

Supporting Information

A One-Step Strategy for Synthesizing *N*-Formanilide via Benzamide Activation and Oxalic Acid-Driven Reduction

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1. General Information

All reagents were purchased and used without further purification. ^1H spectra were recorded in DMSO-d_6 on 500 MHz NMR spectrometers and data's are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. ^{13}C spectra were recorded in DMSO-d_6 on 126 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances (δ) are given in ppm. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a time of flight (TOF) mass spectrometer. 500MHz ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded on Agilent-ProPulse NMR spectrometer. The product exists as a mixture of rotamers, and therefore, the proton integration values are presented as decimal numbers to reflect the ratio of these rotamers. The FT-IR spectra were obtained via ATR as a solid on a ZnSe crystal (Pike MIRacle) in the region of 650–4000 cm^{-1} on a Nicolet iS50R (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.). *N*-phenyl-*N*-tosylbenzamide derivatives were synthesized by following the reported method.³⁷

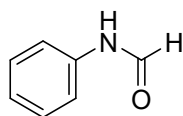
2. General Procedure for the synthesis of *N*-phenyl-*N*-tosylbenzamide derivatives

An oven-dried round-bottomed flask (100 mL) equipped with a stir bar was charged with 4-methyl-*N*-phenylbenzenesulfonamide (1.24 g, 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), triethylamine (1.4 mL, 10 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (153 mg, 1.25 mmol, 0.25 equiv) and dichloromethane (50 mL). Acyl chloride (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture with vigorous stirring at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (20 mL). The organic mixture was washed with aqueous 1 N HCl (20 mL), saturated NaHCO_3 (20 mL), and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the corresponding *N*-phenyl-*N*-tosylbenzamide derivatives (**1a-1w**).

3. General procedure for the synthesis of *N*-Arylformamides

To an oven dried 20 mL seal tube was charged with *N*-phenyl-*N*-tosylbenzamide derivatives (1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), sodium azide (130 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), oxalic acid (540 mg, 6.0 mmol, 6.0 equiv), and NMP (5.0 mL, 0.2 M) was added. The resulting solution was stirred for 16 h at 130 °C. After completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL $\times$ 2). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine solution (20 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to get the crude mass. The crude obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography with ethyl acetate/hexane (v/v) as eluent to afford the desired products. The rotamer ratio of the product was determined by NMR analysis.

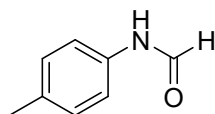
4. Characterization data for the products



N-Phenylformamide (**2a**)¹

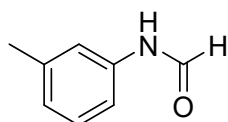
According to the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (351 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-phenylformamide (**2a**) (108 mg, 0.89 mmol, 89 %) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 66-68 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 10.16 (s, 0.70H), 10.12 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 0.31H), 8.78 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 0.27H), 8.27 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.77H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 1.52H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2.11H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 0.55H), 7.07 (qt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1.05H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 162.5, 159.6, 138.3, 138.2,

129.4, 128.9, 123.61, 123.57, 119.1, 117.5; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2830, 2724, 1704. MS (EI) m/z = 121.05 $[M]^+$. HRMS (FD-TOF) m/z : $[M]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{NO}$ 121.0528; Found 121.0522.



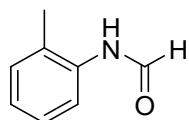
***N-p*-Tolylformamide (2b)¹**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-methyl-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (365 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N-p*-tolylformamide (**2b**) (95 mg, 0.70 mmol, 70%) as a brown oil after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (70:30, v/v)); [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 10.07 (s, 0.67H), 10.03 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 0.27H), 8.70 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 0.25H), 8.23 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.74H), 7.47 (td, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1.50H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2.00H), 7.07 (td, J = 8.6, 2.3 Hz, 0.51H), 2.24 (s, 3.00H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 162.5, 159.3, 135.77, 135.76, 132.7, 132.5, 129.8, 129.2, 119.1, 117.7, 20.4, 20.3; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2839, 2737, 1678. MS (EI) m/z = 135.07 $[M]^+$. HRMS (FD-TOF) m/z : $[M]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{NO}$ 135.0684; Found 135.0679.



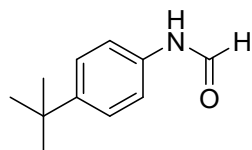
***N-m*-Tolylformamide (2c)¹**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3-methyl-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (365 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N-m*-tolylformamide (**2c**) (93 mg, 0.69 mmol, 69%) as a brown oil after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (70:30, v/v)); [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 10.08 (s, 0.76H), 10.05 (s, 0.20H), 8.76 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 0.27H), 8.24 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.70H), 7.42-7.41 (m, 0.73H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 0.73H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1.03H), 7.01-7.00 (m, 0.27H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 0.28H), 6.90-6.87 (m, 1.00H), 2.27 (s, 3.00H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 162.5, 159.5, 138.8, 138.3, 138.2, 138.1, 129.2, 128.7, 124.33, 124.28, 119.6, 118.0, 116.3, 114.6, 21.1, 21.0; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2825, 2730, 1672. MS (EI) m/z = 135.07 $[M]^+$



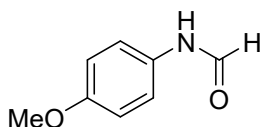
***N-o*-Tolylformamide (2d)¹**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 2-methyl-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (365 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N-o*-tolylformamide (**2d**) (51 mg, 0.38 mmol, 38%) as a brown oil after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (70:30, v/v)); [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 9.71 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 0.28H), 9.54 (s, 0.67H), 8.41 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 0.28H), 8.29 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.68H), 7.73 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 0.70H), 7.23-7.14 (m, 2.31H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 0.30H), 7.05 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 0.73H), 2.23 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 3.00H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 163.6, 159.8, 136.2, 135.6, 130.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.3, 126.7, 126.1, 125.3, 124.6, 122.8, 121.9, 17.8, 17.7; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2813, 2723, 1666. MS (EI) m/z = 135.07 $[M]^+$.



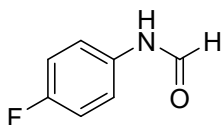
***N*-[4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)phenyl]formamide (2e)²**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-(tert-butyl)-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (408 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)formamide (**2e**) (161 mg, 0.91 mmol, 91%) as a yellow oil after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.08 (s, 0.67H), 10.04 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 0.28H), 8.71 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 0.26H), 8.23 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 0.73H), 7.49 (td, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1.50H), 7.32 (td, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2.05H), 7.10 (td, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 0.54H), 1.244-1.237 (m, 9.00H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.5, 159.3, 146.1, 146.0, 135.70, 135.68, 126.0, 125.4, 119.0, 117.5, 34.01, 33.96, 31.16, 31.14; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2820, 2721, 1694. MS (EI) m/z = 177.24 [M] $^+$.



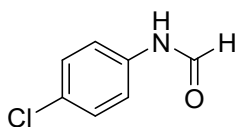
***N*-(4-Methoxyphenyl)formamide (2f) ¹**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-methoxy-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (381 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)formamide (**2f**) (97 mg, 0.64 mmol, 64%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 67-69 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 8:2], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.00 (s, 0.78H), 9.93 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 0.22H), 8.59 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 0.23H), 8.20 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 0.78H), 7.50 (td, J = 9.0, 2.9 Hz, 1.67H), 7.11 (td, J = 9.0, 2.9 Hz, 0.45H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2.16H), 3.72 (s, 3.00H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.6, 159.0, 156.0, 155.4, 131.4, 131.3, 120.6, 120.0, 114.6, 114.0, 55.24, 55.15; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2828, 2732, 1688. MS (EI) m/z = 151.06 [M] $^+$.



***N*-(4-Fluorophenyl)formamide (2g) ¹**

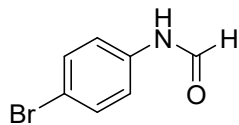
According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-fluoro-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (369 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)formamide (**2g**) (132 mg, 0.95 mmol, 95%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 66-68 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 8:2], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.22 (s, 0.78H), 10.12 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 0.22H), 8.69 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 0.21H), 8.25 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 0.80H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 1.61H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 0.42H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2.03H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.7, 159.5, 158.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 240.1 Hz), 158.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 240.6 Hz), 134.8 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.6 Hz), 134.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 2.5 Hz), 120.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 7.9 Hz), 119.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 8.1 Hz), 116.0 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.6 Hz), 115.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 22.4 Hz); IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2823, 2717, 1698. MS (EI) m/z = 139.04 [M] $^+$.



***N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)formamide (2h) ¹**

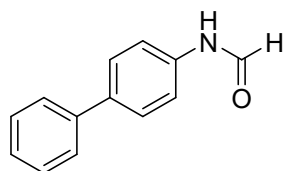
According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-chloro-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (386 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)formamide (**2h**) (115 mg, 0.74 mmol, 74%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 102-104 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 8:2], ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.31 (s, 0.80H), 10.21 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 0.23H), 8.78 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 0.21H), 8.28 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 0.80H), 7.61 (td, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1.63H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2.01H), 7.22 (td, J = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 0.44H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.5, 160.0, 137.4, 137.2, 129.2, 129.0, 127.4, 127.2, 120.7, 119.0; IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): = 2824, 2719, 1693. MS (EI)

$m/z = 155.01 [M]^+$.



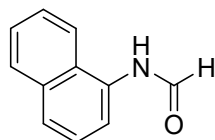
***N*-(4-Bromophenyl)formamide (2i) ¹**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-bromo-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (430 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(4-bromophenyl)formamide (**2i**) (156 mg, 0.78 mmol, 78%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 117-119 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 8:2], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.31 (s, 0.73H), 10.20 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 0.25H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 0.28H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.75H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1.56H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 1.97H), 7.17-7.16 (m, 0.46H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.5, 160.0, 137.84, 137.56, 132.1, 131.7, 121.1, 119.3, 115.4, 115.2; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2822, 2718, 1690. MS (EI) $m/z = 200.03 [M]^+$. HRMS (FD-TOF) m/z : [M]⁺ calcd for C₇H₆BrNO 198.9633; Found 198.9626.



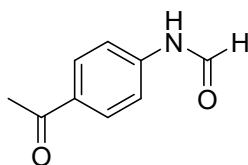
***N*-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)formamide (2j) ¹**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide (428 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)formamide (**2j**) (150 mg, 0.76 mmol, 76%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 118-120 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.28 (s, 0.72H), 10.22 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 0.26H), 8.85 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 0.24H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.75H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1.50H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 4.00H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2.06H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 1.54H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.5, 159.62, 159.58, 159.3, 139.62, 139.5, 137.79, 137.67, 135.4, 135.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.1, 126.3, 126.2, 120.0, 117.92, 117.80; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2830, 2724, 1665. MS (EI) $m/z = 197.08 [M]^+$.



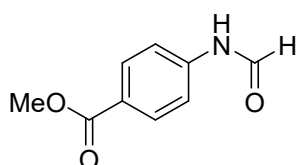
***N*-(Naphthalen-1-yl)formamide (2k) ¹**

According to the general procedure, the reaction of *N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide (401 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(naphthalen-2-yl)formamide (**2j**) (109 mg, 0.64 mmol, 64%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 134-136 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.50 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 0.32H), 10.32 (s, 0.66H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 0.32H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.66H), 8.16-8.13 (m, 1.02H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 0.69H), 7.96-7.93 (m, 1.02H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 0.32H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 0.69H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 2.08H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1.06H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 0.35H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.0, 160.3, 133.8, 133.65, 133.63, 132.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.1, 126.5, 126.2, 126.10, 126.09, 126.0, 125.9, 125.6, 125.5, 125.0, 122.5, 121.8, 119.3, 118.2; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2822, 2718, 1687. MS (EI) $m/z = 171.07 [M]^+$.



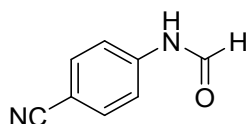
N-(4-Acetylphenyl)formamide (2l)¹

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-acetyl-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (393 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(4-acetylphenyl)formamide (**2l**) (57 mg, 0.35 mmol, 35%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 104-106 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.53 (s, 0.70H), 10.45 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 0.26H), 8.98 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 0.26H), 8.35 (d, 1.8 Hz, 0.76H), 7.95-7.90 (m, 2.10H), 7.71 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1.56H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 0.54H), 2.523 (s, 1.97H), 2.520 (s, 0.93H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 196.5, 196.4, 162.6, 160.1, 142.9, 142.4, 132.1, 132.0, 130.0, 129.6, 118.5, 116.3, 26.4; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2823, 2718, 1735, 1677. MS (EI) *m/z* = 163.06 [M]⁺.



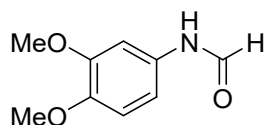
Methyl 4-formamidobenzoate (2m)¹

According to the general procedure, the reaction of methyl 4-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]phenylamino]carbonyl]benzoate (98 mg, 0.55 mmol, 55%) afforded methyl 4-formamidobenzoate (**2m**) (98 mg, 0.55 mmol, 55%) as a yellow solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (60:40, v/v)); mp 123-125 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.54 (s, 0.77H), 10.46 (d, 0.25H), 8.97 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 0.24H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.78H), 7.93 (td, *J* = 4.1, 2.1 Hz, 1.53H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 0.56H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1.56H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 0.57H), 3.82 (s, 3.00H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 165.7, 162.6, 160.2, 143.0, 142.5, 130.8, 130.4, 128.8, 124.4, 124.3, 118.6, 116.4, 51.9, 51.8; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2830, 2720, 1720, 1688. MS (EI) *m/z* = 179.06 [M]⁺. HRMS (FD-TOF) *m/z*: [M]⁺ calcd for C₉H₉NO₃ 179.0582; Found 179.0576.



N-(4-Cyanophenyl)formamide (2n)¹

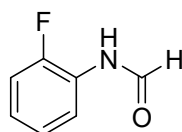
According to the general procedure, the reaction of 4-cyano-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (376 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(4-cyanophenyl)formamide (**2n**) (85 mg, 0.58 mmol, 58%) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (70:30, v/v)); mp 189-191 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.63 (s, 0.73H), 10.52 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 0.24H), 8.99 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 0.25H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0.76H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 3.59H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 0.46H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.7, 160.4, 142.9, 142.3, 133.8, 133.4, 119.3, 119.0, 117.1, 105.4, 105.2; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2825, 2719, 2225, 1708. MS (EI) *m/z* = 146.05 [M]⁺.



N-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)formamide (2o)¹

According to the general procedure, the reaction of 3,4-dimethoxy-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (411 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)formamide (**2n**) (114 mg, 0.63mmol, 63%) as a white solid after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (70:30, v/v)); mp 74-76 °C; [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.00 (s, 0.72H), 9.93-9.90 (m, 0.27H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 0.24H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 0.73H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 0.74H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 0.77H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.5 Hz, 0.98H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 0.25H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5Hz, 0.25H), 3.74-3.71 (m, 6.18H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.7, 159.1, 149.4, 148.6, 145.6, 145.1, 131.9, 131.7, 112.7, 112.1, 111.1, 110.0, 104.3, 103.4, 55.8, 55.7, 55.6, 55.4; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2823, 2719, 1692. MS (EI) *m/z* = 181.07 [M]⁺. HRMS (FD-TOF) *m/z*: [M]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₁NO₃ 181.0739; Found 181.0735.

***N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)formamide (**2p**)³**



According to the general procedure, the reaction of 2-fluoro-*N*-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-*N*-phenylbenzamide (369 mg, 1.0 mmol) afforded *N*-(2-Fluorophenyl)formamide (**2p**) (47 mg, 0.34 mmol, 34%) as a brown oil after column chromatography (eluent = Hex/EtOAc (70:30, v/v)); [The ratio of rotamer = 7:3], ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.11 (s, 1.00H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 0.18H), 8.31 (s, 0.77H), 8.09 (td, *J* = 8.0, 2.2 Hz, 0.82H), 7.39-7.24 (m, 1.01H), 7.19-7.11(m, 2.04H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.41, 163.39, 160.03, 153.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 245.7 Hz), 152.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 245.7 Hz), 125.8 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.6 Hz), 125.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 11.3 Hz), 125.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.6 Hz), 124.5 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 2.5 Hz), 122.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 1.3 Hz), 122.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 1.3 Hz), 116.3 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 20.2 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 18.9 Hz); IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): = 2815, 2710, 1692. MS (EI) *m/z* = 139.13 [M]⁺.

