

Supporting Information

For

Ruthenium-catalyzed Heck coupling of 3-arylidene-oxindoles with alkenes: a facile synthesis of 3-allylidene- 2(3H)-oxindoles

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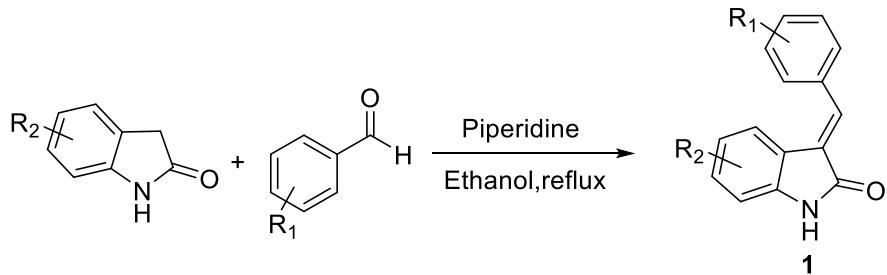
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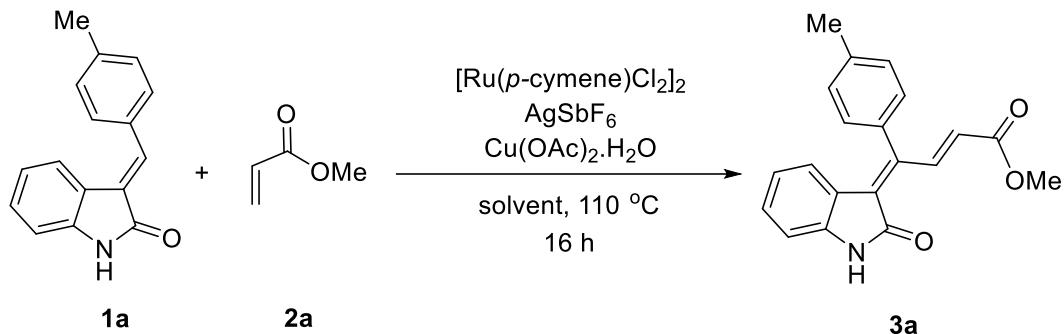
General information

All product mixtures were analyzed by thin layer chromatography using aluminum foil backed silica TLC plates with a fluorescent indicator from Merck. UV-active compounds were detected with a UV lamp ($\lambda = 254$ nm). For flash column chromatography, silica gel was used as stationary phase. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 300MHz in deuterated chloroform at 25 °C. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and spin-spin coupling constants (J) are given in Hz, while multiplicities are abbreviated by br s (broad singlet), s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Waters Xevo G2S QToF (ESI) instrument. All solvents were dried according to known methods and distilled prior to use.¹ The ruthenium catalyst, alkenes and all other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI or BLD chemicals and used without further purification.

General procedure for the preparation of compound **1**.



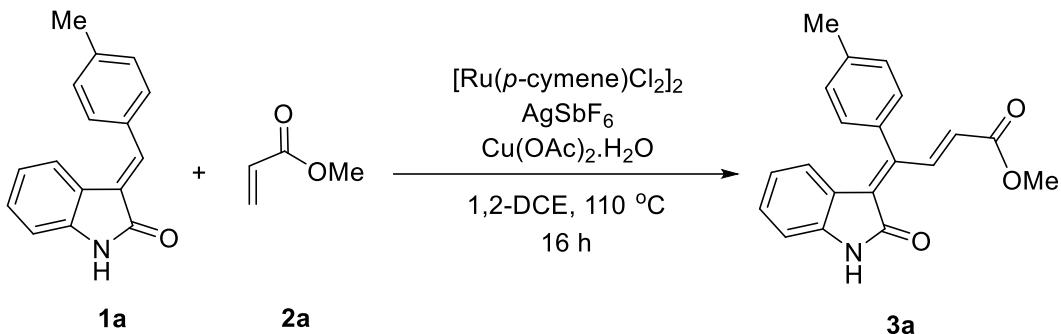
According to the literature procedure:² To a solution of oxindole (1g, 1equiv.), aromatic aldehyde (1.1 equiv.) and piperidine (0.1 equiv.) in ethanol (30 mL) was heated under reflux for 2 h. Upon completion (based on TLC), the reaction was allowed to cool room temperature and the solvent was evaporated. The crude was washed with MeOH:hexane (1:9) to give corresponding yellow solid compound **1**.

Effect of solvents^a

entry	Solvent	yield ^b (%) ^b
1	1,2-DCE	78
2	ACN	45
3	1,4-Dioxane	28
4	Toluene	33
5	THF	16
6	Methanol	10
7	DMF	n.d
8	DMSO	n.d

^aReaction condition; all reactions were carried out (*E*)-3-(4-methylbenzylidene)indolin-2-one **1a** (0.30 mmol), methyl acrylate **2a** (0.33 mmol), Ru-cat (2.5 mol%), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1 eq), AgSbF_6 (10 mol%), solvent (1.5 mL), at 110°C for 16 h, under N_2 . ^bisolated yields. n.d not detected.

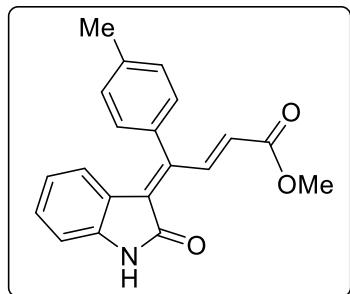
General procedure for the ruthenium-catalyzed oxidative vinylic olefination:



A Schlenk tube (20 mL) was loaded with **1a** (0.30 mmol), methyl acrylate **2a** (0.33 mmol), $[\text{Ru}(p\text{-cymene})\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (2.5 mol%), AgSbF_6 (10 mol %), and $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1 equiv.). To this 1,2-DCE (2 mL) was added through a syringe and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 110 °C for 16 h under N_2 . The reaction was monitored by TLC and the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). The mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and the Celite pad was washed with dichloromethane (3 x 20 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate (92:8) as eluent to give pure product **3a**. Similar experimental procedure was applied for the coupling **3b-z** and **3a-c**.

Spectral data

Methyl (E)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(p-tolyl)but-2-enoate (**3a**)

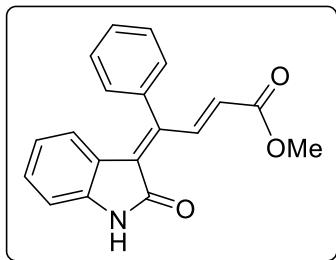


Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (230-232 °C), yield: (74 mg, 73%).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.40 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm. **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ

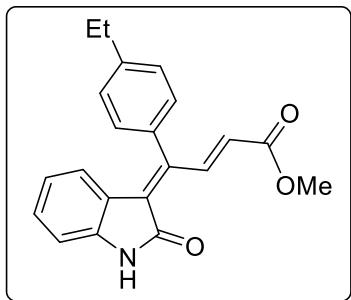
169.3, 167.1, 147.6, 141.6, 141.5, 138.8, 133.3, 130.1, 130.0, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 125.0, 123.2, 121.7, 109.8, 51.8, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO₃ 320.1286, Found 320.1288.

Methyl (*E*)-4-((*E*)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-phenylbut-2-enoate (3b)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 94:6), m.p. (234-236 °C), yield: (65 mg, 67%).
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.51 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 169.2, 167.0, 147.2, 141.5, 141.3, 136.2, 130.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 124.9, 123.0, 121.7, 109.9, 51.8 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₆NO₃ 306.1130, Found 306.1134.

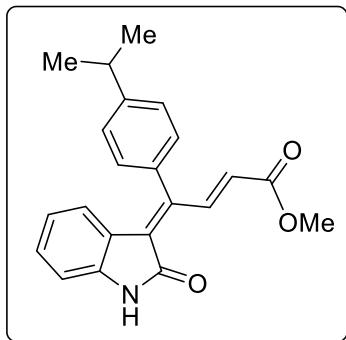
Methyl (*E*)-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-4-((*E*)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3c)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (158-160 °C), yield: (70 mg, 74%).
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.40 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.69 (q, 2H), 1.25 (t, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75**

MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.2, 167.1, 147.7, 145.1, 141.6, 141.4, 133.5, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 125.0, 123.2, 121.8, 109.8, 51.8, 28.7, 15.5 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₃ 334.1443, Found 334.1448.

Methyl (E)-4-(4-isopropylphenyl)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3d)

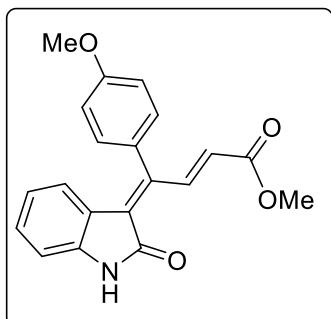


Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (184-186 °C), yield: (65 mg, 71%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.41 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.99 – 2.90 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.3, 167.1, 149.8, 147.7, 141.6, 141.4, 133.6, 129.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 124.9, 123.2, 121.7, 109.8, 51.9, 34.0, 24.0 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₂₂NO₃ 348.1599, Found 348.1602.

Methyl (E)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3e)

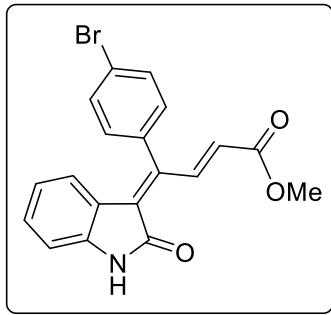


Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 90:10), m.p. (218-220 °C), yield: (67 mg, 72%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.37 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz,

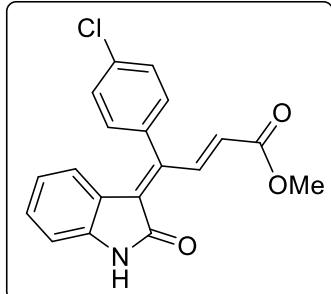
1H), 5.71 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 169.1, 167.1, 160.0, 147.4, 141.9, 141.3, 129.9, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 124.9, 123.3, 121.8, 114.8, 109.8, 55.4, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$ 336.1235, Found 336.1234.

Methyl (E)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3f)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (230-232 °C), yield: (64 mg, 71%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.39 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.61 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.8, 166.8, 145.8, 141.5, 141.0, 135.2, 132.8, 130.4, 130.1, 128.5, 128.2, 124.9, 123.2, 122.8, 122.0, 110.0, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}_3$ 384.0235, Found 384.0236.

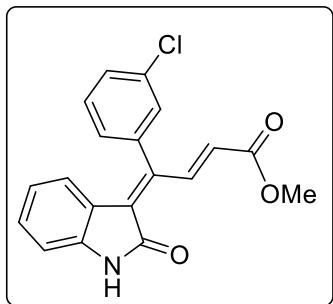
Methyl (E)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3g)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (238-240 °C), yield: (65 mg, 70%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.45 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz,

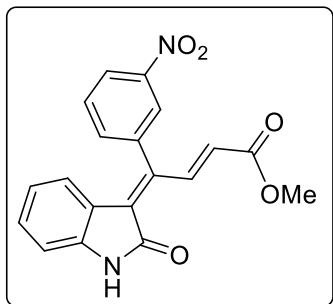
2H), 7.19 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.5, 166.8, 145.8, 141.4, 141.0, 135.1, 134.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.1, 124.9, 122.8, 122.0, 109.8, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_3$ 340.0740, Found 340.0738.

Methyl (*E*)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-((*E*)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3h)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (216–218 °C), yield: (56 mg, 60%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.46 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.8, 166.8, 145.3, 141.6, 140.8, 138.0, 135.5, 130.9, 130.5, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 126.5, 124.9, 122.6, 122.0, 110.0, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_3$ 340.0740, Found 340.0735.

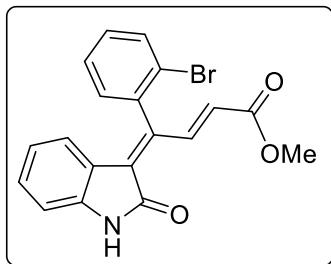
Methyl (*E*)-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-((*E*)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3i)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (214–216 °C), yield: (38 mg, 41%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.42 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H),

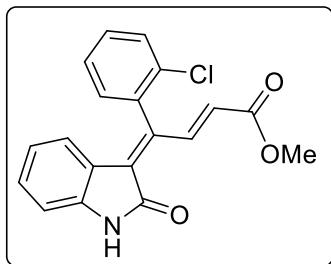
8.07 (s, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.4, 166.5, 148.9, 143.7, 141.7, 140.5, 137.9, 134.8, 130.9, 130.8, 128.9, 128.5, 124.5, 123.9, 123.6, 122.2, 122.1, 110.3, 52.0 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ 351.0980, Found 351.0986.

Methyl (E)-4-(2-bromophenyl)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3j)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (160-162 °C), yield: (32 mg, 36%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.38 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.7, 166.9, 145.3, 141.5, 139.6, 137.0, 133.7, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 124.5, 122.7, 122.2, 109.9, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}_3$ 384.0235, Found 384.0239.

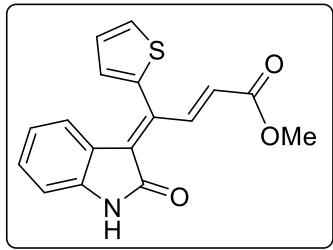
Methyl (E)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3k)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (156-158 °C), yield: (41 mg, 44%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.48 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz,

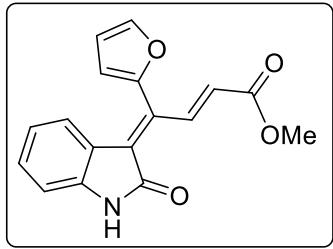
1H), 6.63 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.75 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.9, 166.9, 143.8, 141.6, 139.8, 135.0, 132.6, 130.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 128.9, 127.9, 127.5, 124.4, 122.7, 122.2, 110.0, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_3$ 340.0740, Found 340.0743.

Methyl (E)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-2-enoate (3l)



Dark red solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 90:10), m.p. (228-230 °C), yield: (49 mg, 51%). **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 9.44 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.5, 167.0, 141.7, 141.6, 139.8, 136.1, 130.6, 130.4, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 125.2, 122.8, 122.1, 109.9, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ 312.0694, Found 312.0709.

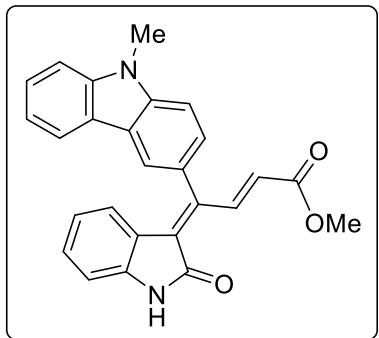
Methyl (E)-4-(furan-2-yl)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3m)



Dark red solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (222-224 °C), yield: (46 mg, 49%). **^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 9.17 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 – 6.64 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.3, 166.9, 148.0, 143.5, 141.4, 140.4, 134.5, 130.5, 129.5, 127.8, 124.9, 122.6,

122.2, 113.2, 112.0, 109.7, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄NO₄ 296.0922, Found 296.0930.

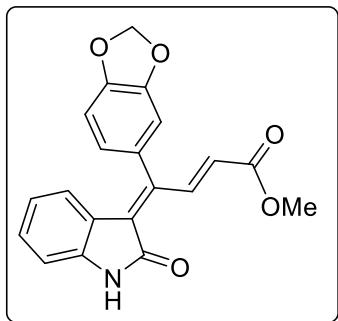
Methyl (*E*)-4-(9-methyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)-4-((*E*)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3n)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 88:12), m.p. (250-252 °C), yield: (47 mg, 53%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.57 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 169.2, 167.2, 148.7, 142.5, 141.4, 141.3, 141.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 126.7, 126.4, 126.0, 125.0, 123.5, 123.4, 122.5, 121.8, 120.6, 120.4, 119.4, 109.7, 109.5, 108.8, 51.8, 29.3 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₂O₃ 409.1552, Found 409.1551.

Methyl (*E*)-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-((*E*)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3o)

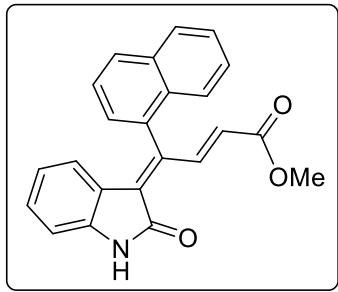


Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 90:10), m.p. (206-208 °C), yield: (47 mg, 51%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.43 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.70 (m, 3H), 6.12 – 6.08 (m, 3H), 5.84

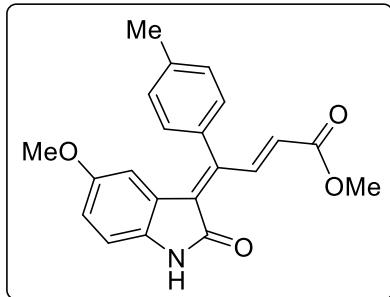
(d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.6, 167.0, 148.5, 148.1, 146.9, 141.4, 141.2, 130.1, 129.7, 128.5, 128.0, 125.1, 123.1, 121.9(2C), 109.6, 109.4, 108.9, 101.5, 51.9 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_5$ 350.1028, Found 350.1029.

Methyl (*E*)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-((*E*)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)but-2-enoate (3p)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 90:10), m.p. (226-228 °C), yield: (57 mg, 62%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.68 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (q, $J = 7.8, 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.8, 167.0, 145.9, 141.3, 140.9, 133.8, 133.7, 130.5, 130.1, 129.1, 128.4, 127.1, 126.6, 126.0, 125.9, 125.0, 124.8, 122.8, 122.0, 109.6, 51.8 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ 356.1286, Found 356.1286.

