

Supporting Information for

***p*-Toluenesulphonic Acid-Promoted, I₂-Catalysed Sulphenylation of Pyrazolones with Aryl Sulphonyl Hydrazides**

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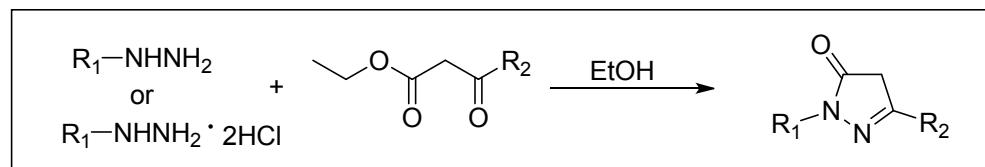
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1) General

All solvents were distilled prior to use. For chromatography, 200-300 mesh silica gel (Qingdao, China) was employed. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz with Brucker ARX 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm using tetramethylsilane as internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker SCION 436-GC SQ mass spectrometer or on a Bruker Apex IV FTMS spectrometer.

2) The synthesis and spectral data of pyrazolones¹



Pyrazolones were prepared by literature procedures

1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one **1a** was bought from Adamas-Bepa and 3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one **1f** was bought from Alfa-Aesar.

Method A for **1b, **1g****

Hydrazine dihydrochloride (10 mmol) and triethyl amine (23 mmol) were mixed in EtOH (10 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Subsequently, the ester (10 mmol) was added to this mixture drop by drop. Then the reaction mixture

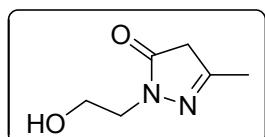
was allowed to room temperature and stirred for 12 hours. The solvent was removed by evaporation, and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with water, and brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The organic solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified on silica gel flash chromatography. And the crude solid was recrystallized from EtOH and collected by filtration to give white crystals.

Method B for **1c, 1d, 1e, 1i**

4-Hydrazinylbenzonitrile dihydrochloride (10 mmol) and triethyl amine (23 mmol) were mixed in EtOH (10 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Subsequently, the ethyl 3-oxobutanoate (10 mmol) was added to this mixture slowly. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at reflux temperature for 12 hours. The solvent was removed by evaporation, and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with water, and brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The organic solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by recrystallization (for **1c, 1e, 1i**) or silica gel flash chromatography to give white crystals (for **1d**).

Method C for **1h**

The ester (10 mmol) was added slowly to the solution of hydrazine (10 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL). Then the reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 hours. The solvent was removed by evaporation, and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with water, and brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The organic solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified on silica gel flash chromatography. And the crude solid was recrystallized and collected by filtration to give white crystals.

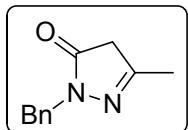


1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one **1b:**²

Yield 68 %; Yellow solid;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$) δ 5.10 (s, 1H), 3.76 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, $J = 6.4$

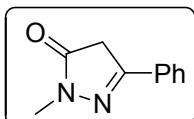
Hz, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H);



1-benzyl-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one 1c:³

Yield 35%; White solid;

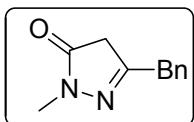
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H);



1-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one 1d:⁴

Yield 60%; White solid;

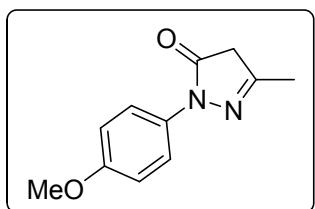
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 11.02 (s, 1H), 7.71-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 153.7, 148.0, 134.6, 128.9, 127.6, 125.1, 83.7, 33.7;



3-benzyl-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one 1e:

Yield 45%; White solid;

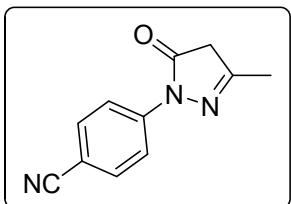
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 10.76 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.14 (m, 5H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 153.3, 148.9, 140.2, 128.6, 128.2, 125.9, 85.6, 34.8, 32.6; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 188 (M⁺, 62), 117 (100), 115 (43); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₂O (M+H)⁺ 189.1022, found 189.1017.



1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one 1g:¹

Yield 25%; White solid;

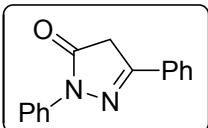
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 11.28 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H);



4-(3-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)benzonitrile 1h:⁵

Yield 60%; Yellow solid;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 11.97 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H); EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 199 (M⁺, 100), 130 (33), 116 (72), 102 (47); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₁H₁₀N₃O (M+H)⁺ 200.0818, found 200.0813.



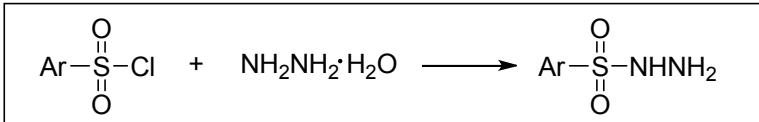
1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one 1i:¹

Yield 32%; White solid;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 11.82 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H);

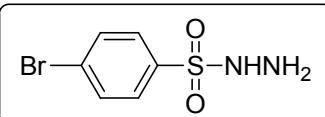
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO) δ 153.9, 149.7, 138.9, 133.5, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 125.7, 125.2, 121.2, 85.2;

3) The synthesis and spectral data of aryl sulfonyl hydrazides⁶



The hydrazine hydrate (40%) (23 mmol) was added into the solution of aryl sulfonyl chloride (10 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0 °C. Subsequently, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed by evaporation, and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was washed with

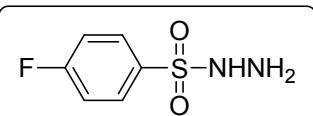
water, and brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The organic solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified on silica gel flash chromatography to give products.



4-bromobenzenesulfonohydrazide 2d:⁶

Yield 93%; White solid;

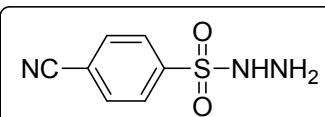
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H);



4-fluorobenzenesulfonohydrazide 2e:⁶

Yield 76%; White solid;

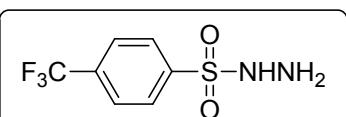
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7 (d, $J = 255$ Hz, 1C) 132.4 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 131.1 (q, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1C), 116.6 (d, $J = 23$ Hz, 1C);



4-cyanobenzenesulfonohydrazide 2f:⁷

Yield 84%; White solid;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H);

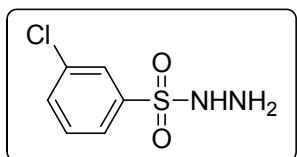


4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonohydrazide 2g:⁸

Yield 90%; White solid;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.81

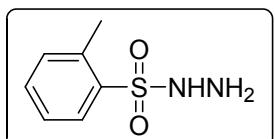
(s, 1H), 3.66 (s, 2H);



3-chlorobenzenesulfonohydrazide 2h:⁹

Yield 92%; White solid;

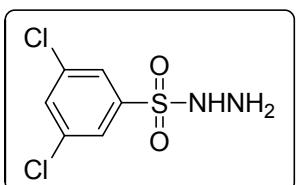
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.3, 135.6, 133.7, 130.6, 128.3, 126.3;



2-methylbenzenesulfonohydrazide 2i:¹⁰

Yield 95%; White solid;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 3.27 (s, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H);



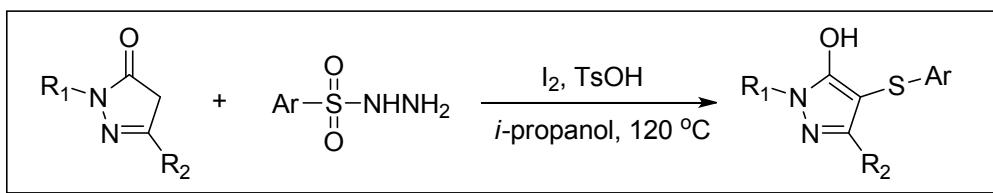
3,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonohydrazide 2j:⁷

Yield 94%; White solid;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.7, 136.3, 133.5, 126.5;

4) The synthesis and spectral data of pyrazolone thioethers.

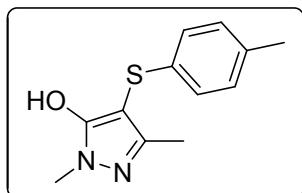


Method A for **3a-p**

Pyrazolones (1.0 mmol), aryl sulfonyl hydrazides (1.2 mmol), I₂ (0.05 mmol), TsOH (0.5 mmol) and *i*-PrOH (1mL) were mixed in a sealed tube. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 1.5 hours. Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

Method B for **4a-m**

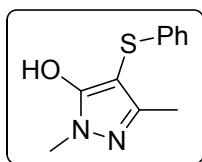
Pyrazolones (1.0 mmol), aryl sulfonyl hydrazides (1.2 mmol), I₂ (0.01 mmol), TsOH (1.0 mmol) and *i*-PrOH (1mL) were mixed in a sealed tube. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 1.5 hours. Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.



1,3-dimethyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3a:

Yield 88 %; Yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 155.9, 149.3, 135.4, 134.0, 129.5, 124.9, 85.2, 33.0, 20.4, 12.1; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 234 (M⁺, 100), 91 (46), 43 (43); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂OS (M+H)⁺ 235.0900, found 235.0898.

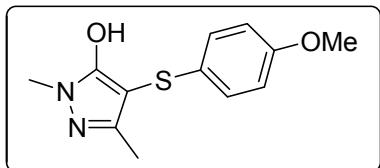


1,3-dimethyl-4-(phenylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3b:

Yield 92%; Pale yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 21 °C) δ 11.35 (s, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100

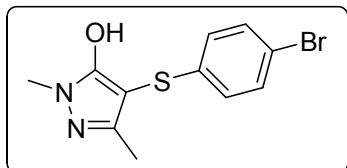
MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 155.6, 149.4, 139.1, 128.9, 124.7, 124.6, 84.5, 33.1, 12.1; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 220 (M $^{+}$, 100), 111 (25), 43 (40); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₁H₁₃N₂OS (M+H) $^{+}$ 221.0743, found 221.0738.



4-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3c:

Yield 85%; Pale yellow solid

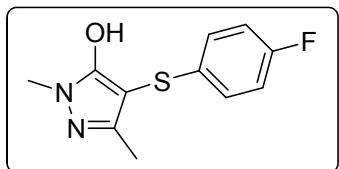
${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 23 °C) δ 11.34 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 157.4, 156.2, 149.2, 129.5, 127.3, 114.7, 86.6, 55.2, 33.0, 12.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂O₂S (M+H) $^{+}$ 251.0849, found 251.0843.



4-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3d:

Yield 85%; White solid

${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 11.41 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 60 °C) δ 156.1, 149.1, 138.8, 131.3, 126.6, 117.2, 84.4, 32.8, 11.8; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 300 (M $^{+}$ +2, 100), 298 (M $^{+}$, 100), 186 (57), 142 (70), 114 (48), 111 (72); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂BrN₂OS (M+H) $^{+}$ 298.9848, found 298.9842.

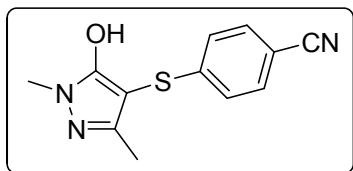


4-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3e:

Yield 93%; Pale yellow solid

${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 11.35 (s, 1H), 7.14-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.03 (d, 2H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, ${}^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 160.2 (d, *J* =

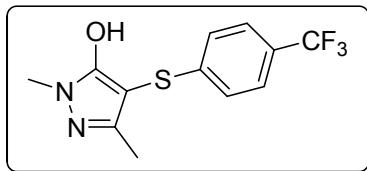
239 Hz, 1C), 156.1, 149.3, 134.6 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 126.8 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 115.9 (d, J = 22 Hz, 1C), 85.2, 33.0, 12.1; EI-MS (m/z , relative intensity): 238(M⁺, 100), 142 (30), 111(35); HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FN₂OS (M+H)⁺ 239.0649, found 239.0643.



4-((5-hydroxy-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)thio)benzonitrile 3f:

Yield 85%; White solid

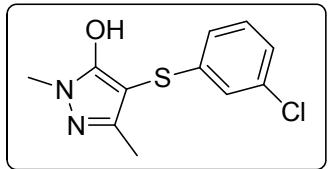
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 18 °C) δ 11.73 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 155.8, 149.3, 146.9, 132.5, 124.8, 119.0, 106.8, 82.4, 33.1, 12.0; EI-MS (m/z , relative intensity): 245 (M⁺, 100), 212 (28); HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd for C₁₂H₁₂N₃OS (M+H)⁺ 246.0696, found 246.0688.



1,3-dimethyl-4-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3g:

Yield 94%; Pale yellow solid

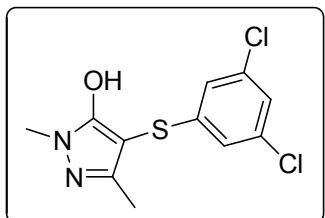
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 11.32 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 156.3, 149.3, 145.2, 125.3 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 1C), 125.2 (q, J = 32 Hz, 1C), 124.7, 124.2 (q, J = 270 Hz, 1C), 83.7, 32.8, 11.7; EI-MS (m/z , relative intensity): 288 (M⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd for C₁₂H₁₂F₃N₂OS (M+H)⁺ 289.0617, found 289.0611.



4-((3-chlorophenyl)thio)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3h:

Yield 91%; White solid;

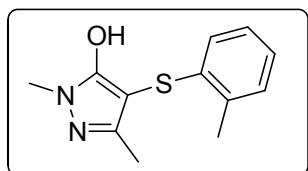
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 10.76 (s, 1H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 156.2, 149.2, 141.8, 133.6, 130.2, 124.4, 123.8, 123.2, 84.3, 32.8, 11.7; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 256 (M⁺+2, 33), 254 (M⁺, 100), 111 (42); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₁H₁₂ClN₂OS (M+H)⁺ 255.0353, found 255.0348.



4-((3,5-dichlorophenyl)thio)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3i:

Yield 92%; White solid

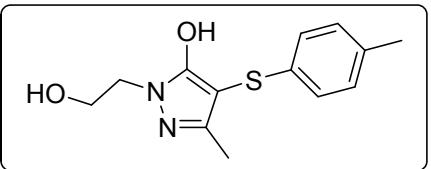
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 11.59 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 156.2, 149.0, 144.0, 134.3, 124.1, 122.6, 83.3, 32.8, 11.7; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 290 (M⁺+2, 68), 288 (M⁺, 100), 255 (30), 111 (60); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₁H₁₁Cl₂N₂OS (M+H)⁺ 288.9964, found 288.9957.



1,3-dimethyl-4-(o-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3j:

Yield 75%; White solid;

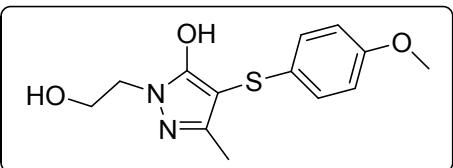
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 156.0, 149.3, 137.7, 133.2, 129.6, 126.0, 124.0, 123.7, 84.2, 32.8, 18.9, 11.8; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 234 (M⁺, 100), 123 (48); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂OS (M+H)⁺ 235.0900, found 235.0894.



1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3k:

Yield 85%; Pale yellow solid

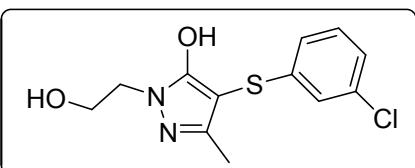
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1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3l:

Yield 92%; Pale yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 26 °C) δ 157.4, 156.6, 149.4, 129.6, 127.3, 114.7, 86.7, 59.3, 55.2, 48.2, 12.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₃H₁₇N₂O₃S (M+H)⁺ 281.0954, found 281.0946.

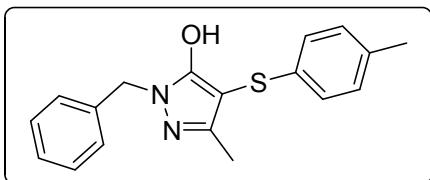


4-((3-chlorophenyl)thio)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3m:

Yield 89%; Pale yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.14 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 2H), 3.89 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 157.2, 149.5, 141.7, 133.7, 130.2, 124.6, 124.1,

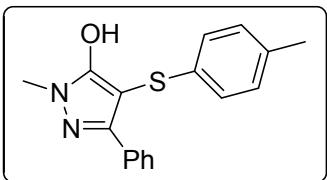
123.4, 85.0, 59.1, 48.2, 11.7; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 286 (M⁺+2, 33), 284 (M⁺, 100), 242 (22), 240 (65), 155 (40), 111(48); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₂H₁₄ClN₂O₂S (M+H)⁺ 285.0459, found 285.0453.



1-benzyl-3-methyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3n:

Yield 46%; White solid

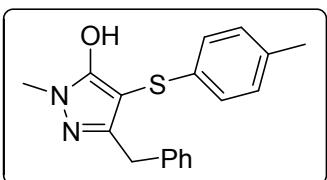
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1-methyl-3-phenyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3o:

Yield 76%; White solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 11.36 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.04-6.97 (m, 4H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 155.9, 149.6, 135.5, 133.9, 133.2, 129.4, 127.8, 127.4, 126.6, 124.9, 84.0, 33.8, 20.1; EI-MS (*m/z*, relative intensity): 296 (M⁺, 100), 173 (48), 161 (98), 103 (72); HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂OS (M+H)⁺ 297.1056, found 297.1049.

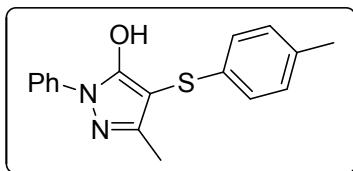


3-benzyl-1-methyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 3p:

Yield 79%; Pale yellow solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25°C) δ 11.35 (s, 1H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 5H), 7.02 (d, *J* =

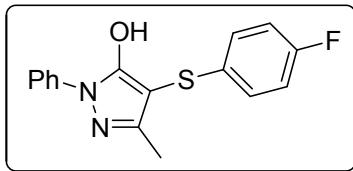
8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 60 °C) δ 155.4, 151.7, 138.9, 135.3, 133.8, 129.1, 128.4, 127.8, 125.5, 125.2, 85.4, 33.2, 32.5, 20.1; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 311.1213, found 311.1206.



3-methyl-1-phenyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4a:

Yield 84%; White solid

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 12.14 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 156.7, 152.1, 138.3, 134.9, 134.4, 129.7, 129.0, 125.7, 125.4, 120.8, 87.8, 20.5, 12.4; EI-MS (m/z , relative intensity): 296 (M^+ , 60), 173 (43), 105 (74), 77 (100); HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 297.1056, found 297.1050.



