

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Benzoxazoles via the Copper-Catalyzed Hydroamination of Alkynones with 2-Aminophenols

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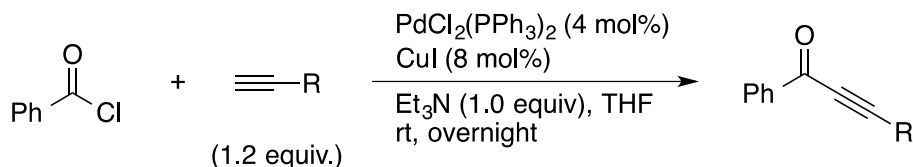
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General experimental remarks

Commercially available chemicals were purchased from Aldrich, TCI, Kanto, and Wako and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Trifluoromethyl group-containing alkyne **1** was prepared according to the reported procedures.¹ NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a JEOL EX-270 spectrometer (270 MHz for ¹H, 67.8 MHz for ¹³C) or a JEOL JNM ECP-500 spectrometer (126 MHz for ¹³C, 471 MHz for ¹⁹F). Chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm referenced to an internal tetramethylsilane (0 ppm) for ¹H NMR. Chemical shifts of ¹³C NMR are given relative to the solvent peak as an internal standard. ¹⁹F NMR data are reported relative to external α,α,α -trifluorotoluene (−63.7 ppm). Multiplicities are indicated as br (broad), s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), or m (multiplet). Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Melting points were measured on a Yanako MP-500P. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on JASCO FT/IR-4100. HRMS analyses were carried out using a JEOL AccuTOF LCplus for APCI-MS and ESI-MS and JEOL GCmate for EI-MS. Column chromatography and preparative thin-layer chromatography were conducted with silica gel 60N (KANTO CHEMICAL, spherical, neutral, 40-50 or 63-210 μ m) and Wakogel[®] B-5F (45 μ m), respectively. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analyses throughout this work, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 F254 0.25 mm) were used. Visualization was accomplished by UV light (254 nm), phosphomolybdic acid, and anisaldehyde.

General procedure for the preparation of alkynones

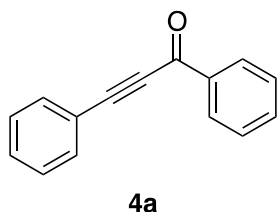
Scheme S1. Preparation of alkynones **4a**, **4b**, **4e**, **4g**, **4h**, **4k**, **4o**, **4p**, **4q**:



Preparation of 1,3-Diphenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4a**)²

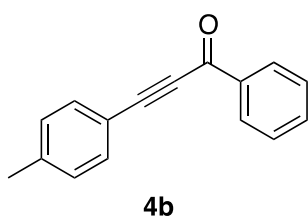
PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (140 mg, 0.200 mmol) and CuI (76.2 mg, 0.400 mmol) were charged into a two-necked round flask and the flask was refilled with N₂. THF (17.0 mL) was added to the flask. Benzoyl chloride (703 mg, 5.00 mmol), phenyl acetylene (613 mg, 6.00 mmol), and triethylamine (506 mg, 5.00 mmol) were added to the mixture at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight.

Saturated NH_4Cl solution was added to the mixture and the resulting aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 . After removal of the solvent, the resulting crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 45/1) to give 1,3-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4a**) as a pale yellow solid (1.02 g, 4.95 mmol, 98% yield).



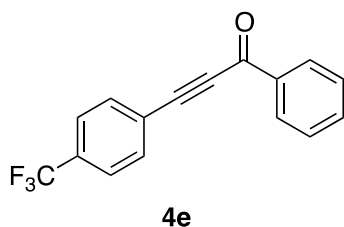
^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.39–7.56 (m, 5H), 7.61–7.72 (m, 3H), 8.21–8.26 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 86.8, 93.1, 120.1, 128.6 (2C), 129.5, 130.8, 133.0, 134.1, 136.8, 178.0; GC-MS (EI): m/z 206 $[\text{M}]^+$.

1-Phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (**4b**)³



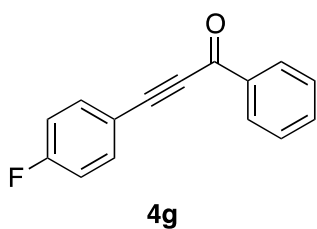
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 19/1). The resulting material was further purified by recrystallization from hot ethanol to give the desired product as a slightly brown solid (881 mg, 4.00 mmol, 79% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.22–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.67 (m, 5H), 8.21–8.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.7, 86.7, 93.8, 117.0, 128.6, 129.5 (2C), 133.1, 134.0, 136.9, 141.5, 178.0; GC-MS (EI): m/z 220 $[\text{M}]^+$.

1-Phenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (**4e**)⁴



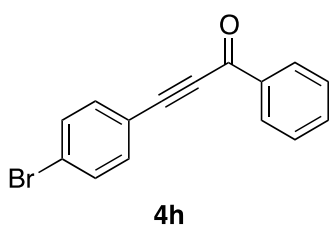
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 45/1). Pale yellow solid (1.10 g, 3.99 mmol, 78% yield); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.70 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 88.1, 90.5, 123.6 (q, J_{CF} = 273 Hz), 124.0, 125.7 (q, J_{CF} = 4.0 Hz), 128.8, 129.7, 132.3 (q, J_{CF} = 33 Hz), 133.2, 134.5, 136.6, 177.7; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –64.1 (s); GC-MS (EI): m/z 274 $[\text{M}]^+$.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4g**)³



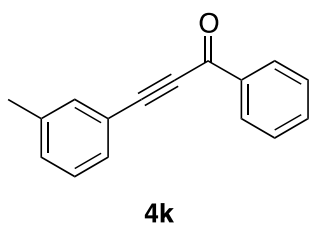
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 45/1). Slightly brown solid (311 mg, 1.39 mmol, 46% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.10–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.71 (m, 3H), 8.20–8.22 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 86.8, 91.9, 116.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21.5 Hz), 128.6, 129.5, 134.2, 135.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 136.8, 164.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 254 Hz), 177.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –106.97– –107.03 (m); GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 224 [M]⁺.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4h**)^{5, 6}



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 97/3). Pale yellow solid (628 mg, 2.20 mmol, 73% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50–7.68 (m, 7H), 8.19–8.23 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 87.7, 91.6, 119.0, 125.6, 128.7, 129.6, 132.1, 134.3 (2C), 136.7, 177.8; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 284 [M]⁺.

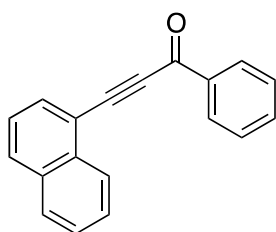
1-Phenyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (**4k**)⁷



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 97/3). Brown solid (575 mg, 2.61 mmol, 87% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 7.25–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.65 (m, 5H), 8.21–8.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 86.6, 93.4, 119.8, 128.5 (2C), 129.5, 130.2, 131.7, 133.5, 134.0, 136.9, 138.4, 178.0; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 220 [M]⁺.

3-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4o**)⁸

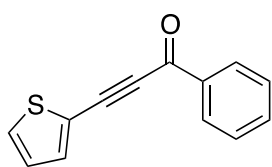
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography



4o

(Hexane/EtOAc = 97/3). Slightly brown solid (425 mg, 1.66 mmol, 55% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47–7.68 (m, 6H), 7.88–7.98 (m, 3H), 8.29–8.33 (m, 2H), 8.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 91.4, 91.6, 117.7, 125.2, 125.8, 126.9, 127.7, 128.6, 128.7, 129.6, 131.5, 133.1, 133.2, 133.6, 134.1, 137.0, 178.0; GC-MS (EI): m/z 256 $[\text{M}]^+$.

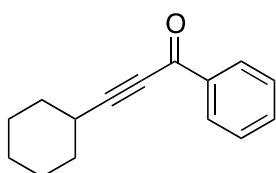
1-Phenyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-yn-1-one (**4p**)⁹



4p

This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 19/1). Brown solid (403 mg, 1.90 mmol, 92% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.09–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.66 (m, 5H), 8.17–8.21 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 87.0, 91.6, 119.8, 127.7, 128.6, 129.4, 131.7, 134.1, 136.6, 136.7, 177.5; GC-MS (EI): m/z 212 $[\text{M}]^+$.

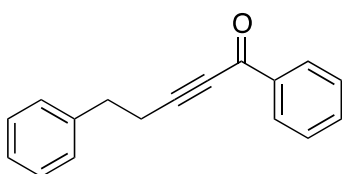
3-Cyclohexyl-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4q**)¹⁰



4q

This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 97/3). Brown oil (481 mg, 2.23 mmol, 75% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.33–1.44 (m, 3H), 1.50–1.67 (m, 3H), 1.70–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.92 (m, 2H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.60 (m, 1H), 8.12–8.16 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.4, 25.3, 29.0, 31.4, 79.3, 100.0, 128.2, 129.2, 133.5, 136.7, 177.9; GC-MS (EI): m/z 212 $[\text{M}]^+$.

1,5-Diphenylpent-2-yn-1-one (**4r**)

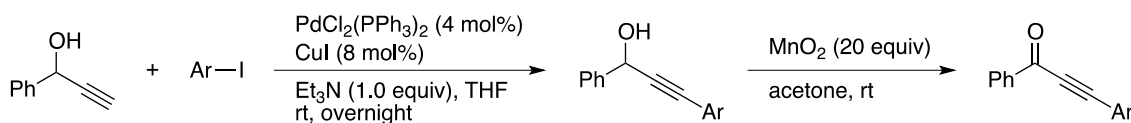


4r

This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4a** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 97/3). Slightly brown oil (627 mg, 2.67 mmol, 89% yield); IR (neat) 3062, 3028, 2931, 2233, 2200, 1641, 1597, 1496, 1450, 849, 796, 748, 700 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3):

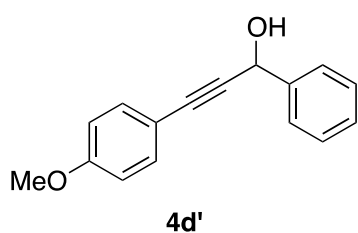
δ 2.80 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.97–7.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.1, 33.7, 80.1, 95.3, 126.5, 128.3 (2C), 128.4, 129.4, 133.7, 136.6, 139.5, 177.9; HRMS (APCI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}$ 235.1123; Found 235.1124.

Scheme S2. Preparation of alkynones 4d, 4c, 4f, 4i, 4j, 4l, 4m, 4n, 4r:



3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (4d')

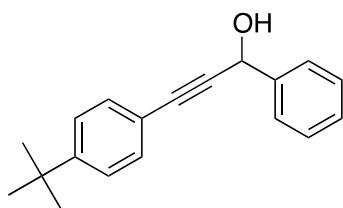
$\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (84.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) and CuI (45.7 mg, 0.24 mmol) were charged into a two-necked round flask and the flask was refilled with N_2 . THF (10 mL) was added to the flask. 4-Iodoanisole (702 mg, 3.00 mmol), 1-Phenyl-2-propyn-1-ol (476 mg, 3.60 mmol), and triethylamine (304 mg, 3.00 mmol) were added to the mixture at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Saturated NH_4Cl solution was added to the mixture and the resulting aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc . The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 . After removal of the solvent, the resulting crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/ EtOAc = 9/1) to give 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (**4d'**) as a brown oil (406 mg, 1.70 mmol, 56% yield).



IR (neat) 3417, 3062, 3033, 2935, 2837, 2191, 1604, 1570, 1510, 1107, 833, 762, 700 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.31 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.68 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82–6.87 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.59–7.64 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.3, 65.2, 86.6, 87.3, 113.9, 114.5, 126.7, 128.4, 128.6, 133.2, 140.8, 159.8; HRMS (EI) $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ 238.0994; Found 238.0992.

3-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (4c')

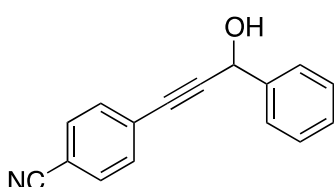
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d'** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography



4c'

(Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Brown oil (429 mg, 1.62 mmol, 99% yield); IR (neat) 3438, 3062, 2868, 2197, 1643, 1504, 1363, 756, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.31 (s, 9H), 2.28 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.44 (m, 7H), 7.61–7.64 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 31.1, 34.8, 65.2, 86.8, 88.0, 119.3, 125.3, 126.8, 128.4, 128.6, 131.5, 140.7, 151.9; HRMS (EI) $[M]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}$ 264.1514; Found 264.1514.

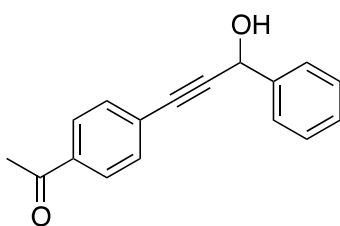
4-(3-Hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (**4f'**)



4f'

This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d'** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Brown solid (485 mg, 2.08 mmol, 69% yield); M.p. 62–64 °C; IR (KBr) 3462, 3062, 2918, 2224, 1601, 1498, 835, 764, 694 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.39 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.53–7.63 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 65.1, 84.8, 93.1, 112.0, 118.3, 126.6, 127.3, 128.7, 128.8, 132.0, 132.2, 140.0; HRMS (EI) $[M]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$ 233.0841; Found 233.0839.

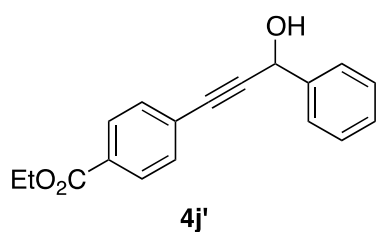
1-(4-(3-Hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)ethanone (**4i'**)



4i'

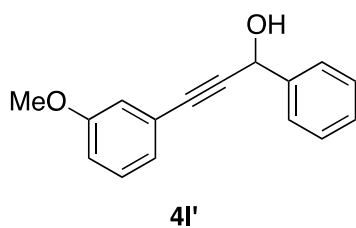
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d'** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Brown oil (680 mg, 2.72 mmol, 90% yield); IR (neat) 3460, 3032, 2866, 2202, 1682, 1601, 1554, 1493, 1360, 762, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.96 (brs, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.86 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.5, 64.9, 85.5, 92.2, 126.6, 127.3, 128.1, 128.4, 128.6, 131.8, 136.3, 140.3, 197.6; HRMS (EI) $[M]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ 250.0994; Found 250.0994.

Ethyl 4-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate (**4j'**)



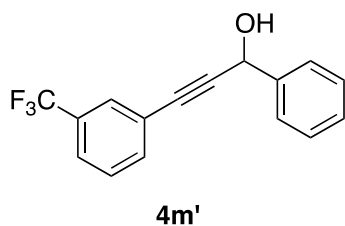
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d'** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 17/3). Slightly brown solid (857 mg, 3.06 mmol, 92% yield); M.p. 51–52 °C; IR (KBr) 3346, 3062, 2989, 2239, 1707, 1606, 1560, 1396, 816, 746 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.43 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.61 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.98–8.01 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.3, 61.2, 65.1, 85.8, 91.5, 126.7, 126.9, 128.6, 128.7, 129.4, 130.2, 131.6, 140.3, 166.0; HRMS (EI) $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ 280.1099; Found 280.1101.

3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (**4l'**)



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d'** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 85/15). Brown oil (711 mg, 2.98 mmol, 99% yield); IR (neat) 3417, 3064, 2835, 2195, 1599, 783, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.32 (brs, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 6.87–6.91 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.60–7.64 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.3, 65.1, 86.6, 88.5, 115.2, 116.5, 123.4, 124.3, 126.7, 128.4, 128.7, 129.4, 140.6, 159.3; HRMS (EI) $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ 238.0994; Found 238.0994.

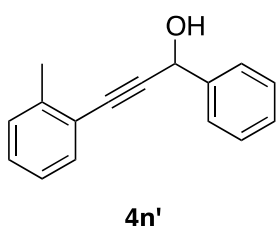
1-Phenyl-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (**4m'**)



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d'** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Slightly brown oil (807 mg, 2.92 mmol, 98% yield); IR (neat) 3381, 3066, 2875, 2208, 1641, 1487, 1433, 1333, 802 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.30 (brs, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.64 (m, 4H), 7.72 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3):

δ 65.1, 85.1, 90.3, 123.4, 123.7 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 273$ Hz), 125.2 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4.0$ Hz), 126.7, 128.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4.0$ Hz), 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 131.0 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 32.5$ Hz), 134.9, 140.3; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -63.9 (s); HRMS (EI) $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{OF}_3$ 276.0762; Found 276.0767.

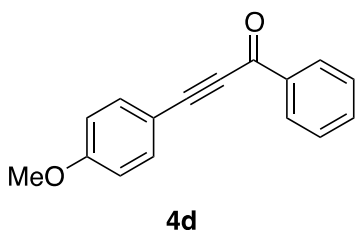
1-Phenyl-3-(*o*-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-ol (**4n'**)



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d'** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 85/15). Brown oil (551 mg, 2.48 mmol, 83% yield); IR (neat) 3363, 3062, 3030, 2920, 2225, 1601, 1487, 1379, 758 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.20 (brs, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 7.11–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.46 (m, 4H), 7.62–7.65 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.7, 65.2, 85.6, 92.6, 122.1, 125.5, 126.7, 128.4, 128.6 (2C), 129.4, 132.1, 140.3, 140.8; HRMS (EI) $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ 222.1045; Found 222.1043.

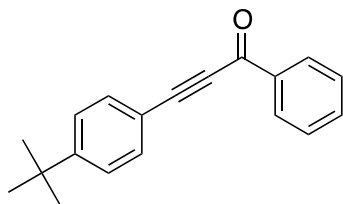
Preparation of 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4d**)³

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (**4d'**) (233 mg, 0.980 mmol) was charged into a two-necked round flask and the flask was refilled with N_2 . Acetone (6.6 mL) was added to the flask. MnO_2 (1.73 g, 19.9 mmol) was added to the mixture under N_2 and the resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature overnight. The suspension was filtrated with a pad of celite and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1) to give 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4d**) as a pale yellow oil (200 mg, 0.846 mmol, 86% yield).



^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.91–6.96 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.68 (m, 3H), 8.20–8.23 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.4, 86.9, 94.3, 111.9, 114.4, 128.5, 129.5, 133.9, 135.1, 137.0, 161.7, 178.0; GC-MS (EI): m/z 236 $[\text{M}]^+$.

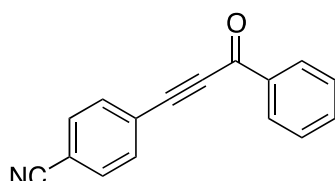
3-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4c**)³



4c

This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Pale yellow oil (370 mg, 1.41 mmol, 87% yield) ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.34 (s, 9H), 7.43–7.55 (m, 4H), 7.60–7.66 (m, 3H), 8.21–8.25 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.0, 35.1, 86.7, 93.8, 117.0, 125.8, 128.6, 129.6, 133.0, 134.0, 137.0, 154.6, 178.1; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 262 [M]⁺.

4-(3-Oxo-3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzonitrile (**4f**)¹¹

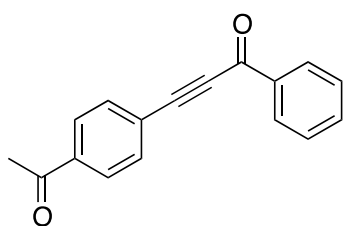


4f

This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Slightly brown solid (70.0 mg, 0.303 mmol, 30% yield); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ 7.53–7.56 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.79 (m, 5H), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 89.4, 89.6, 114.0, 117.8, 124.9, 128.8, 129.6, 132.3, 133.3, 134.6, 136.4, 177.4; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 231 [M]⁺.

3-(4-Acetylphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4i**)¹²

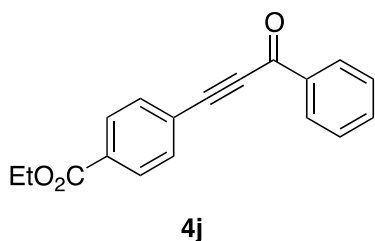


4i

This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). White solid (153 mg, 0.615 mmol, 41%); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.65 (s, 3H), 7.51–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 6.7,

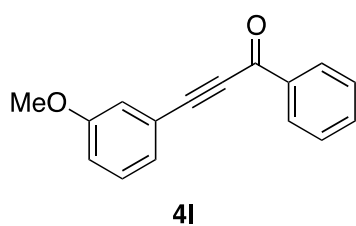
1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.20–8.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 26.7, 88.7, 91.1, 124.7, 128.4, 128.7, 129.6, 133.1, 134.4, 136.6, 138.1, 177.7, 197.0; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 248 [M]⁺.

Ethyl 4-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate (**4j**)¹³



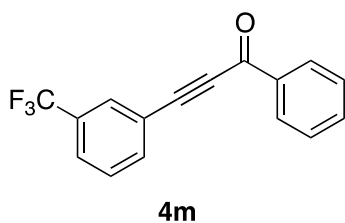
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Slightly brown oil (390 mg, 1.40 mmol, 92%); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 8.21–8.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.3, 61.4, 88.5, 91.3, 124.5, 128.7, 129.6, 129.7, 132.1, 132.8, 134.4, 136.6, 165.6, 177.7; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 278 [M]⁺.

3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4l**)



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Pale yellow solid (162 mg, 0.687 mmol, 43% yield); M.p. 73–74 °C; IR (neat) 2964, 2195, 1639, 1597, 1579, 1238, 1043, 777, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.83 (s, 3H), 7.00–7.05 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.66 (m, 1H), 8.20–8.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.3, 86.5, 92.9, 117.4, 117.5, 120.9, 125.5, 128.5, 129.5, 129.7, 134.1, 136.8, 159.4, 177.9; HRMS (APCI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃O₂ 237.0916; Found 237.0916.

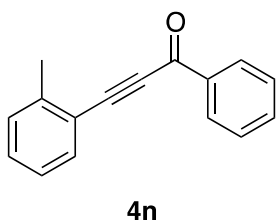
1-Phenyl-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (**4m**)



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Pale yellow solid (422 mg, 1.54 mmol, 94% yield); M.p. 74–75 °C; IR (neat) 3068, 2208, 1643, 1599, 1333, 1130, 903, 804, 694 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50–7.75 (m, 5H), 7.84–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.92–7.93 (m, 1H), 8.20–8.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 87.6, 90.5, 121.2, 123.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 273 Hz), 127.3 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 128.8, 129.4, 129.7, 129.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4.2 Hz), 131.5 (q, *J*_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 134.5, 136.1,

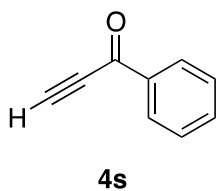
136.6, 177.7; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.0 (s); HRMS (APCI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{OF}_3$ 275.0684; Found 275.0687.

1-Phenyl-3-(*o*-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-one (**4n**)⁷



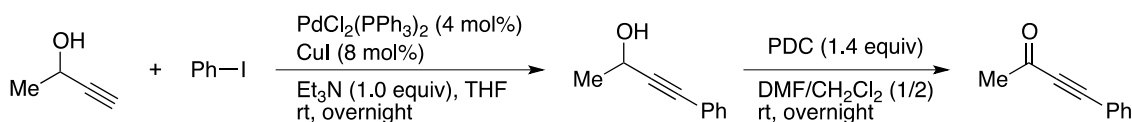
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Pale yellow oil (319 mg, 1.45 mmol, 98% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.55 (s, 3H), 7.16–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.63 (m, 2H), 8.20–8.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.7, 90.6, 92.0, 119.7, 125.8, 128.4, 129.3, 129.7, 130.7, 133.5, 133.9, 136.8, 141.9, 177.7; GC-MS (EI): m/z 220 $[\text{M}]^+$.

1-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-one (**4s**)

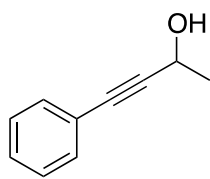


This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4d** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1). Brown solid (140 mg, 1.08 mmol, 73% yield); M.p. 49–50 °C; IR (KBr) 3232, 3060, 2092, 1643, 1597, 1579, 1489, 700 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.45 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.15–8.18 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 80.2, 80.8, 128.7, 129.7, 134.5, 136.1, 177.4; HRMS (EI) $[\text{M}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{O}$ 130.0419; Found 130.0419.

Scheme S3. Preparation of alkynone **3**:



Preparation of 4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol (**3'**)¹⁴: This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **4c'** (Scheme S1) and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1).



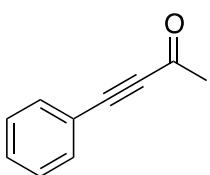
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Brown oil (2.14 g, 14.6 mmol, 96% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.56 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 2.02 (brs, 1H), 4.76 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.46 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 24.4, 58.8, 84.0, 90.9, 122.5, 128.3, 128.4, 131.6;

GC-MS (EI): m/z 145 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$.

Preparation of 4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-one (**3**)²:

Pyridinium dichromate (2.63g, 7.00 mmol) and DMF (3.3 mL) were charged into a round flask and then DCM (6.6 mL) and silica gel were added to the mixture. 4-Phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol (**3'**) (731 mg, 5.00 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture at 0 °C. After treatment of the mixture with additional silica gel, the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was filtrated with a pad of florisil using EtOAc and the filtrate was washed with water and brine. The resulting organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 . After removal of the solvent, the resulting crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 9/1) to give 4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-one (**3**) as a pale yellow oil (569 mg, 3.95 mmol, 80% yield).

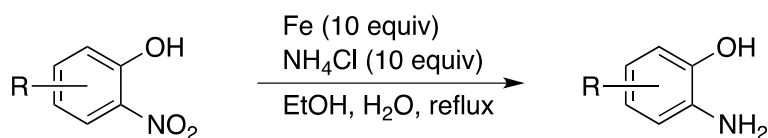


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^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.33–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.59 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 32.6, 88.1, 90.1, 119.7, 128.5, 130.6, 132.9, 184.4; GC-MS (EI): m/z 144 $[\text{M}]^+$.

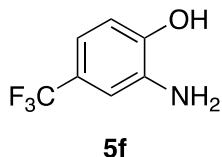
General procedure for the preparation of 2-aminophenol derivatives

Scheme S4. Preparation of 2-aminophenols **5f**, **5h**, **5j**, **5k**, **5l**:



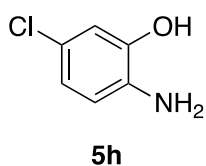
2-Nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (622 mg, 3.00 mmol) and EtOH (43 mL) were charged into a round flask. Iron powder (1.68 g, 30.0 mmol) and a solution of NH_4Cl (1.60 g, 30.0 mmol) in H_2O (12 mL) were added to the mixture. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 1 h and then allowed to cool to room temperature. The resulting suspension was filtrated with a pad of celite and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc and then H_2O was added. The aqueous

phase was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic phase was washed with brine. After removal of the solvent, the crude mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 1/1) to give 2-amino-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (**5f**) as a white solid (363 mg, 2.05 mmol, 68% yield).



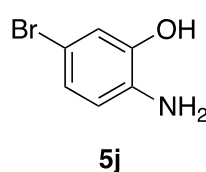
M.p. 122–125 °C; IR (neat) 3383, 2972, 2708, 2630, 1618, 1329, 1113, 897, 822 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 4.95 (brs, 2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 9.88 (brs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 110.0 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.6$ Hz), 113.2 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 4.0$ Hz), 113.8, 120.2 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 31.2$ Hz), 125.1 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 27.1$ Hz), 137.4, 147.1; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ -60.7 (s); HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ 178.0480; Found 178.0486.

2-Amino-5-chlorophenol (**5h**)



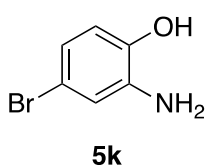
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **5f** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 1/1). Brown solid (358 mg, 2.49 mmol, 81% yield); M.p. 153–154 °C; IR (neat) 3371, 3298, 2999, 2563, 1599, 1508, 1429, 1267, 1086, 887, 852 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 4.65 (brs, 2H), 6.569–6.574 (m, 2H), 6.66–6.67 (m, 1H), 9.48 (brs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 114.0, 114.8, 118.9, 119.0, 135.9, 144.9; HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{ClNO}$ 144.0216; Found 144.0211.

2-Amino-5-bromophenol (**5j**)



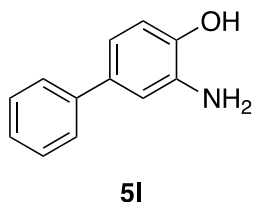
This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **5f** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 1/1). Brown solid (820 mg, 4.36 mmol, 87% yield); M.p. 140–142 °C; IR (neat) 3369, 2991, 2540, 1585, 1500, 1425, 1078, 920, 852 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 4.67 (brs, 2H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 8.5, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.66–6.71 (m, 1H), 6.77–6.79 (m, 1H), 9.45 (brs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 106.1, 115.4, 116.7, 121.9, 136.3, 145.2; HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{BrNO}$ 187.9711; Found 187.9704.

2-Amino-4-bromophenol (**5k**)



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **5f** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 1/1). Brown solid (493 mg, 2.62 mmol, 52% yield); M.p. 124–126 °C; IR (neat) 3379, 3307, 3068, 2688, 1589, 1500, 1200, 847, 804 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 4.80 (brs, 2H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 9.31 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 110.9, 115.8, 116.3, 118.4, 138.8, 143.4; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₆H₇BrNO 187.9711; Found 187.9706.

3-Amino-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (**5l**)



This compound was prepared according to the similar method to **5f** and the desired product was obtained after purification by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 1/1). Brown solid (493 mg, 2.62 mmol, 52% yield); M.p. decomp. (201 °C); IR (neat) 3383, 2974, 2708, 2630, 1618, 1527, 1331, 897, 822, 729 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 4.64 (brs, 2H), 6.70–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.95 Hz, 2H), 9.19 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 112.7, 114.7, 114.9, 125.9, 126.1, 128.7, 131.7, 136.9, 141.1, 144.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂NO 186.0919; Found 186.0926.

General procedure for the synthesis of benzoxazoles via the copper-catalyzed hydroamination of alkynones with 2-aminophenols

Procedure A

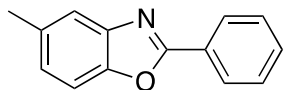
Cu(OTf)₂ (5.4 mg, 0.0150 mmol), alkynones **4** (0.300 mmol), and 2-aminophenol **5** (0.360 mmol) were charged into a screw vial and the vial was refilled with N₂. After the addition of *o*-xylene (0.6 mL), the resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 19 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and then quenched with water (1 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL × 1). The organic phase was washed with brine (1 mL × 1) and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the

solvent, the resulting crude mixture was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography to give the benzoxazoles **6**.

Procedure B

Cu(OTf)₂ (5.4 mg, 0.0150 mmol), alkynones **4** (0.300 mmol), and 2-aminophenol **5** (0.360 mmol) were charged into a screw vial and the vial was refilled with N₂. After the addition of *o*-xylene (0.6 mL), the resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 19 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and then a solution of NaBH₄ (13.6 mg, 0.360 mmol) in MeOH (1.5 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 15–30 min at room temperature and quenched with water (1 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2.5 mL × 1). The organic phase was washed with brine (1 mL × 1) and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the solvent, the resulting crude mixture was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography to give the benzoxazoles **6**.

5-Methyl-2-phenylbenzo[*d*]oxazole (**6aa**)¹⁵

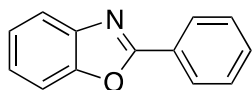


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This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

White solid (57.4 mg, 0.274 mmol, 91% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 4H), 8.22–8.26 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 109.9, 119.9, 126.2, 127.3, 127.5, 128.8, 131.4, 134.4, 142.2, 149.0, 163.1; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 209 [M]⁺.

2-Phenylbenzo[*d*]oxazole (**6ab**)¹⁵

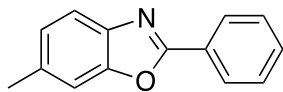


6ab

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid

(48.3 mg, 0.247 mmol, 82% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.60 (m, 4H), 7.76–7.81 (m, 1H), 8.24–8.29 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 110.6, 120.0, 124.6, 125.1, 127.1, 127.6, 128.9, 131.5, 142.0, 150.7, 163.0; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 195 [M]⁺.

6-Methyl-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ac**)¹⁵

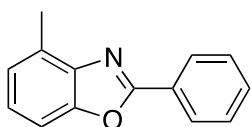


6ac

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

White solid (46.1 mg, 0.220 mmol, 73% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.51 (s, 3H), 7.15–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20–8.27 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 110.8, 119.2, 125.9, 127.1, 127.5, 128.9, 131.4, 135.7, 139.6, 151.0, 162.5; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 209 [M]⁺.

4-Methyl-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ad**)¹⁵

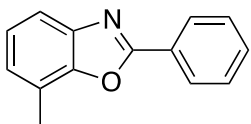


6ad

This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). Light brown solid (59.9 mg, 0.286 mmol, 95% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 2.67 (s, 3H), 7.11–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.40 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.52 (m, 3H), 8.22–8.29 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 16.5, 107.8, 124.7, 125.0, 127.4, 127.5, 128.8, 130.5, 131.2, 141.4, 150.5, 162.2; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 209 [M]⁺.

7-Methyl-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ae**)



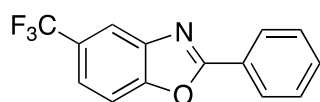
6ae

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (42.0 mg, 0.200 mmol, 67% yield); M.p. 61–63 °C; IR (neat) 3064,

2956, 1614, 1581, 1552, 1448, 1196, 1086, 1022, 777, 746, 704 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.59 (s, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.25–8.29 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 15.2, 117.3, 121.1, 124.5, 126.1, 127.3, 127.5, 128.8, 131.4, 141.6, 149.9, 162.7; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂NO 210.0919; Found 210.0928.

2-Phenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**6af**)

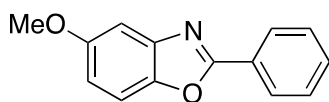
This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Pentane/Et₂O =



6af

9/1). White solid (67.4 mg, 0.256 mmol, 84% yield); M.p. 84–85 °C; IR (neat) 3072, 1630, 1558, 1489, 1340, 1109, 825, 706 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48–7.66 (m, 5H), 8.03 (d, J = 0.54 Hz, 1H), 8.22–8.26 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 111.0, 117.7 (q, J_{CF} = 4.0 Hz), 122.3 (q, J_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 124.2 (q, J_{CF} = 273 Hz), 126.5, 127.4 (q, J_{CF} = 32.8 Hz), 127.9, 129.1, 132.2, 142.3, 152.5, 164.8; ^{19}F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –62.1 (s); HRMS (ESI) $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ 264.0636; Found 264.0638.

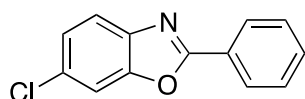
5-Methoxy-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ag**)¹⁵



6ag

This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (51.5 mg, 0.229 mmol, 76% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.95 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.55 (m, 3H), 8.21–8.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.9, 102.8, 110.7, 113.7, 127.2, 127.5, 128.9, 131.4, 142.9, 145.4, 157.4, 163.8; GC-MS (EI): m/z 225 $[\text{M}]^+$.

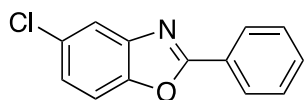
6-Chloro-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ah**)¹⁵



6ah

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (56.8 mg, 0.247 mmol, 82% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.33 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.59 (m, 4H), 7.65–7.68 (m, 1H), 8.19–8.25 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 111.2, 120.4, 125.3, 126.7, 127.6, 129.0, 130.6, 131.8, 140.9, 150.9, 163.7; GC-MS (EI): m/z 229 $[\text{M}]^+$.

5-Chloro-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ai**)¹⁶

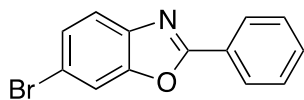


6ai

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (57.5 mg, 0.250 mmol, 83% yield); ^1H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.57 (m, 4H), 7.74–7.75 (m, 1H), 8.21–8.26 (m, 2H); ^{13}C

NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 111.3, 120.0, 125.4, 126.7, 127.8, 129.0, 130.1, 131.9, 143.2, 149.3, 164.4; GC-MS (EI): m/z 229 [M]⁺.

6-Bromo-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6aj**)¹⁵

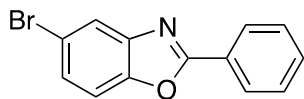


6aj

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

White solid (62.9 mg, 0.229 mmol, 76% yield as a 90:10 mixture of **6aj**:**6ab**); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45–7.56 (m, 4H), 7.61–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.18–8.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 114.1, 117.9, 120.9, 126.6, 127.6, 128.0, 128.9, 131.8, 141.3, 151.2, 163.5; GC-MS (EI): m/z 273 [M]⁺.

5-Bromo-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ak**)

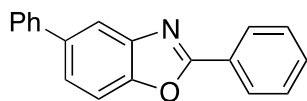


6ak

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

White solid (61.5 mg, 0.224 mmol, 74% yield); M.p. 102–103 °C; IR (neat) 3059, 1608, 1550, 1487, 1281, 1057, 854, 808 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45–7.57 (m, 5H), 7.89–7.90 (m, 1H), 8.21–8.25 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 111.8, 117.3, 123.0, 126.6, 127.7, 128.1, 129.0, 131.9, 143.7, 149.7, 164.1; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₃H₉BrNO 273.9868; Found 273.9858.

2,5-Diphenylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6al**)

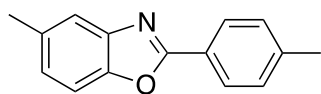


6al

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

White solid (47.0 mg, 0.173 mmol, 57% yield); M.p. 123–125 °C; IR (neat) 3059, 1620, 1554, 818, 760, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.65 (m, 9H), 7.96–7.97 (m, 1H), 8.23–8.30 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 110.5, 118.4, 124.7, 127.1, 127.2, 127.4, 127.6, 128.8, 128.9, 131.6, 138.4, 141.0, 142.7, 150.3, 163.6; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄NO 272.1075; Found 272.1070.

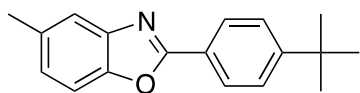
5-Methyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**6ba**)¹⁷



6ba

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (50.5 mg, 0.227 mmol, 76% yield as a 90:10 mixture of **6ba**:**6aa**); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 7.11–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 1H), 8.09–8.14 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 21.6, 109.8, 119.7, 124.5, 125.9, 127.5, 129.6, 134.2, 141.8, 142.3, 148.9, 163.3; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 223 [M]⁺.

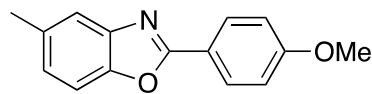
2-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-5-methylbenzo[*d*]oxazole (**6ca**)



6ca

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (44.5 mg, 0.168 mmol, 56% yield); M.p. 88–90 °C; IR (neat) 2962, 1618, 1576, 1554, 1363, 1109, 1057, 843, 827, 798 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.37 (s, 9H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.12–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.56 (m, 3H), 8.14–8.19 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 31.1, 35.0, 109.8, 119.8, 124.5, 125.8, 125.9, 127.4, 134.2, 142.4, 148.9, 154.9, 163.3; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀NO 266.1545; Found 266.1547.

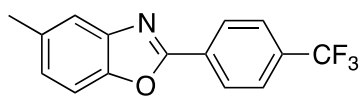
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methylbenzo[*d*]oxazole (**6da**)



6da

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (47.2 mg, 0.197 mmol, 66% yield); m.p. 107–109 °C; IR (neat) 2974, 1606, 1558, 1500, 1174, 1020, 881, 841, 802 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 55.4, 109.7, 114.3, 119.5, 119.8, 125.7, 129.3, 134.2, 142.3, 148.8, 162.2, 163.2; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄NO₂ 240.1025; Found 240.1022.

5-Methyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[d]oxazole (**6ea**)¹⁸

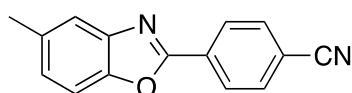


6ea

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Pentane/Et₂O

= 9/1). White solid (42.3 mg, 0.153 mmol, 50% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.17–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.77 (m, 2H), 8.31–8.34 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 110.1, 120.2, 123.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 273 Hz), 125.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4.0 Hz), 127.0, 127.8, 130.6, 132.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32.8 Hz), 134.8, 142.1, 149.1, 161.5; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –63.9 (s); GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 277 [M]⁺.

4-(5-methylbenzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)benzonitrile (**6fa**)

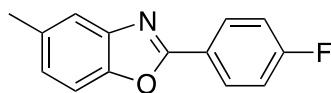


6fa

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc

= 4/1). White solid (18.1 mg, 0.0773 mmol, 26% yield); M.p. 176–178 °C; IR (neat) 2929, 2225, 1570, 1547, 1493, 1281, 1059, 845, 796 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.50 (s, 3H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.78–7.83 (m, 2H), 8.32–8.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 110.2, 114.5, 118.2, 120.3, 127.3, 127.8, 131.3, 132.6, 135.0, 142.0, 149.1, 161.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁N₂O 235.0871; Found 235.0873.

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ga**)¹⁹

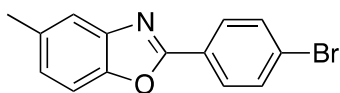


6ga

This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Pentane/Et₂O = 9/1).

White solid (50.6 mg, 0.22 mmol, 74% yield as a 74:26 mixture of **6ga**:**6aa** (determined by a GC-MS analysis)); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.13–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.53 (m, 1H), 8.19–8.26 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 109.9, 116.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 22.3 Hz), 119.9, 123.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3.4 Hz), 126.2, 129.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.9 Hz), 134.5, 142.2, 149.0, 162.2, 164.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 252 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –108.71– –108.70 (m); GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 227 [M]⁺.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ha**)²⁰

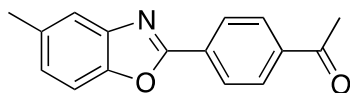


6ha

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Pentane/Et₂O =

9/1). White solid (60 mg, 0.208 mmol, 69% yield as a 87:13 mixture of **6ha**:**6aa**); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.49 (s, 3H), 7.15–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.68 (m, 2H), 8.07–8.12 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 110.0, 120.0, 126.0, 126.2, 126.5, 128.9, 132.1, 134.6, 142.2, 149.0, 162.2; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 287 [M]⁺.

1-(4-(5-Methylbenzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)phenyl)ethanone (**6ia**)

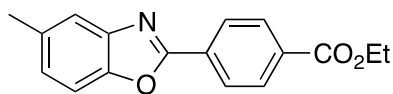


6ia

This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc

= 4/1). White solid (17.7 mg, 0.0704 mmol, 23% yield); M.p. 157–158 °C; IR (neat) 2931, 1670, 1408, 1354, 841, 804, 756 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 7.19–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 0.54 Hz, 1H), 8.08–8.11 (m, 2H), 8.34 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 26.8, 110.1, 120.2, 127.0, 127.6, 128.8, 131.2, 134.8, 138.8, 142.1, 149.1, 161.9, 197.4; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂ 252.1025; Found 252.1032.

Ethyl 4-(5-methylbenzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)benzoate (**6ja**)²¹

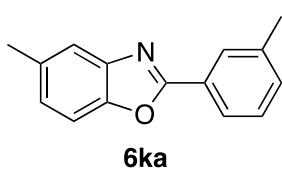


6ja

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography

(Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (16.1 mg, 0.0572 mmol, 19% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 4.42 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.58 (m, 1H), 8.16–8.20 (m, 2H), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.3, 21.5, 61.3, 110.1, 120.2, 126.9, 127.3, 130.0, 131.1, 132.7, 134.7, 142.2, 149.1, 162.0, 165.9; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 281 [M]⁺.

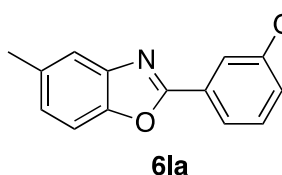
5-Methyl-2-(*m*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**6ka**)²²



This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

White solid (55.2 mg, 0.248 mmol, 82% yield as a 95:5 mixture of **6ka:6aa**); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 7.14–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.55 (m, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.08–8.09 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.3, 21.4, 109.8, 119.8, 124.6, 126.1, 127.1, 128.0, 128.7, 132.1, 134.2, 138.6, 142.2, 148.9, 163.2; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 223 [M]⁺.

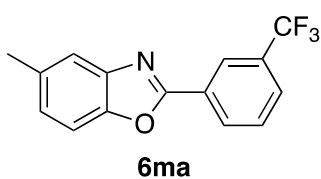
2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-5-methylbenzo[*d*]oxazole (**6la**)¹⁷



This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). White solid (48.9 mg, 0.203 mmol, 68% yield); ¹H

NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 7.05–7.09 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.76–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 55.5, 109.9, 111.8, 118.2, 119.8, 120.0, 126.3, 128.4, 129.9, 134.4, 142.1, 148.9, 159.9, 163.0; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 239 [M]⁺.

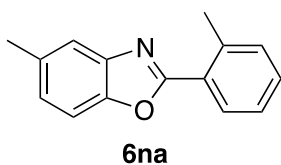
5-Methyl-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**6ma**)



This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Pentane/Et₂O = 9/1).

White solid (54.0 mg, 0.195 mmol, 65% yield as a 92:8 mixture of **6ma:6aa**); M.p. 84–93 °C; IR (neat) 3059, 1624, 1556, 1344, 1115, 1057, 804, 773 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.49 (s, 3H), 7.18–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 110.1, 120.2, 123.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 273 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.6 Hz), 126.9, 127.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4.0 Hz), 128.2, 129.5, 130.5, 131.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 33.2 Hz), 134.8, 142.1, 149.1, 161.6; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –63.8 (s); HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁F₃NO 278.0793; Found 278.0796.

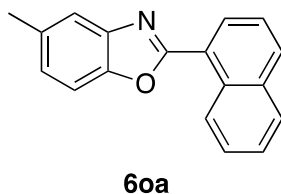
5-Methyl-2-(*o*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**6na**)²²



This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

White solid (47.1 mg, 0.212 mmol, 70% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 7.15–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.58–7.59 (m, 1H), 8.14–8.18 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 22.2, 109.8, 120.0, 126.0, 126.1, 126.4, 129.9, 130.8, 131.7, 134.1, 138.7, 142.3, 148.5, 163.5; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 223 [M]⁺.

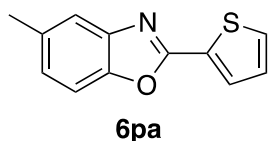
5-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**6oa**)¹⁹



This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

Yellow solid (11.8 mg, 0.0455 mmol, 15% yield); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.52 (s, 3H), 7.19–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.63 (m, 2H), 7.66–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.81 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 9.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 109.9, 120.2, 123.8, 124.9, 126.3, 126.4 (2C), 127.8, 128.6, 129.2, 130.7, 132.1, 134.0, 134.3, 142.5, 148.4, 162.9; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 259 [M]⁺.

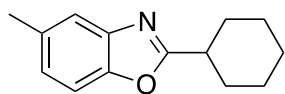
5-Methyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**6pa**)¹⁹



This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1). Pale yellow

solid (19.1 mg, 0.0887 mmol, 30% yield as a 99:1 mixture of **6pa**:**6aa**); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.47 (s, 3H), 7.12–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.88–7.90 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.5, 109.7, 119.7, 126.1, 128.2, 129.7, 129.8, 130.0, 134.5, 142.1, 148.6, 159.1; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 215 [M]⁺.

2-Cyclohexyl-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6qa**)²³

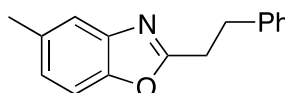


6qa

This compound was prepared according to the procedure B and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1).

Yellow oil (53.8 mg, 0.250 mmol, 82% yield as a 93:7 mixture of **6qa**:**6aa**); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.25–1.50 (m, 3H), 1.62–1.76 (m, 3H), 1.84–1.90 (m, 2H), 2.13–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.87–2.98 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.47 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4, 25.6, 25.7, 30.5, 37.9, 109.6, 119.5, 125.3, 133.7, 141.4, 148.8, 170.5; GC-MS (EI): *m/z* 215 [M]⁺.

5-Methyl-2-phenethylbenzo[d]oxazole (**6ra**)



6ra

This compound was prepared according to the procedure A and the desired product was obtained after purification by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Pentane/Et₂O = 9/1).

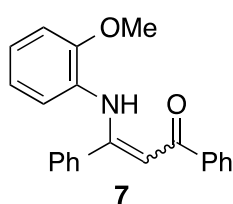
Brown oil (44.5 mg, 0.188 mmol, 62% yield); IR (neat) 3028, 2925, 2864, 1574, 1481, 1454, 1261, 800, 750, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 4H), 7.07–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.36 (m, 6H), 7.45–7.46 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.4, 30.5, 32.8, 109.6, 119.5, 125.5, 126.4, 128.2, 128.6, 133.9, 140.1, 141.4, 149.0, 166.3; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆NO 238.1232; Found 238.1237.

Preliminary mechanistic experiments

Cu-Catalyzed hydroamination of alkynone **4a** with *o*-anisidine

Cu(OTf)₂ (5.4 mg, 0.0150 mmol), alkynone **4a** (61.9 mg, 0.300 mmol), and *o*-anisidine (37.3 mg, 0.300 mmol) were charged into a screw vial and the vial was refilled with N₂. After the addition of *o*-xylene (0.6 mL), the resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 19 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and then quenched with water (1 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL × 1). The organic phase was washed with brine (1 mL × 1) and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the solvent, the resulting crude mixture was purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography (Pentane/EtOAc = 1/1) to give the hydroamination product **7**.

3-((2-Methoxyphenyl)amino)-1,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (**7**)

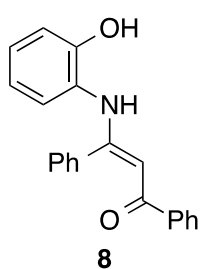


Slightly brown solid (65.7 mg, 0.199 mmol, 66% yield); M.p. 104–105 °C; IR (neat) 3060, 2837, 1597, 1568, 1516, 1493, 1464, 1254, 1024, 746, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.91 (s, 3H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.87 (m, 1H), 6.92–6.98 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.47 (m, 8H), 7.95–8.00 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 12.7 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.7, 97.4, 110.8, 119.9, 123.3, 124.5, 127.3, 128.0, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 129.5, 131.1, 136.3, 140.0, 151.2, 160.8, 189.4; HRMS (ESI) [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NO₂ 330.1494; Found 330.1494.

Synthesis of possible intermediate **8**

This compound was prepared according to the literature procedure²⁴ and the NMR data were consistent with the reported values.

(*E*)-3-((2-Hydroxyphenyl)amino)-1,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (**8**)²⁴



¹H NMR (270 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.11 (s, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.40–6.46 (m, 1H), 6.80–6.90 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.53 (m, 8H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 10.1 (s, 1H), 12.6 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (67.8 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 96.3, 115.6, 118.6, 123.5, 124.9, 126.9, 127.1, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 129.8, 131.4, 135.6, 139.4, 149.3, 160.8, 187.9; ESI-MS : *m/z* 338 [M+Na]⁺.

Cu-Catalyzed transformation of possible intermediate **8** to benzoxazole **6ab**

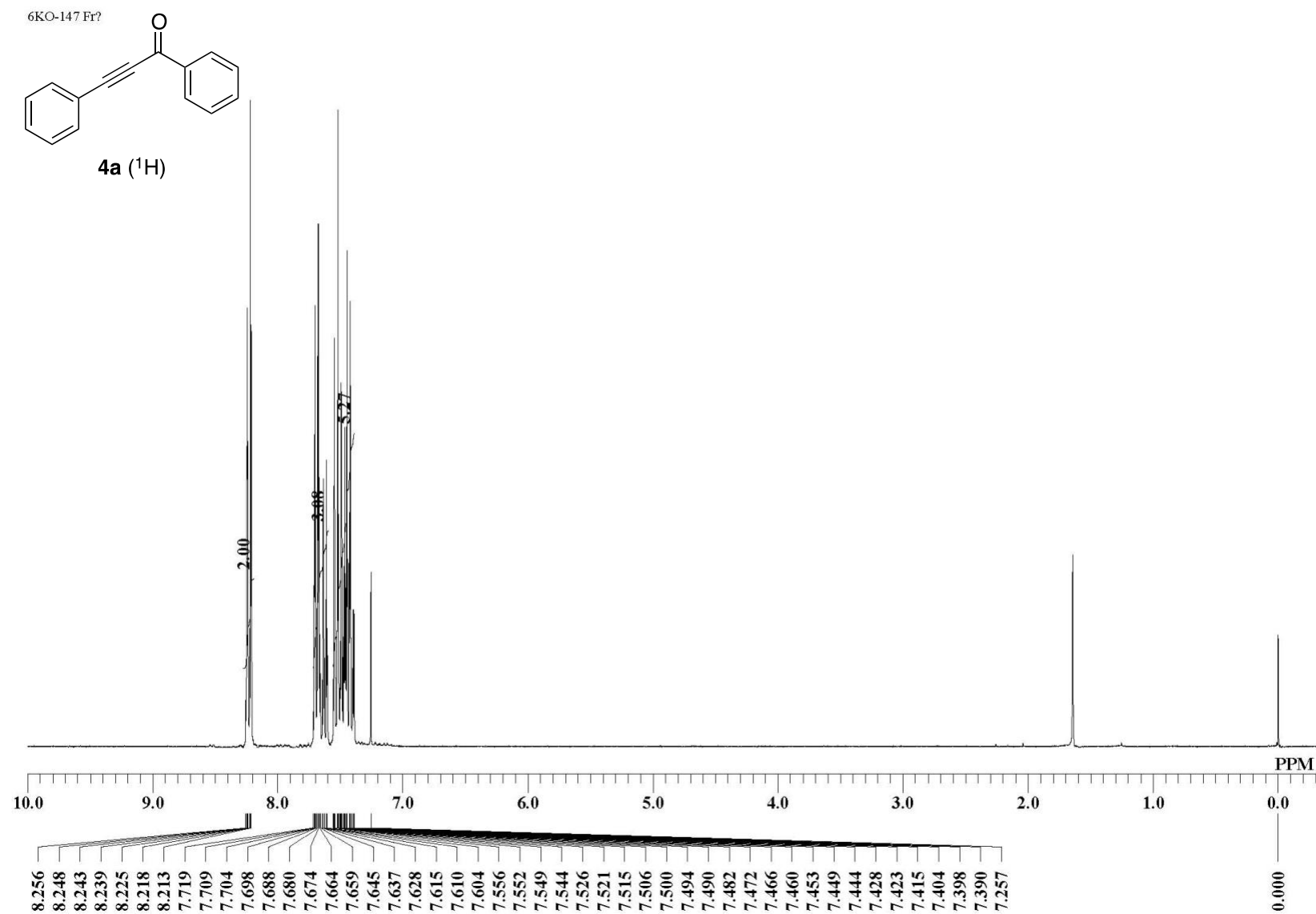
Cu(OTf)₂ (2.7 mg, 0.0075 mmol) and **8** (47.5 mg, 0.150 mmol) were charged into a screw vial and the vial was refilled with N₂. After the addition of *o*-xylene (0.3 mL), the resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 23 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and then quenched with water (0.5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (1 mL × 1). The organic phase was washed with brine (0.5 mL × 1) and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the solvent, the yield of benzoxazole **6ab** was determined by ¹H NMR analysis as of the resulting crude mixture using dibromomethane as an internal standard.