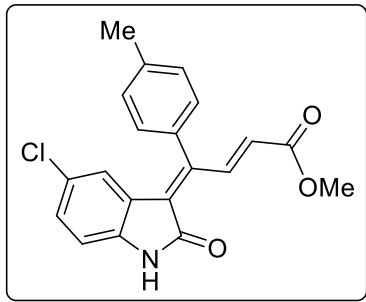
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Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (232-234 °C), yield: (54 mg, 59%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.38 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz,

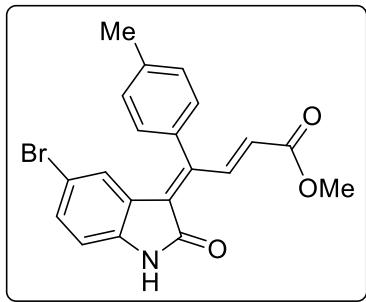
2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 5.71 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 169.1, 167.0, 154.6, 147.7, 141.4, 138.8, 135.3, 133.2, 130.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 123.9, 116.3, 110.5, 110.1, 55.1, 51.8, 21.3 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$ 350.1392, Found 350.1400.

Methyl (E)-4-((E)-5-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enoate (3r)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (240-242 °C), yield: (56 mg, 61%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.42 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 – 5.79 (m, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.5, 166.9, 149.3, 141.1, 139.5, 139.3, 132.7, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 127.9, 127.1, 126.9, 125.1, 124.5, 110.5, 51.9, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_3$ 354.0896, Found 354.0898.

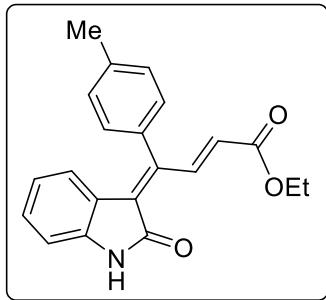
Methyl (E)-4-((E)-5-bromo-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enoate (3s)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (236-238 °C), yield: (58 mg, 65%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.43 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s,

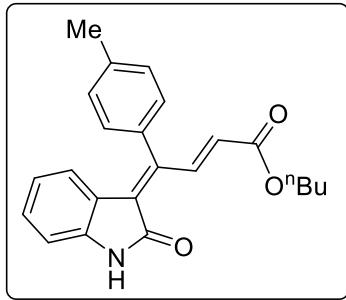
1H), 5.83 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 168.8, 166.9, 149.2, 141.1, 140.1, 139.3, 132.7, 132.3, 130.2, 129.5, 127.9 (2C), 127.0, 124.9, 114.4, 111.2, 51.9, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNO}_3$ 398.0391, Found 398.0392.

Ethyl (E)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enoate (3t)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (188-190 °C), yield: (73 mg, 74%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.41 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 169.4, 166.7, 147.7, 141.5 (2C), 138.7, 133.3, 130.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 124.9, 123.2, 121.7, 109.9, 60.7, 21.4, 14.2 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$ 334.1443, Found 334.1440.

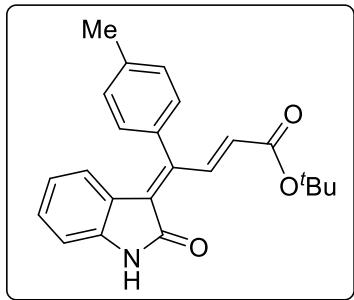
Butyl (E)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enoate (3u)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (174-176 °C), yield: (85 mg, 79%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.41 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, $J = 7.5, 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, $J =$

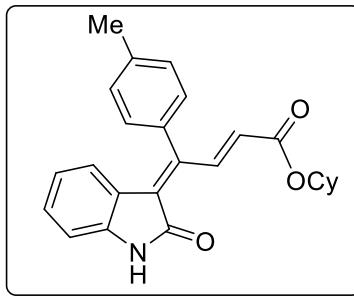
7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.68(d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.59 (quint, 2H), 1.40 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.3, 166.8, 147.8, 141.4, 138.7, 133.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 125.0, 123.2, 121.7, 109.8, 64.6, 30.7, 21.4, 19.1, 13.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3$ 362.1756, Found 362.1754.

tert-Butyl (E)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enoate (3v)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 94:6), m.p. (208–210 °C), yield: (49 mg, 46%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.42 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.9, 165.9, 148.1, 141.1, 140.5, 138.6, 133.5, 131.1, 130.1, 129.7, 128.1, 127.3, 124.9, 123.4, 121.7, 109.5, 28.1, 21.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z): [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{NNaO}_3$ 384.1575, Found 384.1582.

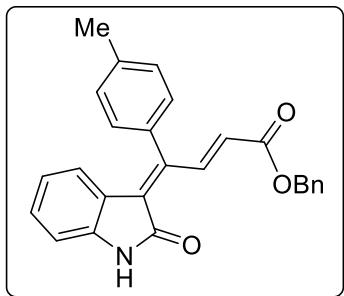
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Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 94:6), m.p. (228–230 °C), yield: (48 mg, 42%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.42 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.8 Hz,

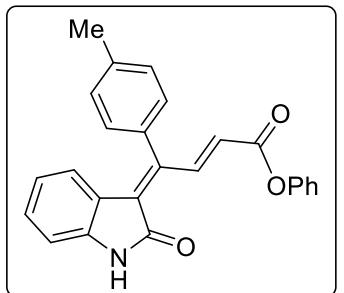
2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.81 – 4.76 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.80 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.18 (m, 6H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 169.2, 166.1, 148.0, 141.3, 141.2, 138.7, 133.4, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.1, 127.7, 124.9, 123.3, 121.7, 109.7, 31.6, 25.4, 23.7, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_3$ 410.1732, Found 410.1728.

Benzyl (E)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enoate (3x)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (192–194 °C), yield: (84 mg, 72%).
 ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.57 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 7H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H) ppm. **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):** δ 169.2, 166.5, 147.6, 142.0, 141.4, 138.8, 135.9, 133.3, 130.1, 130.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 125.0, 121.7, 109.8, 66.5, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$ 396.1599, Found 396.1593.

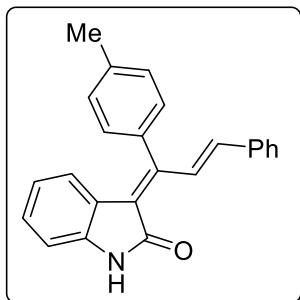
Phenyl (E)-4-((E)-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enoate (3y)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 92:8), m.p. (196-198 °C), yield: (85 mg, 75%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.71 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.81 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98 – 5.93 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 169.1, 165.1, 150.7, 147.3, 143.2, 141.5, 138.9, 133.2, 130.2, 129.4, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 125.8, 125.1, 123.1, 121.8, 121.5, 109.8, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₅H₁₉NNaO₃ 404.1262, Found 404.1263.

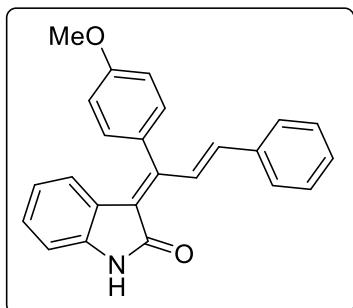
(E)-3-((E)-3-Phenyl-1-(*p*-tolyl)allylidene)indolin-2-one (3z)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 96:4), m.p. (190-192 °C), yield: (52 mg, 52%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.18 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 169.7, 152.0, 141.6, 140.0, 138.3, 136.9, 134.5, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 124.2, 123.9, 122.7, 121.4, 109.2, 21.5 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO 338.1544, Found 338.1546.

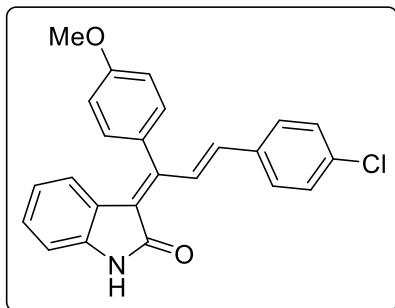
(E)-3-((E)-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylallylidene)indolin-2-one (3aa)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 96:4), m.p. (192-194 °C), yield: (43 mg, 44%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.15 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 169.3, 159.7, 151.7, 141.7, 139.8, 136.8, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 124.3, 123.9, 122.7, 121.4, 114.6, 109.0, 55.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO₂ 354.1494, Found 354.1486.

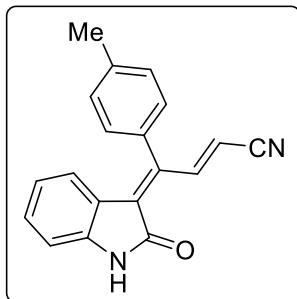
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Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 96:4), m.p. (194-196 °C), yield: (41 mg, 38%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.22 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 159.8, 151.2, 140.0, 135.4, 134.7, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 124.2, 123.9, 121.5, 114.6, 109.2, 55.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉ClNO₂ 388.1104, Found 388.1083.

(*E*)-4-((*E*)-2-Oxoindolin-3-ylidene)-4-(*p*-tolyl)but-2-enenitrile (3ac)



Red orange solid, eluent: (hexane/ethyl acetate, 96:4), m.p. (220-222 °C), yield: (36 mg, 43%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.36 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm. **¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 168.7, 147.2, 145.7, 141.6, 139.4, 131.7, 130.6, 130.4, 128.2, 128.1, 125.3, 122.7, 122.0, 118.1, 109.9, 106.1, 21.4 ppm. **HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*):** [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₂ONa 309.1003, Found 309.0999.

