

## Supporting Information

### K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>-Prompted Rearrangement of Nitrones for the Synthesis of Benzo[d]oxazoles

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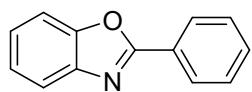
## 1. General information

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 300MHz and 75MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 2bl and 2ak were recorded on 400MHz and 101MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub>). All chemical shifts are given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gel. Unless otherwise noted, commercially reagents were used without further purification.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2 (2aa as an example)

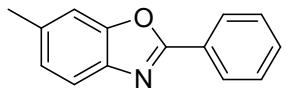
Synthesis of 2aa: A test tube was charged with nitrone (0.2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (0.6 mmol) in DCE (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at 120°C for 12 h. When the reaction was completed, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30:1) to yield the isolated product 2aa.

## 2. Characterization data for isolated compounds

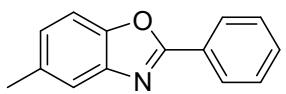


**2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole 2aa.**<sup>1,2</sup> White solid (33.5 mg 86%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.32 – 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.00 (s), 150.72 (s), 142.06 (s), 131.48 (s),

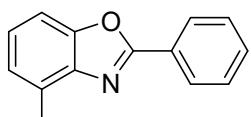
128.87 (s), 127.58 (s), 127.13 (s), 125.07 (s), 124.54 (s), 119.98 (s), 110.56 (s).



**6-methyl-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole 2ab.**<sup>3</sup> White solid (33.4 mg 80%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.16 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.48 (s), 150.98 (s), 139.86 (s), 135.47 (s), 131.18 (s), 128.78 (s), 127.38 (s), 125.73 (s), 119.27 (s), 110.68 (s), 77.42 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.58 (s), 21.73 (s).

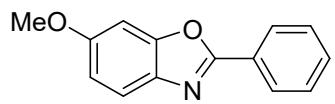


**5-methyl-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole 2ac.**<sup>3</sup> White solid (34.8 mg 83%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.24 (dd, J = 6.8, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.01 (s), 148.86 (s), 142.15 (s), 134.32 (s), 131.33 (s), 128.82 (s), 127.45 (s), 127.18 (s), 126.17 (s), 119.81 (s), 109.89 (s), 77.42 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.58 (s), 21.52 (s).

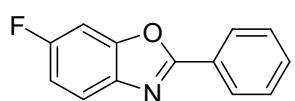


**4-methyl-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole 2ad.**<sup>5</sup> White solid (11.3 mg 27%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.30 – 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.26 (s), 150.53 (s), 141.43 (s), 131.23 (s), 130.59 (s), 128.80 (s), 127.58 (s),

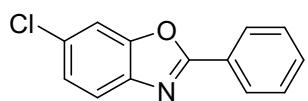
127.45 (s), 125.02 (s), 124.71 (s), 107.81 (s), 16.55 (s).



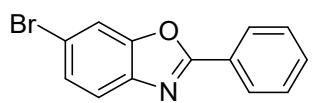
**6-methoxy-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole 2ae.<sup>6</sup>** White solid (26.7 mg 59%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.25 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.24 (s), 151.60 (s), 135.83 (s), 131.04 (s), 128.84 (s), 127.31 (s), 127.15 (s), 119.95 (s), 112.79 (s), 95.39 (s), 77.42 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.58 (s), 55.92 (s).



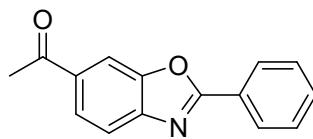
**6-fluoro-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole 2af.<sup>3</sup>** White solid (34.3 mg 82%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.97 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.27 (s), 159.04 (s), 150.69 (d, J = 14.4 Hz), 138.42 (s), 131.56 (s), 128.92 (s), 127.46 (s), 126.88 (s), 120.22 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 112.67 (s), 112.34 (s), 98.82 (s), 98.45 (s), 77.42 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.58 (s).



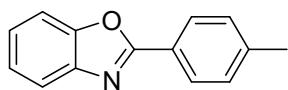
**6-chloro-2-phenylbenzo[d]oxazole 2ag.<sup>3</sup>** White solid (41.7 mg 91%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.27 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.64 (s), 150.87 (s), 140.85 (s), 131.74 (s), 130.63 (s), 128.91 (s), 127.61 (s), 126.66 (s), 125.23 (s), 120.42 (s), 111.18 (s).



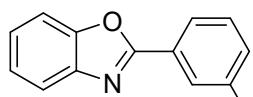
**6-bromo-2-phenylbenzo[*d*]oxazole 2ah.<sup>4</sup>** White solid (45.3 mg 83%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 (ddd, J = 5.5, 3.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.49 (s), 151.17 (s), 141.29 (s), 131.79 (s), 128.93 (s), 127.98 (s), 127.65 (s), 126.62 (s), 120.90 (s), 117.92 (s), 114.07 (s), 77.42 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.58 (s).



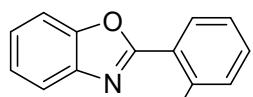
**1-(2-phenylbenzo[*d*]oxazol-6-yl)ethan-1-one 2ak.** White solid (22.3 mg 47%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 – 8.26 (m, 2H), 8.20 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.84 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 196.94 (s), 165.88 (s), 150.77 (s), 146.14 (s), 134.38 (s), 132.31 (s), 129.08 (s), 128.02 (s), 126.56 (s), 125.52 (s), 119.69 (s), 110.81 (s), 26.91 (s).



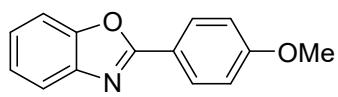
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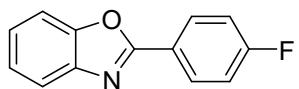
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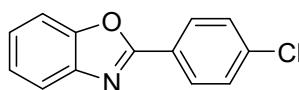
**2-(o-tolyl)benzo[d]oxazole 2bc.**<sup>1</sup> White solid (10.1 mg 56%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 2.84 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.38 (s), 150.28 (s), 142.10 (s), 138.82 (s), 131.75 (s), 130.86 (s), 129.92 (s), 126.22 (s), 126.02 (s), 124.97 (s), 124.33 (s), 120.11 (s), 110.45 (s), 77.42 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.58 (s), 22.17 (s).



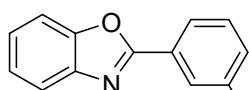
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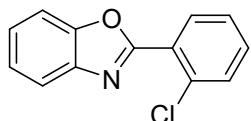
**2-(4-fluorophenyl)benzo[d]oxazole 2be.<sup>2</sup>** White solid (36.6 mg 88%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.44 (s), 163.09 (s), 162.11 (s), 150.73 (s), 142.03 (s), 129.79 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 125.09 (s), 124.62 (s), 123.45 (s), 119.95 (s), 116.28 (s), 115.99 (s), 110.52 (s), 77.42 (s), 77.00 (s), 76.58 (s).



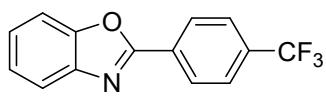
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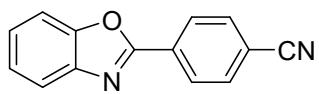
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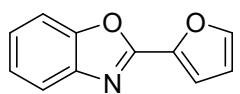
**2-(2-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]oxazole 2bh.<sup>8</sup>** White solid (16.5 mg 36%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.20 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.91 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 150.55 (s), 141.66 (s), 133.46 (s), 131.87 (s), 131.79 (s), 131.35 (s), 126.89 (s), 126.24 (s), 125.54 (s), 124.62 (s), 120.48 (s), 110.71 (s).



**2bi.<sup>3</sup>** White solid (43.7 mg 83%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.40 – 8.33 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.44 (s), 150.85 (s), 141.90 (s), 133.18 (s), 132.74 (s), 130.43 (s), 127.82 (s), 125.87 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.8 Hz), 124.91 (s), 120.39 (s), 110.76 (s).

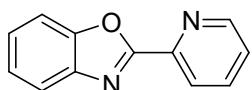


**4-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)benzonitrile 2bj.<sup>2</sup>** White solid (39.2 mg 89%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.33 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.83 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.60 (ddd, J = 4.6, 2.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.82 (s), 150.81 (s), 141.79 (s), 132.59 (s), 131.02 (s), 127.87 (s), 126.10 (s), 125.06 (s), 120.50 (s), 118.08 (s), 114.66 (s), 110.80 (s).



**2-(furan-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole 2bk.<sup>7</sup>** White solid (10.1 mg 27%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.65

(m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd,  $J$  = 3.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd,  $J$  = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  150.09 (s), 145.68 (s), 142.57 (s), 141.59 (s), 125.23 (s), 124.80 (s), 120.09 (s), 114.22 (s), 112.21 (s), 110.51 (s).



