

## Supplementary data

# Alkaline earth metal-based metal-organic framework: Hydrothermal synthesis, X-ray structure and heterogeneously catalyzed Claisen–Schmidt reaction

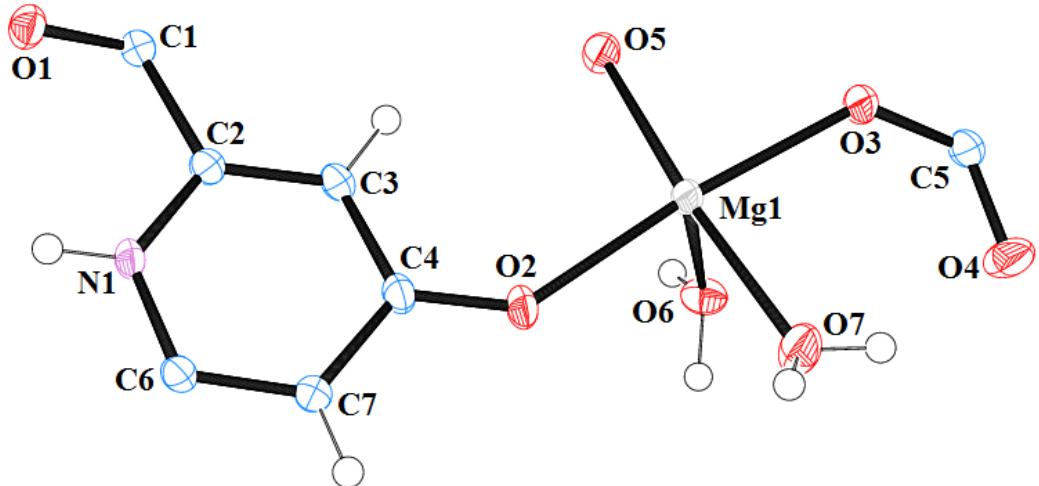
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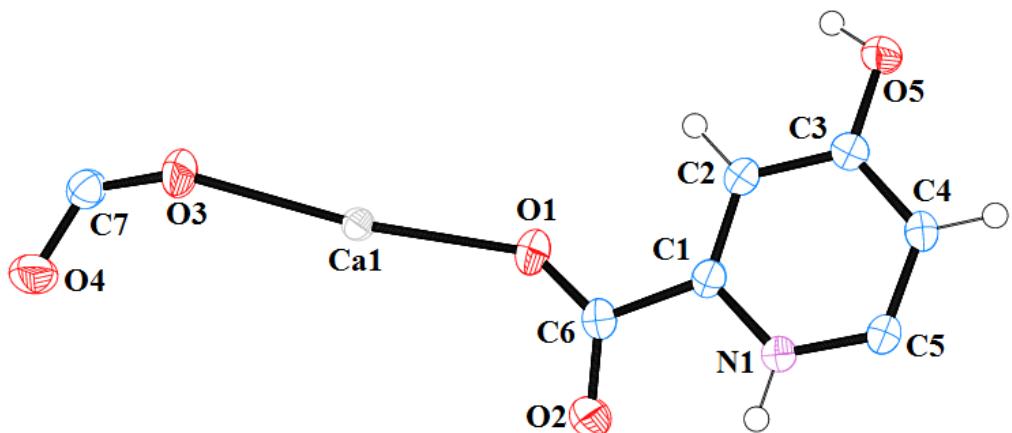
**Table S1** Hydrogen bonding interactions for complexes **1** and **2** [Å, °]

D—H···A	<i>d</i> (D—H)	<i>d</i> (H...A)	<i>d</i> (D...A)	$\angle$ (DHA)	Symmetry transform
N1—H1···O1 <sup>a</sup>	0.837(18)	2.344(19)	2.6529(15)	102.4(14)	-
N1—H1···O3 <sup>a</sup>	0.837(18)	2.253(19)	2.6235(14)	107.0(15)	1+x, y, -1+z
N1—H1···O1 <sup>a</sup>	0.837(18)	2.387(17)	3.0215(15)	133.1(16)	-x, 1-y, 3-z
O7—H4···O4 <sup>a</sup>	0.84(3)	1.93(3)	2.6683(17)	146(3)	-
O7—H5···O6 <sup>a</sup>	0.81(3)	2.09(3)	2.7414(14)	138(2)	1+x, y, z
O6—H6···O4 <sup>a</sup>	0.89(2)	1.80(2)	2.6920(15)	178(2)	x, 3/2-y, 1/2+z
O6—H7···O2 <sup>a</sup>	0.78(2)	2.00(2)	2.7657(14)	170(3)	1+x, y, z
N1—H1···O2 <sup>b</sup>	0.8600	2.2300	2.603(2)	106.00	-
N1—H1···O4 <sup>b</sup>	0.8600	2.2500	2.624(2)	106.00	-1/2+x, -1/2+y, z

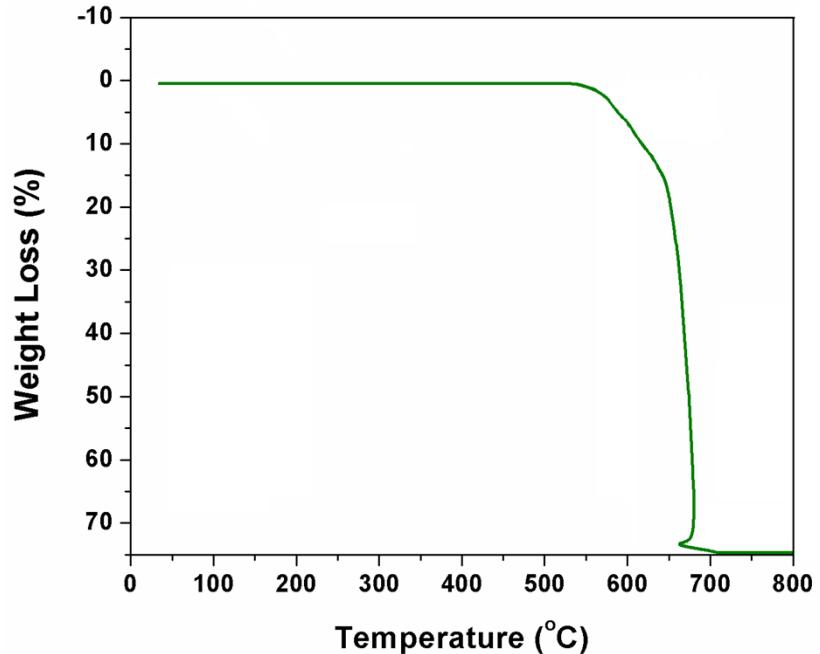
a: Compound **1**, b: Compound **2**



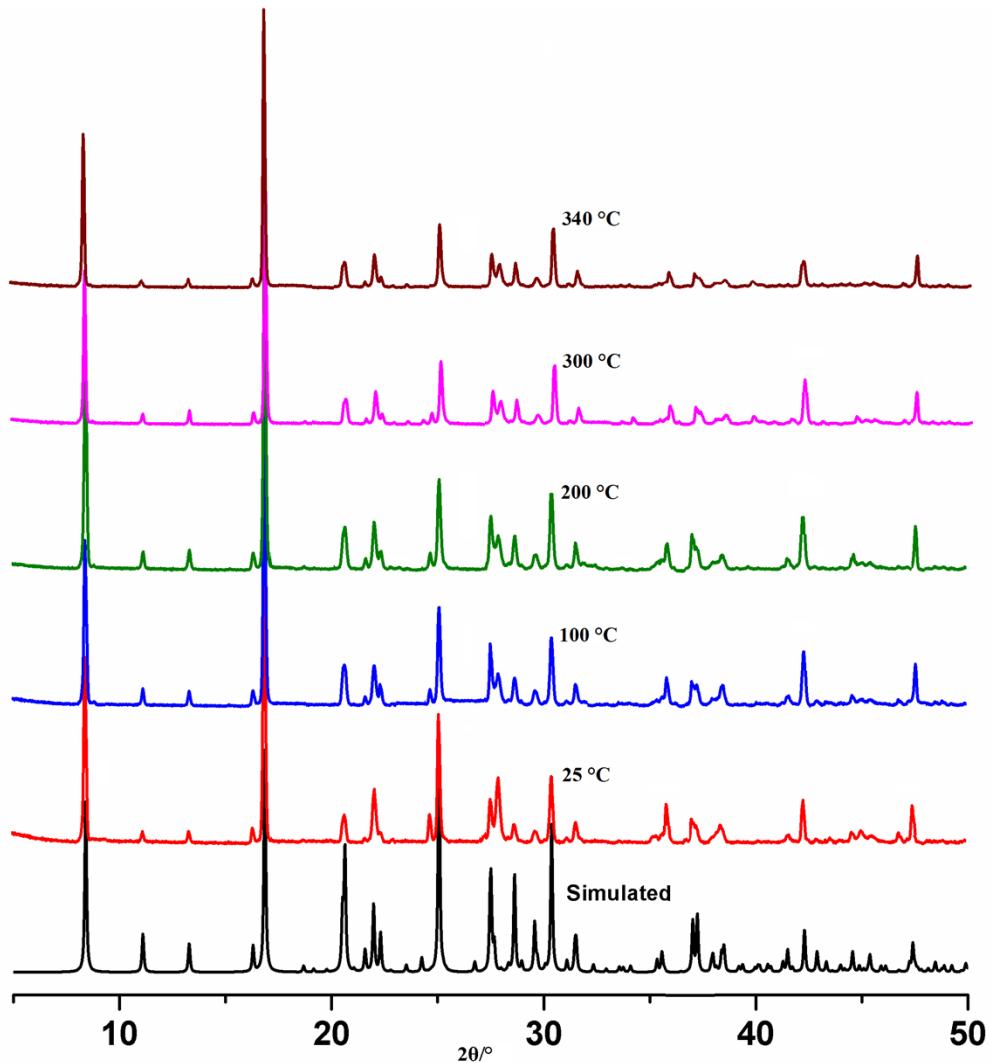
**Fig. S1.** ORTEP diagram of compound 1 with 40% ellipsoid probability.



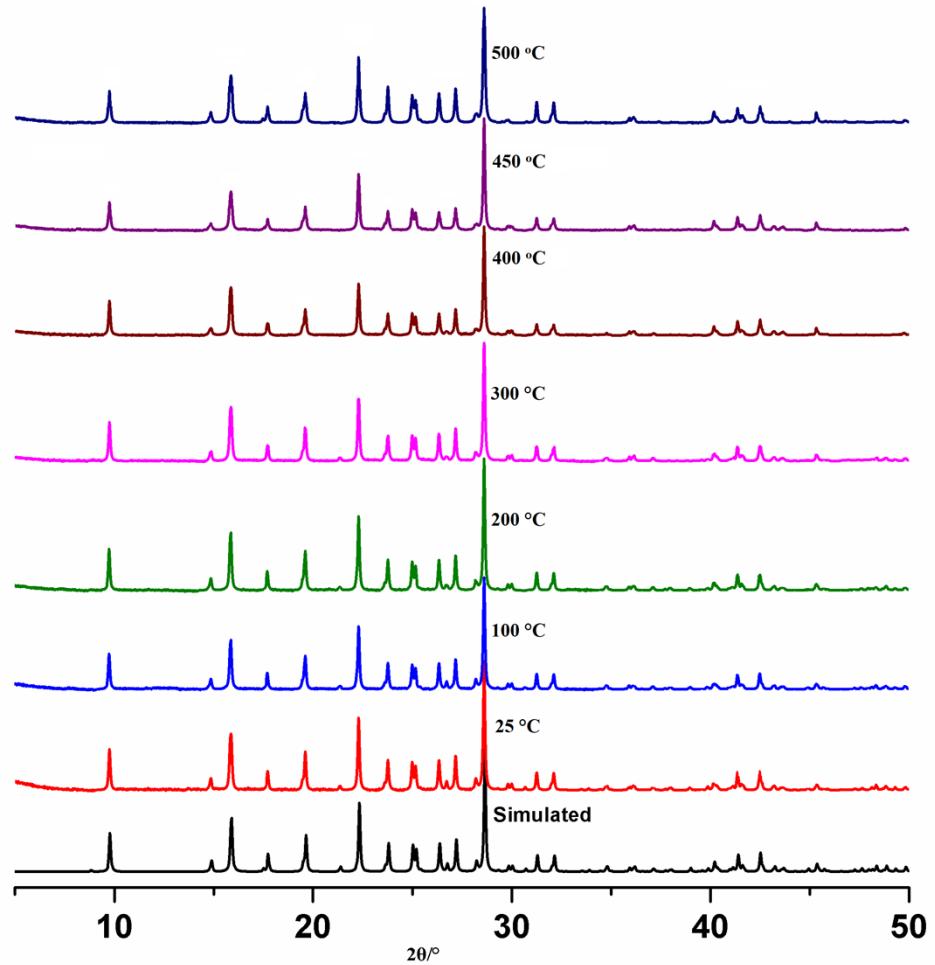
**Fig. S2.** ORTEP diagram of compound 2 with 40% ellipsoid probability.