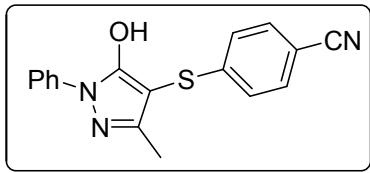
4-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4b:

Yield 57%; White solid

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 60 °C) δ 11.92 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $^{\text{d}6}\text{DMSO}$, 60 °C) δ 160.4 (d, J = 241 Hz, 1C), 157.1, 151.9, 138.1, 133.8 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 128.7, 127.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 125.5, 120.7, 115.7 (d, J = 22 Hz, 1C), 88.8, 12.0;

EI-MS (m/z , relative intensity): 300 (M^+ , 100), 173 (67), 138 (37), 105 (86);

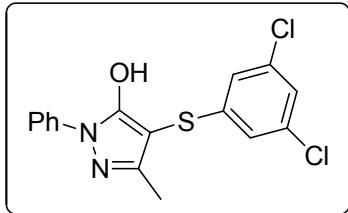
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4-((5-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)thio)benzonitrile 4c:

Yield 79%; White solid

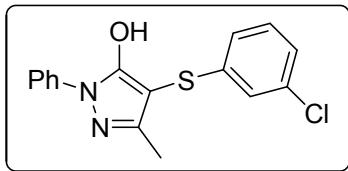
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4-((3,5-dichlorophenyl)thio)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4d:

Yield 92%; White solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 157.3, 151.9, 143.5, 137.9, 134.7, 129.0, 125.9, 124.6, 122.9, 120.8, 85.8, 12.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₆H₁₃Cl₂N₂OS (M+H)⁺ 351.0120, found 351.0110.

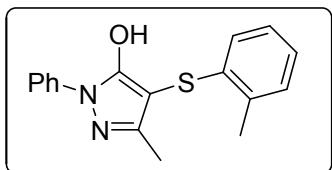


4-((3-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4e:

Yield 82%; White solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 12.30 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 23 °C) δ 156.6, 152.0, 141.2, 138.0, 133.8, 130.7, 129.0, 125.9, 124.9, 124.0, 123.5, 120.8, 86.3, 12.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/e*

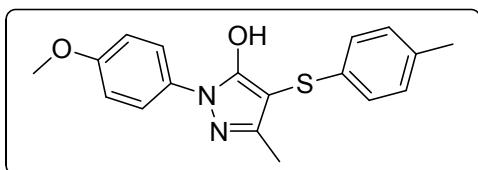
calcd for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₂OS (M+H)⁺ 317.0510, found 317.0502.



3-methyl-1-phenyl-4-(o-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4f:

Yield 45%; White solid

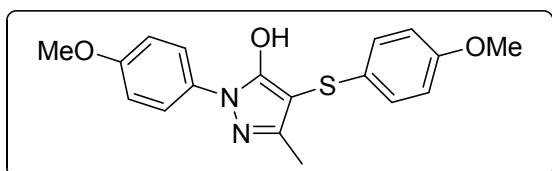
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1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-4-(p-tolylthio)-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4g:

Yield 83%; White solid

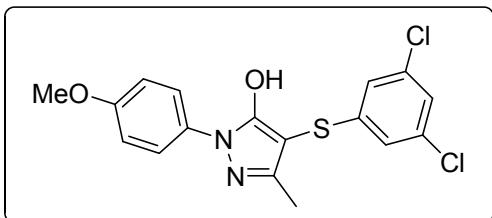
¹H NMR (400 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 25 °C) δ 11.86 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, ^{d6}DMSO, 60 °C) δ 157.1, 155.7, 151.0, 134.7, 134.0, 131.4, 129.3, 125.3, 122.6, 113.9, 87.6, 55.1, 20.1, 12.0; HRMS (ESI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₂O₂S (M+H)⁺ 327.1162, found 327.1160.



1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4h:

Yield 70%; Pale yellow solid

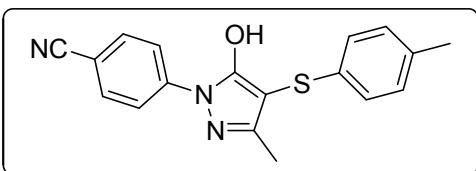
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4-((3,5-dichlorophenyl)thio)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-ol 4i:

Yield 71%; White solid

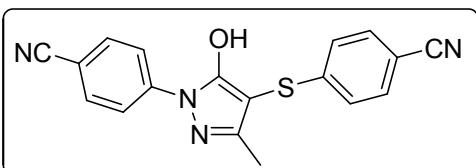
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4-(5-hydroxy-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)benzonitrile 4j:

Yield 61%; Pale yellow solid

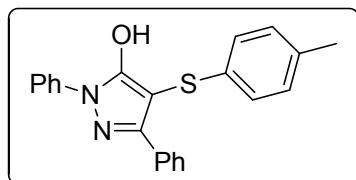
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4-((1-(4-cyanophenyl)-5-hydroxy-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)thio)benzonitrile 4k:

Yield 43%; Pale yellow solid

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $^{d_6}\text{DMSO}$, 25 °C) δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $^{d_6}\text{DMSO}$, 60 °C) δ 158.2, 153.6, 145.4, 141.3, 133.0, 132.3, 125.1, 119.8, 118.5, 118.3, 107.4, 107.2, 86.8, 12.0; HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4\text{OS} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 333.0805, found 333.0796.

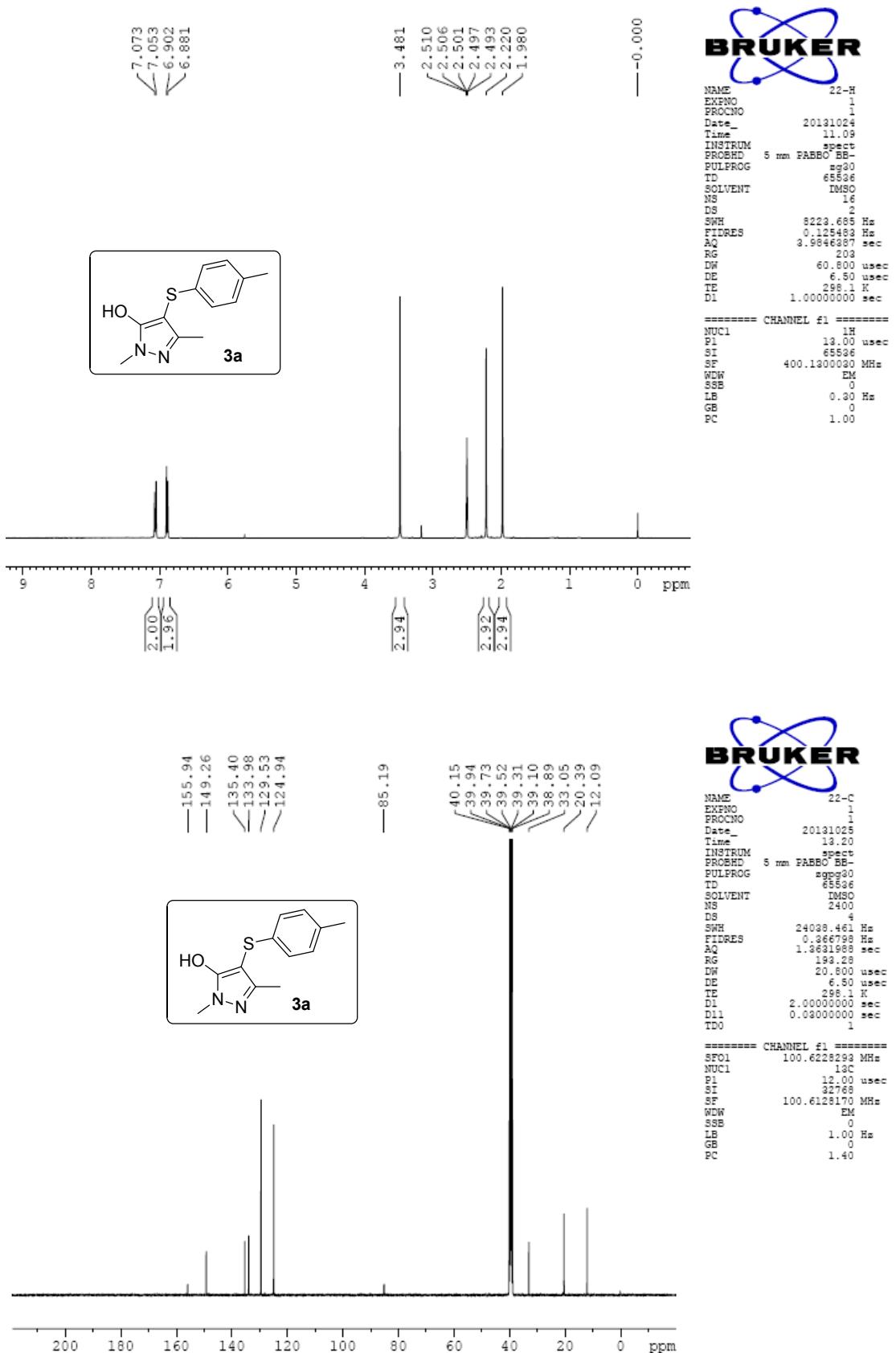


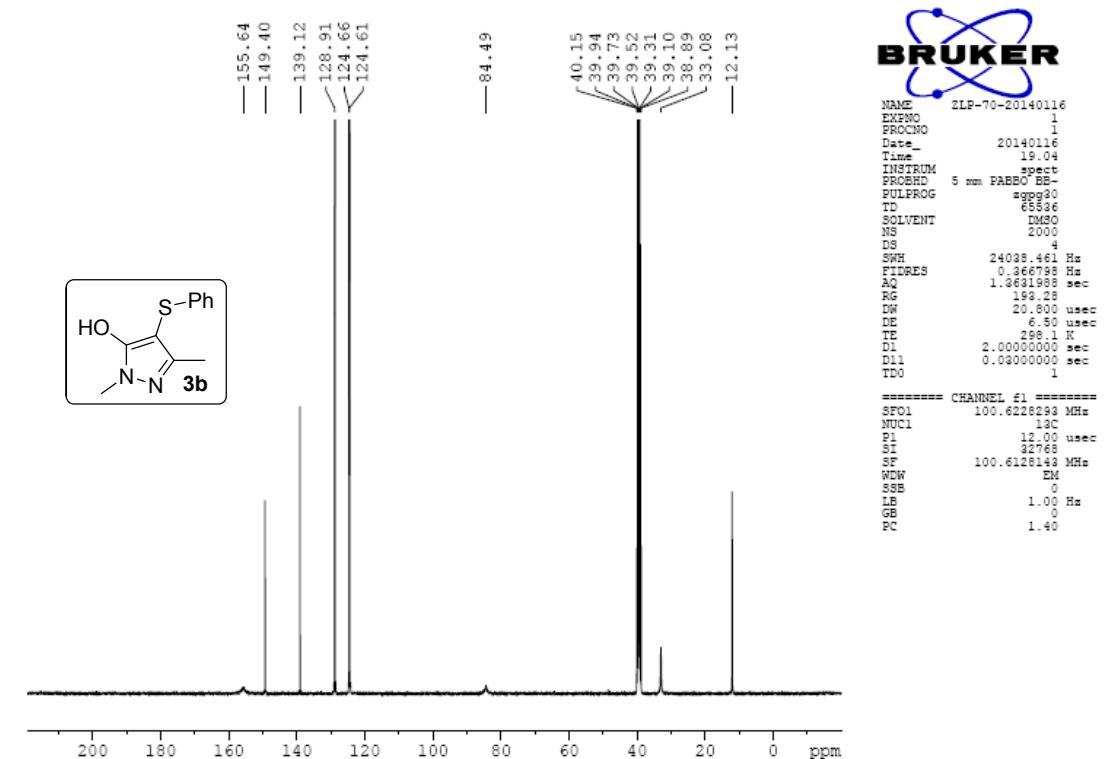
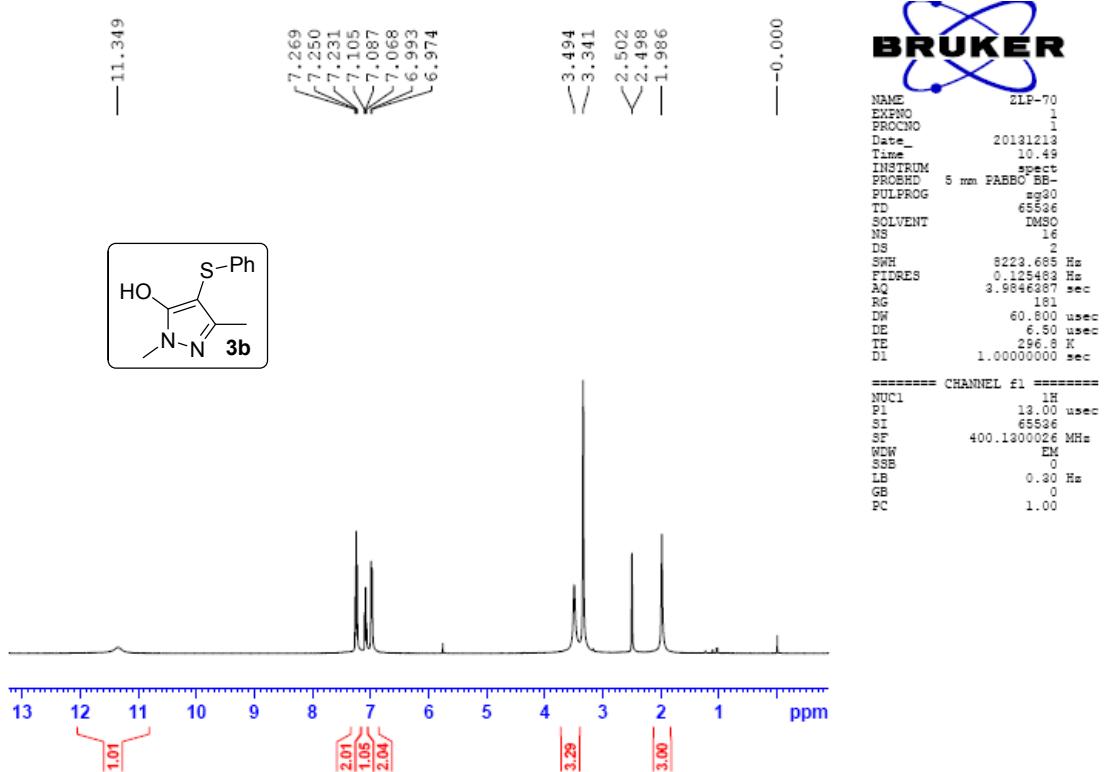
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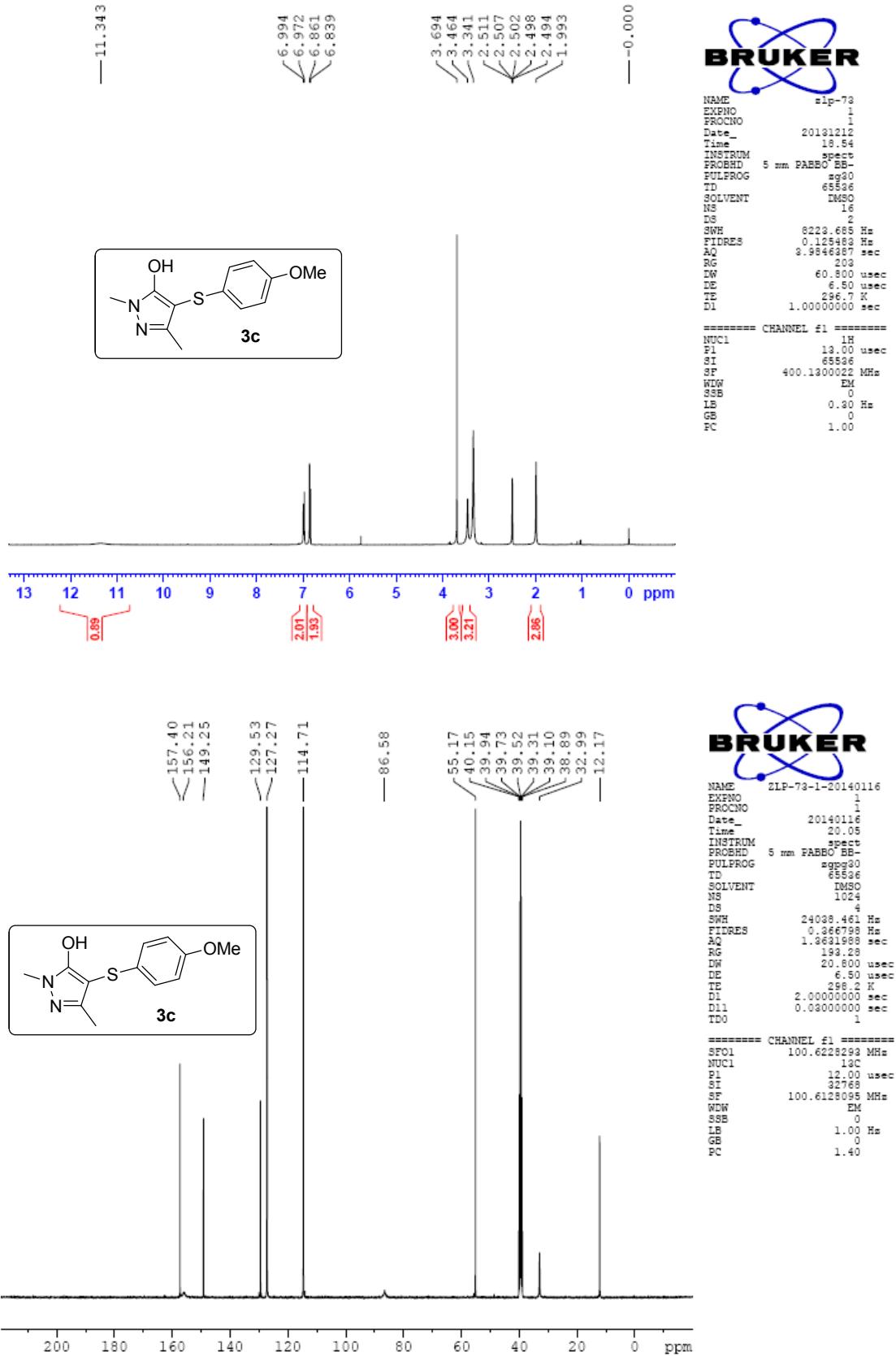
Yield 61%; Pale yellow solid

