

Supporting Information

***N*-Acyl pyrroles: chemoselective pyrrole dance vs. C–H functionalization/aroylation of toluenes**

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General Information

All reactions were conducted under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen with oven-dried glassware or vacuum line techniques. All anhydrous solvents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and directly used without further purification. Unless otherwise stated, reagents were commercially available and used as purchased without further purification. Chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI China, Acros, Alfa Aesar or J&K.

Progress of reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography using TLC plates and visualized by short-wave ultraviolet light. Flash chromatography was performed with Qingdao Haiyang flash silica gel (200–300 mesh). The NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker AVANCE III 500 MHz spectrometers (Bruker Co., Switzerland) with TMS as the internal standard. The infrared spectra were obtained with KBr plates by using an FTIR650 FT-IR Spectrometer. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data were obtained on an Agilent Q-TOF 1290 LC/6224 MS system using electrospray ionization (ESI) in positive or negative mode. Melting points were determined on a Thermal Values analytical microscope and were uncorrected.

Preparation of *N*-acylpyrroles: *N*-acylpyrroles were prepared according to literature procedures.¹

Preparation of 2,5-dimethyl-*N*-acylpyrroles: KN(SiMe₃)₂ (11.0 mL, 1.0 mol/L in THF, 1.1 equiv) was added dropwise to a cooled solution (–78 °C) of 2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrole (10 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (15 mL) under an argon atmosphere. After stirring at –78 °C for 1 h, a solution of benzoyl chloride (11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. After stirring for 1 h, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by aqueous saturated NH₄Cl (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude material was loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography.

Synthesis of 2-arylpyrroles

General Procedure A

An oven-dried 10 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with *N*-acylpyrroles (0.1 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere in a glovebox. Dry toluene (1 mL) was added to the reaction followed by addition of LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) by syringe at room temperature. The vial was capped, removed from the glovebox, and stirred for 3 h at 100 °C. After cooling to room temperature,

the reaction mixture was quenched with three drops of H₂O and the vial was opened to the air, passed through a short pad of silica gel and eluted with ethyl acetate (1 mL × 3). The combined organic solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography.

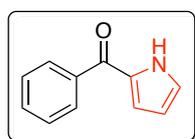
Synthesis of 1,2-diphenylethan-1-ones

General Procedure B

An oven-dried 10 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with (2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (0.1 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere in a glovebox. The toluene derivative (0.12 mmol) in 1 mL of dry THF was added to the reaction followed by addition of KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) by syringe at room temperature. Note that toluene derivatives (0.12 mmol) in a solid form were added to the reaction vial prior to (2,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone. The vial was capped, removed from the glovebox, and stirred for 12 h at 100 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with three drops of H₂O and the vial was opened to the air, passed through a short pad of silica gel and eluted with ethyl acetate (1 mL × 3). The combined organic solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography.

General Procedure C

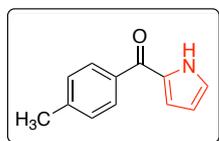
An oven-dried 10 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with 2,5-dimethyl-*N*-acylpyrroles (0.1 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere in a glovebox. Dry toluene (1 mL) was added to the reaction followed by addition of KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) by syringe at room temperature. The vial was capped, removed from the glovebox, and stirred for 12 h at 100 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with three drops of H₂O and the vial was opened to the air, passed through a short pad of silica gel and eluted with ethyl acetate (1 mL × 3). The combined organic solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography.



Phenyl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3a). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1a** (17.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The

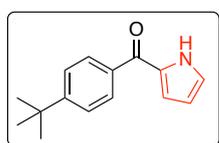
crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1)

to give the product (13.9 mg, 81% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.84 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.36 – 6.34 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²



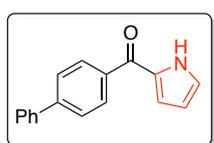
(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (3b). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1b** (18.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C

for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (12.6 mg, 68% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.35 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²



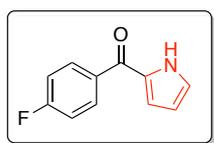
(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3c). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1c** (22.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1

mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (17.3 mg, 76% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.17 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.35 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.³



[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3d). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1d** (24.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1

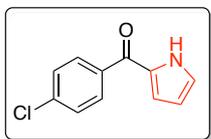
mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (20.0 mg, 81% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 8.02 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.73 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.38 – 6.36 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁴



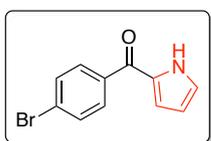
(4-Fluorophenyl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3e). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1e** (18.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1

mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted

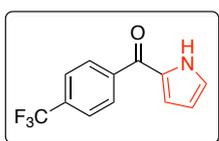
with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (13.6 mg, 72% yield) as pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.18 (s, 1H), 7.97 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.88 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.36 – 6.34 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²



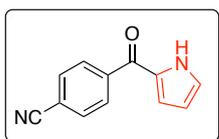
(4-Chlorophenyl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3f). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1f** (20.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (16.0 mg, 78% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.05 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.36 – 6.34 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁵



(4-Bromophenyl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3g). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1g** (24.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (18.4 mg, 74% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.42 (s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.35 – 6.33 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²

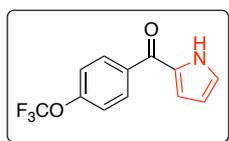


(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (3h). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1h** (23.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (16.7 mg, 70% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.38 – 6.36 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁶

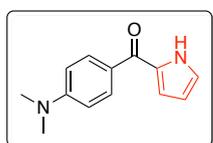


4-(1H-Pyrrole-2-carbonyl)benzonitrile (3i). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1i** (19.6 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (14.7 mg, 75% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz,

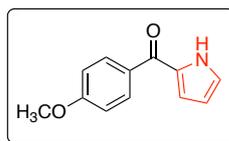
DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.22 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.94 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.79 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.30 – 6.28 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁷



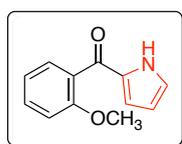
(1*H*-Pyrrol-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)methanone (3j). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1j** (25.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (18.4 mg, 72% yield) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.15 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.81 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.29 – 6.27 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁶



(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3k). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1k** (21.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (18.0 mg, 84% yield) as yellow solid. mp = 130–132 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.97 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.73 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.33 – 6.32 (m, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.4, 153.1, 131.6, 131.4, 125.7, 124.1, 117.7, 110.9, 110.5, 40.2; IR (thin film): 3260, 2919, 2856, 1611, 1576, 1541, 1127, 771 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₅N₂O 215.1179; found 215.1179.

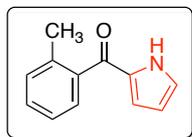


(4-Methoxyphenyl)(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3l). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1l** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (14.5 mg, 72% yield) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.96 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.35 – 6.33 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²



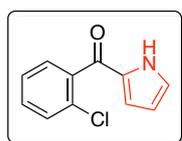
(2-Methoxyphenyl)(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3m). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1m** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with

hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (16.9 mg, 84% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.65 – 6.63 (m, 1H), 6.28 – 6.26 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁸



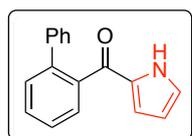
(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)(*o*-tolyl)methanone (3n). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1n** (18.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) and 12-crown-4 (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) dissolved

in dry toluene (1 mL) at 120 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (9.4 mg, 51% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.68 – 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.32 – 6.30 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²



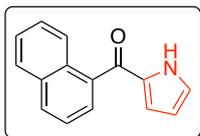
(2-Chlorophenyl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3o). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1o** (20.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h.

The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (14.3 mg, 70% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.35 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.62 – 6.60 (m, 1H), 6.30 – 6.28 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²



[1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-yl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3p). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1p** (24.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL)

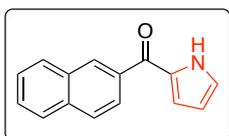
at 100 °C for 6 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (17.5 mg, 71% yield) as white solid. mp = 128–130 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 11.92 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.39 – 6.38 (m, 1H), 6.12 – 6.11 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 185.8, 140.4, 139.9, 139.2, 132.1, 130.2, 130.0, 128.6, 128.34, 128.29, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 119.8, 110.3; IR (thin film): 3261, 1623, 1543, 1402, 891 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}$ 248.1070; found 248.1074.



Naphthalen-1-yl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3q). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1q** (22.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C

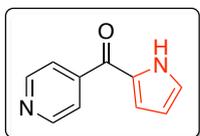
for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (18.8 mg, 85% yield) as pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.48 (s, 1H), 8.31 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.01 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.94 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.71 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.31 – 6.29 (m, 1H).

The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁹



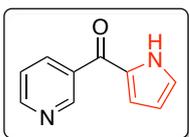
Naphthalen-2-yl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3r). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1r** (22.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1

mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (17.0 mg, 77% yield) as pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.91 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.39 – 6.38 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁹



Pyridin-4-yl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3s). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1s** (17.2 mg, 0.1 mmol), $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) and 12-crown-4 (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) dissolved

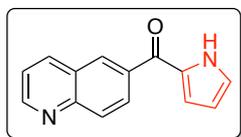
in dry toluene (1 mL) at 120 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (11.0 mg, 64% yield) as pale pink solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 8.76 – 8.75 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.30 – 6.28 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁰



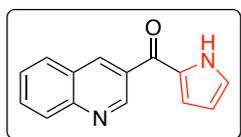
Pyridin-3-yl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3t). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1t** (17.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3

h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (10.5 mg, 61% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 12.23

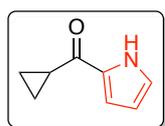
(s, 1H), 8.96 – 8.95 (m, 1H), 8.77 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 – 8.15 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.29 – 6.28 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹¹



(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)(quinolin-6-yl)methanone (3u). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1u** (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (16.2 mg, 73% yield) as white solid. mp = 181–183 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.19 (s, 1H), 9.01 (dd, $J = 4.2, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.58 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.53 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.94 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.32 – 6.31 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 183.1, 152.3, 148.8, 137.7, 136.3, 130.6, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 127.2, 126.9, 122.3, 120.1, 110.7; IR (thin film): 3436, 1735, 1637, 1552, 1399, 1137, 812 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 223.0866; found 223.0869.

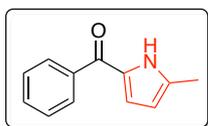


(1H-Pyrrol-2-yl)(quinolin-3-yl)methanone (3v). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1v** (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (15.1 mg, 68% yield) as pale yellow solid. mp = 172–173 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 12.28 (s, 1H), 9.22 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.85 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.33 – 6.32 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 181.8, 149.4, 148.6, 137.0, 131.4, 131.1, 130.6, 129.6, 128.7, 127.4, 127.2, 126.5, 120.2, 110.8; IR (thin film): 3184, 1625, 1398, 1147, 1124, 814 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 223.0881; found 223.0869.

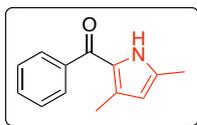


Cyclopropyl(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3w). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1w** (13.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), $\text{LiN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) and 12-crown-4 (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 120 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel

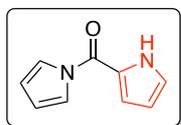
(eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (6.5 mg, 48% yield) as white solid. mp = 70–71 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 1.23 – 1.19 (m, 1H), 0.99 – 0.95 (m, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.7, 132.6, 124.8, 116.4, 110.6, 17.1, 10.7; IR (thin film): 3003, 2955, 1614, 1452, 1413, 929 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₈H₁₀NO 136.0757; found 136.0763.



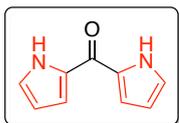
(5-Methyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3x). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1x** (18.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) and 12-crown-4 (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 120 °C for 13.5 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (11.7 mg, 63% yield) as brown solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.55 (s, 1H), 7.92 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 6.83 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.07 – 6.05 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹²



(3,5-Dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3y). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1y** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) and 12-crown-4 (52.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 120 °C for 13.5 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (11.5 mg, 58% yield) as light brown solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.41 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.⁵

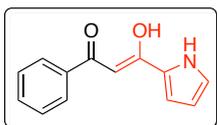


(1H-Pyrrol-1-yl)(1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3z). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1z** (16.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (9.7 mg, 61% yield) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.25 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.36 – 6.35 (m, 2H), 6.32 – 6.30 (m, 1H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹³



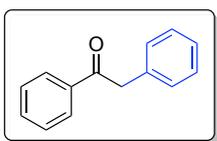
Di(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methanone (3aa). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1z** (16.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry toluene (1 mL) at 120 °C for 13.5 h. The

crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (8.0 mg, 50% yield) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 11.81 (s, 2H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.23 – 6.21 (m, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁴



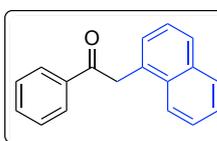
(*Z*)-3-Hydroxy-1-phenyl-3-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3Z). The reaction was performed following General Procedure A with **1Z** (21.3 mg, 0.1 mmol) and LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in dry

toluene (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 20:1) to give the product (18.7 mg, 88% yield) as yellow solid. mp = 108–109 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) [enol + keto]: δ 12.07 (s, 1H), 11.93 (s, 0.16H), 8.05 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 8.00 – 7.98 (m, 0.32H), 7.66 – 7.63 (m, 0.16H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2.32H), 7.32 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.13 (m, 0.16H), 7.12 – 7.11 (m, 0.16H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.30 – 6.29 (m, 1H), 6.23 – 6.22 (m, 0.16H), 4.56 (s, 0.32H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) [enol + keto]: δ 195.3, 183.5, 181.4, 176.5, 136.4, 134.00, 133.5, 132.00, 131.6, 129.7, 128.77, 128.75, 128.5, 126.4, 126.3, 118.2, 116.5, 110.7, 110.2, 92.8, 49.1, one resonance was not observed due to coincidental overlap; IR (thin film): 3292, 3105, 1617, 1575, 1493, 1122, 744, 681 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₁NNaO₂ 236.0682; found 236.0689.



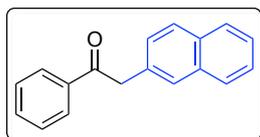
1,2-Diphenylethan-1-one (4aa). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material

was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (16.3 mg, 83% yield) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁵



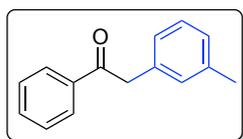
2-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (4ab). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2b** (17.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved

in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (21.9 mg, 89% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.15 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.95 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.86 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 4.91 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁶



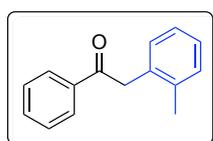
2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (4ac). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2c** (17.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol)

dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (14.3 mg, 58% yield) as colorless crystal. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.11 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.80 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁷



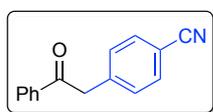
1-Phenyl-2-(m-tolyl)ethan-1-one (4ad). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2d** (1 mL) at 100 °C for

12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (15.3 mg, 73% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.05 – 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁷



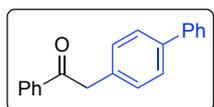
1-Phenyl-2-(o-tolyl)ethan-1-one (4ae). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2e** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude

material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (12.0 mg, 57% yield) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.08 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁶

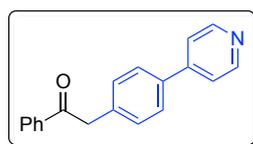


4-(2-Oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzonitrile (4af). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2f** (14.1 mg, 0.12

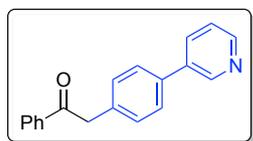
mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 50:1) to give the product (20.8 mg, 94% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 8.07 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H).¹⁷



2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (4ah). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2h** (20.2 mg, 0.12 mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (17.1 mg, 63% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 8.09 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 5H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.45 (s, 2H).¹⁸

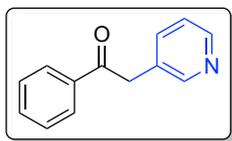


1-Phenyl-2-(4-(pyridin-4-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (4ai). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2i** (20.3 mg, 0.12 mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (24.8 mg, 91% yield) as pale yellow solid. mp = 154–156 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 8.63 – 8.61 (m, 2H), 8.09 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H). ^{13}C { ^1H } NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 197.5, 150.2, 146.8, 136.5, 136.3, 135.3, 133.4, 130.7, 128.8, 128.4, 126.7, 121.1, 44.4; IR (thin film): 3034, 2920, 1686, 1596, 1405, 991, 786 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}$ 296.1046; found 296.1051.

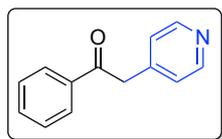


1-Phenyl-2-(4-(pyridin-3-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (4aj). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2j** (20.3 mg, 0.12 mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (22.4 mg, 82% yield) as pale yellow solid. mp = 113–115 °C. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ 8.89 (dd, J = 2.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 – 8.05 (m, 3H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 1H),

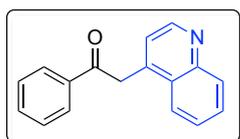
7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 197.6, 148.4, 147.6, 136.3, 135.3, 135.29, 135.25, 134.0, 133.4, 130.6, 128.8, 128.4, 126.8, 123.9, 44.3; IR (thin film): 3058, 2923, 1684, 1654, 1385, 995, 784 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNaO}$ 296.1046; found 296.1047.



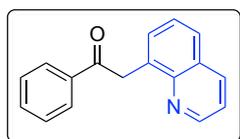
1-Phenyl-2-(pyridin-3-yl)ethan-1-one (4ak). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2k** (11.2 mg, 0.12 mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (18.7 mg, 95% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.87 – 8.85 (m, 2H), 8.49 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.10 – 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.73 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁹



1-Phenyl-2-(pyridin-4-yl)ethan-1-one (4al). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2l** (11.2 mg, 0.12 mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (17.1 mg, 87% yield) as pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.52 – 8.51 (m, 2H), 8.08 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁰

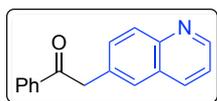


1-Phenyl-2-(quinolin-4-yl)ethan-1-one (4am). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2m** (17.2 mg, 0.12 mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (22.7 mg, 92% yield) as pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.85 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 8.06 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²¹

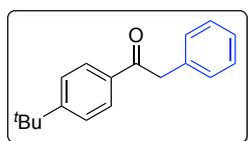


1-Phenyl-2-(quinolin-8-yl)ethan-1-one (4an). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2n** (17.2 mg, 0.12 mol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in

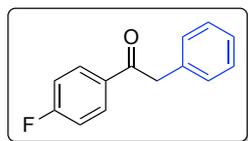
THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (18.5 mg, 75% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.83 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.12 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²²



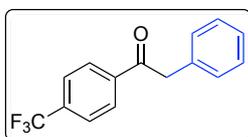
1-Phenyl-2-(quinolin-6-yl)ethan-1-one (4ao). The reaction was performed following General Procedure B with **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), **2o** (17.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in THF (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (18.0 mg, 73% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.87 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.32 – 8.29 (m, 1H), 8.11 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁹



1-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (4ba). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5b** (25.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (22.7 mg, 90% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 9H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²³

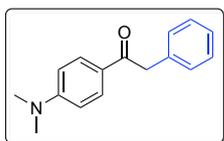


1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (4ca). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5c** (21.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (16.7 mg, 78% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.16 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.39 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁴

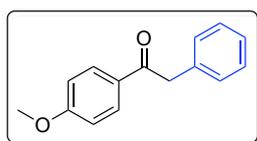


2-Phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (4da). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5d** (26.7 mg, 0.1 mmol)

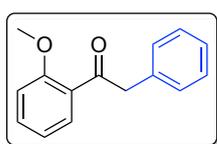
and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (16.6 mg, 63% yield) as white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 8.23 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.47 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁵



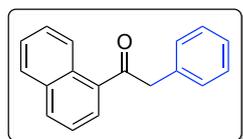
1-(4-(Dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (4ea). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5e** (24.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 50:1) to give the product (16.7 mg, 70% yield) as yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.95 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.66 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.04 (s, 6H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁴



1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (4fa). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5f** (22.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (16.7 mg, 74% yield) as yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.02 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 6.94 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁵

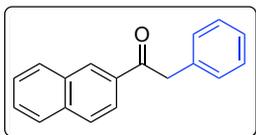


1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (4ga). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5g** (22.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (17.8 mg, 79% yield) as colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.02 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.¹⁵

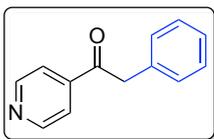


1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (4ha). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5h** (24.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at

100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (16.7 mg, 68% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.43 – 8.41 (m, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁶



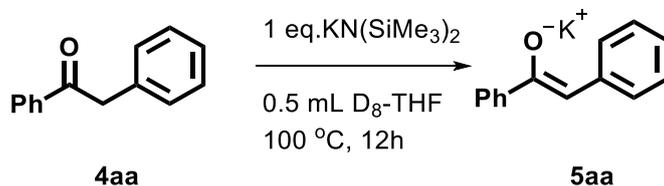
1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenylethan-1-one (4ia). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5i** (24.9 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 100:1) to give the product (11.1 mg, 45% yield) as pale yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.99 (m, 3H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁴



2-Phenyl-1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethan-1-one (4ja). The reaction was performed following General Procedure C with **5j** (20.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and KN(SiMe₃)₂ (1.0 mol/L in THF, 0.3 mL, 0.3 mmol) dissolved in **2a** (1 mL) at 100 °C for 12 h. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluted with hexanes:EtOAc = 10:1) to give the product (10.0 mg, 51% yield) as white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.82 – 8.81 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 4.45 (s, 2H). The NMR spectral data match the previously published data.²⁶

Mechanism study

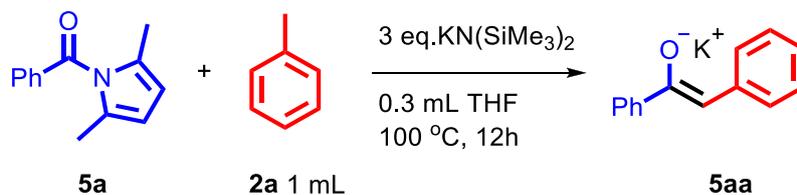
J-Young tube reaction for deprotonation of 1,2-diphenylethan-1-one



An oven-dried 20 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with 1,2-diphenylethan-1-one (**4aa**) (7.0 mg, 0.036 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere in the glovebox. A solution of KN(SiMe₃)₂ (7.2 mg, 0.036 mmol) in 0.5 mL of dry THF-D₈ was added at rt. After stirring for 5 min at 24 °C, the mixture was carefully transferred to J-Young tube. The J-Young NMR tube was sealed, removed from the glove box, and stirred for 12 h at 100 °C. After cooling to room temperature, ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were

