, 34.99, 29.86, 15.47. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 266.1882, found 266.1876.

**1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-2-methylbenzene (**1g**)<sup>4</sup>**



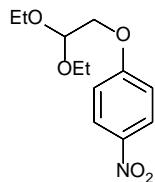
The general procedure A was followed with *o*-cresol (5.0 g, 46.3 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (12.8 g, 92.6 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (13.7 g, 69.5 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1g** was afforded as a colorless liquid (6.7 g, 29.9 mmol, 65%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (t,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.86 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.73 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  156.61, 130.55, 126.74, 126.66, 120.54, 111.01, 100.68, 68.72, 62.62, 16.11, 15.25.

**2-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-1,1'-biphenyl (**1h**)**



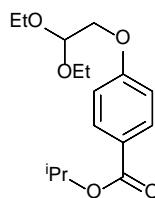
The general procedure A was followed with 2-phenylphenol (4.0 g, 23.5 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (6.5 g, 47 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (6.95 g, 35.3 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1h** was afforded as a colorless liquid (5.5 g, 19.2 mmol, 82%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (dd,  $J$  = 5.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (t,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J$  = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.55 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.57, 138.51, 131.04, 130.99, 129.77, 128.72, 127.90, 126.93, 121.38, 112.65, 100.87, 69.43, 63.17, 15.42. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 286.1569, found 286.1633.

1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-4-nitrobenzene (**1i**)<sup>5</sup>



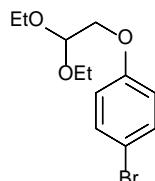
The general procedure A was followed with 4-nitrophenol (5.0 g, 36 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 g, 72 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (10.64 g, 54 mmol) in DMF (70 mL). **1i** was afforded as a pale-yellow liquid (3.7 g, 14.5 mmol, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.70 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 1.25 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.60, 141.63, 125.81, 114.64, 100.20, 69.08, 63.02, 15.30.

Isopropyl 4-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy) benzoate (**1j**)



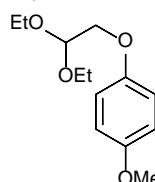
The general procedure A was followed with isopropyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (5.0 g, 27.8 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (7.67 g, 55.6 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (8.2 g, 41.7 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1j** was afforded as a colorless liquid (6.5 g, 21.9 mmol, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 6.94 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 5.25 – 5.19 (m, 1H), 4.85 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.81 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.68 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 6H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.89, 162.21, 131.54, 123.69, 114.18, 100.42, 68.60, 68.04, 62.87, 22.09, 15.42. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 297.1702, found 297.1694.

1-Bromo-4-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1k**)<sup>1</sup>



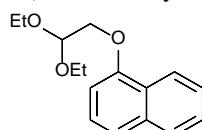
The general procedure A was followed with 4-bromophenol (3.0 g, 17.3 mmol), KOH (1.94 g, 34.6 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (5.1 g, 25.9 mmol) in DMF (30 mL). **1k** was afforded as a colorless liquid (3.3 g, 11.4 mmol, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.67 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.64, 132.15, 116.38, 113.09, 100.29, 68.63, 62.62, 15.28.

1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-4-methoxybenzene (**1l**)<sup>1</sup>



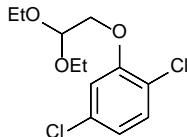
The general procedure A was followed with 4-methoxyphenol (3.0 g, 24.2 mmol), KOH (2.7 g, 48.4 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (7.15 g, 36.3 mmol) in DMF (30 mL). **1l** was afforded as a colorless liquid (5.1 g, 21.3 mmol, 88%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.88 – 6.80 (m, 4H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 – 3.72 (m, 5H), 3.67 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.87, 152.65, 115.49, 114.41, 100.41, 69.10, 62.32, 55.48, 15.19.

1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)naphthalene (**1m**)<sup>1</sup>



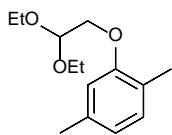
The general procedure A was followed with 1-naphthol (5.0 g, 34.7 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (9.6 g, 69.4 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (10.26 g, 52.1 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1m** was afforded as a colorless liquid (6.25 g, 24 mmol, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 7.82 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.76 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.21, 134.40, 127.32, 126.28, 125.70, 125.55, 125.07, 121.92, 120.46, 104.80, 100.56, 68.77, 62.60, 15.30.

#### 2-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-1,4-dichlorobenzene (**1n**)



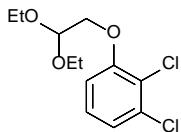
The general procedure A was followed with 2, 5-dichlorophenol (5.0 g, 30.67 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.46 g, 61.34 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (9.06 g, 46 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1n** was afforded as a colorless liquid (6.2 g, 22.2 mmol, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.26 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.84 – 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.71 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.70, 133.06, 130.78, 121.69, 121.50, 114.23, 100.60, 70.27, 63.53, 15.43. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 301.0374, found 301.0374.

#### 2-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-1,4-dimethylbenzene (**1o**)<sup>6</sup>



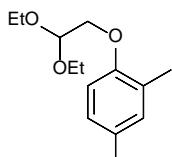
The general procedure A was followed with 2, 5-dimethylphenol (5.0 g, 40.98 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.3 g, 81.96 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (9.06 g, 46 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1o** was afforded as a colorless liquid (12.1 g, 61.5 mmol, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.00 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.85 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.82 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.49, 136.48, 130.30, 123.58, 121.07, 112.08, 100.74, 68.72, 62.67, 21.32, 15.77, 15.32.

#### 1,2-Dichloro-3-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy) benzene (**1p**)



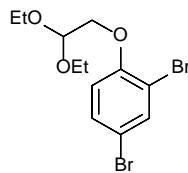
The general procedure A was followed with 2,3-dichlorophenol (3.0 g, 18.4 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (9.0 g, 27.6 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (5.4 g, 27.6 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1p** was afforded as a colorless liquid (3.78 g, 13.55 mmol, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.10 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (t, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.70 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.70, 133.06, 130.78, 121.69, 121.50, 114.23, 100.60, 70.27, 63.53, 15.43. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 278.0476, found 278.0472.

#### 1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (**1q**)



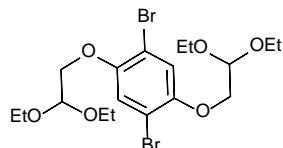
The general procedure A was followed with 2,5-dimethylphenol (5.0 g, 40.98 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.3 g, 81.96 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (12.1 g, 61.5 mmol) in DMF (55 mL). **1q** was afforded as a colorless liquid (4.65 g, 19.54 mmol, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.94 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.81 – 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, J = 8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.72, 131.60, 129.94, 127.03, 126.75, 111.29, 100.87, 69.10, 62.81, 20.56, 16.28, 15.48. HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 238.1569, found 238.1563.

#### 2,4-Dibromo-1-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy) benzene (**1r**)



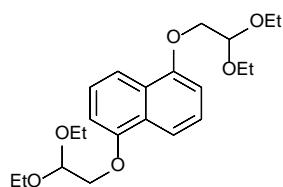
The general procedure A was followed with 2, 4-dibromophenol (3.0 g, 11.9 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.28 g, 23.8 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (3.53 g, 17.9 mmol) in DMF (55 mL). **1r** was afforded as a colorless liquid (2.7 g, 7.34 mmol, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.84 – 3.77 (m, 2H), 3.72 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.51, 135.57, 131.29, 114.67, 113.37, 113.17, 100.68, 70.41, 63.63, 15.46. HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+2]<sup>+</sup> 367.9466, found 367.9435.

#### 1,4-Dibromo-2,5-bis(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1s**)<sup>7</sup>



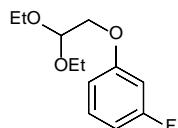
The general procedure A was followed with hydroquinone (10 g, 37.3 mmol), KOH (8.36 g, 149.2 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (3.53 g, 17.9 mmol) in DMSO (125 mL). **1s** was afforded as a white solid (13.1 g, 26.2 mmol, 70%), Mp 61.5–62.1 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.14 (s, 2H), 4.84 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 3.83 – 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.71–3.65 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.04, 118.85, 111.10, 100.48, 71.00, 63.17, 15.27.

#### 1,5-Bis(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)naphthalene (**1t**)<sup>8</sup>



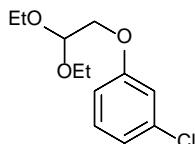
The general procedure A was followed with 1,5-dihydroxynaphthalene (5.0 g, 31.25 mmol), KOH (7 g, 125 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (9.24 g, 46.9 mmol) in DMF (125 mL). **1t** was afforded as a pale-yellow solid (2.04 g, 5.19 mmol, 17%), Mp 140.6 – 141.8 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, ) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 3.89 – 3.79 (m, 4H), 3.79 – 3.66 (m, 4H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.08, 126.82, 125.08, 114.63, 105.67, 100.65, 68.94, 62.72, 15.36.

#### 1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-3-fluorobenzene (**1u**)



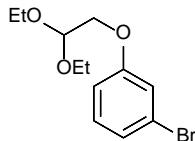
The general procedure A was followed with 3-fluorophenol (3.6 g, 32.1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (6.8 g, 49 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (5.5 g, 24.1 mmol) in DMF (15 mL). **1u** was afforded as a colorless liquid (5.5 g, 24.1 mmol, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.62 (m, 3H), 4.83 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 – 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.67 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.62 (d, *J* = 246 Hz), 160.00 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 130.26 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 110.38 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 107.86 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 102.52 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 100.40, 68.77, 62.75, 15.39. HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 228.1162, found 228.1164.

#### 1-Chloro-3-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1v**)<sup>1</sup>



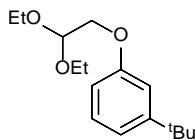
The general procedure A was followed with 3-chlorophenol (5.0 g, 38.8 mmol), KOH (4.37 g, 78 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (11.5 g, 58.4 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (DMAC) (50 mL). **1v** was afforded as a colorless liquid (5.2 g, 21.2 mmol, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.78 (m, 1H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81–3.70 (m, 2H), 3.69–3.58 (m, 2H), 1.25 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.3 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.25, 134.72, 130.10, 121.08, 115.10, 112.97, 100.27, 68.64, 62.60, 15.24.

#### 1-Bromo-3-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1w**)<sup>1</sup>



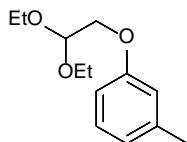
The general procedure A was followed with 3-bromophenol (3.26 g, 18.8 mmol), KOH (2.11 g, 37.6 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (5.6 g, 28.2 mmol) in DMAC (35 mL). **1w** was afforded as a colorless liquid (3.8 g, 13.1 mmol, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.16–7.07 (m, 3H), 6.87–6.84 (m, 1H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.73 (m, 2H), 3.67–3.59 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.16, 130.35, 123.88, 122.54, 117.84, 113.34, 100.14, 68.48, 62.48, 15.18.

#### 1-(*Tert*-butyl)-3-(2,2-diethoxyethoxy)benzene (**1x**)



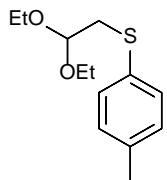
The general procedure A was followed with 3-*tert*-butylphenol (2.9 g, 19.3 mmol), KOH (2.16 g, 38.6 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (5.7 g, 28.95 mmol) in DMF (35 mL). **1x** was afforded as a colorless liquid (1.81 g, 6.80 mmol, 35%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.22–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.99–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.70 (m, 1H), 4.84 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.72 (m, 2H), 3.67–3.60 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.53, 153.02, 129.03, 118.23, 112.74, 110.90, 100.63, 68.41, 62.52, 34.86, 31.43, 15.47. HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 266.1882, found 266.1885.

#### 1-(2,2-Diethoxyethoxy)-3-methylbenzene (**1y**)<sup>1</sup>



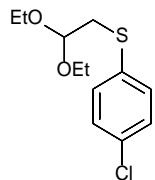
The general procedure A was followed with 3-methylphenol (5 g, 46.3 mmol), KOH (5.2 g, 92.6 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (5.7 g, 28.95 mmol) in DMF (50 mL). **1y** was afforded as a colorless liquid (7.8 g, 35 mmol, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.13–7.16 (m, 1H), 6.70–6.76 (m, 3H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.80–3.68 (m, 2H), 3.68–3.56 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.27–1.20 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.50, 139.40, 129.13, 121.61, 115.58, 111.53, 100.43, 68.51, 62.48, 21.36, 15.32.

#### (2,2-Diethoxyethyl)(*p*-tolyl)sulfane (**3a**)<sup>4</sup>



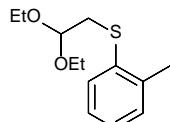
The general procedure A was followed with 4-methylbenzenethiol (2.48 g, 20 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.3 g, 24 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (4.7 g, 24 mmol) in DMF (50 mL). **3a** was afforded as a colorless liquid (4.08 g, 17 mmol, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70–3.62 (m, 2H), 3.57–3.50 (m, 2H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 136.38, 132.70, 130.24, 129.78, 101.86, 62.17, 38.17, 21.13, 15.37.

(4-Chlorophenyl) (2,2-diethoxyethyl) sulfide (**3b**)<sup>9</sup>



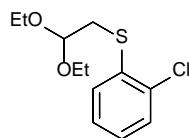
The general procedure A was followed with 4-chlorothiophenol (4.3 g, 30 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.3 g, 45 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (8.9 g, 45 mmol) in DMF (50 mL). **3b** was afforded as a colorless liquid (7.05 g, 27 mmol, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.59 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.09, 132.11, 130.71, 129.02, 101.80, 62.51, 37.83, 15.31.

(2,2-Diethoxyethyl) (*o*-tolyl)sulfane (**3c**)<sup>10</sup>



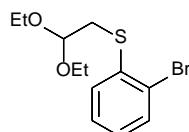
The general procedure A was followed with *o*-toluenethiol (2.48 g, 20 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.3 g, 24 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (4.7 g, 24 mmol) in DMF (50 mL). **3c** was afforded as a colorless liquid (3.84 g, 16 mmol, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.59 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.86, 135.71, 130.22, 128.52, 126.53, 125.99, 101.66, 62.11, 36.79, 20.57, 15.38.

(2-Chlorophenyl) (2,2-diethoxyethyl) sulfane (**3d**)<sup>9</sup>



The general procedure A was followed with 2-chlorothiophenol (4.30 g, 30 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.30 g, 60 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (8.9 g, 45 mmol) in DMF (50 mL). **3d** was afforded as a colorless liquid (7.52 g, 28.8 mmol, 96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 4.69 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.77, 133.89, 129.79, 129.28, 127.16, 126.86, 101.74, 62.38, 36.45, 15.35.

(2-Bromophenyl)(2,2-diethoxyethyl)sulfane (**3e**)<sup>11</sup>

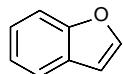


The general procedure A was followed with 2-bromothiophenol (5.67 g, 30 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.28 g, 60 mmol) and 2-bromoacetaldehyde diethyl acetal (8.9 g, 45 mmol) in DMF (50 mL). **3e** was afforded as a colorless liquid (8.7 g, 28.5 mmol, 95%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.70 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.66 (m, 2H), 3.60 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.81, 133.05, 128.88, 127.77, 126.89, 123.90, 101.65, 62.39, 36.86, 15.34.

## 6. General procedure B for the preparation of benzofurans and benzothiophenes

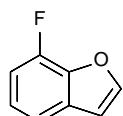
To a 25 mL Schlenk tube was added compound **1** or **3** (1 mmol), phosphoric acid (300  $\mu$ L, 4.8 equiv) and chlorobenzene (3 mL). The mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 12 h. Then the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the organic layer was separated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residual was finally purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired products.

Benzofuran (**2a**)<sup>12</sup>



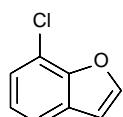
**2a** was afforded as a colorless liquid (104 mg, 0.88 mmol, 88%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd,  $J$  = 2.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.04, 144.99, 127.50, 124.32, 122.82, 121.28, 111.51, 106.65.

7-Fluorobenzofuran (**2b**)<sup>13</sup>



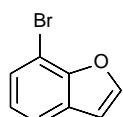
**2b** was afforded as a colorless liquid (67 mg, 0.49 mmol, 49%). Due to the relatively low boiling point of the compound, some products evaporated away with the chlorobenzene solvent, resulting in low yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.81 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.42 (d,  $J$  = 124 Hz), 145.86, 141.92, 130.96, 123.42, 116.88, 110.67, 107.12.

7-Chlorobenzofuran (**2c**)<sup>1</sup>



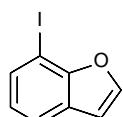
**2c** was afforded as a colorless liquid (108 mg, 0.71 mmol, 71%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.70, 145.64, 129.02, 124.42, 123.66, 119.74, 116.90, 107.11.

7-Bromobenzofuran (**2d**)<sup>14</sup>



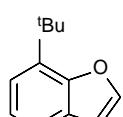
**2d** was afforded as a colorless liquid (173 mg, 0.88 mmol, 88%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.05, 145.82, 128.71, 127.60, 124.18, 120.52, 107.42, 104.59.

7-Iodobenzofuran (**2e**)<sup>3</sup>



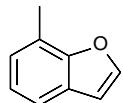
**2e** was afforded as a pale-yellow liquid (137 mg, 0.56 mmol, 56%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.30, 145.34, 133.39, 127.54, 124.66, 121.45, 107.79, 75.19.

7-(*Tert*-butyl)benzofuran (**2f**)



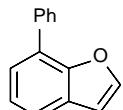
**2f** was afforded as a colorless liquid (148 mg, 0.85 mmol, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.36, 144.06, 135.09, 127.99, 122.77, 120.90, 119.28, 106.49, 34.45, 29.95. HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 174.1045, found 174.1037.

7-Methylbenzofuran (**2g**)<sup>15</sup>



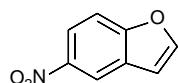
**2g** was afforded as a colorless liquid (96 mg, 0.73 mmol, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.11, 144.67, 126.94, 125.14, 122.85, 121.73, 118.70, 106.86, 15.08.

7-Phenylbenzofuran (**2h**)<sup>3</sup>



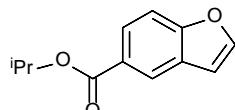
**2h** was afforded as a colorless liquid (121 mg, 0.62 mmol, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.35, 145.14, 136.67, 128.78, 128.75, 128.33, 127.82, 125.76, 123.98, 123.46, 120.56, 106.93.

7-Nitrobenzofuran (**2i**)<sup>5</sup>



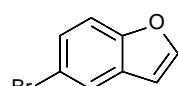
**2i** was afforded as a pale-yellow liquid (64 mg, 0.39 mmol, 39%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.69, 147.98, 144.20, 127.80, 120.22, 117.86, 111.78, 107.59.

Isopropyl benzofuran-5-carboxylate (**2j**)



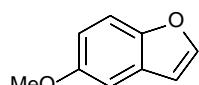
**2j** was afforded as a white solid (91 mg, 0.44 mmol, 44%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 – 5.25 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 4Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.42, 157.50, 146.29, 127.47, 126.13, 126.02, 123.75, 111.28, 107.26, 68.44, 22.17. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 205.0865, found 205.0864.

5-Bromobenzofuran (**2k**)<sup>1</sup>



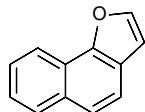
**2k** was afforded as a colorless liquid (185 mg, 0.94 mmol, 94%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, ) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.66, 146.12, 129.39, 127.14, 123.81, 115.77, 112.82, 106.11.

5-Methoxybenzofuran (**2l**)<sup>1</sup>



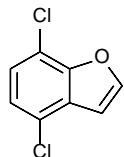
**2l** was afforded as a colorless liquid (70 mg, 0.47 mmol, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.99, 149.99, 145.80, 127.86, 113.14, 111.88, 106.77, 103.57, 29.79.

Naphtho[1,2-*b*]furan (**2m**)<sup>1</sup>



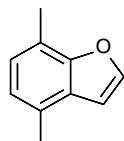
**2m** was afforded as a colorless liquid (138 mg, 0.82 mmol, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.71, 144.23, 131.56, 128.45, 126.45, 125.22, 123.55, 123.08, 121.64, 120.14, 119.87, 107.73.

4,7-Dichlorobenzofuran (**2n**)<sup>1</sup>



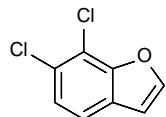
**2n** was afforded as a white solid (129 mg, 0.69 mmol, 69%), Mp 56.5–57.0 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.77, 146.21, 128.19, 124.92, 124.82, 123.53, 115.66, 106.19.

4,7-Dimethylbenzofuran (**2o**)<sup>6</sup>



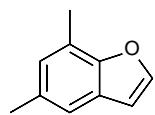
**2o** was afforded as a colorless liquid (108 mg, 0.74 mmol, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.69, 144.09, 128.31, 126.60, 124.88, 122.89, 118.78, 105.39, 18.34, 14.82.

6,7-Dichlorobenzofuran (**2p**)<sup>16</sup>



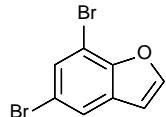
**2p** was afforded as a white solid (119 mg, 0.64 mmol, 64%), Mp 40.3–41.2 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.67, 146.49, 128.74, 127.40, 125.02, 119.69, 116.26, 107.48. HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 185.9639, found 185.9633.

5,7-Dimethylbenzofuran (**2q**)<sup>17</sup>



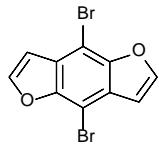
**2q** was afforded as a colorless liquid (124 mg, 0.85 mmol, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.44, 144.67, 132.13, 126.94, 126.45, 120.98, 118.31, 106.32, 21.22, 15.00.

5,7-Dibromobenzofuran (**2r**)



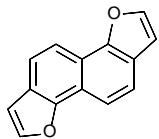
**2r** was afforded as a white solid (153 mg, 0.56 mmol, 56%), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 151.29, 146.88, 130.11, 129.73, 123.23, 116.06, 107.13, 105.06. HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 273.8629, found 273.8622.

4,8-Dibromobenzo[1,2-*b*:4,5-*b*]difuran (**2s**)<sup>7</sup>



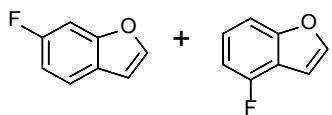
**2s** was afforded as a yellow solid (177 mg, 0.56 mmol, 56%), Mp 209.9–212.6 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  148.94, 146.60, 127.19, 107.53, 93.94.

Naphtho[1,2-b;5,6-b']difuran (**2t**)<sup>18</sup>



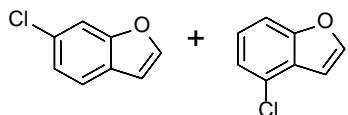
**2t** was afforded as a white solid (93 mg, 0.45 mmol, 45%), Mp 149.8–150.4 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.77 (m, 4H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.07, 143.98, 122.62, 120.22, 119.01, 115.58, 107.70.

6- And 4-fluorobenzofuran (**2u+2u'**)<sup>19,20</sup>



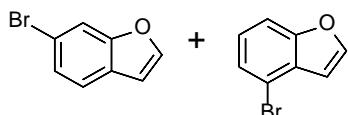
A mixture of **2u** and **2u'** were afforded as a colorless liquid (78 mg, 0.57 mmol, 57%). Due to the relatively low boiling point of the compounds, some products evaporated away with the chlorobenzene solvent, resulting in low yield. **2u:2u'** = 83:17. **2u**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02–6.97 (m, 1H), 6.74 (dd,  $J$  = 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H). **2u'**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H) 7.13–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.94–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.86 (dd,  $J$  = 2.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H). **2u**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  160.99 (d,  $J$  = 290 Hz), 155.05, 145.59 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz), 121.35 (d,  $J$  = 10.1 Hz), 113.80, 111.12 (d,  $J$  = 24.2 Hz), 106.37, 99.08 (d,  $J$  = 27.3 Hz).

6- And 4-chlorobenzofuran (**2v+2v'**)<sup>1</sup>



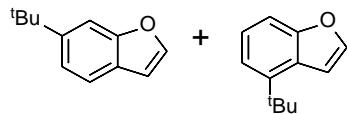
A mixture of **2v** and **2v'** were afforded as a colorless liquid (124 mg, 0.81 mmol, 81%); **2v:2v'** = 66:34.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (**2v'**, d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (**2v**, d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (**2v**, s, 1H), 7.50 (**2v'**, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (**2v'**, m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (**2v**, m, 2H), 6.87 (**2v'**, dd,  $J$  = 2.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (**2v**, dd,  $J$  = 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  145.71, 145.52, 134.27, 129.81, 128.71, 126.53, 124.95, 123.61, 122.79, 121.76, 112.07, 110.11, 106.57, 105.38.

6- And 4-bromobenzofuran (**2w+2w'**)<sup>1</sup>



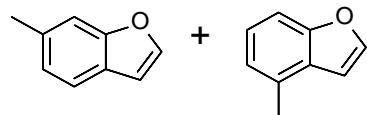
A mixture of **2w** and **2w'** were afforded as a colorless liquid (169 mg, 0.86 mmol, 86%). **2w:2w'** = 57:47.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, )  $\delta$  7.68 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (**2w'**, dd,  $J$  = 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (**2w**, dd,  $J$  = 2.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.34, 154.81, 145.64, 145.47, 129.10, 126.56, 126.26, 125.86, 125.32, 122.21, 117.64, 114.98, 114.35, 110.64, 106.94, 106.64.

6- And 4-(tert-butyl)benzofuran (**2x+2x'**)<sup>21</sup>



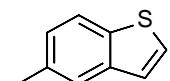
A mixture of **2x** and **2x'** was afforded as a colorless liquid (143 mg, 0.82 mmol, 82%). **2x:****2x'** = 84:16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (**2x'**, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (**2x**, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.53 (**2x**, m, 2H), 7.37–7.39 (**2x'**, m, 1H), 7.31 (**2x**, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (**2x'**, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (**2x'**, dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (**2x'**, dd, *J* = 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (**2x**, dd, *J* = 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (**2x'**, s, 9H), 1.38 (**2x**, s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.40, 148.27, 144.77, 143.54, 124.78, 124.00, 120.71, 120.63, 120.46, 118.78, 109.56, 108.11, 107.63, 106.30, 35.02, 31.79, 30.79.

#### 6-And 4-methylbenzofuran (**2y+2y'**)<sup>1</sup>



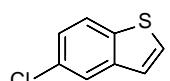
A mixture of **2y** and **2y'** were afforded as a colorless liquid (102 mg, 0.77 mmol, 77%). **2y:****2y'** = 64: 36. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (**2y'**, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (**2y**, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (**2y**, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (**2y'**, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.77 (**2y'**, m, 1H), 6.76 – 6.68 (**2y**, m, 1H), 2.53 (**2y'**, s, 3H), 2.47 (**2y**, s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.46, 154.82, 144.43, 134.51, 131.22, 127.29, 124.93, 124.24, 123.05, 120.68, 111.69, 108.89, 106.44, 105.27, 21.74, 18.73.

#### 5-Methylbenzothiophene (**4a**)<sup>22</sup>



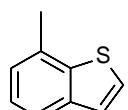
**4a** was afforded as a colorless liquid (80 mg, 0.54 mmol, 54%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.07, 137.01, 133.96, 126.51, 126.11, 123.66, 123.62, 122.20, 21.51.

#### 5-Chlorobenzothiophene (**4b**)<sup>23</sup>



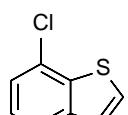
**4b** was afforded as a colorless liquid (80 mg, 0.50 mmol, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.69, 137.81, 130.42, 128.27, 124.65, 123.40, 123.17, 123.11.

#### 7-Methylbenzothiophene (**4c**)<sup>23</sup>



**4c** was afforded as a colorless liquid (90 mg, 0.61 mmol, 61%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 140.12, 139.54, 132.14, 125.91, 124.70, 124.67, 124.51, 121.35, 20.56.

#### 7-Chlorobenzothiophene (**4d**)<sup>23</sup>



**4d** was afforded as a colorless liquid (123 mg, 0.73 mmol, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.14, 139.20, 128.06, 127.50, 125.51, 124.70, 123.99, 122.14.

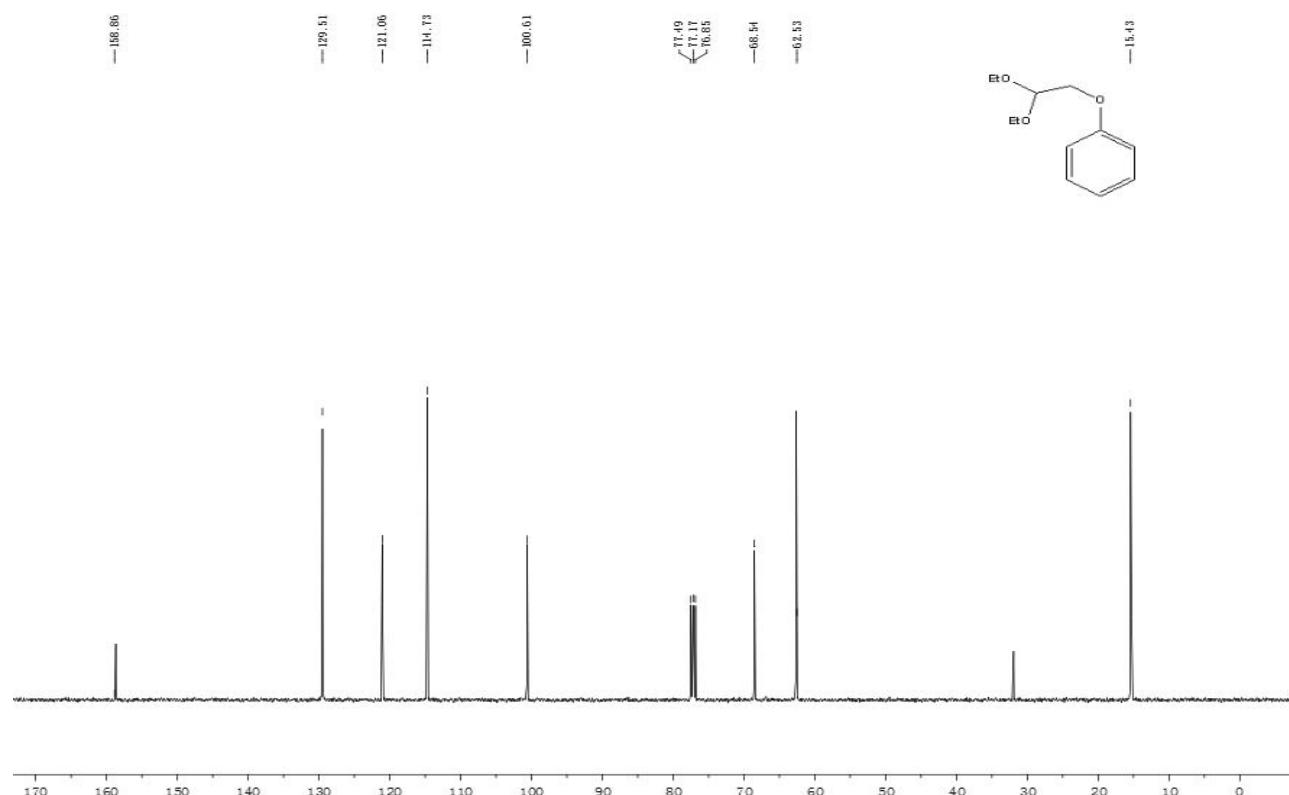
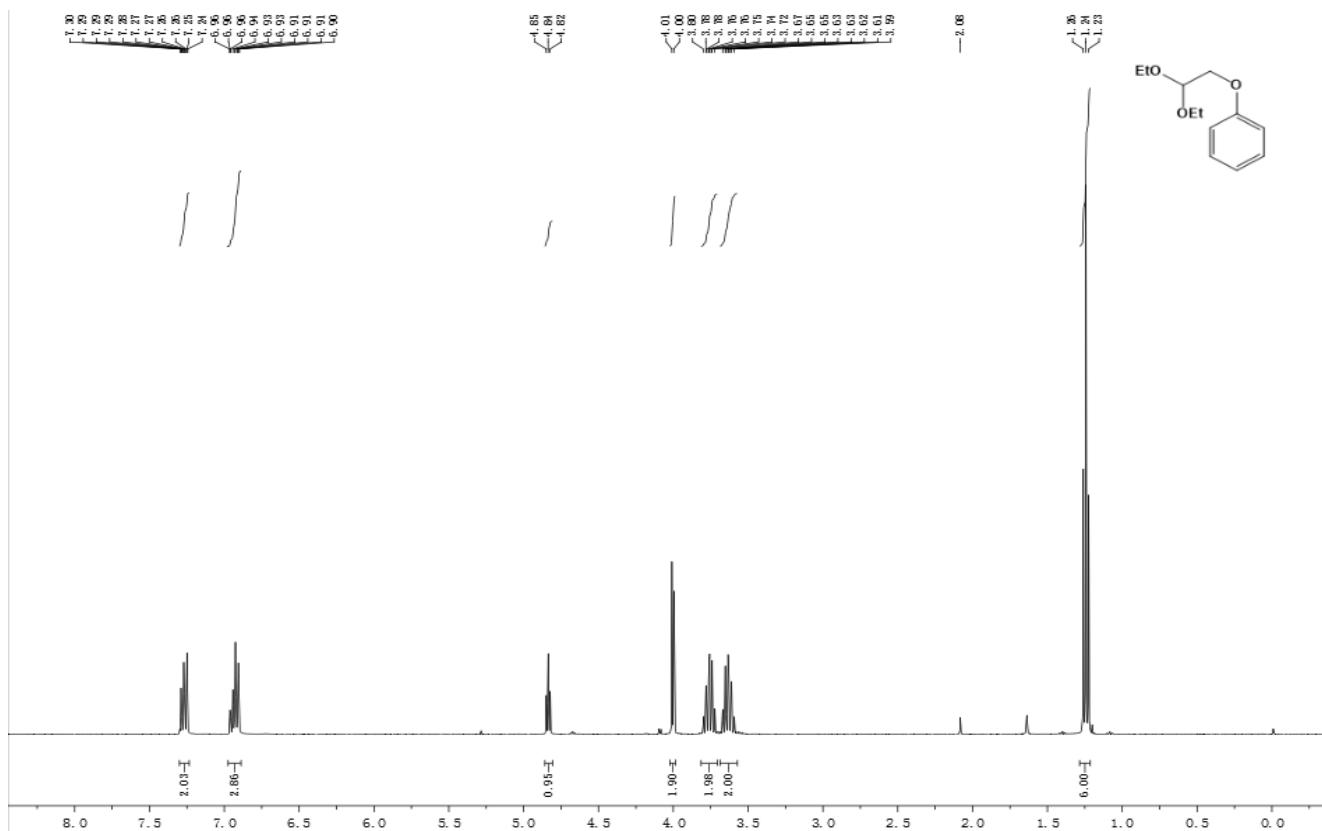
7-Bromobenzothiophene (**4e**)<sup>3</sup>



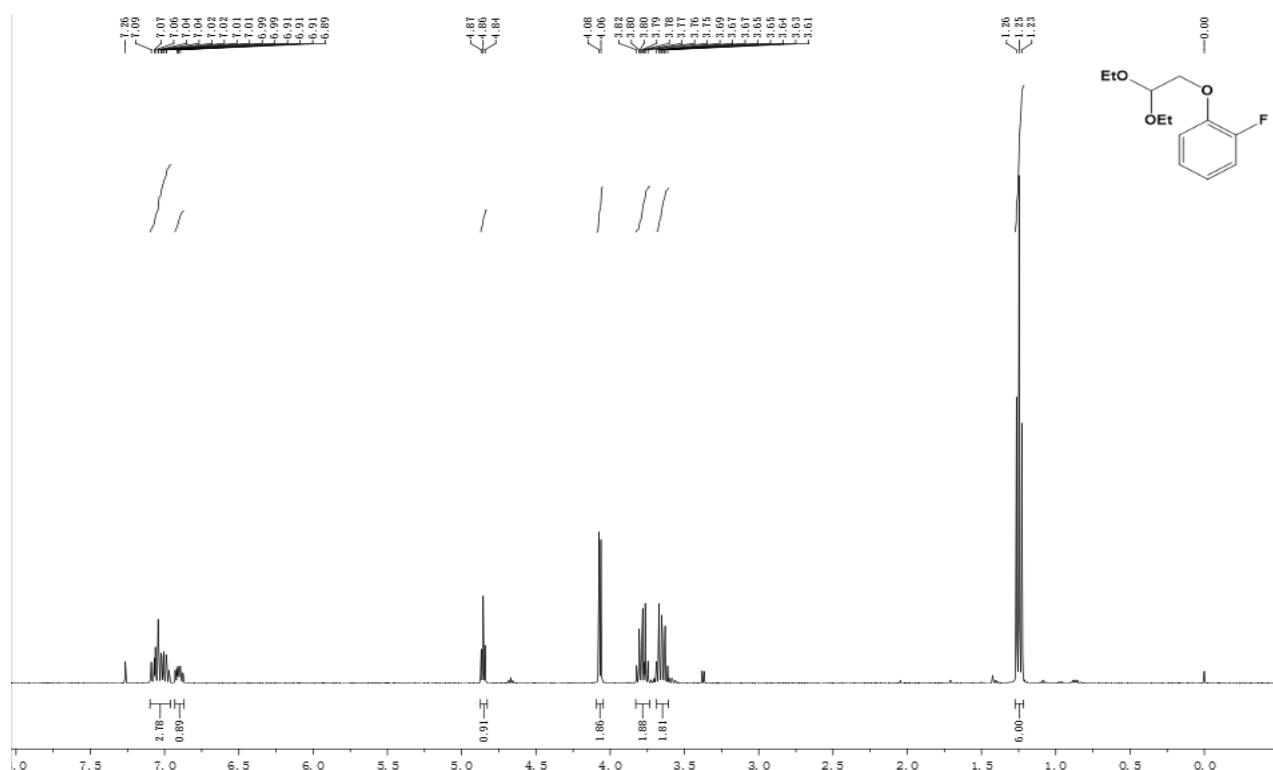
**4e** was afforded as a colorless liquid (170 mg, 0.8 mmol, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.58, 140.51, 127.29, 127.12, 125.57, 124.83, 122.61, 115.94.