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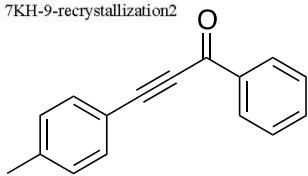
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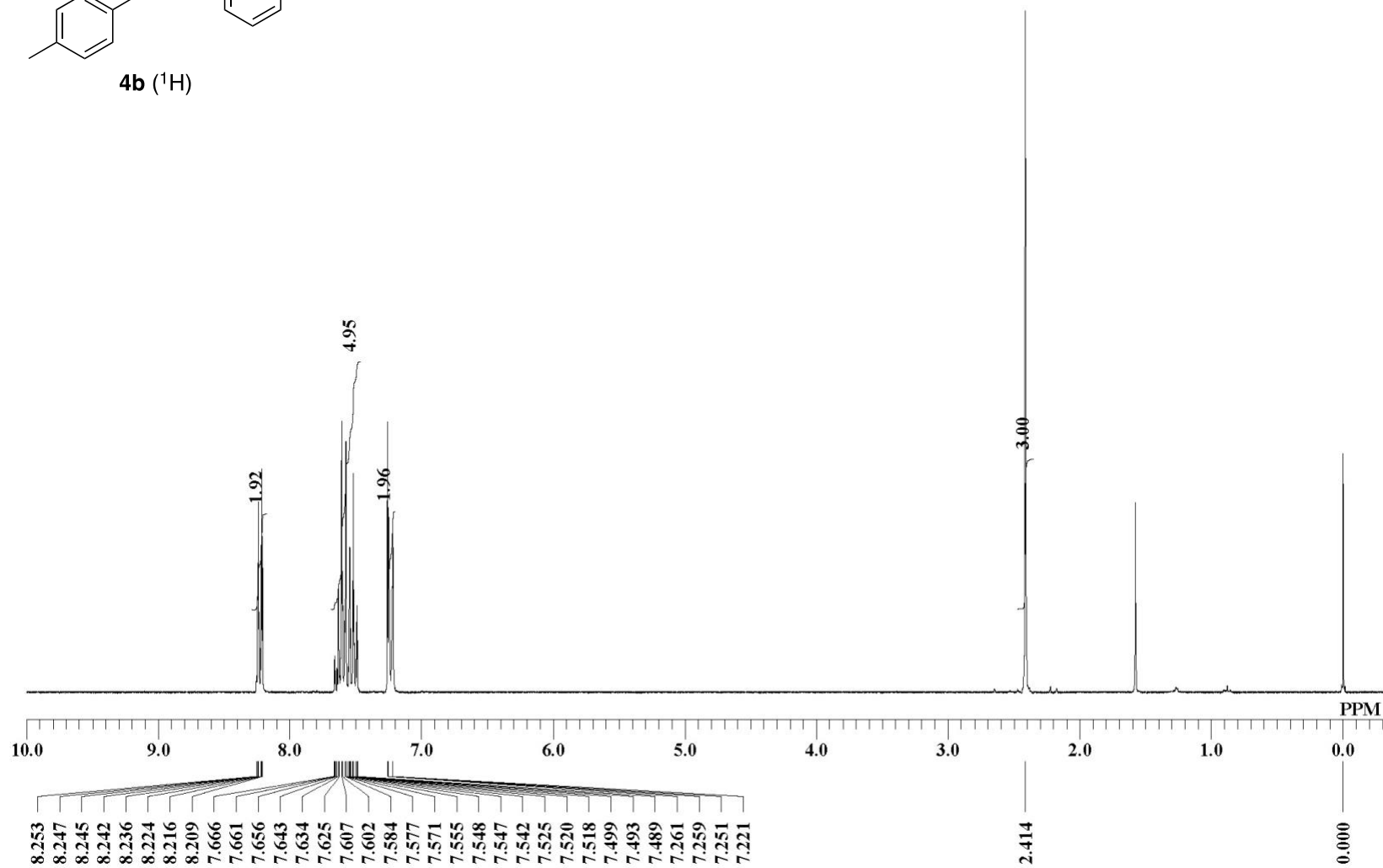
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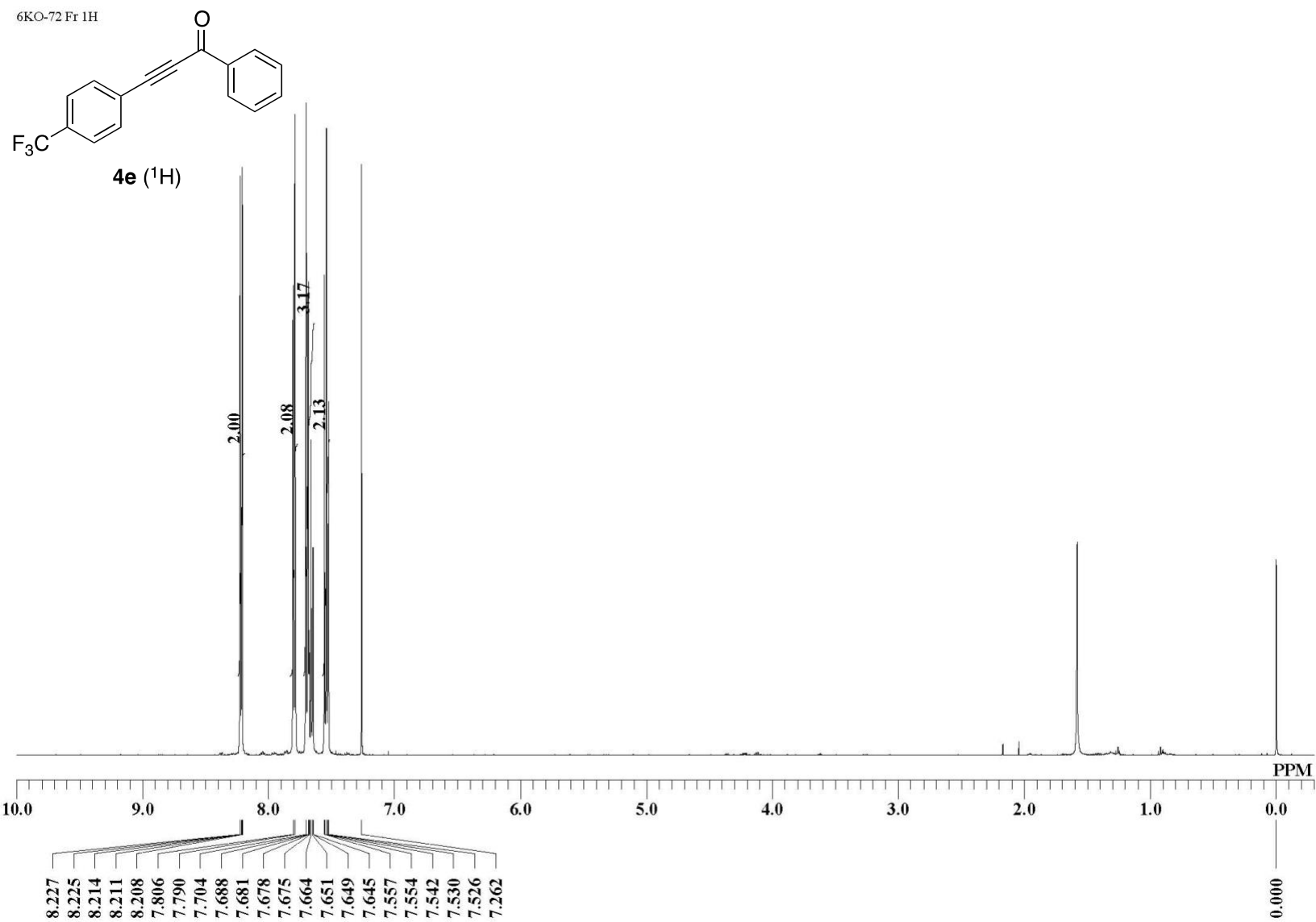


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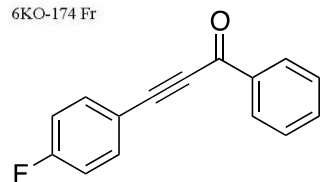


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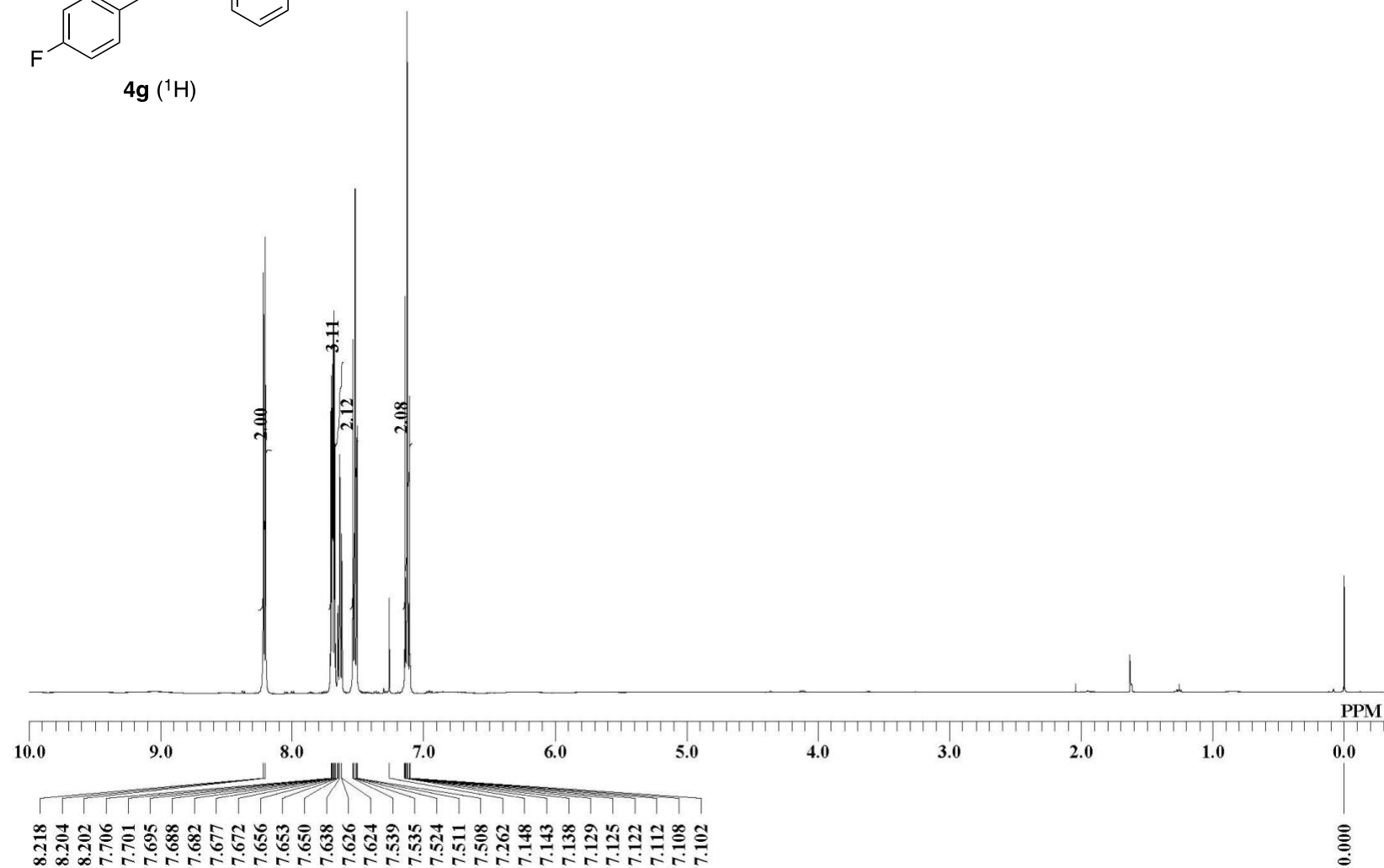




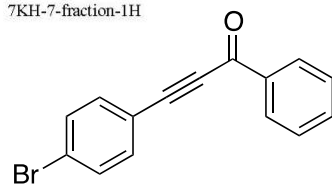
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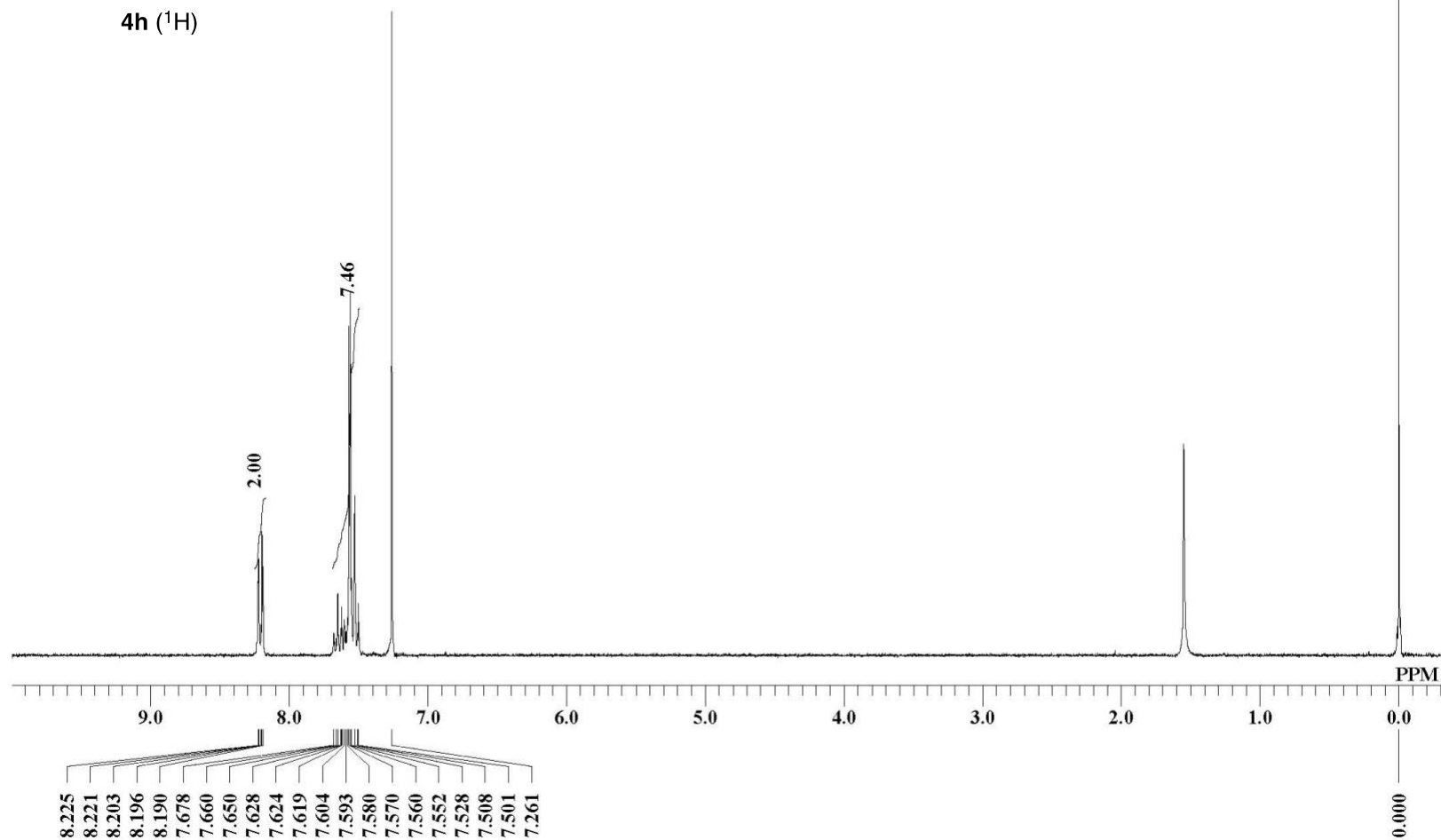
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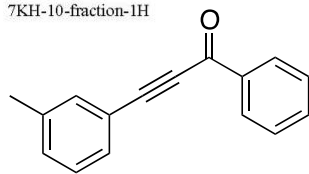
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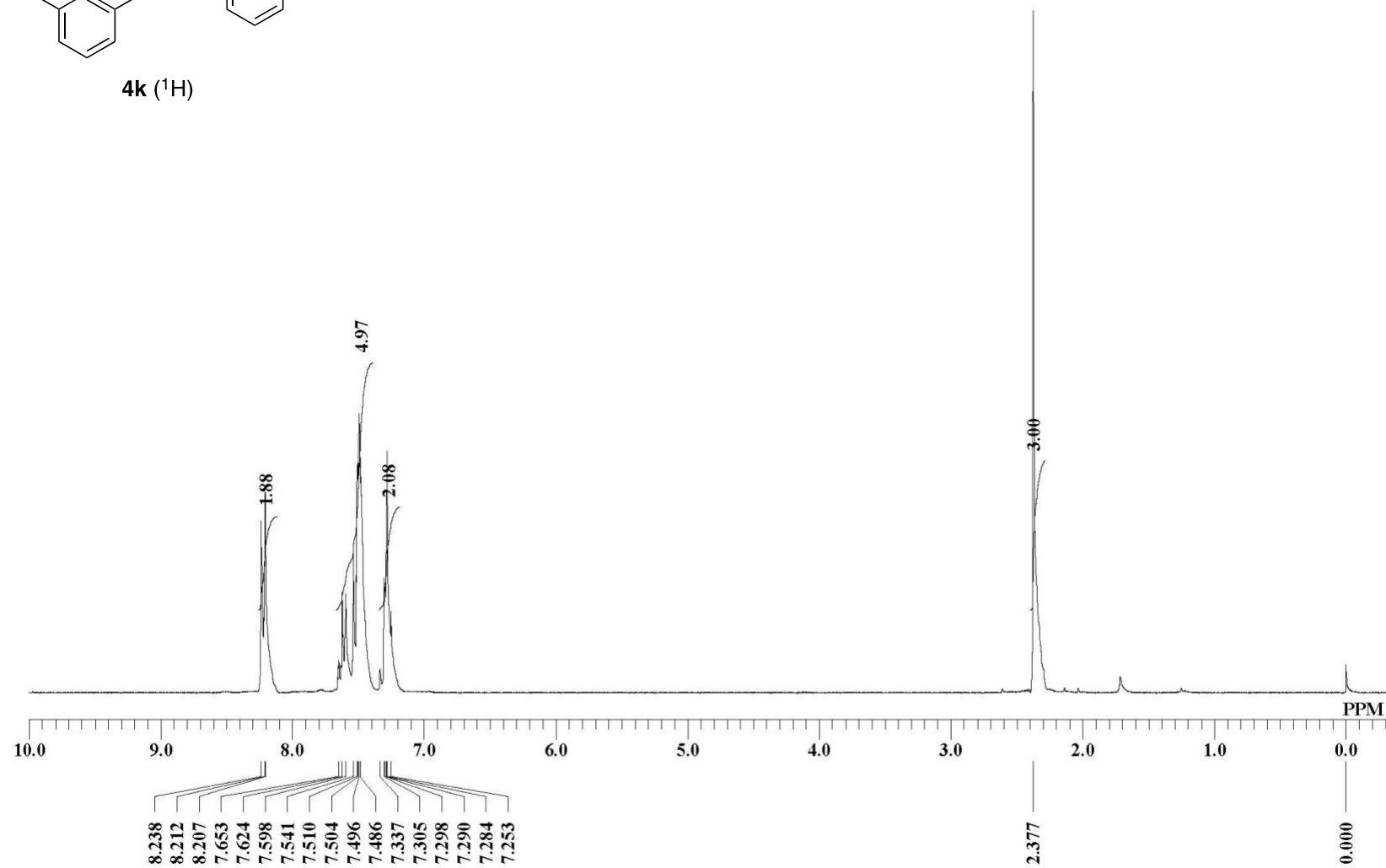
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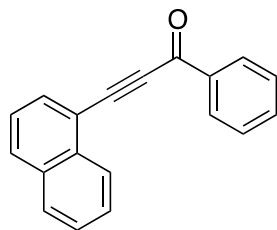
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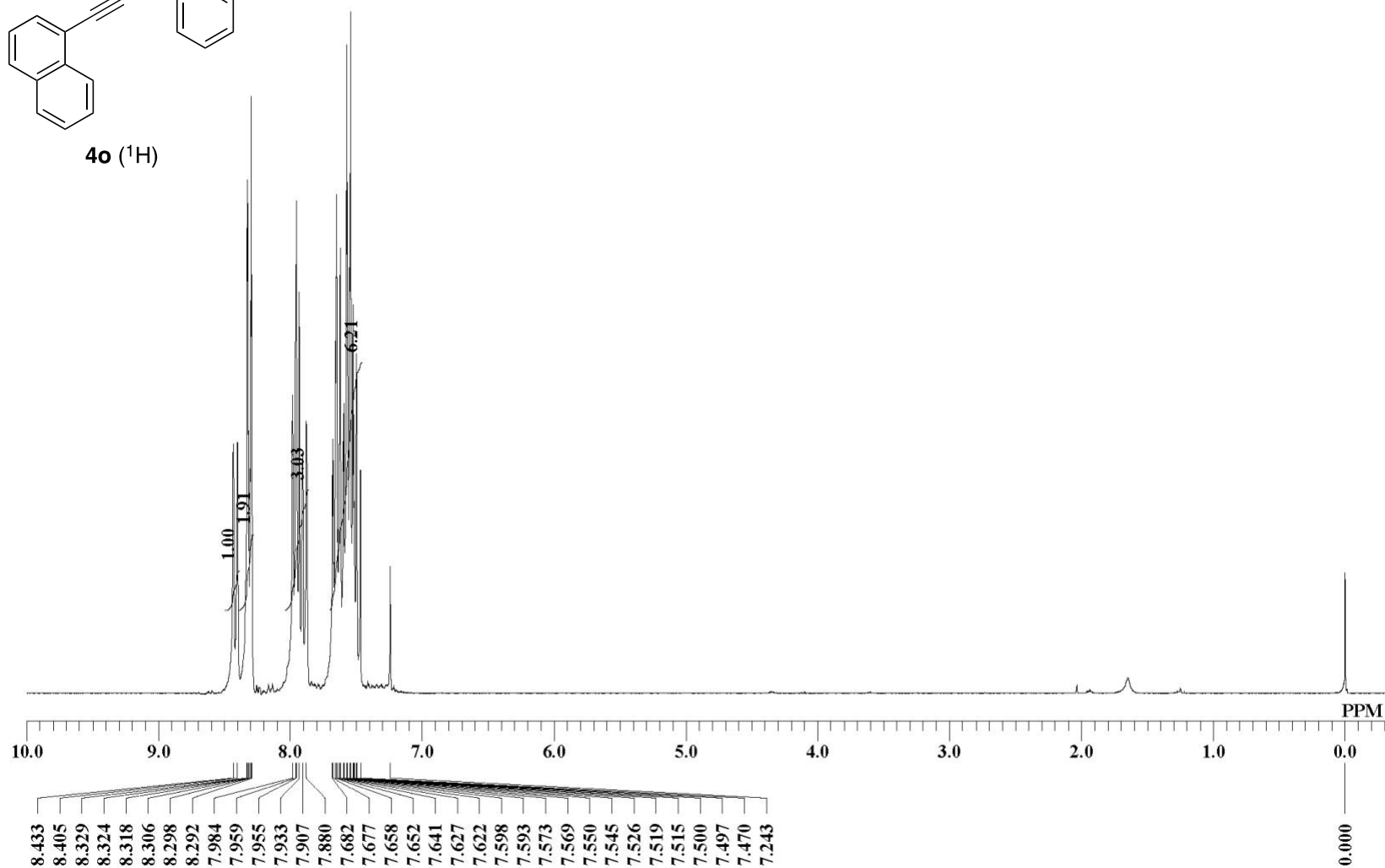
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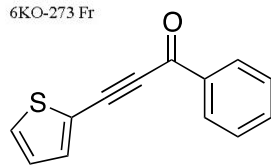
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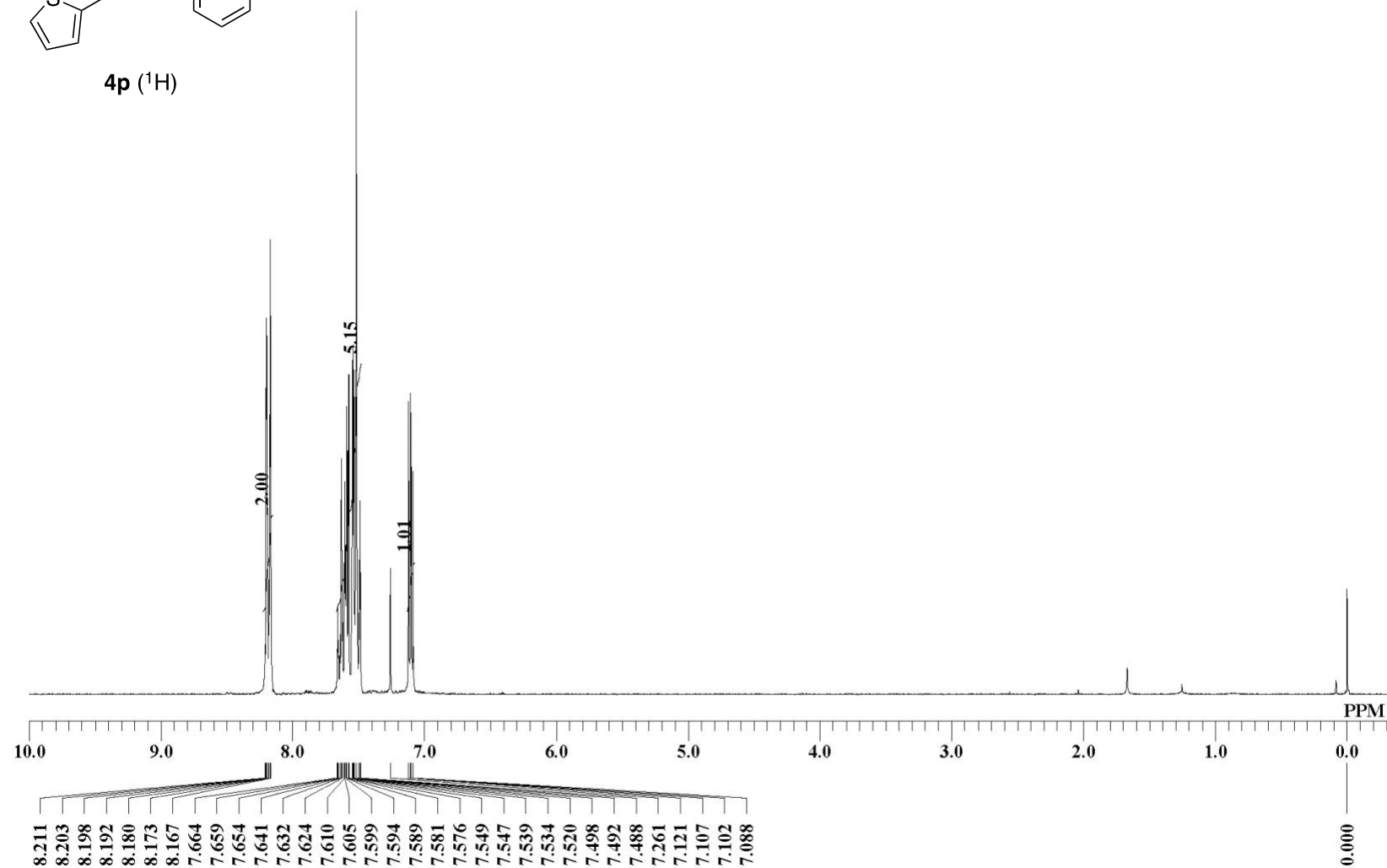
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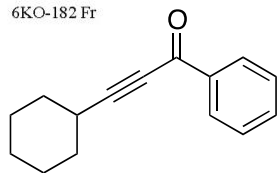
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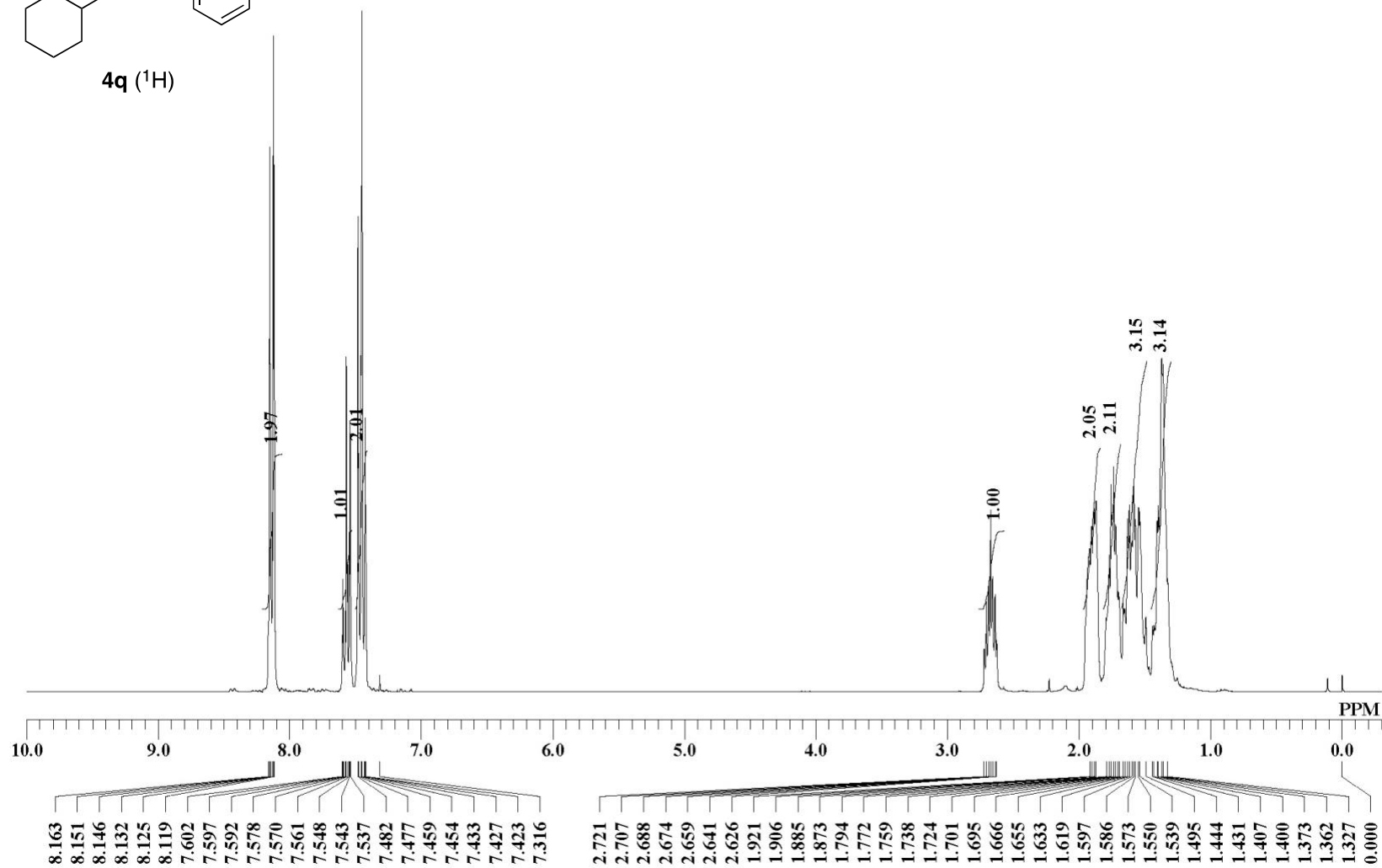
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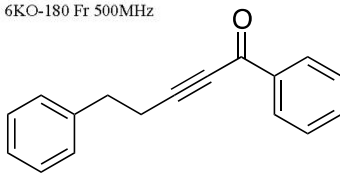
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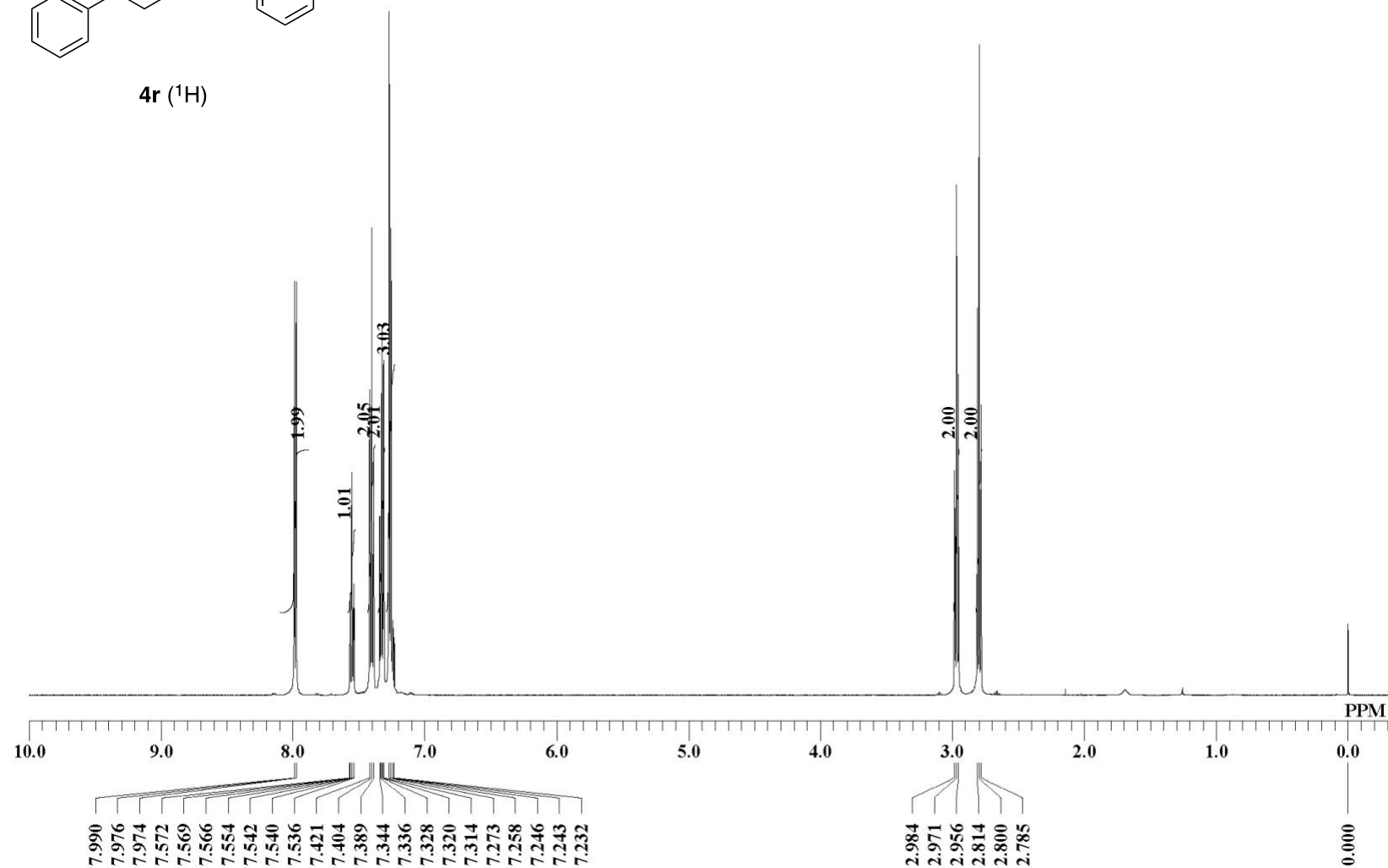
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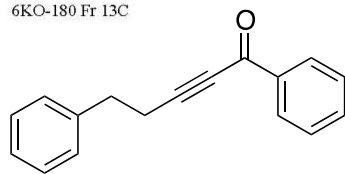
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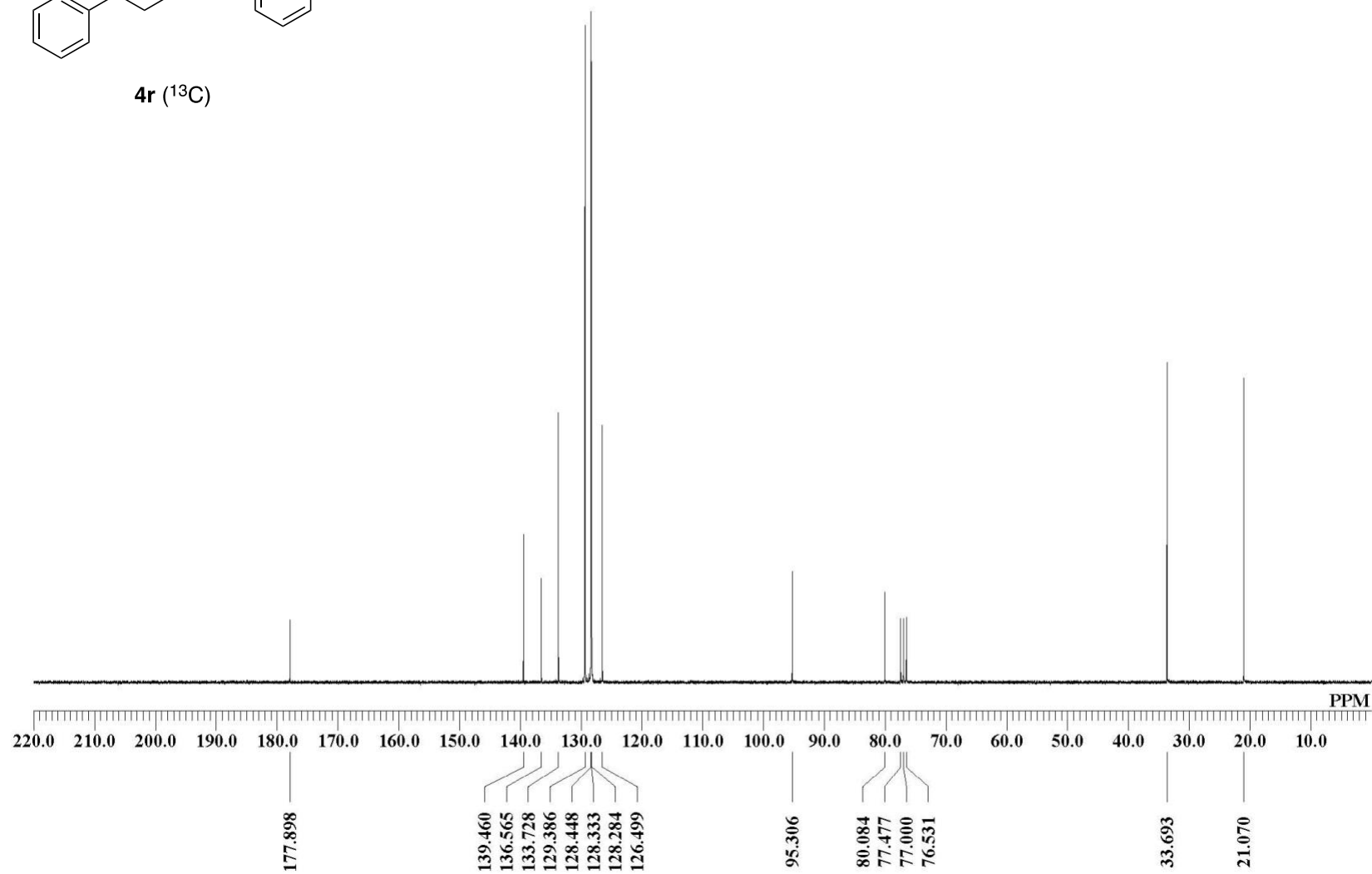
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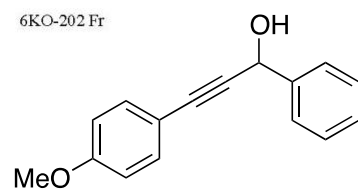
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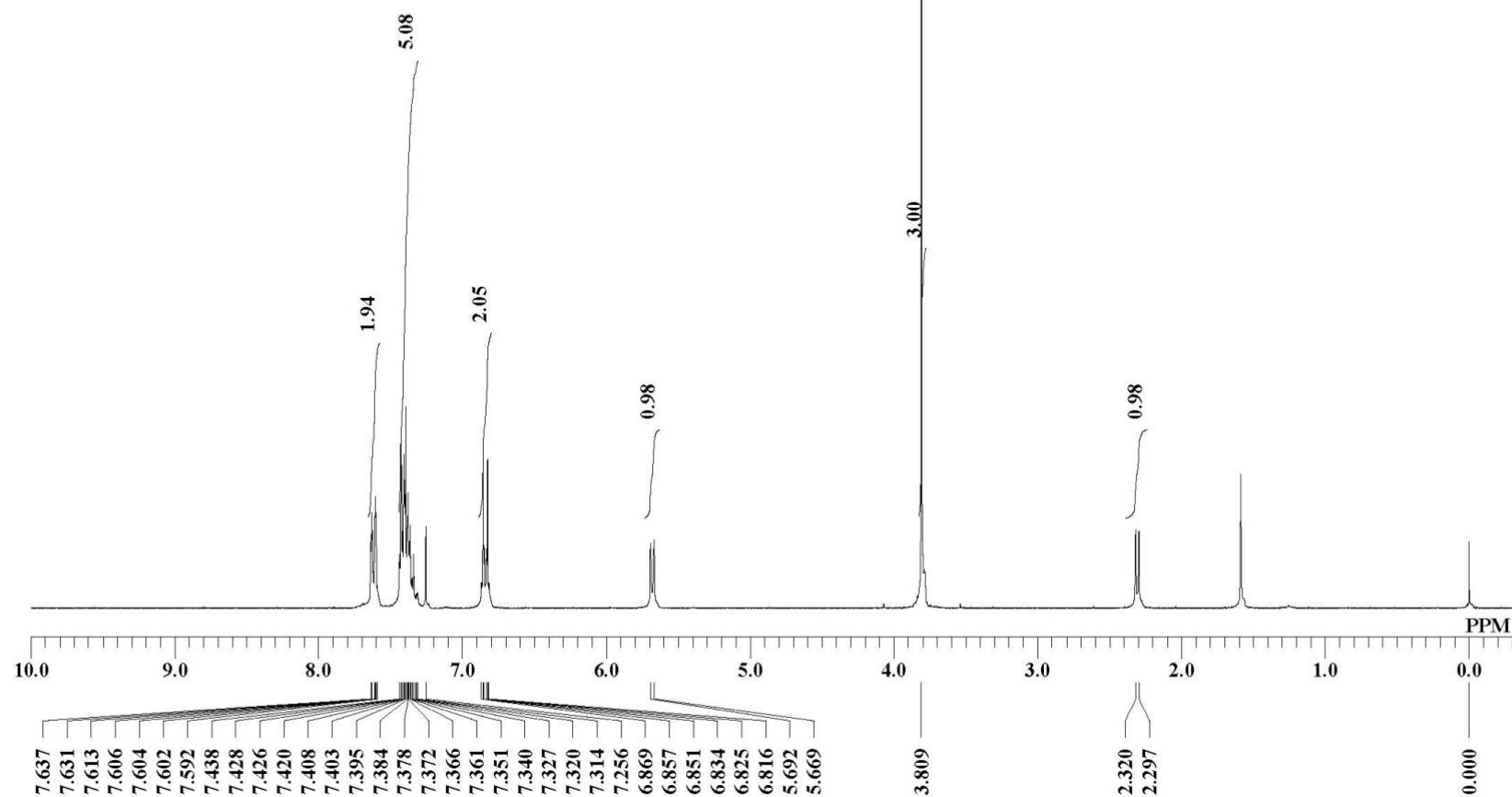
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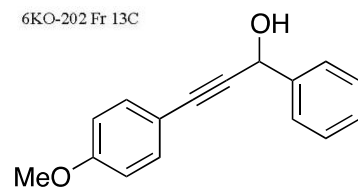
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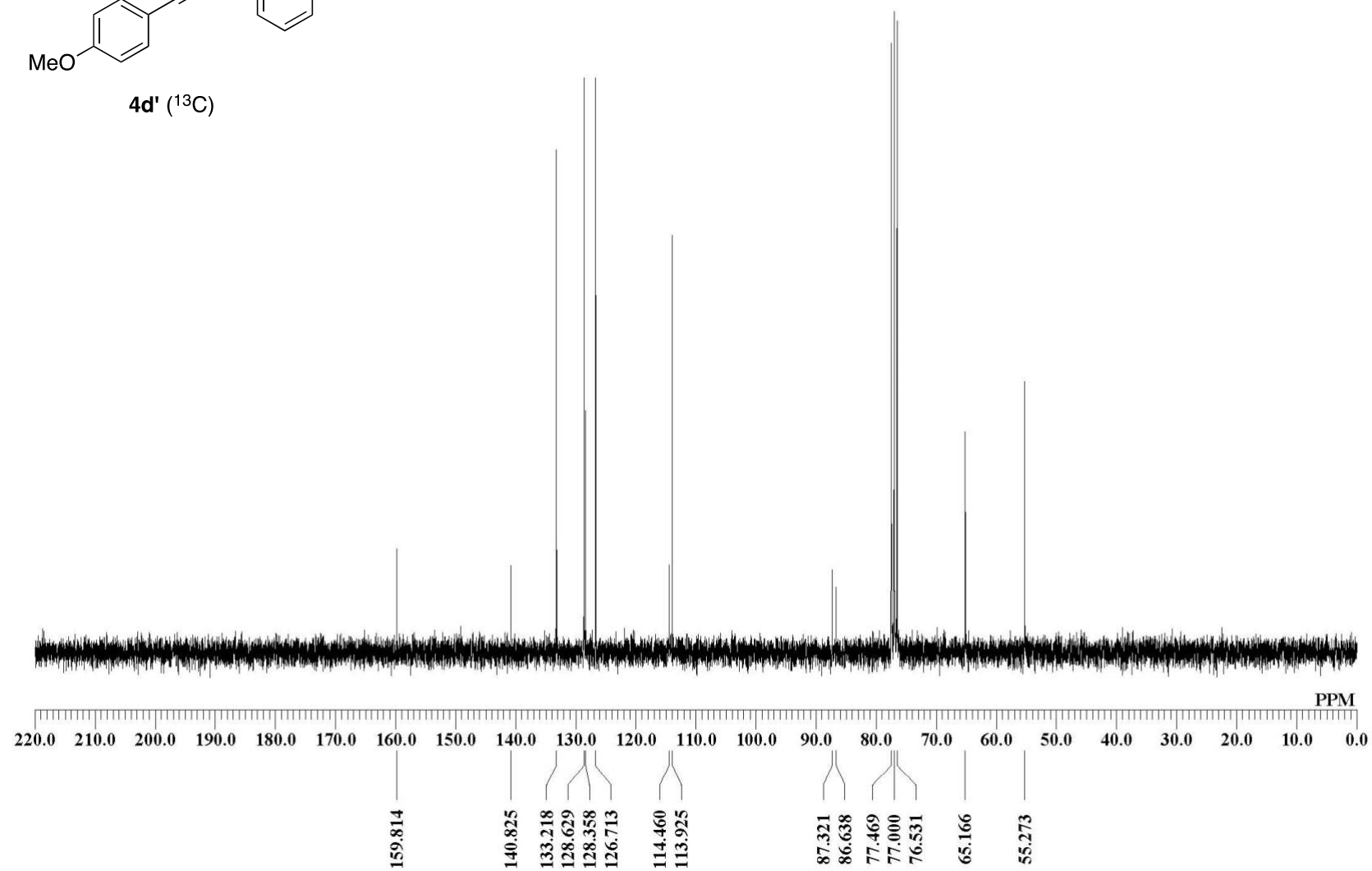
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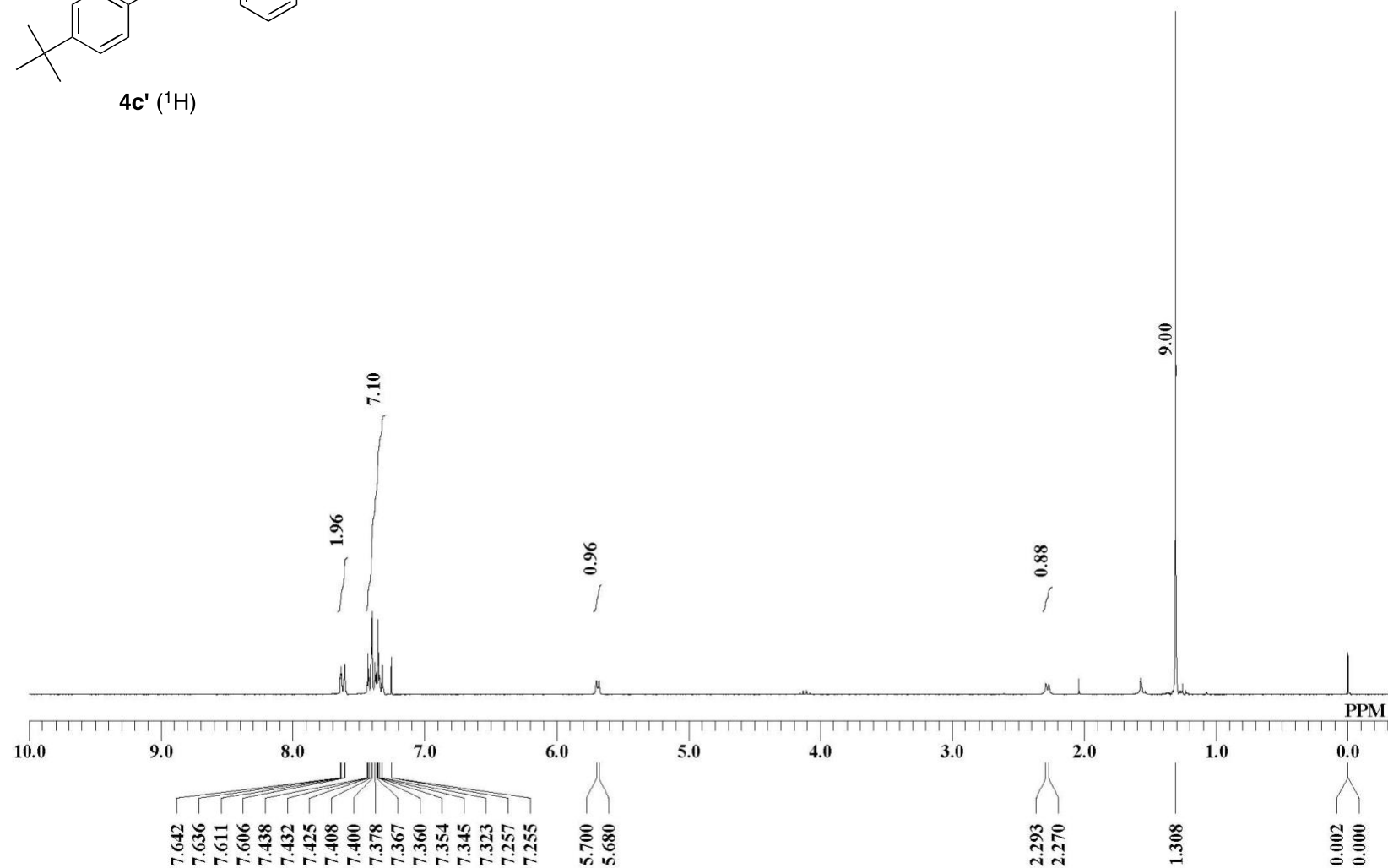
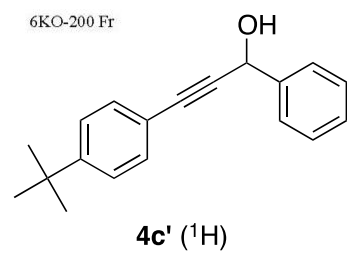


