

**Supporting Information**

**FeCl<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Oxidative Decarboxylation of Aryl/Heteroaryl Acetic Acids: Preparation  
of Selected API Impurities**

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## 1. Crystal data information of compound 2

Bond precision	C-C = 0.0017 Å	Wavelength=0.71073
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Temperature:	105 K	c=10.5034(5)

	Calculated	Reported
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F000	472.0	472.0
F000'	472.22	
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Correction method = # Reported T Limits: T<sub>min</sub> = 0.962 T<sub>max</sub> = 0.972

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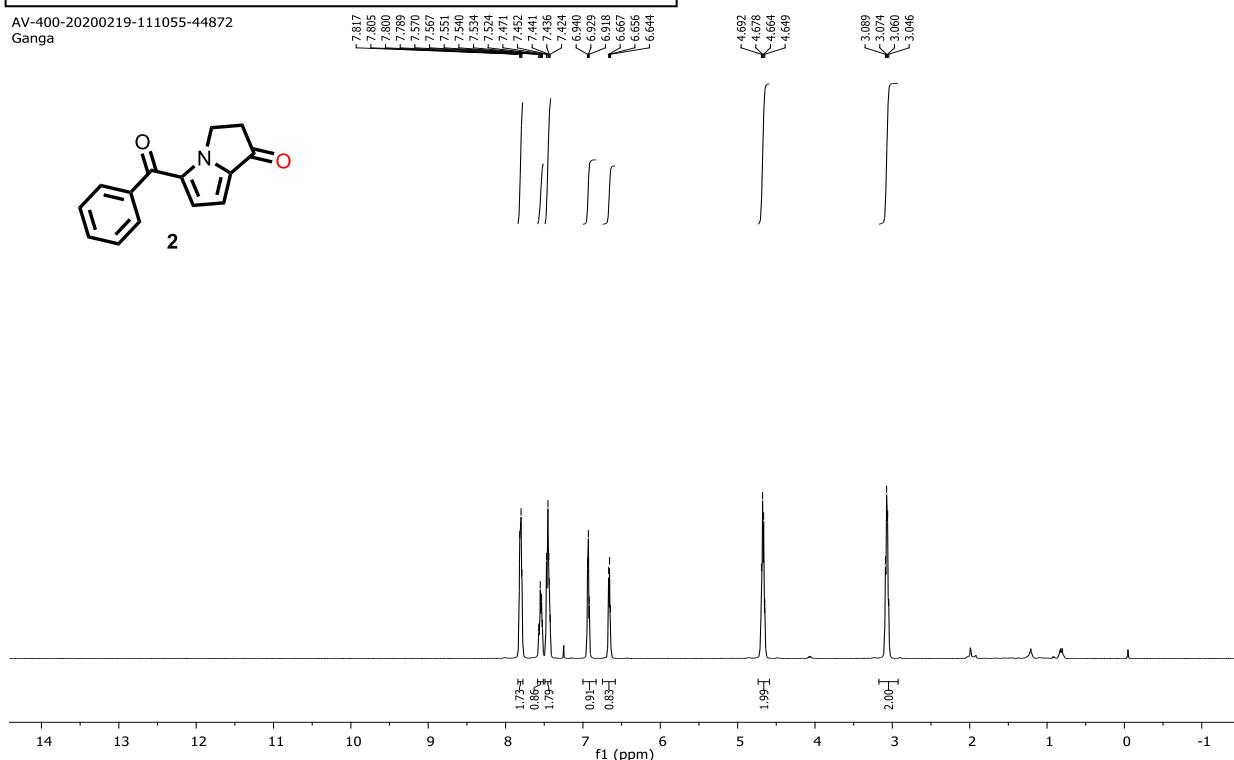
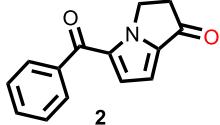
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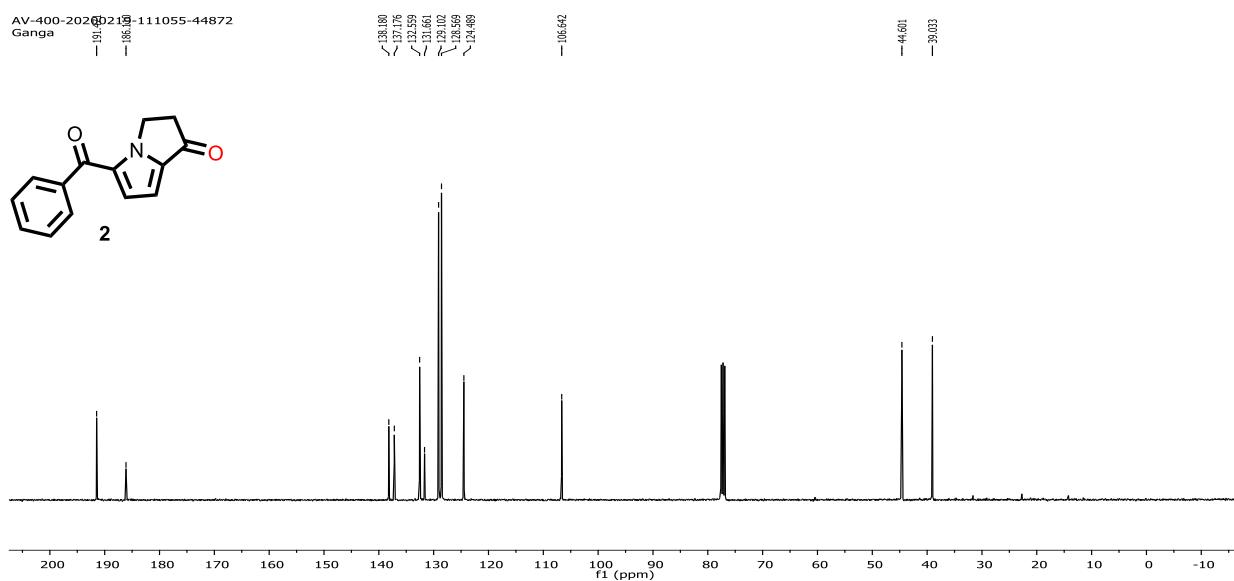
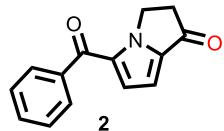
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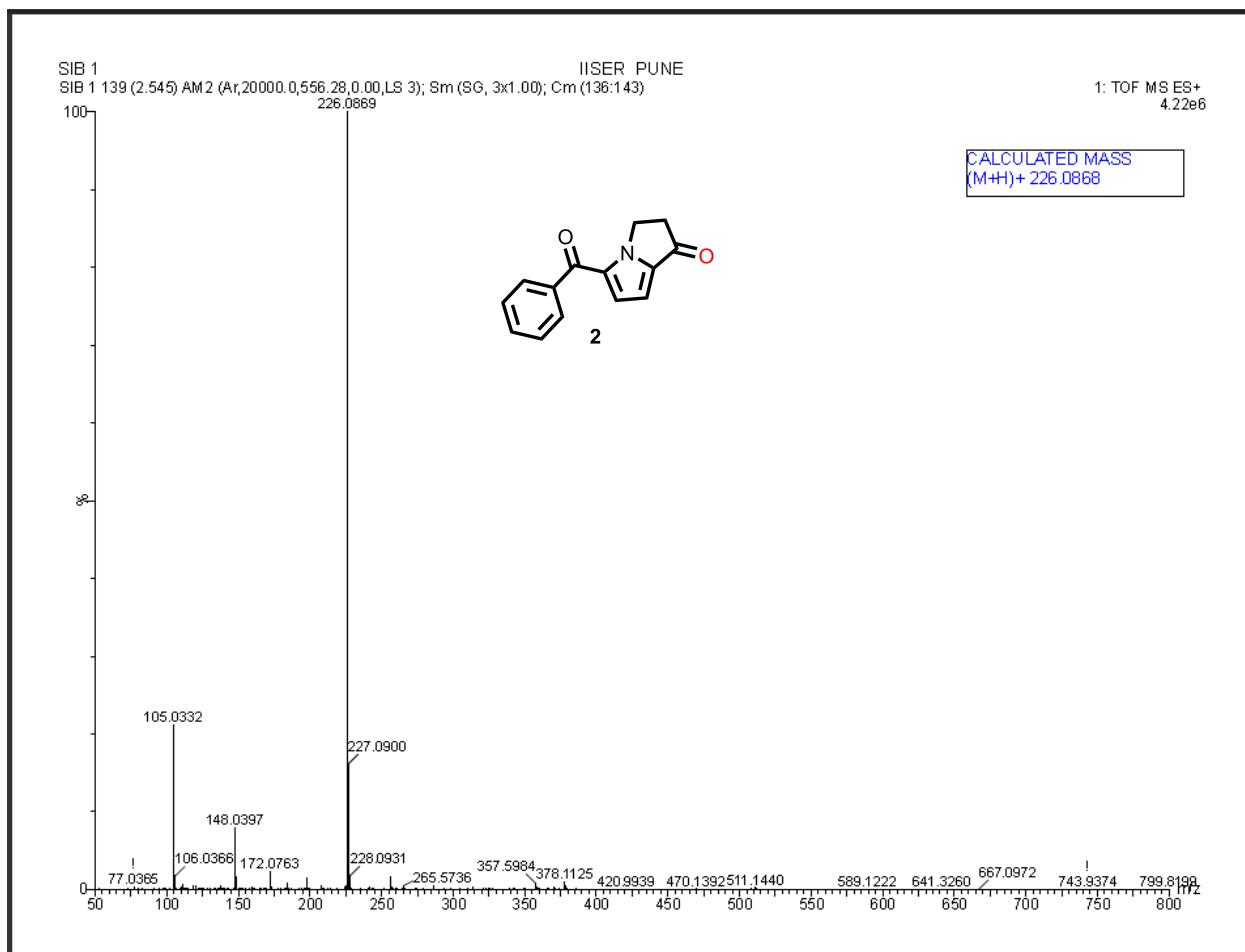


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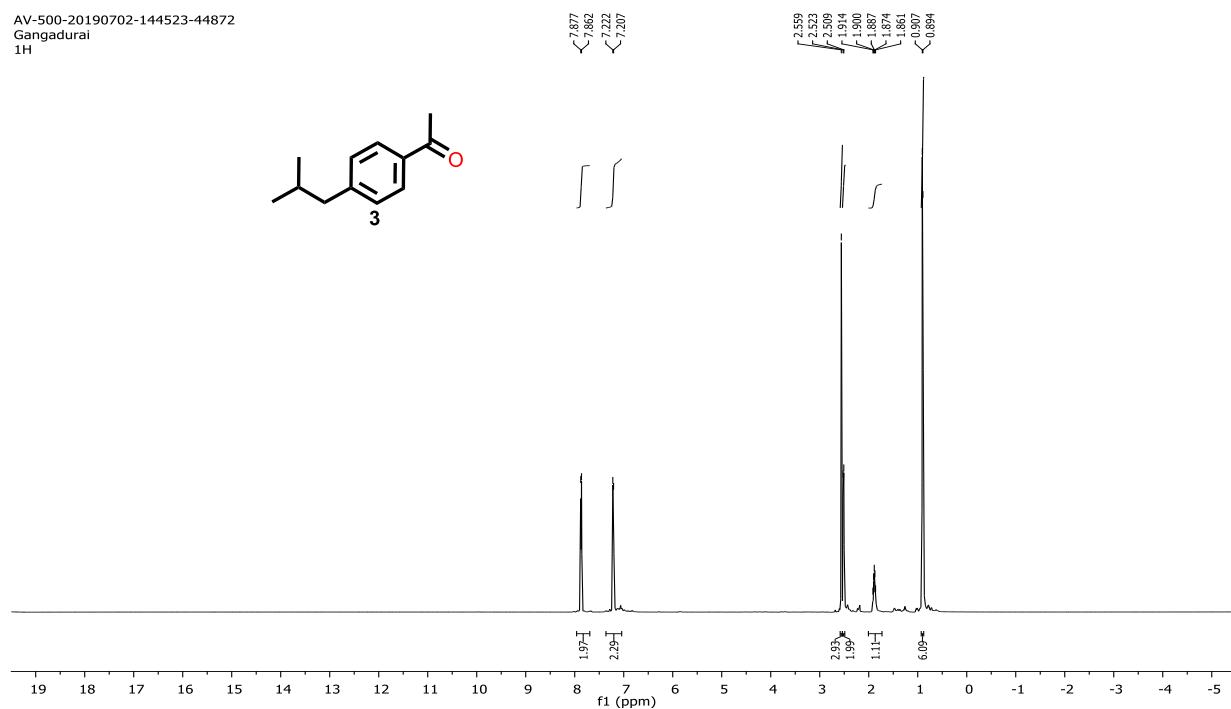


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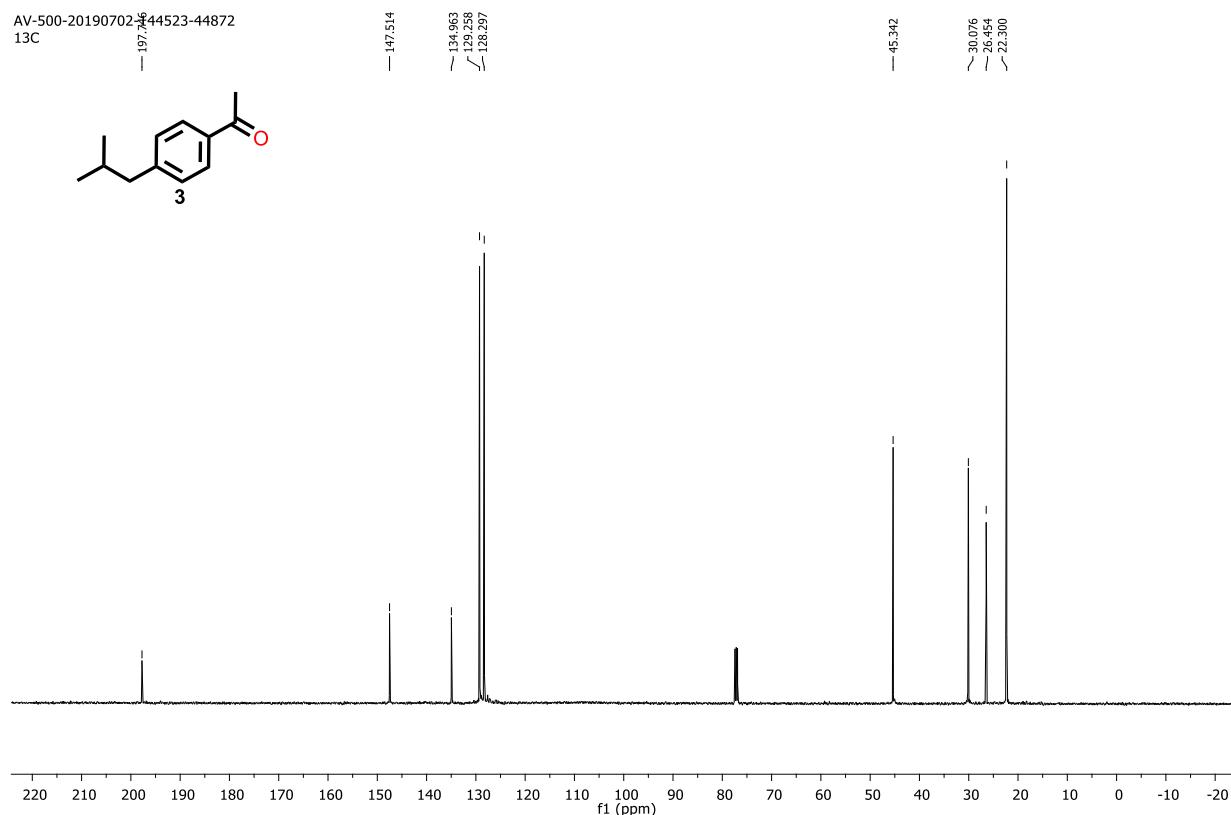
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1H