## 7. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra and HRMS spectra

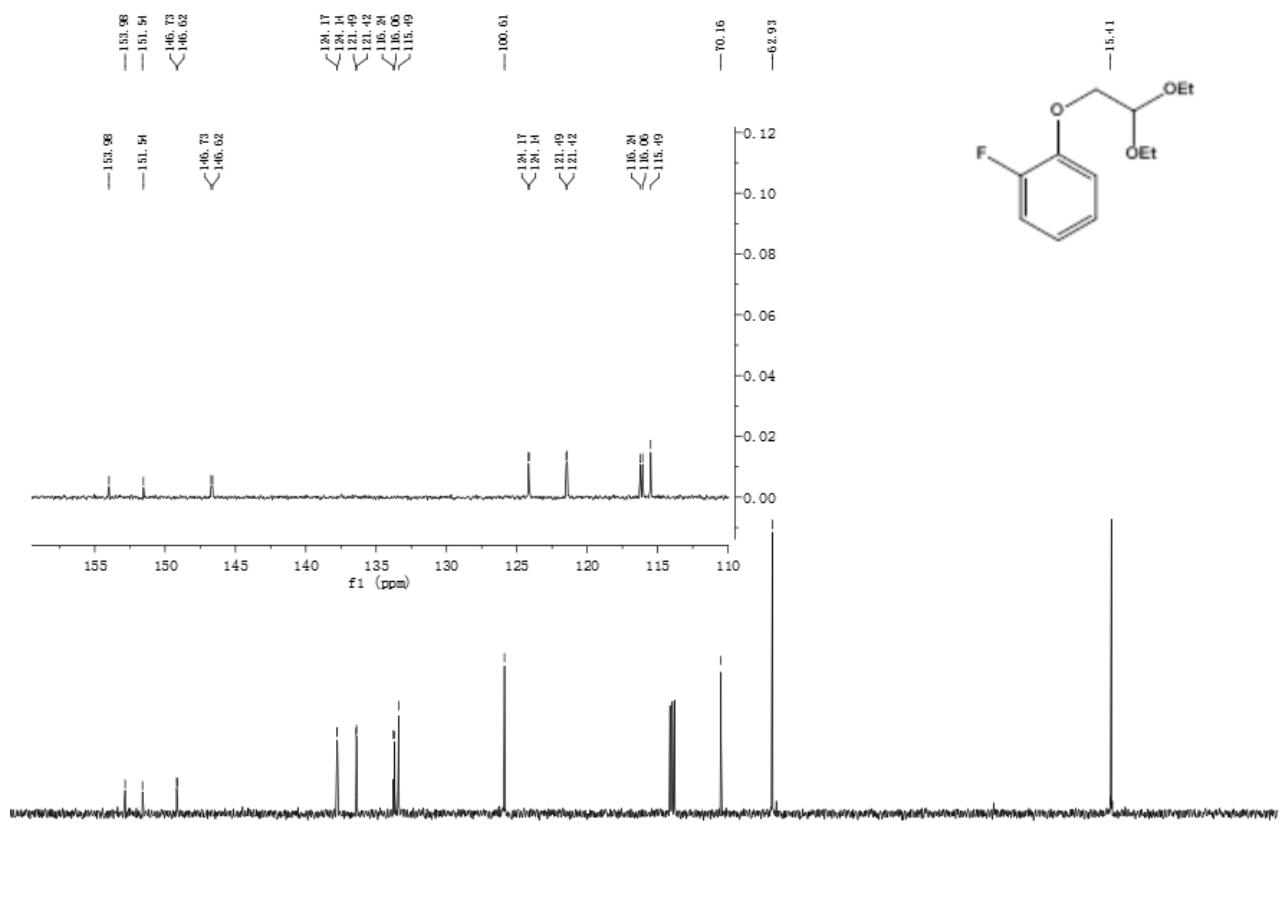
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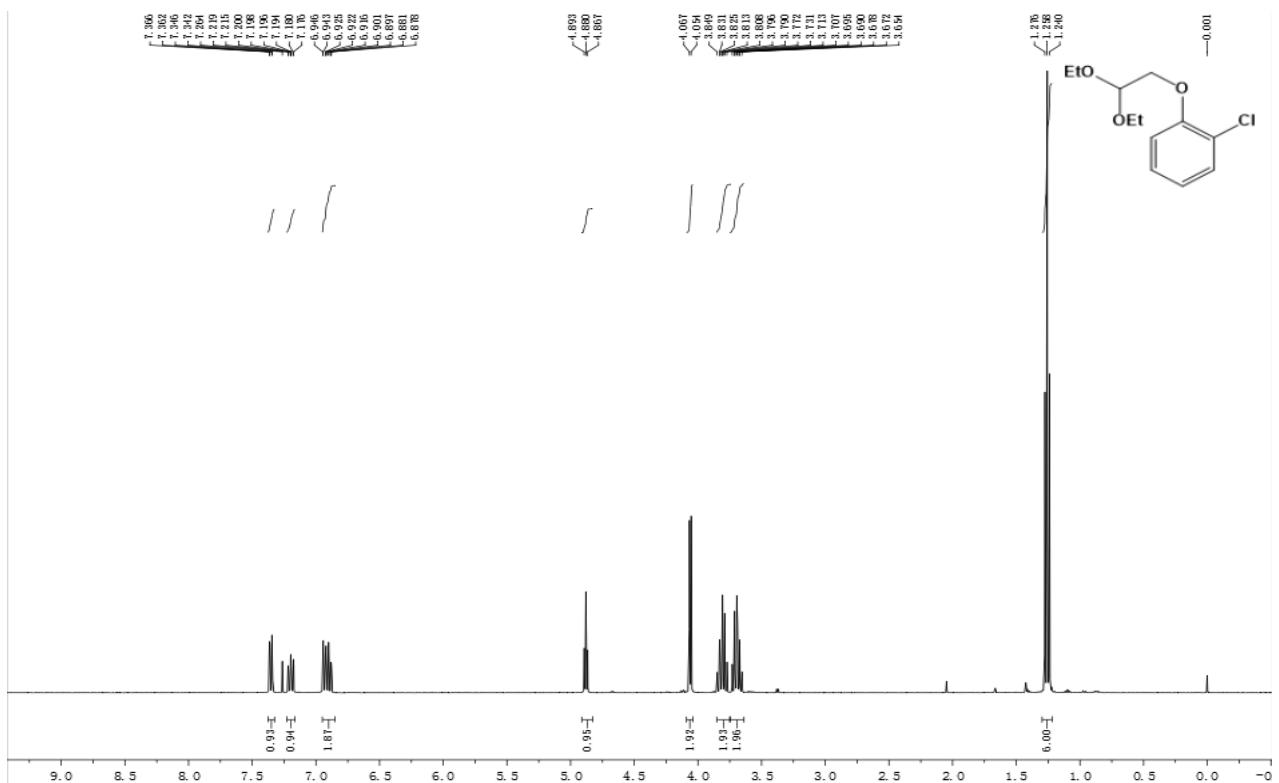
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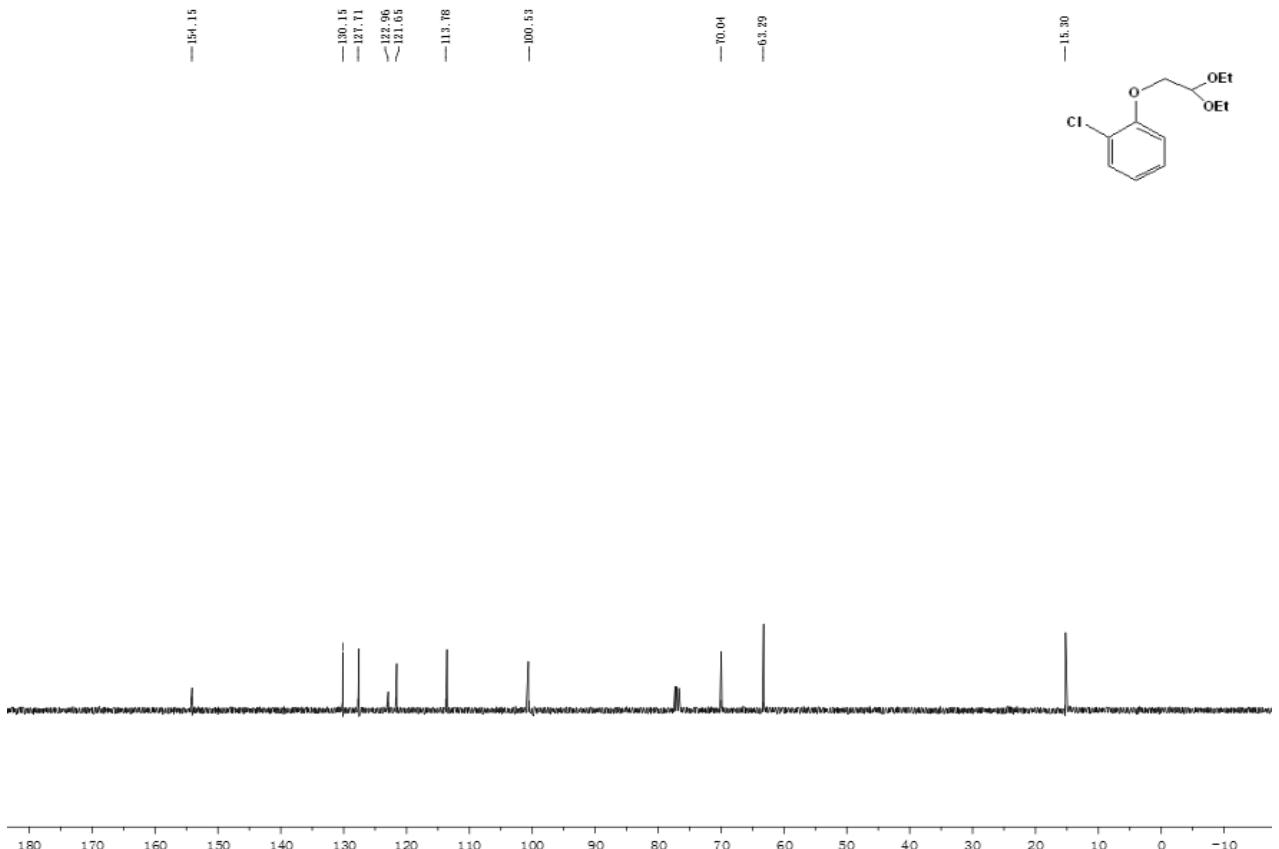
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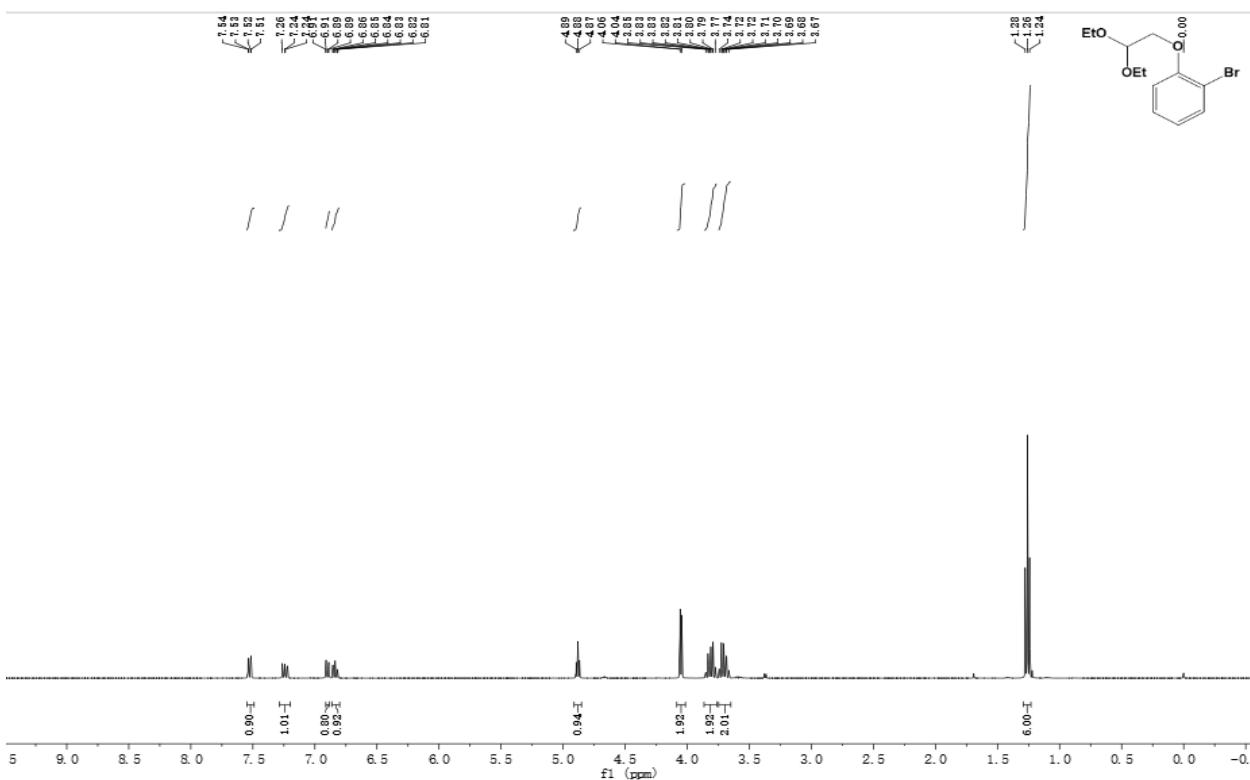
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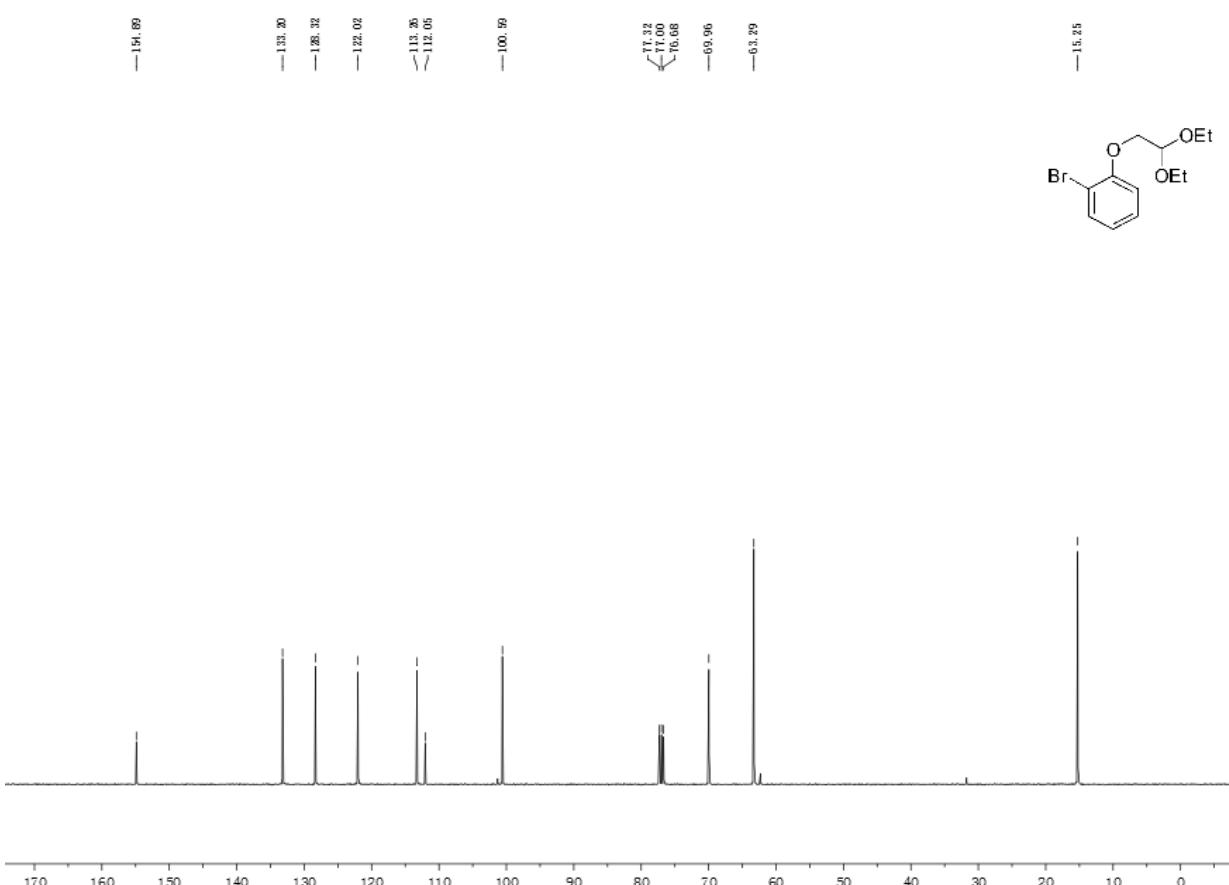
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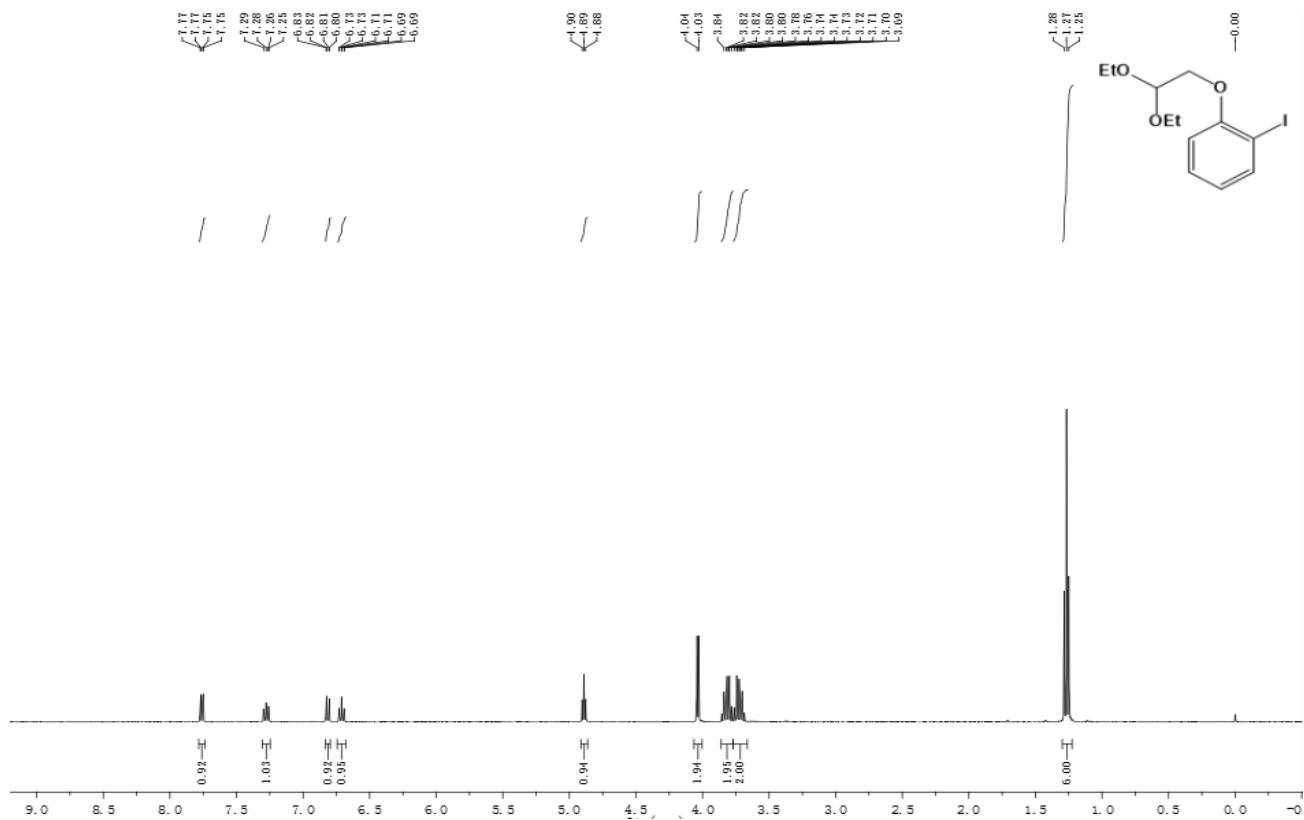
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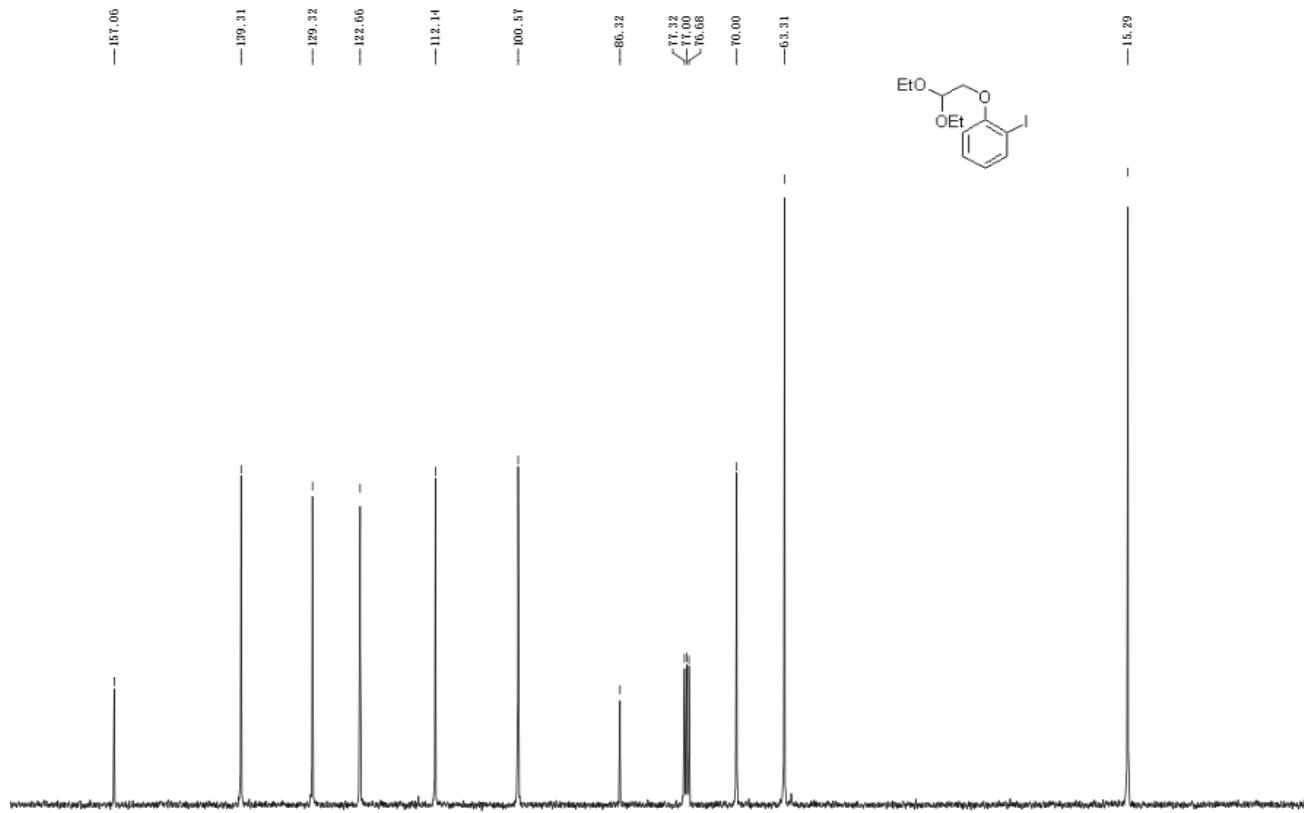
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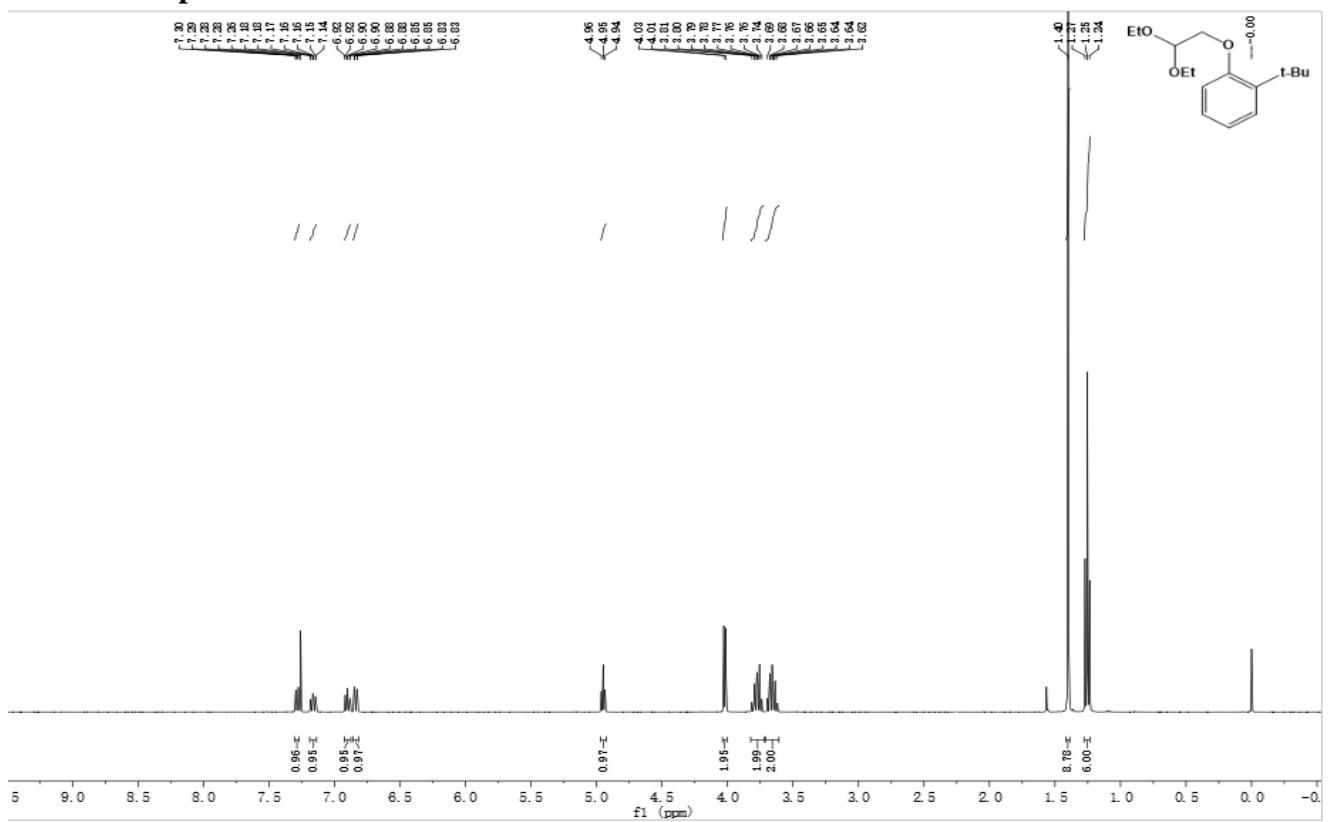
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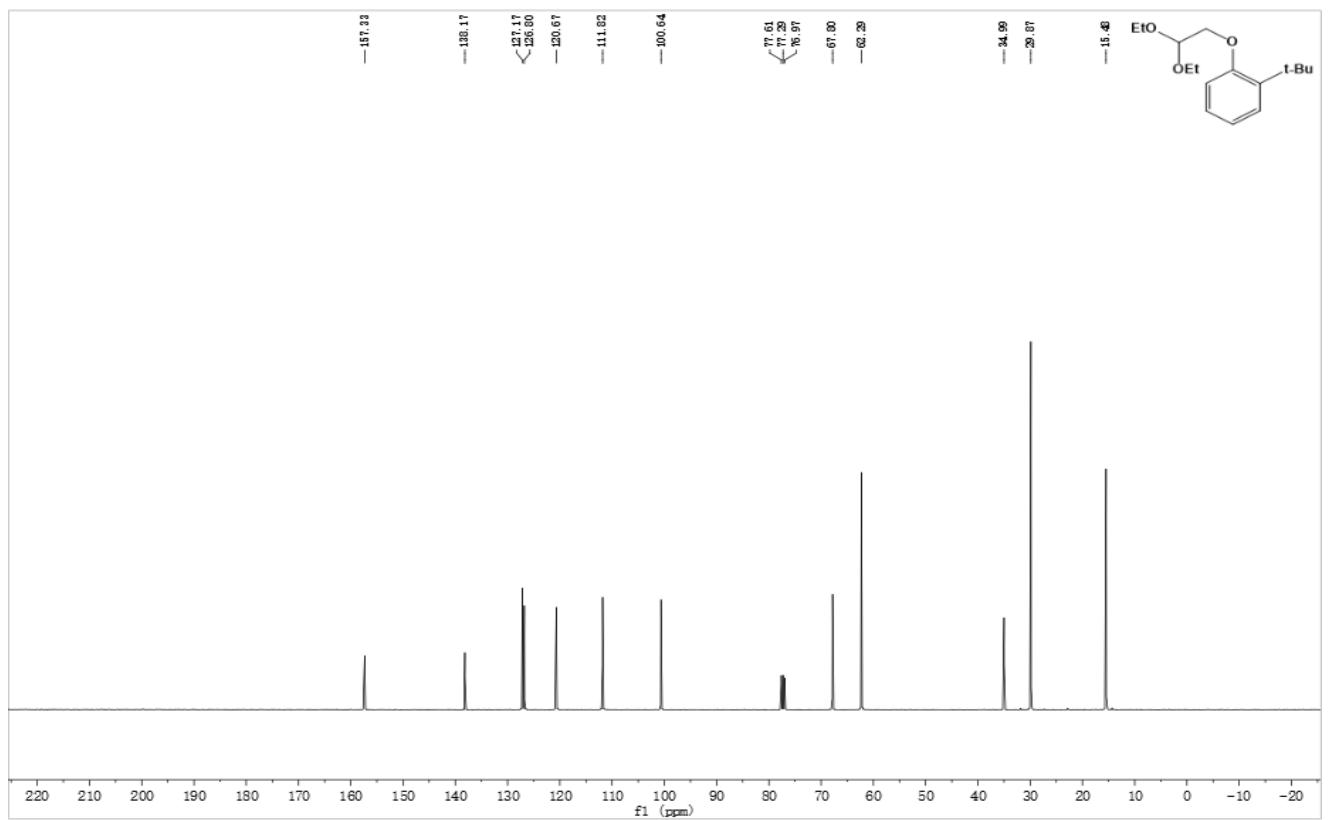
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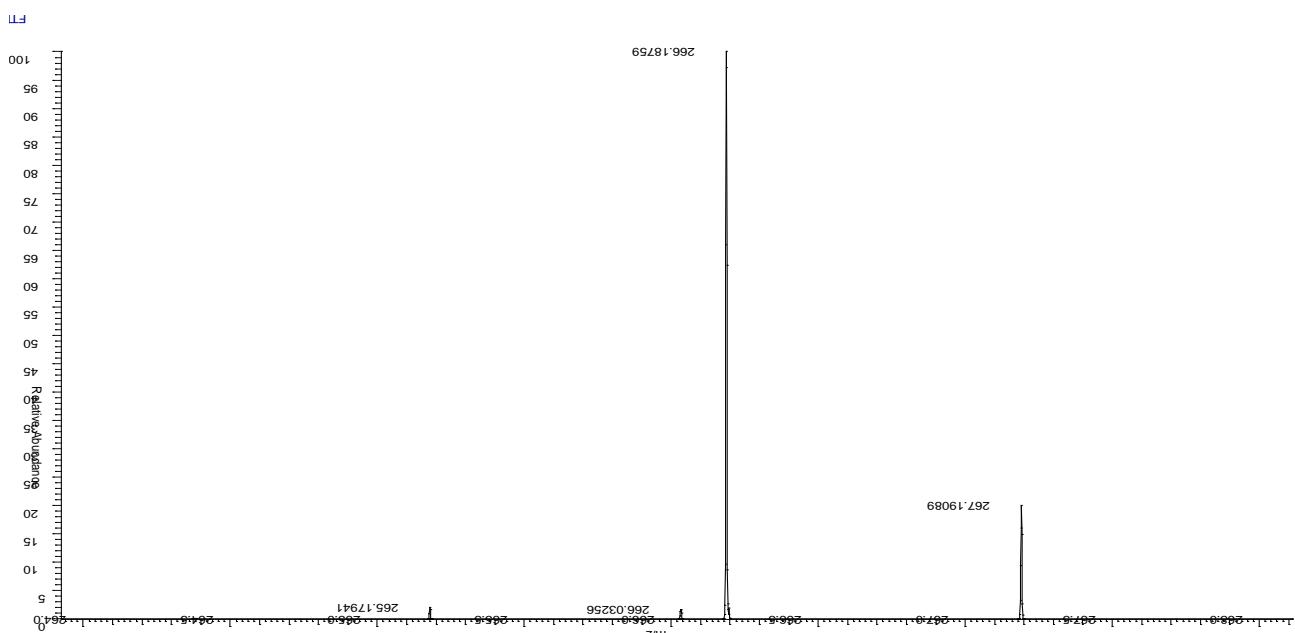
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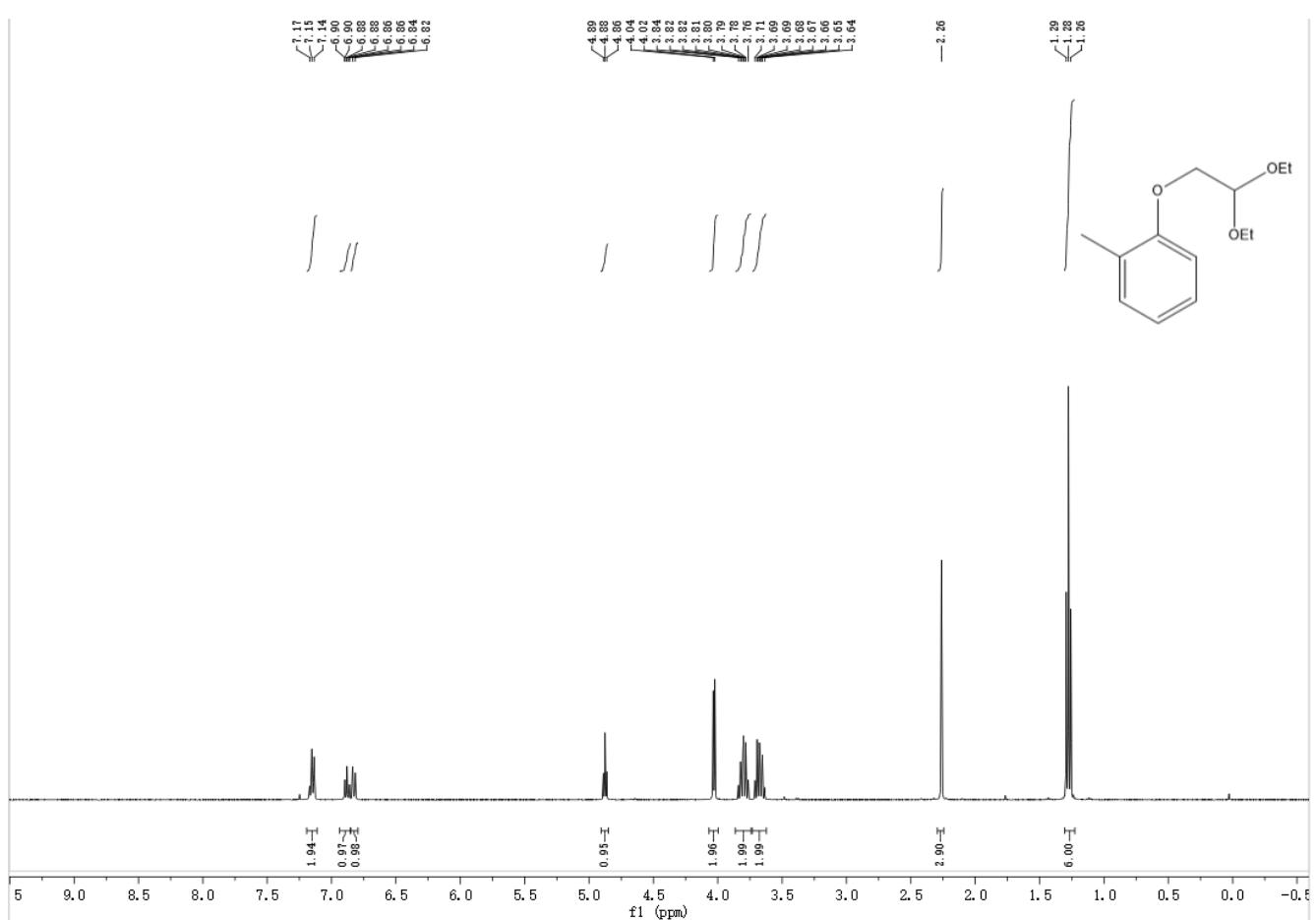
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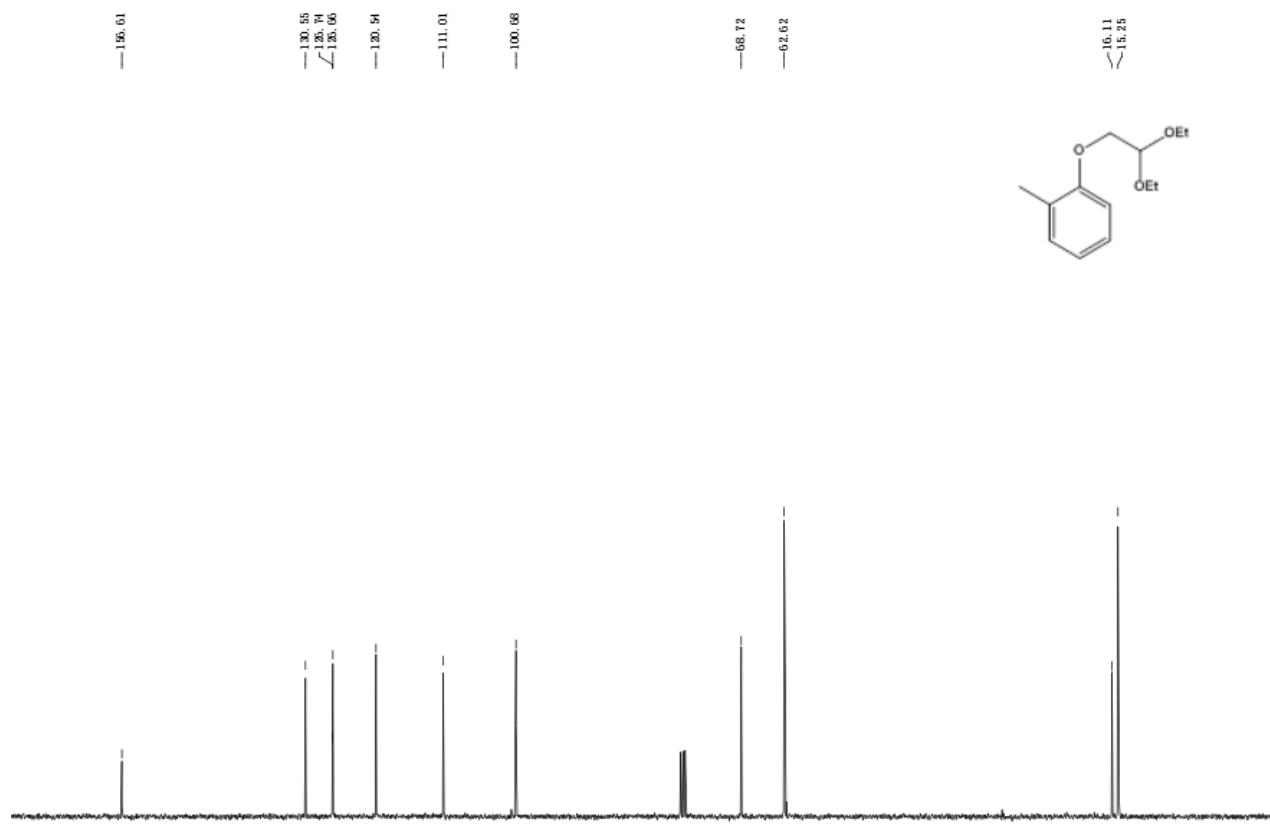
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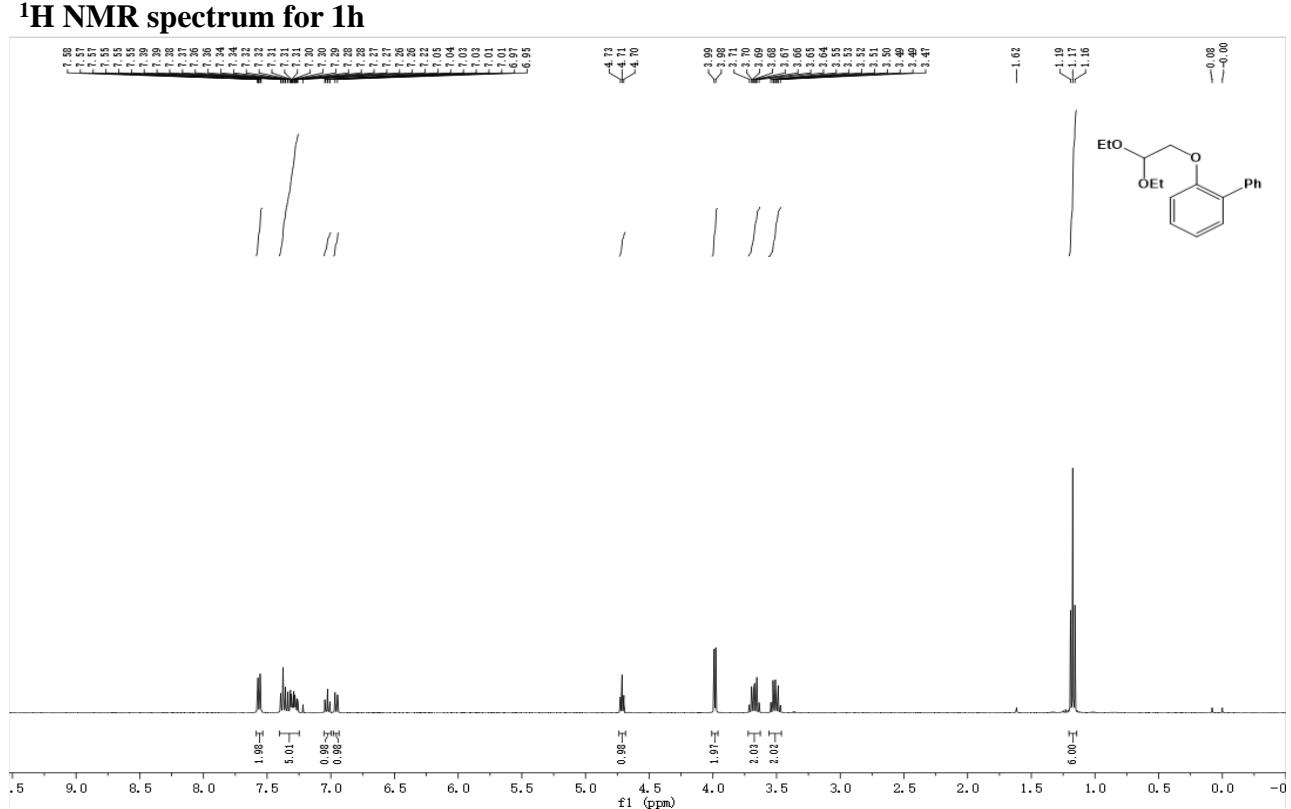
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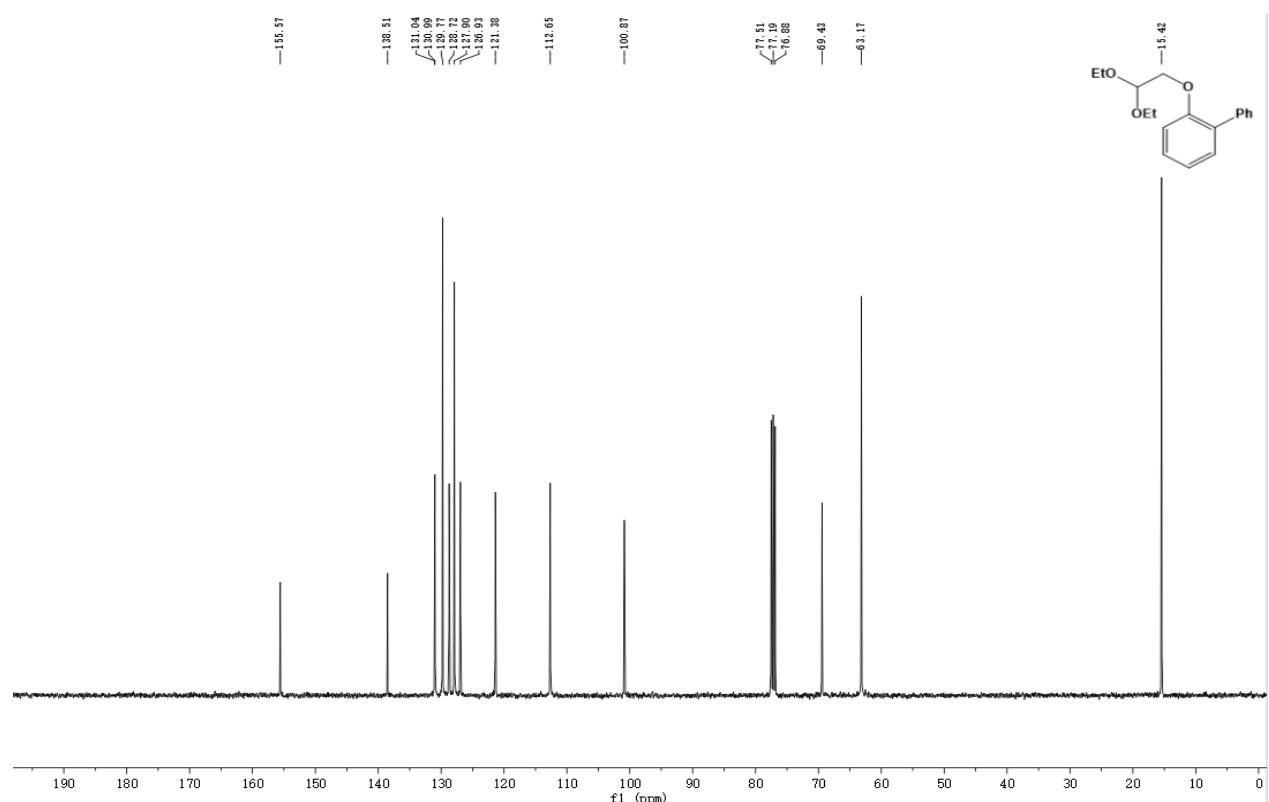
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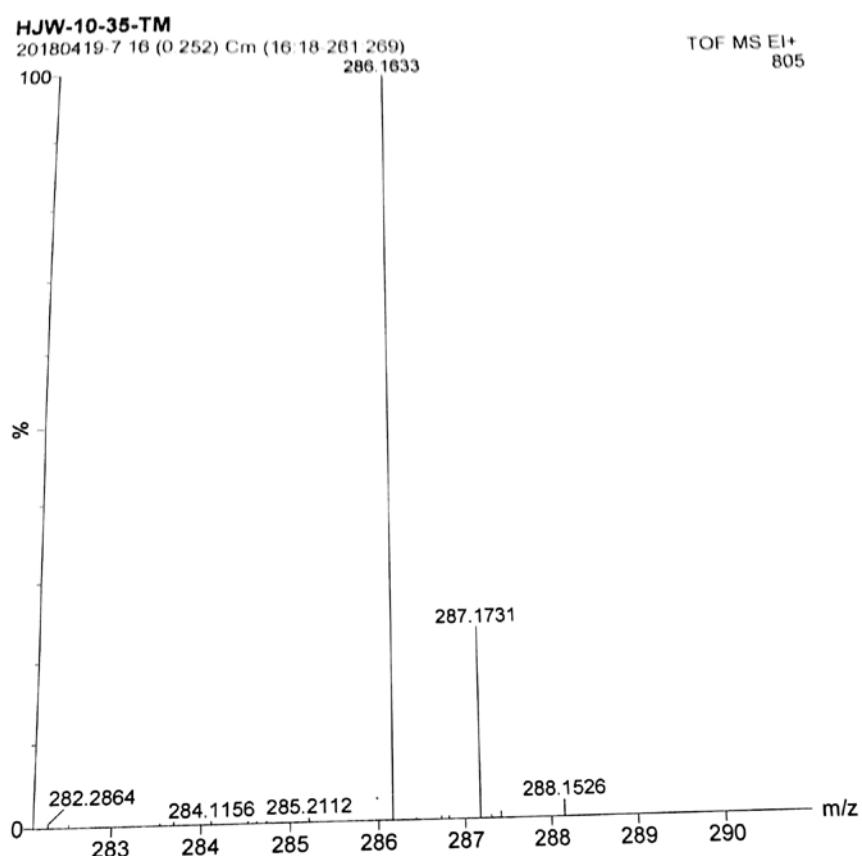
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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum for 1h**



