

**Comparative Study of the Reaction of 2-Mercaptobenzimidazole with 2-Bromo-1,3-Diketones under Conventional and Green Conditions: Regioselective Access to N/S-difunctionalized Benzimidazoles and Benzimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazoles**

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## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

### General method for preparation of 6-substituted-2-aryl-3-methylbenzimidazo[2,1-*b*]thiazoles **6(a-n)**

1,3-Diketones **3** (1.0 mmol) were ground with N-bromosuccinimide (1.0 mmol) in a dry mortar for 15-30 min, forming a thick paste. The mixture was then transferred to a conical flask and stirred with 15 mL of absolute ethanol under visible-light irradiations. Next, 2-mercaptopbenzimidazoles **5** (1.0 mmol) were added and stirred for 30-40 min until completion, monitored by TLC using ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (20:80, v/v). Excess ethanol was removed under reduced pressure and the reaction mixture was neutralized with aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The obtained solid products **6(a-n)** were recrystallized using ethanol and dried, yielding high-purity products.

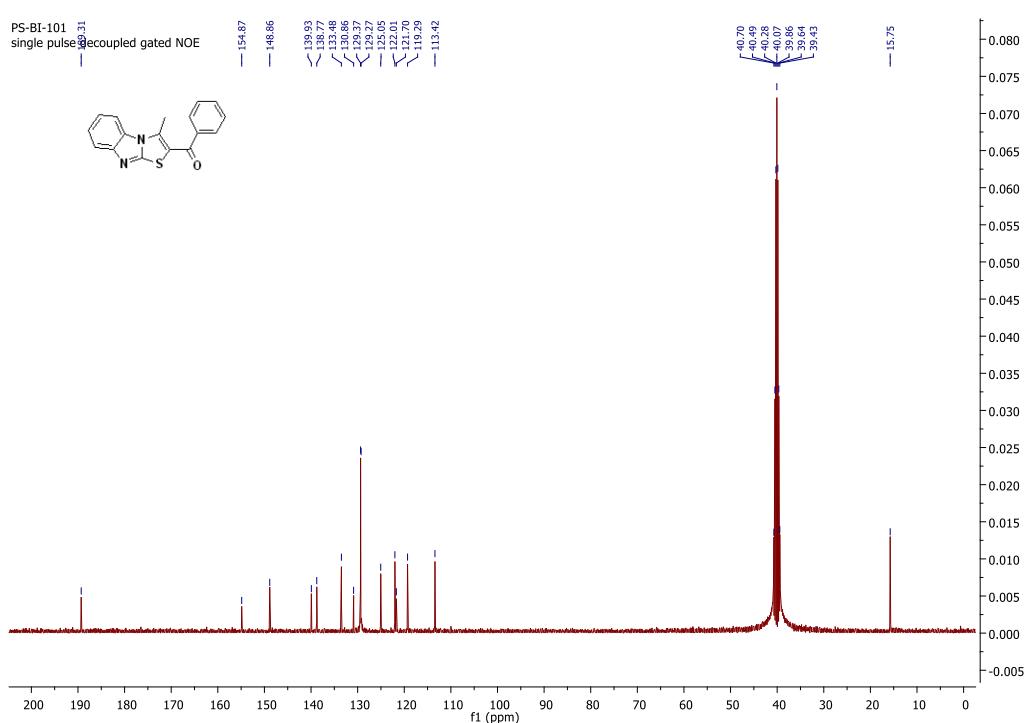
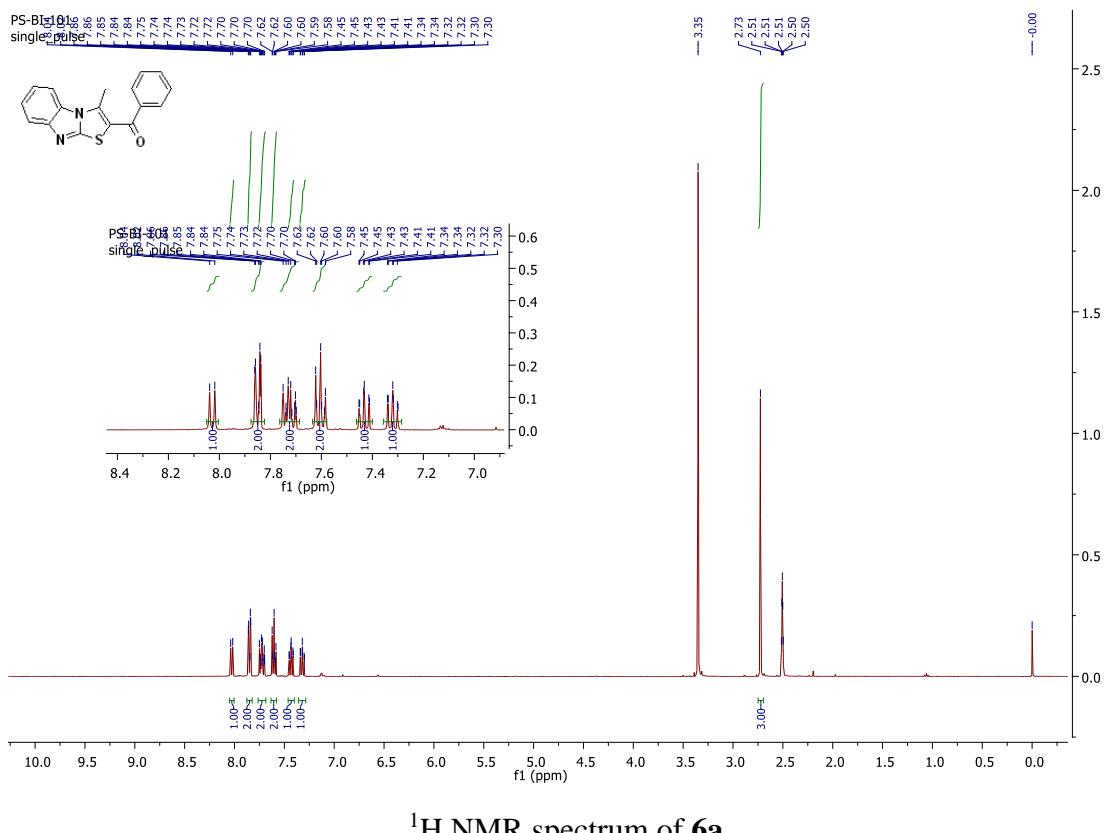
### General method for preparation of 2-((1-acetyl-1*H*-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio)-1-arylethan-1-one **10(a-e)**

1,3-Diketones **3** (1.0 mmol) were grounded with NBS (1.0 mmol) in a dry mortar for 15-30 min to form a thick paste. Subsequently, 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole **5** (1.0 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was further grounded thoroughly at room temperature for 15-20 min. Reaction progress was monitored by TLC using ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (20:80, v/v). After completion, 30 mL of saturated sodium bicarbonate solution was added and the mixture was filtered to obtain the crude solid. N/S-difunctionalized benzimidazole derivatives **10(a-e)**, were recrystallized from ethanol and dried, yielding high-purity products.

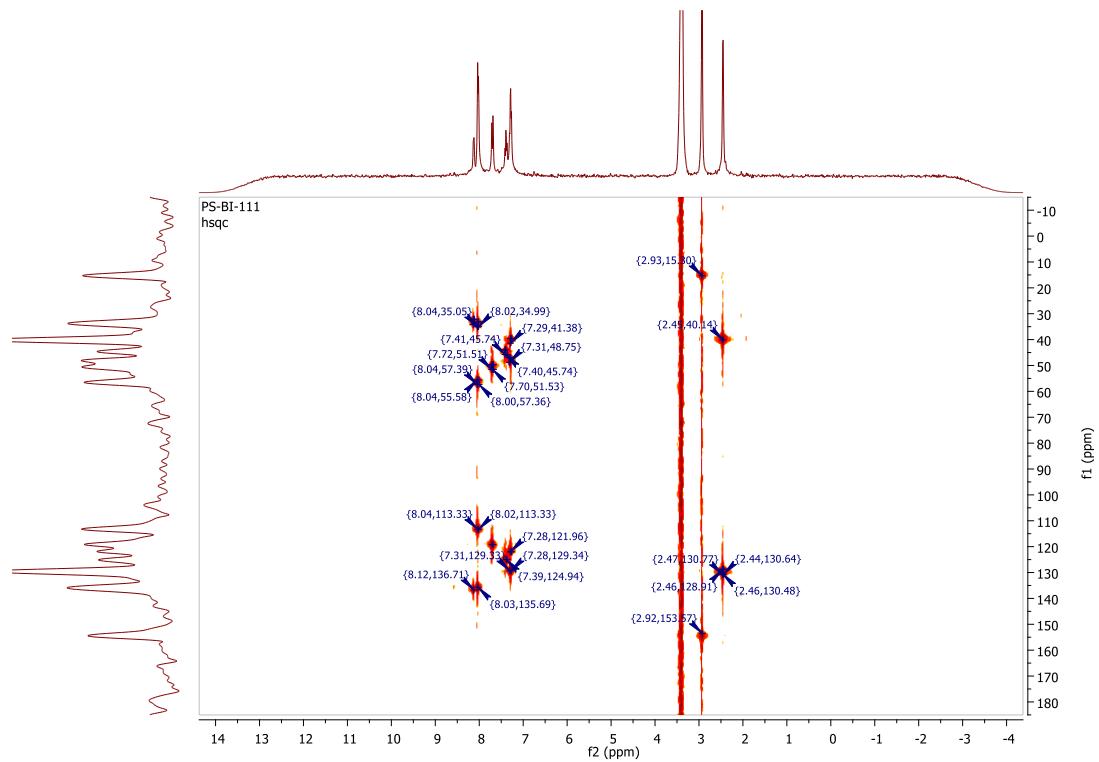
## Characterization of Final Compounds

<sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, HSQC, HMBC and HRMS Spectrum of Final Compounds

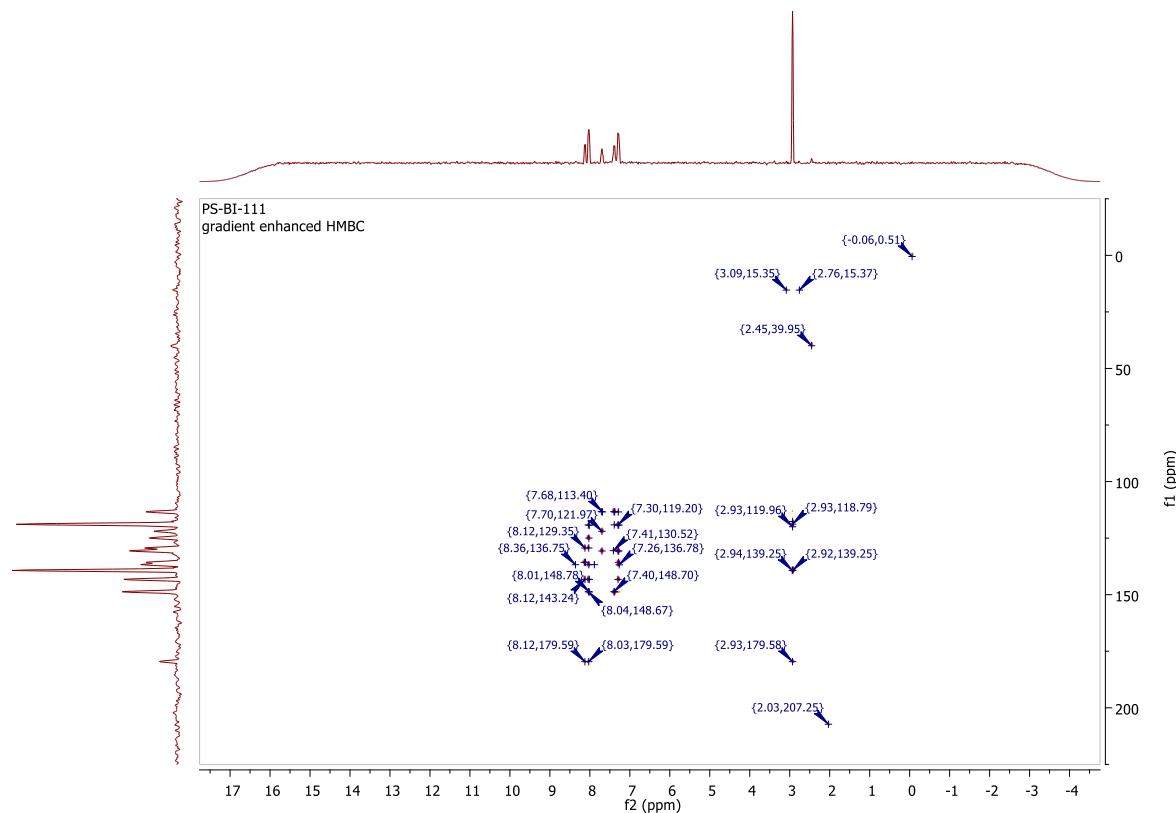
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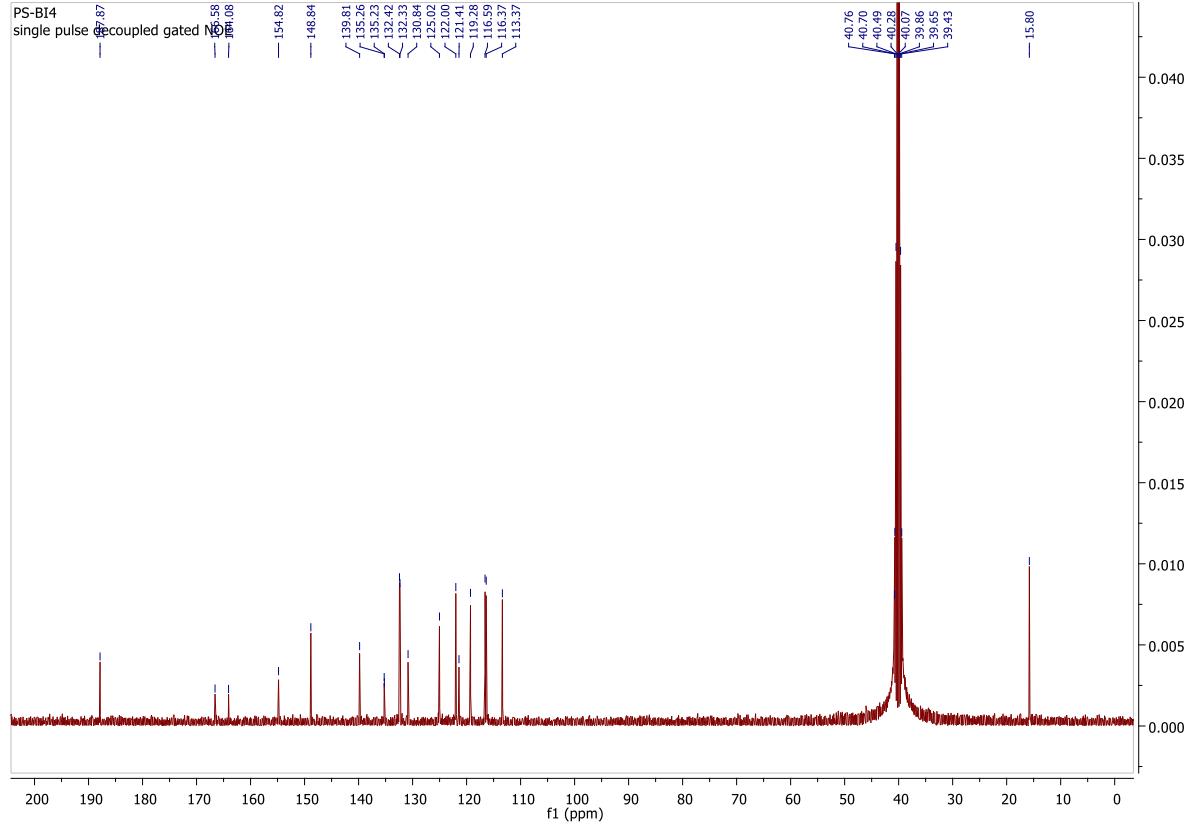
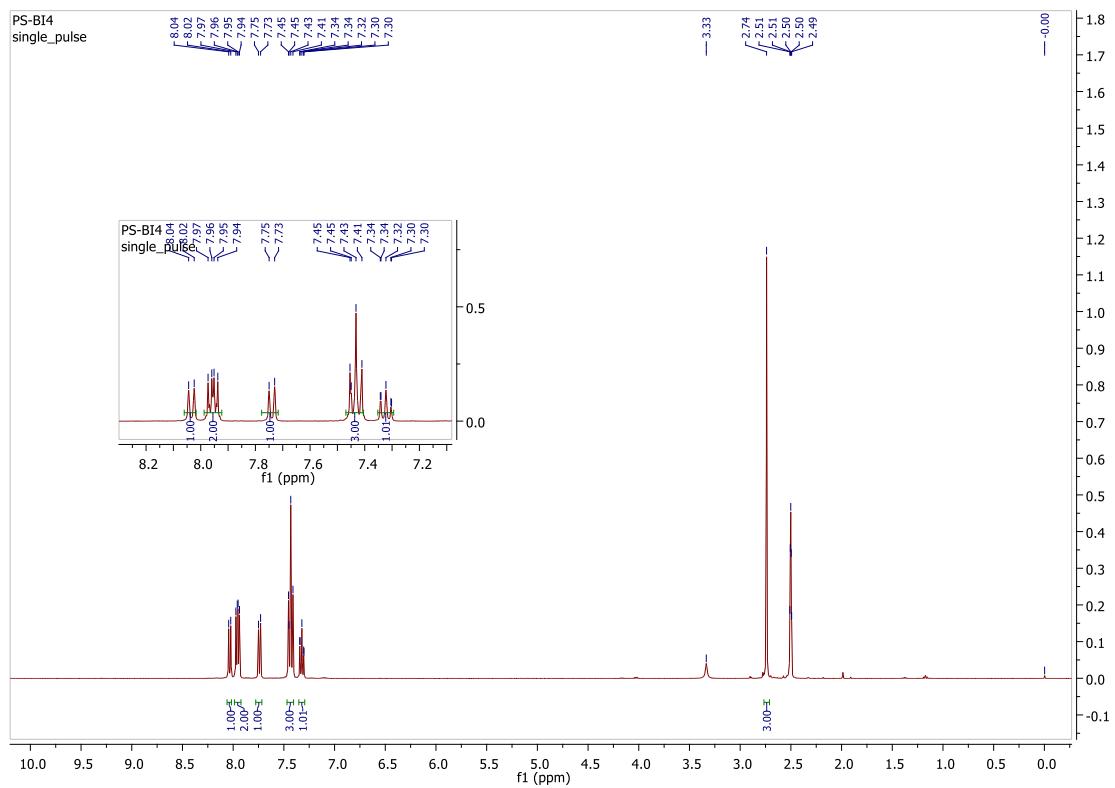
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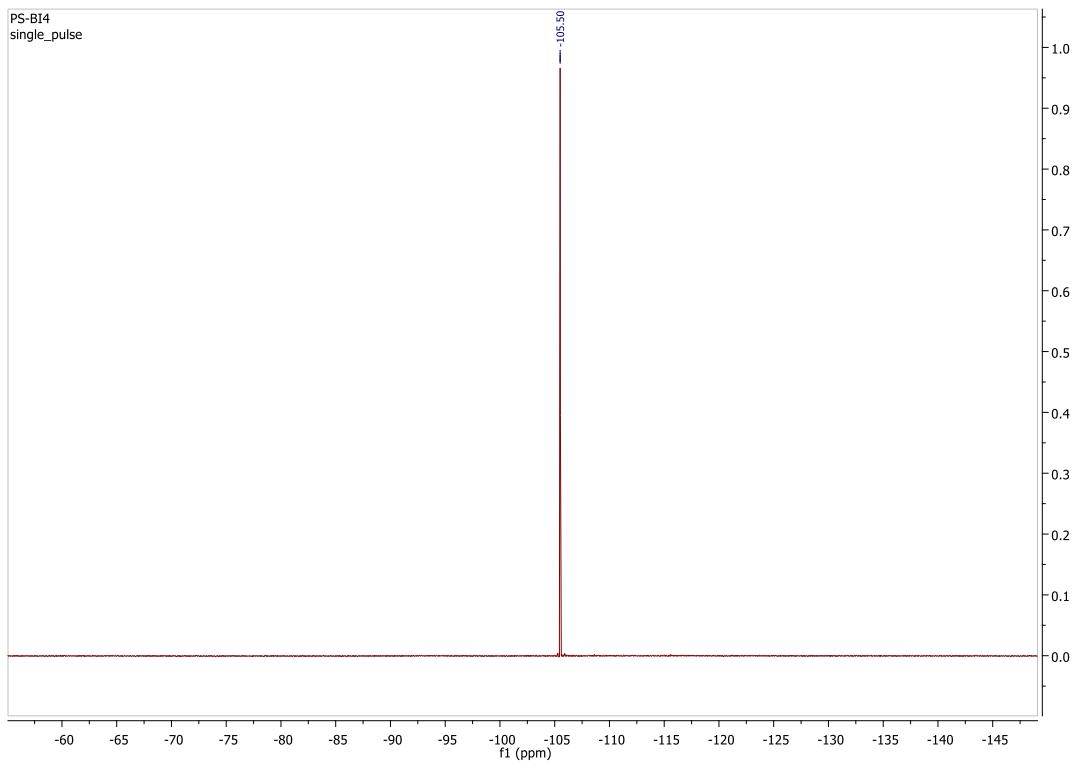


