

Cascade cyclization and acyl migration of propargylic esters with isocyanides: a rapid access to substituted furans

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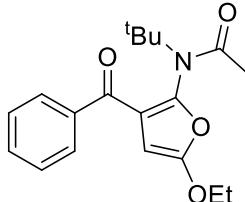
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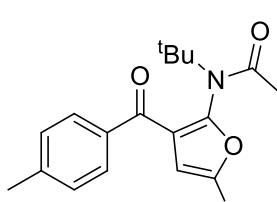
The NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC – 500 spectrometer (500 MHz for ¹H NMR and 125 MHz for ¹³C NMR) with CDCl₃ as the solvent and TMS as internal reference. ¹H NMR spectral data were reported as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity, integration, and coupling constant (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectral data were reported in terms of the chemical shift. The following abbreviations were used to indicate multiplicities: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet. Low-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu LCMS-2010EV spectrometer in ESI mode and reported as m/z. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics, Inc. APEXIII 7.0 TESLA FTMS instrument. Melting points were obtained on a X-4 digital melting point apparatus without correction. Chemical yields referred to pure isolated product. Purification of products was accomplished by column chromatography packed with silica gel.

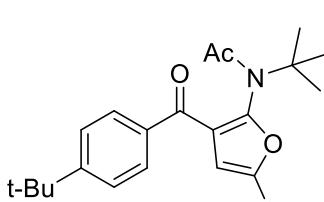
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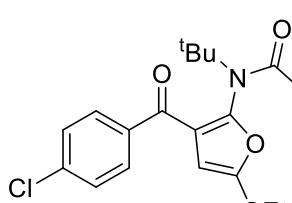
To a solution of the propargylic ester **1** (0.5 mmol) in 3 mL acetone was added isocyanide **2** (0.5 mmol). The stirred mixture was heated at 120 °C for 12 hours and the progress was monitored using TLC detection. After completion of present reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on alumina [neutral alumina: 200-300; eluant: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1] to afford the desired product.

3 Characterization Data

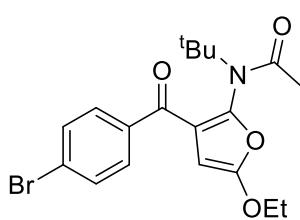
 **(3a)**: 130 mg, 79% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.97 - 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.68 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.17, 172.08, 156.43, 142.41, 138.02, 133.00, 129.24, 128.69, 120.99, 82.77, 67.26, 60.71, 28.34, 24.78, 14.57. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4$ [M+H] $^+$ 330.1700, Found: 330.1705.

 **(3b)**: 94 mg, 55% yield, white solid: m. p. 80 - 81 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 - 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.84, 172.18, 156.36, 143.92, 142.13, 135.40, 129.46, 129.38, 121.14, 82.87, 67.23, 60.67, 28.34, 24.80, 21.82, 14.58. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 366.1676, Found: 366.1663.

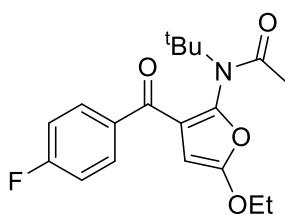
 **(3c)**: 104 mg, 54% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 - 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.54 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.18 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.78, 172.18, 156.84, 156.35, 142.14, 135.27, 129.28, 125.65, 121.12, 82.85, 67.21, 60.63, 35.29, 31.22, 28.32, 24.78, 14.56. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 408.2145, Found: 408.2135.

 **(3d)**: 125 mg, 69% yield, white solid: m. p. 90 - 91 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 - 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 187.84, 172.04, 156.55, 142.59, 139.51, 136.28, 130.65,

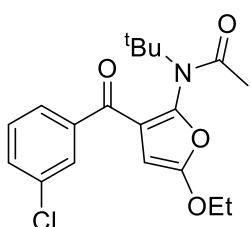
129.07, 120.63, 82.49, 67.33, 60.80, 28.36, 24.75, 14.57. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{22}ClNNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 386.1130, Found: 386.1123.



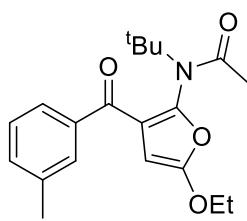
(3e): 126 mg, 62% yield, white solid: m. p. 103 - 104 °C. 1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.18 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 187.97, 171.94, 156.54, 142.60, 136.68, 132.02, 130.73, 128.12, 120.57, 82.43, 67.30, 60.75, 28.33, 24.73, 14.55. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{22}BrNNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 430.0624, Found: 430.0613.



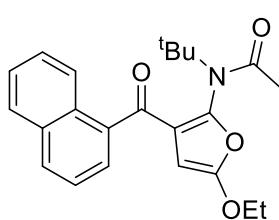
(3f): 102 mg, 59% yield, white solid: m. p. 92 - 93 °C. 1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 - 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 187.57, 172.06, 166.74, 164.71, 156.52, 142.45, 134.29, 131.91, 131.84, 120.73, 115.99, 115.82, 82.59, 67.32, 60.75, 28.35, 24.77, 14.57. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{22}FNNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 370.1425, Found: 370.1422.



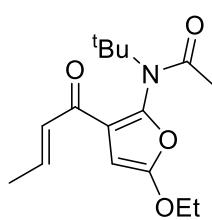
(3g): 74 mg, 41% yield, yellow oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.83 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 - 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.61 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.20 - 4.14 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 187.70, 171.91, 156.61, 142.86, 139.61, 135.01, 132.93, 130.06, 129.20, 127.28, 120.53, 82.42, 67.37, 60.83, 28.37, 24.75, 14.56. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{22}ClNNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 386.1130, Found: 386.1119.



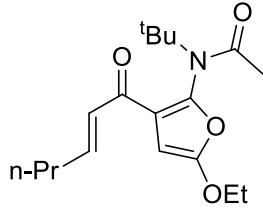
(3h): 91 mg, 53% yield, white solid: m. p. 83 - 84 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.69 - 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.66 - 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.42 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.18 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.36, 172.06, 156.37, 142.31, 138.61, 138.03, 133.76, 129.59, 128.46, 126.51, 121.09, 82.83, 67.24, 60.66, 28.31, 24.76, 21.46, 14.54. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 366.1676, Found: 366.1670.



(3i): 91 mg, 48% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.33 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95 - 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.12 - 4.06 (m, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 190.90, 171.84, 156.49, 143.05, 136.08, 134.04, 132.23, 130.54, 128.62, 127.83, 126.76, 125.52, 124.34, 122.55, 82.67, 67.22, 60.91, 28.40, 24.81, 14.51. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4$ [M+H] $^+$ 380.1856, Found: 380.1854.

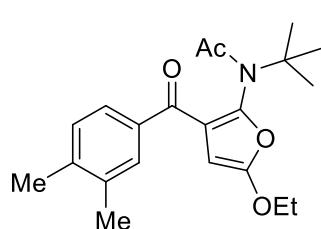


(3j): 69 mg, 47% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.14 - 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.76 - 6.70 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 183.90, 172.15, 157.16, 144.66, 142.07, 127.76, 123.29, 67.14, 61.00, 28.40, 24.83, 18.56, 14.52. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 316.1519, Found: 316.1518.

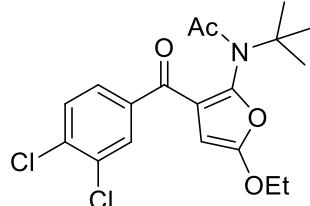


(3k): 61 mg, 30% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.15 - 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.75 - 6.69 (m, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.29 - 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.57 - 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.01,

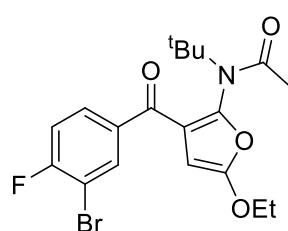
172.10, 157.16, 149.53, 142.05, 126.16, 123.44, 80.54, 67.13, 61.01, 53.57, 34.82, 28.43, 24.83, 21.51, 18.59, 14.52, 13.89. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{27}NNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 344.1832, Found: 344.1831.



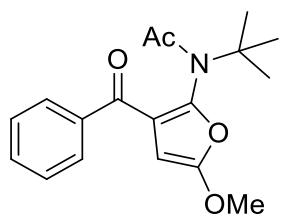
(3l): 103 mg, 58% yield, yellow oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.18 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.04, 172.21, 156.30, 142.67, 142.03, 137.21, 135.75, 130.28, 129.80, 127.14, 121.18, 82.92, 67.21, 60.63, 28.30, 24.77, 20.15, 19.90, 14.54. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{27}NO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 380.1832, Found: 380.1845.

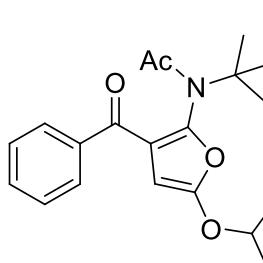


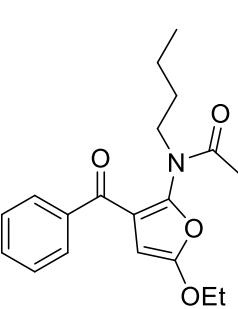
(3m): 123 mg, 62% yield, yellow oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 186.59, 171.85, 156.69, 142.95, 137.63, 137.51, 133.42, 131.08, 130.87, 128.23, 120.21, 82.16, 67.39, 60.85, 28.35, 24.72, 14.54. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{21}Cl_2NO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 420.0740, Found: 420.0733.

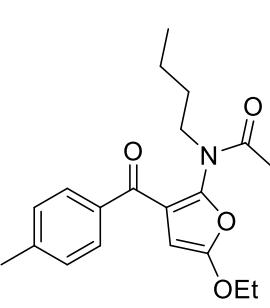


(3n): 130 mg, 61% yield, yellow oil. 1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 - 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 4.20 - 4.14 (m, 2H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 186.24, 171.88, 162.99, 160.95, 156.66, 142.85, 135.42, 135.39, 134.97, 130.43, 130.36, 120.25, 116.92, 116.73, 110.00, 82.25, 67.39, 60.82, 28.36, 24.73, 14.54. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{21}BrFNNaO_4$ $[M+Na]^+$ 448.0530, Found: 448.0509.

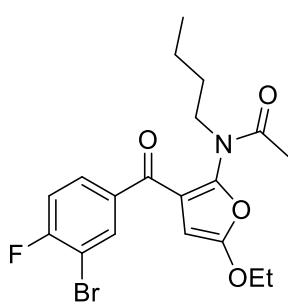

(3o): 99 mg, 63% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.11, 172.07, 157.35, 142.43, 137.90, 133.01, 129.18, 128.67, 121.02, 81.68, 60.69, 57.82, 28.28, 24.72. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$ [M+H] $^+$ 316.1543, Found: 316.1566.


(3p): 113 mg, 66% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.61 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.53 - 4.49 (m, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.39 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 3.1 Hz, 6H), 1.36 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 172.05, 155.37, 142.59, 138.04, 133.00, 129.25, 128.69, 120.91, 85.54, 75.95, 60.67, 28.35, 24.78, 21.93. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4$ [M+H] $^+$ 344.1856, Found: 344.1876.

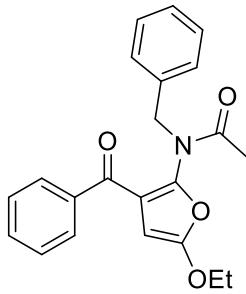

(4a): 110 mg, 67% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.84 - 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.62 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.49 - 1.43 (m, 5H), 1.30 - 1.23 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.24, 171.37, 156.84, 142.55, 138.06, 132.93, 128.93, 128.61, 119.26, 82.67, 67.30, 48.33, 30.21, 22.33, 20.03, 14.56, 13.86. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 352.1519, Found: 352.1526.


(4b): 94 mg, 55% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.76 - 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.48 - 1.42 (m, 5H), 1.30 - 1.23 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.89, 171.48, 156.77, 143.85, 142.15, 135.37, 129.30, 129.16, 119.42, 82.77, 67.25,

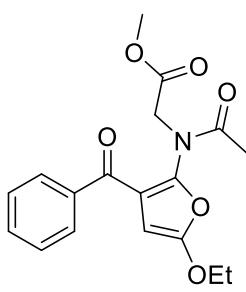
48.32, 30.19, 22.32, 21.78, 20.02, 14.55, 13.85. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{20}H_{25}NNaO_4$ [M+Na]⁺ 366.1676, Found: 366.1681.



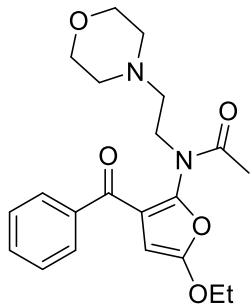
(**4c**): 166 mg, 78% yield, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 - 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.49 - 1.43 (m, 5H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 186.25, 171.17, 162.90, 160.87, 157.06, 142.89, 135.40, 134.76, 130.13, 130.07, 118.56, 116.90, 116.72, 109.65, 82.24, 67.43, 48.38, 30.23, 22.28, 19.99, 14.53, 13.84. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{21}BrFNNaO_4$ [M+Na]⁺ 448.0530, Found: 448.0518.



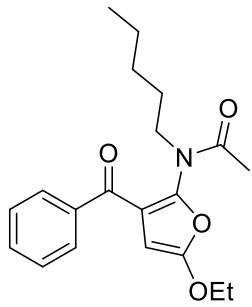
(**4d**): 105 mg, 58% yield, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 - 7.04 (m, 5H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.00, 171.64, 156.68, 141.34, 137.72, 136.20, 132.79, 129.00, 128.97, 128.36, 128.33, 127.51, 120.06, 83.04, 67.35, 51.46, 22.44, 14.49. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{21}NNaO_4$ [M+Na]⁺ 386.1363, Found: 386.1352.



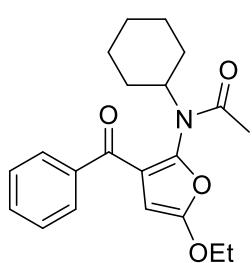
(**4e**): 78 mg, 45% yield, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.83 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.17, 171.56, 169.04, 157.03, 141.42, 137.90, 133.11, 129.06, 128.71, 119.18, 82.94, 67.44, 52.31, 49.95, 21.80, 14.59. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{19}NNaO_6$ [M+Na]⁺ 368.1105, Found: 368.1101.



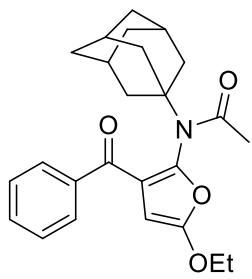
(4f): 87 mg, 45% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 - 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.63 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 2.47 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.95, 171.42, 156.74, 142.51, 138.00, 132.94, 128.90, 128.60, 118.81, 82.58, 67.25, 66.91, 56.43, 53.58, 45.12, 22.15, 14.53. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ [M+H] $^+$ 387.1914, Found: 387.1919.



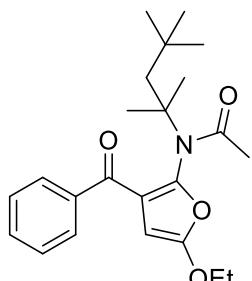
(4g): 101 mg, 59% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.86 - 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.64 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 5H), 1.28 - 1.22 (m, 4H), 0.83 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.26, 171.39, 156.85, 142.58, 138.08, 132.96, 128.95, 128.63, 119.29, 82.72, 67.33, 48.61, 28.96, 27.83, 22.46, 22.37, 14.59, 14.03. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 366.1676, Found: 366.1672.



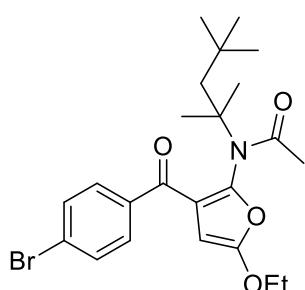
(4h): 85 mg, 48% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 - 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.64 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 4.39 - 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.16 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.05 - 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.74 (s, 1H), 1.67 - 1.52 (m, 3H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.38 - 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.16 (m, 1H), 1.03 - 0.81 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.09, 171.51, 156.74, 140.14, 137.85, 132.90, 128.54, 128.54, 121.22, 82.76, 67.09, 55.56, 25.45, 22.76, 14.47. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 378.1676, Found: 378.1675.