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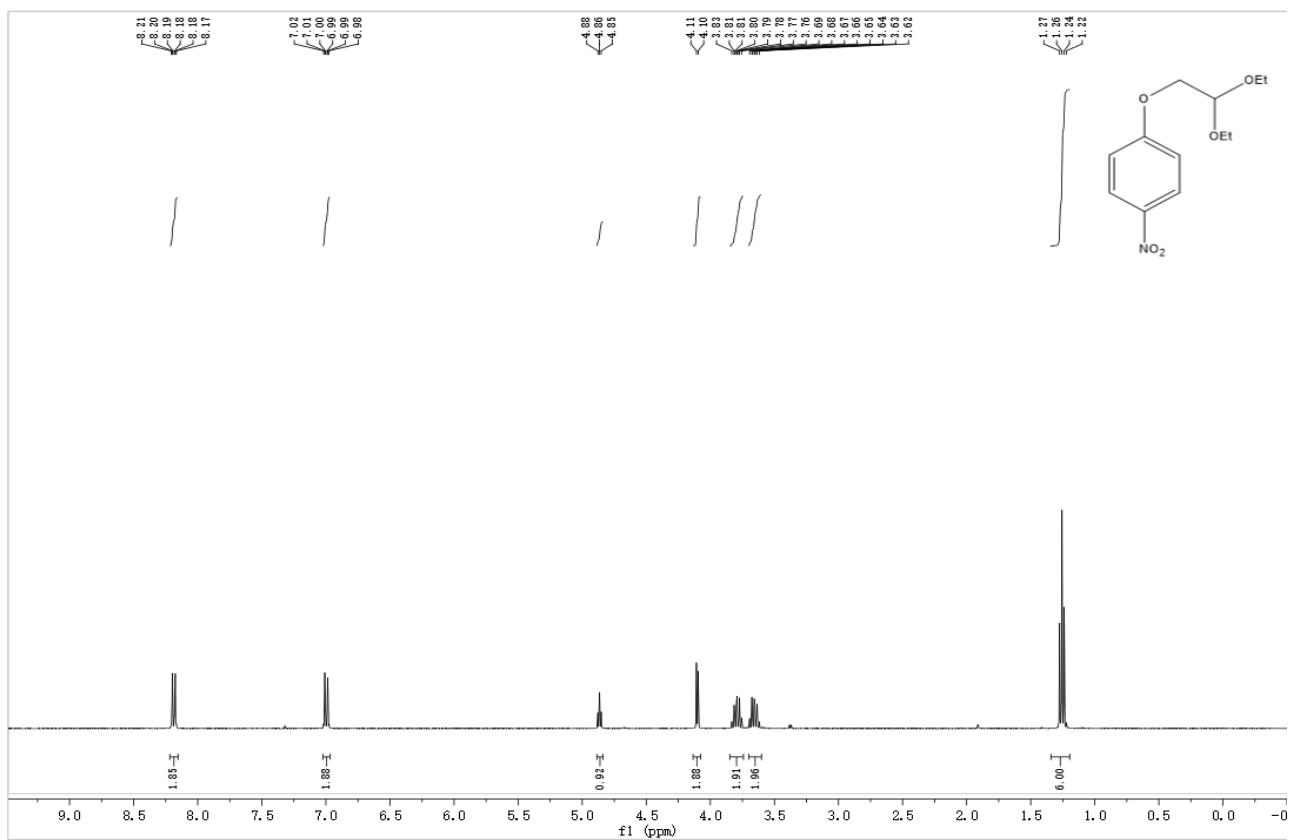
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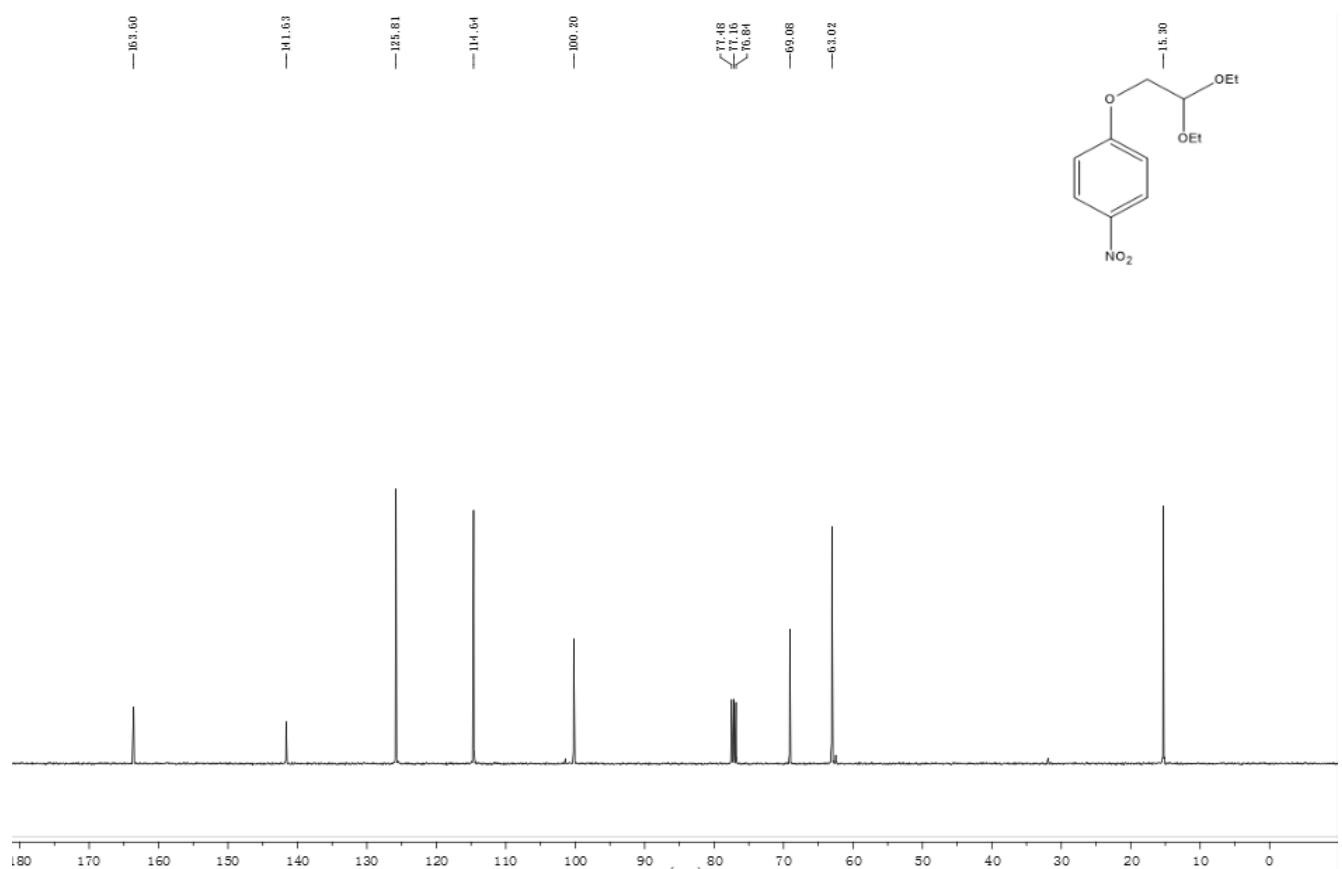
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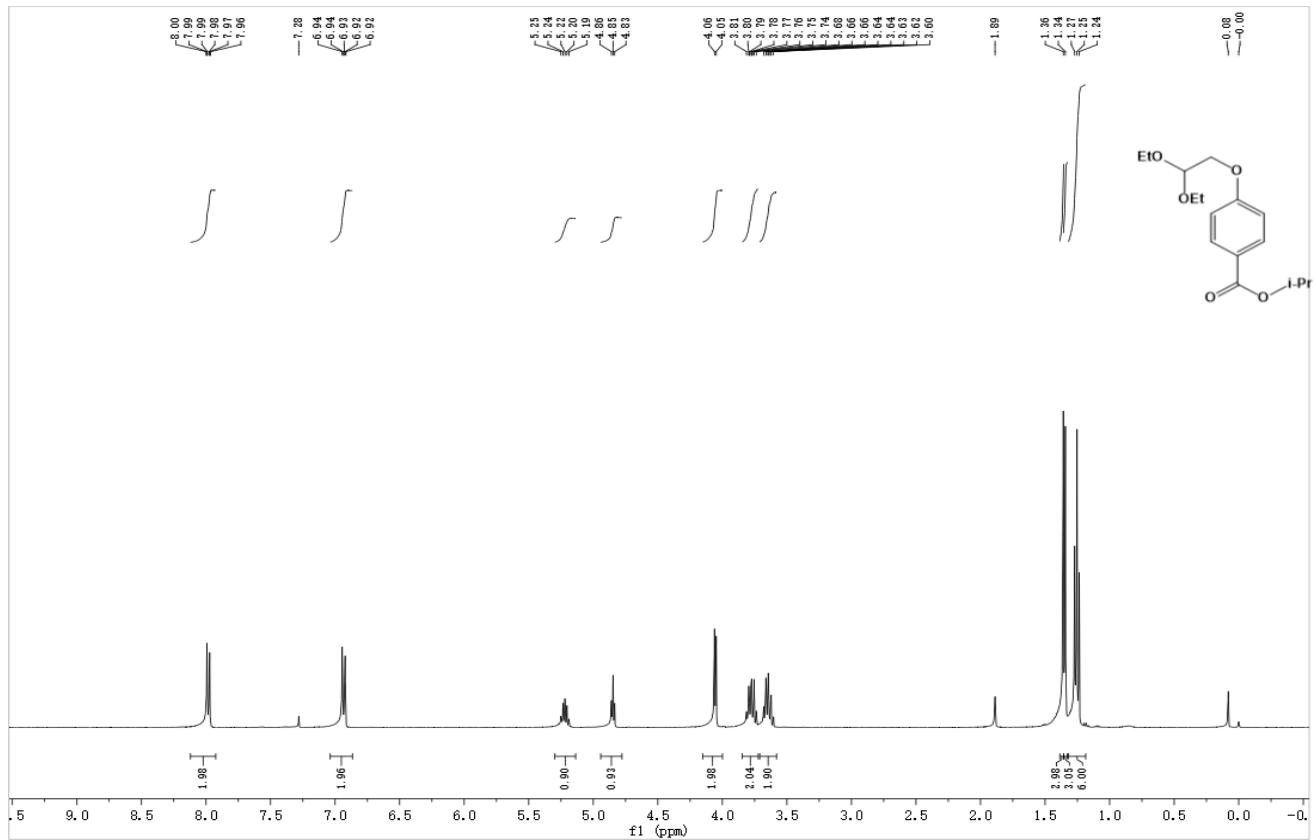
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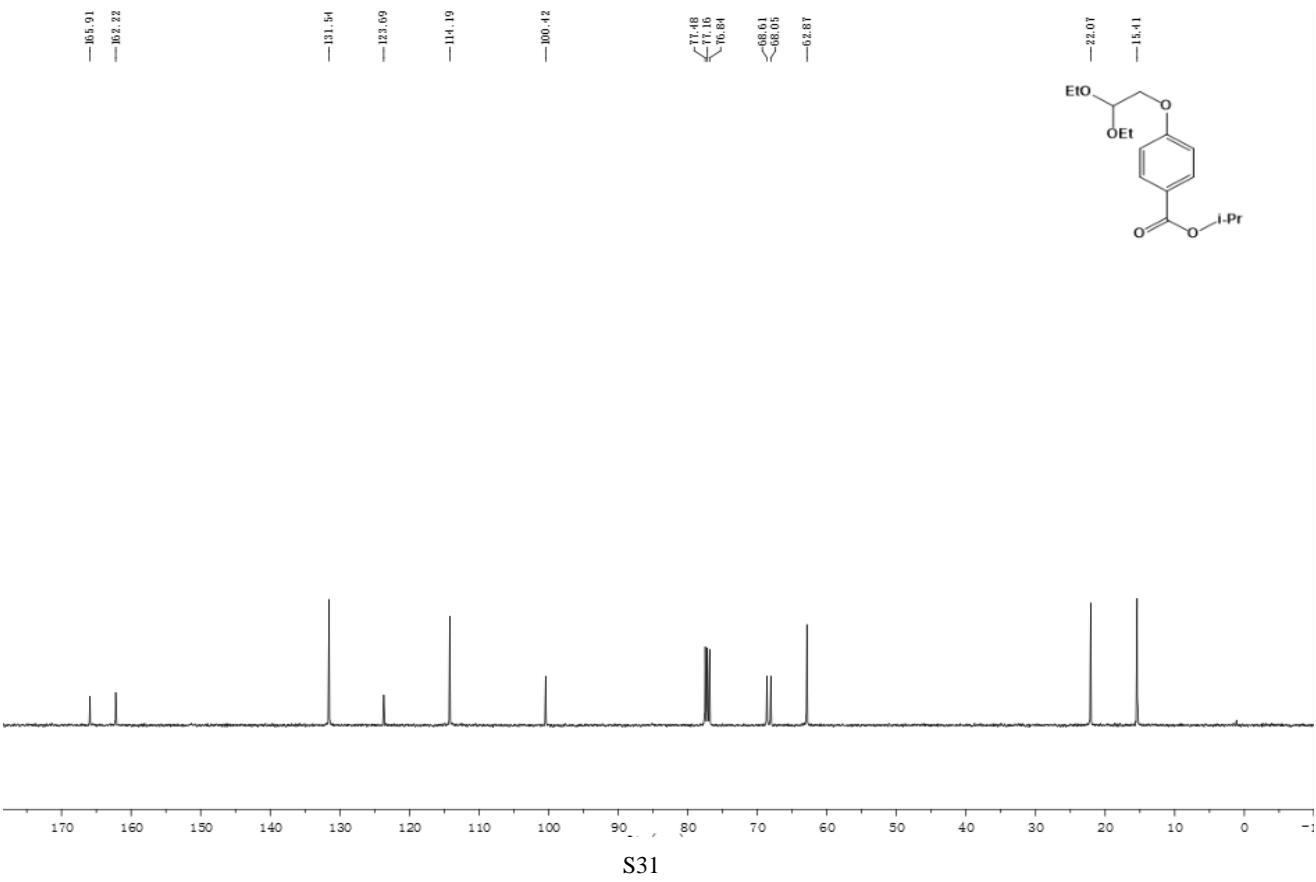
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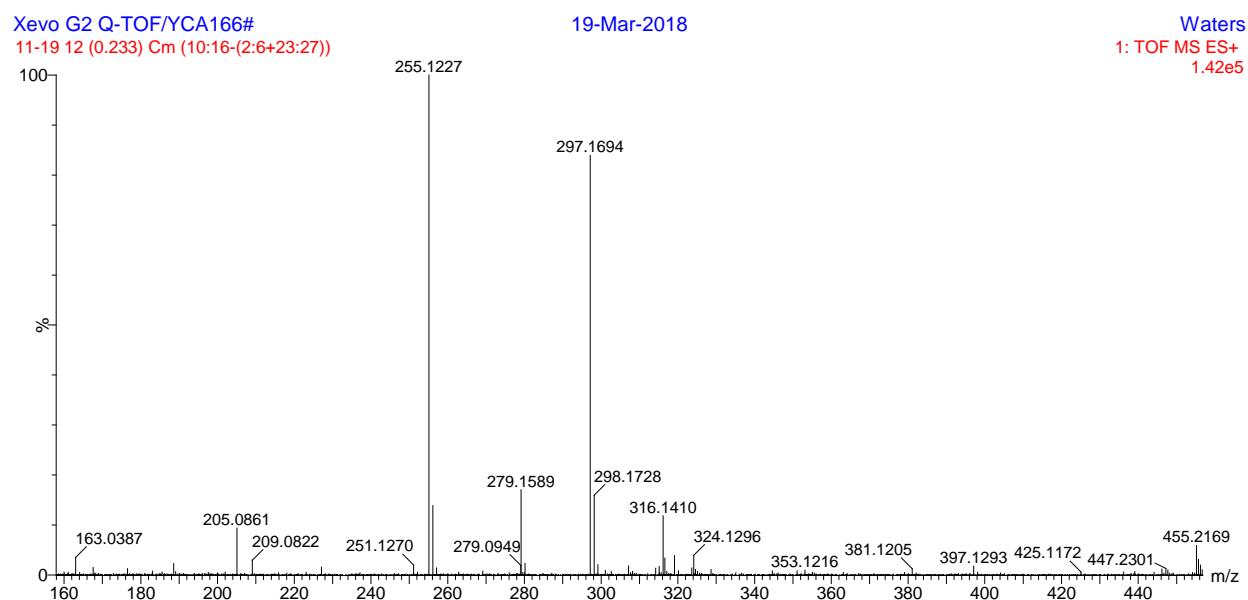
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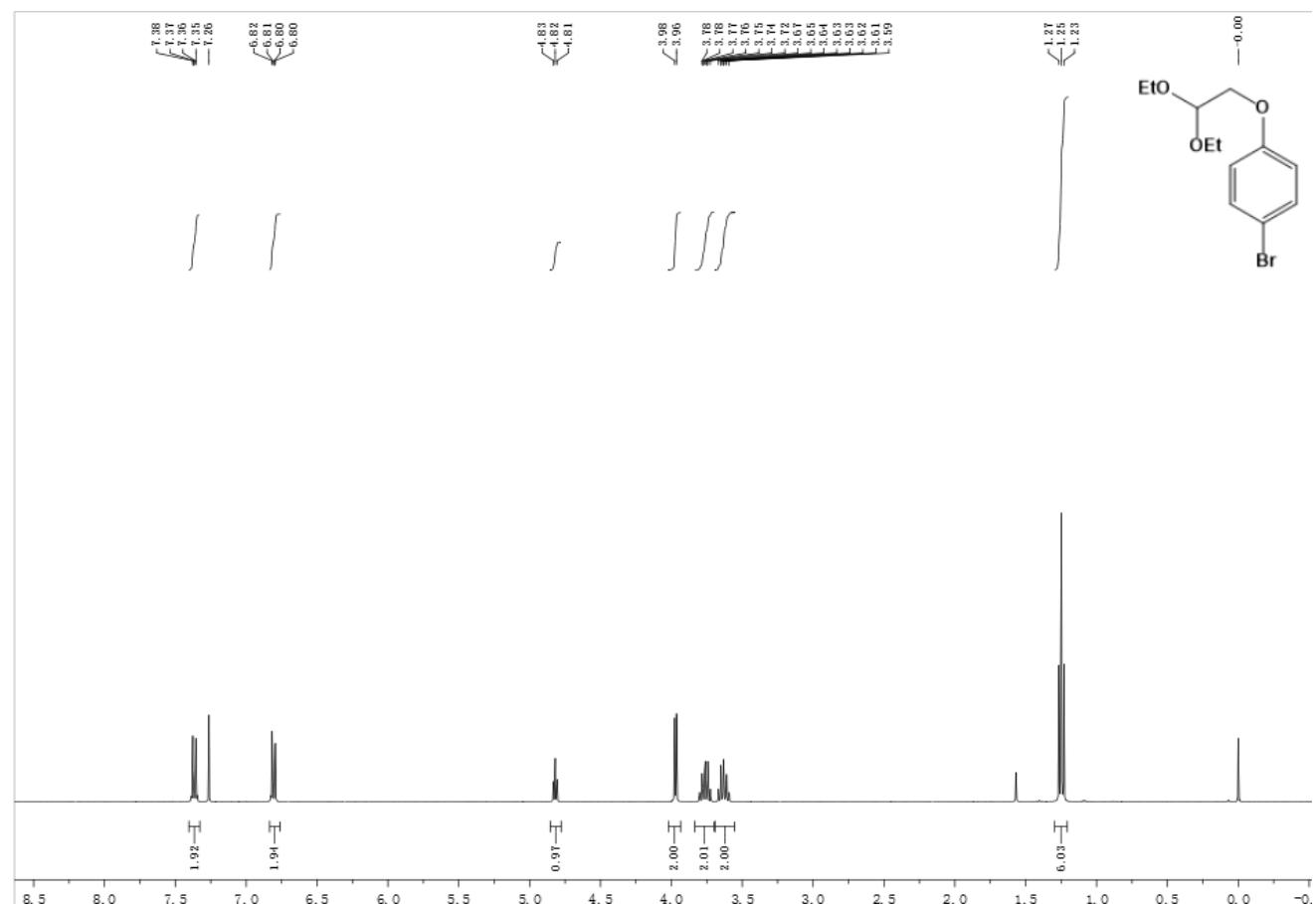
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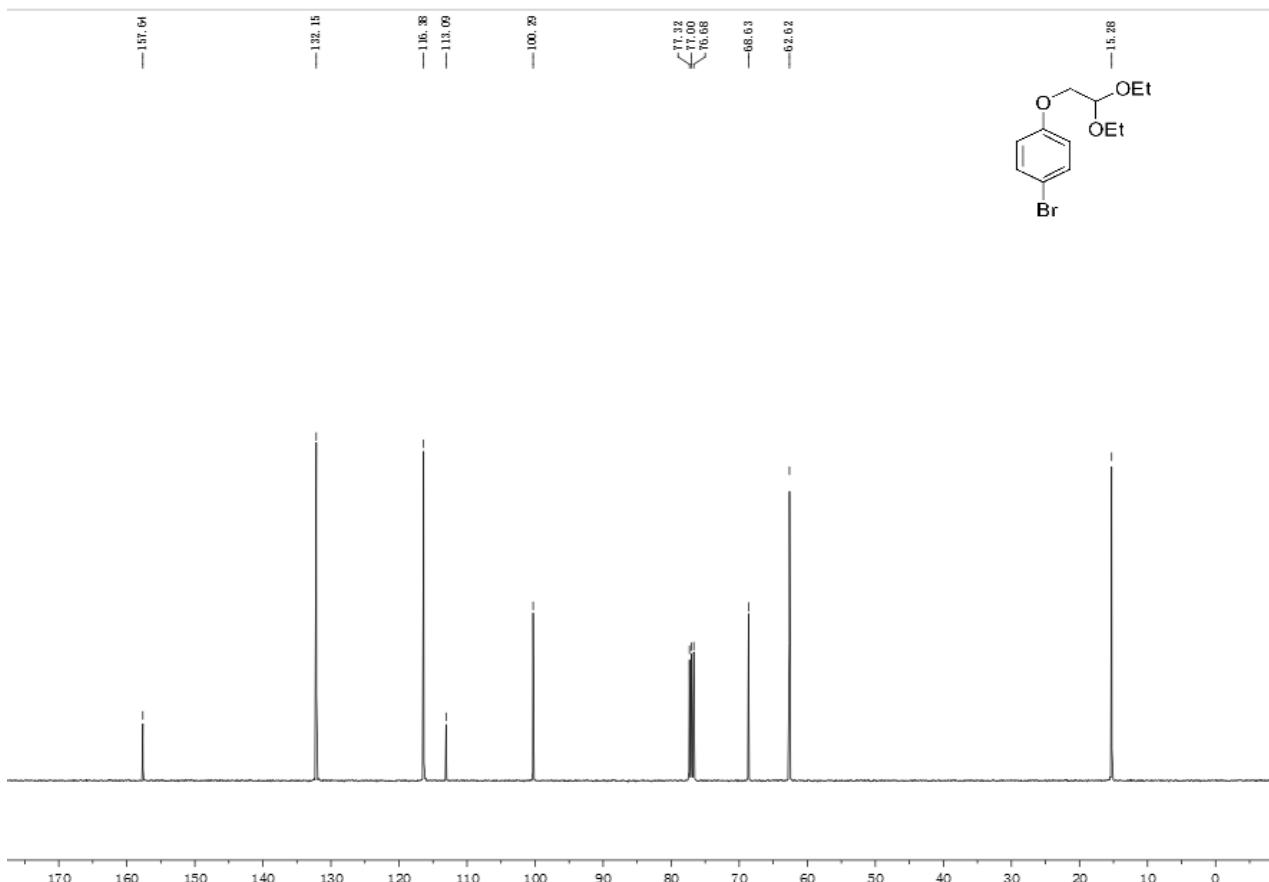
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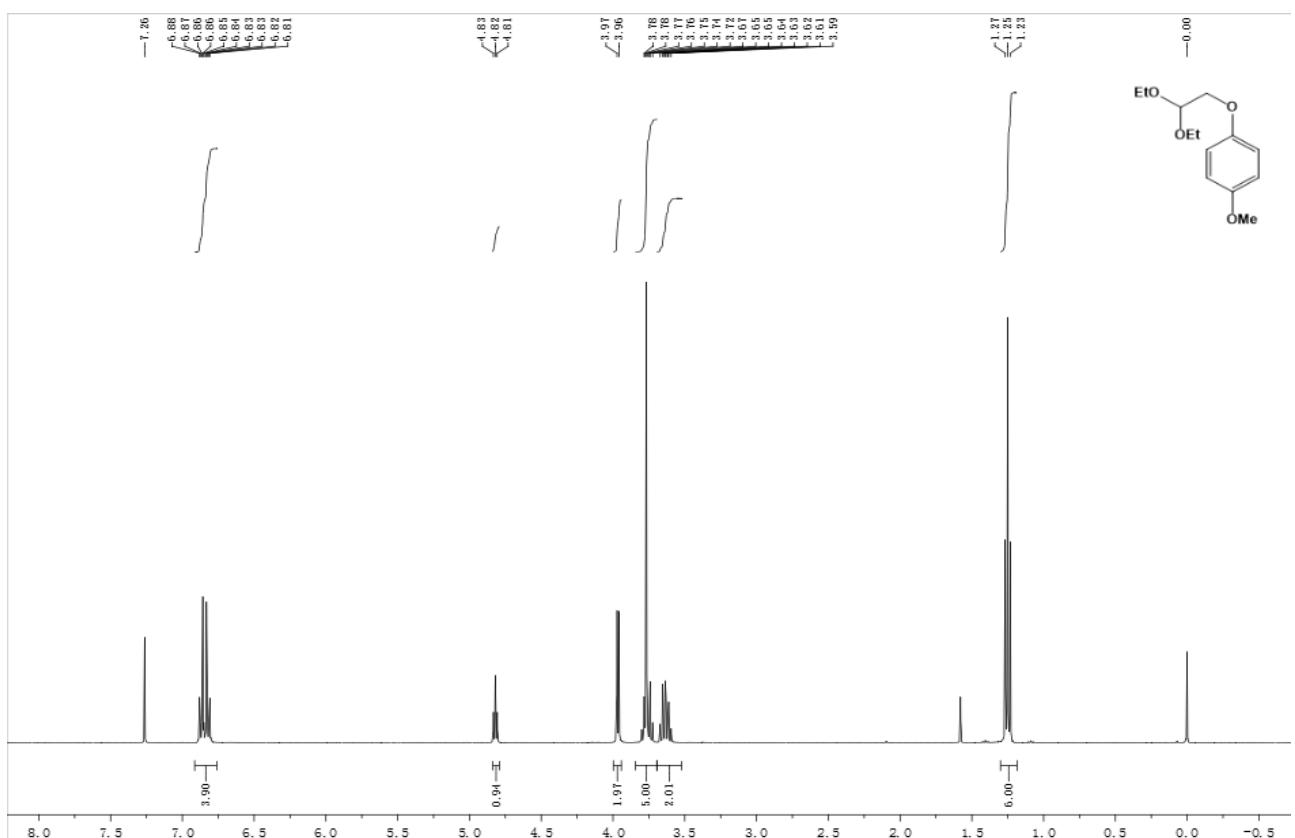
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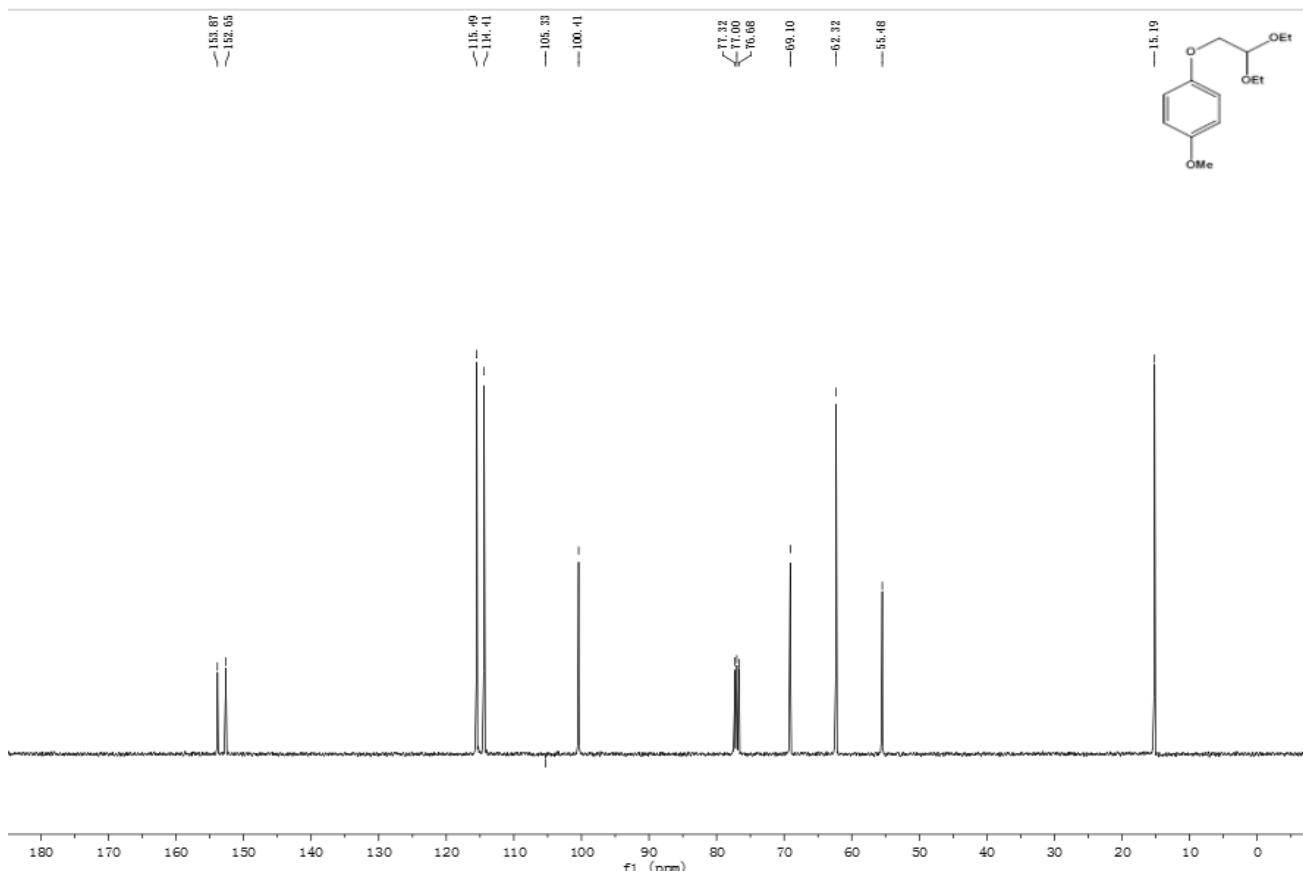
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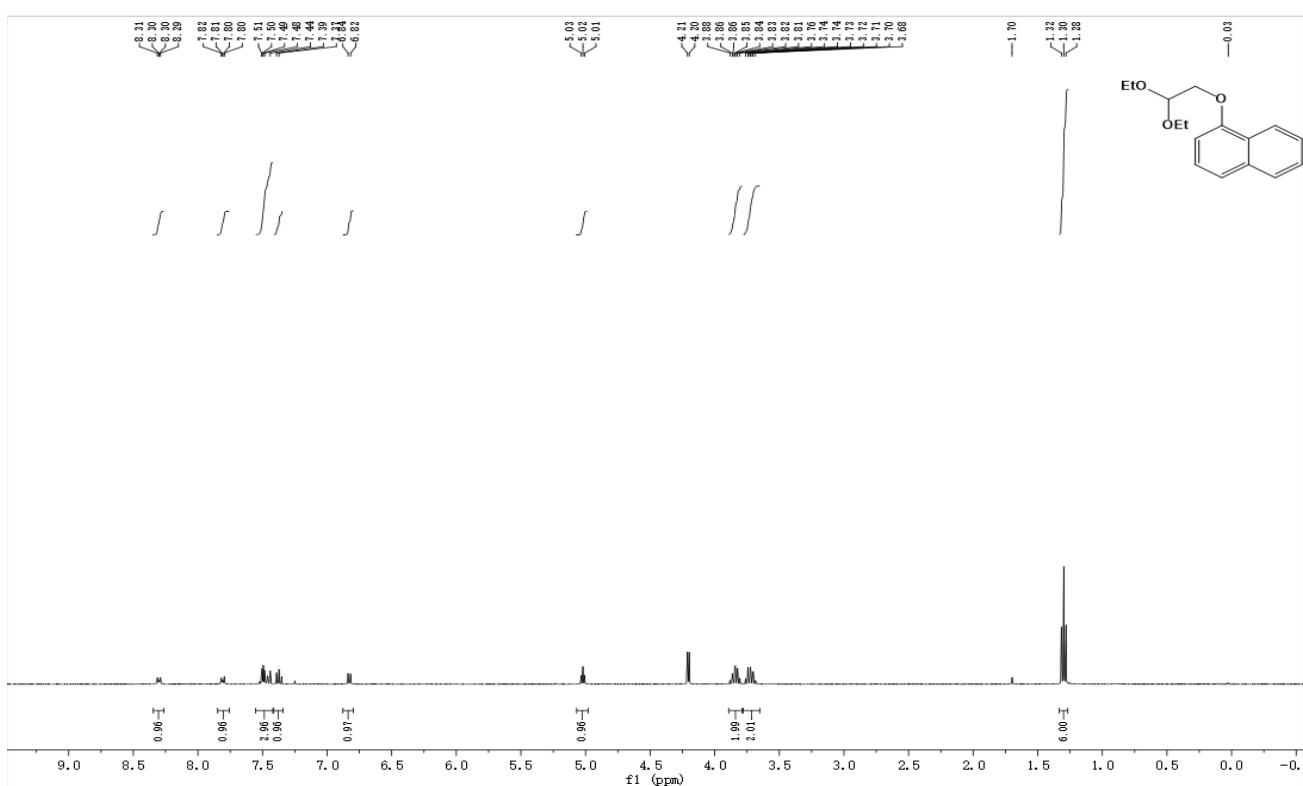
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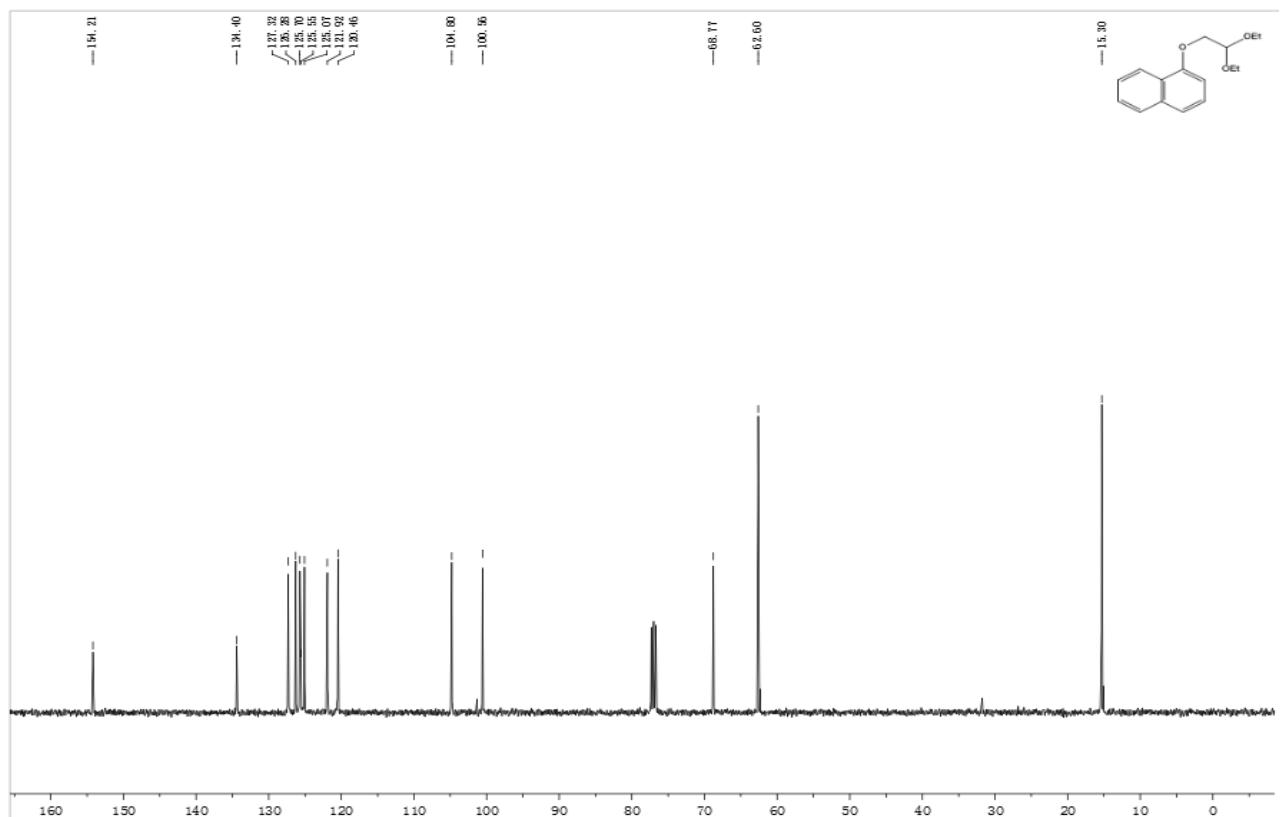
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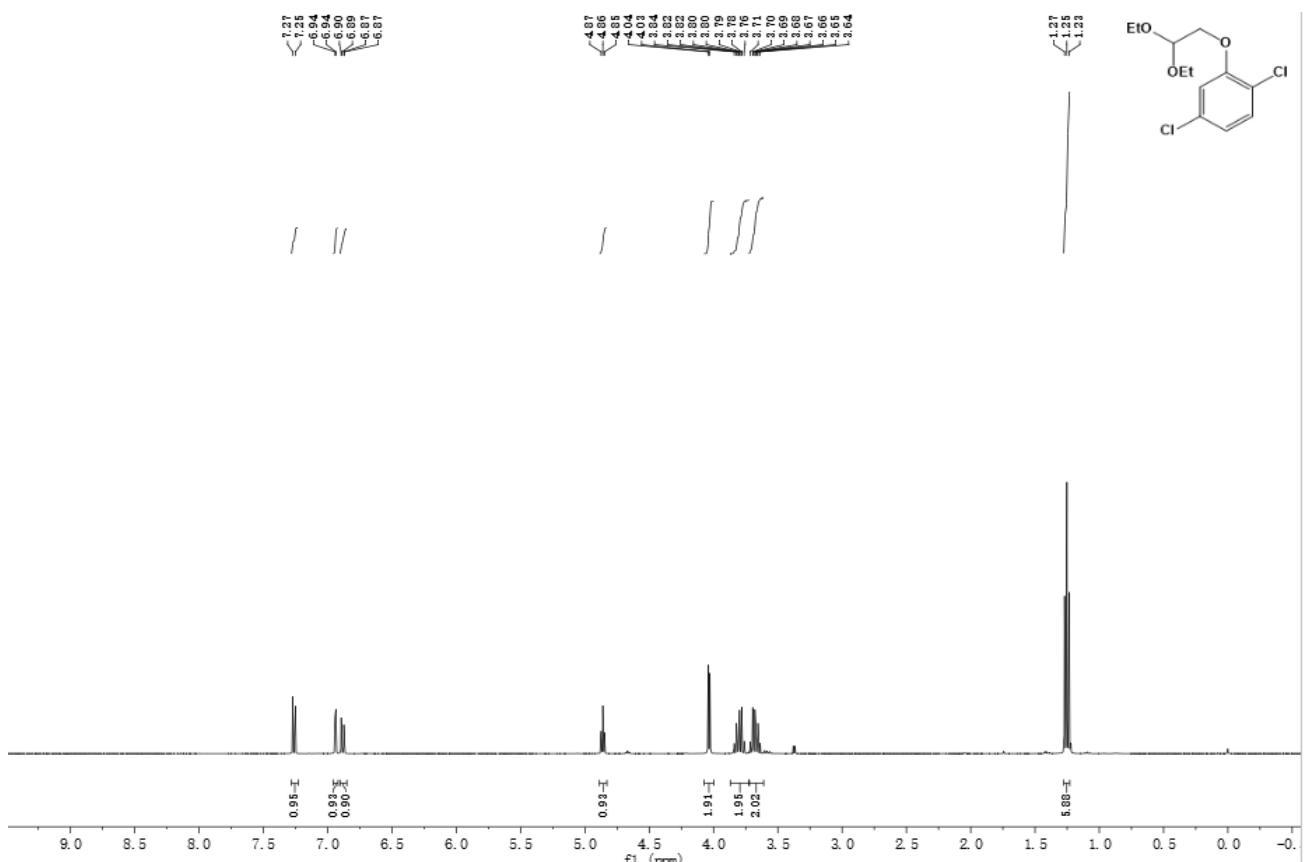
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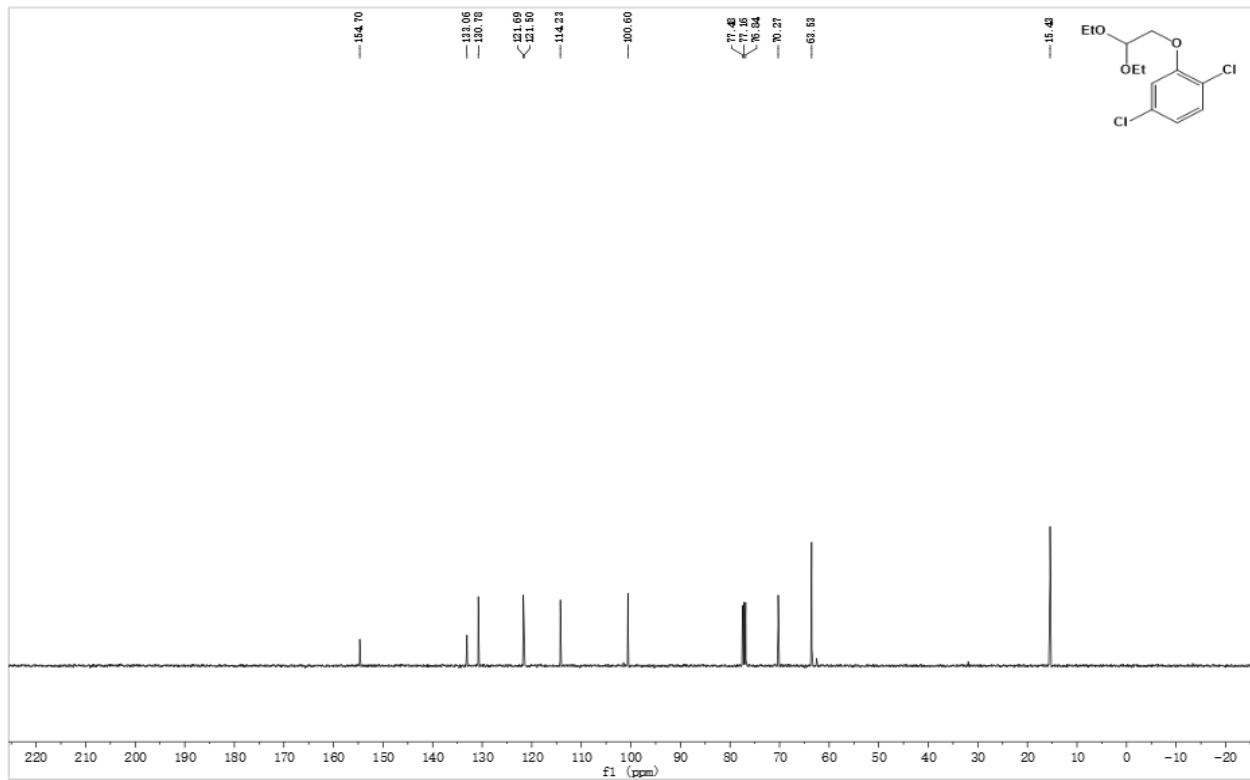
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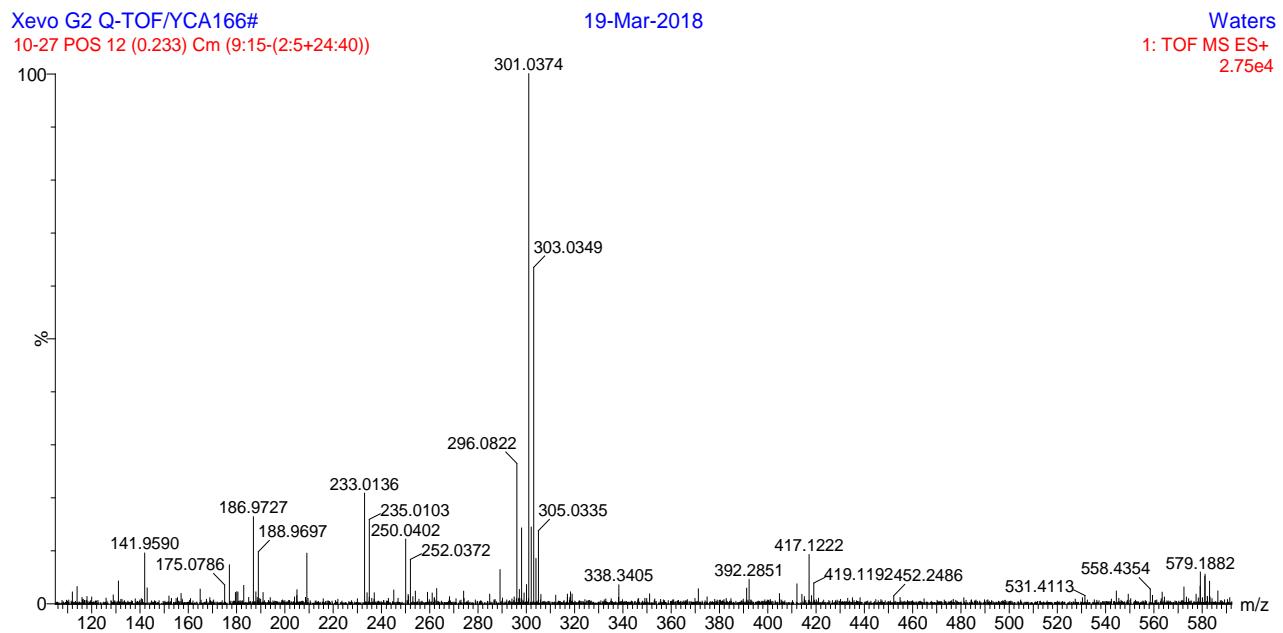
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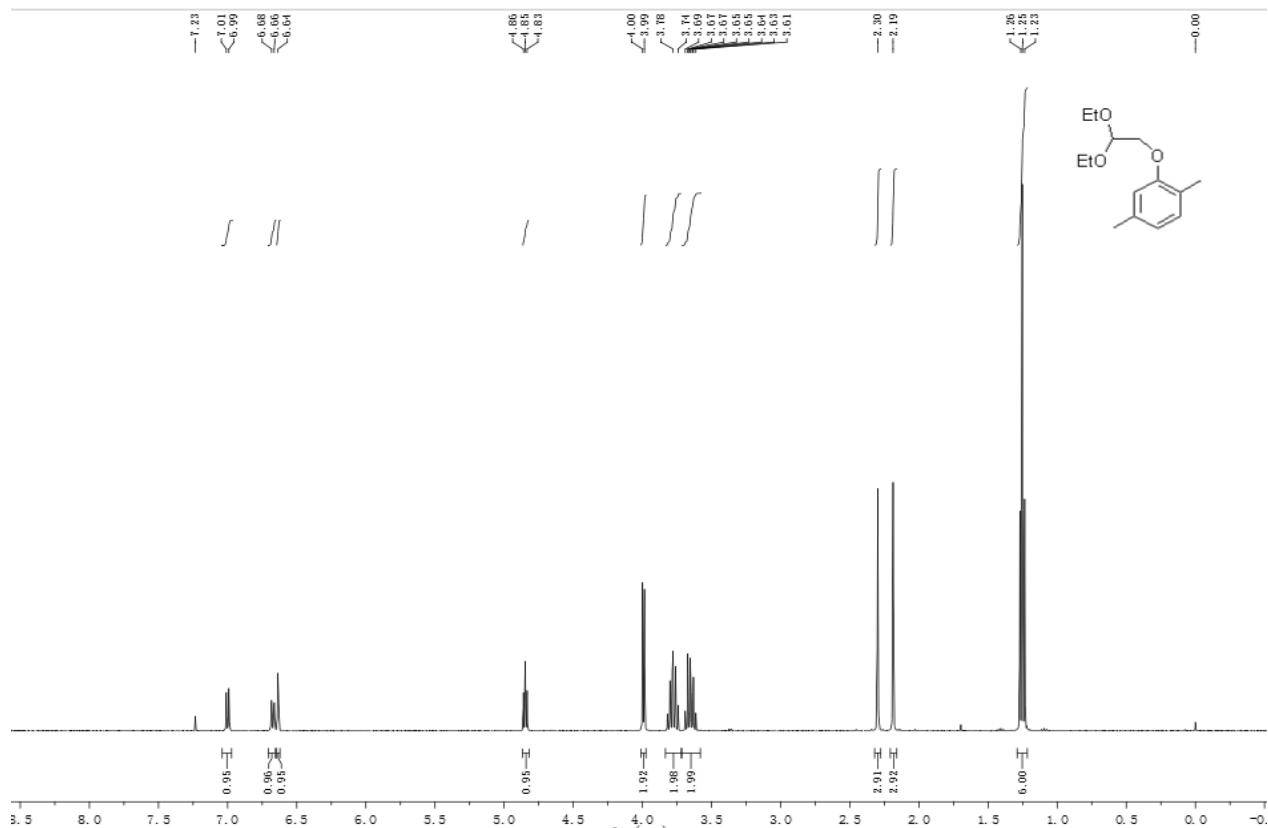
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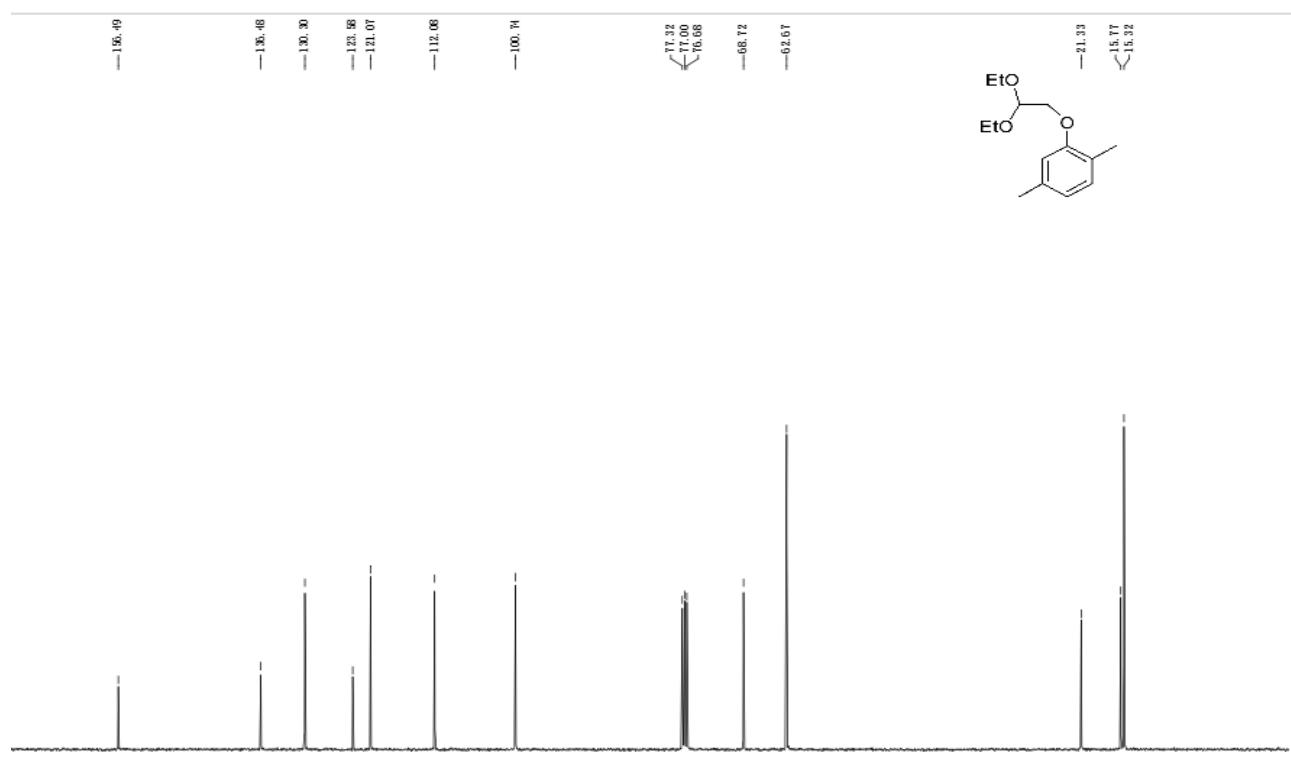
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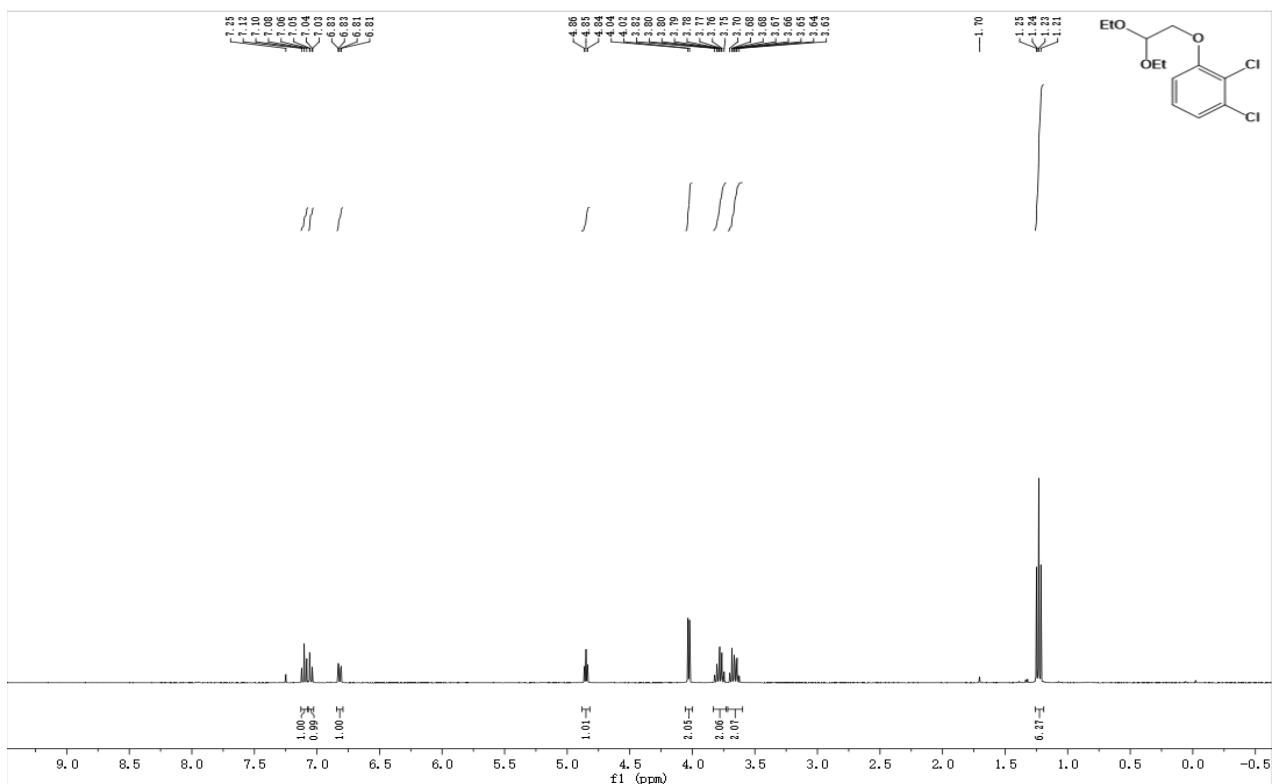
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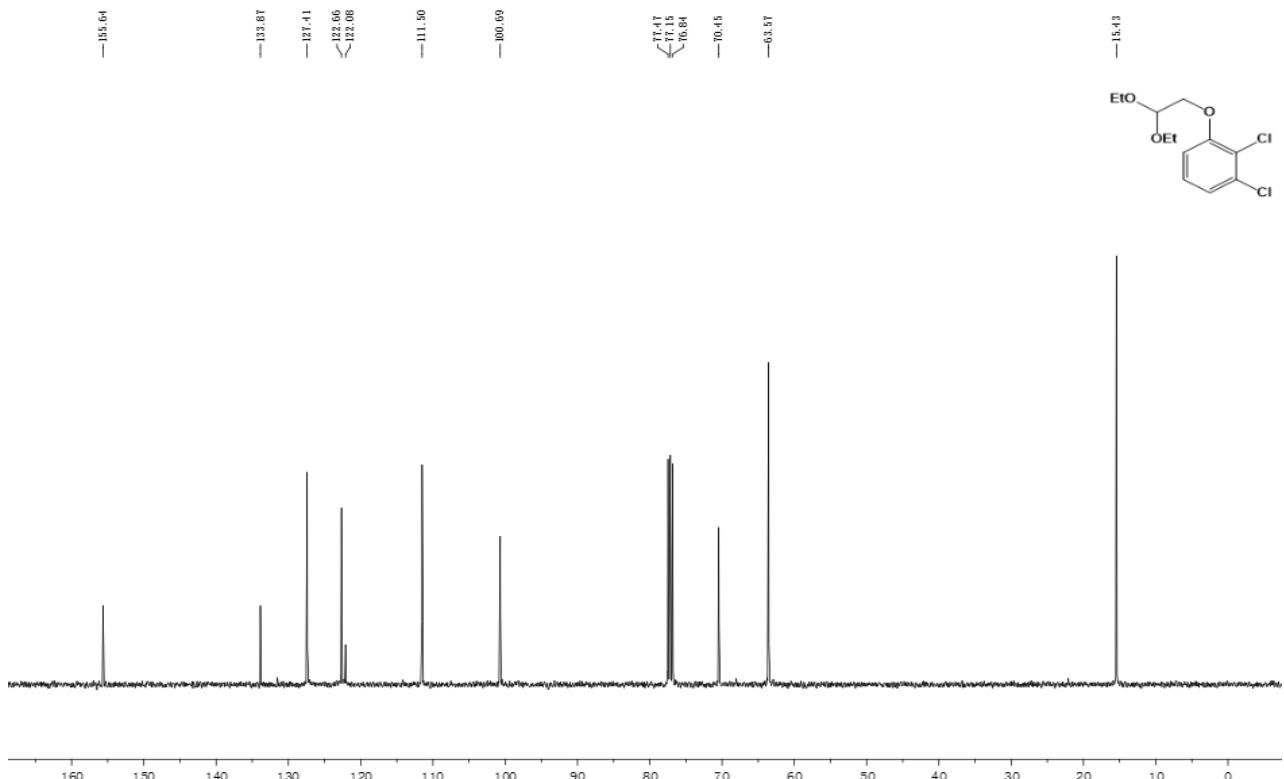
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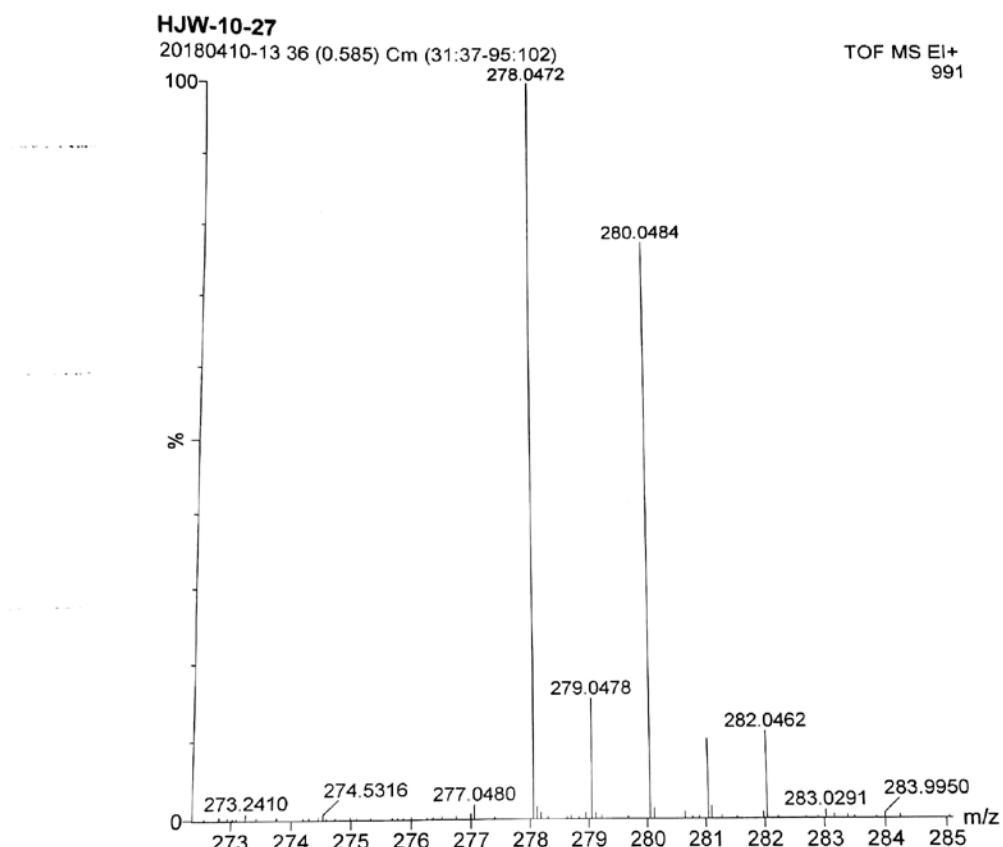
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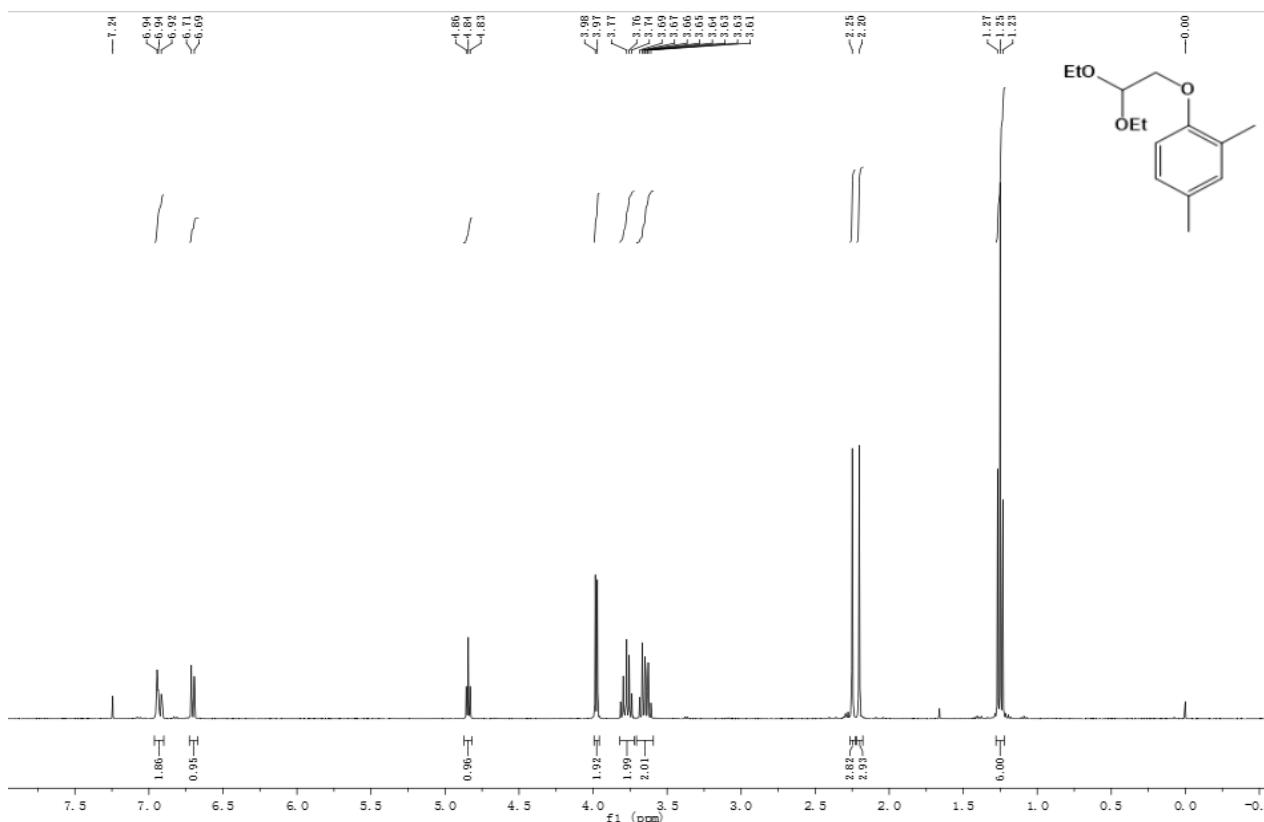
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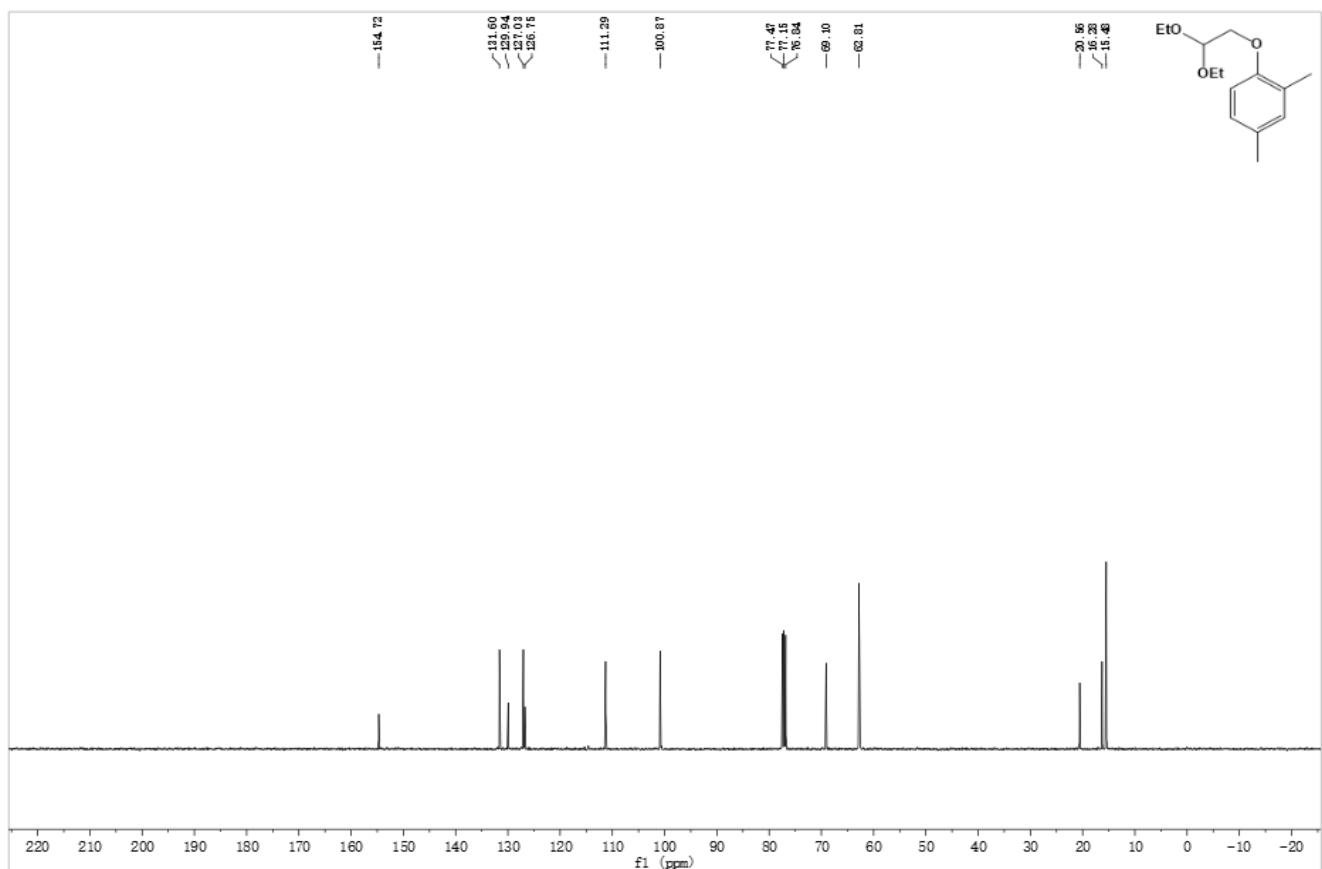
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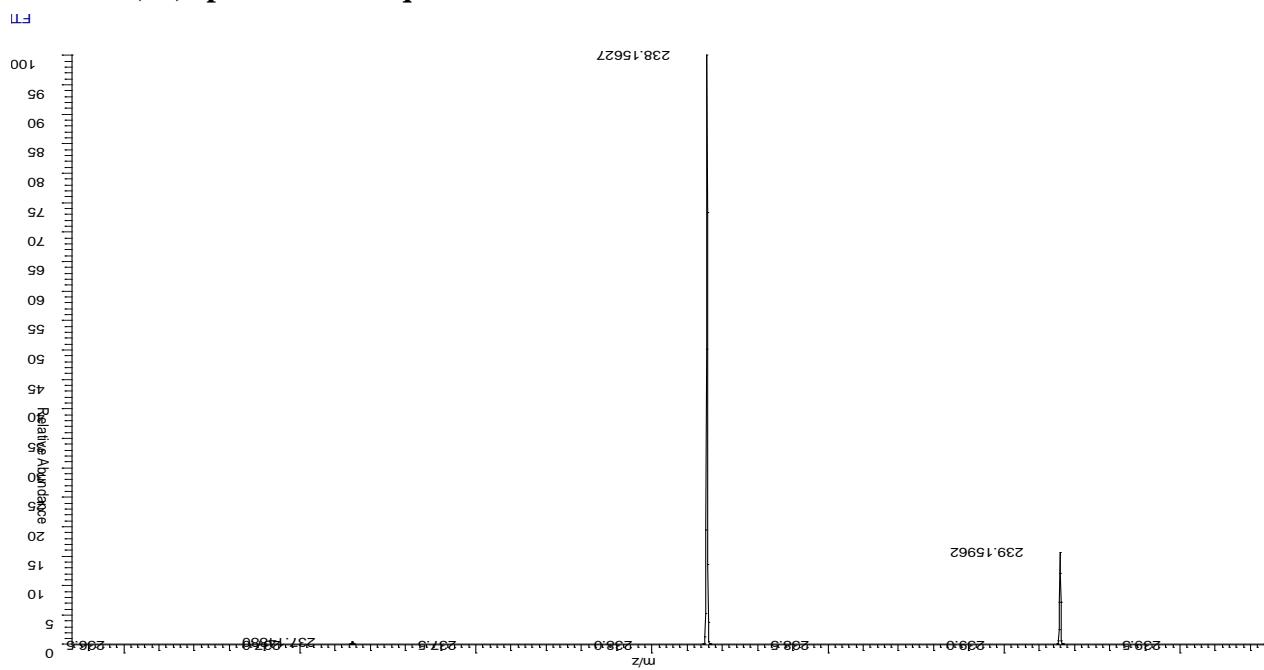
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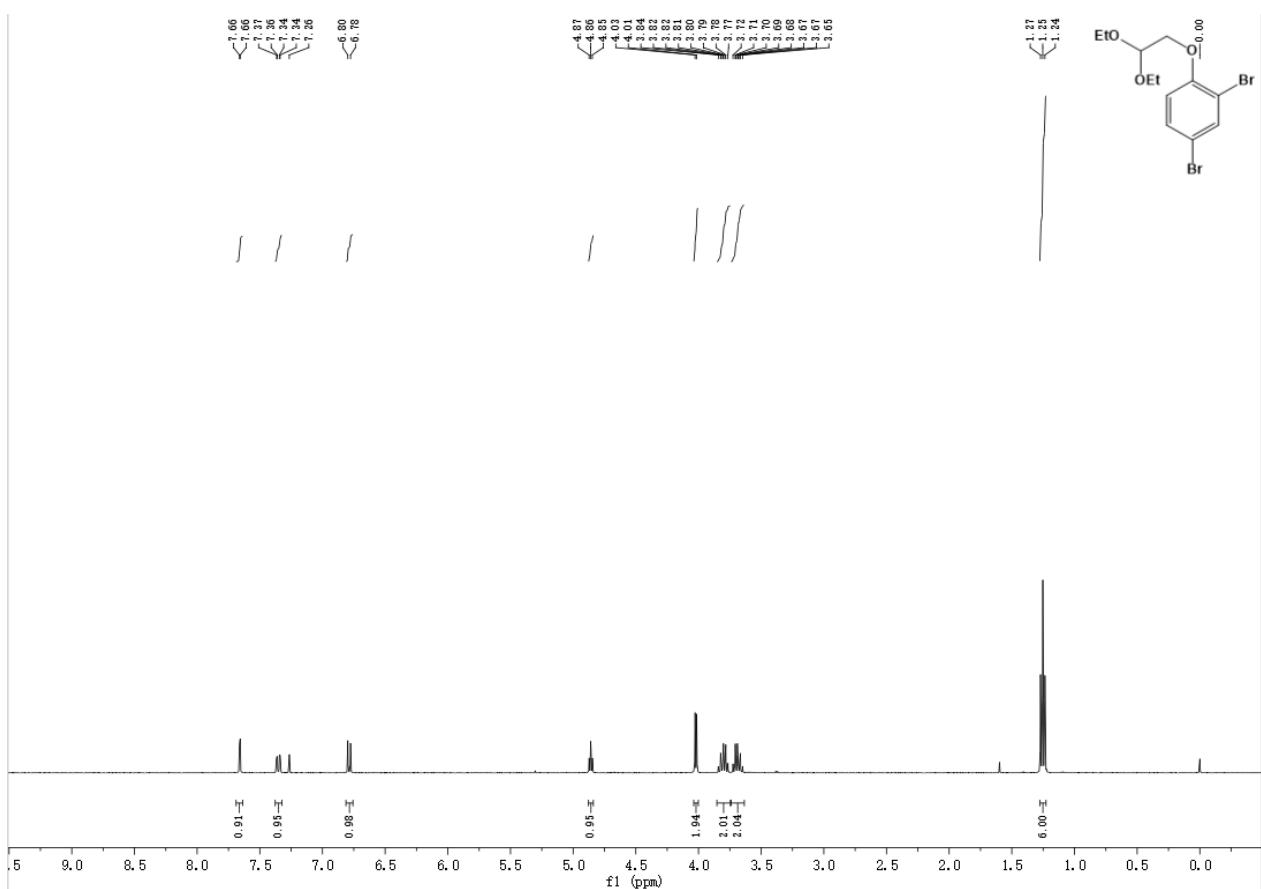
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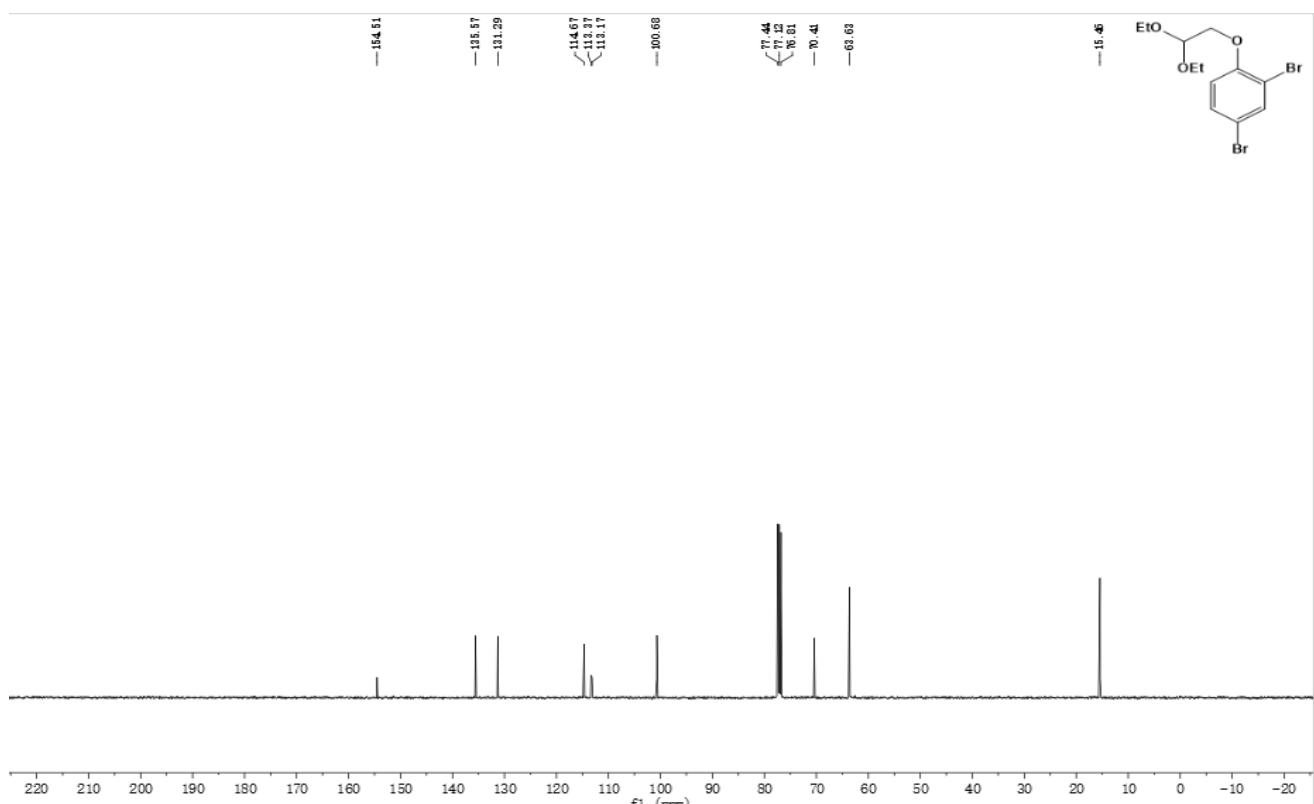
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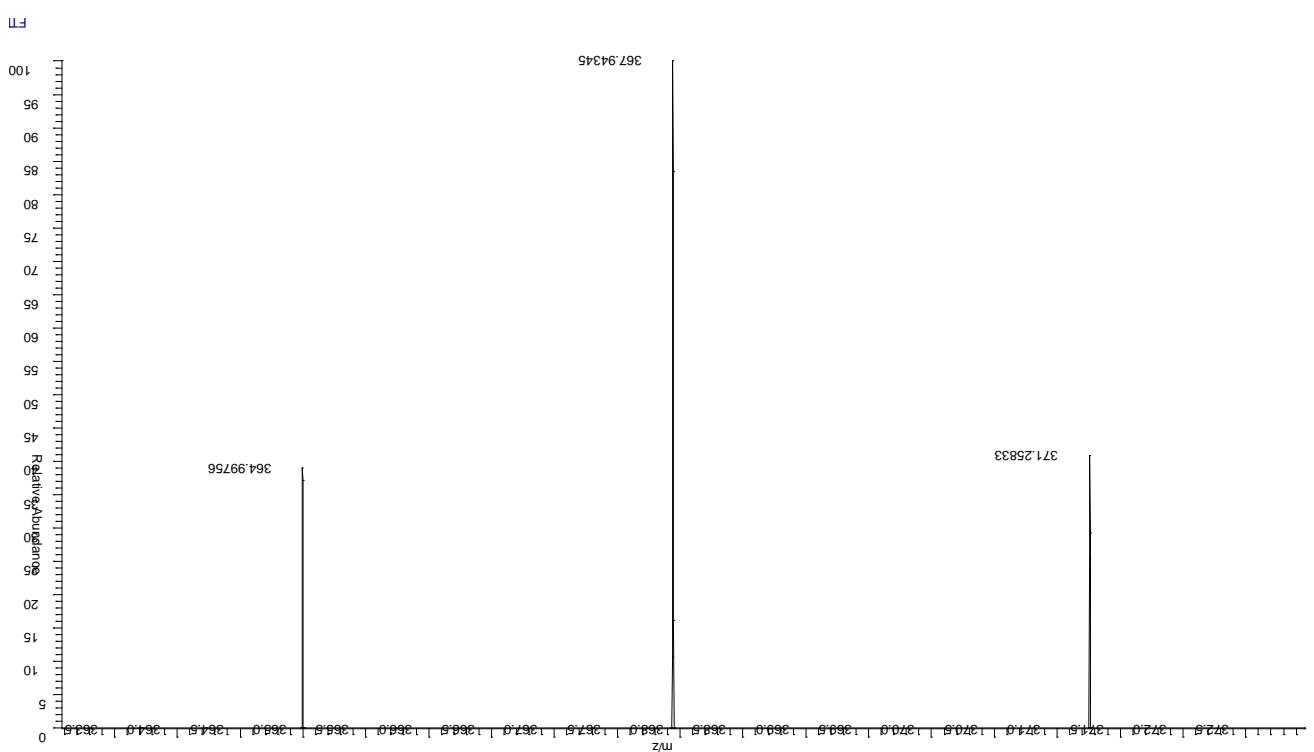
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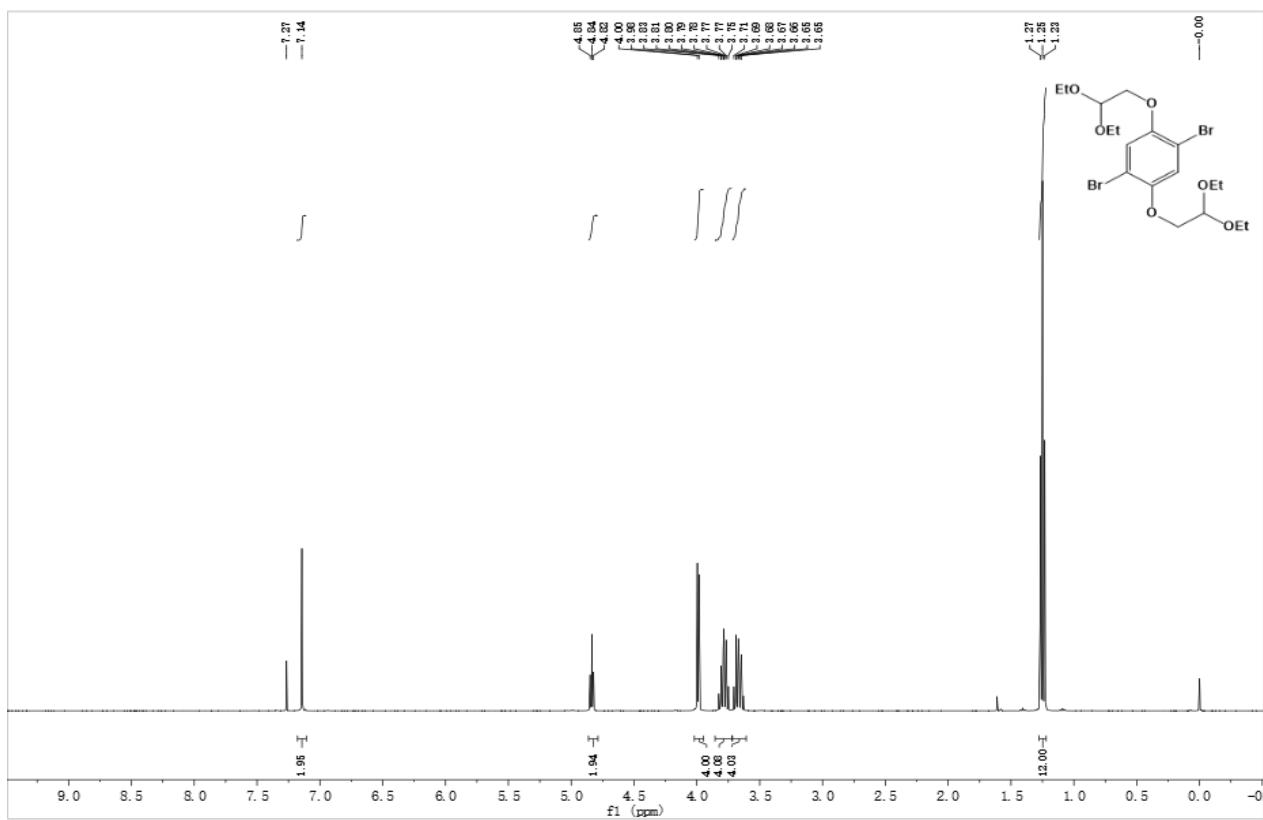
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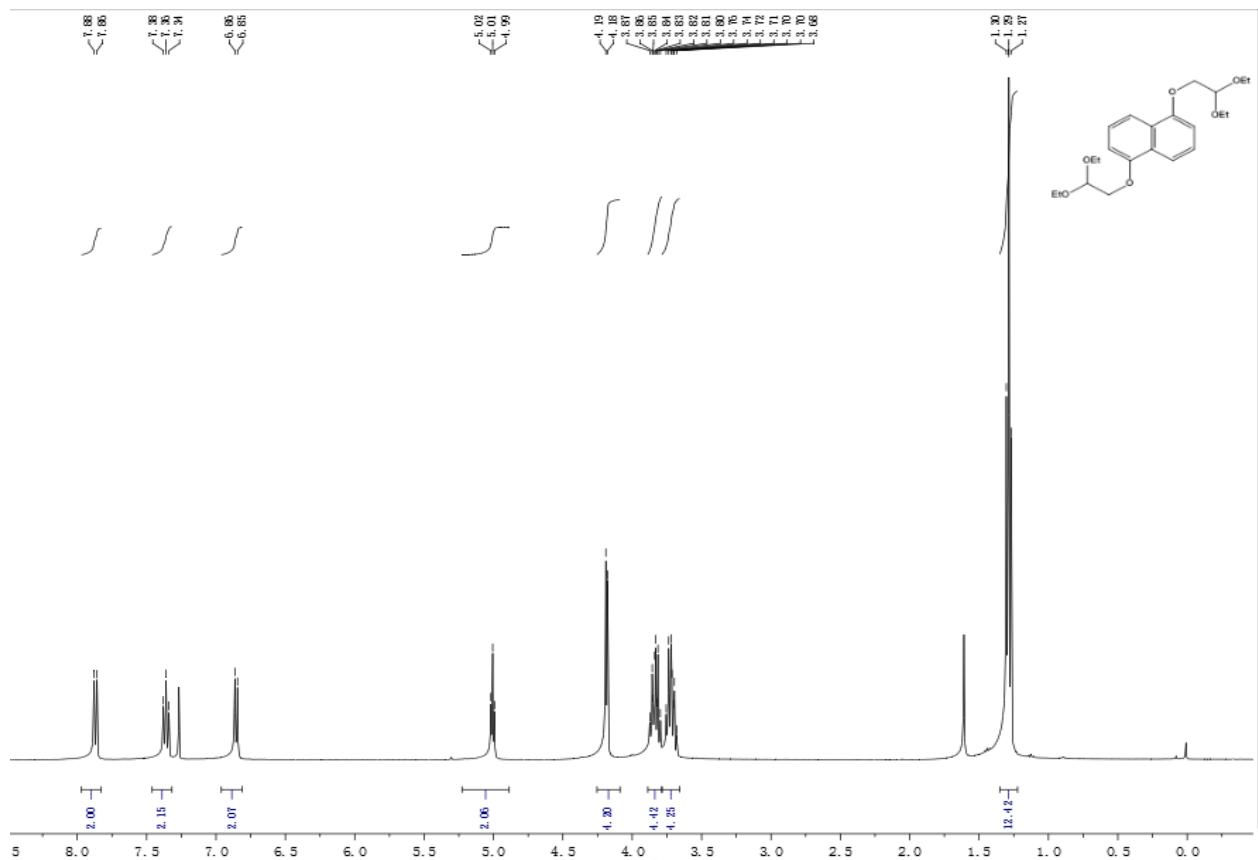
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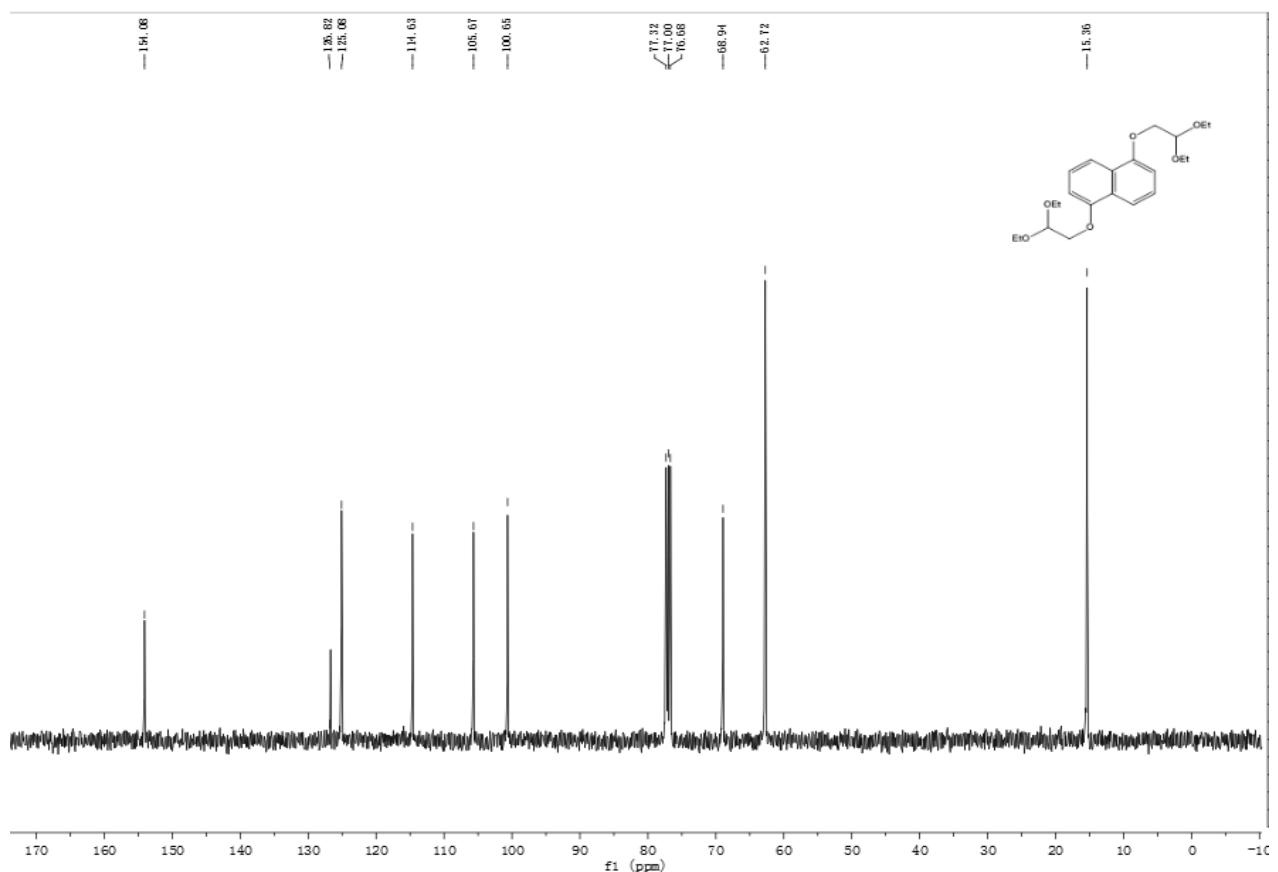
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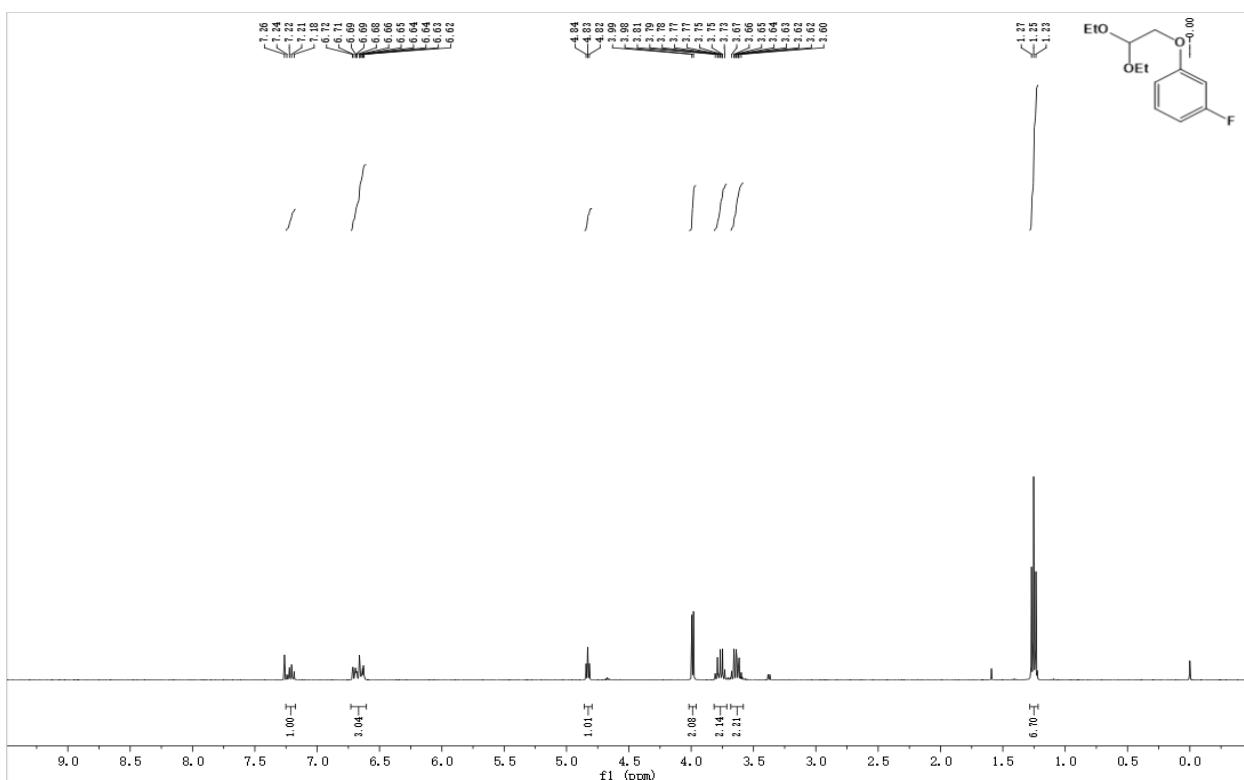
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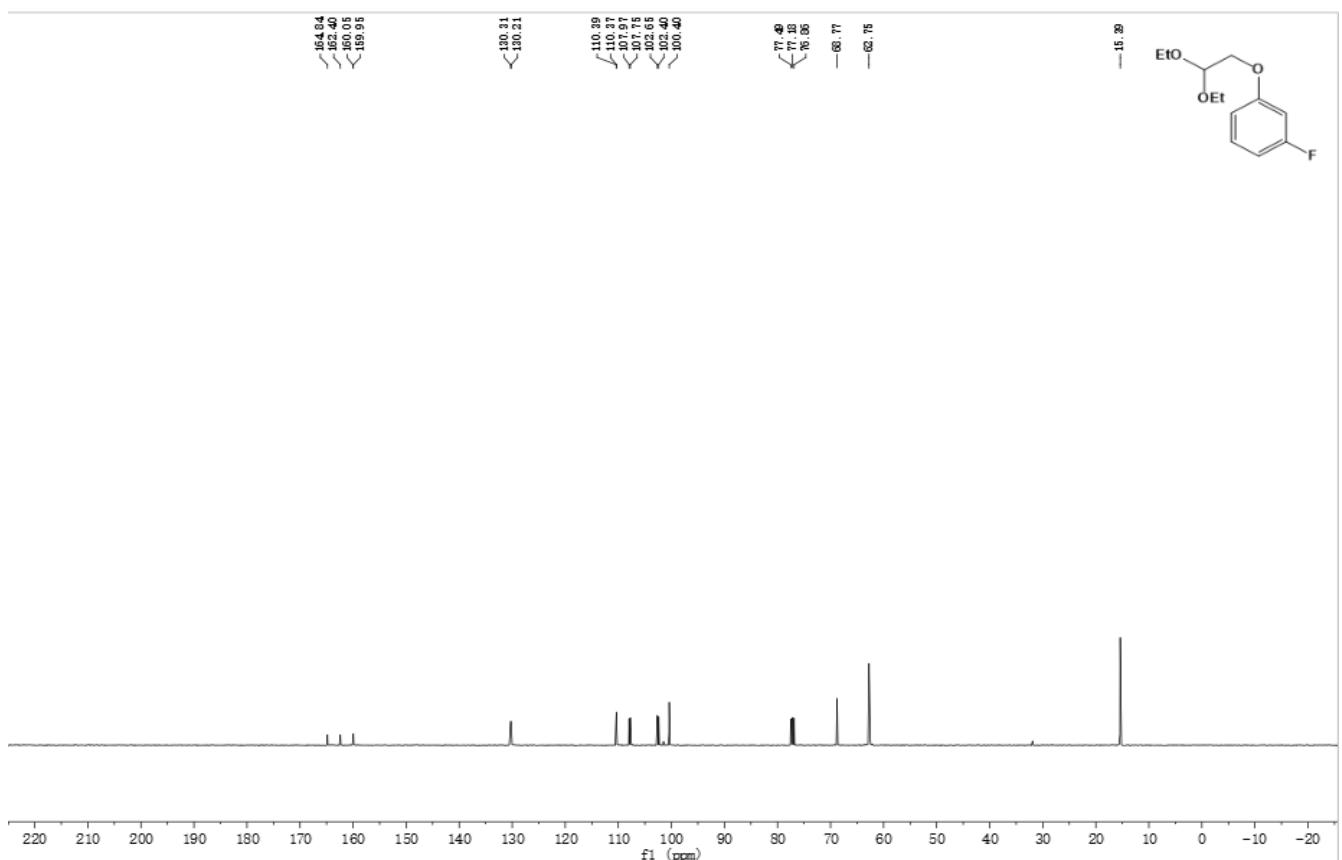
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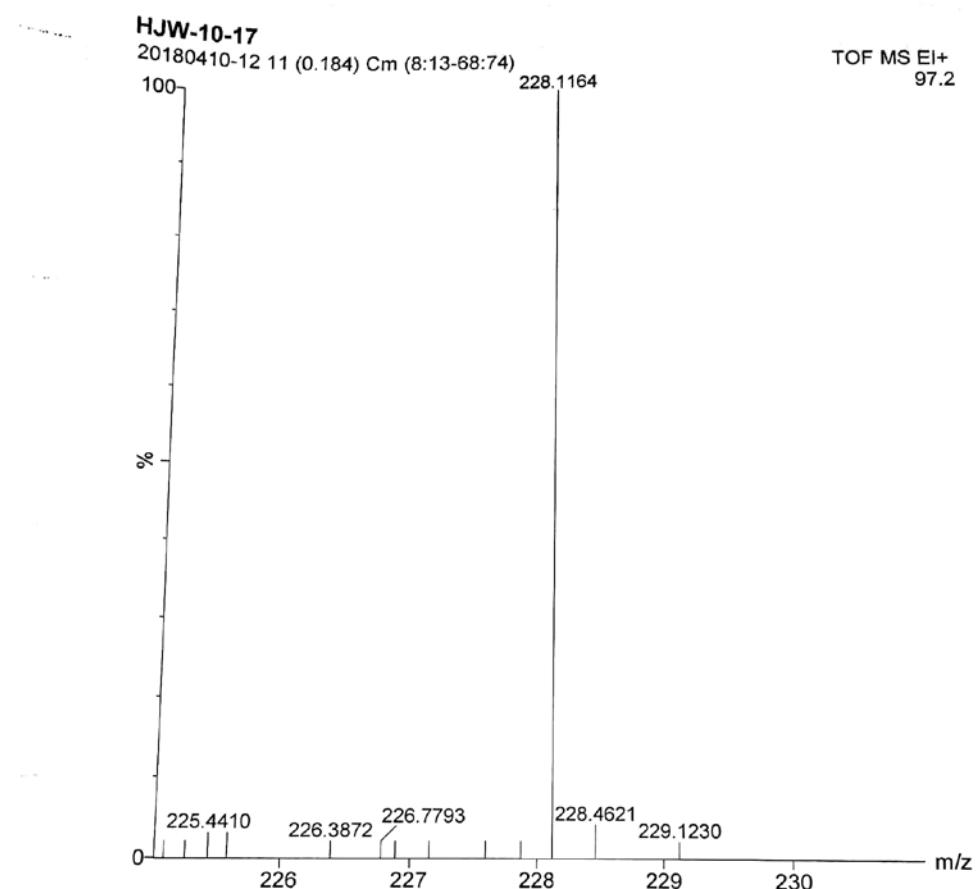
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### **<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum for 1u**