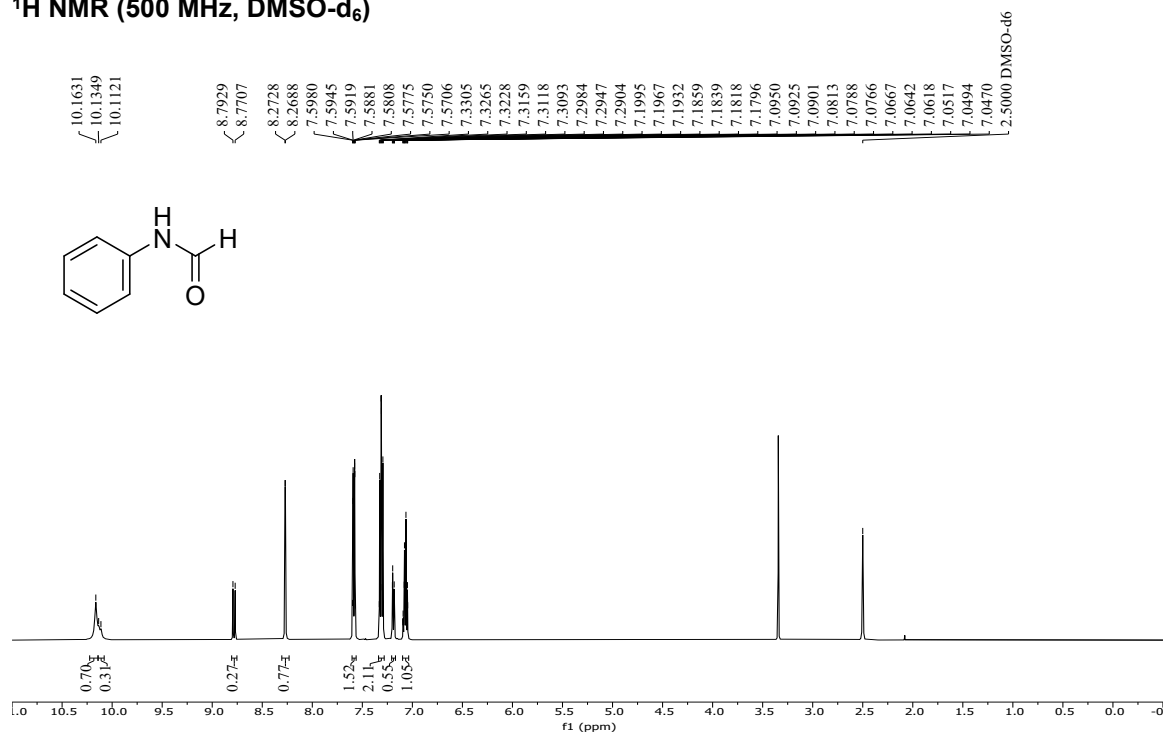
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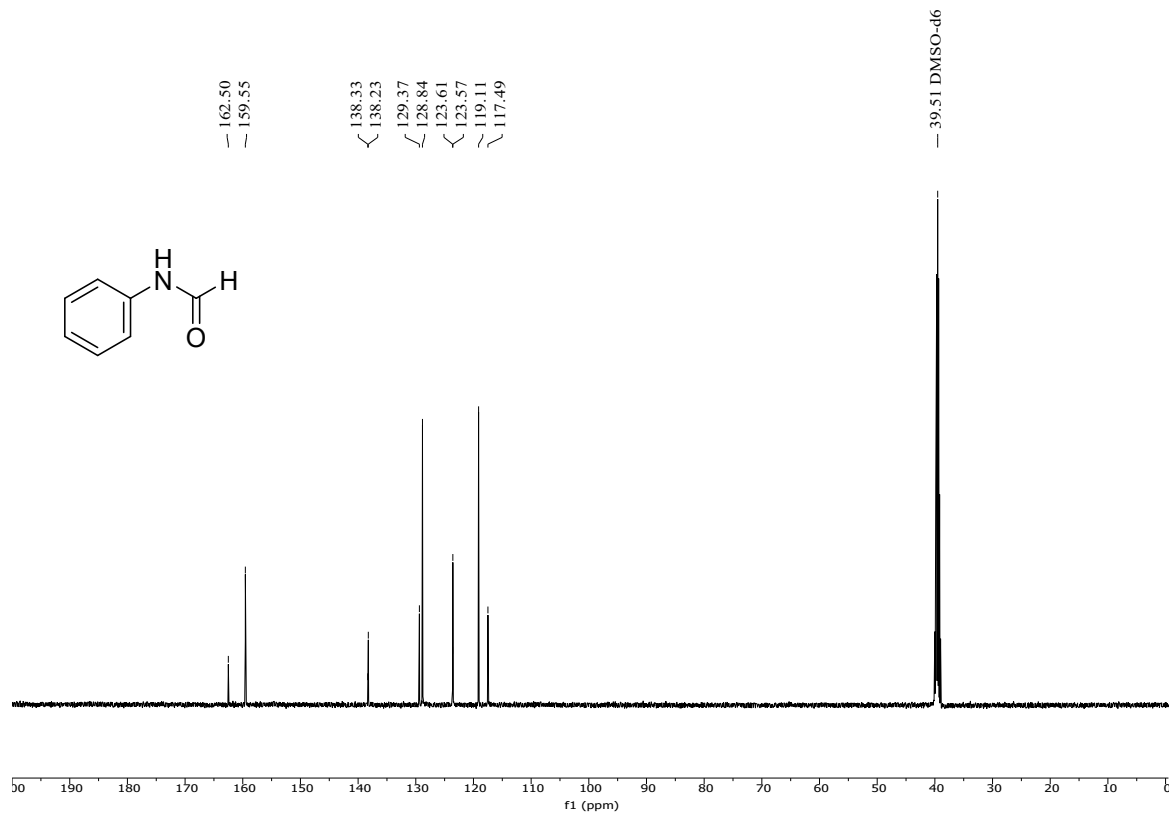
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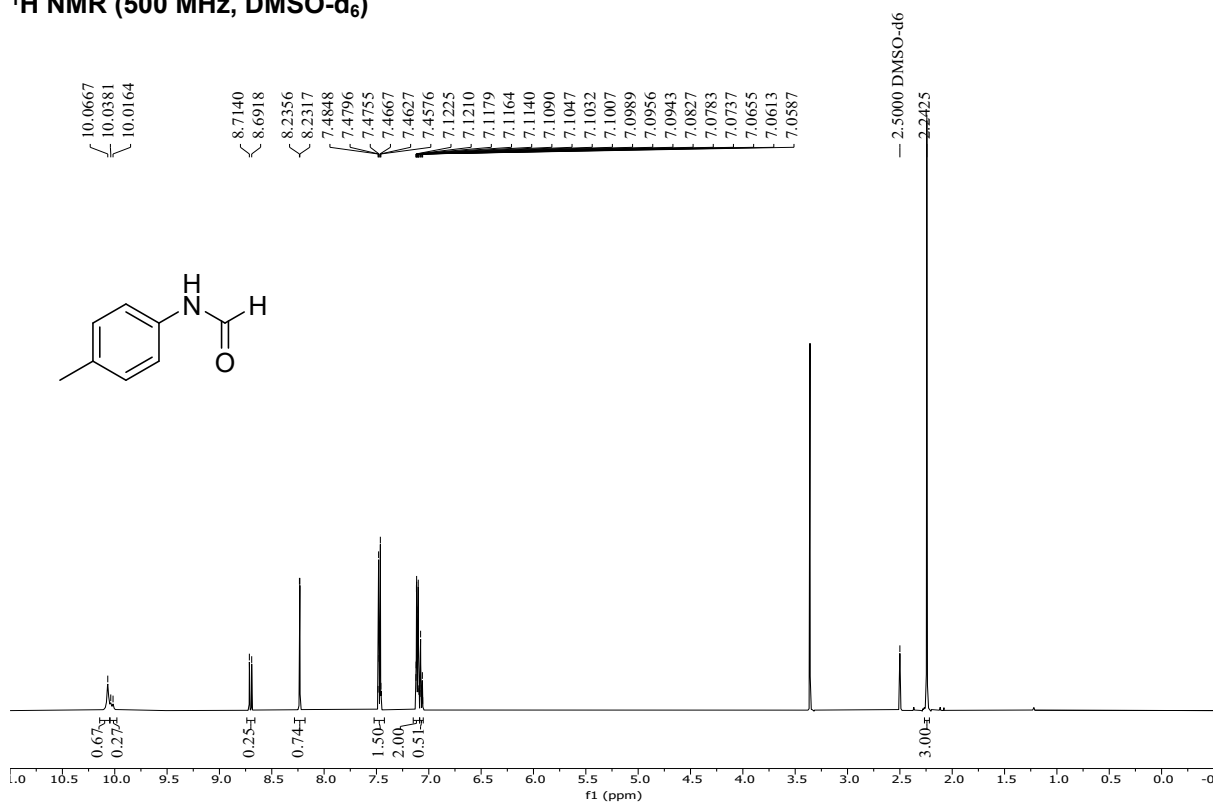


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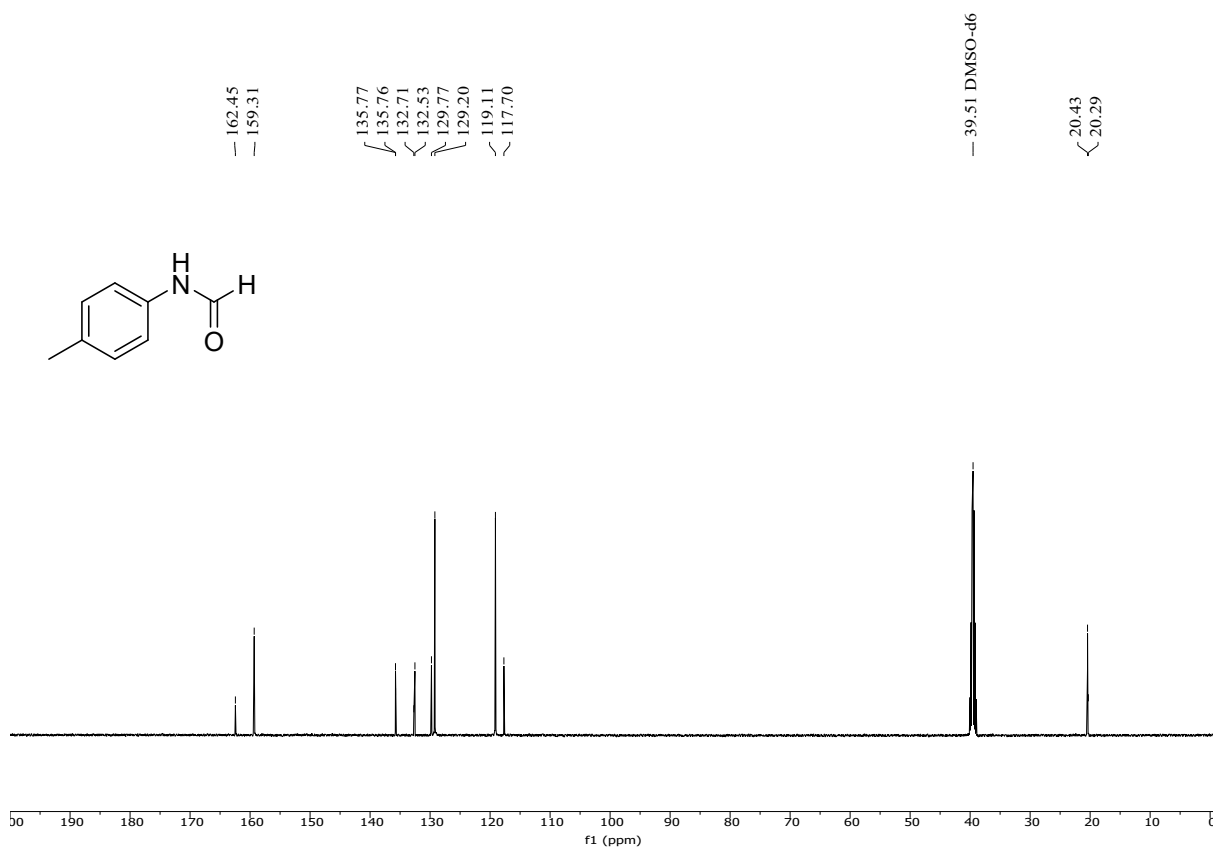


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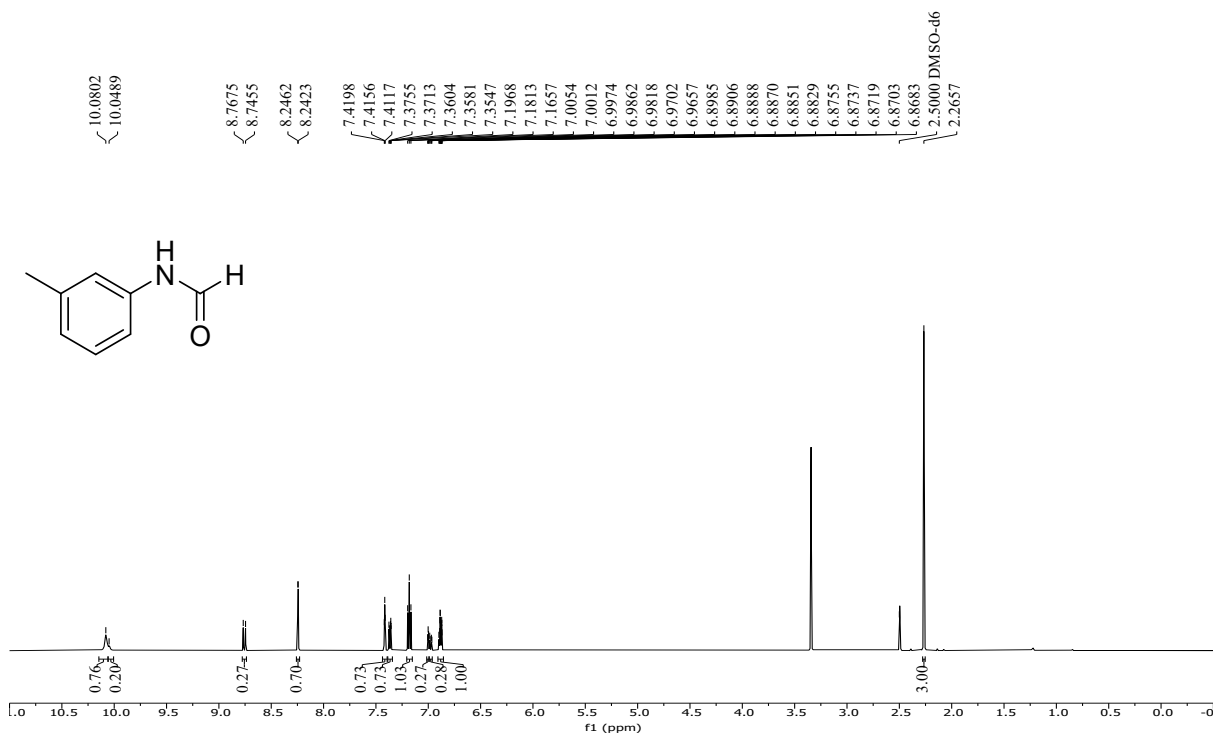


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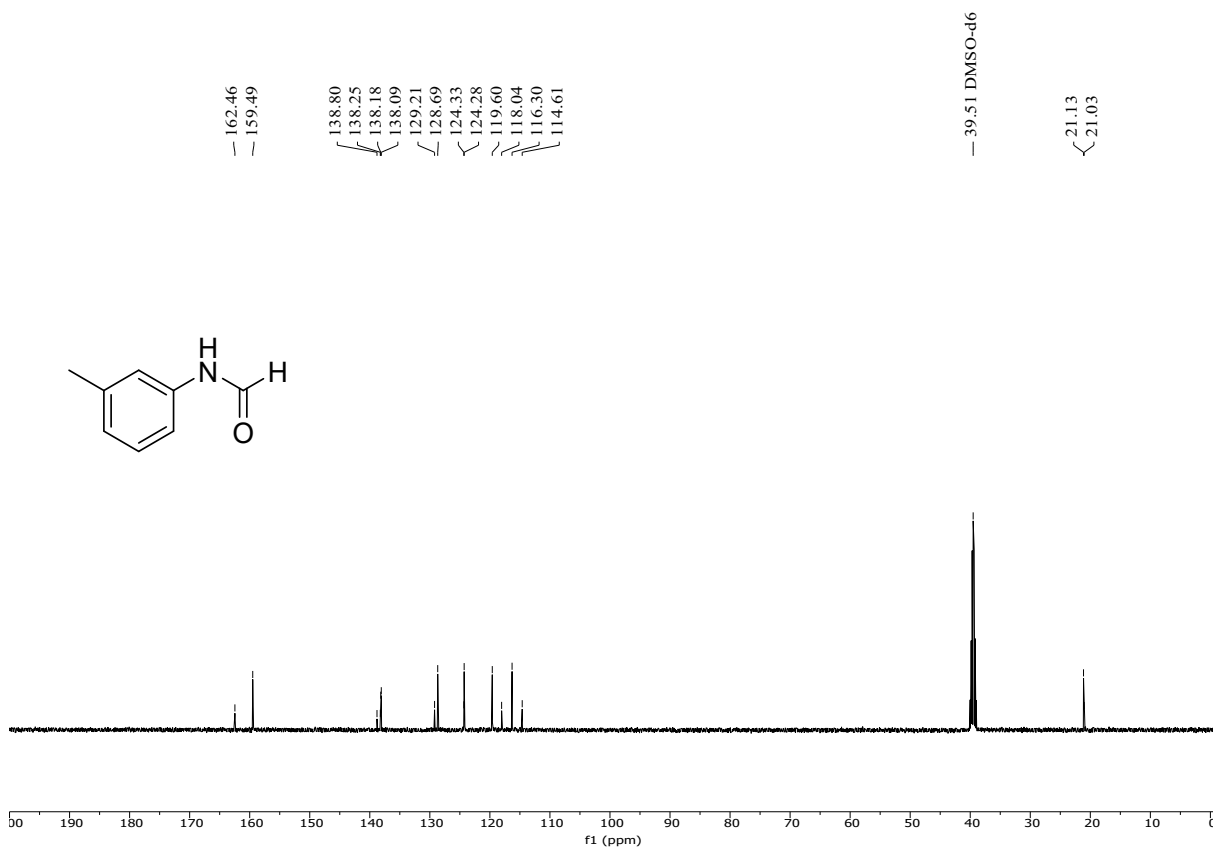


