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Ruthenium (II)-Catalyzed Switchable C3-Alkylation *verses* Alkenylation with Acrylates of 2-Pyridylbenzofurans *via* C–H Activation[†]

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General information: Reactions were carried out in anhydrous solvents under an atmosphere of argon in oven-dried glassware. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL AL-400 (400 MHz), Bruker AC 200 MHz, Bruker DRX 400 MHz and Bruker DRX 500 MHz spectrometers, and TMS was used as an internal standard of spectrometers. The chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (δ) relative to internal standard TMS (0 ppm) and for CDCl₃ (7.27 ppm). The peak patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; t, triplet; dt, doublet of triplet, td, triplet of doublet, m, multiplet; q, quartet. The coupling constants, J are reported in Hertz (Hz). ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained by JEOL AL-400 (100 MHz), (125 MHz), (100 MHz) and (50 MHz) spectrometers and referenced to the internal solvent signals (central peak is 77.0 ppm in CDCl₃). CDCl₃ was used as a NMR solvent. Mass spectroscopy was carried out on PI QStar Pulsar (Hybrid Quadrupole-TOF LC/MS/MS) and High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo Scientific Q-Exactive, Accela 1250 pump. Column chromatography was performed over silica gel 100-200 mesh. All reagents were weighed and handled in air and backfilled under argon at room temperature. Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere. All reagents were purchased from Aldrich and Alfa Easer and used without further purification. Compounds **1a–1c** are prepared according the procedures reported.^{1,2}

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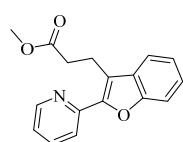
General procedure for preparation of 2-(benzofuran-2-yl)pyridine derivatives (**1a–1c**):

To a solution of alkyne (1.0 mmol), iodobenzene (1.5 mmol) in Et₃N (5.0 mL) and DMF (2.5 mL), PPh₃ (0.1 mmol) was added followed by Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (0.05 mmol), and the reaction mixture was flushed with argon for 5 min. CuI (0.05 mmol) was added and flushed with argon for 10 min and stirred at rt for 6 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. Then the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography.

General procedure A: Linear alkylation using Ru(PPh₃)₃Cl₂:

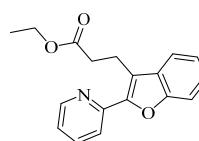
2-(Benzofuran-2-yl)pyridine (0.1 mmol) was placed in a screw cap pressure tube and dissolved in anhydrous toluene (2 mL), which was then evacuated and back filled with argon. To the reaction vessel alkene (acrylate) (0.3 mmol), RuCl₂(PPh₃)₃ (0.005 mmol) and AgOAc (0.03 mmol) were added. The solution was then stirred at 140 °C (bath temperature) for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The solvent were evaporated and the crude products were purified by column chromatography (pet ether/AcOEt) to give analytically pure.

Methyl 3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3aa): Isolated by column



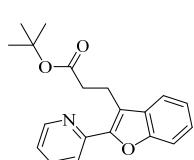
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.6). The title compound was determined as colourless gum (75%). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.83 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.17–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.52 (dd, J = 1.4, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, J = 0.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.7 (t), 33.9 (t), 51.5 (q), 111.2 (d), 118.7 (s), 120.1 (d), 120.6 (d), 122.0 (d), 122.7 (d), 125.3 (d), 130.0 (s), 136.4 (d), 149.4 (s), 149.6 (d), 150.8 (s), 153.9 (s), 173.9 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₆O₃N (M⁺+H): 282.1125; found: 282.1125.

Ethyl 3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3ab): Isolated by column



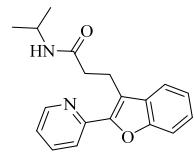
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.6). The title compound was determined as colourless gum (78%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.20 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.81 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, J = 4.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.2 (q), 19.8 (t), 34.1 (t), 60.3 (t), 111.2 (d), 118.8 (s), 120.2 (d), 120.6 (d), 122.0 (d), 122.7 (d), 125.3 (d), 130.1 (s), 136.4 (d), 149.3 (s), 149.6 (d), 150.9 (s), 153.9 (s), 173.5 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈O₃N (M⁺+H): 296.1281; found: 296.1281.

Tert-butyl 3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3ac): Isolated by column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.7). The title compound was determined as colourless gum (80%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.41 (s, 9H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, J = 4.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.2 Hz,



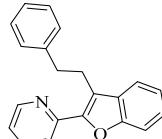
1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dt, $J = 1.8, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.8 (t), 28.1 (q, 3C), 35.3 (t), 80.1 (s), 111.2 (d), 119.0 (s), 120.3 (d), 120.6 (d), 121.9 (d), 122.6 (d), 125.2 (d), 130.1 (s), 136.3 (d), 149.3 (s), 149.6 (d), 150.9 (s), 153.9 (s), 172.8 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{N}$ (M^++H): 324.1594; found: 324.1589.

N-isopropyl-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanamide (3ad): Isolated by column



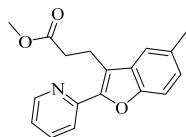
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 5:5, $R_f = 0.3$). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (53%). Mp: 149–150 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.97 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 2.81 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.56 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.97–4.06 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.2 (t), 22.5 (q, 2C), 36.3 (t), 41.2 (d), 111.3 (d, 2C), 120.2 (s), 120.7 (d, 2C), 121.6 (d), 122.6 (d), 123.1 (d), 125.9 (d), 129.6 (s, 2C), 154.2 (s, 2C), 171.6 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2$ (M^++H): 309.1598; found: 309.1600.

2-(3-Phenethylbenzofuran-2-yl)pyridine (3ae): Isolated by column chromatography



(pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, $R_f = 0.7$). The title compound was determined as colourless gum (83%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.06 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.18–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 26.4 (t), 35.9 (t), 111.3 (d), 120.0 (d, 2C), 120.6 (d), 121.9 (d), 122.6 (d), 125.1 (d), 125.8 (d), 128.3 (d, 2C), 128.6 (d, 2C), 130.3 (s, 2C), 136.3 (d), 142.4 (s), 149.2 (s), 149.6 (d), 151.1 (s), 154.0 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ON}$ (M^++H): 300.1383; found: 300.1380.

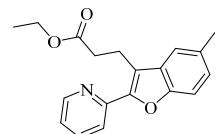
Methyl 3-(5-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3ba): Isolated by column



chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, $R_f = 0.6$). The title compound was determined as pale yellow colour gum (67%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.81 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.55 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 5.1, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.79 (t,

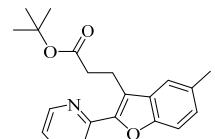
$J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.8 (t), 21.4 (q), 33.8 (t), 51.6 (q), 110.8 (d), 118.8 (s), 119.8 (d), 120.7 (d), 122.0 (d), 126.8 (d), 130.0 (s), 132.2 (s), 136.7 (d), 149.1 (s), 149.3 (d), 150.6 (s), 152.4 (s), 173.9 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{N} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 296.1281; found: 296.1282.

Ethyl 3-(5-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3bb): Isolated by column



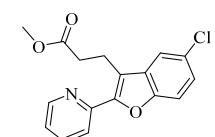
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, $R_f = 0.6$). The title compound was determined as pale yellow colour gum (64%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.55 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.85 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.74 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.2 (q), 19.8 (t), 21.4 (q), 34.0 (t), 60.4 (t), 110.9 (d, 2C), 119.9 (s), 119.9 (d, 2C), 121.0 (d), 122.2 (d), 127.1 (d), 132.3 (s, 2C), 152.6 (s, 3C), 173.4 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{N} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 310.1438; found: 310.1439.

Tert-butyl 3-(5-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3bc): Isolated by



column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, $R_f = 0.7$). The title compound was determined as pale yellow colour gum (65%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.42 (s, 9H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.70 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 5.5, 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.78 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.9 (t), 21.4 (q), 28.1 (q, 3C), 35.3 (t), 80.2 (s), 110.7 (d), 118.9 (s), 120.0 (d), 120.7 (d), 121.9 (d), 126.6 (d), 130.1 (s), 132.1 (s), 136.5 (d), 149.2 (s), 149.4 (d), 150.8 (s), 152.4 (s), 172.8 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{N} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 338.1751; found: 338.1753.

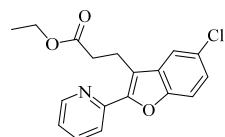
Methyl 3-(5-chloro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3ca): Isolated by column



chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, $R_f = 0.6$). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (86%). Mp: 87-88 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.81 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 7.23 (ddd, $J = 1.0, 5.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 2.3, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dt, $J = 1.8, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.7 (t), 33.7 (t), 51.6 (q), 112.3 (d), 118.3 (s), 119.7 (d), 120.7

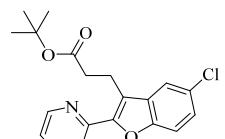
(d), 122.4 (d), 125.4 (d), 128.4 (s), 131.5 (s), 136.5 (d), 149.7 (d), 150.4 (s), 150.7 (s), 152.2 (s), 173.7 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅O₃NCl (M⁺+H): 316.0735; found: 316.0736.

Ethyl 3-(5-chloro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3cb): Isolated by column



chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.6). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (81%). Mp: 84-85 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.22 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.79 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (ddd, J = 0.9, 5.0, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 1.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dt, J = 1.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.1 (q), 19.6 (t), 34.0 (t), 60.4 (t), 112.2 (d), 118.4 (s), 119.8 (d), 120.7 (d), 122.4 (d), 125.4 (d), 128.4 (s), 131.5 (s), 136.5 (d), 149.7 (d), 150.4 (s), 150.7 (s), 152.2 (s), 173.2 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₇O₃NCl (M⁺+H): 330.0891; found: 330.0892.

Tert-butyl 3-(5-chloro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate (3cc): Isolated by column



chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.7). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (83%). Mp: 90-91 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.41 (s, 9H), 2.69 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 5.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.8 (t), 28.1 (q, 3C), 33.7 (t), 80.3 (s), 112.2 (d), 118.6 (s), 119.9 (d), 120.8 (d), 122.3 (d), 125.4 (d), 128.3 (s), 131.5 (s), 136.4 (d), 149.7 (d), 150.4 (s), 150.7 (s), 152.3 (s), 172.6 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₁O₃NCl (M⁺+H): 358.1204; found: 358.1207.

General procedure B: Linear alkenylation using Ru(PPh₃)₃Cl₂:

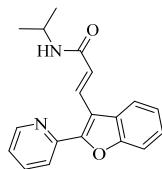
2-(benzofuran-2-yl)pyridine (0.1 mmol) was placed in a screw cap pressure tube and dissolved in anhydrous toluene (2 mL), which was then evacuated and back filled with argon. To the reaction vessel alkene (acrylate) (0.3 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.3 mmol), RuCl₂(PPh₃)₃ (0.005 mmol) and AgOAc (0.03 mmol) were added. The solution was then stirred at 140 °C (bath temperature) for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The solvent were evaporated and the crude products were purified by column chromatography (pet ether/AcOEt) to give analytically pure.

Methyl (*E*)-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4aa): The title compound was isolated by column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.4) and determined as pale yellow colour solid (77%). Mp: 116-117 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 0.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dt, J = 0.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 1.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 1.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (dddd, J = 0.9, 1.5, 2.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 9.02 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 51.7 (q), 111.7 (d), 115.5 (s), 119.7 (d), 121.7 (d), 122.1 (d), 123.2 (d), 124.0 (d), 126.0 (d), 126.9 (s), 136.6 (d), 137.6 (d), 149.9 (d), 149.9 (s), 153.5 (s), 154.4 (s), 167.8 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{N} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 280.0968; found: 280.0968.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4ab): Isolated by column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.4). The title compound was determined as yellow colour solid (72%). Mp: 124-125 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dddd, J = 0.9, 4.9, 7.6, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dt, J = 0.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 1.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 1.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (ddd, J = 0.9, 1.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 9.02 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.4 (q), 60.4 (t), 111.7 (d), 115.6 (s), 120.1 (d), 121.8 (d), 122.1 (d), 123.1 (d), 123.9 (d), 126.0 (d), 126.9 (s), 136.6 (d), 137.3 (d), 149.8 (s), 149.9 (d), 153.4 (s), 154.4 (s), 167.4 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 294.1125; found: 294.1125.

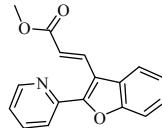
Tert-butyl (*E*)-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4ac): Isolated by column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.6). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (70%). Mp: 131-133 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.59 (s, 9H), 6.59 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 5.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 1.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.3 (q, 3C), 80.3 (s), 111.7 (d), 115.7 (s), 121.8 (d), 121.9 (d), 122.1 (d), 123.1 (d), 123.8 (d), 125.9 (d), 126.9 (s), 136.3 (d), 136.6 (d), 149.9 (d), 149.9 (s), 153.2 (s), 154.4 (s), 166.7 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{N} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 322.1438; found: 322.1431.

(E)-N-isopropyl-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylamide (4ad): Isolated by column



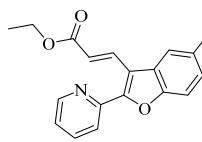
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 5:5, R_f = 0.2). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (51%). Mp: 196–198 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.27 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 4.25–4.32 (m, 1H), 5.57 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.9 (q, 2C), 41.6 (d), 111.8 (d), 115.7 (s), 121.5 (d), 122.1 (d), 123.0 (d), 123.4 (d), 123.7 (d), 125.8 (d), 127.1 (s), 132.9 (d), 136.6 (d), 149.9 (s), 150.0 (d), 152.9 (s), 154.4 (s), 165.5 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{N}_2$ (M^++H): 307.1441; found: 307.1436.

Methyl (E)-3-(5-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4ba): Isolated by column



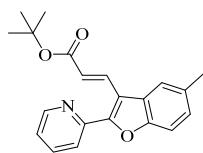
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.5). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (65%). Mp: 110–111 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.51 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.83 (dt, J = 1.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 9.01 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.5 (q), 51.7 (q), 111.2 (d), 115.4 (s), 119.5 (d), 121.6 (d), 122.1 (d), 123.1 (d), 126.9 (s), 127.3 (d), 133.6 (s), 136.7 (d), 137.7 (d), 149.8 (d), 149.9 (s), 152.9 (s), 153.6 (s), 167.9 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N}$ (M^++H): 294.1125; found: 294.1122.

Ethyl (E)-3-(5-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4bb): Isolated by column



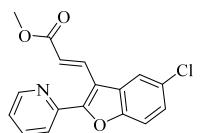
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.5). The title compound was determined as yellow colour gum (65%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.40 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.84 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (bs, 1H), 9.00 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.4 (q), 21.5 (q), 60.5 (t), 111.2 (d), 115.5 (s), 119.9 (d), 121.6 (d), 122.1 (d), 123.1 (d), 126.9 (s), 127.3 (d), 133.6 (s), 136.8 (d), 137.4 (d), 149.7 (d), 149.8 (s), 152.9 (s), 165.4 (s), 167.5 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{N}$ (M^++H): 308.1281; found: 308.1283.

Tert-butyl (E)-3-(5-methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4bc): Isolated by



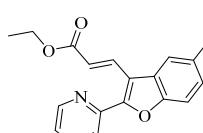
column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.5). The title compound was determined as yellow colour gum (66%). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.59 (s, 9H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dt, J = 1.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.5 (q), 28.3 (q, 3C), 80.3 (s), 111.2 (d), 115.5 (s), 121.7 (d, 2C), 122.1 (d), 123.0 (d), 127.0 (s), 127.2 (d), 133.5 (s), 136.4 (d), 136.6 (d), 149.8 (d), 150.0 (s), 152.9 (s), 153.3 (s), 166.8 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{N} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 336.1594; found: 336.1594.

Methyl (E)-3-(5-chloro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4ca): Isolated by column



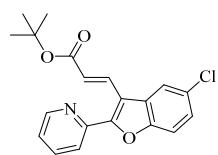
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.4). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (81%). Mp: 122–123 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.74 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 0.9, 4.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 2.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dt, J = 1.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.80 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 8.96 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 51.8 (q), 112.7 (d), 115.0 (s), 119.9 (d), 121.3 (d), 122.2 (d), 123.5 (d), 126.2 (d), 128.1 (s), 129.7 (s), 136.7 (d), 136.9 (d), 149.4 (s), 150.0 (d), 152.7 (s), 154.5 (s), 167.6 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{NCl} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 314.0578; found: 314.0580.

Ethyl (E)-3-(5-chloro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4cb): Isolated by column



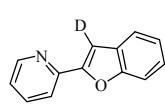
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.4). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (78%). Mp: 117–118 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 4.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 8.96 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 14.7 (q), 60.8 (t), 113.0 (d), 115.4 (s), 120.7 (d), 121.7 (d), 122.5 (d), 123.8 (d), 126.5 (d), 128.5 (s), 129.9 (s), 137.0 (d, 2C), 149.7 (s), 150.3 (d), 153.0 (s), 154.7 (s), 167.5 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{NCl} (\text{M}^++\text{H})$: 328.0735; found: 328.0737.

Tert-butyl (E)-3-(5-chloro-2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)acrylate (4cc): Isolated by



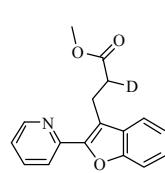
column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 8:2, R_f = 0.6). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (80%). Mp: 136–137 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.59 (s, 9H), 6.59 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 4.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, J = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dt, J = 1.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.79 (td, J = 0.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.90 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.3 (q, 3C), 80.6 (s), 112.7 (d), 115.2 (s), 121.5 (d), 122.2 (d), 122.3 (d), 123.4 (d), 126.1 (d), 128.3 (s), 129.6 (s), 135.6 (d), 136.7 (d), 149.5 (s), 150.0 (d), 152.8 (s), 154.3 (s), 166.5 (s) ppm; HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{NCl}$ (M^++H): 356.1048; found: 356.1043.

2-(Benzofuran-2-yl-3-D)pyridine (5): Isolated by column chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt =



9:1, R_f = 0.4). The title compound was determined as white colour solid (83%). Mp: 82–83 °C; ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.27–7.44 (m, 2H and 1H extra due to CDCl_3), 7.50 (s, 0.30H (30%)), 7.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dt, J = 1.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{D}^2\text{N}$ (M^++H): 197.0820; found: 197.0816.

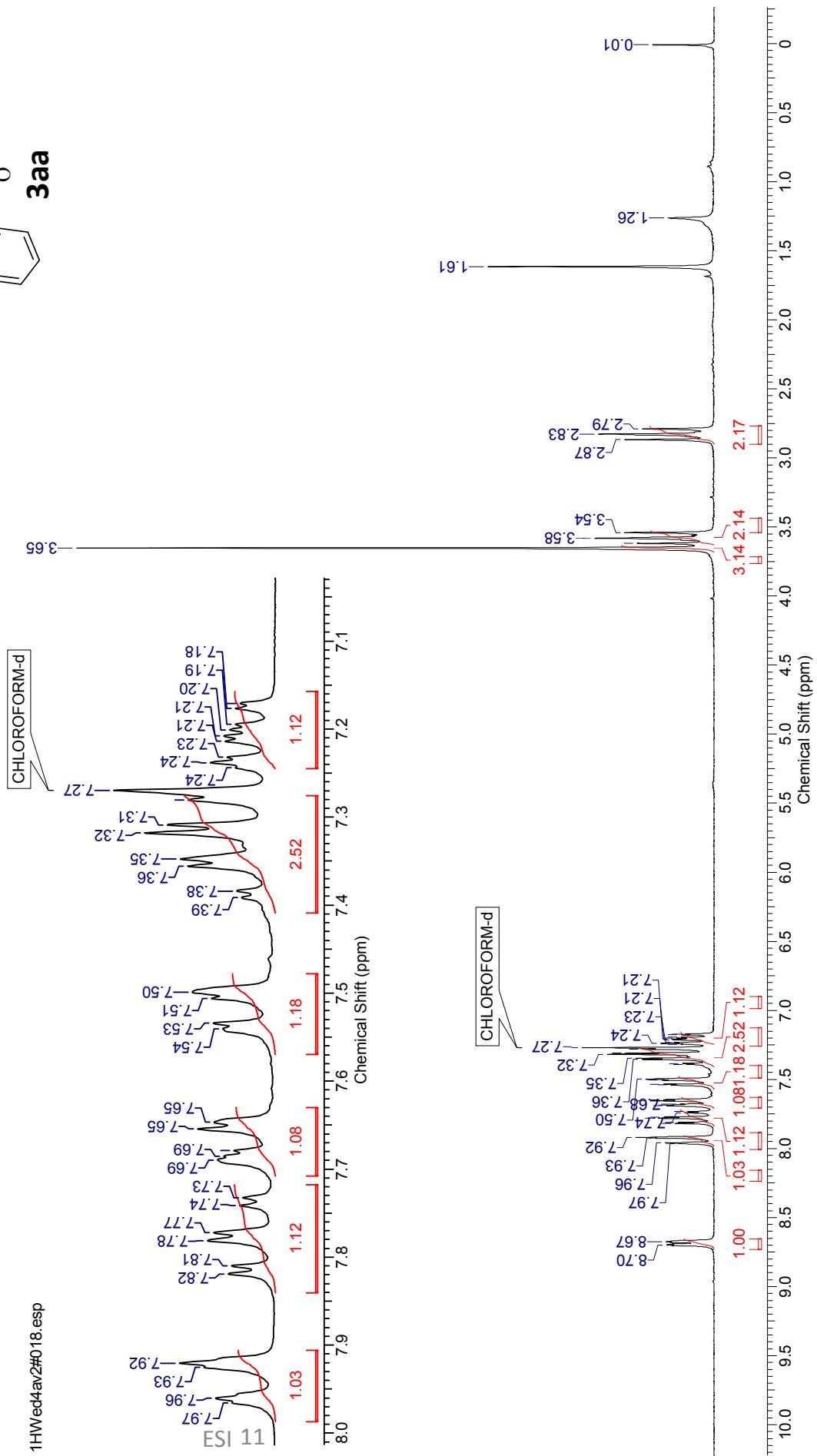
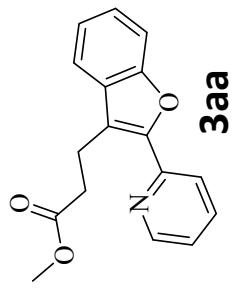
Methyl 3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzofuran-3-yl)propanoate-2-D (6): Isolated by column



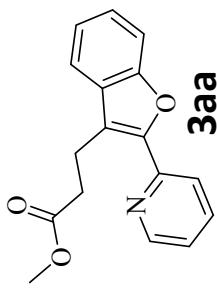
chromatography (pet.ether/AcOEt = 9:1, R_f = 0.4). The title compound was determined as white colour sticky solid (76%). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.83 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1.91H (9%)), 3.58 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.21 (dd, J = 1.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.64–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (td, J = 1.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (ddd, J = 0.9, 1.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H); HRMS(ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{D}^2\text{O}_3\text{N}$ (M^++H): 282.1109; found: 282.1121.

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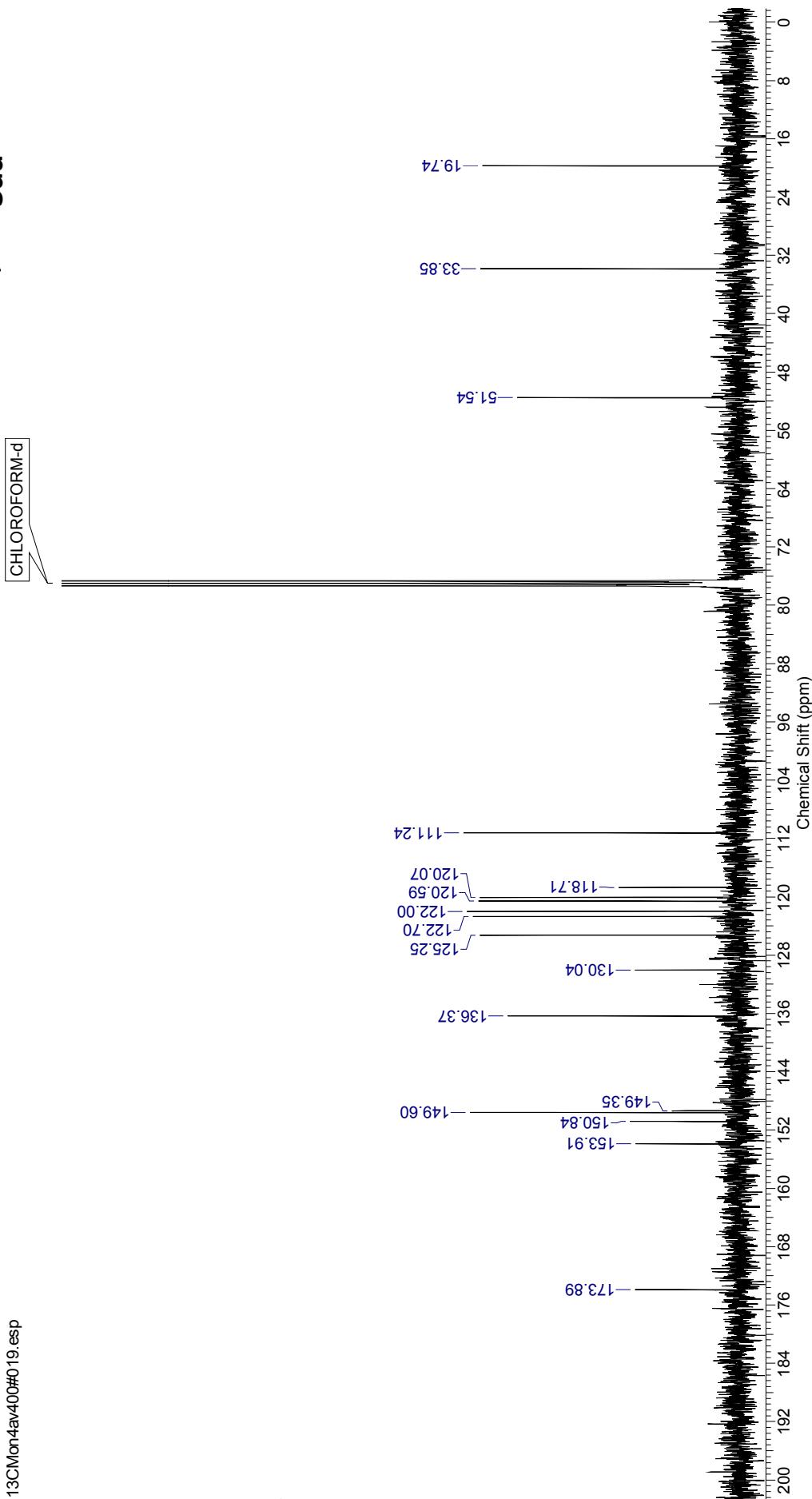
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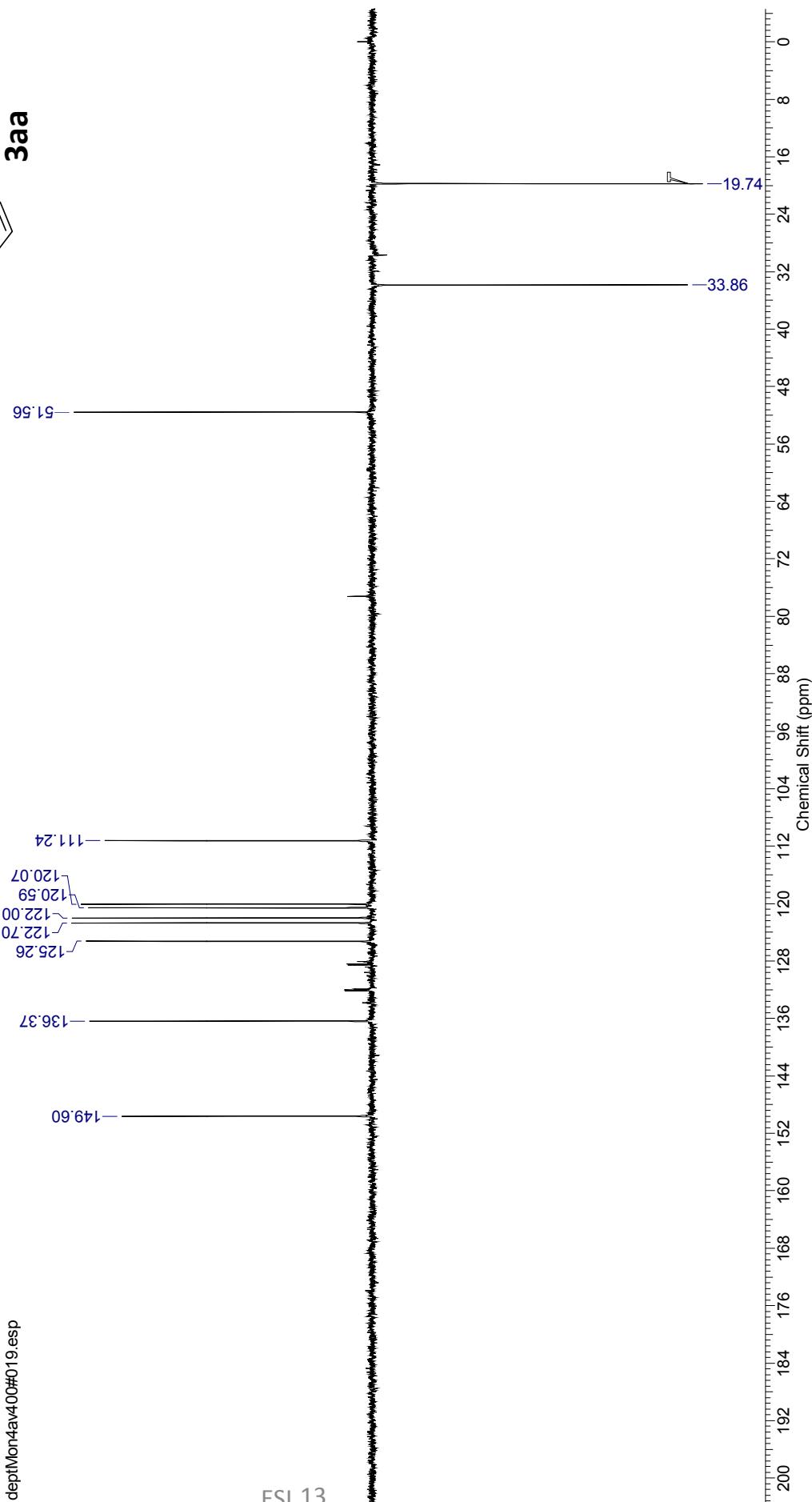
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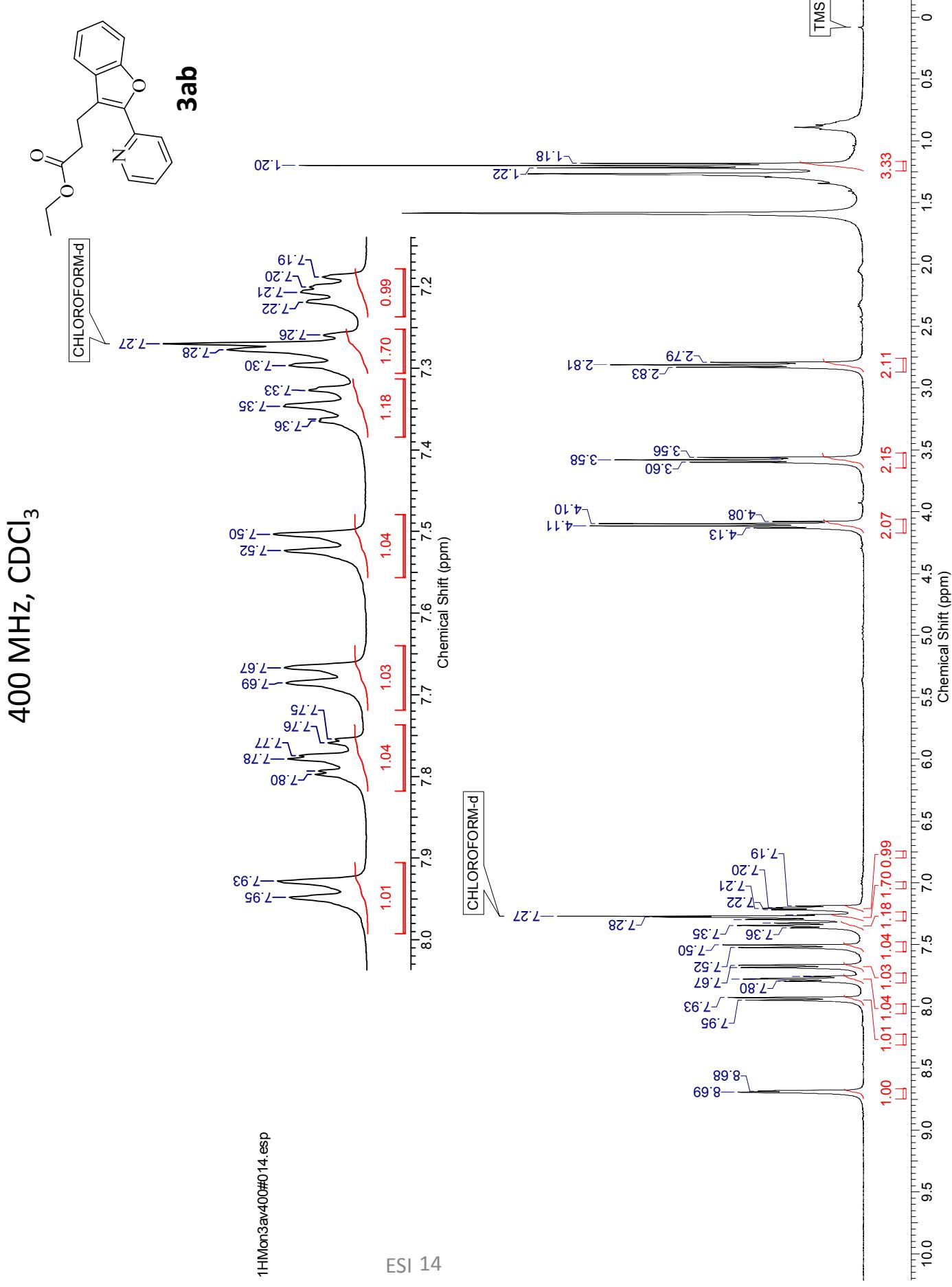
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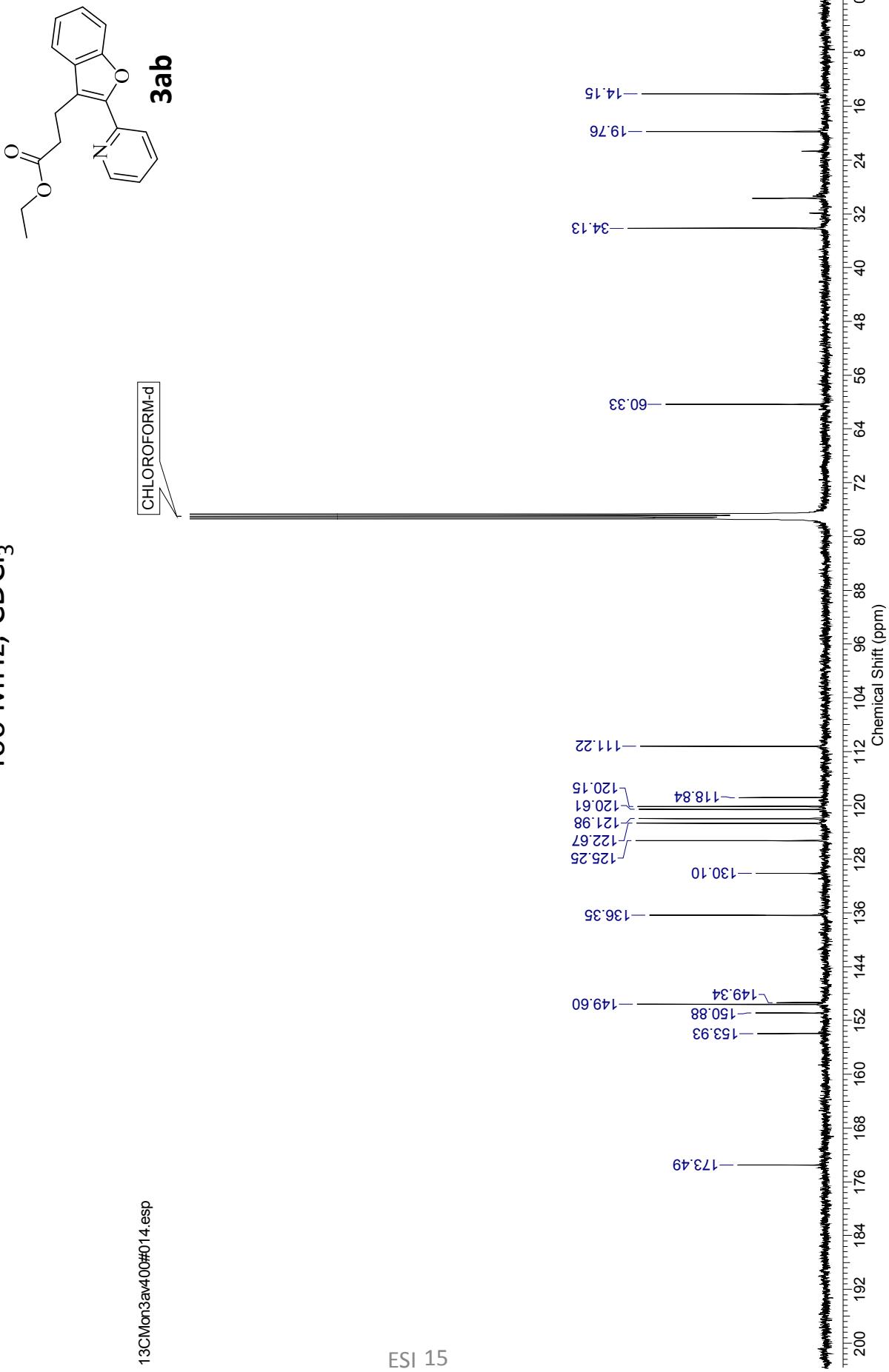