**Fig. S3.** TGA of compound 2.



**Fig. S4.** In-situ PXRD pattern of **1**.



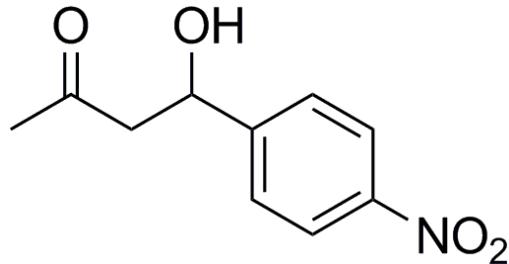
**Fig. S5.** In-situ PXRD pattern of 2.

## General Information

Column chromatography was performed over silica gel (mesh 60-120) and hexane/ethyl acetate combination was used as the eluent. Melting points were recorded using a Büchi Melting point apparatus M-560.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants ( $J$ ) were expressed in ppm and Hz respectively, on Bruker Avance 300 instrument. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Xevo G2 QToF mass spectrometer. Ionization employed was the electronic impact mode (potential of ionization: 70 eV). Fourier transformed infrared spectra of KBr pellets were measured using a Perkin-Elmer RX I FT-IR spectrometer. Elemental analysis of the products was performed by using Perkin-Elmer 240C elemental analyzer.

## Characterization of Products

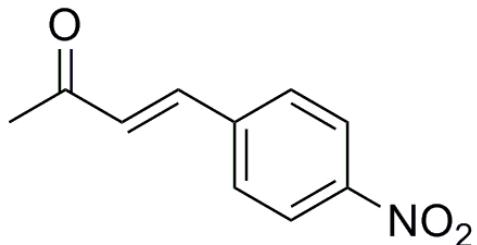
4-hydroxy-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-butan-2-one (Table 4, entry 1):



Yellow Oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.20 (m, 1H), 3.57 (br s, 1H), 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 208.46, 149.99, 147.26, 126.38, 123.71, 68.85, 51.47, 30.66; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4$ ) requires m/z 248.0325, found 248.0335; IR peaks (Neat,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3447, 3079, 2919, 1704, 1597, 1509, 1344, 1072, 857, 750, 691;

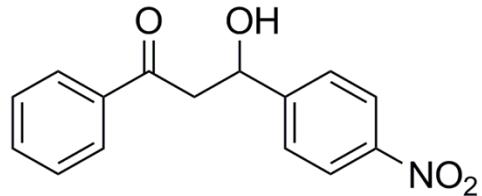
Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_{11}NO_4$ : C, 57.41%; H, 5.30%; N, 6.69%. Found: C, 57.45%; H, 5.27%; N, 6.67%.

4-(4-nitrophenyl)but-3-en-2-one (Table 4, entry 2):



Yellow solid; mp 104-105 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.26 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 17.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 197.58, 148.57, 140.68, 140.09, 130.40, 128.82, 124.20, 28.03; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[M+H]^+$  ( $C_{10}H_9NO_3$ ) requires m/z 192.0661, found 192.0650; IR peaks (KBr disk,  $\nu$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3111, 2919, 2851, 1669, 1508, 1338, 967, 817, 737; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_9NO_3$ : C, 62.82%; H, 4.47%; N, 7.33%. Found: C, 62.84%; H, 4.46%; N, 7.32%.

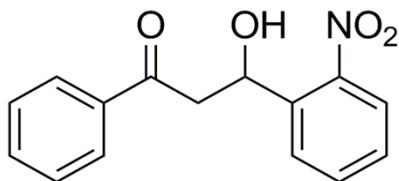
3-hydroxy-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 3):



White solid; mp 113-114 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.24 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.5-7.45 (m, 2H), 5.46 (d, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.39-3.37 (m, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 199.50,

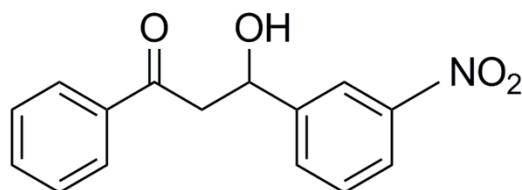
150.23, 147.40, 136.21, 134.02, 128.84, 128.16, 126.57, 123.81, 69.24, 46.98; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[M+Na]^+$  ( $C_{15}H_{13}NO_4$ ) requires m/z 294.0742, found 294.0734; IR peaks (KBr disk,  $\nu$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3500, 3065; 2905; 1669, 1598, 1508, 1338, 1208, 1078, 837, 747, 697; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{13}NO_4$ : C, 66.41%; H, 4.83%; N, 5.16%. Found: C, 66.42%; H, 4.82%; N, 5.17%.

3-hydroxy-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 4):



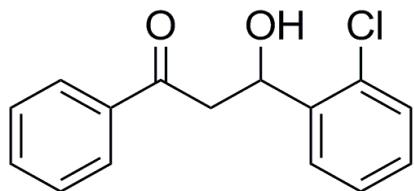
White solid; mp 108-109 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.00-7.96 (m, 4H), 7.7 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.6 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.5-7.45 (m, 3H), 5.86 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4 (d,  $J$  = 3 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.71 (dd,  $J$  = 18.6 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.16 (dd,  $J$  = 17.7 Hz, 9.3 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 199.92, 147.34, 138.57, 136.36, 133.82, 128.75, 128.43, 128.31, 128.24, 124.43, 65.97, 46.45; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[M+Na]^+$  ( $C_{15}H_{13}NO_4$ ) requires m/z 294.0742, found 294.0735; IR peaks (KBr disk,  $\nu$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3502, 3057, 2919, 1659, 1589, 1528, 1348, 1208, 1078, 998, 747, 687, 557; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{13}NO_4$ : C, 66.41%; H, 4.83%; N, 5.16%. Found: C, 66.44%; H, 4.80%; N, 5.14%.

3-hydroxy-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 5):



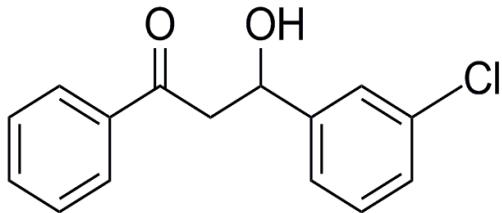
White solid; mp 85-86 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 2H), 5.48-5.43 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.87 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.38 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 199.44, 148.32, 145.41, 136.29, 133.88, 132.09, 129.48, 128.77, 128.19, 122.47, 120.88, 69.04, 47.06; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>) requires m/z 294.0742, found 294.0740; IR peaks (KBr disk, *v*, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3508, 3095, 2875, 1669, 1518, 1348, 1208, 1078, 757, 677, 557; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 66.41%; H, 4.83%; N, 5.16%. Found: C, 66.43%; H, 4.85%; N, 5.17%.

3-hydroxy-3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 6):



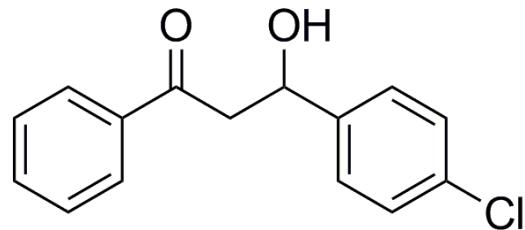
White solid; mp 78-80 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.24 (m, 3H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1H), 3.61-3.54 (dd, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19-3.10 (dd, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 200.14, 140.54, 136.52, 133.70, 131.21, 129.36, 128.73, 128.60, 128.25, 127.33, 66.85, 45.47; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>) requires m/z 283.0502, found 283.0504; IR peaks (KBr disk, *v*, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3522, 3057, 2900, 1659, 1579, 1438, 1388, 1208, 747, 687; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: C, 69.10%; H, 5.03%. Found: C, 69.11%; H, 5.01%.

3-hydroxy-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 7):



Colourless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.98-7.24 (m, 9H), 5.35-5.26 (m, 1H), 3.71 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.43 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 199.69, 145.34, 136.50, 134.43, 133.76, 129.86, 128.74, 128.21, 127.71, 126.08, 124.01, 69.40, 47.28; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$ ) requires m/z 283.0502, found 283.0517; IR peaks (Neat,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3463, 3061, 2900, 1679, 1589, 1358, 1288, 1208, 1067, 887, 787, 757, 687, 577; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$ : C, 69.10%; H, 5.03%. Found: C, 69.12%; H, 5.03%.

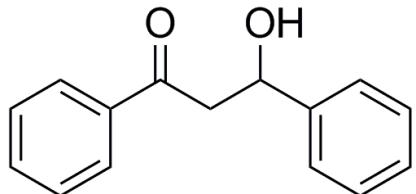
3-hydroxy-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 8):



White solid; mp 99-100 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.96-7.35 (m, 9H), 5.39 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d,  $J = 3$  Hz, 1H), 3.50-3.19 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 199.78, 141.71, 136.52, 133.73, 133.26, 128.75, 128.67, 128.19, 127.25, 69.40, 47.29; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$ ) requires m/z 283.0502, found 283.0505; IR peaks (KBr disk,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3462, 3051, 2941, 1659, 1579,

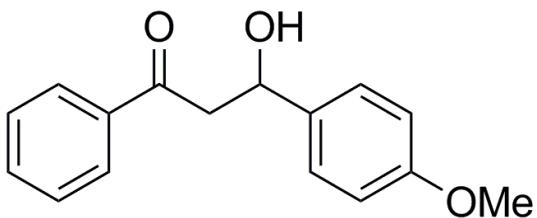
1489, 1378, 1278, 1208, 1017, 828, 747, 677, 537; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>: C, 69.10%; H, 5.03%. Found: C, 69.07%; H, 5.04%.

3-hydroxy-1,3-biphenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 9):



Colourless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.27 (m, 8H), 5.30-5.26 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 1H), 3.42-3.29 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 200.09, 143.16, 136.68, 133.63, 128.72, 128.59, 128.23, 127.68, 125.84, 70.07, 47.47; Anal. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) requires m/z 249.0891, found 249.0855; IR peaks (Neat, ν, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3466, 3048, 2902, 1675, 1587, 1451, 1353, 1208, 1022, 750, 691; Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 79.62%; H, 6.24%. Found: C, 79.59%; H, 6.23%.

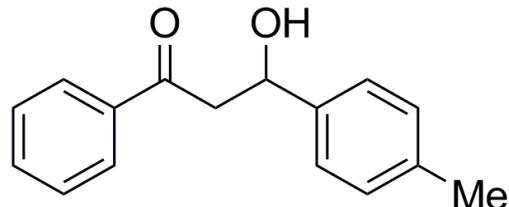
3-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 10):



White solid; mp 100-112 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.24 (m, 5H), 6.92-6.88 (m, 2H), 5.32-5.28 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.5 (br s, 1H), 3.37-3.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm): 200.22, 159.17, 136.69, 135.22, 133.59, 128.70, 128.17, 127.05, 113.98, 69.72, 55.32, 47.36; HRMS (ESI): calcd.

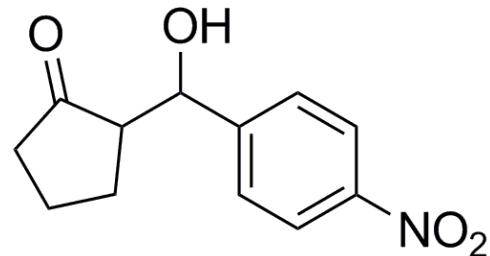
for  $[M+Na]^+$  ( $C_{16}H_{16}O_3$ ) requires m/z 279.0997, found 249.0960; IR peaks (KBr disk,  $\nu$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3472, 2921, 1679, 1598, 1508, 1449, 1248, 1028, 828, 757, 687, 567; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{16}O_3$ : C, 74.98%; H, 6.29%. Found: C, 74.97%; H, 6.27%.

3-hydroxy-3-(4-tolyl)-1-phenylpropane-1-one (Table 4, entry 11):



Colourless oil;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.18 (m, 7H), 5.31-5.28 (m, 1H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 3.37-3.30 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 200.20, 140.06, 137.36, 136.69, 133.59, 129.24, 128.69, 128.16, 125.71, 69.94, 47.41, 21.11; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[M+Na]^+$  ( $C_{16}H_{16}O_2$ ) requires m/z 263.1048, found 263.1010; IR peaks (Neat,  $\nu$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3466, 2912, 1685, 1597, 1578, 1509, 1451, 1208, 1072, 1003, 818, 760, 691, 546; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{16}O_2$ : C, 79.97%; H, 6.71%. Found: C, 79.98%; H, 6.69%.

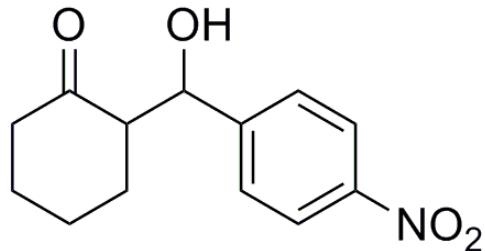
2-(hydroxy-(4-nitrophenyl)-methyl)-cyclopentanone (Table 4, entry 12):



Yellow solid, mp 88-90 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.5 (m, 2H), 4.86 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.51-1.69 (m,

7H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 222.24, 219.50, 150.14, 148.63, 147.19, 127.36, 126.37, 123.73, 74.44, 70.50, 56.08, 55.09, 38.93, 38.60, 26.85, 22.43, 20.38, 20.33; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$ ) requires m/z 258.0742, found 258.0727; IR peaks (KBr disk,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3441, 2950, 2881, 1729, 1598, 1518, 1338, 1158, 1098, 1028, 857, 737, 687, 557; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4$ : C, 61.27%; H, 5.57%; N, 5.95%. Found: C, 61.29%; H, 5.55%; N, 5.96%.