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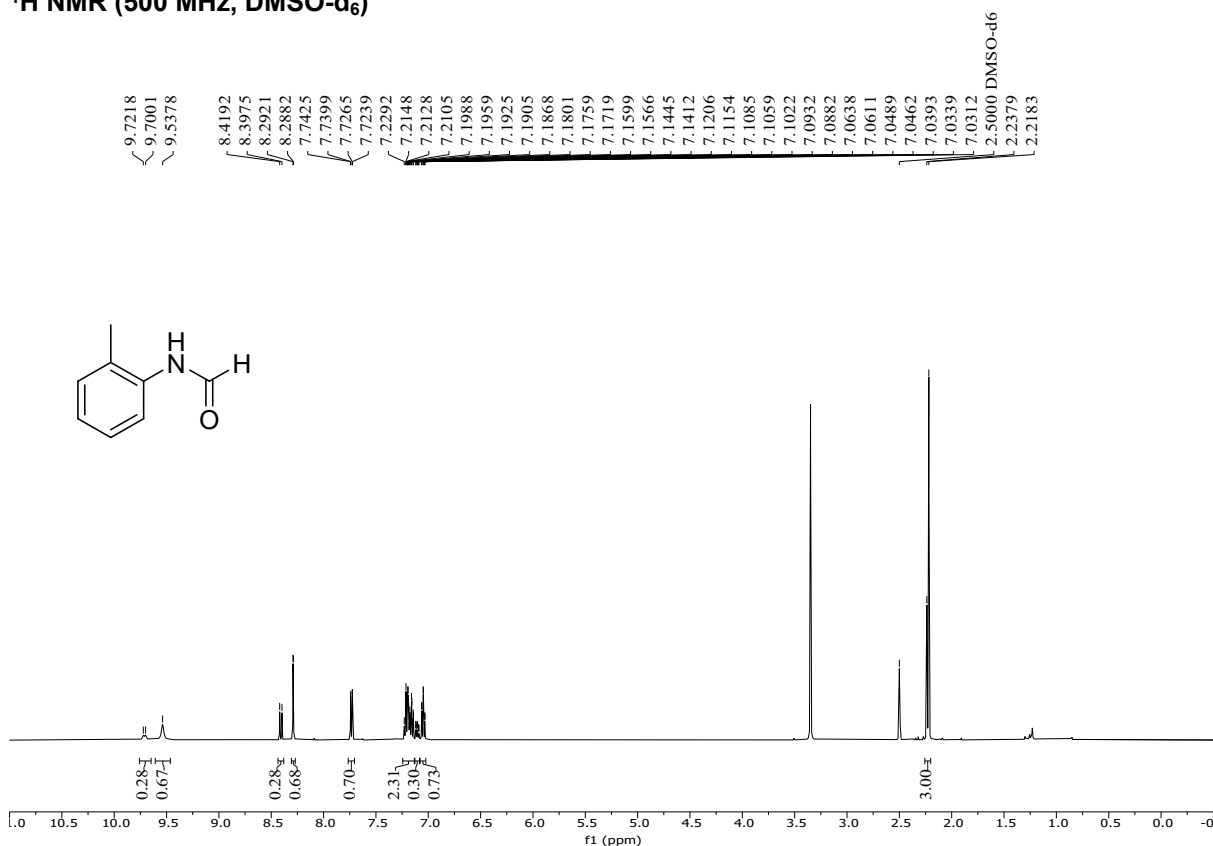


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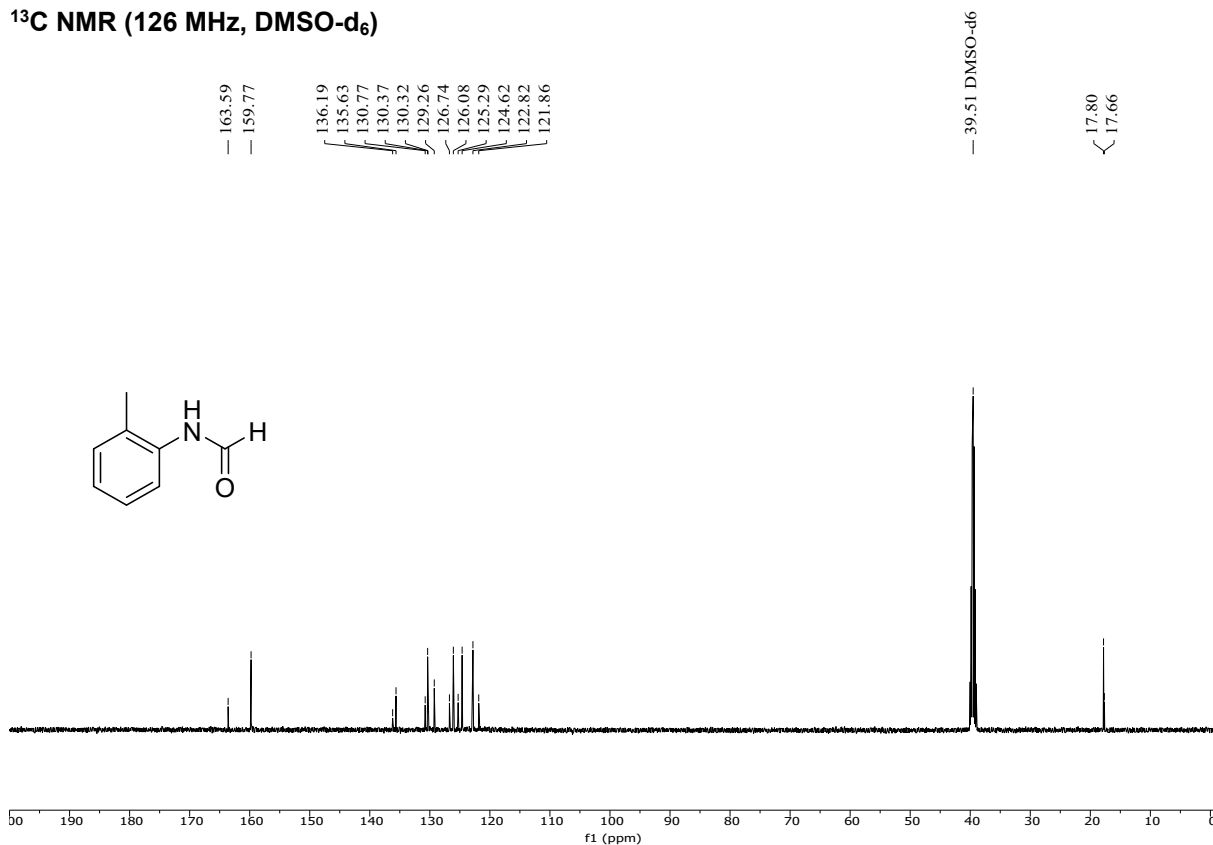


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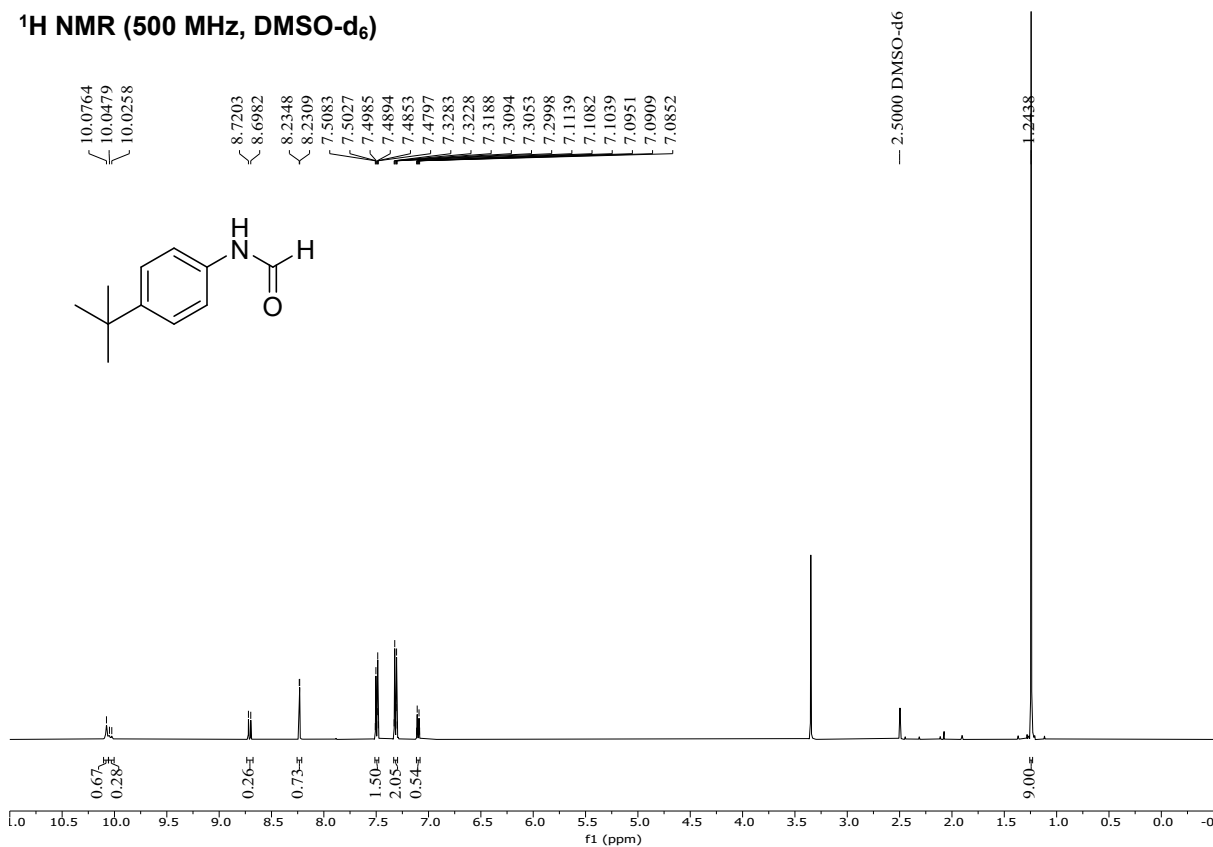


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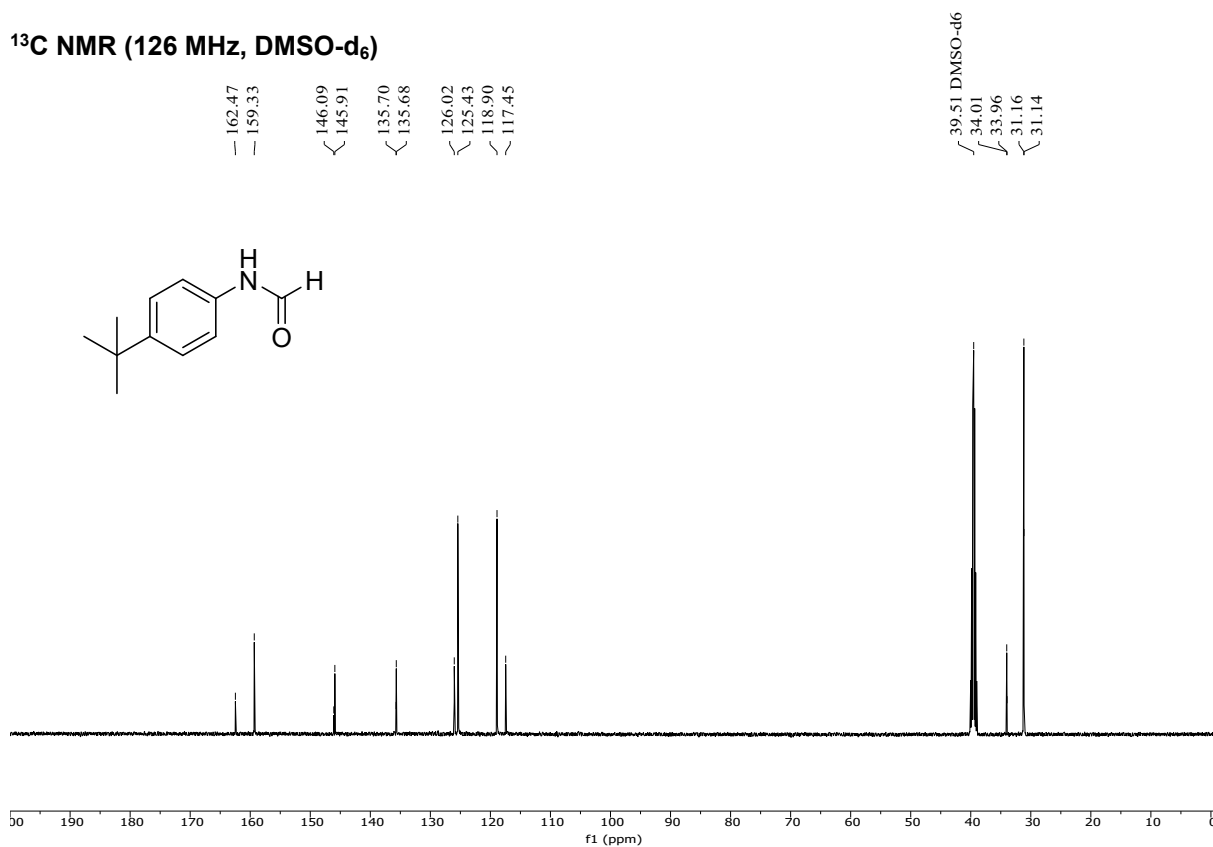


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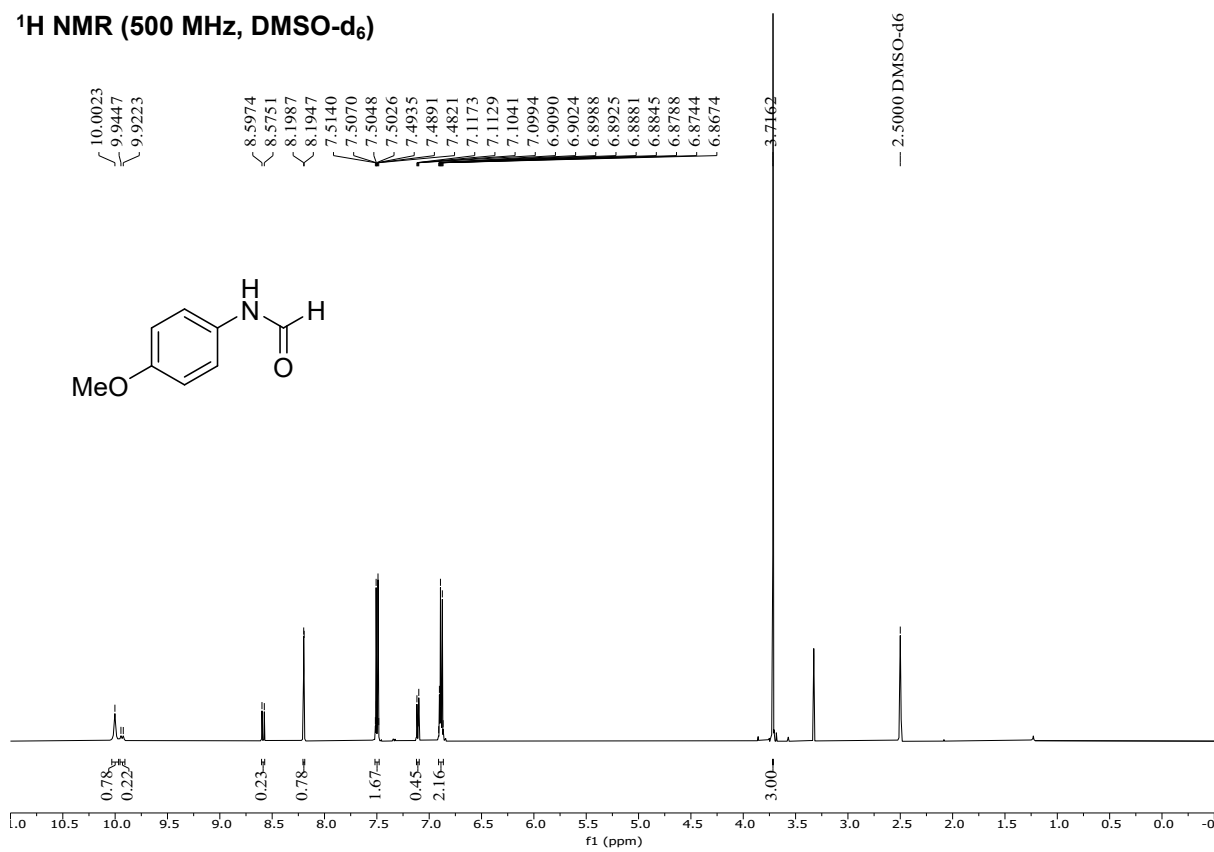


