

Supporting Information

**Enantioselective Organocatalytic Michael
Additions to Acrylic Acid
Derivatives: Generation of All-Carbon
Quaternary Stereocentres**

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General Experimental

For all reactions conducted under anhydrous conditions glassware was dried in an oven at 100°C and carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere, unless otherwise stated.

Solvents and Reagents

Bulk solutions were evaporated under reduced pressure using a Büchi rotary evaporator. Reagents used were obtained from commercial suppliers or purified according to standard procedures. Petrol refers to distilled light petroleum of fraction (40 – 65 °C). Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether were freshly distilled from sodium-benzophenone.

Chromatography

Flash column chromatography was performed with commercial solvents using Merck Kieselgel 60 silica gel (200-400 mesh). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminium or glass plates pre-coated with Merck Kieselgel 60 F254 and visualised by ultra-violet radiation or by staining with either aqueous basic potassium permanganate or vanillin. Enantiomeric excesses were determined using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) performed on a Hewlett-Packard Series 1050 series system (column conditions are given with the compound).

Melting Points

Melting points were recorded on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus with the sample contained in a thin glass tube at ambient pressure and are uncorrected.

Polarimetry

Optical rotations were recorded using an Optical Activity AA-1000 polarimeter; specific rotations ($[\alpha]_D$) are reported in $10^{-1} \text{ deg}\cdot\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$; concentrations (c) are quoted in $\text{g}\cdot(100 \text{ mL})^{-1}$; D refers to the D-line of sodium (589 nm); temperatures (T) are given in degrees Celsius (°C).

Infra-Red Spectroscopy

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum RX1 FTIR spectrometer (thin film deposited onto a sodium chloride plate). Only selected absorbencies ($\nu_{\max}$) are reported.

NMR Spectroscopy

^1H , ^{13}C , DEPT, COSY and HMQC NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 500 MHz and Varian 300 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ_{H}) are quoted in parts per million ($\text{ppm} \pm 0.01 \text{ ppm}$) downfield of tetramethylsilane, relative to the residual protiosolvent ($\delta_{\text{H}} (\text{CHCl}_3) = 7.26 \text{ ppm}$) against an internal deuterium lock. Coupling constants (J) are given in Hertz ($\text{Hz} \pm 0.1 \text{ Hz}$). The ^1H NMR spectra are reported as follows: δ / ppm (multiplicity, coupling constants J / Hz, number of protons, assignment). DEPT and two-dimensional NMR spectroscopy (COSY and HMQC) were used where appropriate to assist the assignment of the signals in the ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra.

Mass Spectrometry

Low resolution mass spectrometry (electron impact / chemical ionisation) was recorded on a Micromass Trio 2000 quadrupole mass spectrometer and (electrospray) on a Micromass Platform II spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (accurate mass) were recorded on a Thermo Finnigan Mat95XP mass spectrometer.

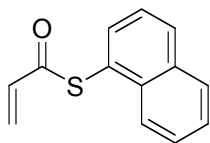
Starting Materials

Michael acceptor **3b** was prepared by the treatment of 1,2-dibromopropionyl chloride with ethanethiol followed by the elimination of bromine.^{S1} Michael acceptors **3e** and **3h** were prepared by the treatment of acryloyl chloride with thiophenol or phenol.^{S2,S3} Michael acceptor **3i** was prepared by the treatment of carbonyl dipyrrole with vinyl magnesium bromide.^{S4} β -Keto esters **2**, **5**, **6** and **7** were prepared by acylation of the parent indanone followed by Sn-catalysed transesterification.^{S5} β -Keto esters **8**, **9** and **10** were prepared by Dieckmann cyclisation of the corresponding open chain diester.^{S6}

Michael Acceptors 3c, 3d, 3f, 3g

Michael acceptors **3c**, **3d**, **3f** and **3g** were prepared using a modified literature procedure as described here:^{S2}

1-Naphthyl Thioacrylate 3c:

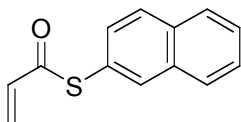


Acryloyl chloride (1.14 mL, 14 mmol) was added to a suspension of 1-thionaphthol (1 mL, 7 mmol) in 5 % aqueous NaOH solution (20 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2 minutes. It was then extracted into CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL x 2), washed with NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (eluting with 95:5 petrol:Et₂O) to furnish the title compound as a pale yellow oil (1.04 g, 69 %).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3056 (CH), 1685 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} ppm: 8.19 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.99 (d, J = 8.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.92 (d, J = 7.6, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.76 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.1, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.63-7.48 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 6.56 (dd, J = 17.2, 10.2, 1H, CH₂=CH), 6.46 (dd, J = 17.2, 0.9, 1H, CH₂=CH), 5.83 (dd, J = 10.2, 0.9, 1H, CH₂=CH); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} ppm: 188.3 (C=O), 135.2 (CH₂=CH), 134.3 (CH₂=CH), 134.2, 131.1, 128.7,

127.7, 127.3, 126.5, 125.6, 125.3, 124.6 (Ar-C); **MS**: m/z (CI) 232 ($M + NH_4^+$); **HRMS**: (ES^+) Found 232.0790. $C_{13}H_{14}ONS$ requires M 232.0791.

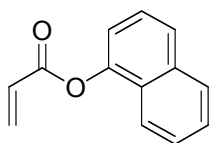
2-Naphthyl Thioacrylate 3d:



Acryloyl chloride (2.44 mL, 30 mmol) was added to a suspension of 2-thionaphthol (500 mg, 3 mmol) in 5% aqueous NaOH solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 minutes. It was then extracted into CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL x 2), washed with $NaHCO_3$ (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and dried over Na_2SO_4 before being filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (eluting with 95:5 petrol:Et₂O) to furnish the title compound as a colourless solid (230 mg, 33 %).

m.p. 75-77°C; **IR** ν_{max} (film): 3028, 3016 (CH), 1677 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ_H ppm: 8.00 (s, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.93-7.80 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.62-7.42 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 6.51 (dd, J = 17.2, 9.9, 1H, $CH_2=CH$), 6.44 (dd, J = 17.2, 1.1, 1H, $CH_2=CH$), 5.81 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.1, 1H, $CH_2=CH$); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ_C ppm: 188.8 (C=O), 134.5 ($CH_2=CH$), 134.4 ($CH_2=CH$), 133.6, 133.4, 130.9, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.6, 124.5 (Ar-C); **MS**: m/z (CI) 232 ($M + NH_4^+$); **HRMS**: (ES^+) Found 232.0792. $C_{13}H_{14}ONS$ requires M 232.0791.

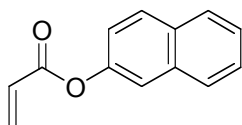
1-Naphthyl Acrylate 3f:



Acryloyl chloride (1.14 mL, 14 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and added dropwise to a solution of 1-naphthol (2 g, 14 mmol) and Et₃N (2.5 mL, 18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) under an atmosphere of N₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was extracted into CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL x 2) and washed with brine (20 mL); it was then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with 9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (2.445 g, 88 %).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3062 (CH), 1742 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} ppm: 7.92-7.84 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.29, 1H, Ar-H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.30 (dd, J = 7.45, 0.86, 1H, Ar-H), 6.75 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.1, 1H, CH₂=CH), 6.50 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.5, 1H, CH₂=CH), 6.12 (dd, J = 10.5, 1.1, 1H, CH₂=CH); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} ppm: 164.6 (C=O), 146.5 (CH₂=CH), 134.7 (CH₂=CH), 133.0, 128.1, 127.8, 126.8, 126.5, 126.5, 126.1, 125.4, 121.2, 118.1 (Ar-C); **MS**: m/z (CI) 216 (M + NH₄⁺); **HRMS**: (ES⁺) Found 216.1022. C₁₃H₁₄O₂N requires M 216.1019.

2-Naphthyl Acrylate 3g:

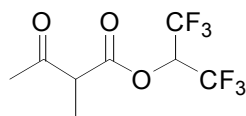


Acryloyl chloride (1.14 mL, 14 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and added dropwise to a solution of 2-naphthol (2 g, 14 mmol) and Et₃N (2.5 mL, 18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) under an atmosphere of N₂. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was extracted into CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL x 2) and washed with brine (20 mL); it was then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude reaction mixture was

subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with 9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to afford the title compound as a colourless solid (2.285 g, 82 %).

m.p. 43-45°C; **IR** $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3058, 3034 (CH), 1742 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} ppm: 7.90-7.79 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.62 (d, J = 2.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.52-7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.28 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 6.66 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.2, 1H, CH₂=CH), 6.39 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.4, 1H, CH₂=CH), 6.06 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.2, 1H, CH₂=CH); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} ppm: 164.8 (C=O), 148.2 (CH₂=CH), 133.8 (CH₂=CH), 132.7, 131.5, 129.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.6, 125.8, 121.1, 118.5 (Ar-C); **MS**: m/z (CI) 216 (M + NH₄⁺); **HRMS**: (ES⁺) Found 216.1028. C₁₃H₁₄O₂N requires M 216.1019.

1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl 2-methyl-3-oxobutanoate 11:

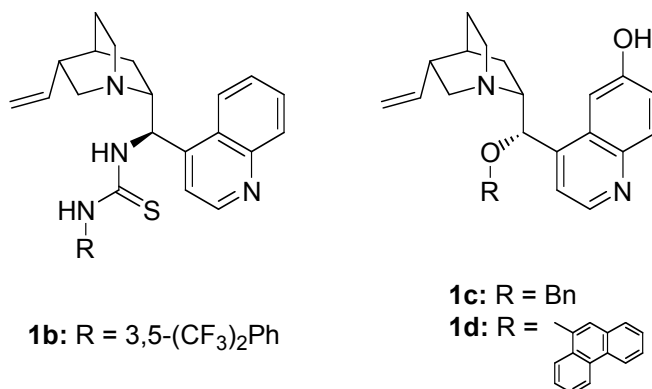


2-Methyl-3-oxobutanoic acid (1.99 g, 17 mmol), was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 ml) and cooled to 0°C. DMAP (1.04 g, 8.5 mmol) and 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol (1.99 ml, 19 mmol) were added followed by EDC.HCl (3.58 g, 18.7 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for two hours. It was then warmed to room temperature, extracted into EtOAc (50 ml x 2) and washed with 1M HCl (30 ml), 1M NaHCO₃ (30 ml) and brine (30 ml). The combined organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, the solvent removed *in vacuo*, and the crude reaction mixture subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with 9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow liquid (859 mg, 19 %).

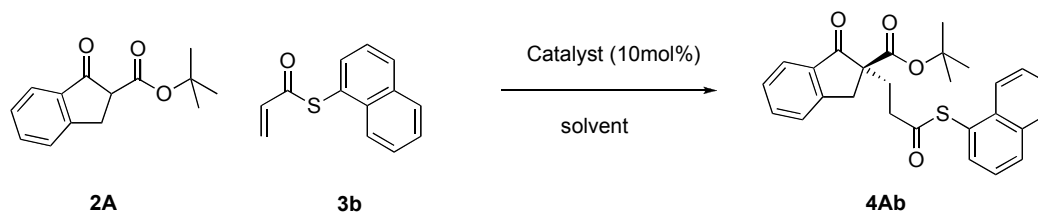
IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3439 (OH), 2950, 2973, 2888 (CH), 1790, 1726 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} ppm: 11.81 (s, 0.1H, enol OH), 5.80 (sept., J = 6.2, 0.1H, CH(CF₃)₂), 5.73 (sept., J = 6.0, 0.9H, CH(CF₃)₂), 3.66 (q, J = 7.2, 0.9H, CHCH₃), 2.21 (s, 2.7H, COCH₃), 2.02 (s, 0.3H, COCH₃), 1.76 (s, 0.3H, CCH₃), 1.38 (d, J = 7.2, 2.7H, CHCH₃); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} ppm: 201.1 (C=O), 167.5 (C=O), 120.2 (q, J = 282.2, CH(CF₃)₂), 66.9 (sept., J = 34.9, (CH(CF₃)₂), 52.7 (CHCH₃), 28.2 (C=OCH₃), 12.6 (CHCH₃); **MS**: m/z (ES⁻) 265 (M - H⁺); **HRMS**: (ES⁻) Found 265.0299. C₁₃H₁₄O₃F₆ requires M 265.0305.

Structure of the Catalysts

Cinchona alkaloid based catalysts **1b**, **1c** and **1d** were prepared according to literature procedures.^{S7,S8}



Optimisation



Michael acceptor **3c** (3 equivalents) was added to a solution of β -keto ester **2** (1 equivalent) followed by catalyst (10 mol %); the mixture was stirred until TLC analysis showed that all **2** had been consumed. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo* and the crude product subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with 95:5 petrol:Et₂O followed by 9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to afford the desired product **4c**.

Details of optimisation of Michael addition of **2** to **3c** are shown below:

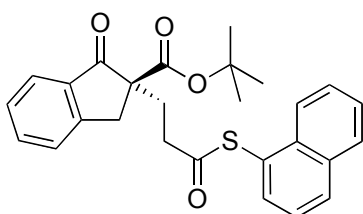
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Conc. (M)	Reaction Time	Temp (°C)	Conv. (%)	e.e. (%)
1	1b	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1	30 mins	r.t.	>95	40
2	1c	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1	30 mins	r.t.	>95	82
3	1c	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1	30 mins	0	>95	86
4	1c	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1	30 mins	-20	>95	88
5	1c	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1/3	90 mins	-20	>95	90

6	1c	Toluene	1/3	2 hours	-20	>95	82
7	1c	THF	1/3	90 mins	-20	>95	74
8	1c	TBME	1/3	2 hours	-20	80	85
9	1c	EtOAc	1/3	90 mins	-20	>95	79
10	1c	CHCl ₃	1/3	90 mins	-20	>95	90
11	1c	Me ₂ CO	1/3	2 hours	-20	>95	70
12	1c	Et ₂ O	1/3	2 hours	-20	>95	84
13	1c	MeCN	1/3	2 hours	-20	>95	76
14	1d	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1/3	2 hours	-20	>95	96

Optimised General procedure for Michael addition

A 1/3M solution of β -keto ester (1 equivalent) in CH₂Cl₂ was cooled to -20°C. Michael acceptor (3 equivalents) was added followed by catalyst **1d** (10 mol %) and the mixture was stirred at -20 °C until TLC analysis showed that all β -keto ester had been consumed. The solvent was then removed *in vacuo* and the crude product subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with 95:5 petrol:Et₂O followed by 9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to afford the desired product.

(S)-tert-butyl 2-(3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate 4c:



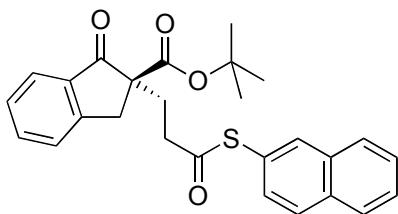
The product was isolated as a colourless solid (38 mg, 83 %).

e.e.: 96 % (Chiralcel OD, 96:4 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, *t_R* = 34.6 min (minor), 40.2 min (major)).

m.p. 104-108°C; **IR** ν_{max} (film): 3054, 2975, 2930 (CH), 1734, 1708 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} ppm: 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.68-7.60 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.58-7.45 (m, 4H, Ar-

H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.5$, 1H, Ar-*H*), 3.65 (d, $J = 17.2$, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 3.04 (d, $J = 17.2$, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.92 (ddd, $J = 14.2$, 9.4, 3.8, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.83 (ddd, $J = 16.1$, 11.0, 5.2, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.43 (ddd, $J = 14.0$, 11.0, 5.1, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.28 (ddd, $J = 14.0$, 11.1, 5.2, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 1.41 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} ppm: 202.3 (C=O), 196.5 (C=O), 169.7 (C=O), 152.7, 135.4, 135.1, 135.0, 134.2, 134.1, 131.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.2, 126.4, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 125.0, 124.8 (Ar-C), 82.3 (quaternary C), 60.2 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 39.3 (indanone CH_2), 37.5 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 30.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 27.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS**: m/z (ES^+) 464 ($\text{M} + \text{NH}_4^+$); **HRMS**: (ES^+) Found 464.1887. $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_4\text{NS}$ requires M 464.1890; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$: -28.4 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(*S*)-tert-butyl 2-(3-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 4d:



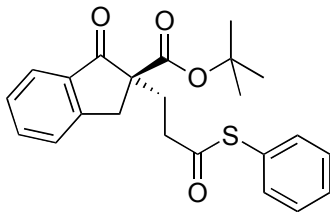
The product was isolated as a colourless solid (33 mg, 75 %).

e.e.: 95% (Chiralcel OD, 96:4 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, $t_{\text{R}} = 23.3$ min (minor), 29.9 min (major)).

m.p. 92-95°C; **IR** ν_{max} (film): 3054, 2977, 2930 (CH), 1732, 1710 (C=O); ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} ppm: 7.92 (s, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.88-7.74 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.63 (dt, $J = 7.6$, 1.1, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.55-7.45 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 3.65 (d, $J = 17.2$, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 3.05 (d, $J = 17.2$, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.87 (ddd, $J = 15.9$, 11.1, 5.1, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.76 (ddd, $J = 16.0$, 11.0, 5.1, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.43 (ddd, $J = 14.0$, 11.0, 5.1, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.27 (ddd, $J = 14.0$, 11.1, 5.2, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 1.41 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} ppm: 202.2 (C=O), 196.9 (C=O), 169.7 (C=O), 152.7, 135.4, 135.2, 134.4, 133.5, 133.3, 130.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 124.9, 124.8 (Ar-C), 82.3 (quaternary C), 60.2 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 39.3 (indanone CH_2), 37.5 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 30.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 27.8

(C(CH₃)₃); **MS**: m/z (ES⁺) 464 (M + NH₄⁺); **HRMS**: (ES⁺) Found 464.1884. C₂₇H₃₀O₄NS requires M 464.1890; [α]_D²³: -16.8 (c 0.5, CHCl₃).

(S)-tert-butyl 1-oxo-2-(3-oxo-3-(phenylthio)propyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate 4e:

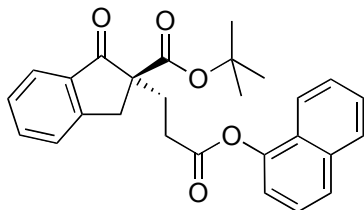


The product was isolated as a yellow oil (314 mg, 83 %).

e.e.: 95% (Chiralpak AS, 98:2 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 16.3 min (major), 19.0 min (minor)).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 2976, 2928 (CH), 1734, 1709 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_H ppm: 7.77 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.63 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.48 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.43-7.35 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 3.64 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 3.03 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.83 (ddd, J = 16.0, 11.1, 5.1, 1H, CH₂CH_AH_BCOSAr), 2.72 (ddd, J = 16.2, 11.0, 5.2, 1H, CH₂CH_AH_BCOSAr), 2.40 (ddd, J = 14.0, 11.0, 5.1, 1H, CH_AH_BCH₂COSAr), 2.24 (ddd, J = 14.0, 11.1, 5.2, 1H, CH_AH_BCH₂COSAr), 1.41 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_C ppm: 202.2 (C=O), 196.7 (C=O), 169.7 (C=O), 152.7, 135.4, 135.1, 134.5, 129.4, 129.2, 127.9, 127.5, 126.4, 124.8 (Ar-*C*), 82.3 (quaternary *C*), 60.2 (C(CH₃)₃), 39.2 (indanone CH₂), 37.5 (CH₂CH₂COSAr), 30.0 (CH₂CH₂COSAr), 27.8 (C(CH₃)₃); **MS**: m/z (ES⁺) 414 (M + NH₄⁺); **HRMS**: (ES⁺) Found 414.1736. C₂₇H₃₀O₄NS requires M 414.1734; [α]_D²²: -29.6 (c 1, CHCl₃).

(*S*)-tert-butyl 2-(3-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-3-oxopropyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 4f:

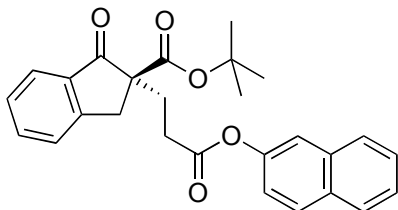


The product was isolated as a pale yellow oil (34 mg, 83 %).

e.e. 94% (Chiralcel OD, 96:4 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 27.7 min (minor), 37.9 min (major)).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3063, 2977, 2932 (CH), 1760, 1735, 1711 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 7.88-7.80 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.65 (dt, J = 7.6, 0.9, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.54-7.39 (m, 5H, Ar-*H*), 7.23 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.4, 1H, Ar-*H*), 3.71 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 3.15 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.96 (ddd, J = 16.4, 10.3, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.83 (ddd, J = 16.4, 10.9, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.53 (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.9, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.45 (ddd, J = 14.1, 11.0, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 1.44 (s, 1H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 202.5 (C=O), 171.5 (C=O), 170.0 (C=O), 152.7, 146.5, 135.4, 135.3, 134.6, 128.0, 127.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.4, 126.0, 125.4, 124.9, 121.2, 118.0 (Ar-C), 82.3 (quaternary C), 60.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 37.8 (indanone CH_2), 30.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 29.7 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 27.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 453 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 453.1681. $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ requires M 453.1672; **$[\alpha]_D^{22}$** : -24 (c 1, CHCl_3).

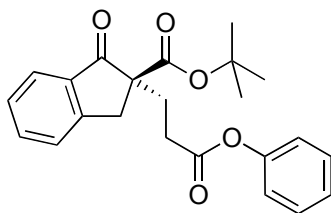
(S)-tert-butyl 2-(3-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)-3-oxopropyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate 4g:



The product was isolated as a colourless solid (31 mg, 76 %).

e.e.: 94% (Chiralcel OD, 96:4 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 30.3 min (minor), 47.6 (major)).
m.p. 92-94°C; **IR** $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3058, 2976, 2930 (CH), 1756, 1736, 1710 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 7.86-7.76 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.64 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.1, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.55-7.39 (m, 5H, Ar-*H*), 7.21 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 3.69 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 3.12 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.82 (ddd, J = 16.3, 10.9, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.69 (ddd, J = 16.3, 10.8, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.47 (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.8, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.38 (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.9, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 1.43 (s, 1H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 202.5 (C=O), 171.7 (C=O), 169.9 (C=O), 152.7, 148.3, 135.4, 135.3, 133.7, 131.4, 129.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.5, 126.4, 125.7, 124.8, 121.1, 118.5 (Ar-C), 82.3 (quaternary C), 60.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 37.7 (indanone CH_2), 30.1 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 29.6 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 27.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 453 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 453.1675. $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ requires M 453.1672; **$[\alpha]_D^{22}$** : -20 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(S)-tert-butyl 1-oxo-2-(3-oxo-3-phenoxypropyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate
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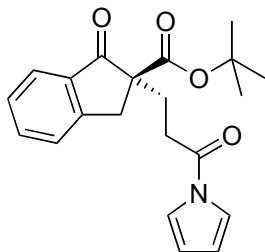


The product was isolated as a colourless solid (28 mg, 78 %).

e.e. 94% (Chiralpak IA, 97:3 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 21.1 min (minor), 22.4 min (major)).

m.p. 102-104°C; **IR** $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3039, 2977, 2932 (CH), 1756, 1736, 1711 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 7.79 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.63 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.1, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.49 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.41 (t, J = 7.4, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.21 (t, J = 7.4, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.08-7.02 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 3.67 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 3.10 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.76 (ddd, J = 16.3, 10.9, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.62 (ddd, J = 16.3, 10.8, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.43 (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.8, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 2.33 (ddd, J = 14.1, 11.0, 5.4, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 1.41 (s, 1H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 202.4 (C=O), 171.5 (C=O), 169.9 (C=O), 152.7, 150.6, 135.4, 135.3, 129.4, 127.9, 126.4, 125.8, 124.8, 121.5 (Ar-C), 82.3 (quaternary C), 60.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 37.6 (indanone CH_2), 30.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 29.5 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 27.8 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 403 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 403.1520. $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ requires M 403.1516; **$[\alpha]_D^{22}$** : -32 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(S)-tert-butyl 1-oxo-2-(3-oxo-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)propyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate 4i:

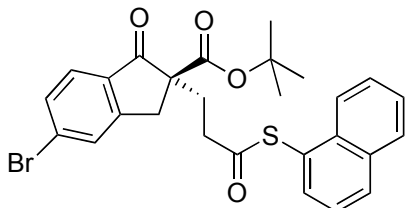


The product was isolated as a colourless solid (32 mg, 96 %).

e.e. 95% (Chiralpak AS-H, 98:2 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 22.4 min (major), 29.2 min (minor)).

m.p. 86-90°C; **IR** $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3147, 2978, 2932 (CH), 1717 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 7.78 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, Ar- H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.4, 1H, Ar- H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, Ar- H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.4, 1H, Ar- H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H, pyrrole- H), 6.28 (t, J = 2.2, 2H, pyrrole- H), 3.65 (d, J = 17.2, 1H, indanone- CH_AH_B), 3.13-3.04 (m, 2H, indanone CH_AH_B and $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CON}$), 3.01-2.91 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CON}$), 2.37 (t, J = 8.0, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CON}$), 1.38 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 202.5 (C=O), 170.1 (C=O), 152.5 (C=O), 135.4, 135.6, 127.9, 126.4, 124.8 (Ar-C), 119.1, 113.2 (pyrrole-C), 82.3 (quaternary C), 59.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 38.2 (indanone CH_2), 30.3 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CON}$), 29.5 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CON}$), 27.8 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS** m/z (ES^+): 376 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$), 412 ($\text{M} + \text{MeCN} + \text{NH}_4^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+): Found 376.1510. $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4\text{NNa}$ requires M 376.1519; **$[\alpha]_D^{22}$** : -37.6 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(S)-tert-butyl 5-bromo-2-(3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate 12c:

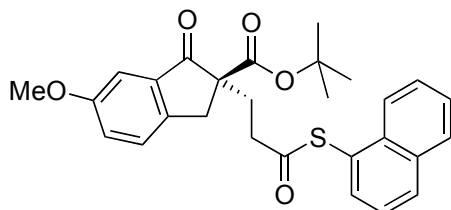


The product was isolated as a colourless solid (411 mg, 78 %).

e.e. 93% (Chiralcel OD, 95:5 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 50.3 min (minor), 76.4 min (major)).

m.p. 103-105°C; **IR** $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3057, 2977, 2931 (CH), 1735, 1711 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 8.14 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar- H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar- H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.6, 1H, Ar- H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 3H, Ar- H), 7.60-7.48 (m, 4H, Ar- H), 3.61 (d, J = 17.5, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.99 (d, J = 17.4, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.90 (ddd, J = 15.9, 10.8, 5.1, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.78 (ddd, J = 15.9, 10.8, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.41 (ddd, J = 14.2, 10.8, 5.1, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.26 (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.9, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 1.41 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 201.0 (C=O), 196.4 (C=O), 169.3 (C=O), 154.2, 135.0, 134.2, 134.0, 131.6, 131.0, 130.9, 129.7, 128.7, 127.3, 126.5, 126.0, 125.6, 125.2, 124.9 (Ar-C), 82.6 (quaternary C), 60.3 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 39.1 (indanone CH_2), 37.1 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 29.8 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 27.8 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 547 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 547.0552. $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_4\text{BrNaS}$ requires M 547.0549; **$[\alpha]_D^{22}$** : -10 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(S)-tert-butyl 6-methoxy-2-(3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate 13c:

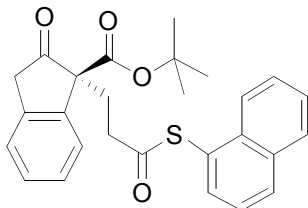


The product was isolated as a colourless solid (447 mg, 90 %).

e.e. 94% (Chiralcel OD, 96:4 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/ min, t_R = 35.6 min (minor), 47.9 min (major)).

m.p. 84-86°C; **IR** $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3056, 2975, 2932, 2837 (CH), 1734, 1707 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} ppm: 8.15 (d, J = 8.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.93 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.67 (dd, J = 1.1, 7.1, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.58-7.46 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.35 (d, J = 8.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 3.84 (s, 1H, OCH_3), 3.55 (d, J = 17.0, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.99-2.86 (m, 2H, indanone CH_AH_B and $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.78 (ddd, J = 15.8, 11.0, 5.2, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.41 (ddd, J = 14.0, 11.0, 5.1, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.29 (ddd, J = 14.0, 11.1, 5.2, 1H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 1.38 (m, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} ppm: 202.3 (C=O), 196.5 (C=O), 169.8 (C=O), 159.7, 145.6, 136.4, 135.0, 134.2, 134.1, 131.0, 128.6, 127.2, 127.1, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 125.0, 124.9, 105.7 (Ar-C), 82.3 (quaternary C), 60.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 55.6 (OCH_3), 39.3 (indanone CH_2), 36.9 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 30.0 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Ar}$), 27.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 499 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 499.1547. $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5\text{NaS}$ requires M 499.1550; **$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$** : -33.6 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(*S*)-tert-butyl 1-(3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-1-carboxylate 14c:

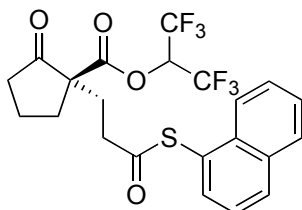


The product was isolated as a pale yellow oil (42 mg, 95 %).

e.e. 88% (Chiralcel OD, 96:4 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/ min, t_R = 15.3 min (major), 35.4 min (minor)).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 2977 (CH), 1757, 1728 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 8.09 (d, J = 8.0, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.92 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.87 (d, J = 7.4, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.62 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.0, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.57-7.44 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.38-7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 3.79 (d, J = 22.5, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 3.51 (d, J = 22.5, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.67-2.47 (m, 4H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$ and $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 1.33 (m, 1H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 212.0 (C=O), 196.1 (C=O), 168.7 (C=O), 140.3, 137.3, 135.0, 134.2, 134.1, 130.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 126.4, 125.5, 125.3, 125.2, 125.0, 123.9 (Ar-*C*), 82.7 (quaternary C), 64.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 43.4 (indanone CH_2), 38.8 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 28.7 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 27.7 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 469 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 469.1447. $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{NaS}$ requires M 469.1444; **$[\alpha]_D^{23}$** : +19.2 (c 2, CHCl_3).