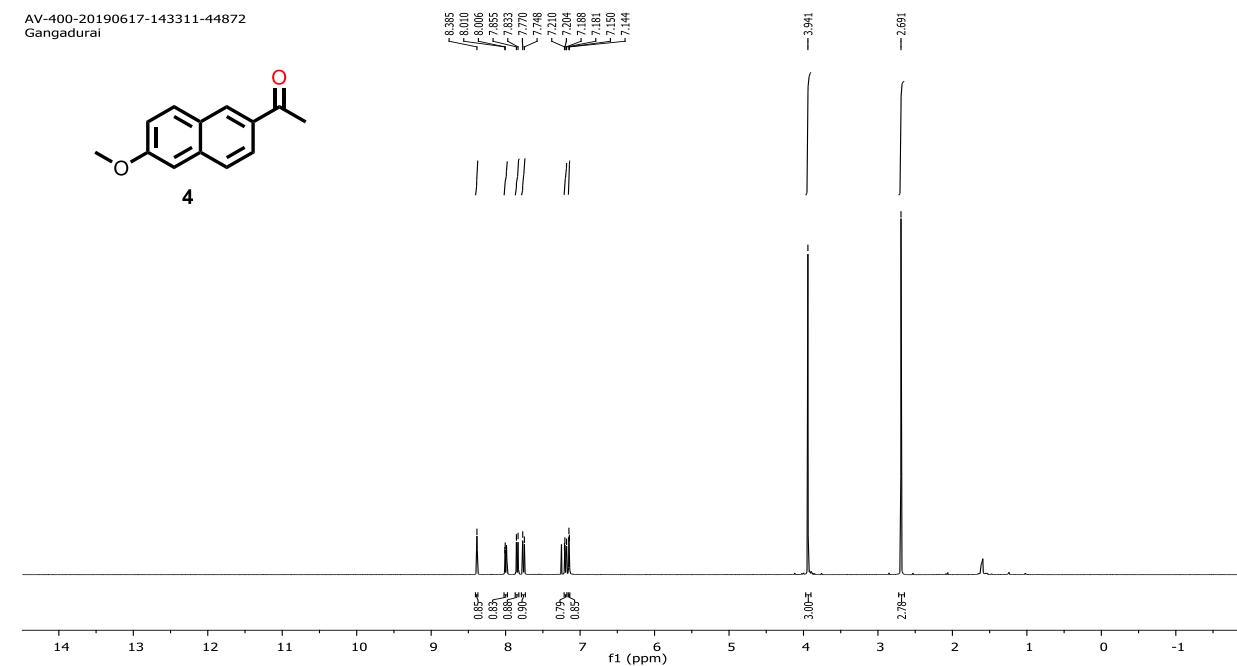


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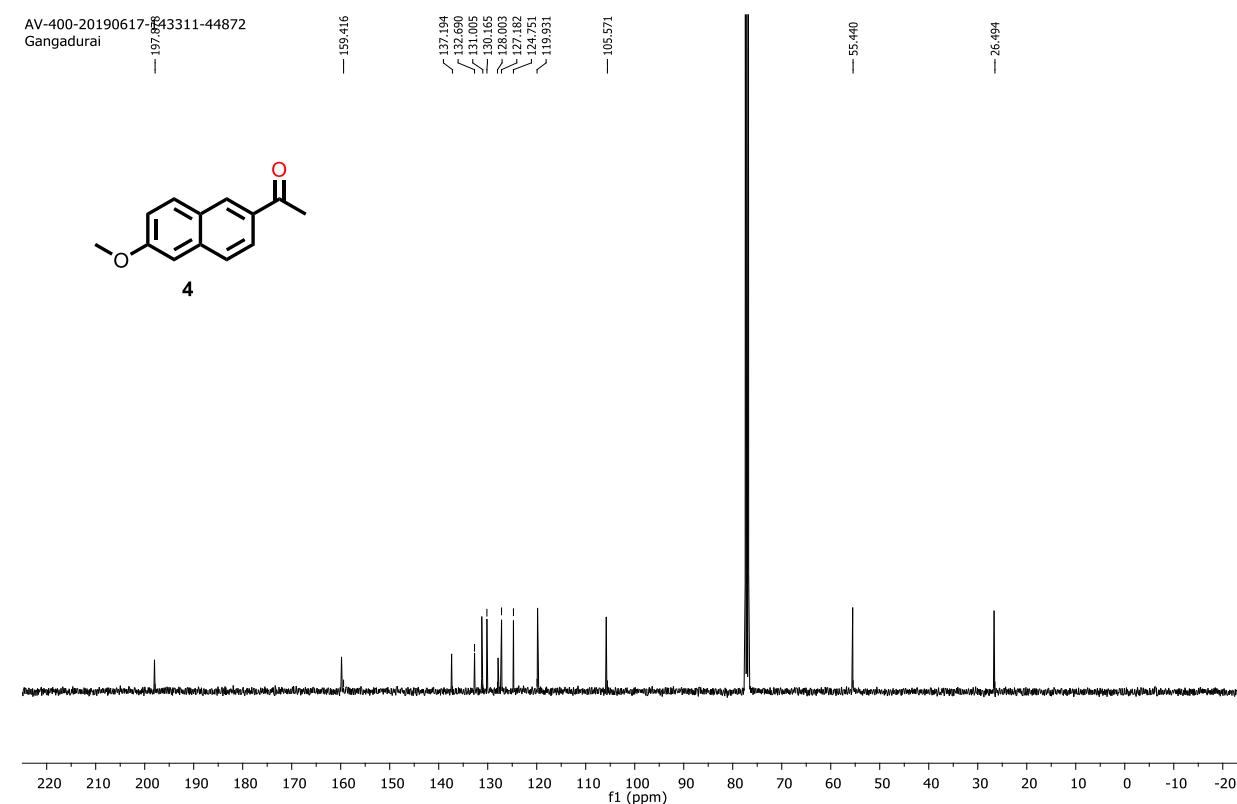
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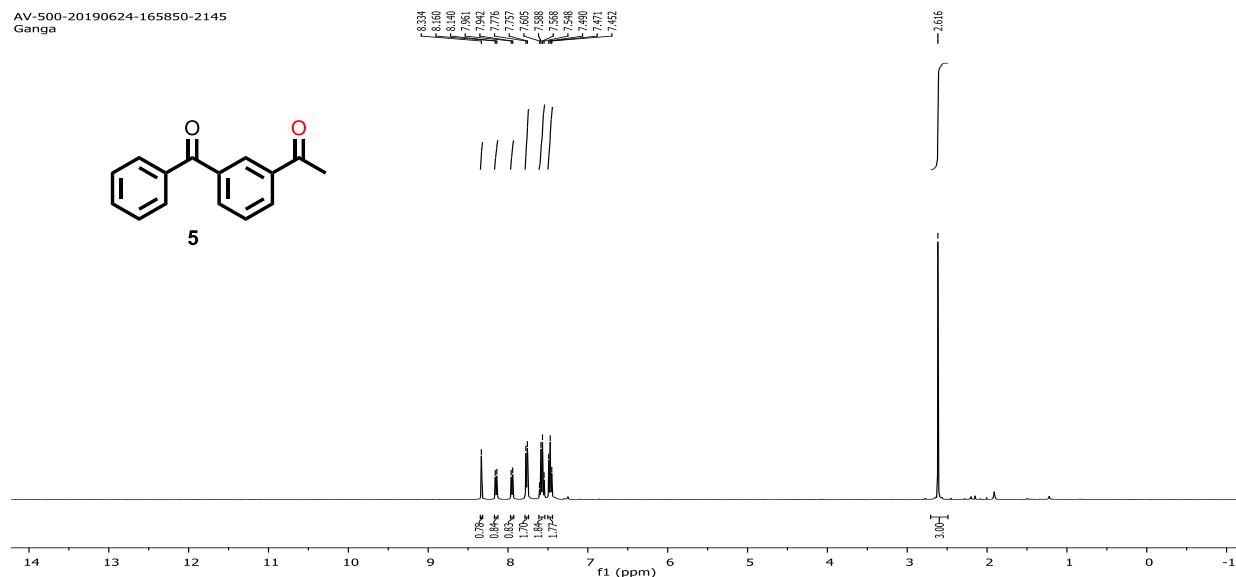
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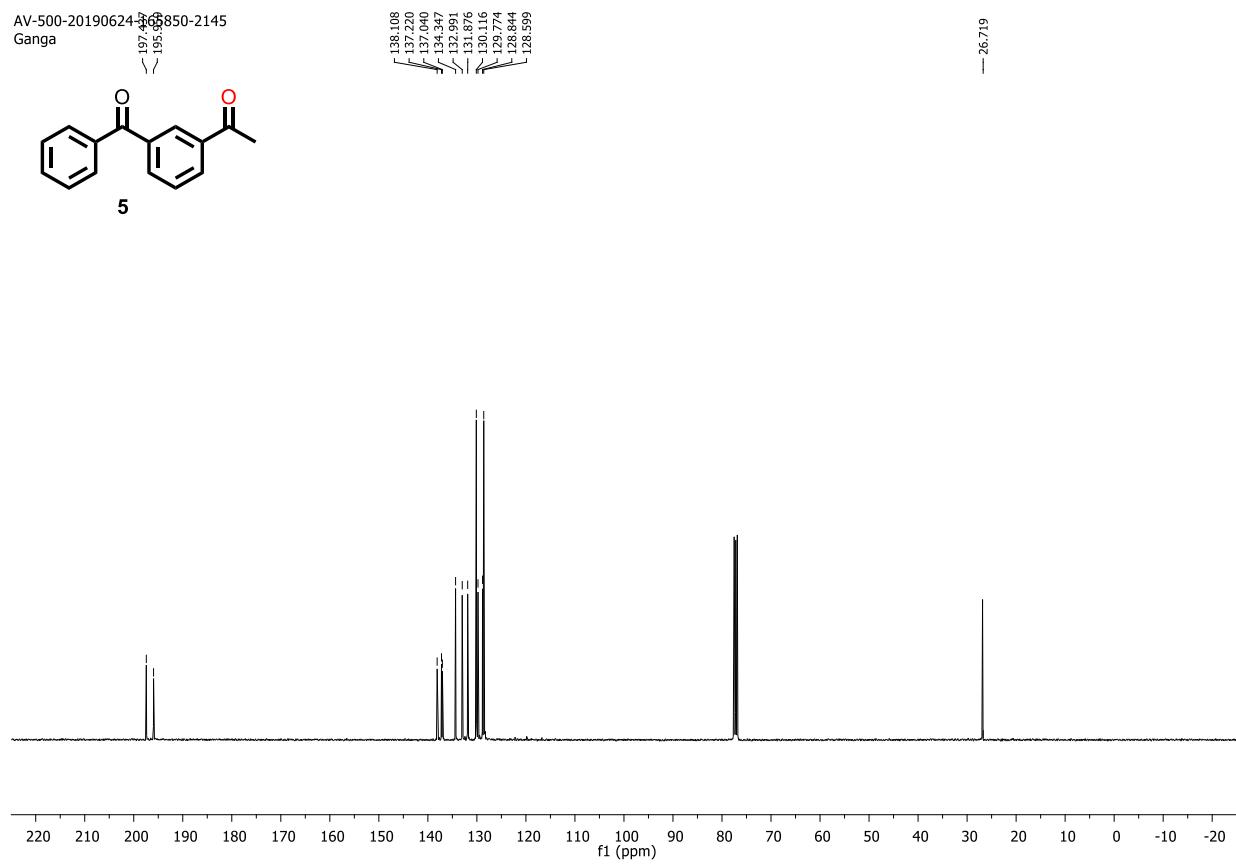
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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)**

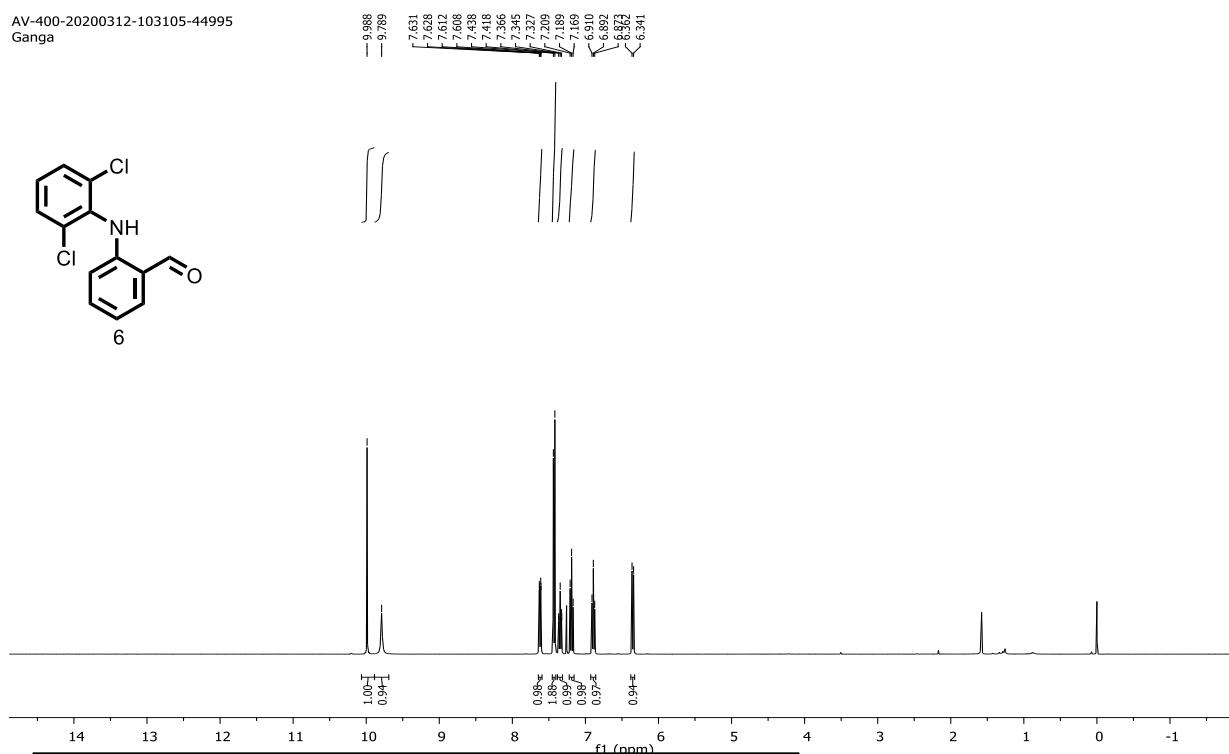


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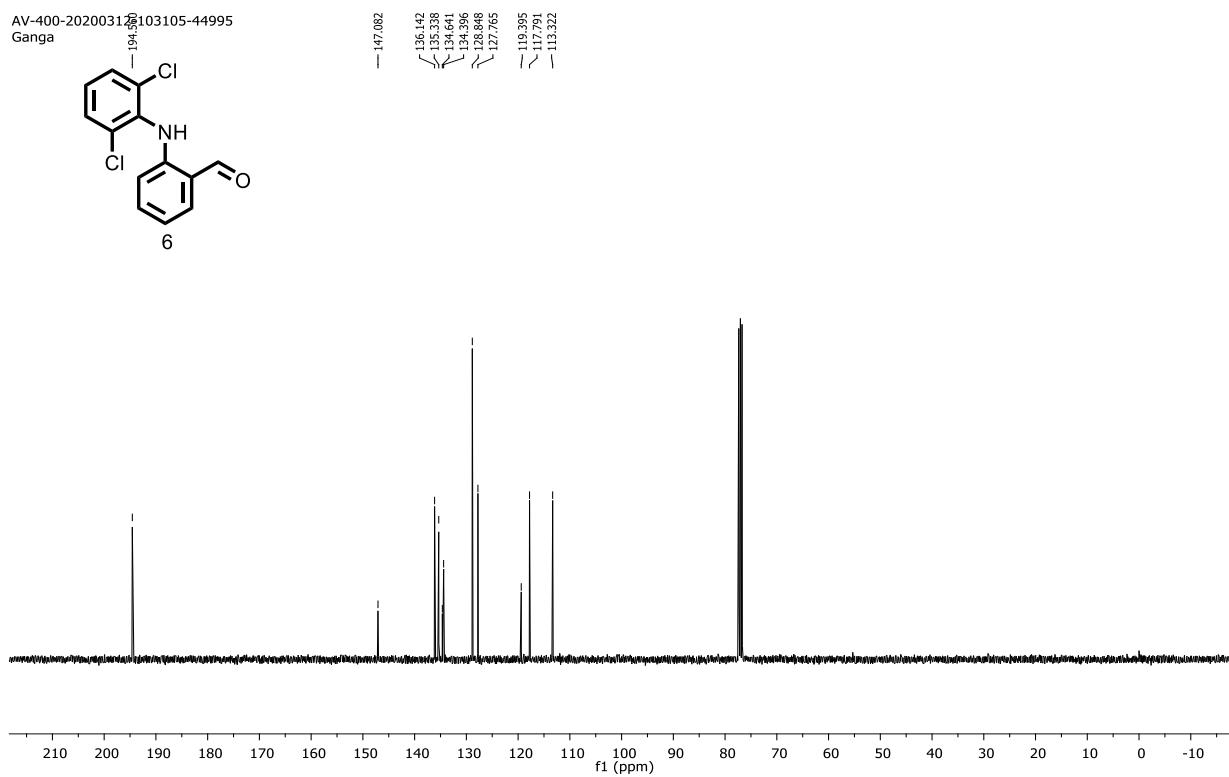
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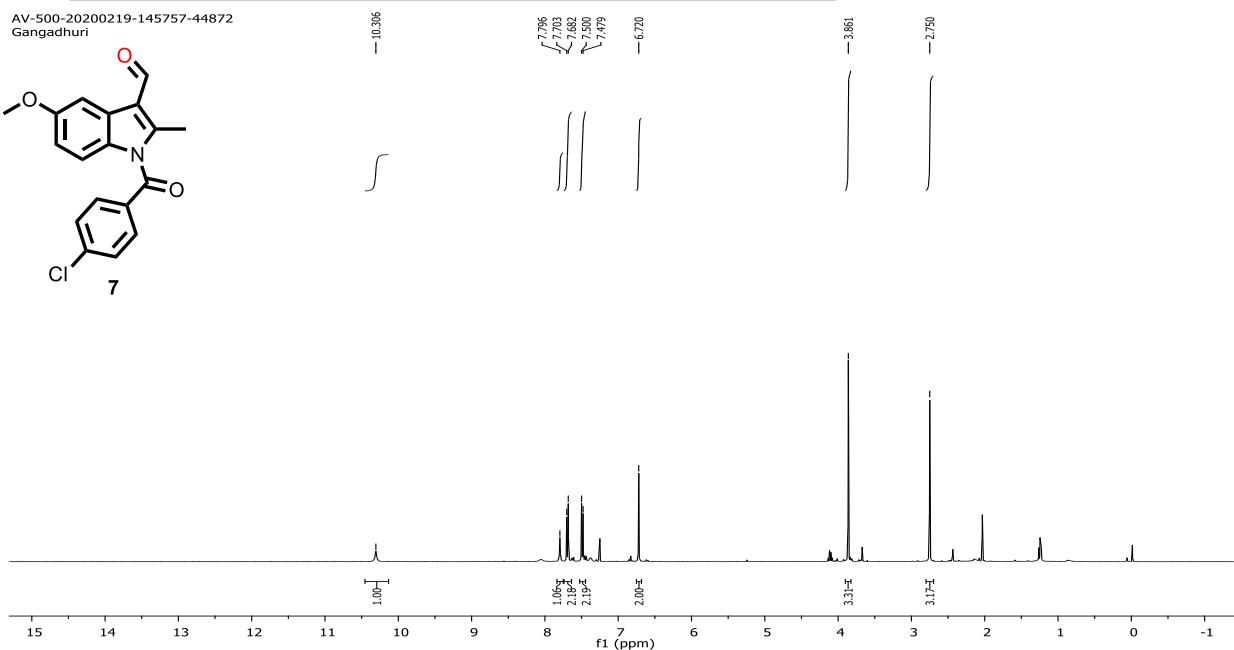