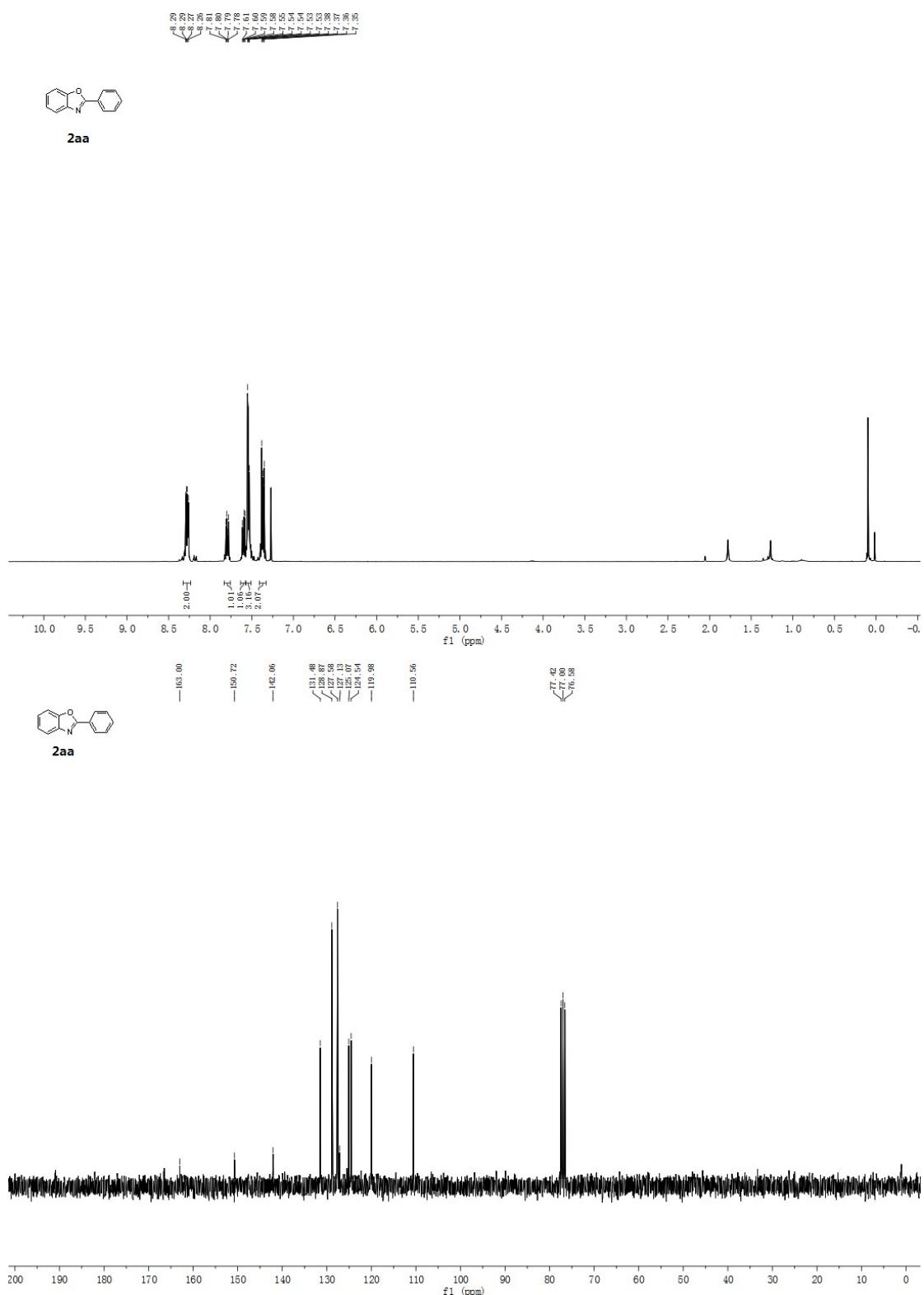
**2bl** **2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazole 2bl.**<sup>9</sup> White solid (14.9 mg 38%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.82 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.43 (s), 151.03 (s), 150.28 (s), 146.04 (s), 141.74 (s), 137.09 (s), 126.03 (s), 125.57 (s), 124.92 (s), 123.43 (s), 120.62 (s), 111.22 (s).

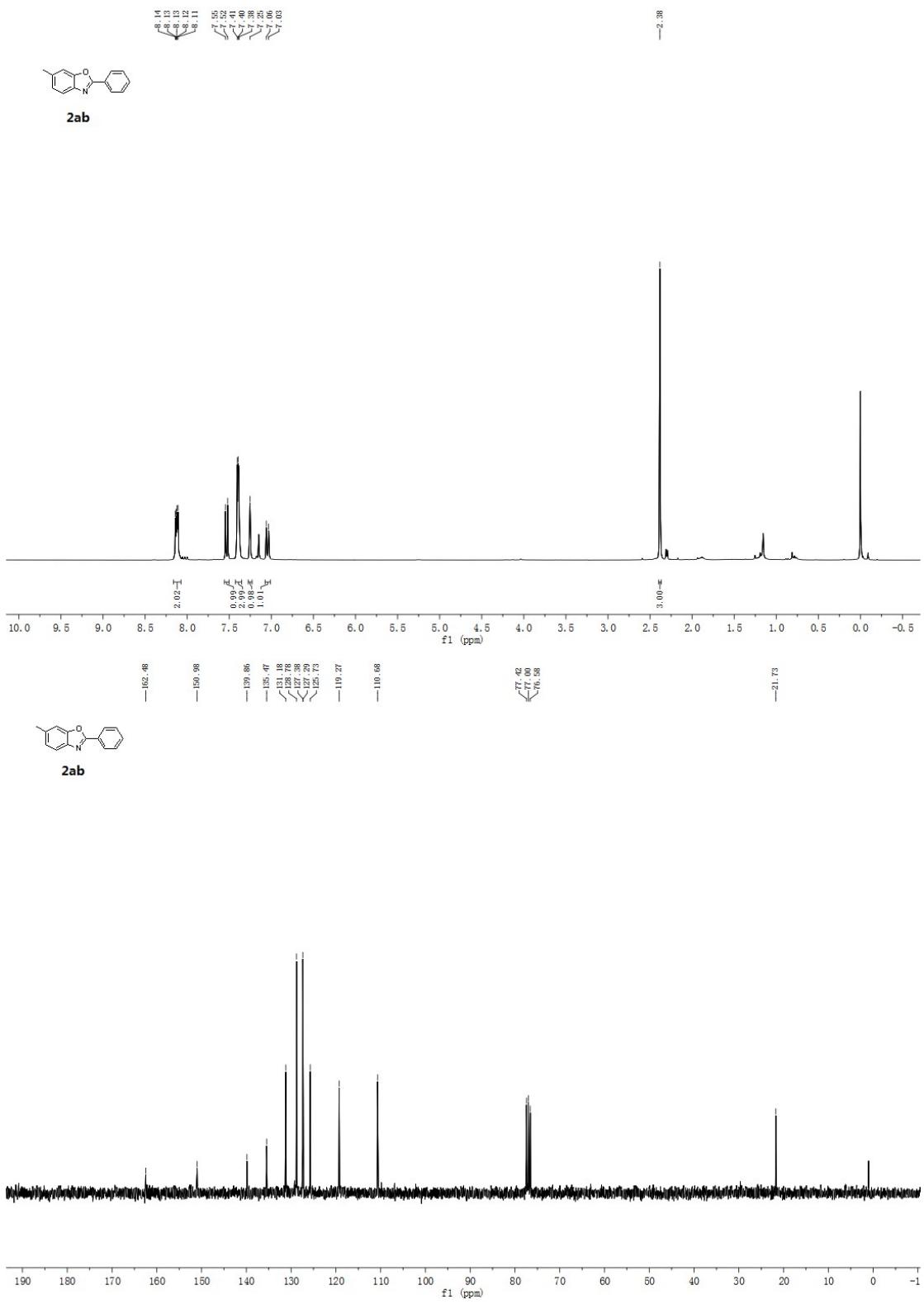