## <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC



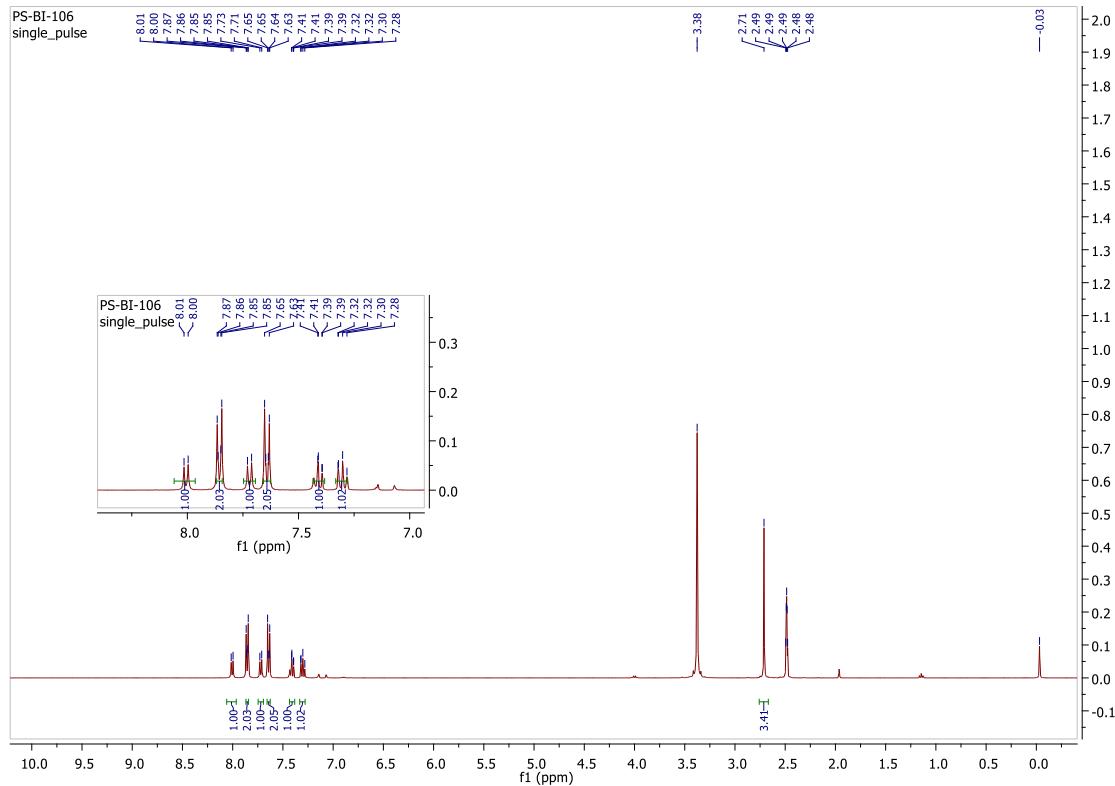
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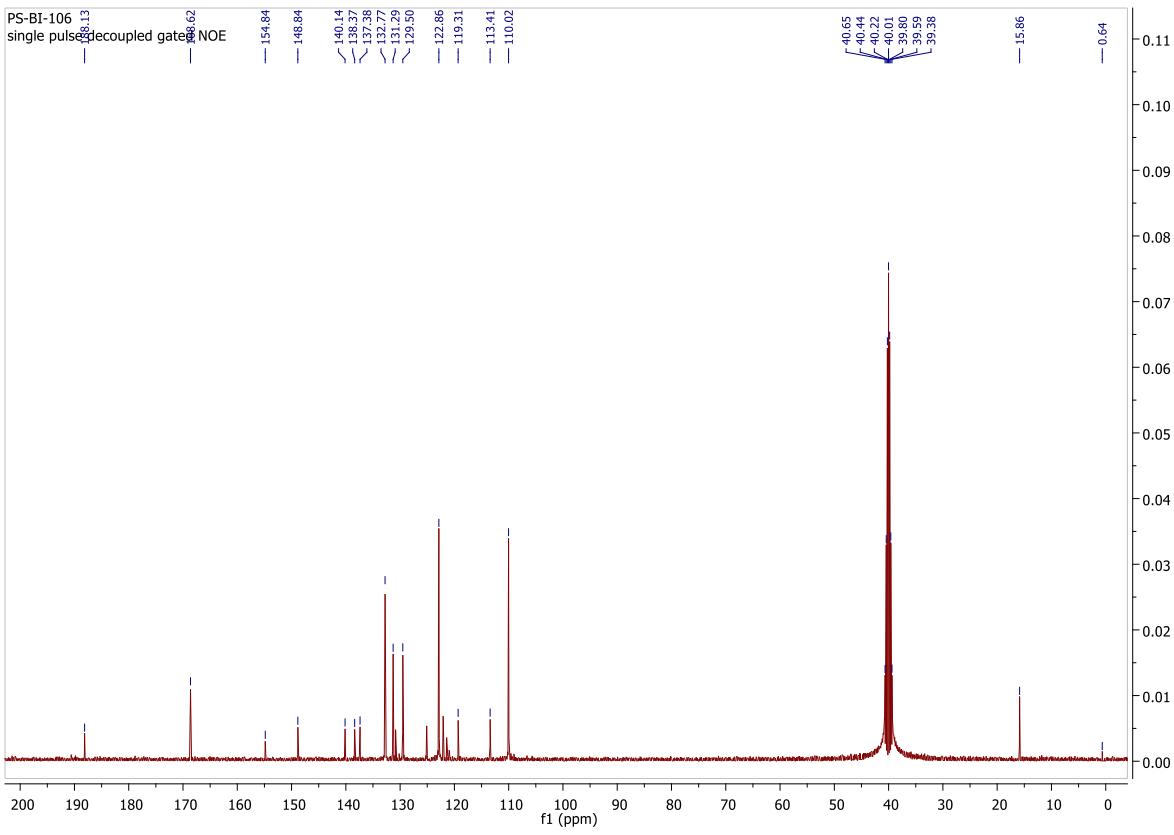


### <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **6b**

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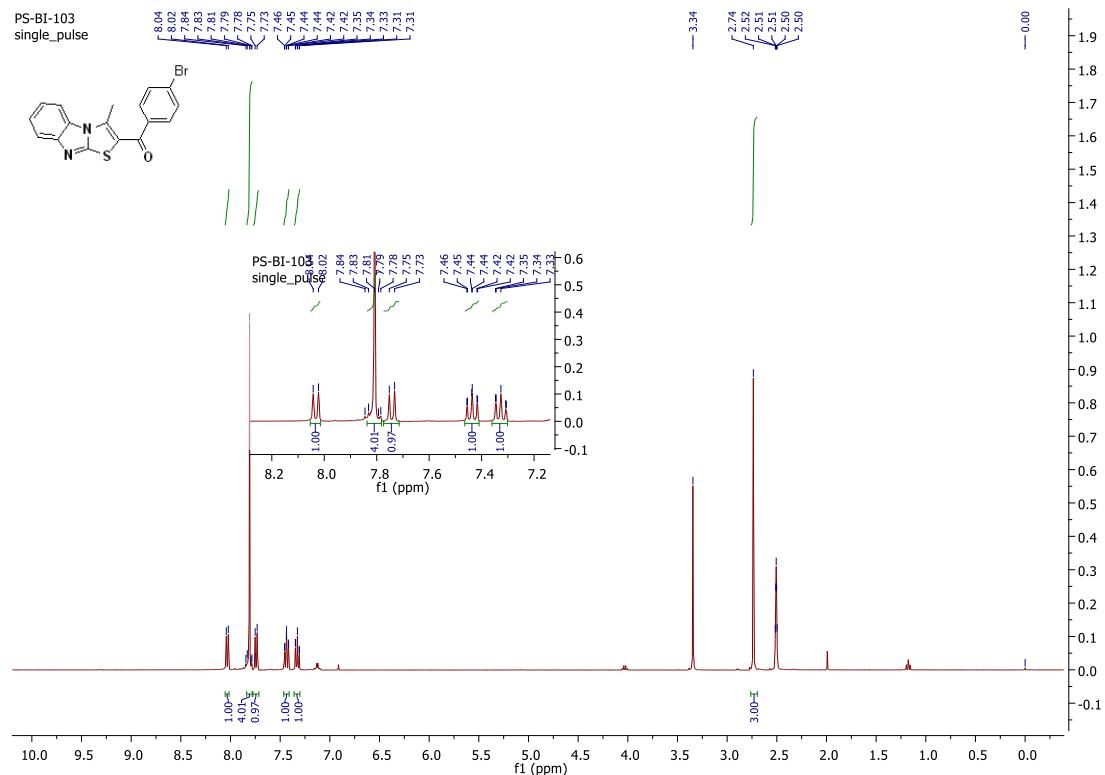


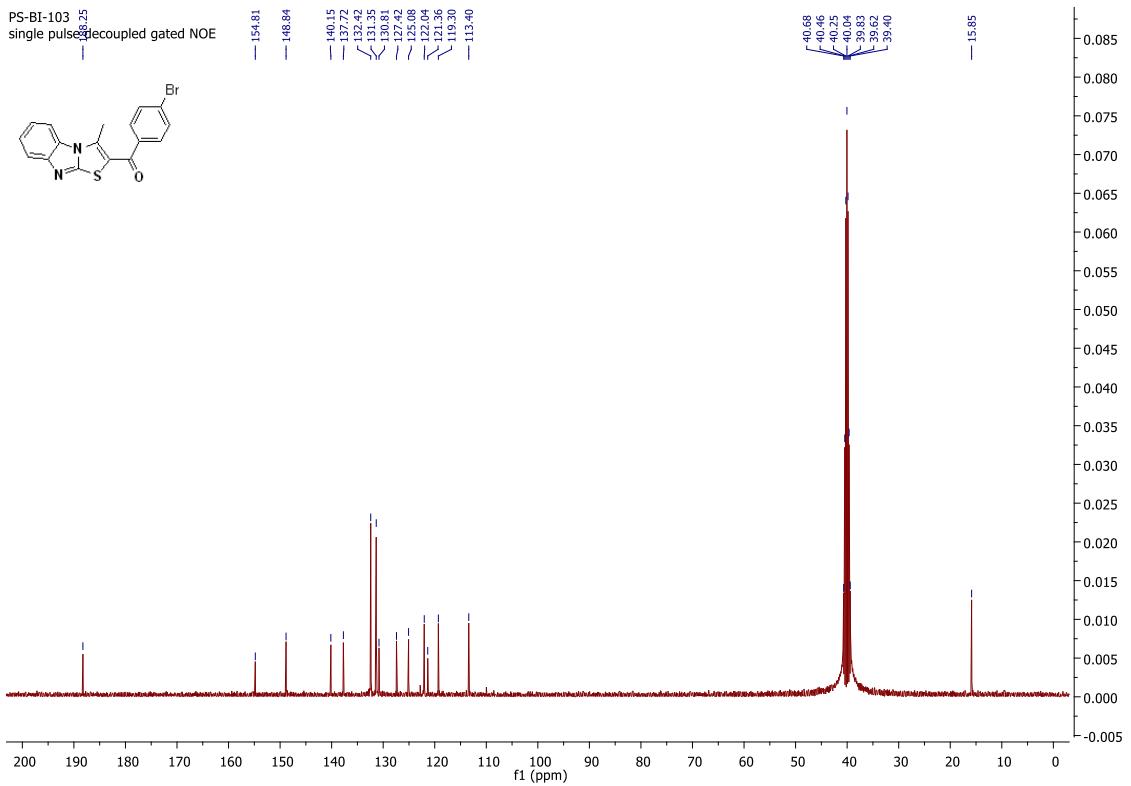
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6c**