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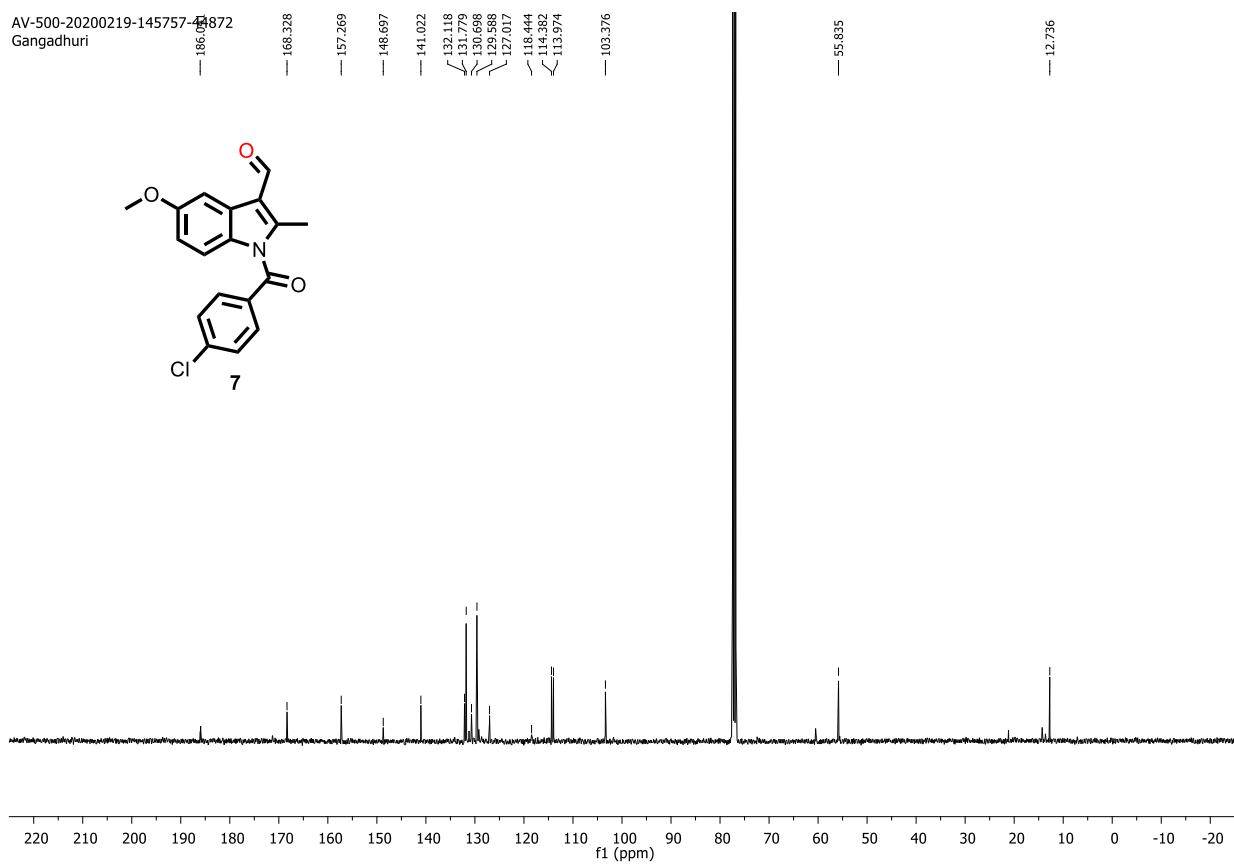
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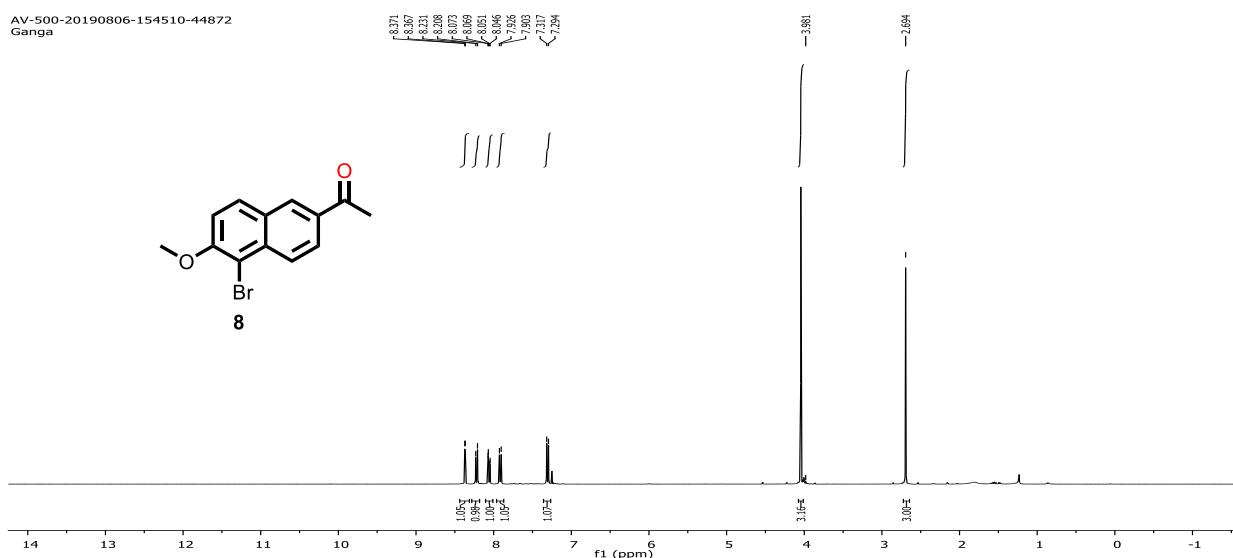


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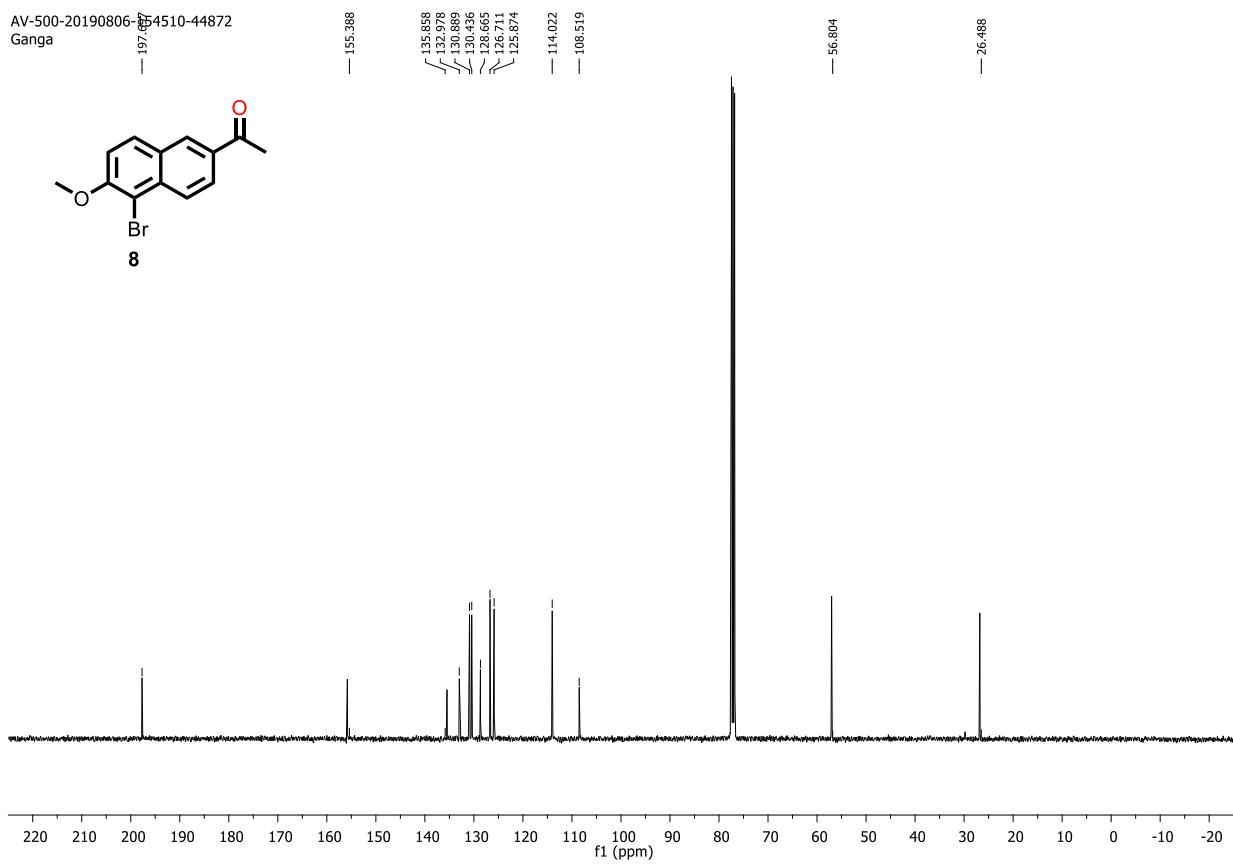
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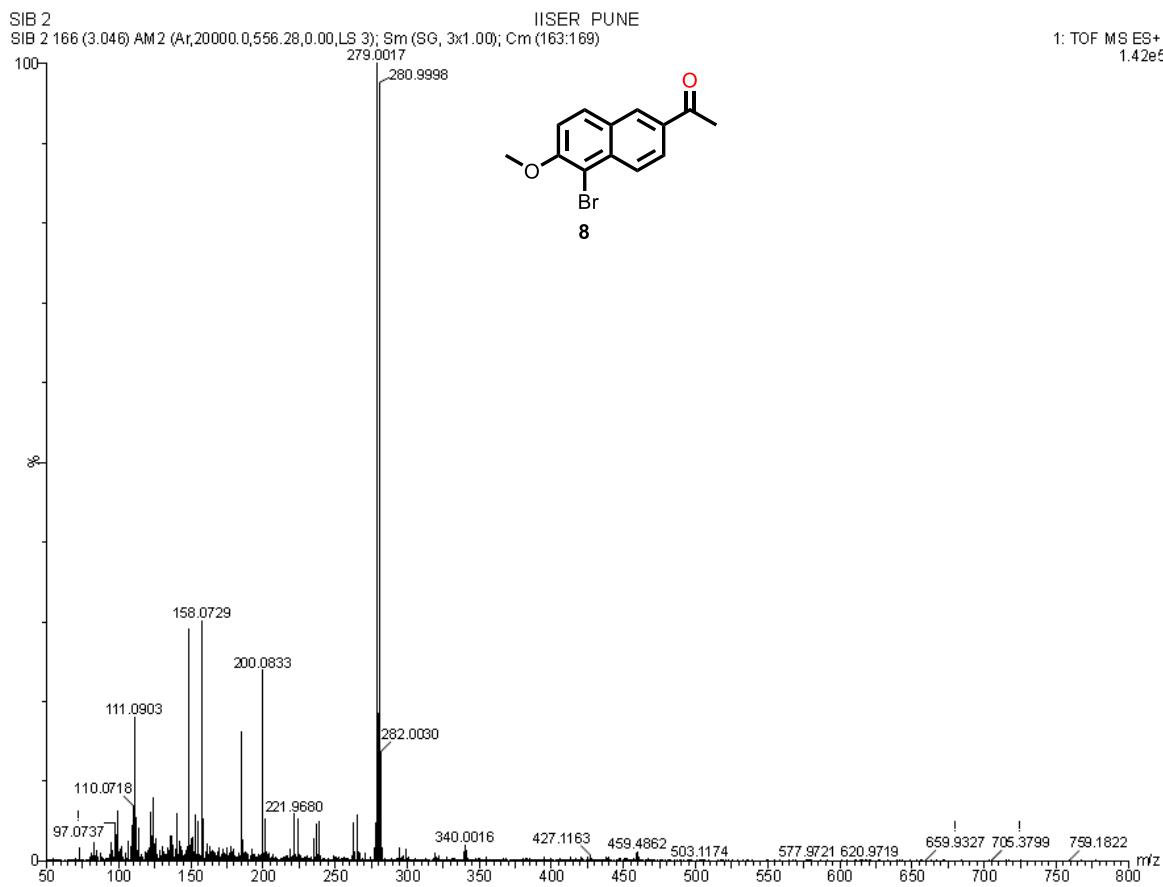


**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 8 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)**

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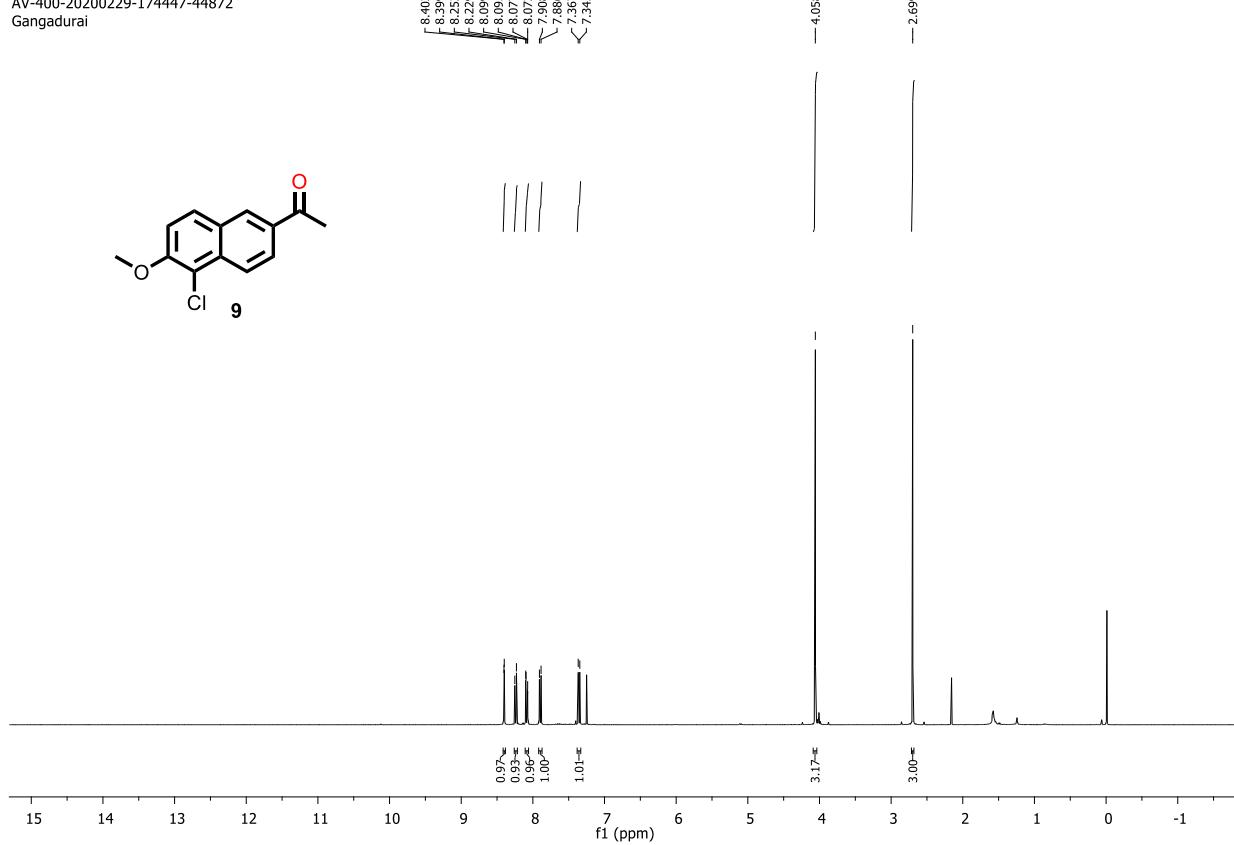


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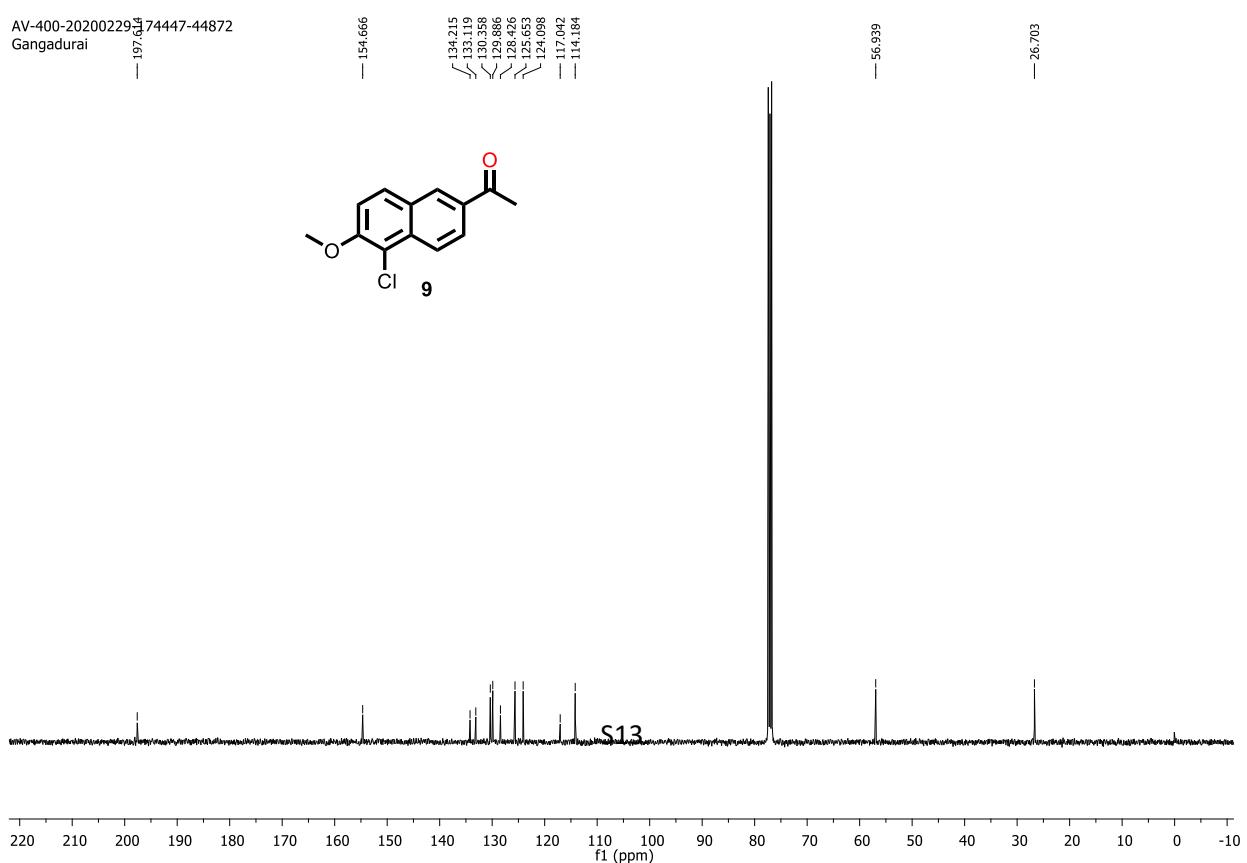
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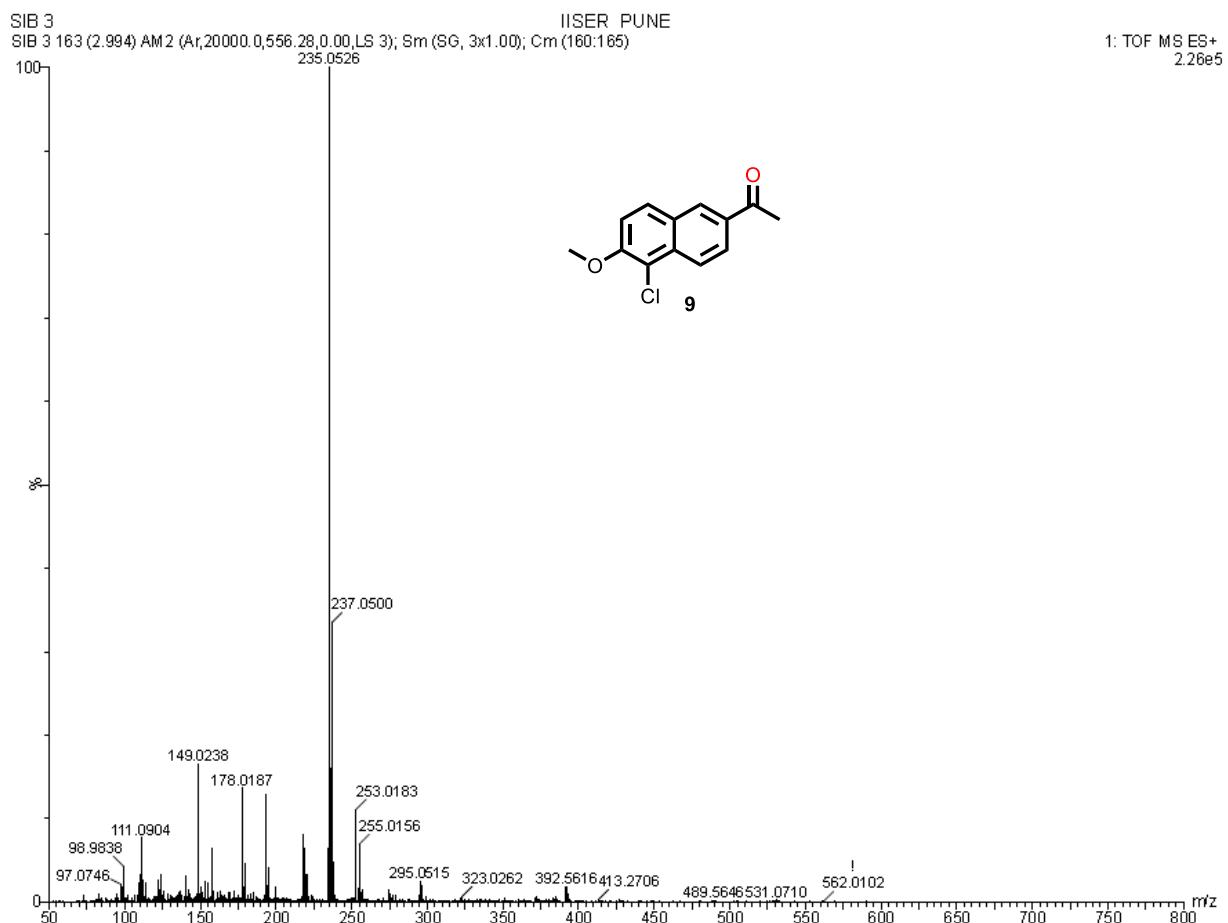