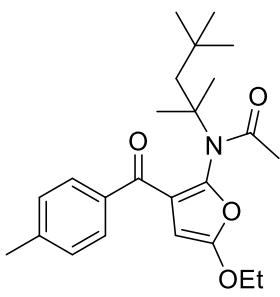
(4i): 106 mg, 52% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 - 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.63 - 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.18 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.14 - 2.02 (m, 9H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.67 - 1.58 (m, 6H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.22, 172.05, 156.39, 142.03, 138.10, 132.92, 129.22, 128.64, 121.28, 82.64, 67.18, 61.95, 39.87, 36.38, 30.19, 25.15, 14.54. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4$ [M+H] $^+$ 408.2169, Found: 408.2155.



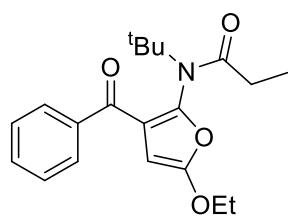
(4j): 79 mg, 41% yield, white solid: m. p. 102 - 105 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.68 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 2.45 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.70 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.25, 172.39, 156.29, 142.41, 137.95, 133.04, 129.32, 128.68, 121.36, 82.90, 67.25, 65.07, 50.56, 31.83, 31.49, 29.03, 28.45, 25.12, 14.58. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 408.2415, Found: 408.2410.



(4k): 108 mg, 47% yield, white solid: m. p. 142 - 148 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 2.45 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.11, 172.32, 156.43, 142.65, 136.65, 132.05, 130.82, 128.21, 120.98, 82.57, 67.32, 65.15, 50.55, 31.84, 31.49, 29.10, 28.46, 25.10, 14.59. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{BrNNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 486.1250, Found: 486.1248.



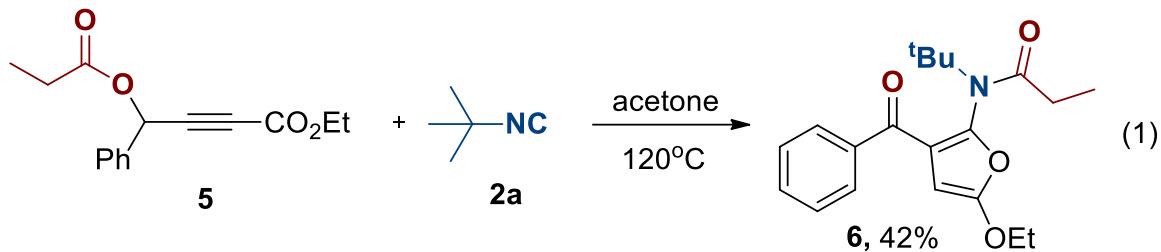
(4l): 72 mg, 36% yield, white solid: m. p. 160 - 161 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.19 - 4.13 (m, 2H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 4H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 1H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.95, 172.52, 156.23, 143.97, 142.12, 135.35, 129.53, 129.38, 121.51, 82.99, 67.22, 65.02, 50.53, 31.83, 31.49, 29.03, 28.45, 25.15, 21.82, 14.59. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{33}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 422.2302, Found: 422.2303.



(6): 72 mg, 42% yield, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.64 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.18 - 4.12 (m, 2H), 2.40 - 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.09 - 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.21, 175.26, 156.47, 142.04, 138.09, 132.97, 129.25, 128.68, 121.18, 82.82, 67.24, 60.71, 29.30, 28.39, 14.59, 9.22. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4$ [M+Na] $^+$ 366.1676, Found: 366.1674.

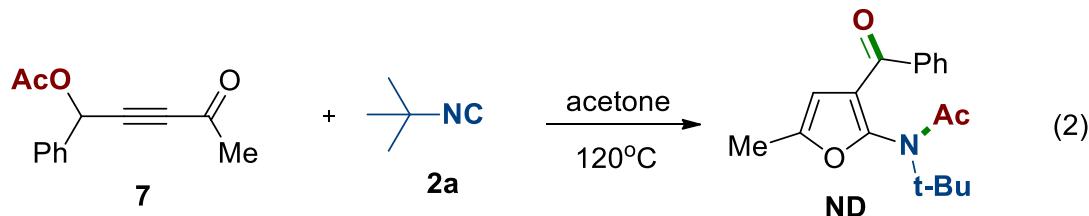
4 Control Experiment and Mechanistic Study

1) Experiment with propargylic ester with propionyl group



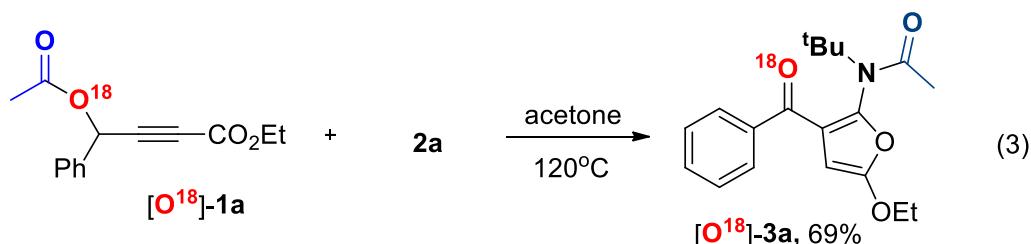
Under air atmosphere, a solution of the propargylic ester **5** (0.5 mmol) in 3 mL acetone was added *tert*-butyl isocyanide **2a** (0.5 mmol). The stirred mixture was heated at 120 °C for 12 hours and the progress was monitored using TLC detection. After completion of present reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on alumina [neutral alumina: 200-300; eluant: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1] to afford the desired product.

2) Experiment under nitrogen atmosphere

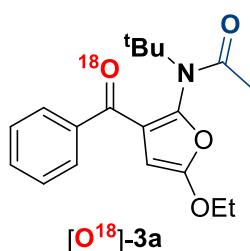


Under air atmosphere, a solution of the acetylenic ketone **7** (0.5 mmol) in 3 mL acetone was added *tert*-butyl isocyanide **2a** (0.5 mmol). The stirred mixture was heated at 120 °C for 12 hours and the progress was monitored using TLC detection. After completion of present reaction, no desired product was detected.

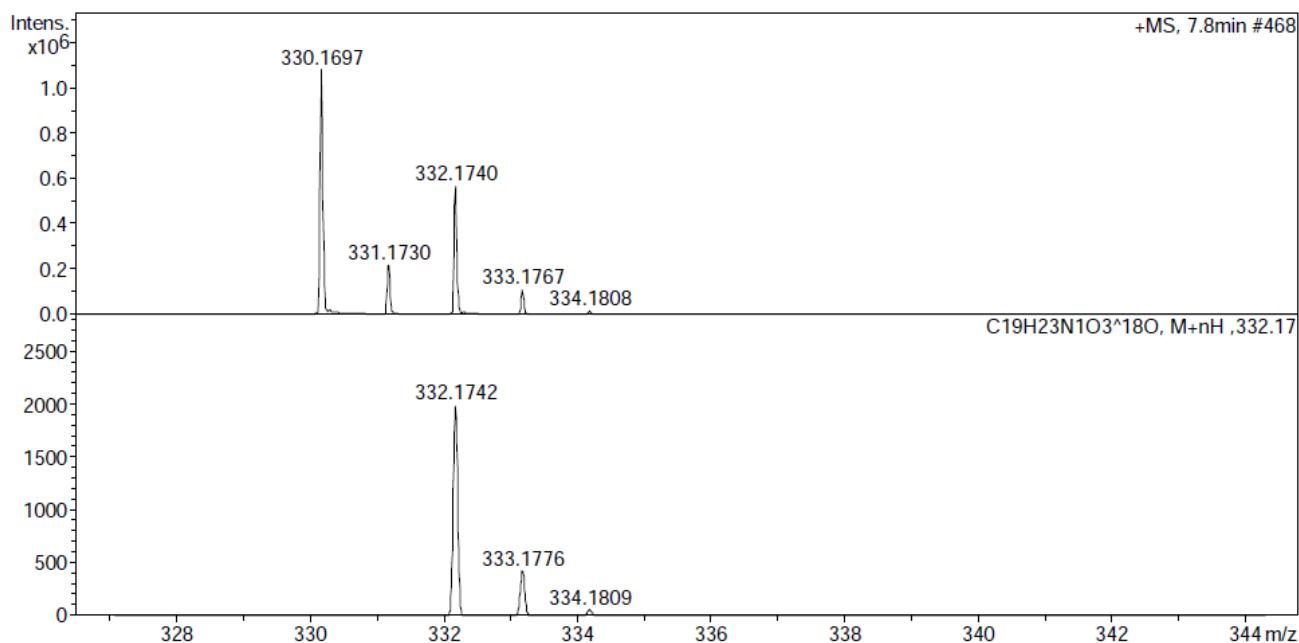
3) Isotope-labeling experiment



Under air atmosphere, an O¹⁸-labeled propargylic ester [O¹⁸]-**1a** (0.5 mmol) in 3 mL acetone was added *tert*-butyl isocyanide **2a** (0.5 mmol). The stirred mixture was heated at 120 °C for 12 hours and the progress was monitored using TLC detection. After completion of present reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography on alumina [neutral alumina: 200-300; eluant: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 40:1] to afford the desired product [O¹⁸]-**3a**.

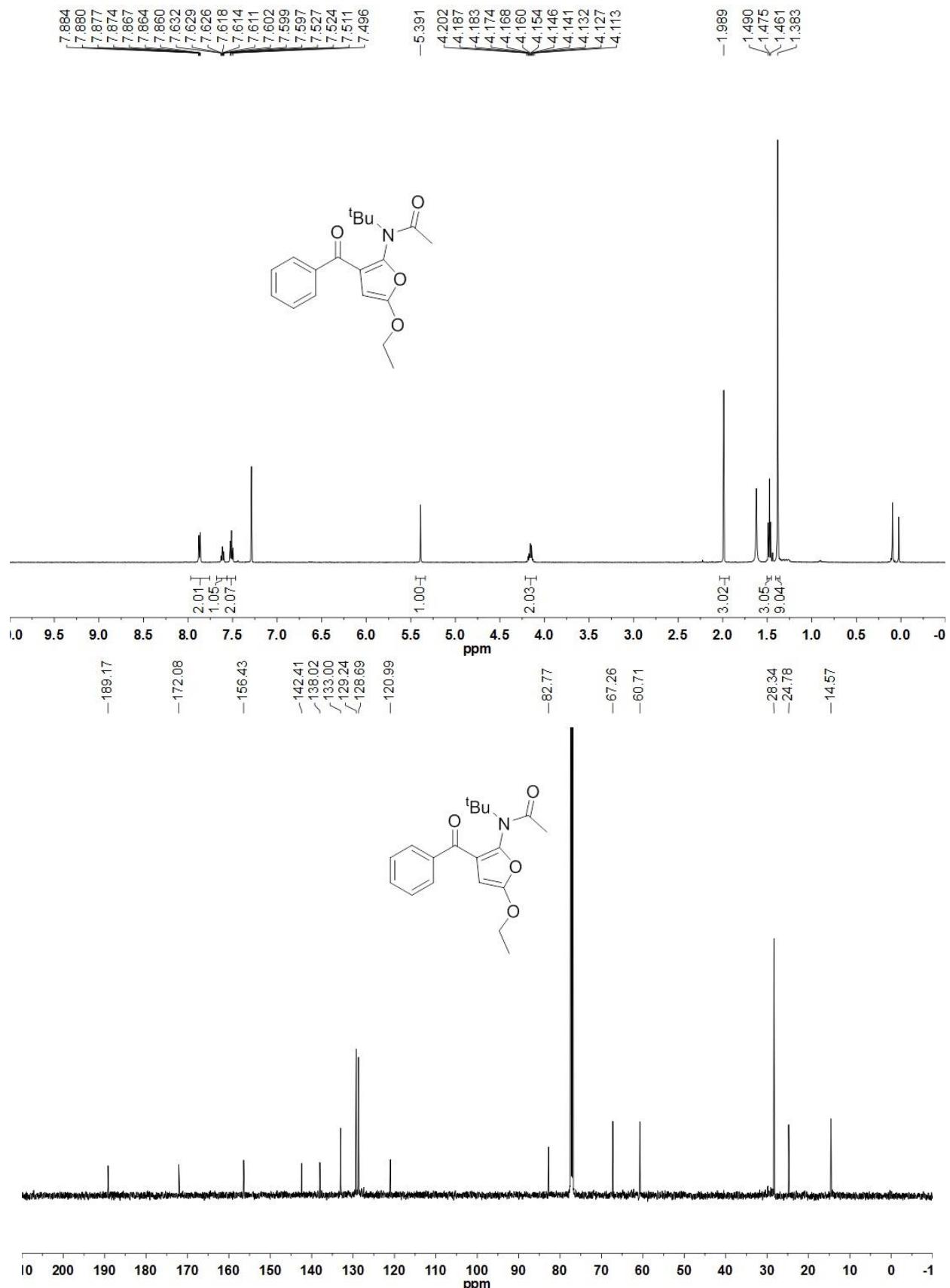


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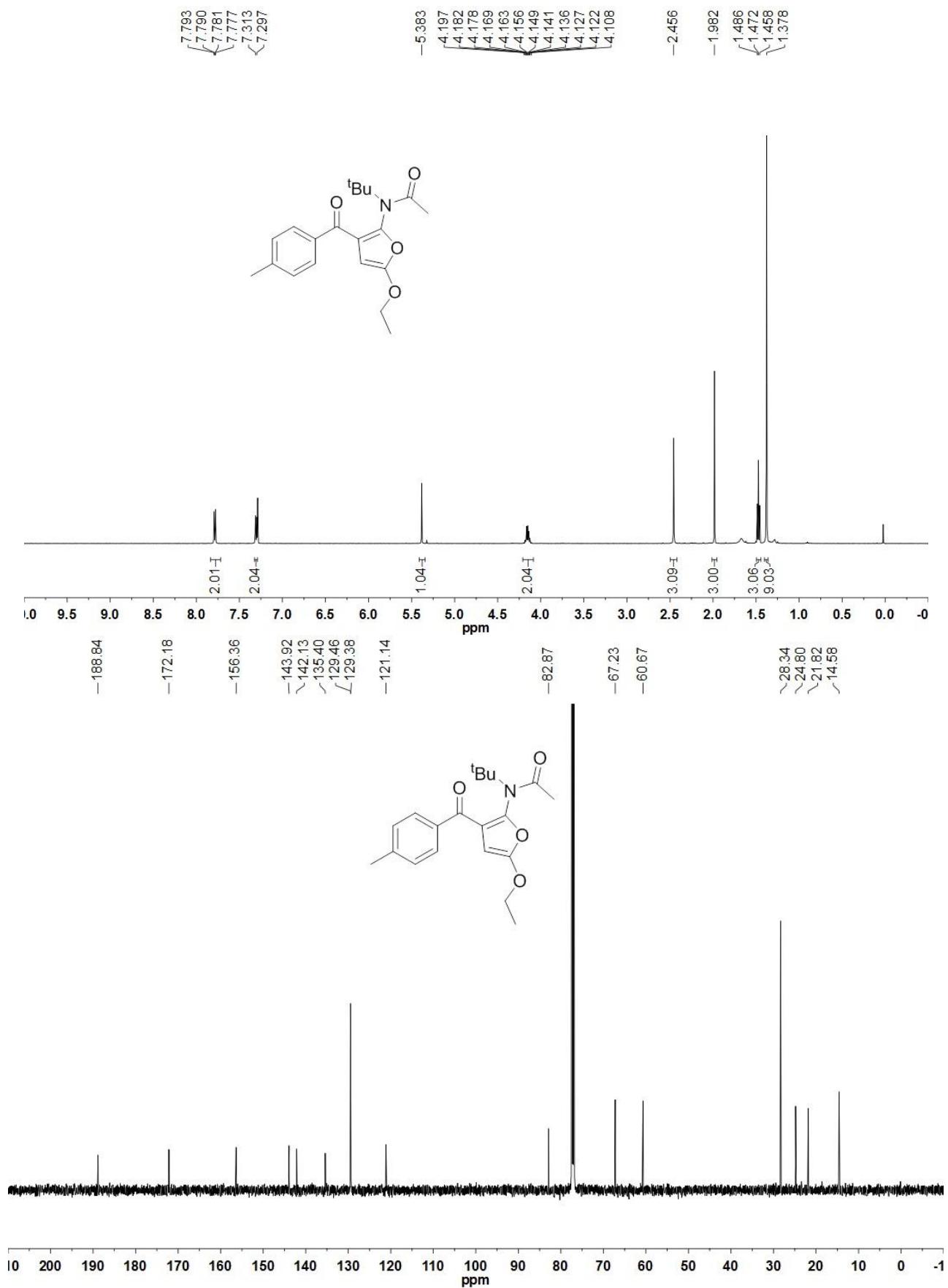


5 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR Spectra of All Compounds