(*R*)-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl 1-(3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate 15c:

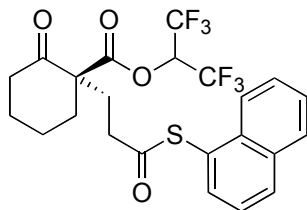


The product was isolated as a colourless oil (38 mg, 75 %).

e.e. 95% (Chiralpak AD, 98:2 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 13.7 min (minor), 19.8 min (major)).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3059, 2971 (CH), 1780, 1745, 1708 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 8.16 (d, J = 8.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.96 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.89 (d, J = 7.7, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.69 (d, J = 7.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.54 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 5.78 (sept., 1H, J = 5.9, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$) 3.00 (ddd, 1H, J = 15.9, 9.9, 5.7, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$) 2.80 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$) 2.43 (m, 4H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$ and 2 x cyclopentanone CH_2) 2.07 (m, 4H, cyclopentanone CH_2); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 211.6 (C=O), 196.3 (C=O), 168.2 (C=O), 135.1, 134.2, 131.1, 128.7, 127.3, 126.5, 125.6, 125.2, 124.7 (Ar-*C*), 120.2 (q, J = 275.9, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 66.9 (sept., J = 35.0, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 58.9 (quaternary C), 38.6 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 37.6 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 33.7 (cyclopentanone CH_2), 28.2 (cyclopentanone CH_2), 19.6 (cyclopentanone CH_2); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 515 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$), 551 ($\text{M} + \text{MeCN} + \text{NH}_4^+$); **HRMS** (EI) Found 492.0822. $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{F}_6\text{S}$ requires M 492.0825; **$[\alpha]_D^{22}$** : -2.4 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(R)-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl 1-(3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate 16c:



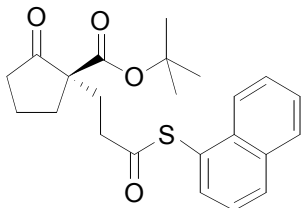
The product was isolated as a colourless oil (26 mg, 52 %).

e.e. 98% (Chiralcel OD, 96:4 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/min, t_R = 20.9 min (minor), 41.4 min (major)).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3058, 2950, 2870 (CH), 1769, 1728 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} ppm: 8.14 (d, J = 8.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.95 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.89 (d, J = 7.6, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.1, 0.8, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.53 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 5.83 (sept., J = 6.0, 1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 2.85 (ddd, J = 16.1, 10.9, 5.2, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.68 (ddd, 1H, J = 16.1, 10.9, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.49 (m, 3H, cyclohexanone CH_2), 2.35 (ddd, 1H, J = 14.4, 10.9, 5.2, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.14 (ddd, 1H, J = 14.4, 10.9, 5.3, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.04 (m, 1H, cyclohexanone CH_2), 1.84 (m, 1H, cyclohexanone CH_2), 1.71 (m, 3H, cyclohexanone CH_2); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} ppm: 205.3 (C=O), 196.1 (C=O), 169.1 (C=O), 135.1, 134.2, 131.0, 128.6, 127.2, 126.5, 125.6, 125.1, 124.8 (Ar-C), 120.2 (q, J = 284.9, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 66.8 (sept., J = 34.8, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 58.4 (quaternary C), 40.5 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 38.4 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 36.0 (cyclohexanone CH_2), 29.7 (cyclohexanone CH_2), 27.2 (cyclohexanone CH_2), 21.9 (cyclohexanone CH_2); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 529 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$), 565 ($\text{M} + \text{MeCN} + \text{NH}_4^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 529.0876. $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{F}_6\text{NaS}$ requires M 529.0879; **$[\alpha]_D^{22}$** : +7.85 (c 2, CHCl_3).

(*R*)-tert-butyl 1-(3-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-3-oxopropyl)-2-oxocyclopentanecarboxylate

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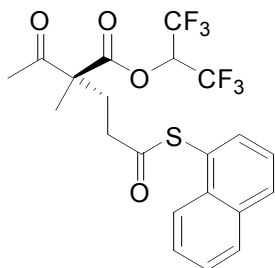


The product was isolated as a colourless oil (25 mg, 64 %).

e.e. 67% (Chiralcel AD, 95:5 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/ min, t_R = 10.8 min (minor), 12.2 min (major)).

IR $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 2975 (CH), 1746, 1716 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_H ppm: 8.18 (d, J = 8.4, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.94 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.88 (d, J = 8.5, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.0, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.60-7.45 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 3.02 (ddd, J = 15.8, 10.5, 5.3, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.77 (ddd, 1H, J = 15.9, 10.6, 5.3, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{COSAr}$), 2.50-2.35 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$ and cyclopentanone CH_2), 2.31-2.15 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_A\text{H}_B\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$ and cyclopentanone CH_2), 2.08-1.81 (m, 4H, cyclopentanone CH_2), 1.44 (m, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_C ppm: 214.6 (C=O), 196.7 (C=O), 170.2 (C=O), 135.0, 134.2, 134.2, 130.9, 128.6, 127.2, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2 (Ar-C), 82.3 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 59.7 (quaternary C), 39.2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 37.9 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 34.1 (cyclopentanone CH_2), 28.7 (cyclopentanone CH_2), 27.9 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 19.6 (cyclopentanone CH_2); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 421 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 421.1445. $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_4\text{NaS}$ requires M 421.1444; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$: +5.6 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(*R*)-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl 2-acetyl-2-methyl-5-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)-5-oxopentanoate 18c:

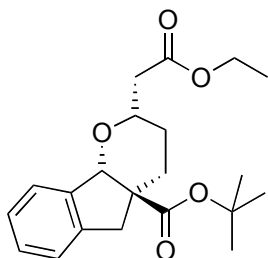


The product was isolated as a colourless oil (56 mg, 58%).

e.e. 71% (Chiralcel IA, 95:5 hexanes:IPA, 1mL/ min, t_R = 13.4 min (minor), 19.1 min (major)).

M.p. 59-62°; **IR** $\nu_{\max}$ (film): 3058, 2972 (CH), 1778, 1716 (C=O); **^1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} ppm: 8.15 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.96 (d, J = 8.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.90 (d, J = 7.6, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.2, 0.9, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.60-7.48 (m, 1H, 3H), 5.82 (sept., J = 6.0, 1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 2.74 (t, J = 8.0, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.40-2.25 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 2.20 (s, 1H, $\text{C}=\text{OCH}_3$), 1.46 (s, 1H, CCH_3); **^{13}C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} ppm: 202.6 (C=O), 195.9 (C=O), 169.6 (C=O), 135.1, 134.2, 134.1, 131.1, 128.7, 127.3, 126.5, 125.6, 125.1, 124.6 (Ar-C), 120.0 (q, J = 281.2, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 67.0 (sept., J = 34.9, $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$), 59.1 (quaternary C), 38.2 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 29.7 ($\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COSAr}$), 25.9 ($\text{C}=\text{OCH}_3$), 18.9 (CH_3); **MS** m/z (ES^+) 505 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 498.1159 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$). $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4\text{NF}_6\text{S}$ requires M 498.1168; **$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$** : -1.2 (c 1, CHCl_3).

(S, S, S)-2-Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3,4,5,9b-tetrahydro-2H-indeno[1,2-b]pyran-4a-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester 20:



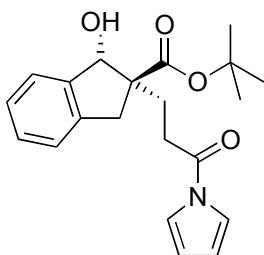
Adduct **4i** (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in dry Et₂O (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C under N₂. Super-Hydride[®] (600 µl of a 1M solution in THF) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes until TLC analysis showed that all starting material had been consumed. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (2 mL) and cooled to room temperature; it was then extracted into EtOAc (2 x 10 mL), washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*.

The crude reaction mixture was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and NaOMe (0.8 mg, 0.015 mmol) was added. It was stirred for 2 hours before being extracted into EtOAc (2 x 10 mL), washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. Triethyl phosphonoacetate (118 µl, 0.59 mmol) was added to a suspension of NaH (24 mg, 0.6 mmol (60 % dispersion in mineral oil)) in dry THF (5 mL) at 0 °C under N₂. The mixture was warmed to room temperature over 30 minutes, cooled back to 0 °C and the crude reaction mixture in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was warmed to room temperature over 4 hours, quenched with NH₄Cl, extracted into EtOAc (2 x 10 mL), washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. It was then filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, and filtered through a pad of silica (eluting with 4:1 petrol EtOAc) to yield **20** as a colourless oil (81 mg, 75 % over three steps, 5:1 mixture of diastereoisomers).

IR ν_{max} (film): 2927, 2854 (CH), 1725 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, major diastereoisomer) δ_{H} ppm: 7.34 (d, J = 7.3, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.20 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2, 1H, Ar-*H*), 5.68 (s, 1H, CCHO), 4.13 (q, J = 7.1, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 3.84 (m, 1H, CHCH₂), 3.09 (d, J = 15.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.63 (d, J = 15.3, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.52 (dd, J = 8.6, 1H, 15.5, CHCH_AH_BCO), 2.32 (dd, J = 15.5, 4.3, 1H CHCH_AH_BCO), 2.20 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.8, 1H, CH_AH_BCH₂), 1.43 (s, 1H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.36 (m, 3H, CH₂CH₂), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1, 1H, CH₂CH₃); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃ major diastereoisomer) δ_{C} ppm: 173.3 (C=O),

170.3 (C=O), 139.4, 137.9, 126.9, 126.0, 124.4, 123.2, (Ar-C), 82.1 (CCHO), 79.9 (quaternary C), 66.3 (CHCH₂), 59.5 (CH₂CH₃), 50.4 (C(CH₃)₃), 40.6 (indanone C), 40.1 (CH₂CO), 27.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 26.9 (CH₂CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂CH₂), 14.3 (CH₂CH₃); **MS** *m/z* (ES⁺) 378 (M + NH₄⁺), 383 (M + Na⁺); **HRMS** (ES⁺) Found 378.2266. C₂₁H₃₂O₅N requires *M* 378.2275; [α]_D²²: +72 (c 1, CHCl₃).

(S, S)-1-Hydroxy-2-(3-oxo-3-pyrrol-1-yl-propyl)-indan-2-carboxylic acid *tert*-butyl ester **21:**



Adduct **4i** (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (10 mL) and cooled to -78°C . Super-Hydride[®] (300 μL of a 1M solution in THF) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 5 hours. It was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (2 mL), warmed to room temperature and extracted into EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*; the crude product was then subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with 9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield **21** as a colourless oil (68 mg, 68 % (+ 9 % recovered starting material), 5:1 mixture of diastereoisomers).

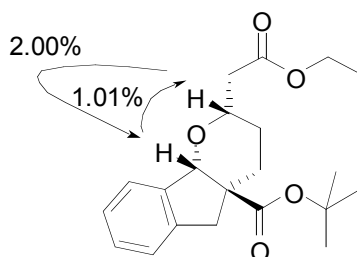
IR ν_{max} (film): 3488 (broad OH), 3248, 3074, 2977, 2933 (CH), 1718 (C=O); **¹H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} ppm: 7.20 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 6.21 (t, *J* = 2.1, 2H, pyrrole-*H* (minor diastereoisomer)), 6.17 (t, *J* = 2.1, 2H, pyrrole-*H* (major diastereoisomer)), 5.37 (d, *J* = 4.5, 1H, CHOH (major diastereoisomer)), 4.93 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H, CHOH (minor diastereoisomer)), 3.42 (d, *J* = 16.3, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B (minor diastereoisomer)), 3.25 (d, *J* = 16.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B (major diastereoisomer)), 2.87 (d, *J* = 16.2, 1H, indanone CH_AH_B), 2.68 (ddd, 2H, *J* = 9.6, 6.0, 4.3, CH₂CH₂CON), 2.43 (d, *J* = 5.5, 1H, OH), 2.25 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 10.3, 5.9, 1H, CH_AH_BCH₂CON), 2.05 (m, 1H, CH_AH_BCH₂CON), 1.36 (m, 9H, C(CH₃)₃); **¹³C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} ppm: major diastereoisomer: 173.9 (C=O), 169.4 (C=O), 141.6, 138.4, 127.5, 126.2, 123.5, 123.1, 118.0, 112.1 (Ar-C), 80.6 (quaternary C), 77.9

(CHOH), 57.8 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 37.6 (indanone C), 30.0 (CH_2CH_2CON), 27.0 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 26.2 (CH_2CH_2CON); minor diastereoisomer: 173.2 ($C=O$), 168.9 ($C=O$), 141.9, 139.0, 127.6, 126.2, 123.4, 123.2, 117.9, 112.2 (Ar-C), 81.2 (quaternary C), 80.6 (CHOH), 58.2 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 38.3 (indanone C), 30.2 (CH_2CH_2CON), 26.9 ($C(CH_3)_3$), 26.2 (CH_2CH_2CON); **MS** m/z (ES^-) 354 ($M - H^+$); **HRMS** (ES^+) Found 356.1852. $C_{21}H_{26}O_4N$ requires M 356.1856; $[\alpha]_D^{22}$: +0.8 (c 0.5, $CHCl_3$).

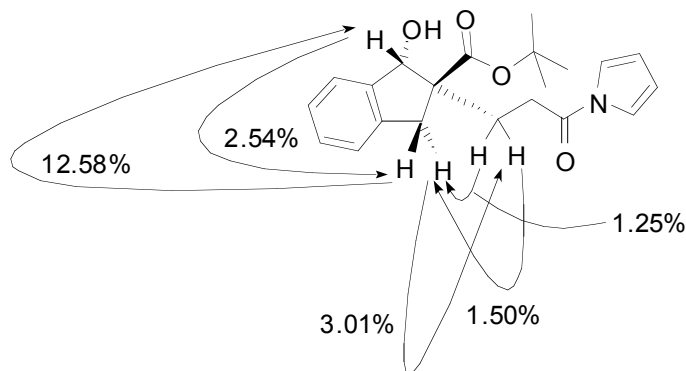
Determination of Relative Configuration of 20 and 21

The relative configuration of compounds **20** and **21** was determined by nOe experiments.

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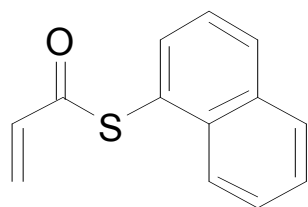
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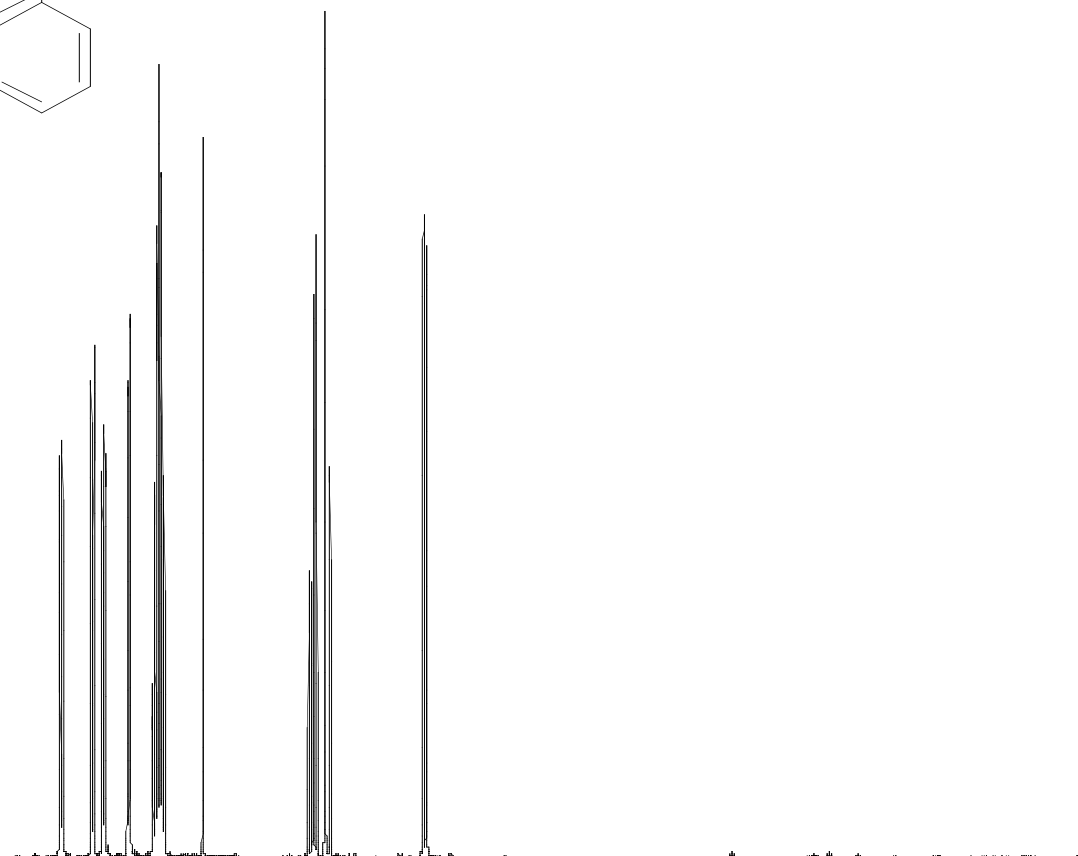
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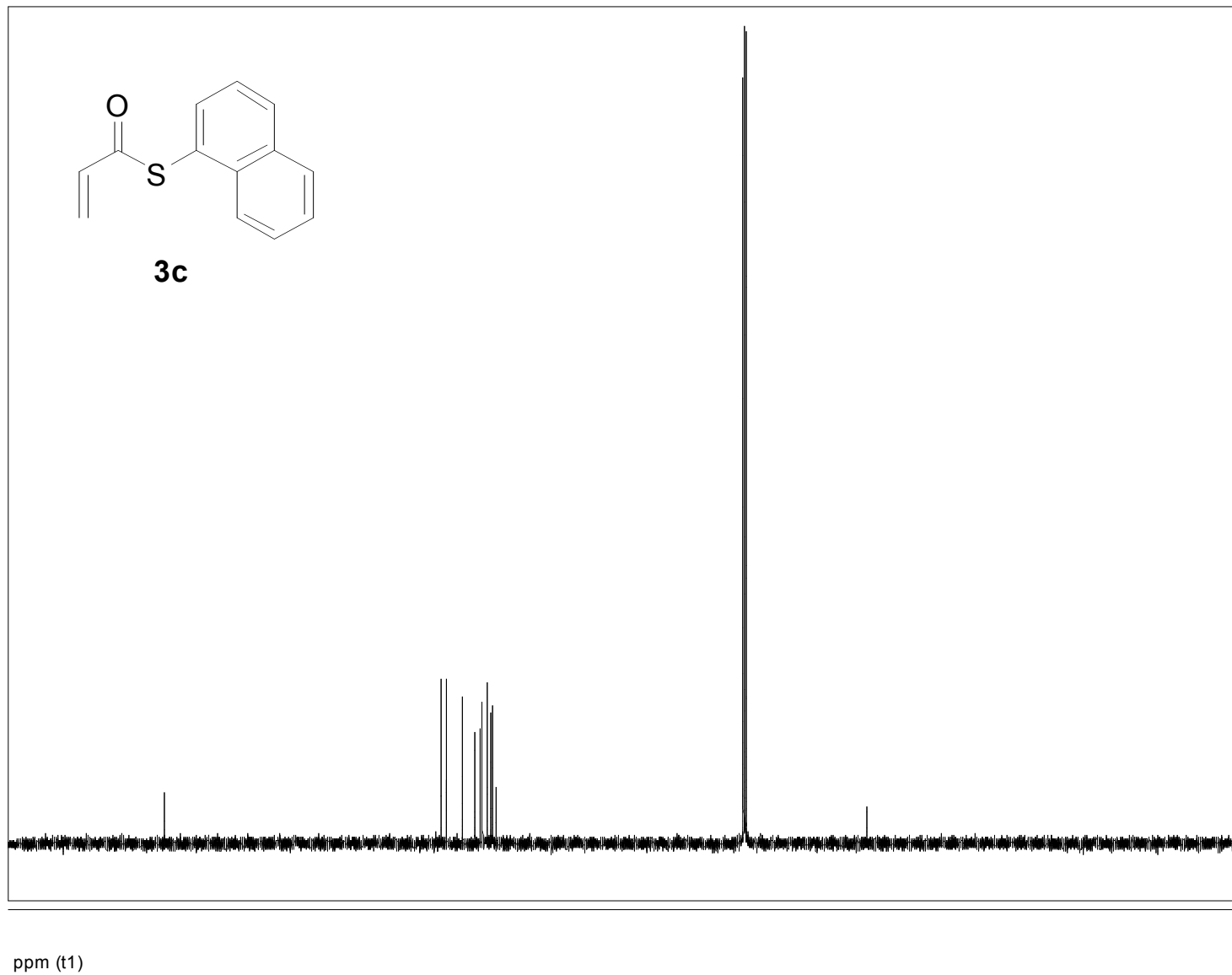
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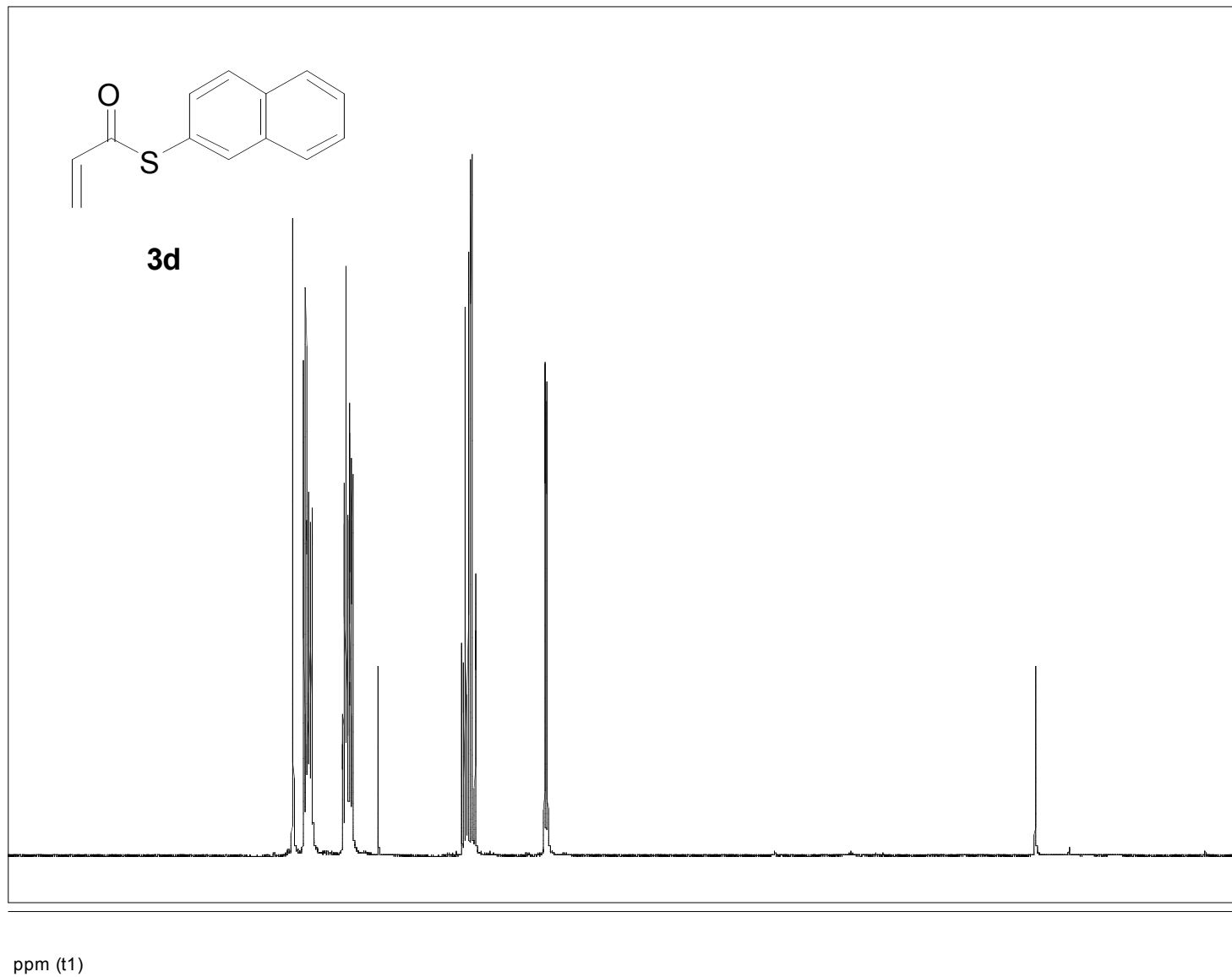
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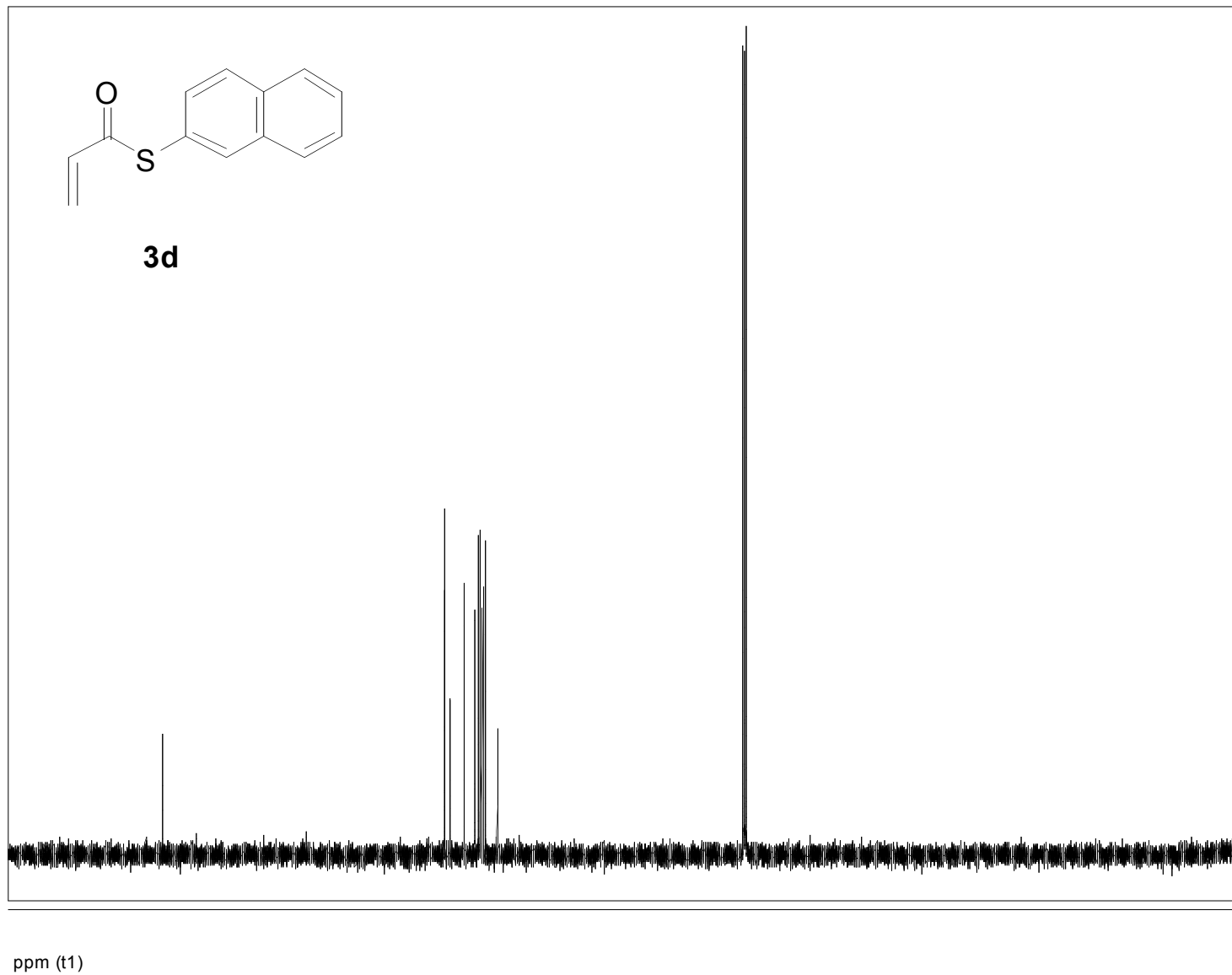