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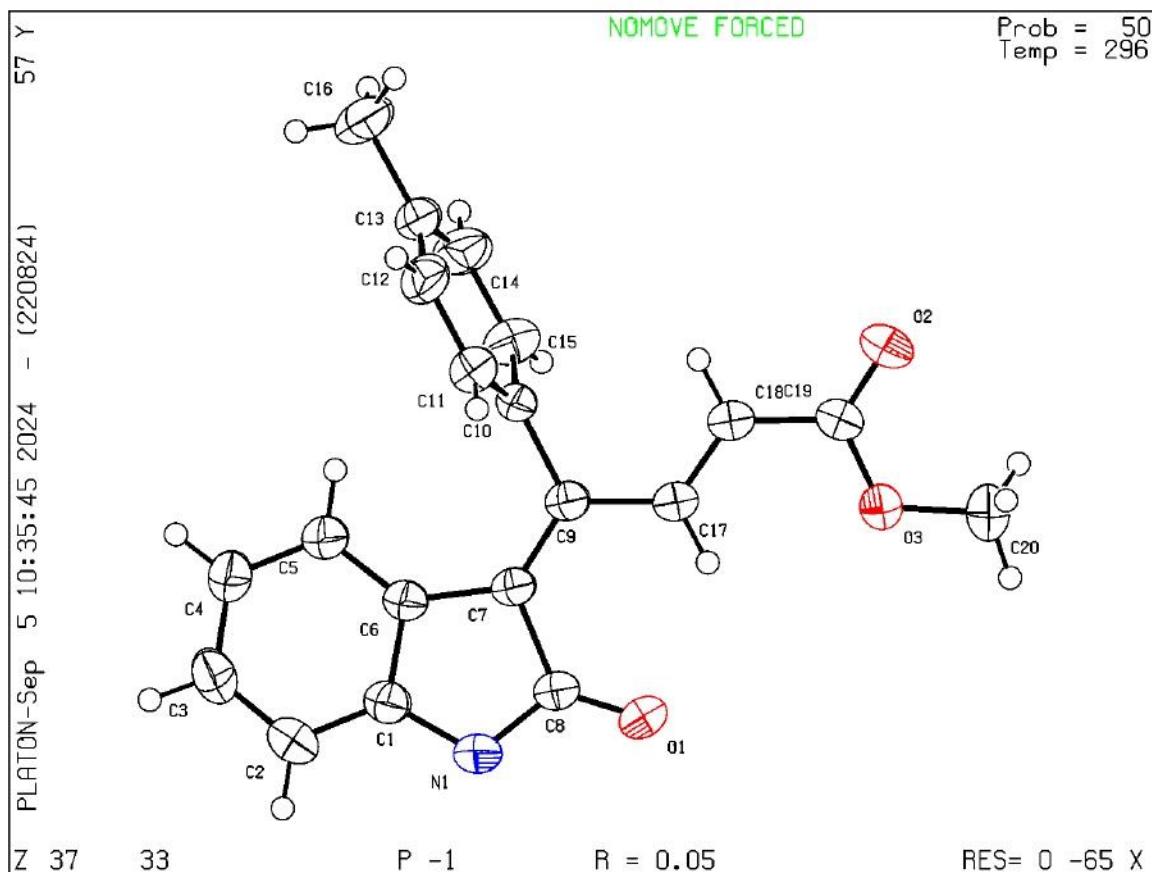
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Sum formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N O ₃	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N O ₃
Mr	318.34	318.34
D _x , g cm ⁻³	1.272	1.272
Z	2	2
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	0.086	0.086
F ₀₀₀	334.0	334.0
F _{000'}	334.16	
h, k, lmax	11, 11, 12	11, 11, 12
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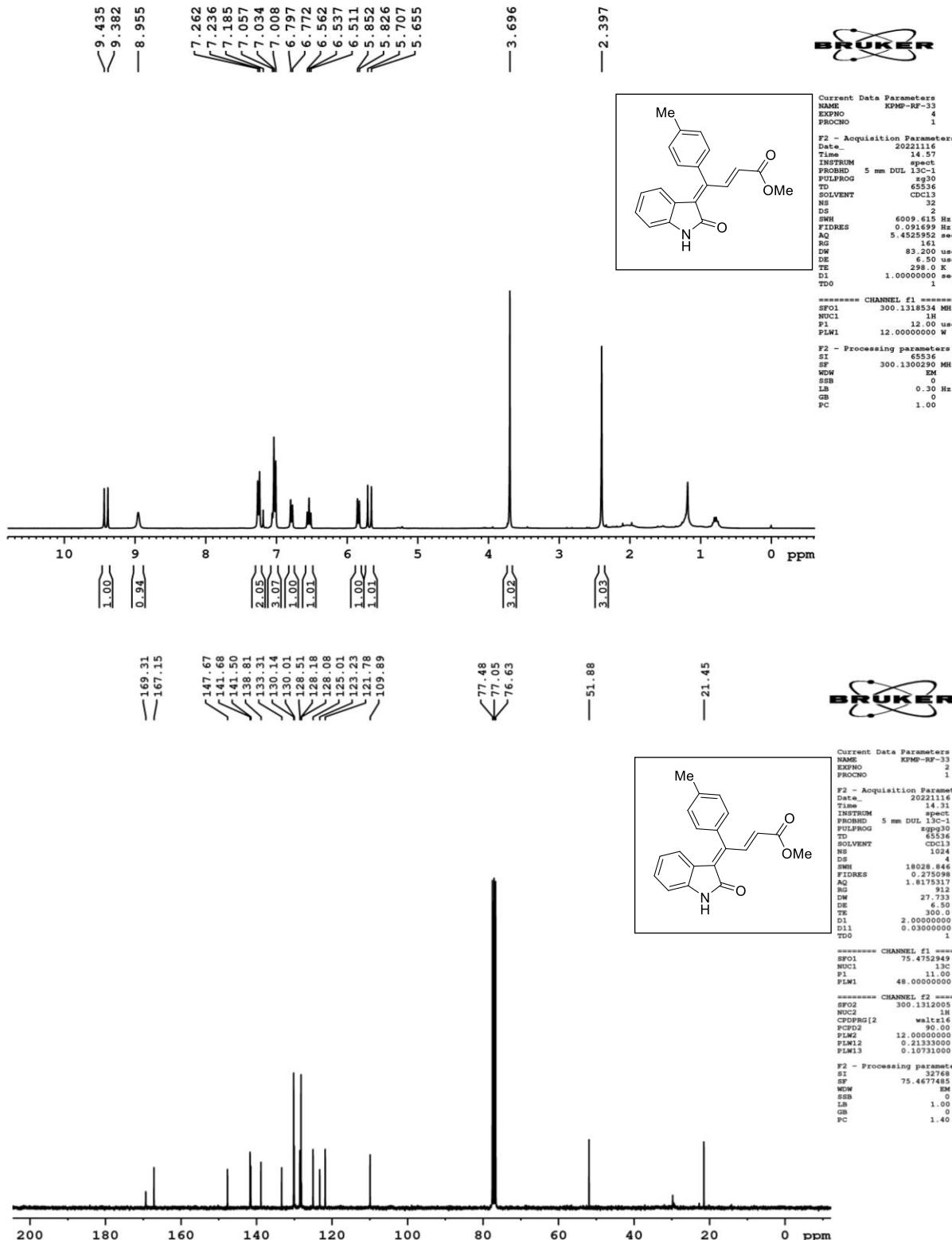
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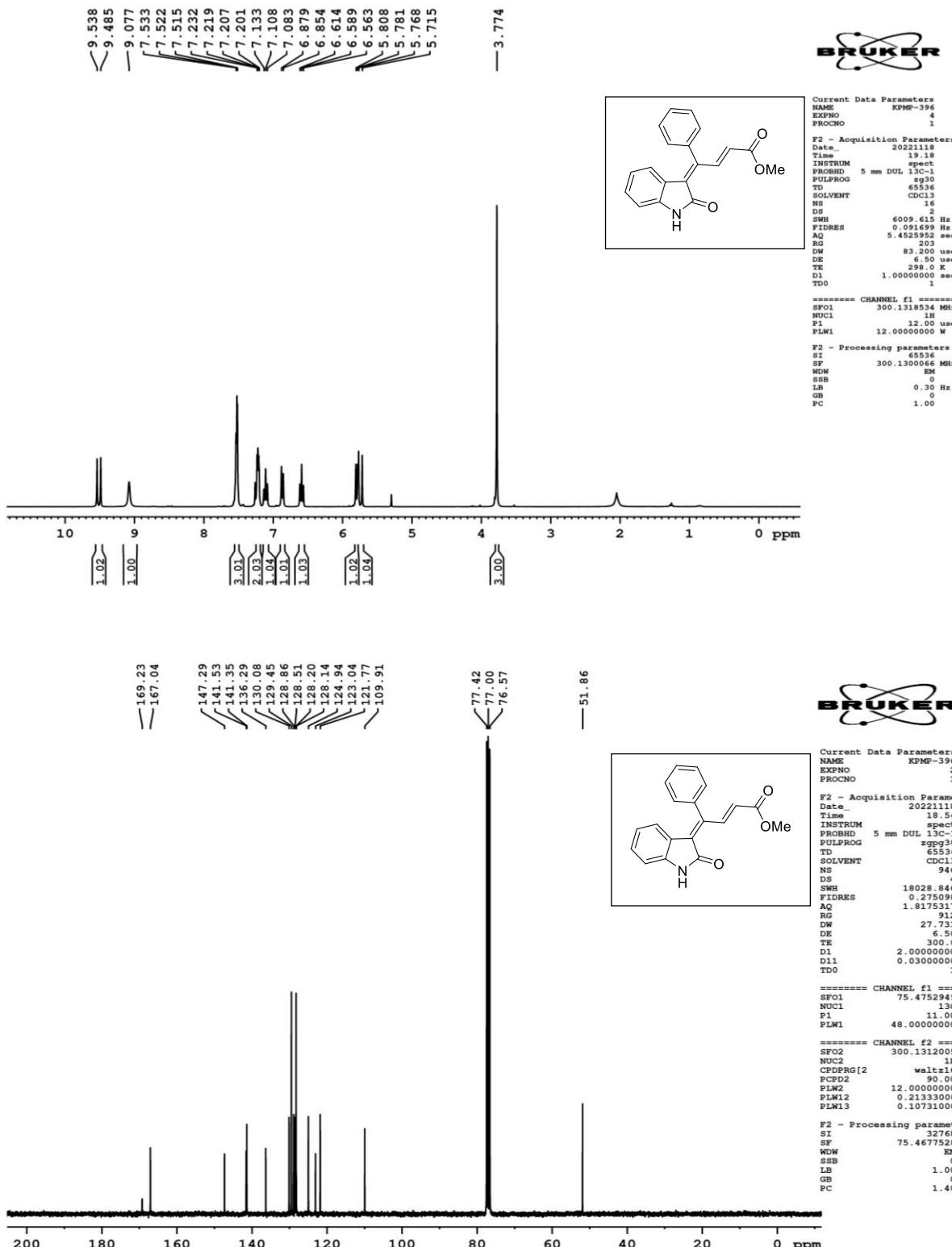
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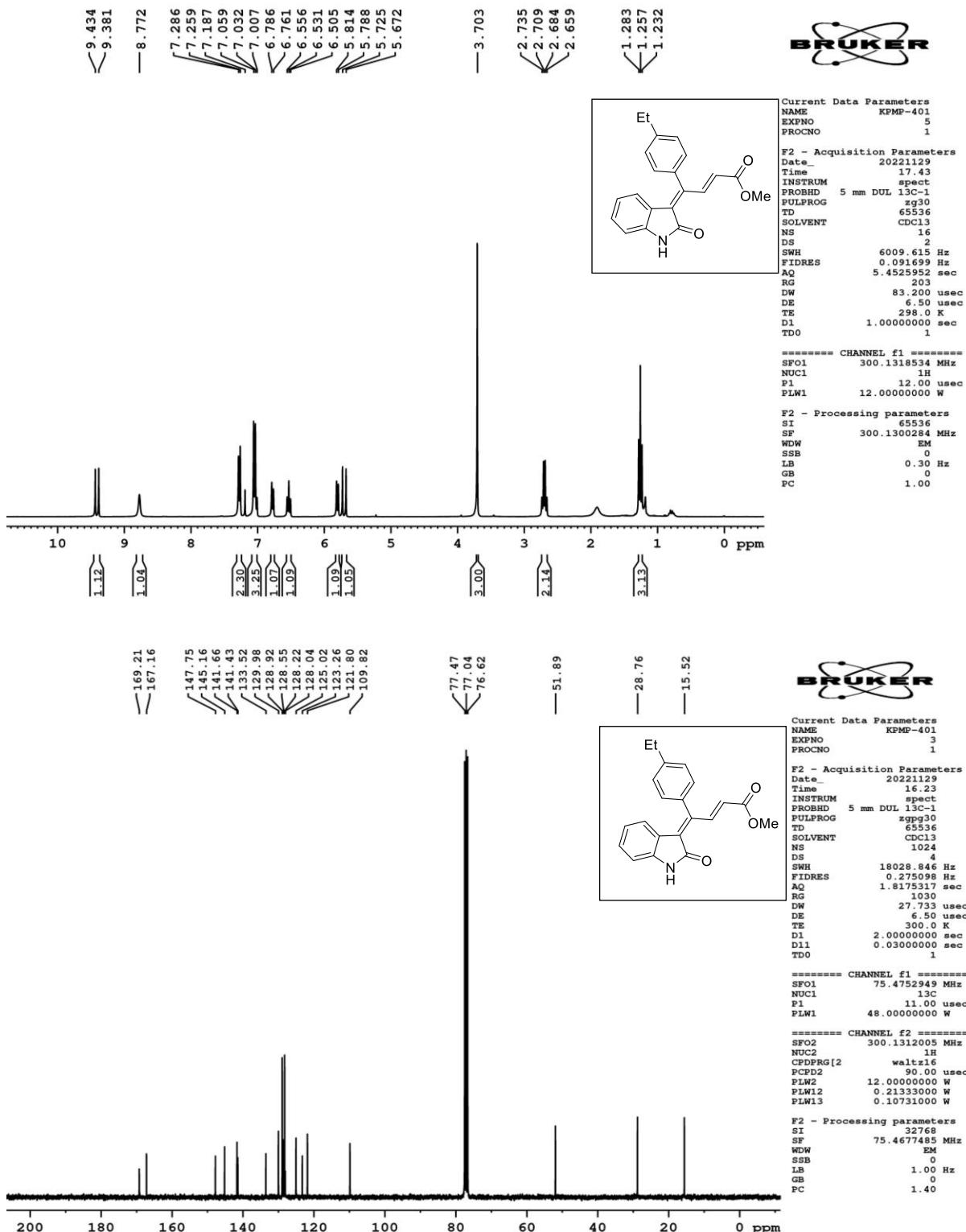
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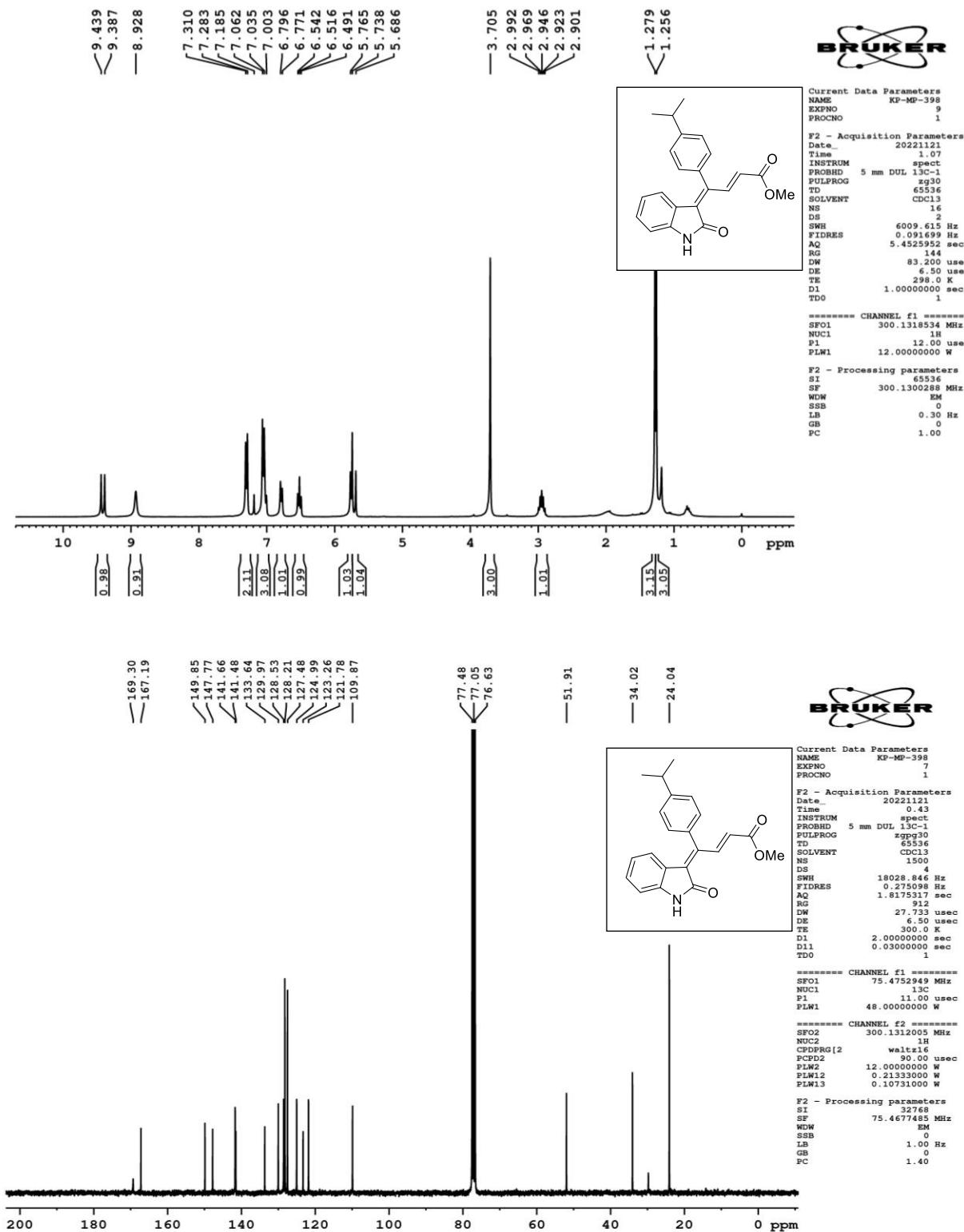
Figure S1: ORTEP representation of compound **3a** displaying thermal ellipsoids at 50 probability.**References:**

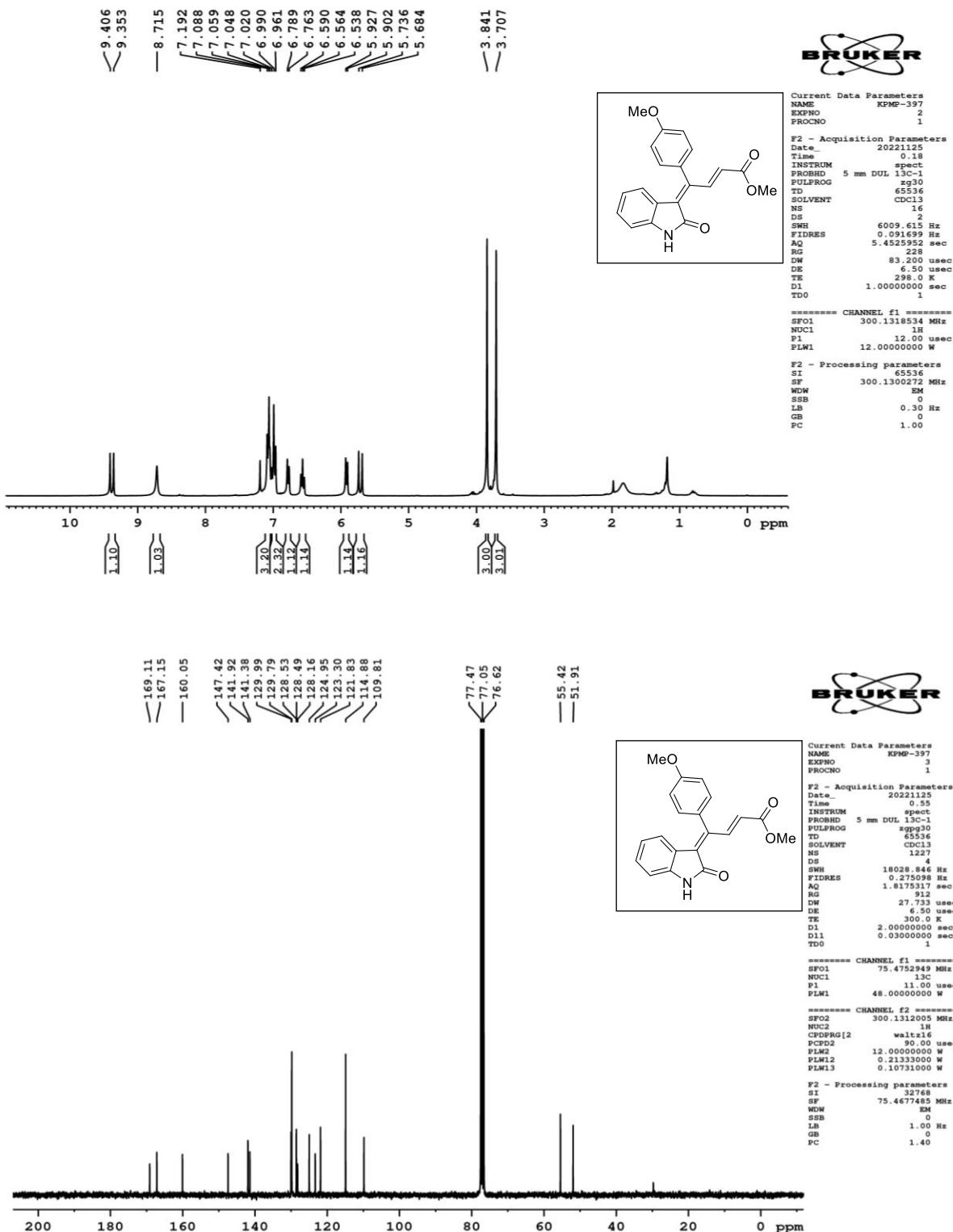
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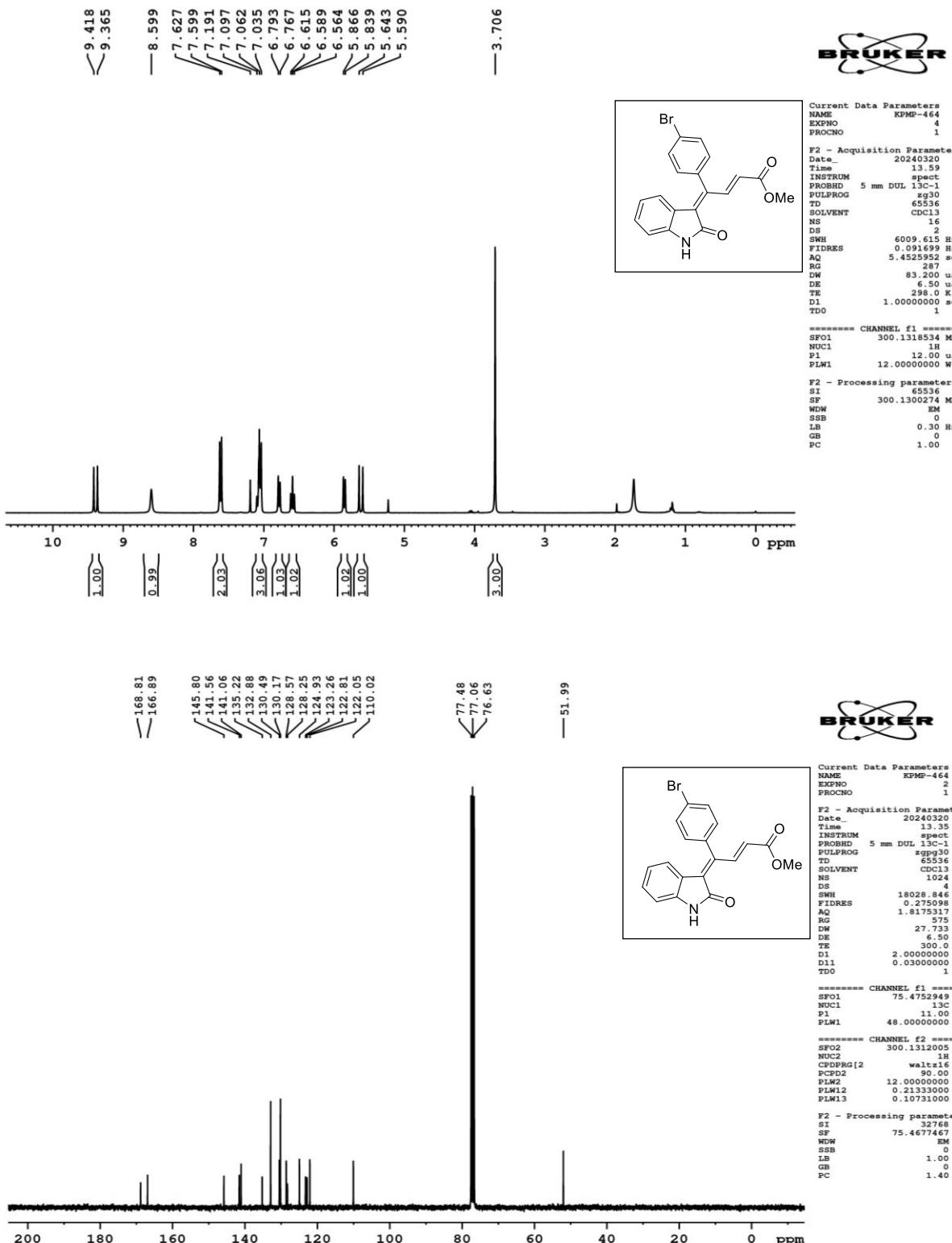
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound (3a)

