

## Supporting Information

### BF<sub>3</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>O Promoted Unconventional Reactions of 2-Oxoaldehyde: Access to 4-Amidooxazoles and β-Keto Amides/sulphonamides

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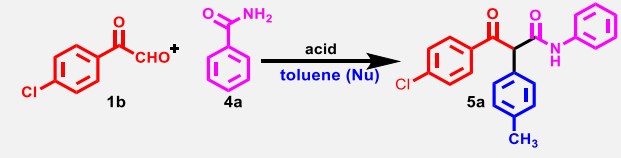
**General Information.** All chemicals were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, Tokyo Chemical Industry and S. D. Fine, the progress of the reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on pre-coated silica-gel plates using Merck Silica Gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>, Cat. No. 1.05554.0007 and visualized by short-wave ultraviolet light. Column chromatography was performed by hand using silica-gel (100–200 mesh, Silicycle). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker-Advance DPX FT-NMR 400 MHz instruments. Chemical data for protons are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the residual proton in the NMR solvent (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>: 2.5 ppm and 3.4 ppm. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra <sup>13</sup>C NMR solvent DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>: 39.90-40 ppm) were recorded at 125 MHz or 100 MHz: chemical data for carbons are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) down field from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonance of the solvent. ESI-MS and HRMS spectra were recorded on Agilent 1100 LC-Q-TOF and HRMS-6540-UHD machines respectively.

**General procedure for synthesis of Compounds (3a-3x):** To a 30 ml glass vial were added 2-oxoaldehydes **1** (0.59 mmol, 1equiv.) and nitrile **2** (1.19 mmol, 2 equiv.) in a toluene (10 ml). The boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (0.89 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise to the

reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was heated to 90 °C in an oil bath for 4 hours. After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, extracted with ethyl acetate (25 ml× 2) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 ml × 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated via rotary evaporation, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate) as a puffy solid.

**General procedure for synthesis of Compounds (5a-5p):** To a 30 ml glass vial were added 2-oxoaldehydes **1** (0.59 mmol, 1equiv.) and an amide (0.71 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in toluene (10 ml). The boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (0.89 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was heated to 90 °C in an oil bath for one hour. After the completion of the reaction as monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, extracted with ethyl acetate (25 ml× 2) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 ml × 2). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated via rotary evaporation, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate) as a viscous liquid.

**Table 2.** Optimization of reaction conditions

|  |     |                                   |      |           |         |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|----------------------|
| entry                                                                                | 4a  | acid                              | acid | temp (°C) | solvent | <sup>b</sup> yield % |
| 1                                                                                    | 1   | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | 59                   |
| 2                                                                                    | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | 67                   |
| 3                                                                                    | 1.5 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | 66                   |
| 4                                                                                    | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.2  | 90        | toluene | 77                   |
| 5                                                                                    | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.5  | 90        | toluene | 81                   |
| 6                                                                                    | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 2.0  | 90        | toluene | 79                   |
| 7                                                                                    | 1.2 | AlCl <sub>3</sub>                 | 1.5  | 90        | toluene | -                    |
| 8                                                                                    | 1.2 | FeCl <sub>3</sub>                 | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | -                    |
| 9                                                                                    | 1.2 | Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>              | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | -                    |
| 10                                                                                   | 1.2 | Cu (OTf) <sub>2</sub>             | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | -                    |
| 11                                                                                   | 1.2 | Sc (OTf) <sub>3</sub>             | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | -                    |
| 12                                                                                   | 1.2 | CH <sub>3</sub> COOH              | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | -                    |
| 13                                                                                   | 1.2 | CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H | 1.0  | 90        | toluene | -                    |
| 14                                                                                   | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.5  | 100       | toluene | 74                   |
| 15                                                                                   | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.5  | 80        | toluene | 61                   |
| 16                                                                                   | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.5  | 60        | toluene | 54                   |
| 17                                                                                   | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.5  | 90        | DCE     | -                    |
| 18                                                                                   | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.5  | 90        | DCM     | -                    |
| 19                                                                                   | 1.2 | BF <sub>3</sub> -OEt <sub>2</sub> | 1.5  | 90        | MeOH    | -                    |

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: Addition of 2-Oxoaldehyde **1a** (0.59 mmol, 100 mg), Amide **4a** (0.71 mmol, 86 mg), and BF<sub>3</sub>.OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.89 mmol, 125  $\mu$ L) at 90 °C in an oil bath for 1h in 10 mL of toluene.  
<sup>b</sup>Isolated yields.

#### Hammett Analysis

| S No.    | Subst.                          | $\sigma$      | % yield   |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| <u>1</u> | <u>H</u>                        | <u>0.00</u>   | <u>81</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u><i>p</i>-OCH<sub>3</sub></u> | <u>-0.268</u> | <u>87</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u><i>m</i>-CH<sub>3</sub></u>  | <u>-0.069</u> | <u>83</u> |
| <u>4</u> | <u>Br</u>                       | <u>+0.232</u> | <u>75</u> |
| <u>5</u> | <u>F</u>                        | <u>+0.062</u> | <u>78</u> |

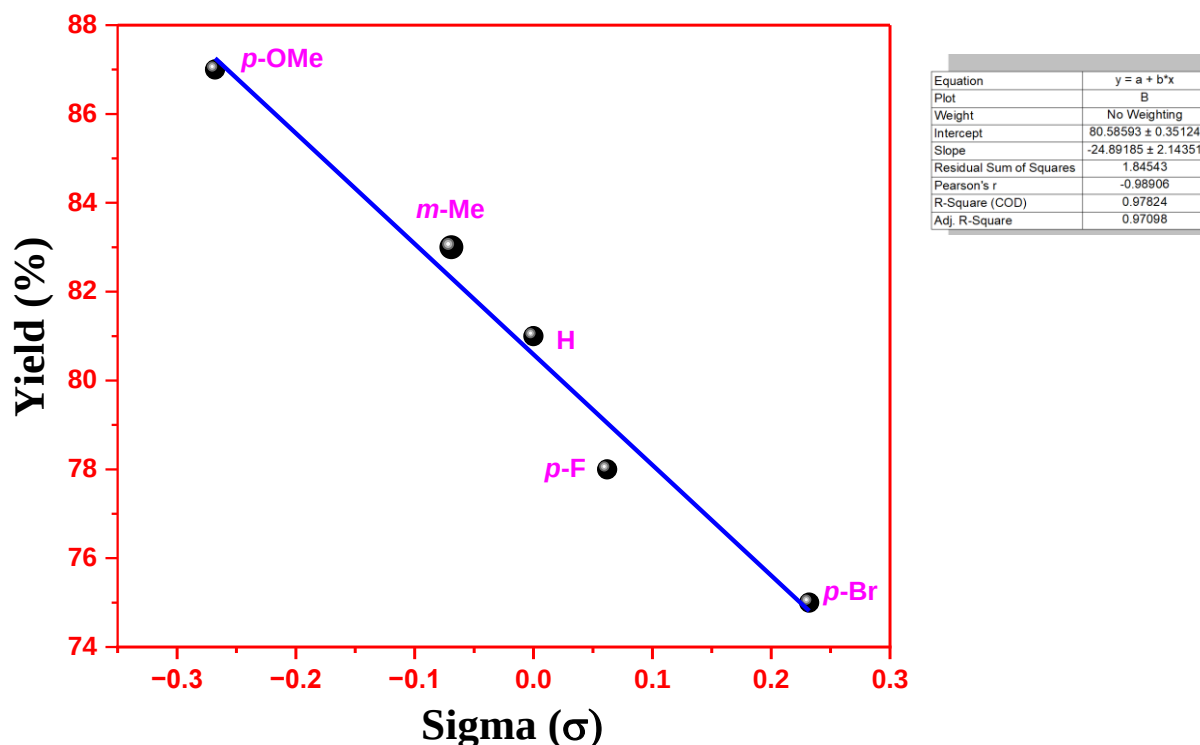


Figure 2: Hammett plot for the reaction of 2-oxoaldehydes with different substituted nitriles.

#### NMR Characterization data:

##### *N*-(2-phenyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (**3a**)

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (193 mg, 81%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 117-119 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3428, 1646, 1467, 1281, 1026, 998, 828, 683 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.62 (s, 1H), 8.16 – 8.10 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dt, *J* = 20.0, 10.0 Hz, 8H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.72 (s), 157.88 (s), 143.18 (s), 138.58 (s), 133.92 (s), 132.61 (s), 132.25 (s), 131.38 (s), 129.67 (s), 129.65 (s), 129.21 (s), 129.20 (s), 128.22 (s), 127.72 (s), 126.97 (s), 126.38 (s), 125.62 (s), 122.37 (s), 21.57 (s). HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>23</sub> H<sub>19</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 355.1447; found: 355.1455.

##### *N*-(2, 5-di-*m*-tolylloxazol-4-yl)-3-methylbenzamide (**3b**)

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (214mg, 83%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 124–126 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3411, 1648, 1620, 1472, 1277, 1091, 709, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.55 (s, 1H), 7.96 – 7.84 (m, 4H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.85 (s), 157.98 (s), 143.06 (s), 139.13 (s), 138.51 (s), 138.50 (s), 133.93 (s), 133.18 (s), 132.26 (s), 132.05 (s), 129.58 (s), 129.57 (s), 129.27 (s), 129.00 (s), 128.79 (s), 127.76 (s), 126.83 (s), 126.82 (s), 125.58 (s), 125.31 (s), 123.59 (s), 122.35 (s), 21.57(s), 21.43(s), 21.38 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 383.1760: found: 383.1769.

#### **4-(tert-butyl)-N-(2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(m-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3c)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (265 mg, 85%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 126–129 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3467, 1648, 1473, 1278, 1092, 709, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.54 (s, 1H), 8.04 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 2.8 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (dd,  $J$  = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 6H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 18H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.46 (s), 157.99 (s), 155.41 (s), 154.14 (s), 142.85 (s), 138.44 (s), 132.30 (s), 131.24 (s), 129.29 (s), 129.28(s), 128.15 (s), 127.92 (s), 126.48 (s), 126.25 (s), 125.85 (s), 125.57 (s), 124.41 (s), 122.33 (s), 35.16 (s), 31.36 (s), 31.35 (s), 21.60 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 467.2699: found: 467.2691.

#### **4-methoxy-N-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(m-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3ca)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (185 mg, 87%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 141–143 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3461, 1647, 1473, 1251, 1092, 711, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.40 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.05 (m, 5H), 3.85 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 6H), 2.32 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.12 (s), 162.75 (s), 161.80 (s), 158.00 (s), 142.46 (s), 138.48 (s), 132.30 (s), 130.20 (s), 129.24 (s), 129.21 (s), 128.16 (s), 127.94 (s), 126.08 (s), 125.40 (s), 122.15 (s), 119.64 (s), 115.15 (s), 114.32 (s), 55.89 (s), 55.87 (s), 21.57 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 415.1658: found: 415.1659.

#### **3-(methylthio)-N-(2-(3-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(m-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3d)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane 20:80); (236 mg, 79%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 124–126 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3414, 1637, 1461, 1271, 1080, 709, 693  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.52 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 2.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.13 (s), 157.75 (s), 144.38 (s), 142.78 (s), 138.55 (s), 132.26 (s), 129.75 (s), 129.49 (s), 129.28 (s), 128.71 (s), 127.75 (s), 126.75 (s), 126.26 (s), 125.49 (s), 123.14 (s), 122.27 (s), 21.58 (s), 14.54 (s), 14.53 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 447.1201: found: 447.1196.

#### **3-methoxy-N-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-(m-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3e)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (246 mg, 86%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 135–137 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3427, 1645, 1610, 1460, 1271, 1071, 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.49 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  =

22.7 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 6.3, 2.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.33 (dd,  $J = 10.7, 2.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.92 (s), 157.41 (s), 149.58 (s), 149.25 (s), 143.33 (s), 139.10 (s), 138.45 (s), 133.89 (s), 133.18 (s), 131.89 (s), 130.93 (s), 129.61 (s), 128.99 (s), 128.73 (s), 127.02 (s), 126.64 (s), 125.26 (s), 123.50 (s), 120.42 (s), 118.30 (s), 112.55 (s), 108.77 (s), 56.03 (s), 55.83 (s), 21.52(s), 21.31 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 429.1814: found: 429.1819.

#### ***N*-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)-5-(*m*-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (3f)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (179 mg, 73%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 119–121 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3446, 1641, 1623, 1463, 1179, 1092, 701, 681  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.66 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 4.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  161.30 (s), 154.46 (s), 142.54 (s), 139.04 (s), 138.58 (s), 132.98 (s), 131.51 (s), 130.65 (s), 130.40 (s), 129.64 (s), 129.07 (s), 129.06 (s), 127.45 (s), 125.56 (s), 122.35 (s), 21.56 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 367.0575: found: 367.0576.

#### ***N*-(2-methyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)acetamide (3g)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (100 mg, 65%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 133–135 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3427, 1645, 1460, 1271, 1023, 998, 828, 683  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.39 (s), 163.37 (s), 146.51 (s), 143.10 (s), 135.28 (s), 133.79 (s), 133.78 (s), 132.78 (s), 129.95 (s), 126.77 (s), 28.01 (s), 26.30 (s), 18.95 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 231.1134: found: 231.1136.

#### ***N*-(2-ethyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)propionamide (3h)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (119 mg, 69%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 124–126 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3428, 1637, 1467, 1271, 1027, 828, 705  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.14 (s, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.76 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.40 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.27 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  174.39 (s), 162.25 (s), 138.06 (s), 138.0 (s), 131.32 (s), 130.07 (s), 128.89 (s), 128.58 (s), 126.66 (s), 123.21 (s), 28.98 (s), 21.59 (s), 21.58 (s), 11.23 (s), 9.81 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 259.1447: found: 259.1443.

#### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-ethyloxazol-4-yl)propionamide (3i)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (122 mg, 66%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 119–121 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3421, 1646, 1465, 1255, 1026, 998, 828, 683  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.20 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.76 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.41 (q,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  174.29 (s), 162.45 (s), 138.51 (s), 132.49 (s), 130.28 (s), 129.02 (s), 129.00 (s), 127.74 (s), 28.92 (s), 21.60 (s), 11.16 (s), 9.68 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 279.0900: found: 279.0901.

### ***N*-(5-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-methyloxazol-4-yl)acetamide (3j)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (110 mg, 69%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 131-134°C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3426, 1646, 1441, 1287, 1026, 991, 828, 705  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  169.61 (s), 158.36 (s), 144.02 (s), 141.91 (s), 130.00 (s), 128.58 (s), 125.63 (s), 124.86 (s), 28.39 (s), 23.26 (s), 15.85 (s), 14.20 (s). HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 244.1212: found: 244.1219.

### ***N*-(5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-ethyloxazol-4-yl)propionamide (3k)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (106 mg, 73%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 124-126 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3428, 1641, 1462, 1271, 1029, 998, 686  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.78 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (dd,  $J$  = 15.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  173.40 (s), 162.03 (s), 149.07 (s), 149.06 (s), 141.84 (s), 129.14 (s), 120.91 (s), 117.83 (s), 112.36 (s), 108.59 (s), 55.90 (s), 55.89 (s), 29.06 (s), 21.51 (s), 11.25 (s), 10.07 (s). HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 305.1501: found: 305.1515.

### ***N*-(2-ethyl-5-(3-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-4-yl)propionamide (3l)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (118 mg, 71%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 119-121°C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3411, 1646, 1623, 1471, 1281, 1092, 711, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.17 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.91 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.76 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  174.39 (s), 162.28 (s), 159.81 (s), 138.30 (s), 132.68 (s), 130.13 (s), 129.90 (s), 118.48 (s), 113.67 (s), 111.37 (s), 55.45 (s), 28.93 (s), 21.63 (s), 11.25 (s), 9.76 (s). HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 275.1396: found: 275.1402.

### **3-methoxy-*N*-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenyloxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3m)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (253 mg, 85%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 127-129°C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3448, 1648, 1620, 1472, 1277, 1092, 711, 660  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.71 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 17.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.13 (s), 160.15 (s), 159.82 (s), 158.07 (s), 141.86 (s), 135.04 (s), 133.36 (s), 132.77 (s), 130.92 (s), 130.22 (s), 129.38 (s), 128.02 (s), 126.91 (s), 126.69 (s), 120.59 (s), 118.72 (s), 118.70 (s), 117.53 (s), 113.34 (s), 111.23 (s), 55.79 (s), 55.78 (s). HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 401.1501: found: 401.1503.

### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyloxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3n)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (189 mg, 79%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 121-123 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3417, 1648, 1627, 1452, 1091, 705  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.71 (s, 1H), 8.14 – 8.04 (m, 4H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 7H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.46 (s), 158.21 (s), 141.84 (s), 133.71 (s), 133.34 (s), 132.75 (s), 132.70 (s),

131.56 (s), 131.50 (s), 129.71 (s), 129.43 (s), 129.13 (s), 129.10 (s), 128.35 (s), 126.62 (s), 126.46 (s). **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>22</sub> H<sub>16</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> + 375.0900; found: 375.0906.

#### ***N*-(5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-(*m*-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)-3-methylbenzamide (30)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (185 mg, 84%) off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 137-139 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3413, 1645, 1620, 1472, 1271, 1091, 719, 680 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.49 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.9 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.92 (s), 157.41 (s), 149.58 (s), 149.25 (s), 143.33 (s), 139.10 (s), 138.45 (s), 133.89 (s), 133.18 (s), 131.89 (s), 130.93 (s), 129.61 (s), 128.99 (s), 128.73 (s), 127.02 (s), 126.64 (s), 125.26 (s), 123.50 (s), 120.42 (s), 118.30 (s), 112.55 (s), 108.77 (s), 56.03 (s), 55.83 (s), 21.52 (s), 21.31 (s). **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>26</sub> H<sub>25</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> + 429.1814; found: 429.1805.

#### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-ethoxyphenyl)oxazol-4-yl)-2-ethoxybenzamide (3p)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (240 mg, 87%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 124-126 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3428, 1645, 1628, 1472, 1276, 1091, 709, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.20 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (dq, *J* = 21.0, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  165.64 (s), 157.62 (s), 157.19 (s), 156.67 (s), 140.96 (s), 133.06 (s), 133.03 (s), 132.03 (s), 130.62 (s), 130.32 (s), 129.34 (s), 127.14 (s), 126.66 (s), 123.96 (s), 121.06 (s), 121.02 (s), 115.79 (s), 114.15 (s), 113.46 (s), 64.79 (s), 64.57 (s), 15.21 (s), 14.99 (s). **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>26</sub> H<sub>24</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>4</sub> Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> + 463.1425; found: 463.1428.

#### **4-(*tert*-butyl)-*N*-(2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3q)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (235 mg, 81%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 127-133 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3419, 1645, 1620, 1461, 1277, 1091, 706, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.53 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.93 (m, 4H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 18H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.24 (s), 158.32 (s), 154.23 (s), 141.44 (s), 133.22 (s), 132.69 (s), 130.84 (s), 129.16 (s), 128.18 (s), 126.71 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 126.26 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 125.66 (s), 124.17 (s), 35.12 (s), 31.32 (s). **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>30</sub> H<sub>32</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> + 487.2152; found: 487.2147.

#### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-4-yl)-3-methoxybenzamide (3r)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (220 mg, 85%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 133-135 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\max}$  3413, 1649, 1625, 1472, 1276, 1091, 703, 680 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  11.00 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.92 (s), 160.17 (s), 159.89 (s), 157.88 (s), 139.34 (s), 134.12 (s), 133.12 (s), 131.43 (s), 131.01 (s), 130.45 (s), 129.80 (s), 129.31 (s), 128.07 (s), 128.03 (s), 120.68 (s), 119.18 (s), 118.75 (s), 117.65 (s), 113.47 (s), 110.99 (s), 55.86 (s), 55.85 (s). **HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>24</sub> H<sub>20</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>4</sub> Cl [M+H]<sup>+</sup> + 435.1112; found: 435.1104.

### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(*m*-tolyl)oxazol-4-yl)-3-methylbenzamide (3s)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (185mg, 77%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 119-121 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3411, 1648, 1472, 1277, 709, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.62 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz, 3H), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.57 (s), 158.31 (s), 141.74 (s), 139.15 (s), 138.46 (s), 133.69 (s), 133.27 (s), 132.82 (s), 132.20 (s), 129.53 (s), 129.50 (s), 128.93 (s), 128.91 (s), 127.11 (s), 126.79 (s), 126.75 (s), 125.42 (s), 123.68 (s), 21.42 (s), 21.38 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] 403.1213; found: 403.1215.

### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)oxazol-4-yl)-4-fluorobenzamide (3t)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (186 mg, 76%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 128-130 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3418, 1645, 1469, 1275, 709, 693  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.72 (s, 1H), 8.18 – 8.08 (m, 4H), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (td,  $J$  = 8.8, 3.7 Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.20 (s), 165.37 (s), 163.71 (s), 162.91 (s), 157.46 (s), 141.86 (s), 133.35 (s), 132.62 (d,  $J$  = 11.8 Hz), 131.14 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz), 130.17 (s), 129.39 (s), 129.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 126.87 (s), 126.62 (s), 123.45 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 116.98 (s), 116.76 (s), 116.16 (s), 115.94 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_2\text{Cl}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 411.0712; found: 411.0714.

### **4-bromo-*N*-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3u)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (253 mg, 75 %) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 131-133 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3446, 1648, 1471, 1271, 1090, 709, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.80 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  165.59 (s), 157.46 (s), 142.10 (s), 133.51 (s), 132.93 (s), 132.71 (s), 132.57 (s), 132.17 (s), 130.45 (s), 129.48 (s), 128.41 (s), 126.99 (s), 126.56 (s), 126.54 (s), 125.89 (s), 125.16 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{ClBr}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 530.9111; found: 530.9105.

### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-4-yl)benzamide (3v)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (154 mg, 65%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 124-127 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3461, 1645, 1476, 1279, 1089, 707, 688  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.70 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,  $J$  = 13.0, 8.2 Hz, 5H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.46 (s), 160.17 (s), 158.06 (s), 141.94 (s), 133.66 (s), 133.37 (s), 132.74 (s), 132.64 (s), 131.01 (s), 129.45 (s), 129.11 (s), 128.32 (s), 128.00 (s), 126.93 (s), 126.66 (s), 118.84 (s), 117.62 (s), 111.22 (s), 55.84 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 405.1006; found: 405.0996.

### ***N*-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)oxazol-4-yl)-3-methoxybenzamide (3w)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (154 mg, 63%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 129-131 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3423, 1644, 1473, 1277, 1092, 711, 692  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.74 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H),



7.92 (d,  $J$  = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.27 (dd,  $J$  = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  161.01 (s), 160.16 (s), 154.75 (s), 141.16 (s), 138.86 (s), 133.37 (s), 133.14 (s), 132.07 (s), 130.96 (s), 130.57 (s), 129.60 (s), 129.46 (s), 128.86 (s), 126.86 (s), 118.83 (s), 117.63 (s), 113.30 (s), 111.23 (s), 55.82 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S Cl}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 411.0570; found: 411.0561.

### ***N*-(2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)oxazol-4-yl)-3-methylbenzamide (3x)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (162 mg, 61%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 135-137 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3413, 1648, 1473, 1278, 1090, 701, 686  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.63 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (t,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (t,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  166.48 (s), 158.33 (s), 155.58 (s), 154.35 (s), 141.50 (s), 138.42 (s), 133.69 (s), 133.23 (s), 132.80 (s), 129.38 (s), 128.92 (s), 128.25 (s), 126.77 (s), 126.41 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz), 125.87 (s), 125.44 (s), 124.17 (s), 35.17 (s), 31.31 (s), 21.42 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 445.1683; found: 445.1675.

### ***N*-(2-ethyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)oxazol-4-yl)propionamide (3y)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (102 mg, 58%) as off-white brown fluffy solid. M.p.: 122-125 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3241, 1692, 1512, 1346, 1333, 858, 725  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.42 (s, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (dd,  $J$  = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  174.10 (s), 162.85 (s), 146.61 (s), 140.63 (s), 137.85 (s), 127.92 (s), 126.85 (s), 124.44 (s), 28.96 (s), 21.54 (s), 11.11 (s), 9.60 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Cl}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 290.1141; found: 290.1147.

### ***N*-(2-ethyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oxazol-4-yl)propionamide (3z)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 20:80); (101 mg, 61%) as off white fluffy solid. M.p.: 127-131 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3414, 1658, 1473, 1279, 1070, 711, 686  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.31 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (q,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  174.18 (s), 162.63 (s), 139.64 (s), 135.39 (s), 128.66 (d,  $J$  = 19.9 Hz), 128.21 (s), 127.89 (s), 126.74 – 125.53 (m), 123.36 (s), 28.93 (s), 21.57 (s), 11.10 (s), 9.61 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{Cl}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  + 313.1164; found: 313.1171.

### **2,2-dimesityl-1-phenylethan-1-one (3za) Side product**

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd,  $J$  = 10.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 4H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 1.94 (s, 12H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  201.32 (s), 137.55 (s), 137.52 (s), 136.27 (s), 134.13 (s), 132.98 (s), 130.44 (s), 128.72 (s), 128.03 (s), 55.19 (s), 21.41 (s), 20.76 (s).

### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)benzamide (5a)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (171 mg, 82%) as a brown solid. M.p.: 151-153 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3470, 3391, 1646, 1515, 1484, 1291, 802, 724, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.12 (m, 11H), 6.64 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.78 (s), 166.51 (s), 140.42 (s), 136.87 (s), 133.75 (s), 132.61 (s), 131.85 (s), 130.57 (s), 129.39 (s), 129.15 (s), 128.63 (s), 128.61 (s), 128.35 (s), 127.23 (s), 59.02 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 350.0948; found: 350.0939.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-2-ethoxybenzamide (5b)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (206 mg, 86%) as brown solid. M.p.: 153-155 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3473, 3391, 1646, 1523, 1481, 1281, 724, 691  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.26 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  195.25 (s), 163.80 (s), 157.42 (s), 139.14 (s), 138.08 (s), 134.39 (s), 133.68 (s), 133.46 (s), 131.54 (s), 131.22 (s), 130.01 (s), 129.40 (s), 128.56 (s), 121.14 (s), 121.11 (s), 113.51 (s), 65.18 (s), 59.14 (s), 21.08 (s), 15.03 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 408.1366; found: 408.1361.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-2-methylbenzamide (5c)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (173 mg, 78%) as a brown solid. M.p.: 149-151 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3472, 3388, 1645, 1517, 1480, 1297, 721, 692  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.18 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.54 (s), 174.22 (s), 143.59 (s), 142.72 (s), 141.54 (s), 140.87 (s), 139.05 (s), 138.11 (s), 135.65 (s), 135.60 (s), 134.59 (s), 134.50 (s), 134.09 (s), 134.03 (s), 132.69 (s), 130.55 (s), 63.97 (s), 25.90 (s), 24.65 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 378.1266; found: 378.1269.

#### **2-chloro-*N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)benzamide (5d)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (180 mg, 77%) as off white solid. M.p.: 153-156 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3476, 3375, 1646, 1517, 1481, 1291, 721, 670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  195.32 (s), 166.52 (s), 138.83 (s), 138.01 (s), 136.45 (s), 134.04 (s), 133.06 (s), 131.40 (s), 131.02 (s), 130.61 (s), 130.04 (s), 129.72 (s), 129.60 (s), 129.29 (s), 129.20 (s), 127.40 (s), 58.98 (s), 21.14 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 398.0715; found: 398.0711.

#### **3-chloro-*N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)benzamide (5e)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (175 mg, 75%) as off white solid. M.p.: 155-157 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3470, 3361, 1645, 1531, 1481, 1291, 802, 724, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.30 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (t,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.59 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 14.5, 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  200.18 (s), 170.15 (s), 143.59

(s), 142.94 (s), 140.72 (s), 138.87 (s), 138.36 (s), 137.60 (s), 136.55 (s), 135.67 (s), 135.40 (s), 134.56 (s), 134.32 (s), 134.10 (s), 132.76 (s), 131.79 (s), 64.34 (s), 25.88 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $C_{22}H_{18}Cl_2NO_2$   $[M+H]^+$  + 398.0715; found: 398.0711.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-ethoxybenzamide (5f)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (182 mg, 79%) as off white solid. M.p.: 149-151 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{max}$  3463, 3335, 1641, 1484, 1291, 820, 723, 697  $cm^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.37 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 2H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 12.4, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  196.31 (s), 163.73 (s), 157.44 (s), 138.79 (s), 137.93 (s), 134.80 (s), 133.70 (s), 131.56 (s), 129.96 (s), 129.63 (s), 129.14 (s), 128.52 (s), 126.68 (s), 121.16 (d,  $J$  = 17.8 Hz), 113.54 (s), 65.20 (s), 59.01 (s), 21.13 (s), 21.09 (s), 15.05 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $C_{20}H_{24}NO_2$   $[M+H]^+$  + 310.1807; found: 310.1812.

#### ***N*-(2-oxo-2-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)benzamide (5g)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (208 mg, 85%) as a brown solid. M.p.: 156-157 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{max}$  3470, 3391, 1645, 1484, 1281, 809, 736, 692  $cm^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 6H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  195.98 (s), 166.44 (s), 138.32 (s), 134.31 (s), 134.31 (s), 133.90 (s), 133.60 (s), 131.73 (s), 129.97 (s), 129.23 (s), 128.76 (s), 128.56 (s), 128.30 (s), 127.25 (s), 58.72 (s), 21.16 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $C_{22}H_{20}NO_2$   $[M+H]^+$  + 330.1494; found: 330.1494.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)benzamide (5h)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (173 mg, 81%) as a brown solid. M.p.: 151-153 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{max}$  3463, 3378, 1646, 1523, 1481, 1261, 720, 690  $cm^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  11.03 (s, 1H), 8.07 – 8.05 (m, 3H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, 4H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  195.66 (s), 166.75 (s), 158.07 (s), 139.37 (s), 138.02 (s), 134.25 (s), 133.10 (s), 130.90 (s), 129.73 (s), 129.29 (s), 129.26 (s), 128.48 (s), 128.00 (s), 126.38 (s), 59.39 (s), 21.14 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $C_{22}H_{19}ClNO_2$   $[M+H]^+$  + 364.1104; found: 364.1107.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-ethoxybenzamide (5i)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (213 mg, 86%) as a brown solid. M.p.: 153-155 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{max}$  3471, 3381, 1636, 1481, 1291, 723, 693  $cm^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.38 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (dd,  $J$  = 12.4, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.49 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  196.04 (s), 164.04 (s), 157.31 (s), 138.95 (s), 136.00 (s), 135.23 (s), 134.10 (s), 133.69 (s), 133.67 (s), 131.64 (s), 131.40 (s), 130.69 (s), 129.54 (s), 128.54 (s), 121.26 (s), 113.60 (s), 65.14 (s), 56.94 (s), 20.99 (s), 19.17 (s), 14.85 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $C_{25}H_{25}ClNO_3$   $[M+H]^+$  + 422.1523; found: 422.1527.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-2-methylbenzamide (5j)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (186 mg, 81%) as brown solid. M.p.: 157-159 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3460, 3389, 1645, 1521, 1471, 1291, 719, 683  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  196.21 (s), 169.51 (s), 138.83 (s), 136.78 (s), 135.93 (s), 135.50 (s), 134.50 (s), 134.48 (s), 133.86 (s), 131.25 (s), 130.68 (s), 130.61 (s), 129.88 (s), 129.44 (s), 129.43 (s), 127.86 (s), 125.79 (s), 56.55 (s), 21.08 (s), 19.83 (s), 19.07 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 392.1417; found: 392.1423.

#### ***N*-(2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)butyramide (5k)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (138 mg, 77%) as brown solid. M.p.: 161-163 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3460, 3357, 1647, 1527, 1461, 1291, 719, 681  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.19 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.59 (dd,  $J$  = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.25 (s), 172.39 (s), 138.72 (s), 137.23 (s), 133.39 (s), 130.15 (s), 129.38 (s), 128.14 (s), 125.74 (s), 125.71 (s), 58.60 (s), 38.35 (s), 21.12 (s), 18.96 (s), 13.68 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 364.1524; found: 364.1527.

#### ***N*-(2-(2-ethoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)benzamide (5l)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (180 mg, 86%) as brown solid. M.p.: 201-203 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3405, 3357, 1641, 1508, 1449, 1230, 753, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.50 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.28 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 4.6 Hz, 4H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.54 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.92 (s), 164.46 (s), 157.48 (s), 138.02 (s), 134.67 (s), 134.65 (s), 133.56 (s), 133.03 (s), 132.25 (s), 129.84 (s), 129.11 (s), 128.69 (s), 128.26 (s), 120.95 (s), 120.94 (s), 112.17 (s), 64.87 (s), 59.08 (s), 21.15 (s), 14.93 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 374.1756; found: 374.1761.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)benzenesulfonamide (5m)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (202 mg, 86%) as off white solid. M.p.: 119-121 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3453, 3297, 1690, 1353, 1310, 1166, 1149, 990, 717, 564  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd,  $J$  = 10.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.36 (s), 140.46 (s), 138.70 (s), 132.35 (s), 132.29 (s), 132.18 (s), 131.90 (s), 130.35 (s), 129.87 (s), 129.08 (s), 128.71 (s), 128.03 (s), 126.92 (s), 61.66 (s), 21.06 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 400.0774; found: 400.0764.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (5n)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (186 mg, 71%) as off white solid. M.p.: 121-123 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3451, 3291, 1690, 1357, 1313, 1161, 1153, 990, 711, 560  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.16 (s), 147.13 (s), 140.58 (s), 139.09 (s), 134.45 (s), 132.81 (s), 132.36 (s), 131.85 (s), 131.46 (s), 130.40 (s), 130.10 (s), 129.76 (s), 129.19 (s), 128.24 (s), 124.97 (s), 62.50 (s), 20.97 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 445.0625: found: 445.0623.

***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (5o)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (215 mg, 78%) as off white solid. M.p.: 114-116 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3453, 3297, 1690, 1353, 1310, 1166, 1149, 990, 717, 564  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd,  $J$  = 12.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  194.47 (s), 140.45 (s), 139.08 (s), 138.28 (s), 133.27 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 133.49 – 132.87 (m), 132.91 (d,  $J$  = 34.0 Hz), 132.74 (s), 131.10 (s), 130.86 (s), 129.83 (s), 129.37 (s), 128.81 (s), 128.39 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz), 128.39 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz), 61.98 (s), 21.05 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClF}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 468.0648: found: 468.0638.

***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-1-(*p*-tolyl)ethyl)-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzenesulfonamide (5p)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (202 mg, 71%) as off white solid. M.p.: 115-117°C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3455, 3267, 1680, 1353, 1310, 1160, 1149, 990, 727, 569  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 3H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.57 (s), 140.48 (s), 139.15 (s), 138.84 (s), 132.01 (d,  $J$  = 15.1 Hz), 131.68 (d,  $J$  = 31.8 Hz), 131.05 (s), 130.39 (s), 129.77 (s), 129.10 (s), 128.15 (s), 128.00 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz), 127.29 (d,  $J$  = 27.9 Hz), 127.10 (s), 126.77 (s), 126.02 (d,  $J$  = 85.9 Hz), 62.09 (s), 20.92 (s).  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -57.85 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClF}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 484.0597: found: 484.0599.

***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)benzenesulfonamide (5q)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (207 mg, 85%) as off white solid. M.p.: 114-116 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3447, 3300, 1697, 1353, 1310, 1163, 989, 701, 556  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 6.0 Hz, 4H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.27 (s), 140.23 (s), 140.11 (s), 136.36 (s), 133.23 (s), 132.71 (s), 132.69 (s), 132.40 (s), 131.60 (s), 129.86 (s), 129.63 (s), 129.06 (s), 128.62 (s), 128.31 (s), 126.90 (s), 59.48 (s), 20.74 (s), 18.94 (s). **HRMS** (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 414.0931: found: 414.0931.

***N*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-fluorobenzenesulfonamide (5)**

The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (193 mg, 76%) as off white solid. M.p.: 123-125 °C. IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3453, 3297, 1690, 1353, 1310, 1166, 1149, 990, 717, 564  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (td,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.24 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 193.90 (s), 161.97 (d,  $J$  = 251.0 Hz), 142.52 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz), 140.39 (s), 136.46 (s), 133.25 (s), 132.45 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz), 132.45 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz), 131.60 (s), 130.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz), 129.98 (s), 129.92 (s), 129.14 (s), 128.67 (s), 122.56 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 119.41 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz), 114.25 (d,  $J$  = 24.7 Hz), 59.70 (s), 20.67 (s), 18.89 (s).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -110.25 – -110.35 (m). HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$  calcd. For  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClFNO}_3\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] + 431.0836: found: 431.0839.

#### 4-(*tert*-butyl)-*N*-(1-hydroxy-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzamide 11

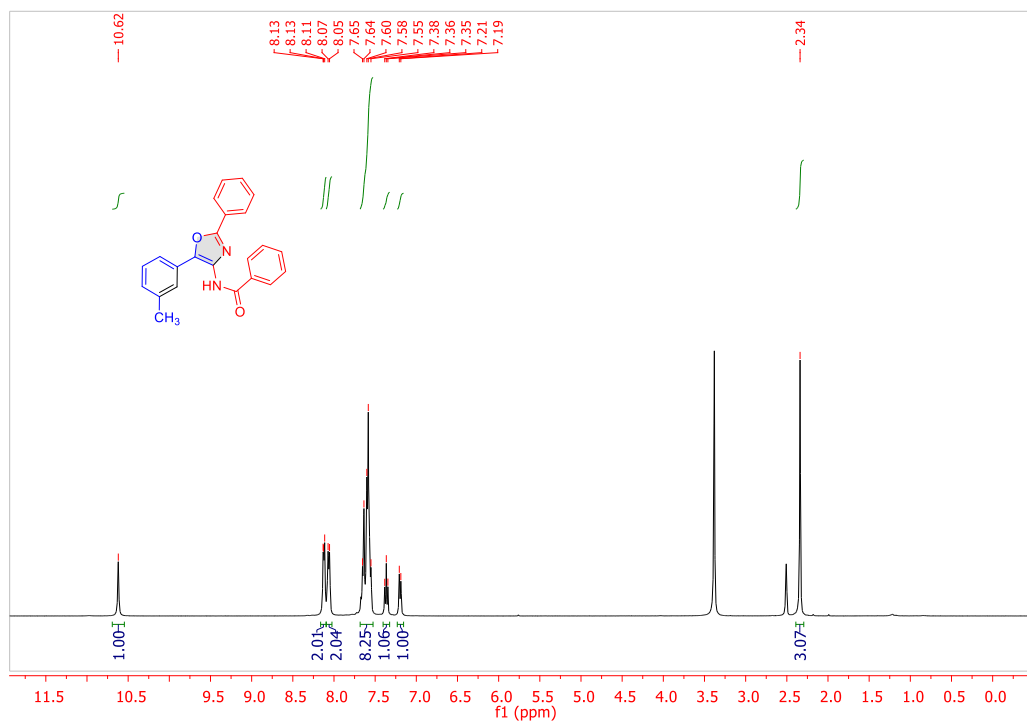
The title compound was purified by column chromatography with the eluent (EtOAc/hexane = 10:90); (138 mg, 63%) as a semi solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  9.14 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 3H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (q,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  193.43 (s), 166.33 (s), 155.16 (s), 138.42 (s), 134.82 (s), 134.52 (s), 131.03 (s), 129.19 (s), 128.96 (s), 127.86 (s), 125.92 (s), 125.62 (s), 59.97 (s), 35.07 (s), 31.33 (s), 21.37 (s).