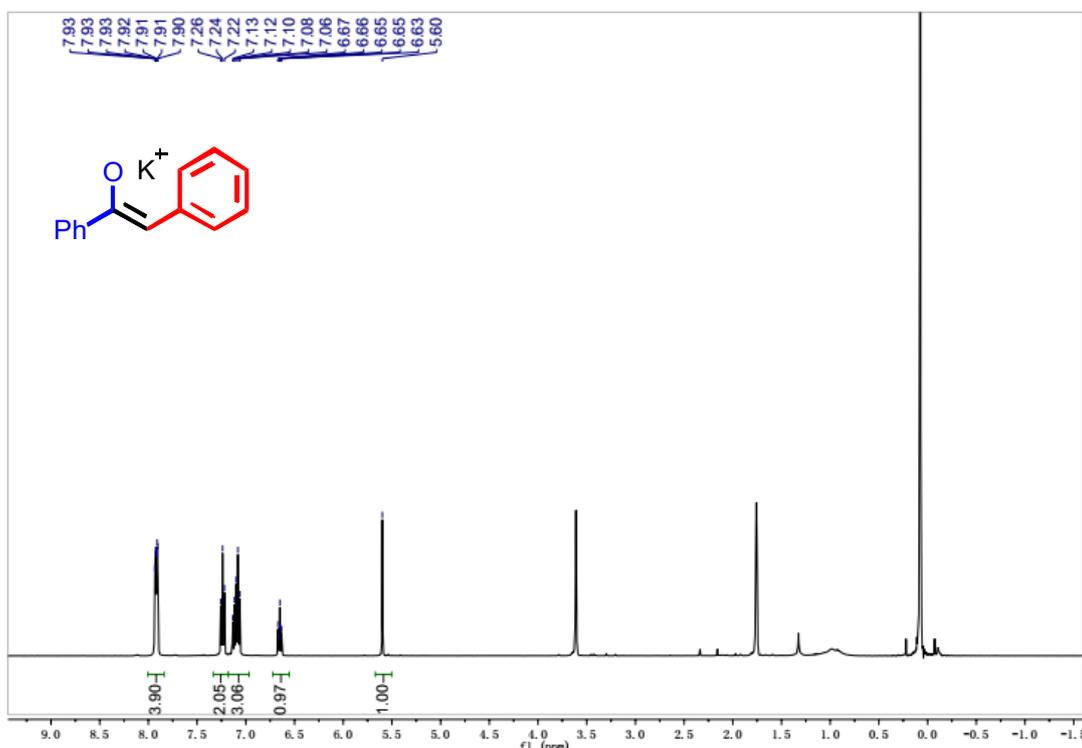
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J-Young tube experiment of aryolation of toluene

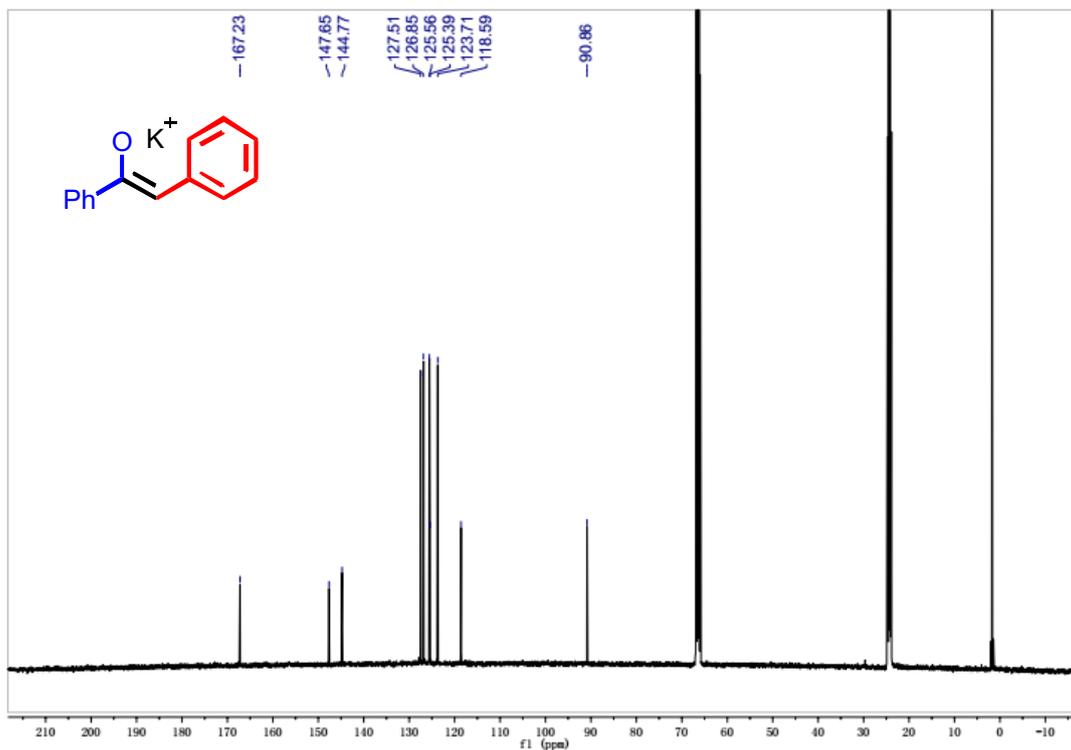


To an oven dried scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar under a nitrogen atmosphere in the glove box were added **5a** (19.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), anhydrous toluene (1 mL), dry tetrahydrofuran (0.3 mL) and $\text{KN(SiMe}_3)_2$ (59.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) at room temperature. The scintillation vial was sealed with cap and removed from the glove box. The reaction vessel was heated to 100 °C and stirred for 12 h. The scintillation vial was cool to room temperature and taken inside the glovebox. Removed the cap and the resulting mixture was passed through a short pad of wiping paper loaded inside a pipet, and collected the solution using 20 mL vial and removed the combined solvent with oil pump in glovebox. The crude material was redissolved by 0.5 mL dry D_8 -THF and the resulted mixture was transferred to the J-Young tube carefully with pipet. J-Young tube was removed outside the glovebox after sealing it tightly and transferred to take the NMR directly.

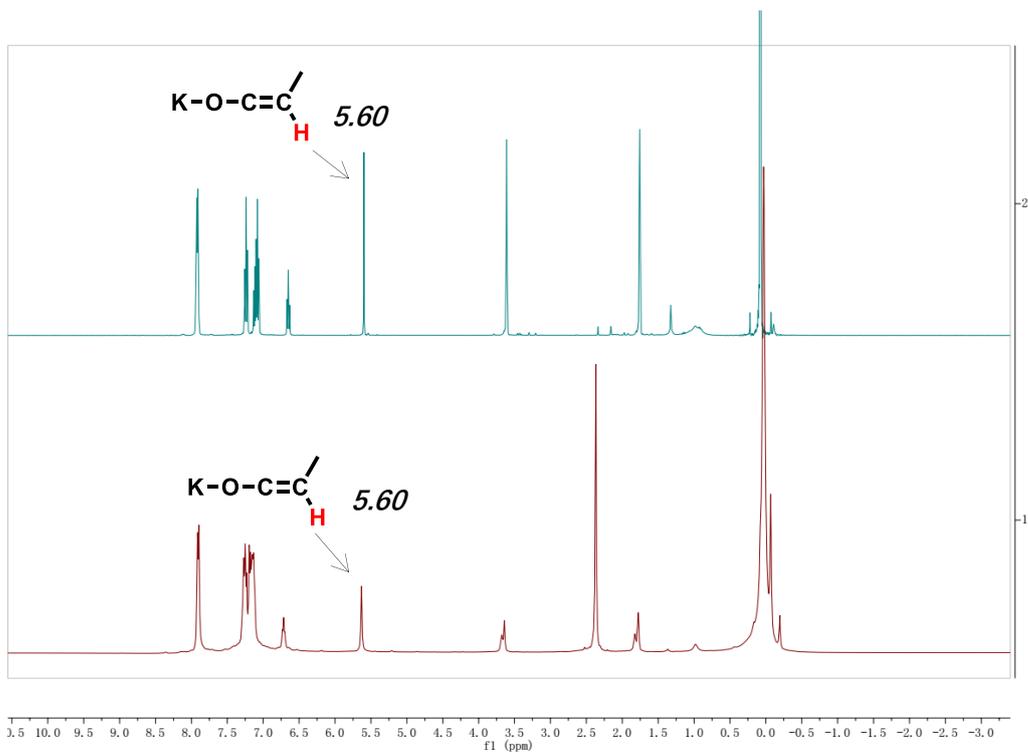
Supplementary Figure 1: $^1\text{H-NMR}$ deprotonated reaction in J-Young NMR tube.



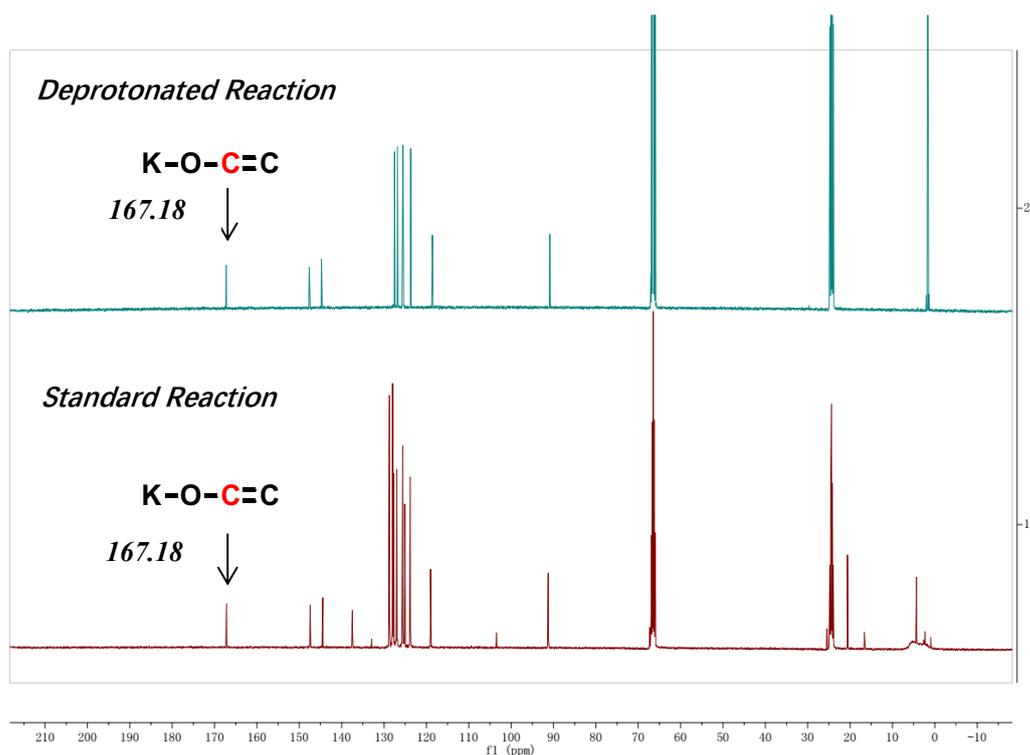
Supplementary Figure 2: $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ deprotonated reaction in J-Young NMR tube.



Supplementary Figure 3: ^1H -NMR comparisons of deprotonated and standard reactions in J-Young tube.



Supplementary Figure 4: ^{13}C -NMR comparisons of deprotonated and standard reactions in J-Young tube.