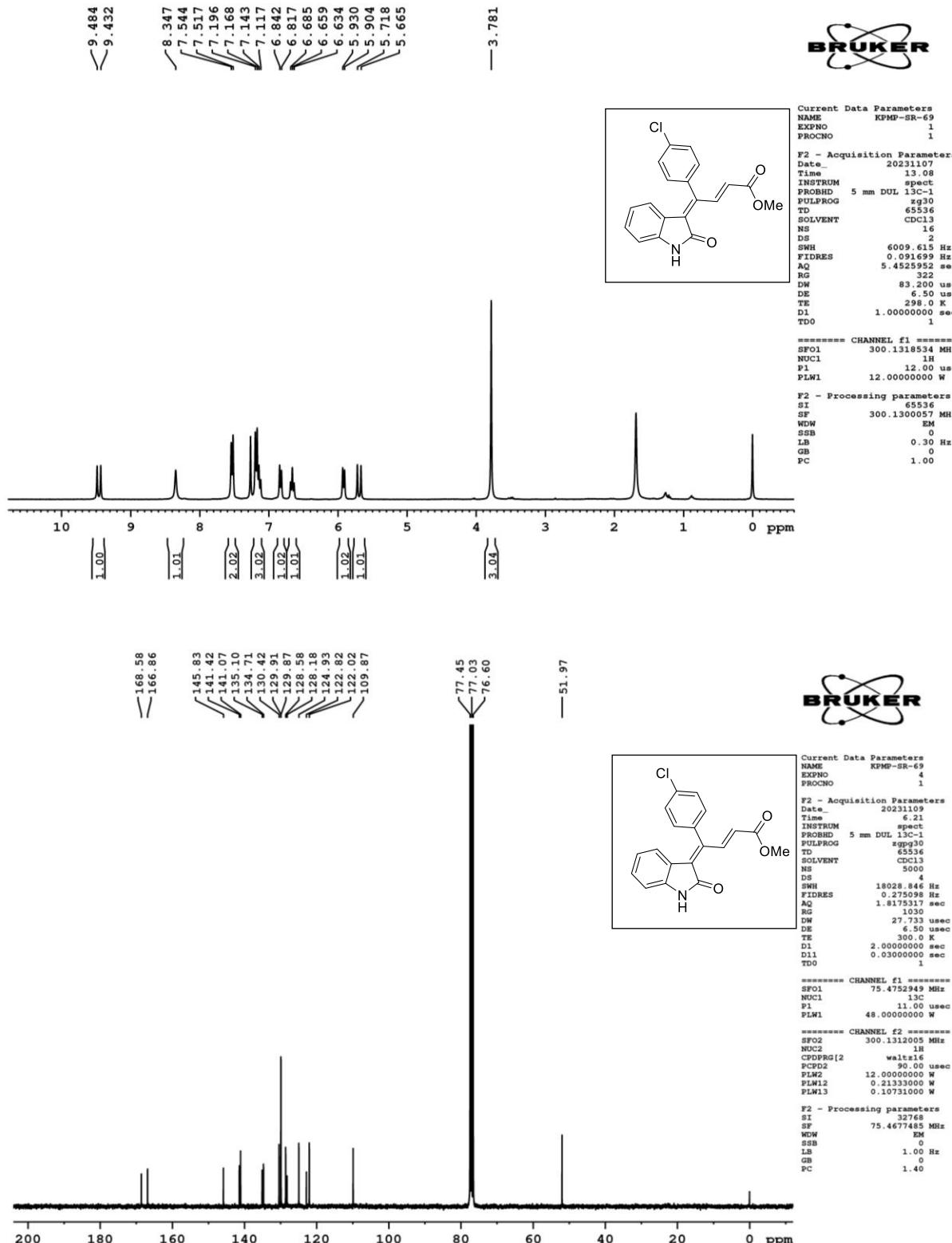
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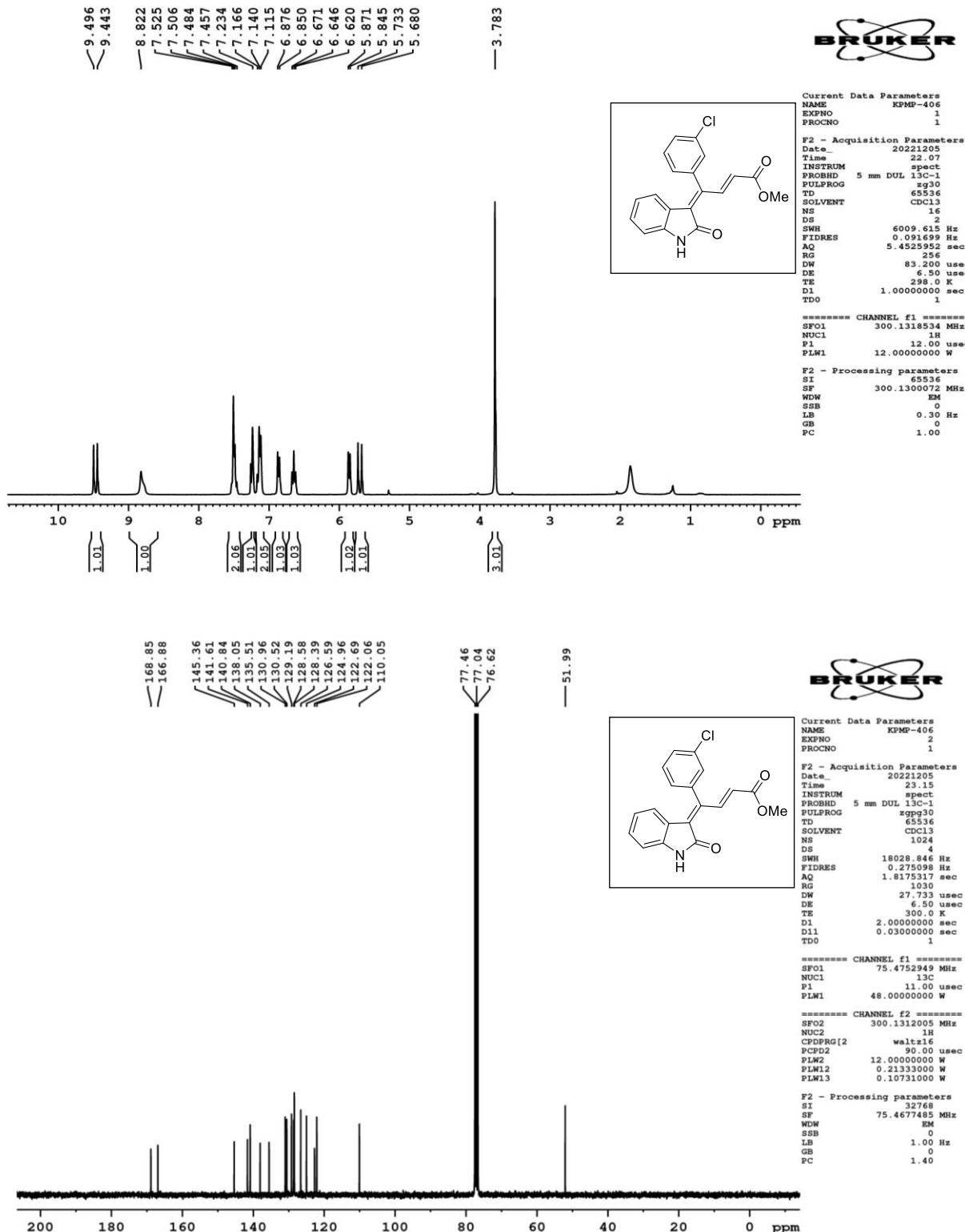
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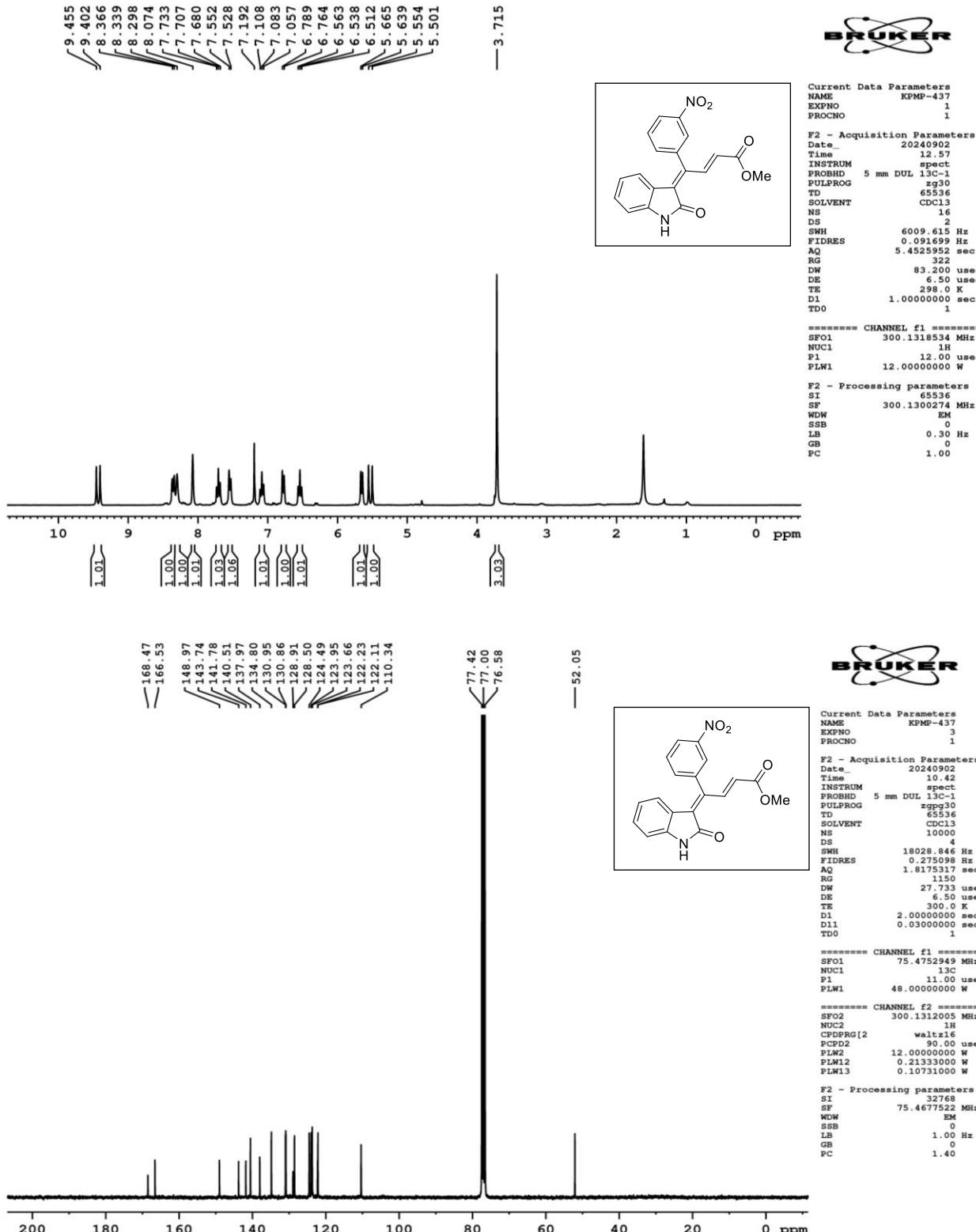
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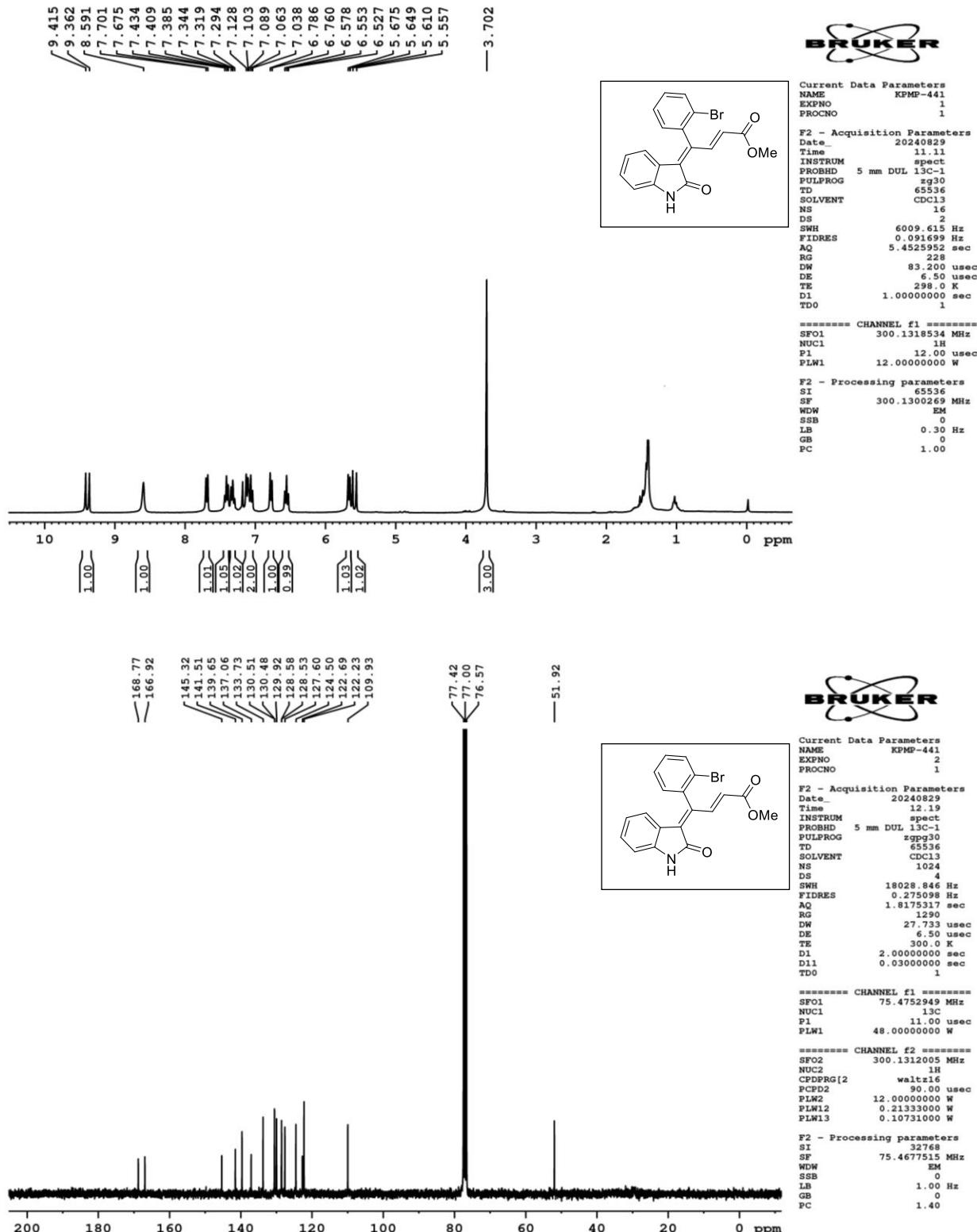
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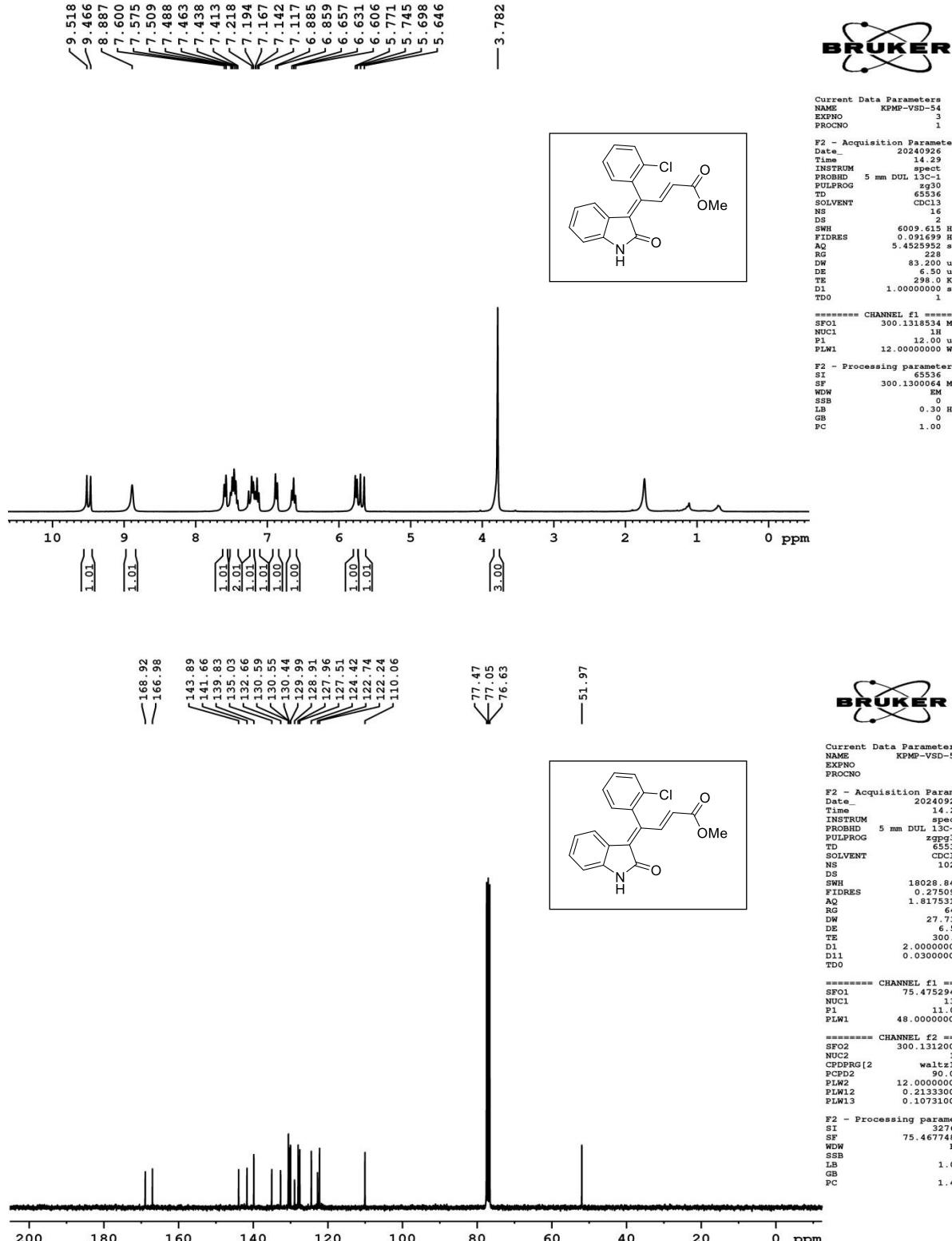
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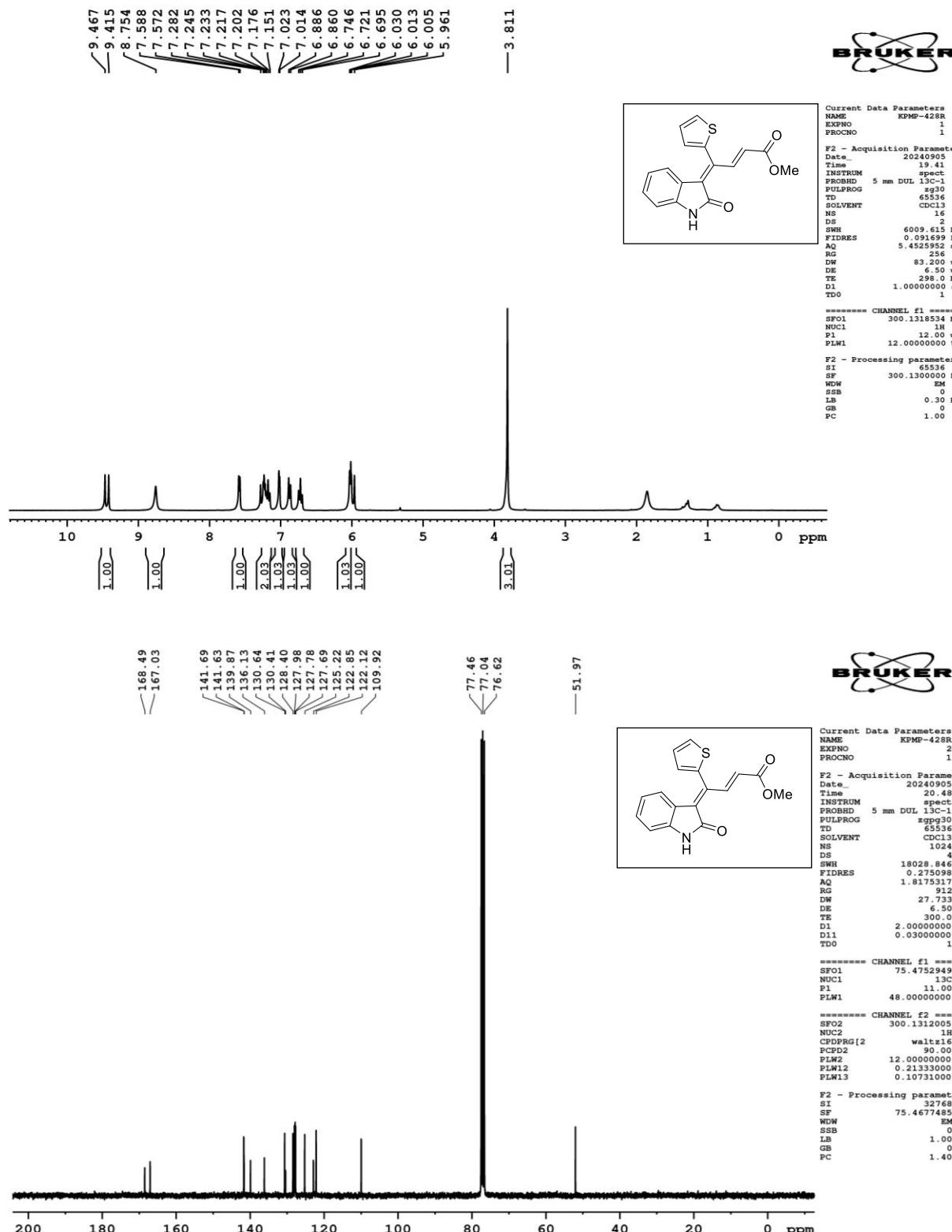
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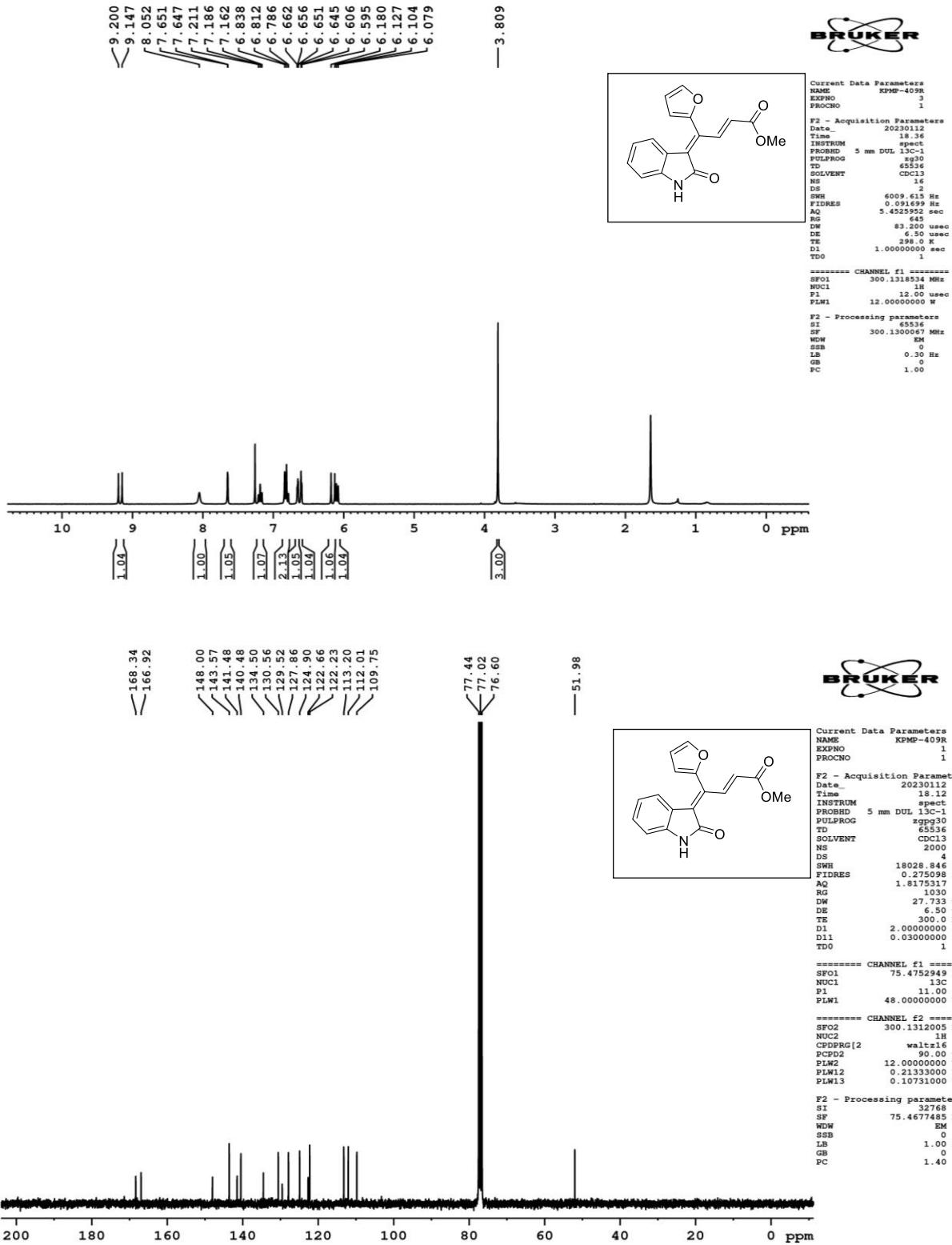
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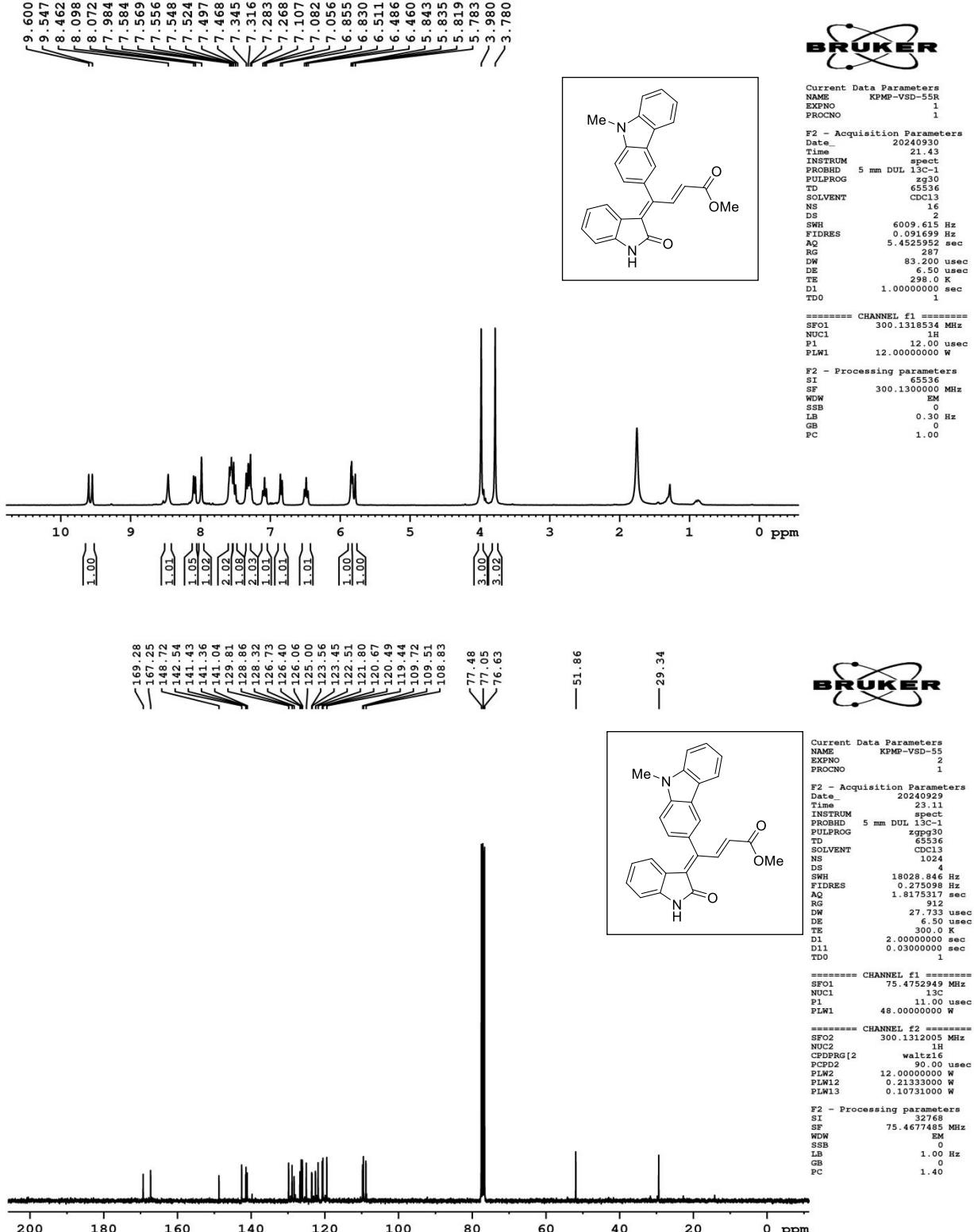
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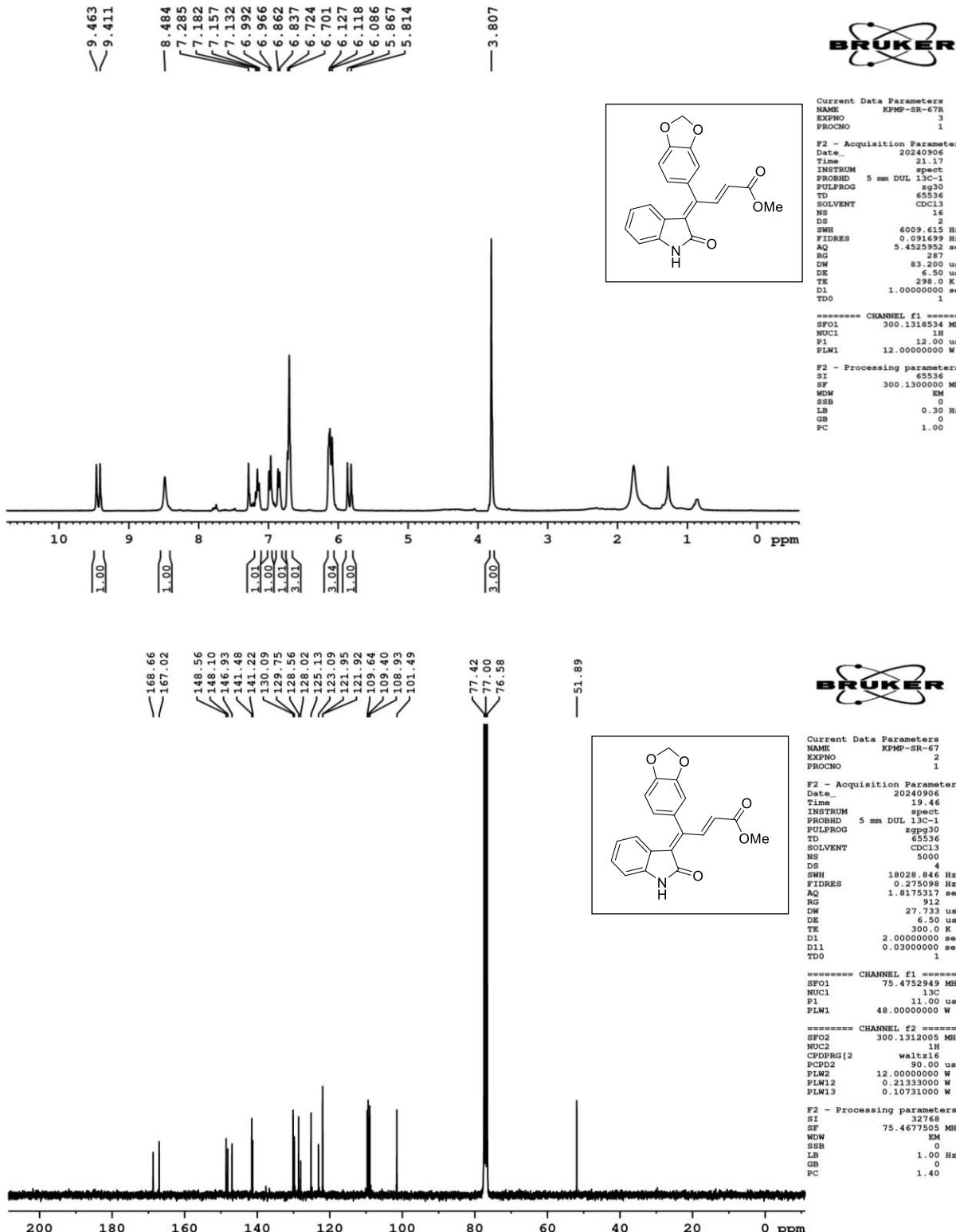
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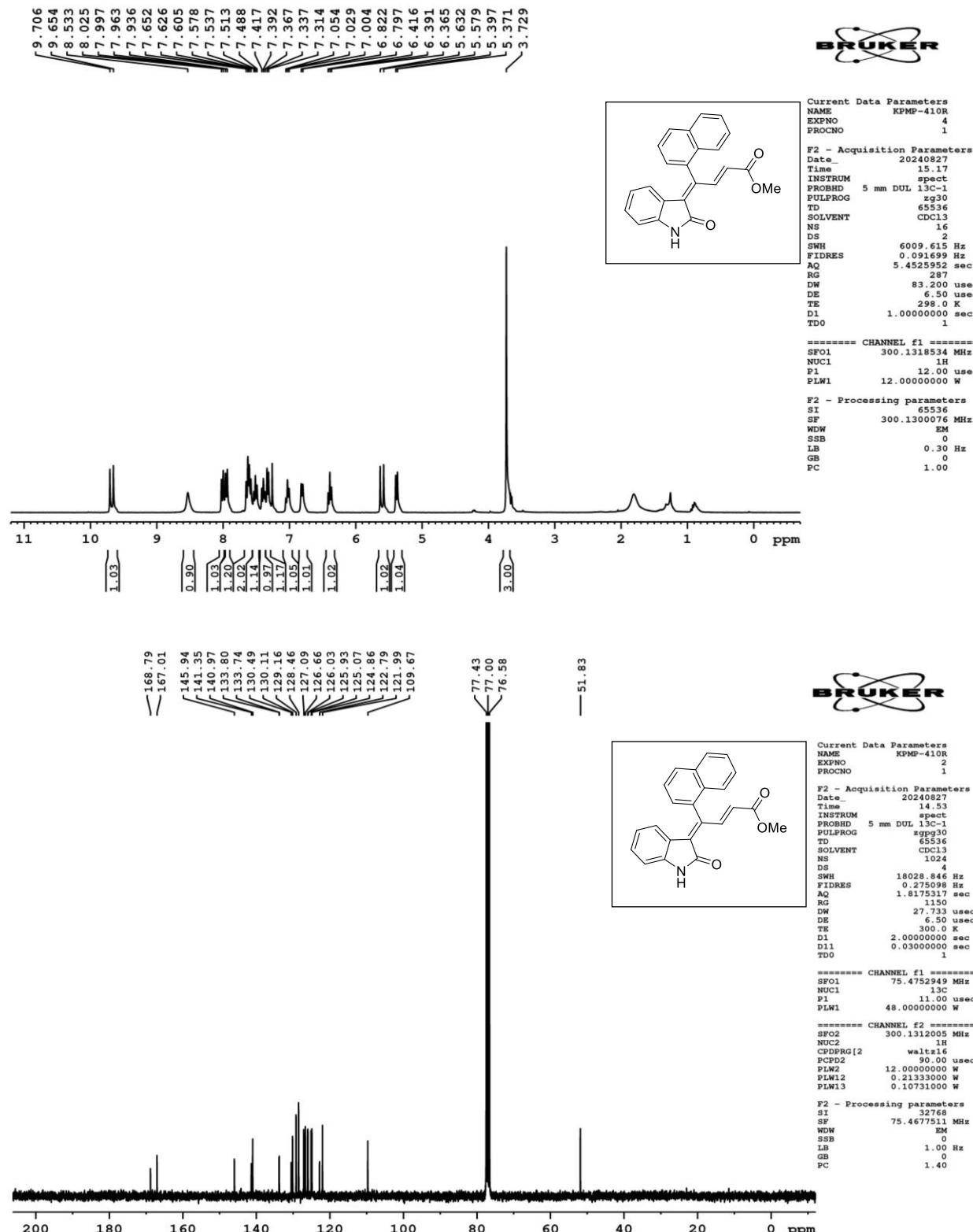


