

Supporting Information

A practicable environmentally benign one-pot synthesis of 2-arylbenzofurans at room temperature

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General procedure for debenzylation by hydrogenation (Scheme 2)

Benzylxy-substituted benzofuran (**4hn**, **4jo** or **4pn**, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of THF (20 mL) and CH₃OH (10 mL). To the solution, palladium on carbon (10%, 0.08 g) was added. The mixture was hydrogenated under 1 atm of H₂ at ambient temperature. After completion of debenzylation (monitored by tlc), the reaction mixture was filtered and evaporated to provide the crude product. Column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate as an eluent gave the desired compound.

Characterization data for known benzofurans

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (4ae)¹

White solid; m.p. = 147.5-148.4 °C (lit. 148-149 °C); IR(KBr) 1610, 1505, 1454, 1249, 1023, 835, 799, 751; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

2-(4-Methylphenyl)benzofuran (4af)²

White solid; mp = 127-128.5 °C (lit. 128-129 °C); IR(KBr) 1505, 1451, 1257, 1169, 1033, 919, 825, 801; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.21 (m, 4H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H).

2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)benzofuran (4ag)³

White solid; m.p. = 120.3-121.5 °C (lit. 118.9 °C); ν_{max} (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1606, 1573, 1508, 1453, 1442, 1251, 1227, 1160, 1138, 1020, 940, 859, 799, 754; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H),

7.52 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 6.96-7.29 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H).

5-(Benzofuran-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole(4ah)³

White solid; m.p. = 102.5-104.1 °C (lit. 101.3-101.8 °C); IR (KBr) 1502, 1488, 1452, 1254, 1234, 1042, 934, 799, 749, 737. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.48 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.83 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H).

2-(Thiophen-2-yl)benzofuran (4ai)⁴

Pale yellow solid; m.p. = 94.1-95.1 °C (lit. 95-96.5 °C); IR (KBr) 1586, 1450, 1257, 997, 849, 802, 750; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.48 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J_1 = 4.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.04 (dd, $J_1 = 4.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H).

7-Methoxy-2-phenylbenzofuran (4ga)⁴

White solid; m.p. = 79.5-80.8 °C (lit. 79-80 °C); IR (KBr) 1622, 1591, 1498, 1483, 1269, 1119, 1100, 795, 770, 727, 684; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.82 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H).

7-Methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (4ge)⁵

White solid; m.p. = 78-79 °C (lit. 80-81 °C); IR (KBr) 1615, 1588, 1506, 1488, 1434, 1308, 1251, 1215, 1176, 1097, 834, 804, 729; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.87- 7.17 (m, 5H), 6.86 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H).

Corsifuran C (4ie)⁶

White solid; m.p. = 169.5-171.1 °C (lit. 163 °C); IR (KBr) 1610, 1505, 1472, 1437, 1250, 1206, 1176, 1143, 1020, 916, 833, 791; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J_1 = 8.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H).

2-(4-Methylphenyl)-5-methoxybenzofuran (4if)⁷

White solid; m.p. = 125.6-127.2 °C; IR (KBr) 1609, 1597, 1472, 1445, 1430, 1209, 1180, 1145, 1029, 916, 841, 825, 799; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.92 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H).

6-Benzylxy-2-phenylbenzofuran (4ja)⁸

White solid; m.p. 116.5-117.8 °C. IR (KBr)¹ 1622, 1491, 1450, 1301, 1264, 1156, 1019, 820, 761, 731, 691. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.50 (m, 7H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H).

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-methylbenzofuran (4kk)⁹

White solid; m.p. = 190.8-191.9 °C (lit. 178-180 °C). IR (KBr) 1612, 1579, 1462, 1403, 1260, 1093, 1034, 1010, 828, 803, 505; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H) 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

5-Chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (4le)¹⁰

White solid; m.p. = 162.8-164.7 °C (lit. 164-165 °C); IR (KBr) 1609, 1505, 1445, 1255, 1177, 1040, 833, 809, 796; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.8Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91(d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

5-Iodo-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (4ne)¹¹

white solid. mp 207.0-208.8 °C. IR (KBr) 1610, 1504, 1441, 1252, 1177, 1038, 835, 804, 791. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H).

5-Bromo-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-7-methoxybenzofuran (4og)³

White solid; mp 204.5-205.8°C; IR (KBr) 1597, 1513, 1483, 1464,

1427, 1279, 1264, 1230, 1141, 1070, 1022, 960, 851, 800; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz) δ 7.45 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35(d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.30(d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 3.94(s, 3H).

5-(6-(benzyloxy)benzofuran-2-yl)-6-methoxy-benzo[d][1,3] dioxole (Scheme2; 4jo)⁴

According to the general procedure for benzofurans, the compound **4jo** was prepared from **1j** (0.46 g, 2.0 mmol) and **2o** (1.0 g, 2.2 mmol) in 77% yield (0.58 g).

White solid; m.p. 145.5-146.3 °C (lit. 146.9-148.0 °C); IR (KBr) 1622, 1506, 1488, 1267, 1194, 1155, 1124, 1014 , 818, 741. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400MHz) δ 7.40 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.31-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J_1 = 8.5$ Hz , $J_2 = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

Cicerfuran (Scheme 2)⁴

According to reported procedure for debenzylation by hydrogenation, the title compound was obtained from **4jo** (0.19 g, 0.5 mmol) in 93 % yield (0.14 g, overall yield from **1j**: 72%).

White solid; m.p.= 153.4-154.9 °C (lit. 153.4-154.7 °C); IR (KBr) 3481, 1624, 1507, 1488, 1466, 1452, 1370, 1262, 1197, 1176, 1147, 1041, 1023, 934, 820; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

Erythbidin E (Scheme 2)¹²

According to the general procedure for benzofurans, **4hn** was prepared from **1h** (0.30 g, 2.0 mmol) and **2n** (1.2 g, 2.2 mmol) in 79% yield (0.69 g).

The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for debenzylation by hydrogenation from **4hn** (0.22 g, 0.5 mmol) in 94% yiled (0.12 g, overall yield from **1h**: 74%)

White solid; m.p.= 146.8-148.5 °C; IR (KBr) 3422, 1624, 1491, 1271, 1149, 1109, 1017, 976, 823. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.3 (d, $J =$

9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J_1 = 8.5 Hz, J_2 = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.41-6.44 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