2-(hydroxy-(4-nitrophenyl)-methyl)-cyclohexanone (Table 4, entry 13):



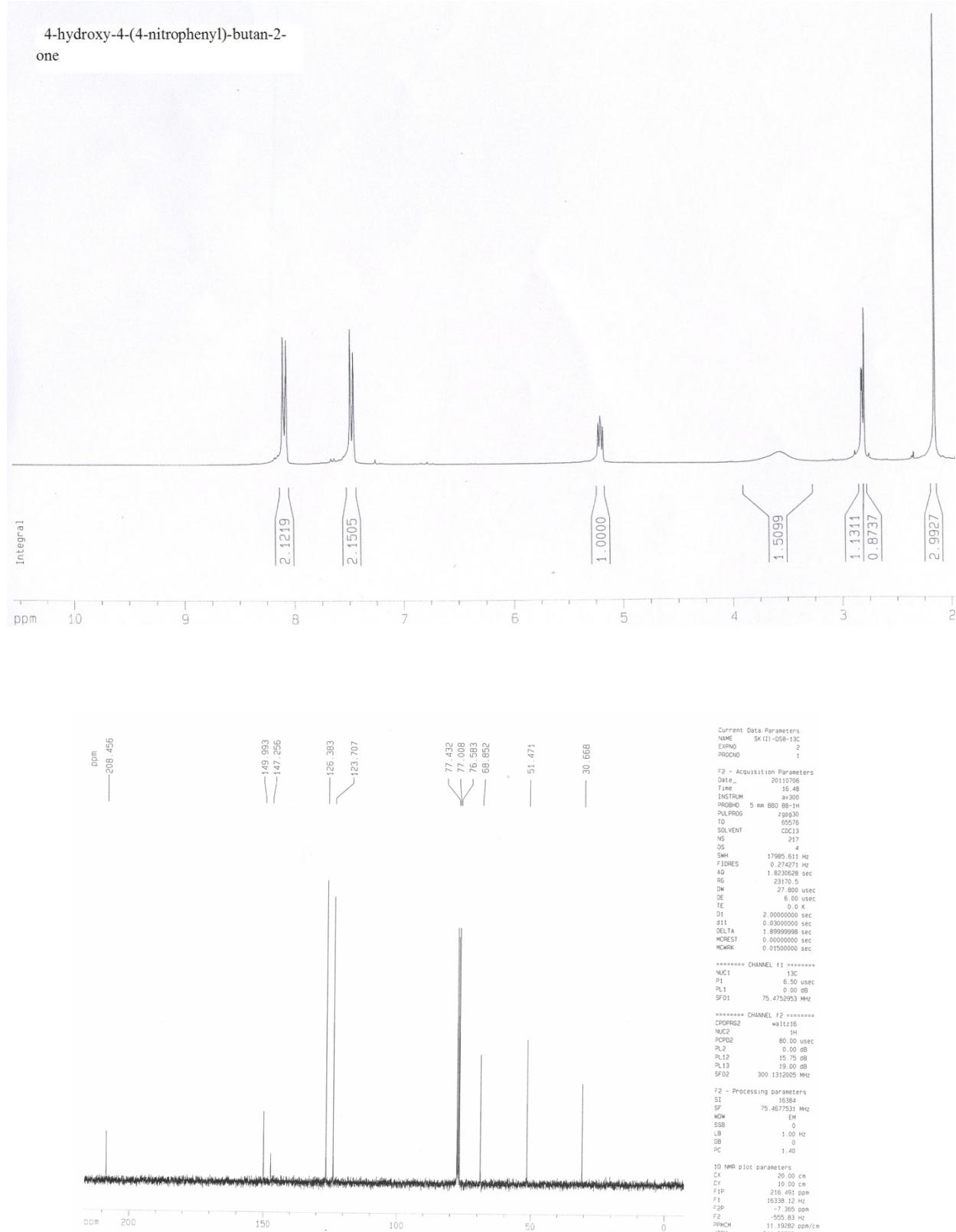
Yellow solid; mp 118-120 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.21 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 2H), 7.5 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.94 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (br, s, 1H), 2.8-2.75 (m, 1H); 2.49-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.59 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm): 214.70, 213.98, 149.10, 148.35, 147.76, 146.97, 127.82, 126.56, 123.50, 123.39, 73.93, 70.04, 57.12, 56.73, 42.61, 42.54, 30.70, 27.78, 27.59, 25.84, 24.70, 24.62; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  ( $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$ ) requires m/z 272.0889, found 272.0868; IR peaks (KBr disk,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3451, 3081, 2921, 2851, 1699, 1669, 1608, 1528, 1348, 1258, 977, 897, 856; 817, 797, 727, 667, 517; Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$ : C, 62.64%; H, 6.07%; N, 5.62%. Found: C, 62.67%; H, 6.06%; N, 5.62%.