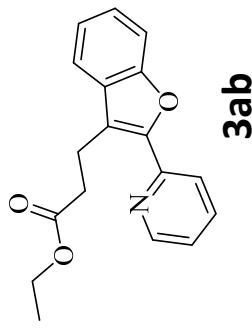
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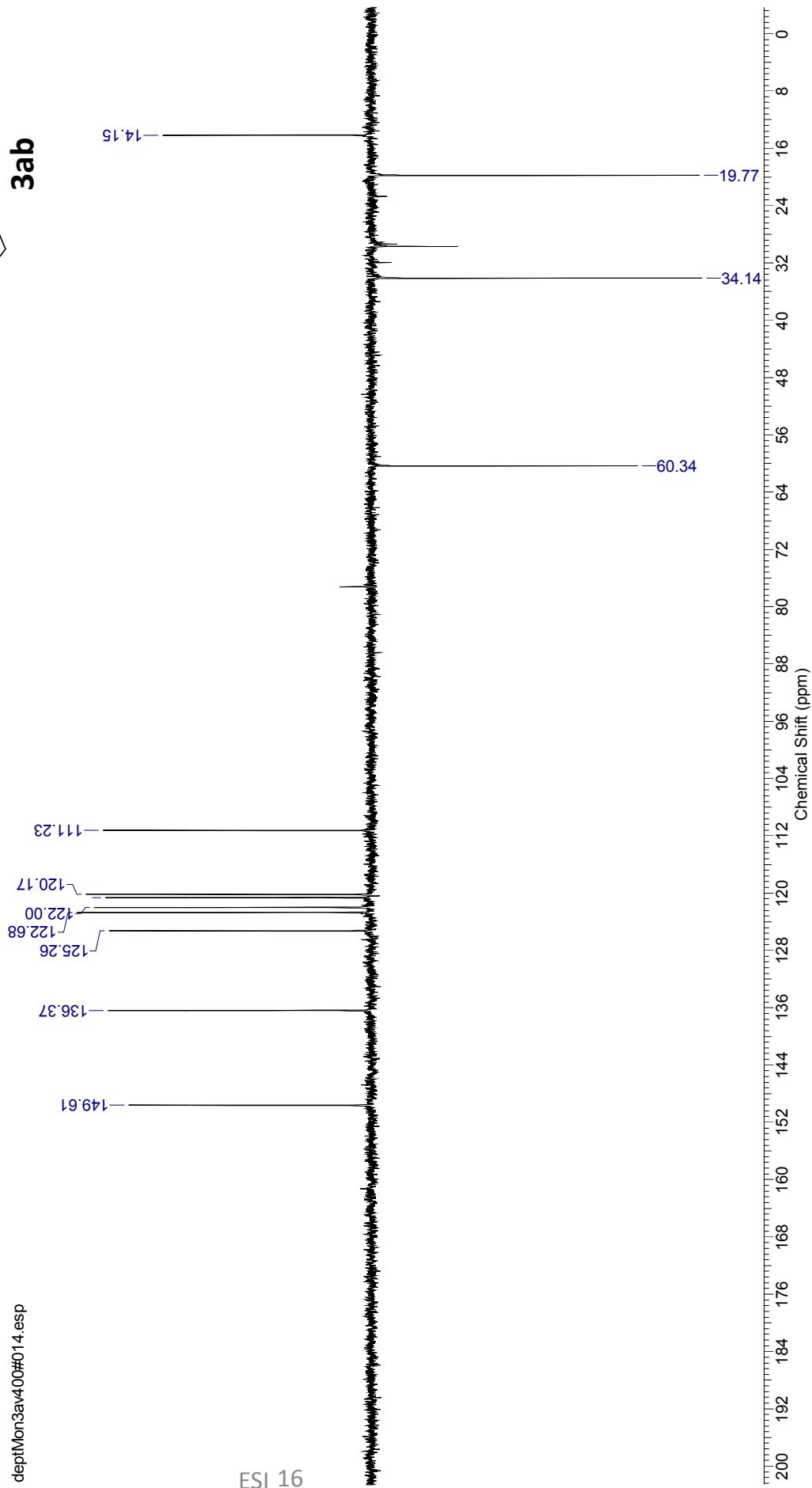
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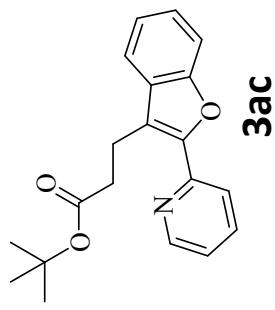




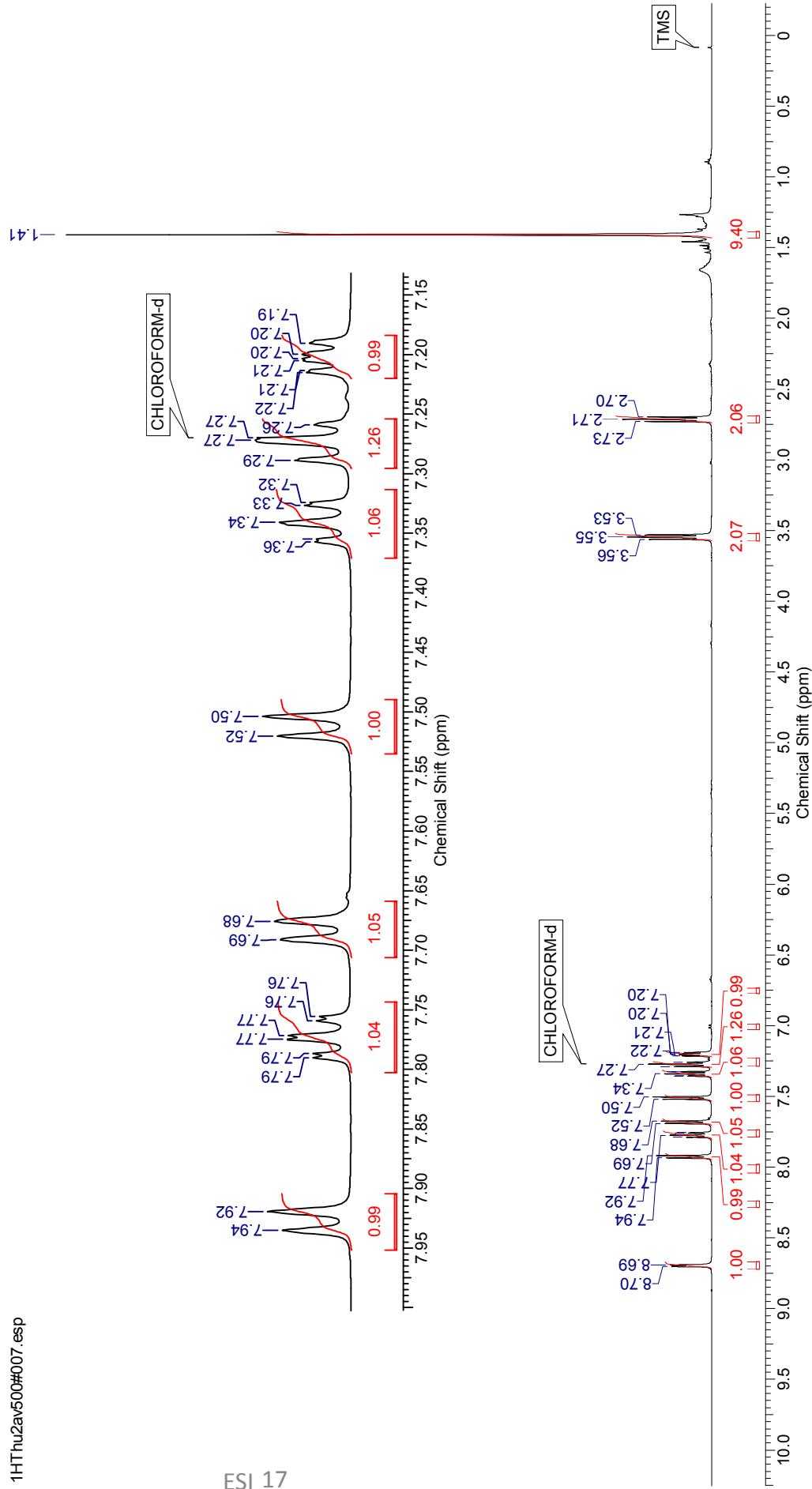
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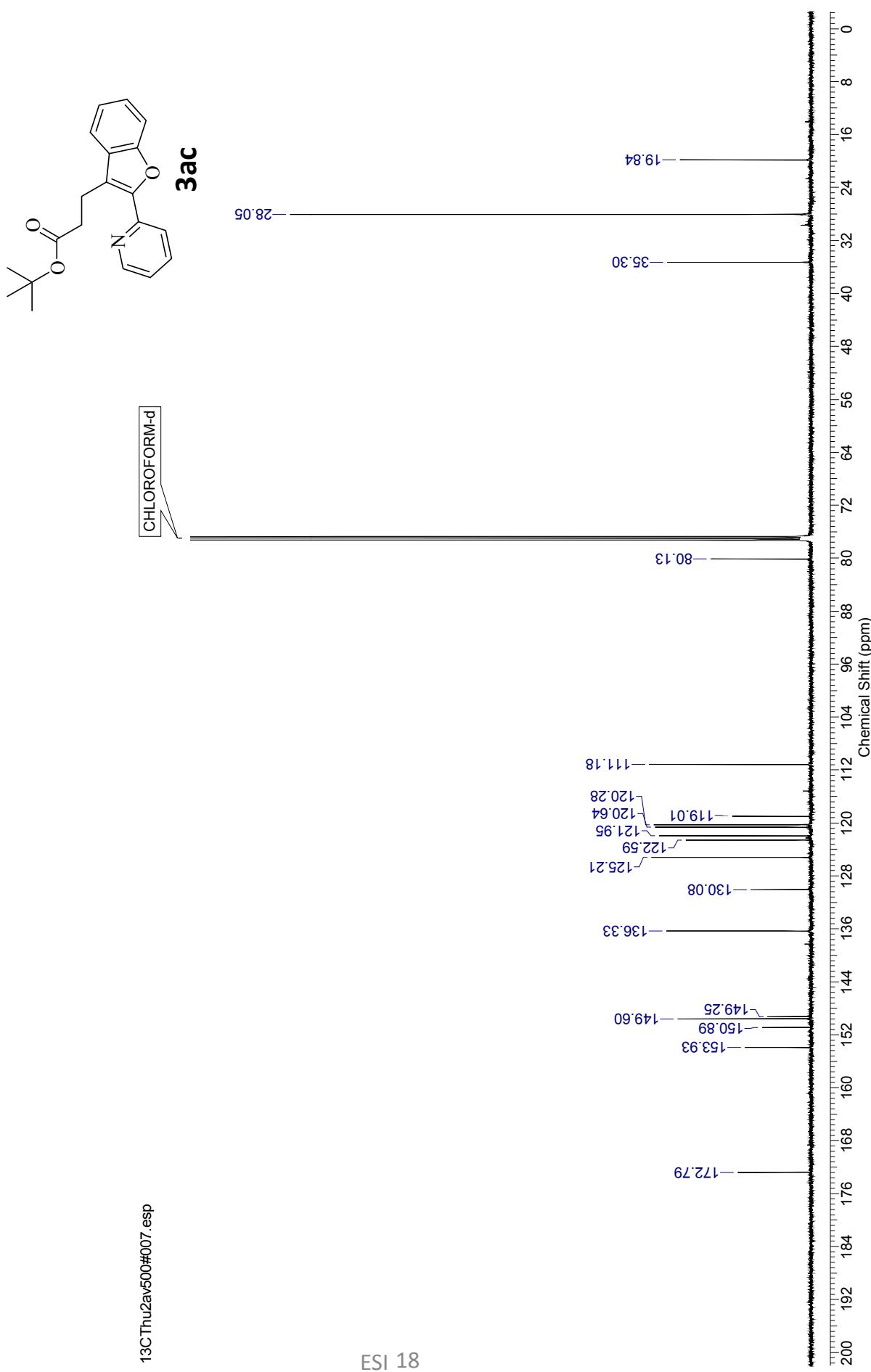




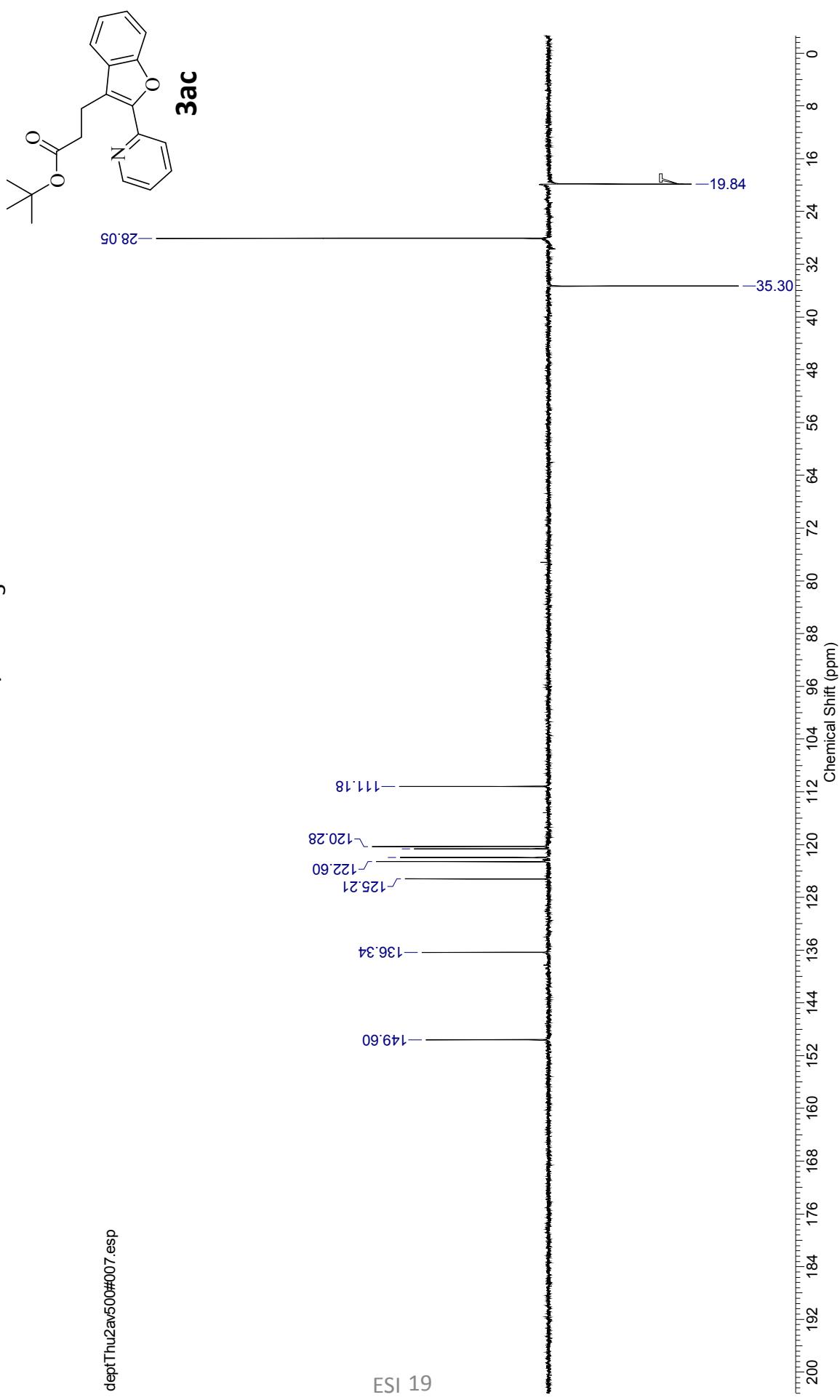
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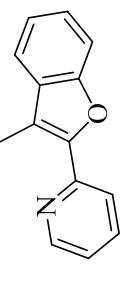


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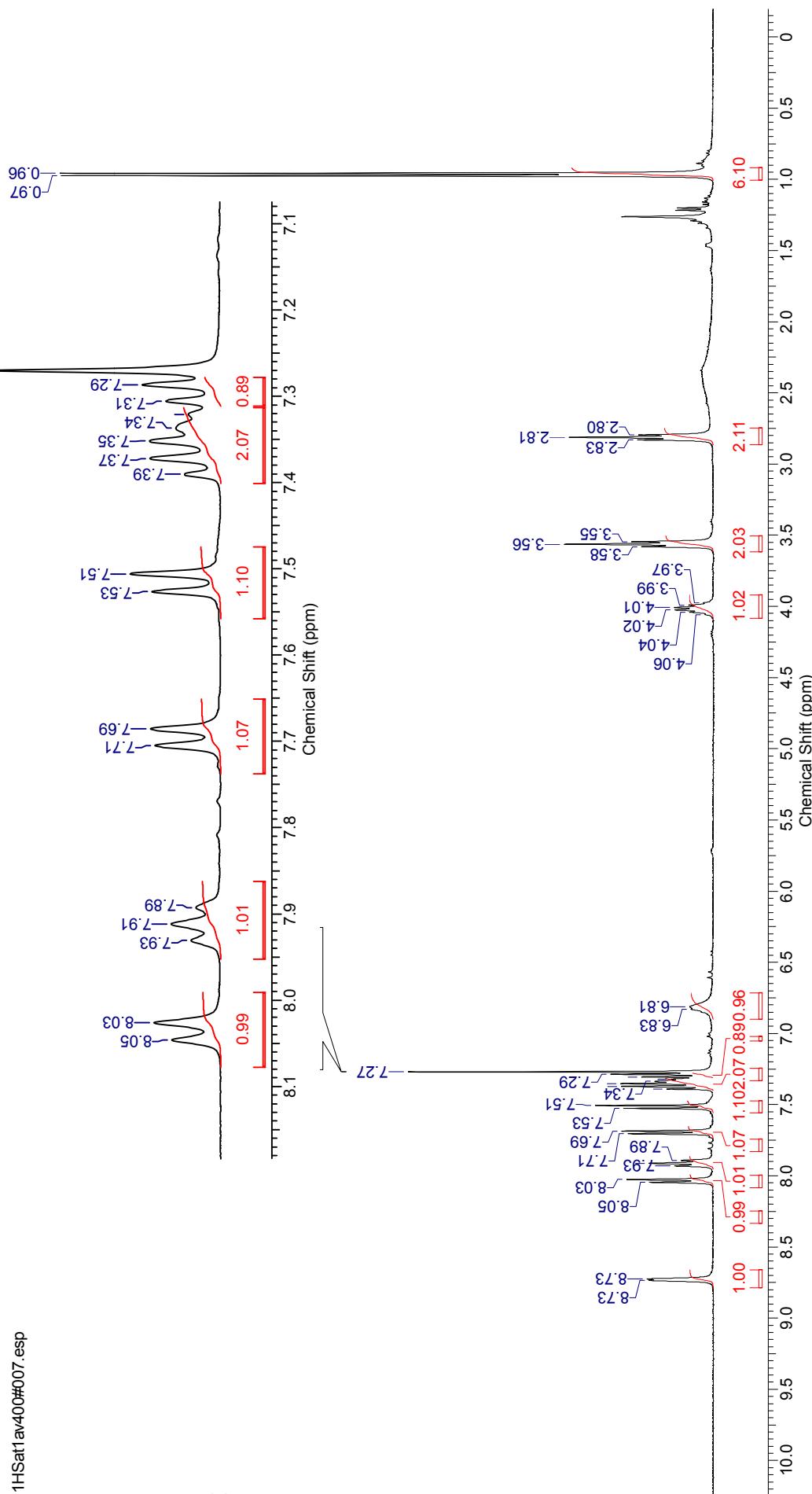


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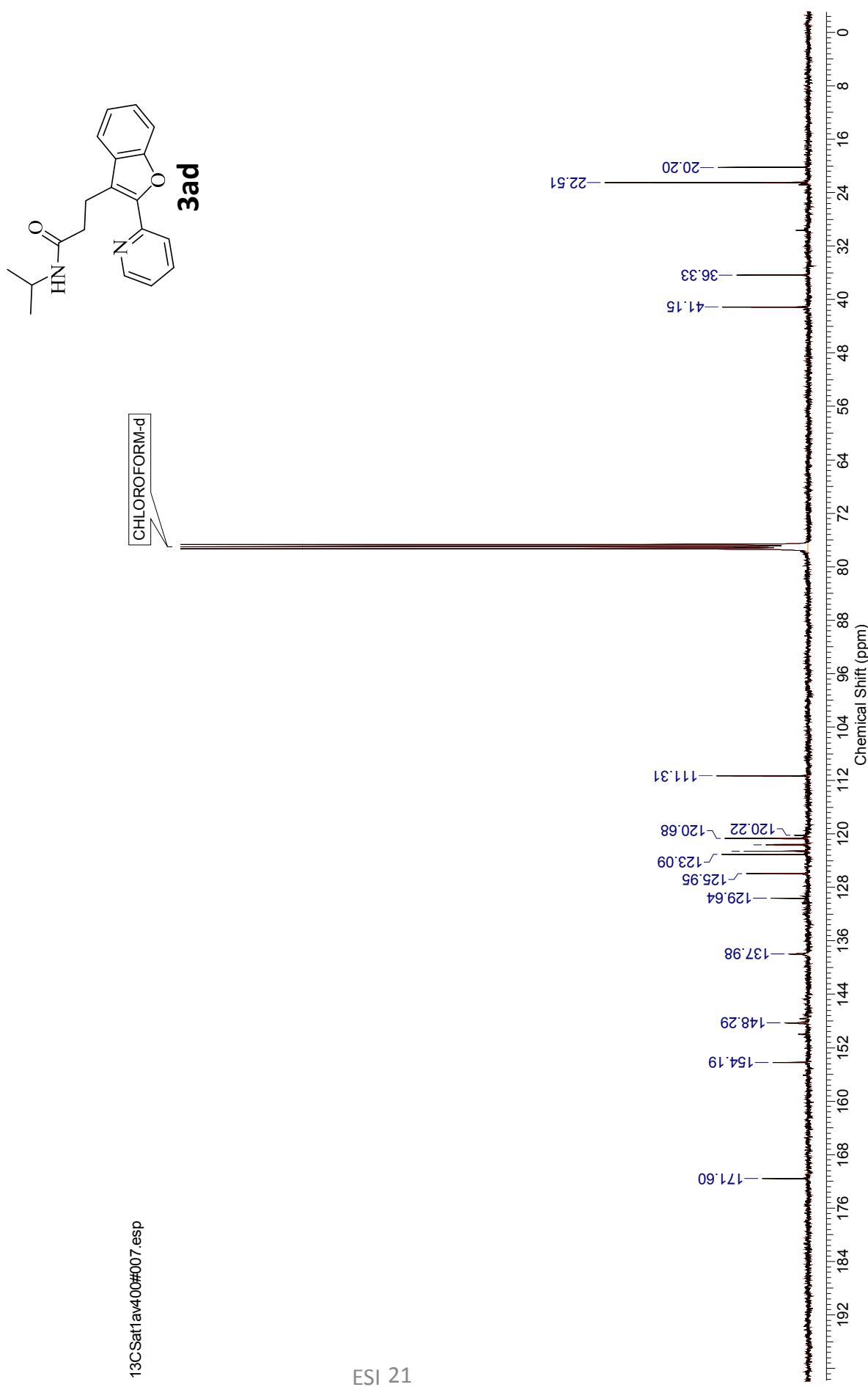


