

Supporting Informations

A metal free domino synthesis of 3-aryloylindoles via two sp³ C-H activation

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General information:

All the reagents were commercial grade and used without purification. Organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. Solvents were removed in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. Silica gel (60-120 mesh size) was used for the column chromatography. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ (0.25mm). NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard for ¹H NMR (600 MHz), CDCl₃ solvent as the internal standard for ¹³C NMR (150 MHz). HRMS spectra were recorded using ESI mode. IR spectra were recorded in KBr or neat.

Crystallographic Description:

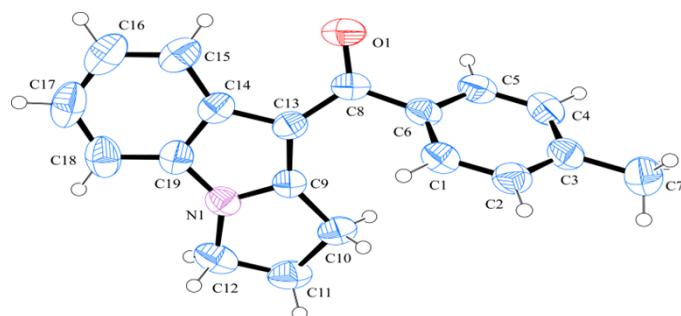
Crystal data were collected with Bruker Smart Apex-II CCD diffractometer using graphite monochromated MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) at 298 K. Cell parameters were retrieved using SMART^[a] software and refined with SAINT^[a] on all observed reflections. Data reduction was performed with the SAINT software and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Absorption corrections were applied with the program SADABS^[b]. The structure was solved by direct methods implemented in SHELX-97^[c] program and refined by full-matrix

least-squares methods on F₂. All non-hydrogen atomic positions were located in difference Fourier maps and refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were placed in their geometrically generated positions. Colourless crystals were isolated in rectangular shape from methanol at room temperature.

- a. SMART V 4.043 Software for the CCD Detector System; Siemens Analytical Instruments Division: Madison, WI, 1995.
- b. SAINT V 4.035 Software for the CCD Detector System; Siemens Analytical Instruments Division: Madison, WI, 1995.
- c. Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXL-97, Program for the Refinement of Crystal Structures; University of Göttingen: Göttingen (Germany), 1997.

Crystallographic description of (2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (5'g**):**

C₁₉H₁₇NO, crystal dimensions 0.41 x 0.35 x 0.28 mm, $M_r = 275.34$, Triclinic, space group P-1, $a = 7.5607(4)$, $b = 9.6755(6)$, $c = 11.352(1)$ Å, $\alpha = 107.554(5)$ °, $\beta = 102.789(5)$ °, $\gamma = 103.850(4)$ °, $V = 729.07(10)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.254$ mg/m³, $\mu = 0.077$ mm⁻¹, $F(000) = 292.0$, reflection collected / unique = 3682 / 2529, refinement method = full-matrix least-squares on F^2 , final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]: $R_1 = 0.0487$, $wR_2 = 0.1733$, R indices (all data): $R_1 = 0.0634$, $wR_2 = 0.1981$, goodness of fit = 0.932. CCDC-1006843 for (2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (**5'g**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

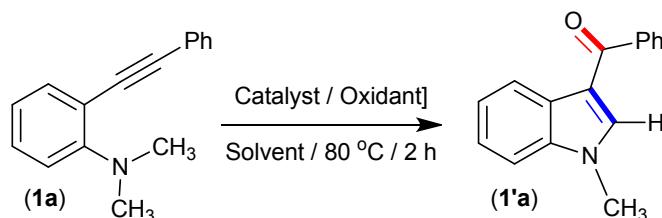


(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (5'g**)**

General procedure for the synthesis of (1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone

(**1'a**): To a solution of *N,N*-dimethyl-2-(phenylethynyl) aniline (**1a**) (55.28 mg, 0.25 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was added TBAI (18.47 mg, 0.05 mmol), followed by TBHP 70 % wt in water (180 μ L, 1.25 mmol) and the resultant mixture was put into a preheated oil bath (80 °C) for 2 h. The resultant reaction mixture was admixed with water (5 mL) and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 20 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified over a column of silica gel and eluted with (9:1 hexane / ethyl acetate to give (1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**1'a**) (43.53 mg, 74 % yield).

Table S1. Screening of Reaction Conditions^{a,b}

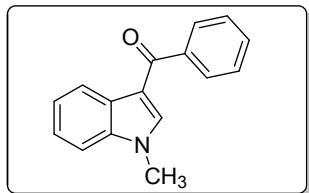


Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Oxidant (equiv)	Solvent	Yield %
1	TBAI (20)	TBHP ^c (3)	DMSO	52
2	TBAI (20)	TBHP ^c (4)	DMSO	59
3	TBAI (20)	TBHP^c (5)	DMSO	74
4	KI (20)	TBHP ^c (5)	DMSO	64
5	I ₂ (20)	TBHP ^c (5)	DMSO	49
6	TBAB (20))	TBHP ^c (5)	DMSO	58
7	TBAI (20)	TBHP ^d (5)	DMSO	69
8	TBAI (20)	DTBP (5)	DMSO	<5
9	TBAI (20)	H ₂ O ₂ ^e (5)	DMSO	22
10	TBAI (20)	TBHP ^c (5)	DMF	62
11	TBAI (20)	TBHP ^c (5)	Toluene	46
12	TBAI (20)	TBHP ^c (5)	1,4-Dioxane	54
13	TBAI (20)	TBHP ^c (5)	DCE	37
14	TBAI (15)	TBHP ^c (5)	DMSO	56
15	TBAI (20)		DMSO	0
16		TBHP ^c (5)	TBHP ^c (5)	0

^aReaction conditions: *N,N*-dimethyl-2-(phenylethynyl) aniline (**1a**) (0.25 mmol), time 2 h, temperature 80 °C. ^bIsolated yield. ^c70% aqueous solution. ^dDecane solution (5-6 M). ^e50% aqueous solution.

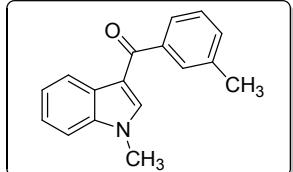
Spectral Data

(1-Methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (1'a):



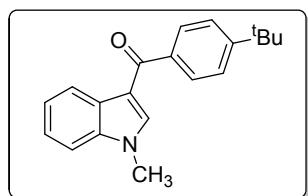
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 3.79 (s, 3H), 7.32–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.46 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.52 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.79 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 8.41–8.43 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 33.7, 109.8, 115.7, 122.8, 122.9, 123.8, 127.4, 128.4, 128.8, 131.2, 137.7, 138.1, 141.1, 191.0; IR (KBr): 2923, 2851, 1621, 1575, 1524, 1465, 1368, 1233, 1155, 1124, 1070, 872, 746, 716 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃NO (MH⁺) 236.1070; found 236.1077.

(1-Methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(m-tolyl)methanone (1'b):



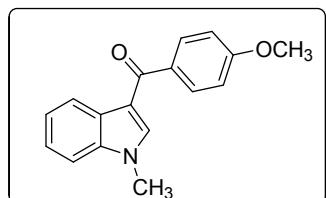
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 7.32–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.57–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 8.40–8.41 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 21.6, 33.7, 109.8, 116.0, 122.9, 123.0, 123.8, 126.1, 127.4, 128.2, 129.4, 132.0, 137.8, 138.0, 138.3, 141.2, 191.3; IR (KBr): 2950, 2924, 2857, 1617, 1587, 1521, 1465, 1367, 1268, 1241, 1202, 1120, 1070, 751 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅NO (MH⁺) 250.1226; found 250.1232.

(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'c):



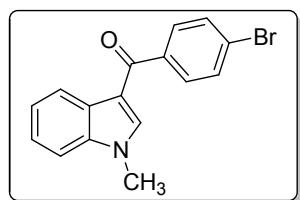
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 1.36 (s, 9H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 7.32–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.42–8.44 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 31.5, 33.7, 35.2, 109.7, 115.9, 122.8, 123.0, 123.8, 125.4, 127.5, 128.9, 137.7, 137.9, 138.4, 154.8, 190.8; IR (KBr): 2963, 1689, 1612, 1524, 1464, 1367, 1268, 1235, 1185, 1125, 881, 745, 709 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁NO (MH⁺) 292.1696; found 292.1693.

(4-Methoxyphenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'd):



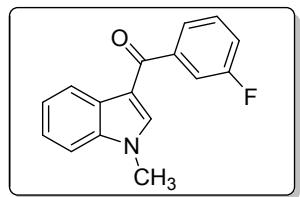
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.29–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 8.35–8.37 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 33.6, 55.6, 109.7, 113.7, 115.8, 122.6, 122.8, 123.6, 127.5, 131.0, 133.6, 137.3, 137.6, 162.3, 189.9; IR (KBr): 3042, 2917, 1614, 1599, 1567, 1528, 1505, 1461, 1371, 1252, 1234, 1169, 1151, 1122, 1023, 878, 845, 748 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅NO₂ (MH⁺) 266.1176; found 266.1172.

(4-Bromophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'e):



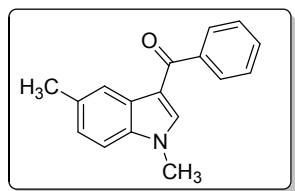
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 3.79 (s, 3H), 7.31–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.64 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.36–8.38 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 33.7, 109.9, 115.4, 122.7, 123.0, 123.9, 125.8, 127.2, 130.4, 131.6, 137.7, 137.9, 139.7, 189.6; IR (KBr): 3081, 2925, 1624, 1582, 1520, 1459, 1395, 1370, 1266, 1233, 1155, 1125, 1070, 1034, 1003, 877, 840, 772, 751 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂BrNO (MH⁺) 314.0175; found 314.0184.

(3-Fluorophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'f):



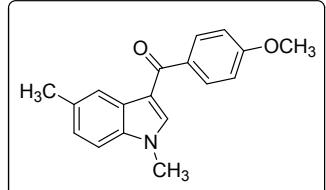
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 3.85 (s, 3H), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.43–7.47 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 8.40–8.42 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 33.8, 109.9, 115.5, 115.7, 115.8, 118.1, 118.2, 122.9, 123.1, 124.1, 124.5, 127.3, 130.1, 130.2, 137.8, 138.1, 143.17, 143.21, 161.9, 163.6, 189.3; IR (KBr): 3050, 2923, 1621, 1578, 1522, 1468, 1426, 1395, 1369, 1266, 1244, 1024, 1152, 1126, 1113, 1080, 833, 828, 769, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂FNO (MH⁺) 254.0976; found 254.0980.

(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (2'a):



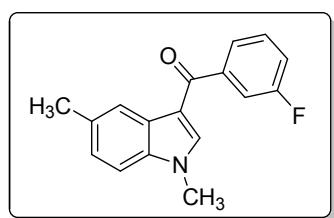
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(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (2'd):



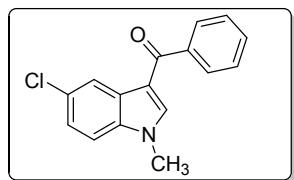
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 6.98 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.25–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.21 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 21.8, 33.7, 55.6, 109.4, 113.7, 115.5, 122.6, 125.3, 127.8, 131.0, 132.4, 133.9, 136.1, 137.4, 162.3, 190.0; IR (KBr): 2956, 2923, 1614, 1596, 1523, 1508, 1451, 1363, 1304, 1254, 1163, 1116, 1060, 1021, 910, 844, 775 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂ (MH⁺) 280.1332; found 280.1335.

(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(3-fluorophenyl)methanone (2'f):



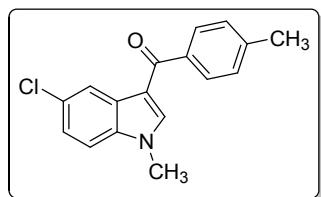
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 2.52 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 7.19 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.22–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.43–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 8.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 21.7, 33.8, 109.6, 115.0, 115.6, 115.8, 118.0, 118.1, 122.6, 124.5, 125.6, 127.5, 130.09, 130.14, 132.9, 136.2, 138.2, 143.3, 143.4, 161.9, 163.6, 189.3; IR (KBr): 2922, 1624, 1581, 1523, 1482, 1452, 1428, 1364, 1269, 1244, 1206, 1149, 1116, 1065, 1032, 941, 893, 809, 792, 765, 739 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄FNO (MH⁺) 268.1132; found 268.1137.

(5-Chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3'a):



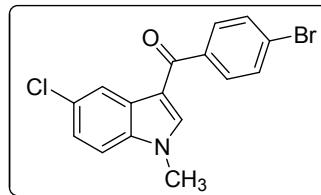
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 3.82 (s, 3H), 7.24–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.78 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 8.43 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 33.9, 110.9, 115.3, 122.4, 124.2, 128.4, 128.5, 128.8, 128.9, 131.5, 136.1, 138.8, 140.7, 190.7; IR (KBr): 3050, 2928, 1610, 1598, 1575, 1528, 1470, 1449, 1362, 1235, 1179, 1082, 1023, 891, 812, 717, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ClNO (MH⁺) 270.0680; found 270.0678.

(5-Chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3'g):



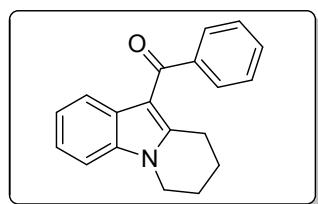
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(4-Bromophenyl)(5-chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (3'e):



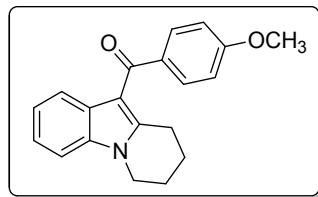
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 7.66 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.39 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 34.0, 110.9, 115.1, 122.4, 124.4, 126.2, 128.3, 129.2, 130.4, 131.8, 136.2, 138.5, 139.4, 189.3; IR (KBr): 3056, 2924, 1605, 1586, 1525, 1470, 1364, 1234, 1085, 1033, 1010, 892, 842, 811, 765, 741 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁BrClNO (MH⁺) 347.9785; found 347.9782.

Phenyl(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'a):



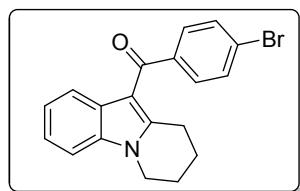
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 1.87–1.92 (m, 2H), 2.09–2.13 (m, 2H), 3.15(t, 2H, *J*= 6.6 Hz), 4.11 (t, 2H, *J*= 6.6 Hz), 7.07 (t, 1H, *J*= 6.6 Hz), 7.18 (t, 1H, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 7.28–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, 2H, *J*= 7.8 Hz), 7.51 (t, 1H, *J*= 7.8 Hz), 7.71 (d, 2H, *J*= 7.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 20.4, 22.7, 25.4, 42.8, 109.2, 112.3, 121.1, 121.9, 122.1, 127.2, 128.4, 128.8, 131.2, 136.3, 142.1, 146.5, 192.6; IR (KBr): 3055, 2928, 1617, 1511, 1487, 1472, 1456, 1437, 1419, 1374, 1315, 1225, 1160, 1057, 929, 880, 740, 731 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇NO (MH⁺) 276.1383; found 276.1385.

(4-Methoxyphenyl)(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'd):



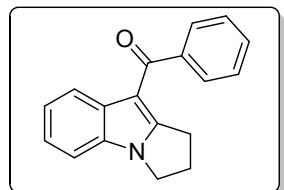
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 1.87–1.91 (m, 2H), 2.09–2.13 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t, 2H, *J*= 6.6 Hz), 3.87 (s, 3H), 4.10 (t, 2H, *J*= 6.6 Hz), 6.92 (d, 2H, *J*= 9.0 Hz), 7.08 (t, 1H, *J*= 7.8 Hz), 7.17 (t, 1H, *J*= 7.8 Hz), 7.28 (d, 1H, *J*= 7.8 Hz), 7.36 (d, 1H, *J*= 8.4 Hz), 7.75 (d, 2H, *J*= 8.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 20.5, 22.8, 25.3, 42.7, 55.6, 109.2, 112.4, 113.5, 121.1, 121.7, 121.8, 127.3, 131.4, 134.4, 136.2, 145.7, 162.5, 191.5; IR (KBr): 2926, 1601, 1510, 1557, 1422, 1373, 1318, 1252, 1230, 1161, 1059, 933, 928, 884, 840, 779, 746 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉NO₂ (MH⁺) 306.1489; found 306.1493.

(4-Bromophenyl)(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'e):



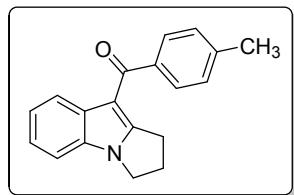
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(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(phenyl)methanone (5'a):



¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 2.56 (quin, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.87 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.12 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.21–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.69 (m, 2H), 8.03–8.05 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 26.9, 27.1, 44.6, 109.5, 109.9, 122.4, 122.5, 128.1, 128.3, 130.8, 131.5, 133.3, 142.0, 153.6, 191.9; IR (KBr): 3049, 2928, 1608, 1570, 1508, 1451, 1437, 1420, 1384, 1304, 1215, 1043, 1009, 960, 927, 841, 746 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅NO (MH⁺) 262.1226; found 262.1221.