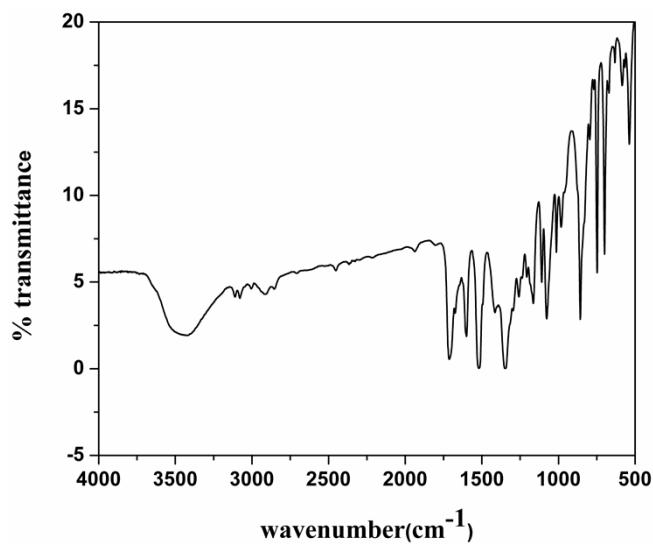
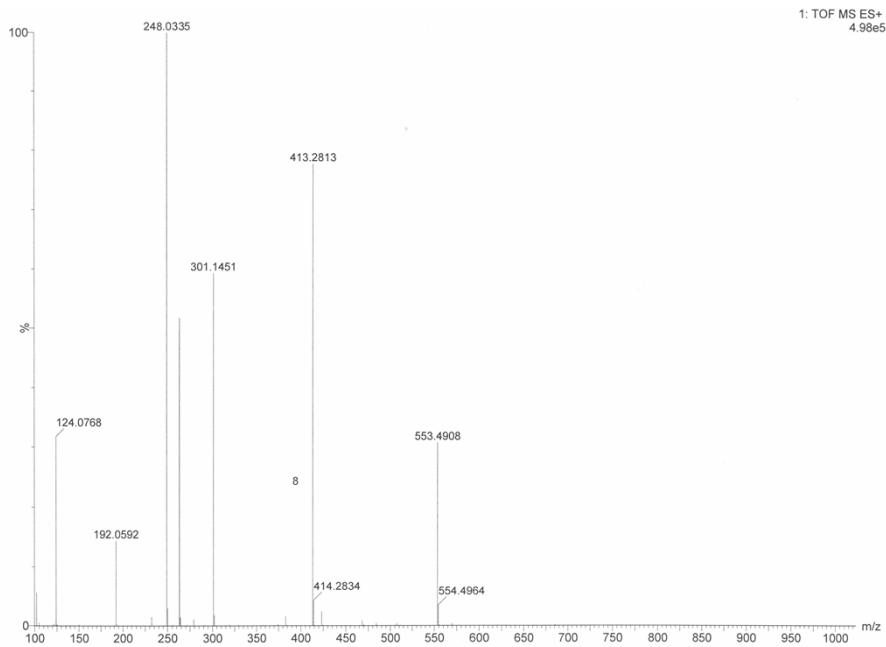
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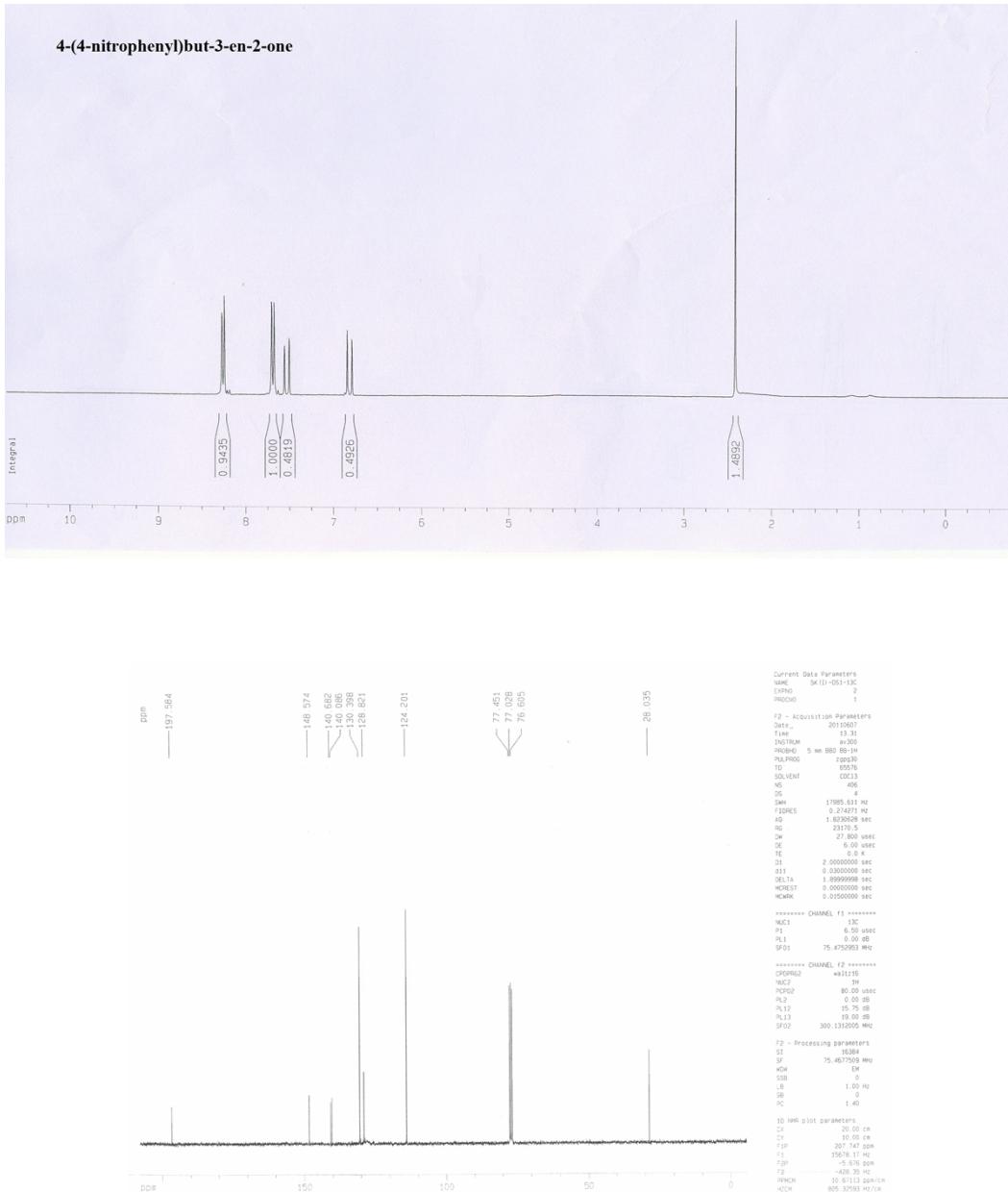
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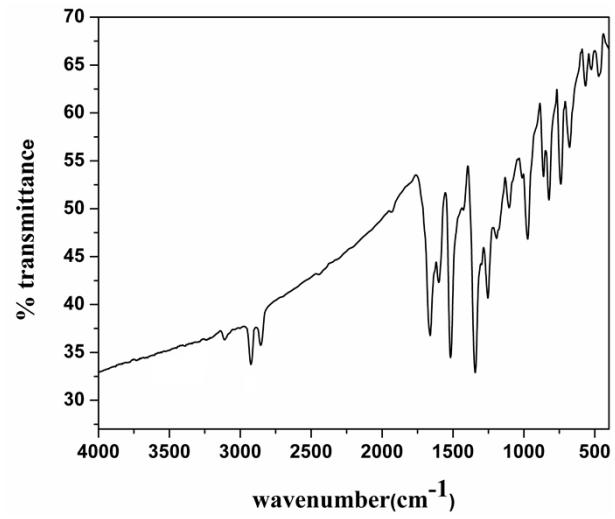
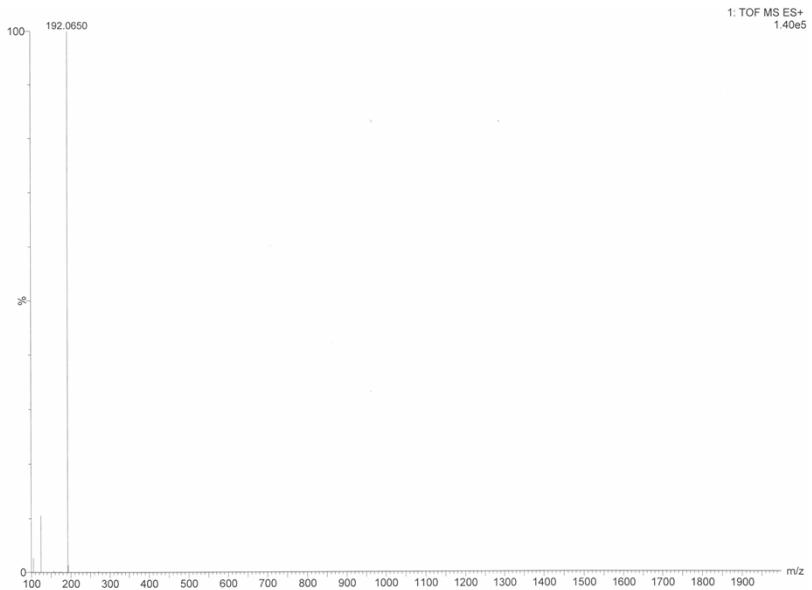
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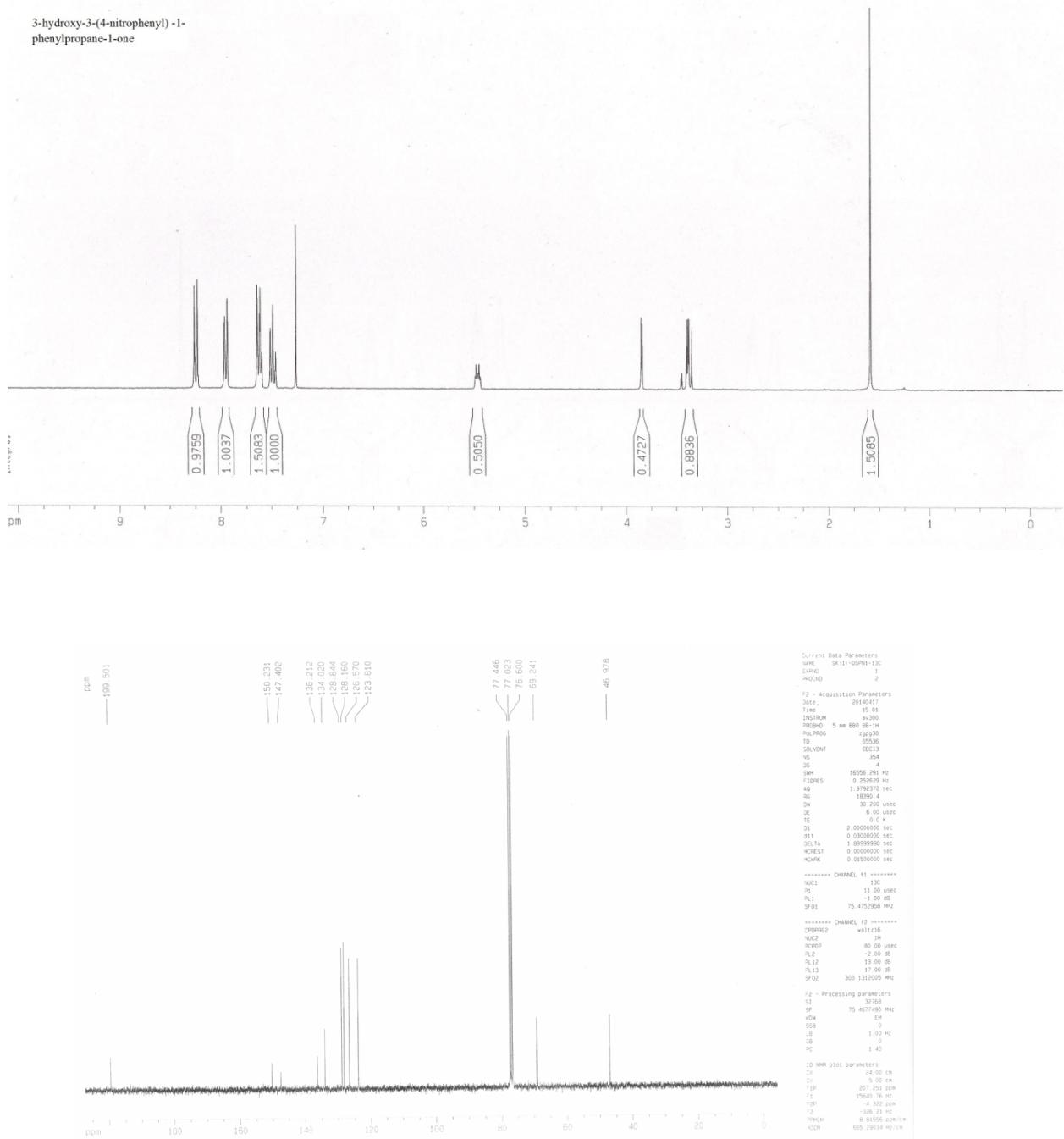
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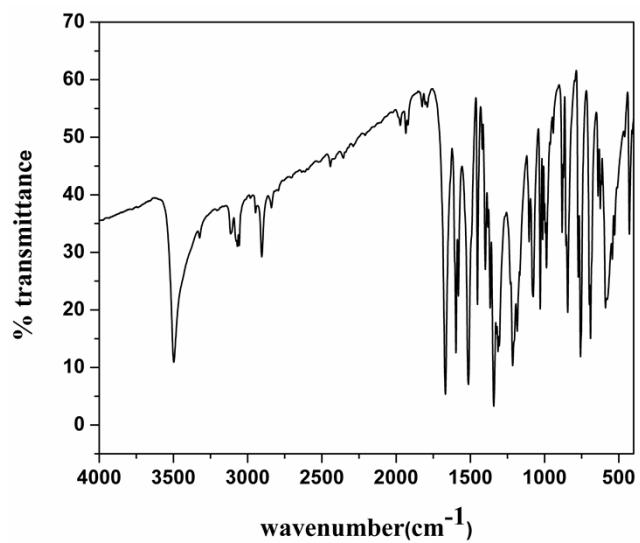
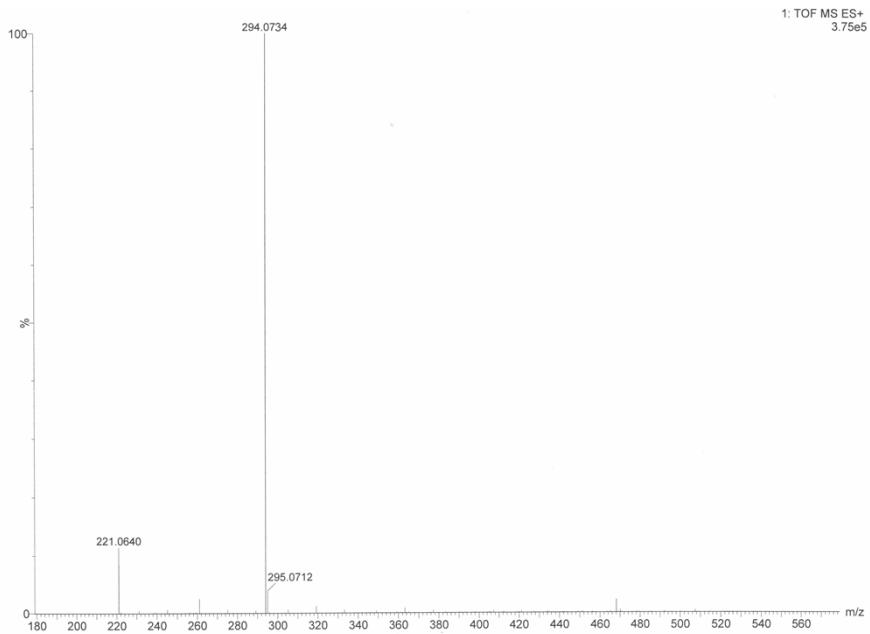




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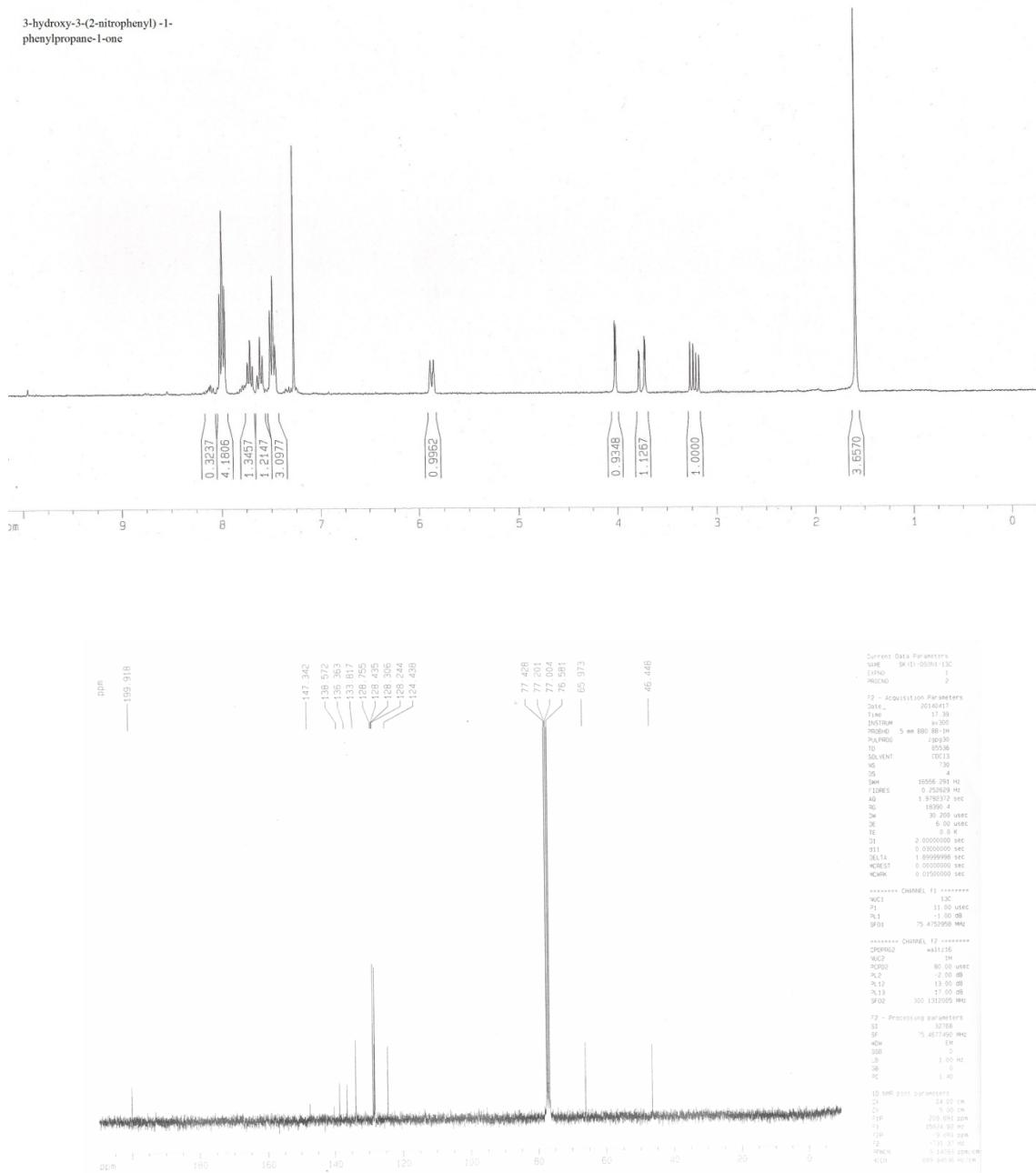
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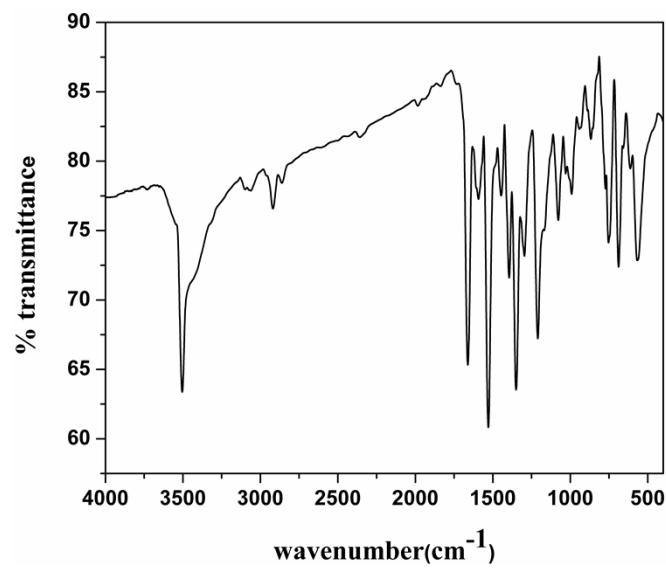
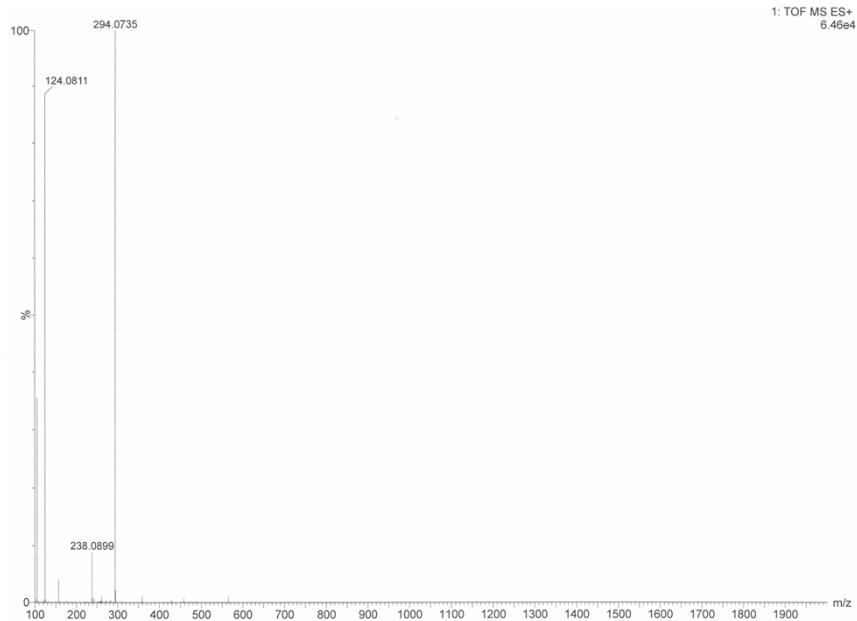