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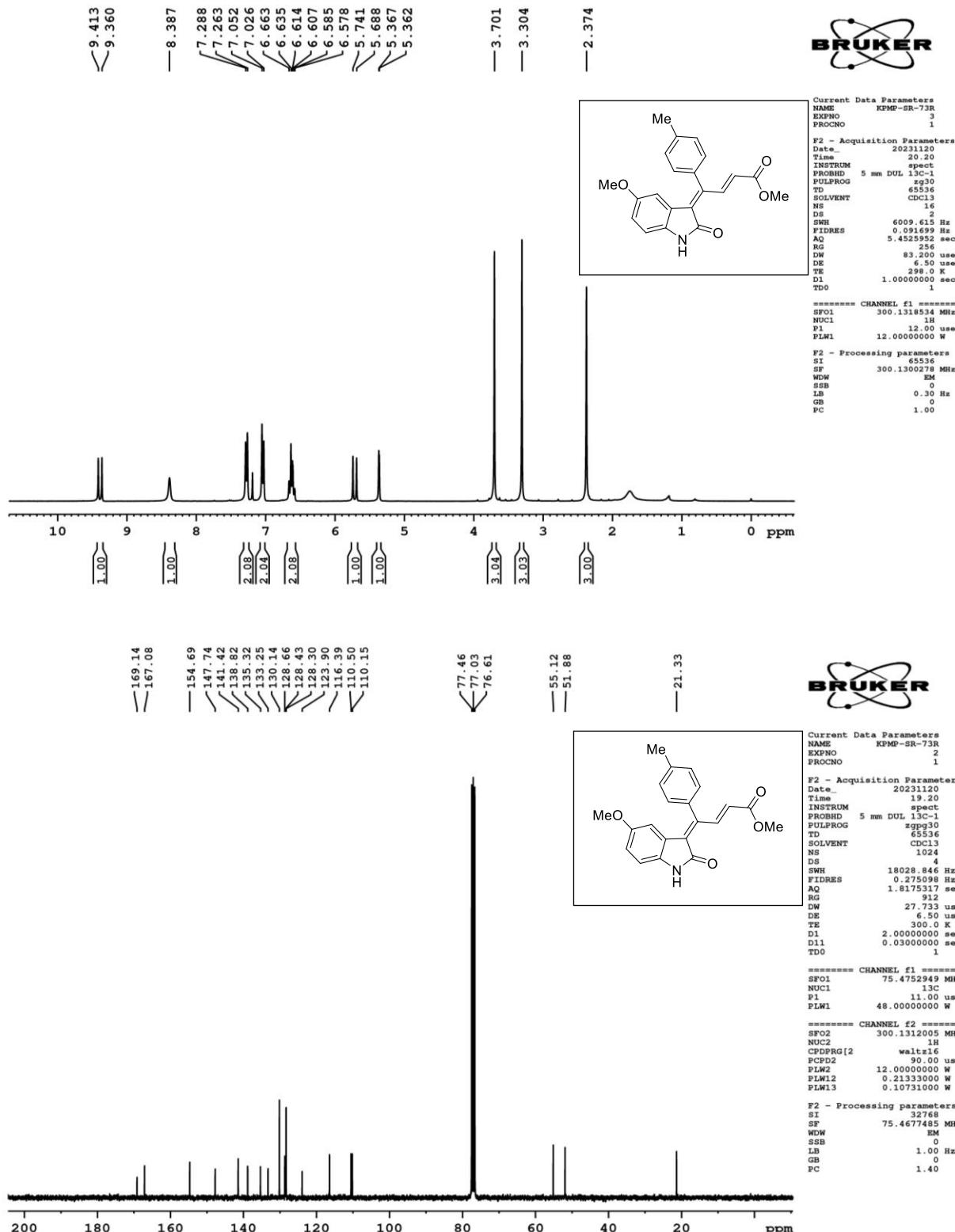
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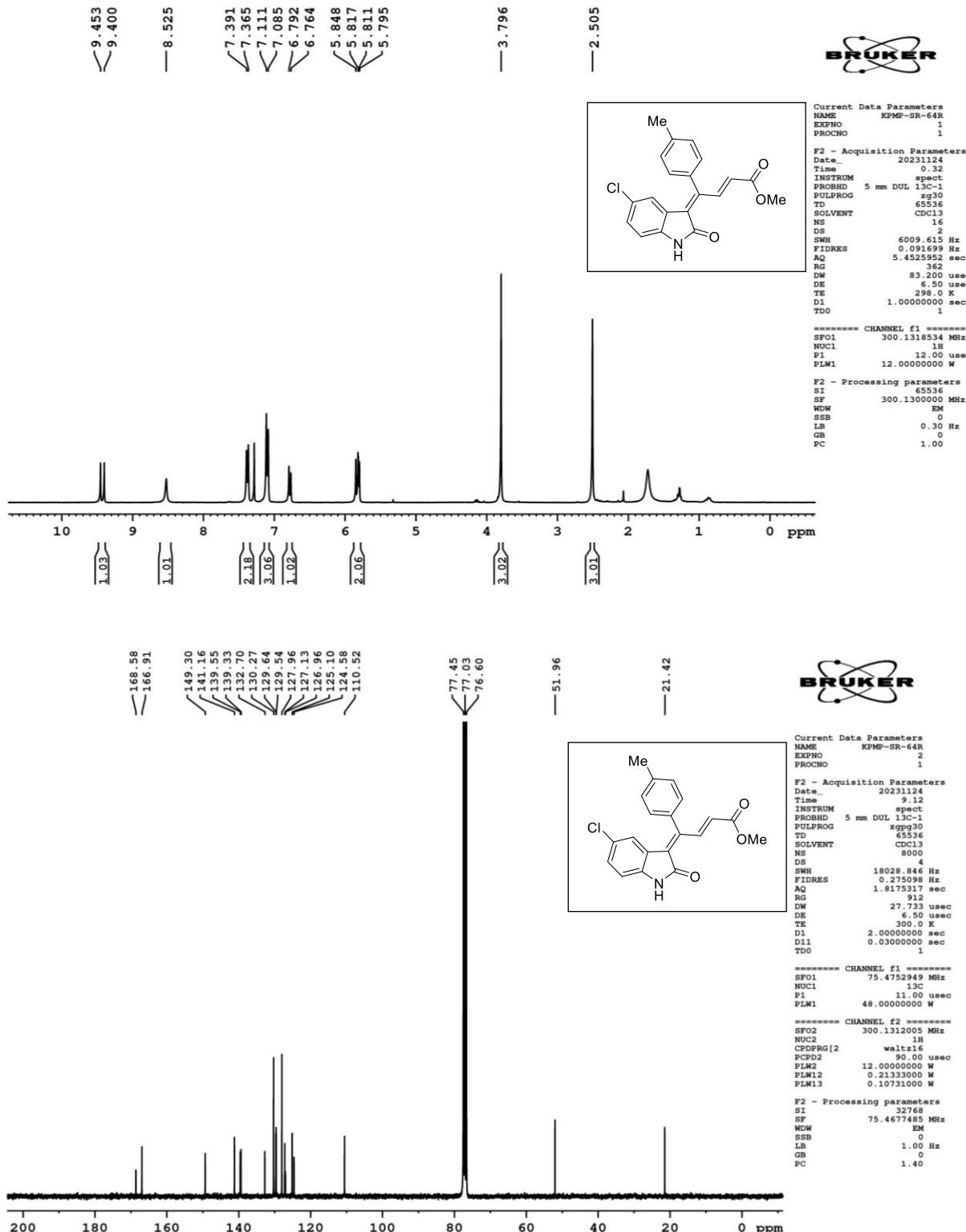
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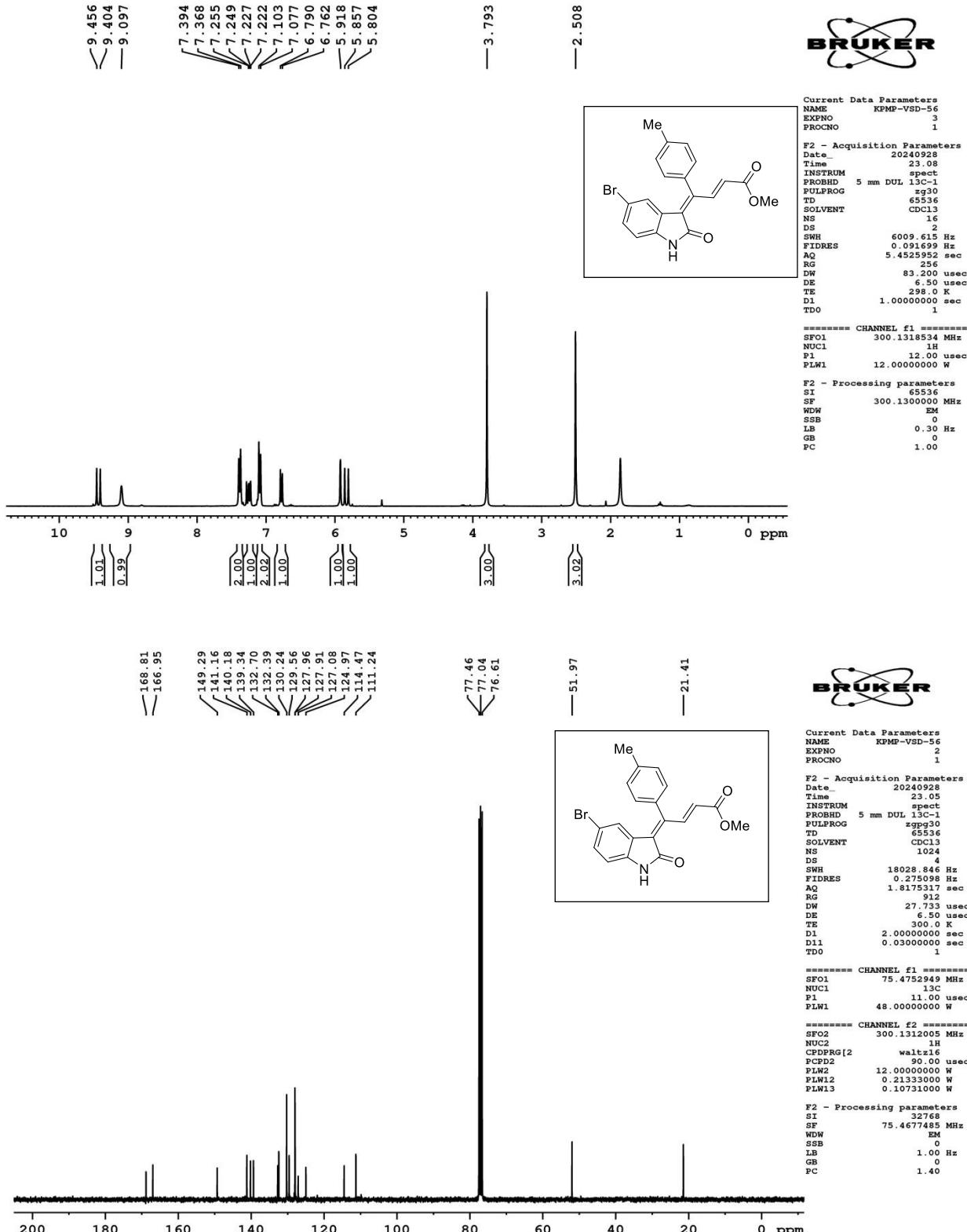
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound (**3o**)