#### 2,2-bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (5s)

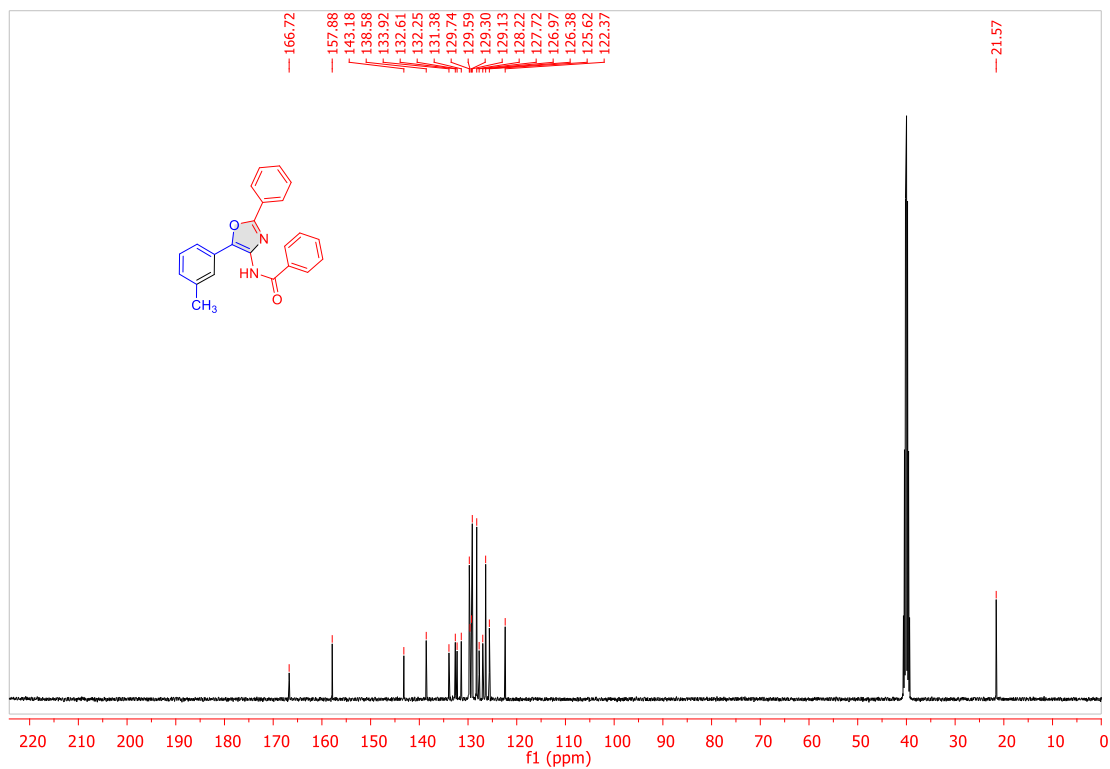
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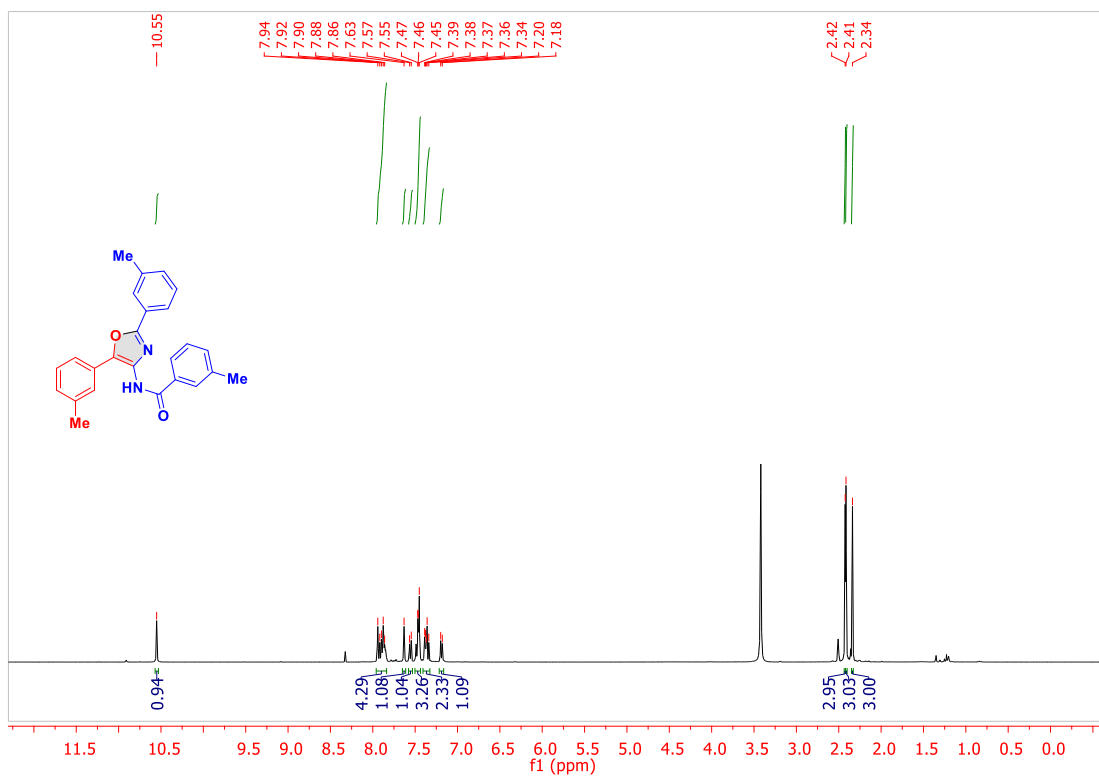
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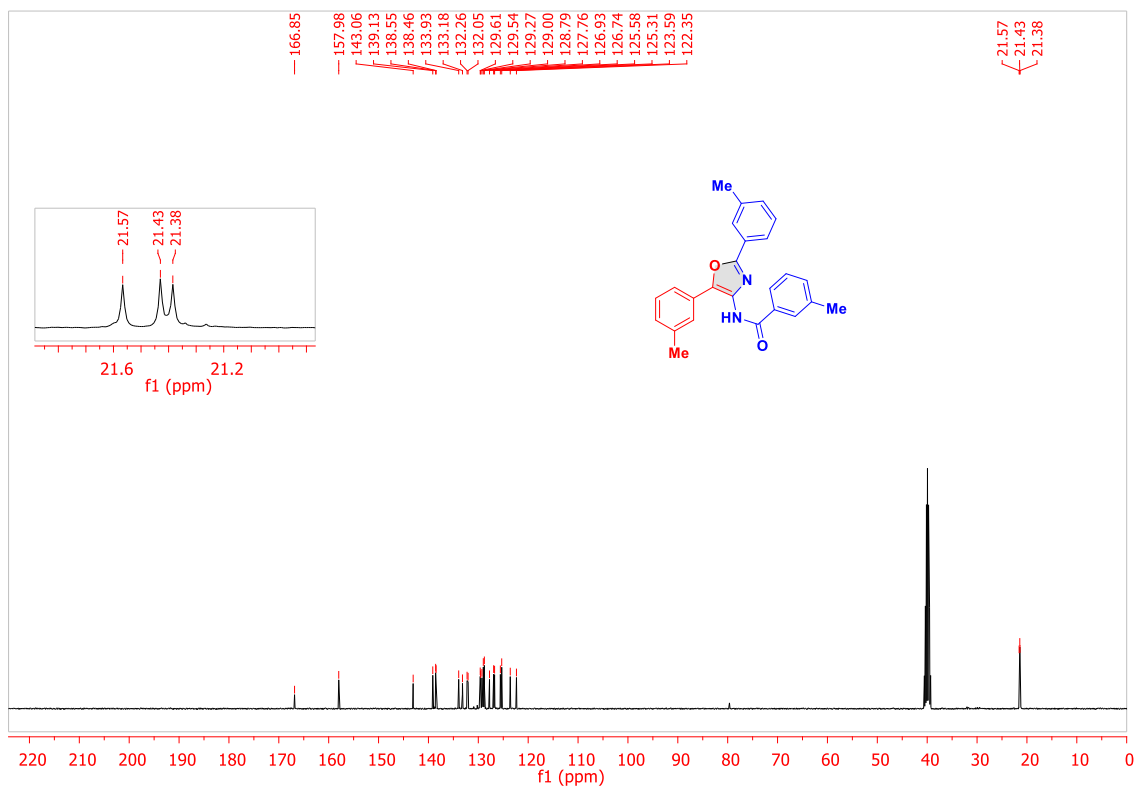
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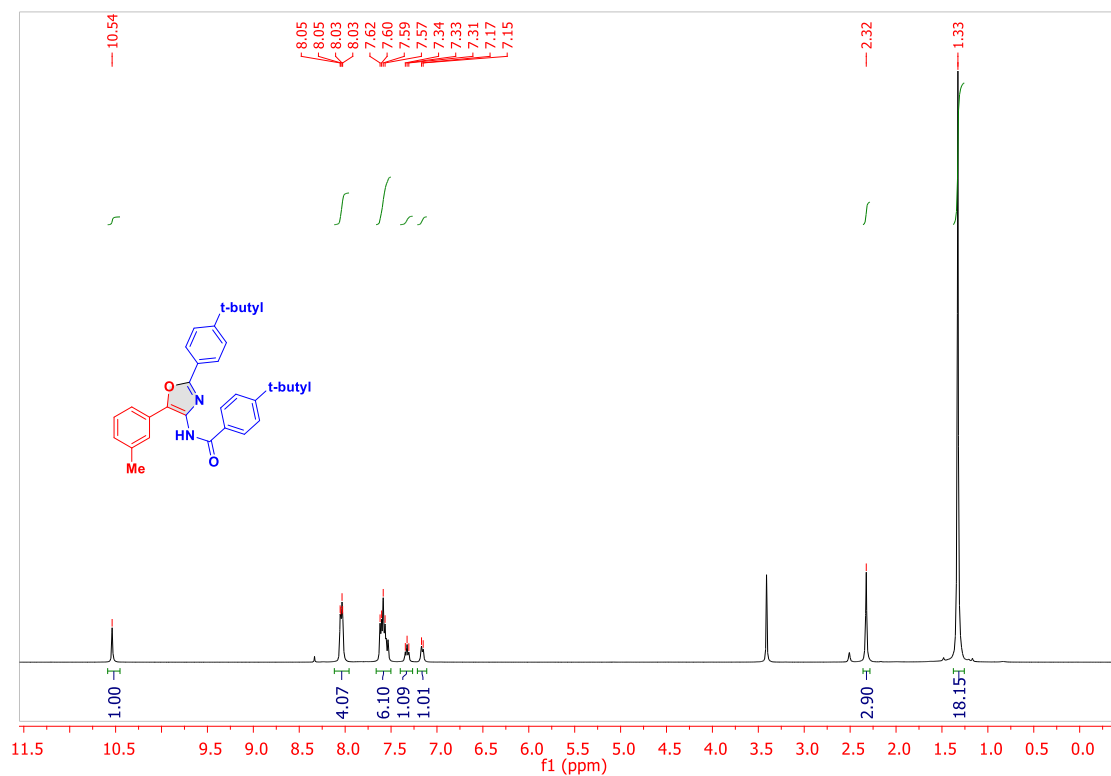


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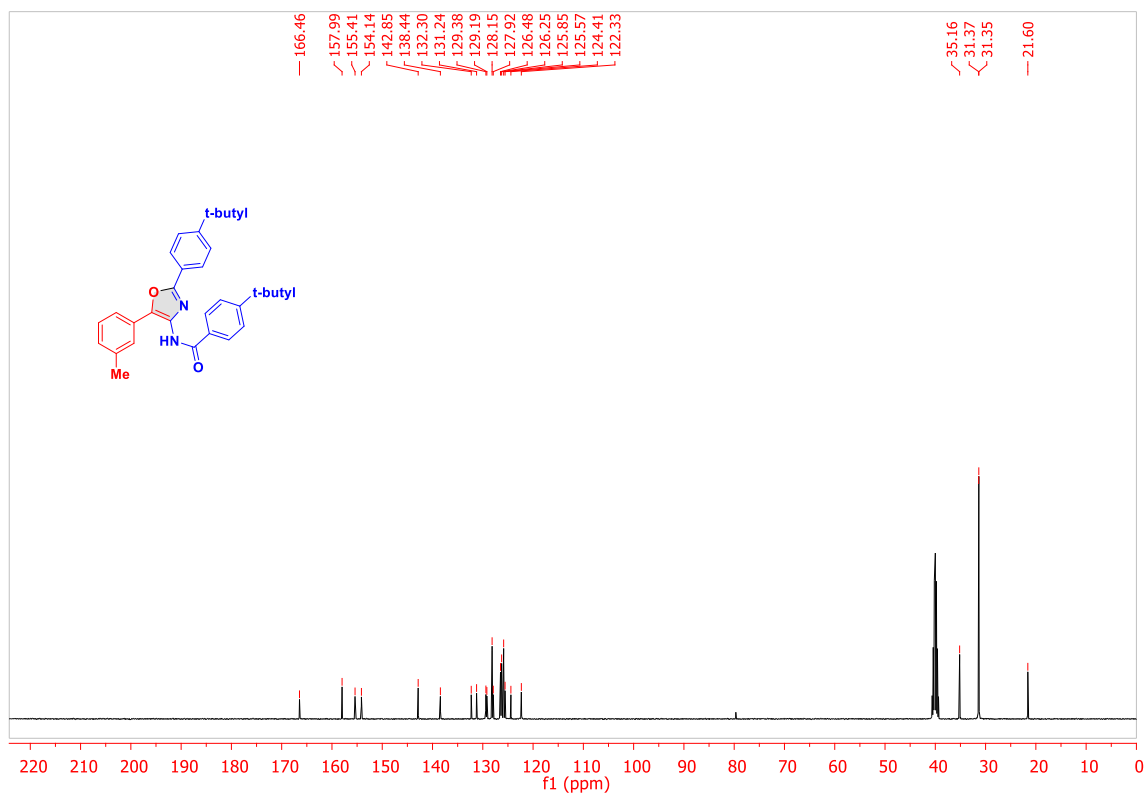




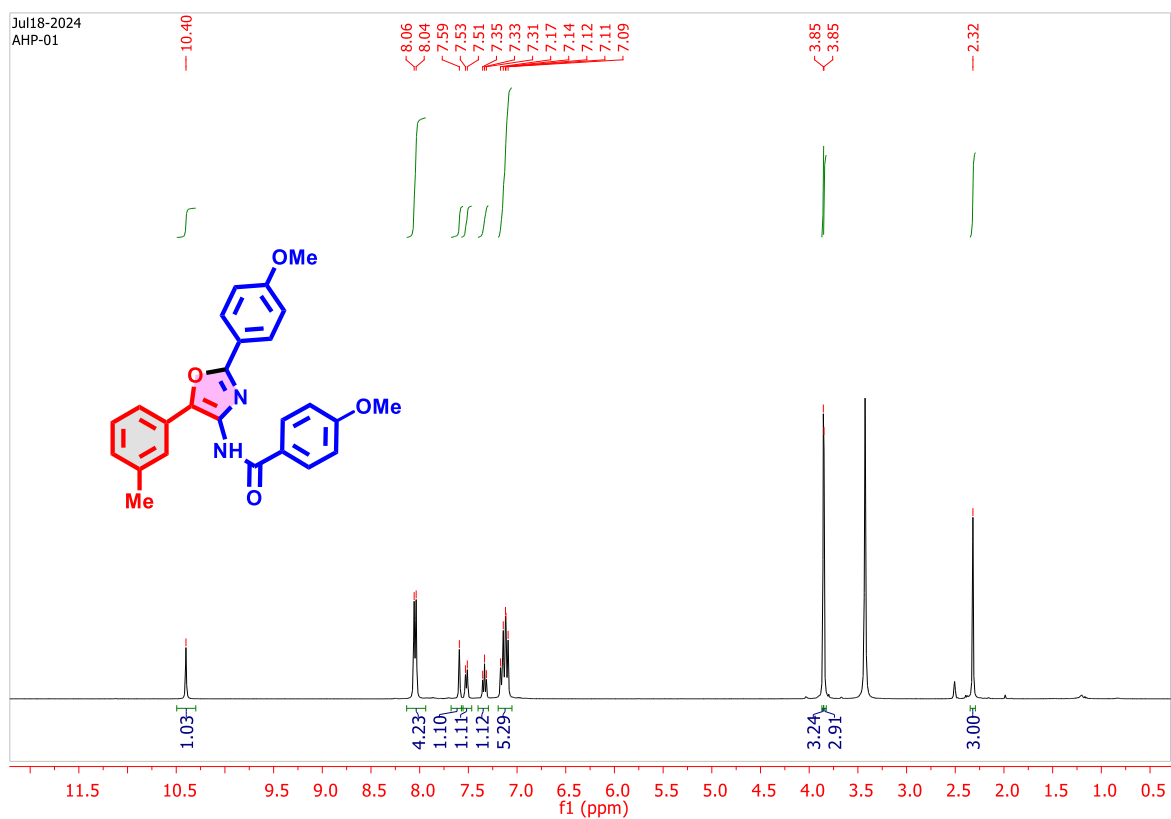
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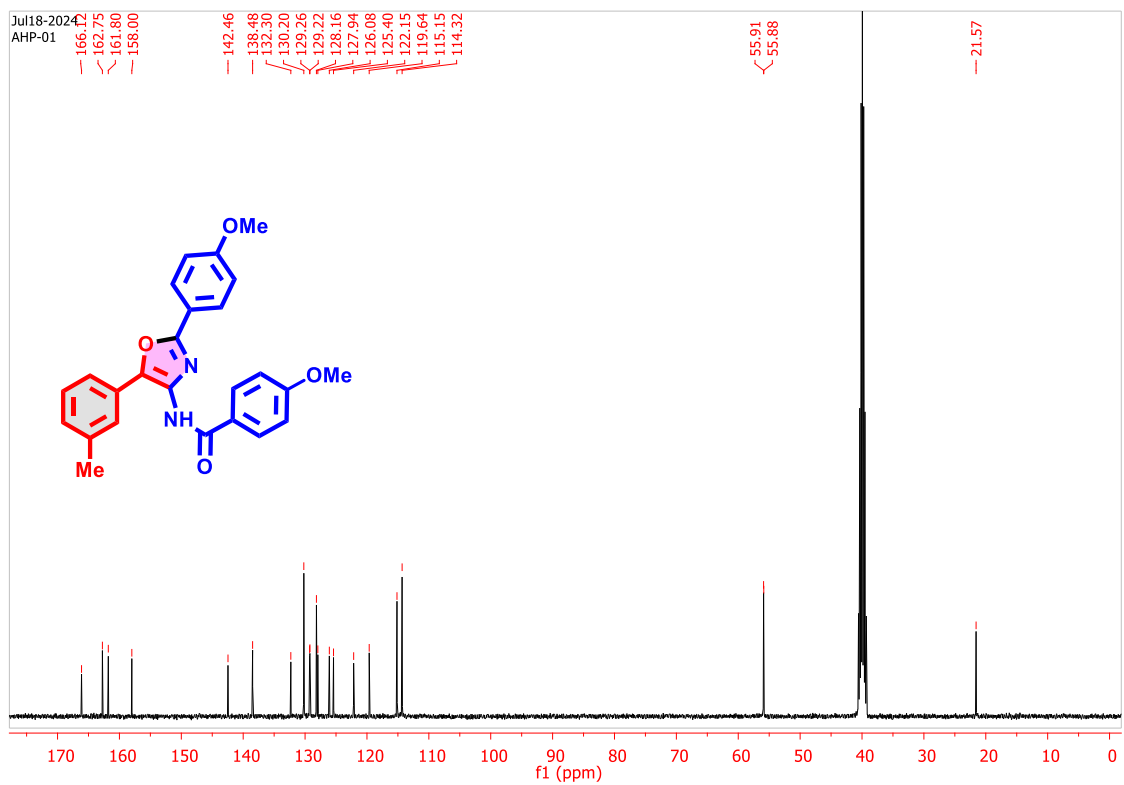
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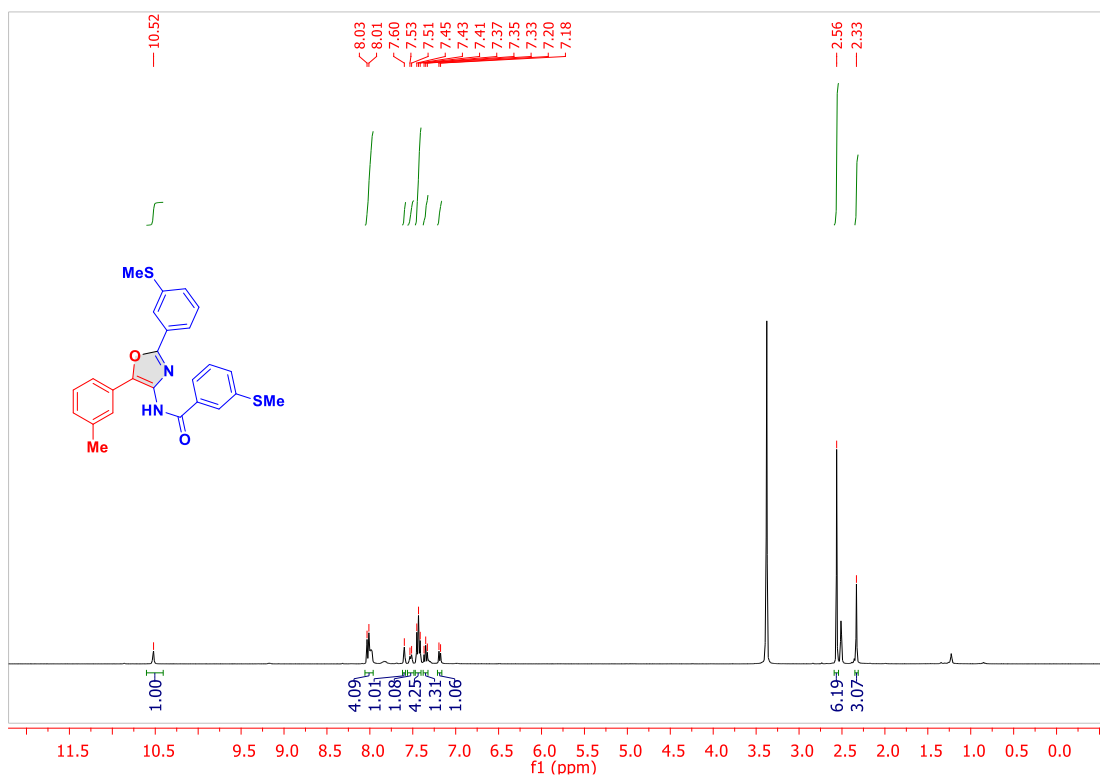
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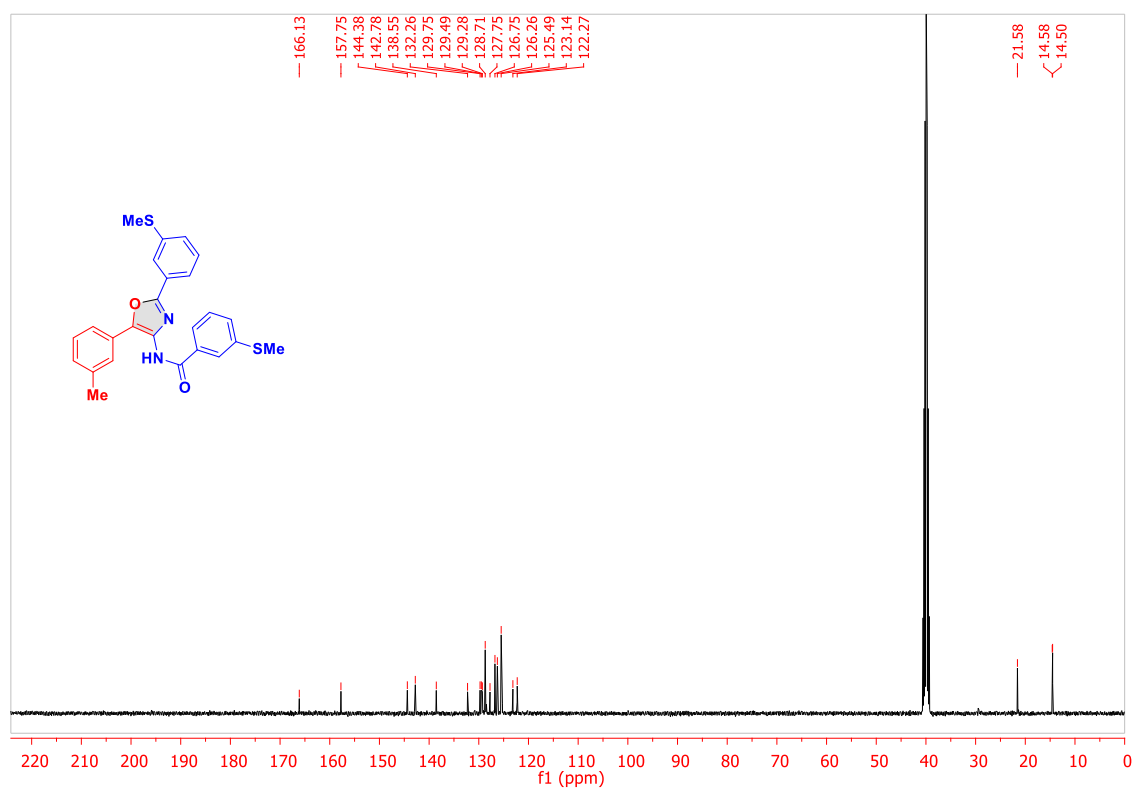
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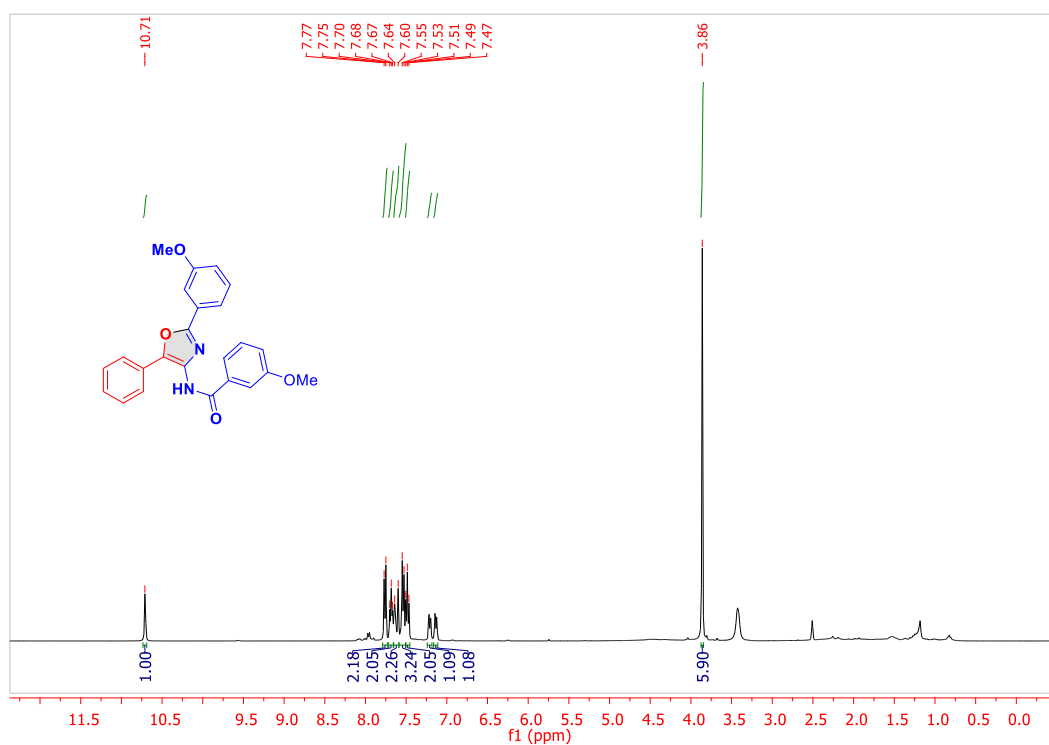
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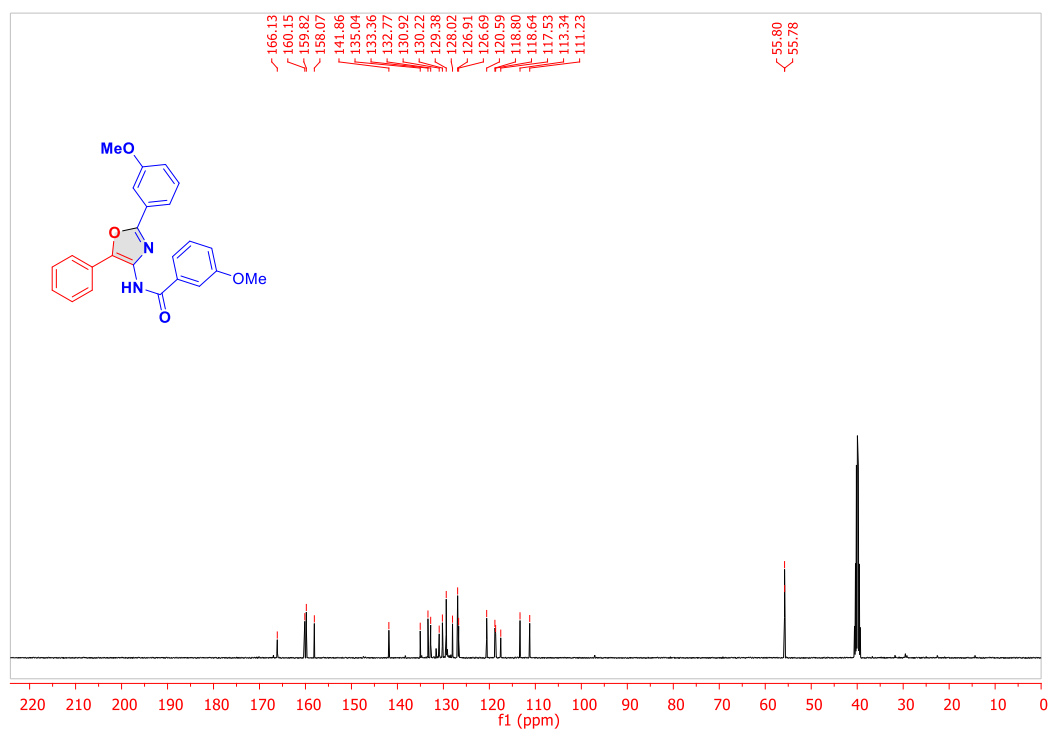
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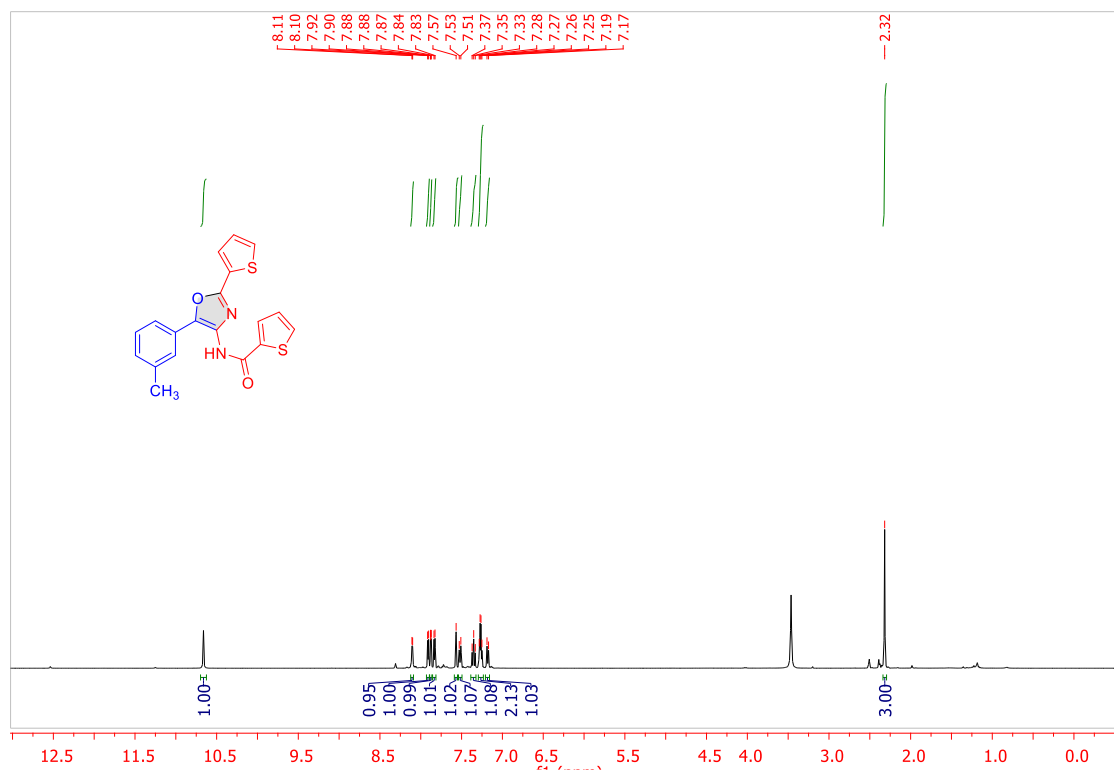
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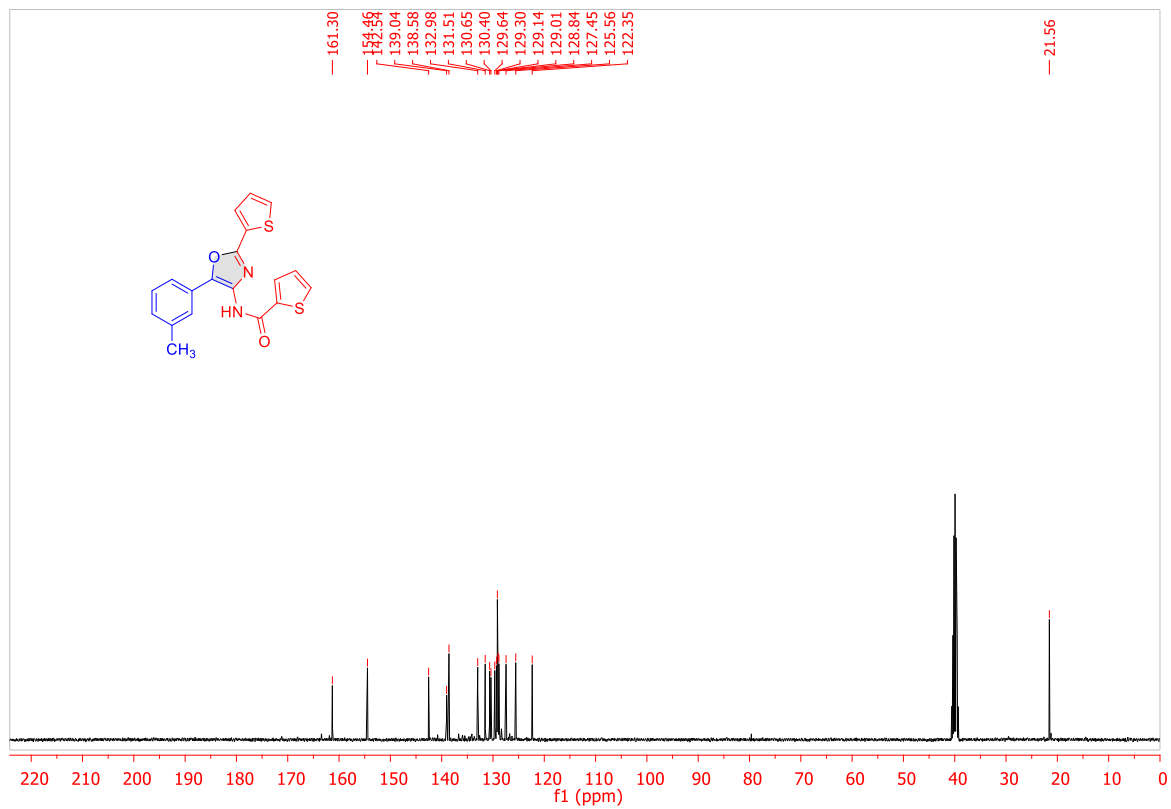
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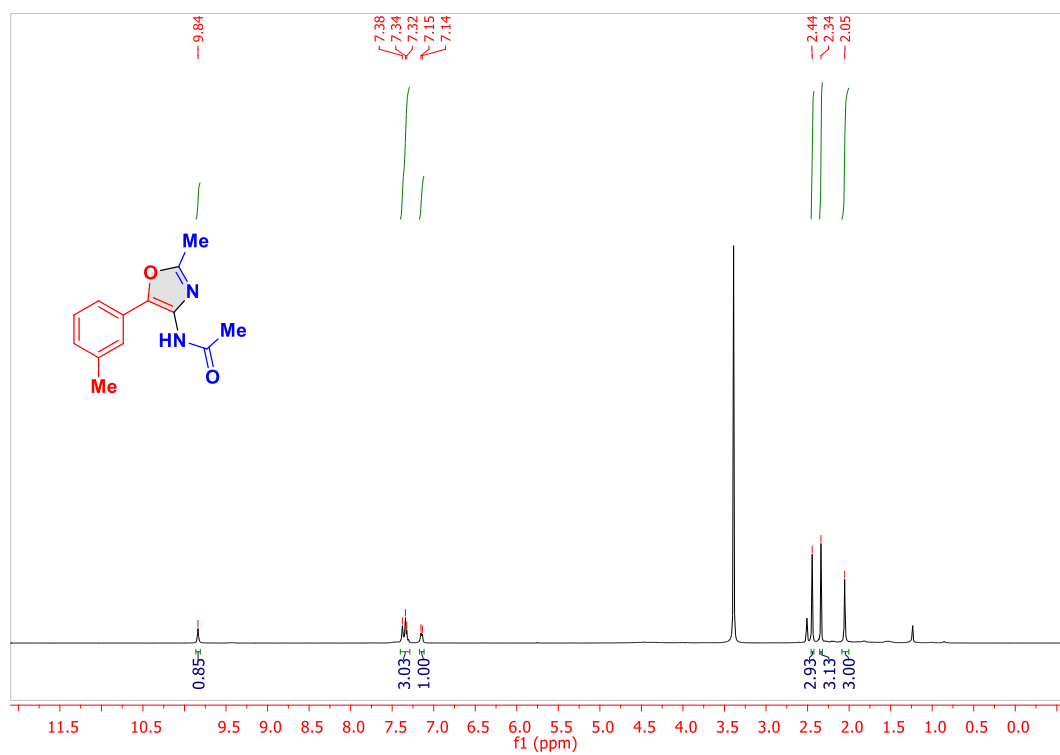
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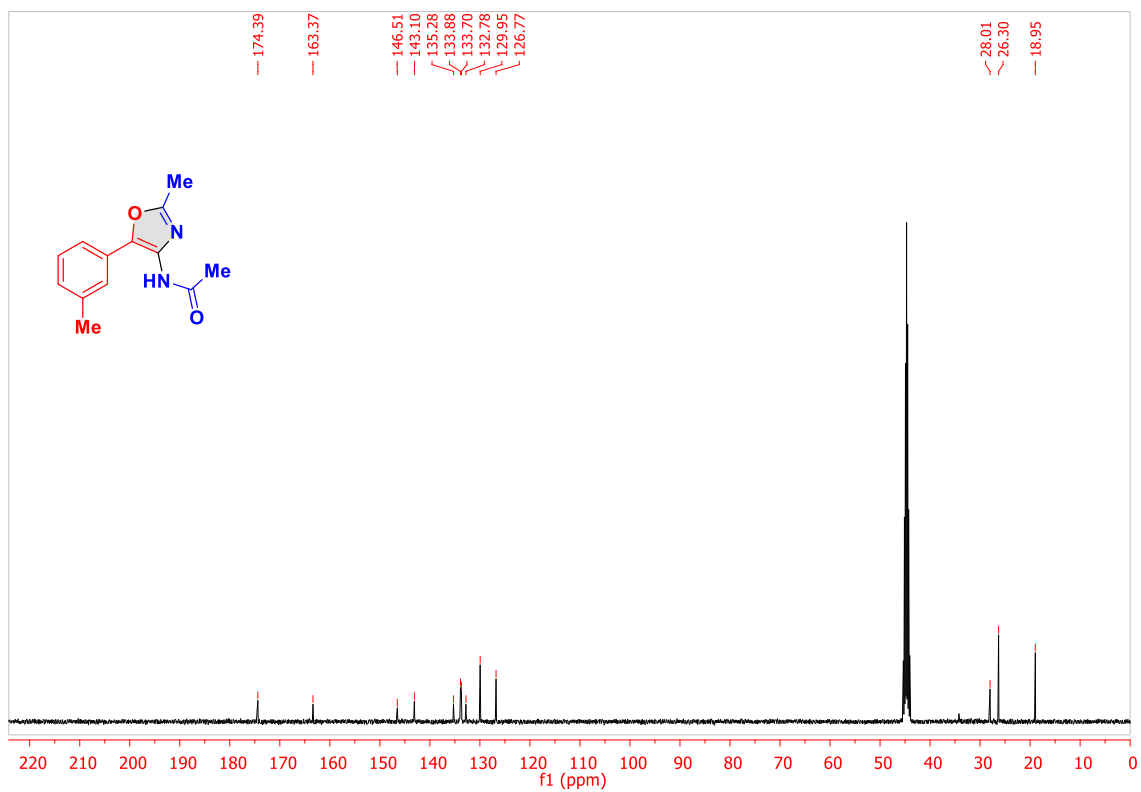
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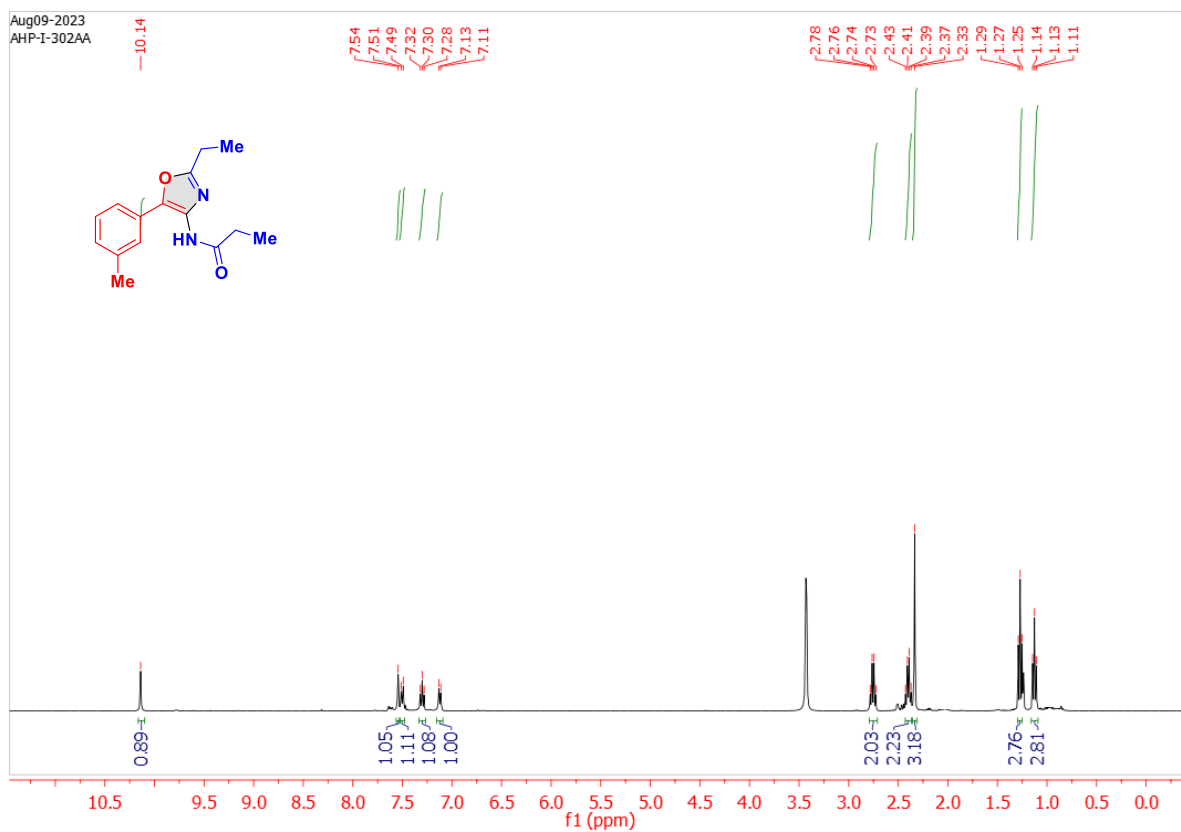
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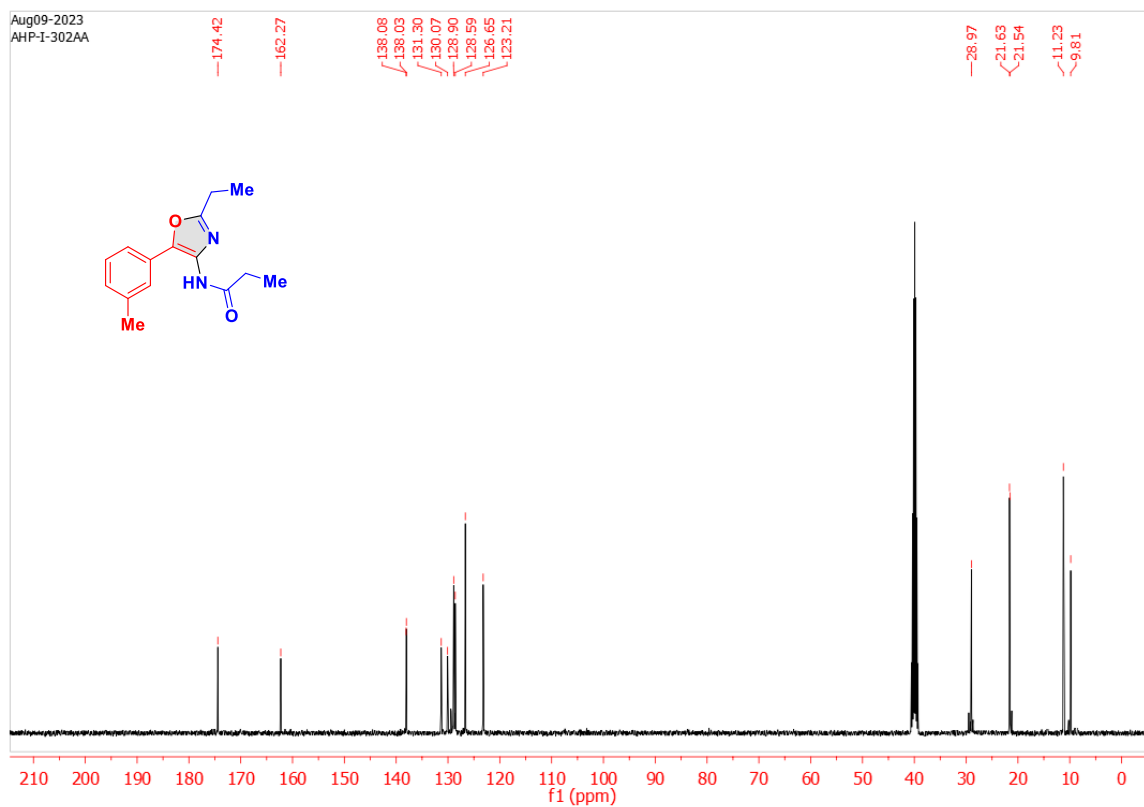
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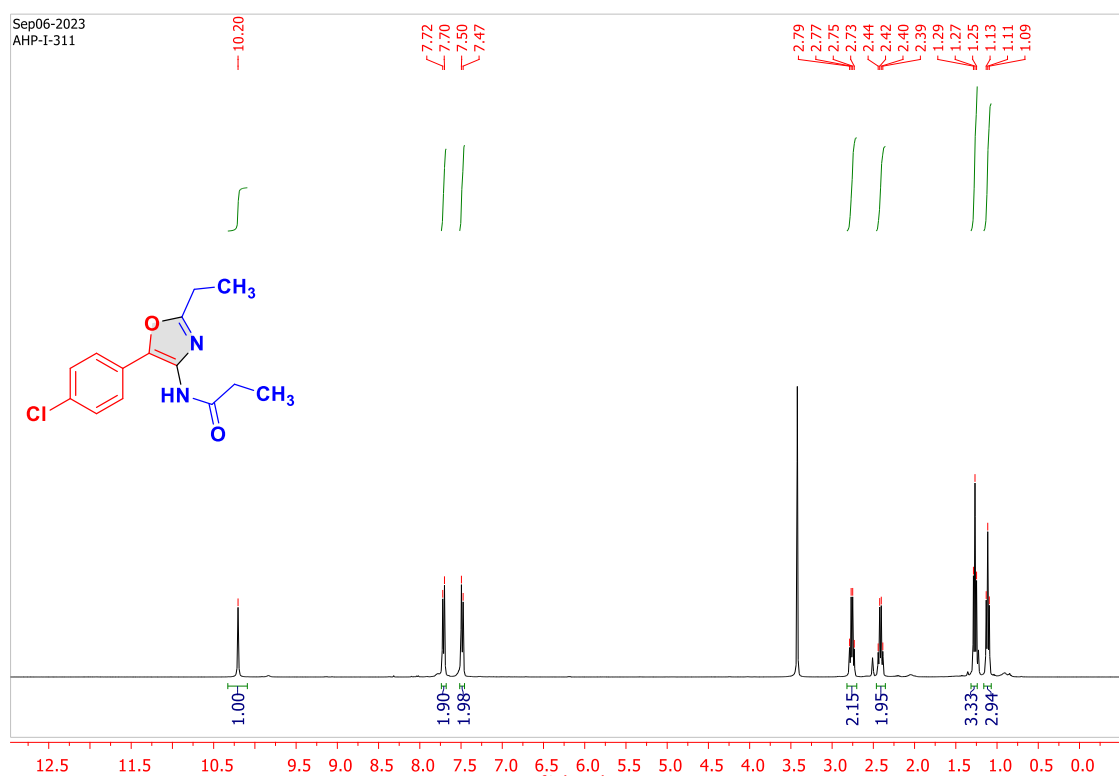
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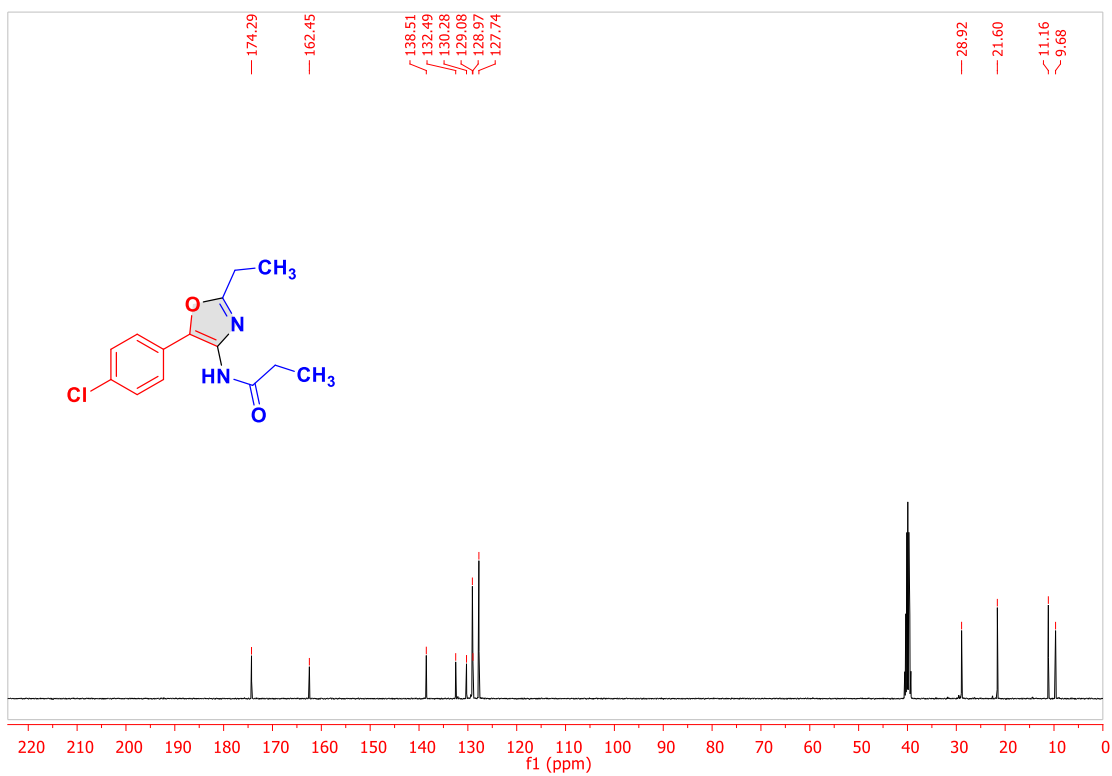
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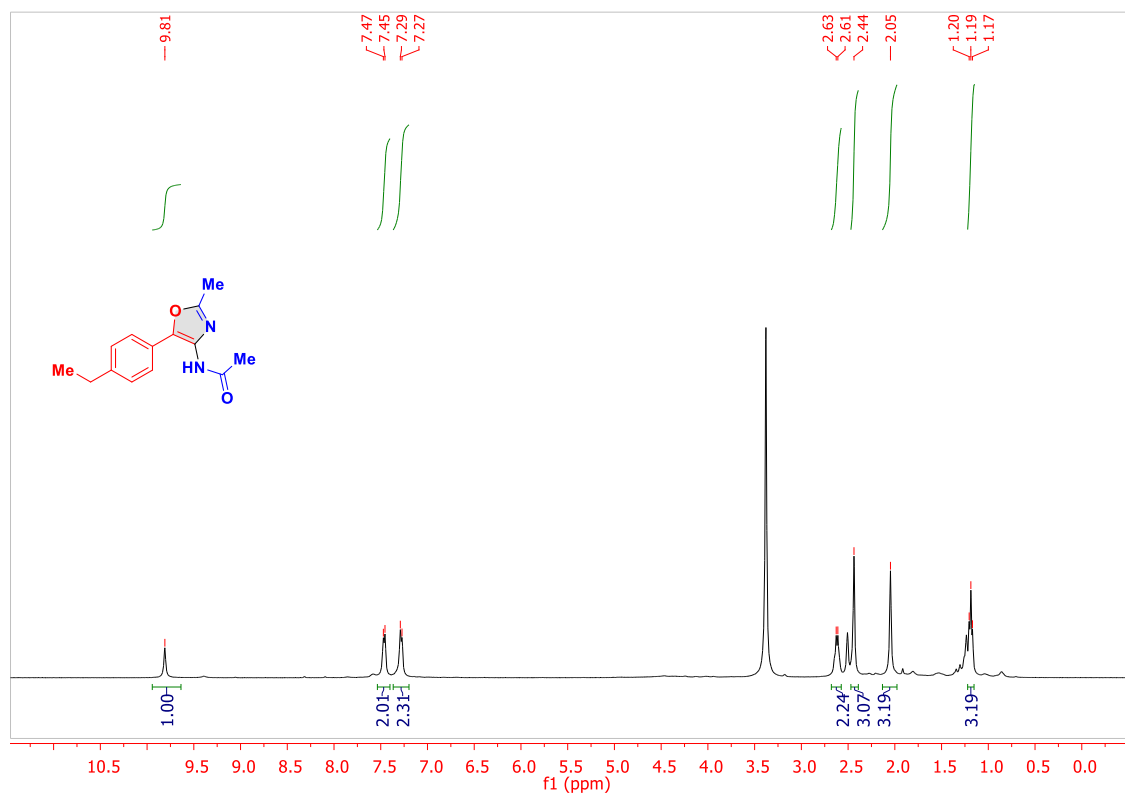