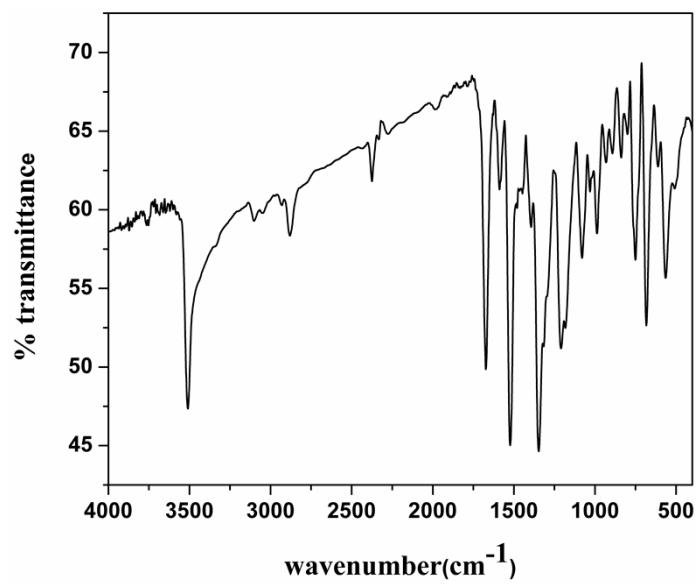
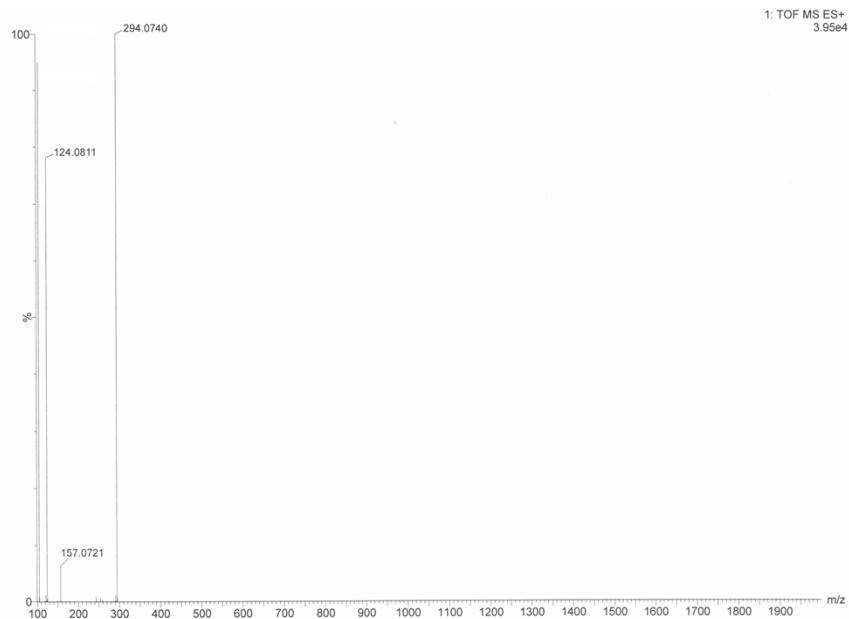
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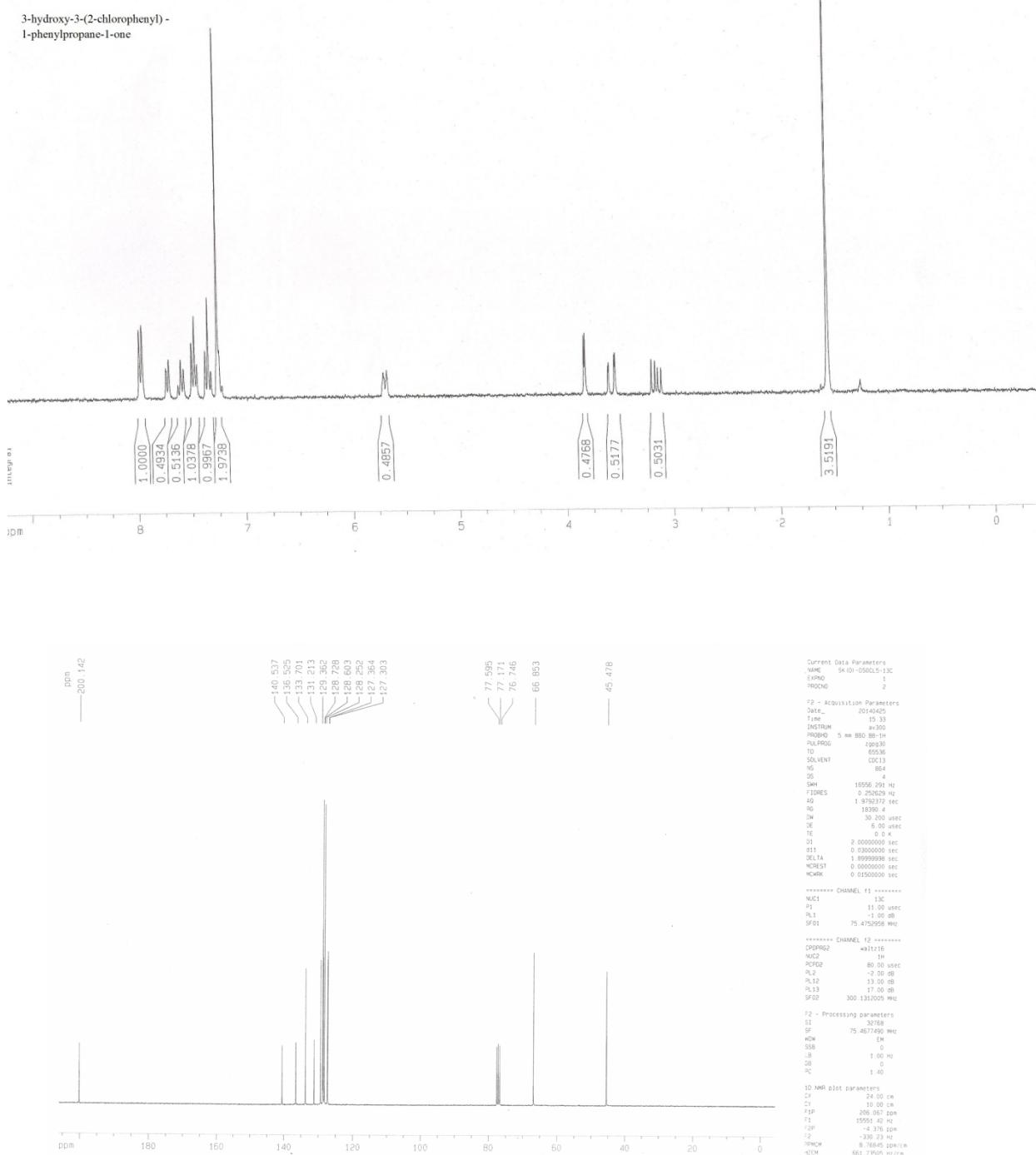


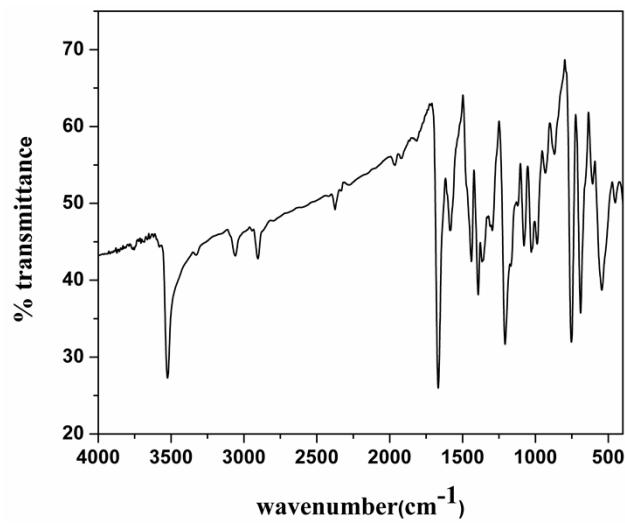
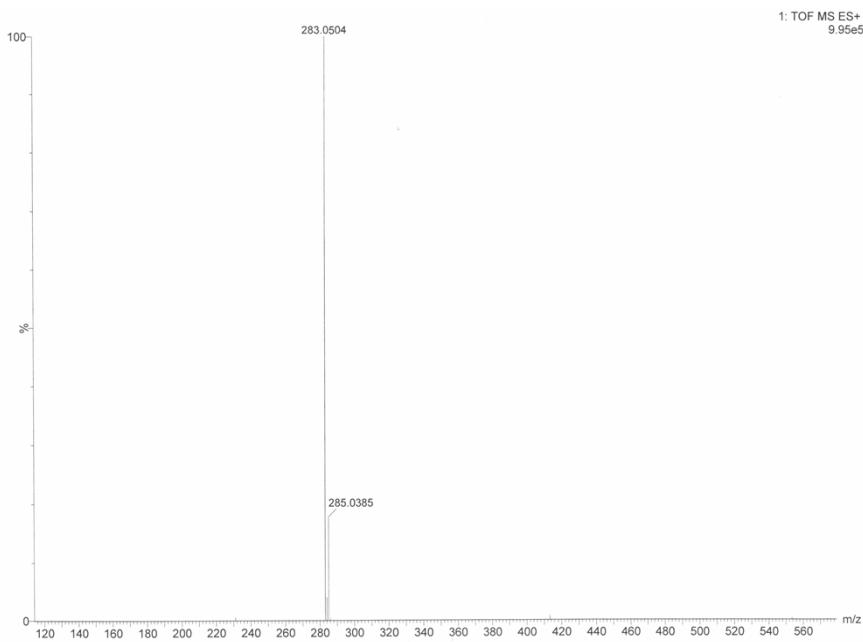