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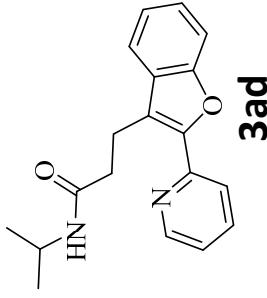
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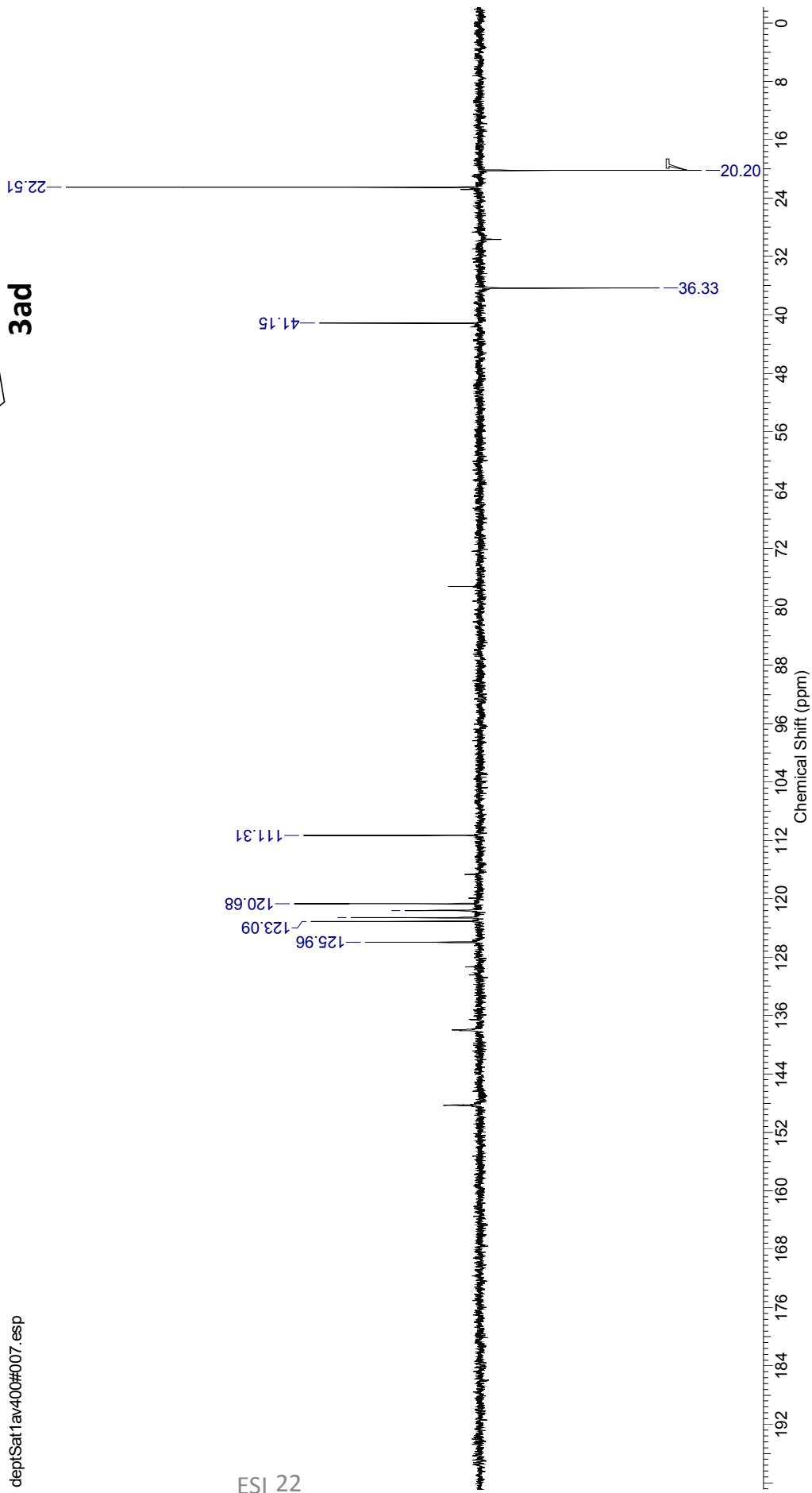
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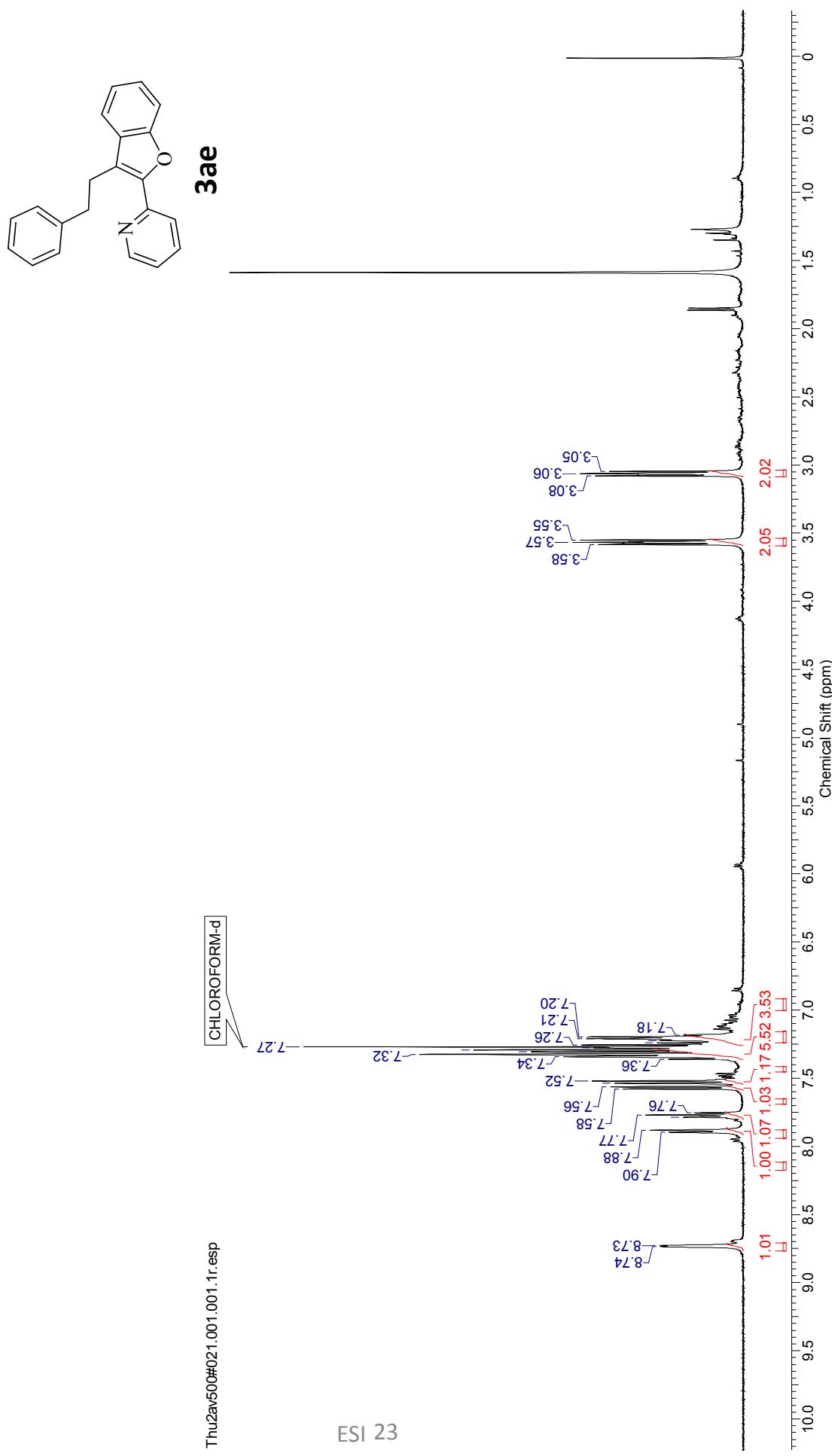
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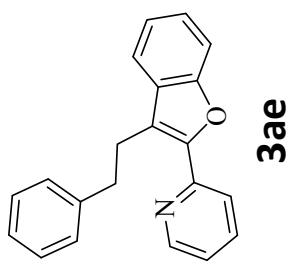
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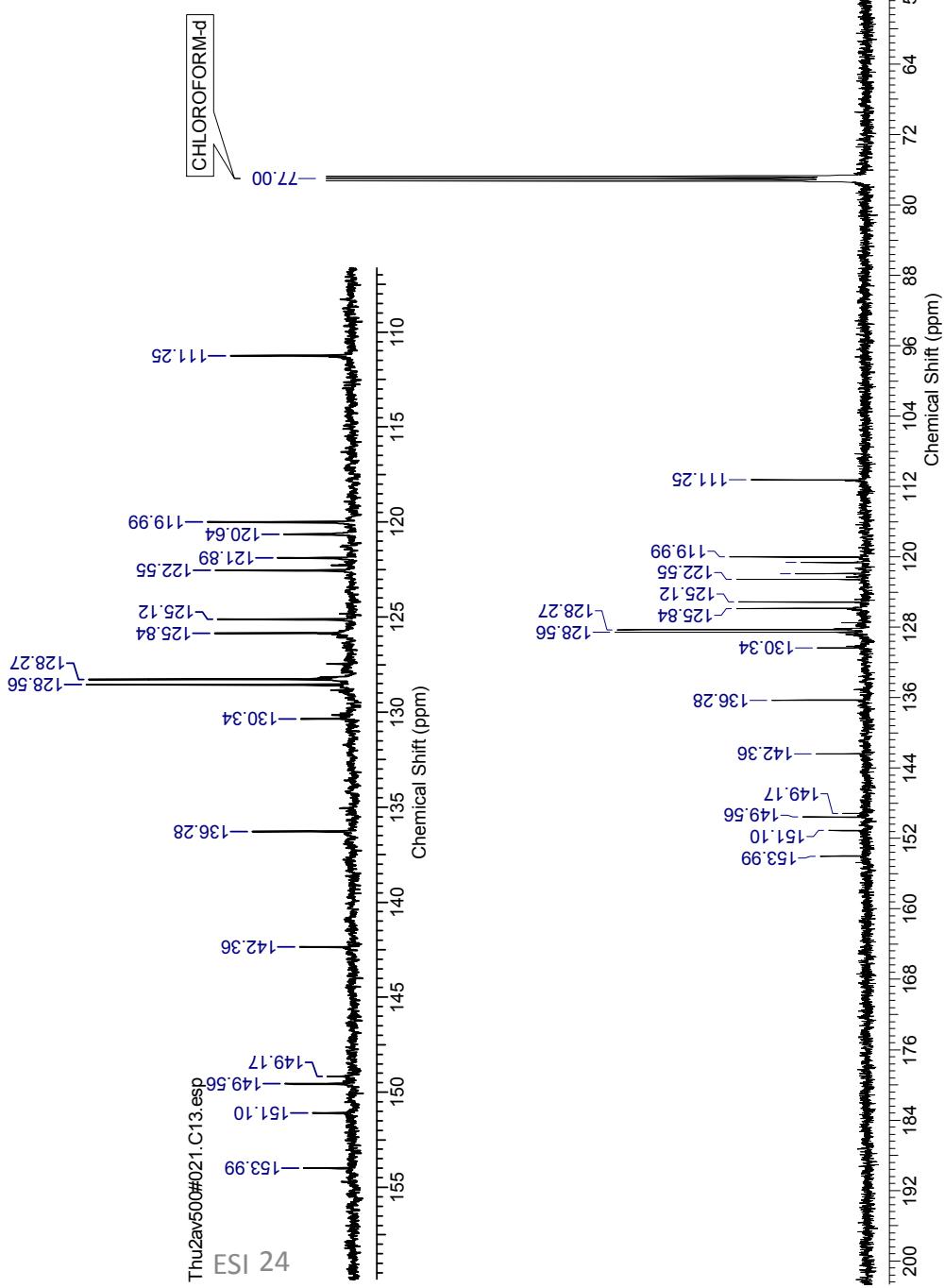
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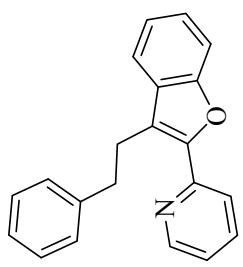
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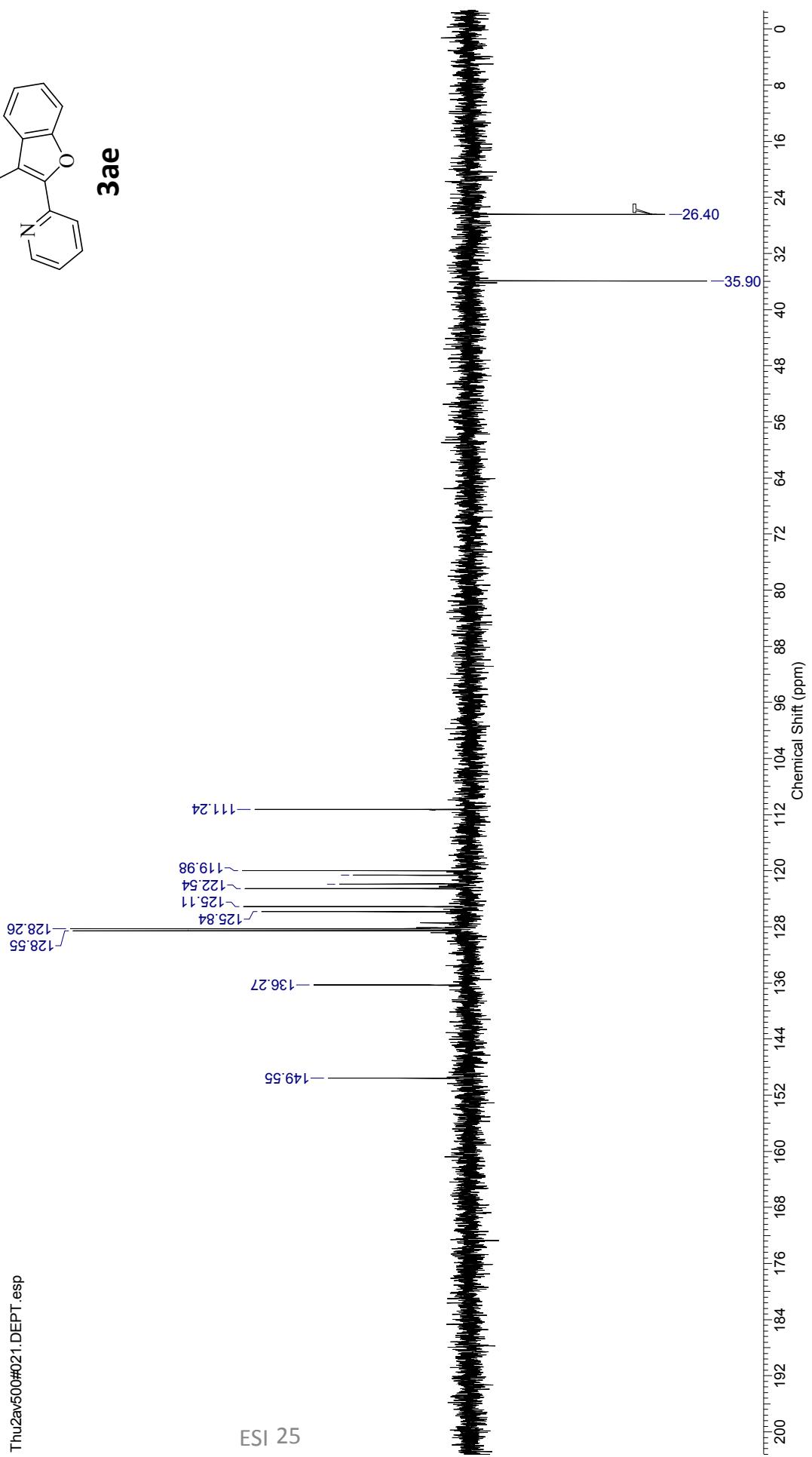
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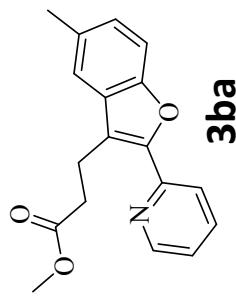


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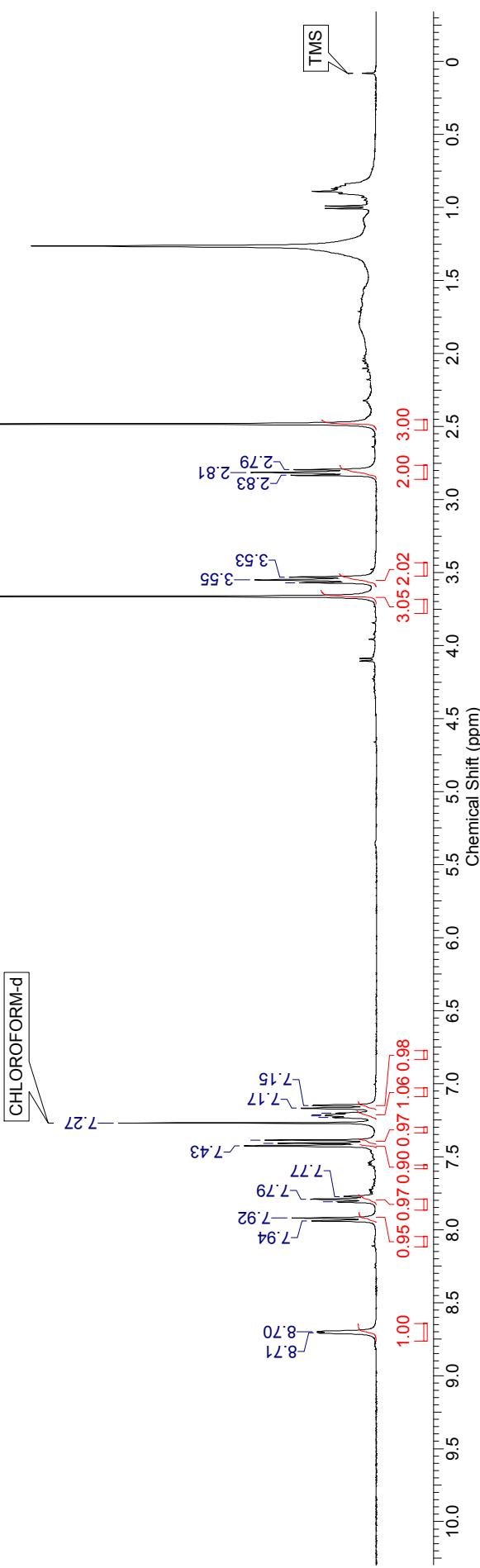
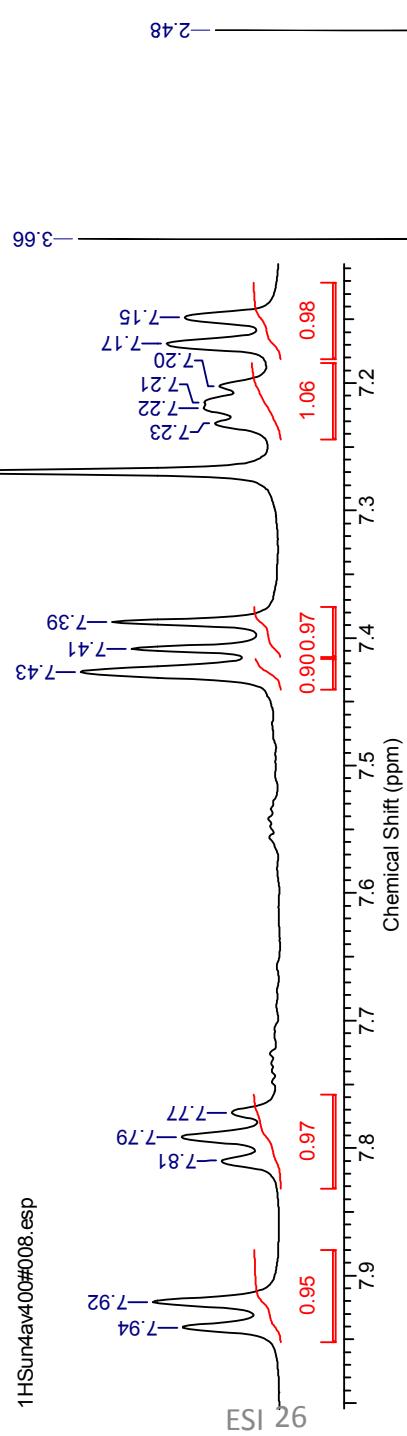
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ESI 25

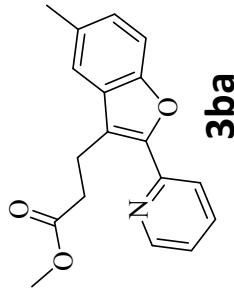




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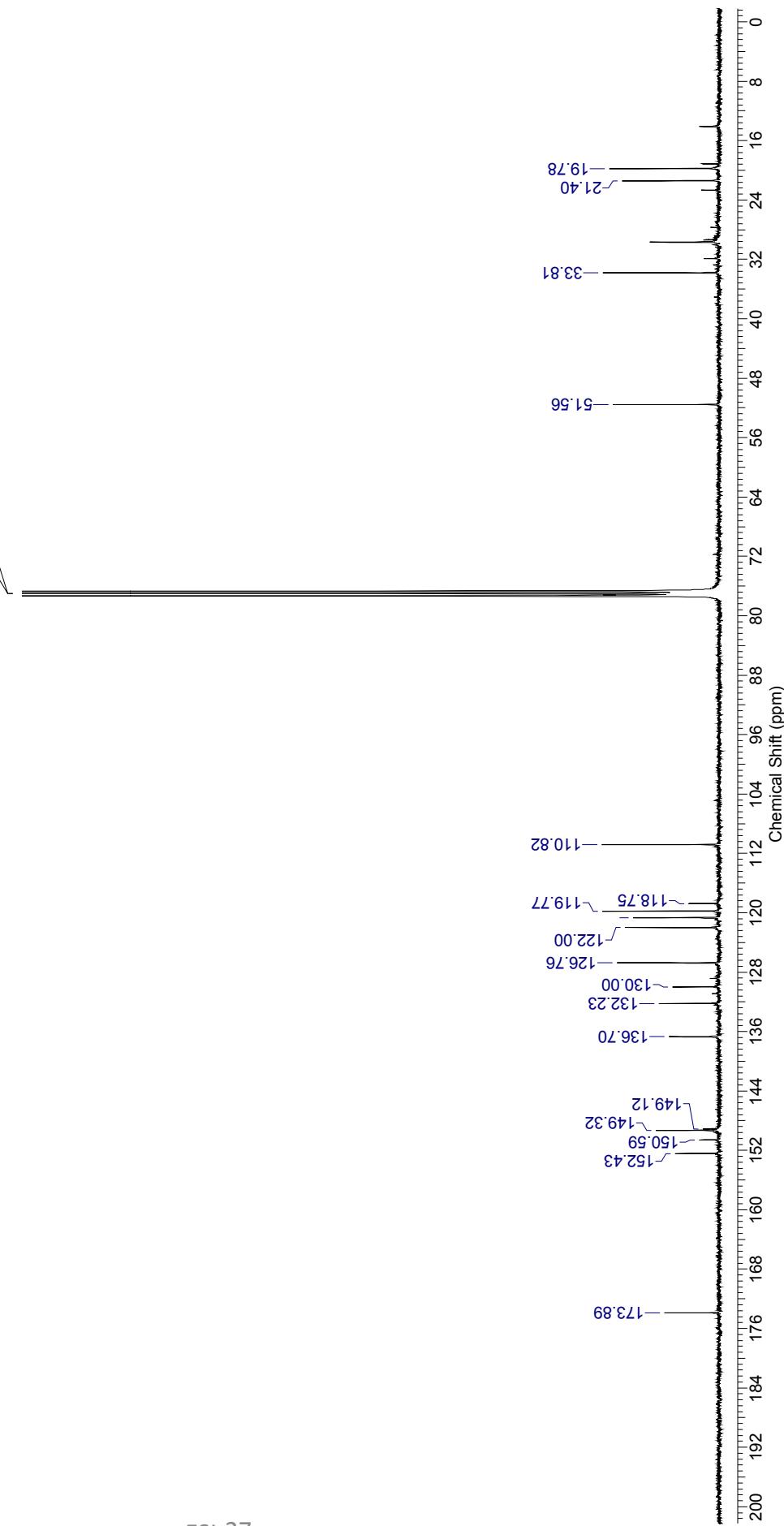


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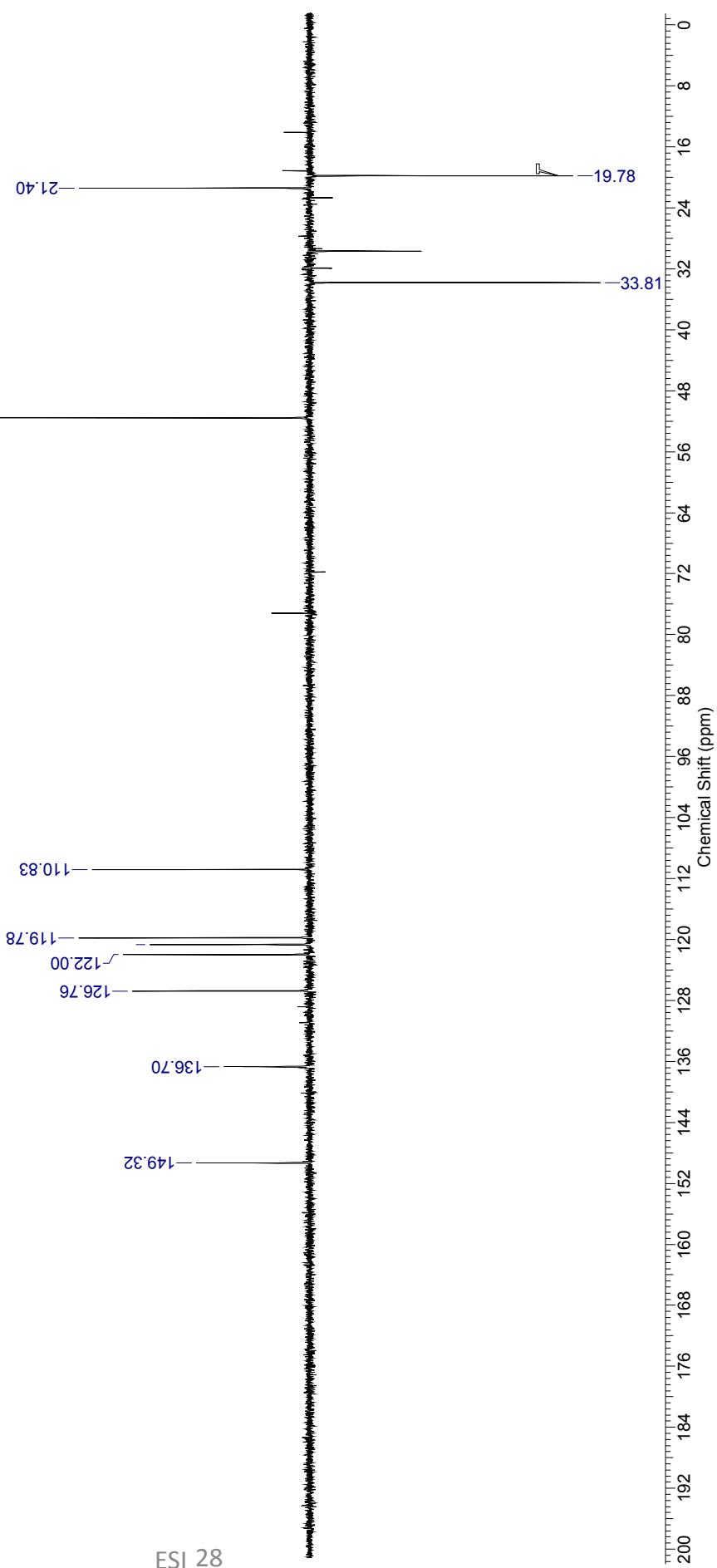
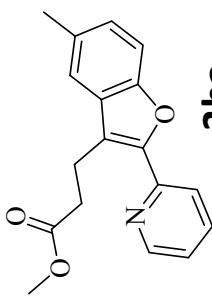
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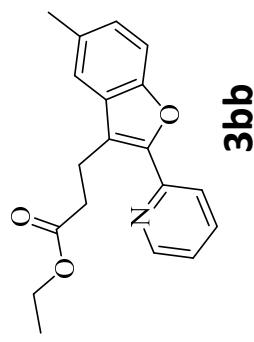
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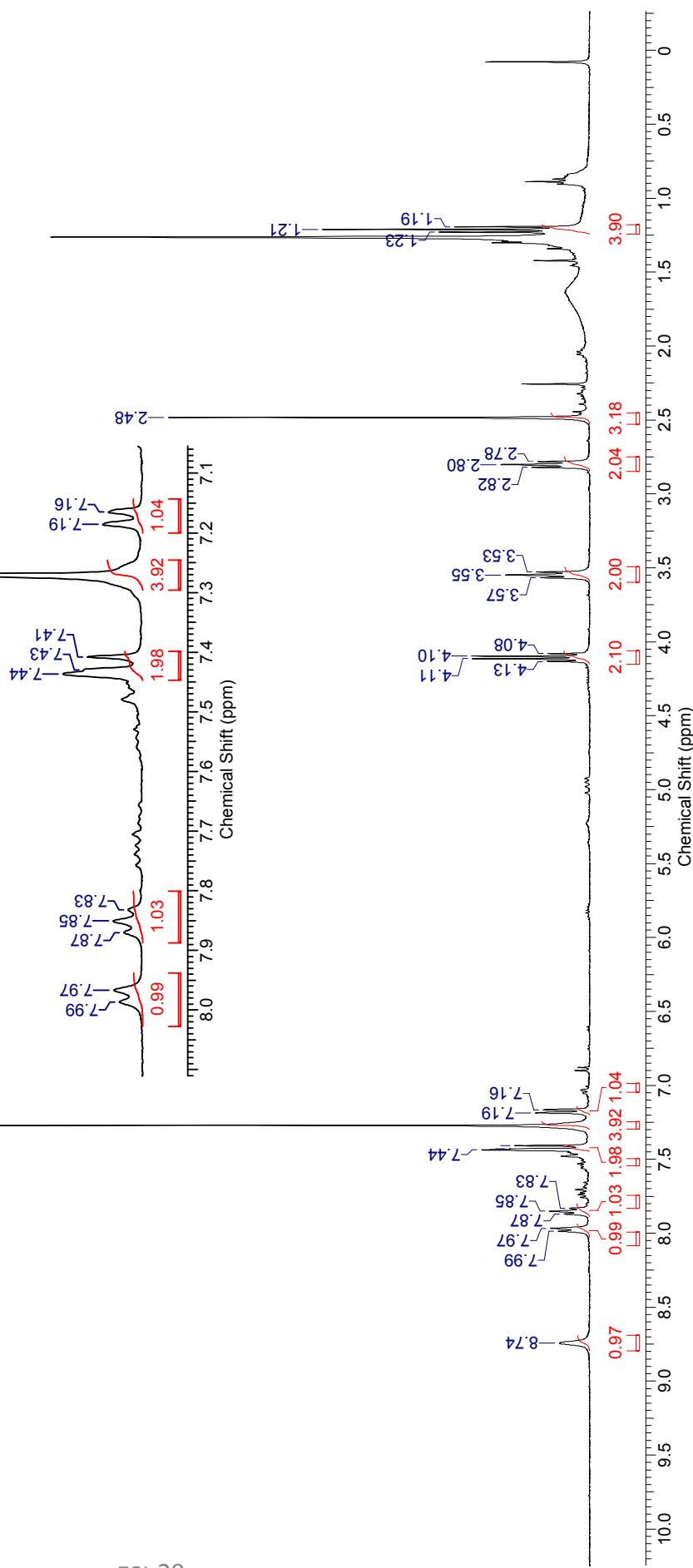


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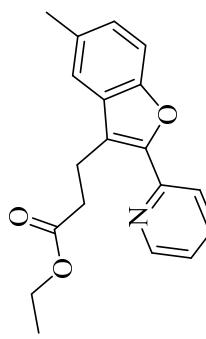
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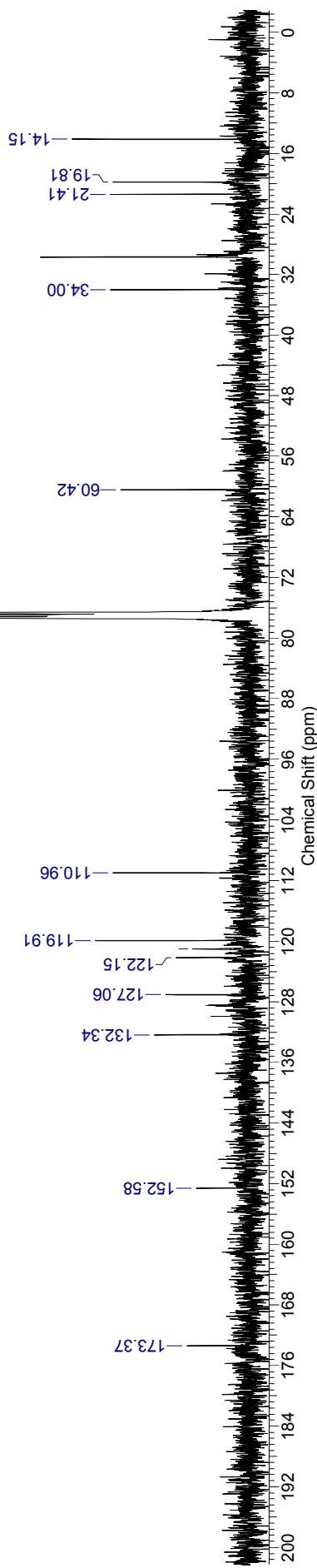


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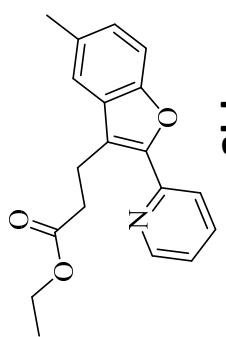
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ESI 30