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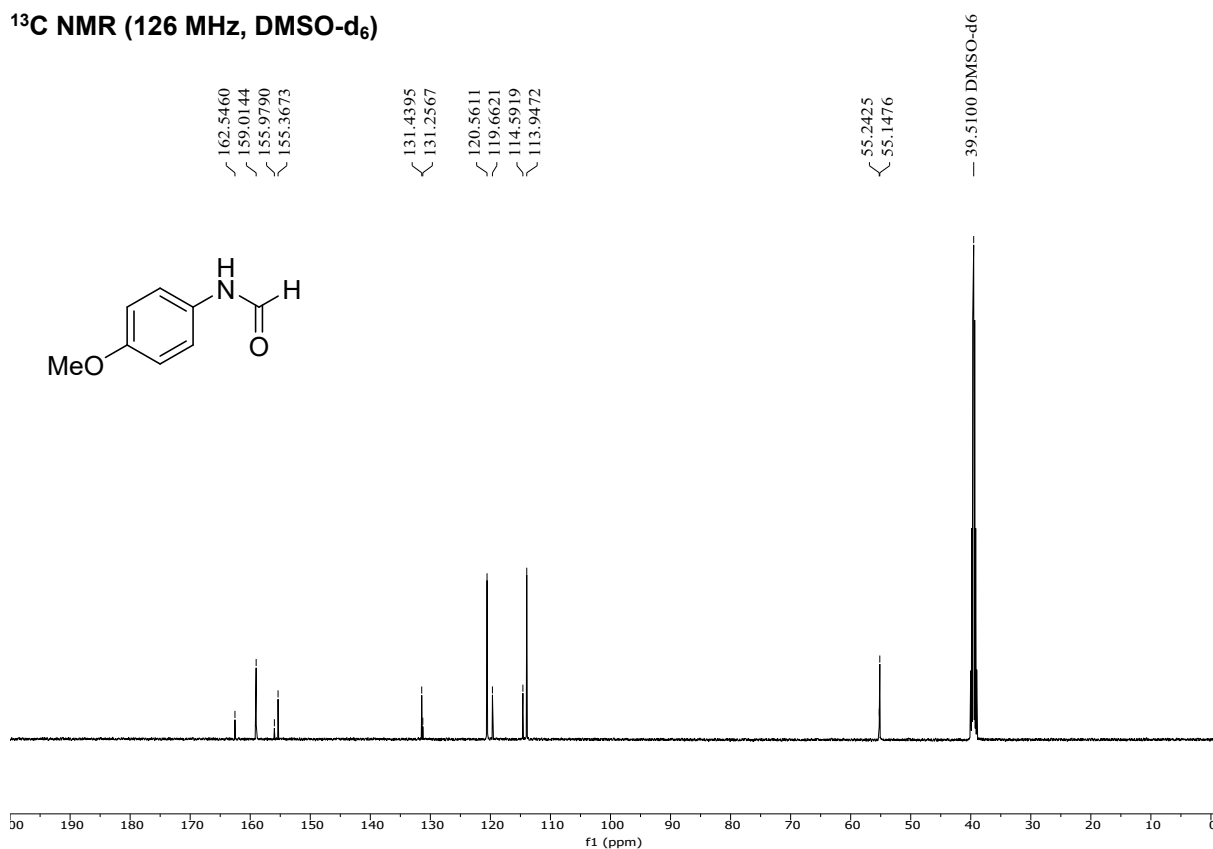


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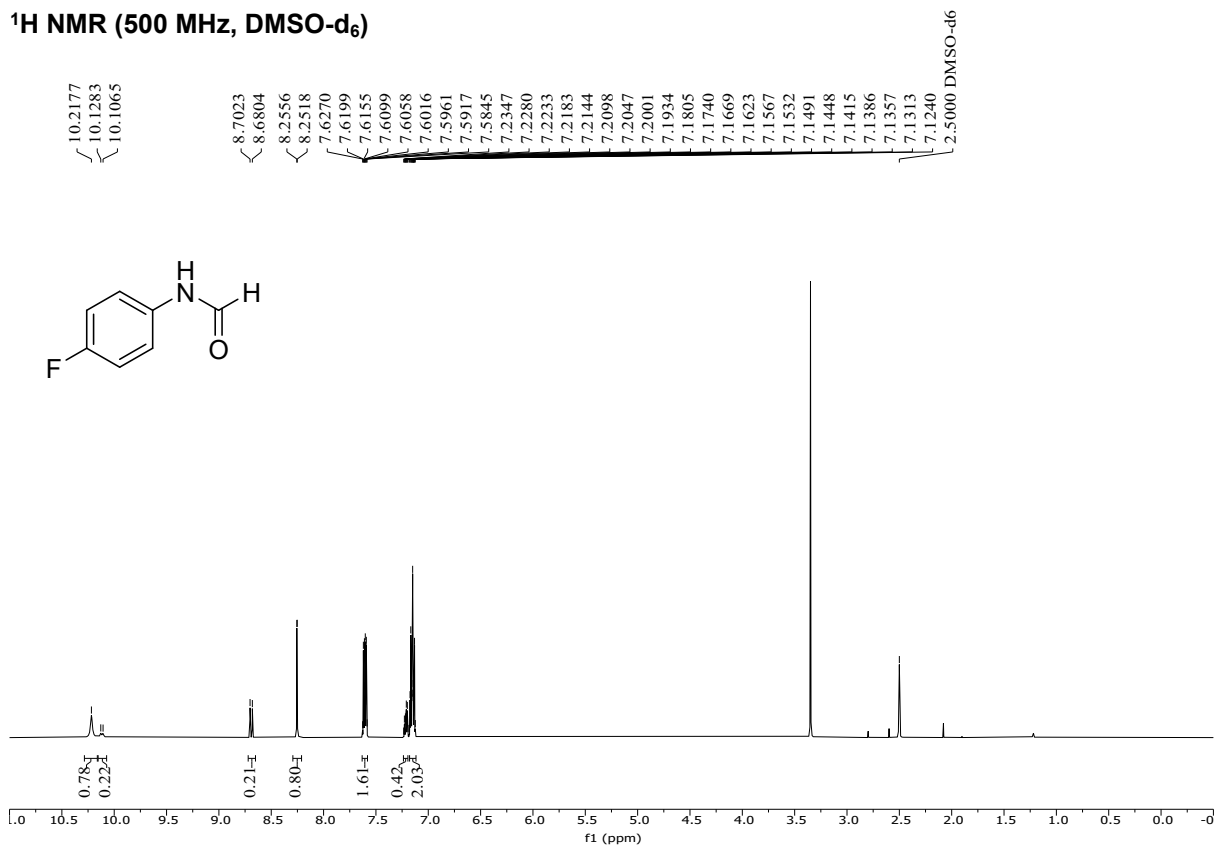


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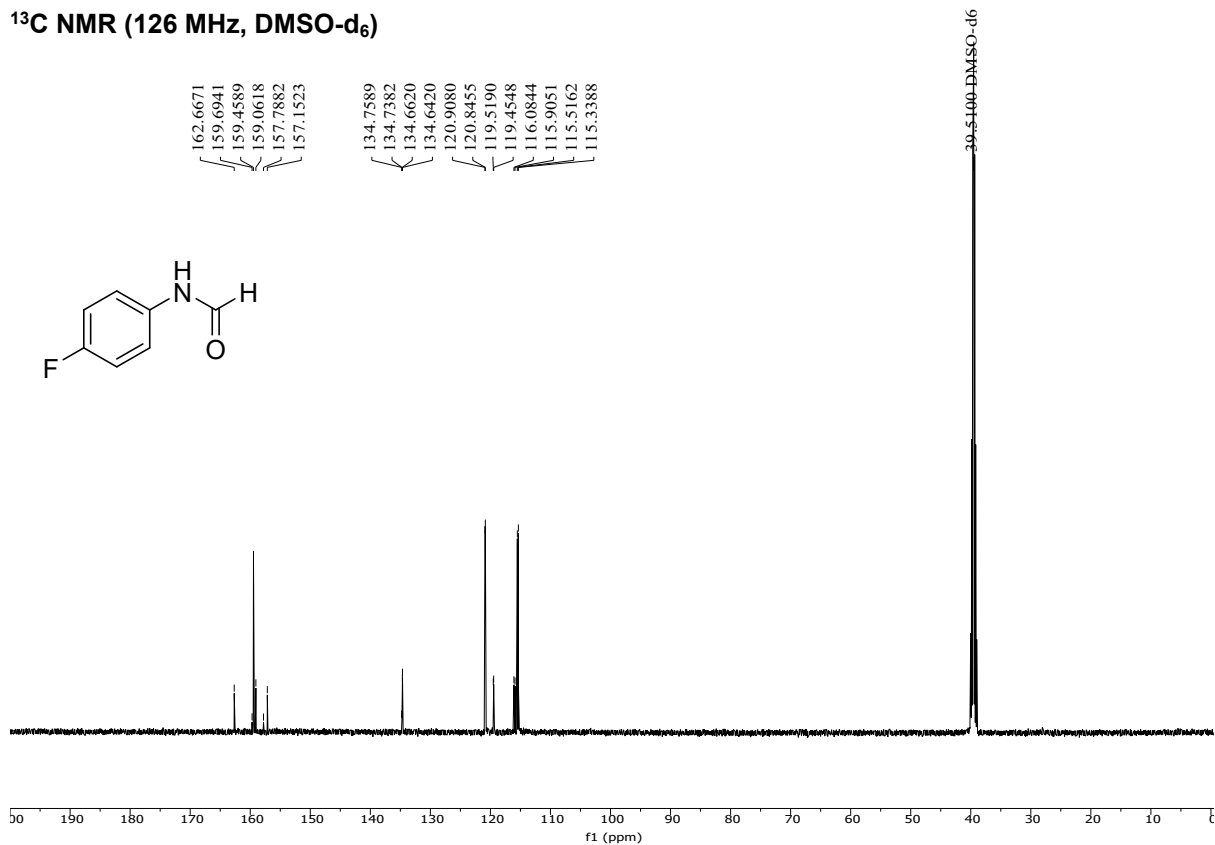


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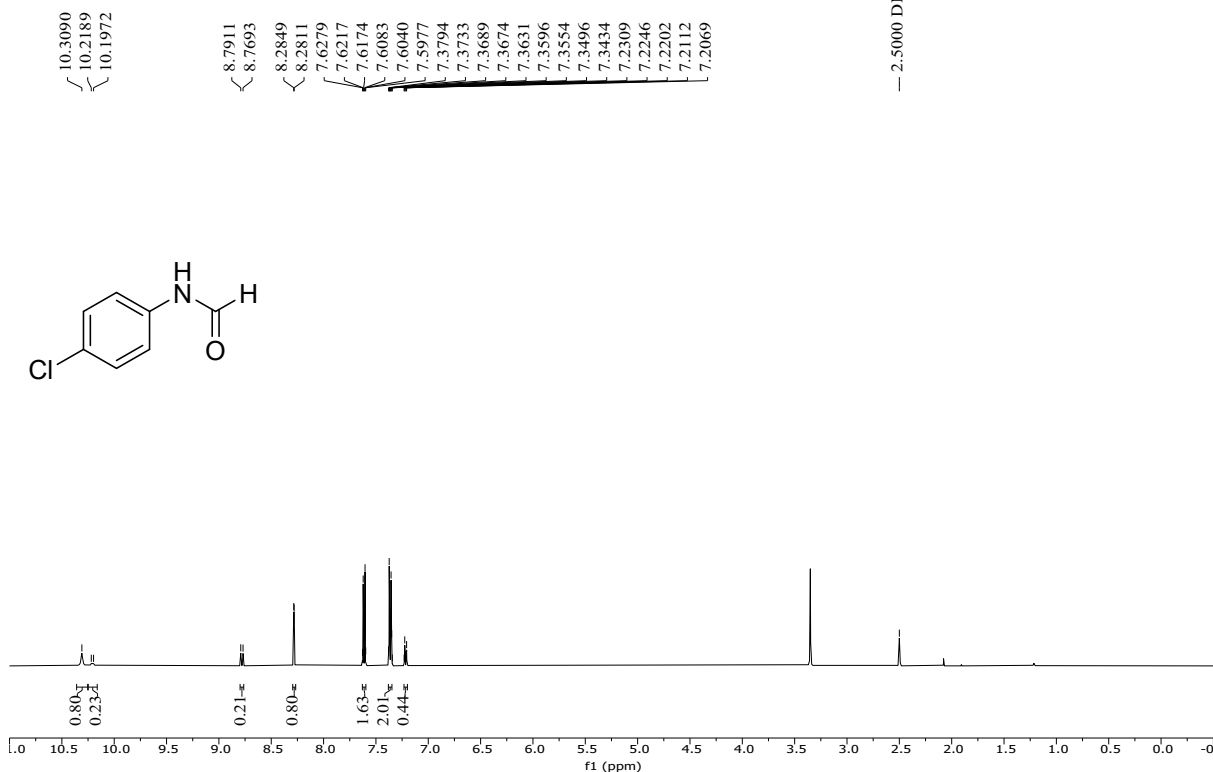


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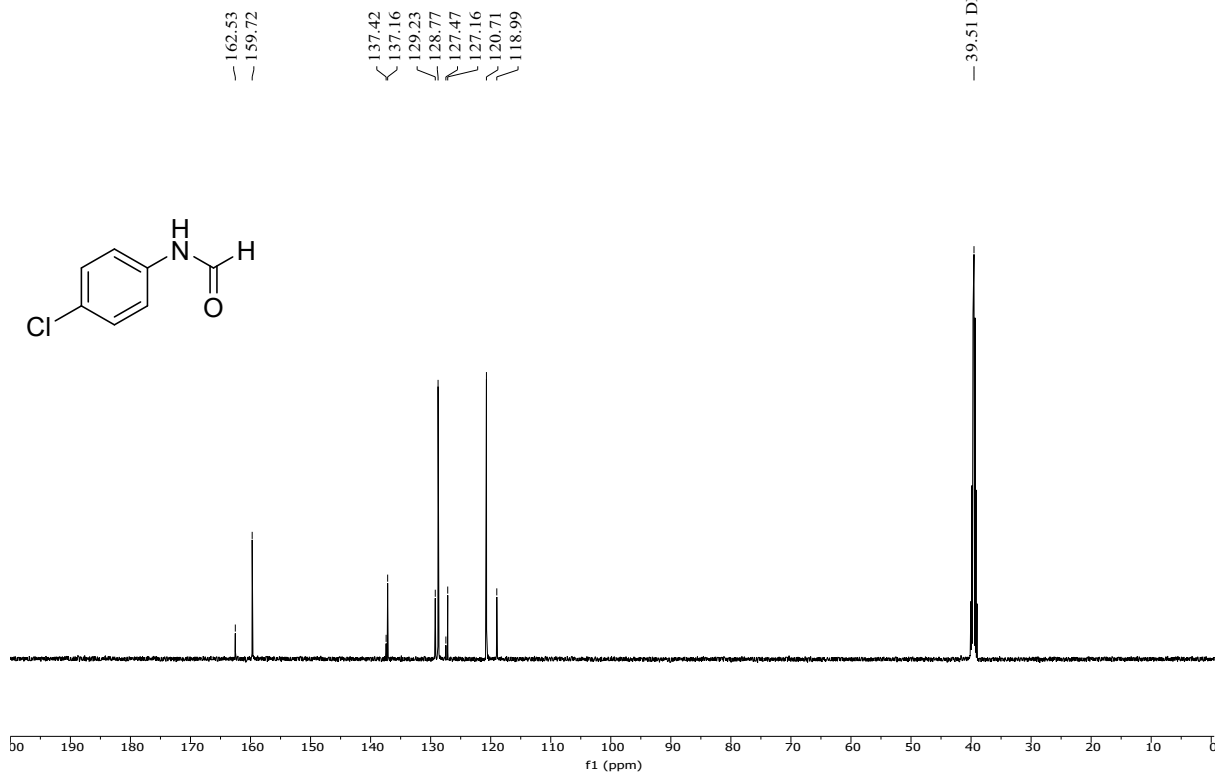