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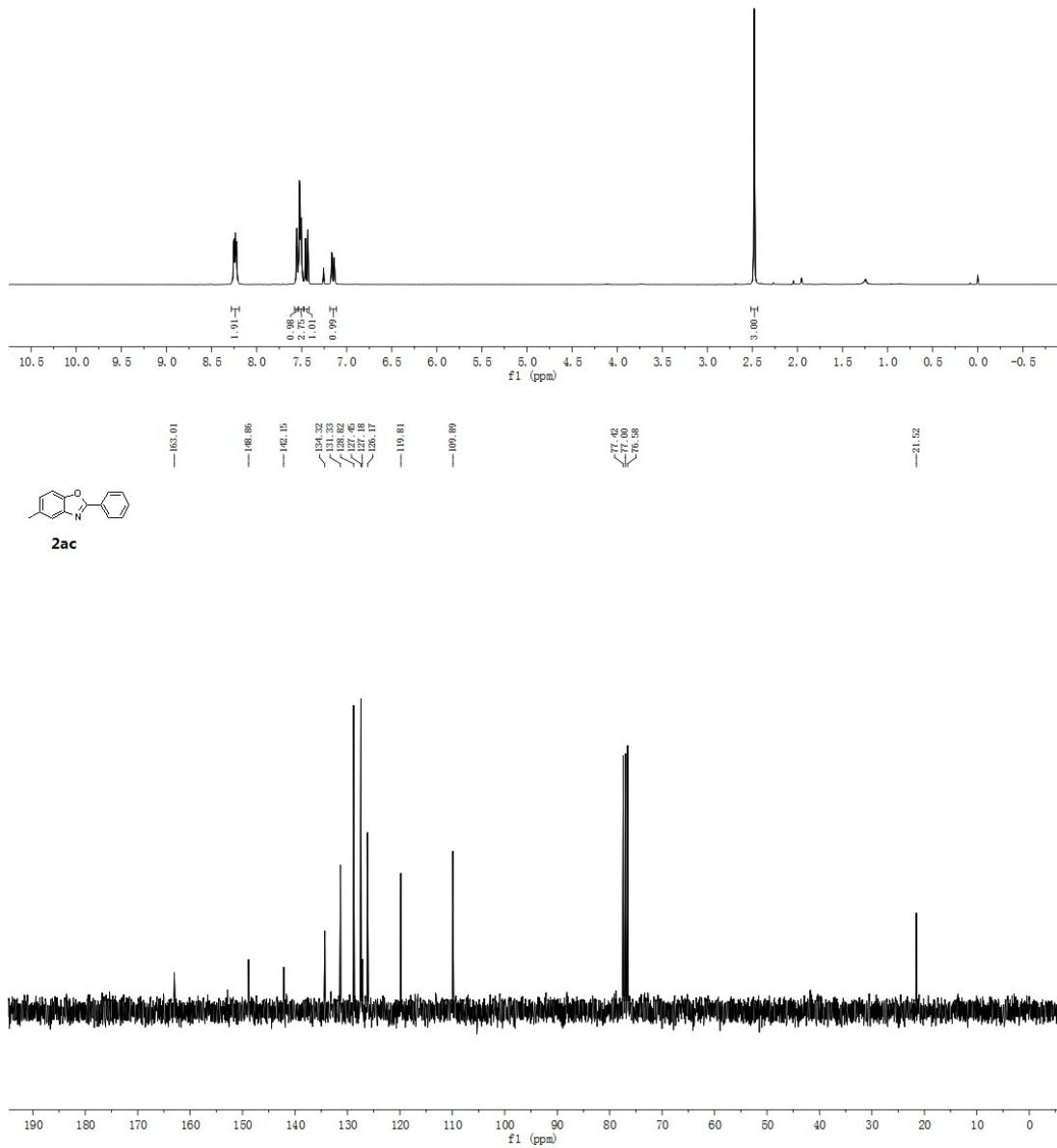
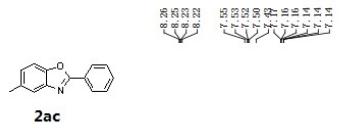
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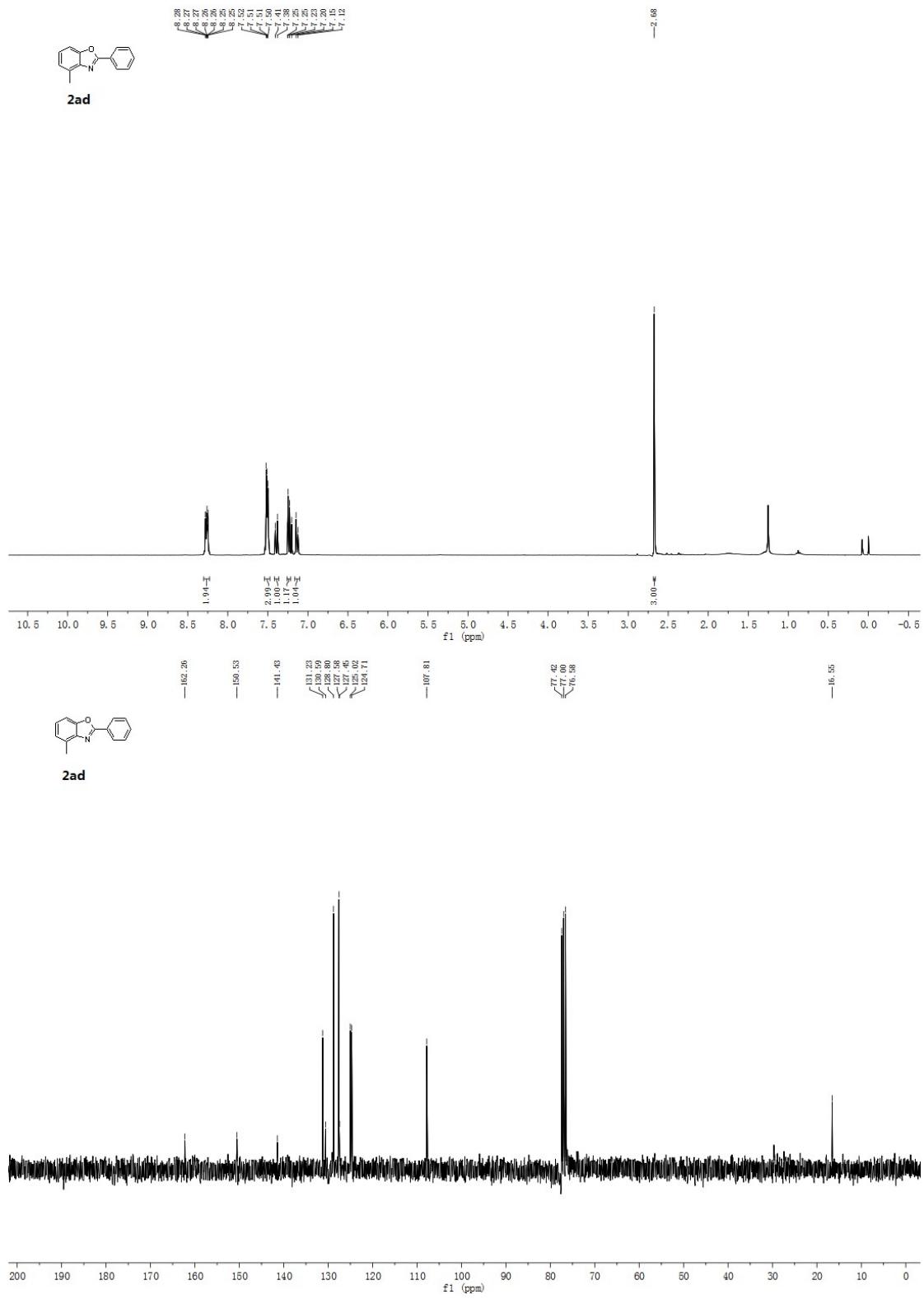
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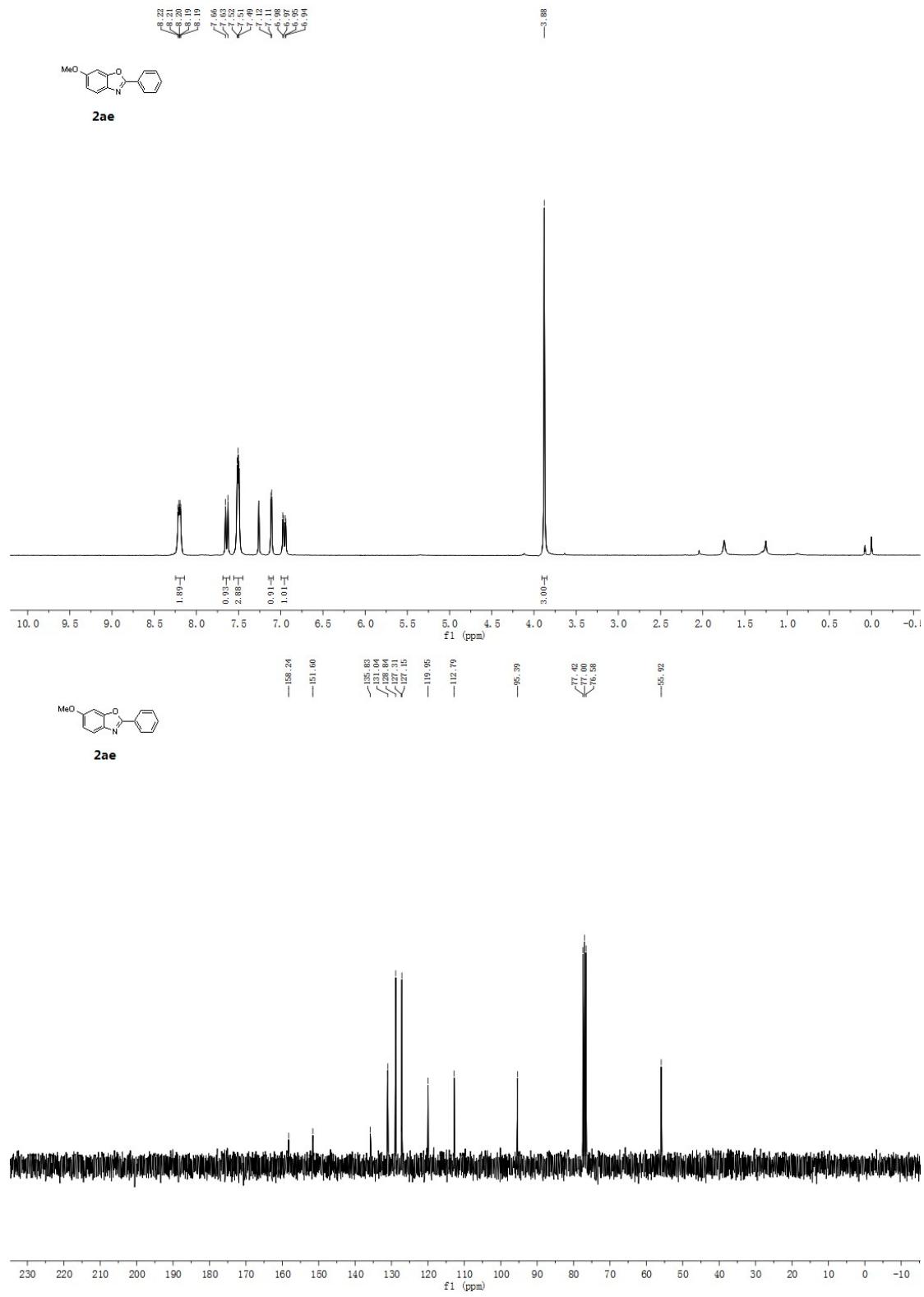
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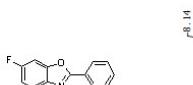