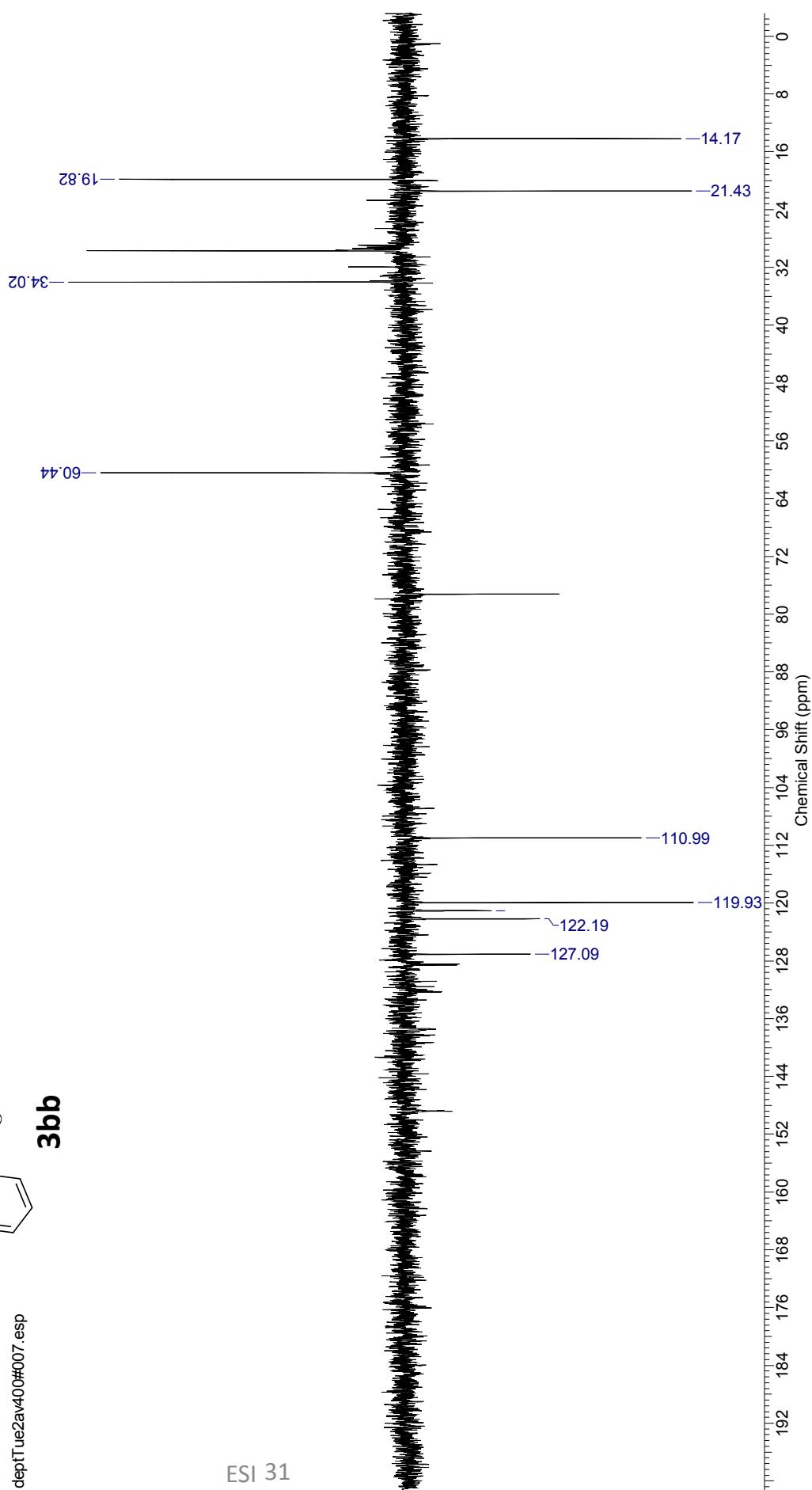
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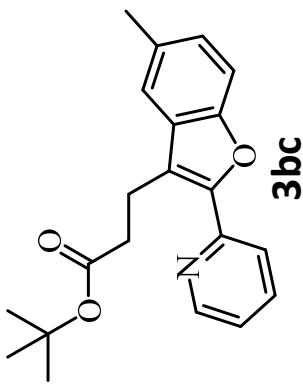
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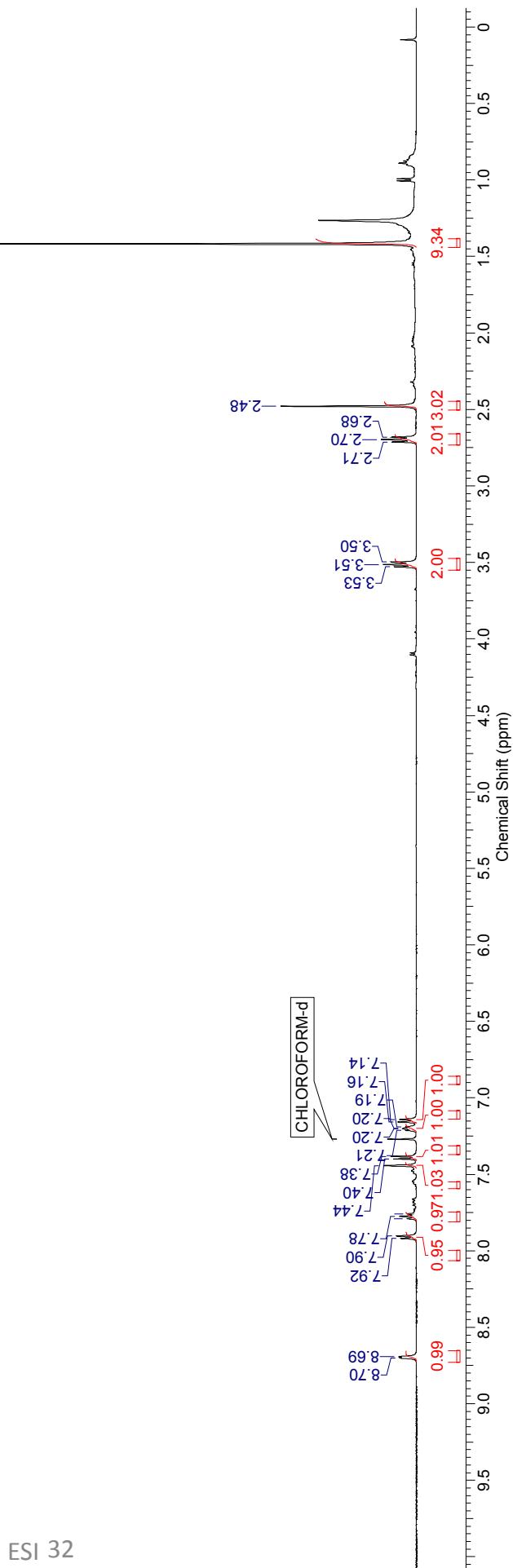


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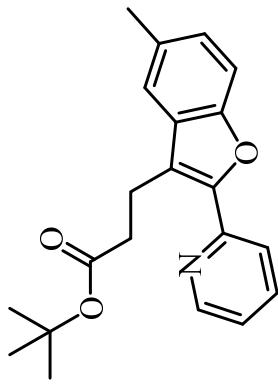
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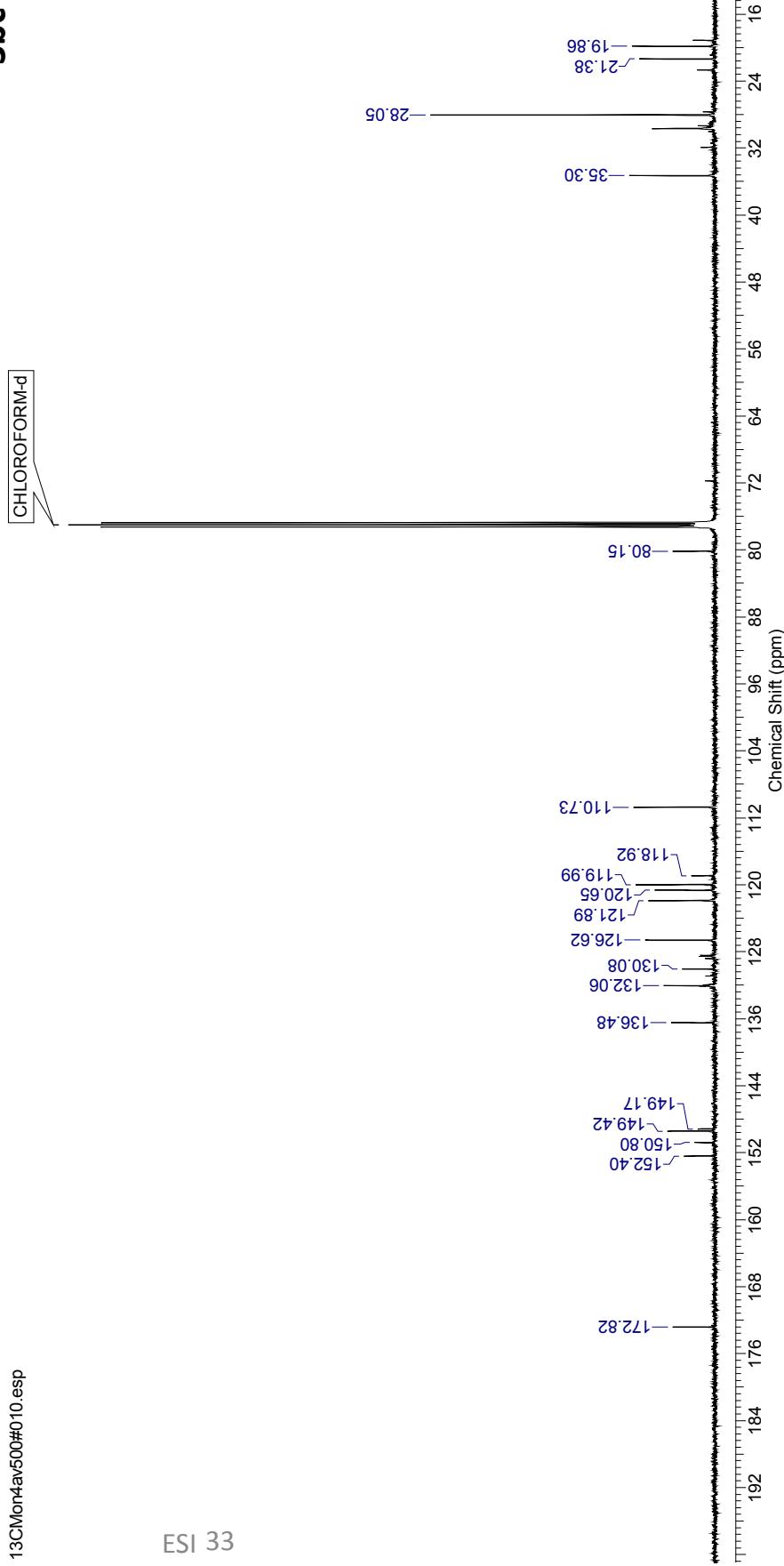
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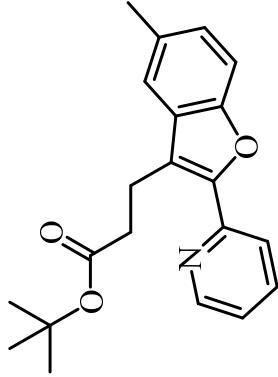
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CHLOROFORM-d



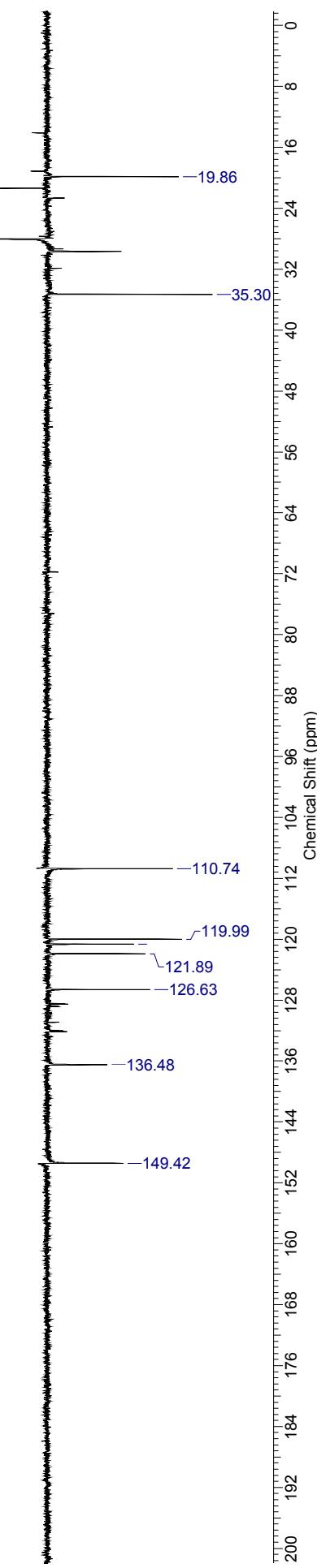
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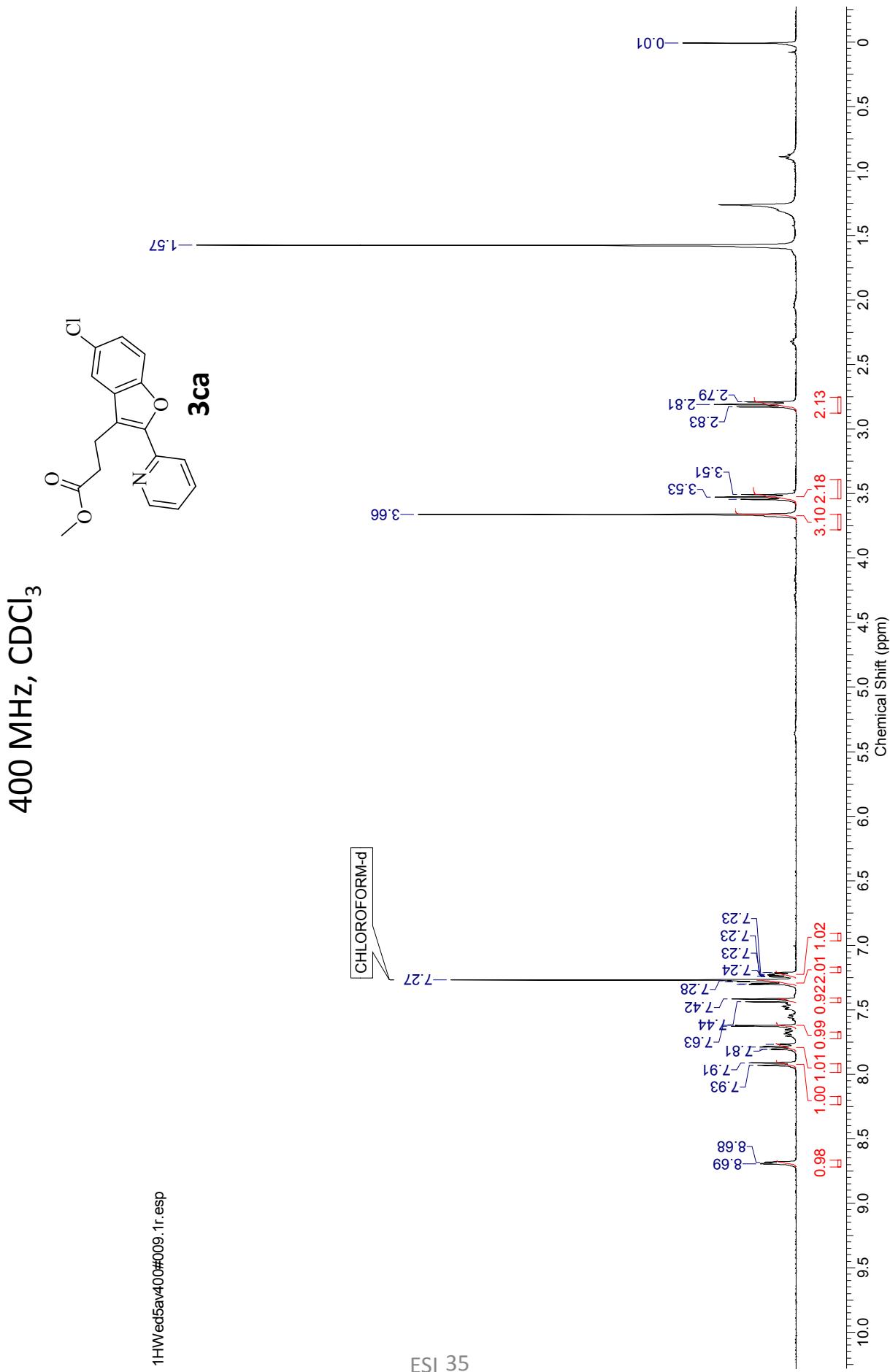


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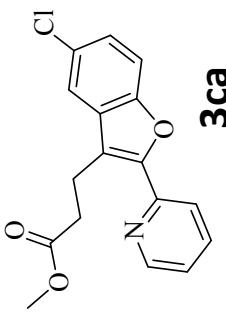
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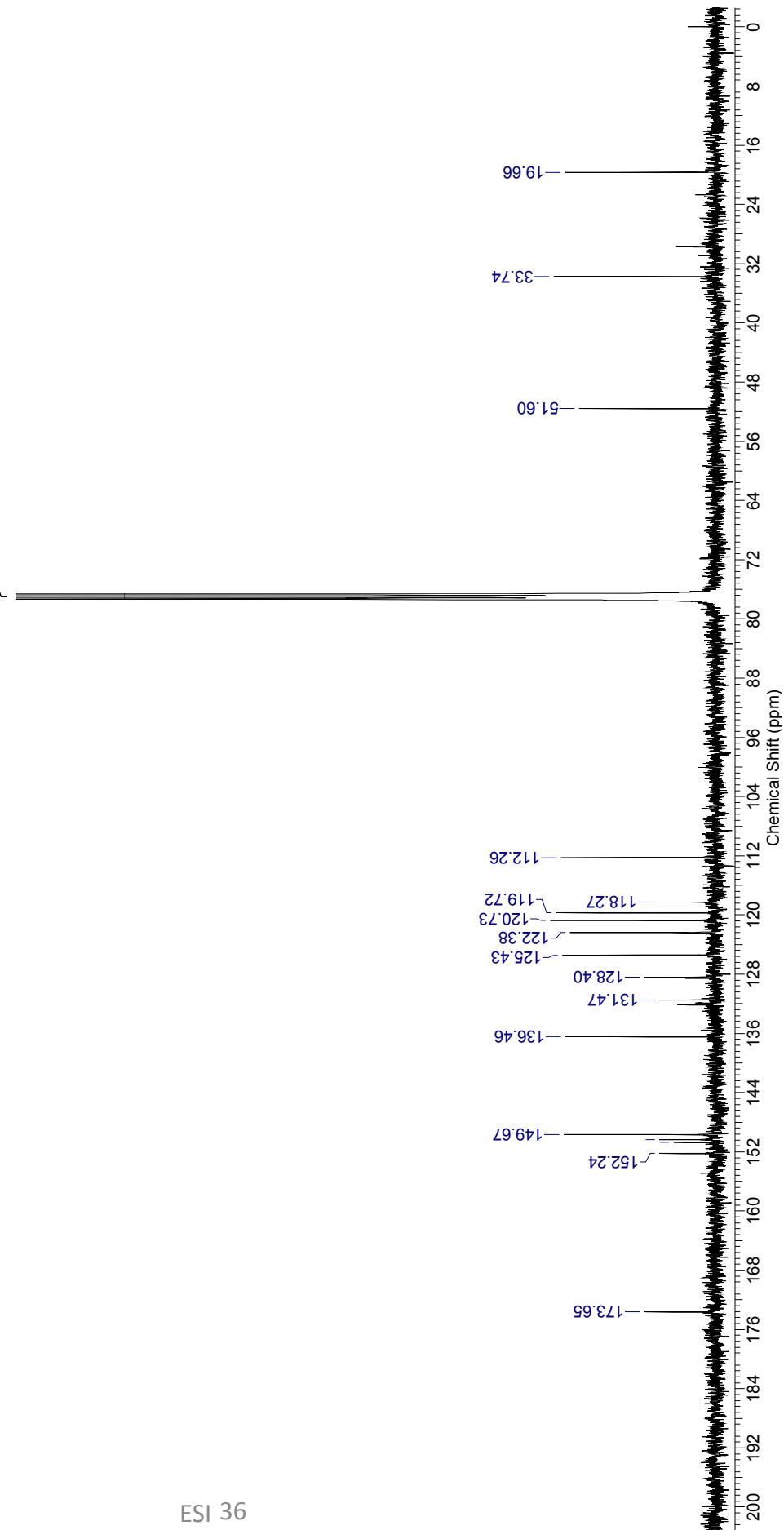


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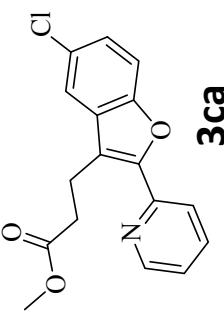


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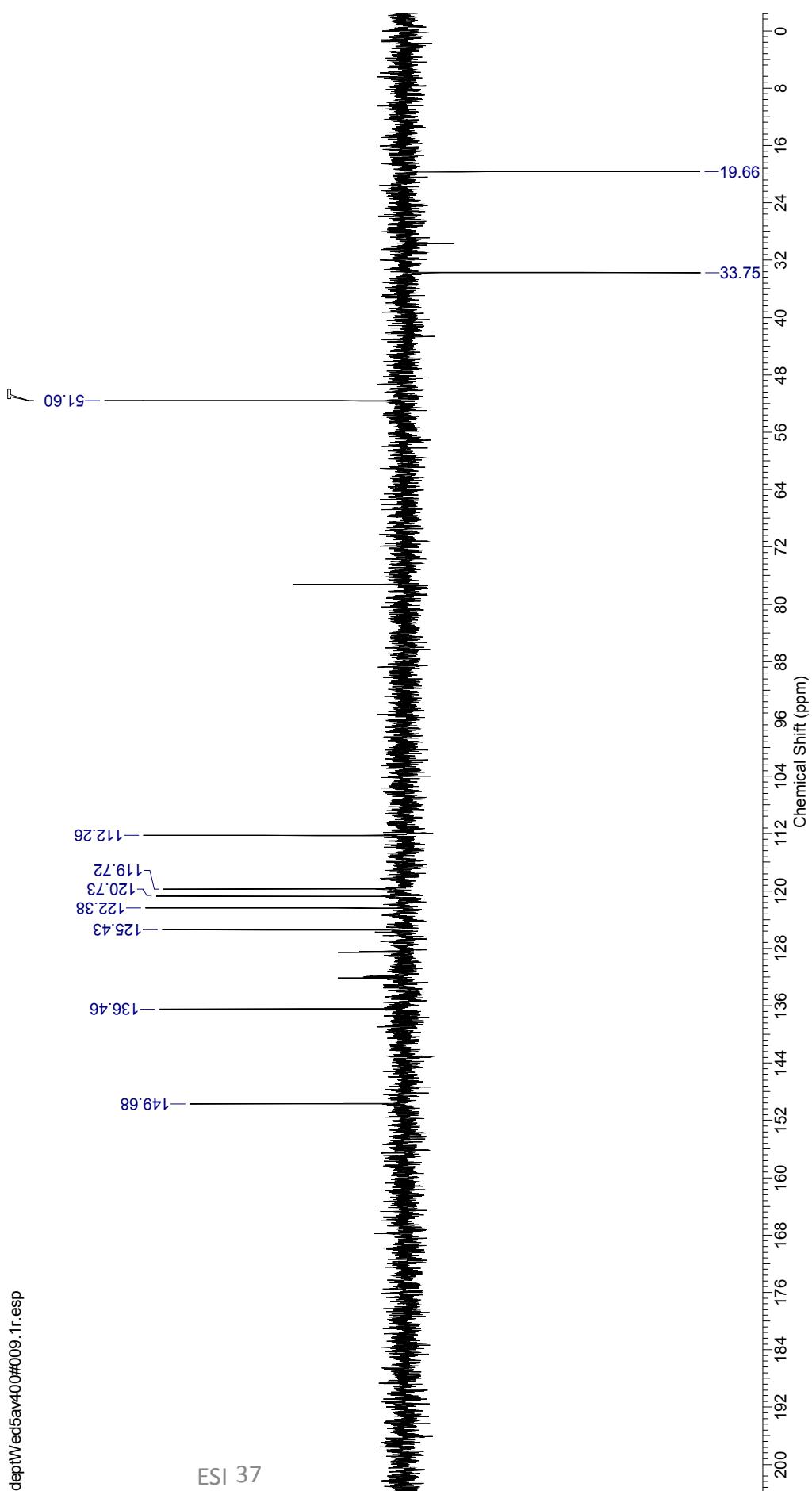


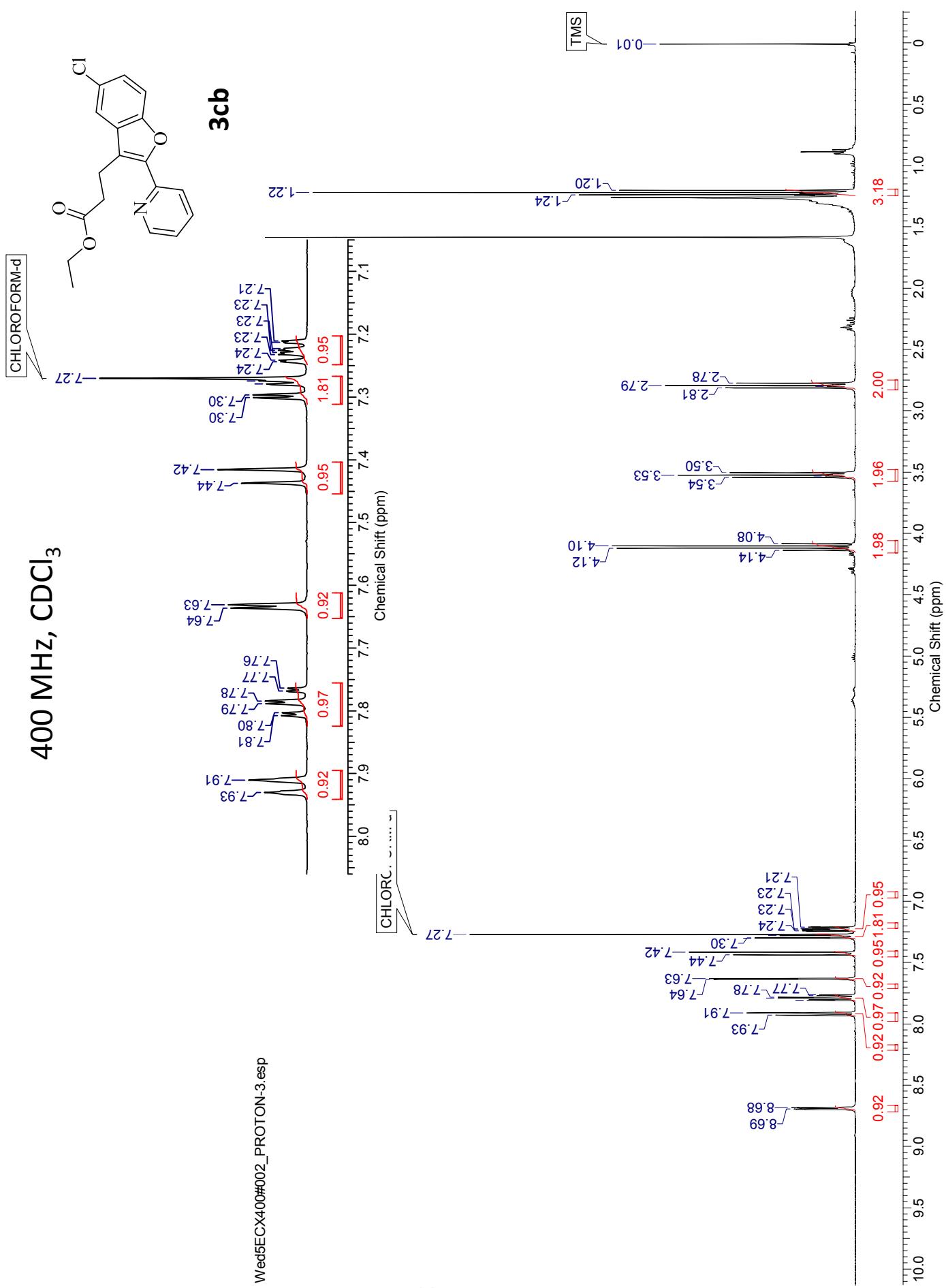
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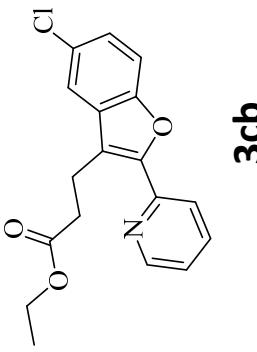
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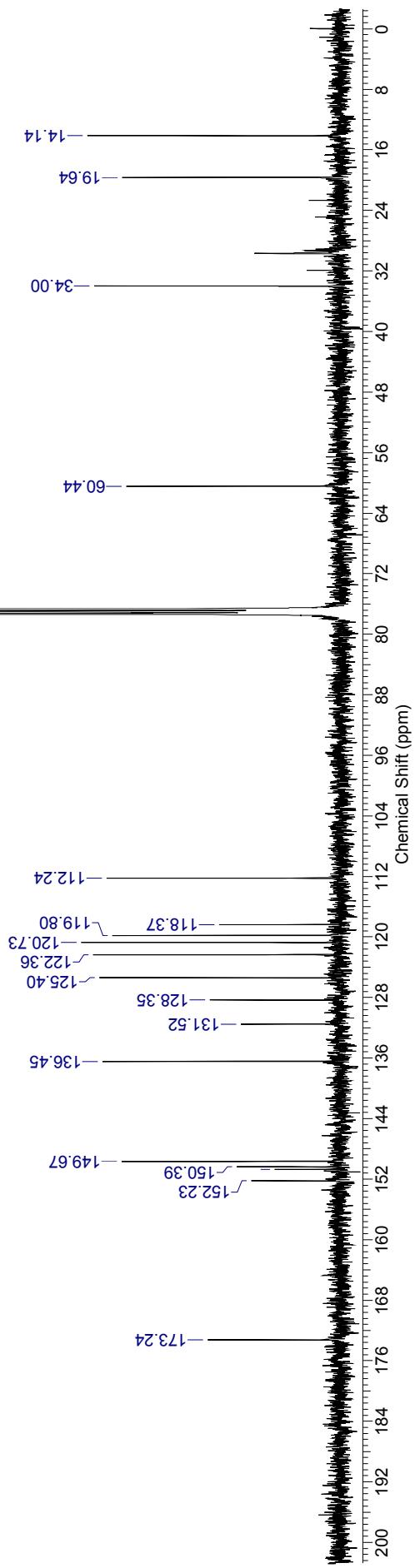
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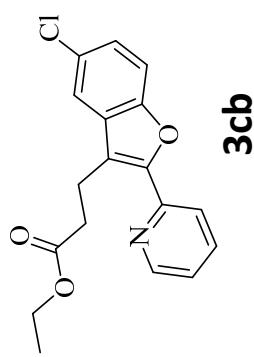
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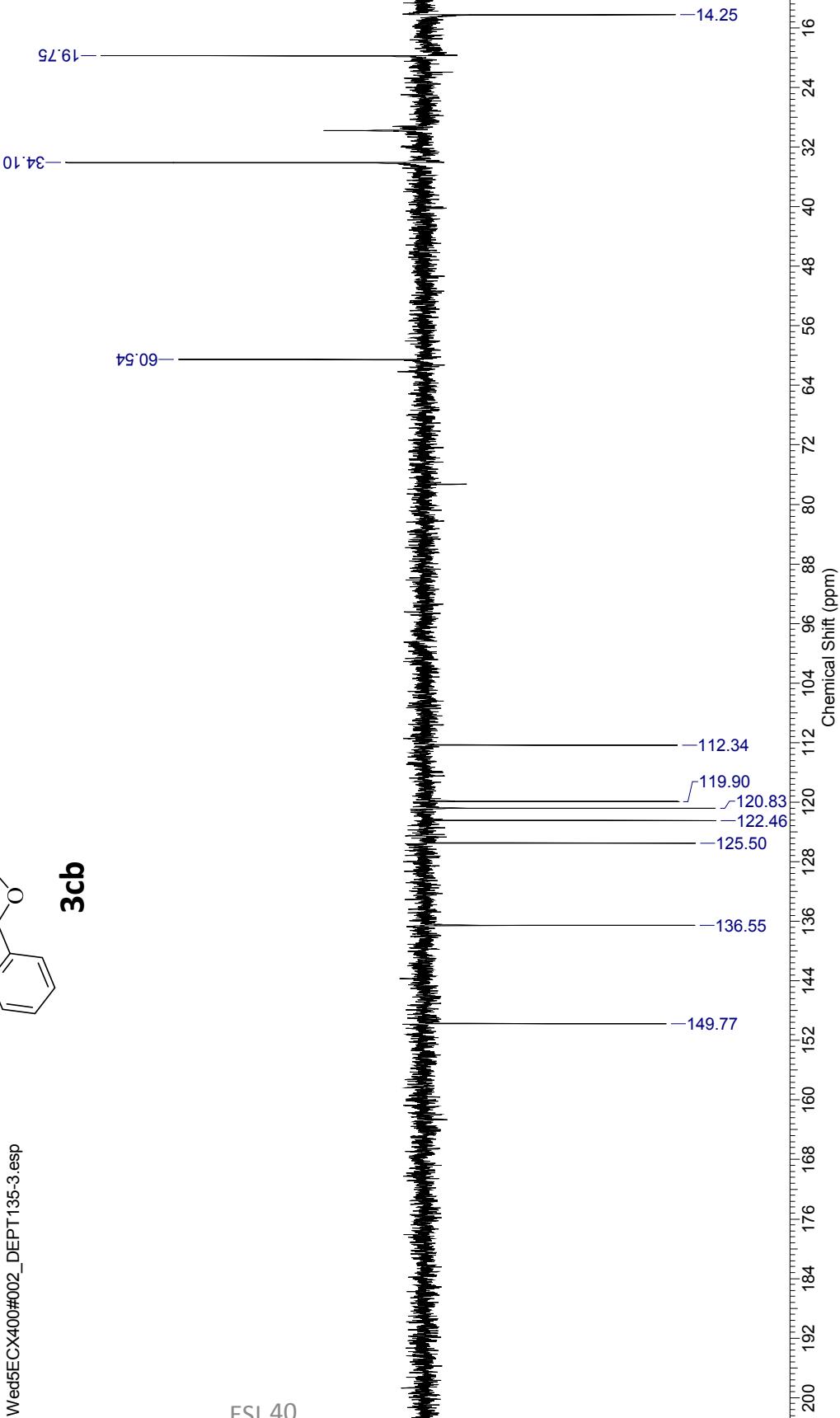


