

## Supporting Information

### One-pot Synthesis of 1,3,4-Oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-ones with CO<sub>2</sub> as C1

#### Synthon Promoted by Hypoiodite

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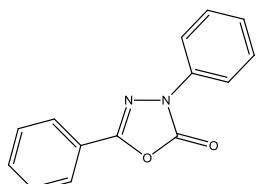
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## 1. General methods

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded by using a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer and CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent. The chemical shifts were referenced to signals at 7.26 and 77.23 ppm, respectively. Mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific ISQ gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer. The data of HRMS were obtained on a high resolution mass spectrometer (LCMS-IT-TOF). Melting points were determined with a Büchi Melting Point B-545 instrument.

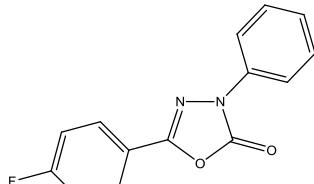
## 2. Characterization data

### 3,5-diphenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3a)<sup>1</sup>



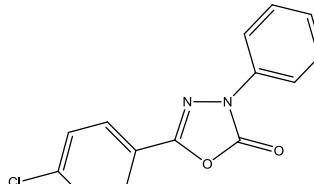
White solid, mp 108–110 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.95 – 7.92 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.7, 150.8, 136.2, 132.1, 129.4, 129.2, 126.3, 126.1, 123.6, 118.5.

### 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3b)<sup>1</sup>



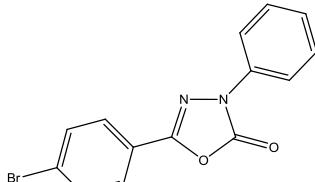
White solid, mp 142–144 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.94 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 165.1 (d, J = 252.2 Hz), 153.0, 150.8, 136.2, 129.4, 128.5 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 126.4, 120.0 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 118.5, 116.7 (d, J = 22.3 Hz).

### 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3c)<sup>1</sup>



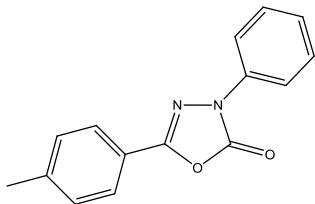
White solid, mp 133–135 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd, J = 11.0, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.0, 150.7, 138.5, 136.2, 129.7, 129.5, 127.4, 126.5, 122.1, 118.5.

### 5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3d)<sup>1</sup>



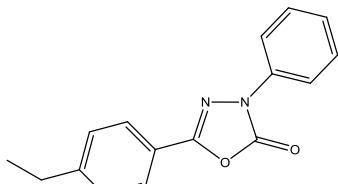
White solid, mp 121–123 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.0, 150.6, 136.1, 132.6, 129.4, 127.5, 126.9, 126.5, 122.6, 118.5.

### 3-phenyl-5-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3e)<sup>1</sup>



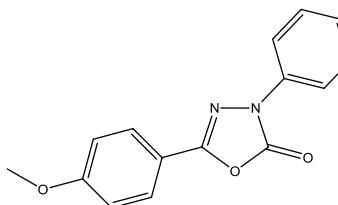
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### 5-(4-ethylphenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3f)<sup>1</sup>



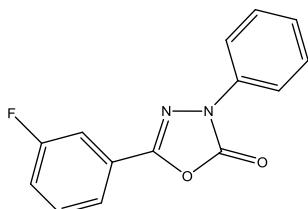
White solid, mp 72–74 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.94 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.84 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 2.69 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.9, 150.9, 149.0, 136.3, 129.3, 128.7, 126.2, 126.2, 121.0, 118.4, 29.1, 15.3.

### 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3g)<sup>1</sup>



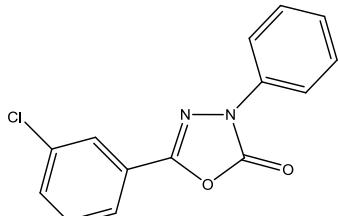
White solid, mp 144–146 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 162.7, 153.8, 151.0, 136.4, 129.3, 128.0, 126.1, 118.4, 116.0, 114.7, 55.7.

### 5-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3h)



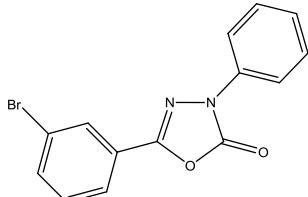
Brown solid, mp 80–82 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 16.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 162.9 (d, *J* = 246.6 Hz), 152.6, 150.4, 136.0, 131.0 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 129.3, 126.4, 125.5 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 121.8 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 119.1 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 118.3, 113.1 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz); **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 279.0540, found 279.0544.

### 5-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3i)<sup>4</sup>



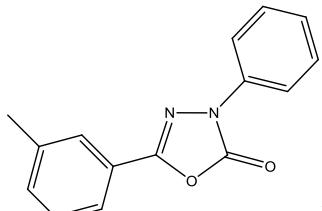
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### 5-(3-bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3j)



White solid, mp 88–90 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H); **13C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 152.2, 150.4, 136.0, 135.0, 130.7, 129.3, 128.9, 126.4, 125.4, 124.5, 123.2, 118.3; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 338.9740, found 338.9742.

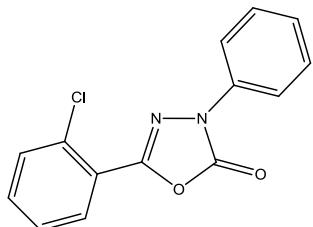
### 3-phenyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one(3k)<sup>1</sup>



White solid, mp 123–125 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29 –

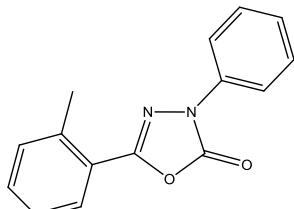
7.25 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.9, 150.9, 139.2, 136.3, 133.0, 129.4, 129.1, 126.6, 126.3, 123.5, 123.4, 118.5, 21.5

### 5-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3l)<sup>2</sup>



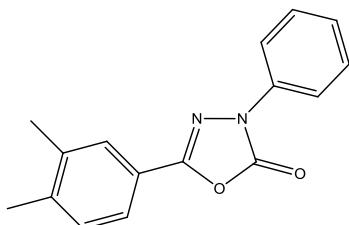
White solid, mp 116–118 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 3H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 151.8, 150.4, 136.1, 133.1, 132.6, 131.7, 130.2, 129.4, 127.2, 126.4, 122.4, 118.5.

### 3-phenyl-5-(*o*-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3m)<sup>2</sup>



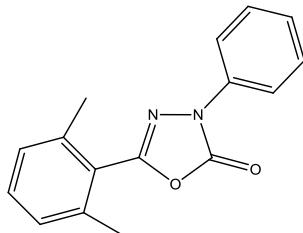
White solid, mp 96–98 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.1, 150.6, 138.3, 136.4, 132.1, 131.6, 129.4, 128.4, 126.5, 126.3, 122.4, 118.4, 22.4.

### 5-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3n)



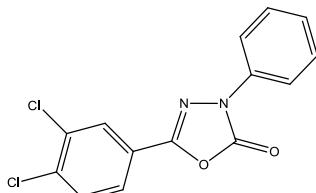
White solid, mp 119–121 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.8, 150.7, 141.4, 137.6, 136.3, 130.3, 129.2, 126.9, 126.0, 123.6, 121.0, 118.2, 20.0, 19.8; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 289.0947, found 289.0951.

### 5-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3o)



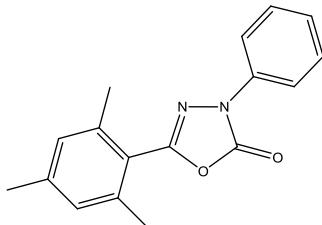
White solid, mp 79–81 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.96 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.6, 151.2, 139.1, 136.3, 131.3, 129.4, 128.4, 126.2, 123.5, 118.4, 20.6; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 289.0947, found 289.0950.

### 5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3p)



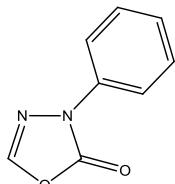
Brown solid, mp 145–147 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.00 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 151.9, 150.4, 136.7, 136.0, 134.0, 131.5, 129.5, 127.9, 126.6, 125.1, 123.4, 118.5; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 328.9855, found 328.9853.

### 5-mesityl-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3q)<sup>2</sup>



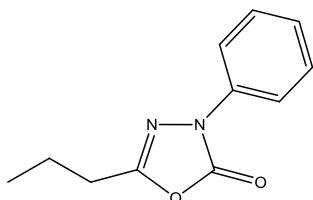
White solid, mp 62–64 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 2.33 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.9, 151.3, 141.6, 139.0, 136.4, 129.4, 129.3, 126.2, 120.7, 118.4, 21.4, 20.6.

### 3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3r)



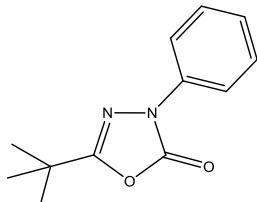
Brown solid, mp 69–71 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 150.5, 144.1, 135.9, 129.4, 126.6, 118.5; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 185.0321, found 185.0316.

### 3-phenyl-5-propyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3H)-one (3s)



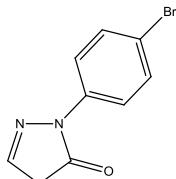
Brown solid, mp 59–61 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 157.0, 151.4, 136.3, 129.4, 126.1, 118.3, 28.4, 19.2, 13.6; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 227.0791, found 227.0793.

### 5-(*tert*-butyl)-3-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3t)<sup>3</sup>



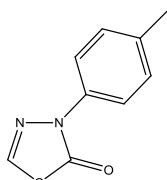
Light yellow oil; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 162.9, 151.5, 136.3, 129.3, 126.0, 118.3, 33.0, 27.2.

### 3-(4-bromophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3v)<sup>4</sup>



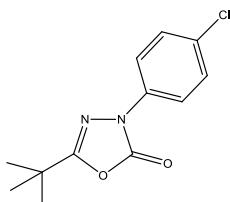
Brown solid, mp 114–116 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 150.1, 144.2, 135.0, 132.5, 119.9, 119.8.

### 3-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3w)<sup>4</sup>



Brown solid, mp 83–85 °C; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 150.5, 143.9, 136.5, 133.4, 129.9, 118.5, 21.1.

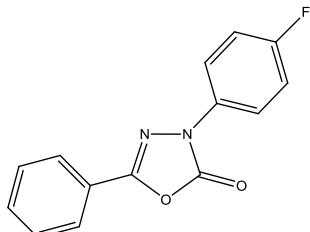
### 5-(*tert*-butyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (3x)



Light Yellow oil; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz,

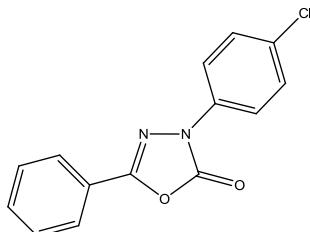
2H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 163.2, 151.3, 134.9, 131.4, 129.4, 119.5, 33.1, 27.2; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , 253.0738, found 253.0733.

**3-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (**4a**)<sup>1</sup>**



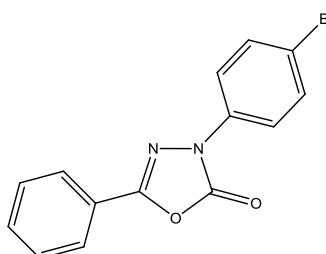
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**3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (**4b**)<sup>1</sup>**



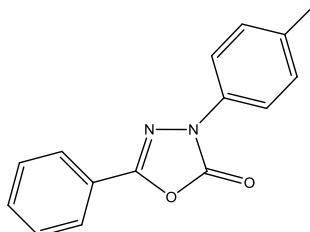
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**3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (**4c**)<sup>2</sup>**



White solid, mp 132–135 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 153.9, 150.6, 135.3, 132.4, 132.3, 129.3, 126.2, 123.4, 119.9, 119.5.

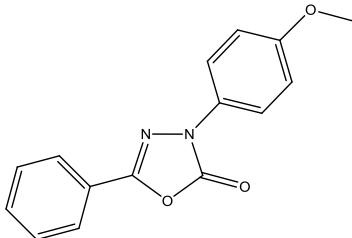
**5-phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (**4d**)<sup>3</sup>**



White solid, mp 155–157°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H),

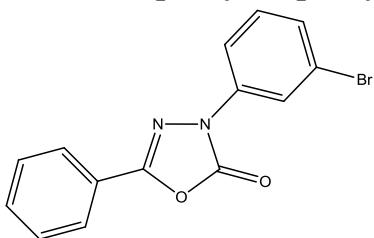
2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.6, 150.9, 136.2, 133.8, 132.0, 129.9, 129.2, 126.1, 123.7, 118.6, 21.1.

**3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (4e)<sup>3</sup>**



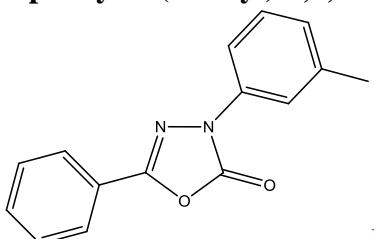
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**3-(3-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (4f)<sup>5</sup>**



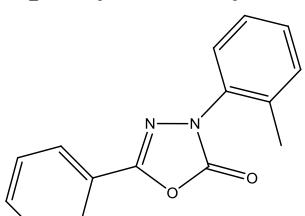
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**5-phenyl-3-(*m*-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (4g)<sup>5</sup>**



Brown solid, mp 99–101 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 153.7, 151.0, 139.5, 136.2, 132.1, 129.2, 127.2, 126.2, 123.7, 119.2, 115.8, 21.8.

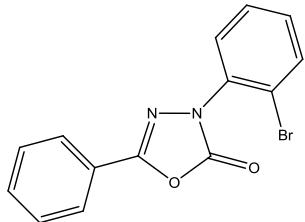
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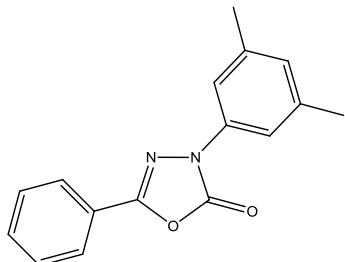
2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.2, 152.3, 135.3, 134.0, 132.0, 131.7, 129.7, 129.2, 127.1, 126.7, 126.0, 123.9, 18.3.

**3-(2-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (4i)<sup>5</sup>**



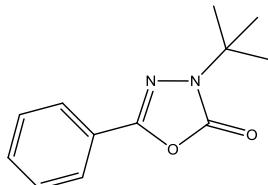
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**3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (4j)<sup>5</sup>**



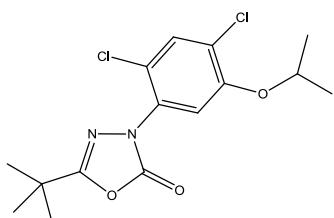
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**3-(tert-butyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (4k)**



Light yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.46 (s, 3H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 152.6, 152.1, 131.3, 129.0, 125.7, 124.5, 58.5, 28.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 241.0947, found 241.0949.

**5-(tert-butyl)-3-(2,4-dichloro-5-isopropoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2(3*H*)-one (5a)<sup>3</sup>**



White solid, mp 84–86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 6H), 1.25 (s, 9H);