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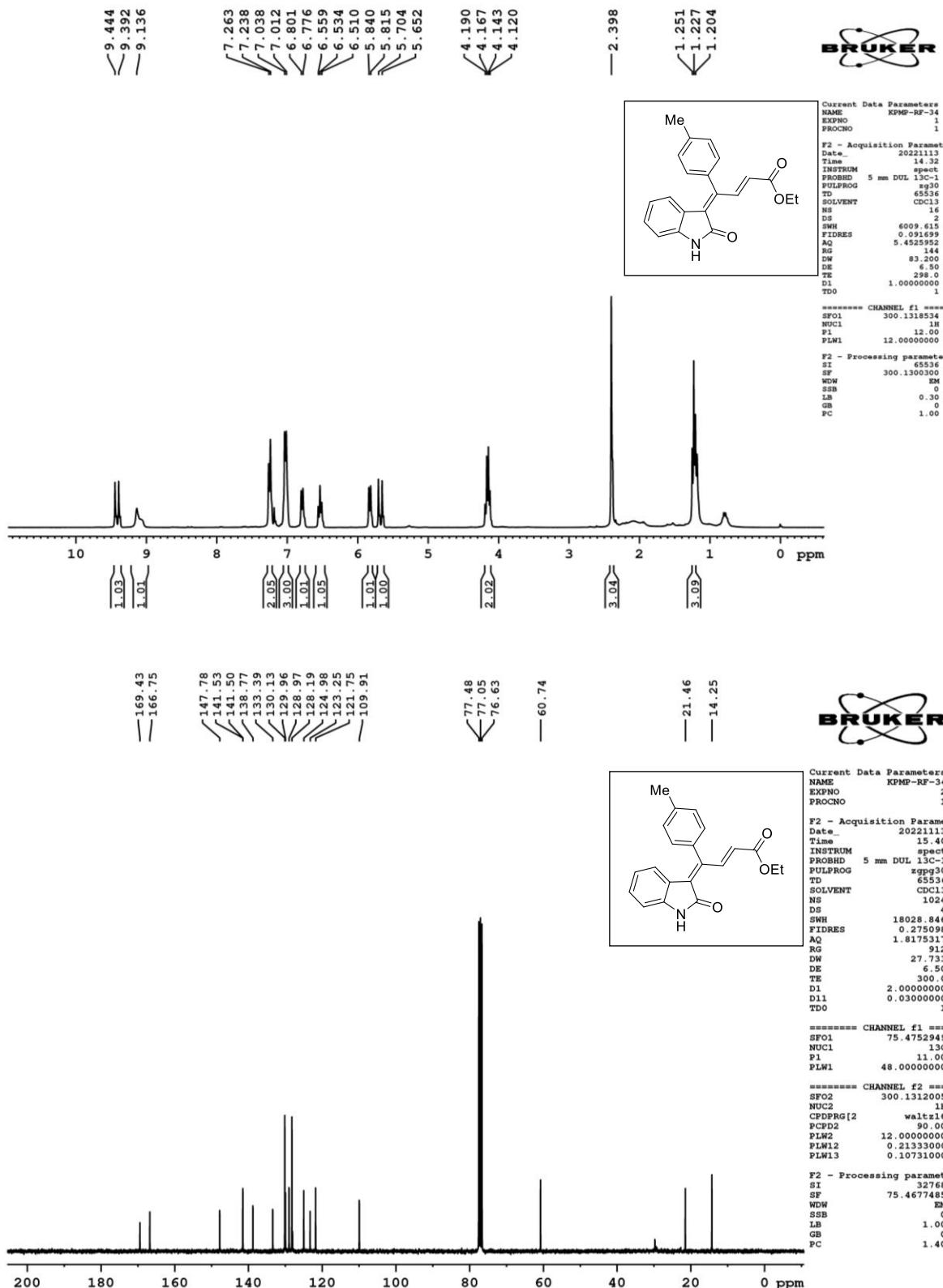
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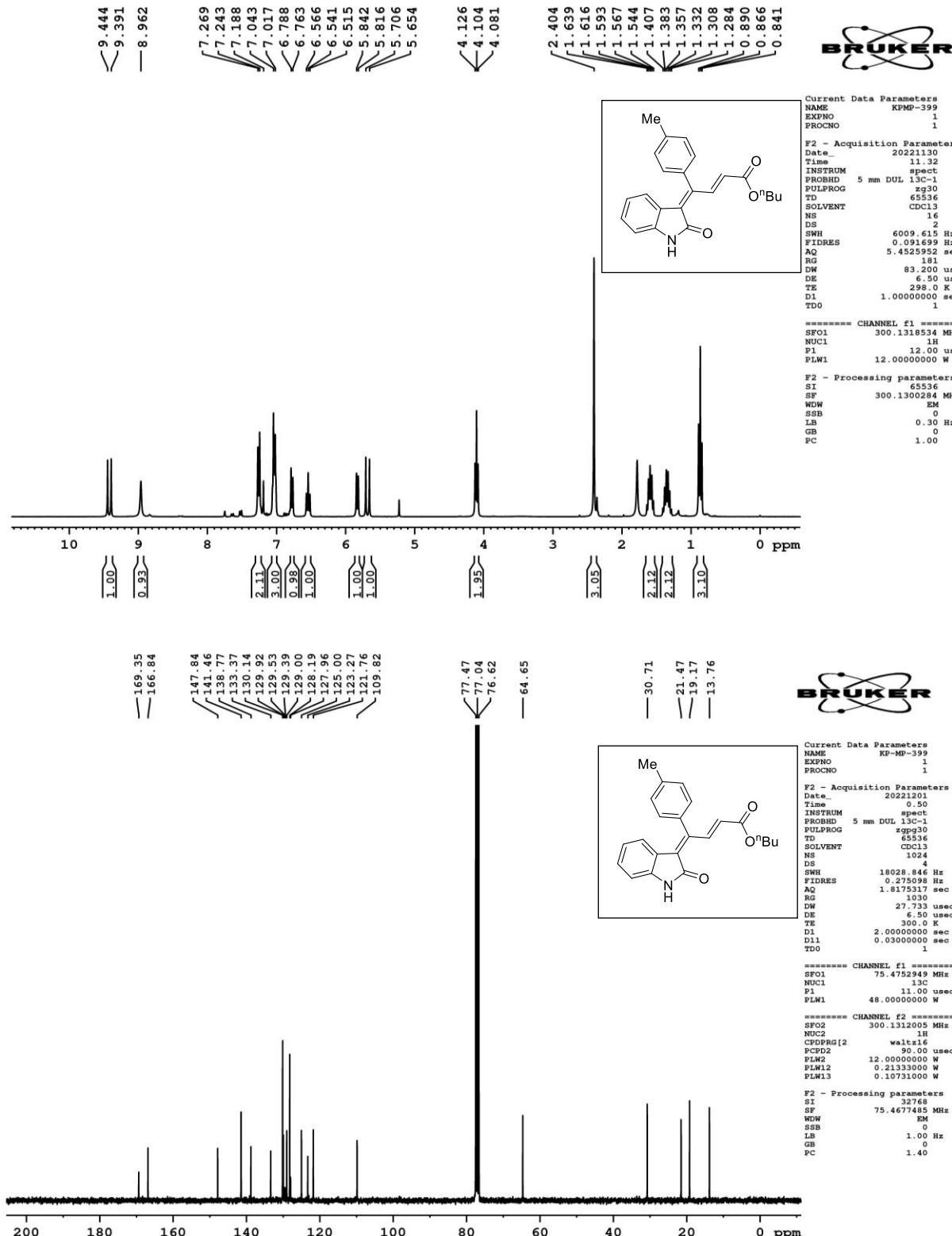