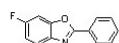
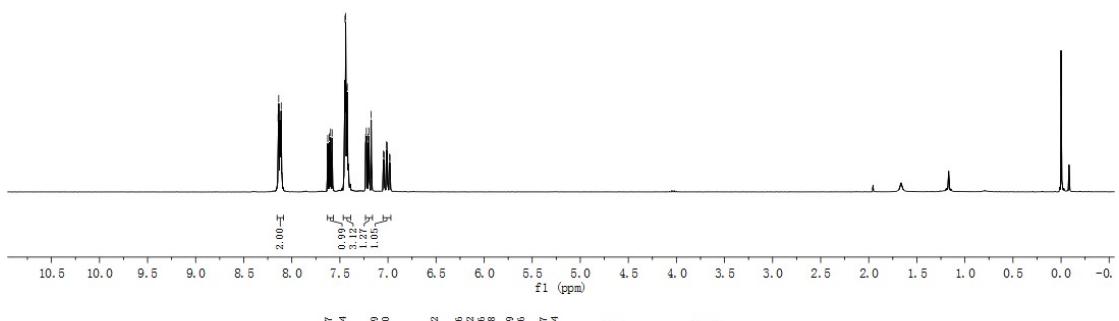




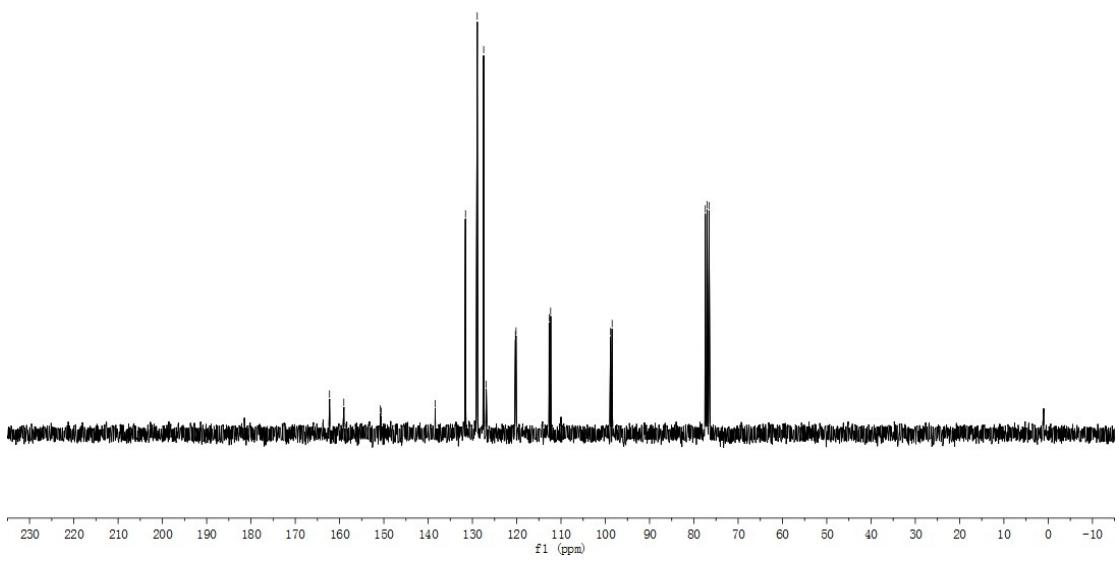


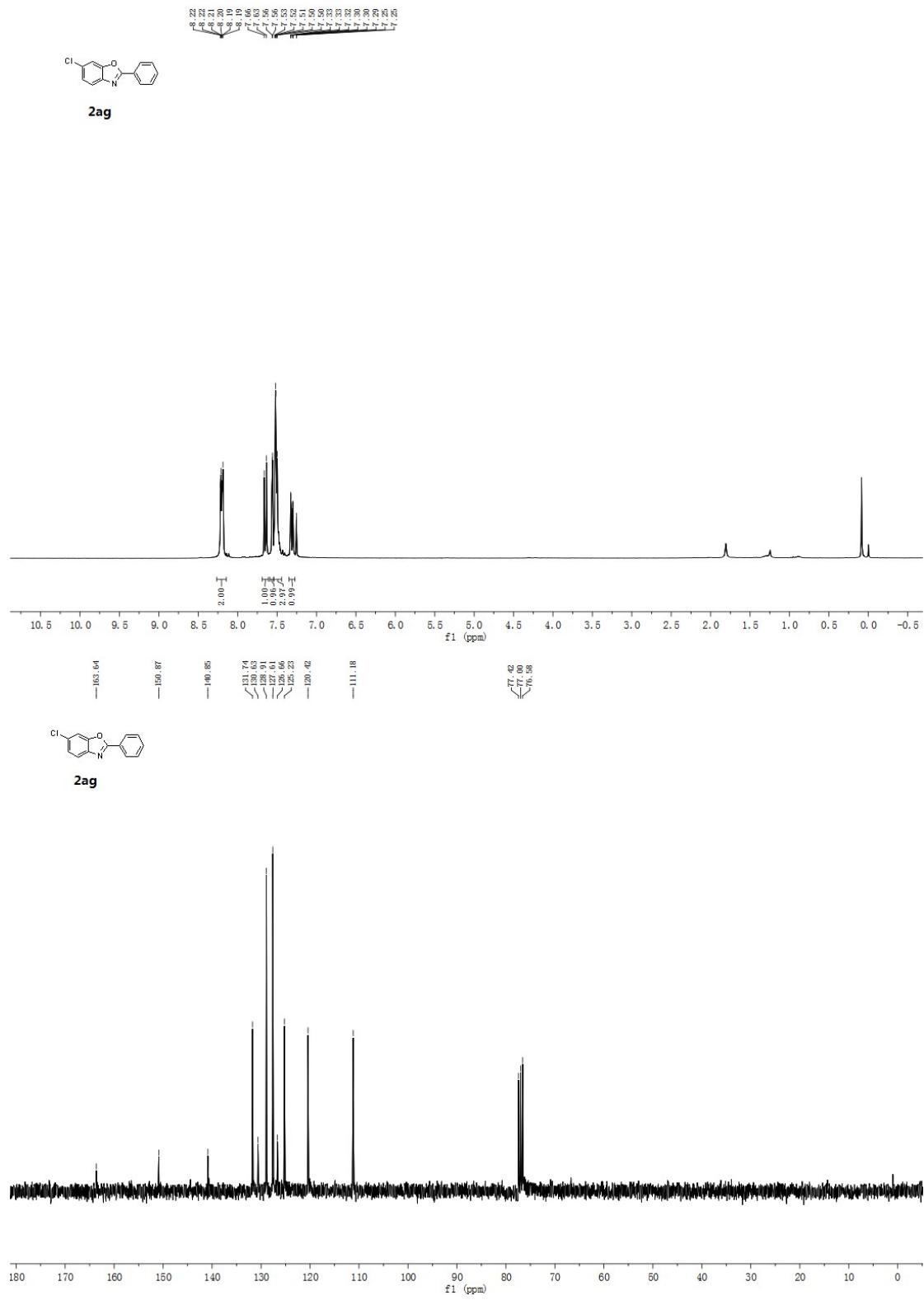


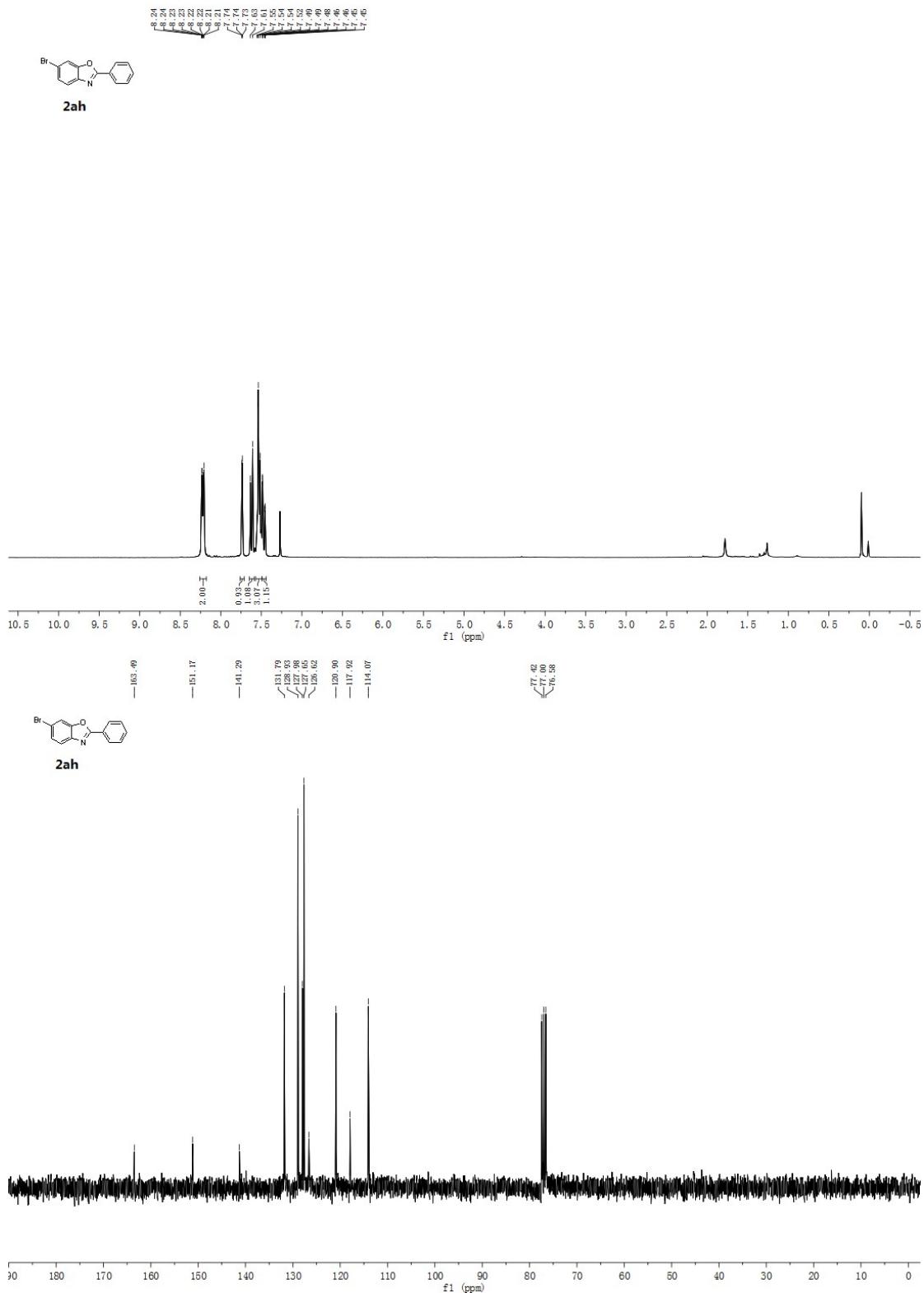
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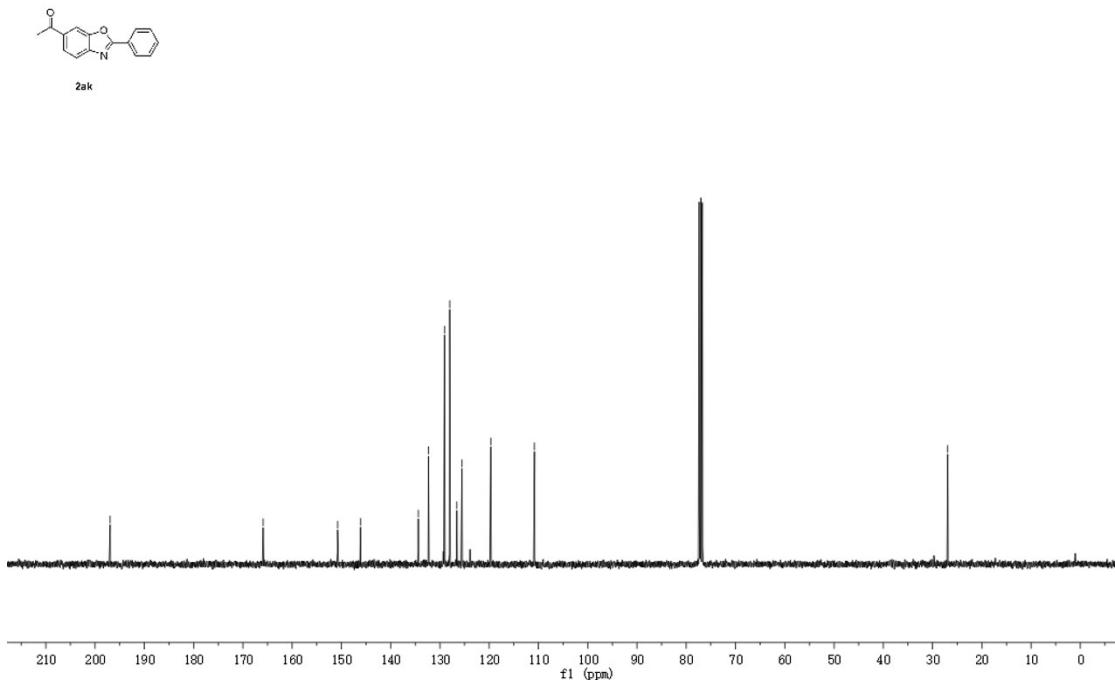
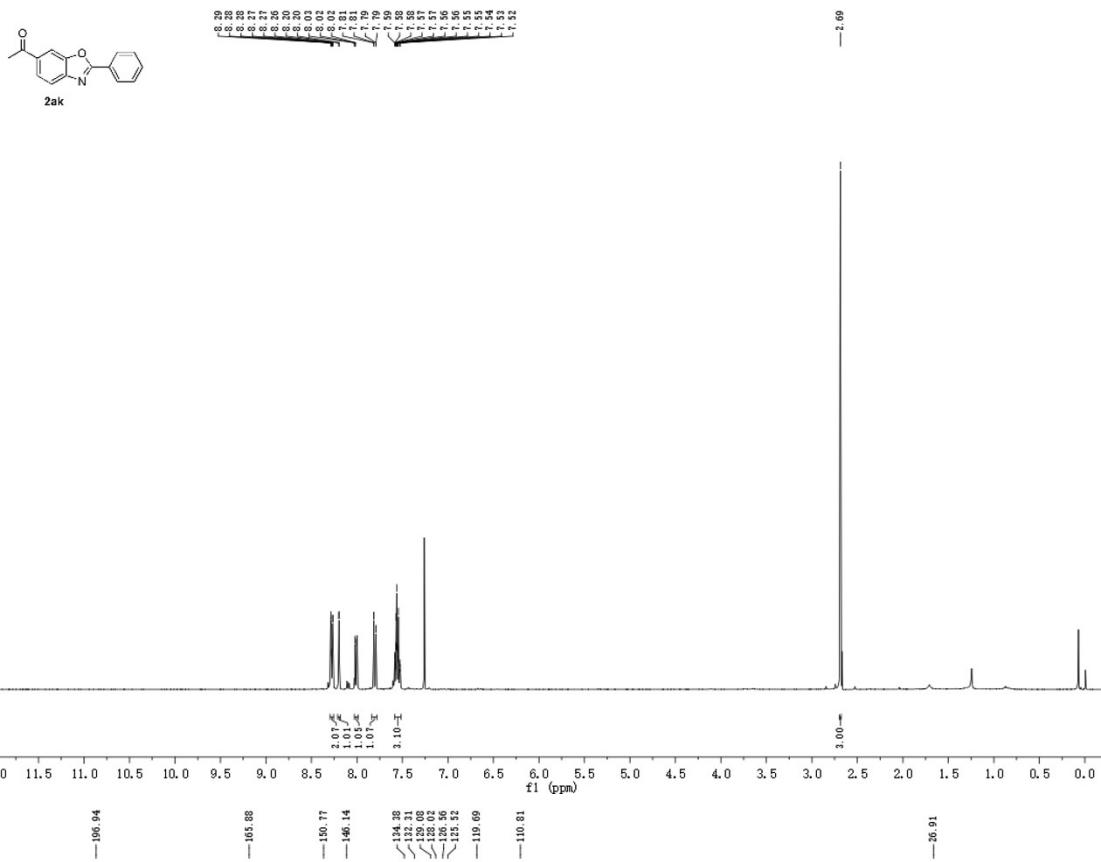