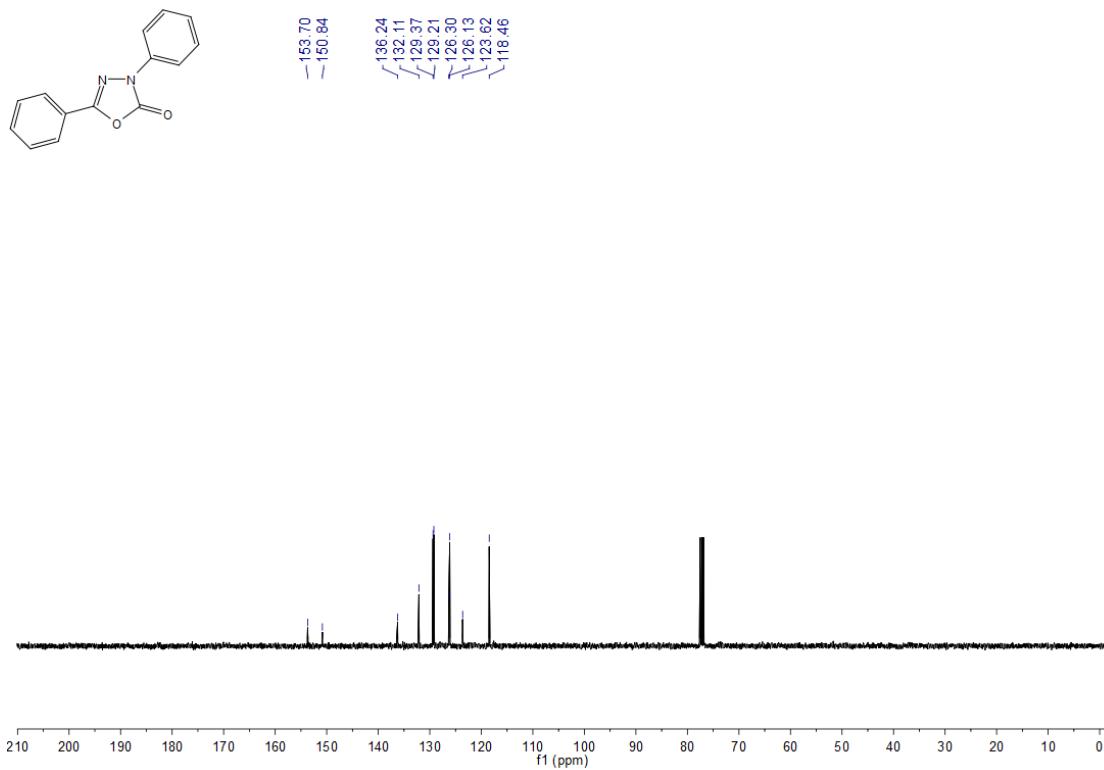
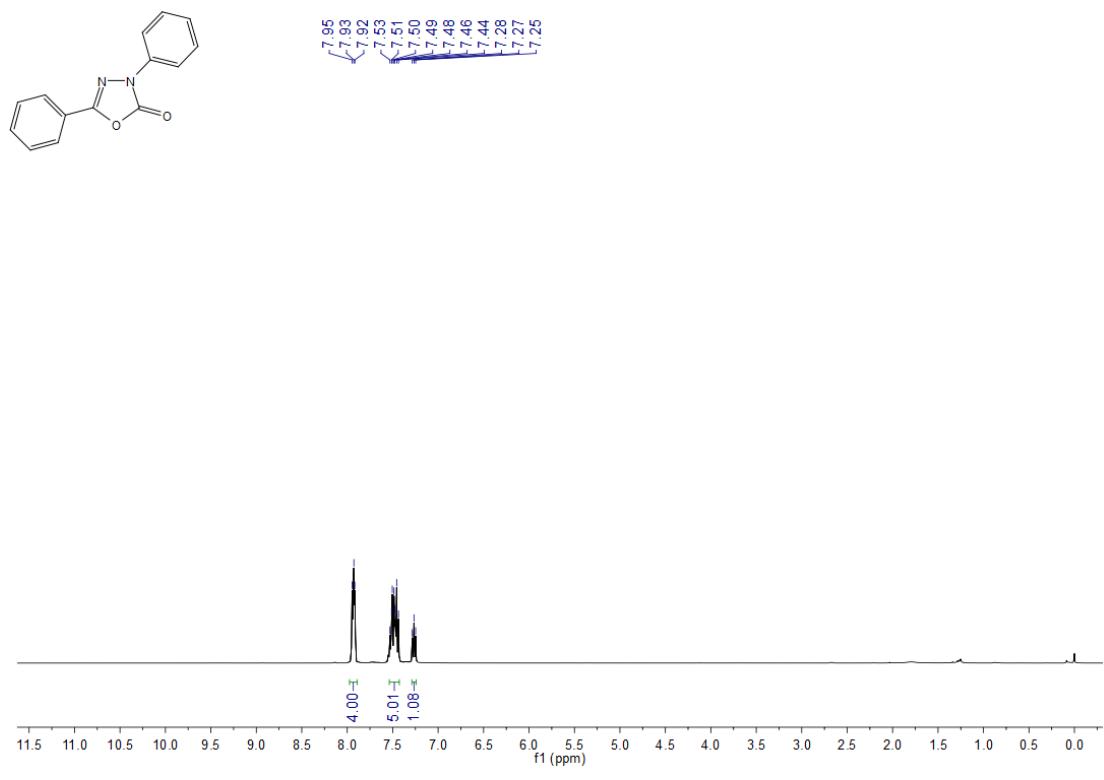
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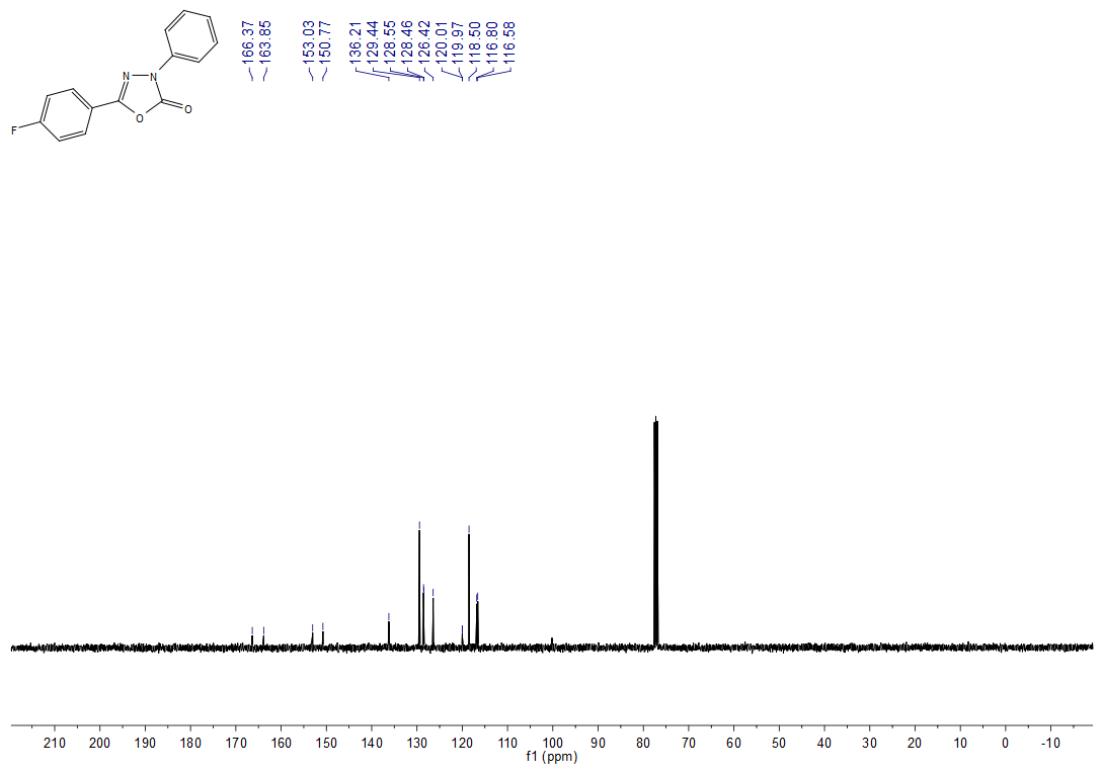
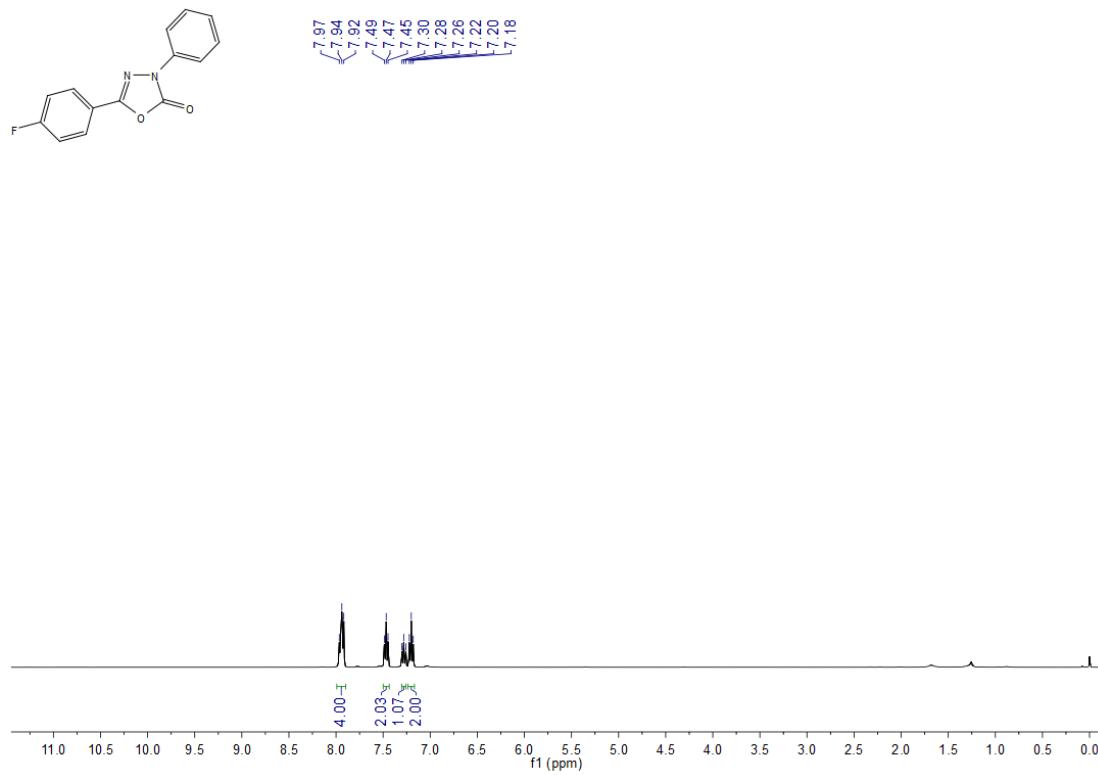
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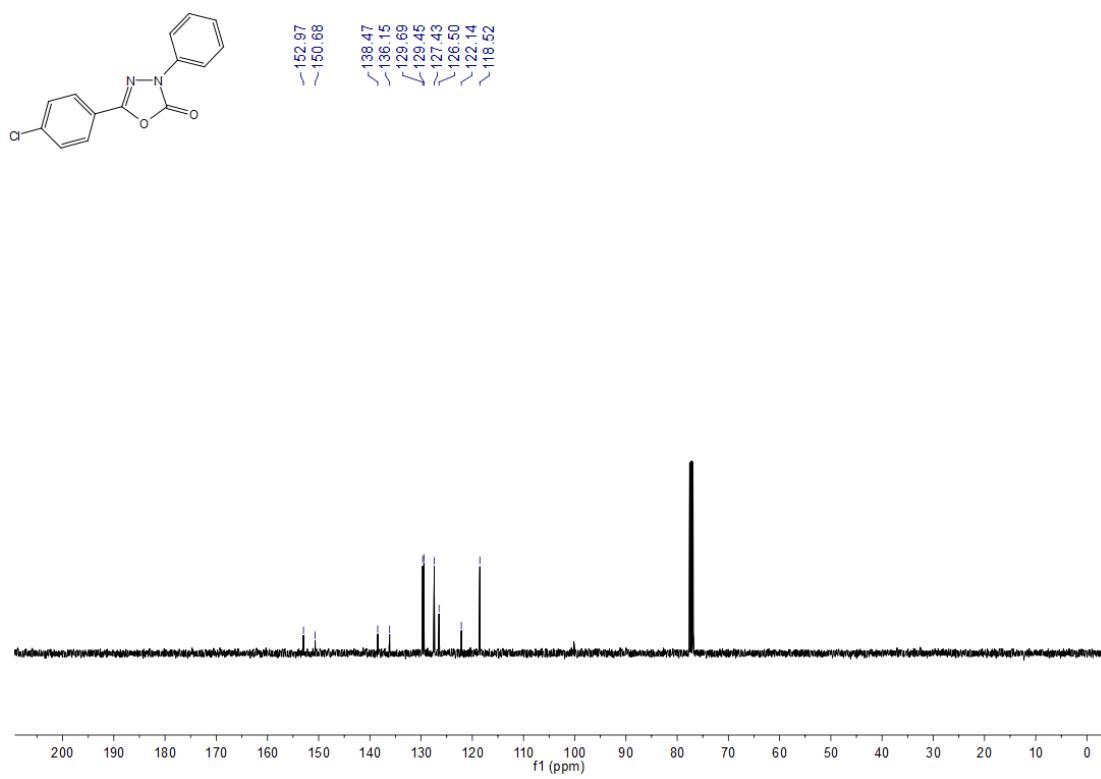
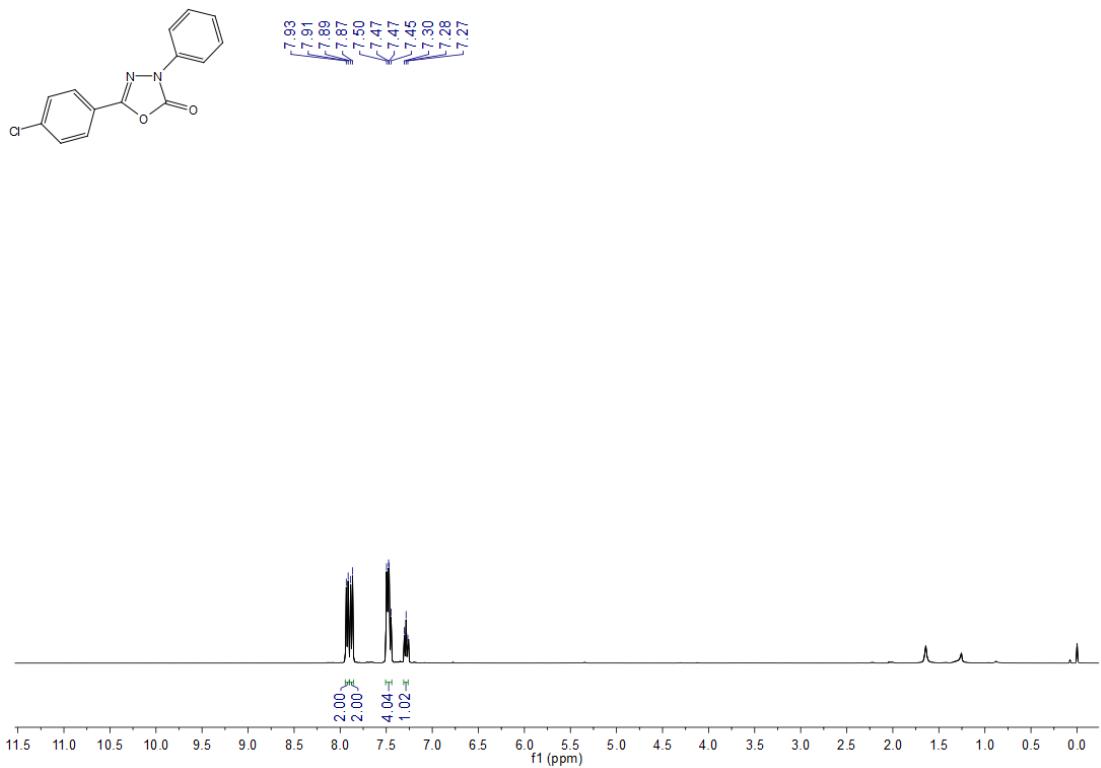
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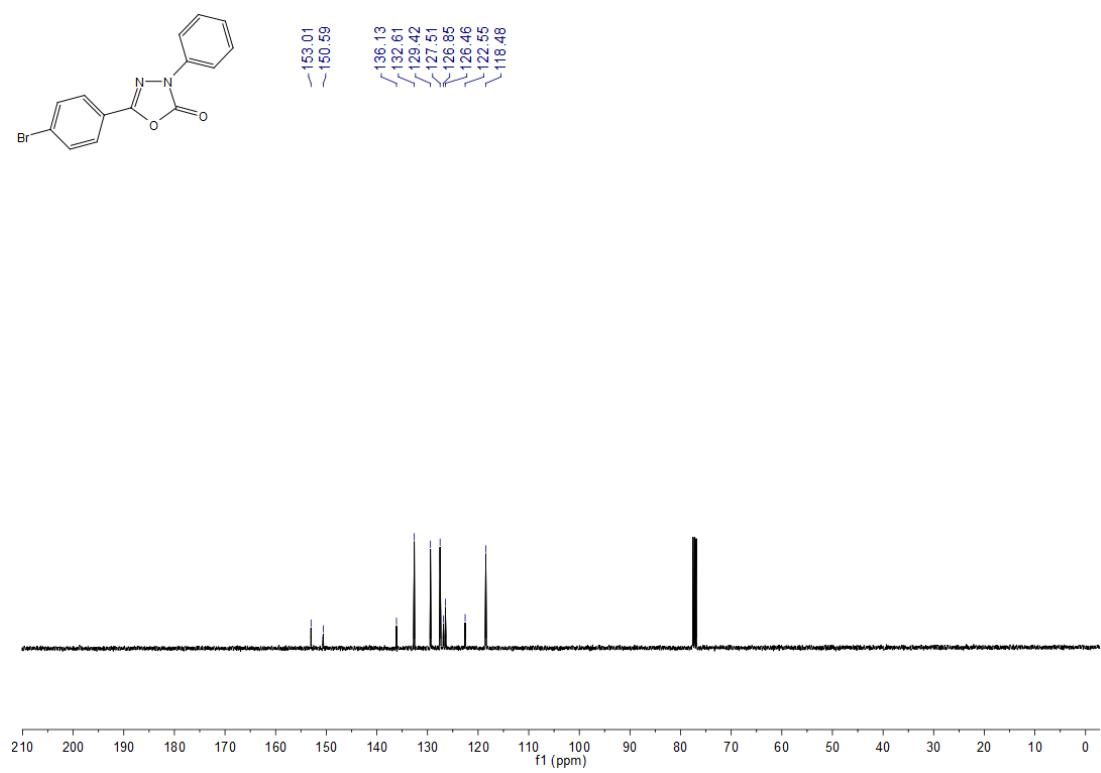
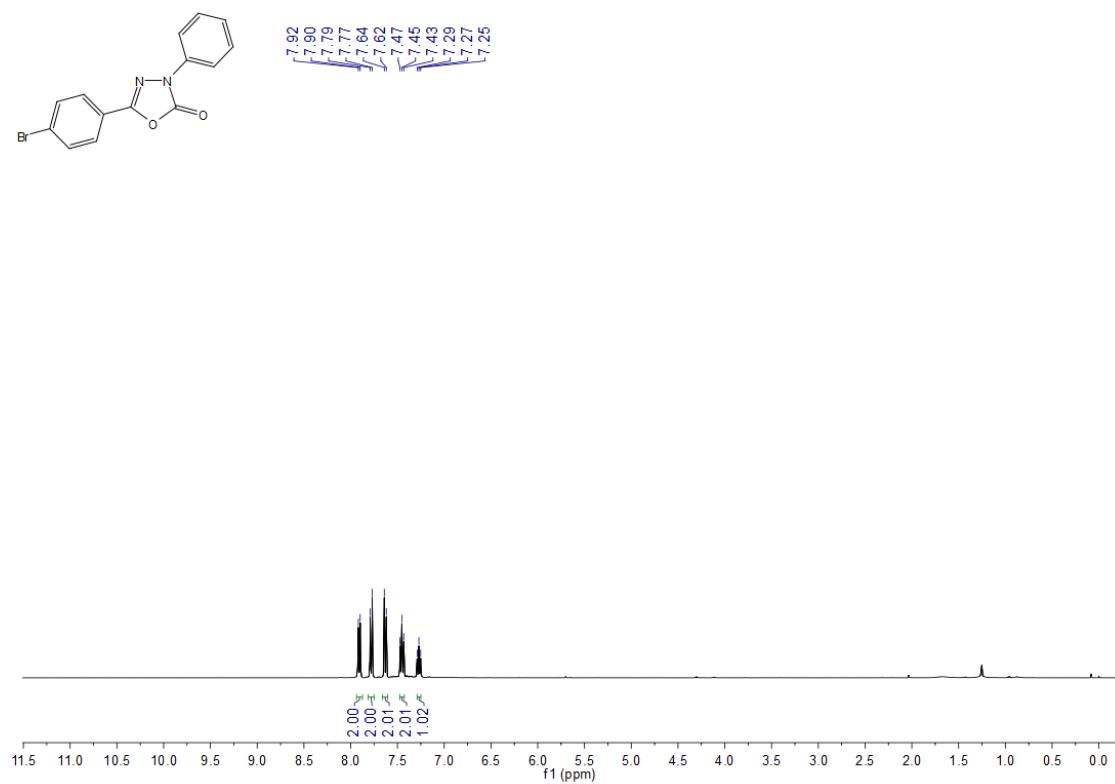
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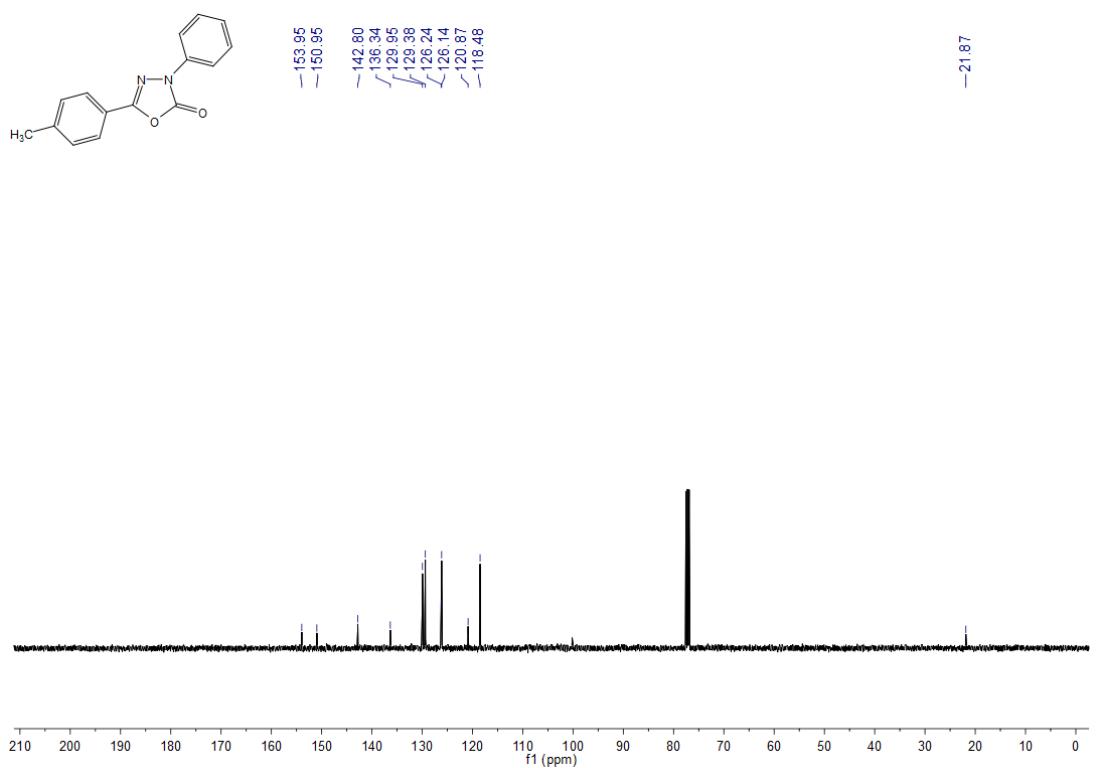
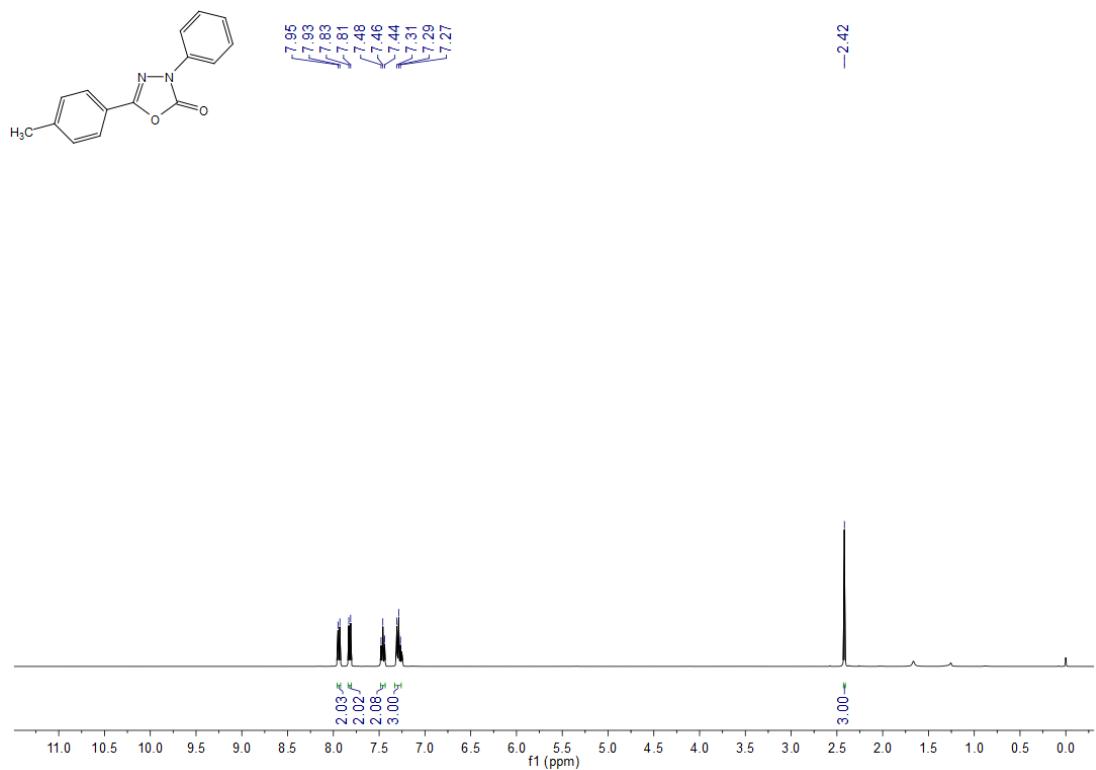