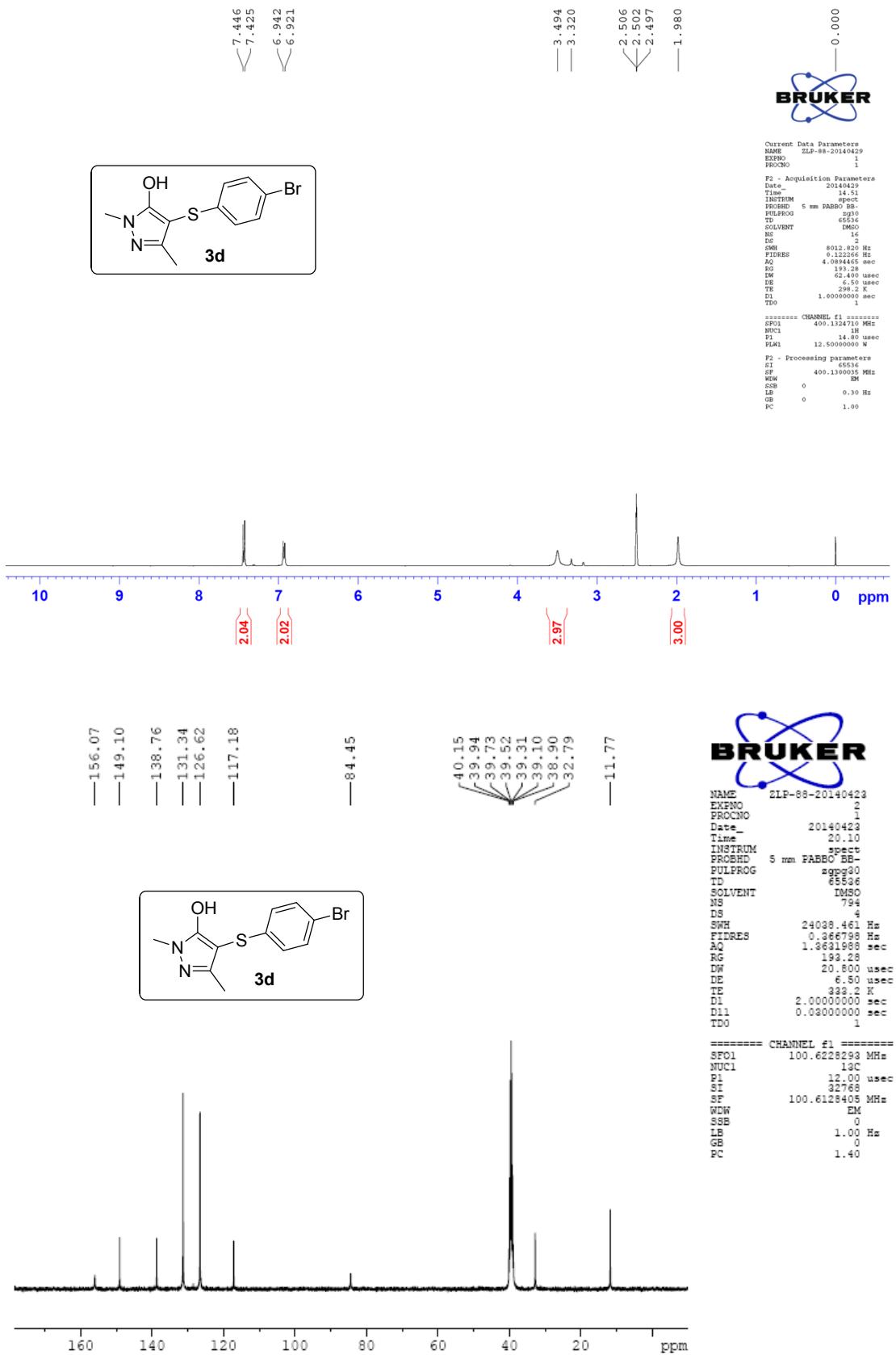
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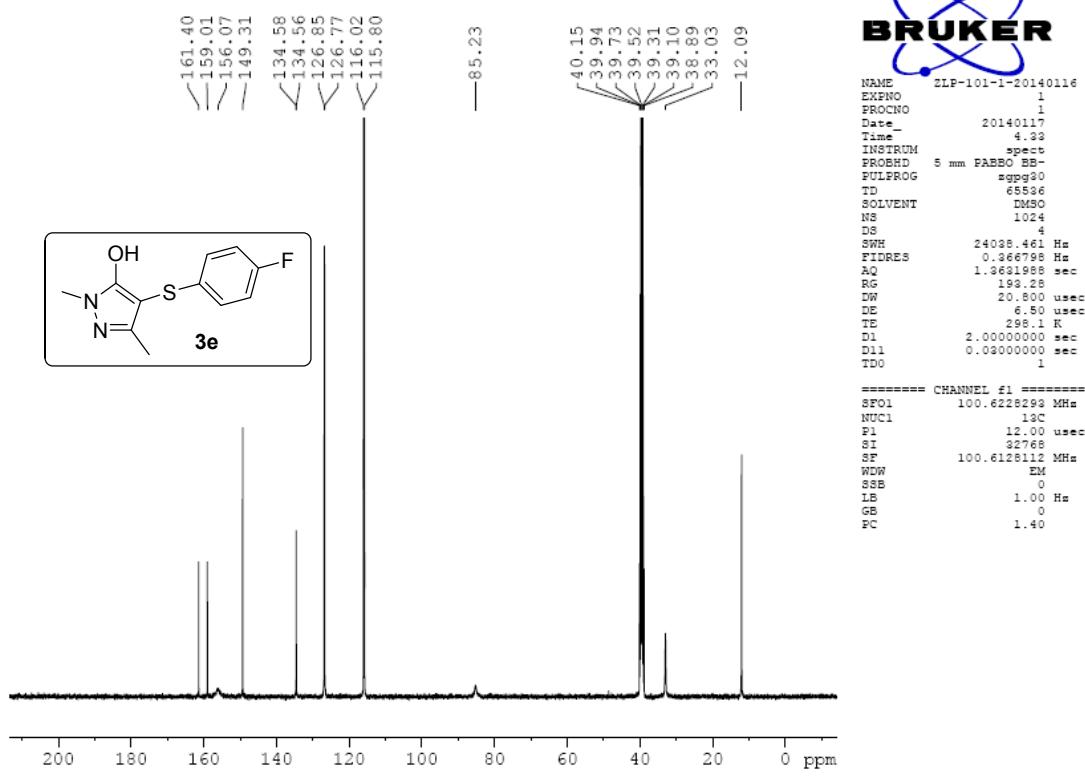
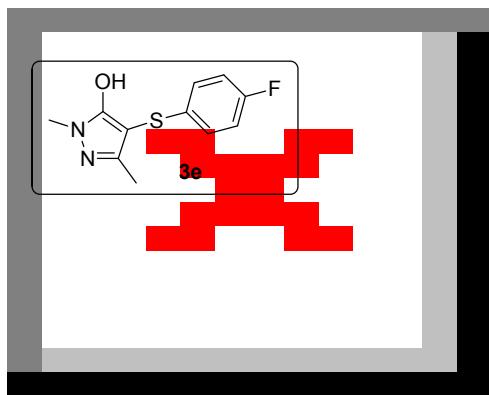
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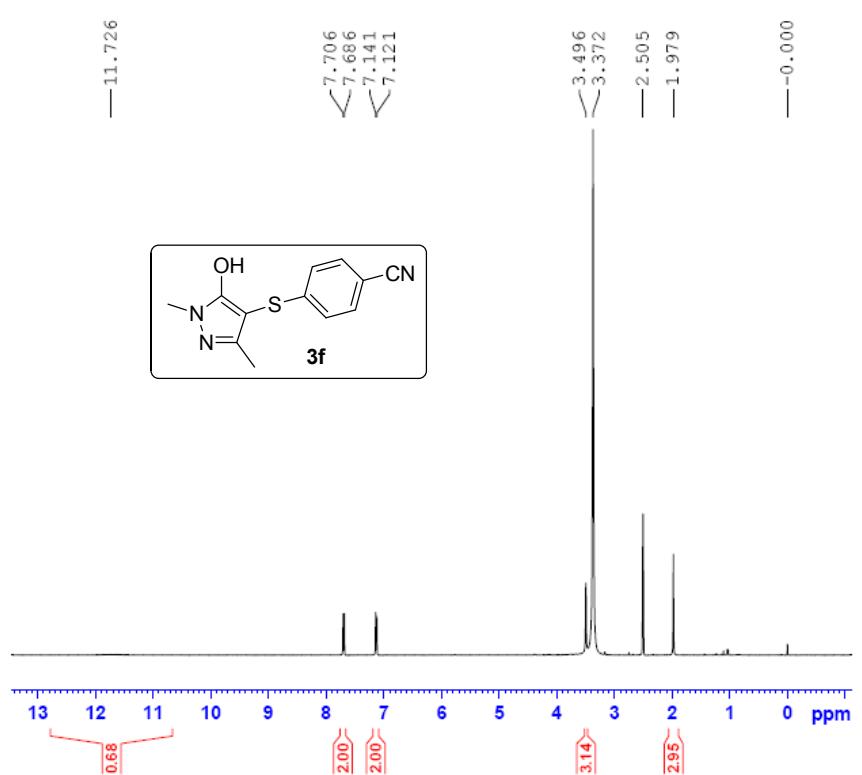








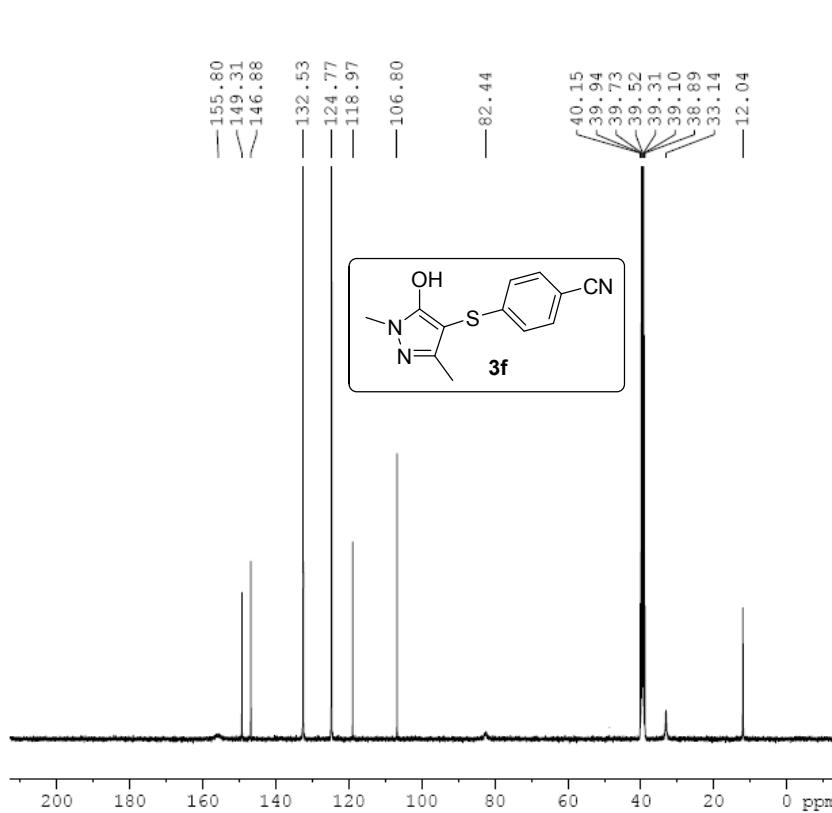




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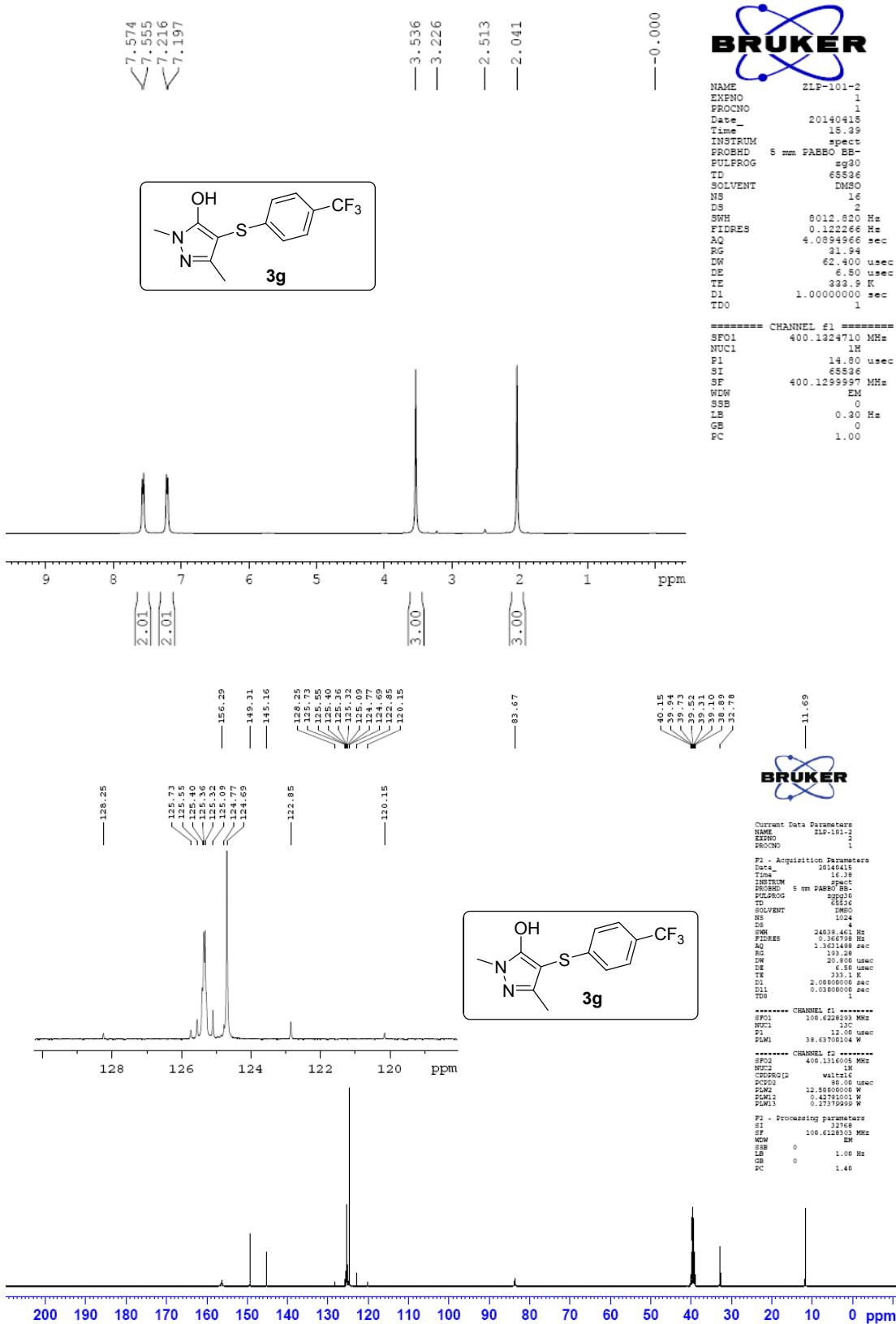
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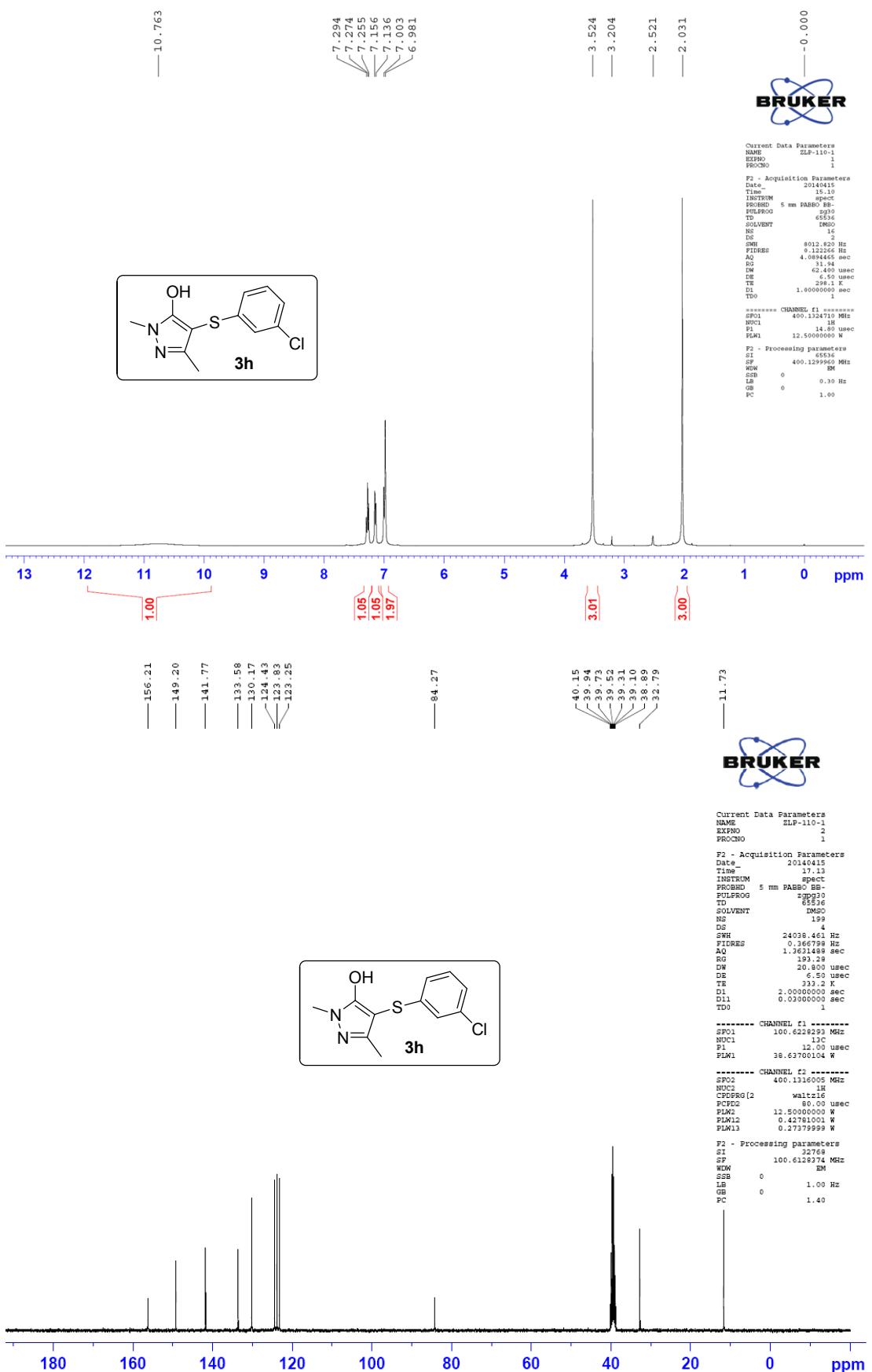