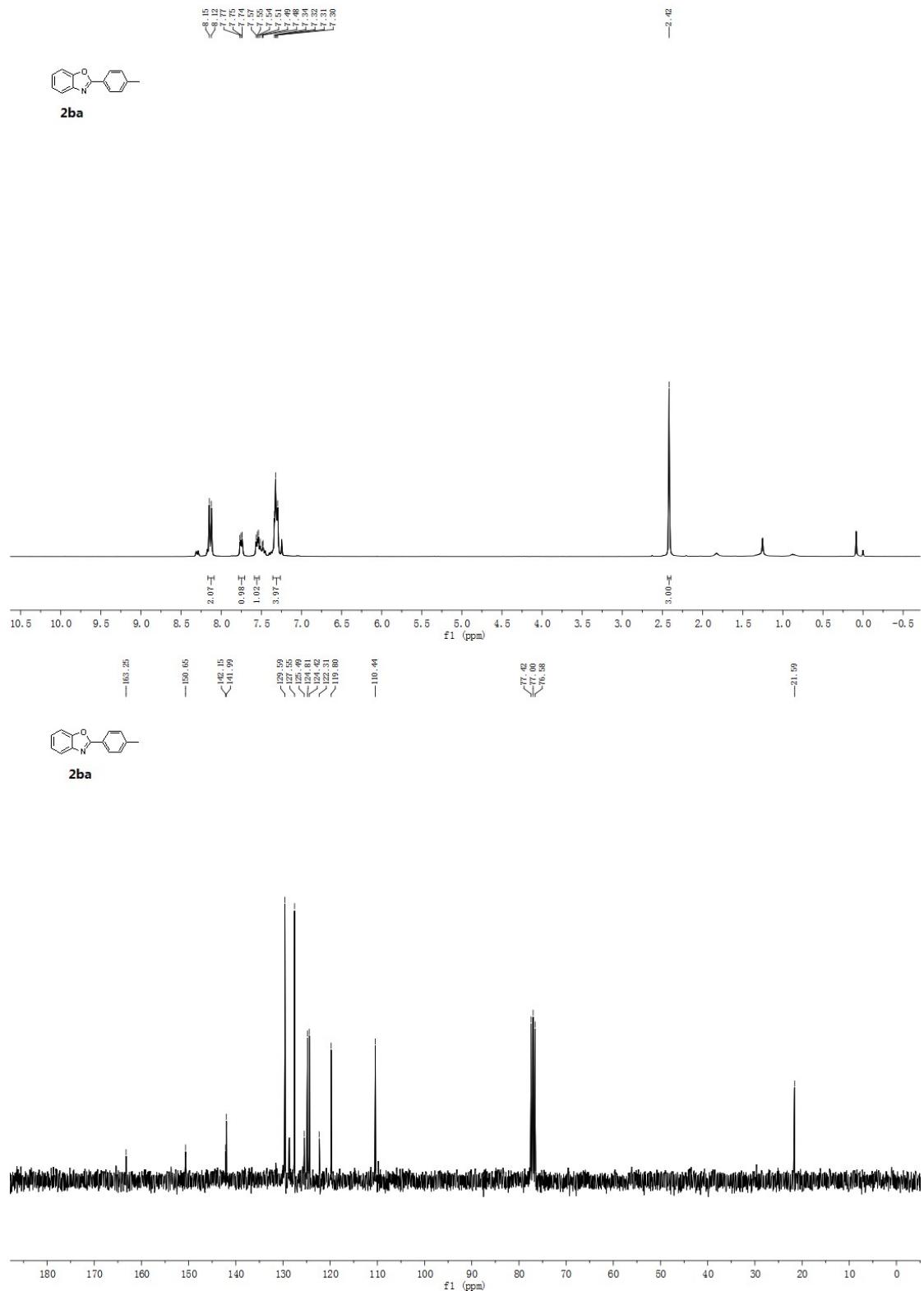
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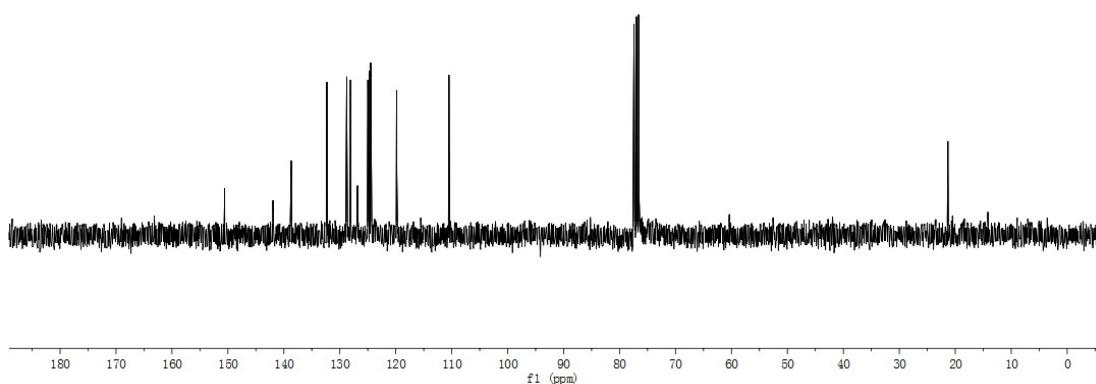
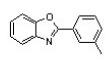
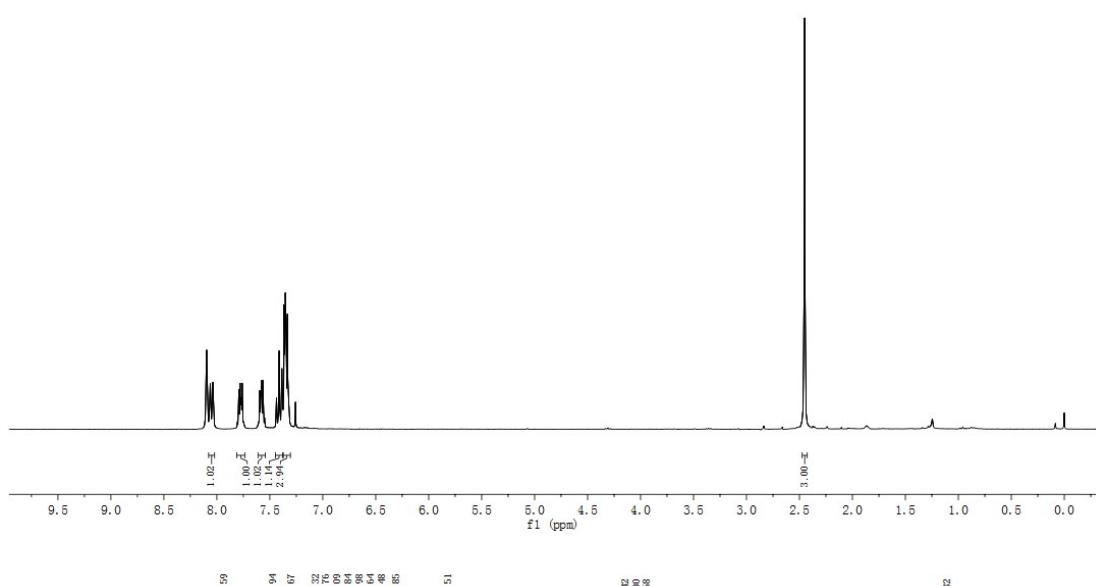
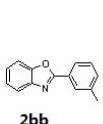