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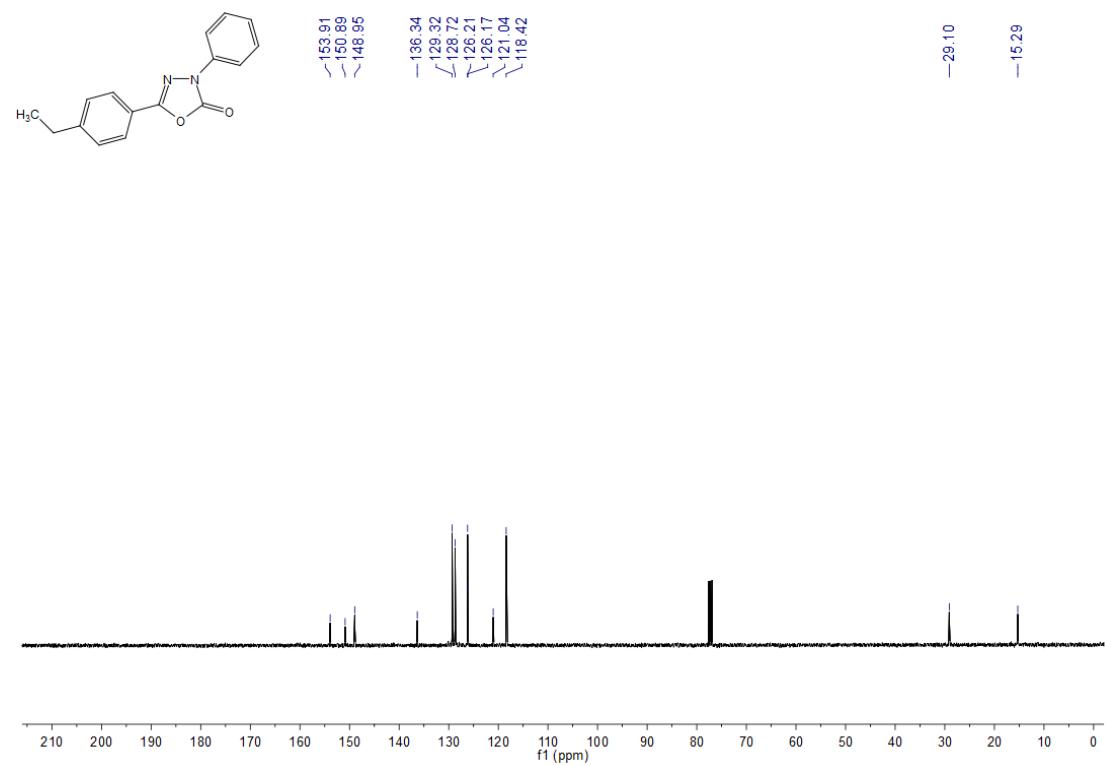
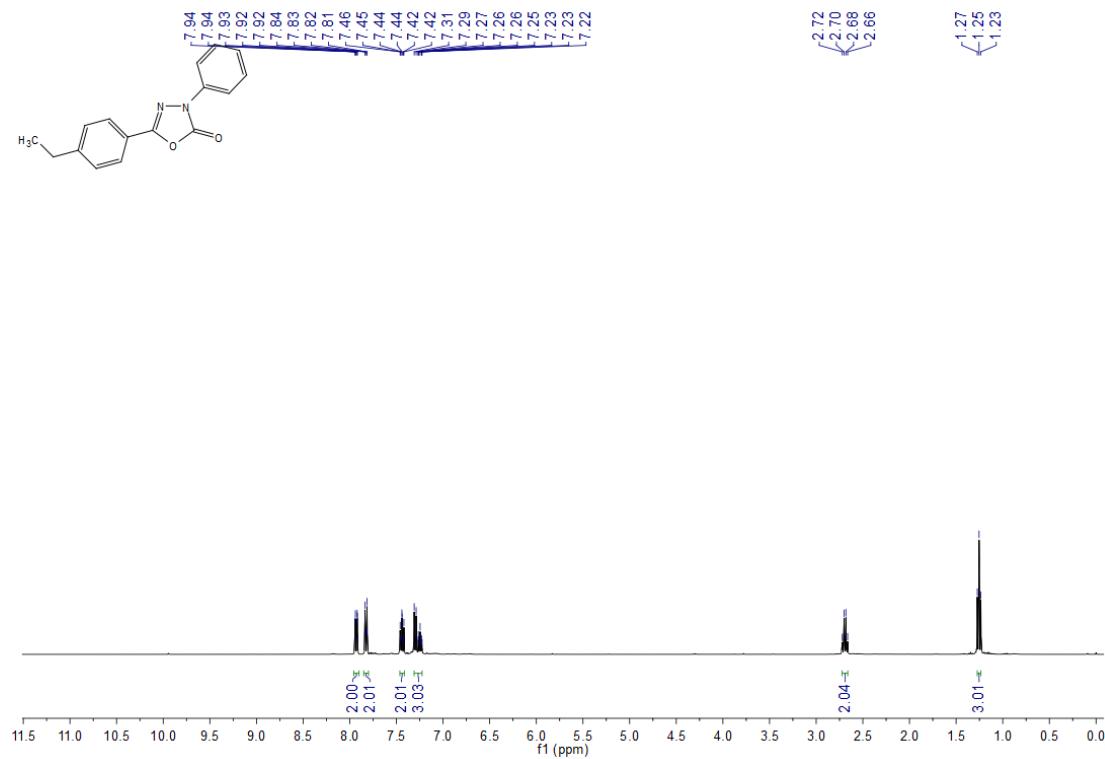
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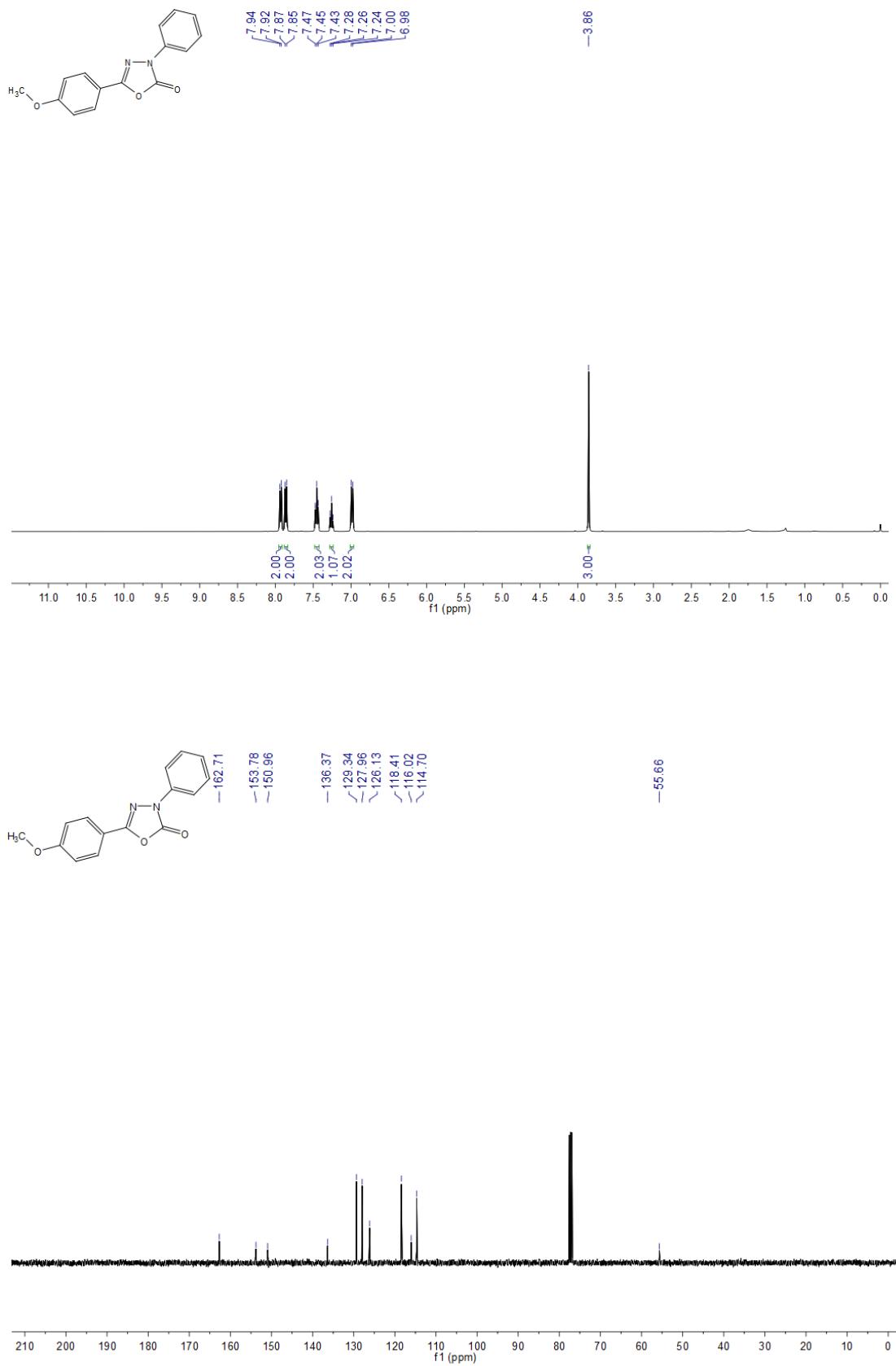
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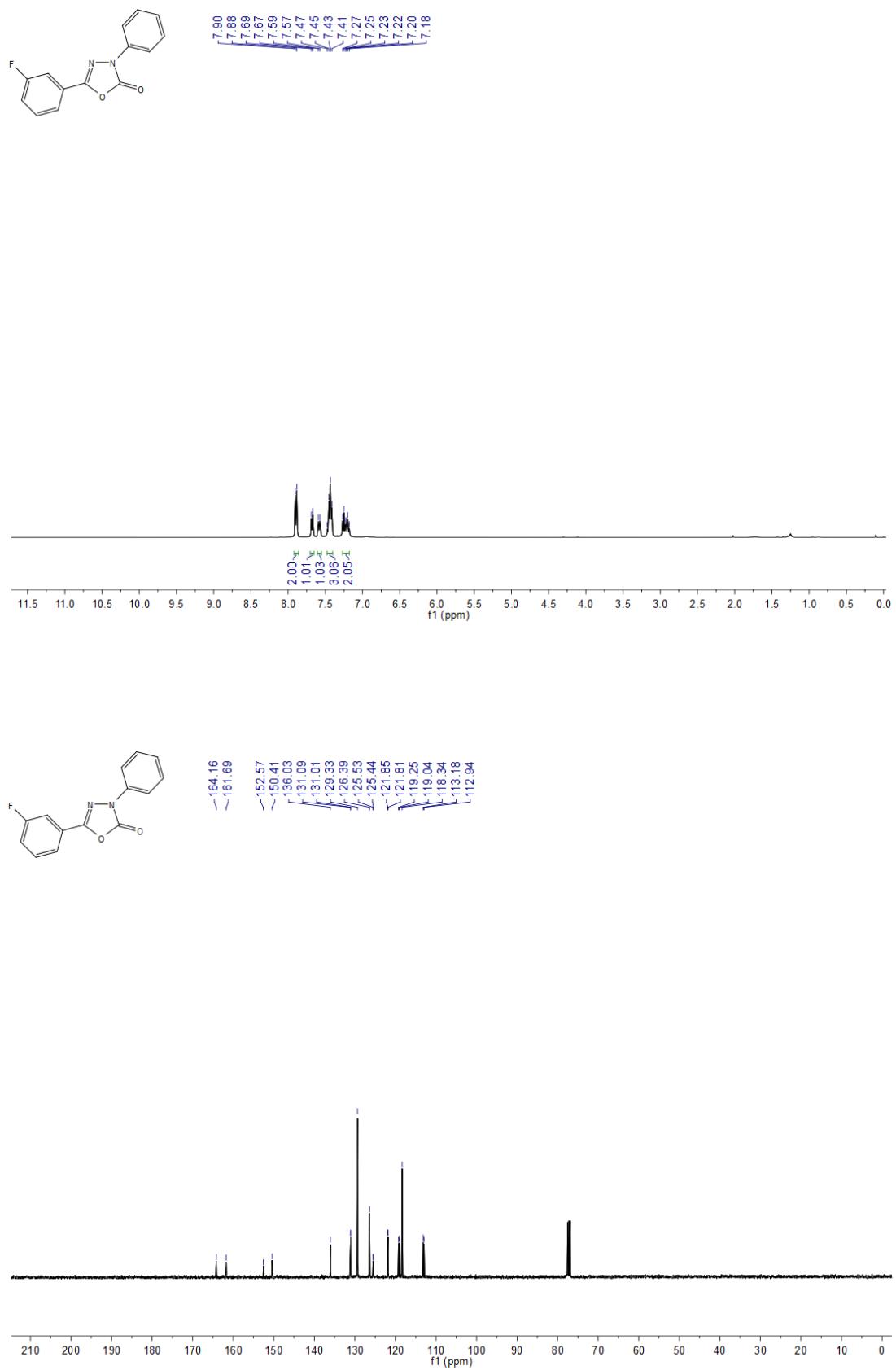
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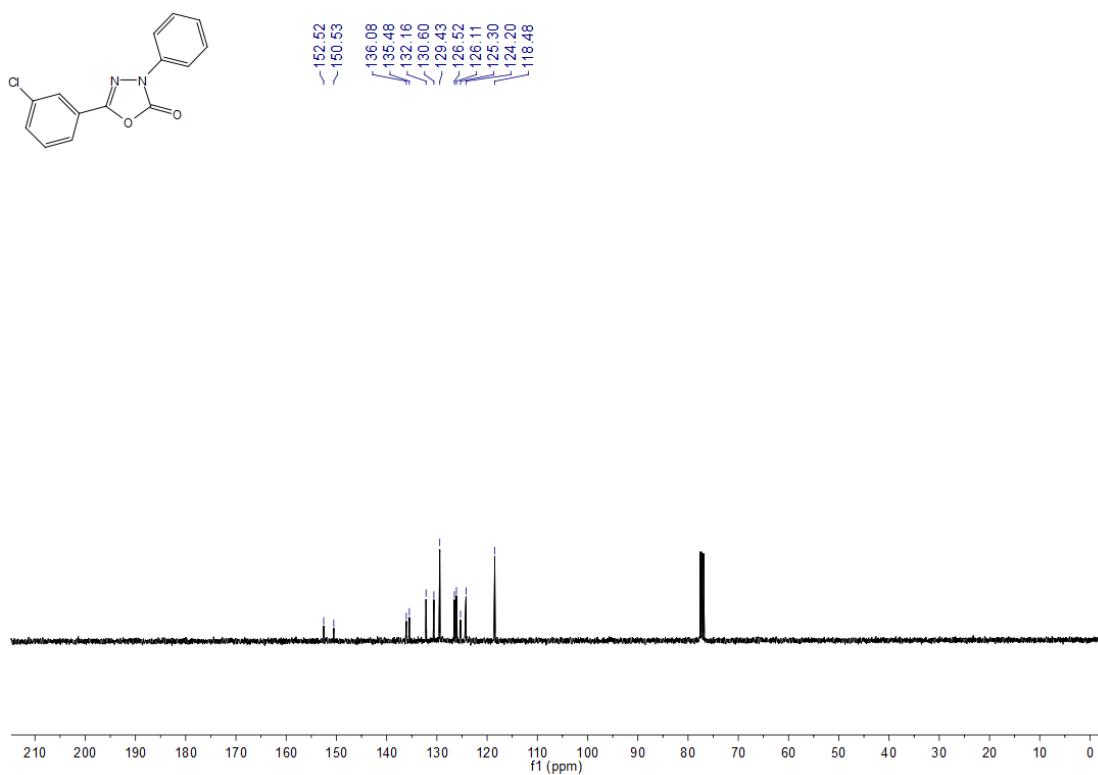
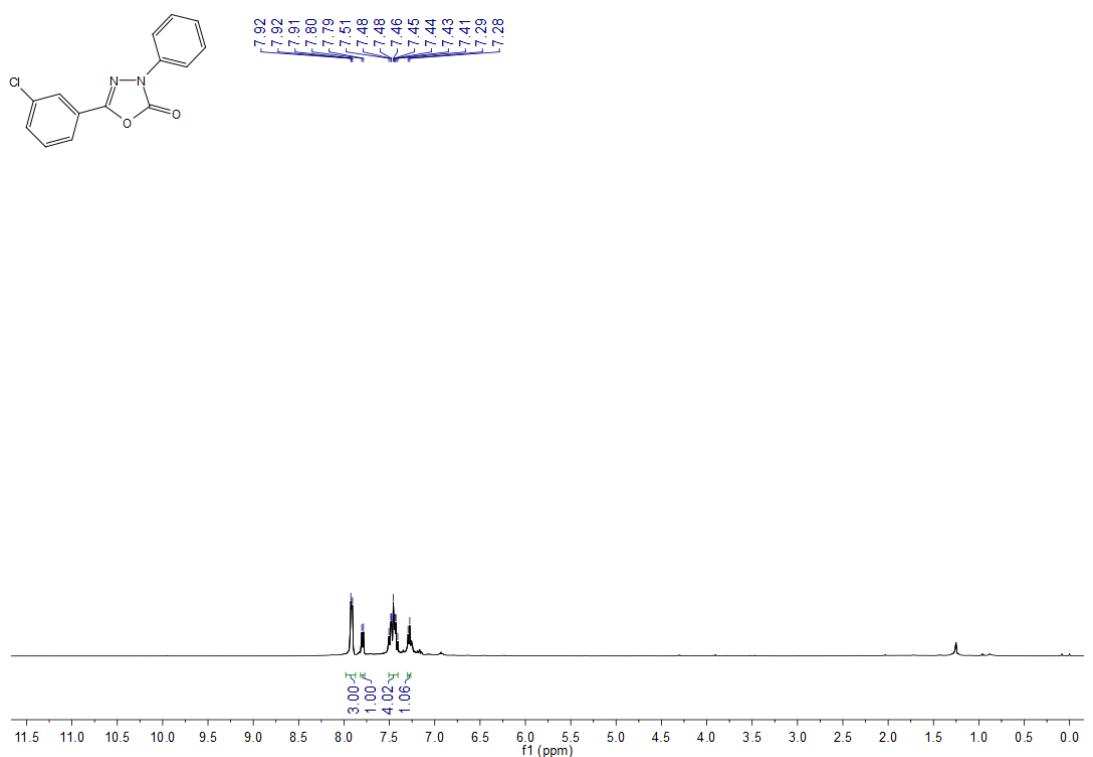
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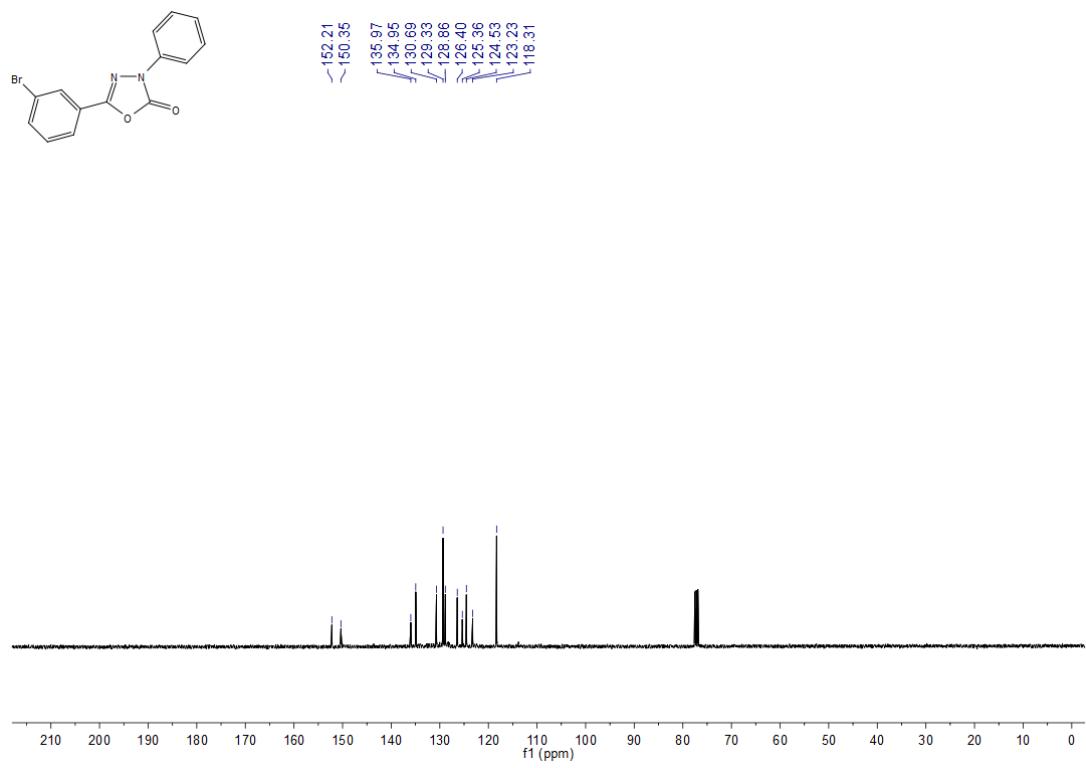
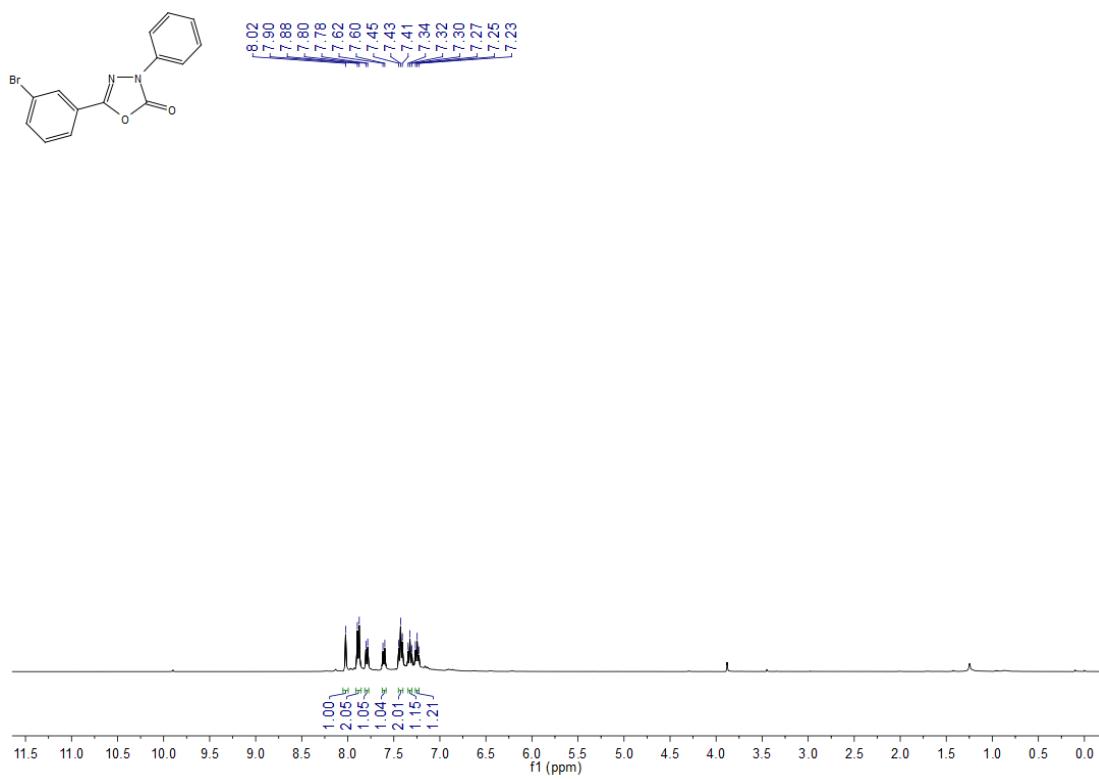
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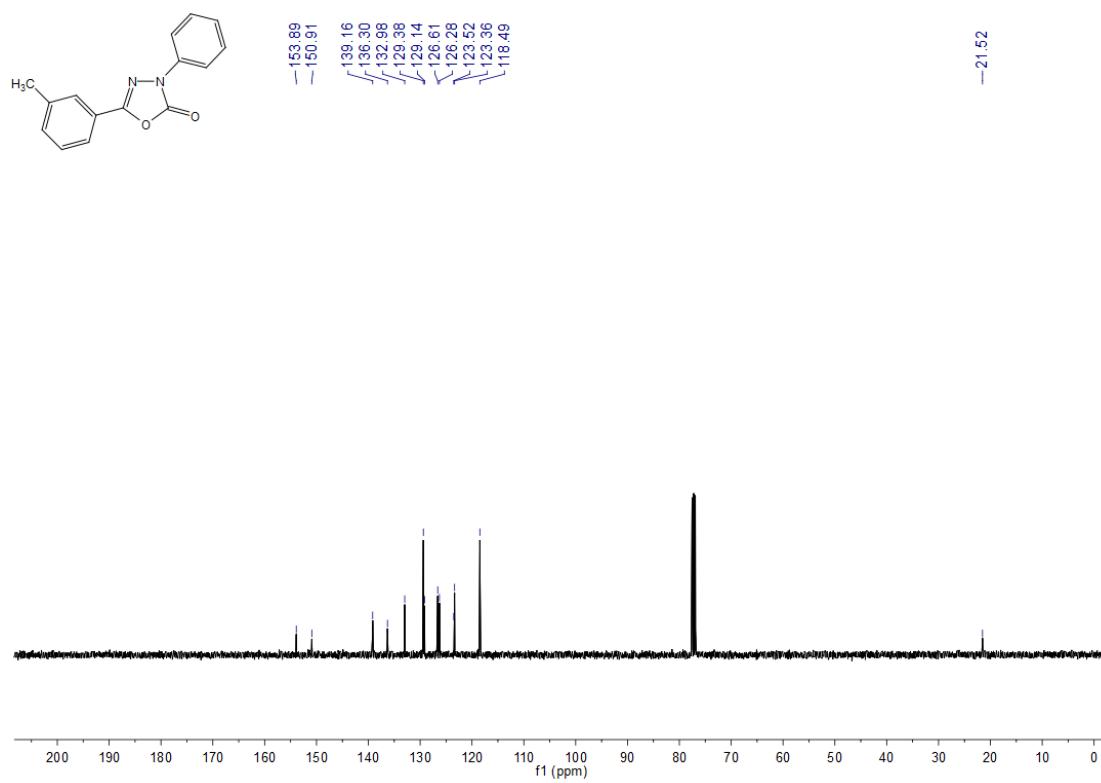