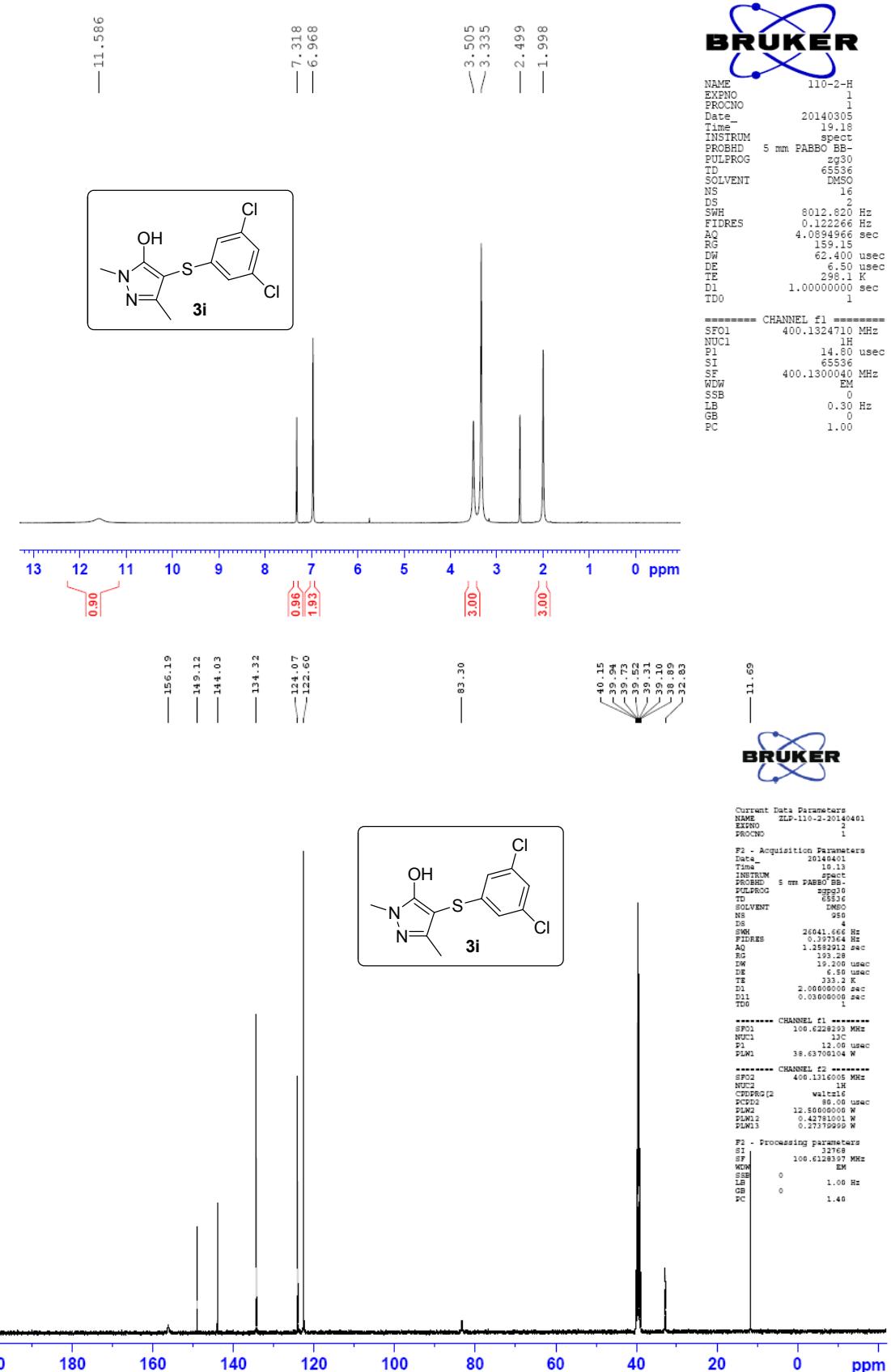
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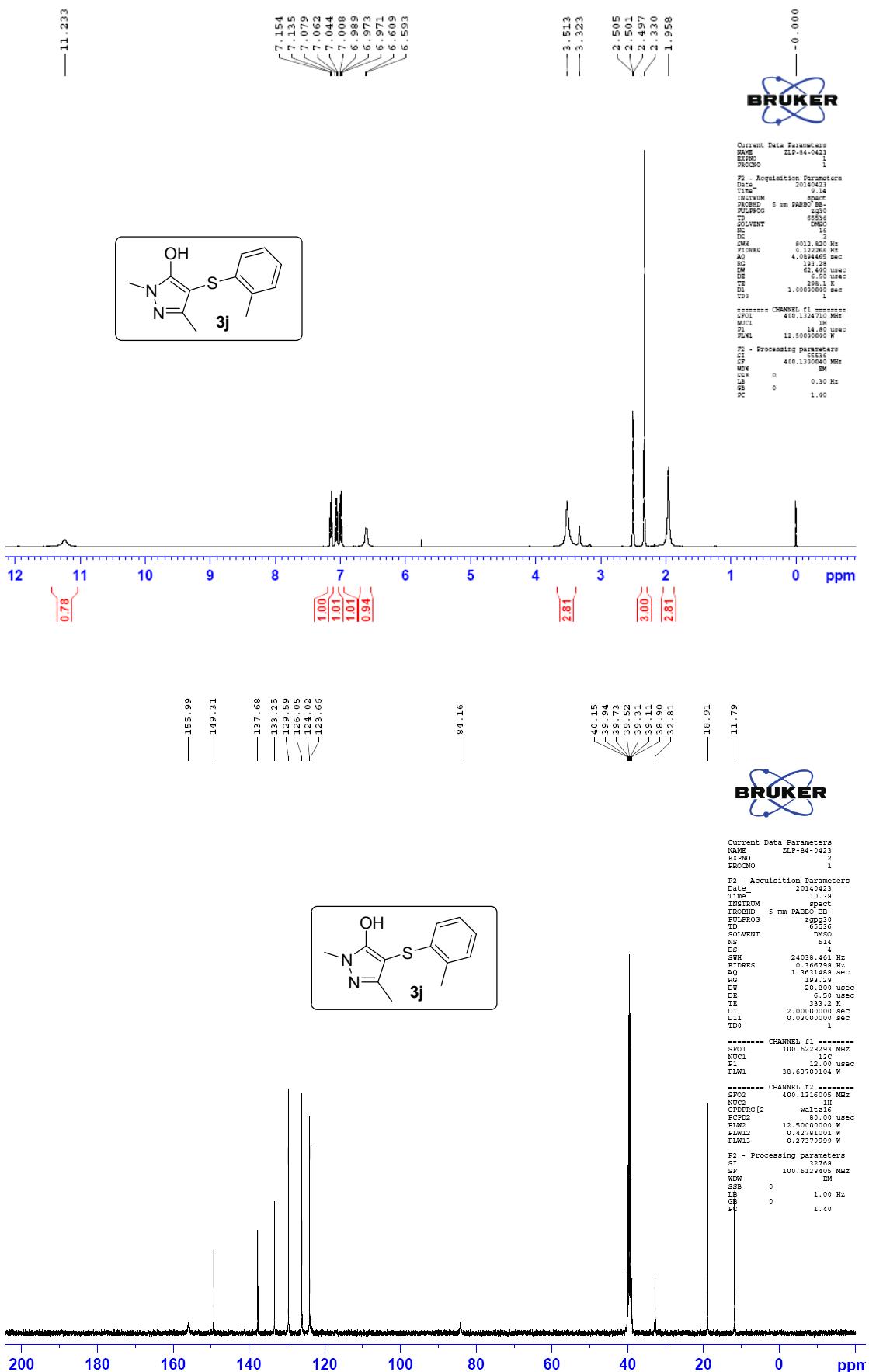
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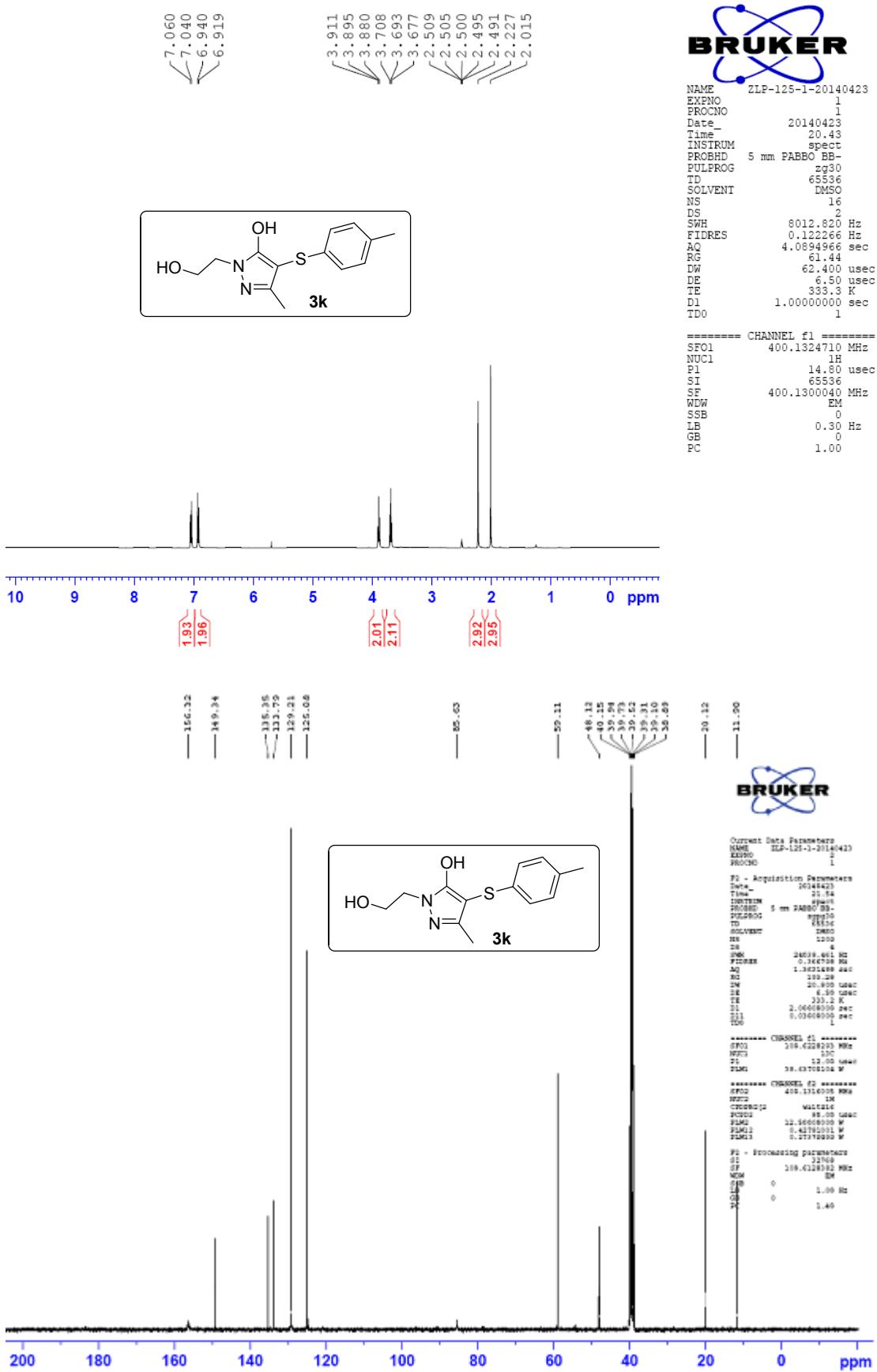
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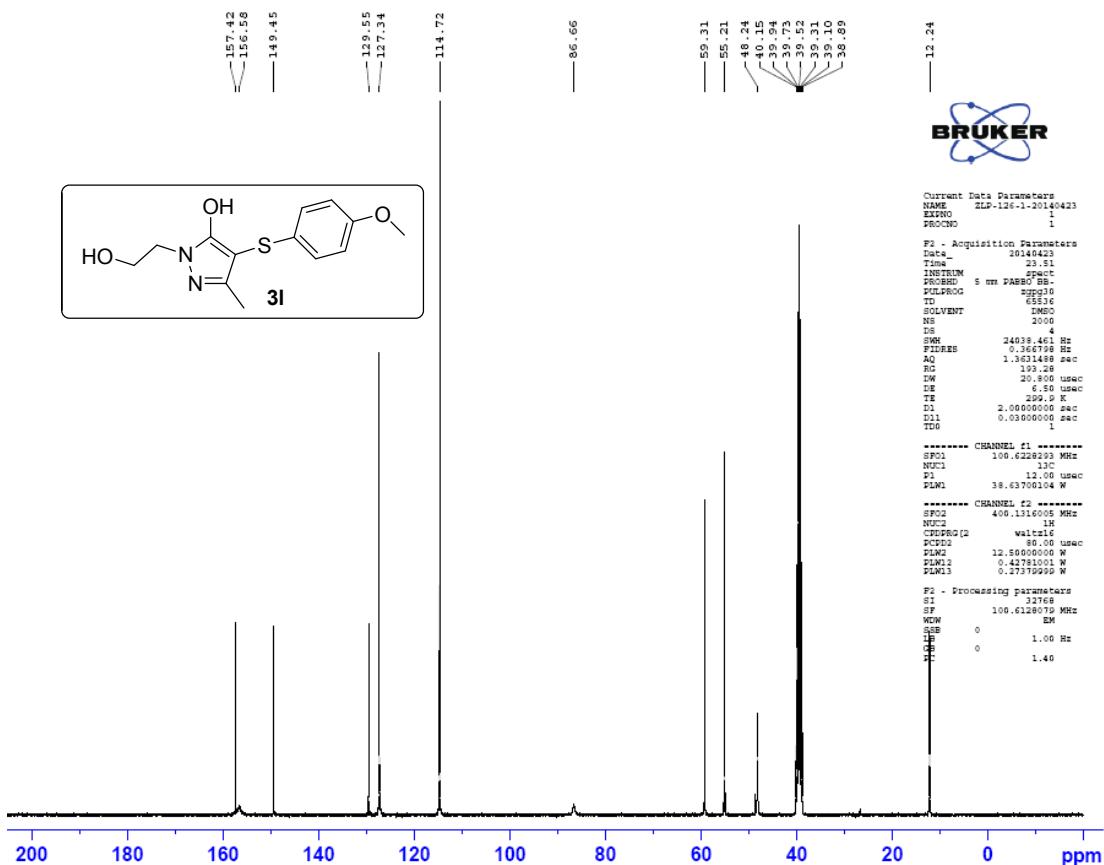
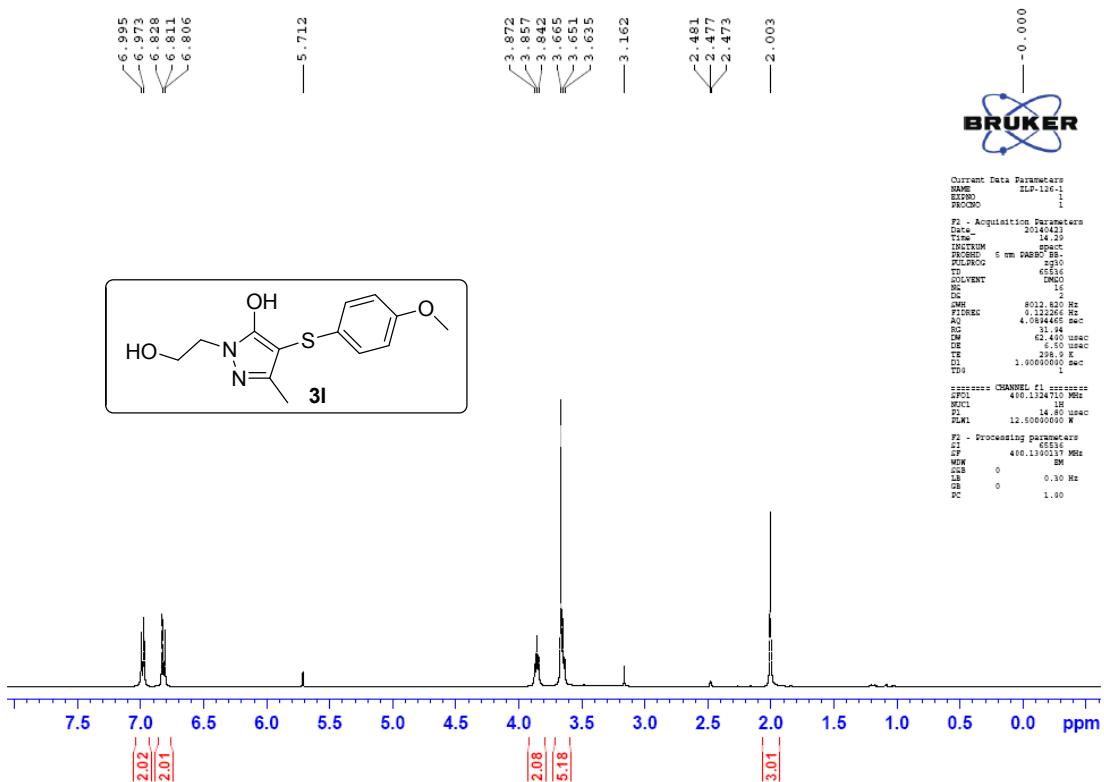