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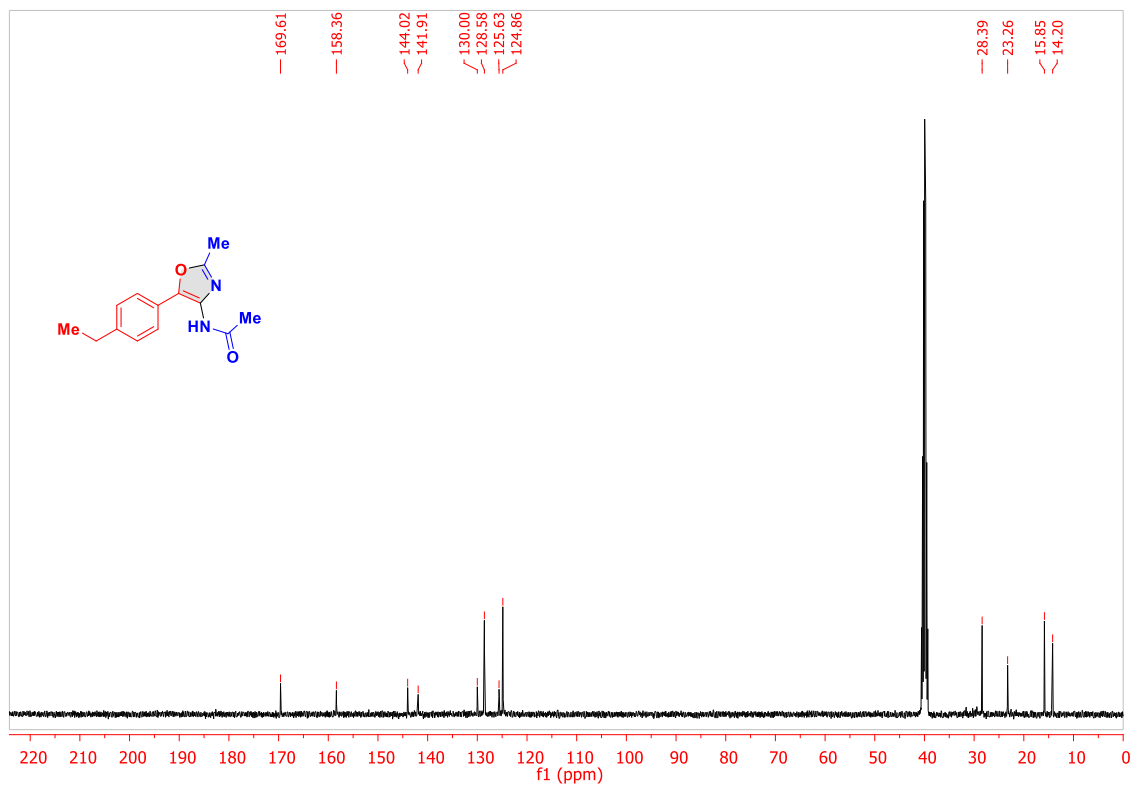




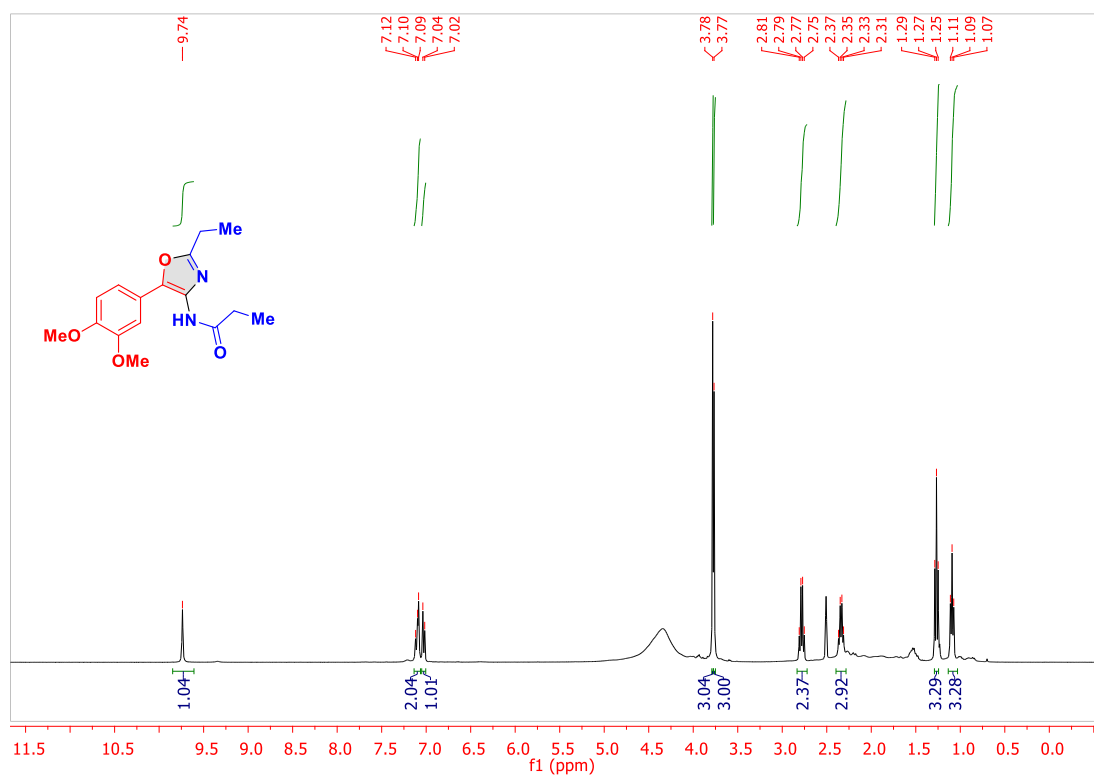
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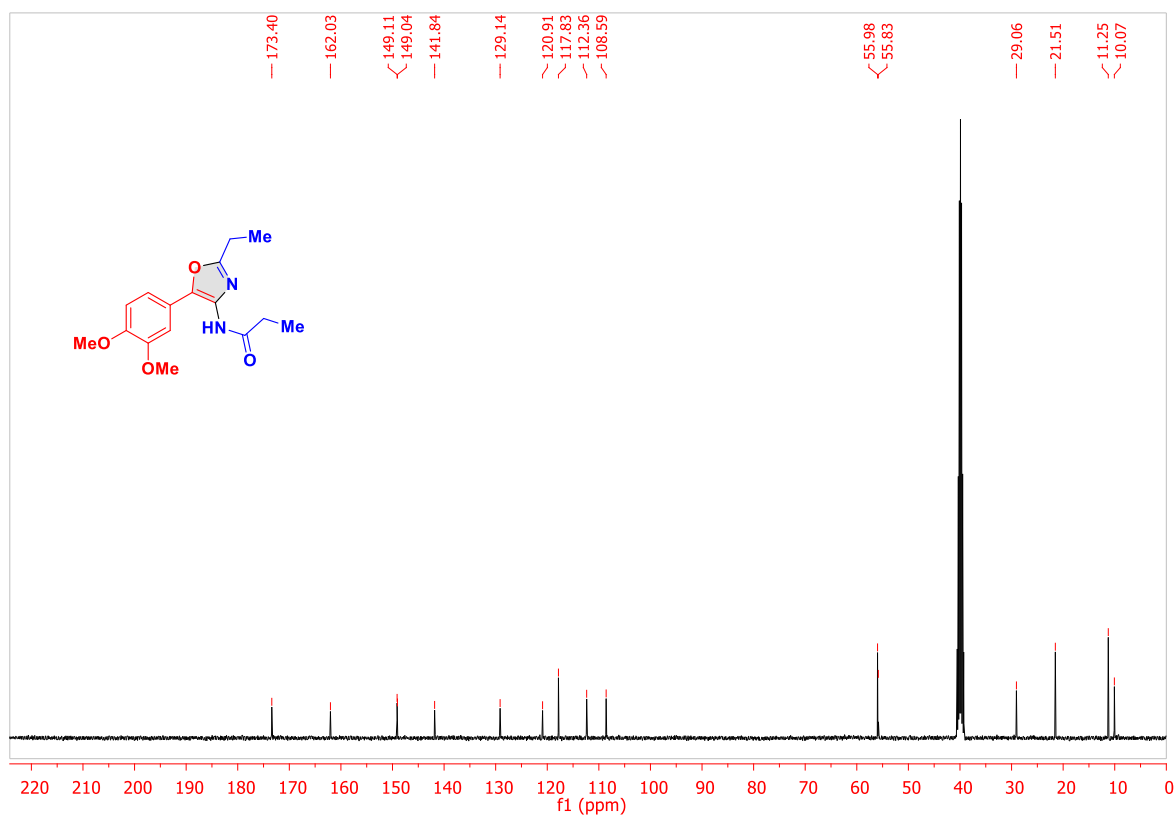
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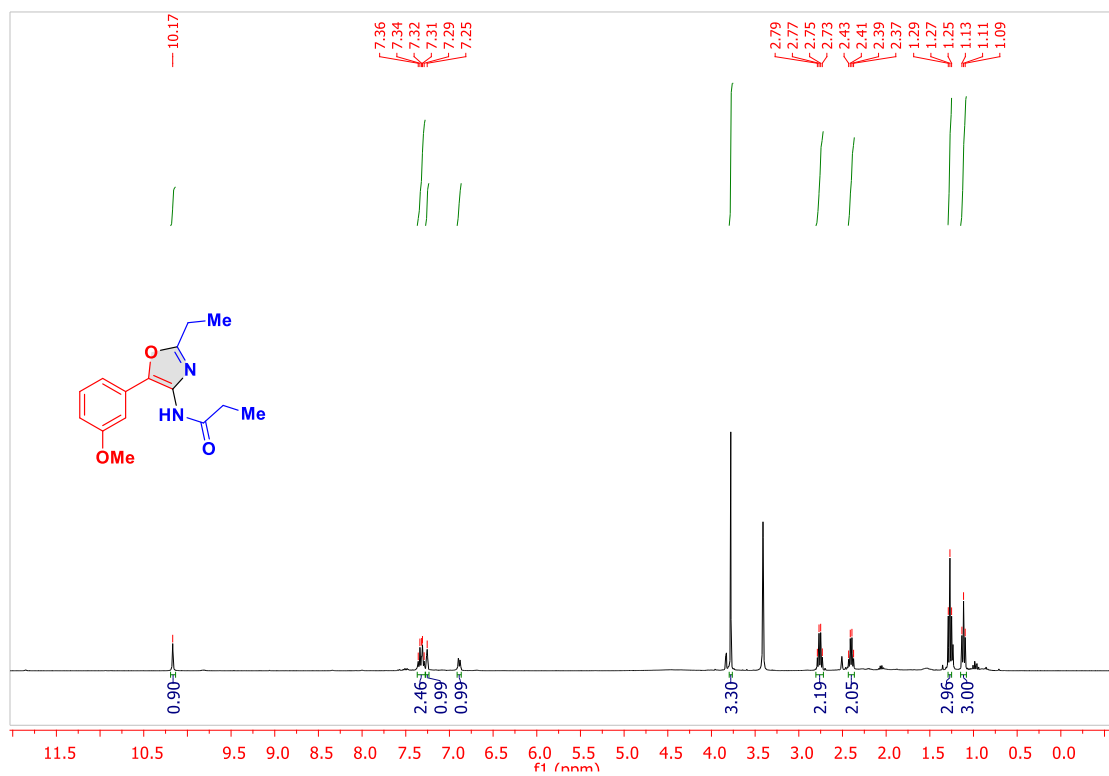
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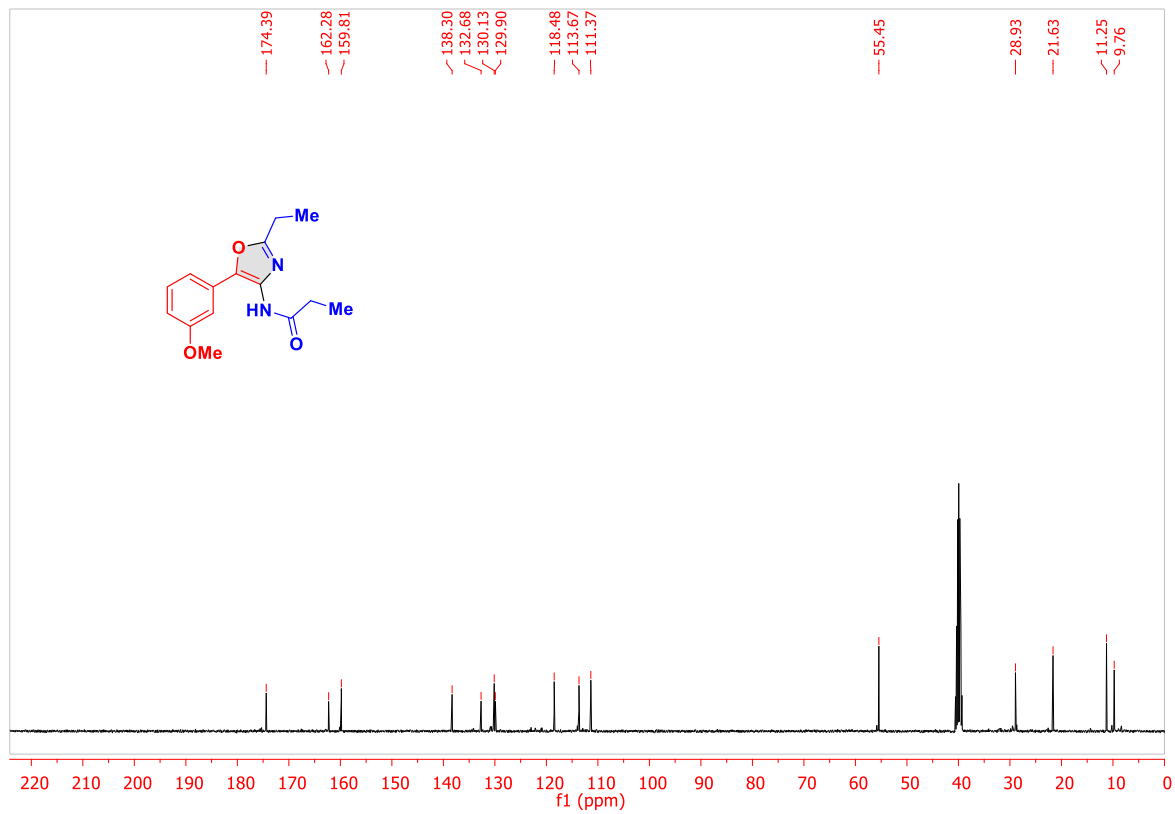
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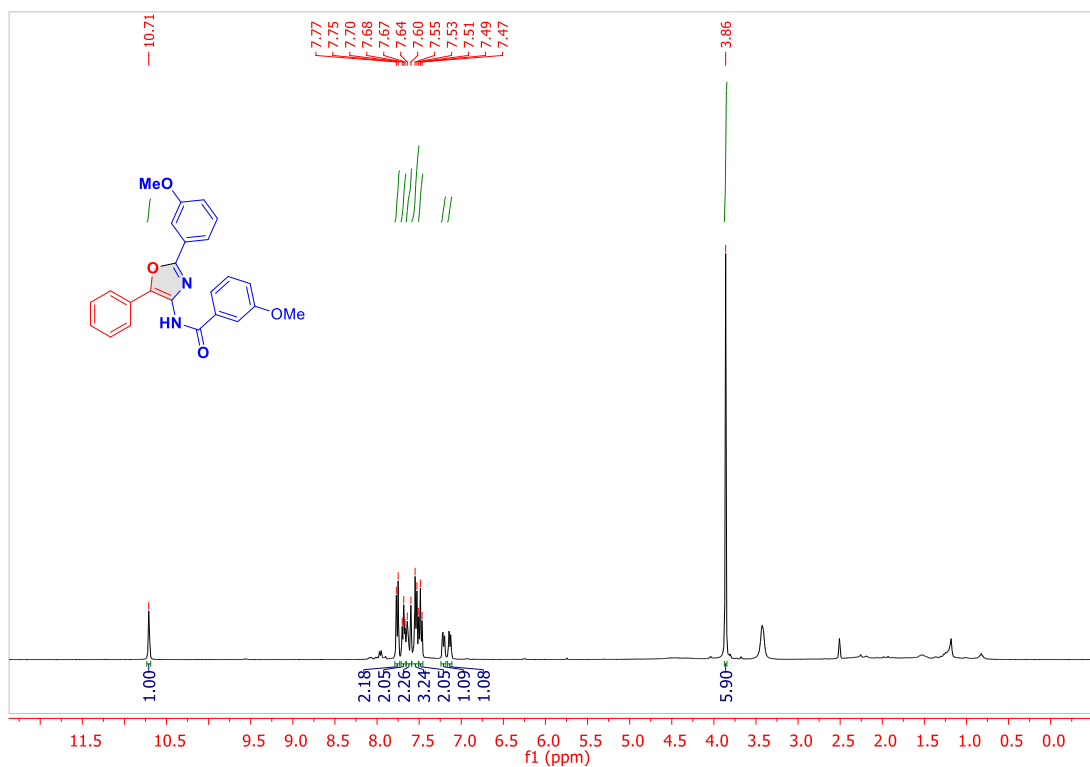
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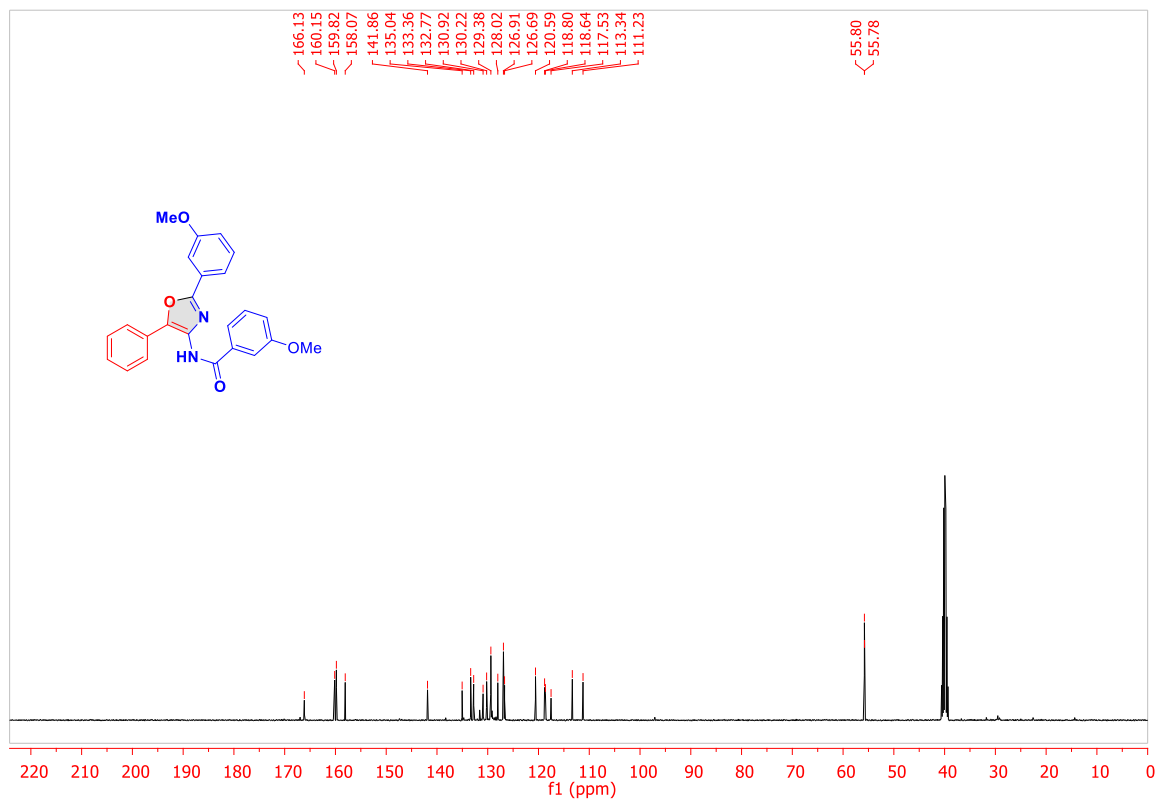
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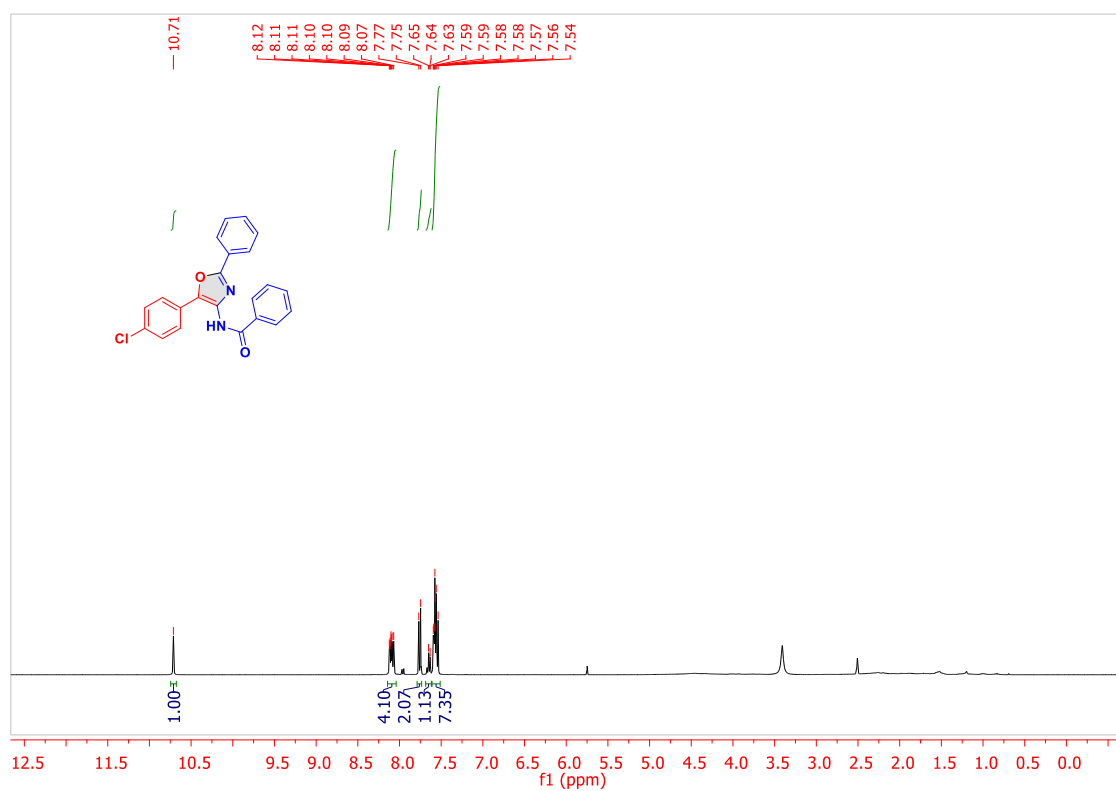
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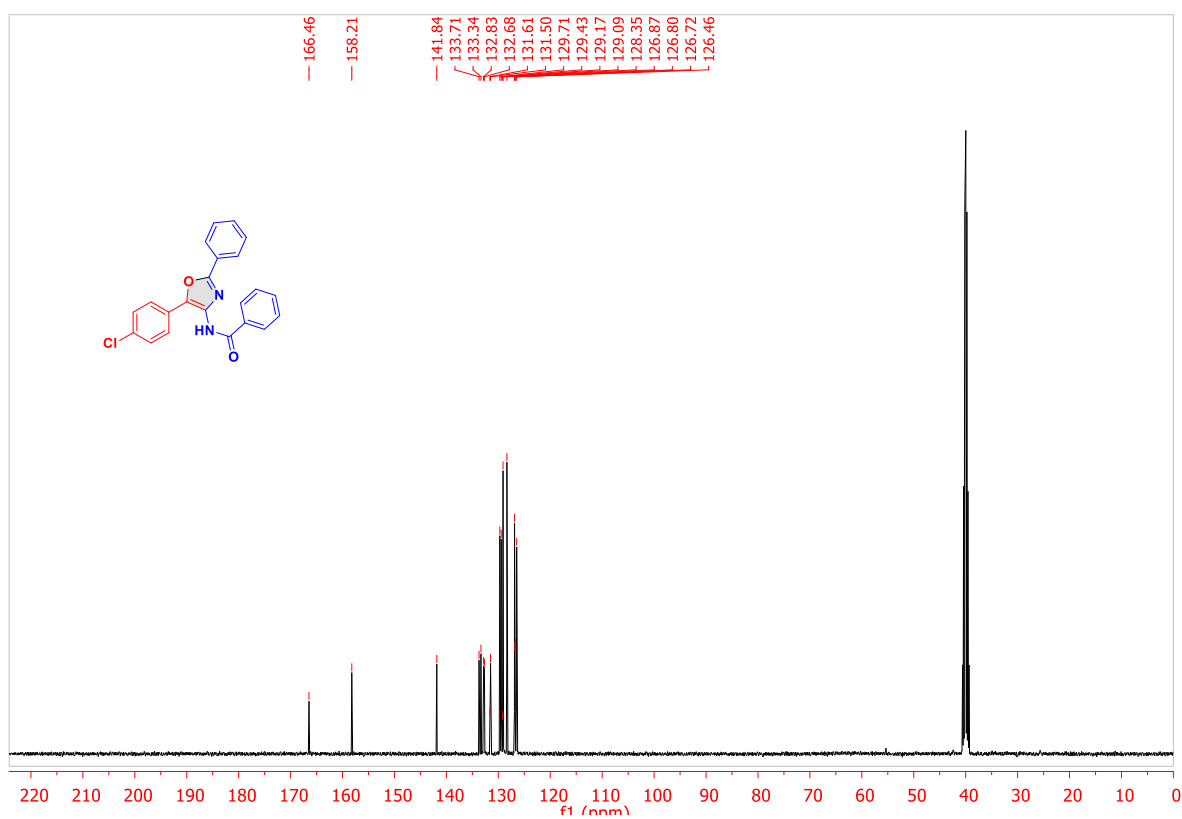
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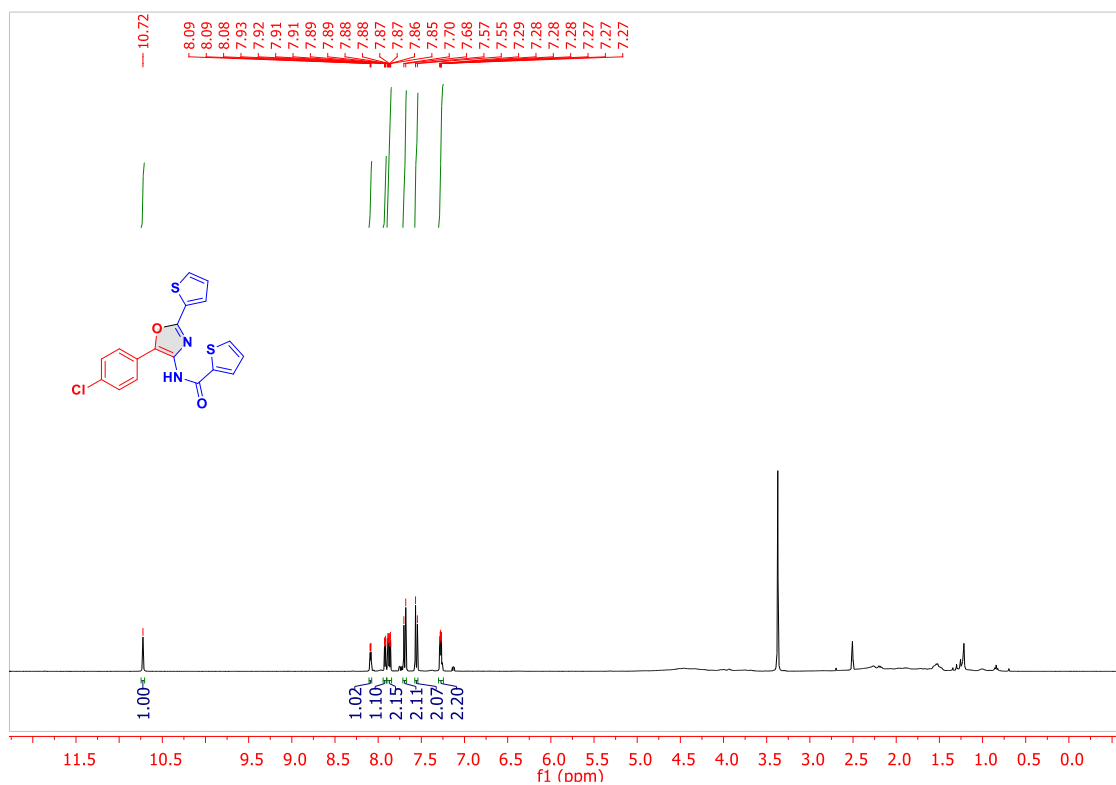
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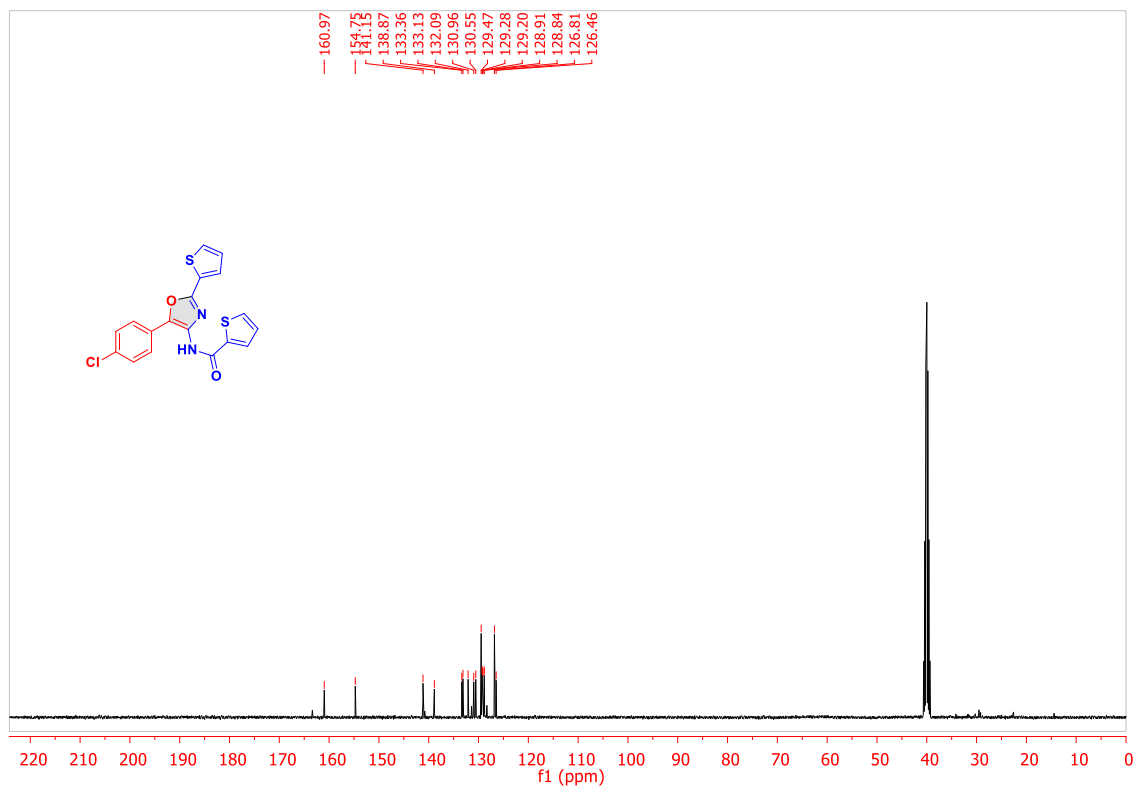
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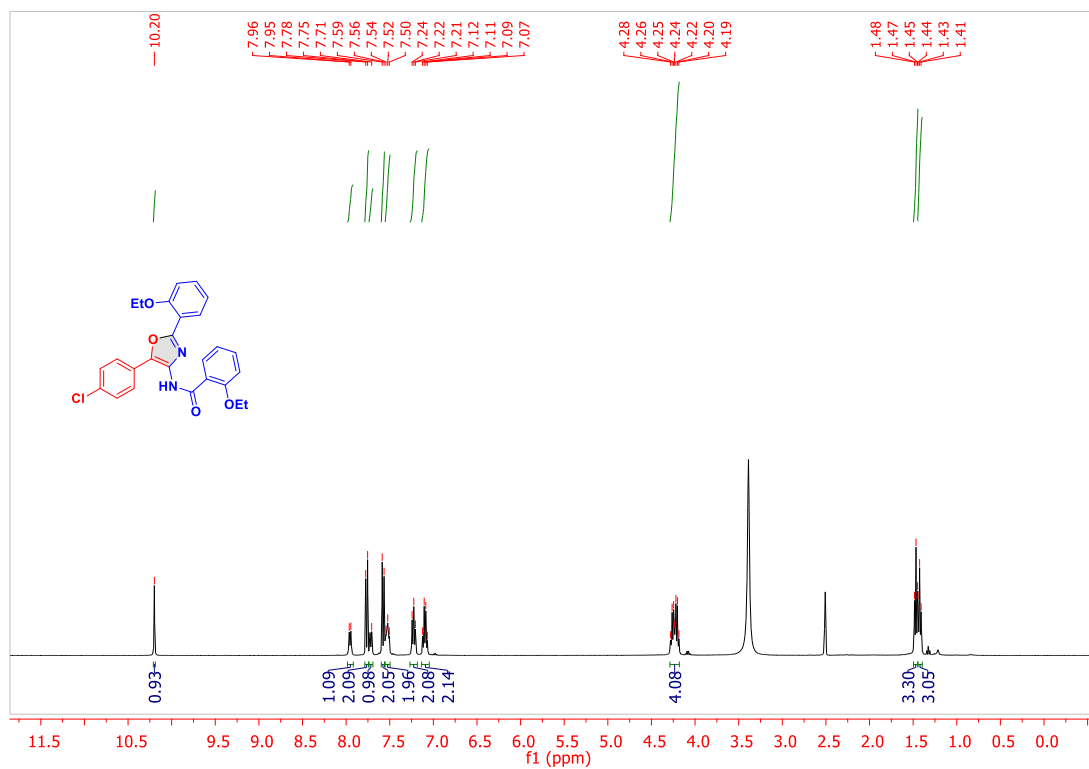
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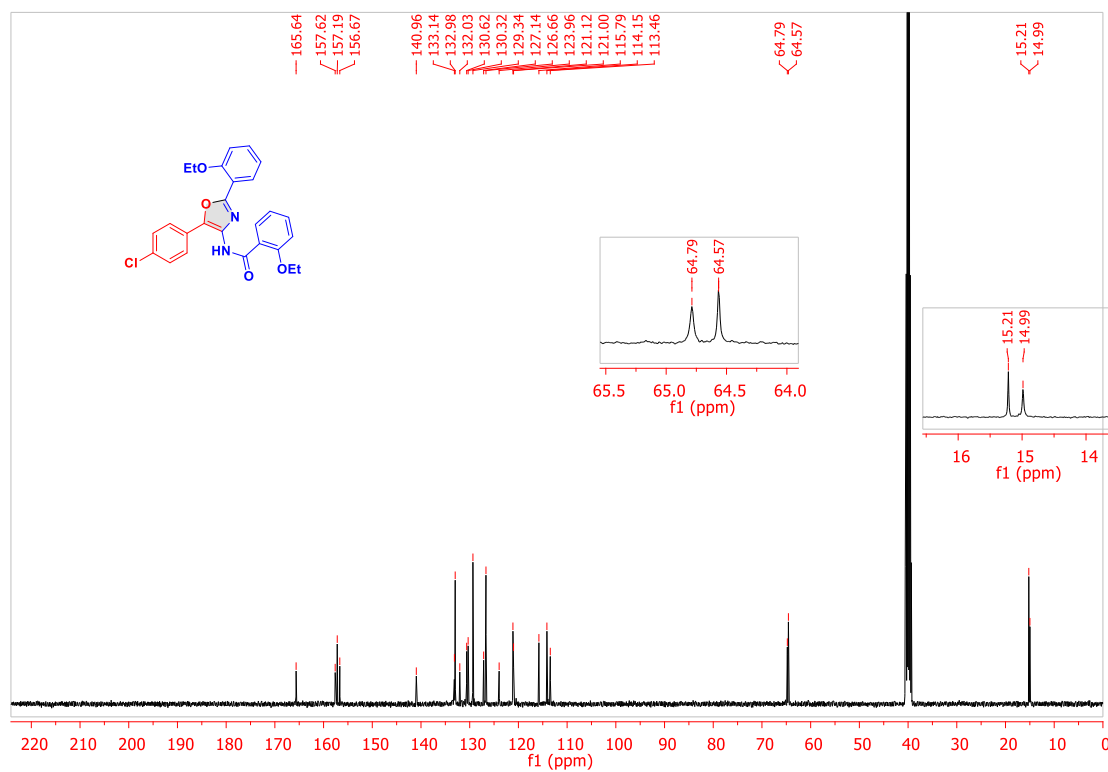
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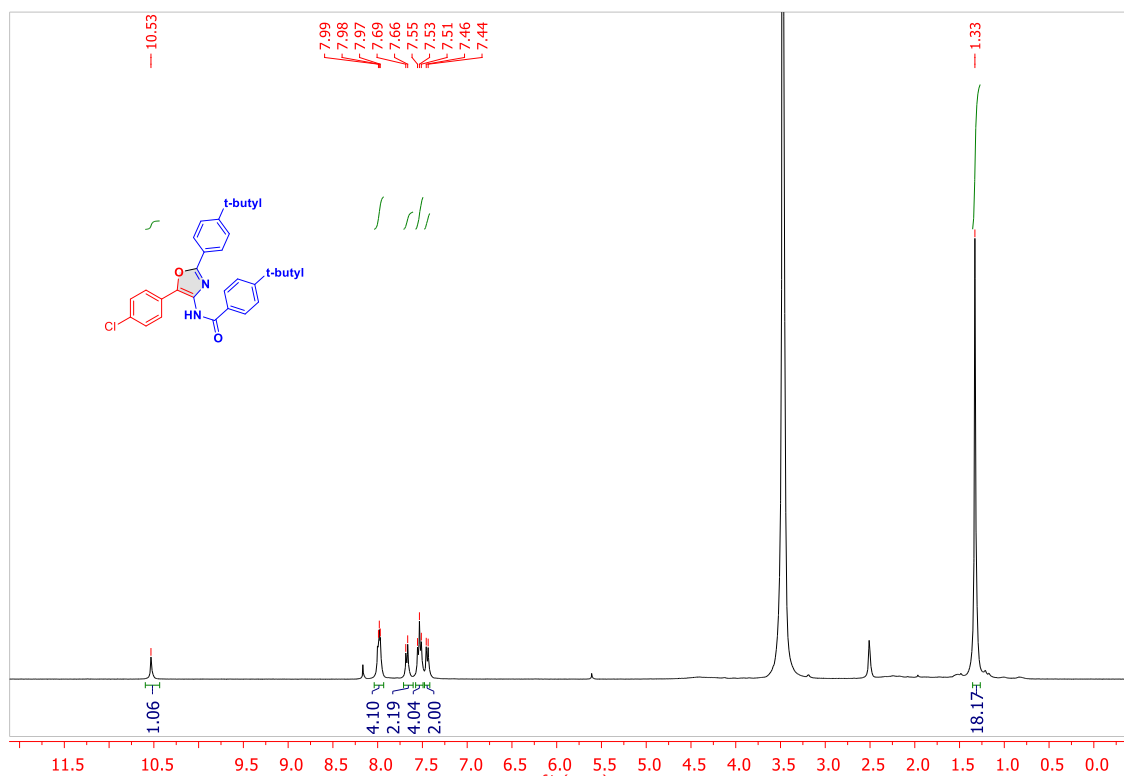
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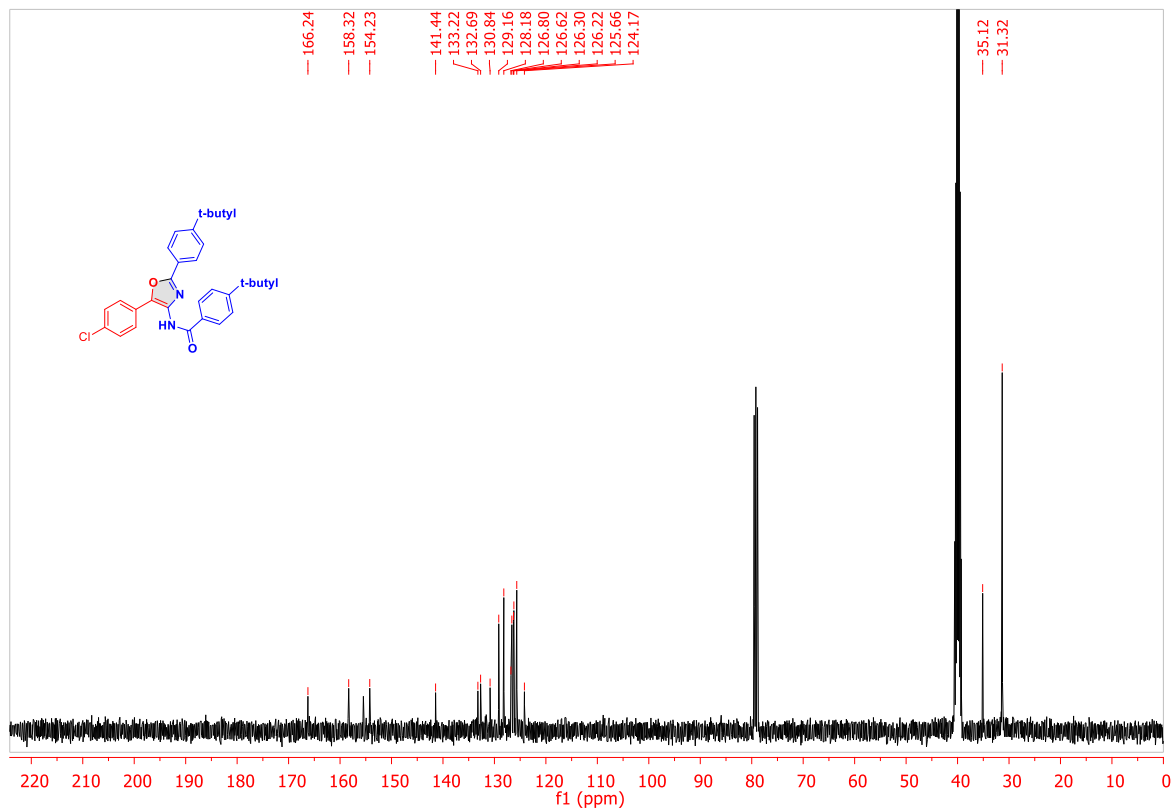
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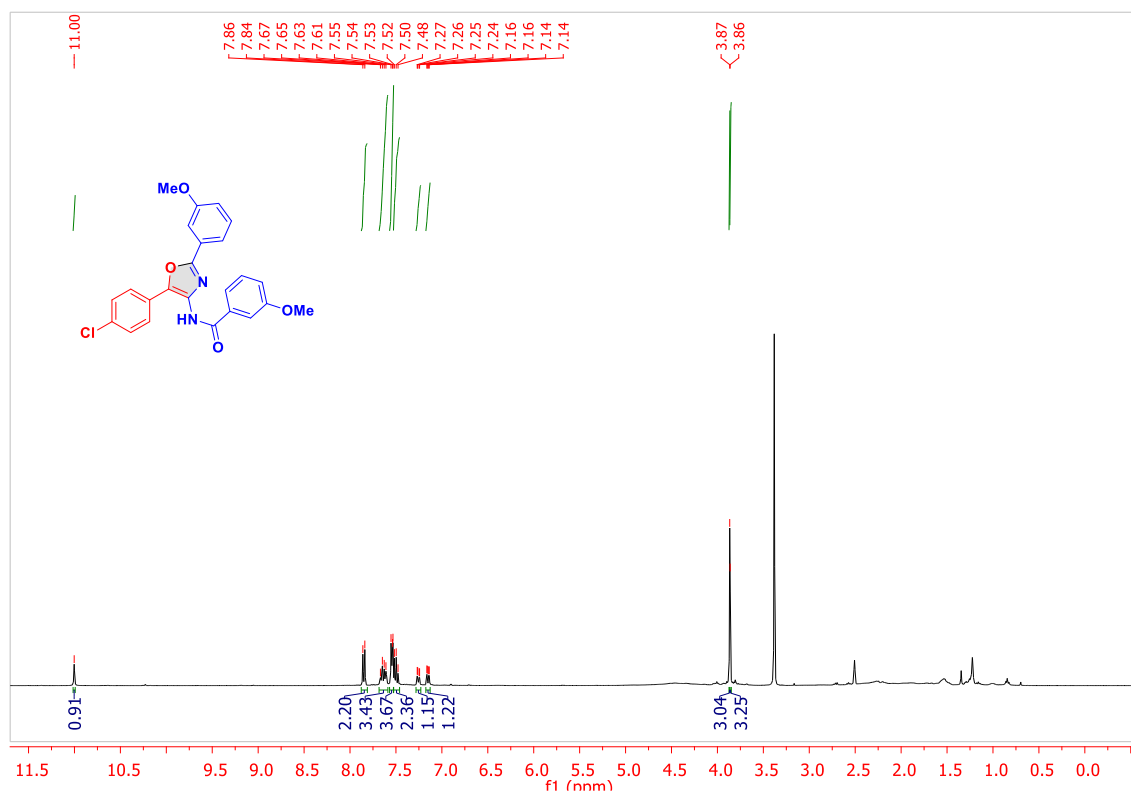