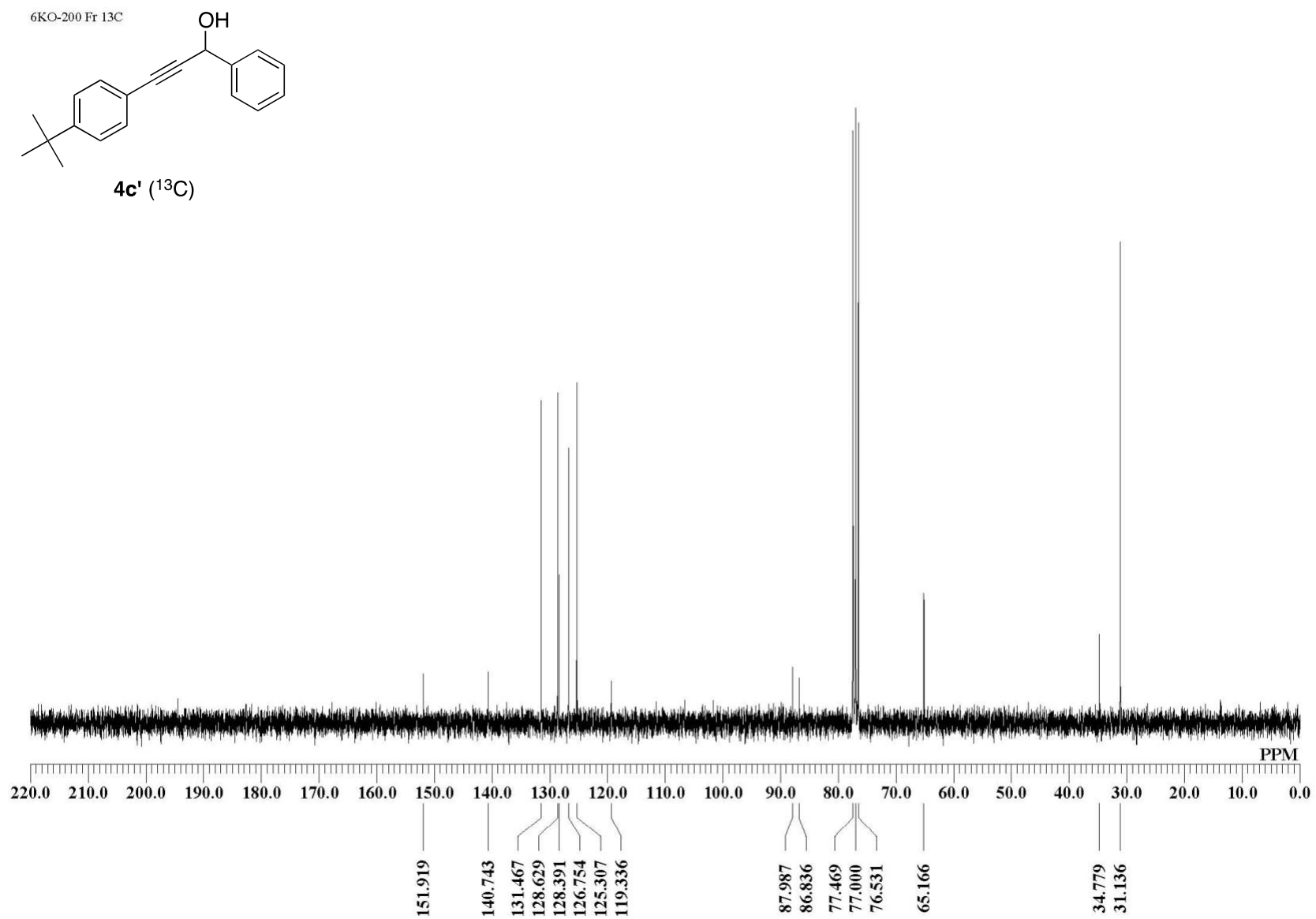
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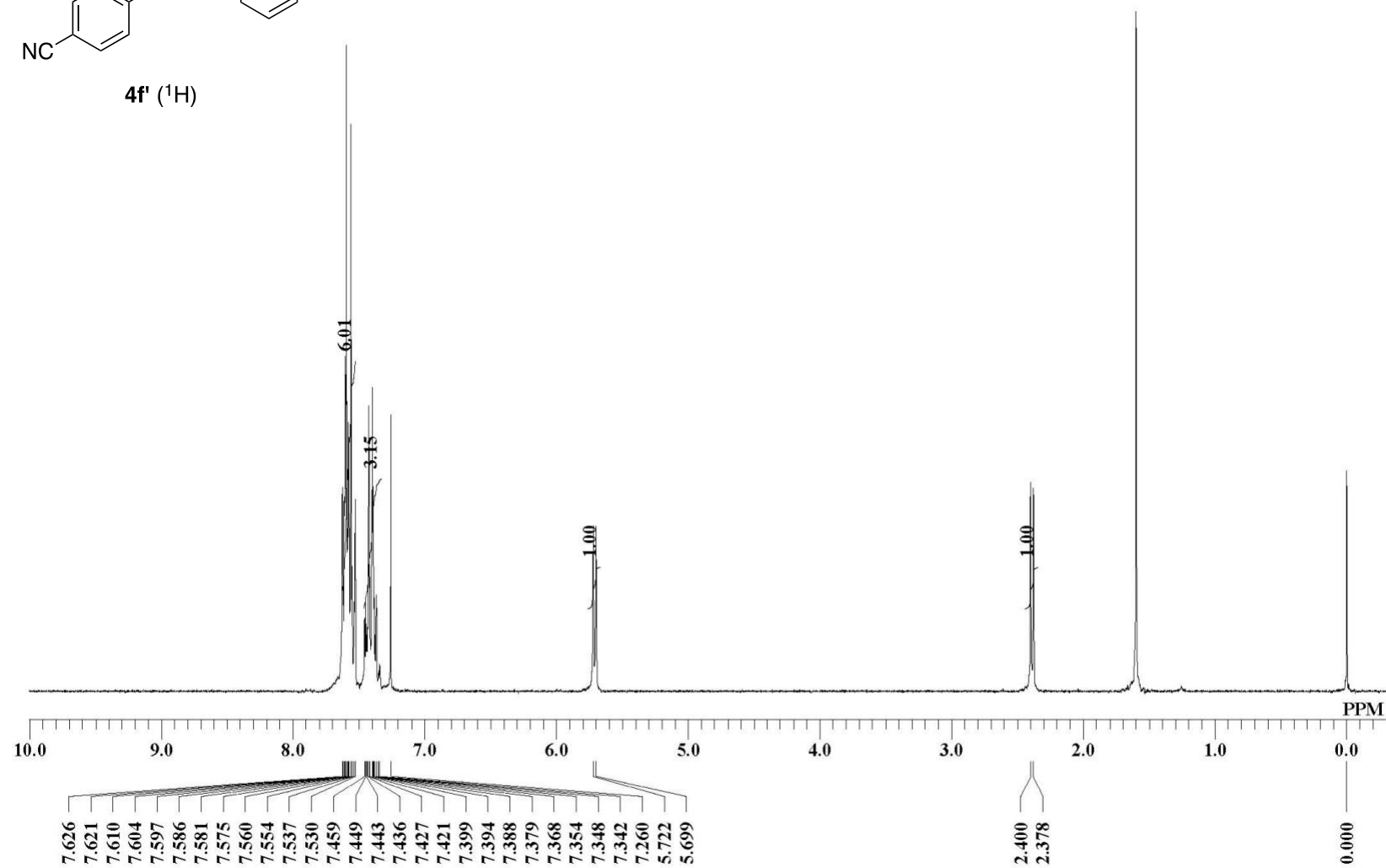
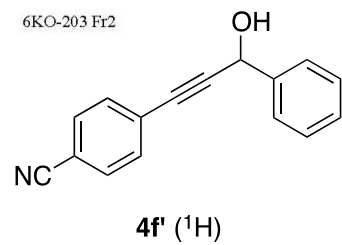


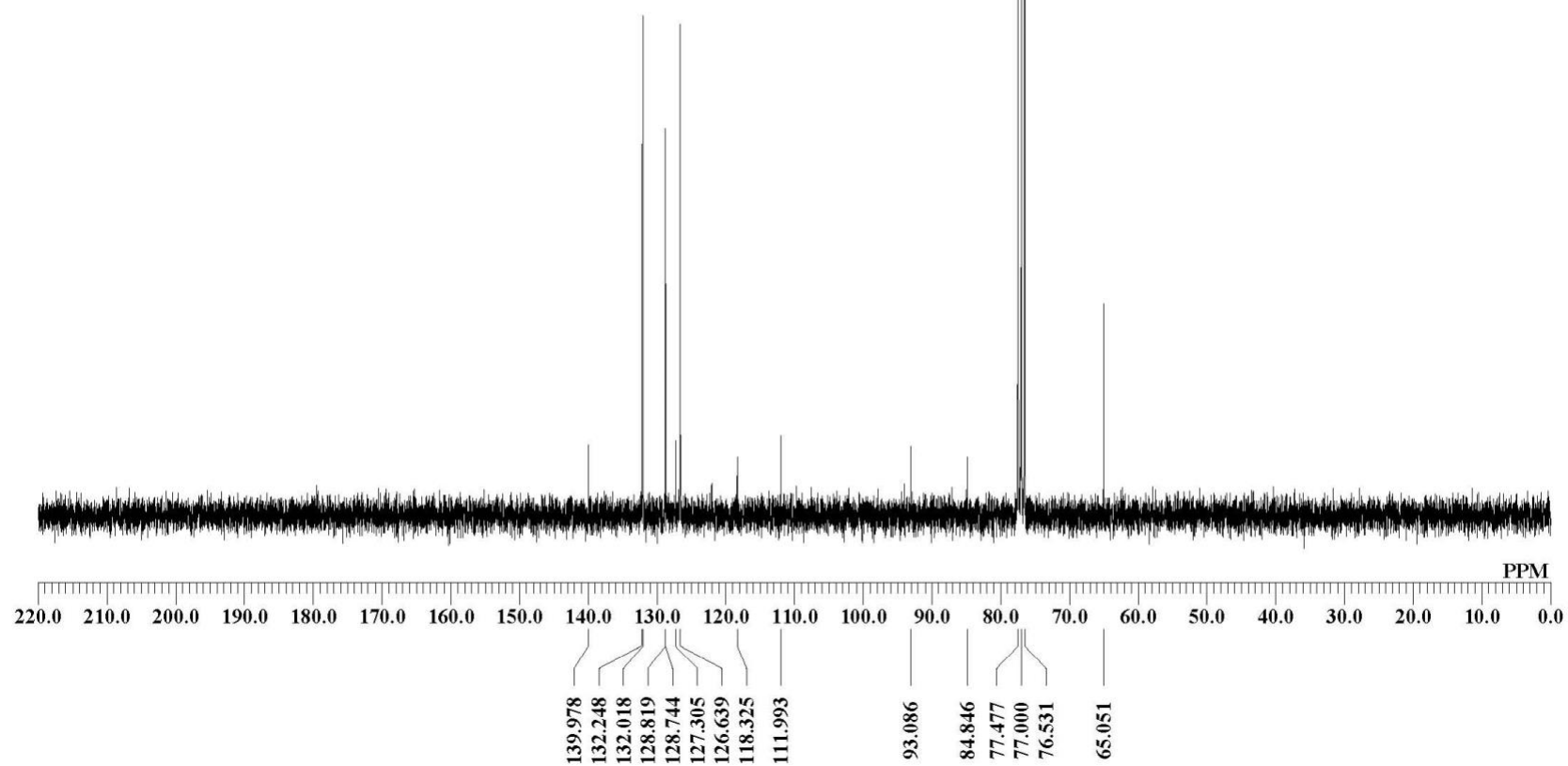
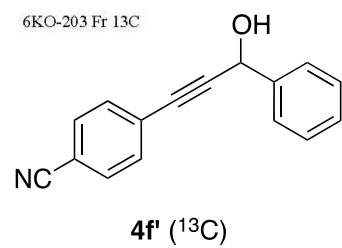
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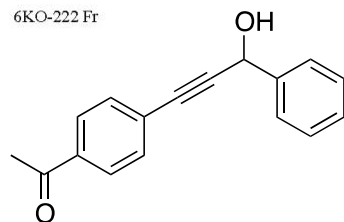




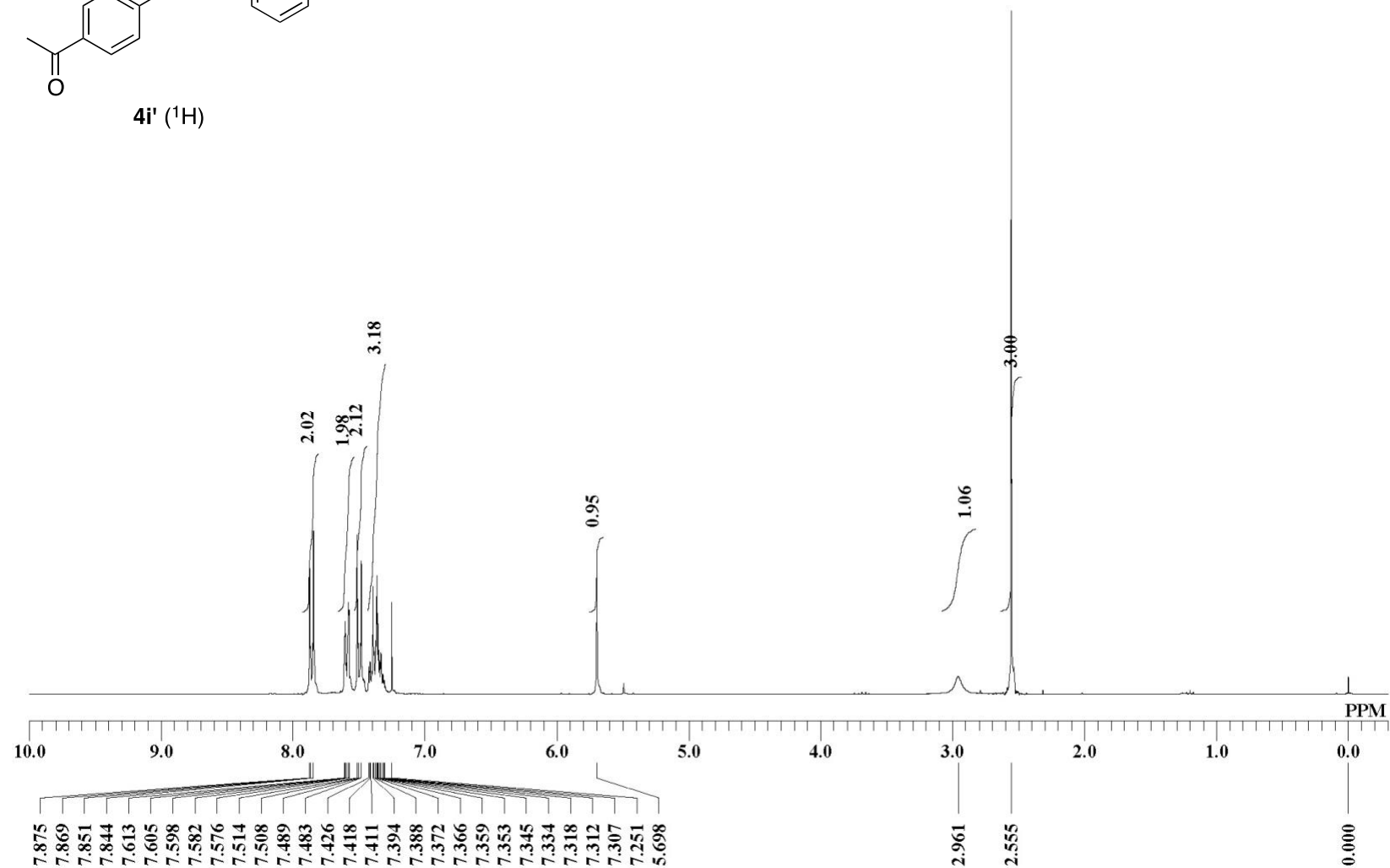




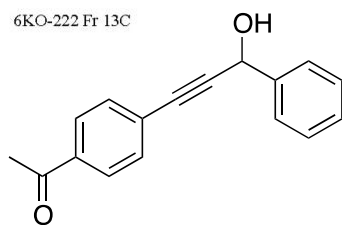
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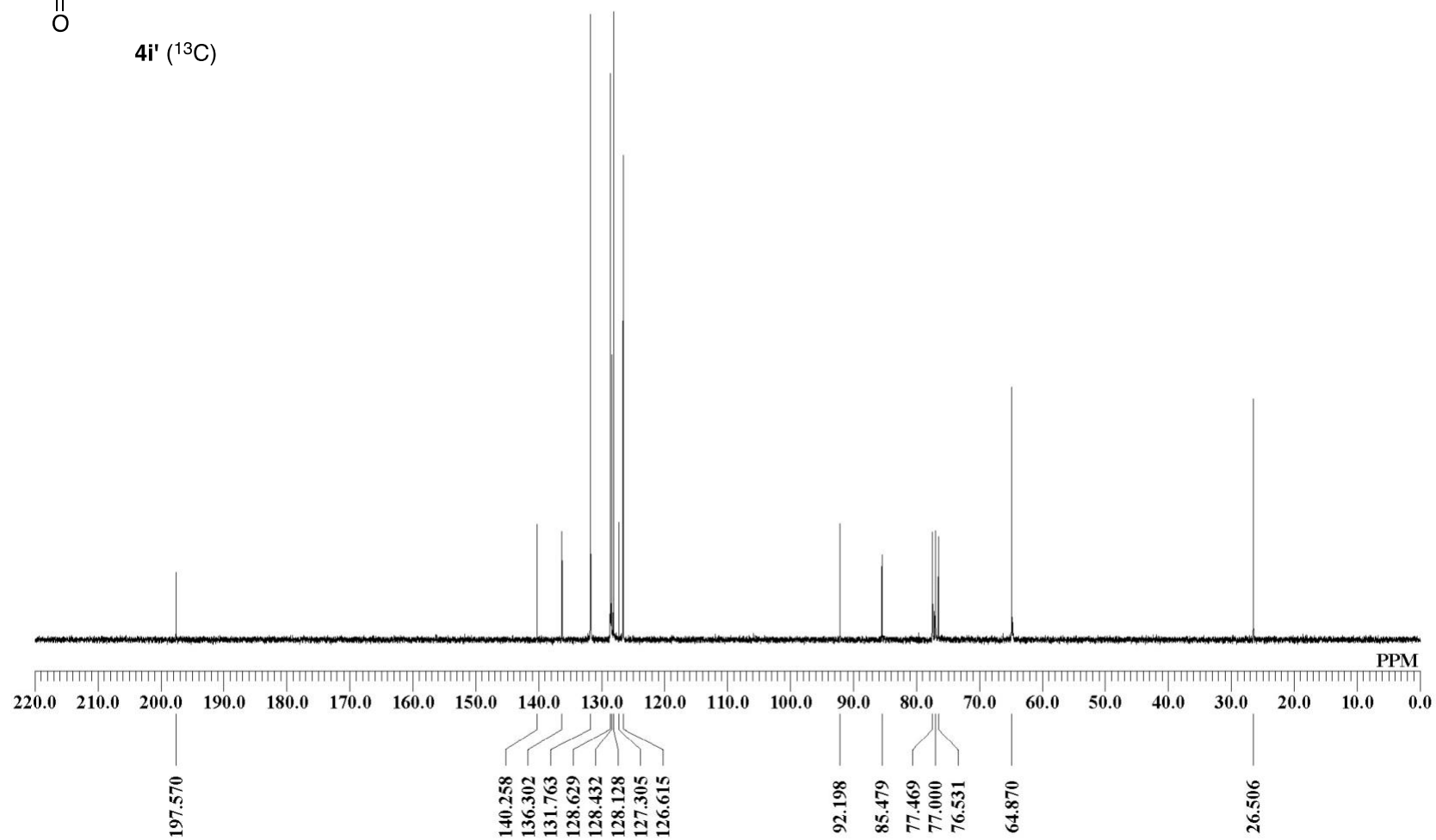
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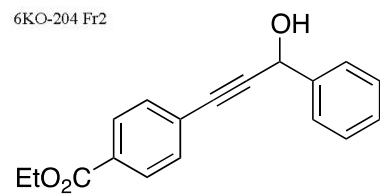
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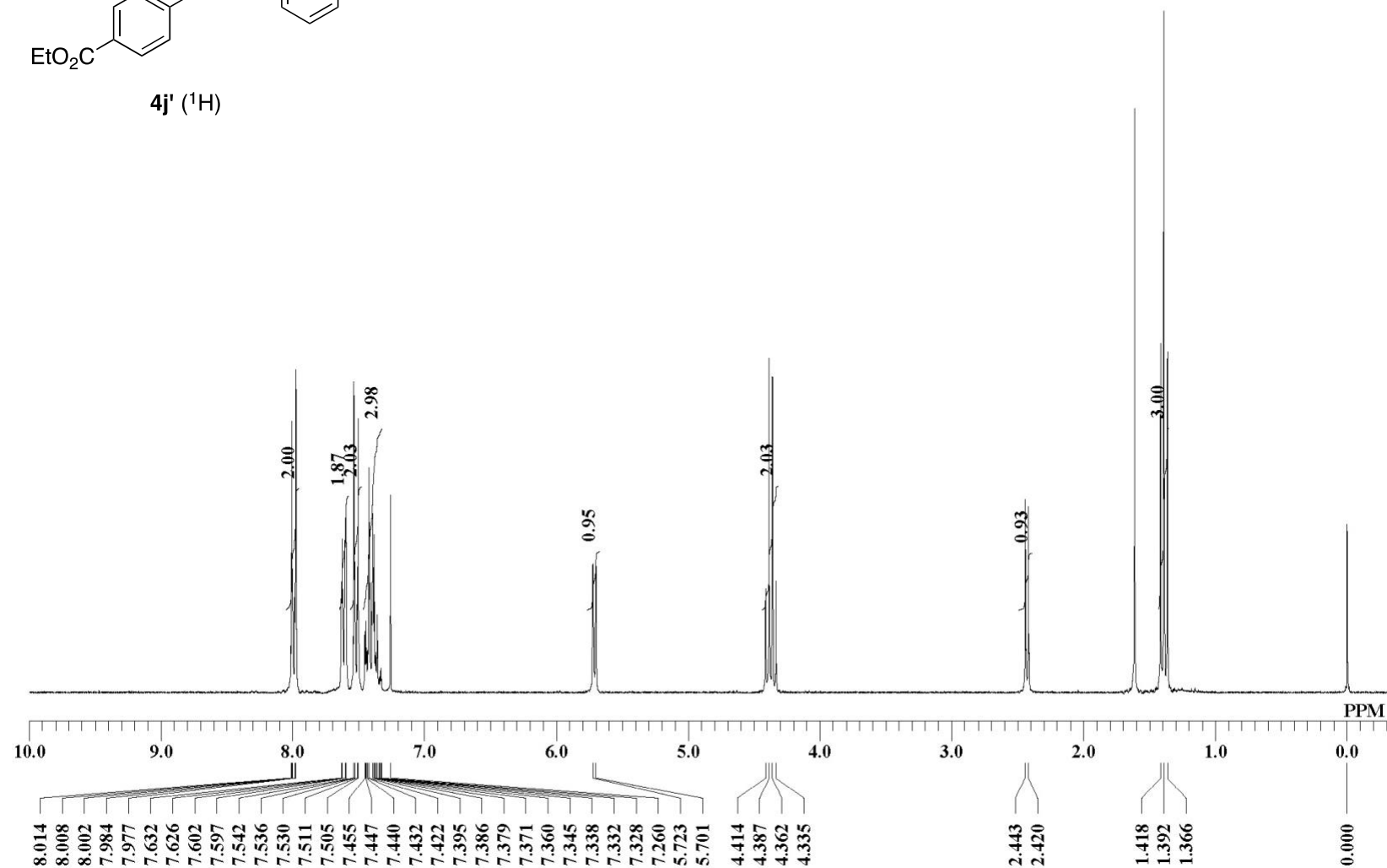
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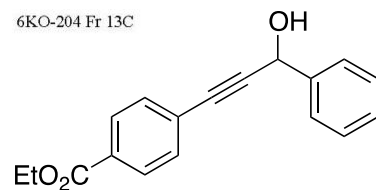
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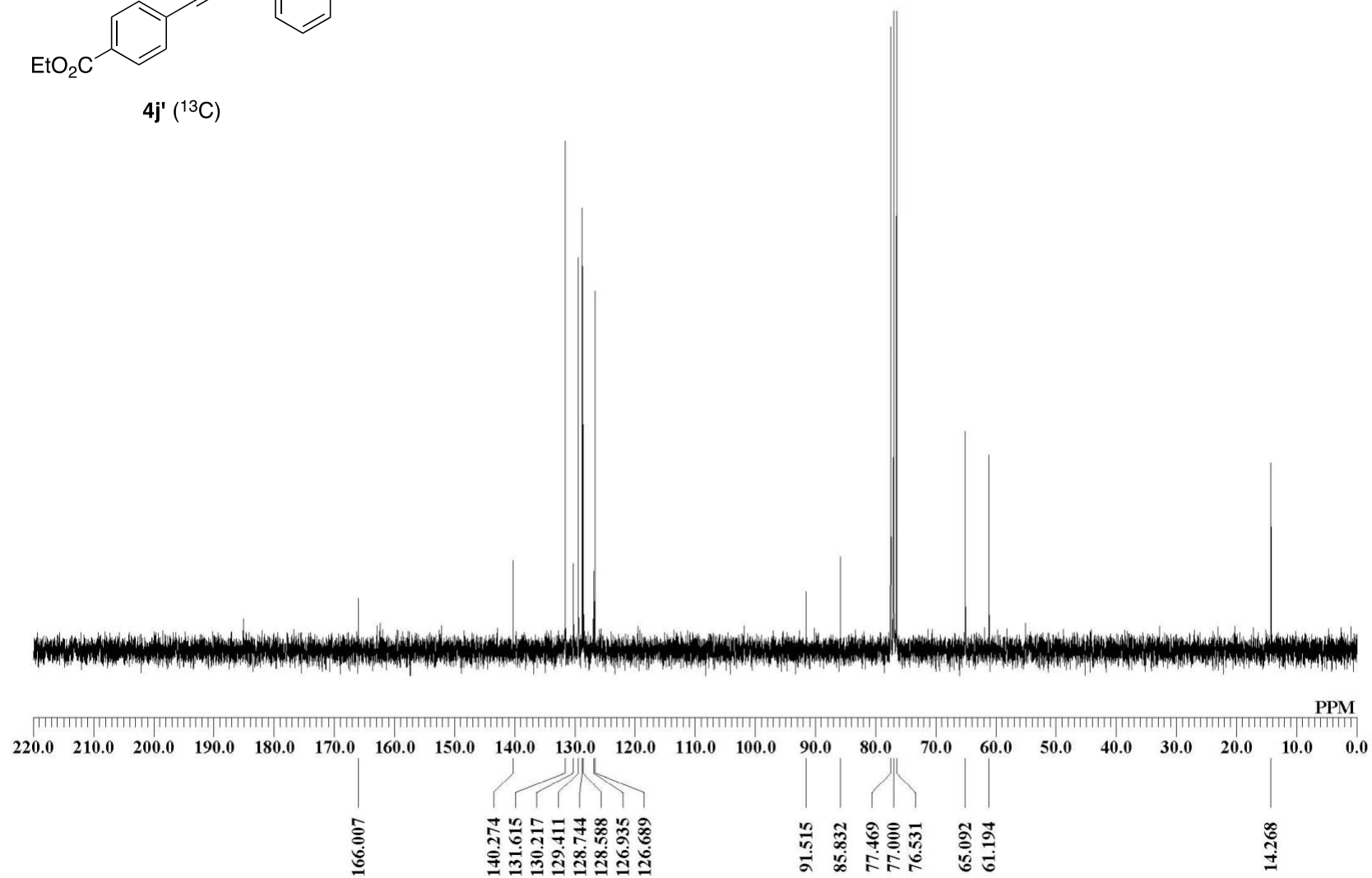
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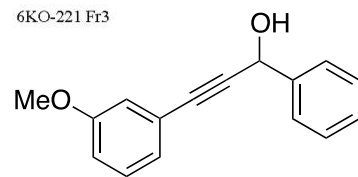
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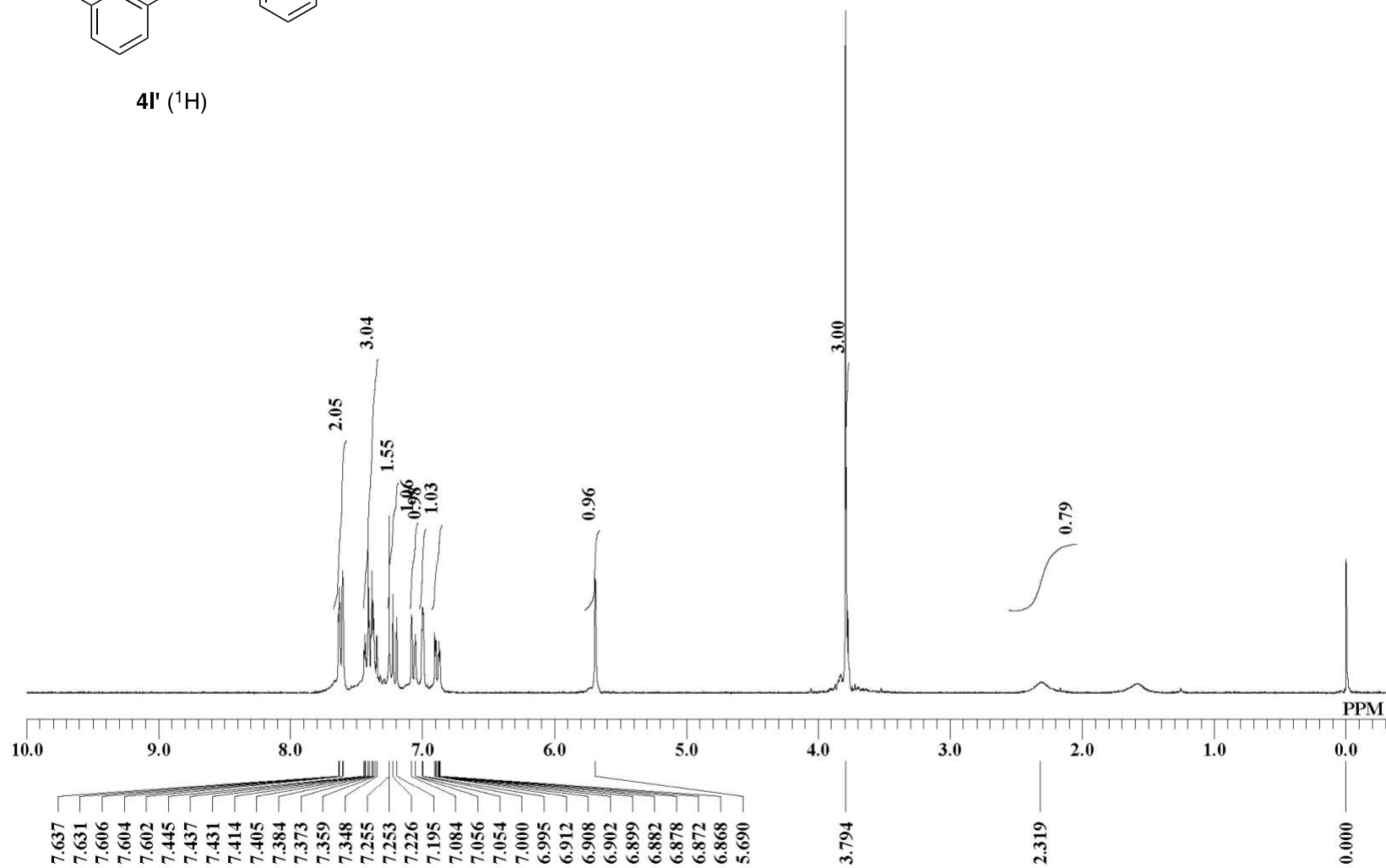
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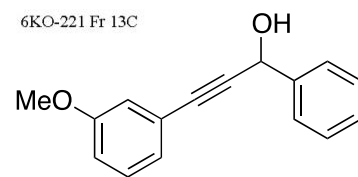
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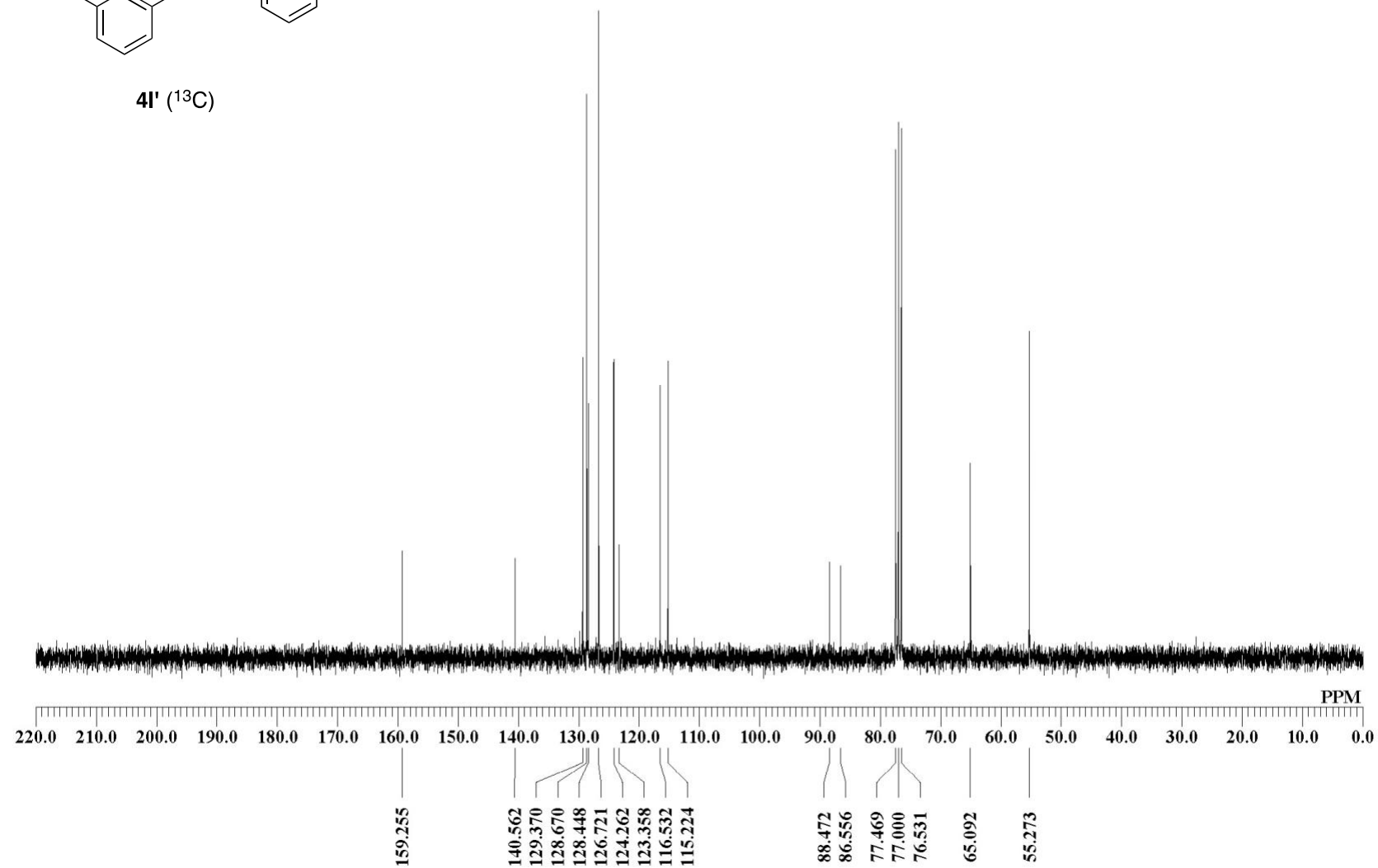
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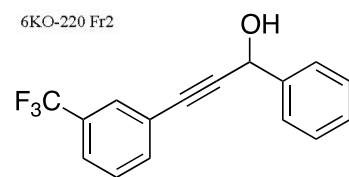
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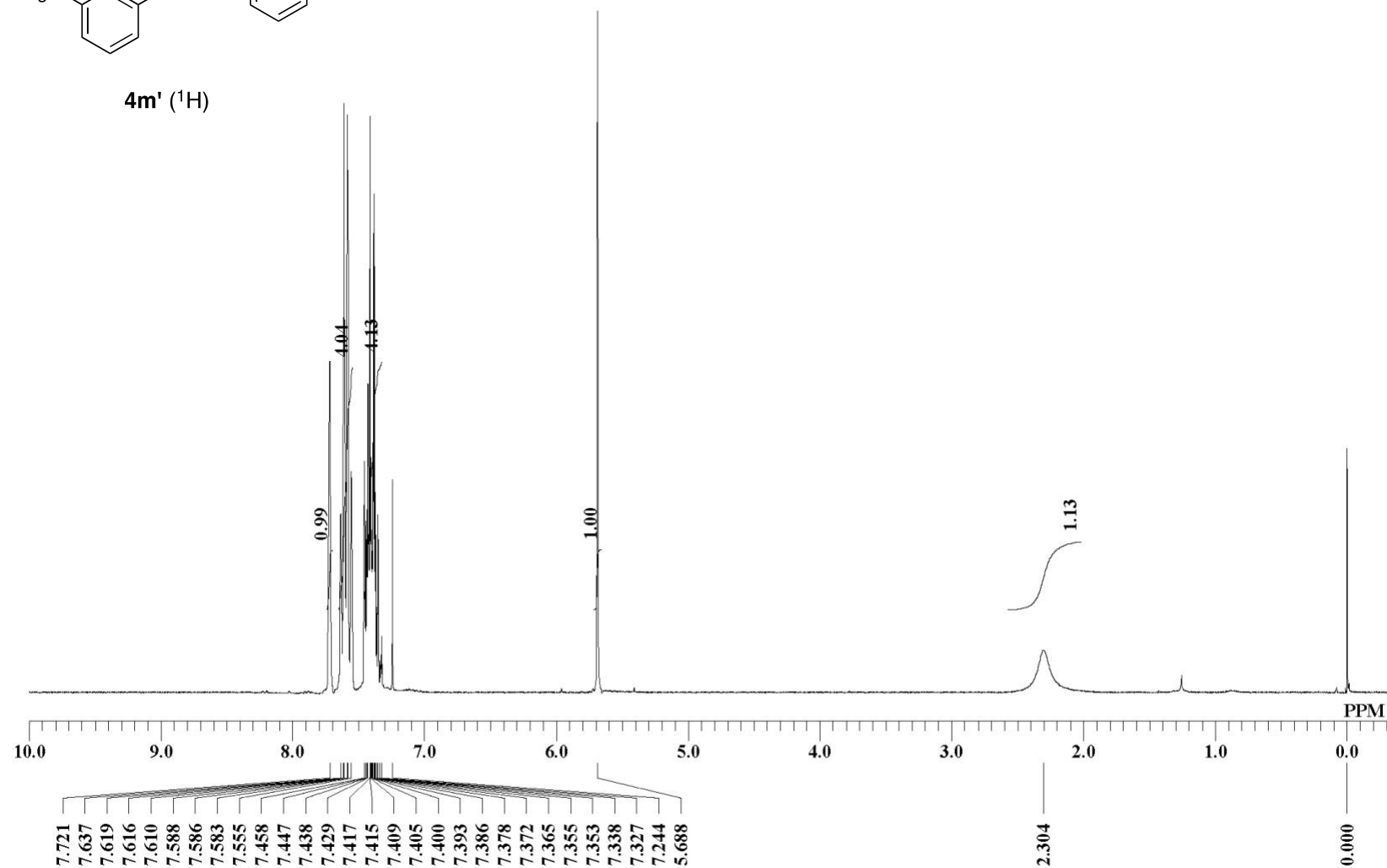
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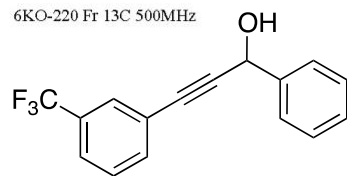
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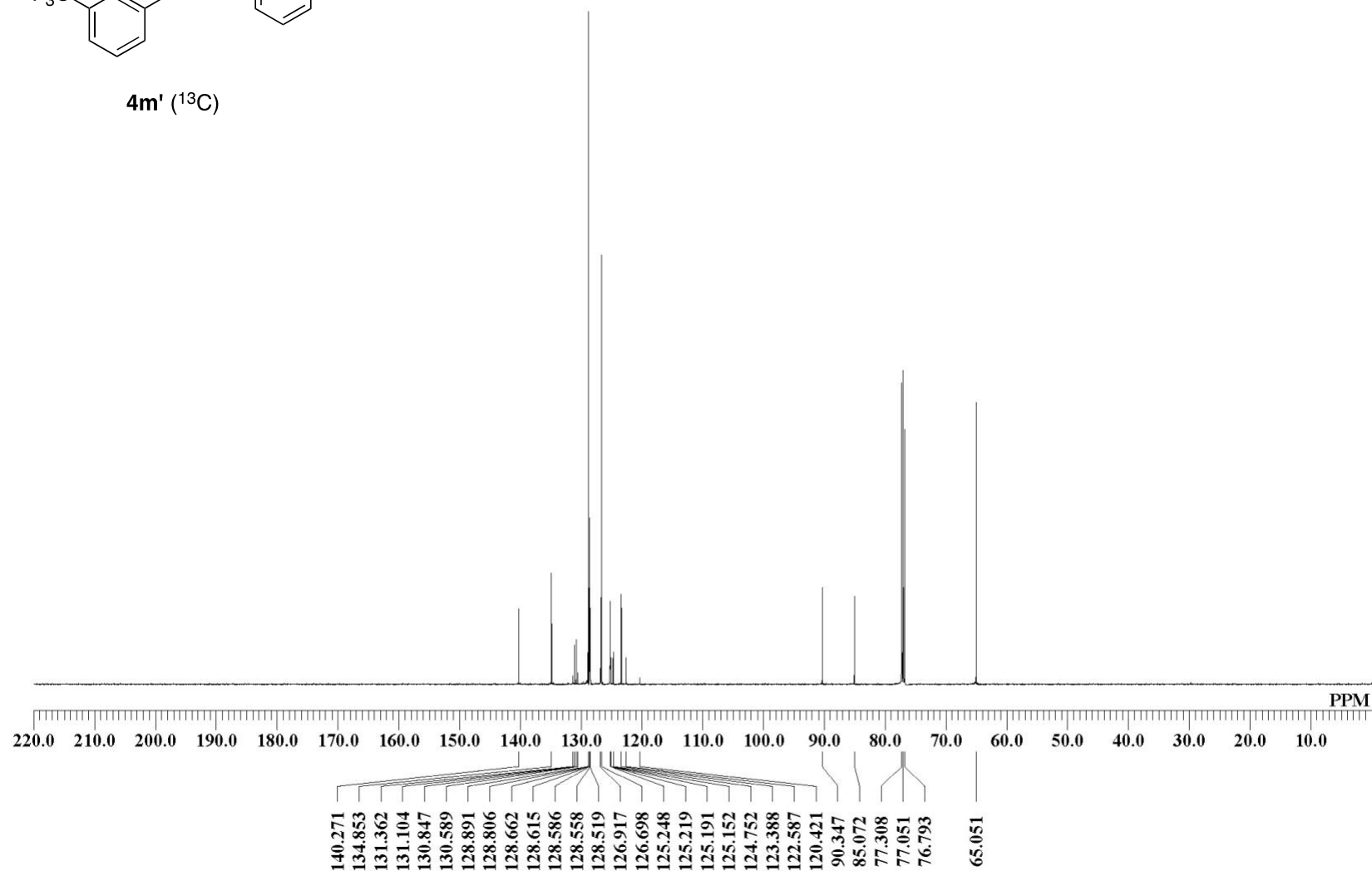
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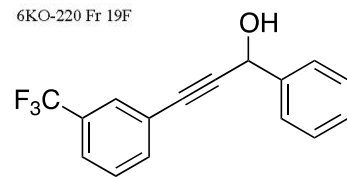
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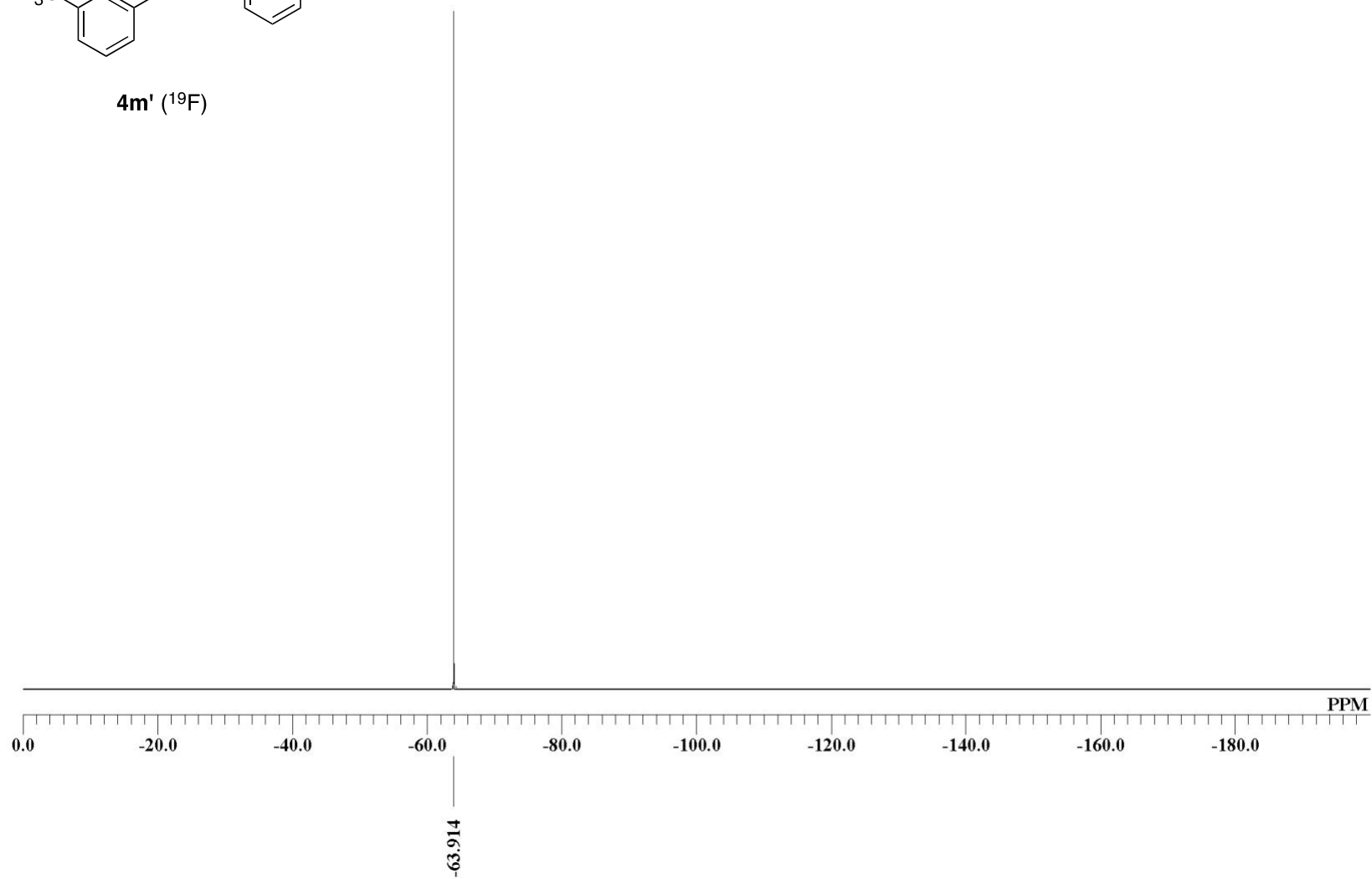
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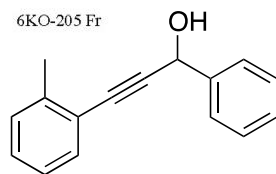


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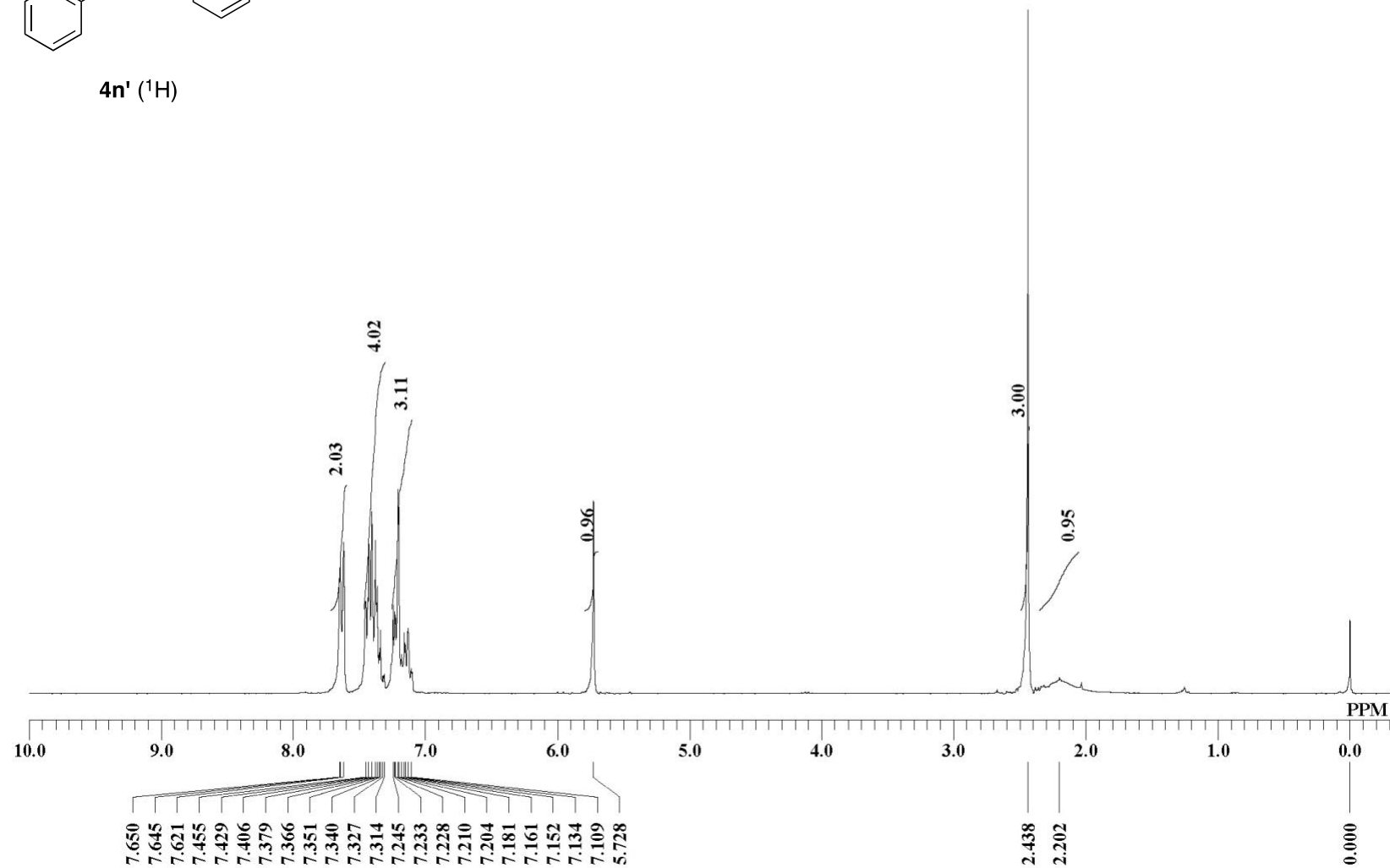


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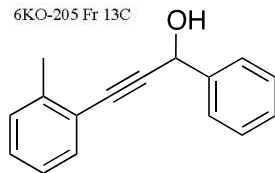