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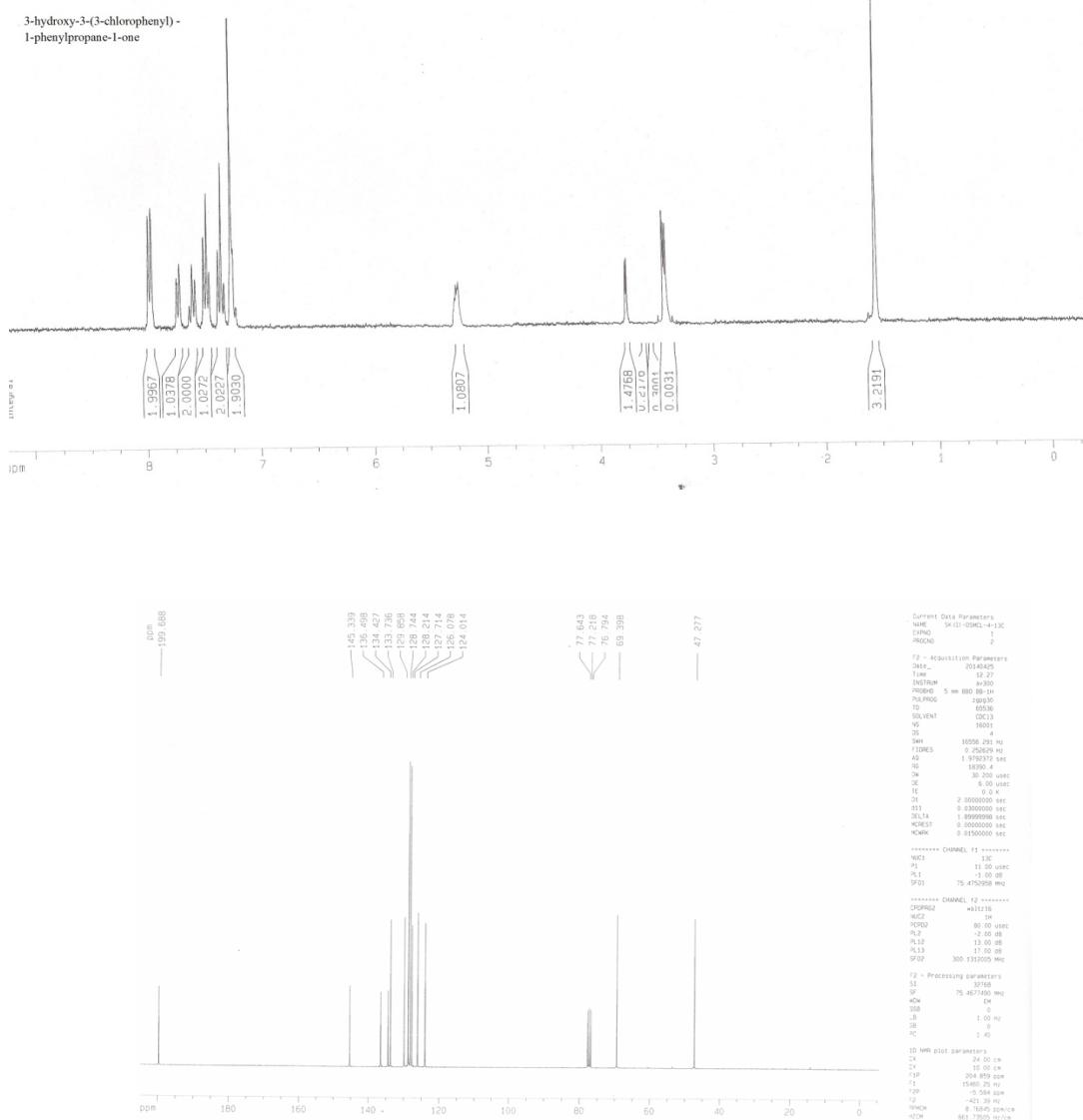


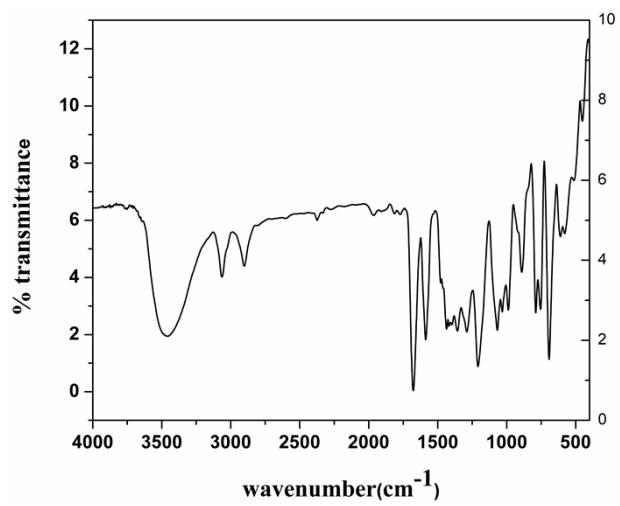
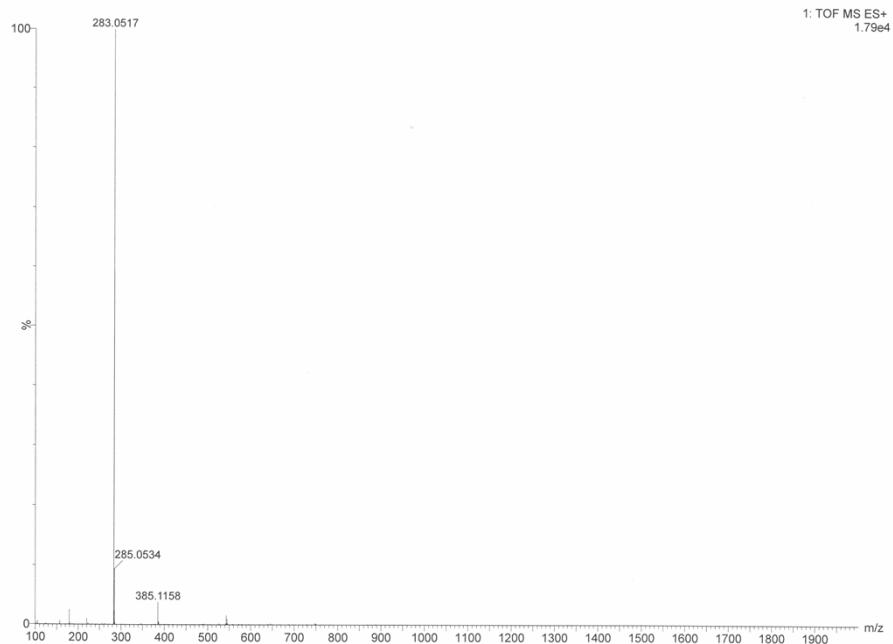
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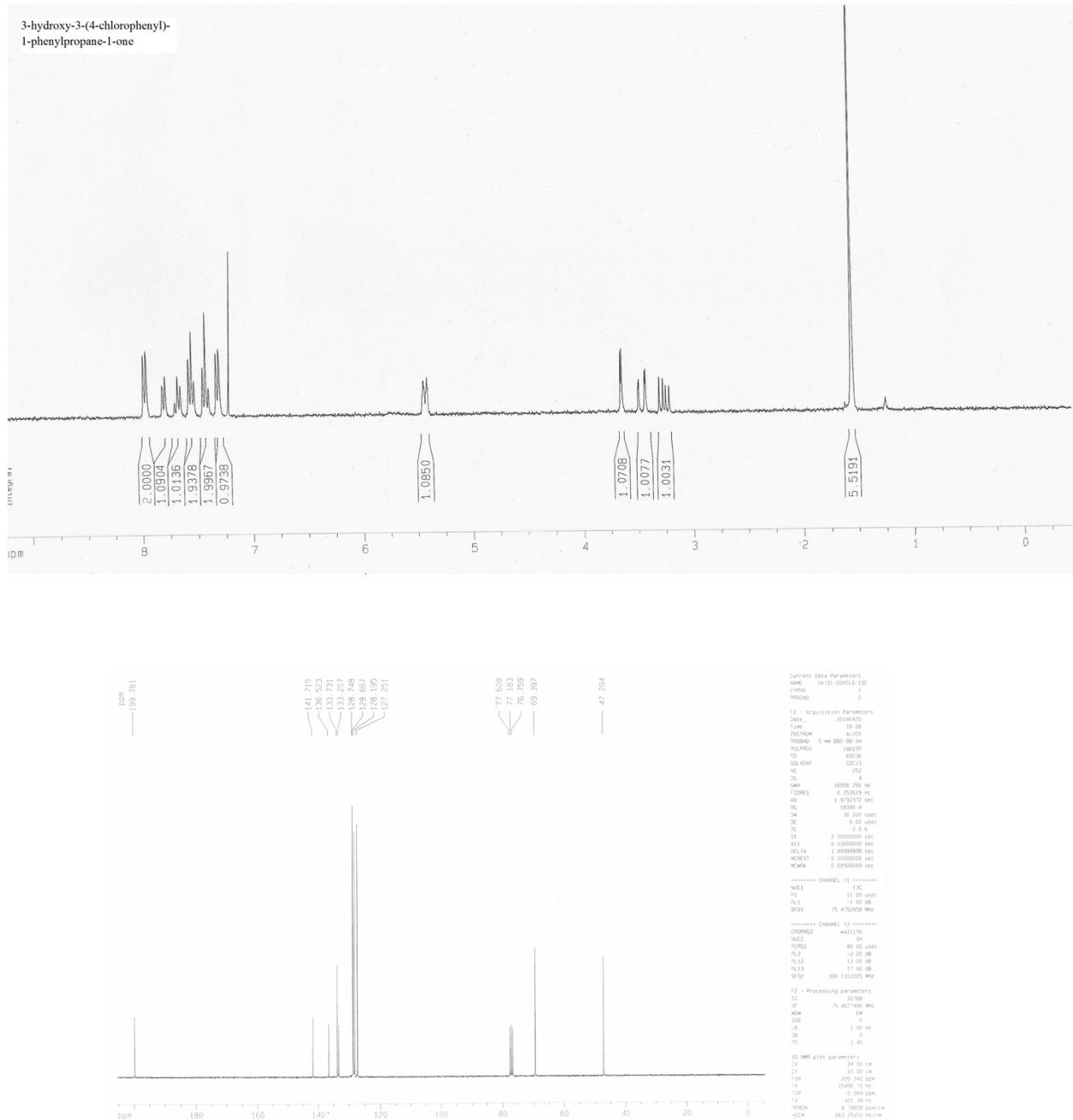


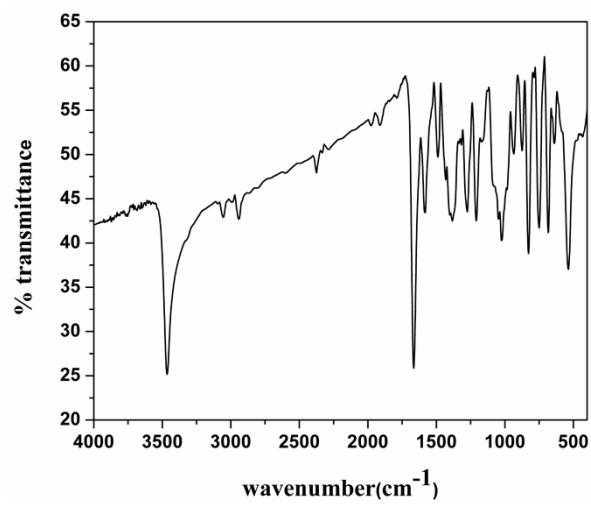
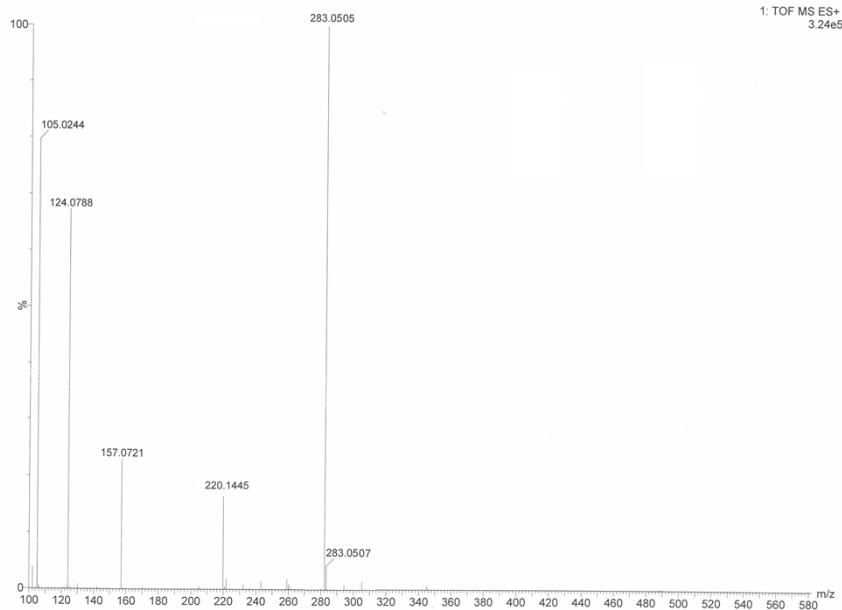
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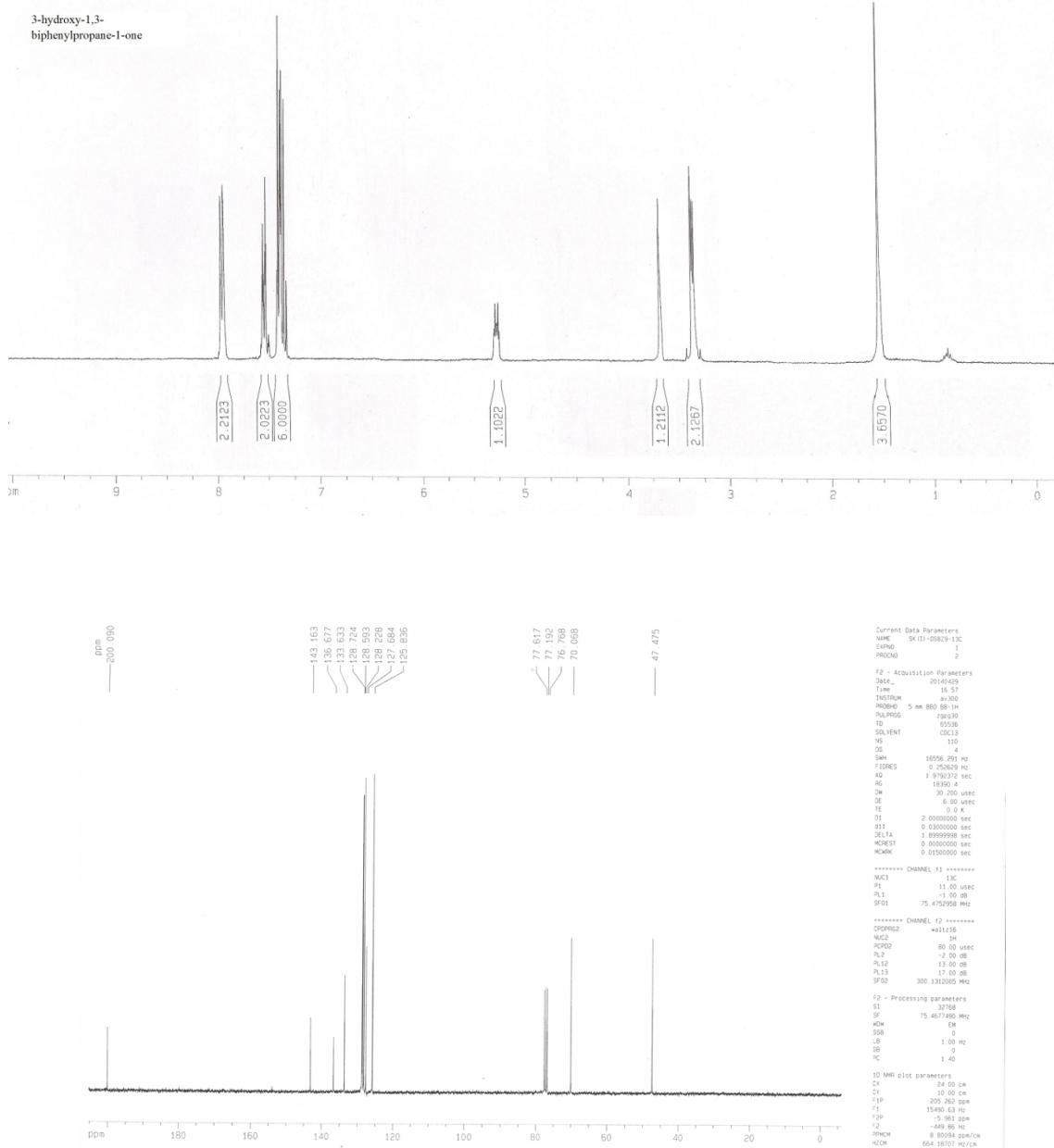