Ebenfuran I (Scheme 2)¹³

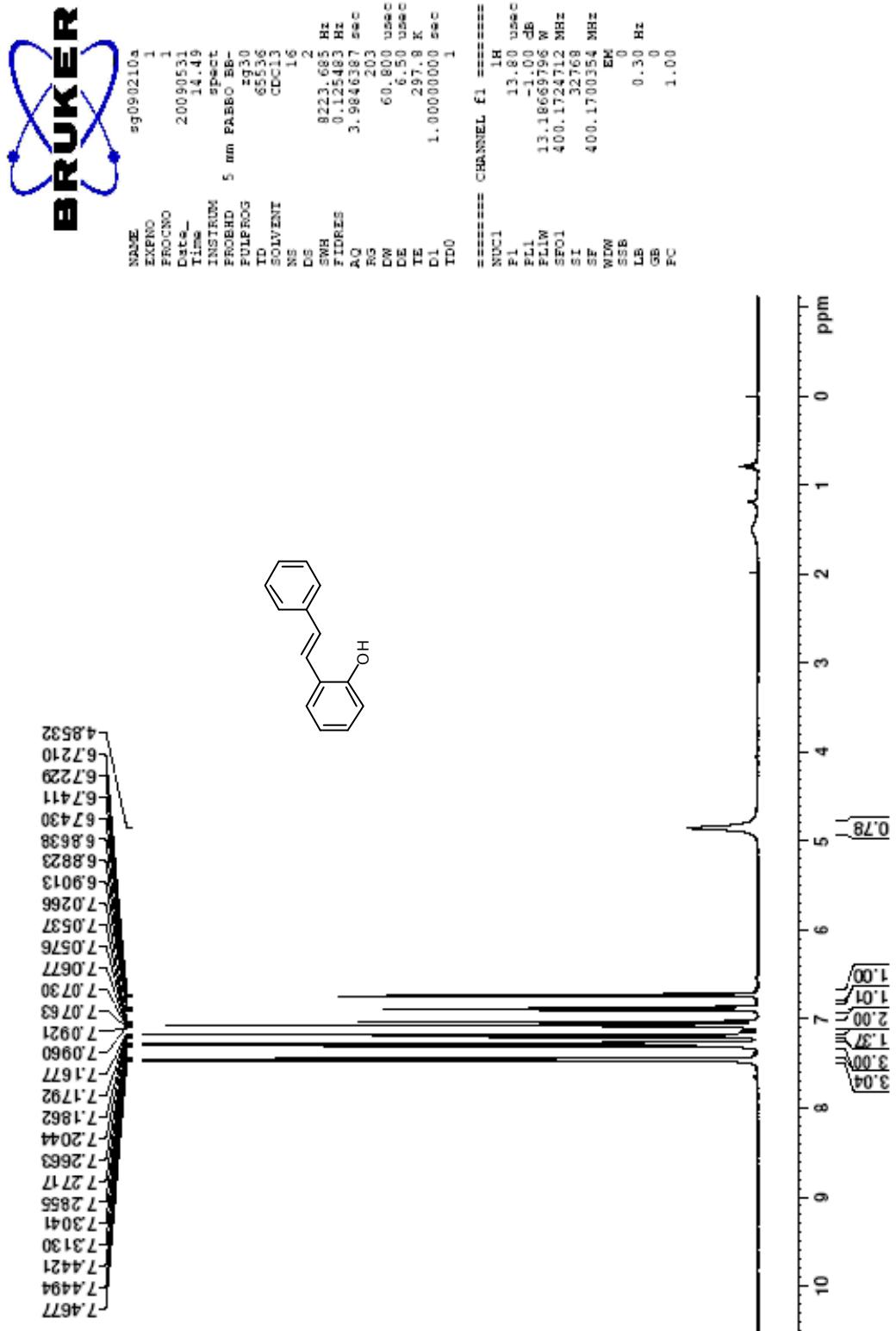
According to the general procedure for benzofurans, **4pn** was prepared from **1p** (0.39 g, 1.5 mmol) and **2n** (0.9 g, 1.7 mmol) in 70% yield (0.57 g).

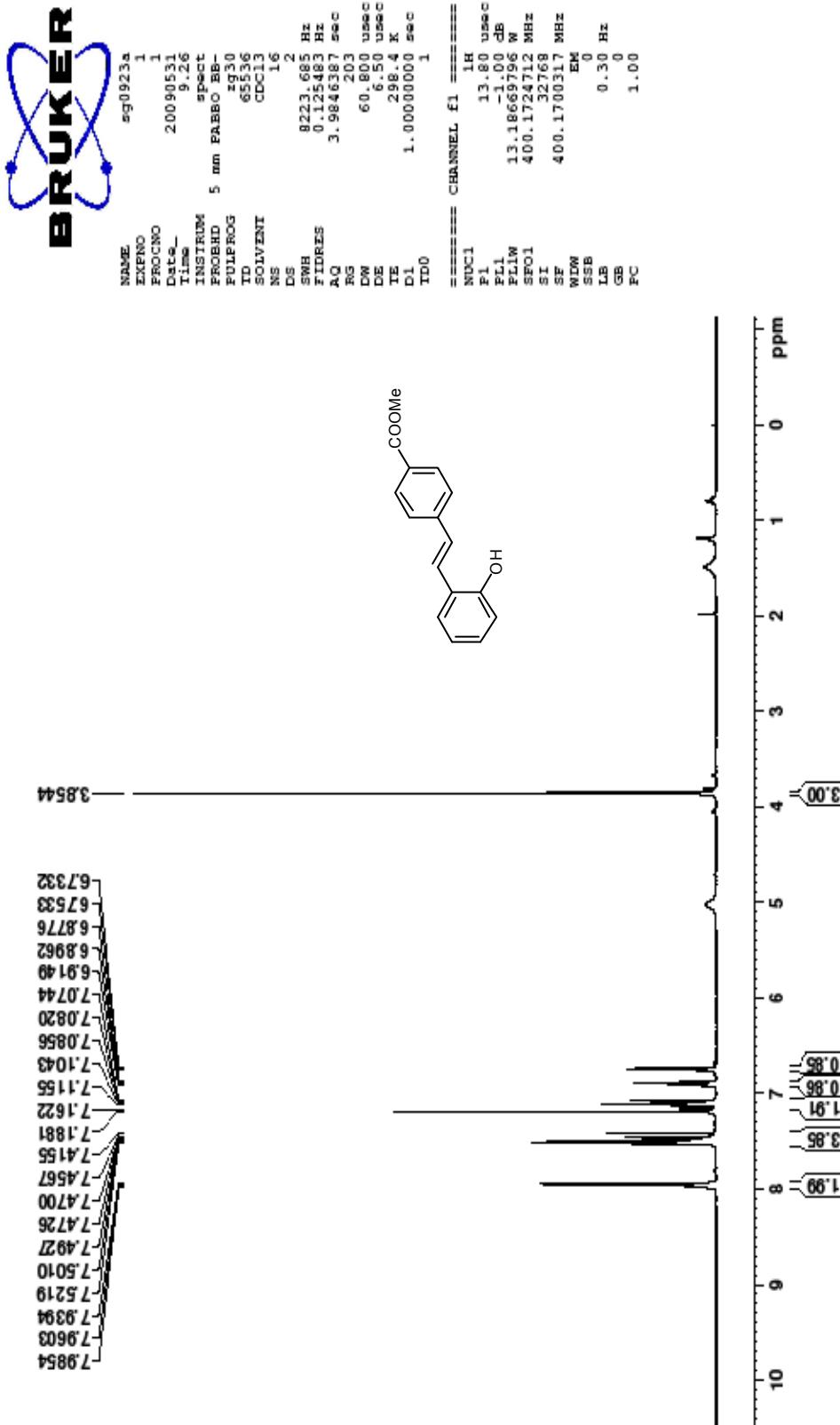
The title compound was prepared following the general procedure for debenzylation by hydrogenation from **4pn** (0.27 g, 0.5 mmol) in 97% yield (0.13 g, overall yield from **1p**: 68%).

Pale yellow solid; mp 183.4-184.7 °C; IR (KBr) 3503, 1625, 1602, 1486, 1453, 1377, 1325, 1280, 1255, 1149, 1117, 1007, 974, 864, 503; ¹H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.40 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.40-6.43 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H).