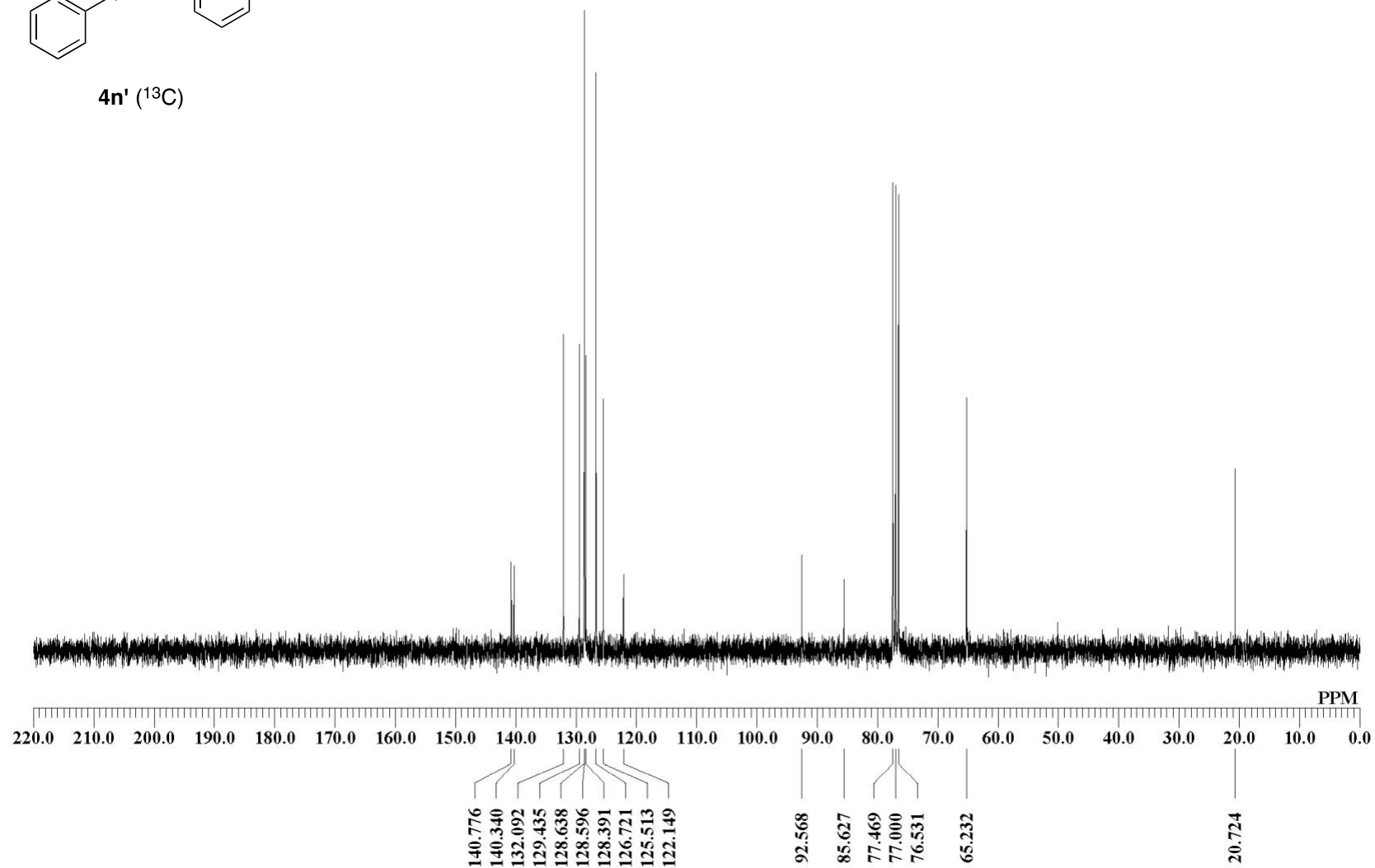
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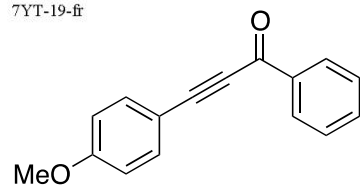
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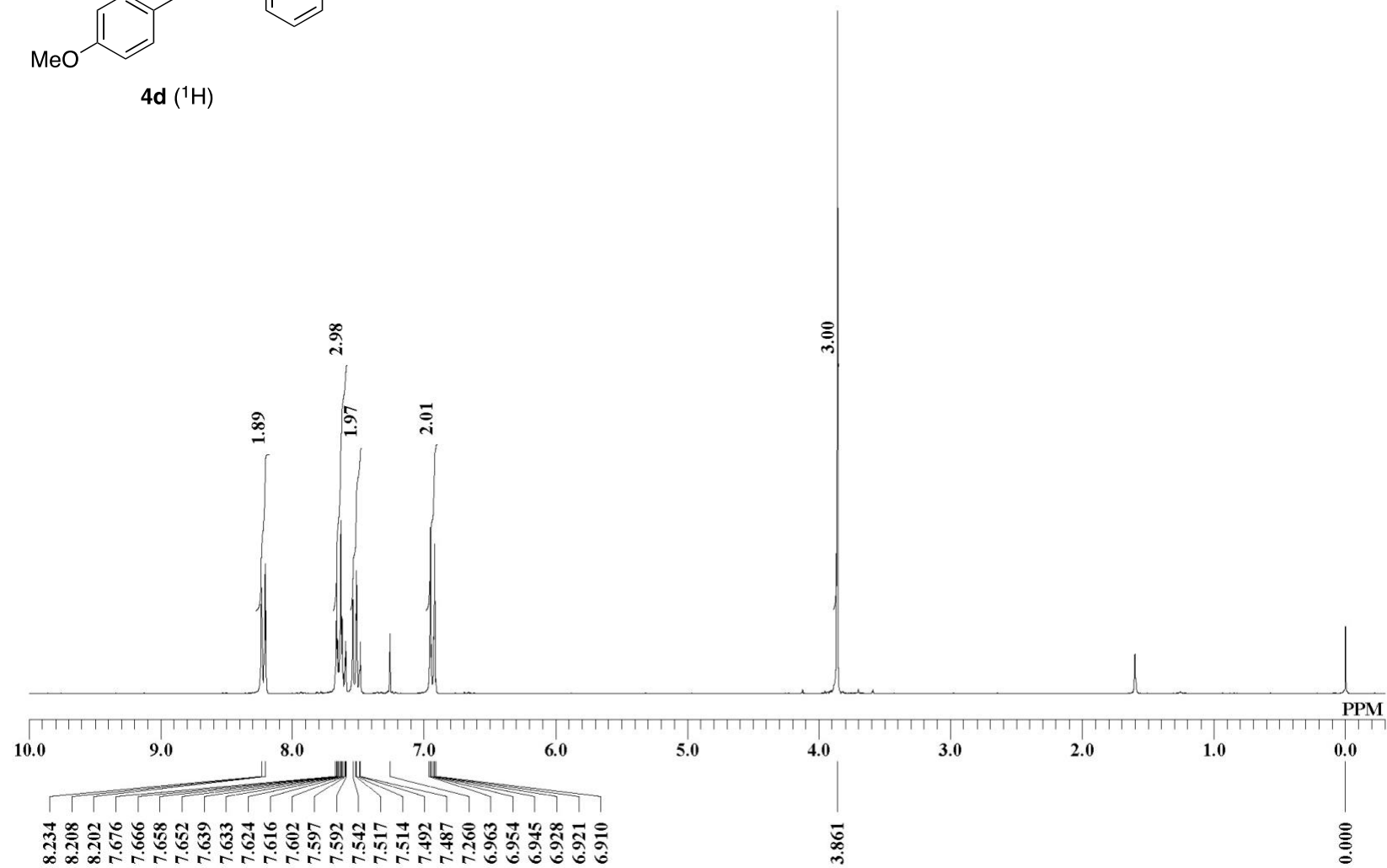
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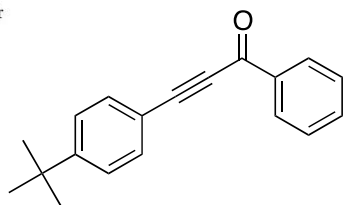
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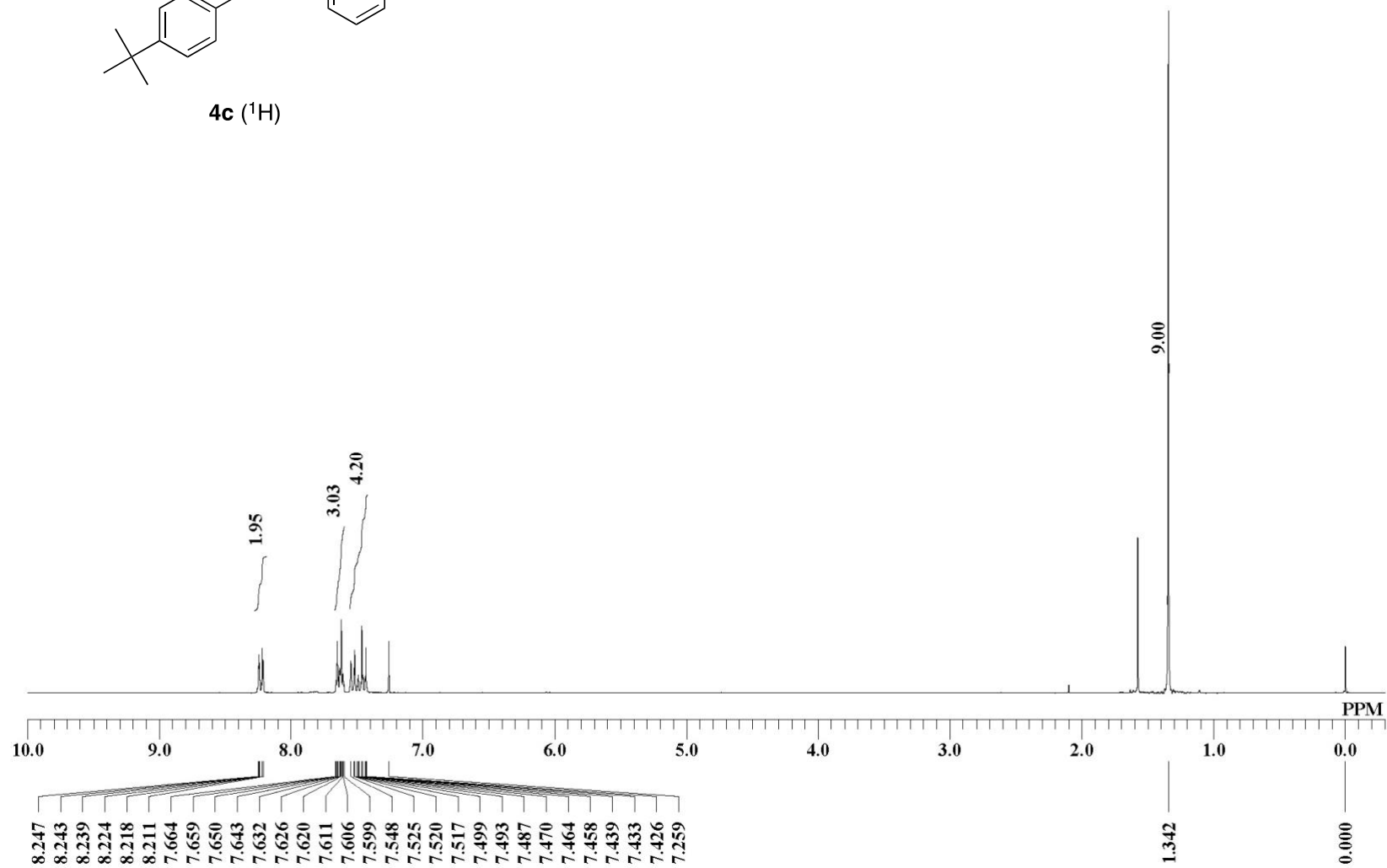
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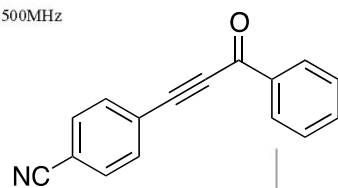
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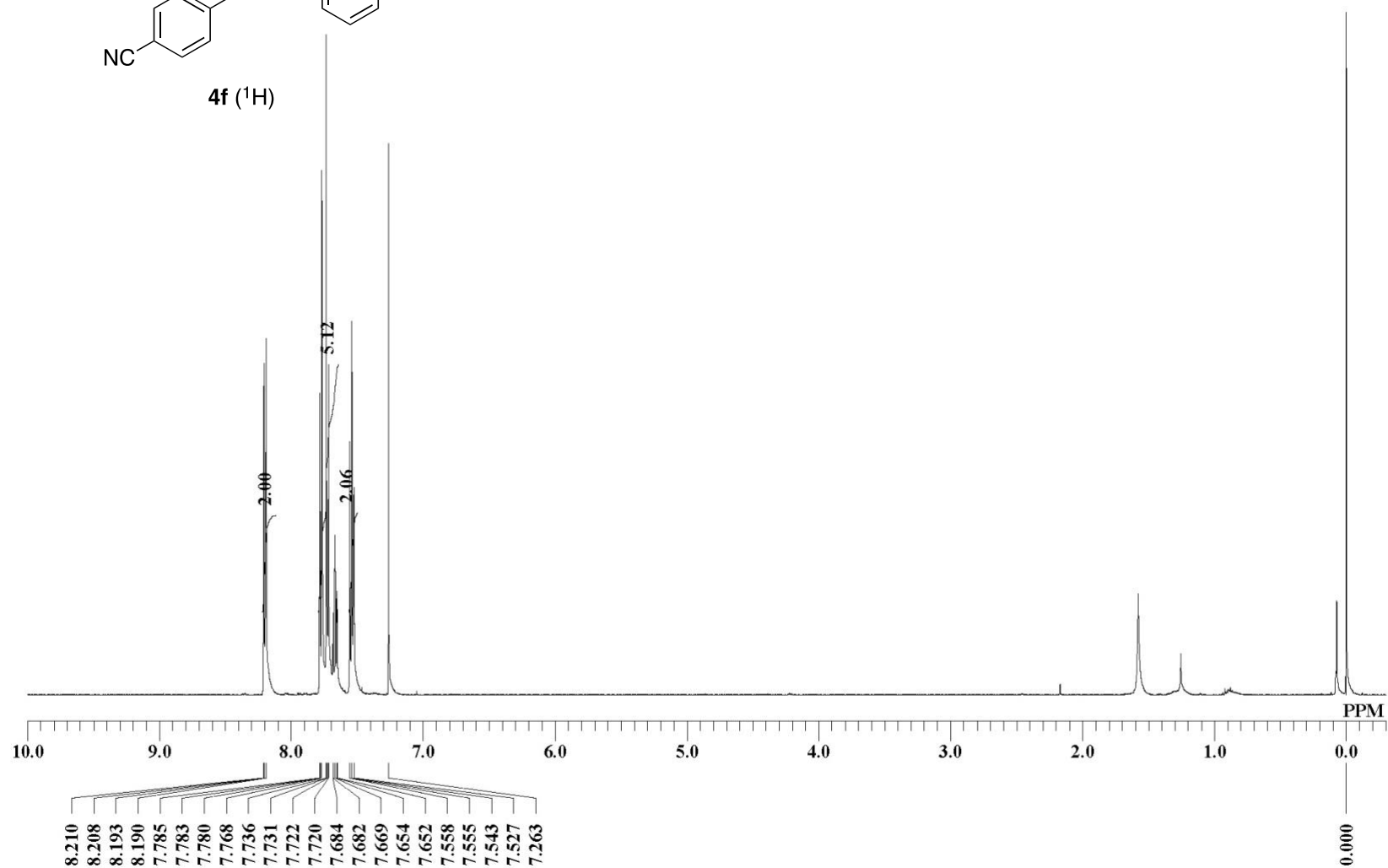
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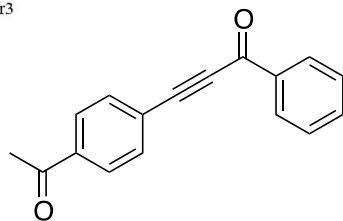
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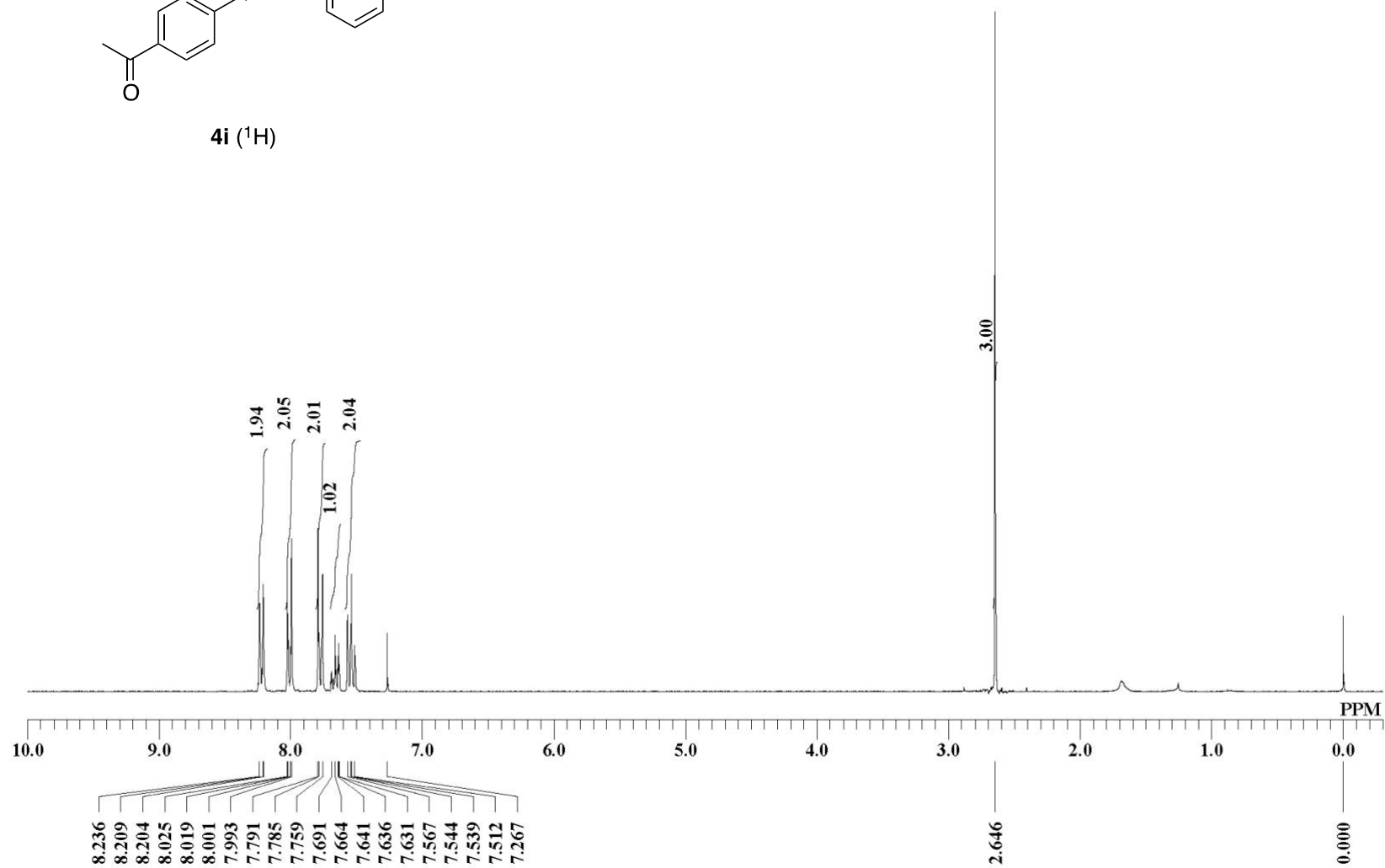
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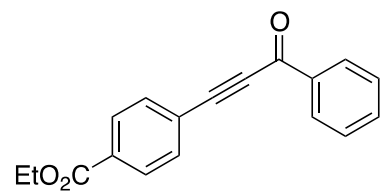
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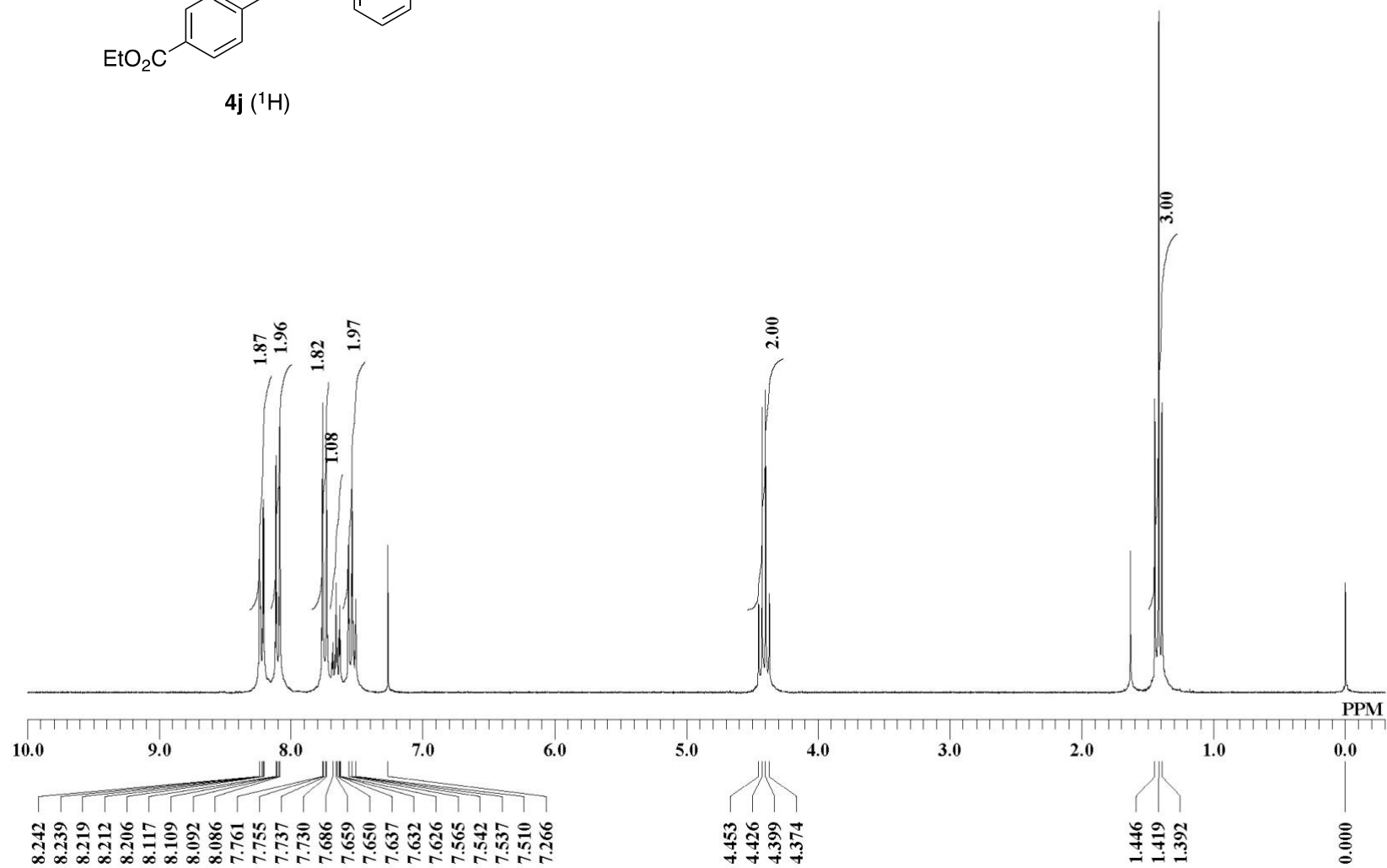
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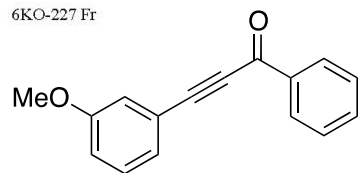
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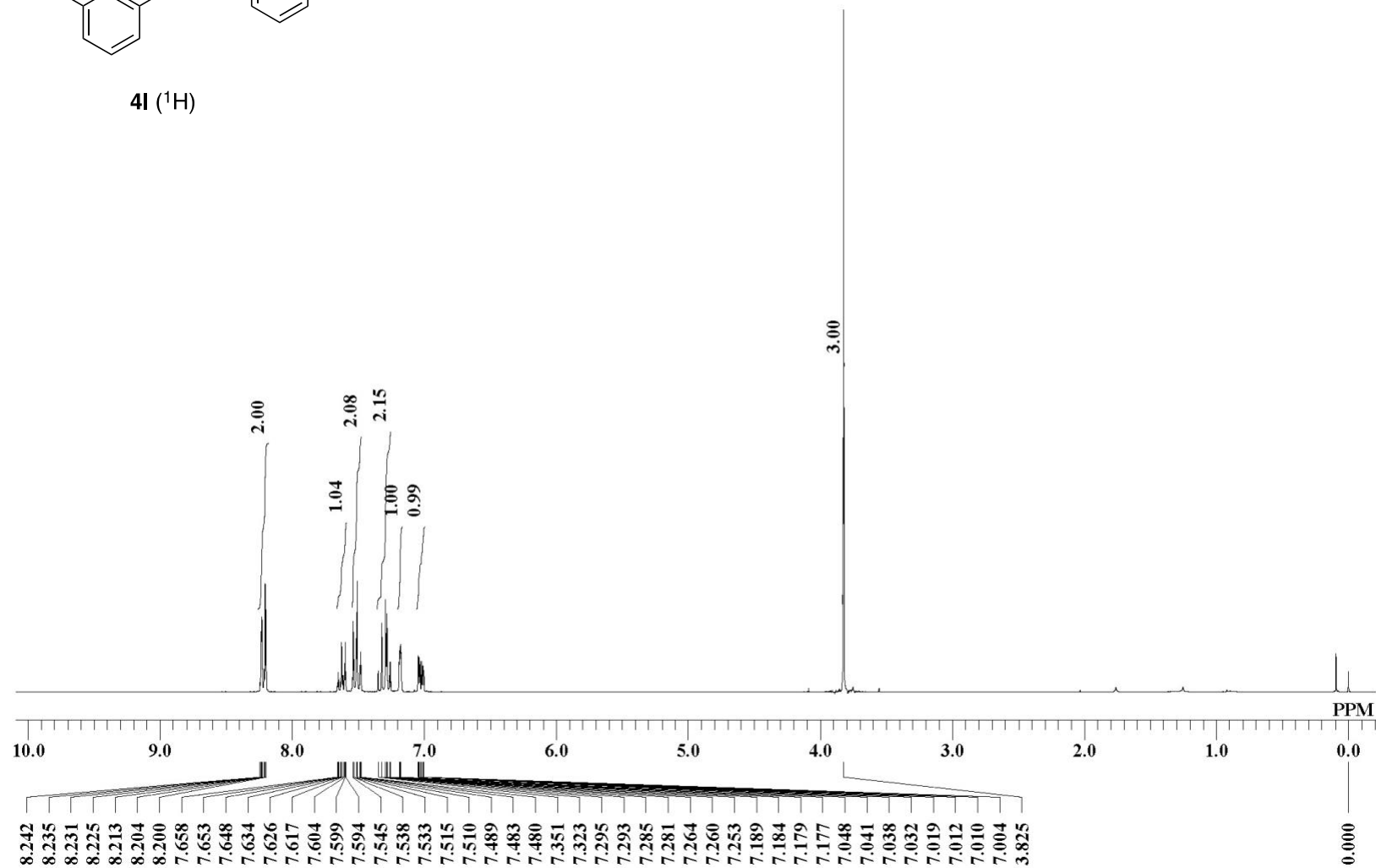
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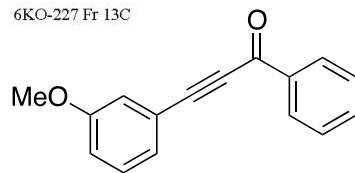
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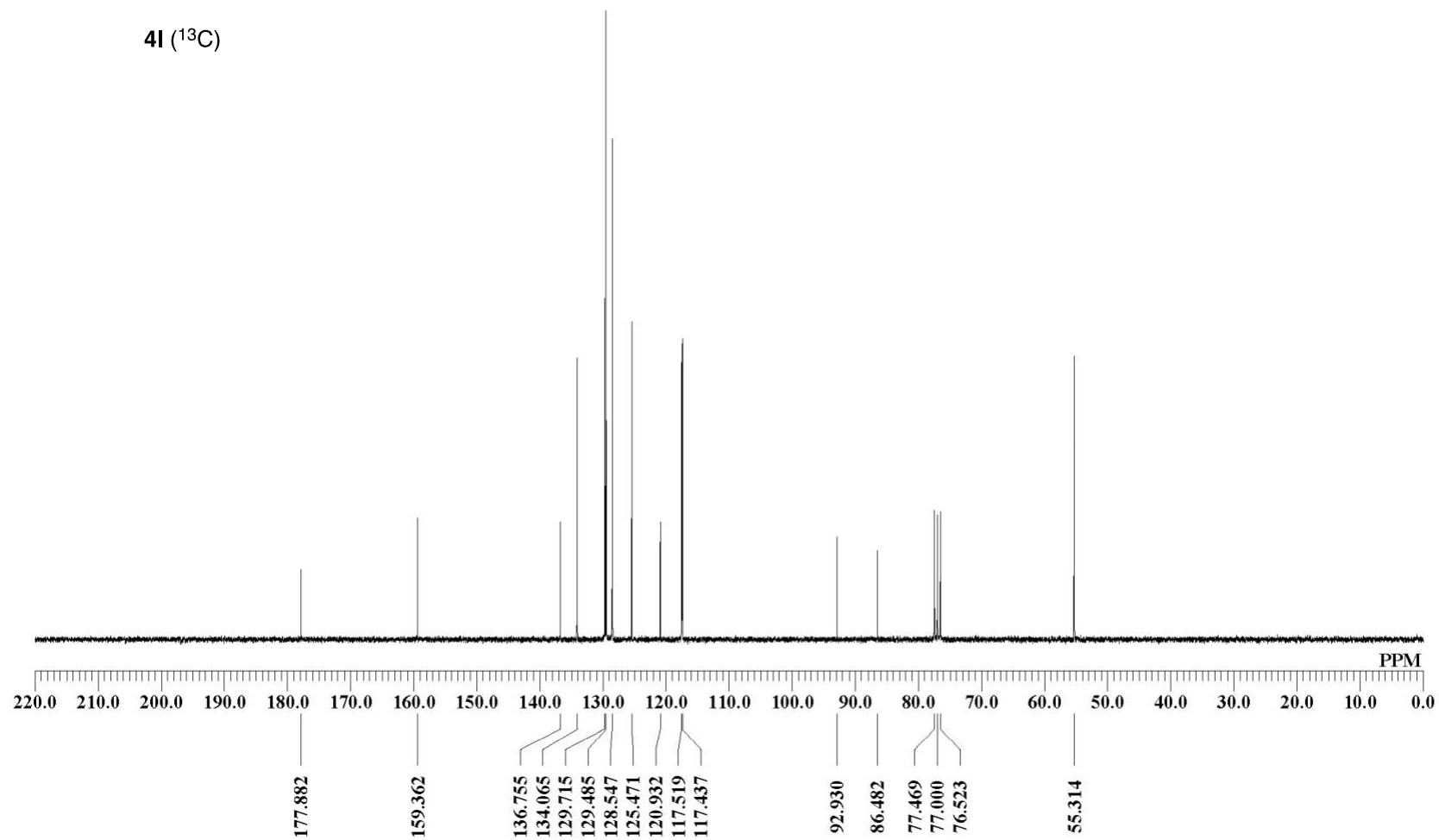
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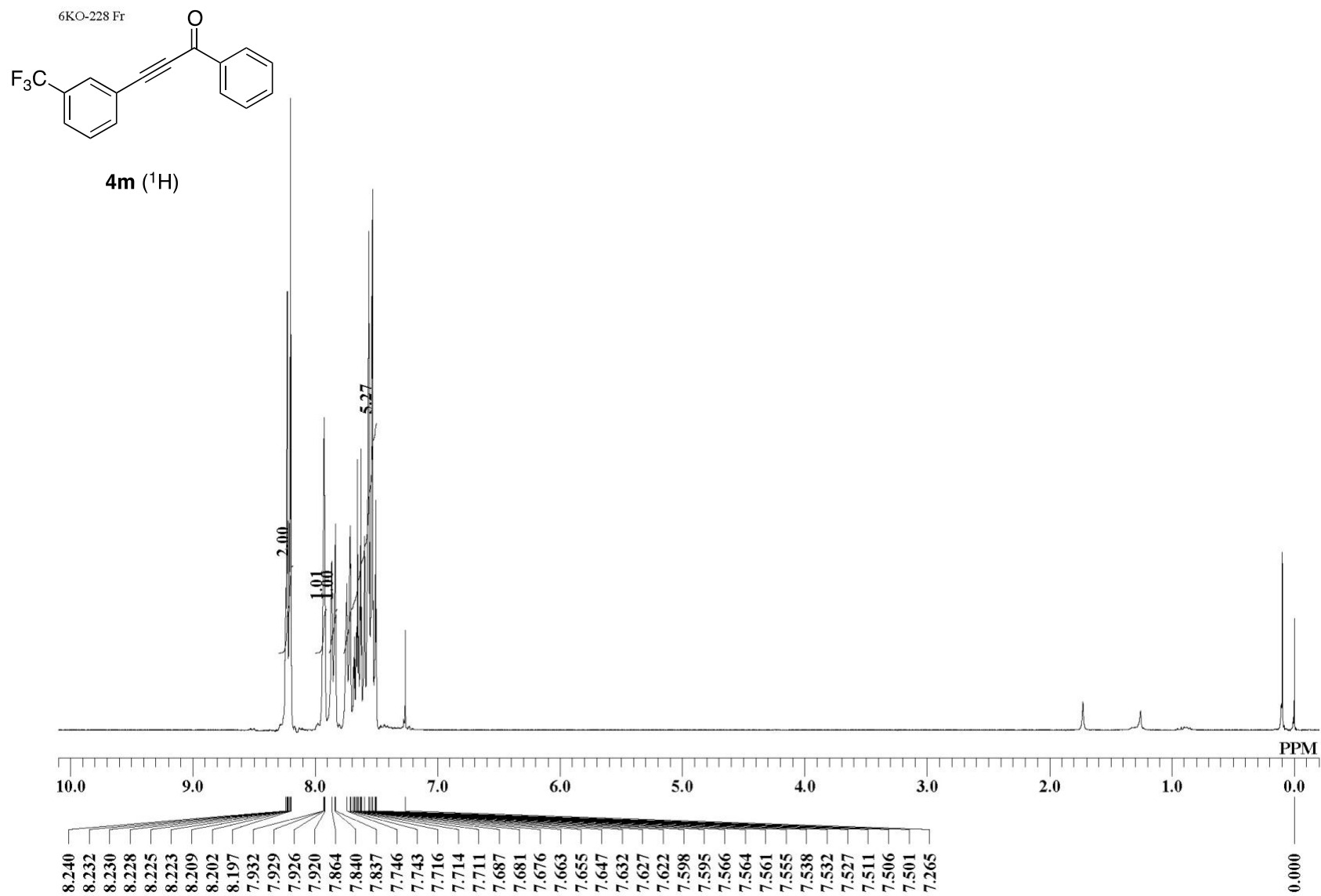


6KO-227 Fr ^{13}C

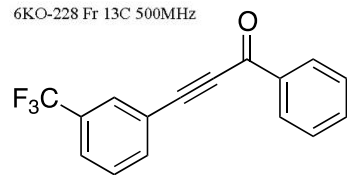


41 (^{13}C)

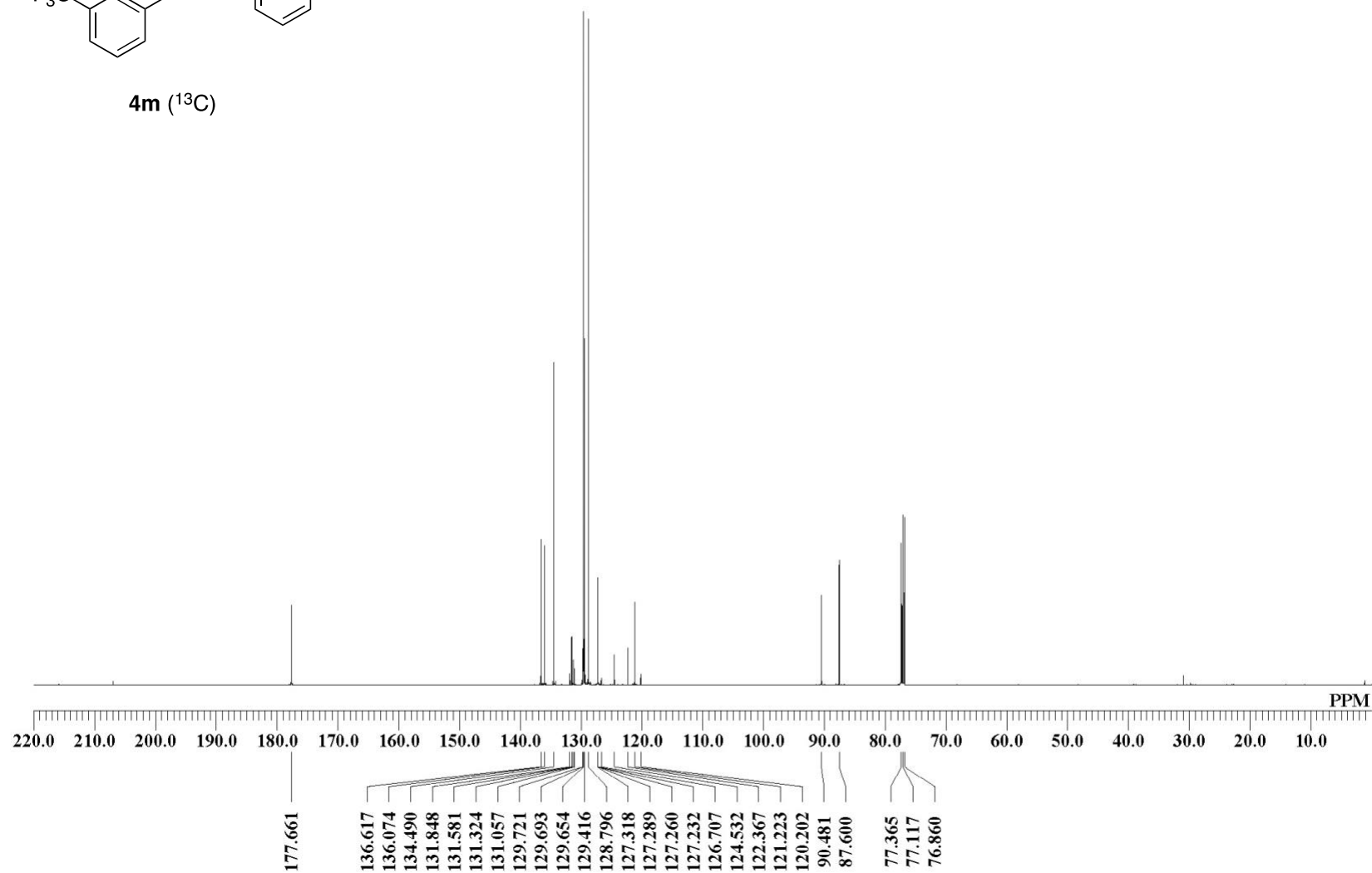




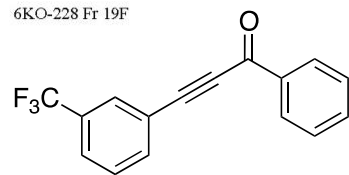
6KO-228 Fr ^{13}C 500MHz



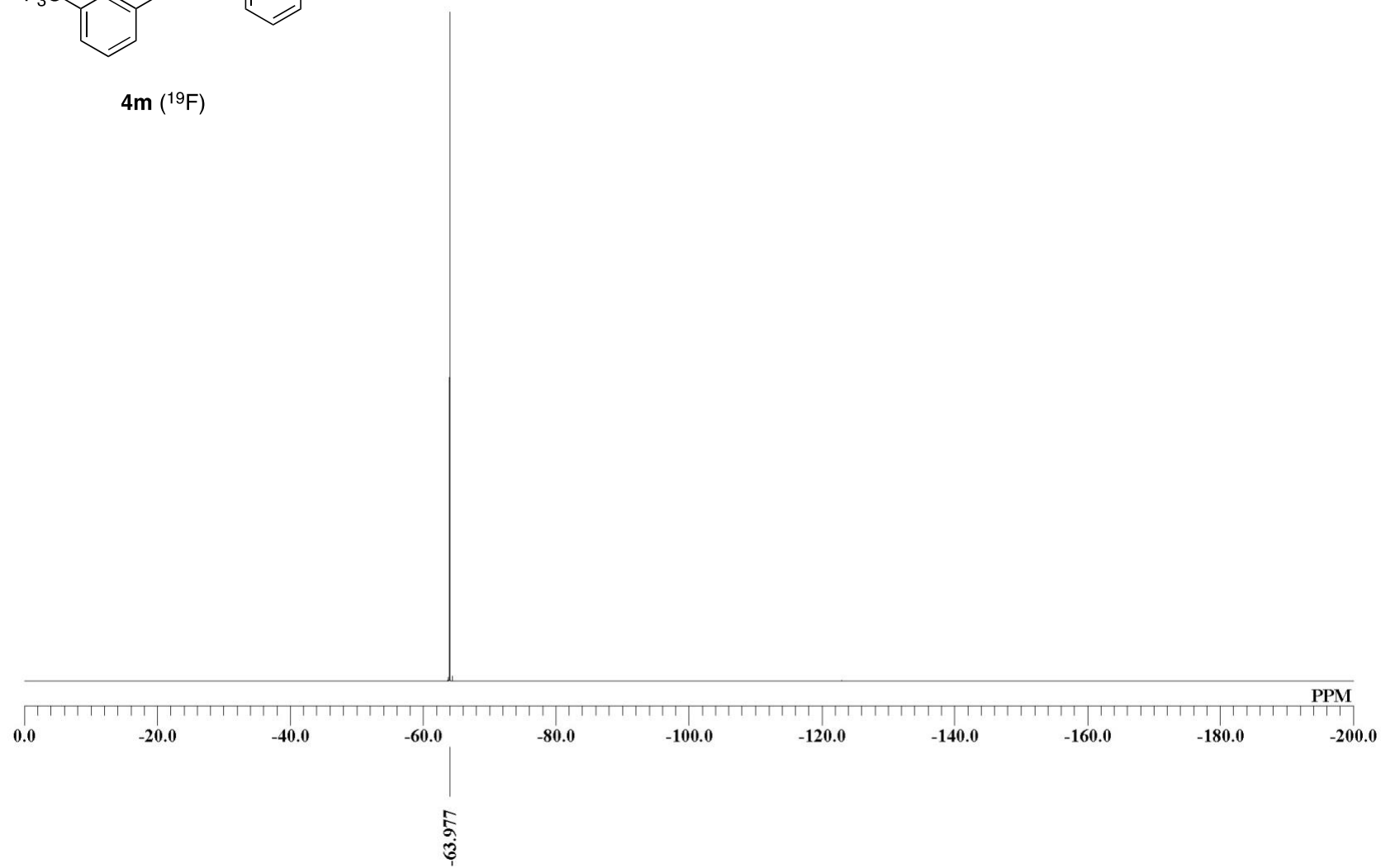
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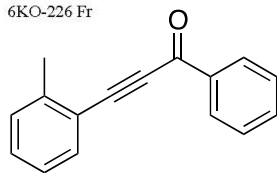
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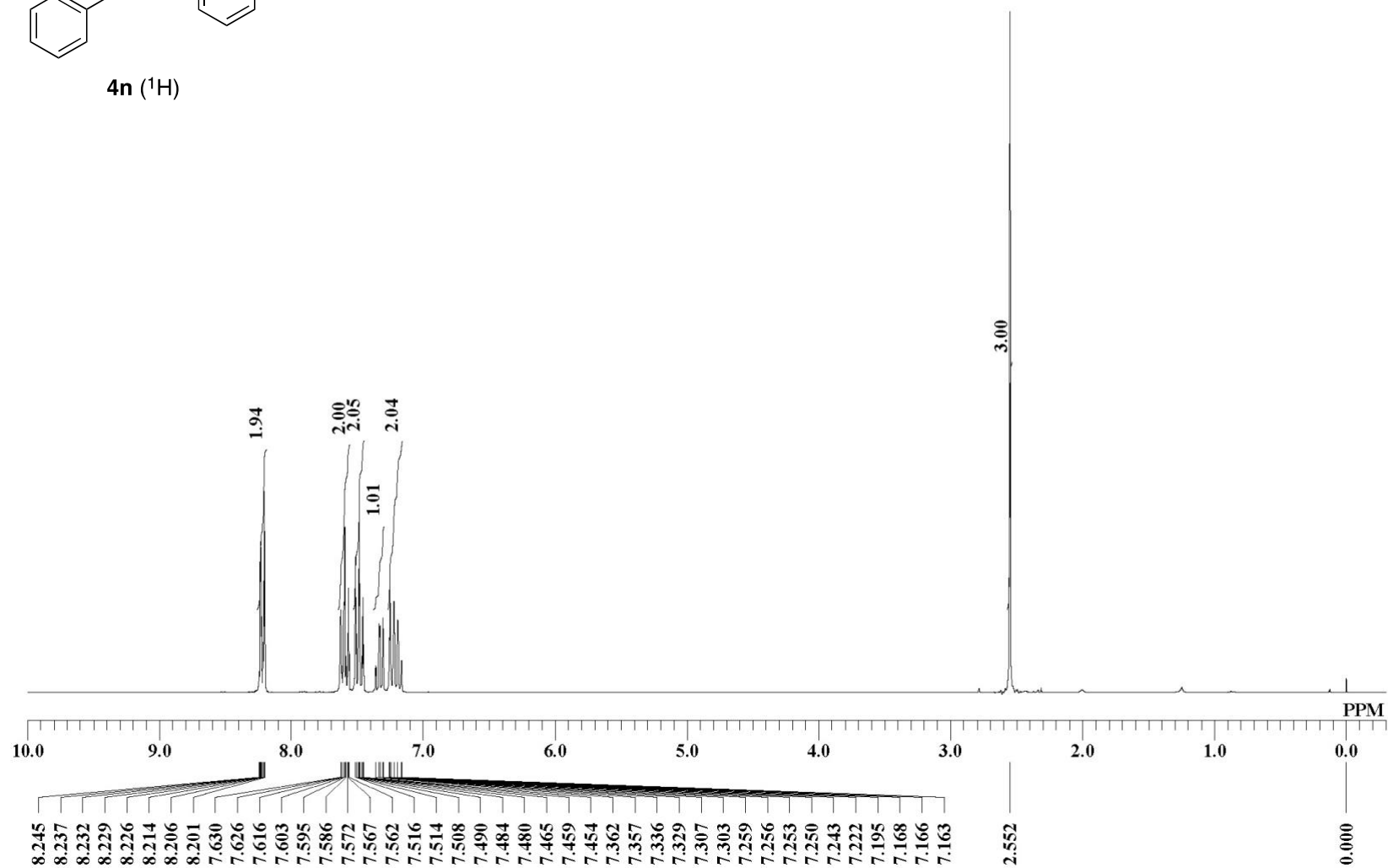
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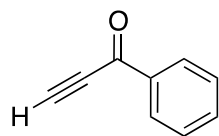
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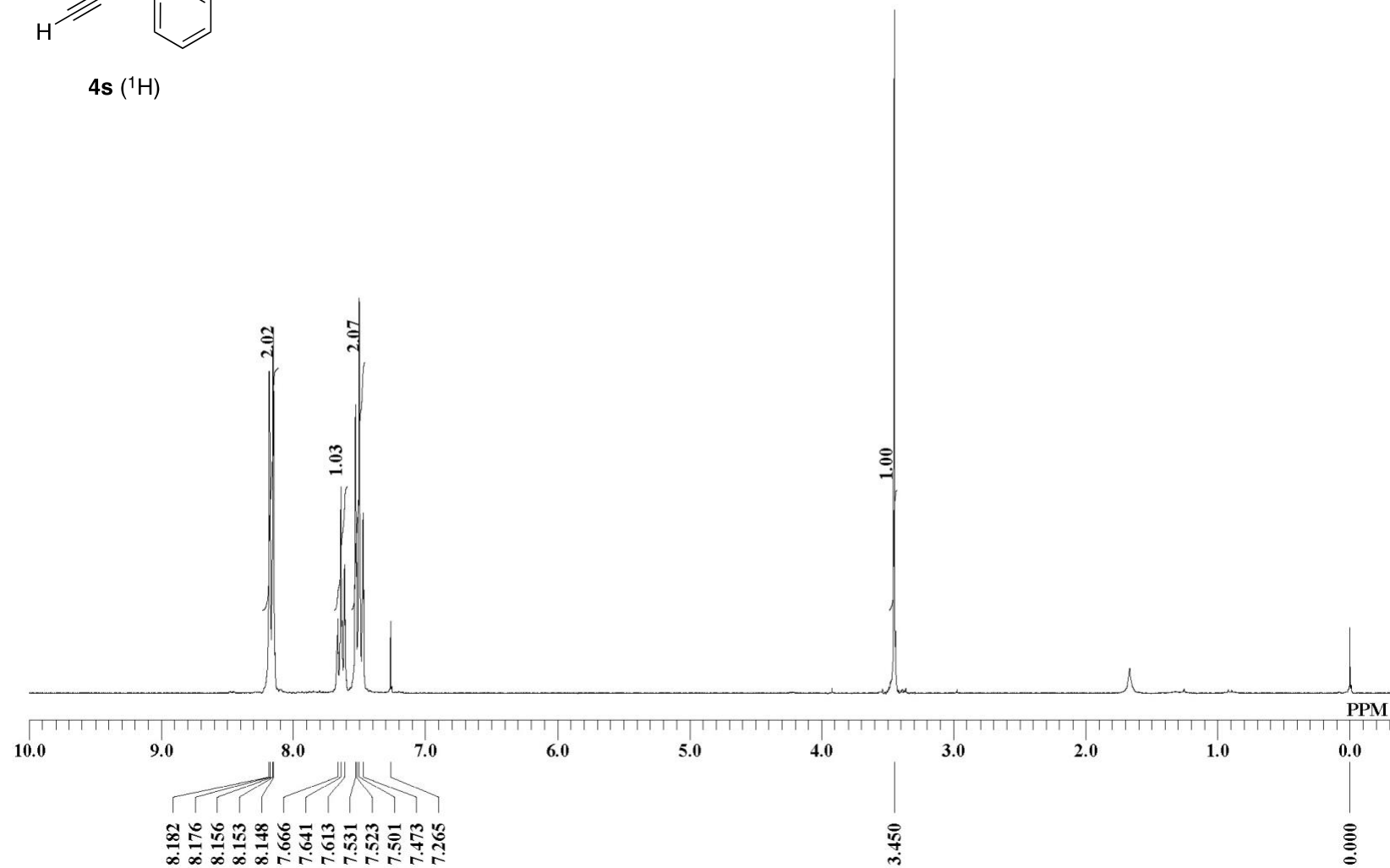
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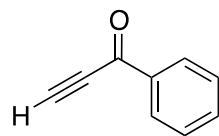
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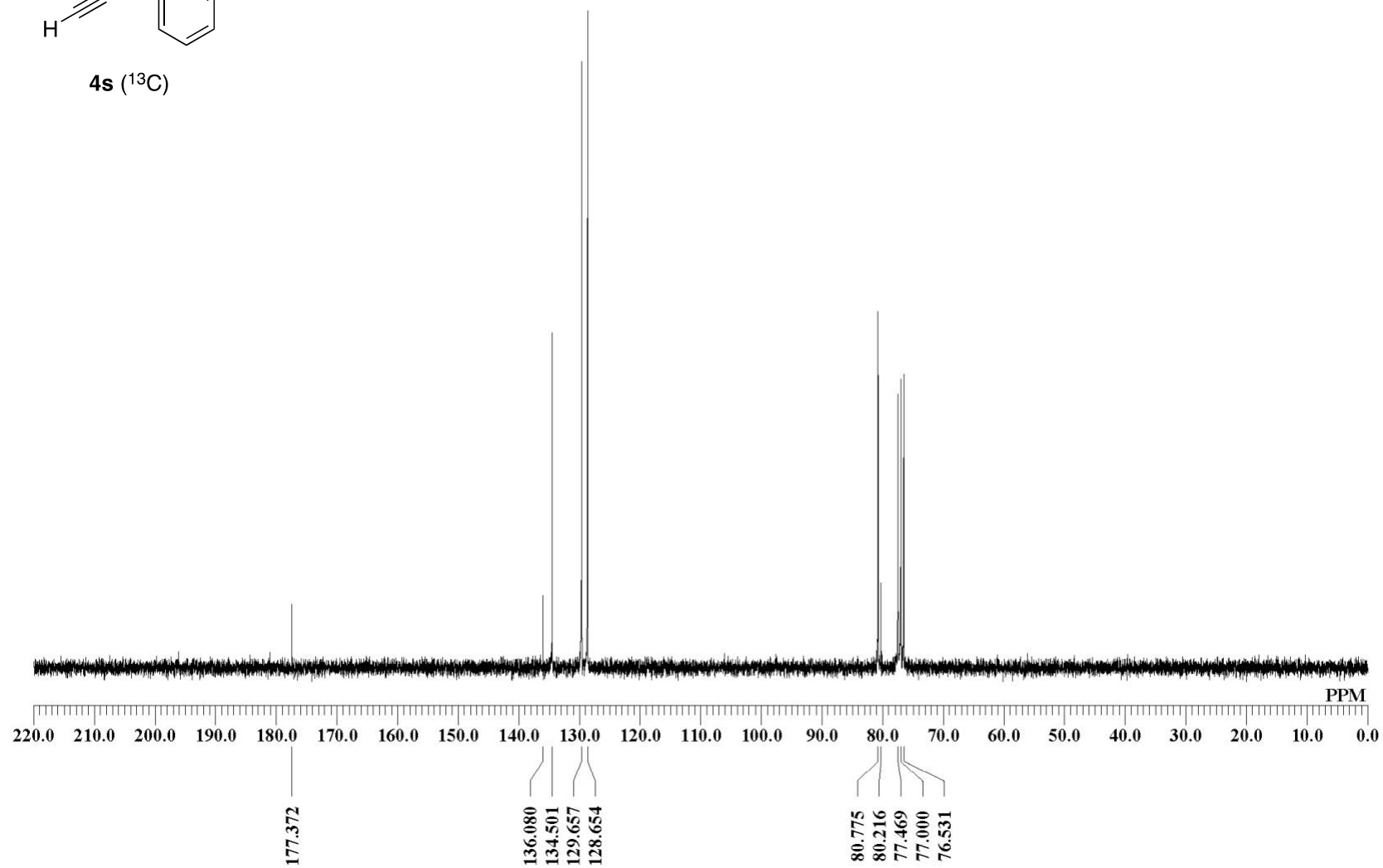
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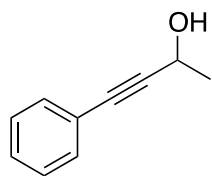
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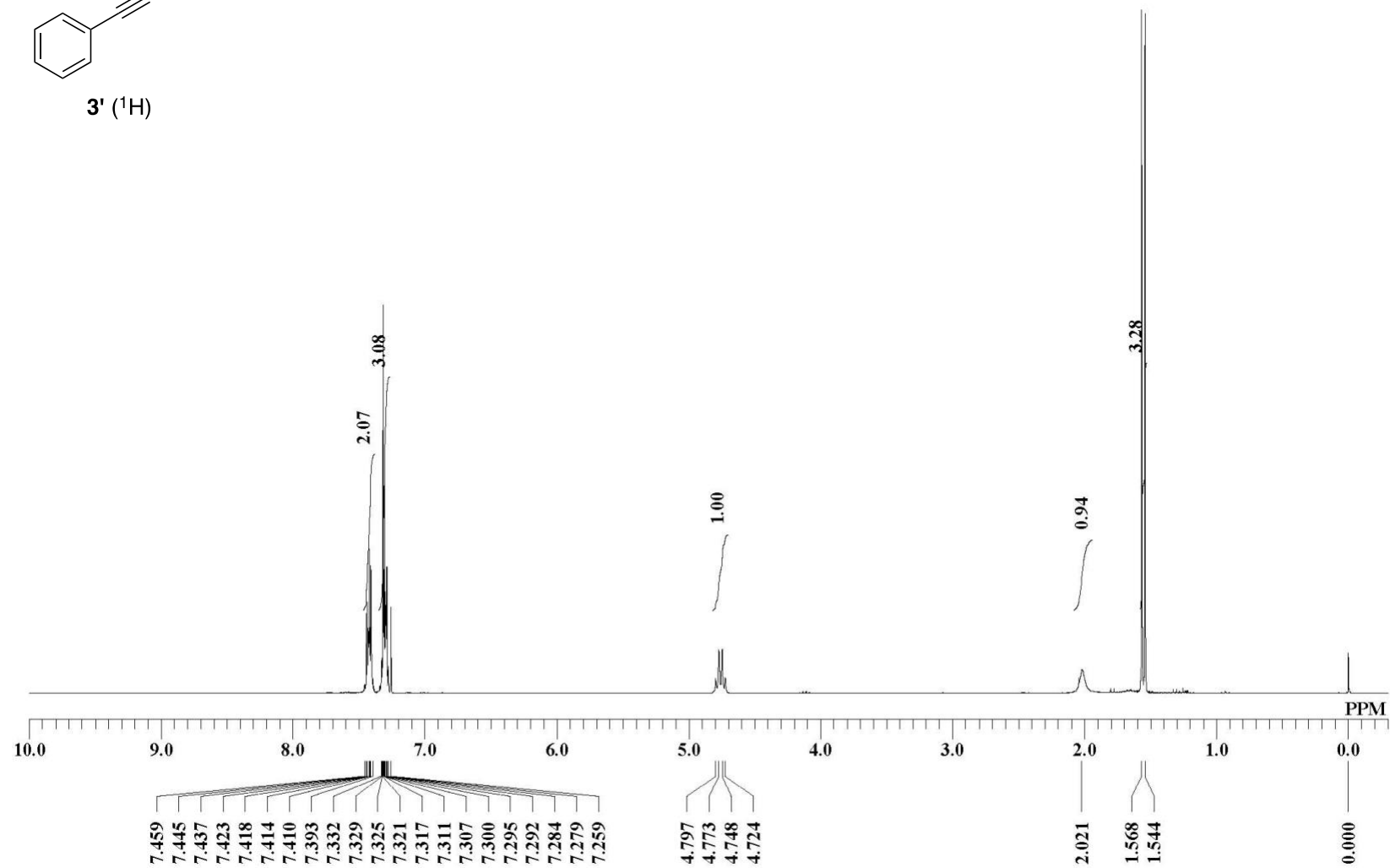
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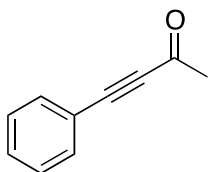
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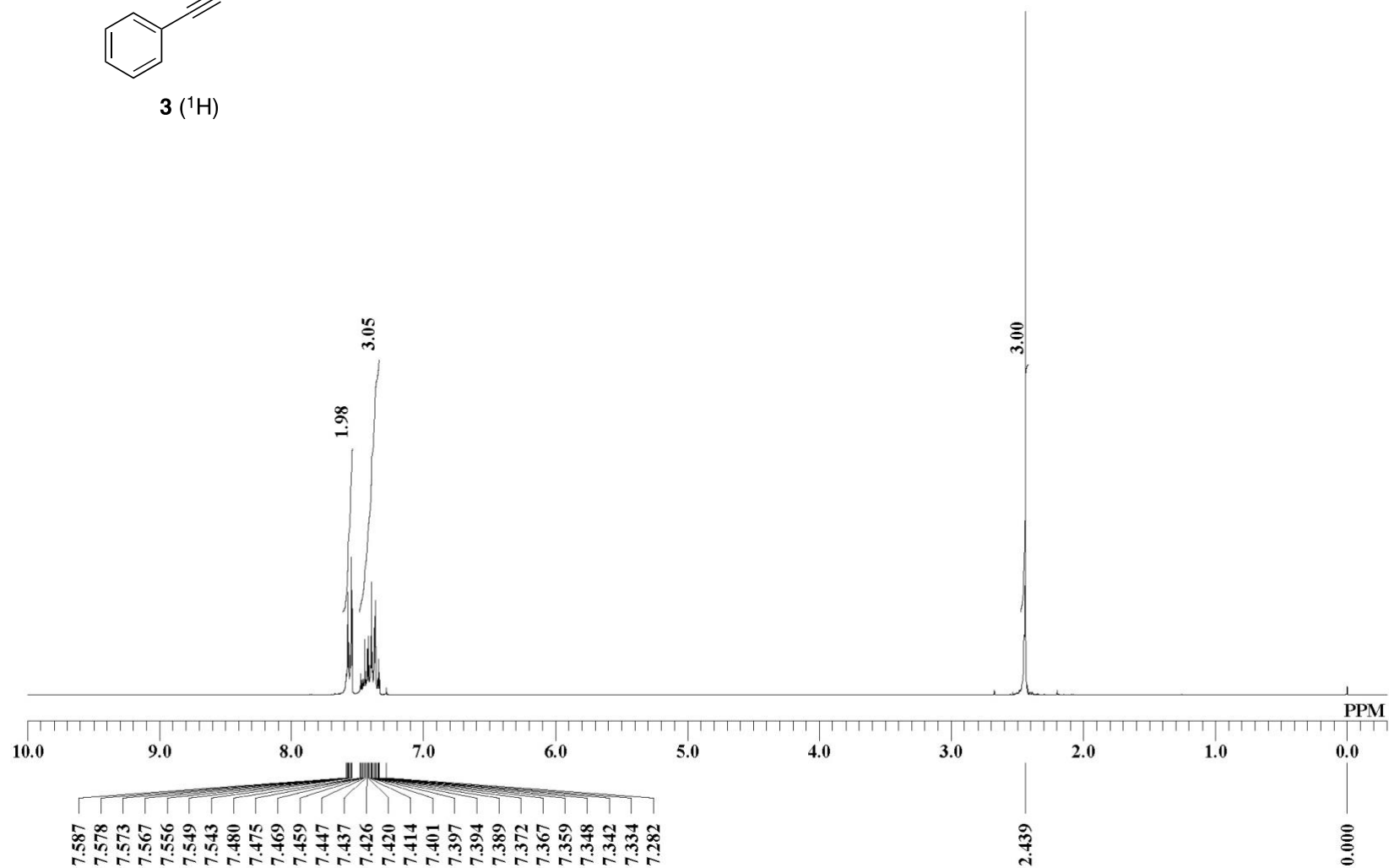
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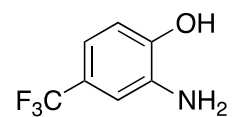
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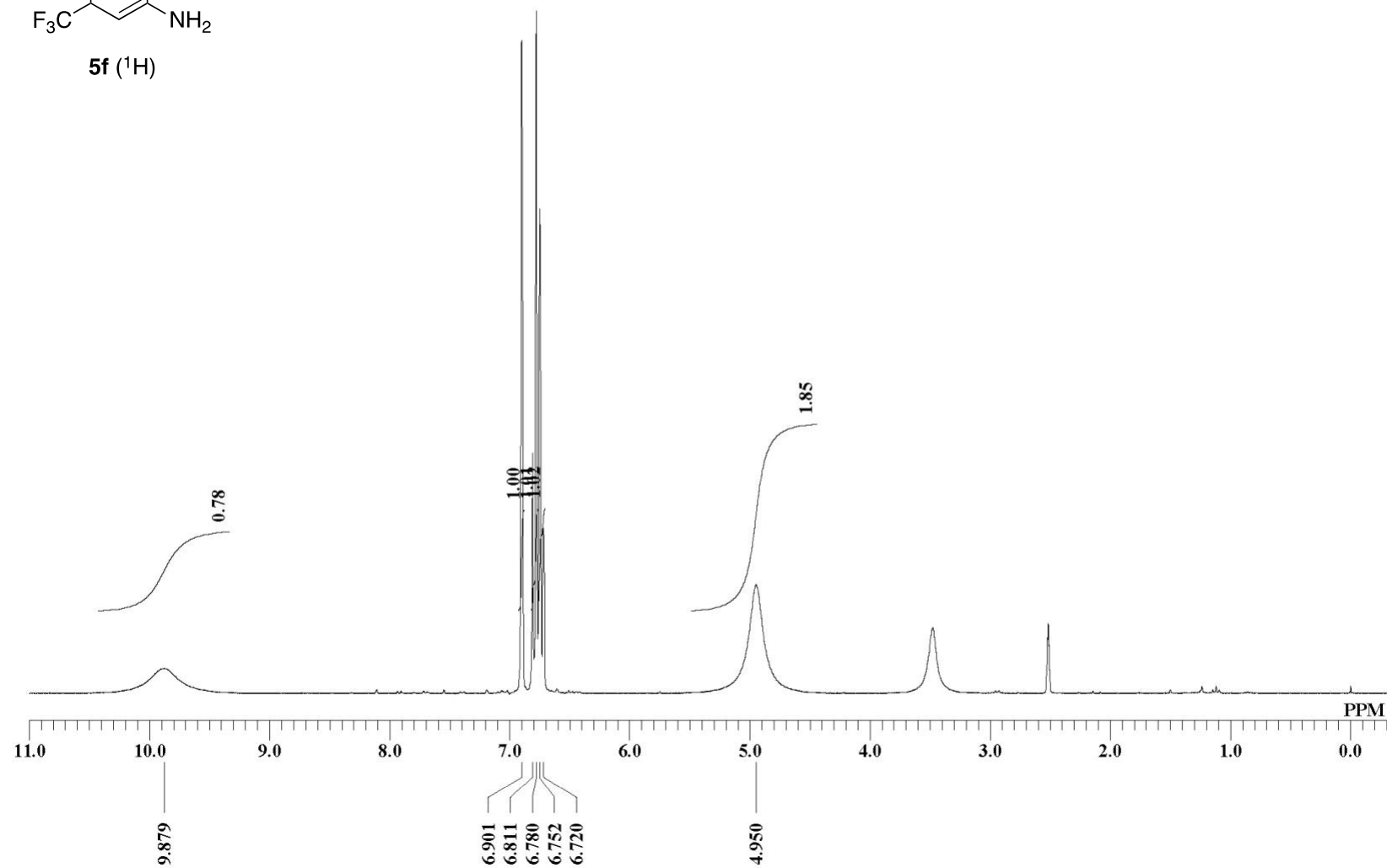
3 (^1H)