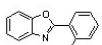
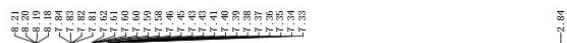




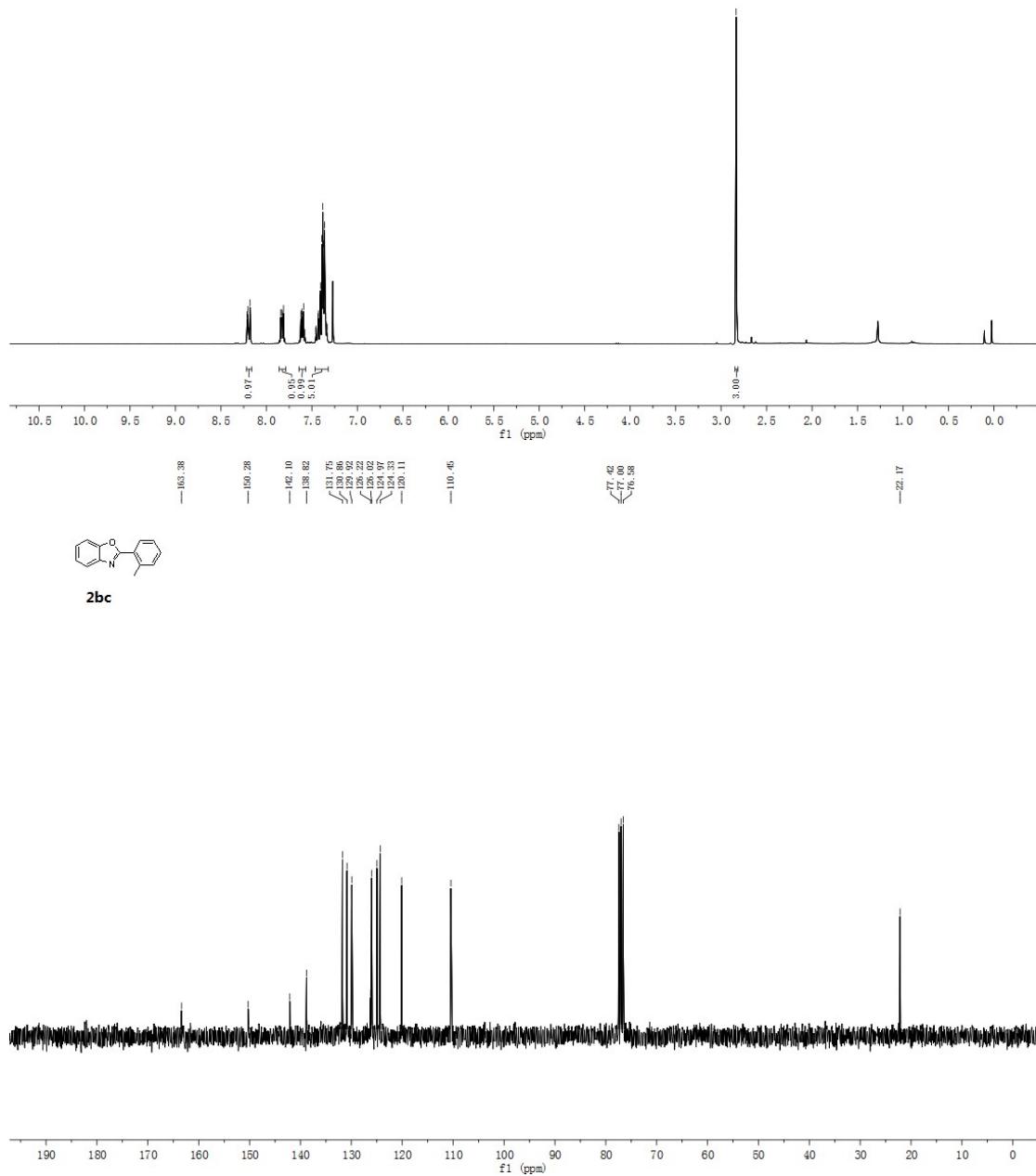


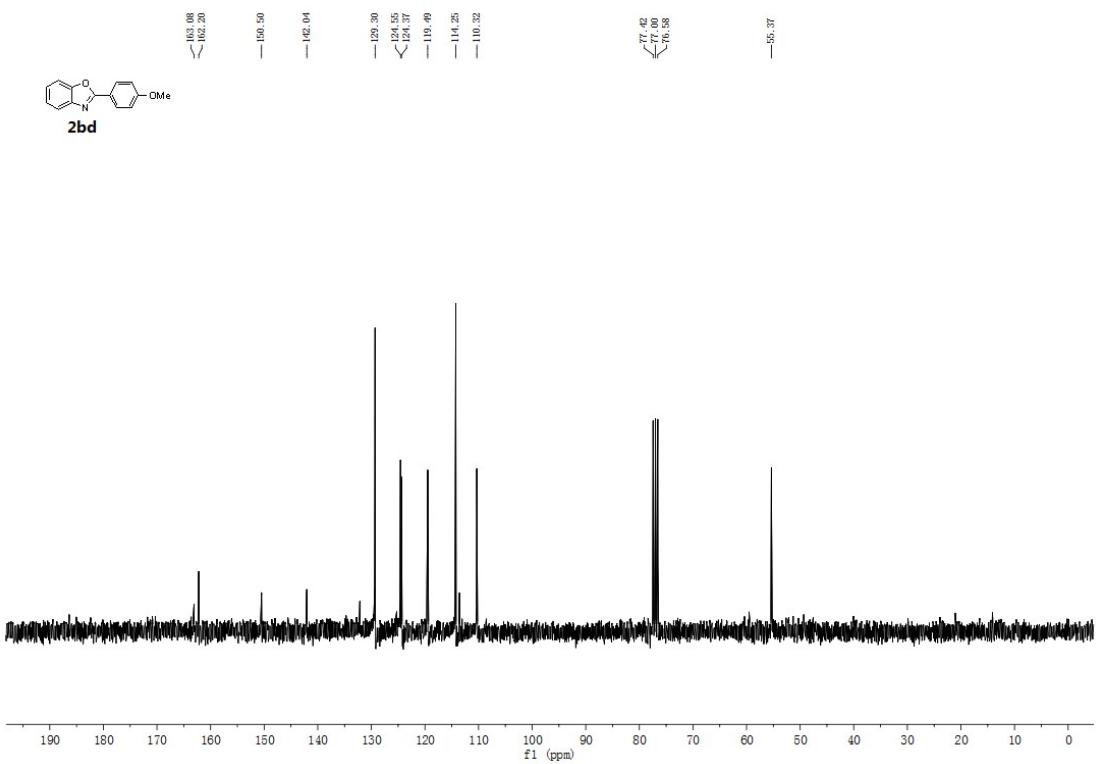
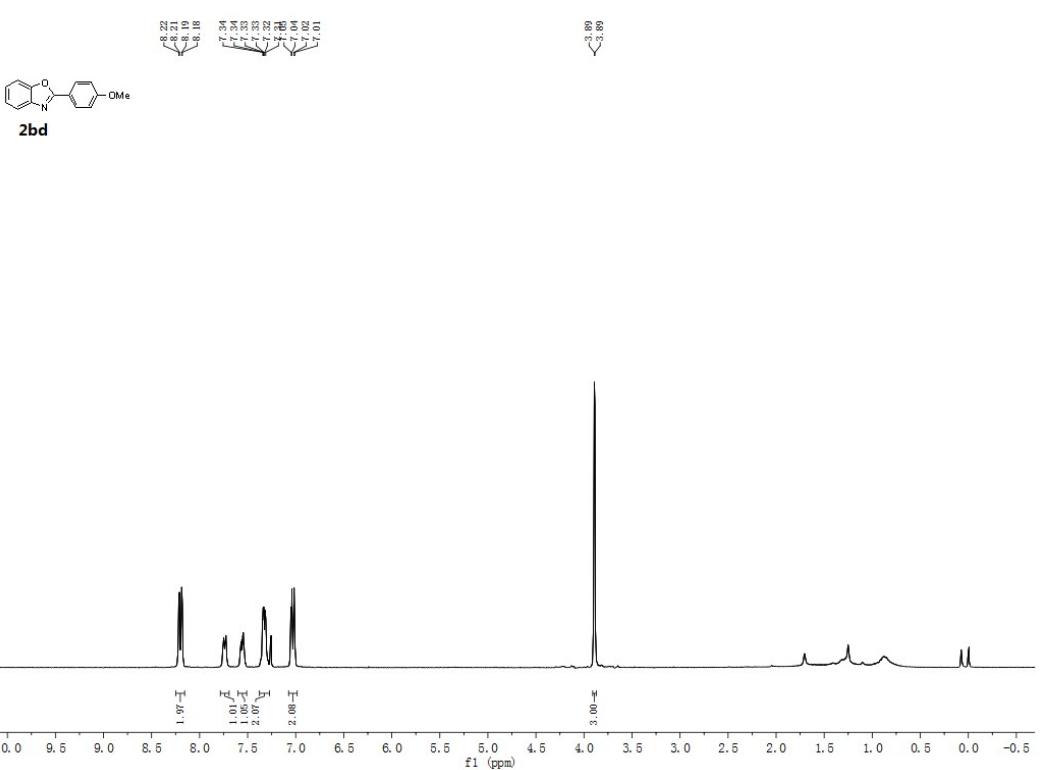