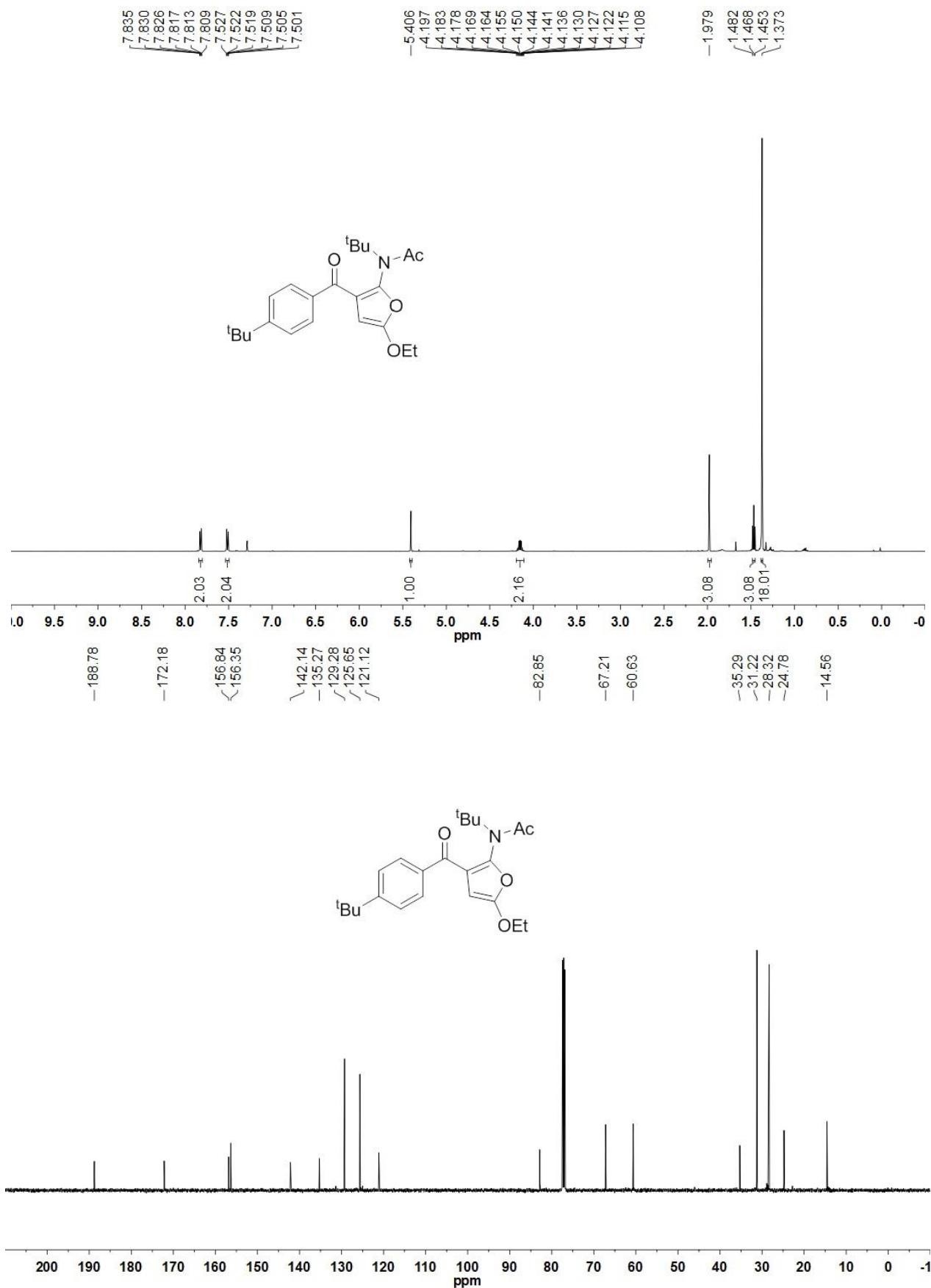
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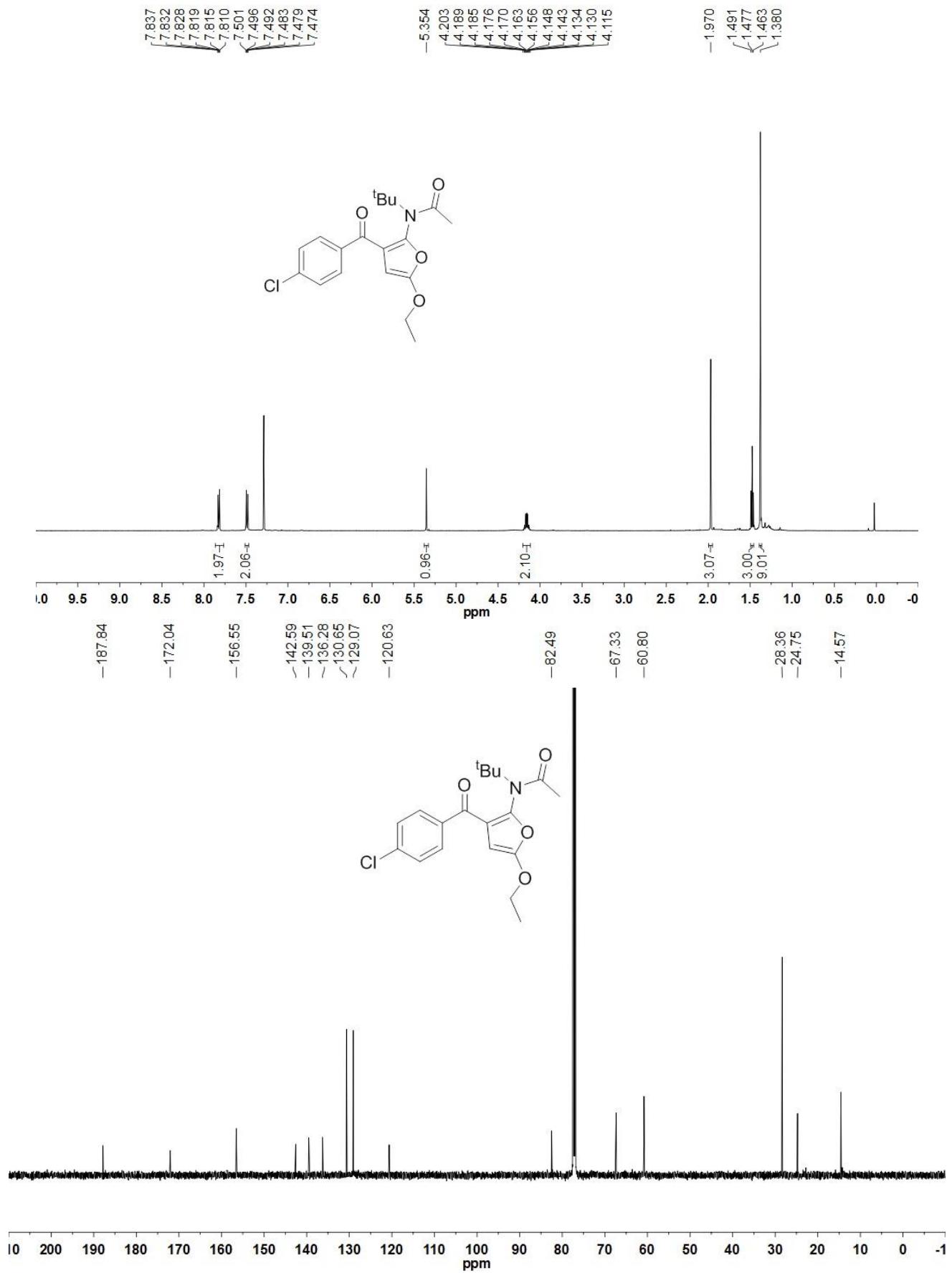
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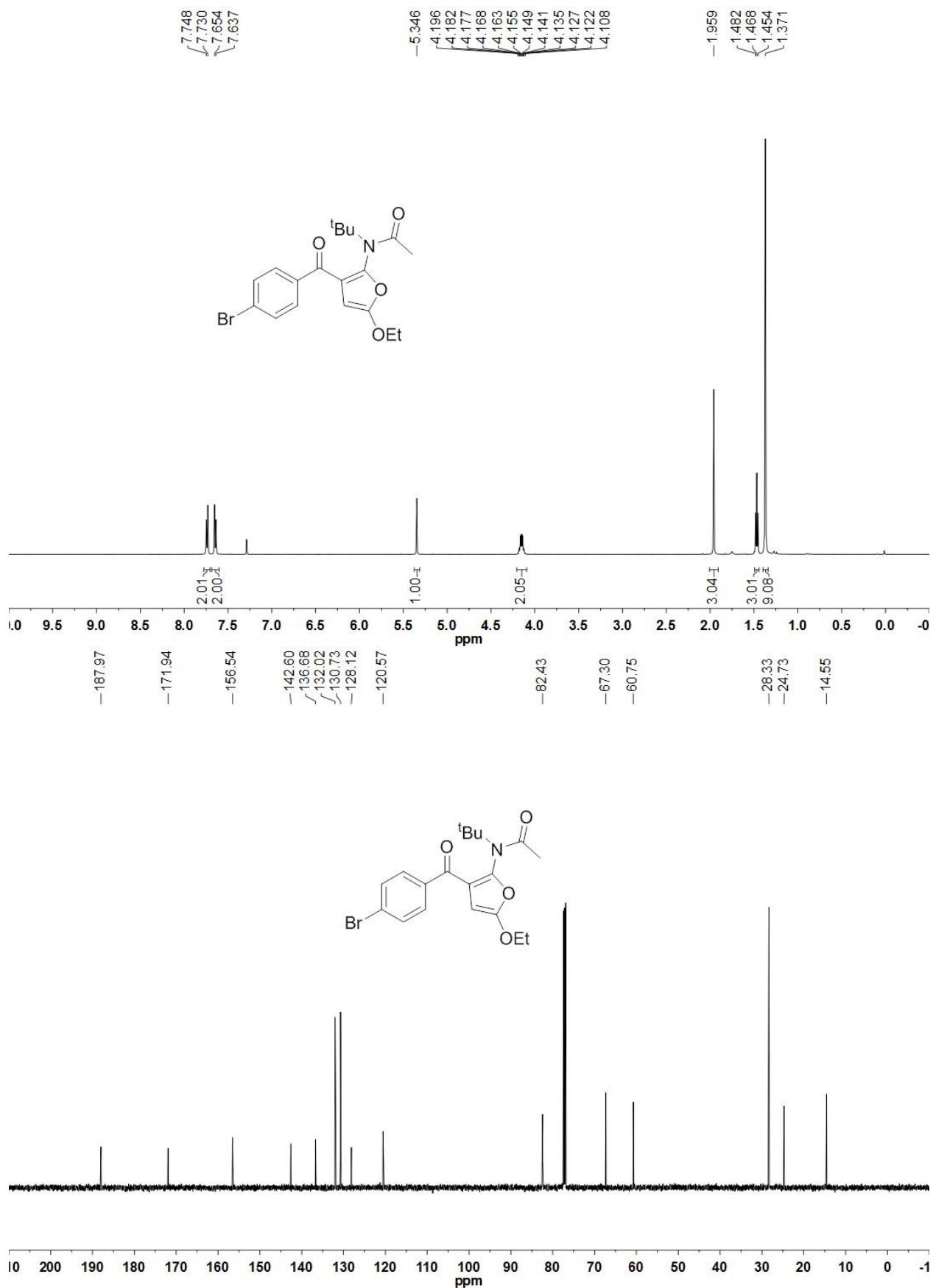
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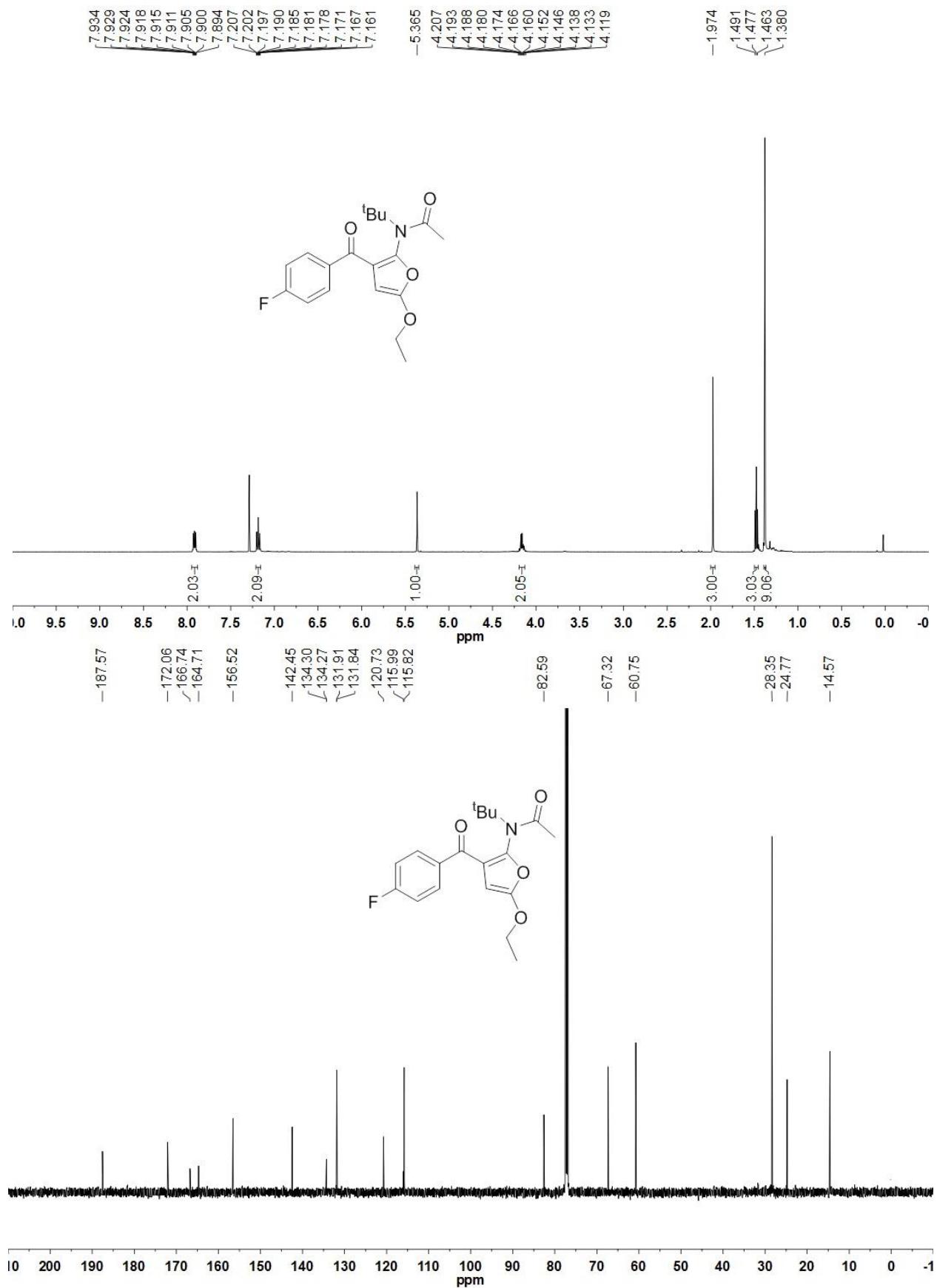
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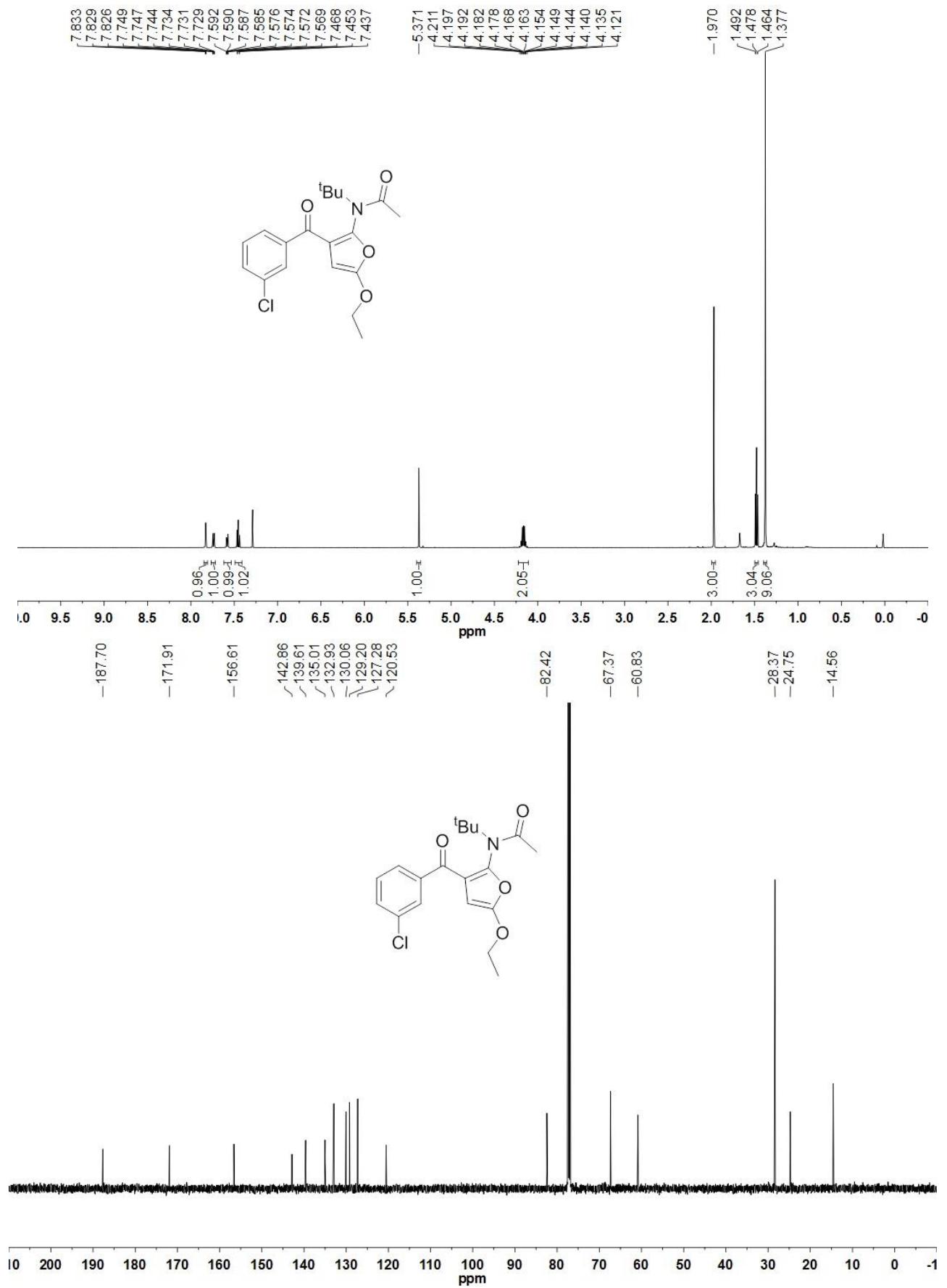