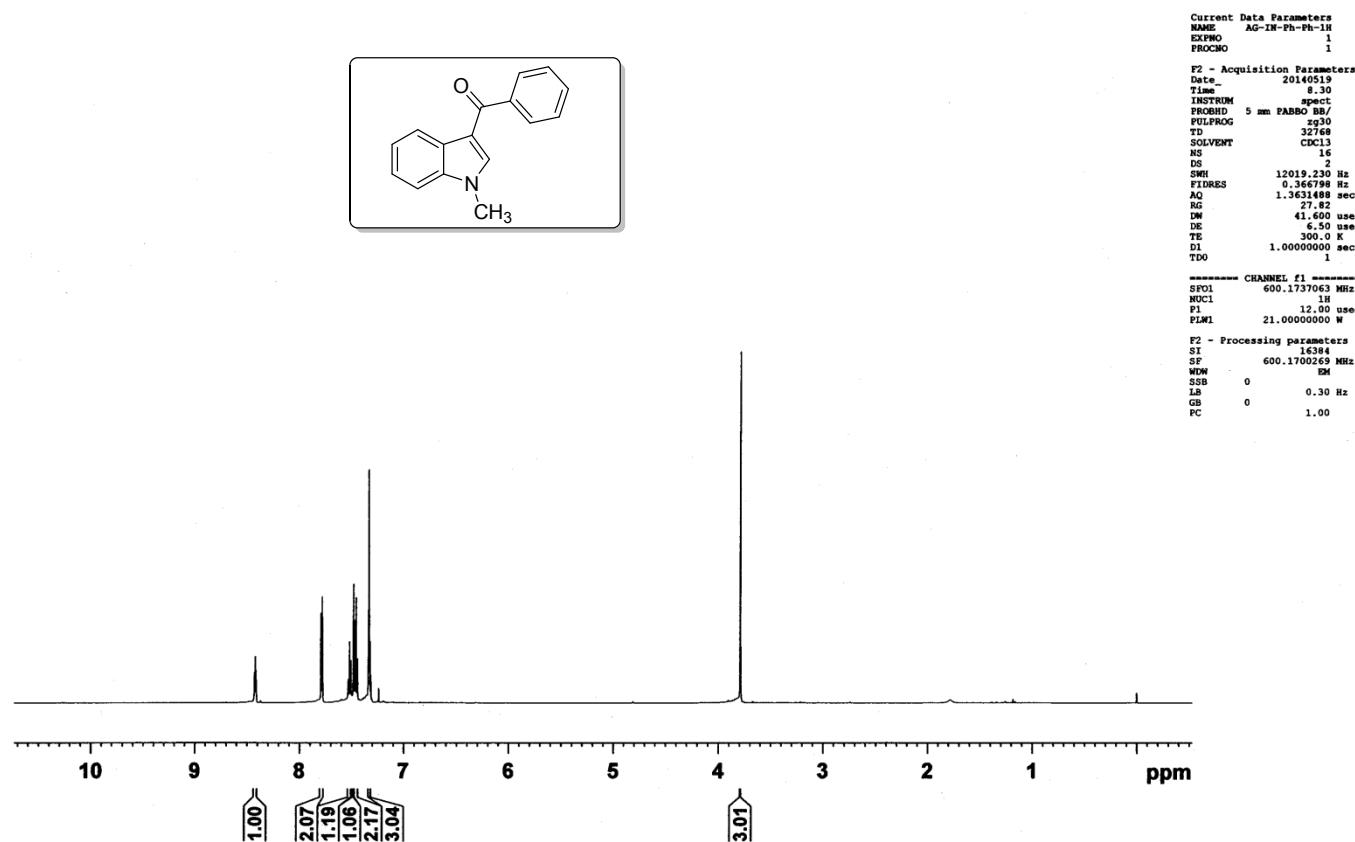
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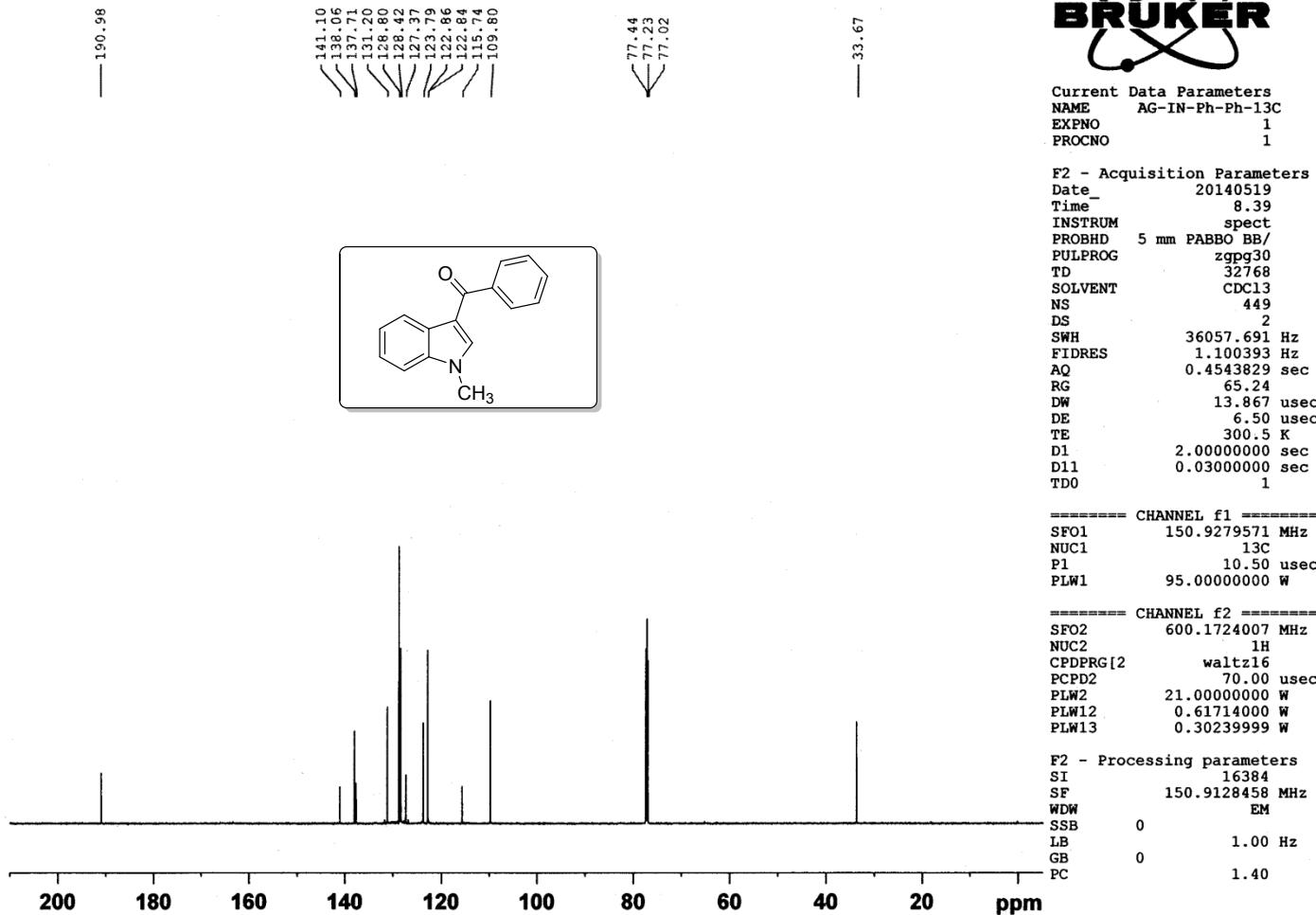
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SPECTRA

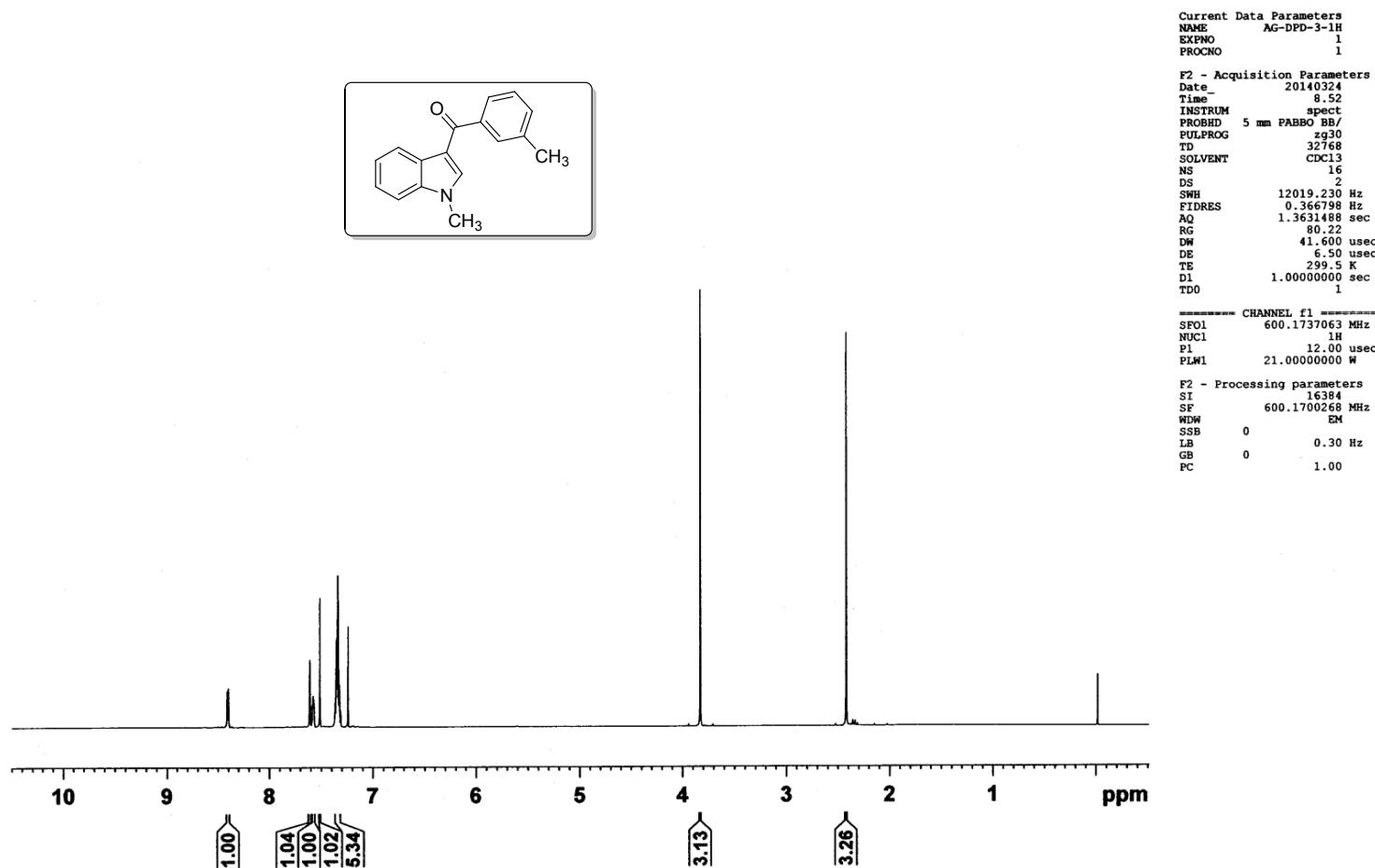
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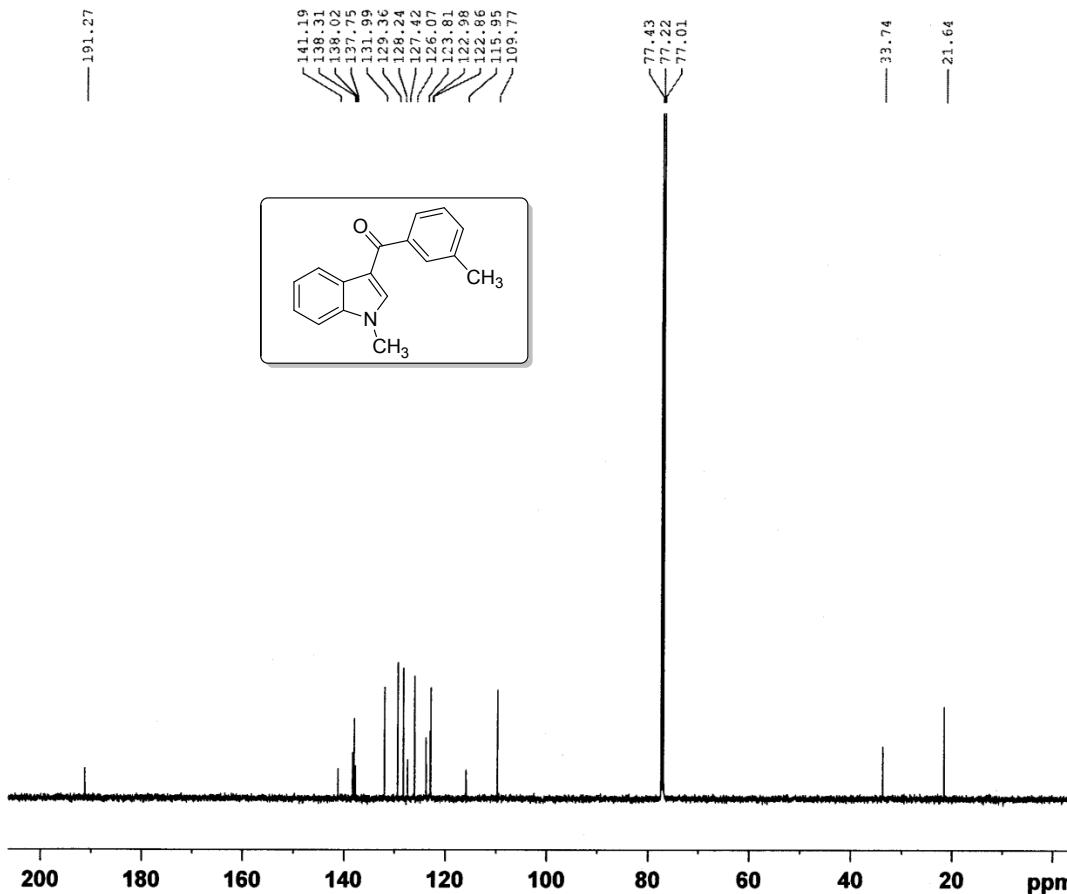
(1-Methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**1'a**): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