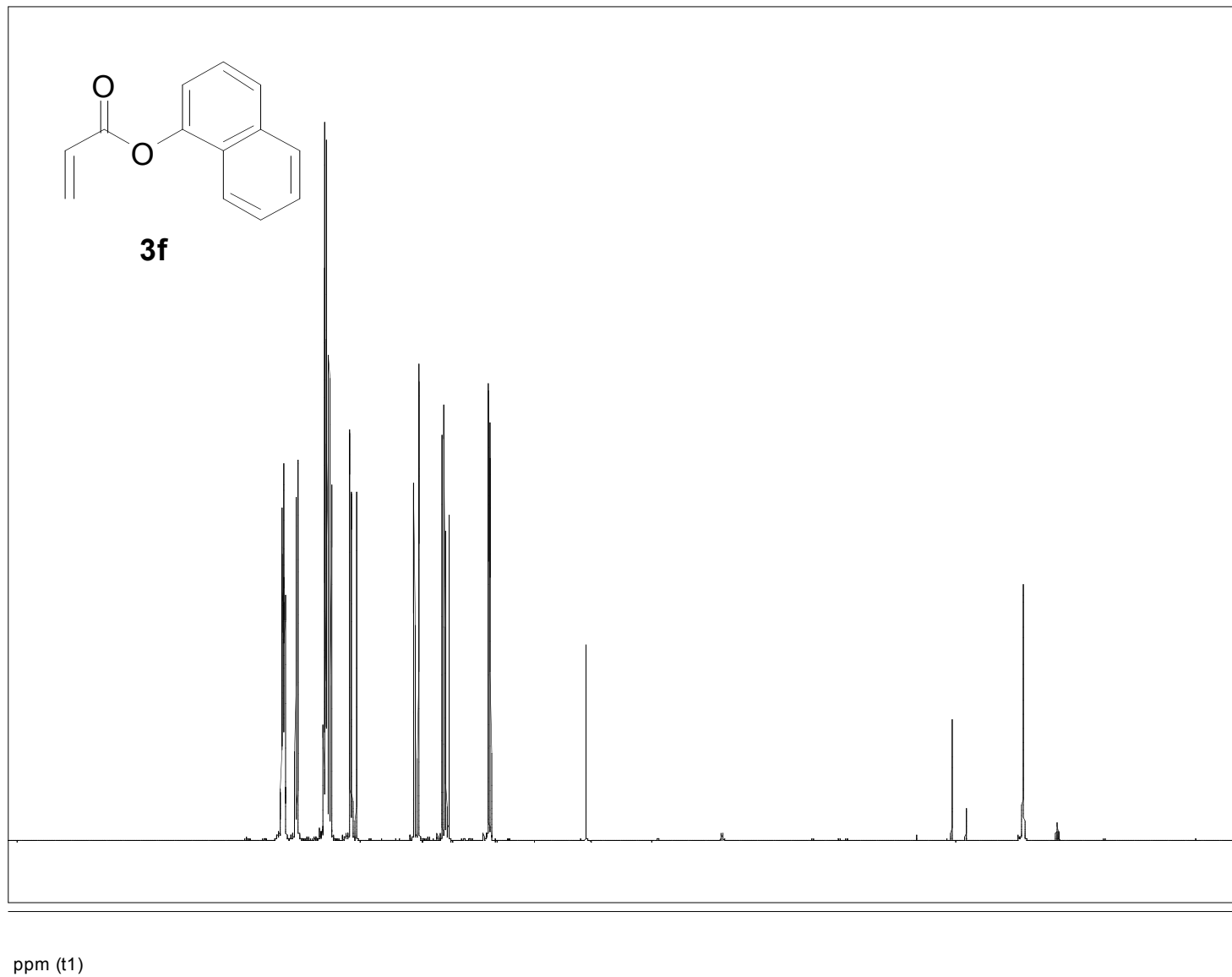
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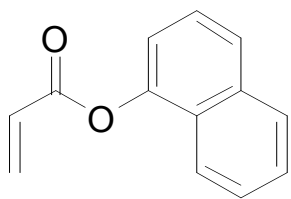




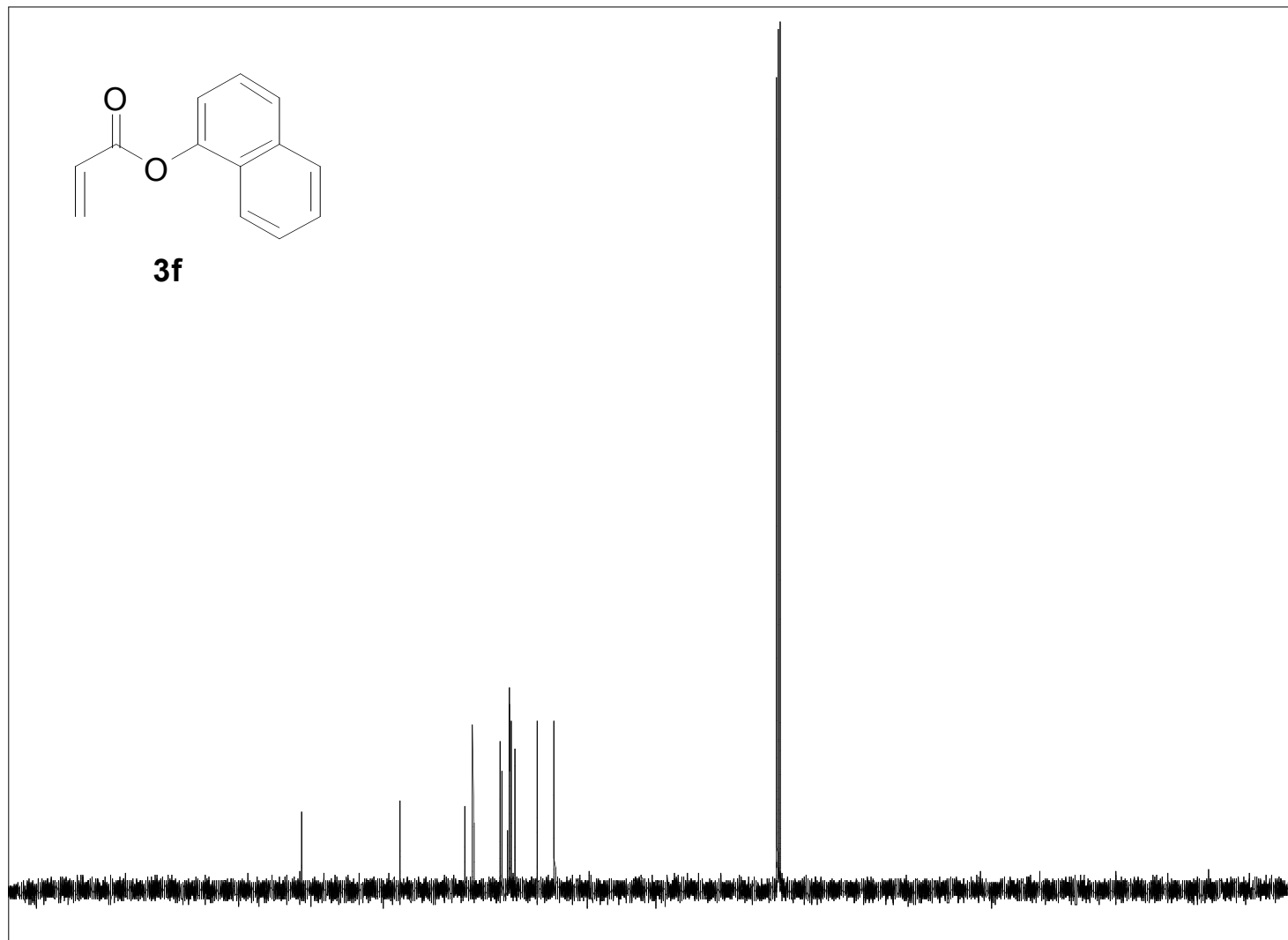




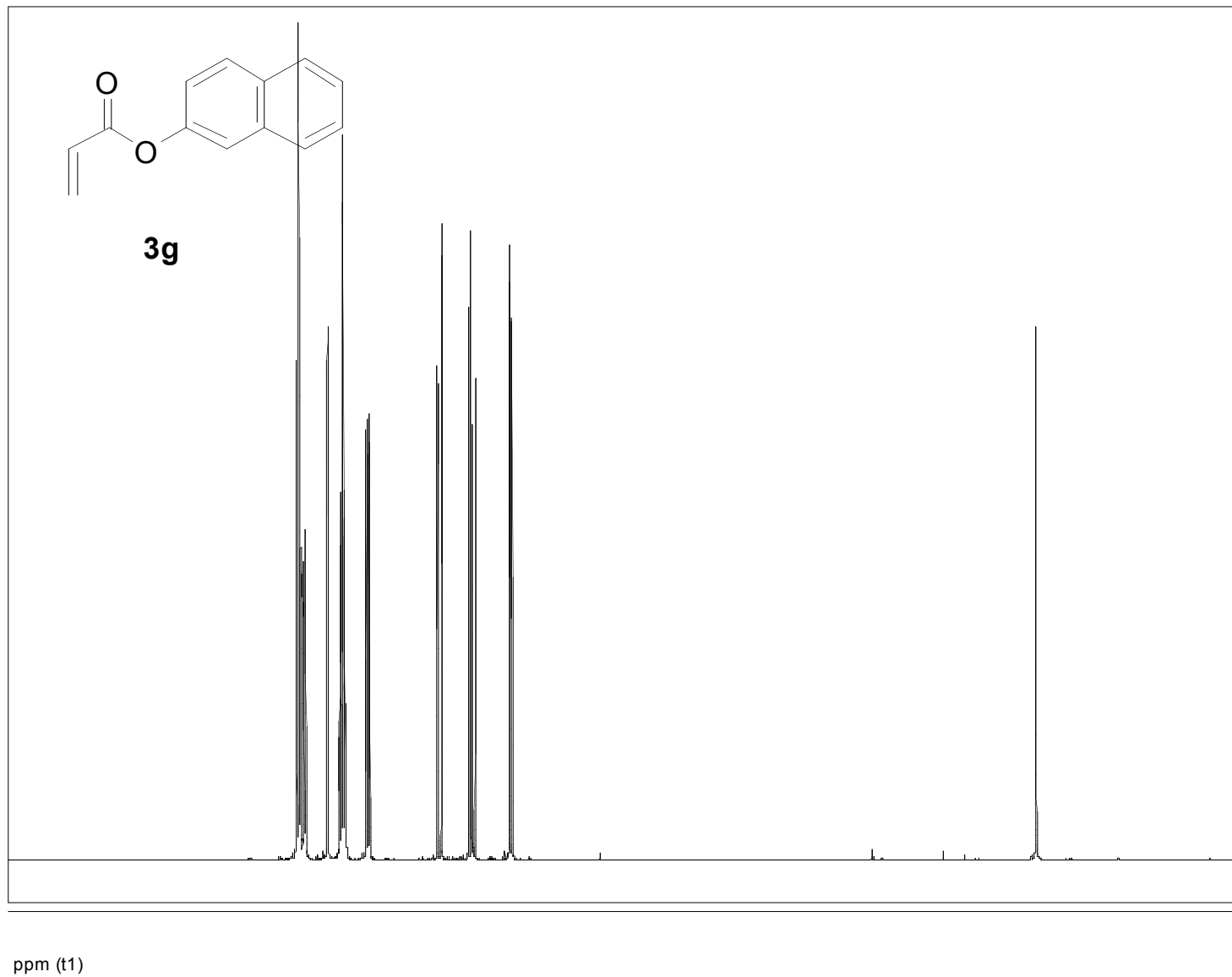


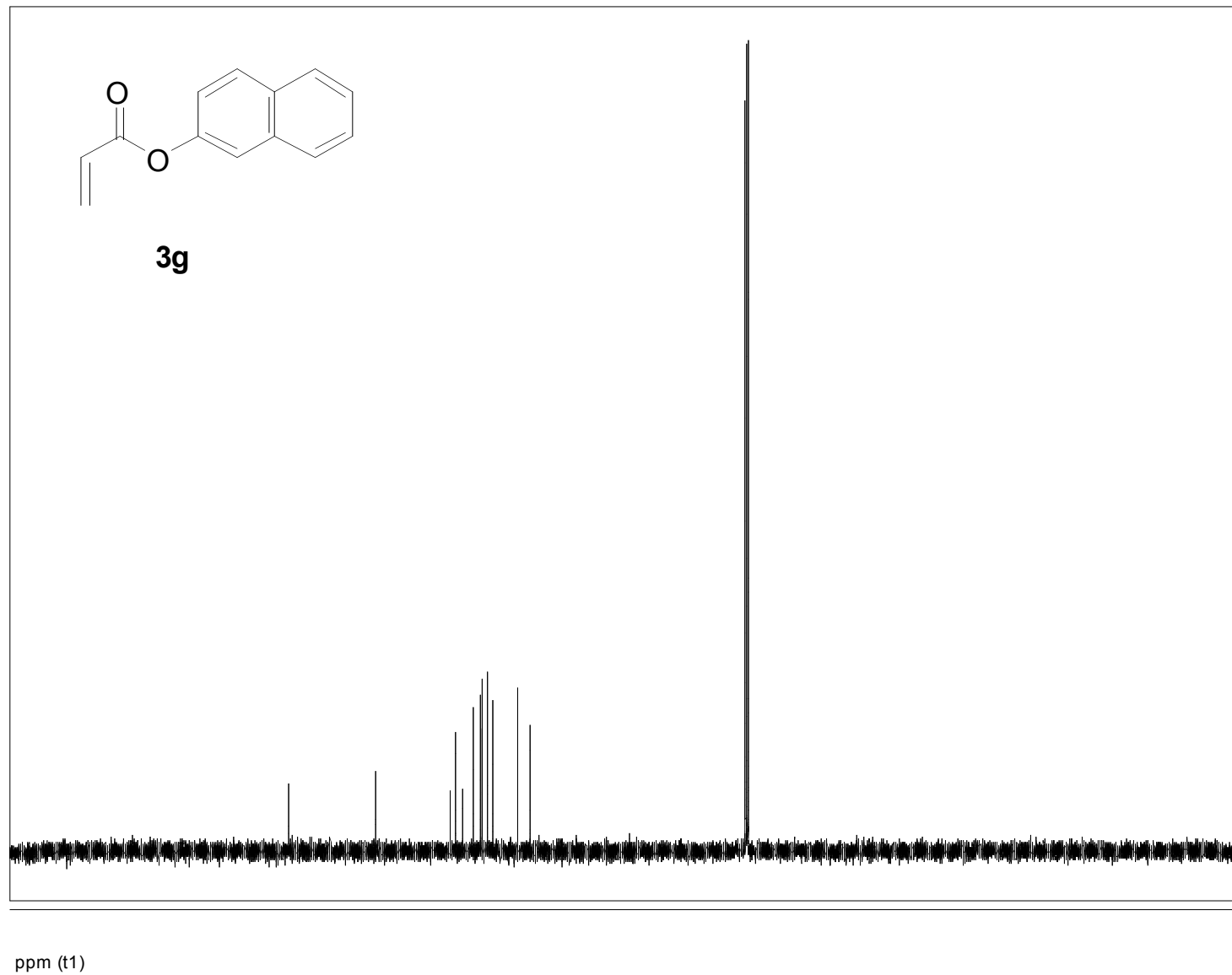


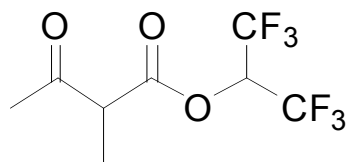
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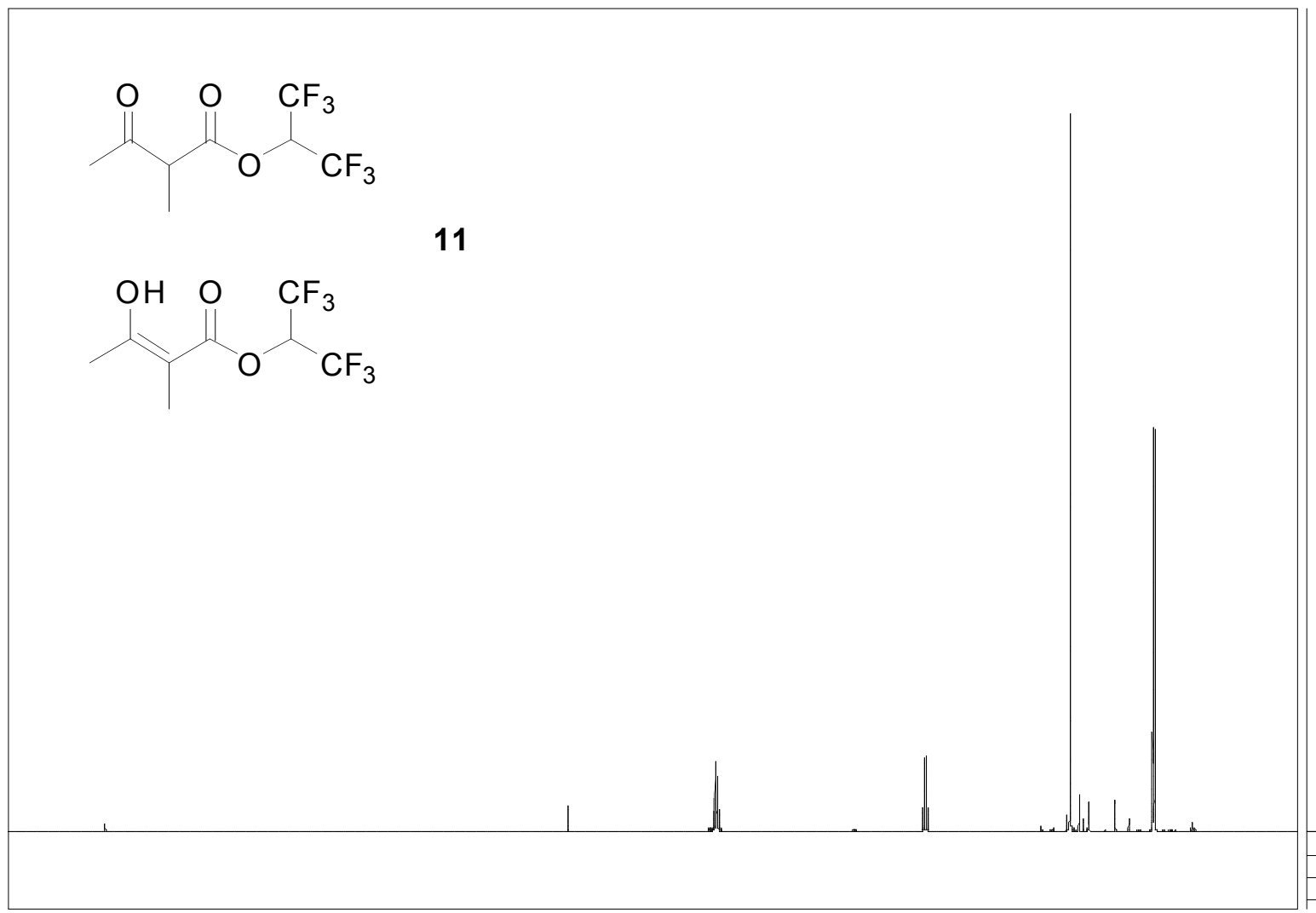
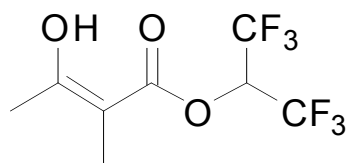
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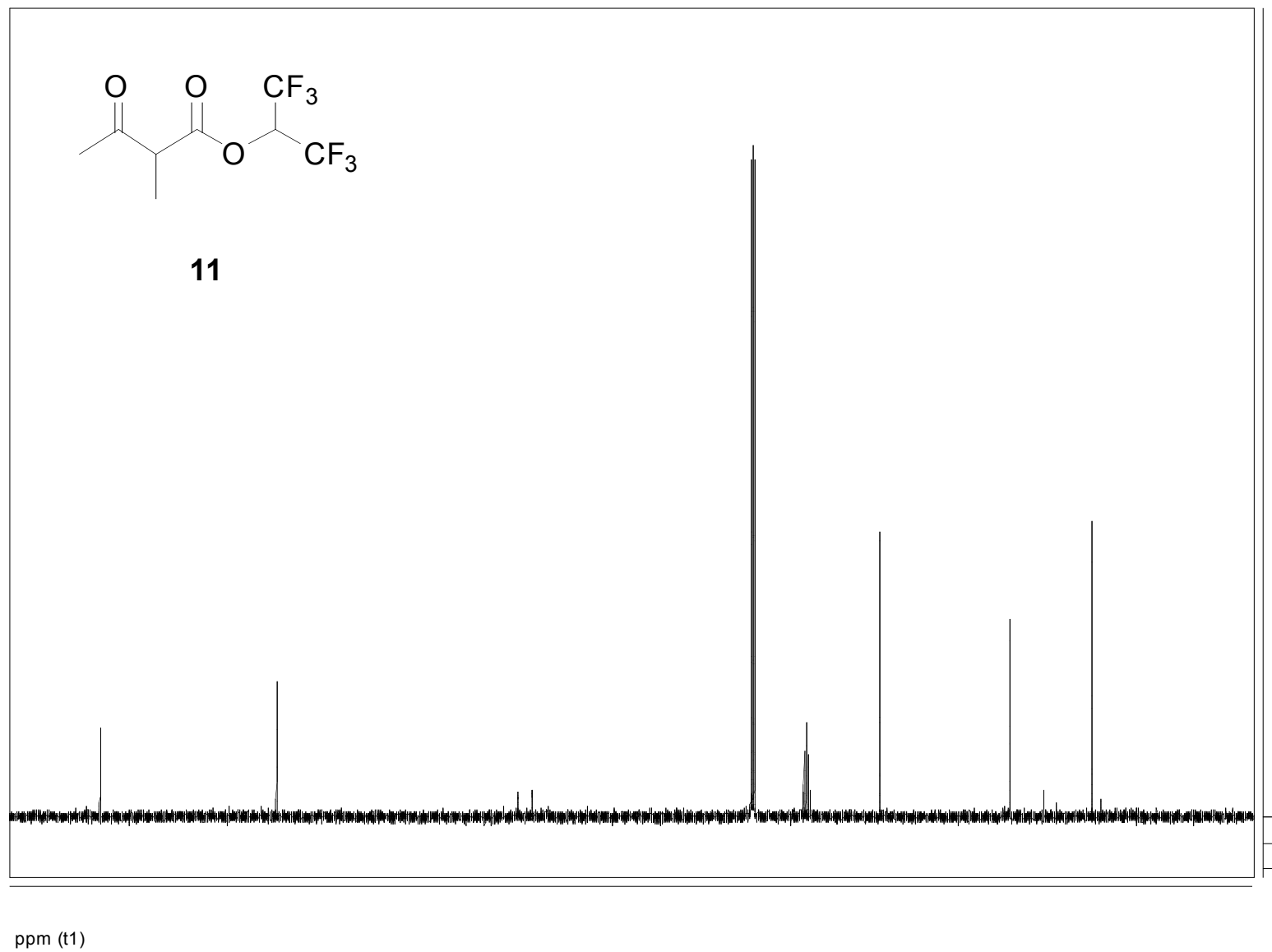