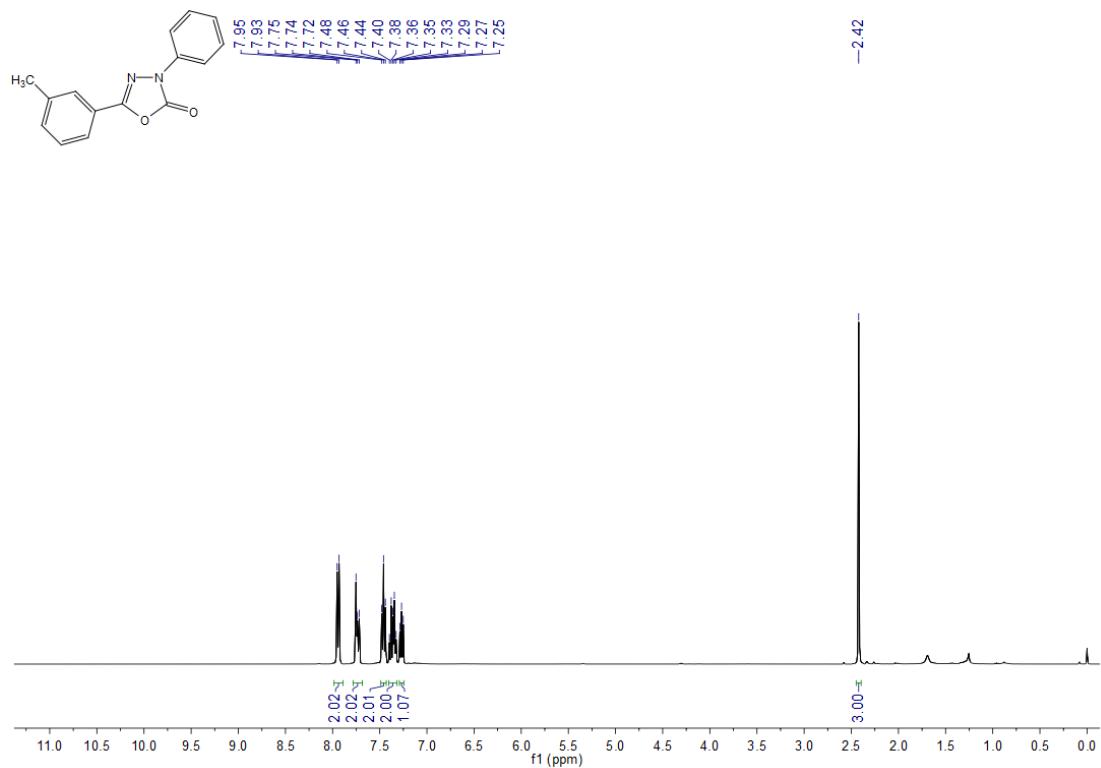
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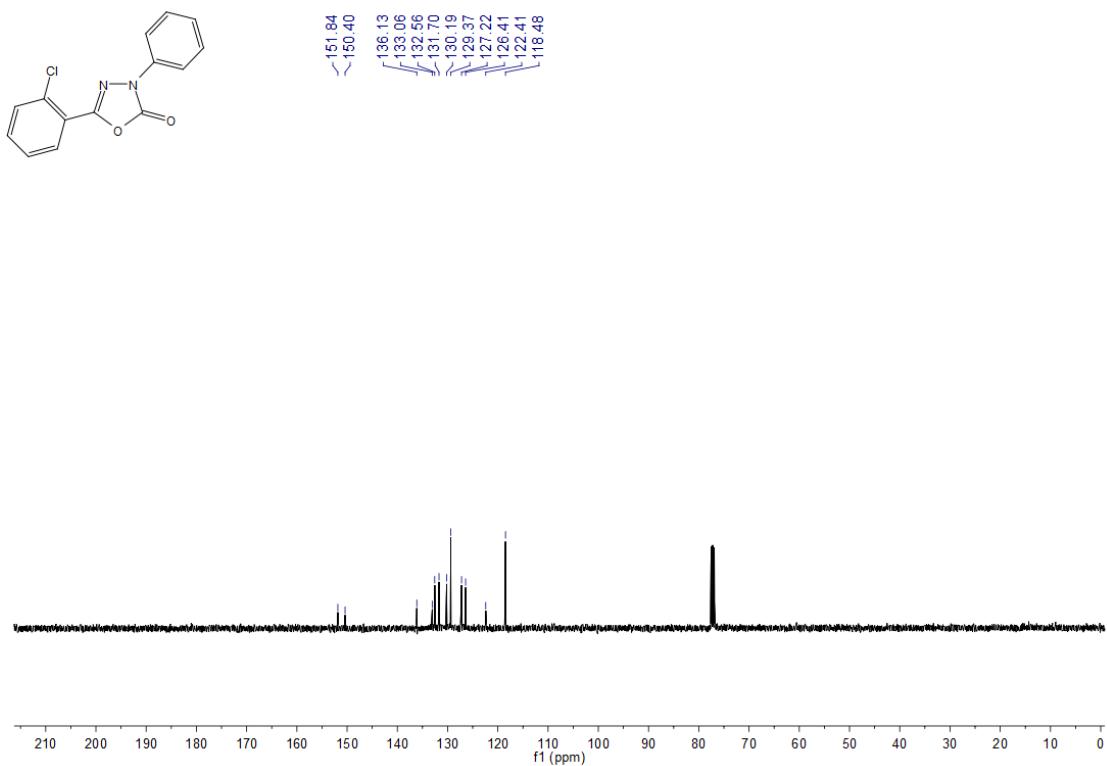
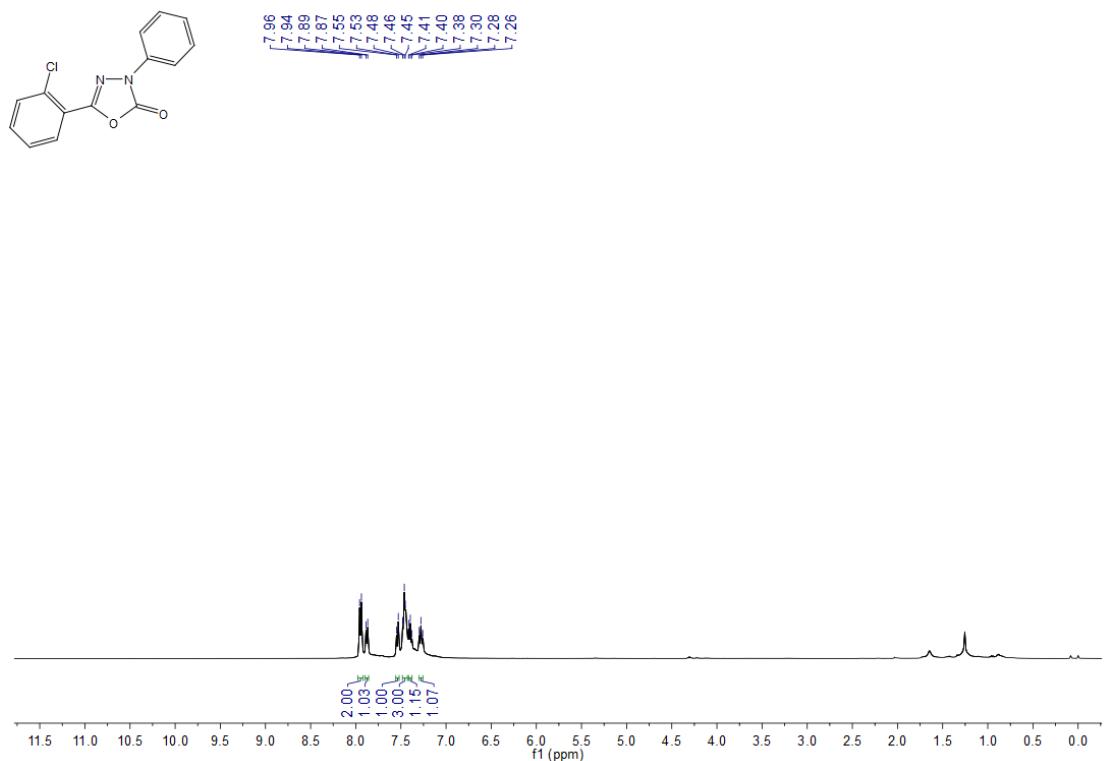
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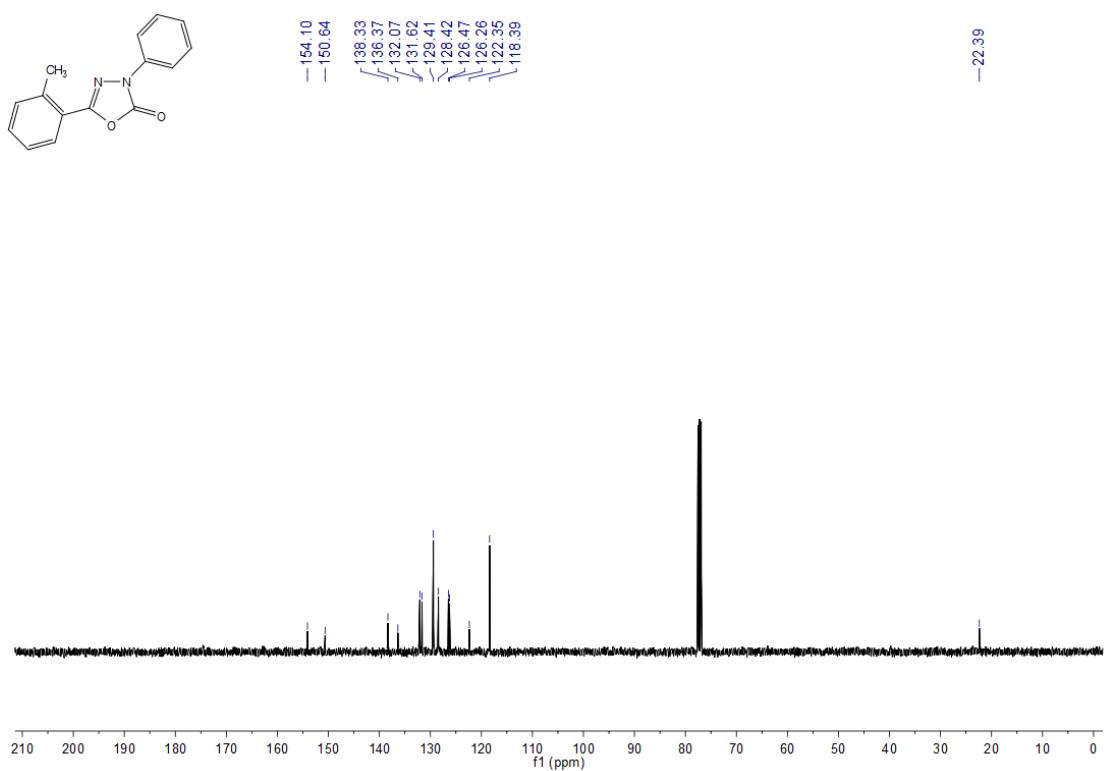
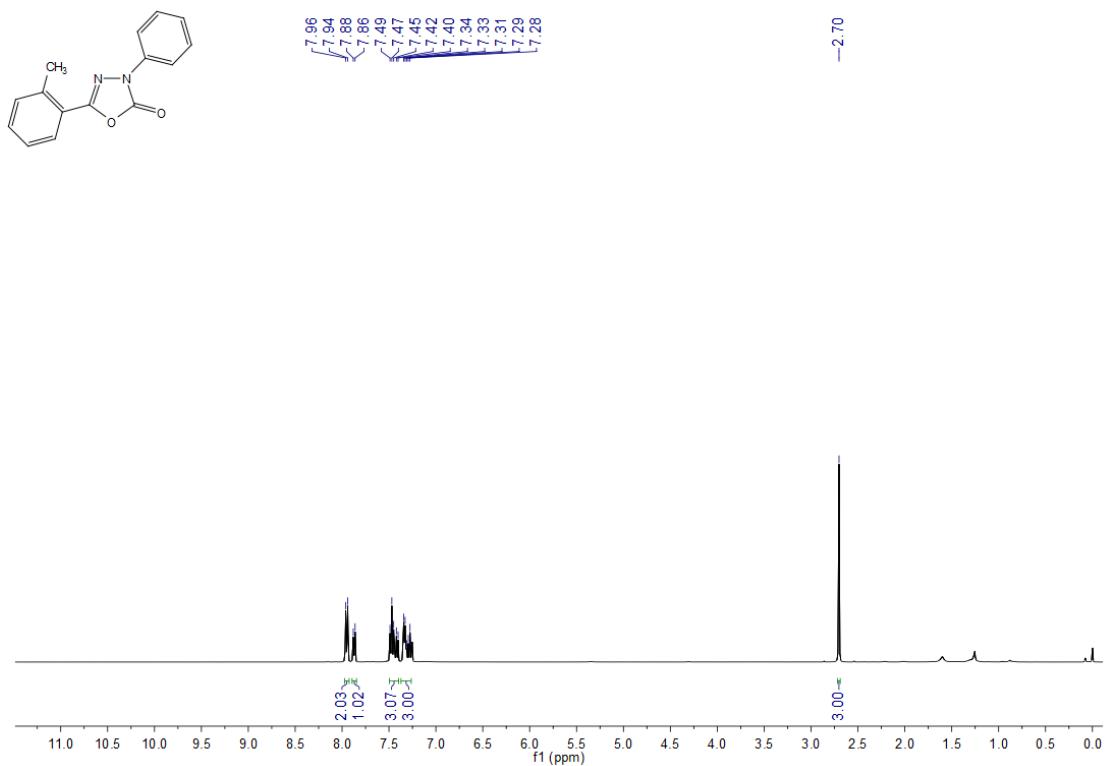
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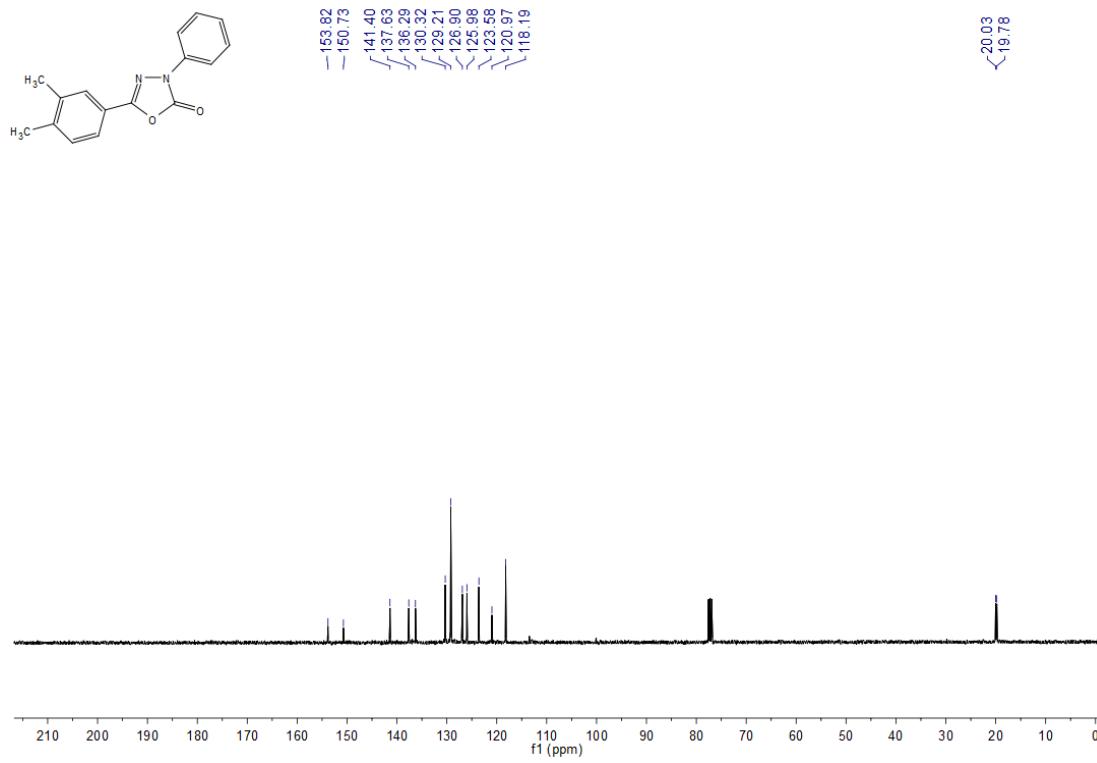
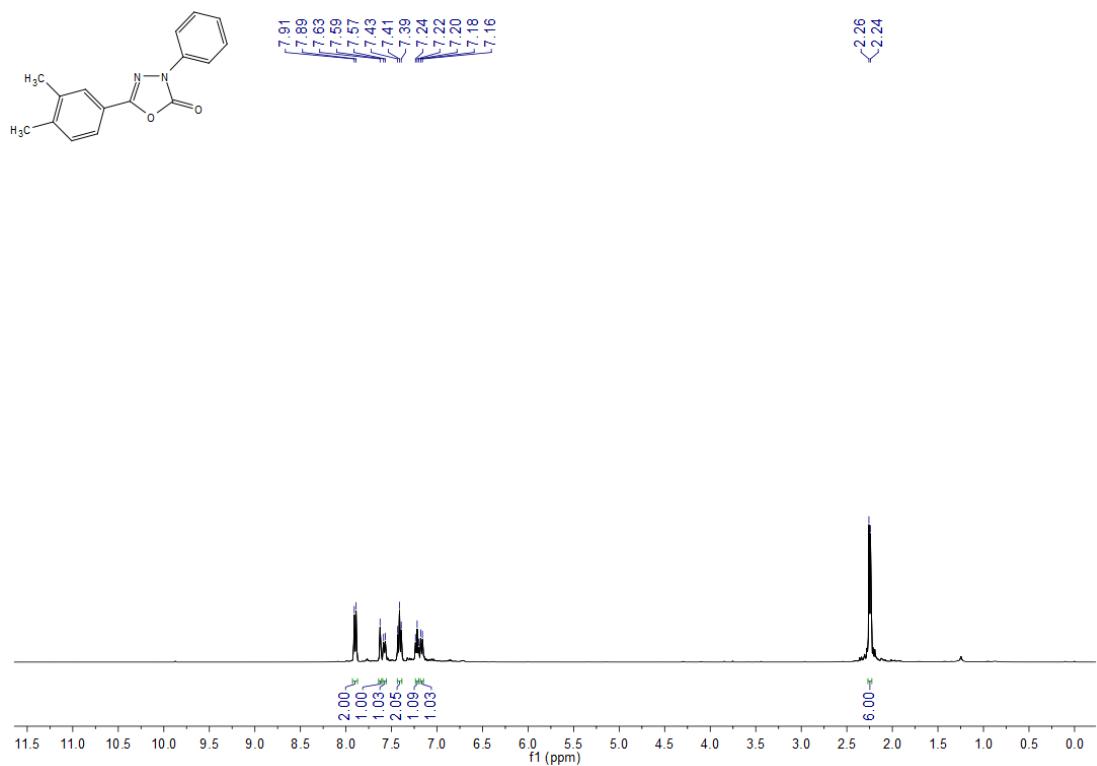
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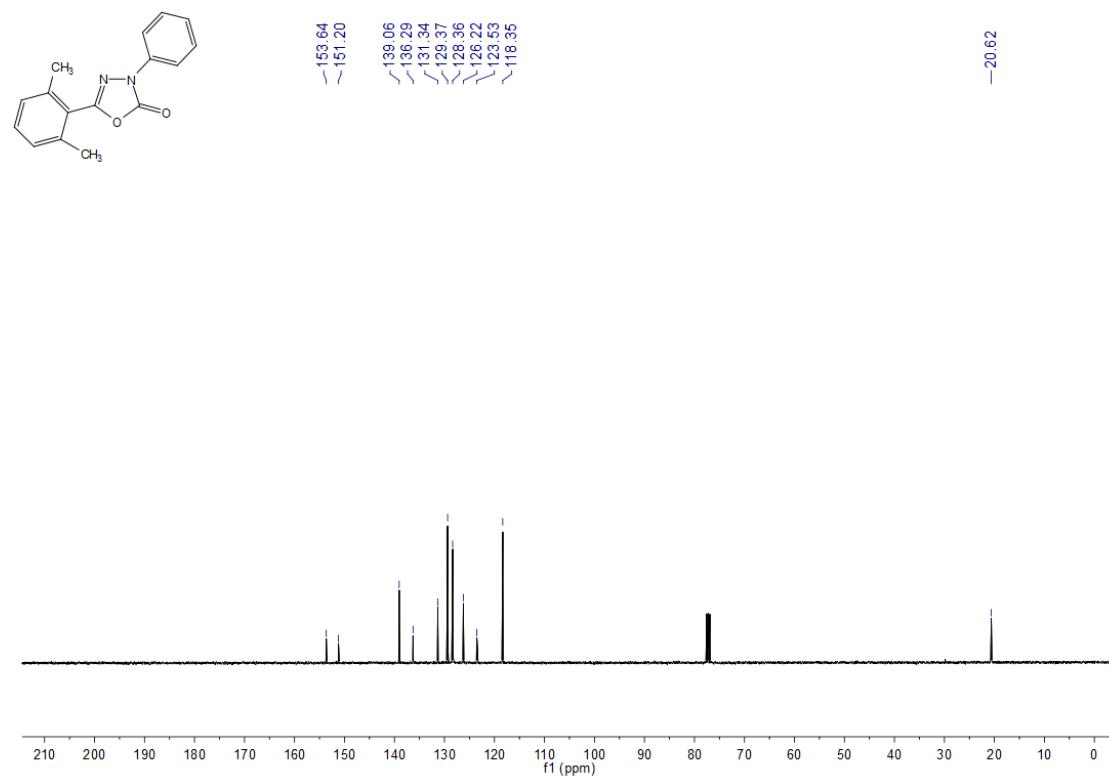
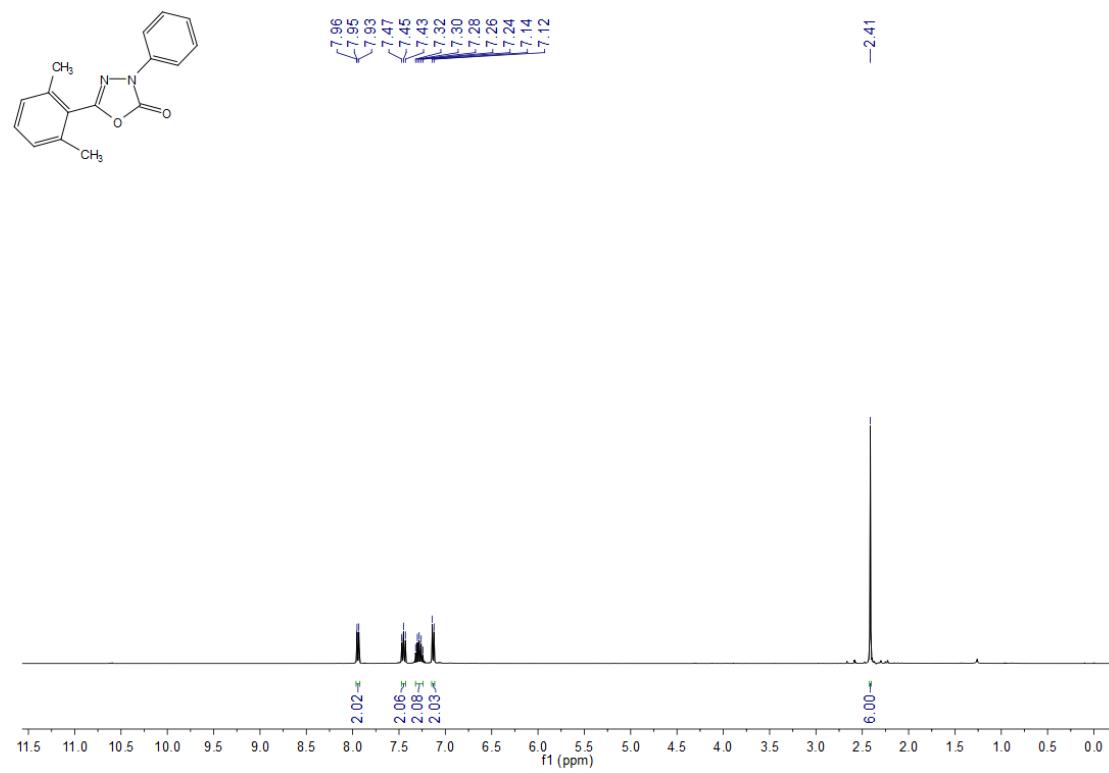