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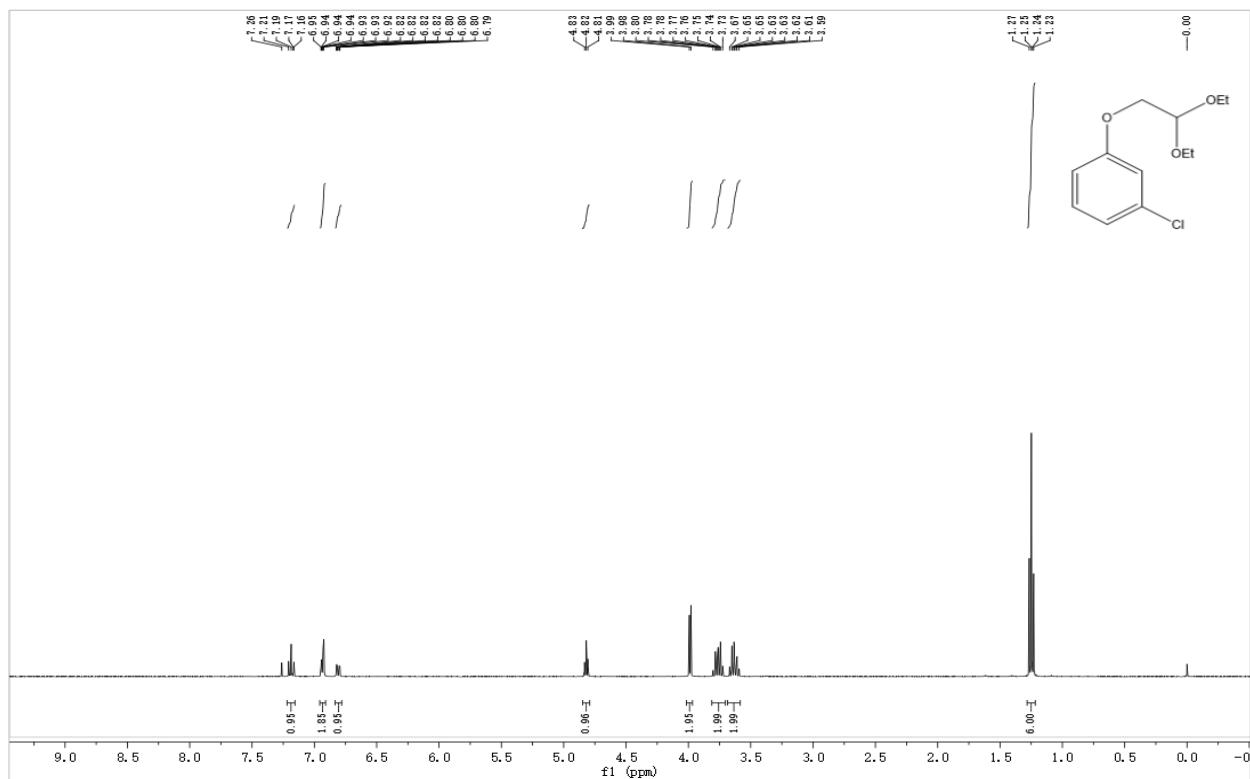
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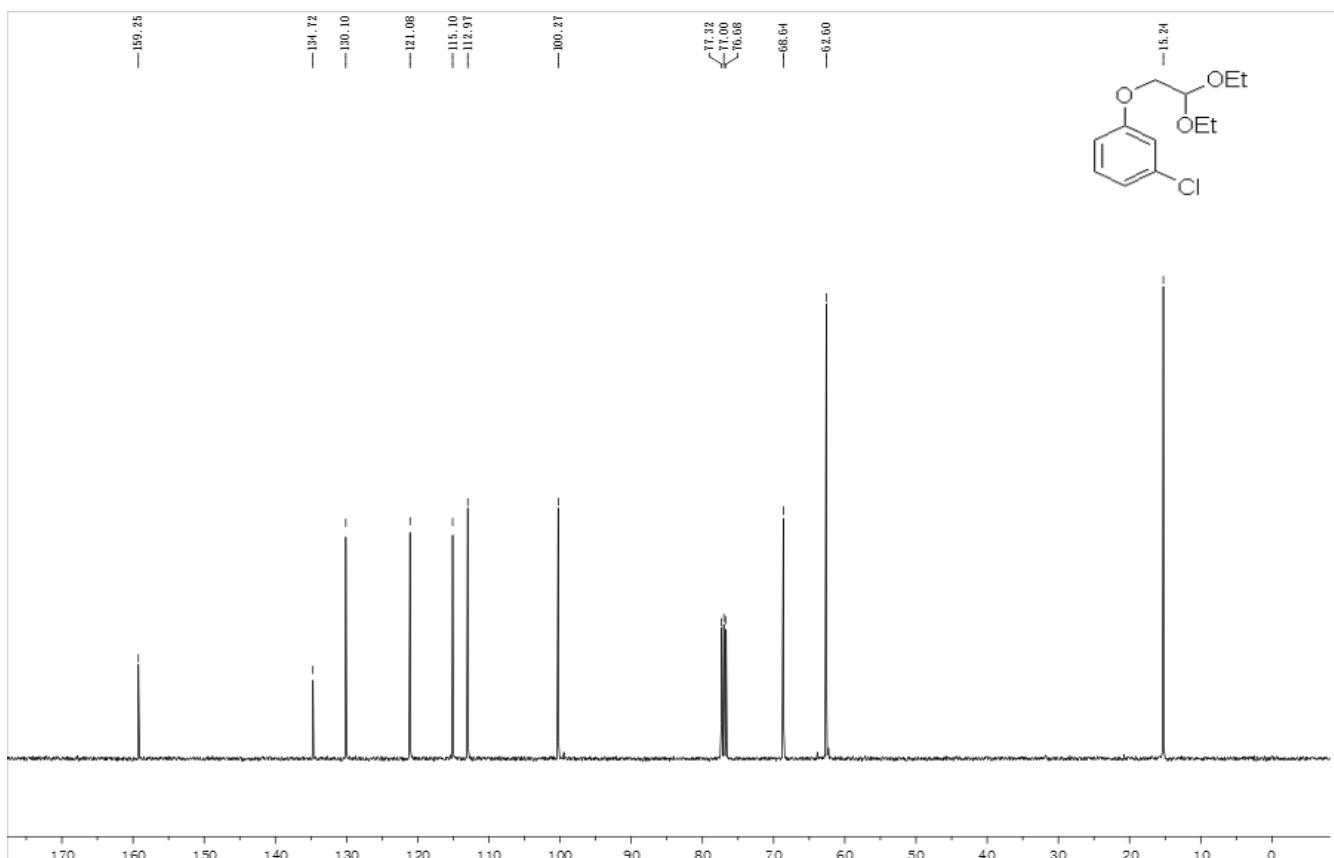
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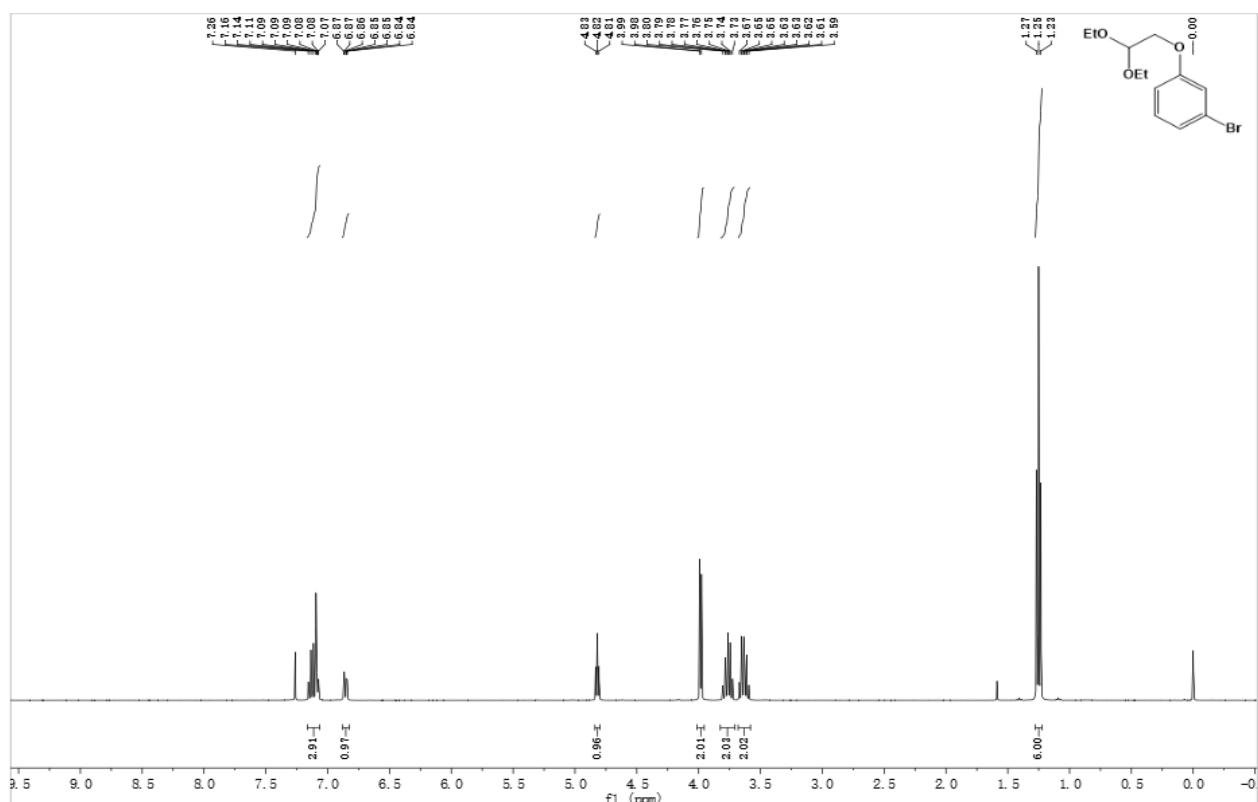
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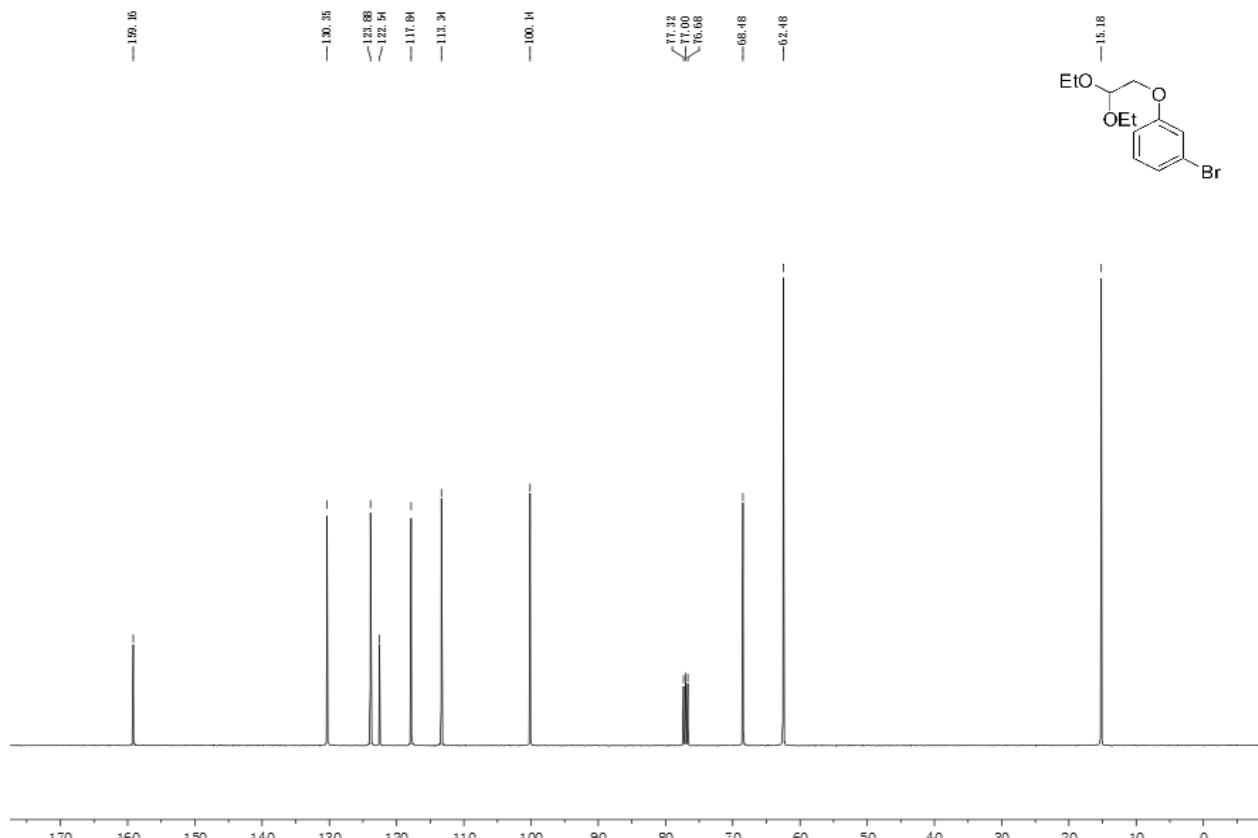
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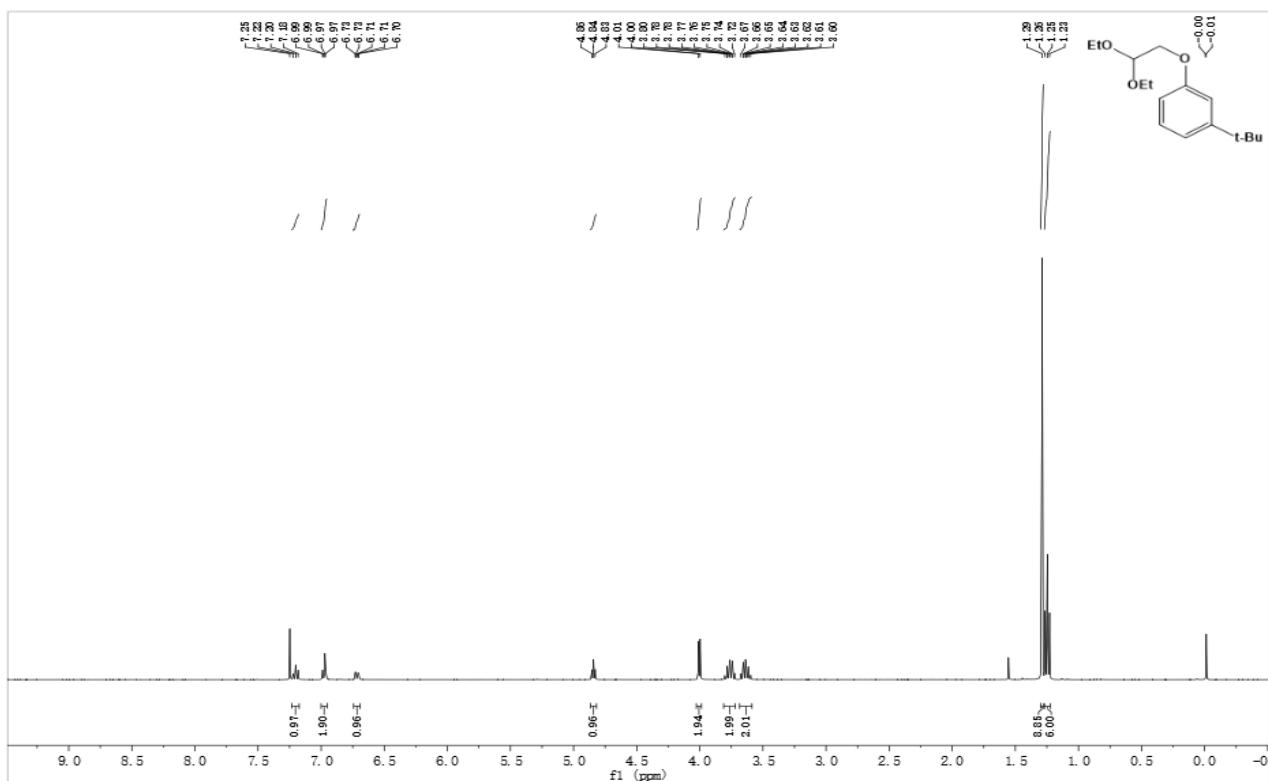
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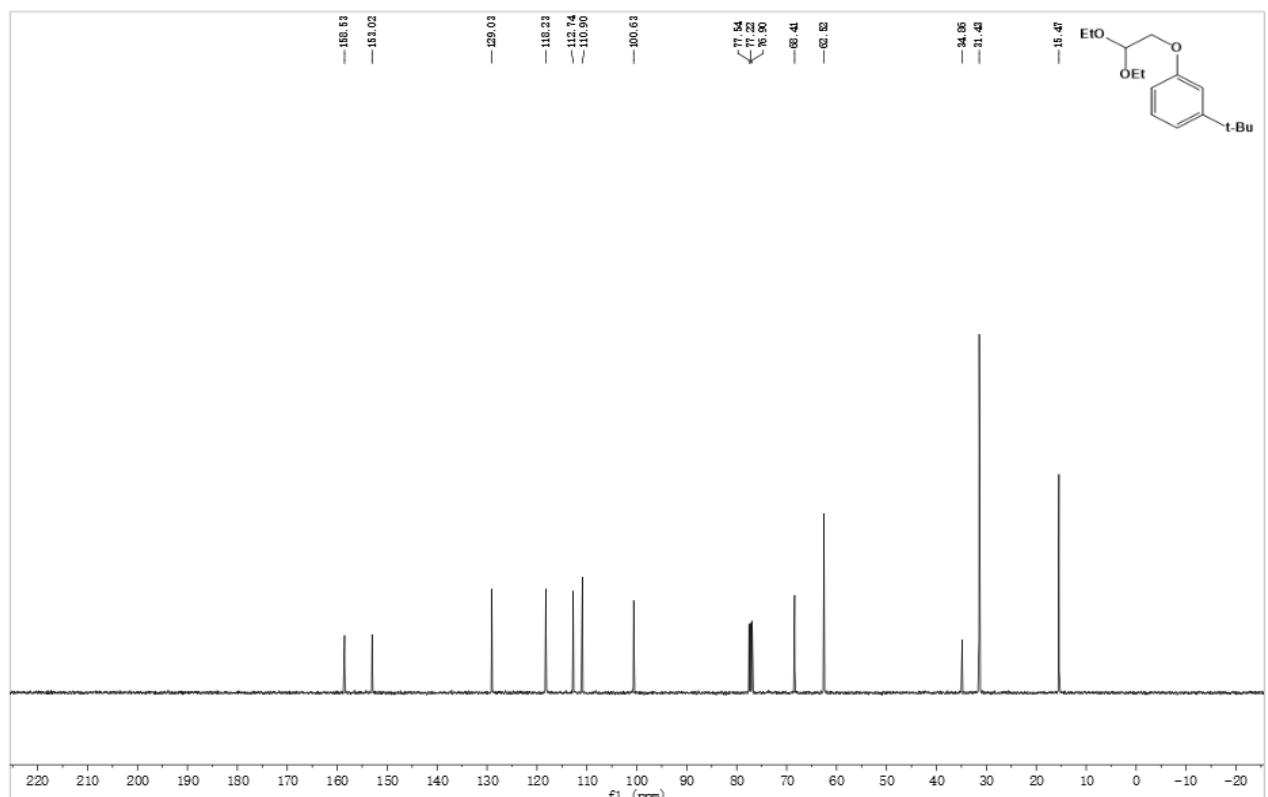
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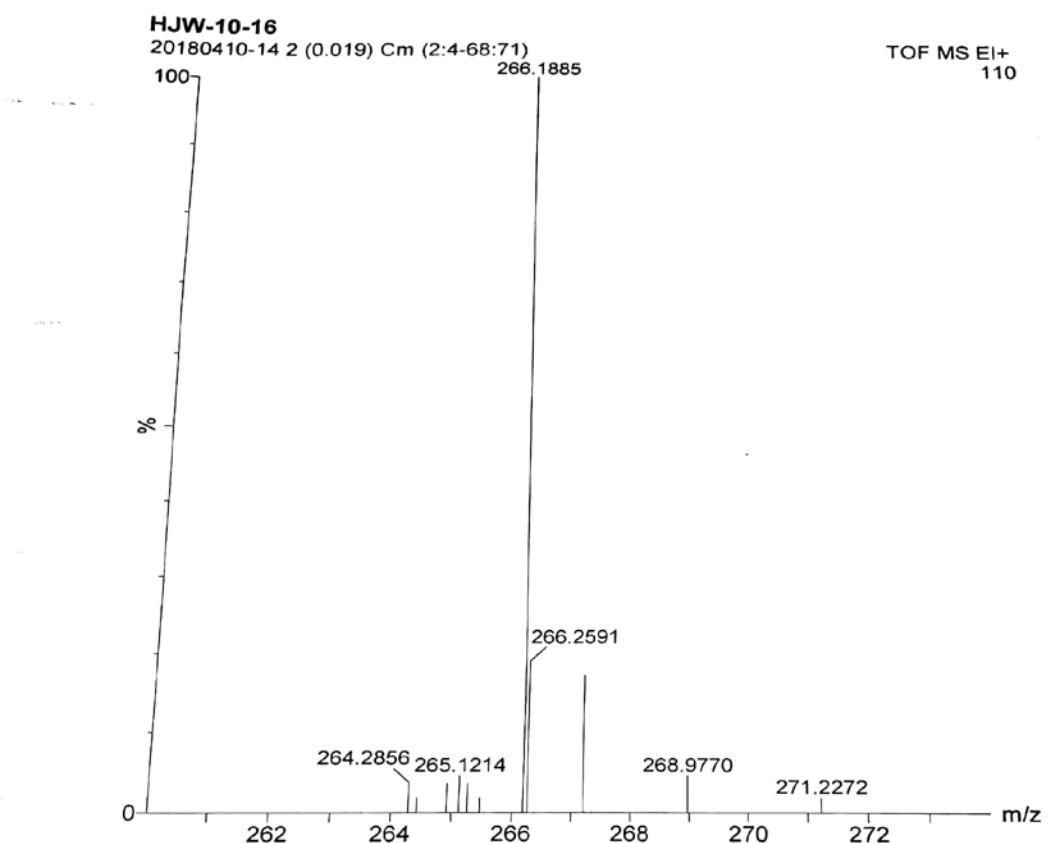
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### **<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum for 1x**