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6c**

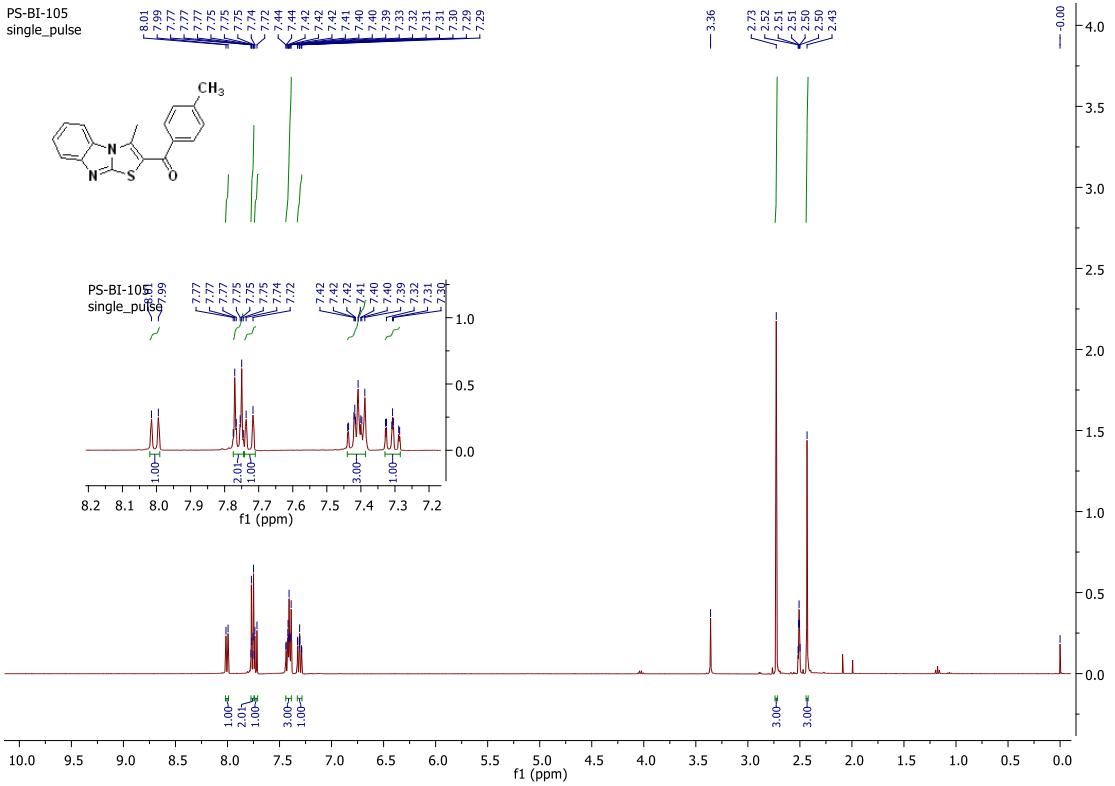
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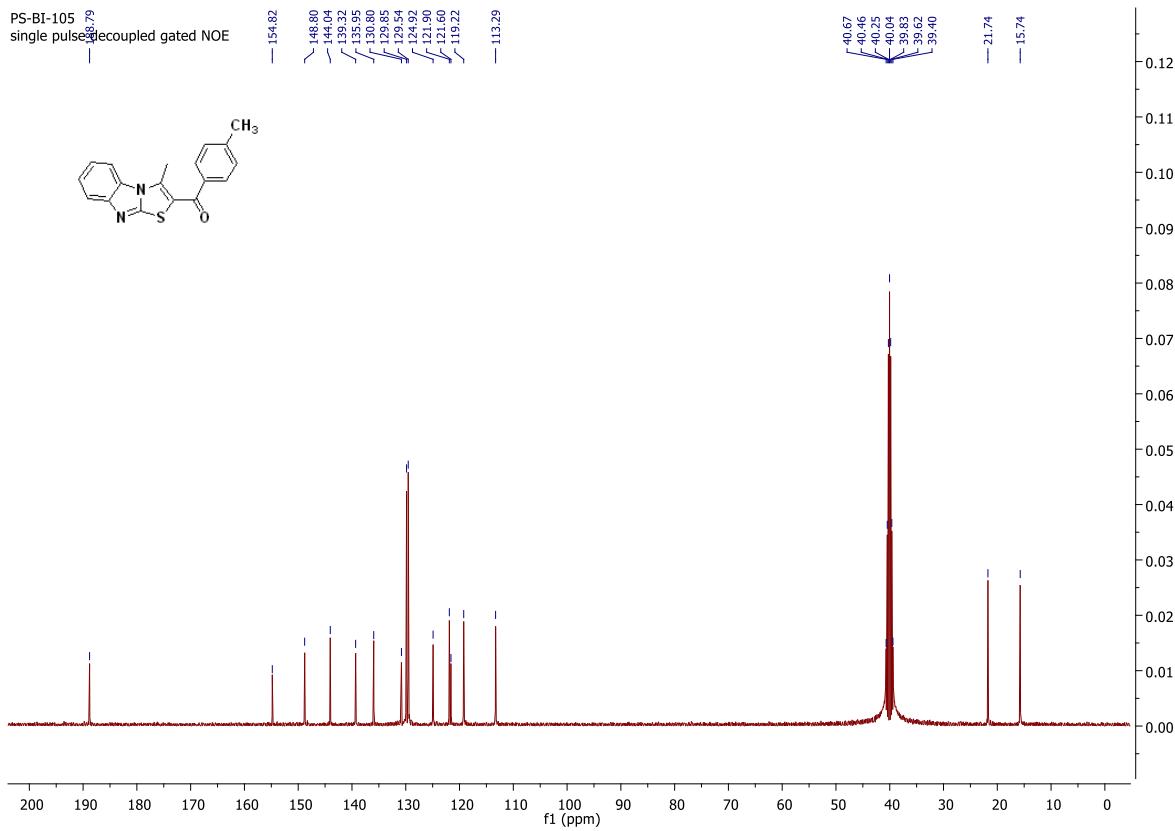


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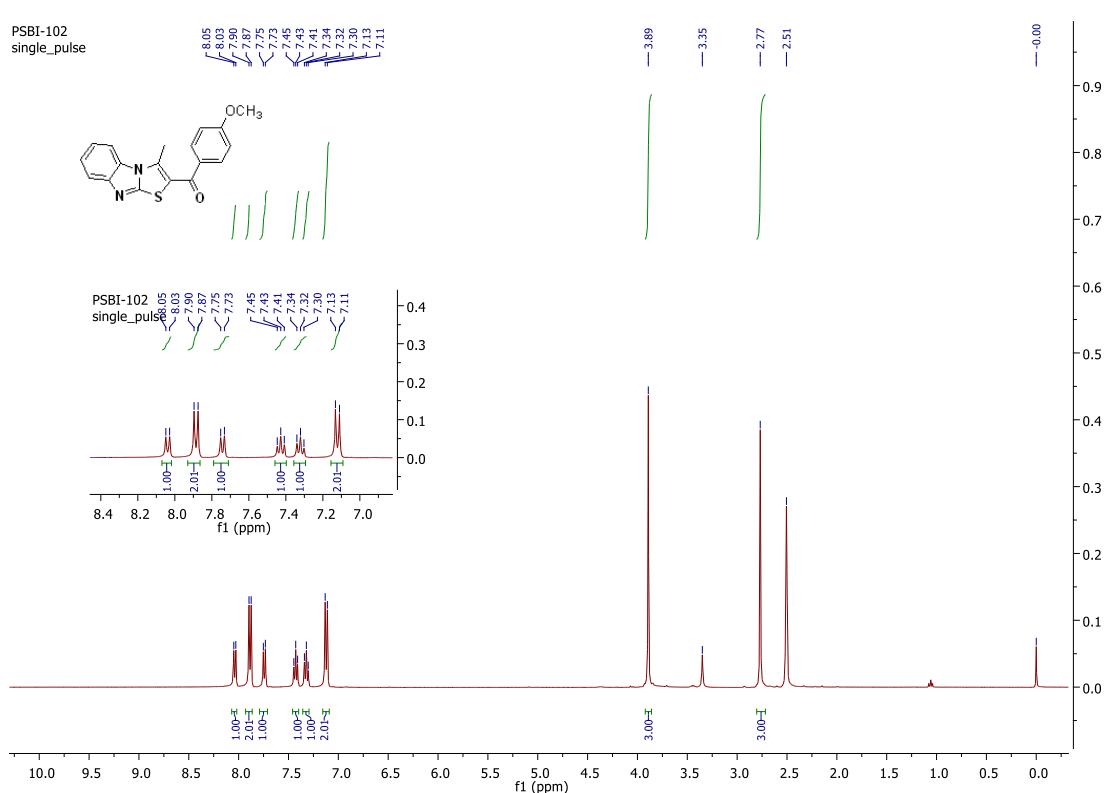
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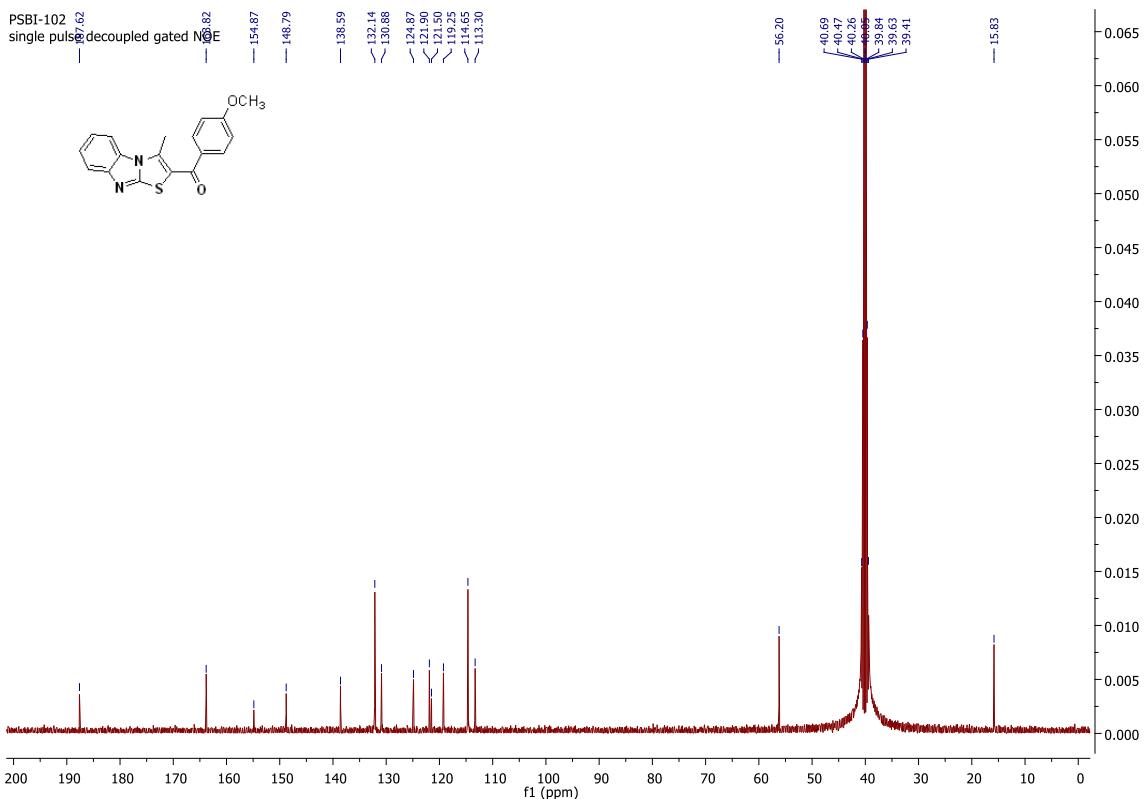