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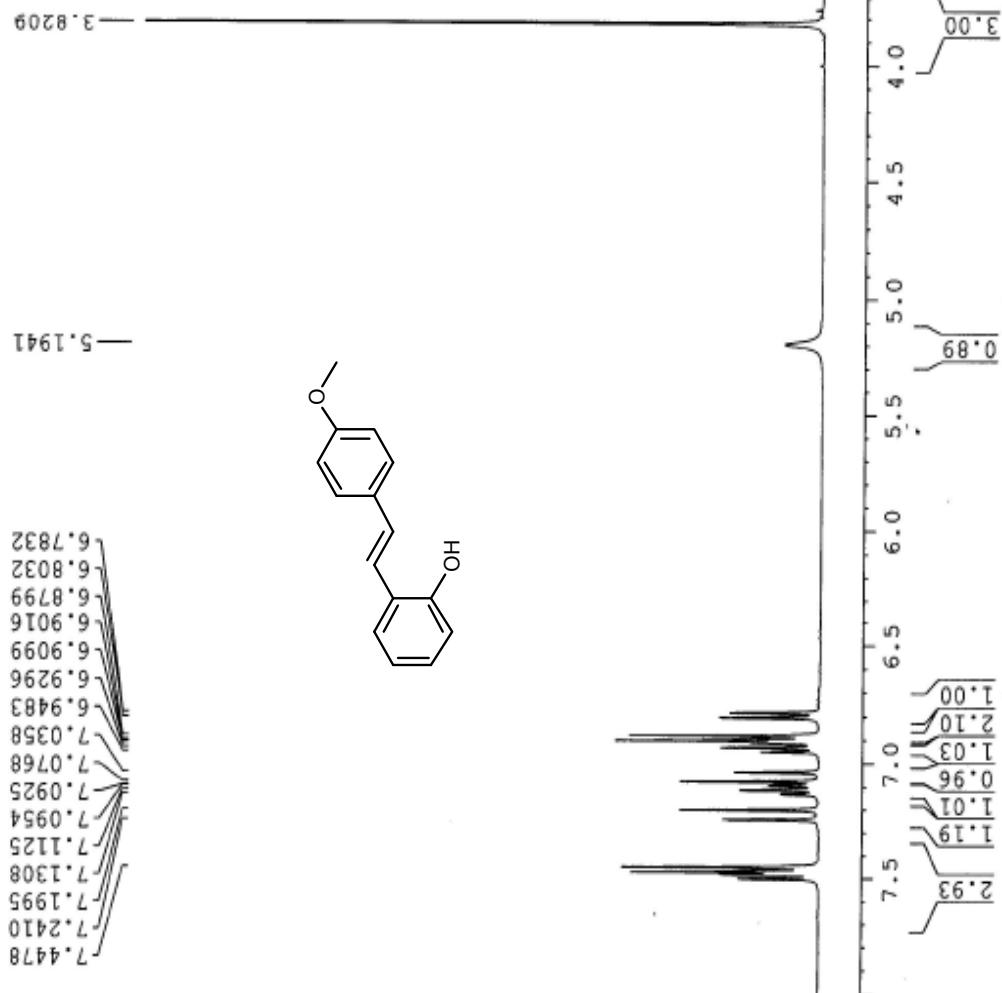
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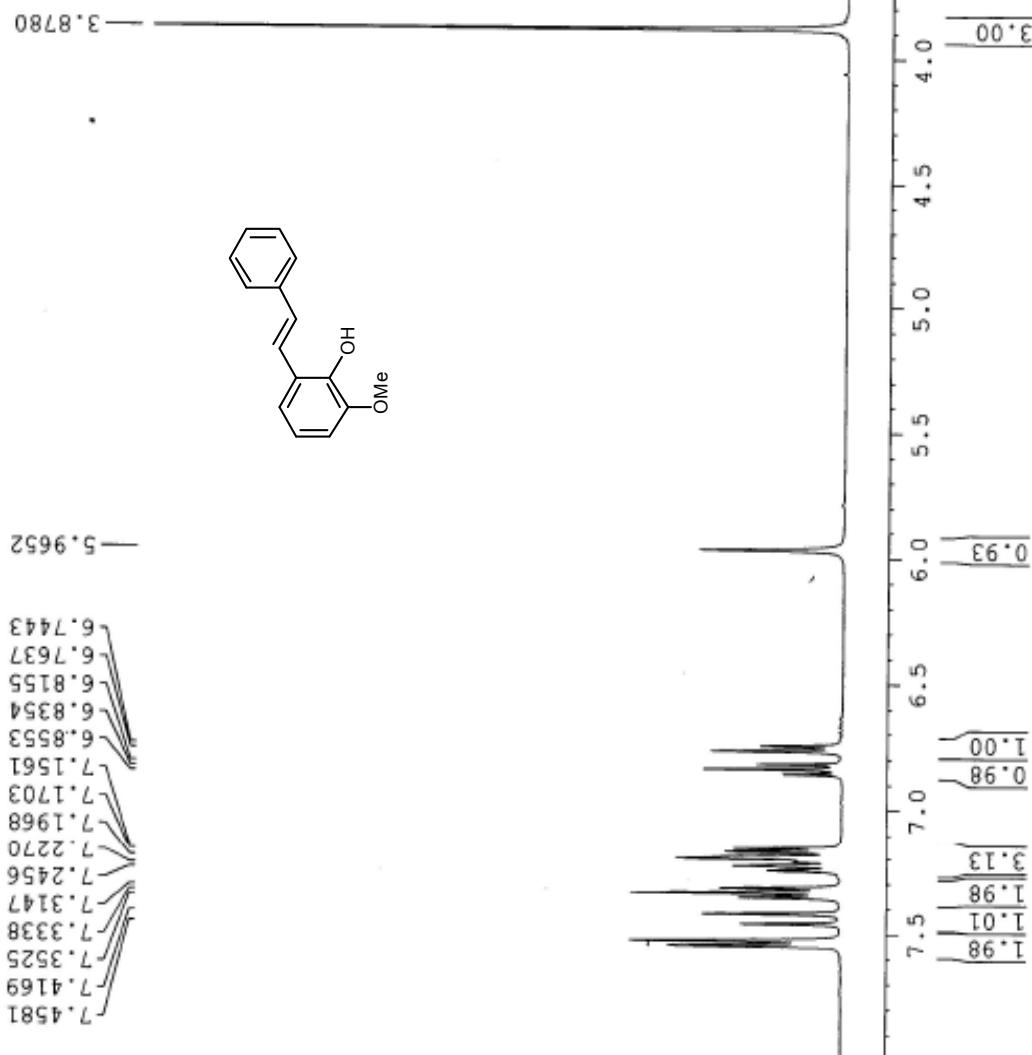
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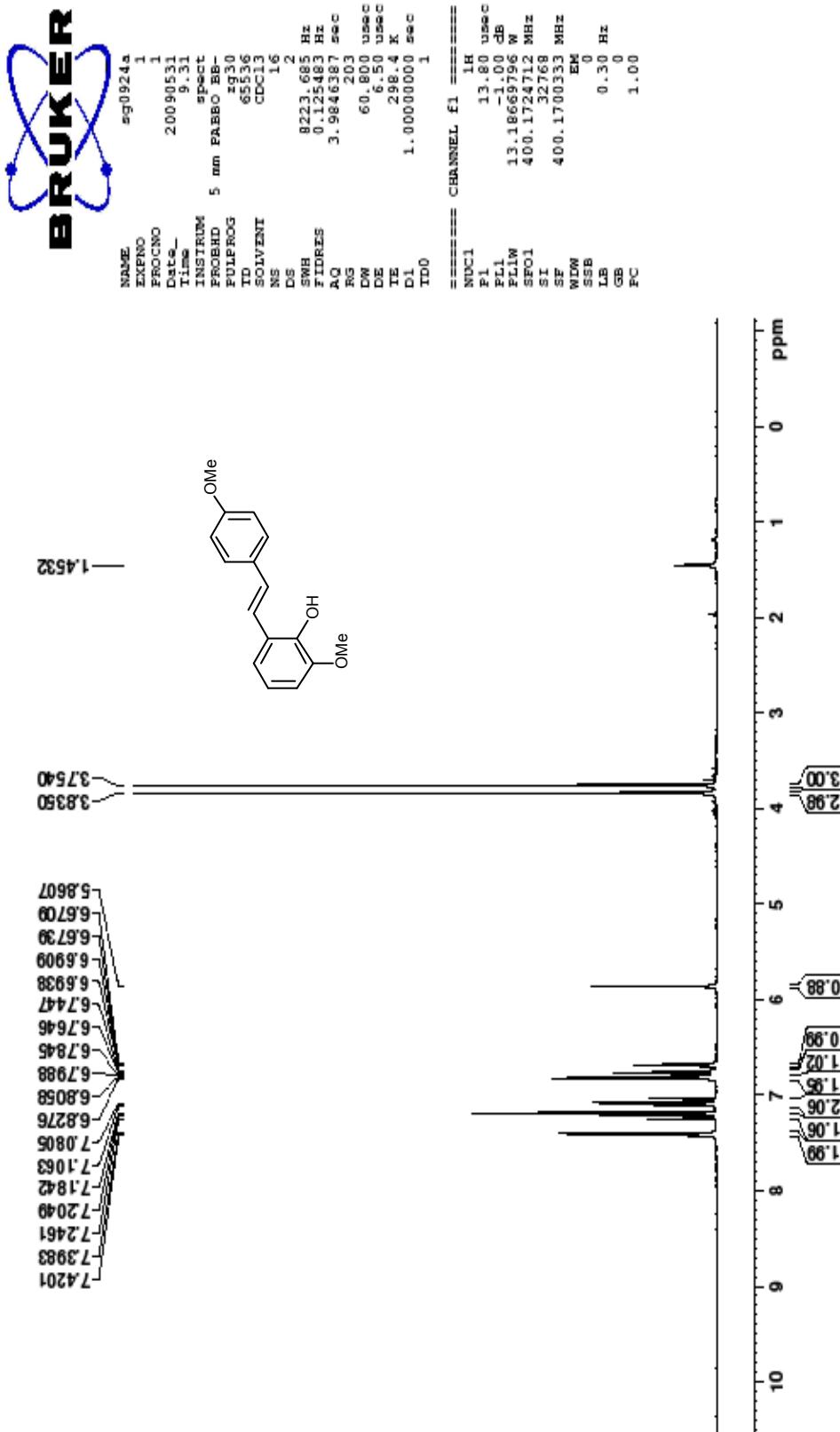