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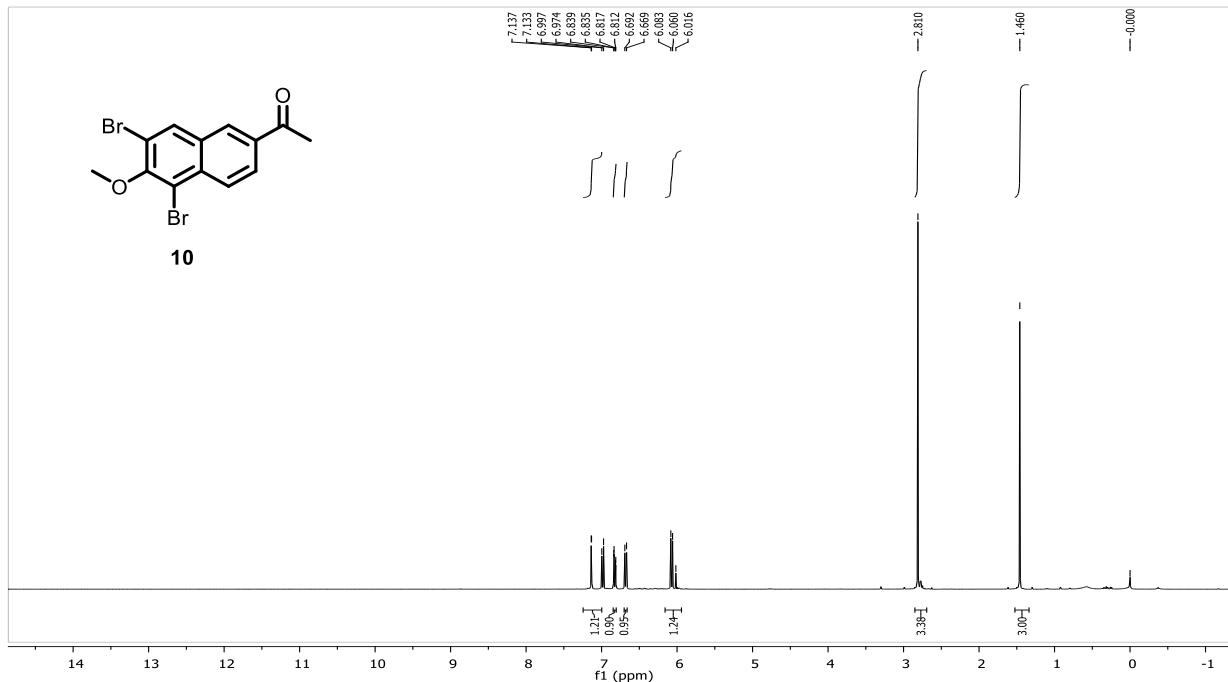
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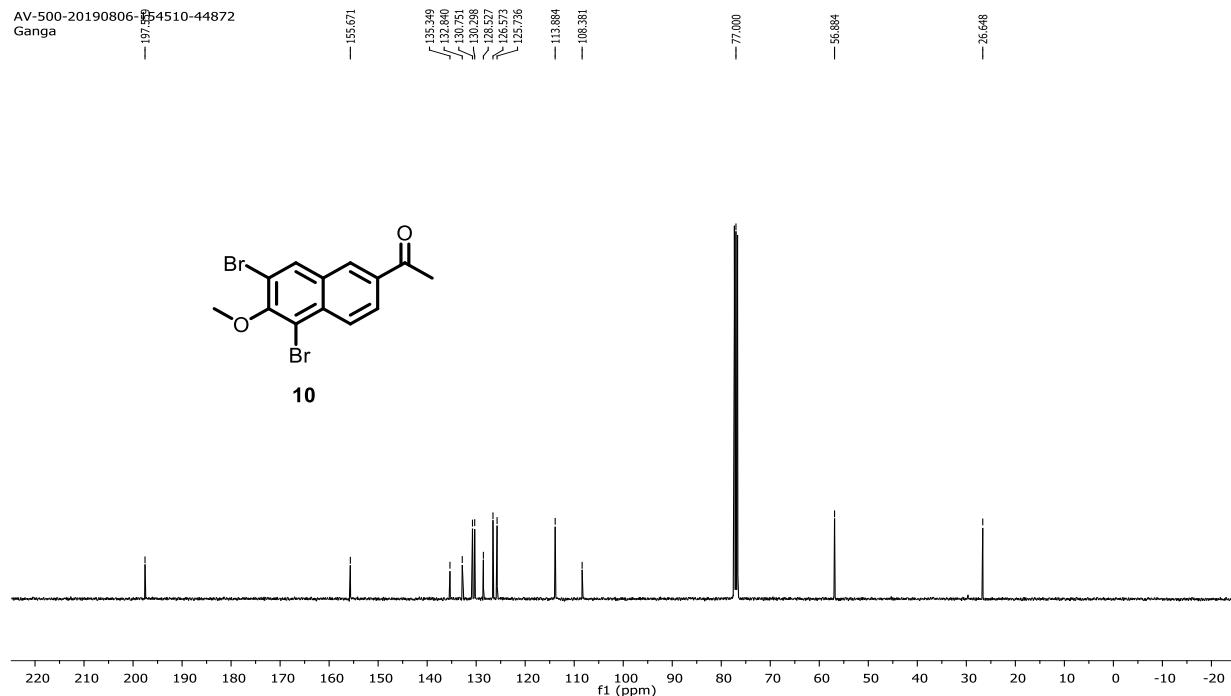
HRMS spectrum of compound 9



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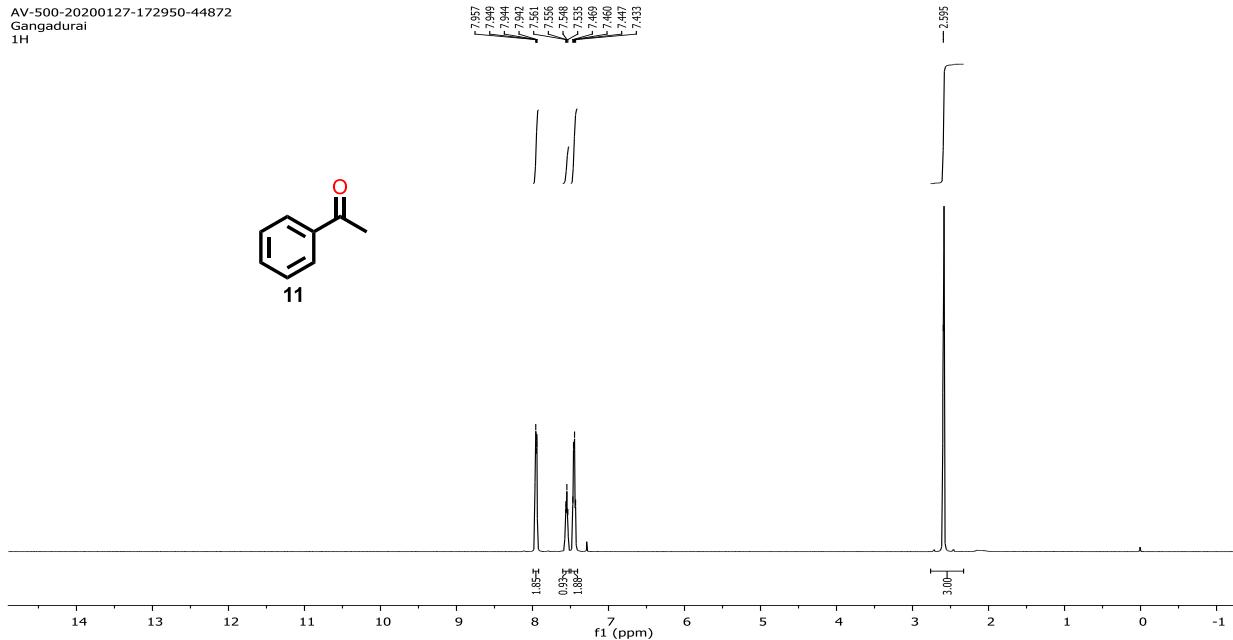


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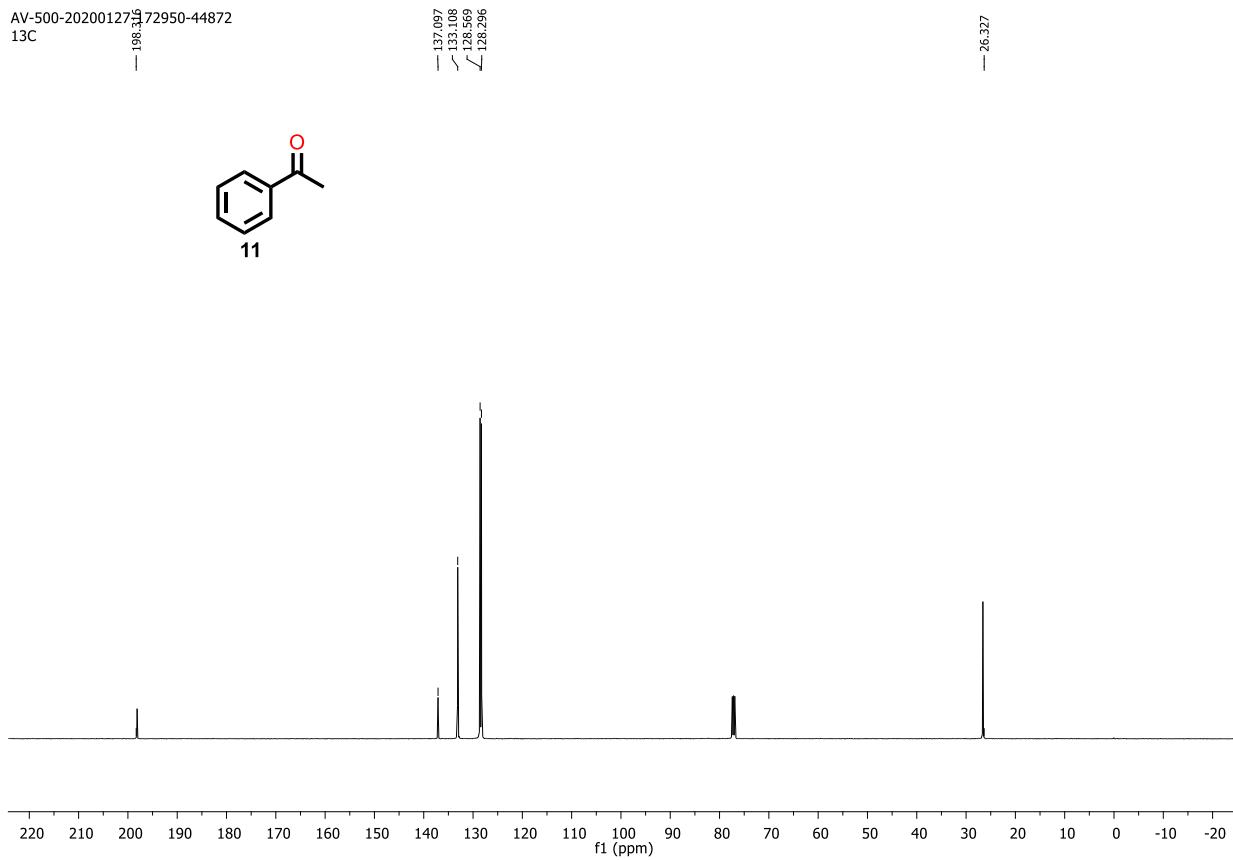
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<sup>1</sup>H



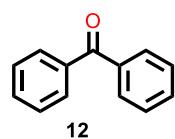
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 11 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)**

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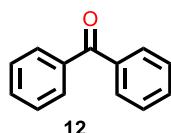
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7.83  
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7.572  
7.515  
7.497  
7.494

<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **12** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)

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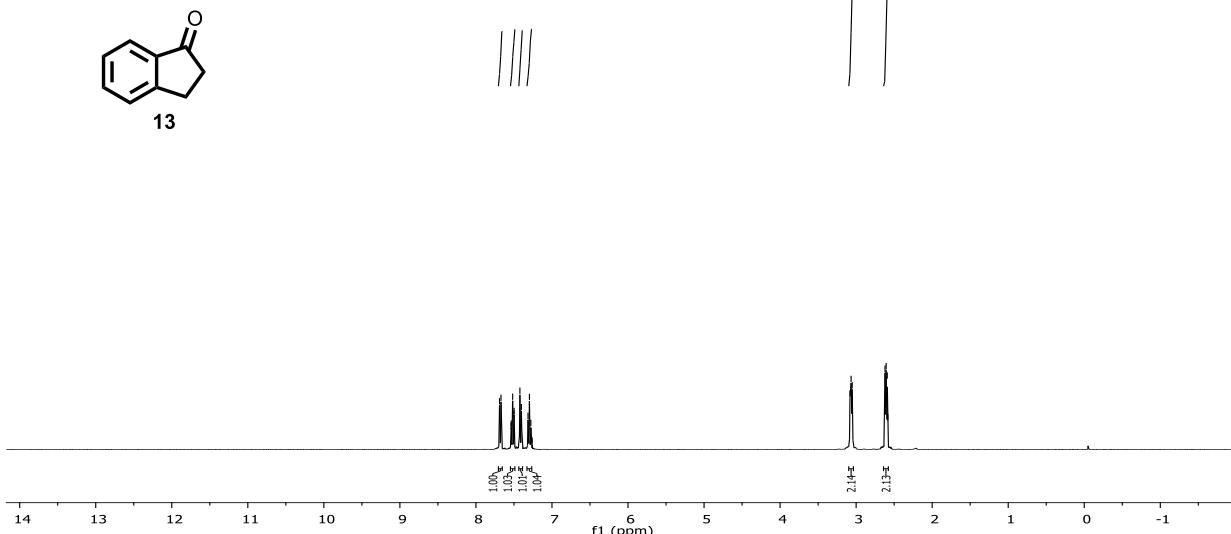