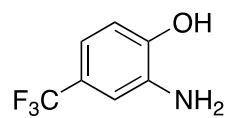
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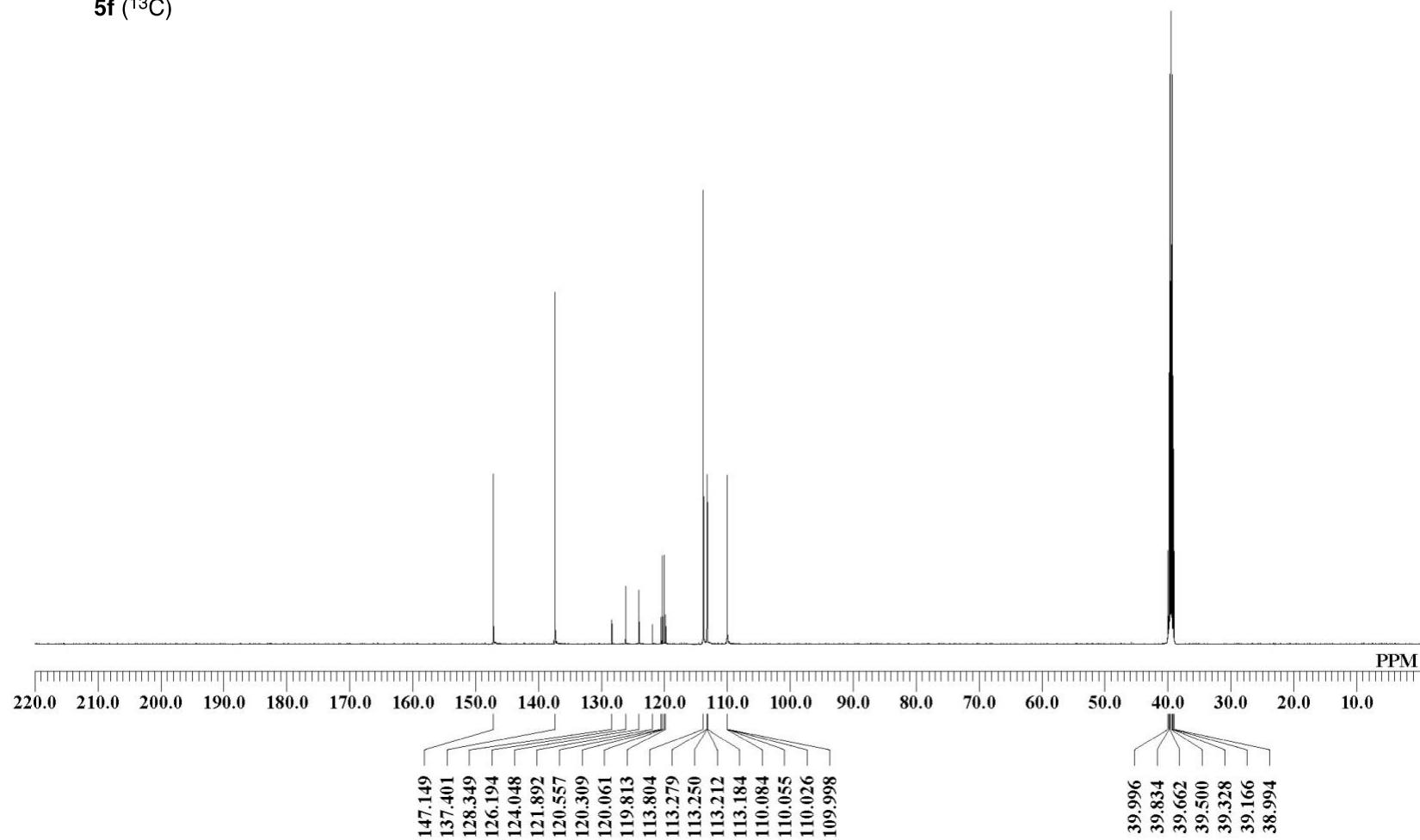
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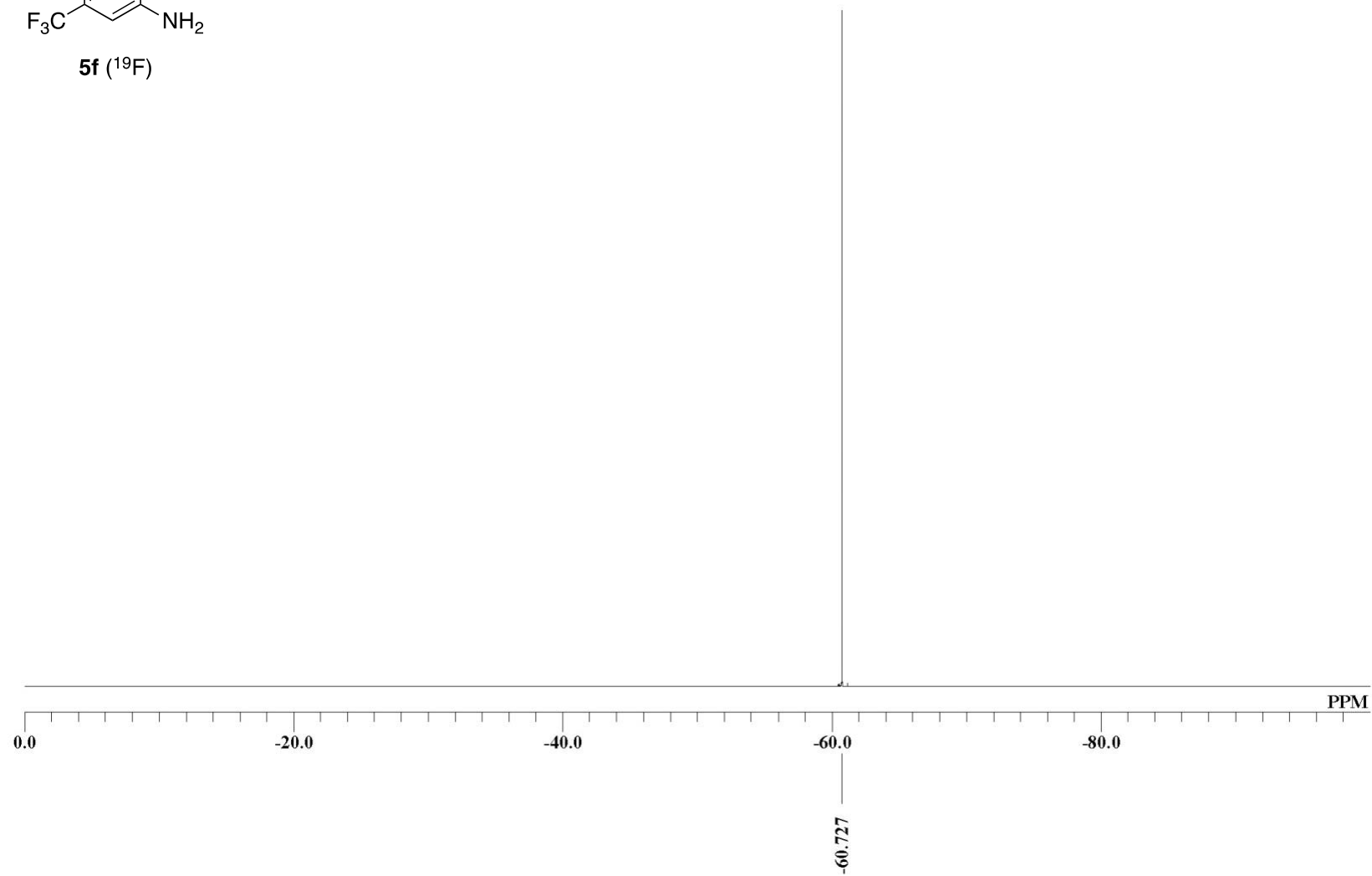
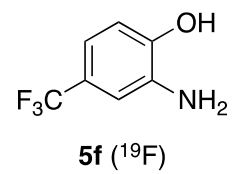
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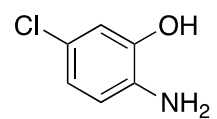
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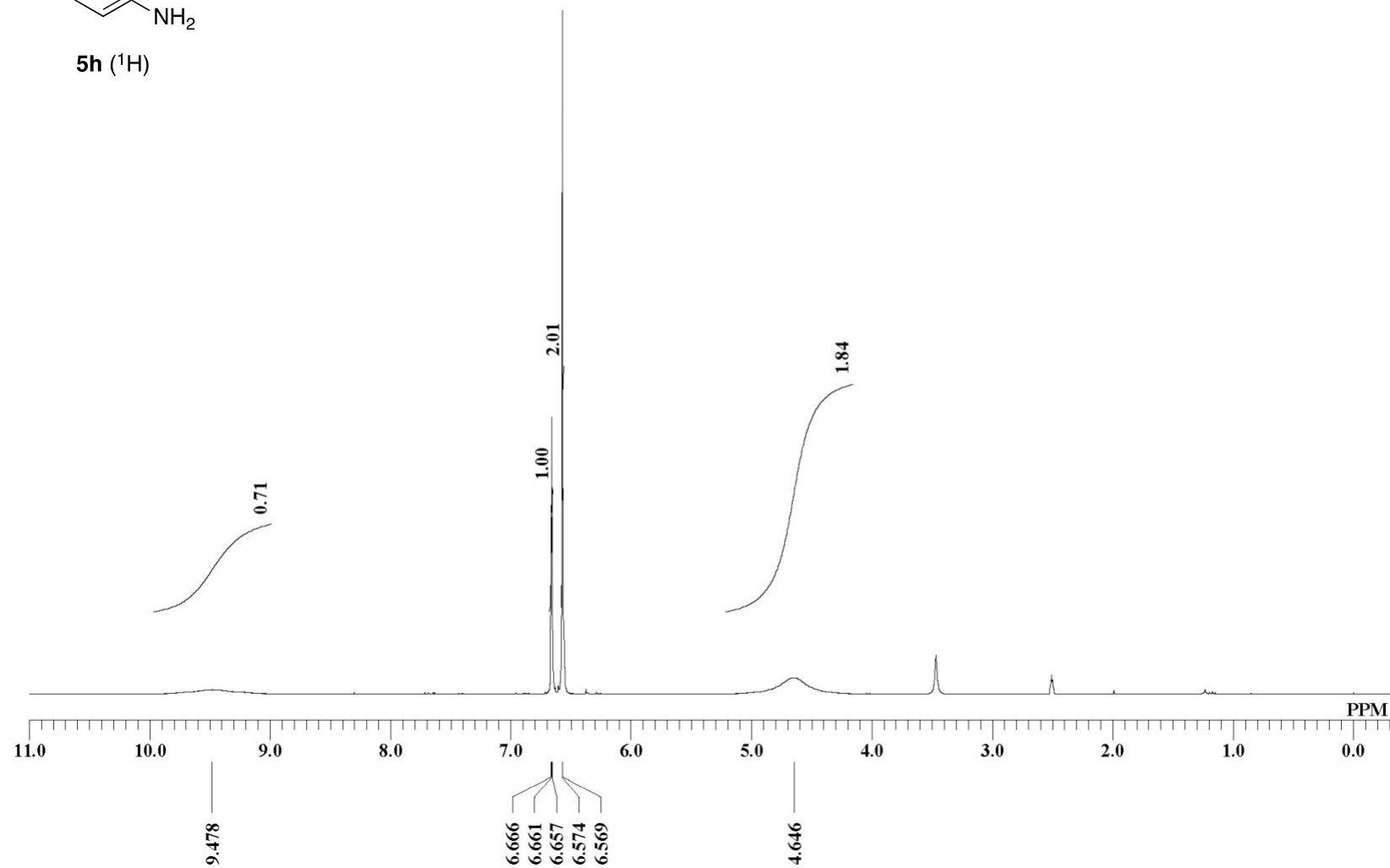
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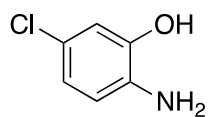
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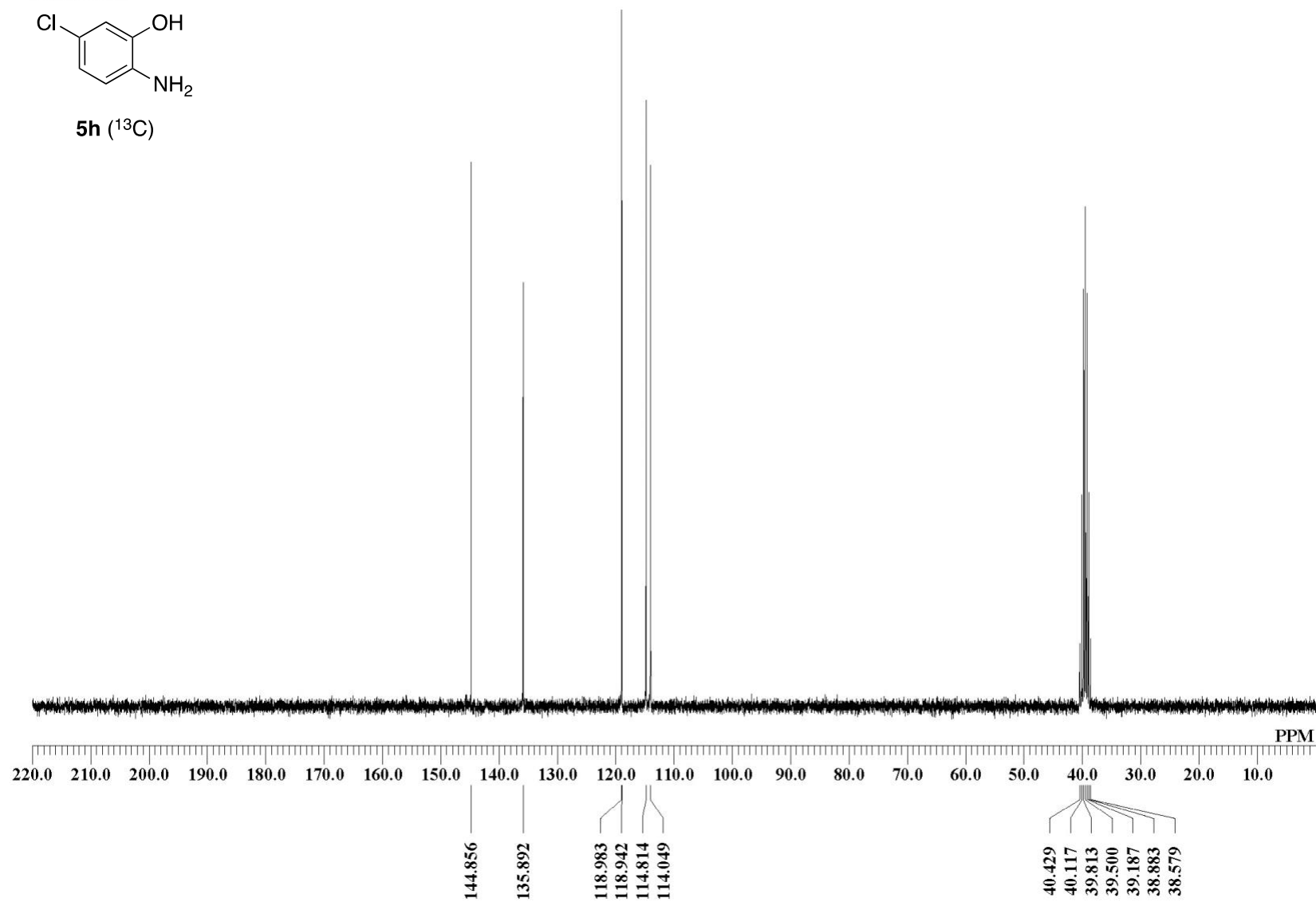
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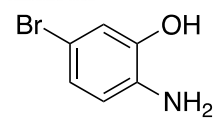
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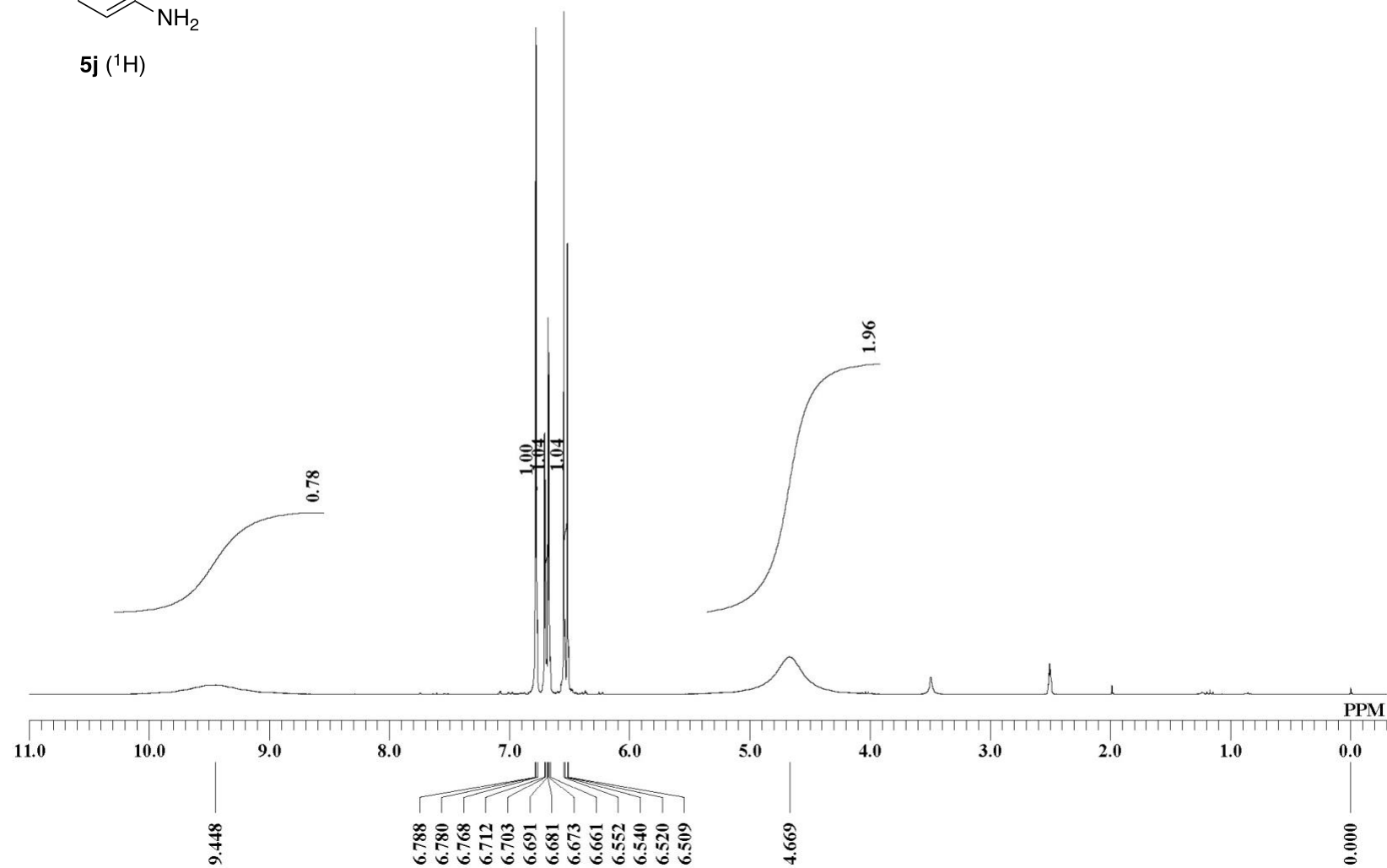
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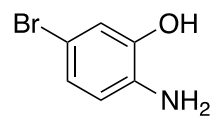
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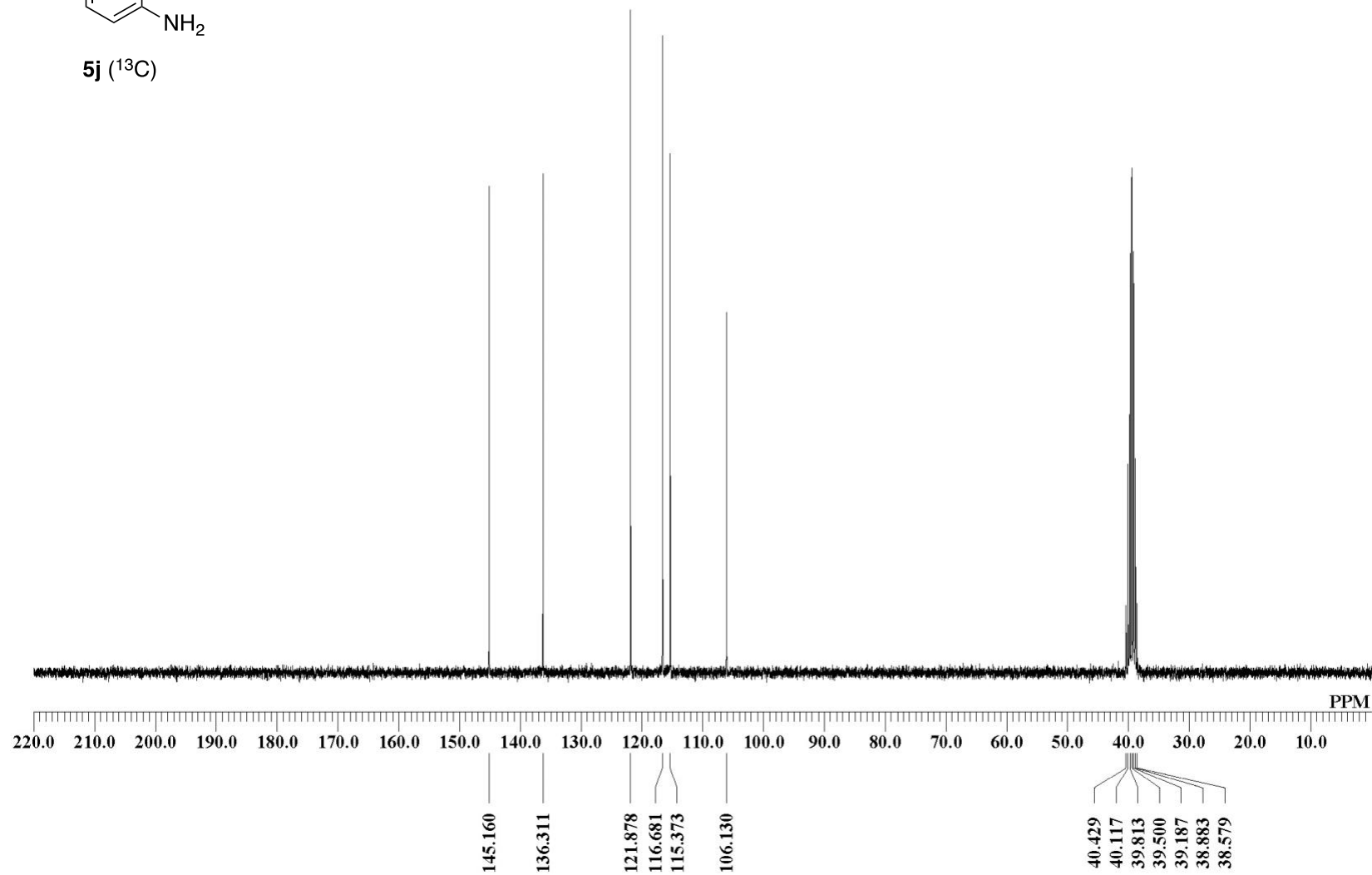
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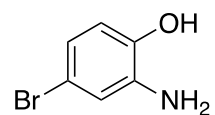
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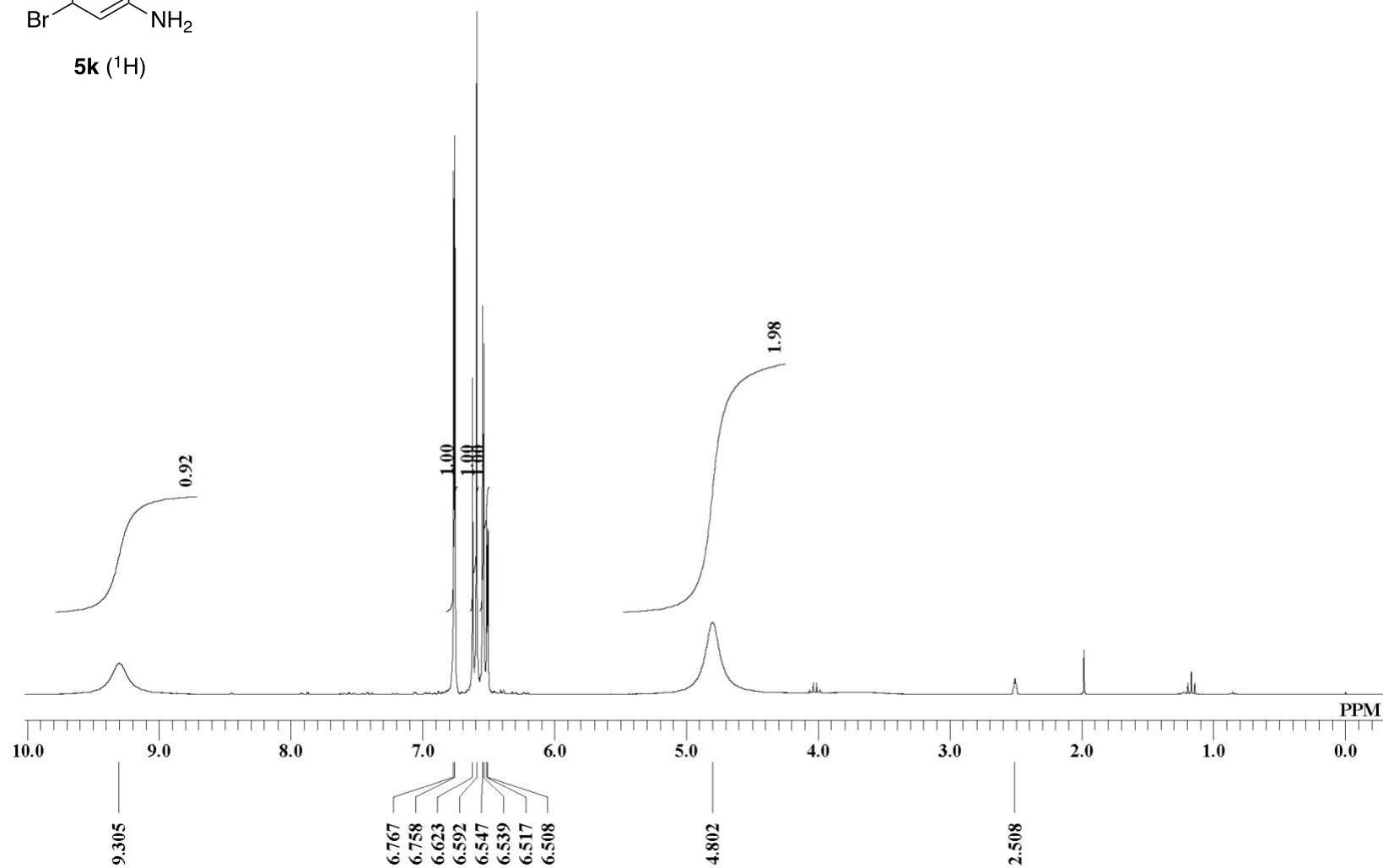
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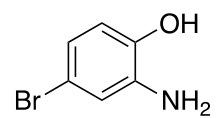
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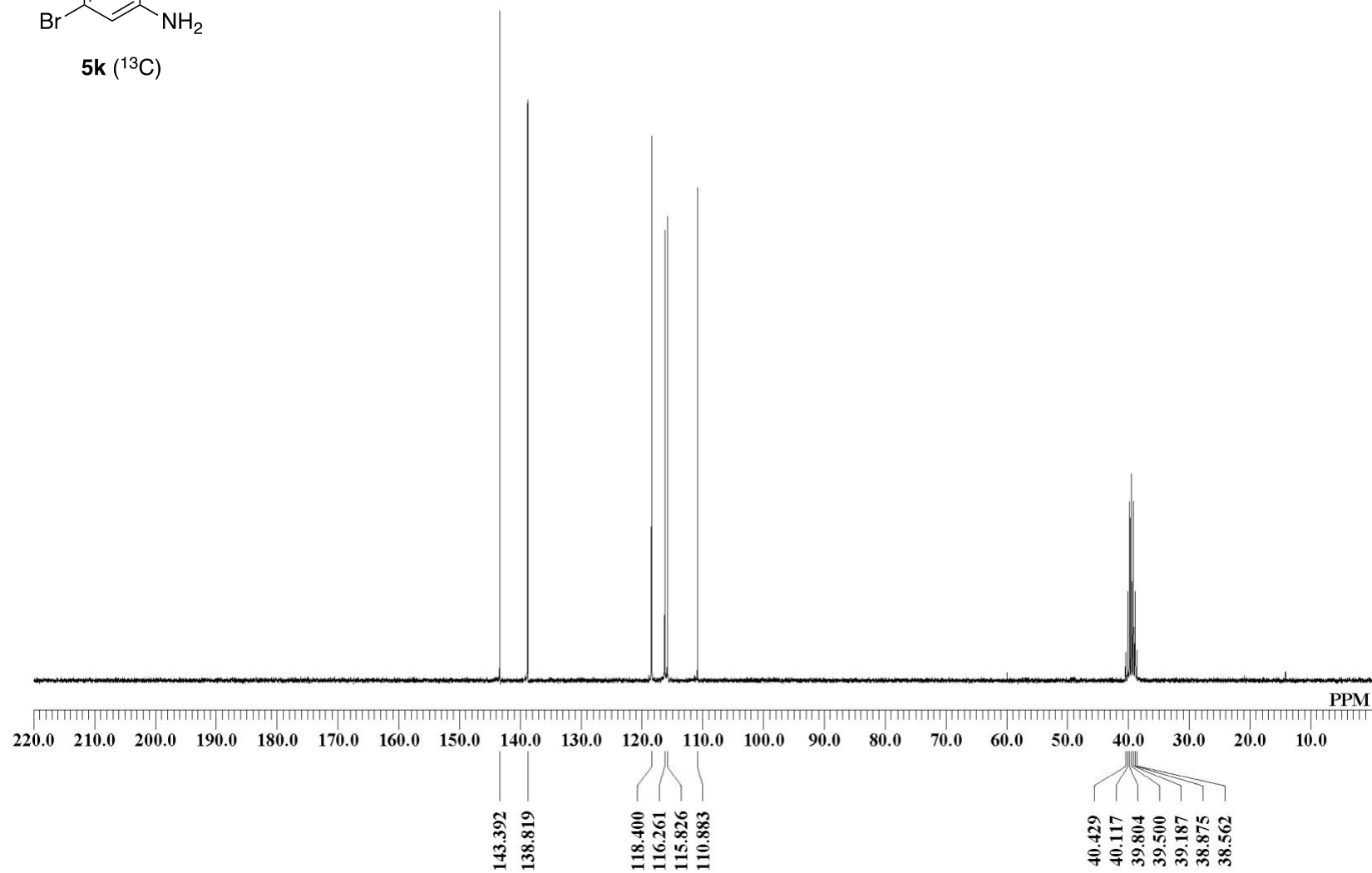
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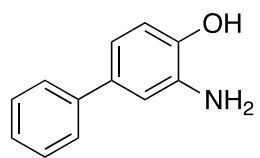
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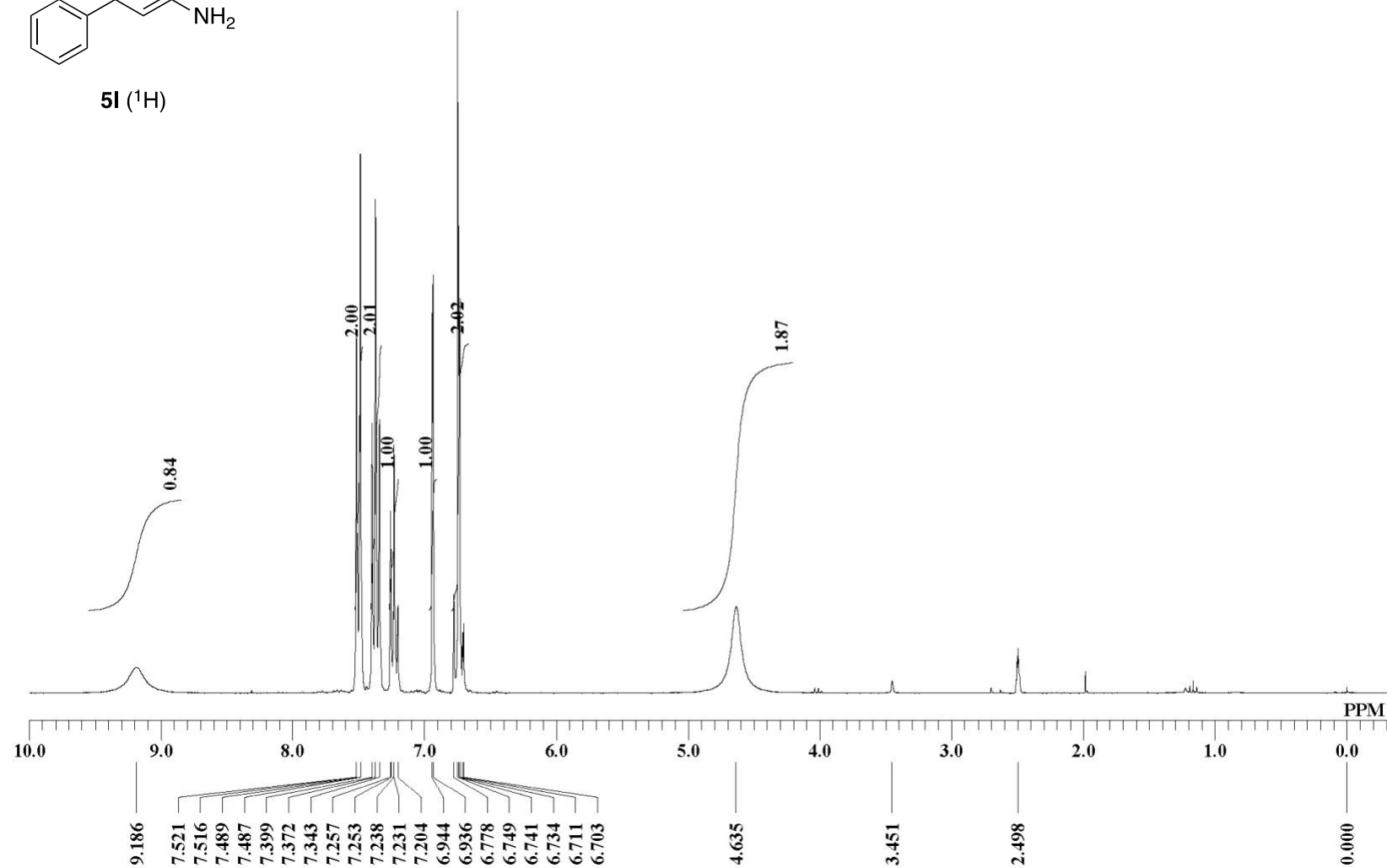
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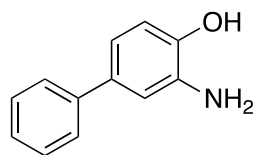
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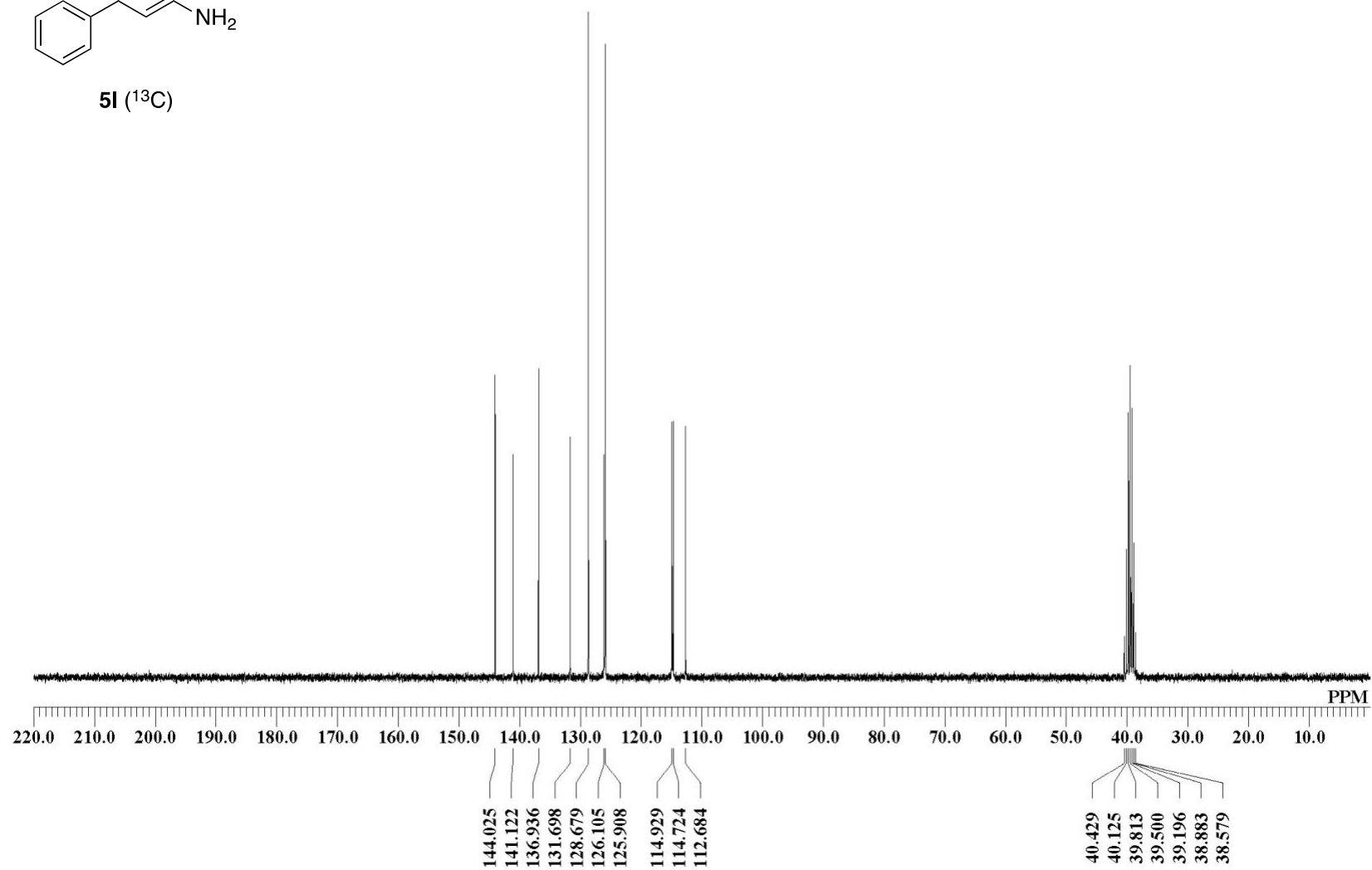
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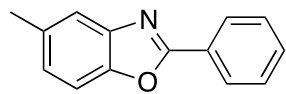
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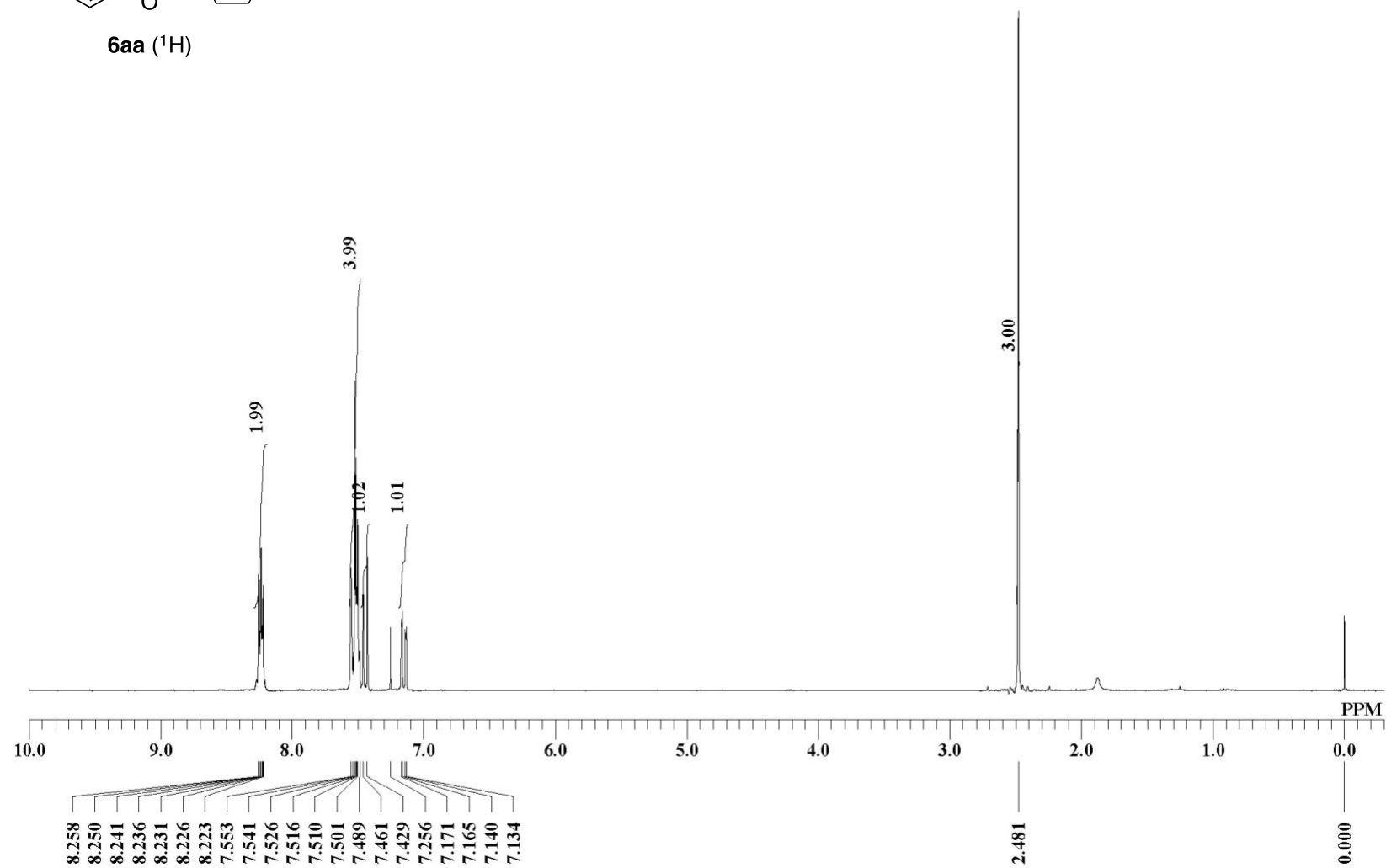
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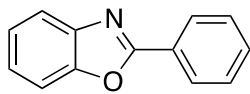
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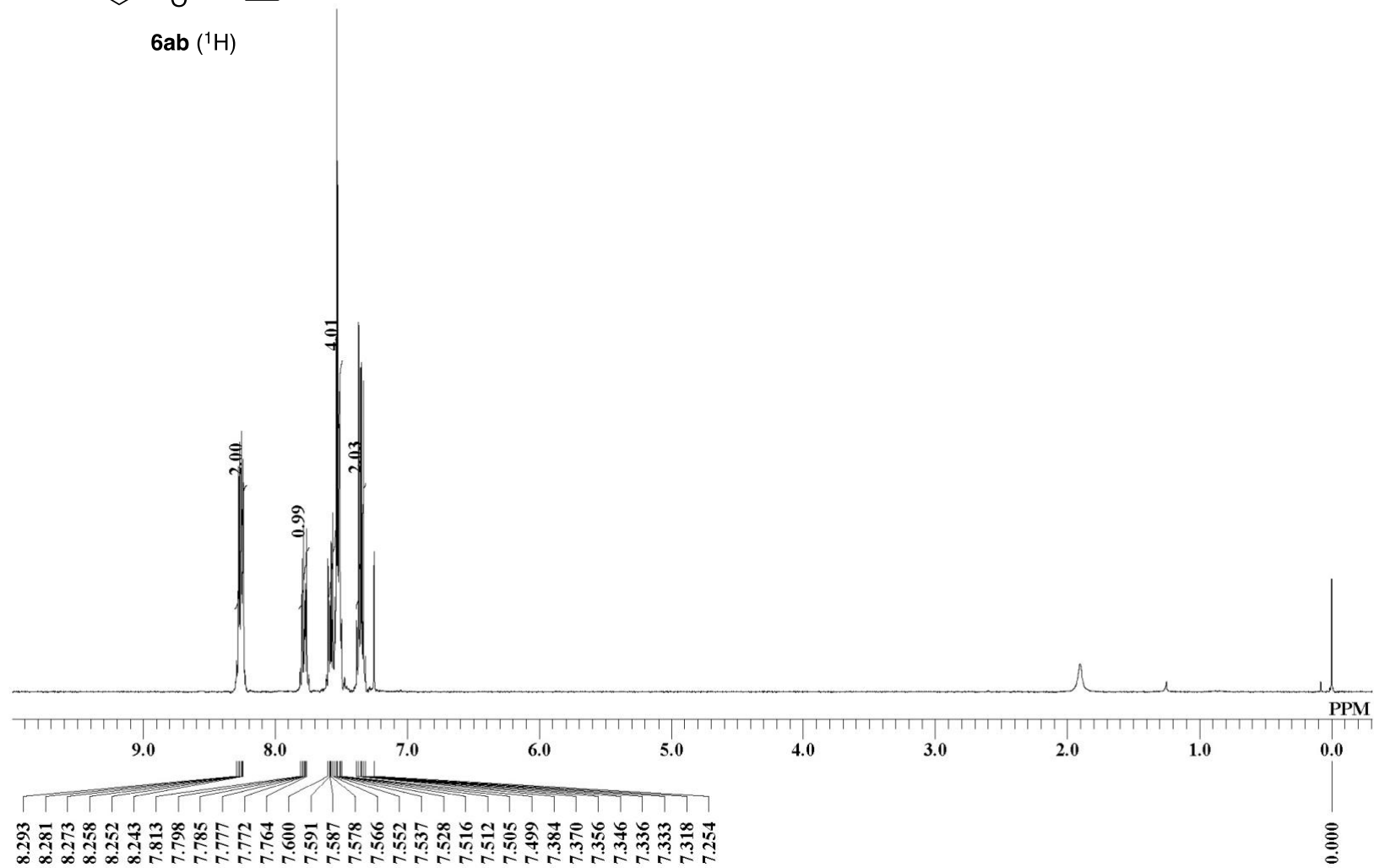
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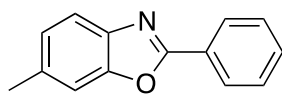
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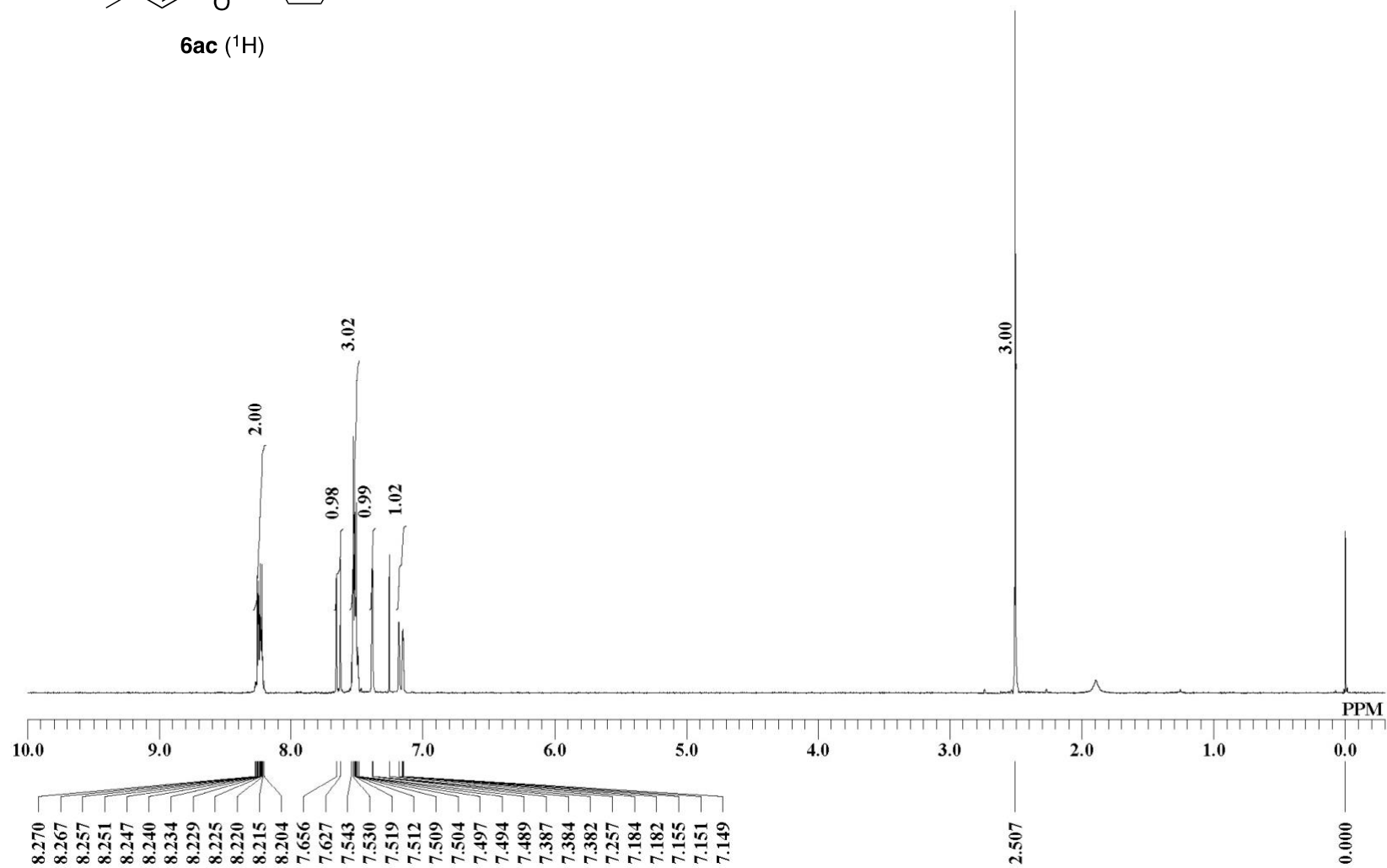
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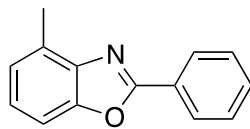