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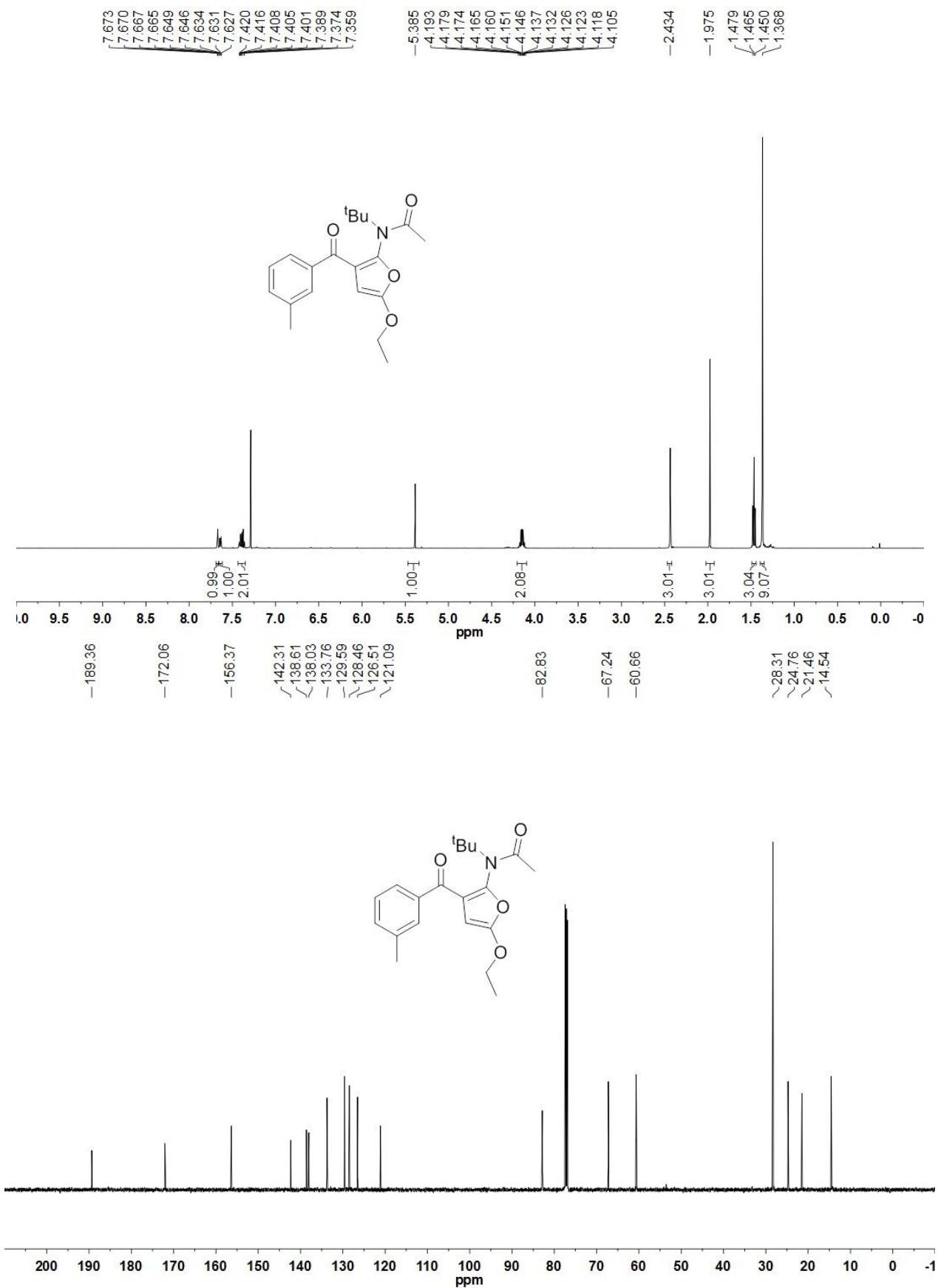
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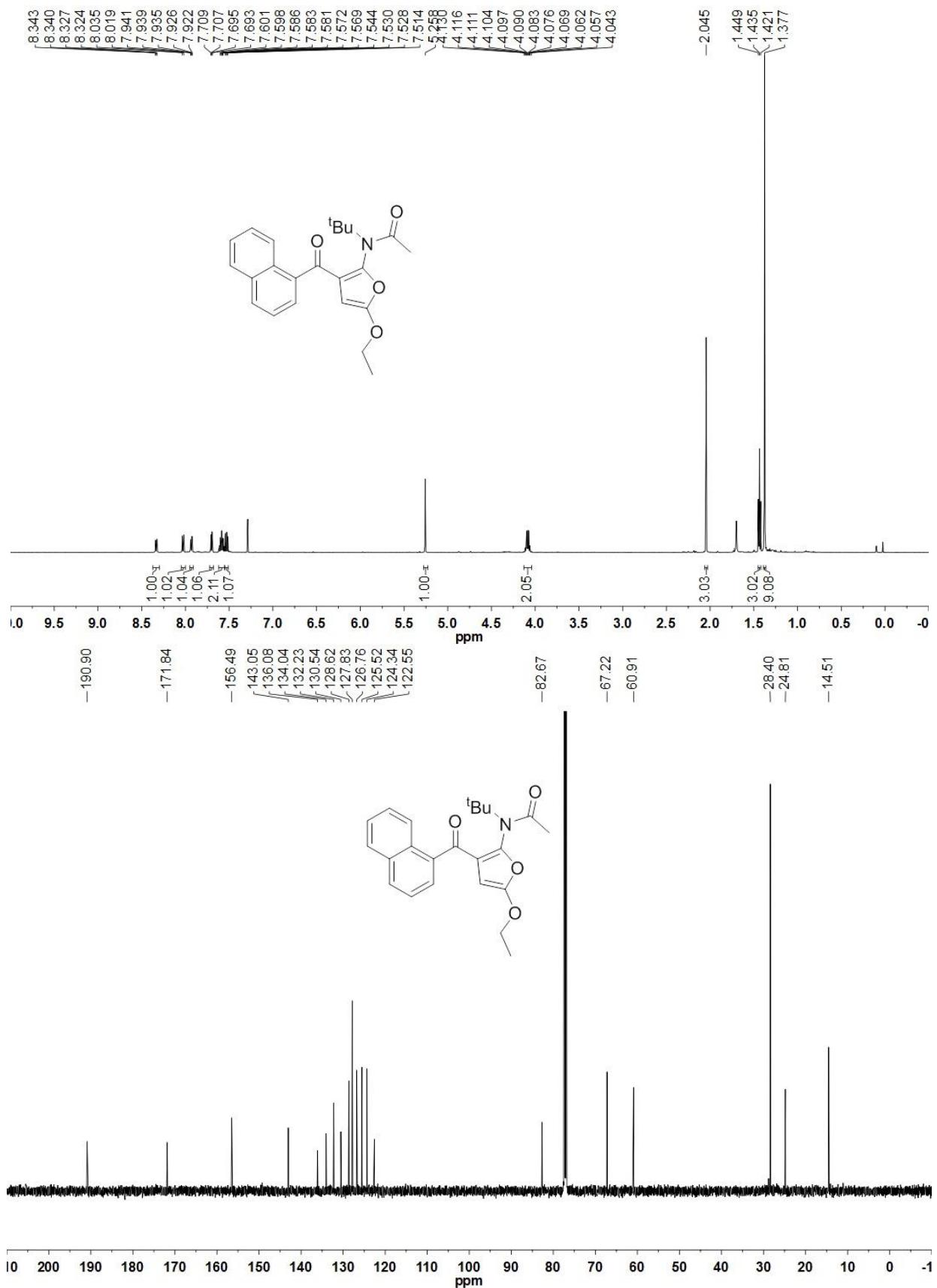
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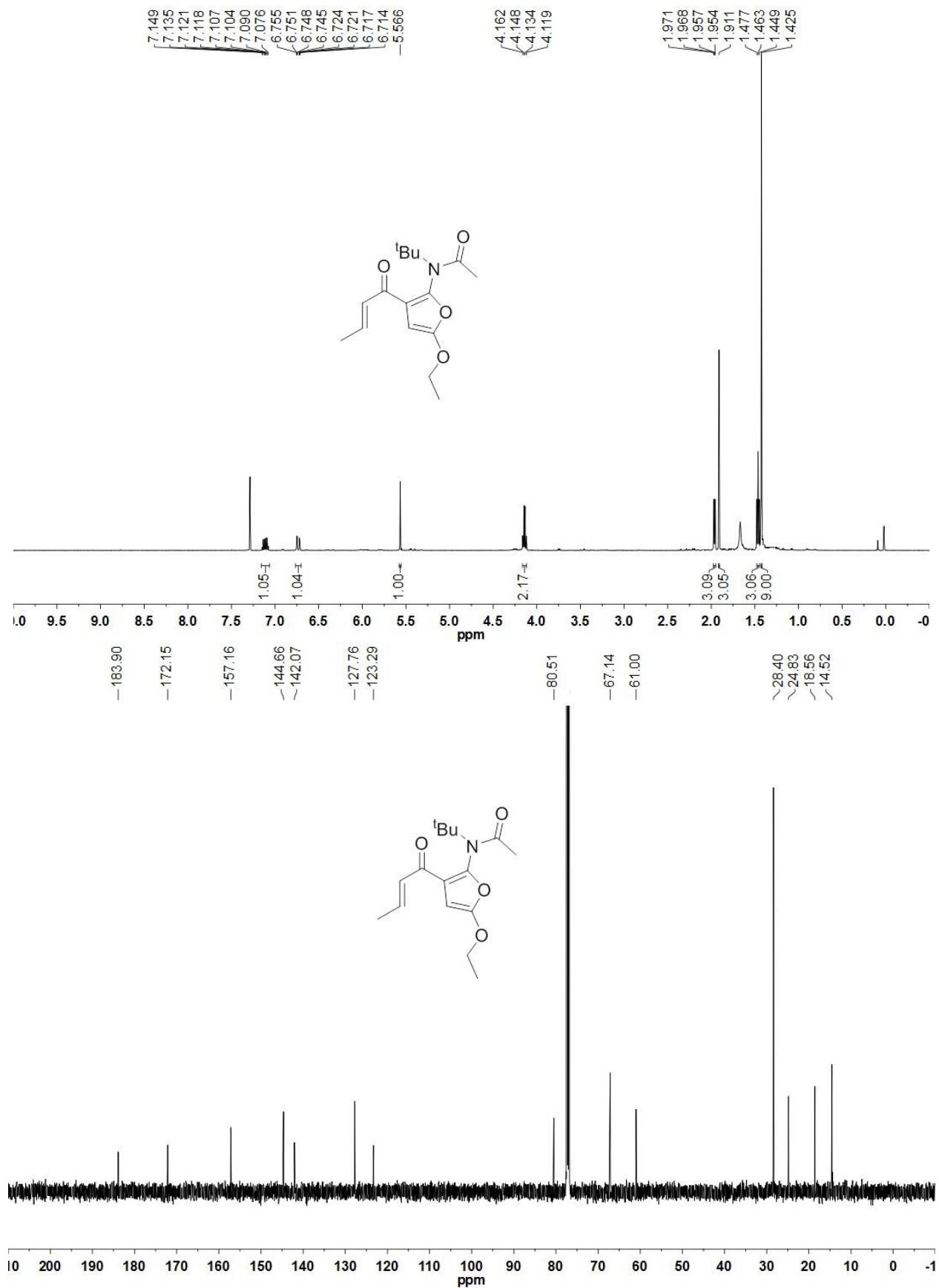
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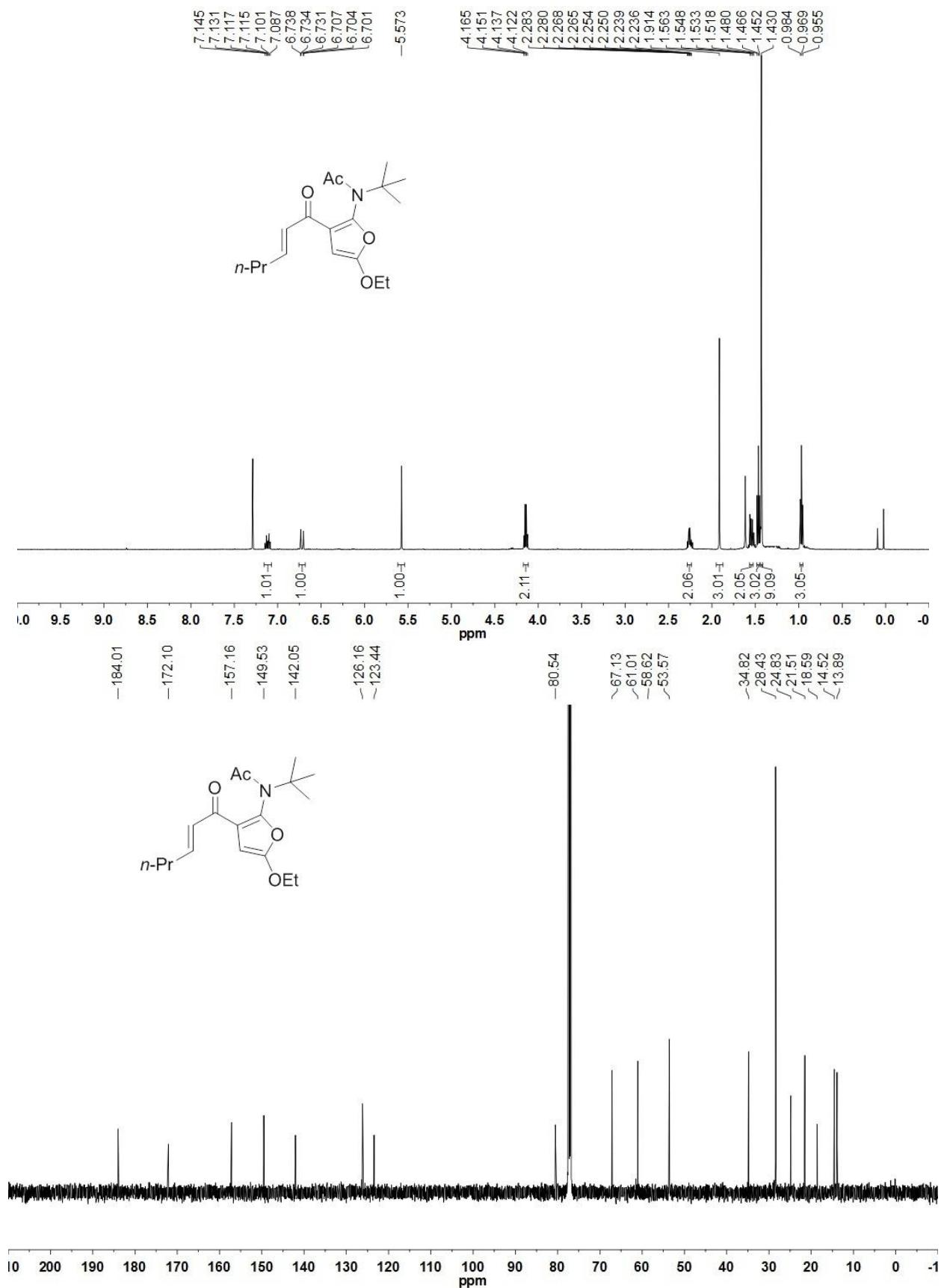