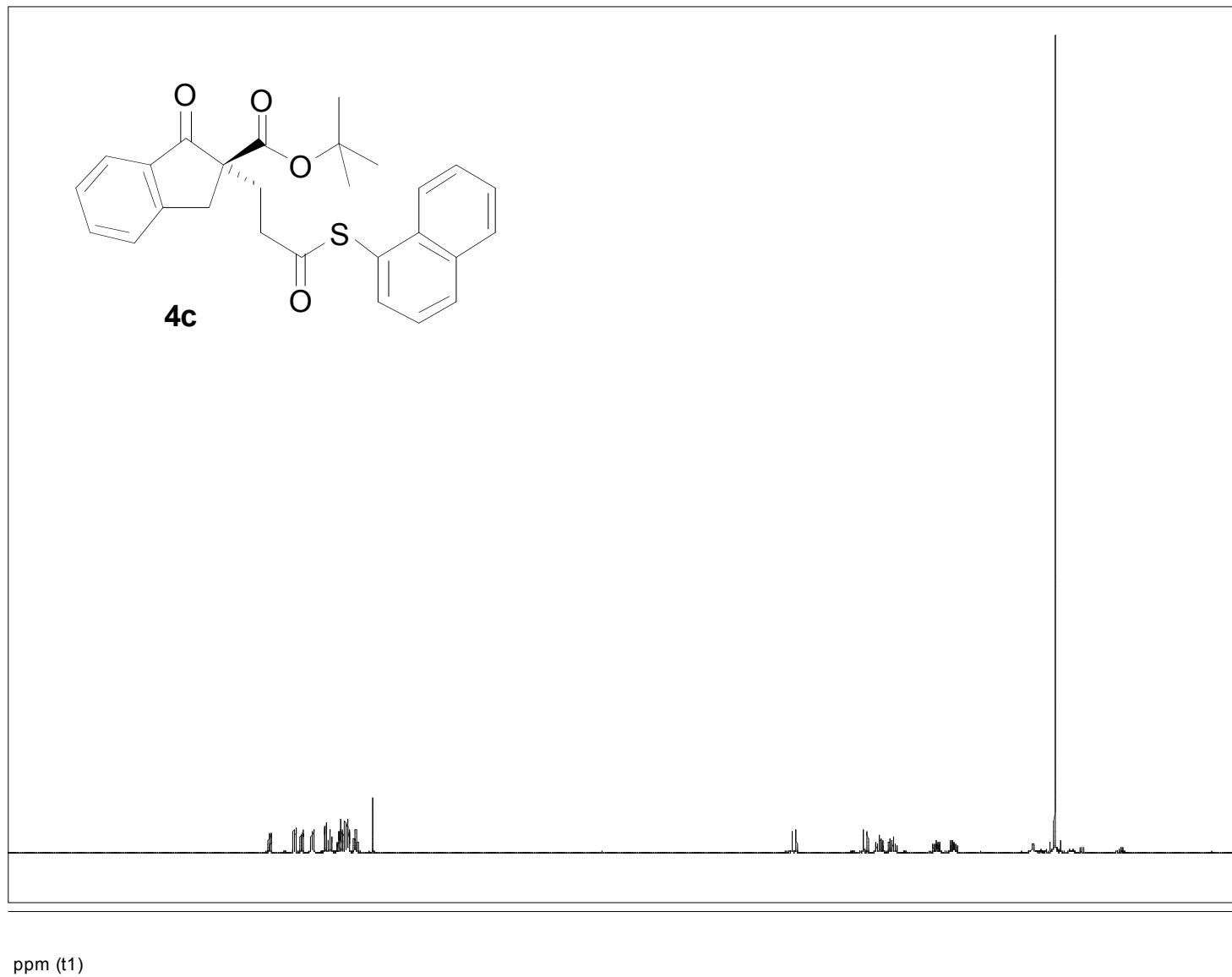


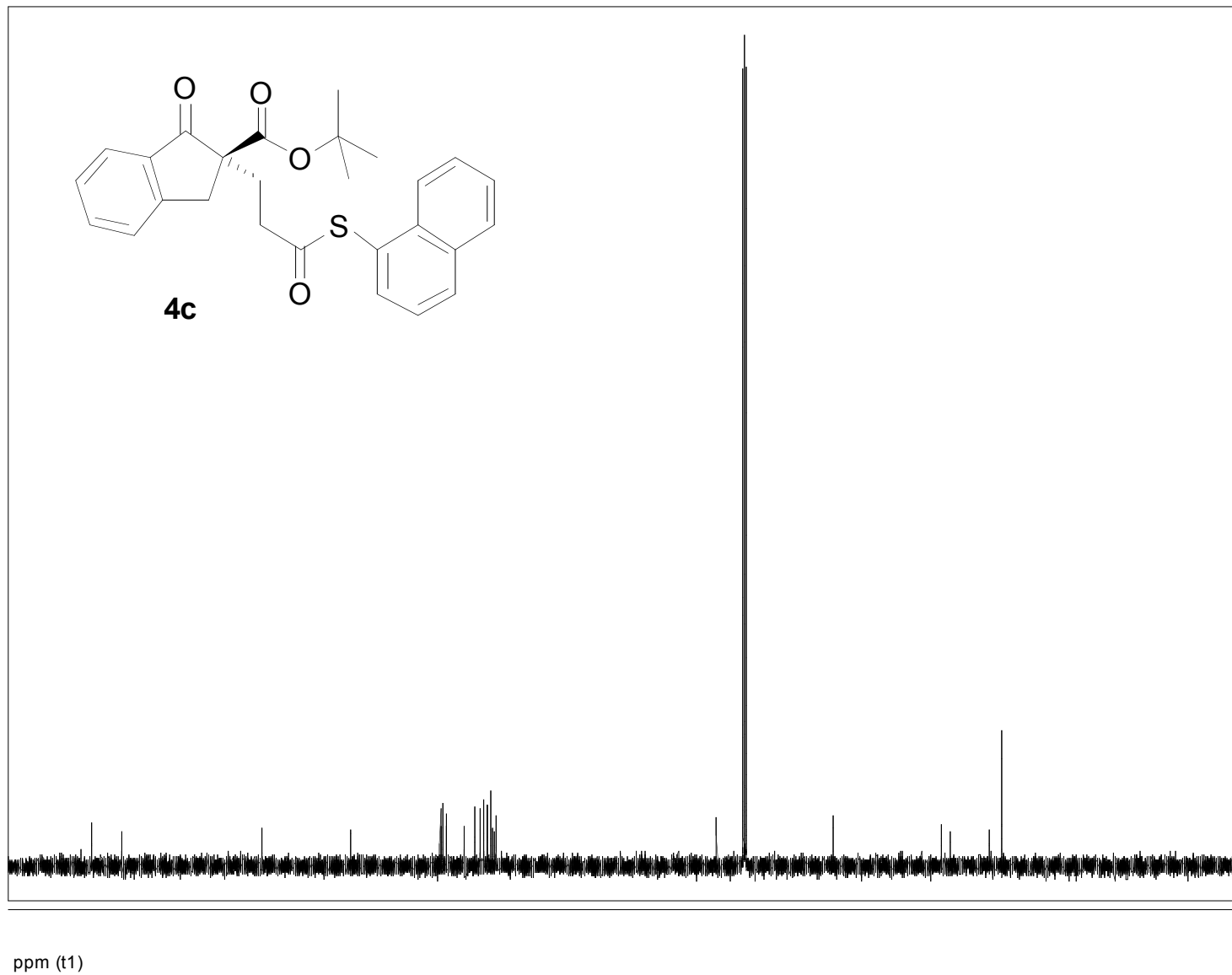
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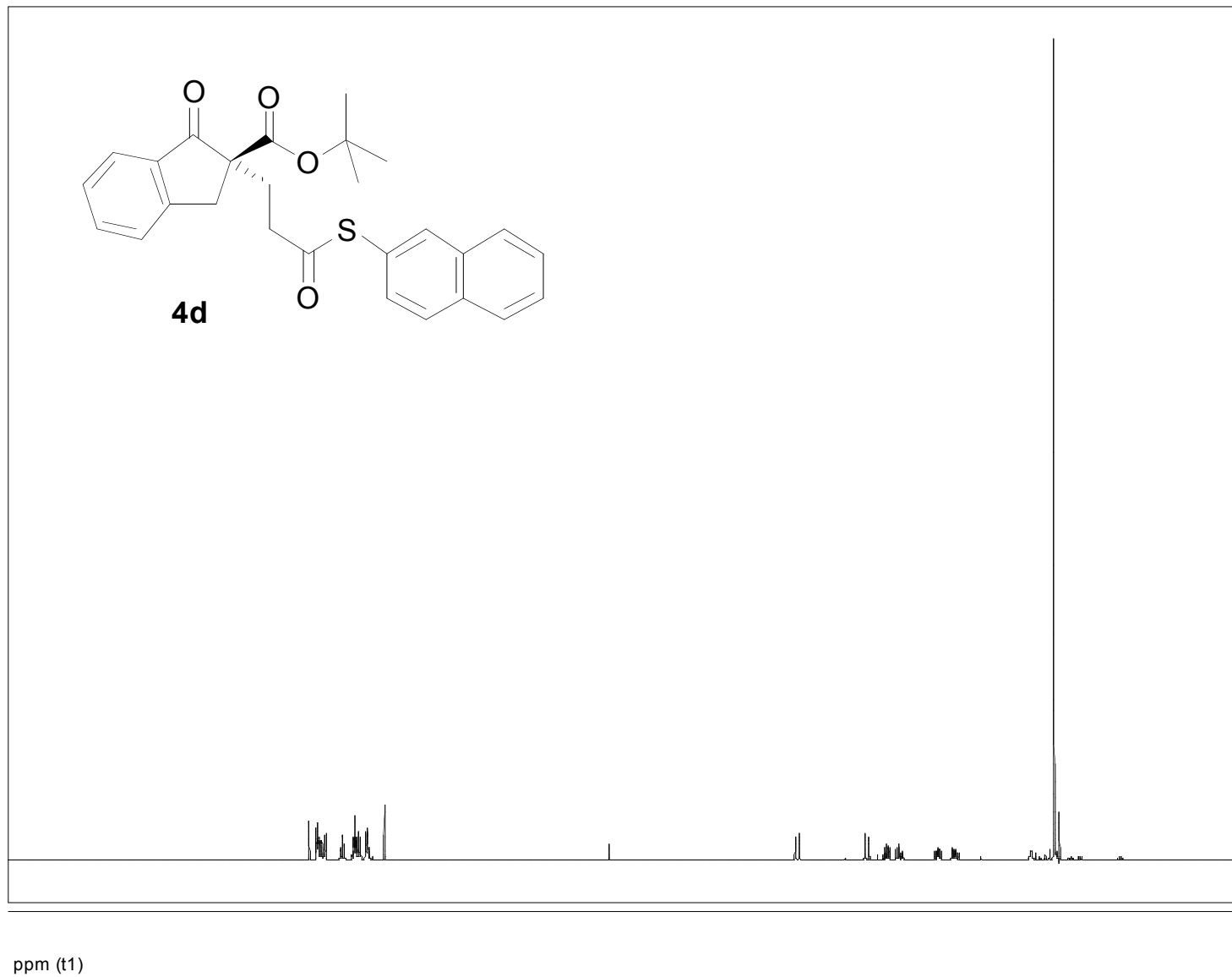


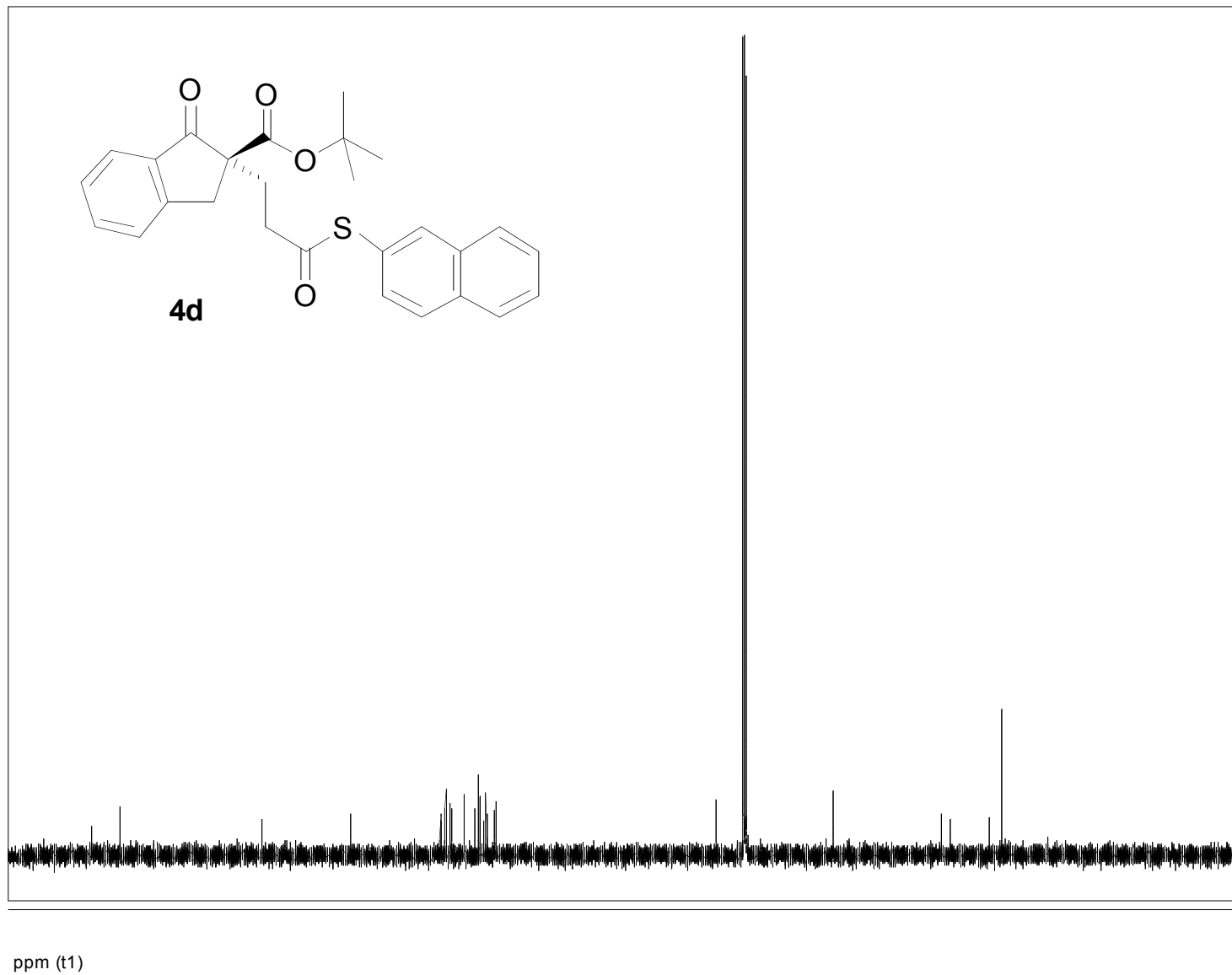
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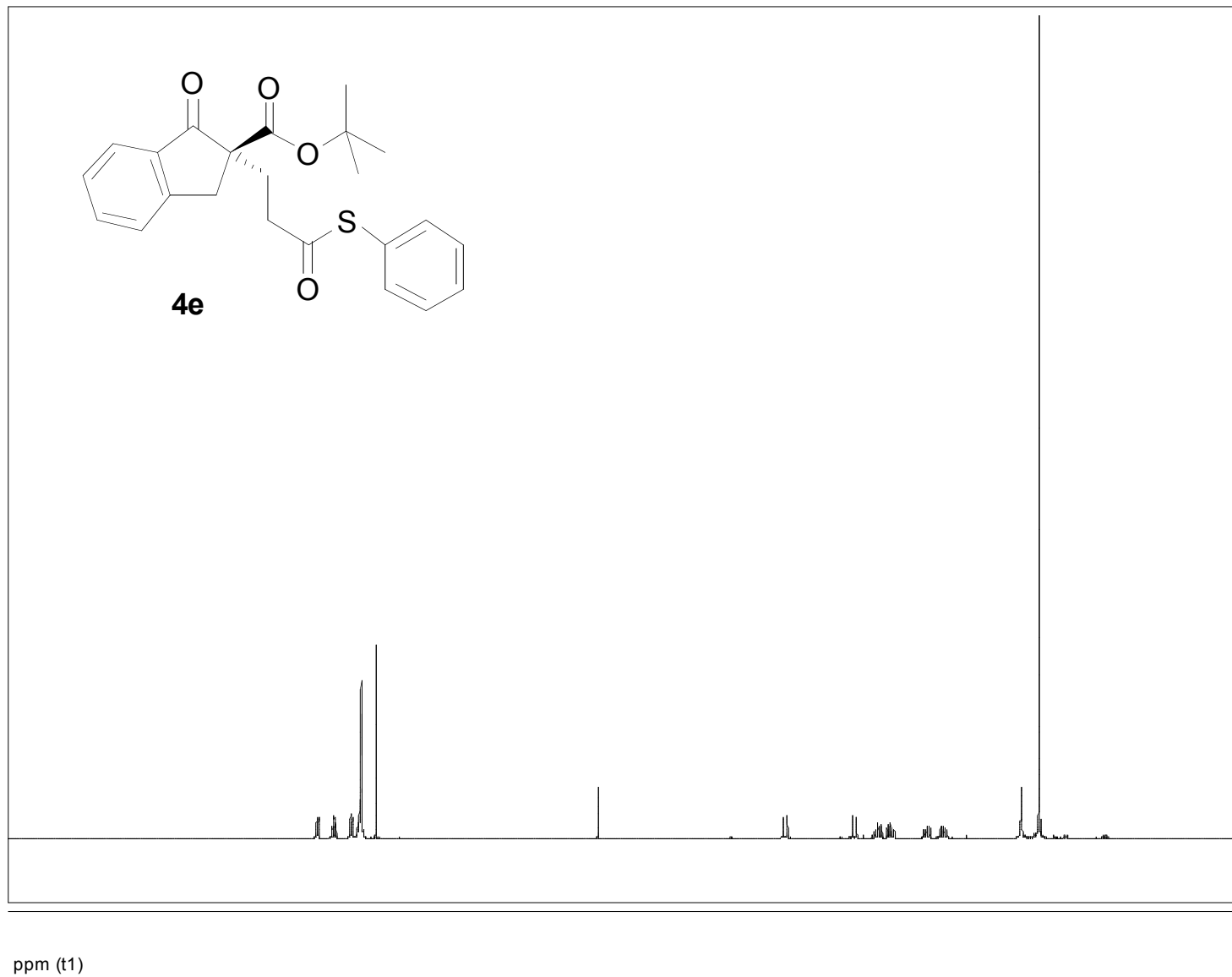