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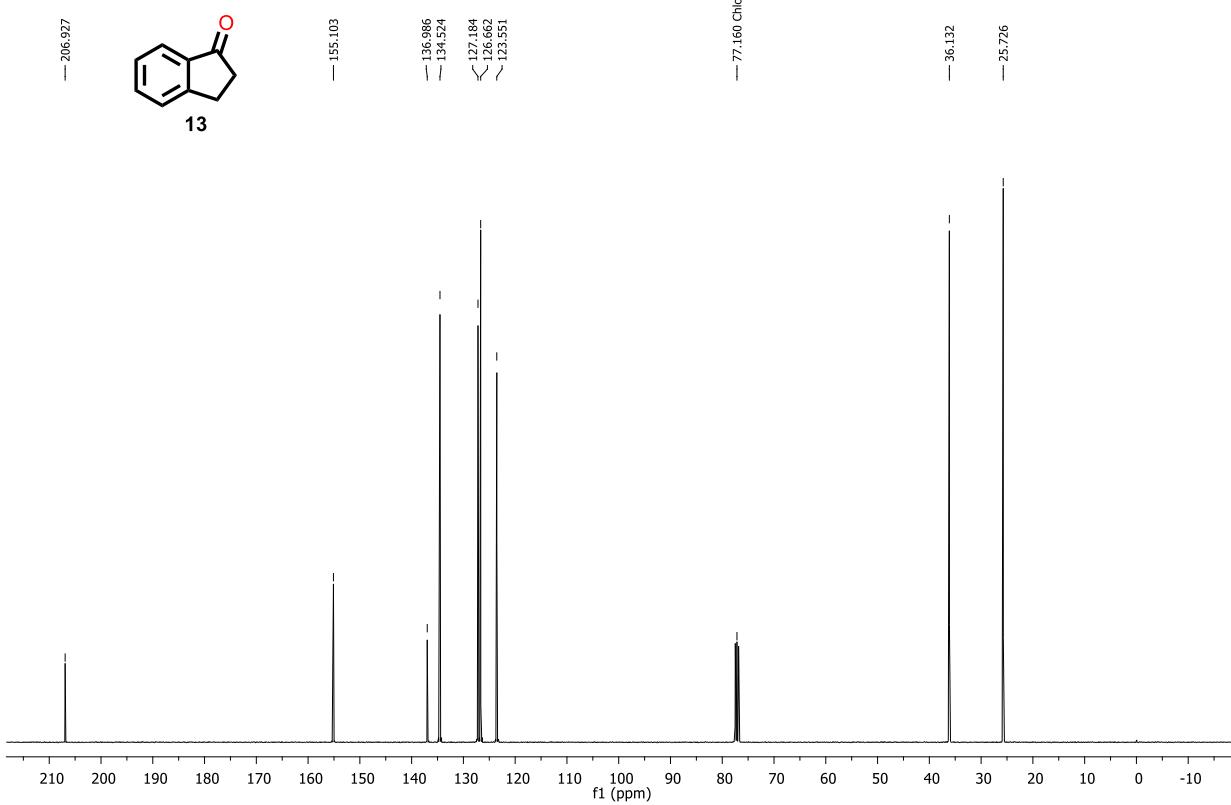
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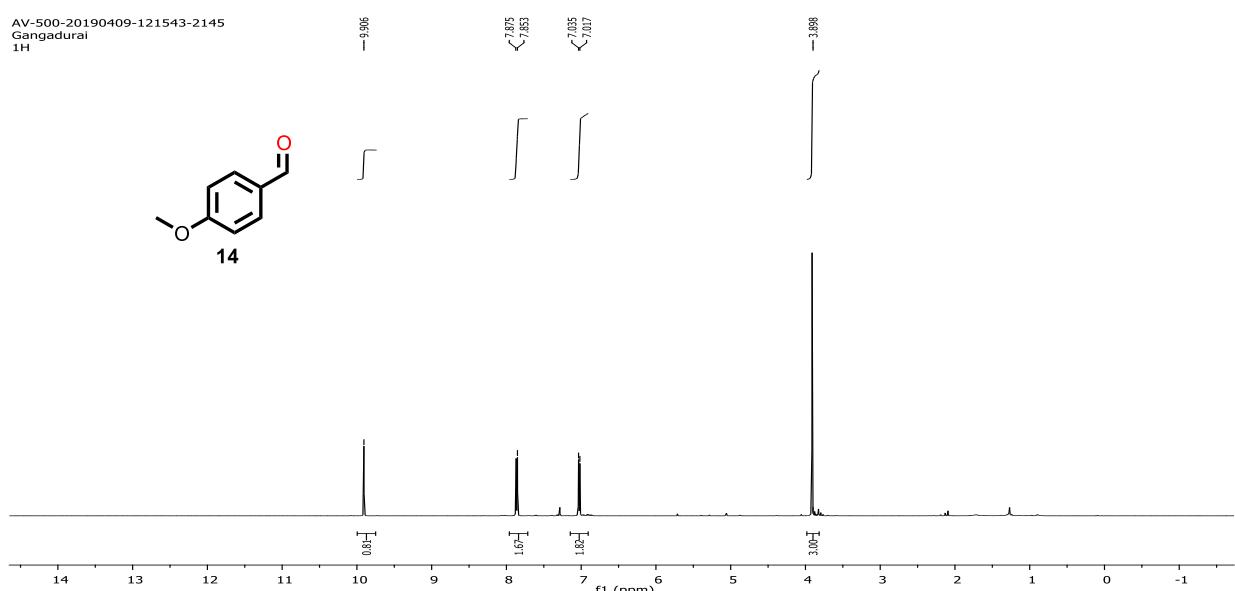


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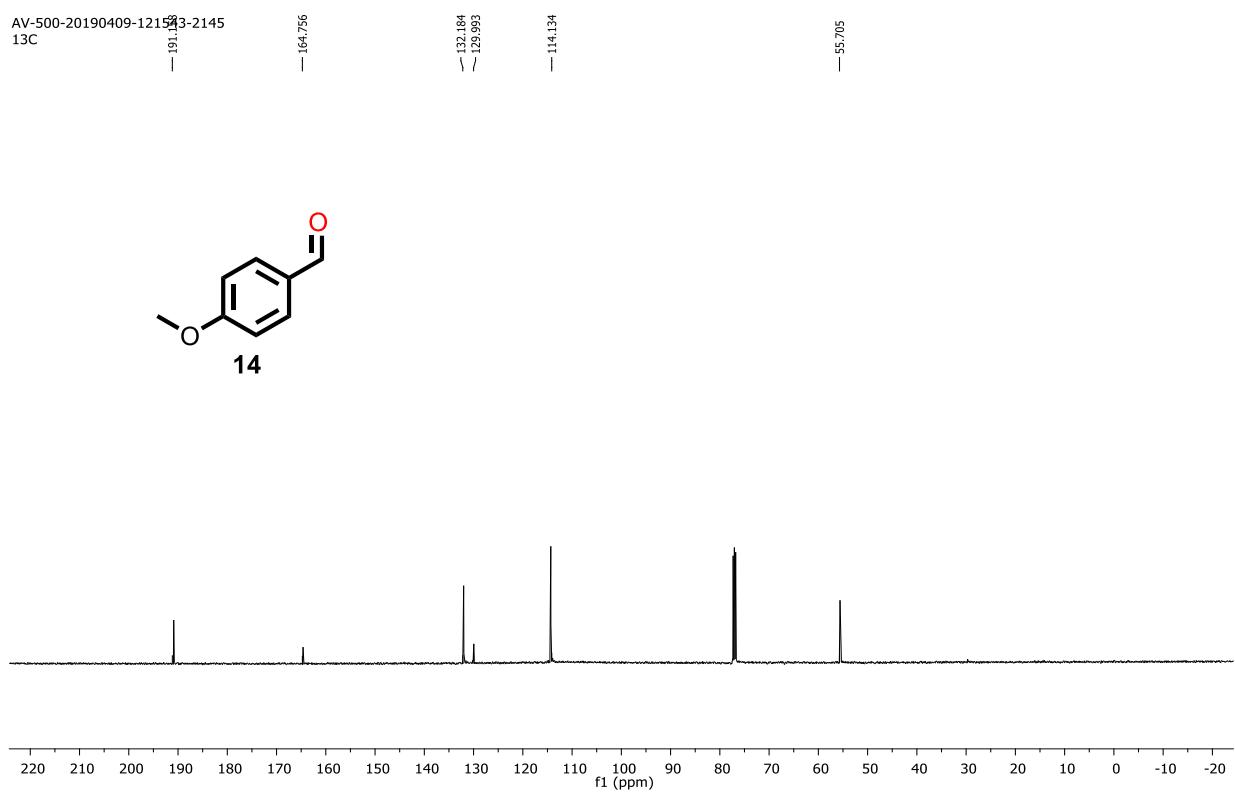
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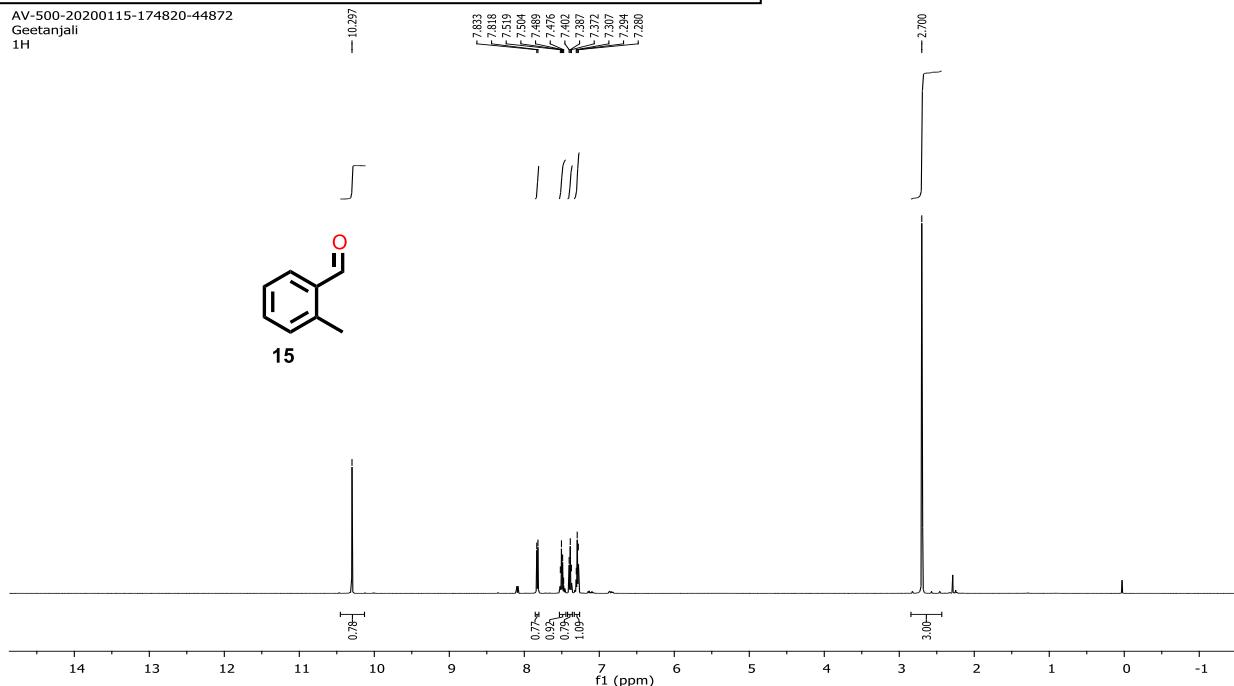
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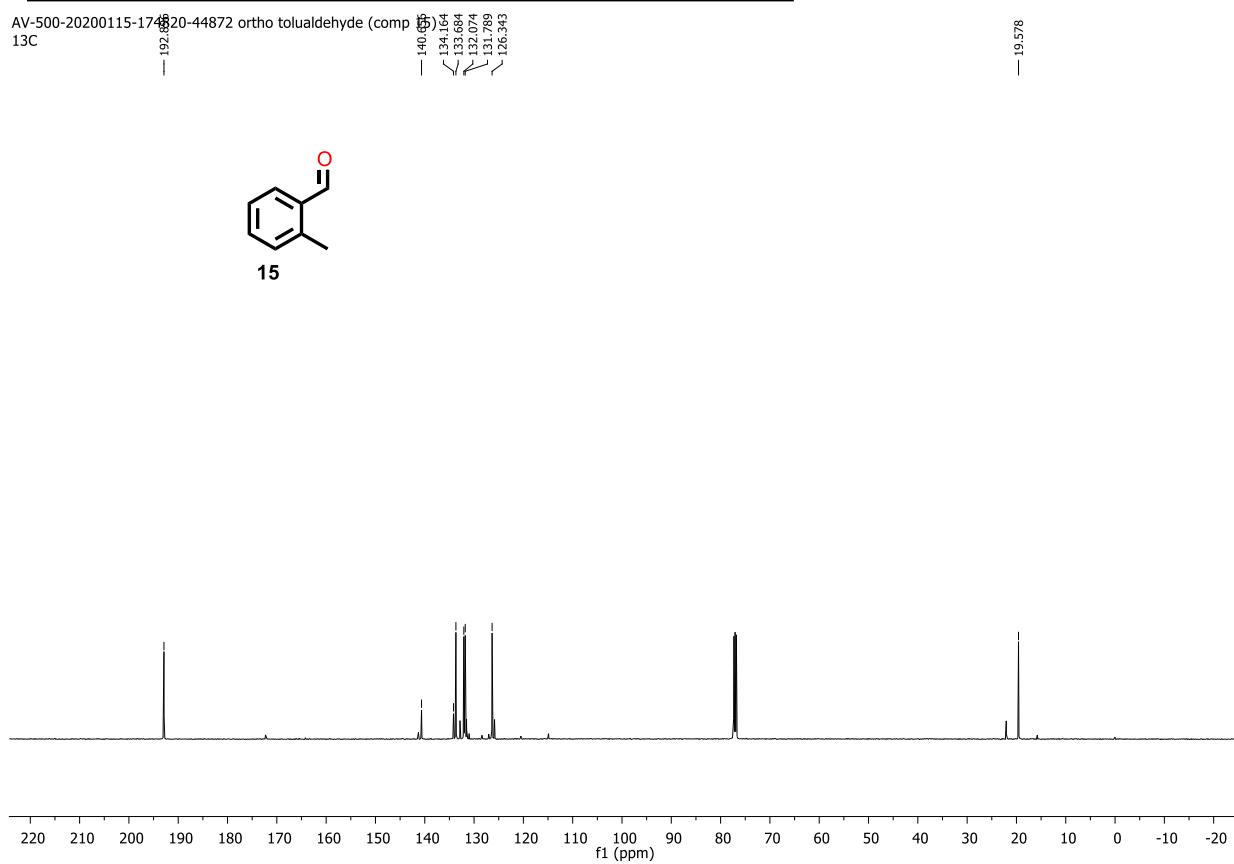
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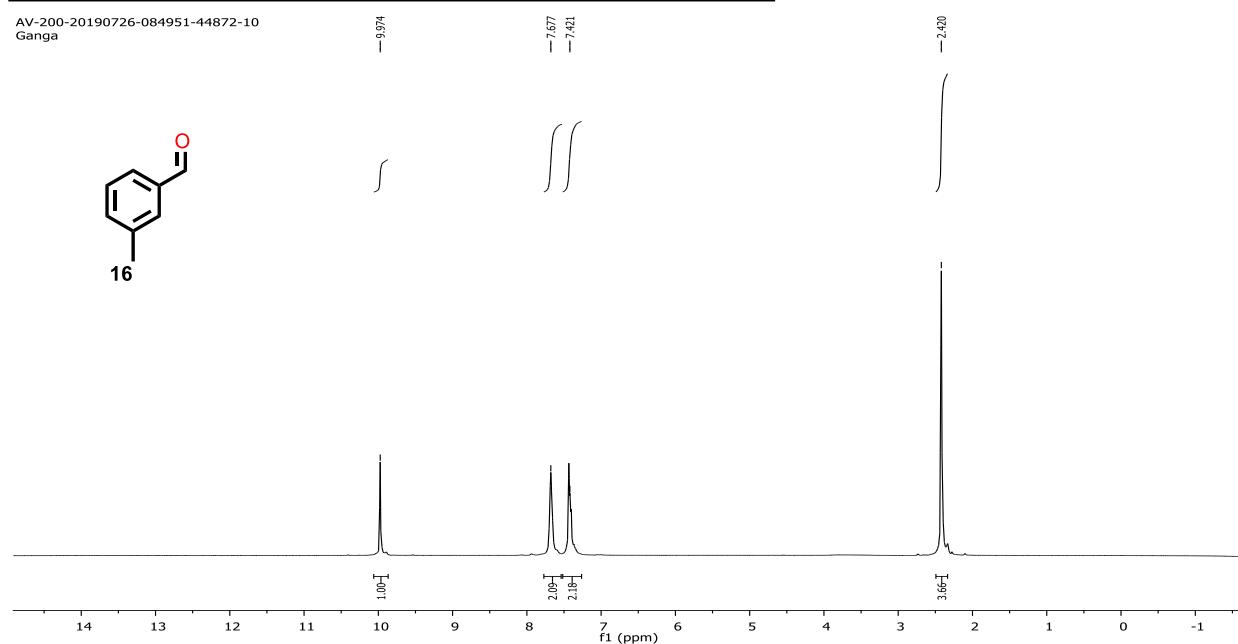
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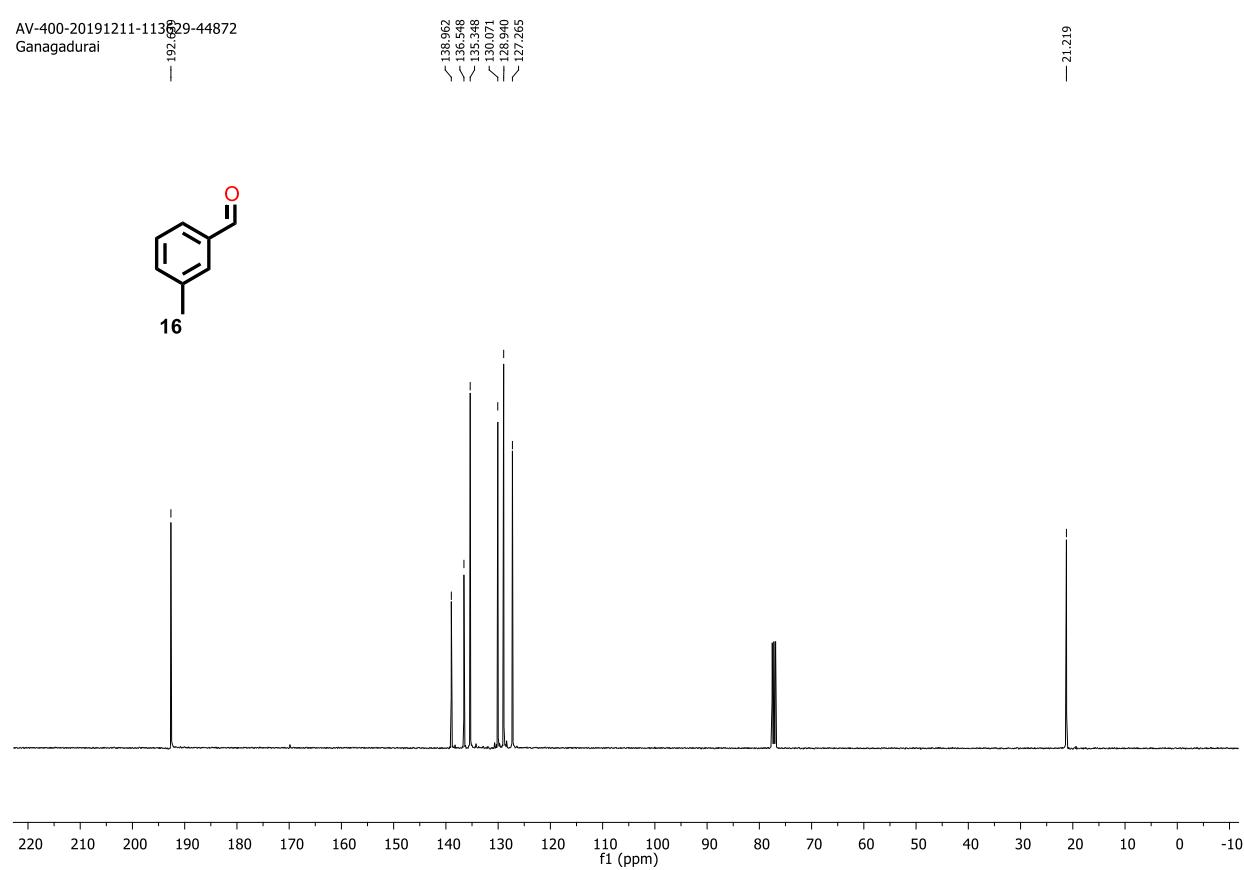
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 15 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)**