$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6e**

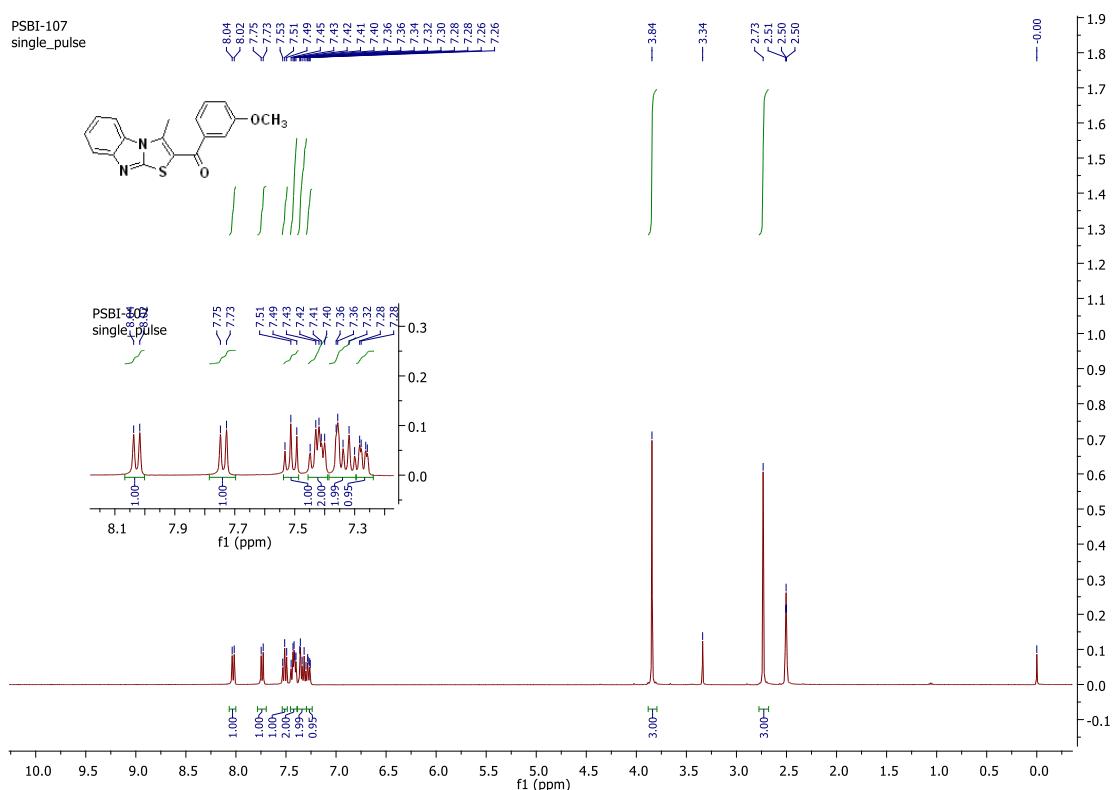


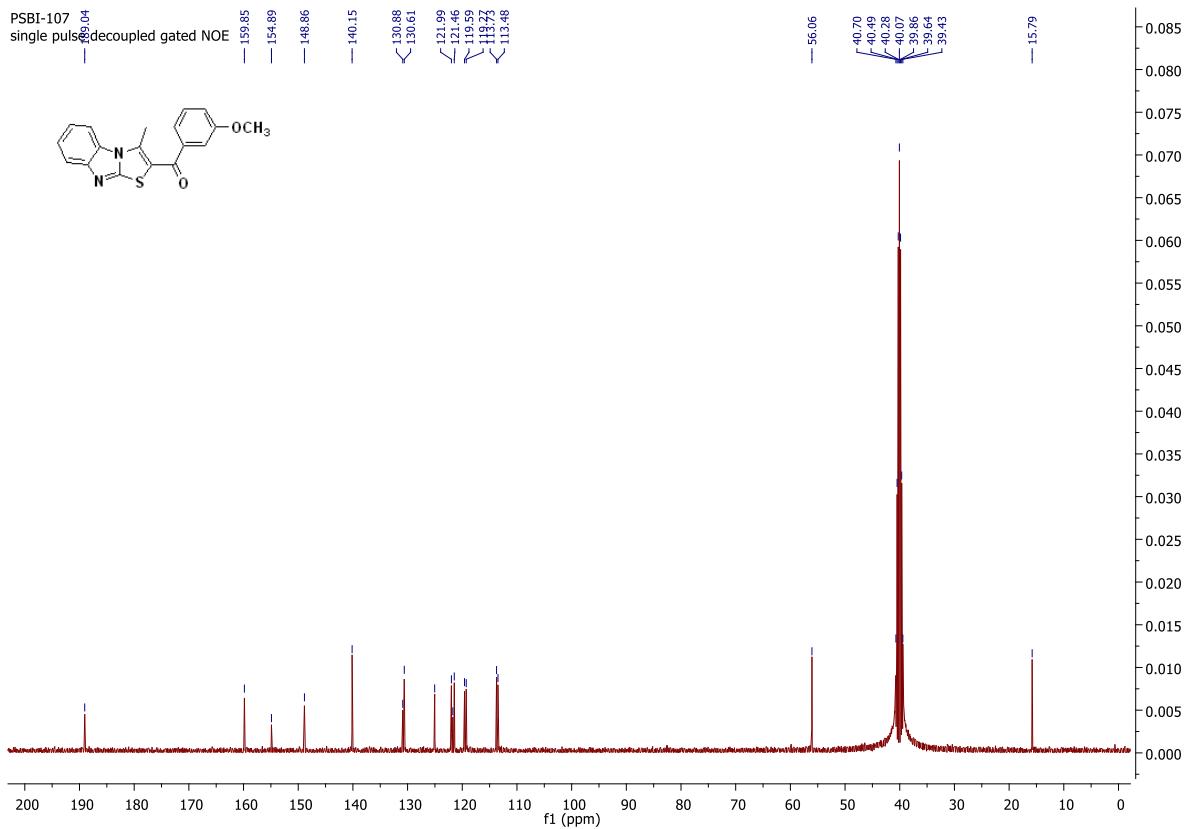
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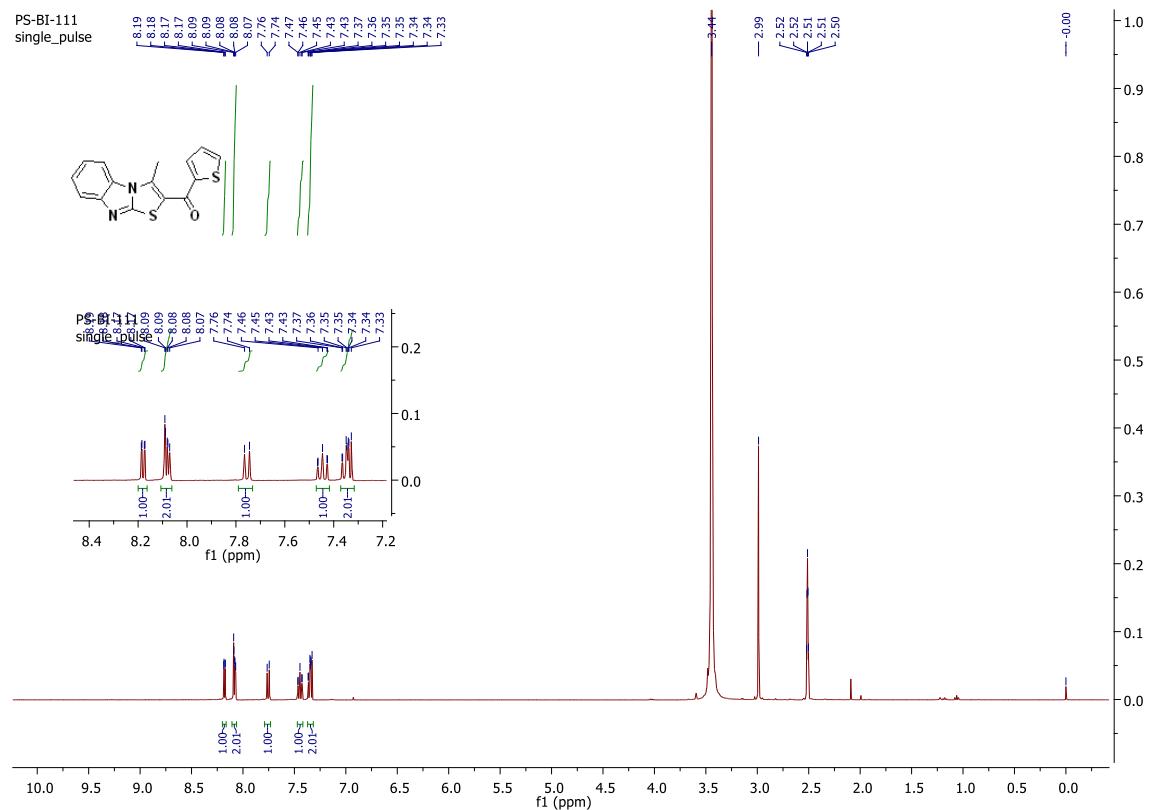
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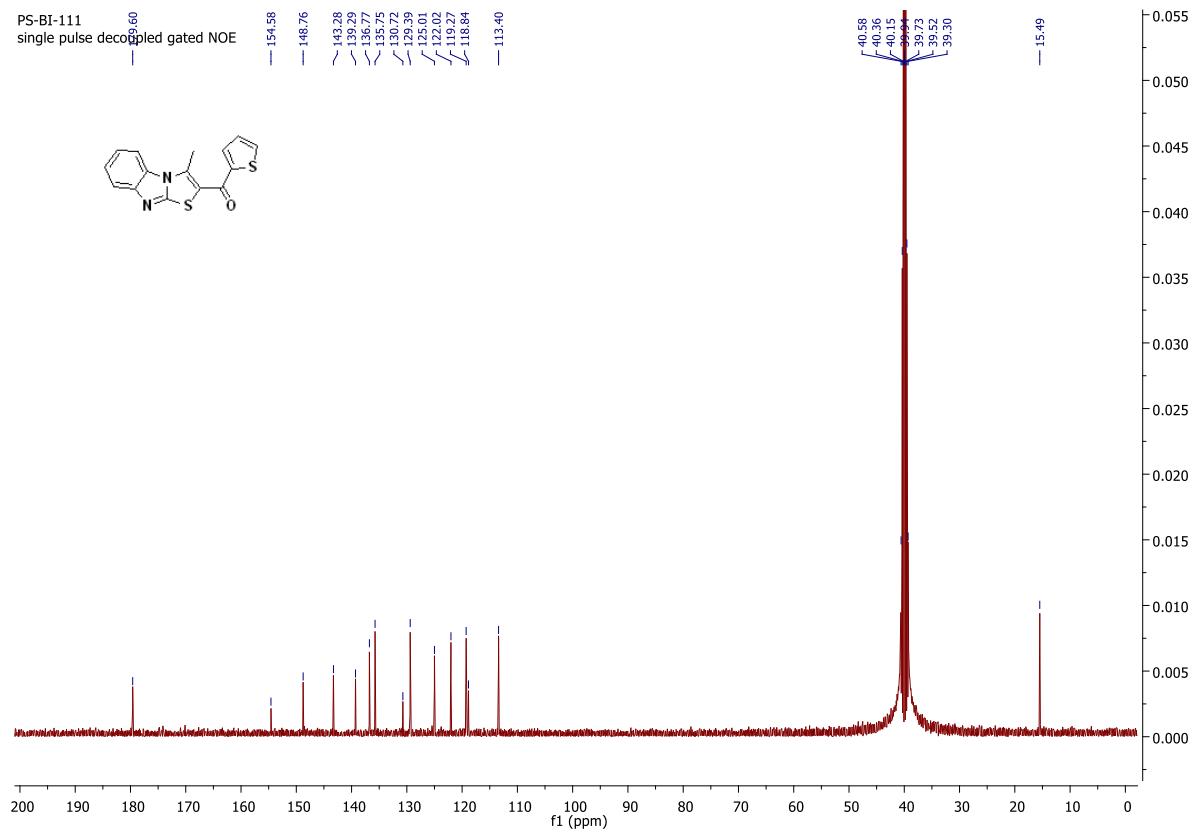


### <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **6g**

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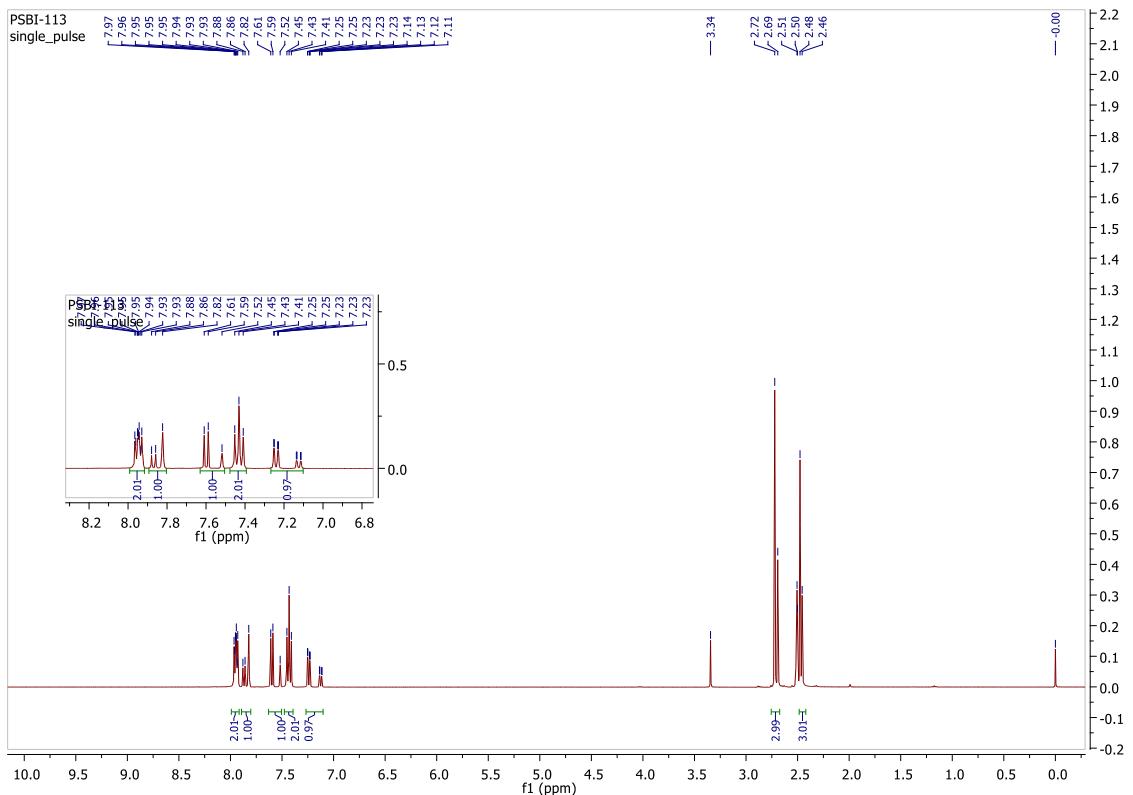


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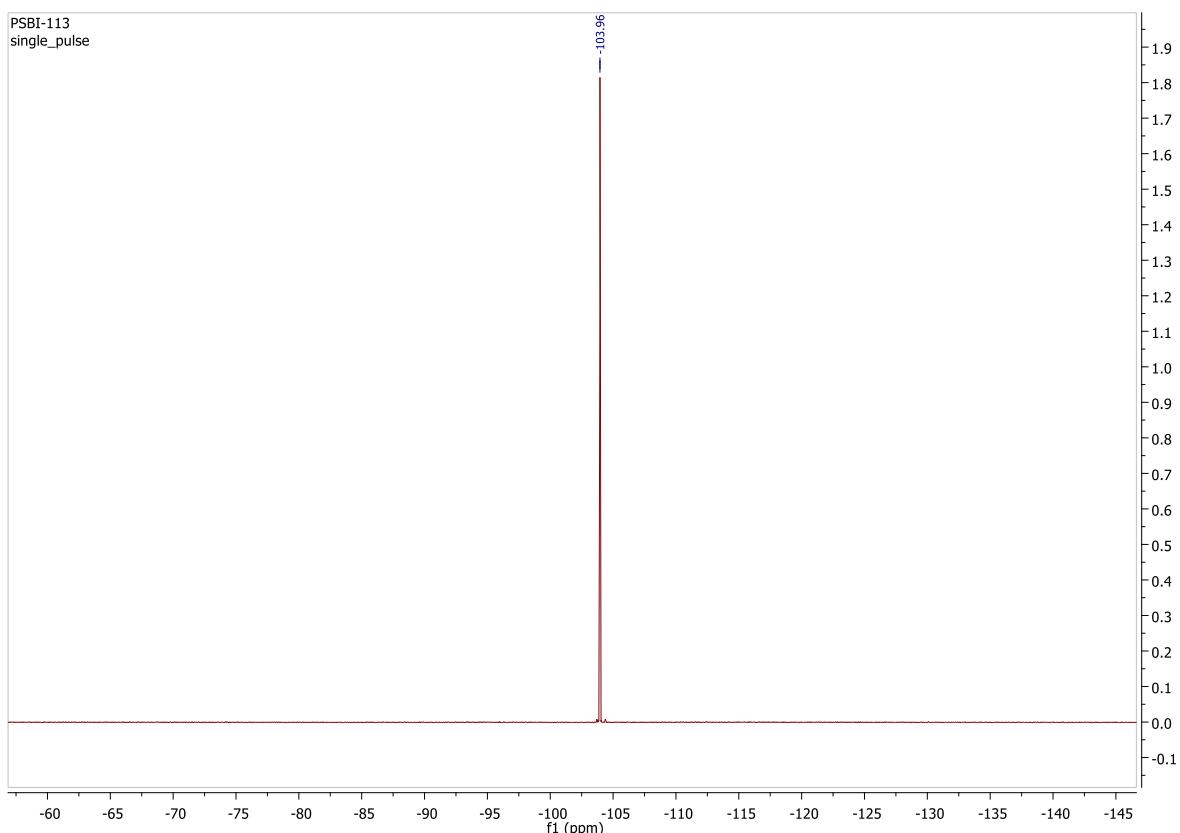
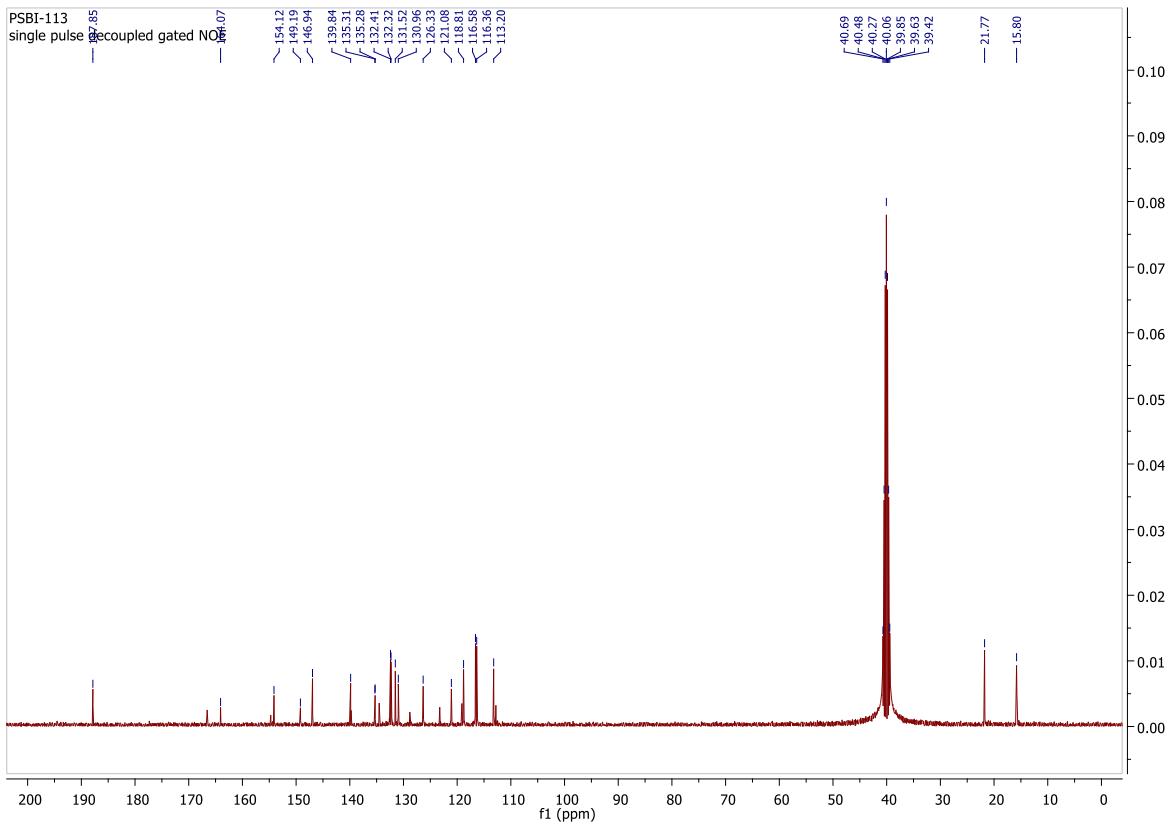