**HRMS (EI) spectrum for 1x**



**Elemental Composition Report**

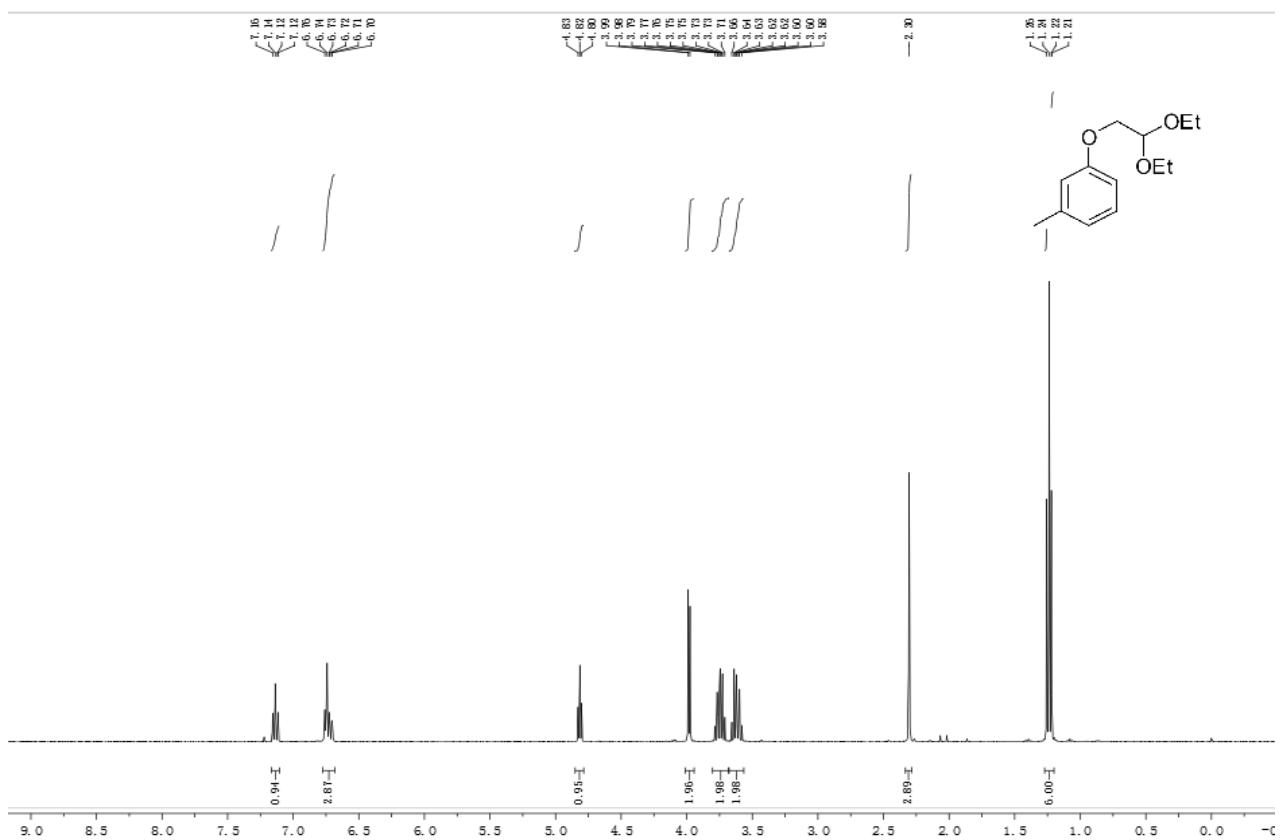
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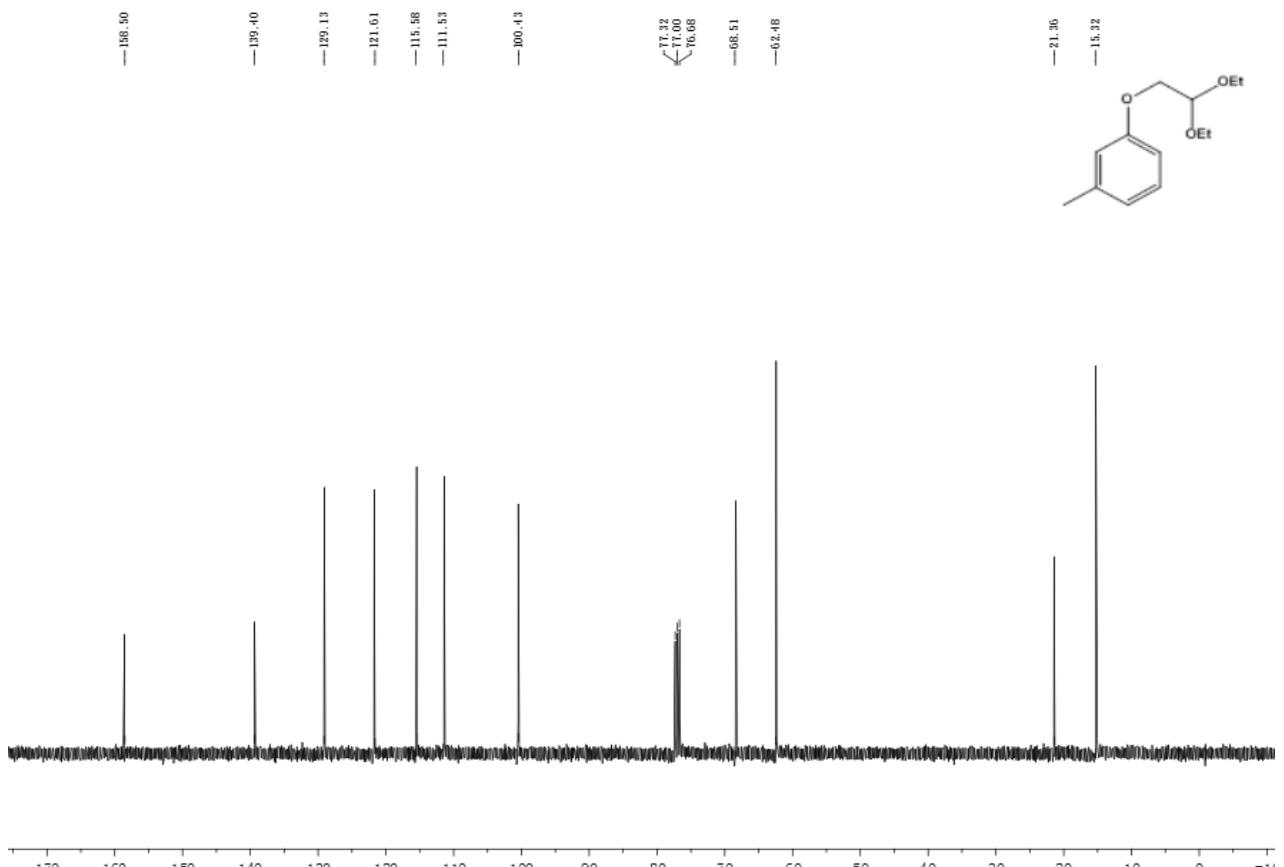
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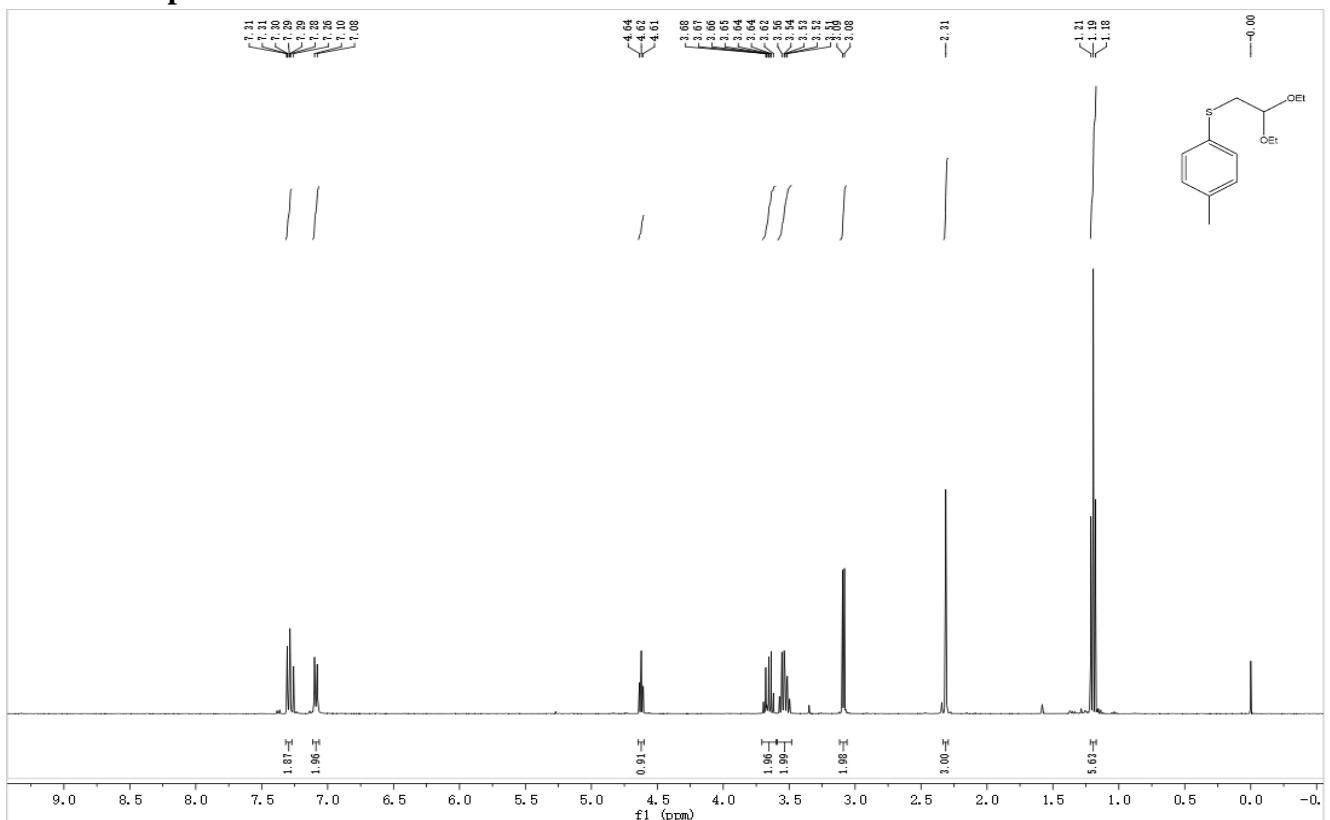
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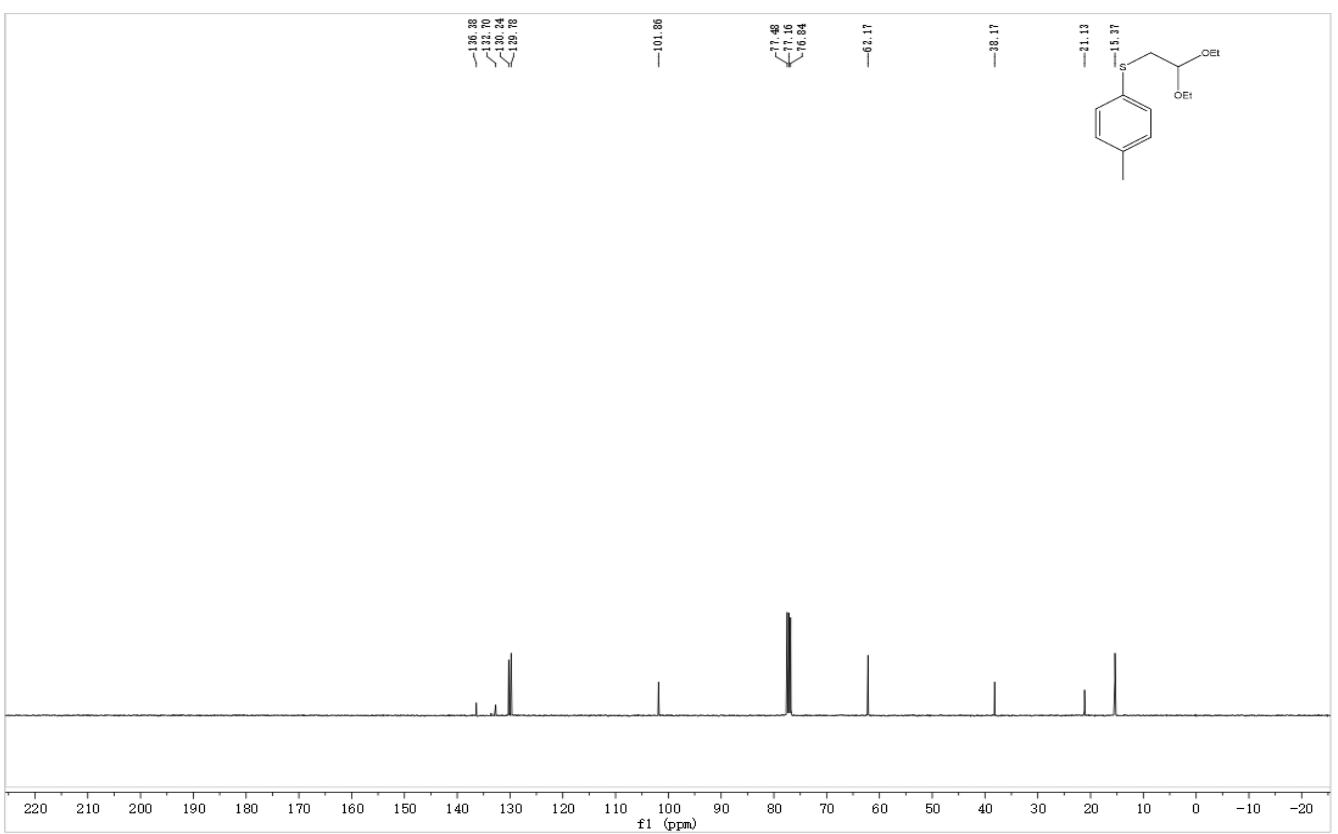
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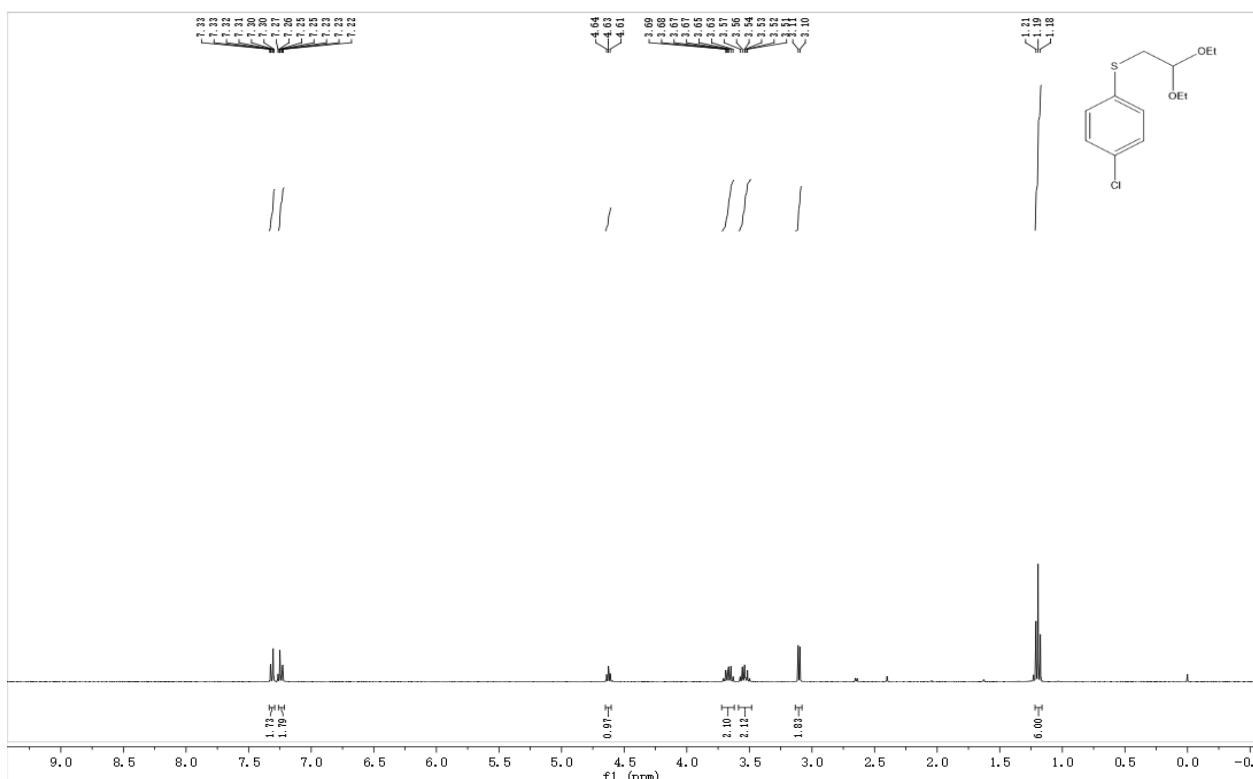
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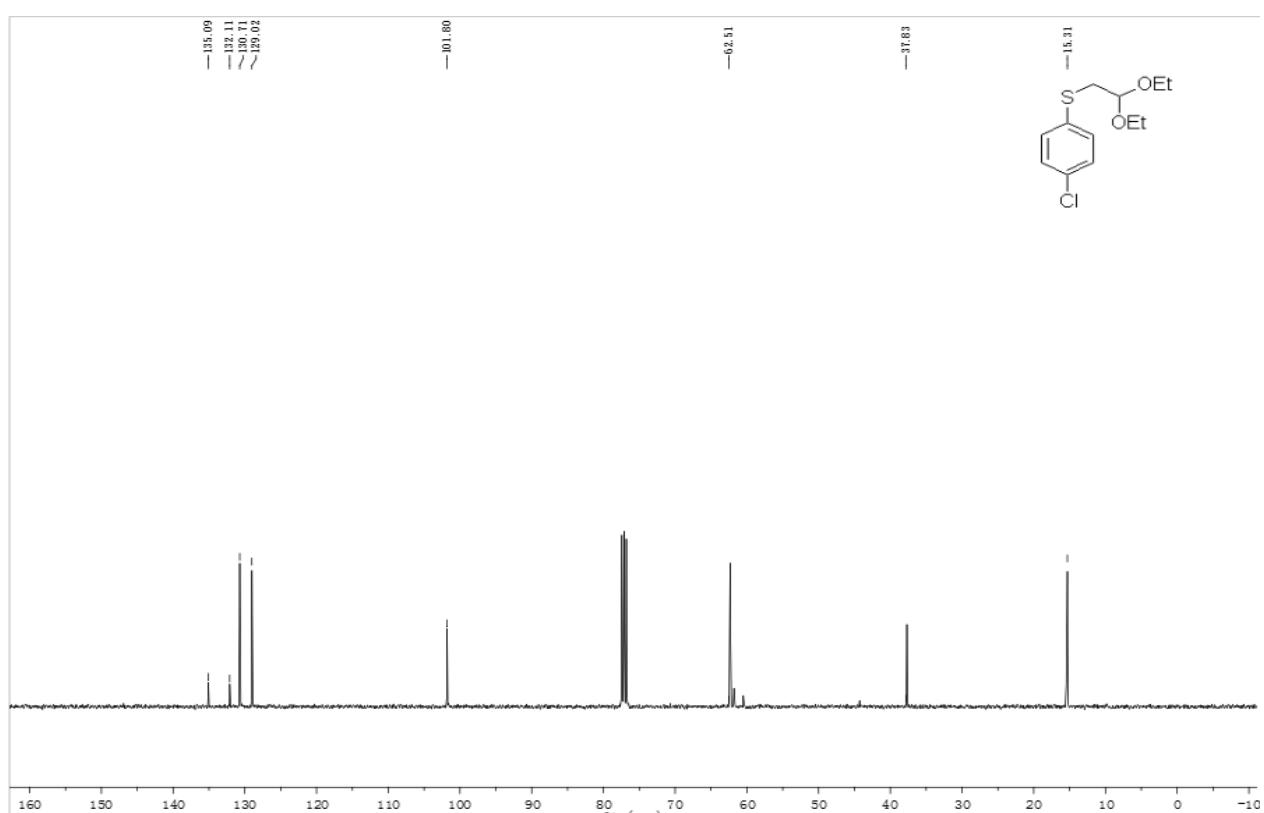
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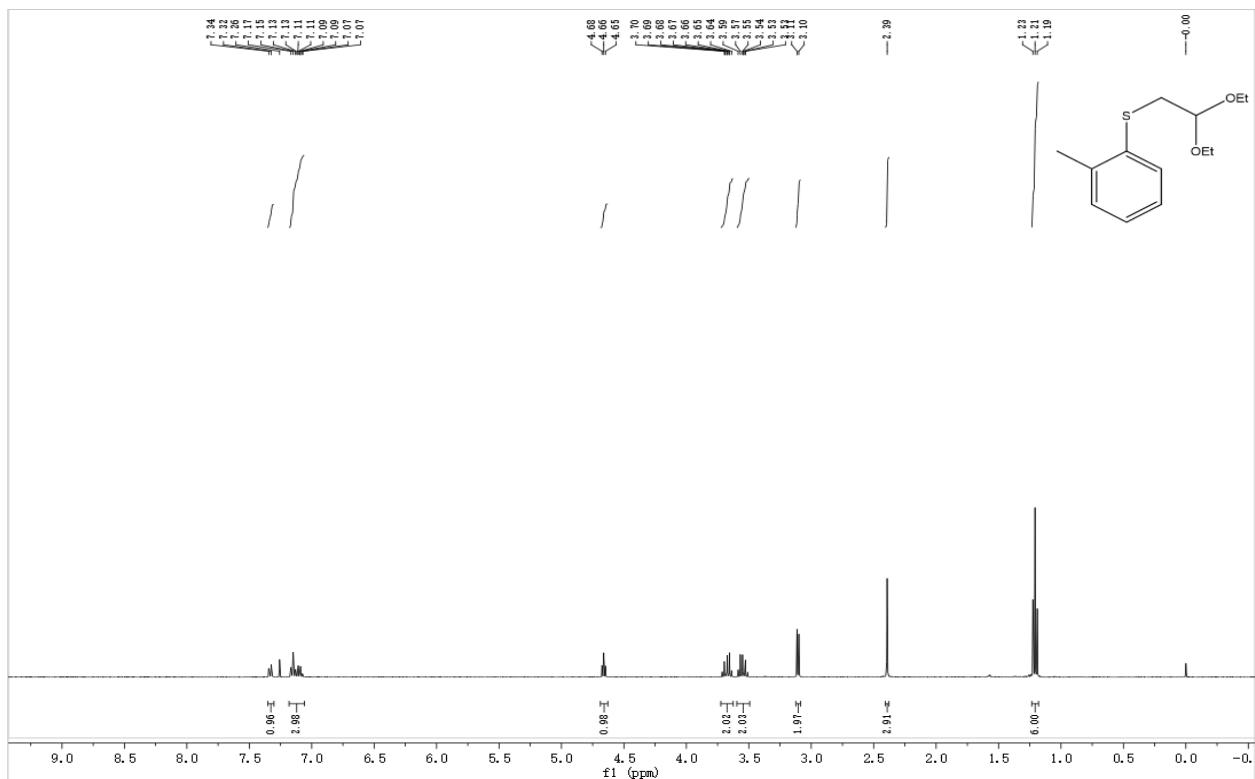
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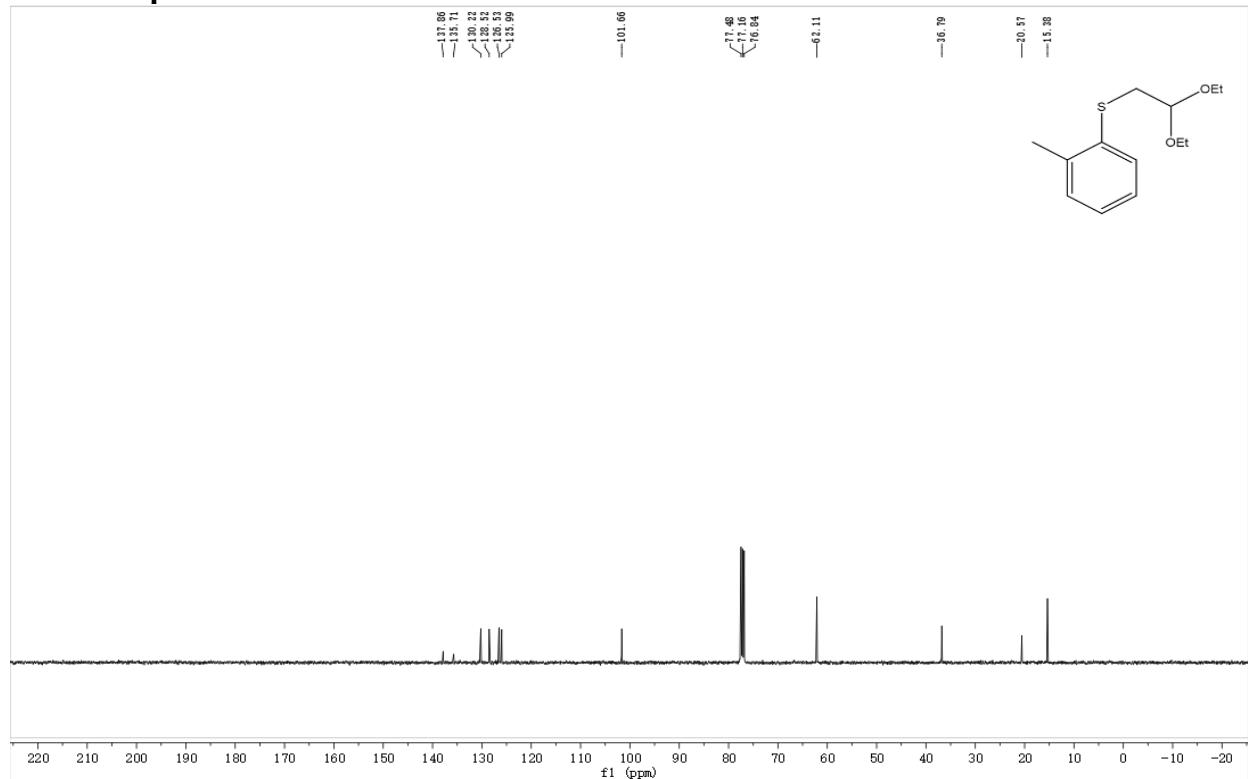
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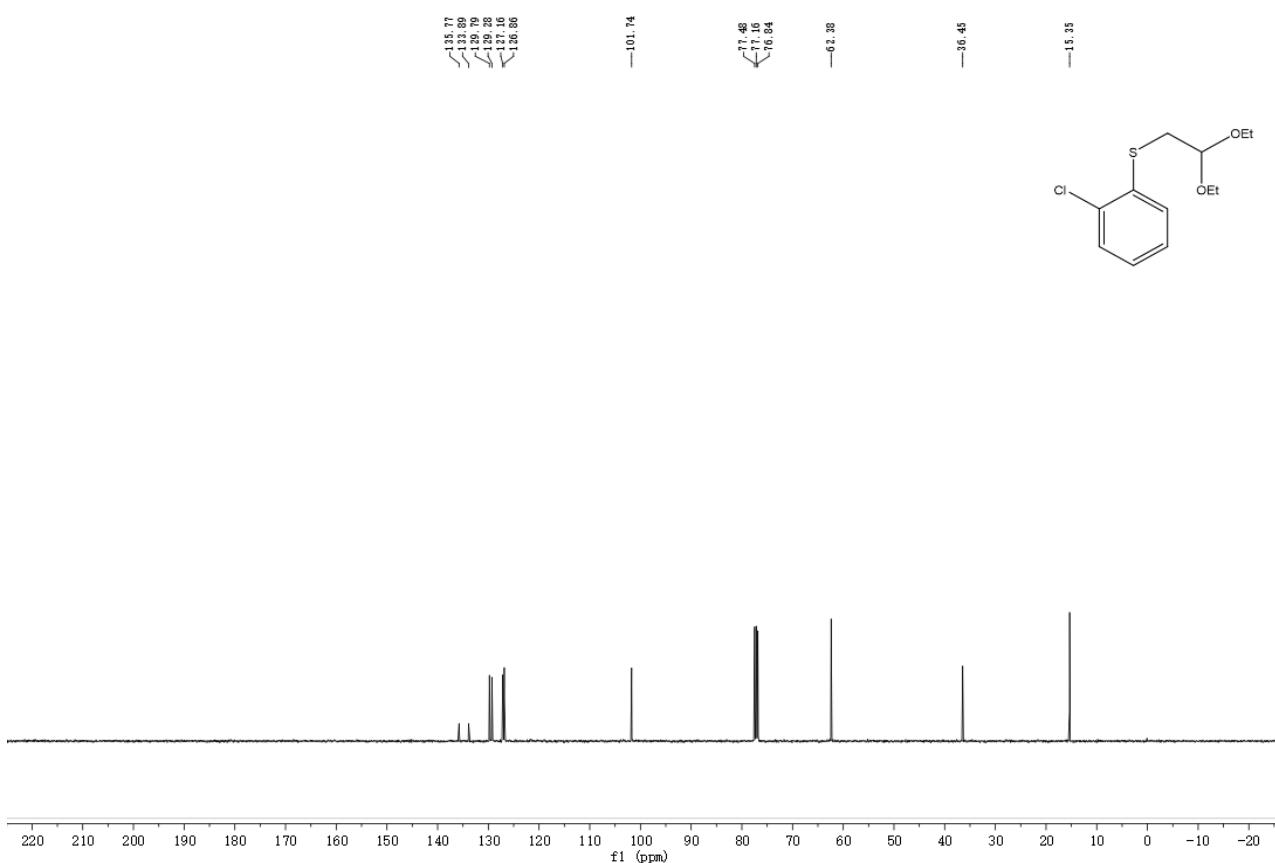
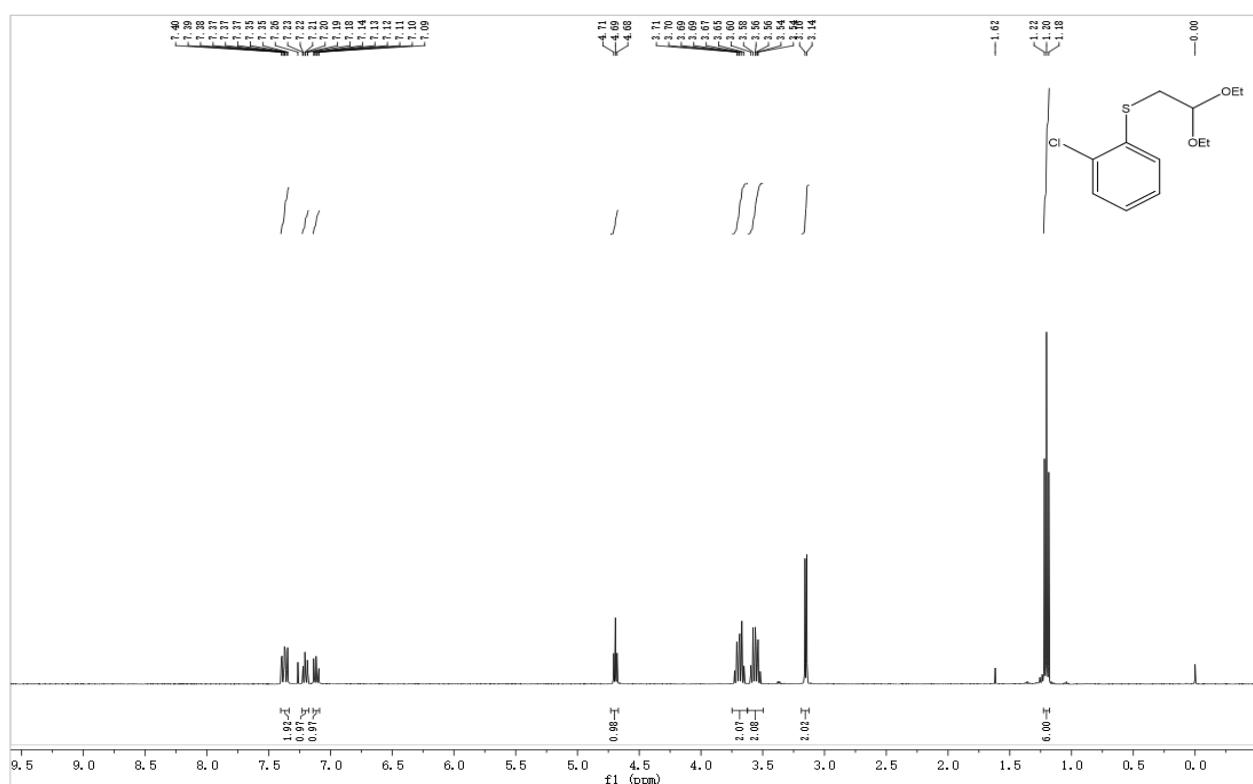
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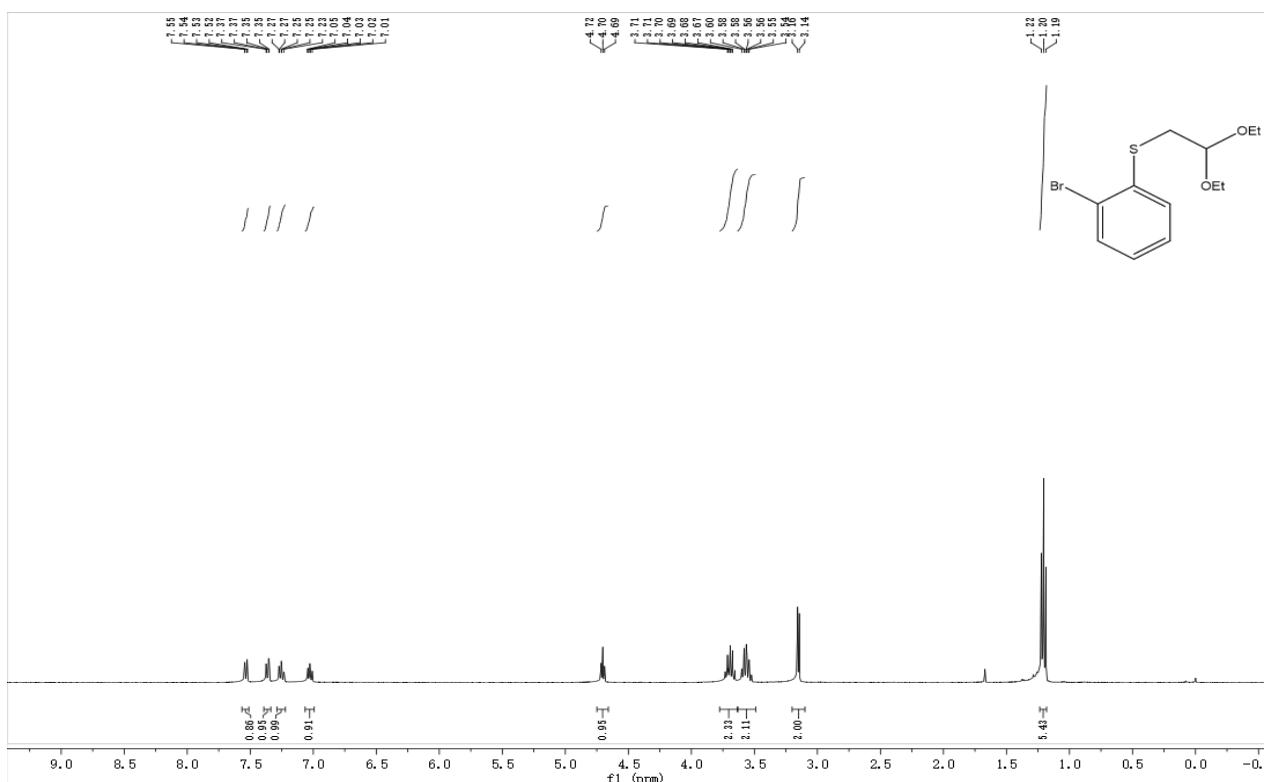
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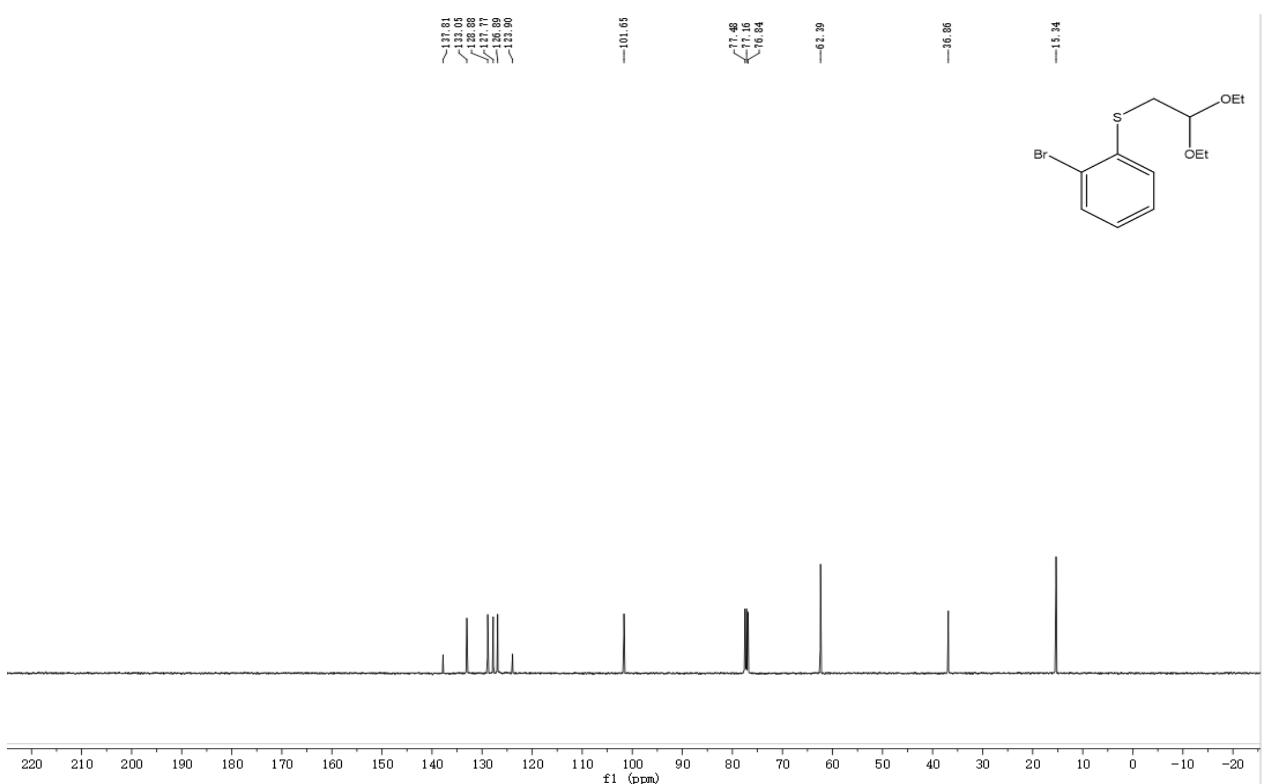
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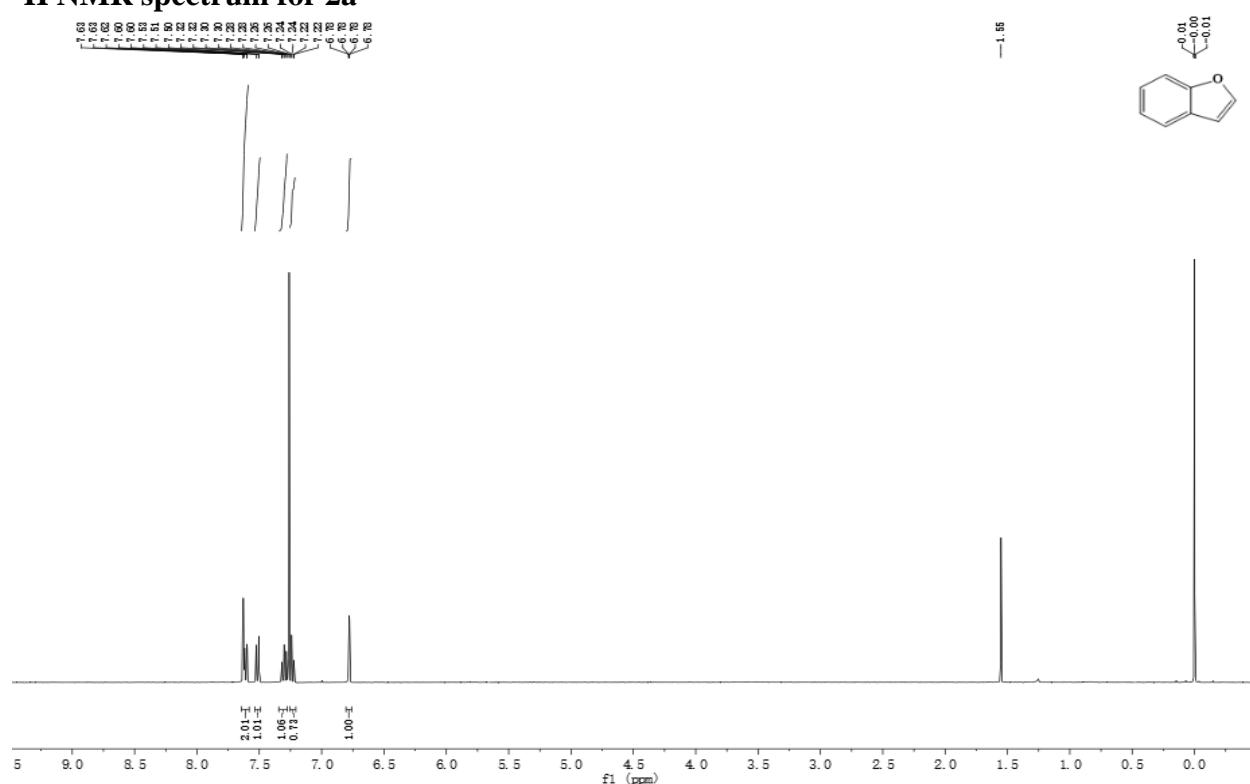
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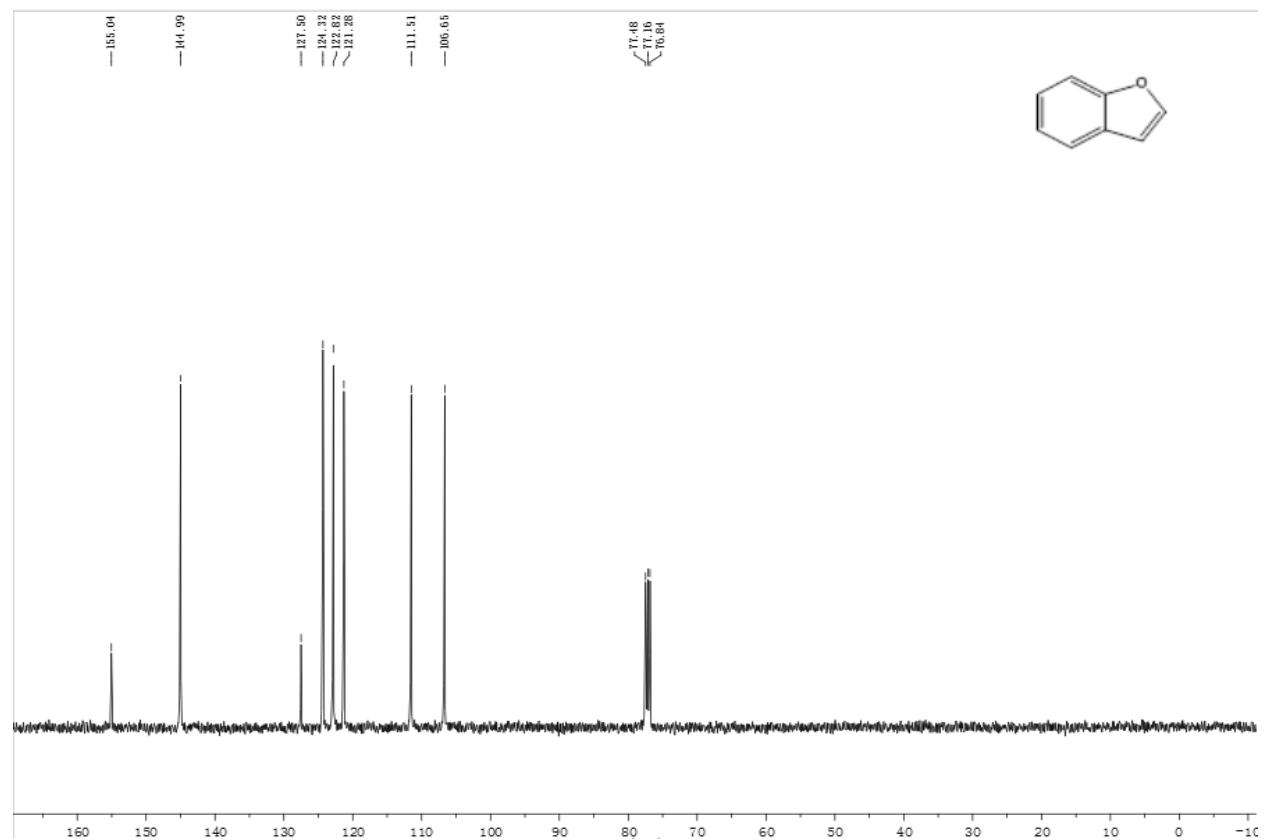
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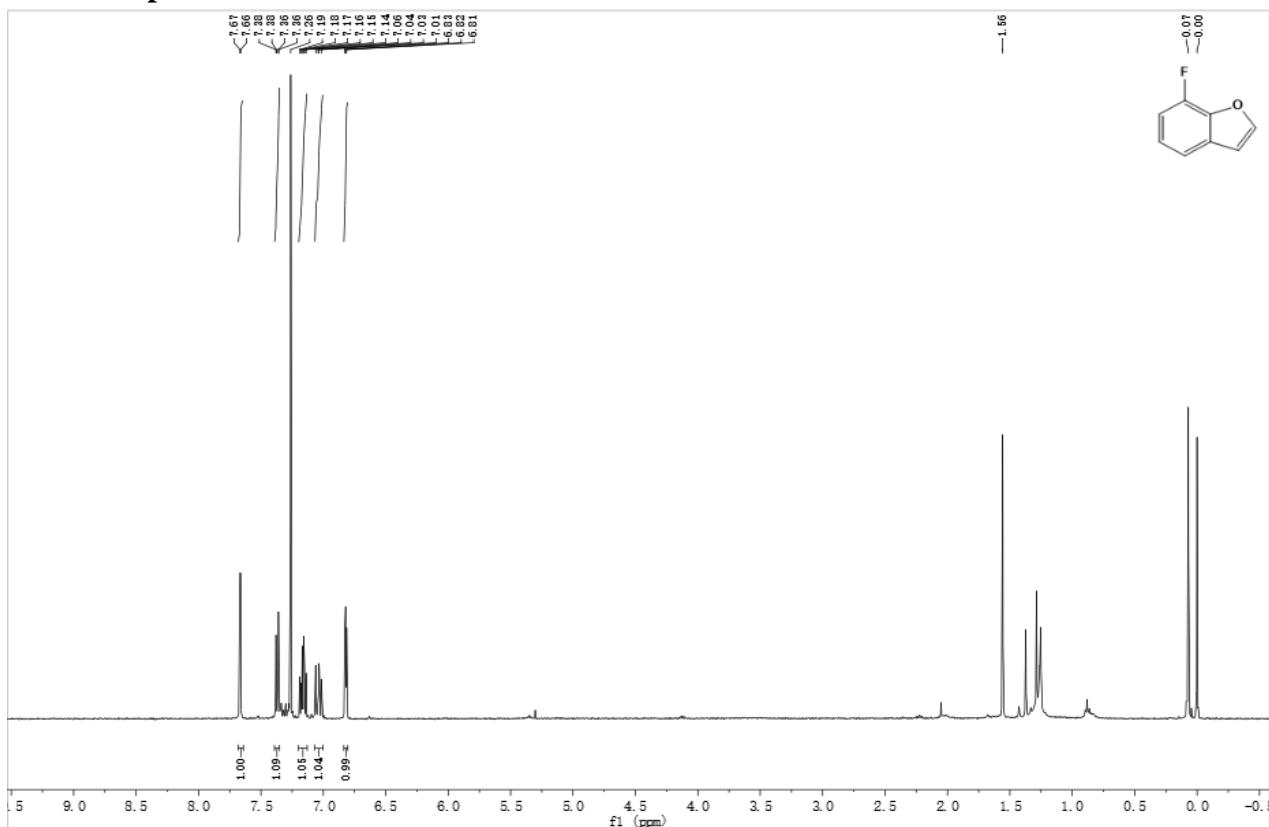
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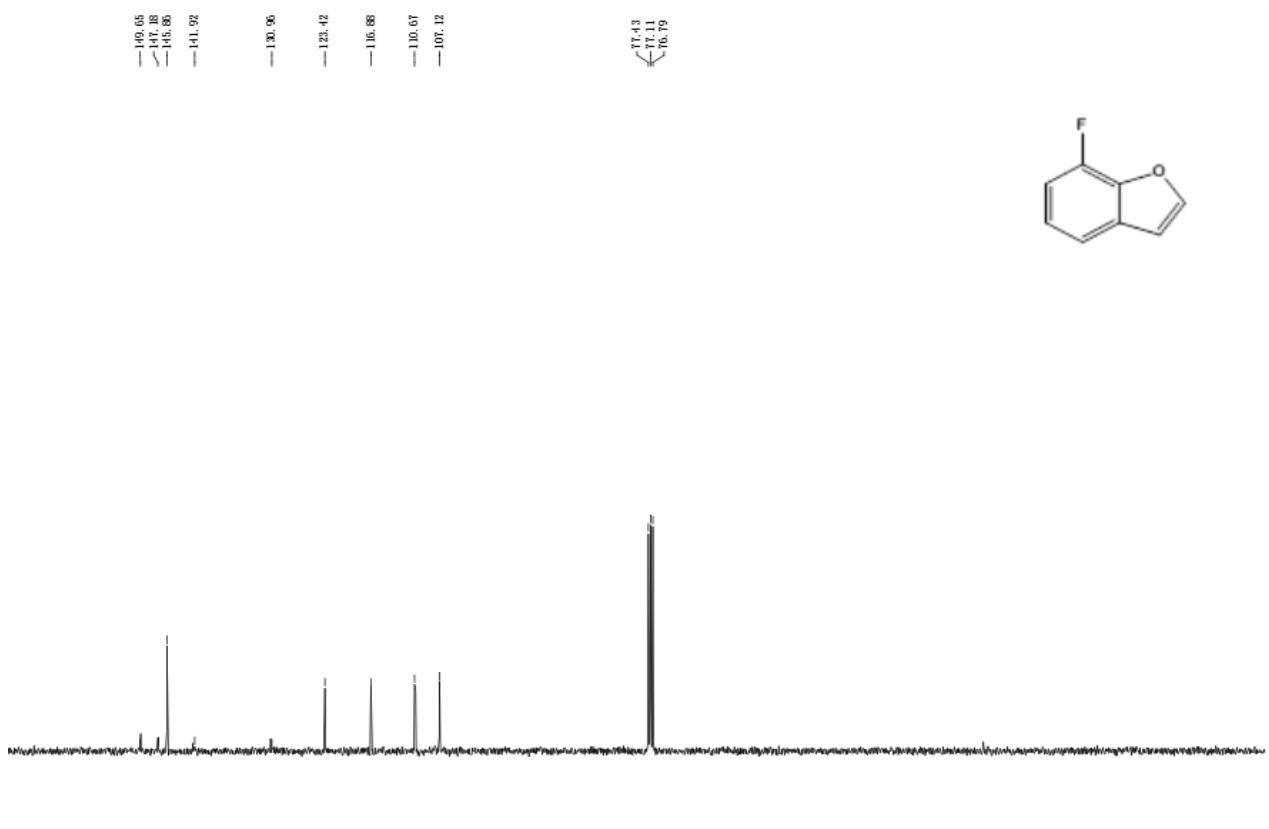
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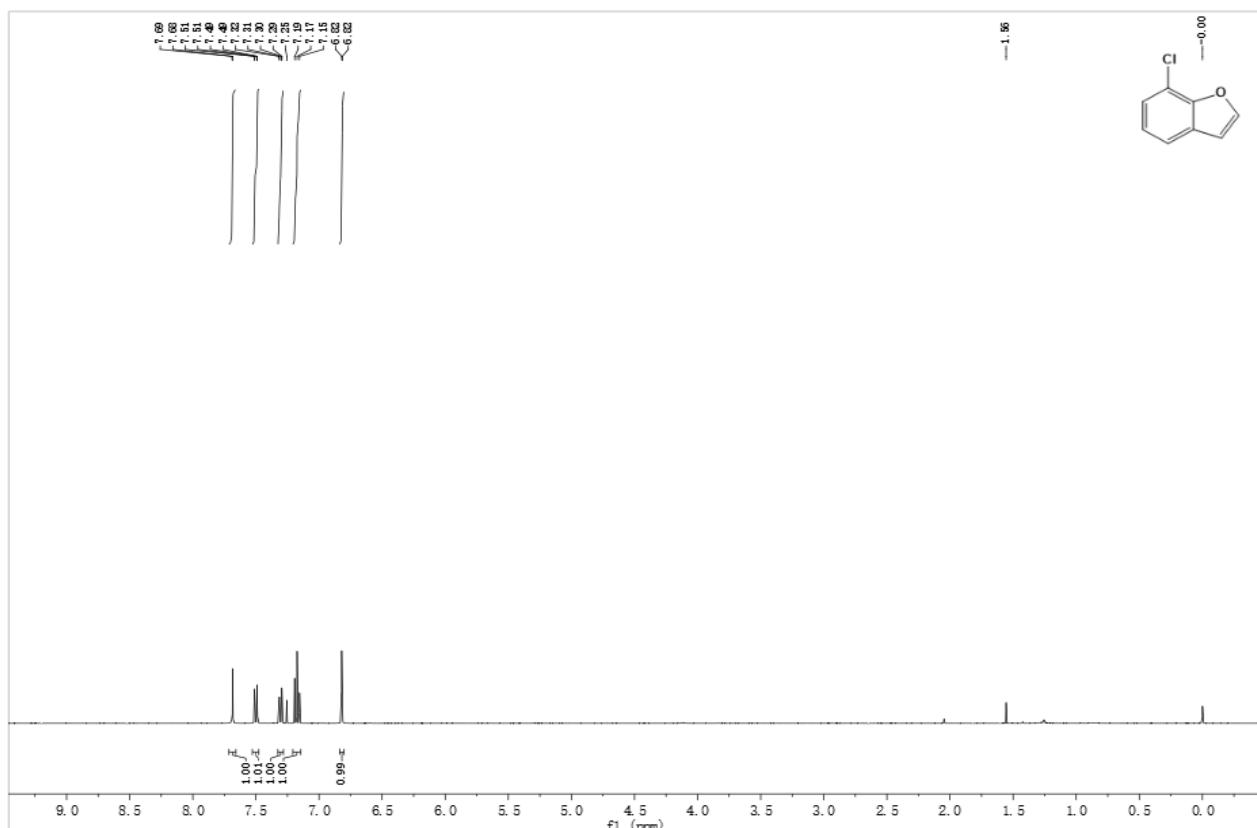
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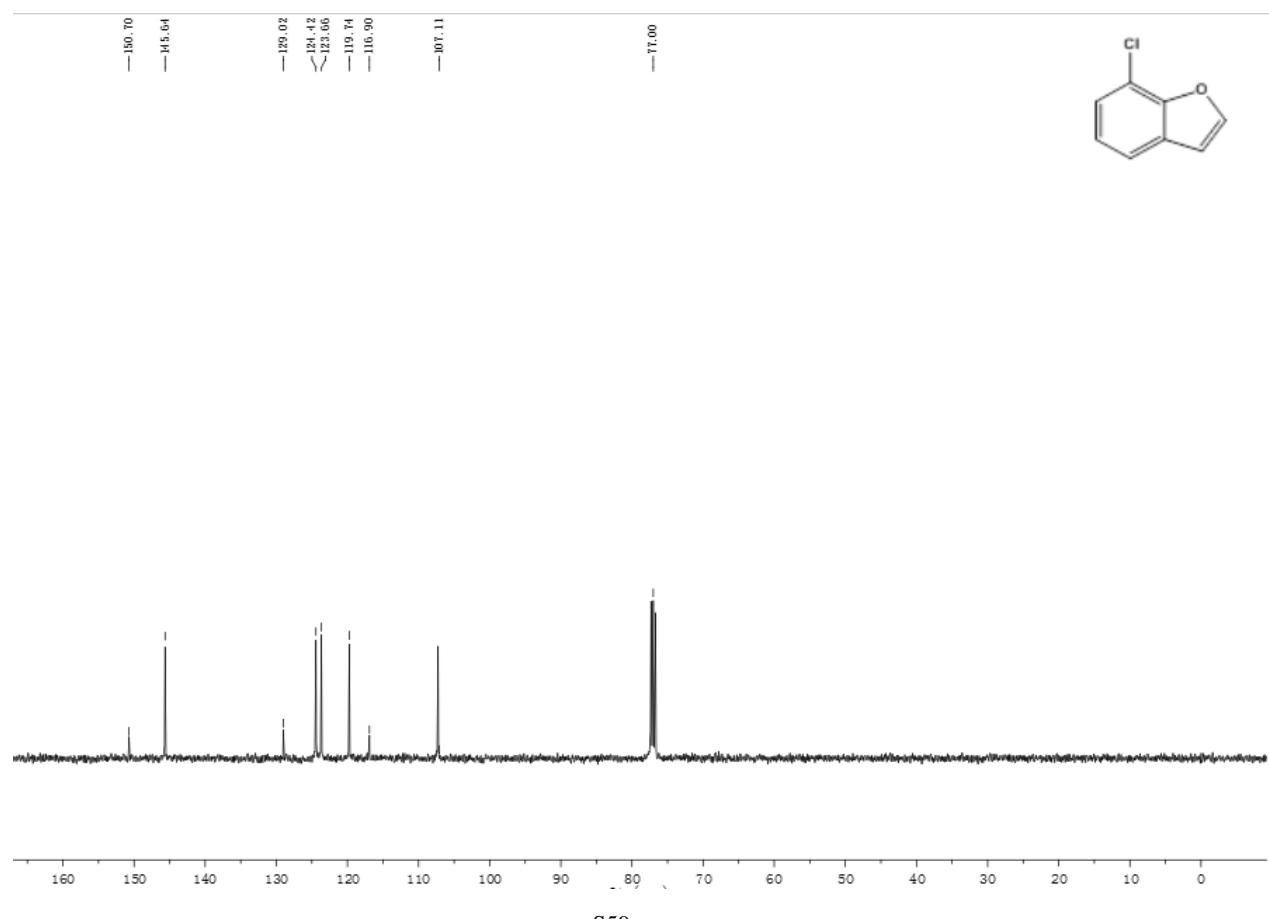
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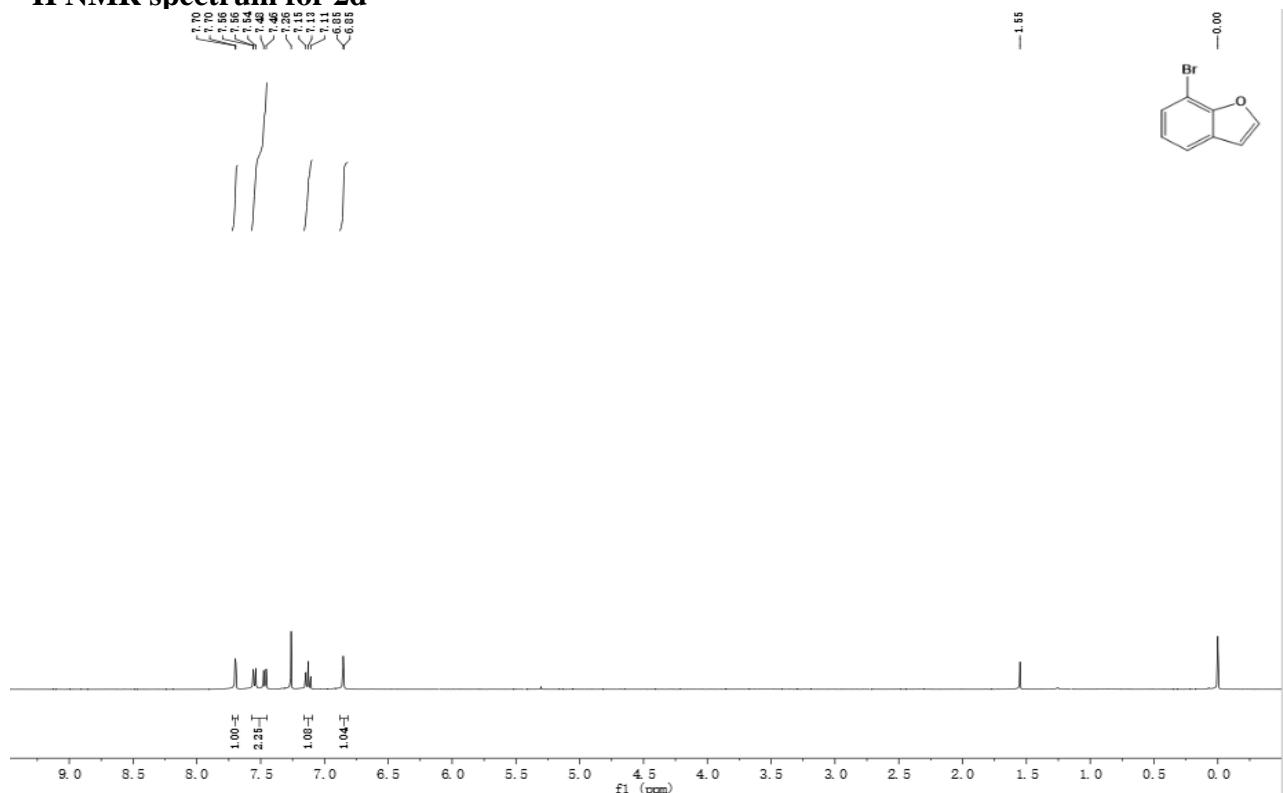
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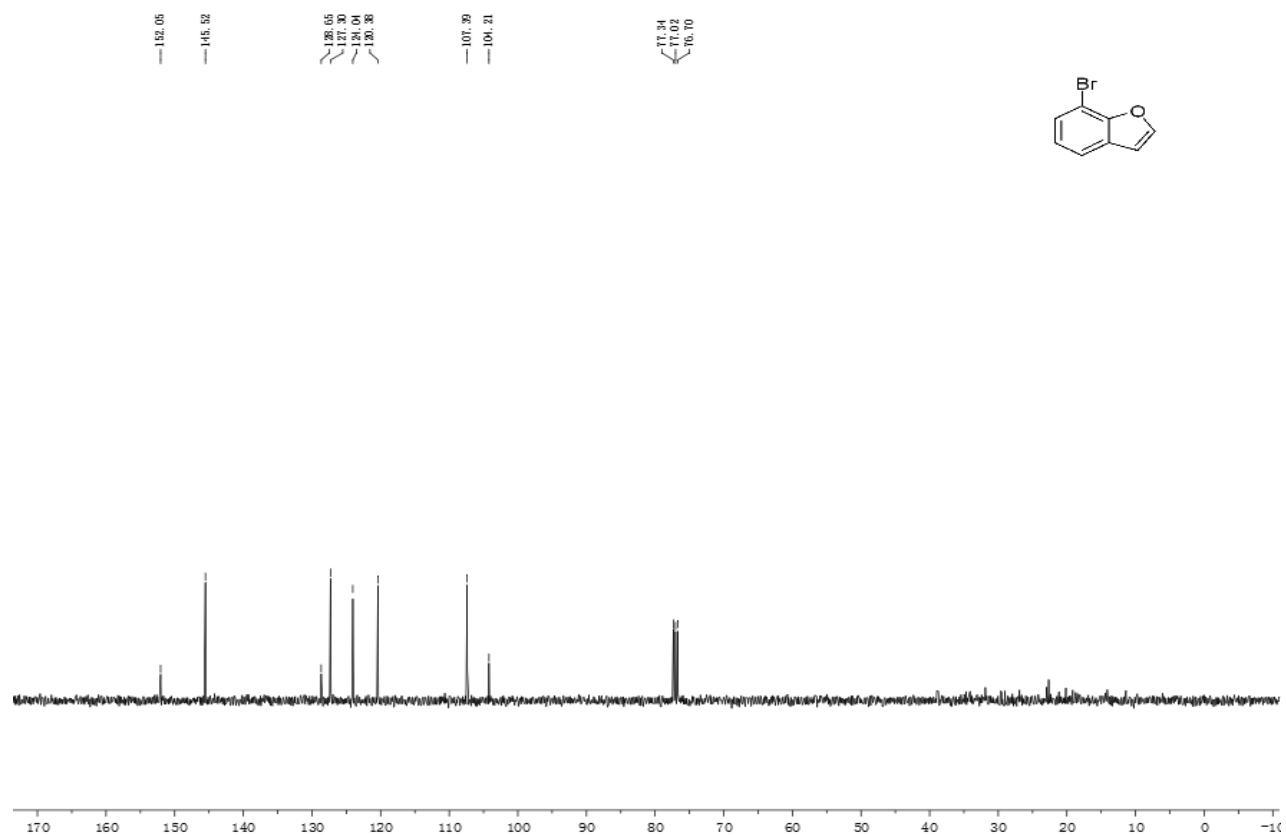
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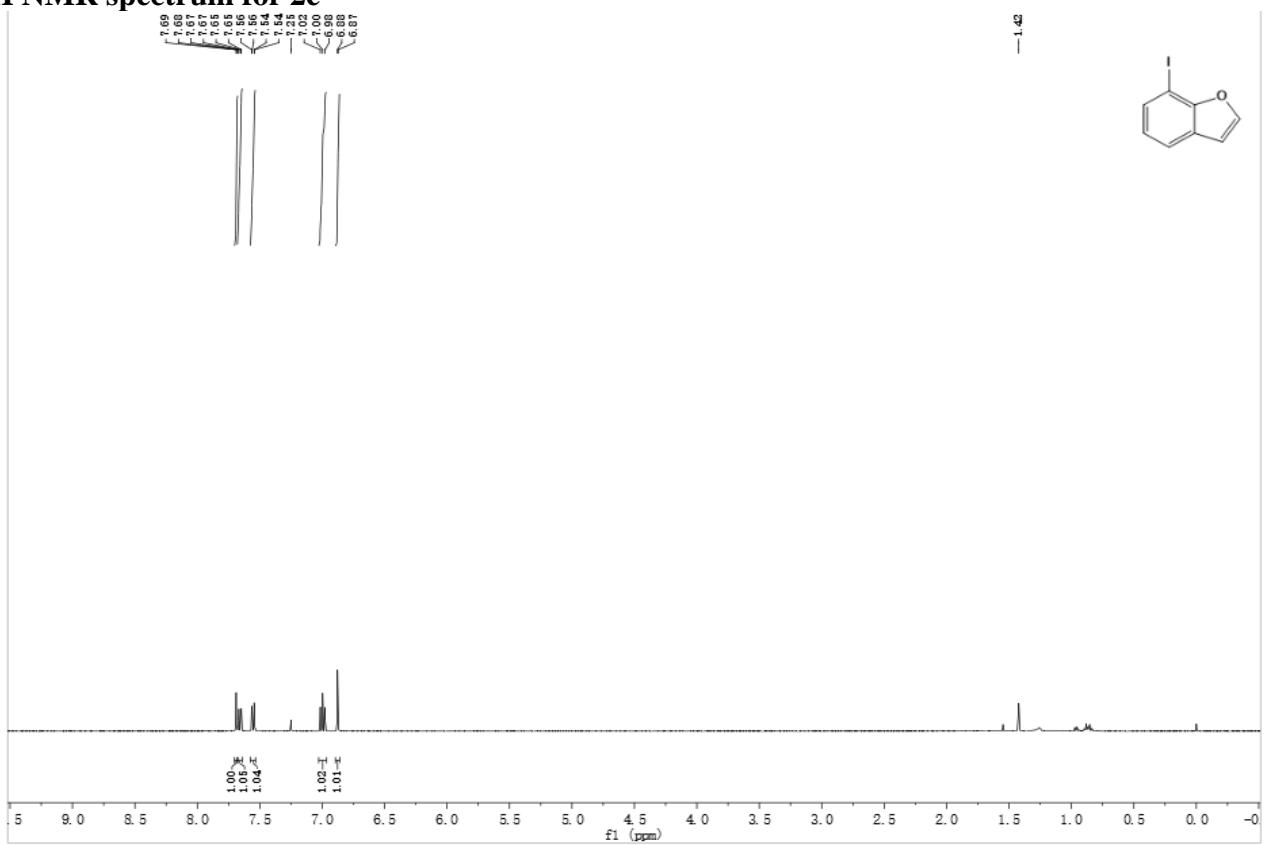
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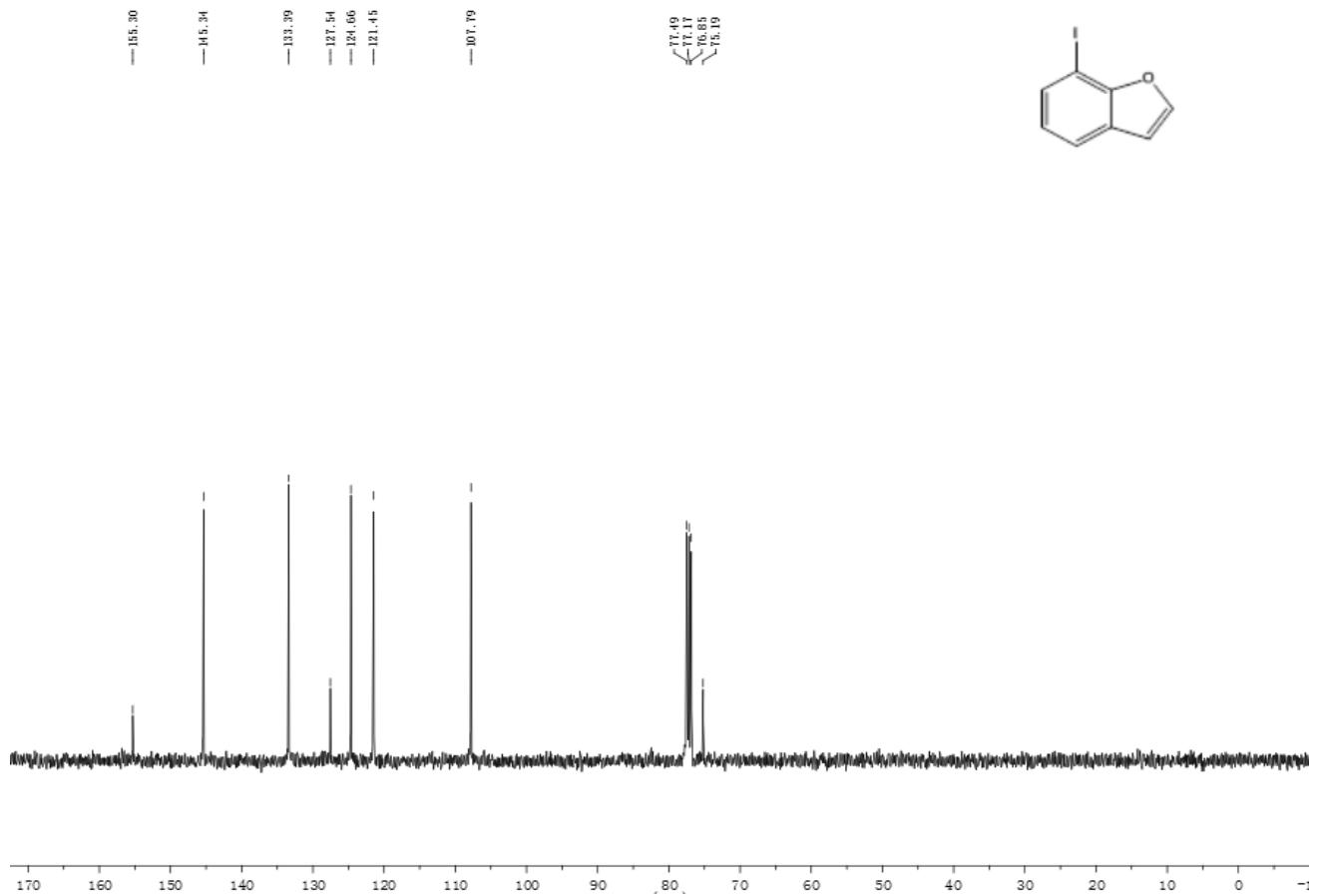
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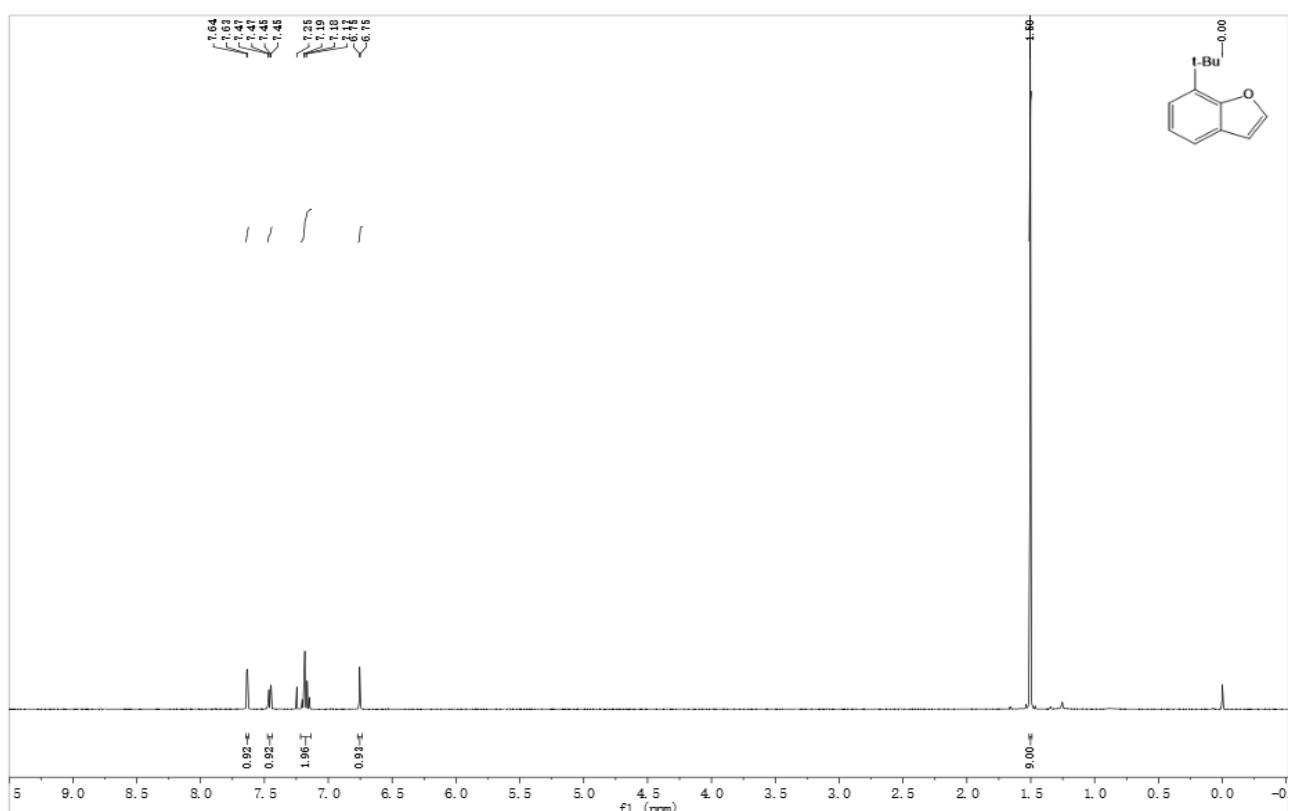
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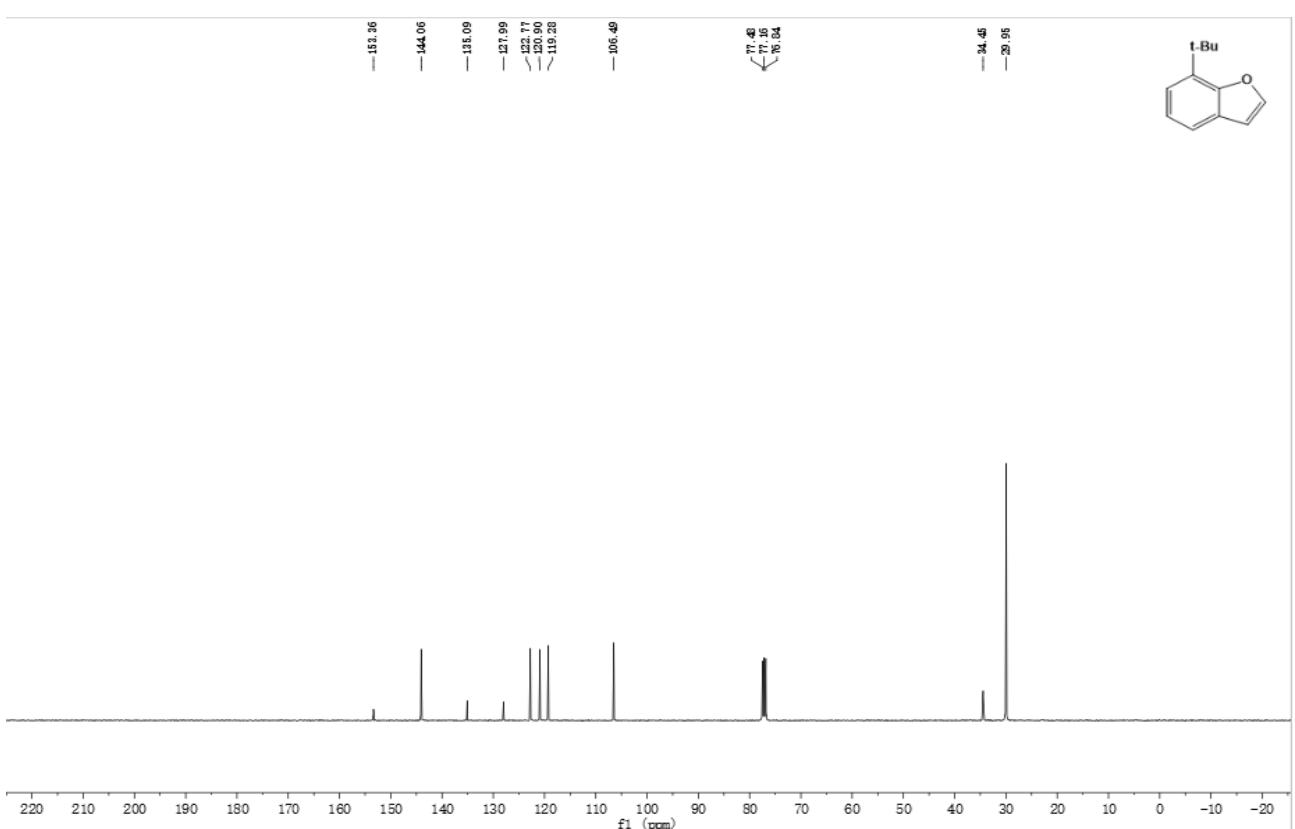
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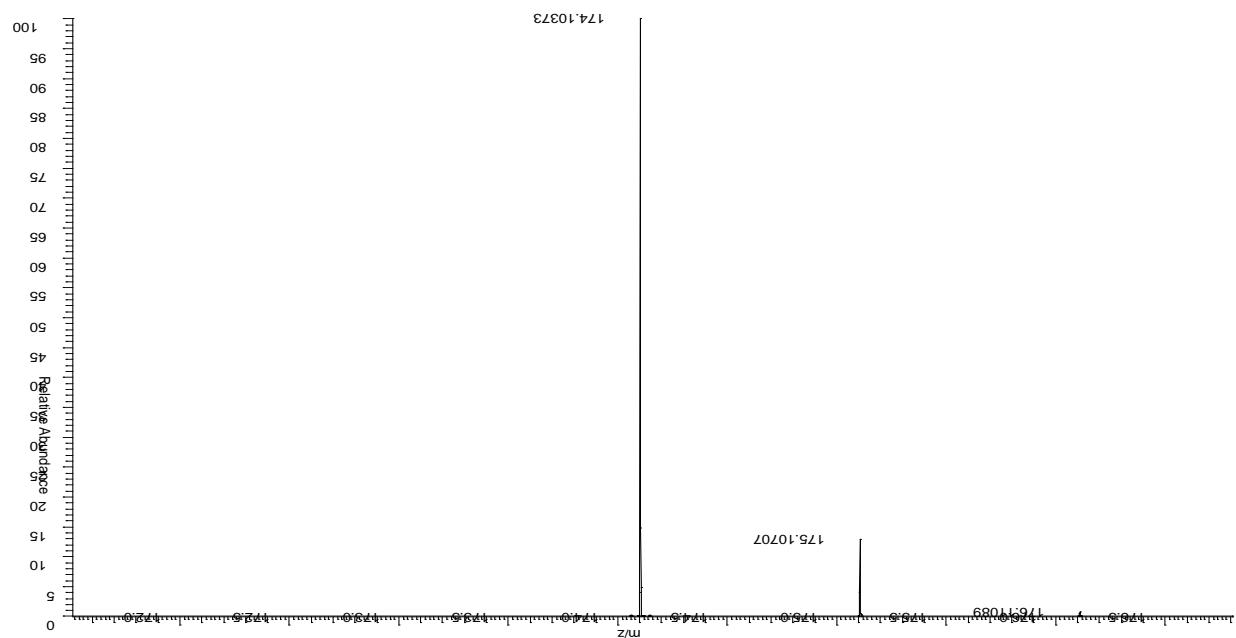