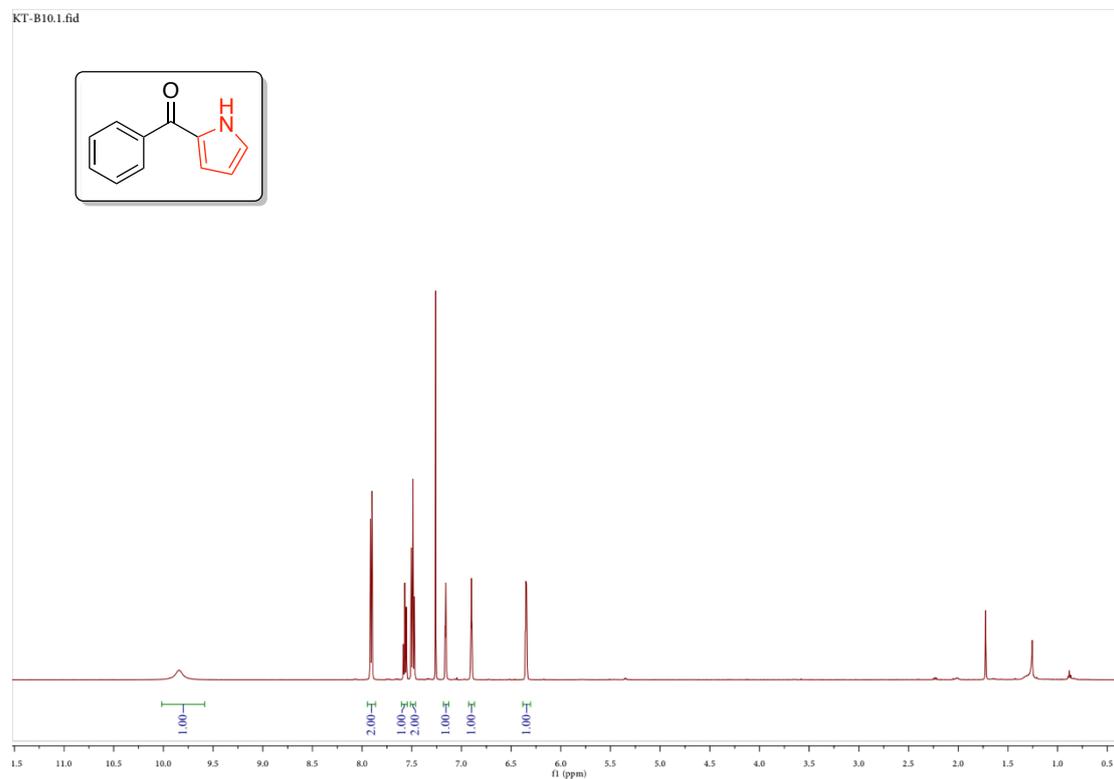
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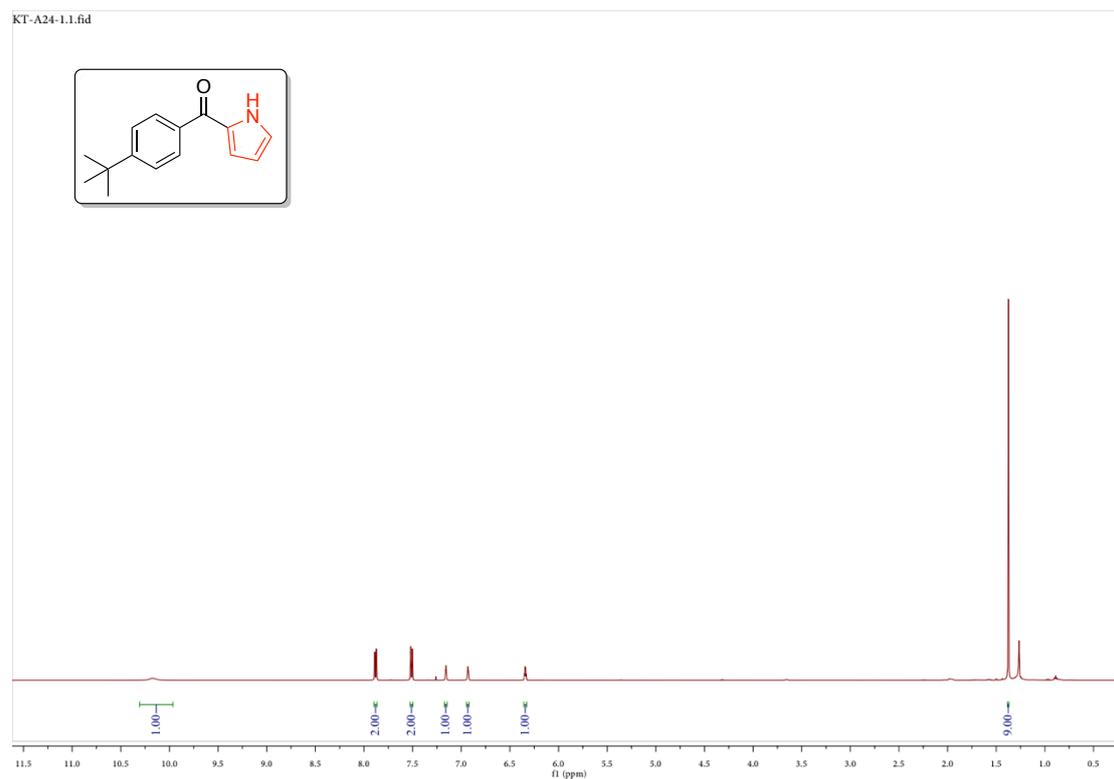
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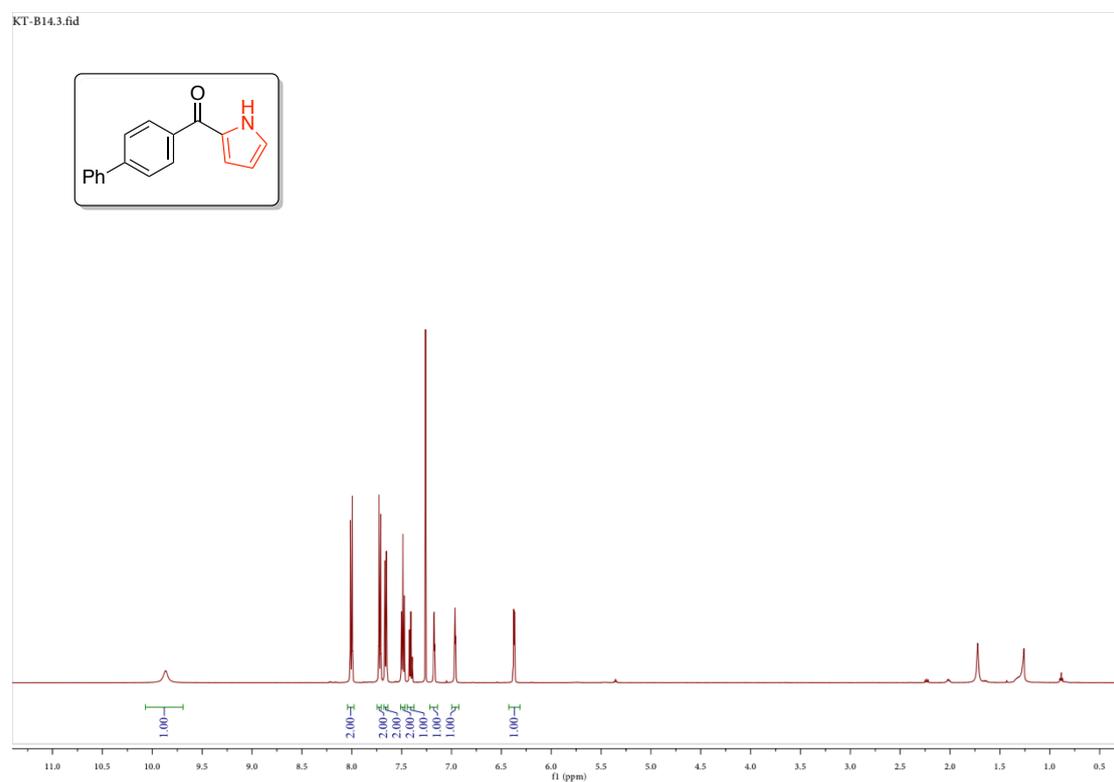
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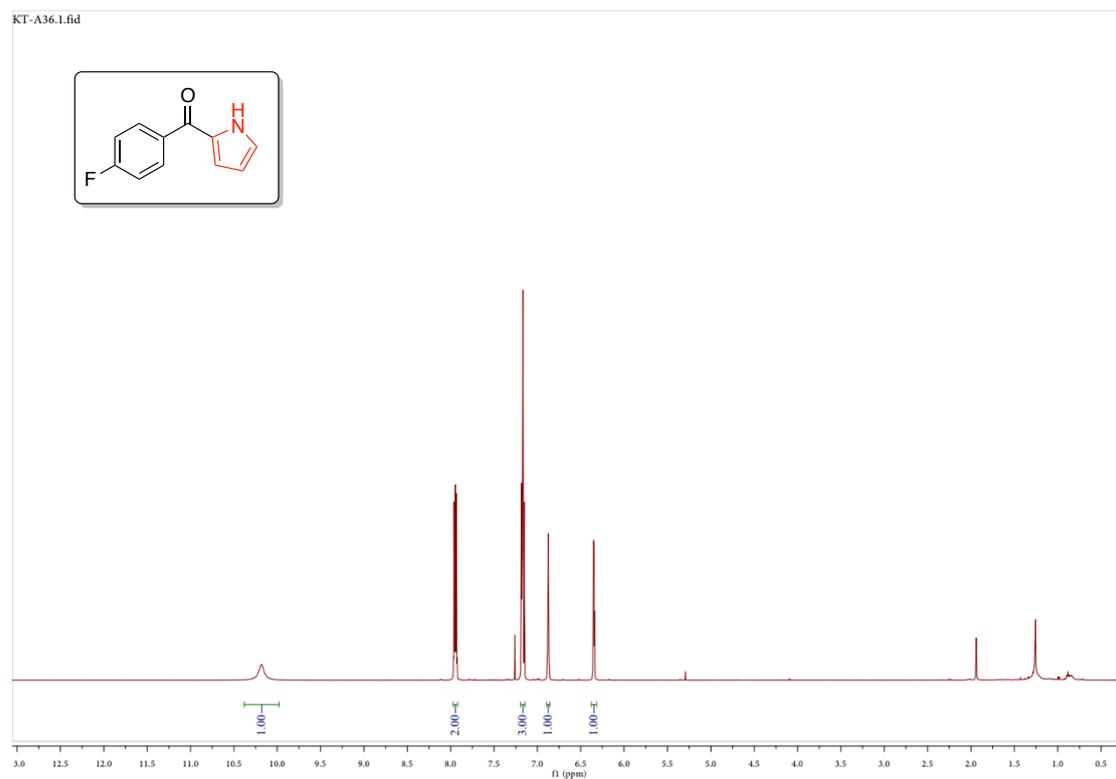
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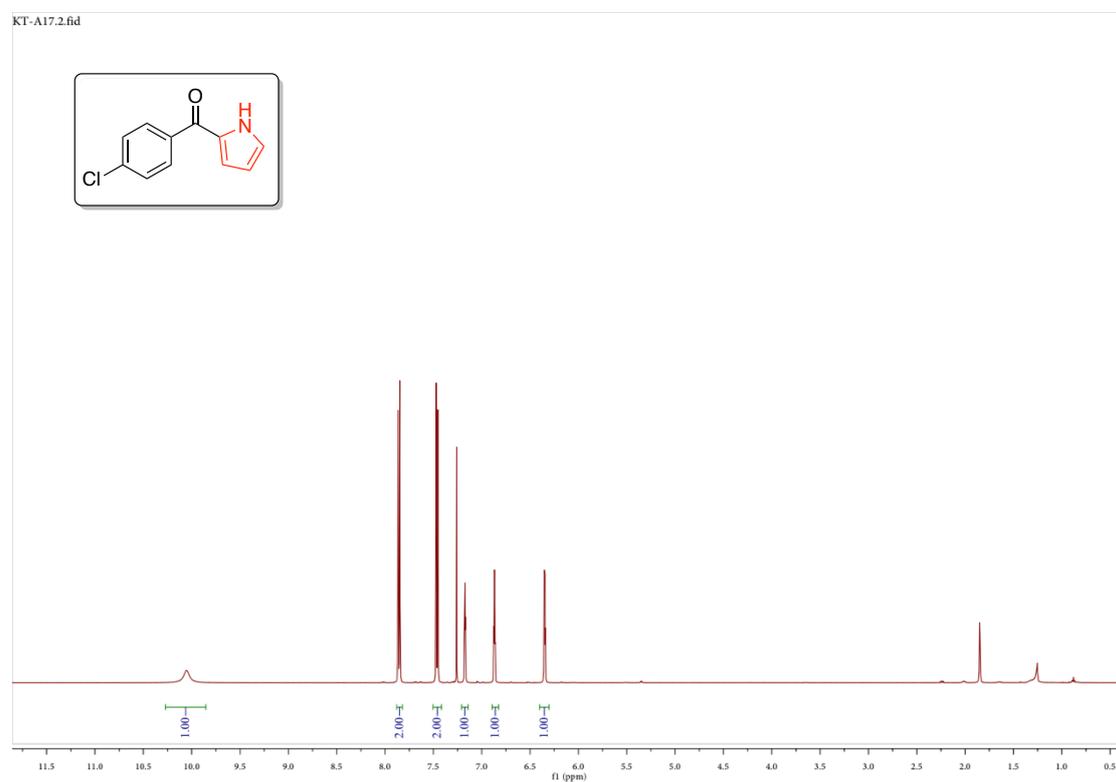
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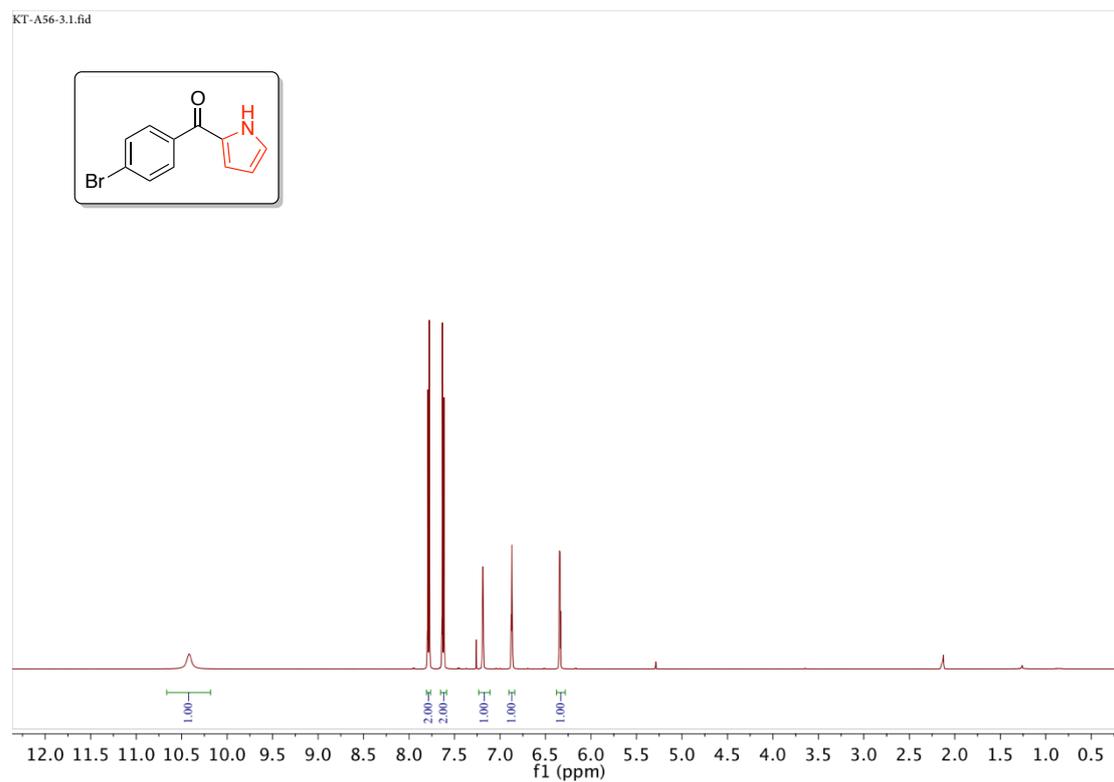
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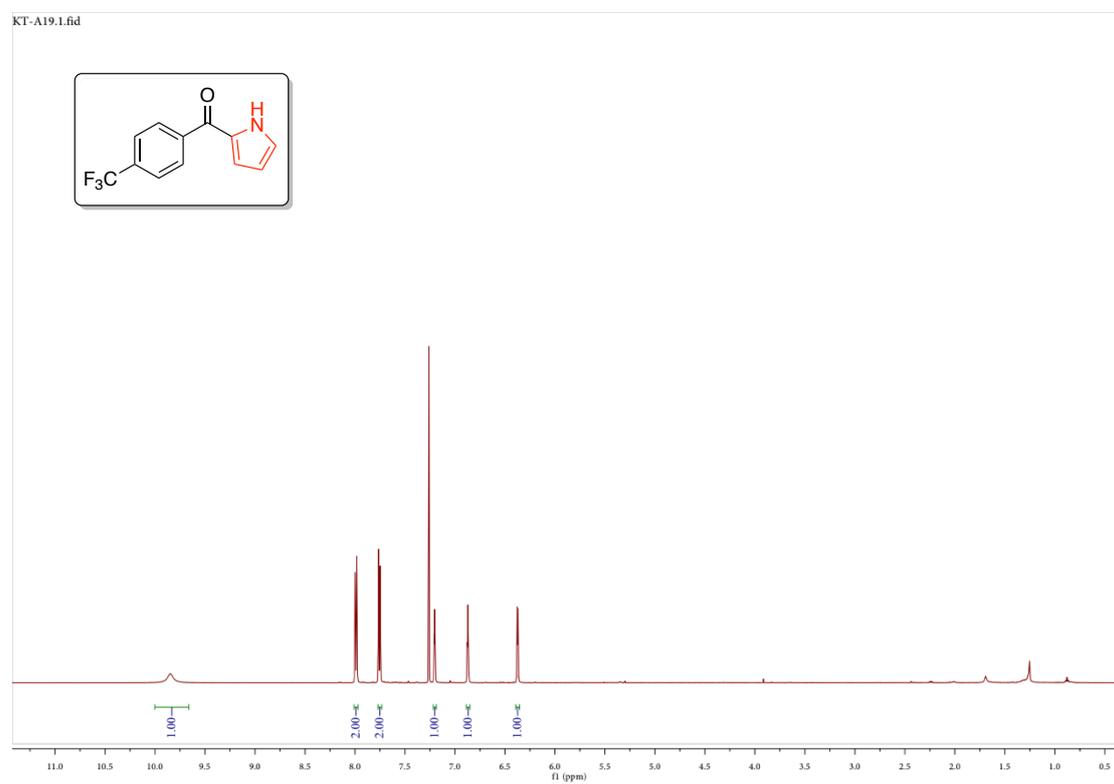
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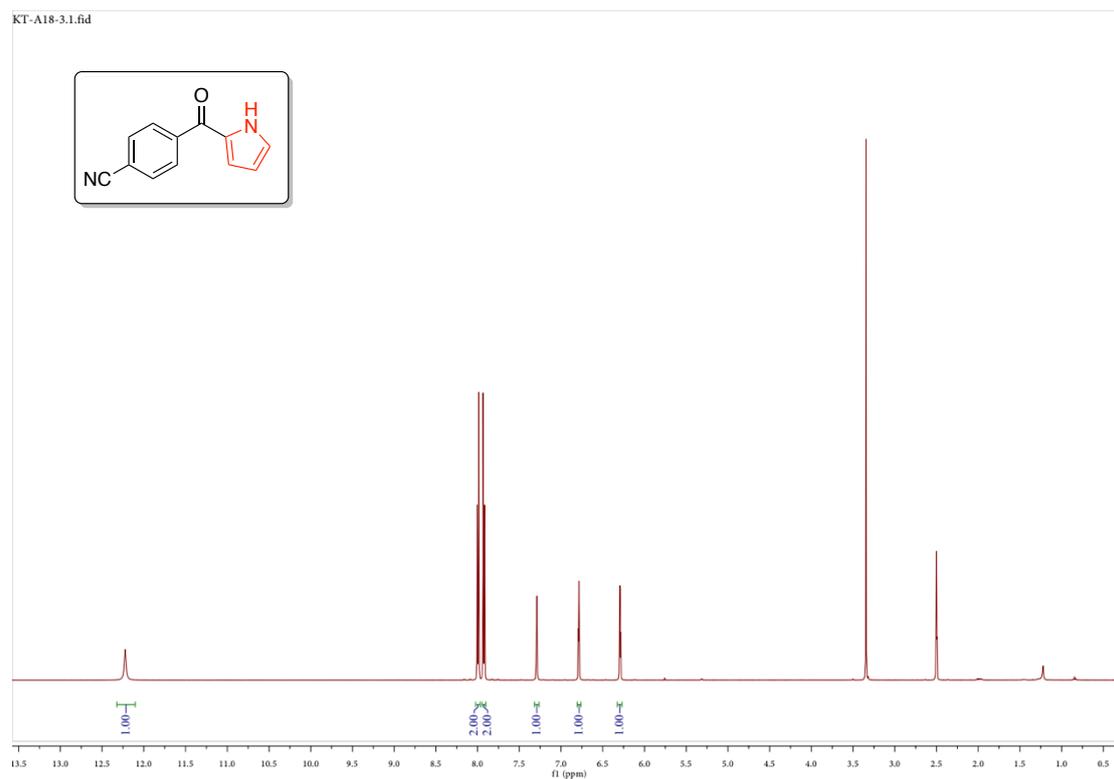
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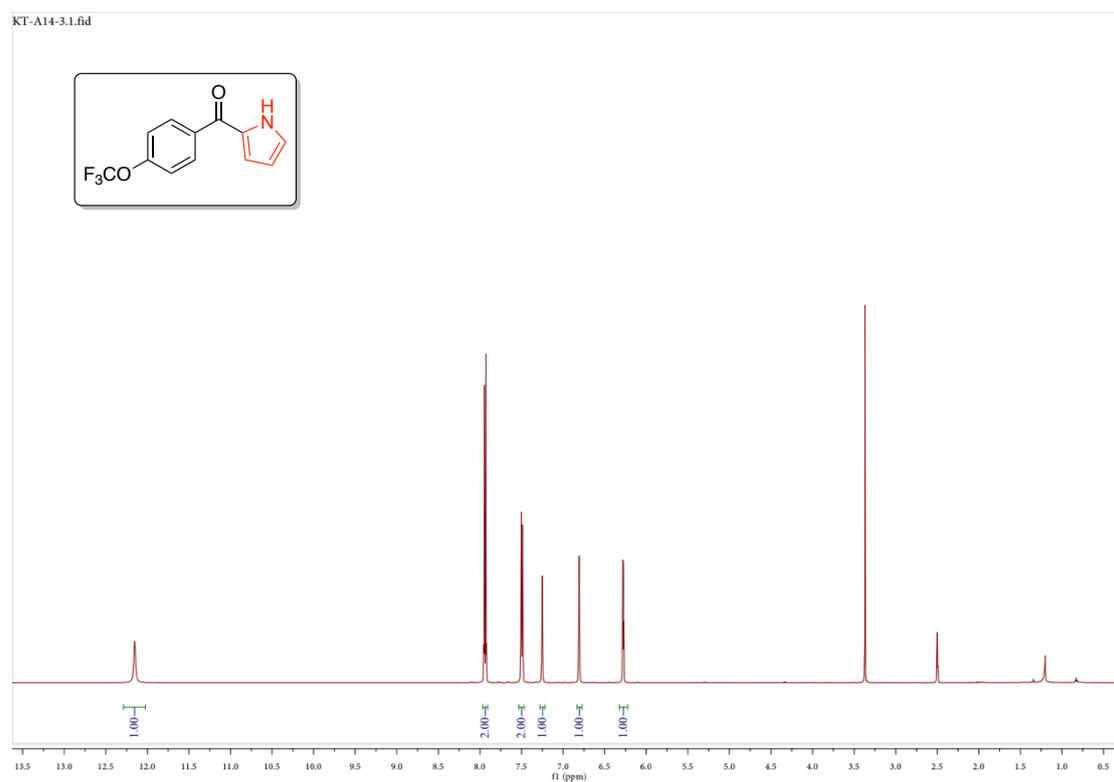
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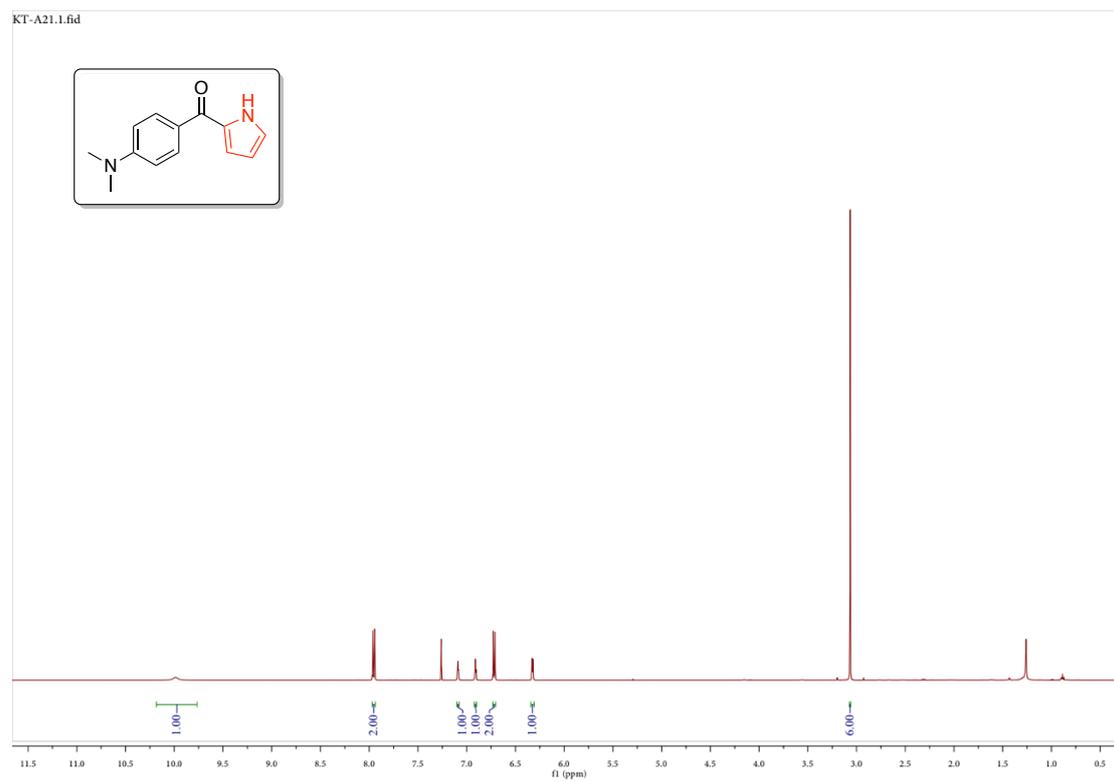
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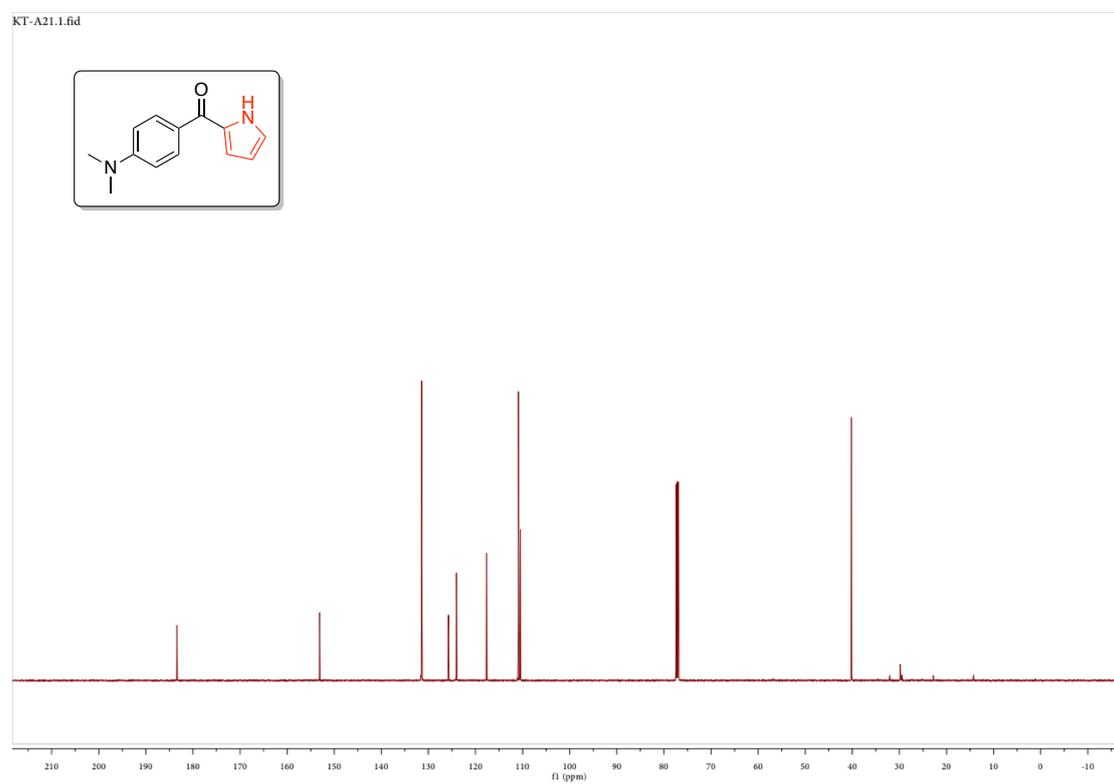