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6h**

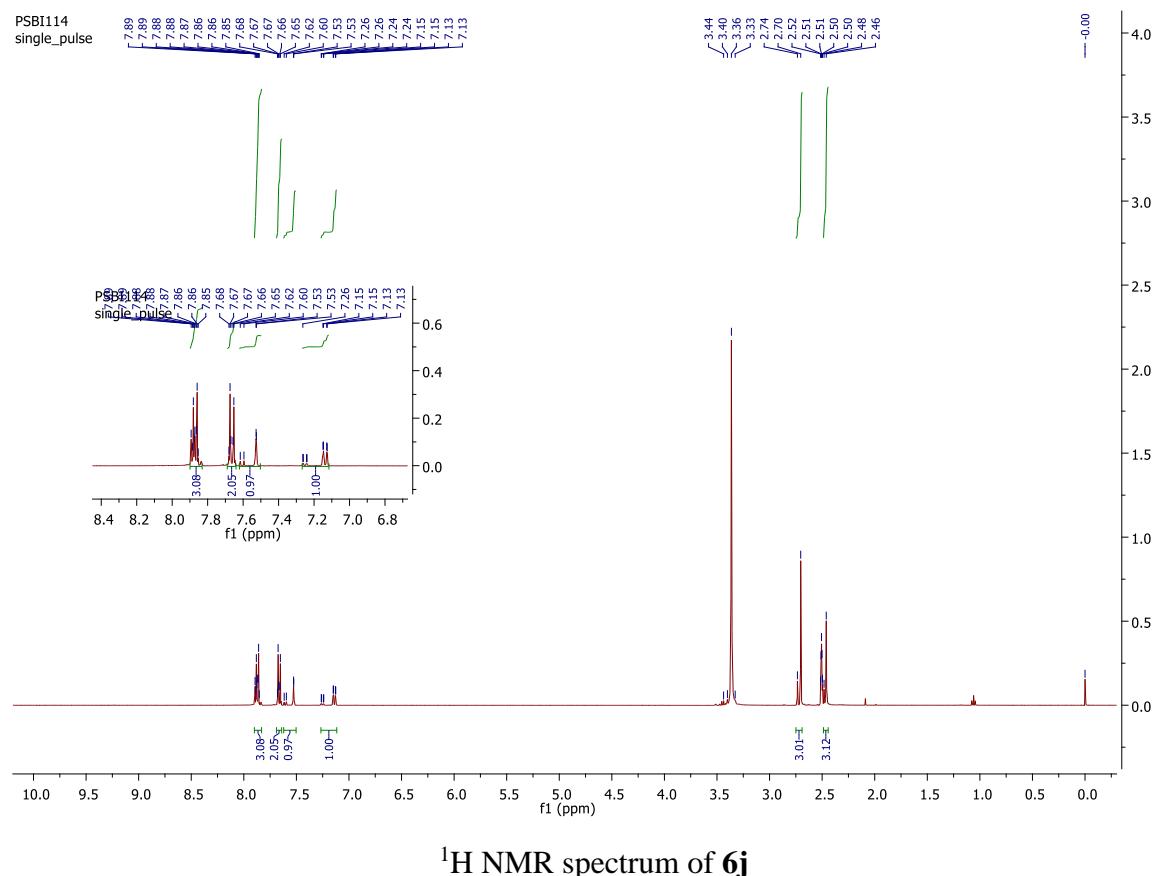
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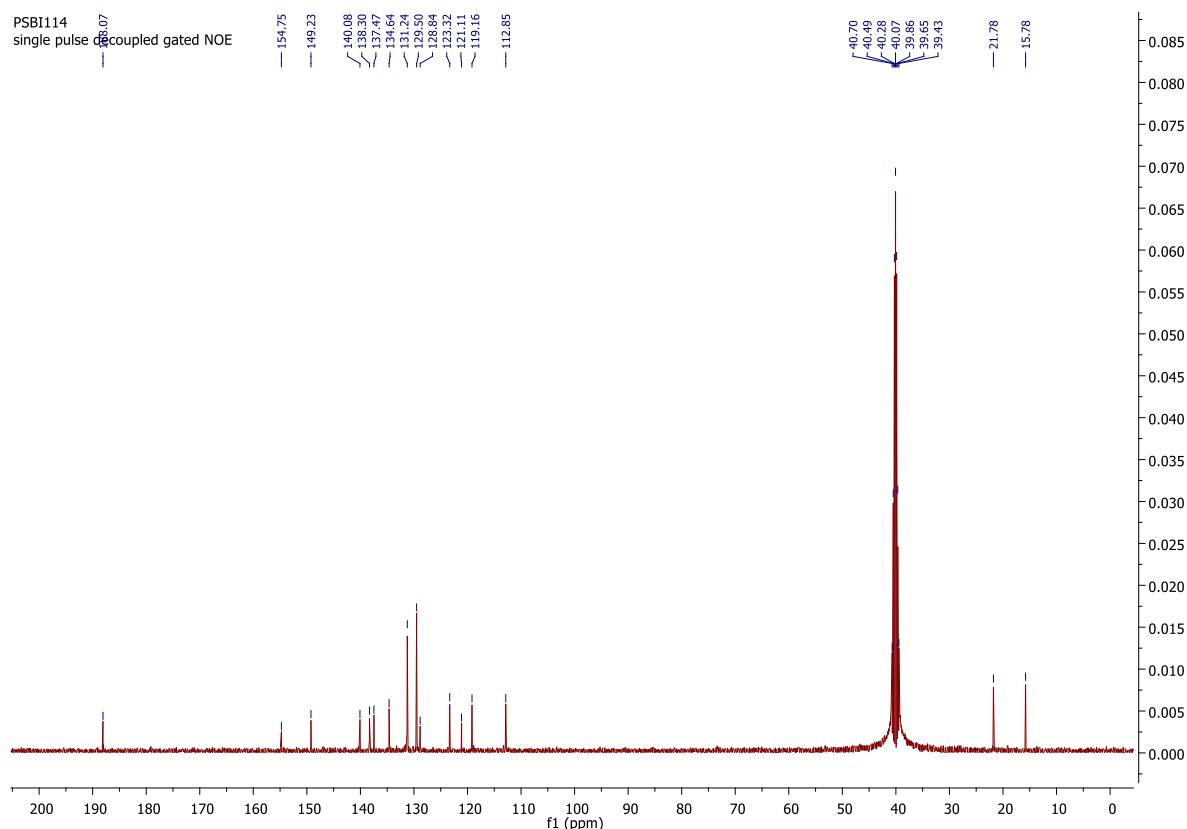
$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6i**



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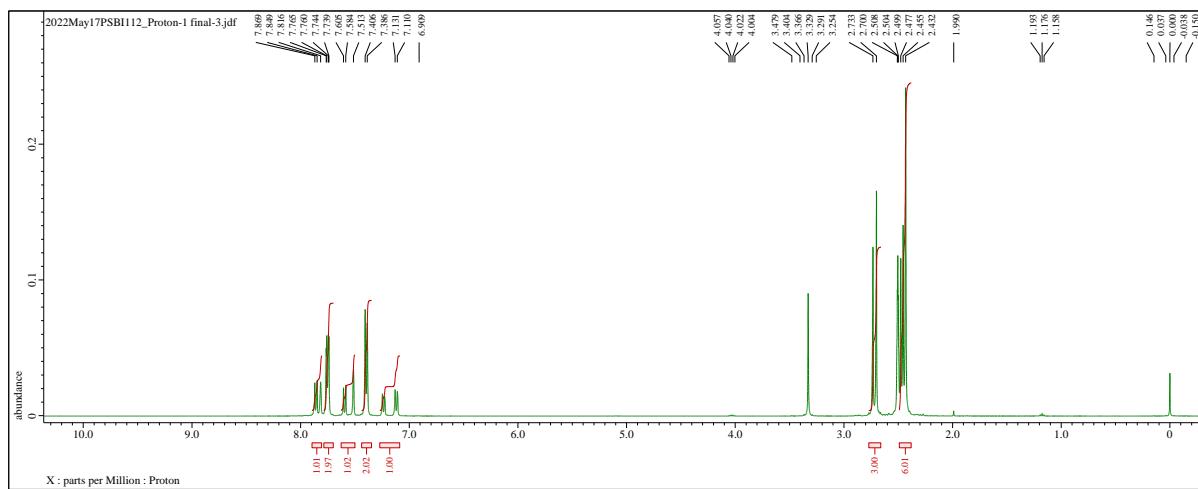


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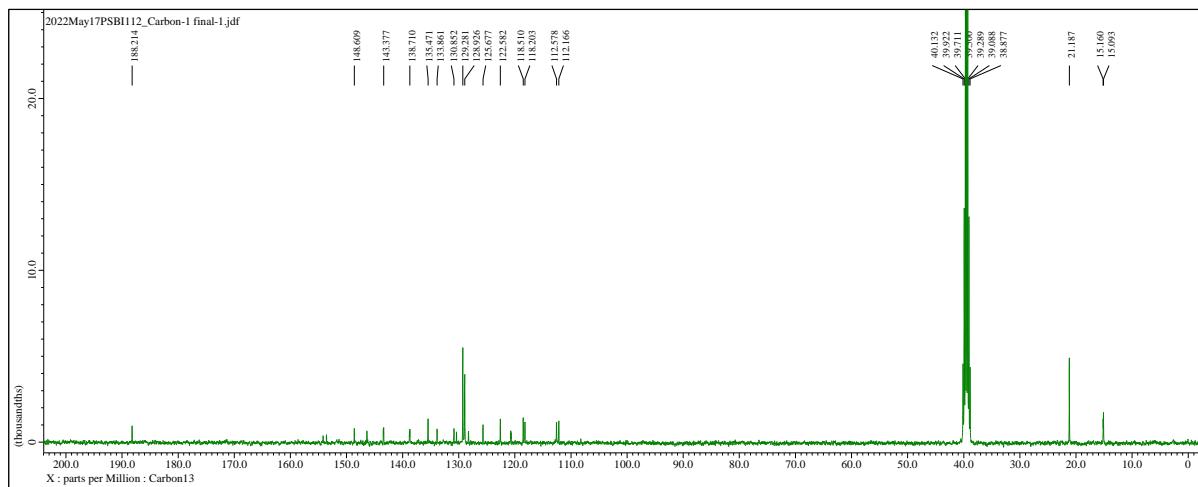


<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **6j**

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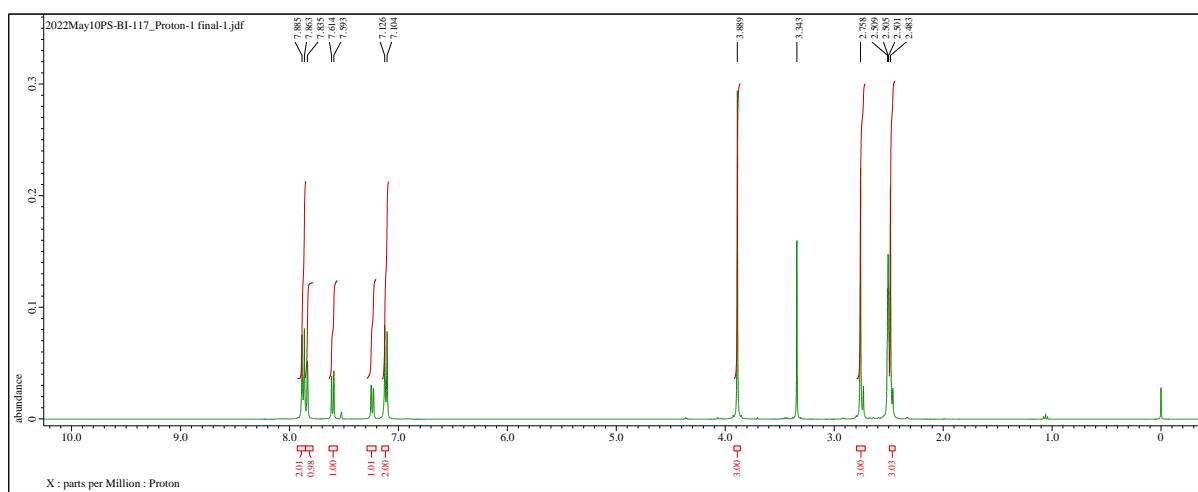


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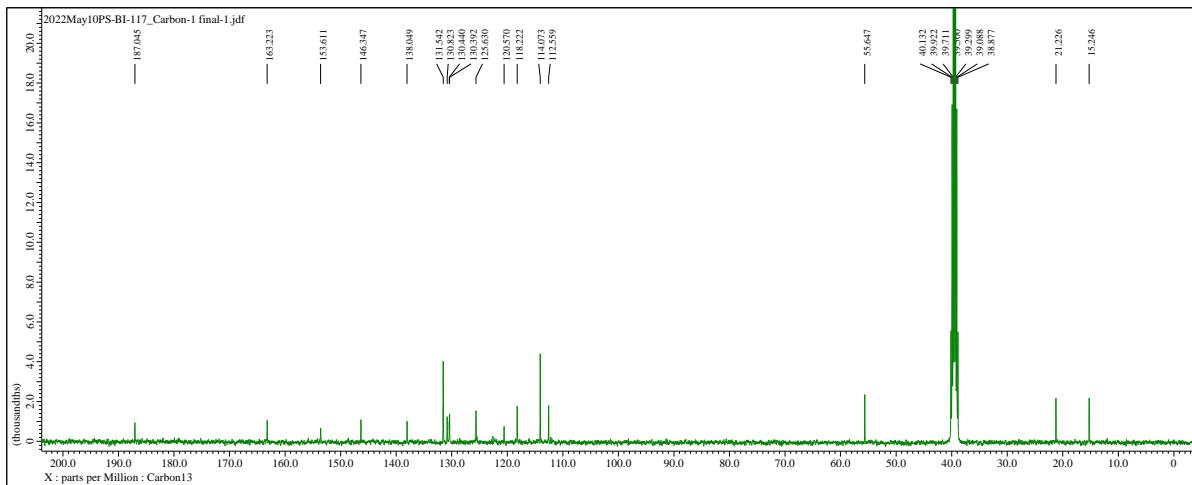


<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **6k**

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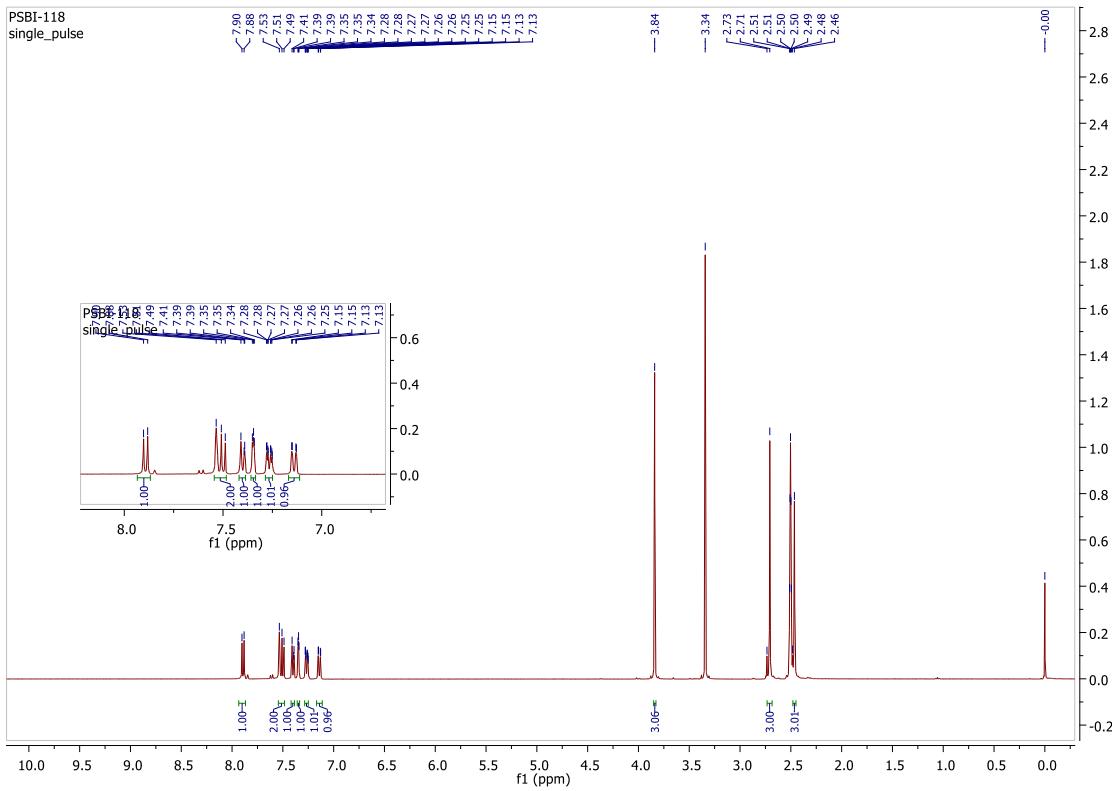


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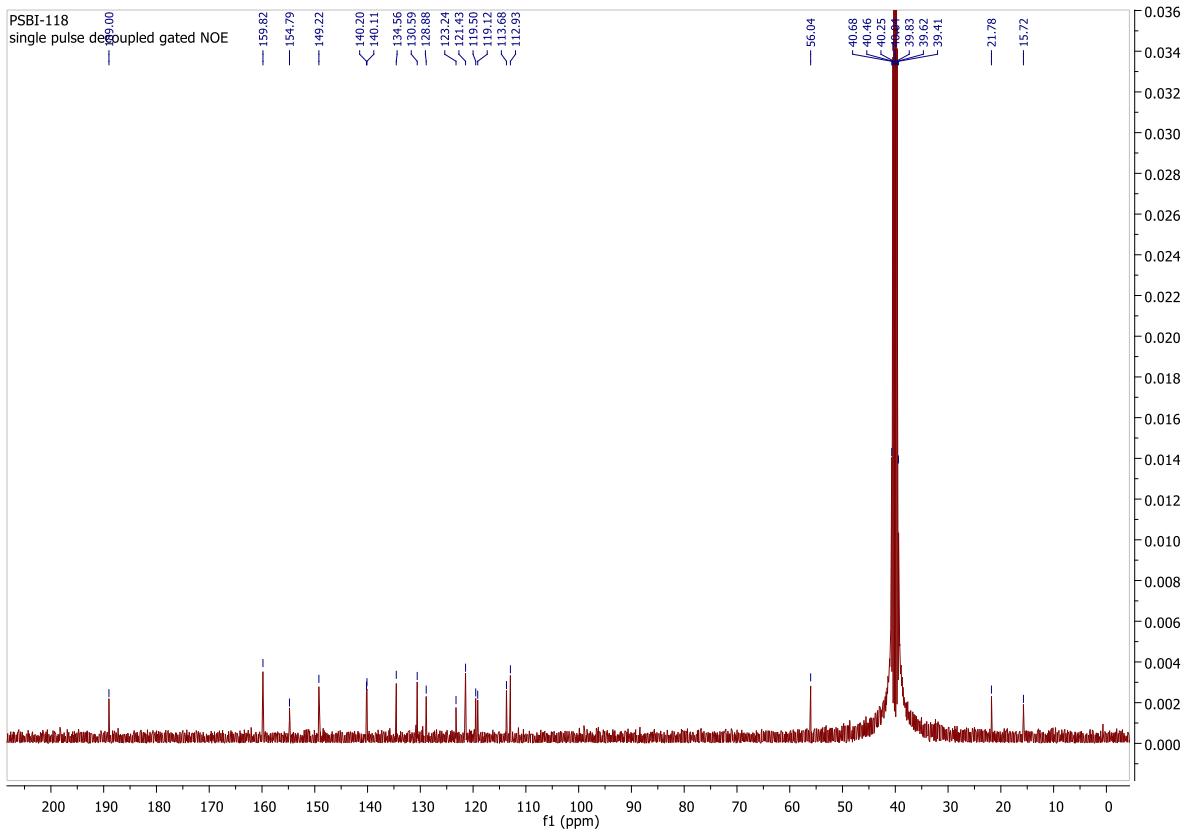