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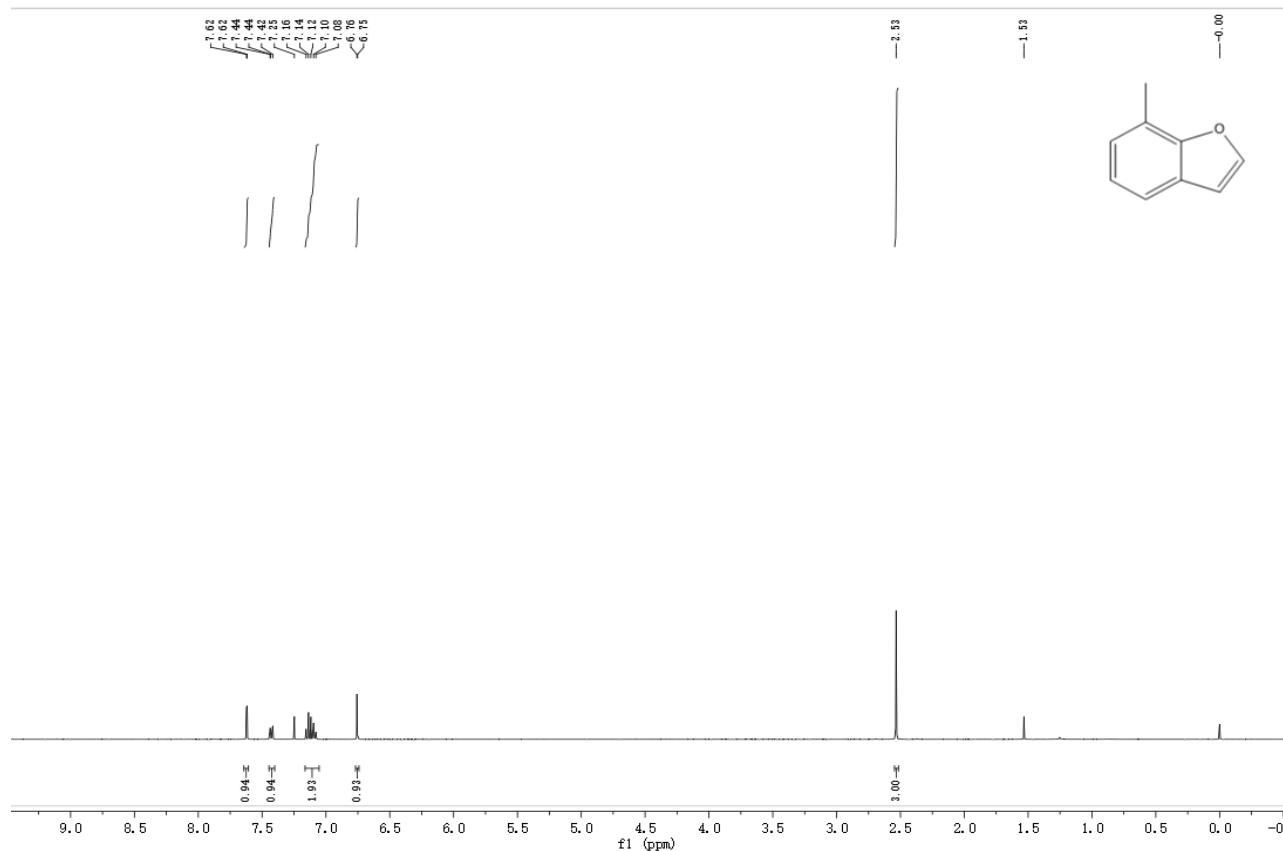


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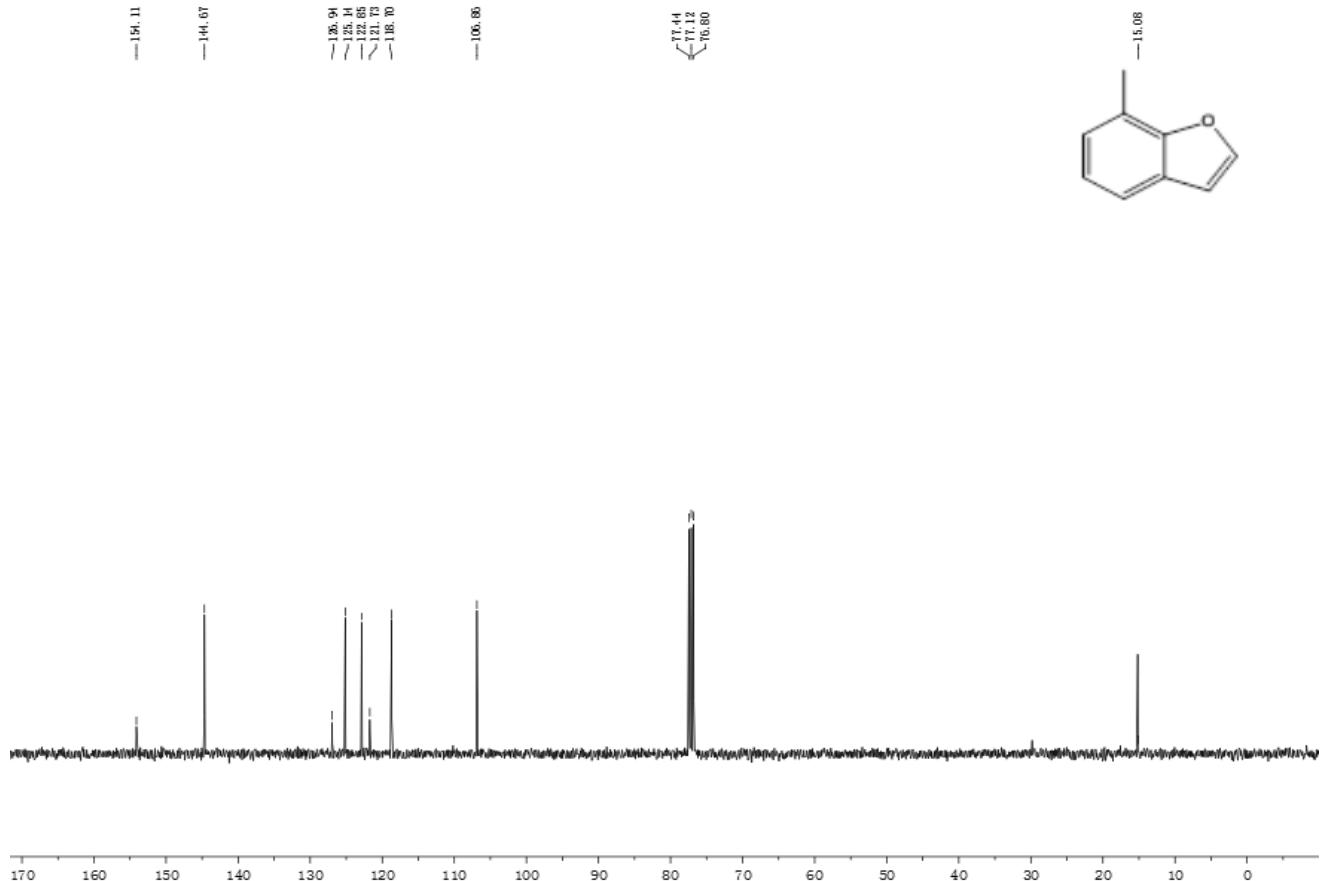
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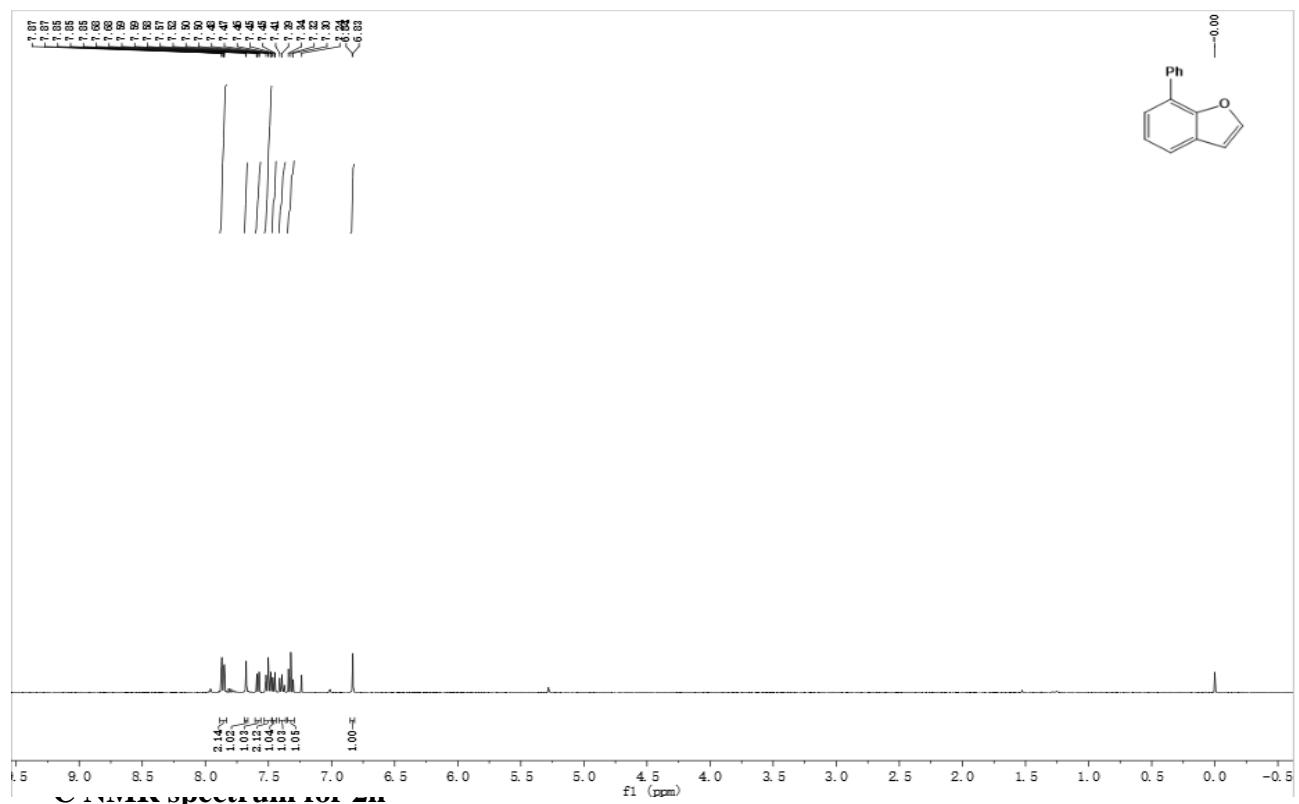
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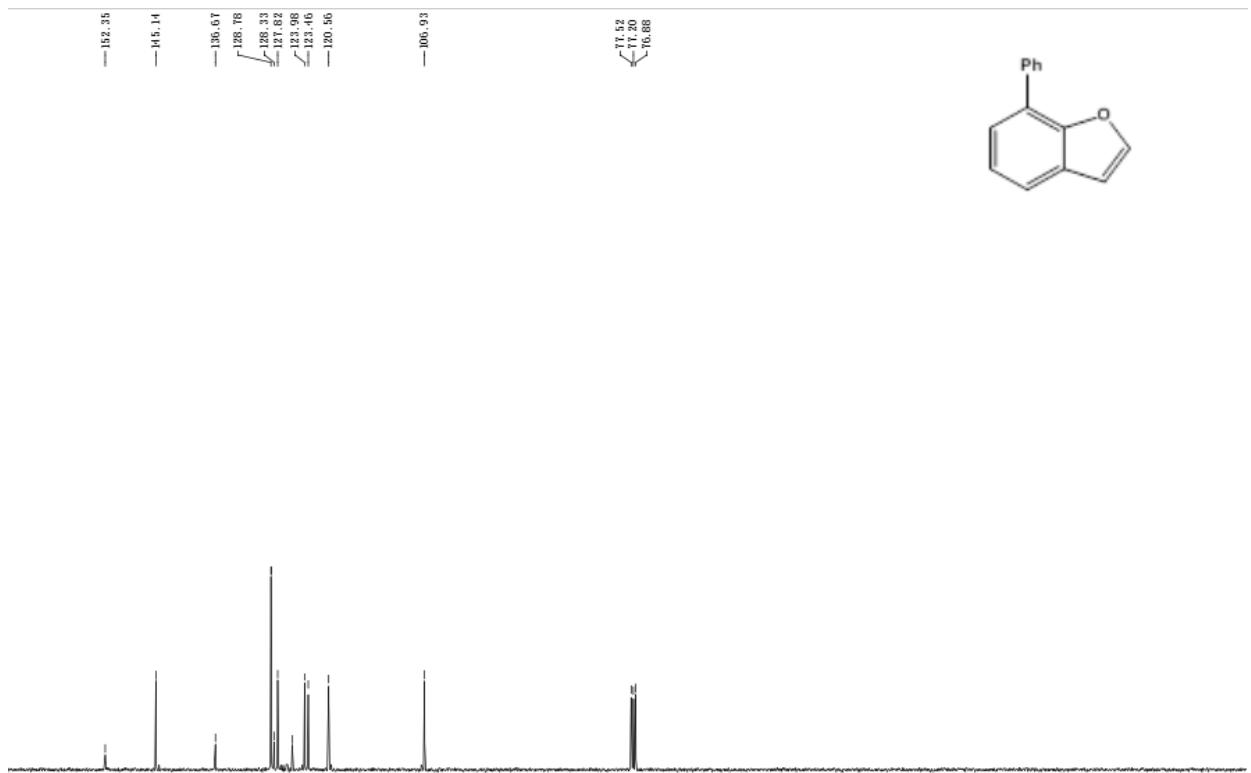


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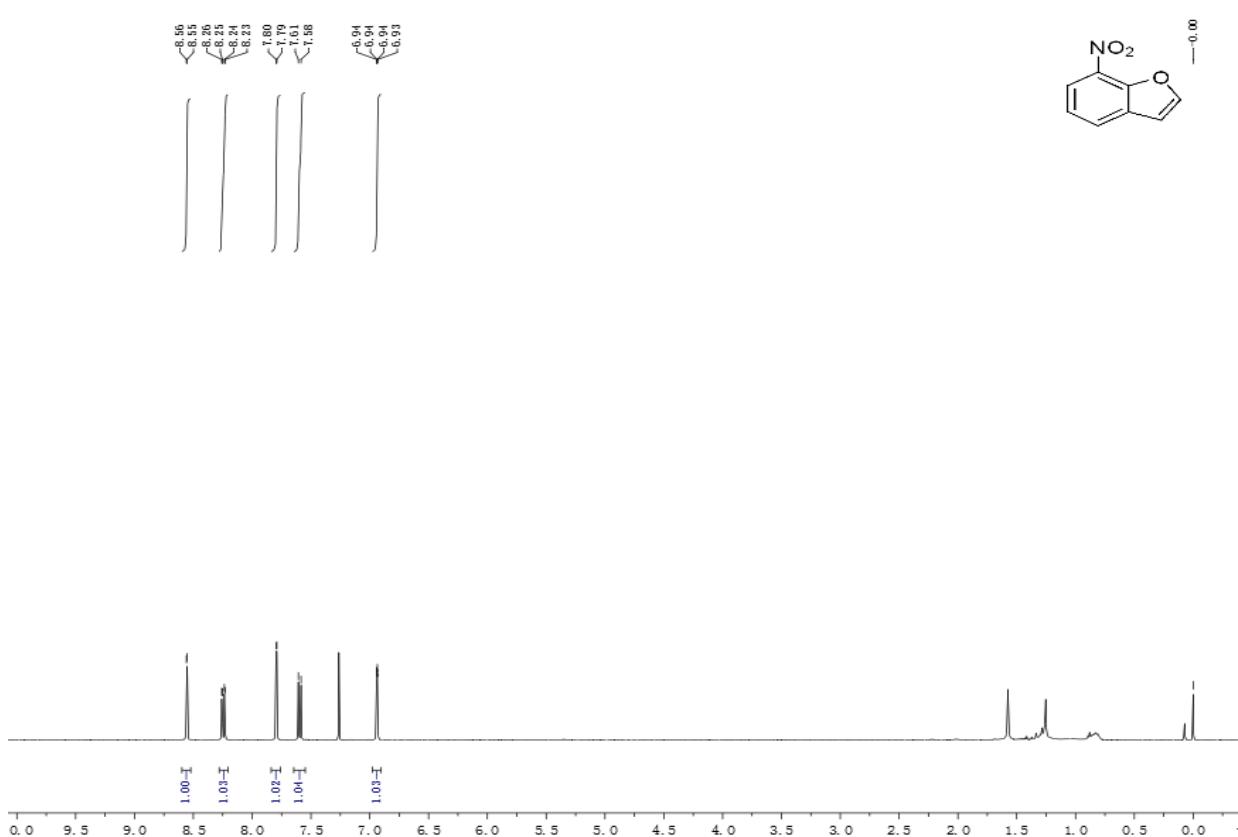


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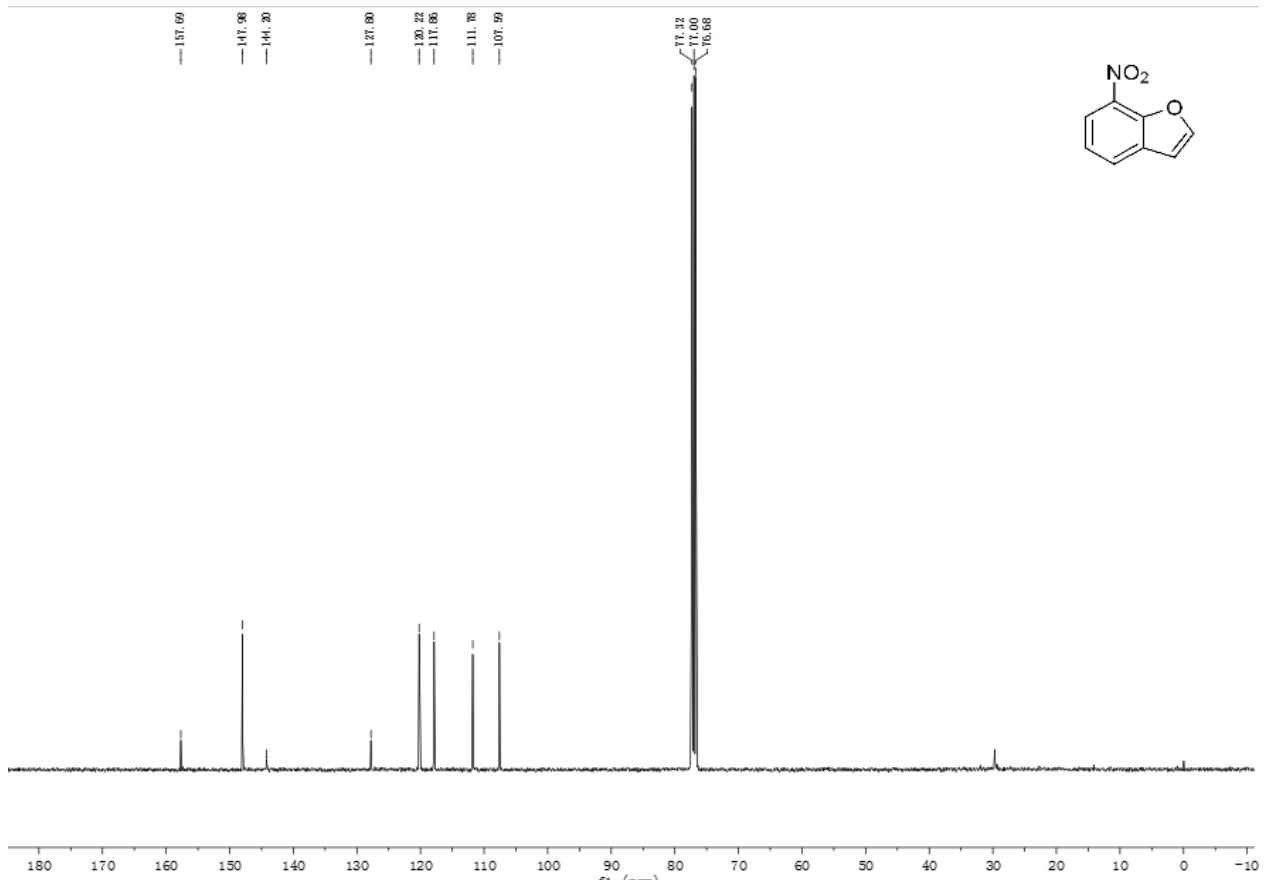




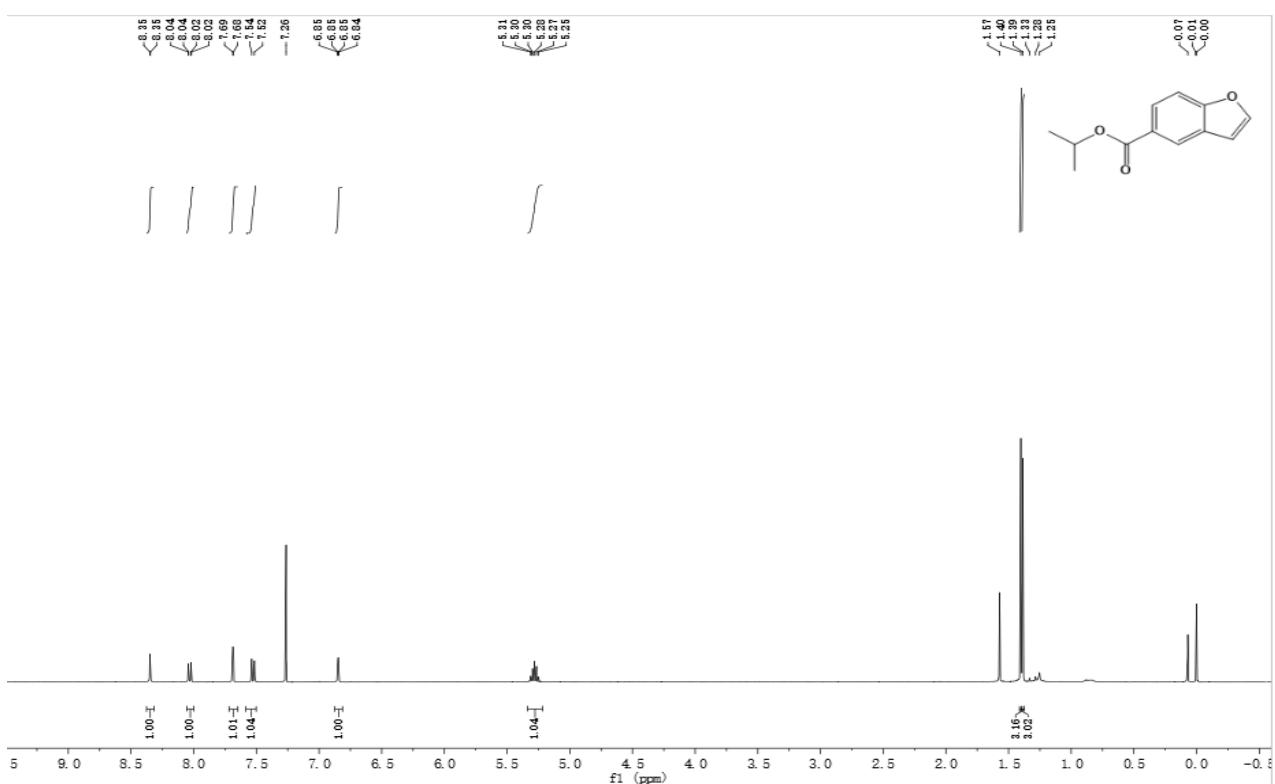
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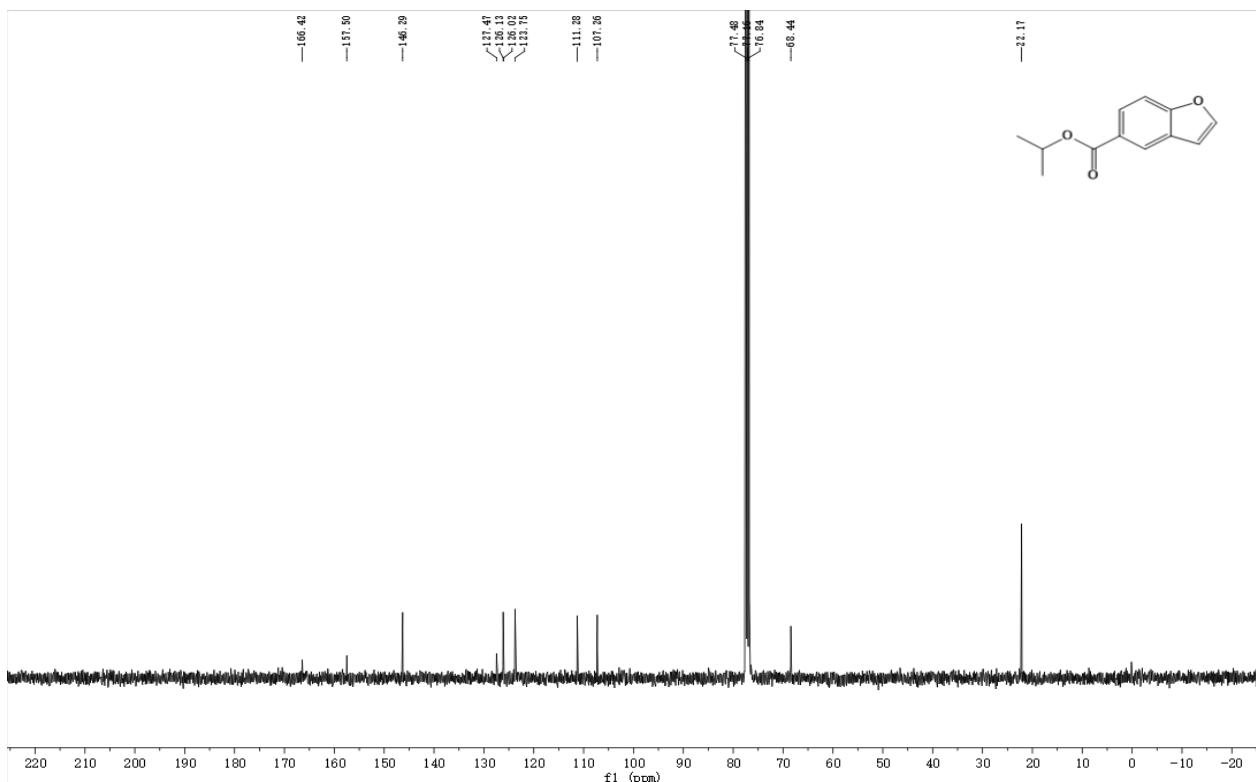
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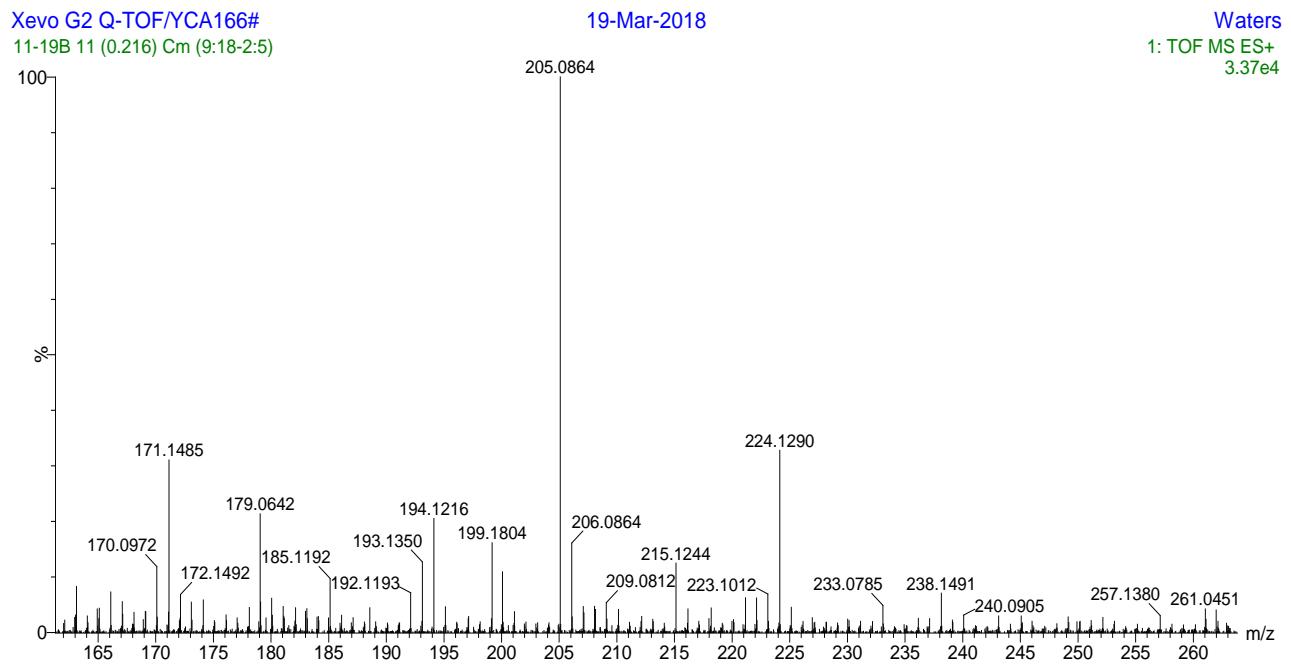
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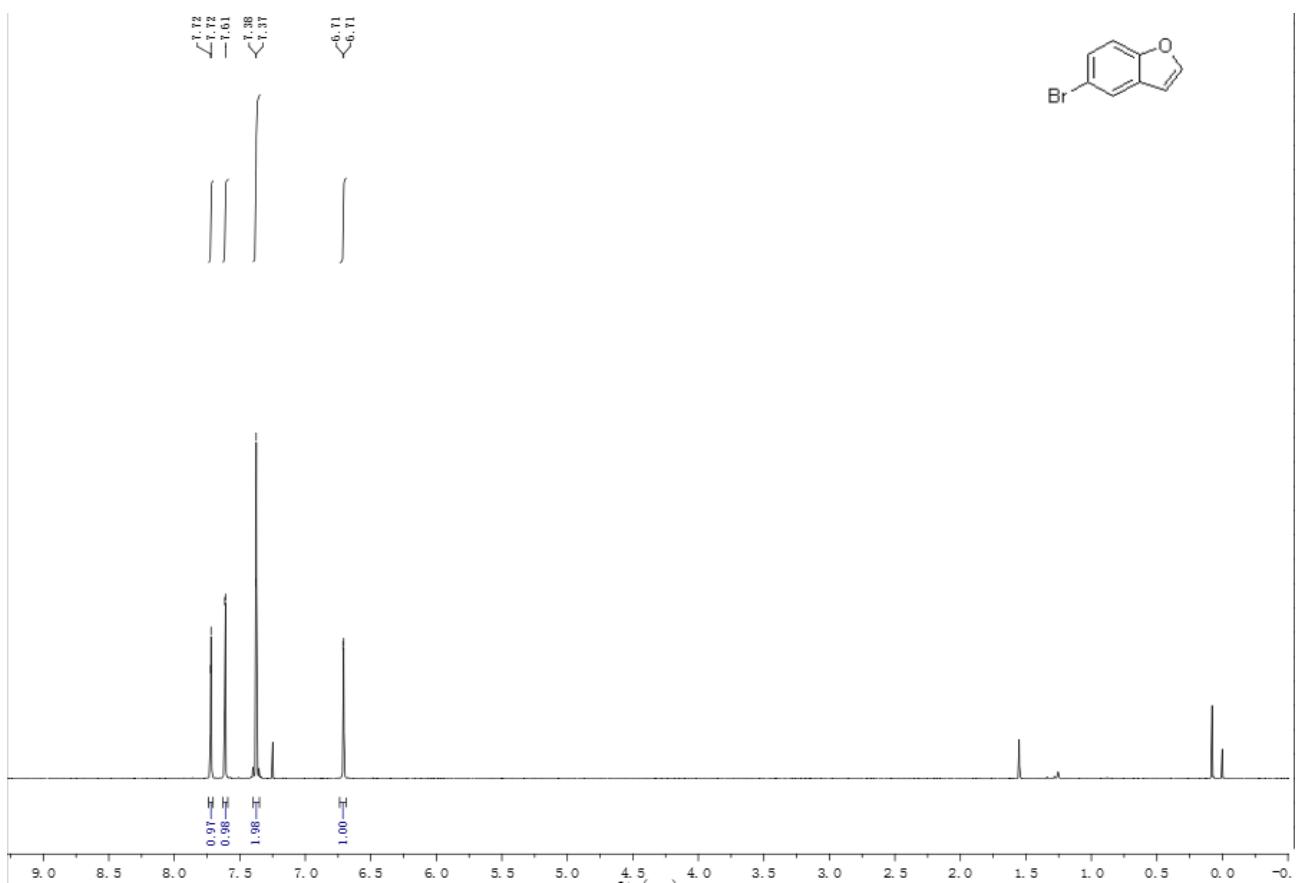
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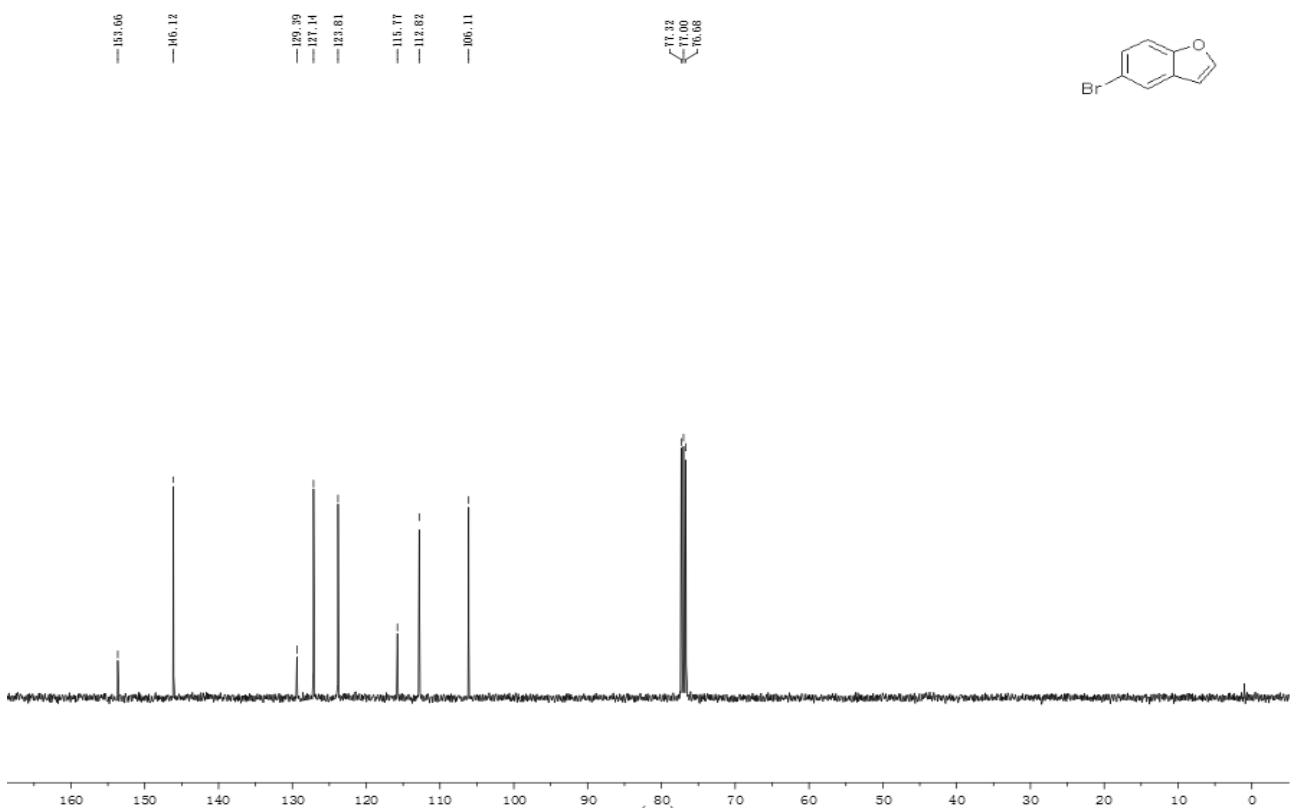
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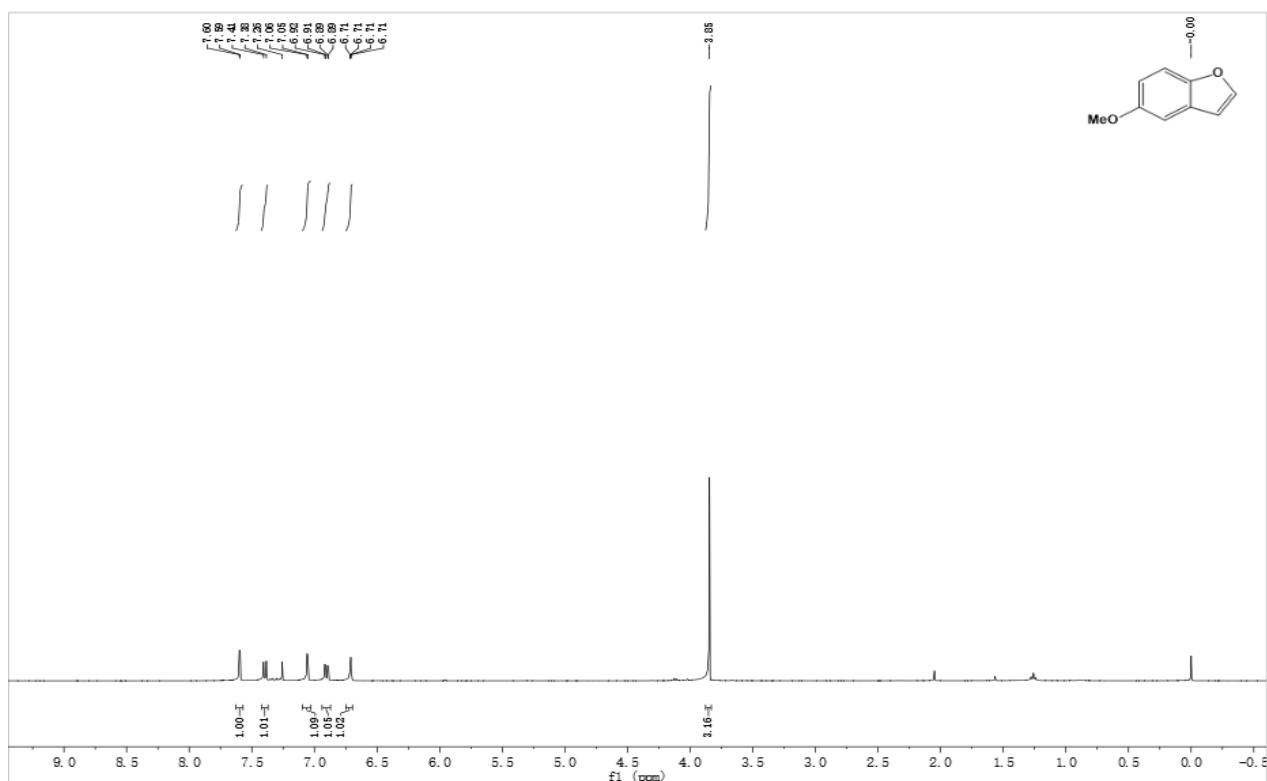
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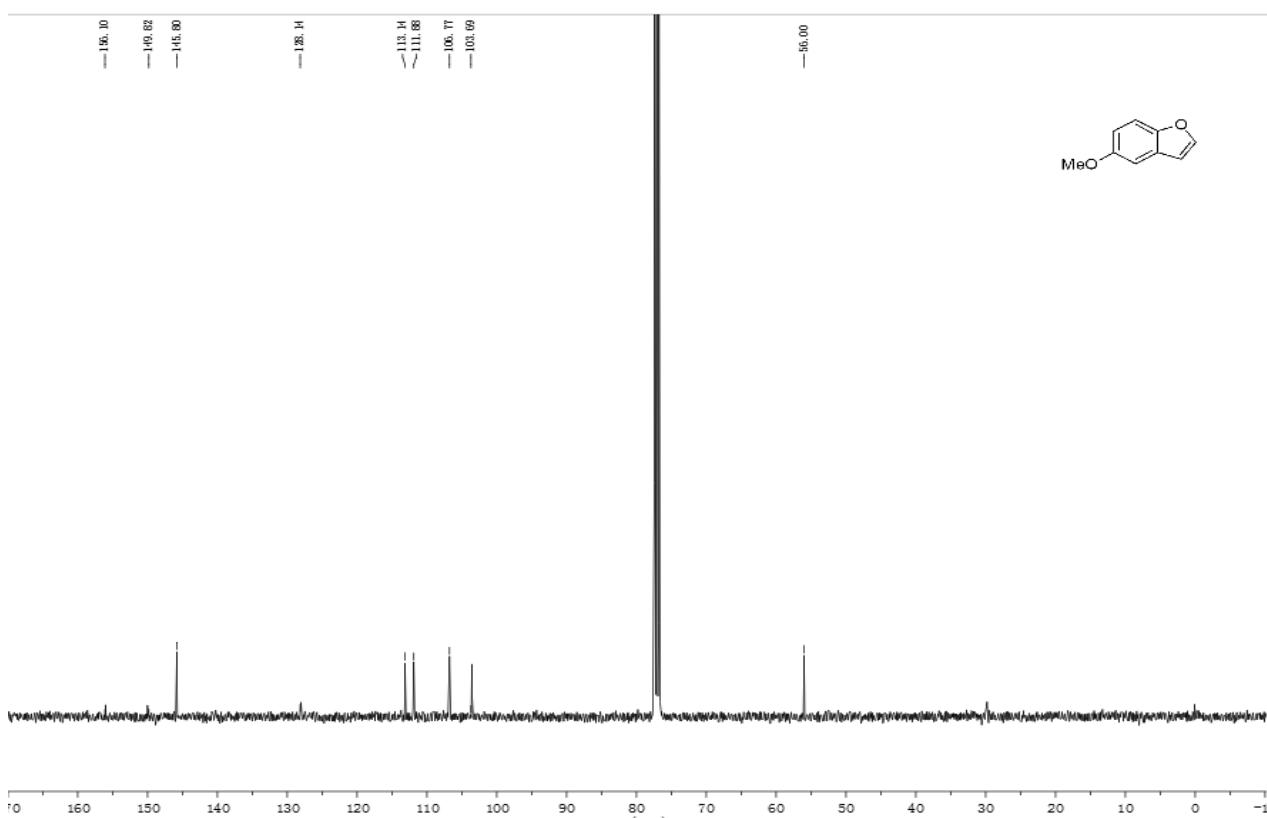
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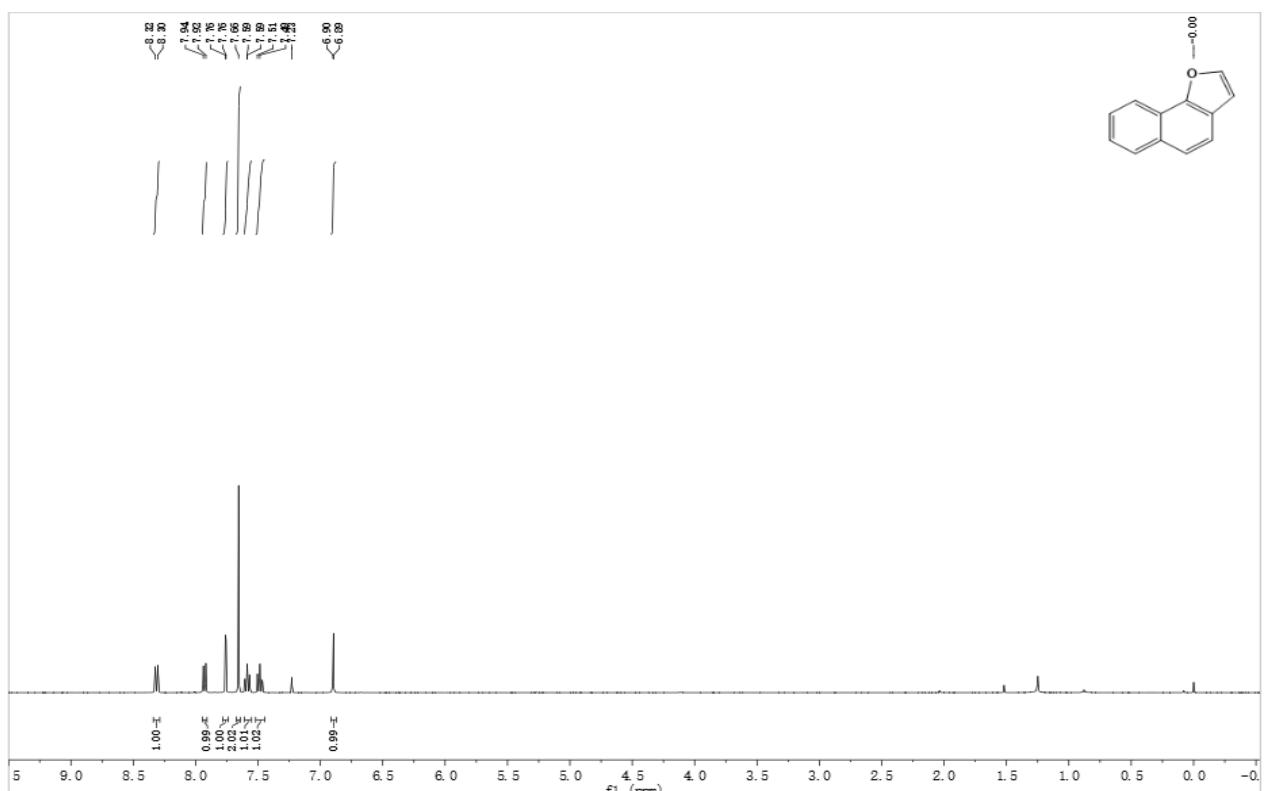
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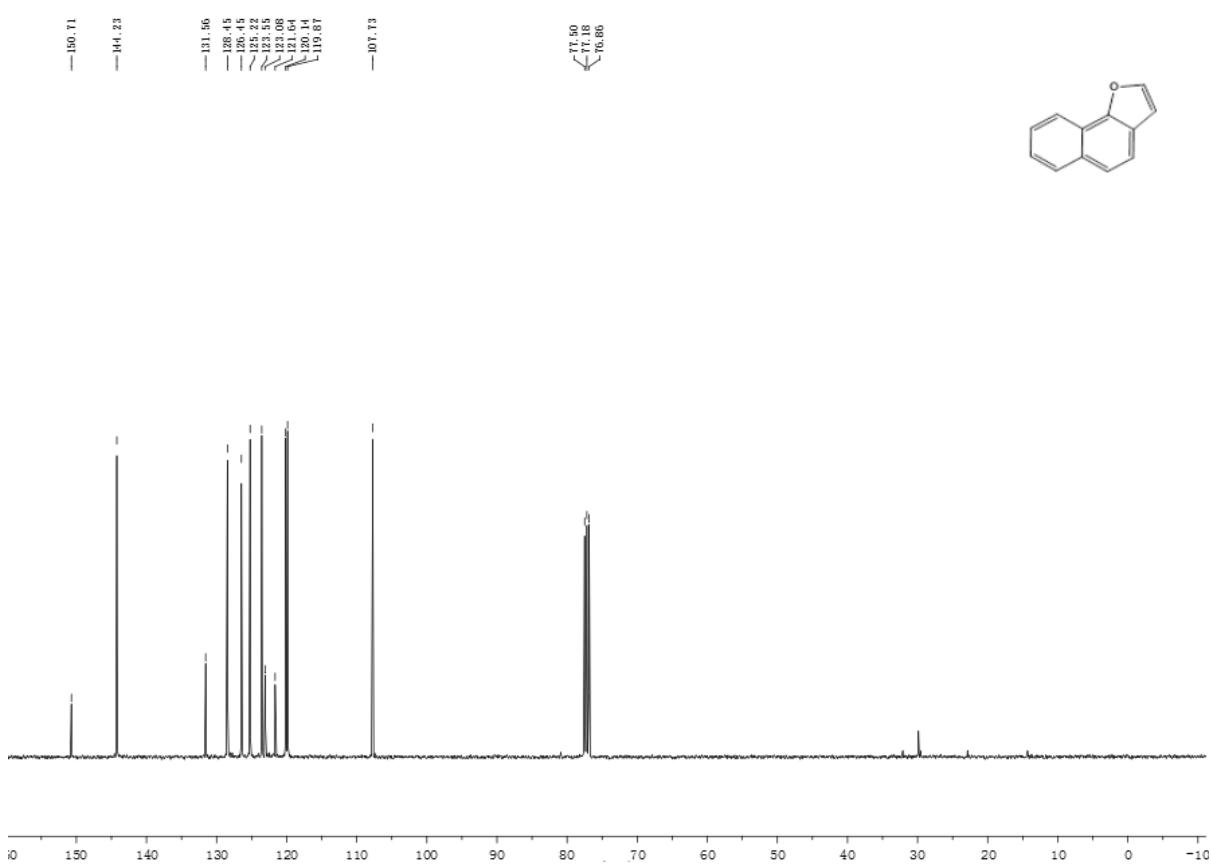
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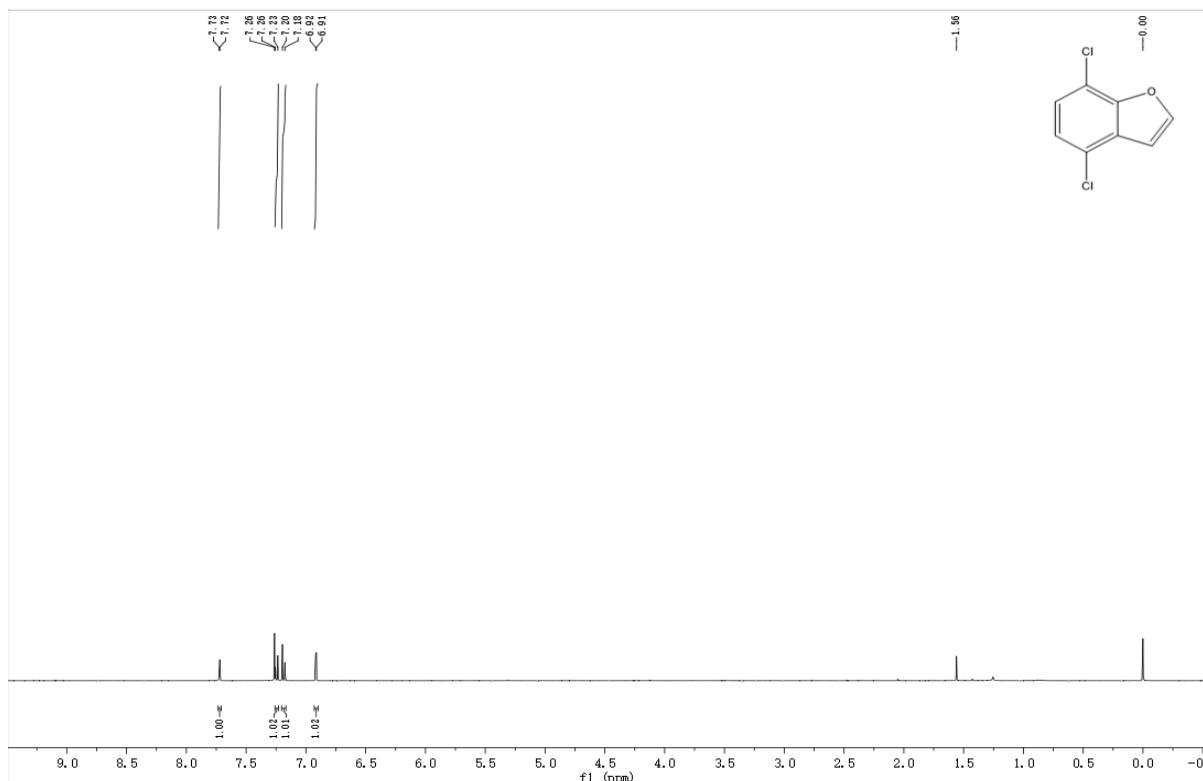
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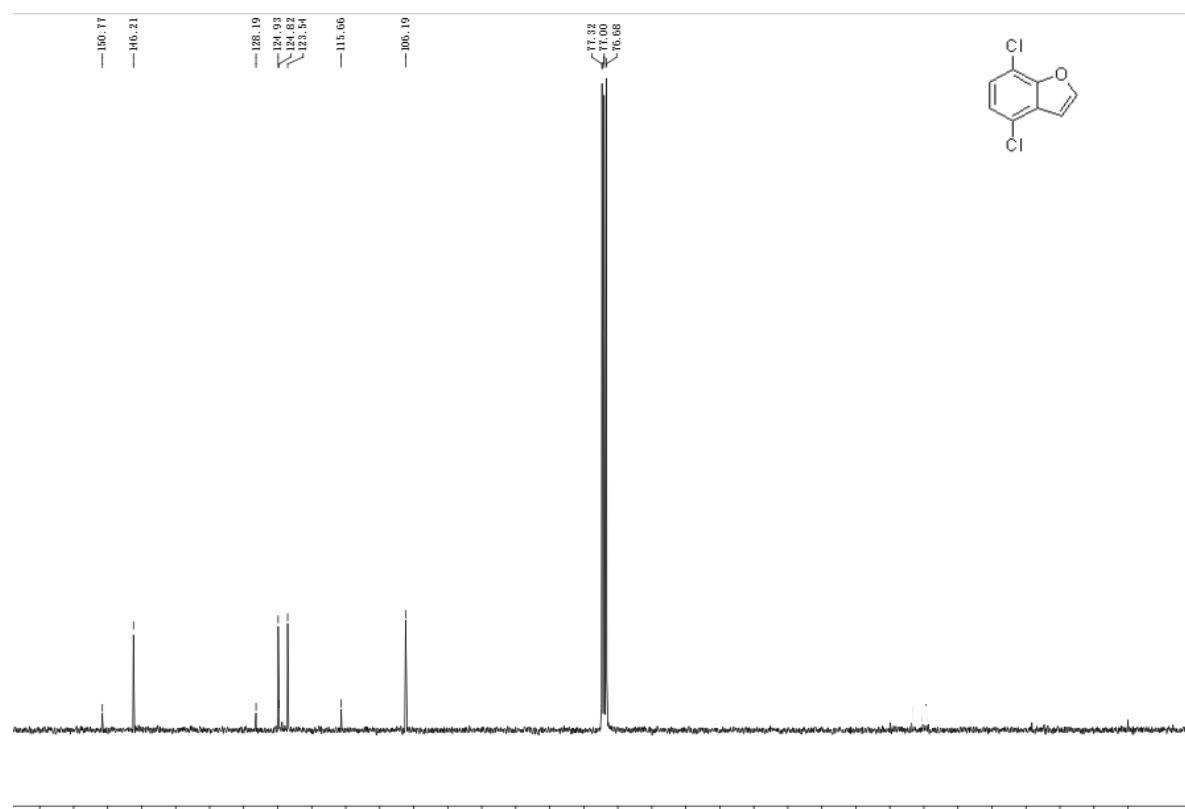
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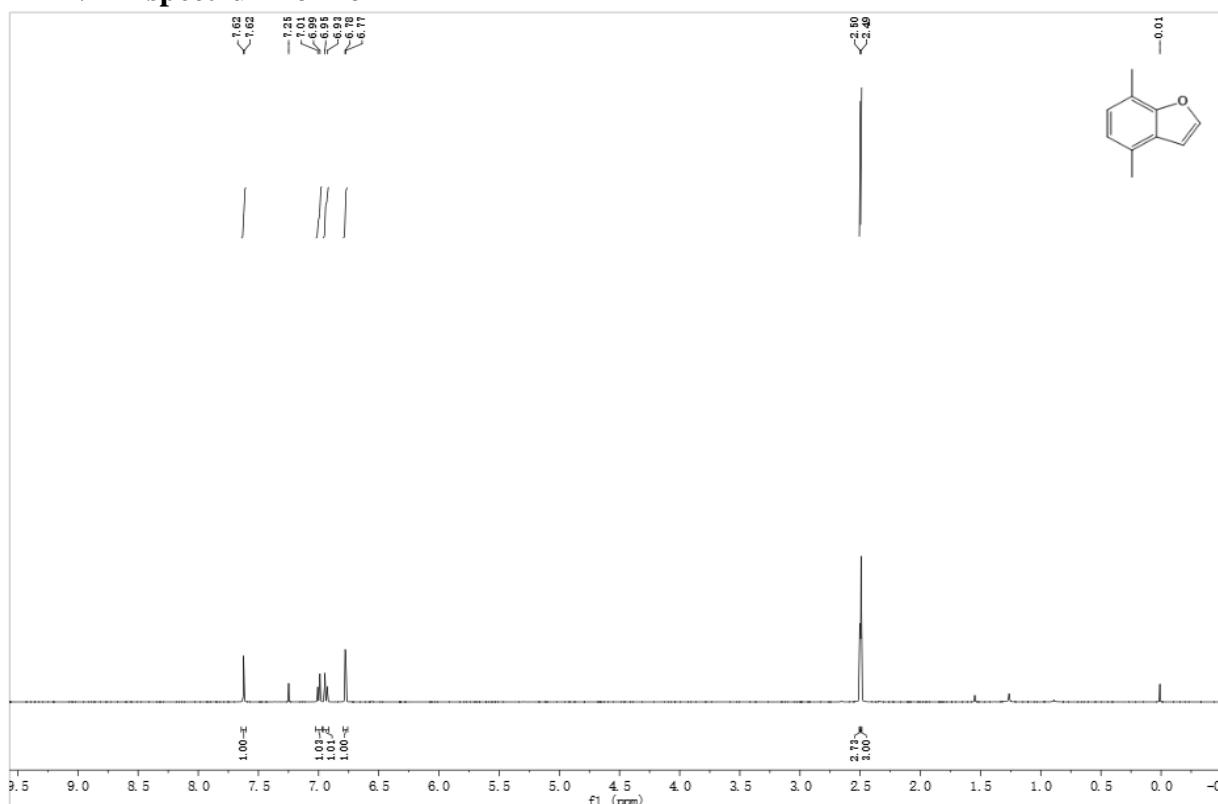
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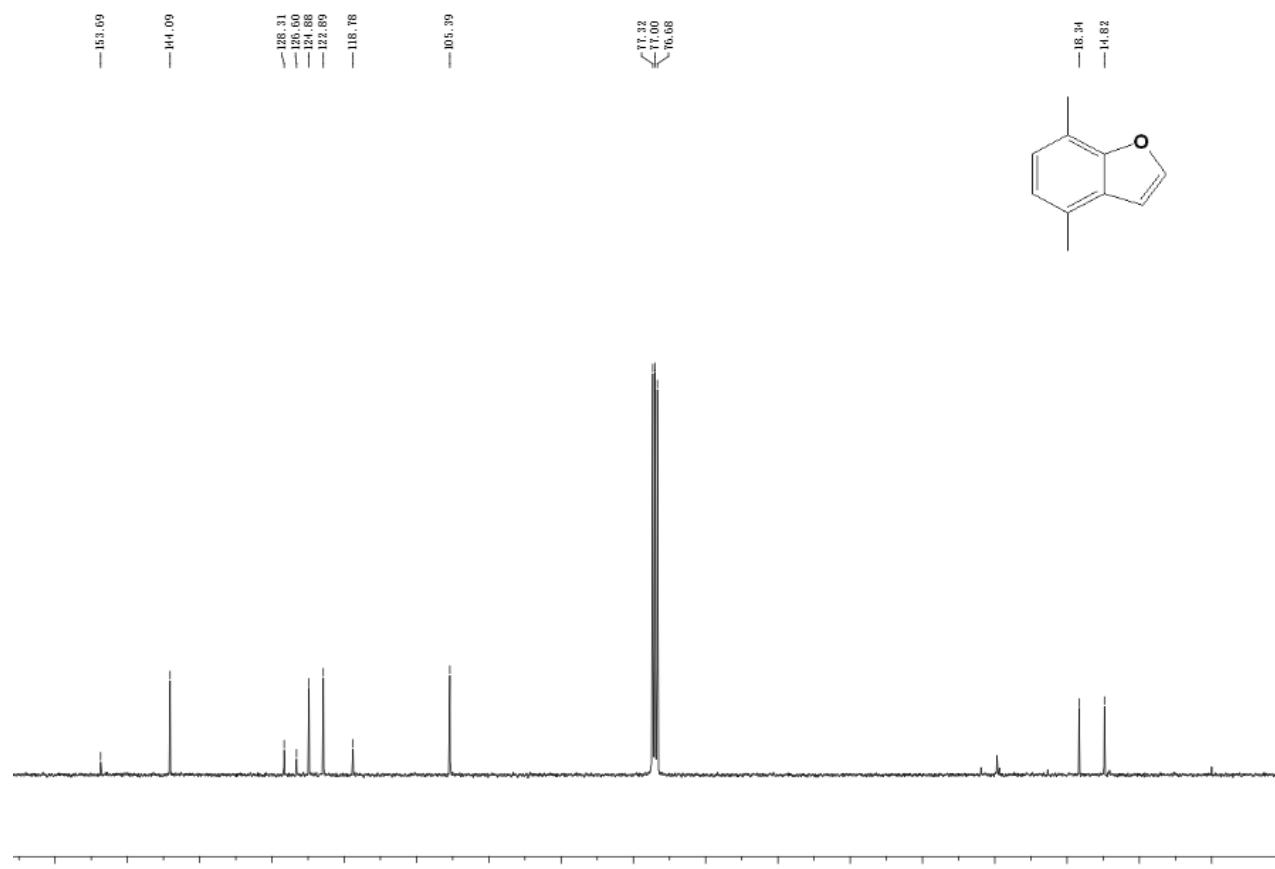
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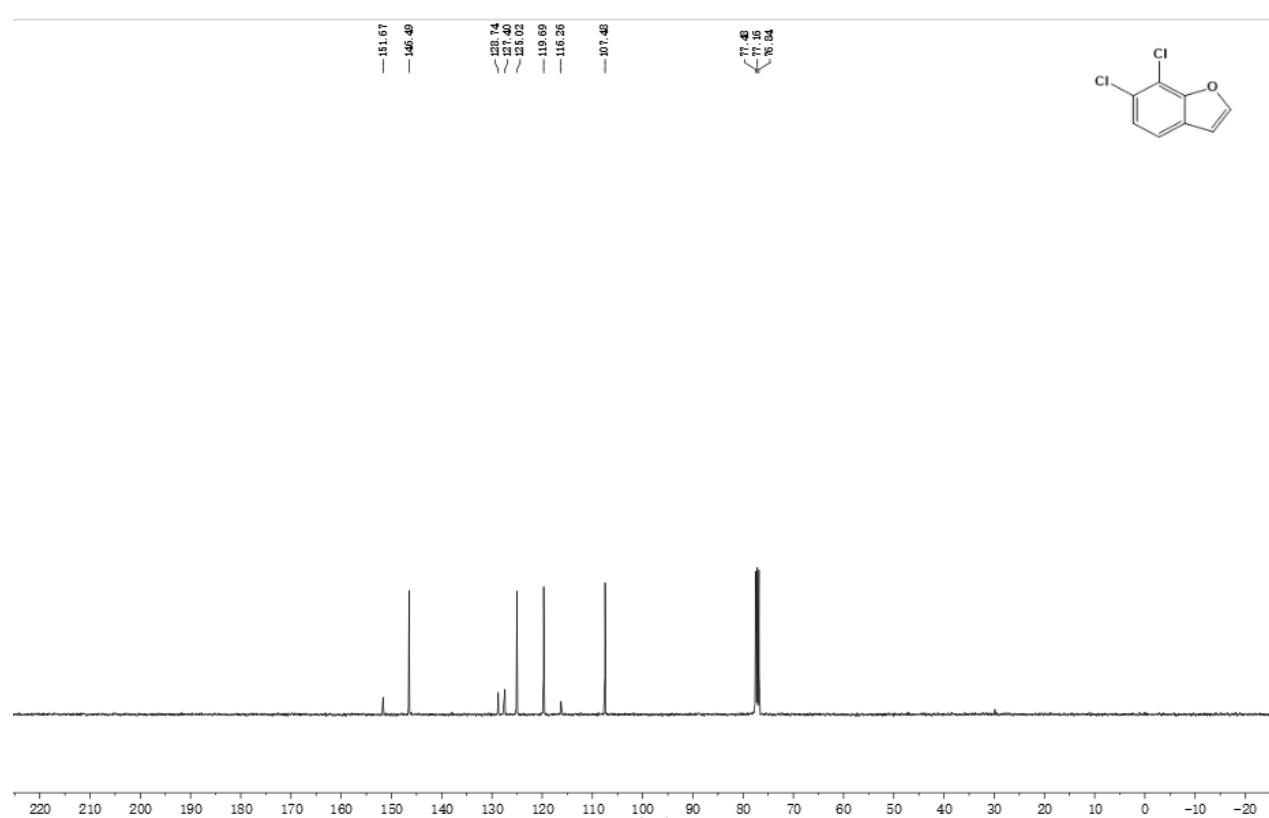
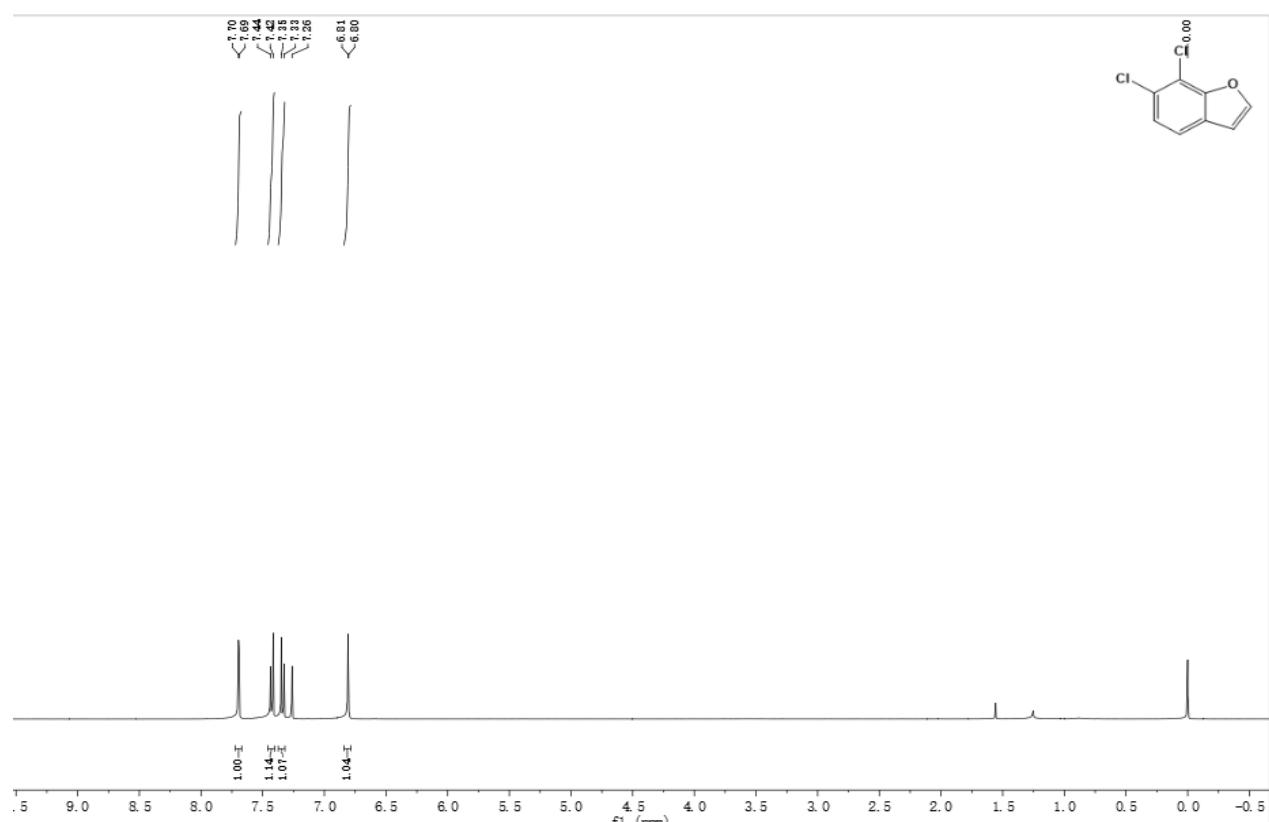
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**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum for 2o**