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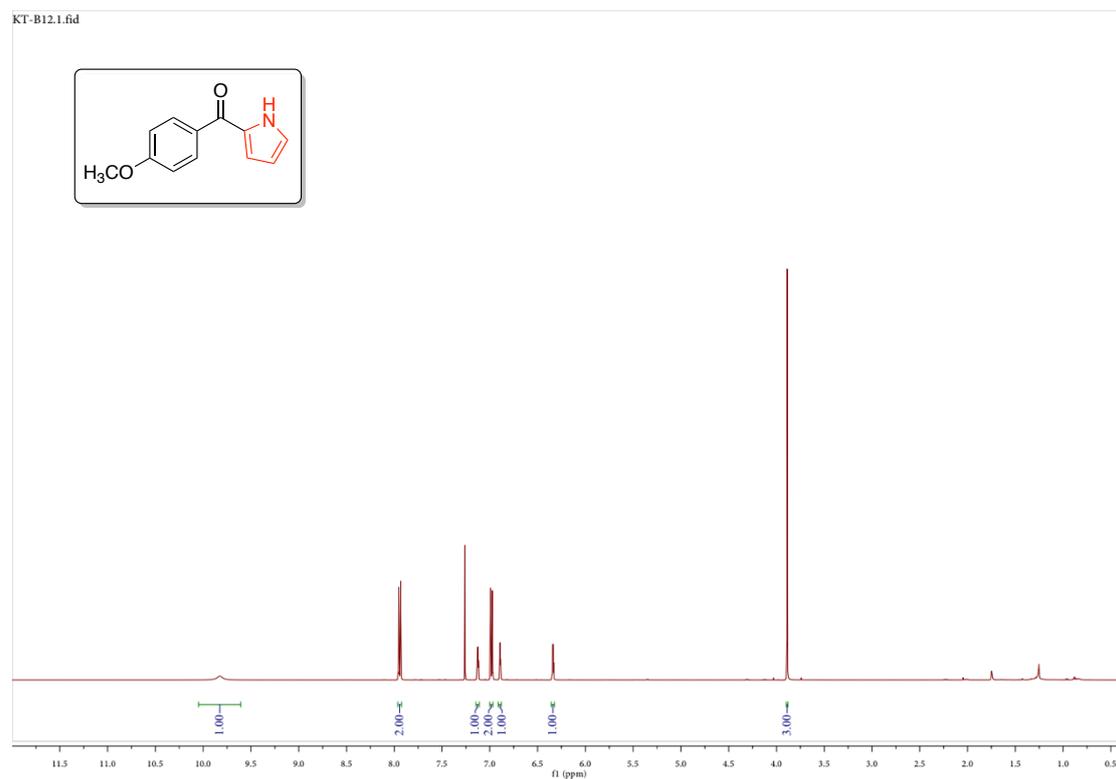
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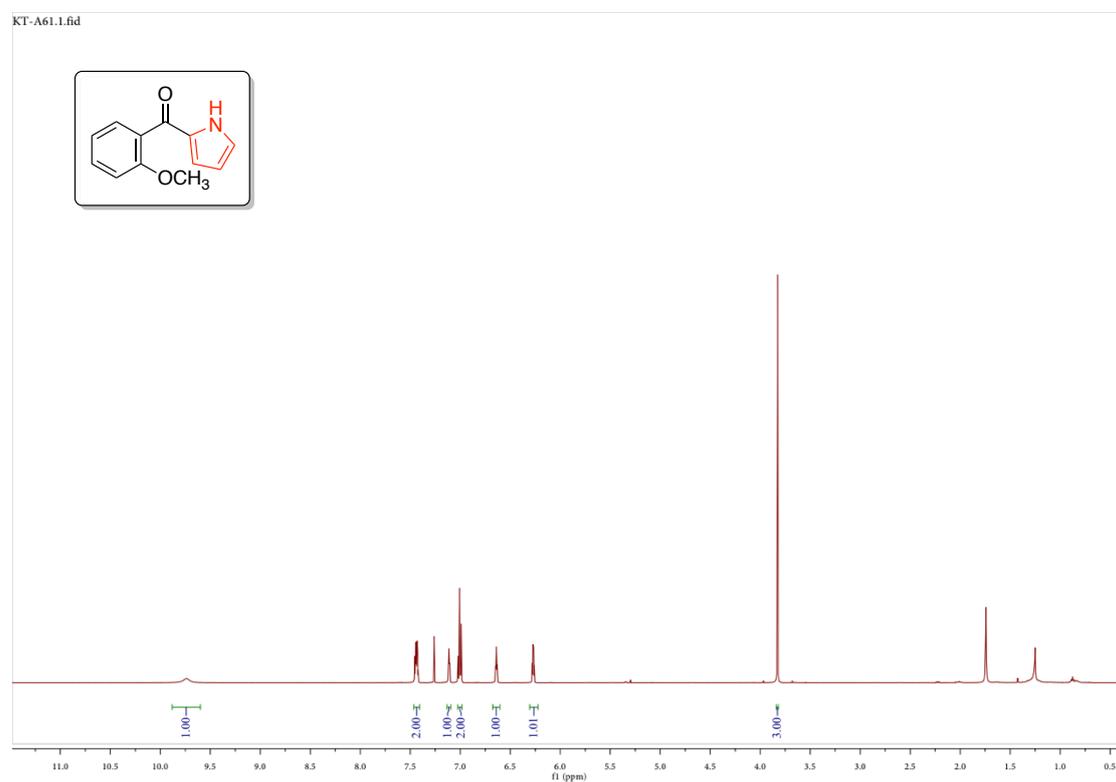
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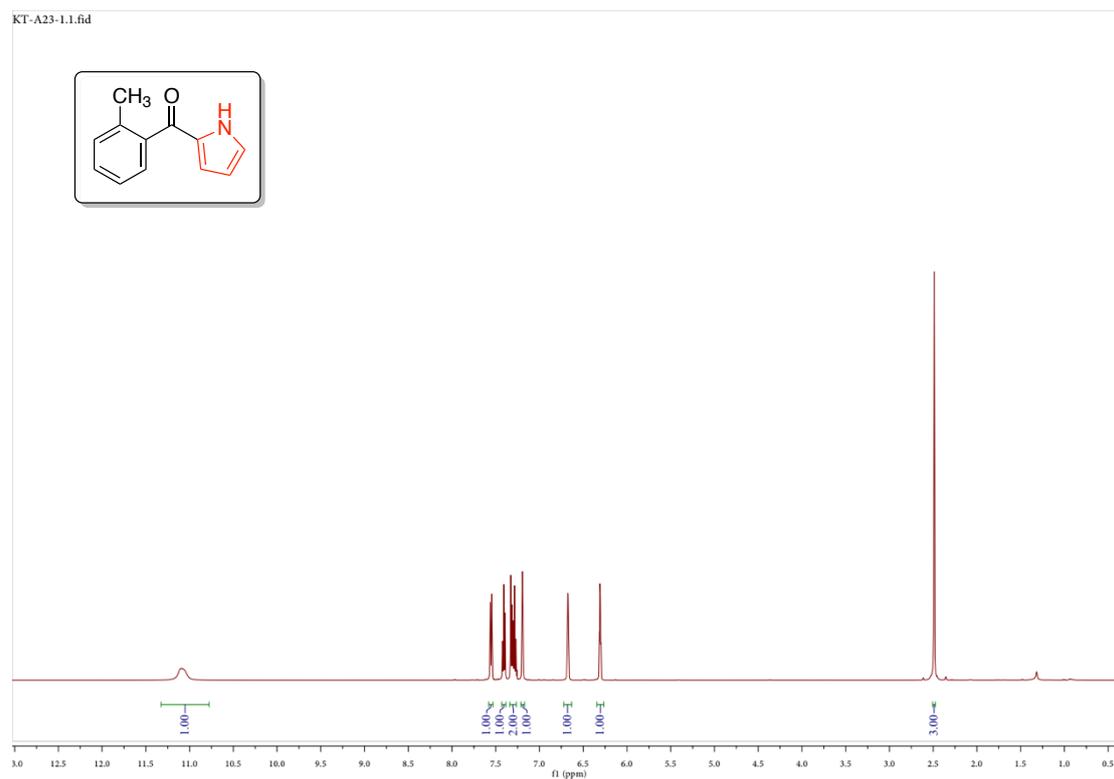
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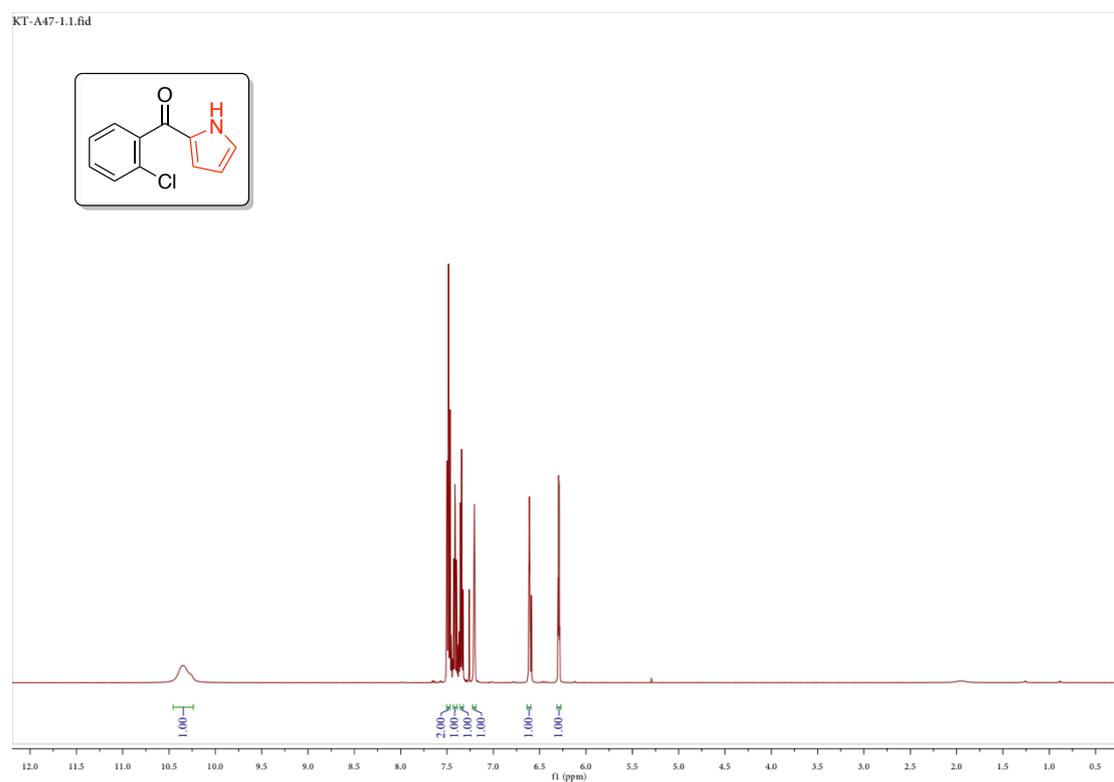
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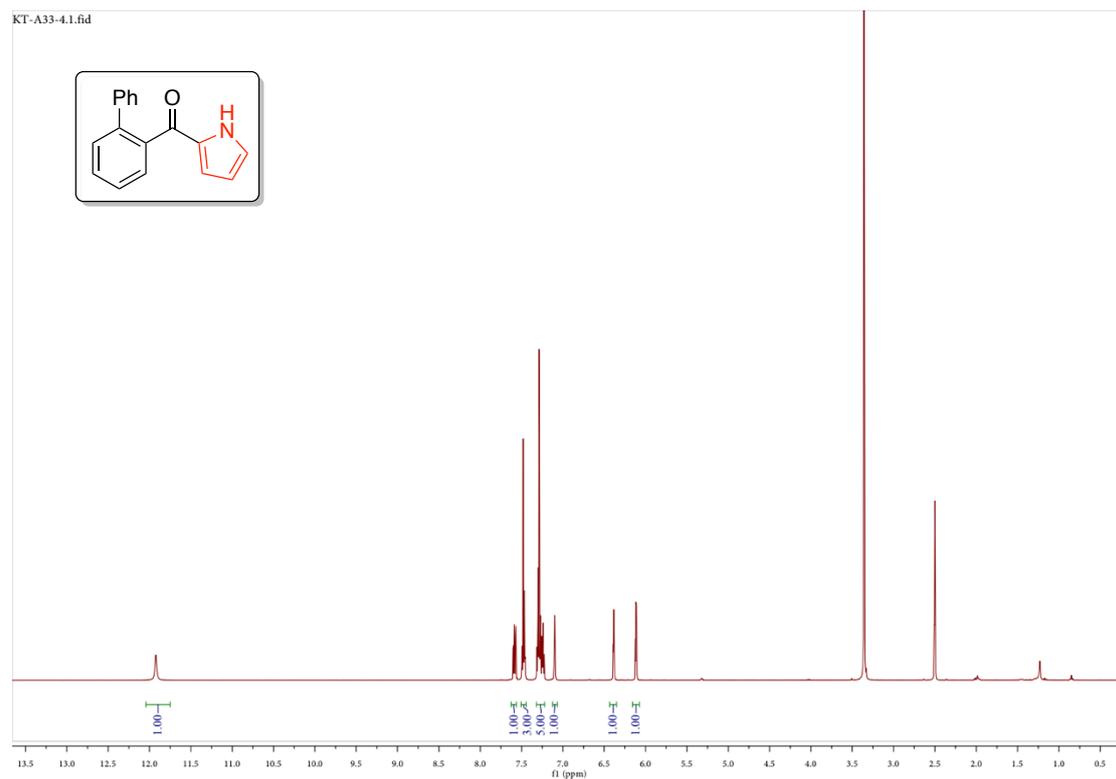
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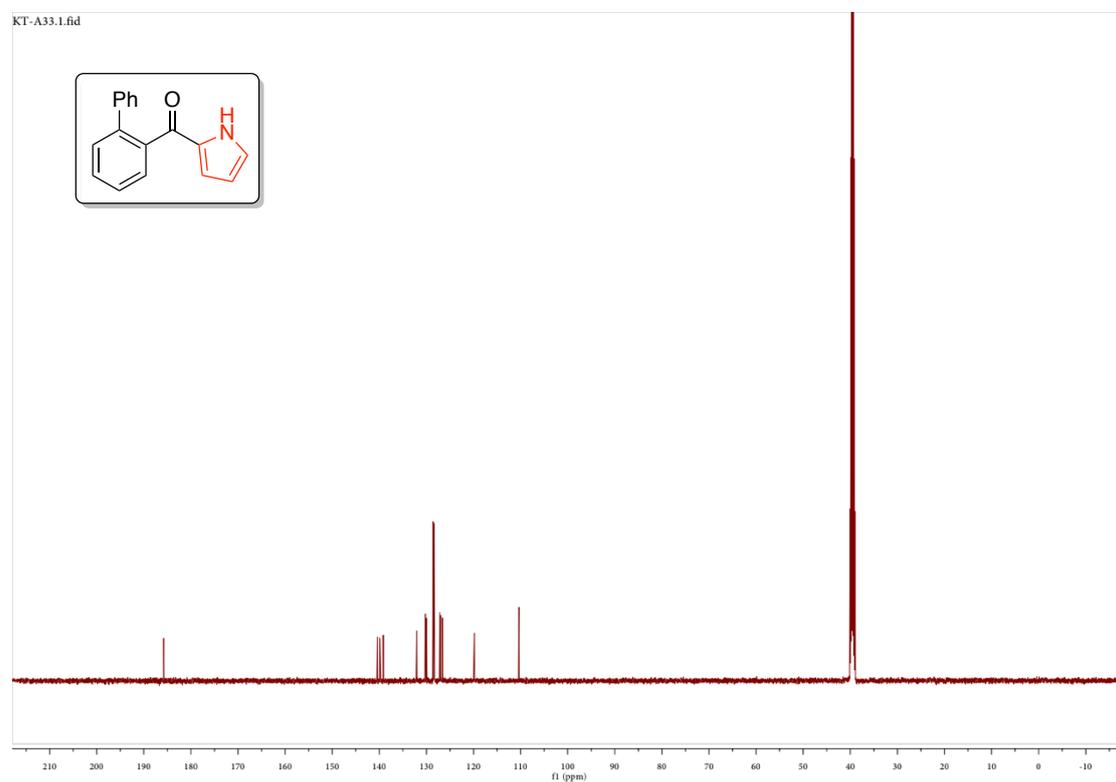
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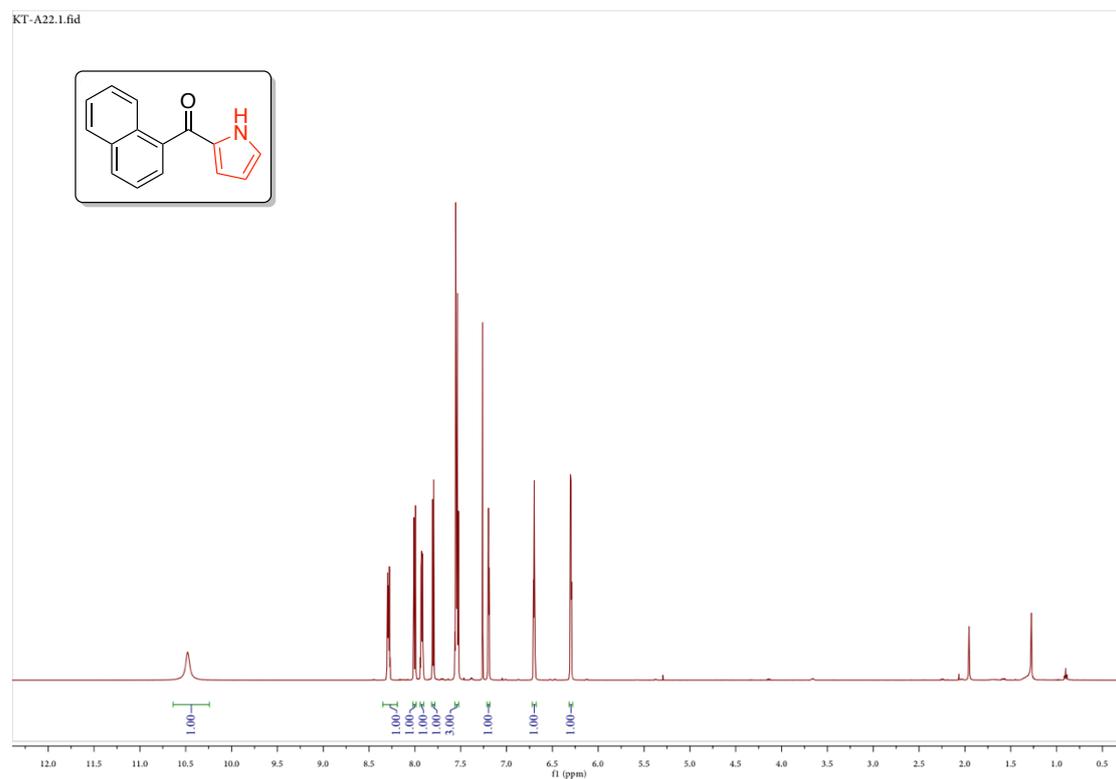
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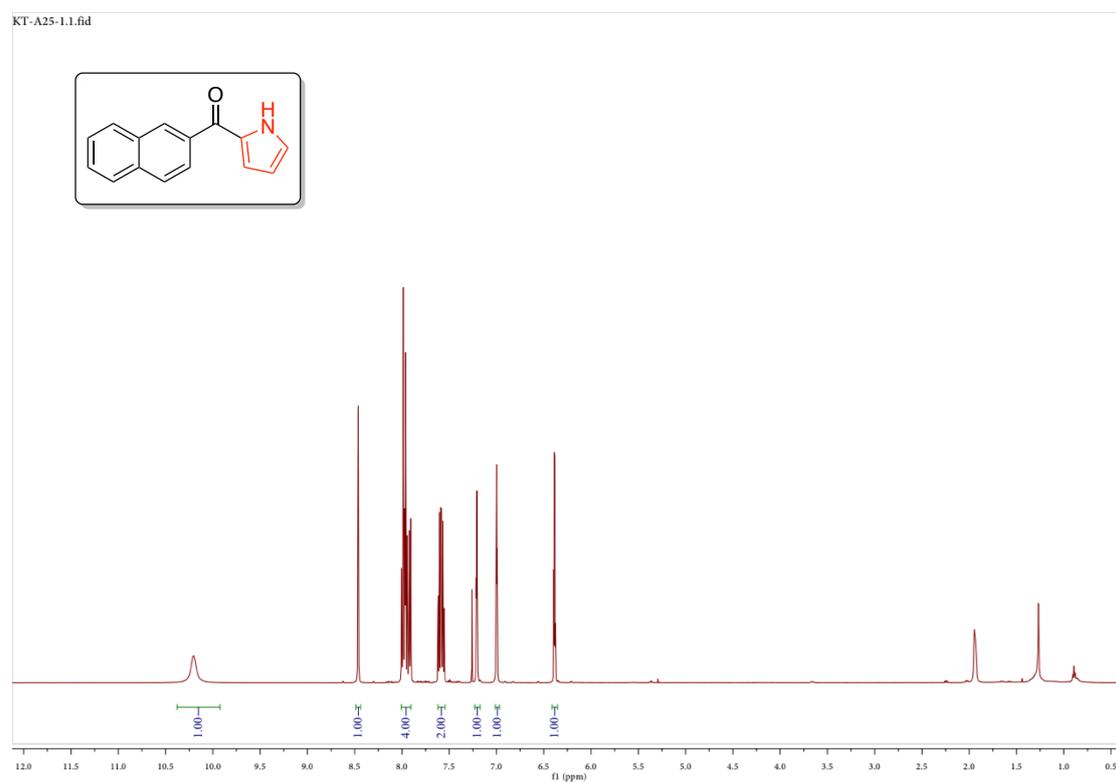
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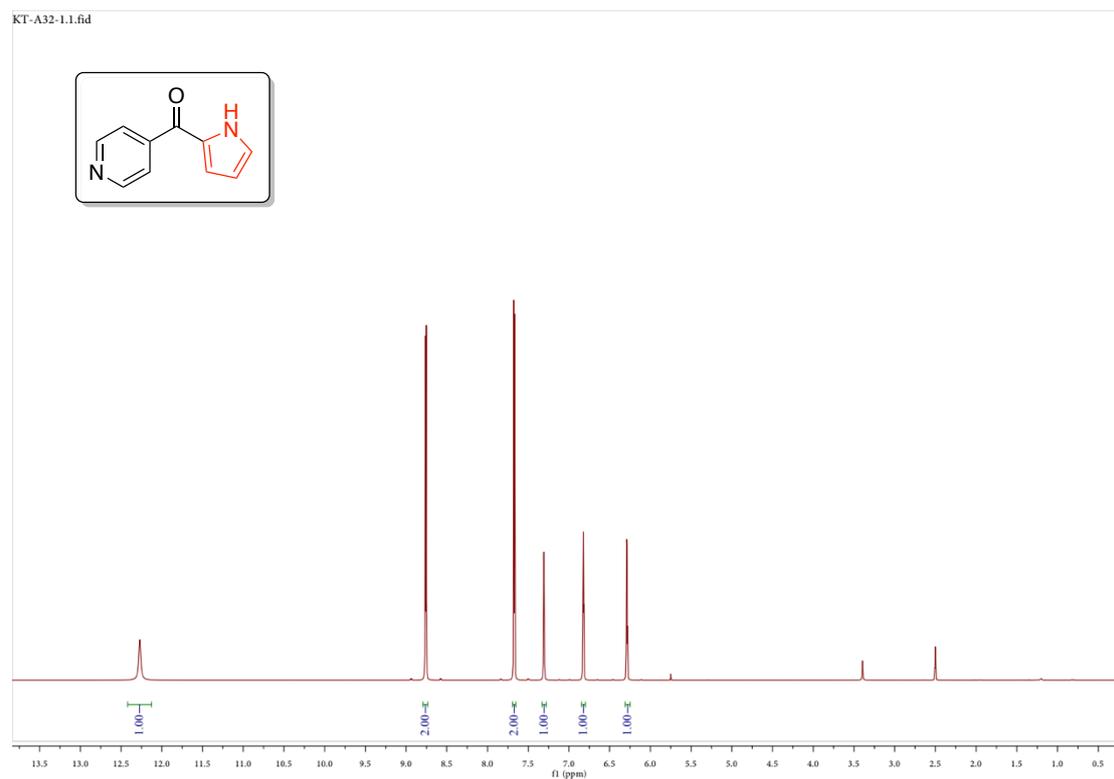
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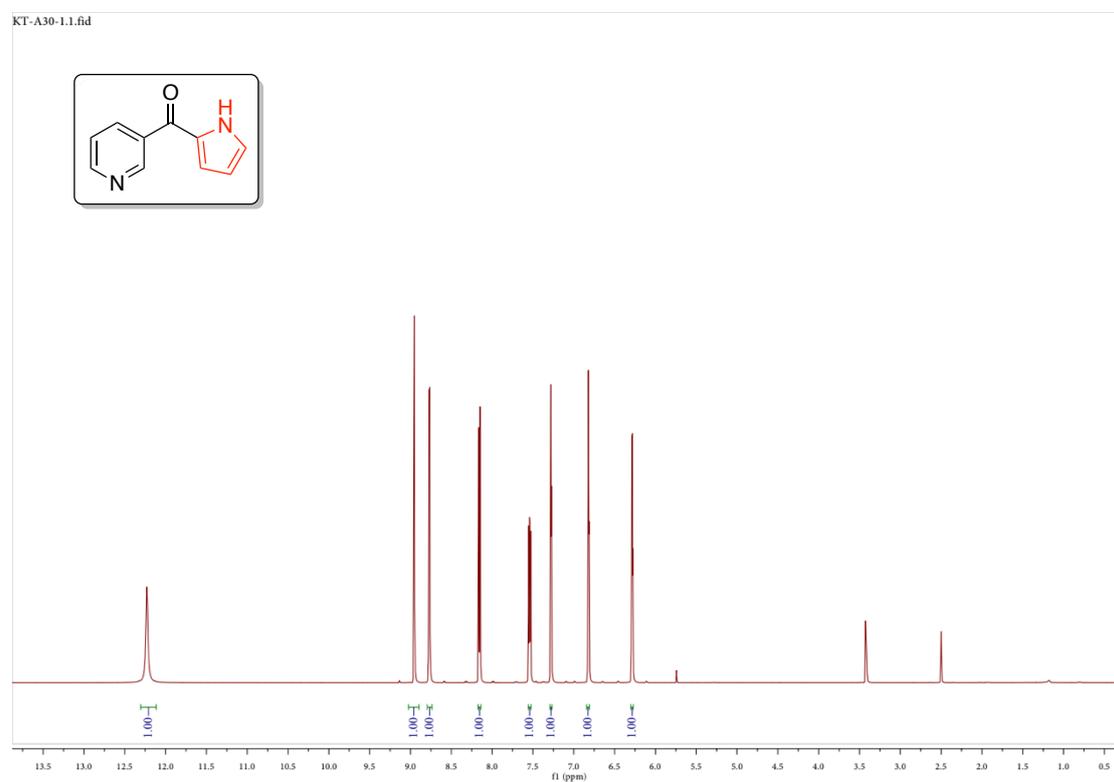