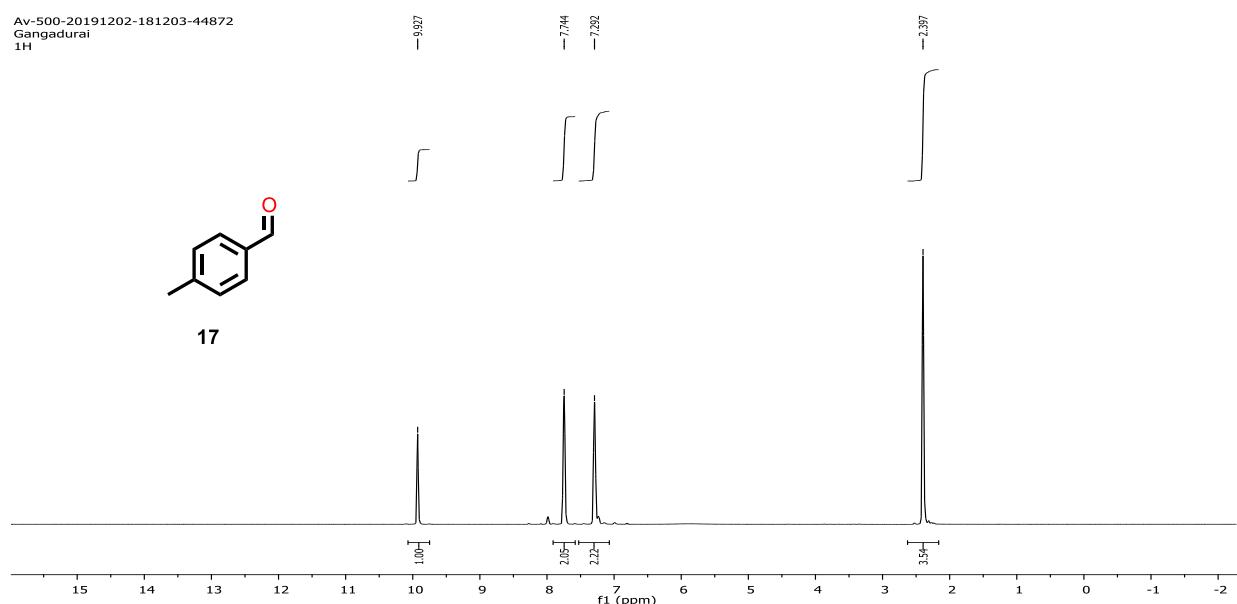
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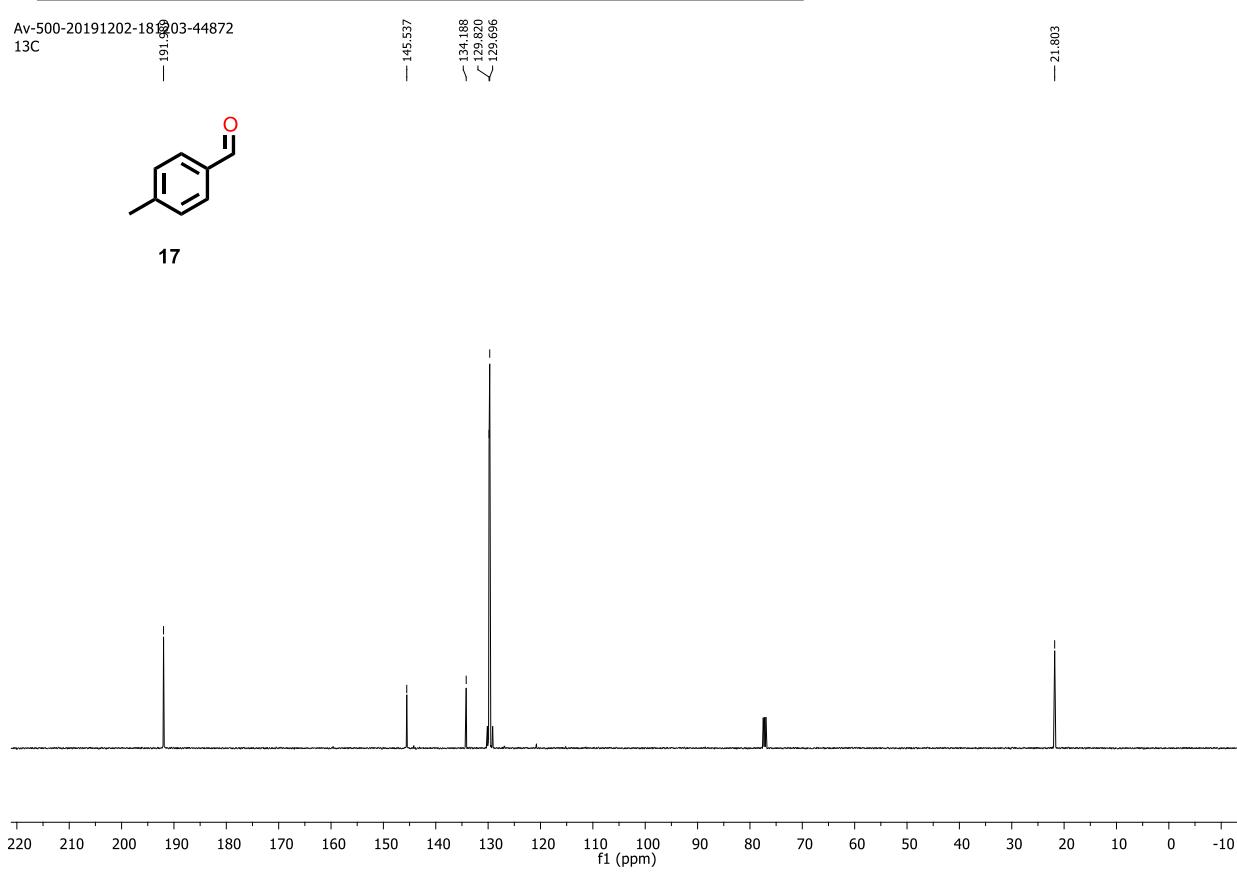
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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 17 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)**



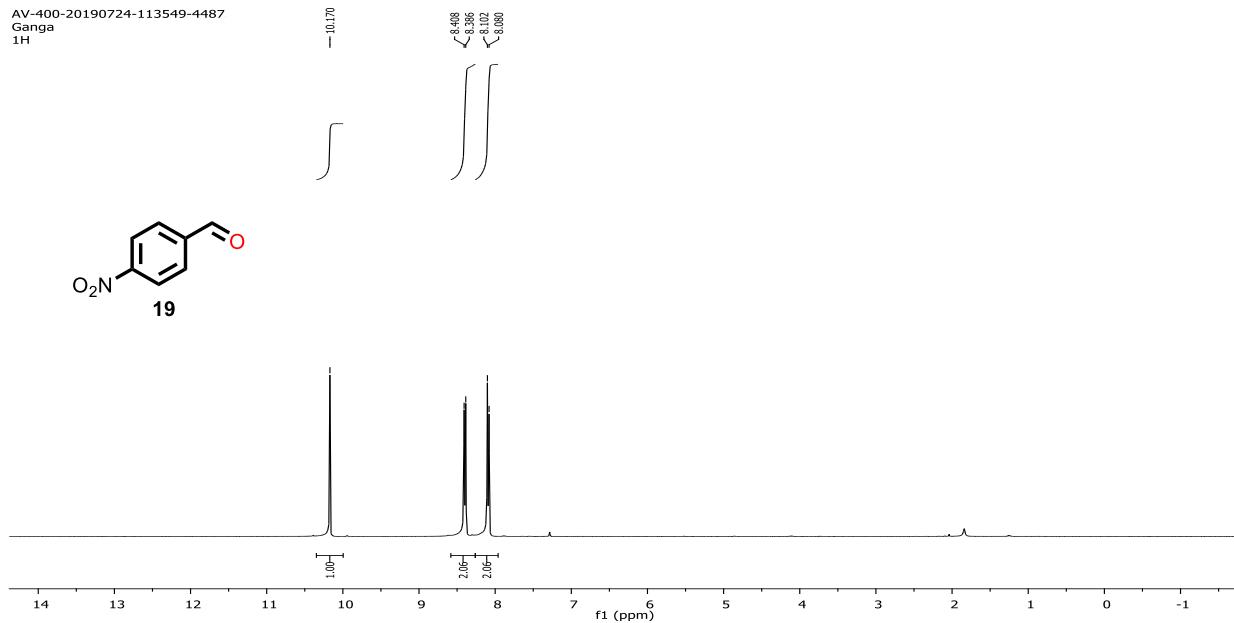
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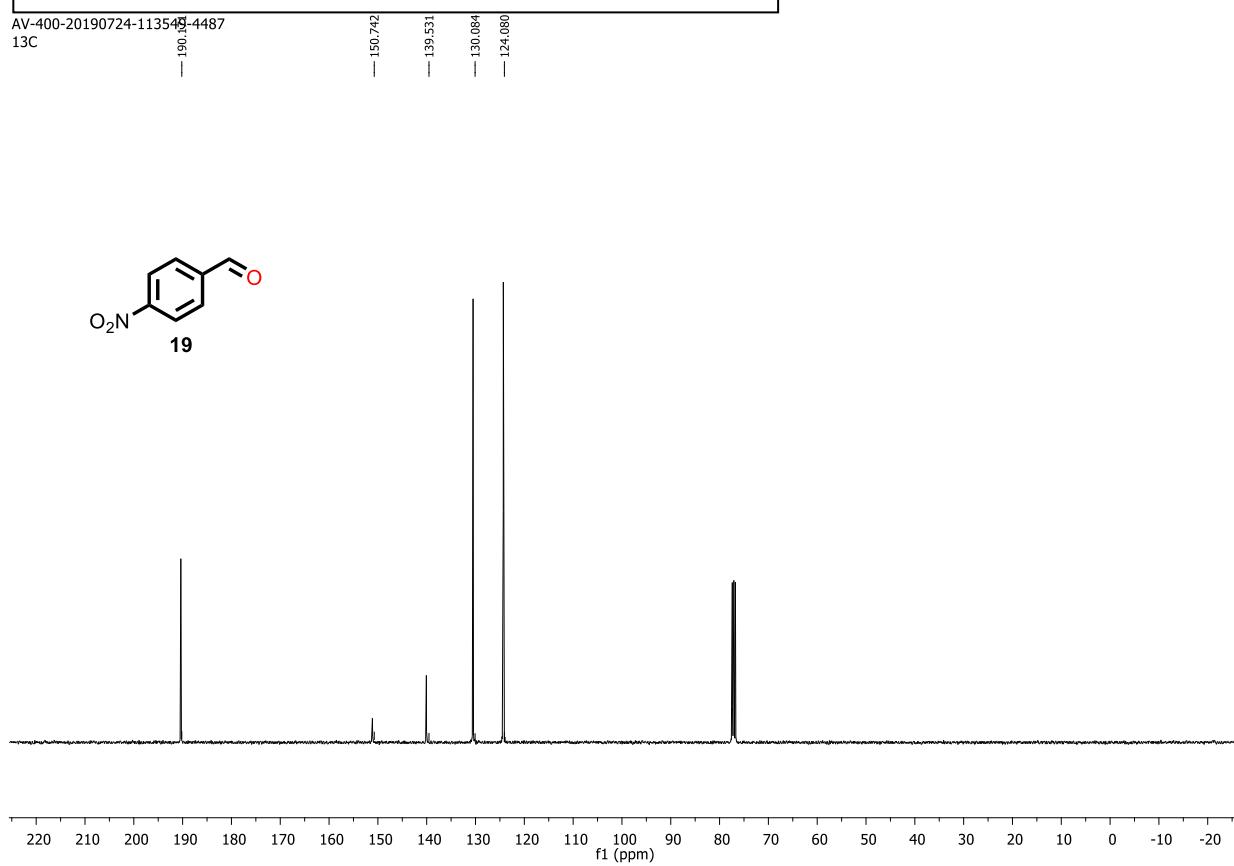
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<sup>1</sup>H

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 19 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 19 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)

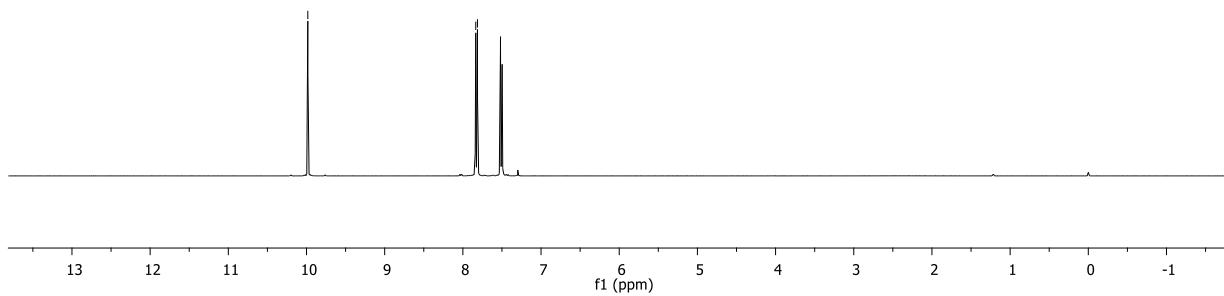
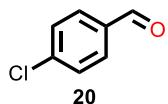


<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 20 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)

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— 9.983

✓ 7.835  
✓ 7.813  
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✓ 7.518



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 20 (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)