(1-Methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(m-tolyl)methanone (1'b): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(1-Methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(m-tolyl)methanone (1'b): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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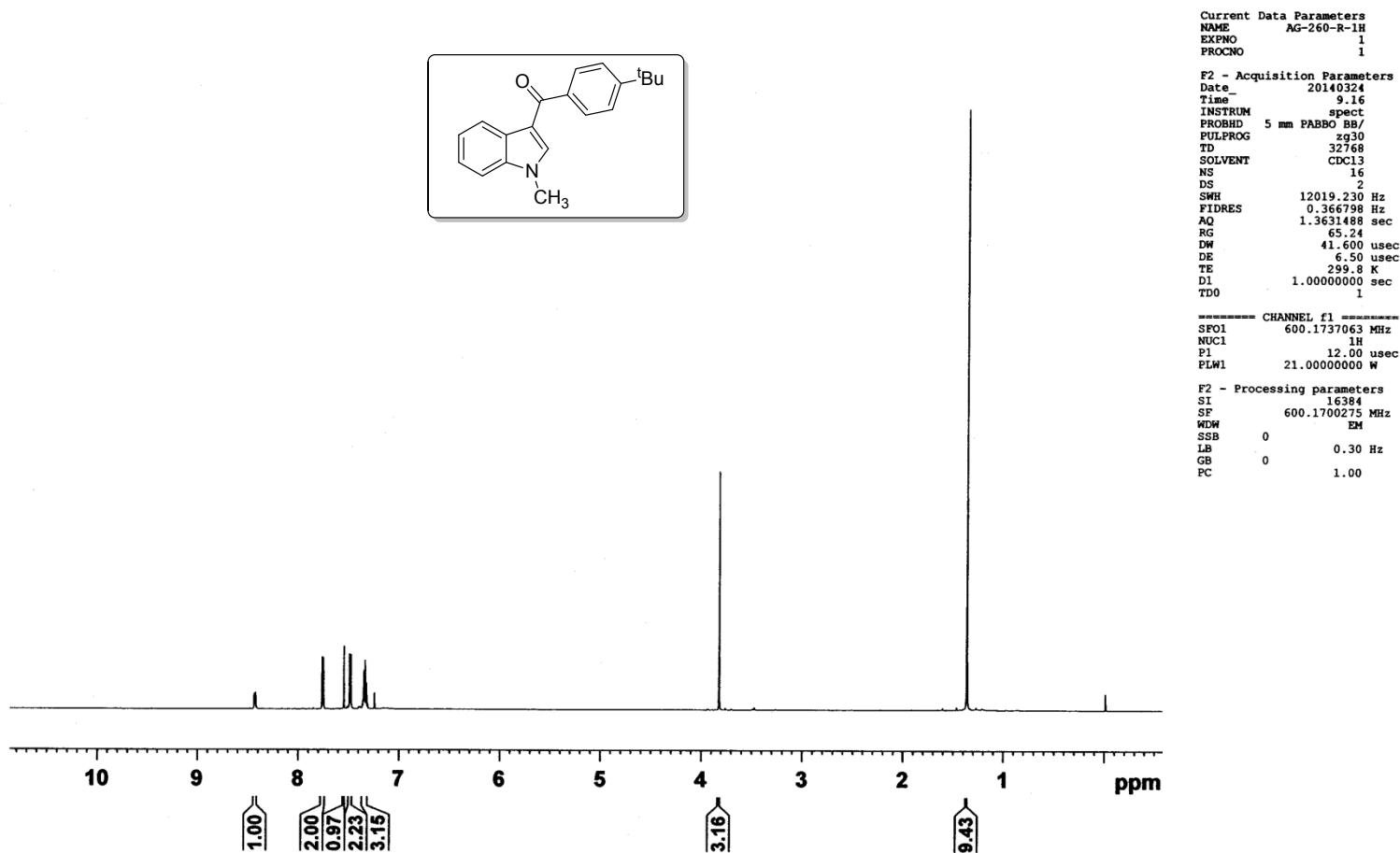
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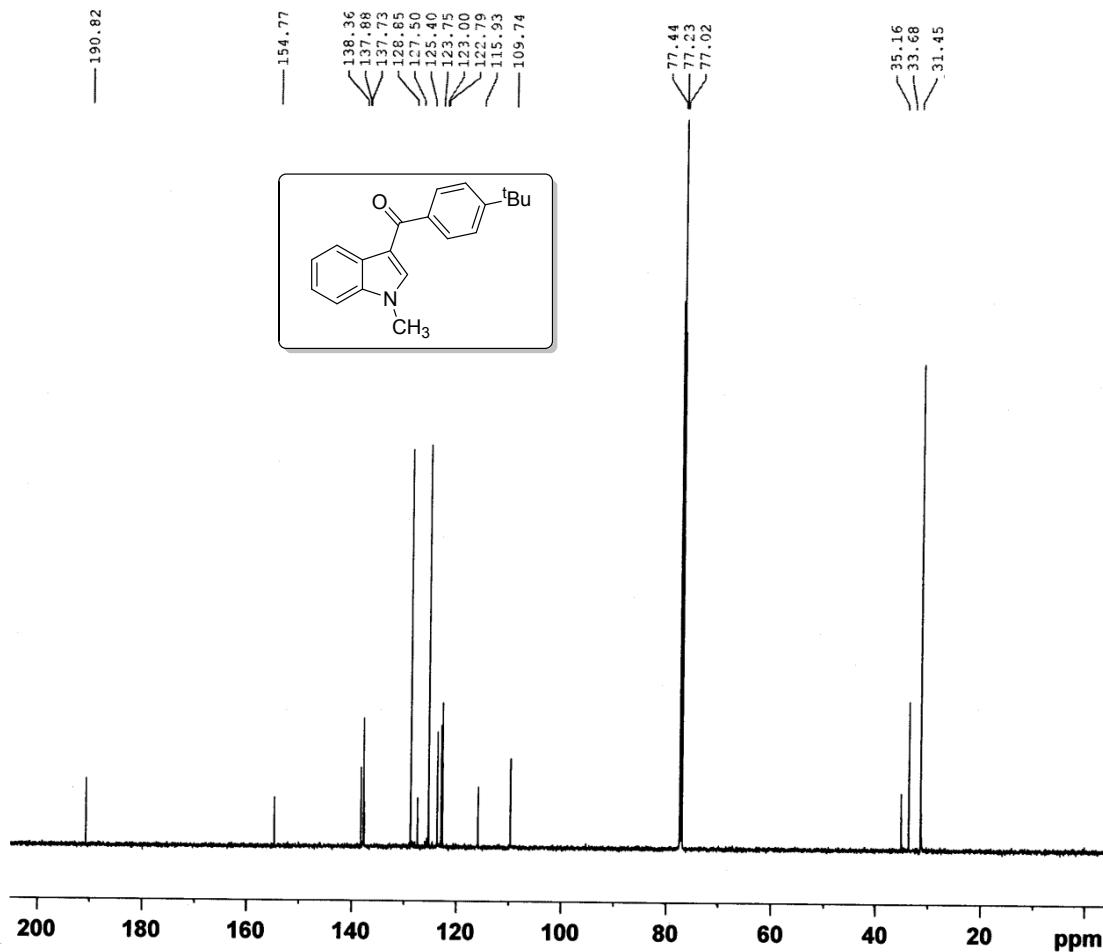
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F2 - Processing parameters
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LB 1.00 Hz
GB 0
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(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (**1'c**): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'c): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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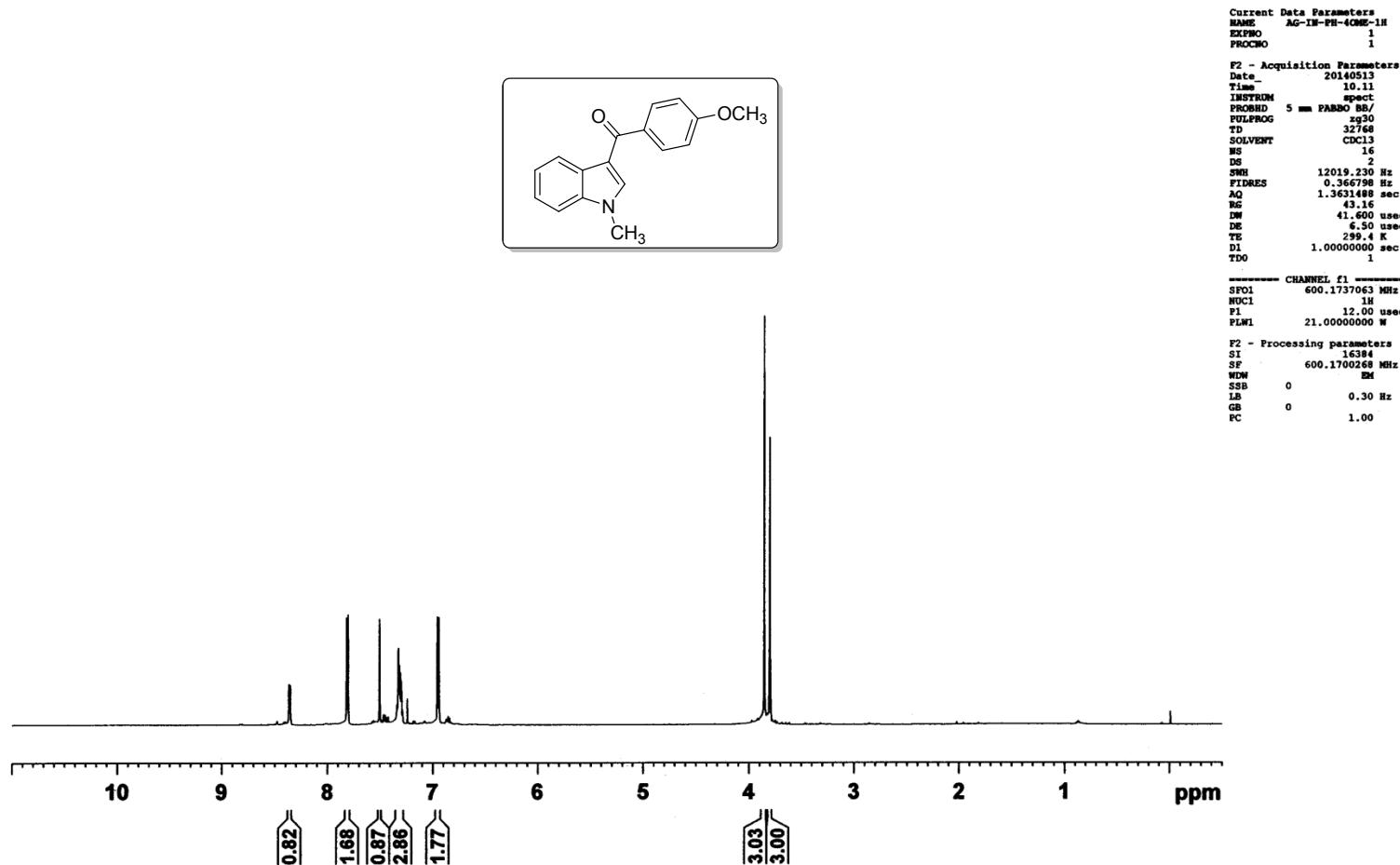
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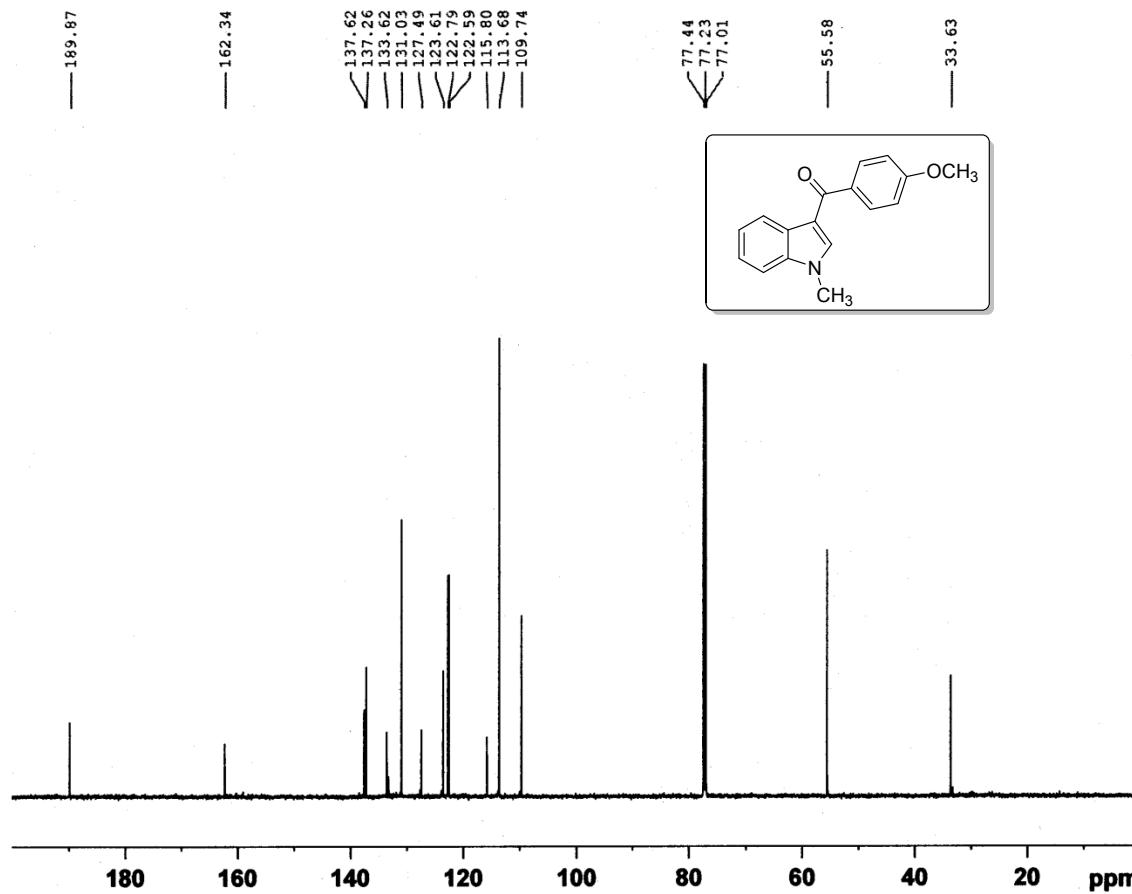
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(4-Methoxyphenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'd): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'd): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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PROCNO 1