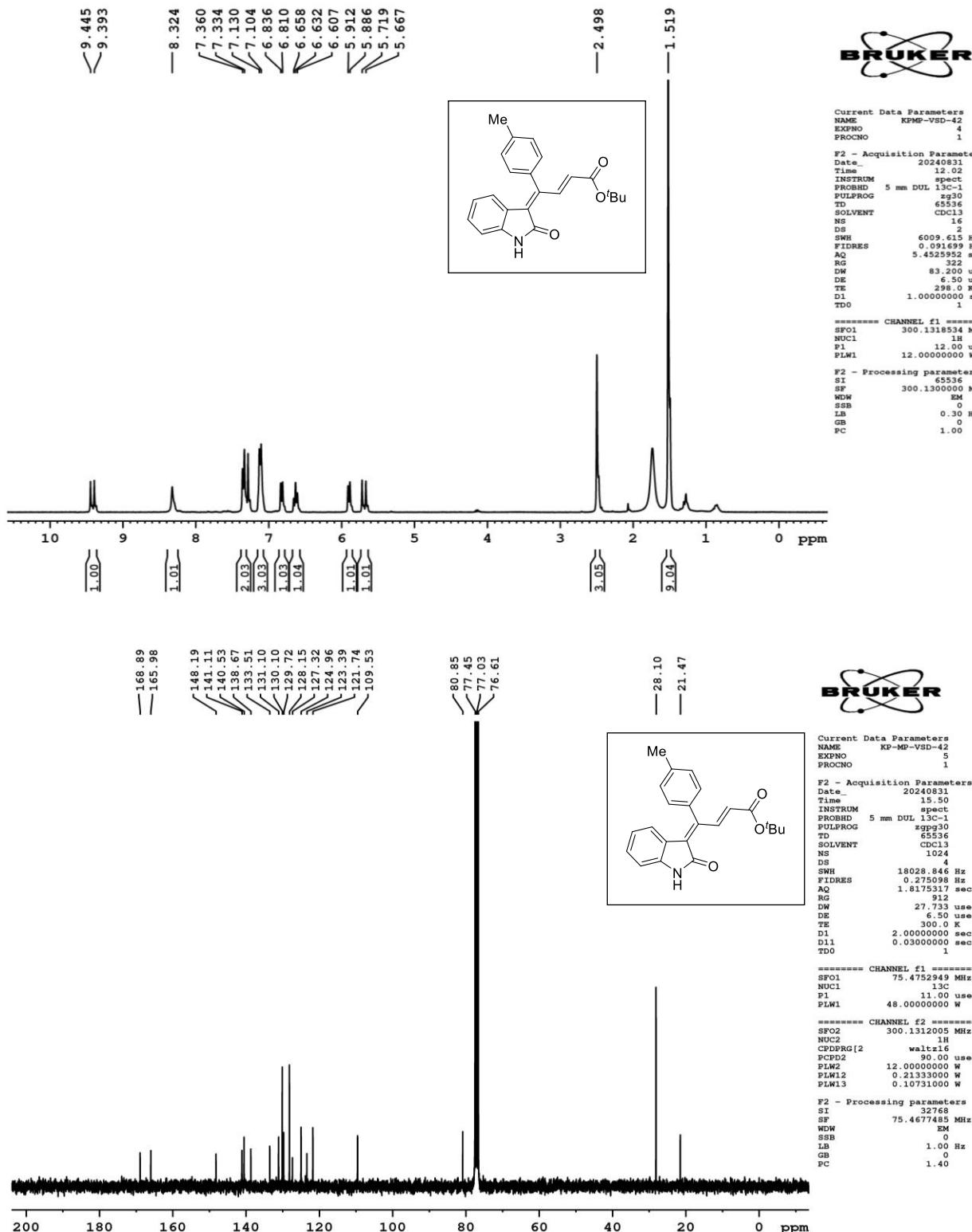
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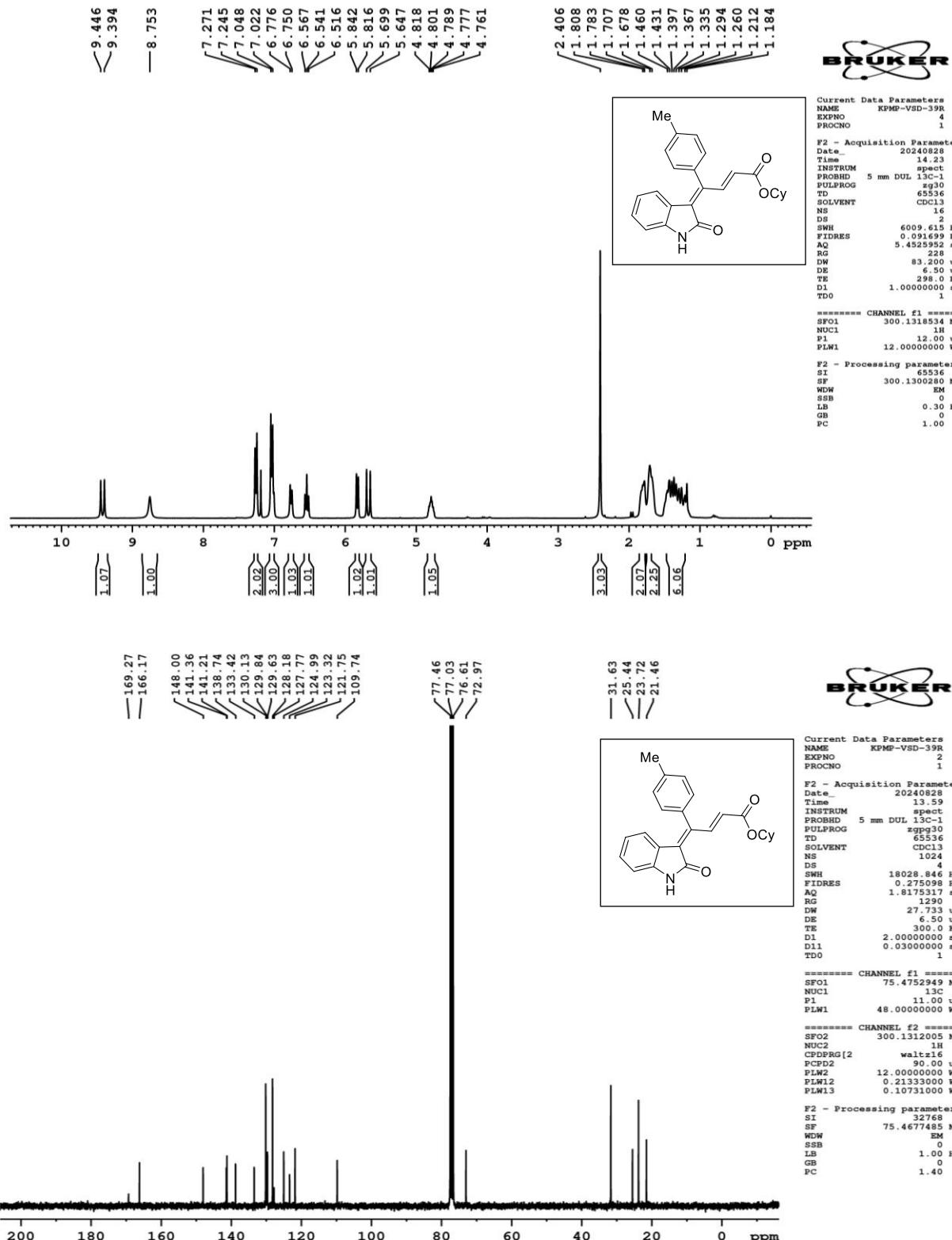
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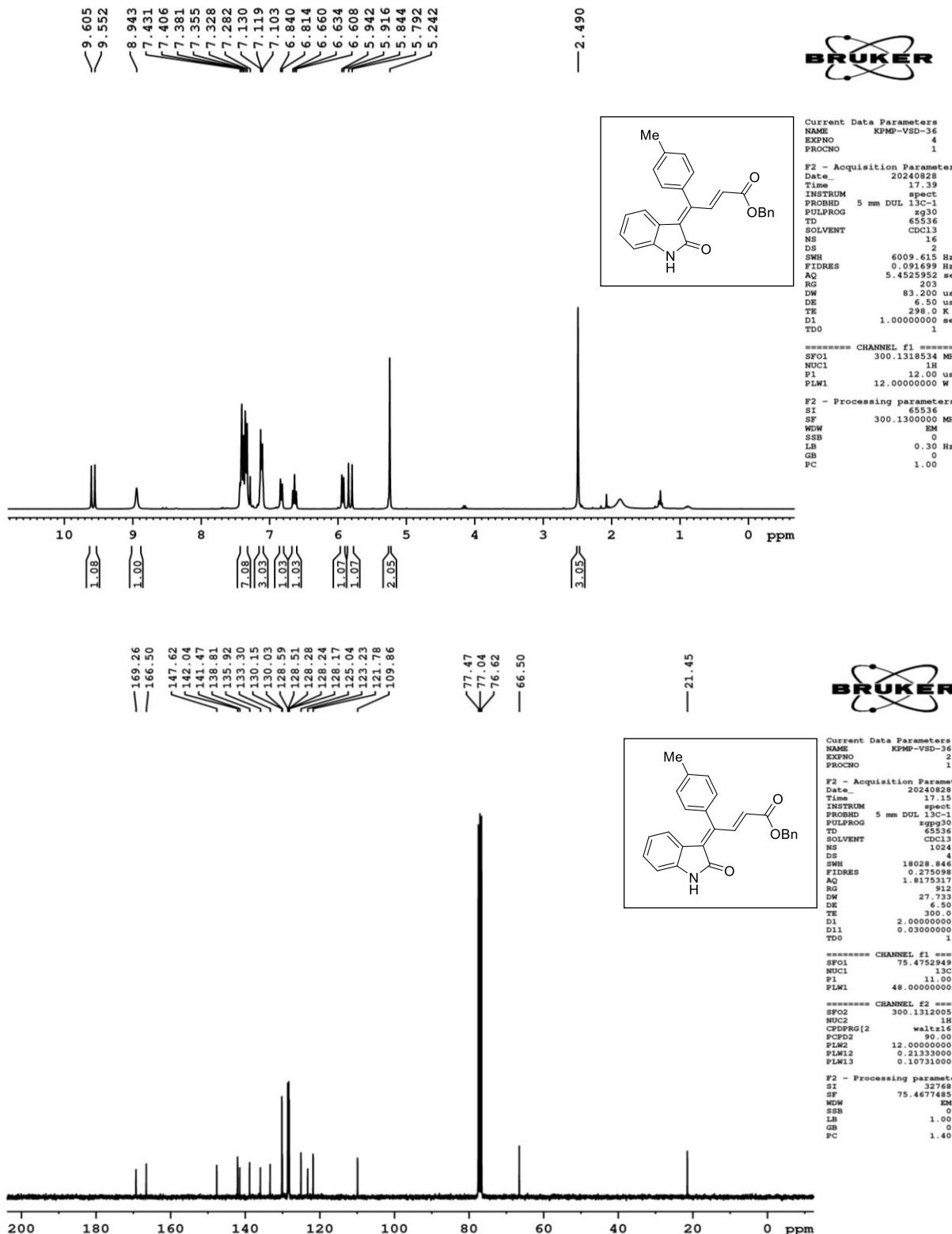
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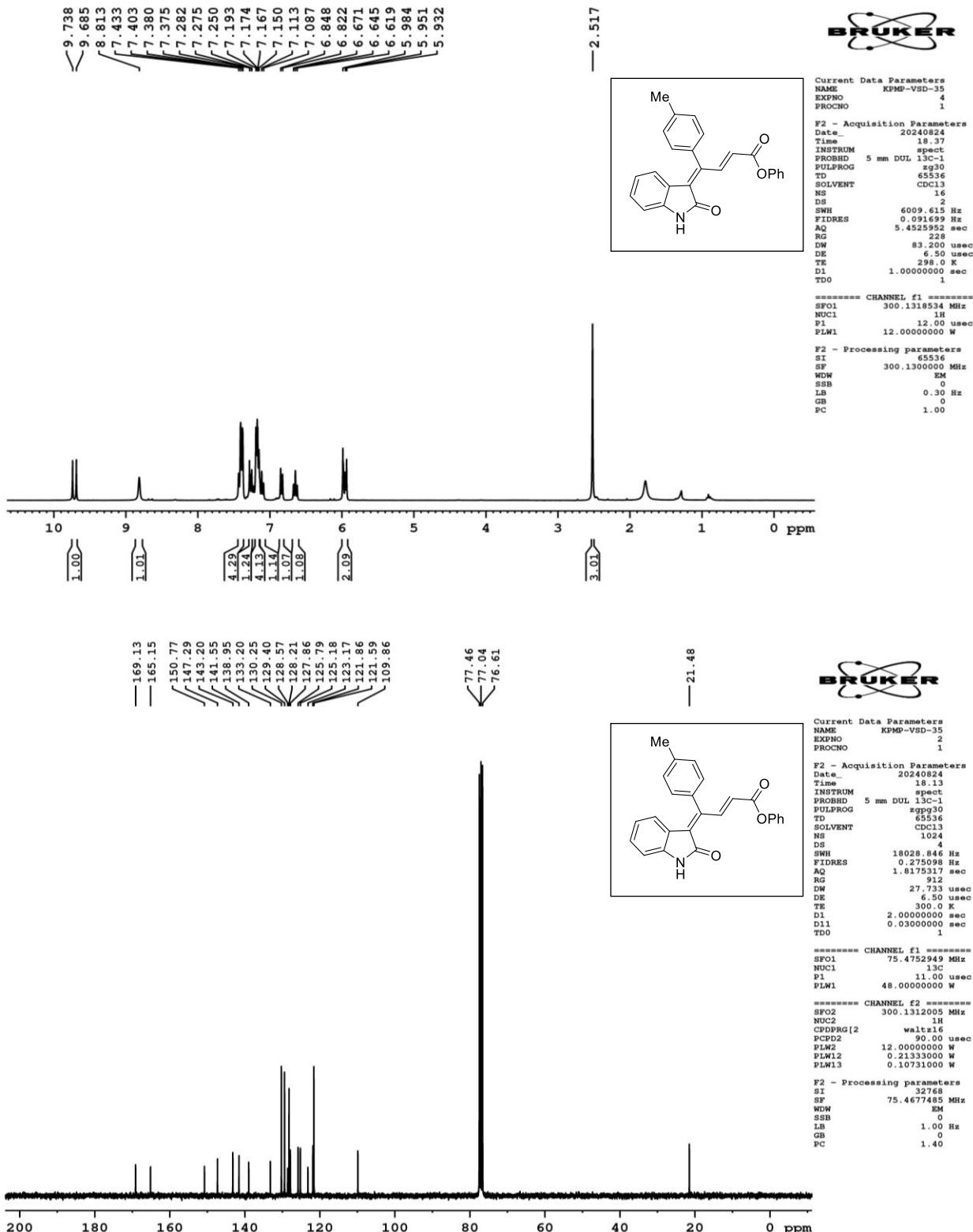