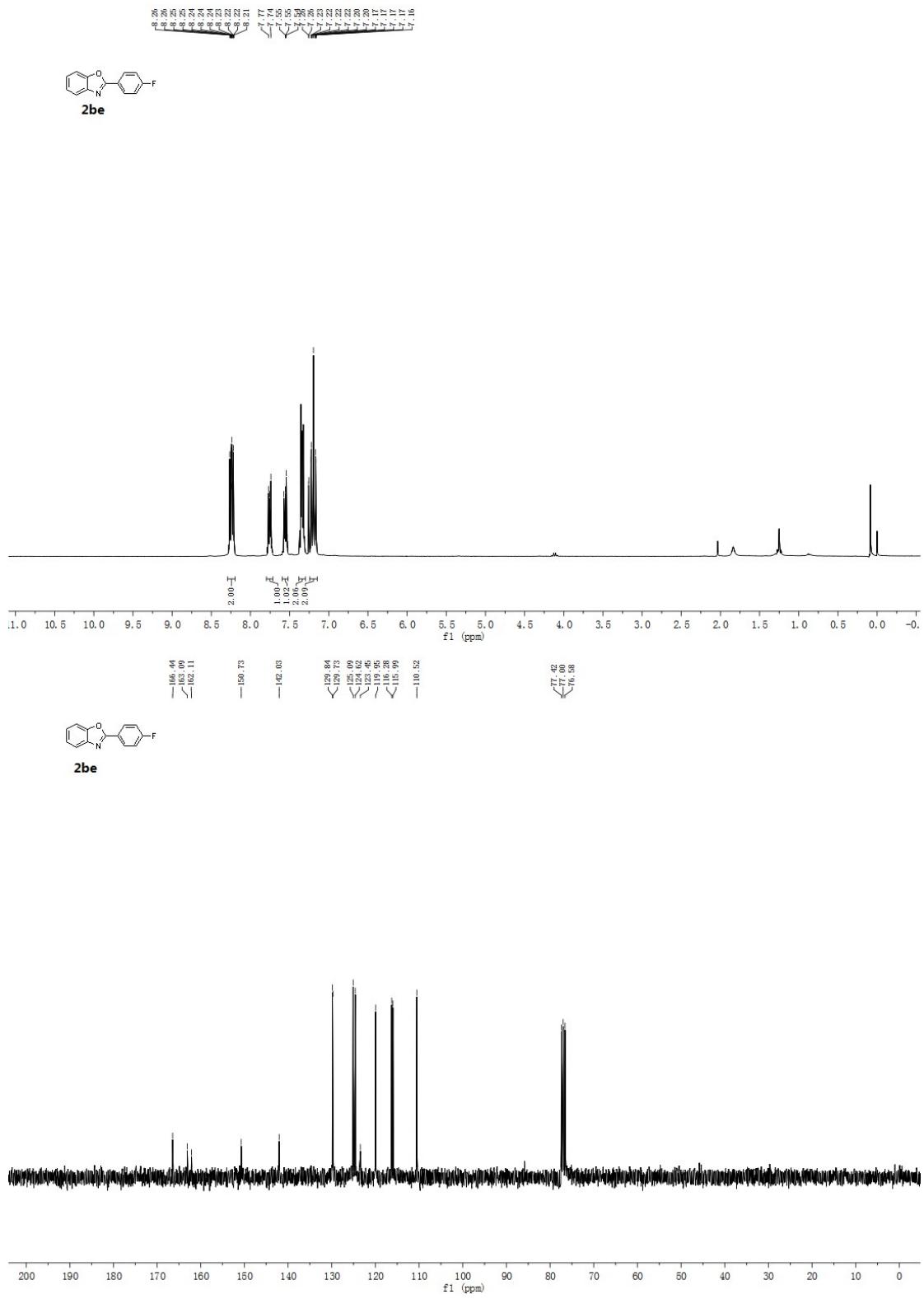


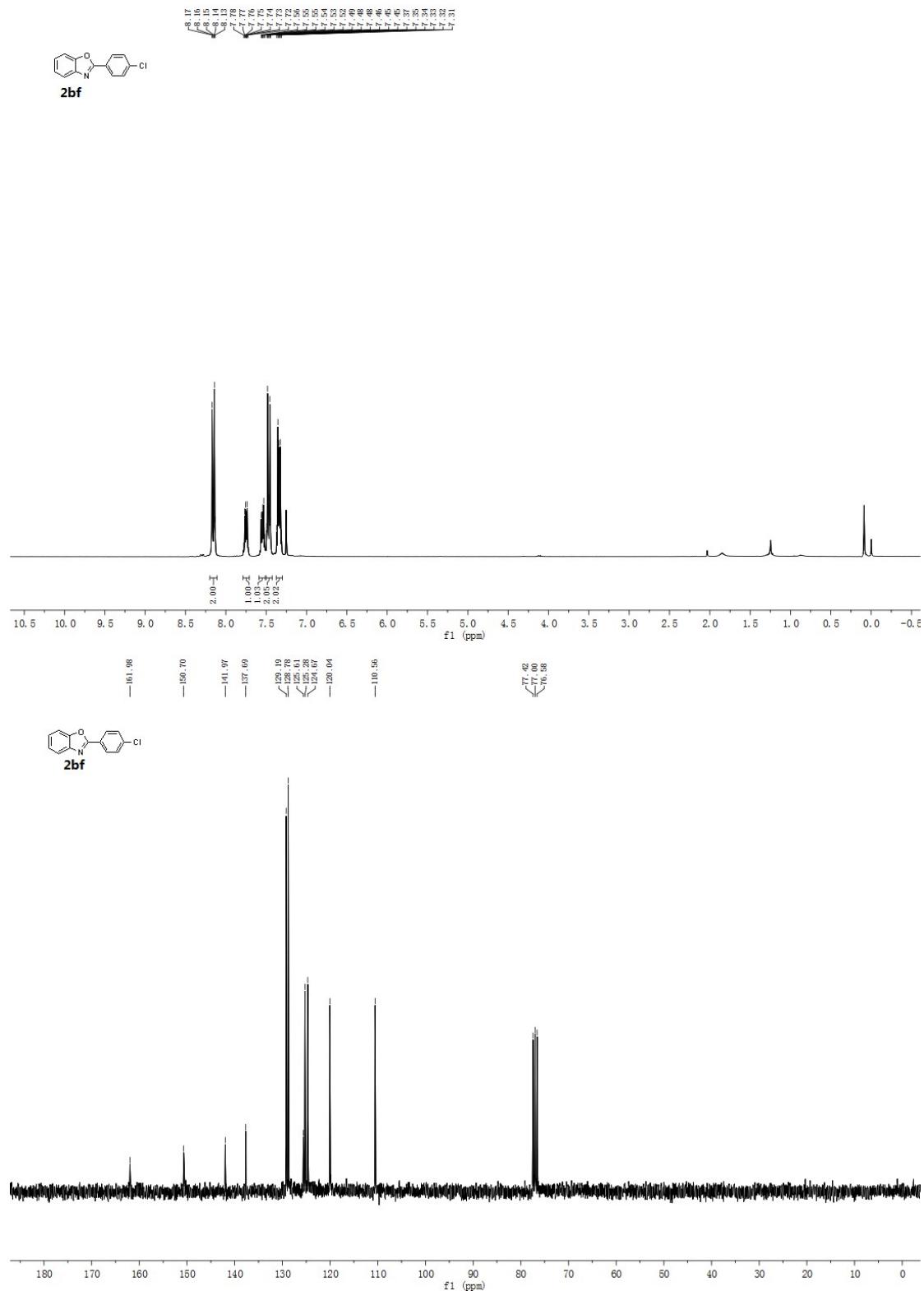


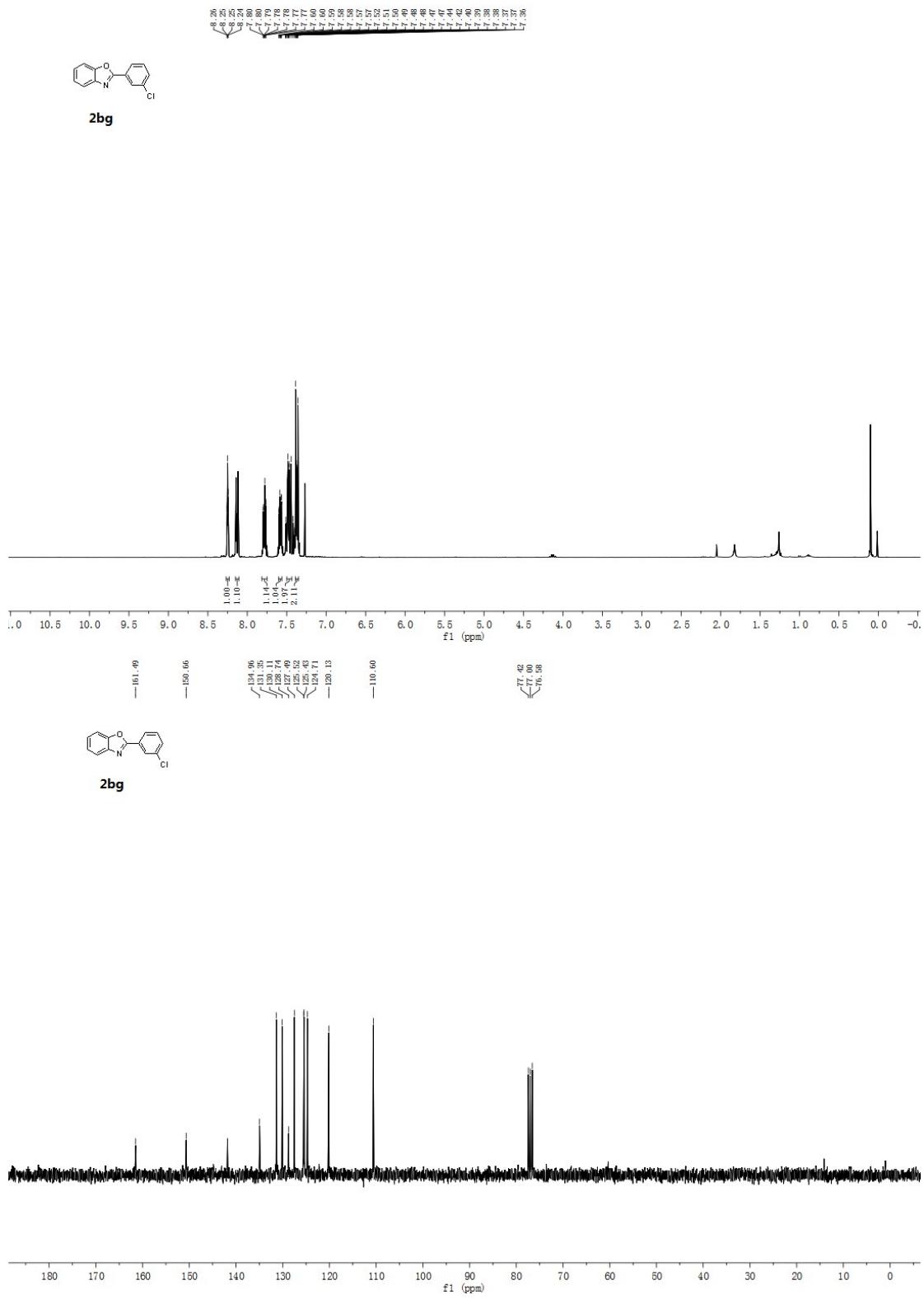
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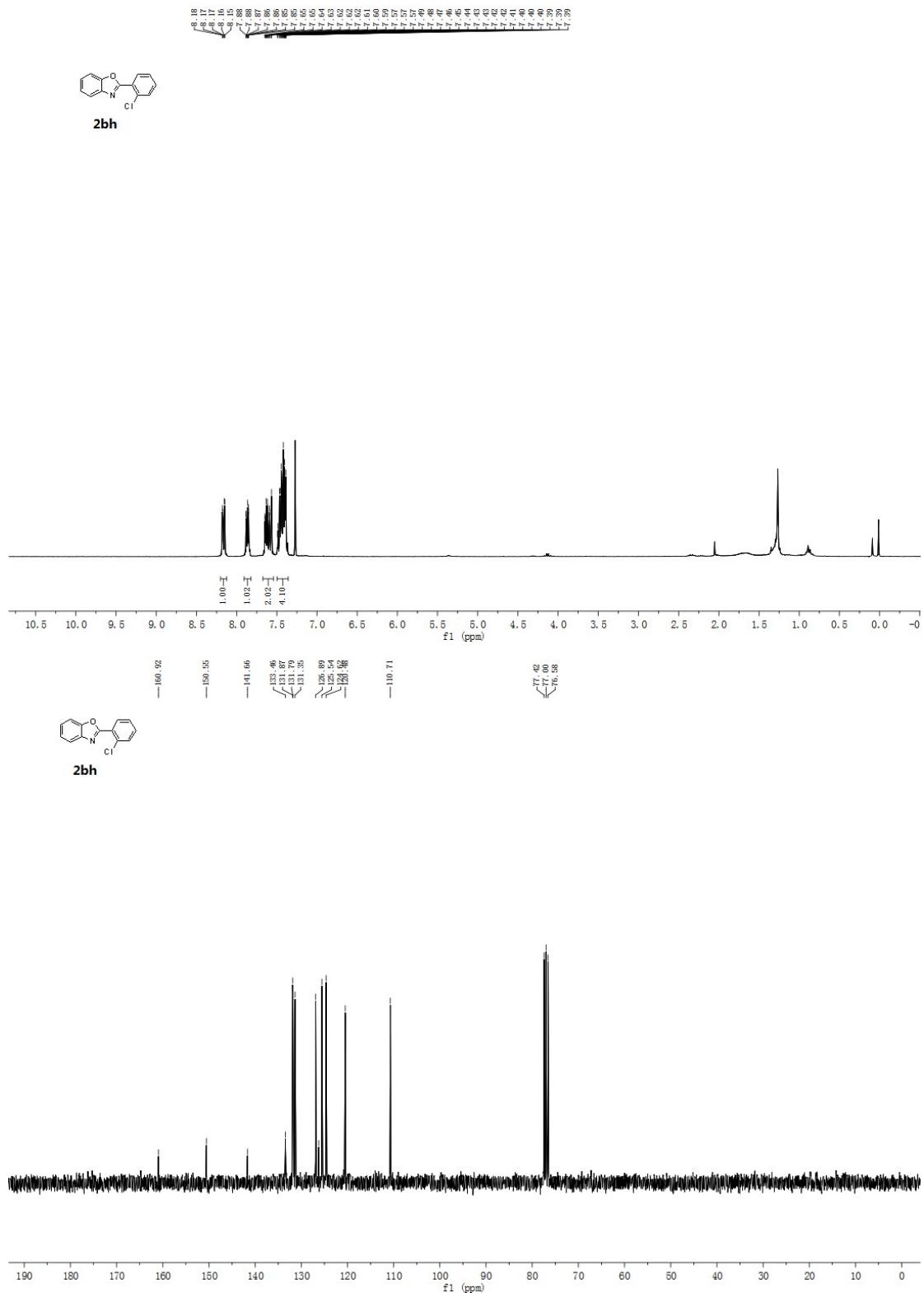