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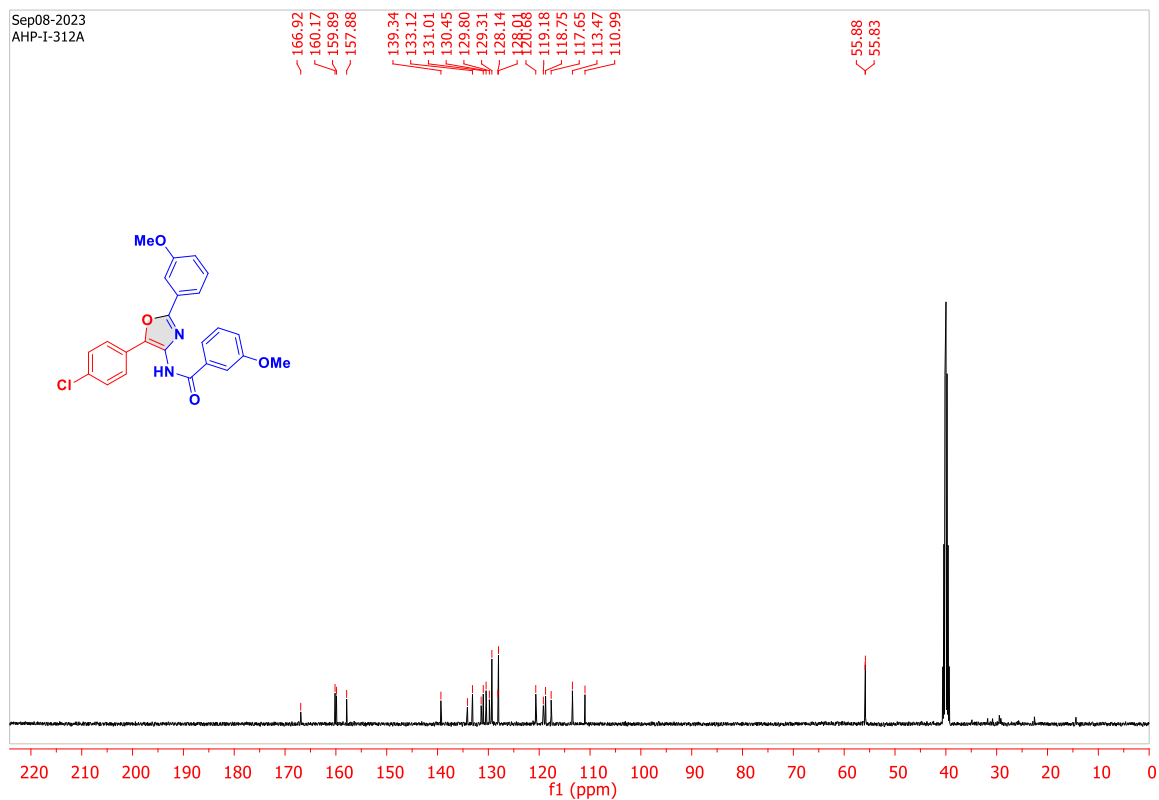