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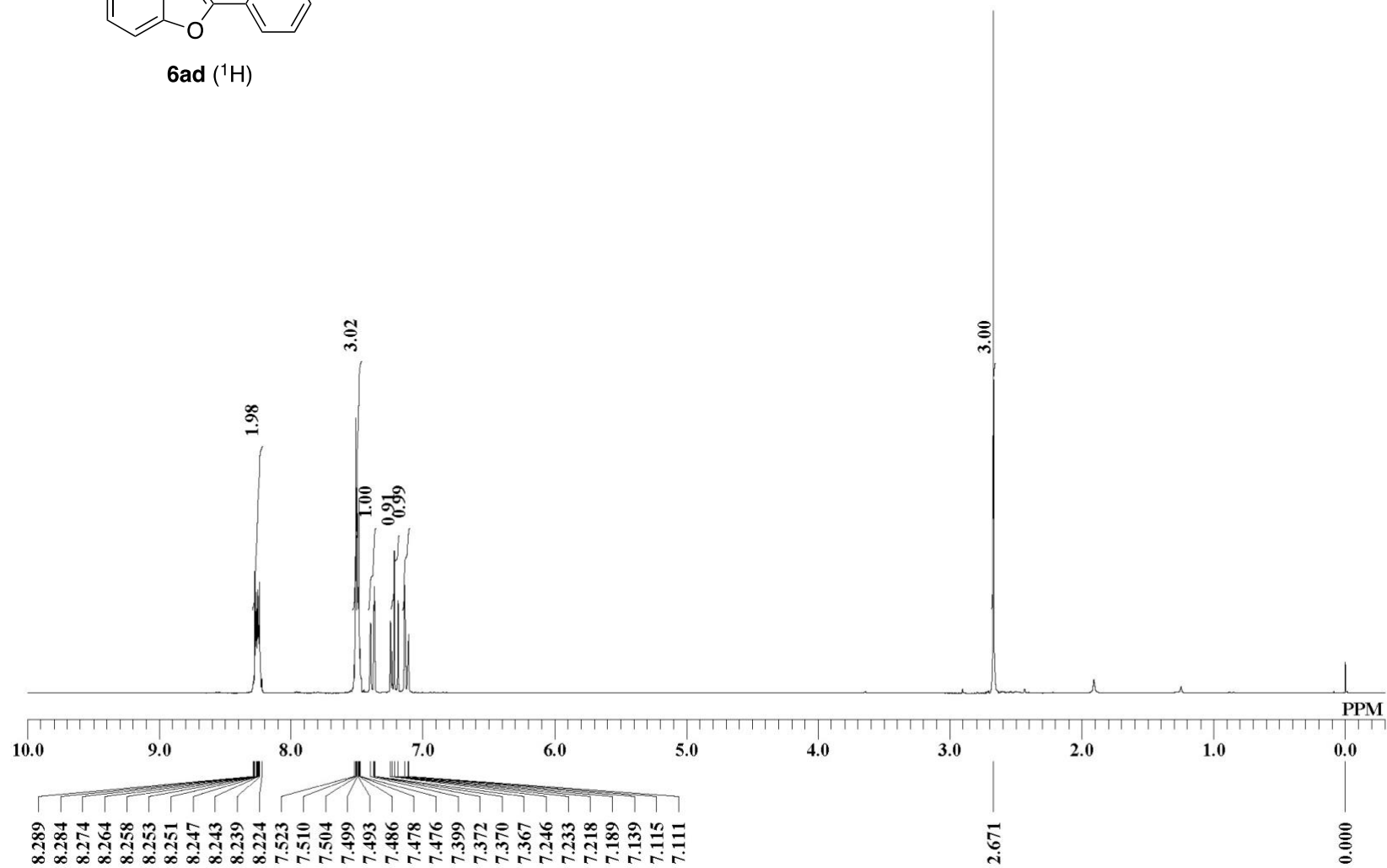
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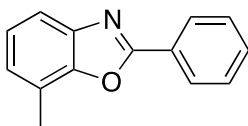
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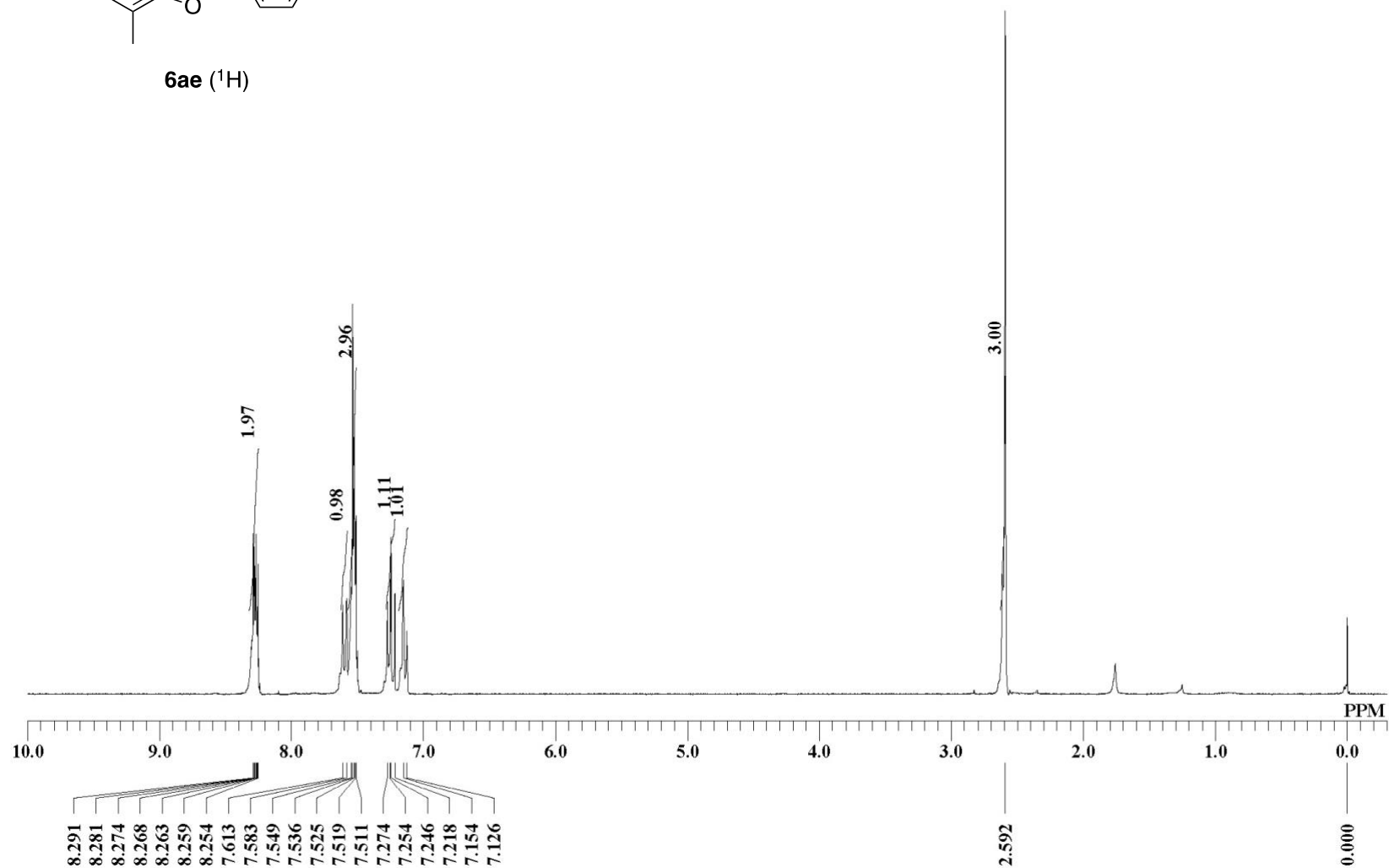
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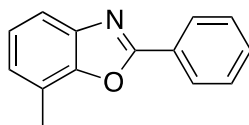
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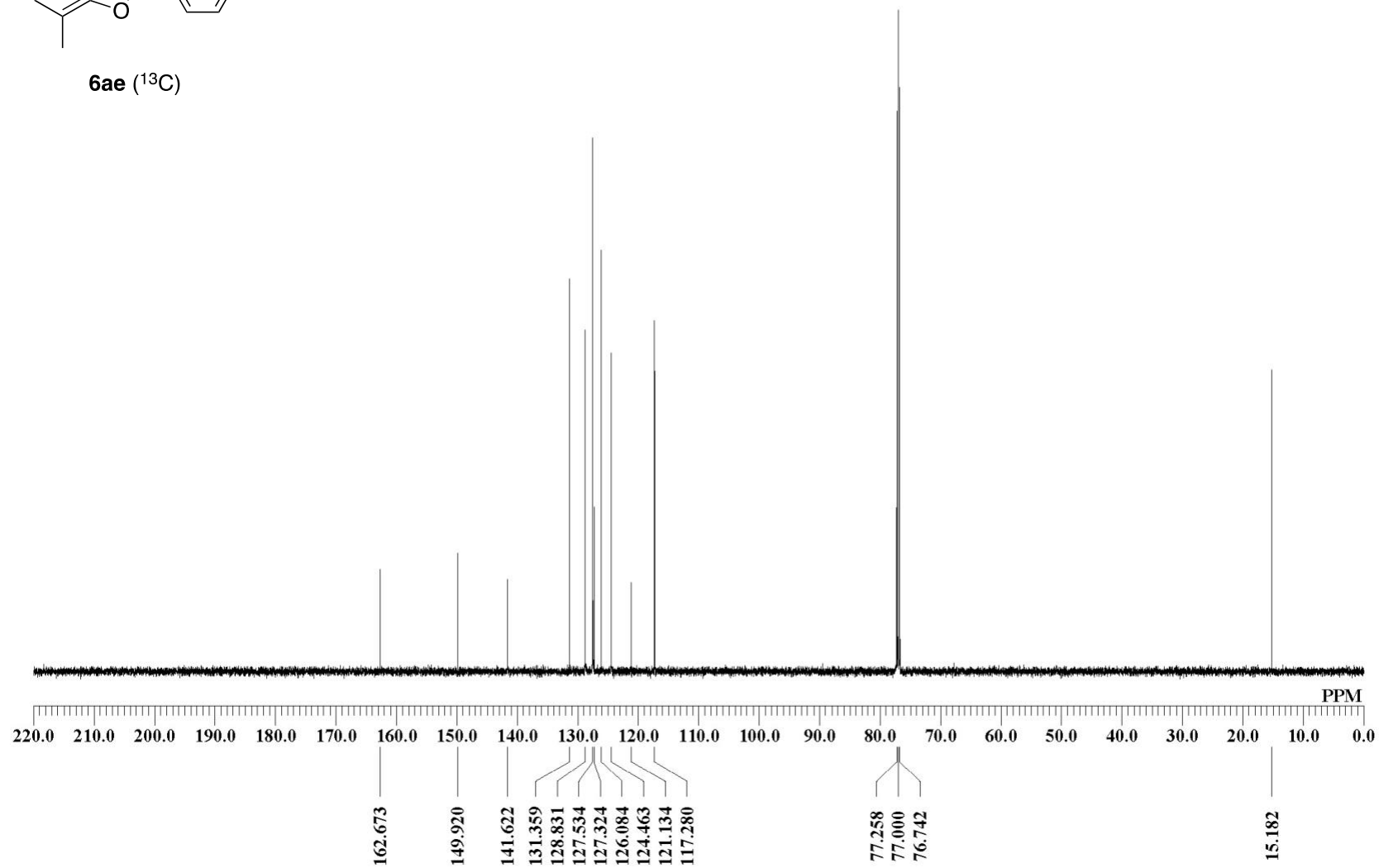
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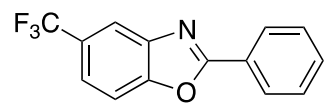
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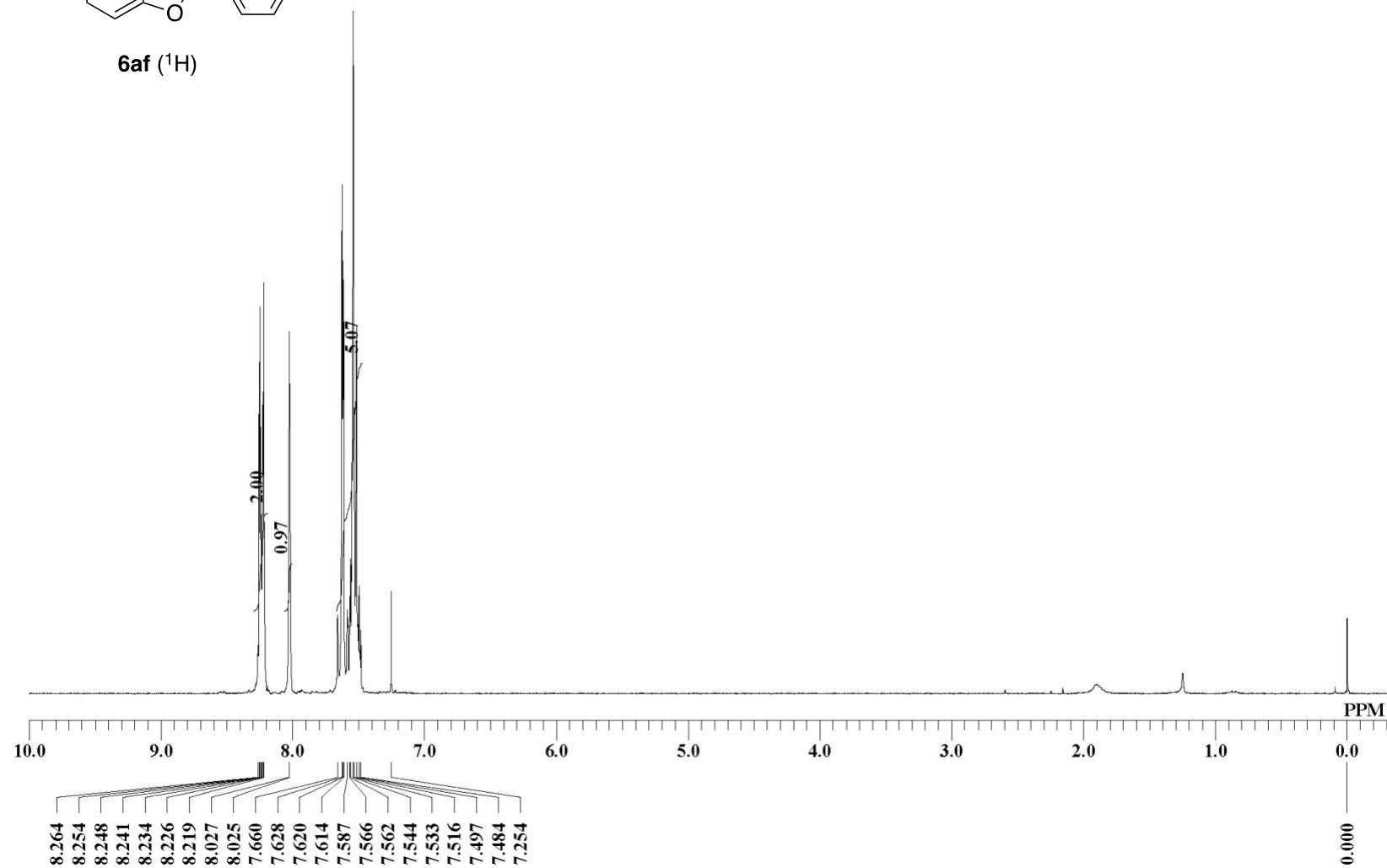
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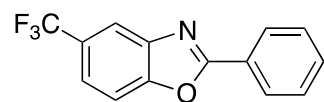
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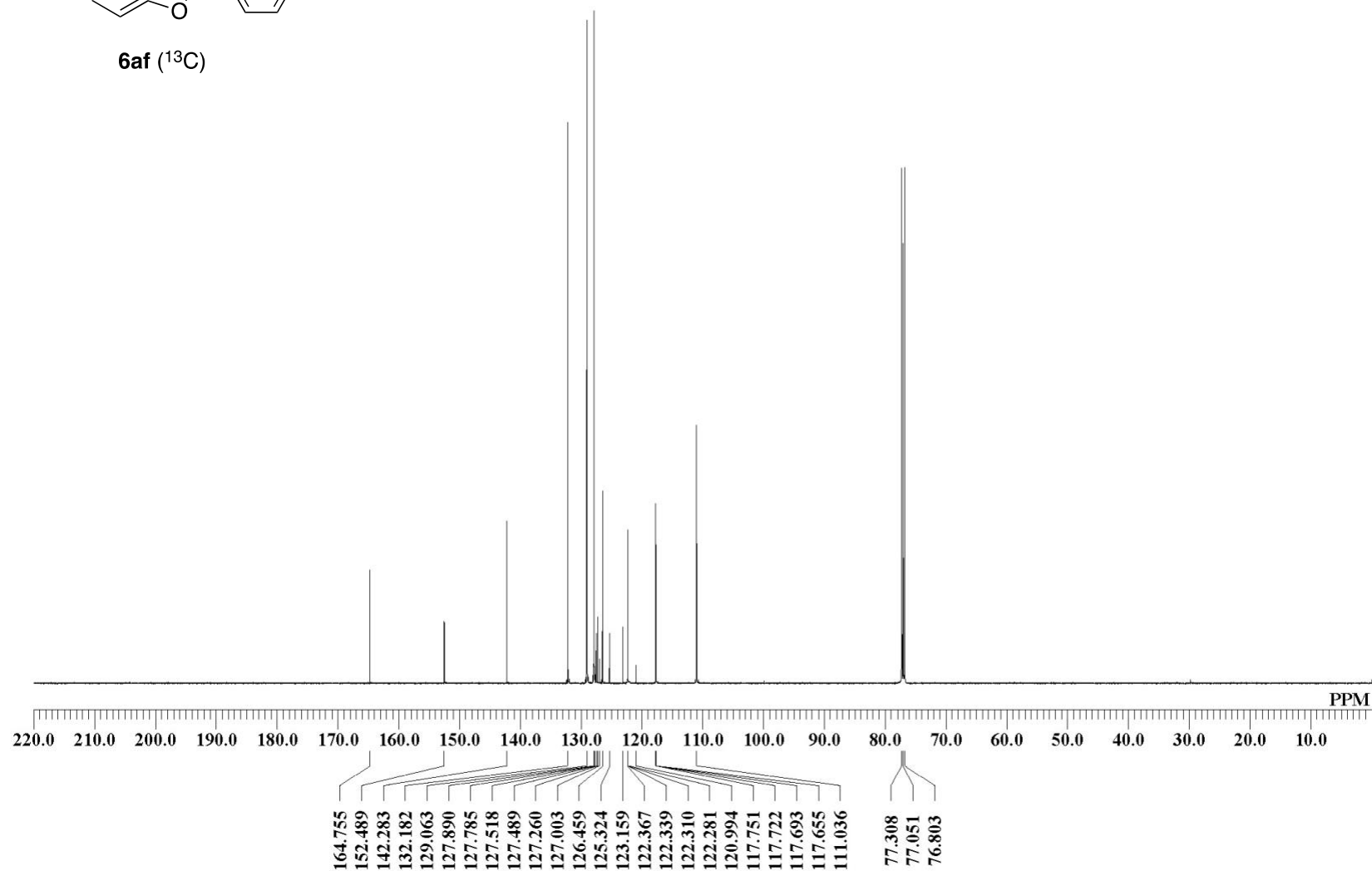
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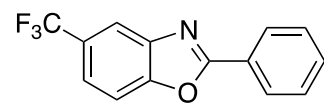
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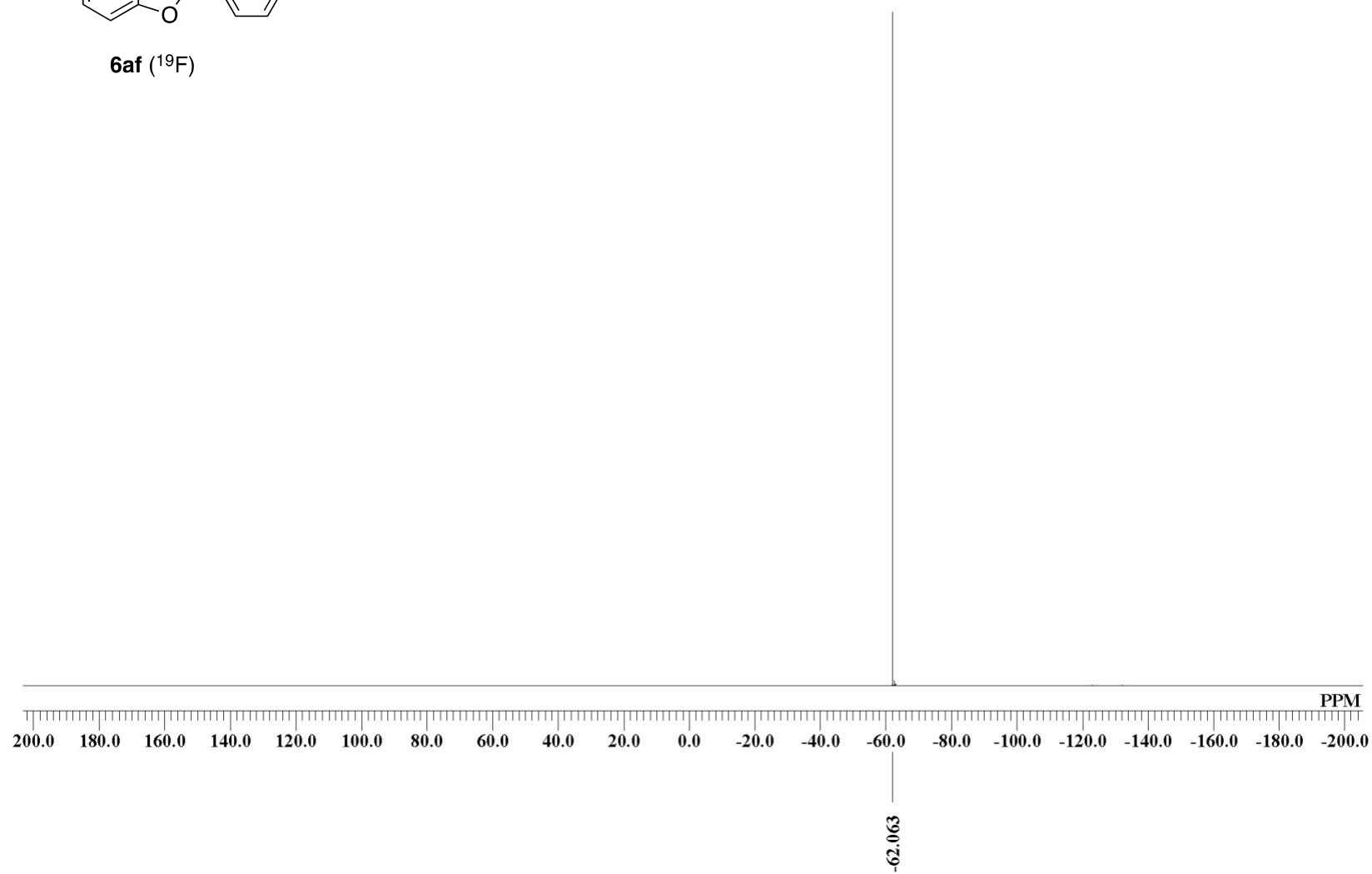
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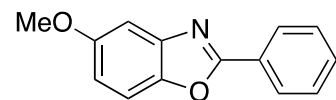
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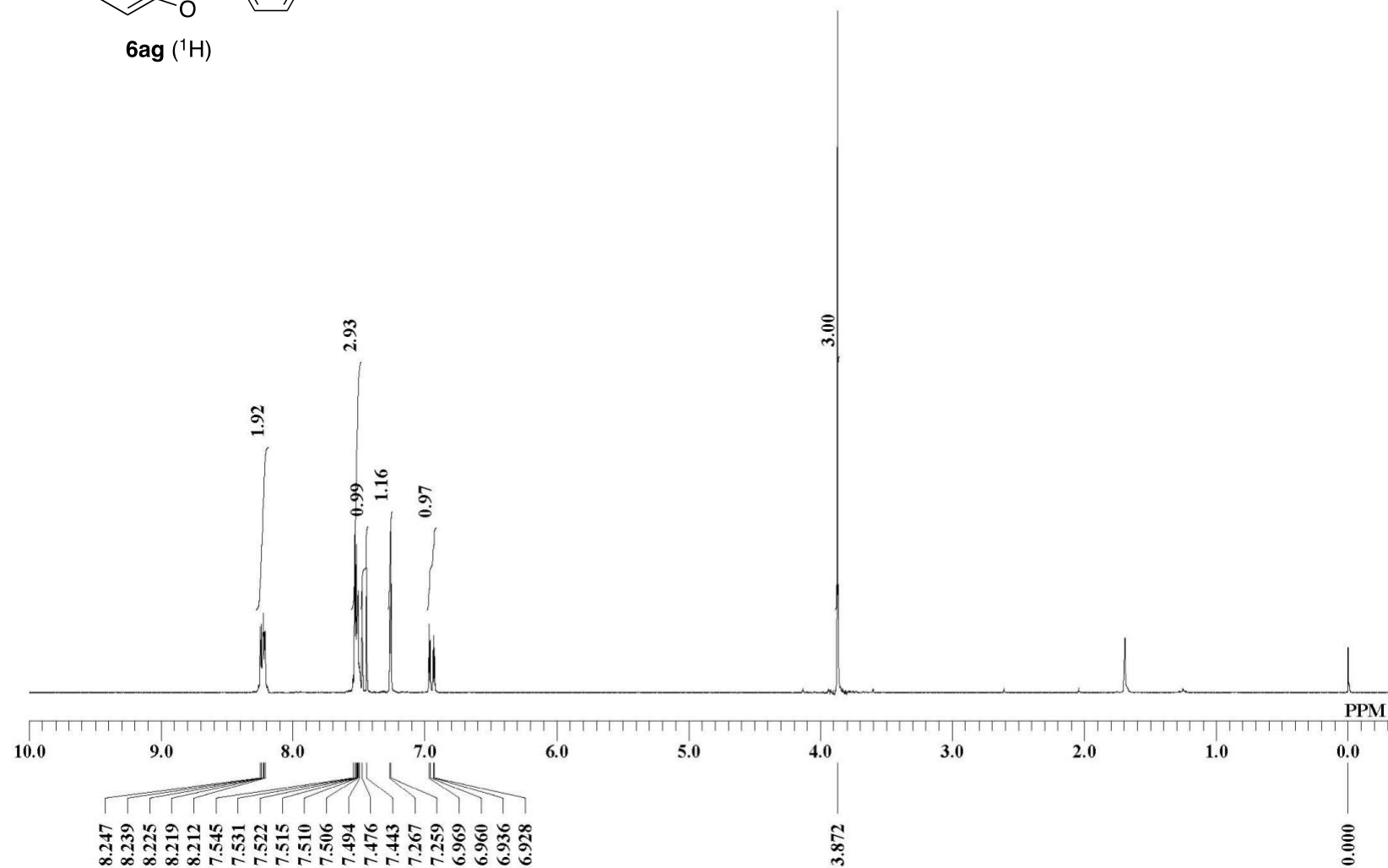
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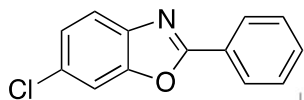
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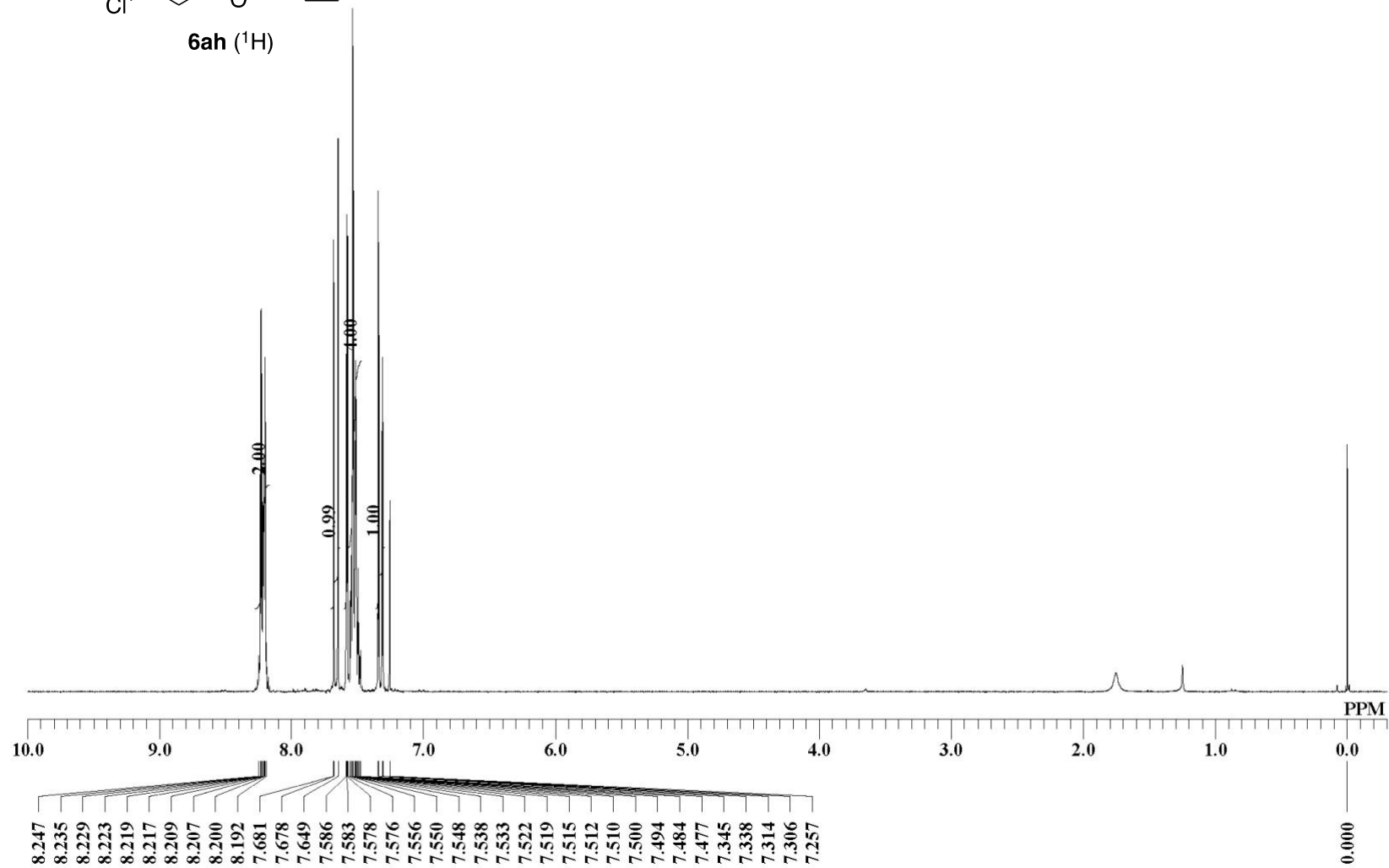
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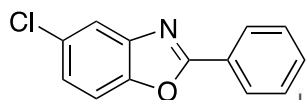
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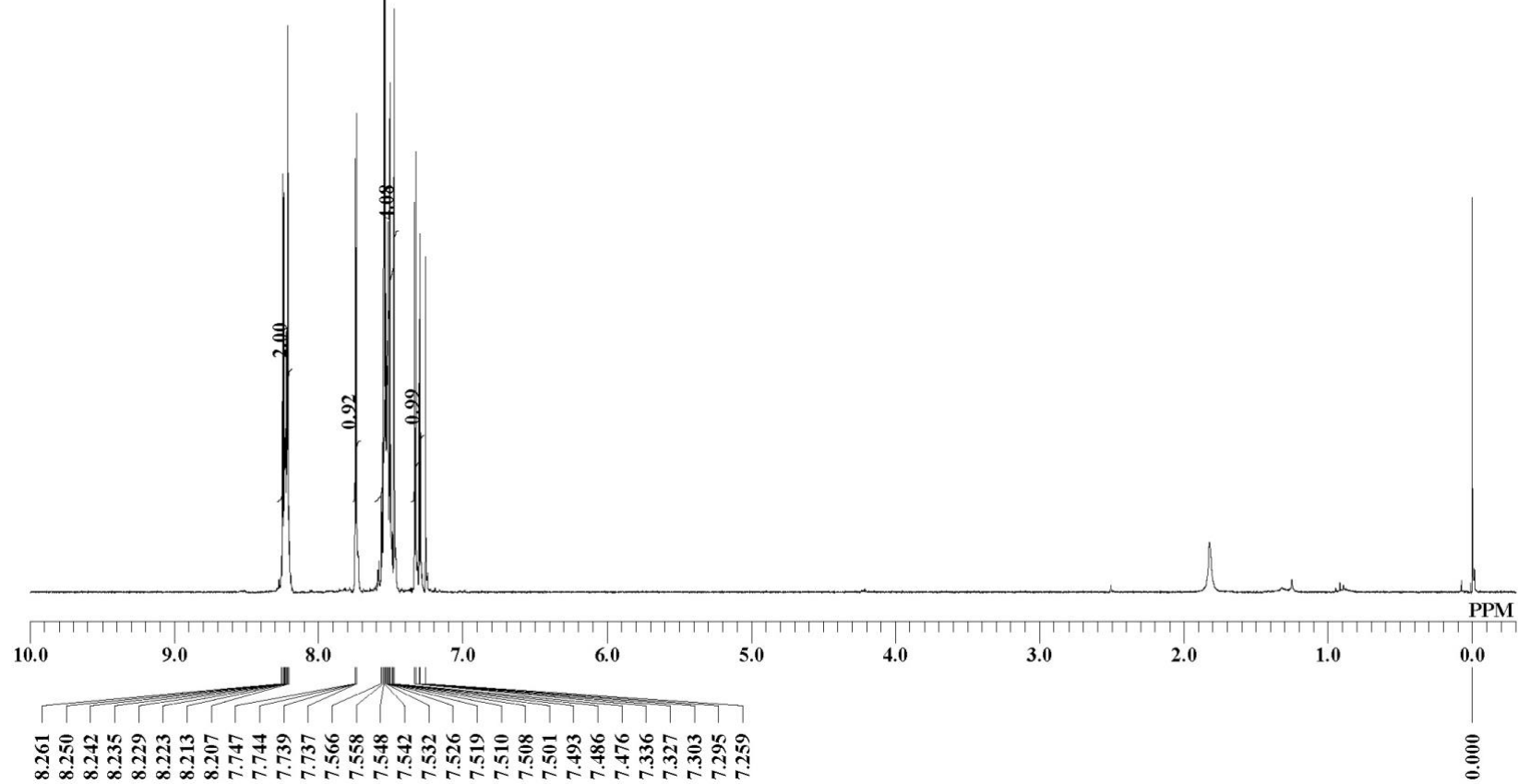
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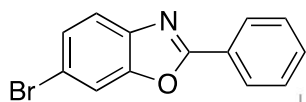
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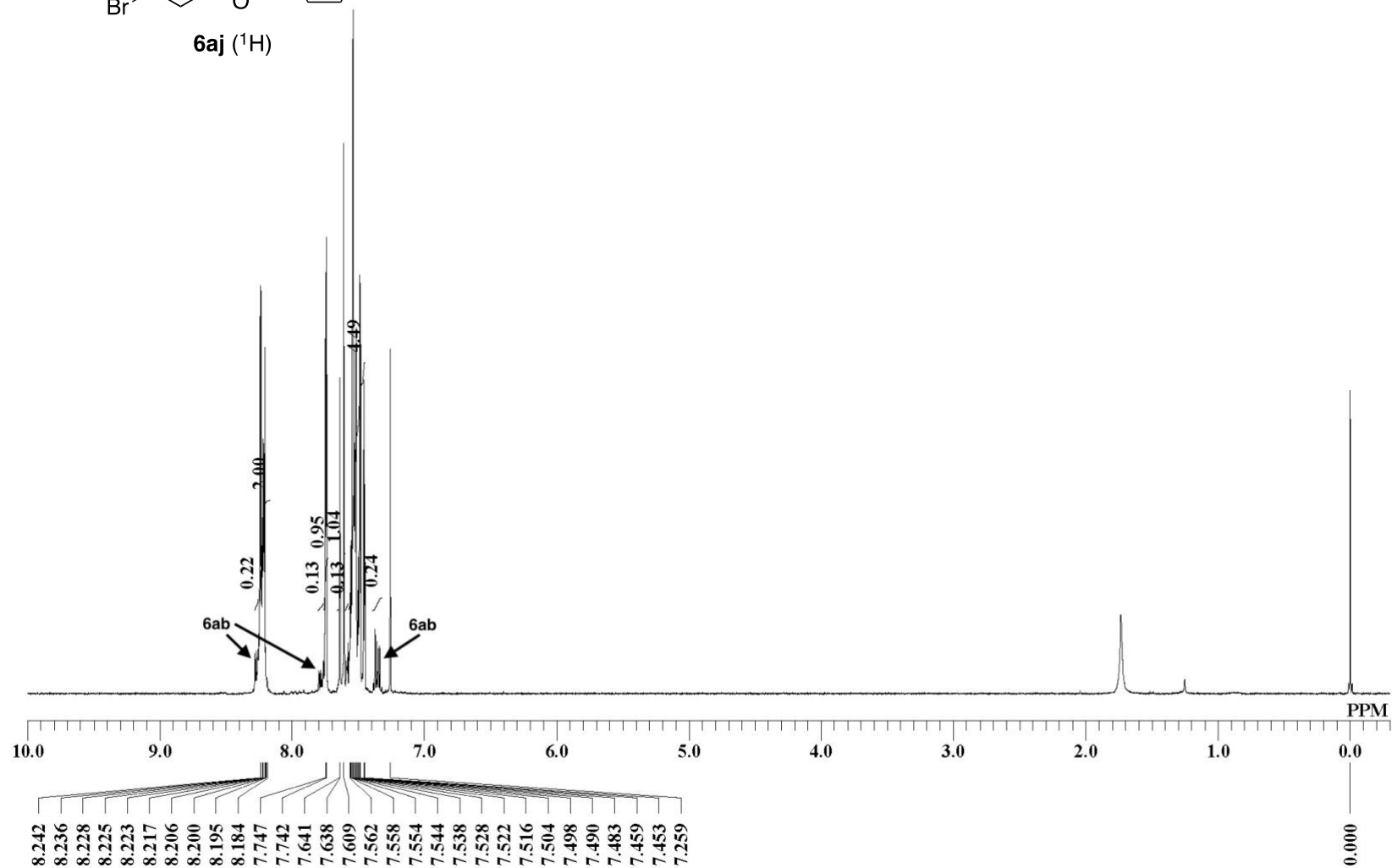
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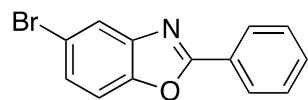
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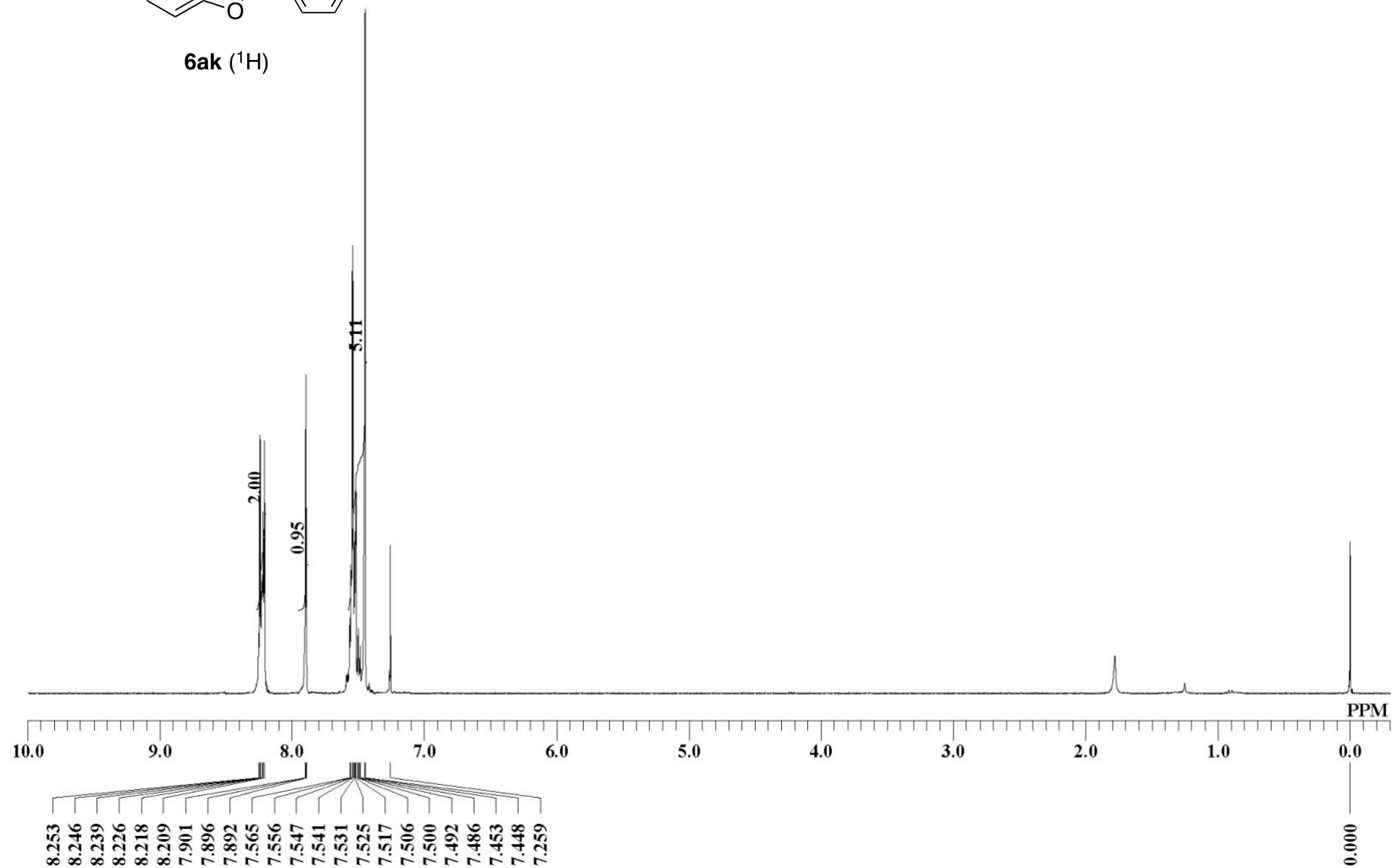
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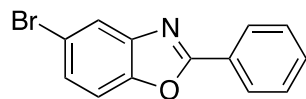
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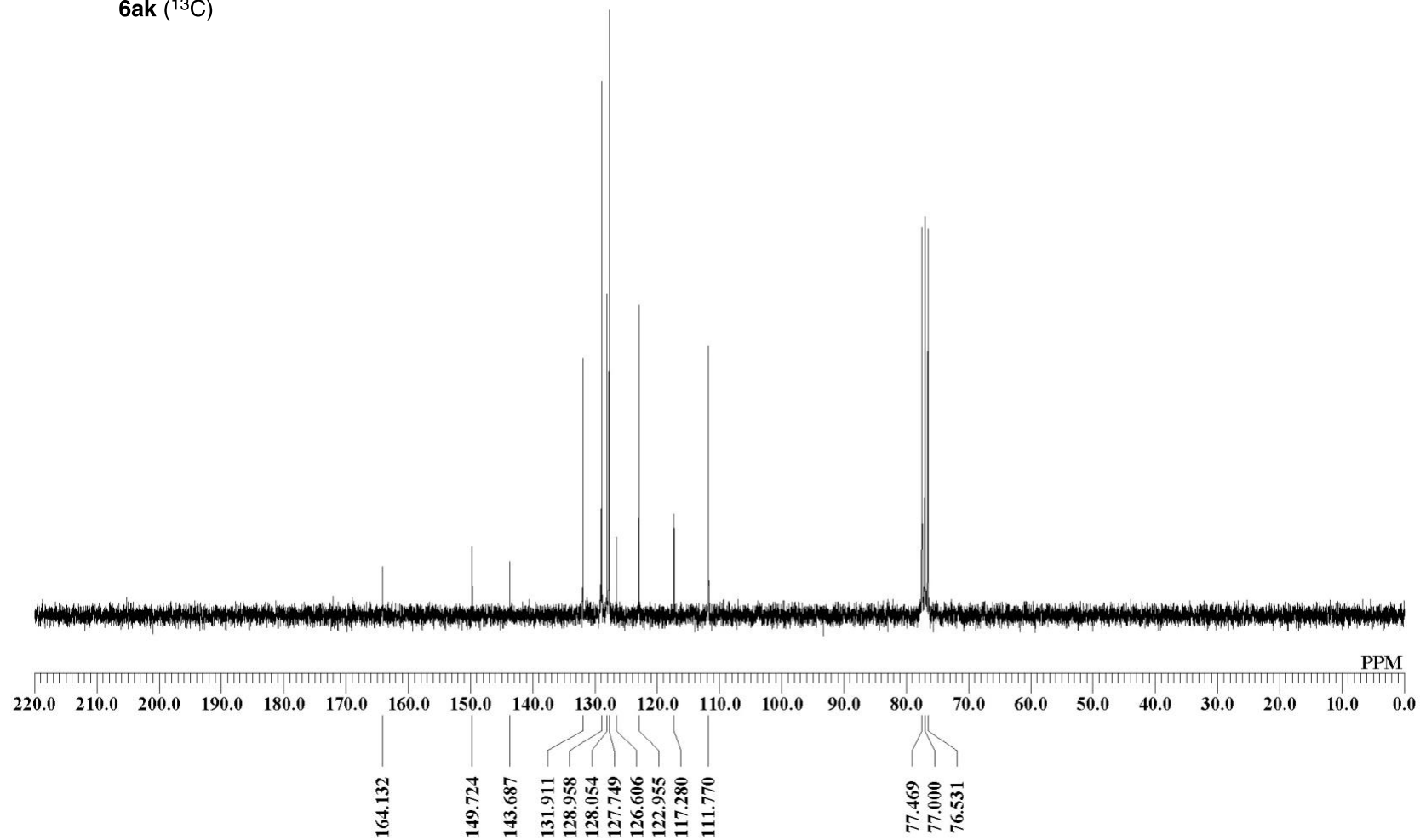
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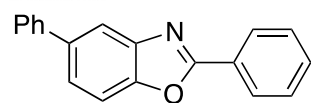
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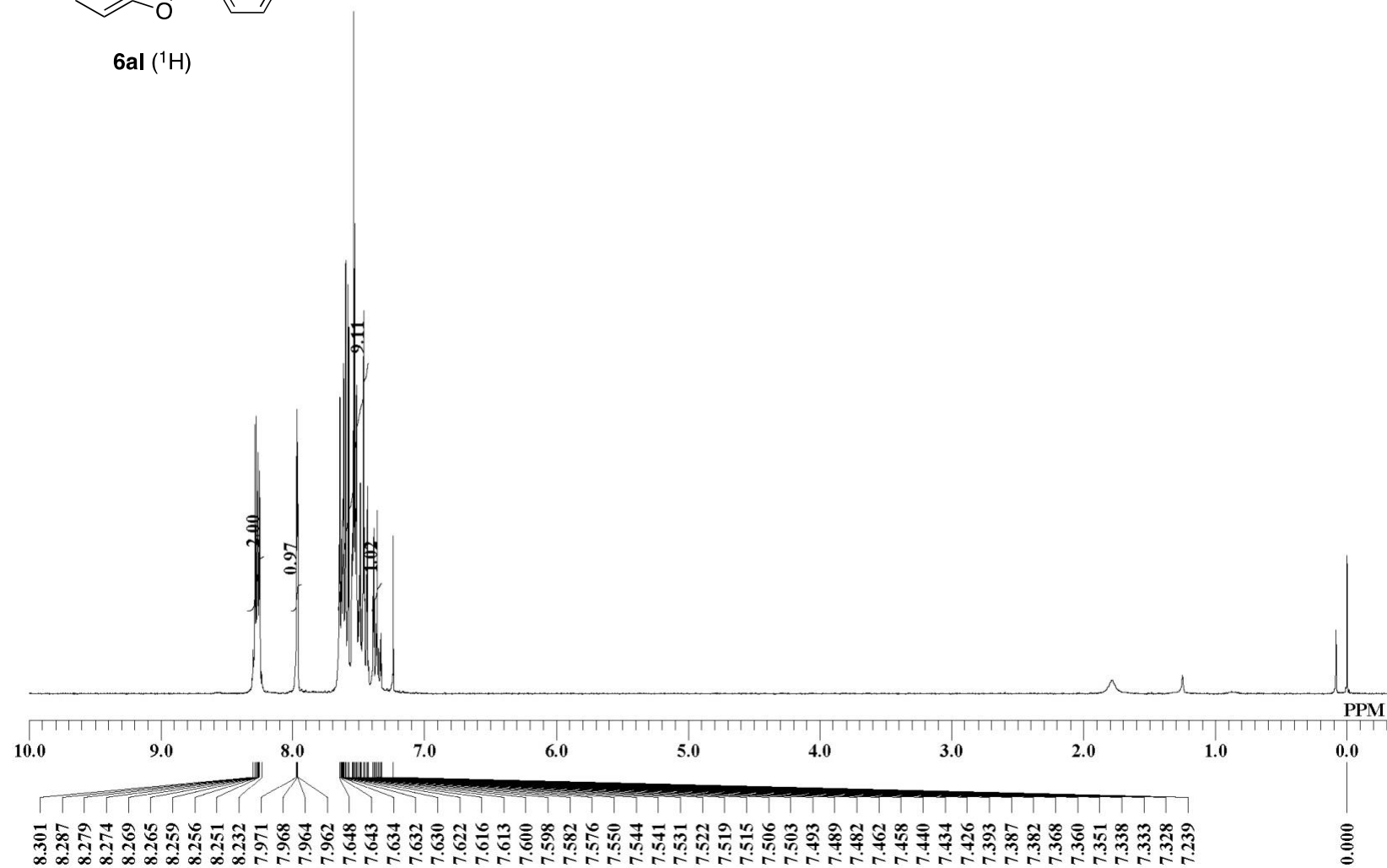
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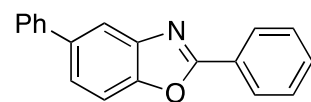
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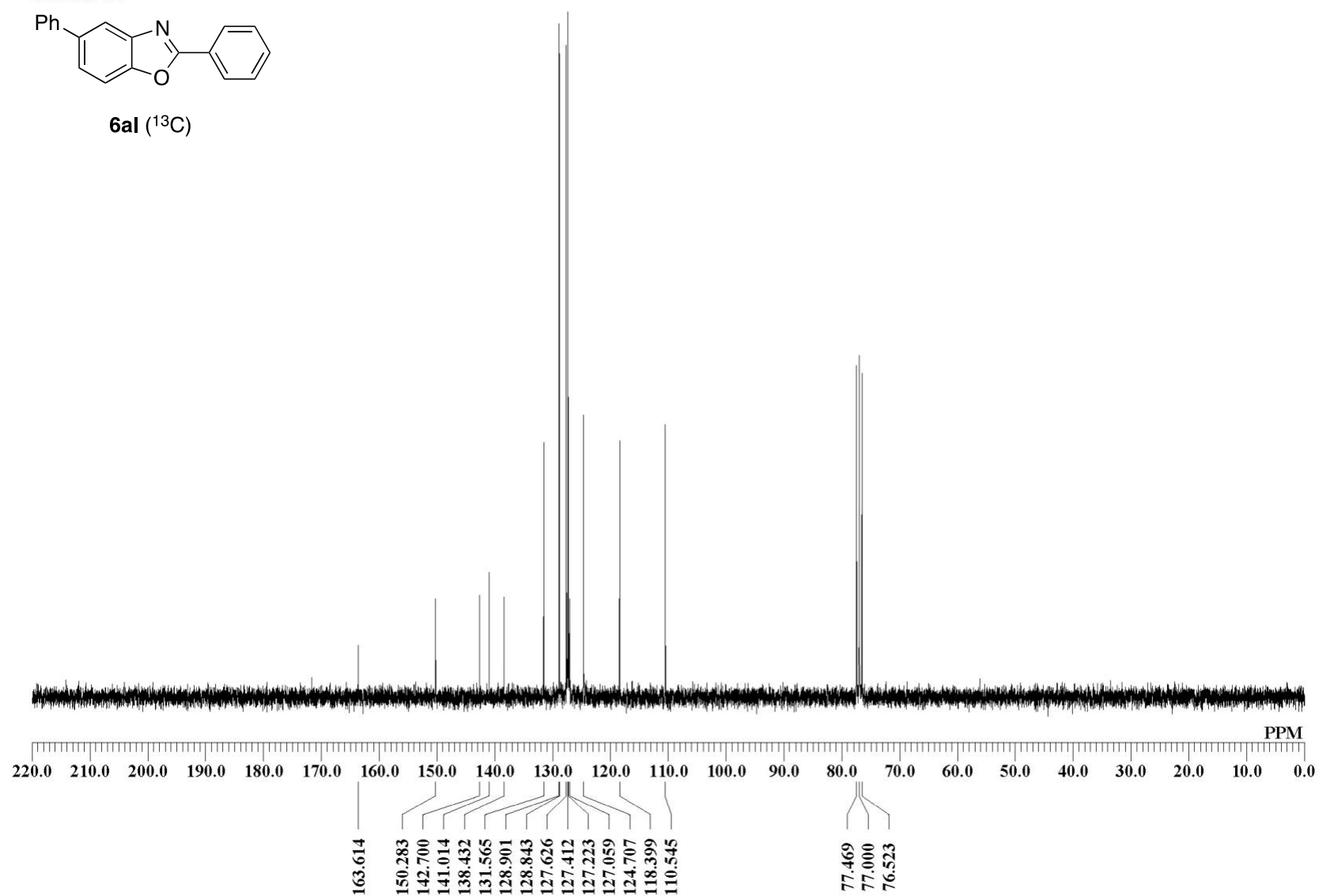