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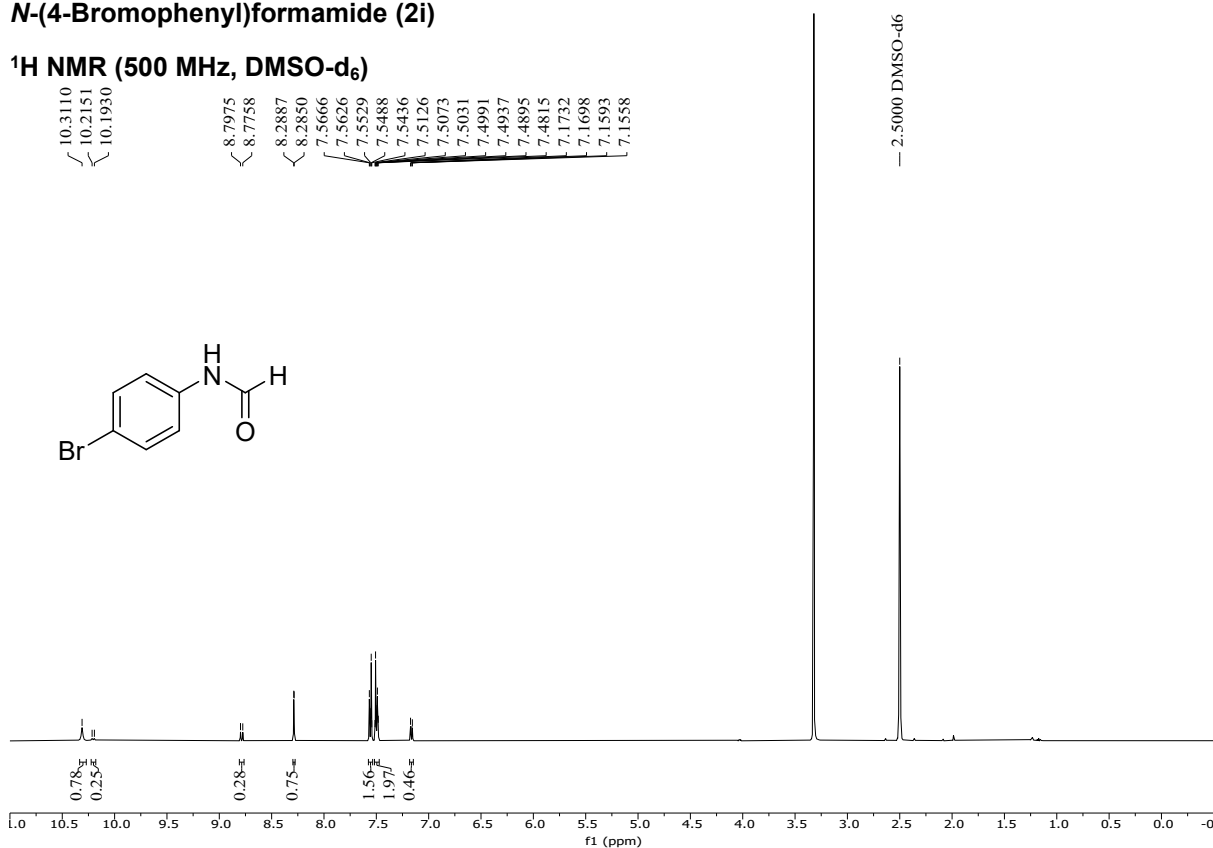


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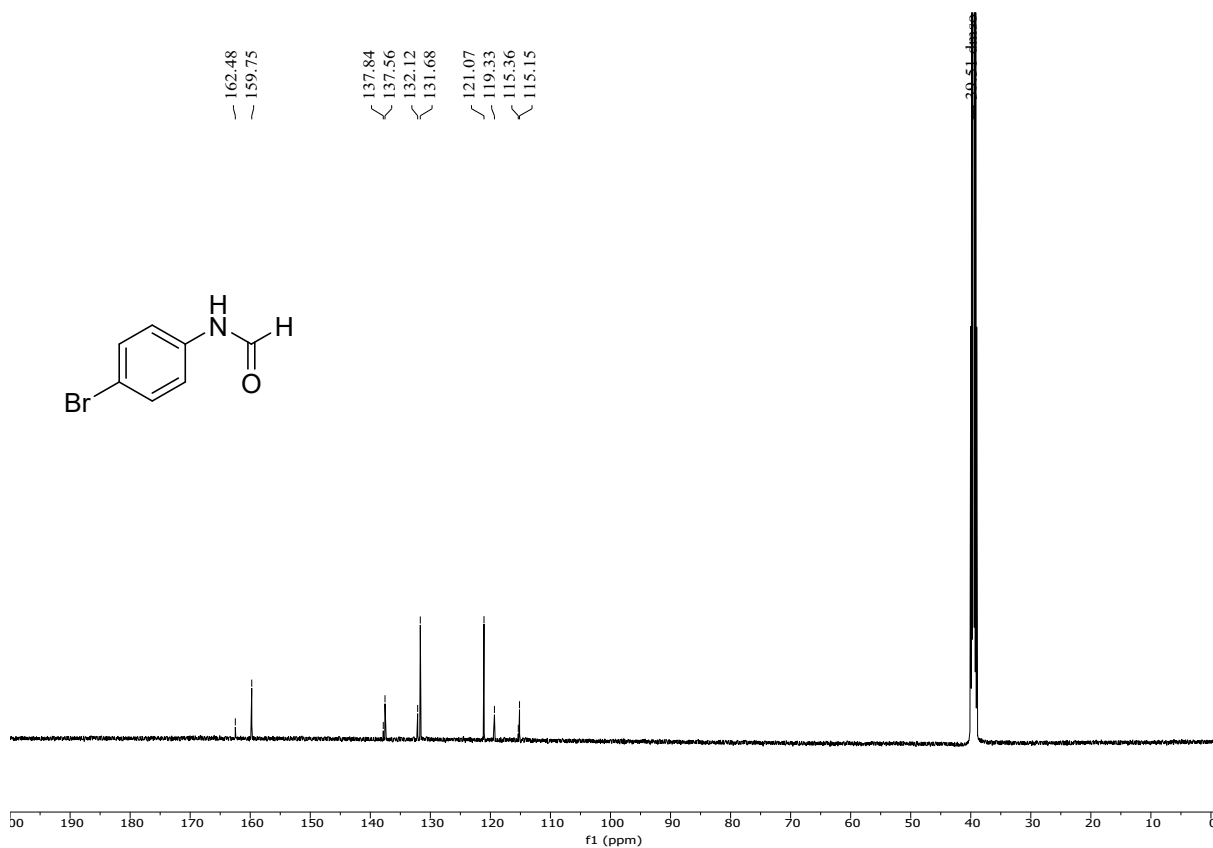


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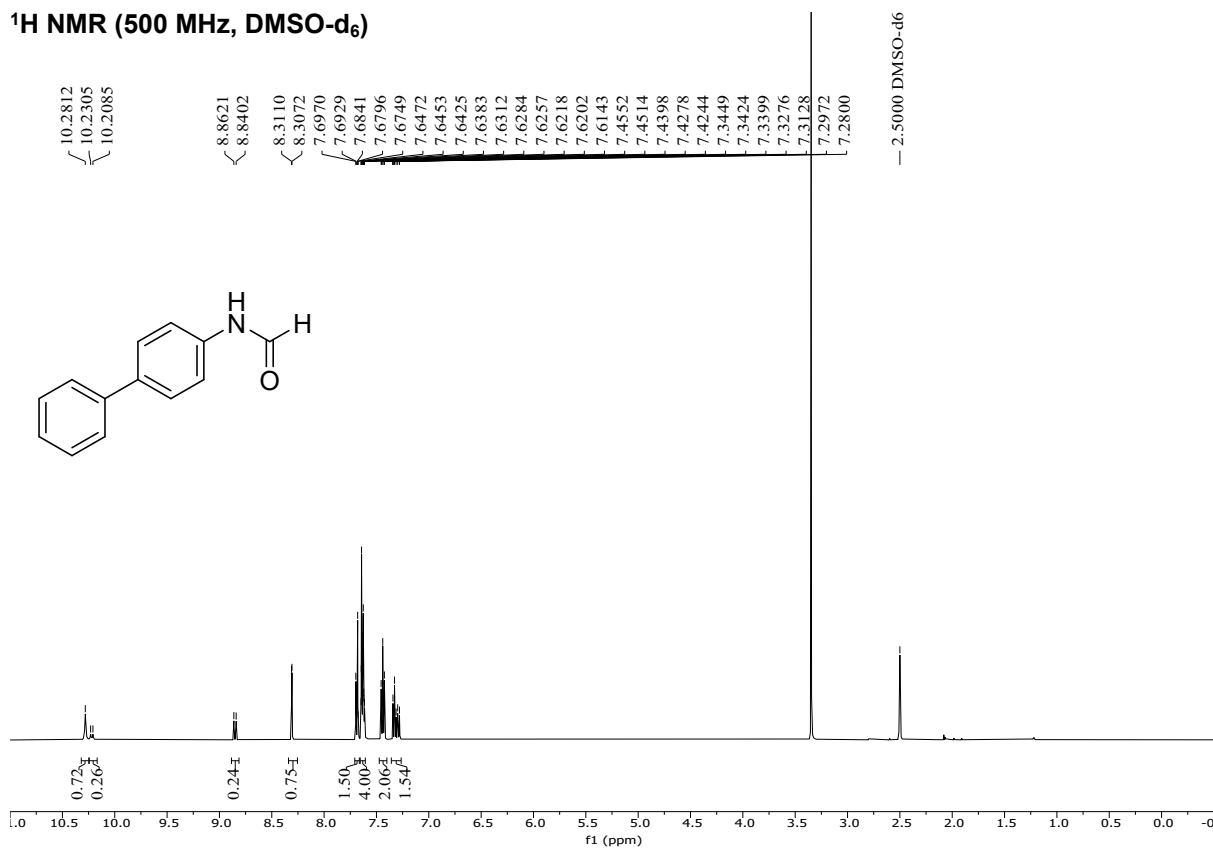


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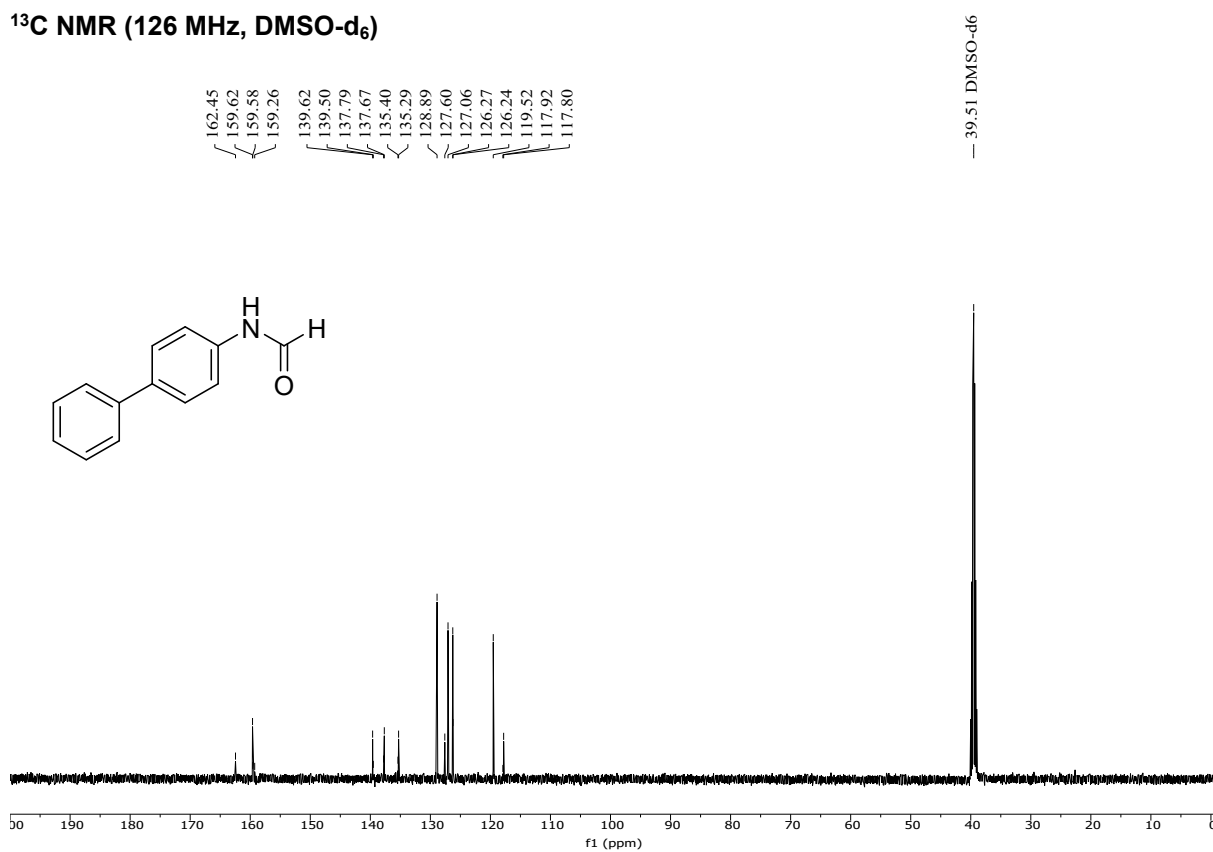


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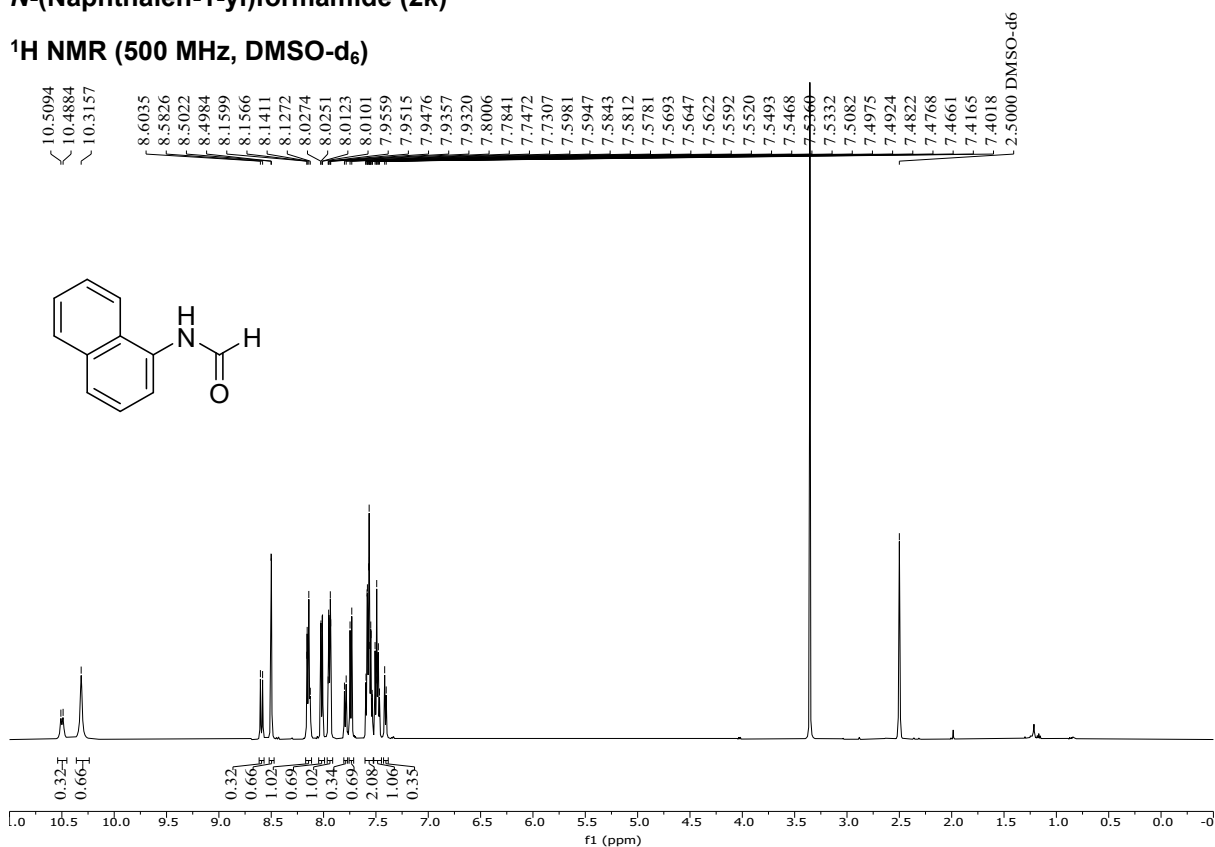