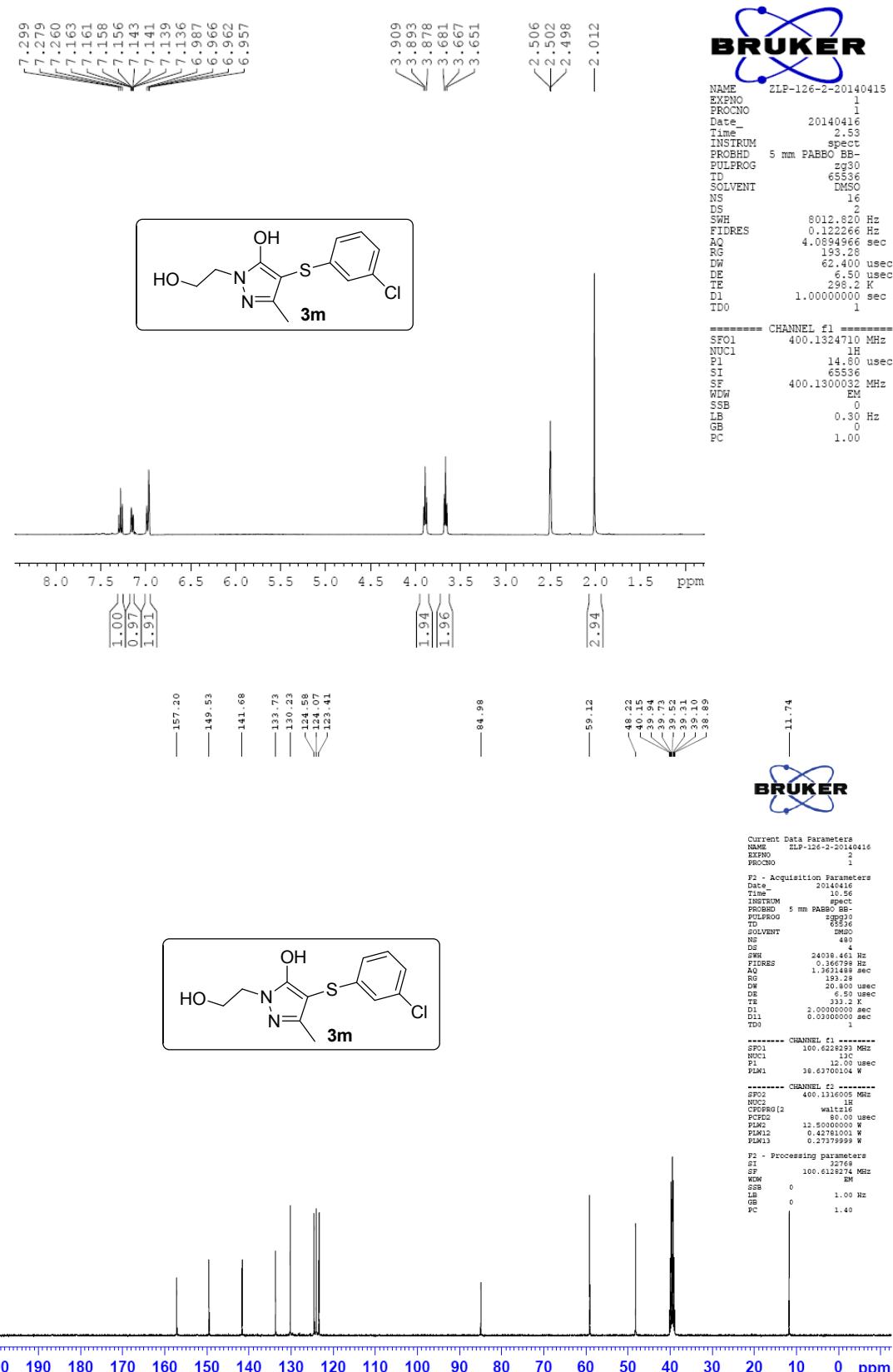


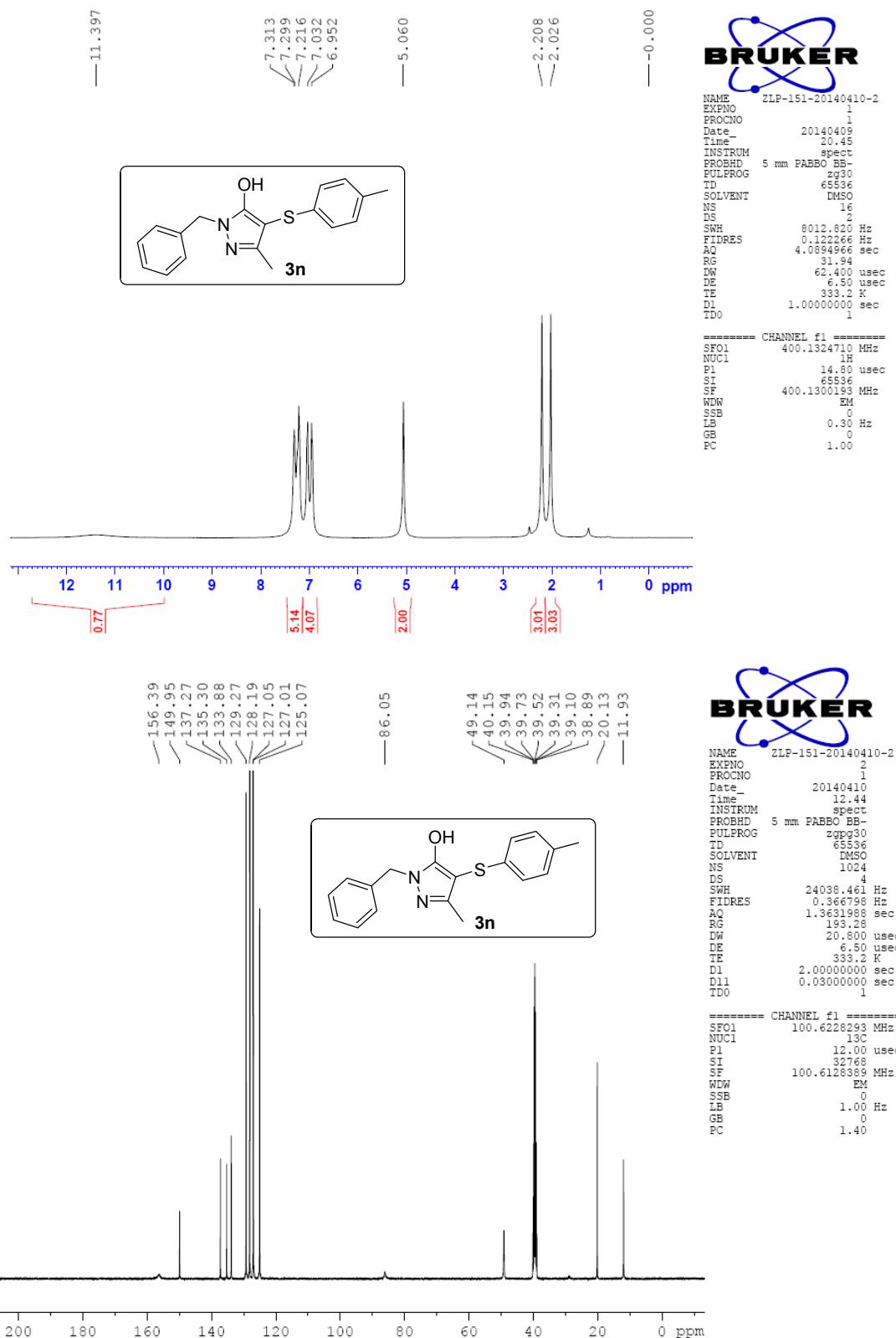


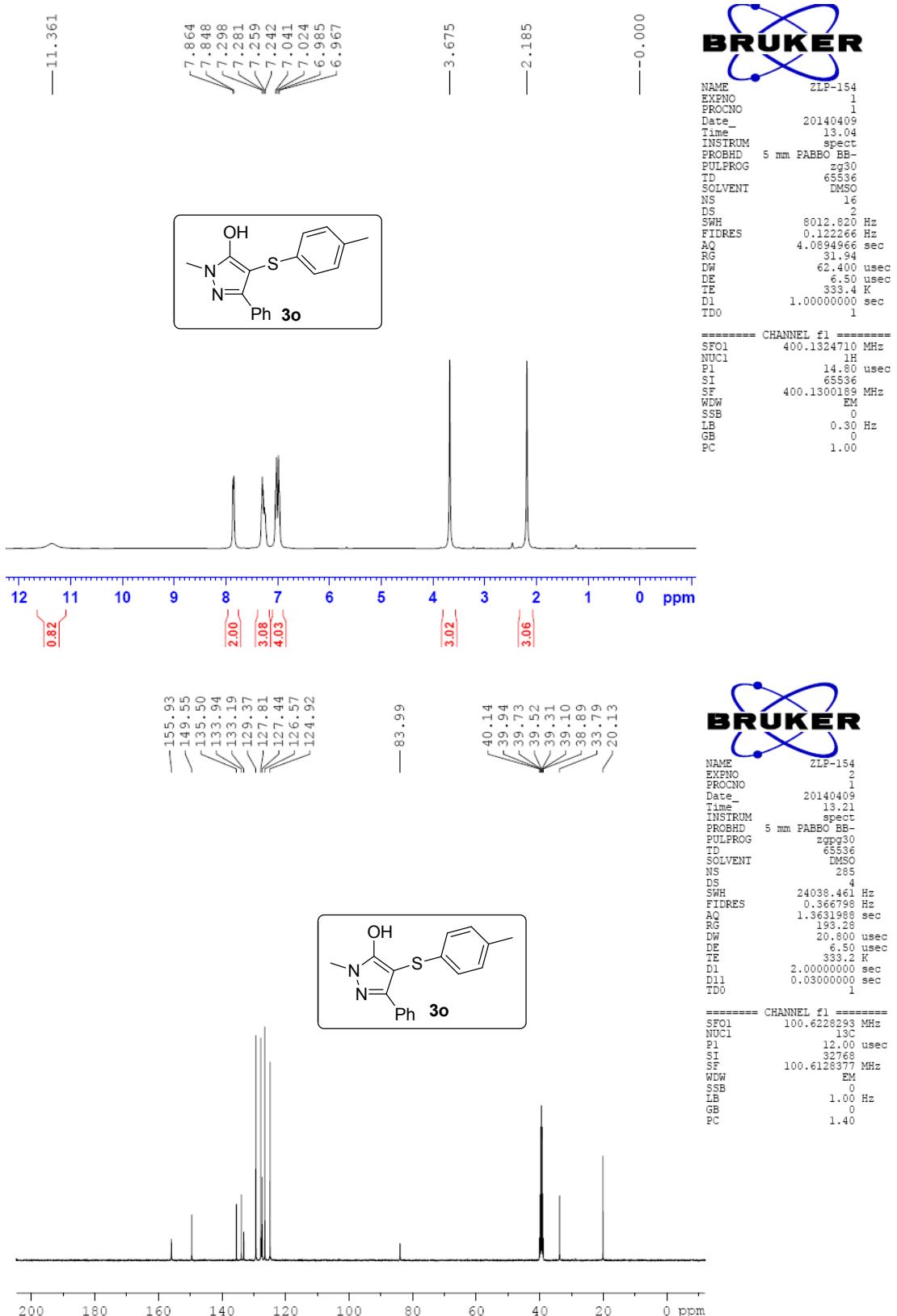




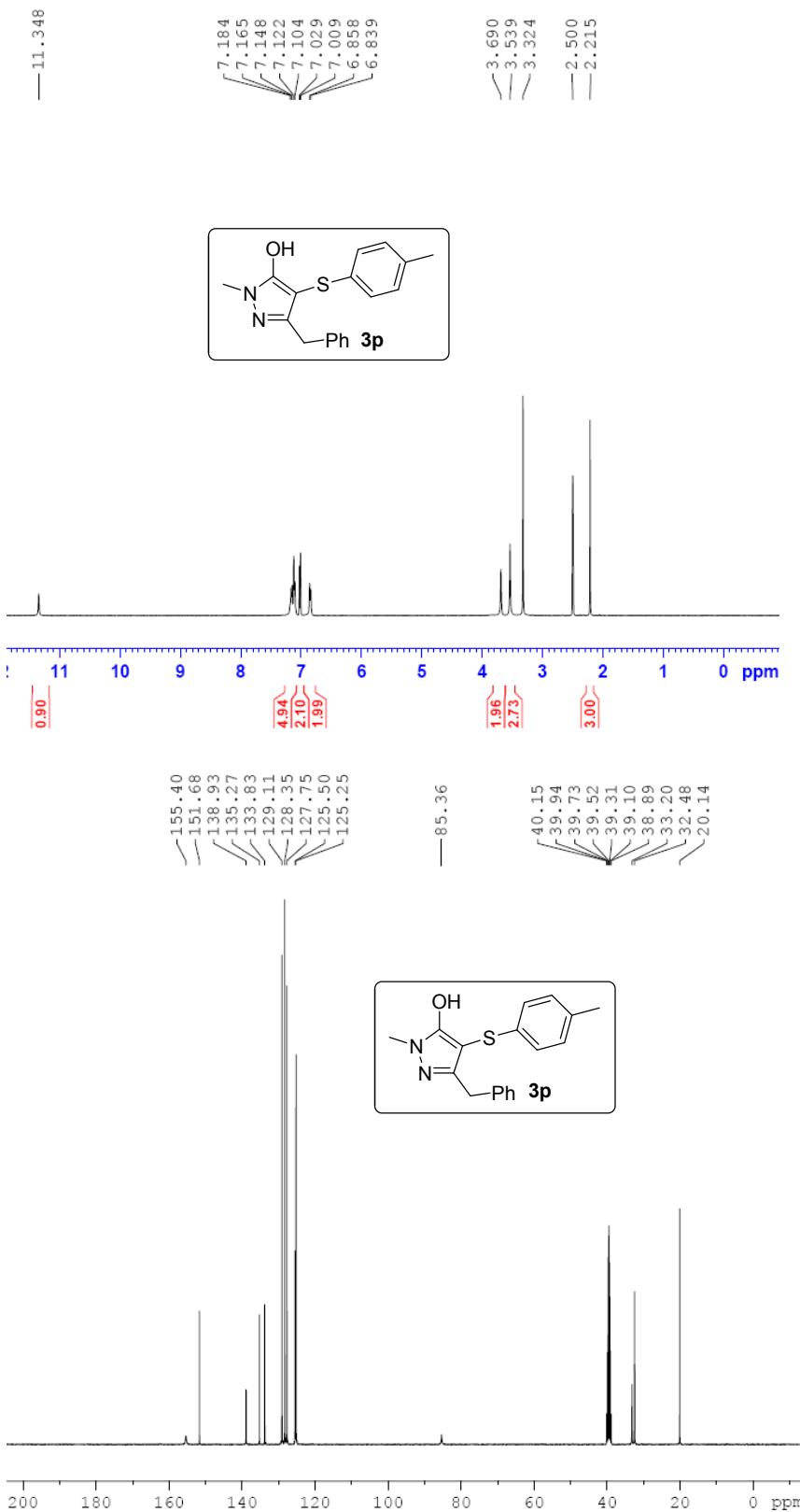








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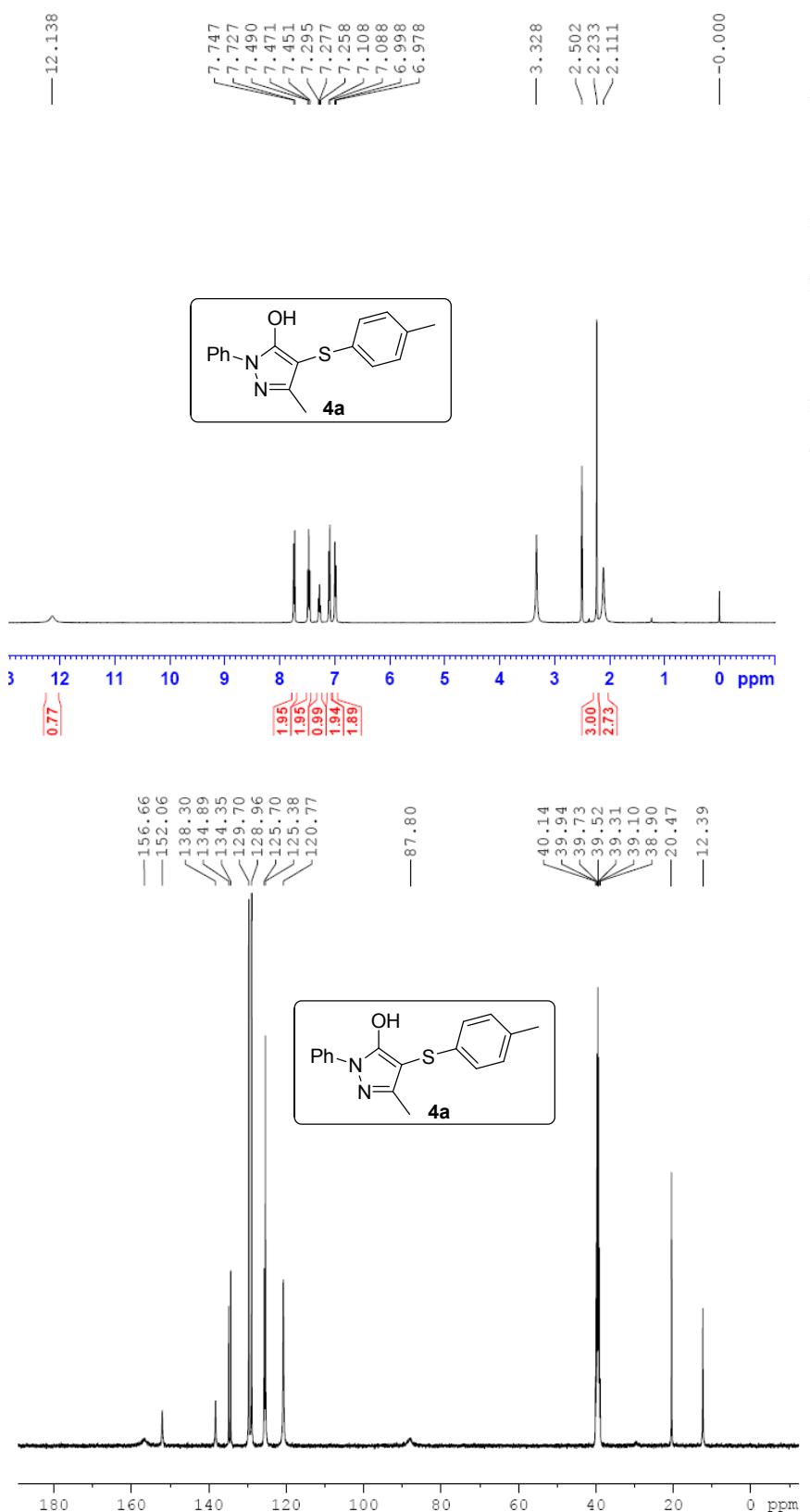
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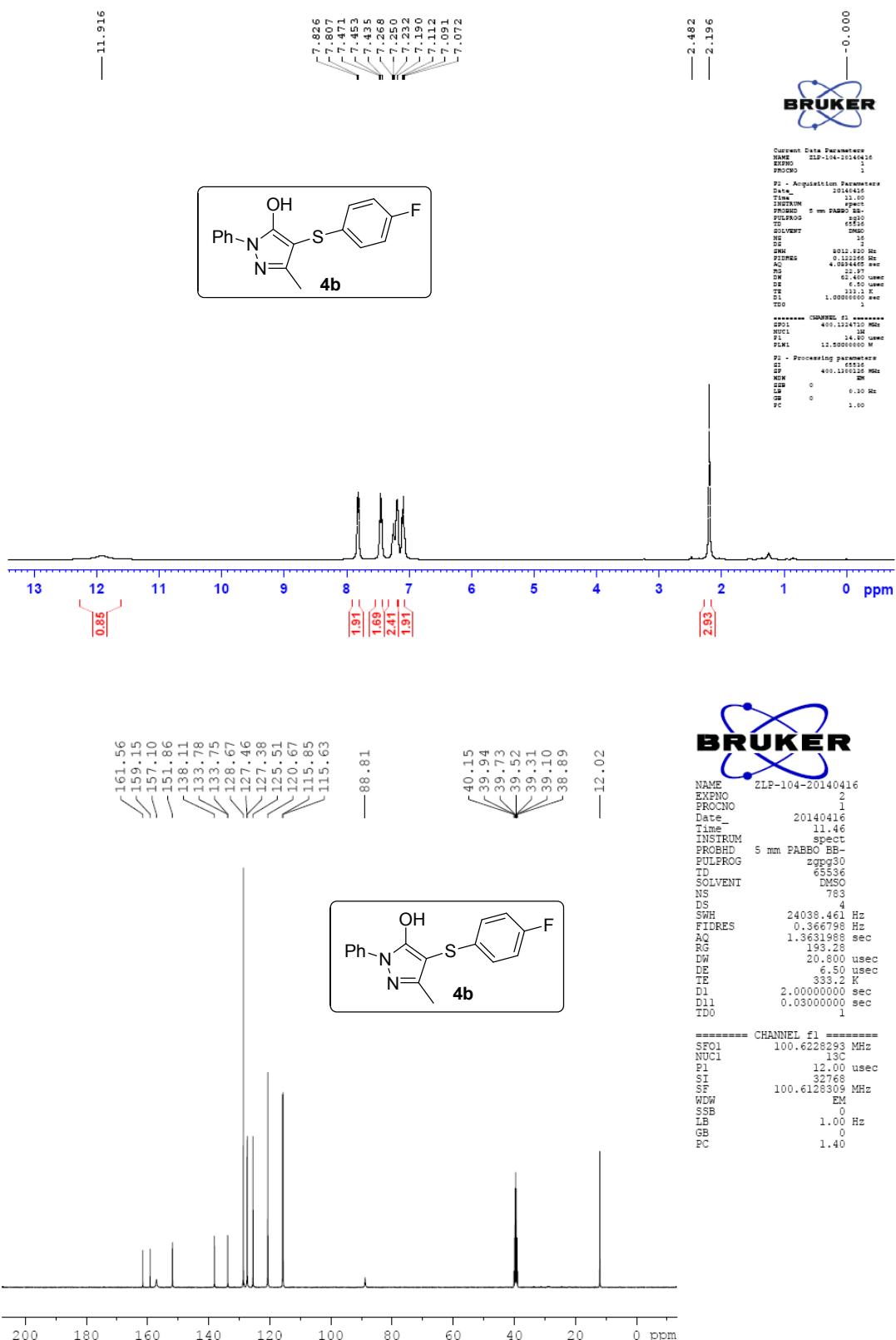
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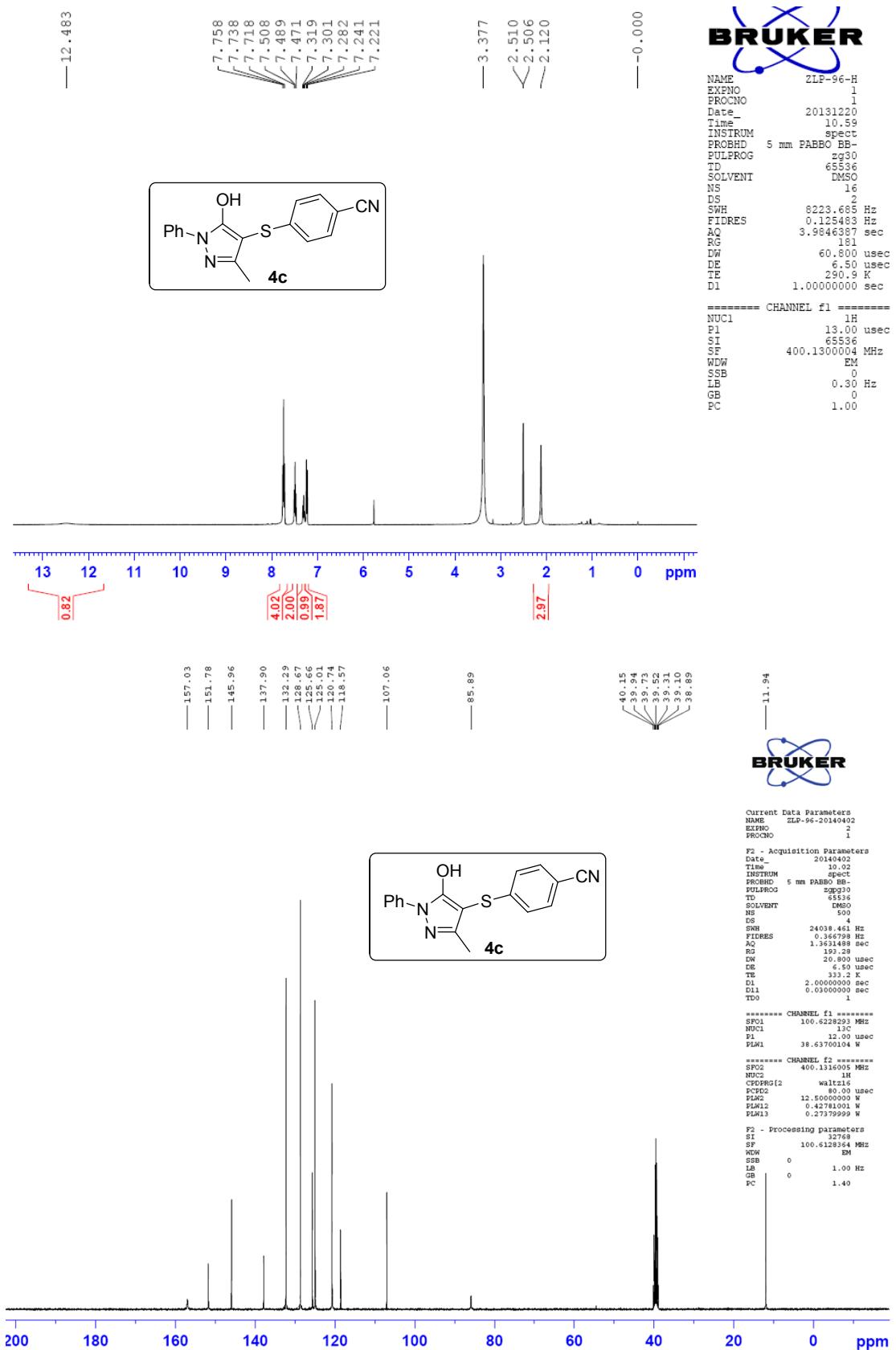