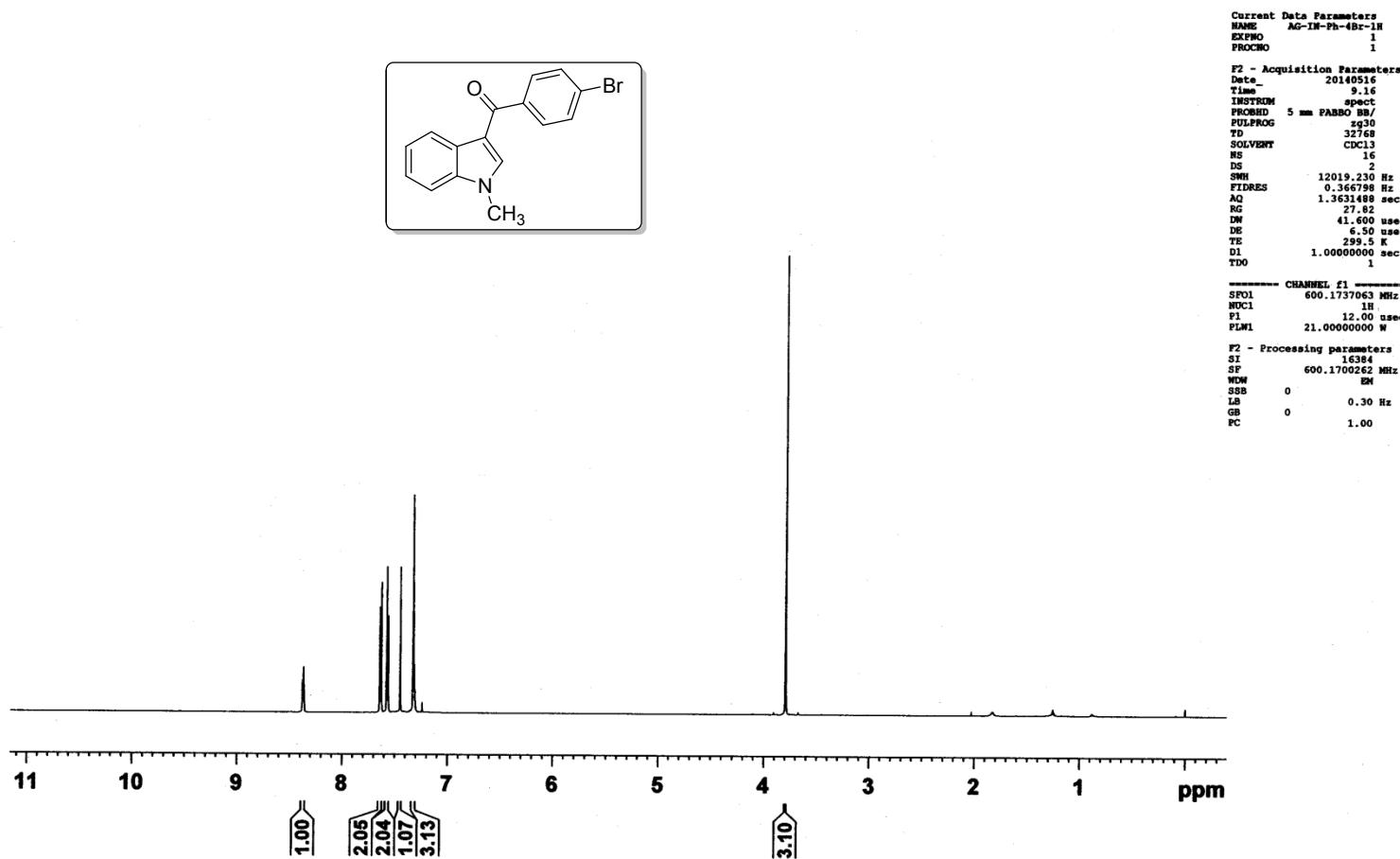
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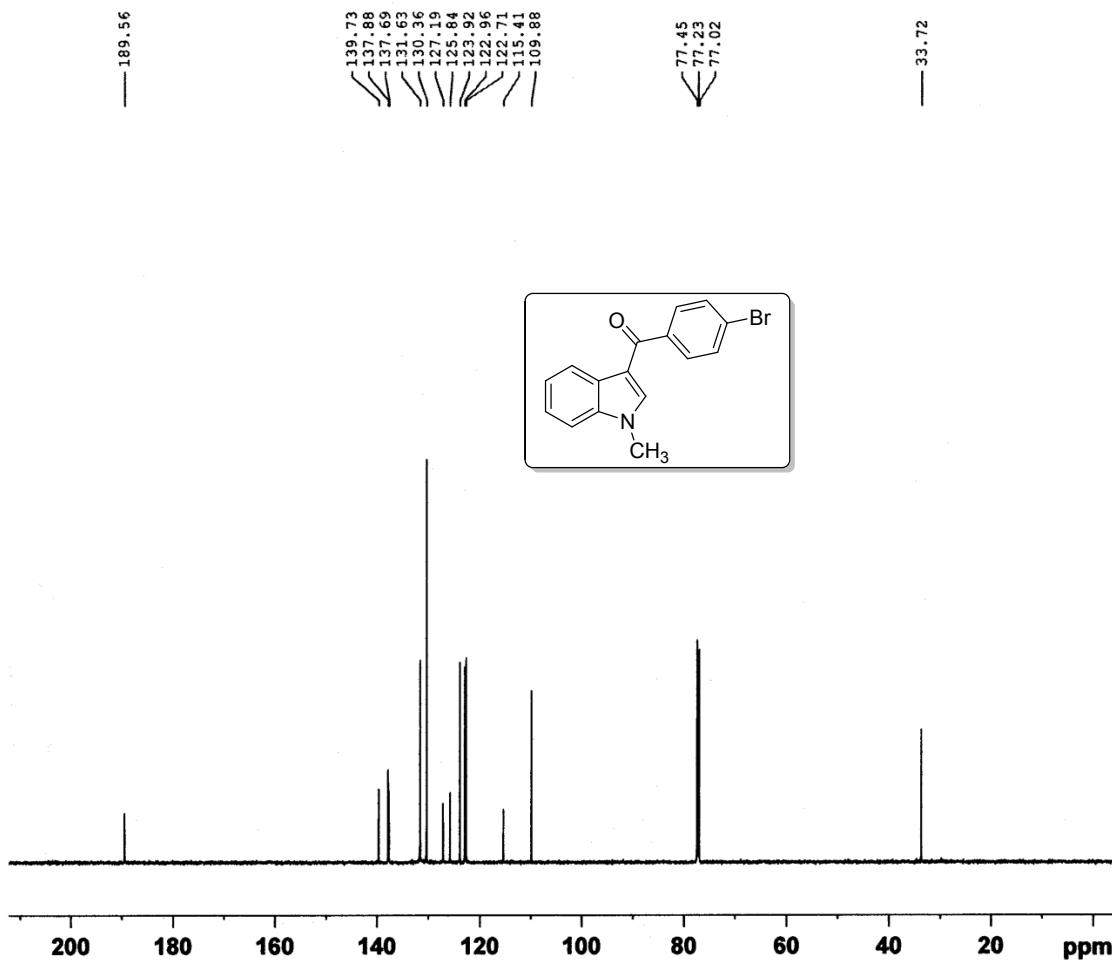
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(4-Bromophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'e): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(4-Bromophenyl)(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)methanone (1'e): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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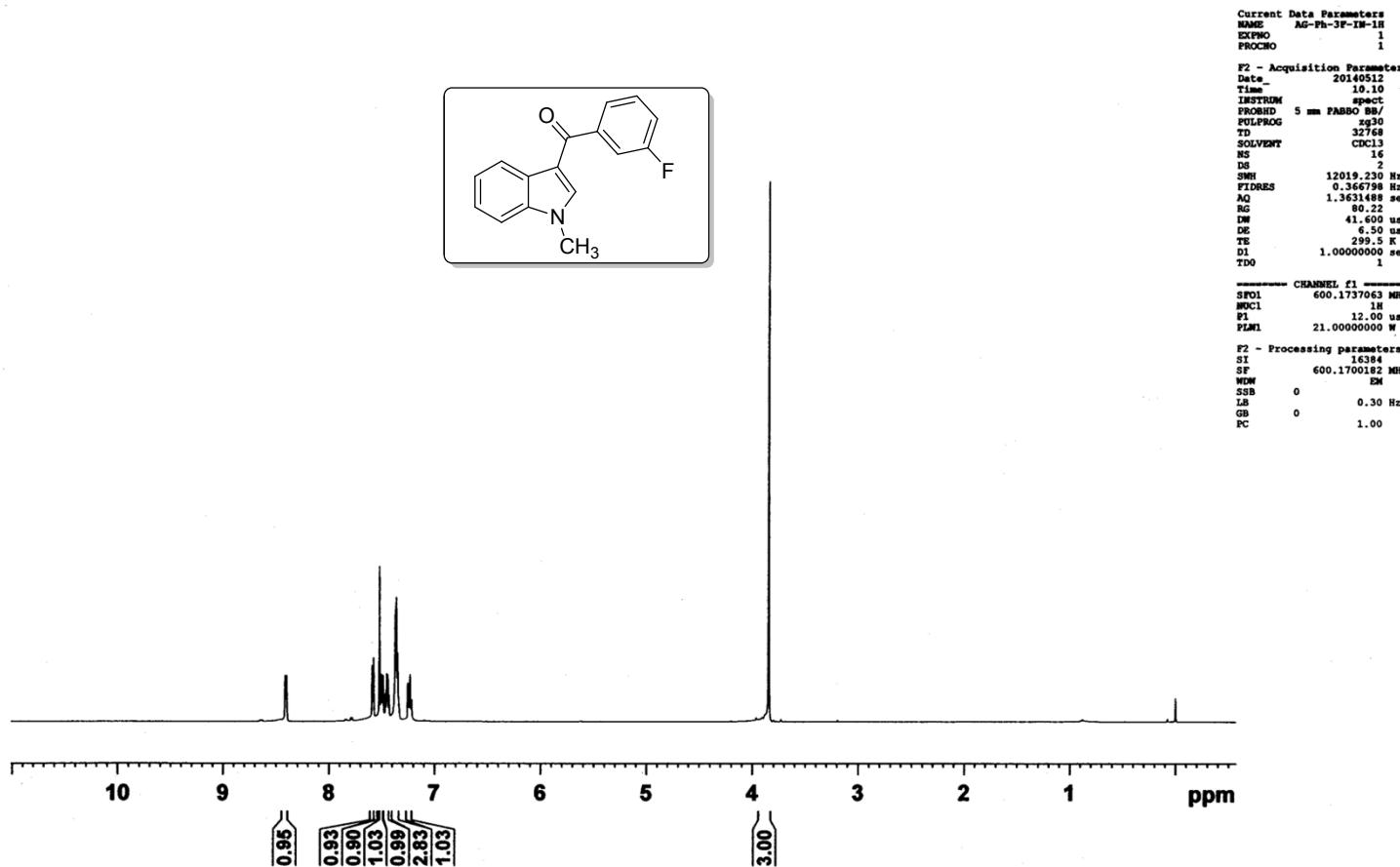
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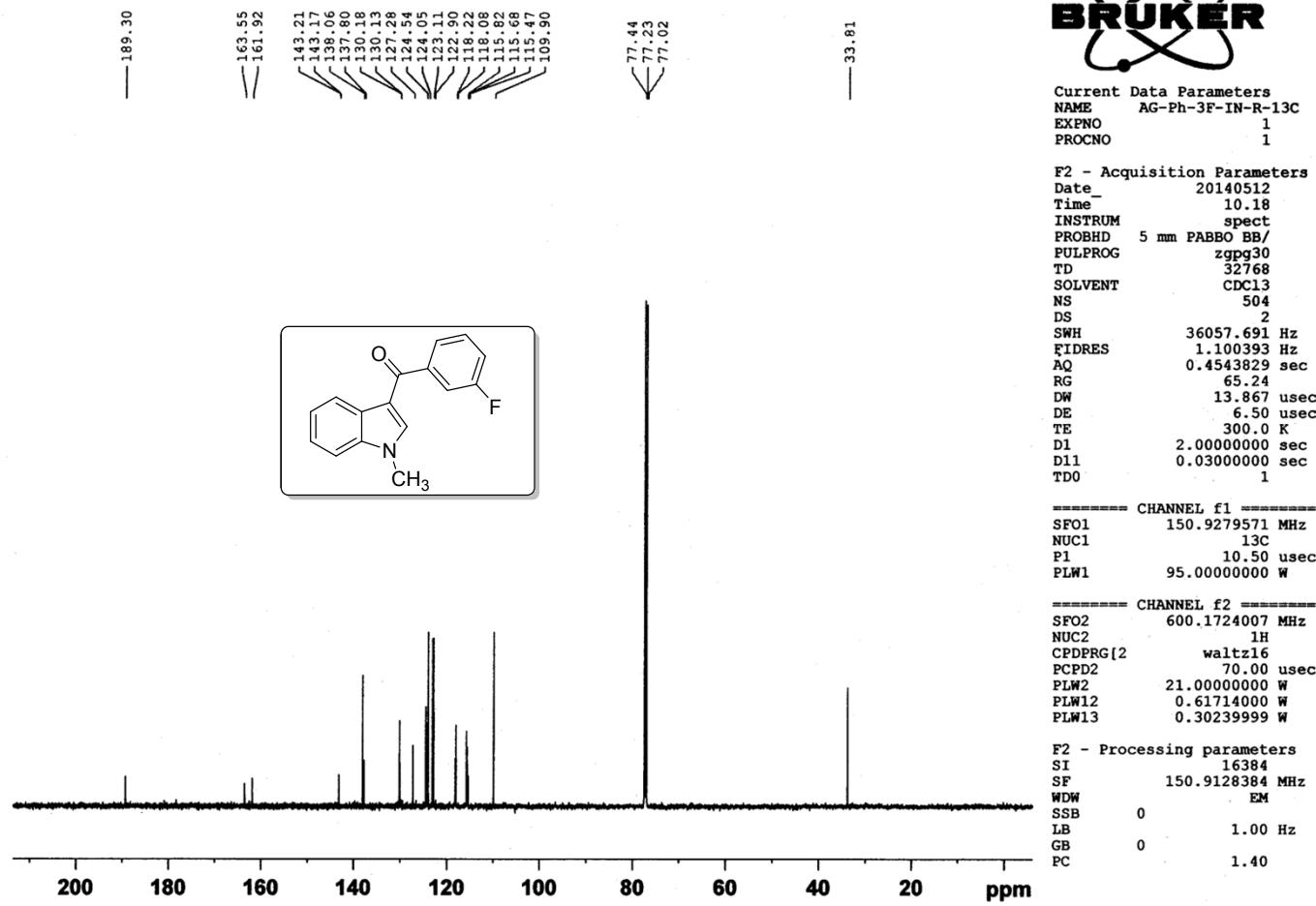
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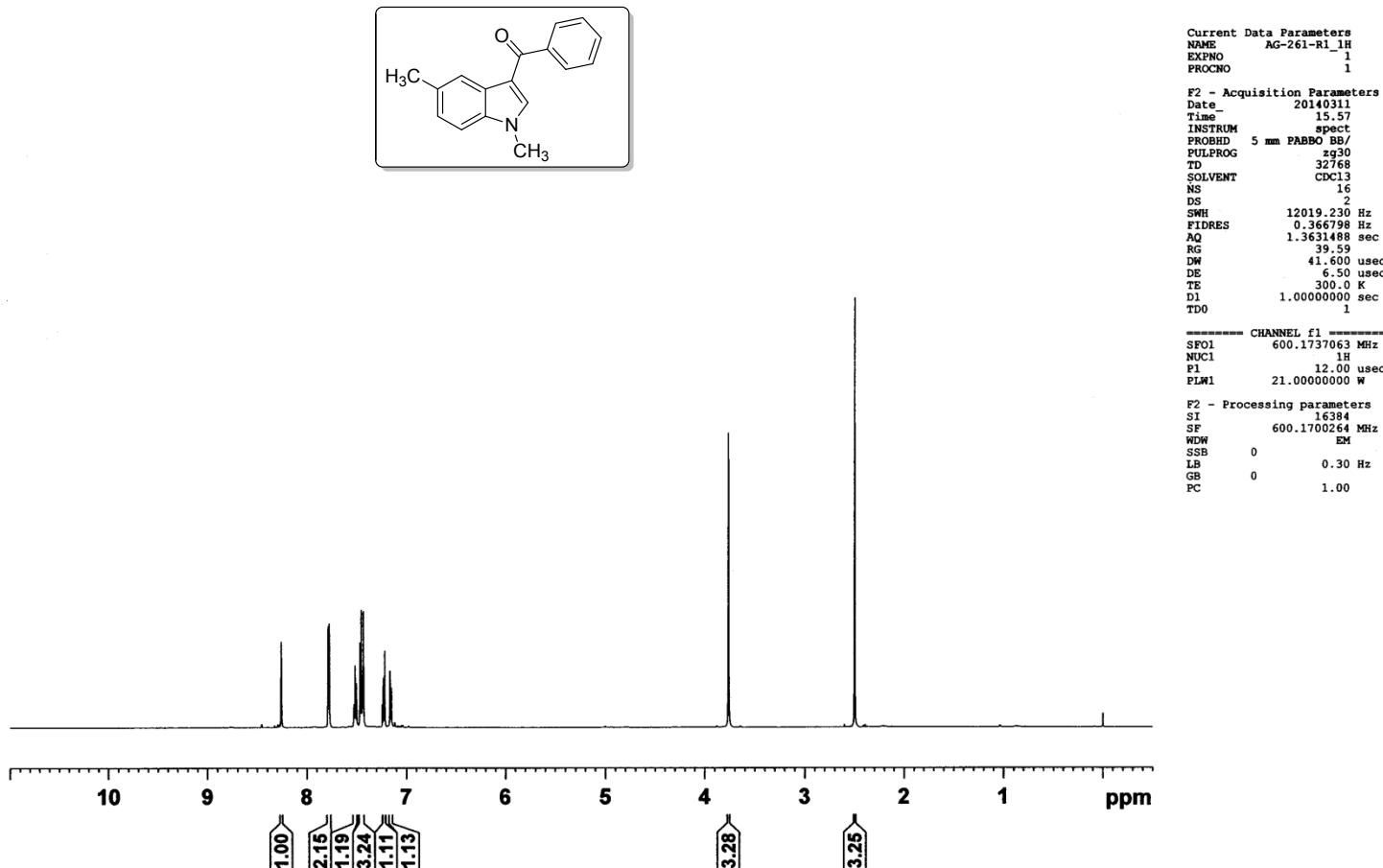
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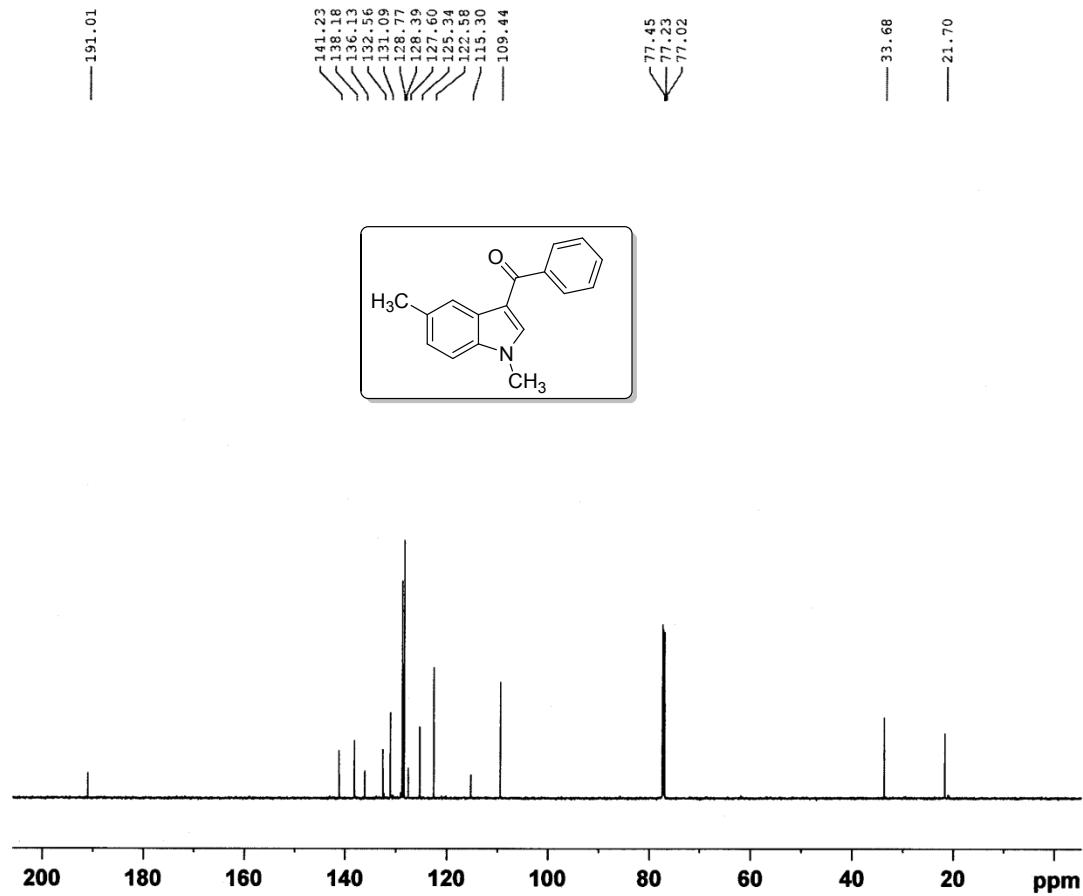
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(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (2'a): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (2'a): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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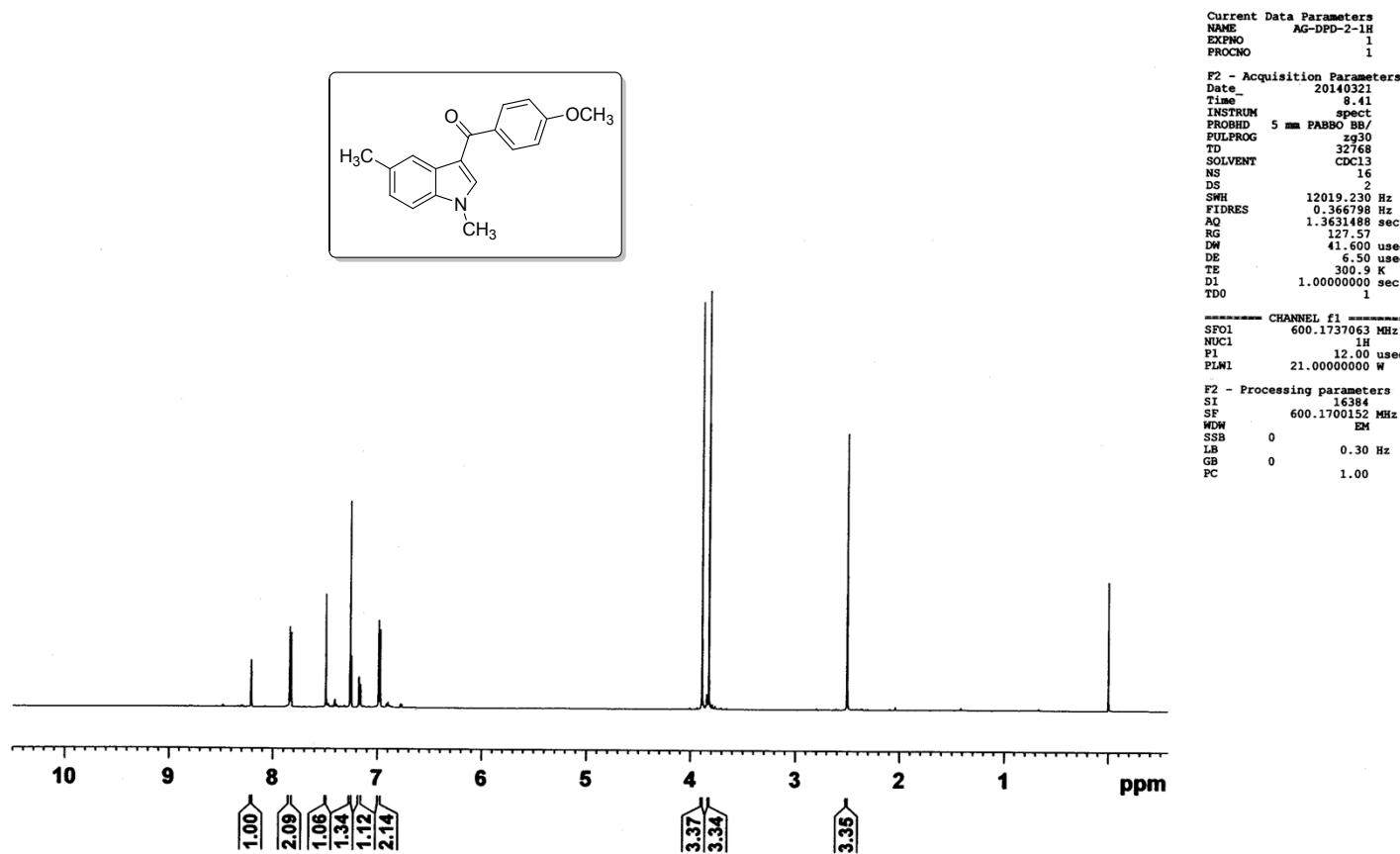
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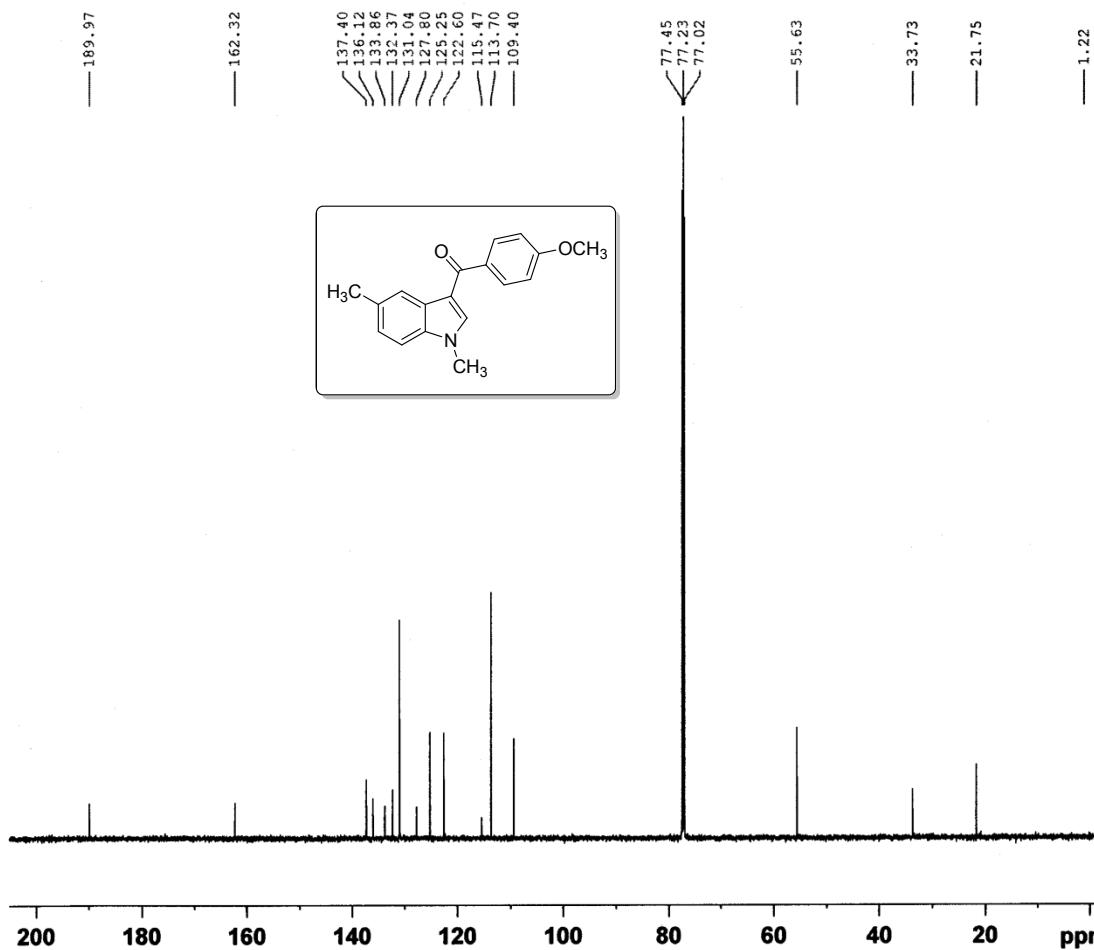
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(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (2'd): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(1,5-Dimethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (2'd): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