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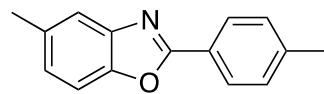
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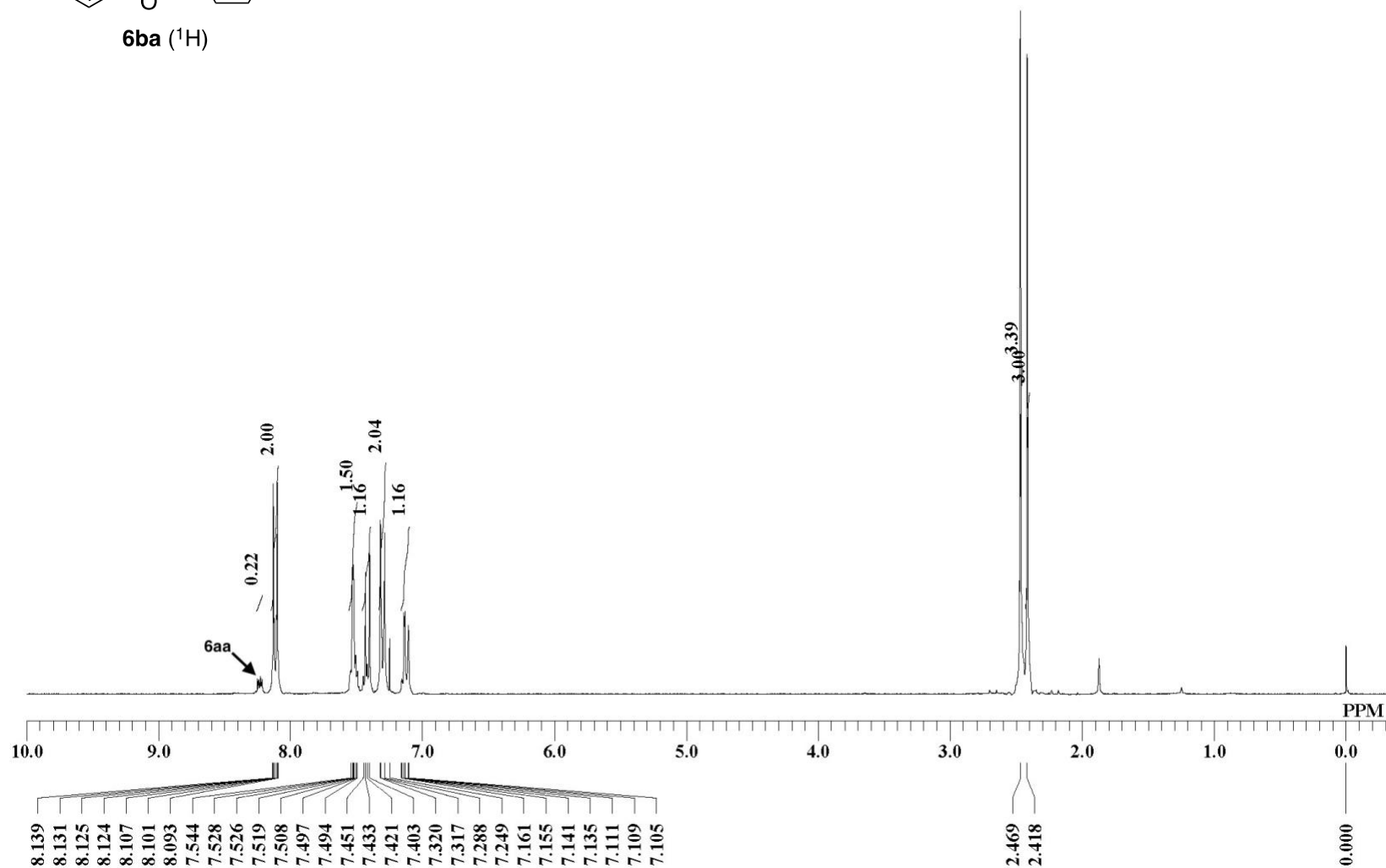
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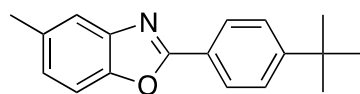
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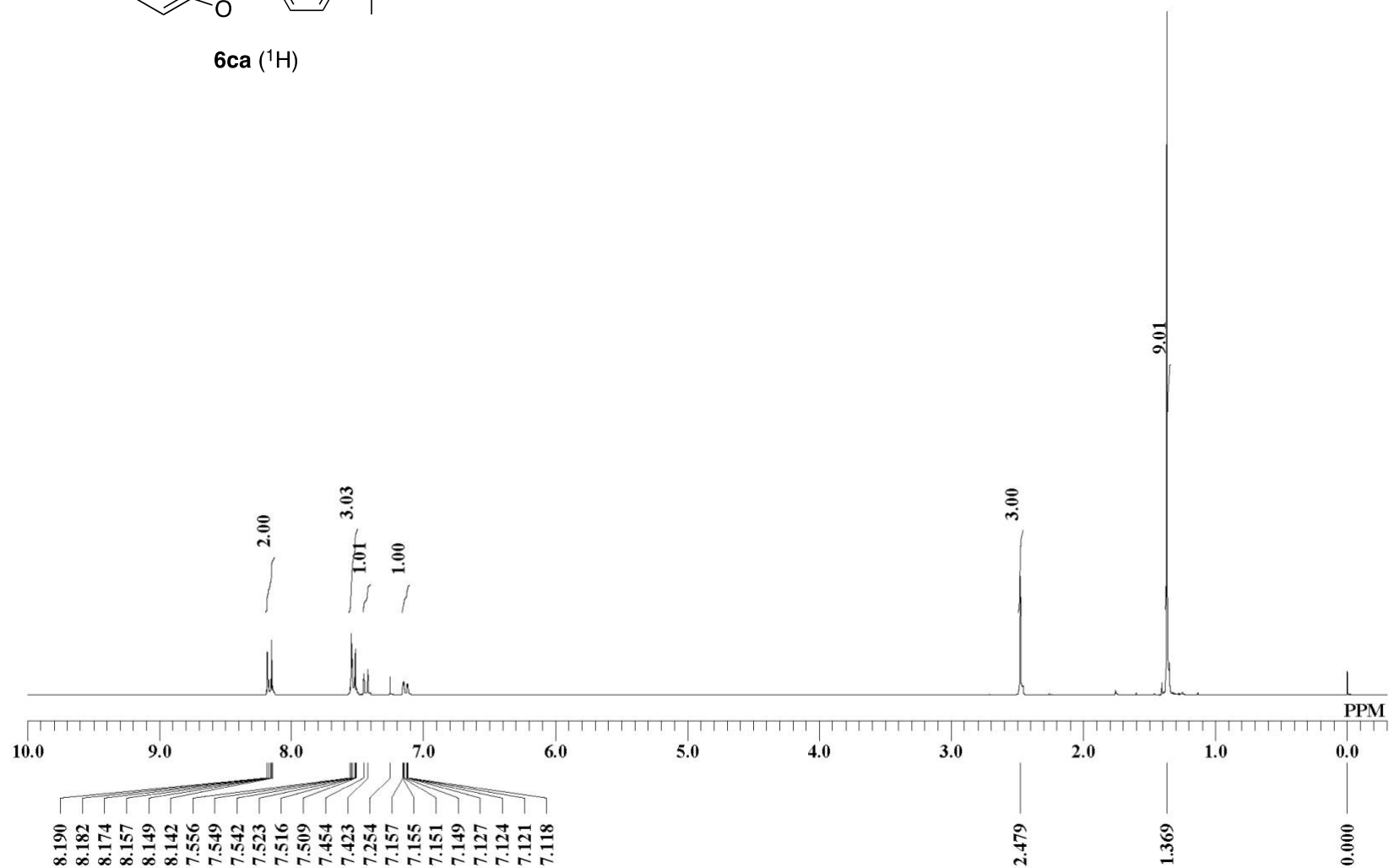
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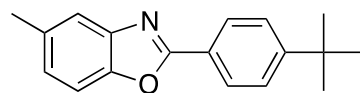
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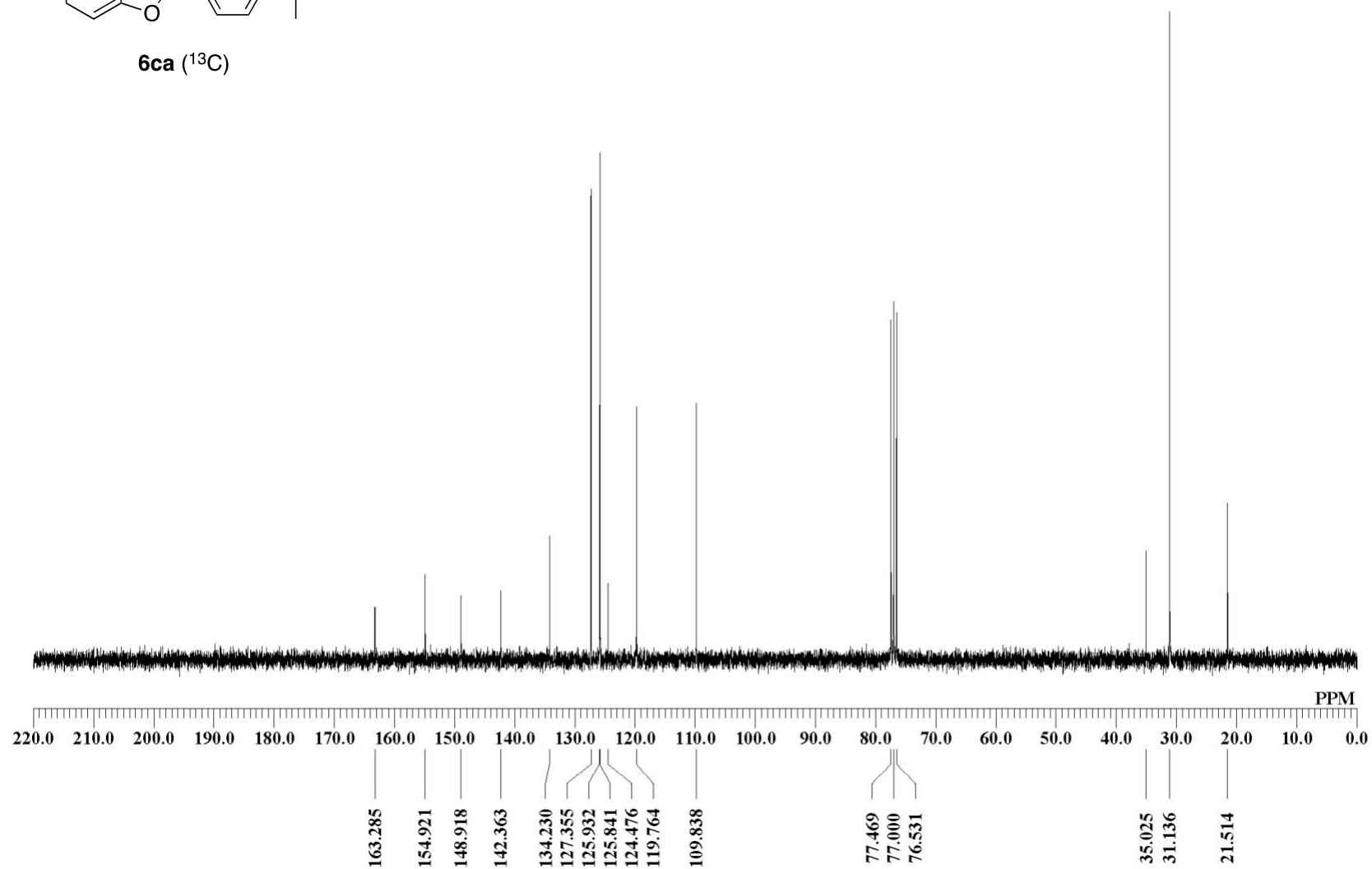
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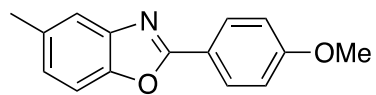
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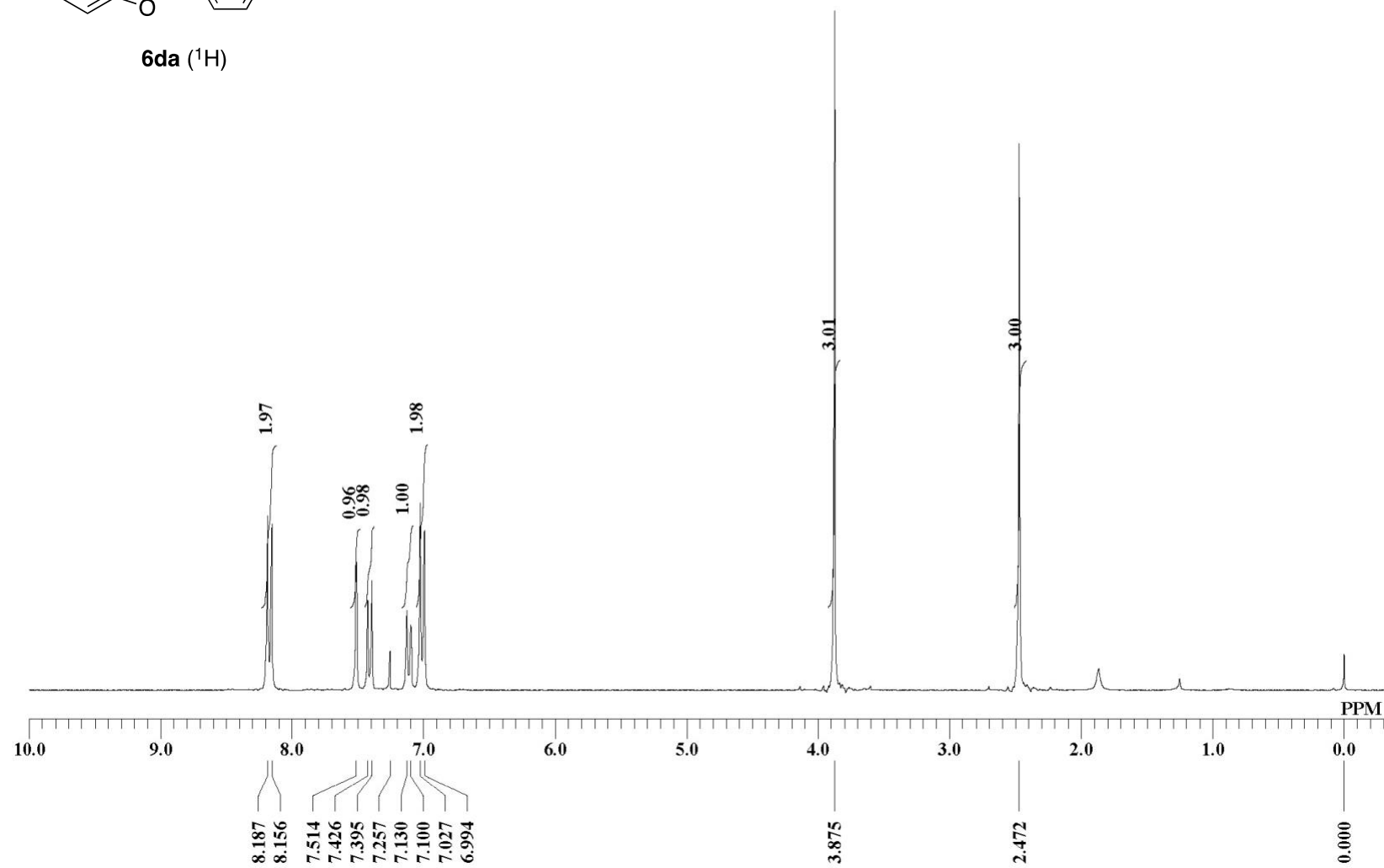
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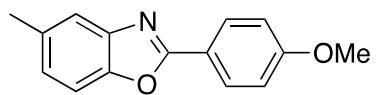
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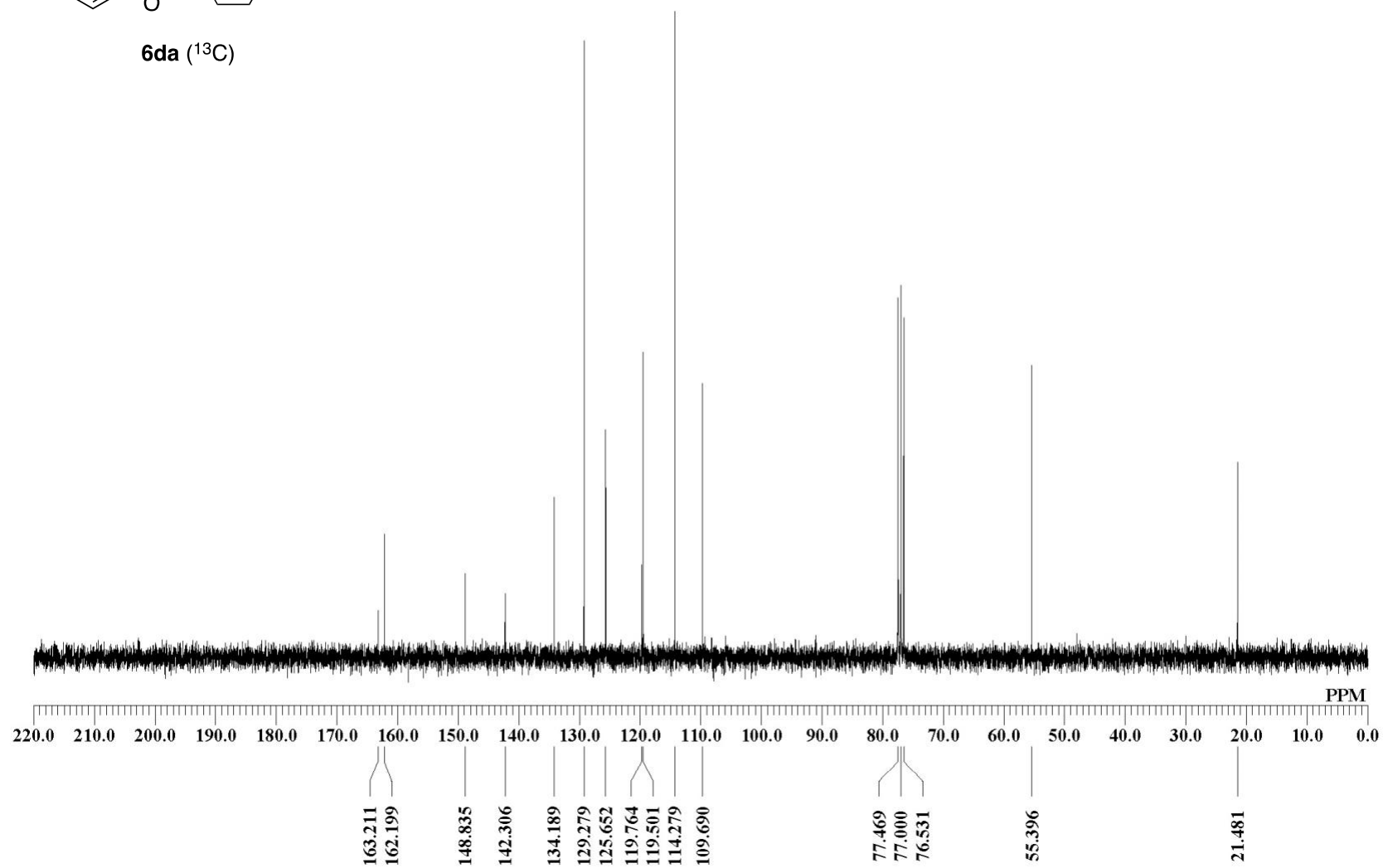
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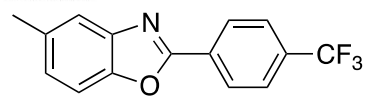
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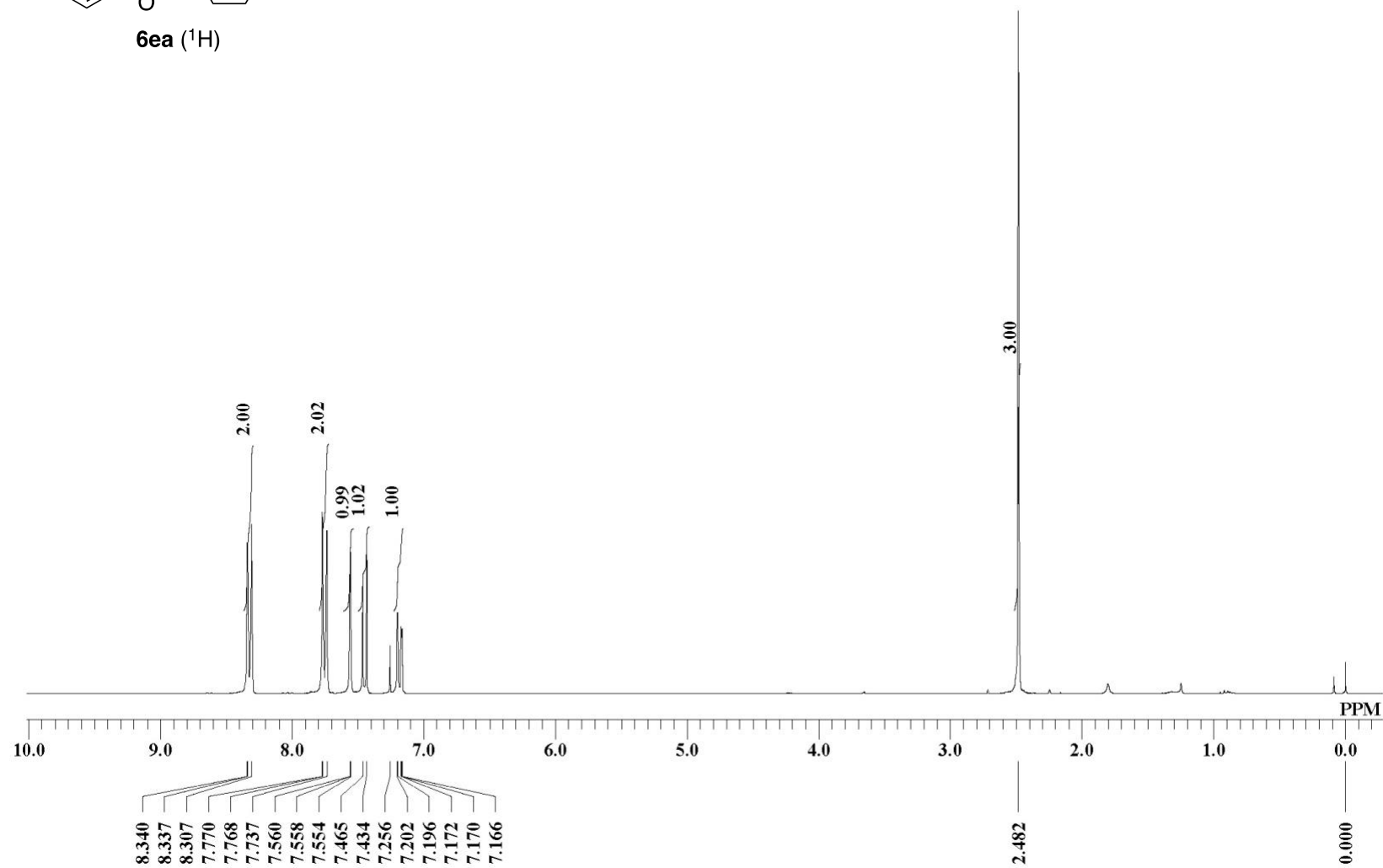
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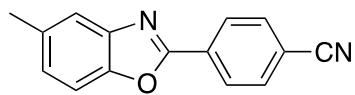
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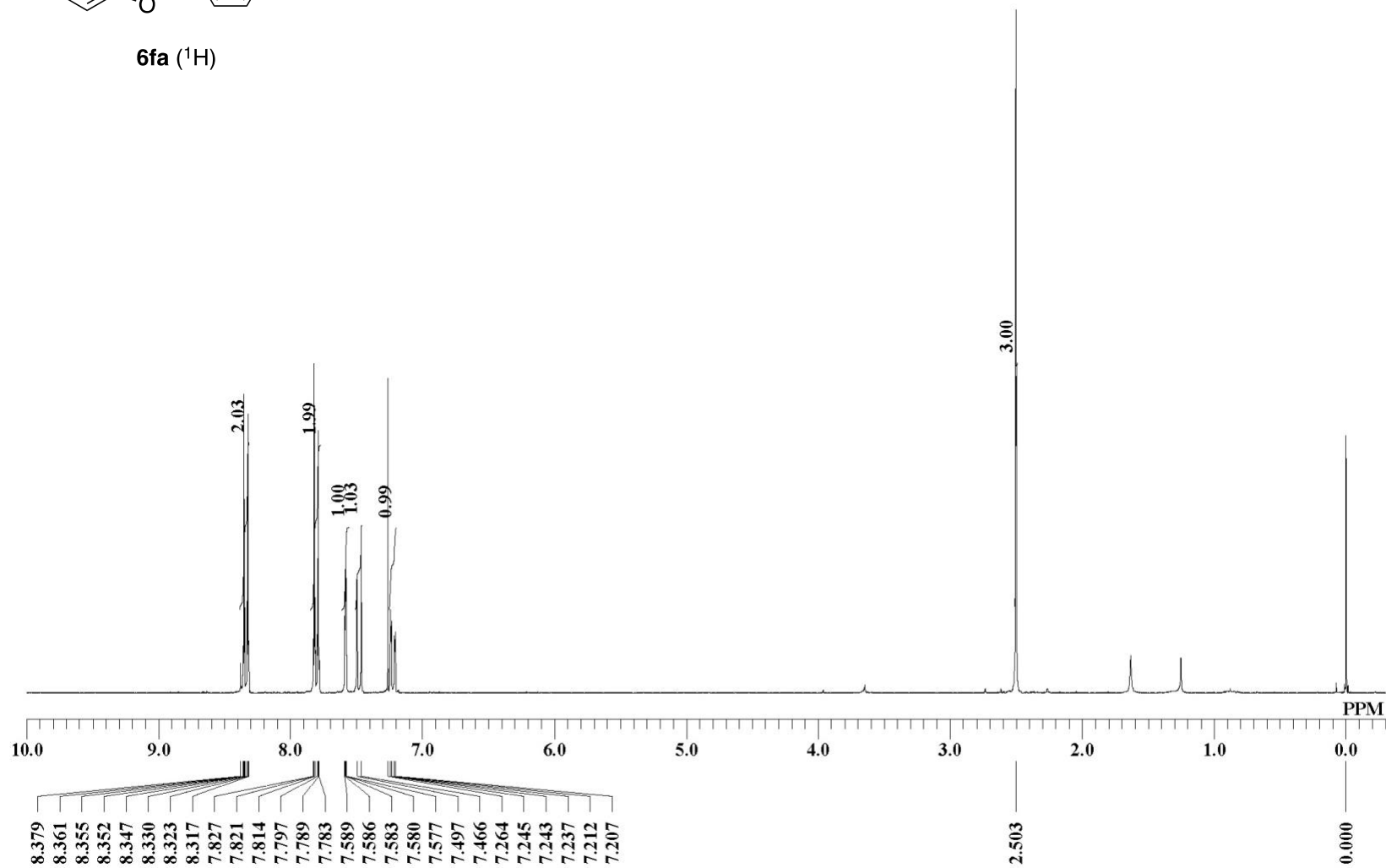
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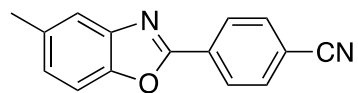
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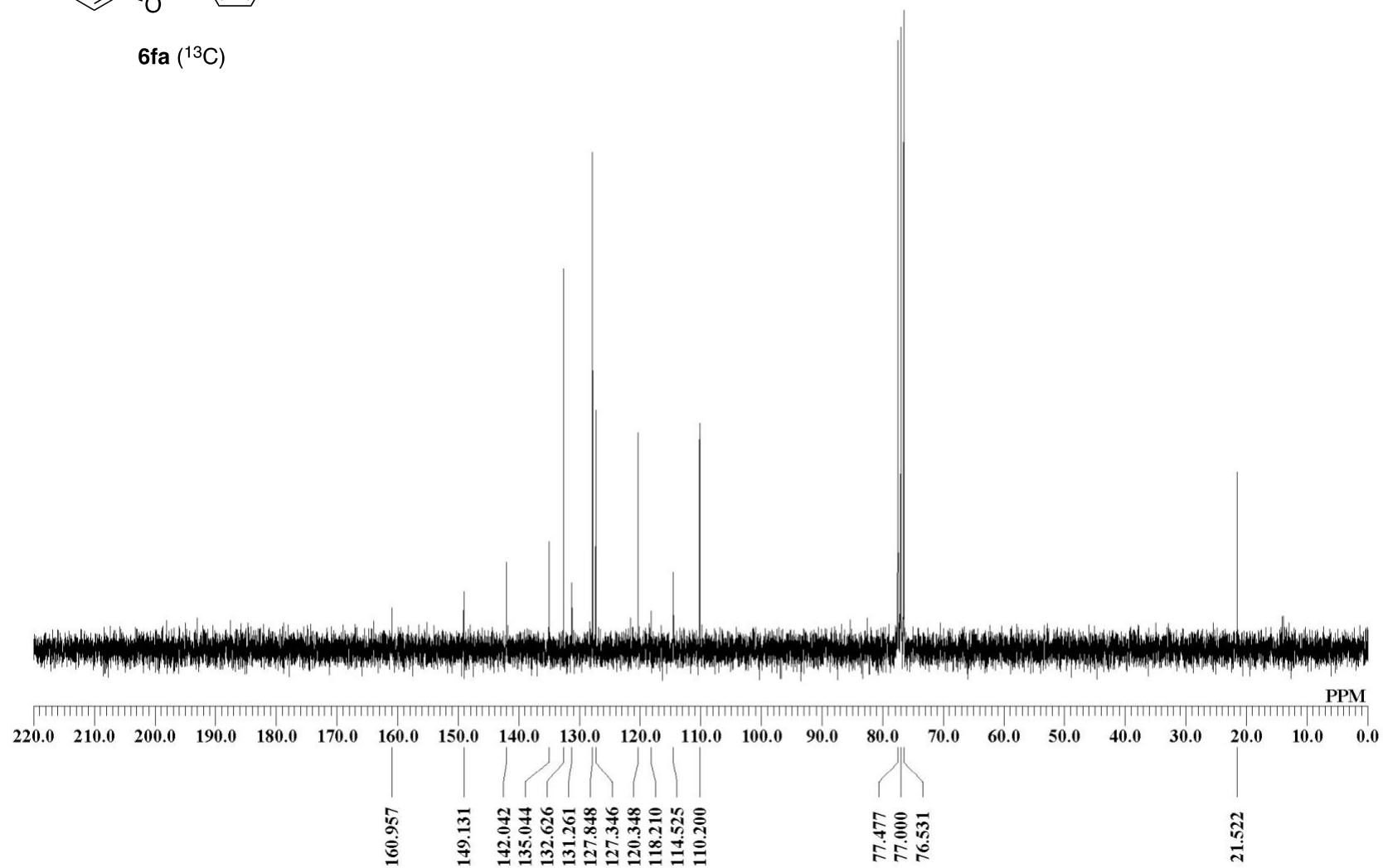
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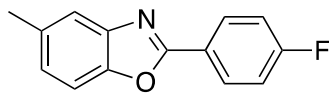
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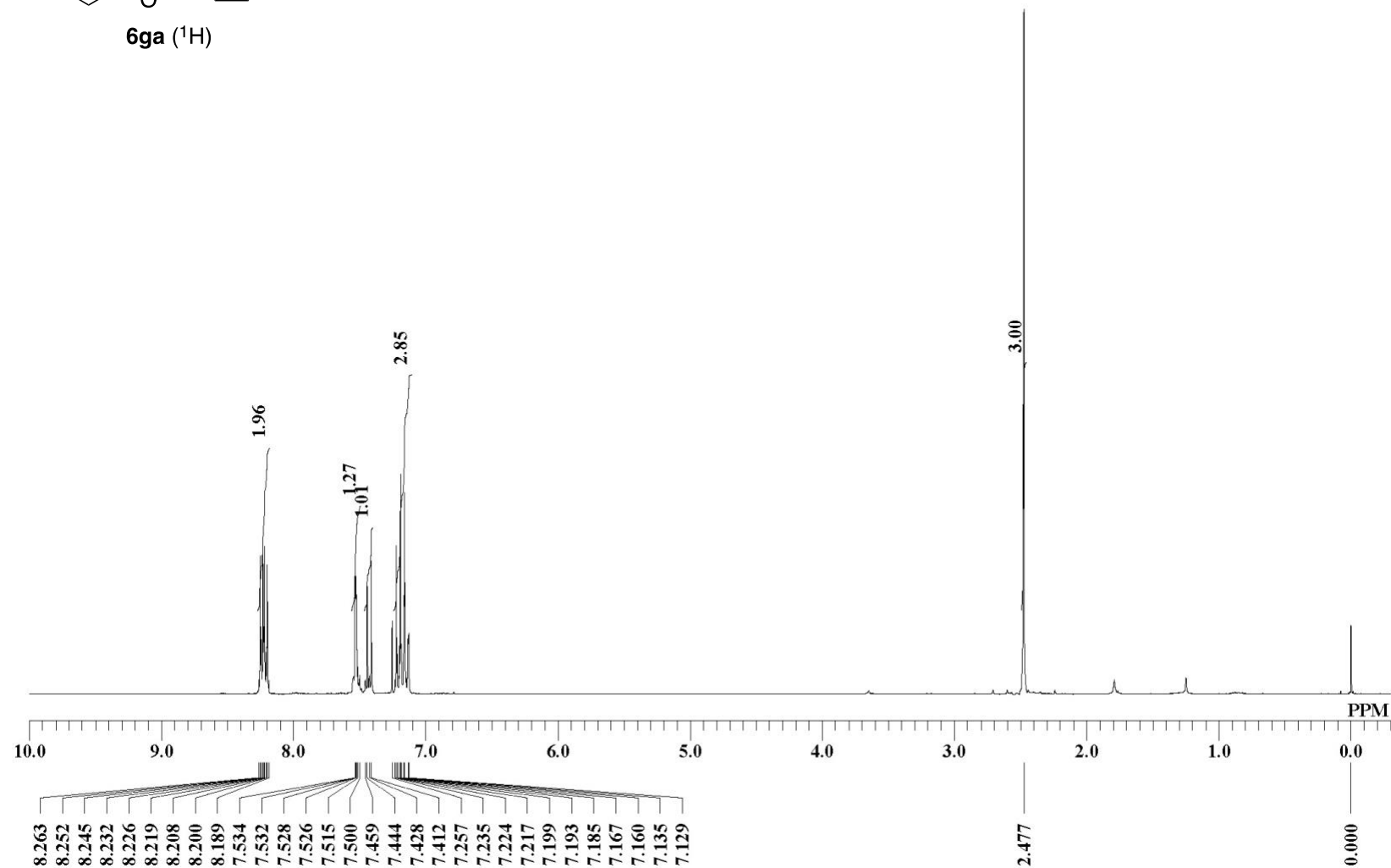
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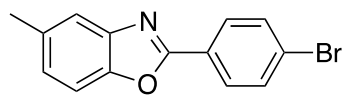
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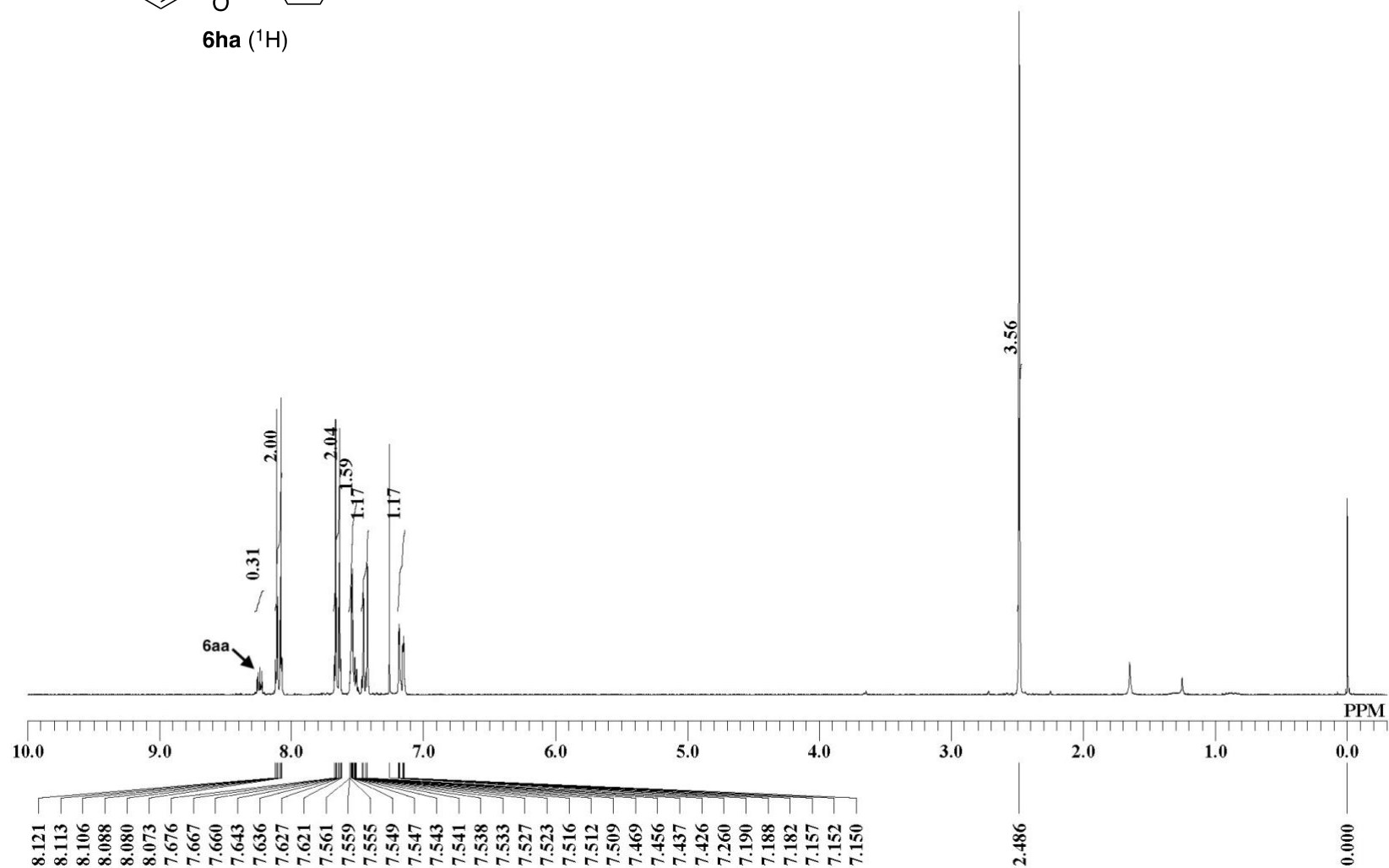
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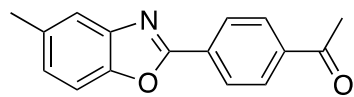
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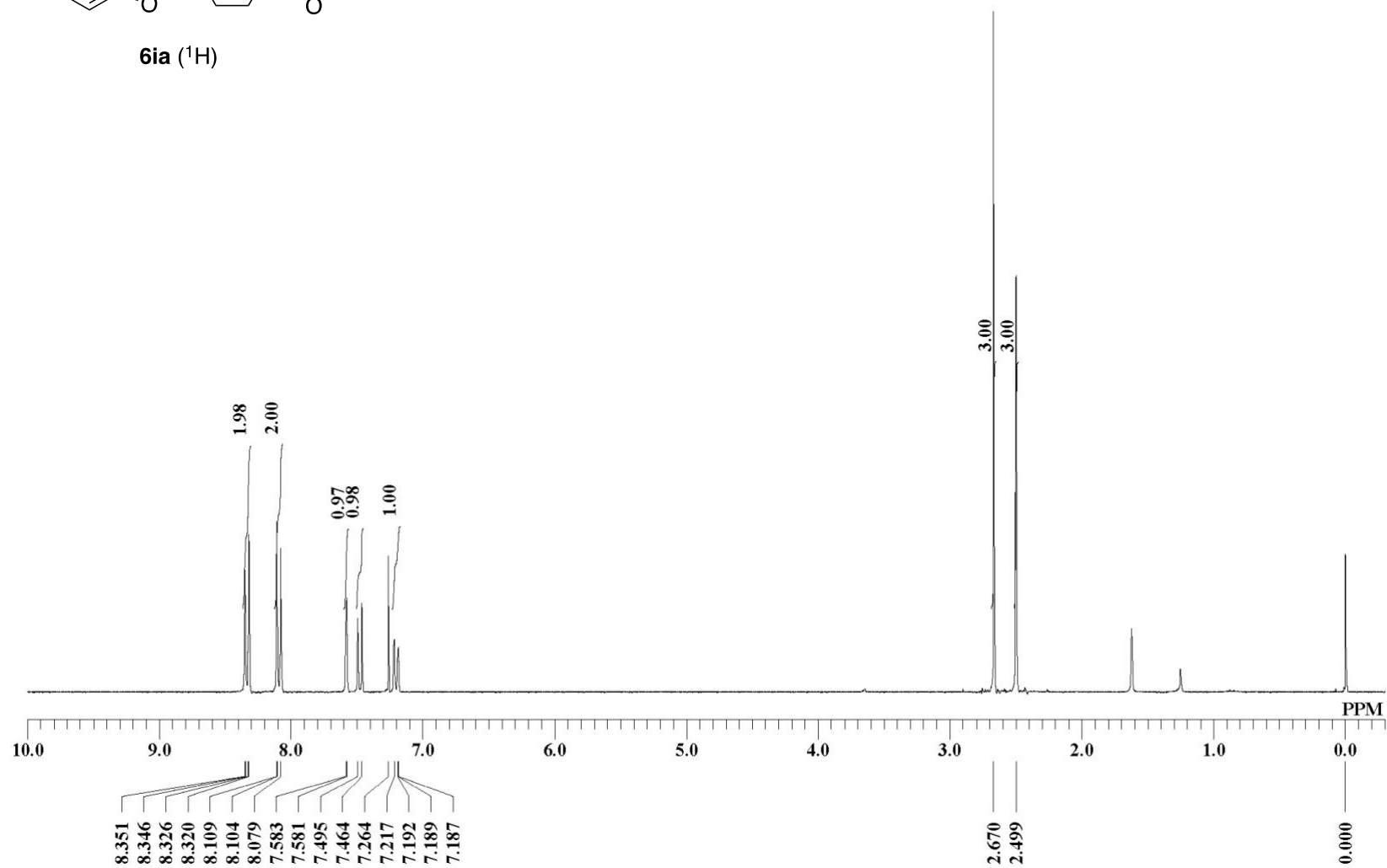
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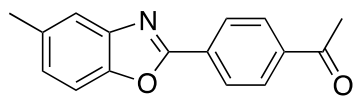
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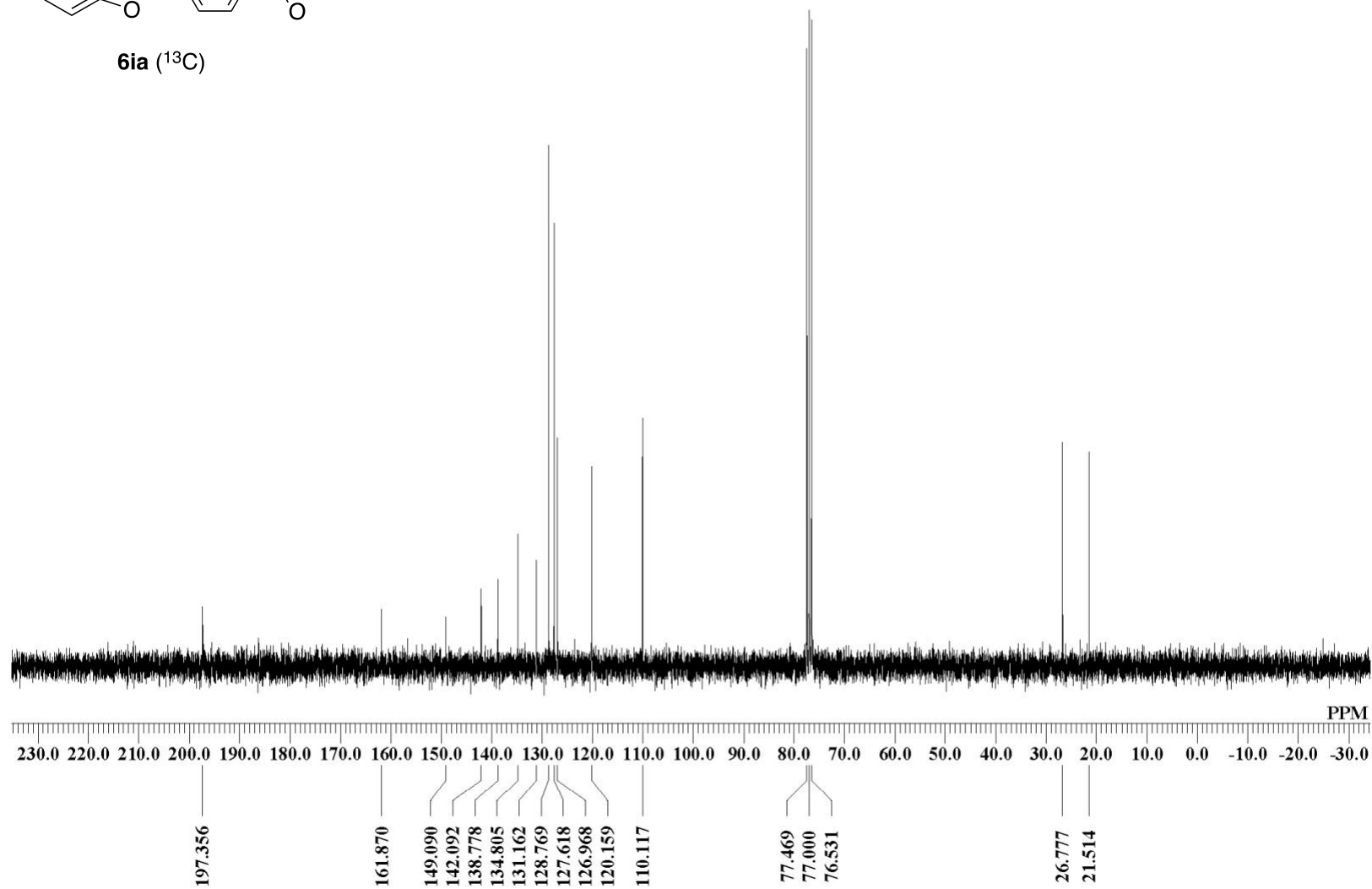
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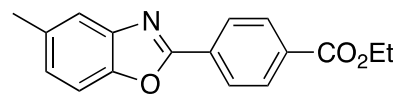
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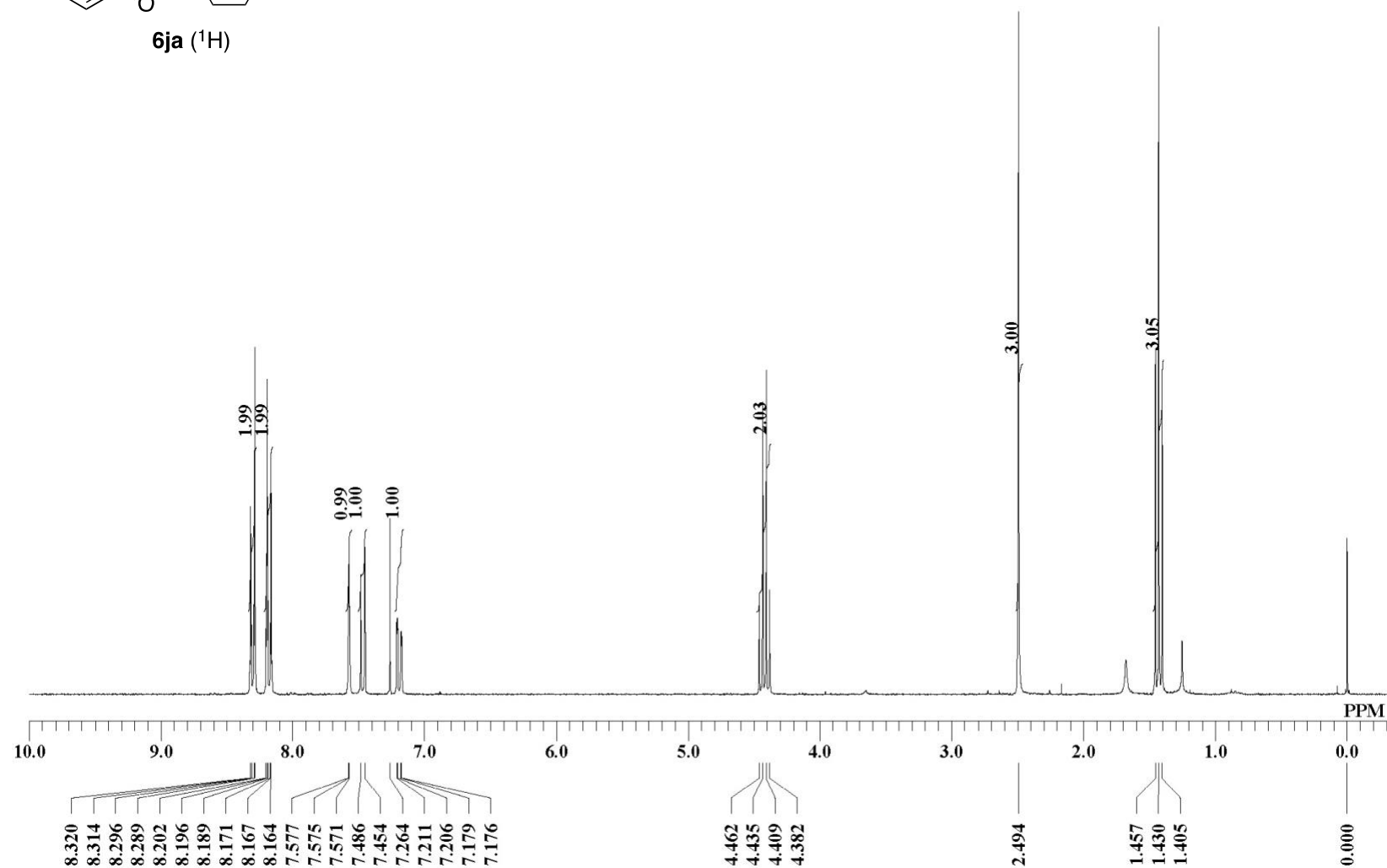