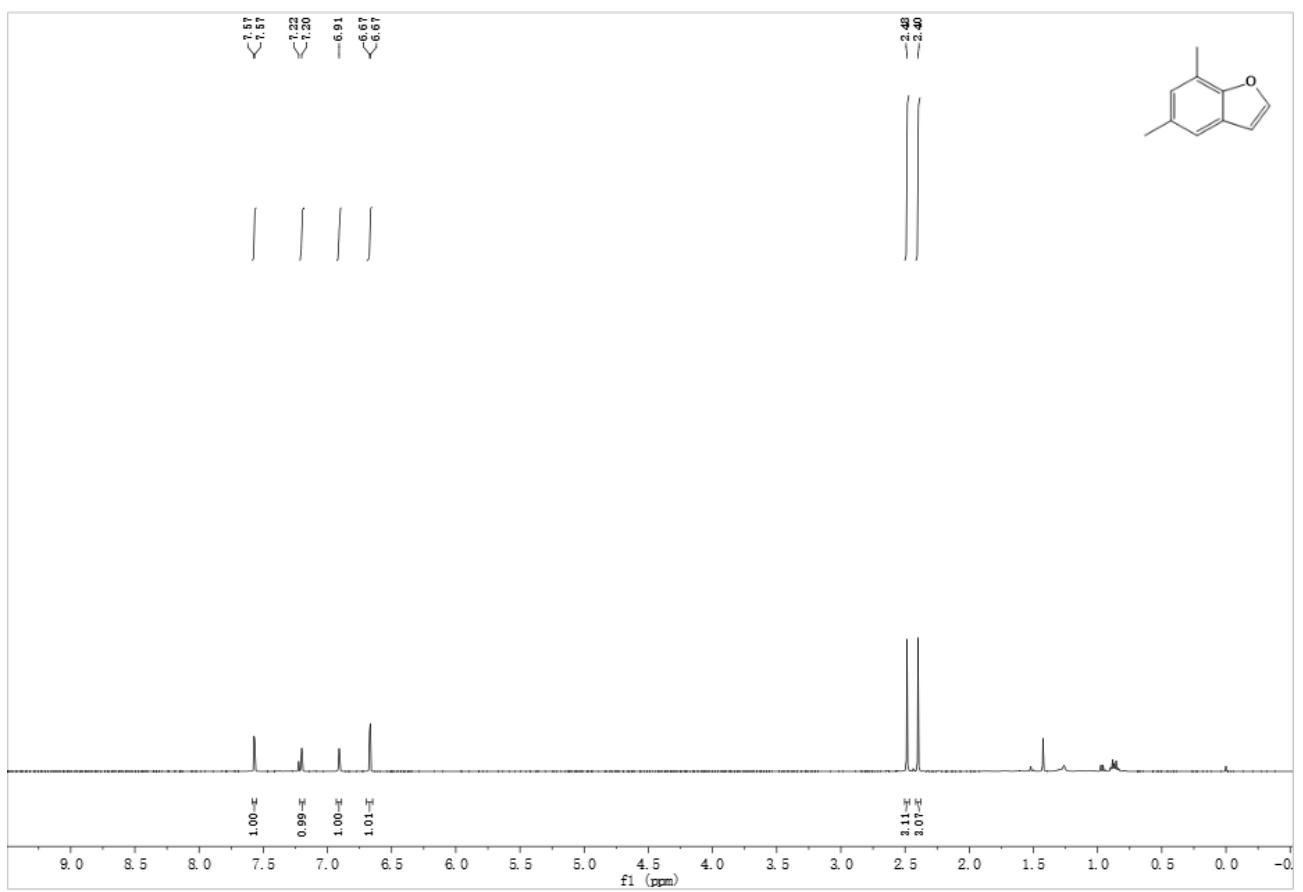
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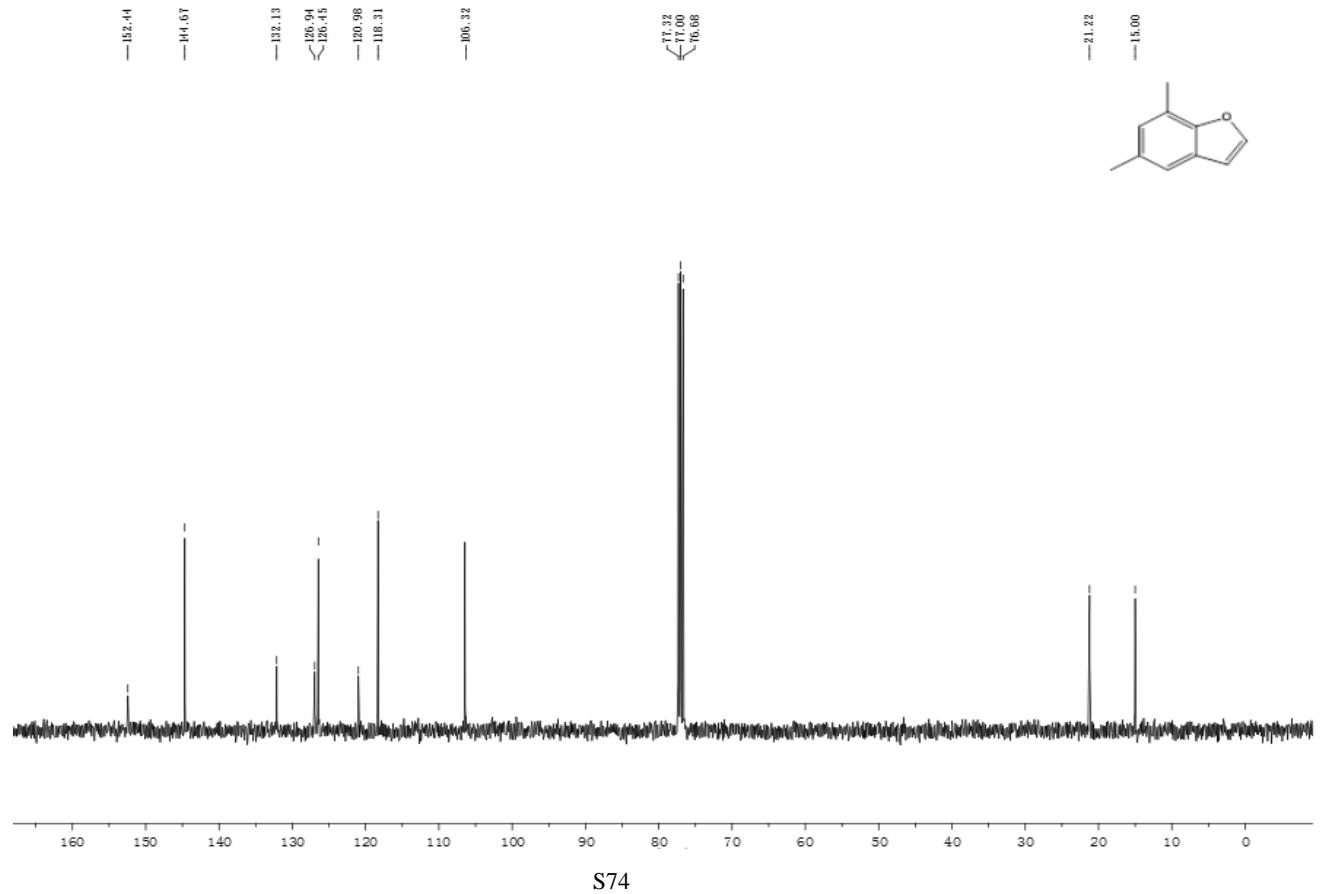
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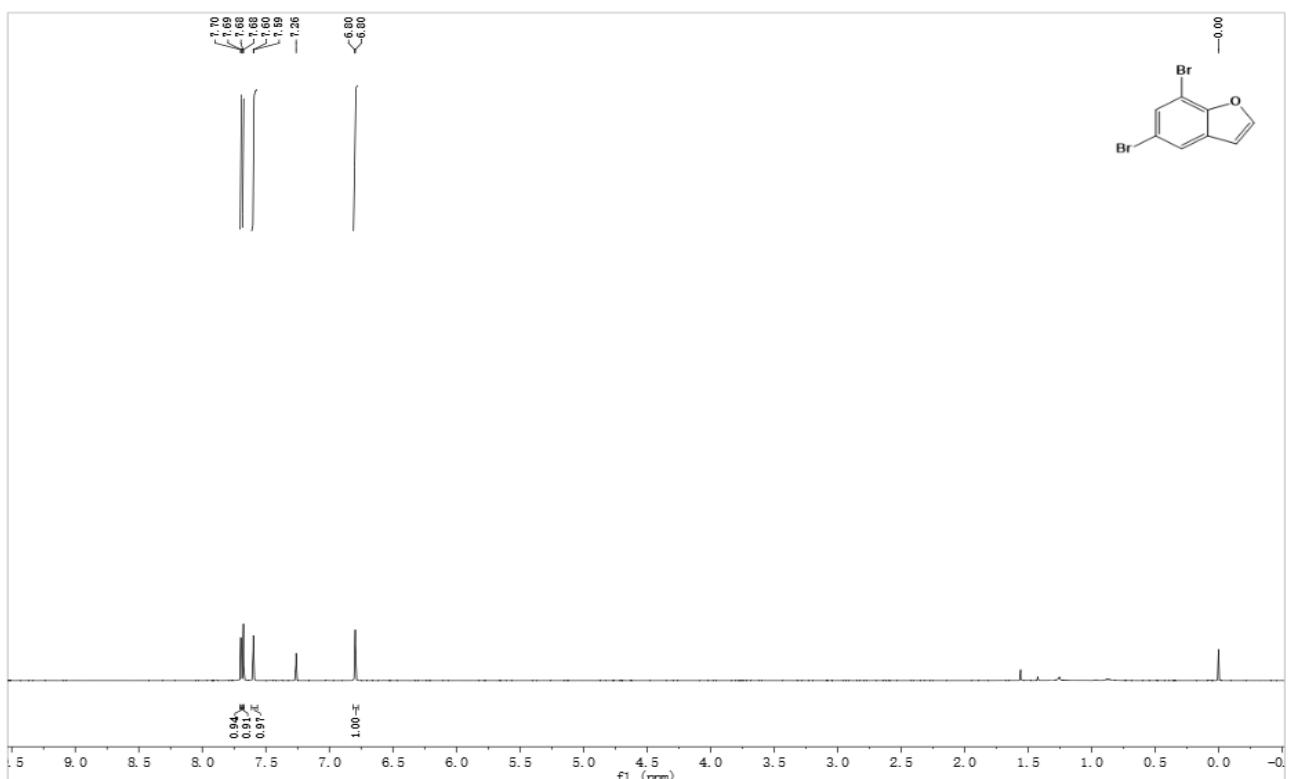
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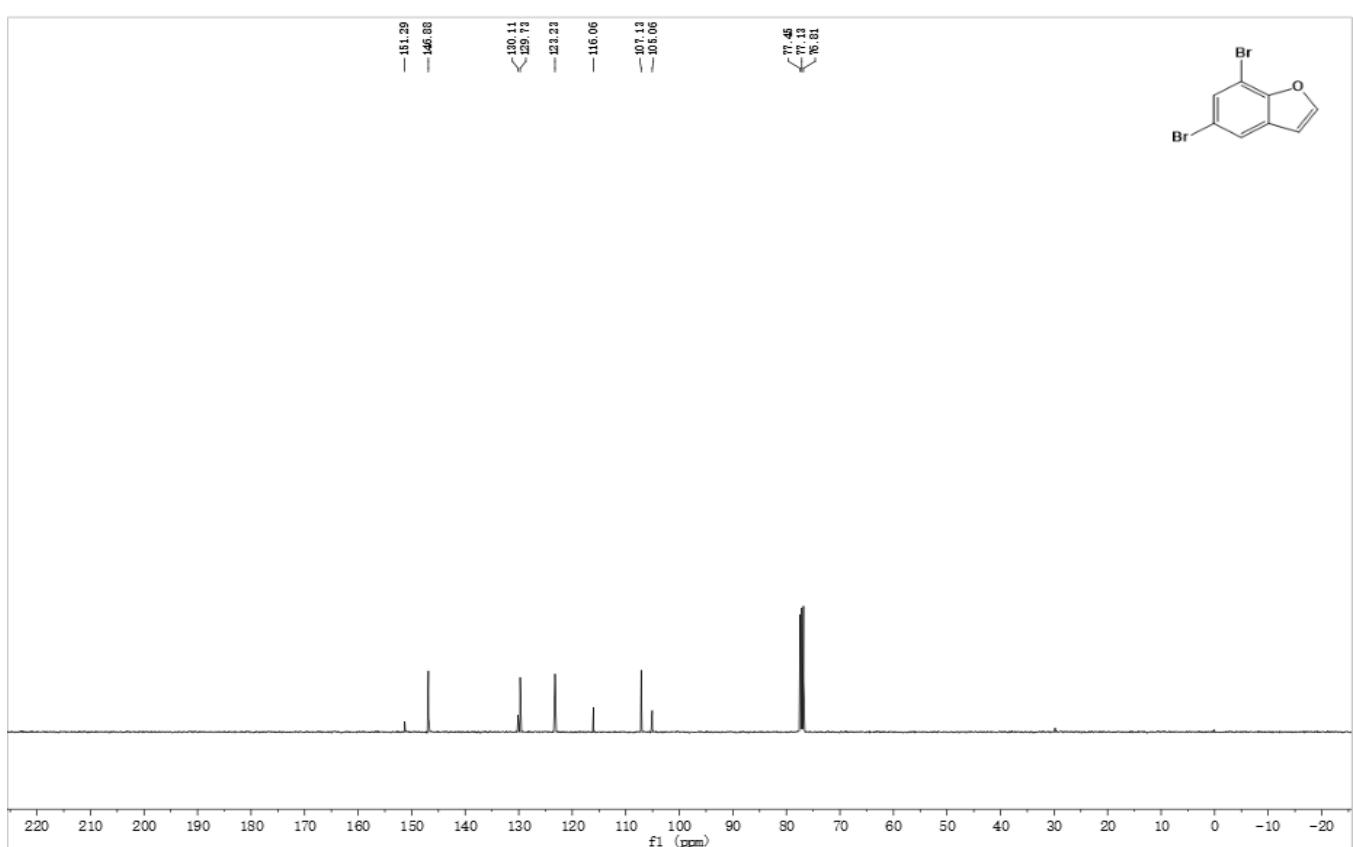
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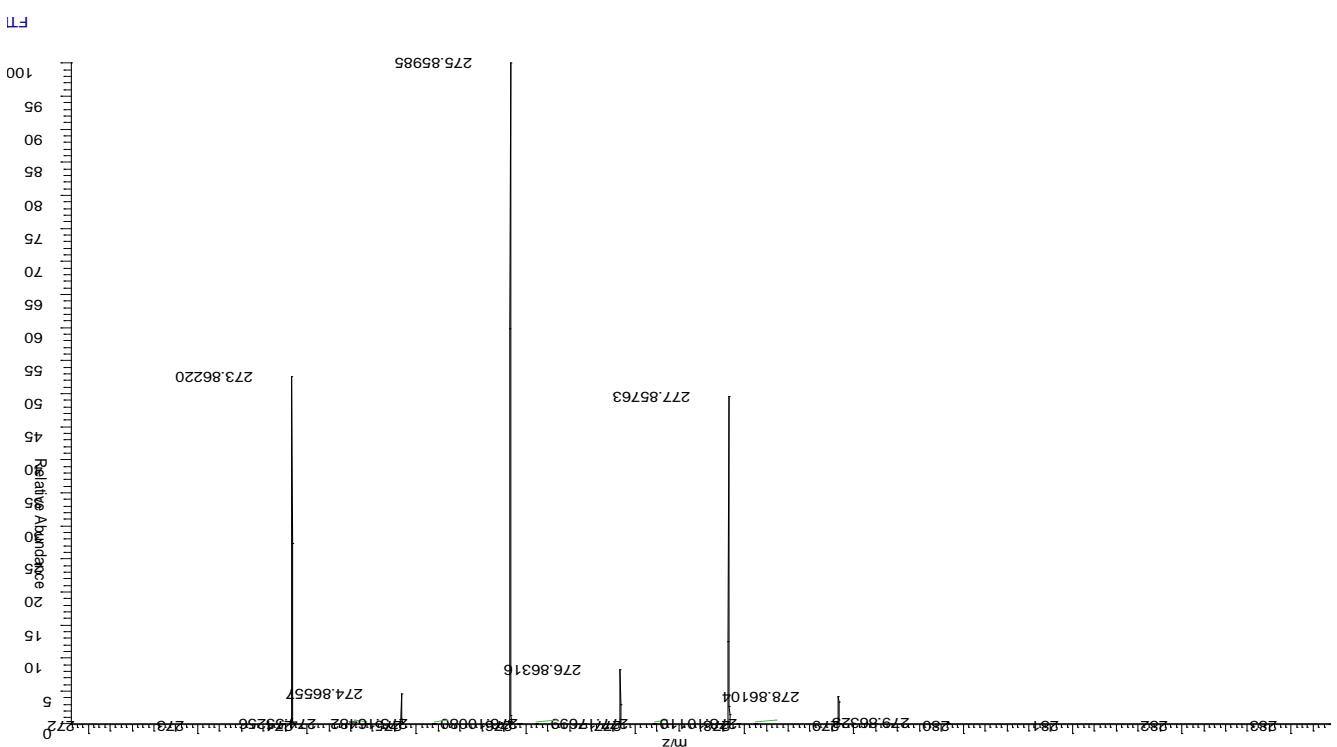
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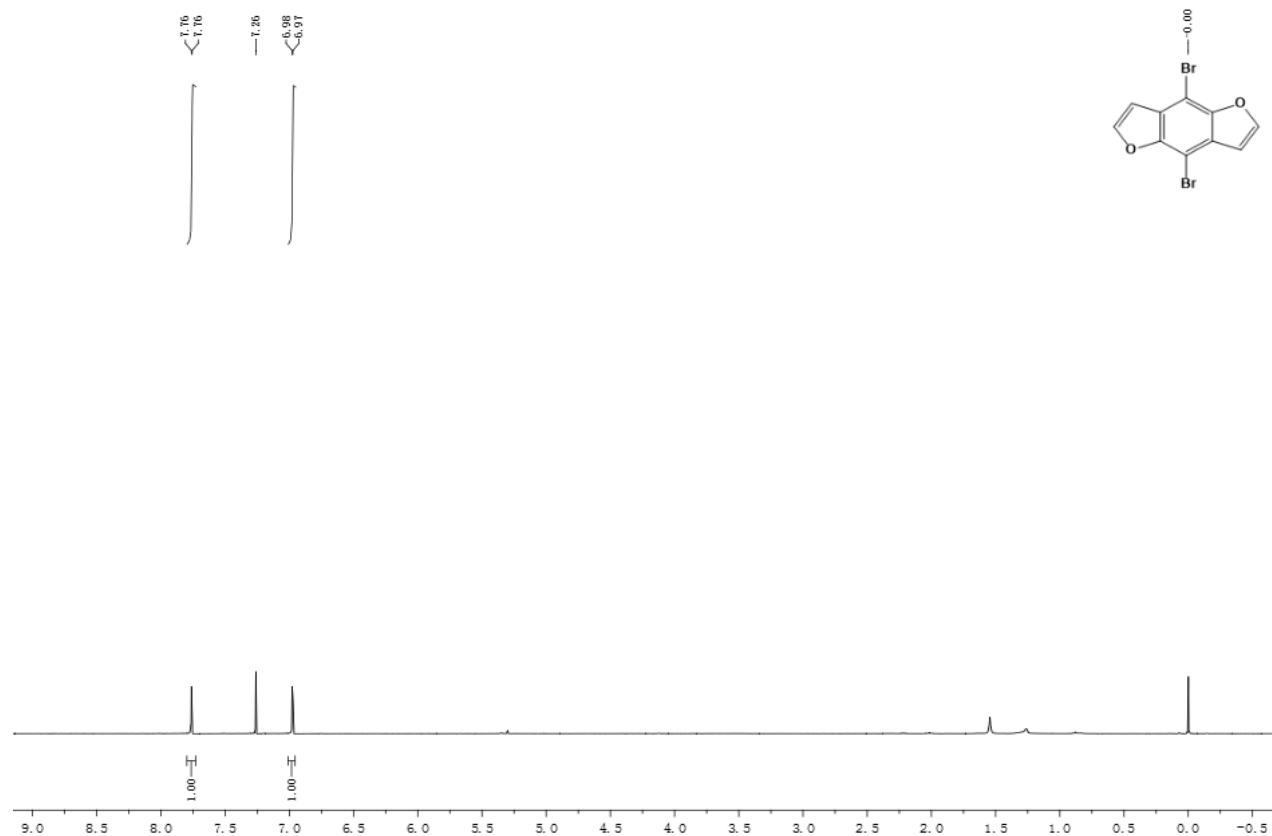
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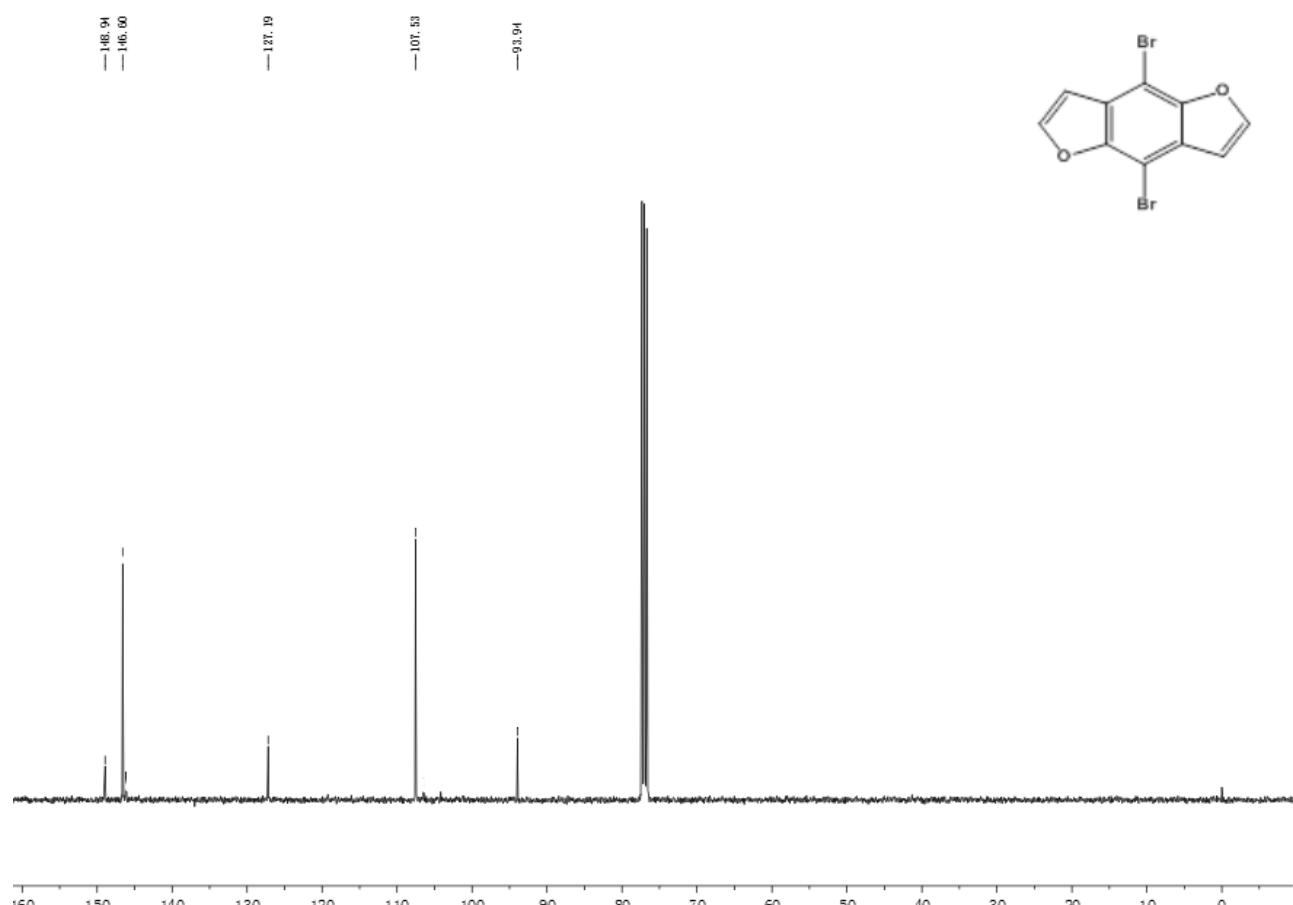
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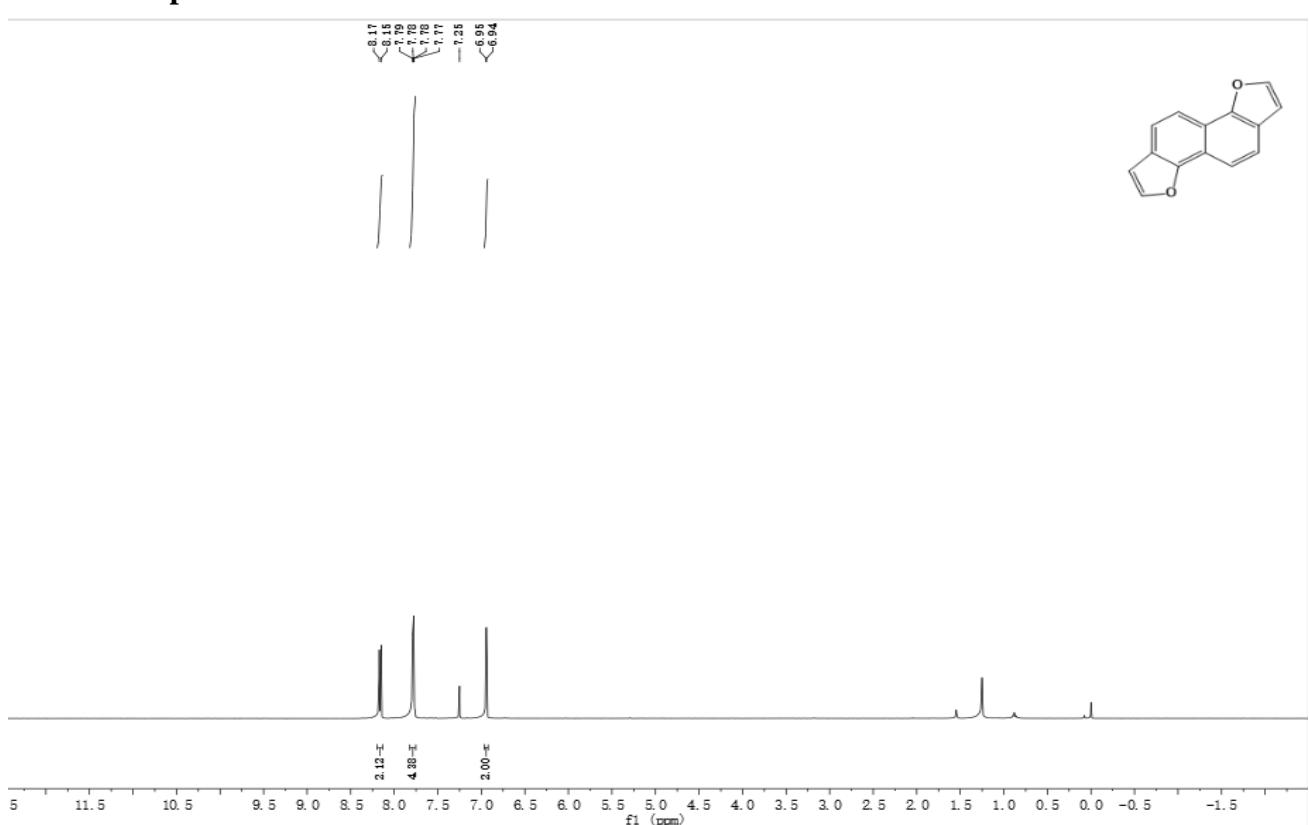
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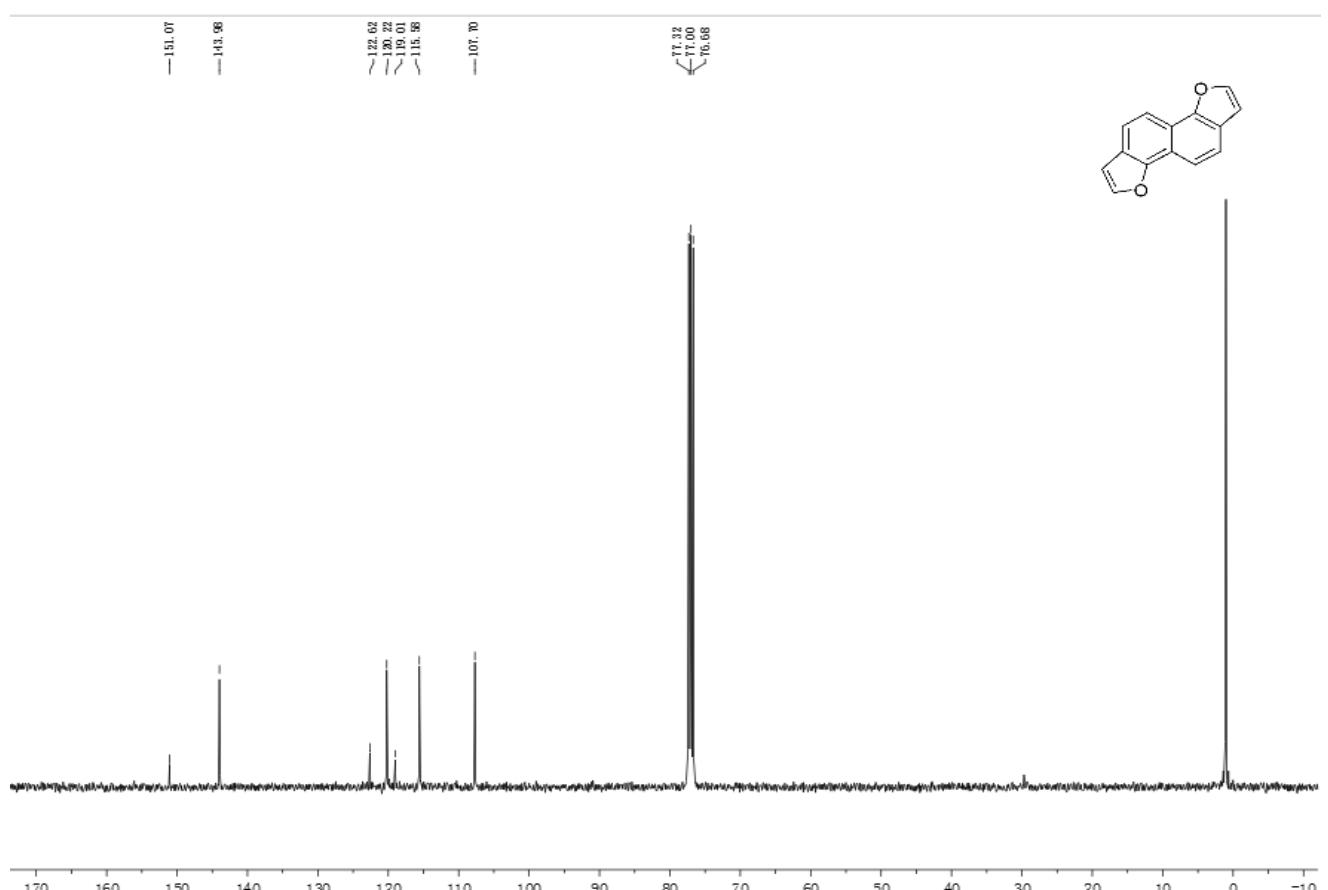
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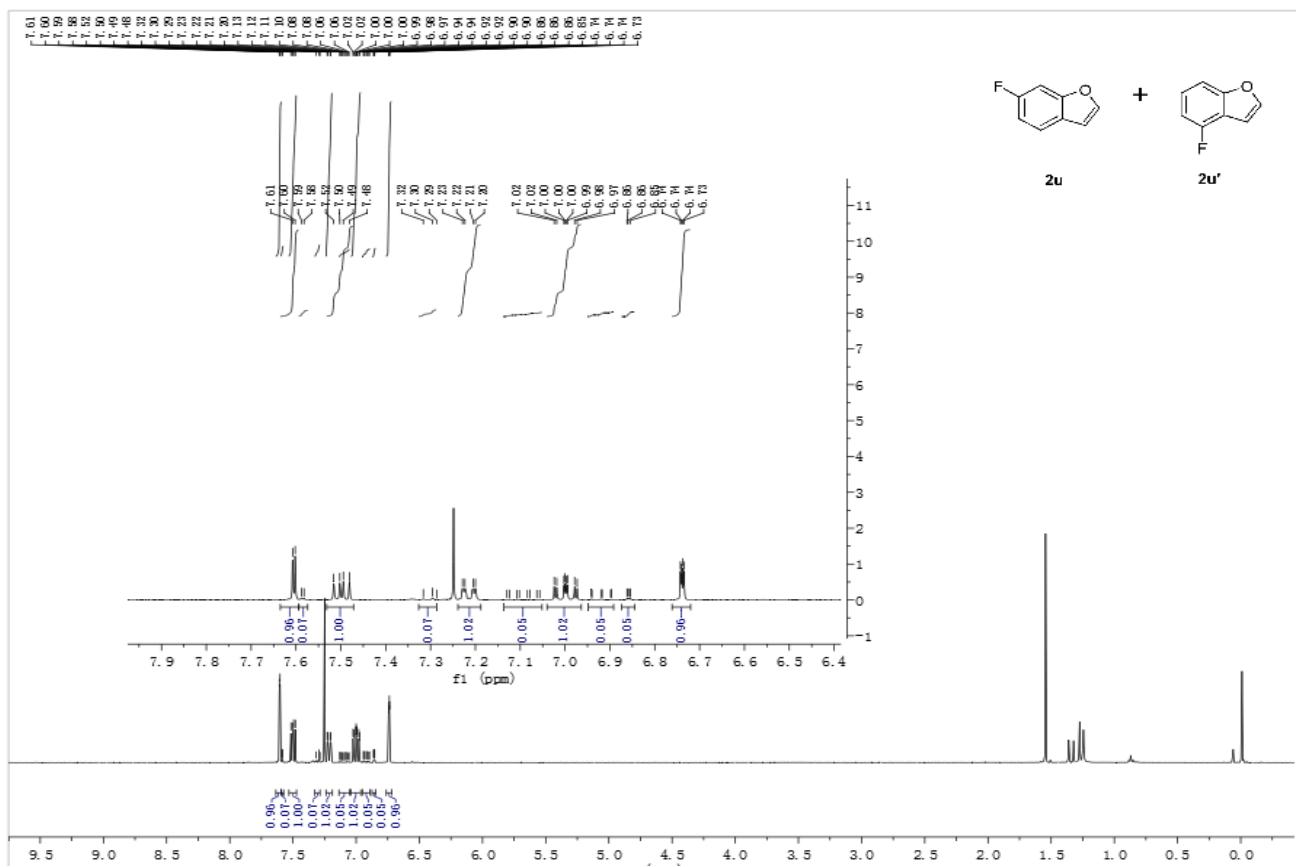
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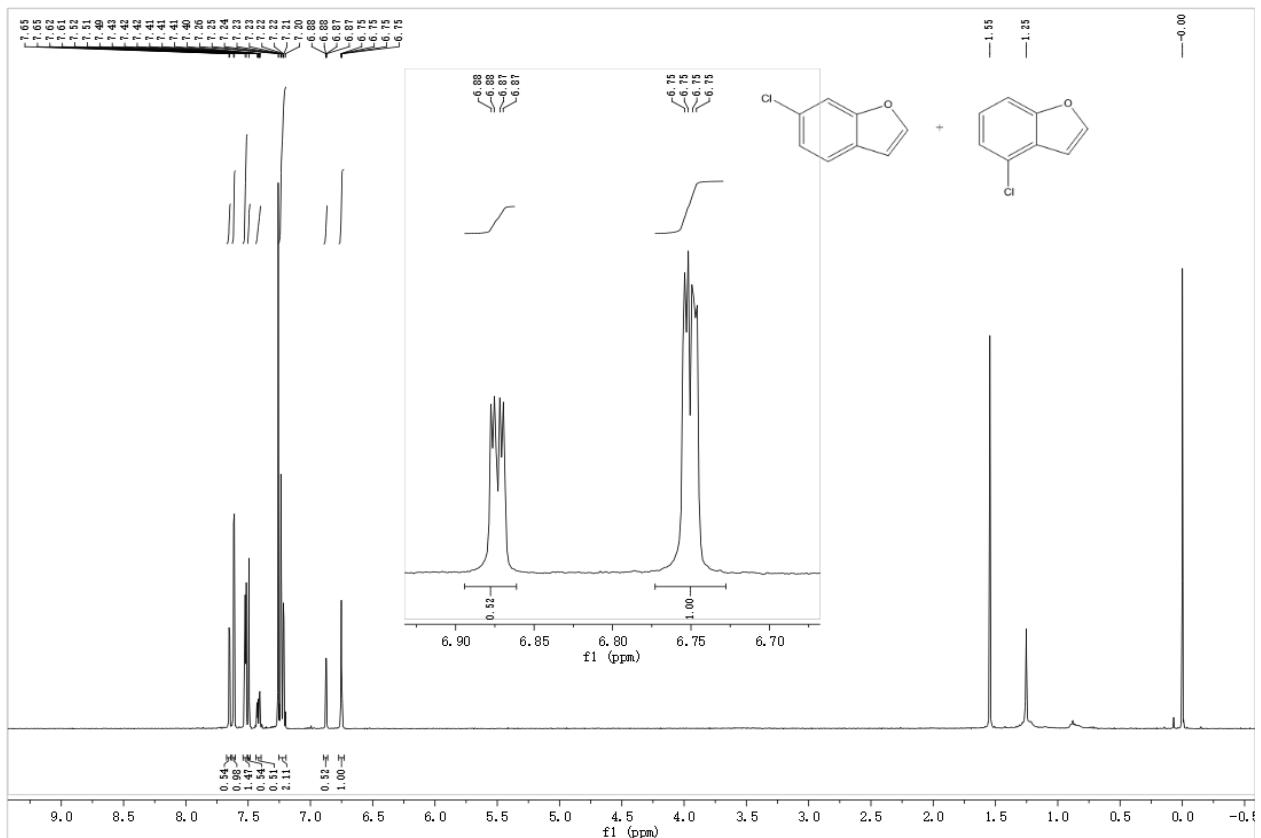


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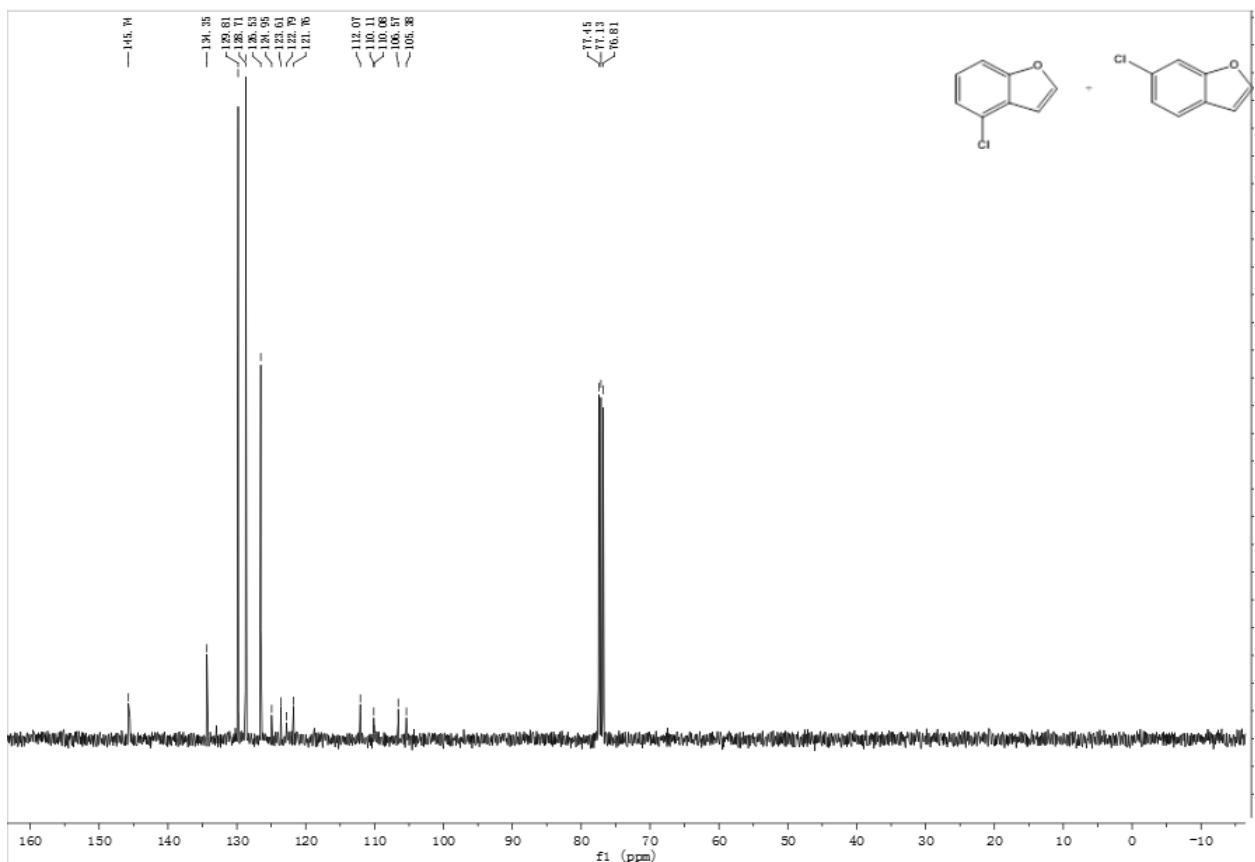