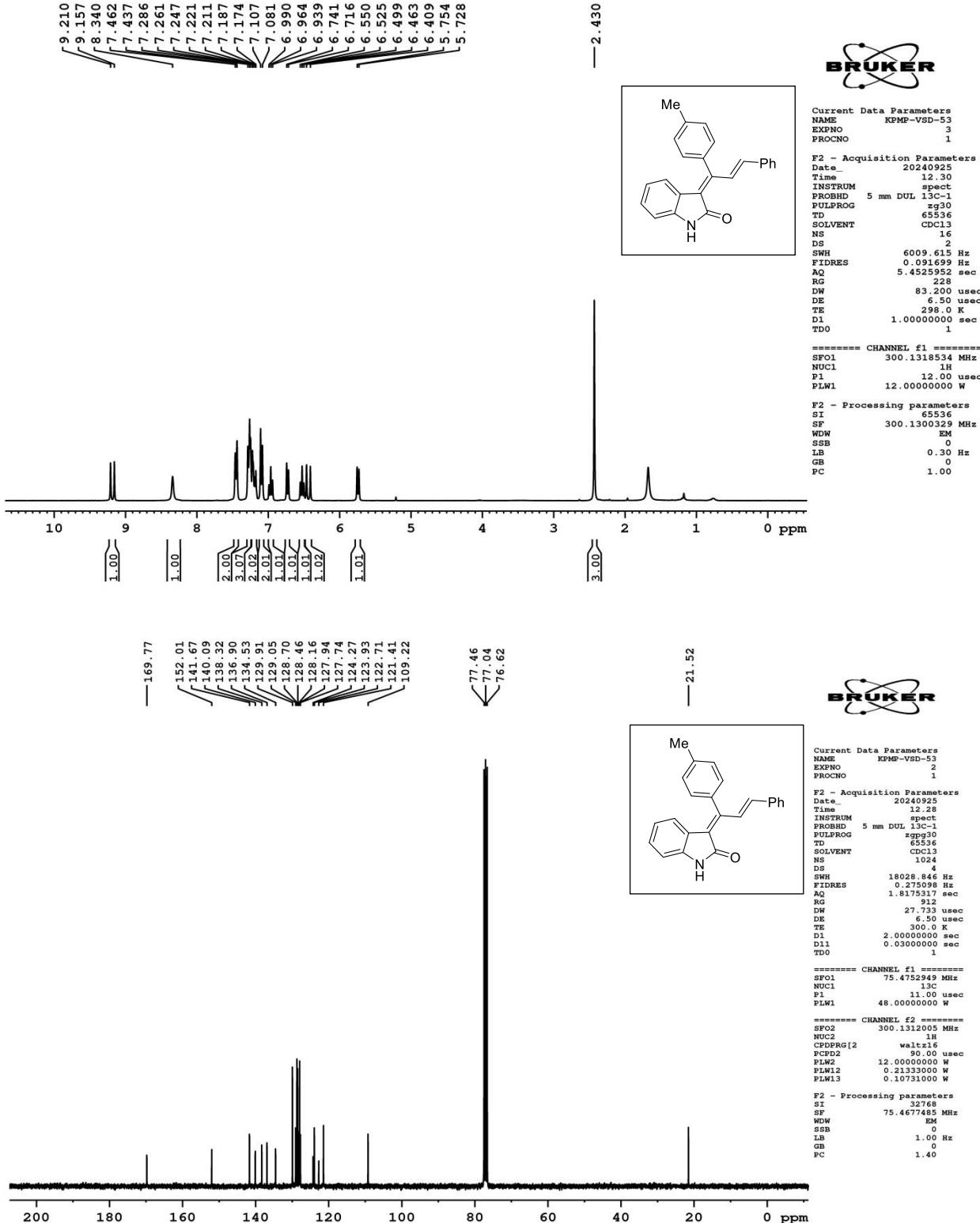
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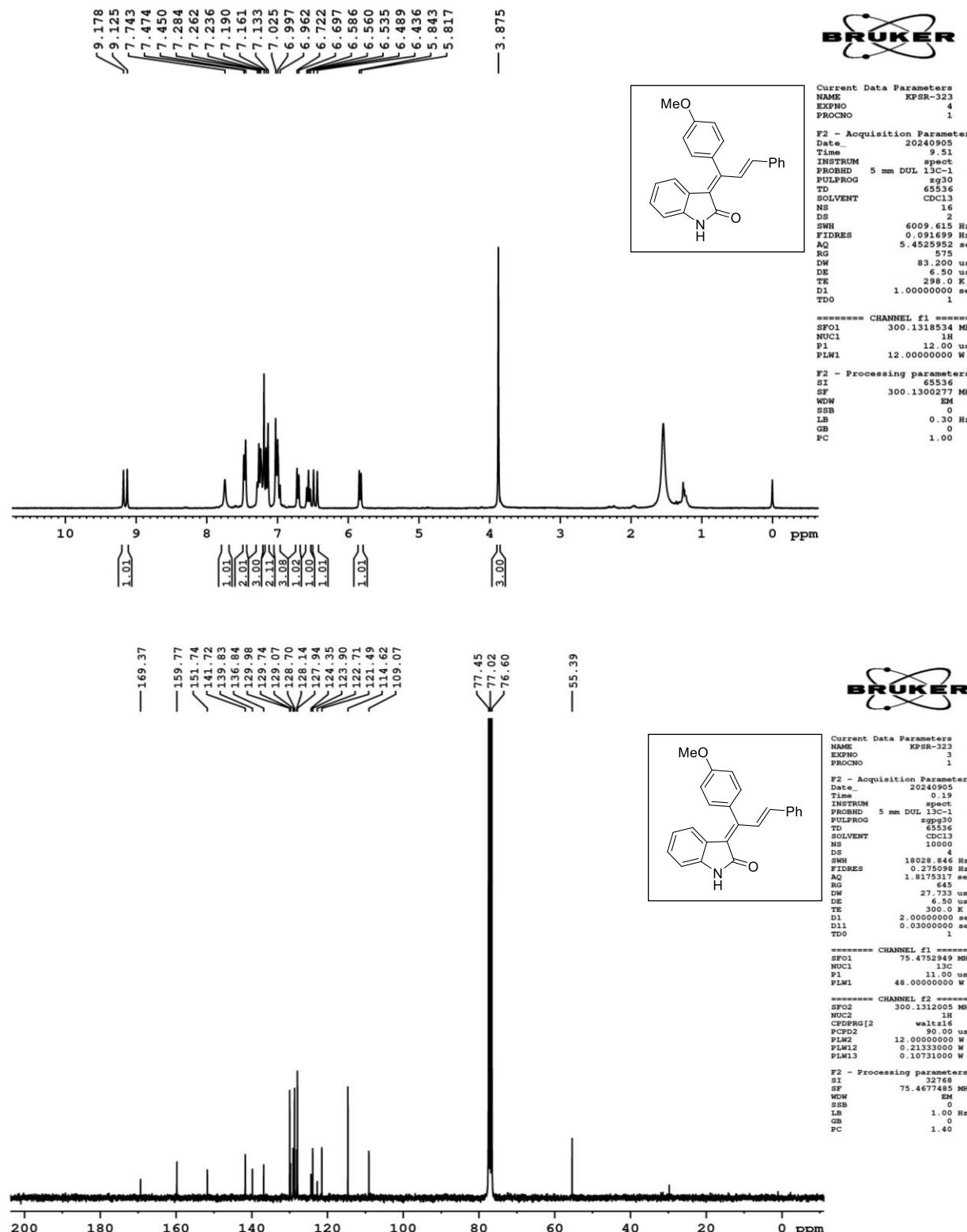
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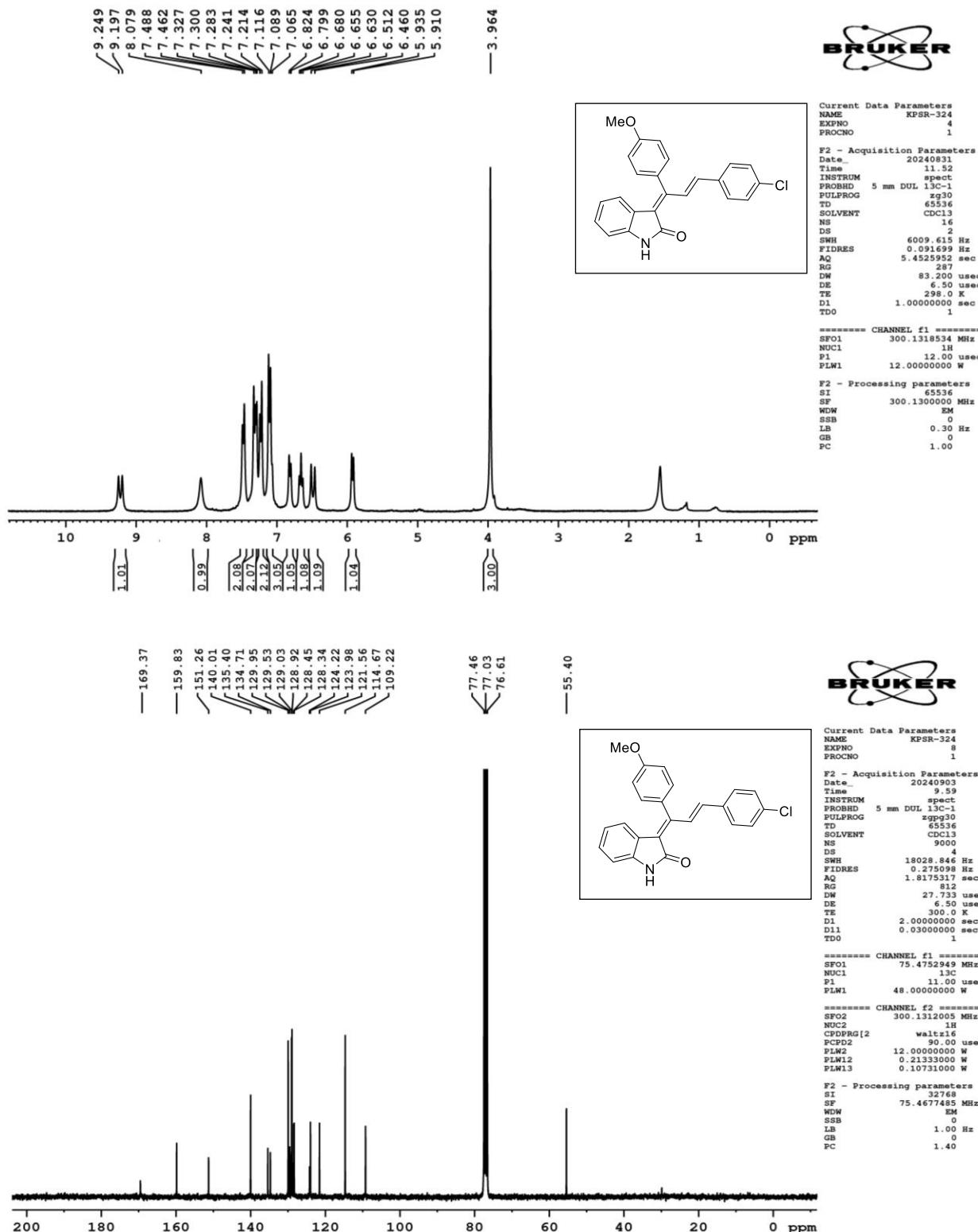
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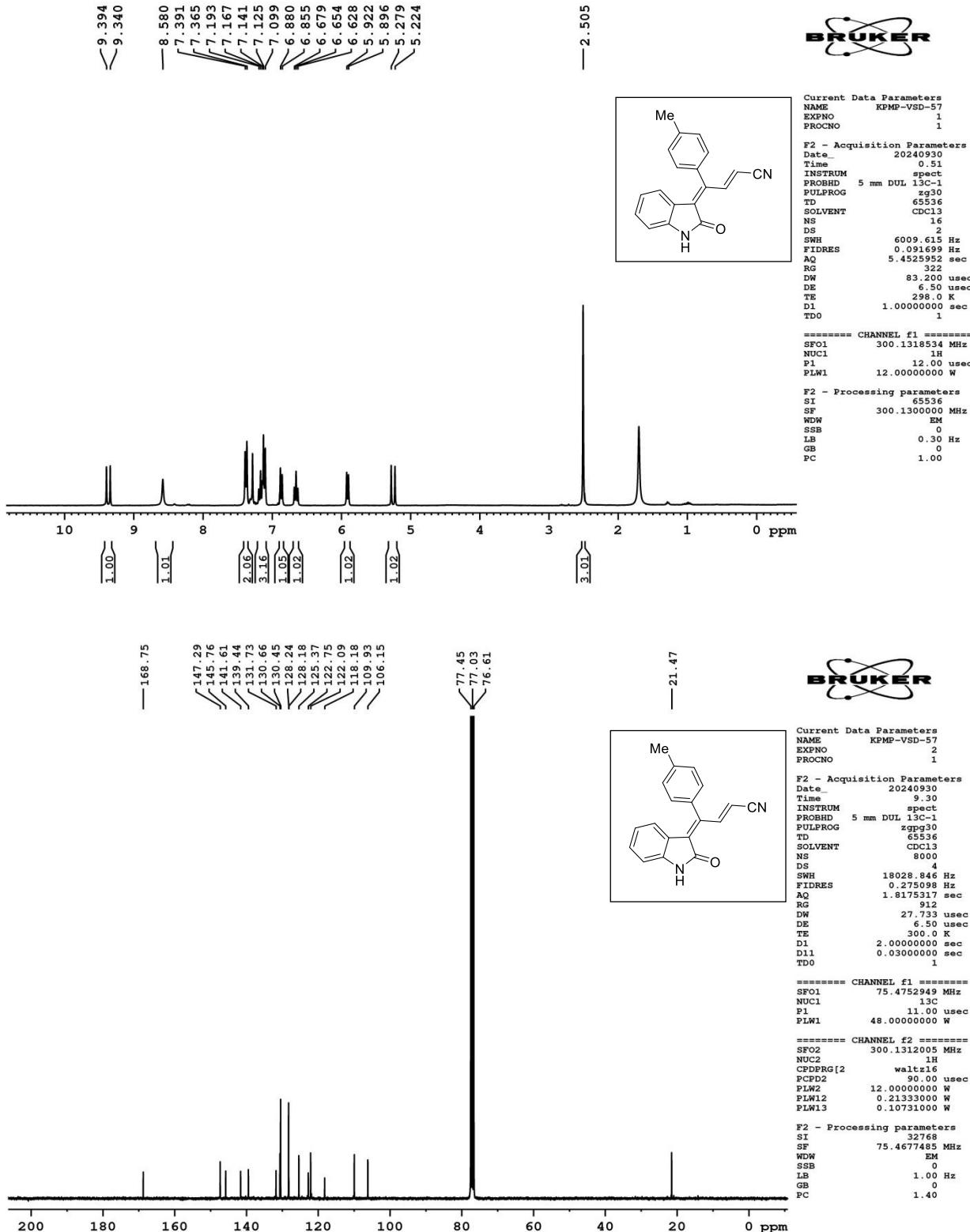
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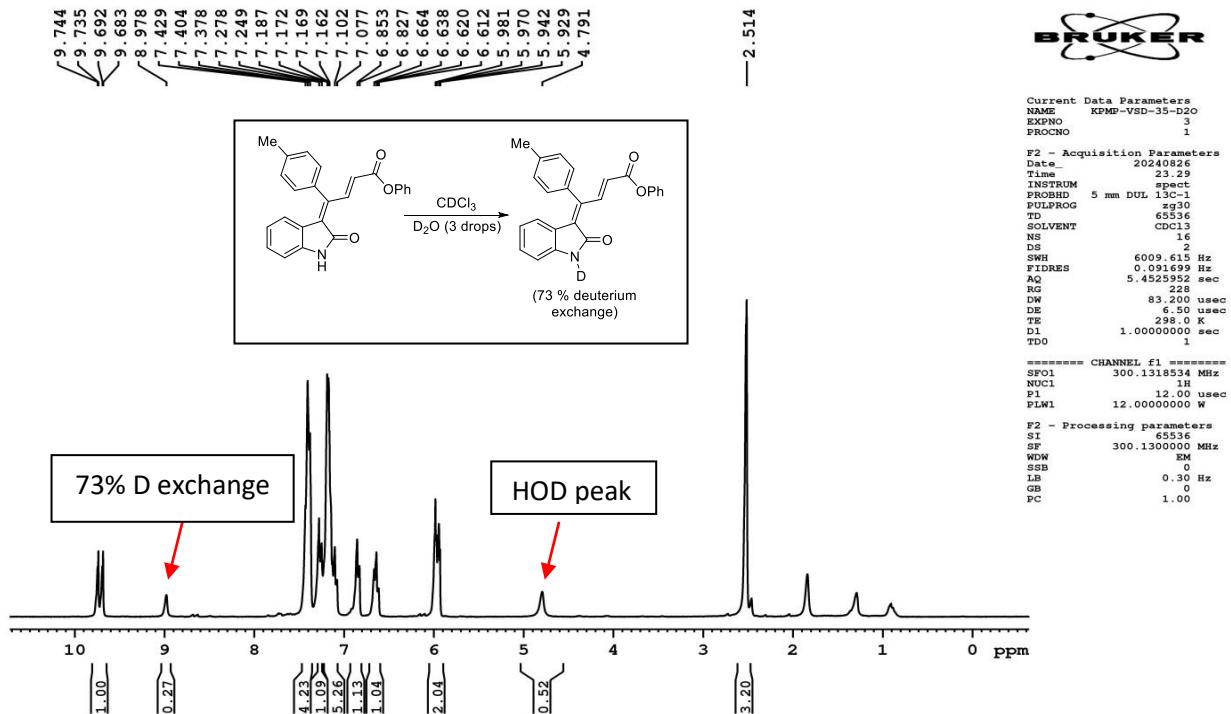
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound (3z)

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound (**3aa**)



¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound (3ab)

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound (3ac)

D₂O exchange of the compound 3y¹H spectrum of the compound 3y