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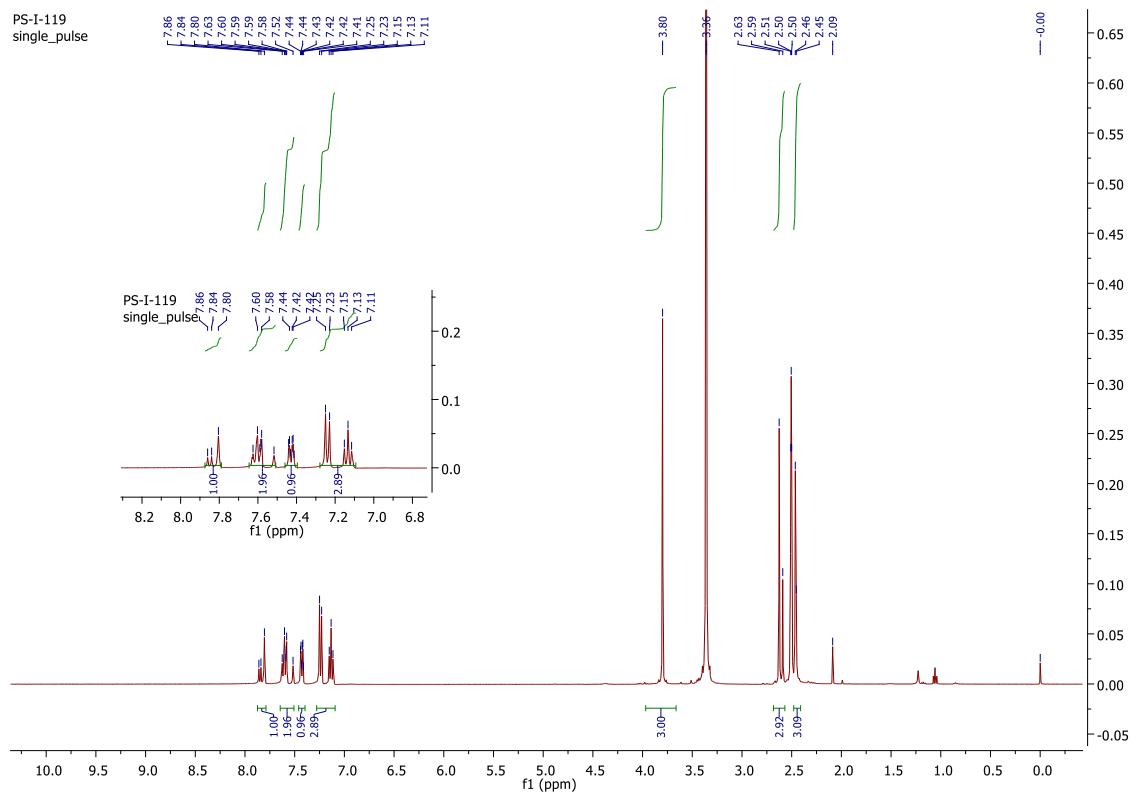
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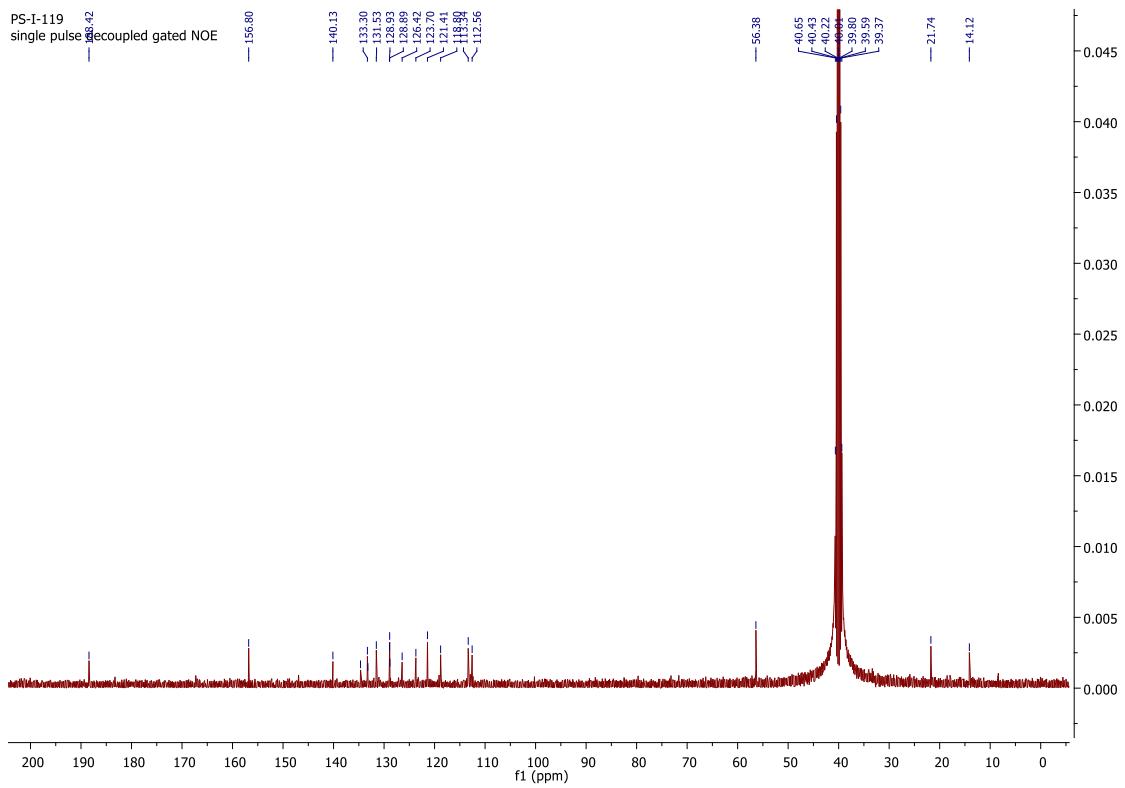


### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6m**



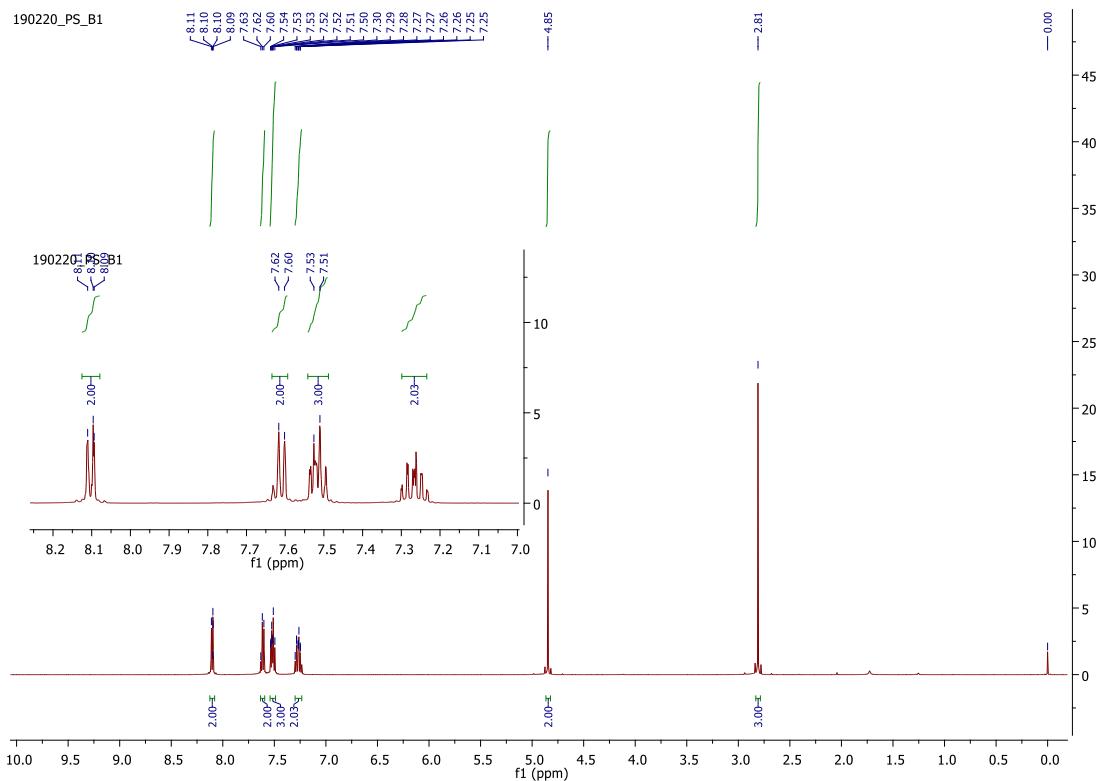
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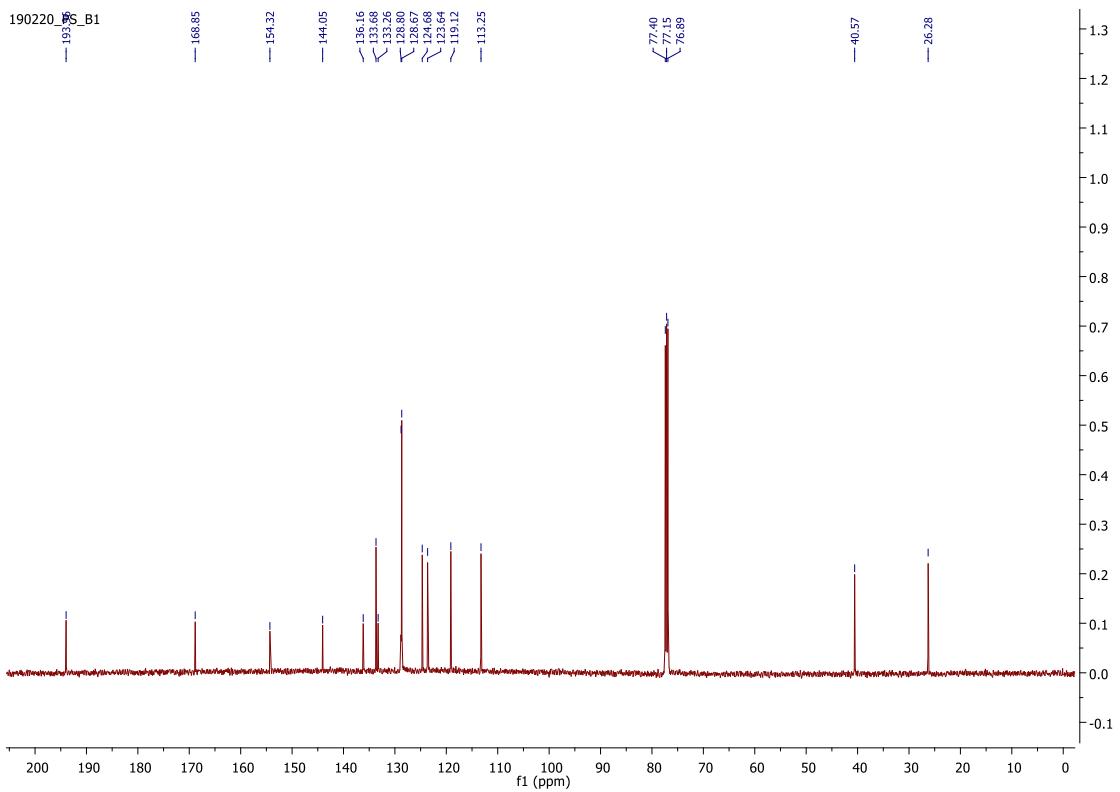


### <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **6n**

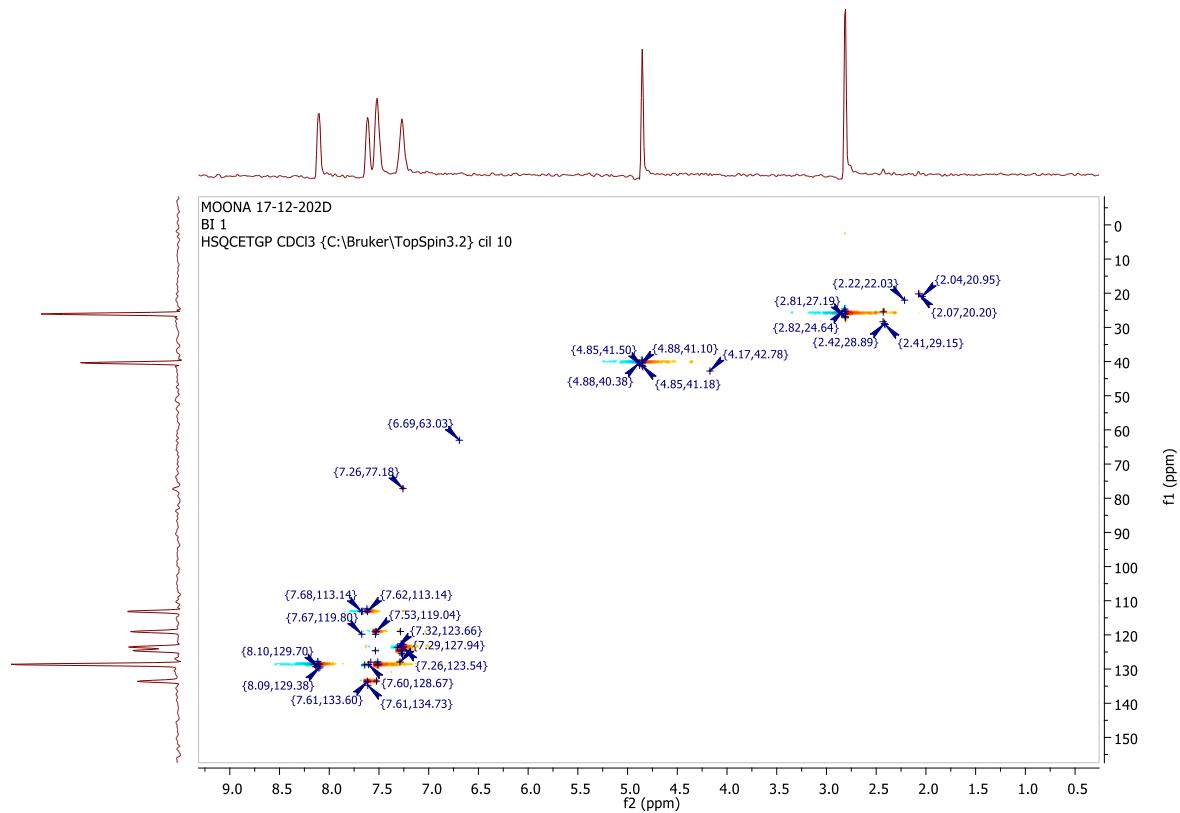
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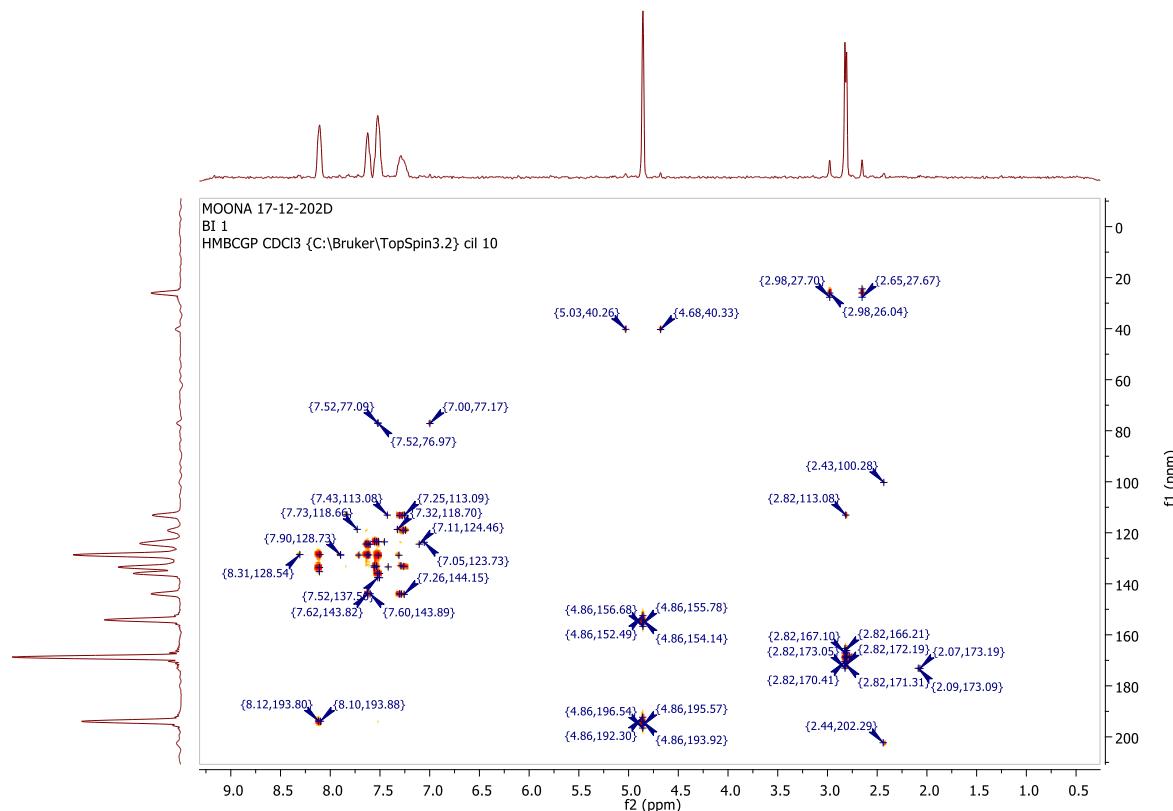
### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **10a**