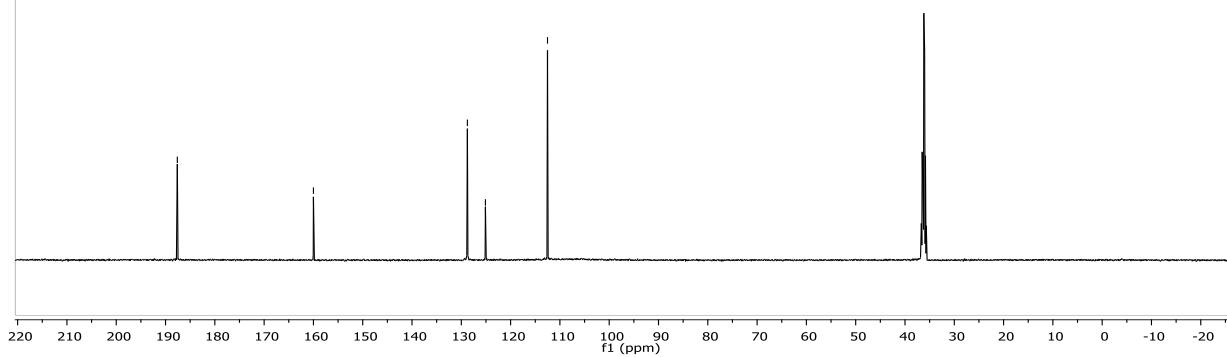
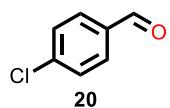
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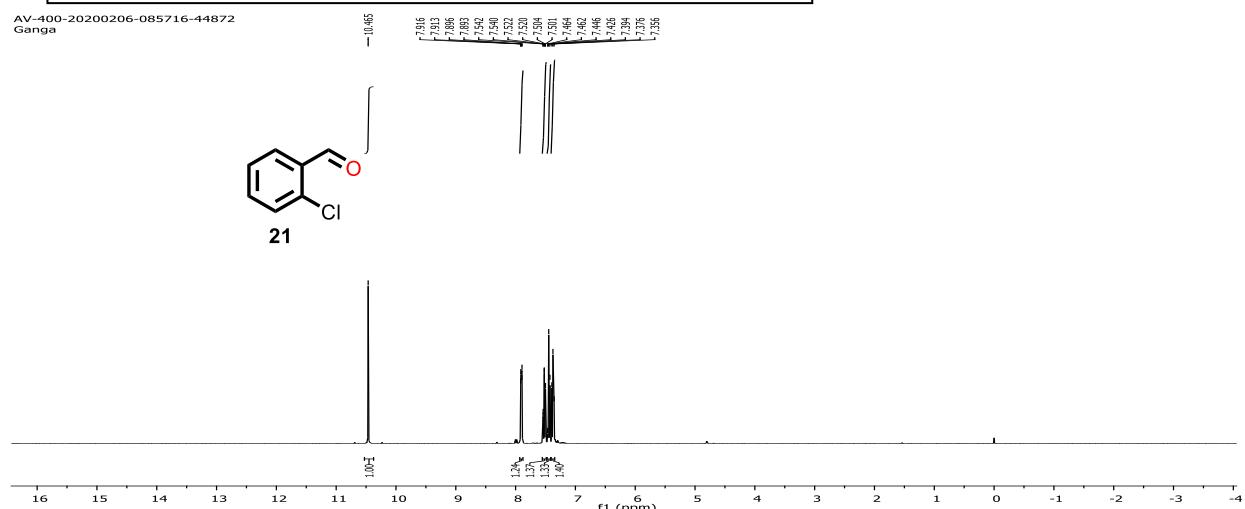
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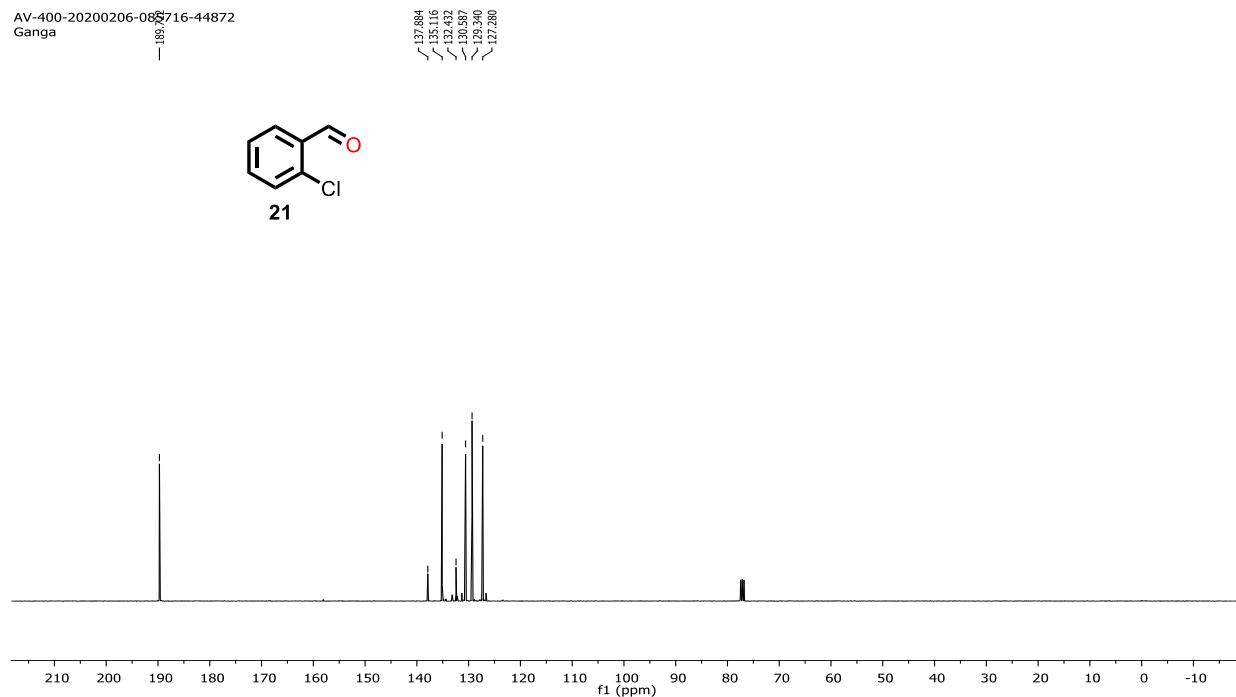
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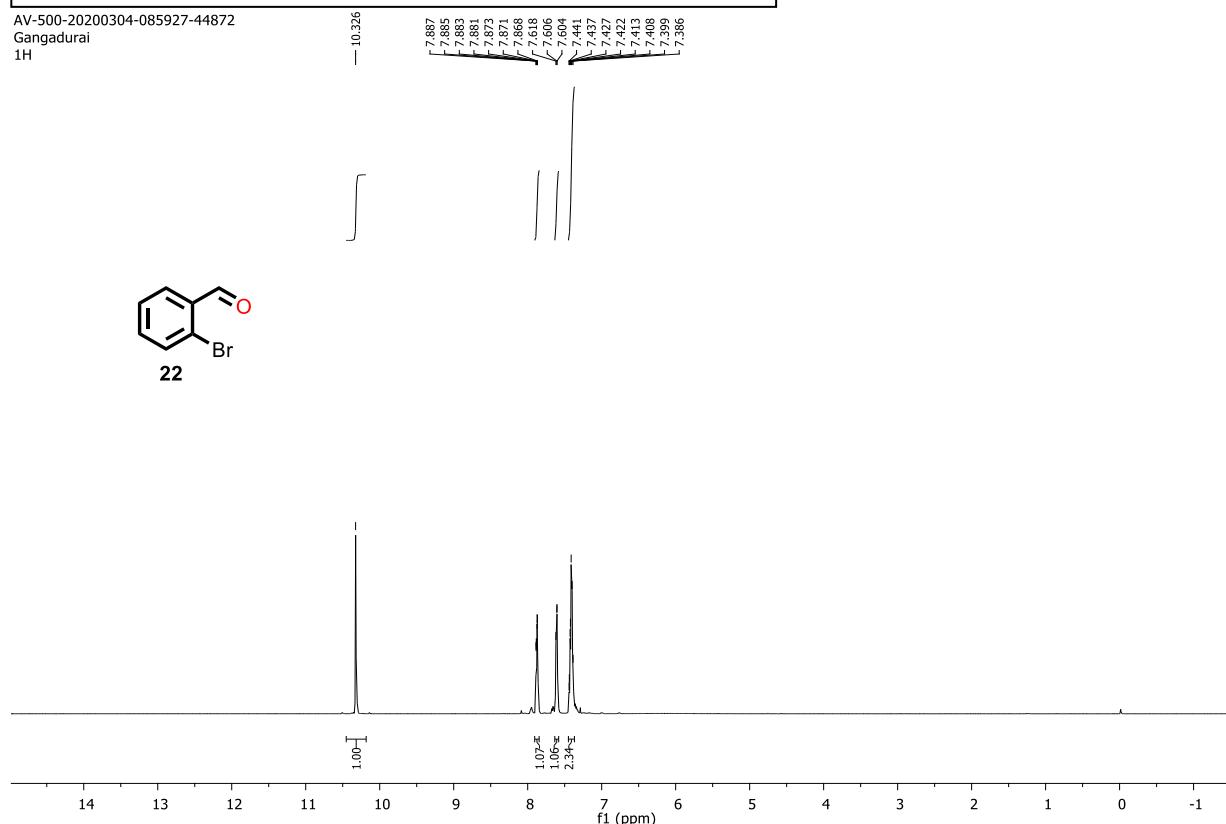
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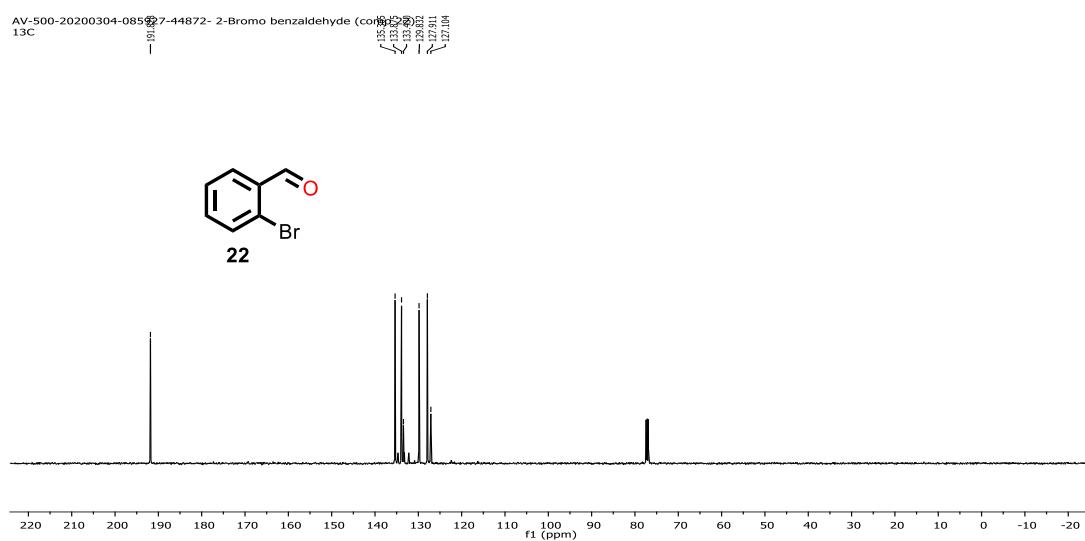
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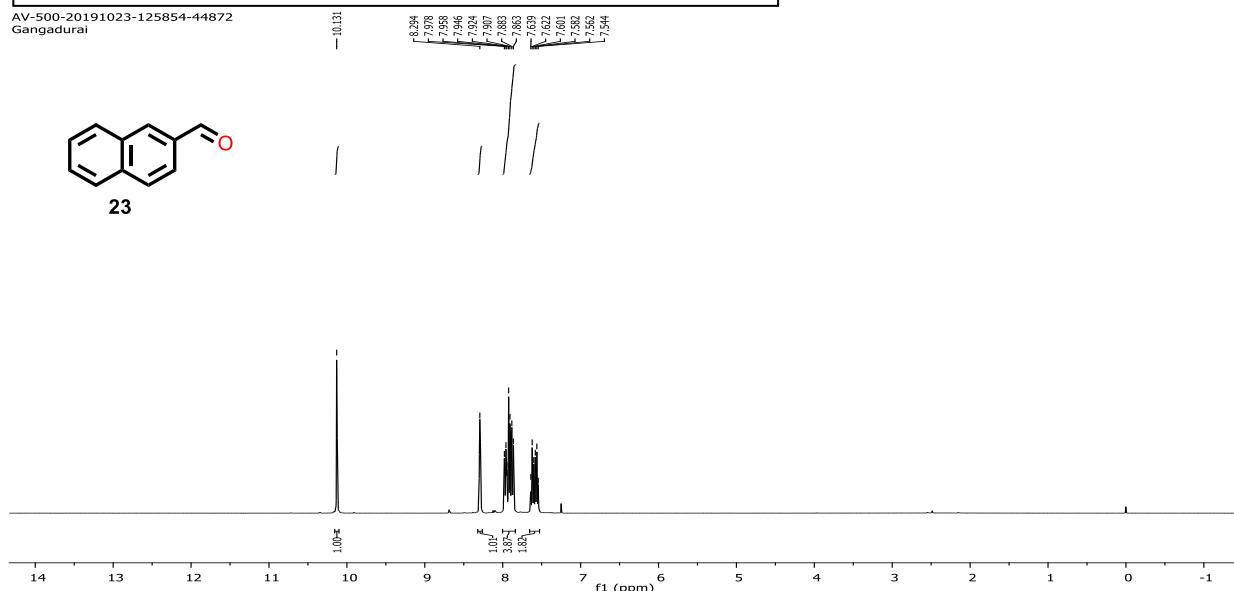
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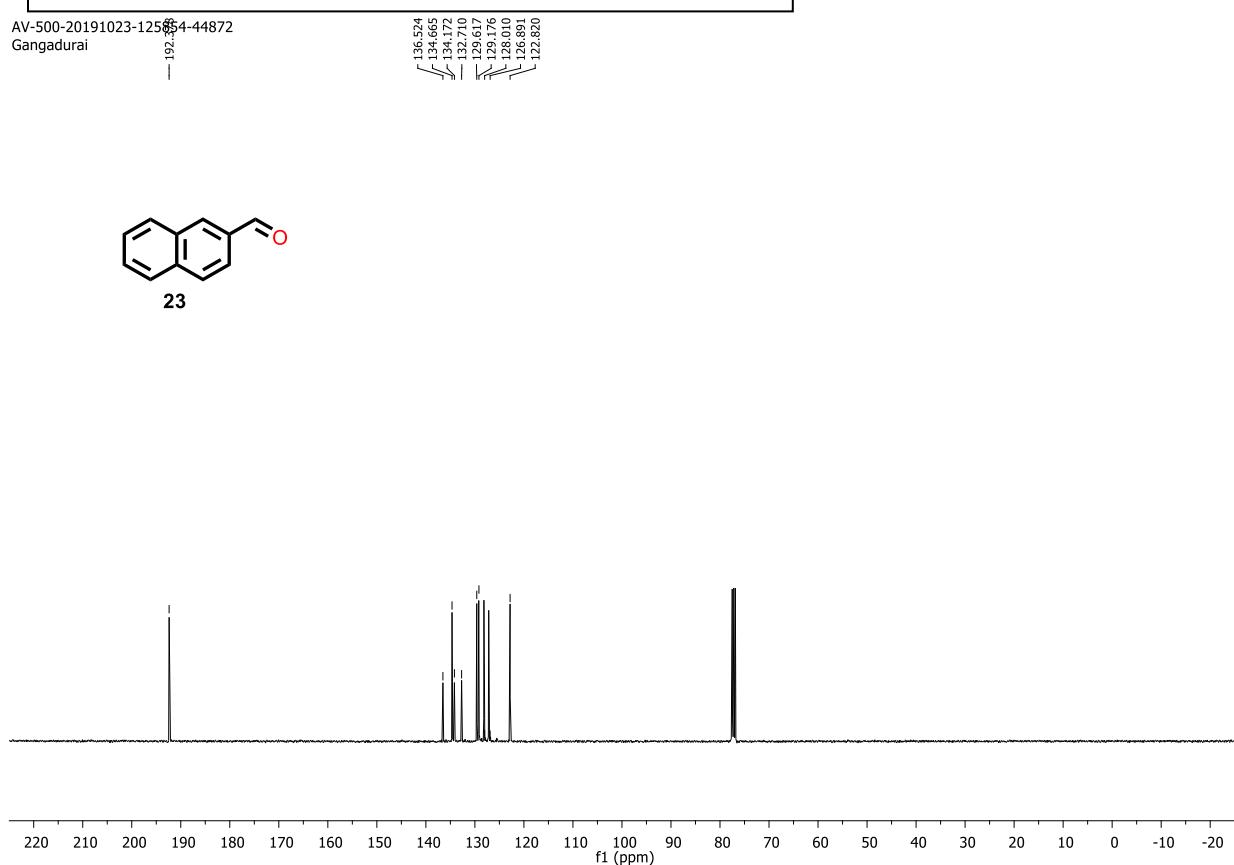
<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 22 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 23 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)

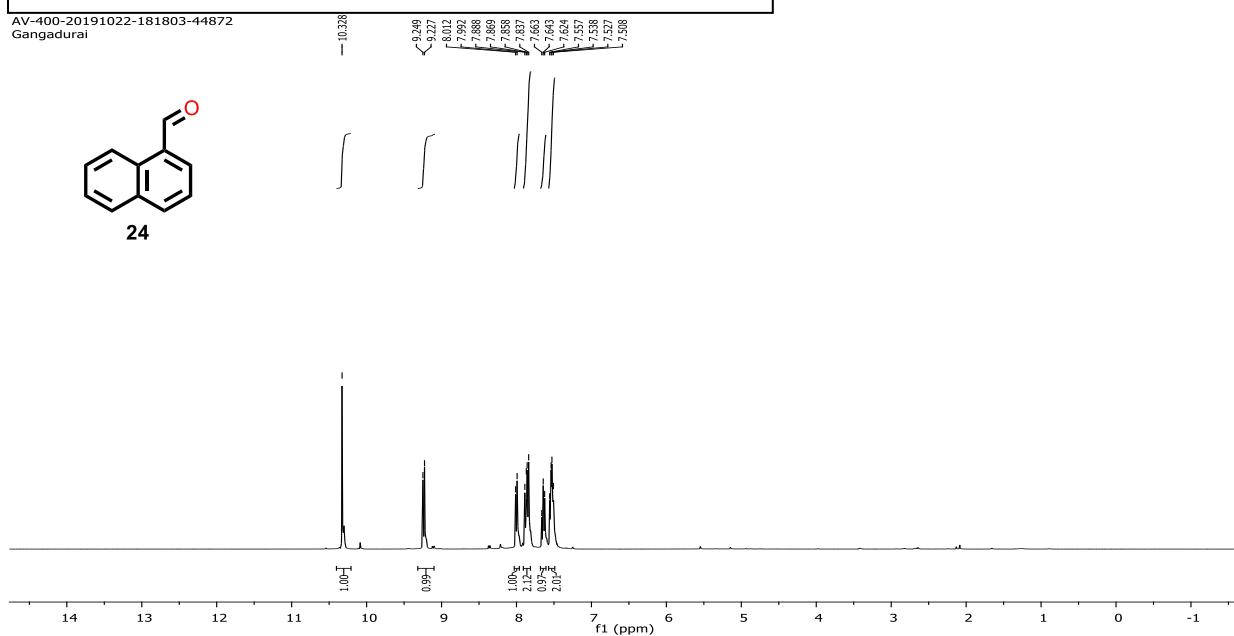


<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 23 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125MHz)



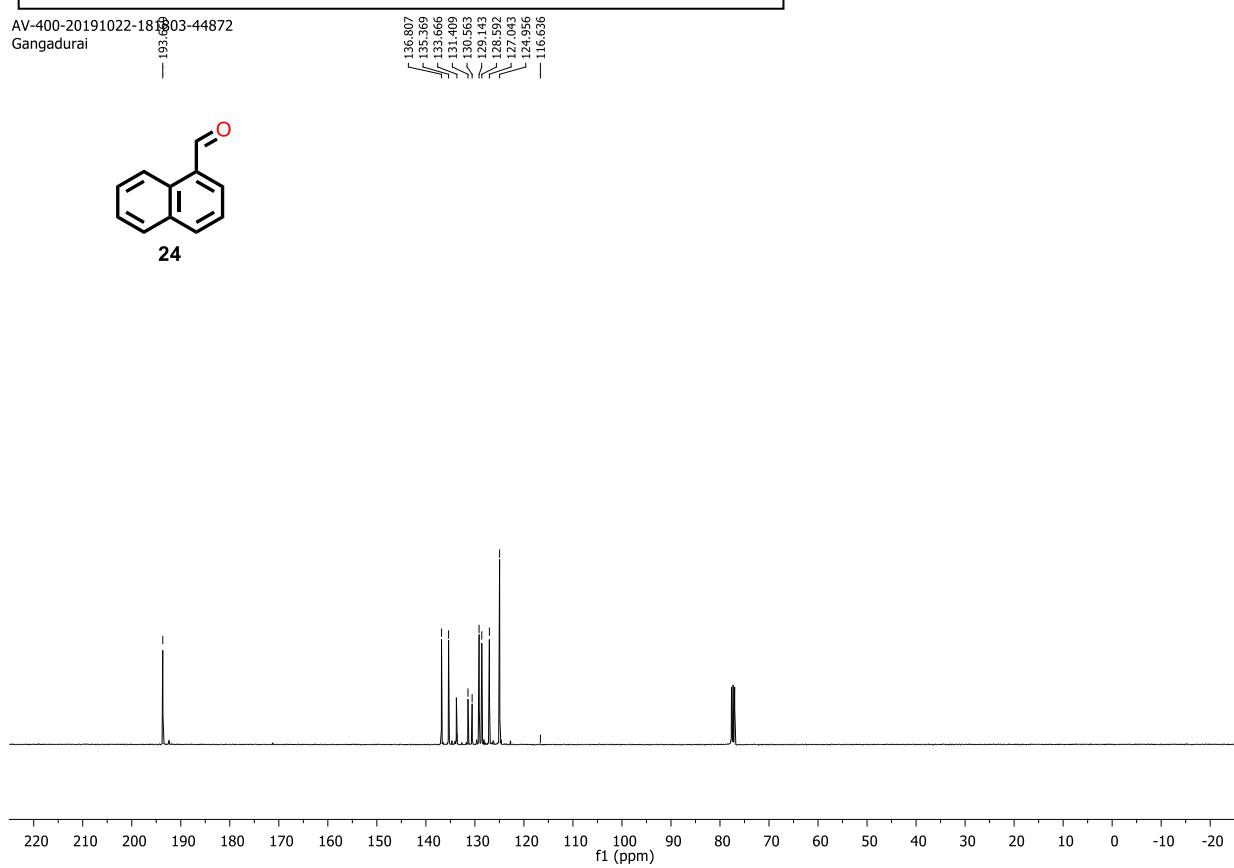
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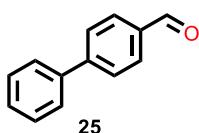
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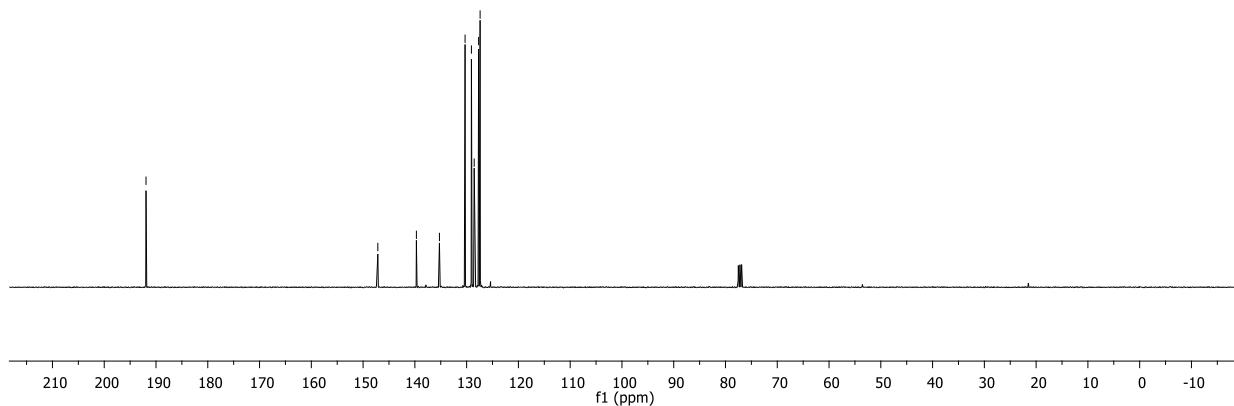
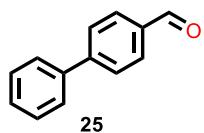