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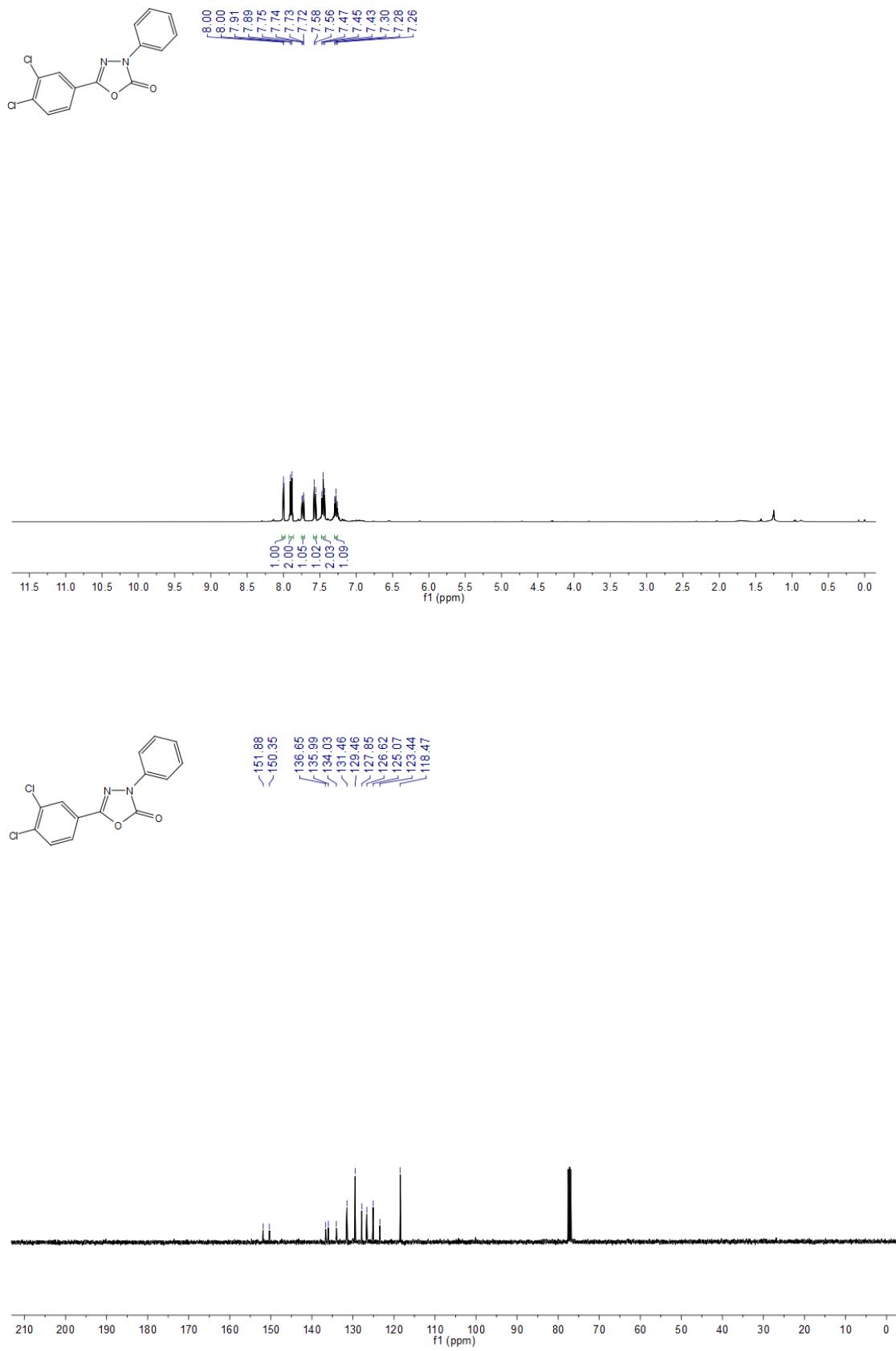
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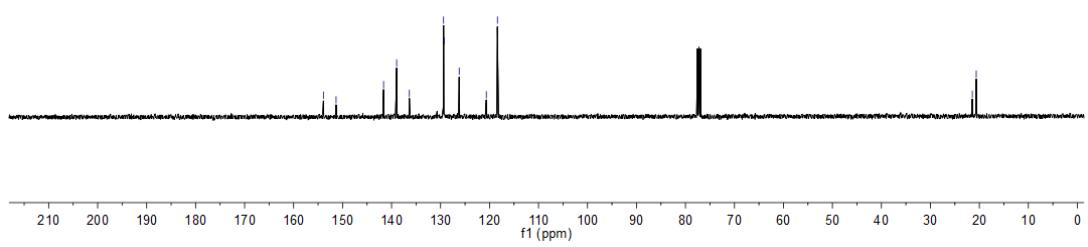
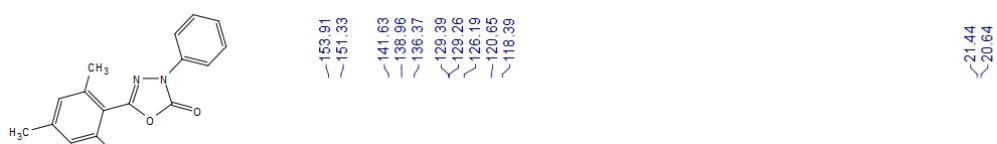
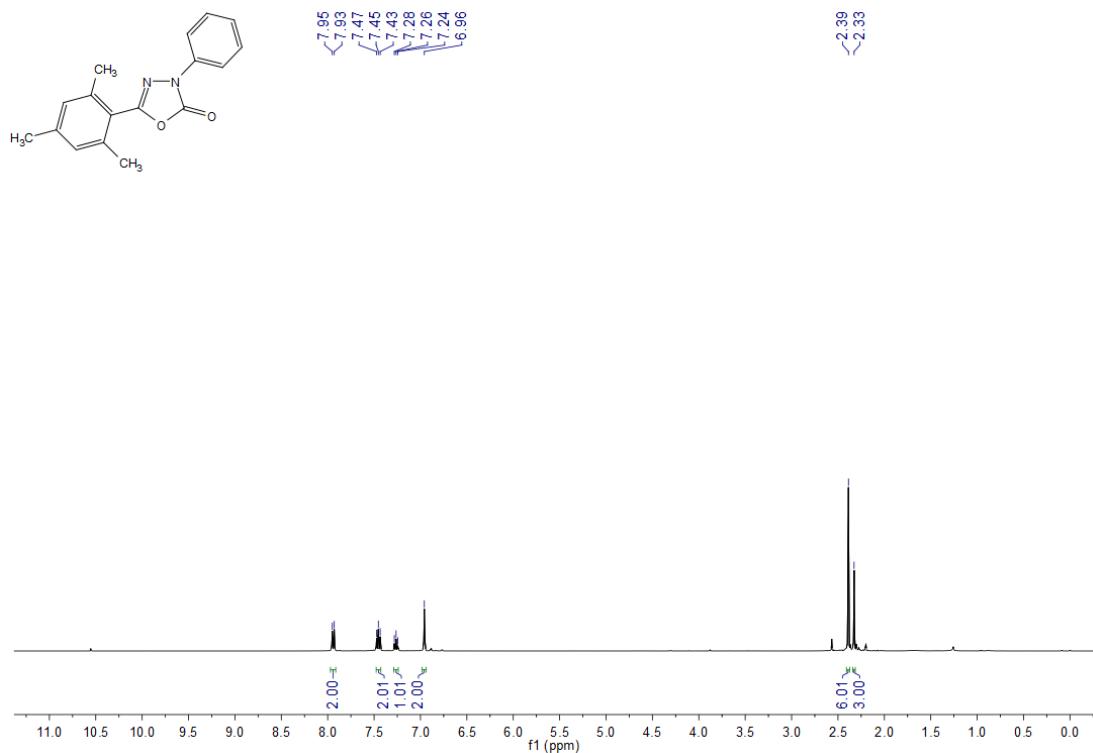
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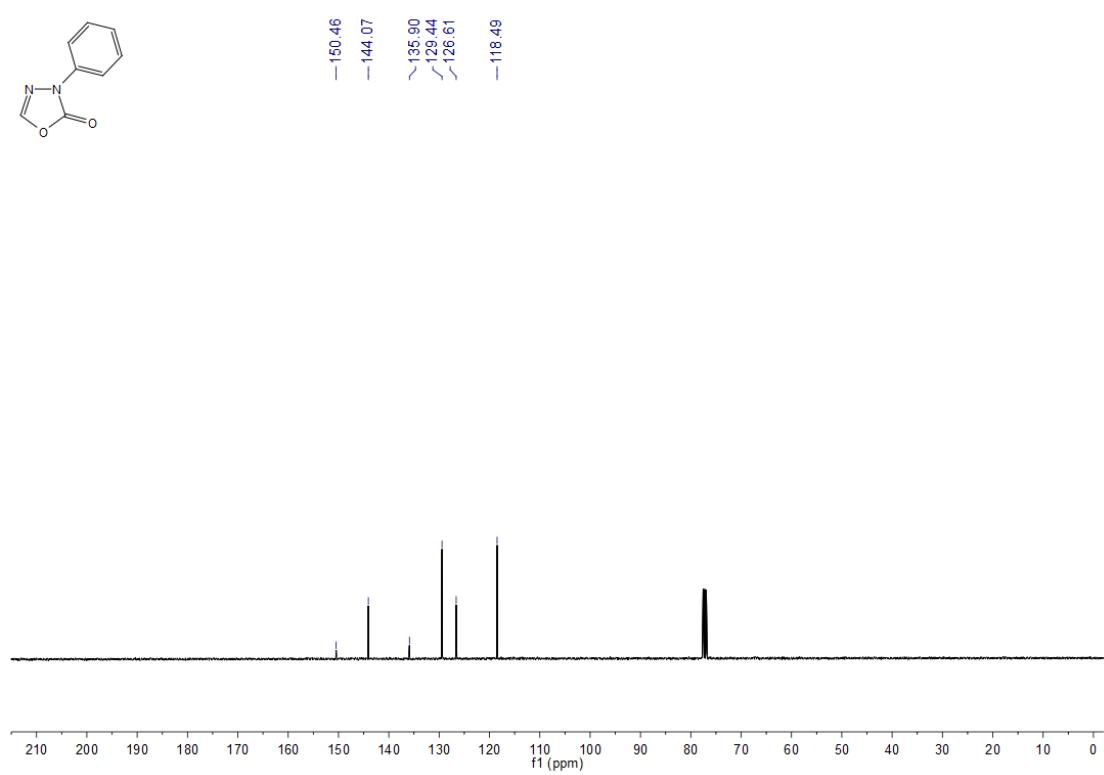
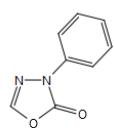
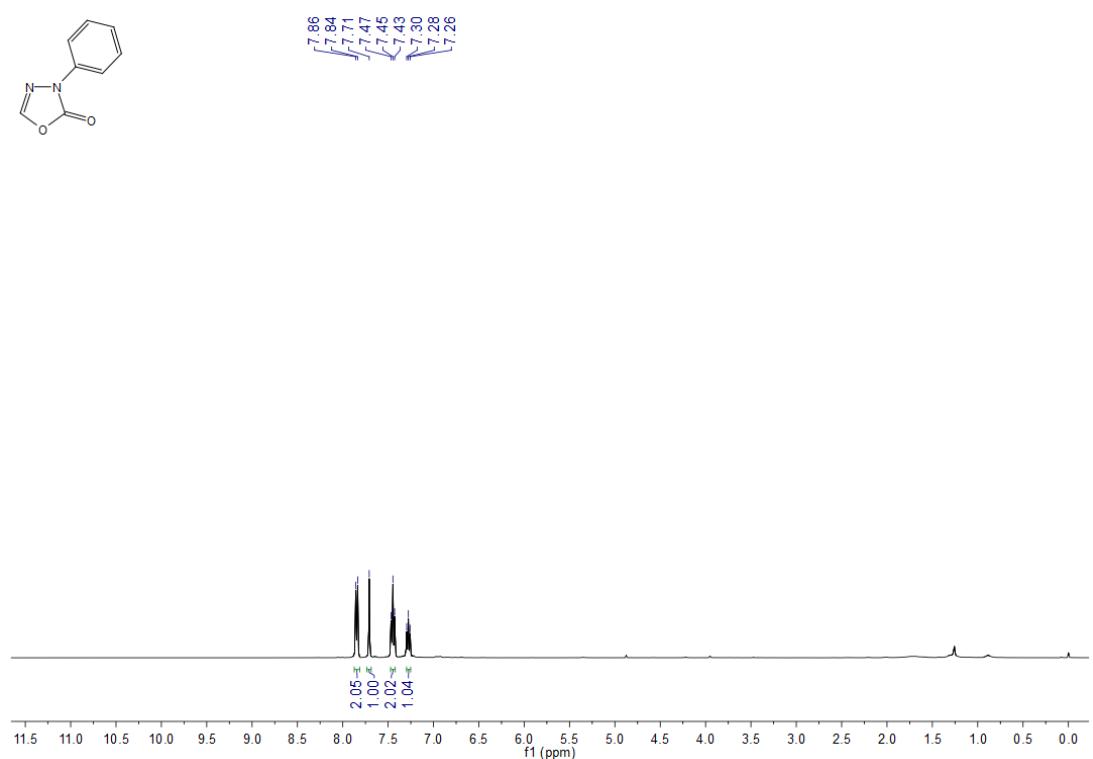
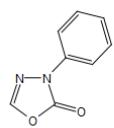
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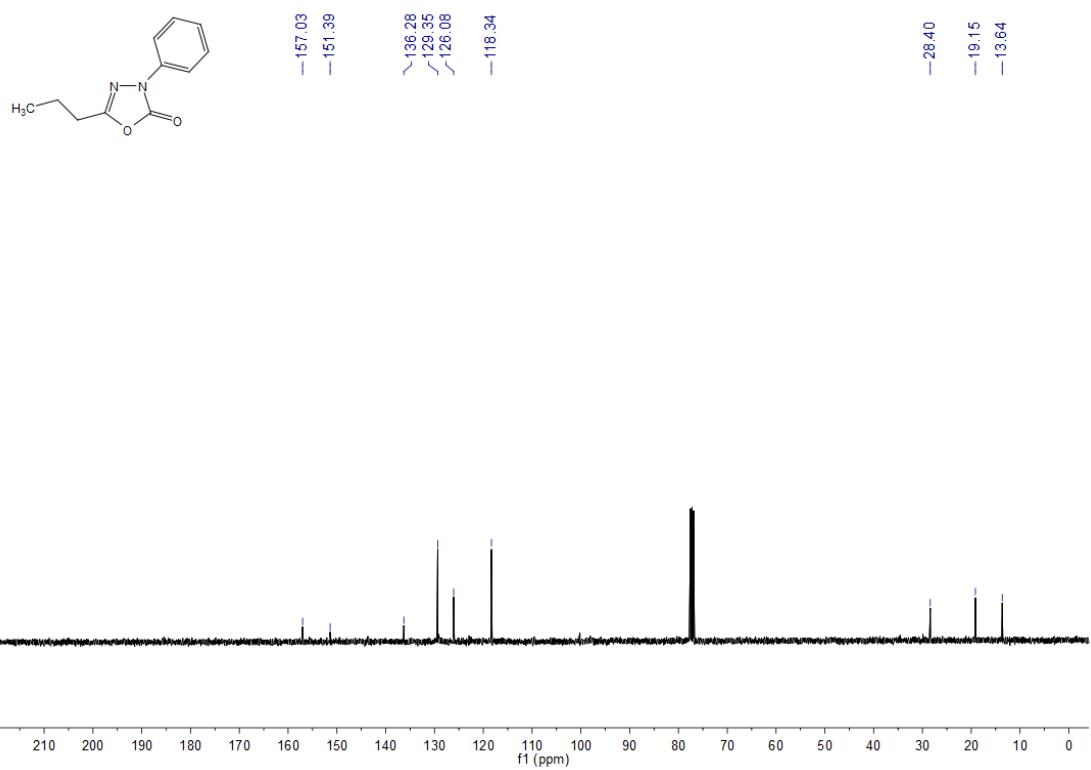
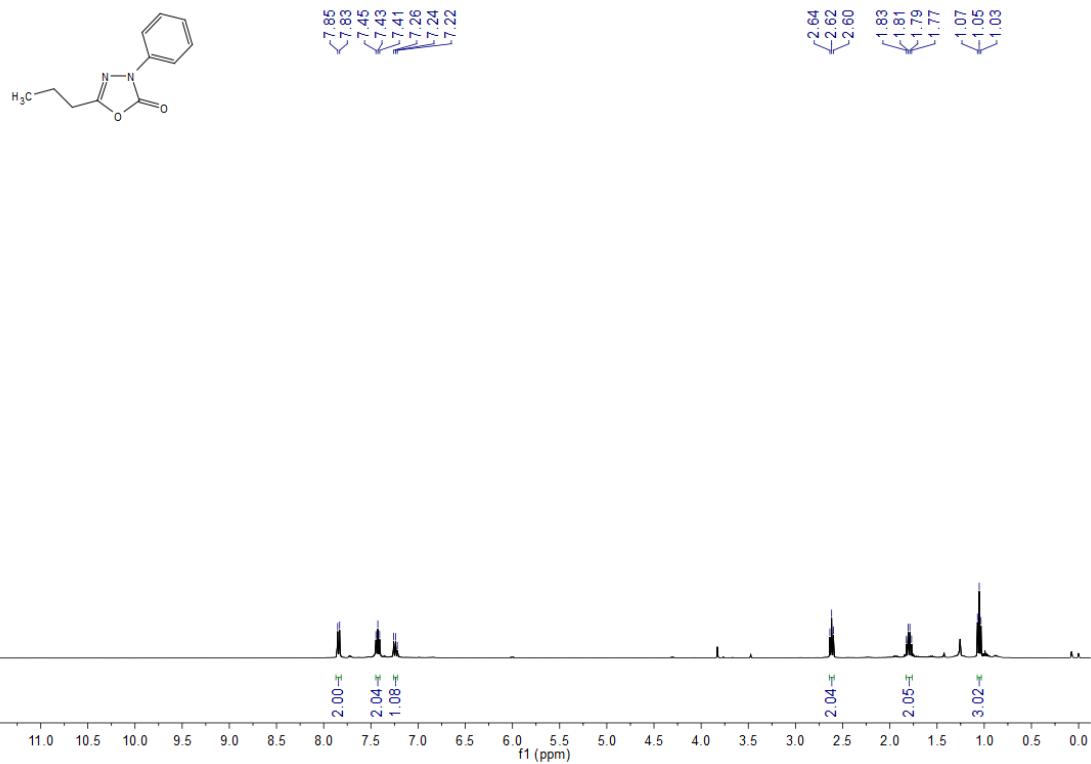
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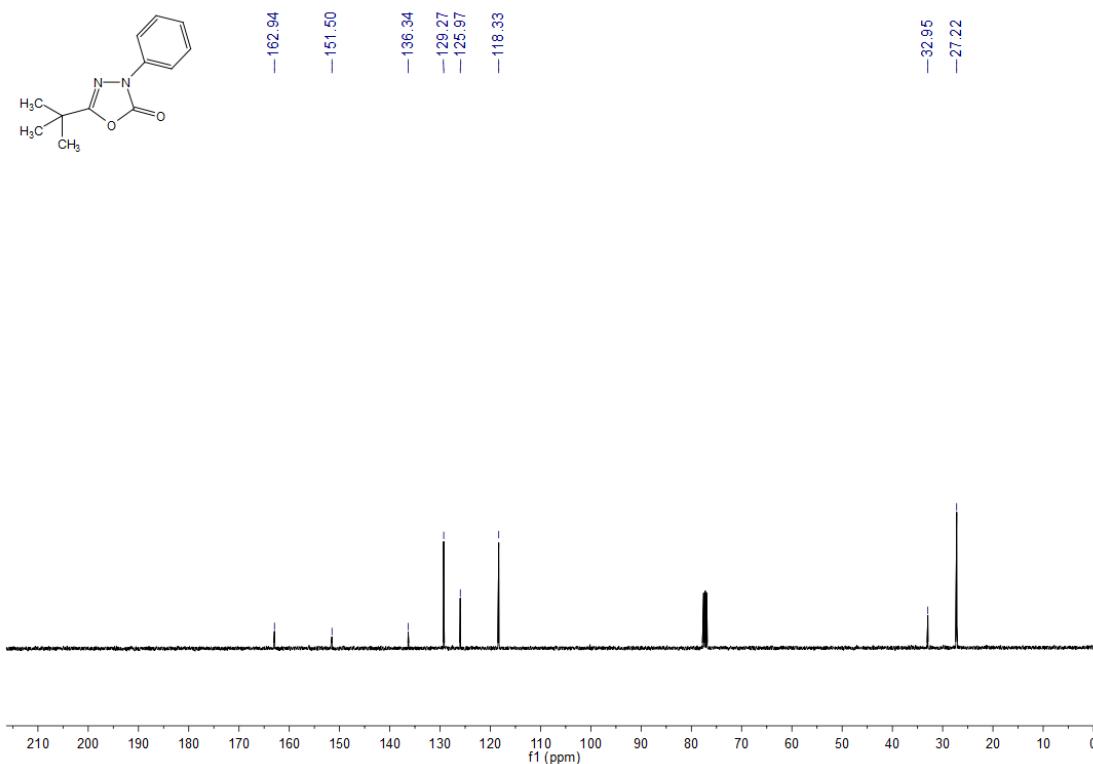