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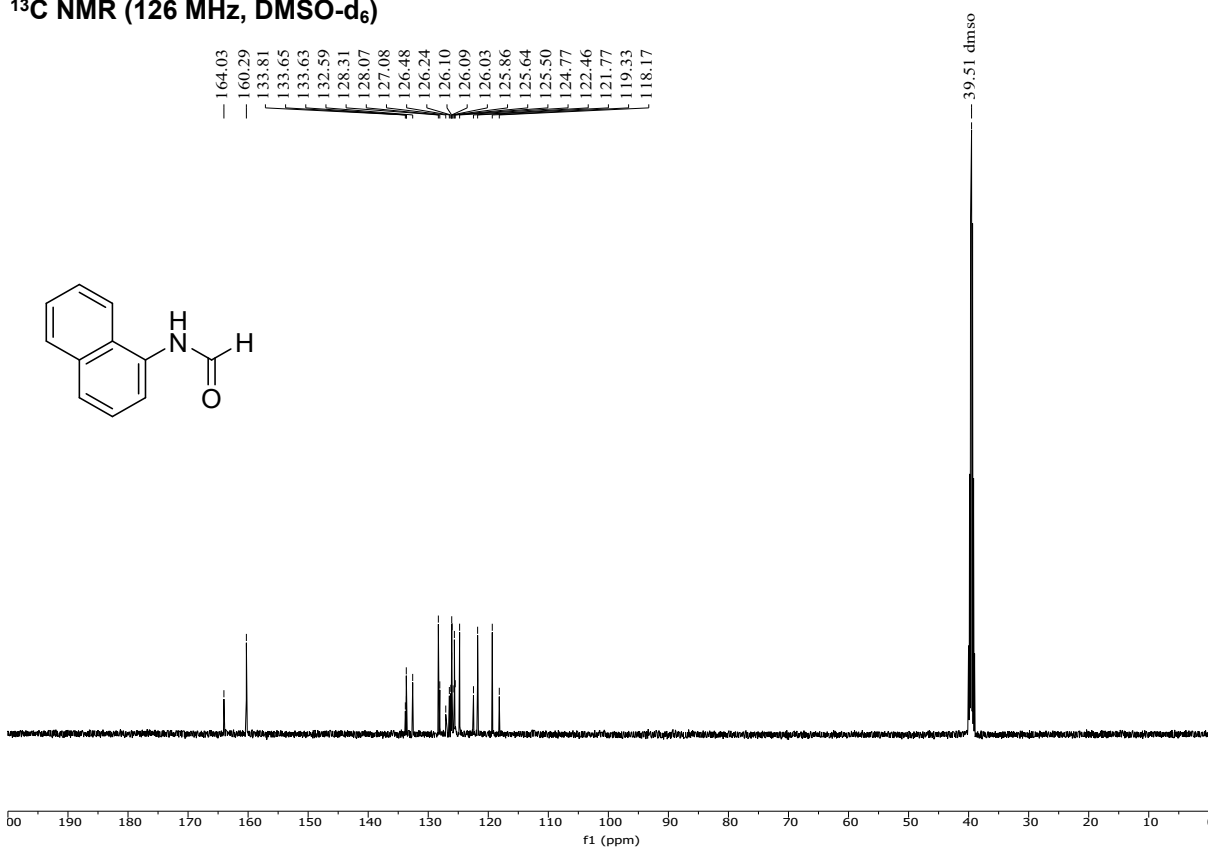


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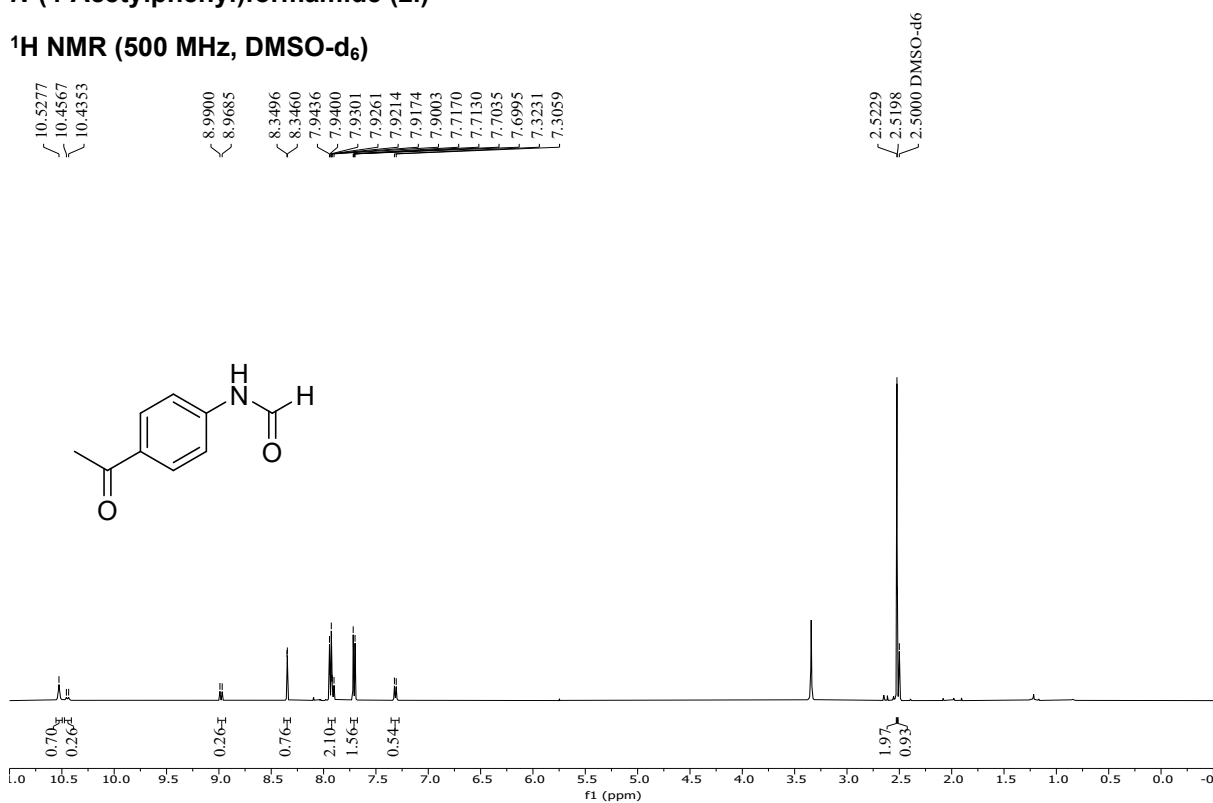


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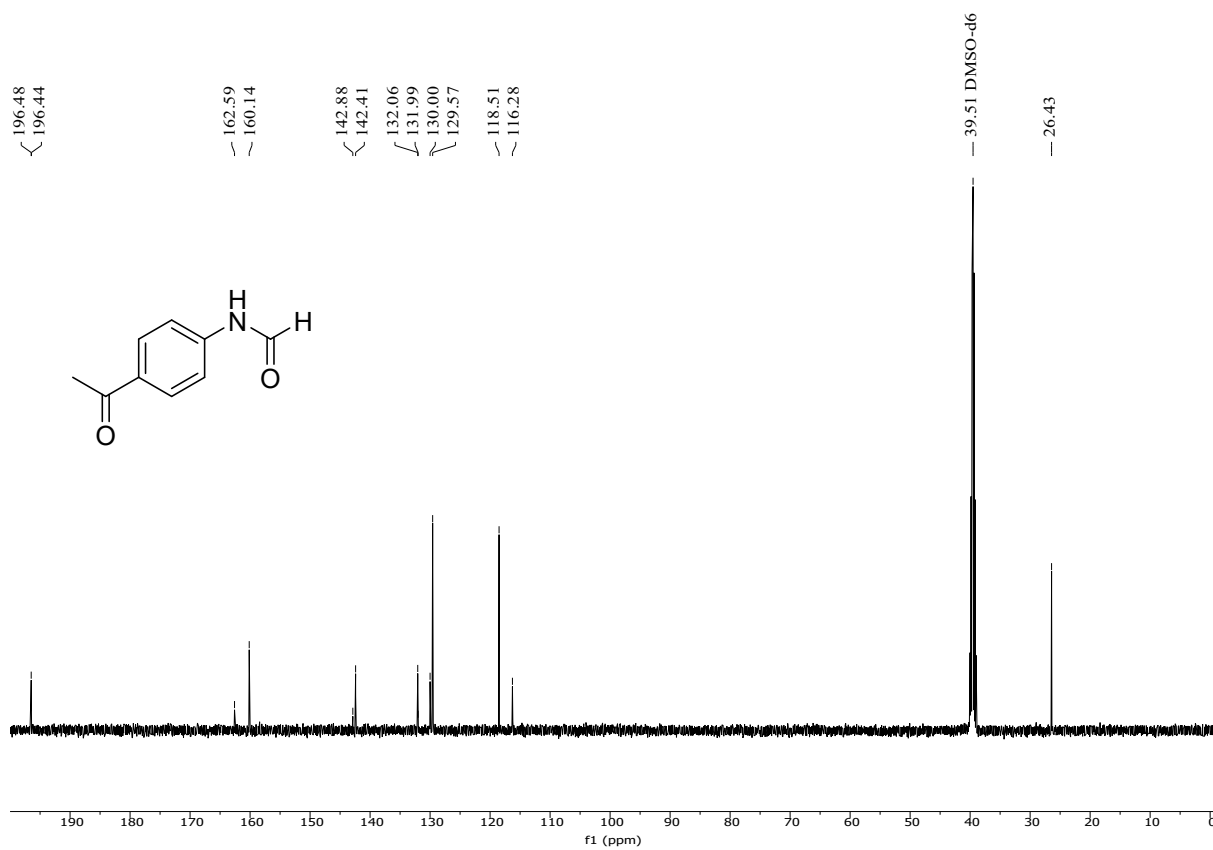


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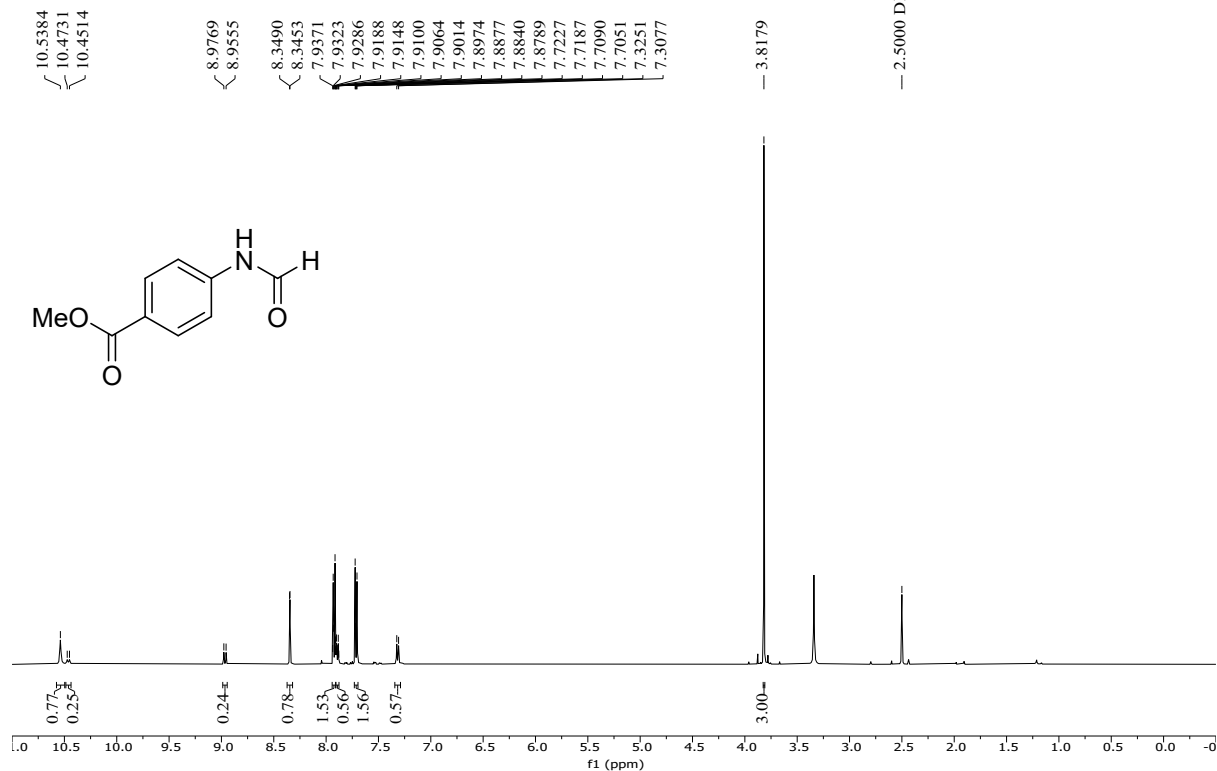


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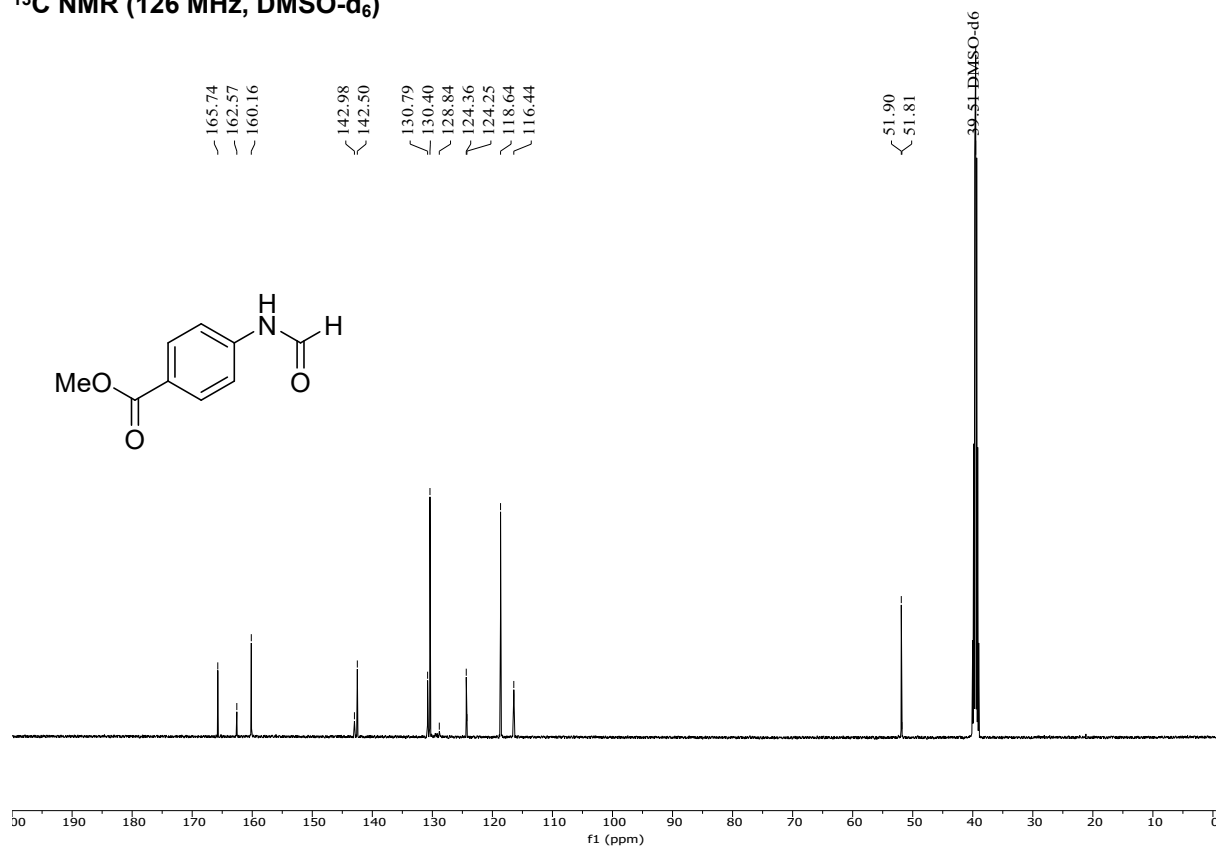


Methyl 4-formamidobenzoate (2m)