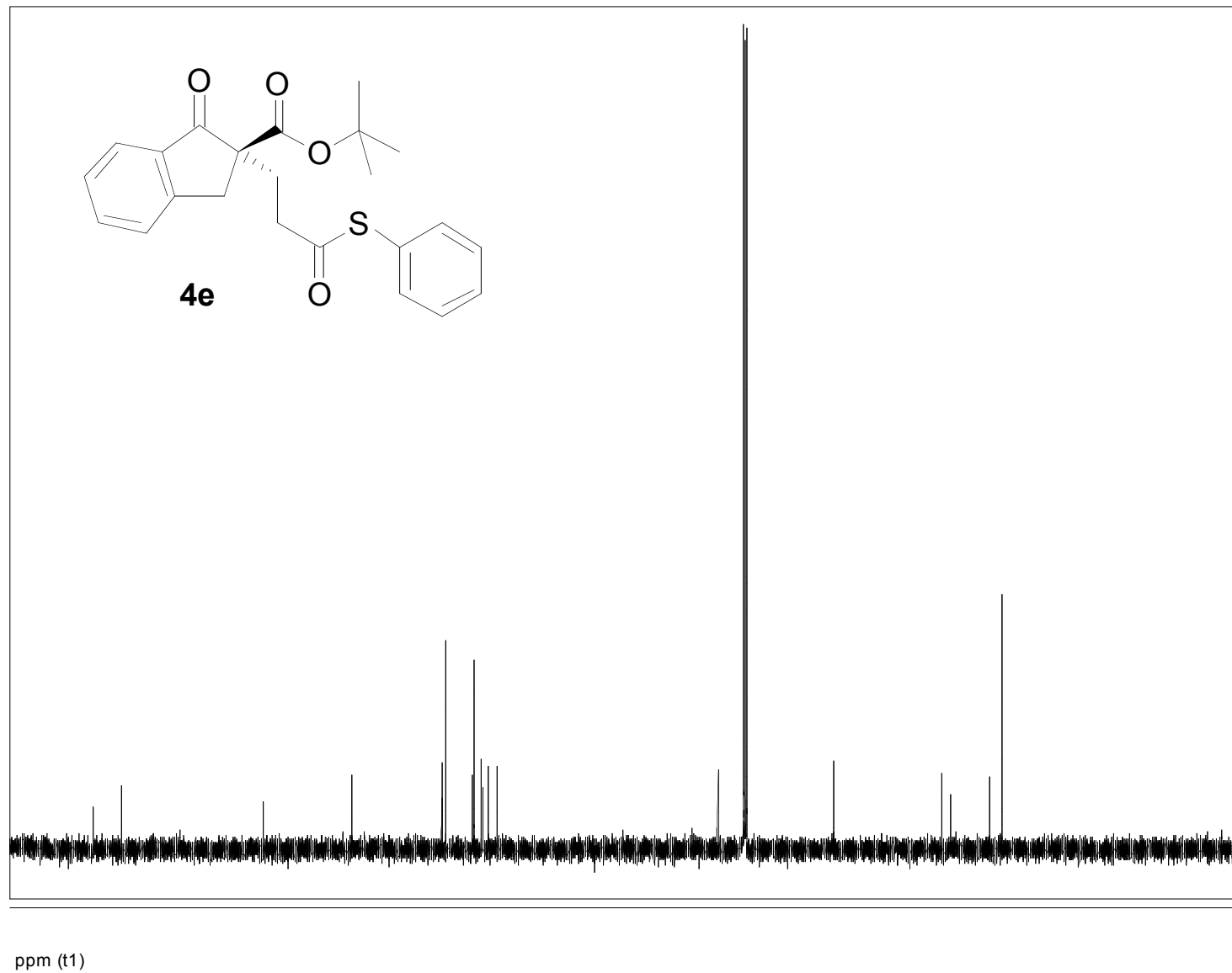


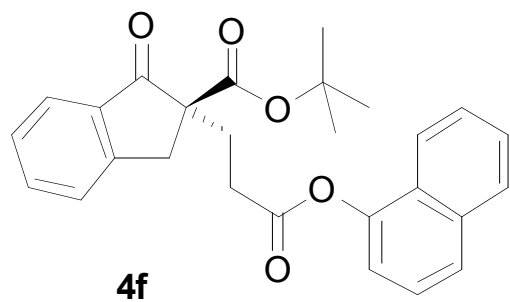




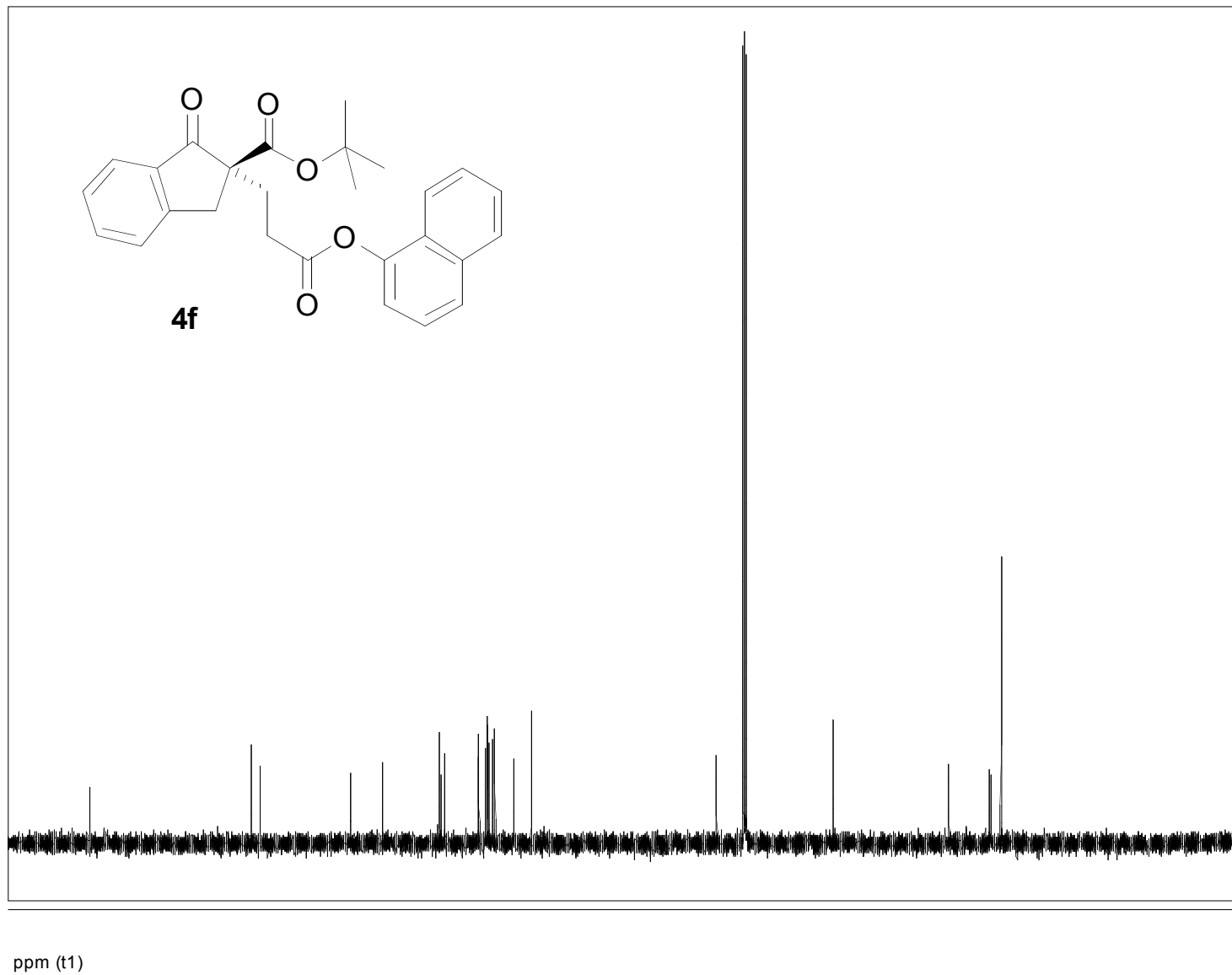


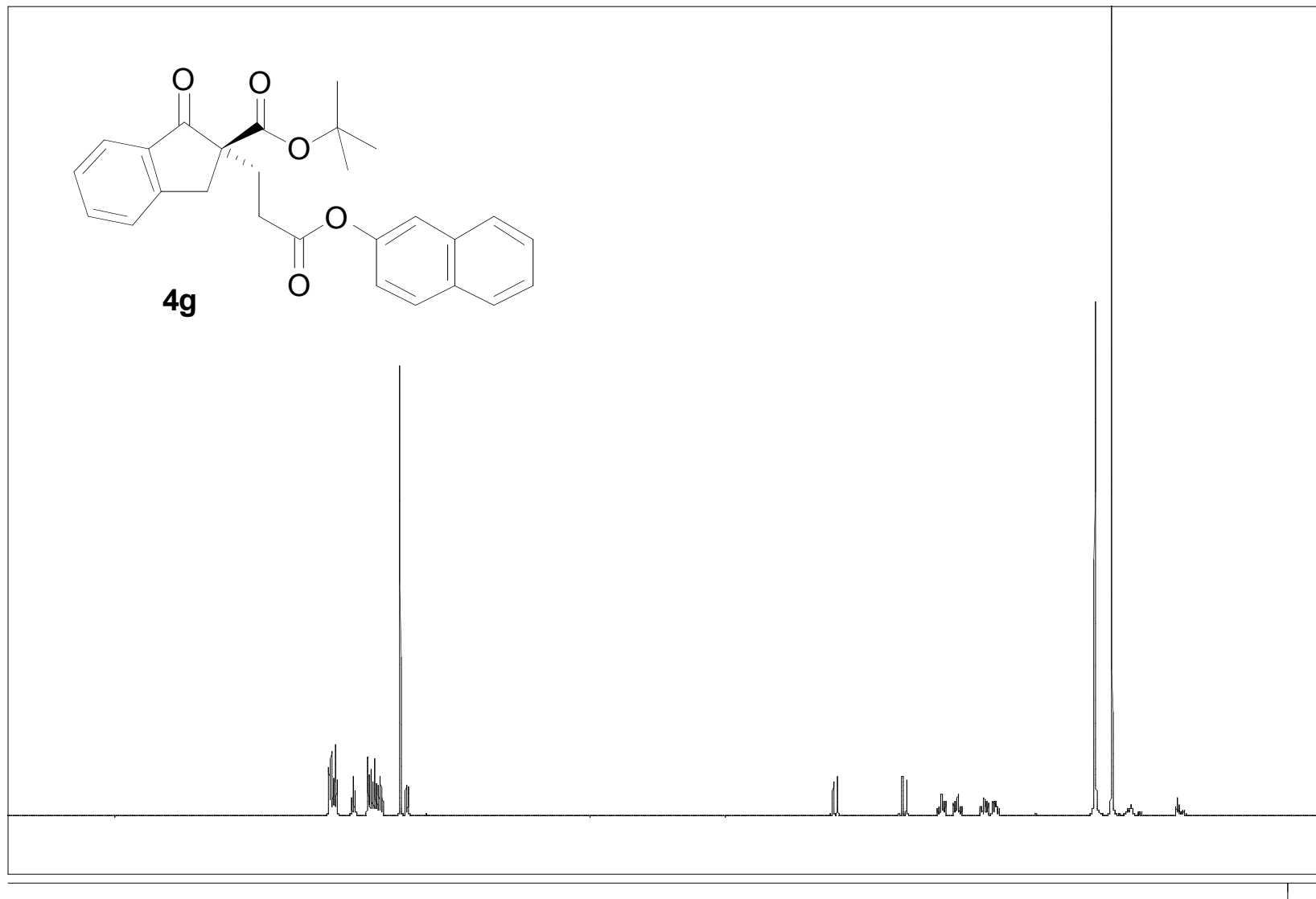


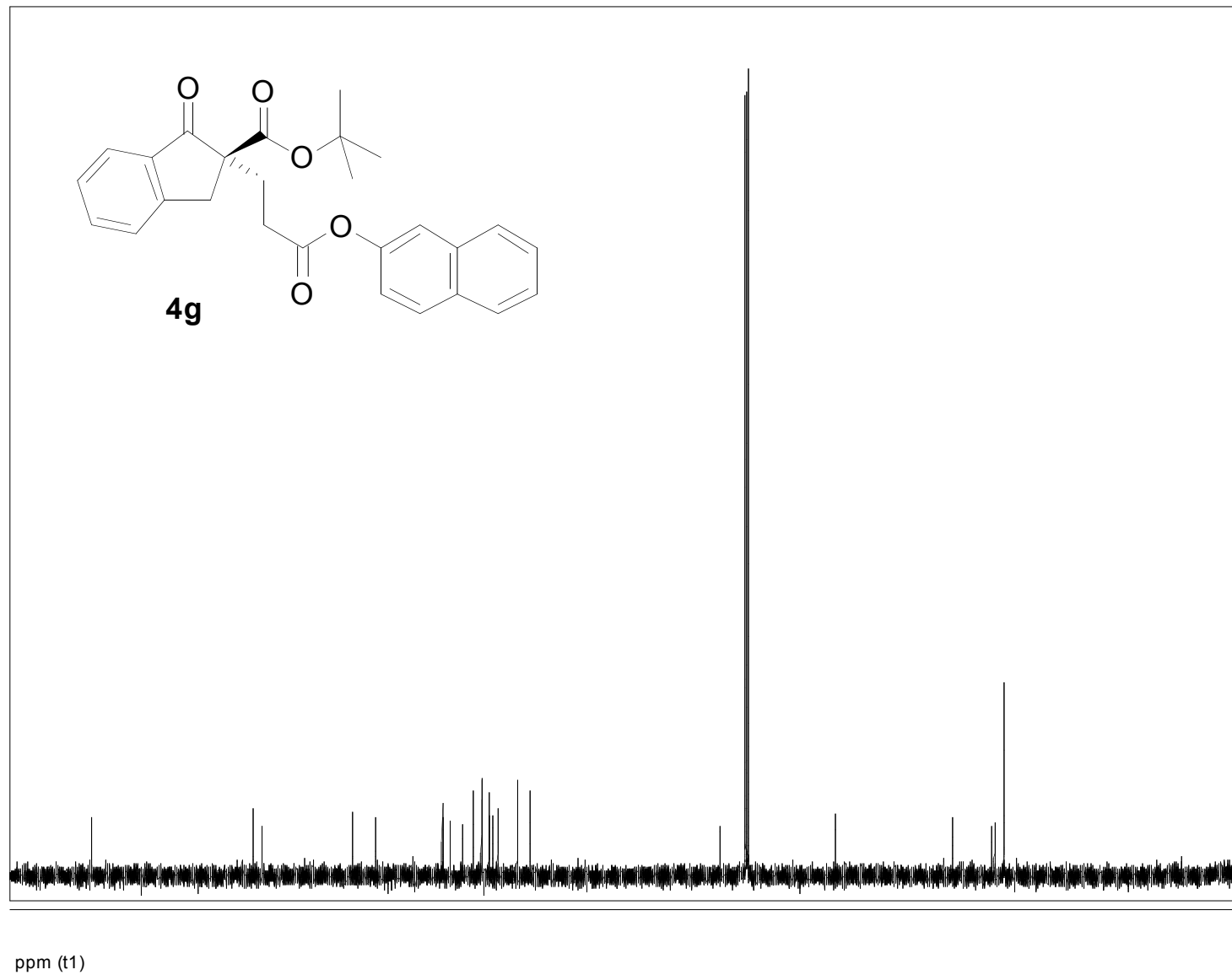


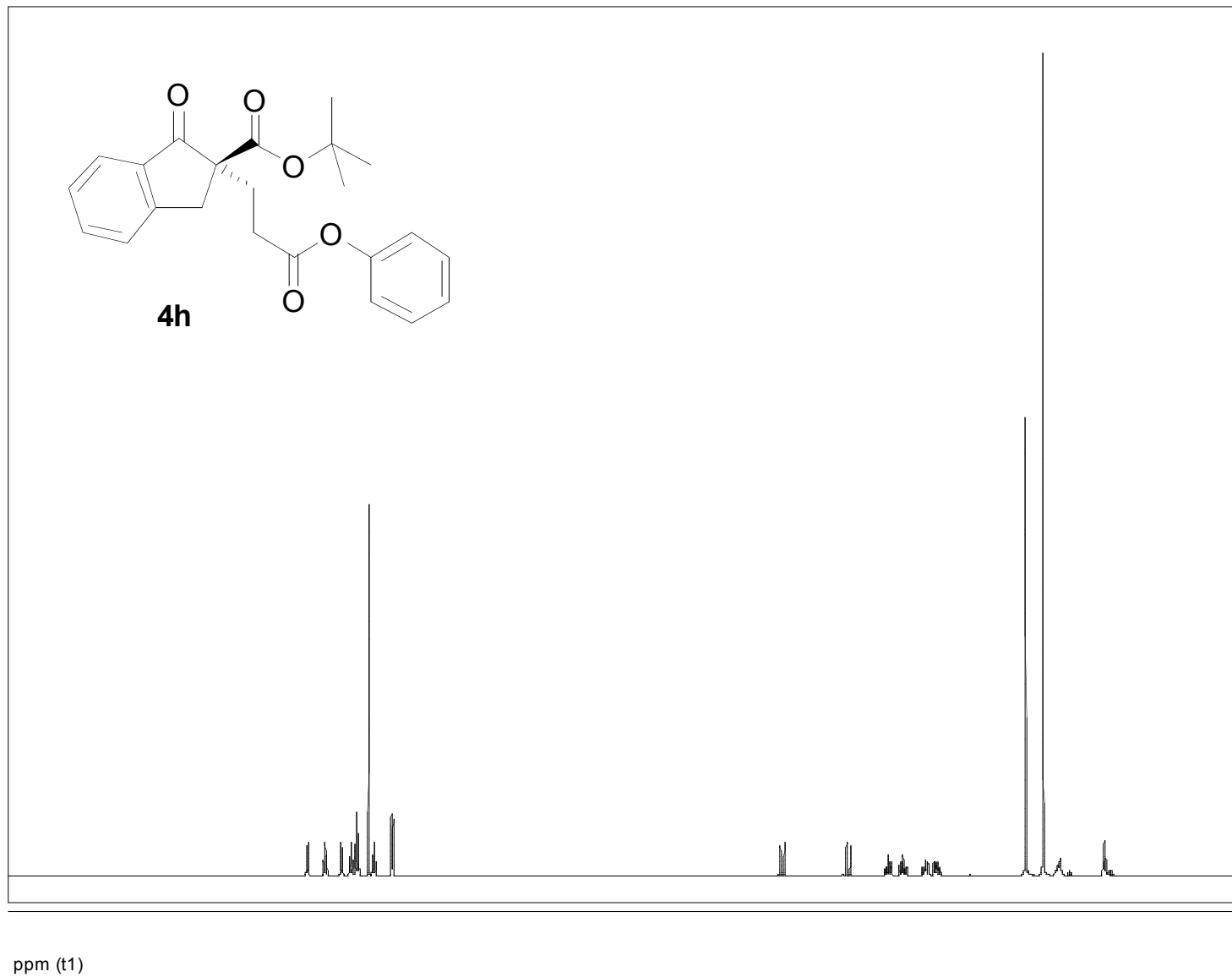


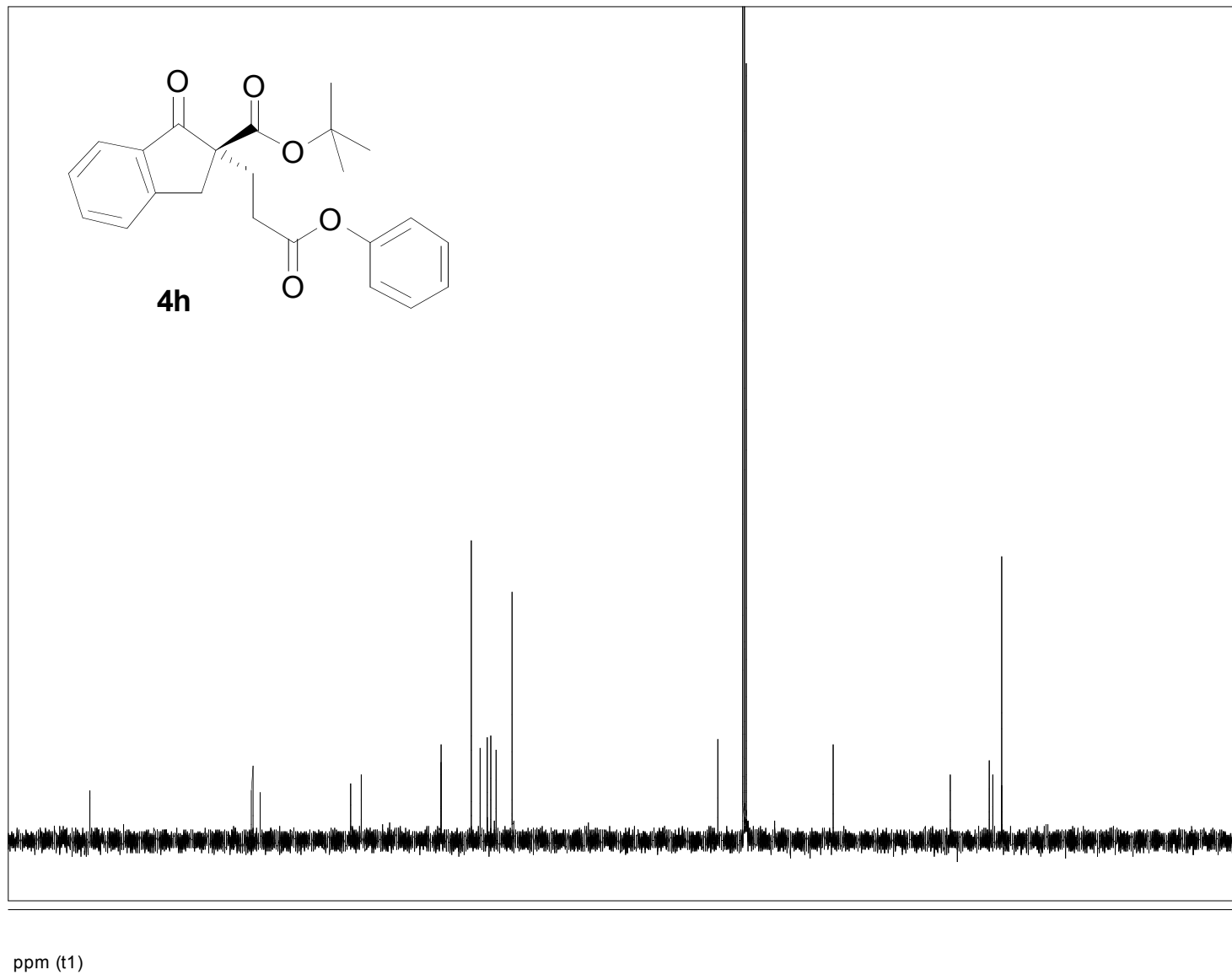
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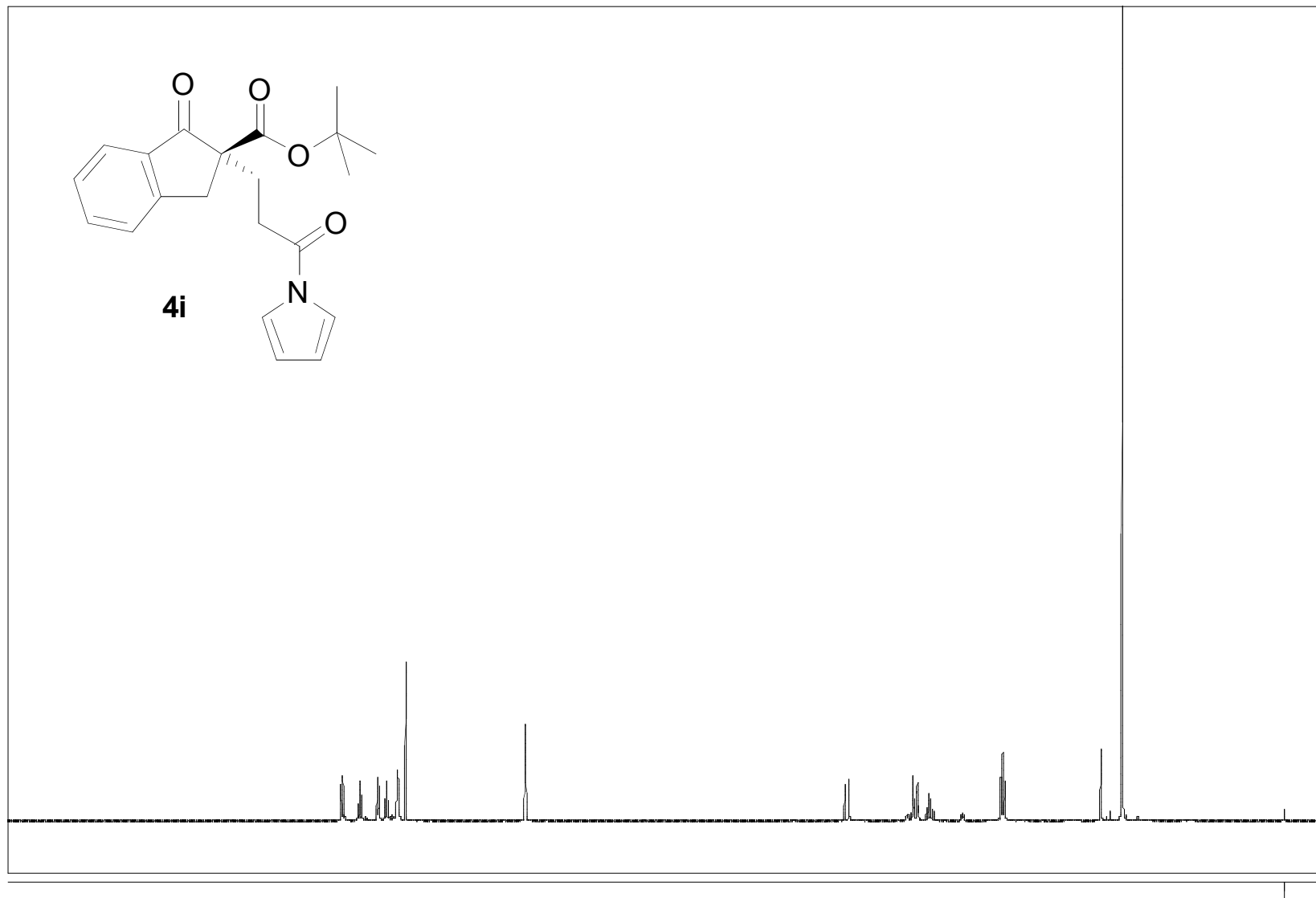
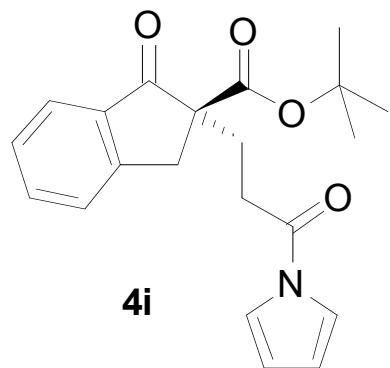


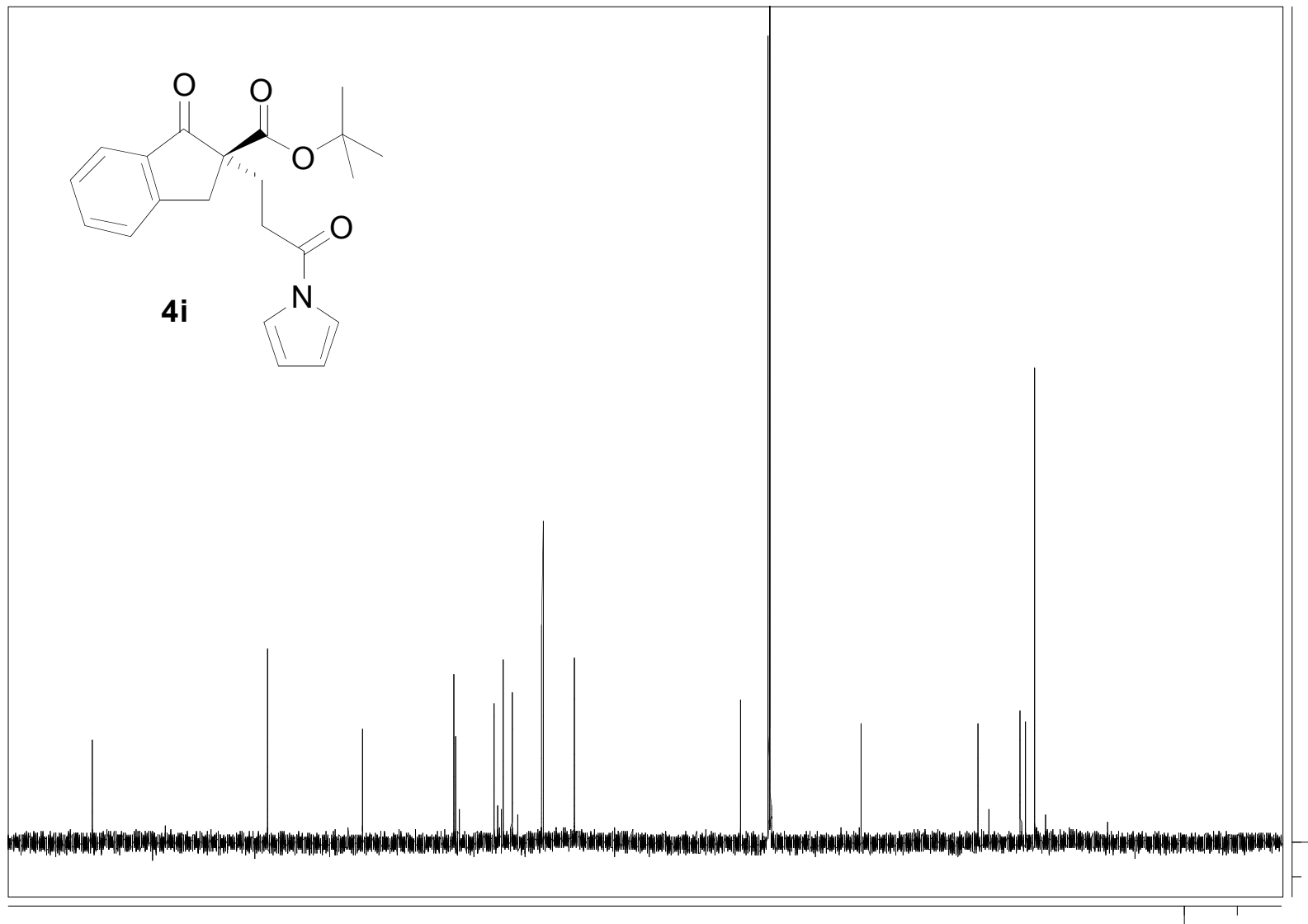


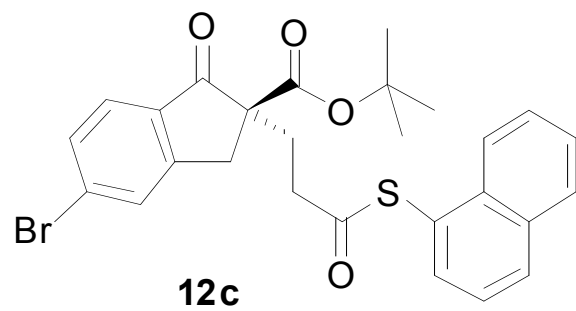


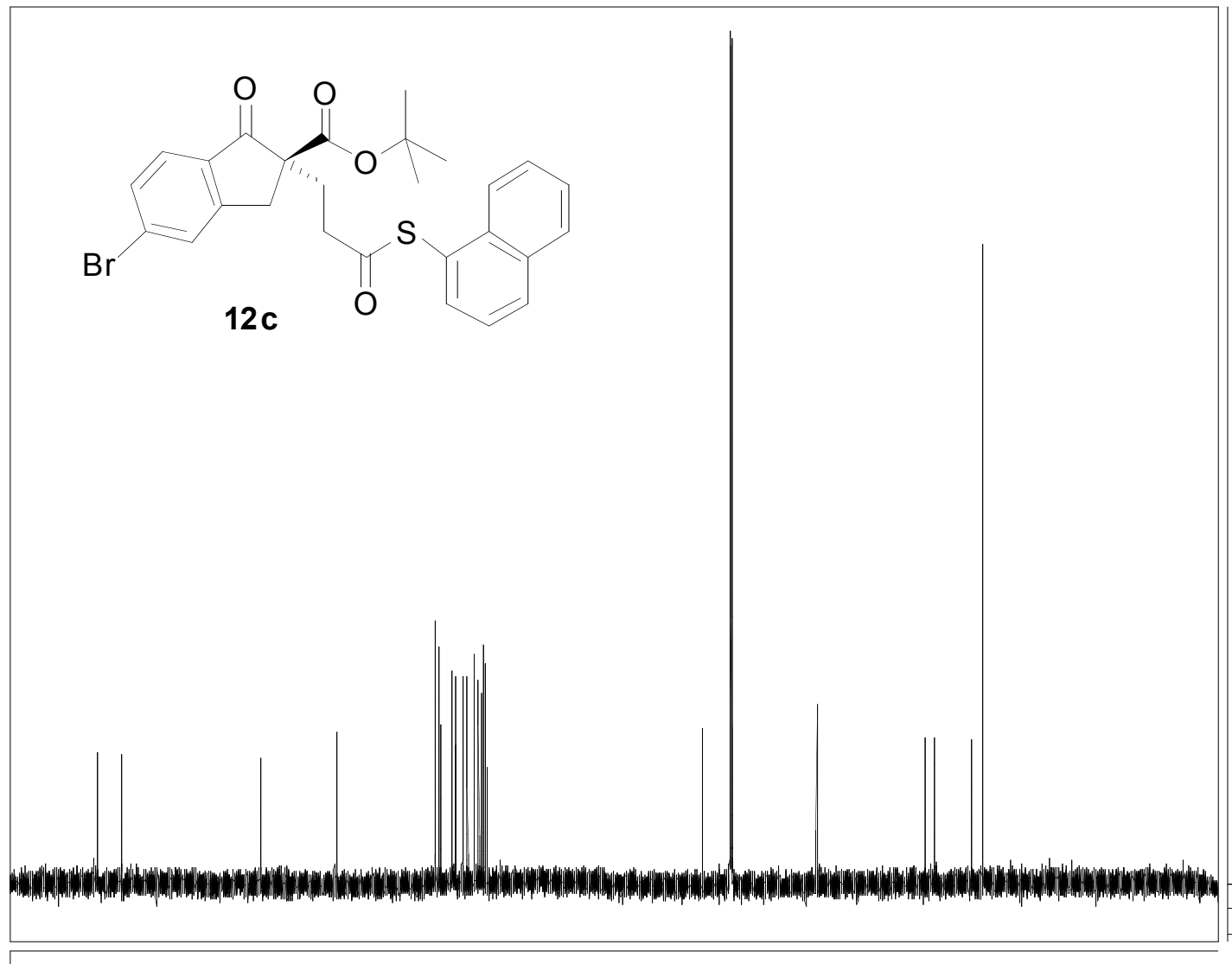


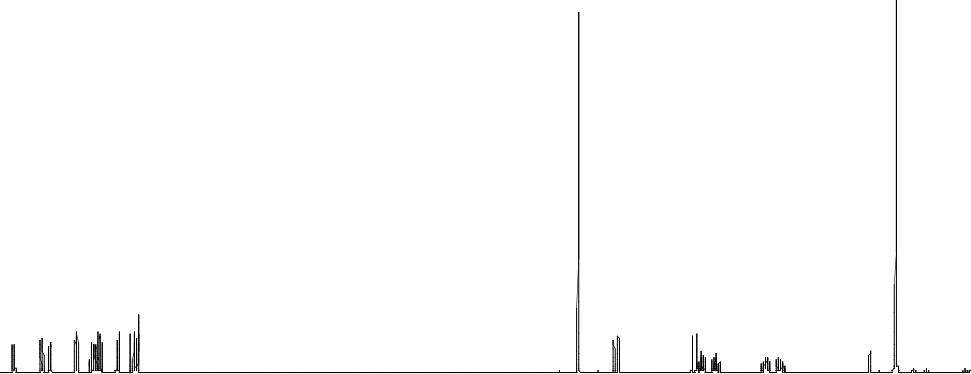
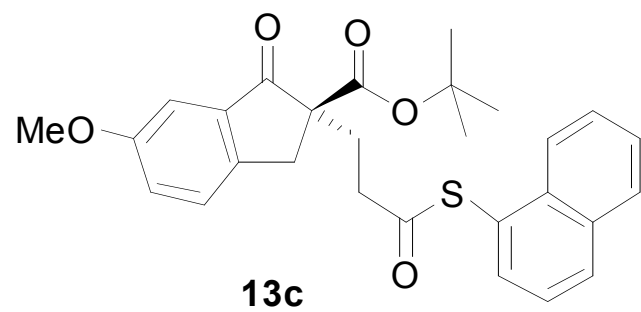