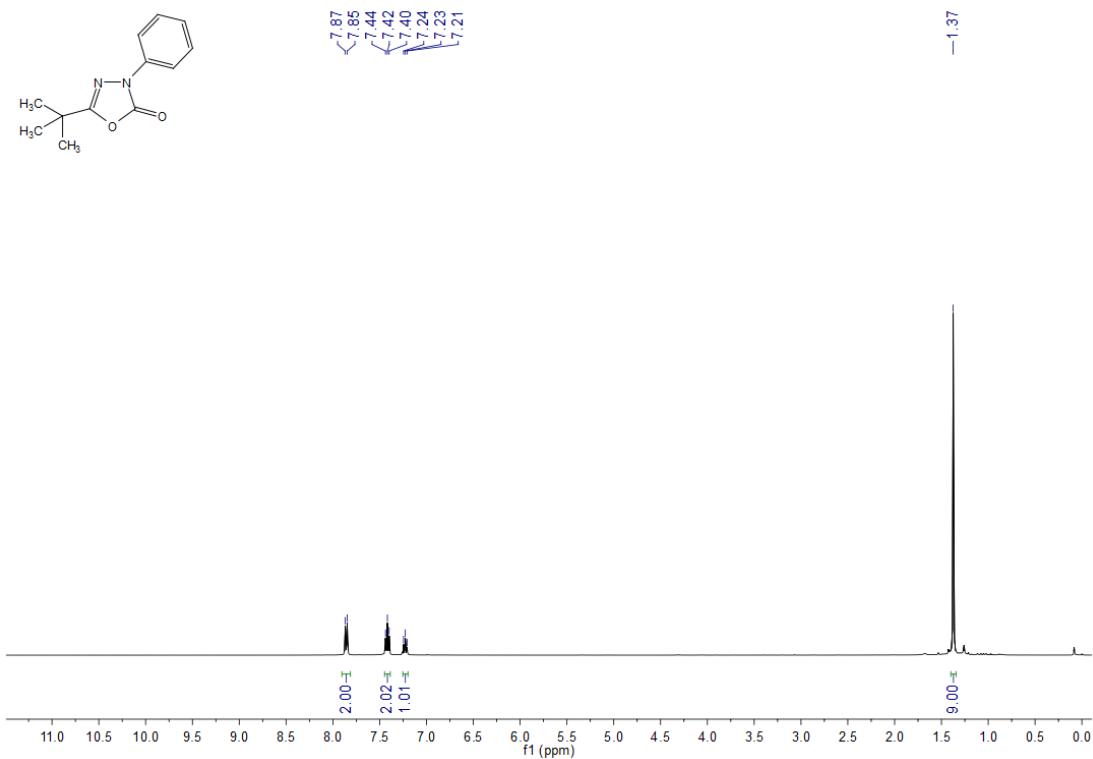
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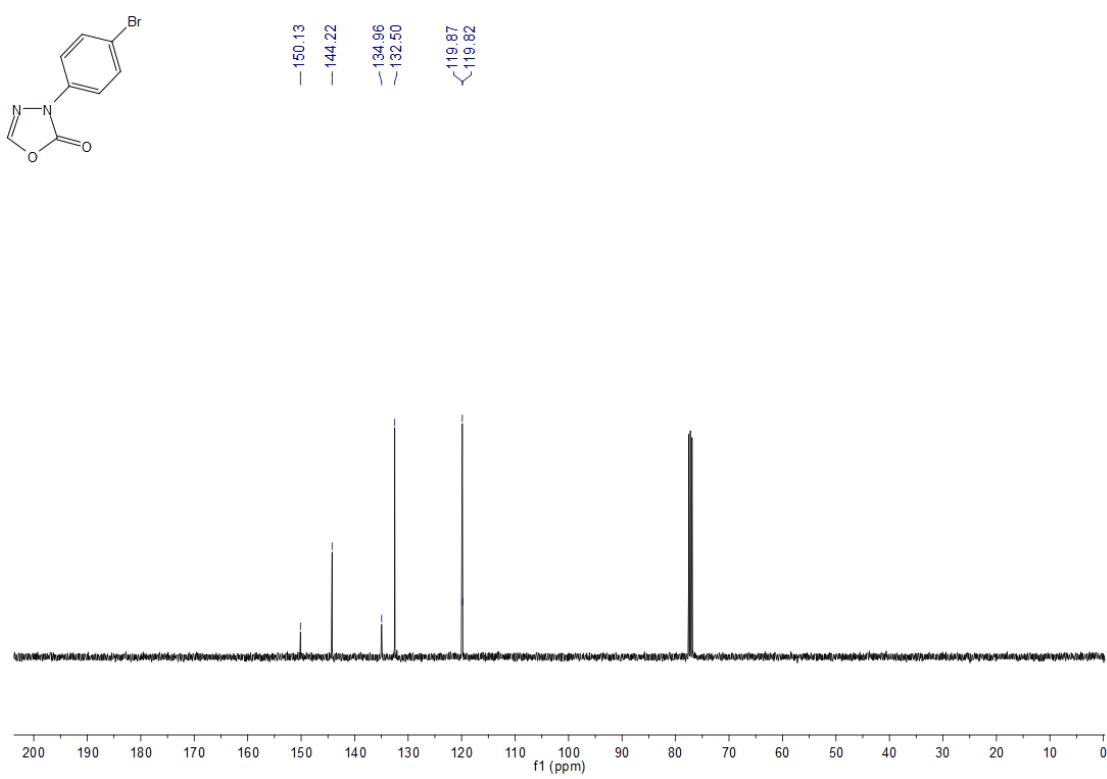
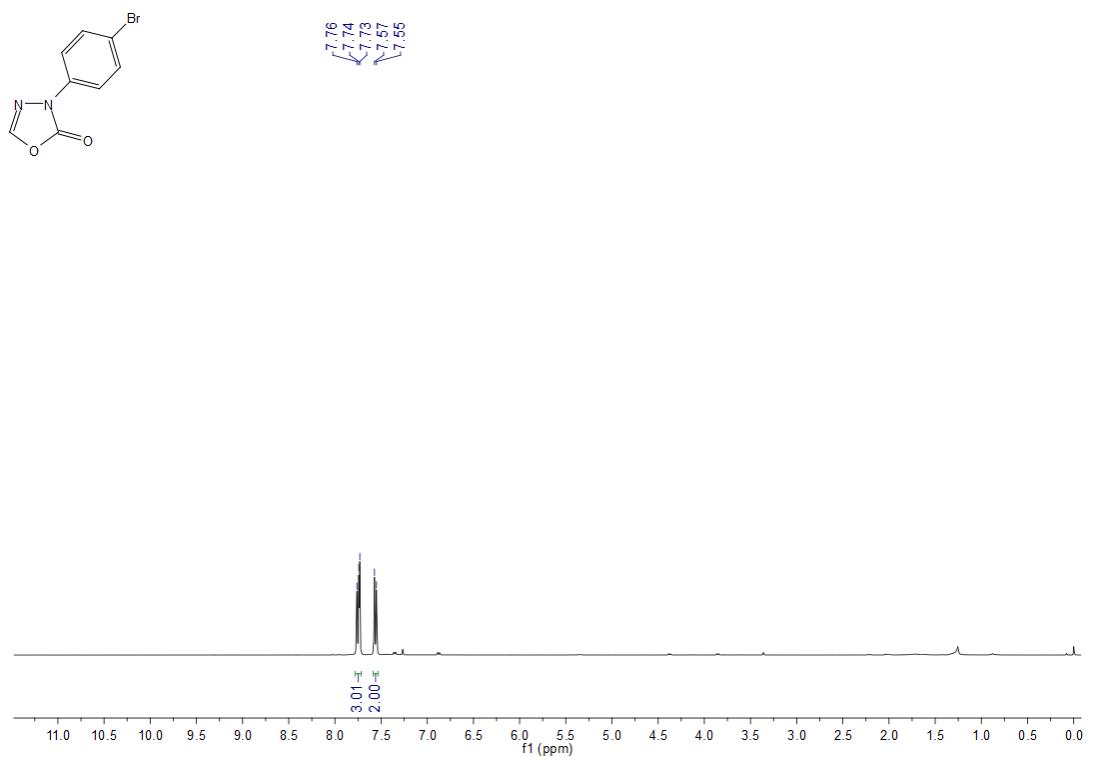
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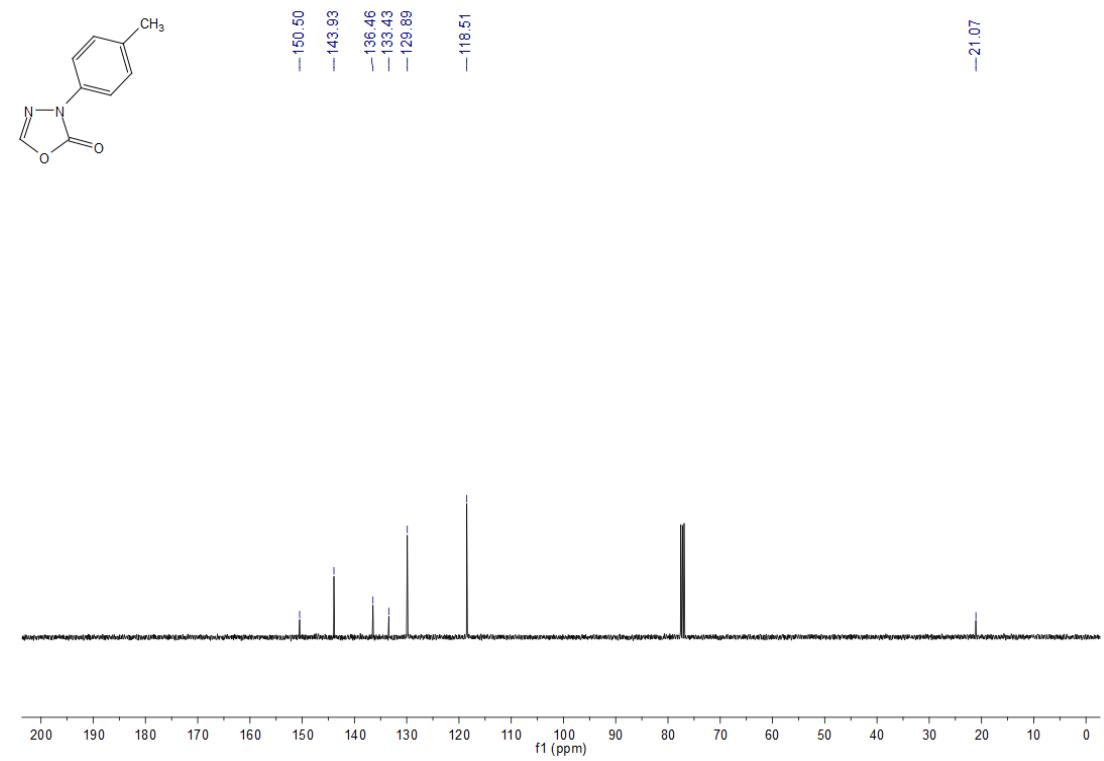
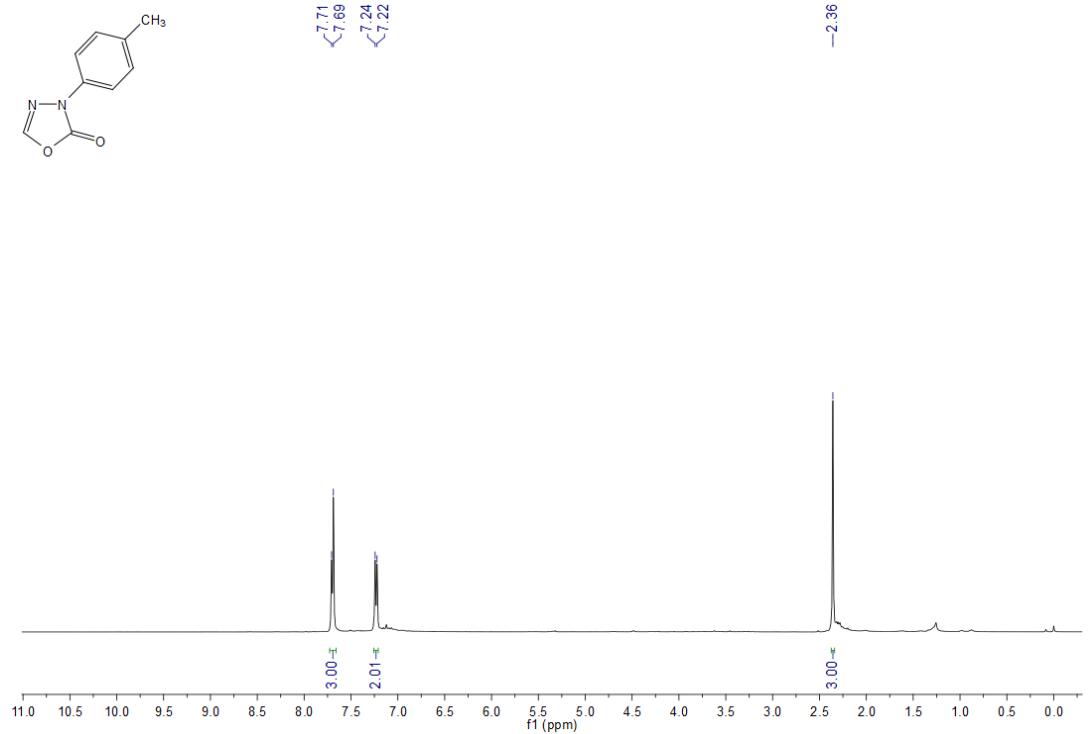
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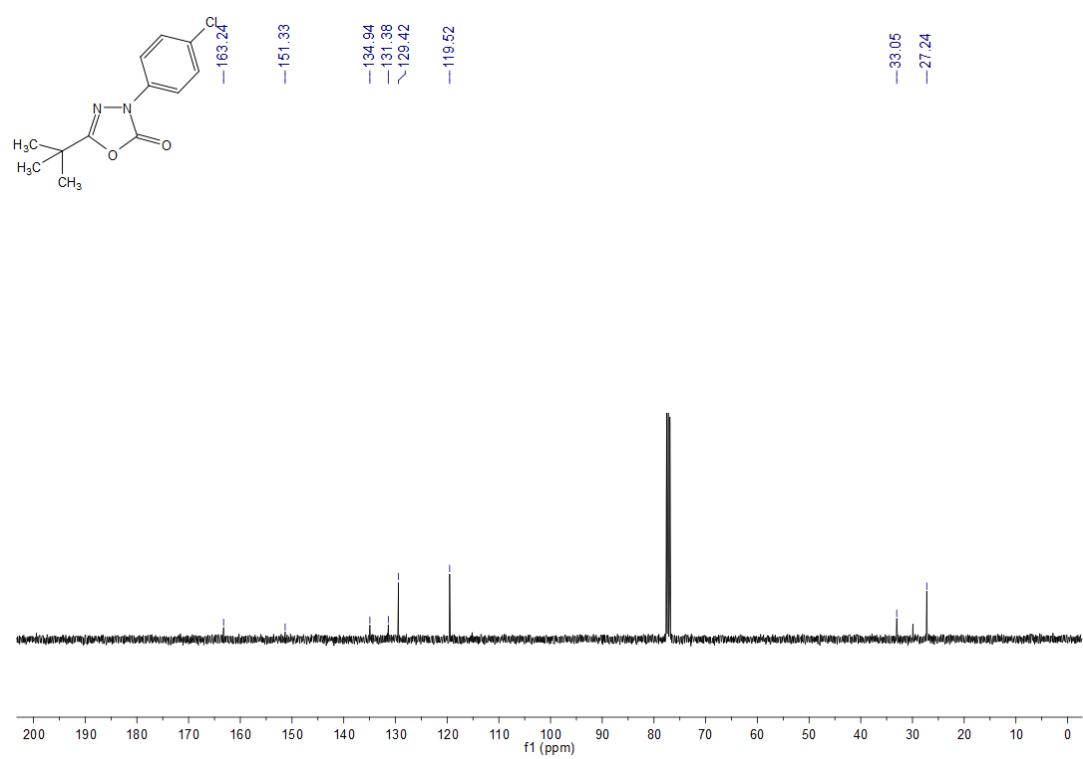
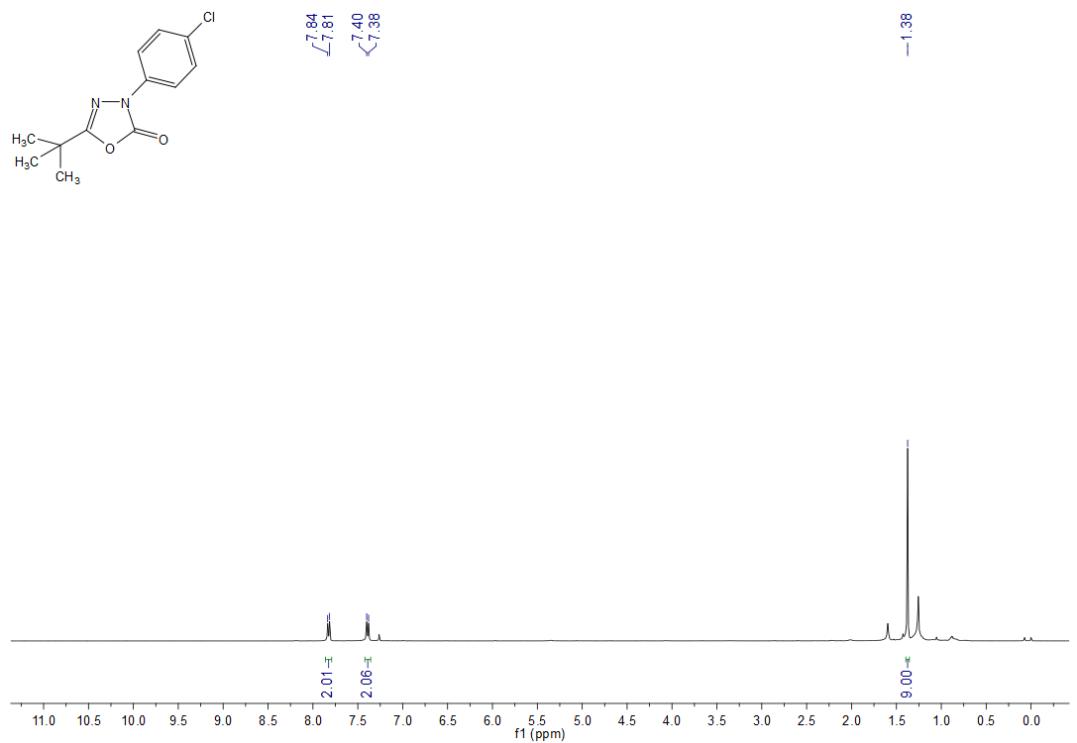
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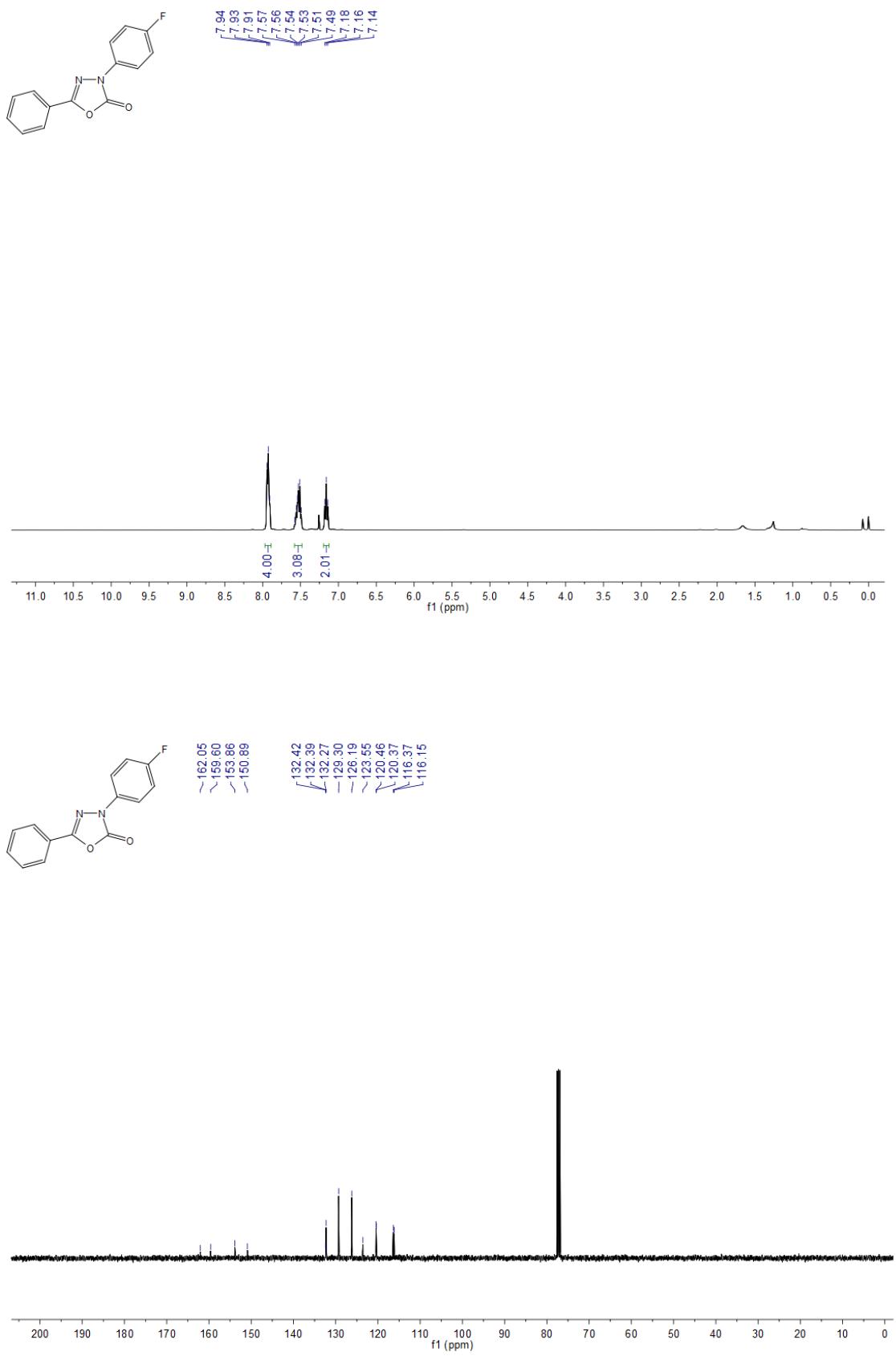
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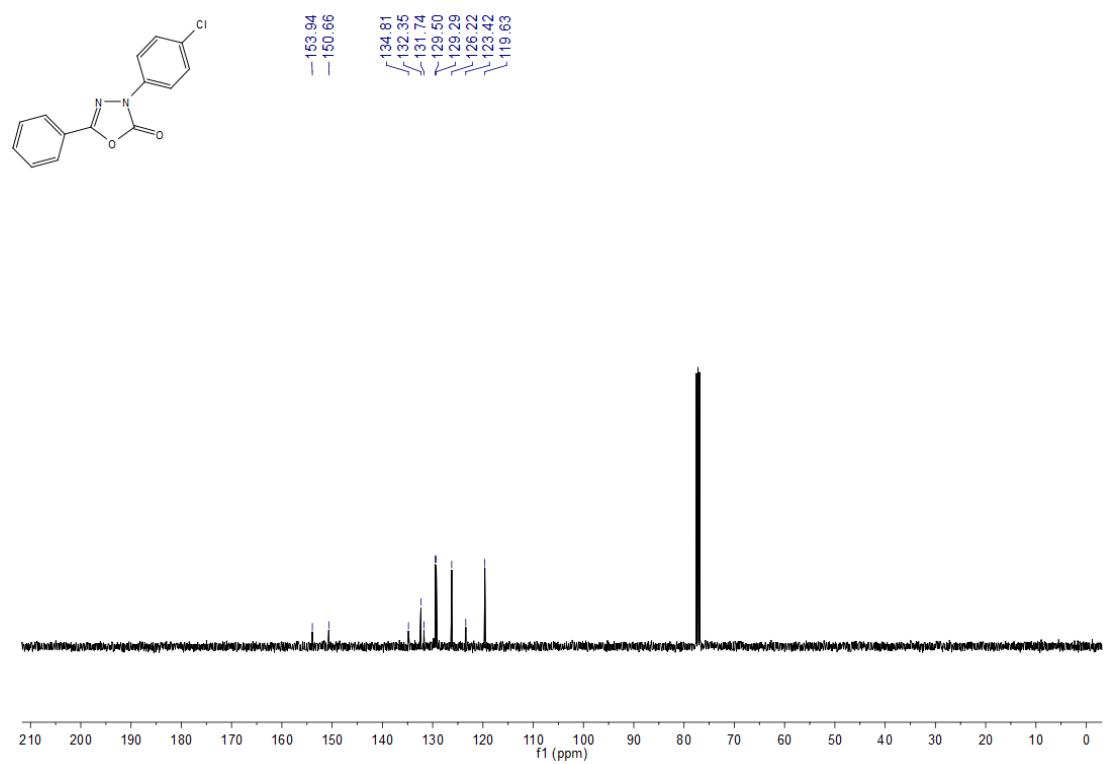