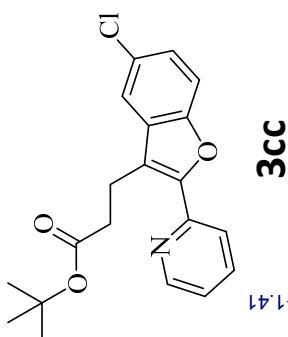
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ESI 40

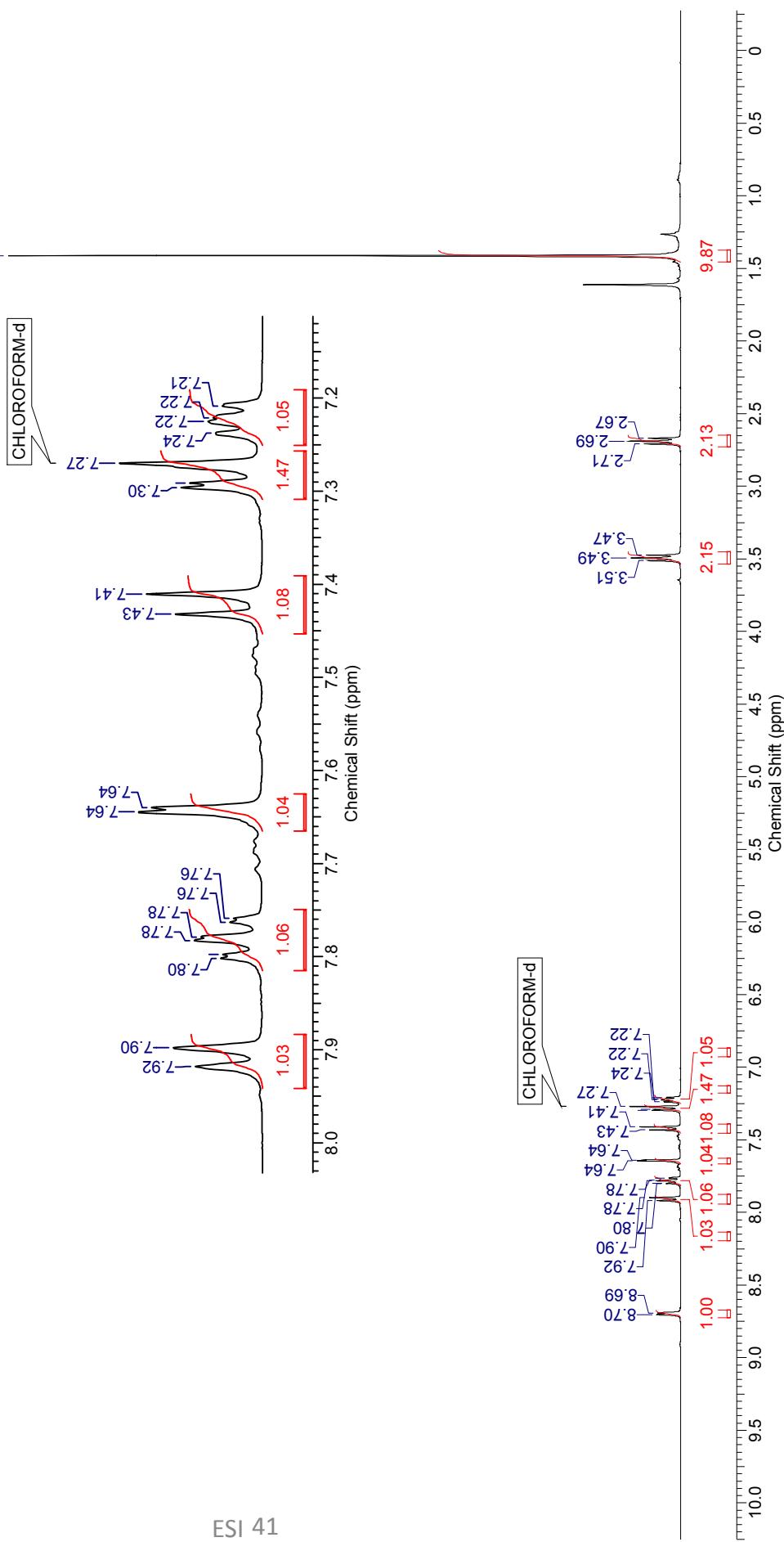




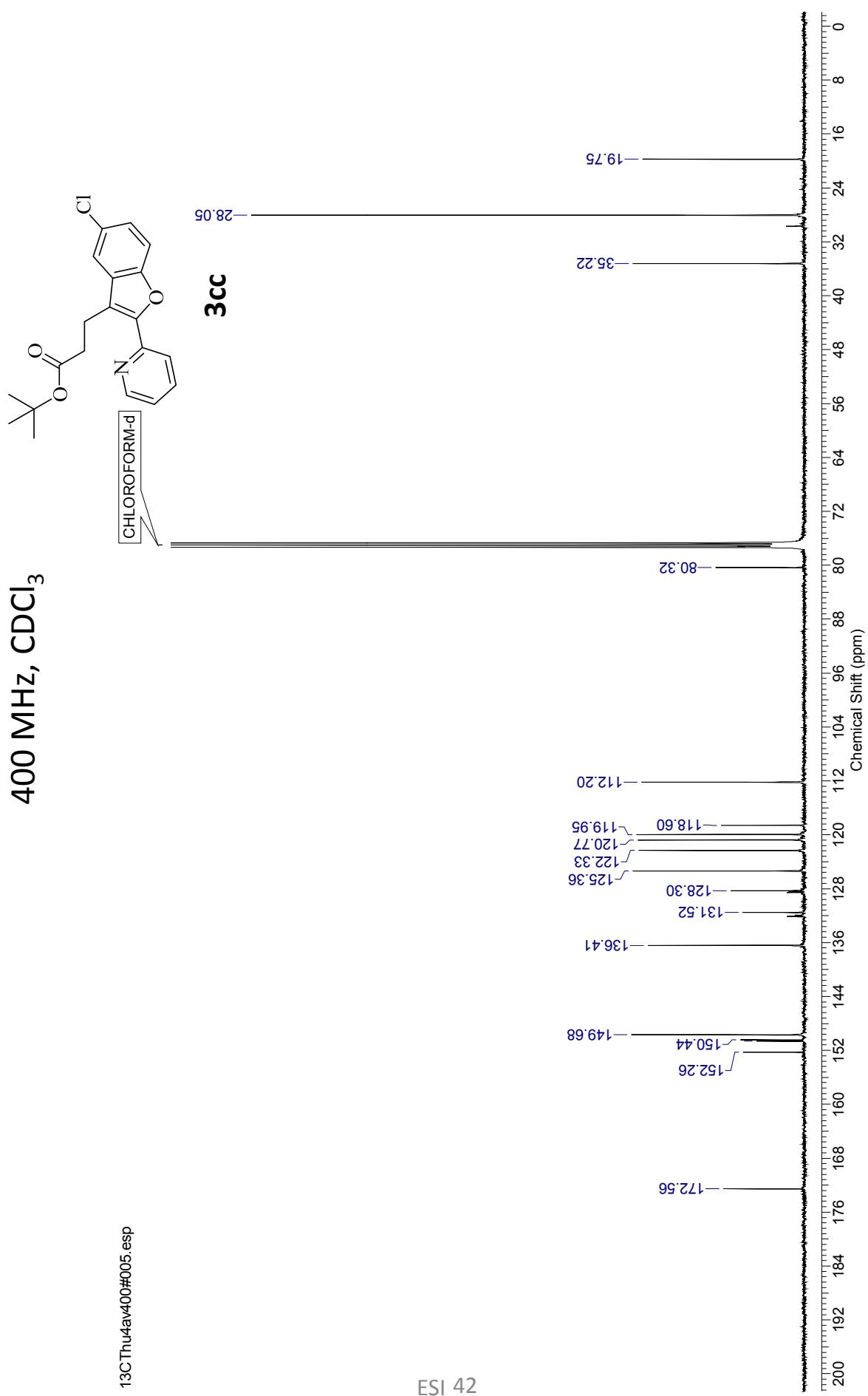
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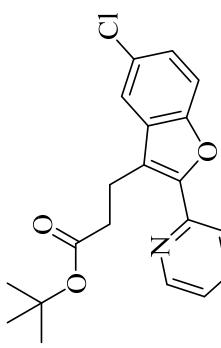
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400 MHz, CDCl_3



400 MHz, CDCl₃



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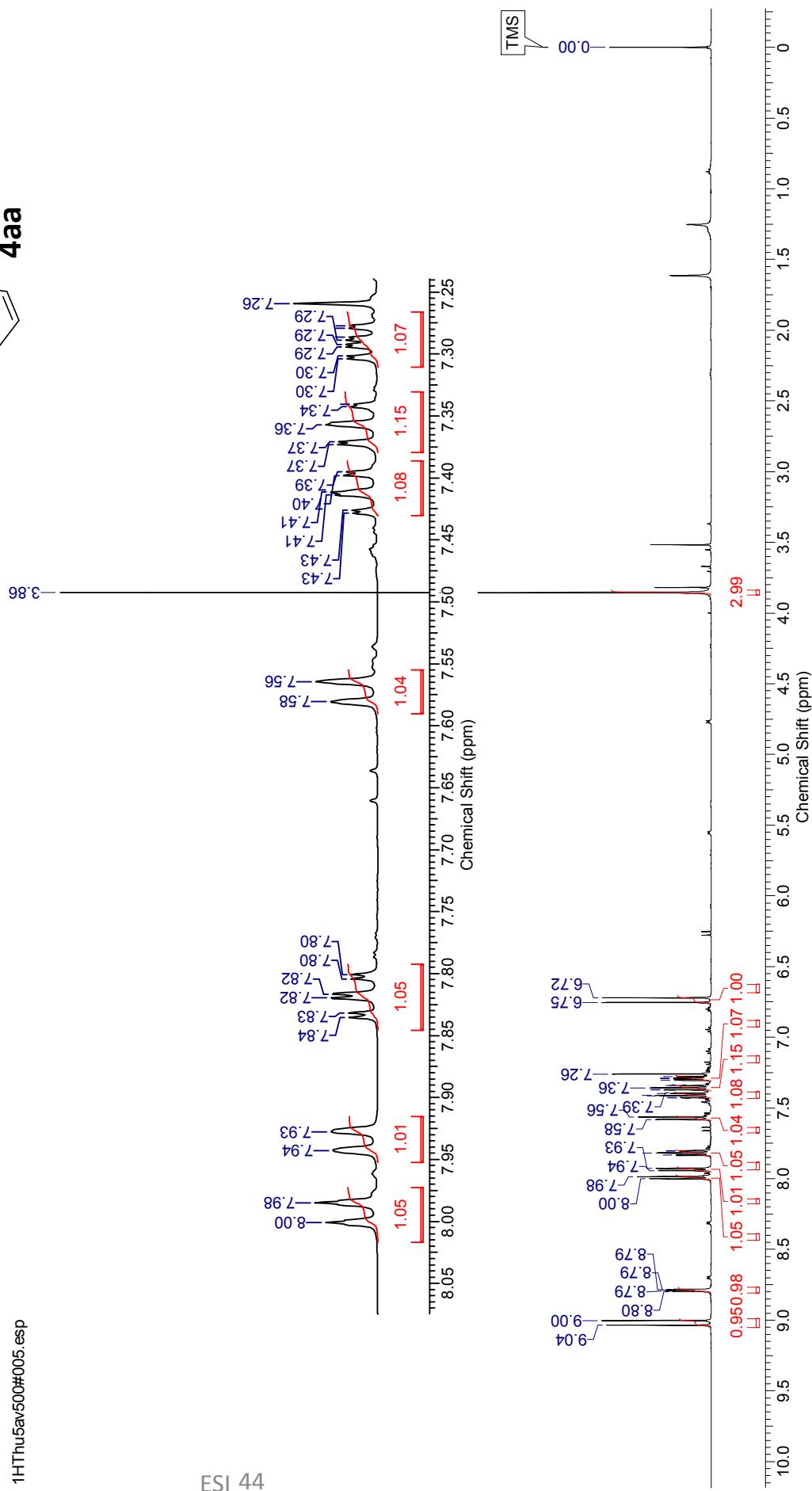
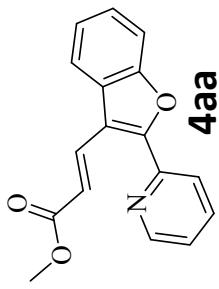
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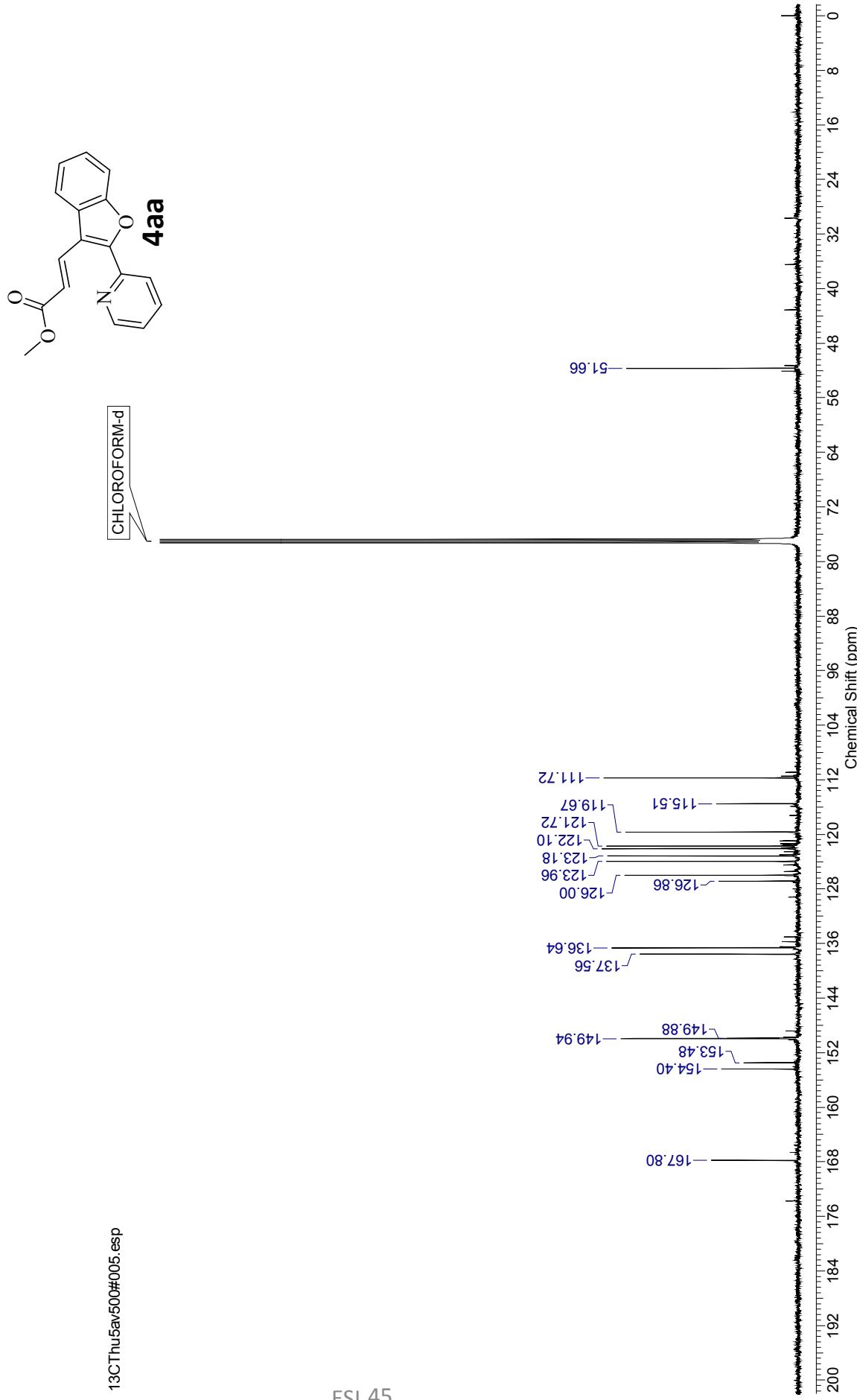
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500 MHz, CDCl₃

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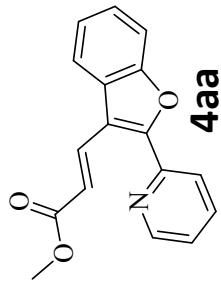


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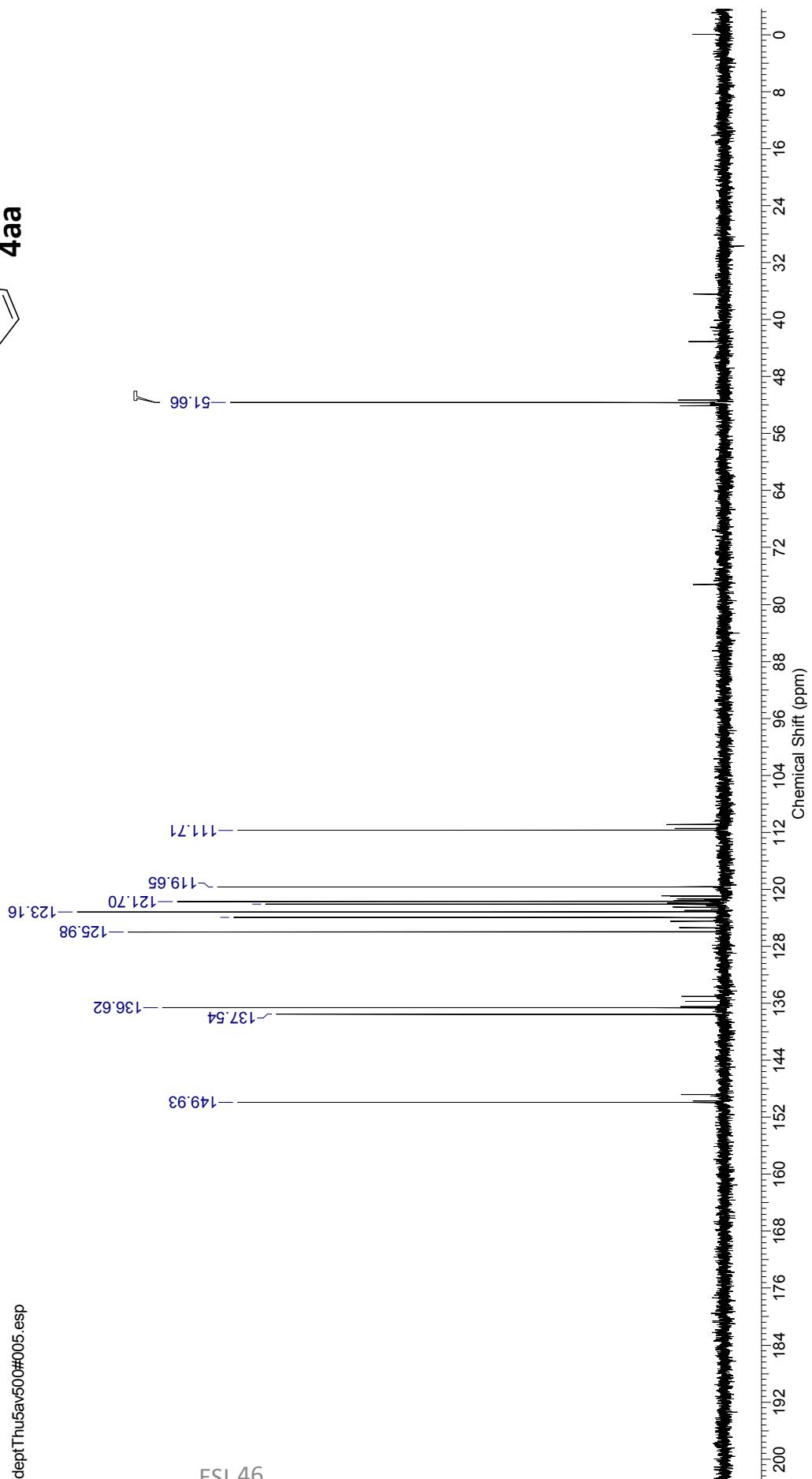


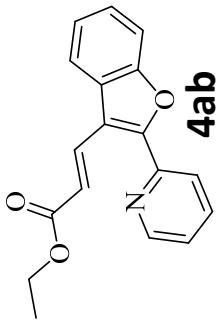
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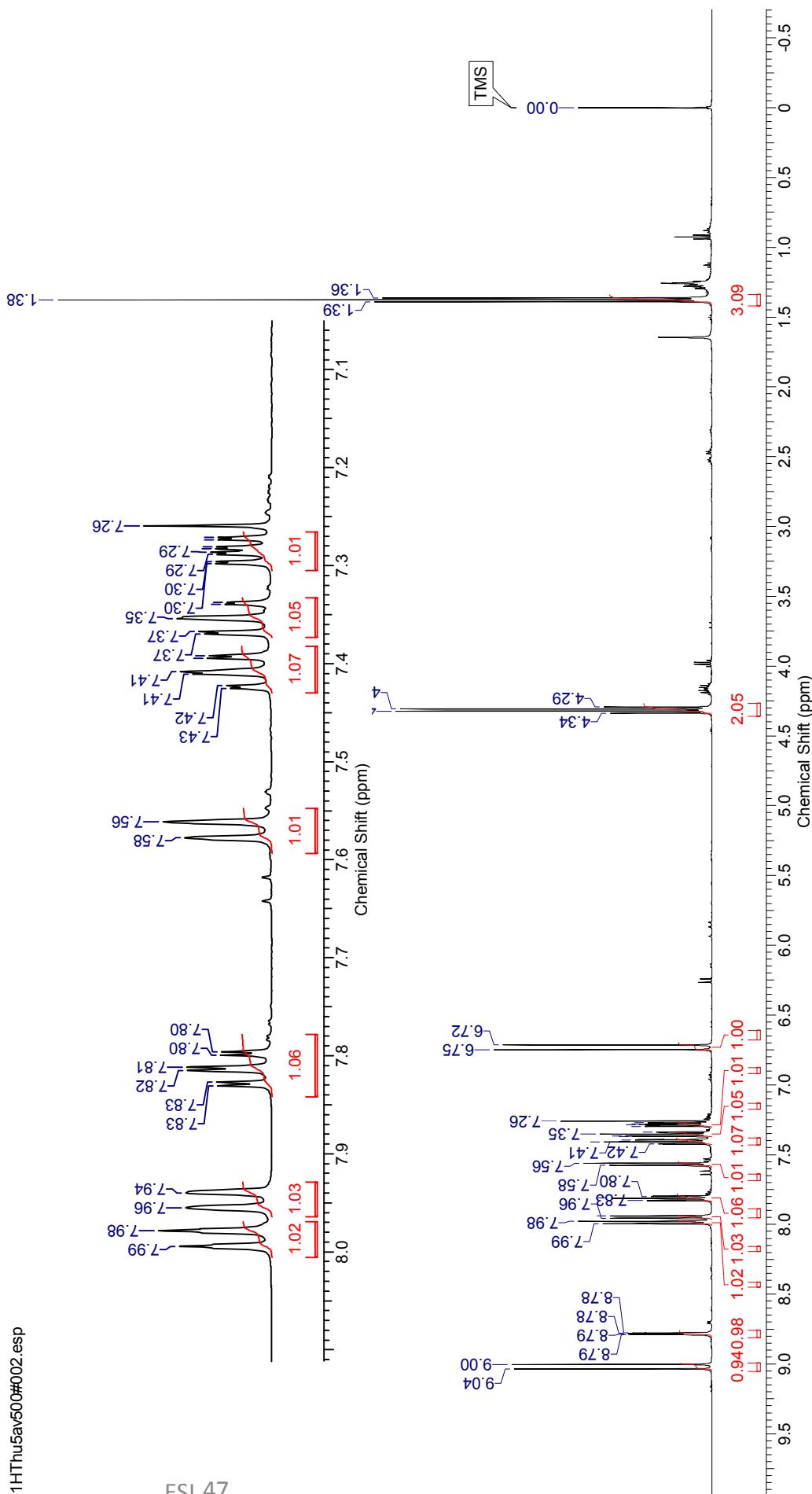


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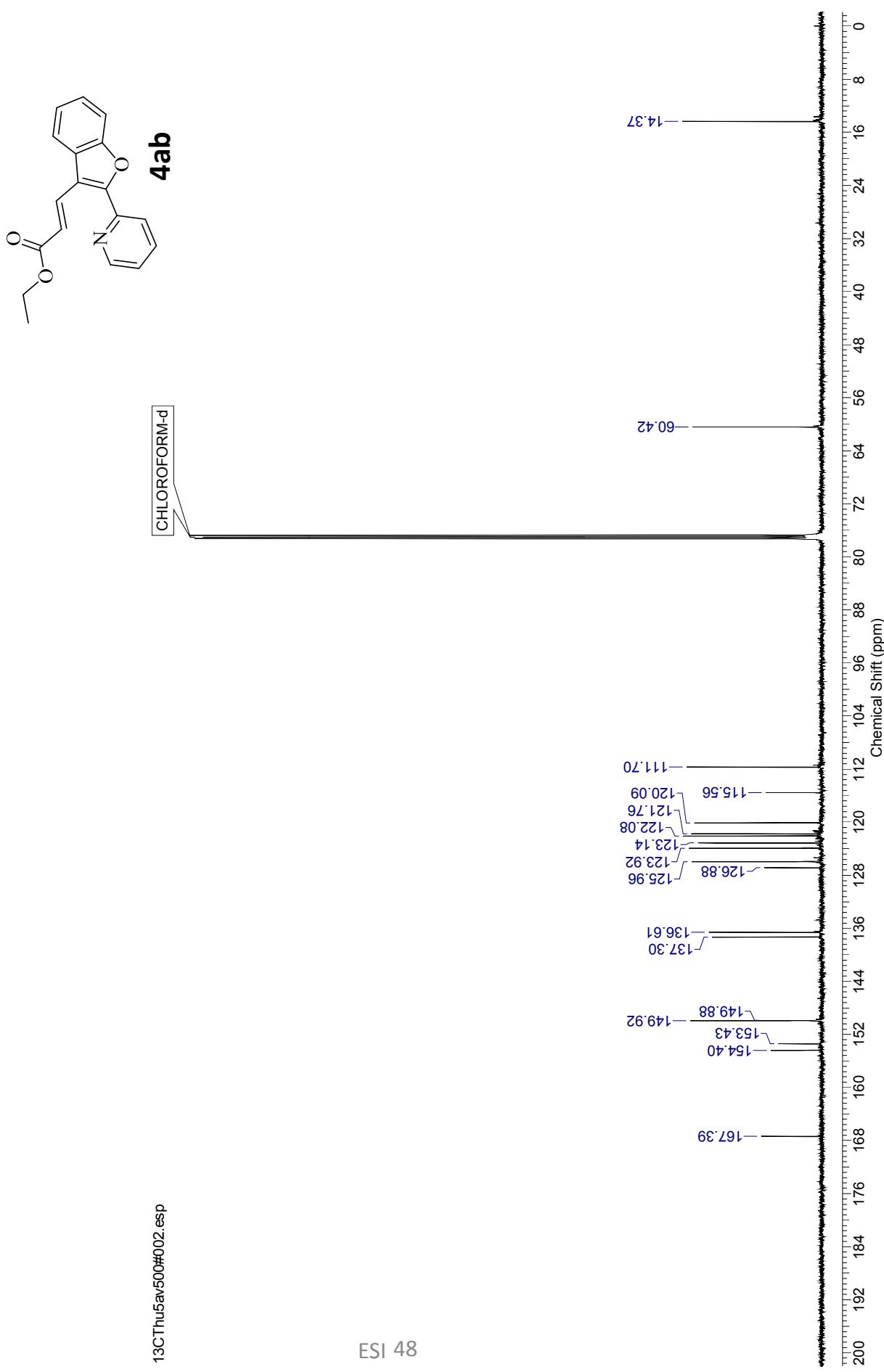


