

Supporting Information

An Effective Late-Stage Functionalization Tool: Direct Deoxymethylation of Phenols

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Experimental Section

1: General information.

All source materials and reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and are used without pretreatment unless otherwise indicated. All experiments involving palladium were performed using standard Schlenk techniques under nitrogen unless stated otherwise. All results were detected using thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on commercial silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed plates was performed under UV light (254 nm). Rapid column chromatography was performed on silica gel. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (300-400 mesh) using various combinations of non-aqueous organic solvents as eluents.

NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 or DMSO-d_6 on Bruker AVANCE III 400/600 MHz (^1H NMR) and 101 MHz (^{13}C NMR) instruments with TMS as the internal standard and the following abbreviations were used to identify the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, dq = doublet of quartets, br = broad and all combinations thereof can be explained by their integral parts. Coupling constant (J) was reported in hertz unit (Hz). The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent 6210 LC/TOF spectrometer. High-resolution mass spectrometry analysis was performed on the ThermoFisher ITQ1100.

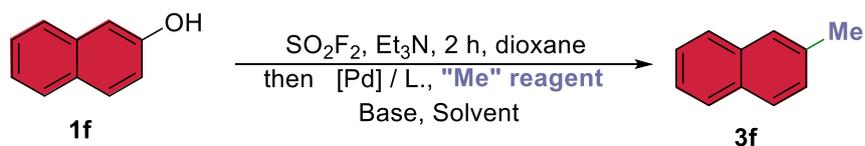
2: Optimization of reaction conditions

General Procedure for Reaction Optimization.

A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with Aryl phenols (neat, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et₃N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under positive pressure of SO₂F₂ gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 2h.¹ Then addition Pd(OAc)₂ (typically, 5 mol%), ligand (typically, 6 mol%), base (typically, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), “Me” reagent (typically, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), solvent (1 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum as eluent.

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Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions.^a



Entry	"Me" reagent	Base (equiv.)	Cat. (mol%)	Ligand (mol%)	Solvent	3f Yield (%) ^b
1	MeI	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
2	(CH ₃ O) ₂ SO ₂	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
3	ZnMe ₂	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
4	MeMgBr	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
5	MeBF ₃ K	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	45
6	MeB(OH) ₂	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	71
7	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	99
8	TMB	KH ₂ PO ₃ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	15
9	TMB	KHCO ₃ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	24
10	TMB	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	76
11	TMB	<i>t</i> -BuONa (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	56
12	TMB	DBU (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
13	TMB	DIPEA (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
14	TMB	Et ₃ N (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
15	TMB	DMAP (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	DPPE (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
16	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	TNP (6)	Dioxane	15
17	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Cphos (6)	Dioxane	88
18	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	JnhnPhos (6)	Dioxane	93
19	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	S-Phos (6)	Dioxane	97
20	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	99
21	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	<i>tert</i> -Butyl XPhos	Dioxane	97
22	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	THF	18
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27	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	H ₂ O	n.r.
28	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (1.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	79
29	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (1.5)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	87

30	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (3.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	99
31	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (10)	Ruphos (15)	Dioxane	94
32	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (7)	Ruphos (9)	Dioxane	98
33	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (2)	Ruphos (3)	Dioxane	93
34 ^c	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (1)	Ruphos (1.5)	Dioxane	98
35 ^d	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	99
36 ^e	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	64
37 ^f	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
38 ^g	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	61
39 ^h	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	63
40 ⁱ	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
41 ^j	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	n.r.
41 ^k	TMB	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	Pd(OAc) ₂ (5)	Ruphos (6)	Dioxane	99

^a Reaction conditions: **1f** (0.2 mmol), Et₃N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 eq.), dioxane (0.2 M), r.t., 2 h, under SO₂F₂ gas atmosphere. Then addition "Me" reagent (0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂, Ligand, Base, Solvent (0.2 M), 120 °C, 2.0 h; Under nitrogen atmosphere.

^b Isolated yield.

^c The time of methylation reaction is 6 h

^d The time of methylation reaction is 8 h

^e The time of methylation reaction is 1 h

^f r.t. Instead of 120 °C.

^g 80 °C Instead of 120 °C.

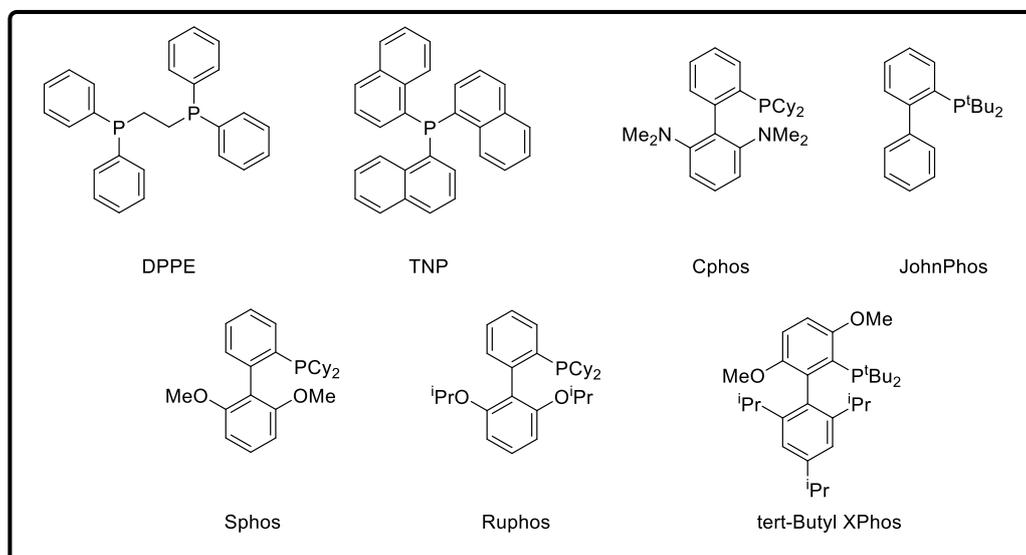
^h 130°C Instead of 120 °C.

ⁱ air Instead of nitrogen.

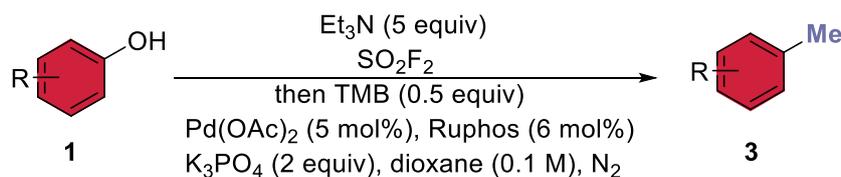
^j SO₂F₂ gas Instead of nitrogen.

^k 0.1 mmol of TMB.

TMB = trimethylboroxine, n.r. = no reaction, r.t.= room temperature.

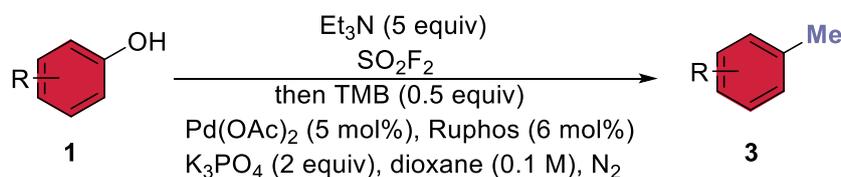


3: Experimental details and characterization of products



General procedure for the synthesis of Deoxymethylation of Phenols (1a-1w):

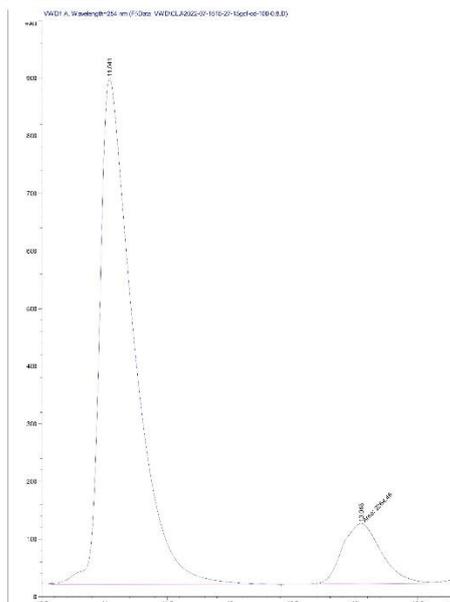
A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with Aryl phenols (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et_3N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under positive pressure of SO_2F_2 gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 2h. Then addition $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), RuPhos (6 mol%), K_3PO_4 (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (typically, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 2 h at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum as eluent to provide the desired products.



General procedure for the synthesis of Deoxymethylation of Phenols in natural molecules (1aa-1ar):

A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with Aryl phenols (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et_3N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under positive pressure of SO_2F_2 gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 6h. Then addition $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%), RuPhos (6 mol%), K_3PO_4 (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (typically, 0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 8 h at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum as eluent to provide the desired products.

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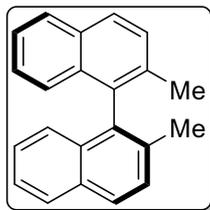
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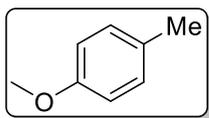
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1-methoxy-4-methylbenzene (3a)

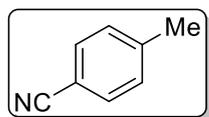
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). Yellow oil, 83% yield, 20.3 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.45 , 129.90 , 129.85 , 113.69 , 55.30 , 20.47 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₈H₁₀O: 122.0732; Found: 122.0733.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹



4-methylbenzonitrile (3b)

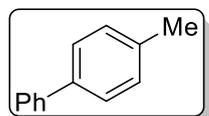
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). Colorless oil, 91% yield, 21.3 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 143.73 , 132.07 , 129.86 , 119.20 , 109.30 , 21.87 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₈H₉N: 117.0578; Found: 117.0582.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²



4-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3c)

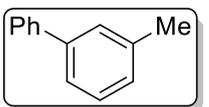
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.20, 138.39, 137.07, 129.53, 128.76, 127.04, 127.02 , 21.16.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₂: 168.0939; Found: 168.0940.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.³



3-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3d)

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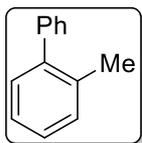
White oil, 99% yield, 33.3 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.46 , 141.34 , 138.42 , 128.81 , 128.78 , 128.11 , 128.09 , 127.29 , 127.28 , 124.39 , 21.66 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₂: 168.0939; Found: 168.0940.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.³



2-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3e)

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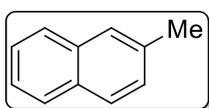
Colorless oil, 96% yield, 32.3 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 142.03 , 142.00 , 135.41 , 130.38 , 129.87 , 129.27 , 128.14 , 127.32 , 126.83 , 125.84 , 20.55 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₂: 168.0939; Found: 168.0940.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.³



2-methylnaphthalene (3f)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1).

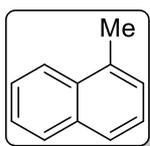
White solid, 99% yield, 28.2 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (pd, *J* = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 2.77 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.33, 133.60, 132.67, 128.59, 126.62, 126.44, 125.78, 125.64, 125.60, 124.18, 19.46.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₁H₁₀: 142.0783; Found: 142.0788.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹



1-Methylnaphthalene (3g)

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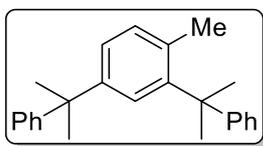
Colorless oil, 99% yield, 28.2 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.46 (pd, *J* = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 135.47 , 133.67 , 131.70 , 128.14 , 127.70 , 127.62 , 127.24 , 126.85 , 125.88 , 124.97 , 21.75.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₁H₁₀: 142.0783; Found: 142.0783.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹



((4-methyl-1,3-phenylene)bis(propane-2,2-diyl))dibenzene (3h)

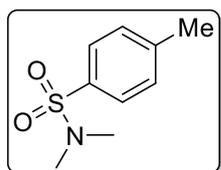
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 :

1). Yellow oil, 61% yield, 40.1 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.21 (m, 10H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 9H), 1.69 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.14, 151.07, 147.77, 146.75, 134.08, 132.04, 128.25, 128.03, 126.87, 125.94, 125.61, 125.31, 124.80, 124.72, 43.76, 42.96, 30.99, 30.82, 21.27.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₈: 328.2191; Found: 328.2198.



***N,N*, 4-trimethylbenzenesulfonamide (3i)**

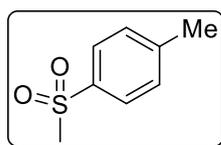
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). White solid, 90% yield, 35.9 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.70 (s, 6H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 143.51, 132.38, 129.64, 127.81, 37.98, 21.54.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₉H₁₃NO₂S: 199.0667; Found: 199.0672.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁴



1-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)benzene (3j)

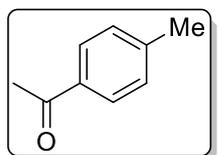
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.70, 137.68, 129.98, 127.36, 44.62, 21.63.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₈H₁₀O₂S: 170.0402; Found: 170.0405.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁵



1-(*p*-tolyl)ethan-1-one (3k)

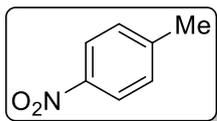
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). Colorless oil, 99% yield, 26.5 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 197.93, 143.91, 134.71, 129.26, 128.46, 26.57, 21.67.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₉H₁₀O: 134.0732; Found: 134.0740.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁵



1-methyl-4-nitrobenzene (3l)

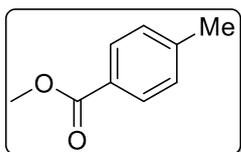
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). White solid, 91% yield, 25.0 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 145.88 , 129.77 , 123.51 , 21.57 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{NO}_2$: 137.0477; Found: 137.0478.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁶



methyl 4-methylbenzoate (3m)

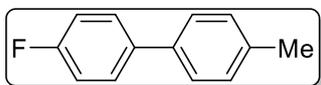
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). Colorless oil, 99% yield, 29.7 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 167.20 , 143.57 , 129.61 , 129.09 , 127.43 , 51.96 , 21.66 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$: 150.0681; Found: 150.0683.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁵



4-fluoro-4'-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (3n)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). White solid, 98% yield, 36.5 mg.

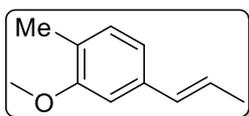
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.60 , 161.15 , 137.39 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 137.10 , 129.62 , 128.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 126.92 , 115.73 , 115.51 , 21.14 .

$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (565 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -116.22 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}$: 186.0845; Found: 186.0849.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁷



2-methoxy-1-methyl-4-(prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3o)

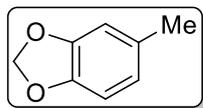
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 30 : 1). Colorless oil, 97% yield, 31.5 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.11 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.44 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.35 – 6.18 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.95 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.83 , 136.99 , 131.21 , 130.63 , 125.34 , 124.79 , 118.12 , 107.26 , 55.21 , 18.49 , 16.06 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$: 162.1045; Found: 162.1052.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁸



5-methylbenzo[d][1,3]dioxole (3p)

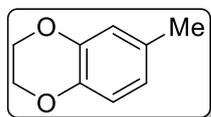
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). Colorless oil, 82% yield, 22.3 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.78 – 6.61 (m, 3H), 5.94 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.47 , 145.27 , 131.51 , 121.53 , 109.61 , 108.06 , 100.69 , 21.20 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₈H₈O₂: 136.0524; Found: 136.0529.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁹



6-methyl-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (3q)

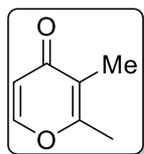
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). Colorless oil, 84% yield, 25.2 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 4.26 (s, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 143.21 , 141.32 , 131.09 , 121.97 , 117.66 , 116.93 , 64.45 , 64.34 , 20.69 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₉H₁₀O₂: 150.0681; Found: 150.0681.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁸



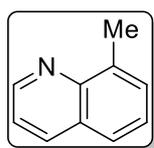
2,3-dimethyl-4H-pyran-4-one (3r)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). Yellow solid, 83% yield, 20.3 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.68 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.91 , 162.02 , 154.19 , 122.51 , 115.11 , 17.78 , 9.90 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₇H₈O₂: 124.0524; Found: 124.0532.



8-methylquinoline (3s)

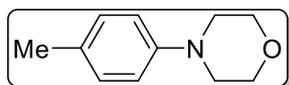
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). Yellow oil, 45% yield, 12.9 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.98 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 2.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.25 , 147.29 , 137.05 , 136.44 , 129.71 , 128.30 , 126.36 , 125.91 , 120.87 , 18.21 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₀H₉N: 143.0735; Found: 143.0745.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹⁰



4-(p-tolyl)morpholine (3t)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate =

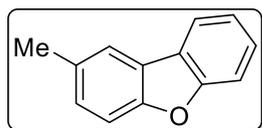
10 : 1). Colorless oil, 97% yield, 34.4 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.73 (m, 3H), 3.93 – 3.88 (m, 4H), 3.21 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.29 , 138.95 , 129.08 , 121.12 , 116.65 , 112.97 , 66.98 , 49.56 , 21.83 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₁H₁₅NO: 177.1154; Found: 177.1160.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹¹



2-methyldibenzo[b,d]furan (3u)

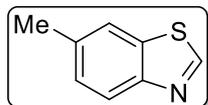
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). White solid, 99% yield, 36.1 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.54 , 154.61 , 132.23 , 128.29 , 127.00 , 124.33 , 124.26 , 122.59 , 120.71 , 120.62 , 111.71 , 111.21 , 21.42 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₃H₁₀O: 182.0732; Found: 182.0740.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹²



6-methylbenzo[d]thiazole (3v)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1).

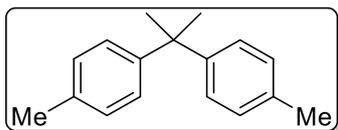
Yellow oil, 99% yield, 29.5 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.92 , 151.36 , 135.74 , 133.88 , 127.87 , 123.05 , 121.56 , 21.54 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₈H₇NS: 149.0299; Found: 149.0305.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹³



4,4'-(propane-2,2-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (3w)

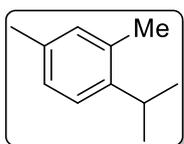
Reaction performed according to general procedure; TMB (0.1 mmol instead of 0.5 mmol); purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1).

Colorless oil, 75% yield, 33.7 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 – 7.16 (m, 8H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 1.79 (s, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.02 , 135.06 , 128.80 , 126.78 , 42.35 , 30.97 , 21.03 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}$: 224.1565; Found: 224.1571.



1-isopropyl-2,4-dimethylbenzene (3aa)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1).

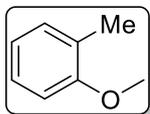
Colorless oil, 84% yield, 17.8 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.17 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.19 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.32 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 134.88 , 131.03 , 126.83 , 124.65 , 28.90 , 23.34 , 20.87 , 19.24 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}$: 148.1252; Found: 148.1255.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹⁴



1-methoxy-2-methylbenzene (3ab)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1).

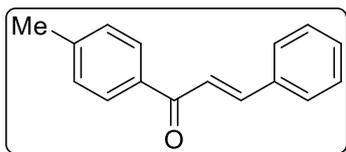
Colorless oil, 93% yield, 22.7 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.75 , 130.64 , 126.83 , 126.62 , 120.29 , 109.91 , 55.25 , 16.26 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$: 122.0732; Found: 122.0733.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁵



3-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3ac)

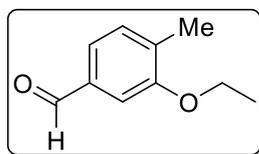
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). Colorless oil, 96% yield, 42.7 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 6.5, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.8$ Hz, 3H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 189.99 , 144.41 , 143.70 , 135.64 , 135.01 , 130.49 , 129.39 , 128.98 , 128.71 , 128.47 , 122.06 , 21.73 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O: 222.1045; Found: 222.1056.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹⁵



3-ethoxy-4-methylbenzaldehyde (3ad)

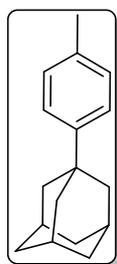
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 30 : 1). Colorless oil, 98% yield, 32.2 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 4.12 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.13 , 157.67 , 135.78 , 135.02 , 130.84 , 124.25 , 108.76 , 63.69 , 16.90 , 14.76 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₀H₁₂O₂: 164.0837; Found: 164.0840.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹⁶



1-(p-tolyl)adamantane (3ae)

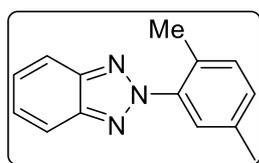
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). White solid, 95% yield, 43.0 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.03 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 6H), 1.93 – 1.84 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.55 , 134.99 , 128.92 , 124.83 , 43.38 , 36.95 , 35.93 , 29.11 , 21.00 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇H₂₂: 226.1722; Found: 226.1726.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹⁷



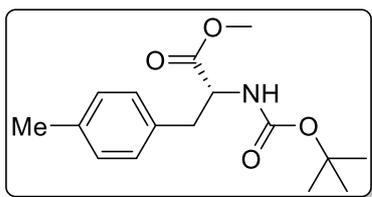
2-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-2H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (3af)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). White solid, 72% yield, 32.2 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (dd, $J = 6.6, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 6.6, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 144.70 , 140.00 , 136.63 , 131.59 , 130.36 , 130.10 , 126.84 , 126.45 , 118.40 , 20.81 , 18.42 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₃N₃: 223.1109; Found: 223.1114.



methyl (*R*)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(p-tolyl)propanoate (3ag)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; stirring at room temperature under SO_2F_2 atmosphere for 2h instead of 6h; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). White solid, 55%

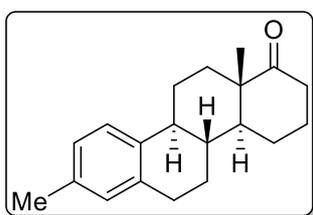
yield, 32.3 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.11 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.06 (dd, $J = 12.3, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 172.44, 155.14, 136.56, 132.86, 129.16, 79.83, 67.07, 54.49, 52.16, 37.84, 28.30, 21.06.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4$: 293.1627; Found: 293.1699.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹⁸



(4*aS*,4*bR*,10*bS*,12*aS*)-8,12*a*-dimethyl-3,4,4*a*,4*b*,5,6,10*b*,11,12,12*a*-decahydrochrysen-1(2*H*)-one (3ah)

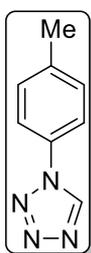
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). White solid, 81% yield, 45.8 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.24 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 2.98 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.58 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 1H), 2.24 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.75 – 1.34 (m, 7H), 0.95 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 136.75, 136.32, 135.33, 129.76, 126.59, 125.31, 50.51, 48.06, 44.28, 38.32, 35.92, 31.64, 29.38, 26.61, 25.83, 21.63, 20.89, 13.88.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}$: 282.1984; Found: 282.2056.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.⁸



1-(p-tolyl)-1*H*-tetrazole (3ai)

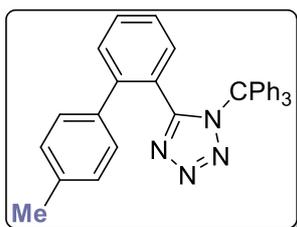
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 3 : 1). Pink solid, 67% yield, 21.5 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 140.49 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 131.47, 130.70, 121.14, 21.22.

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{N}_4$: 160.0749; Found: 160.0755.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.¹⁹



5-(4'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-1-trityl-1H-tetrazole (3aj)

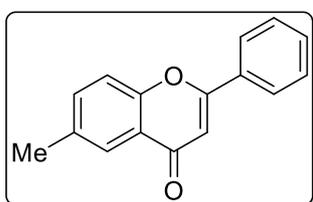
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). Wheat solid, 84% yield, 80.4 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 6H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 8H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.34 , 142.42 , 141.41 , 138.31 , 136.46 , 130.82 , 130.39 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 130.03 , 129.24 , 128.75 , 128.32 , 127.73 , 127.40 , 126.57 , 83.00 , 21.34 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4$: 478.2157; Found: 478.2214.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²⁰



6-methyl-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-4-one (3ak)

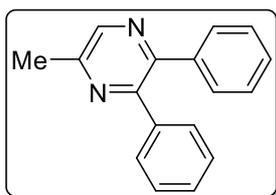
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 5 : 1). Wheat solid, 91% yield, 43.0 mg.

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.65 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 178.63 , 163.36 , 154.59 , 135.27 , 135.05 , 131.93 , 131.55 , 129.05 , 126.31 , 125.08 , 123.61 , 117.87 , 107.45 , 20.97 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$: 236.0837; Found: 236.0840.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²¹



5-methyl-2,3-diphenylpyrazine (3al)

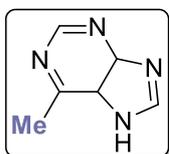
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$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 7.46 (ddt, $J = 7.6, 4.6, 2.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.31 (td, $J = 5.3, 4.8, 1.9$ Hz, 6H), 2.68 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.62 , 151.22 , 149.76 , 141.91 , 138.79 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 129.68 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 128.62 – 128.14 (m), 21.40 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$: 246.1157; Found: 246.1206.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²²



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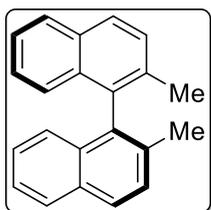
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chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 1 : 1). Wheat solid, 74% yield, 20.2 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 13.39 (s, 1H), 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H).

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₆H₈N₄: 136.0749; Found: 136.0795.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²³



2,2'-dimethyl-1,1'-binaphthalene (3an)

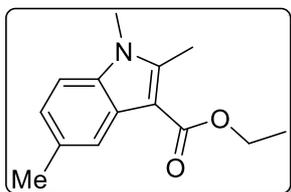
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 135.24 , 134.39 , 132.87 , 132.33 , 128.85 , 128.06 , 127.56 , 126.22 , 125.75 , 125.02 , 20.17 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₁₈: 282.1409; Found: 282.1469.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²⁴



ethyl 1,2,5-trimethyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylate (3ao)

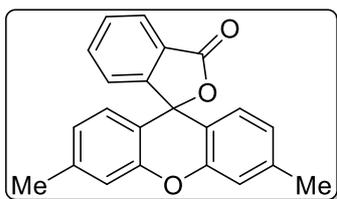
Reaction performed according to general procedure; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 10 : 1). Yellow solid, 82% yield, 37.9 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.51 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.27 , 145.14 , 134.91 , 130.91 , 126.87 , 123.36 , 121.20 , 108.72 , 103.34 , 59.30 , 29.45 , 21.70 , 14.72 , 11.85 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NO₂: 231.1259; Found: 232.1332.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²⁵



3',6'-dimethyl-3H-spiro[isobenzofuran-1,9'-xanthen]-3-one (3ap)

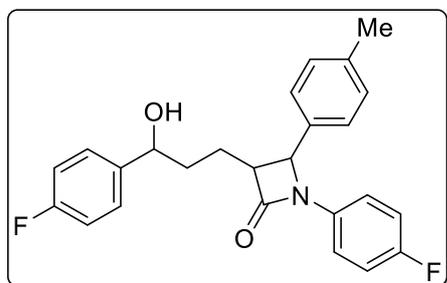
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dt, *J* = 15.2, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 169.60 , 153.64 , 151.17 , 141.18 , 135.01 , 129.64 , 127.77 , 126.44 , 125.05 , 124.76 , 123.86 , 117.28 , 116.01 , 21.31 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₂H₁₆O₃: 328.3670; Found: 328.2170.

NMR spectroscopic data agreed with literature values.²⁶



1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl)-4-(p-tolyl)azetidin-2-one (3aq)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; stirring at room temperature under SO₂F₂ atmosphere for 1h instead of 6h; TMB (0.1 mmol instead of 0.5 mmol); purified by chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether : Ethyl acetate = 3 : 1). Colorless

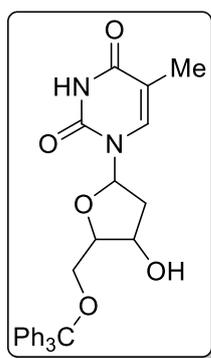
oil, 75% yield, 61.1 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.70 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.10 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.94 (dd, *J* = 20.3, 6.7 Hz, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 171.30 , 167.77 , 163.34 , 160.90 , 160.20 , 157.78 , 140.27 , 138.54 , 134.46 , 133.89 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 129.94 , 127.38 , 125.83 , 118.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 115.91 , 115.69 , 115.36 , 115.14 , 72.94 , 61.31 , 60.46 , 60.29 , 36.64 , 25.03 , 21.16 , 21.02 , 14.18 .

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -115.08 , -117.96 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅F₂NO₂: 407.1697; Found: 407.1801.



1-(4-hydroxy-5-((trityloxy)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-5-methylpyrimidine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione (3ar)

Reaction performed according to general procedure; stirring at room temperature under SO₂F₂ atmosphere for 1h instead of 6h; purified by chromatography on silica gel (Ethyl acetate). Wheat solid, 46% yield, 44.6 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 11.36 (s, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 6.25 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.32 (m, 1H),

3.92 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.34 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H).

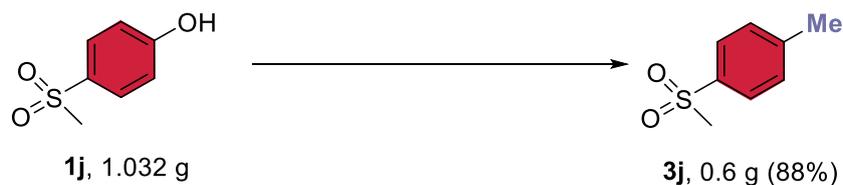
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.72 , 150.43 , 143.52 , 135.71 , 128.30 , 128.00 , 127.19 , 109.64 , 86.45 , 85.45 , 83.81 , 70.52 , 64.02 , 54.91 , 11.81 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₈N₂O₅: 484.1998; Found: 484.2053.

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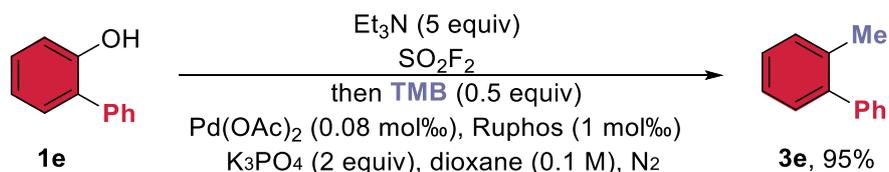
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4: Gram-Scale Reaction



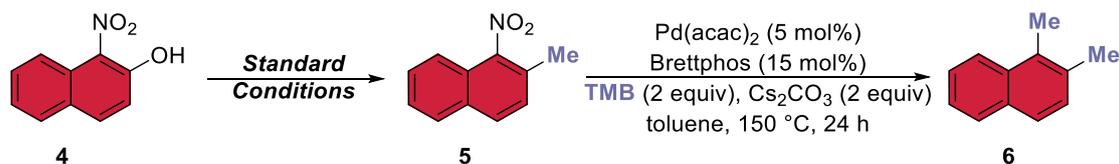
A 250mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with 4-(methylsulfonyl)phenol **1j** (4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et₃N (20.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (20 mL). Under positive pressure of SO₂F₂ gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 12h. Then addition Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), RuPhos (6 mol%), K₃PO₄ (8.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (2.0 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), dioxane (20 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 8 h at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum (PE:EA=10:1) as eluent to provide the desired product **3j**. 0.6g, 88% yield.

5: Experiments for parts per million (ppm) level catalysts



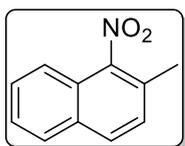
A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-ol **1e** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et_3N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under positive pressure of SO_2F_2 gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 2h. Then addition $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.08 mol%), RuPhos (1 mol%), K_3PO_4 (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 6 h at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum (PE:EA=20:1) as eluent to provide the desired product **3e**. 95% yield.

6. Experiments for Iterative Reaction



A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with 1-nitronaphthalen-2-ol **4** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et₃N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under positive pressure of SO₂F₂ gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 2h. Then addition Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), RuPhos (6 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 2 h at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum (PE:EA=10:1) as eluent to provide the desired product **5**. 83% yield.

Next, a 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with 2-methyl-1-nitronaphthalene **5** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Pd(acac)₂ (5 mol%), BrettPhos (15 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), toluene (1 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 24 h at 150 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and petroleum (PE:EA=20:1) as eluent to provide the desired product **6**.²⁷ 54% yield.



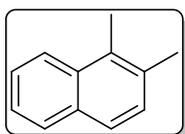
2-methyl-1-nitronaphthalene (5)

Yellow solid, 83% yield, 31.0 mg.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 132.26 , 130.44 , 128.52 , 128.04 (d, J = 14.9 Hz), 127.53 , 126.65 , 124.69 , 121.25 , 17.85 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₁H₉NO₂: 187.0633; Found: 187.0640.



1,2-dimethylnaphthalene (6)

Colorless oil, 54% yield, 16.8 mg.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 133.08 , 132.83 , 132.26 , 131.09 , 128.99 , 128.40 , 125.69 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 124.44 , 123.69 , 20.74 , 14.45 .

HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C₁₂H₁₂: 156.0939; Found: 156.0944.

7: Mechanistic Studies

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Table S2: Control experiments.^a

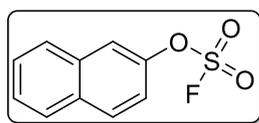
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C1=CC=C2C(=C1)C(=C(C=C2)X)S(=O)(=O)F >> C1=CC=C2C(=C1)C(=C(C=C2)C)S(=O)(=O)F

1f 3f

Entry	X	Deviation	Yield 3f (%) ^b
1	OH	-	99
2	OH	w / o Pd(OAc) ₂	0
3	OH	w / o Ruphos	0
4	OH	w / o K ₃ PO ₄	28
5 ^c	OH	w / BHT	99
6 ^d	<p>(2f)</p>	-	99

^a Reaction conditions: **1f** (0.2 mmol), Et₃N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 eq.), dioxane (0.2 M), r.t., 2 h, under SO₂F₂ gas atmosphere; then addition Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), Ruphos (6 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), TMB (0.1 mmol, 0.5 eq.), dioxane (0.2 M), 120 °C, 2 h, under nitrogen atmosphere. ^b Isolated yield. ^c After completion of the reaction at room temperature addition Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) (0.4 mmol, 2.0 eq.). ^d **2f** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), Ruphos (6 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), TMB (0.1 mmol, 0.5 eq.), dioxane (0.2 M), 120 °C, 2 h, under nitrogen atmosphere.

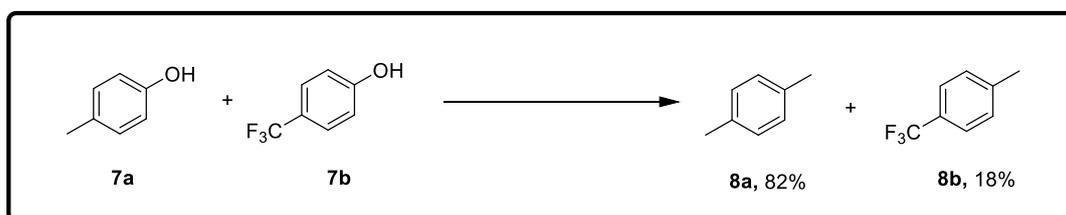


naphthalen-2-yl sulfurofluoridate (**2f**)

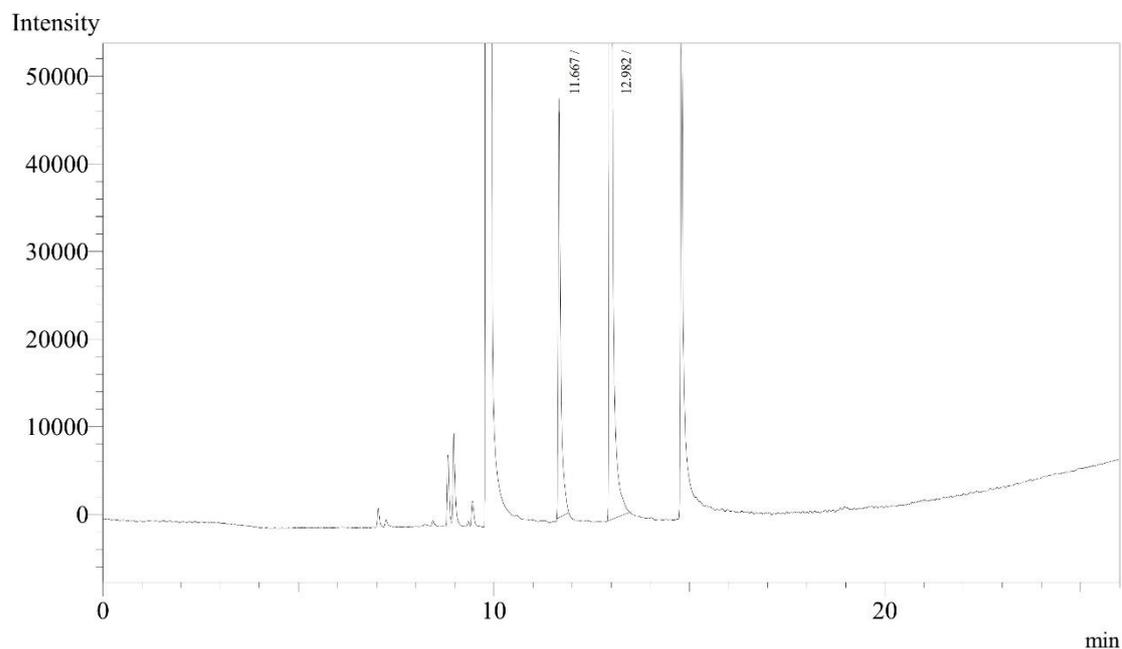
A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with Aryl phenols (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et₃N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under positive pressure of SO₂F₂ gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 2h. Yellow solid.