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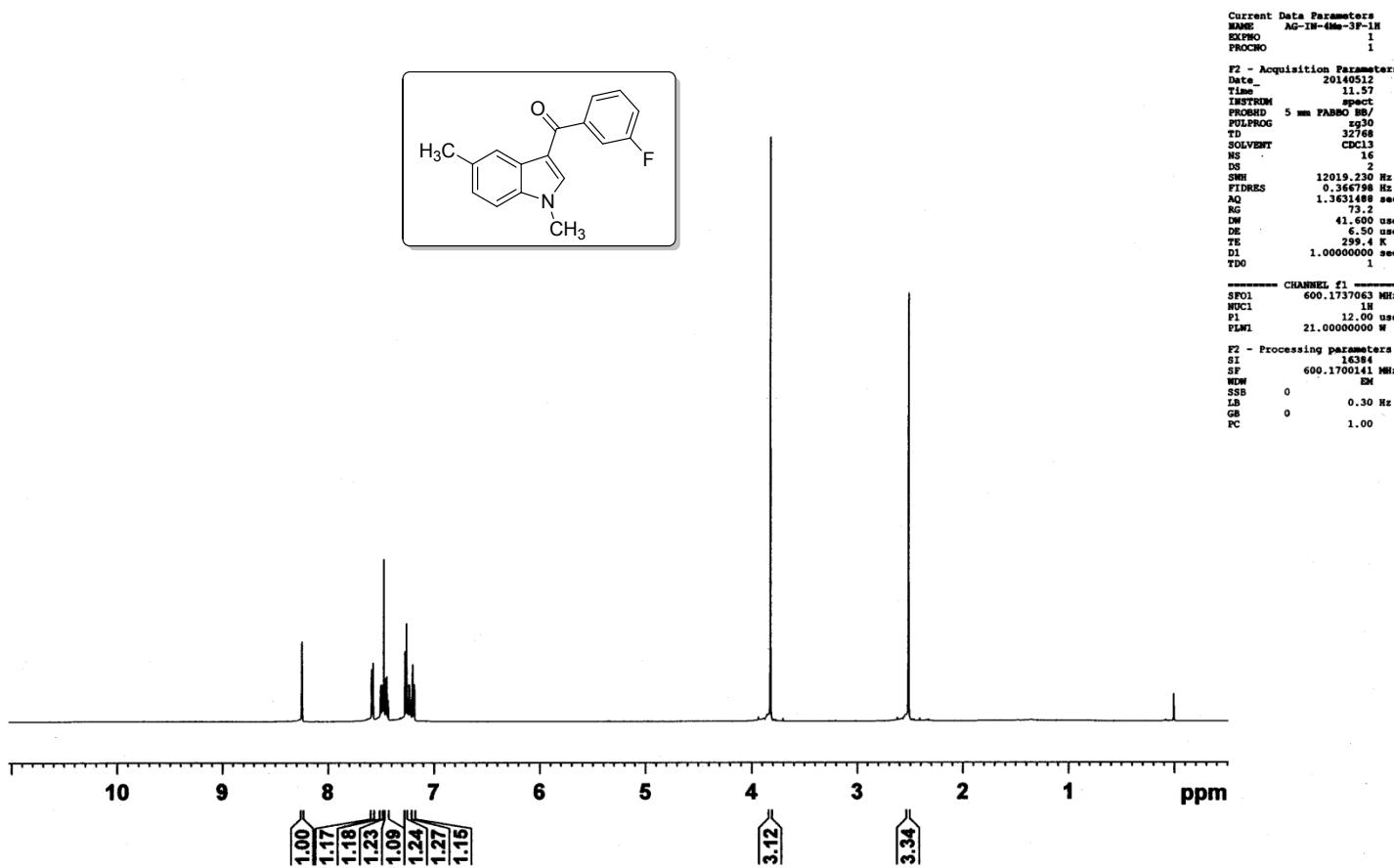
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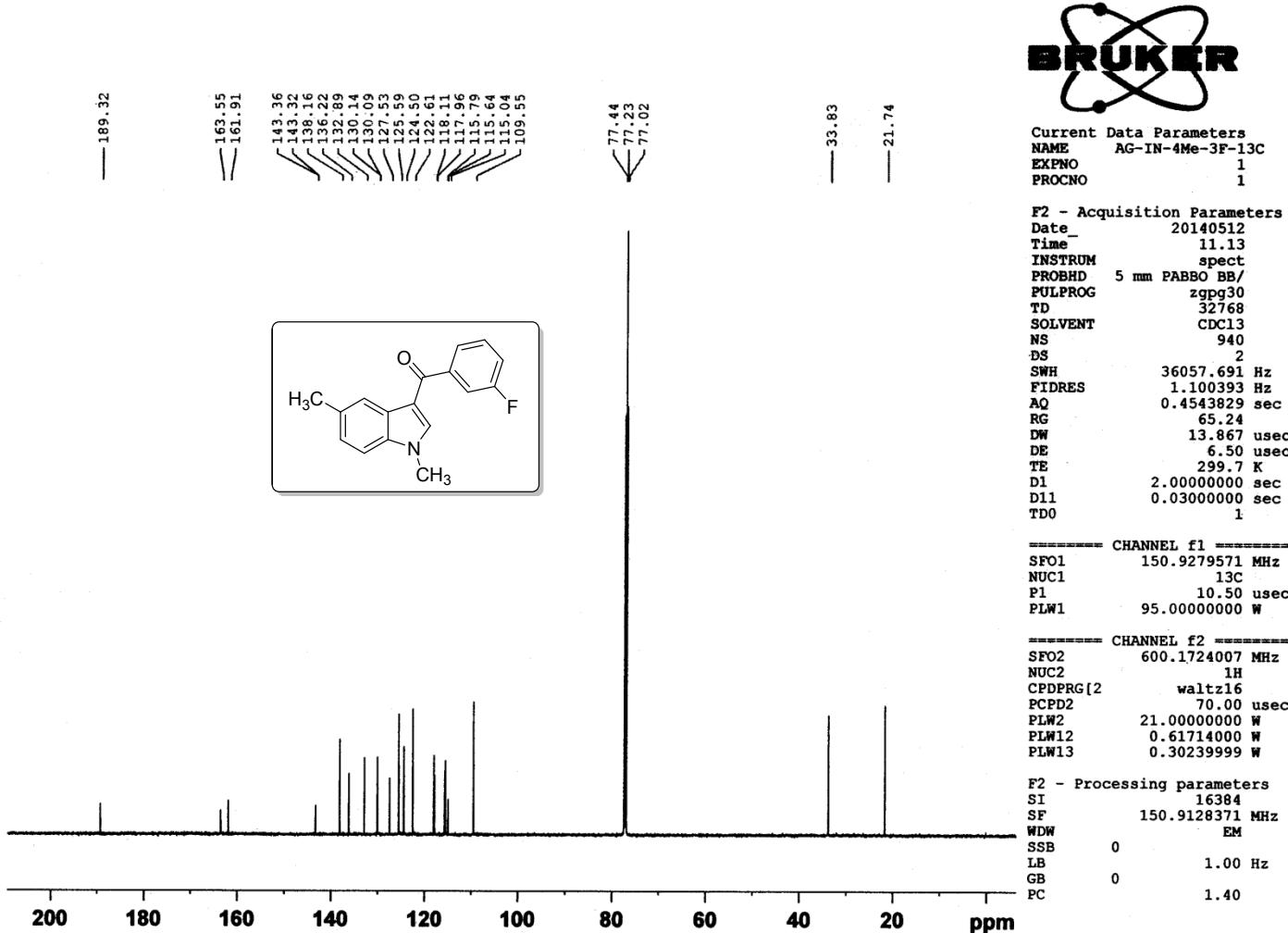
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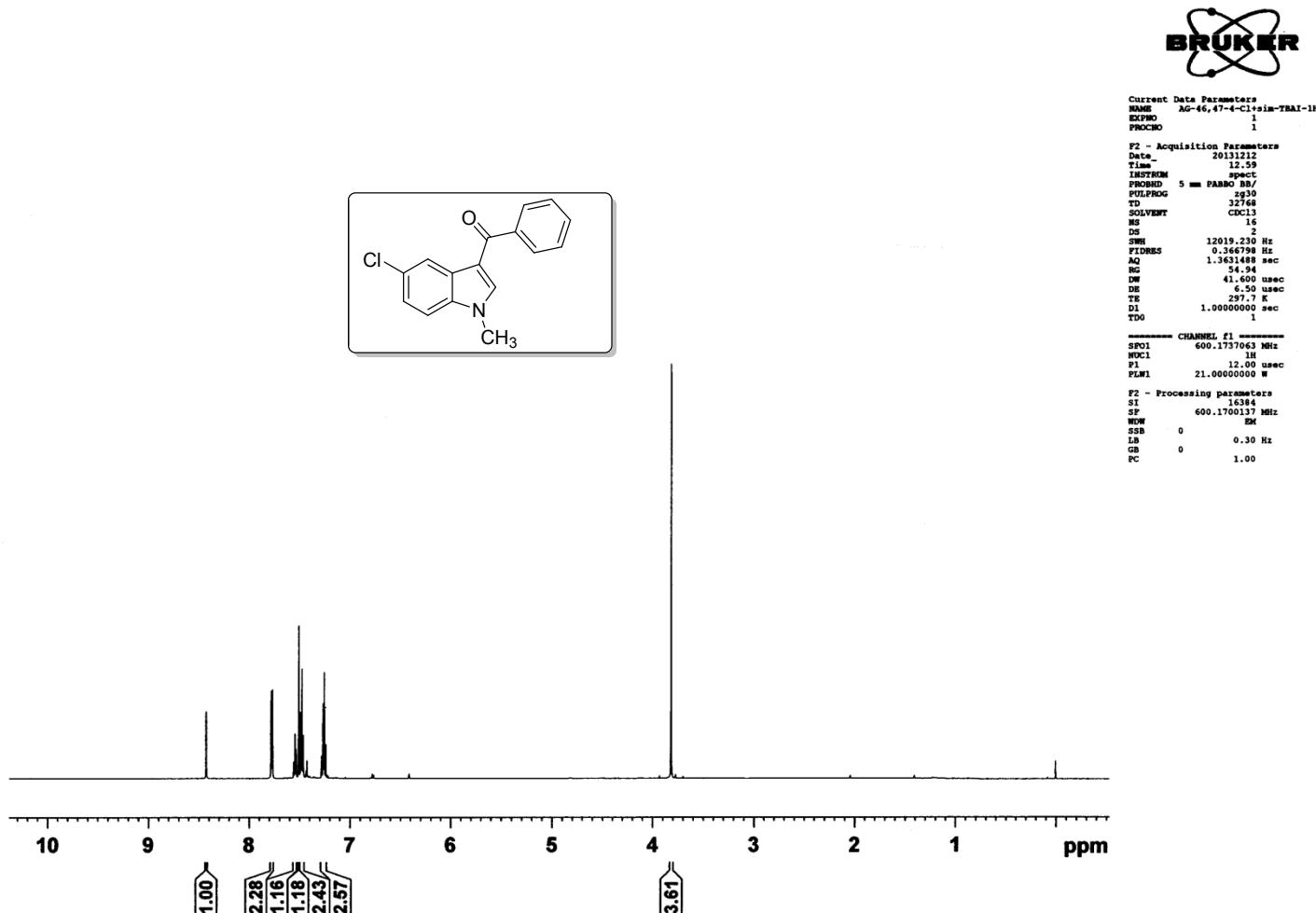
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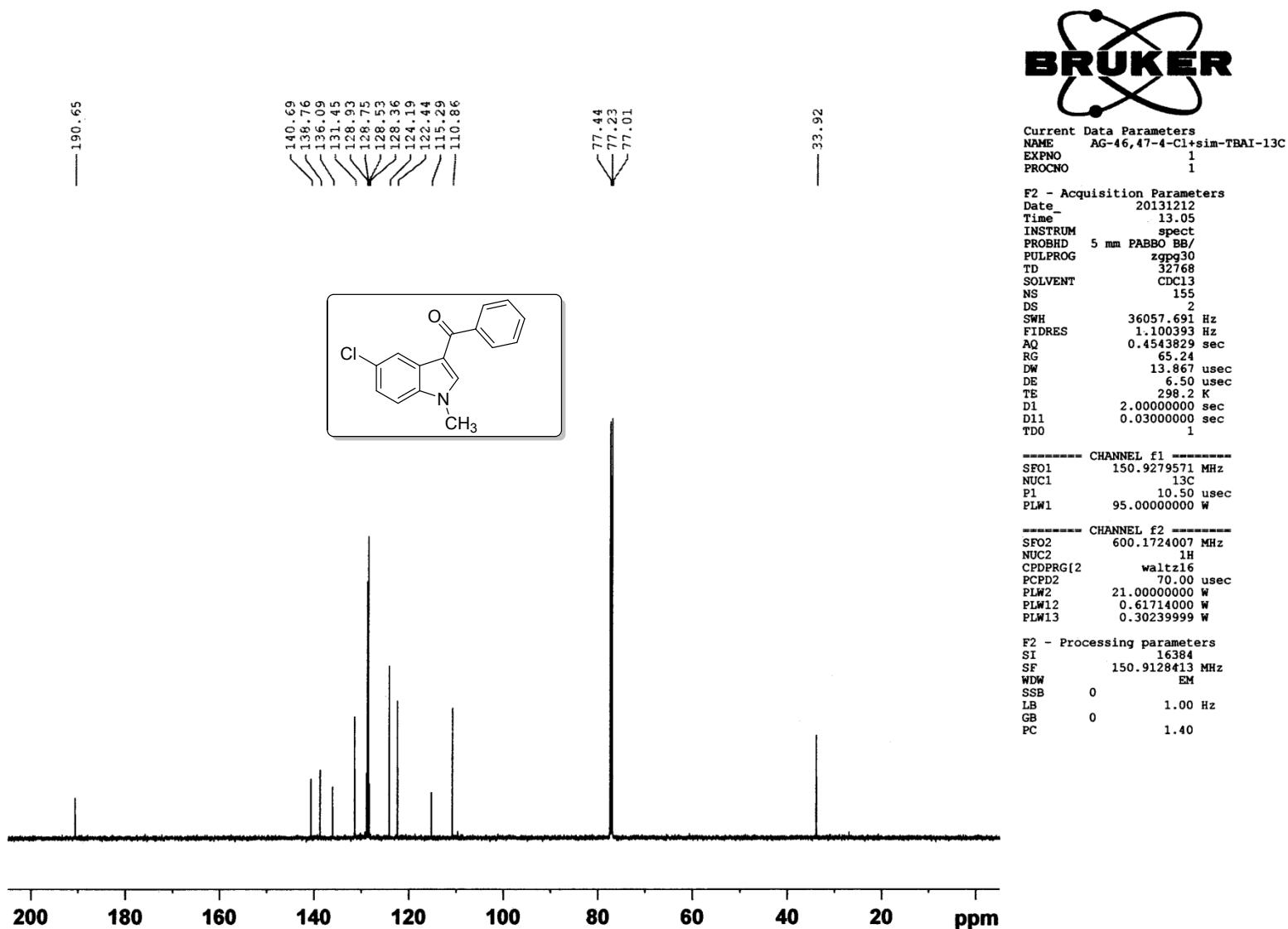
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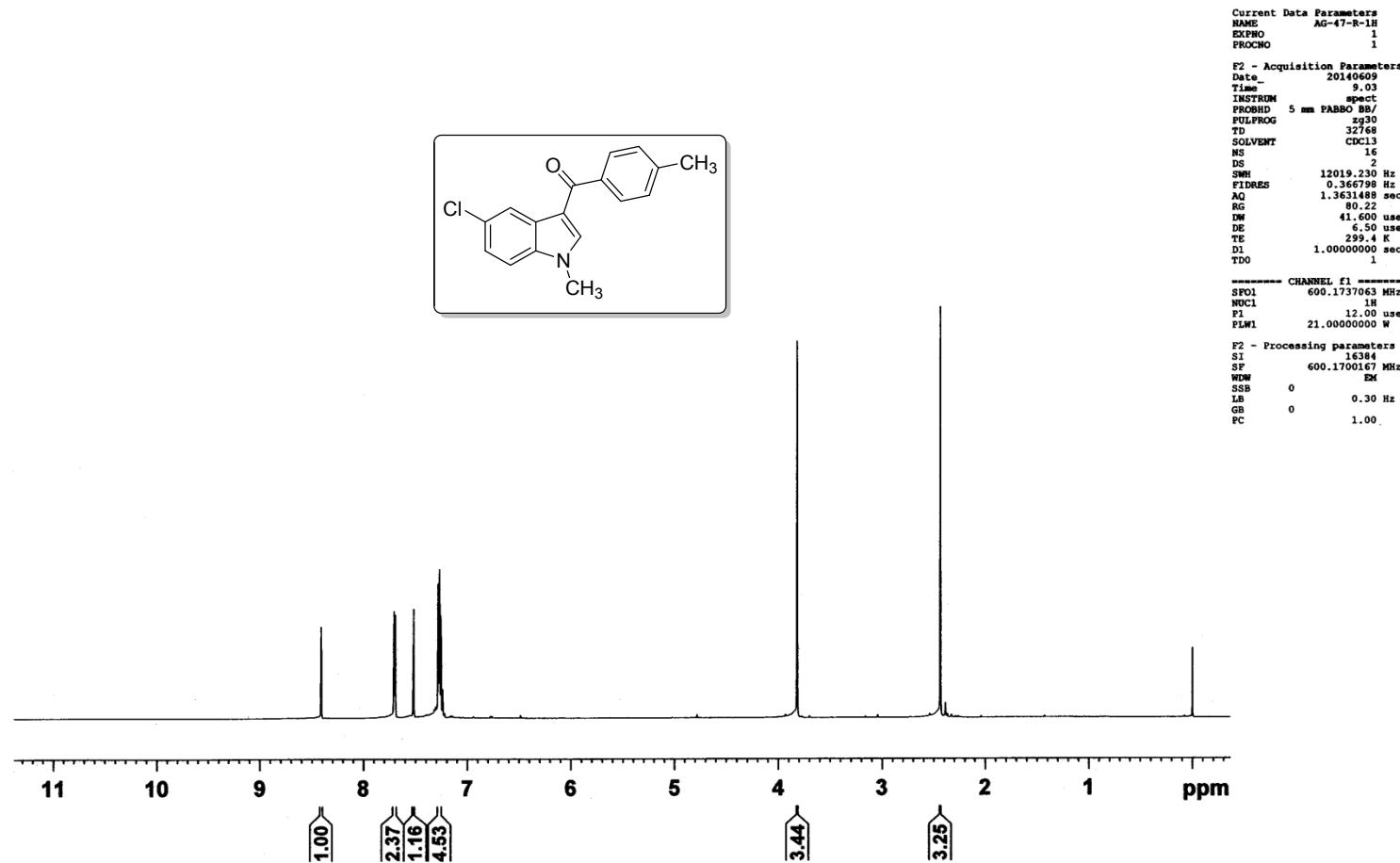
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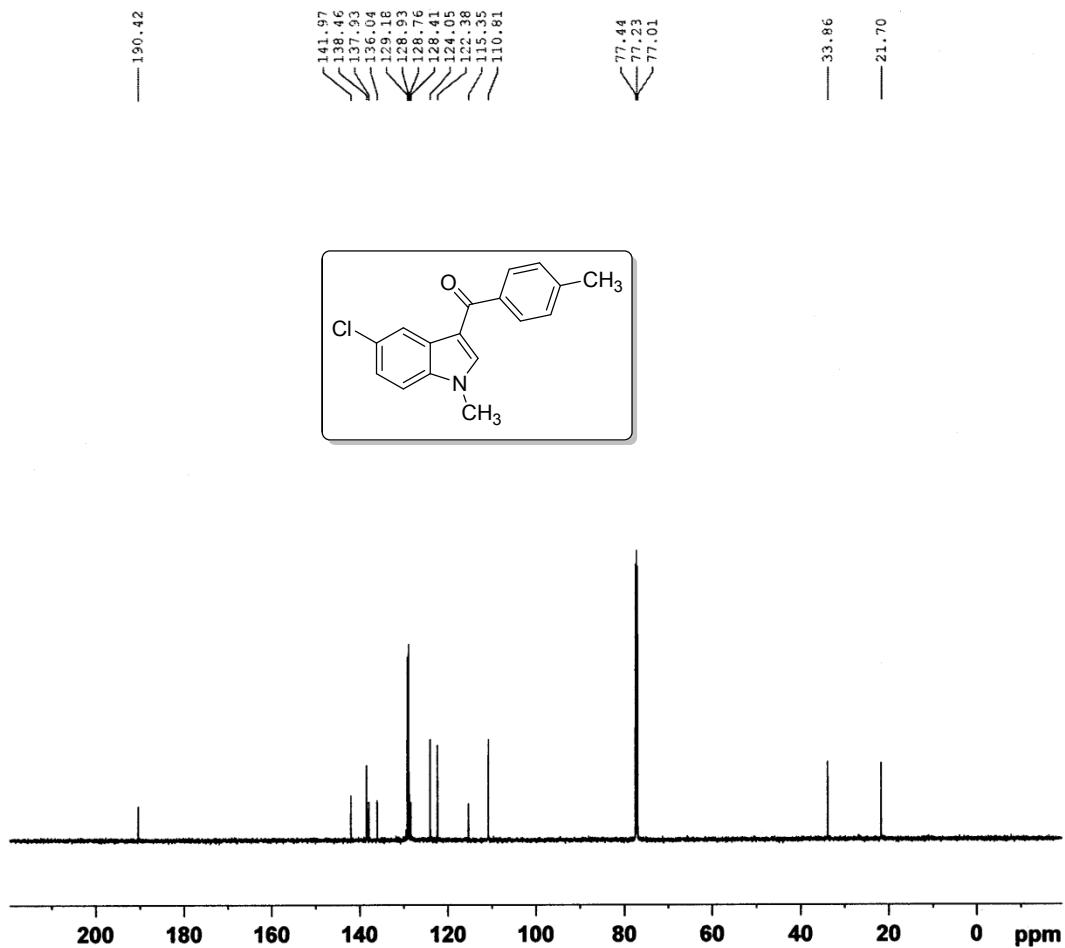
(5-Chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3'a): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