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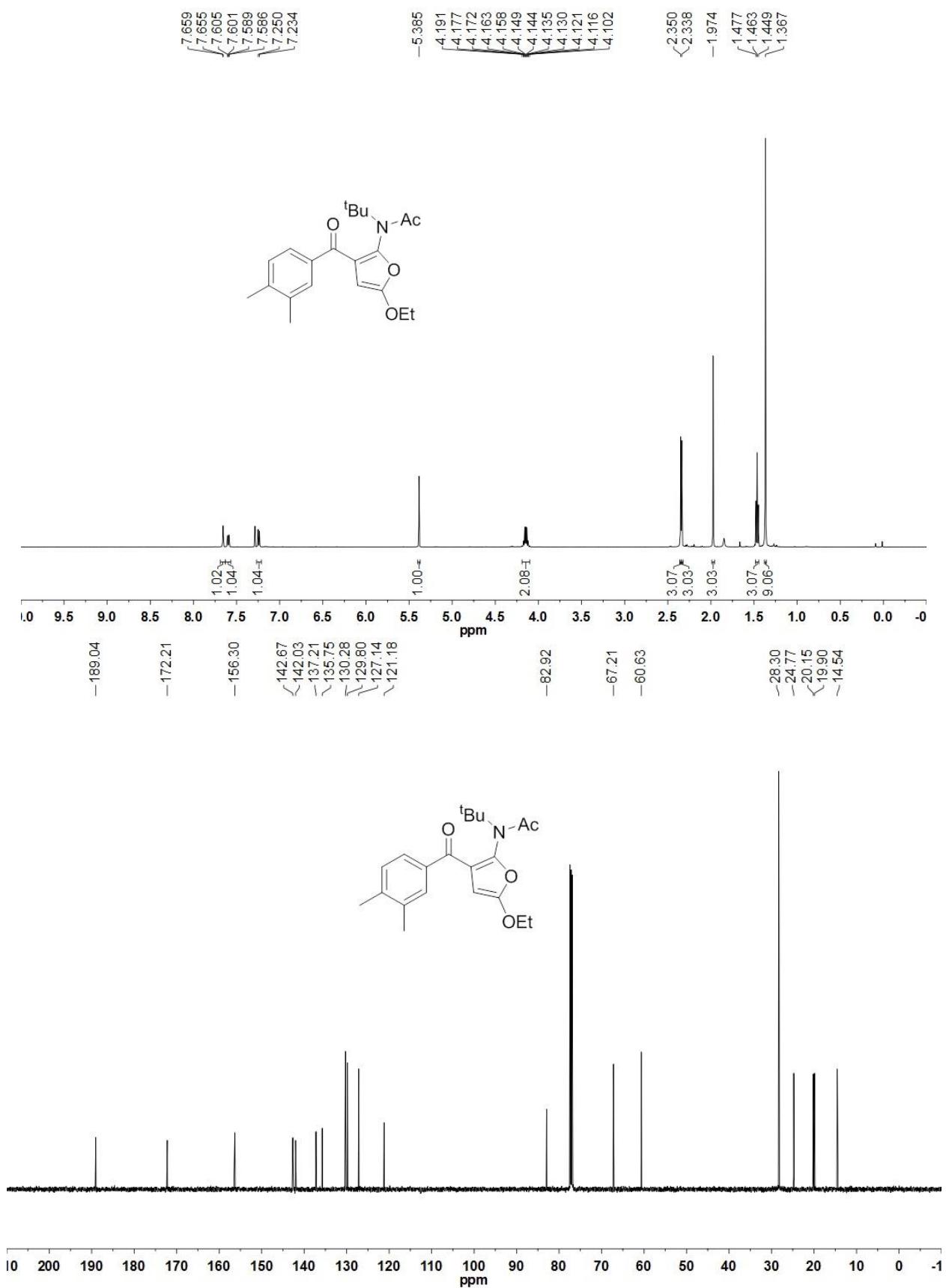
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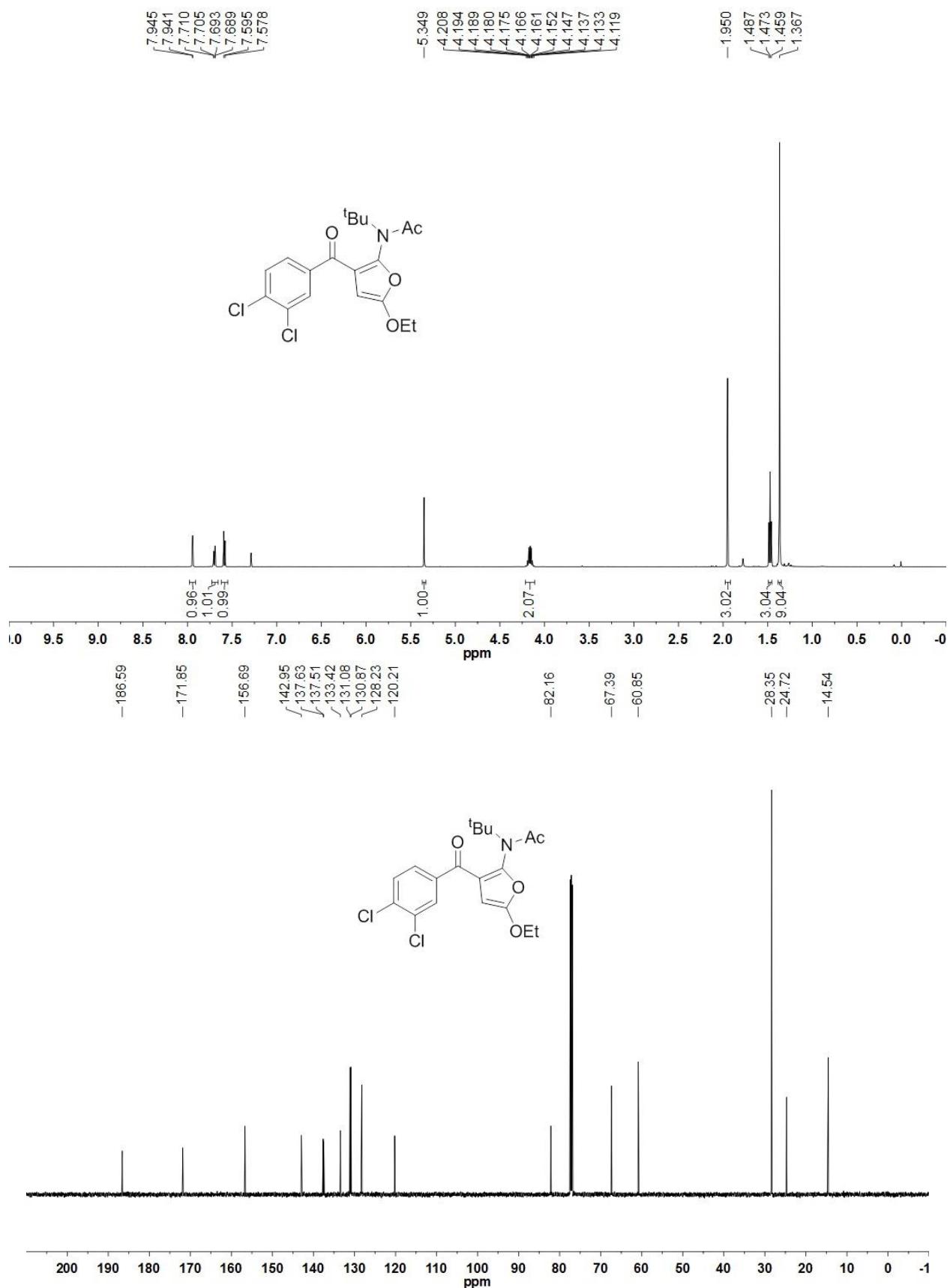
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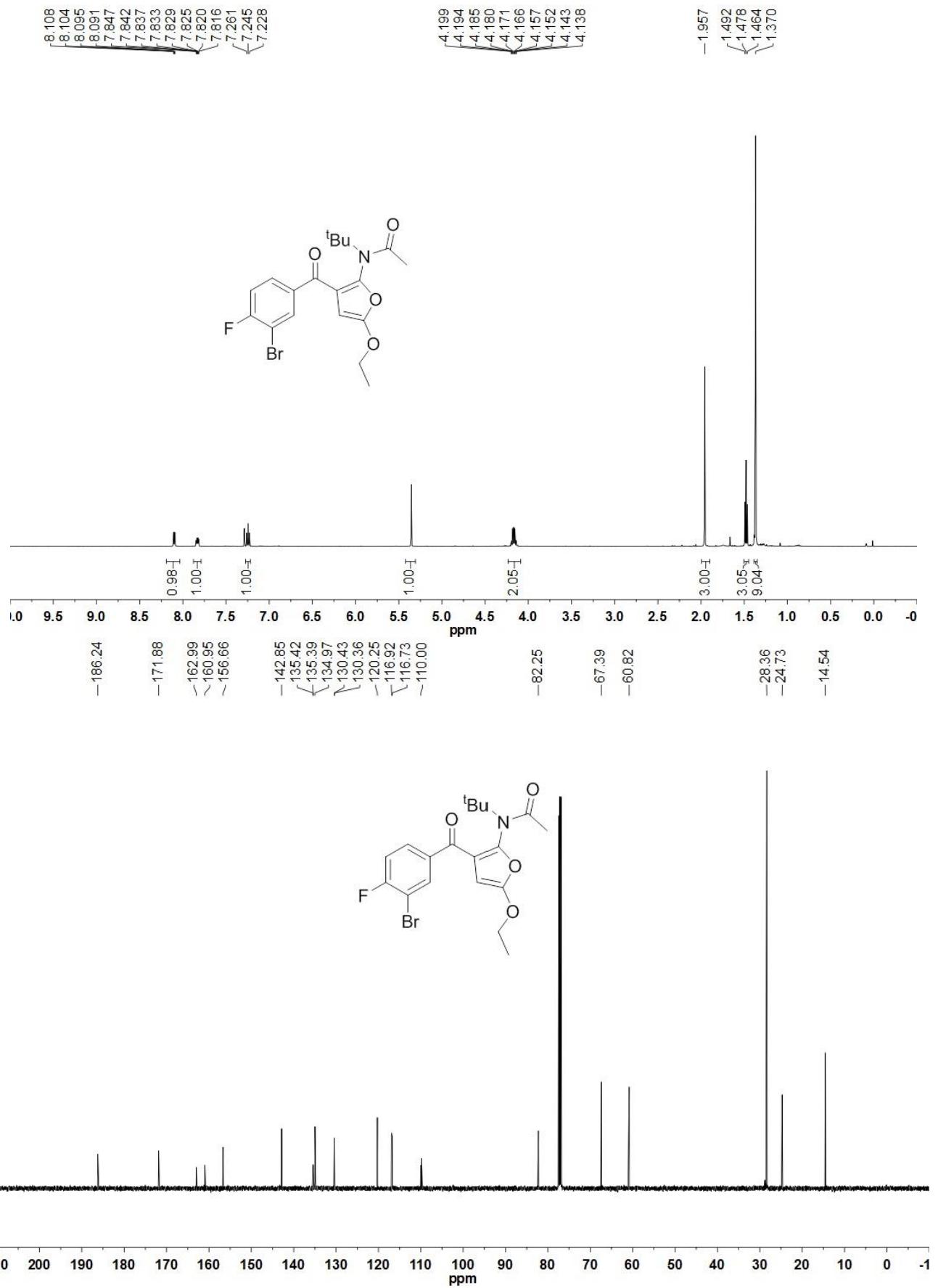
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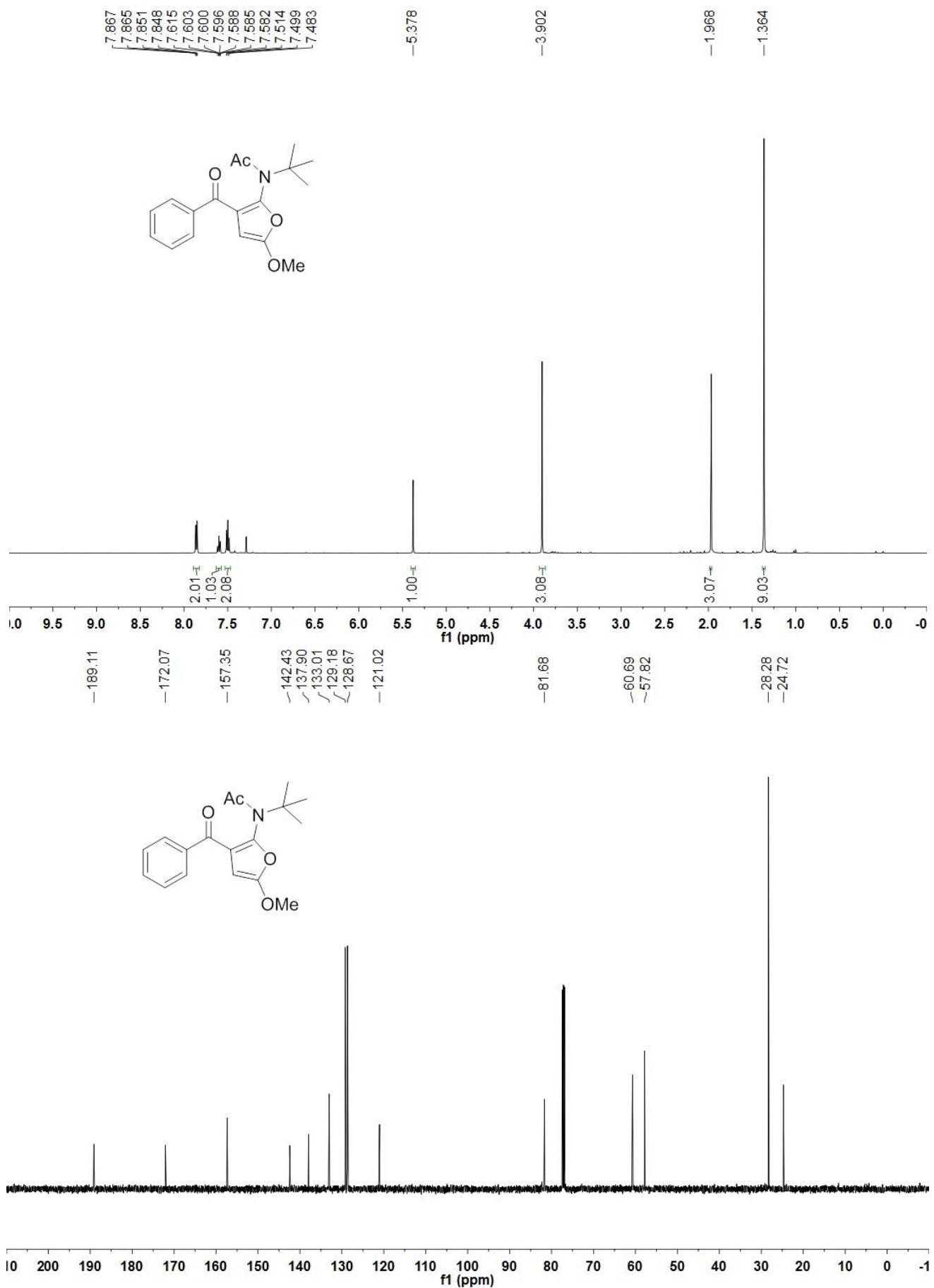
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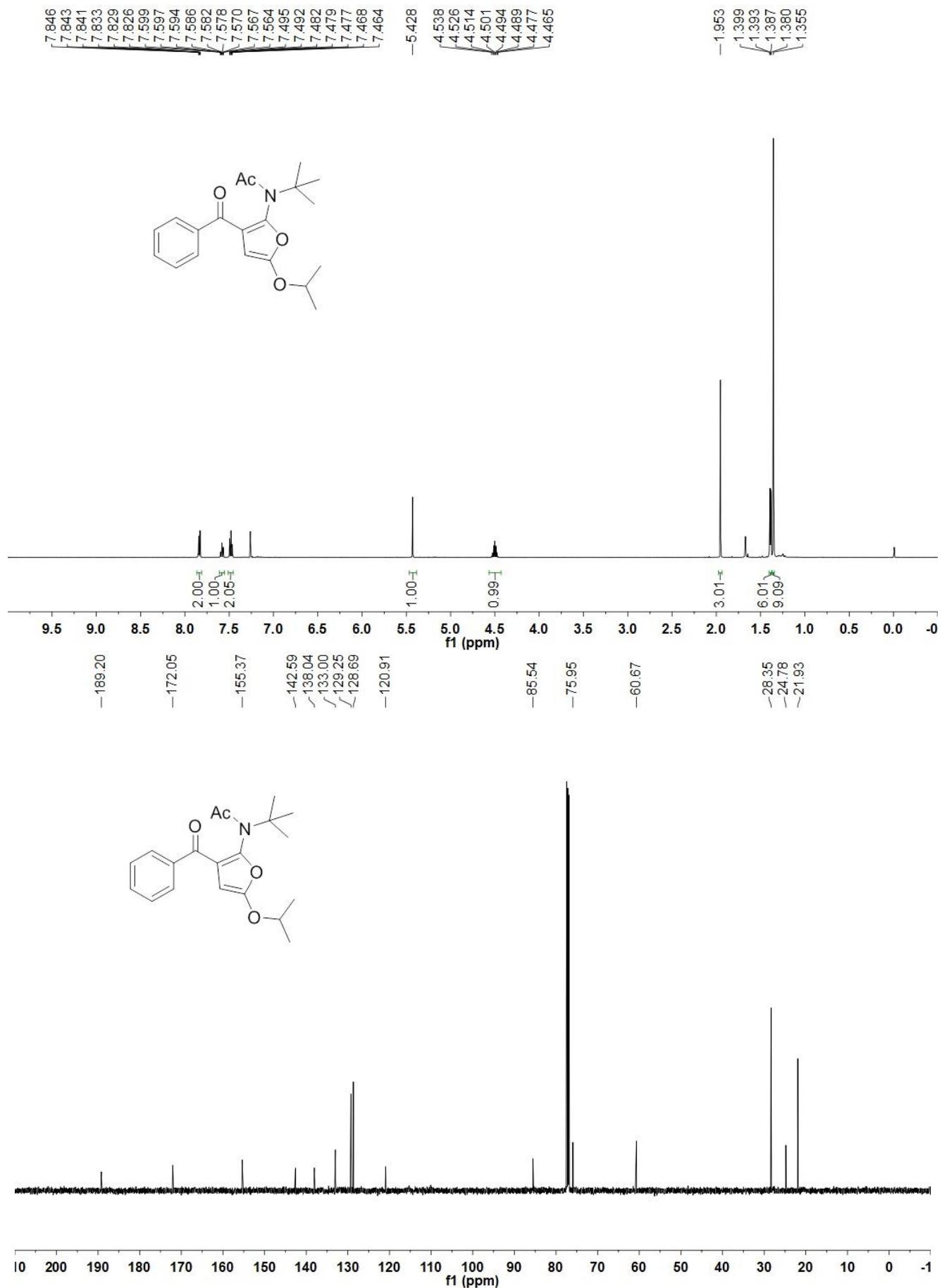