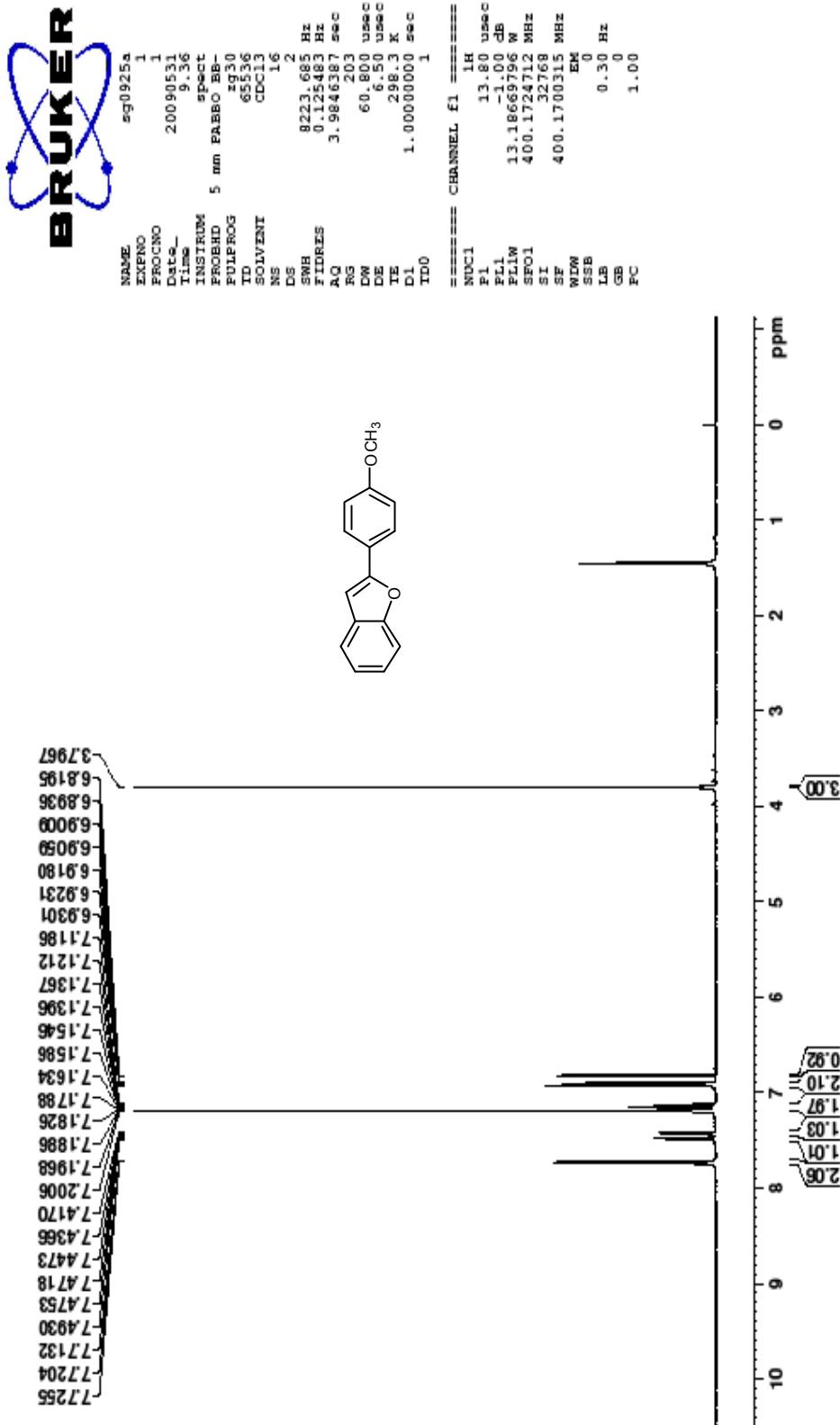


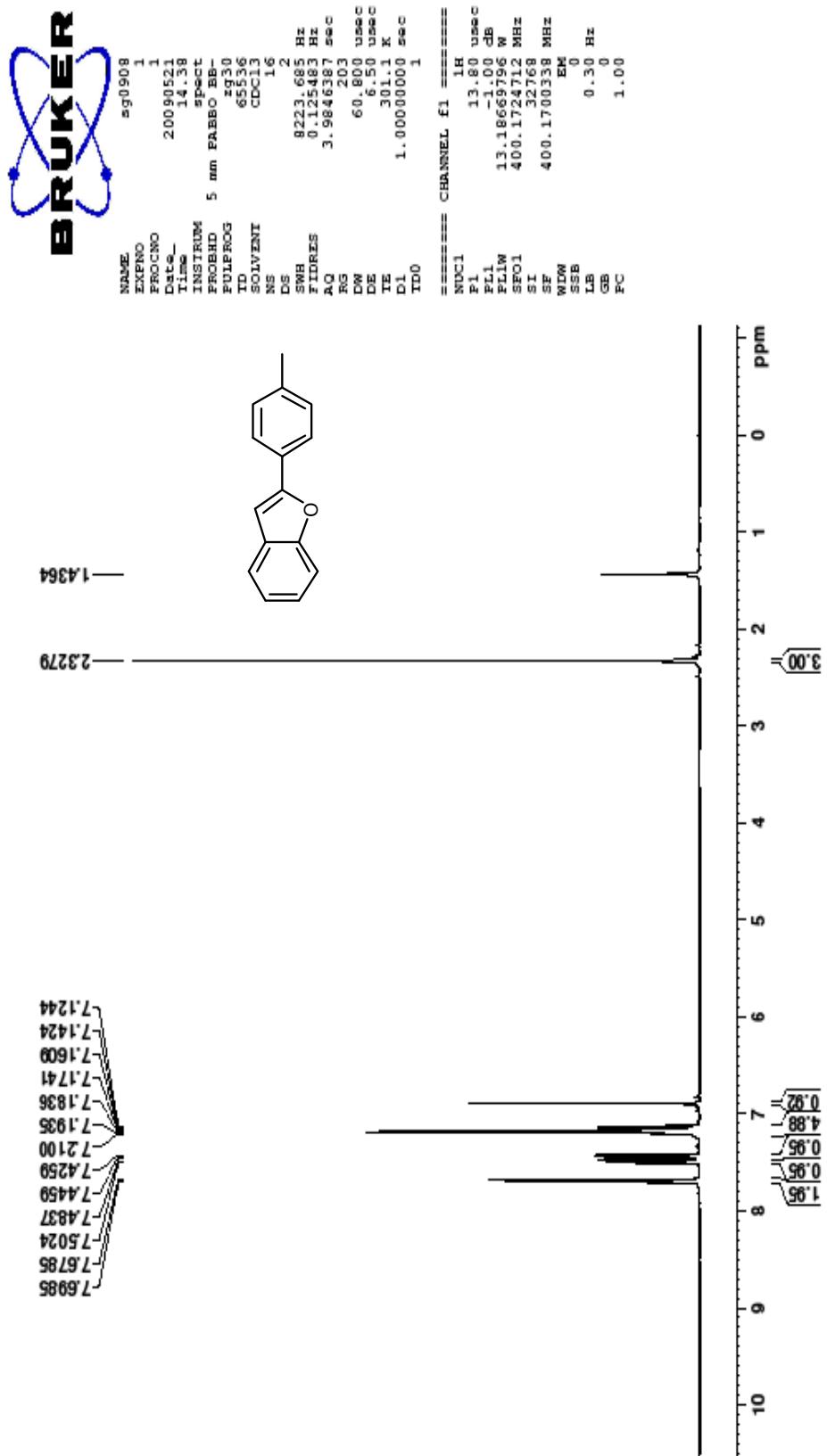
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