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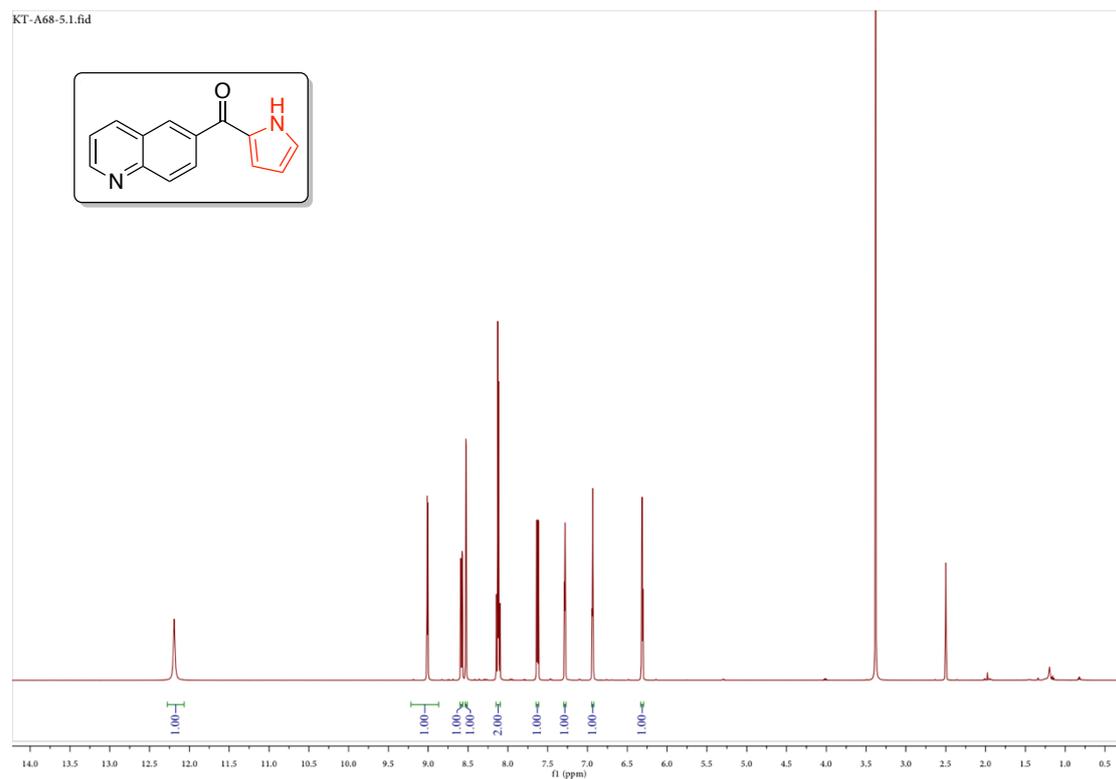
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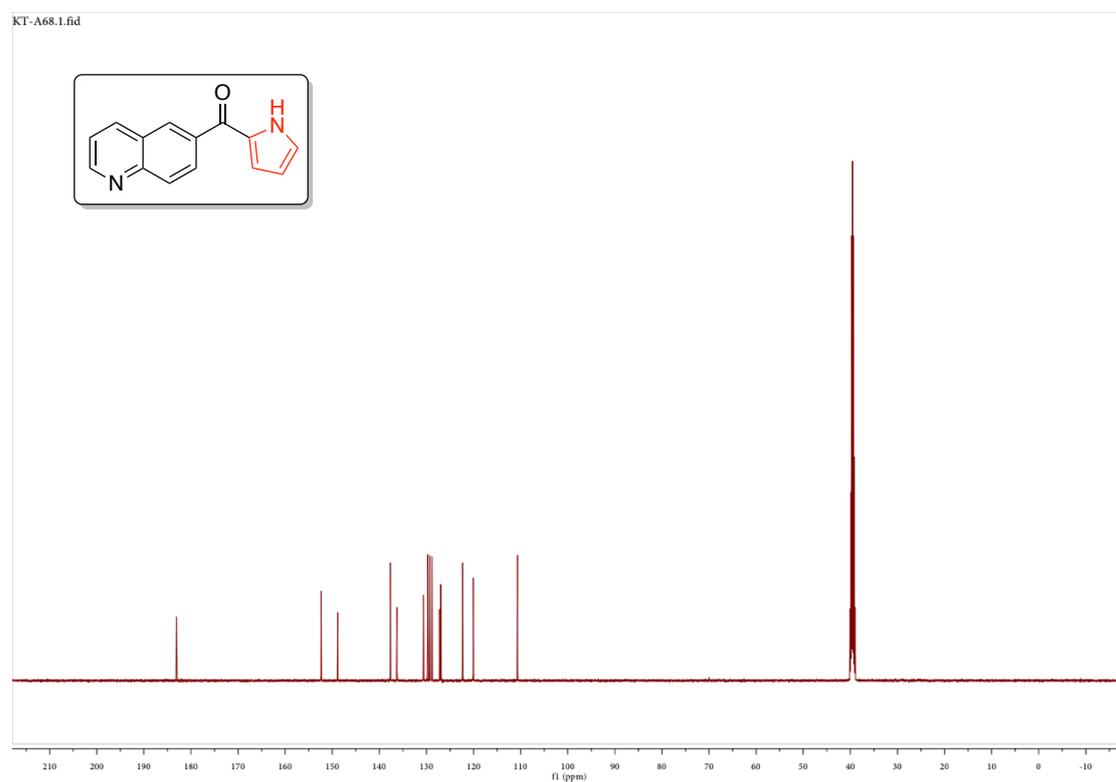
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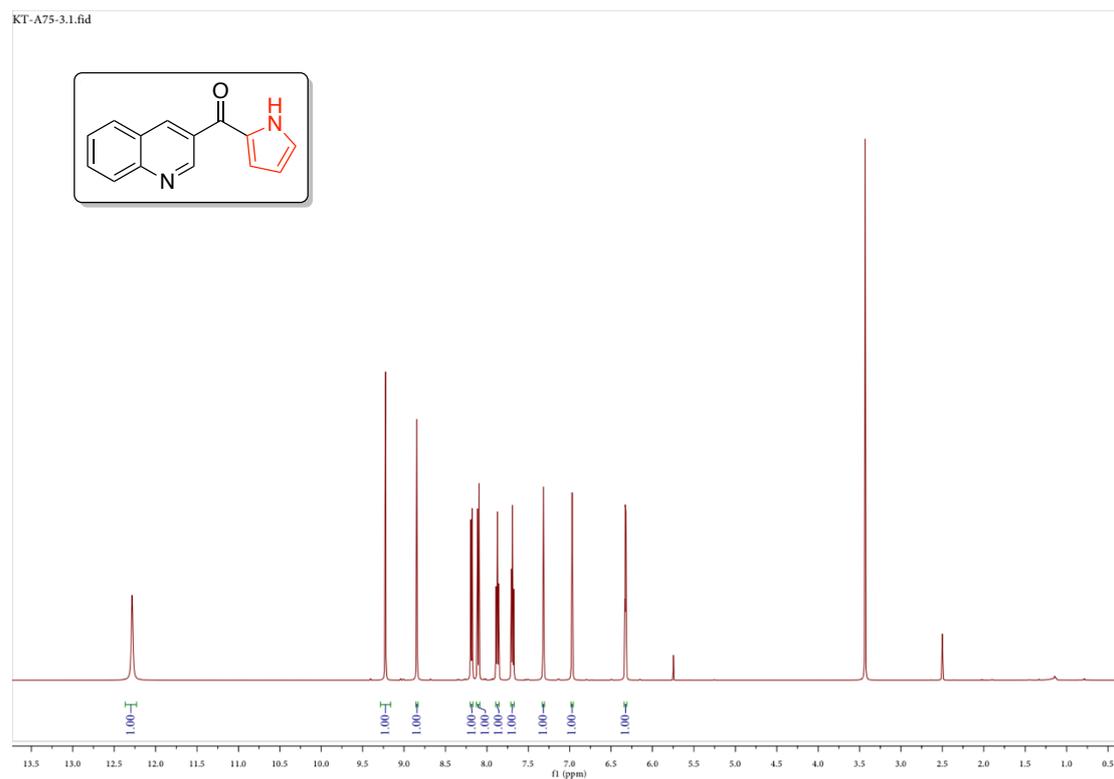
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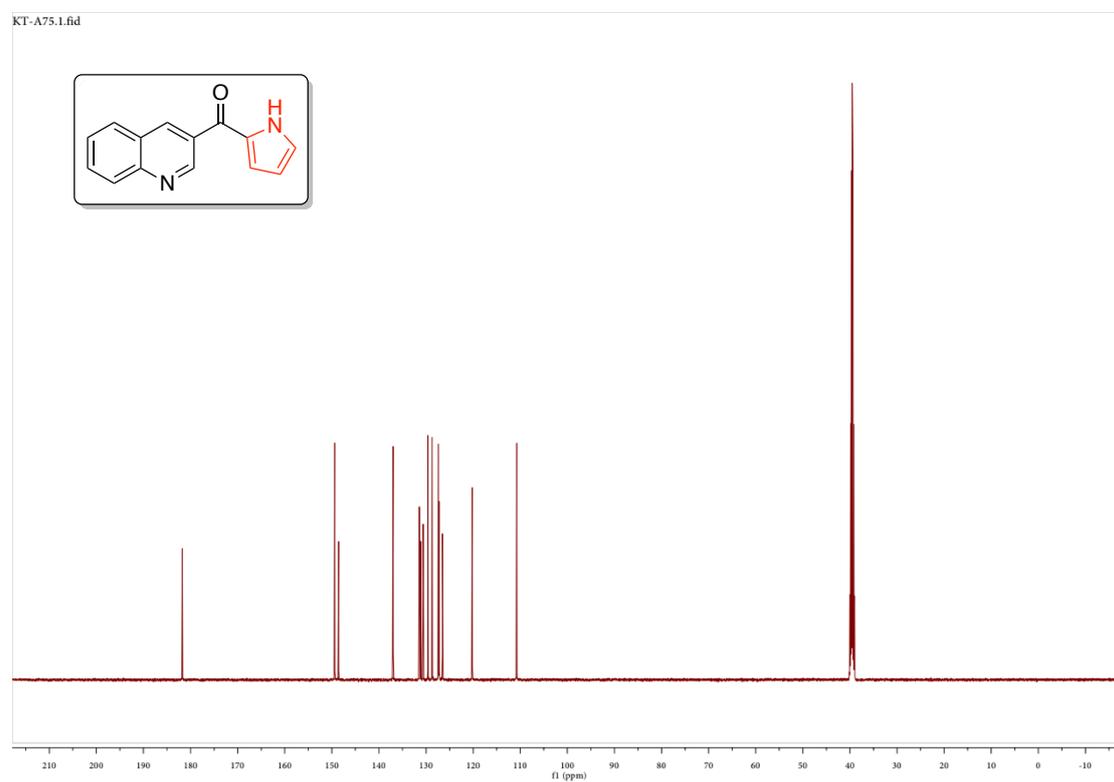
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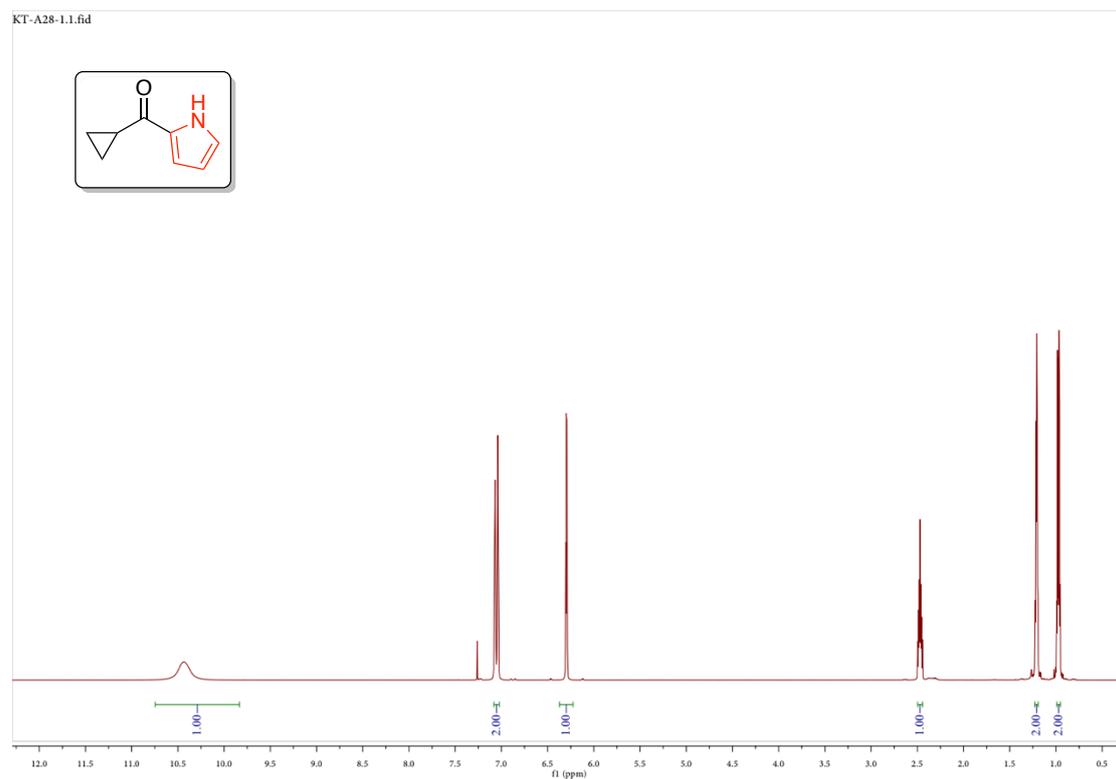
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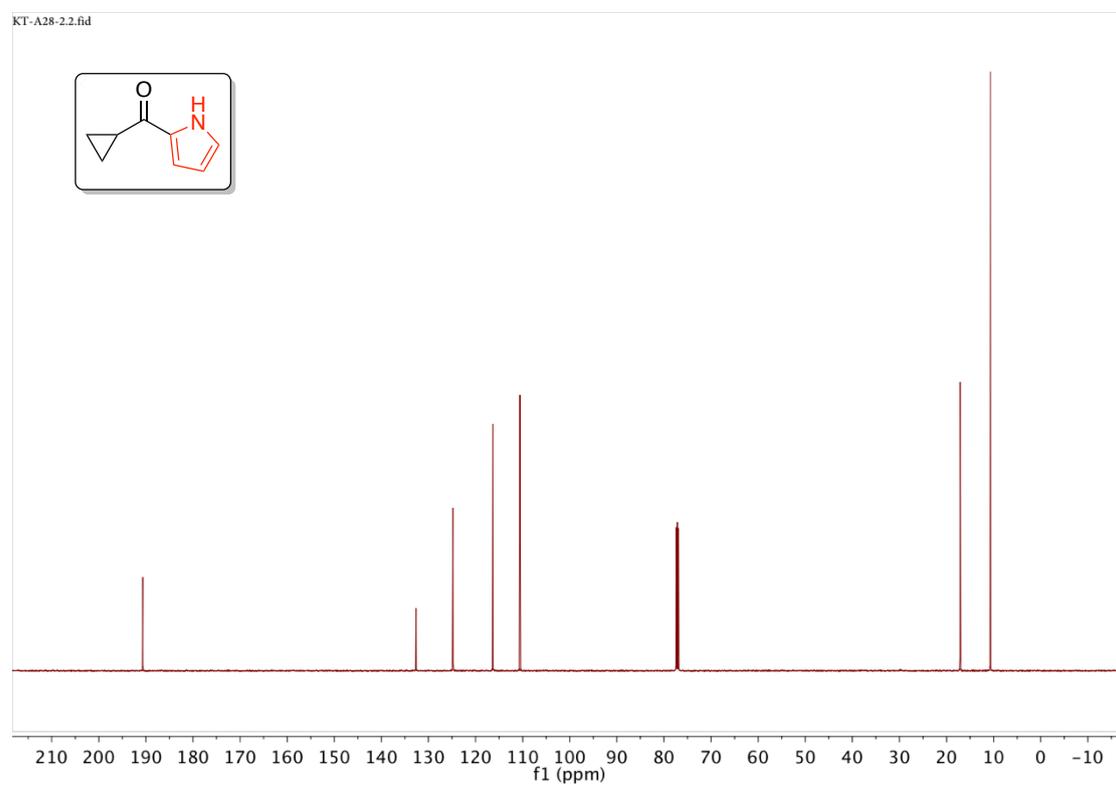
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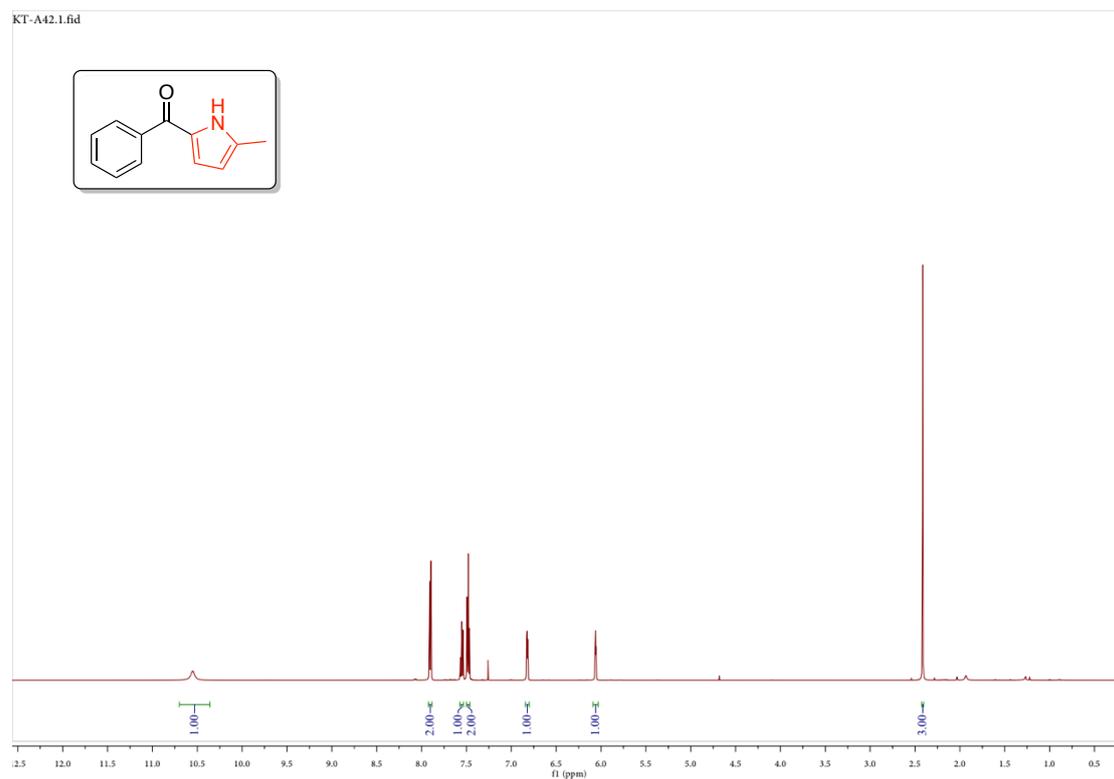
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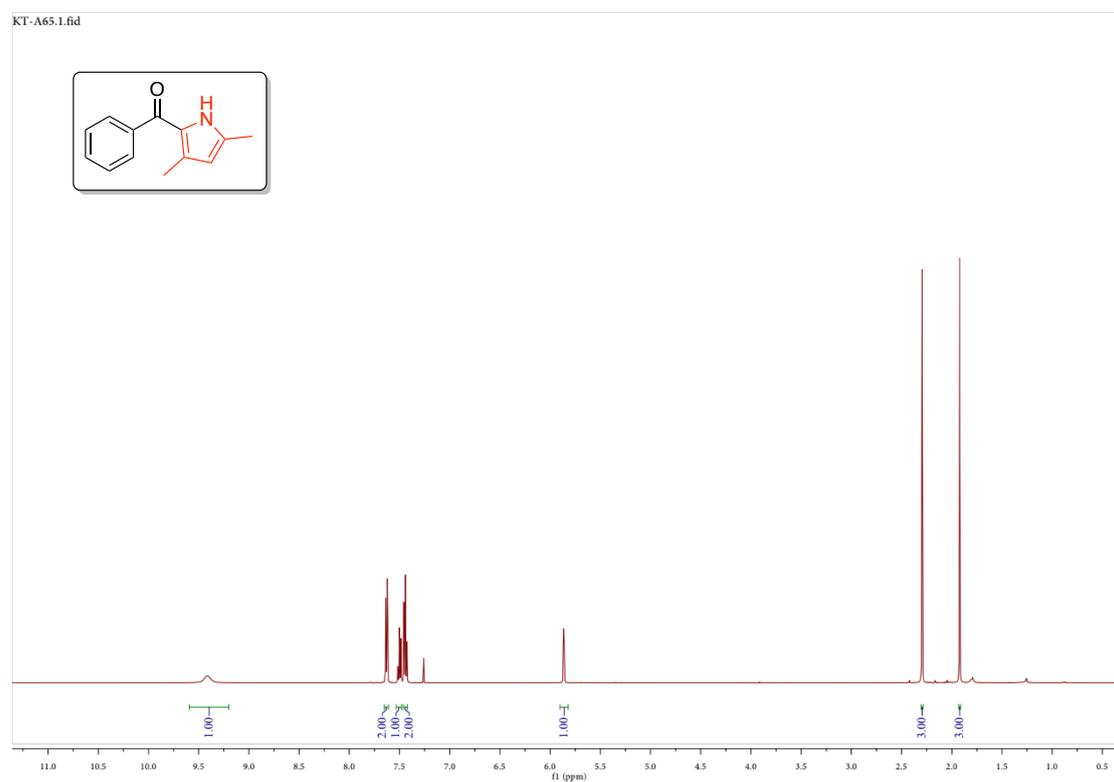
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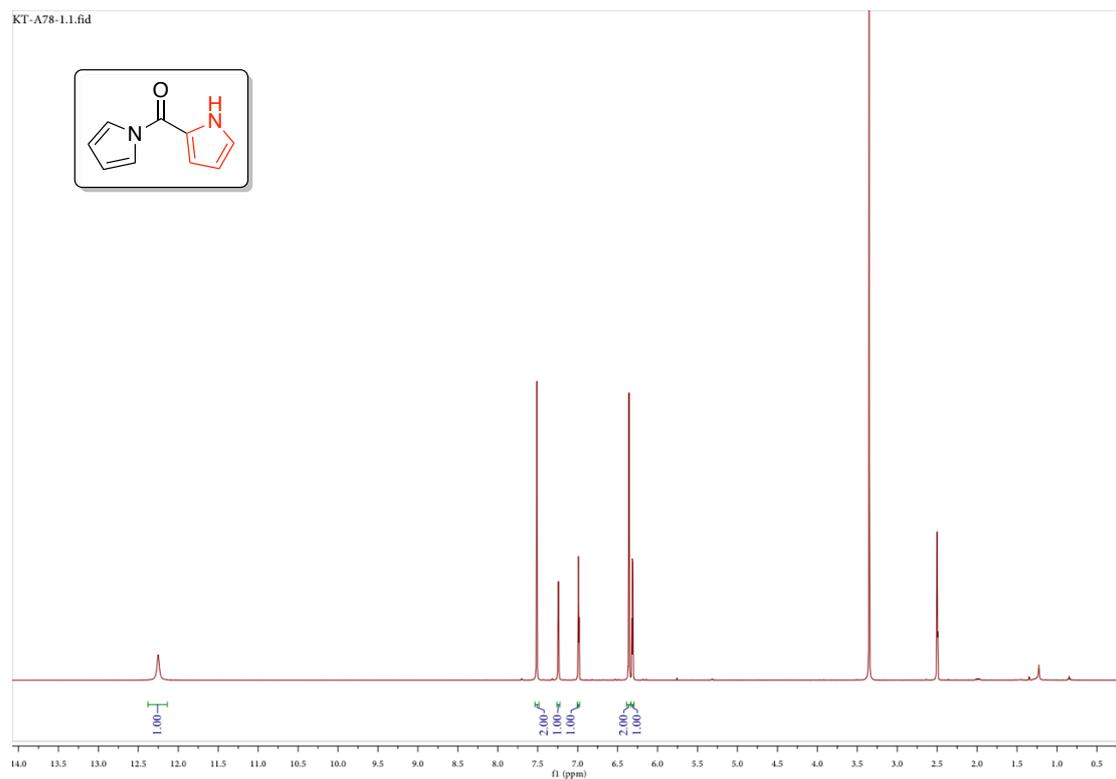
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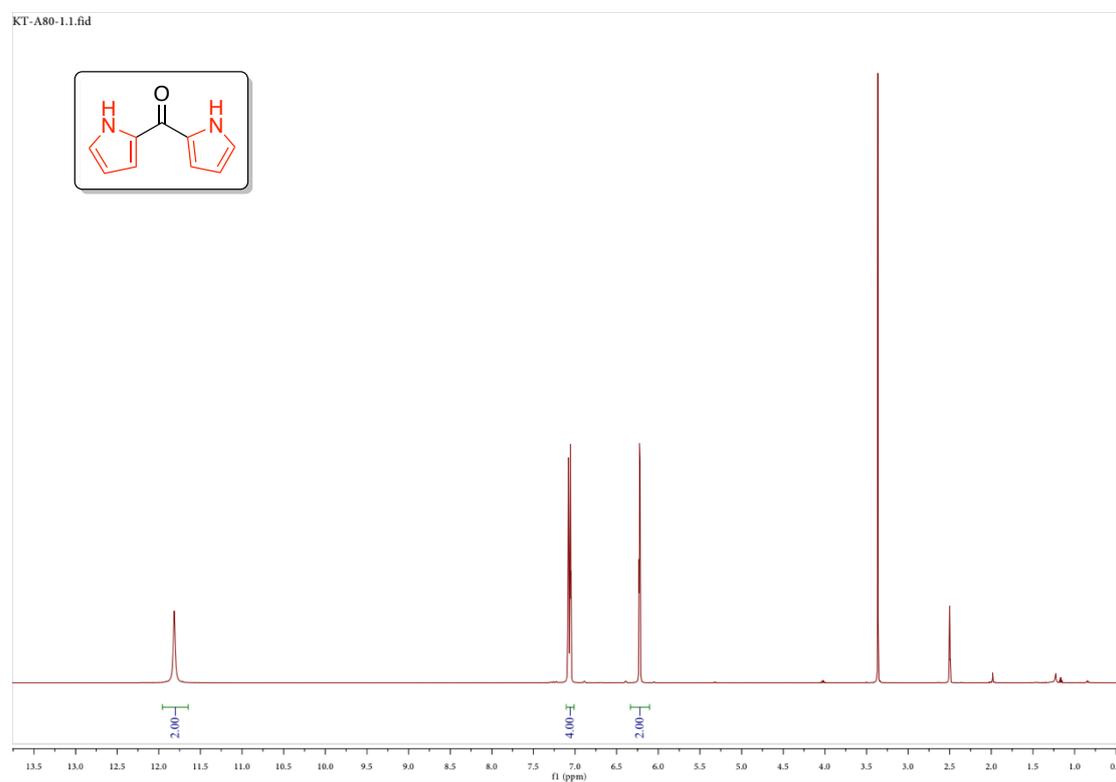