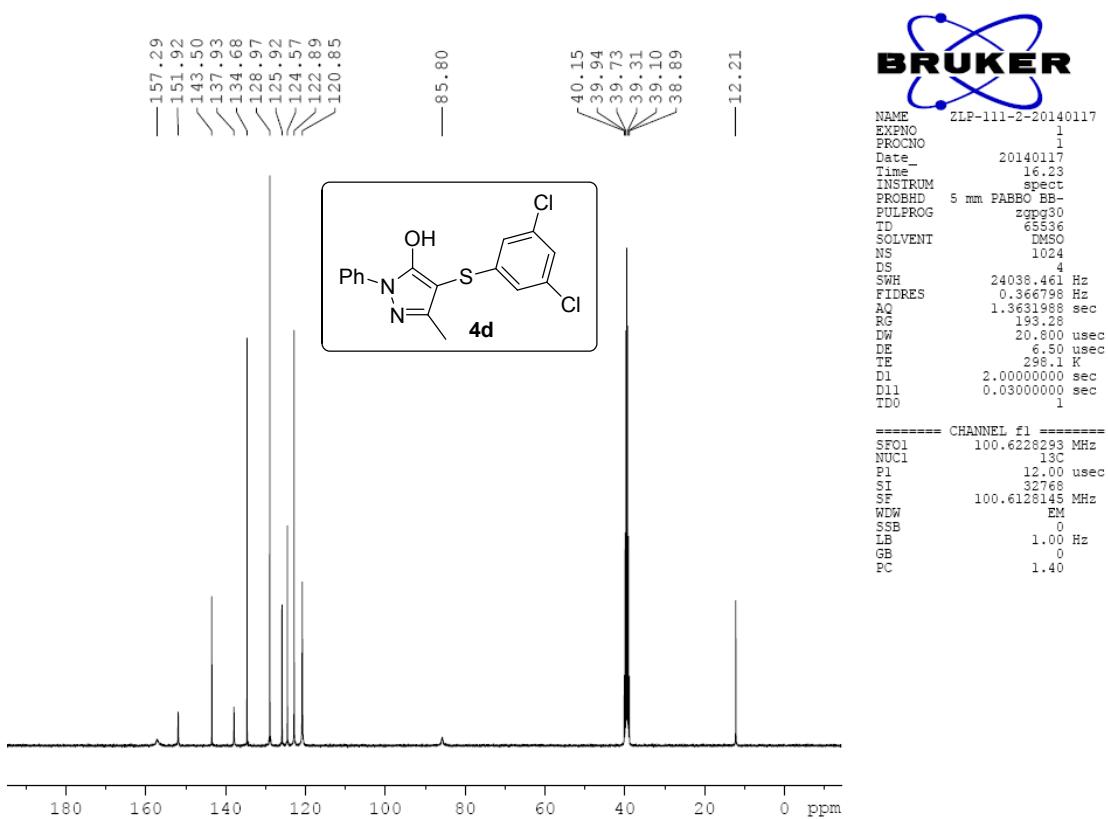
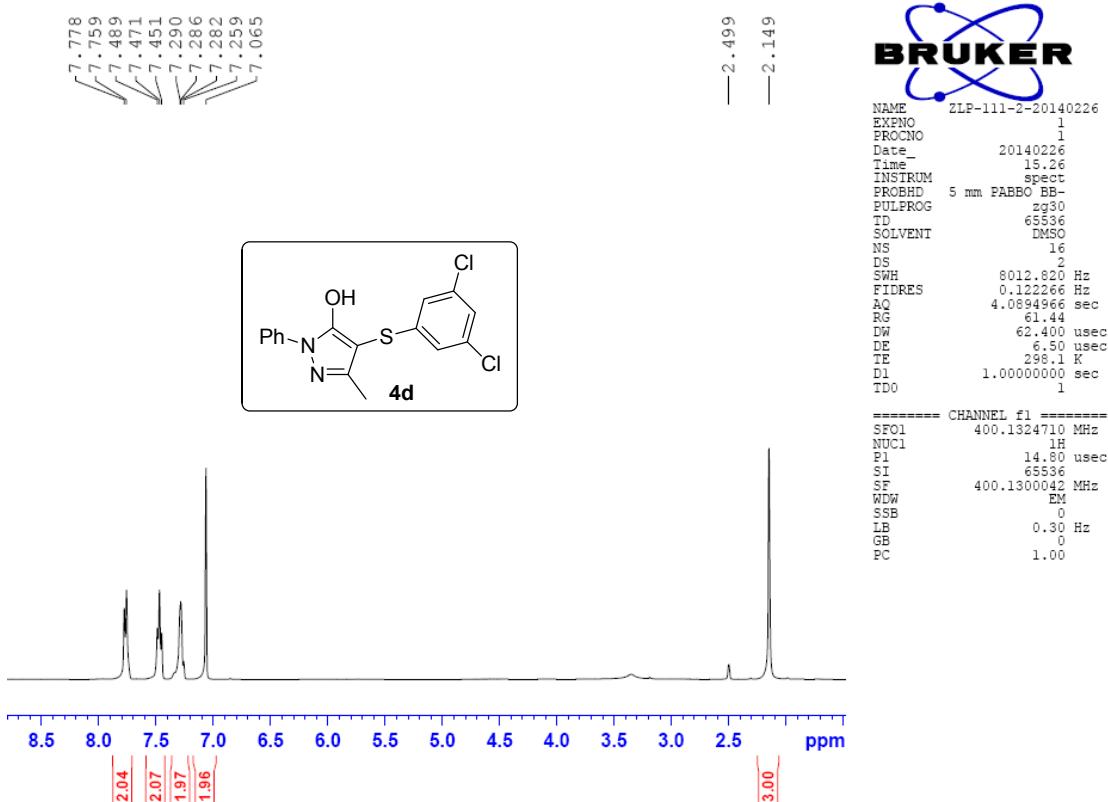
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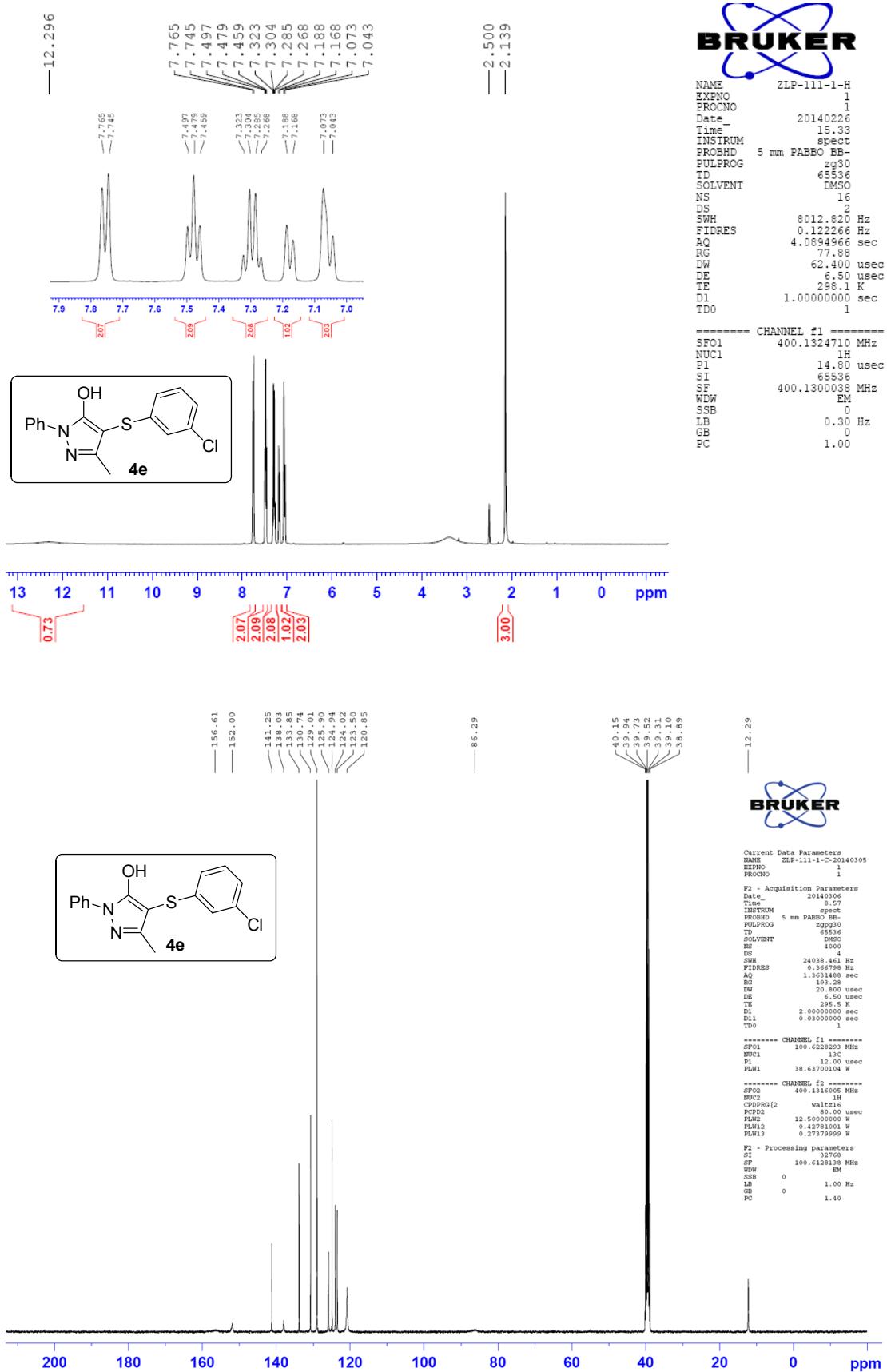
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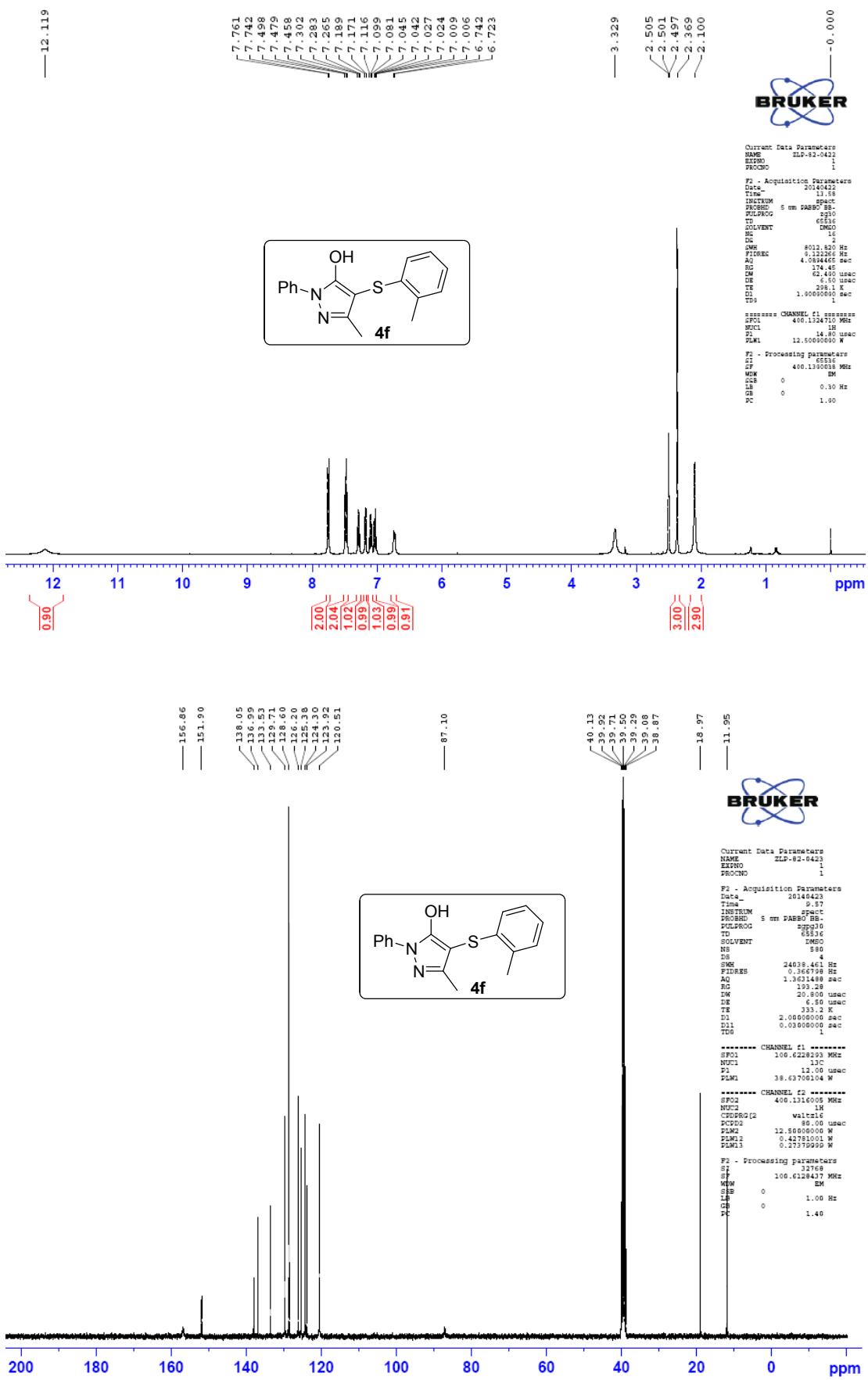