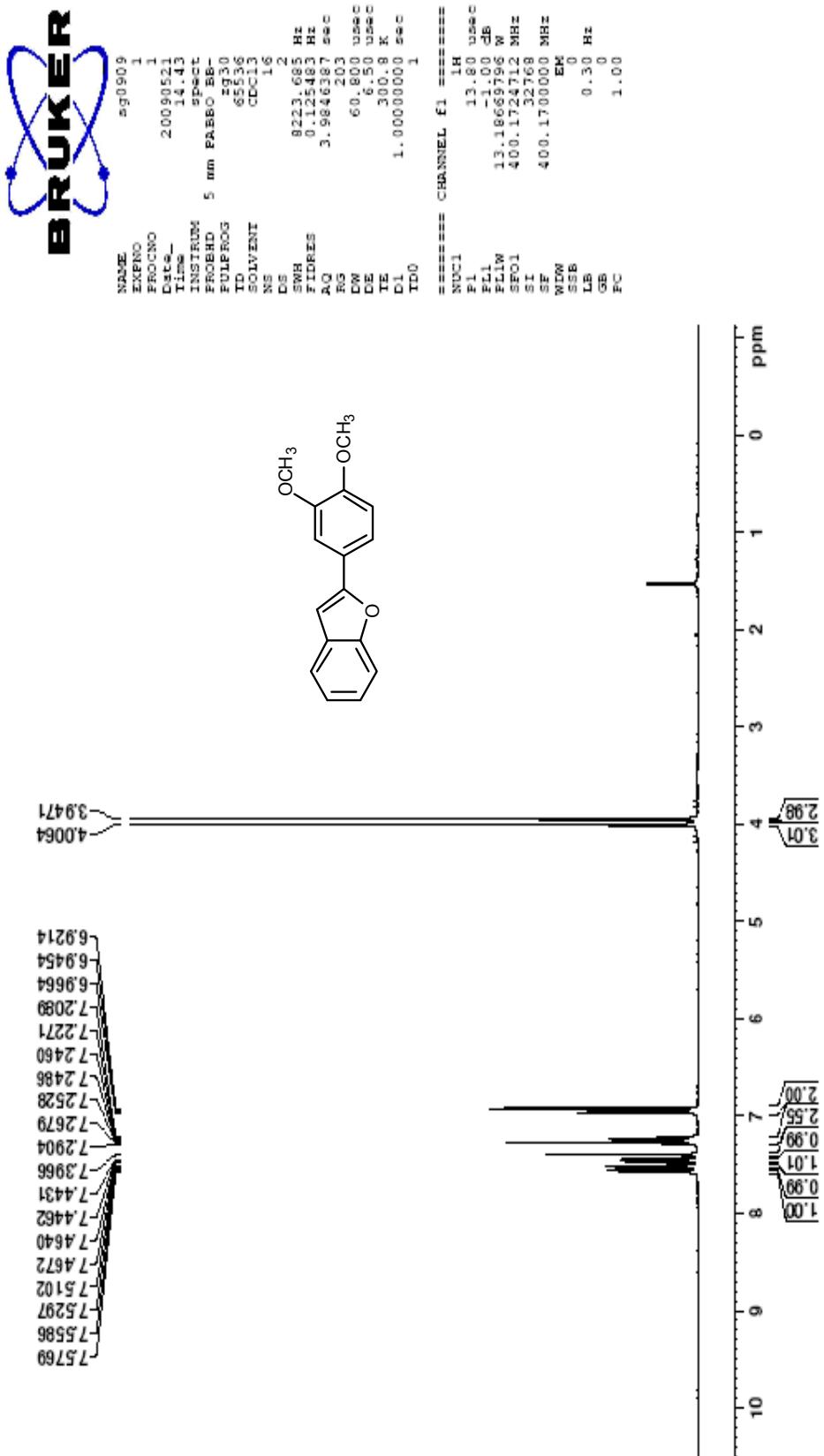
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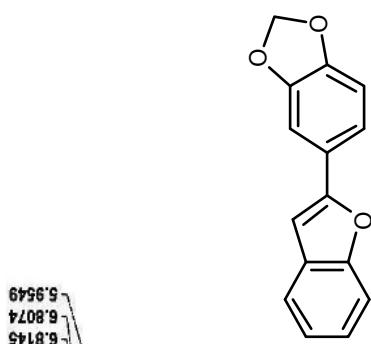