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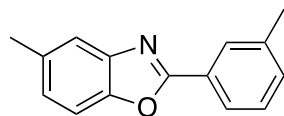
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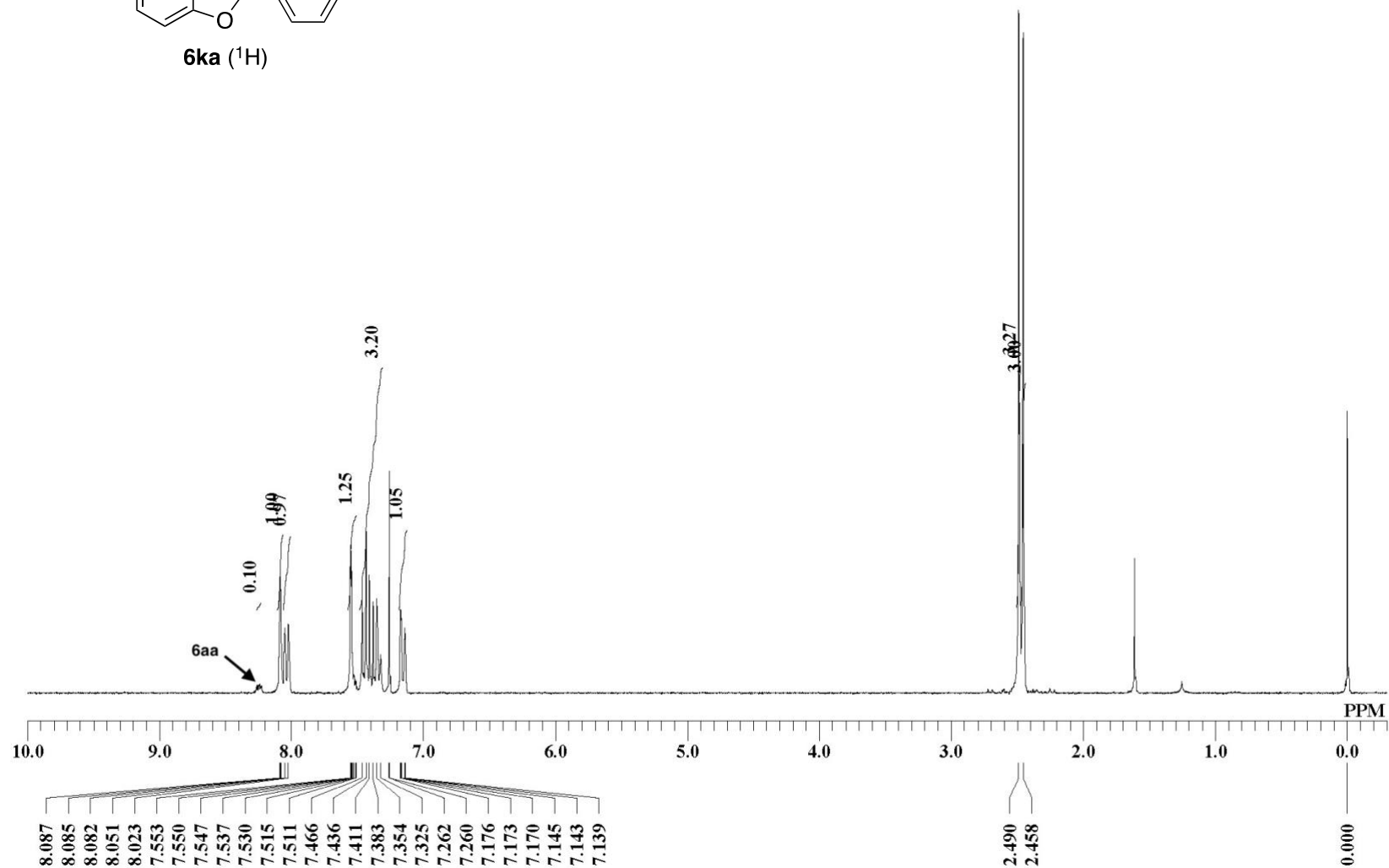
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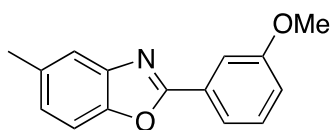
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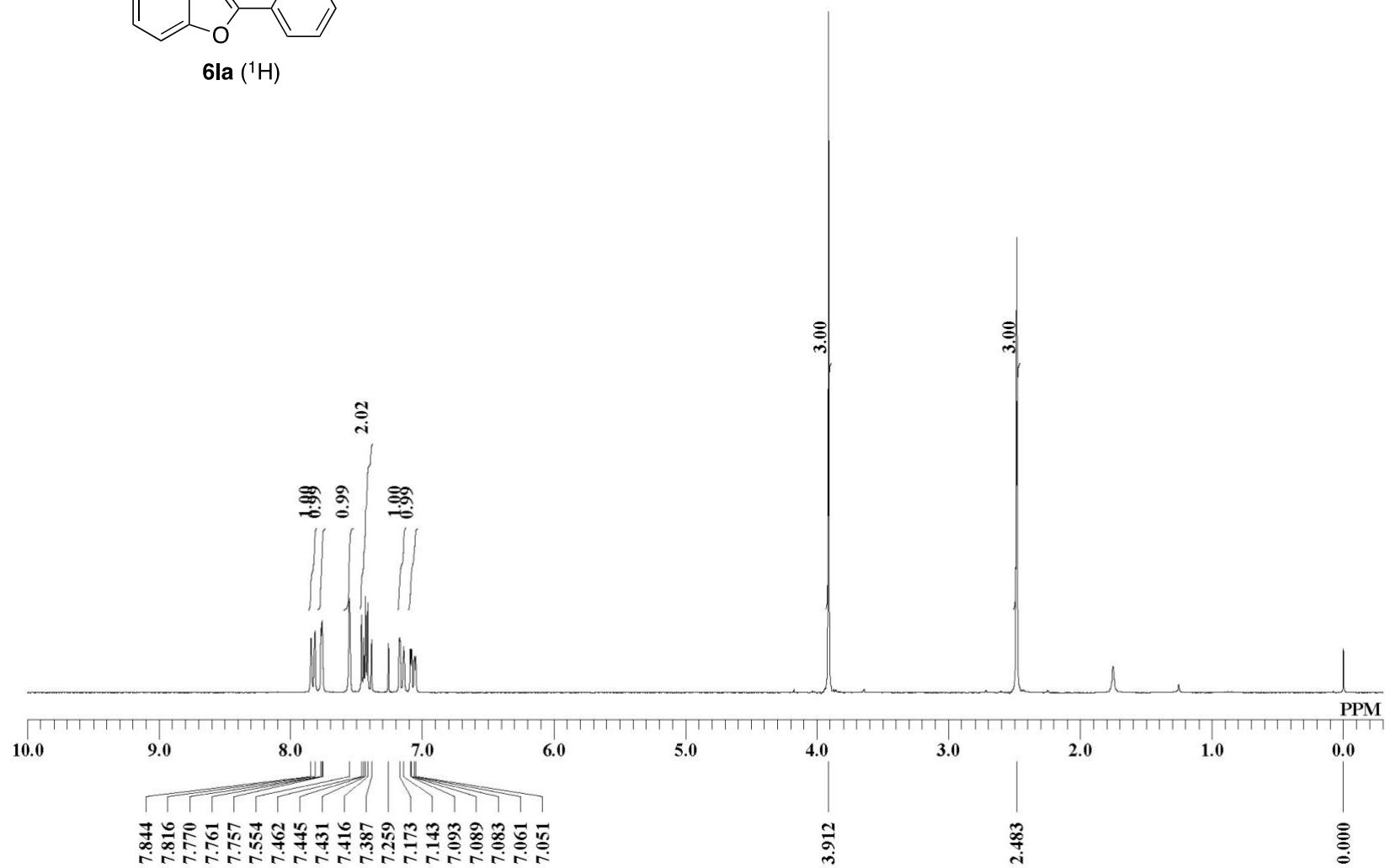
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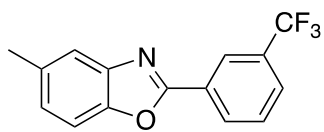
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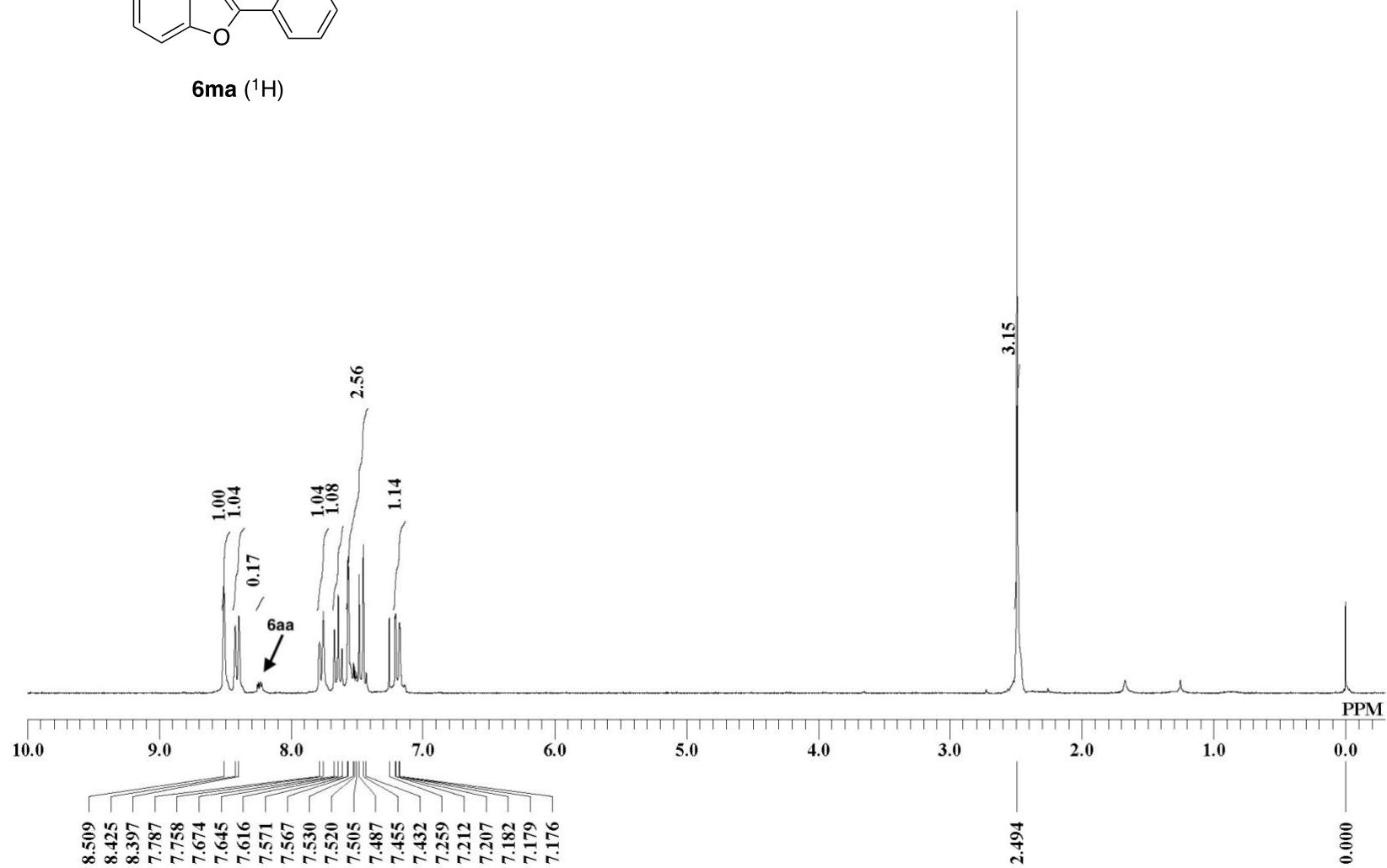
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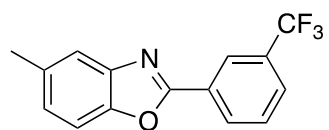
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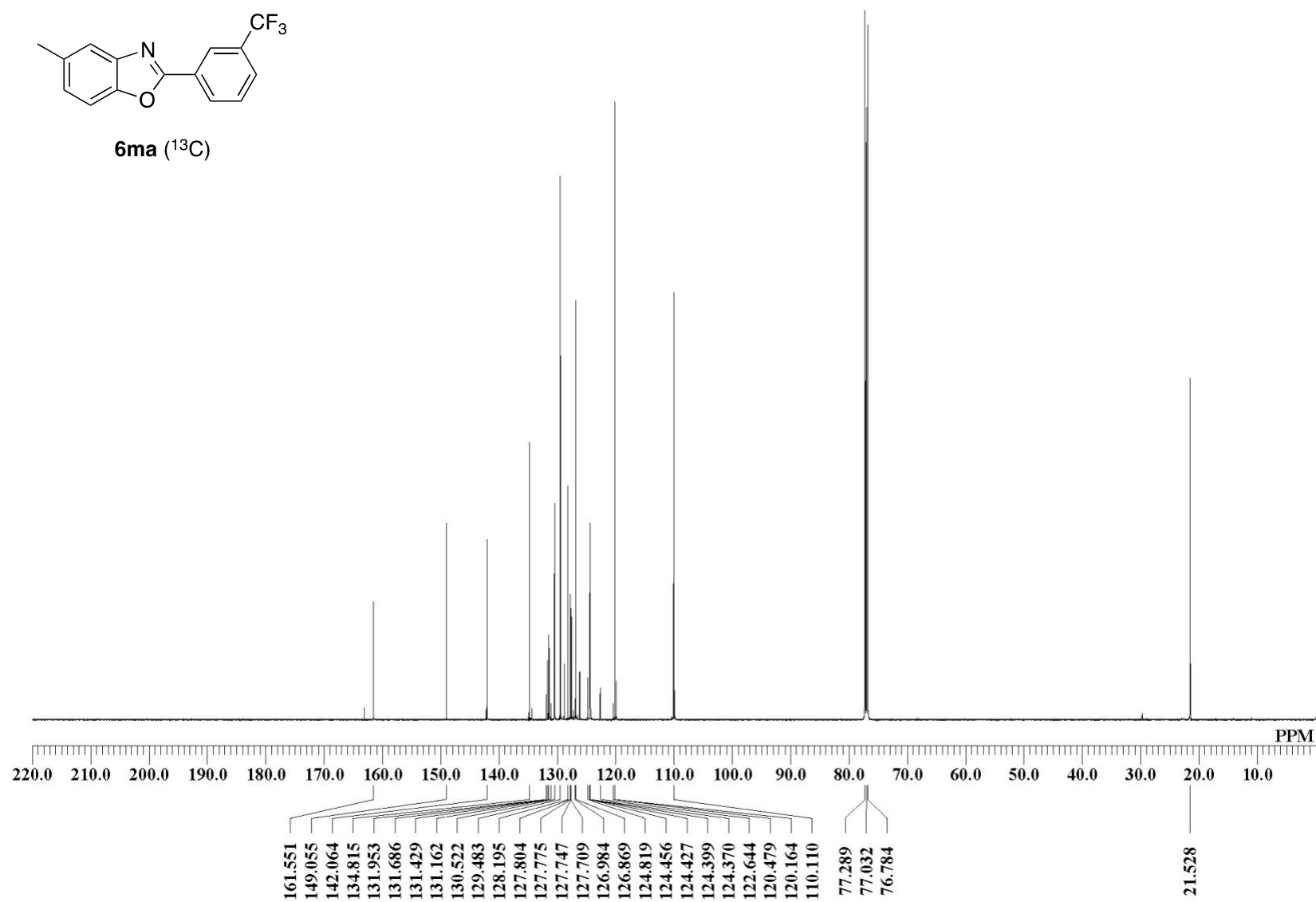
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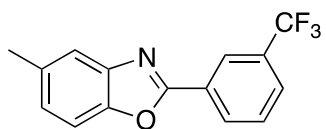
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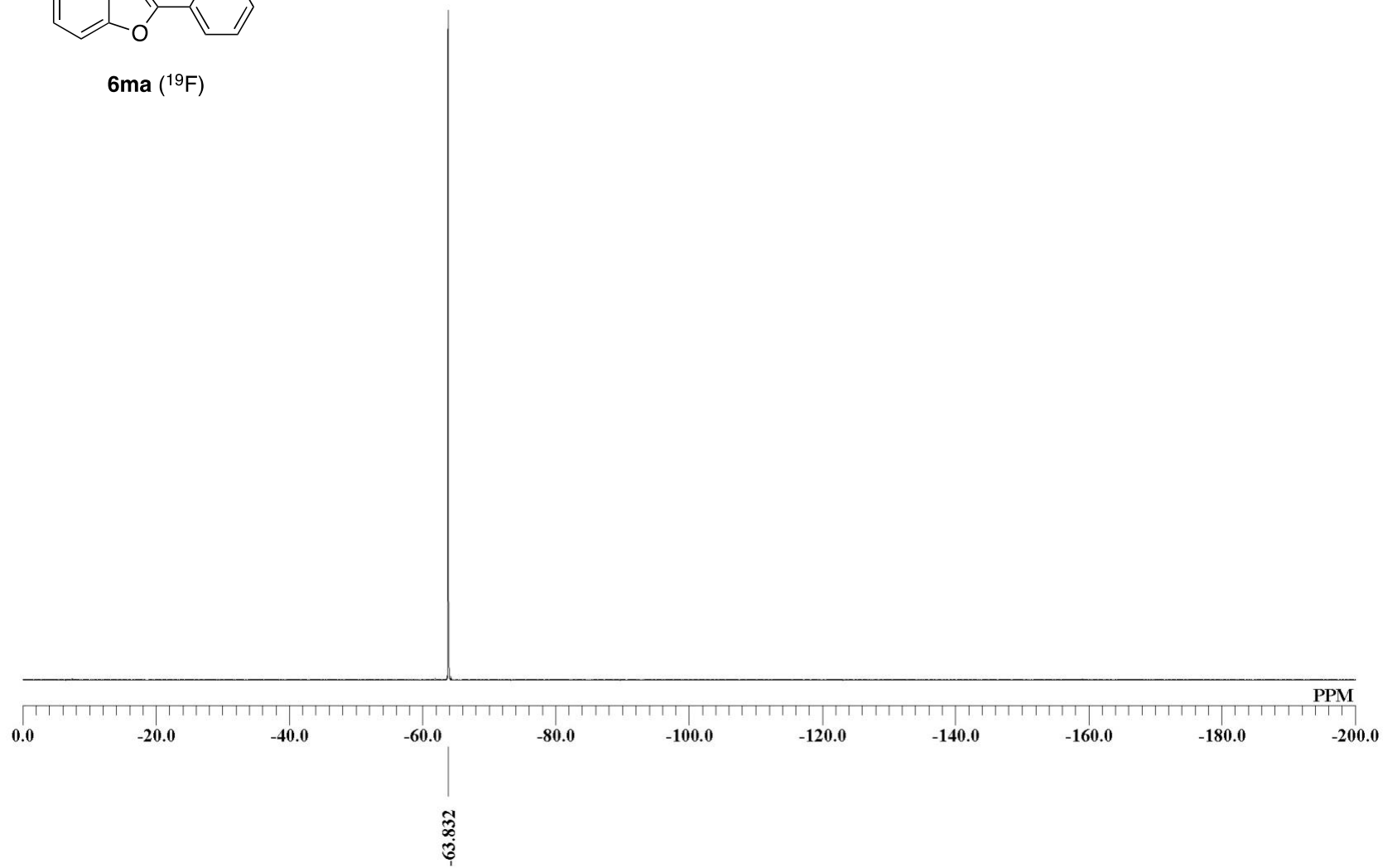
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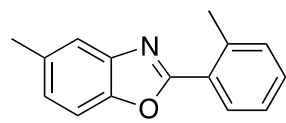
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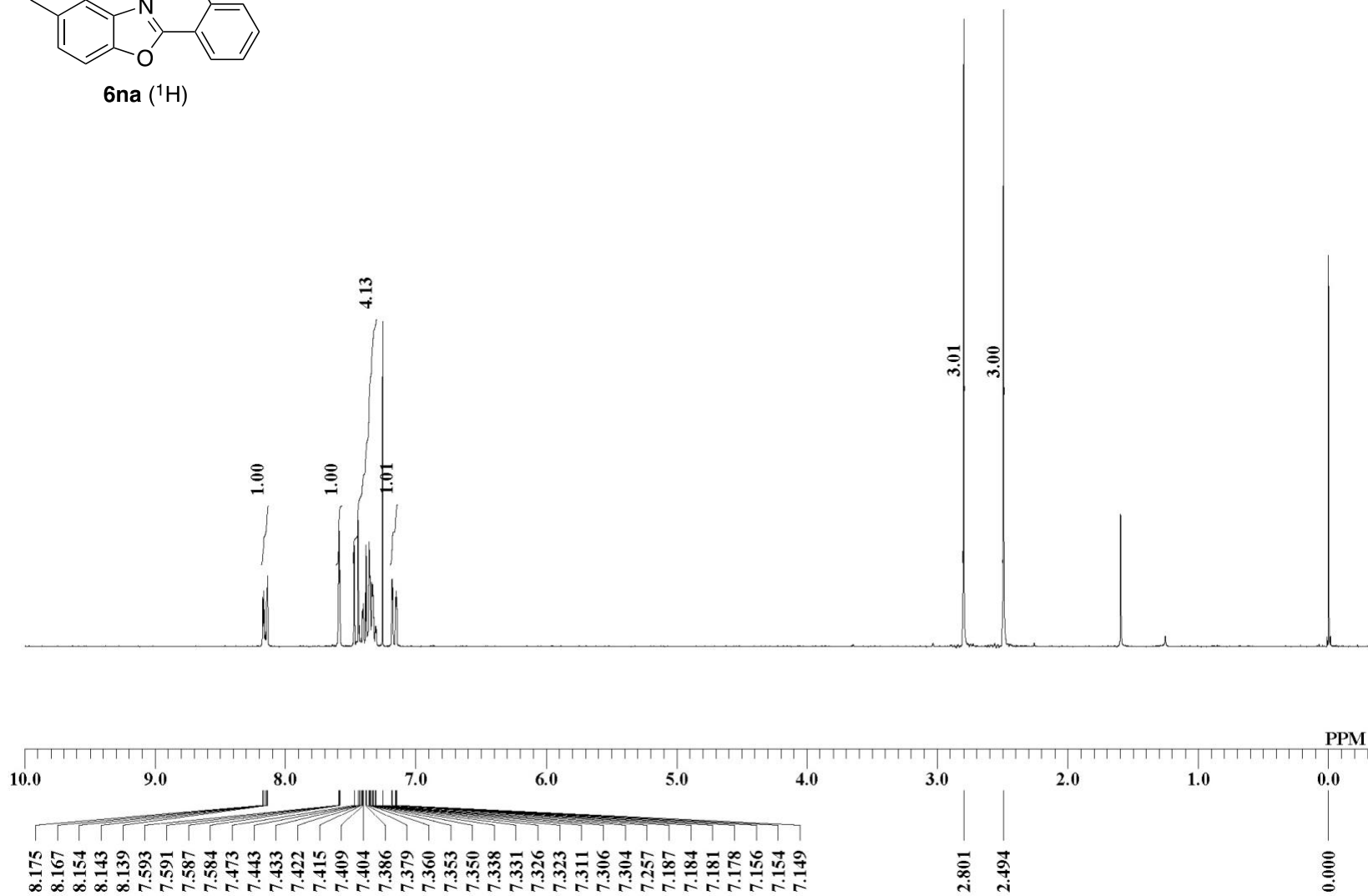
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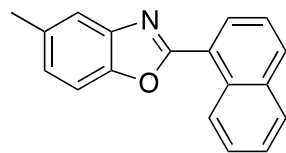
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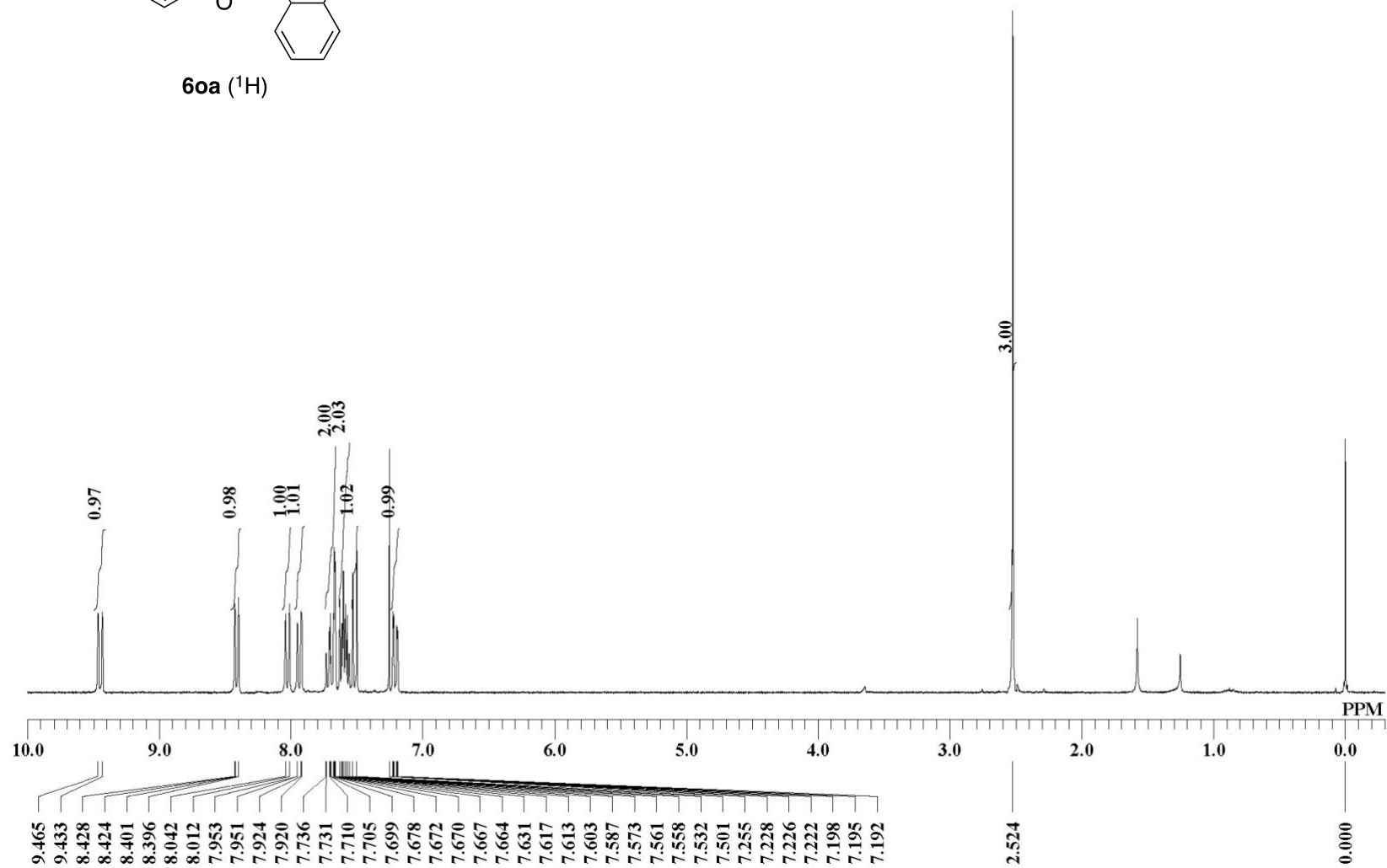
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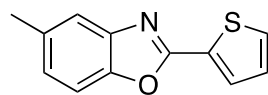
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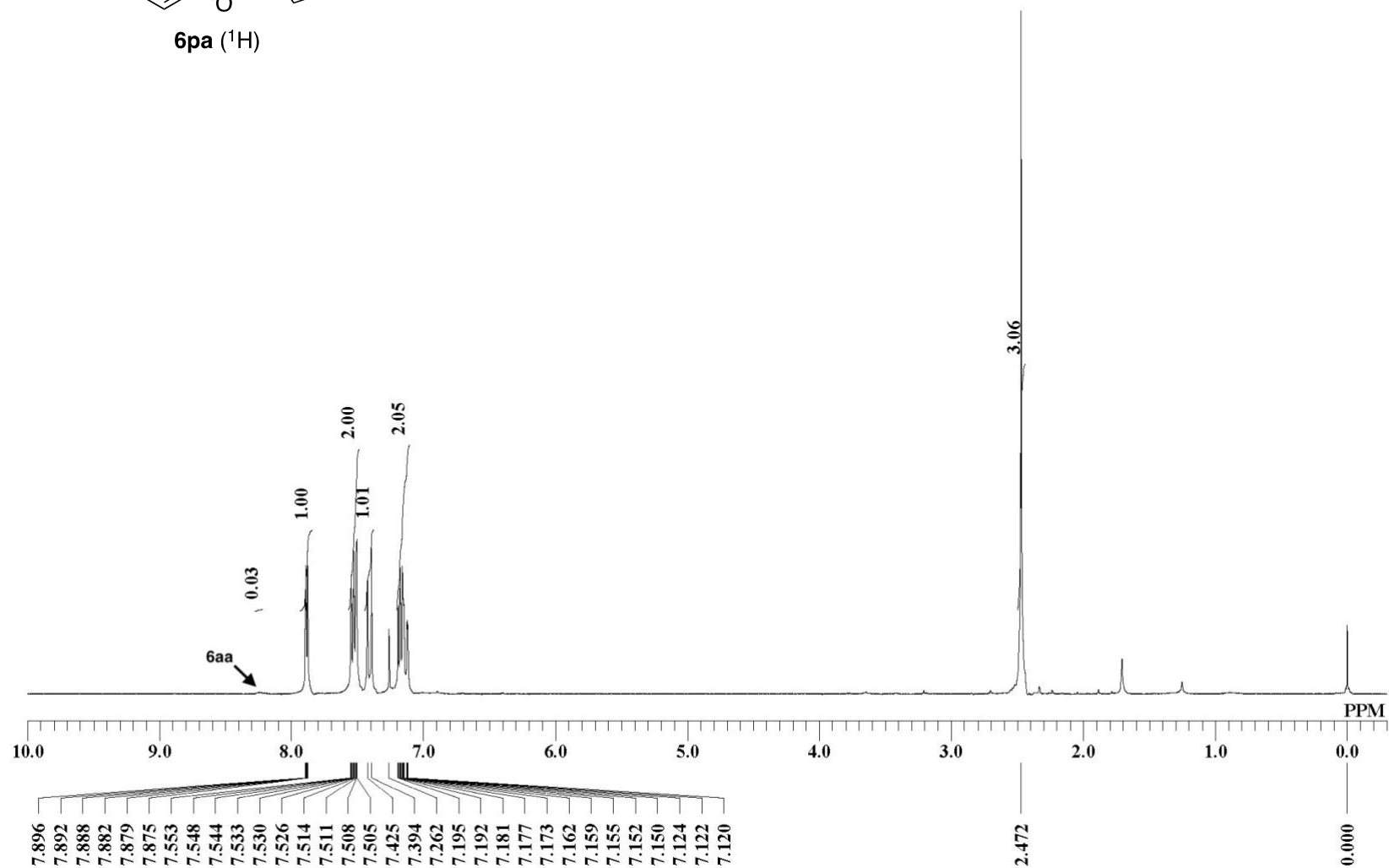
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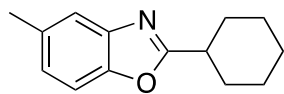
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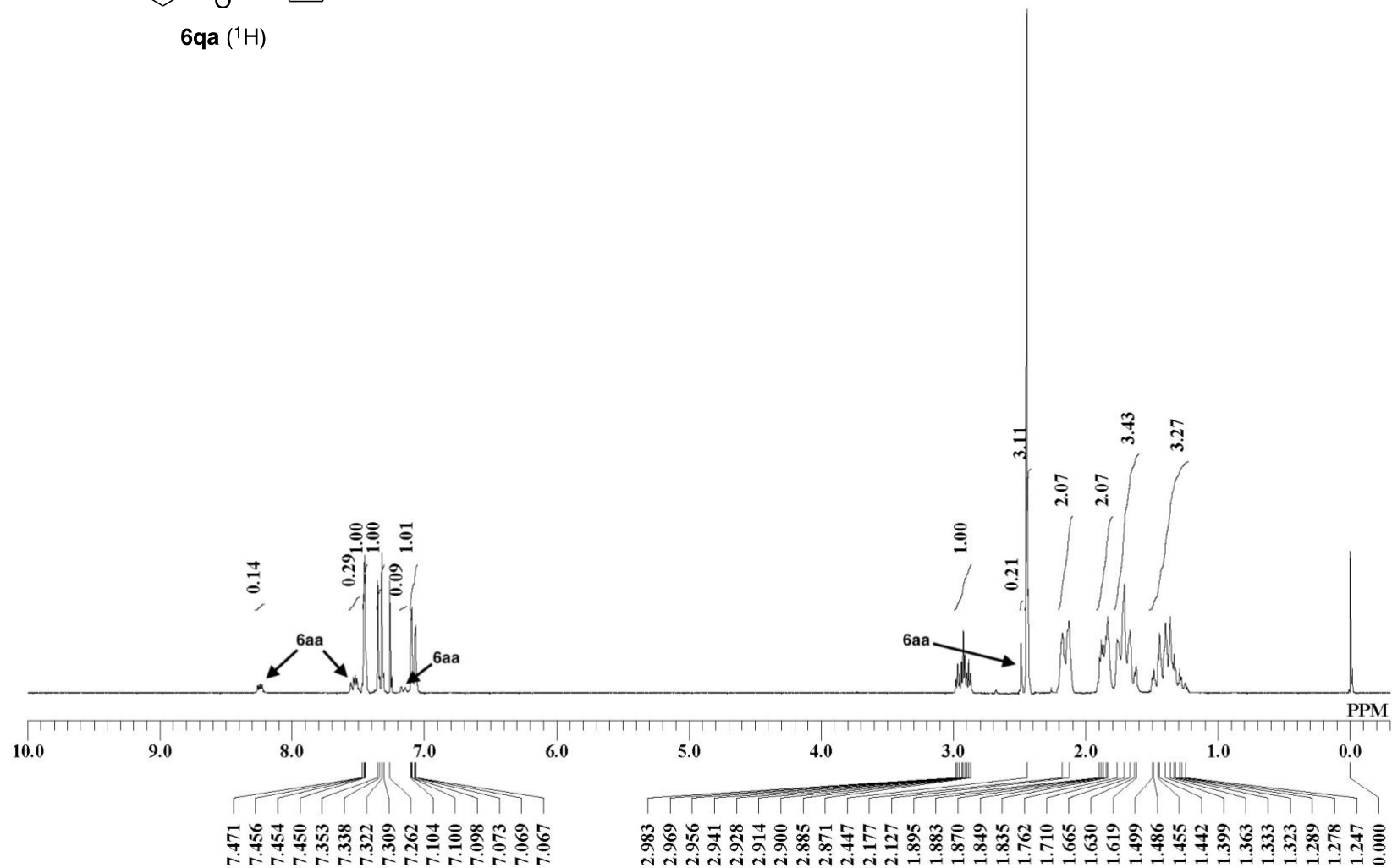
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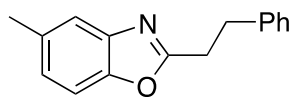
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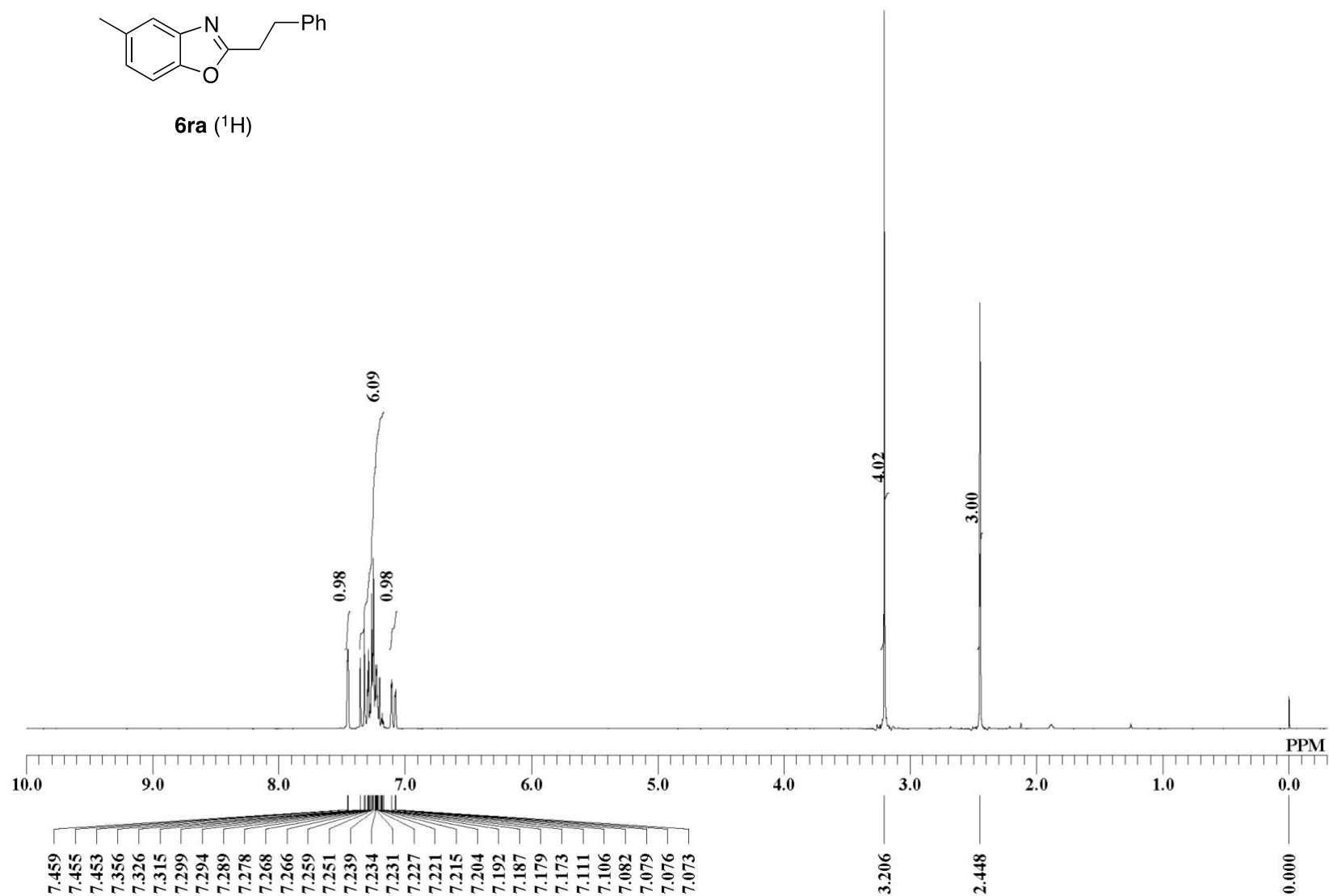
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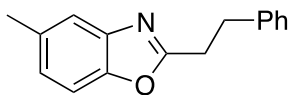
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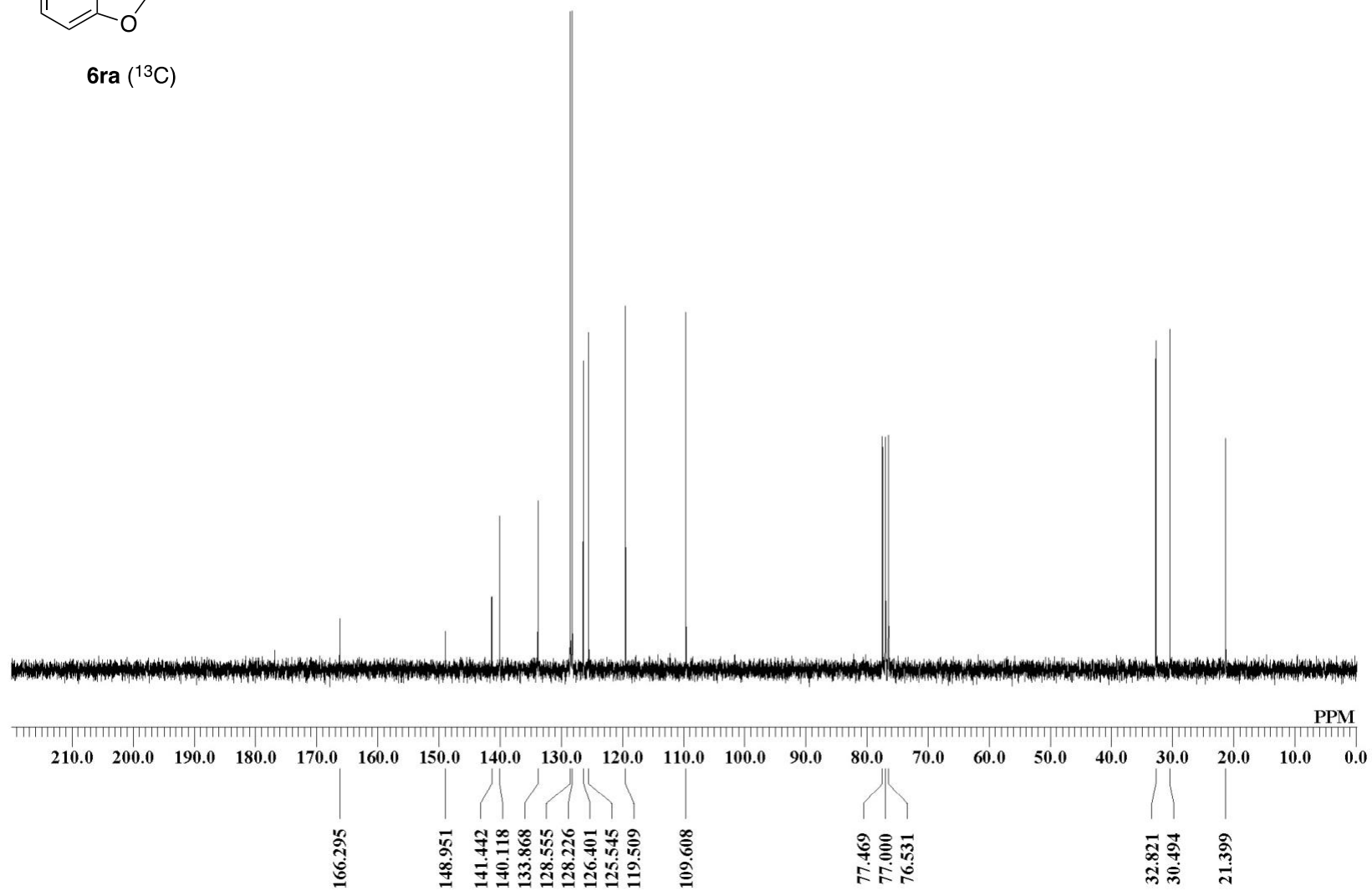
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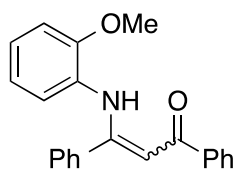
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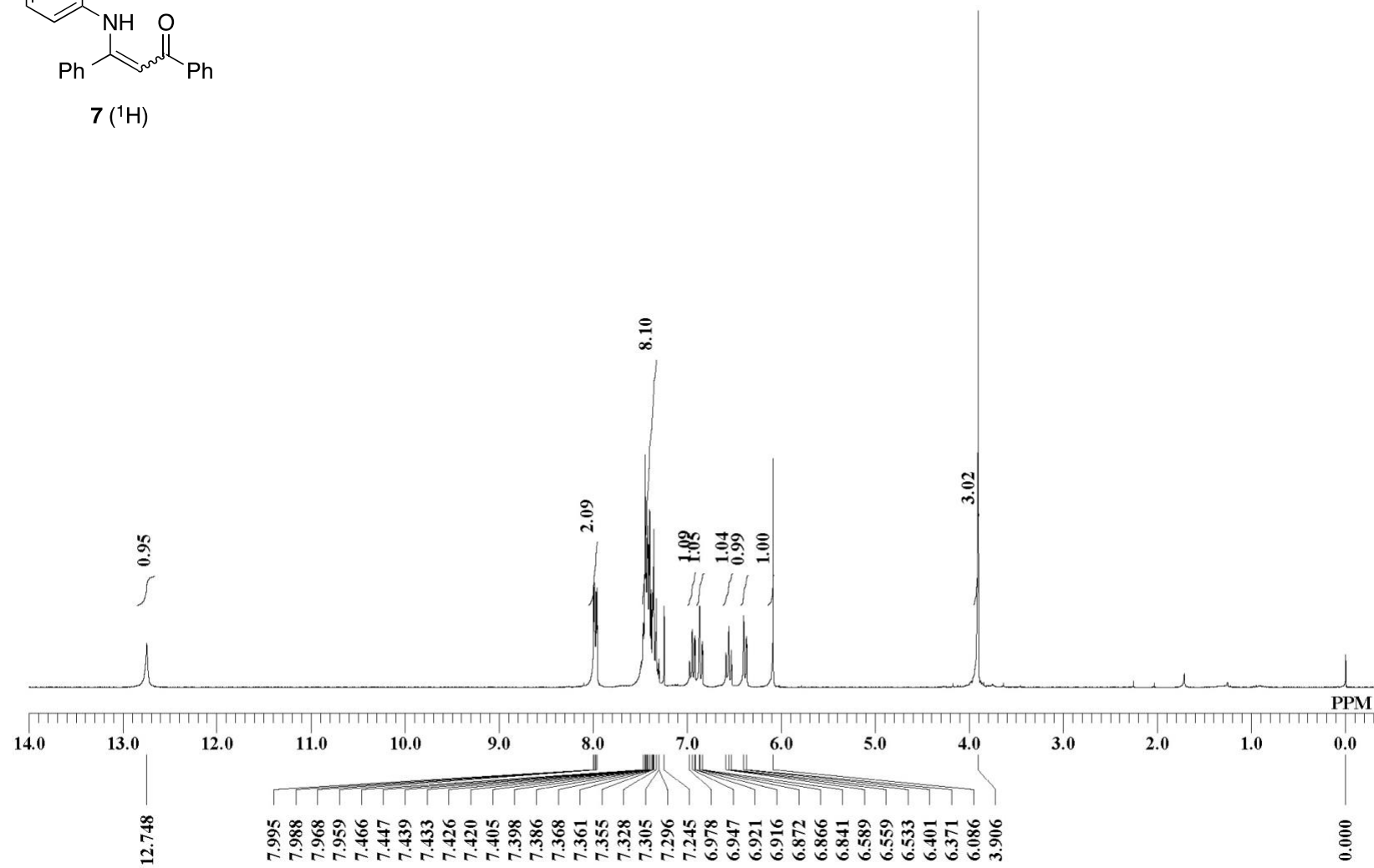
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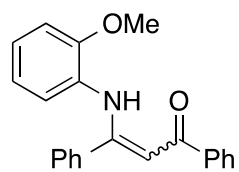
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7 (¹H)



6KO-305 Fr ^{13}C



7 (^{13}C)