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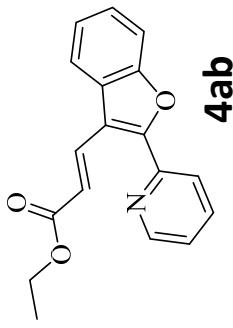
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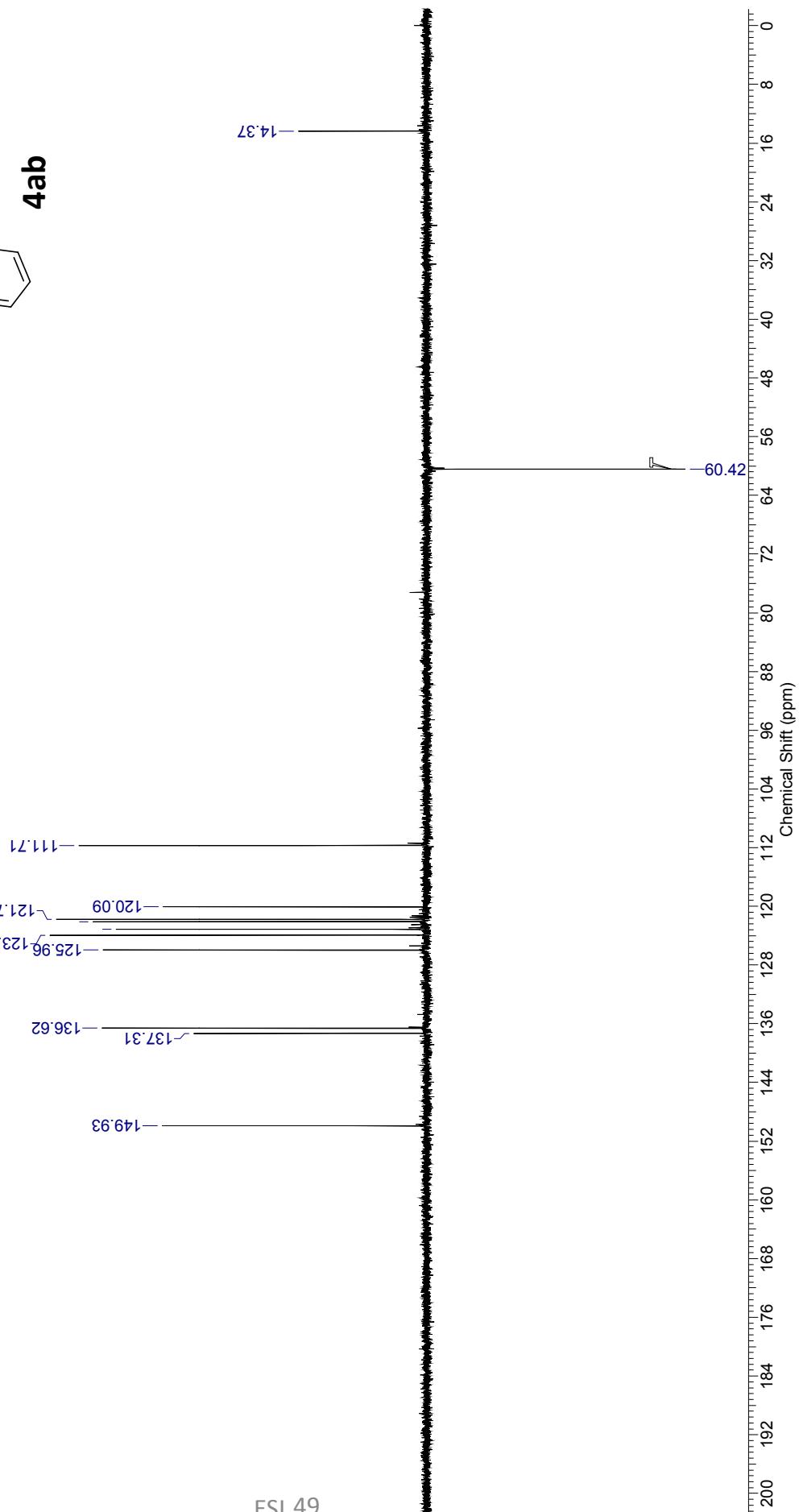


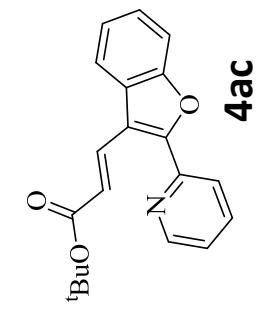
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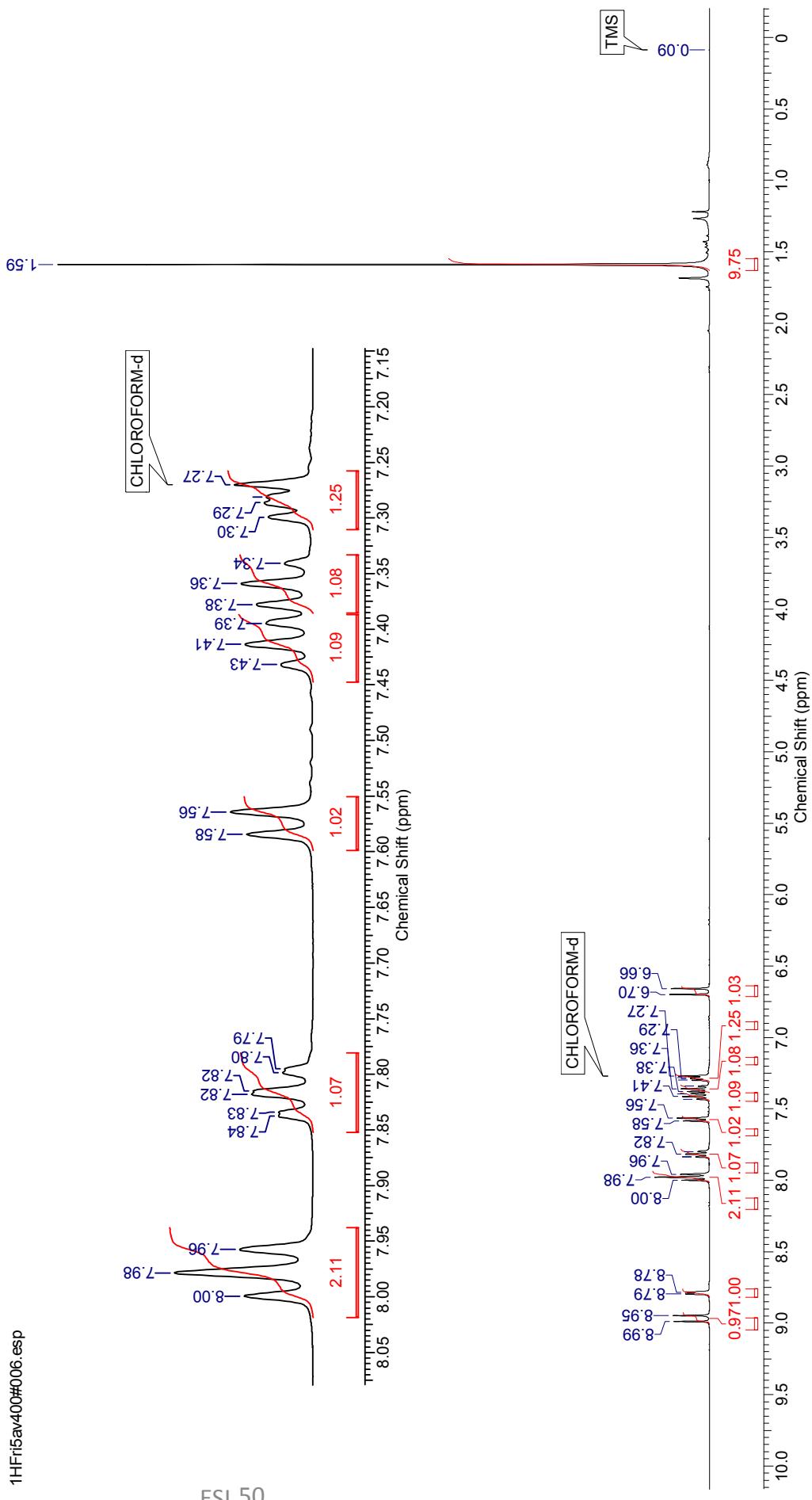




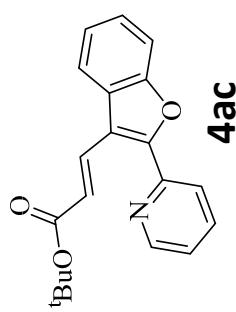
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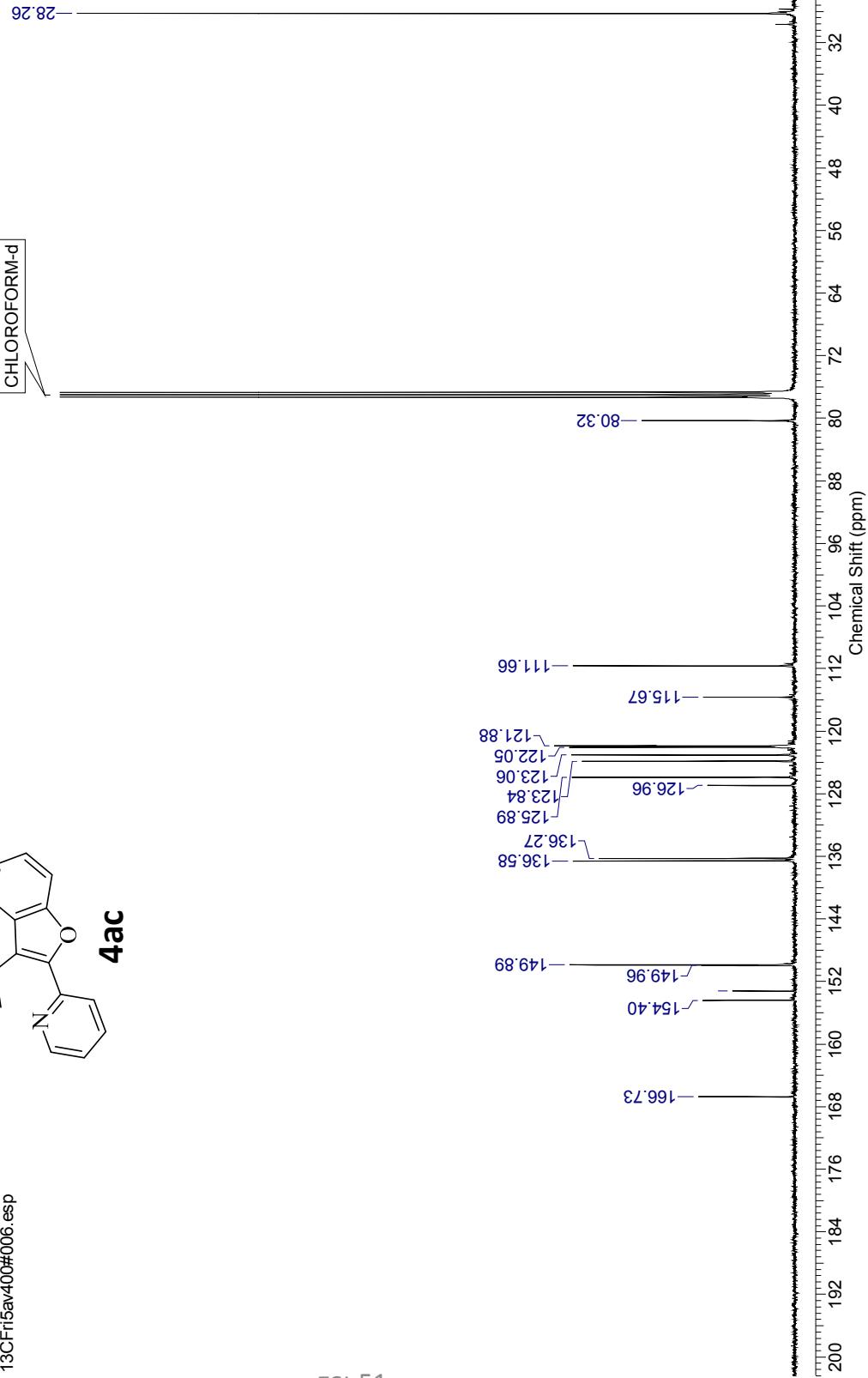


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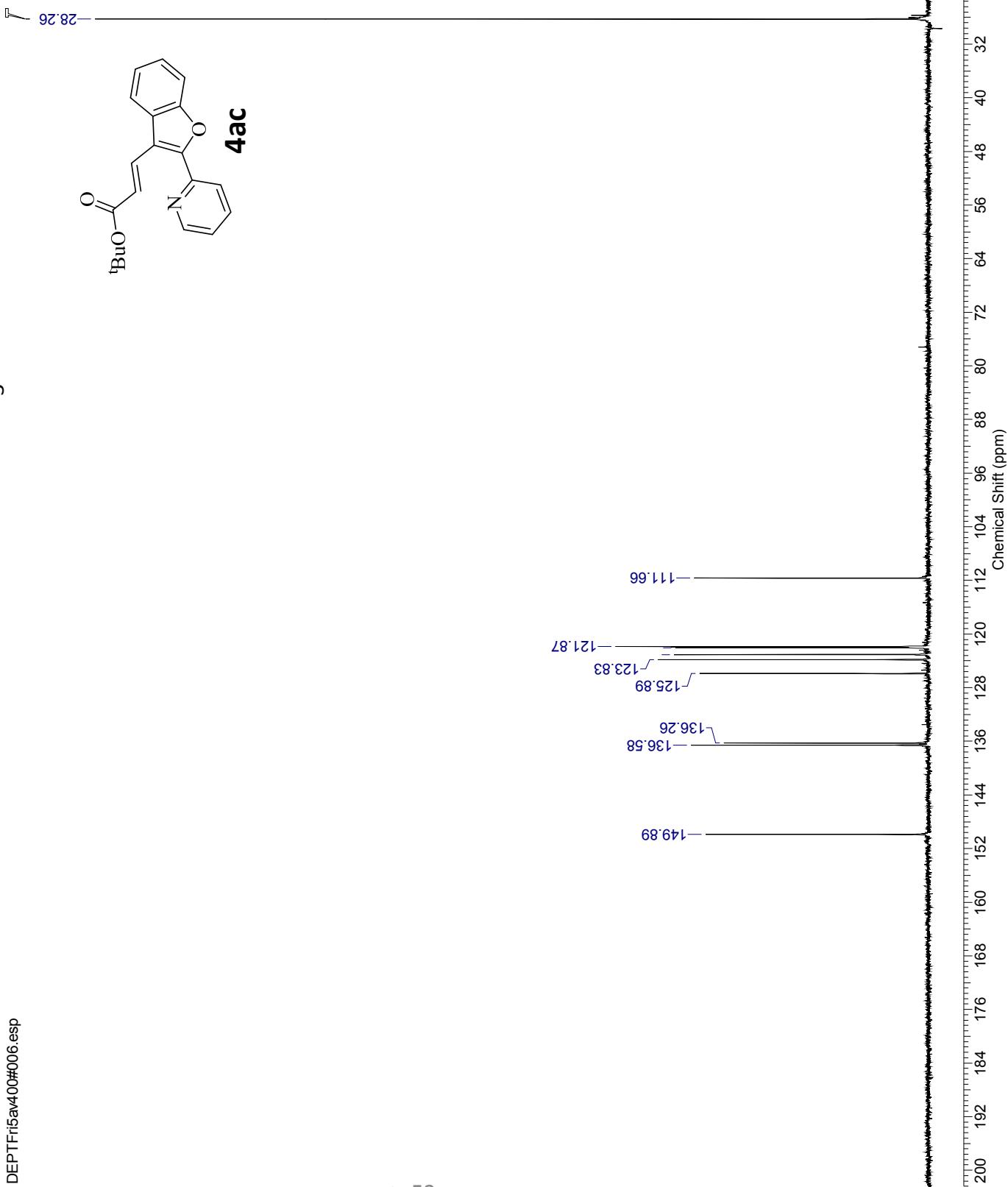
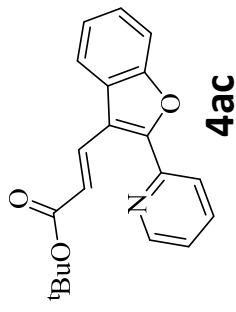
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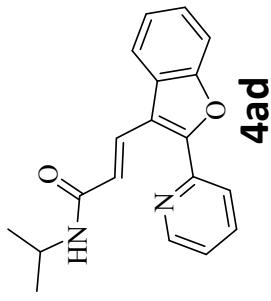
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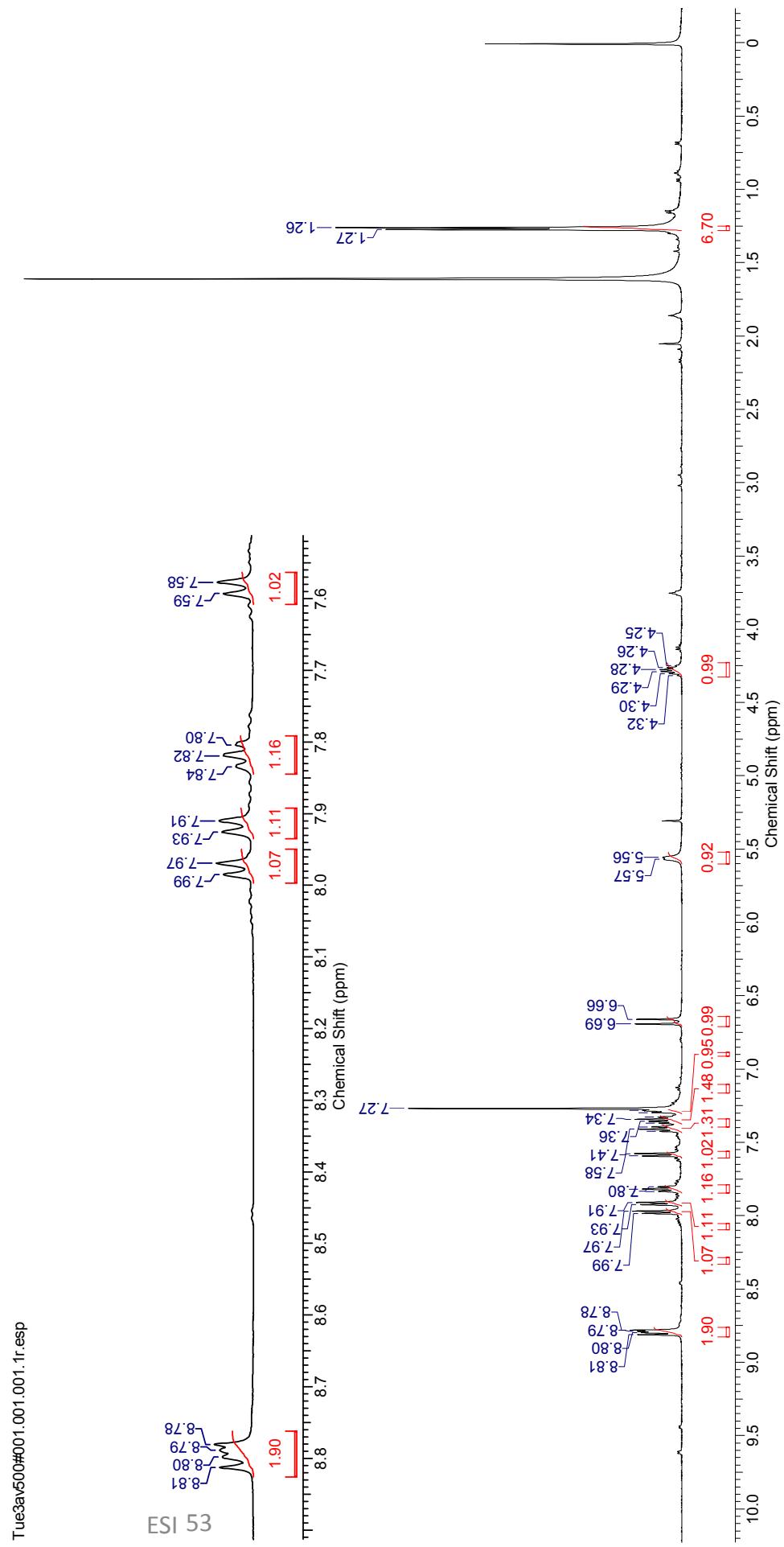


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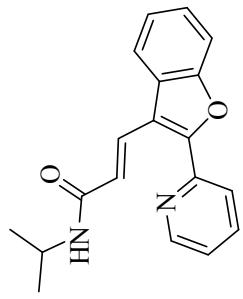
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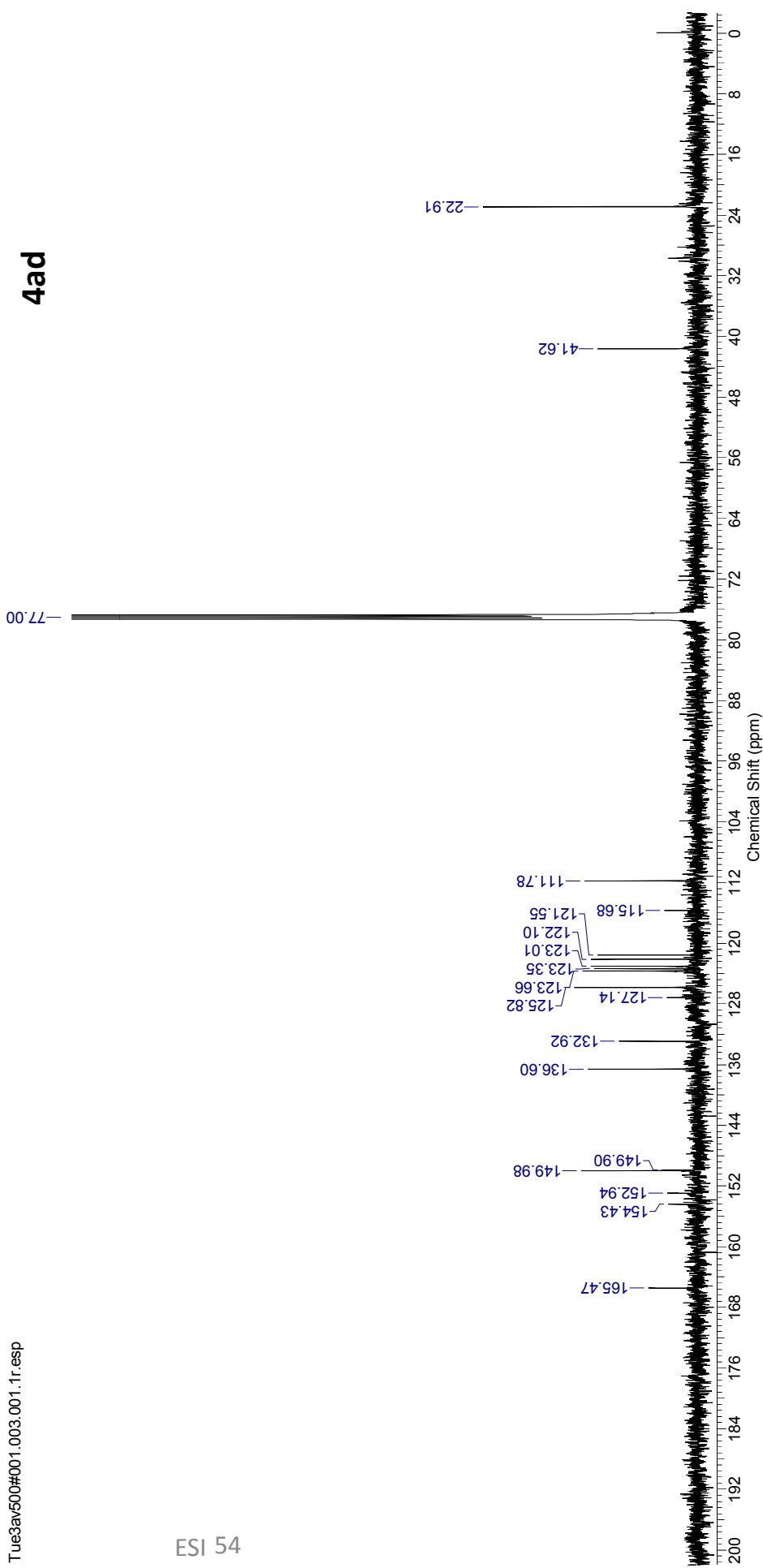
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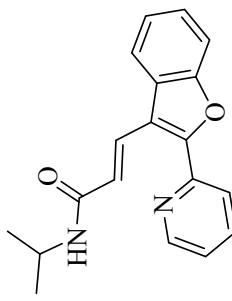
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ESI 54



500 MHz, CDCl₃



4ad

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ESI 55

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—123.34

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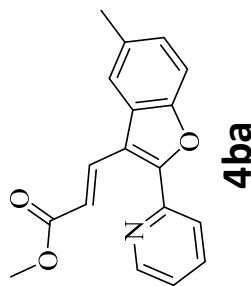
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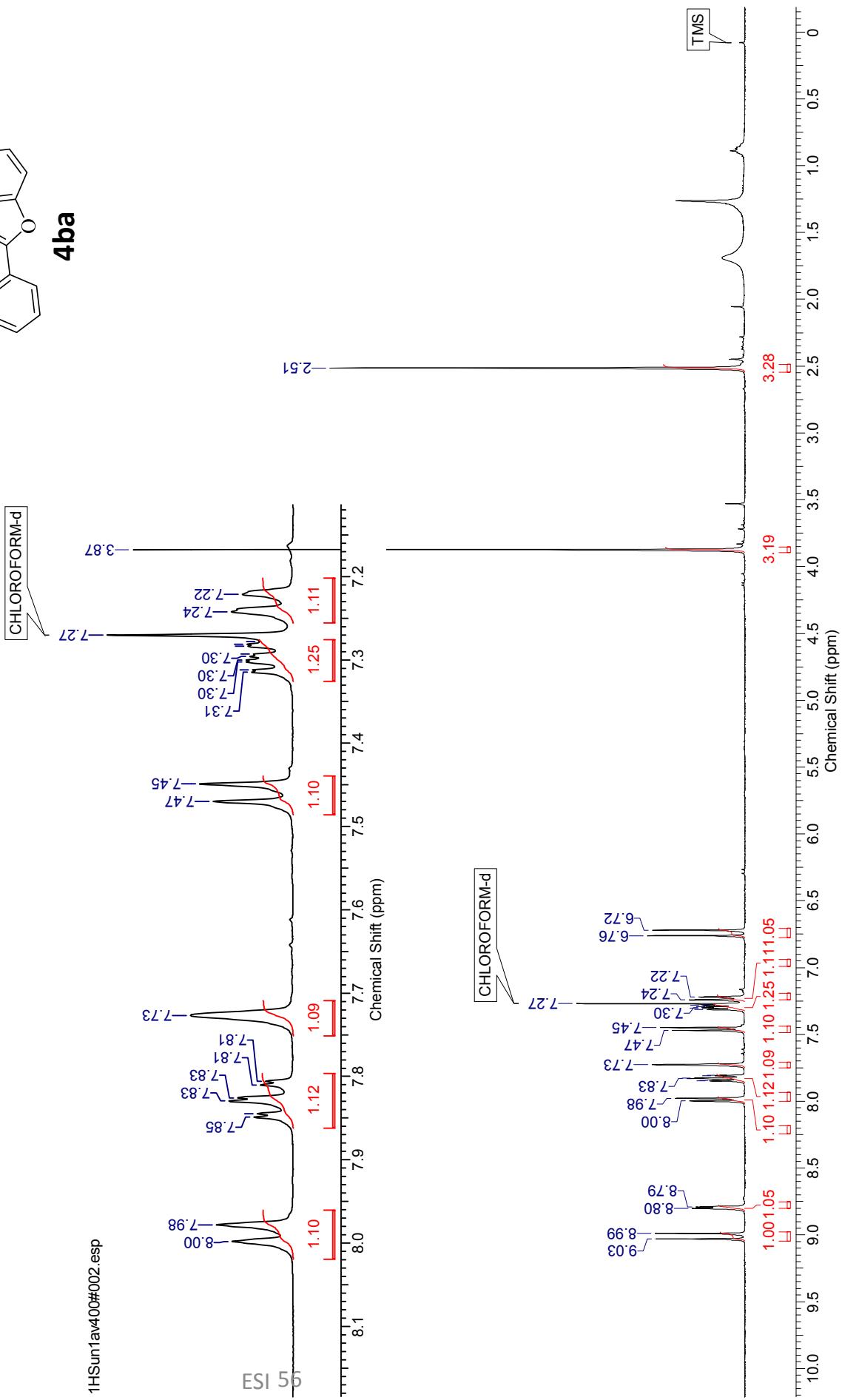


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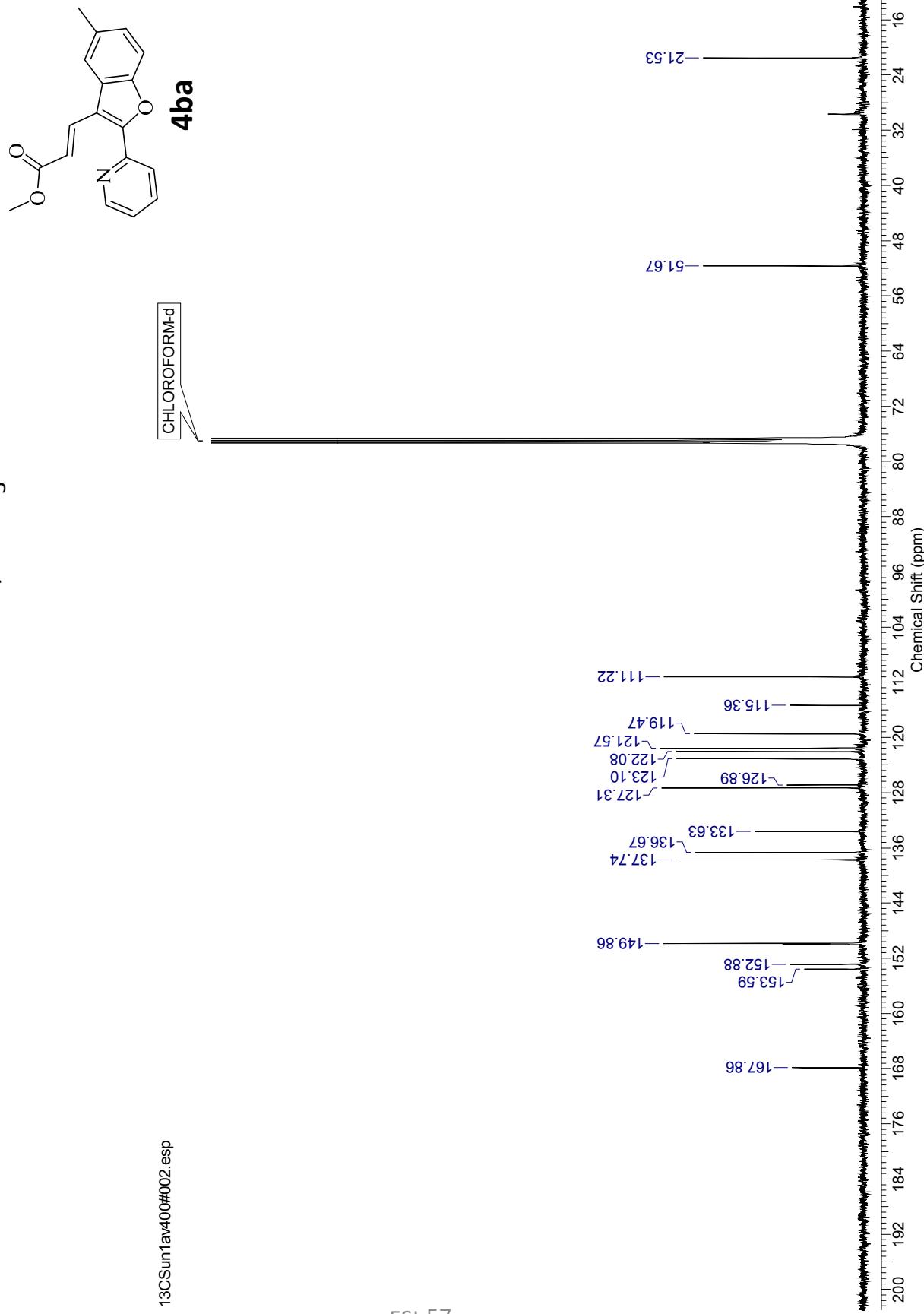
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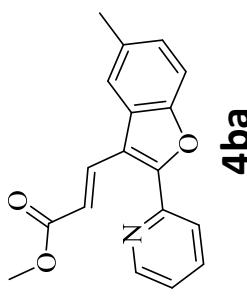