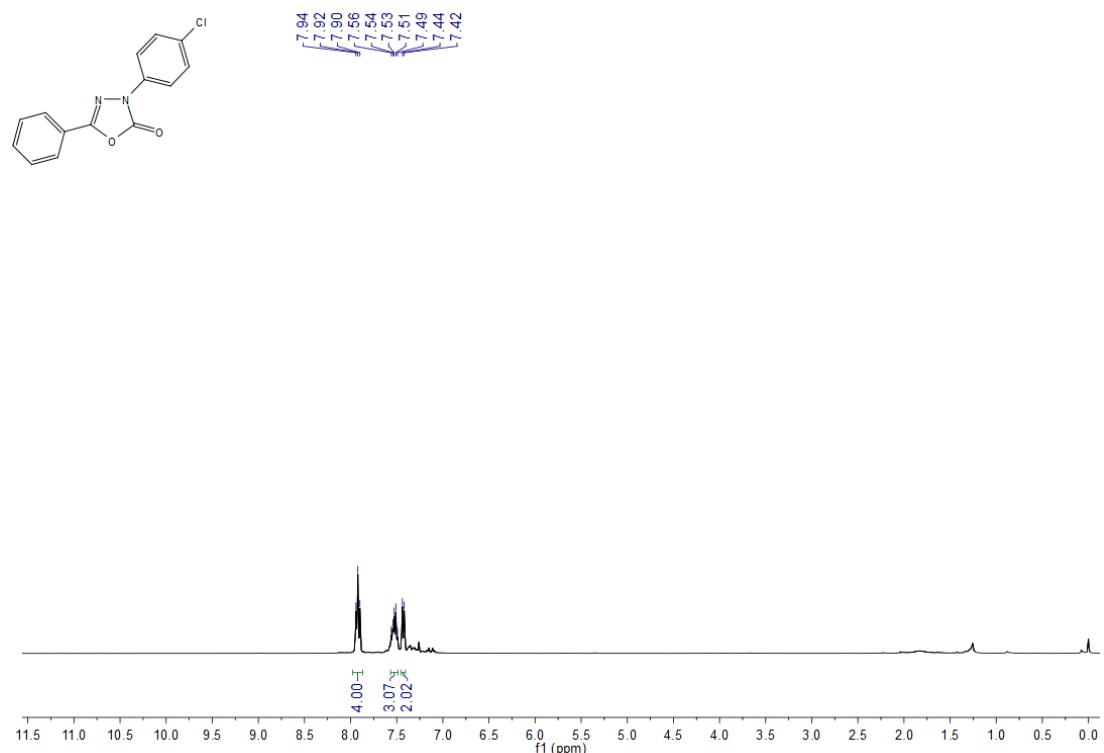
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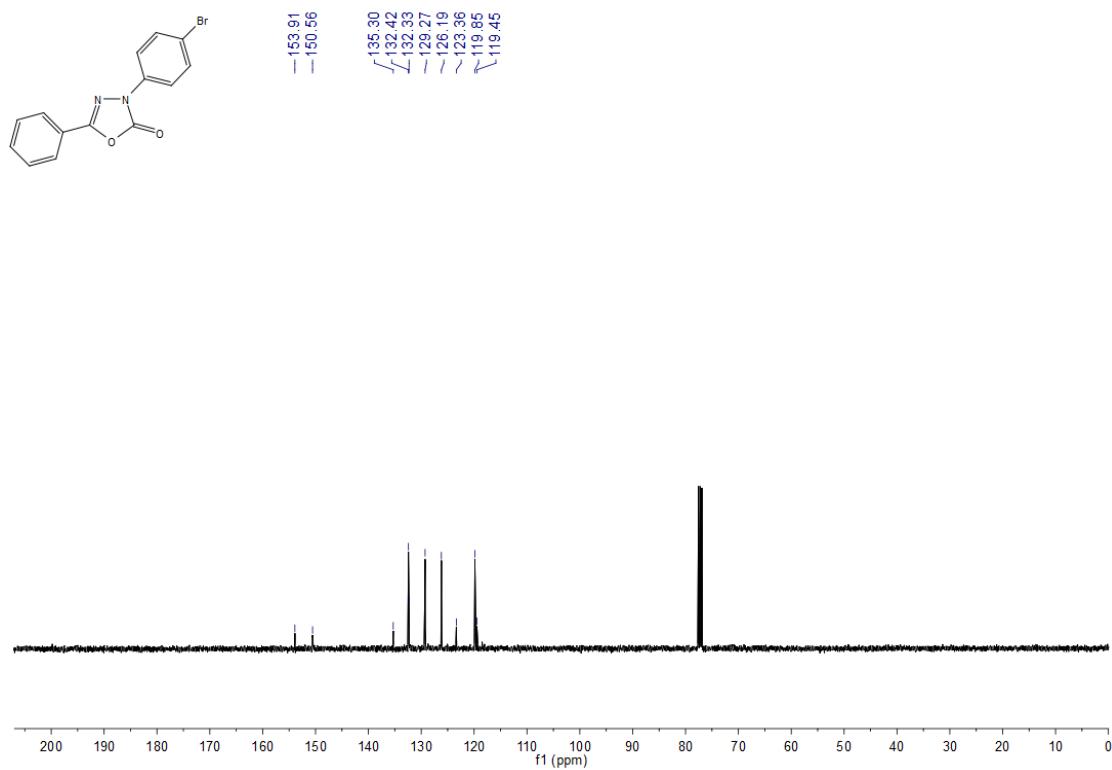
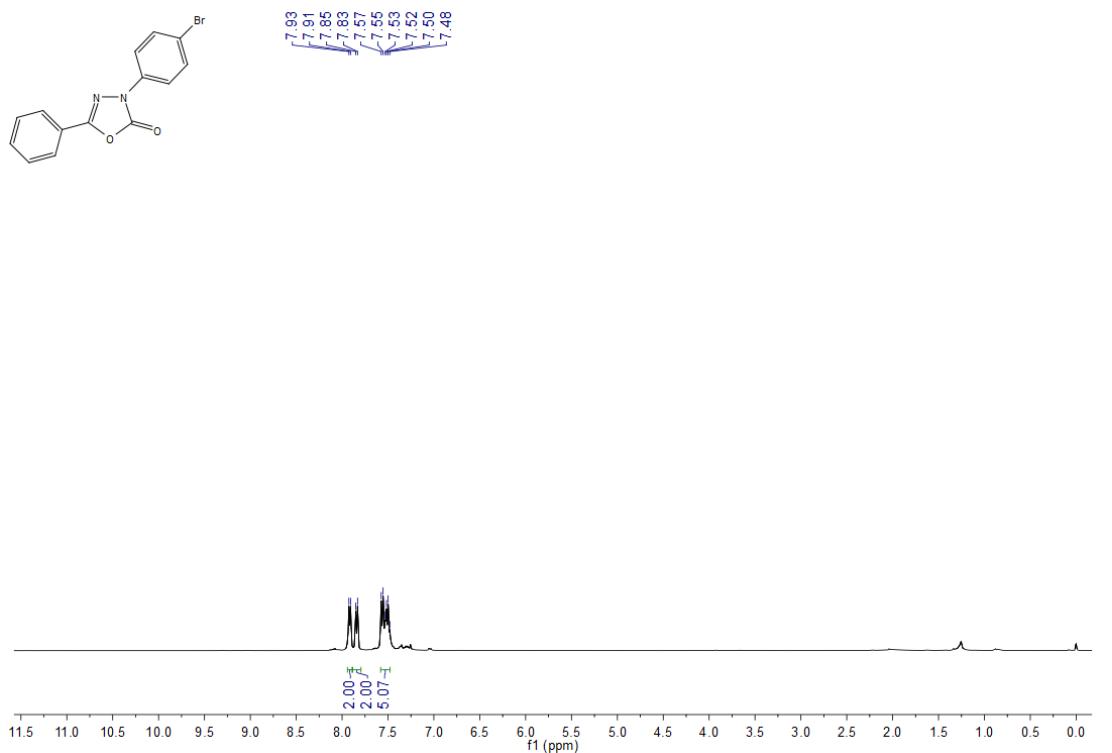
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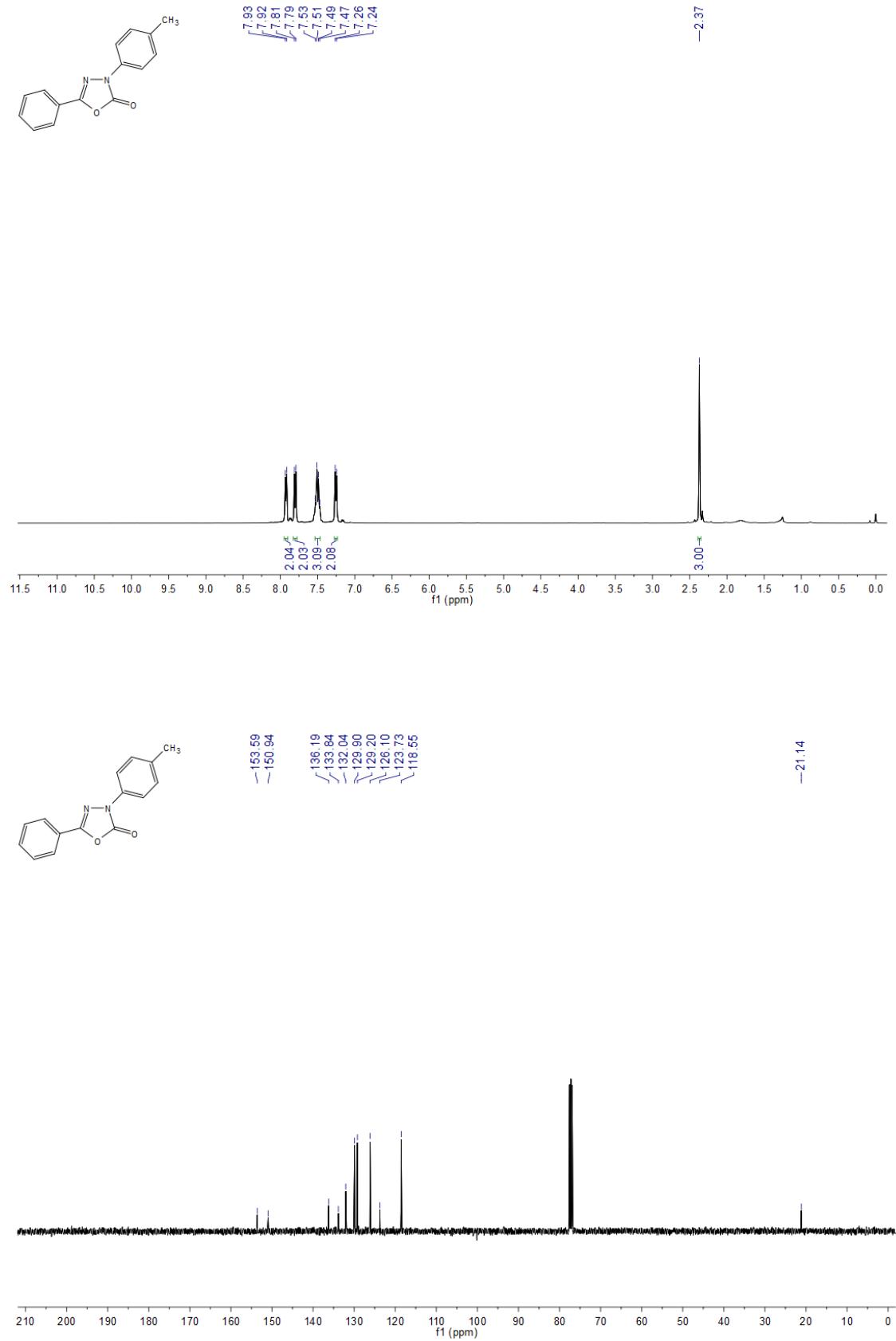
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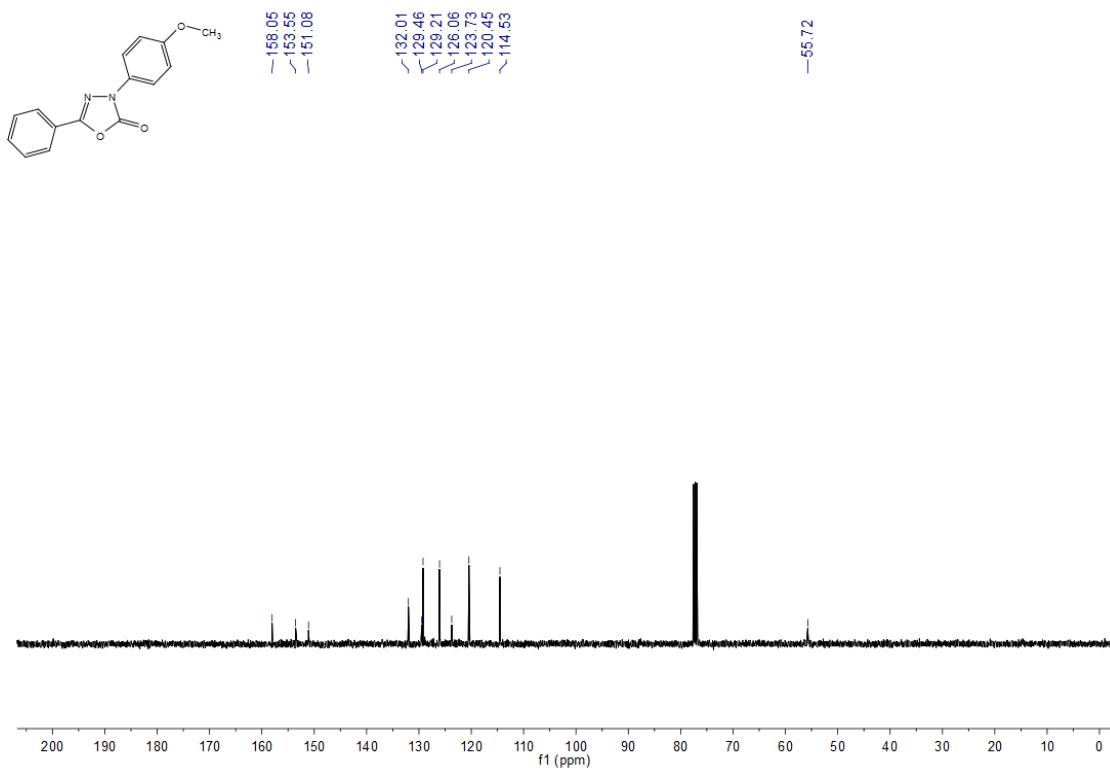
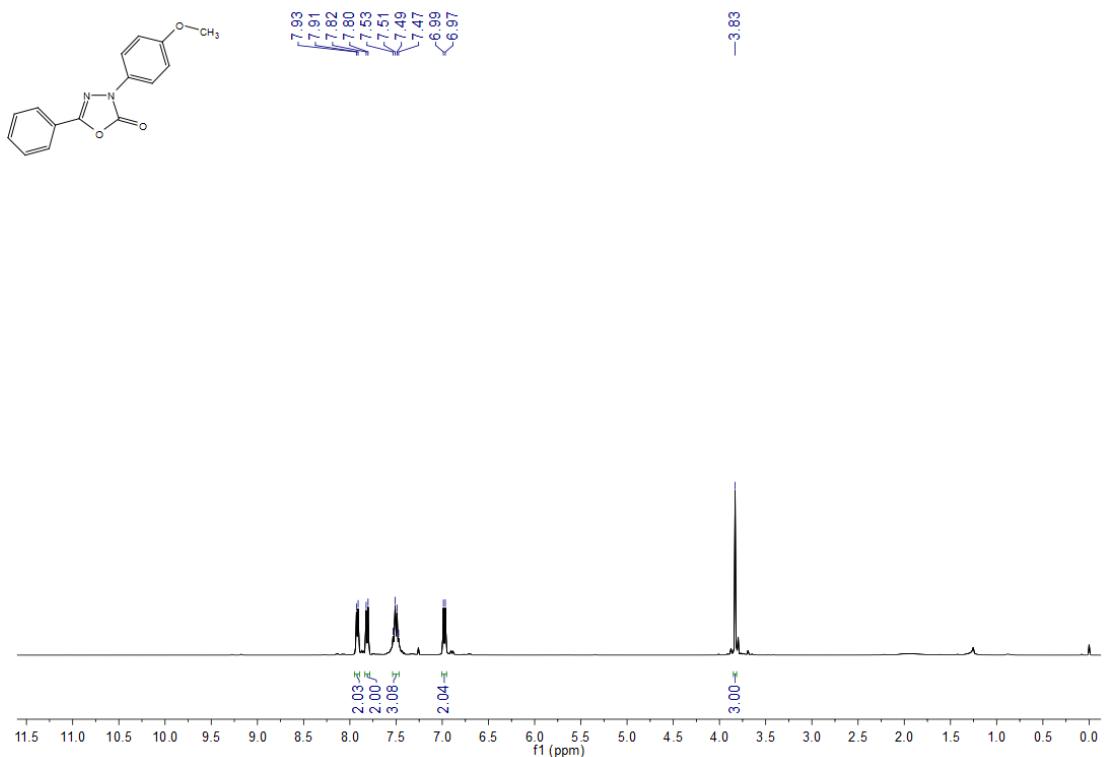
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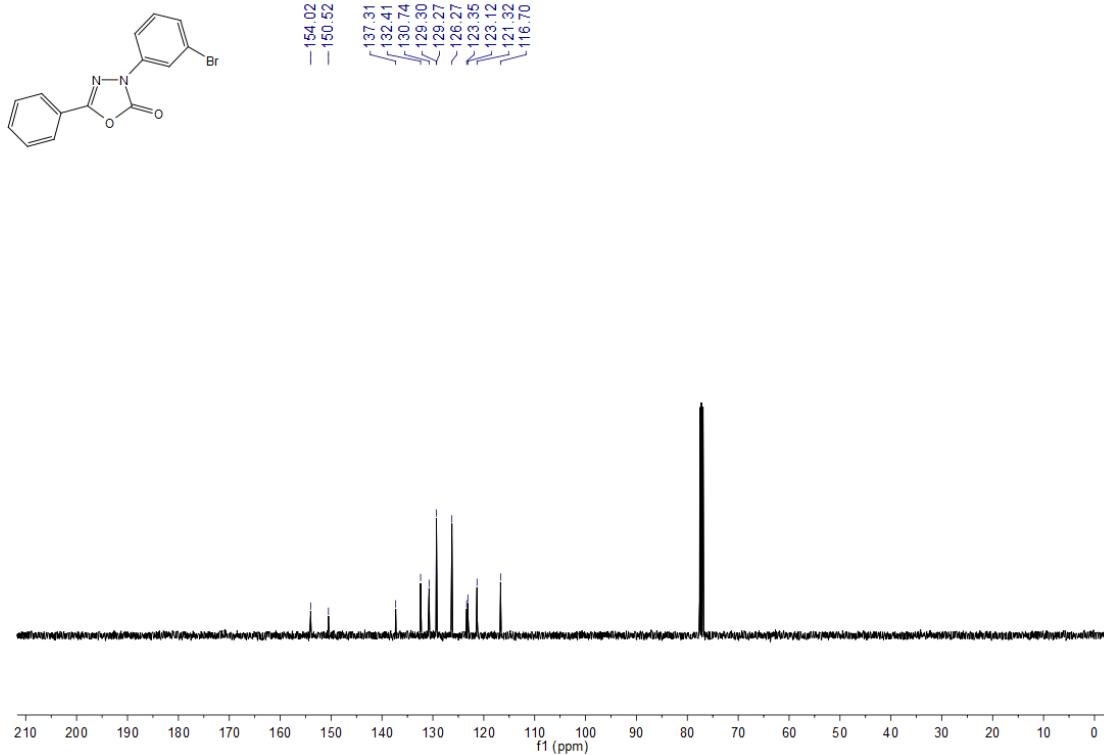
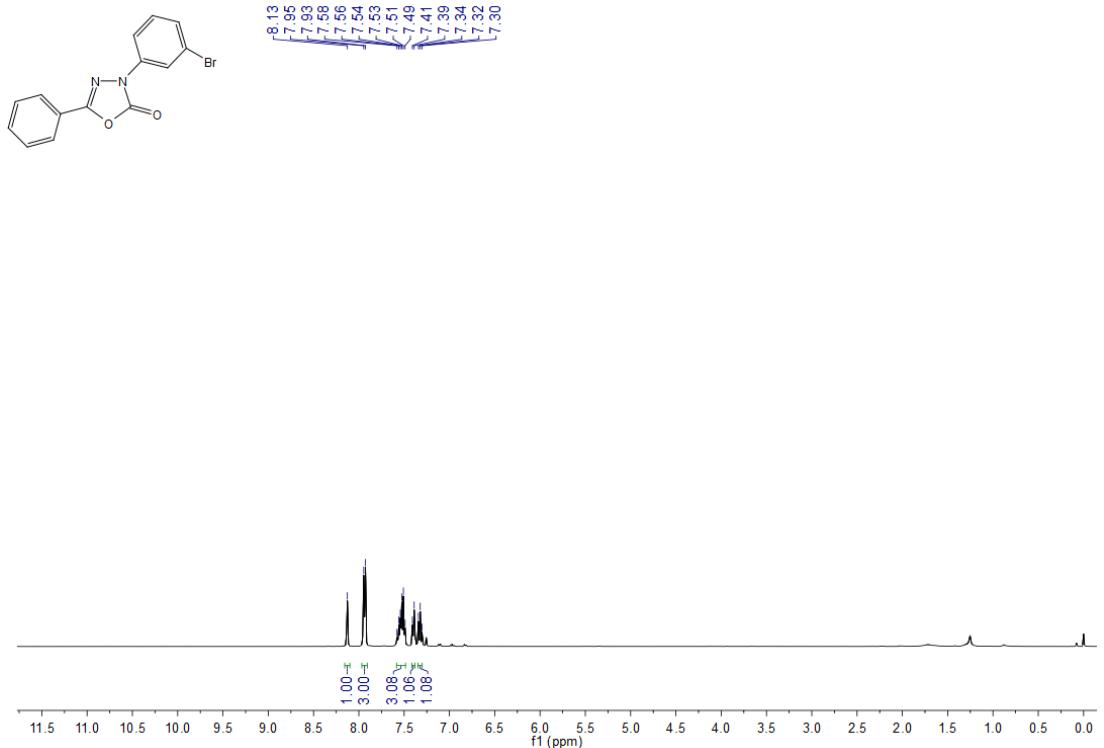
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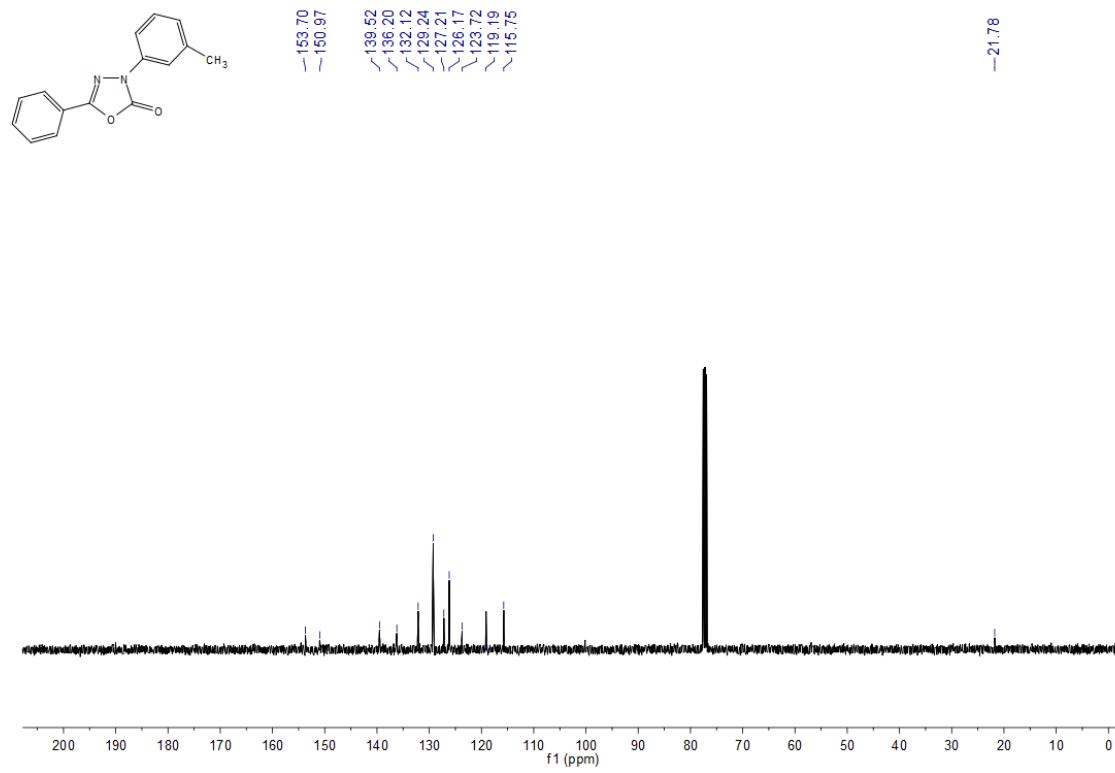