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 37.75 .

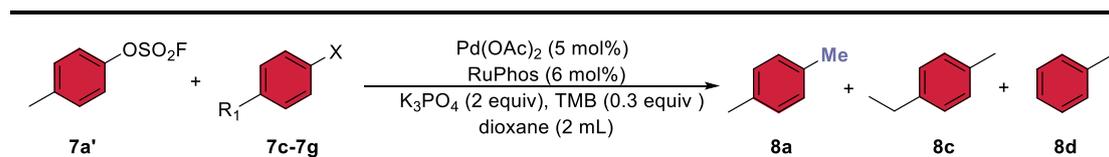
7.2: Competition experiments.



A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with p-cresol **7a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenol **7b** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Et₃N (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), dioxane (1 mL). Under positive pressure of SO₂F₂ gas, five evacuation/backfill cycles are performed under high vacuum to fill the reaction tube and vigorous stirring at room temperature for 2h. Then addition Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), RuPhos (6 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (0.67 mmol.), dioxane (1 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 2 h at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times. GC yield: **8a** (82%); **8b** (18%).



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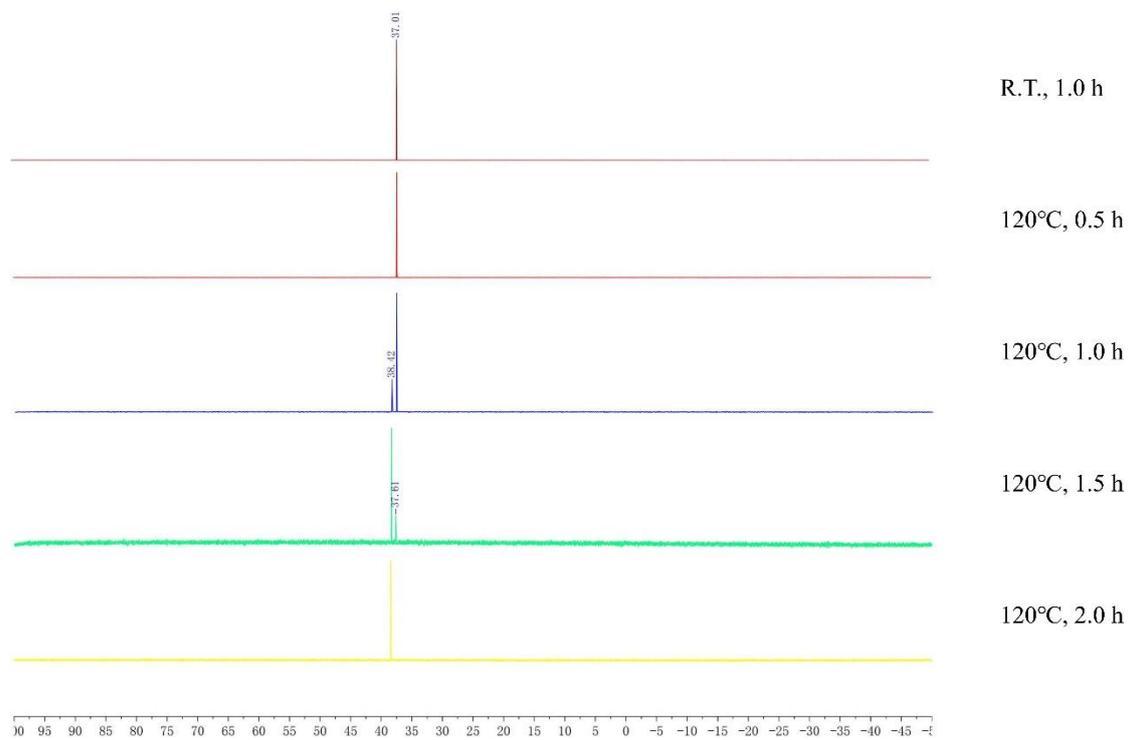


Entry	X	R ₁	Yield 8a : 8c : 8d (%) ^b
1	Br (7c)	Et	33:67:0
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3	OTf (7e)	H	21:0:79
4	OTs (7f)	H	17:0:83
5	OMs (7g)	H	77:0:23
6 ^c	OPFBs (7h)	H	47:0:53

^a Reaction conditions: **7a'** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), RuPhos (6 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), TMB (0.1 mmol, 0.5 eq.), dioxane (0.1 M), 120 °C, 2 h, under nitrogen atmosphere. ^b Yields determined by high performance liquid chromatography. ^c OPFBs = 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzenesulfonate.

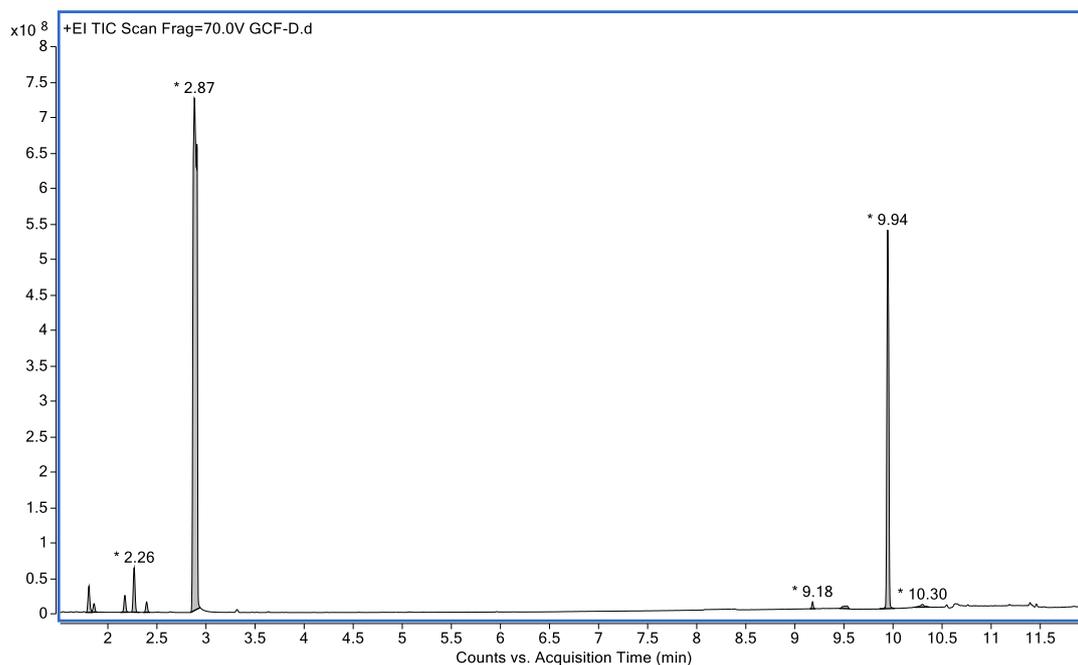
A 25mL Schlenk flask equipped with a stirring bar is filled with **7a'** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **7c** (or **7d-7h**) (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), RuPhos (6 mol%), K₃PO₄ (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), trimethylboroxine (0.67 mmol.), dioxane (2 mL). Under a positive pressure of nitrogen and five evacuations/backfilling cycles under high vacuum. The mixture was allowed to react for 2 h at 120 °C. The reaction was quenched by water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EA for three times.

7.3: Kinetic experiments.

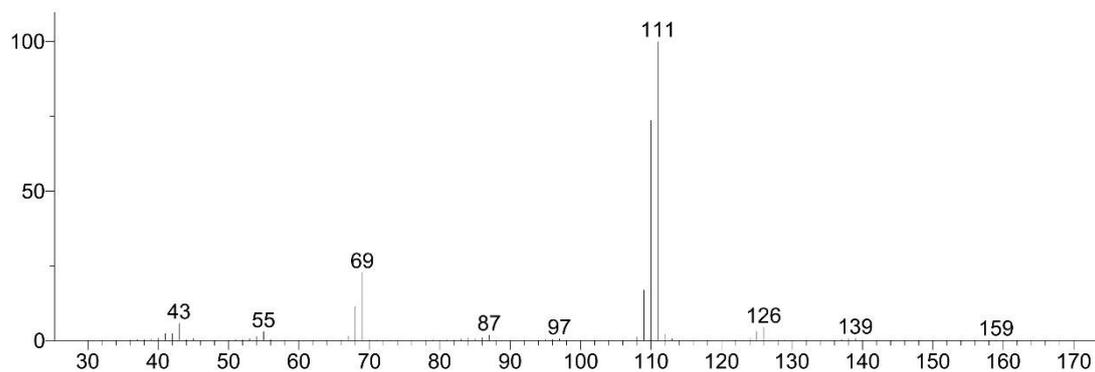


Scheme S1 ^{19}F NMR under different reaction times.

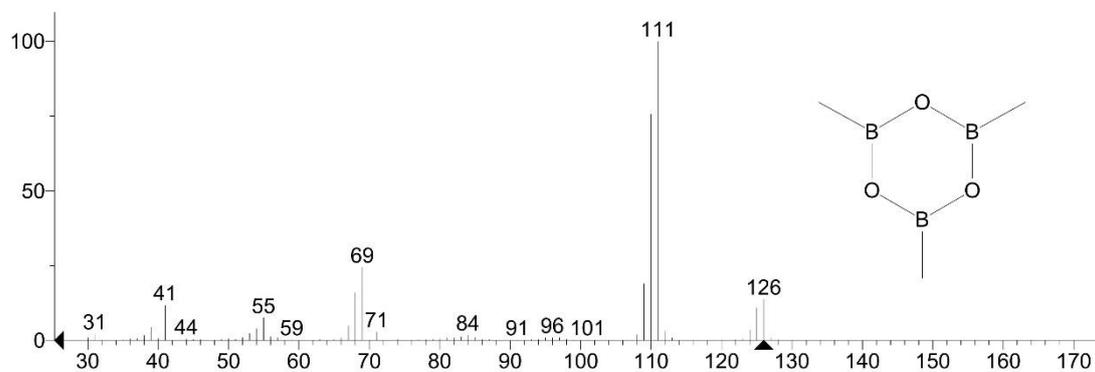
7.4: GC-MS analysis of 3c.



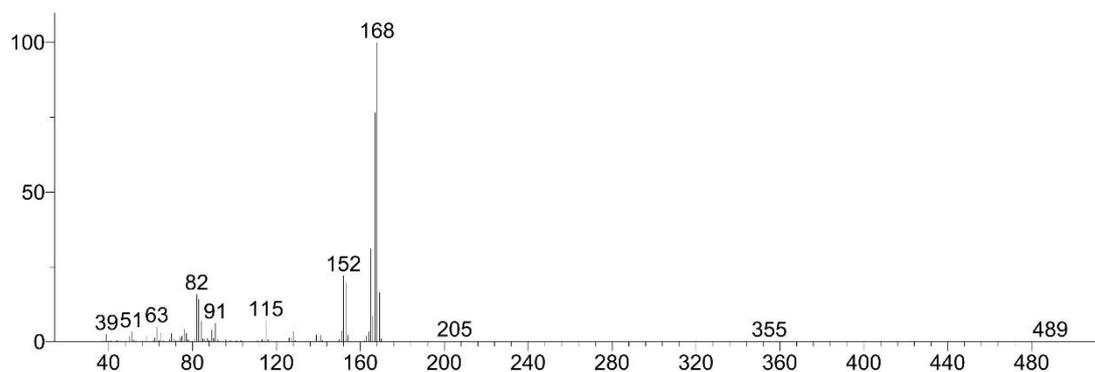
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Compound in Library Factor = 196



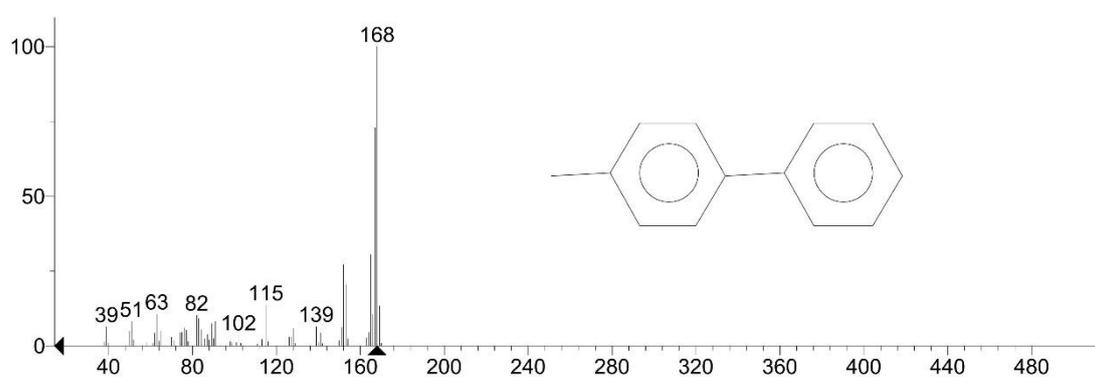
Hit 1 : Trimethylboroxine
C₃H₉B₃O₃; MF: 852; RMF: 867; Prob 92.7%; CAS: 823-96-1; Lib: mainlib; ID: 109260.



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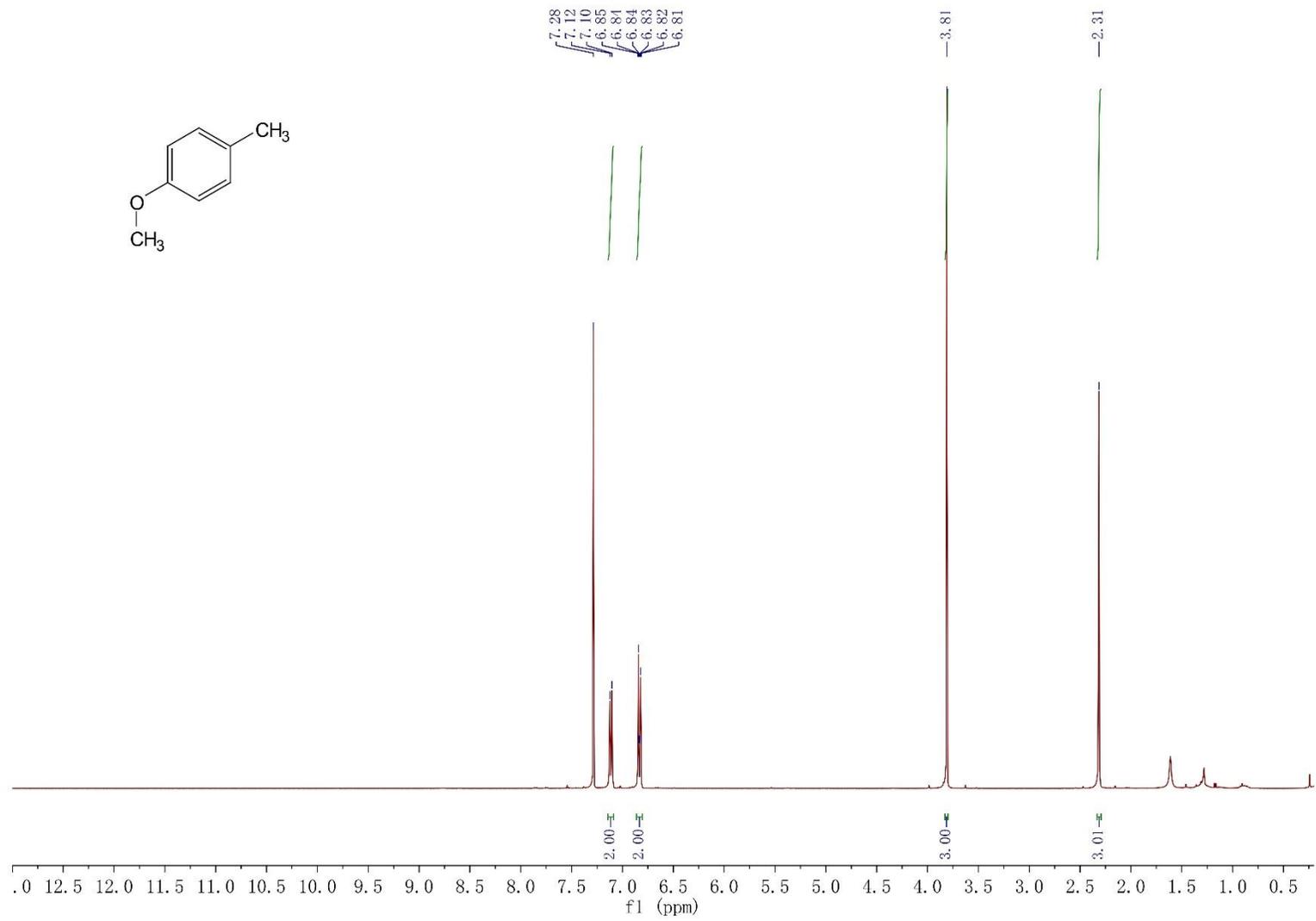
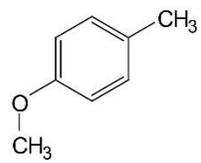


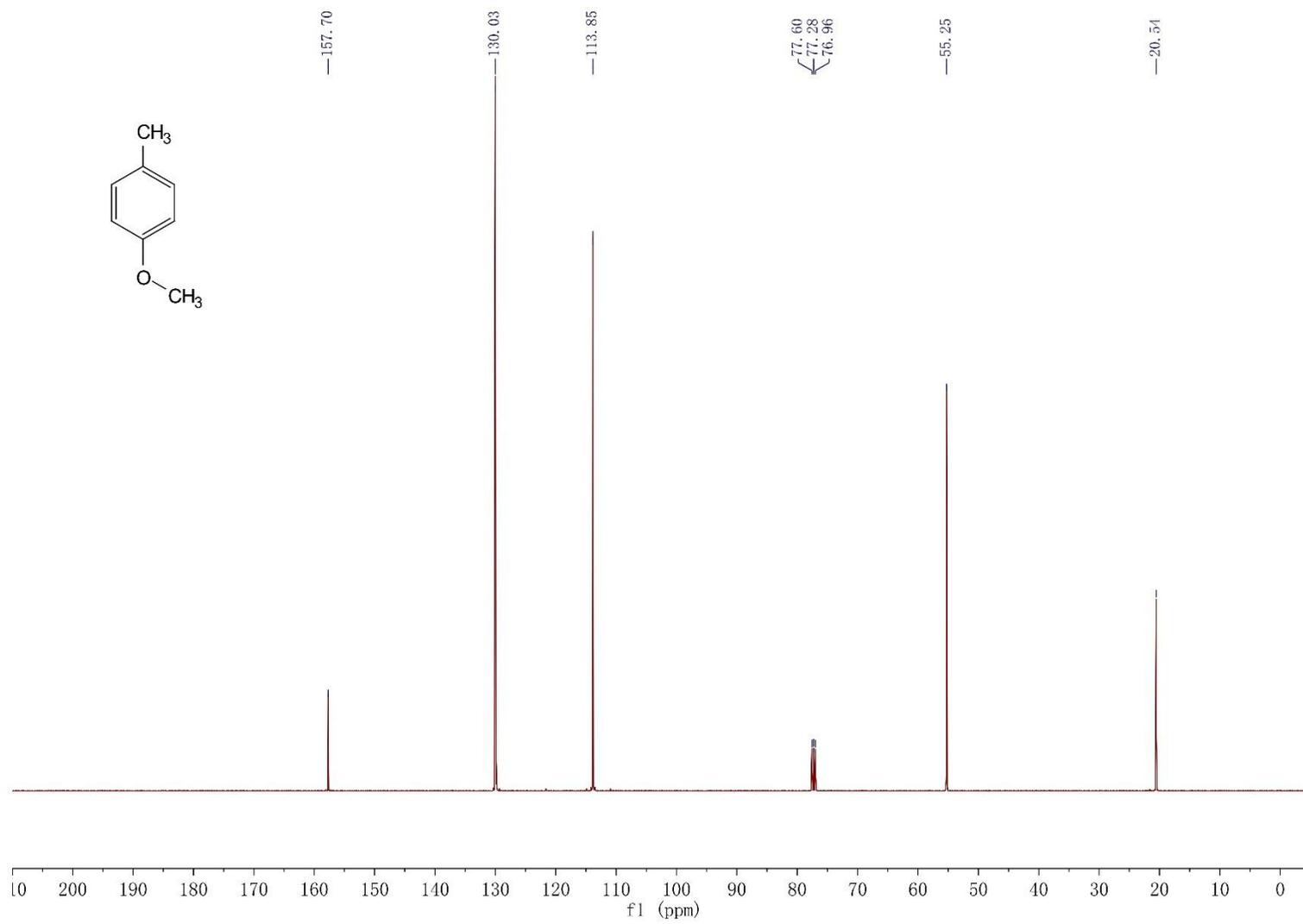
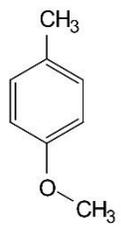
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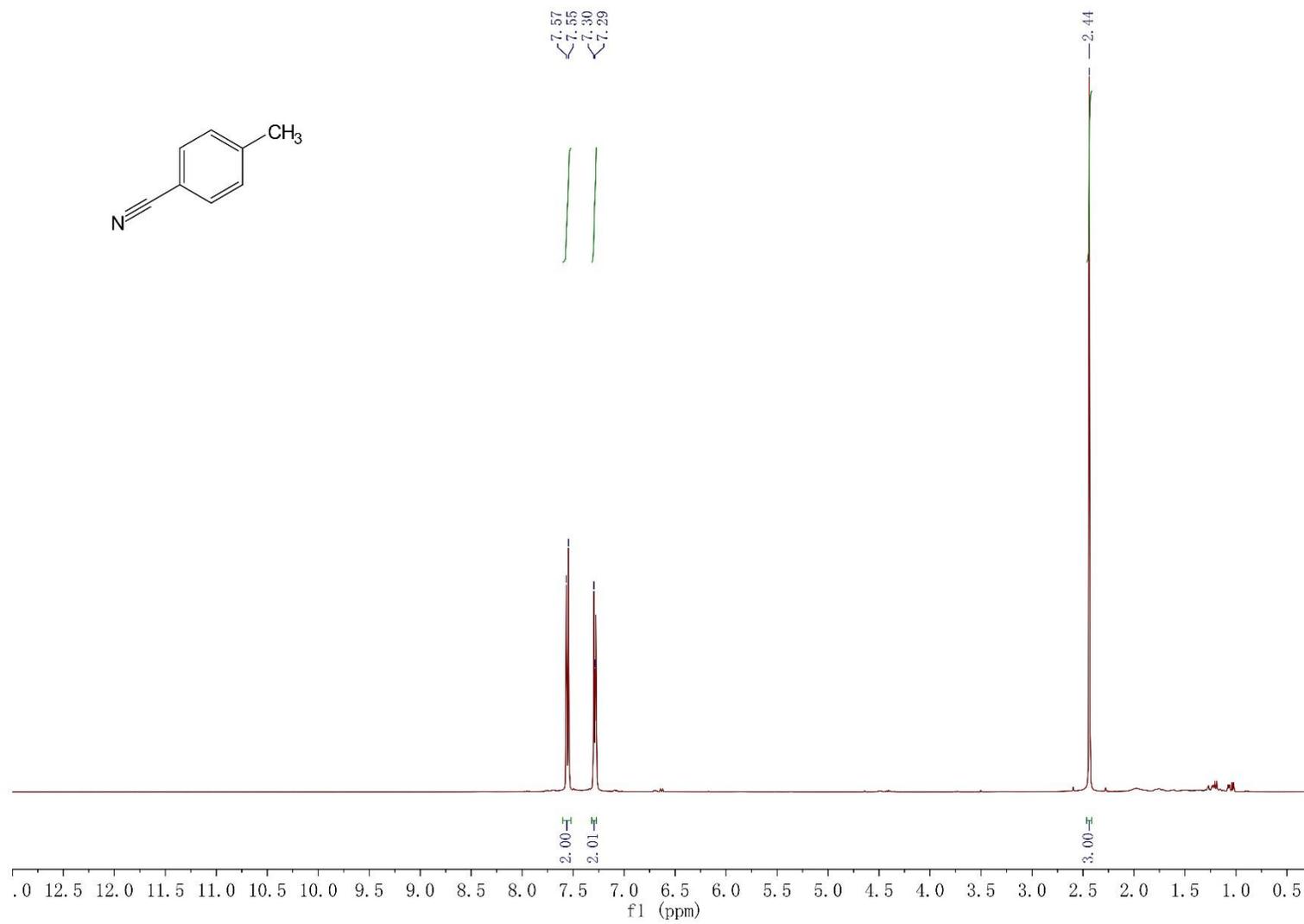
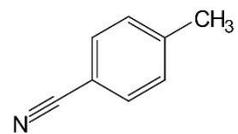


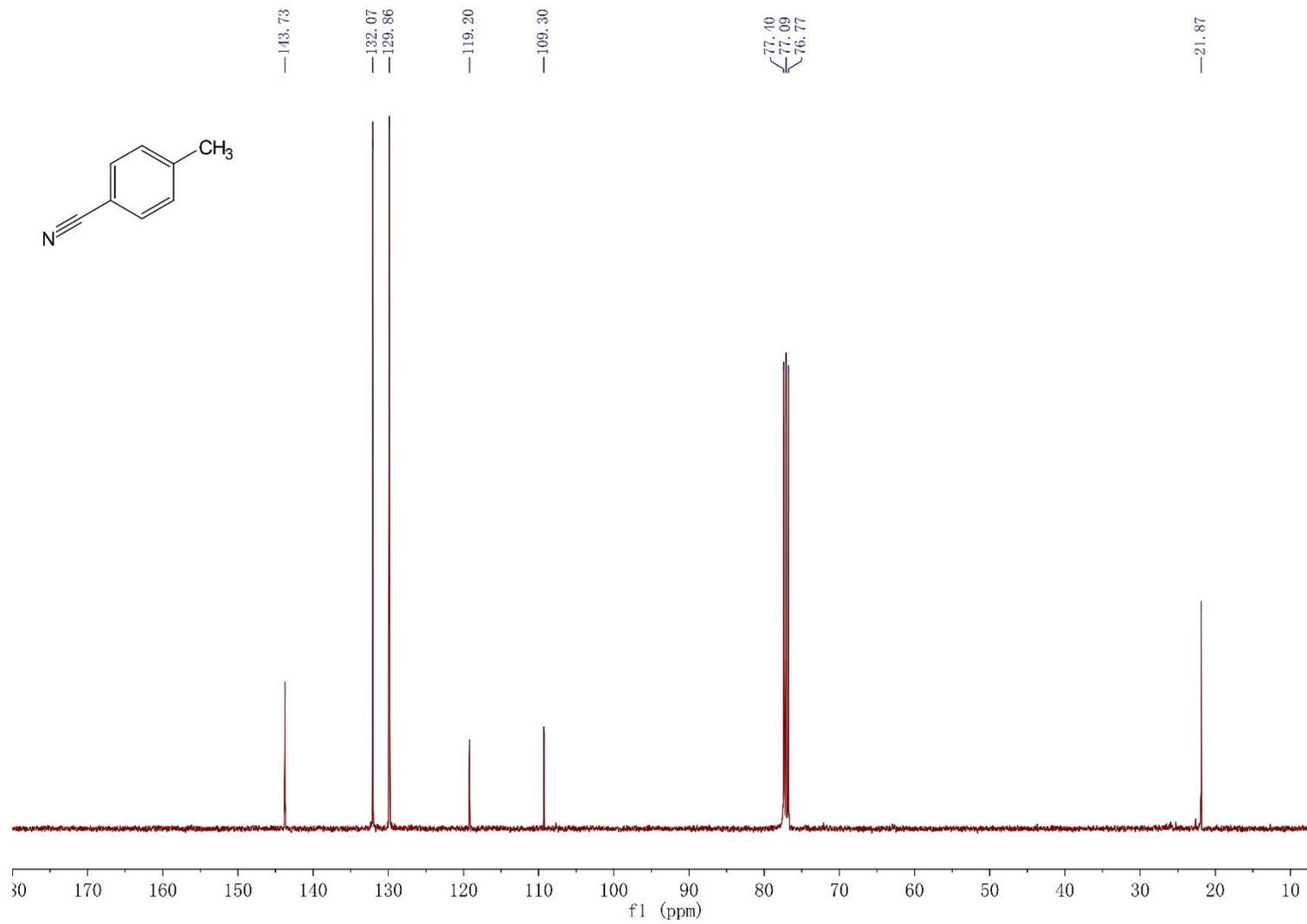
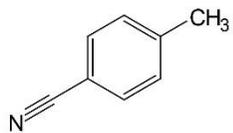
Scheme S2 GC-MS of the 2h reaction system.

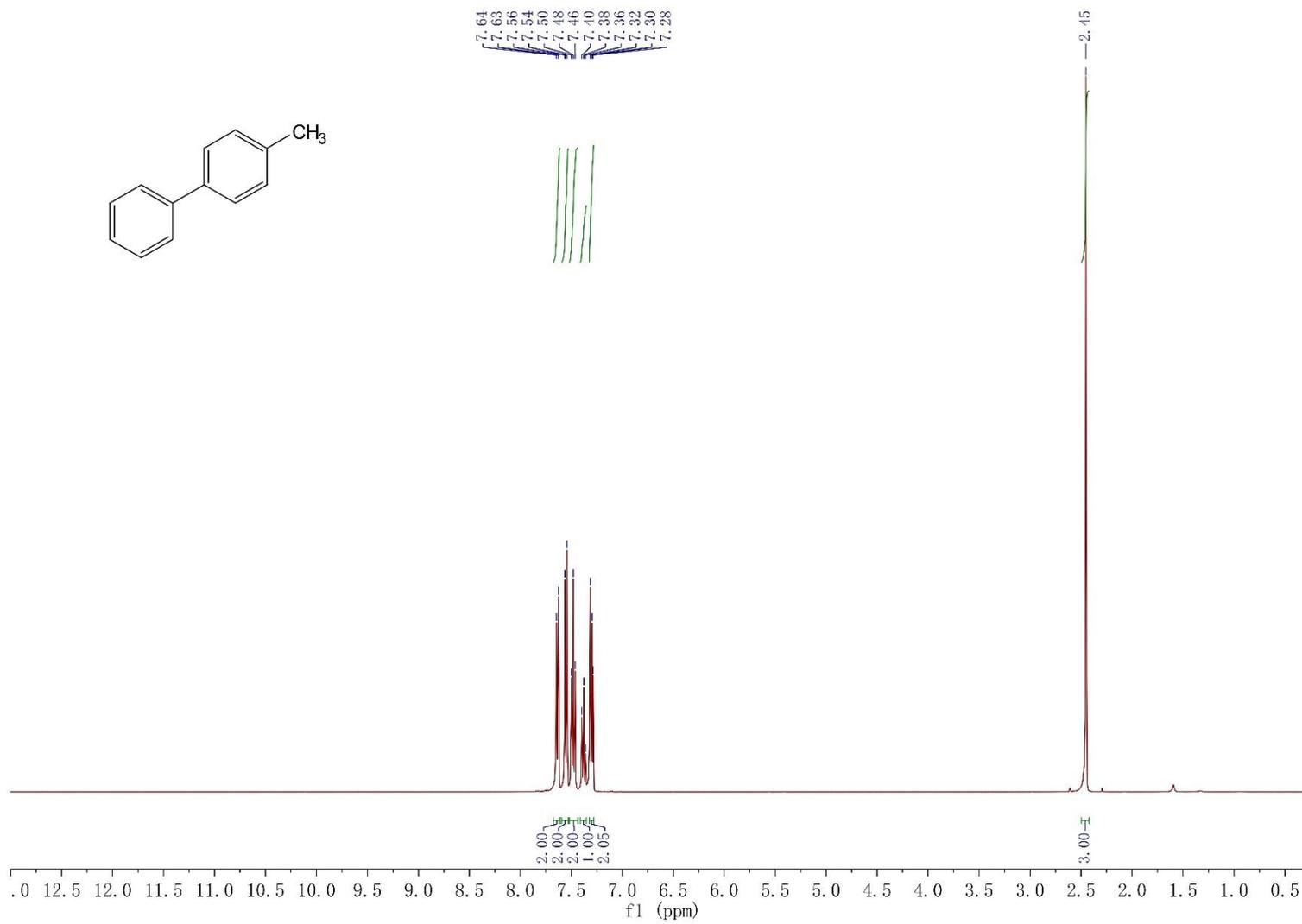
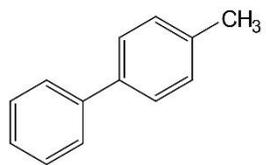
8: Copies of ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F spectra for products