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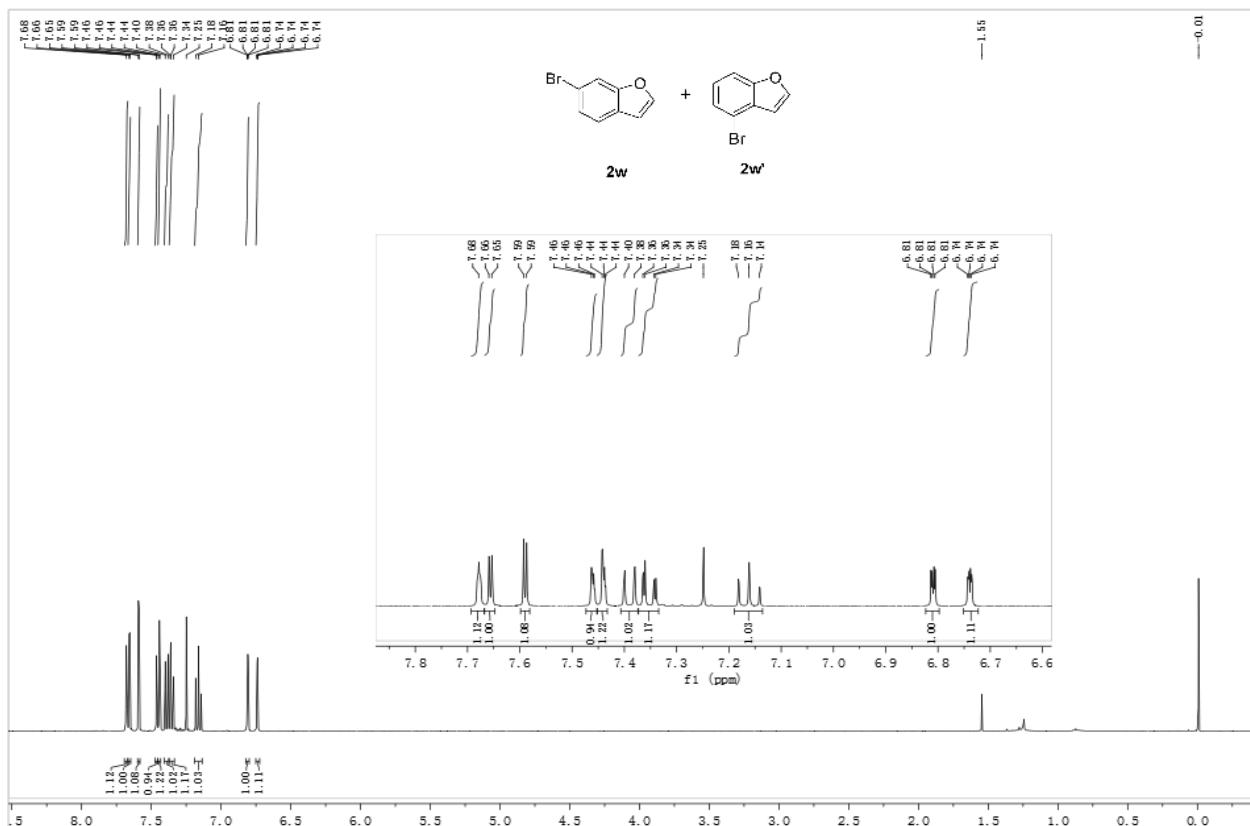


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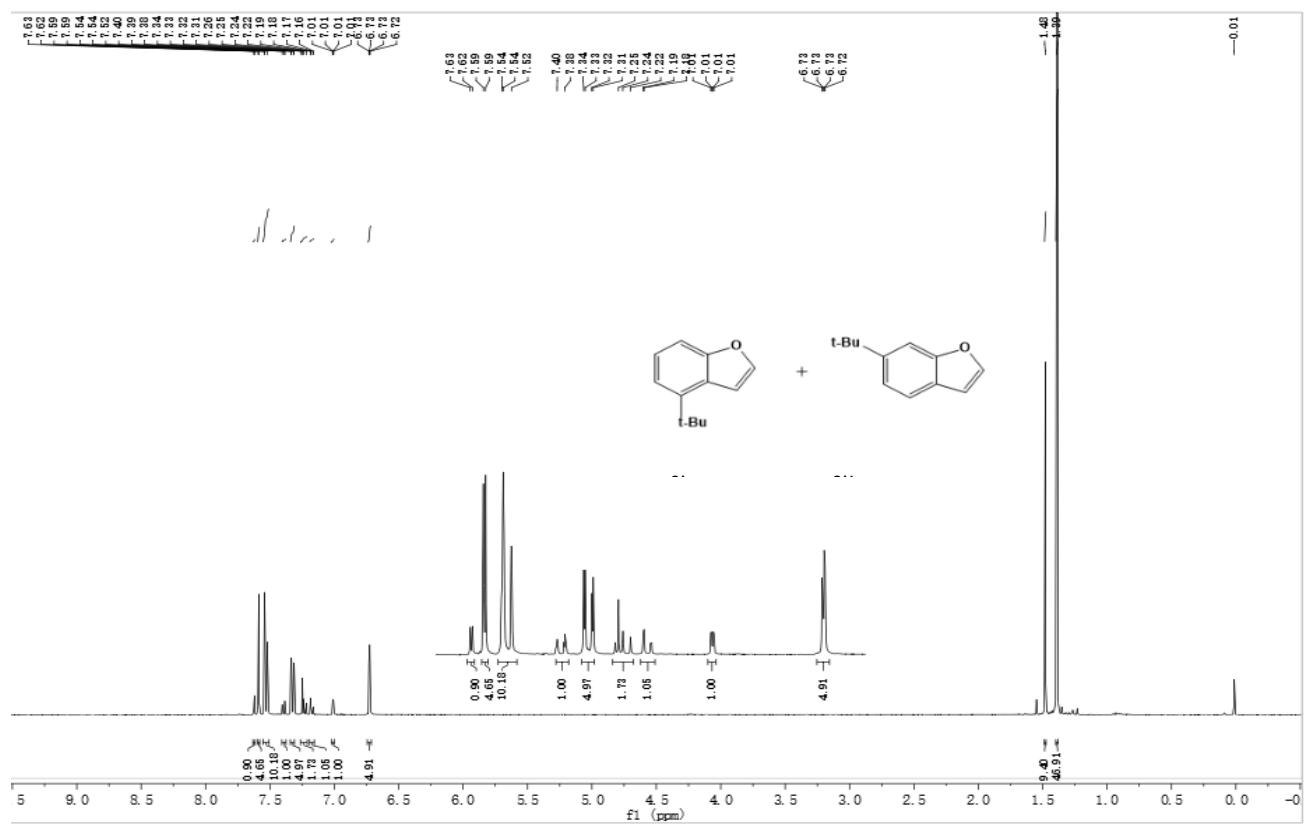
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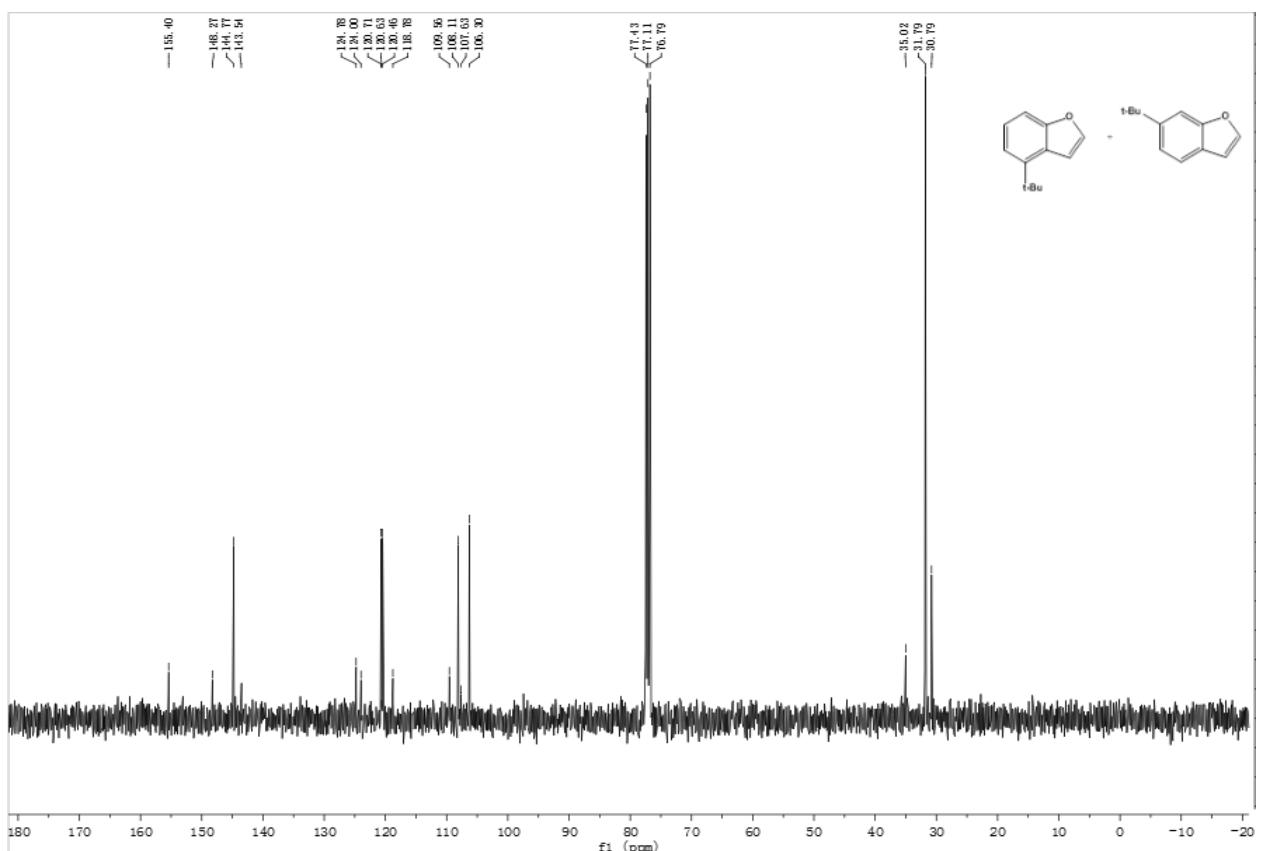
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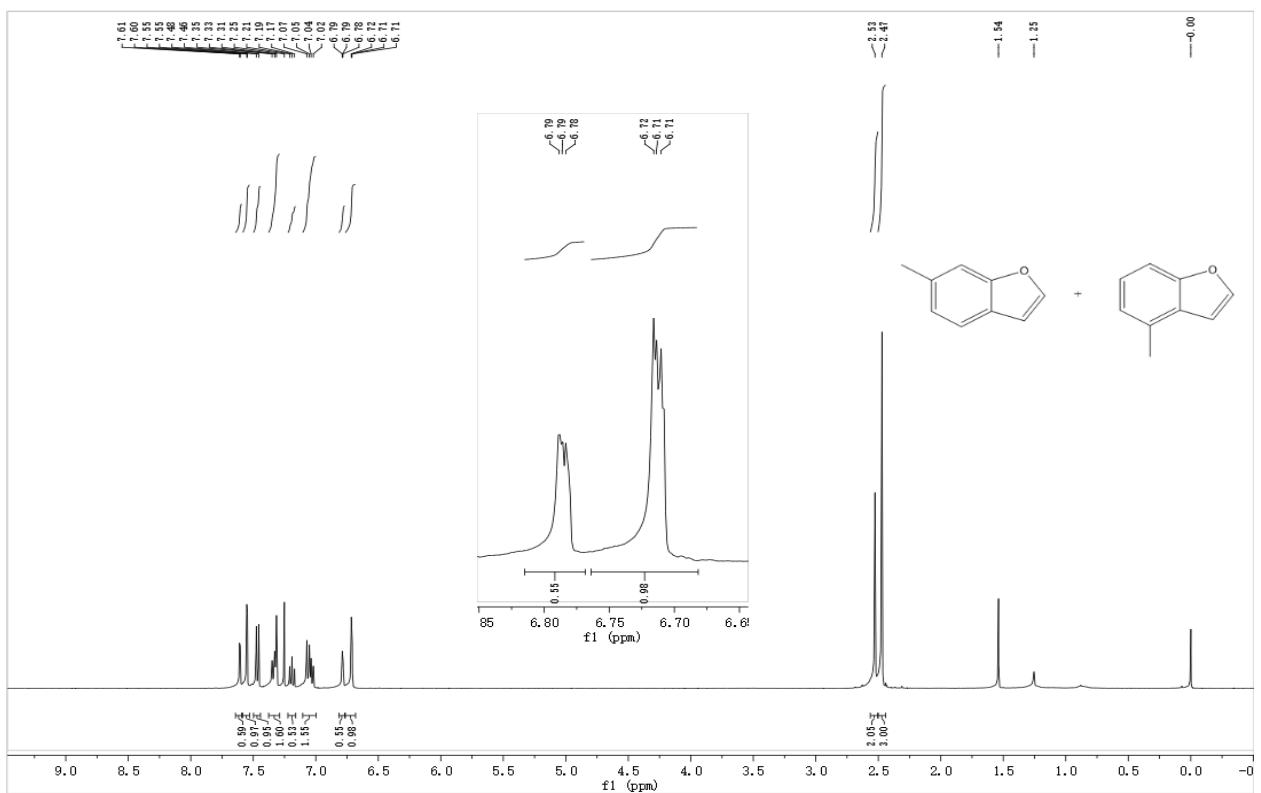
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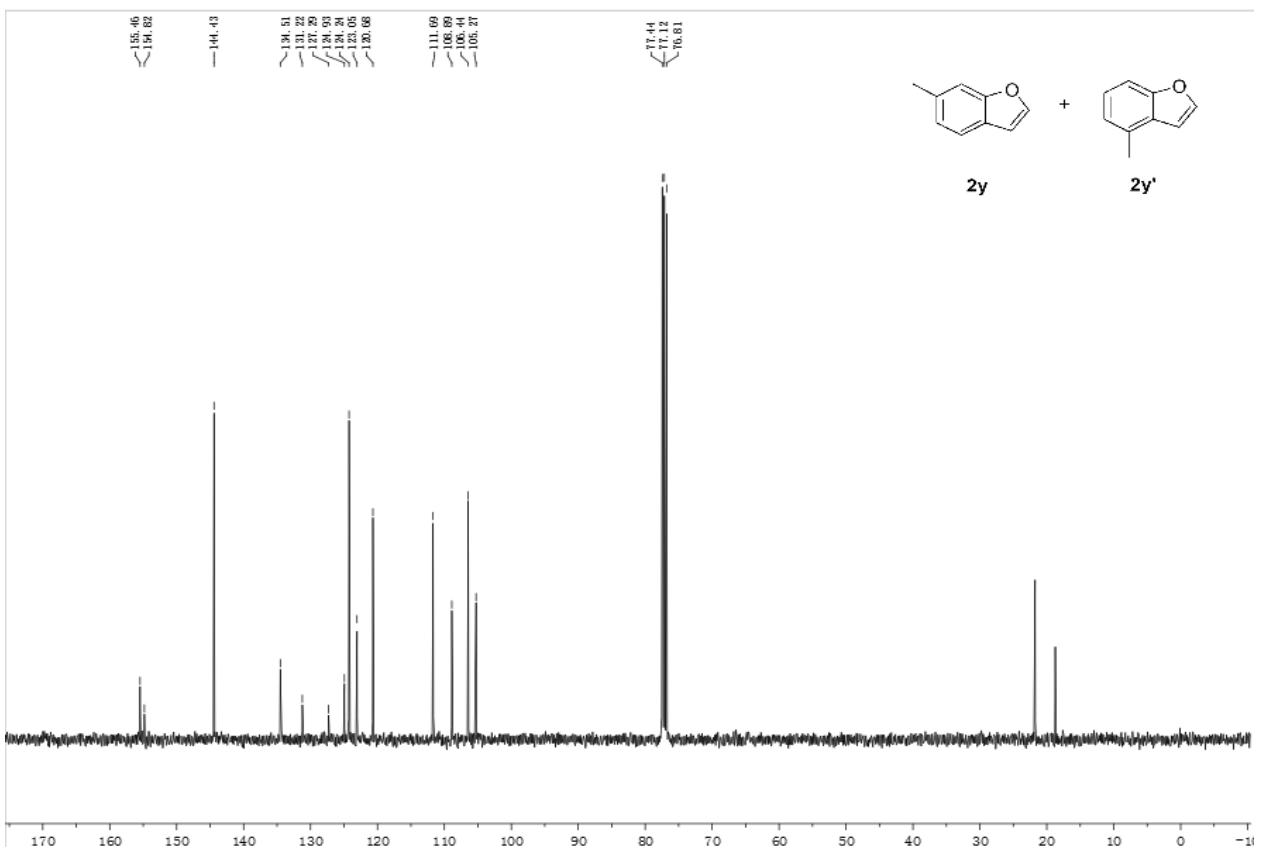
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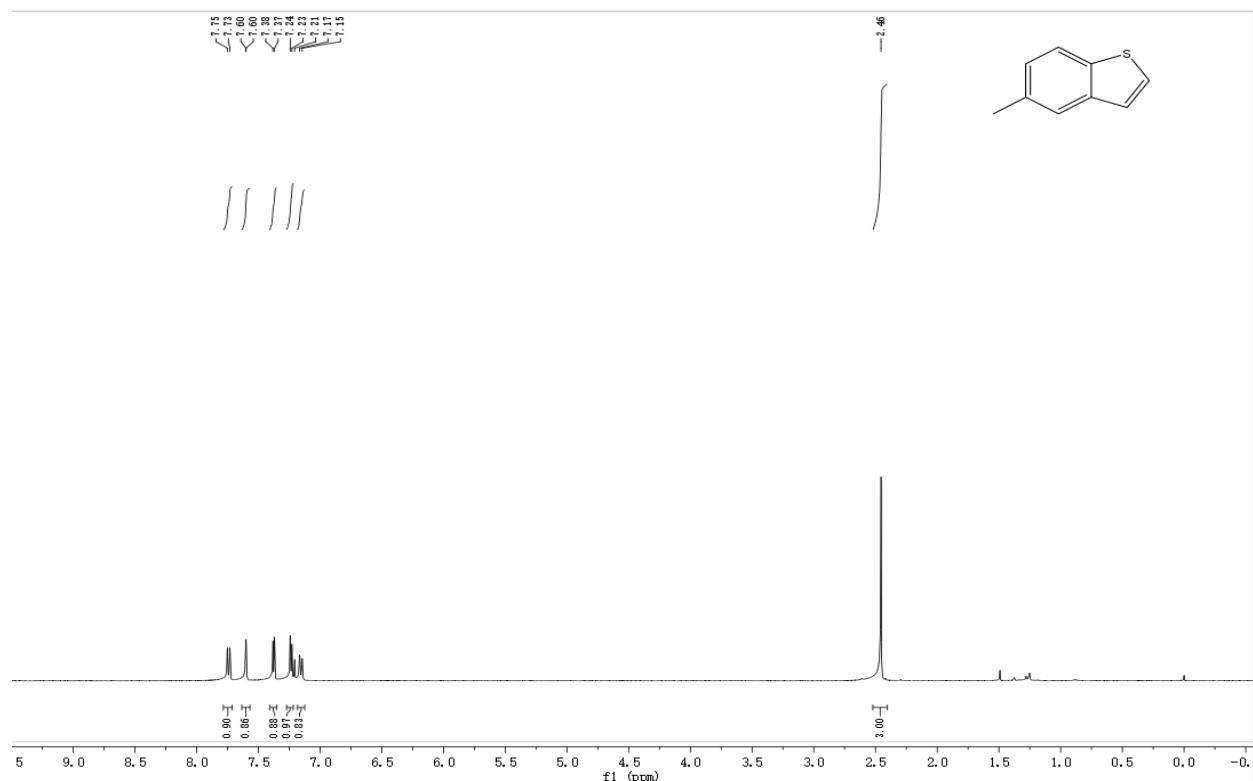
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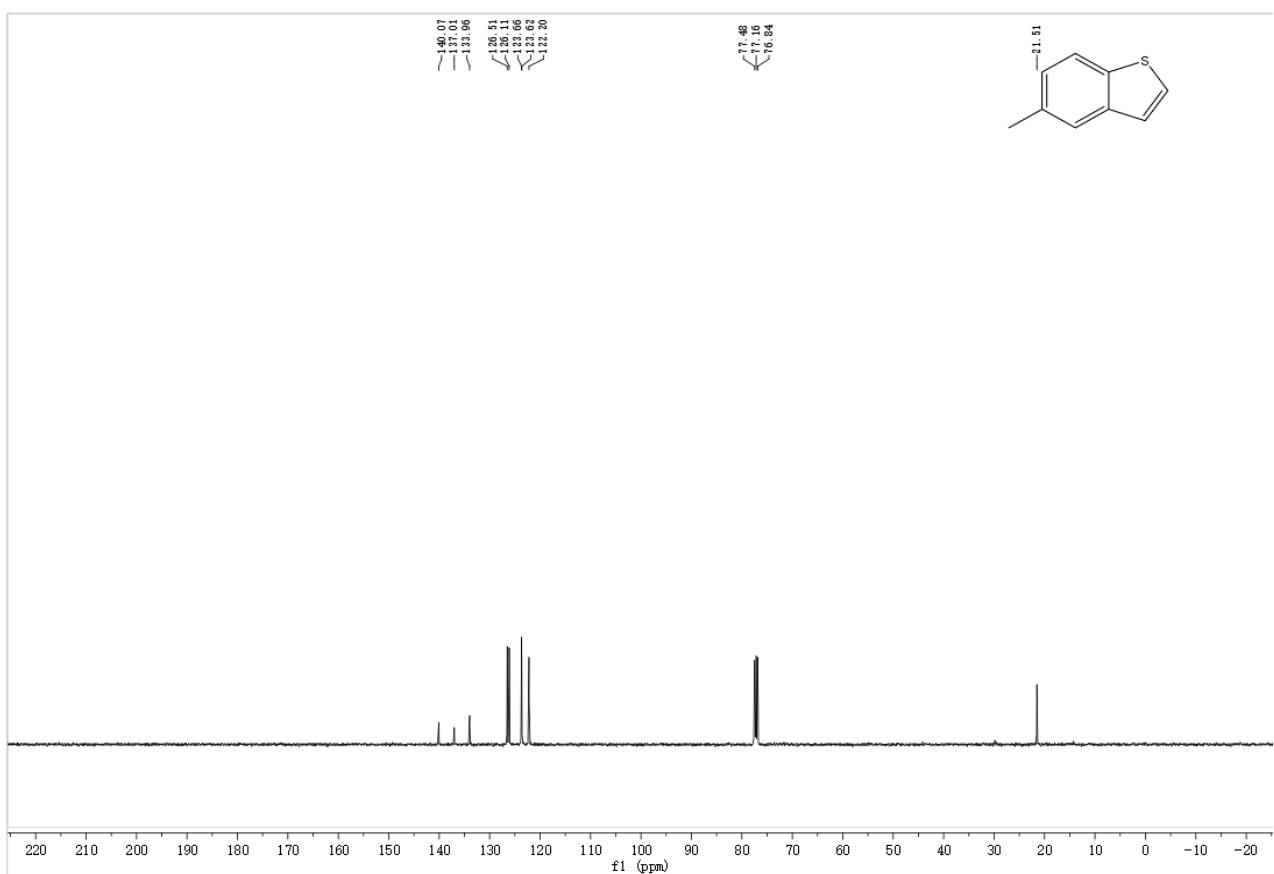
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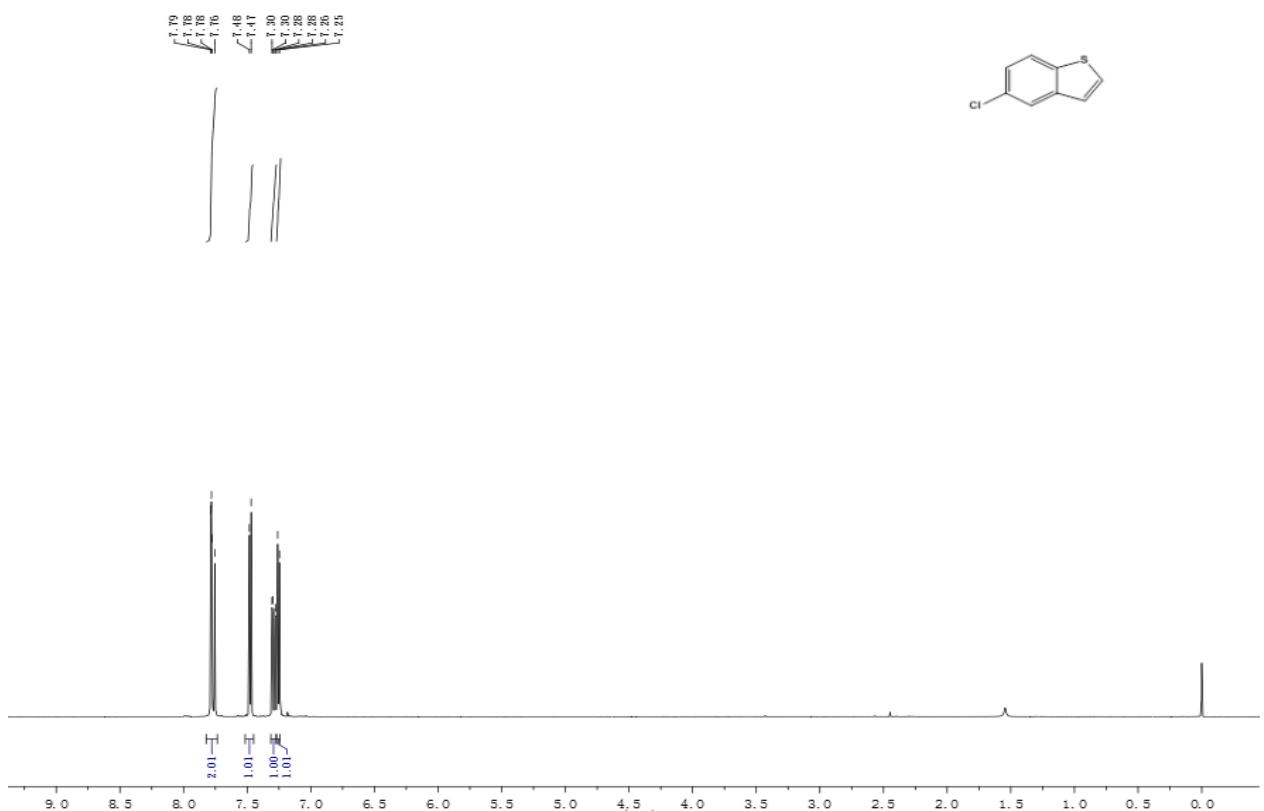
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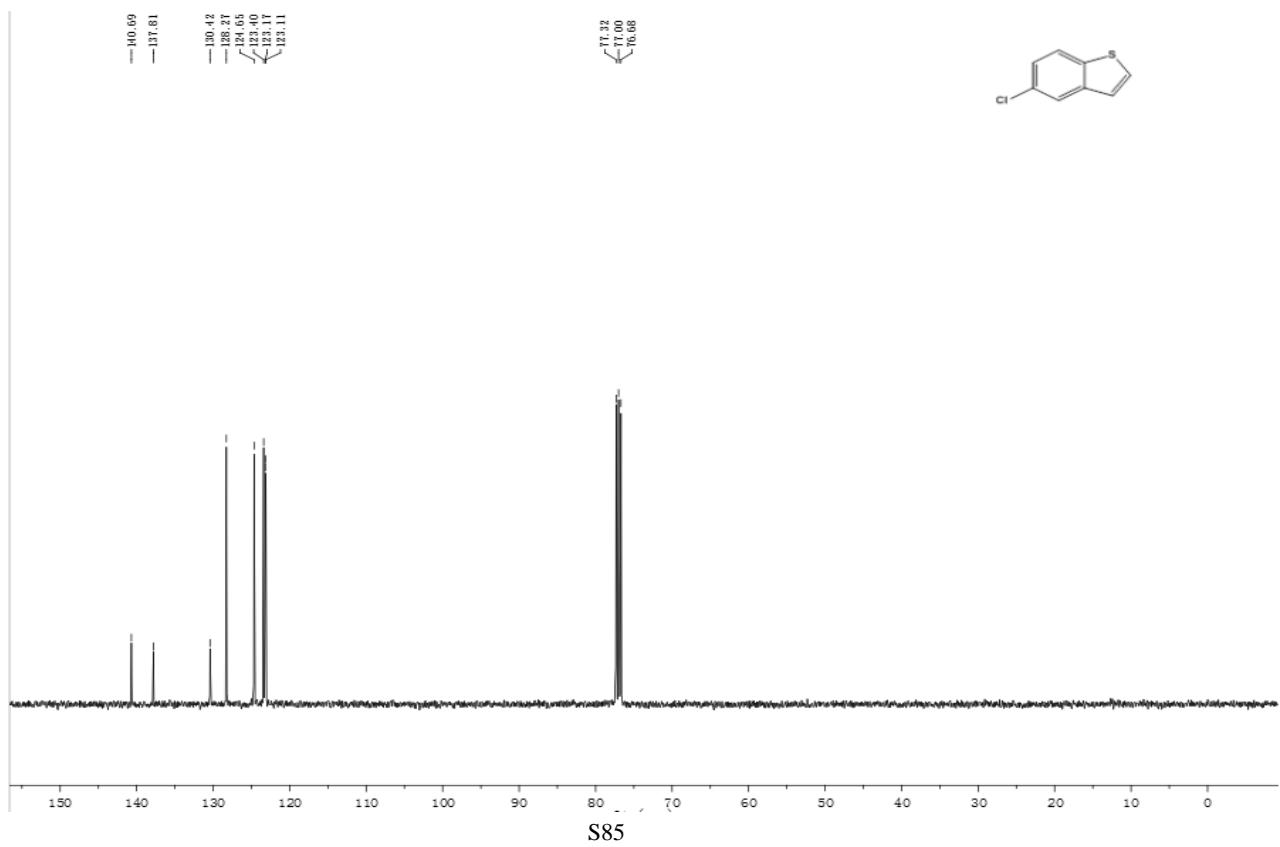
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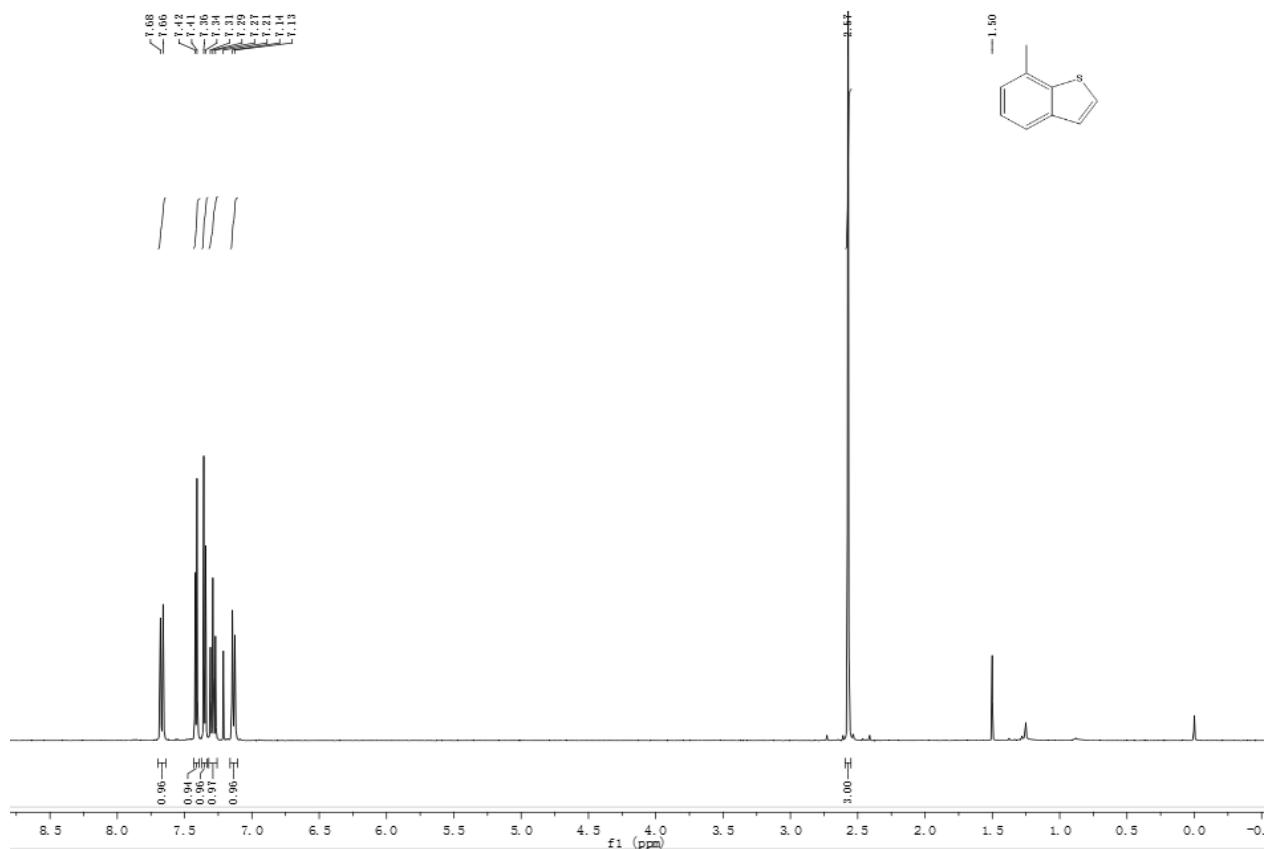
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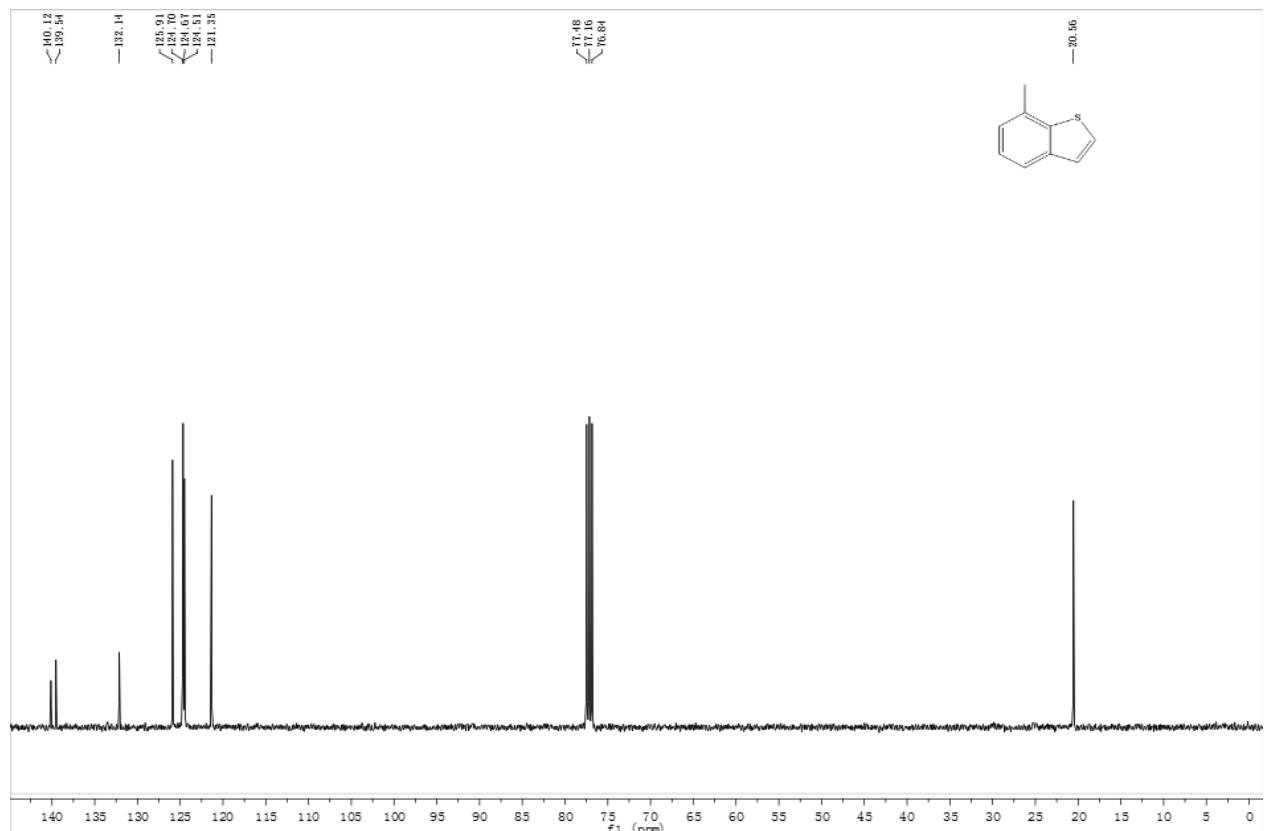
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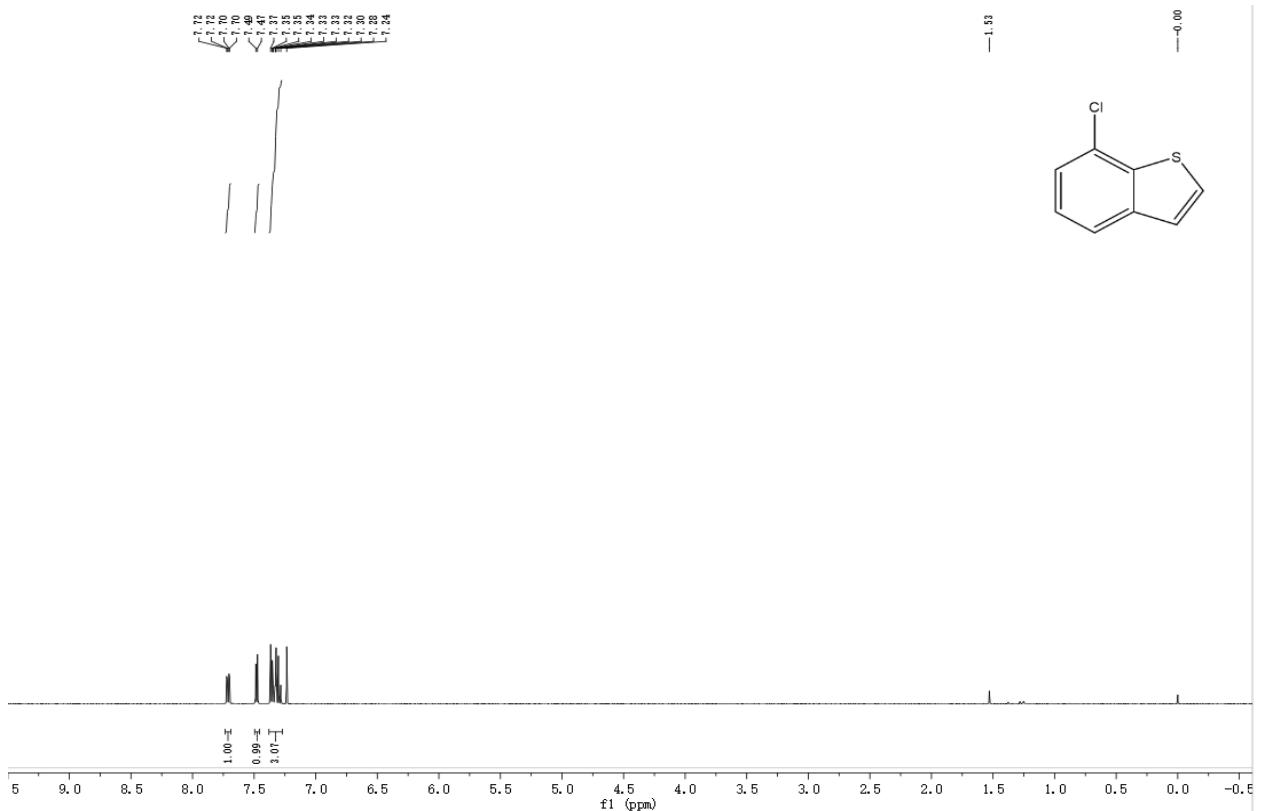
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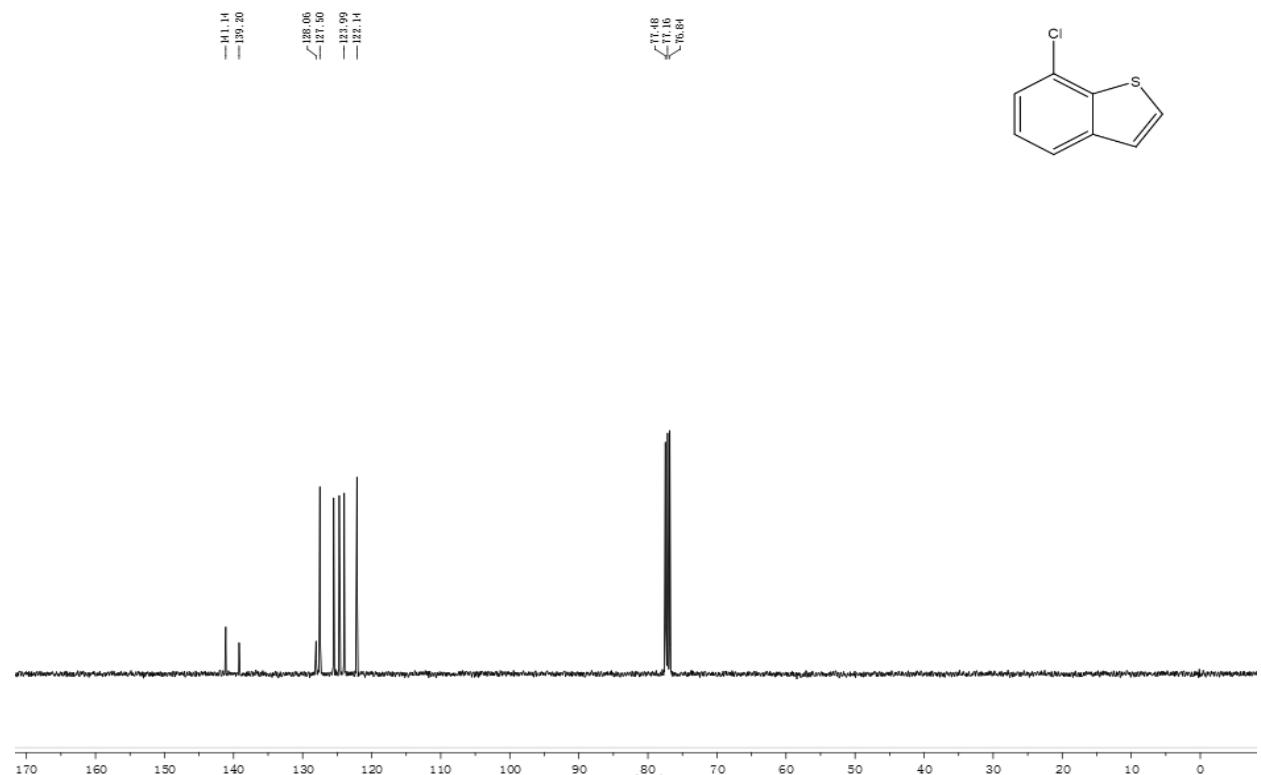
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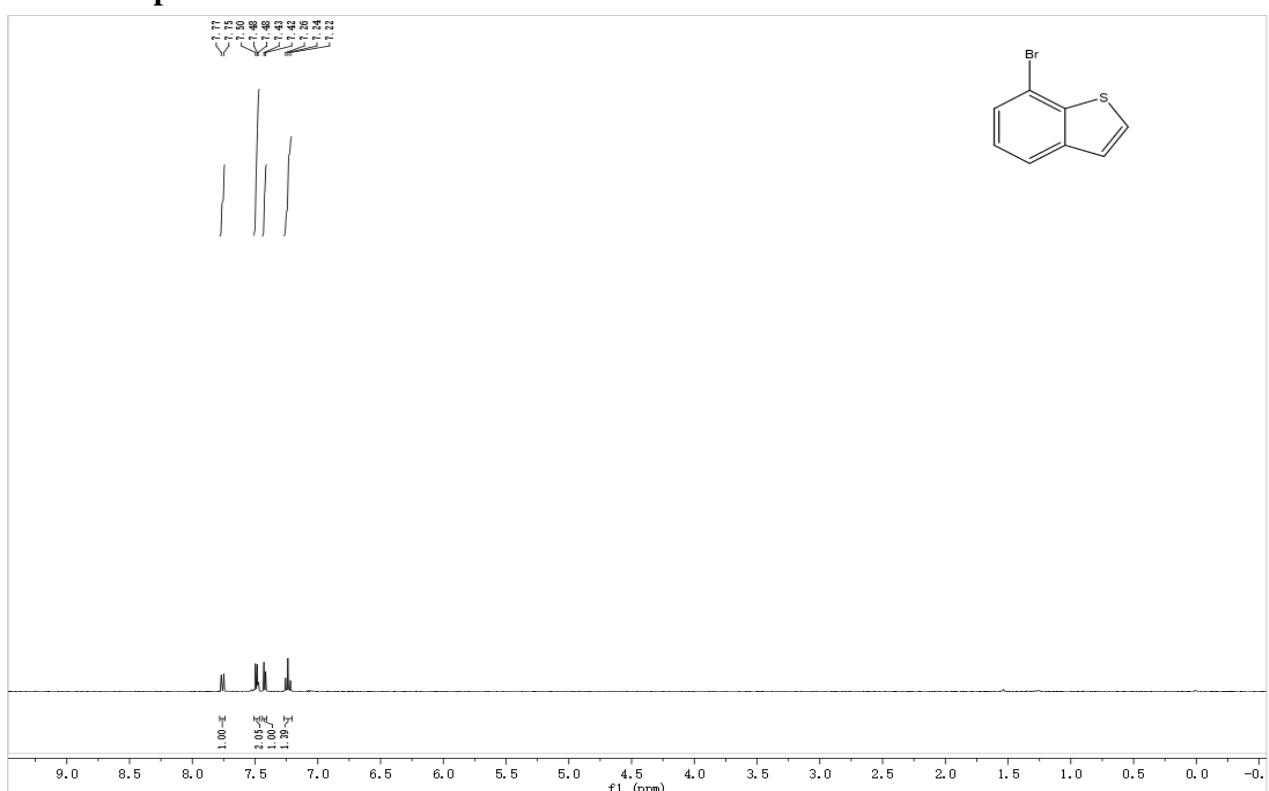
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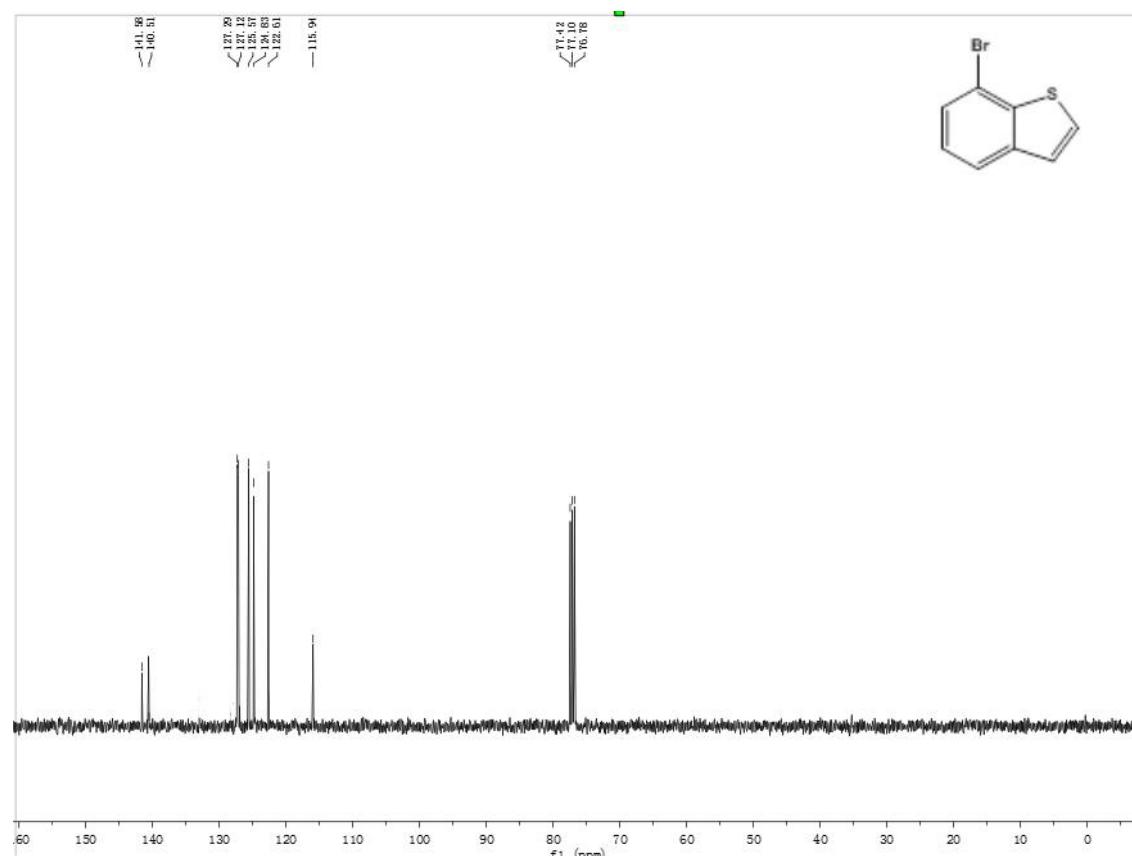
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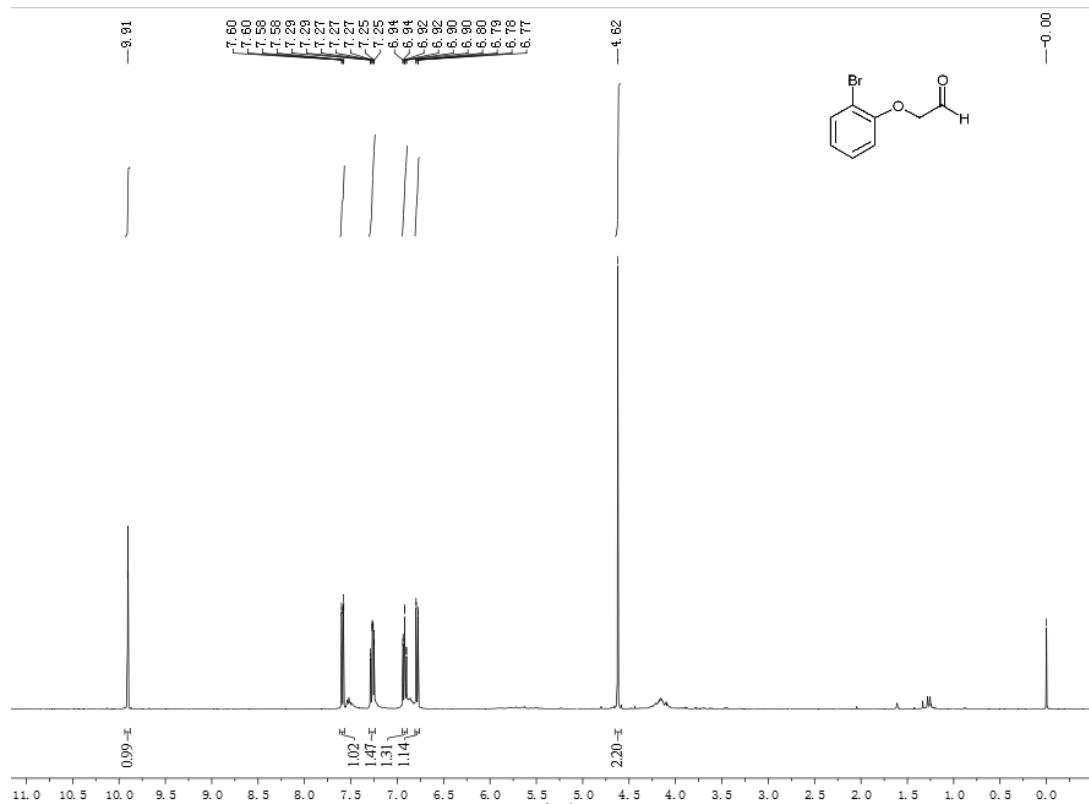
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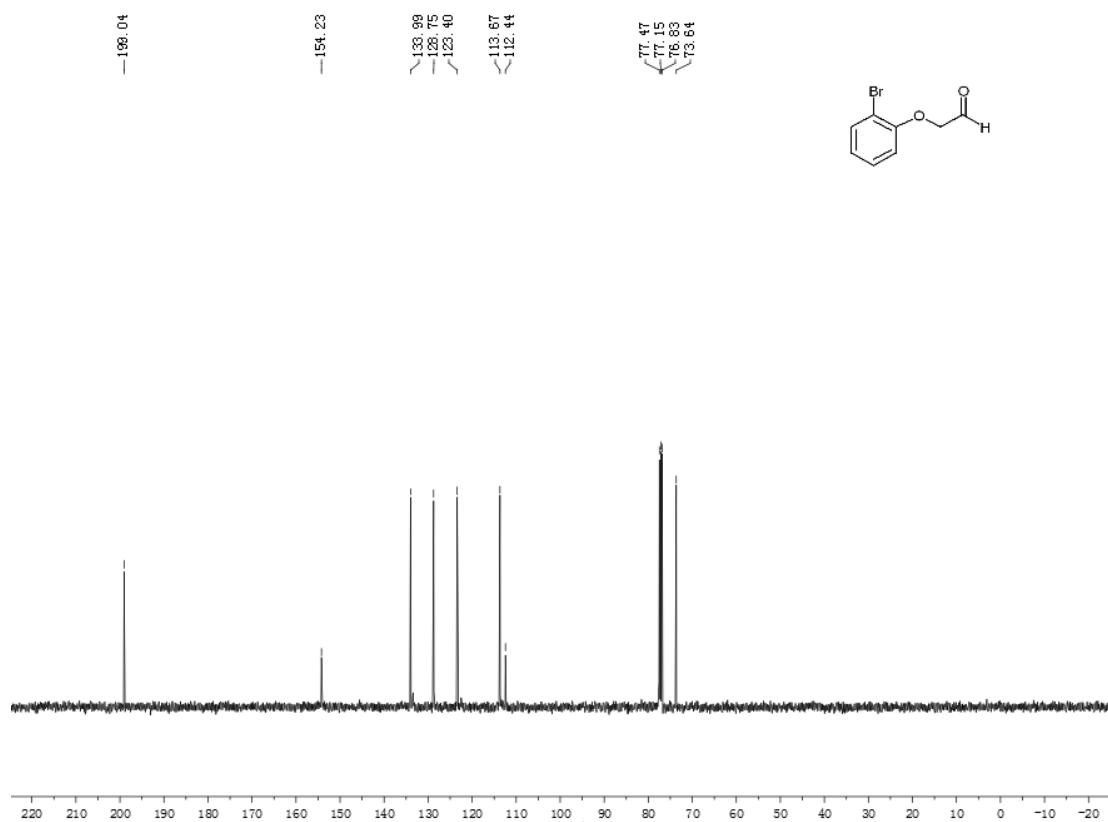
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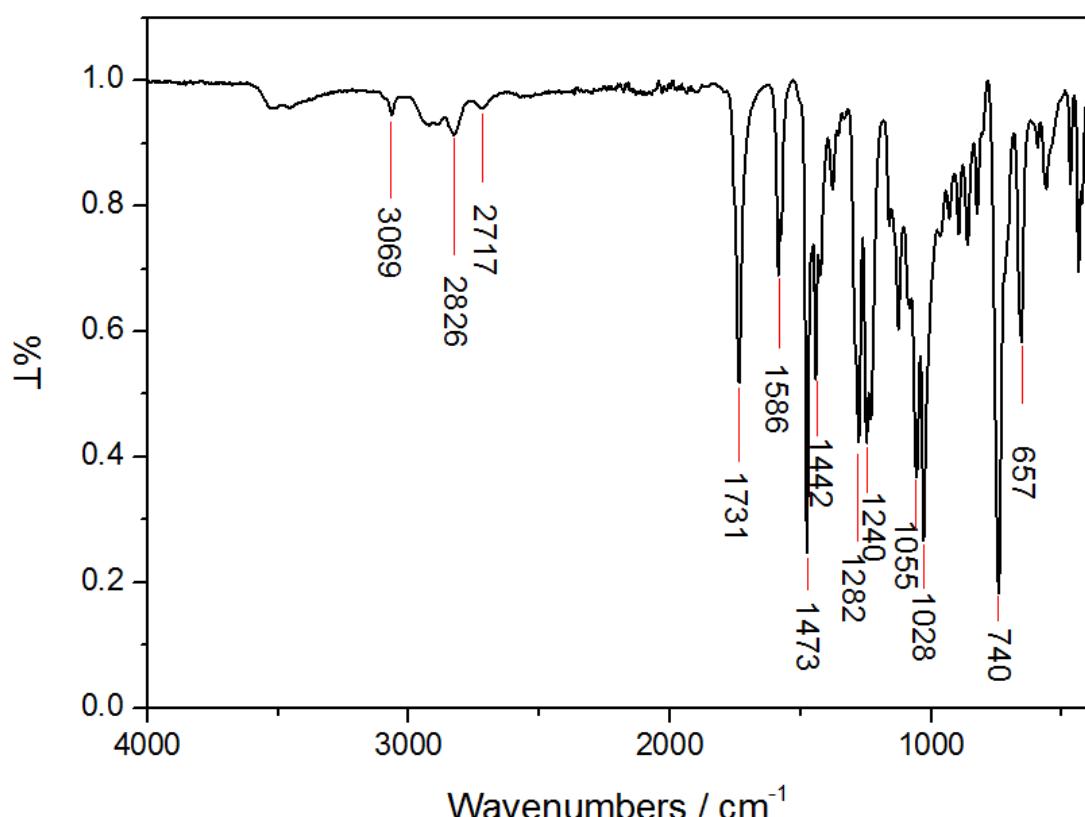
### **<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for aldehyde intermediate I**



### **<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum for aldehyde intermediate I**



### Infrared absorption spectrum of aldehyde intermediate I



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