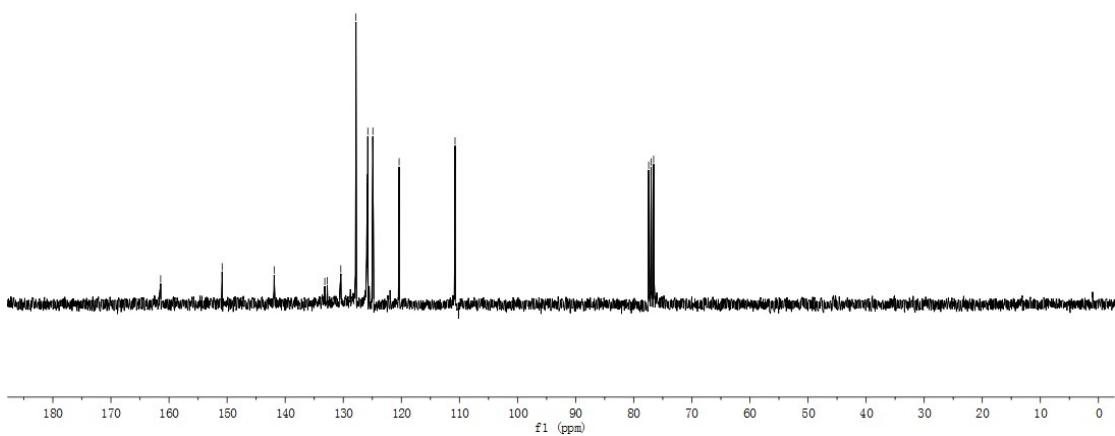
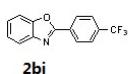
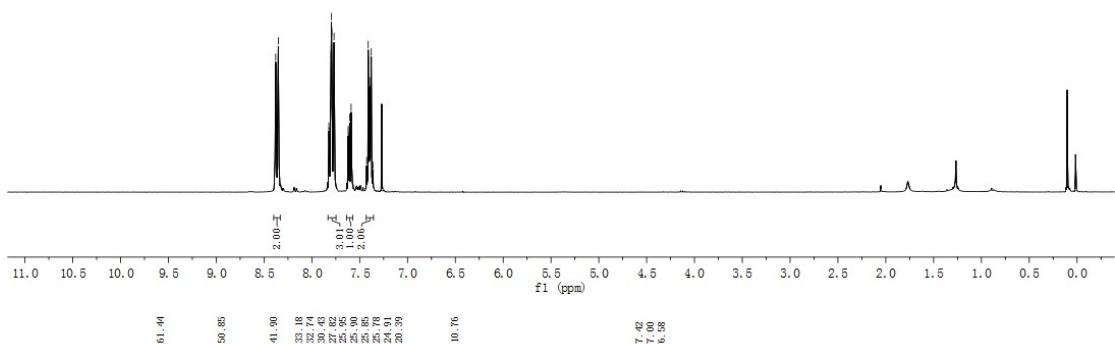
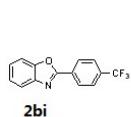


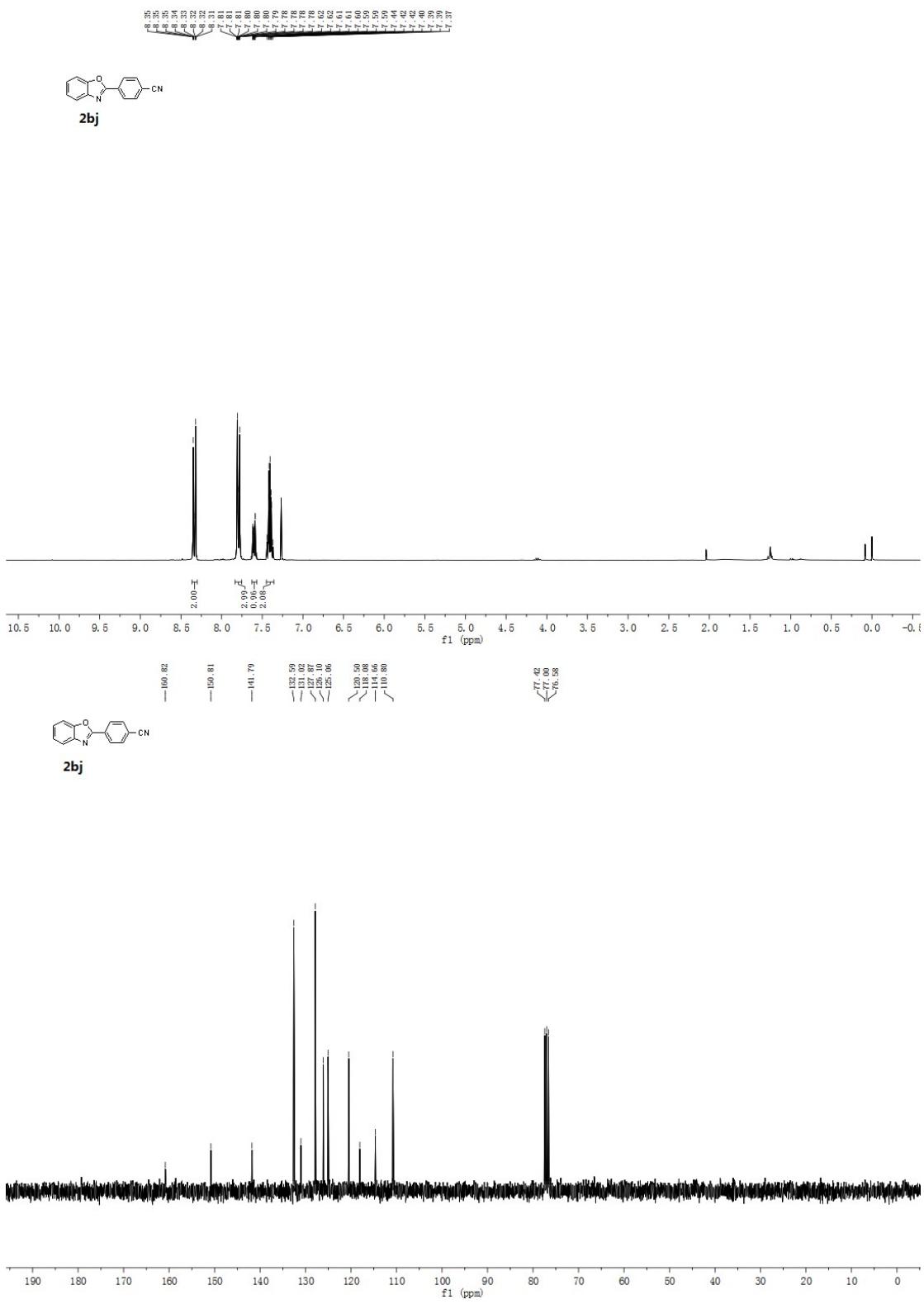












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