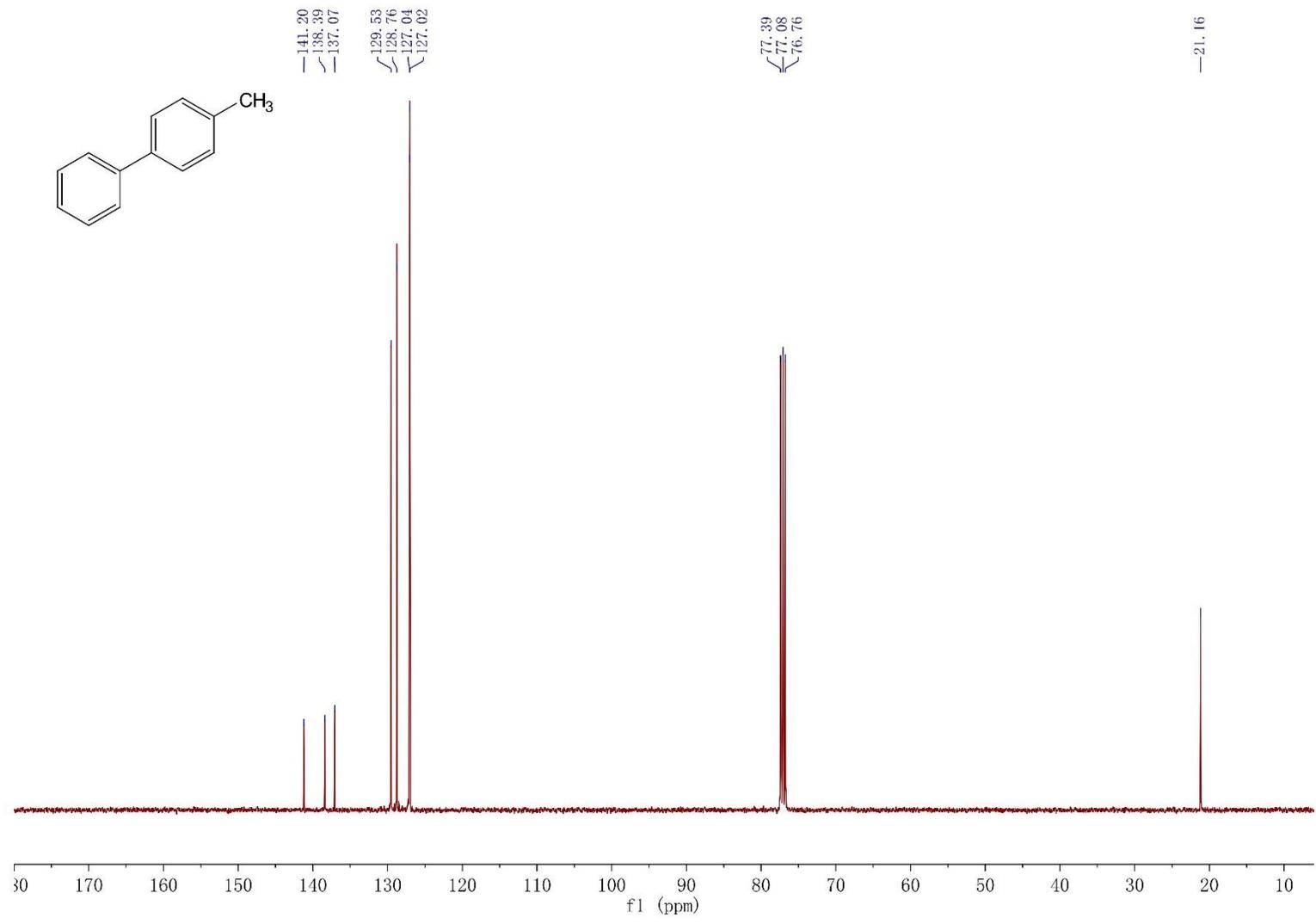


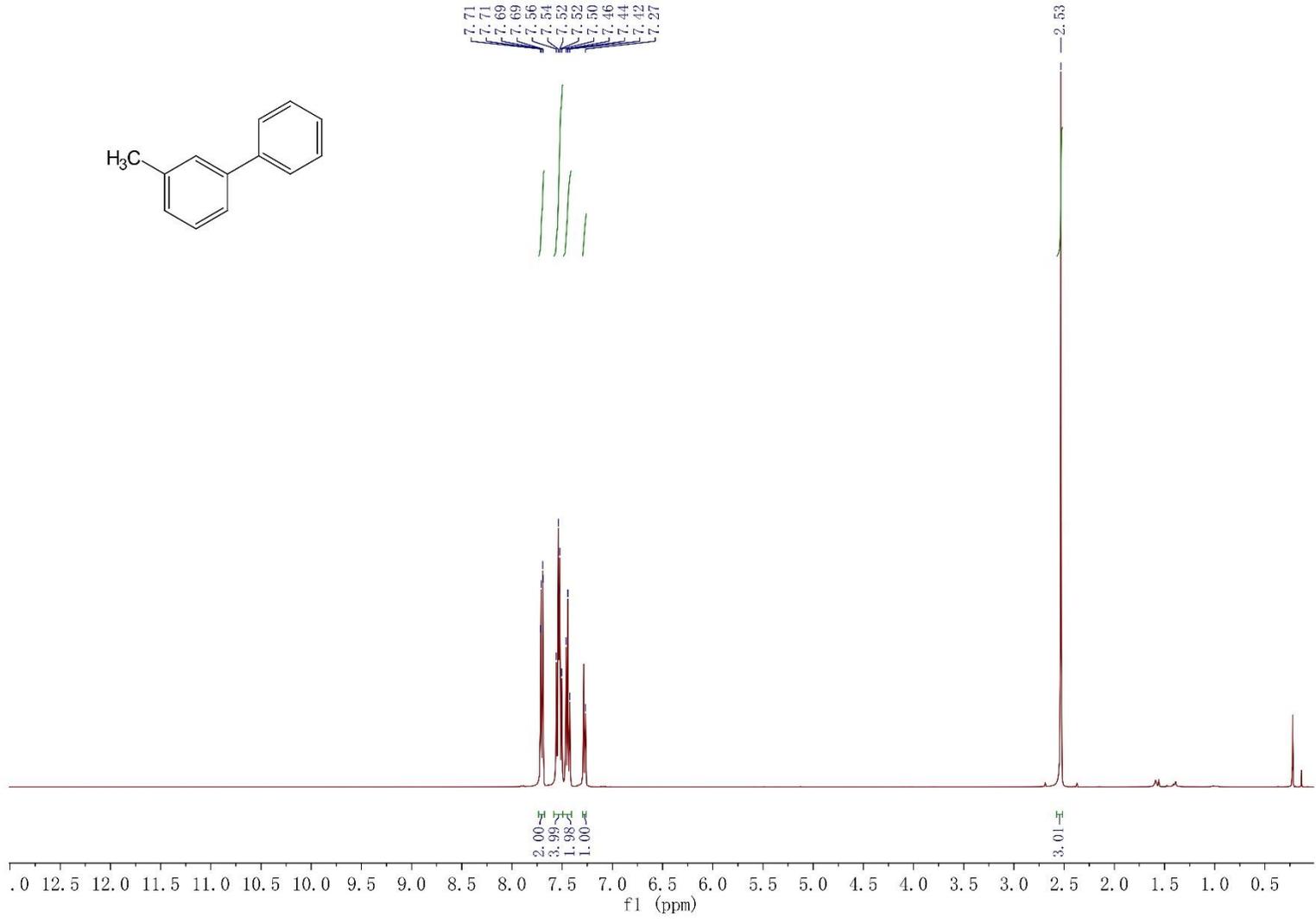
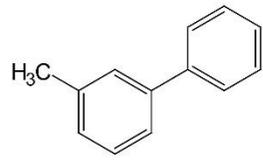


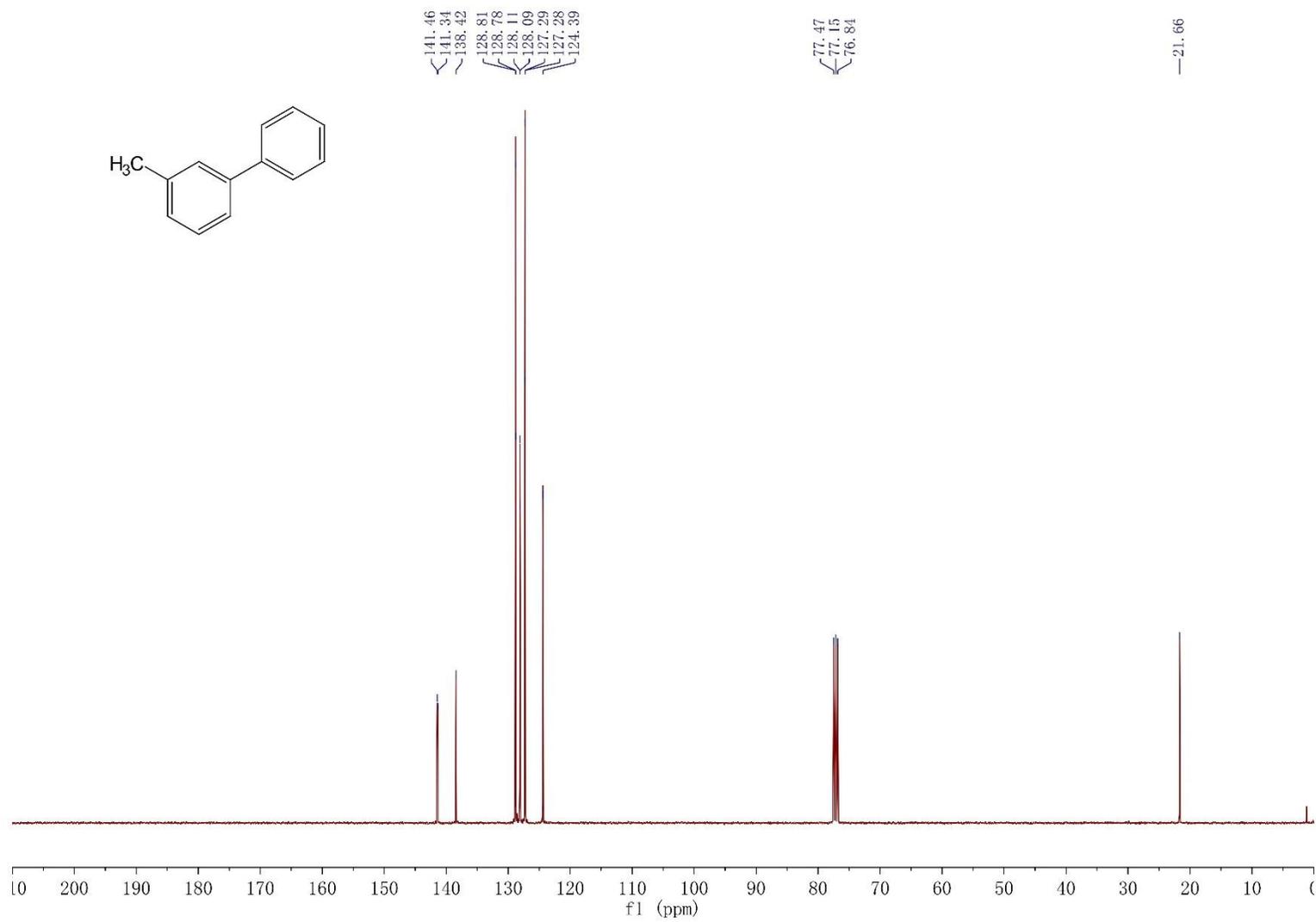
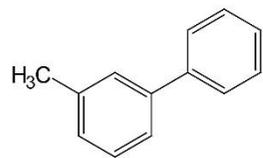


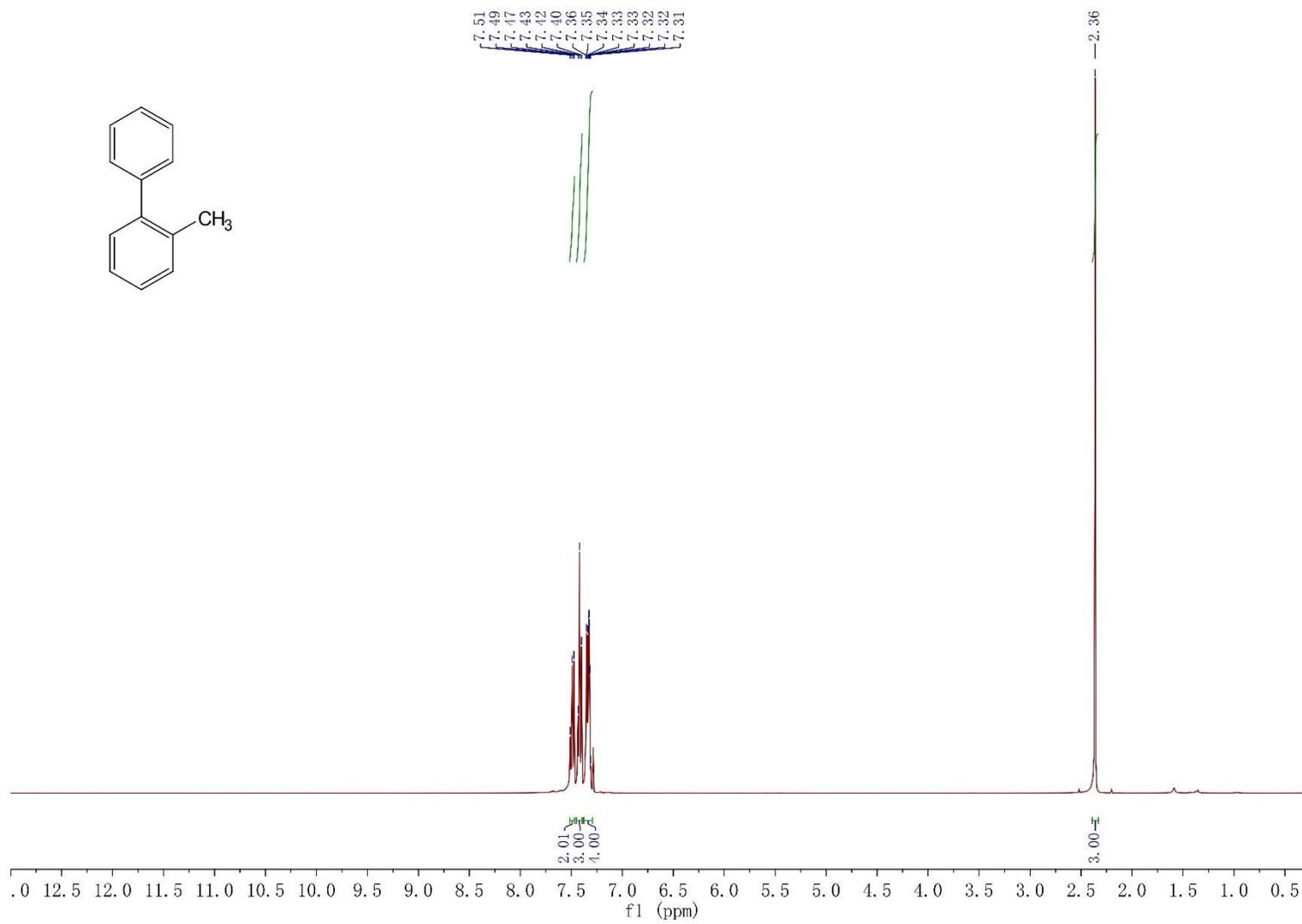
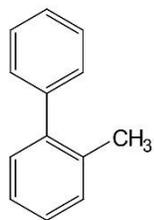


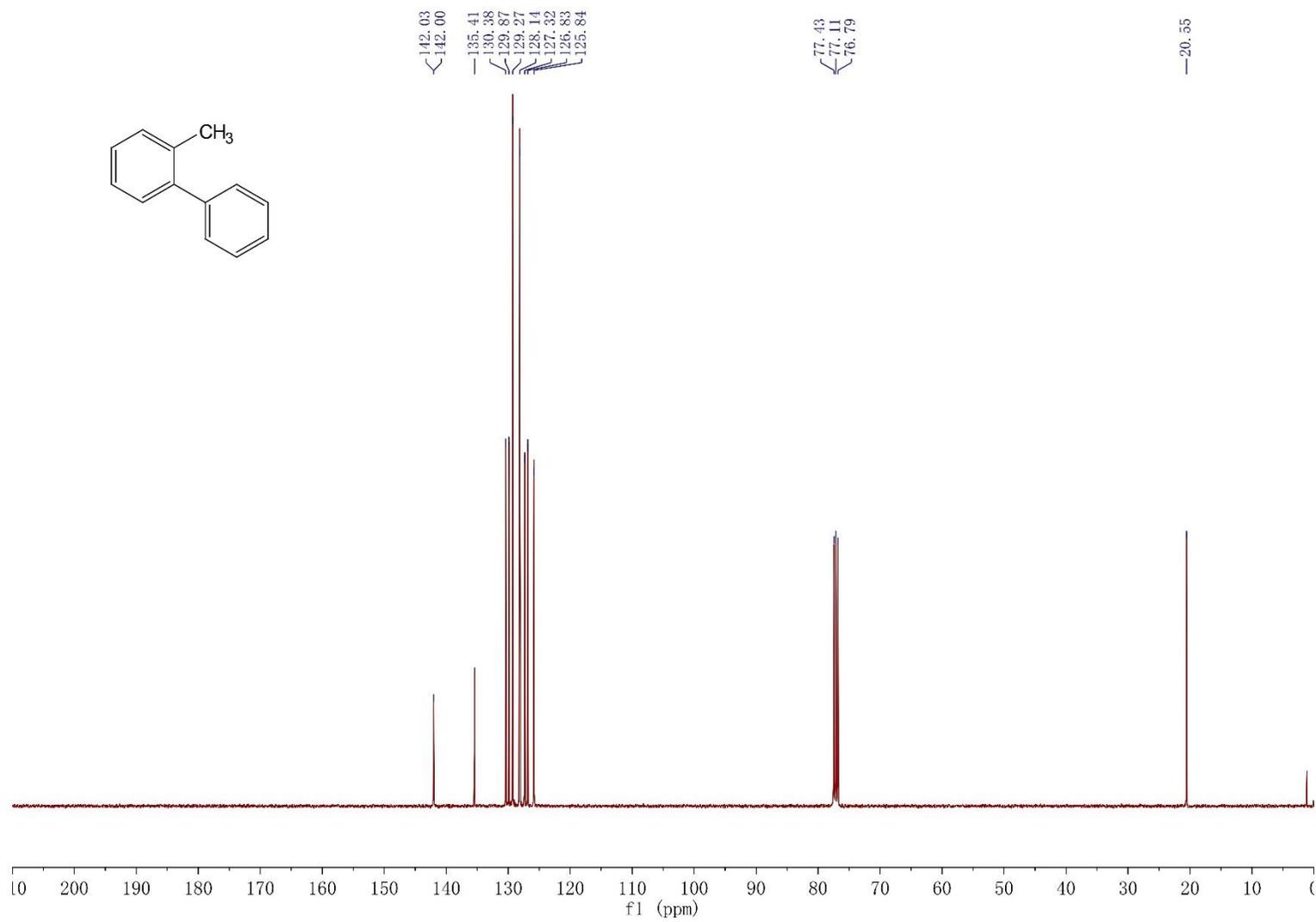
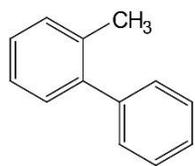


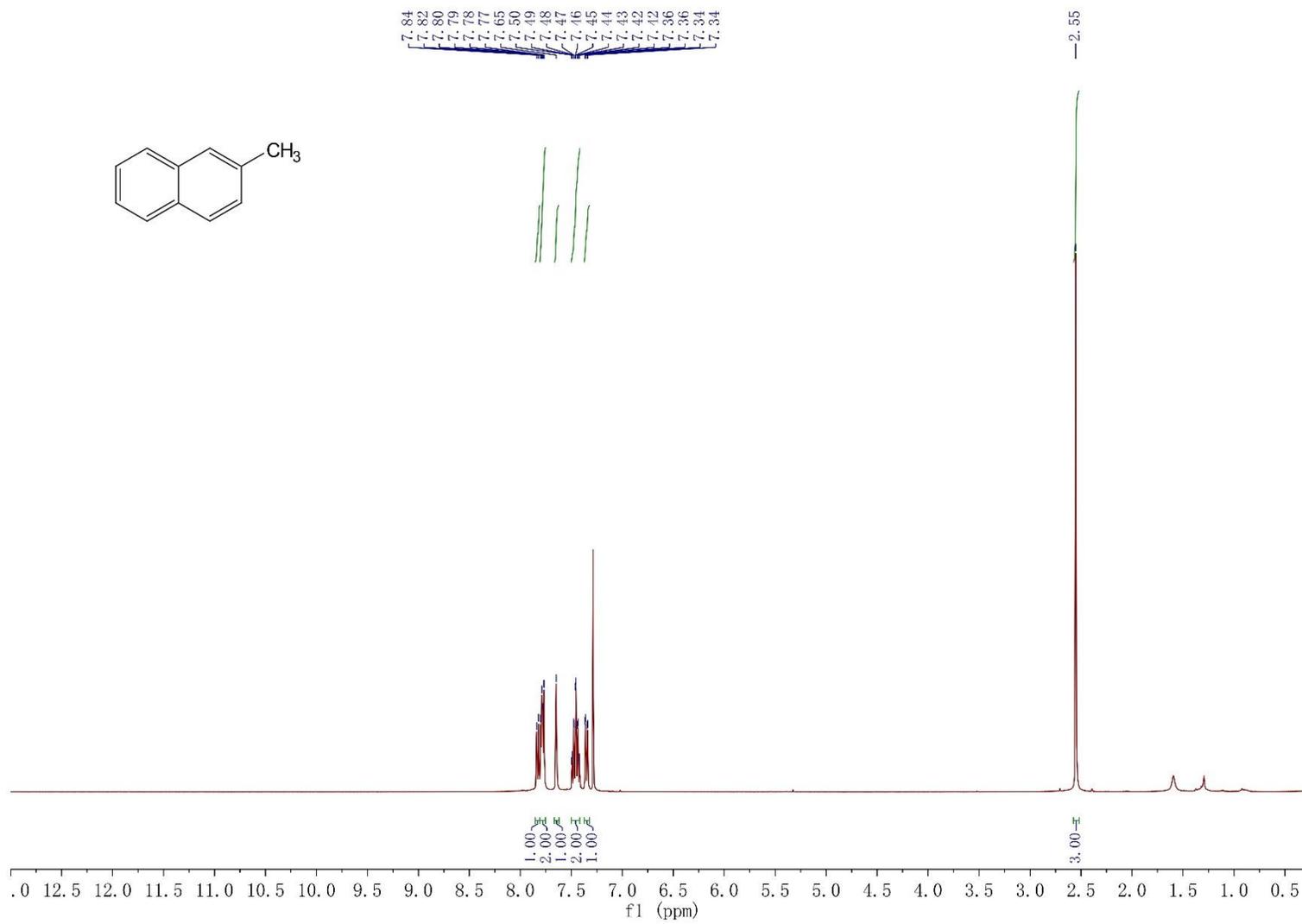
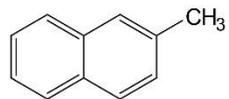


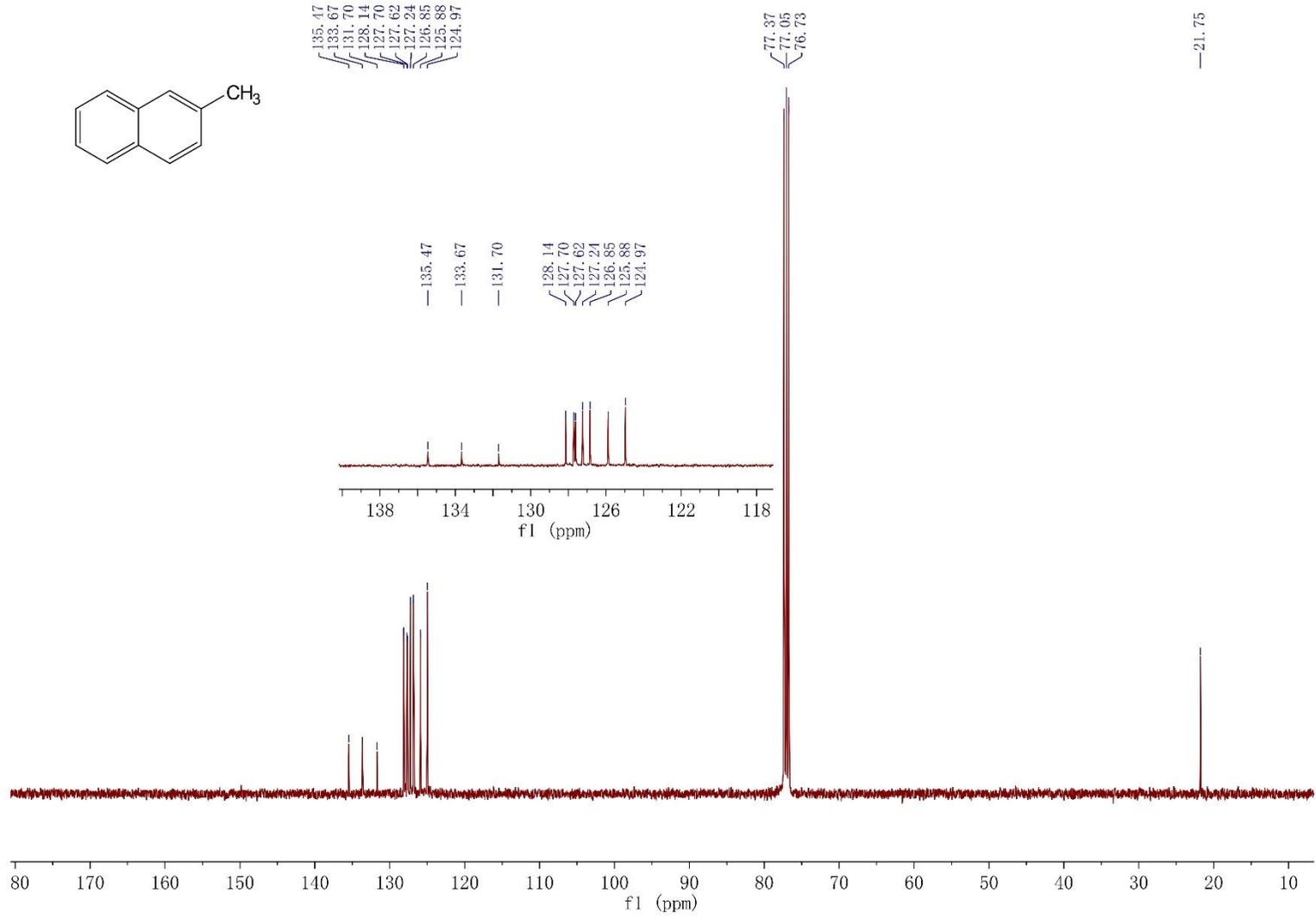
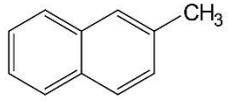


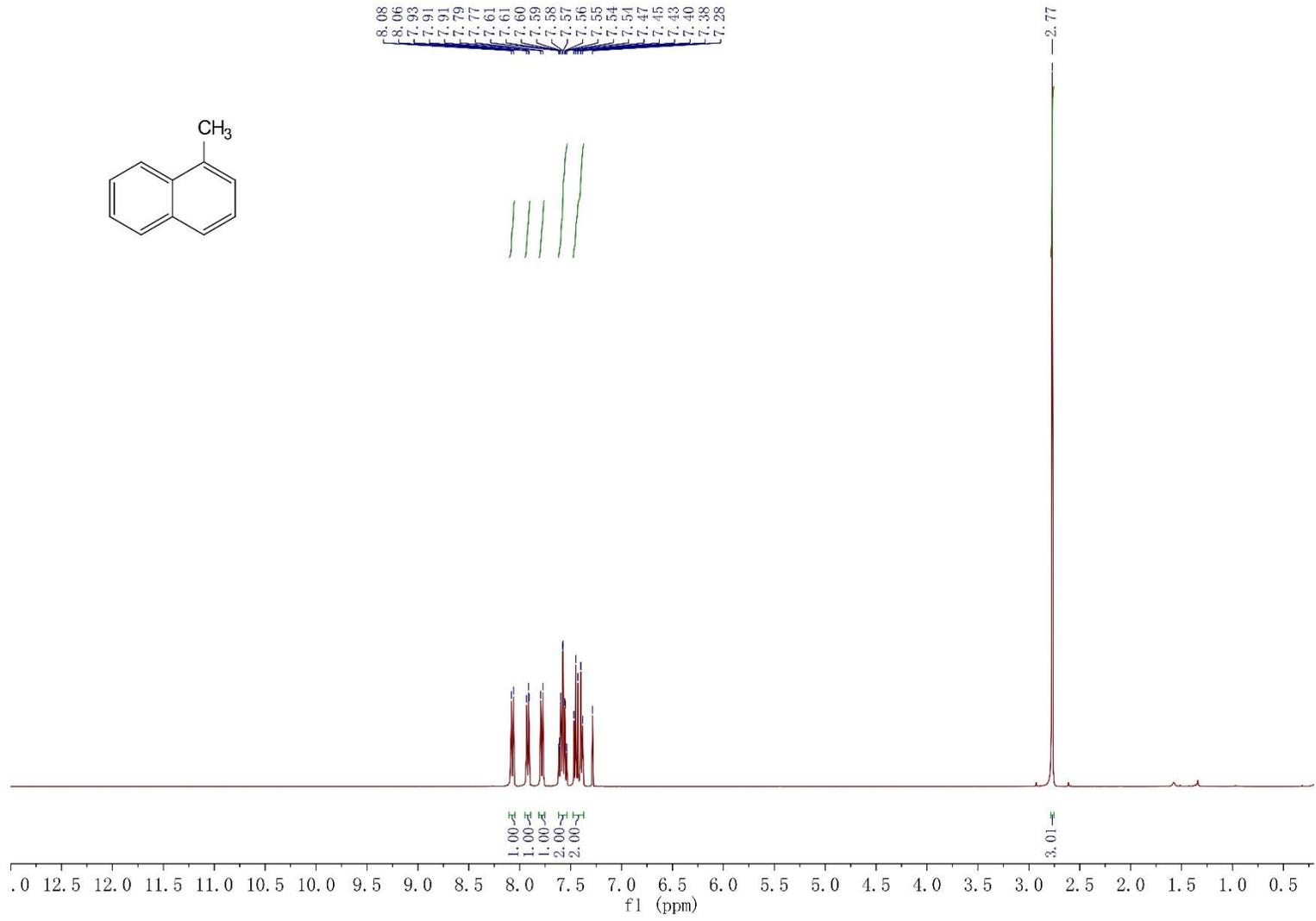
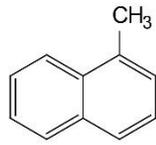


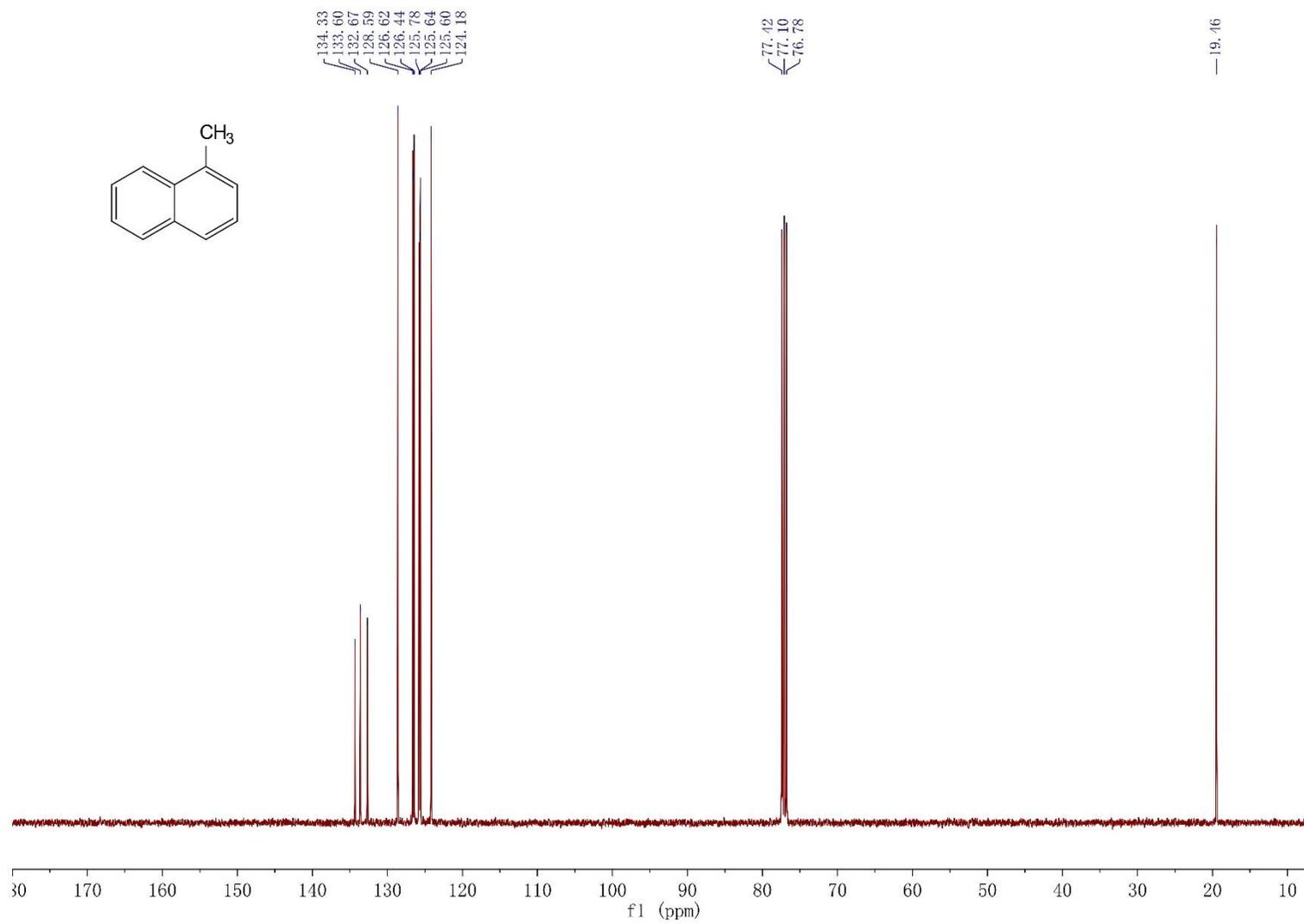
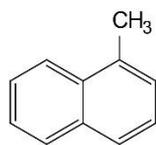


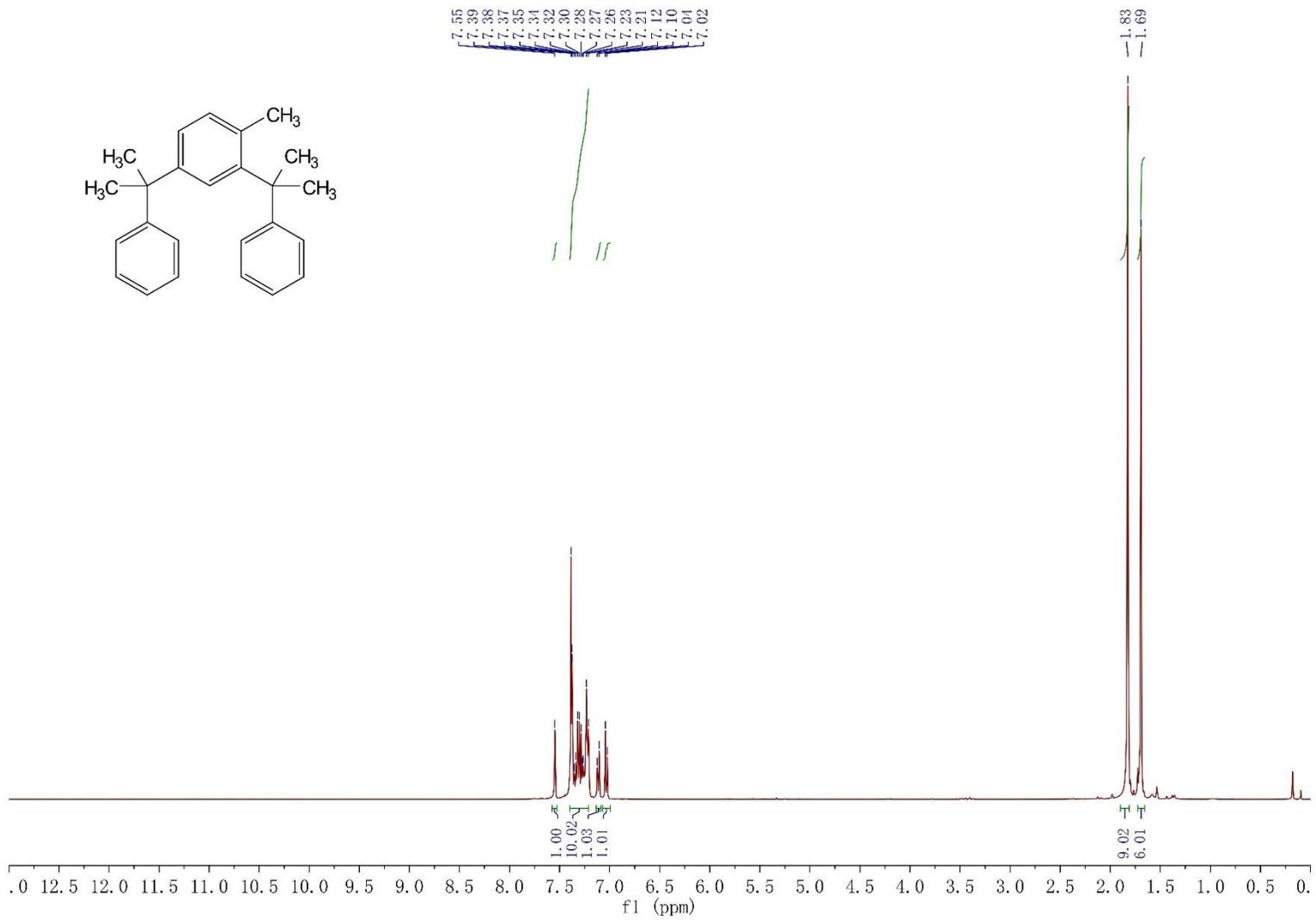


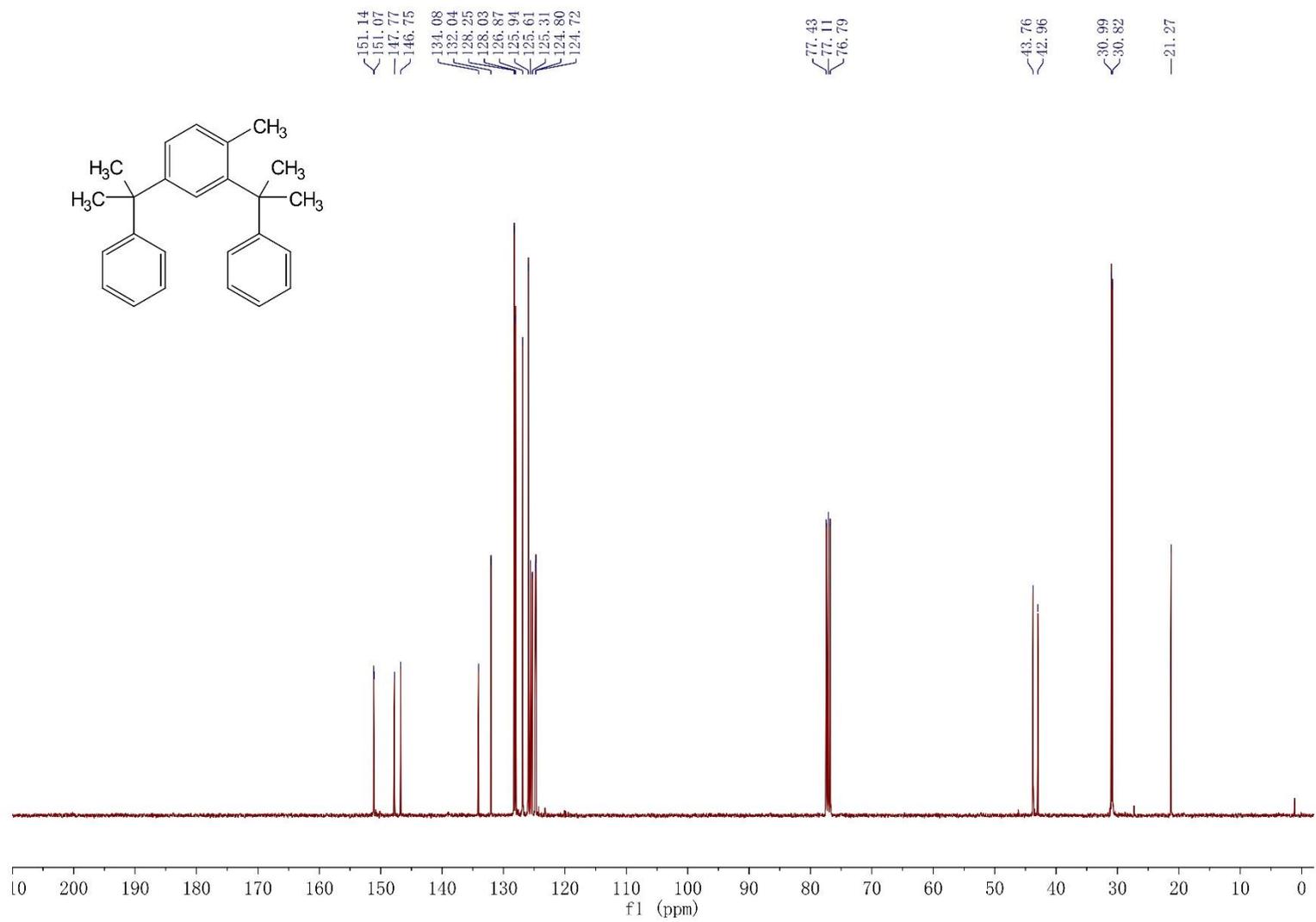
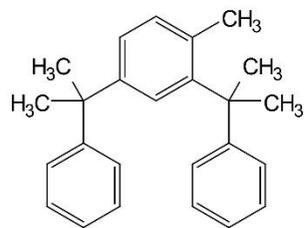