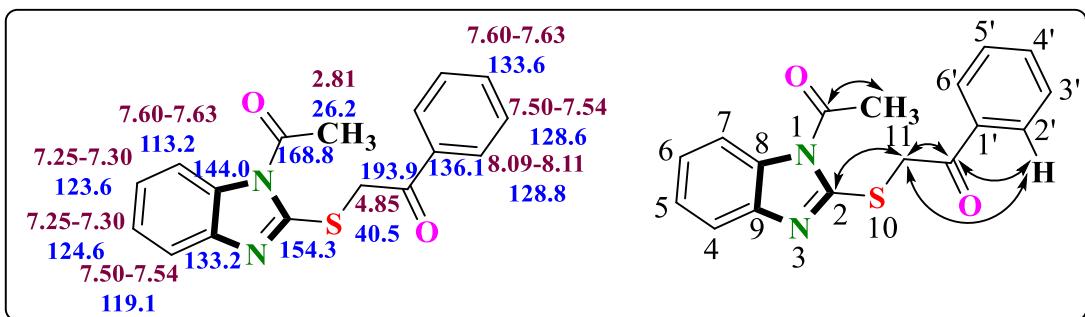
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<sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HMBC



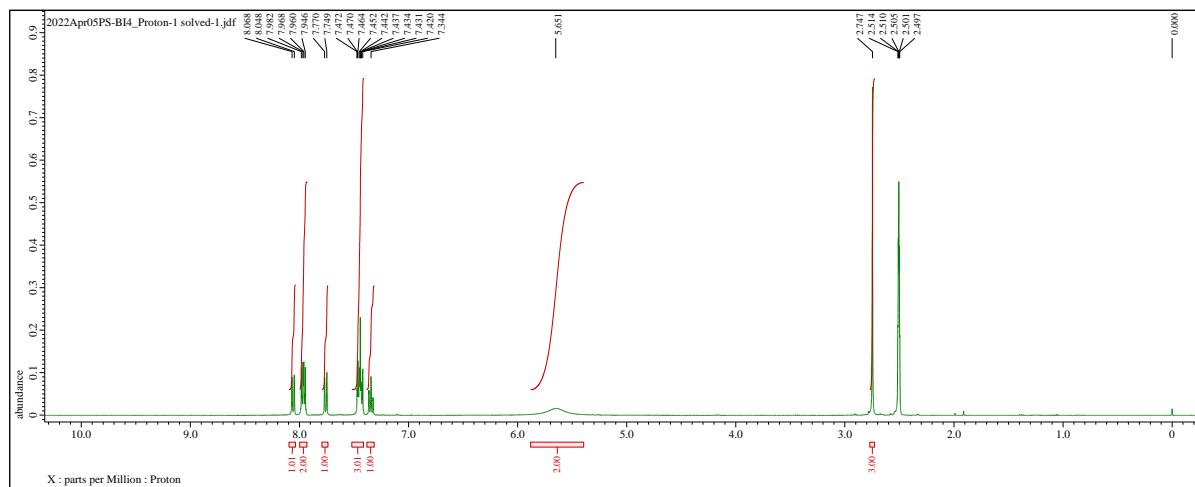
**Table 4.2.** <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and 2D NMR correlations of **10a**.



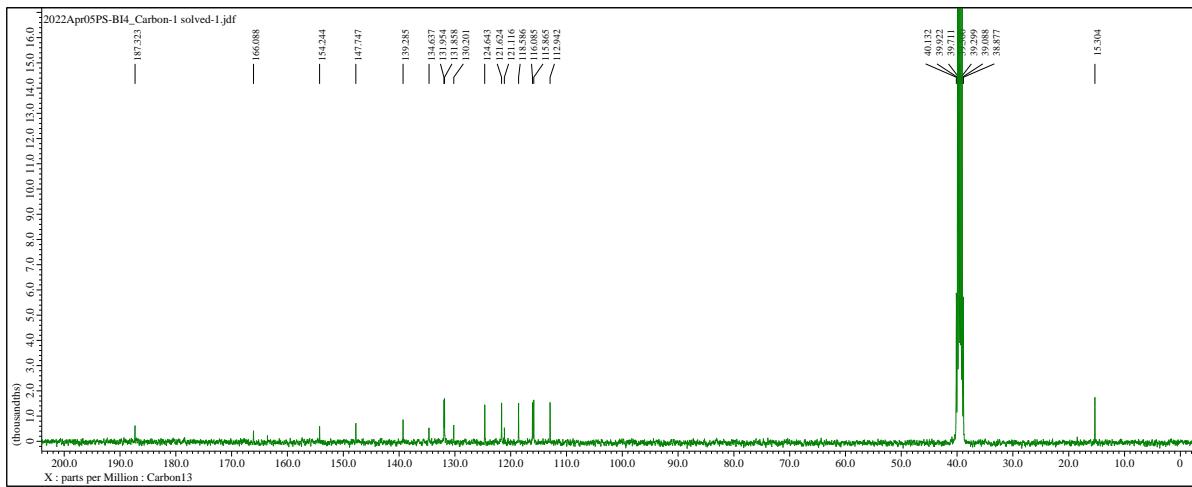
Chemical shifts (δ in ppm)	gs-HSQC	gs-HMBC	Assignments
<b>193.9</b>	---	8.09-8.11 (H2'/H6'), 4.85 (CH <sub>2</sub> )	CH <sub>2</sub> COC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>
<b>168.8</b>	---	2.81 (CH <sub>3</sub> )	COCH <sub>3</sub>
<b>154.3</b>	---	4.85 (CH <sub>2</sub> )	C2
<b>144.0</b>	---	7.60-7.63 (H7), 7.25-7.30 (H6), 7.50-7.54 (H4)	C8
<b>136.1</b>	---	8.09-8.11 (H2'/H6'),	C1'

		7.50-7.54 (H3'/H5')	
		4.85 (CH <sub>2</sub> )	
<b>133.6</b>	7.60-7.63 (H4')	8.09-8.11 (H2'/H6'), 7.50-7.54 (H3'/H5')	C4'
<b>128.8</b>	8.09-8.11 (H2'/ H6')	7.50-7.54 (H3'/H5') 7.60-7.63 (H4')	C2'/C6'
<b>128.6</b>	7.50-7.54 (H3'/H5')	8.09-8.11 (H2'/H6'), 7.60-7.63 (H4')	C3'/C5'
<b>124.6</b>	7.25-7.30 (H5)	7.25-7.30 (H6), 7.50-7.54 (H4), 7.60-7.63 (H7)	C5
<b>123.6</b>	7.25-7.30 (H6)	7.25-7.30 (H5), 7.50-7.54 (H4), 7.60-7.63 (H7)	C6
<b>119.1</b>	7.50-7.54 (H4)	7.25-7.30 (H5/H6)	C4
<b>113.2</b>	7.60-7.63 (H7)	7.25-7.30 (H5/H6)	C7
<b>40.5</b>	4.85 (CH <sub>2</sub> )	---	CH <sub>2</sub>
<b>26.2</b>	2.81 (CH <sub>3</sub> )	---	CH <sub>3</sub>

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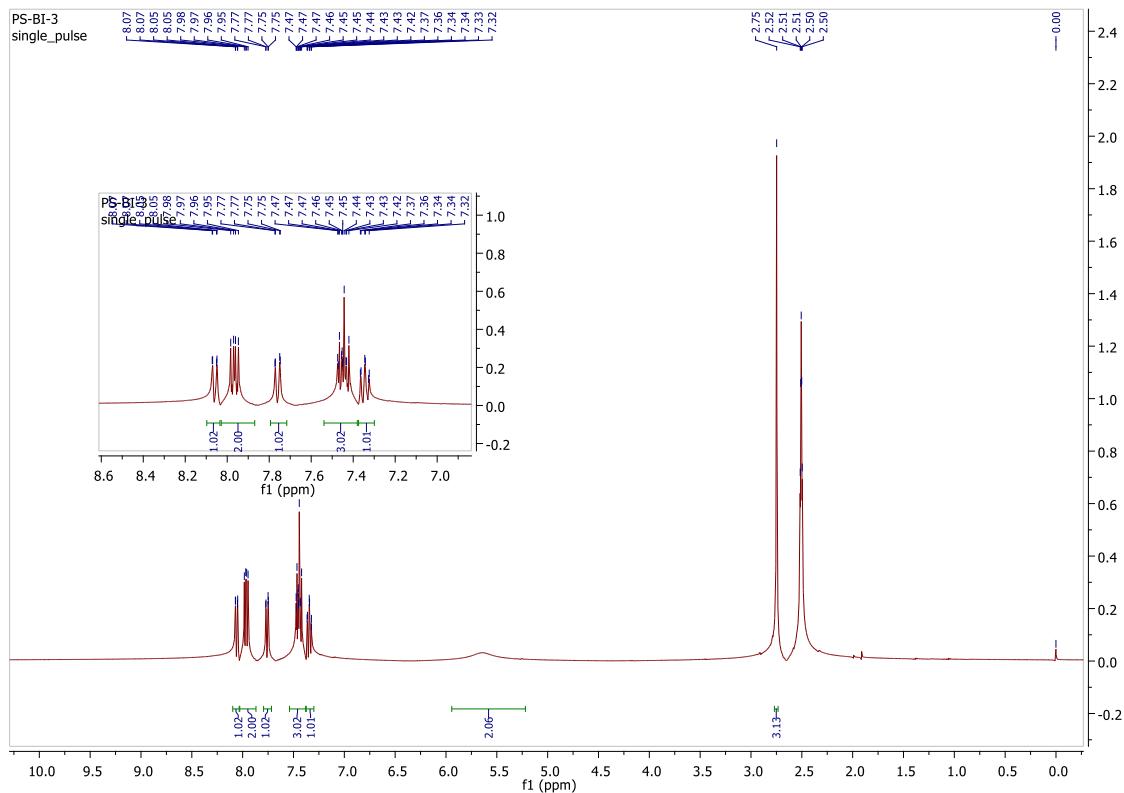


<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **10b**

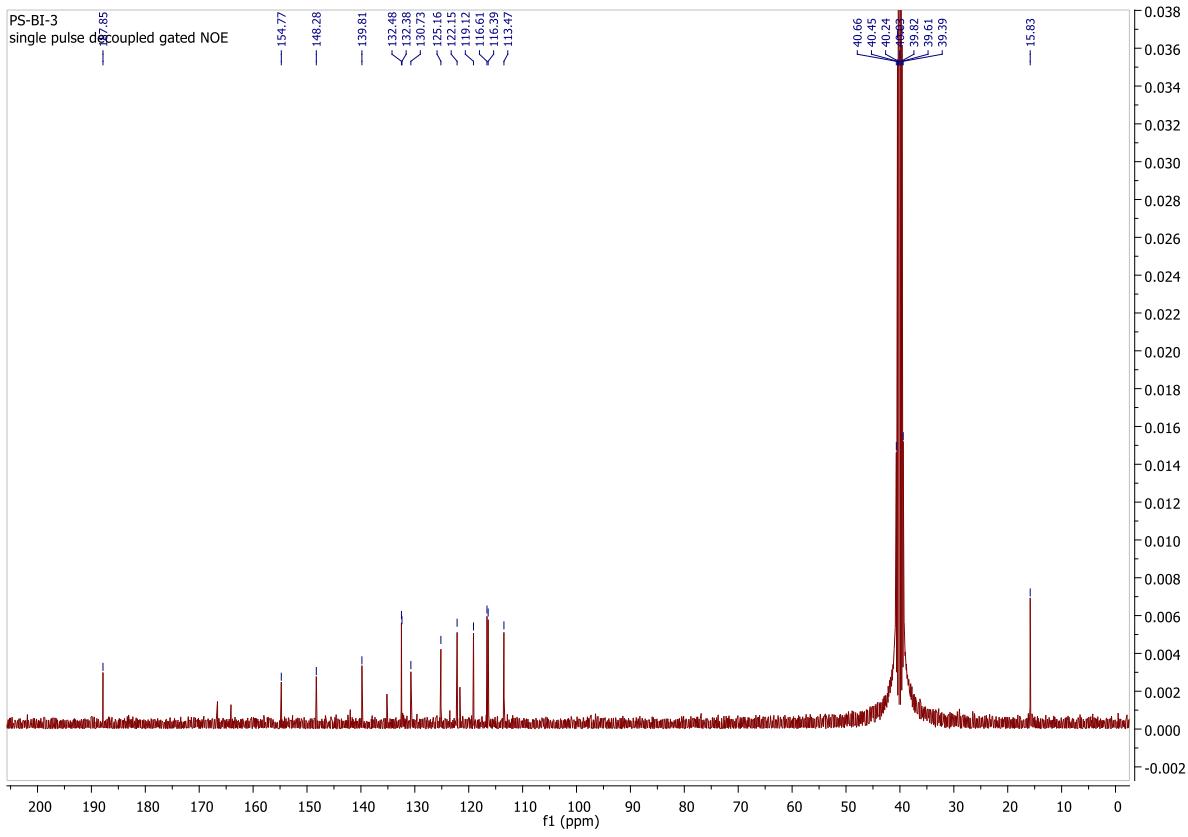


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10b**

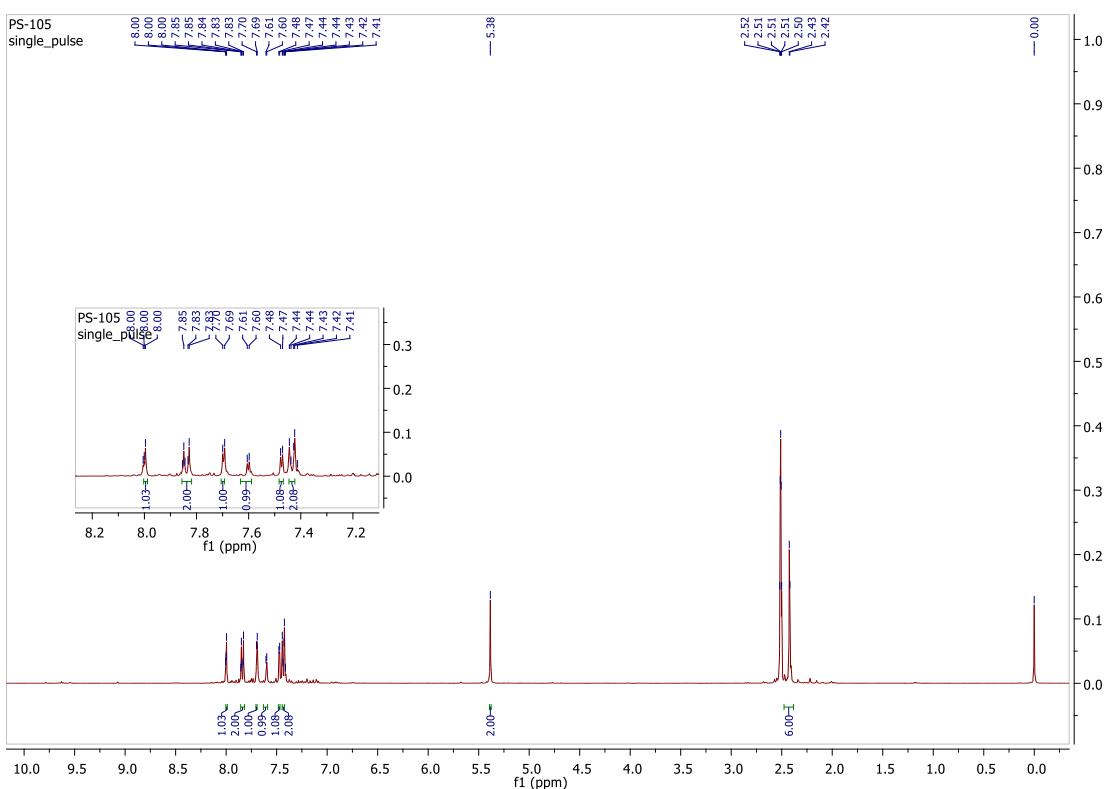
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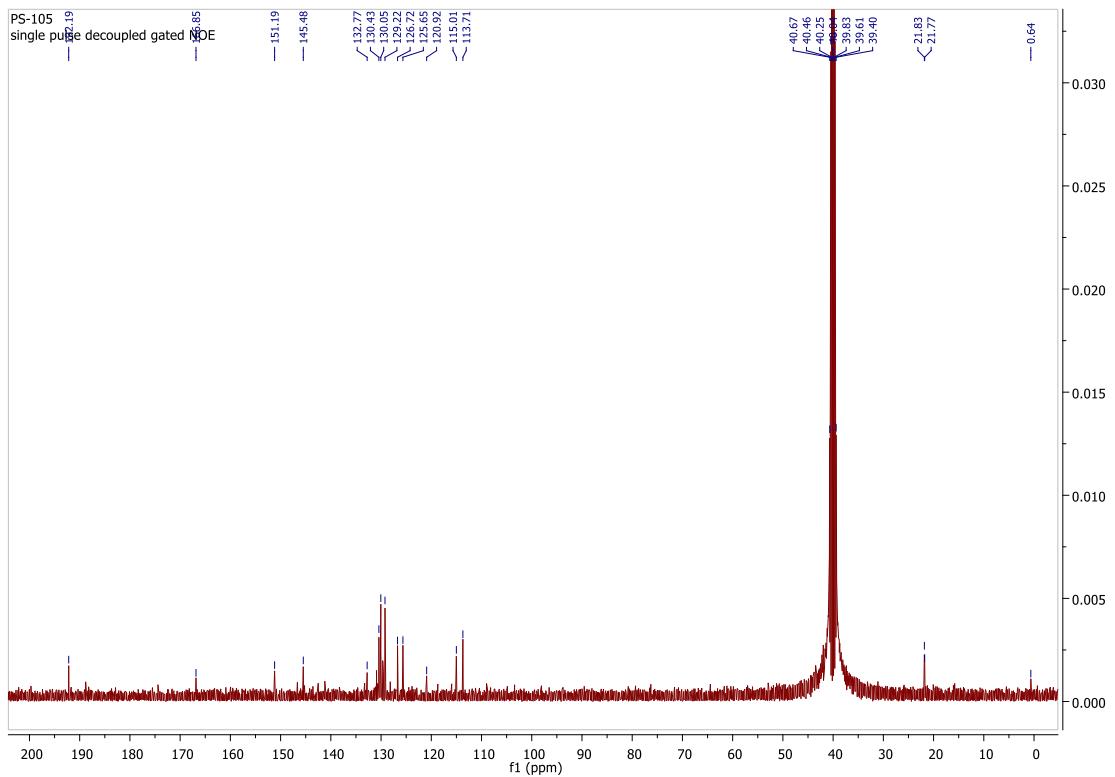