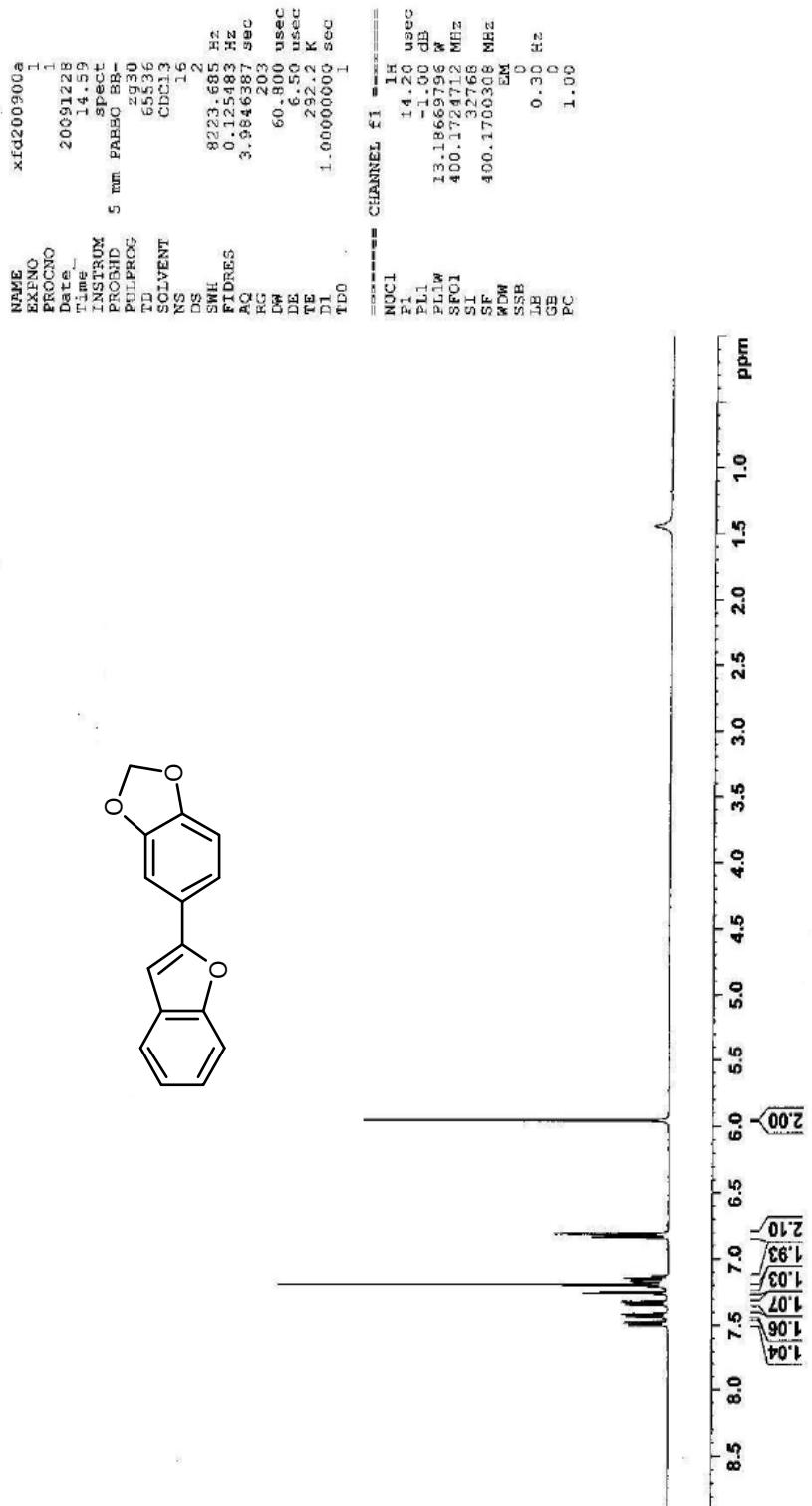


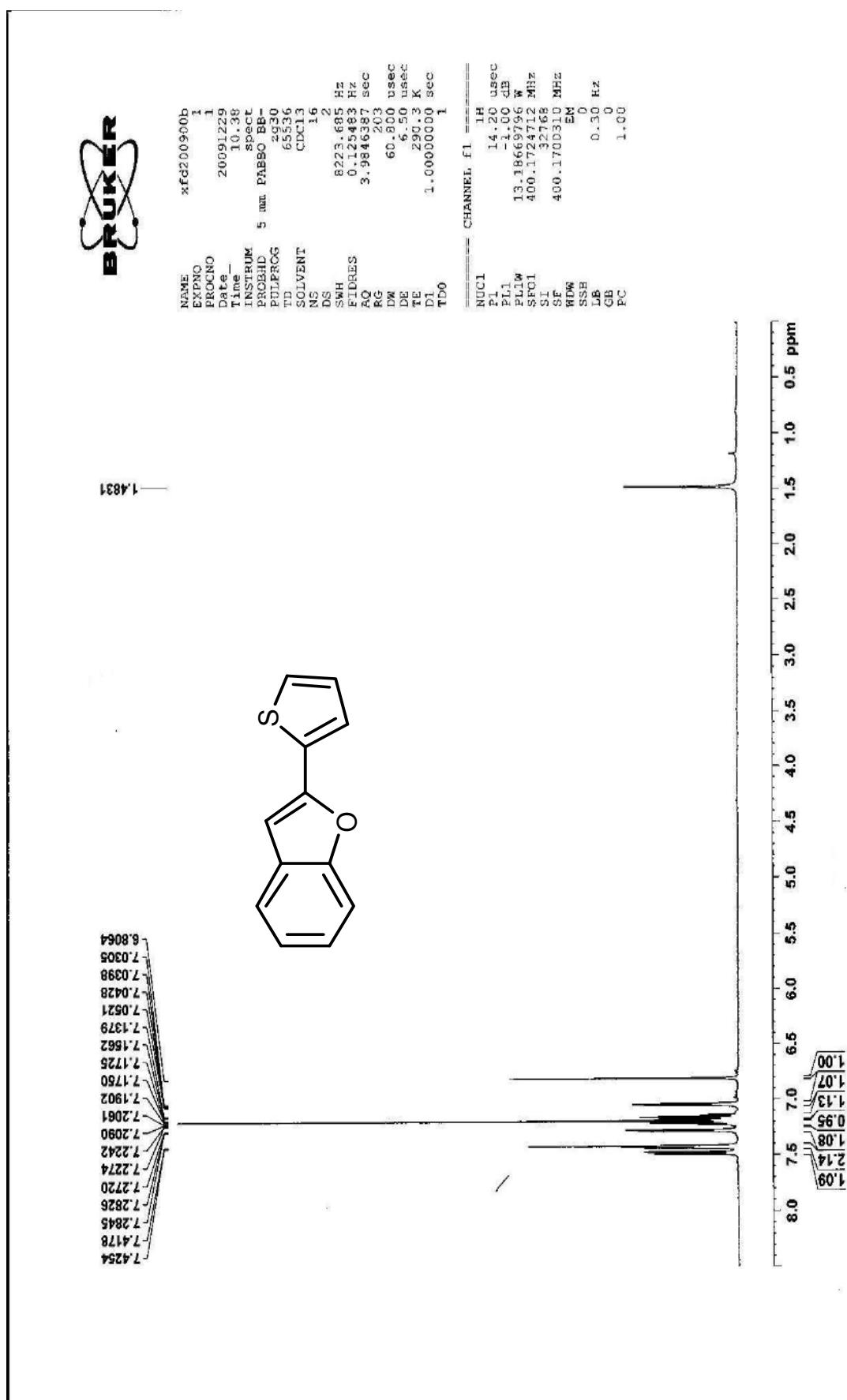


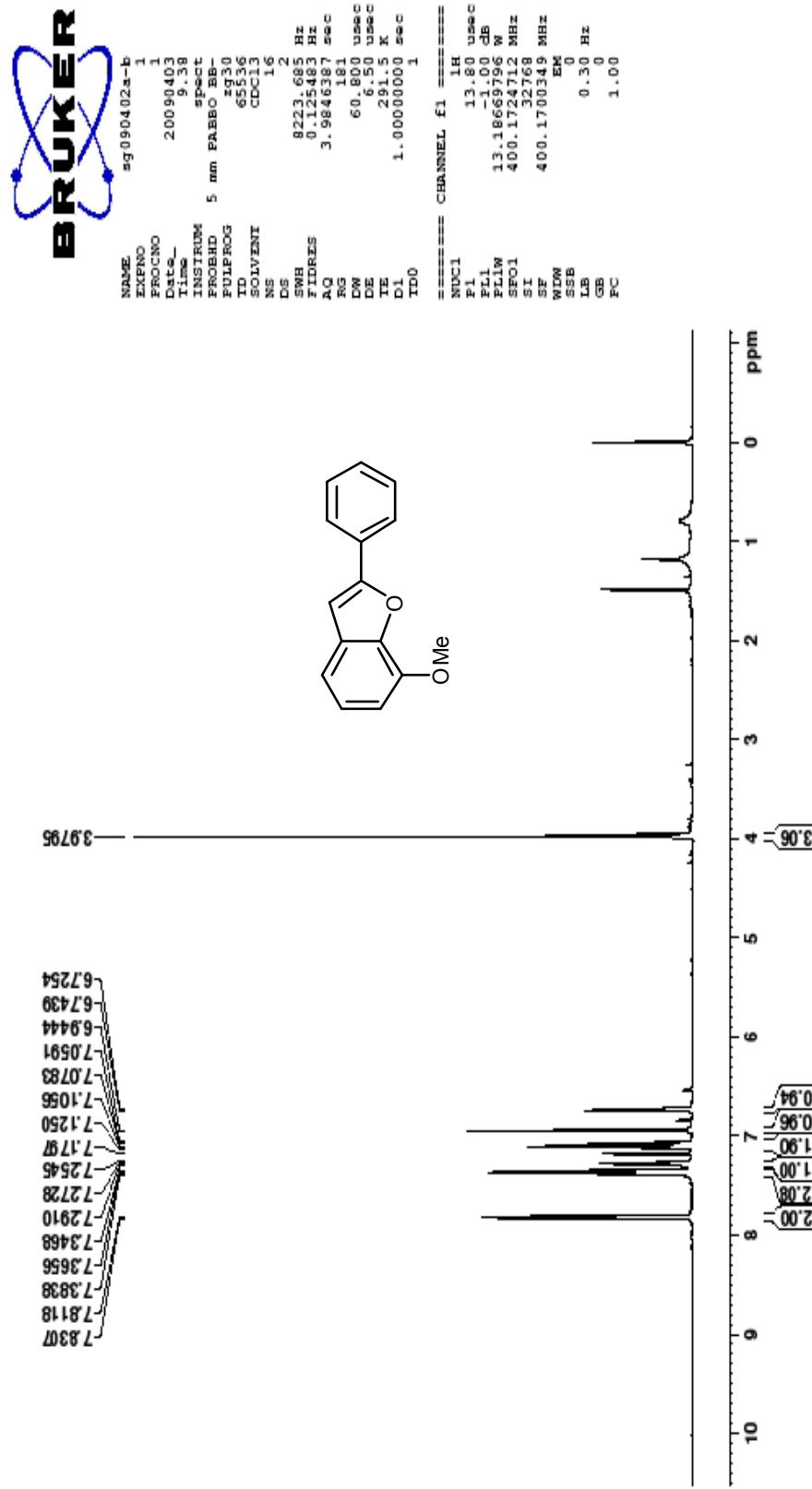
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