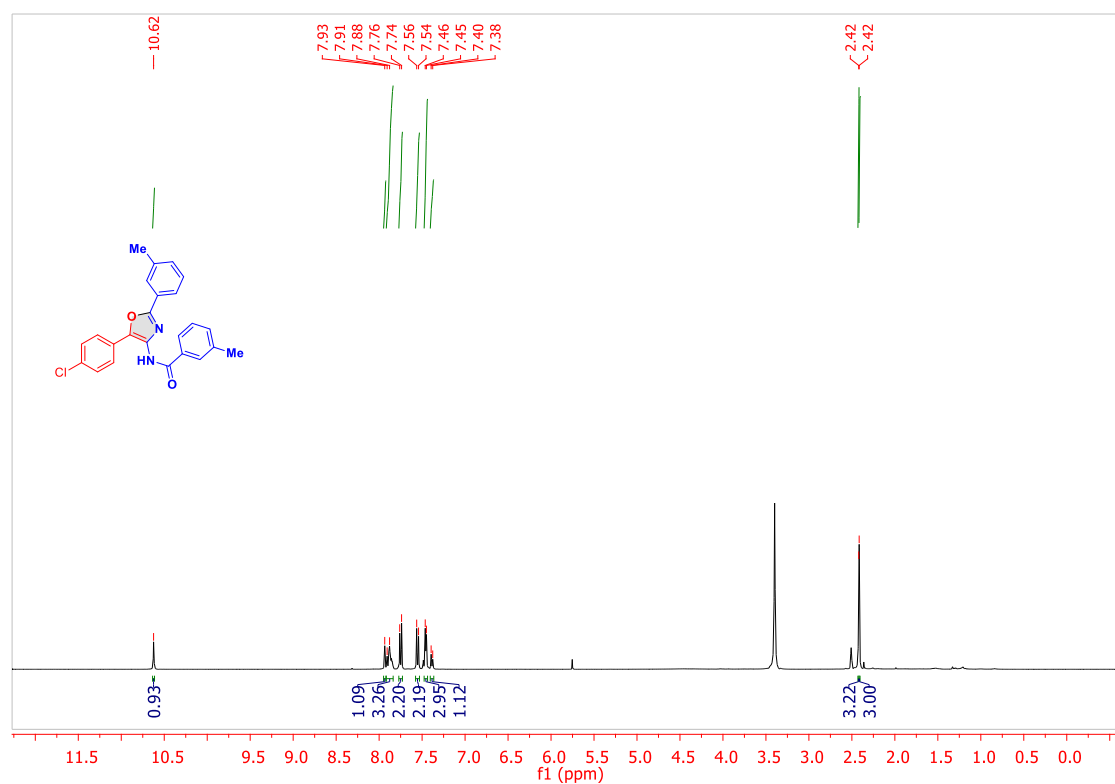
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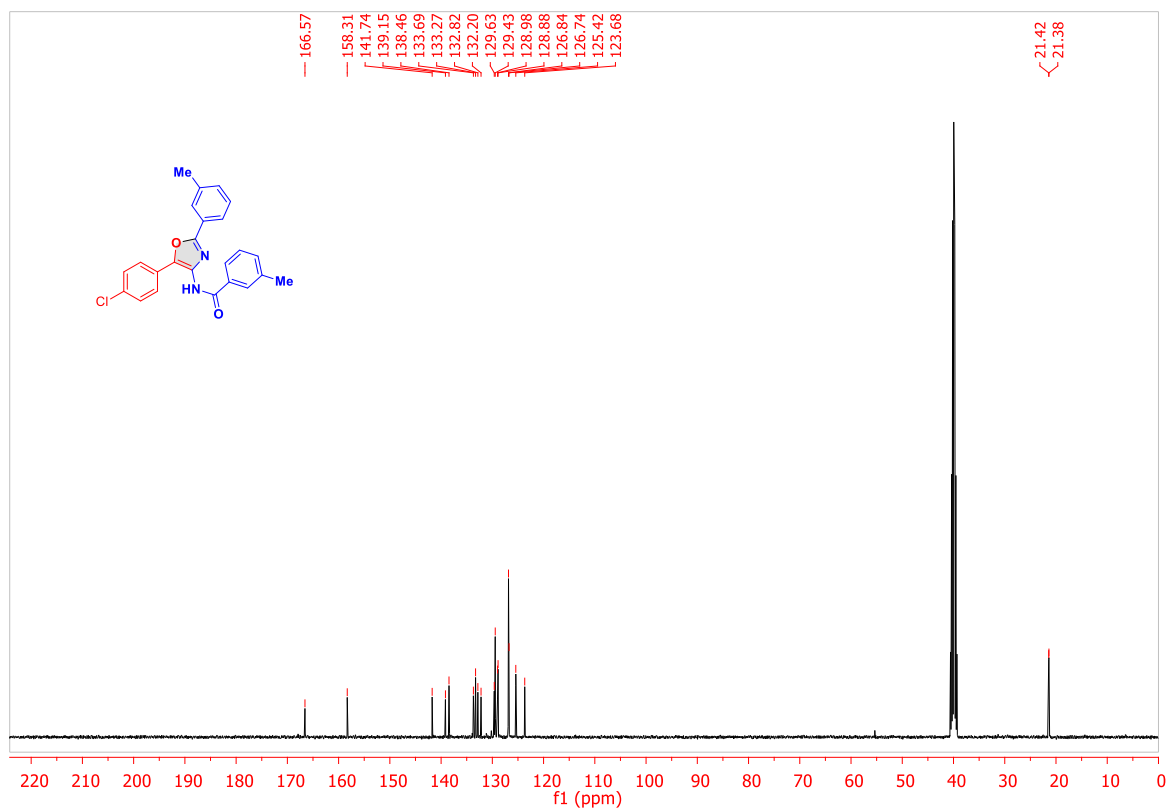
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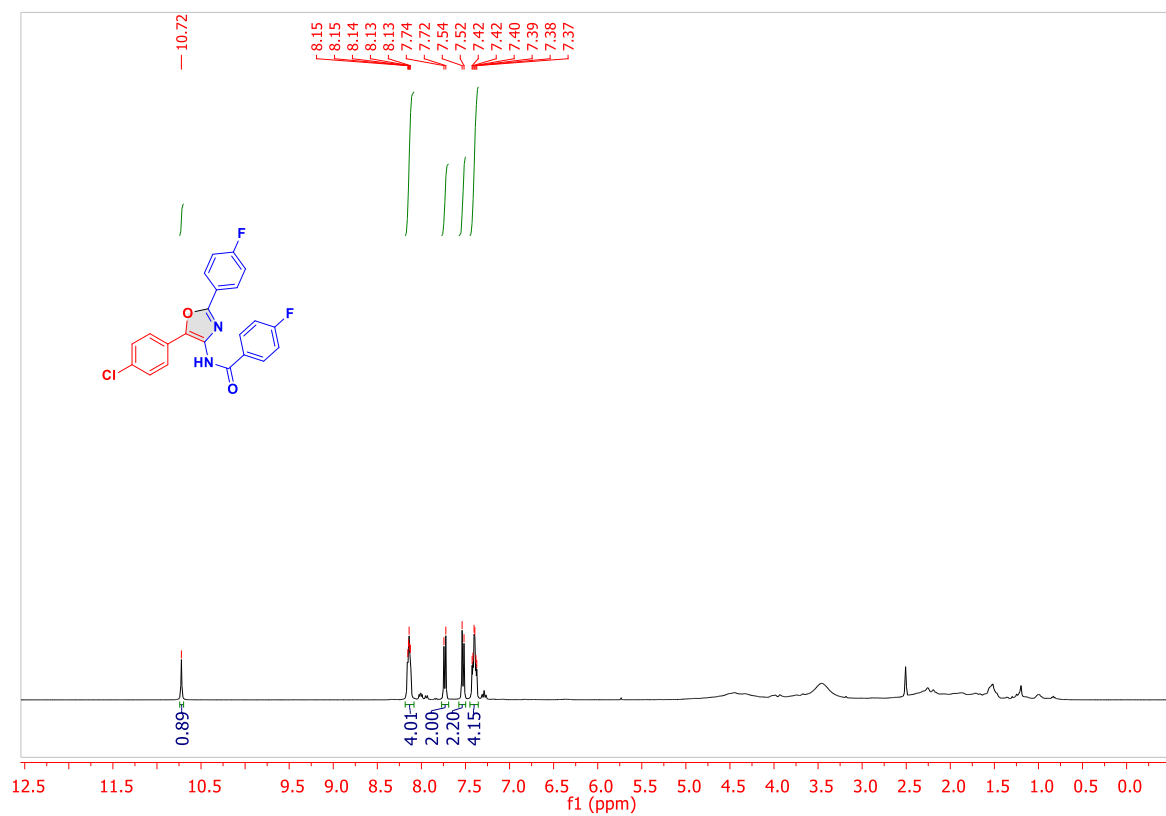
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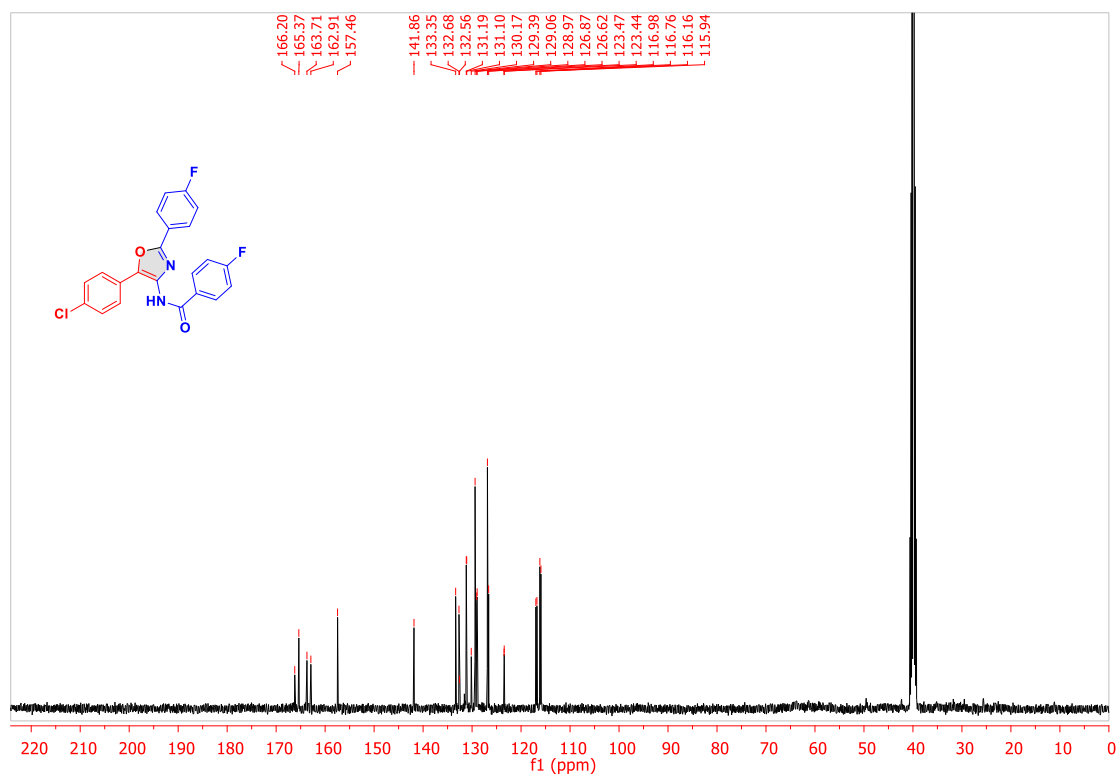
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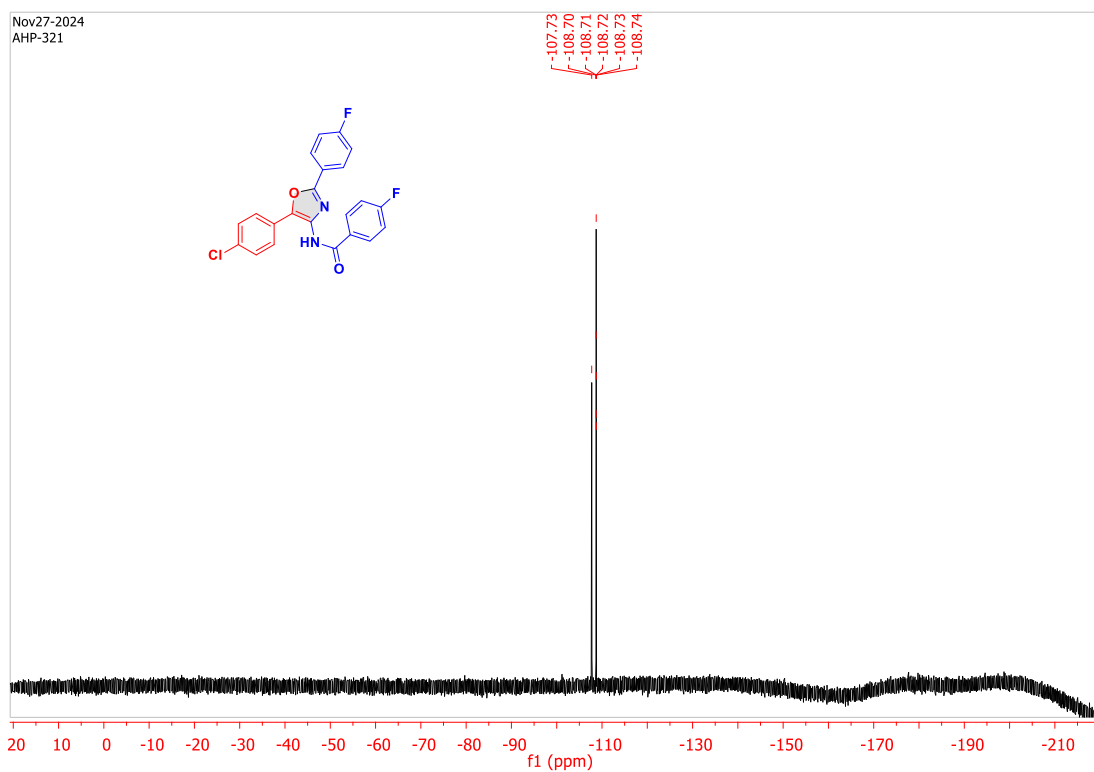
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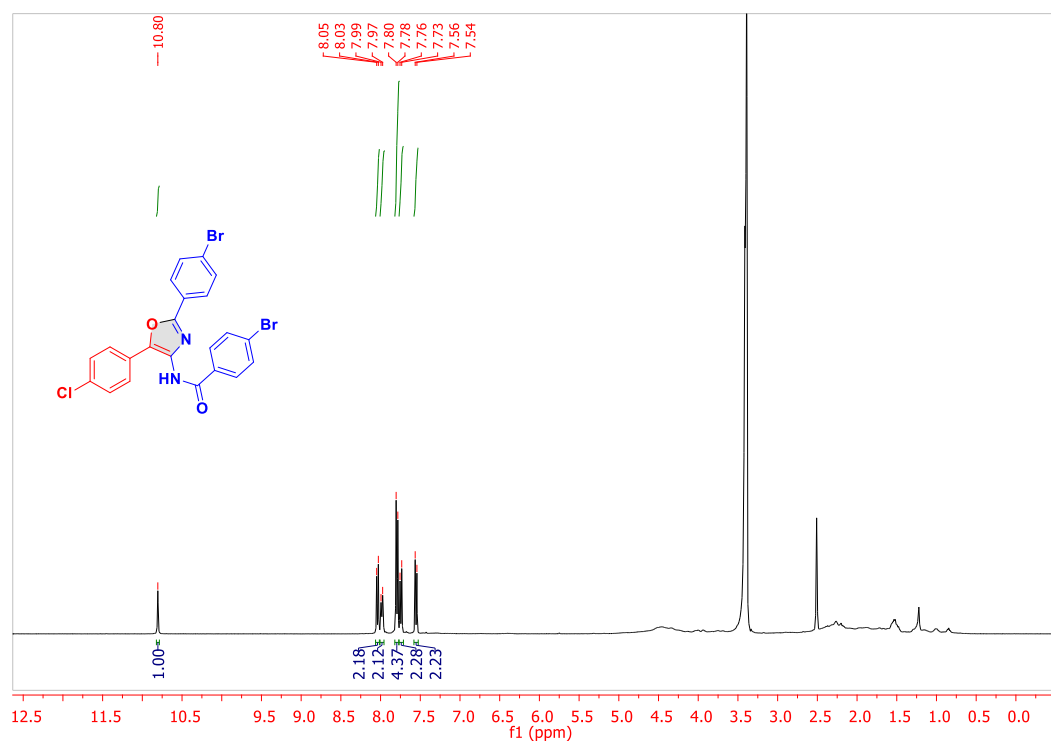
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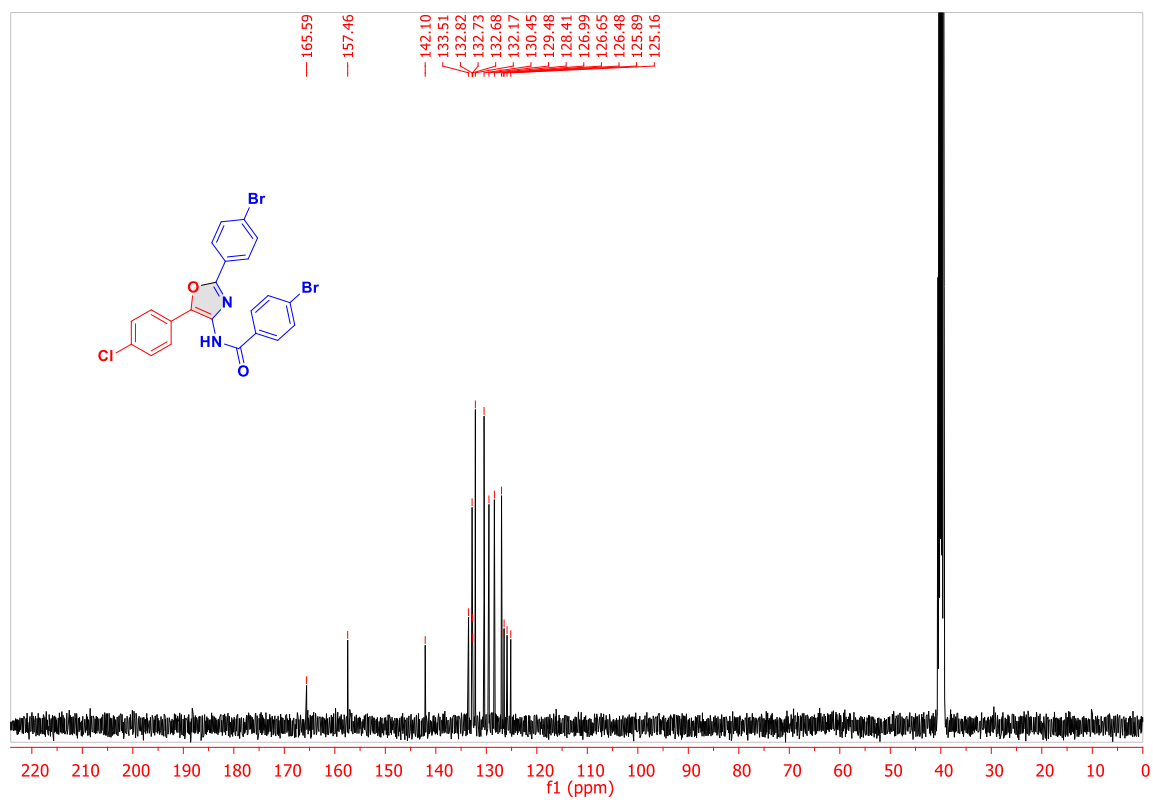
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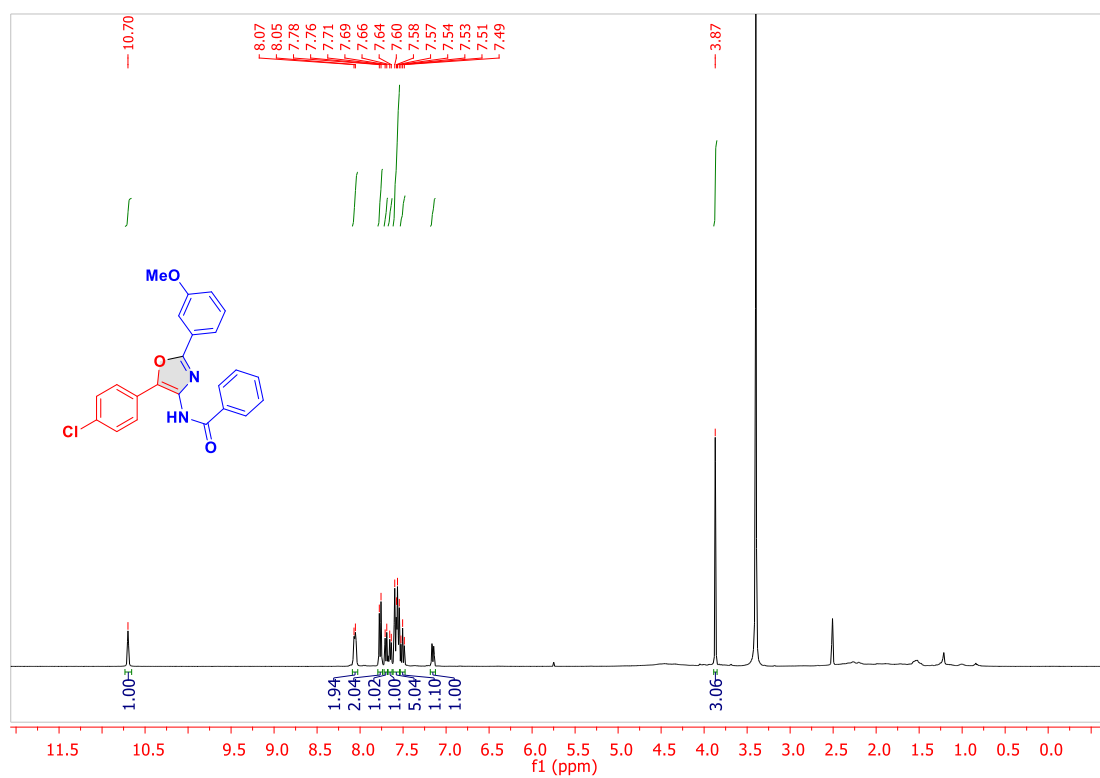
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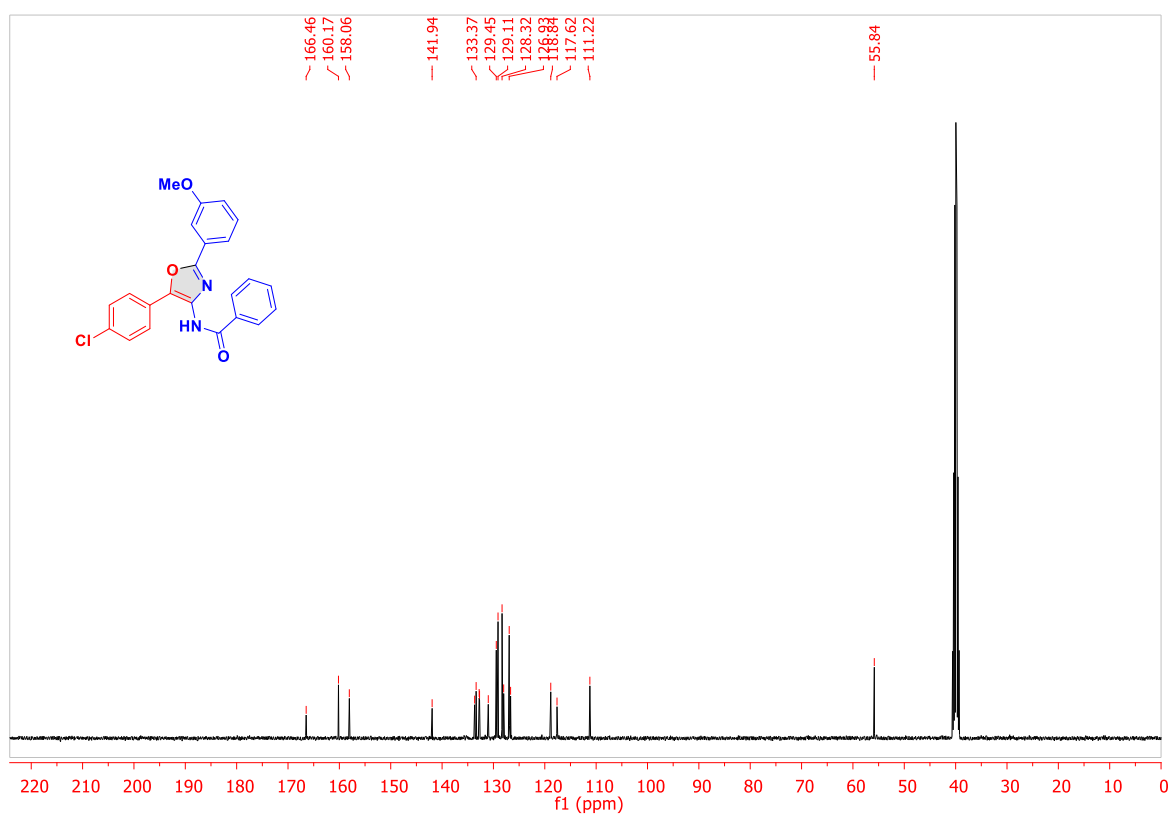
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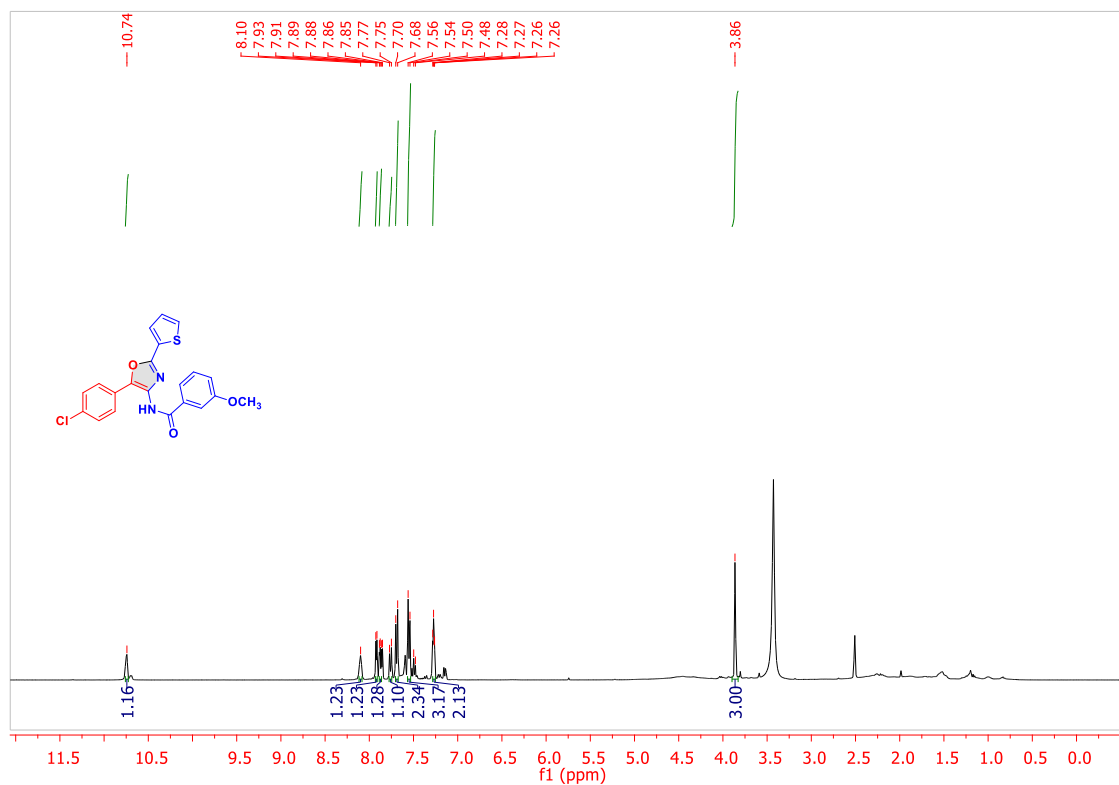
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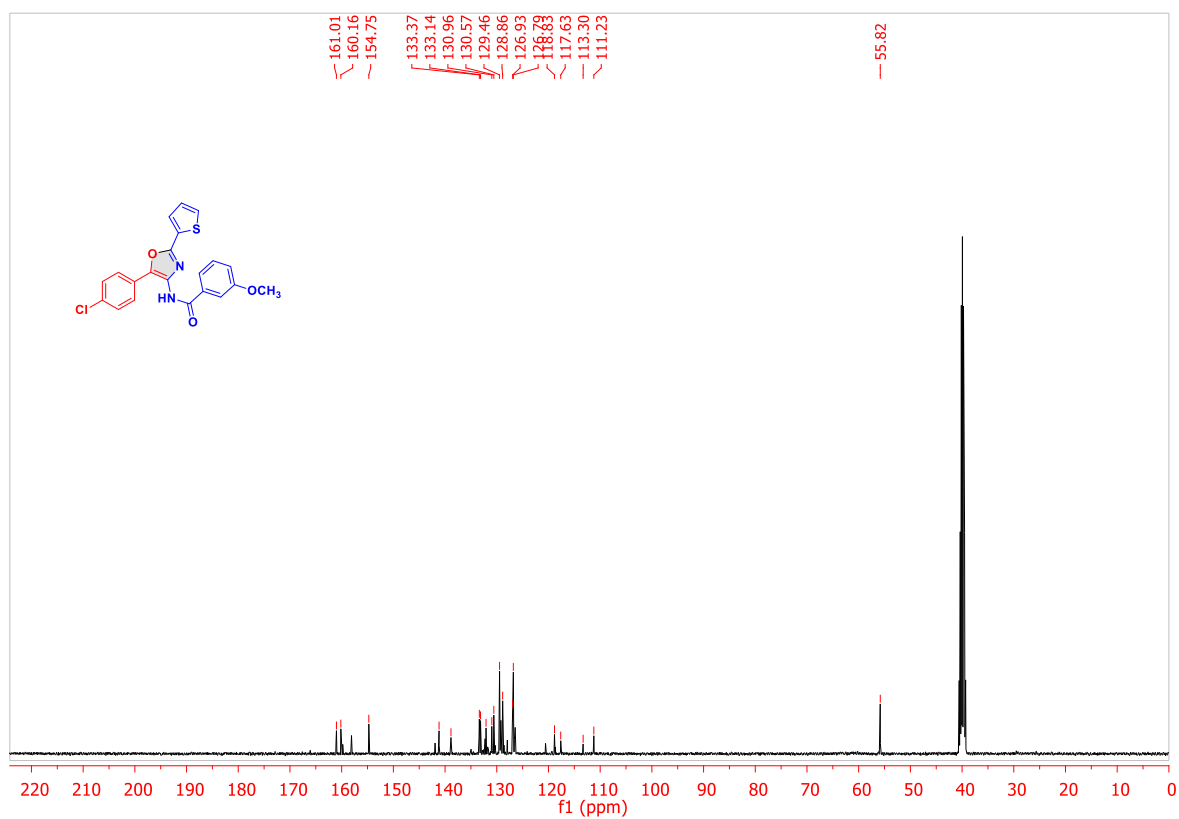
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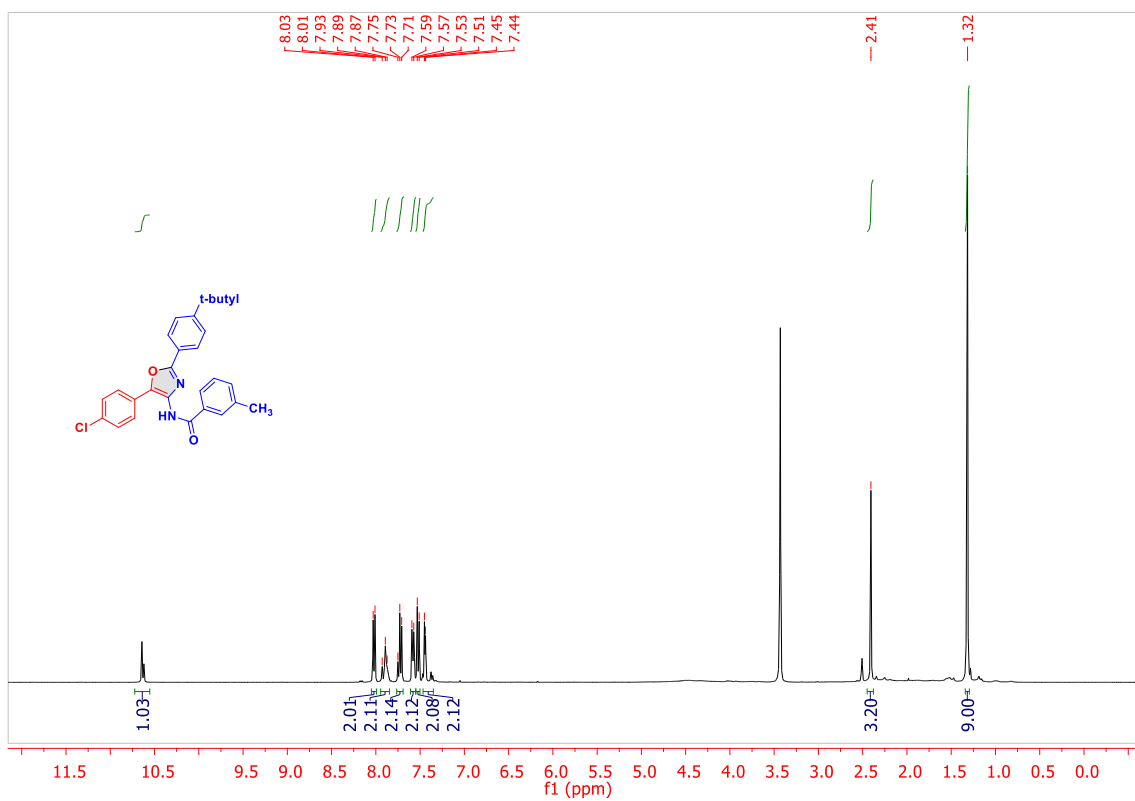
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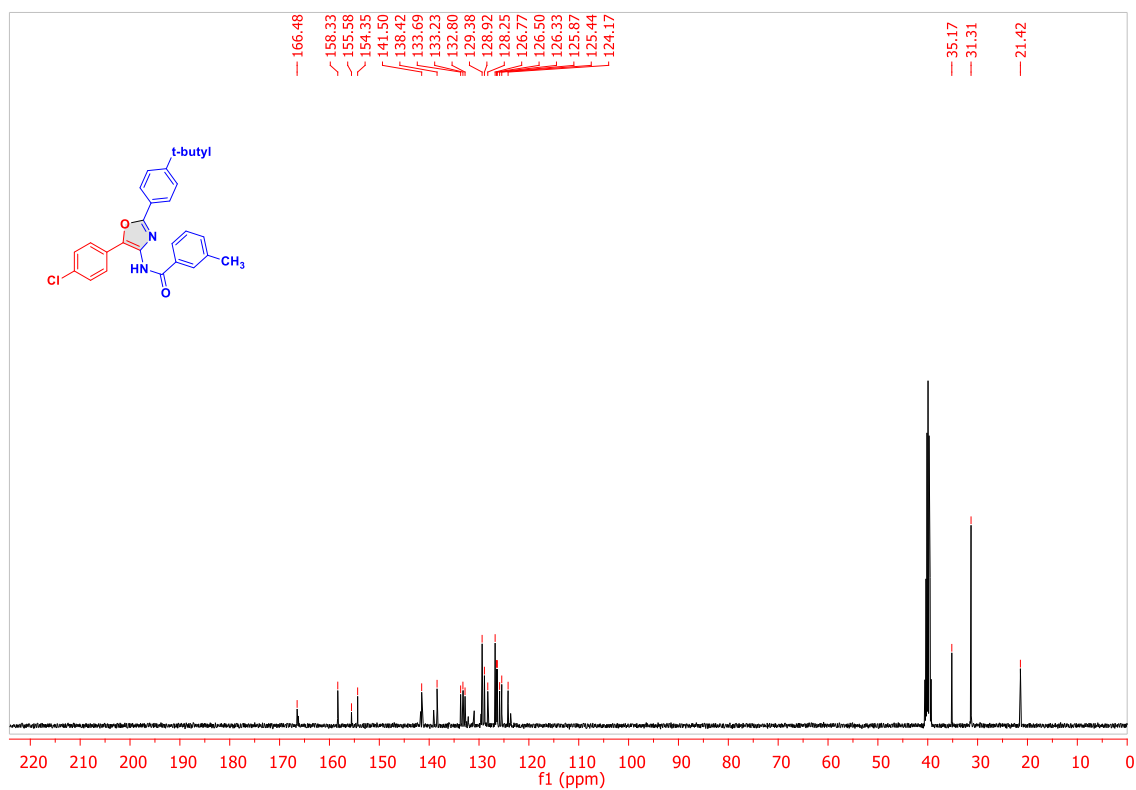
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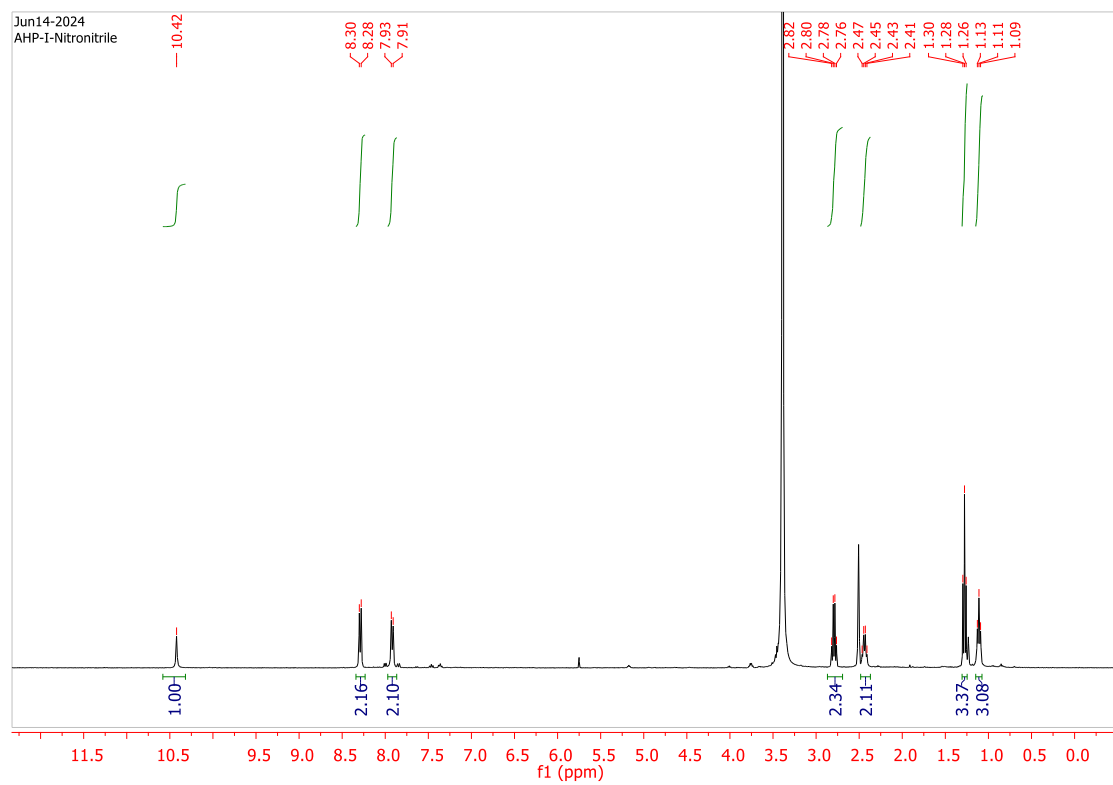
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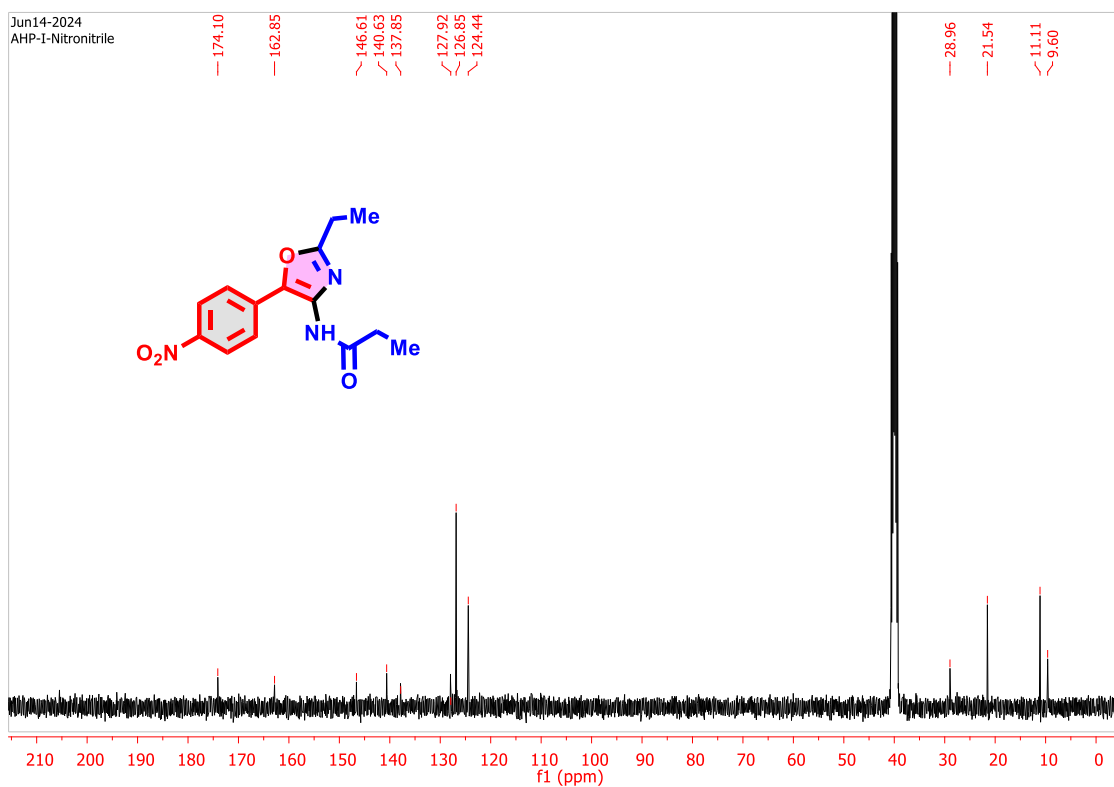


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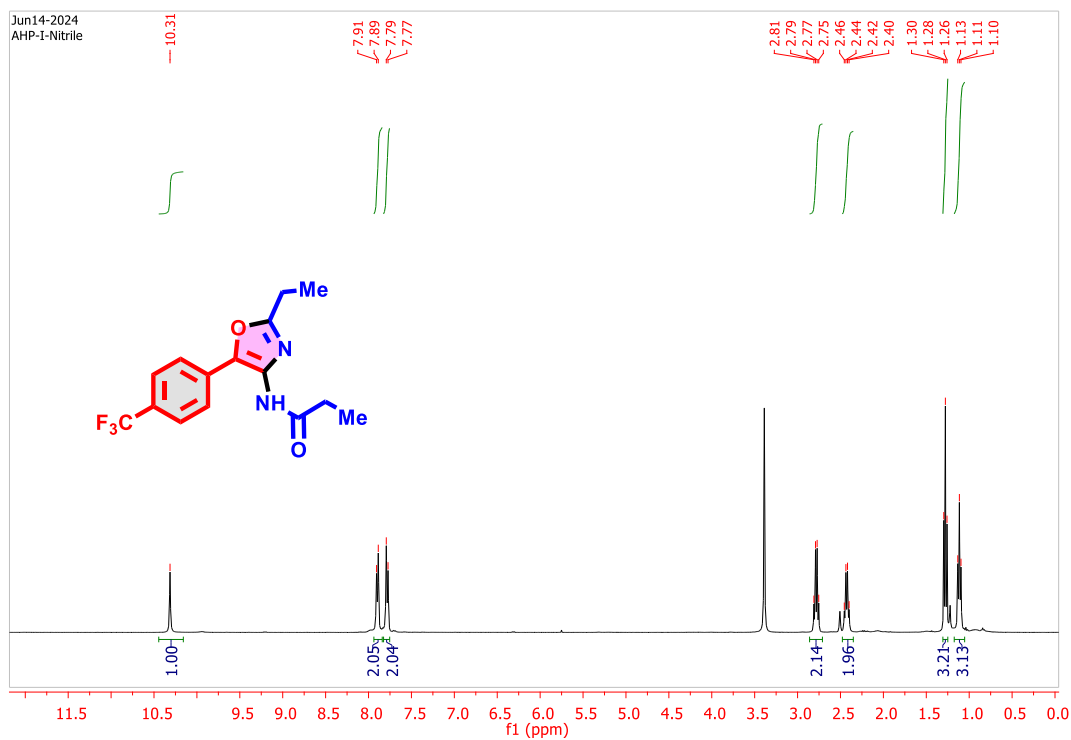