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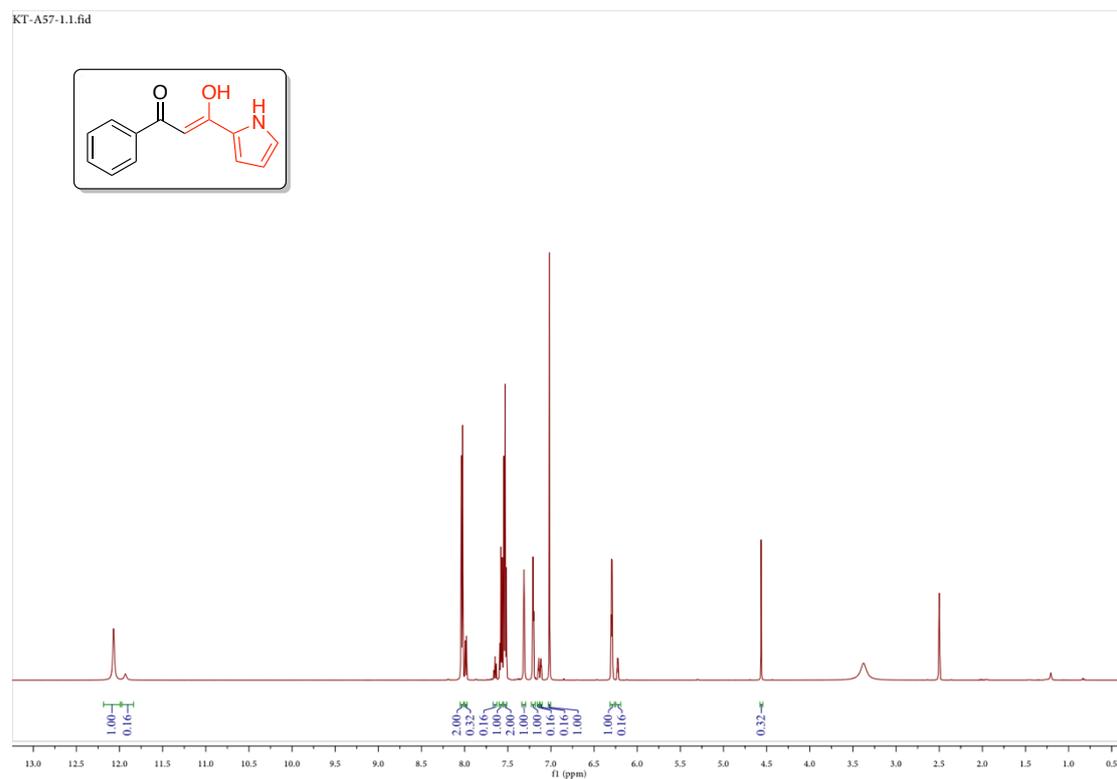
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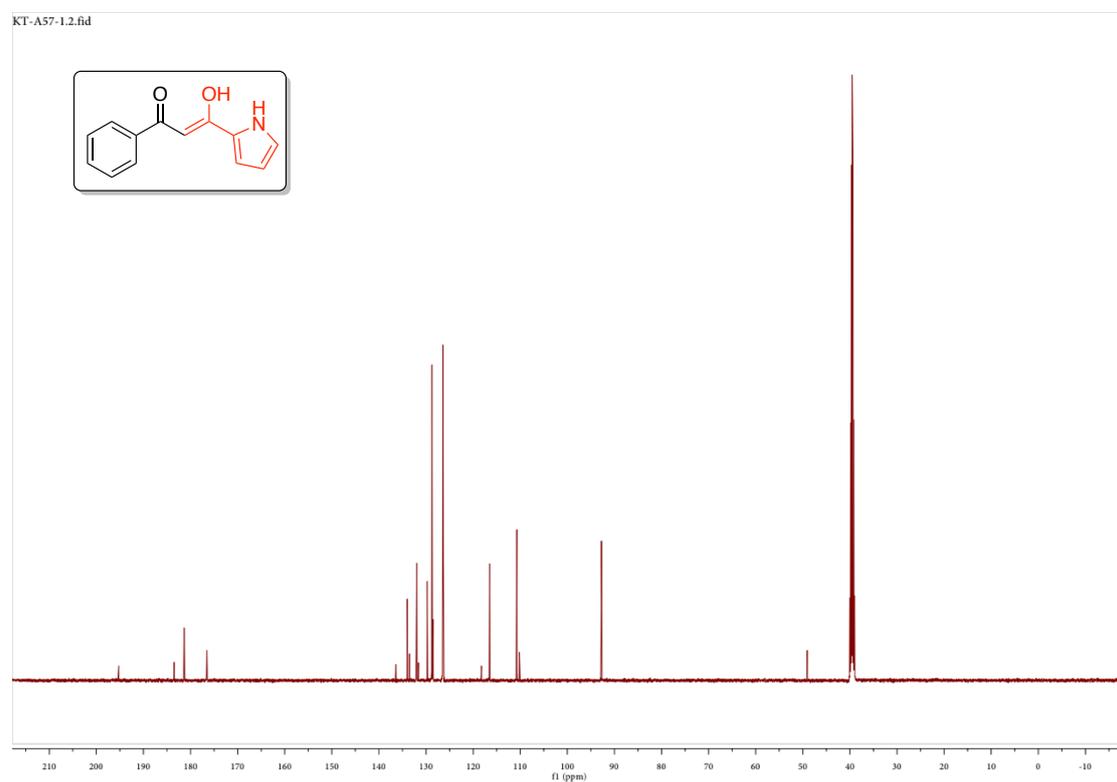
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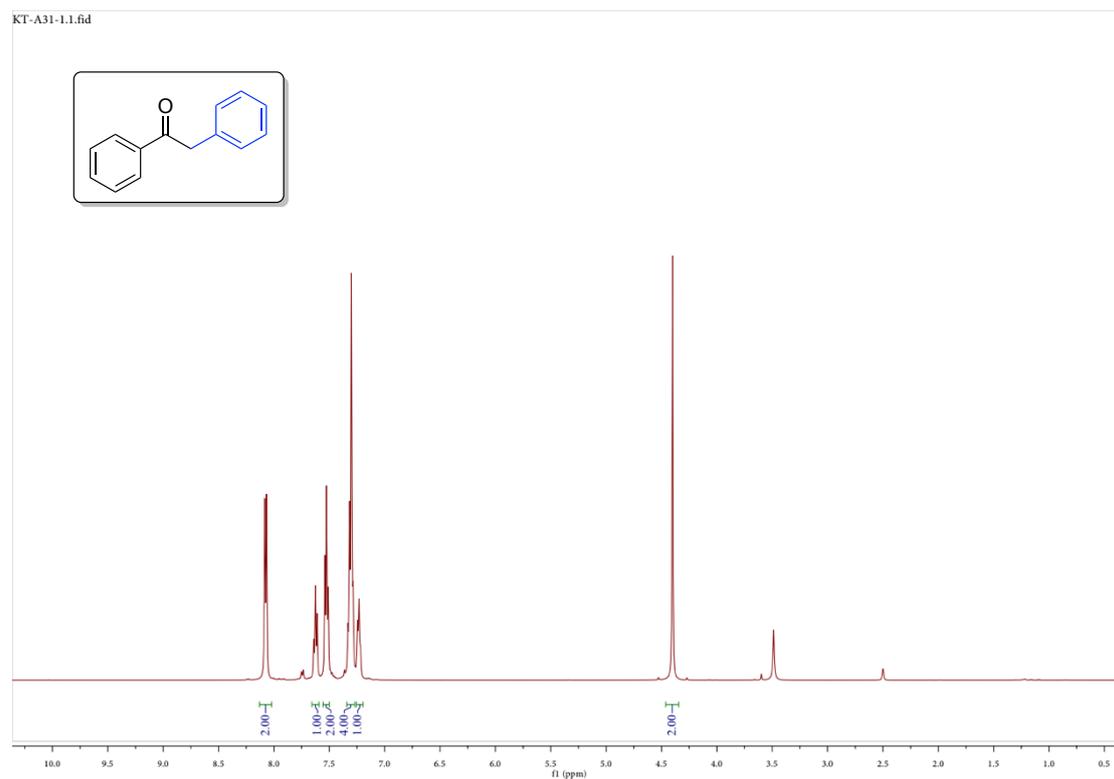
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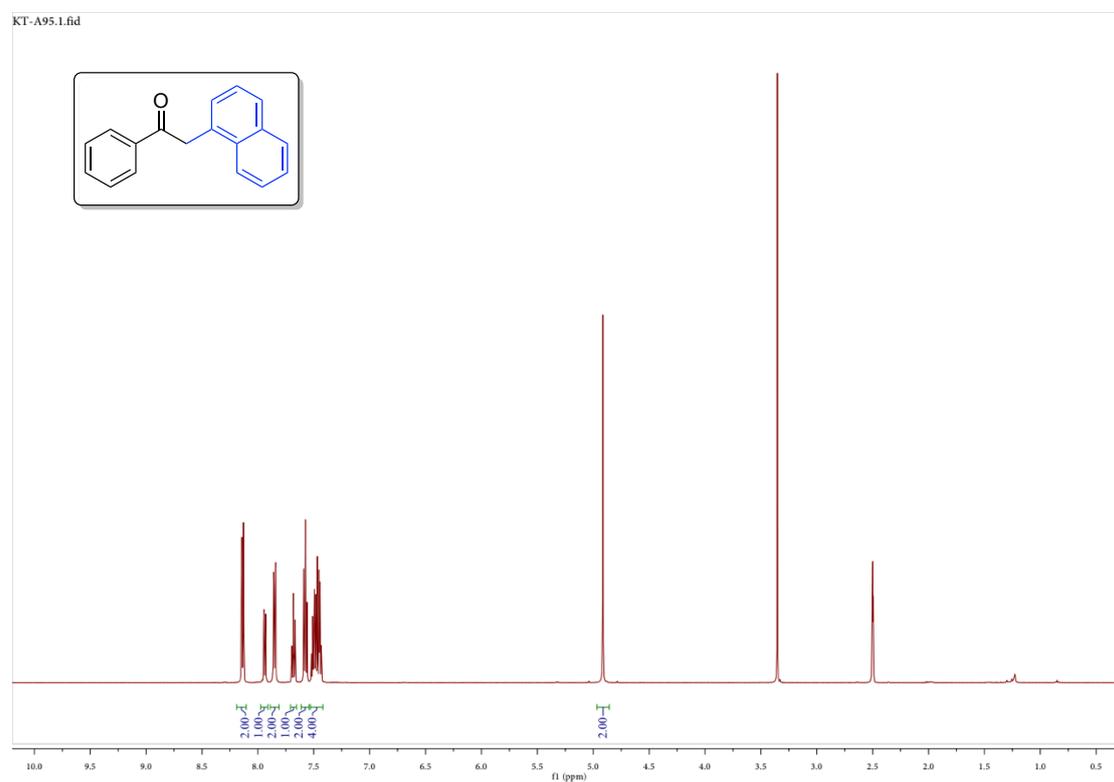
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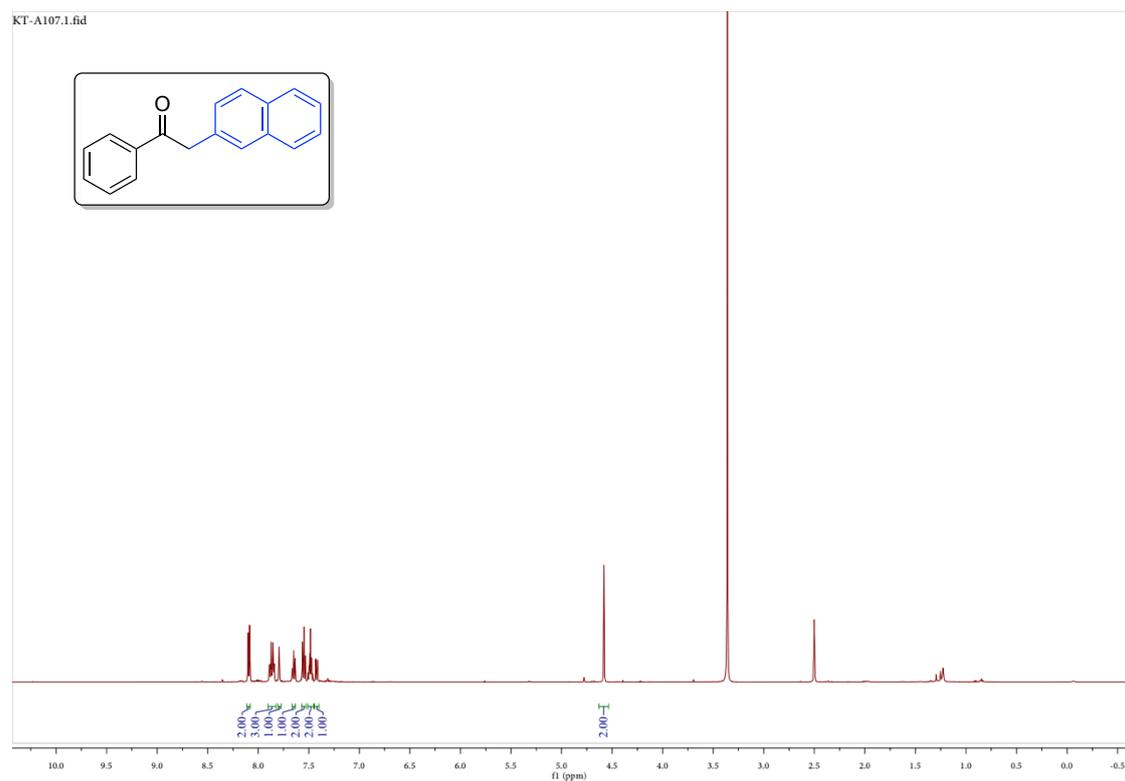
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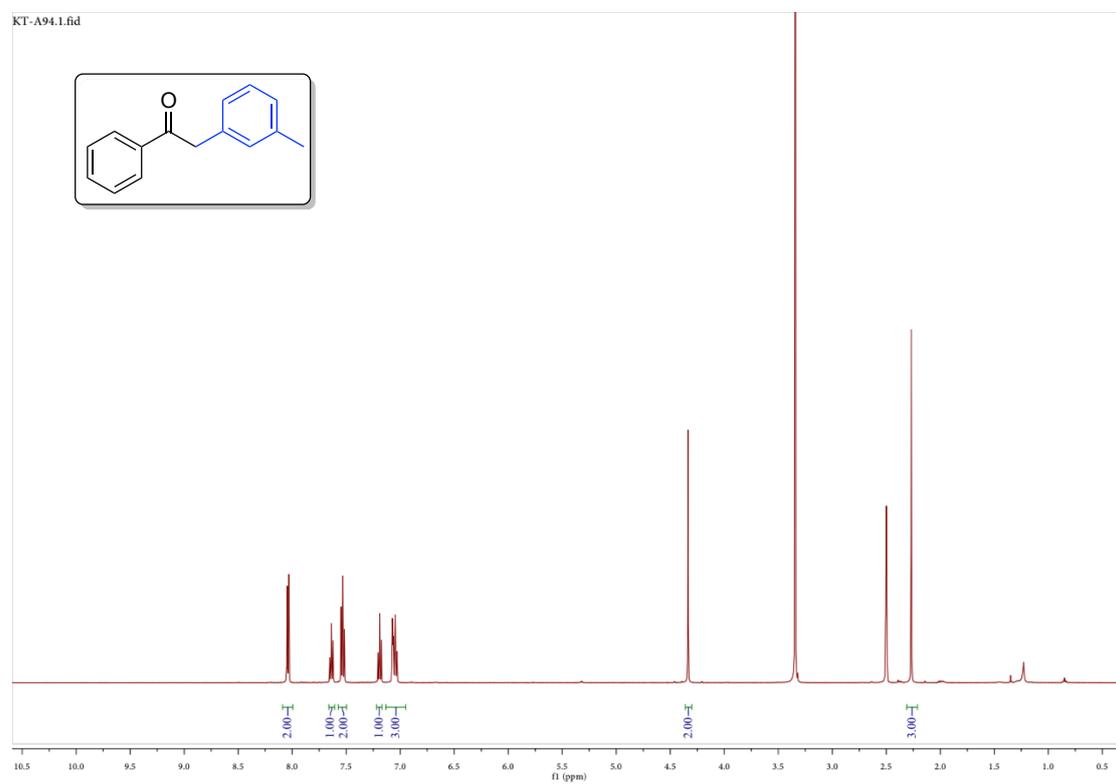
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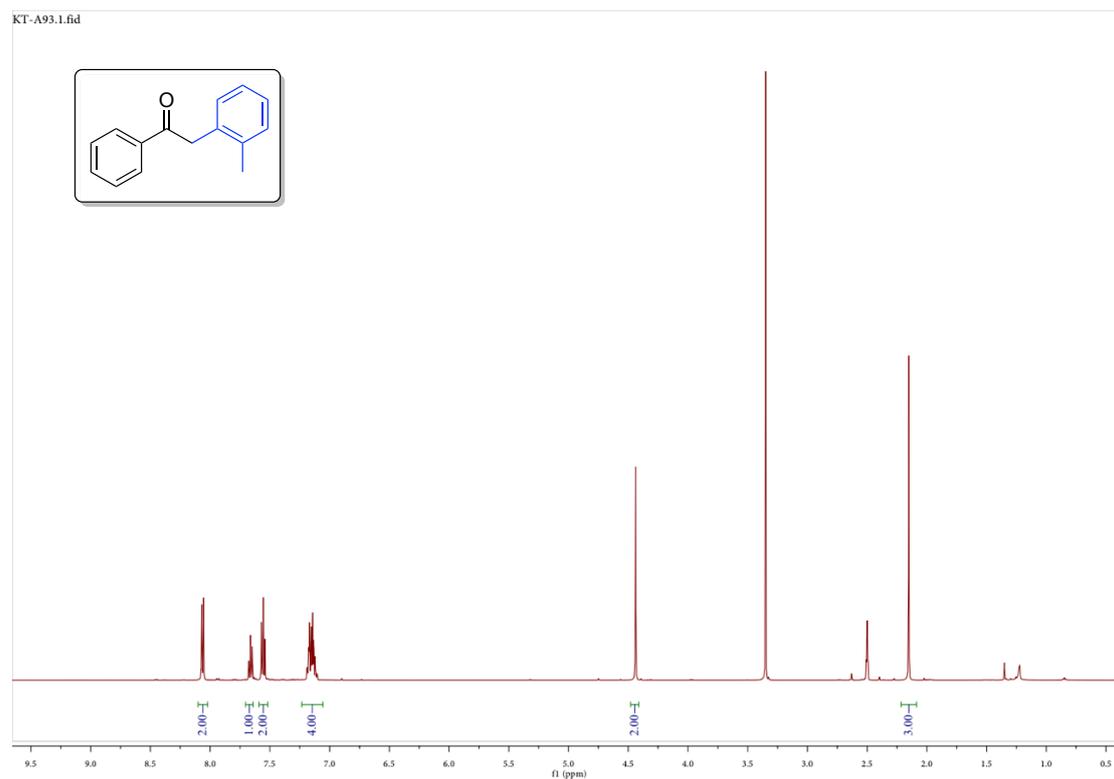
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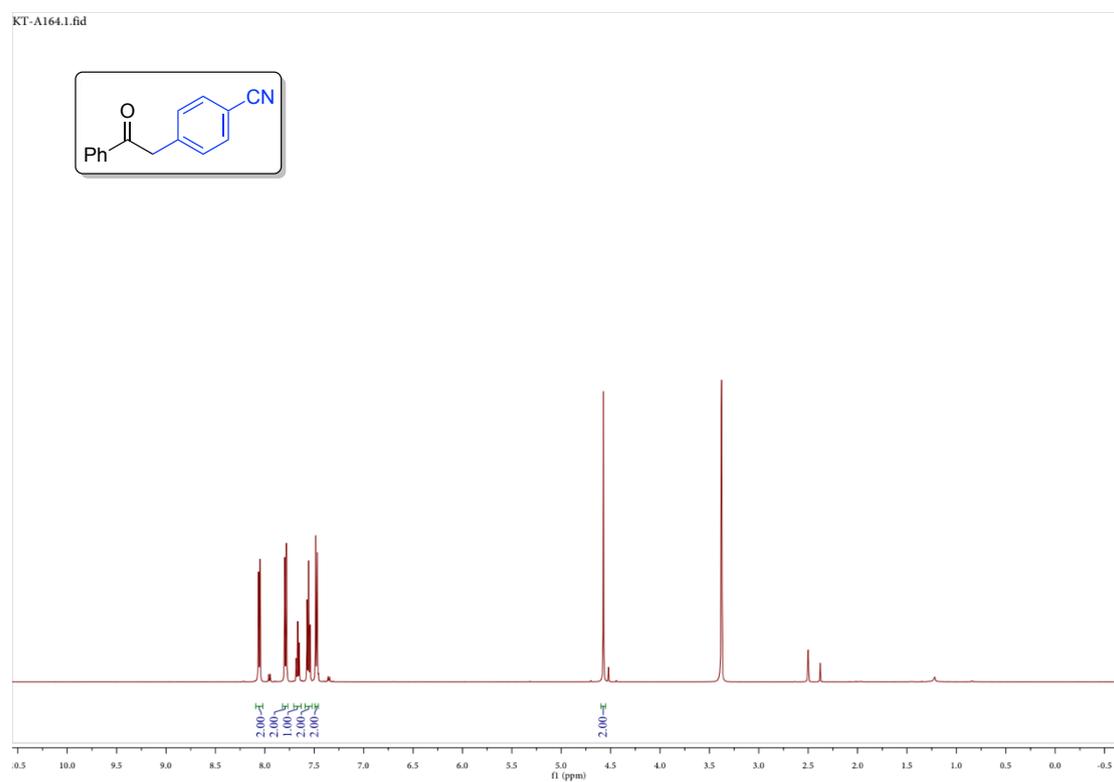
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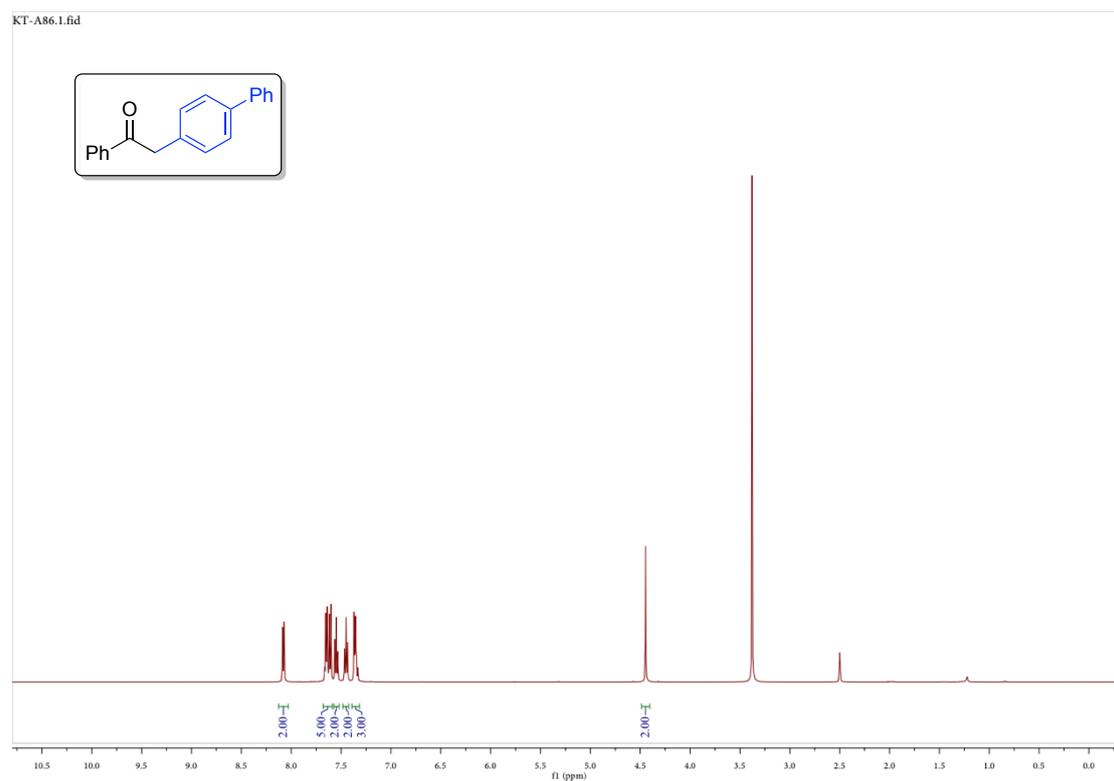
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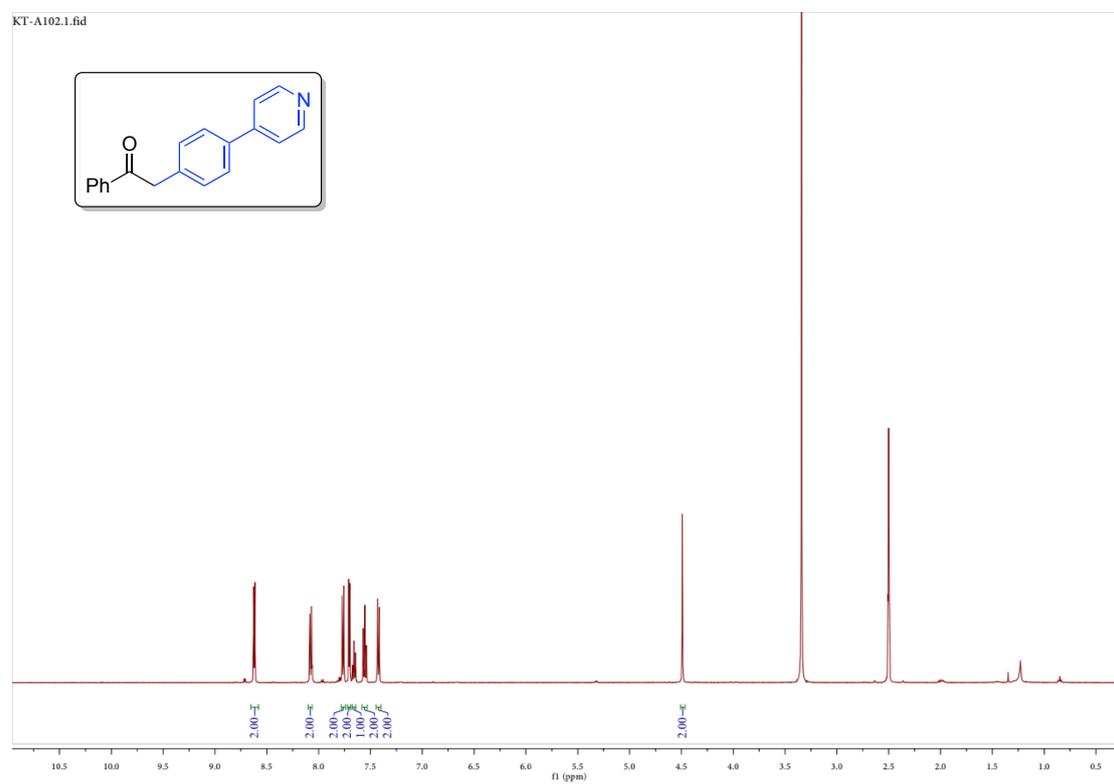