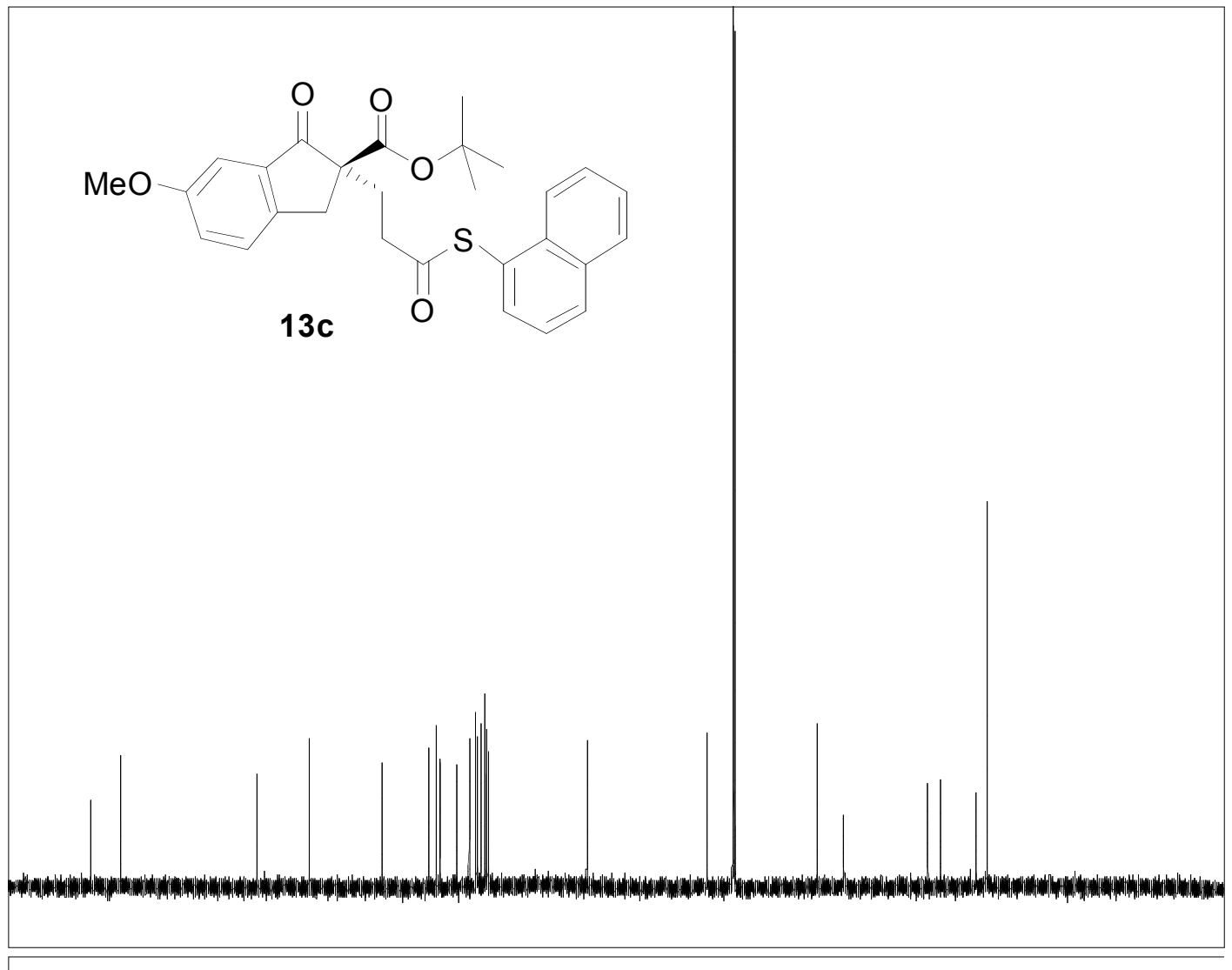




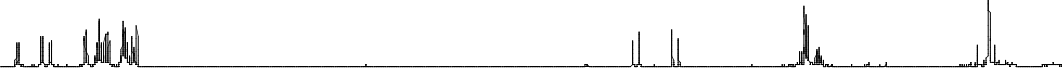
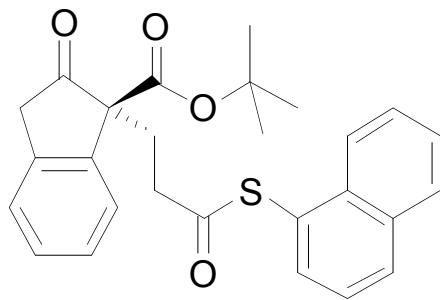




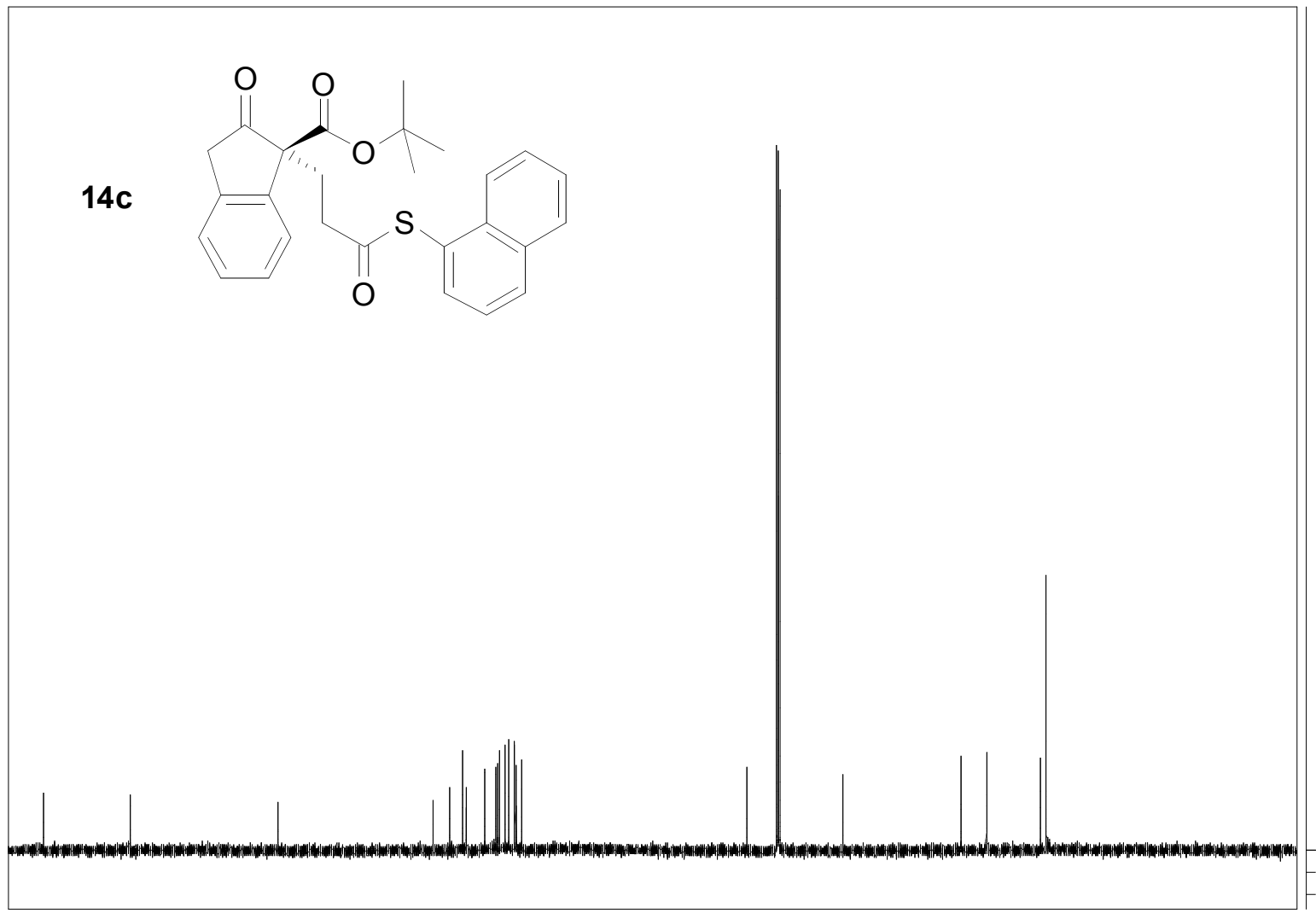




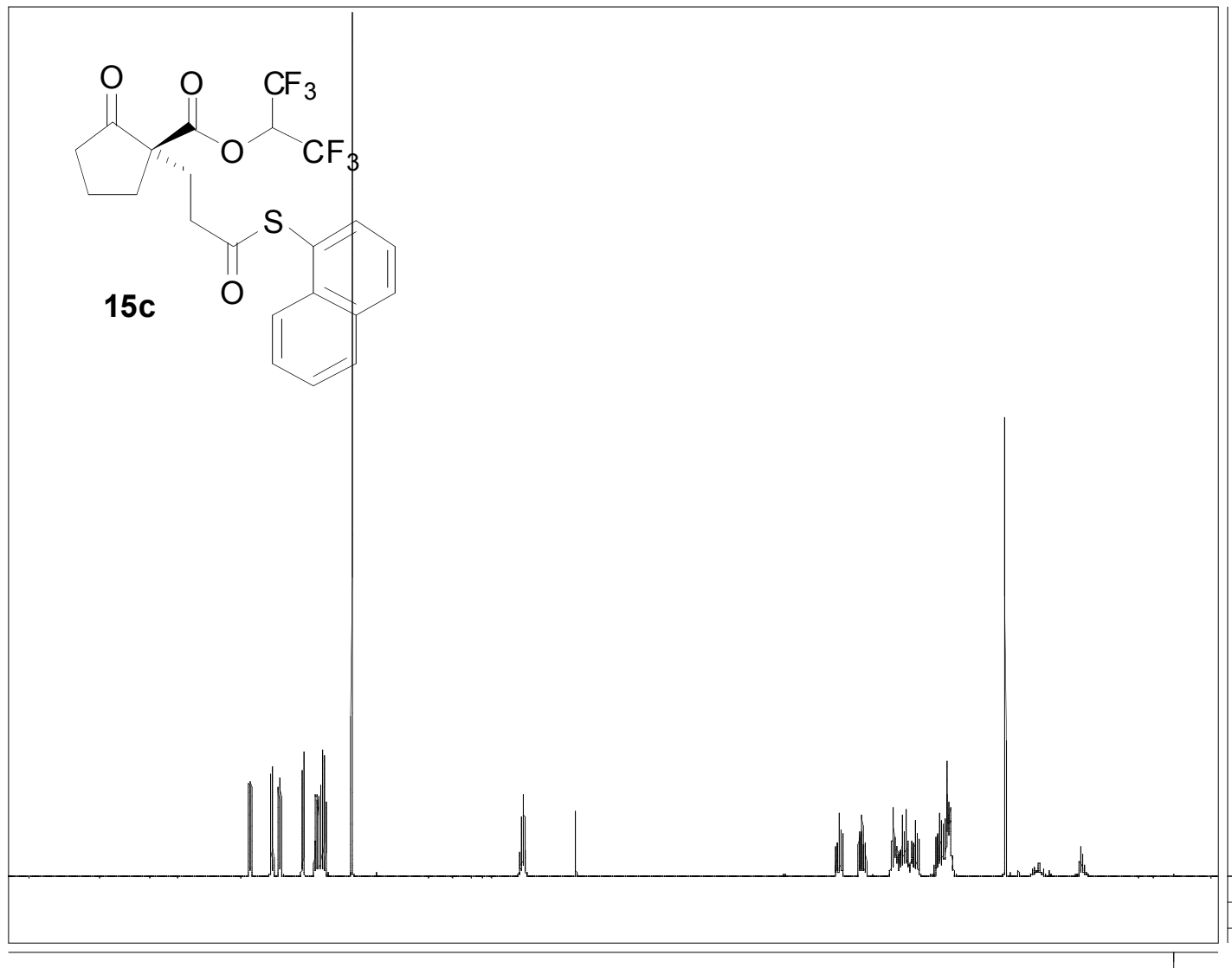
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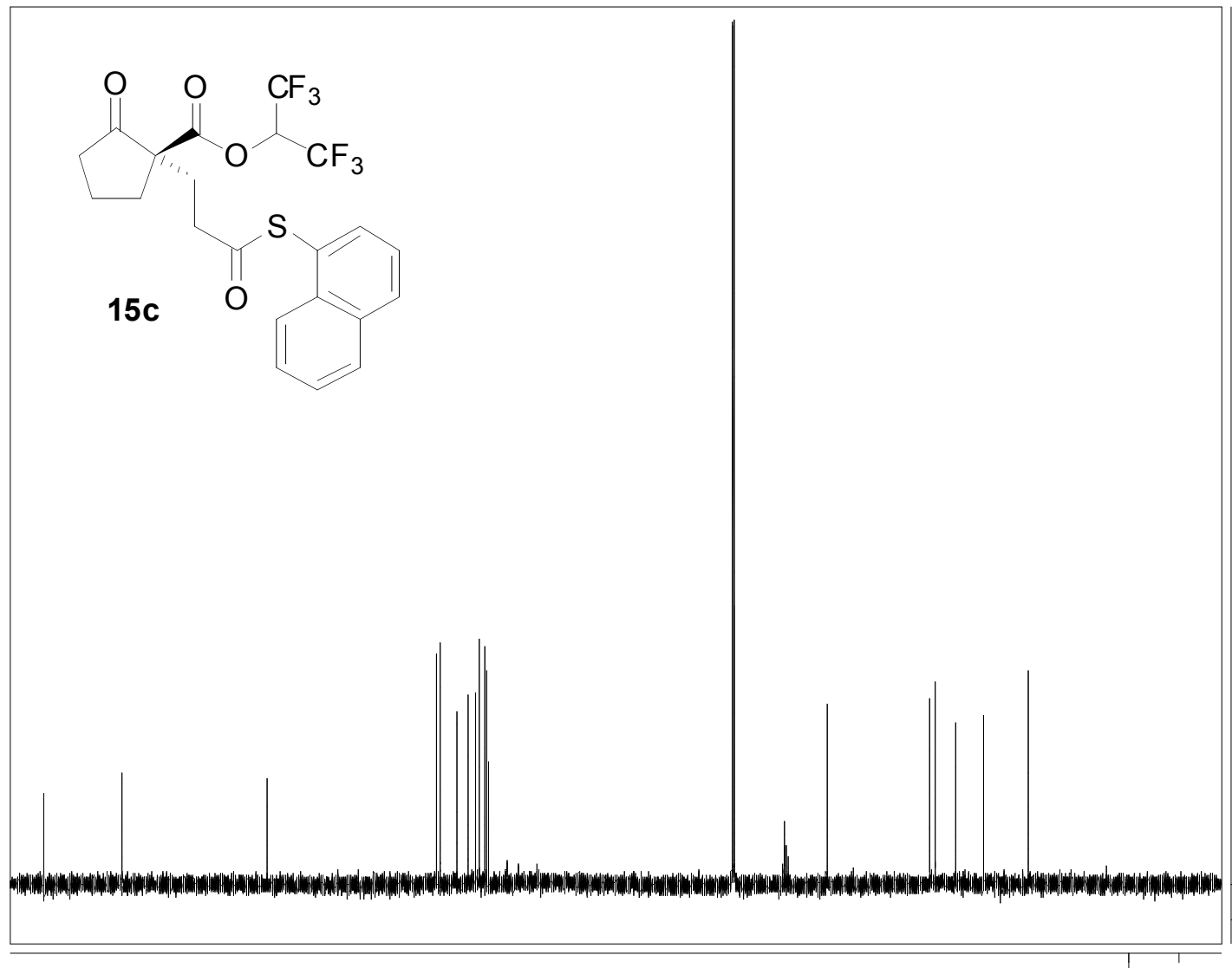


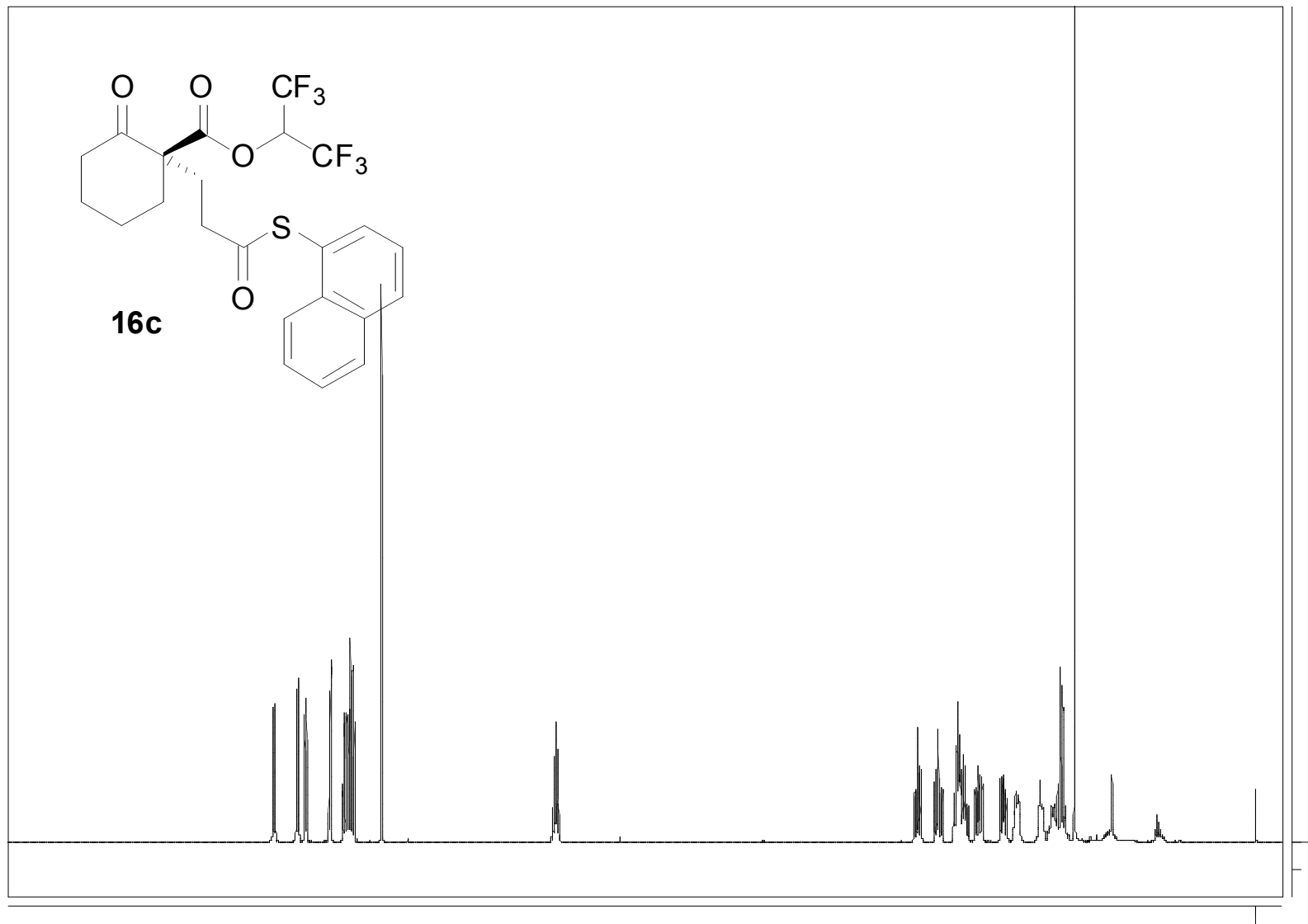
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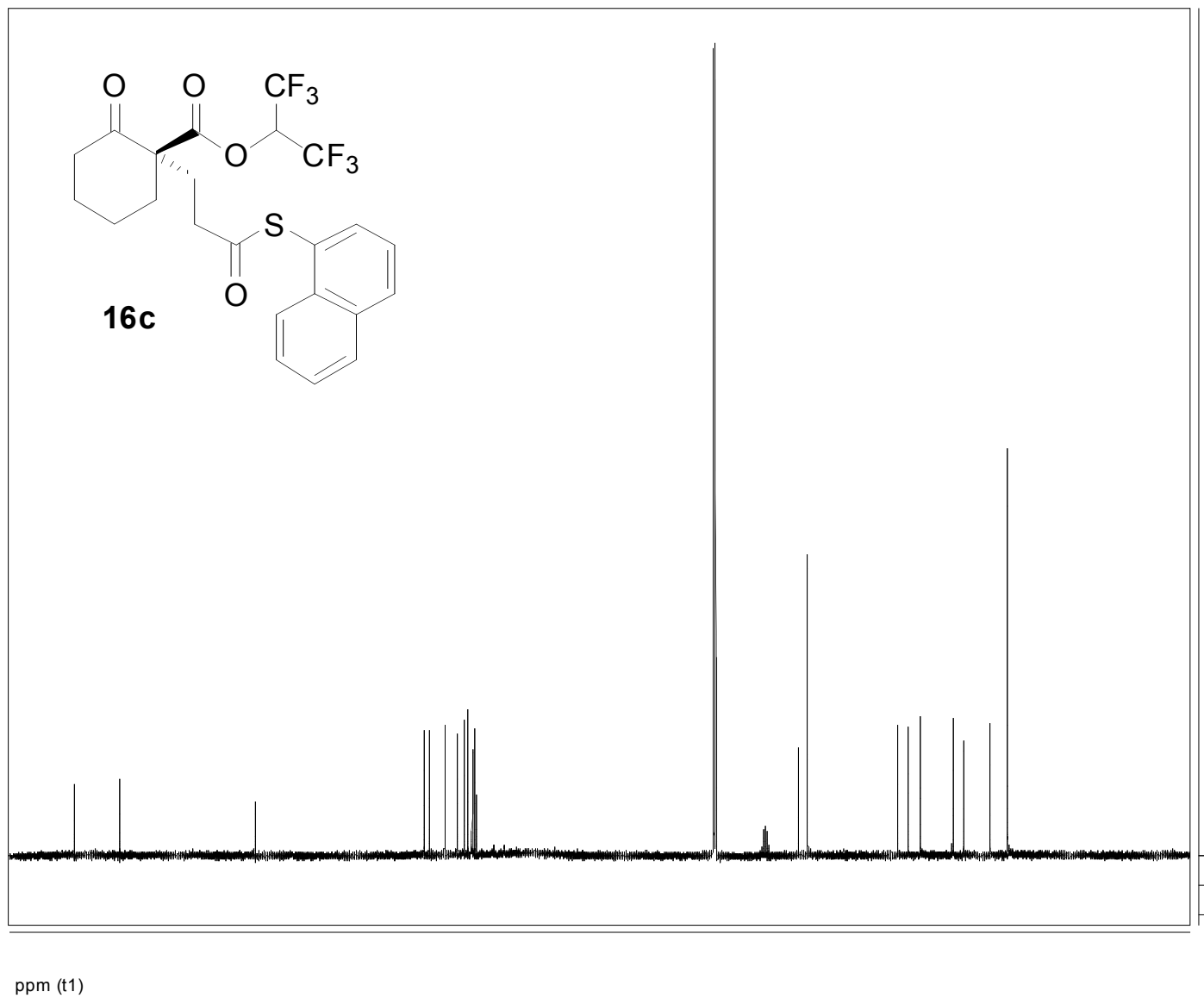