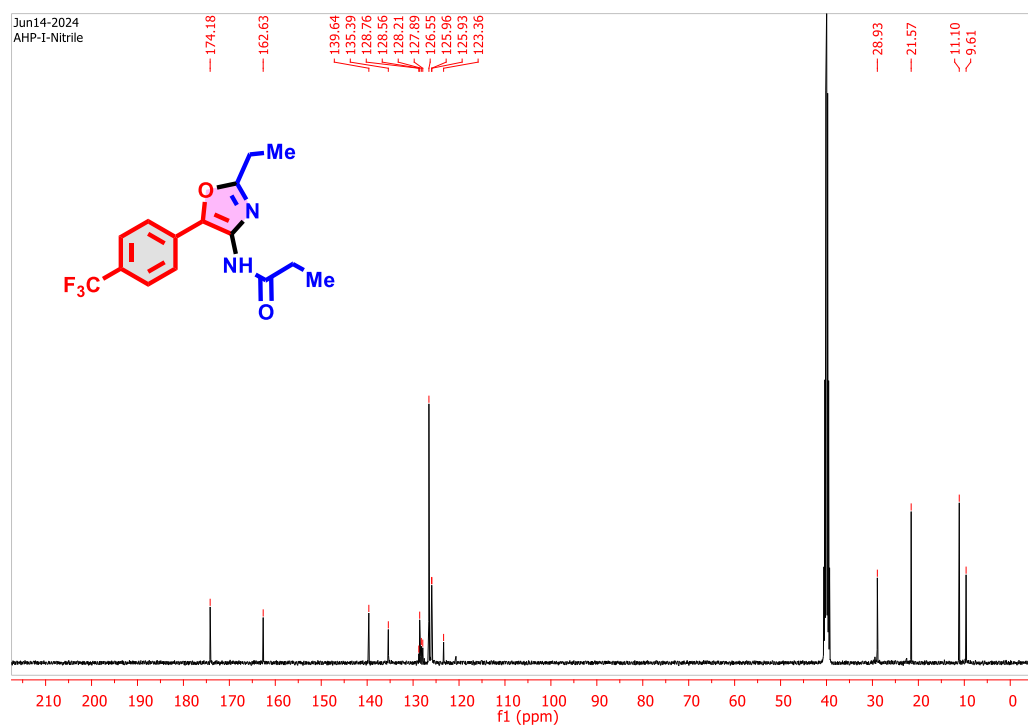
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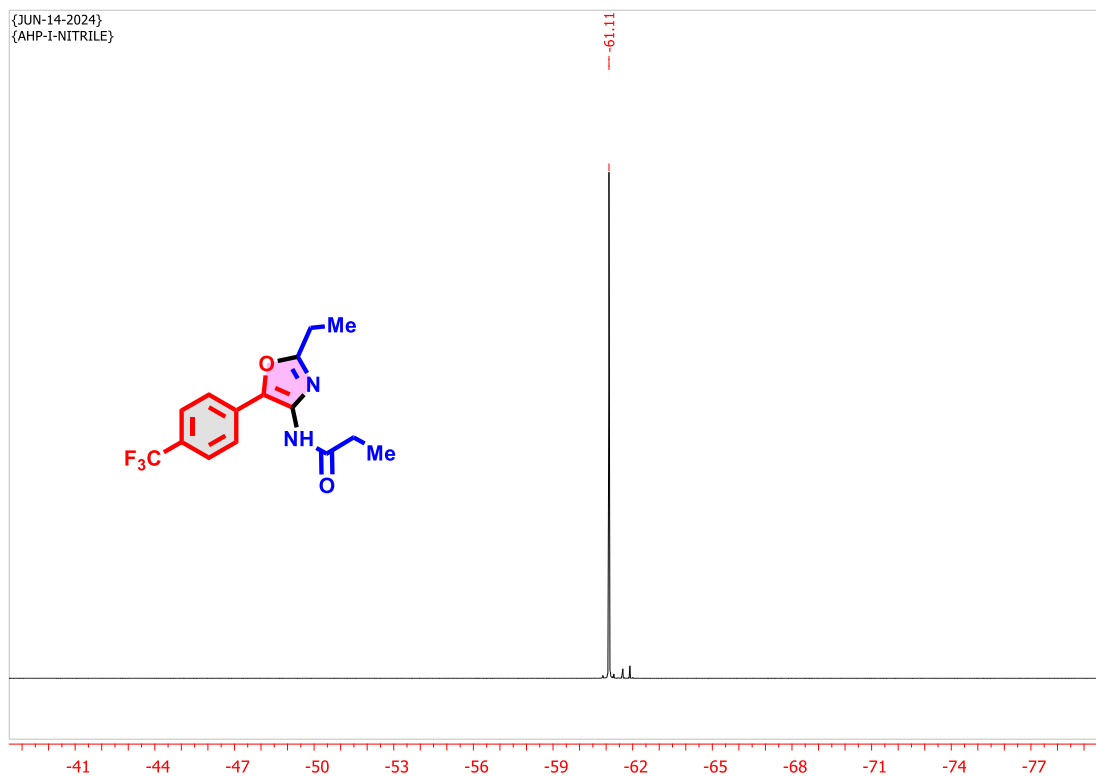
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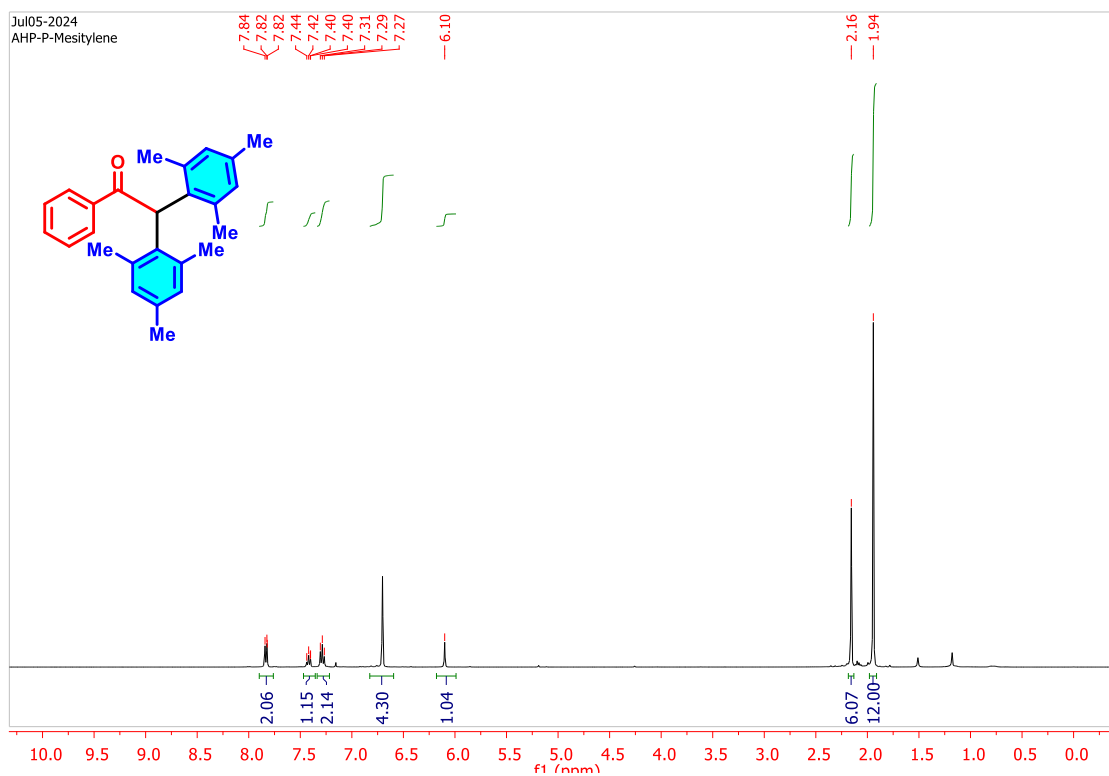
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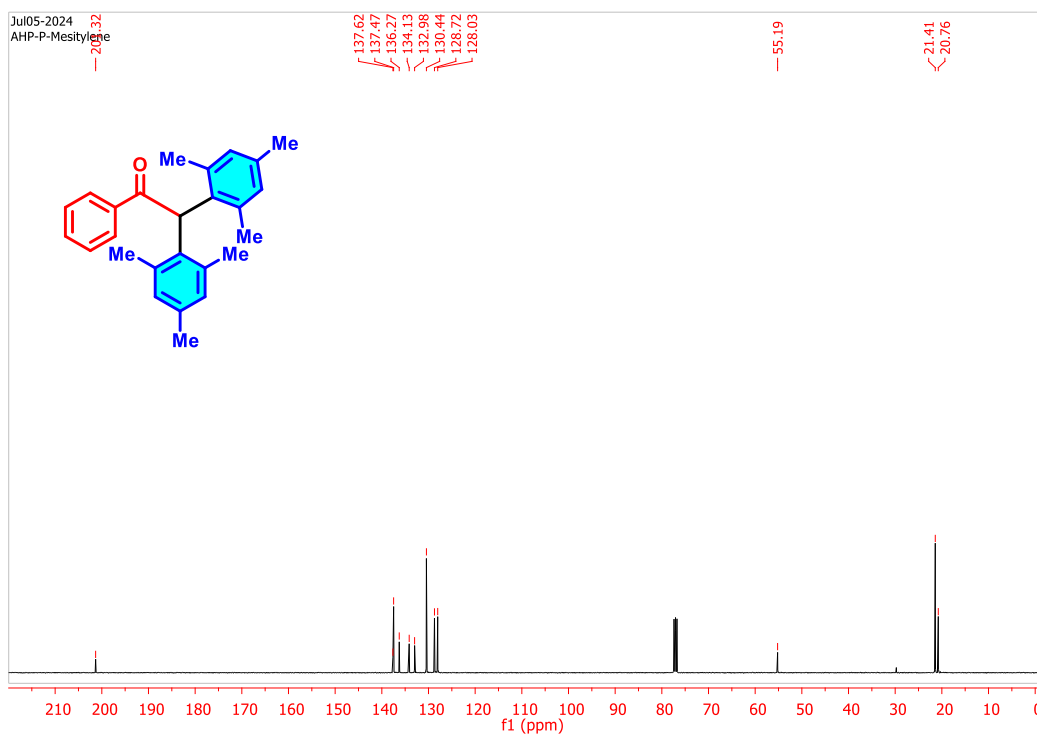
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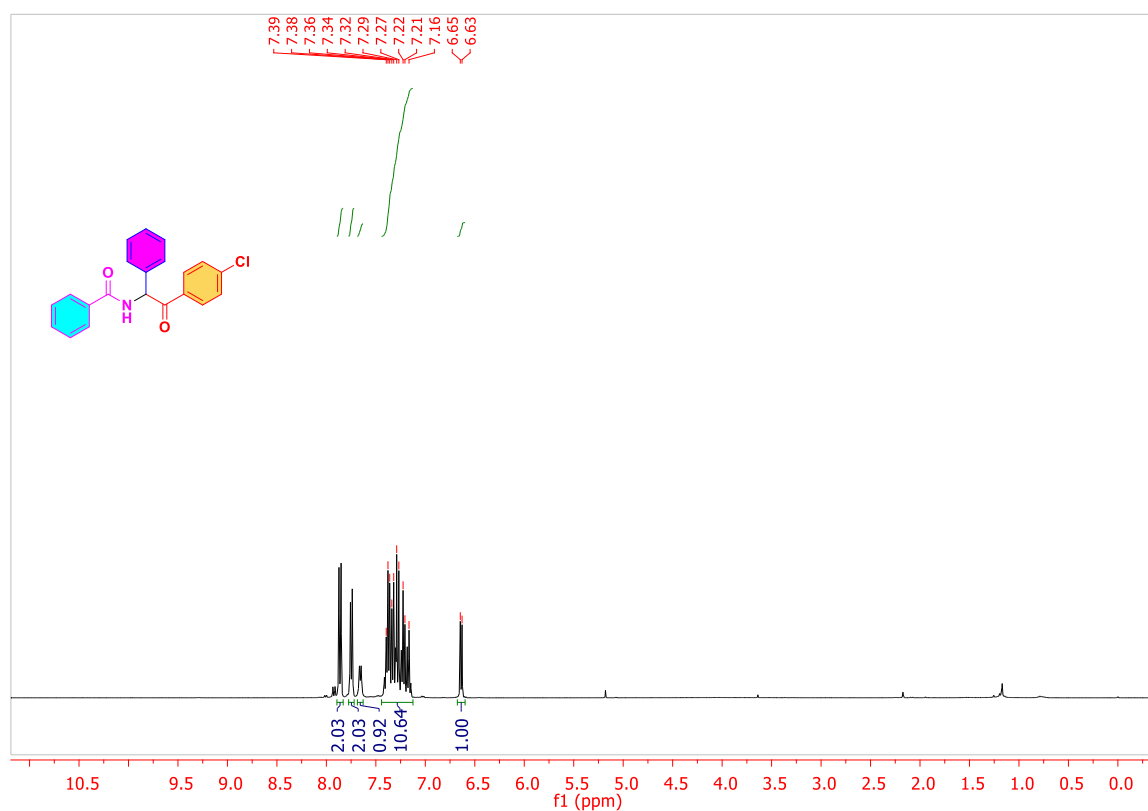
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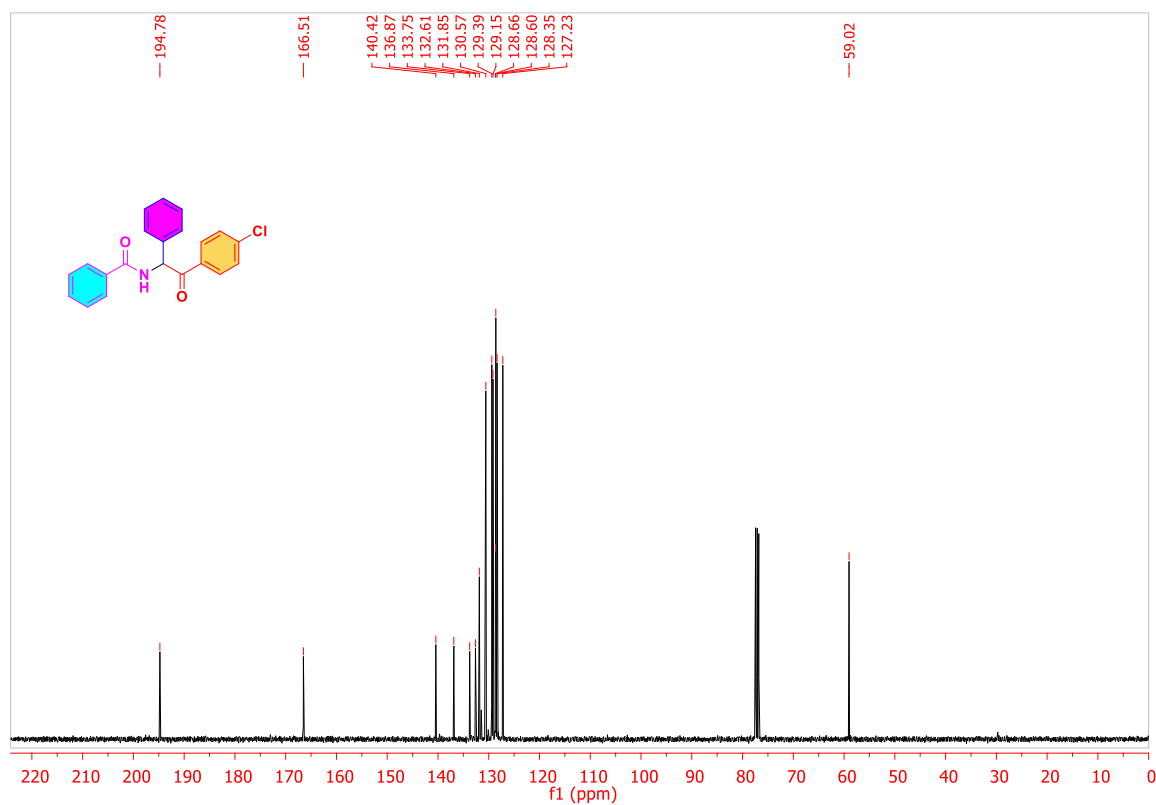
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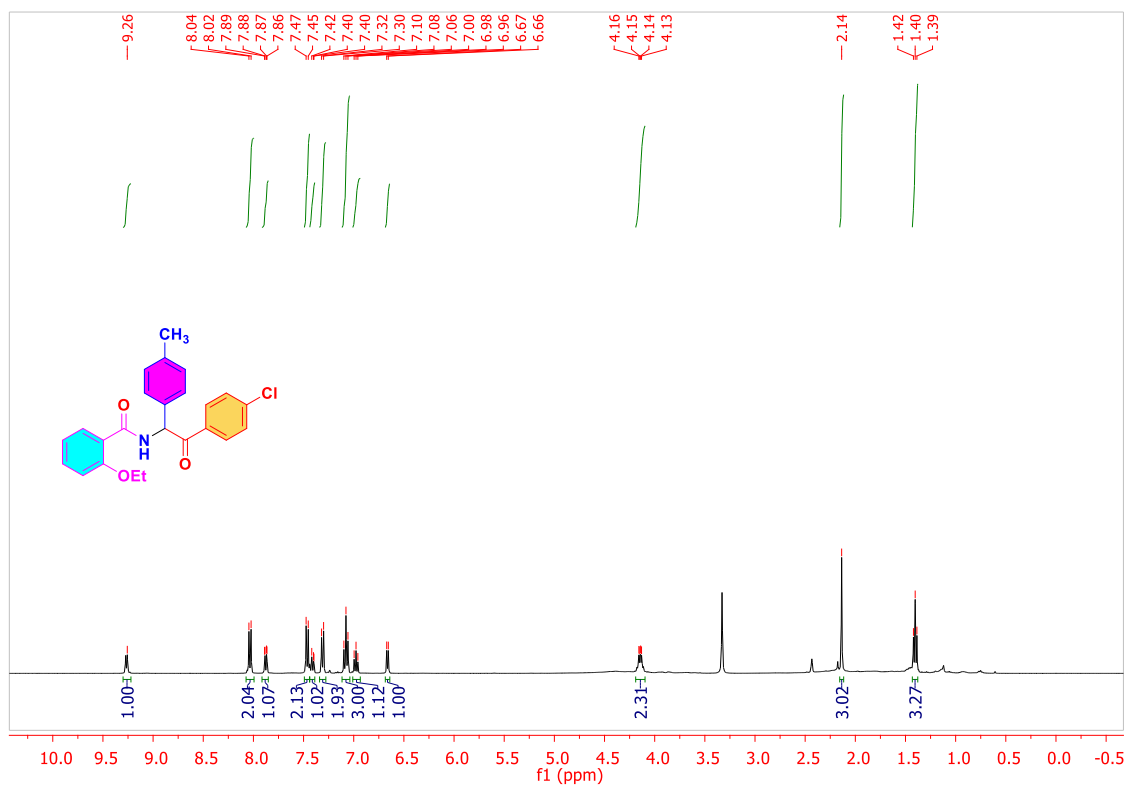
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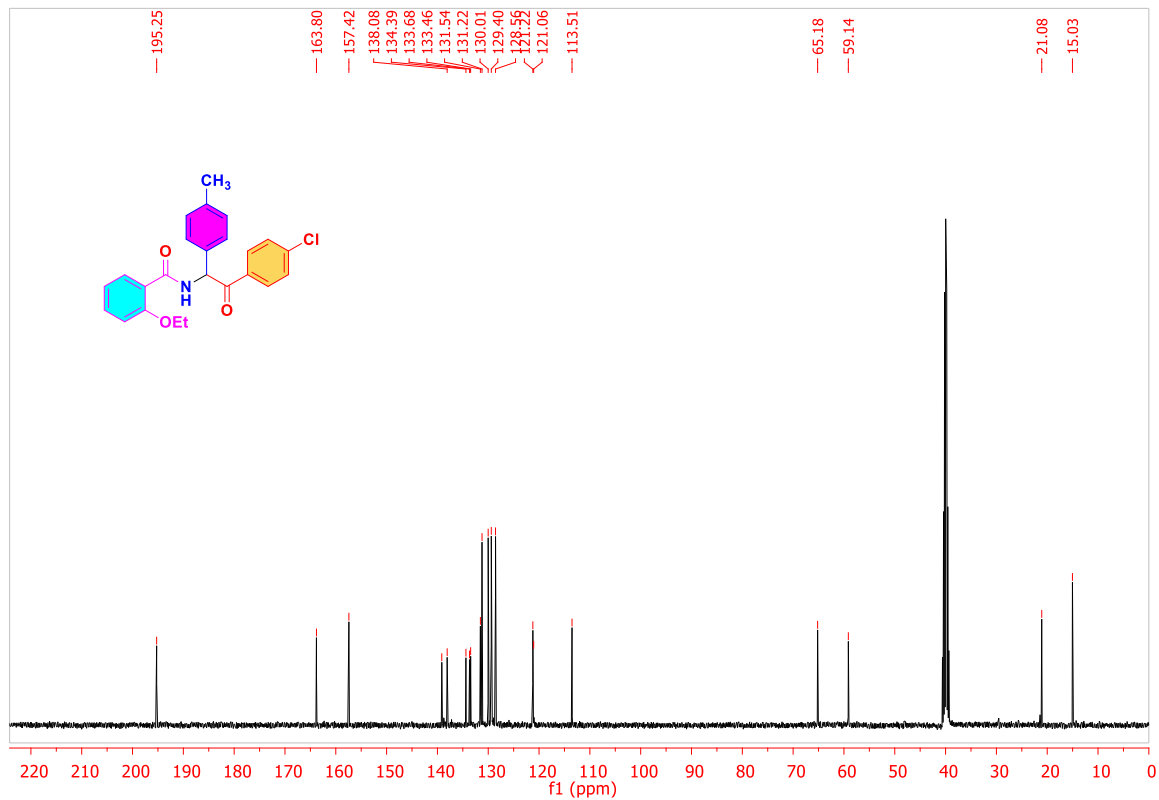
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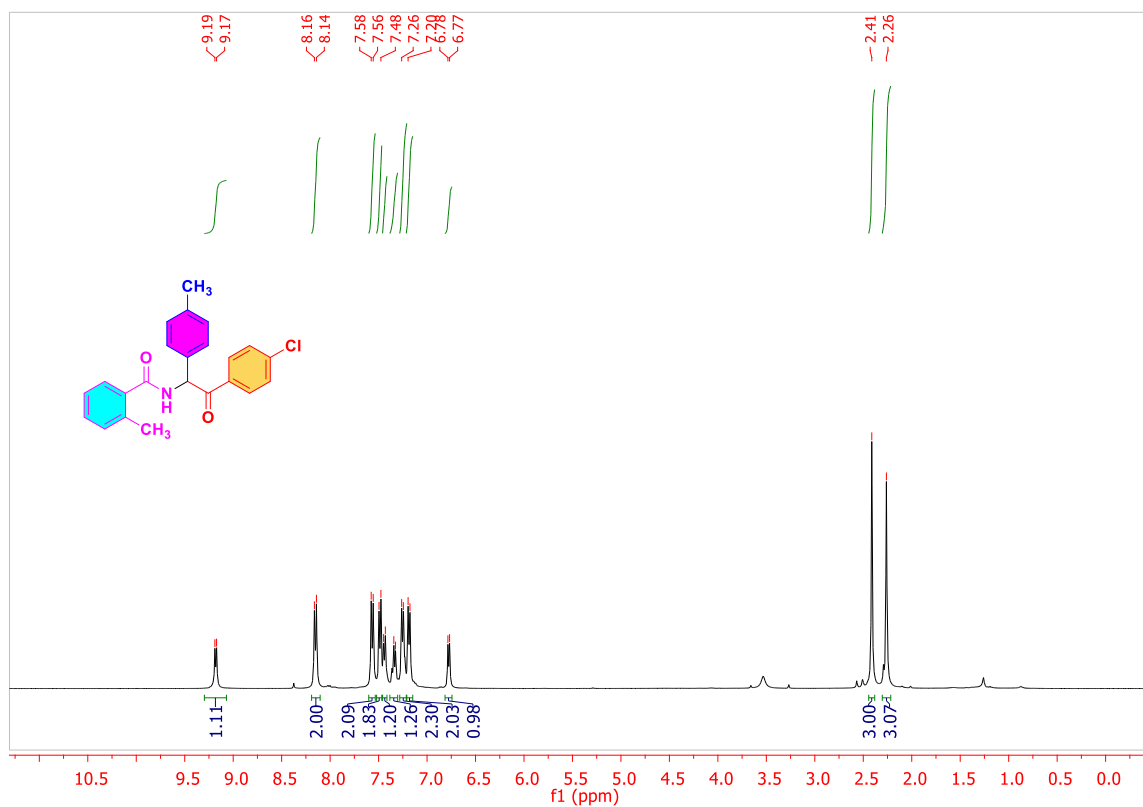
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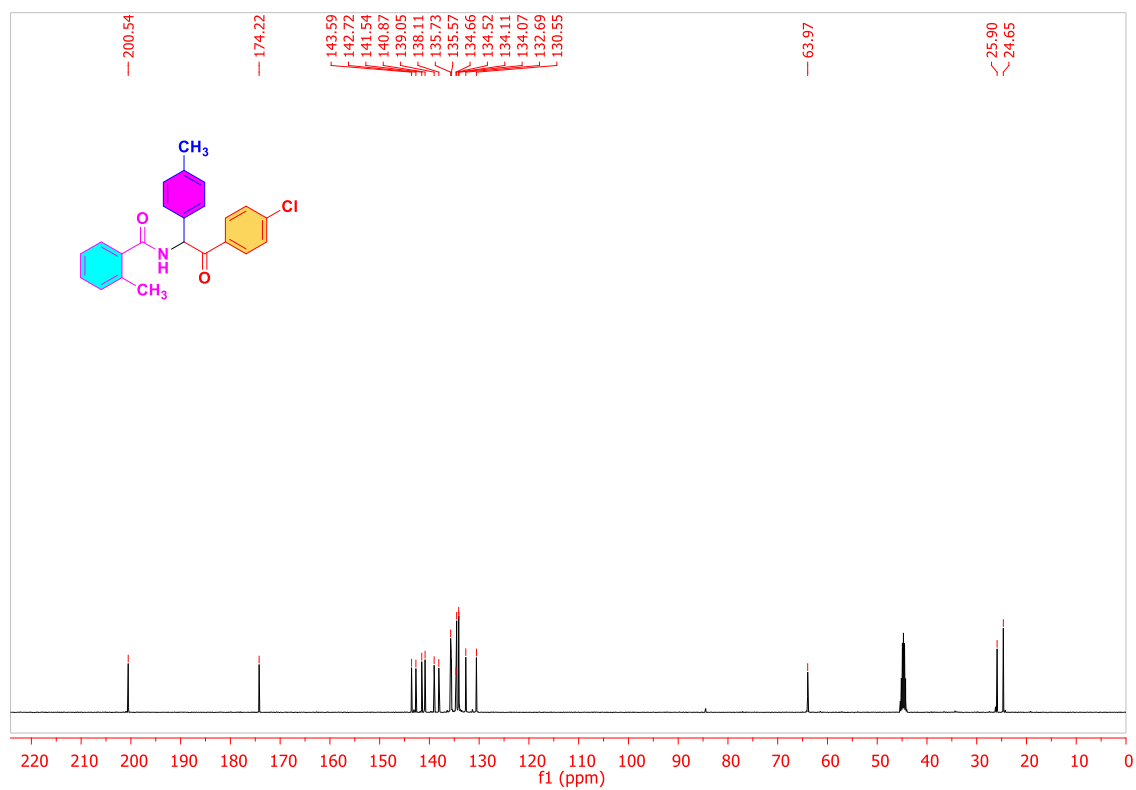
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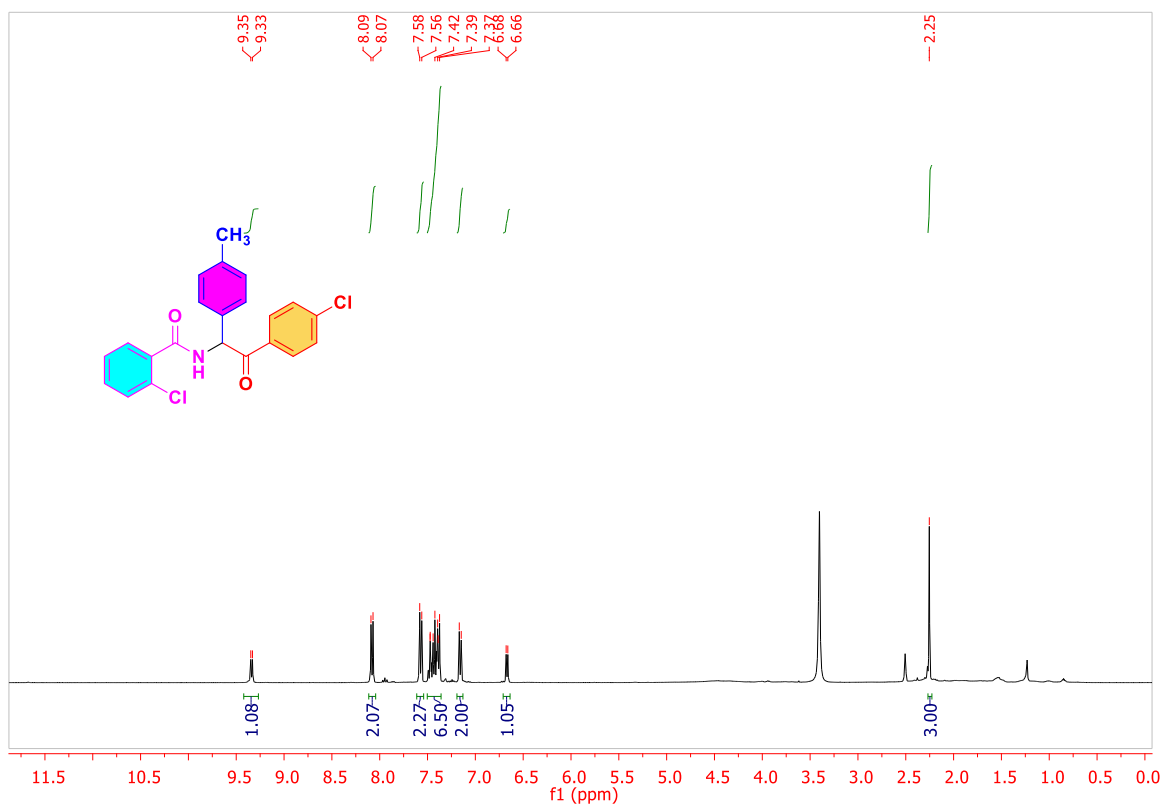
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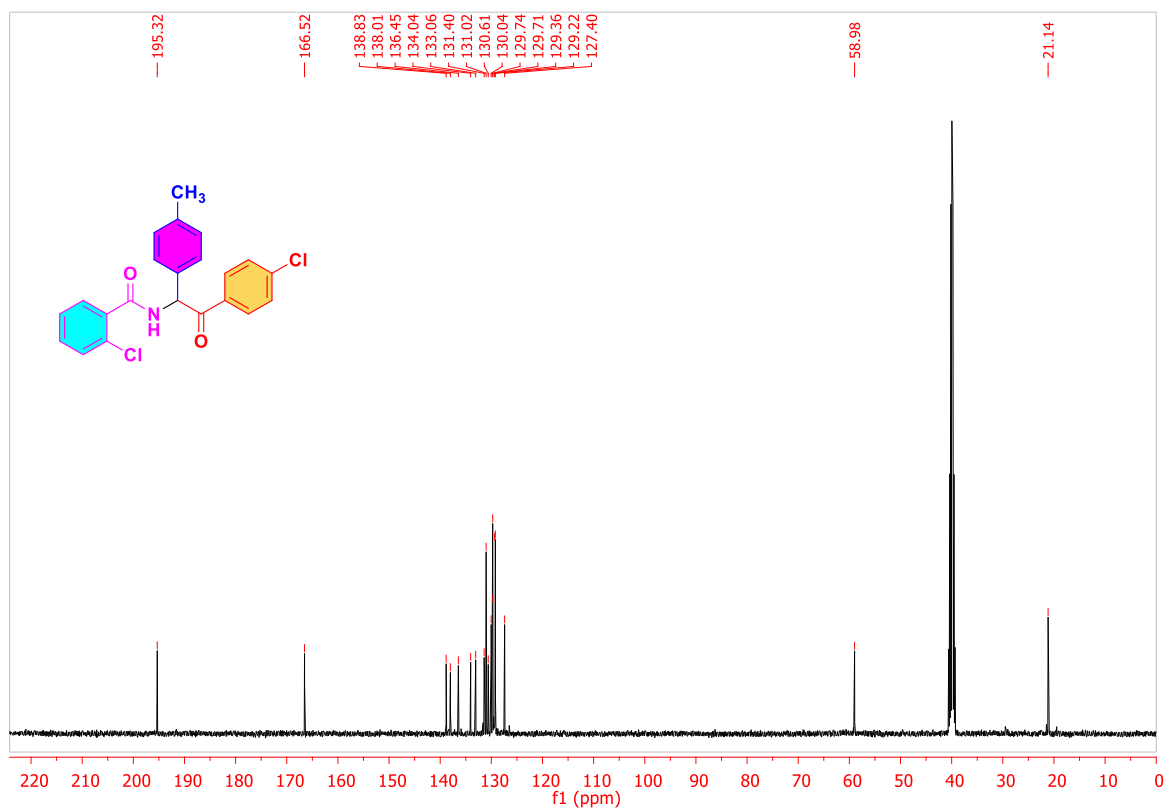
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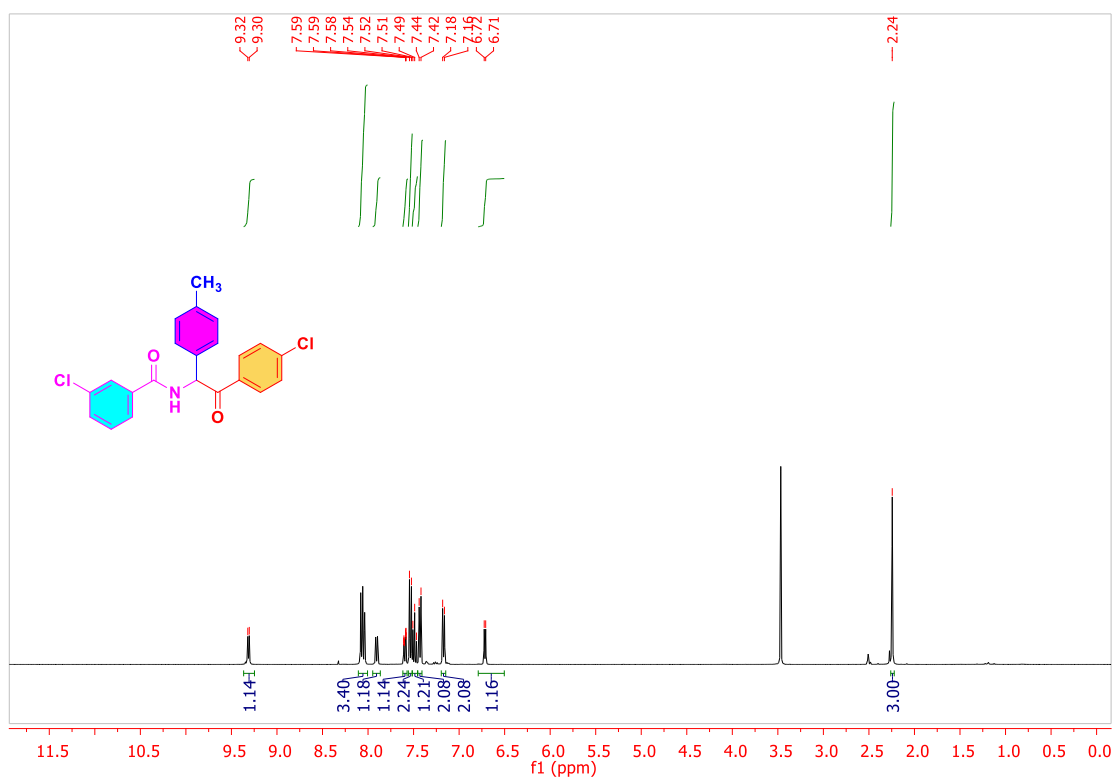
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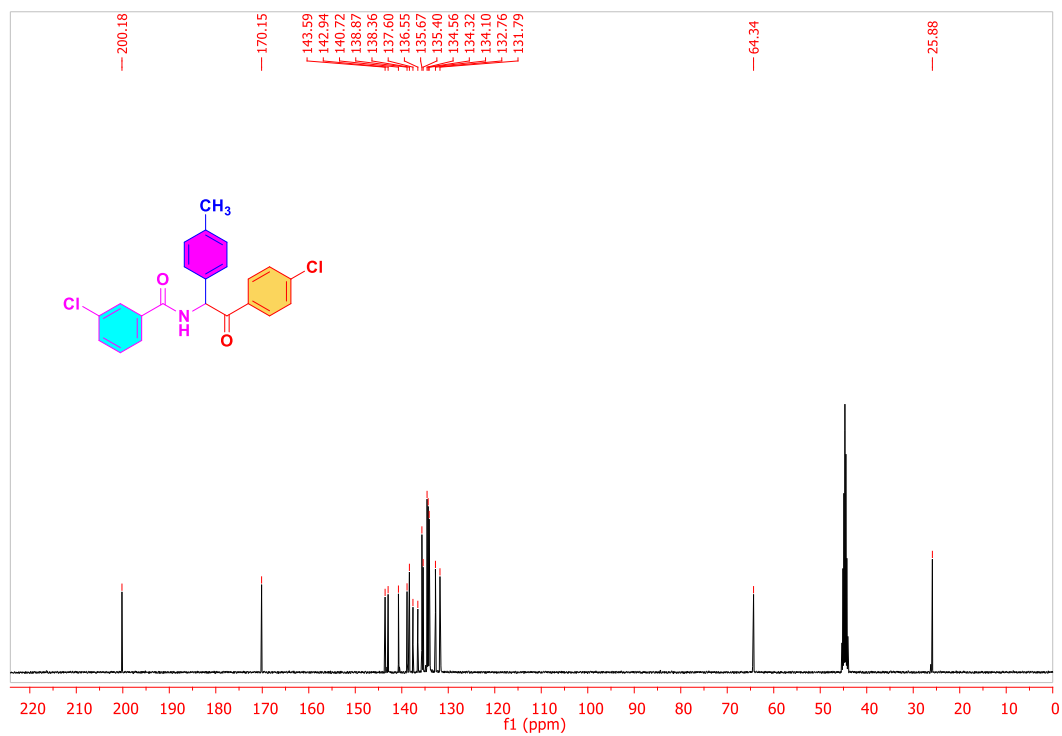
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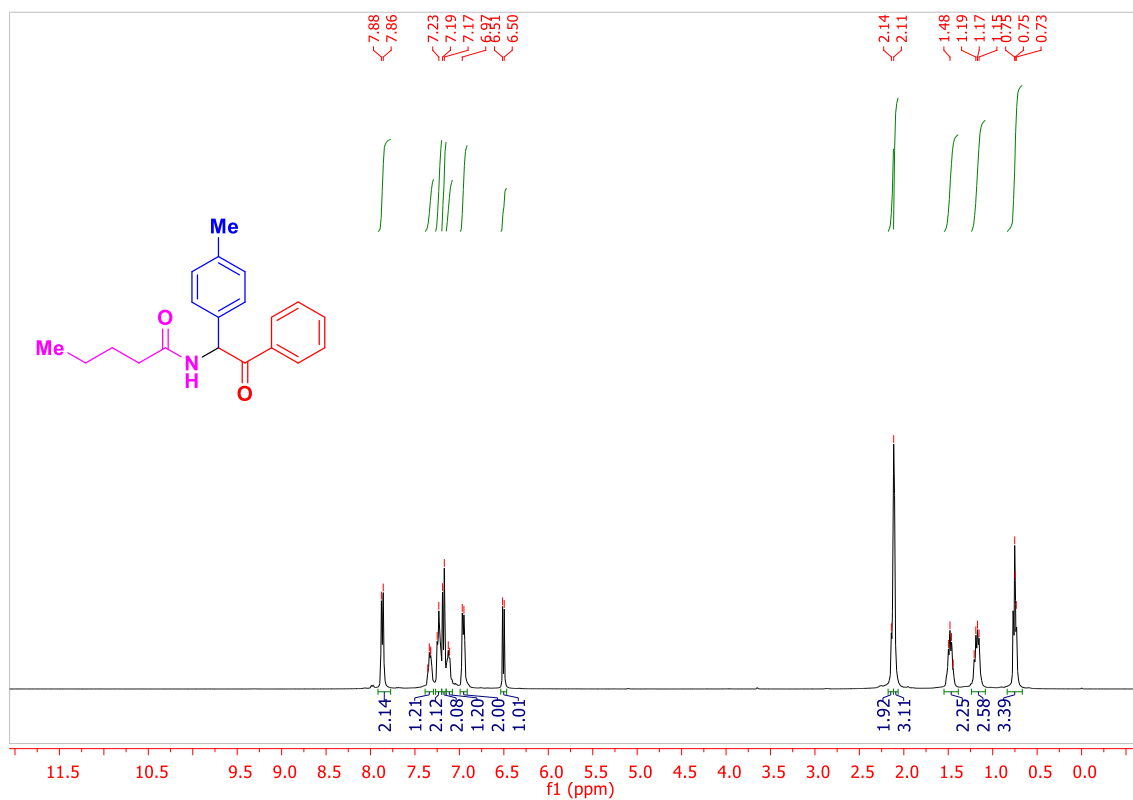


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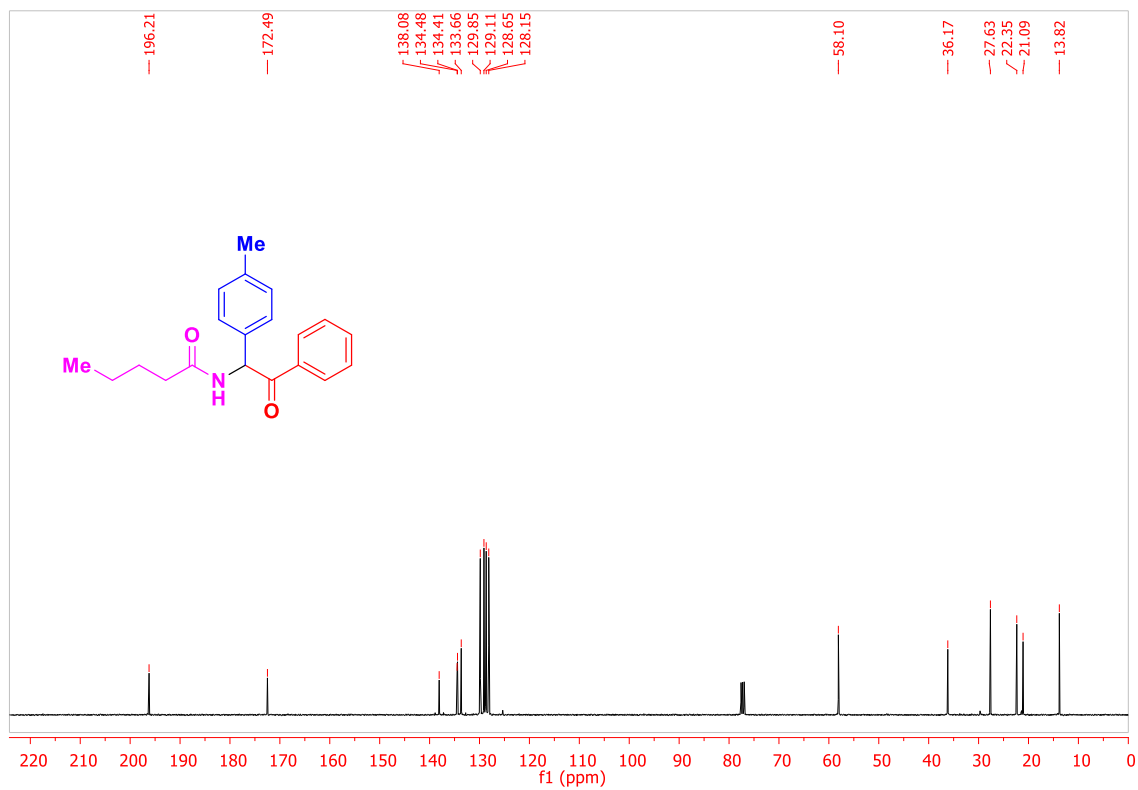