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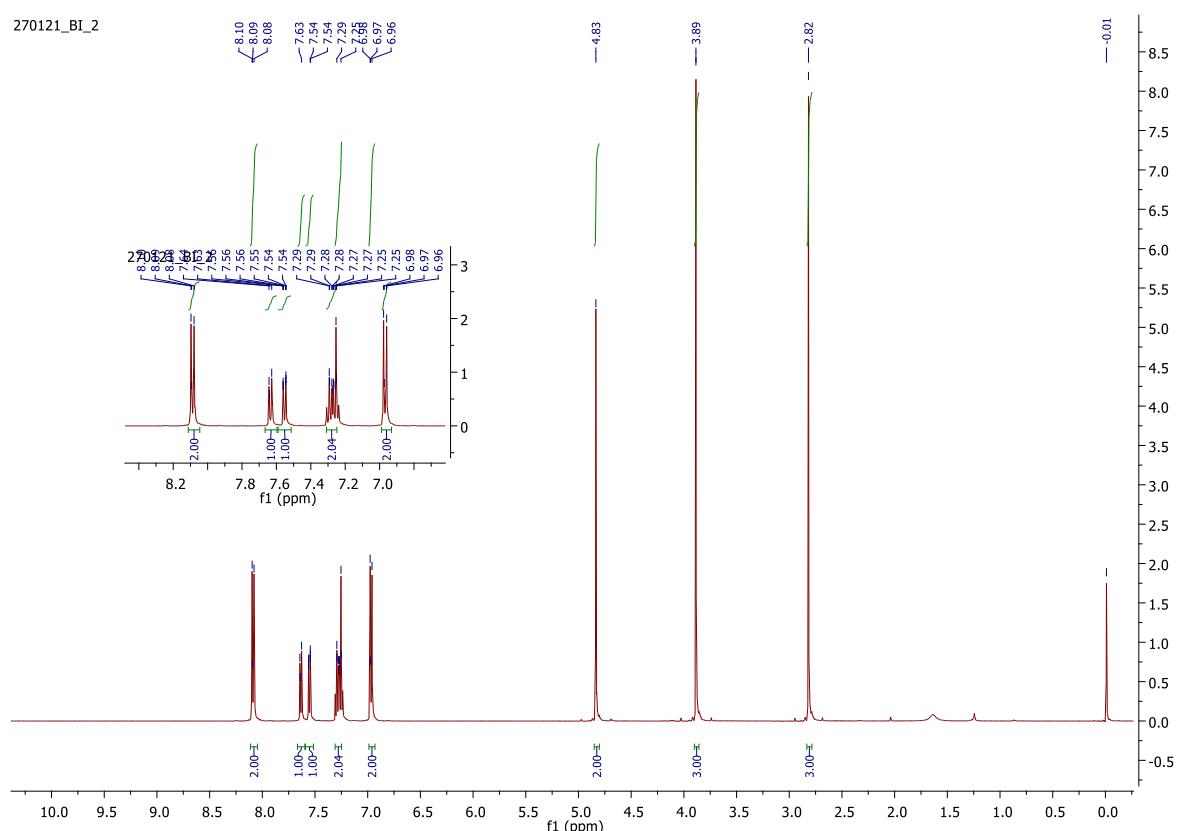


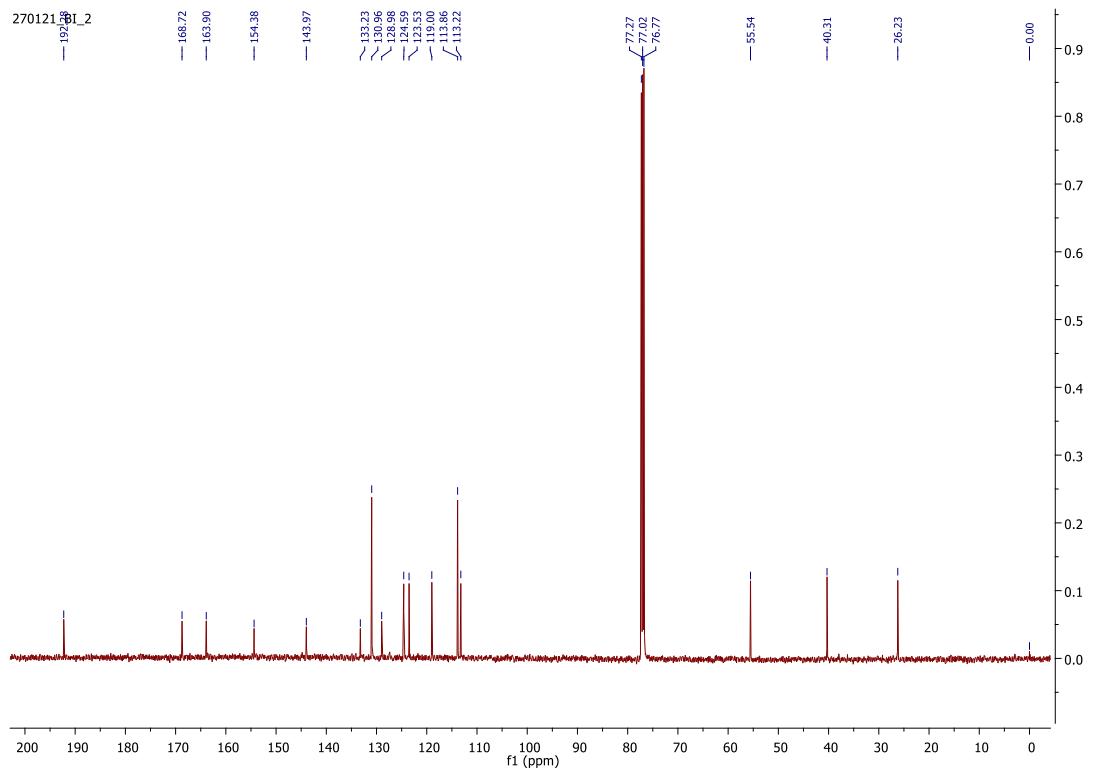
**1-Acetyl-2-((2-oxo-2-(4-tolyl)ethyl)thio)benzo[4,5]imidazole (10d)**





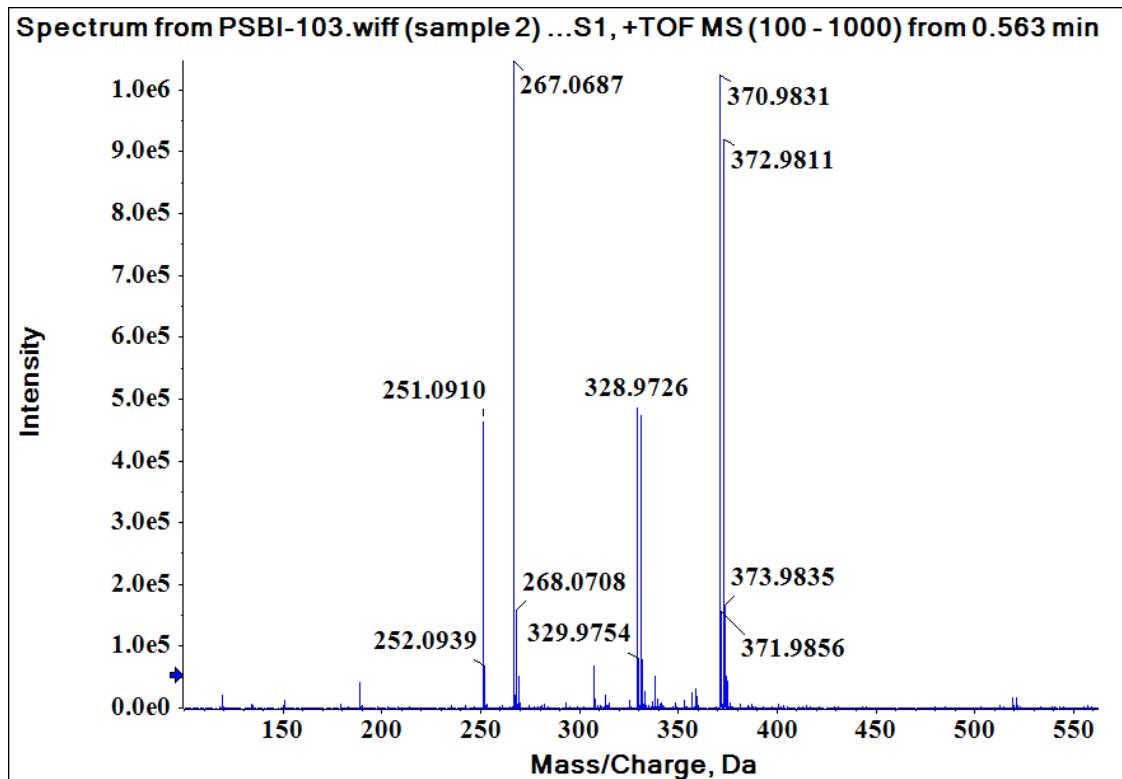
*1-Acetyl-2-((2-oxo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)thio)benzo[4,5]imidazole (10e)*



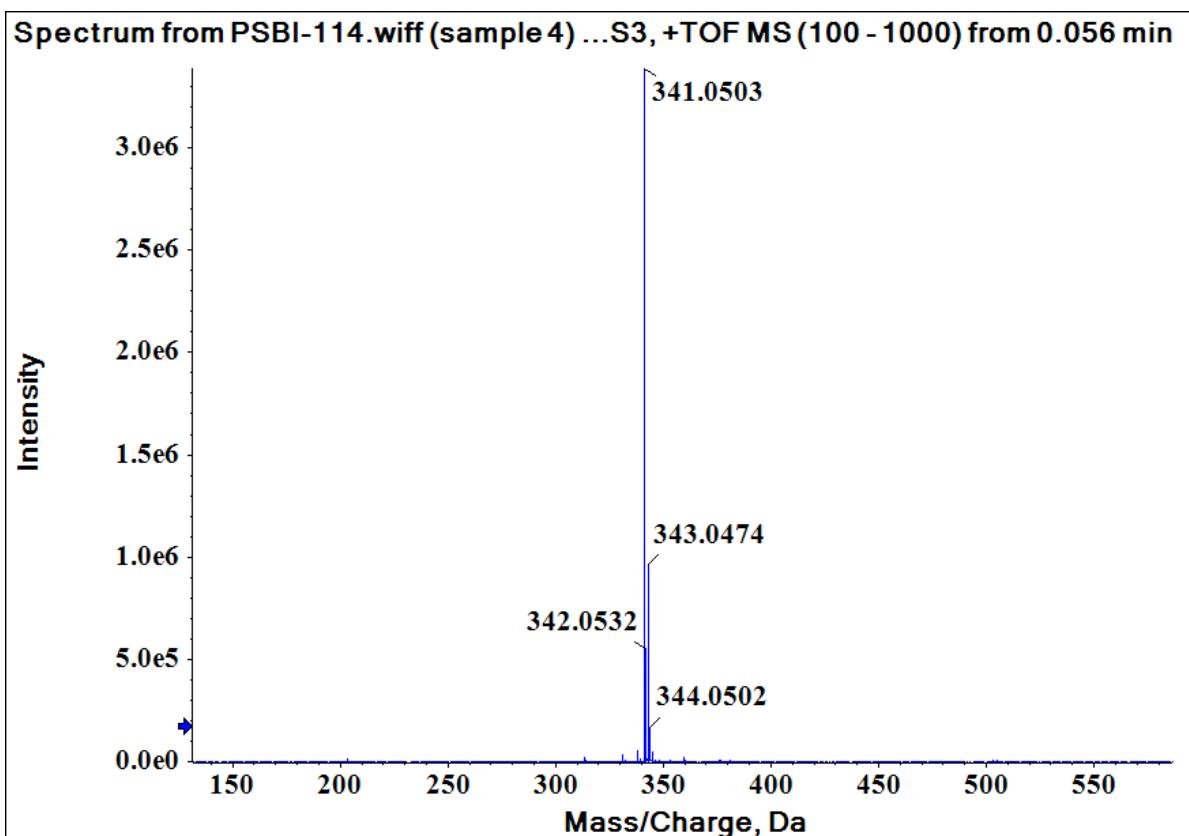


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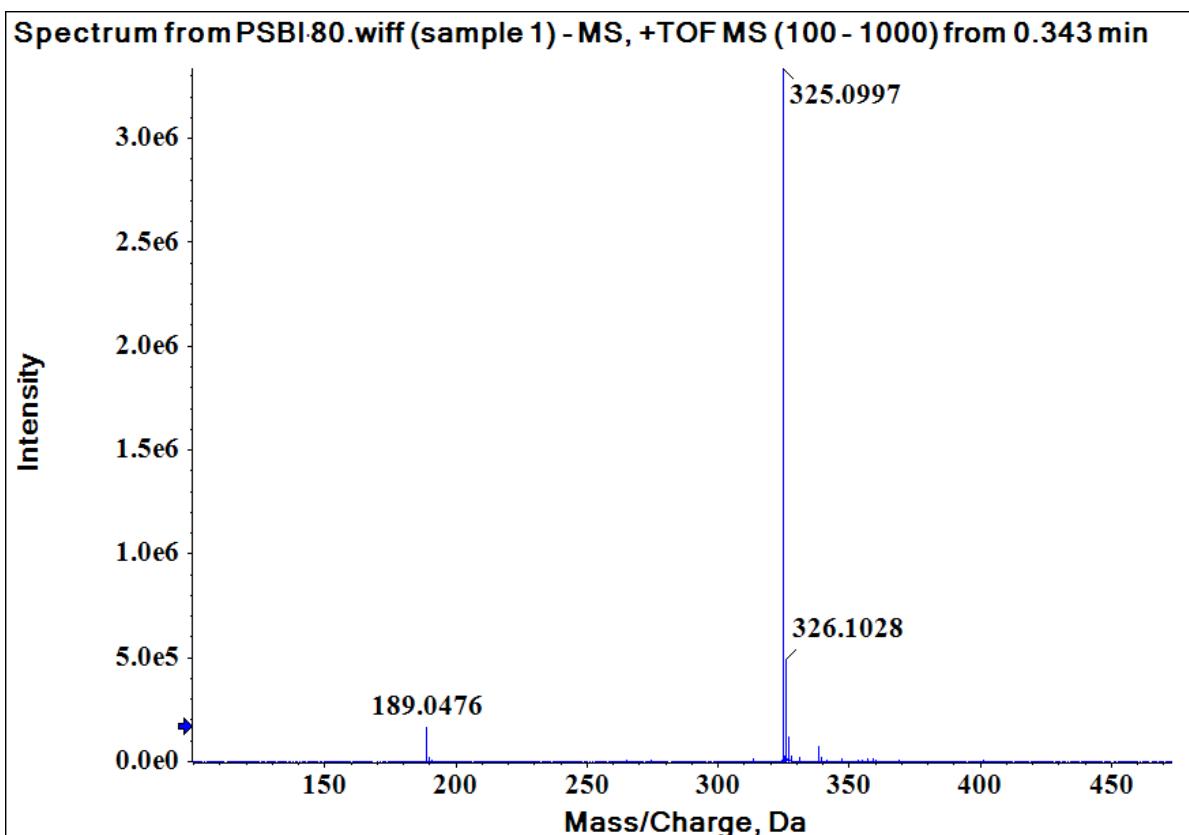
### HRMS



HRMS of **6d**



HRMS of **6j**



HRMS of **10d**