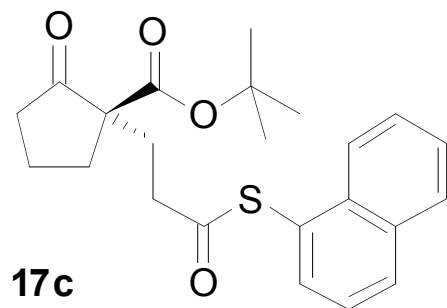
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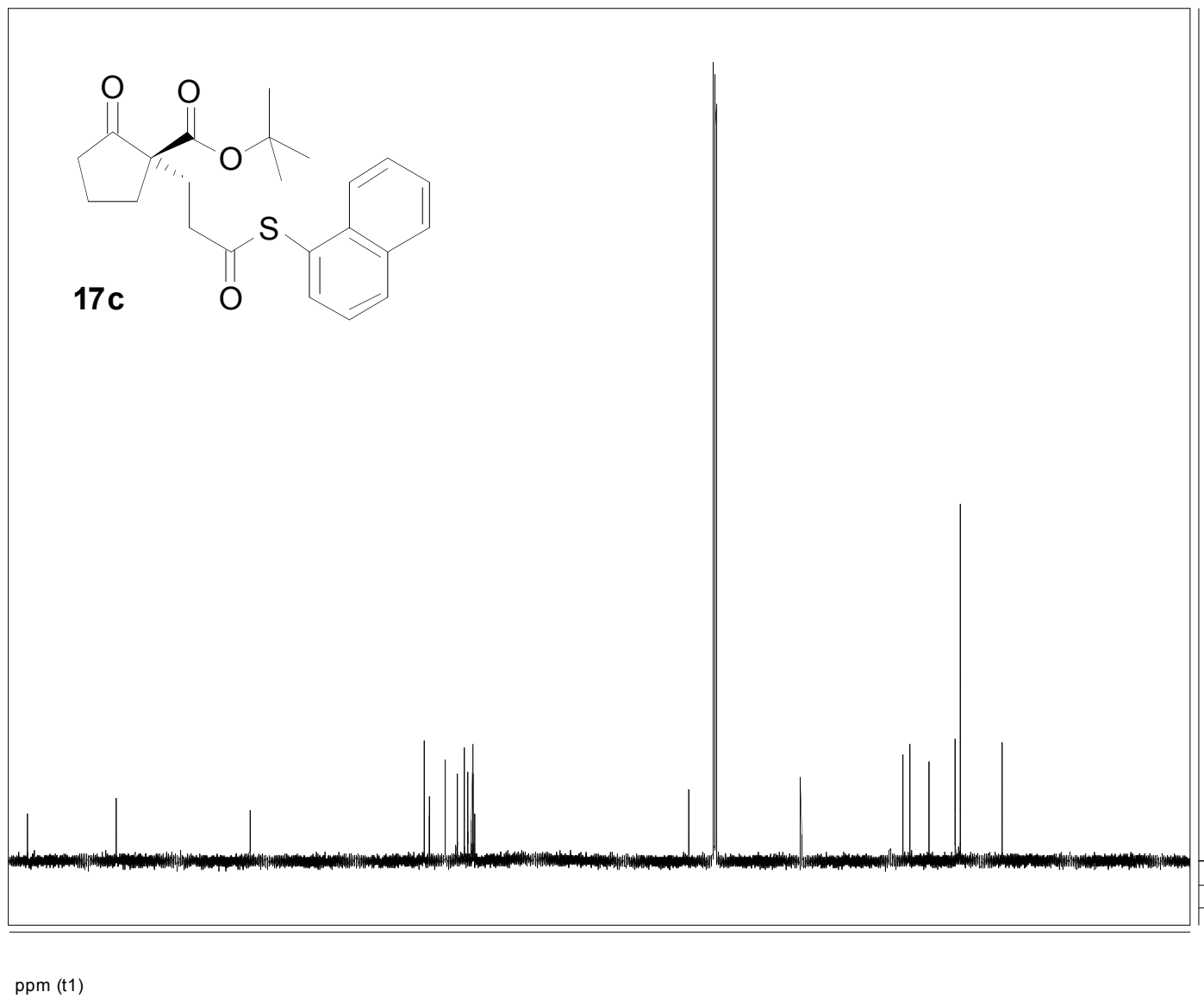


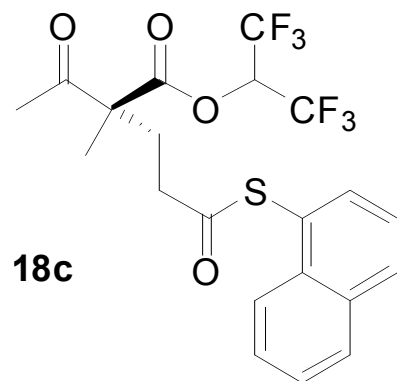




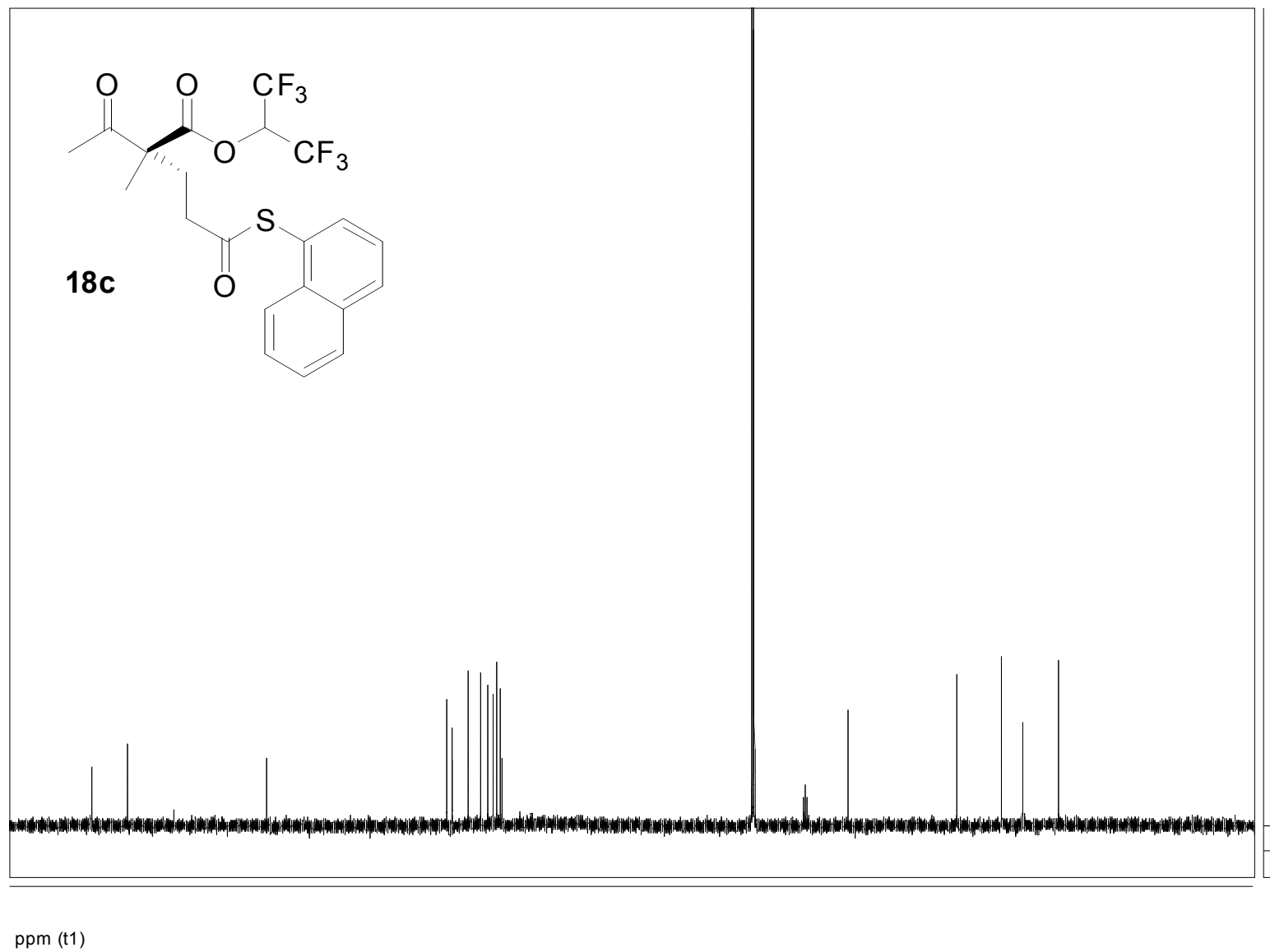


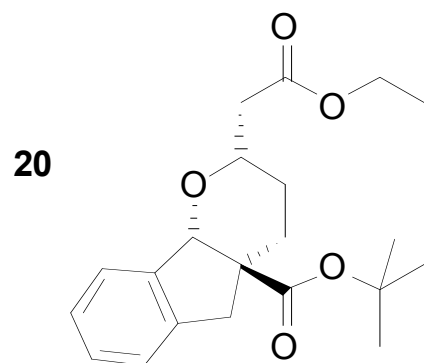
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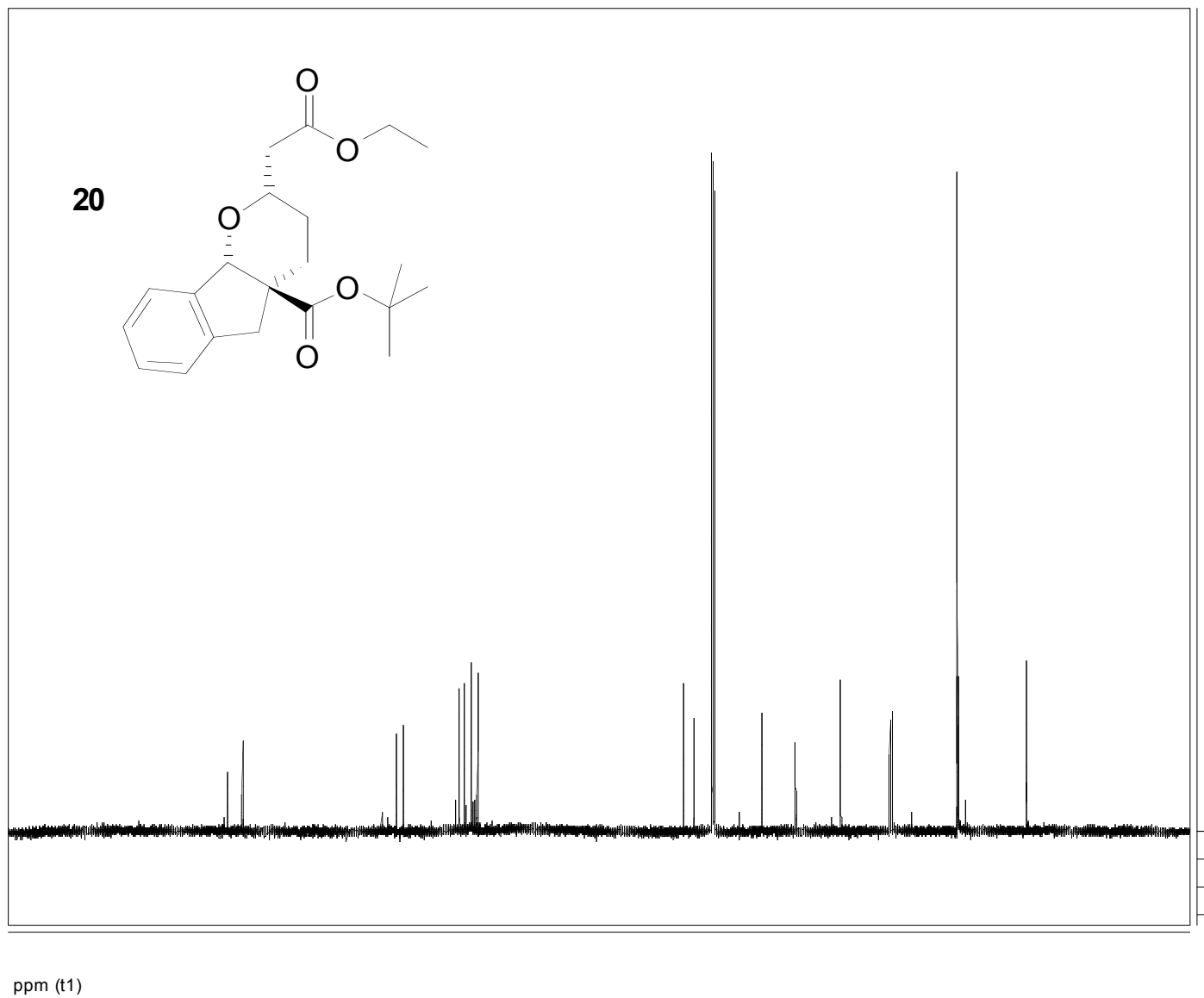


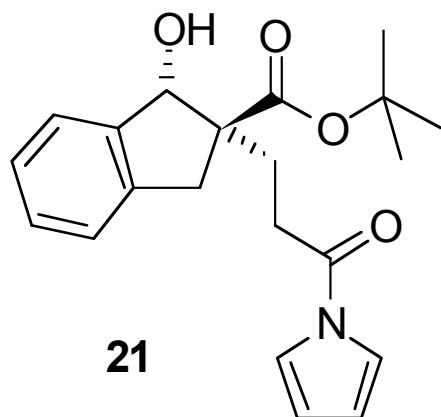
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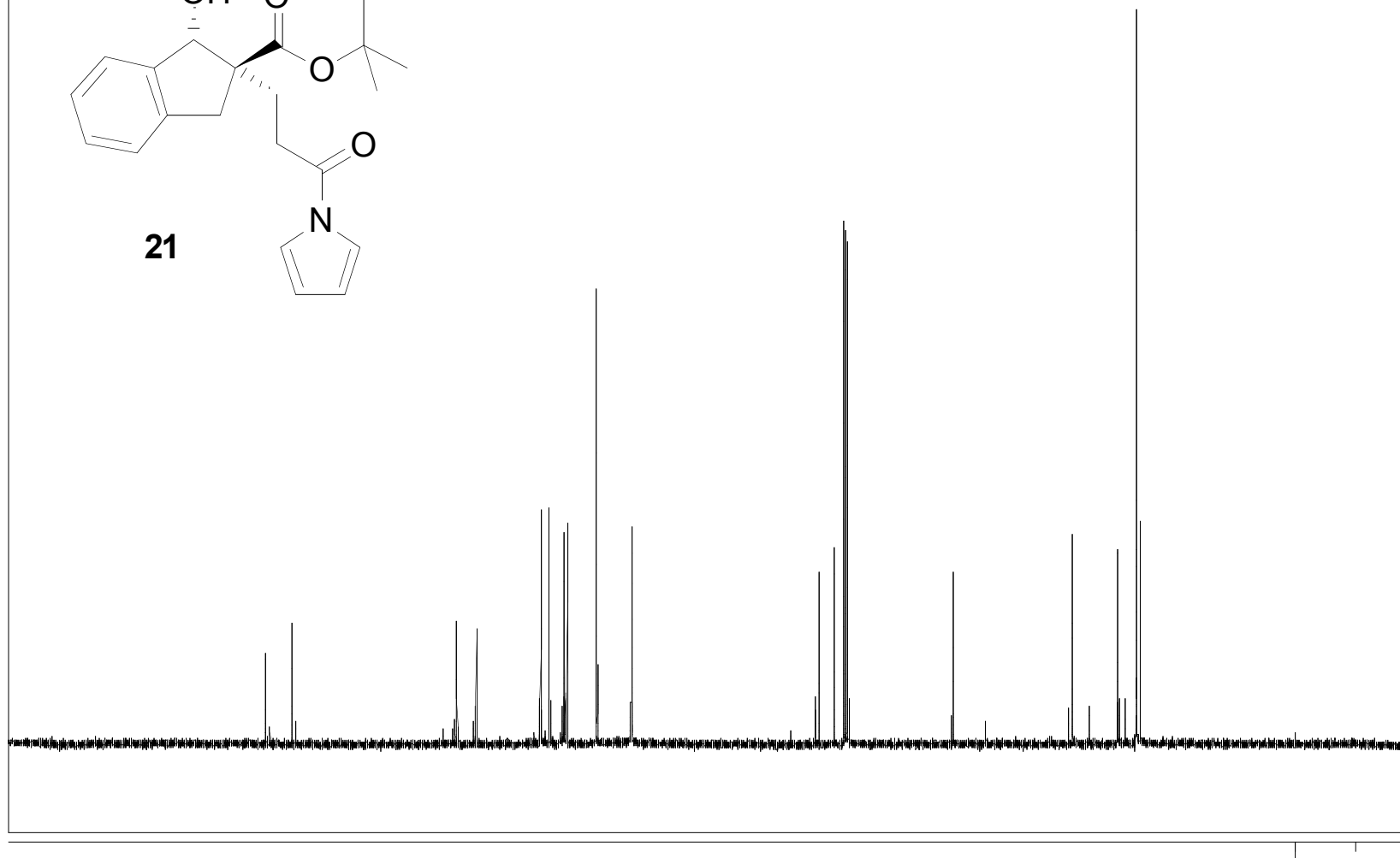
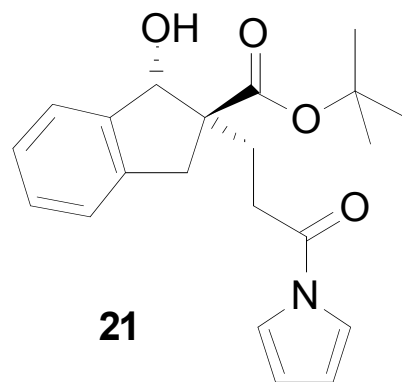


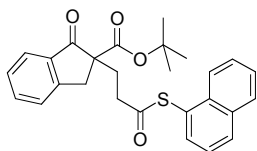


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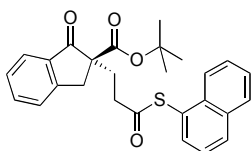
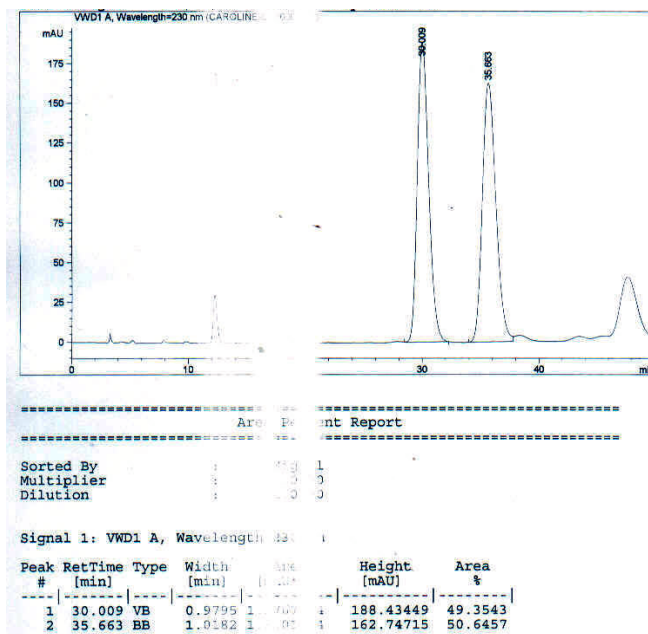




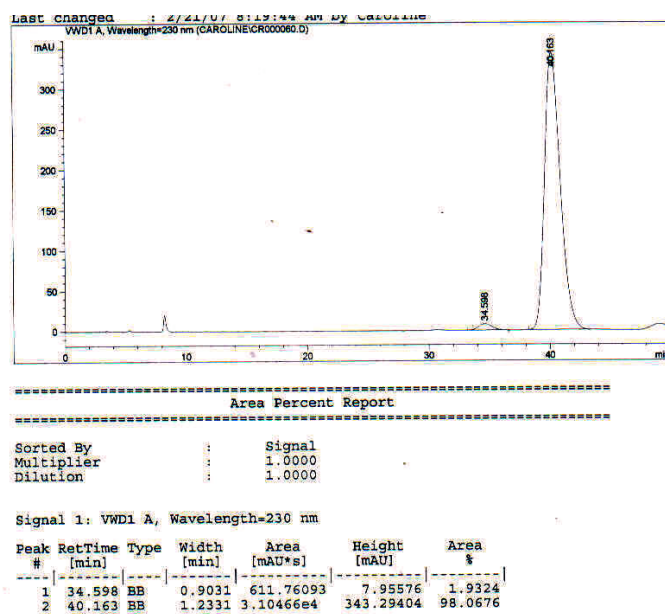


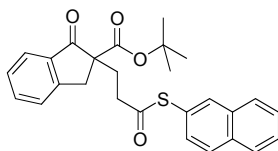


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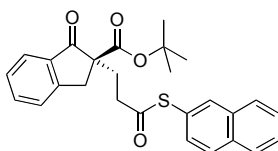
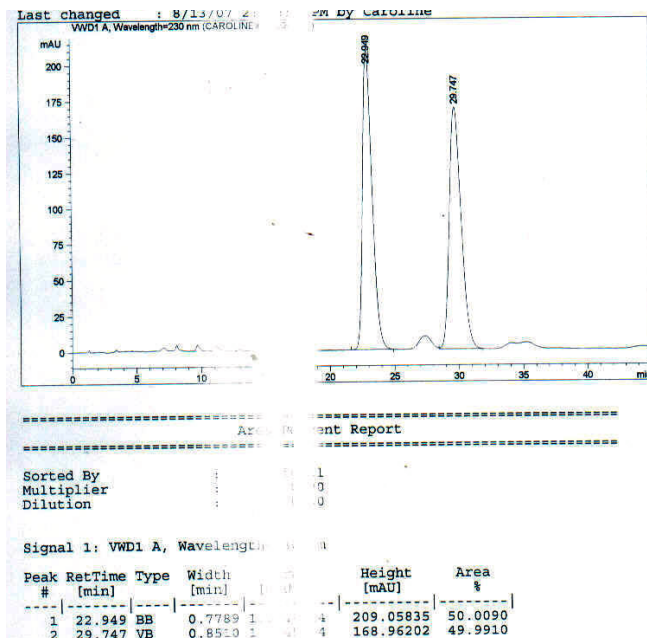


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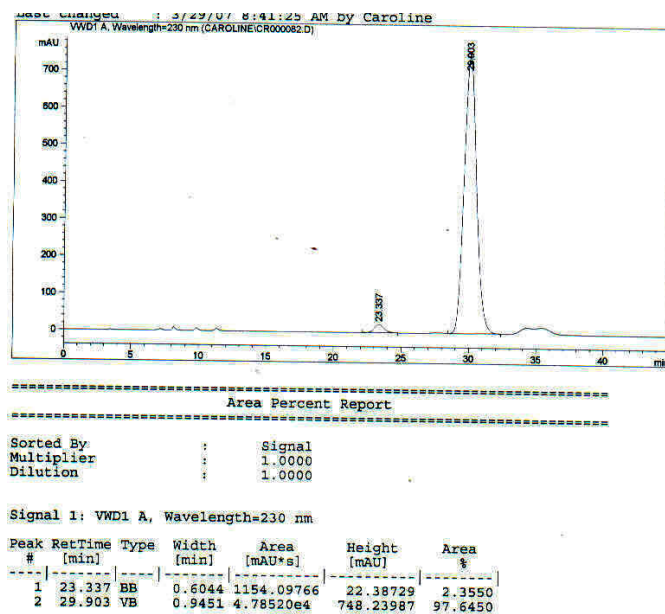


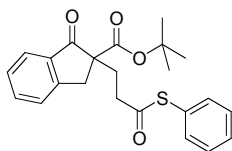


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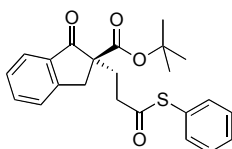
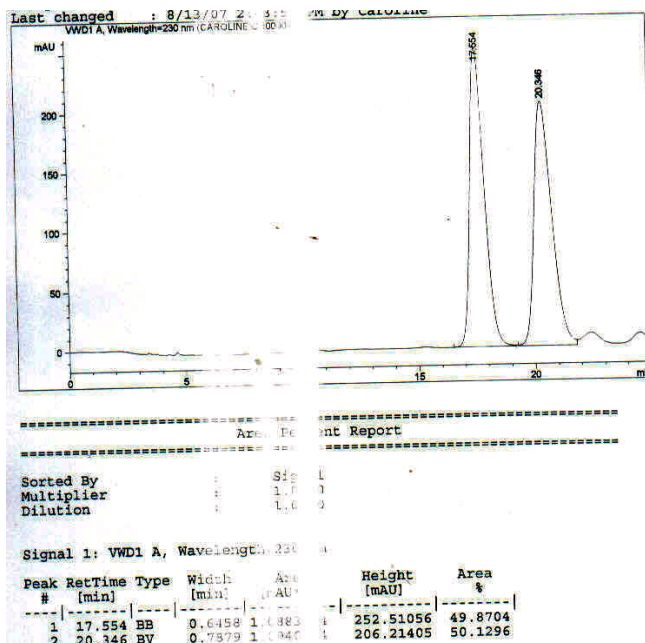


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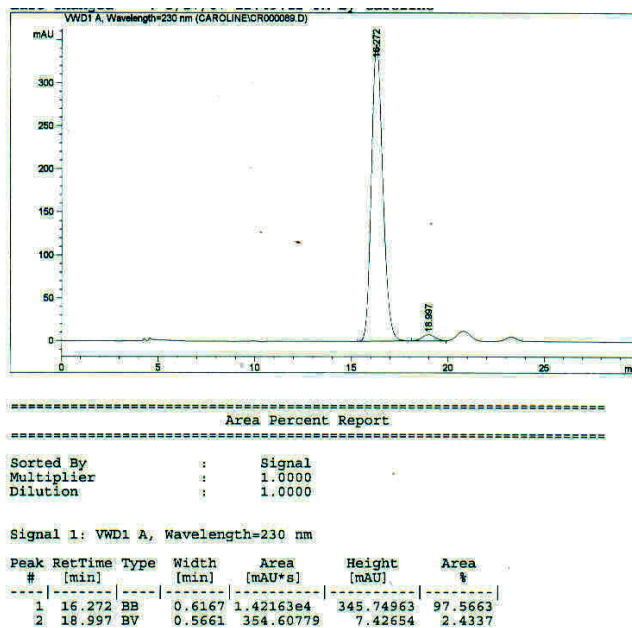


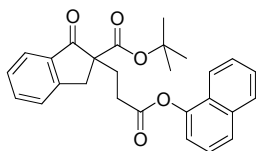


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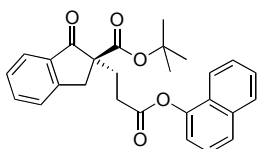
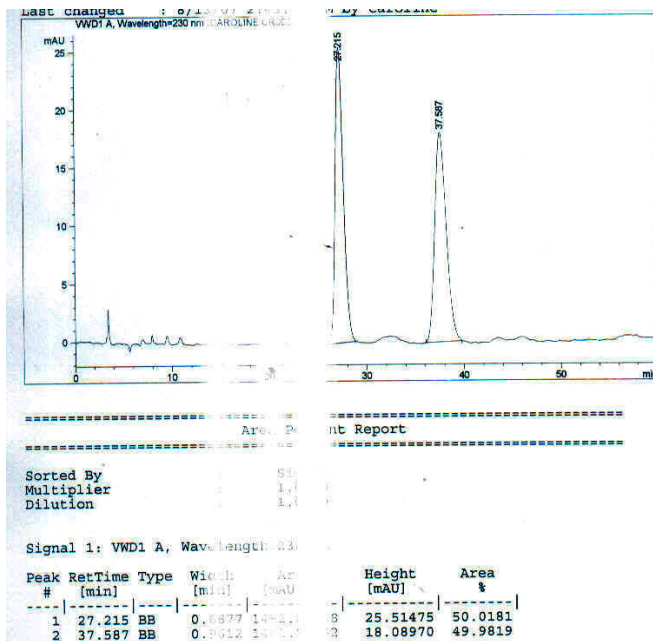