<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 25 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)

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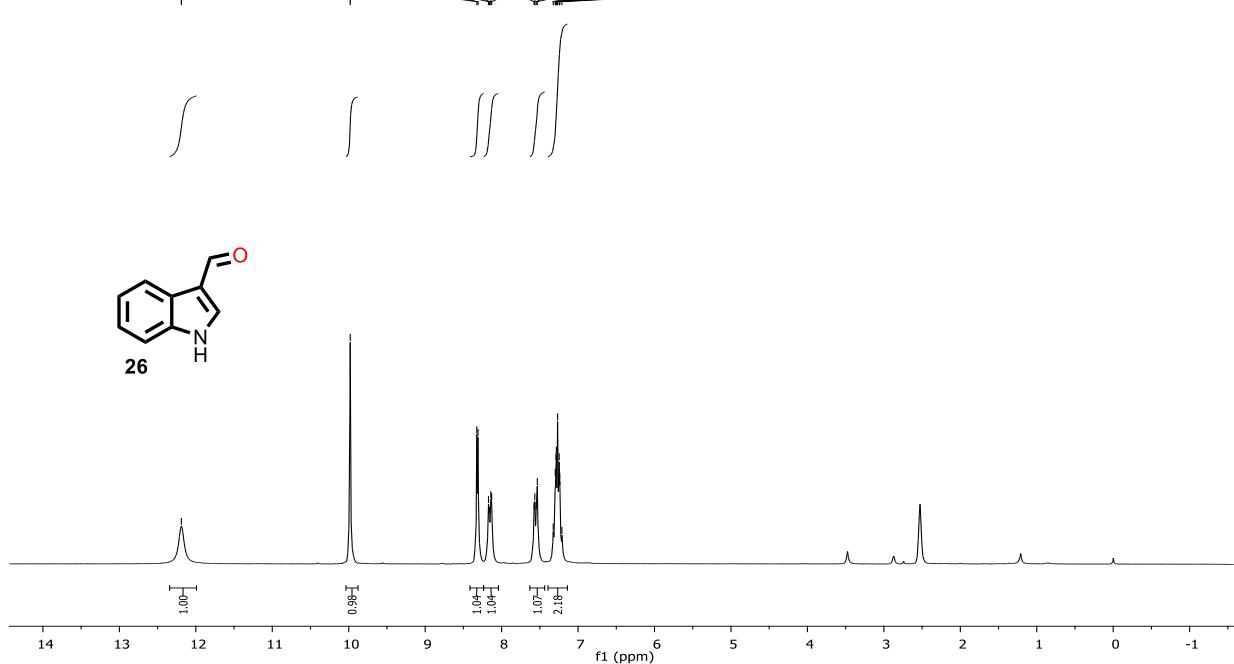


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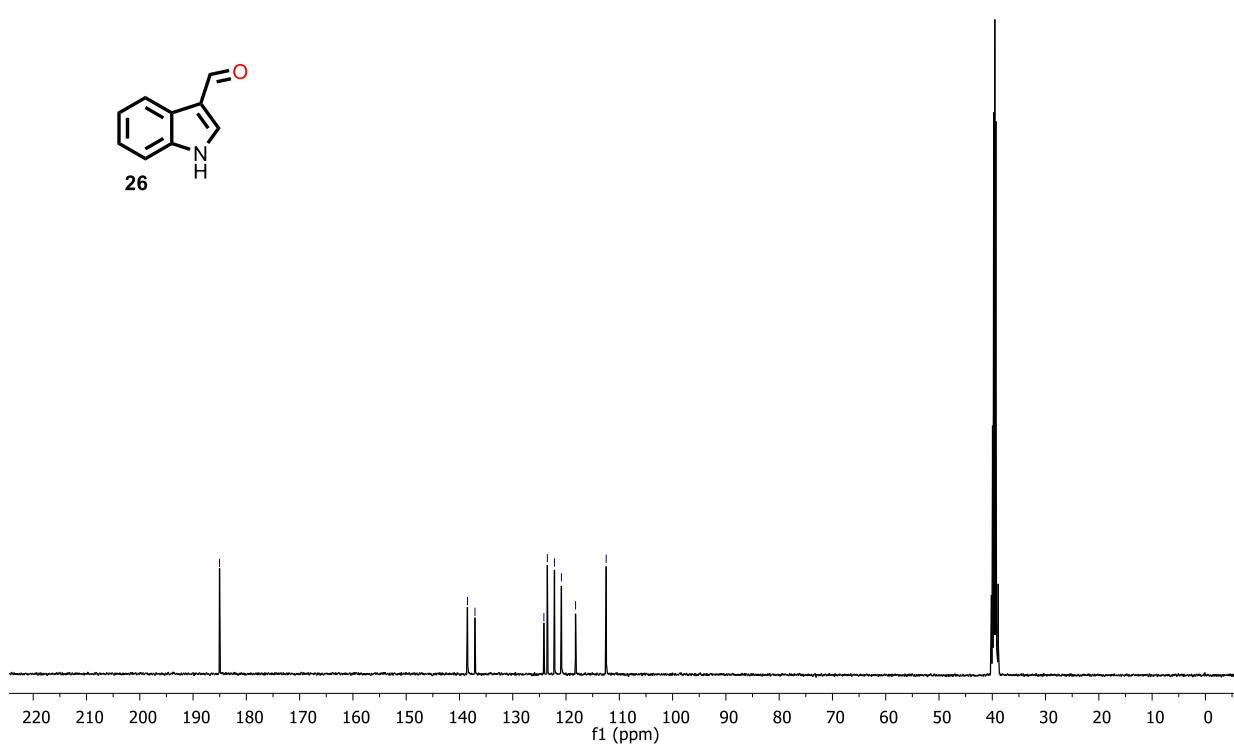
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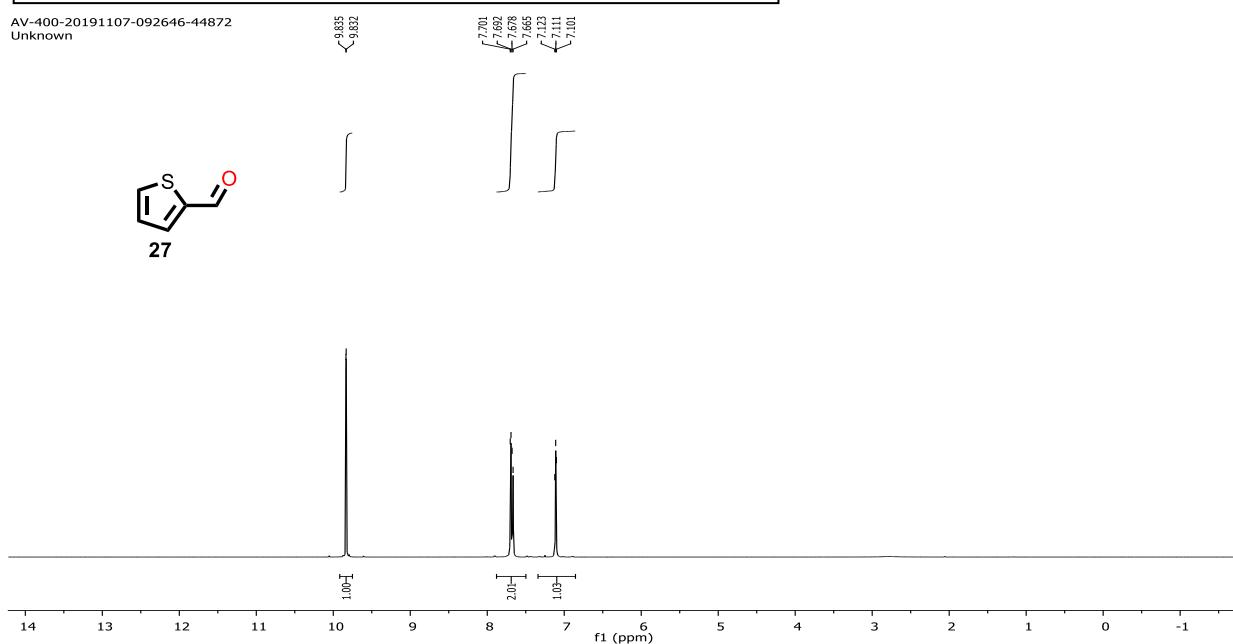
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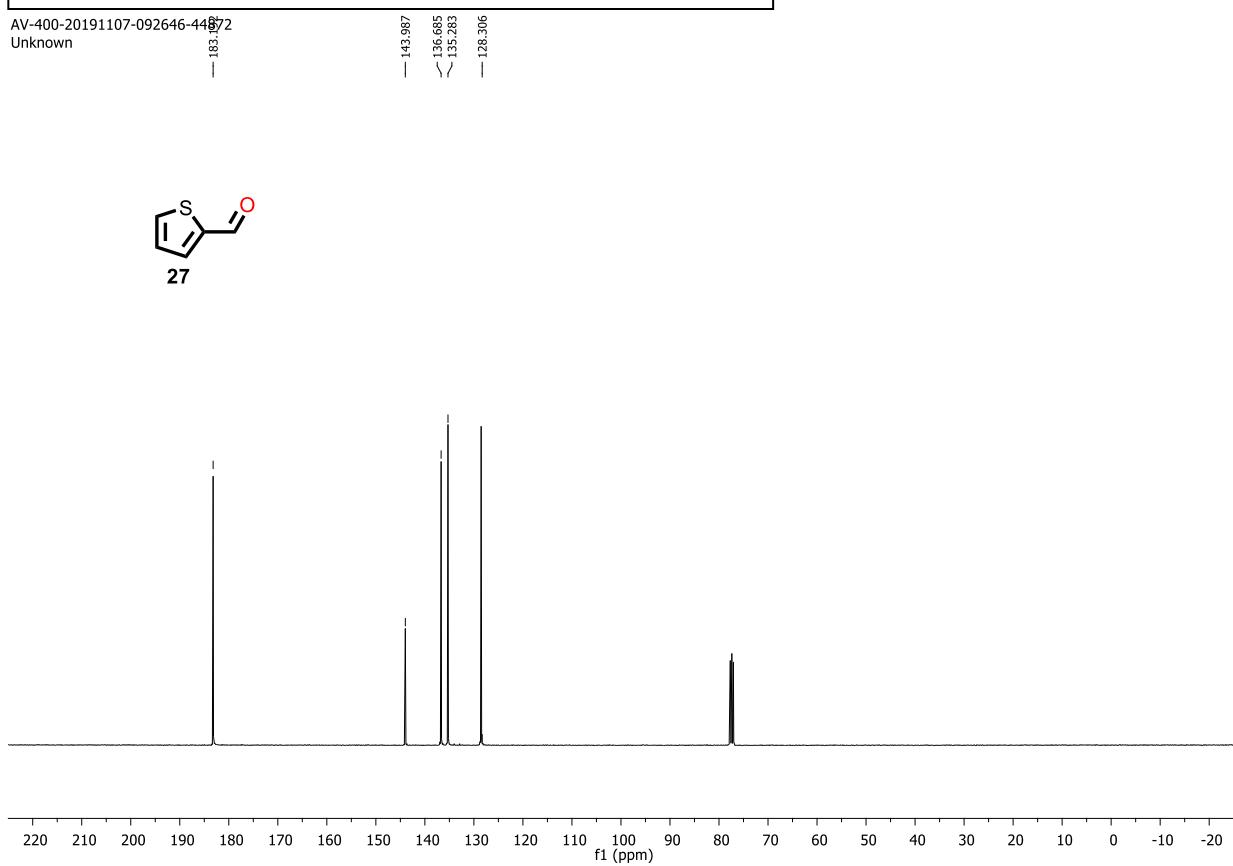
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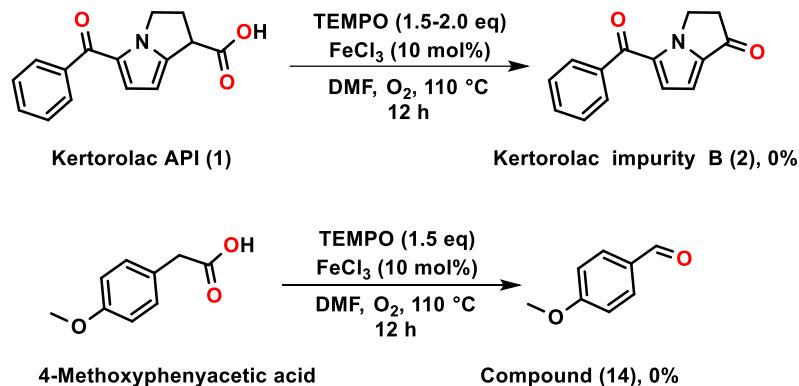


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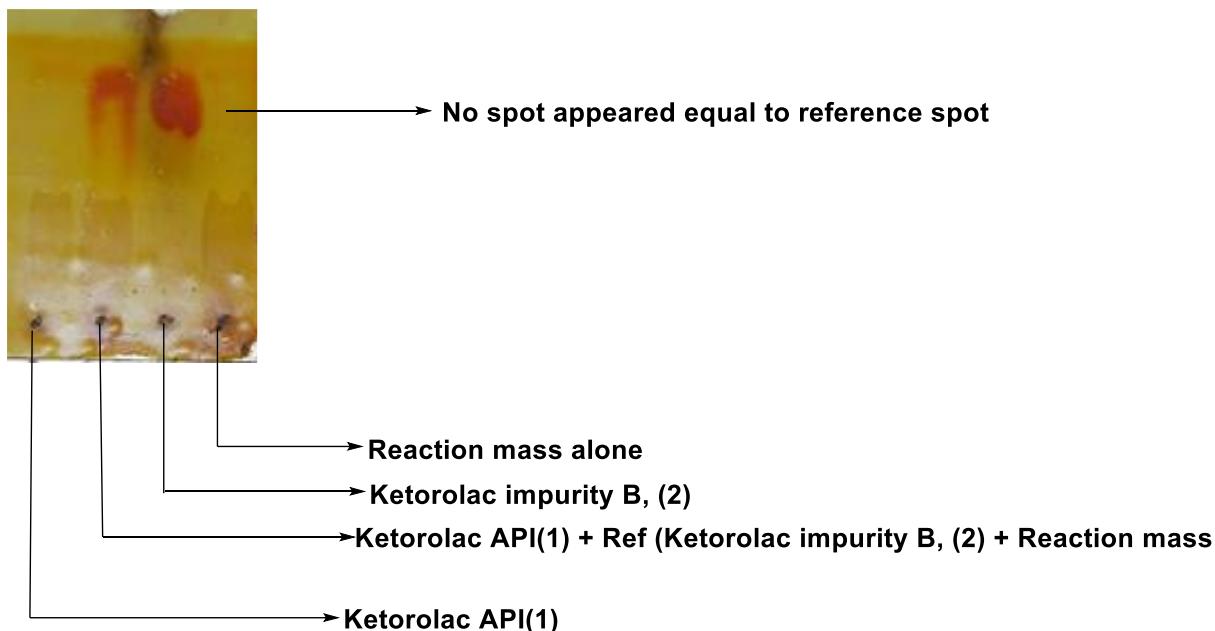


Few control experiments were carried out to elucidate the reaction mechanism. Since the oxygen employing as an oxidant, radical trapping experiments were conducted by using 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO) with ketorolac API (1), and 4-methoxy phenylacetic acid under optimized reaction conditions and the reaction was monitored by TLC, even after 24 h no expected spot was identified with reference to the earlier synthesized compound 2. These results showed that the reactions were inhibited by TEMPO and the formed radicals were suppressed (Scheme 1). For the reference TLC profile is shown below (Fig. 1)

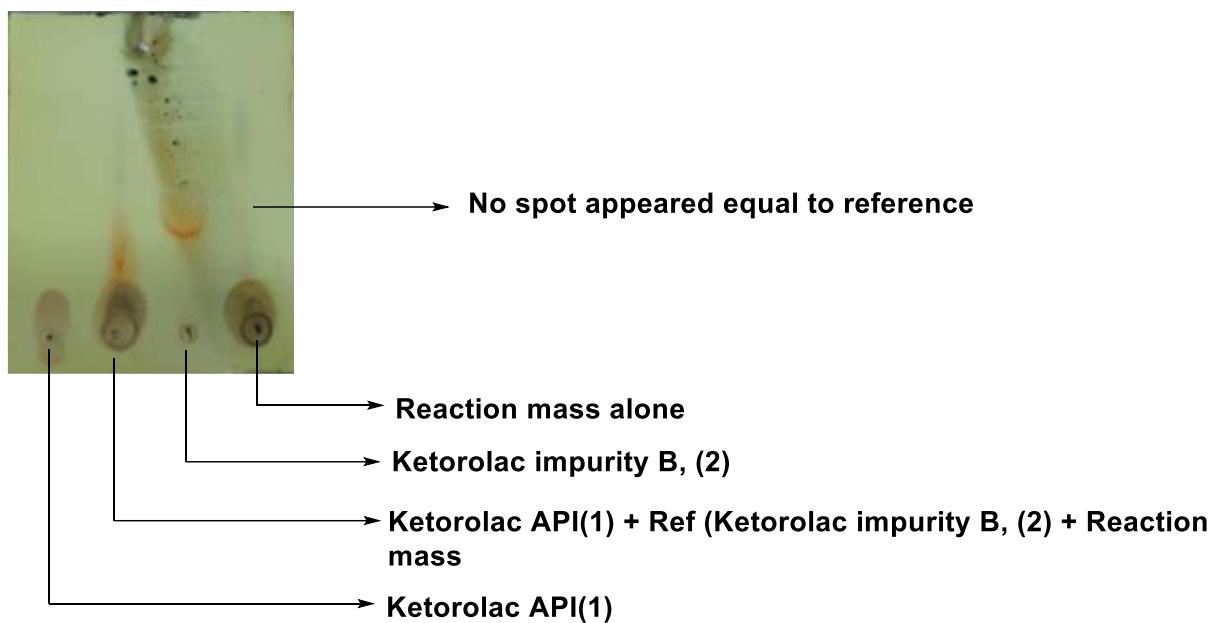


**Scheme 1.** Control experiments

TLC profile; Stain; 2,4-dinitrophenyl hydrazine (DNP) (PMA)



TLC profile; Stain; Phosphomolybdic acid (PMA)



**Fig. 1.** TLC profile of control experiments

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