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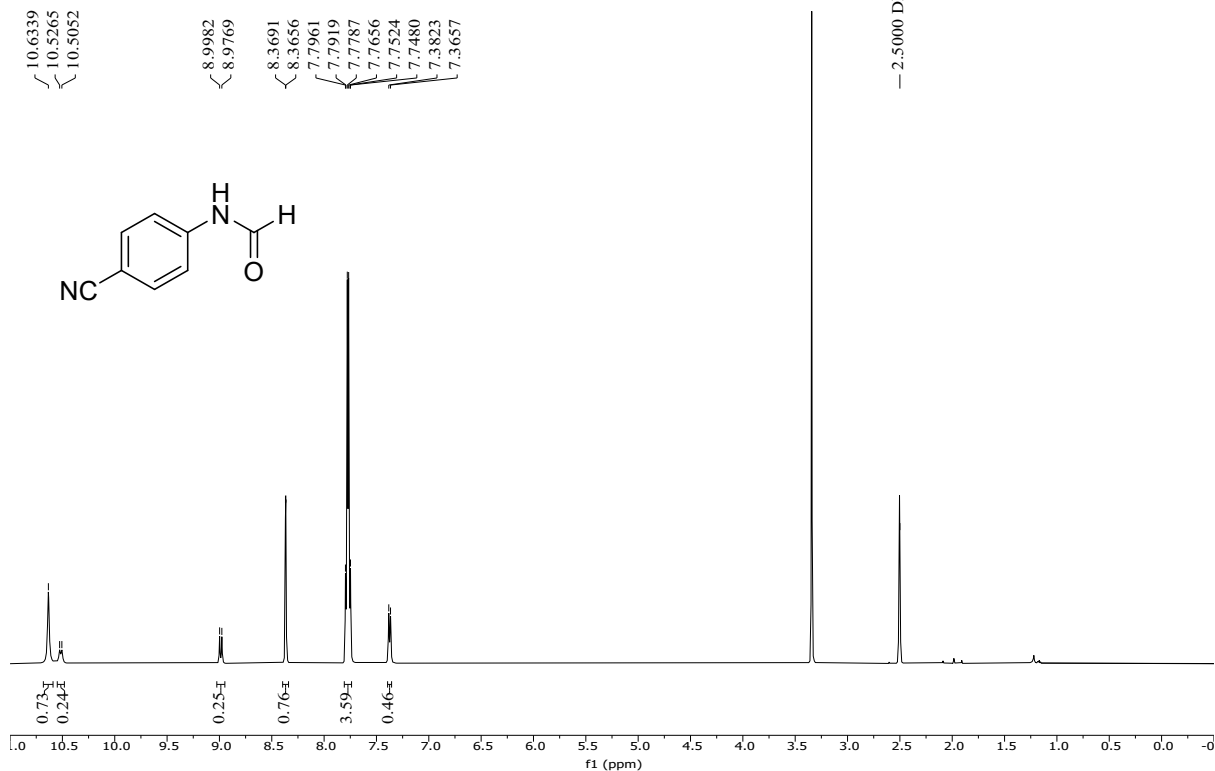


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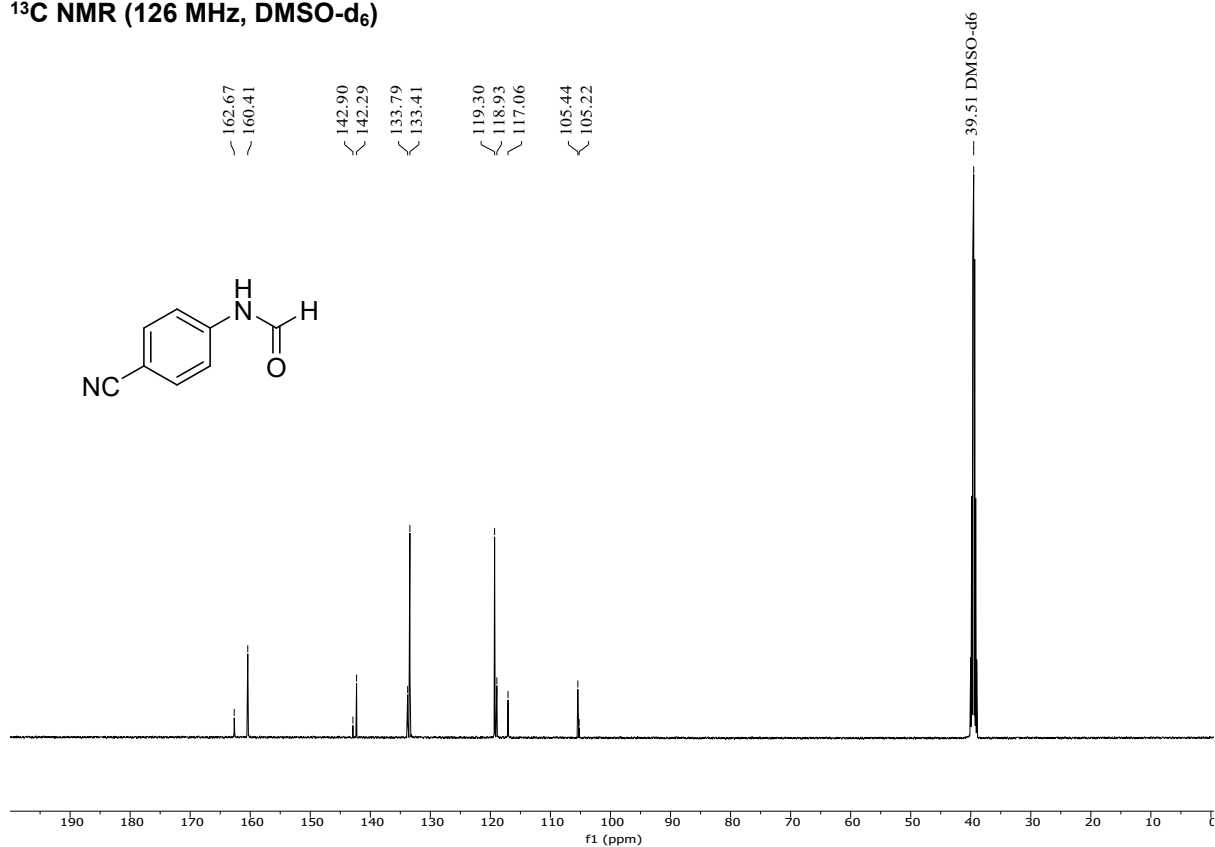


***N*-(4-Cyanophenyl)formamide (2n)**

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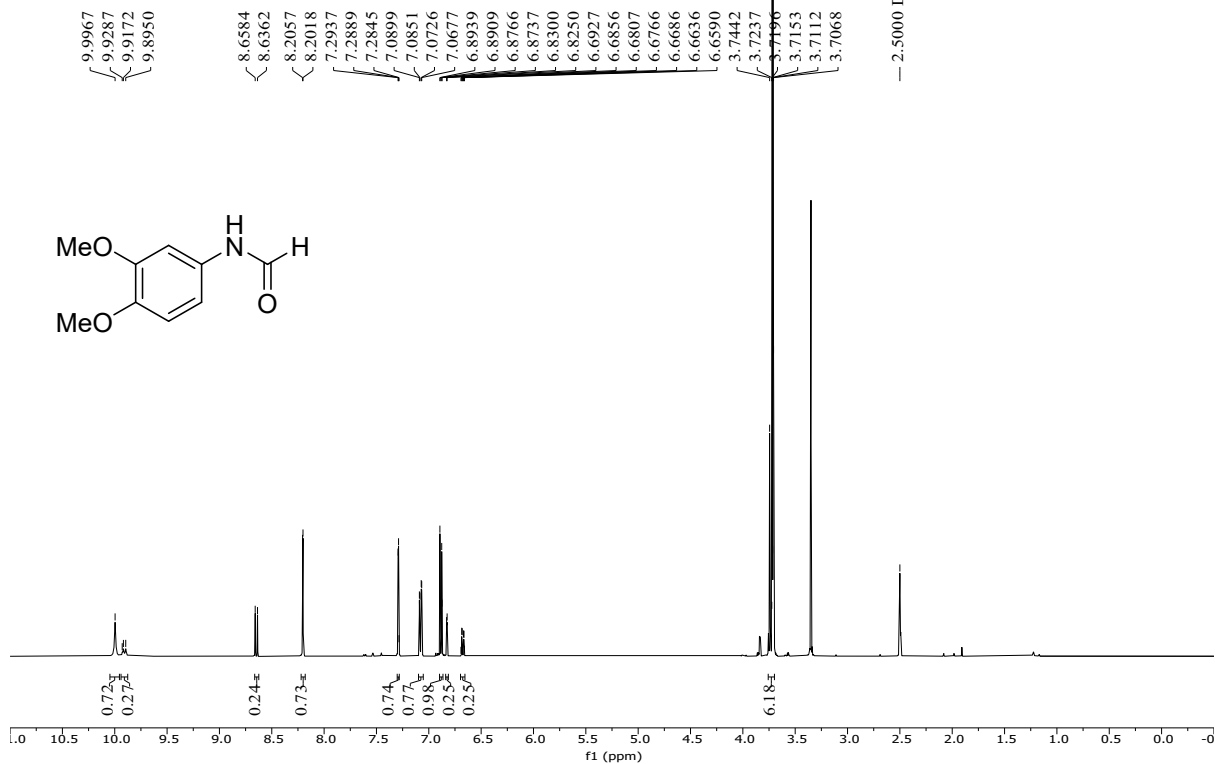


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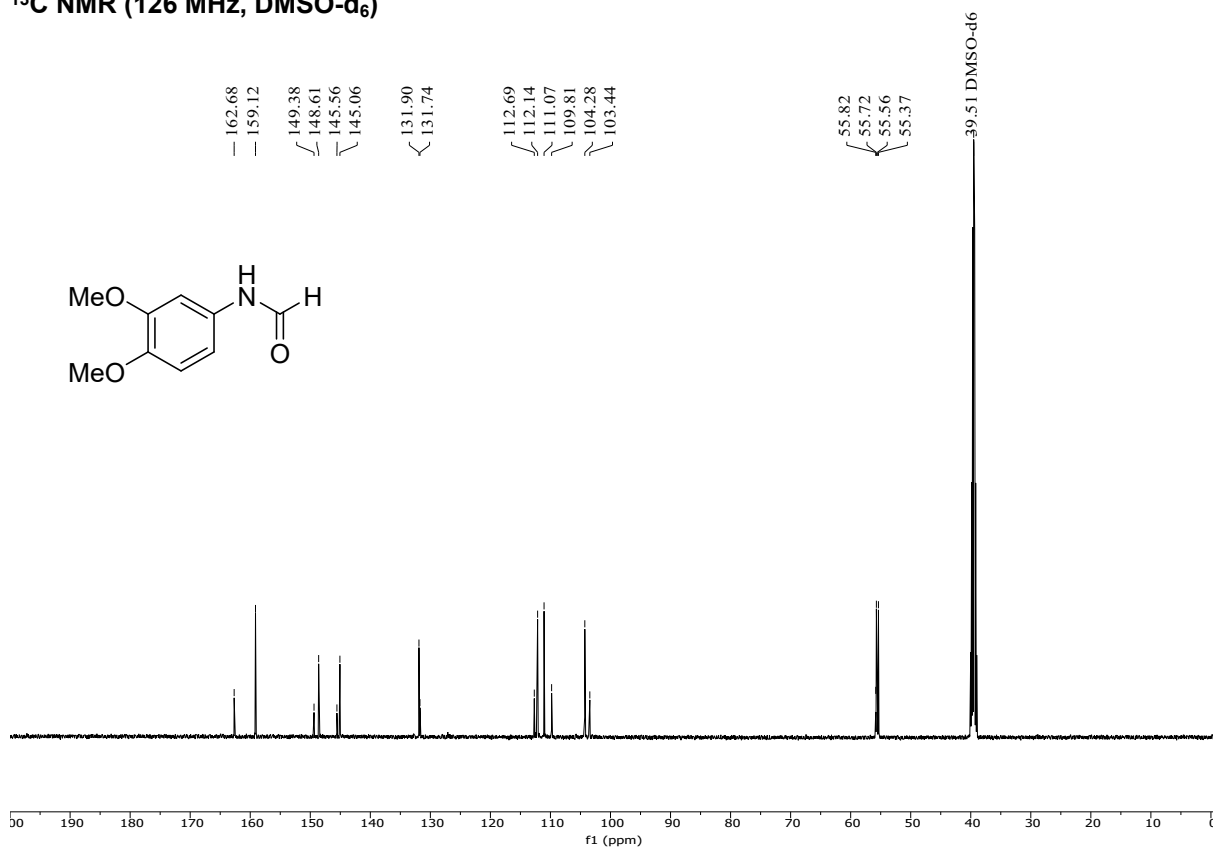


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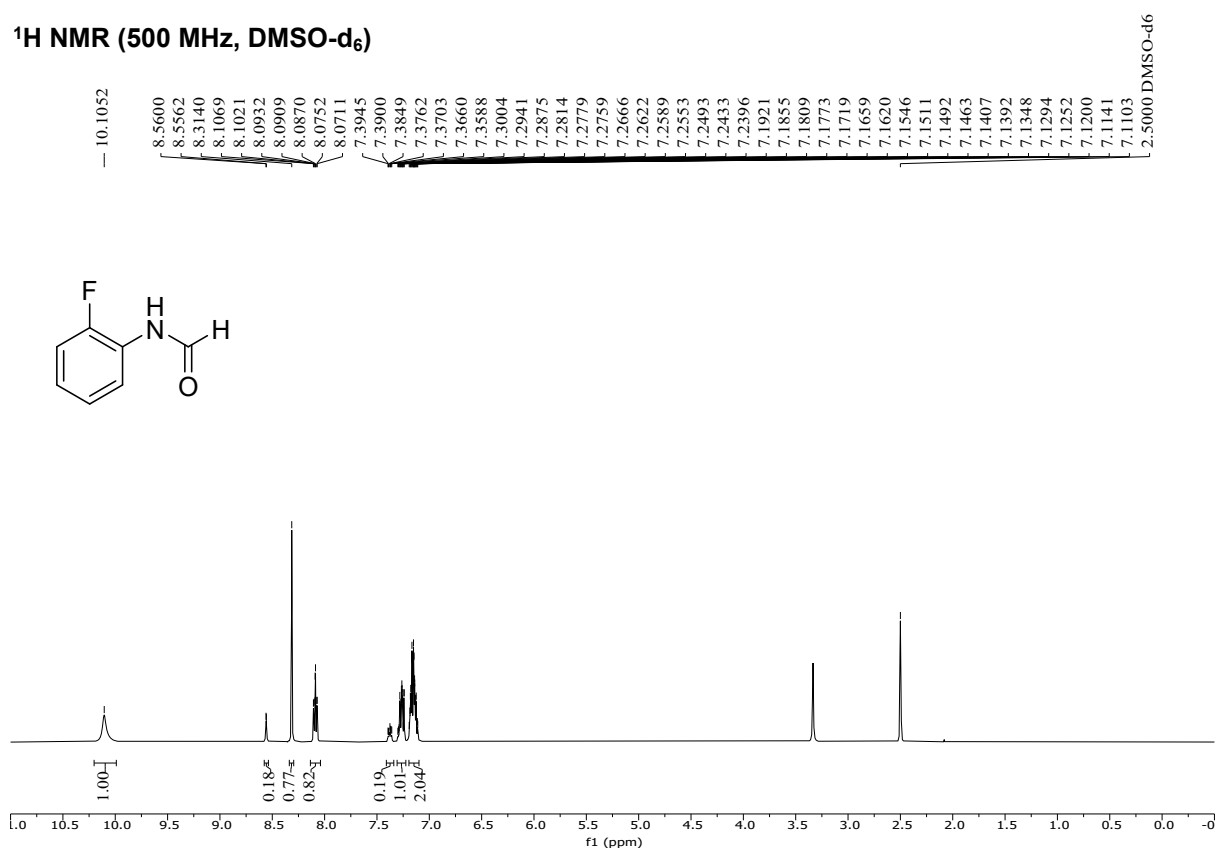


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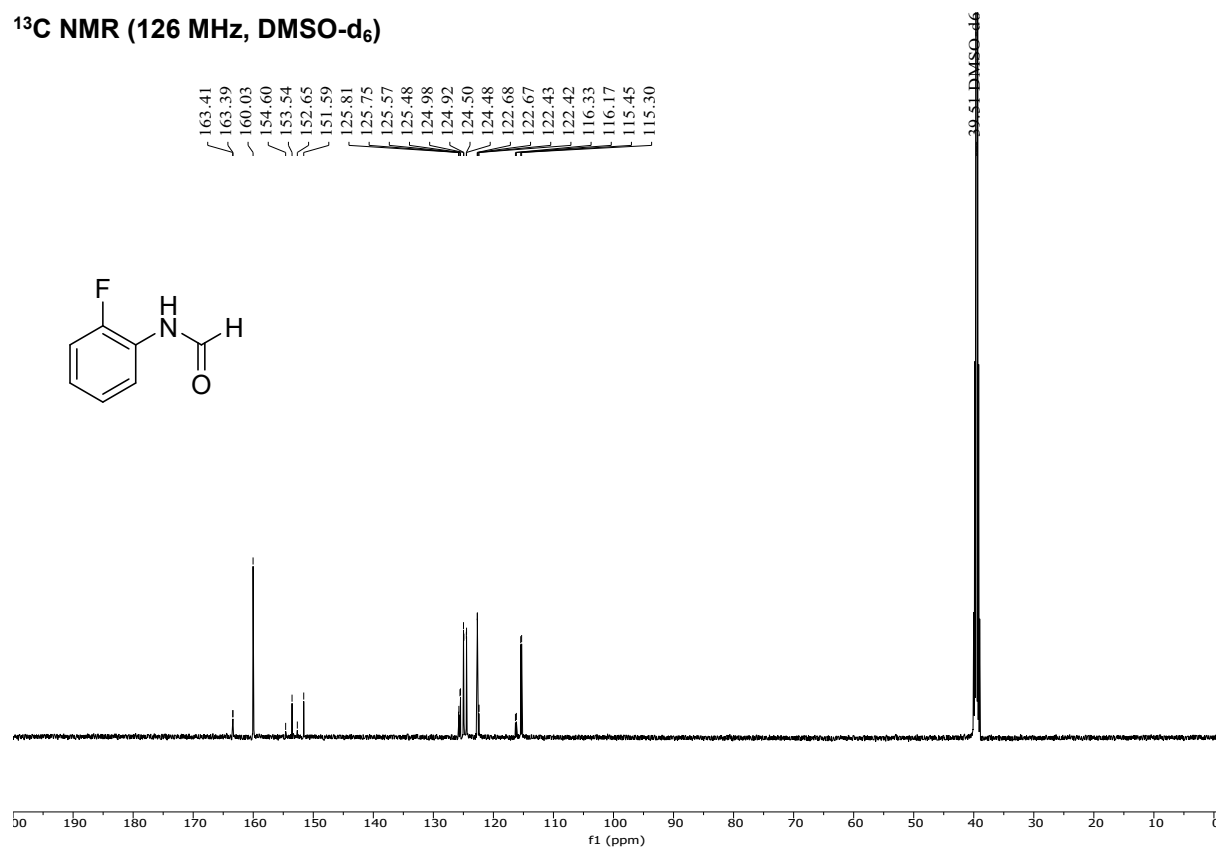