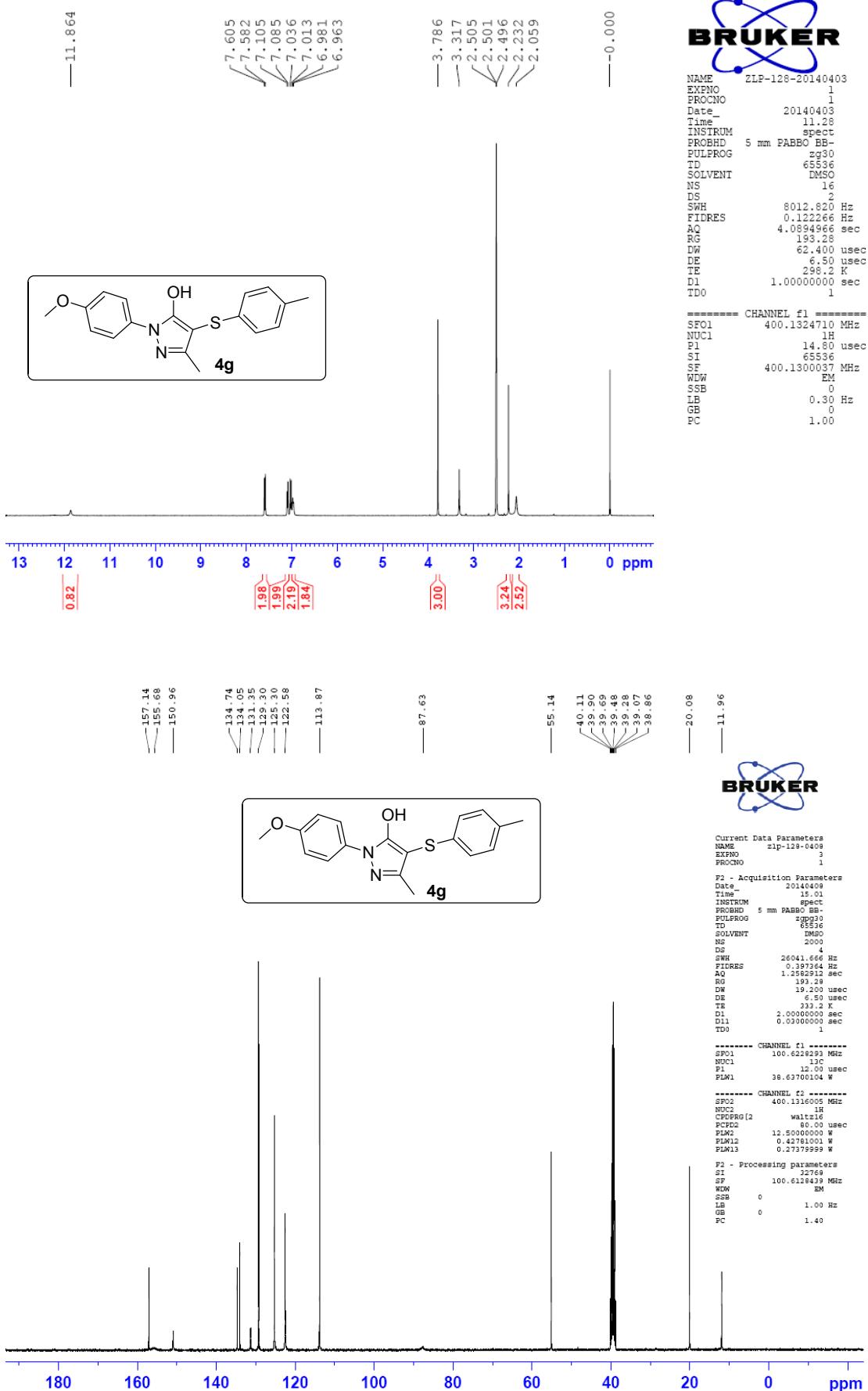


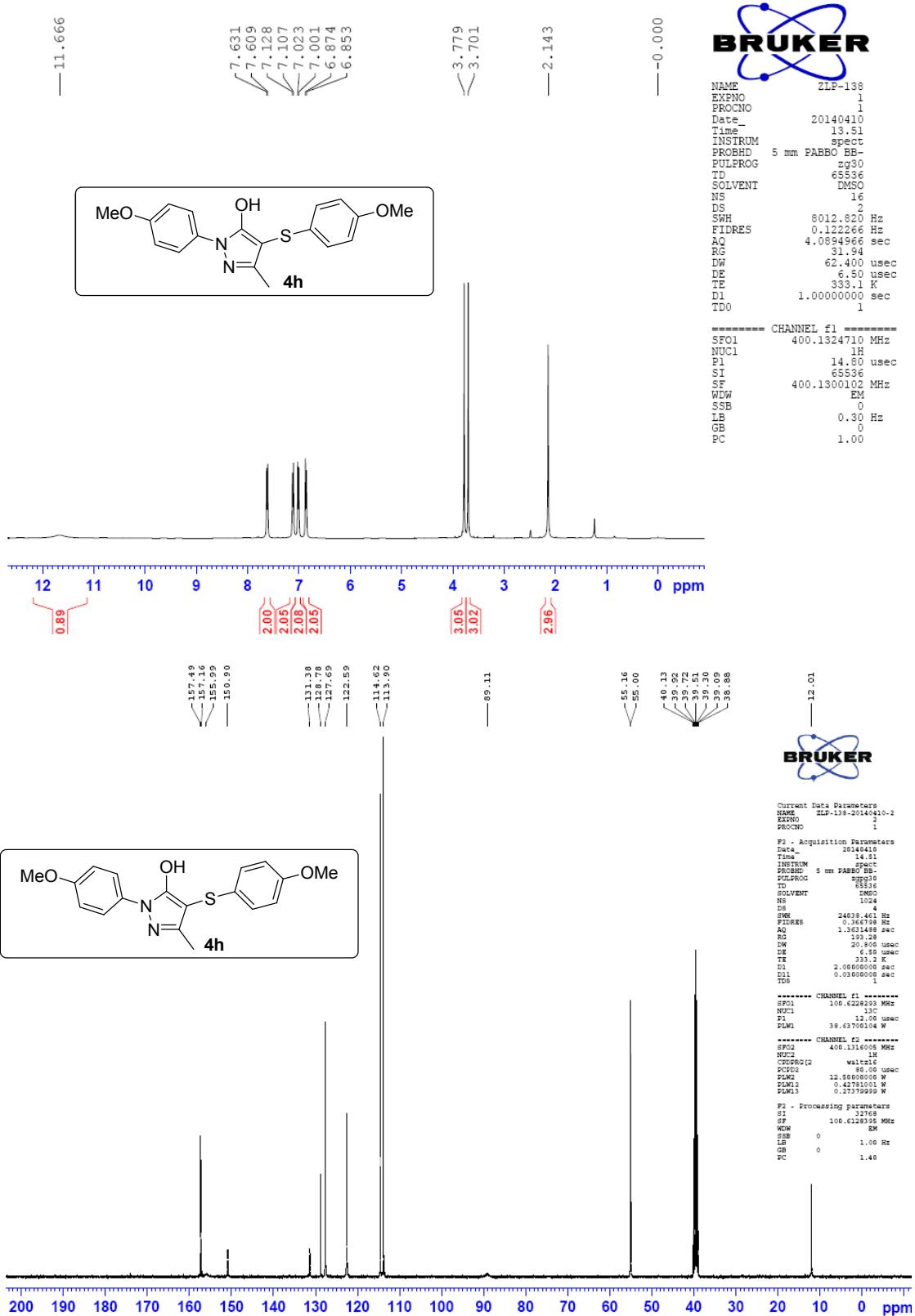


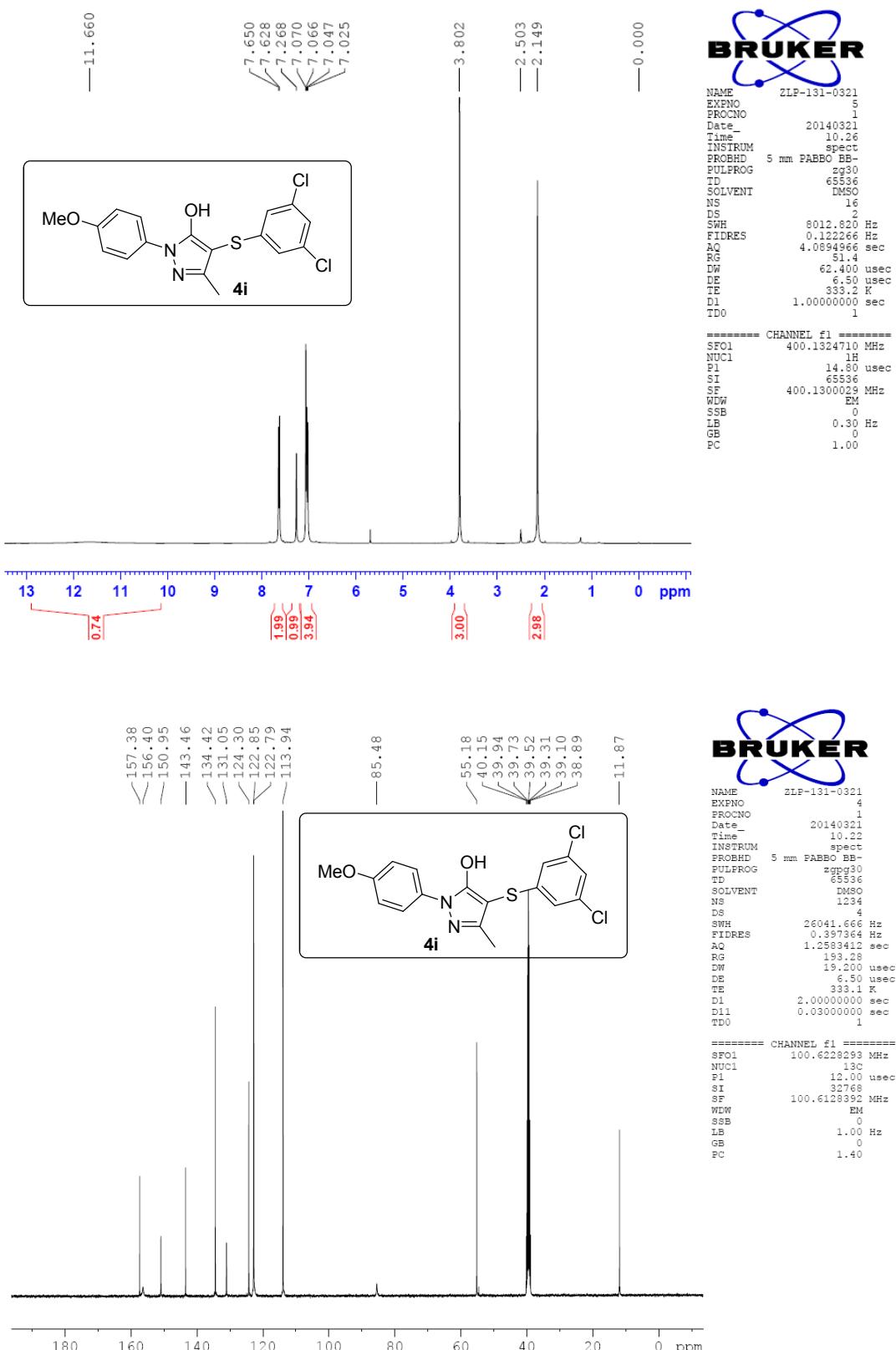


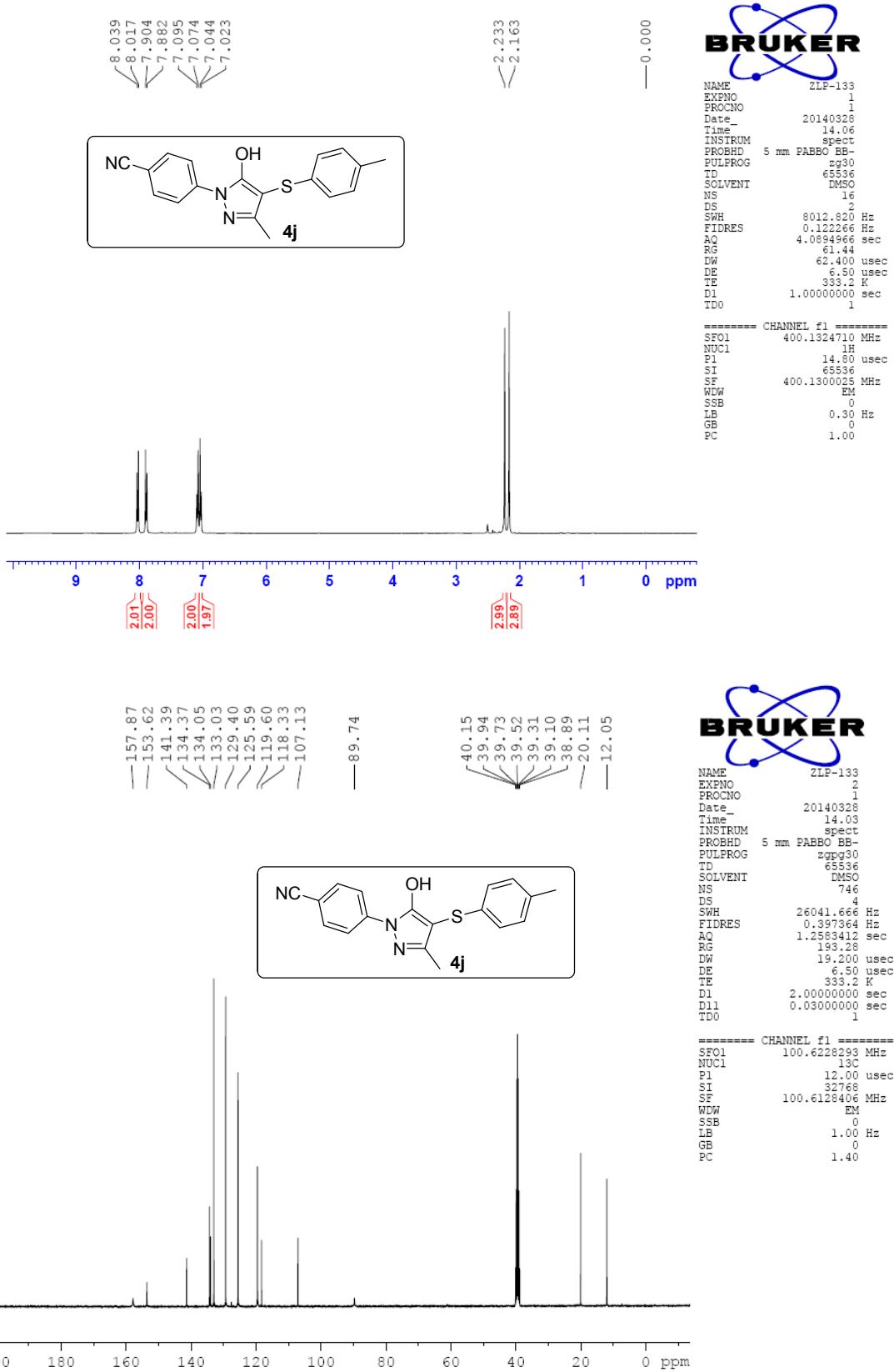


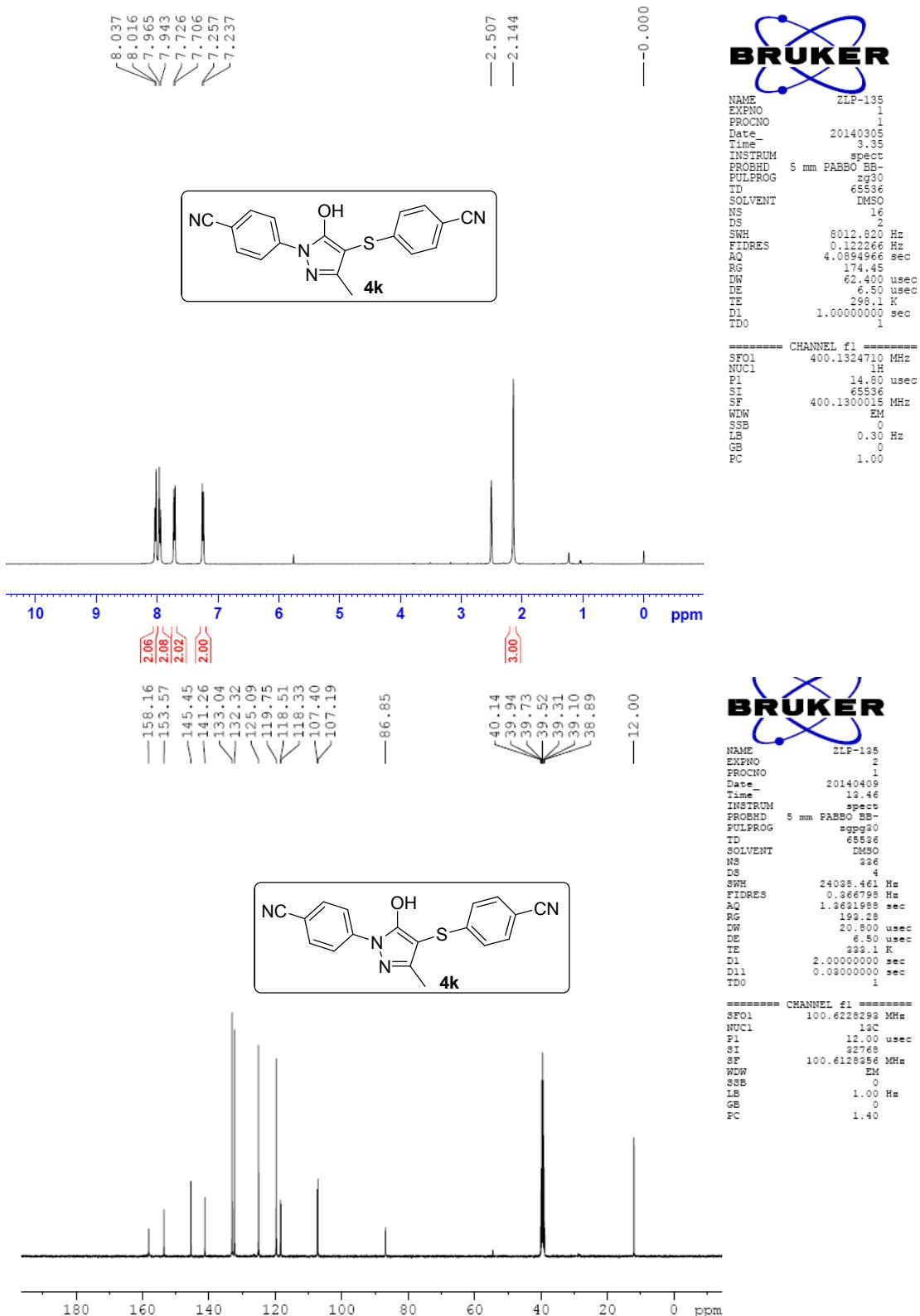


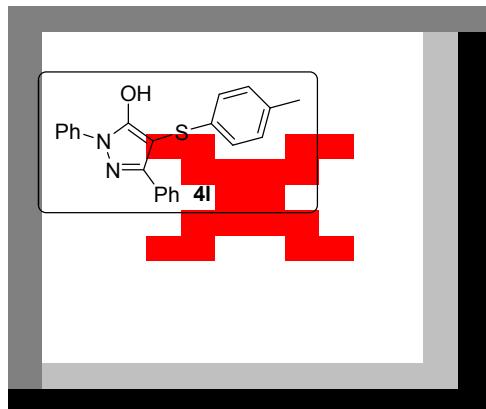
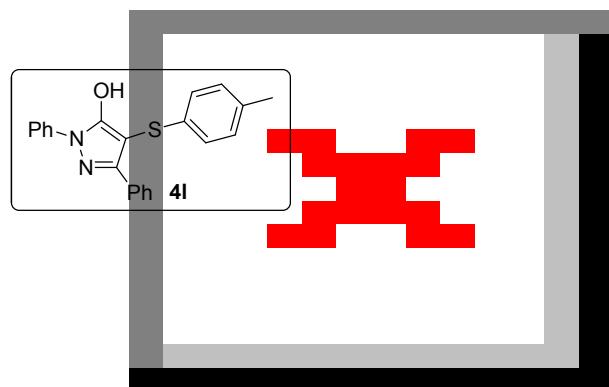