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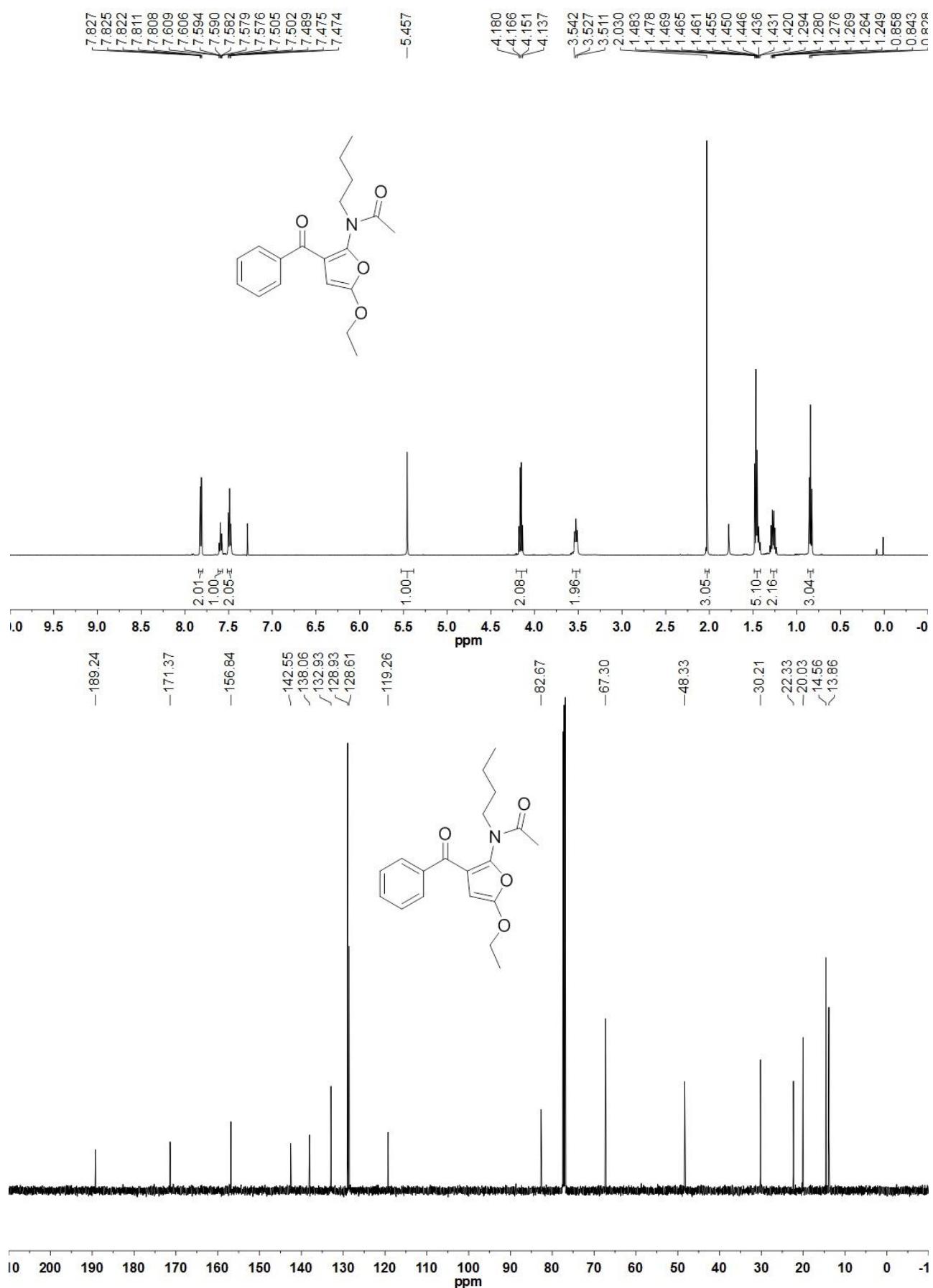
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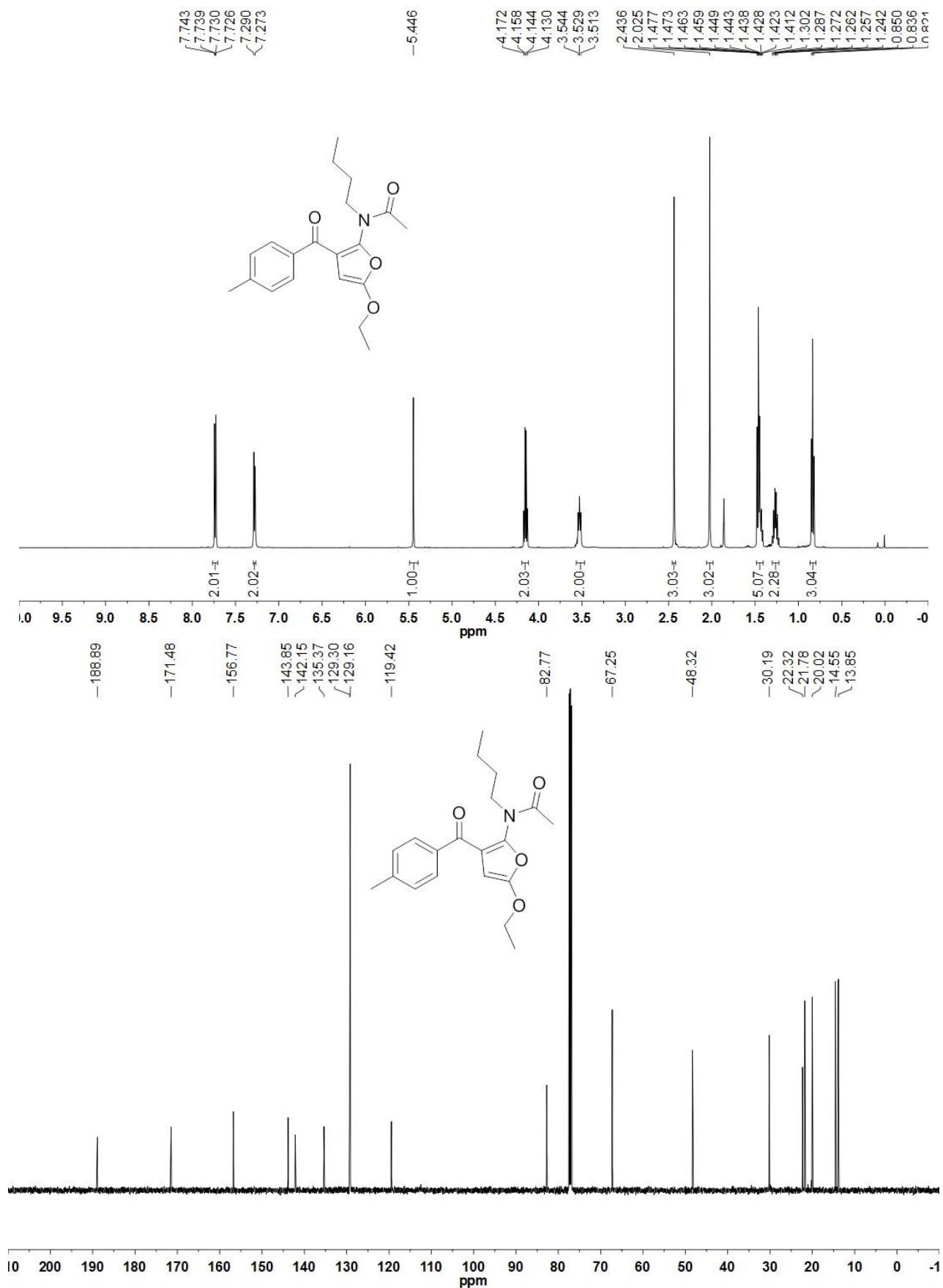
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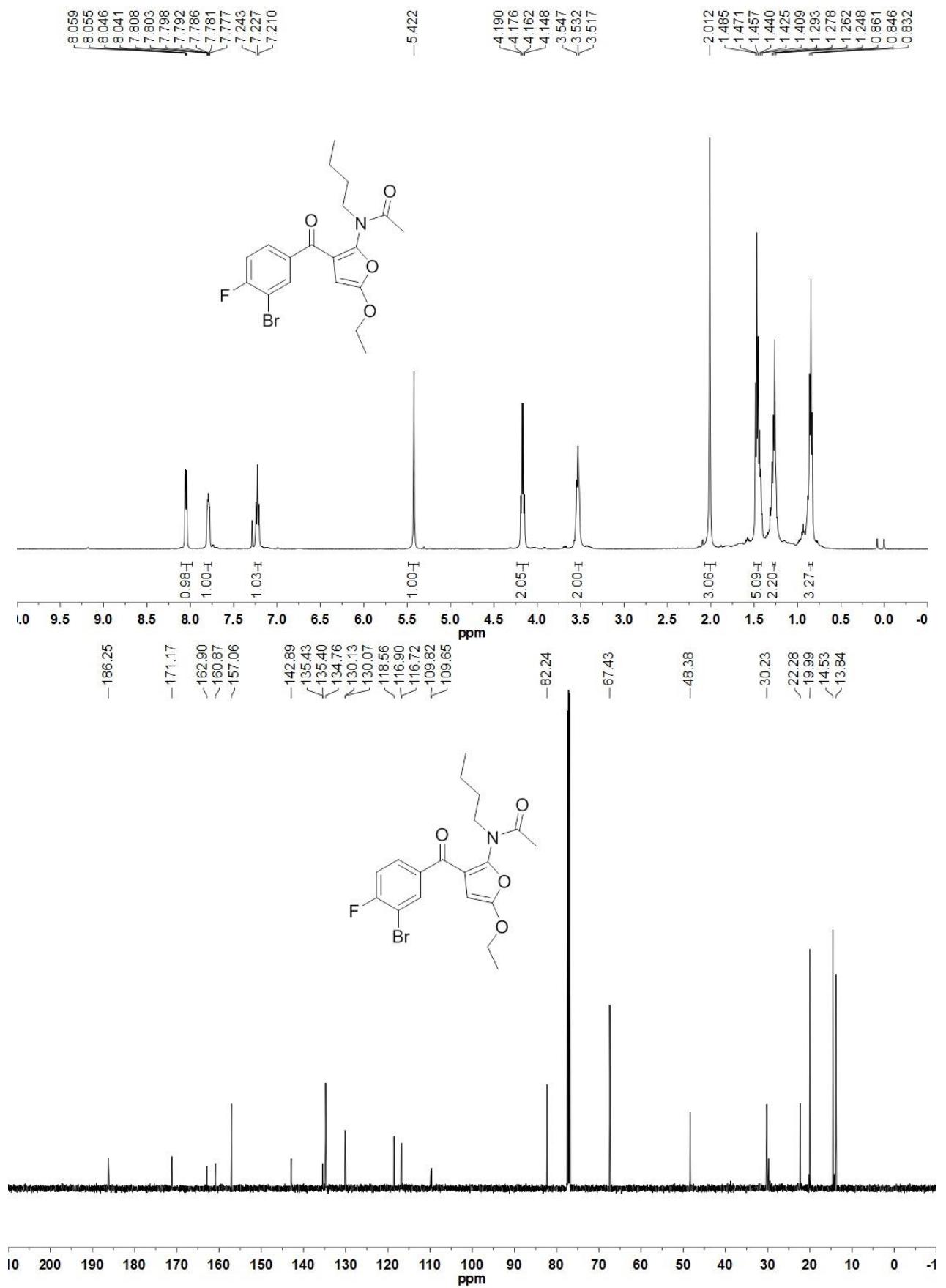
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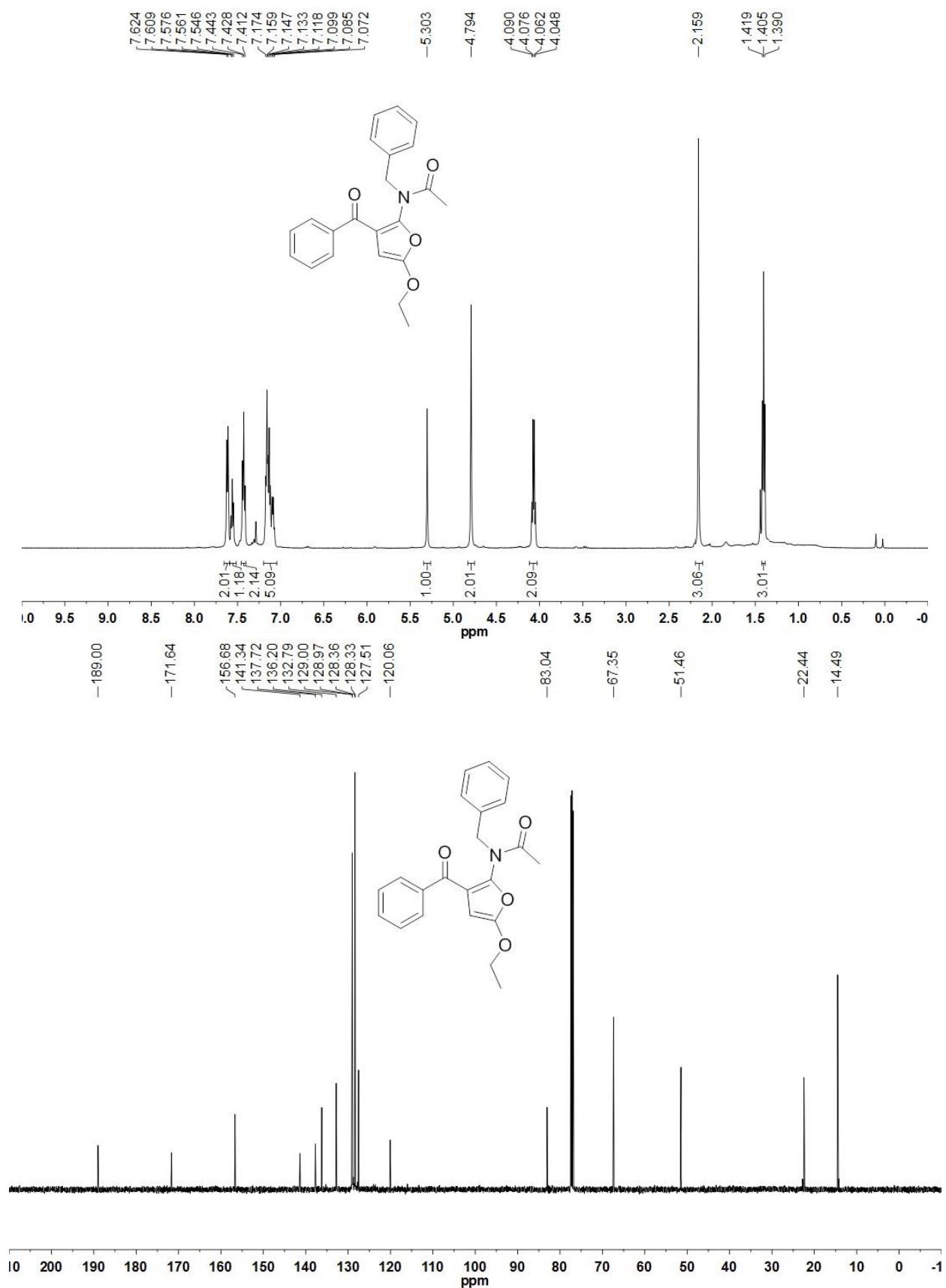