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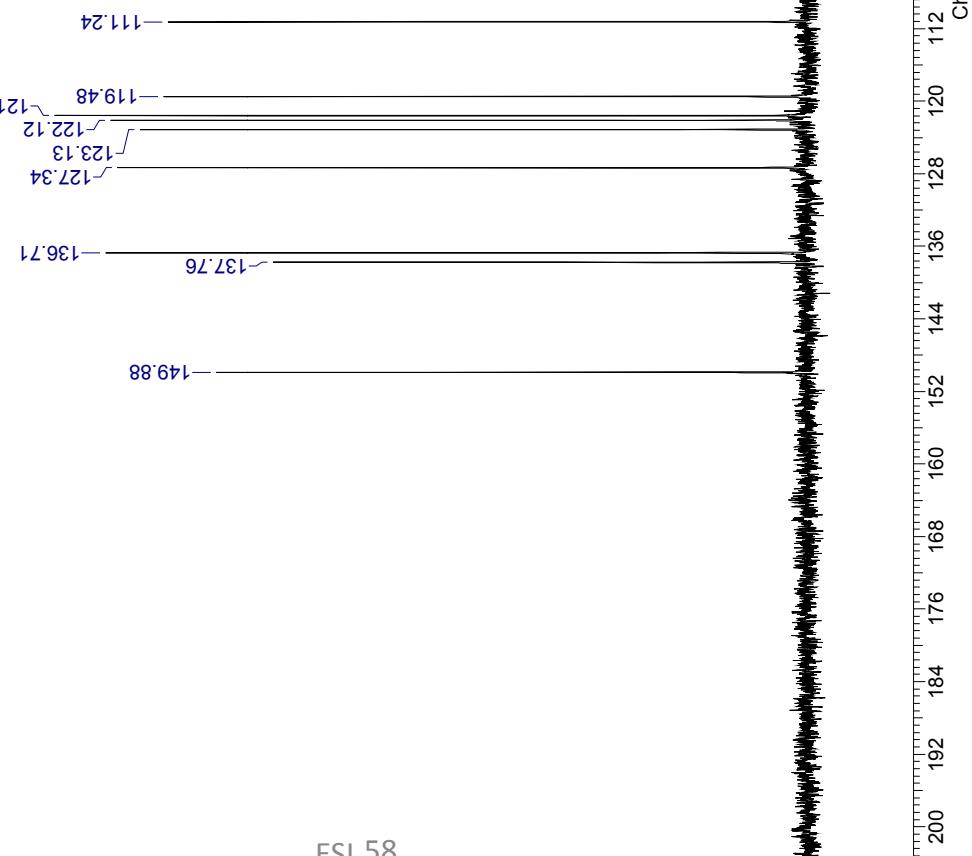
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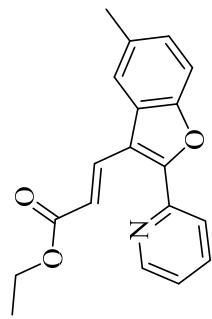
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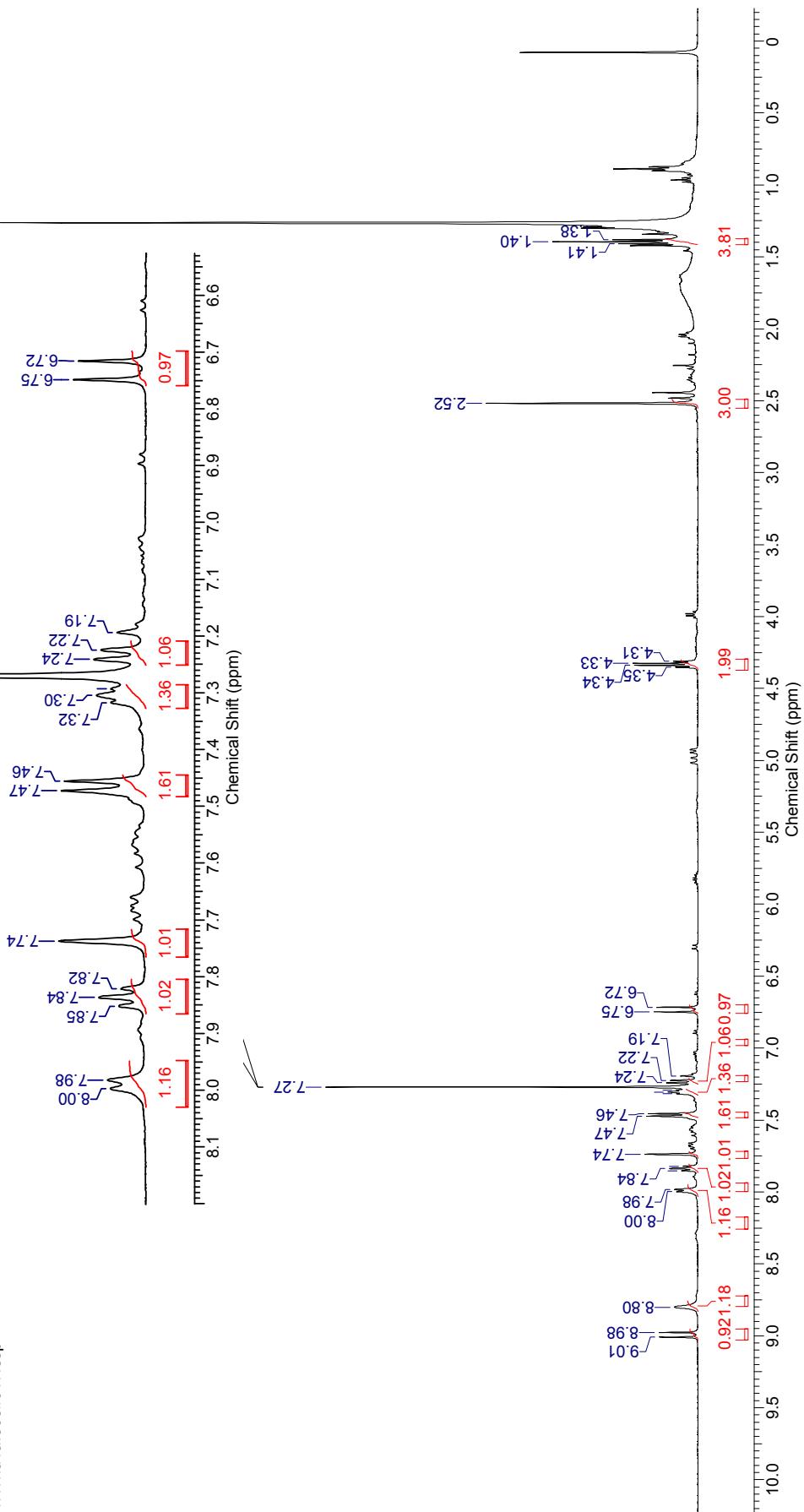
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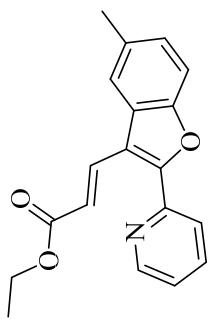


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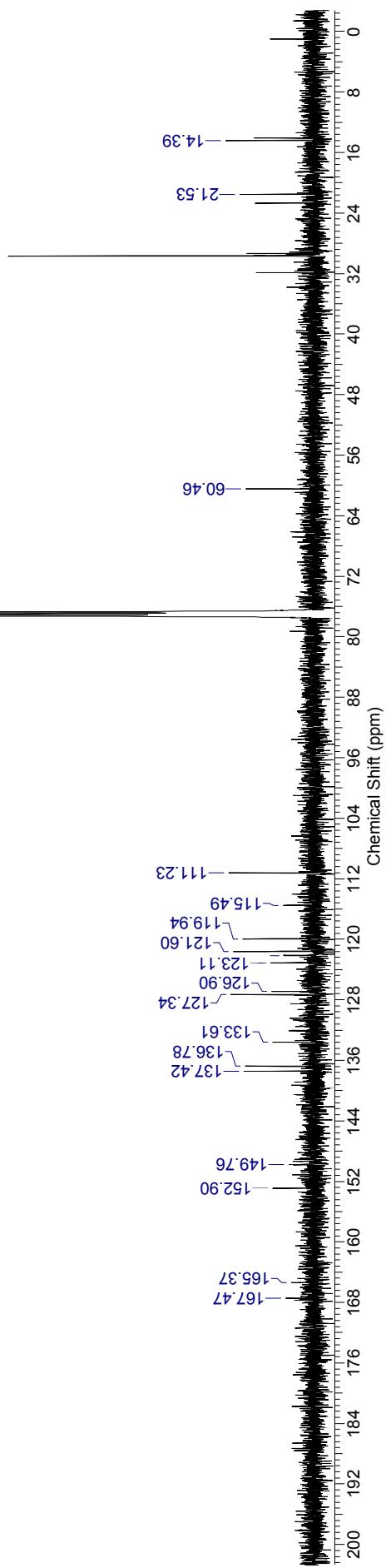
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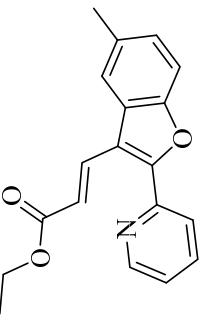
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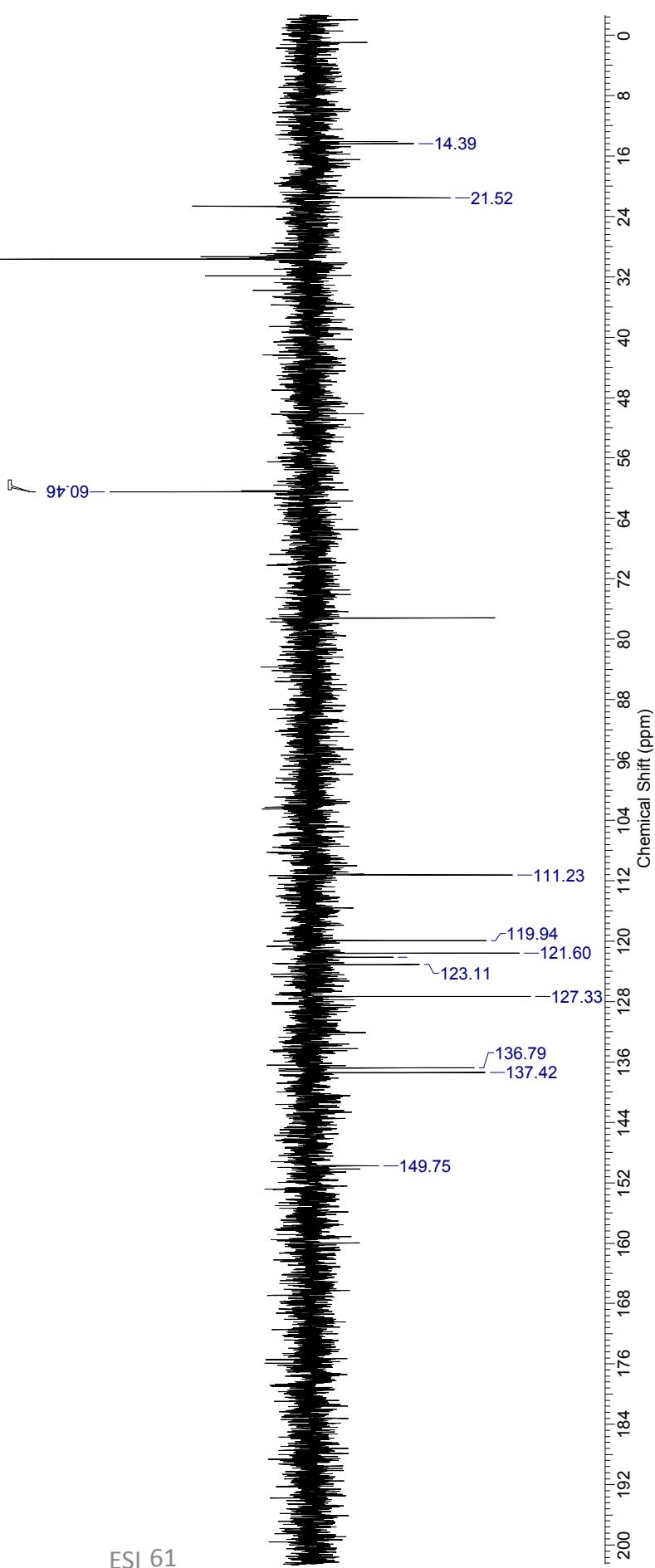


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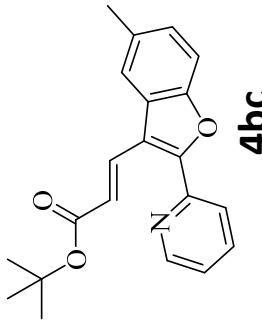
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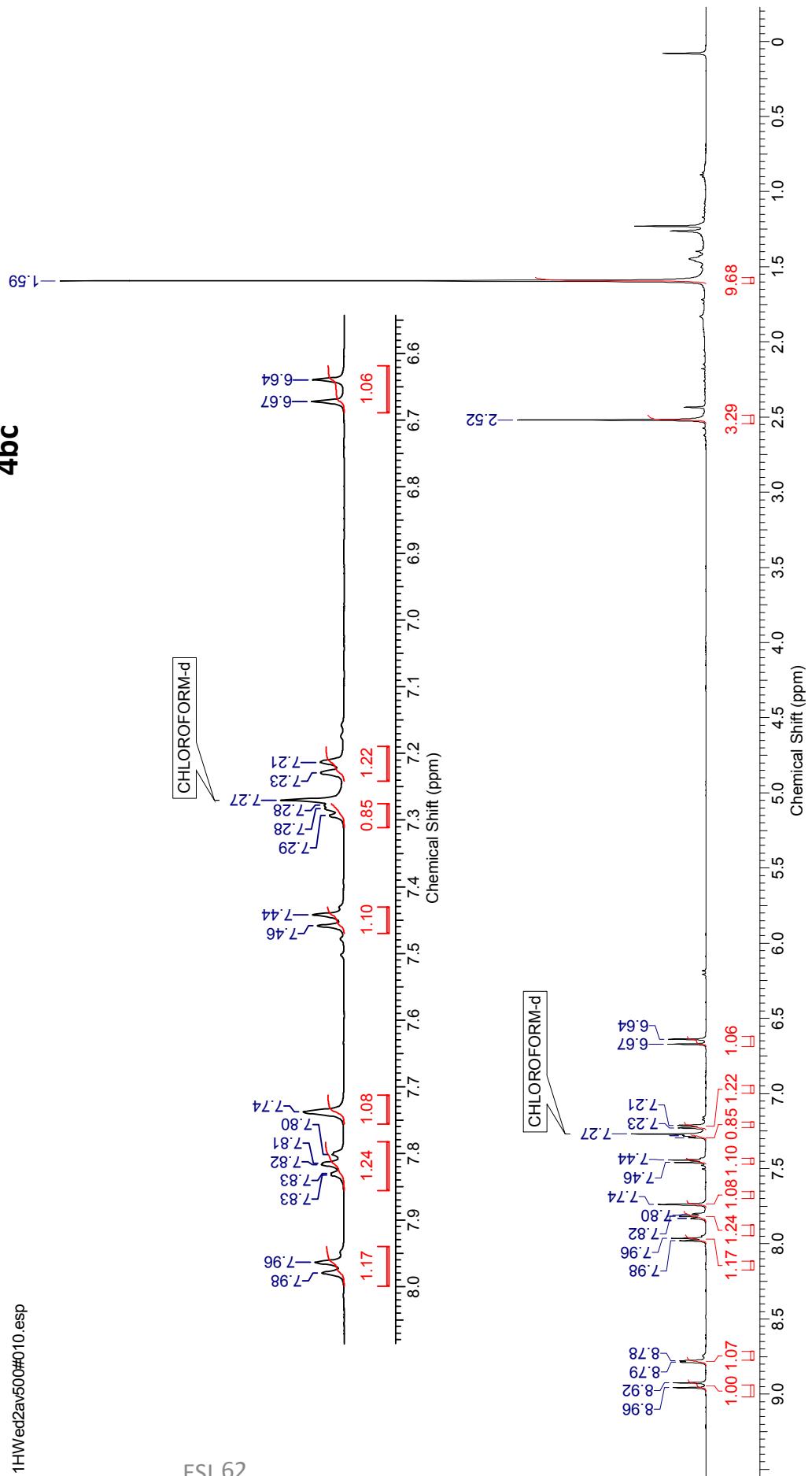


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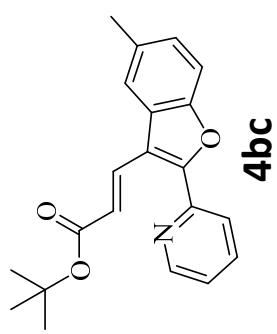
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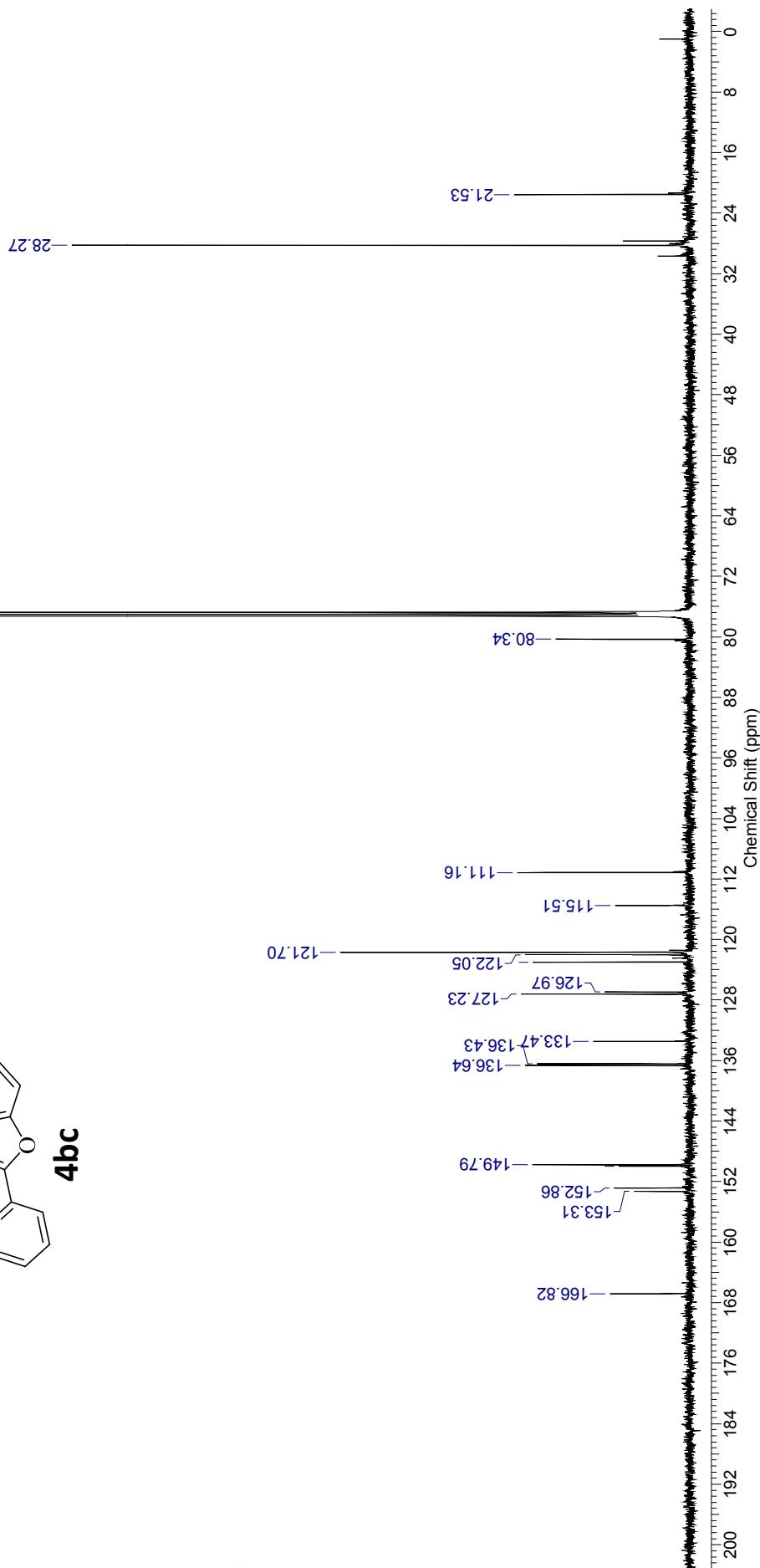


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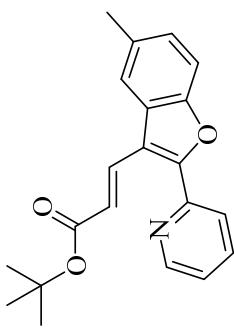
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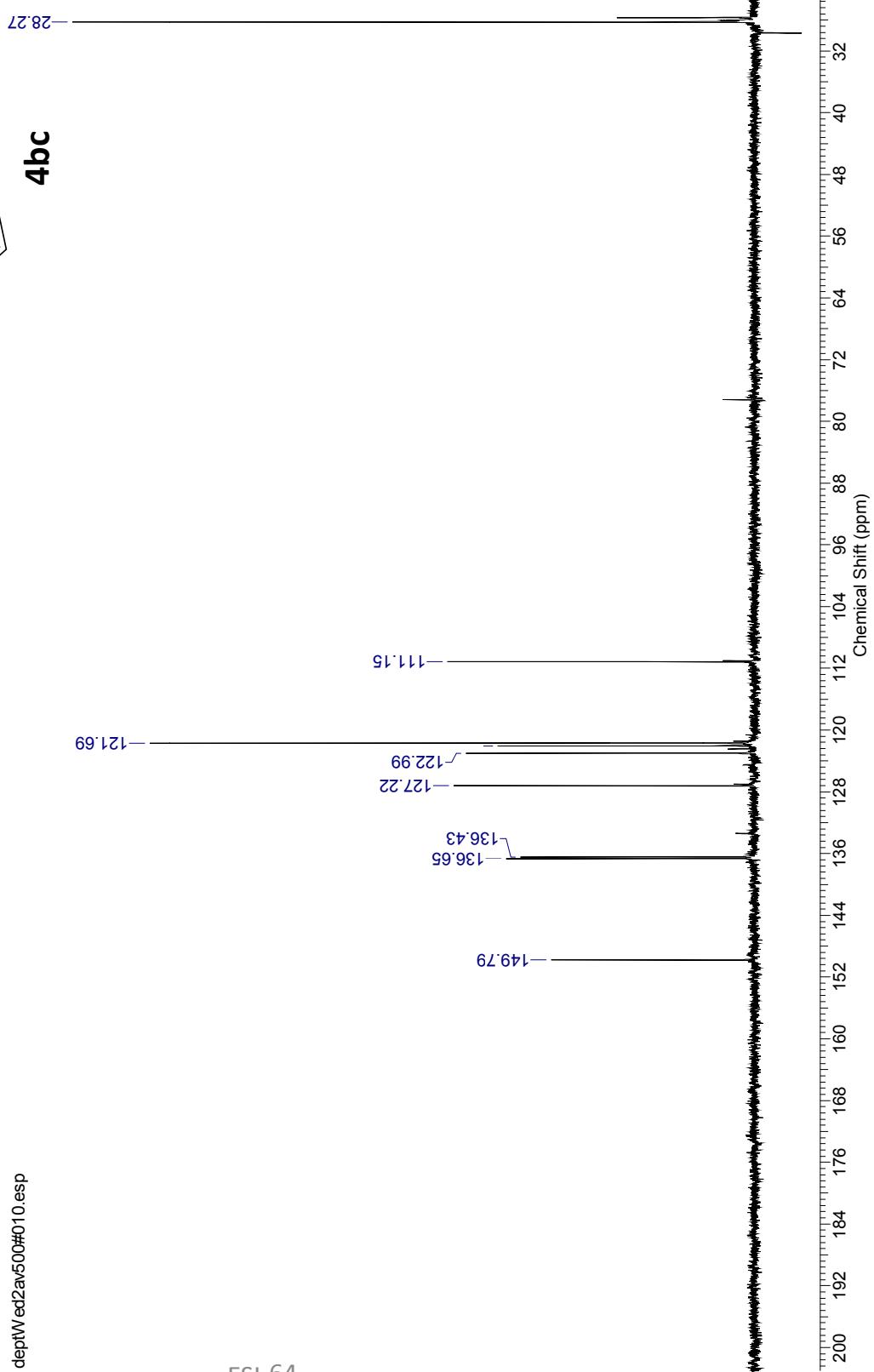


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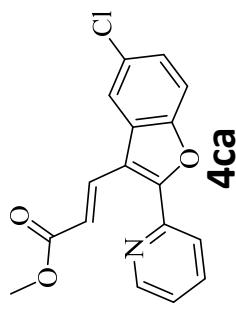


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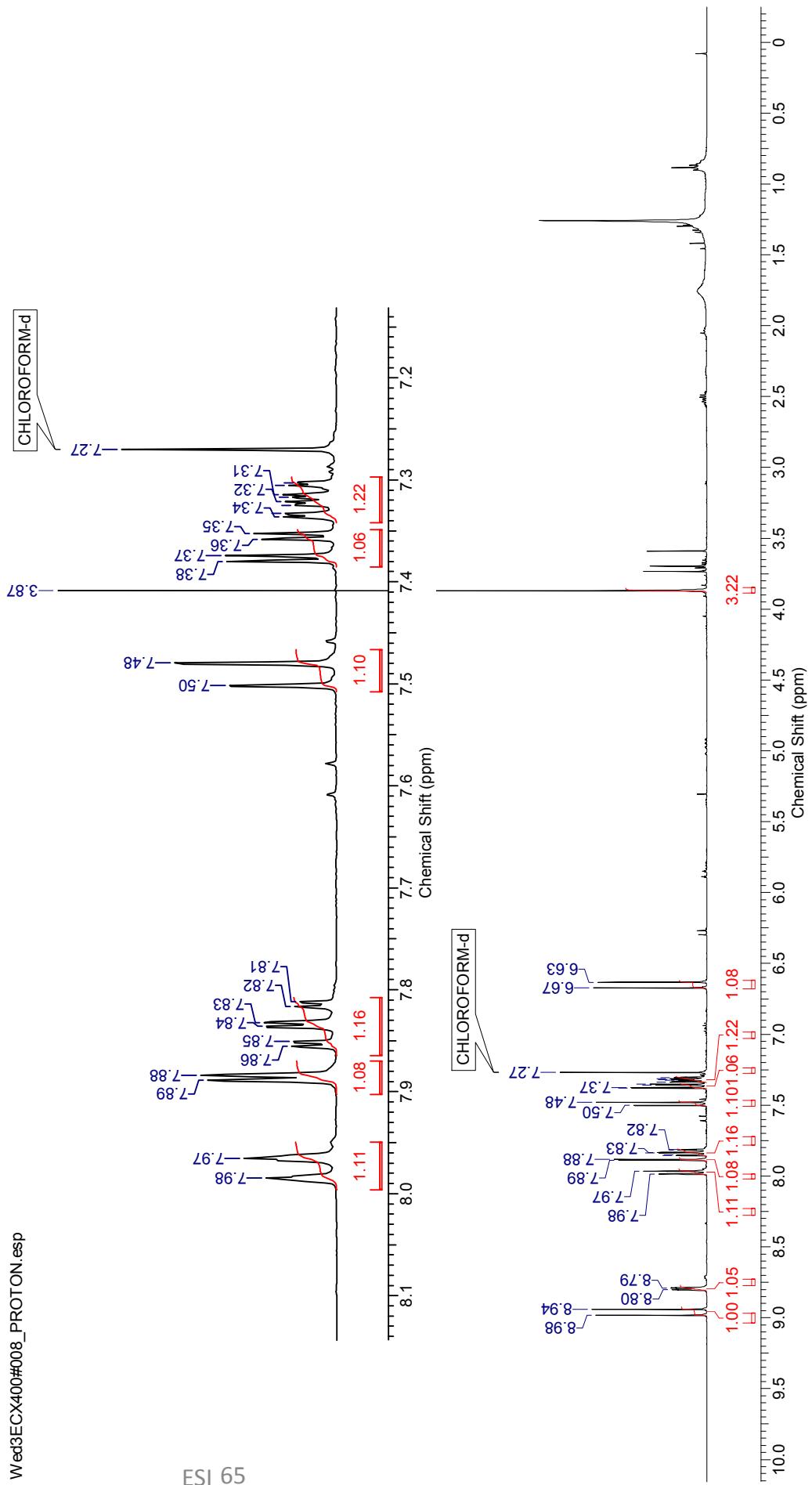