(5-Chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3'g): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(5-Chloro-1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3'g): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



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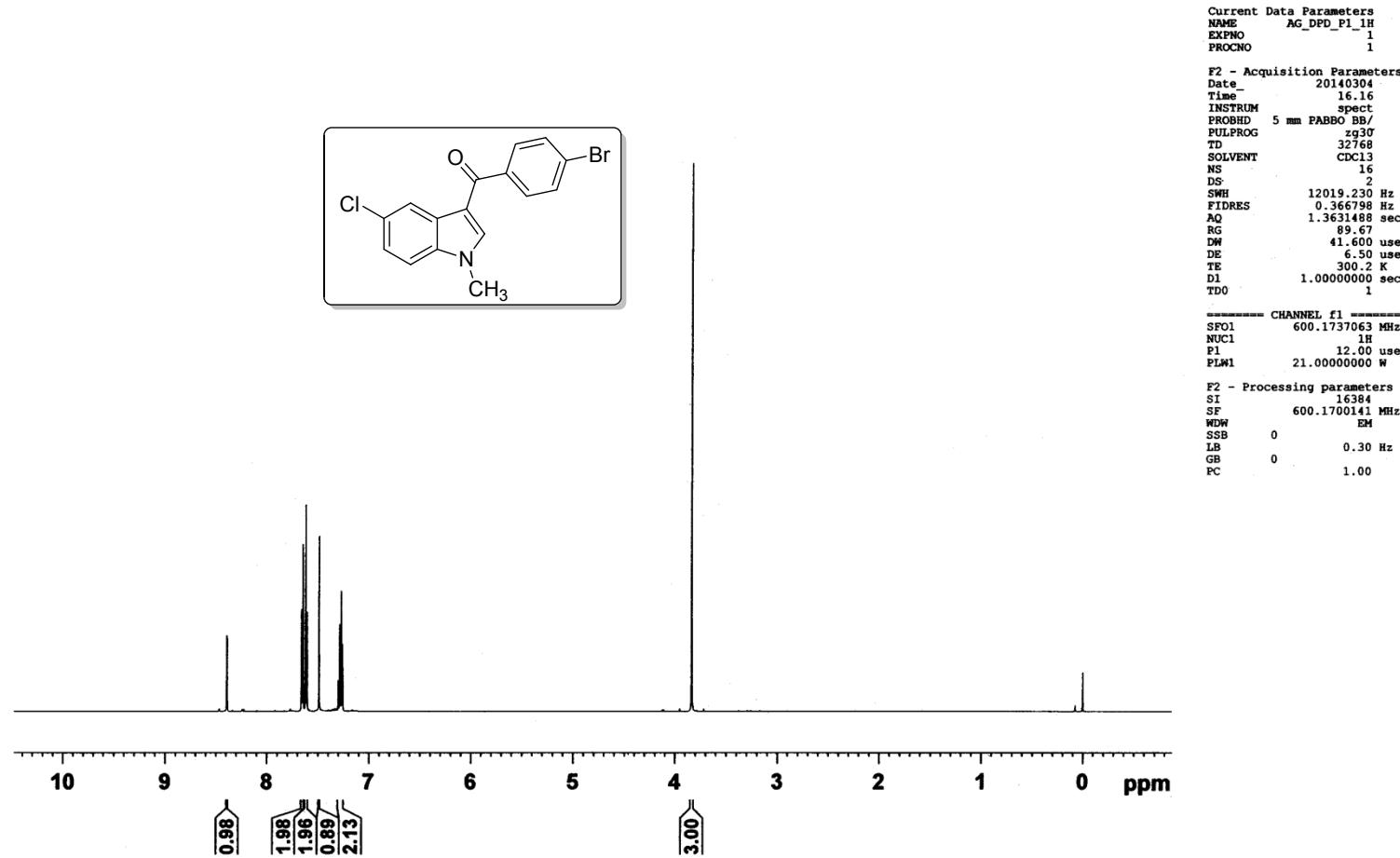
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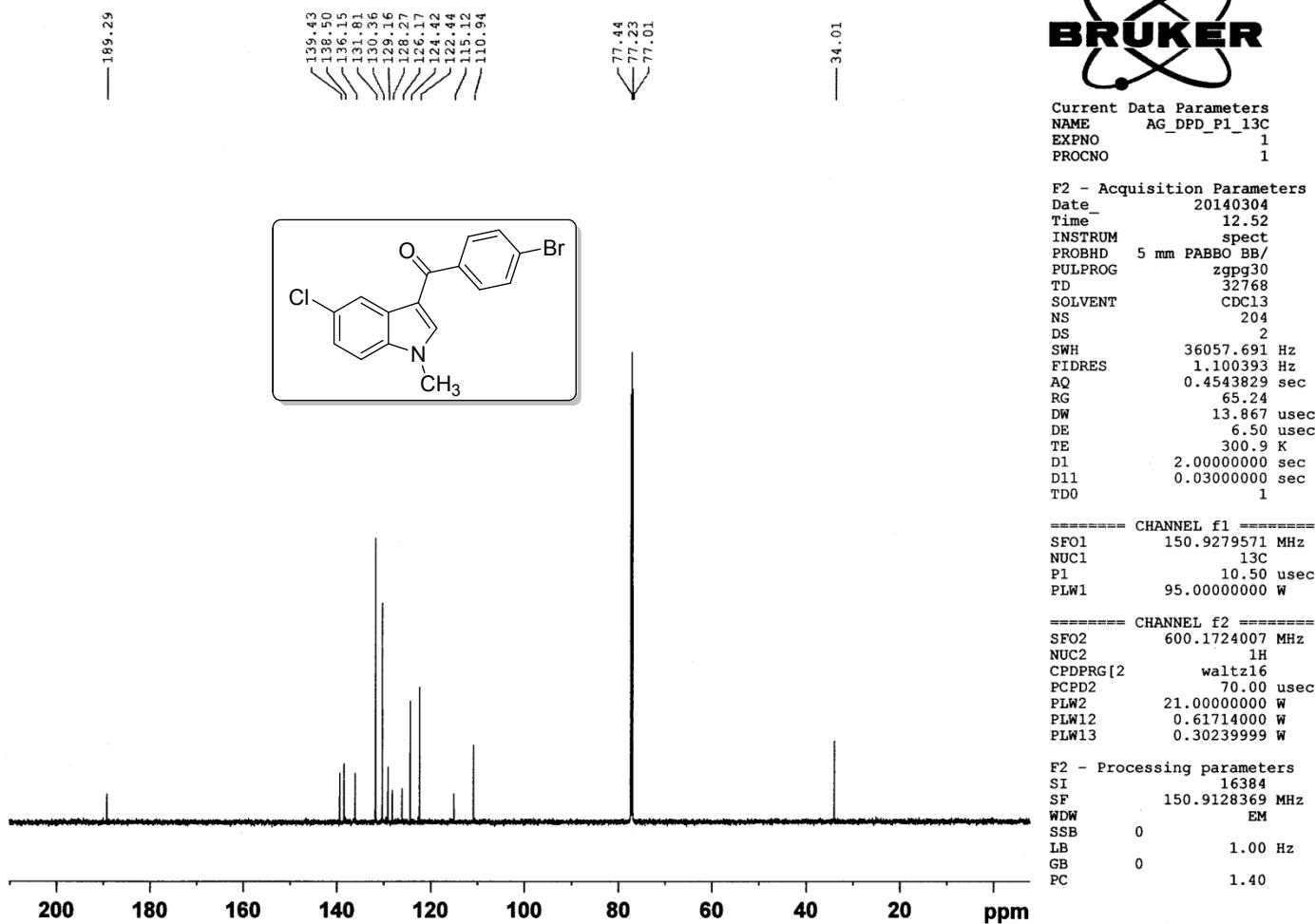
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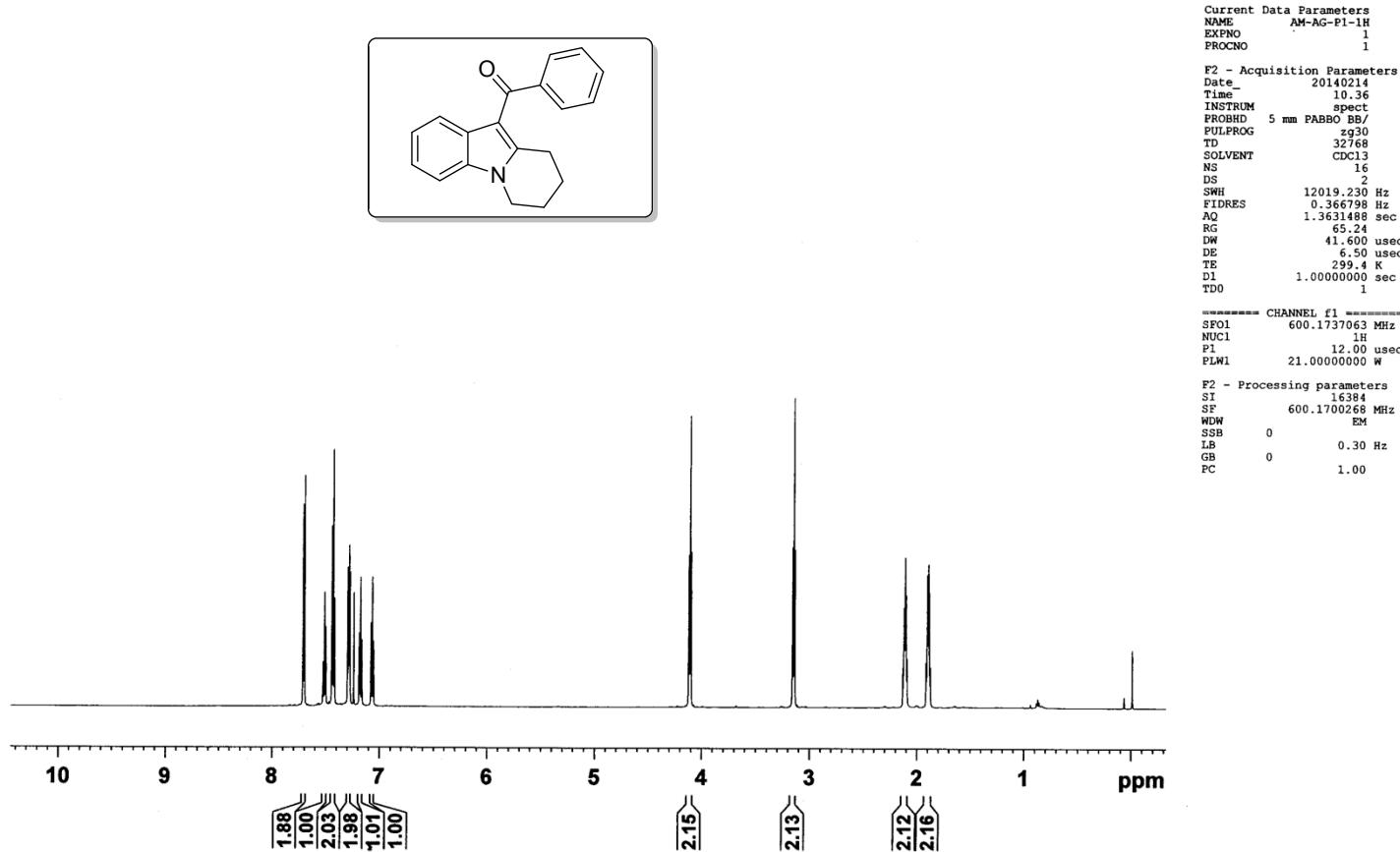
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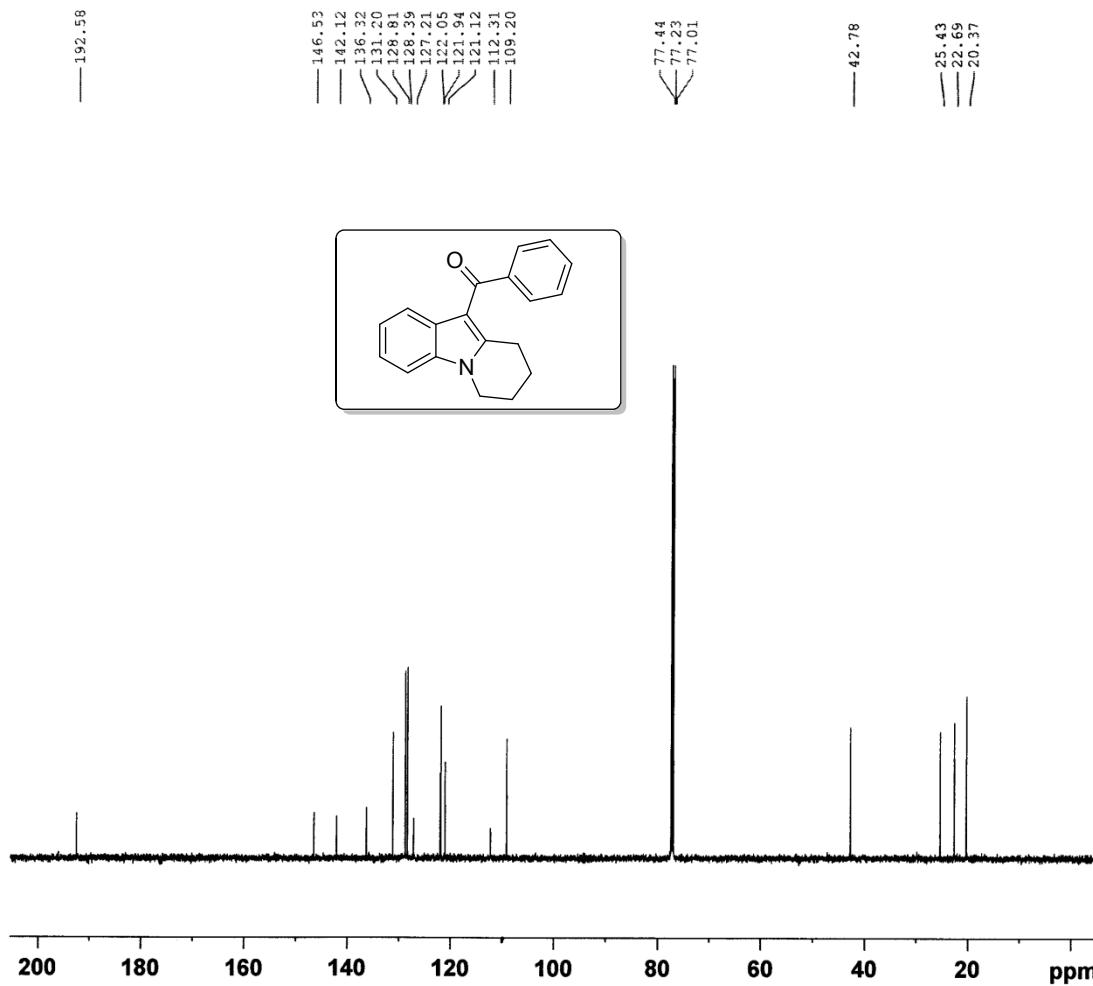
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Phenyl(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'a): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(Phenyl(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (*4'a*): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