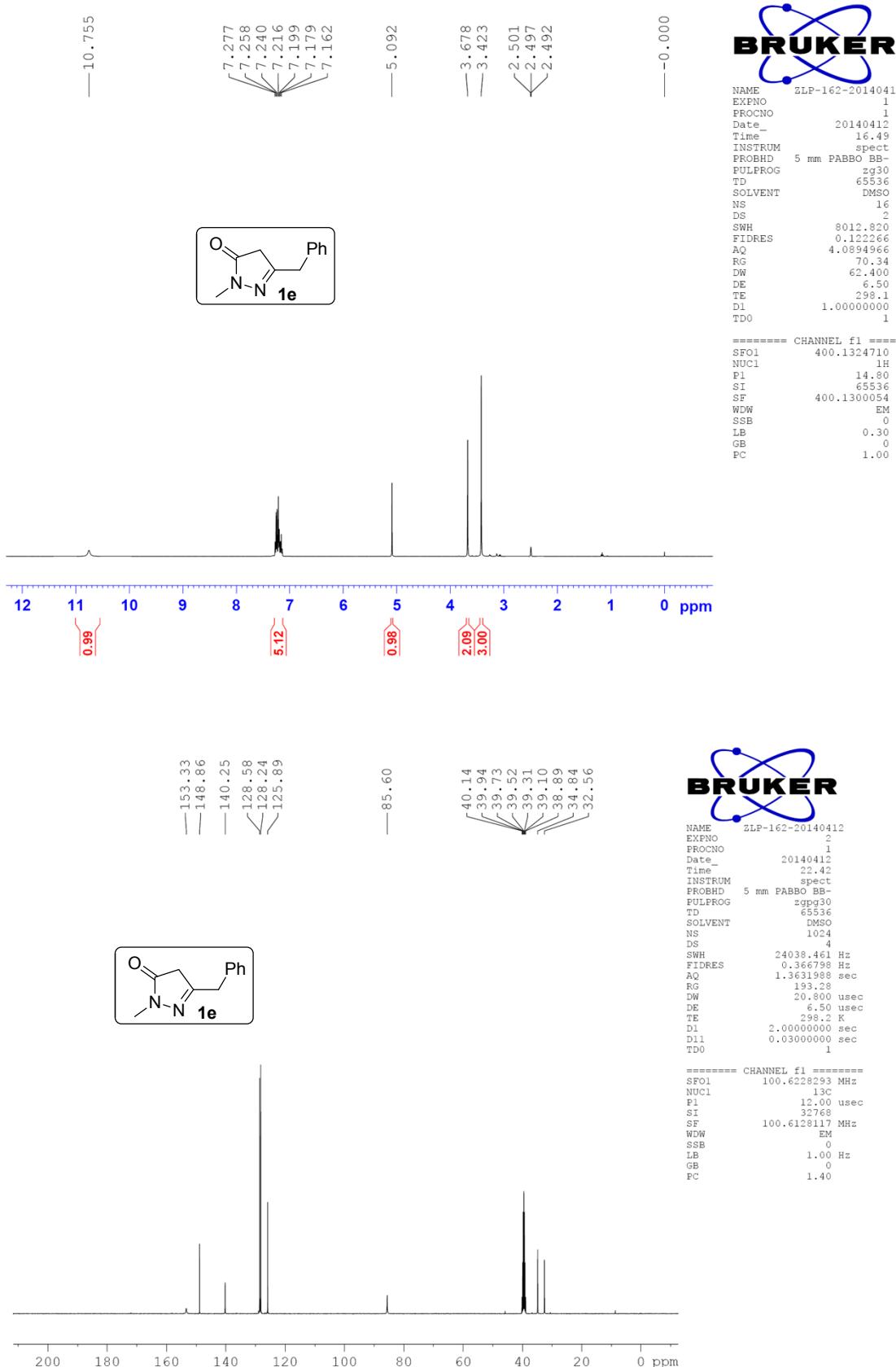




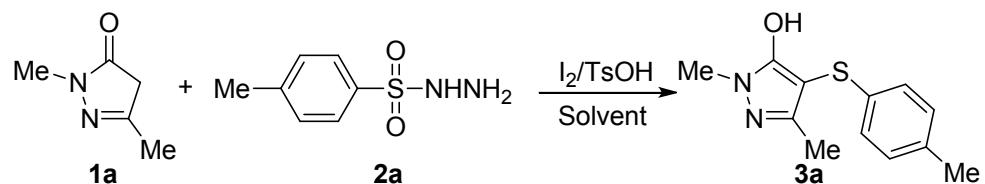








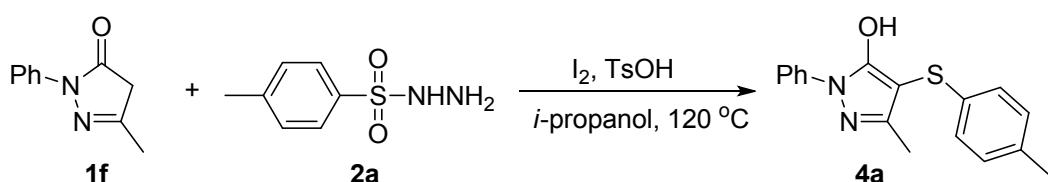
6) Optimization of I₂-catalysed reaction of **1a with **2a**^a**



Entry	I ₂ (equiv)	TsOH (equiv)	t (h)	T (°C)	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	0.1	0	>72	70	EtOH	<i>trace</i>
2	0.1	1	48	70	EtOH	63
3	0.1	1	3	100	EtOH	75
4	0.1	1	1.5	120	EtOH	82
5	0.1	1	1.7	120	<i>i</i> -PrOH	87
6	0.1	1	1.5	120	1,4-dioxane	78
7	0.1	1	2	120	toluene	68
8	0.1	1	2	120	DCE	65
9	0.1	0.5	1.5	120	<i>i</i> -PrOH	88
10	0.05	0.5	1.5	120	<i>i</i> -PrOH	88
11	0.01	0.5	2.5	120	<i>i</i> -PrOH	75
12	0.05	0	3	120	<i>i</i> -PrOH	83

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (1.0 mmol), **2a** (1.2 mmol), solvent (1 mL). ^b Yield of isolated product after silica gel chromatography

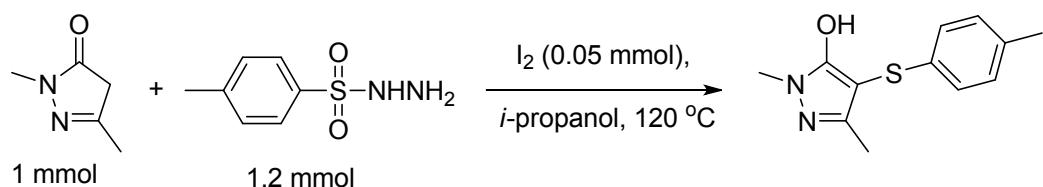
7) Optimization of loadings of I₂ and TsOH in the cross-coupling of **1f with **2a**^a**



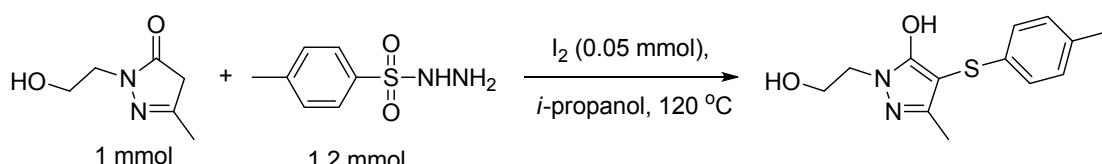
Entry	I ₂ (equiv)	TsOH (equiv)	T (°C)	Yield (%) ^b
1	0.1	1	120	30
2	0.05	1	120	67
3	0.02	1	120	80
4	0.01	1	120	84
5	0.01	0.8	120	67
6	0.01	0	120	20 ^c

^aReaction conditions: **1f** (1.0 mmol), **2a** (1.2 mmol), *i*-PrOH (1 mL), 120 °C, 1.5 h. ^b Yield of isolated product after silica gel chromatography. ^c The reaction time was 12 h.

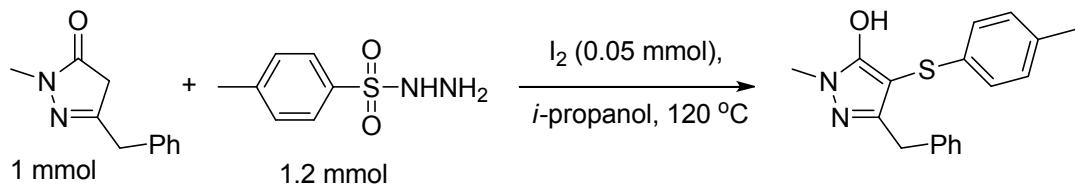
8) The effects of TsOH on the reaction.



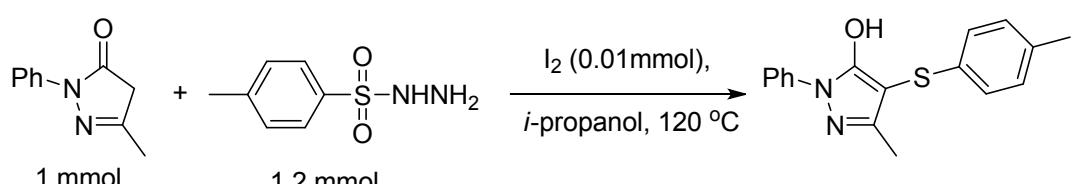
TsOH	time (h)	Yield (%)
0.5 mmol	1.5	88
no	3	83



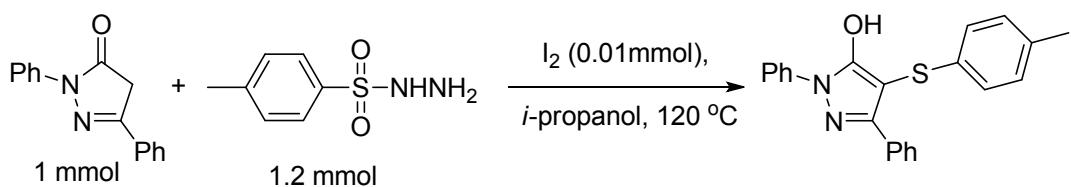
TsOH	time (h)	Yield (%)
0.5 mmol	1.5	85
no		No reaction



TsOH	time (h)	Yield (%)
0.5 mmol	1.5	79
no	3	43



TsOH	time (h)	Yield (%)
1 mmol	1.5	84
no	24	20



TsOH	time (h)	Yield (%)
1 mmol	1.5	61
no	24	26

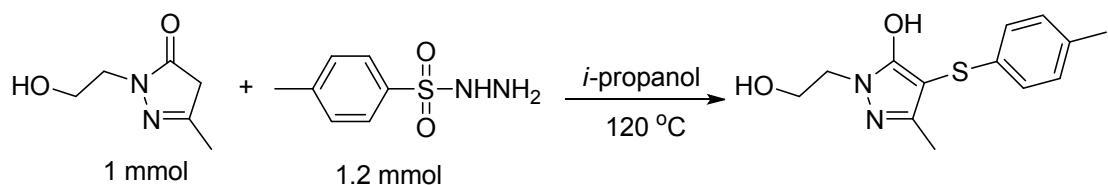
9) The table for the reations of 3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one (1g) with different acids.

Entry	Acid	Time (h)	Yield (%) ^a
1	TsOH	1.5	84
2	CF ₃ COOH	3	29
3	CH ₃ COOH	6	70
4	BF ₃ Et ₂ O	2	76
5	CF ₃ SO ₂ H	30	65

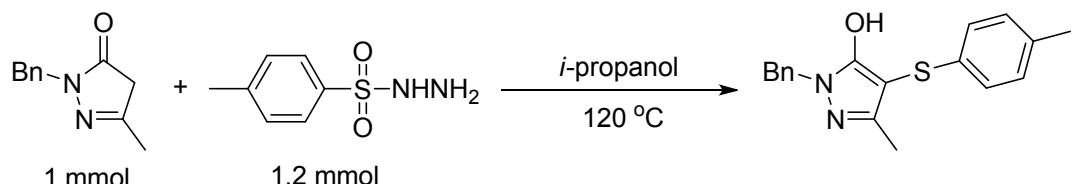
^a Yield of isolated product after chromatography with silica gel.

10) TsOH catalyzed reaction in the absence of I₂.

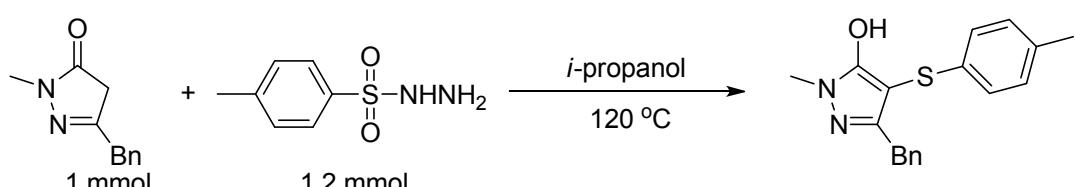
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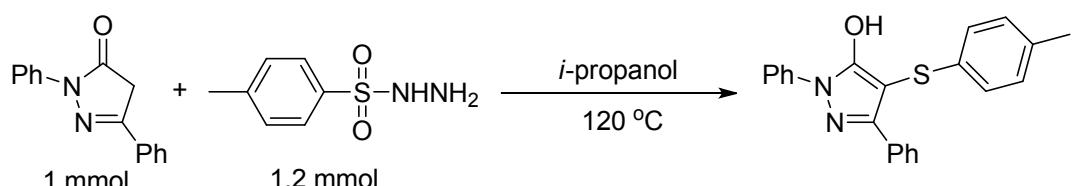
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0.5 mmol	24	43



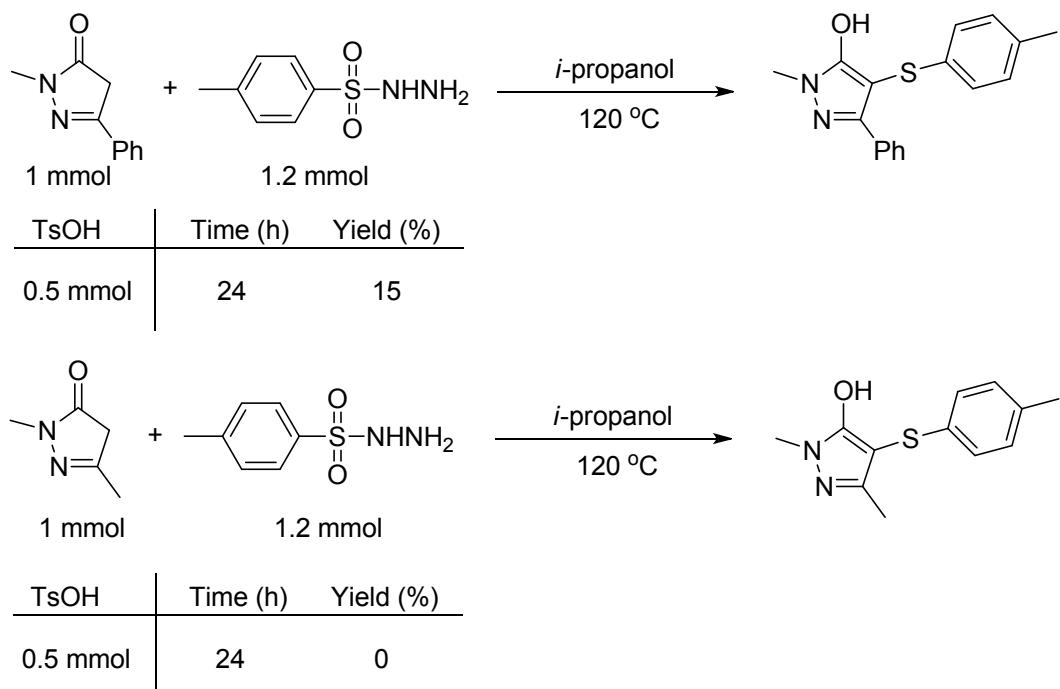
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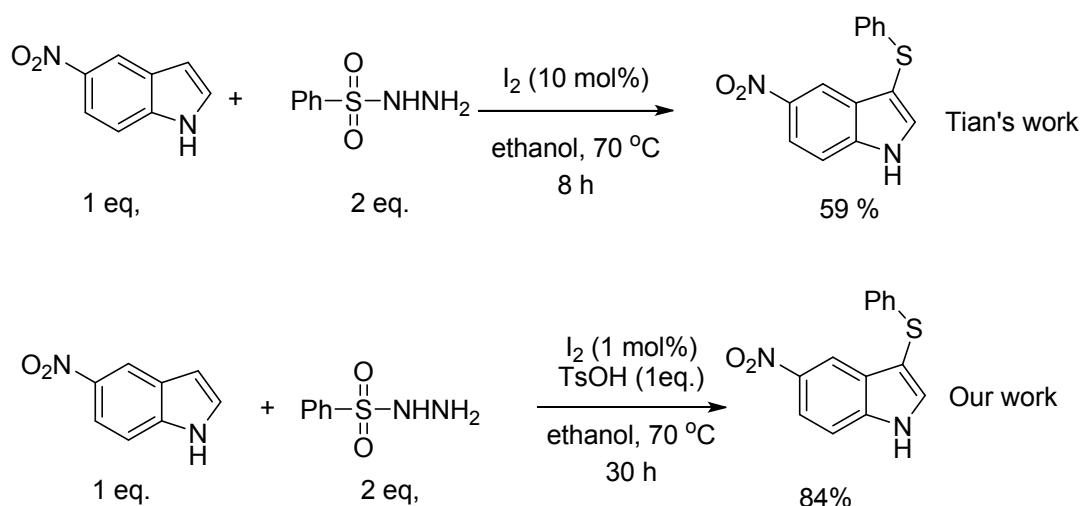
TsOH	Time (h)	Yield (%)
0.5 mmol	24	trace



TsOH	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1 mmol	24	47



11) The effect of TsOH in the catalysis of 5-nitroindole of phenyl sulphonyl hydrazide¹¹



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