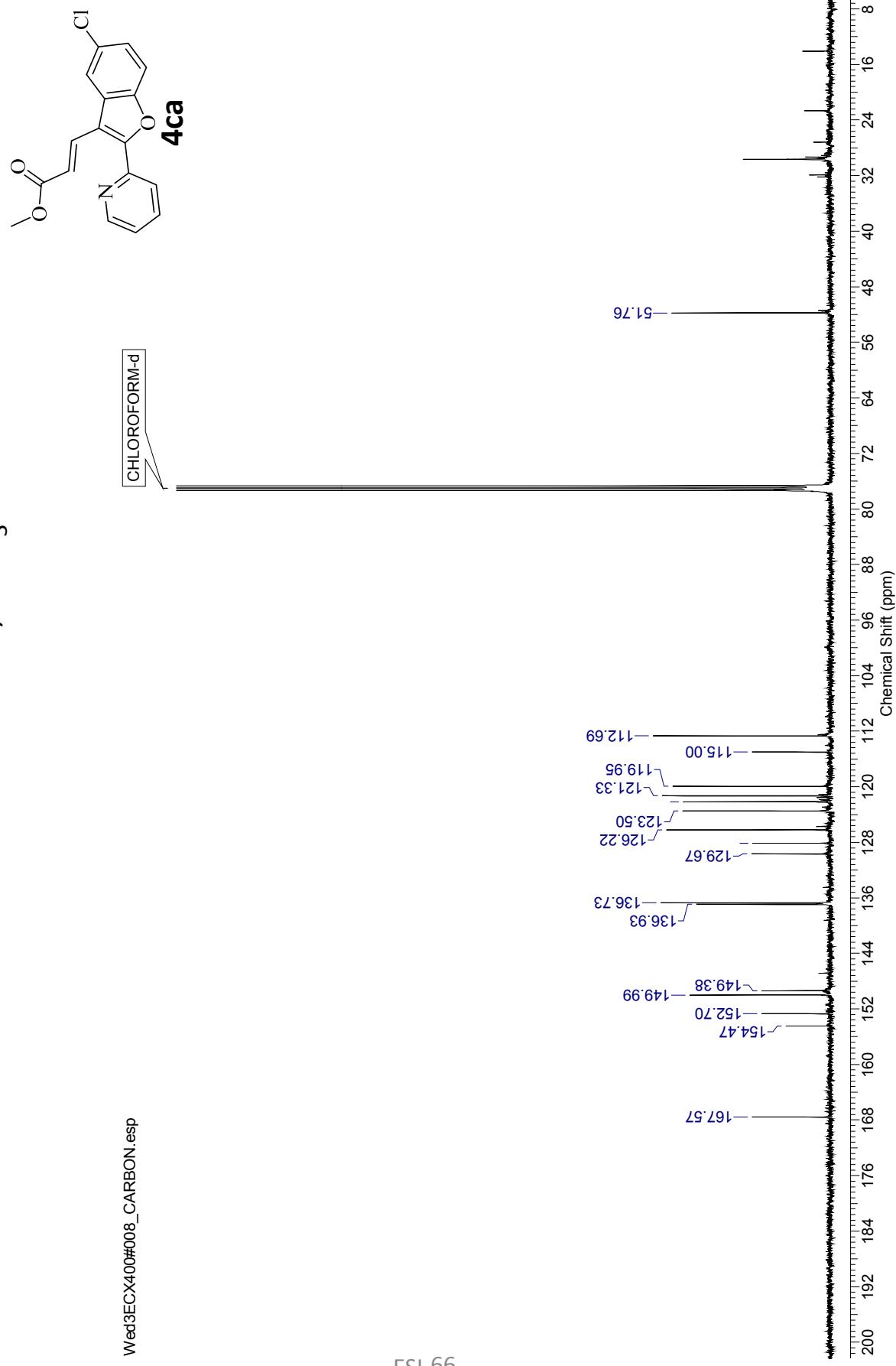
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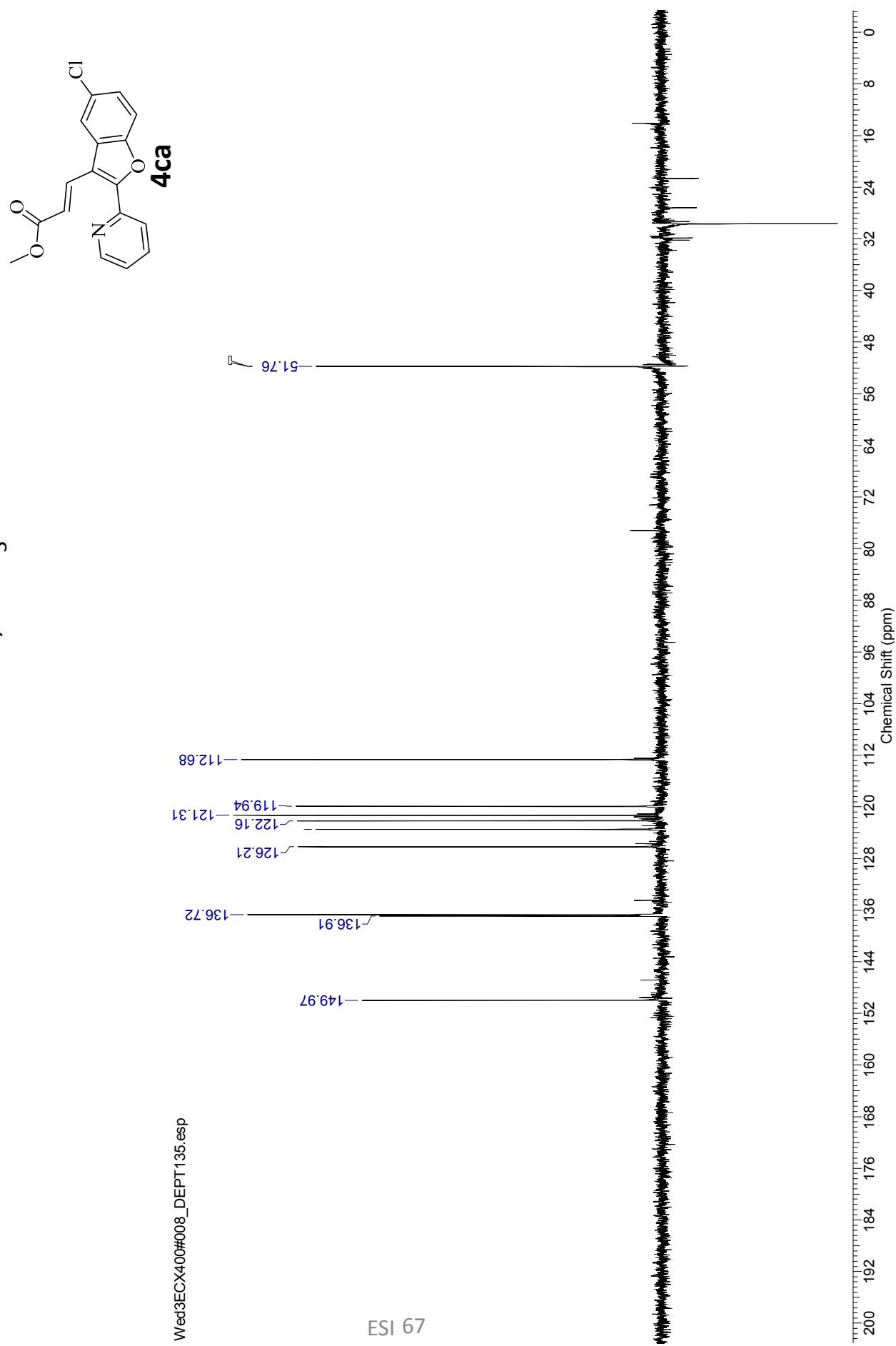
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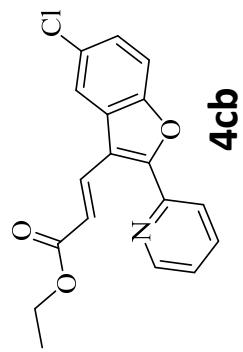


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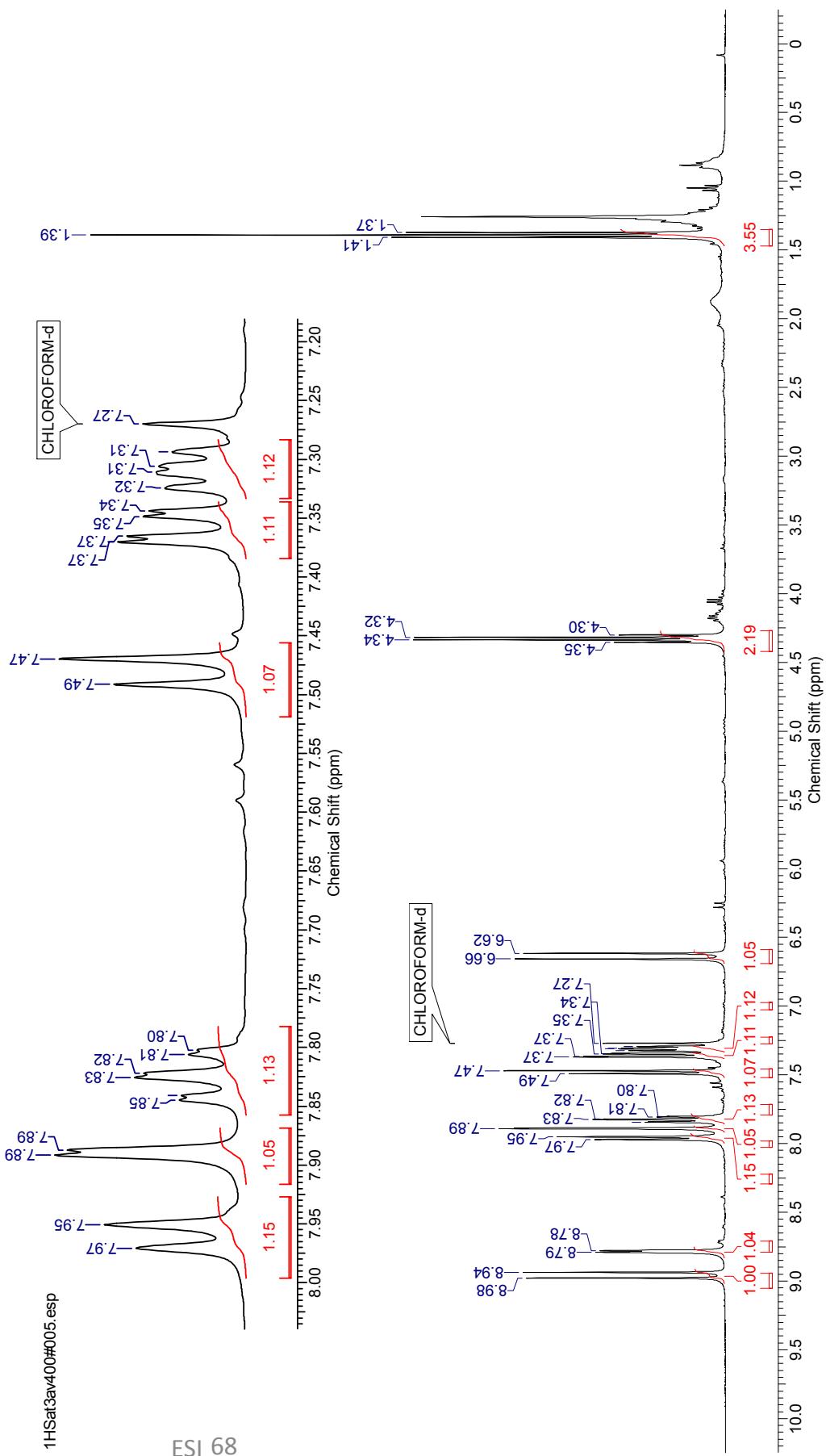
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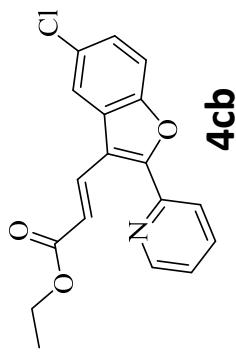


400 MHz, CDCl₃

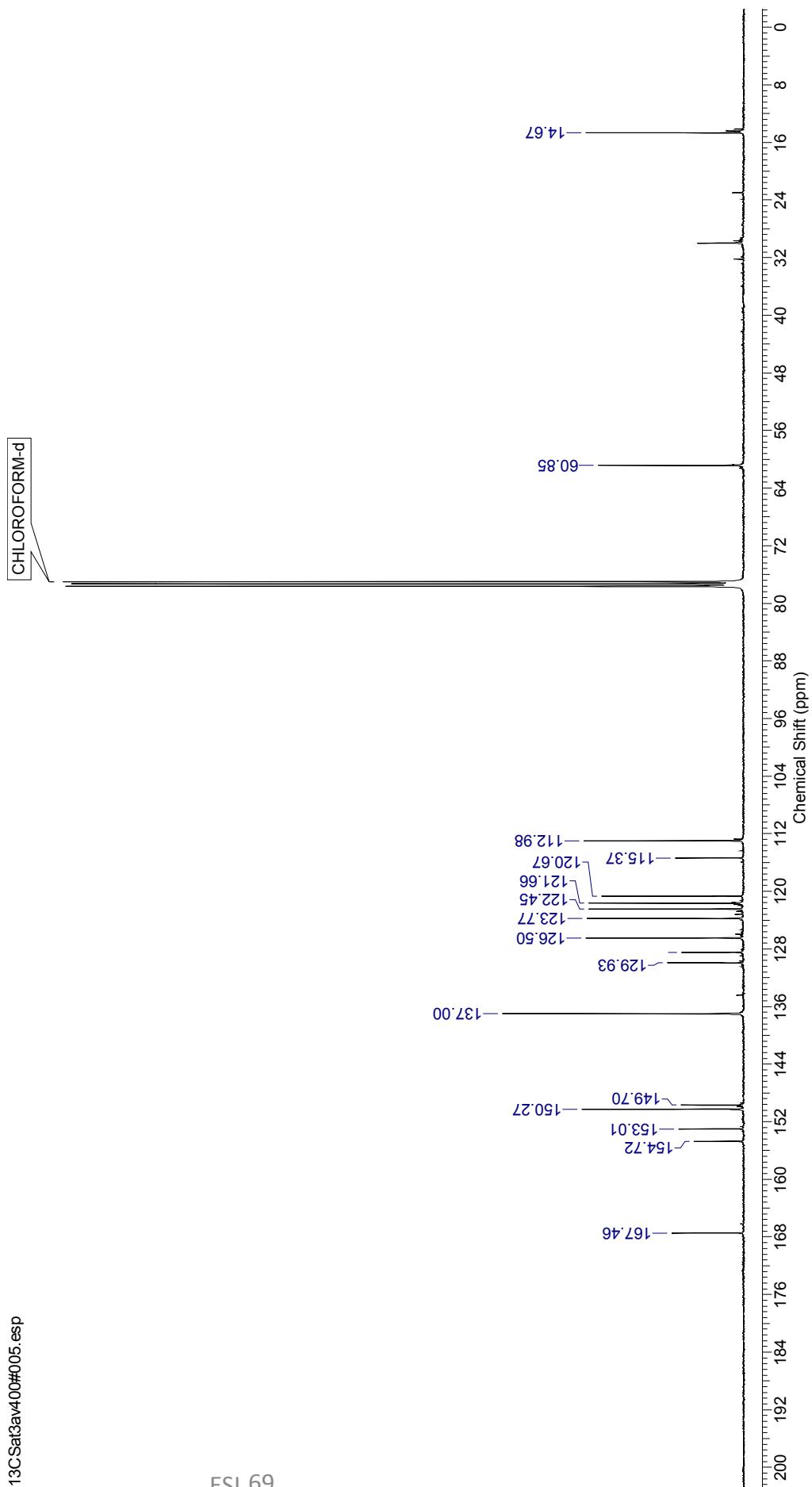
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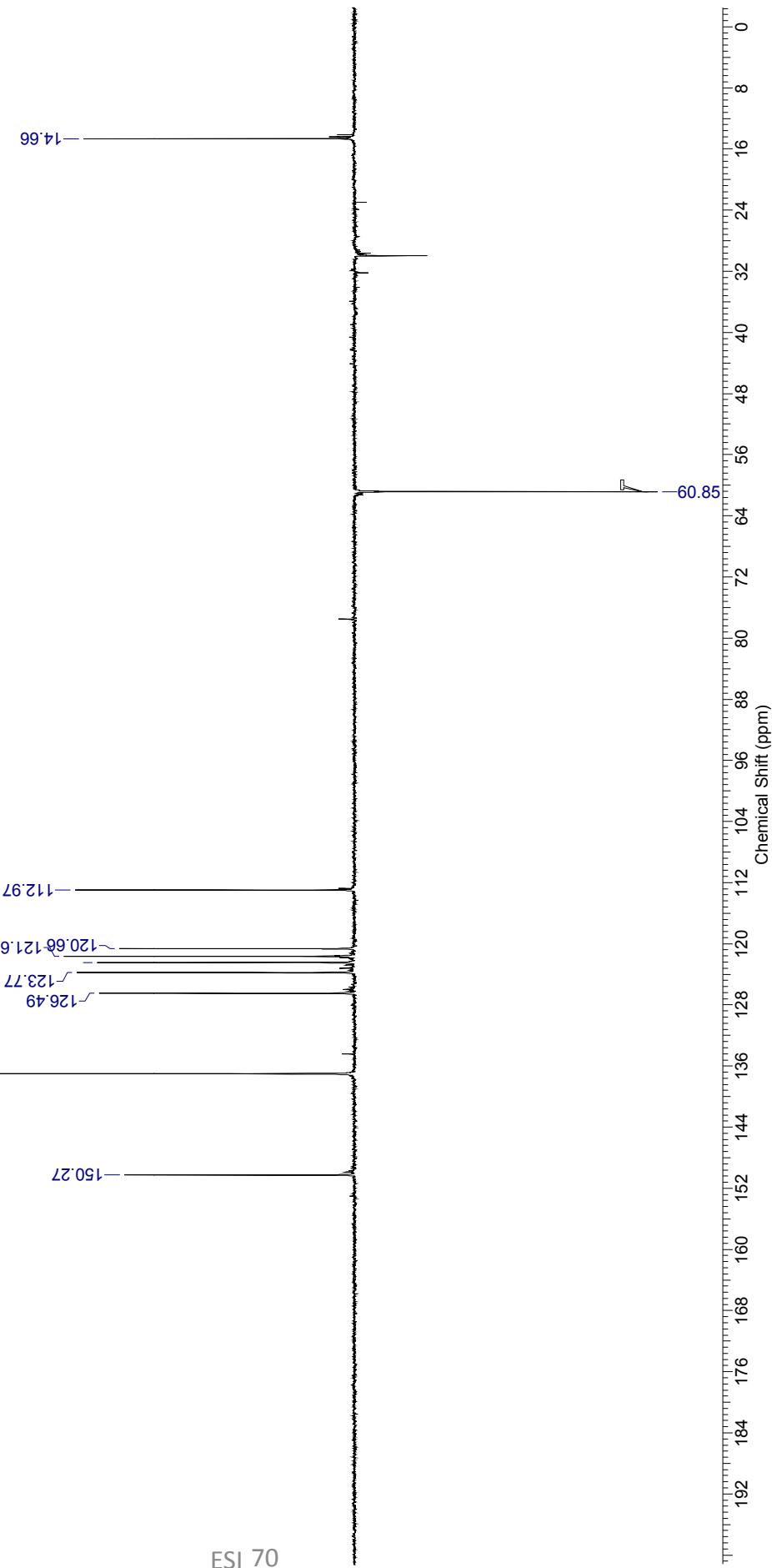
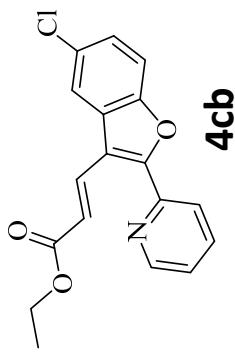


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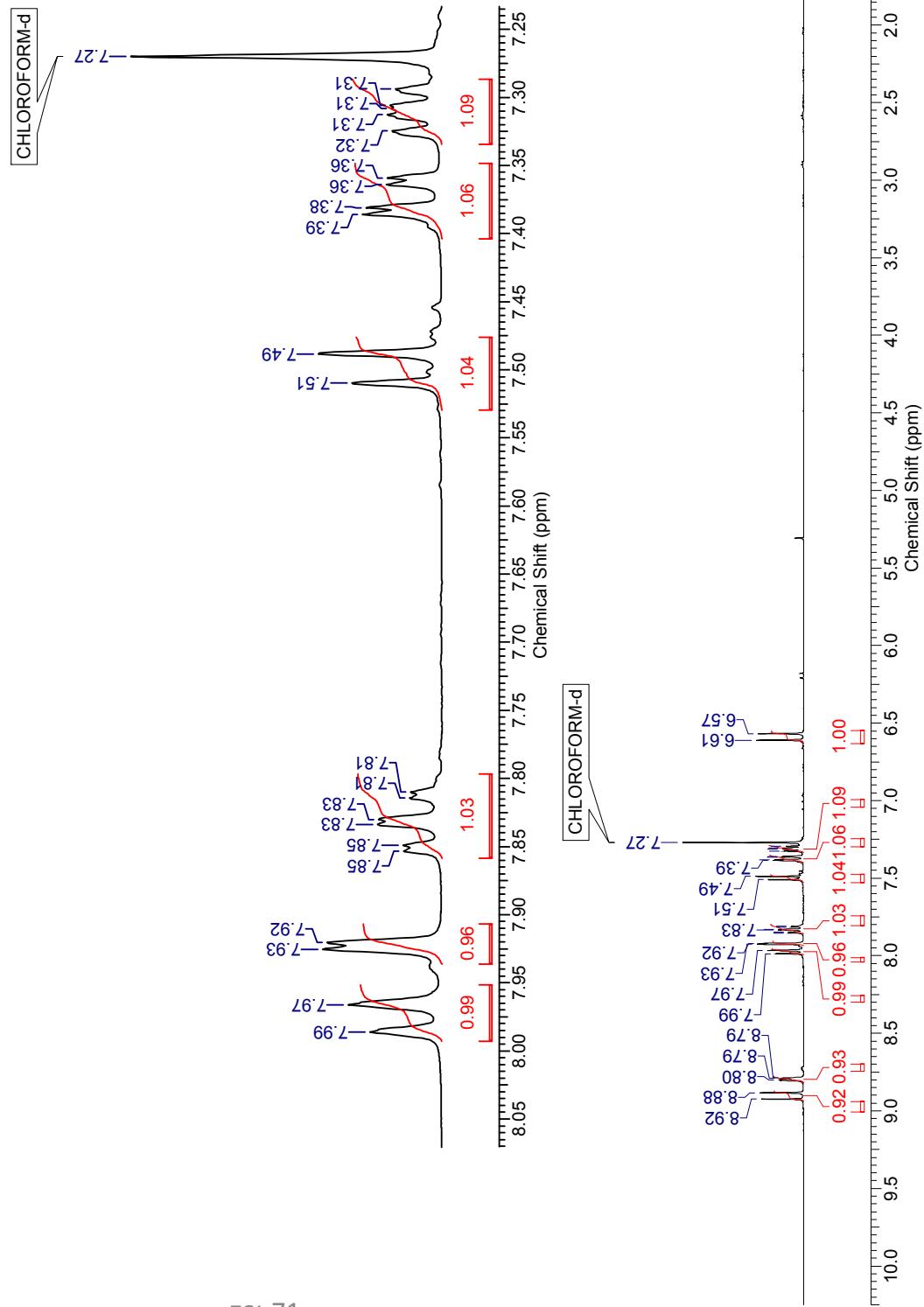
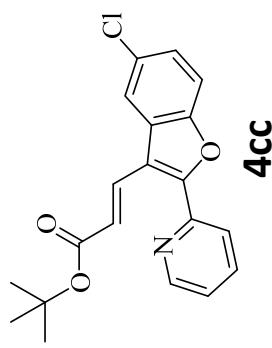
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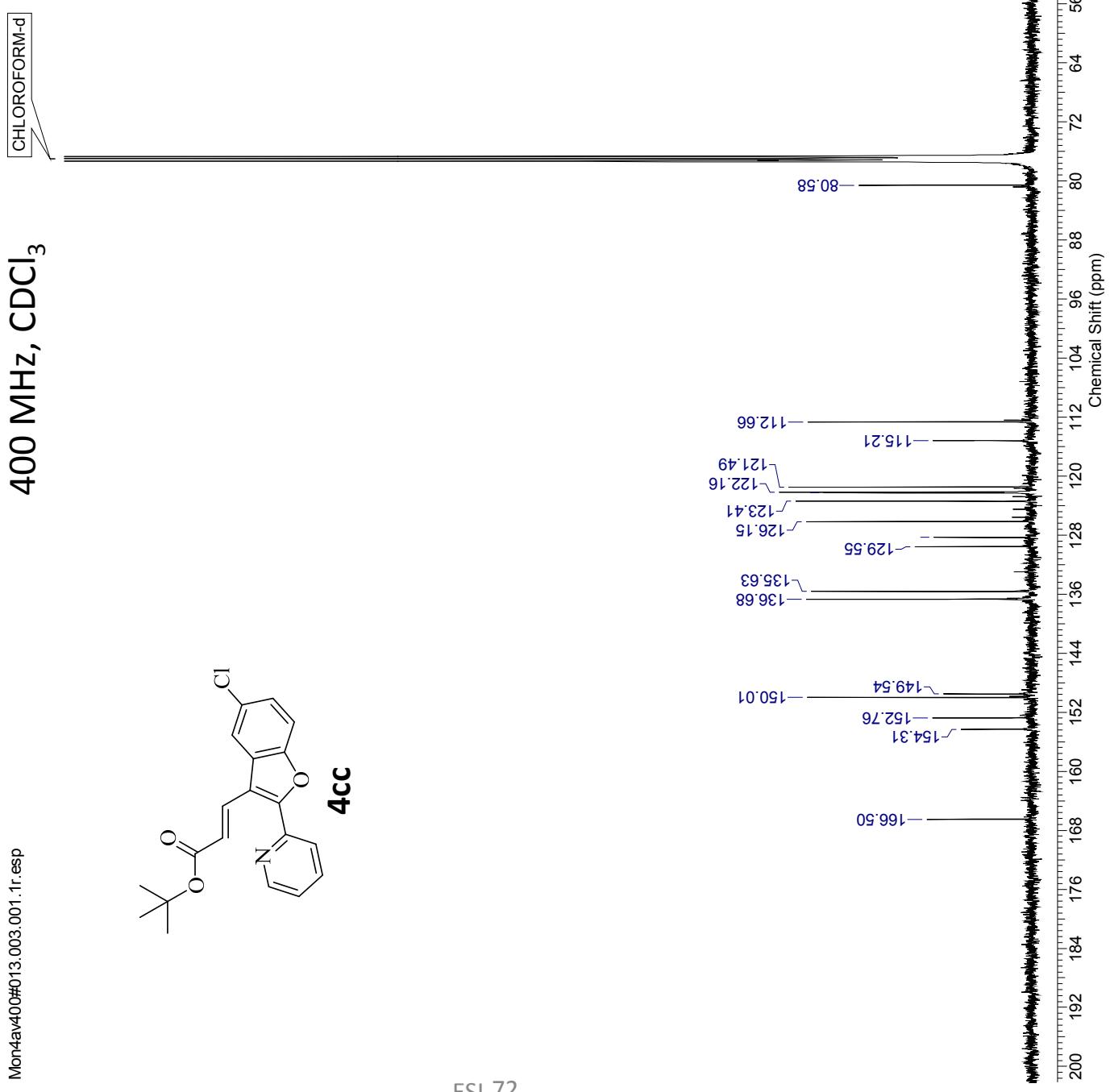
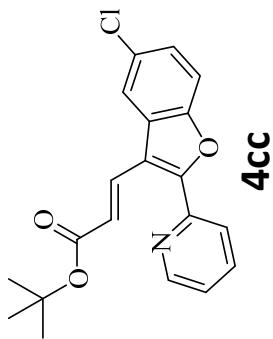
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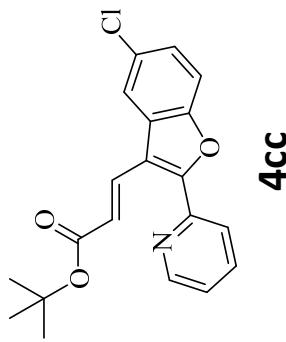
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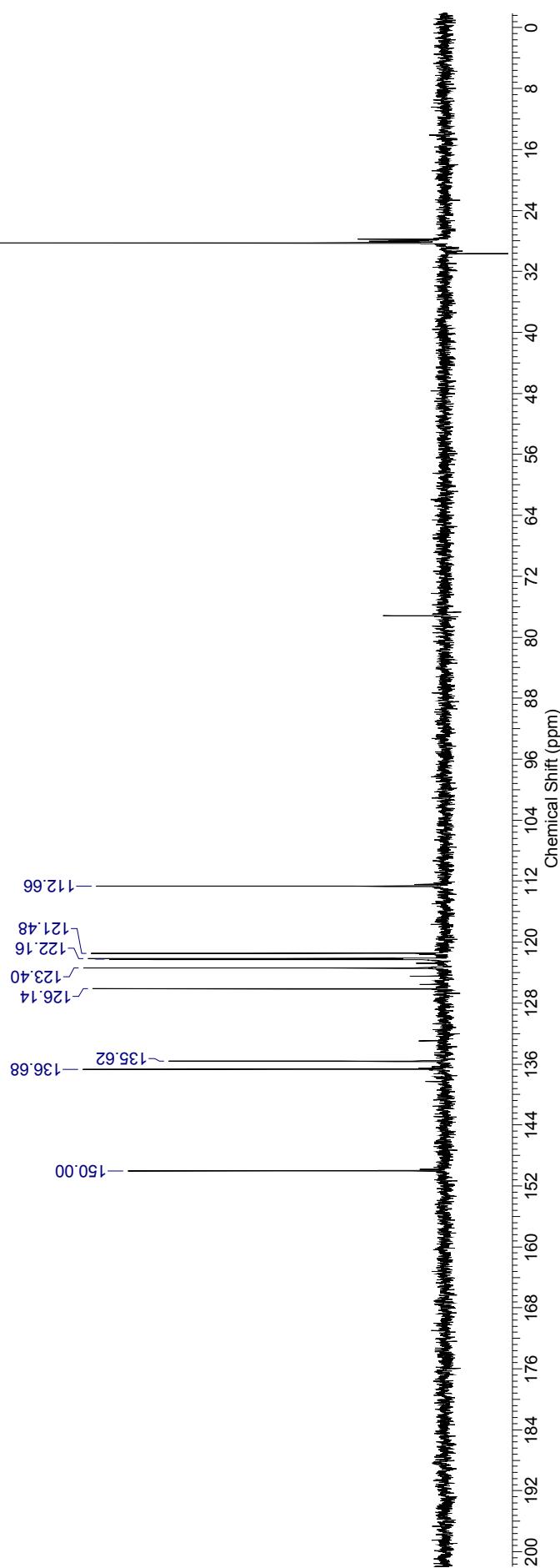


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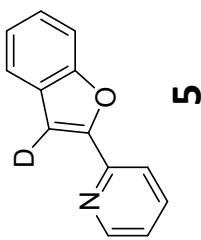


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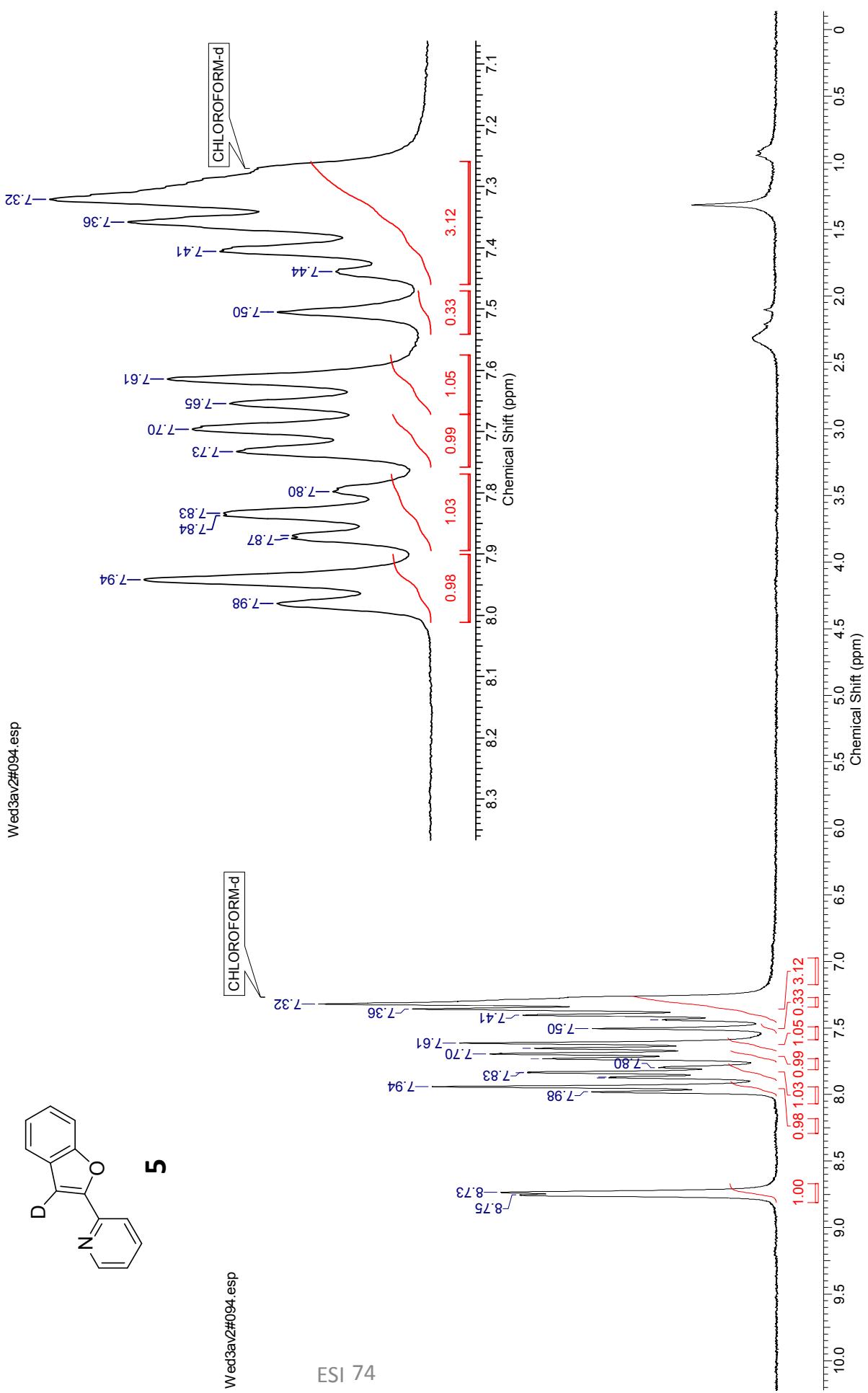


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