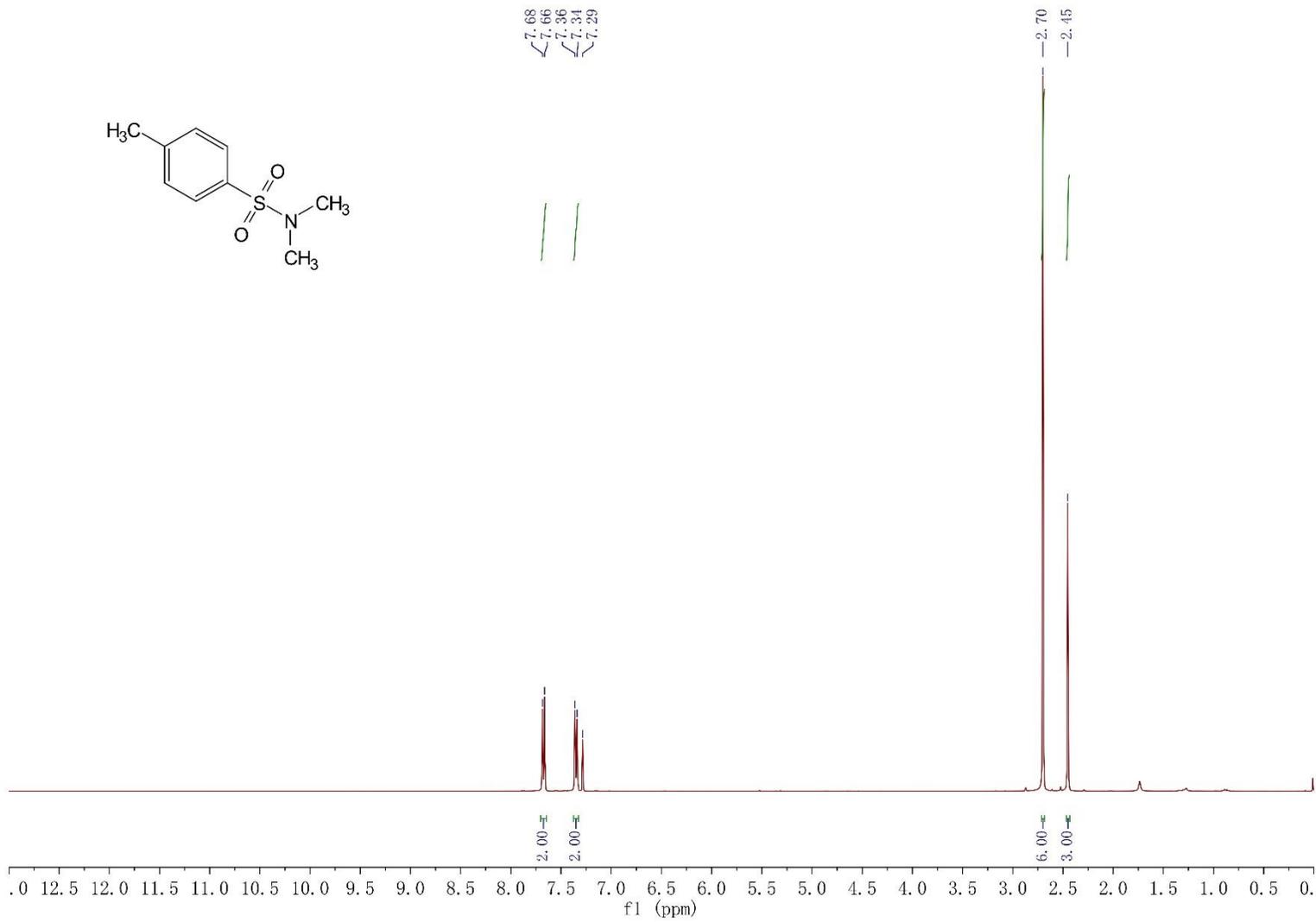


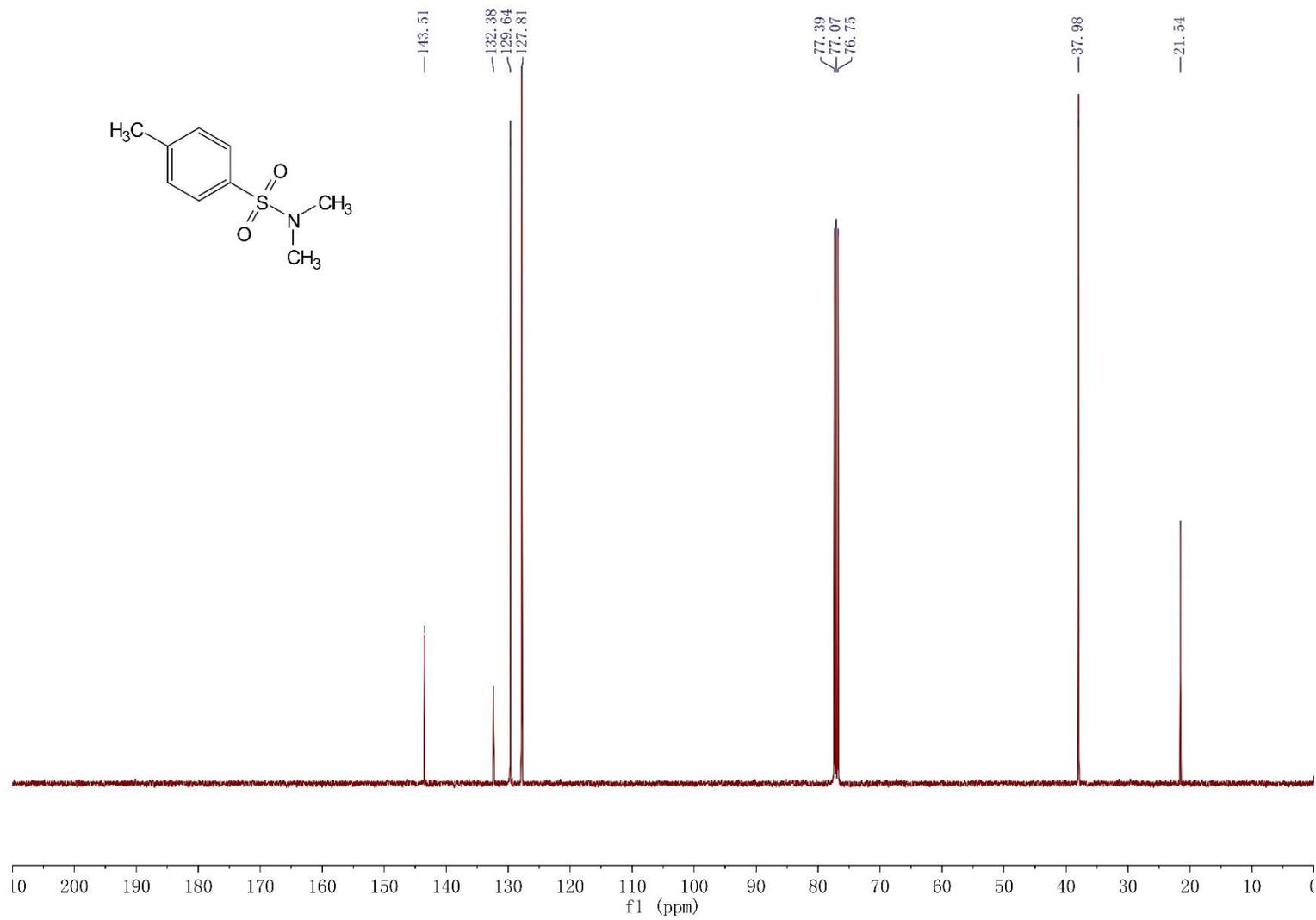


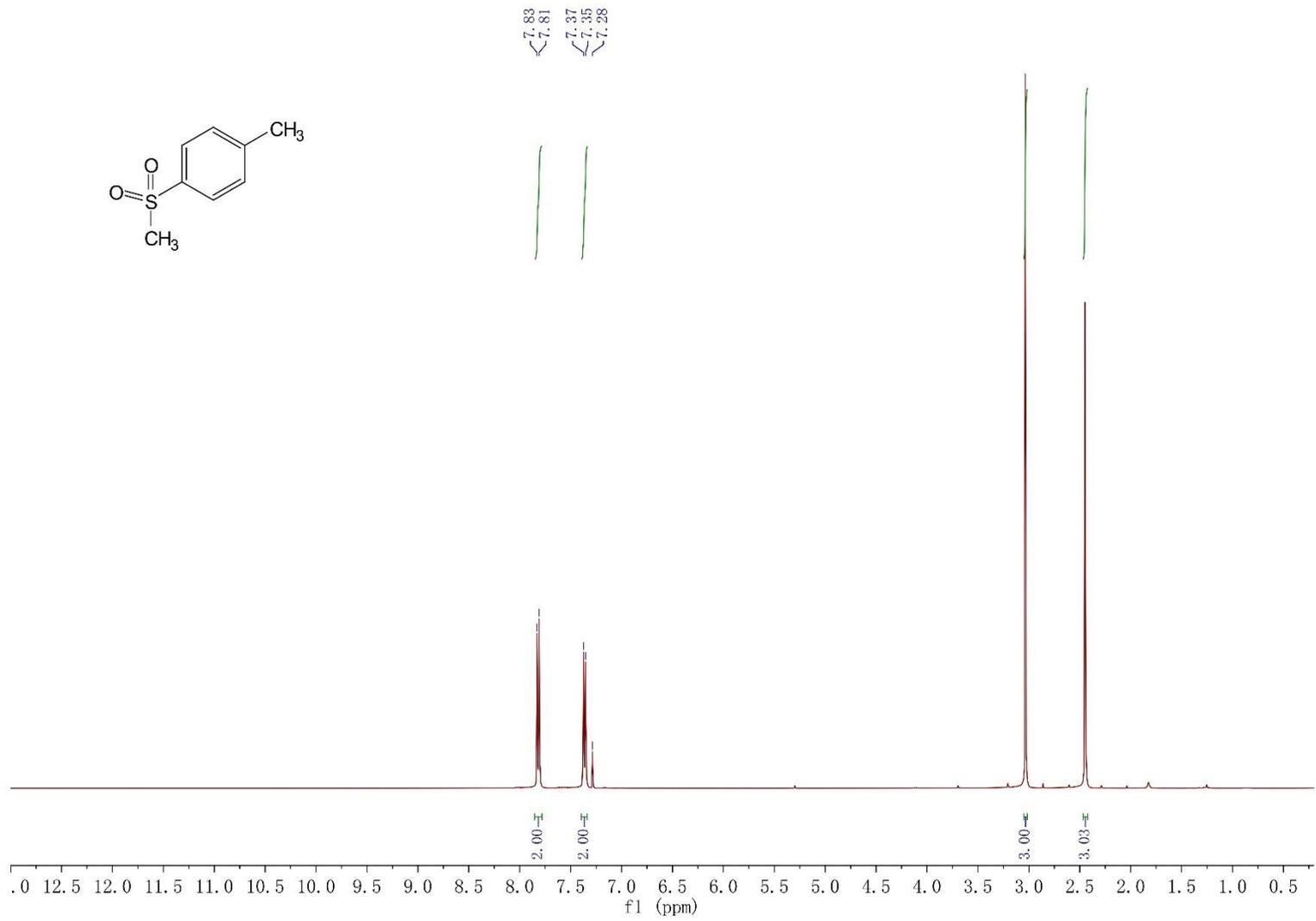
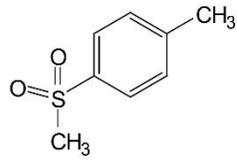


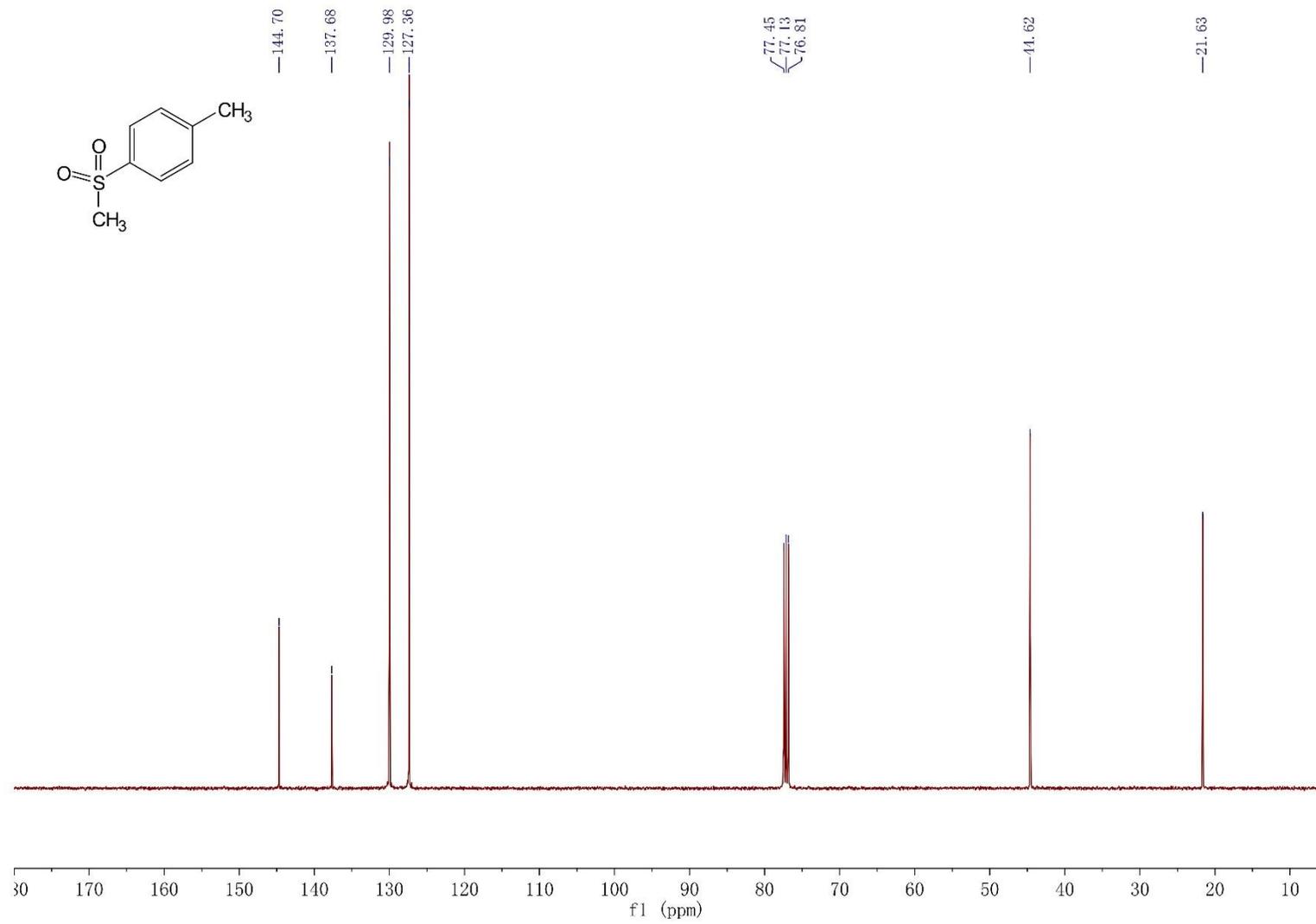


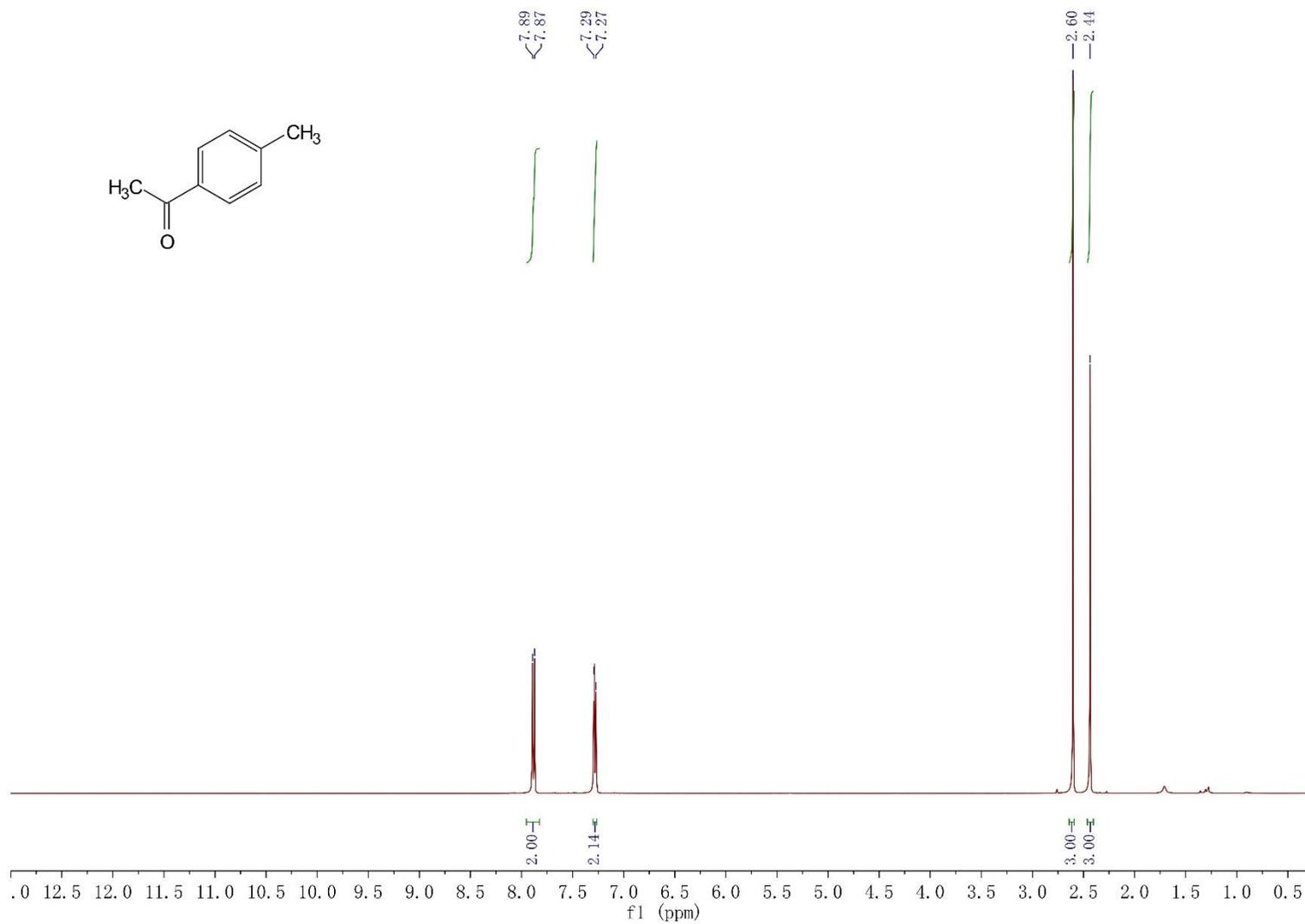
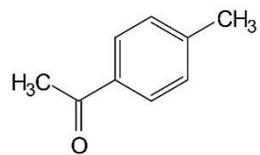


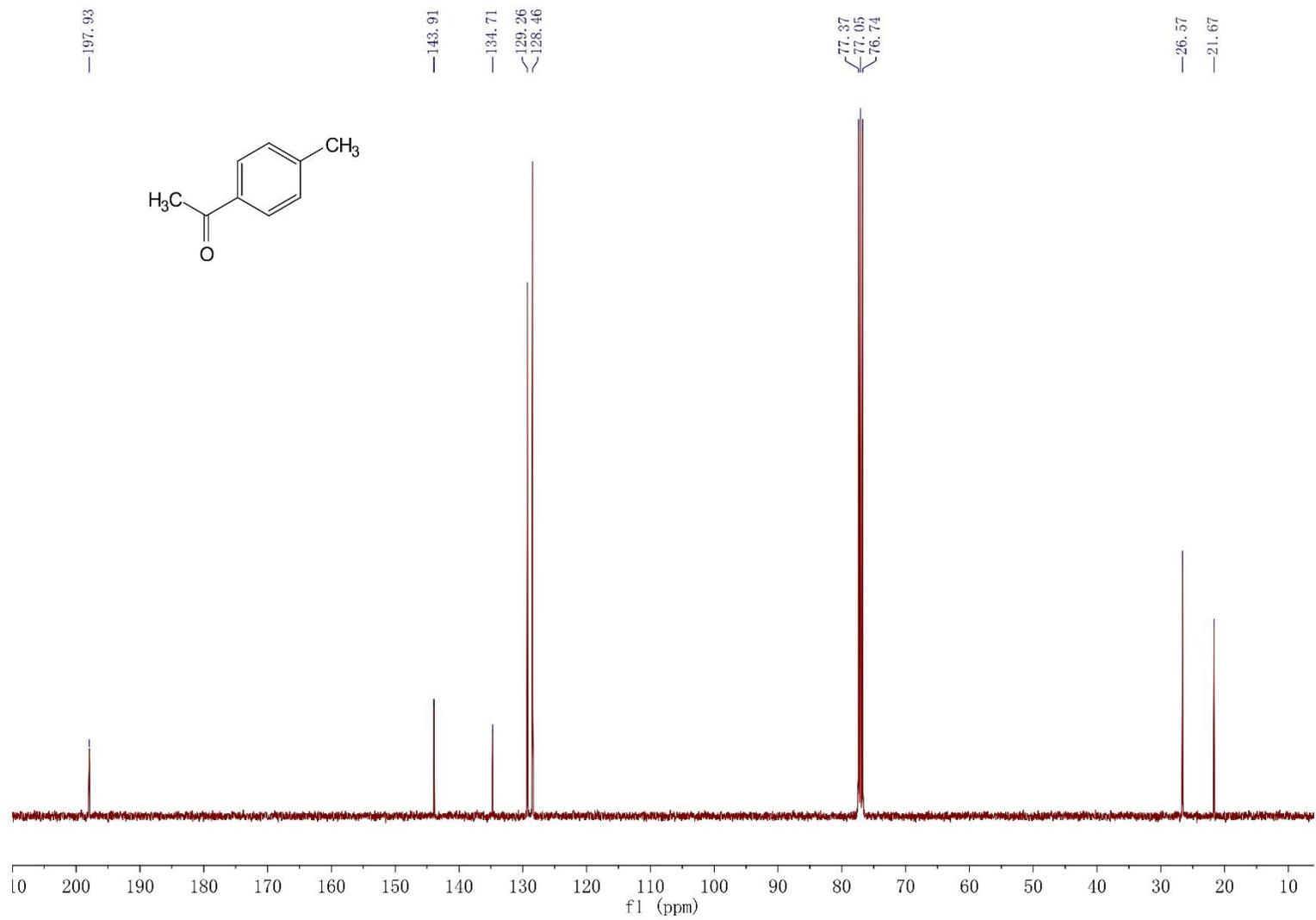
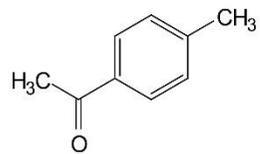


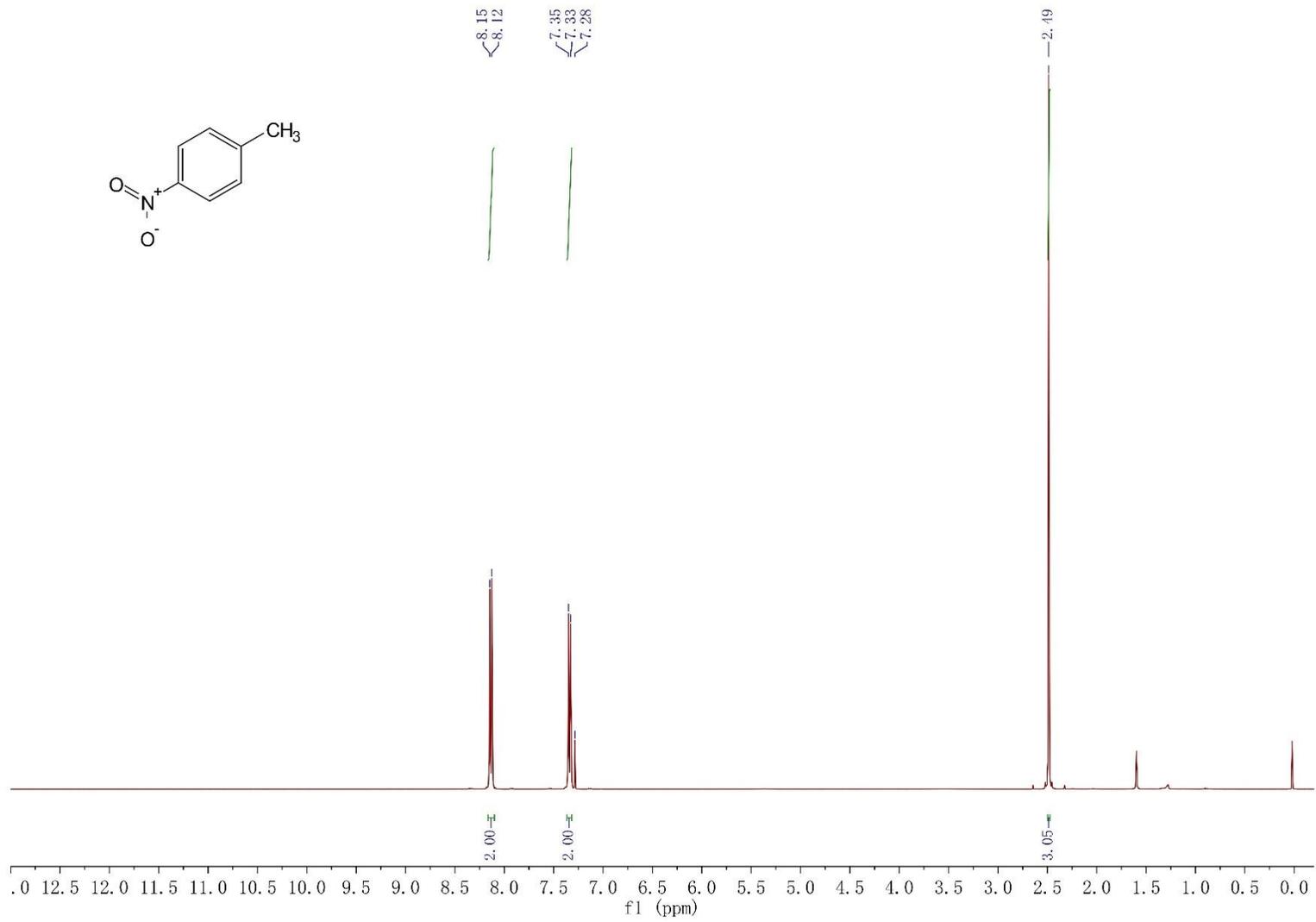


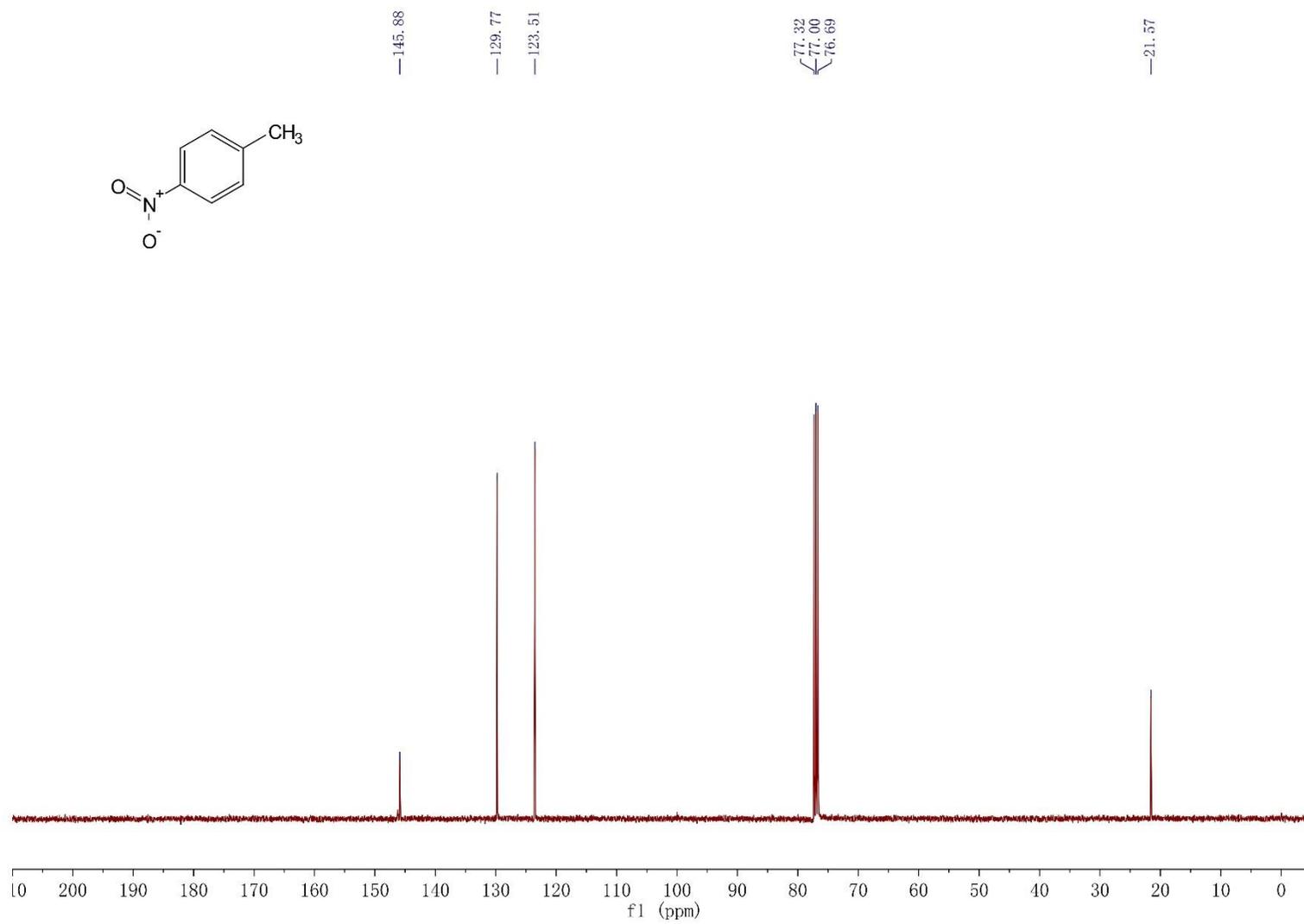


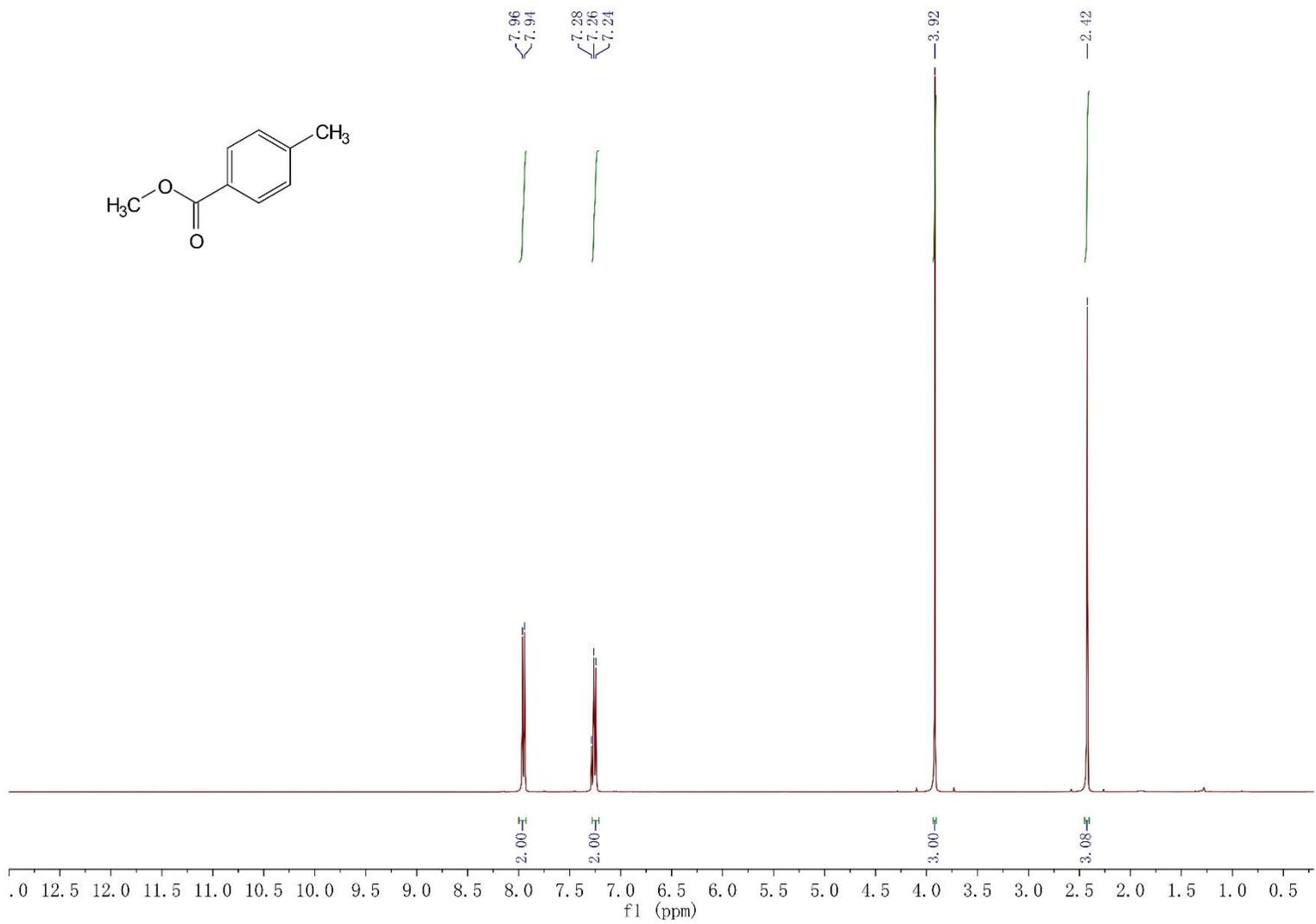
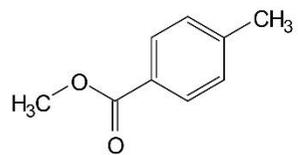