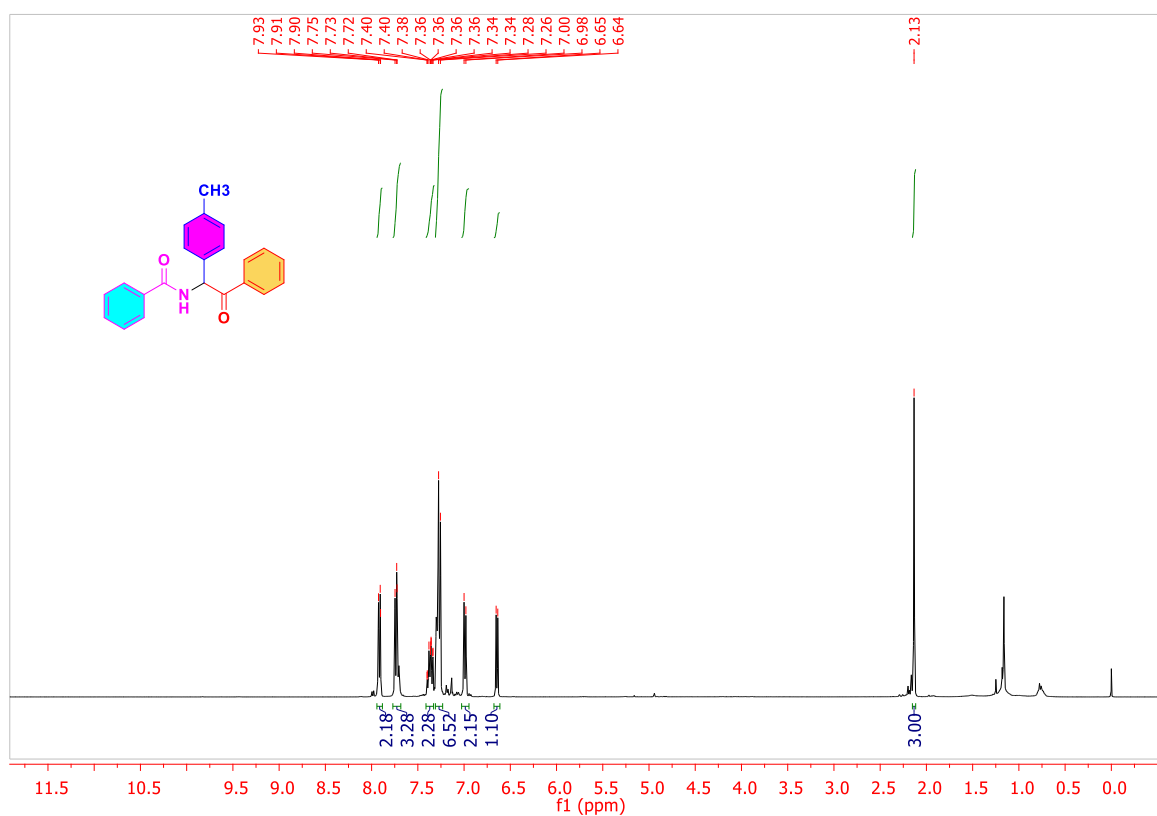
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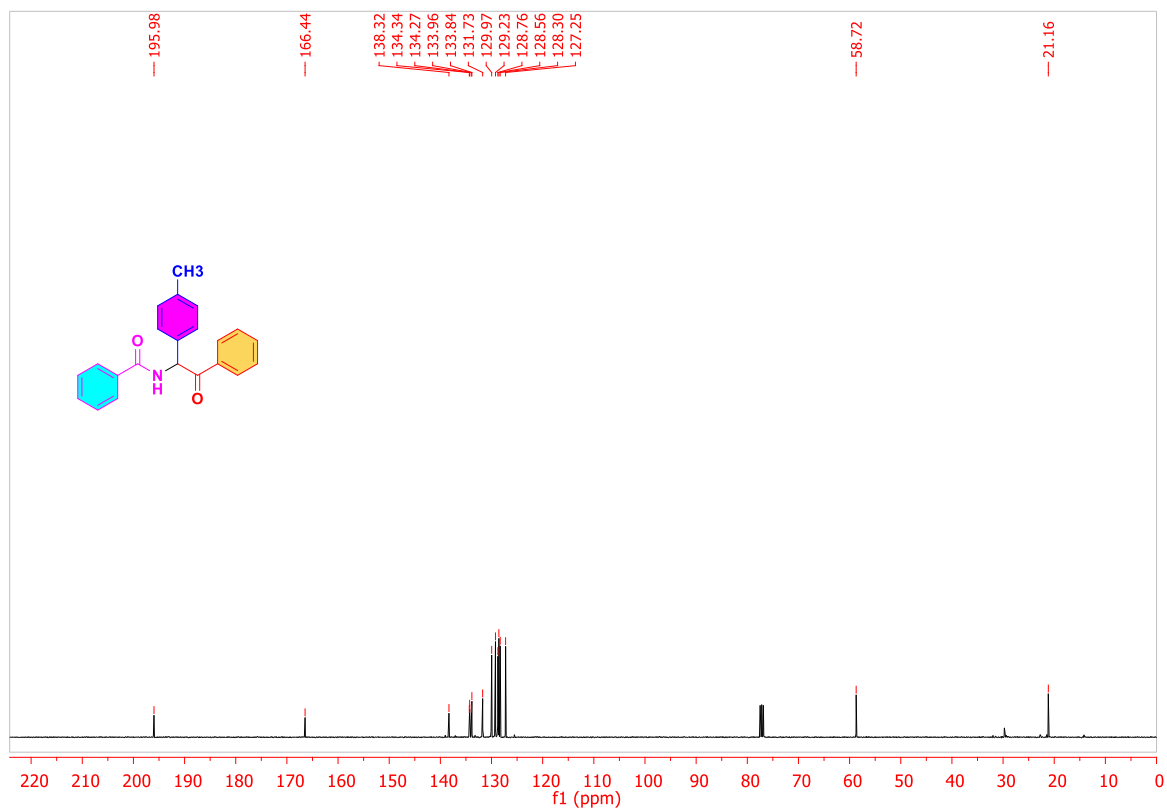
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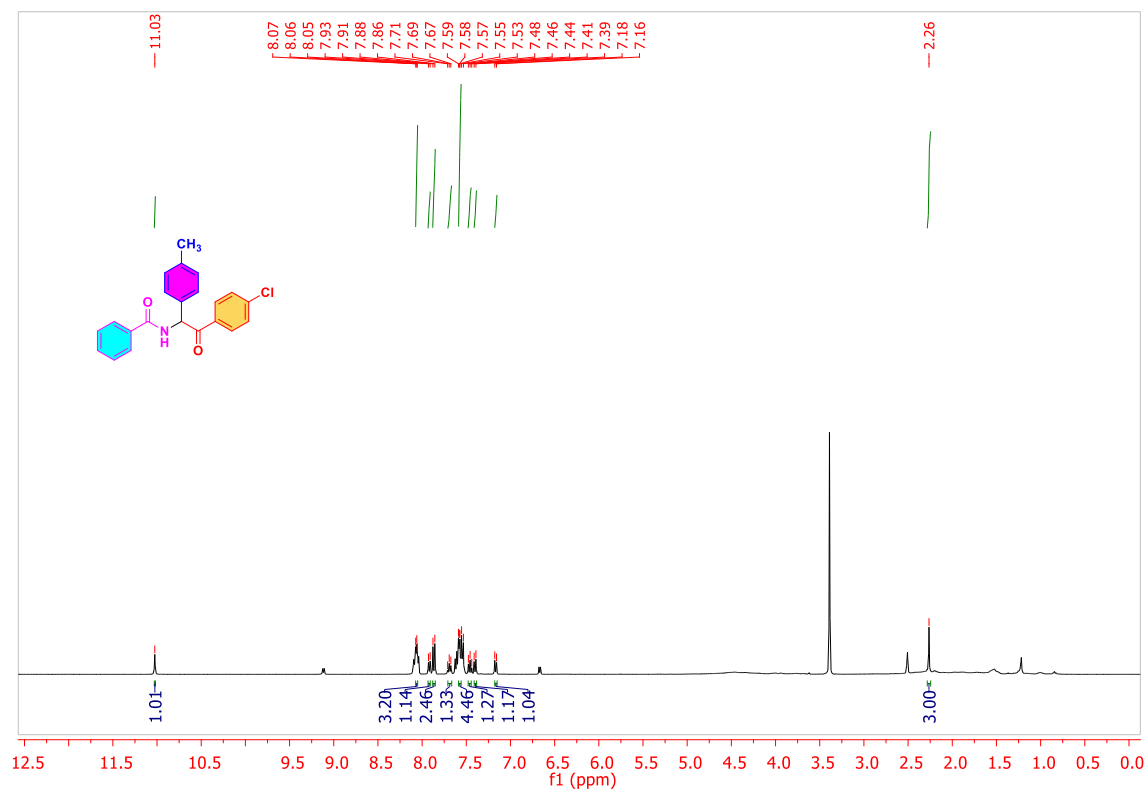
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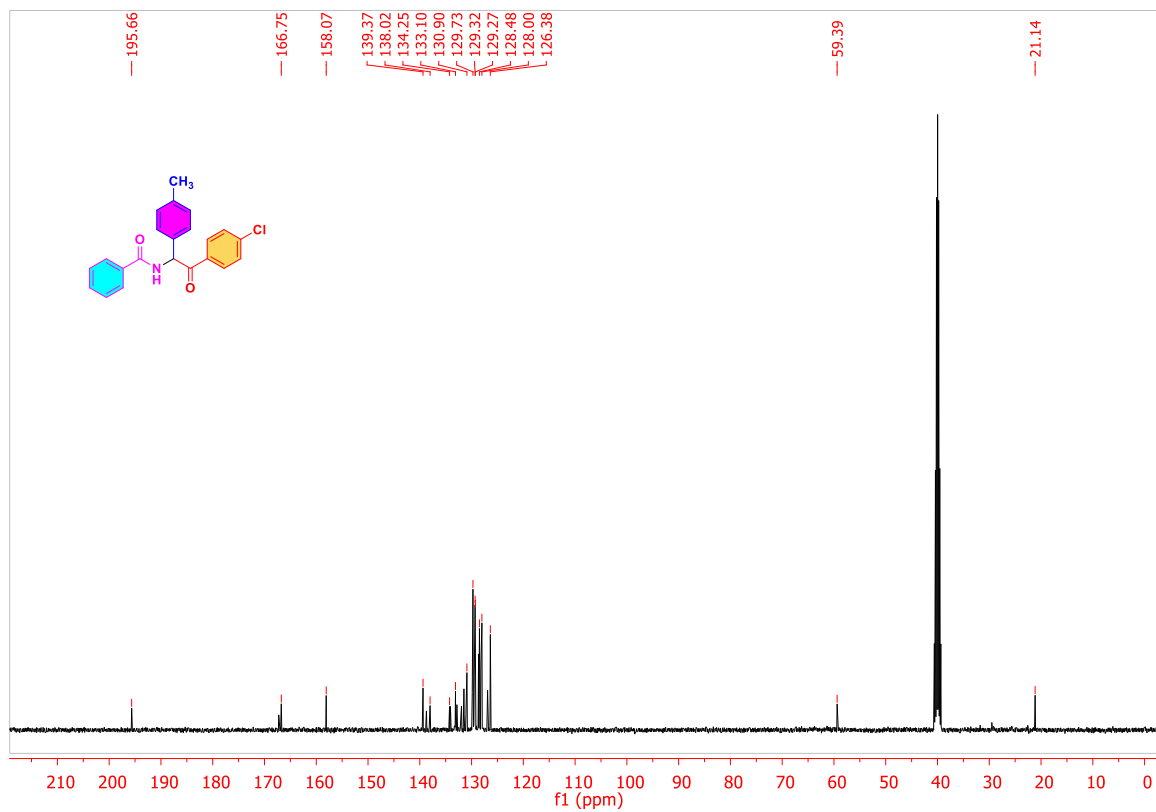
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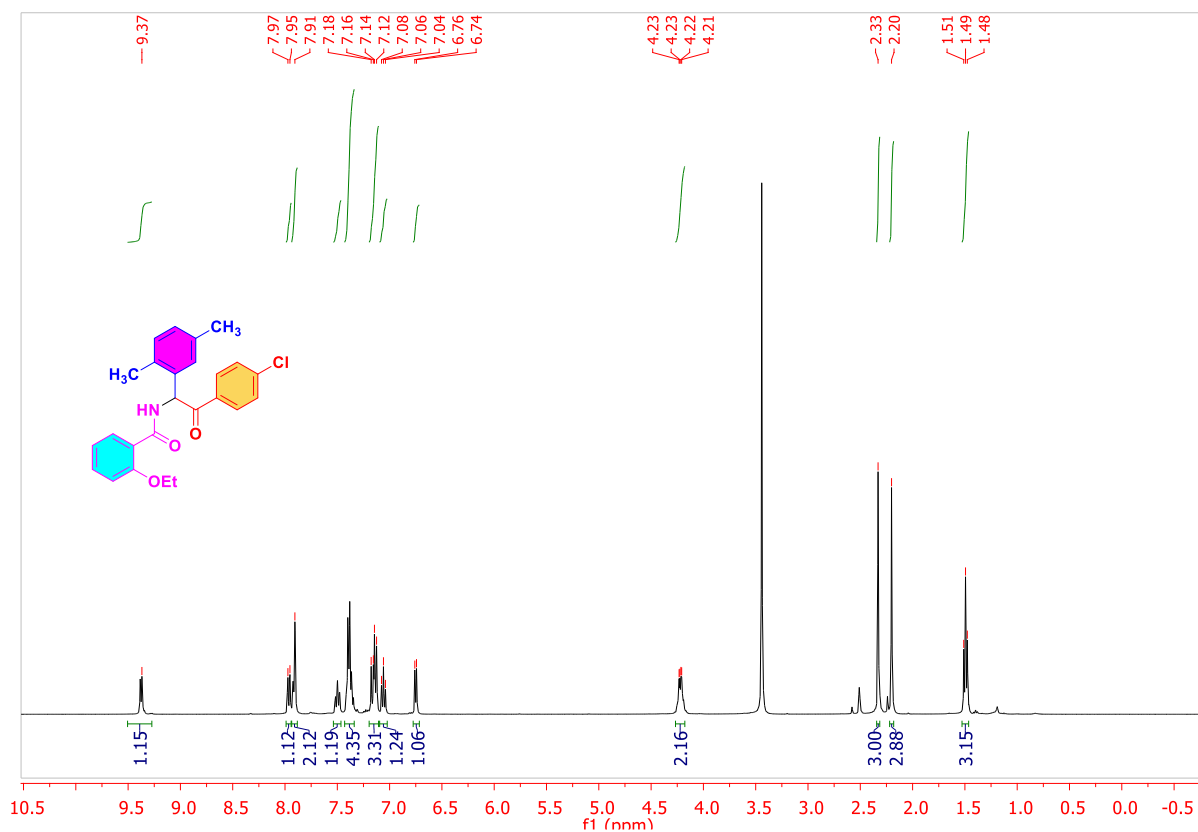
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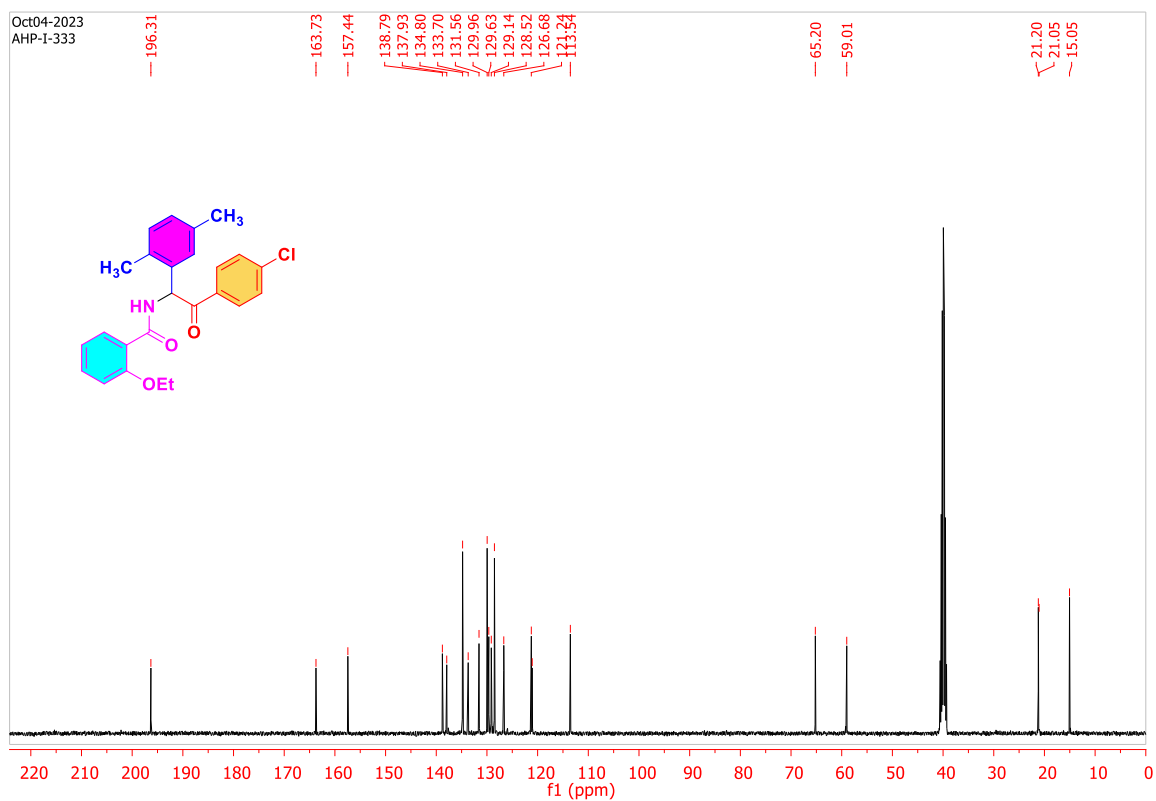
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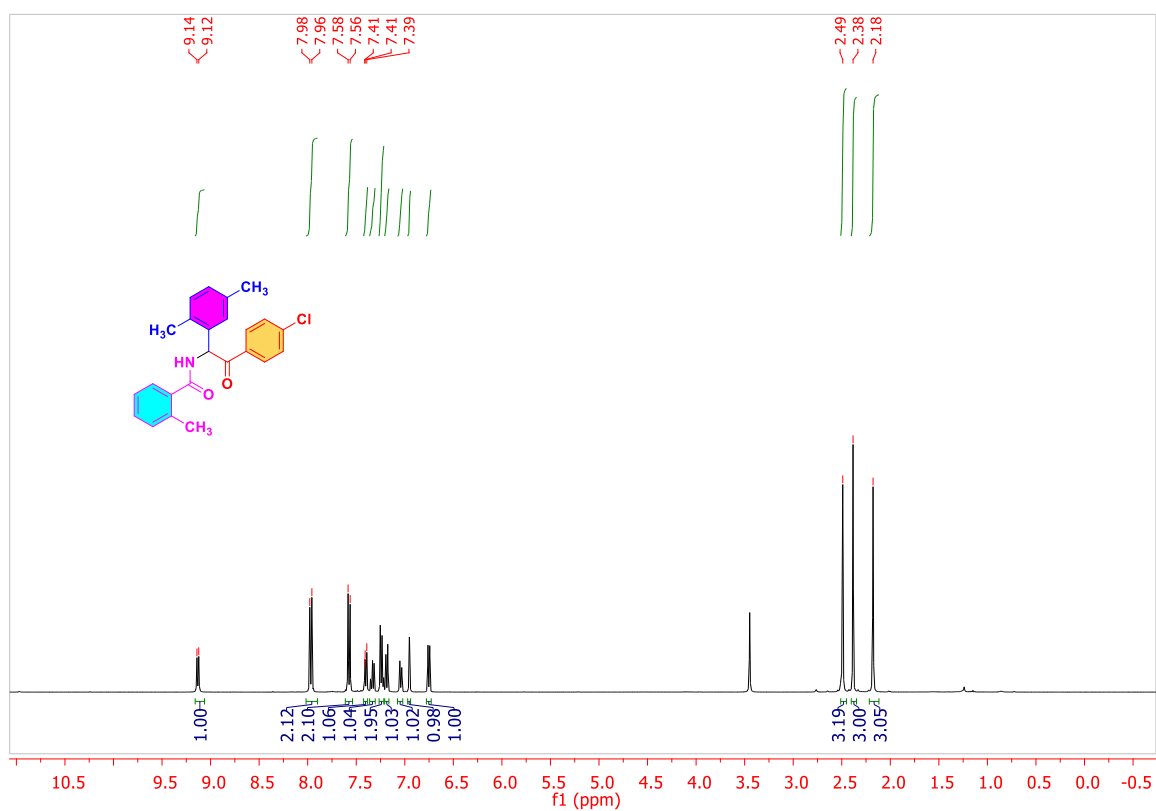
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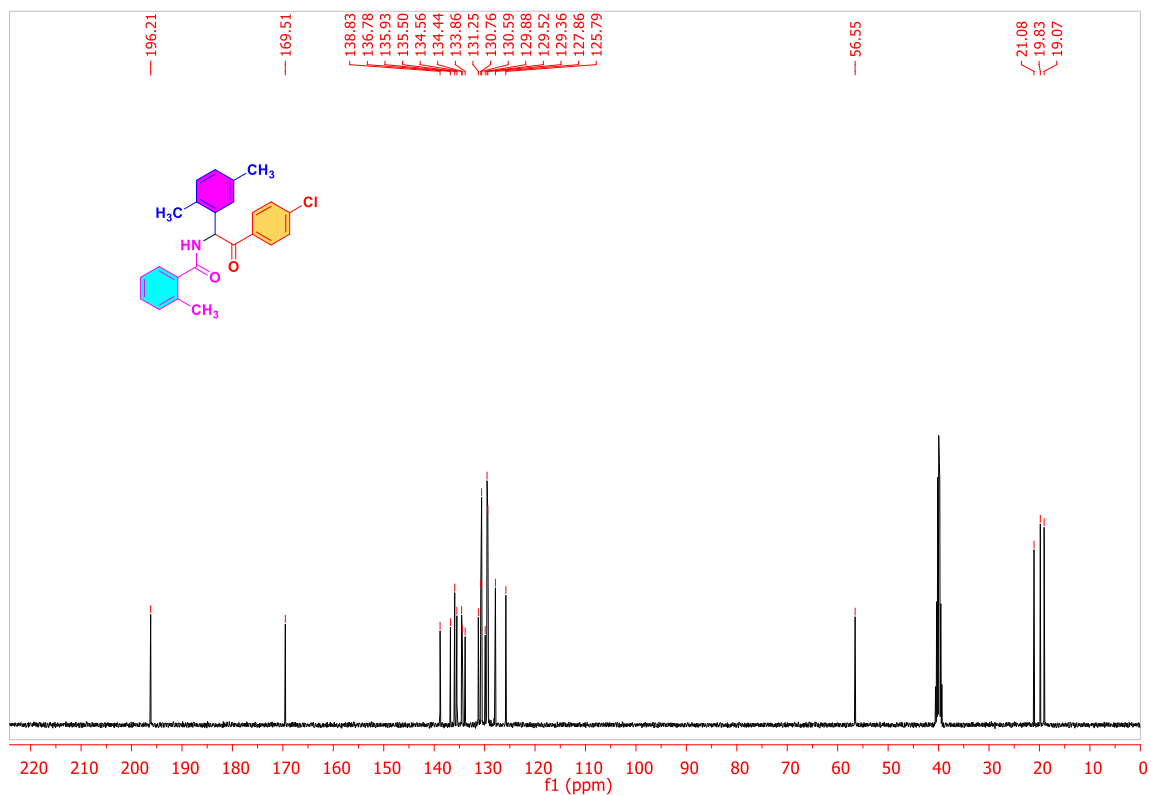
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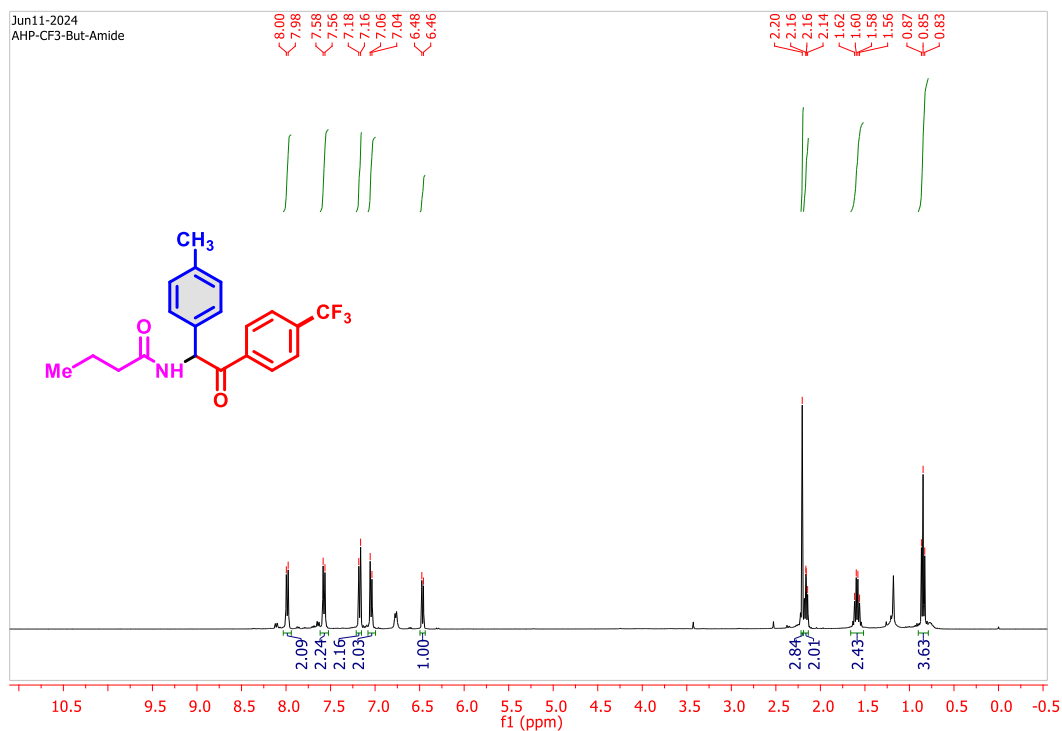
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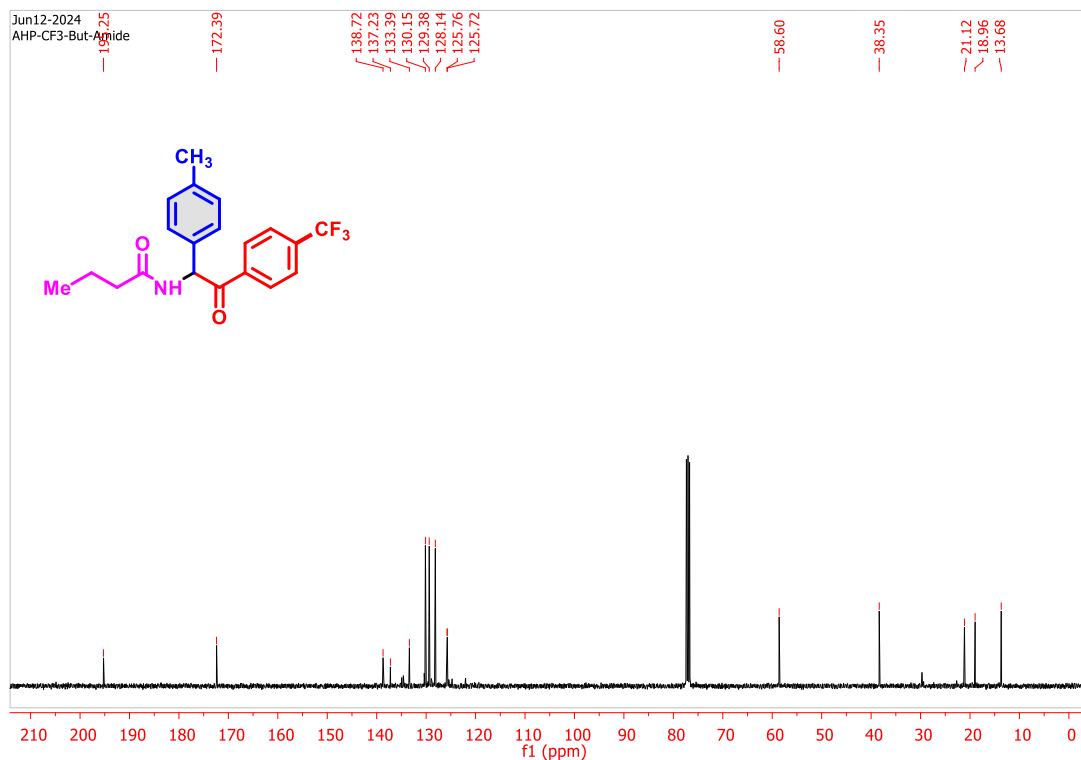
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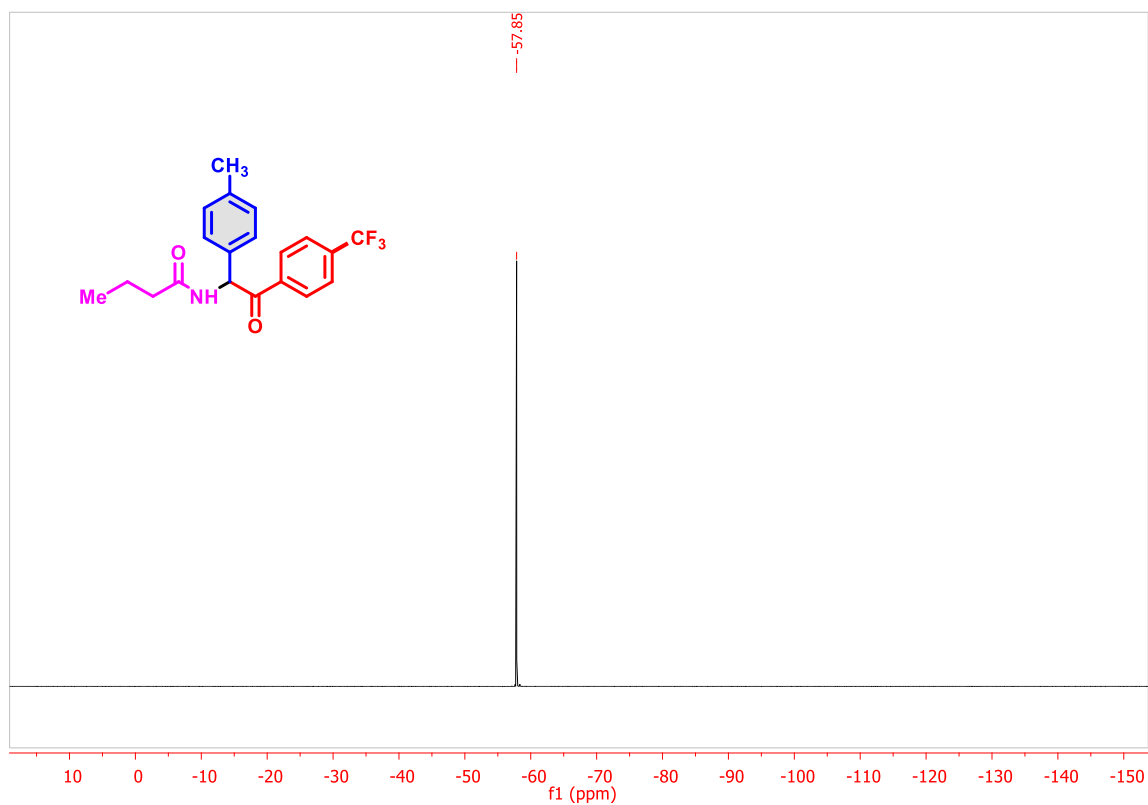
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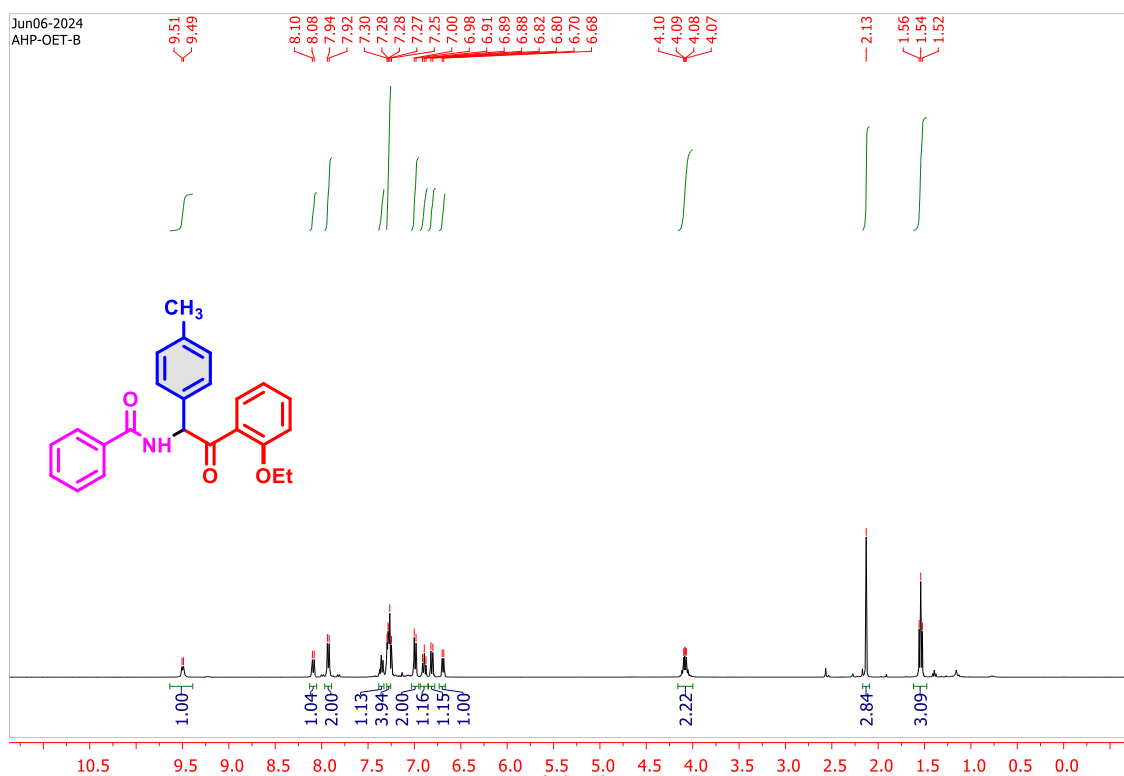
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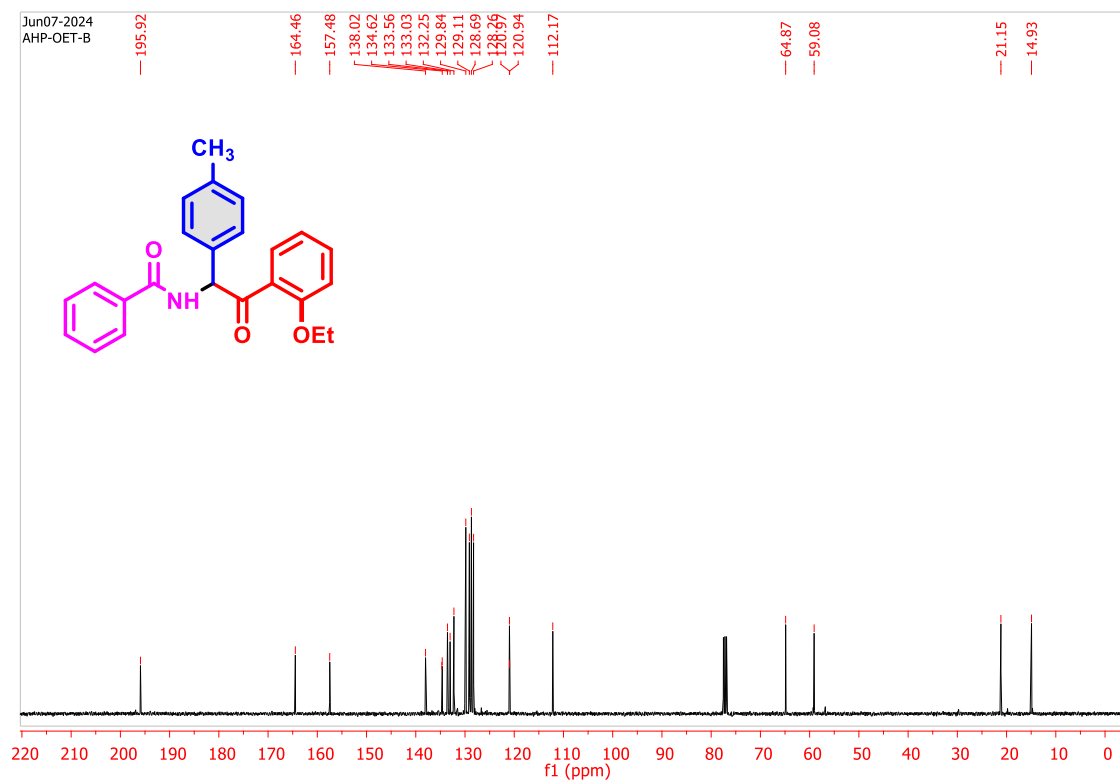
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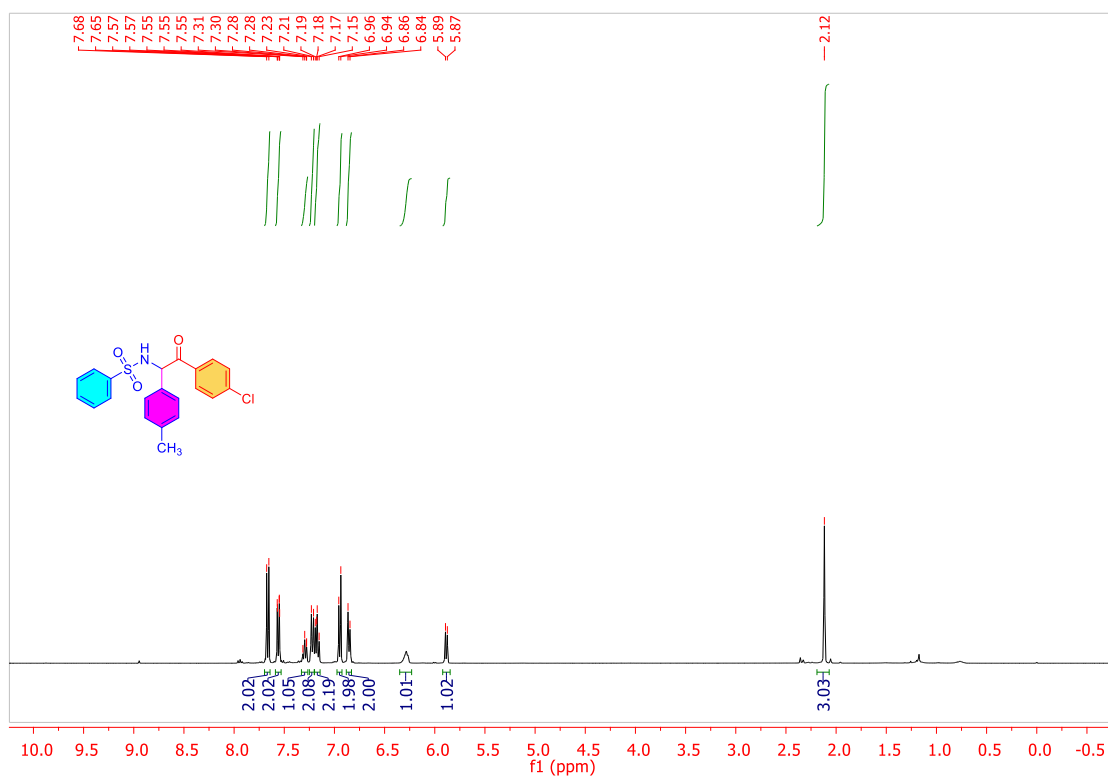
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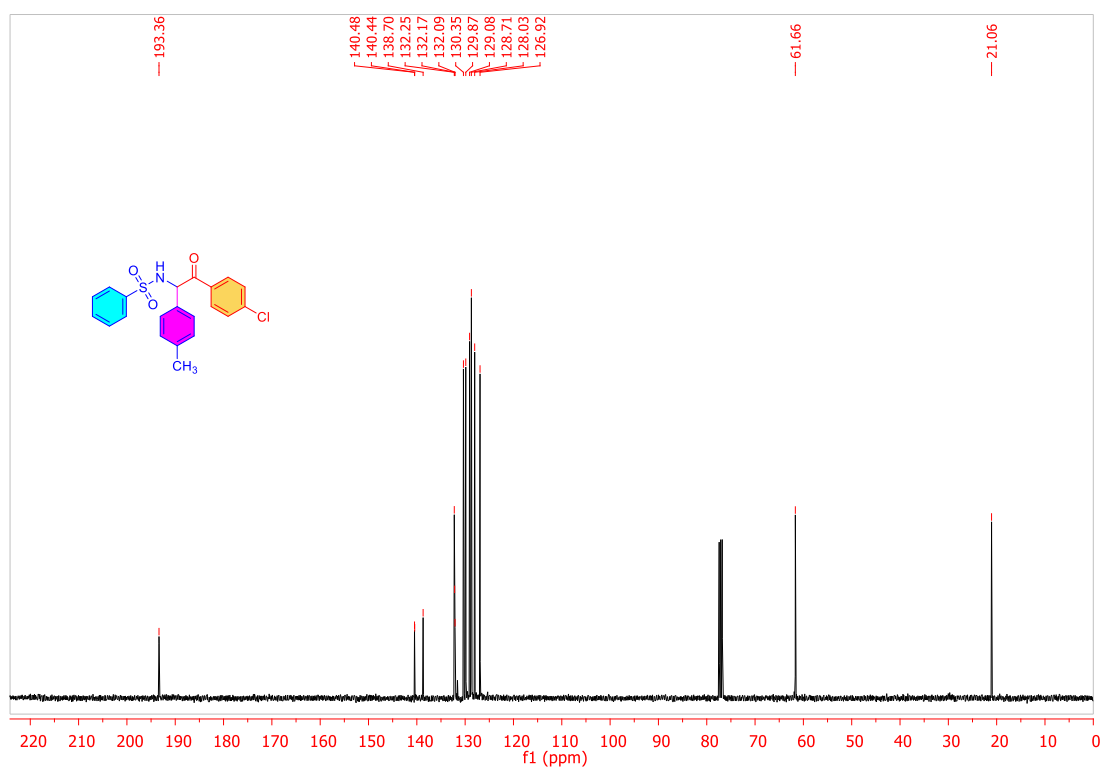


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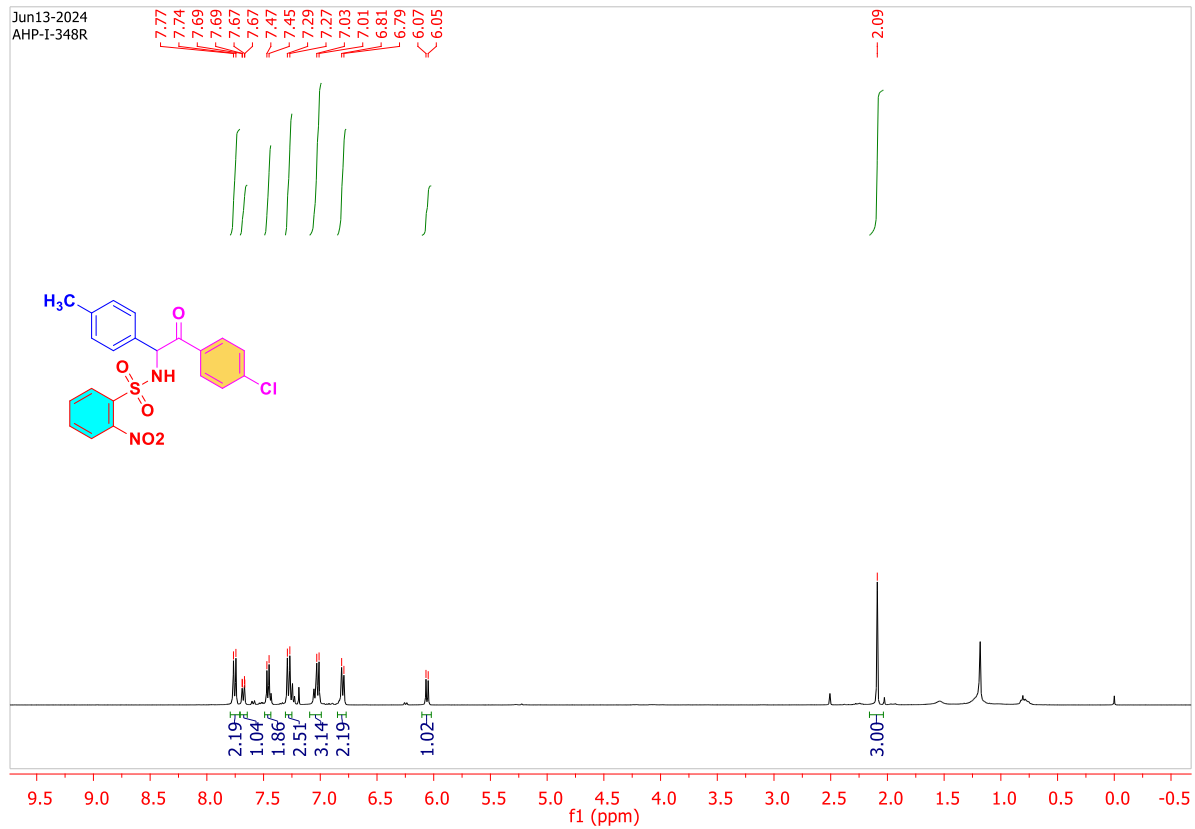