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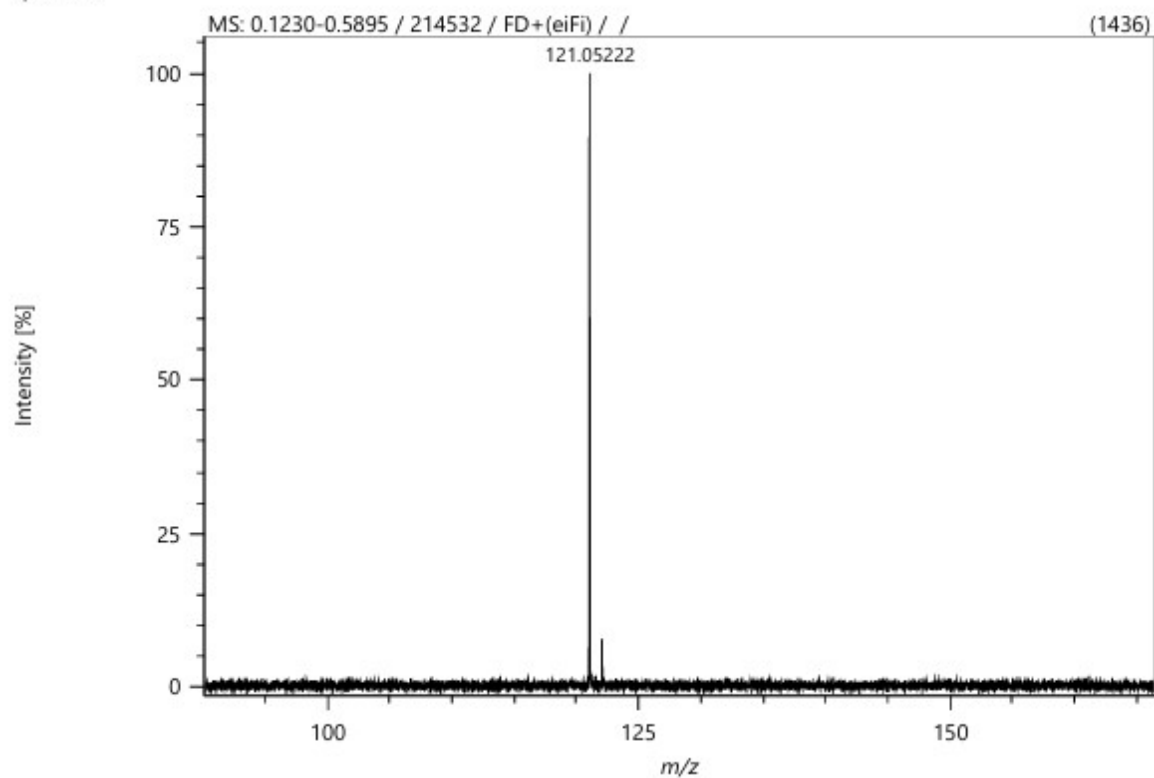
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N-Phenylformamide (2a)

Spectrum



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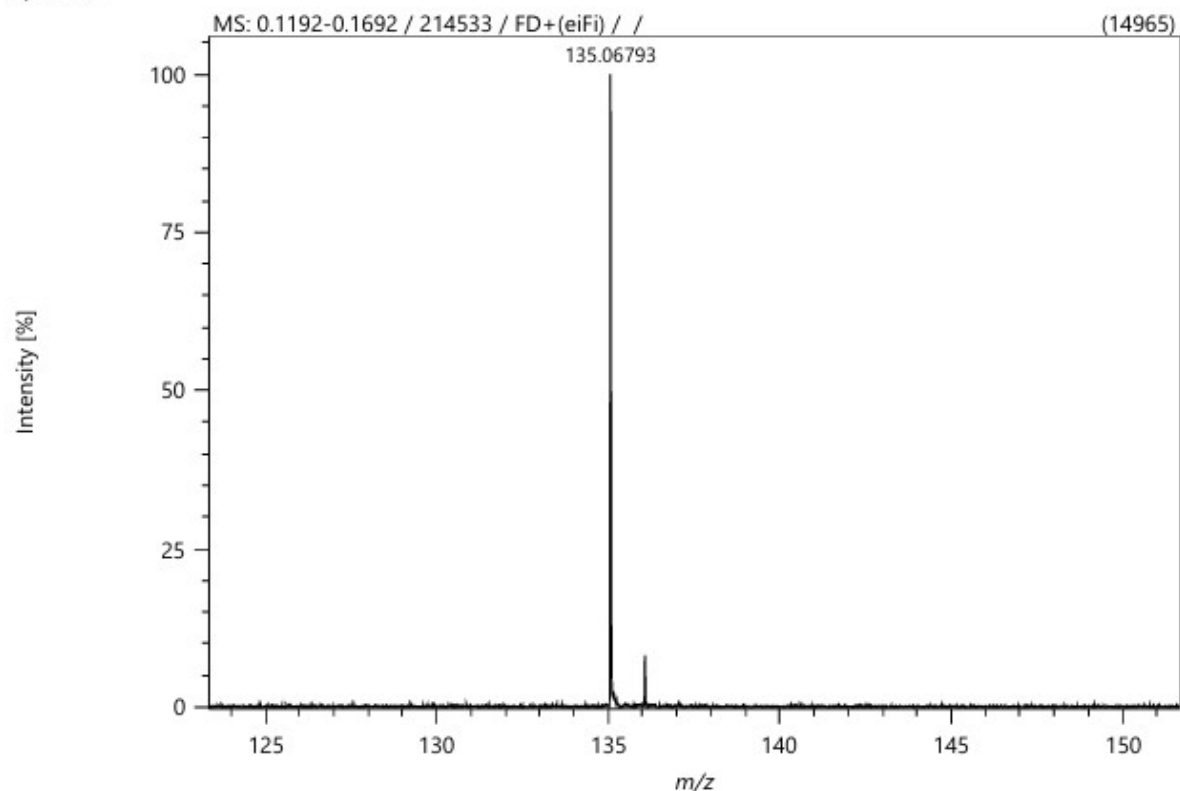
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***N*-p-Tolylformamide (2b)**

Spectrum



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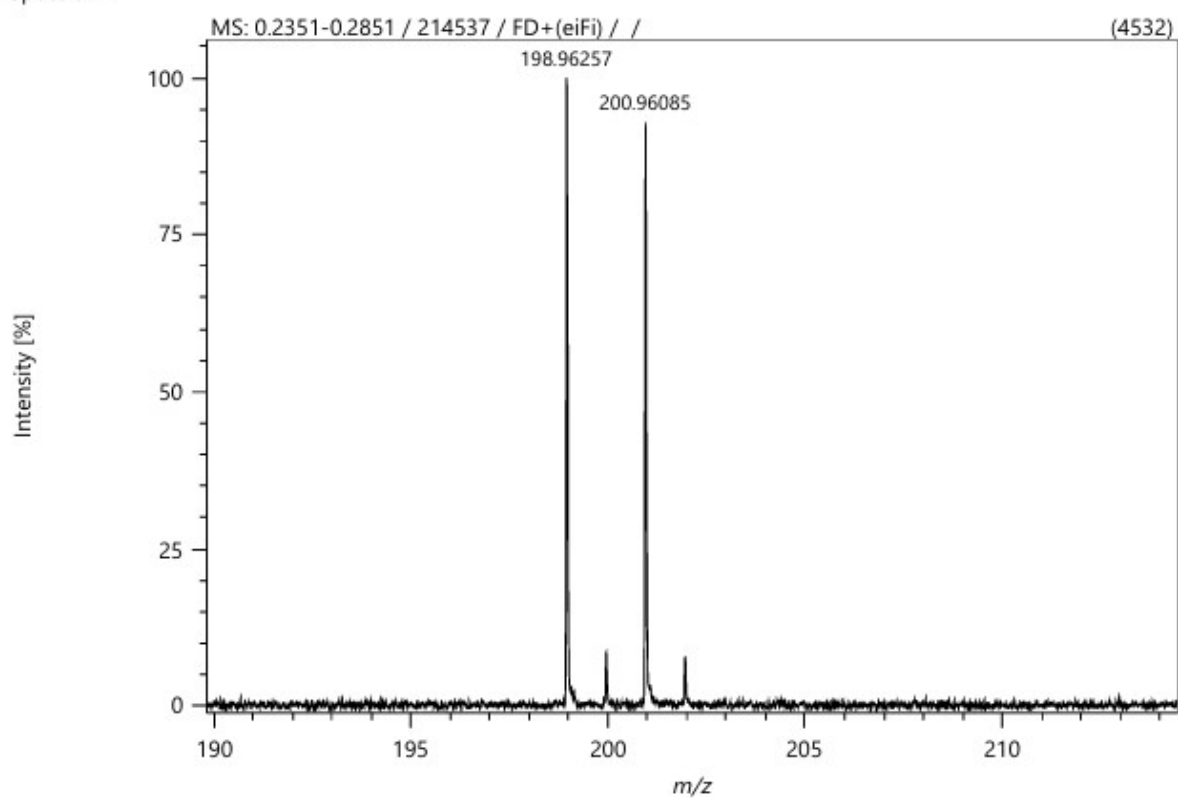
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N-(4-Bromophenyl)formamide (2i)

Spectrum



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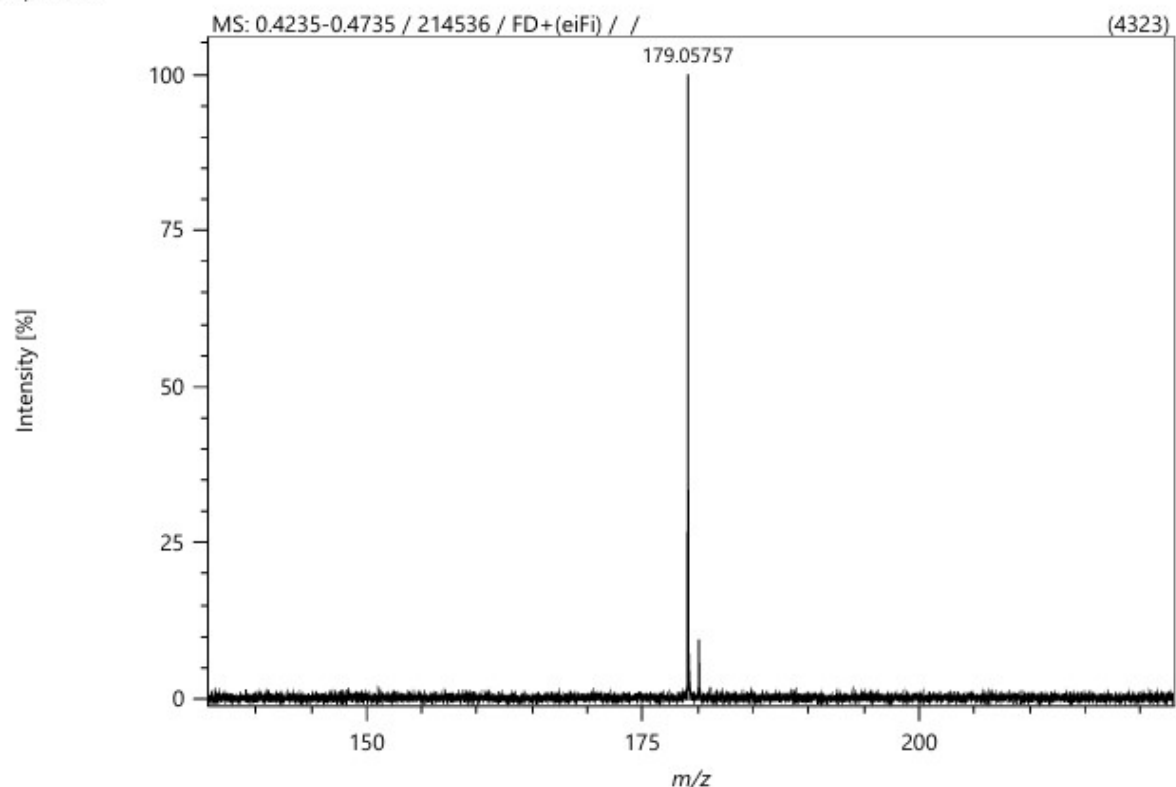
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Methyl 4-formamidobenzoate (2m)

Spectrum



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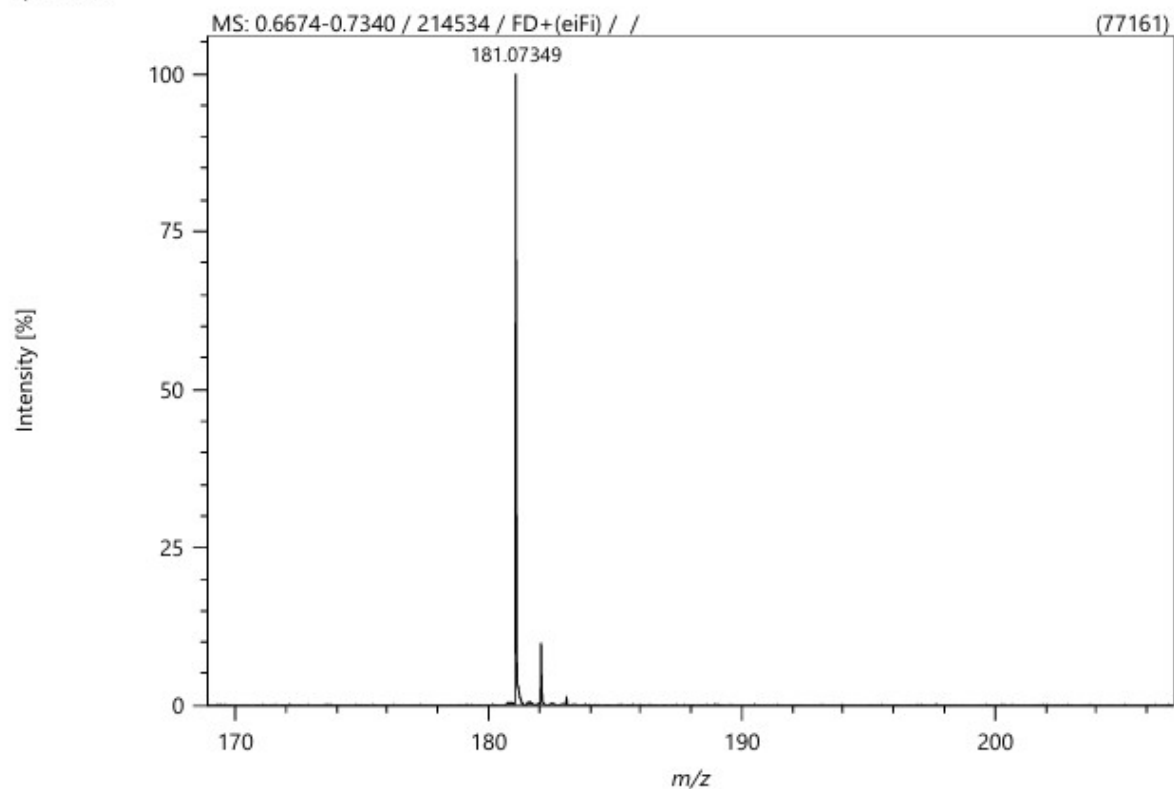
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***N*-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)formamide (2o)**

Spectrum



Elemental Composition

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