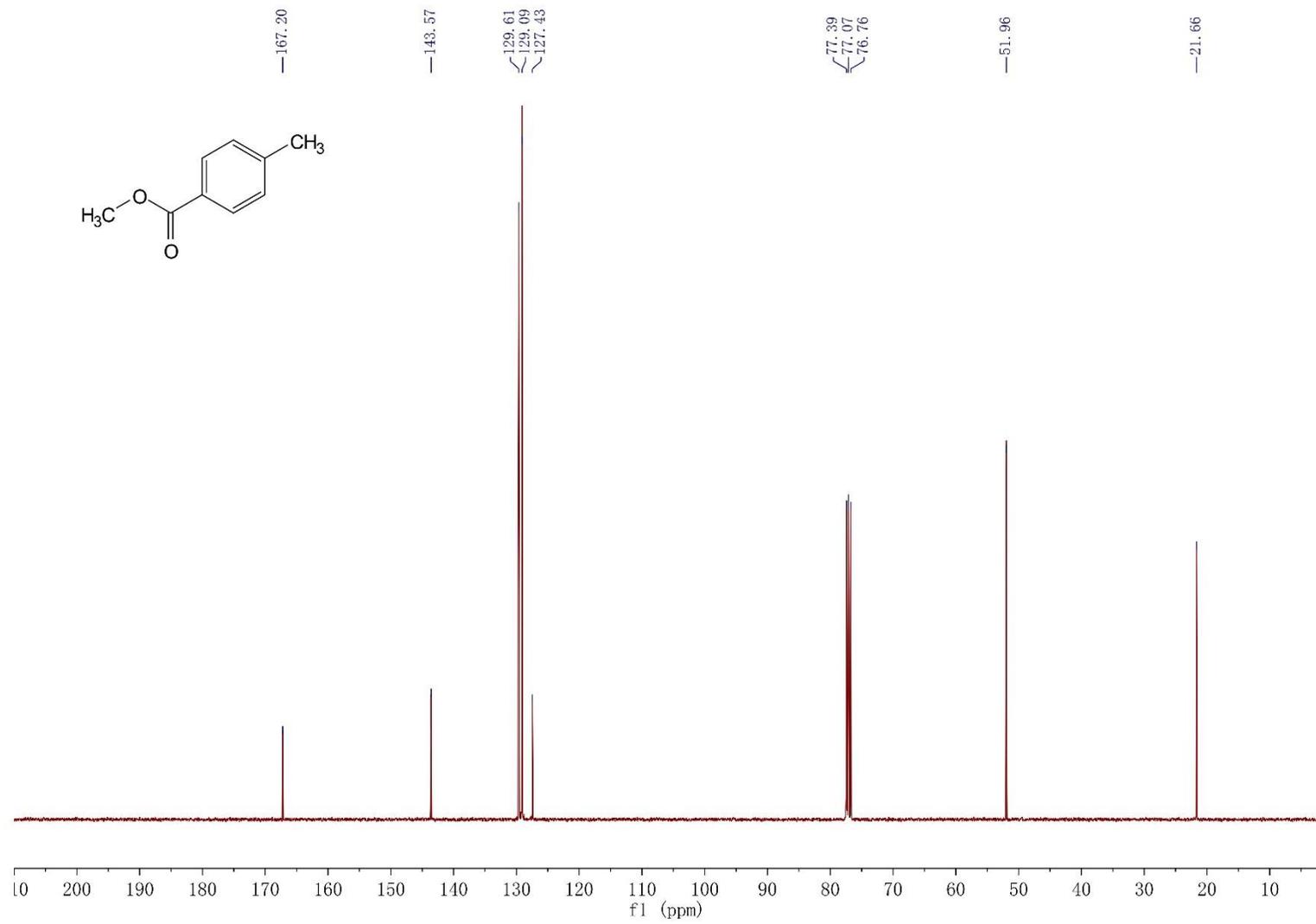


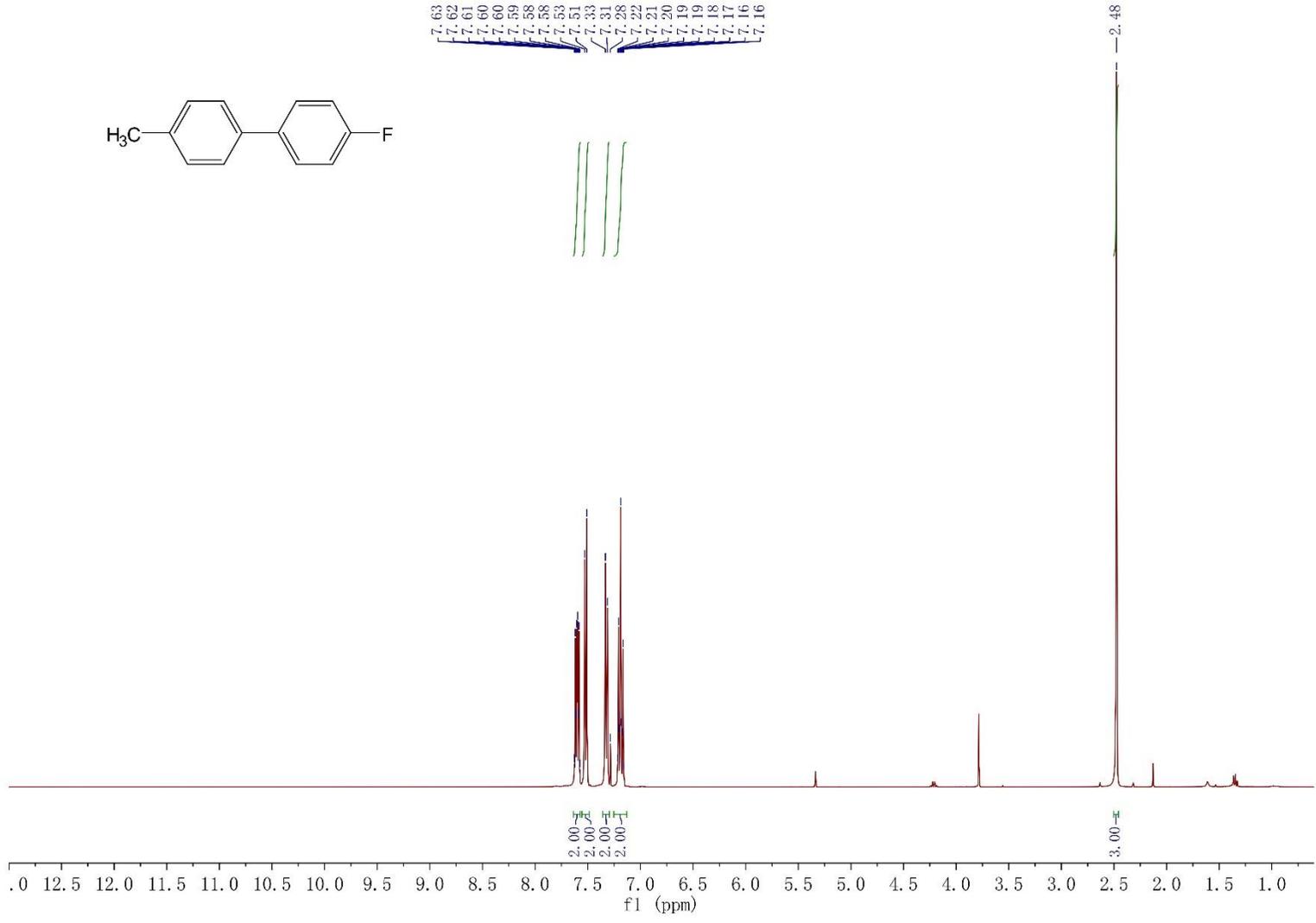
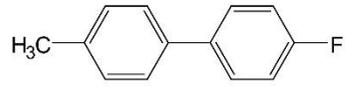


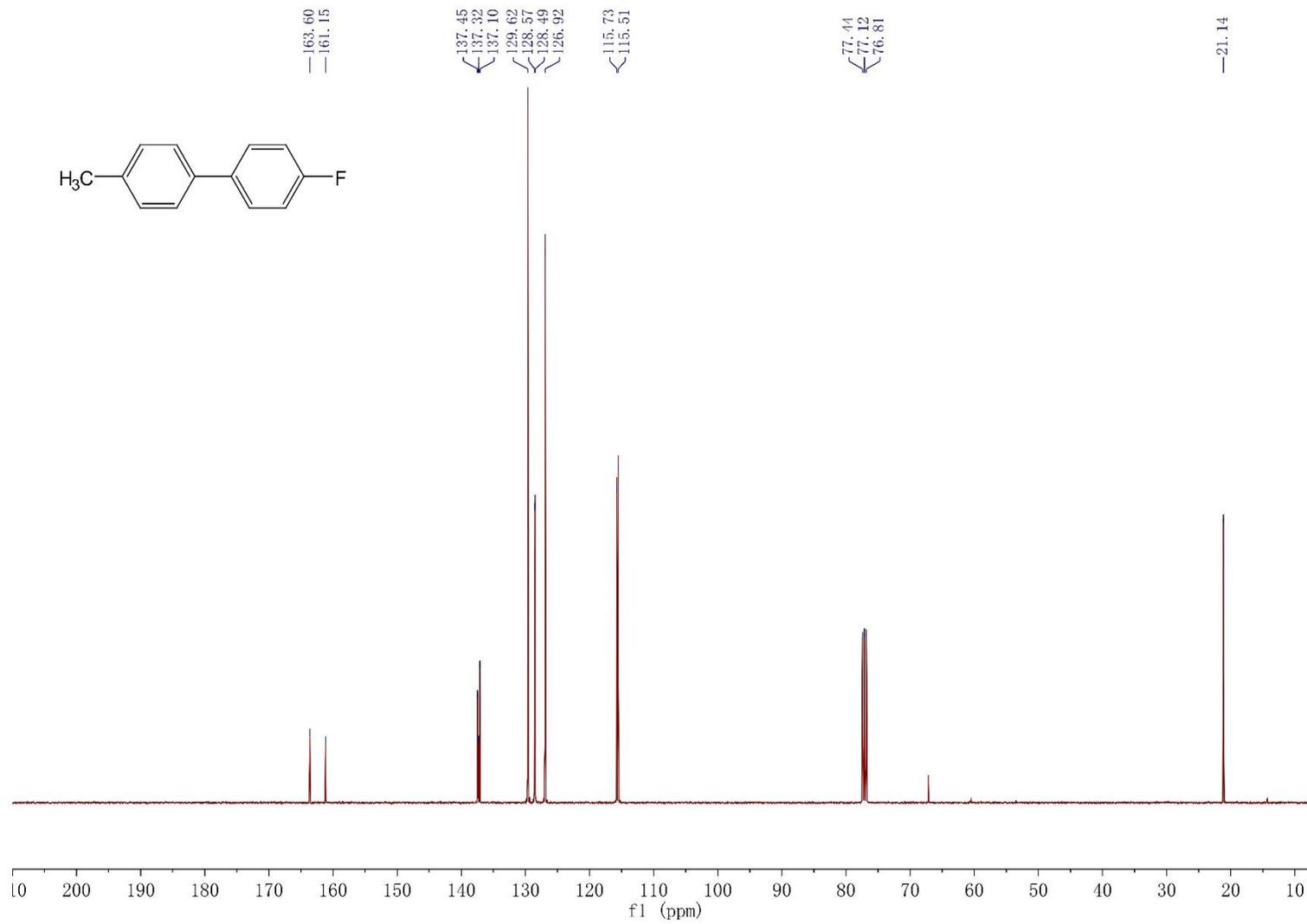
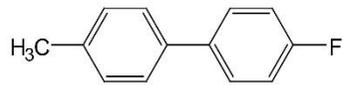


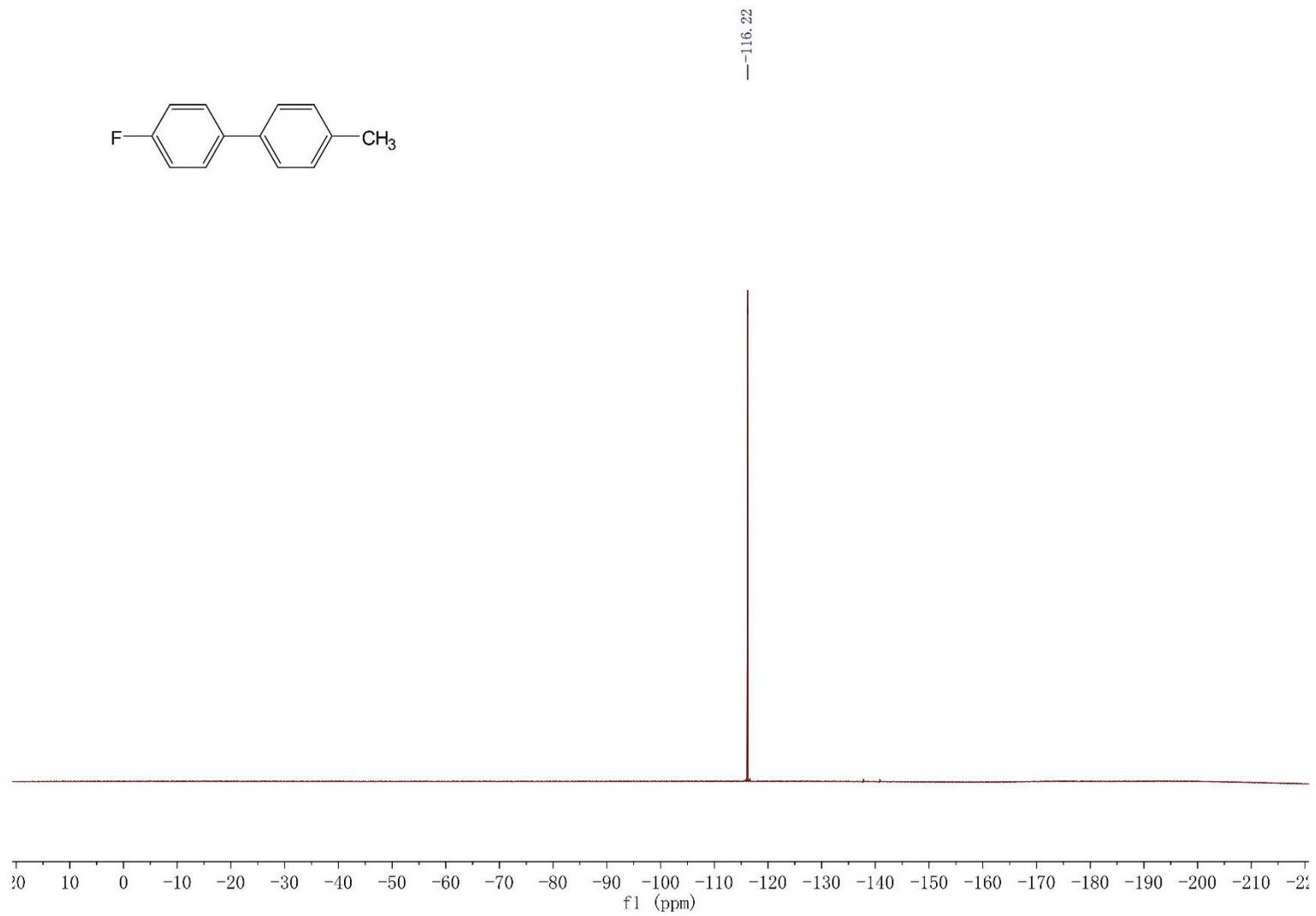
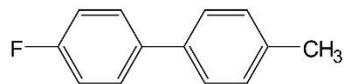


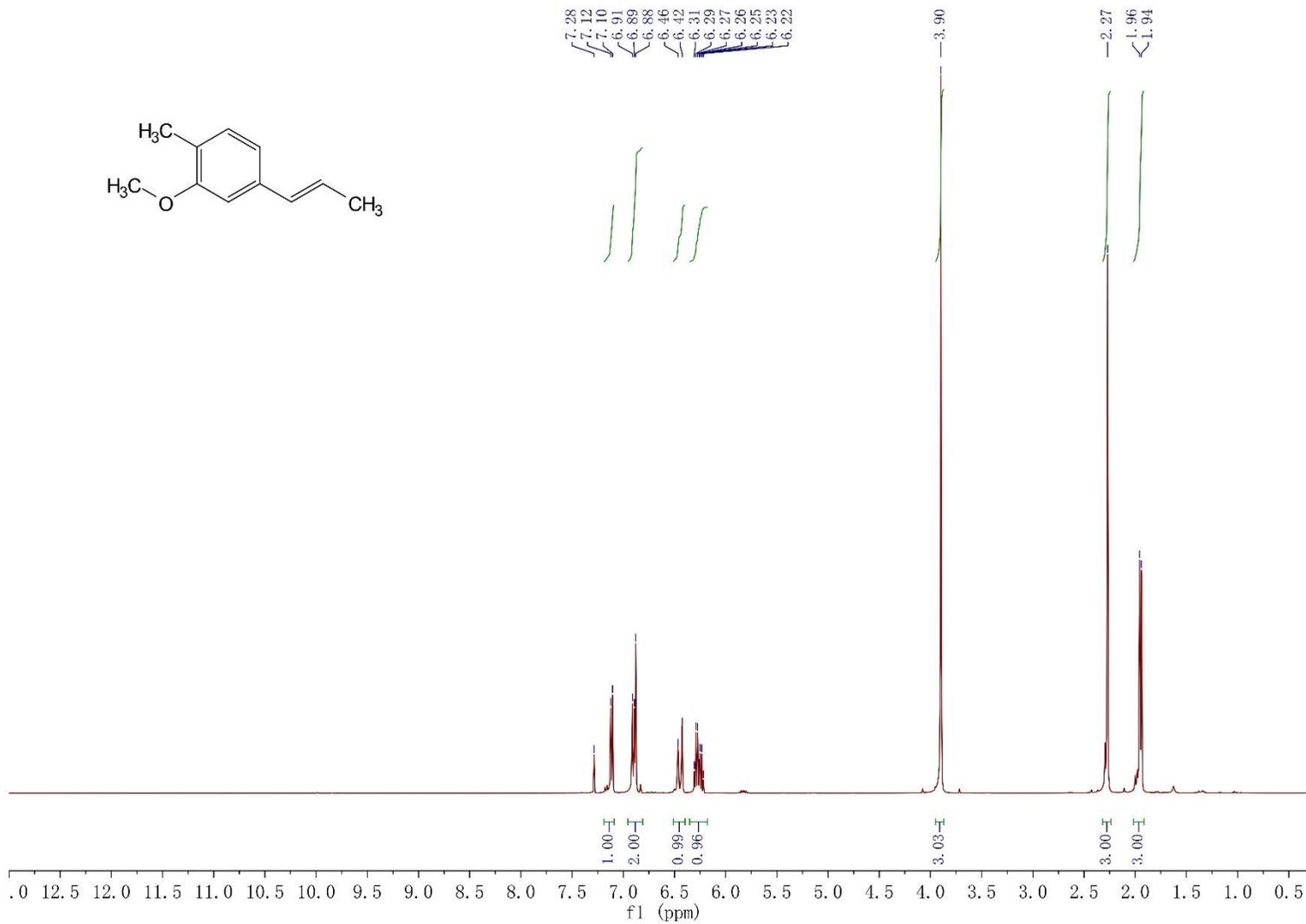
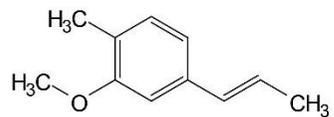


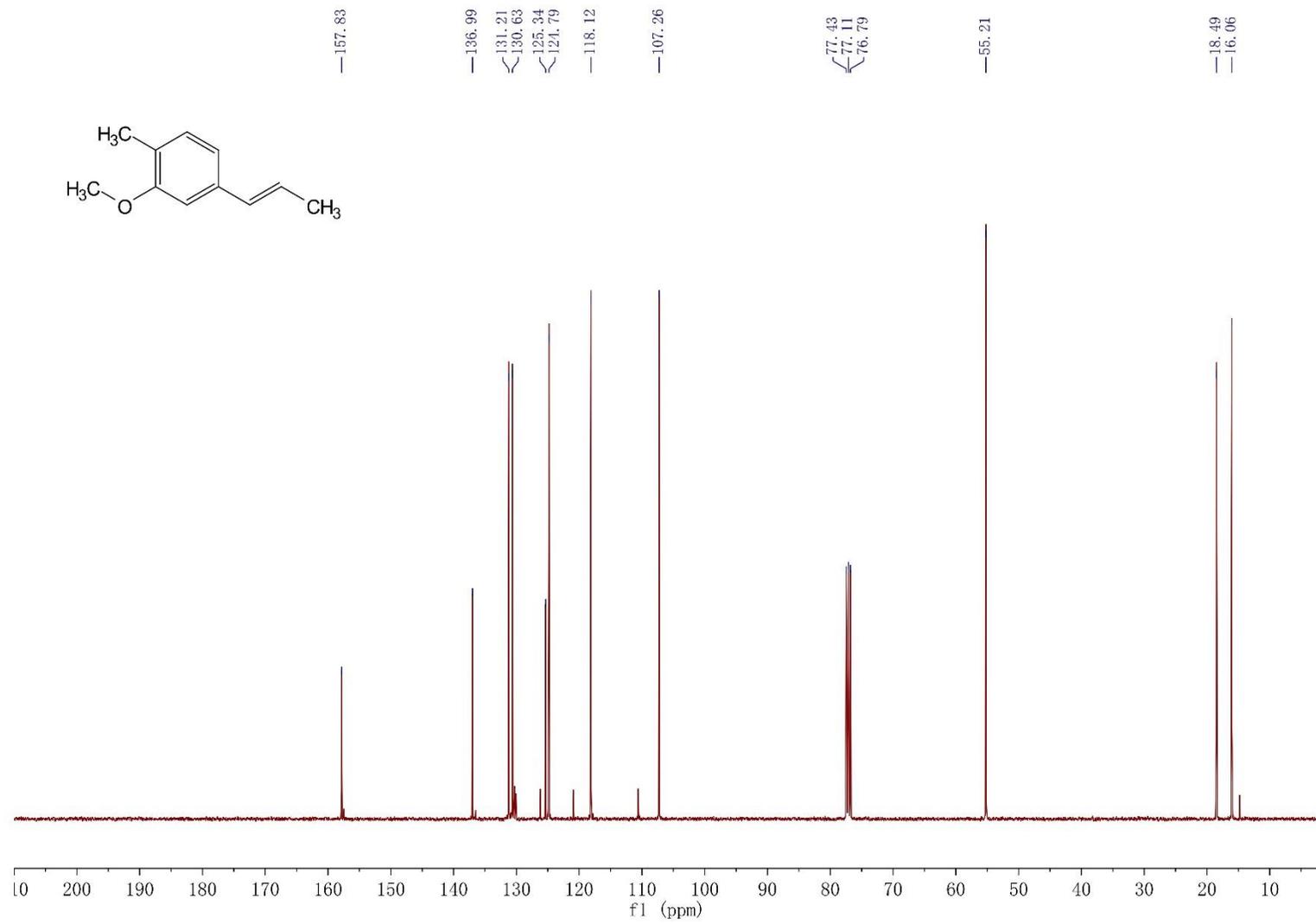
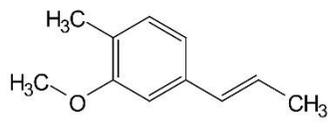


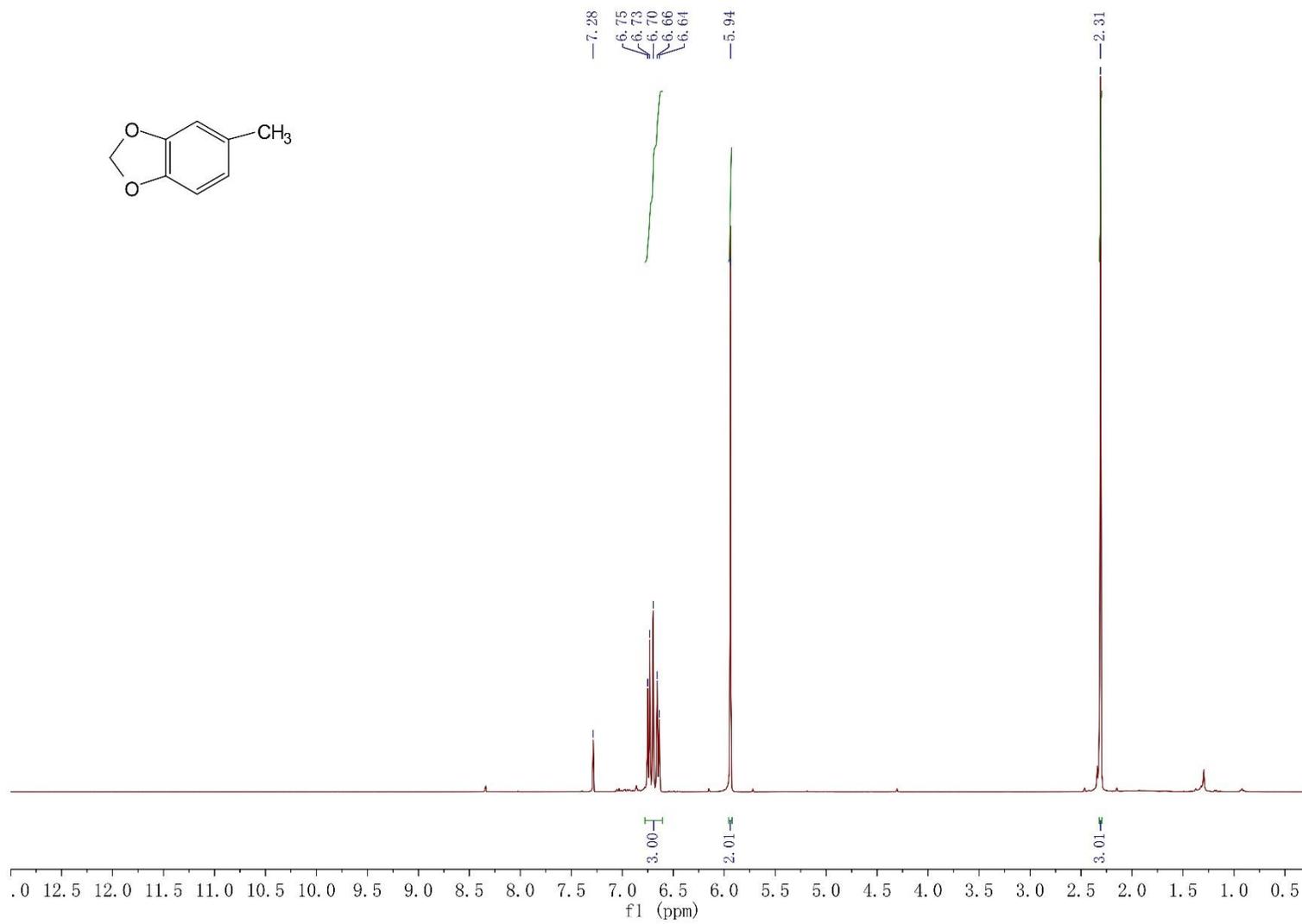
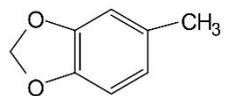


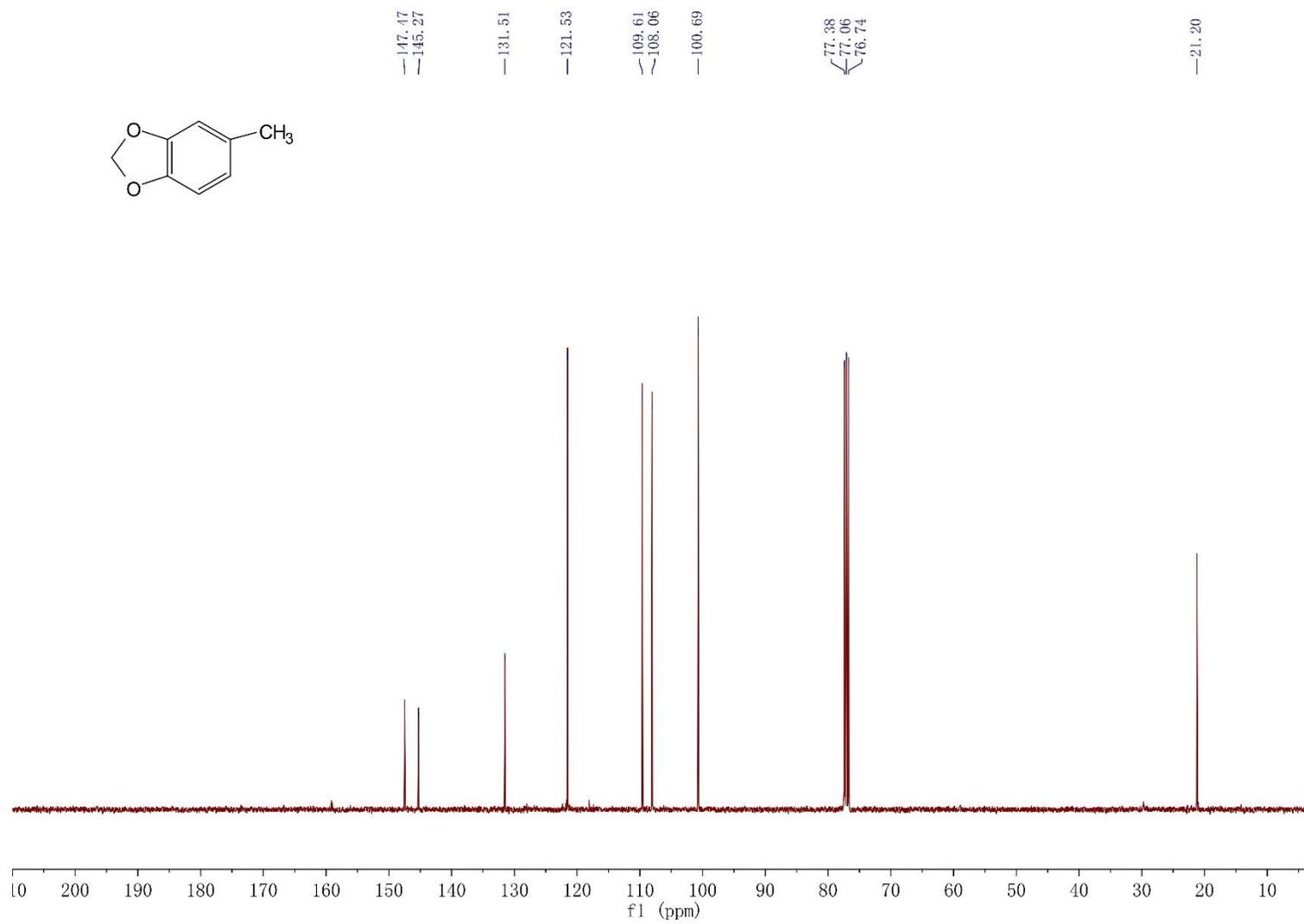
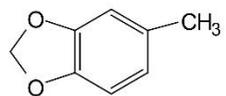


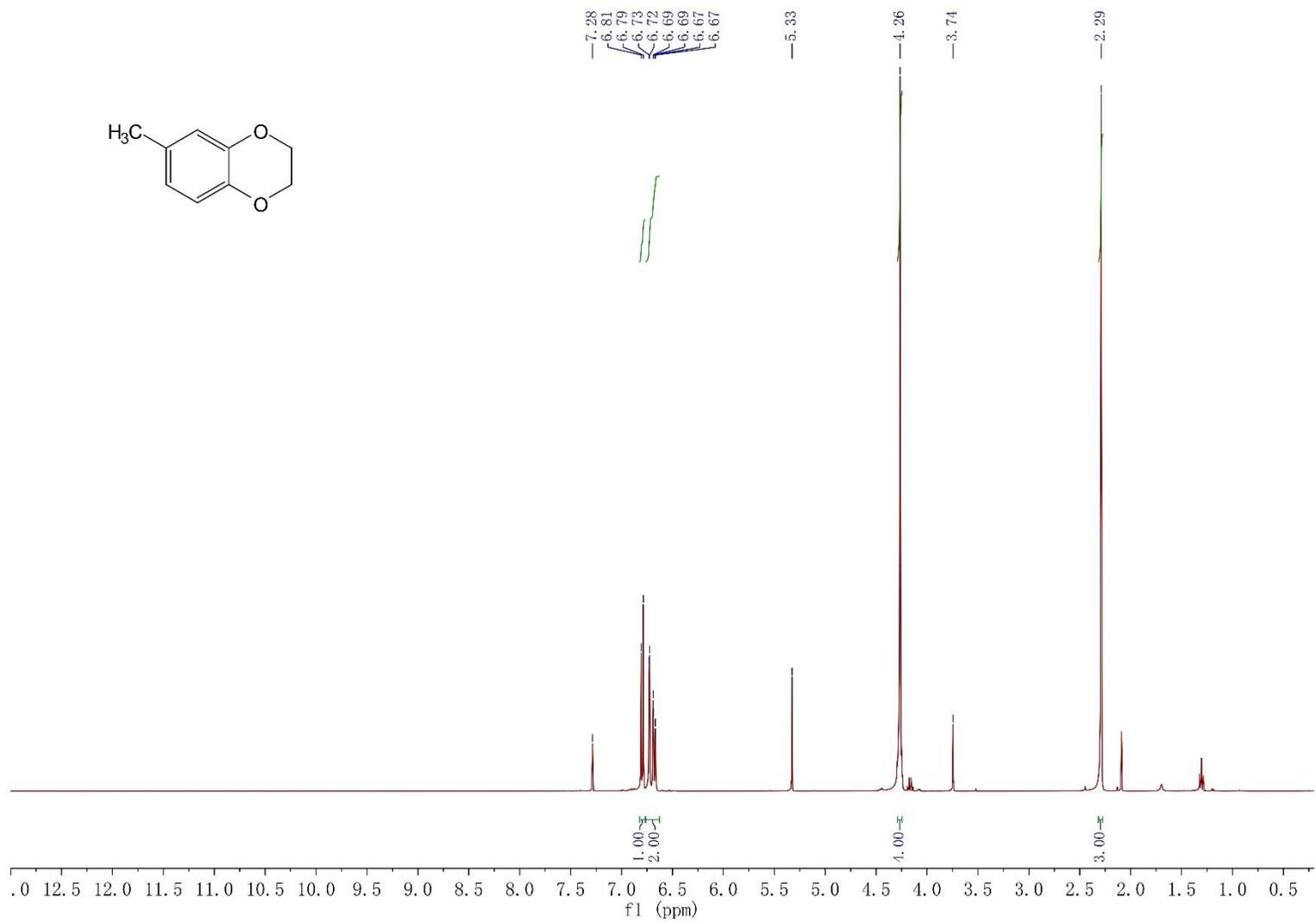
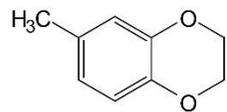