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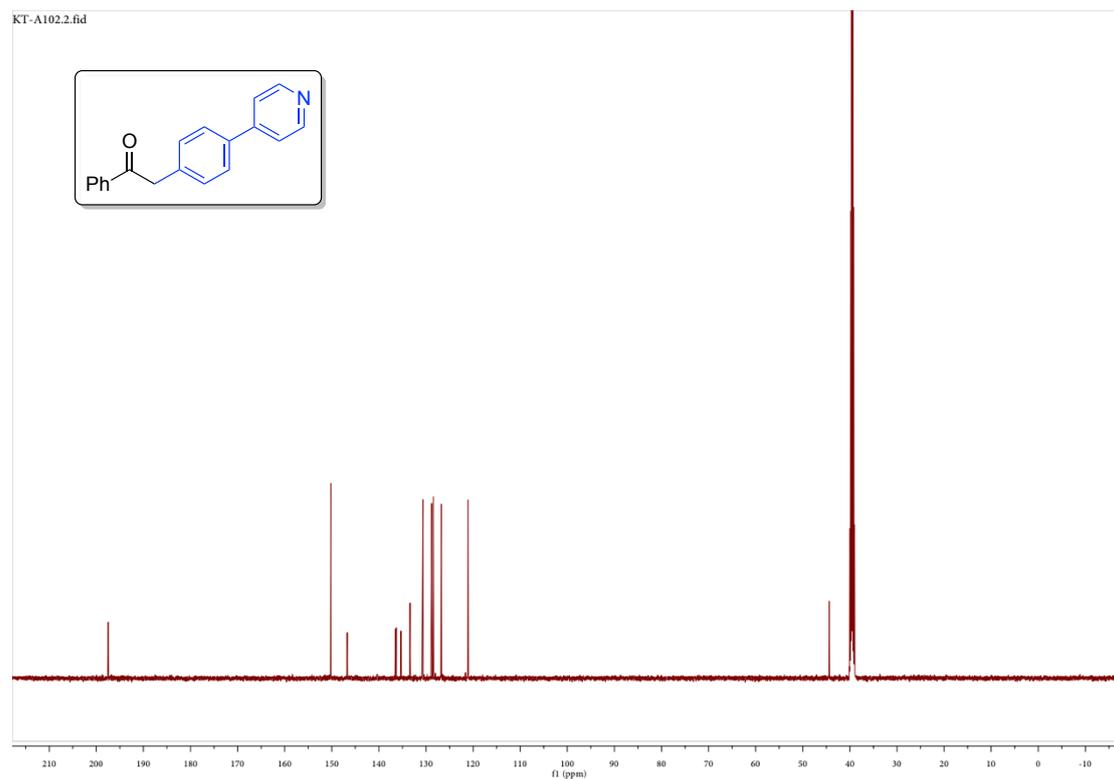
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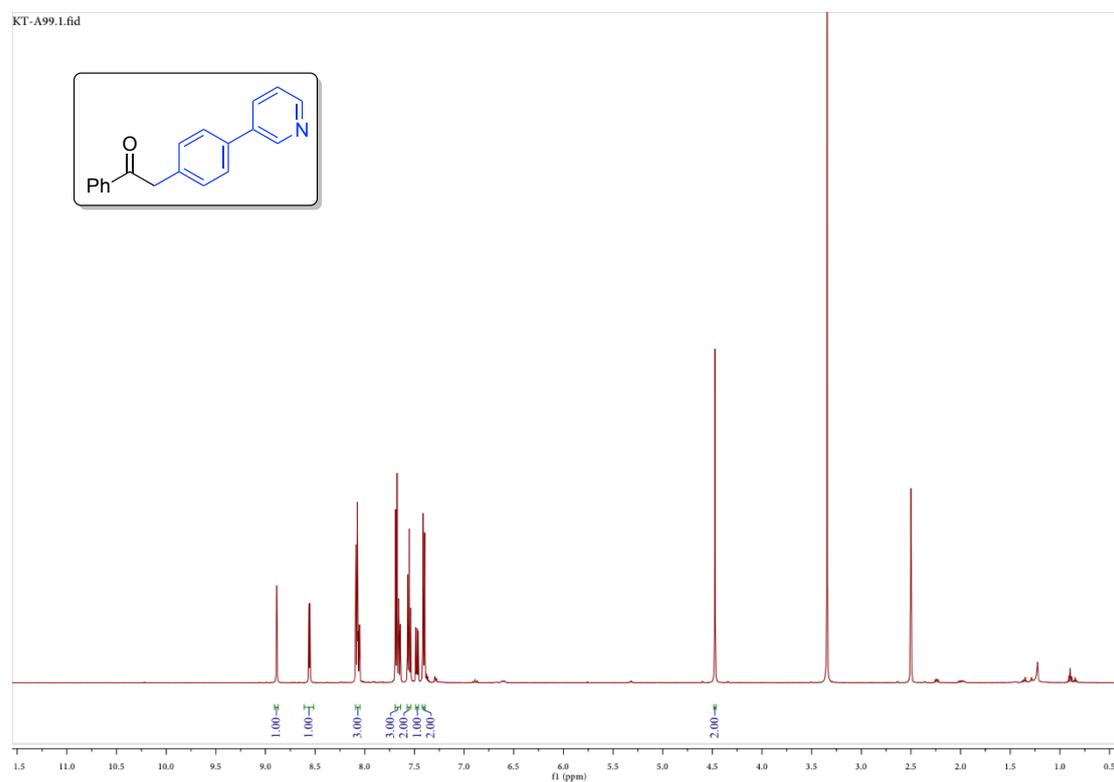
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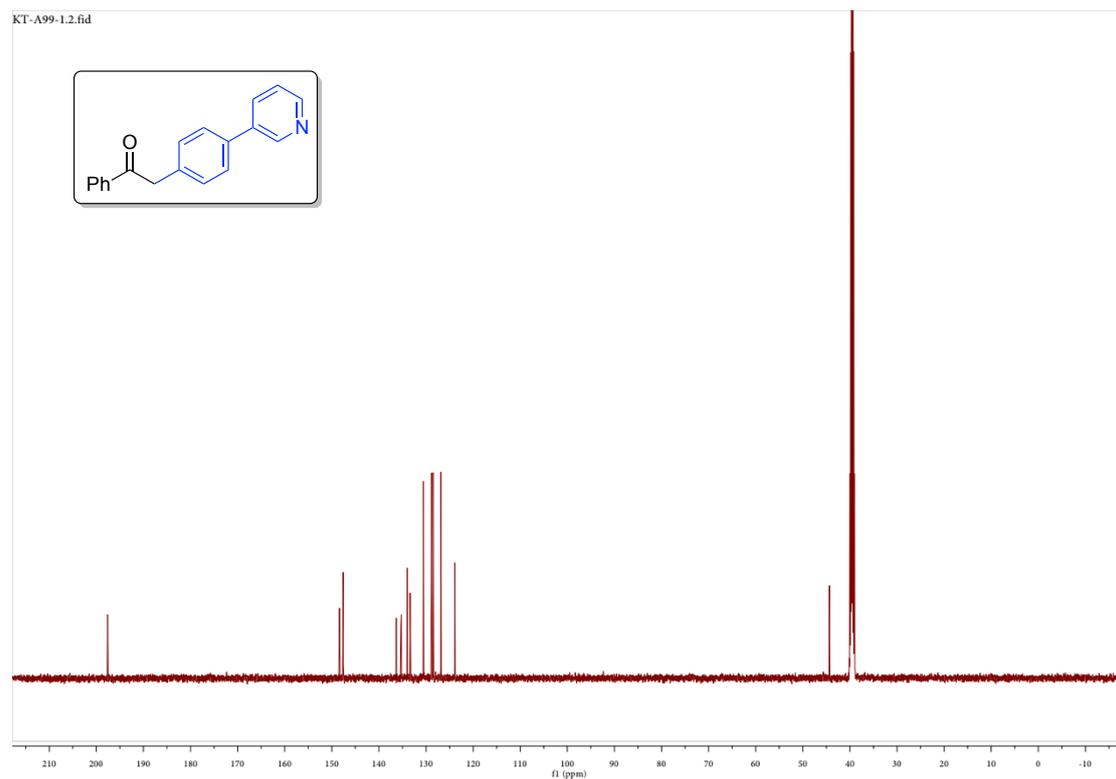
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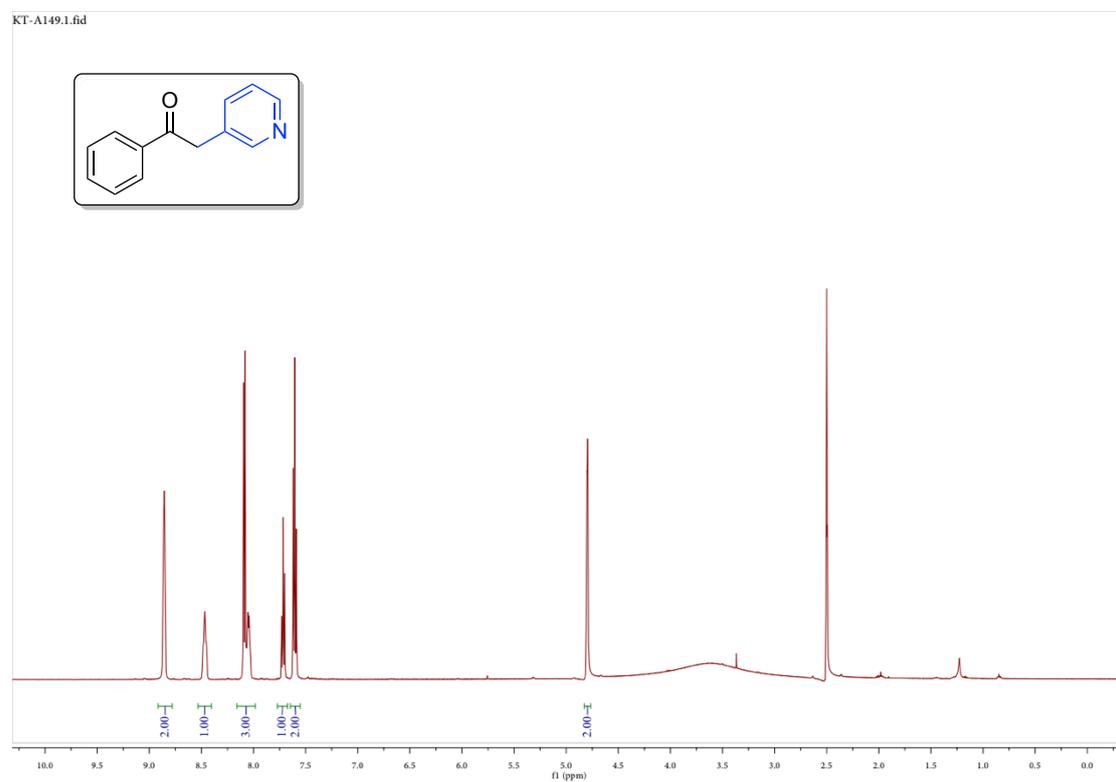
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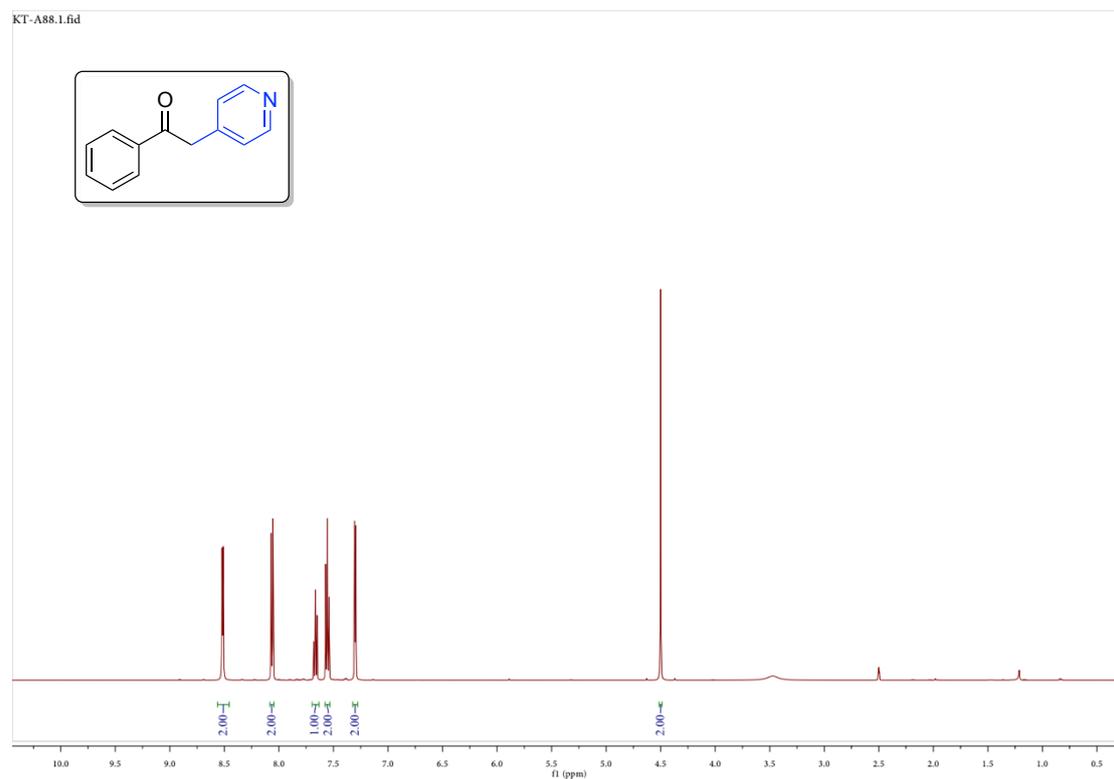
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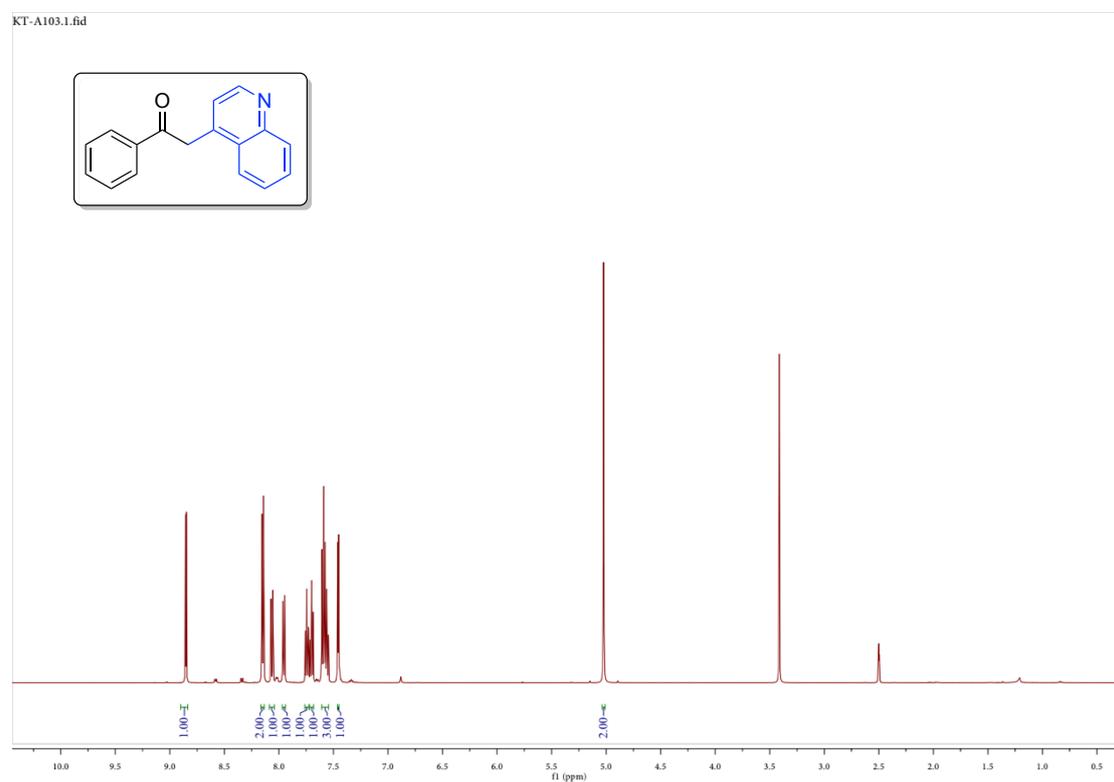
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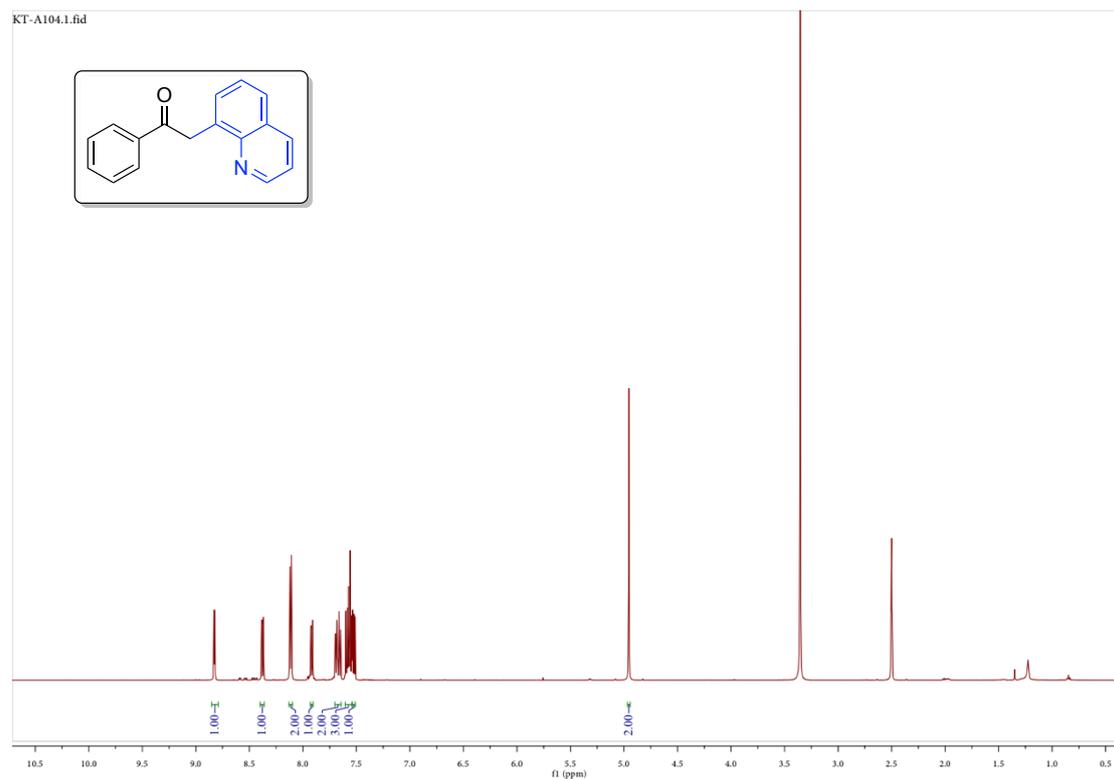
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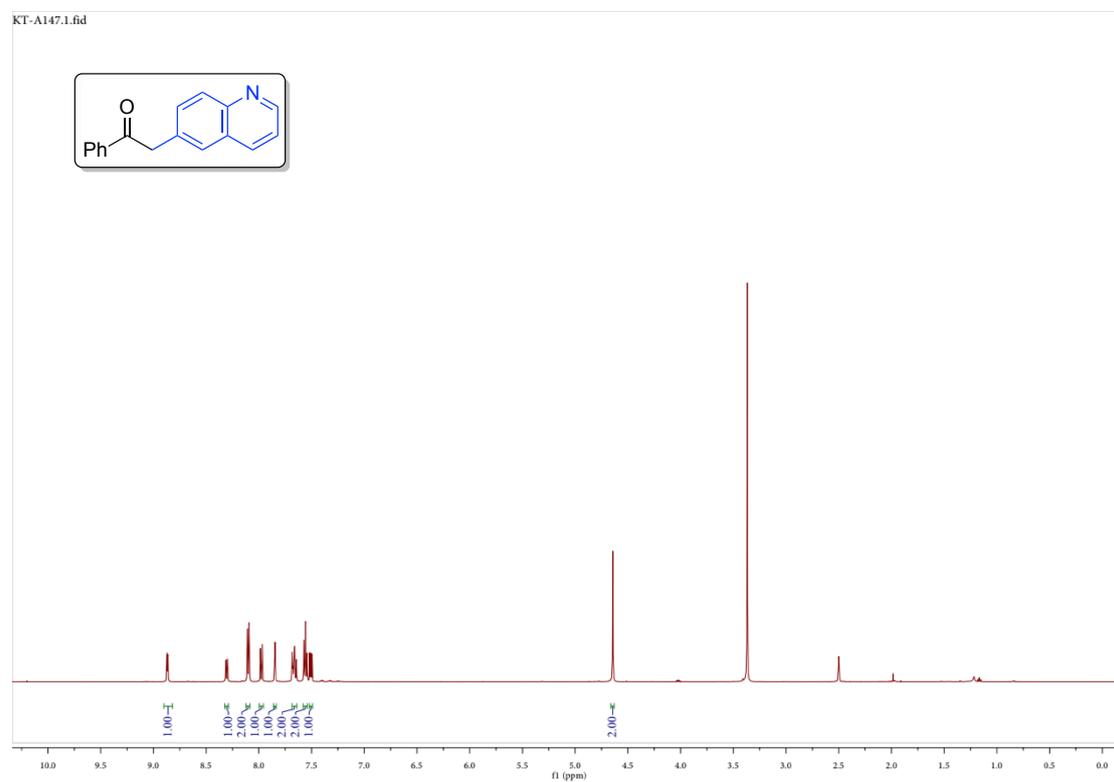
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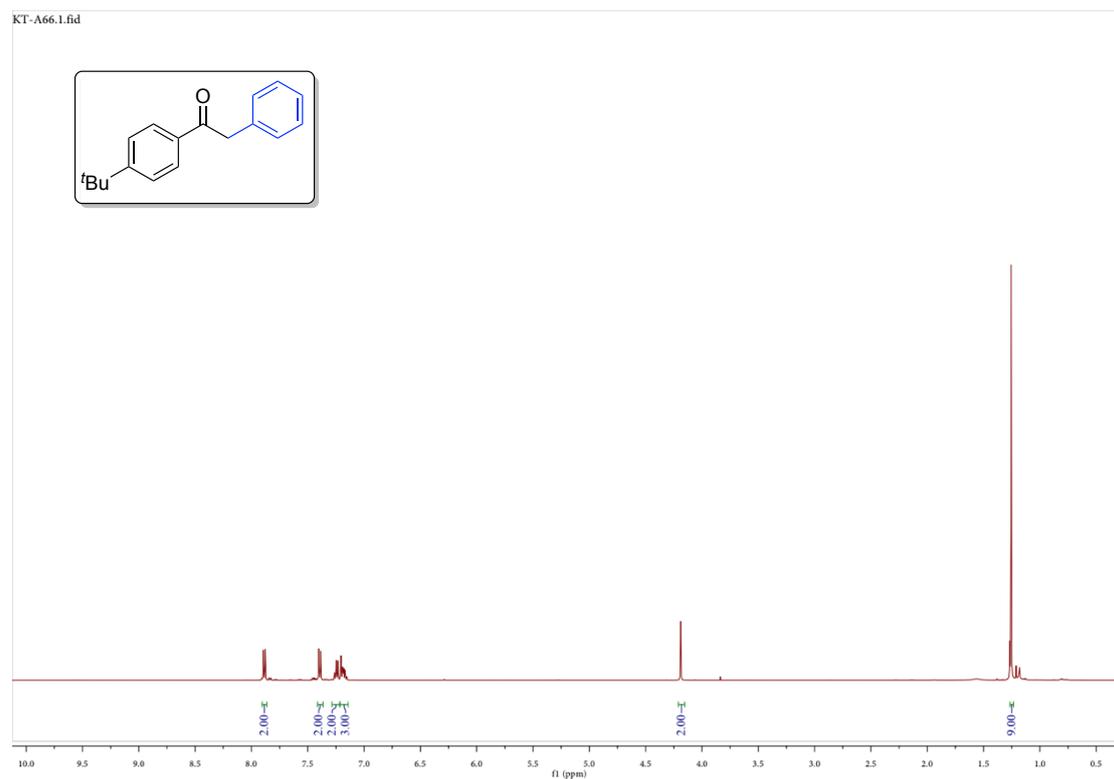
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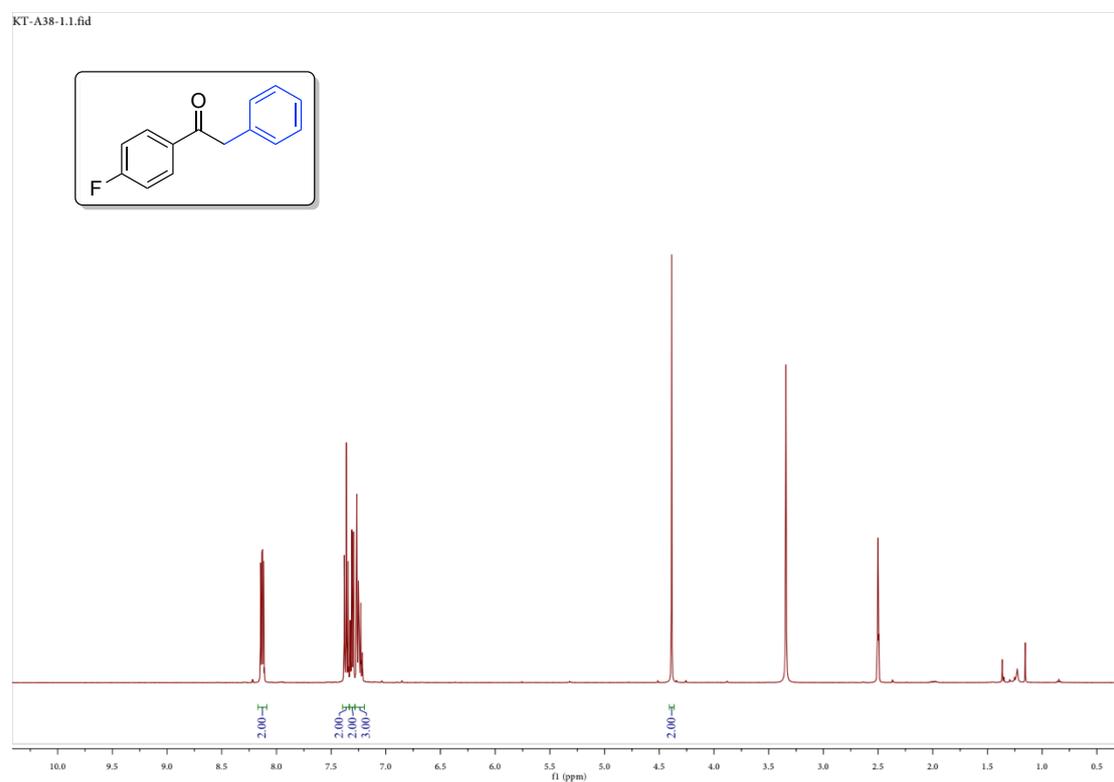