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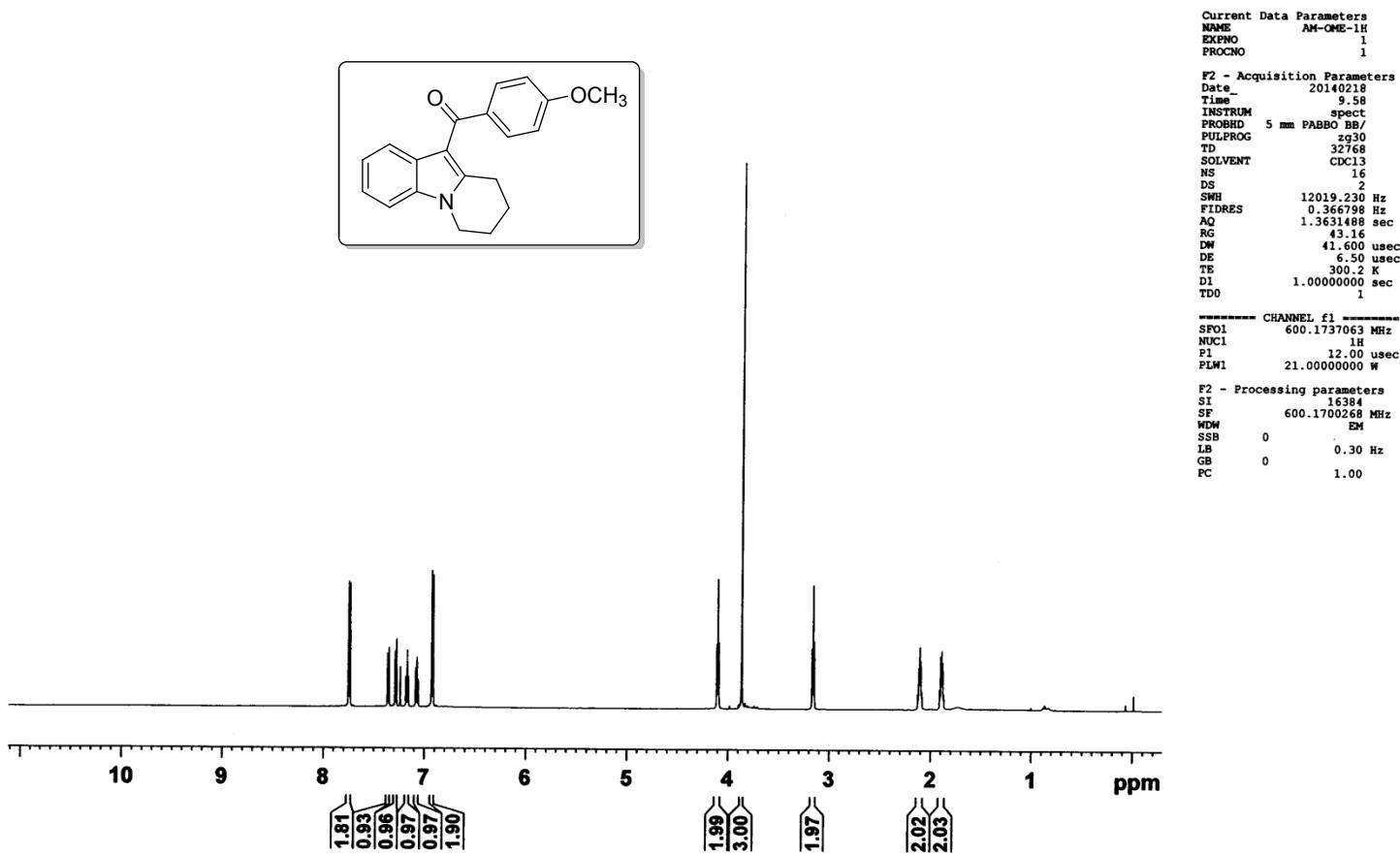
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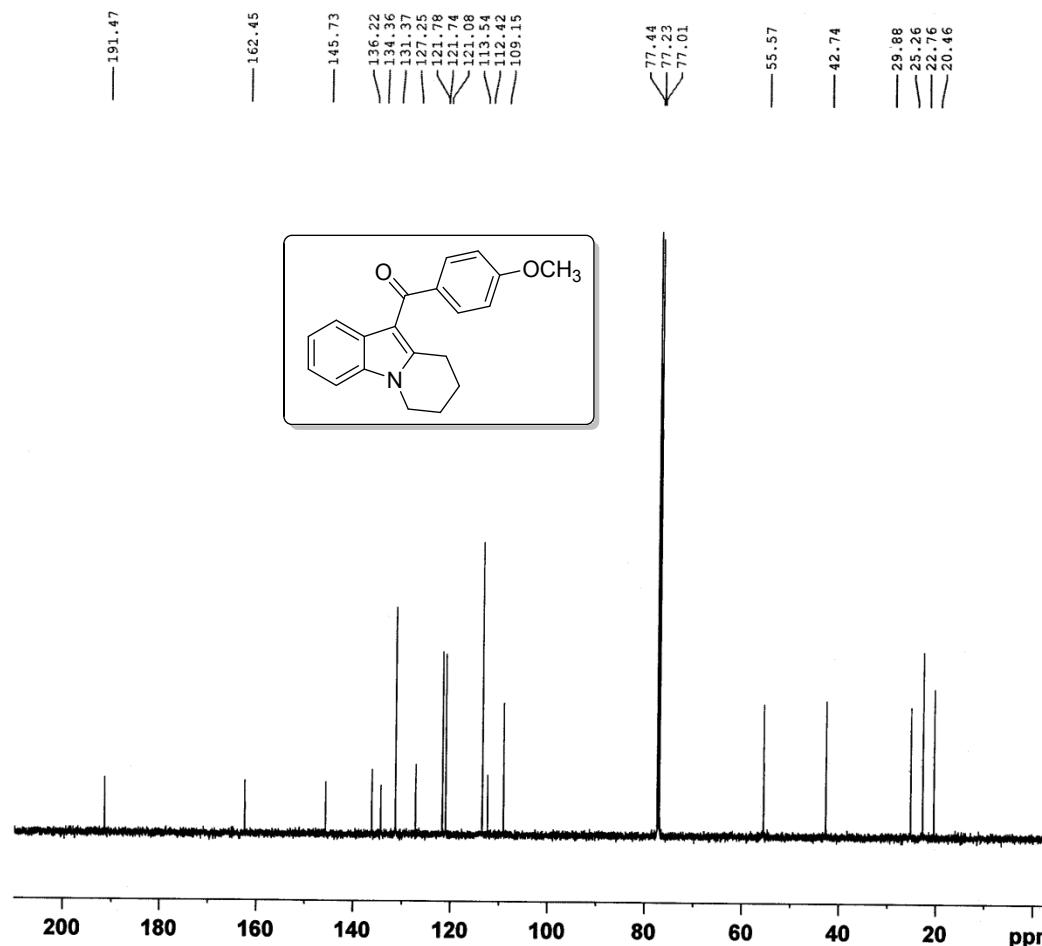
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F2 - Processing parameters
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LB 1.00 Hz
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PC 1.40