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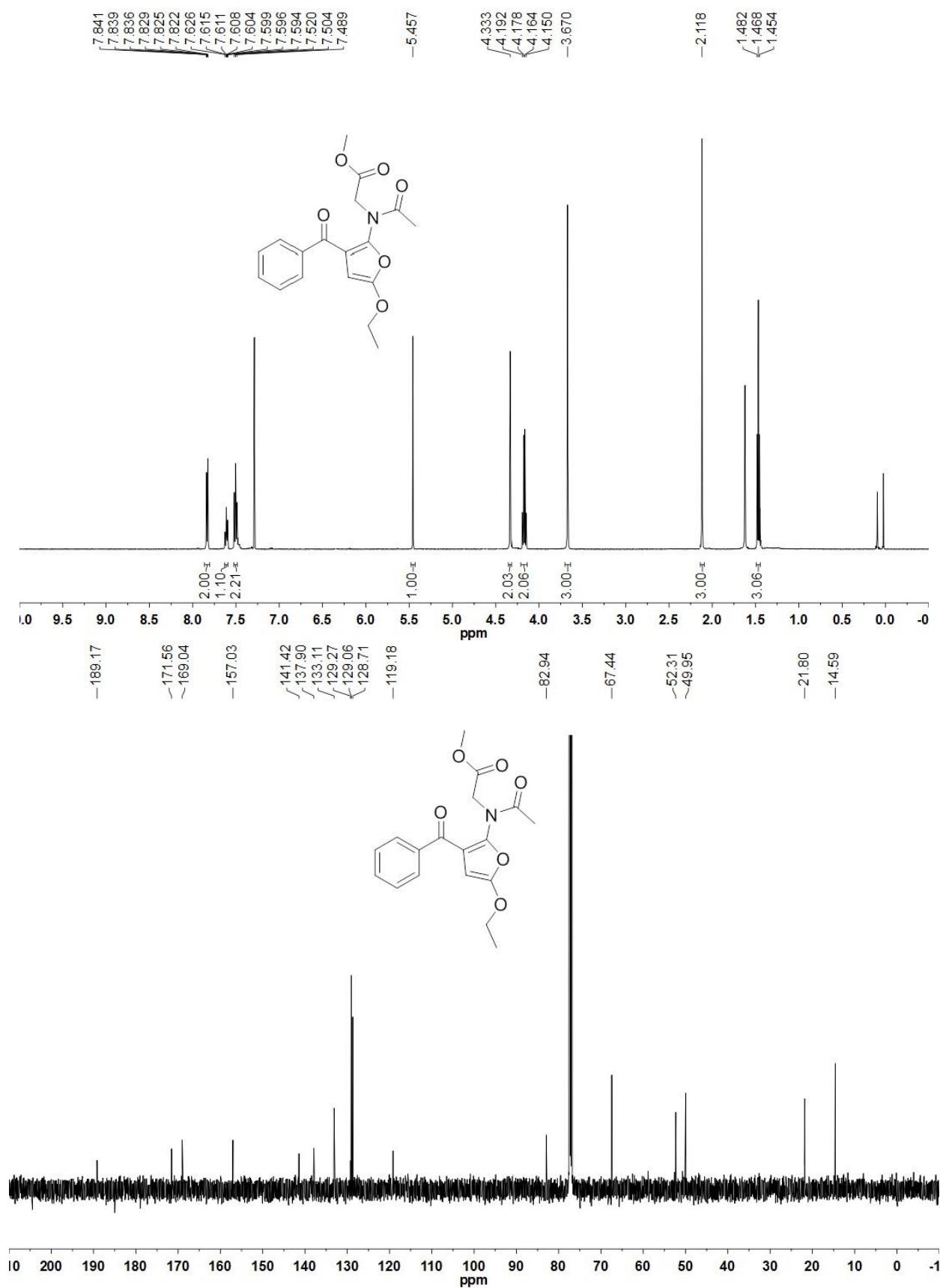
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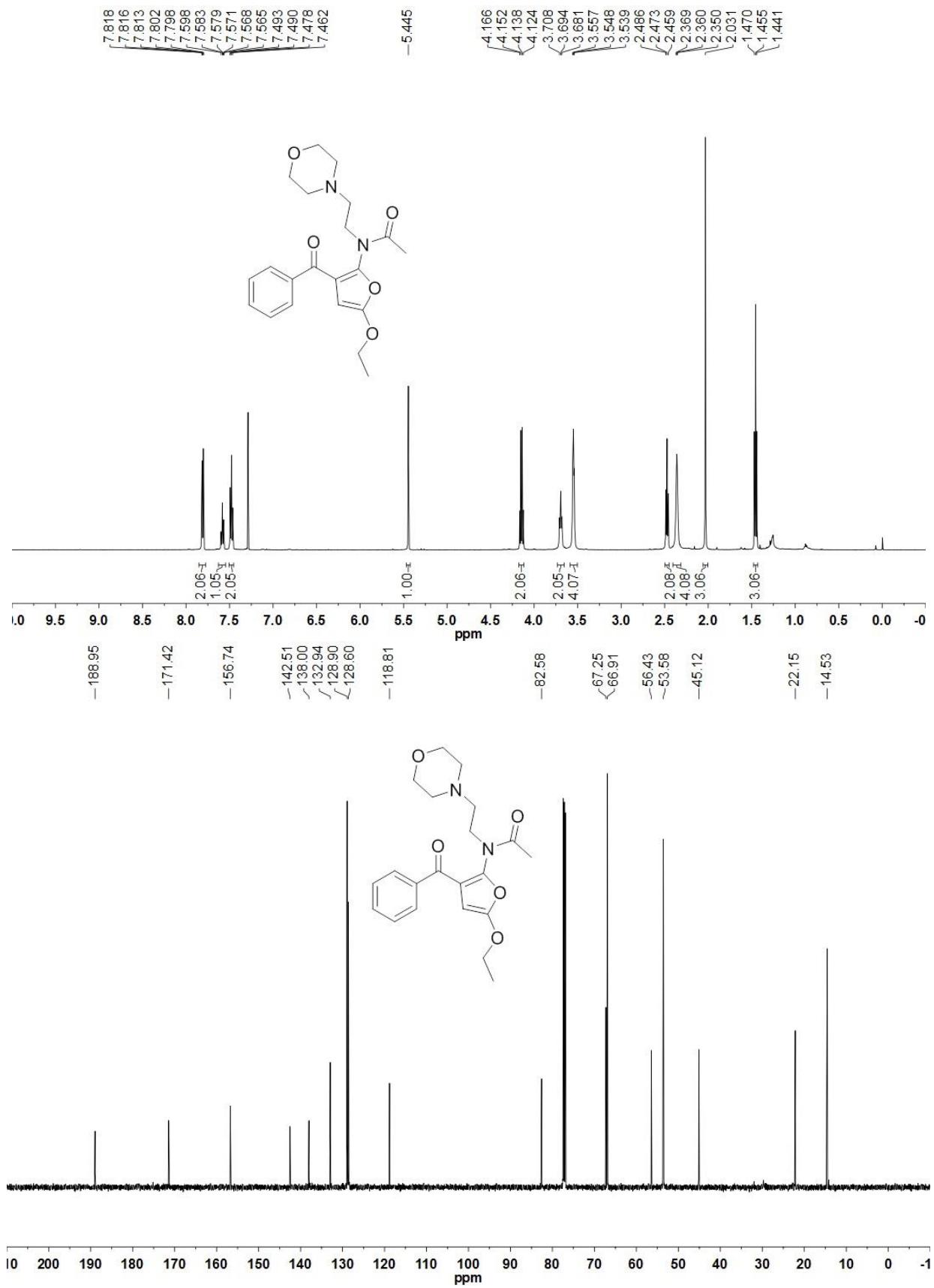
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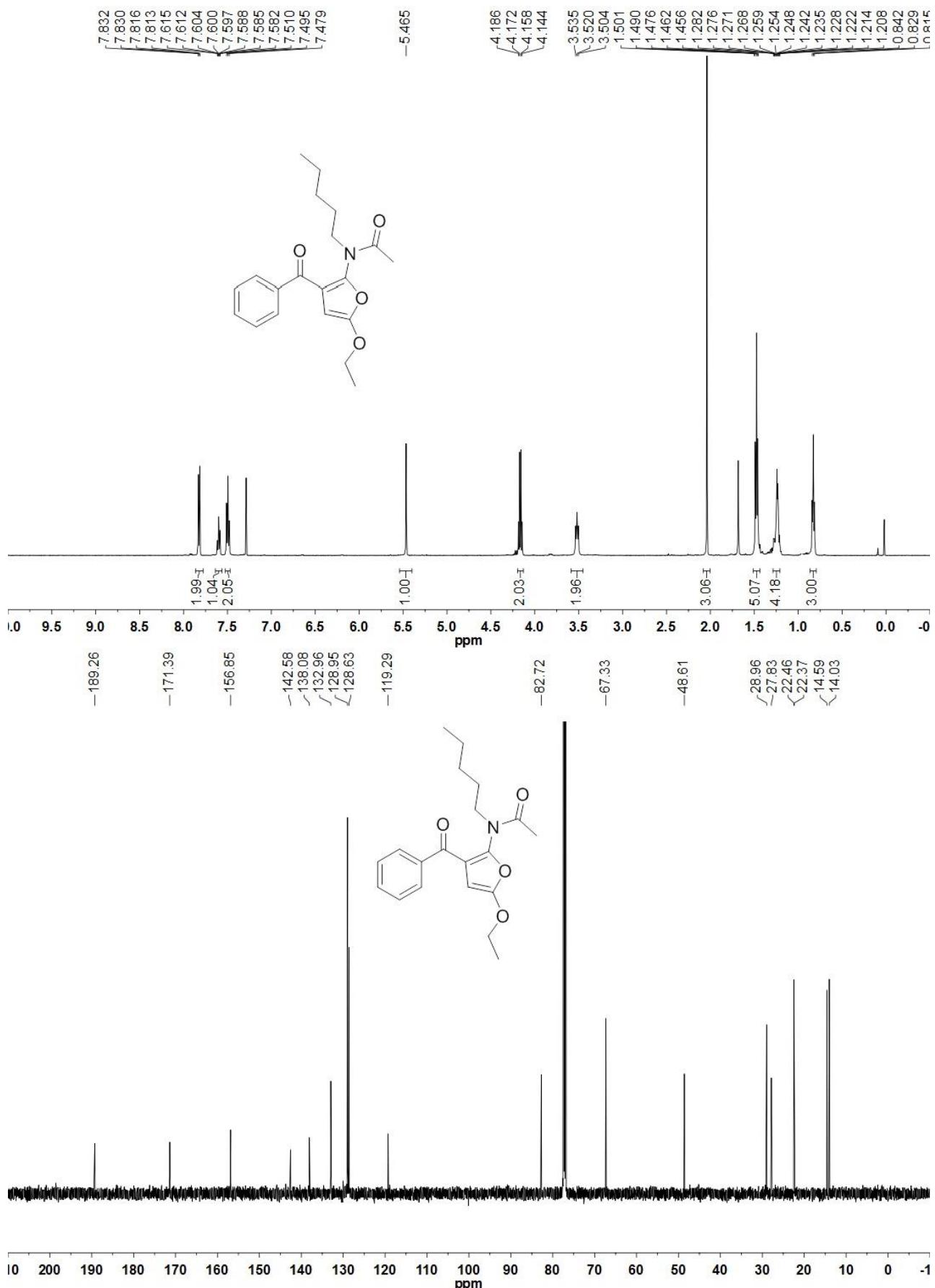
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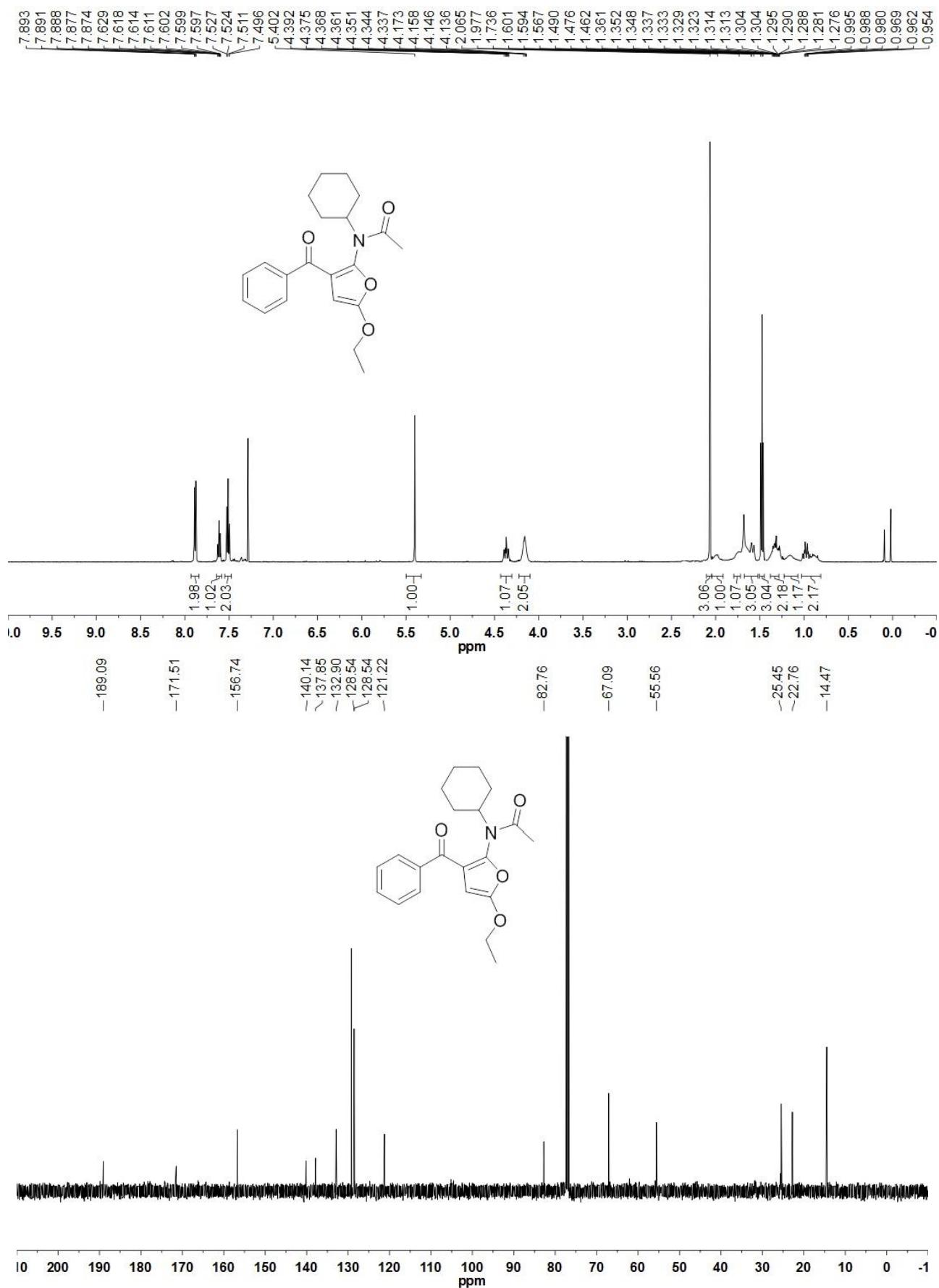