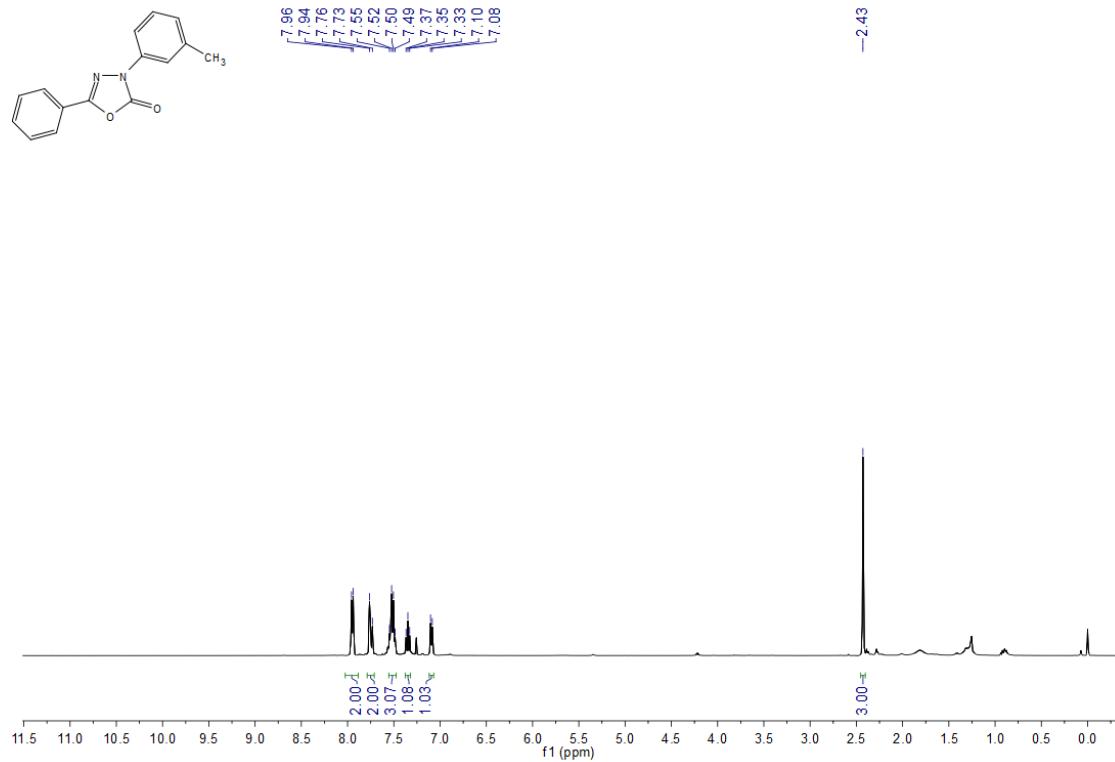
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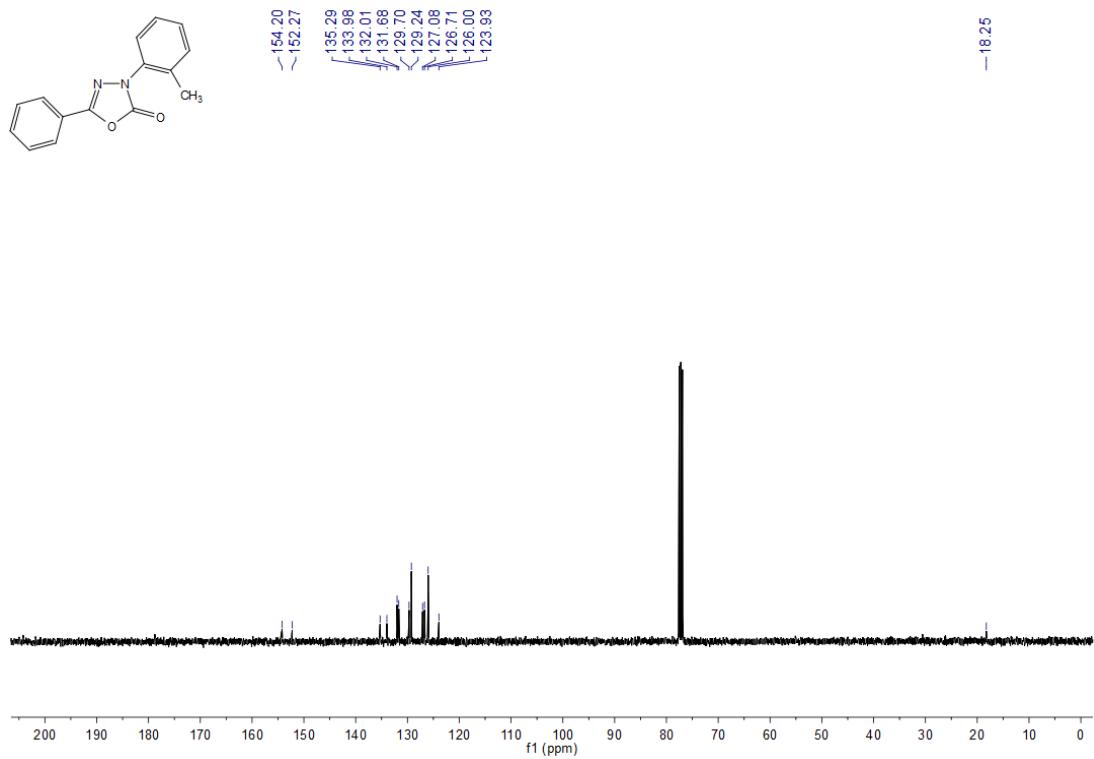
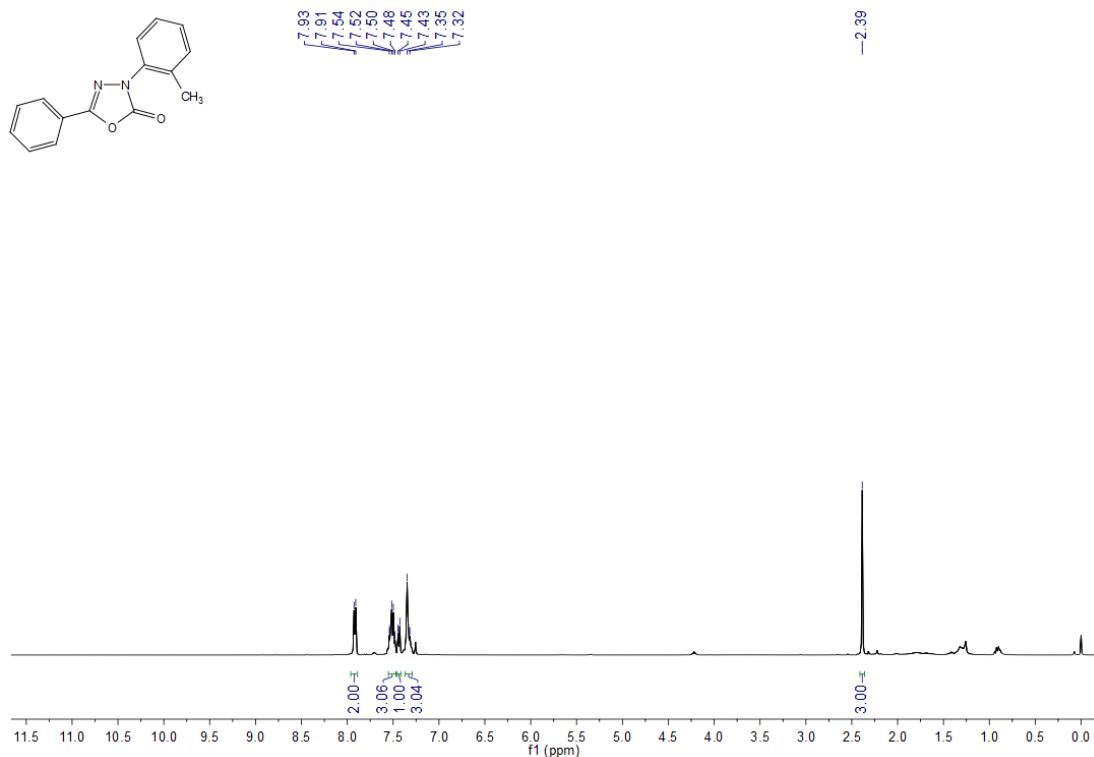
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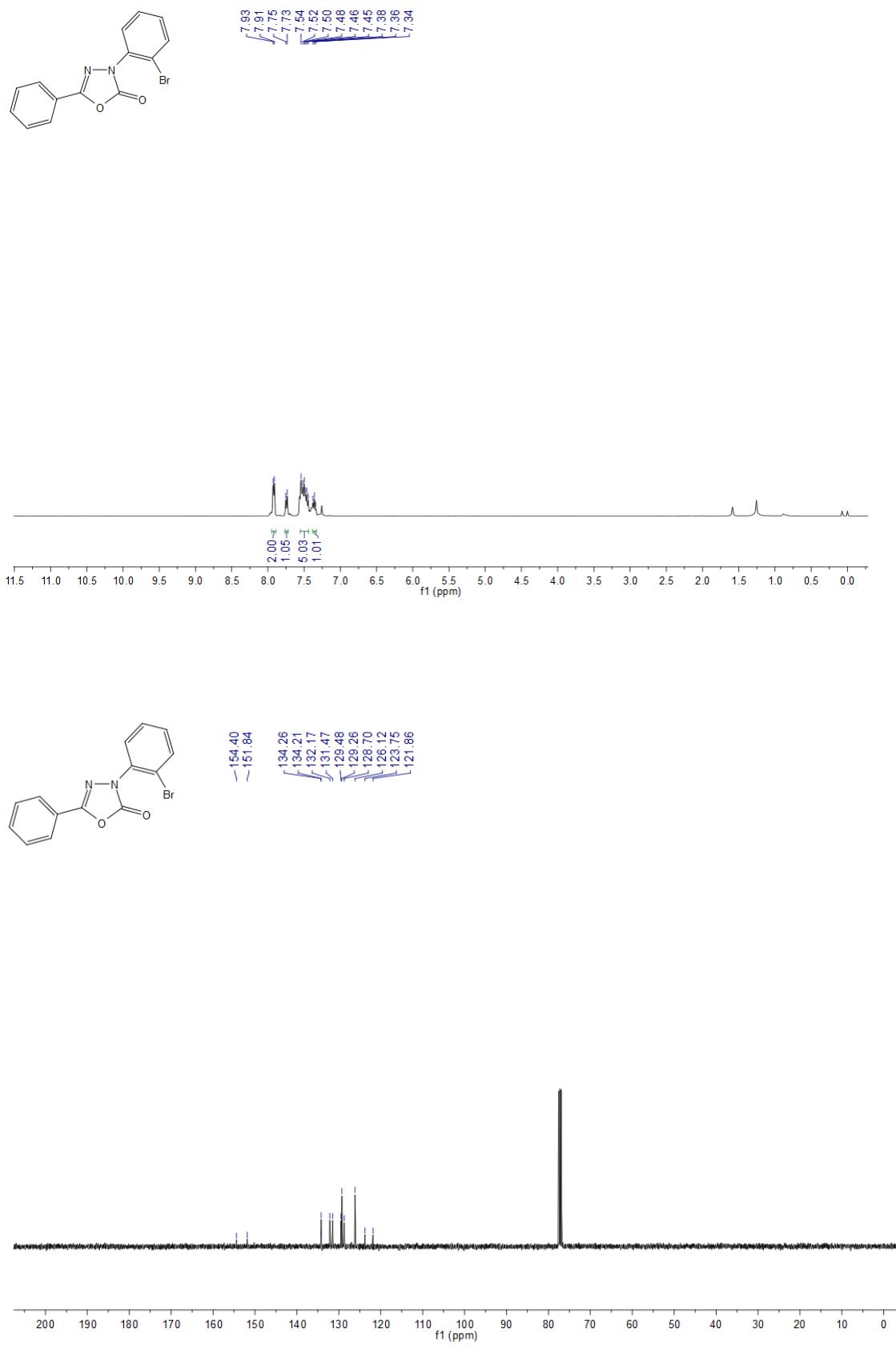
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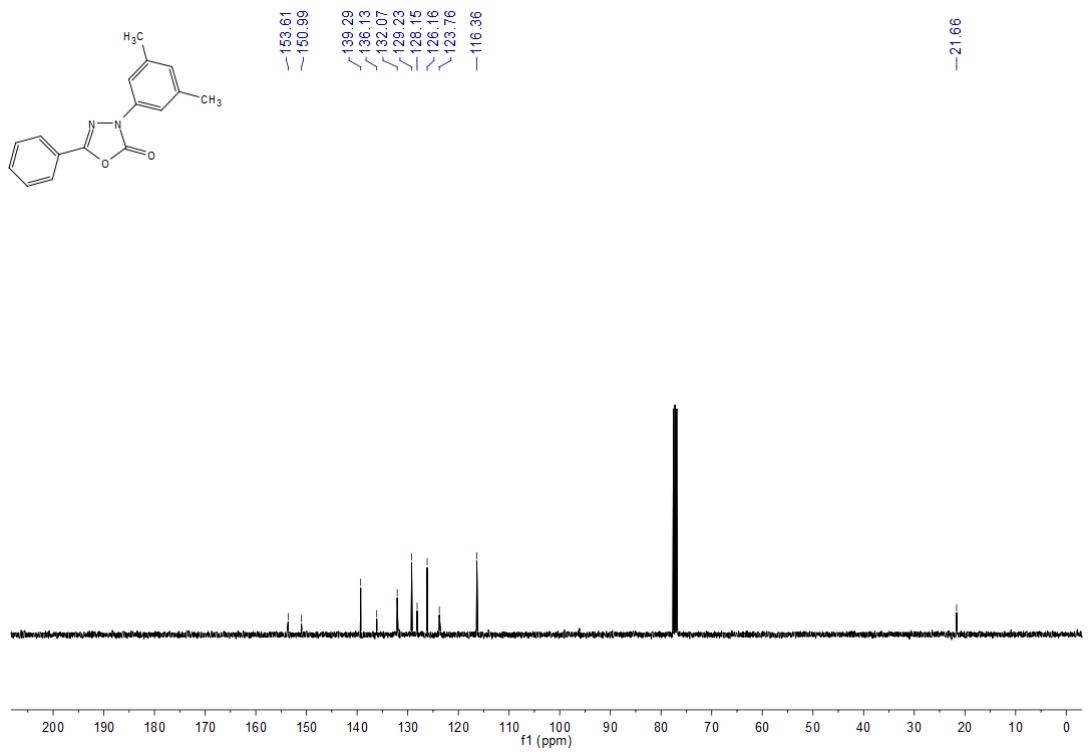
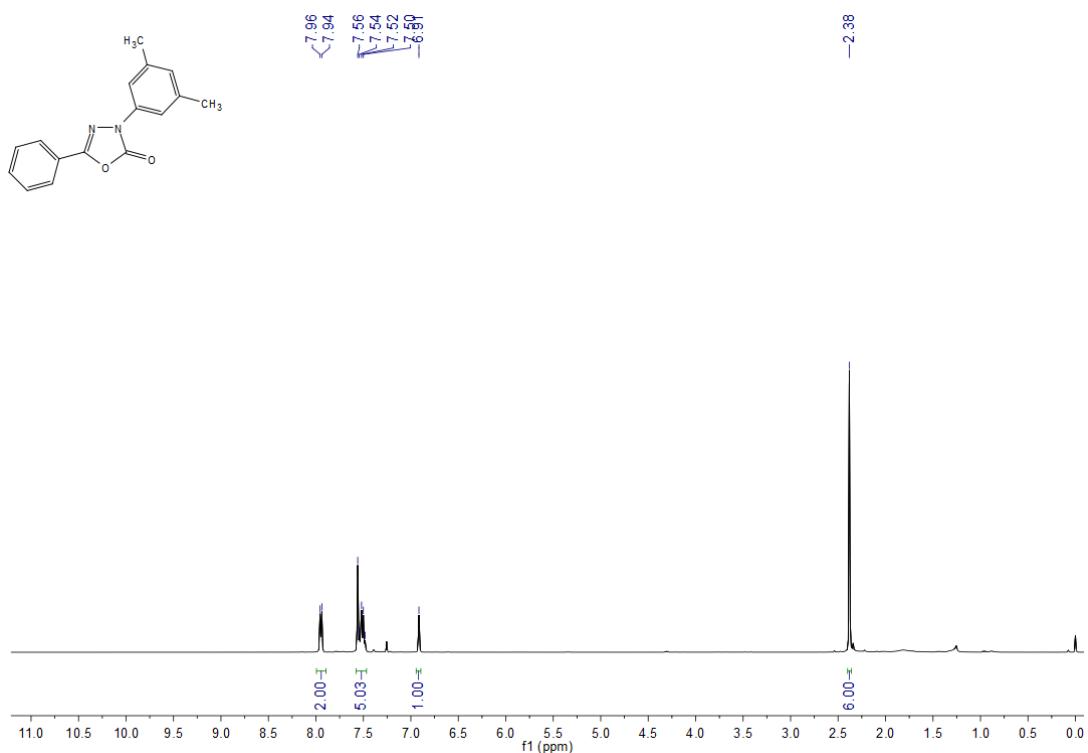
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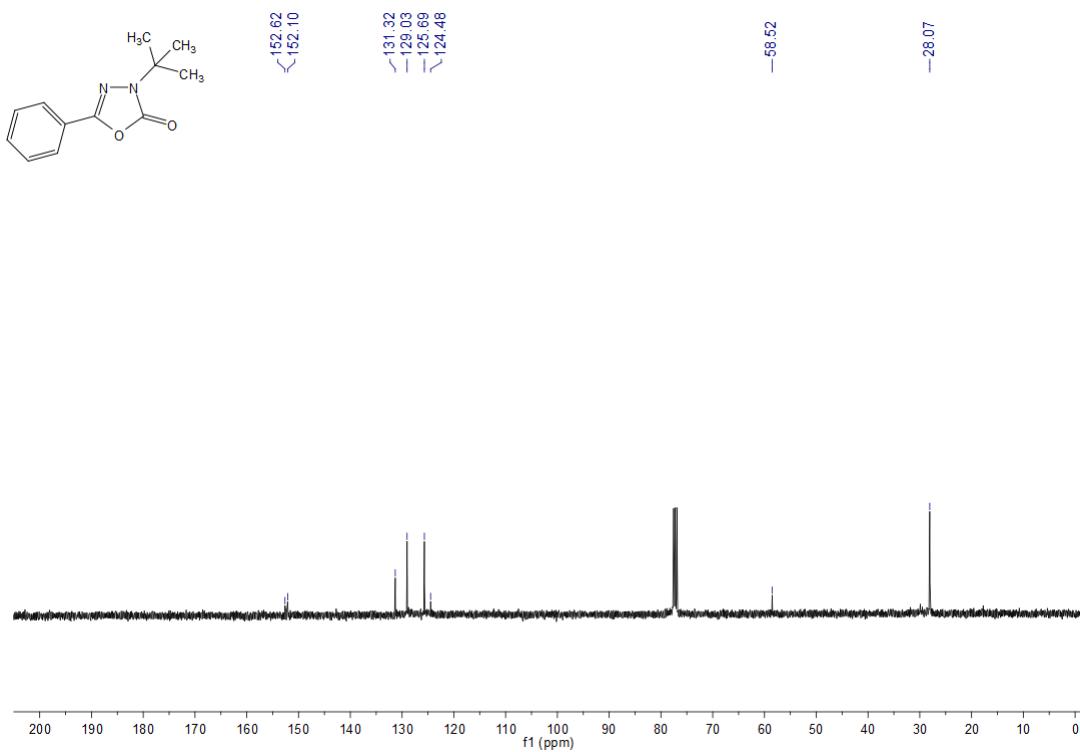
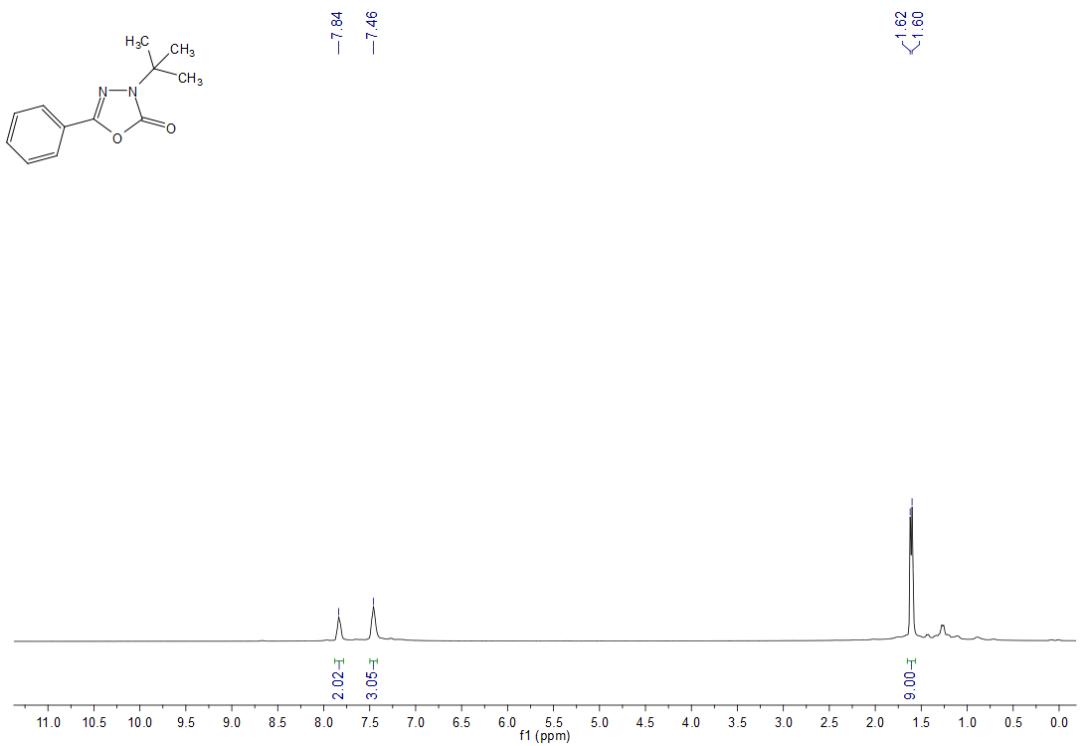
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**4j**



**4k**



**5a**