(4-Methoxyphenyl)(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'd): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(4-Methoxyphenyl)(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'd): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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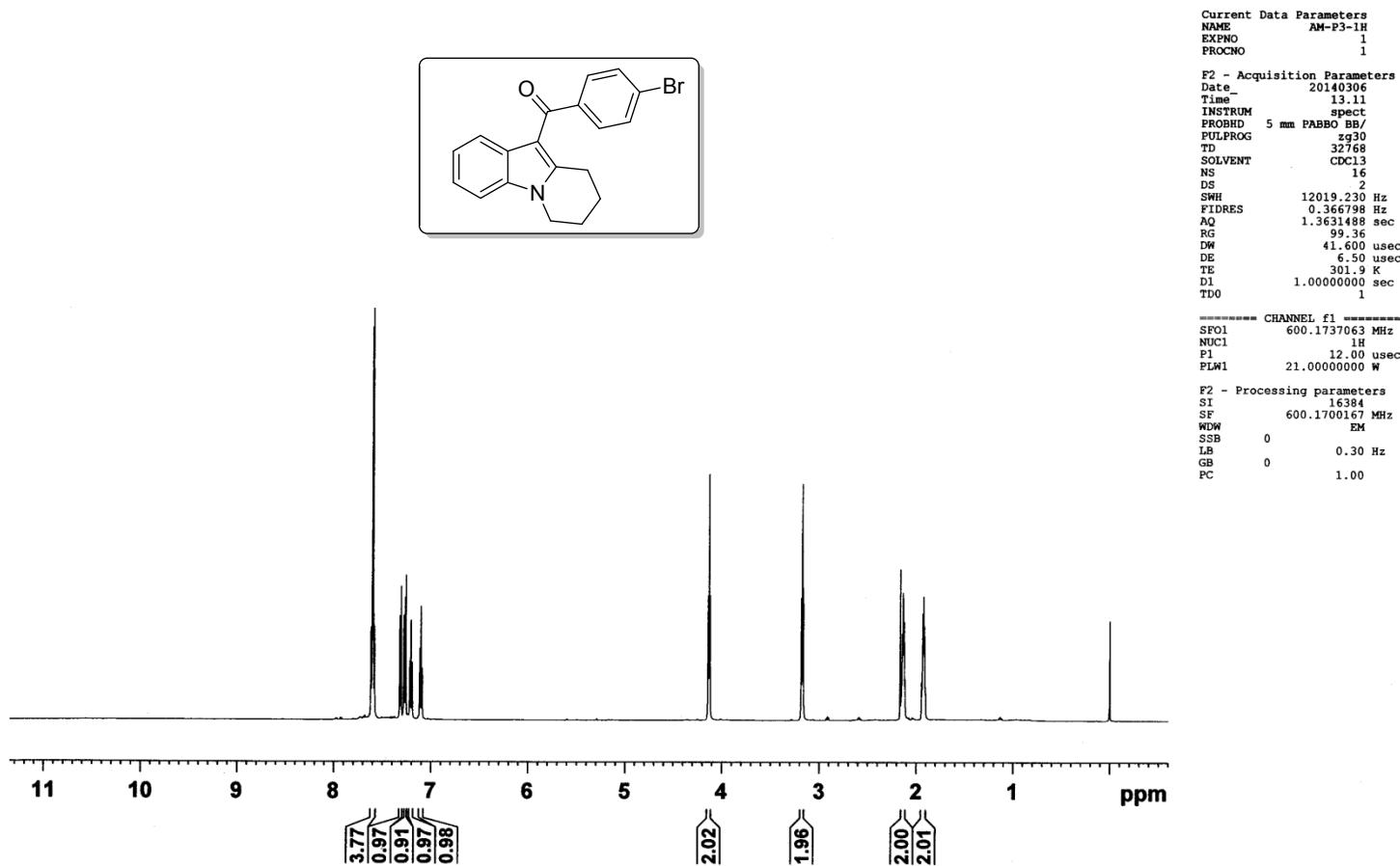
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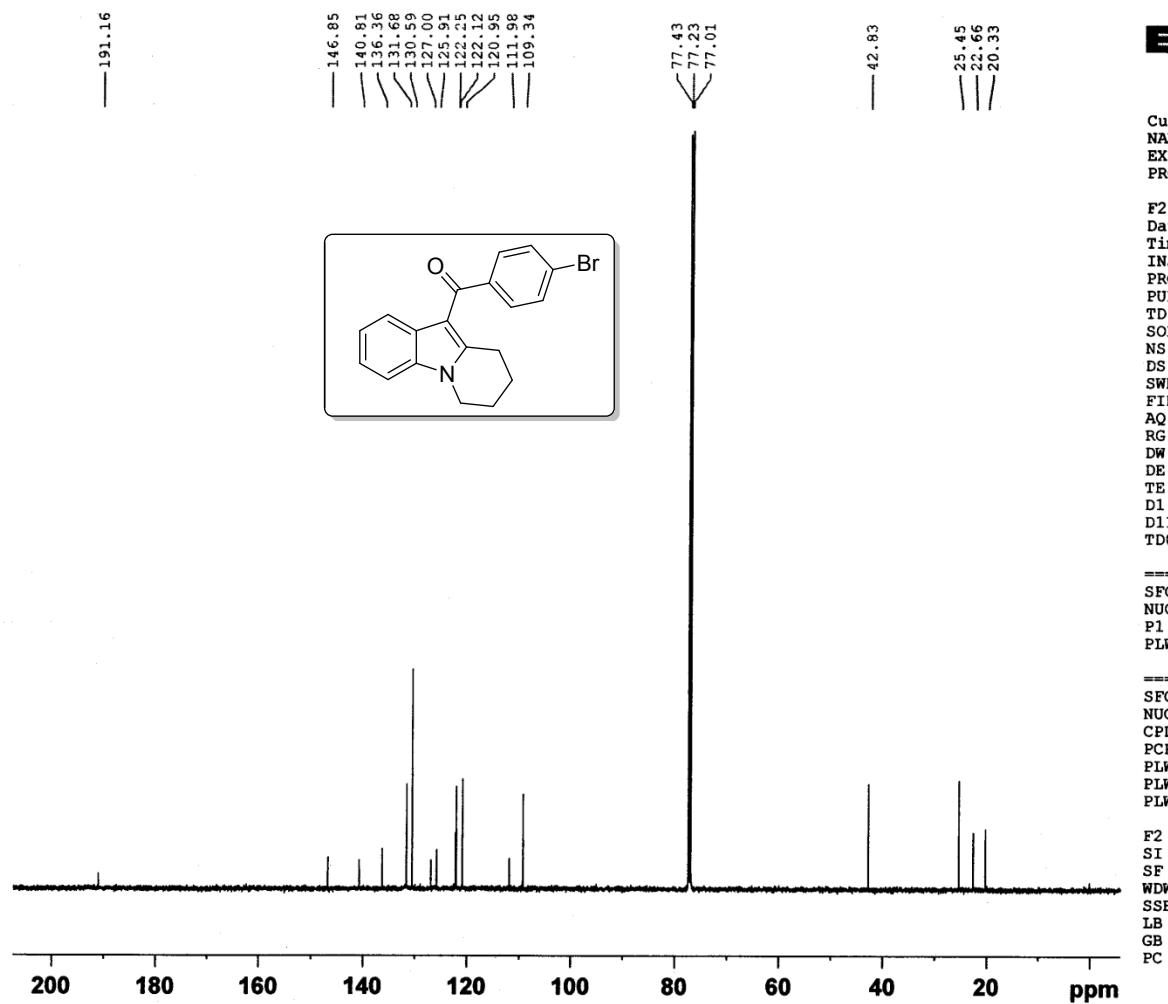
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(4-Bromophenyl)(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'e): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(4-Bromophenyl)(6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)methanone (4'e): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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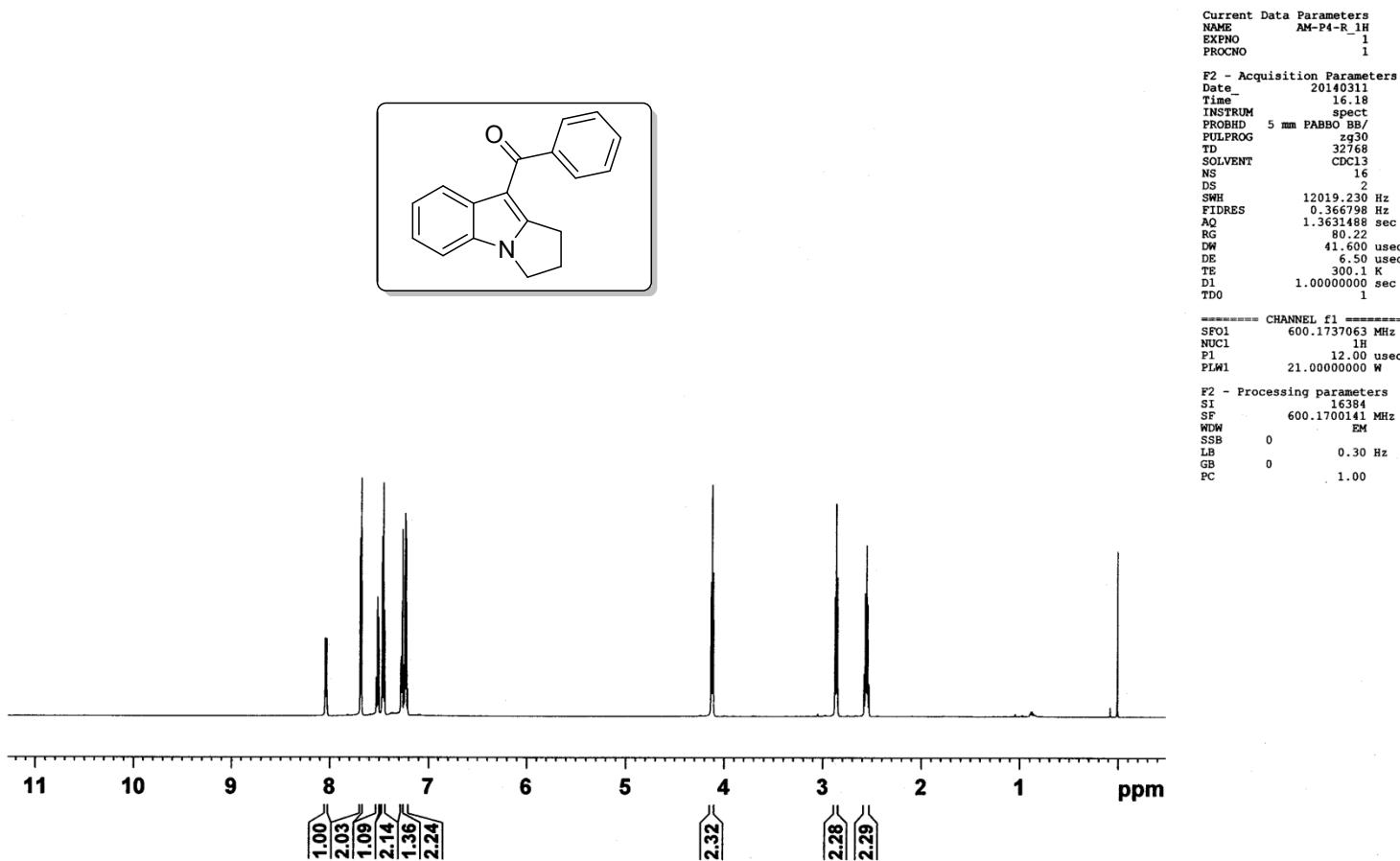
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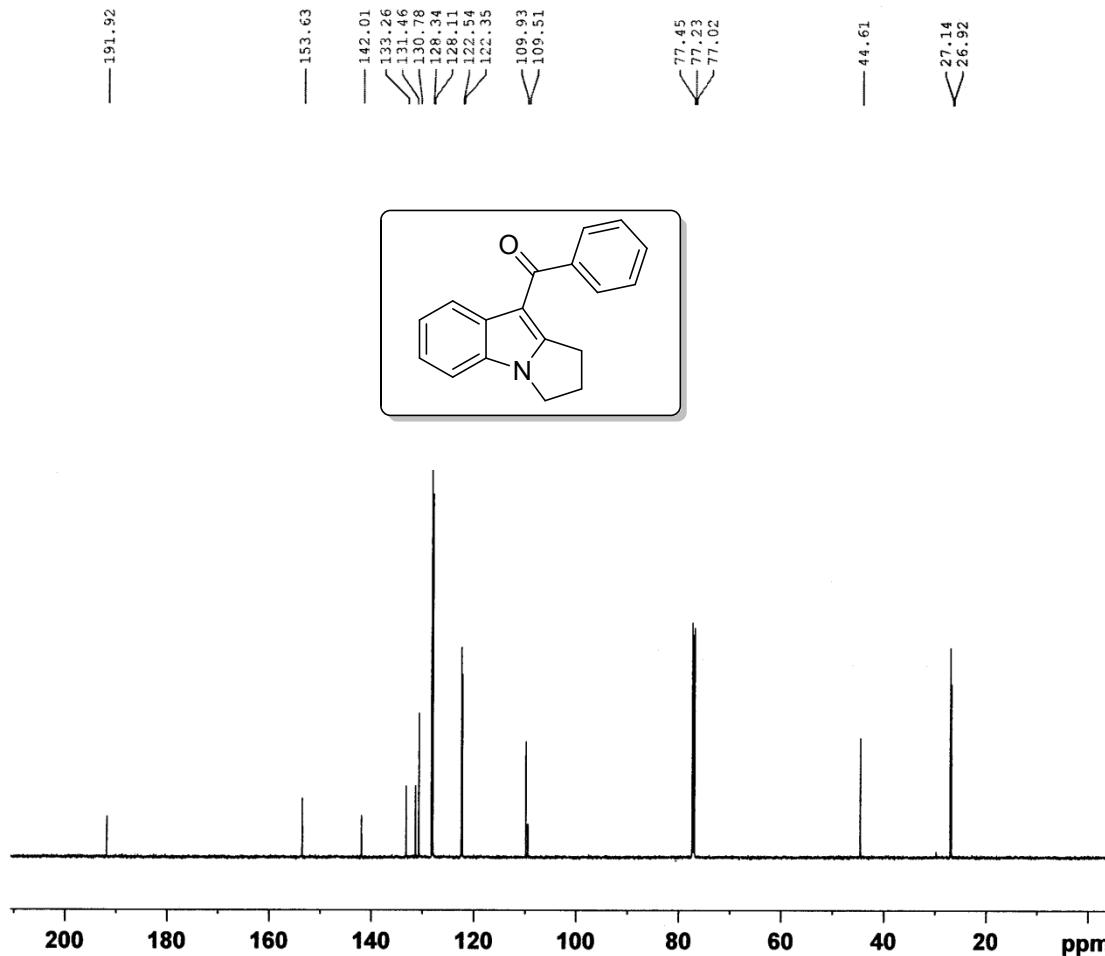
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(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**5'a**): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**5'a**): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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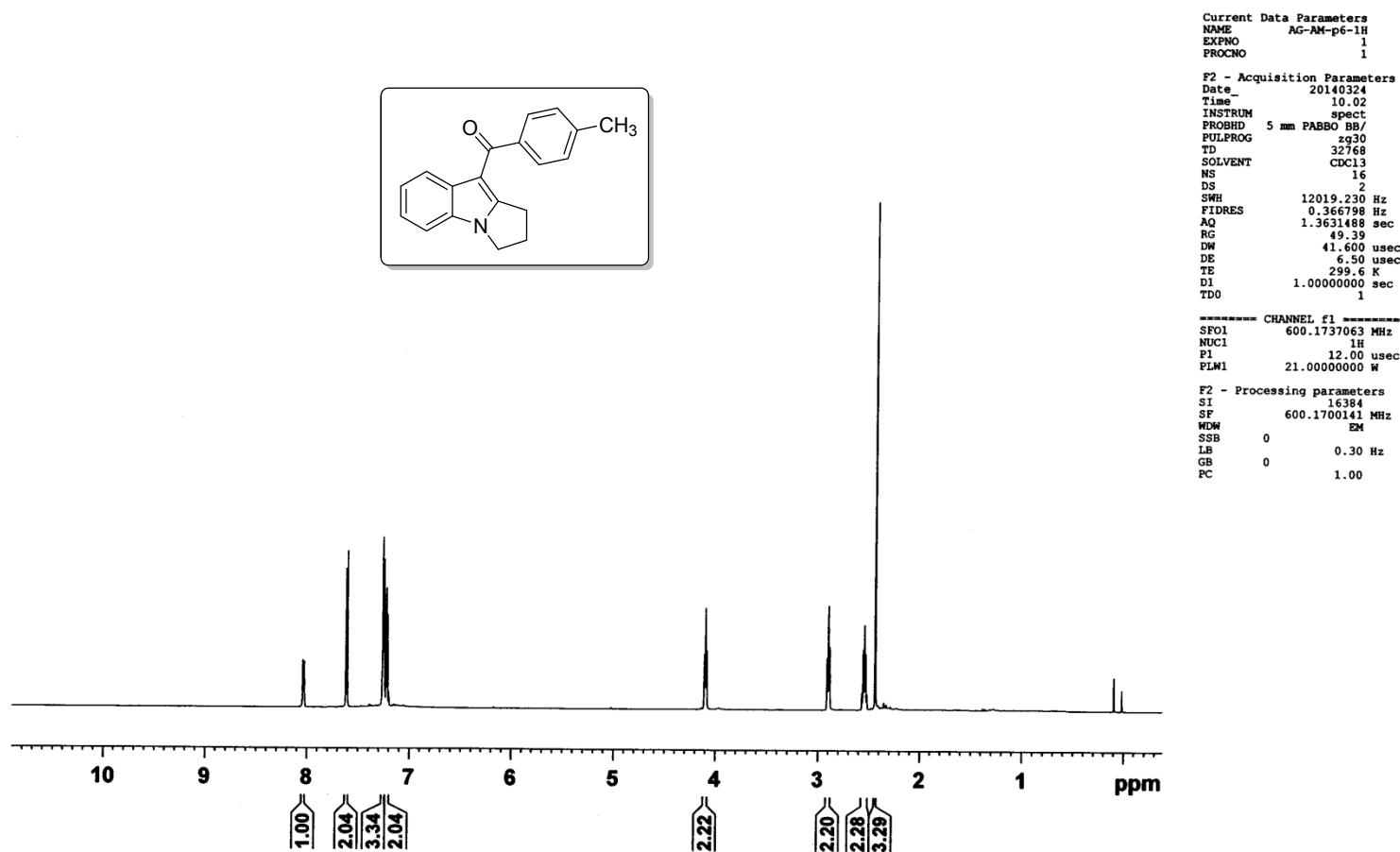
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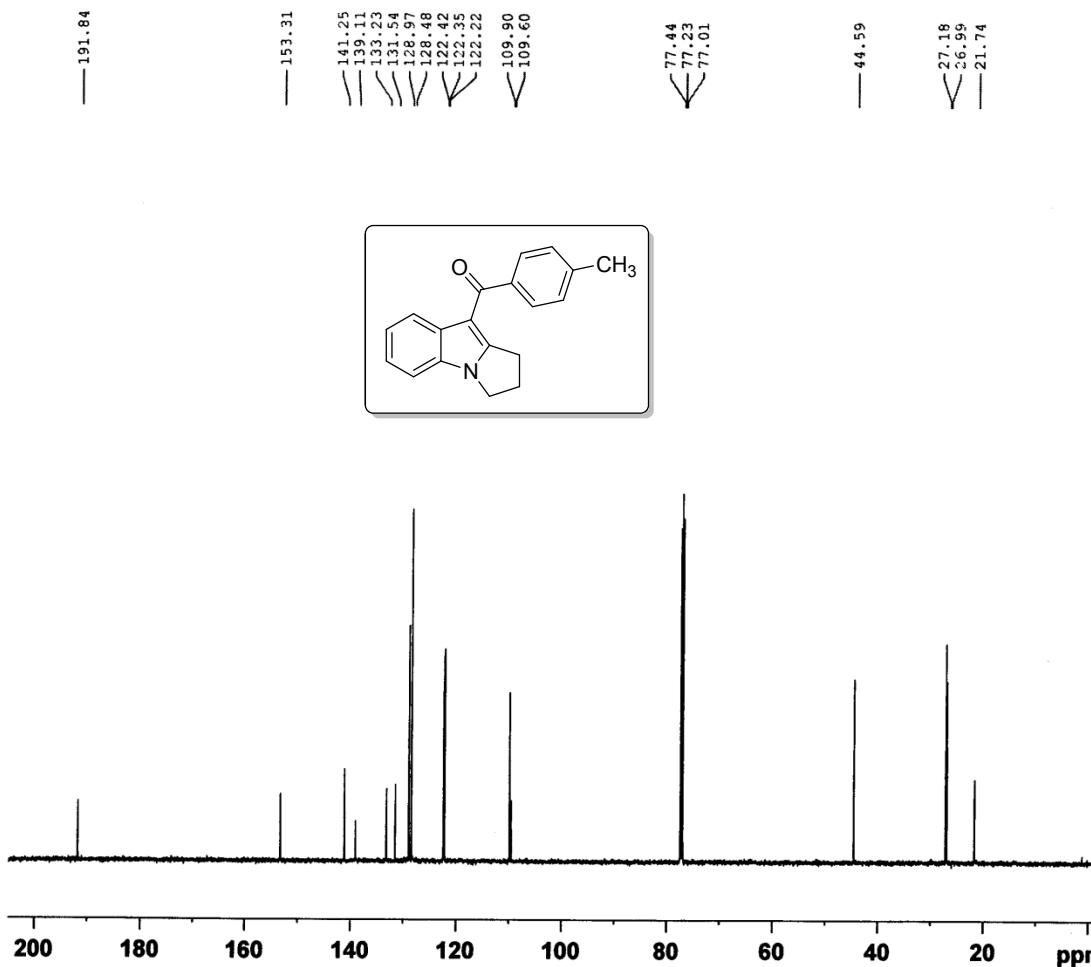
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PC

(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (5'g): ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)



(2,3-Dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-9-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (**5'g**): ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)



Current Data Parameters
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EXPNO 1
PROCNO 1

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===== CHANNEL f1 =====
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