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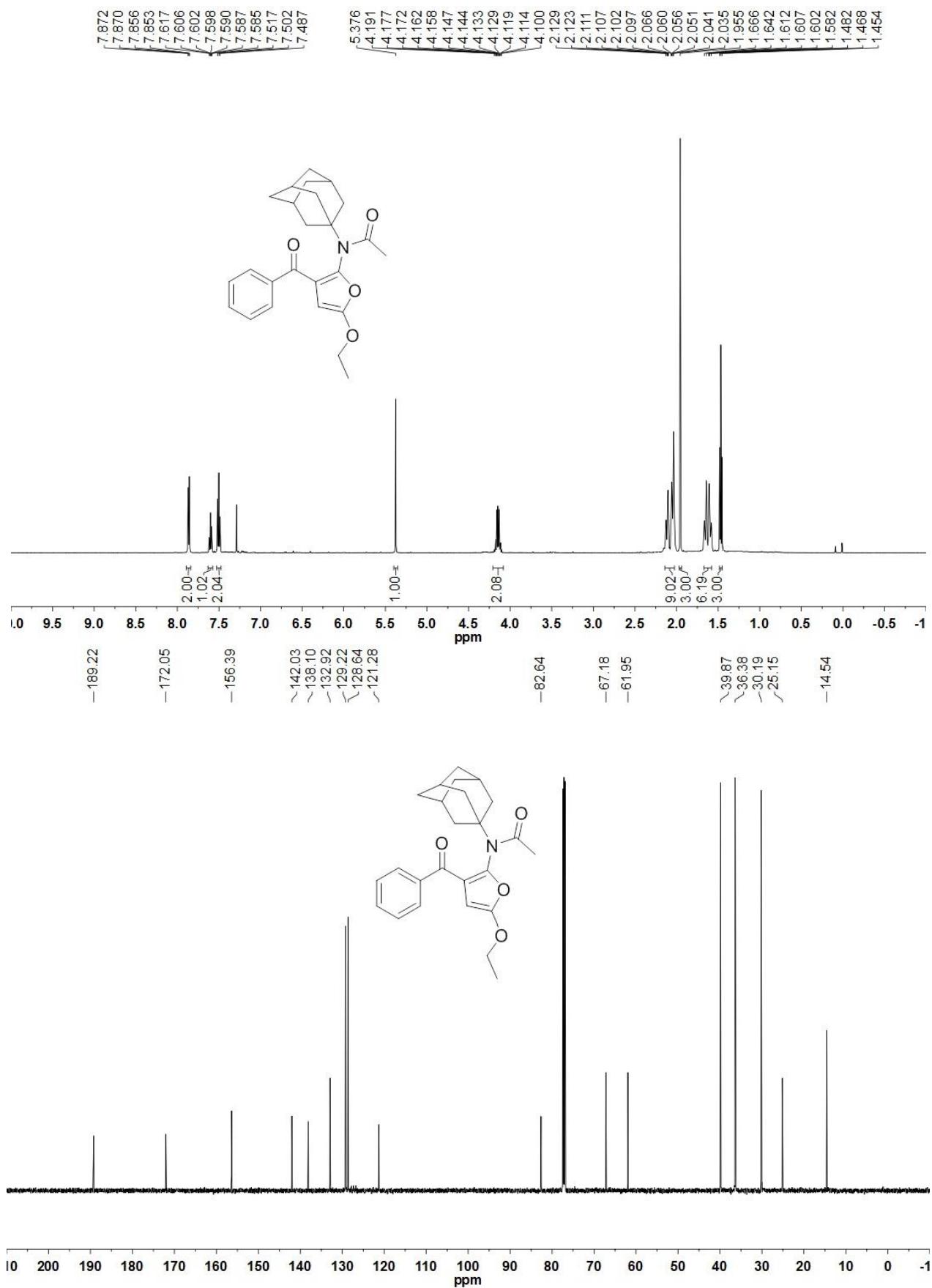
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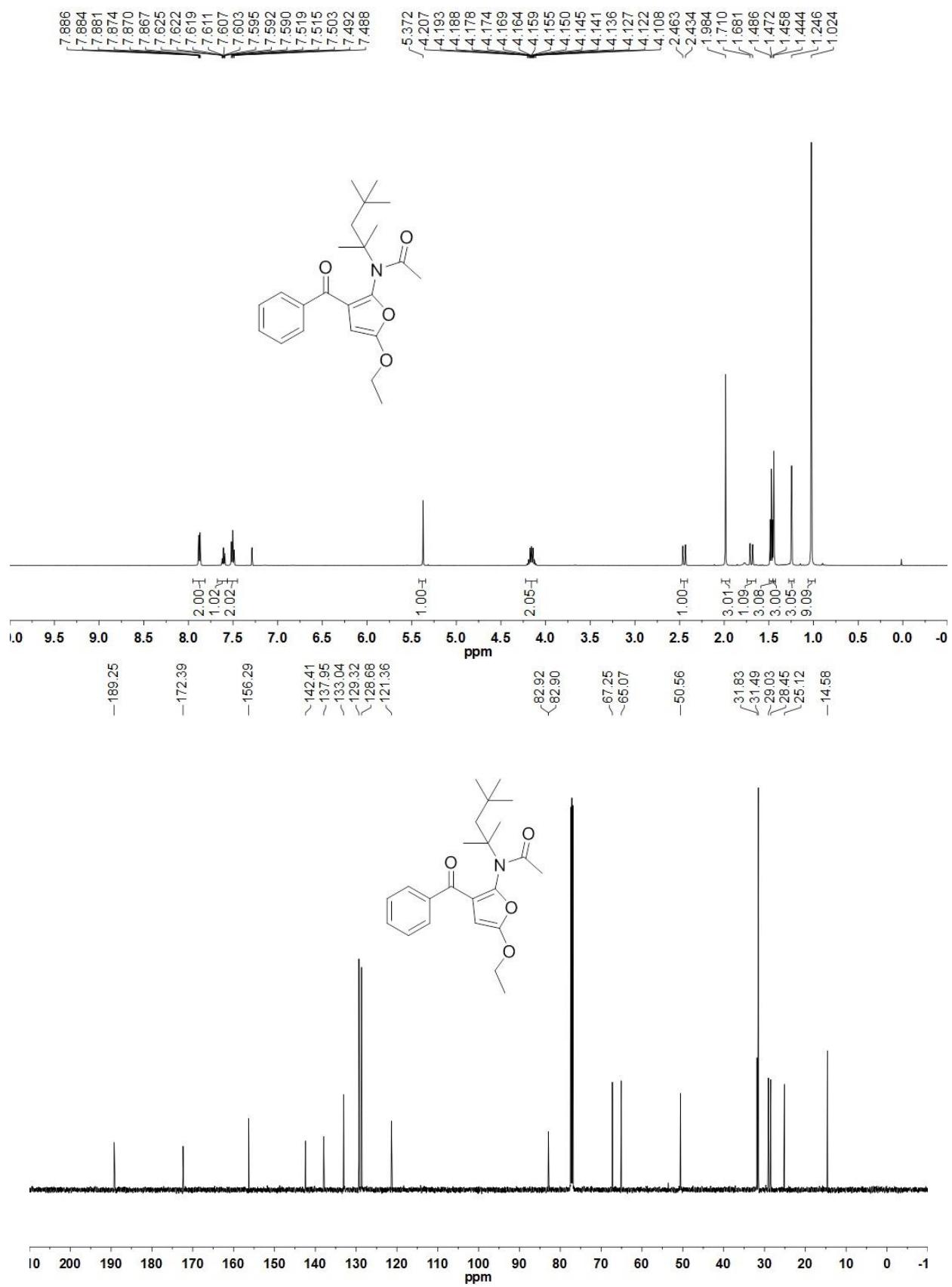
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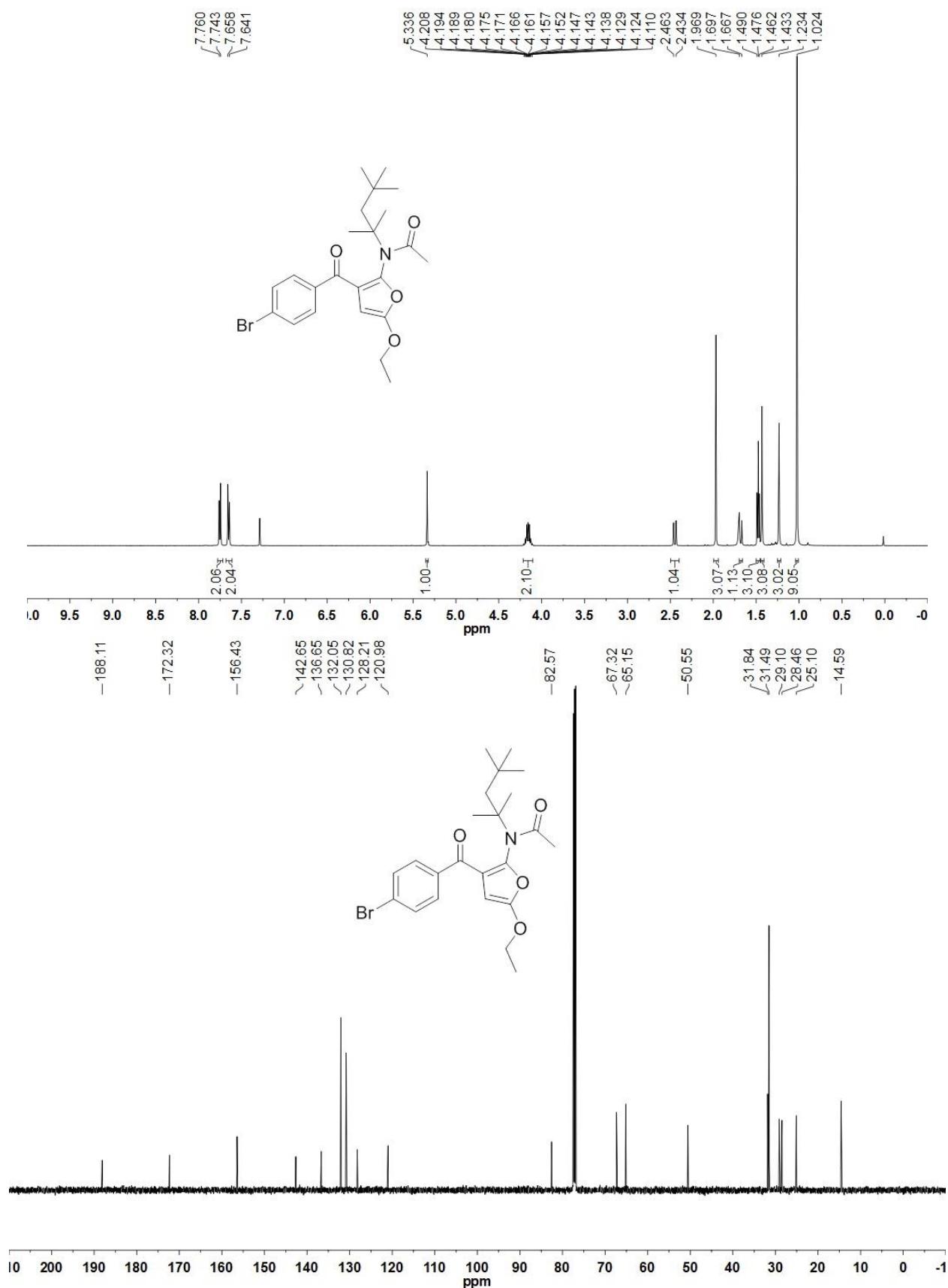
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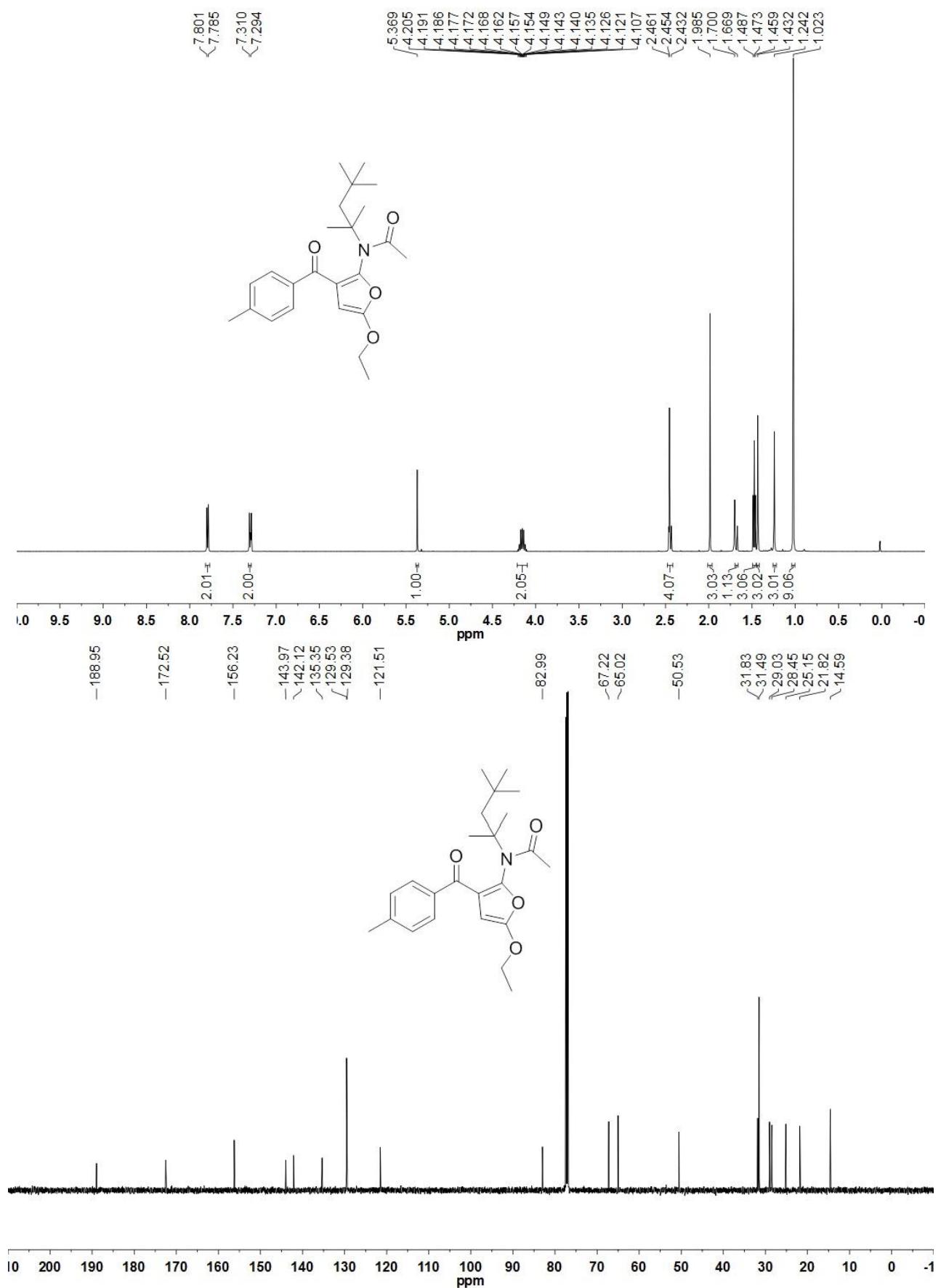
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