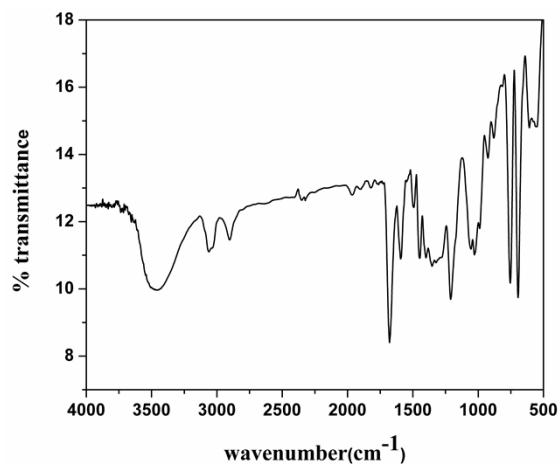
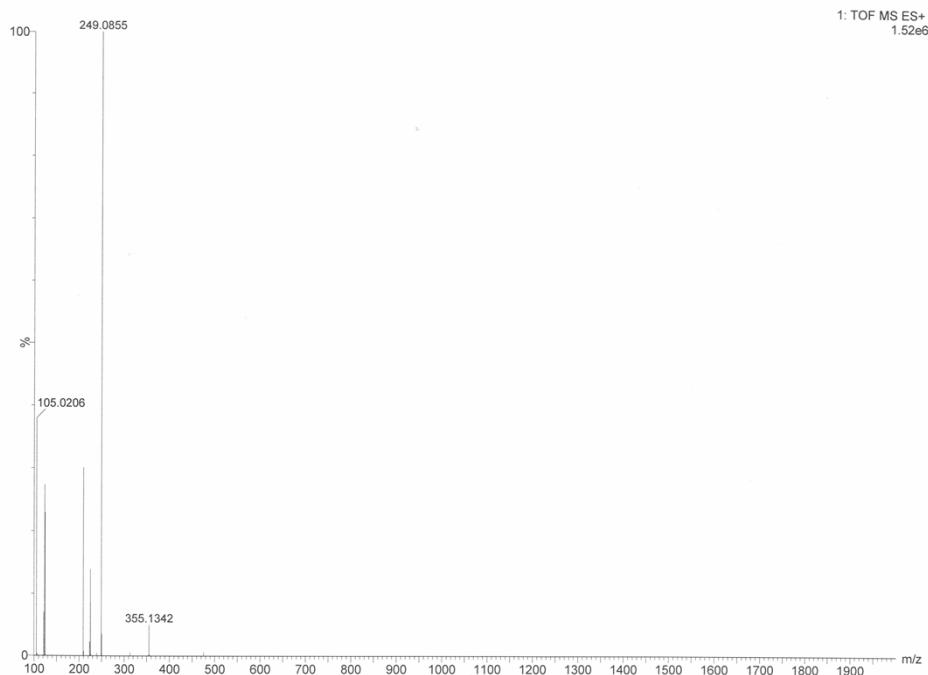
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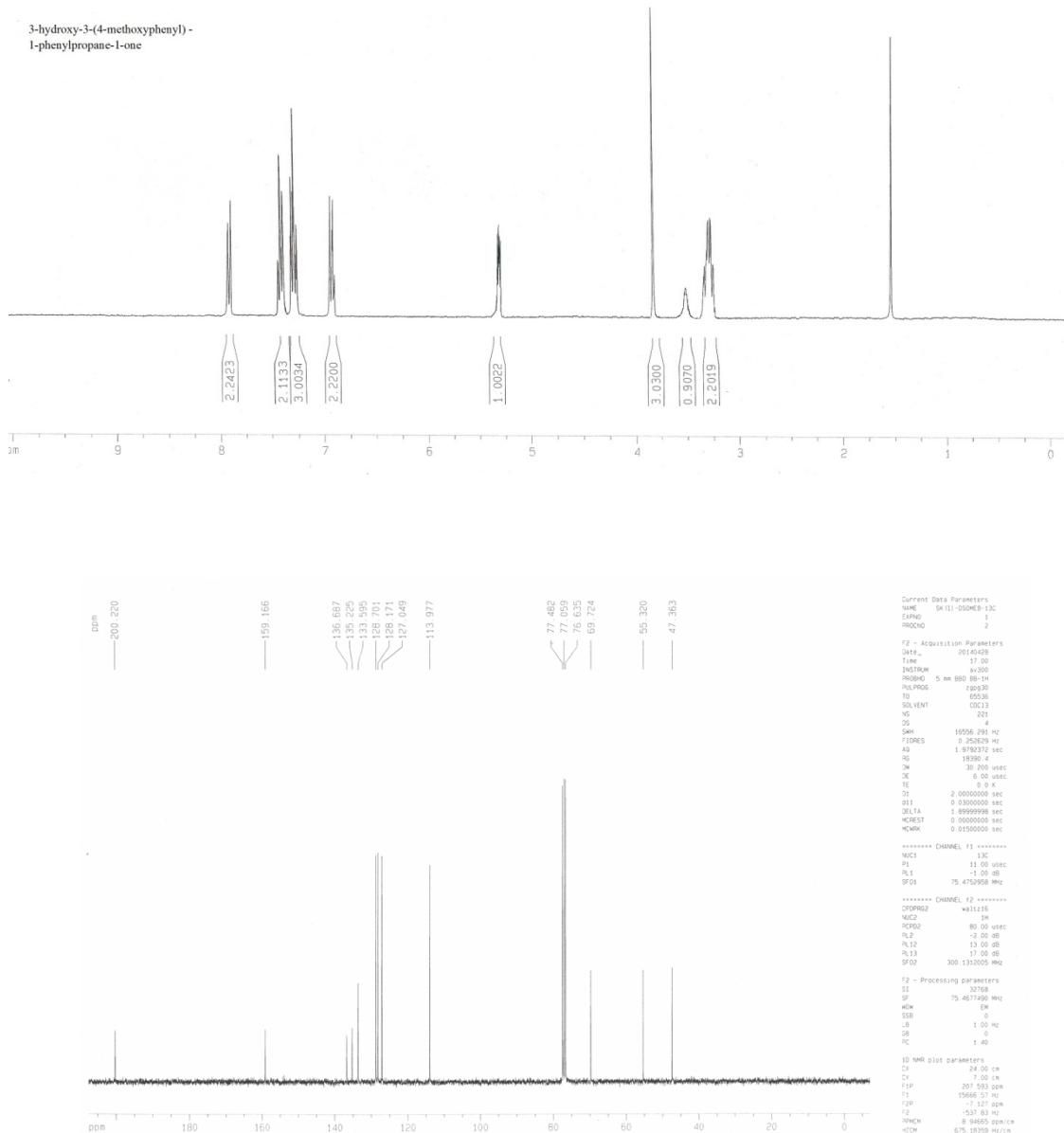
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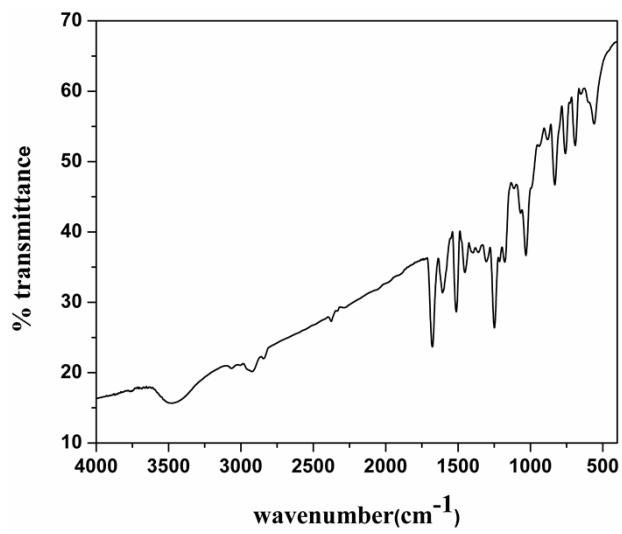
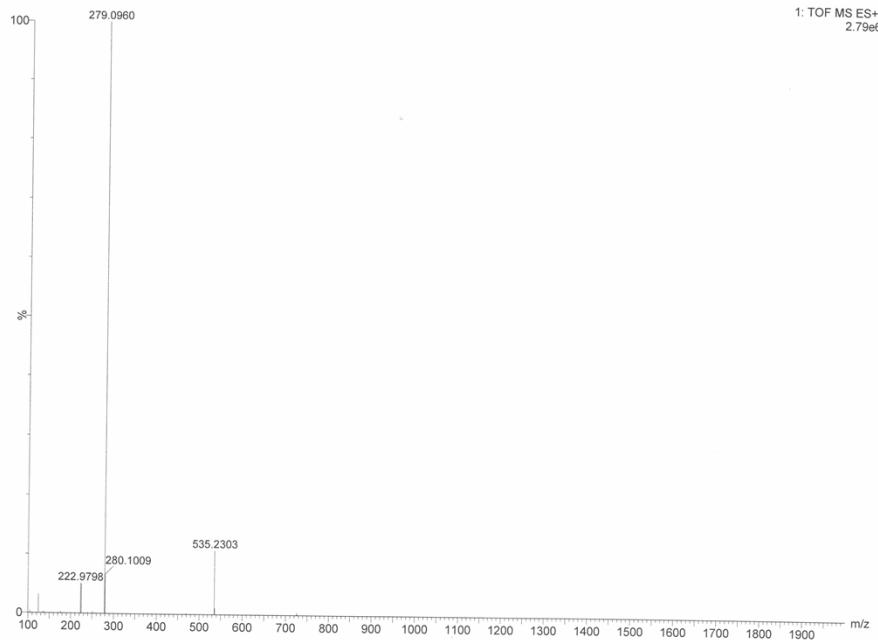