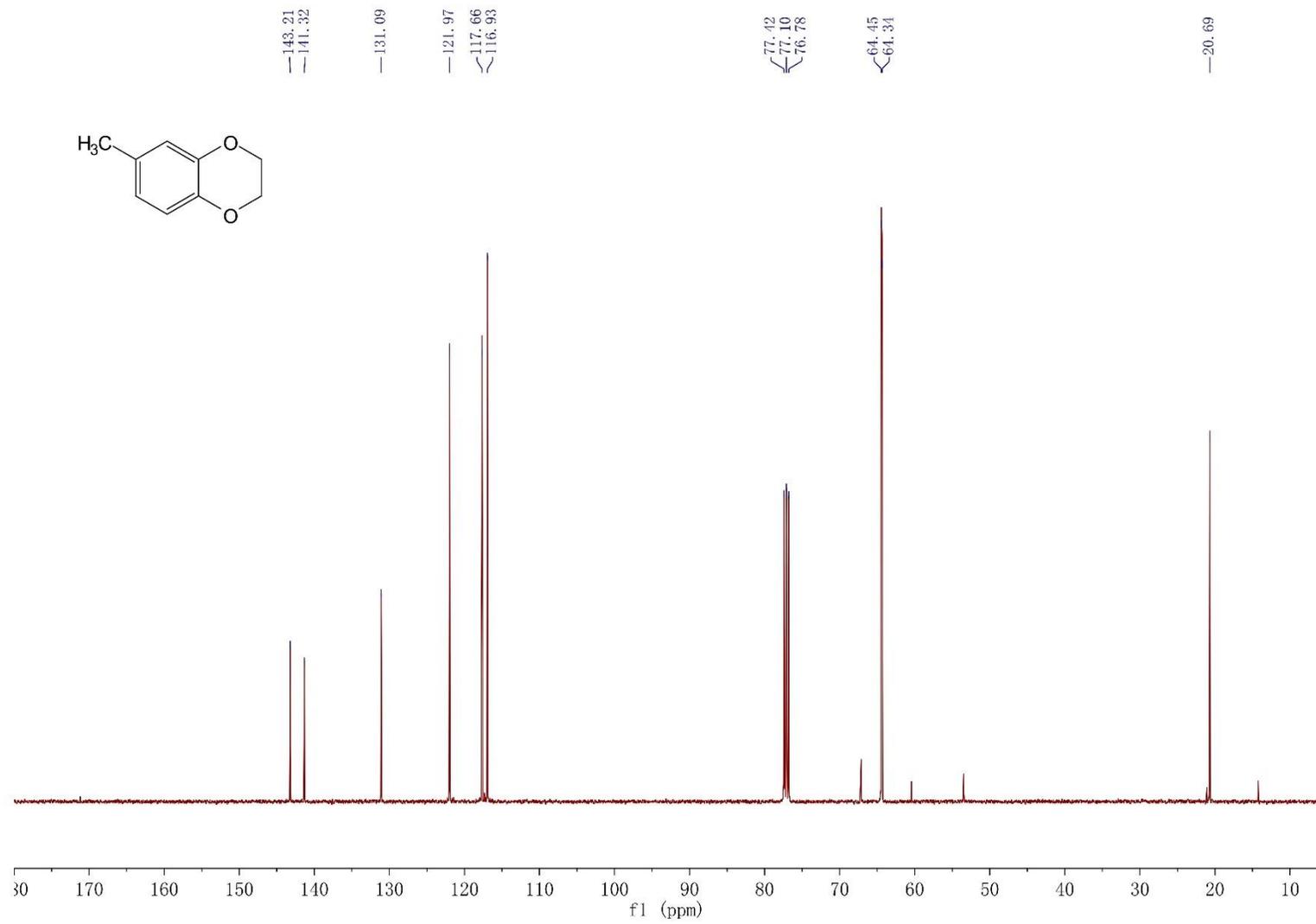


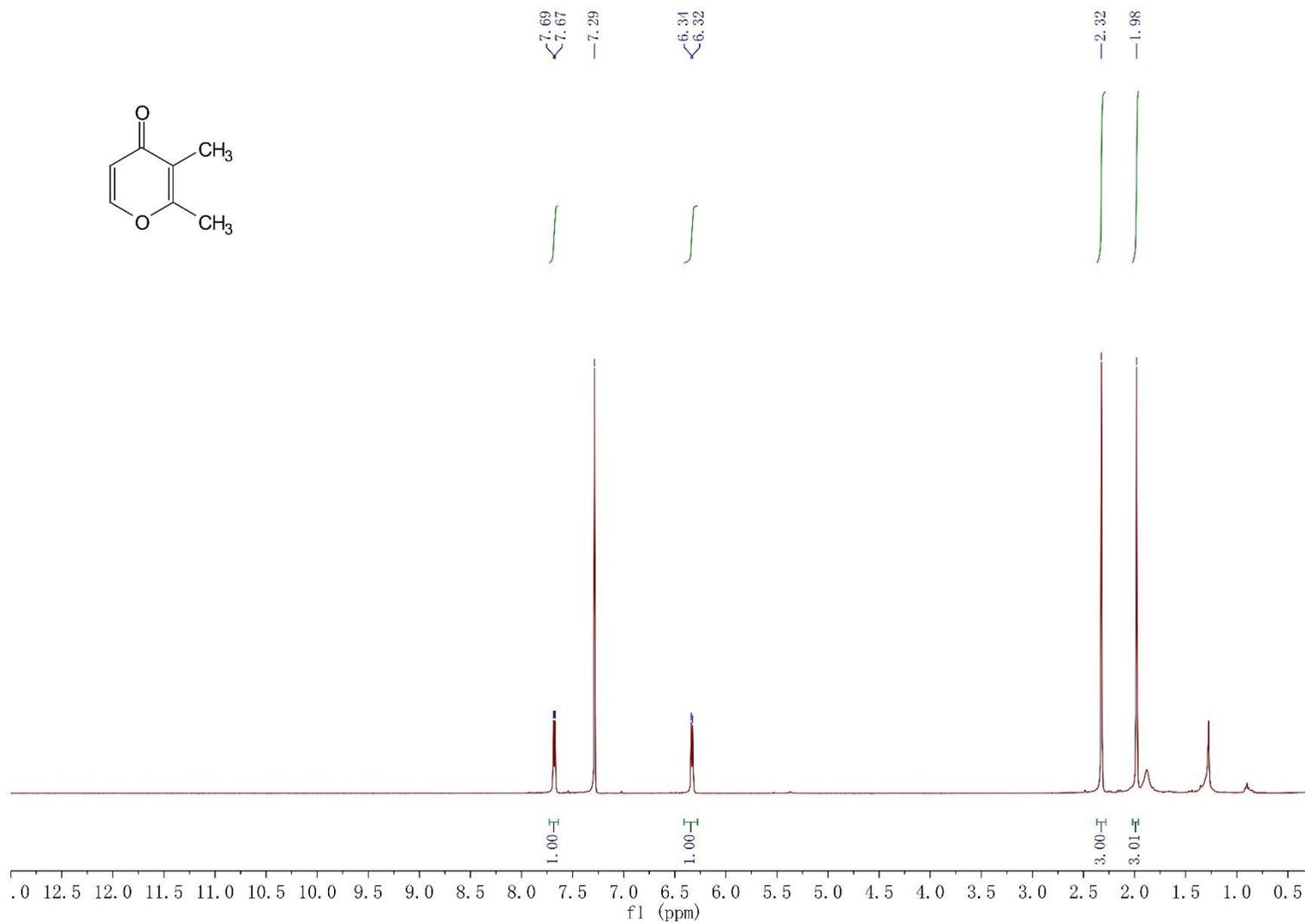
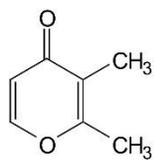


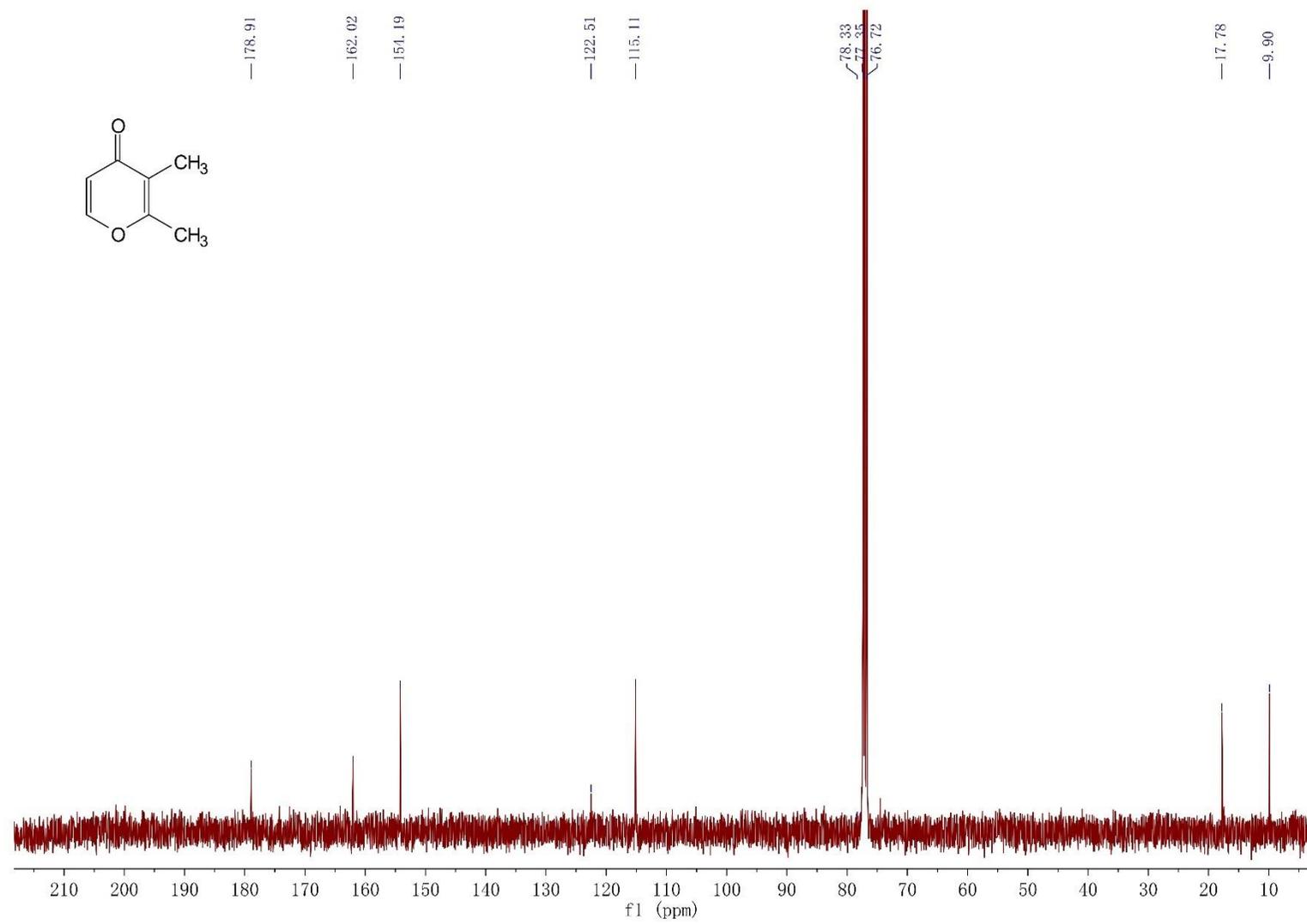
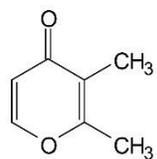


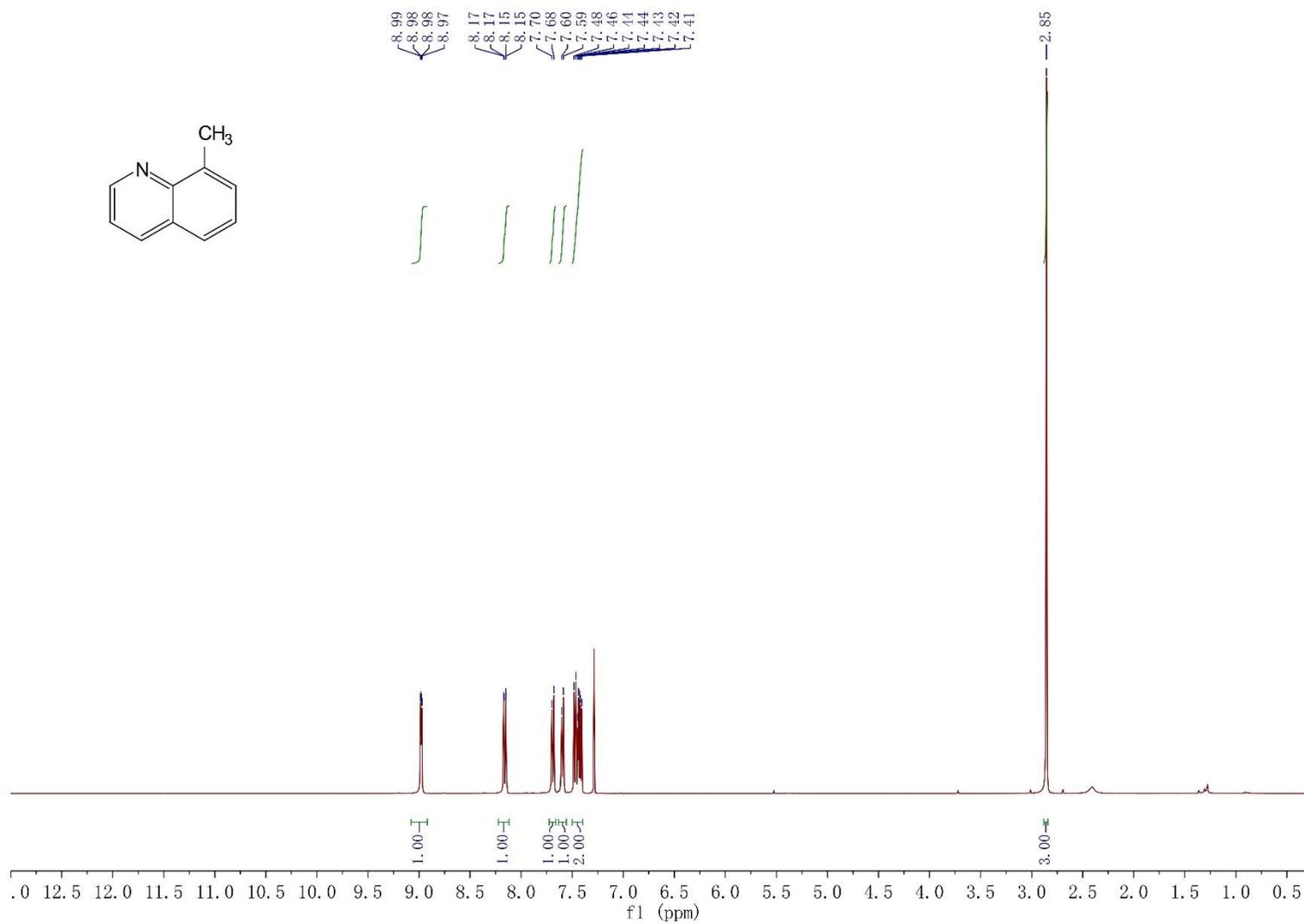
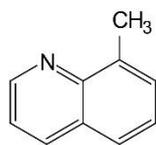


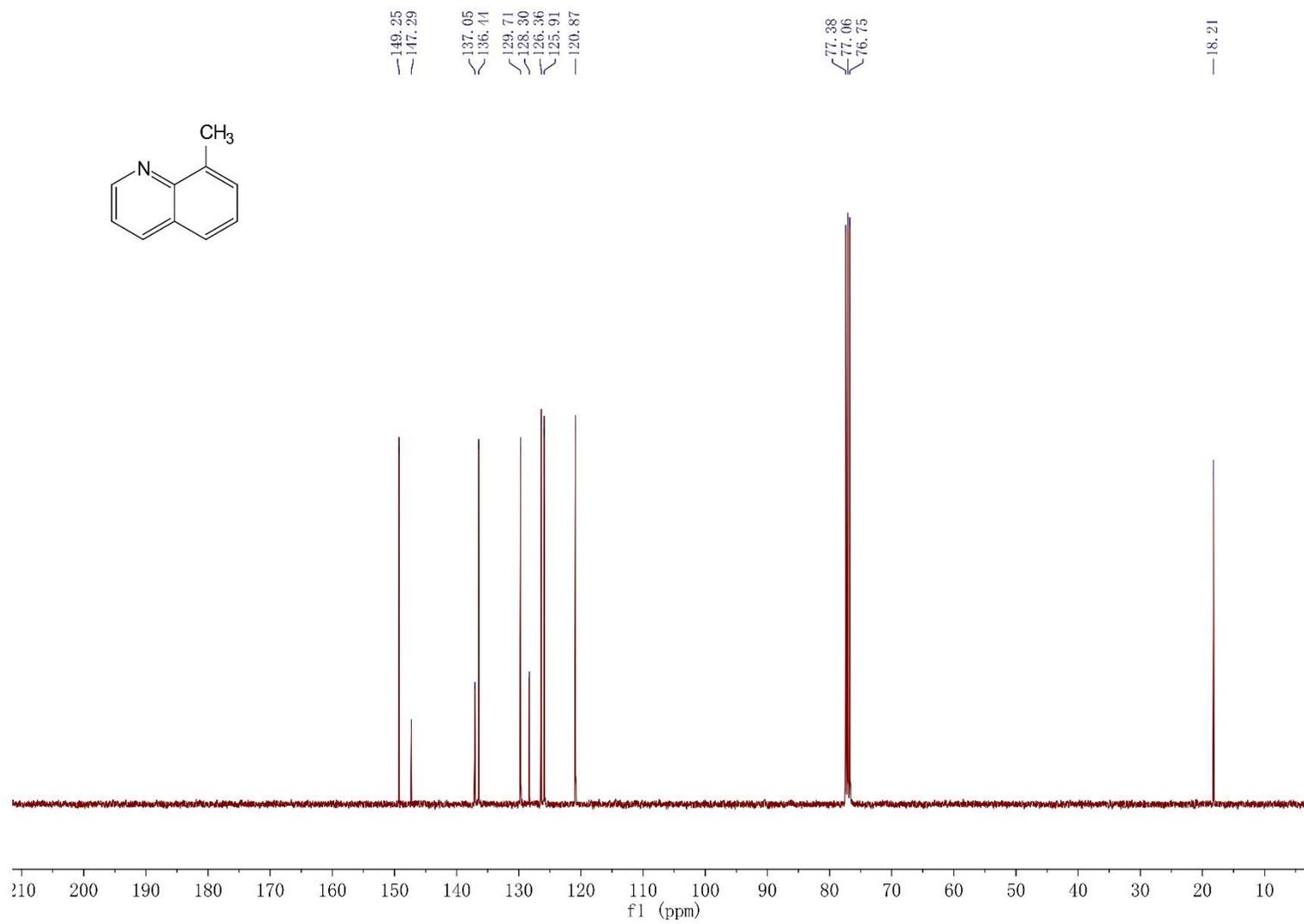
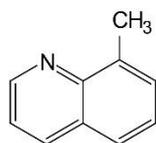


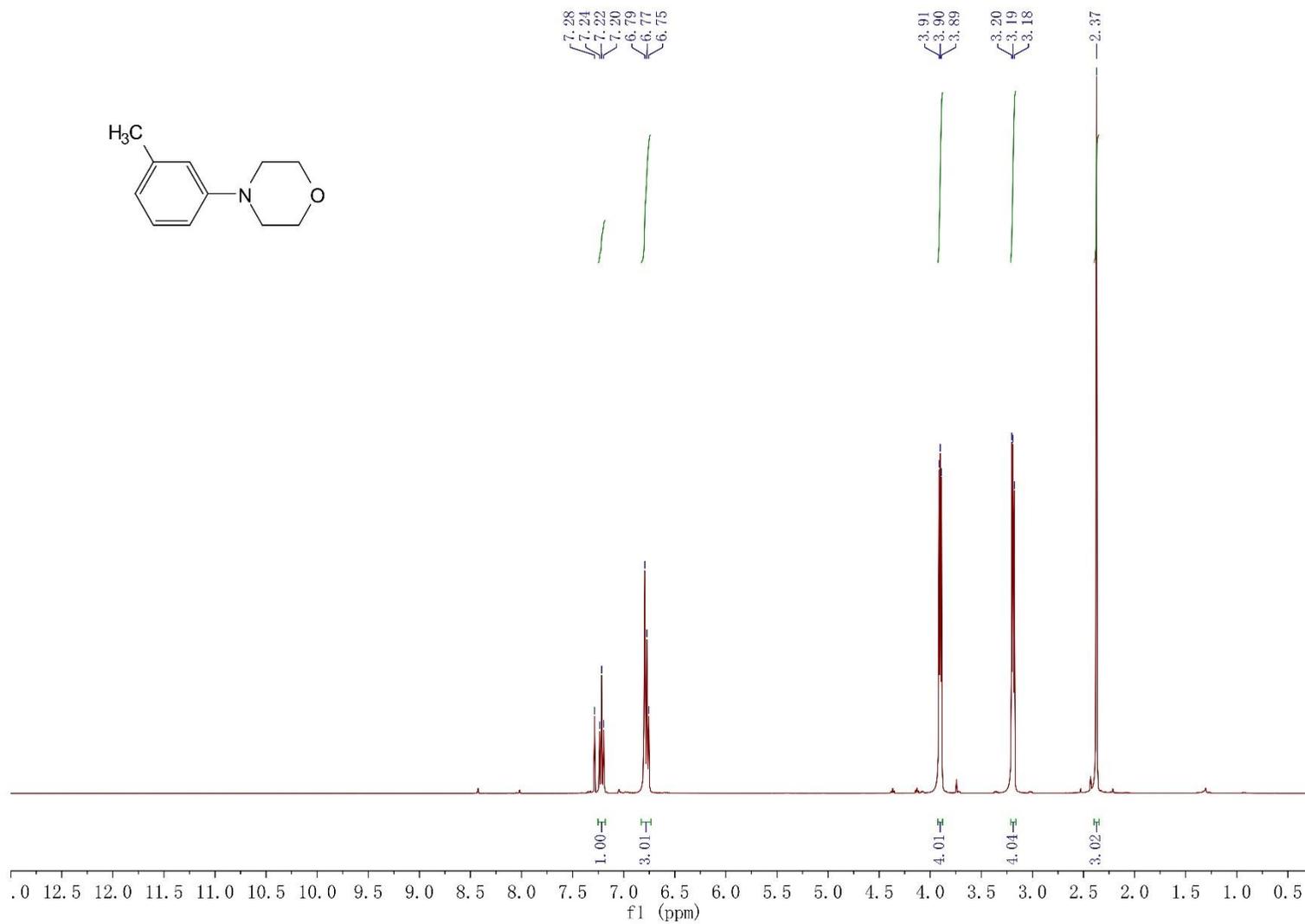
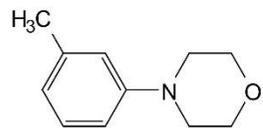


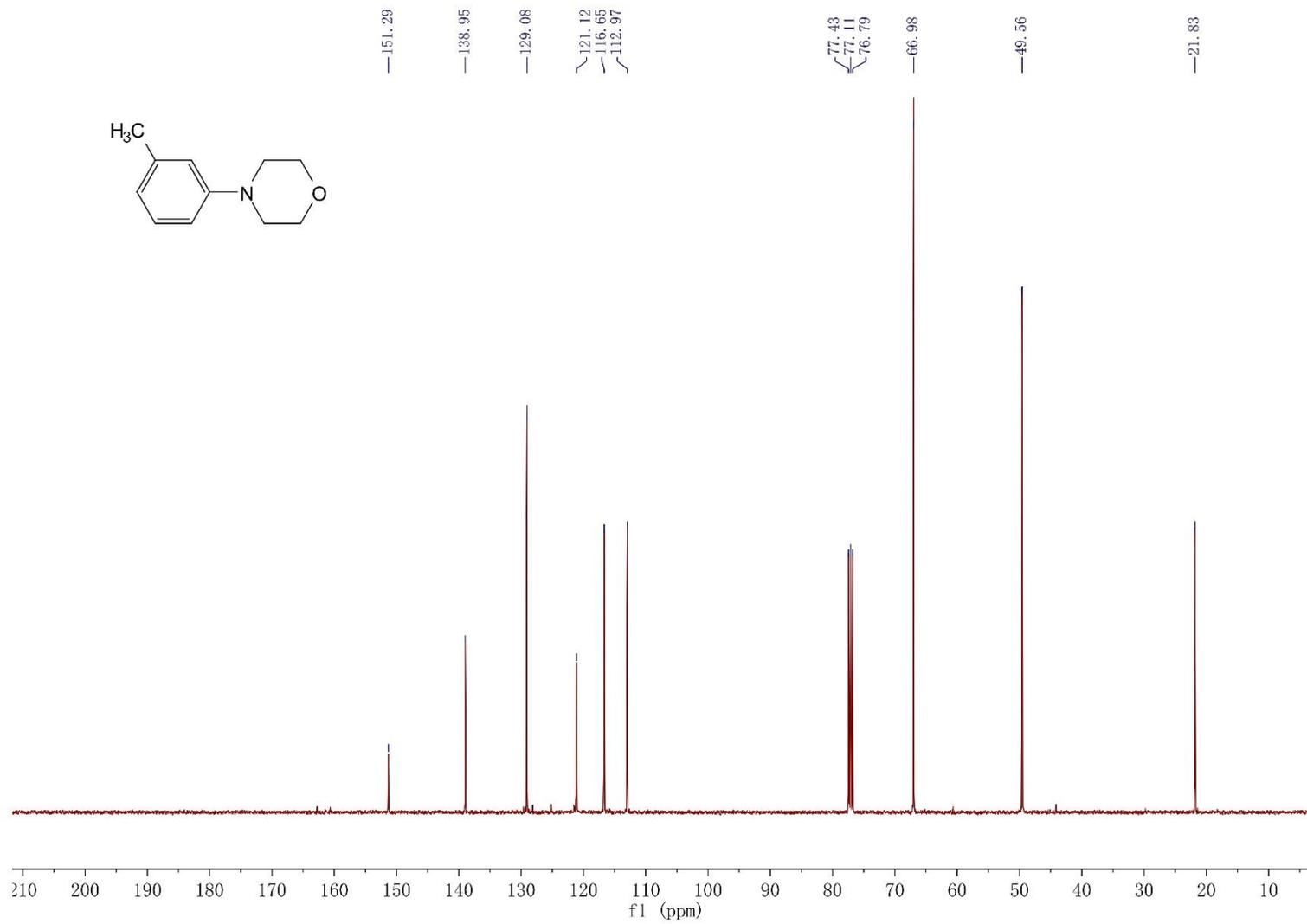
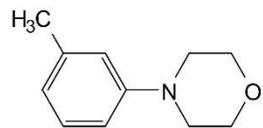


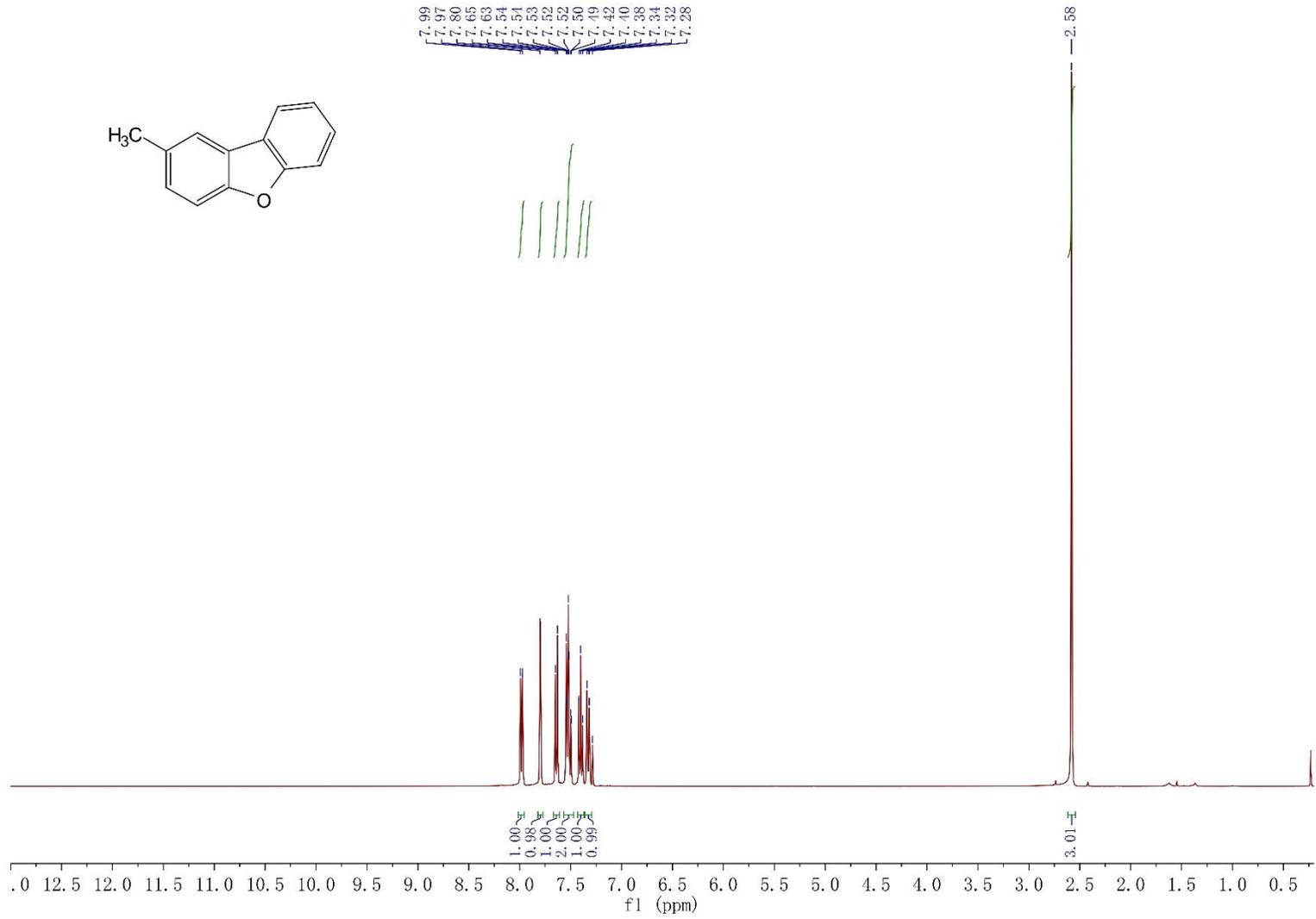
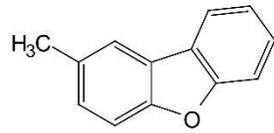


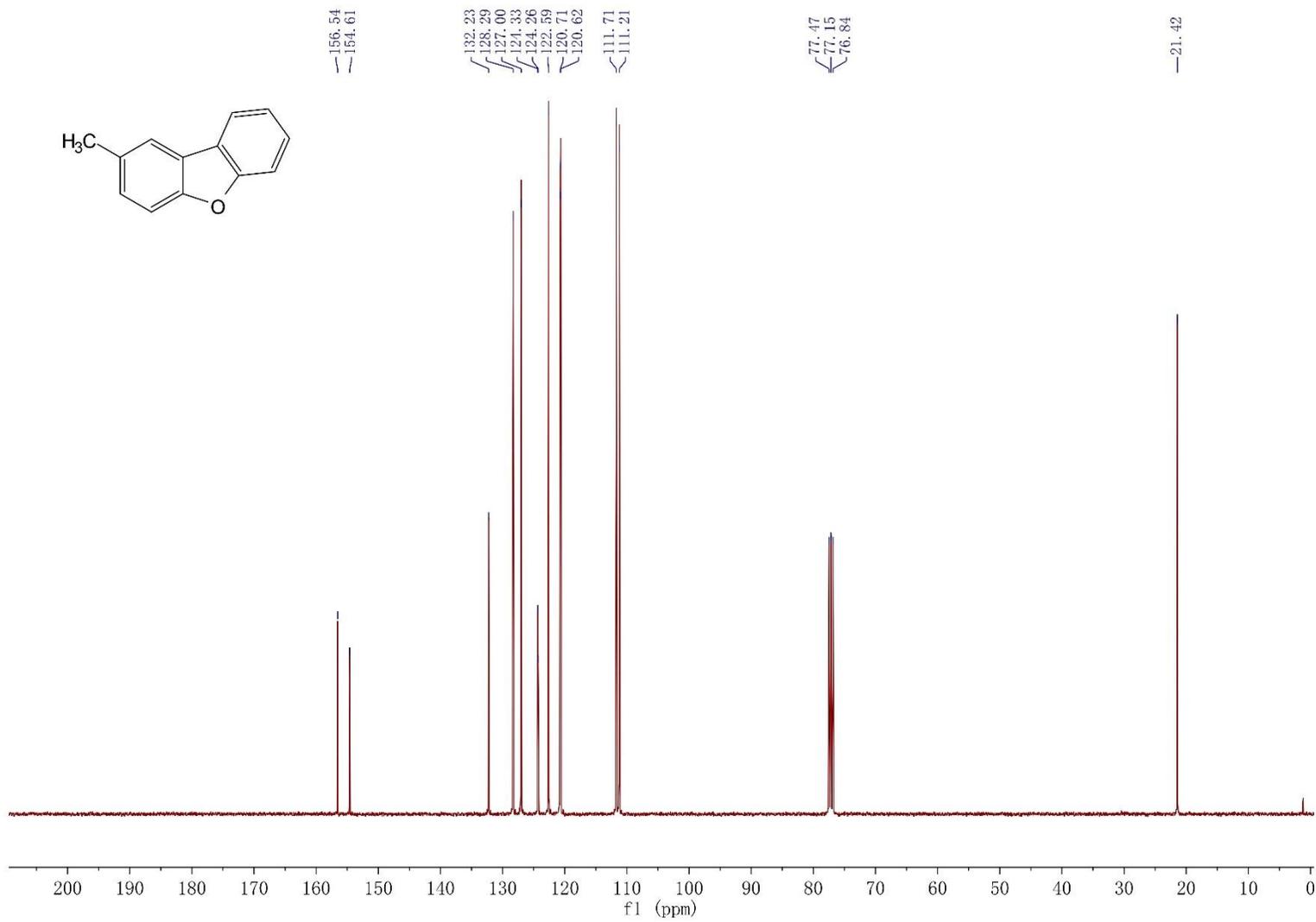
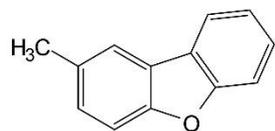