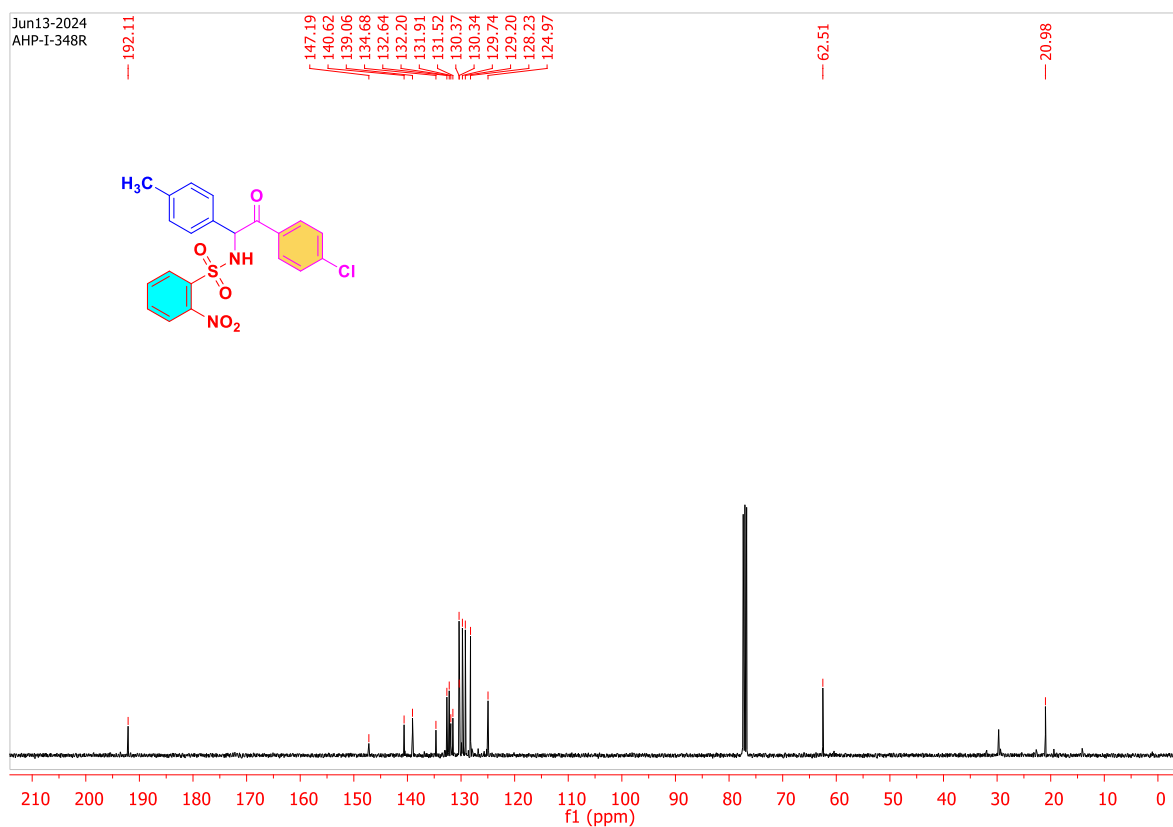
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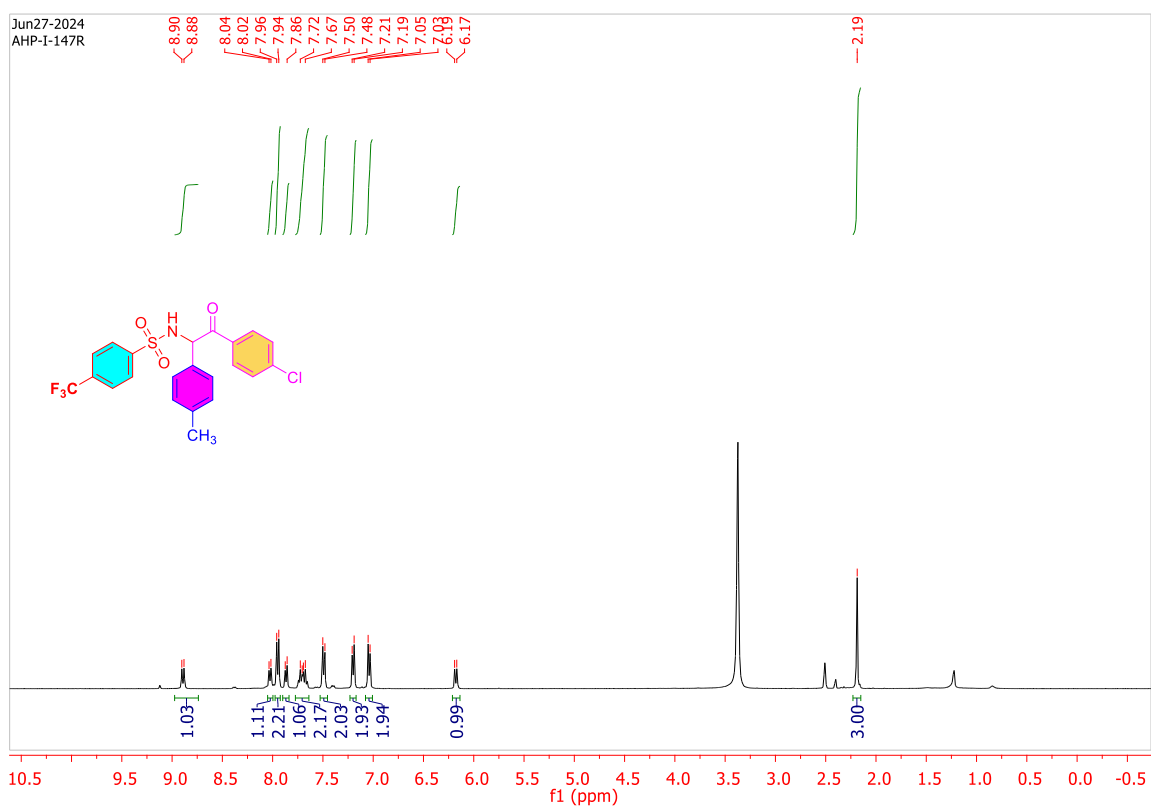
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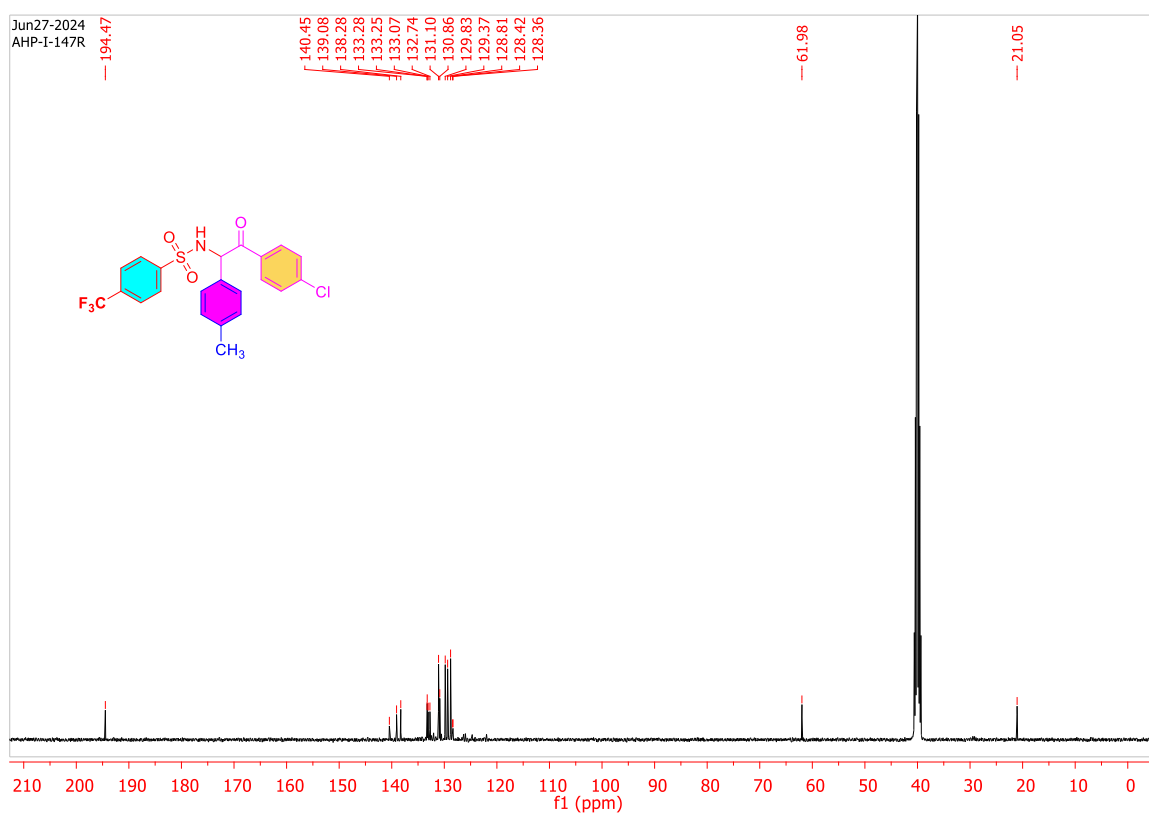
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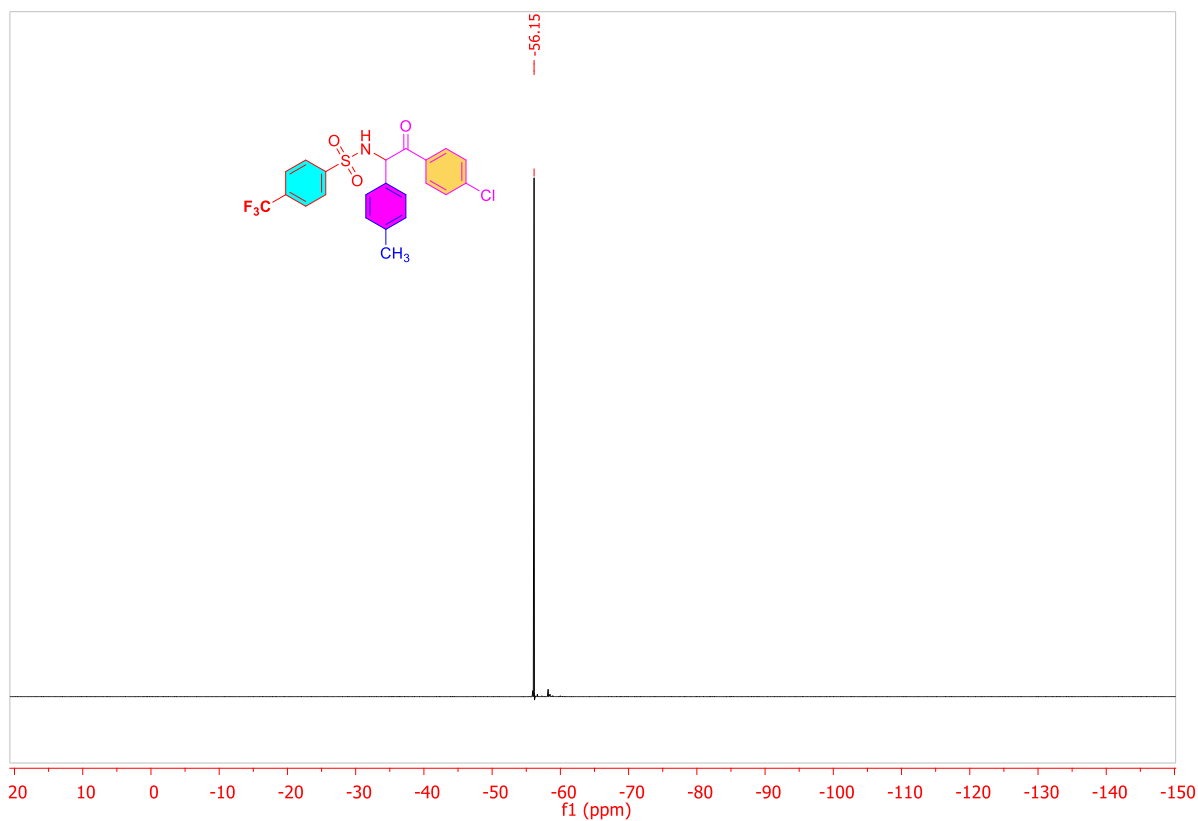
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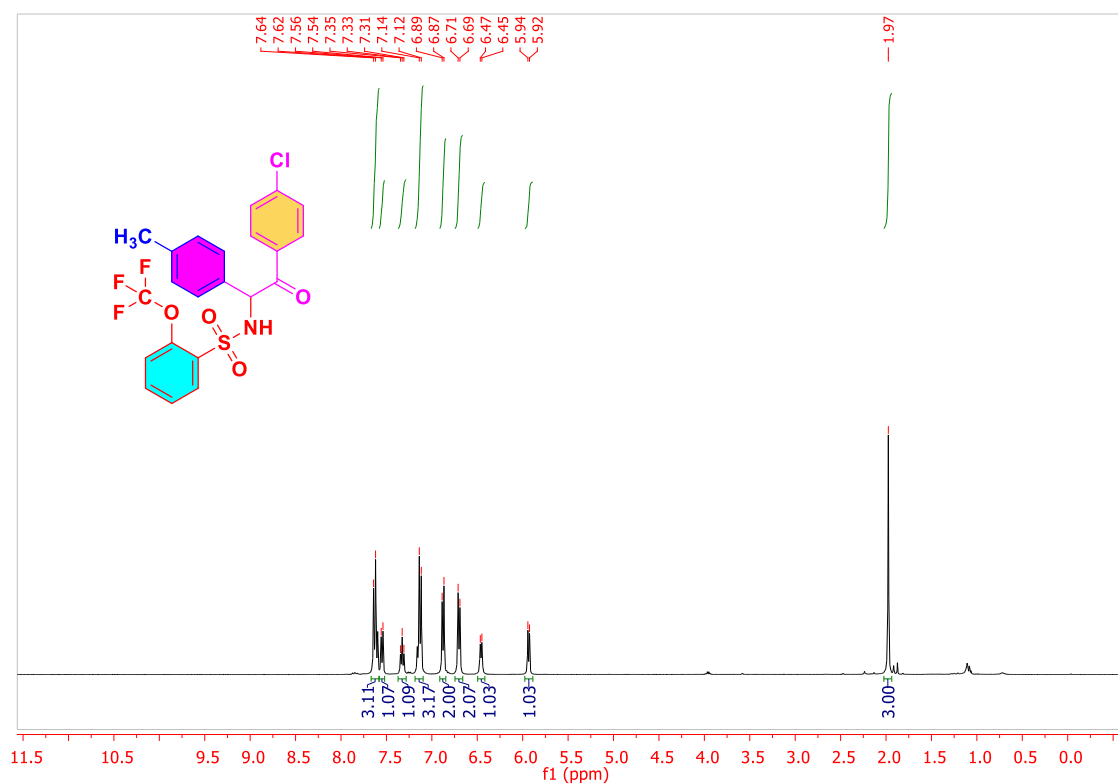
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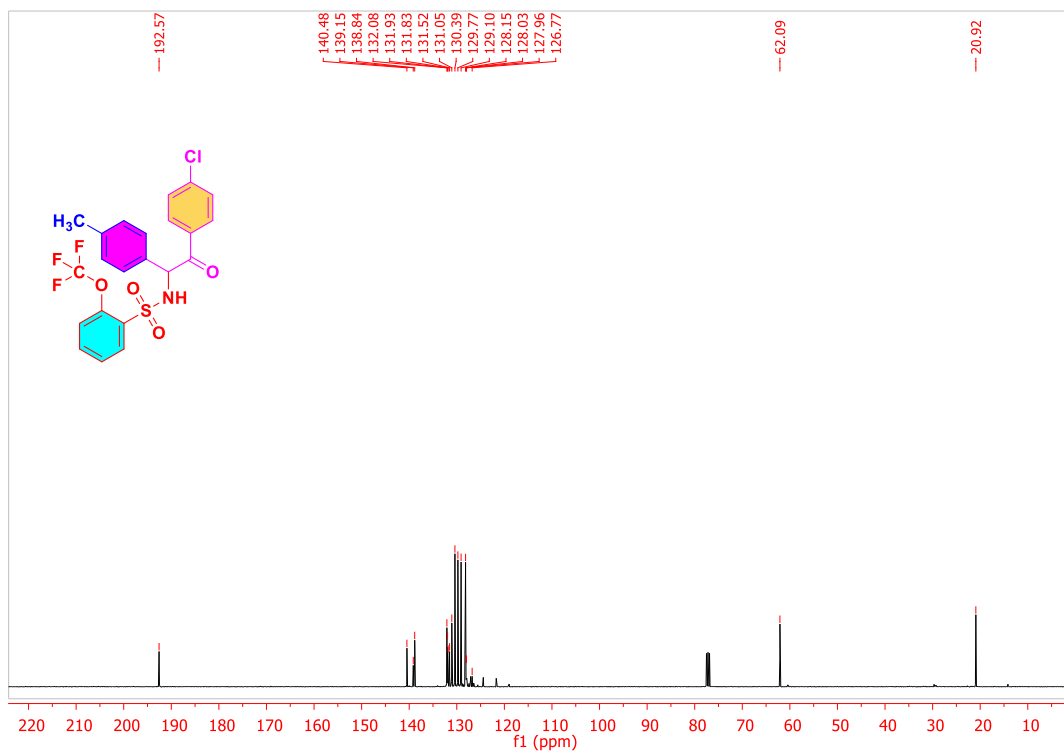
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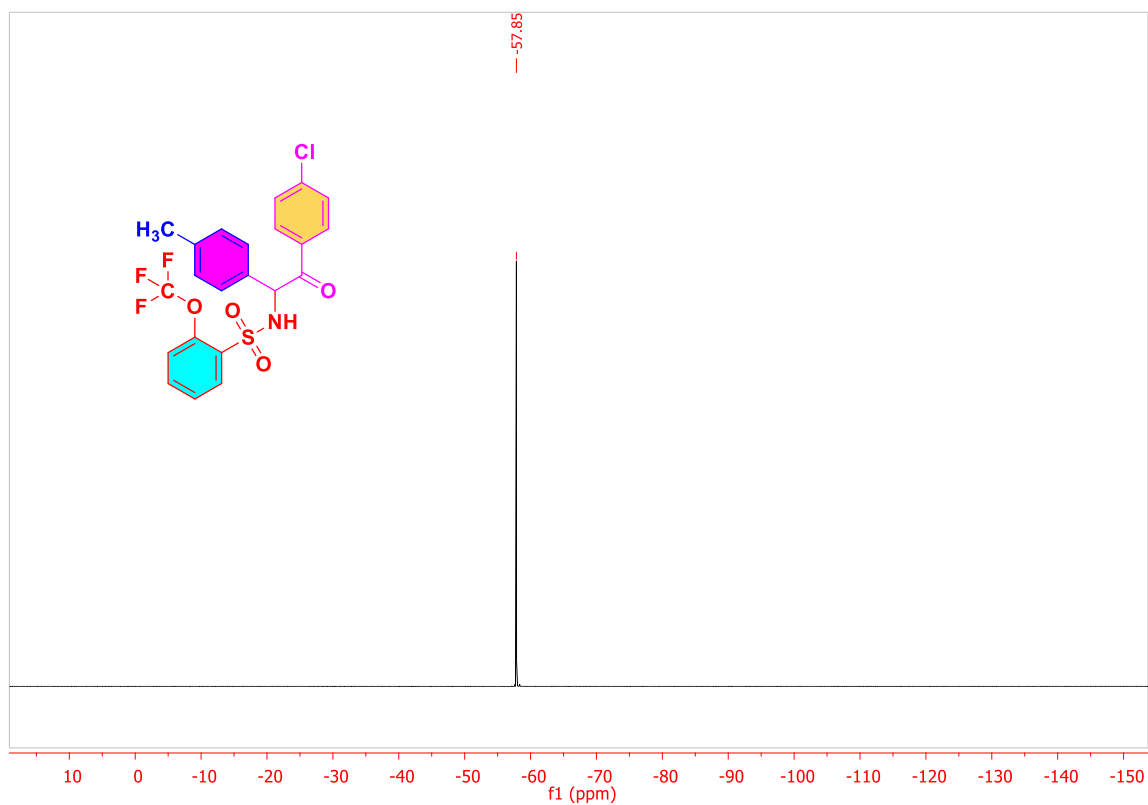
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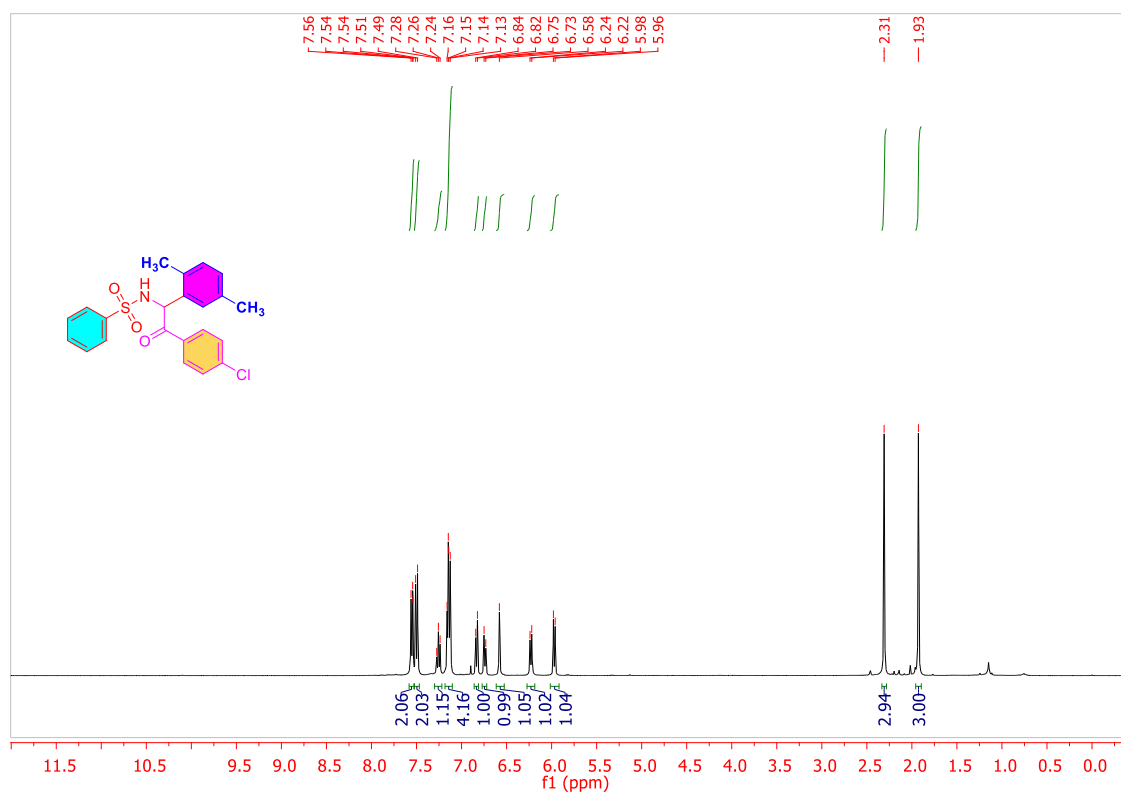
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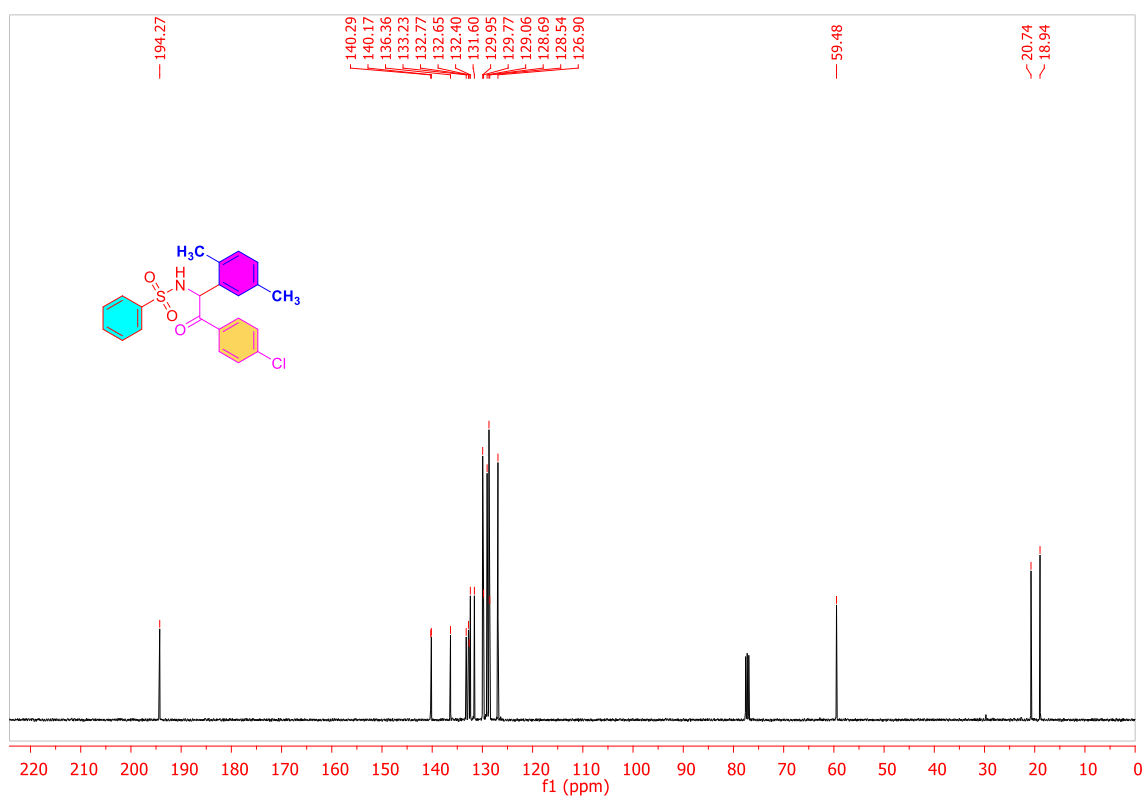
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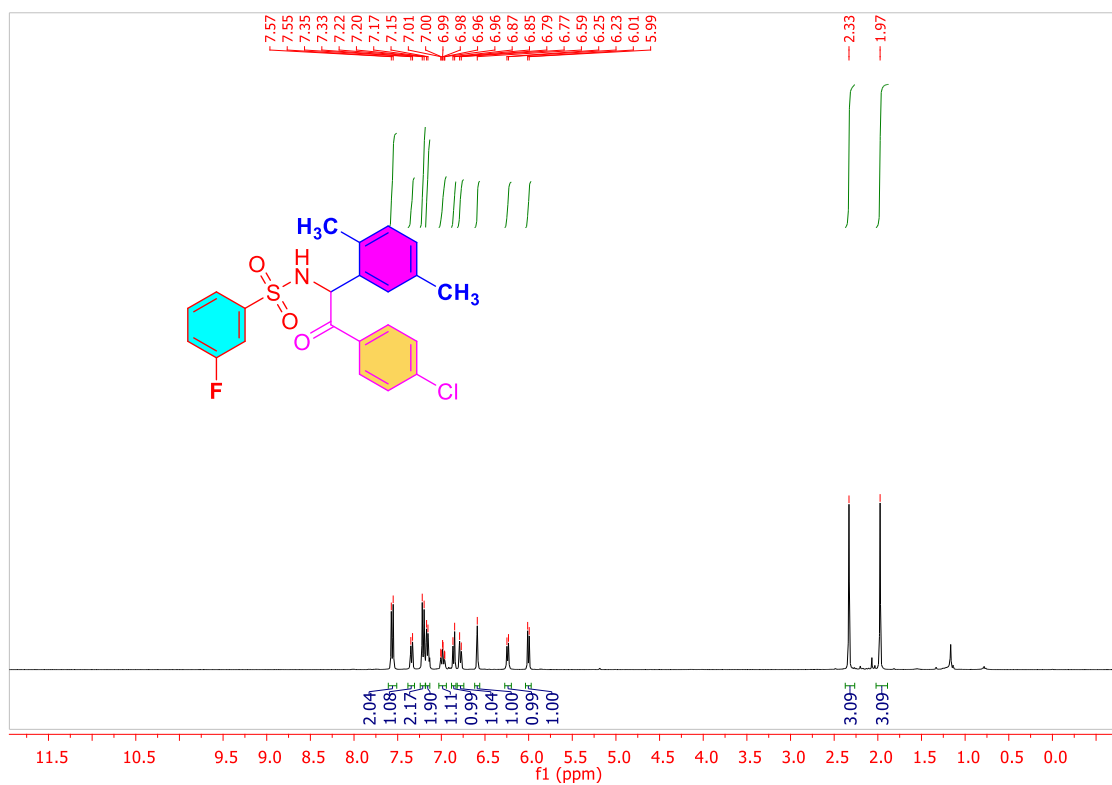
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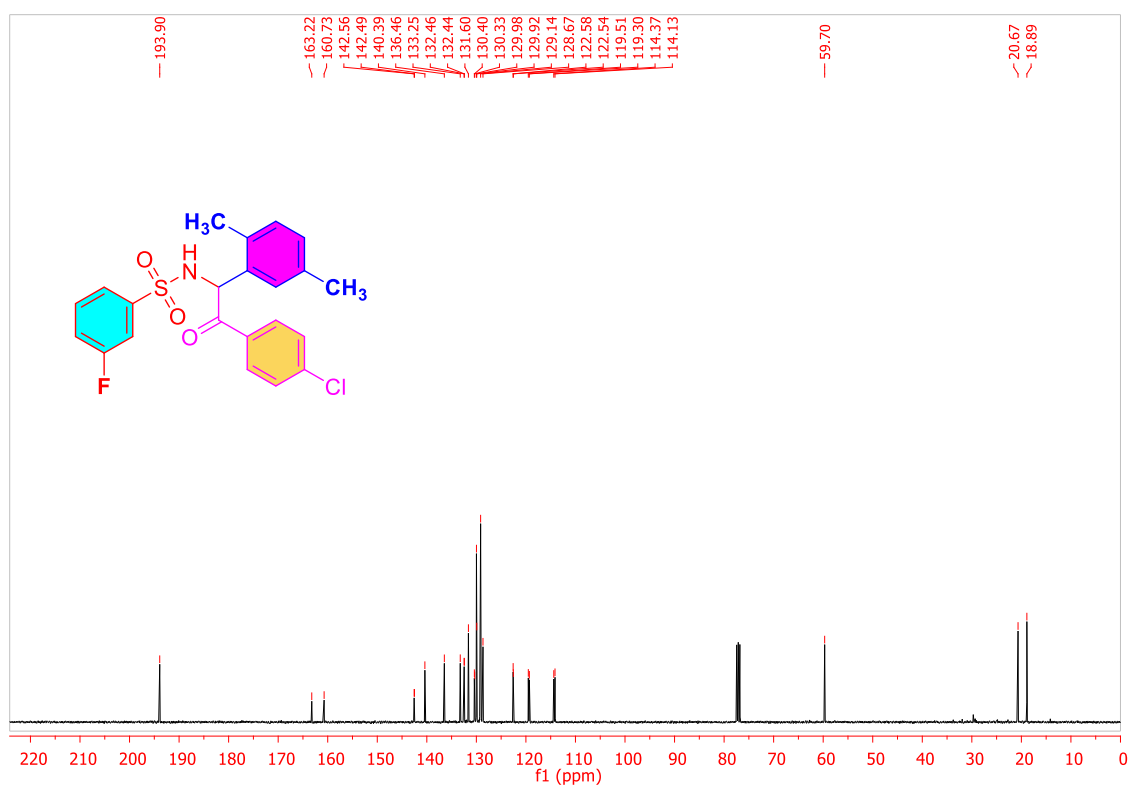
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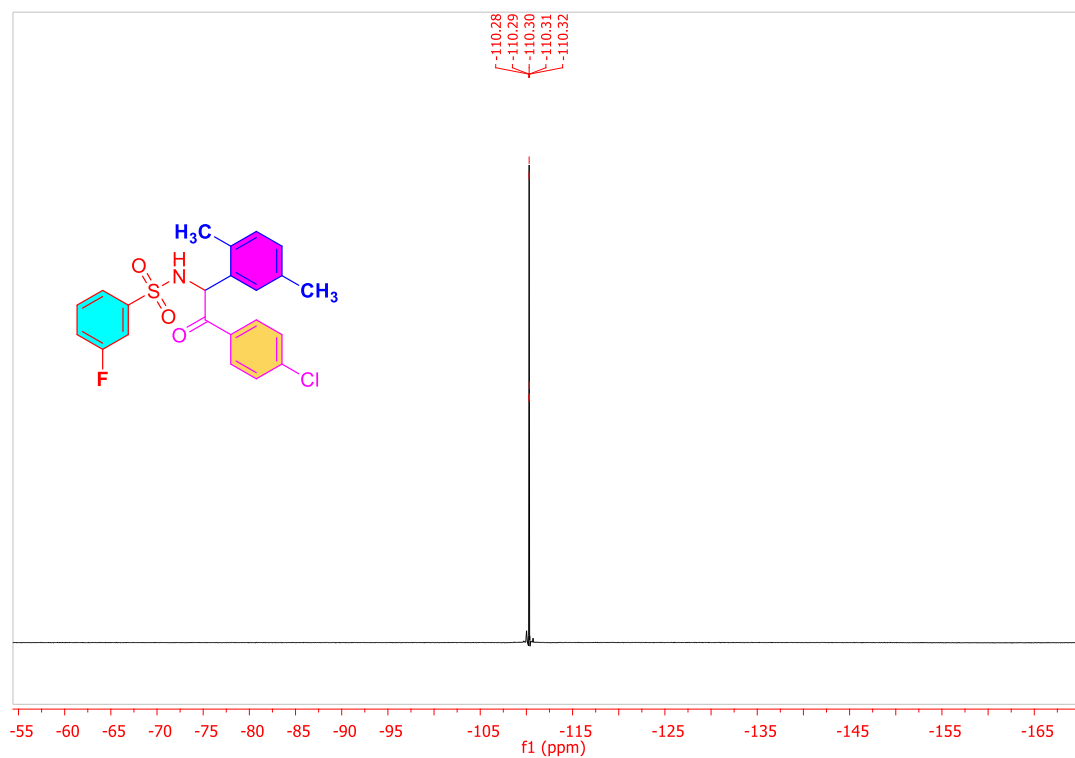
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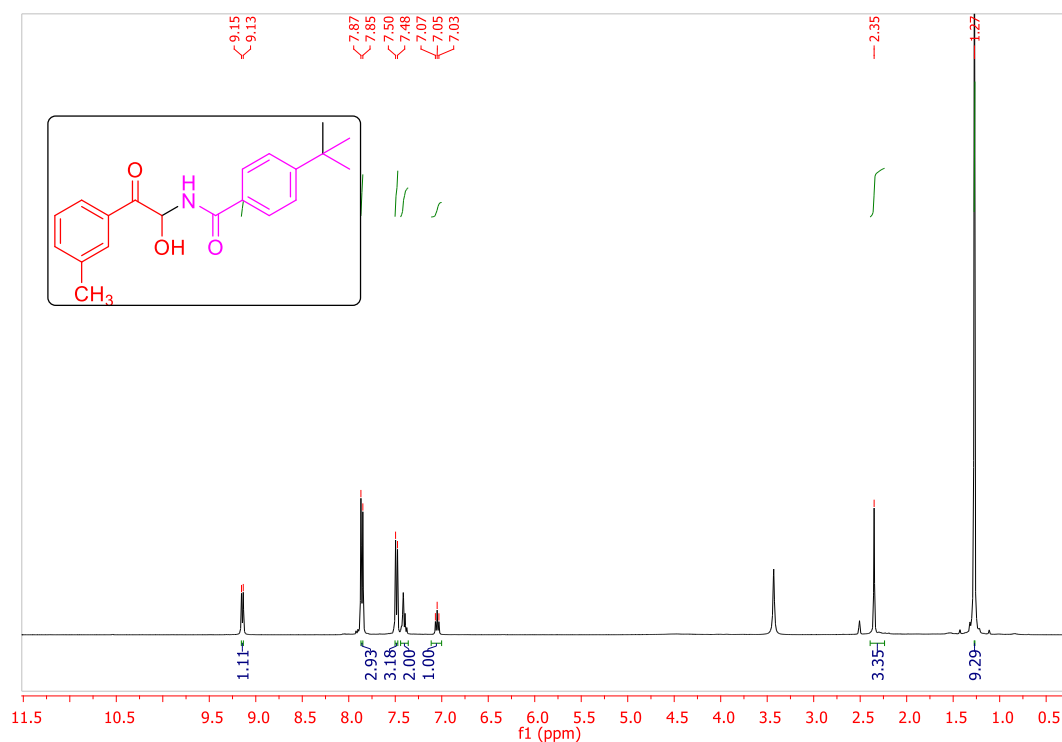
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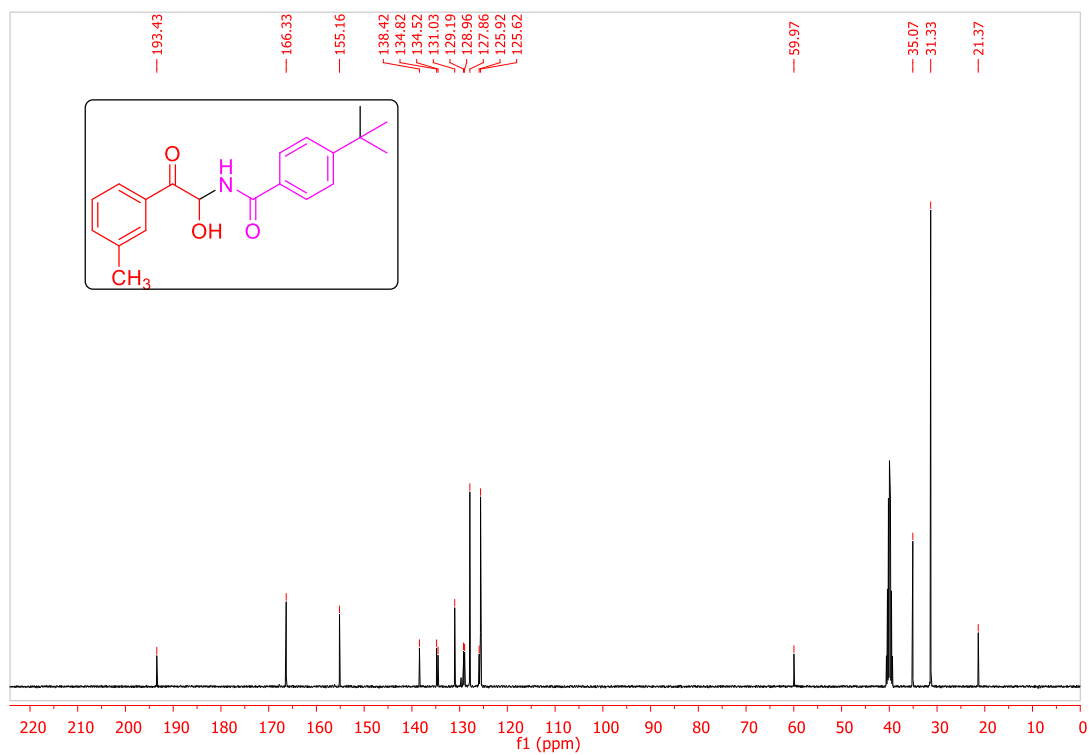
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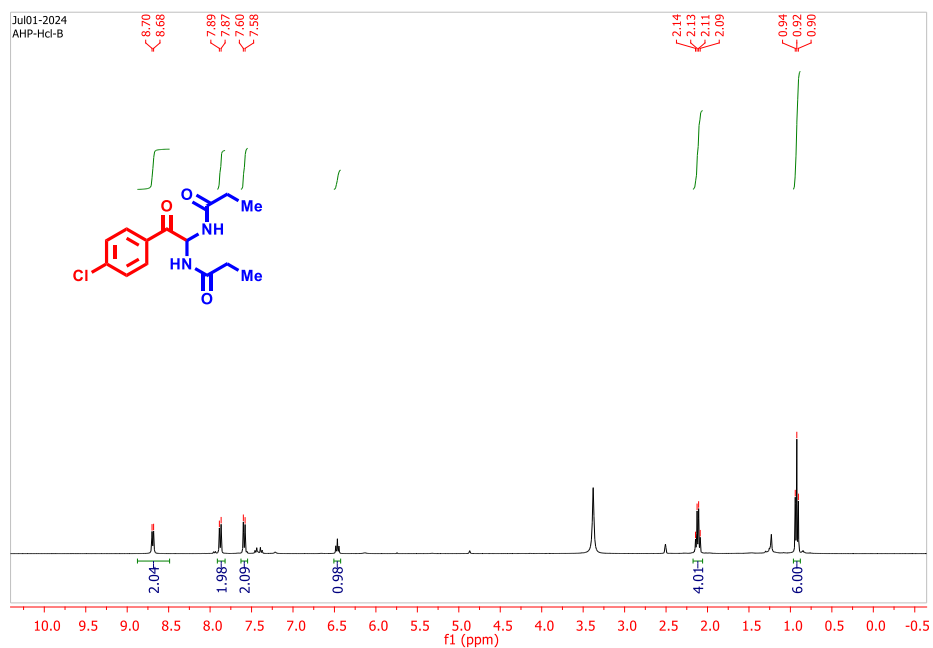


**4-(*tert*-butyl)-*N*-(1-hydroxy-2-oxo-2-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)benzamide (11) C<sup>13</sup> NMR.**

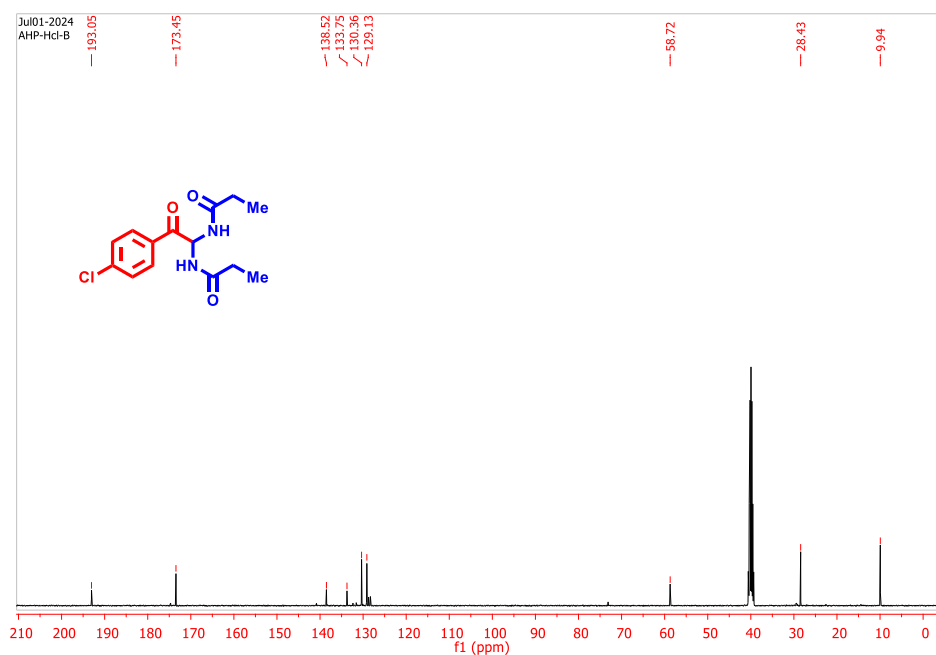




***N,N'*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethane-1,1-diyl)dipropionamide (H1 NMR) Di-Ritter product with HCl instead of  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$**

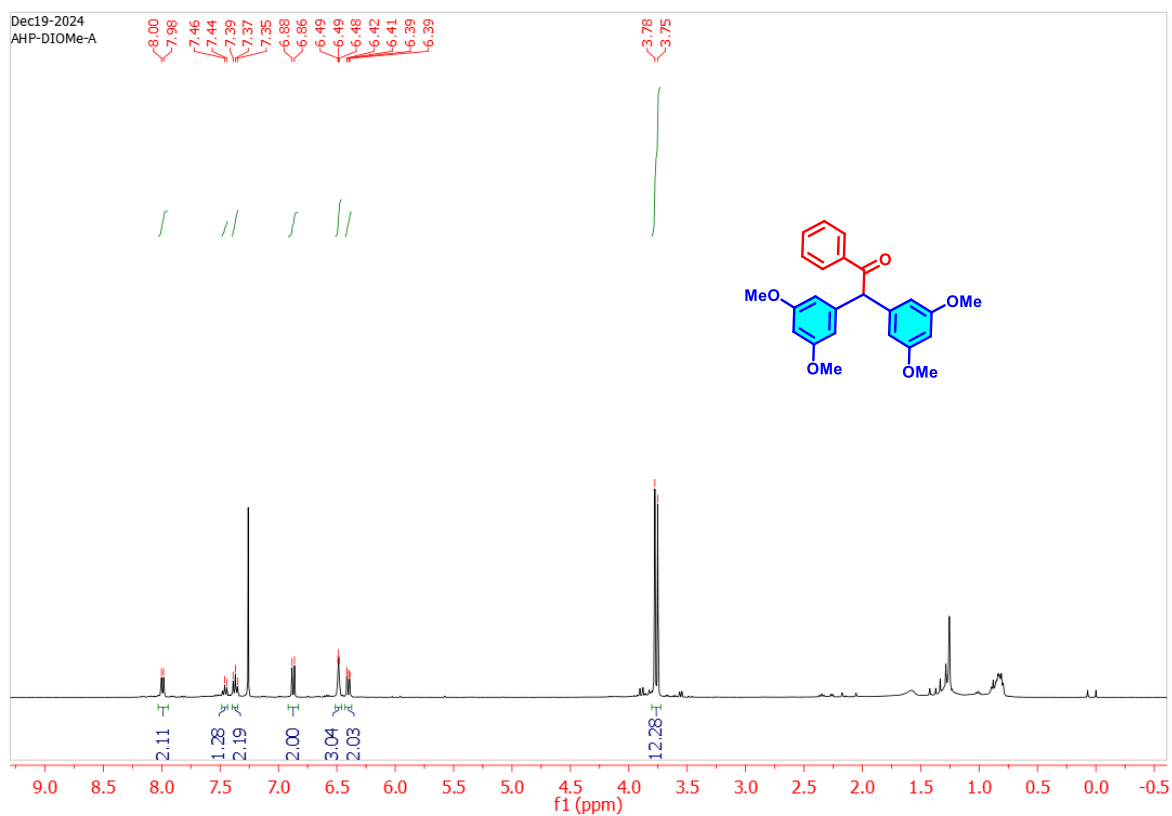


***N,N'*-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethane-1,1-diyl)dipropionamide (13C NMR) Di-Ritter product with HCl instead of  $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$**



Compounds **6,7, 8, 9, 10** were prepared following our reported procedure<sup>10</sup>

**(<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) Of 2,2-bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (5s)**



**(<sup>13</sup>C-NMR) of 2,2-bis(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (5s)**