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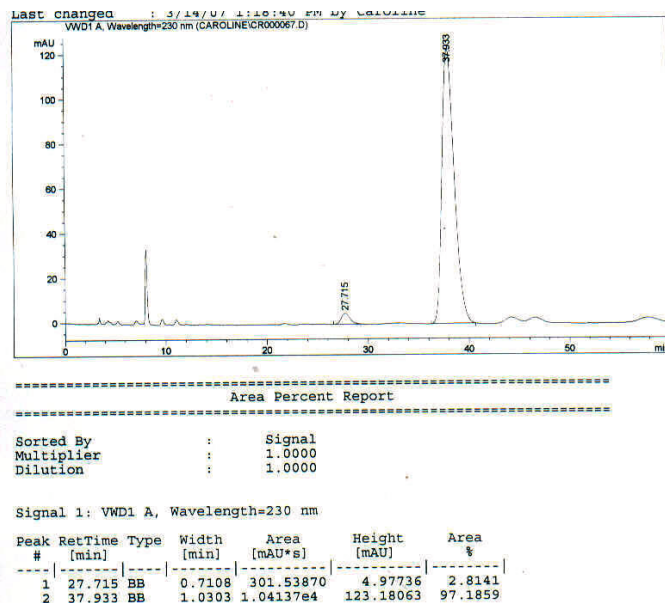


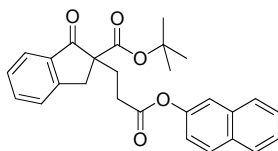


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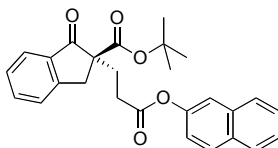
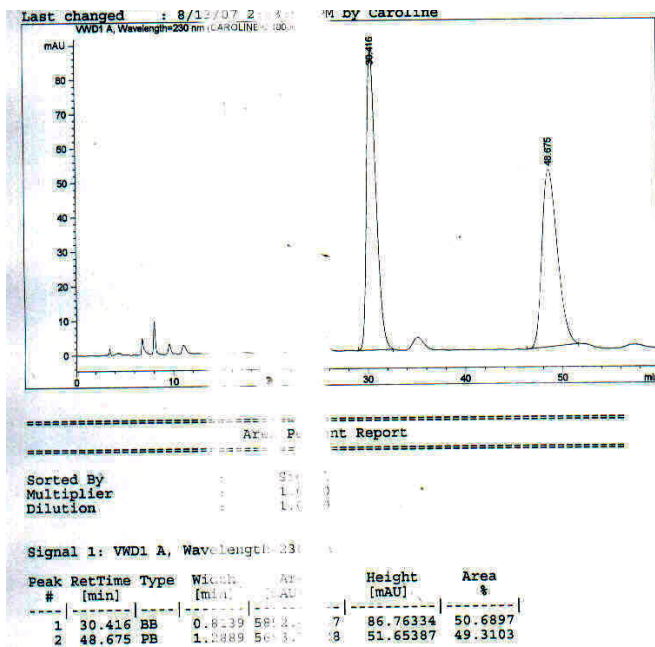


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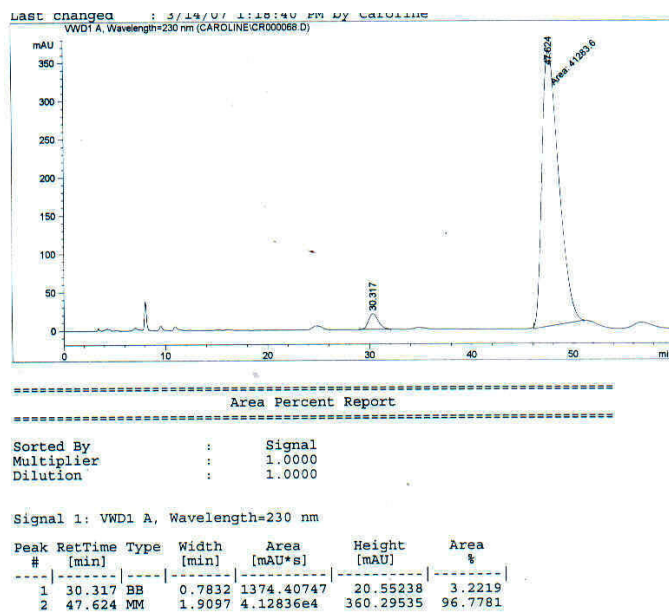


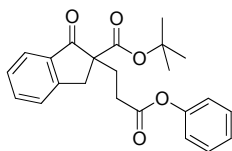


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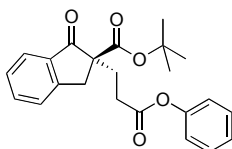
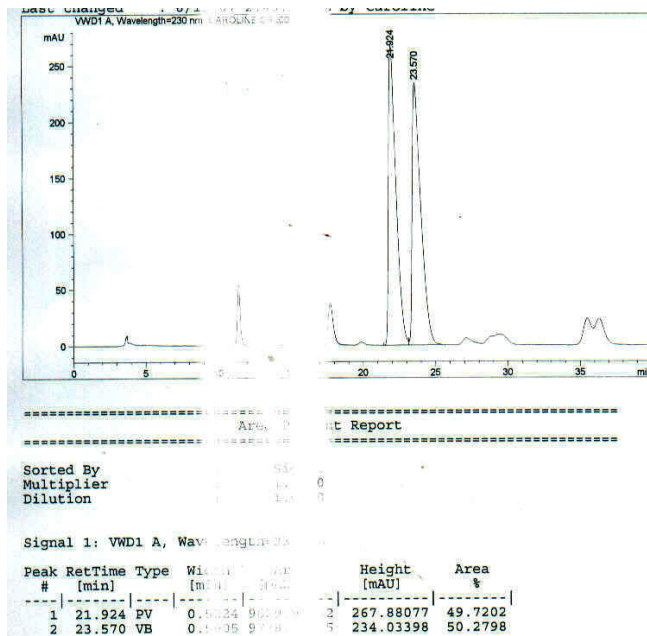


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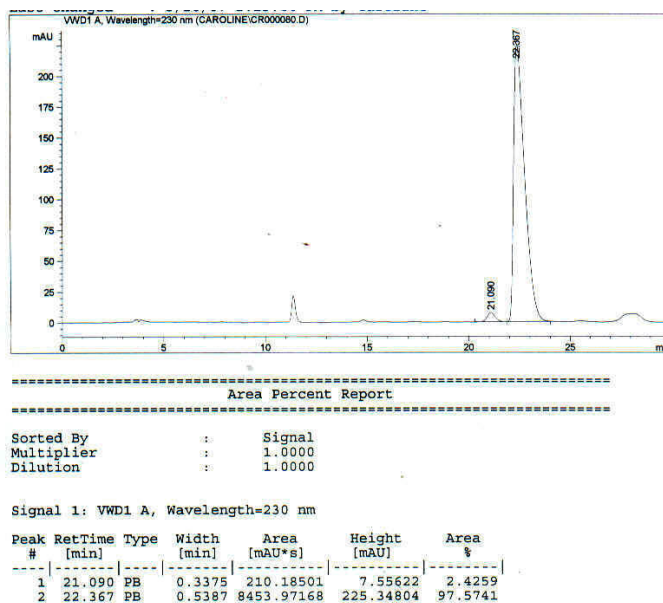


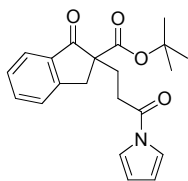


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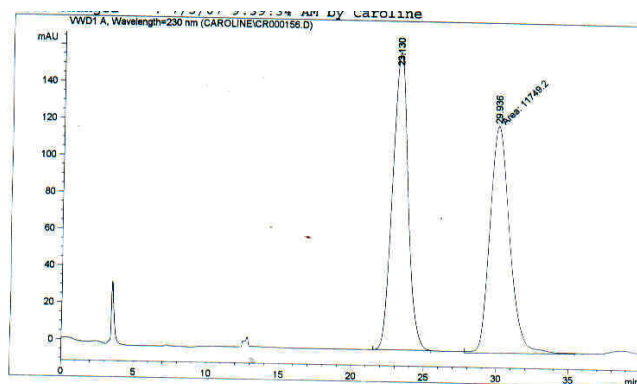


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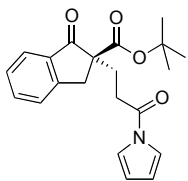


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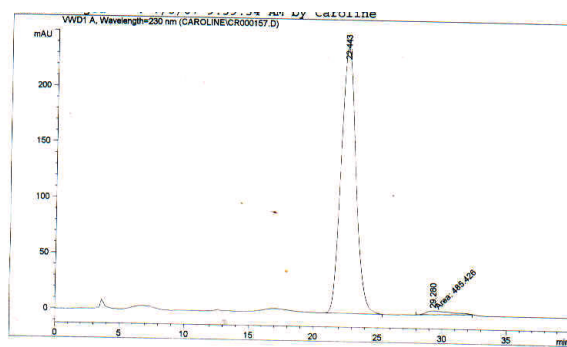
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

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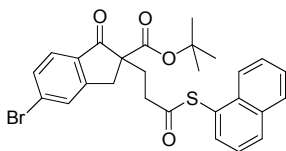


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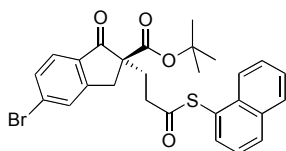
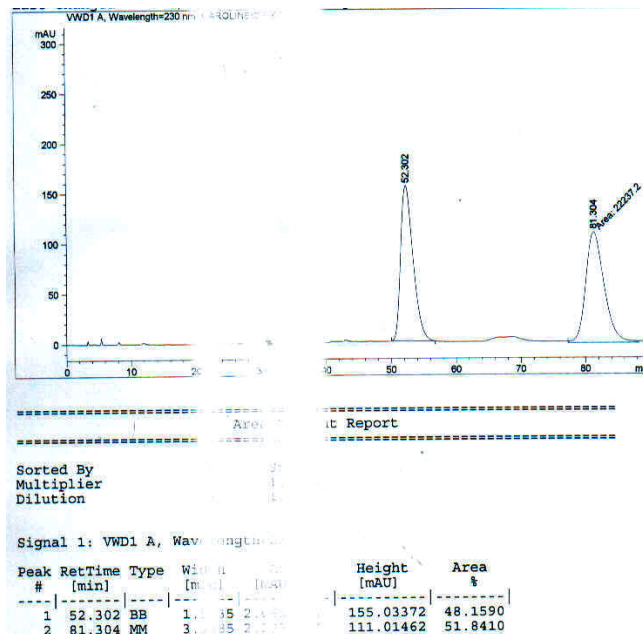
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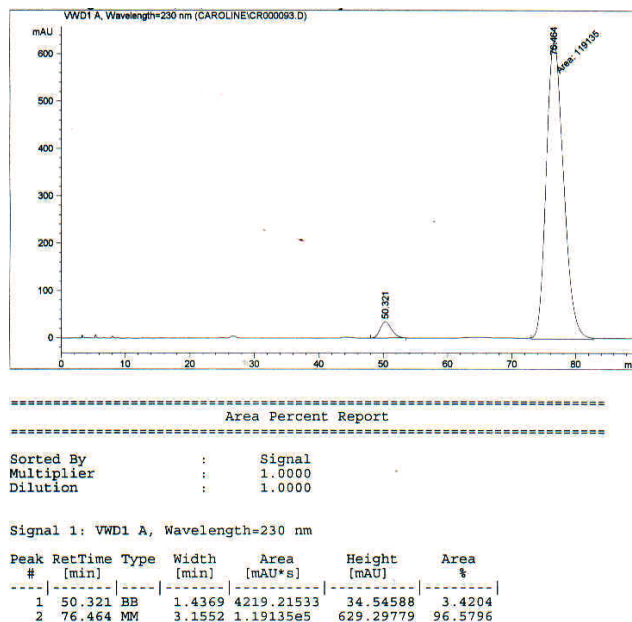
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1	22.443	BB	1.1107	1.90979e4	238.62784	97.5212
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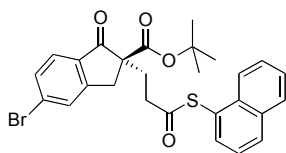


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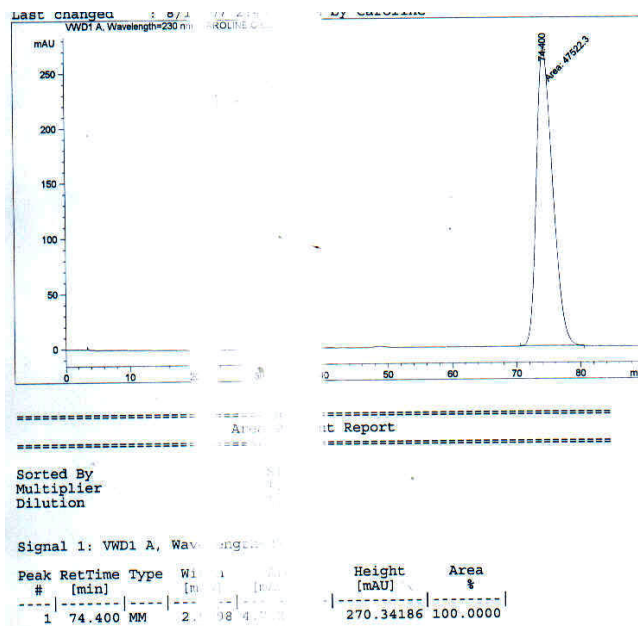
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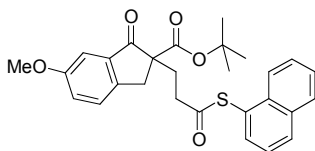




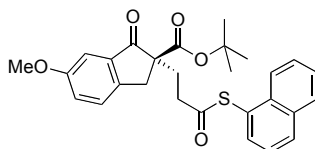
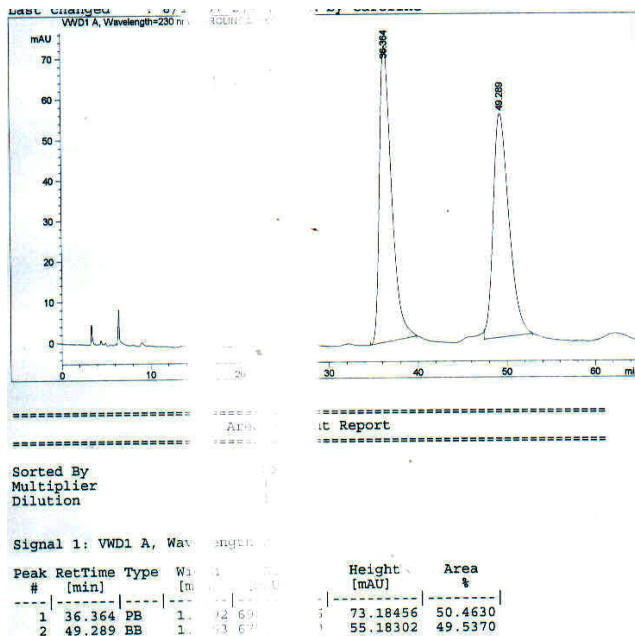
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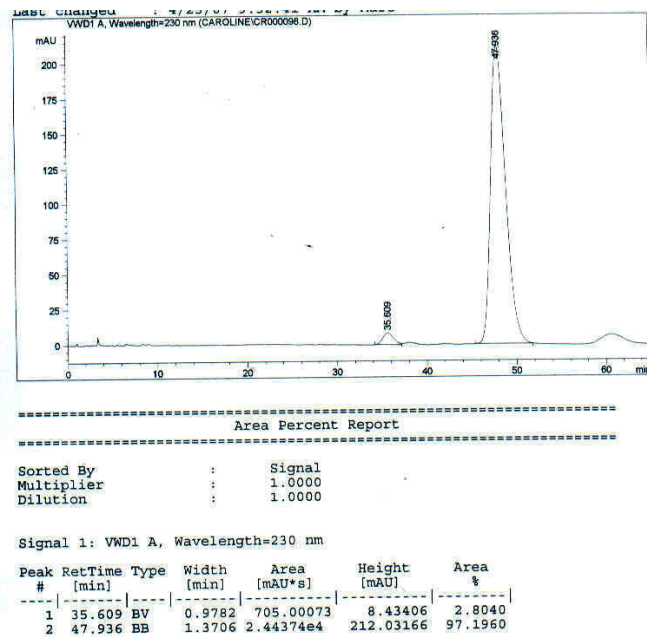


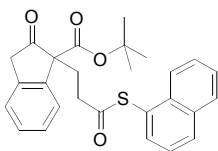


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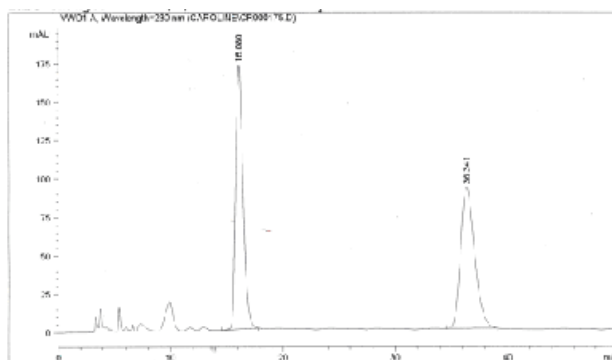


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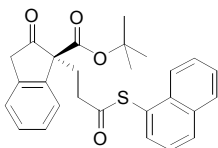


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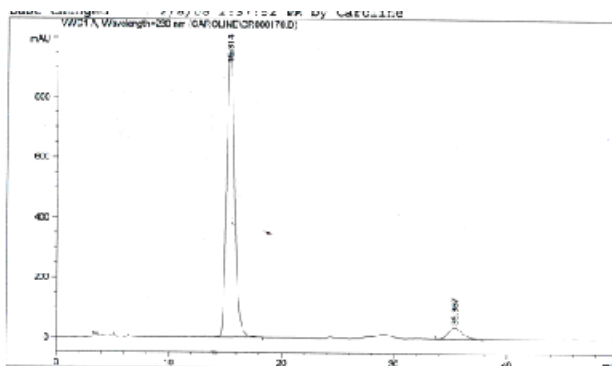
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	16.080	PD	0.6213	7978.30518	172.26911	99.8540
2	36.341	BB	1.0450	8025.04004	92.06363	50.1460



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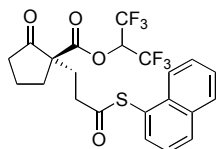
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Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	15.319	BB	0.7585	4.7957984	960.69759	93.6688
2	35.367	VS	0.9881	2132.12385	37.21509	6.1312

Chromatogram plot showing mAU (Y-axis, 0 to 1200) versus Wavelength (nm) (X-axis, 0 to 25). The plot displays two peaks: a sharp peak at 11.63 minutes and a broader peak at 15.574 minutes. The Y-axis is labeled 'mAU' and the X-axis is labeled 'Wavelength=230 nm (CAROLINE/CR000118.D)'.

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Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	11.528	VV	0.2398	2.54882e4	1404.07910	47.1706
2	15.574	VB	1.1655	2.85459e4	340.00757	52.8294

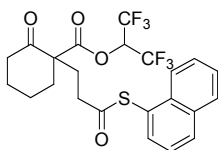


WVD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm (CAROLINE/CR000115.D)

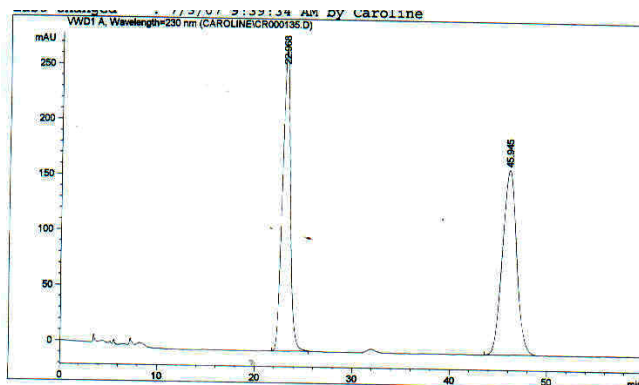
Chromatogram showing two peaks at retention times 13.708 and 19.944 minutes. The y-axis is mAU (0-700) and the x-axis is minutes (0-35).

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Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.708	VB	0.4250	1621.87695	56.81702	2.6555
2	19.844	BB	1.1580	5.94542e4	730.89984	97.3445



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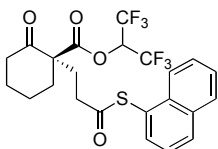


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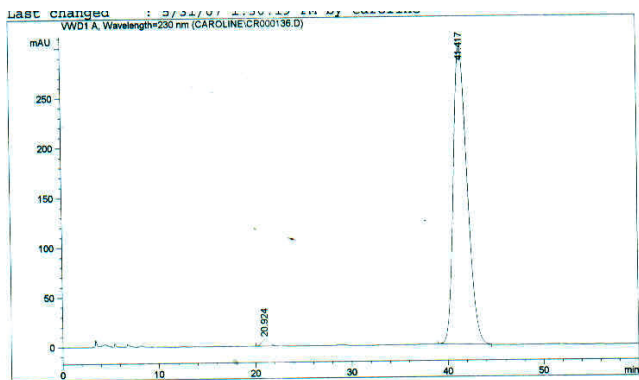
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	22.968	BB	0.8466	1.53483e4	271.07104	47.4567
2	45.945	BB	1.2083	1.69934e4	166.70271	52.5433



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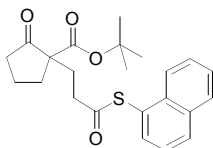


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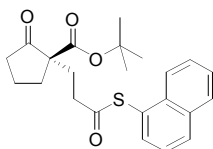
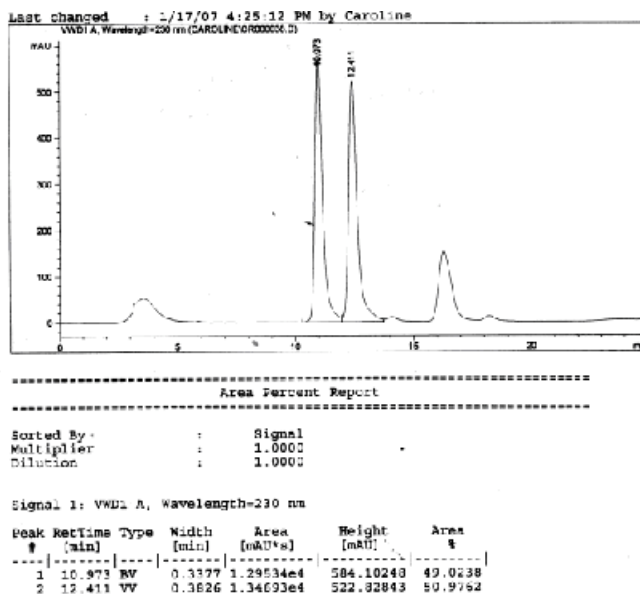
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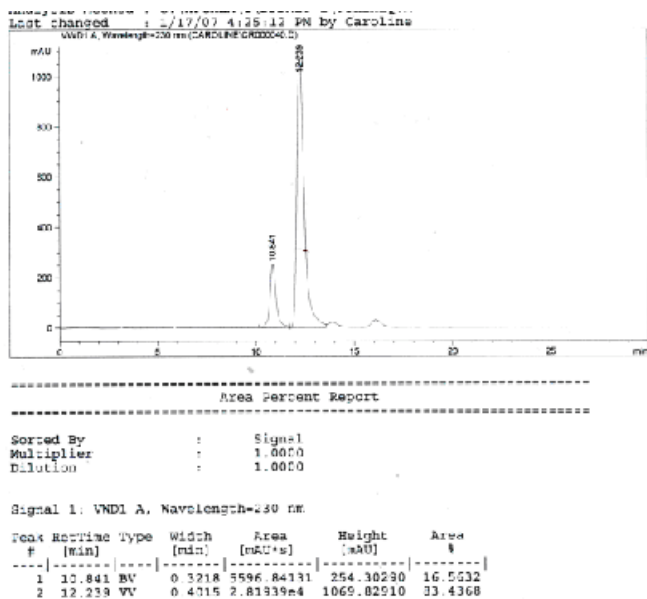
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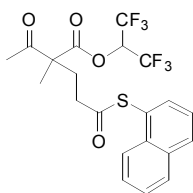


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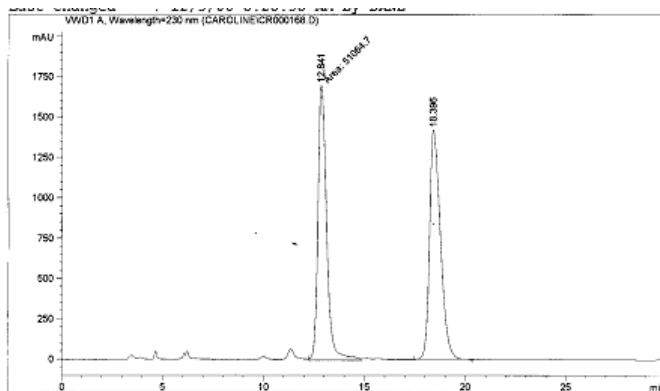


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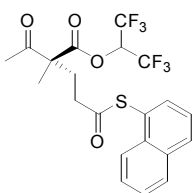


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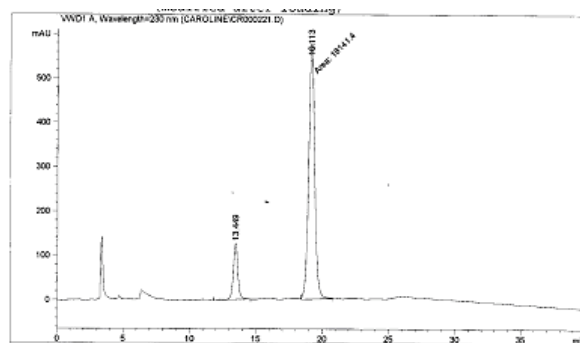
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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

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1	12.841	MM	0.4999	5.10647e4	1702.48413	49.0237
2	18.396	PB	0.5530	5.30987e4	1420.68518	50.9763



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Signal 1: VWD1 A, Wavelength=230 nm

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Type	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	13.449	VB	0.3551	3033.75439	127.26301	14.3269
2	19.113	MM	0.5227	1.81414e4	578.40253	85.6731