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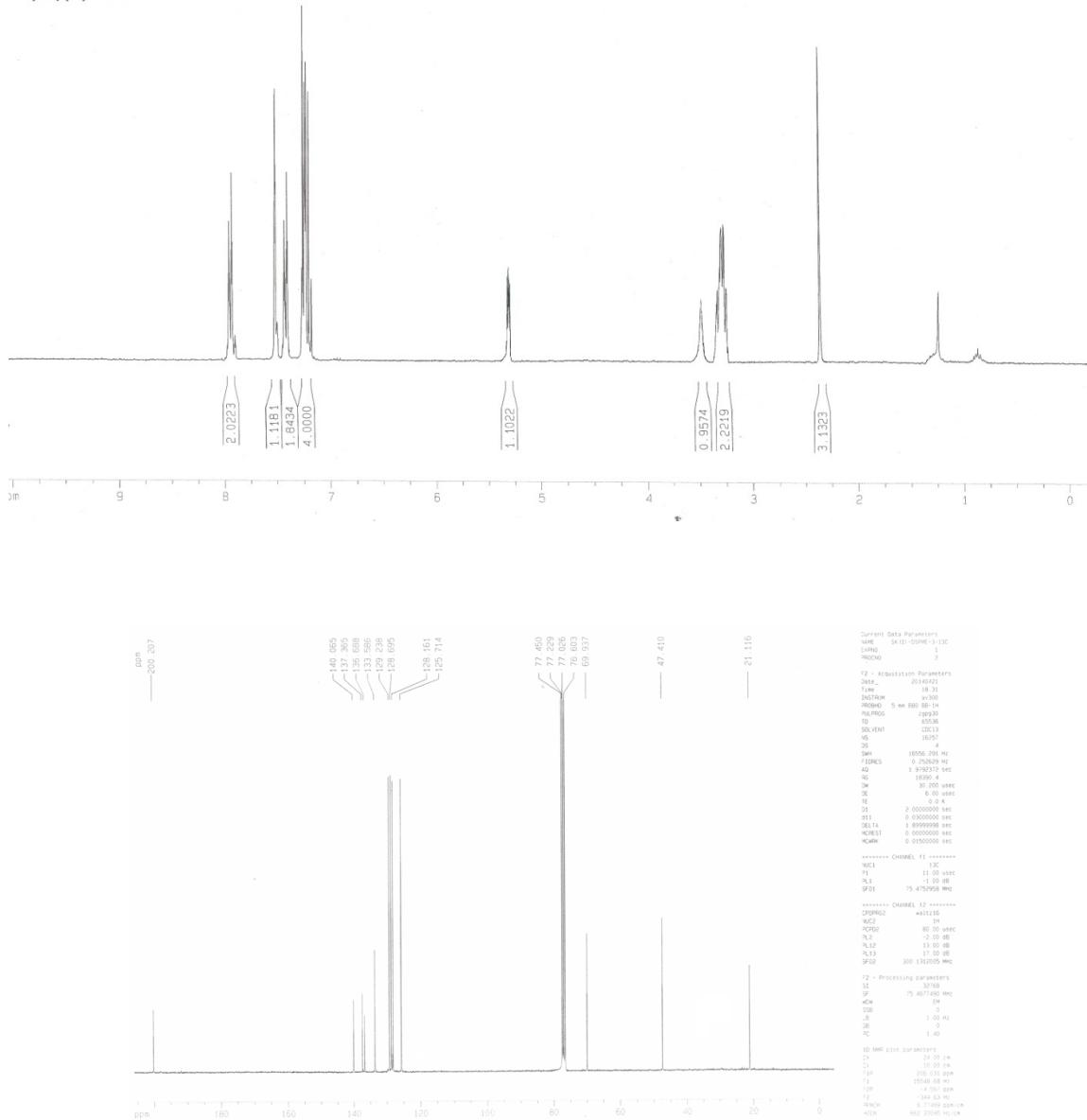
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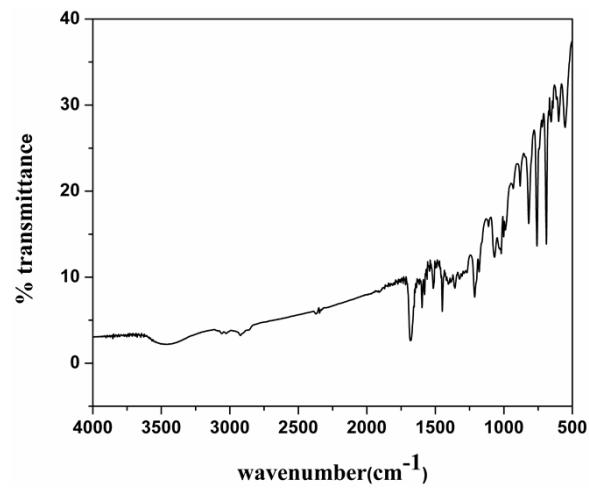
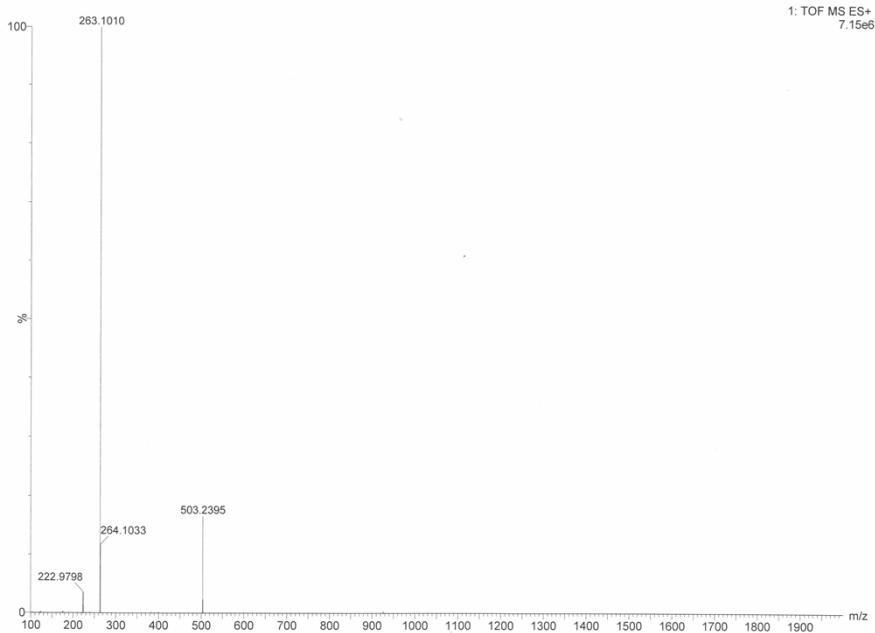




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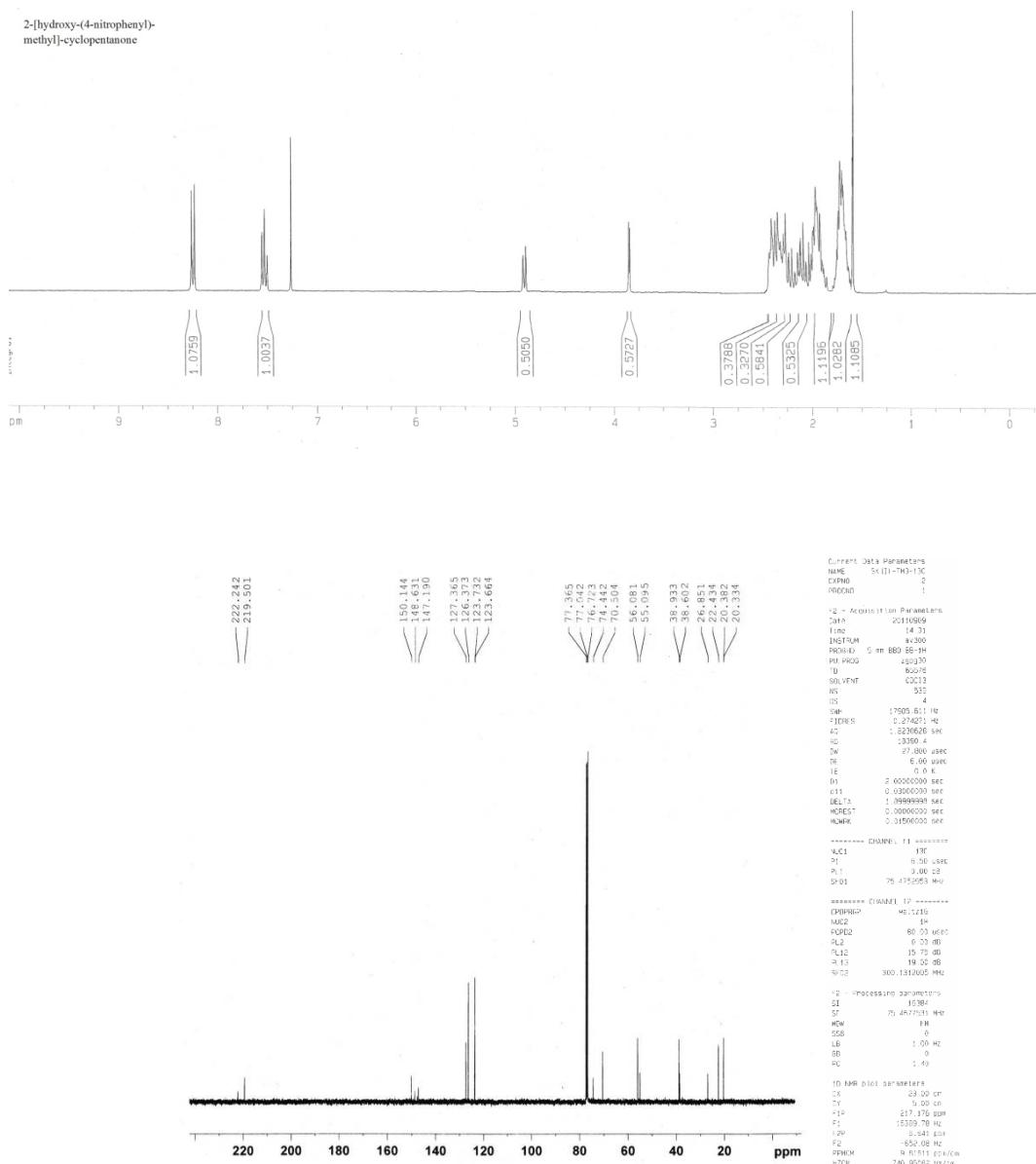
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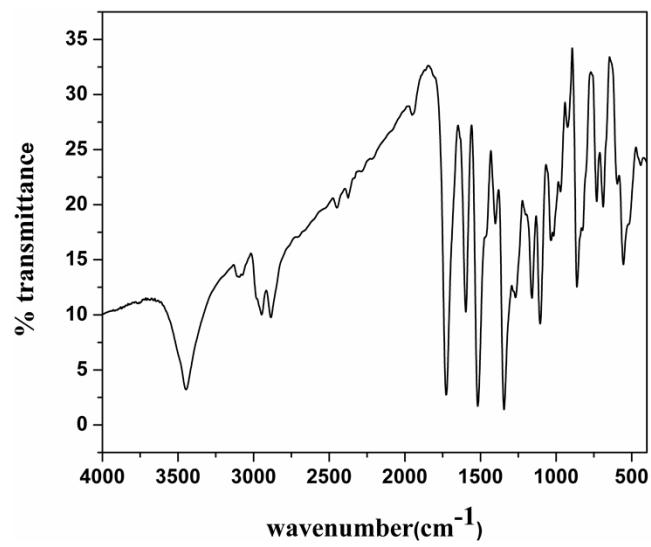
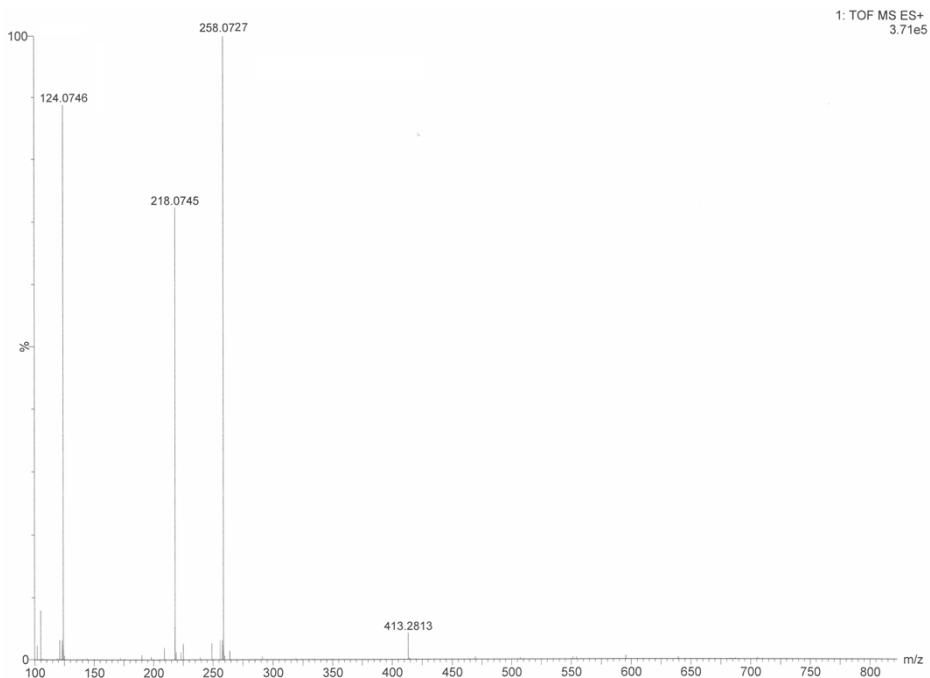




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