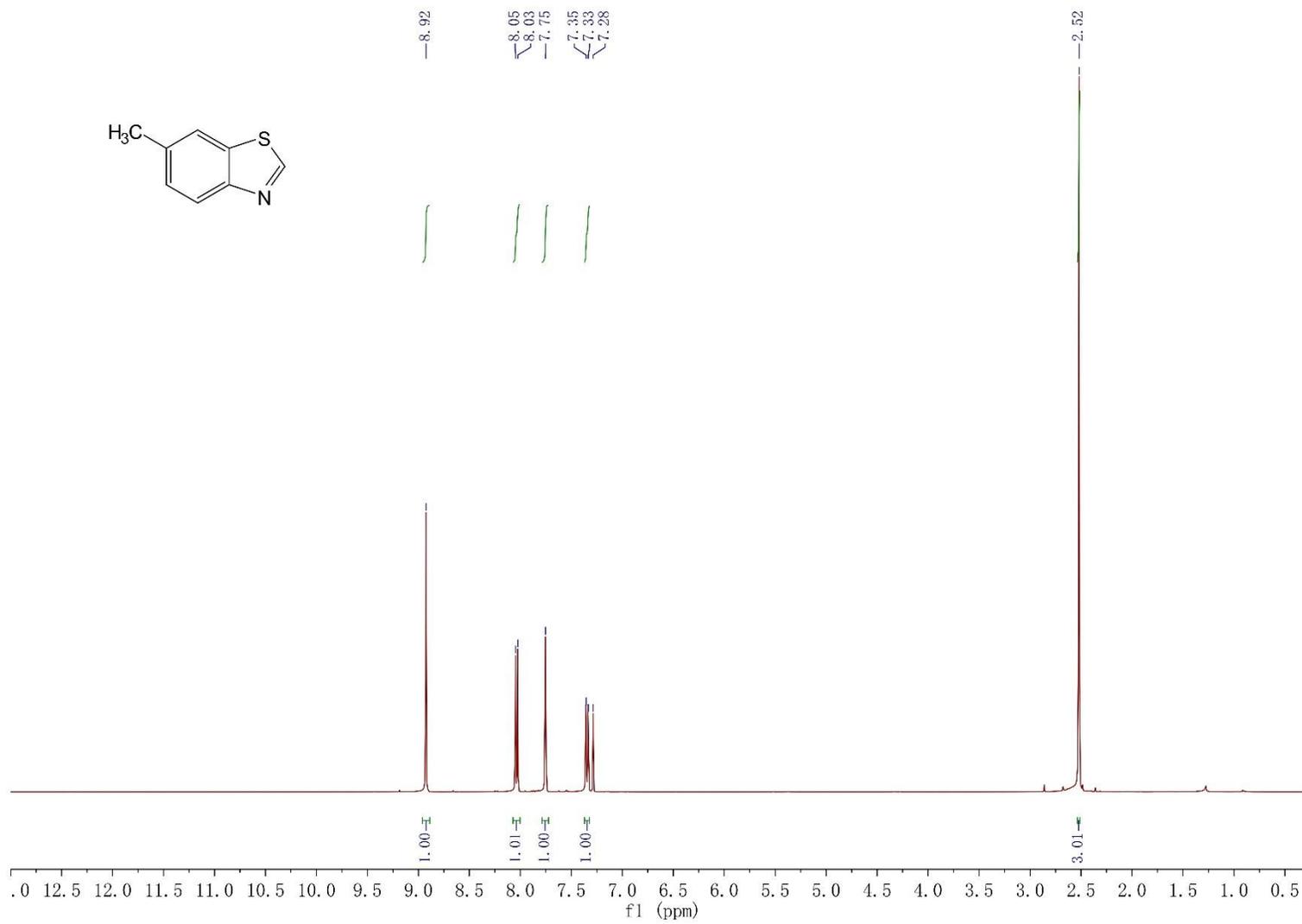
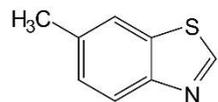


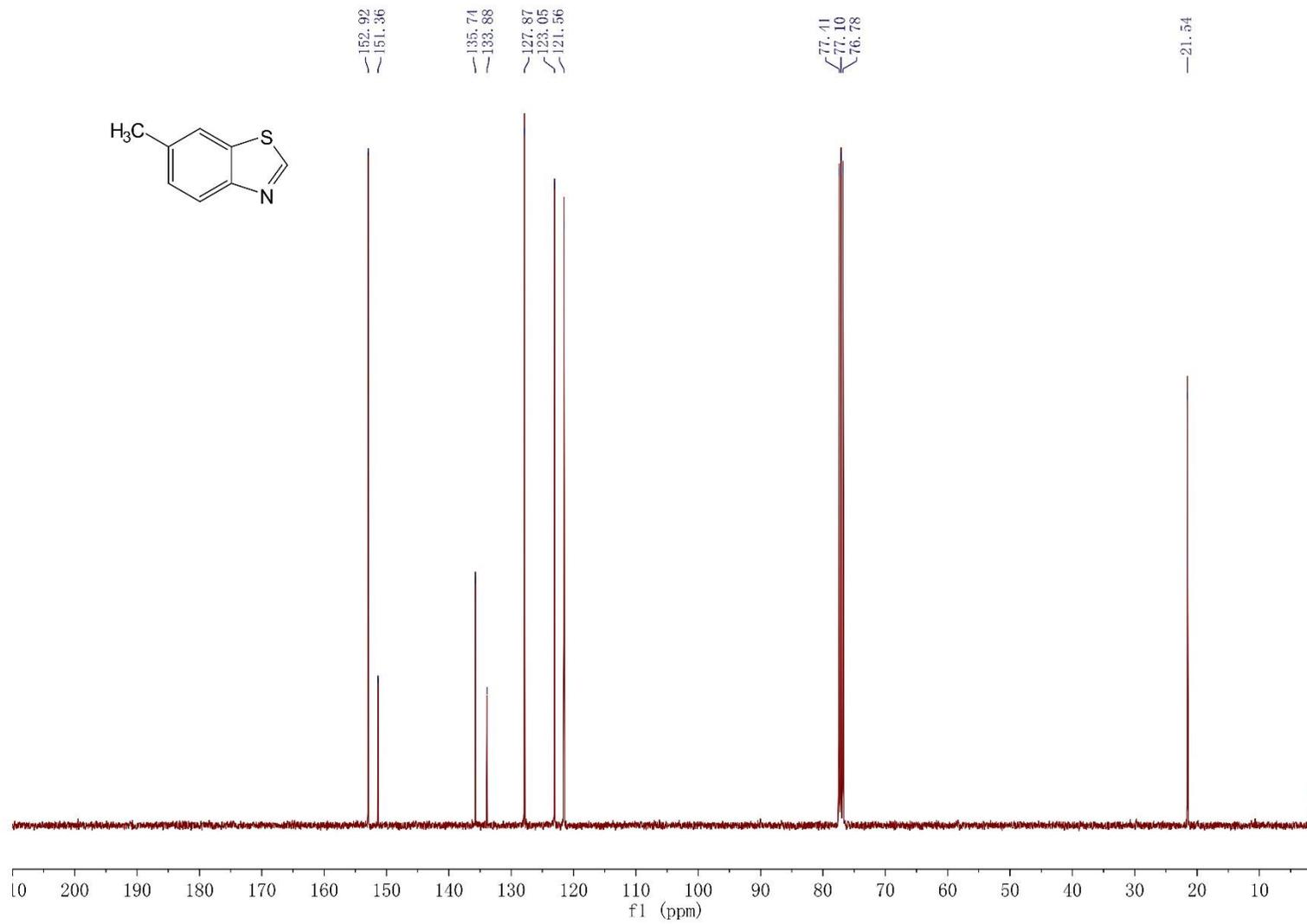
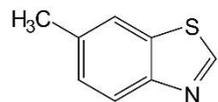


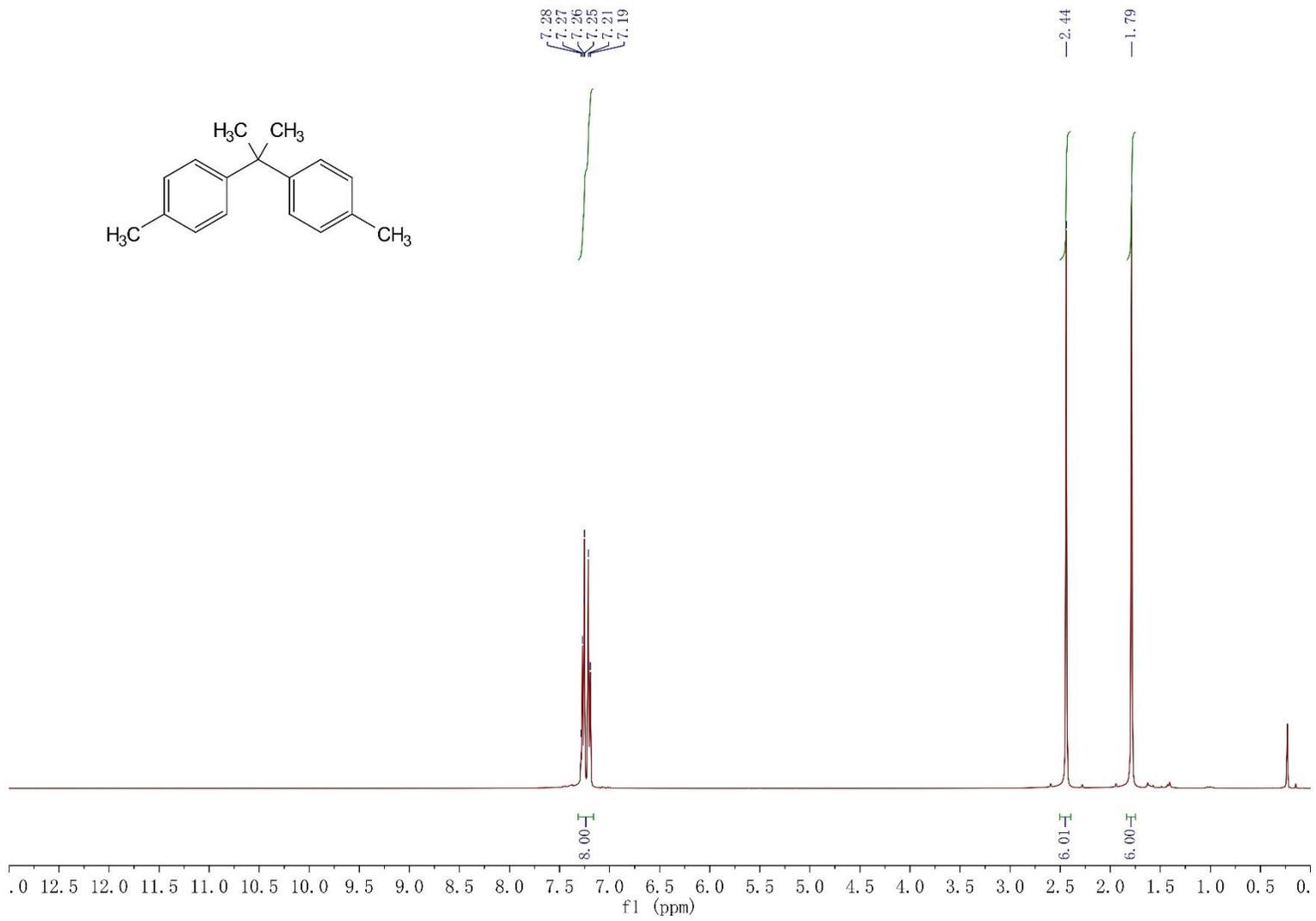
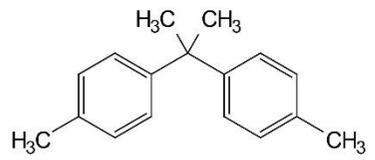


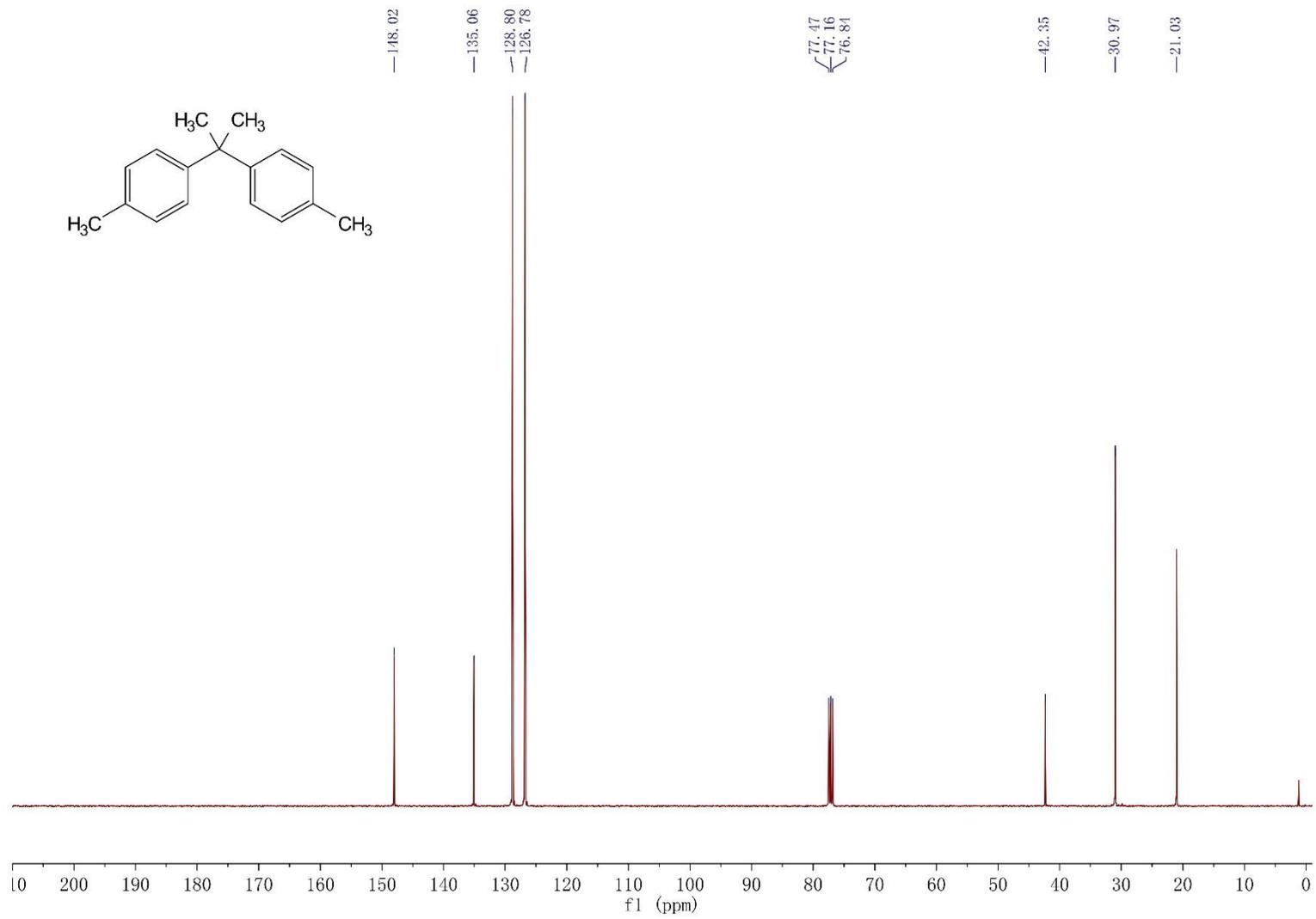
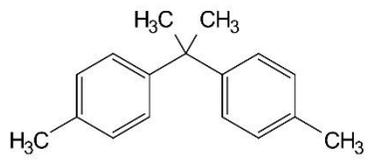


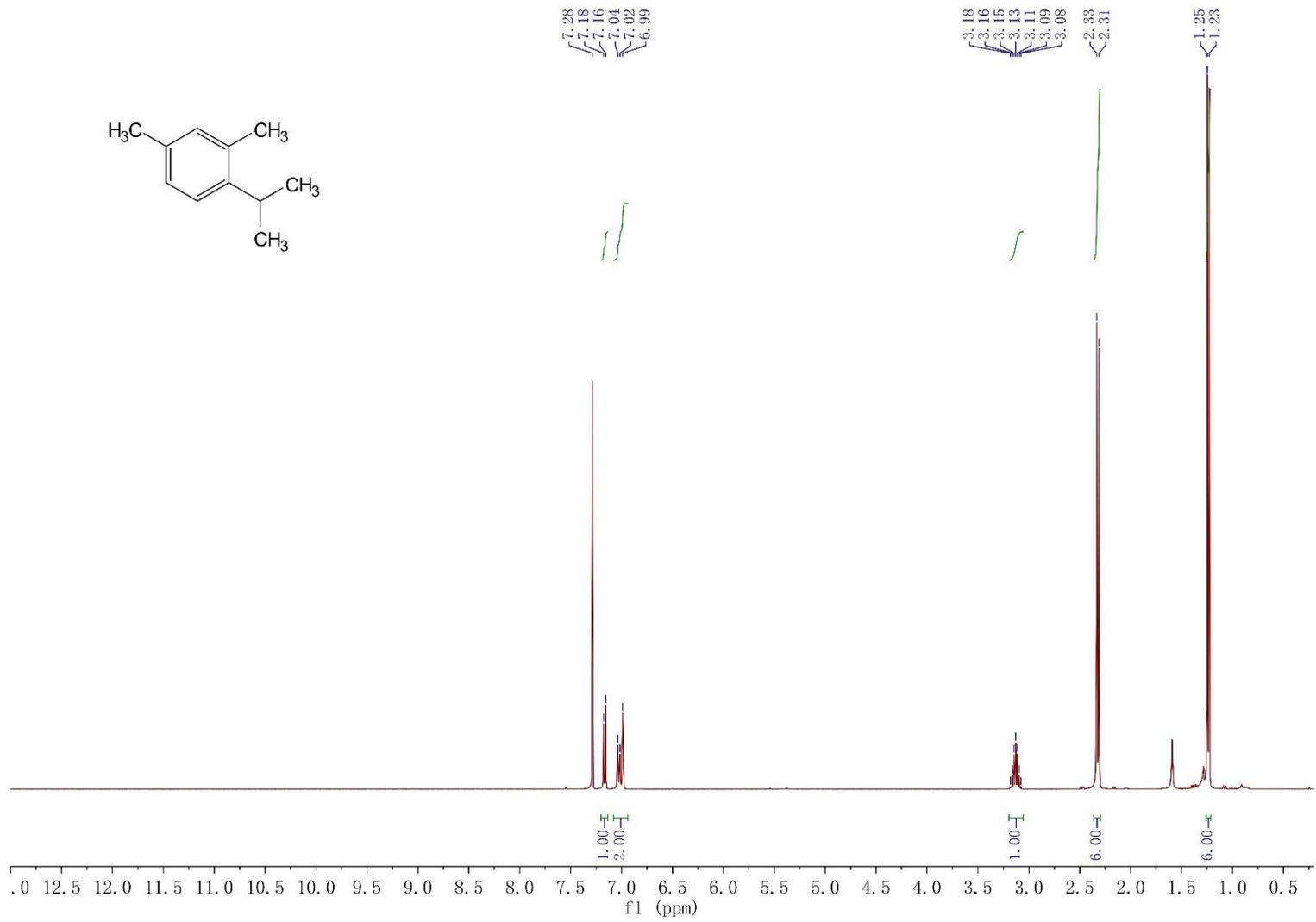
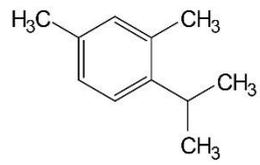


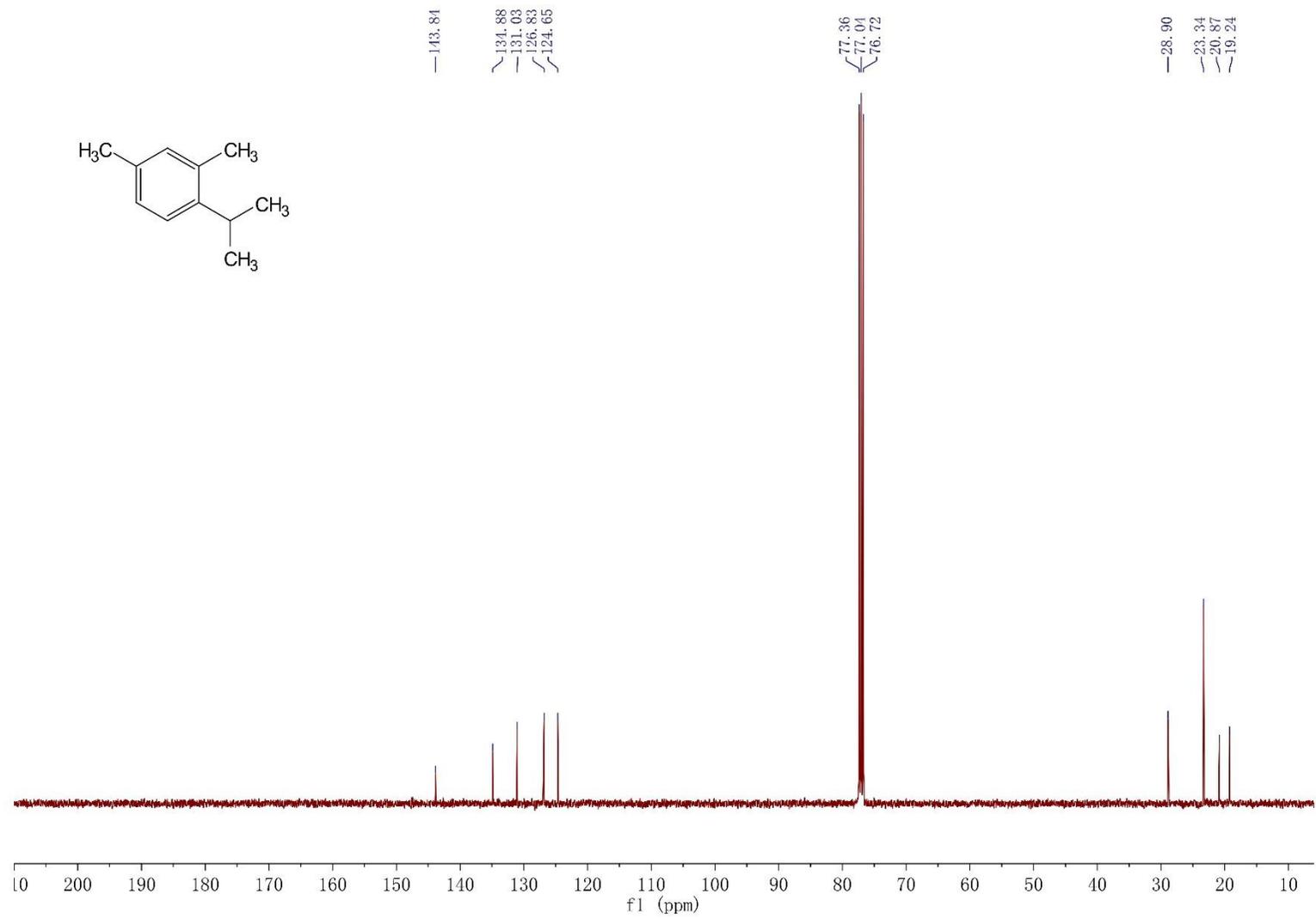


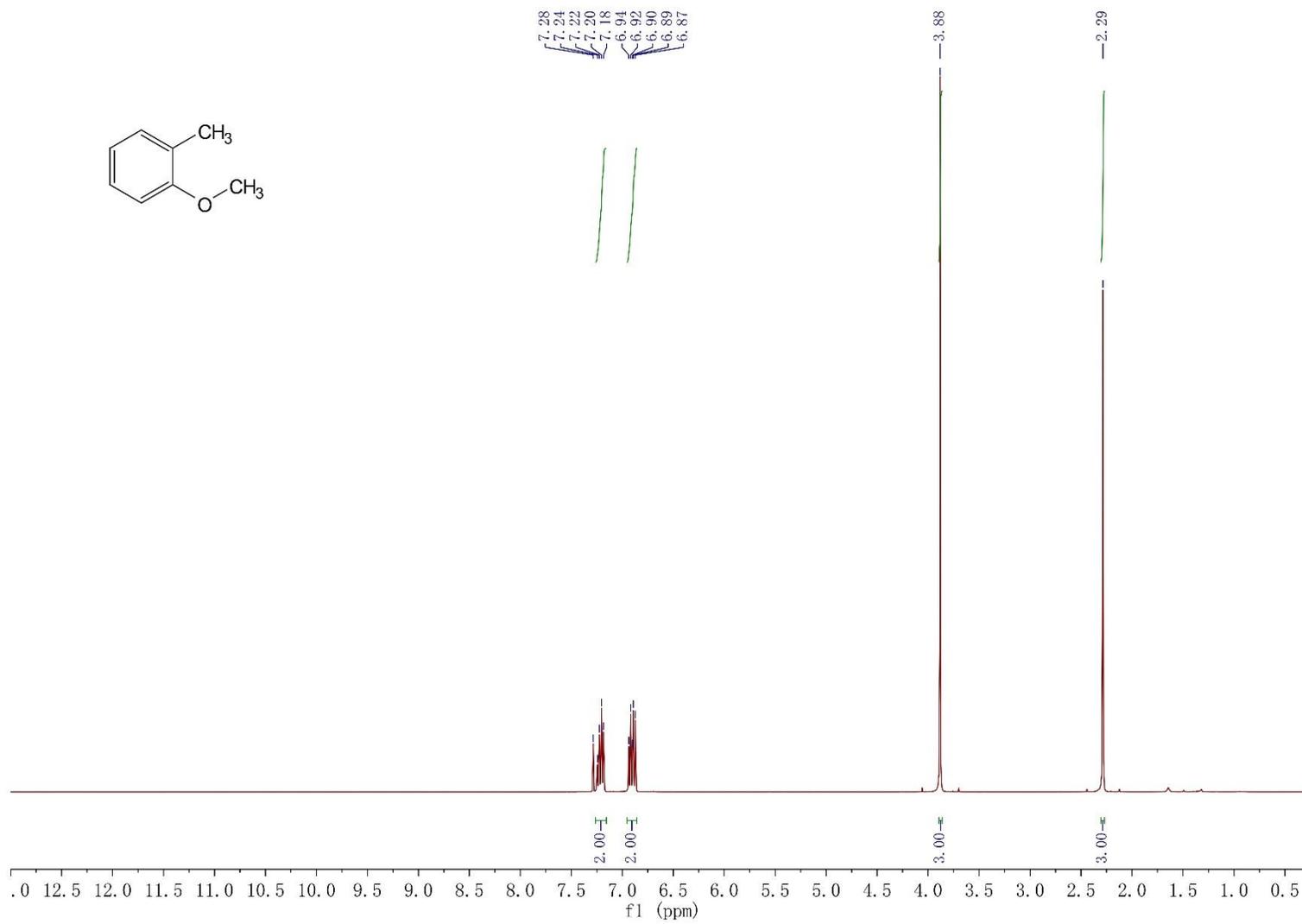
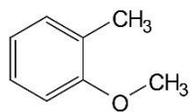


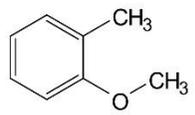
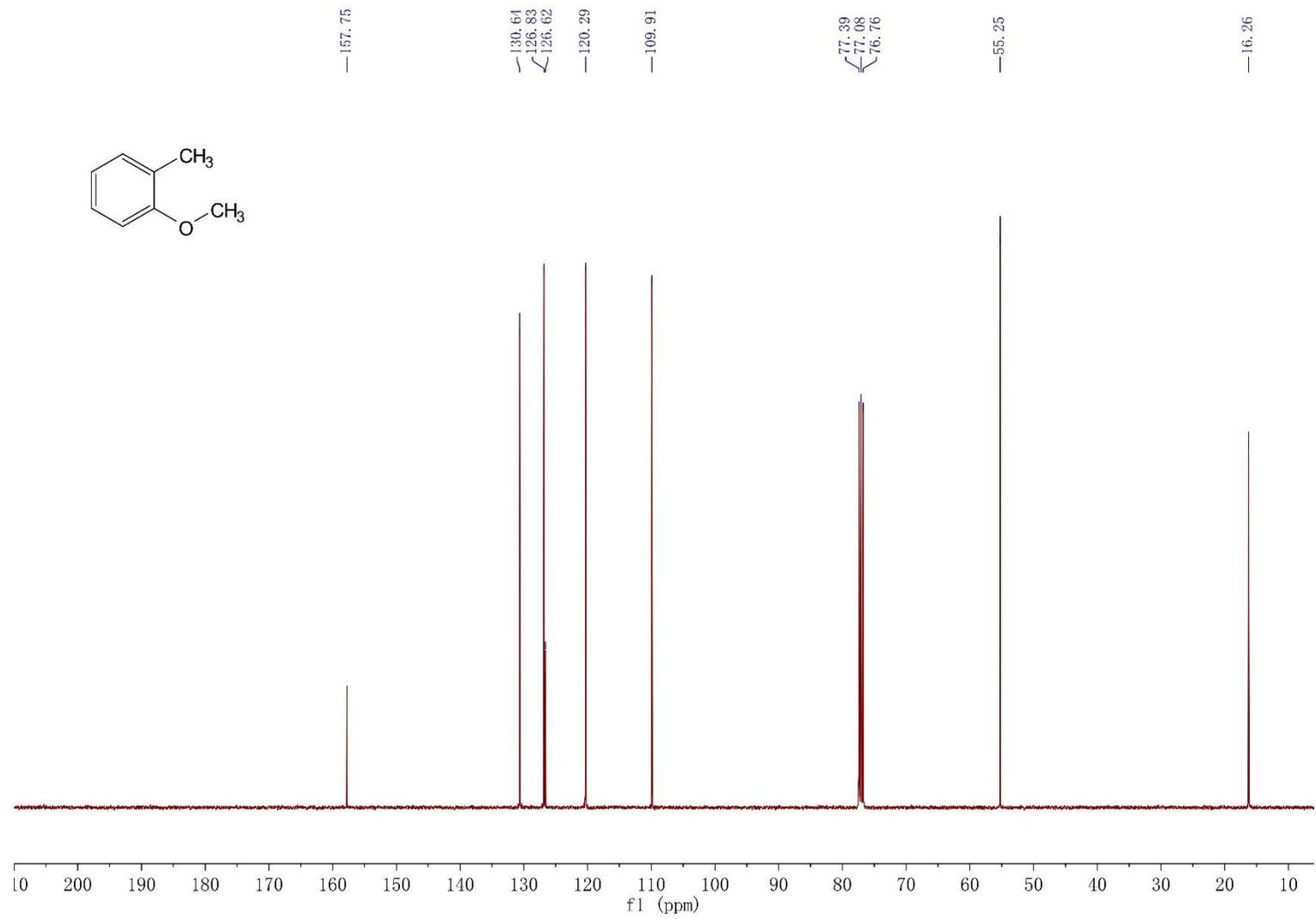