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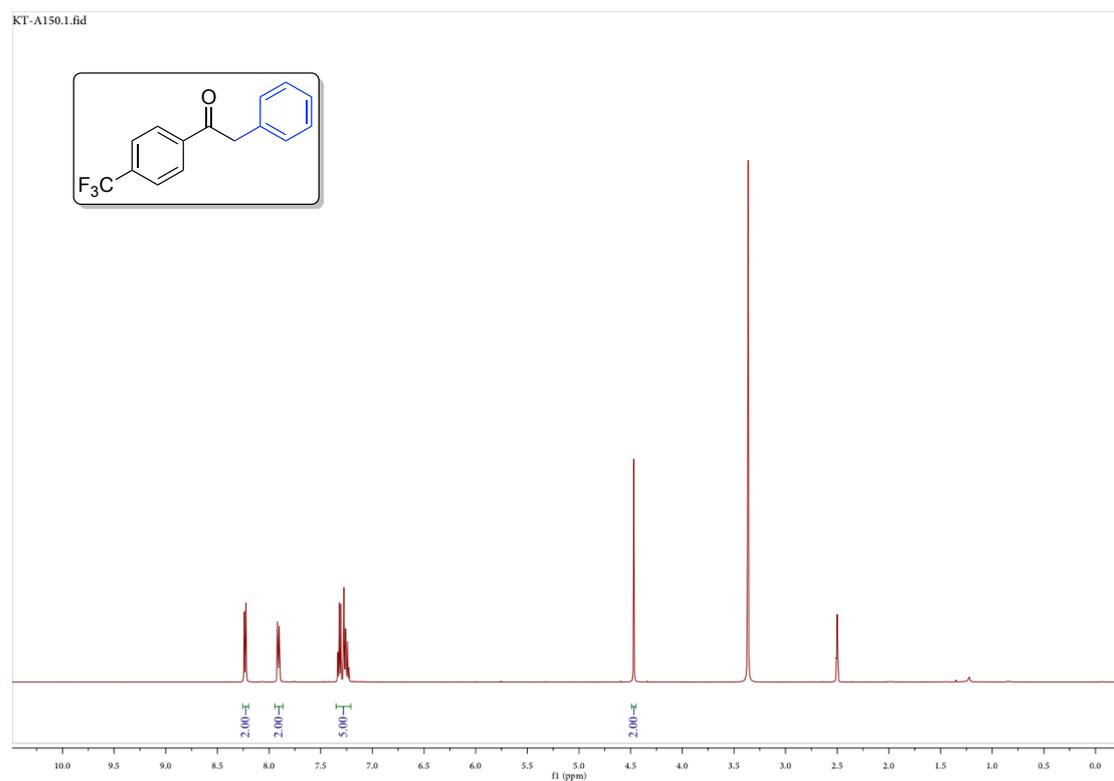
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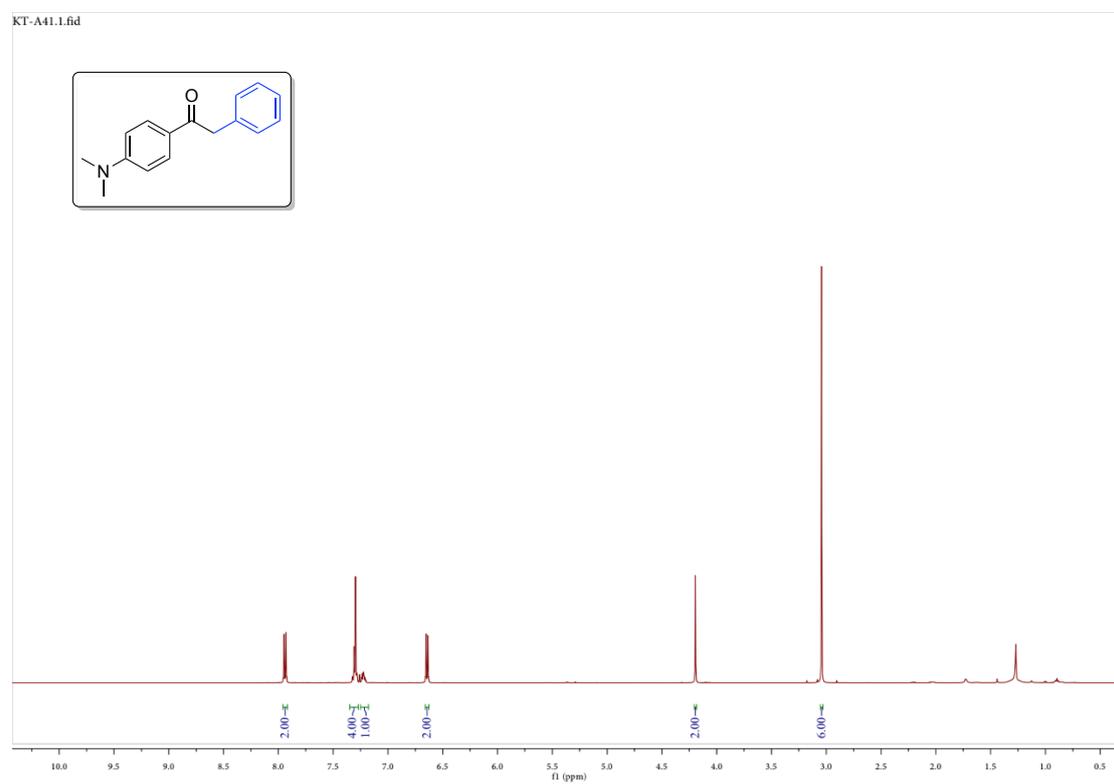
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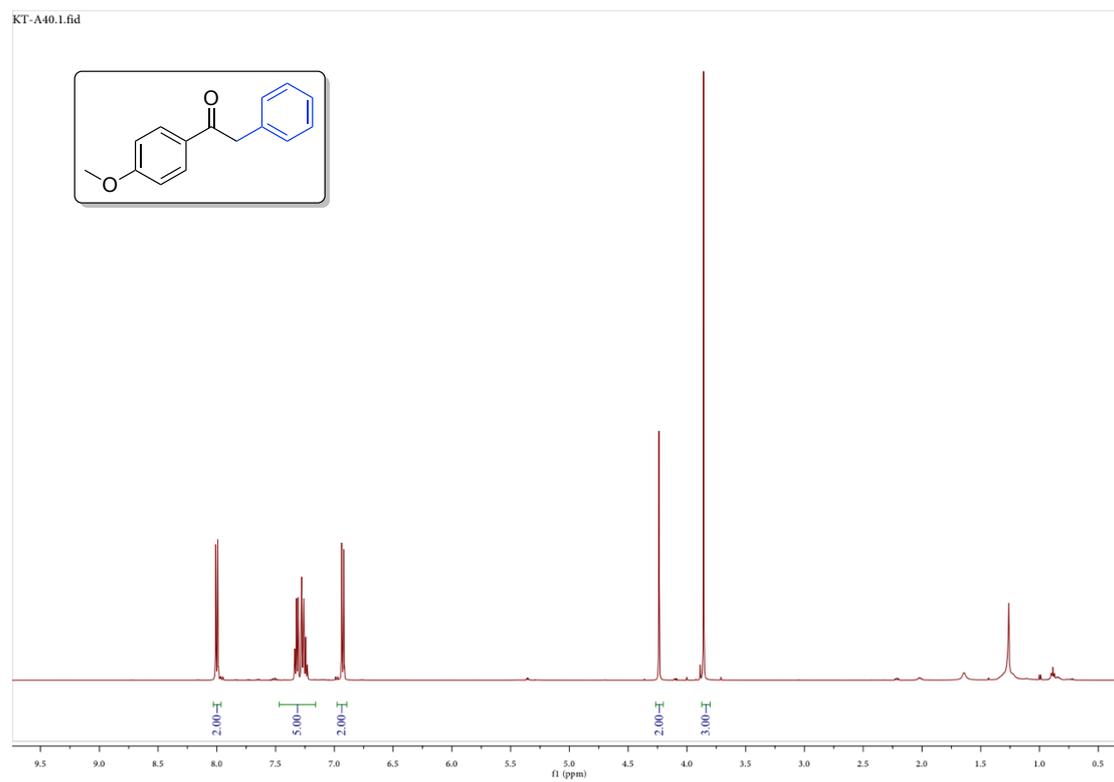
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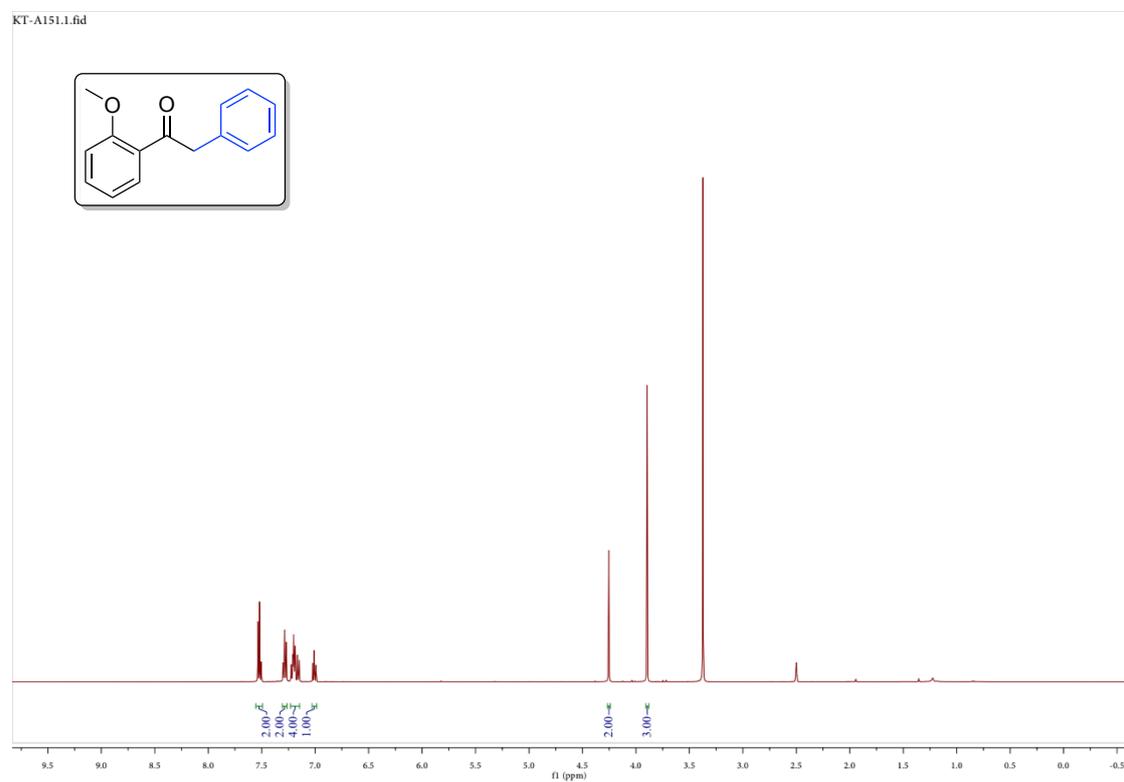
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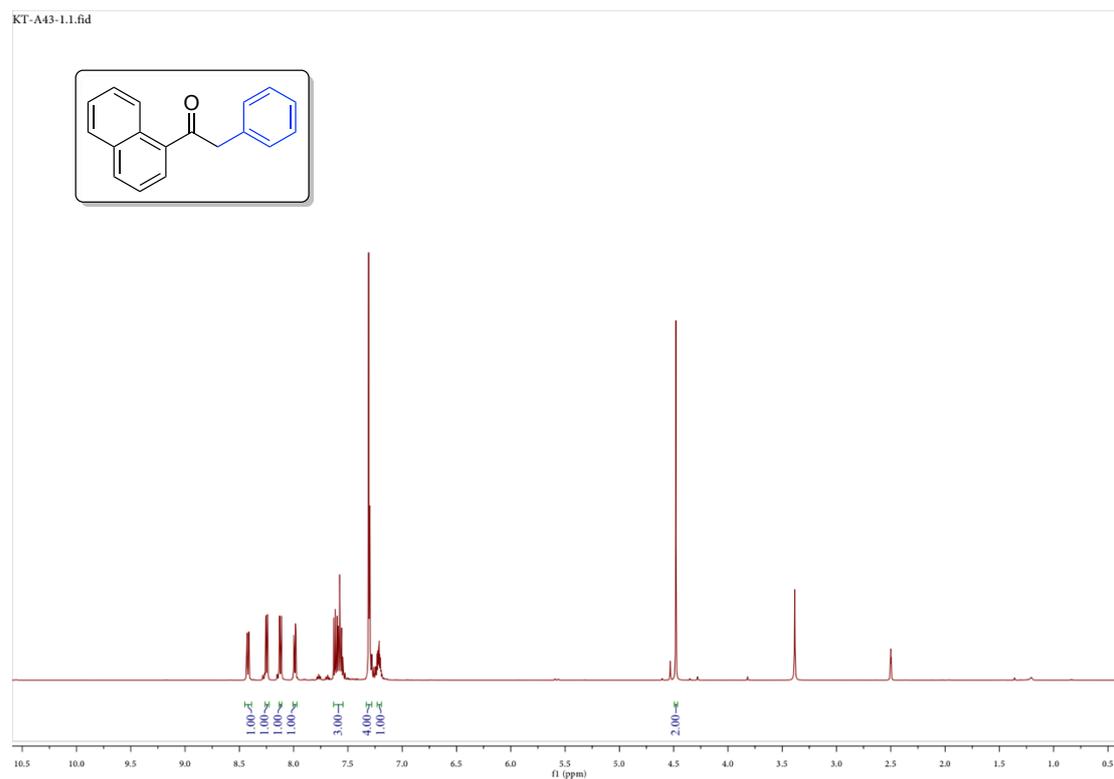
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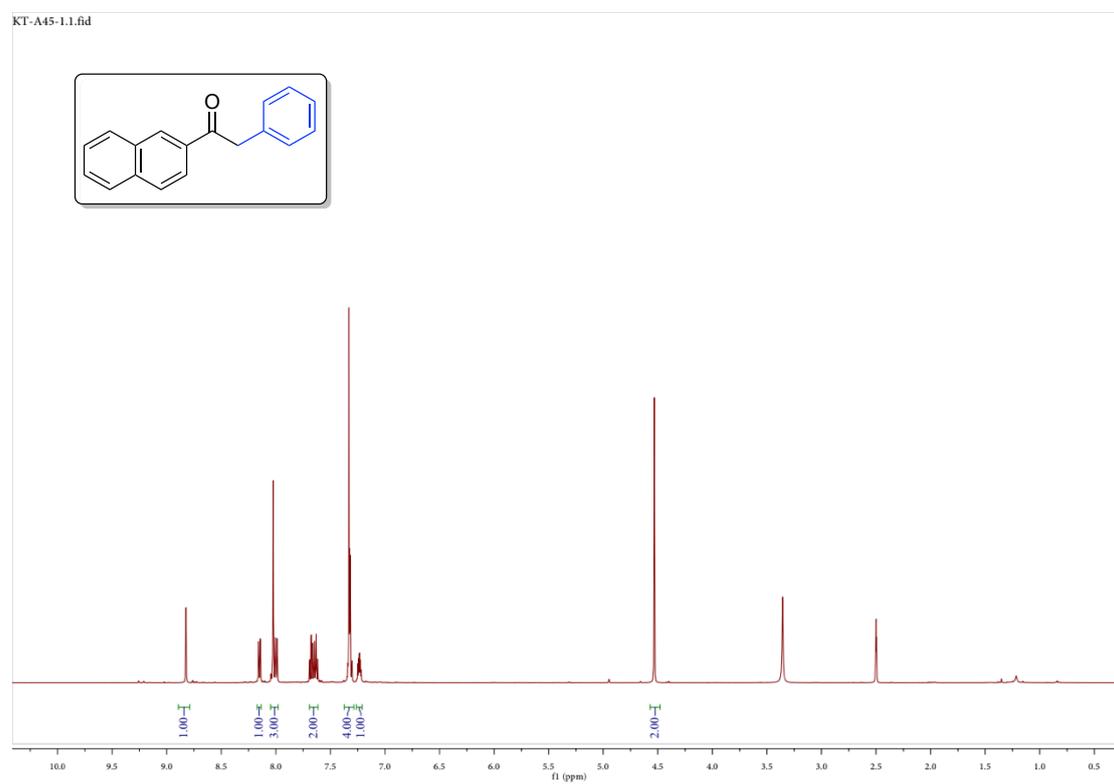
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Supplementary Figure 61. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 4ha (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



Supplementary Figure 62. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 4ia (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



Supplementary Figure 63. ¹H NMR Spectrum of 4ja (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