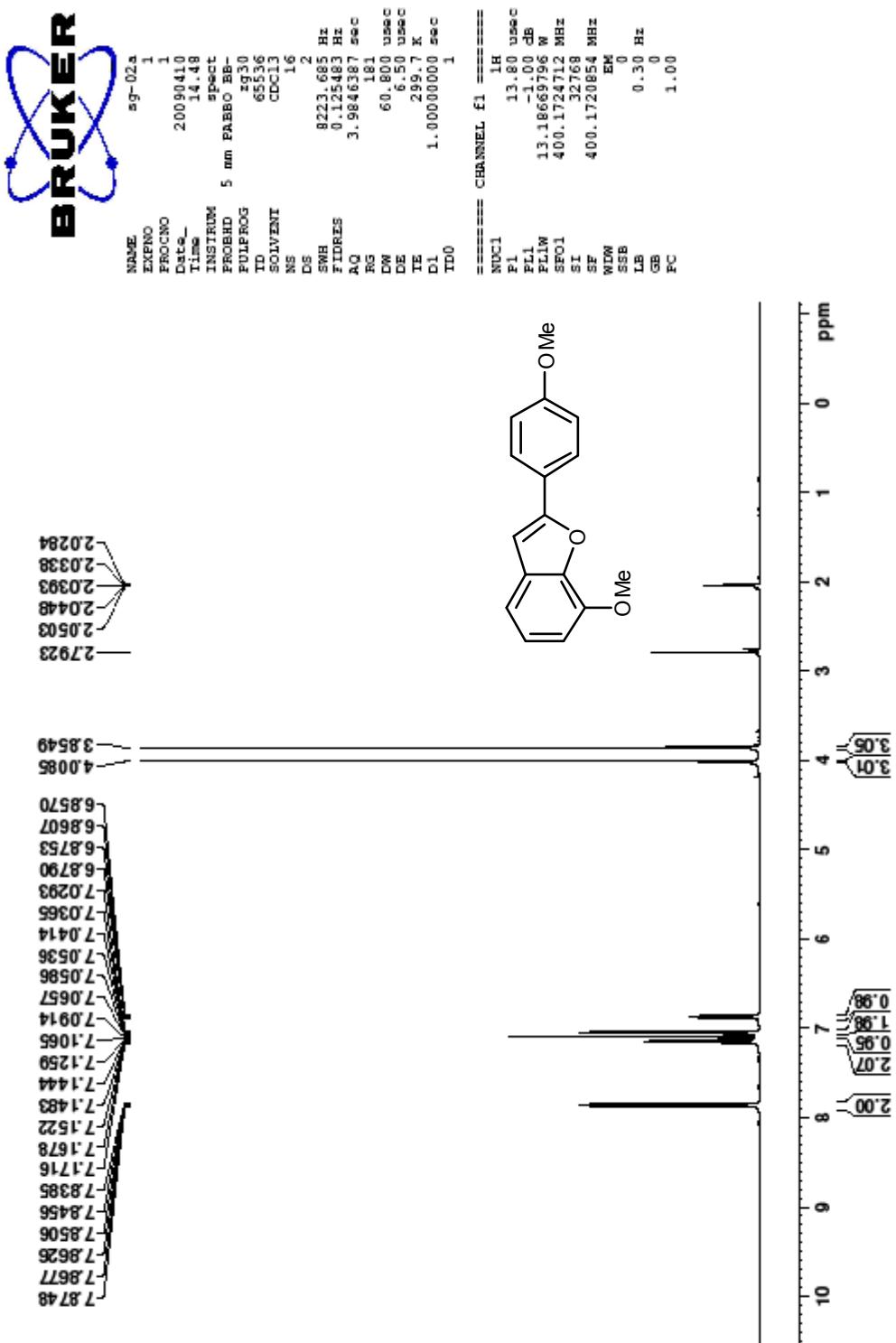


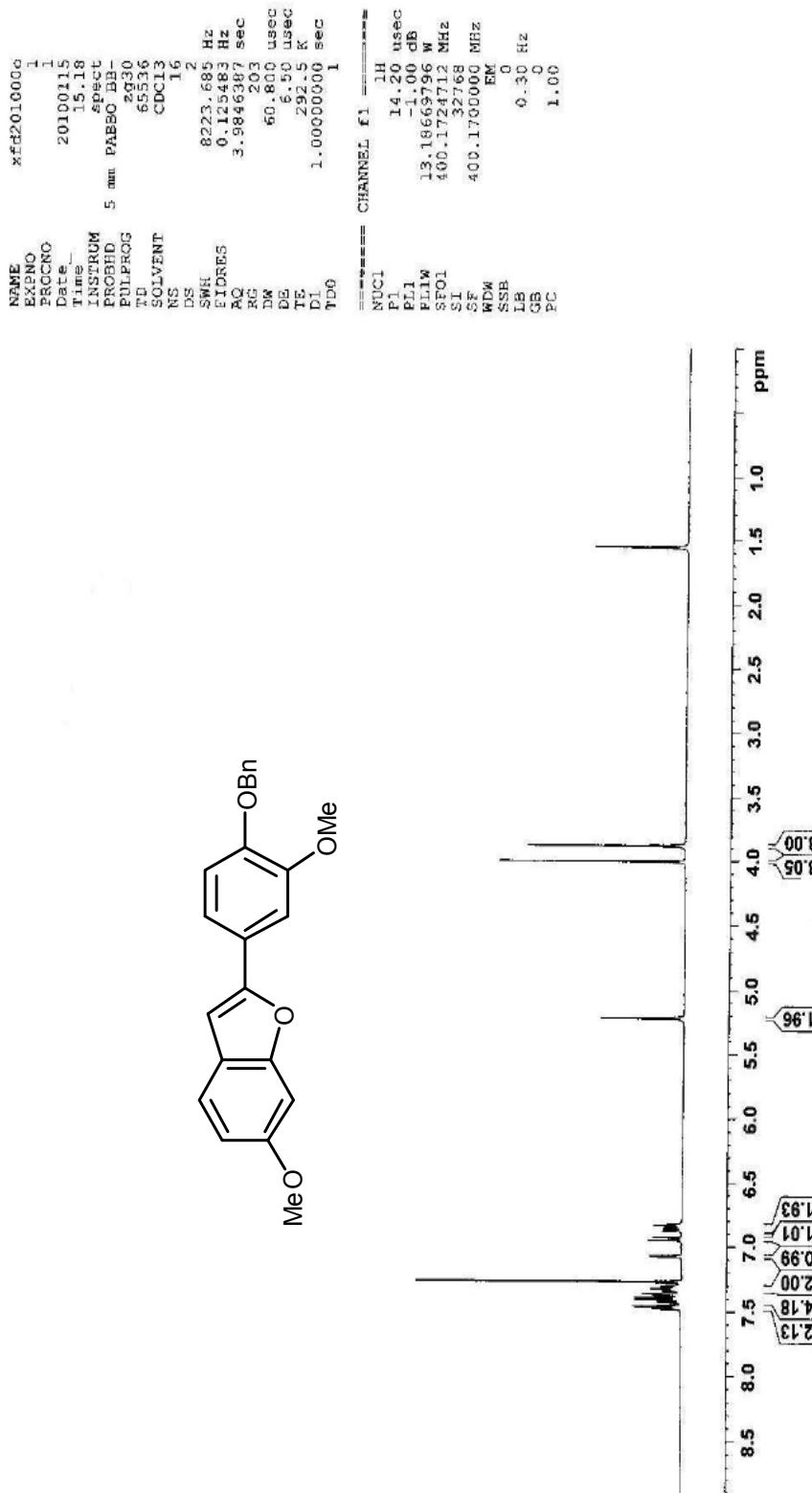
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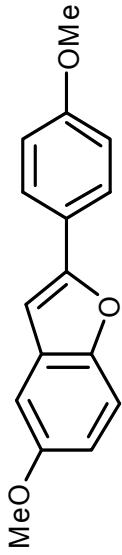