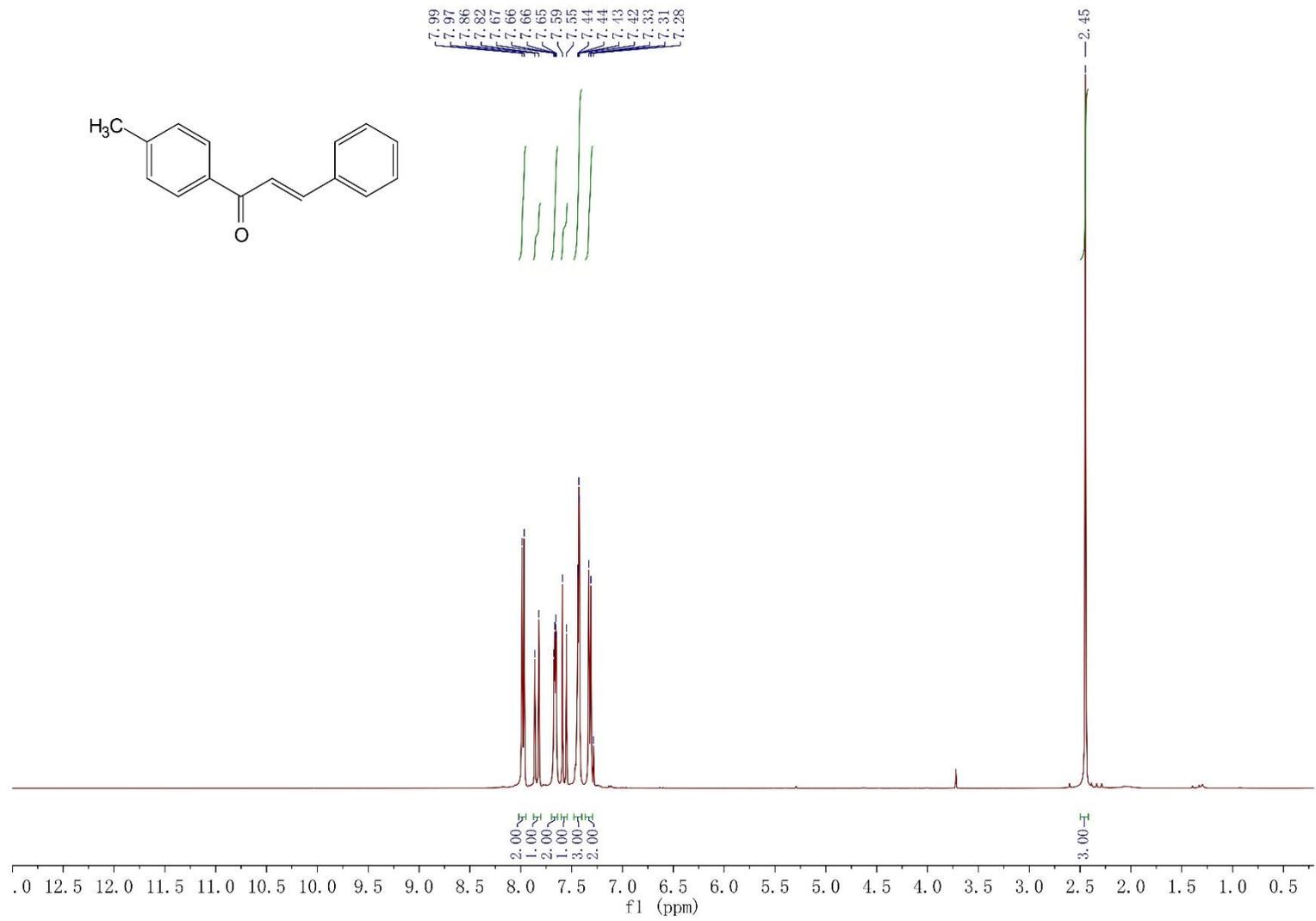


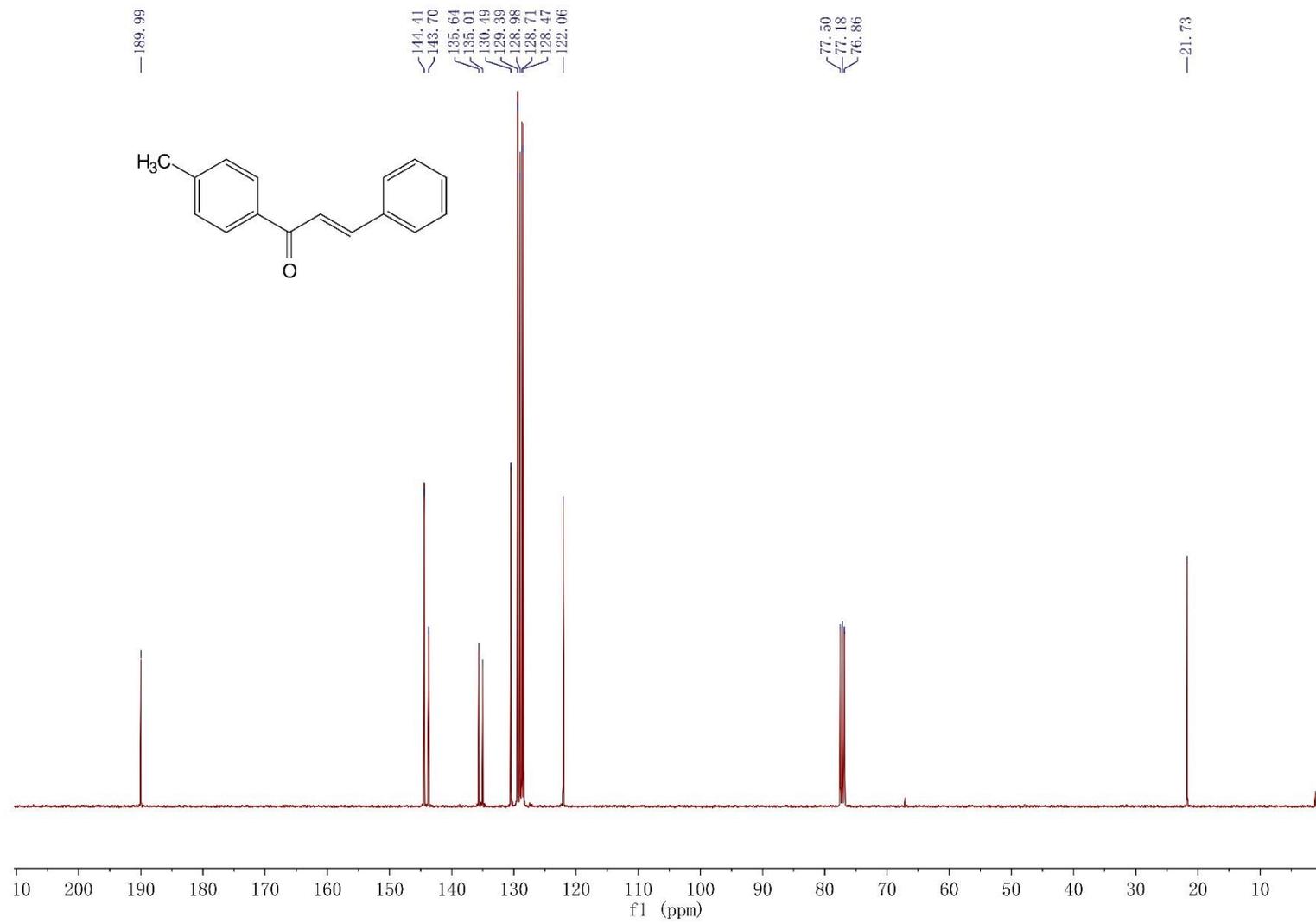


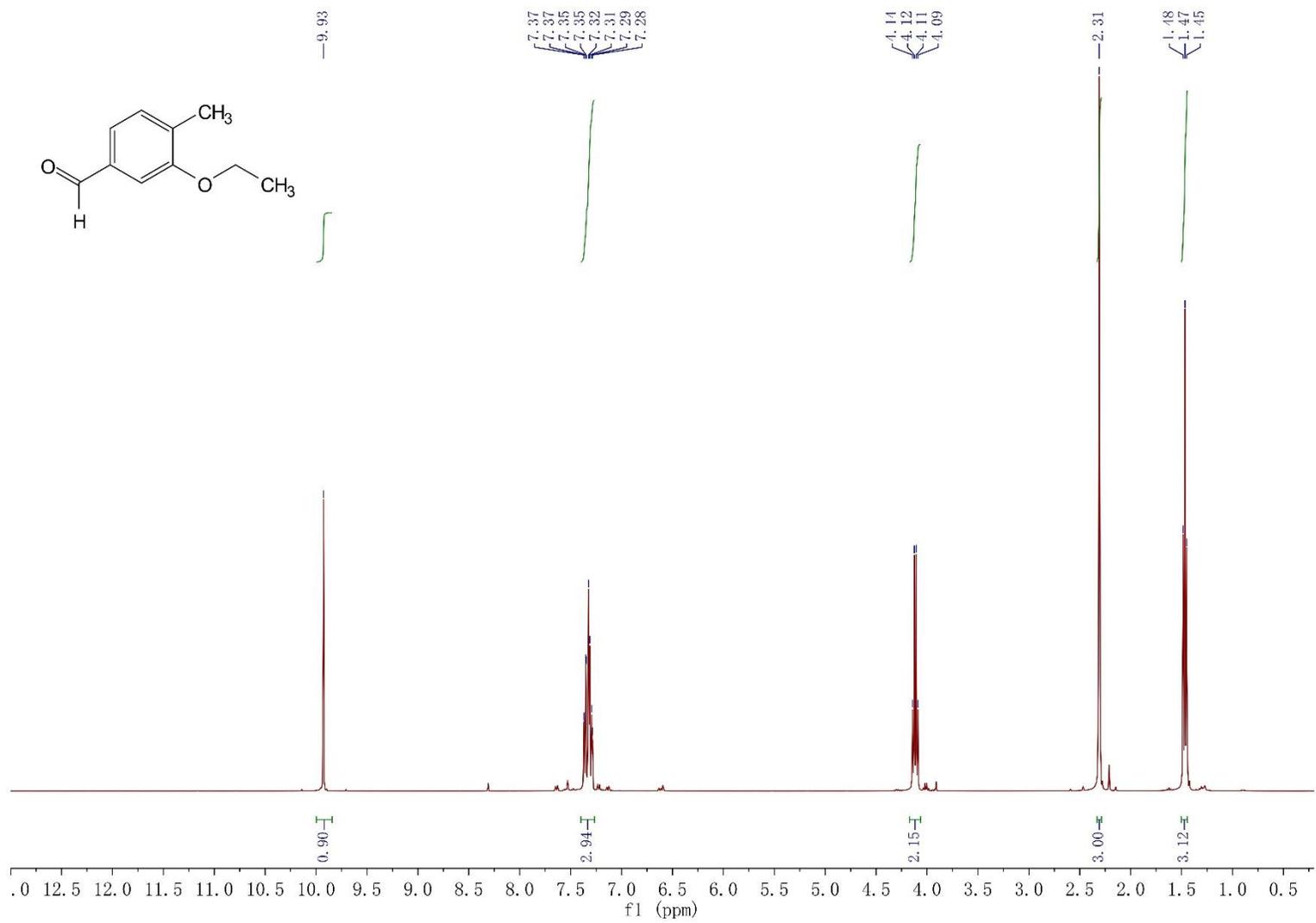


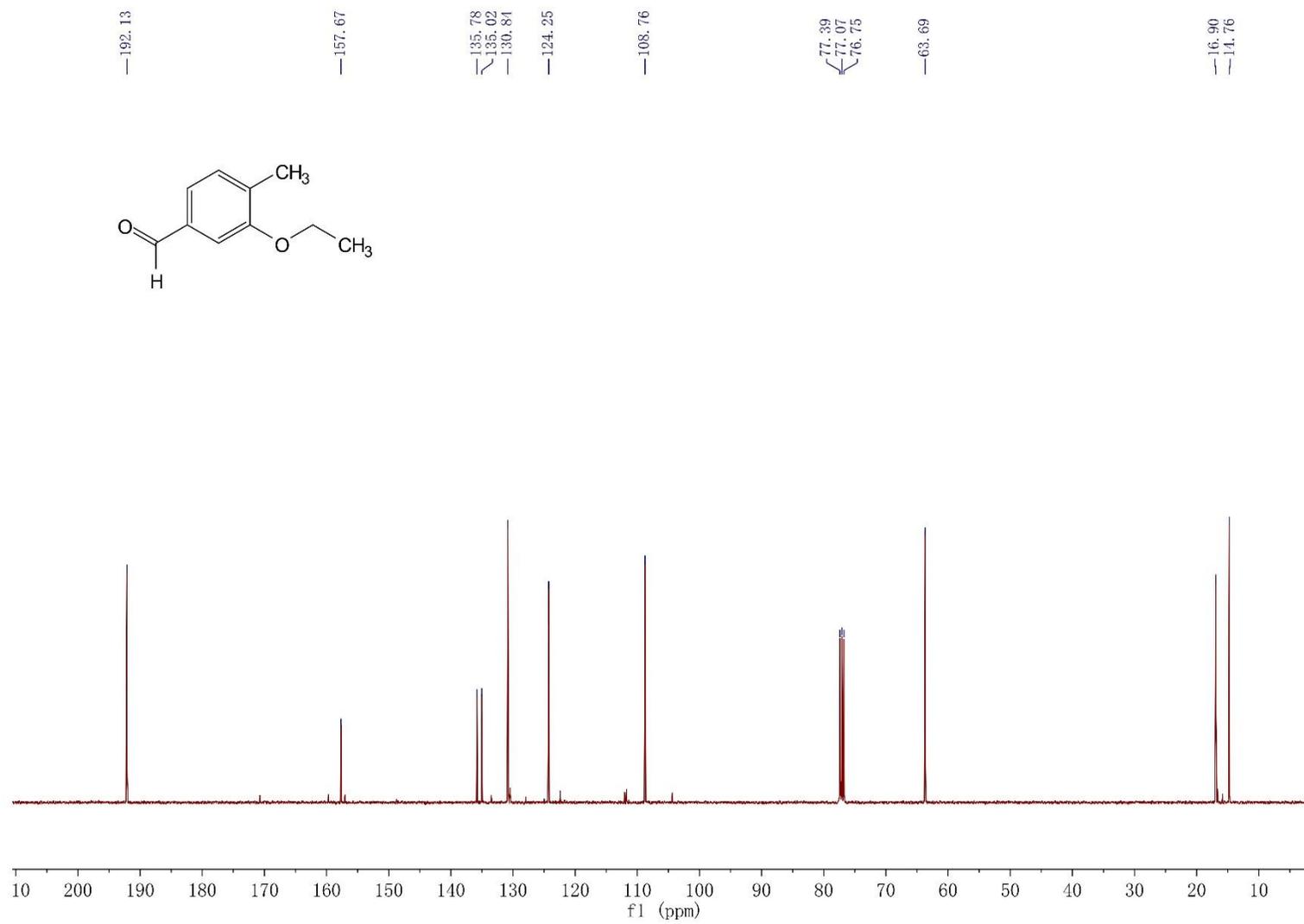


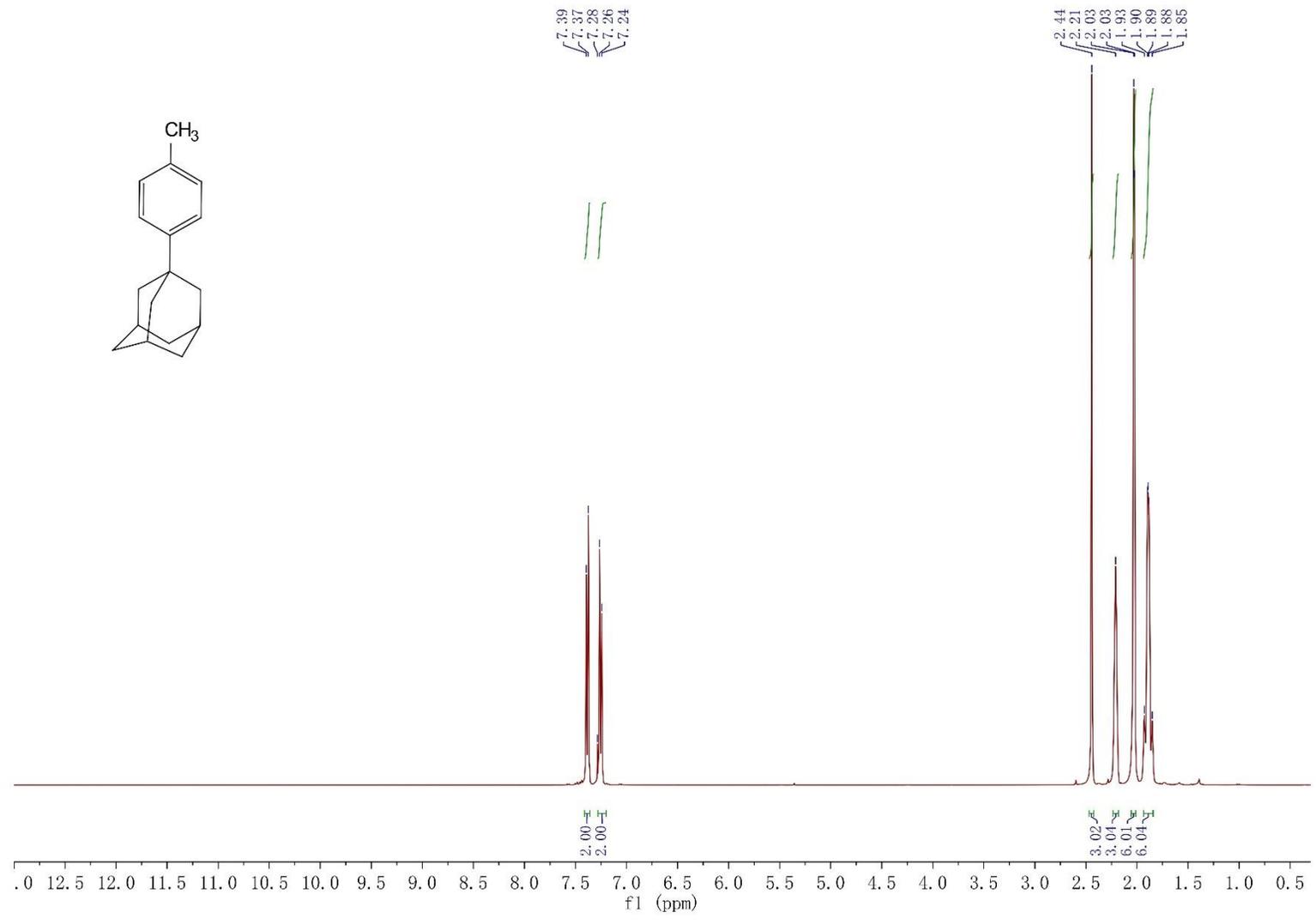
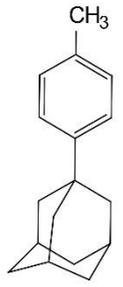


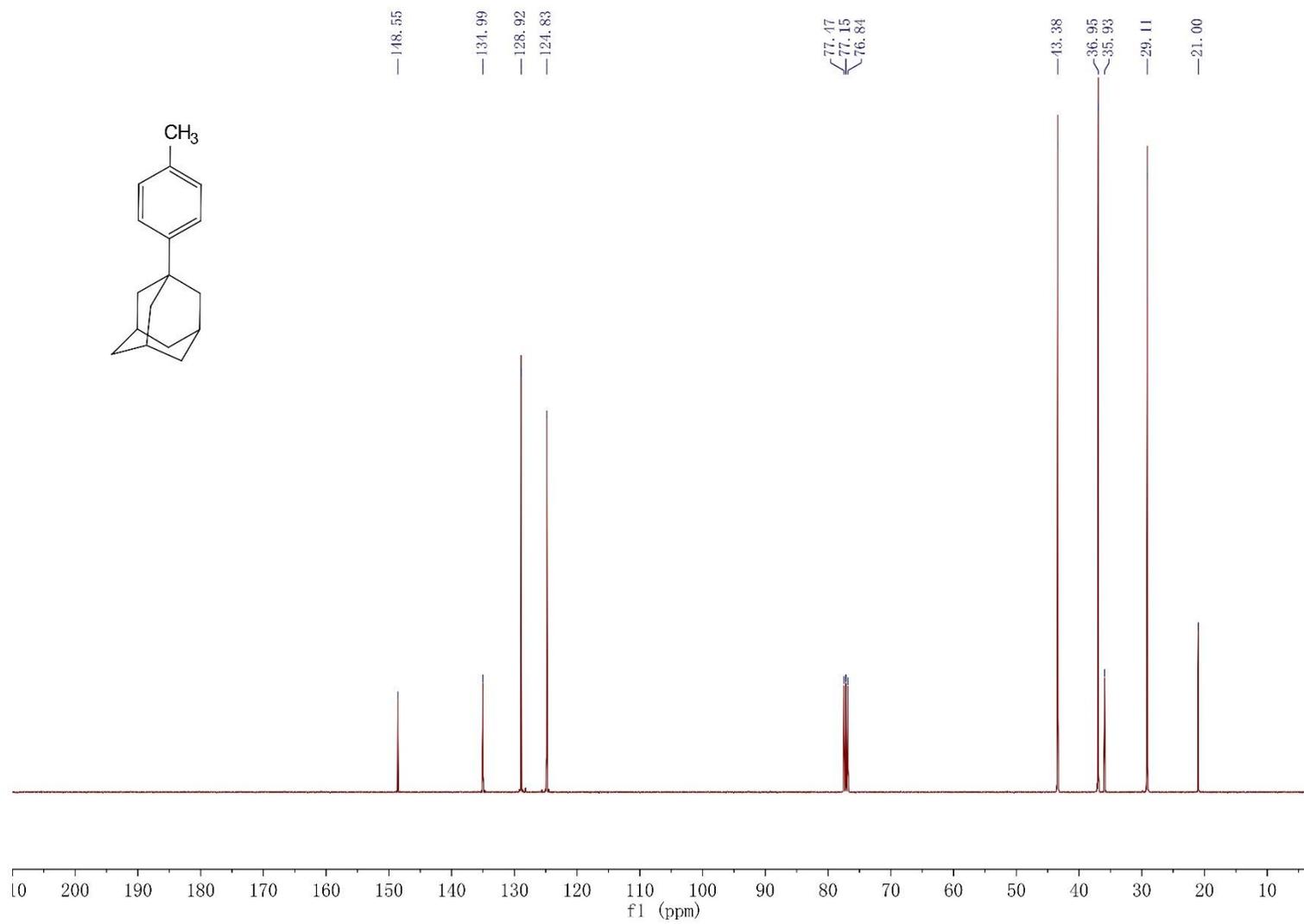
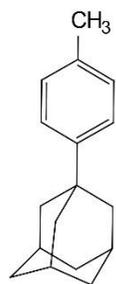


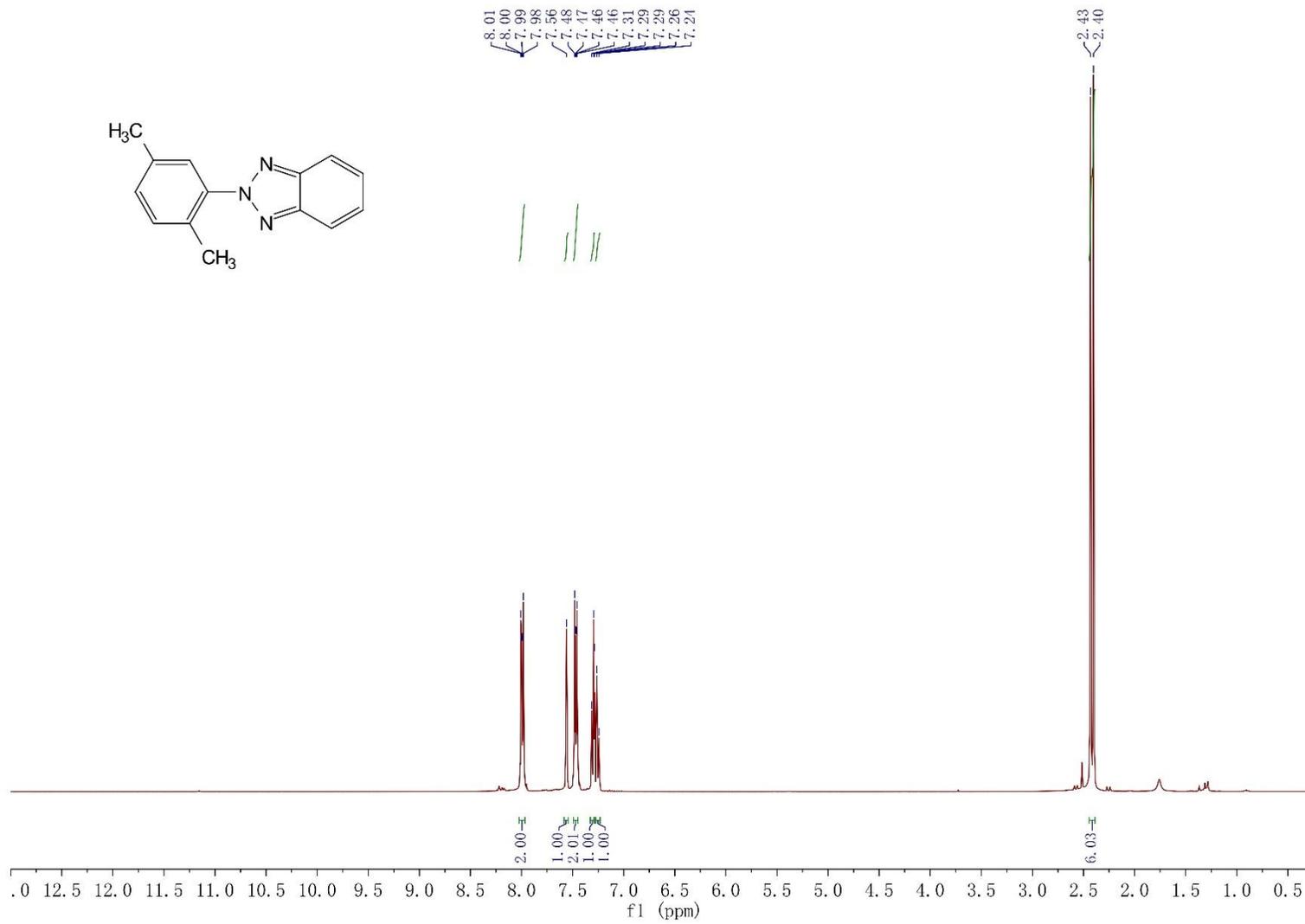
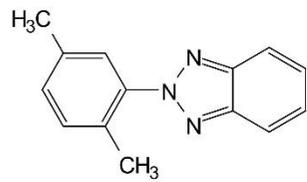


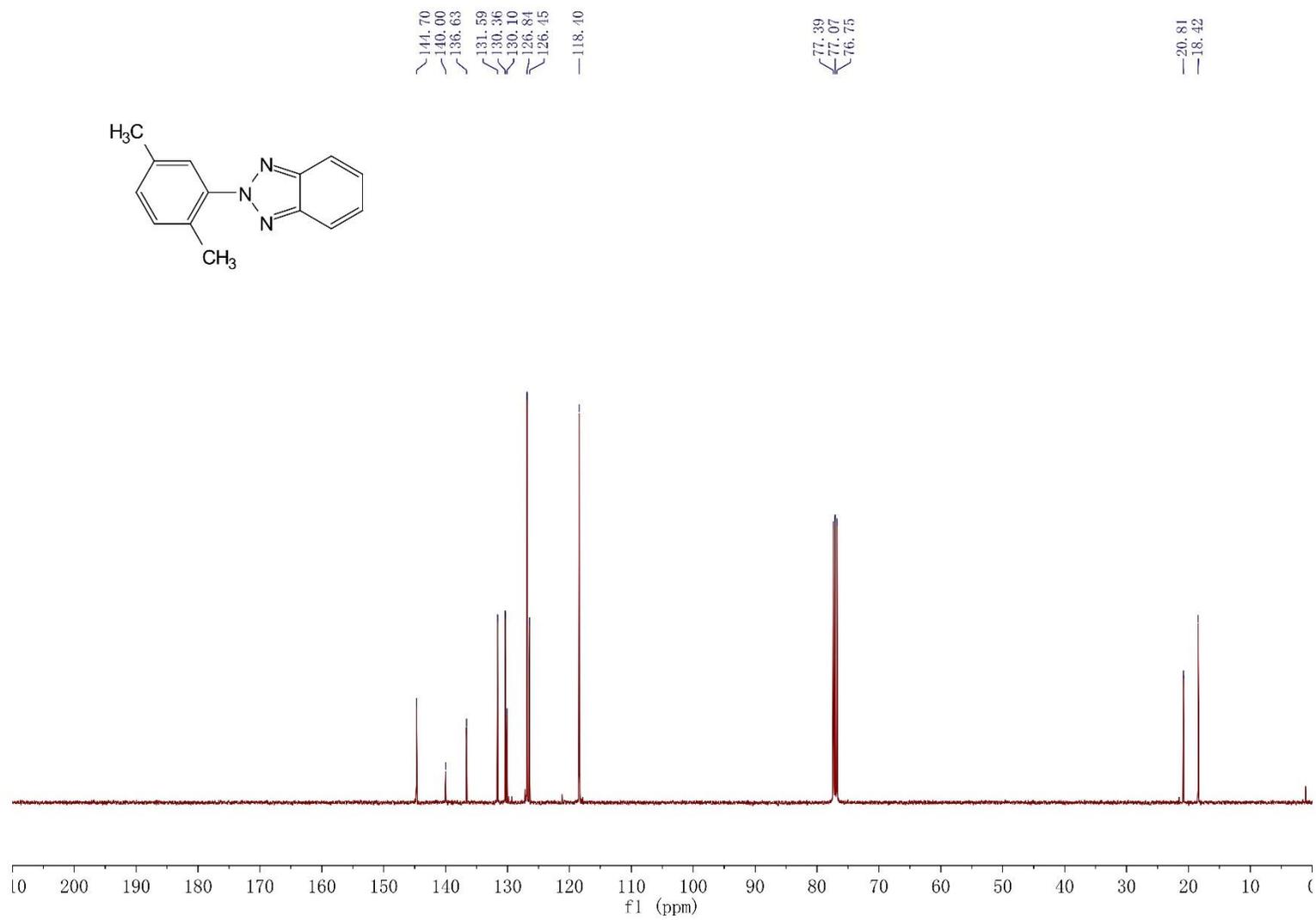
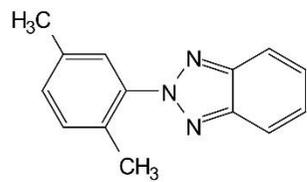


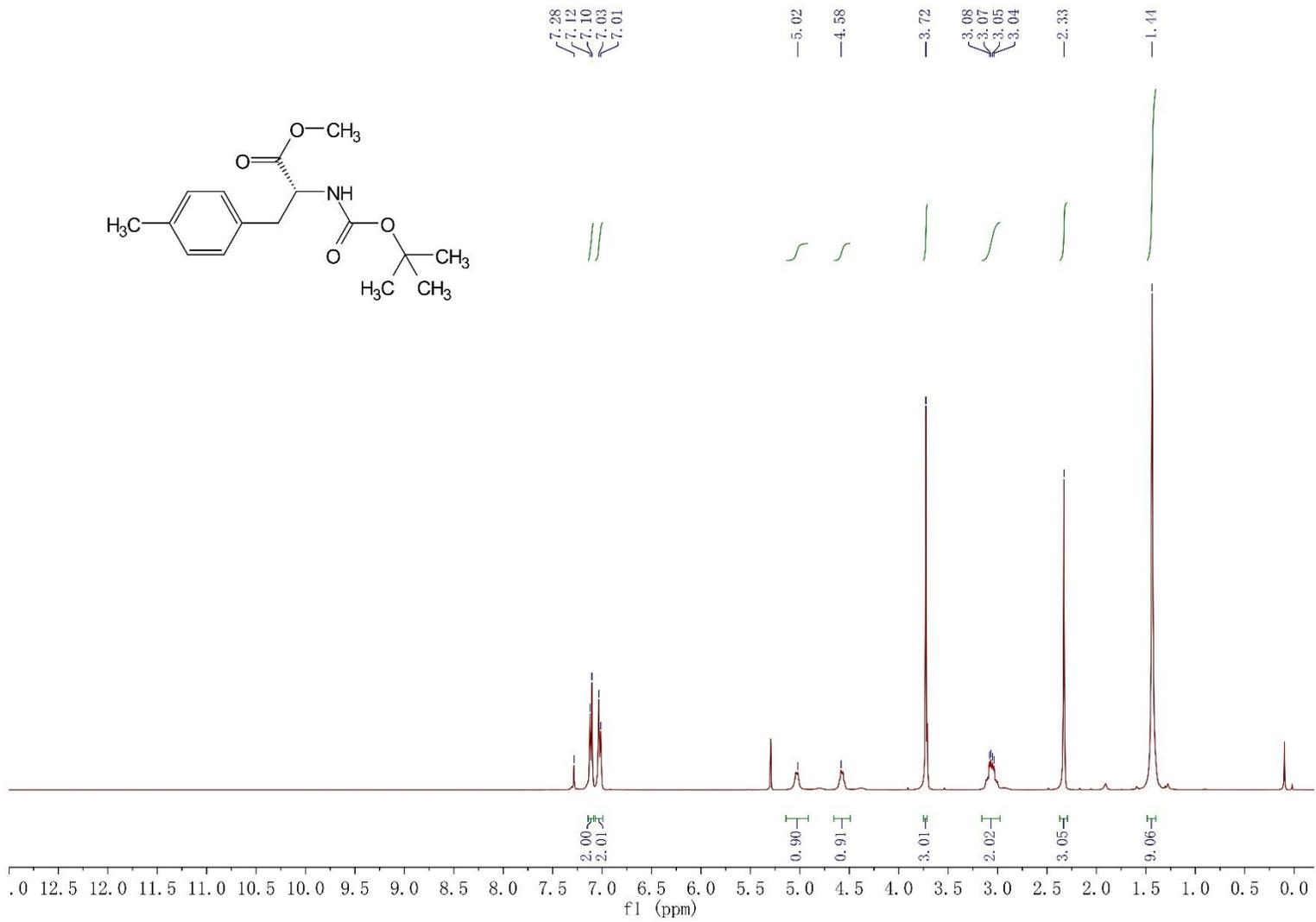
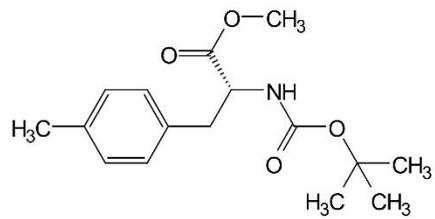


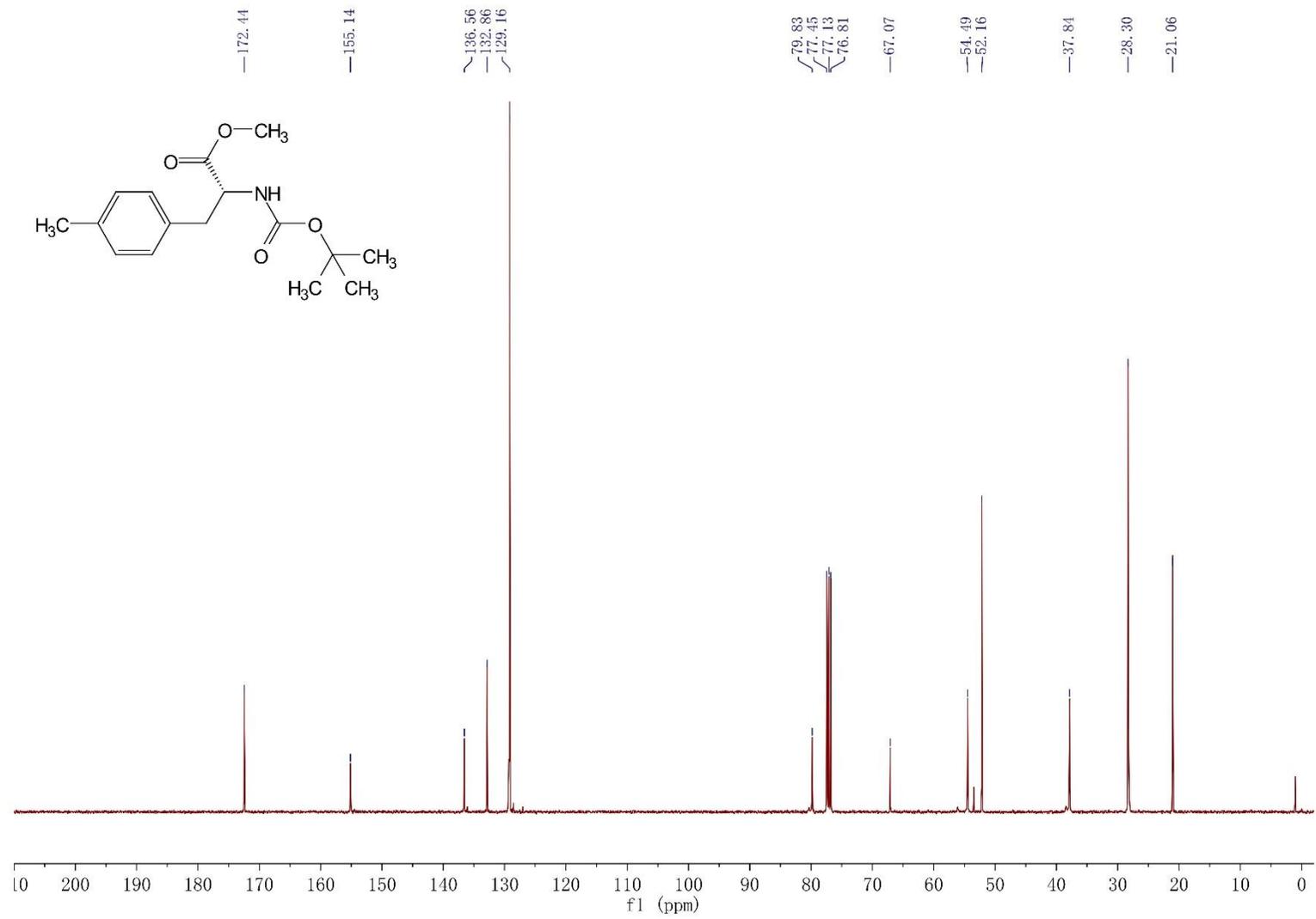


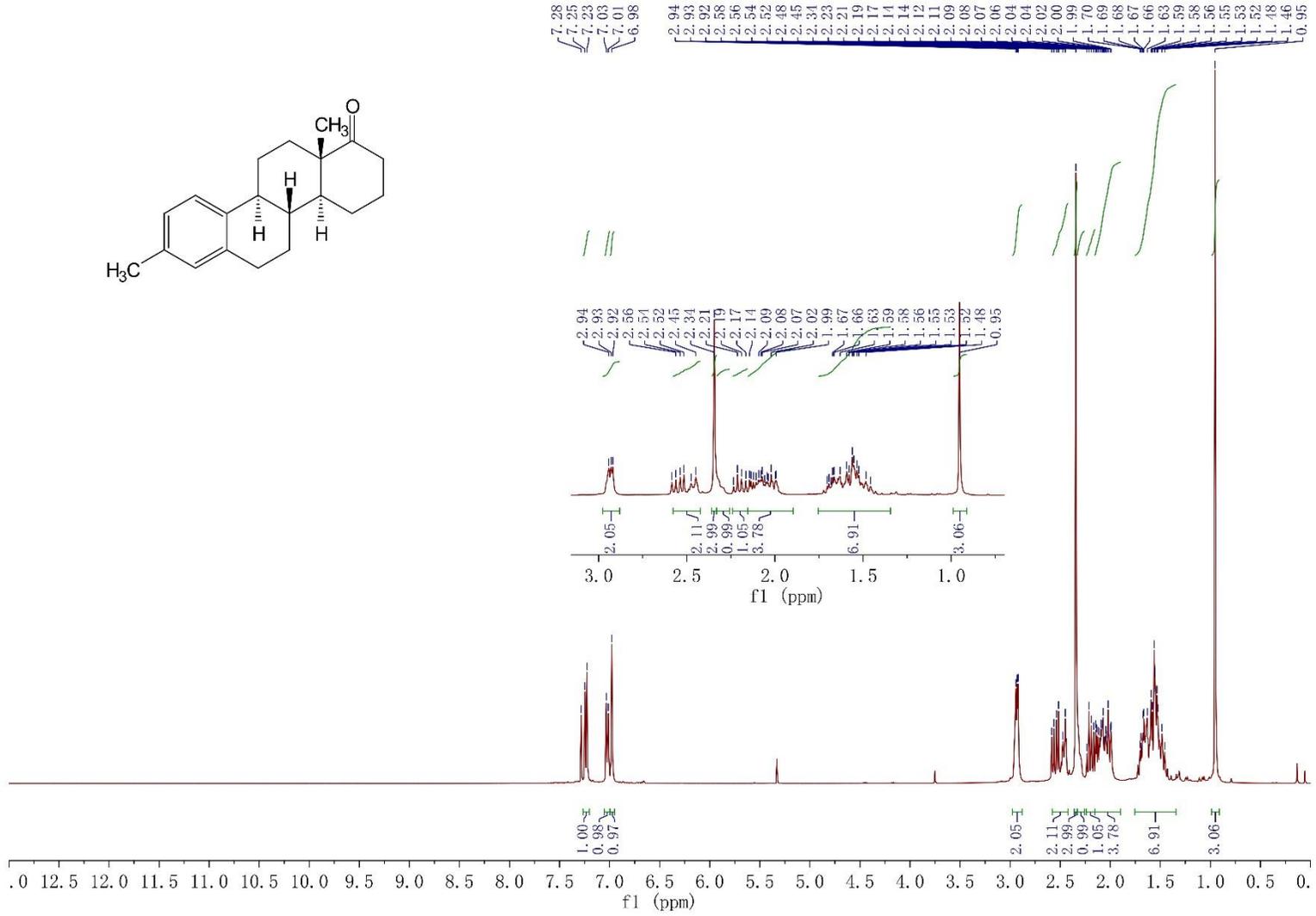
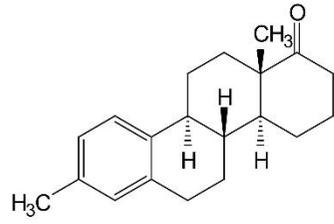


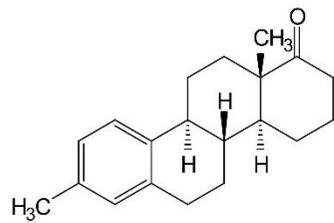












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