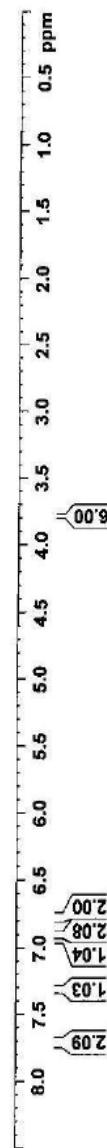


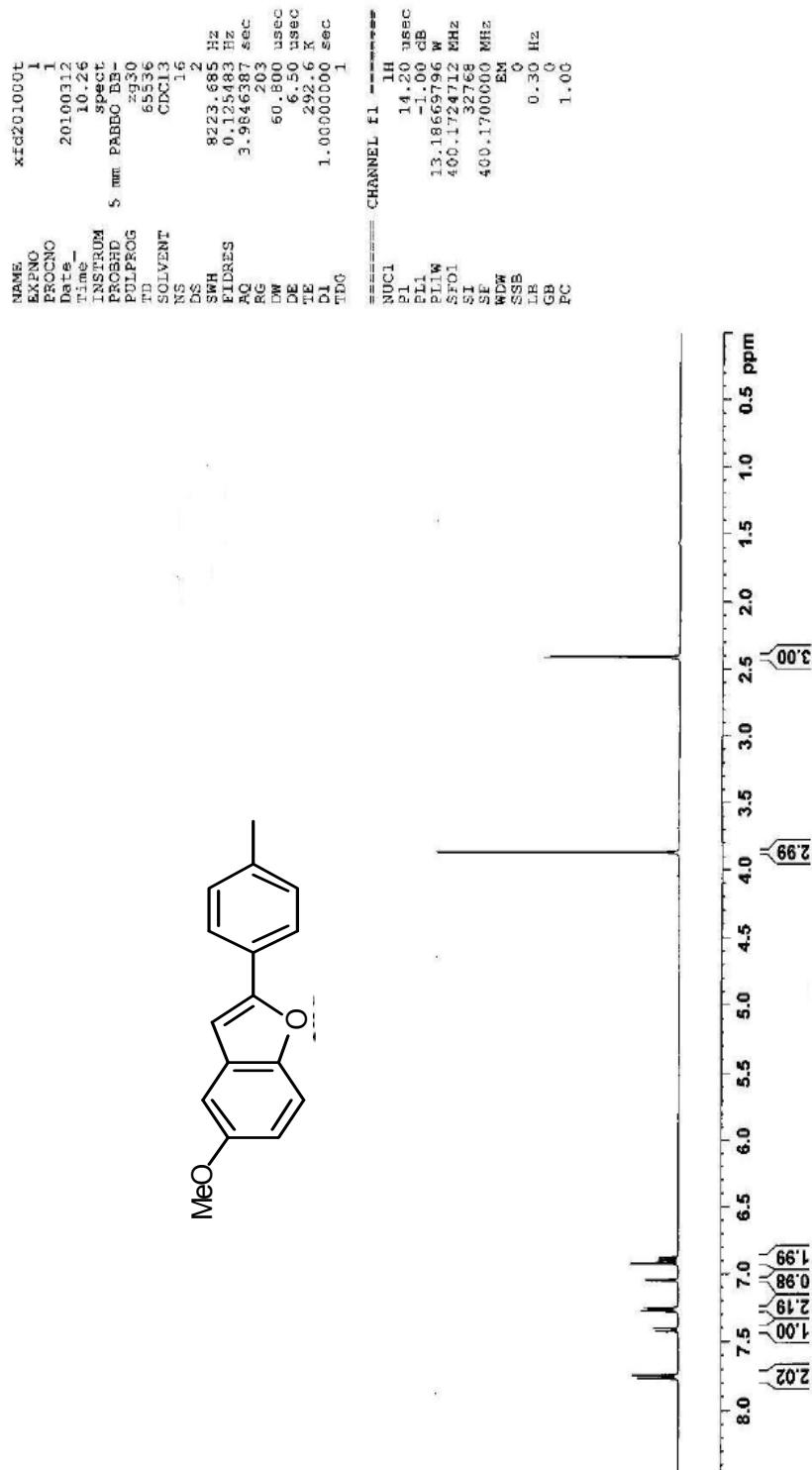
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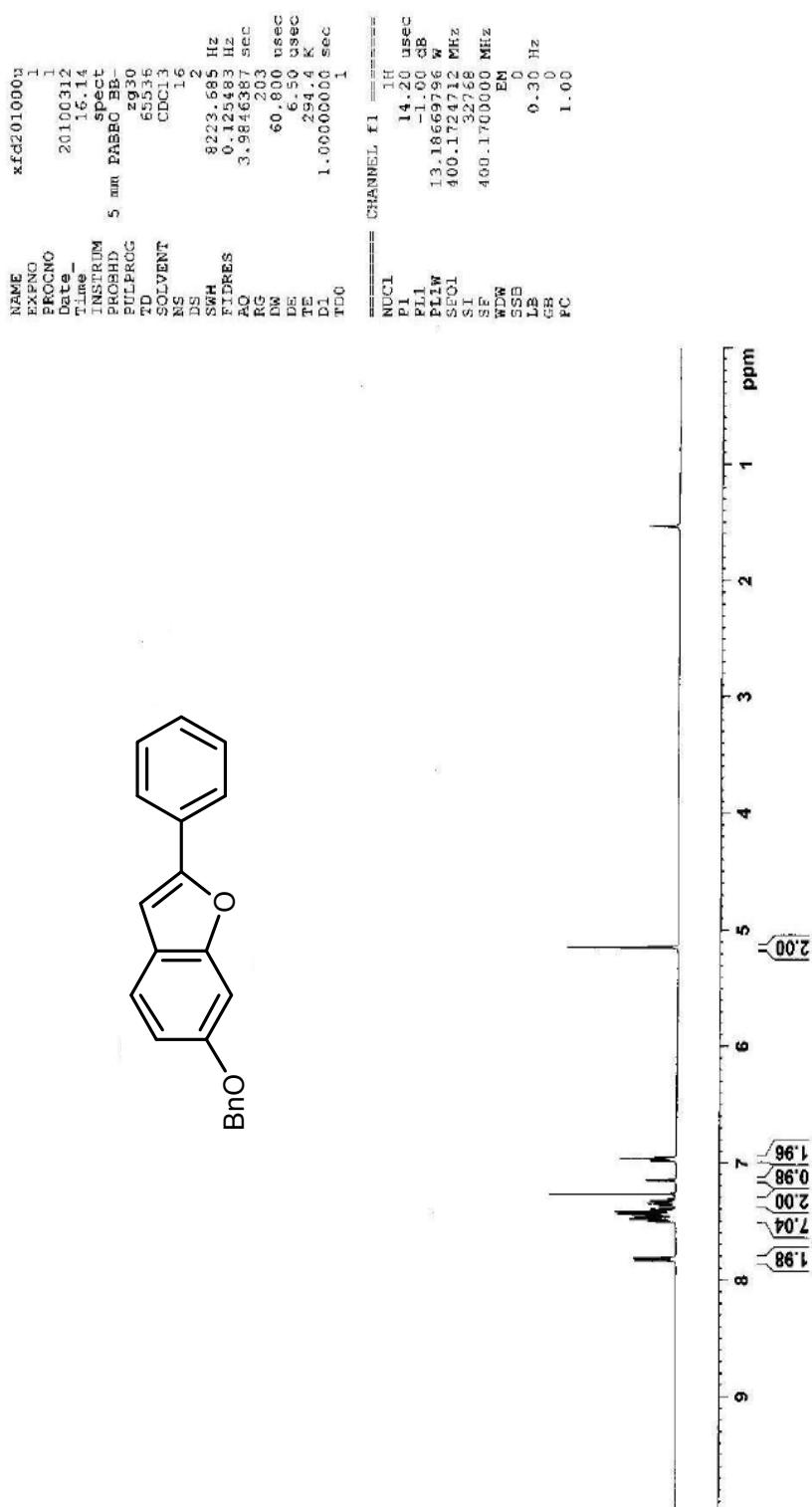
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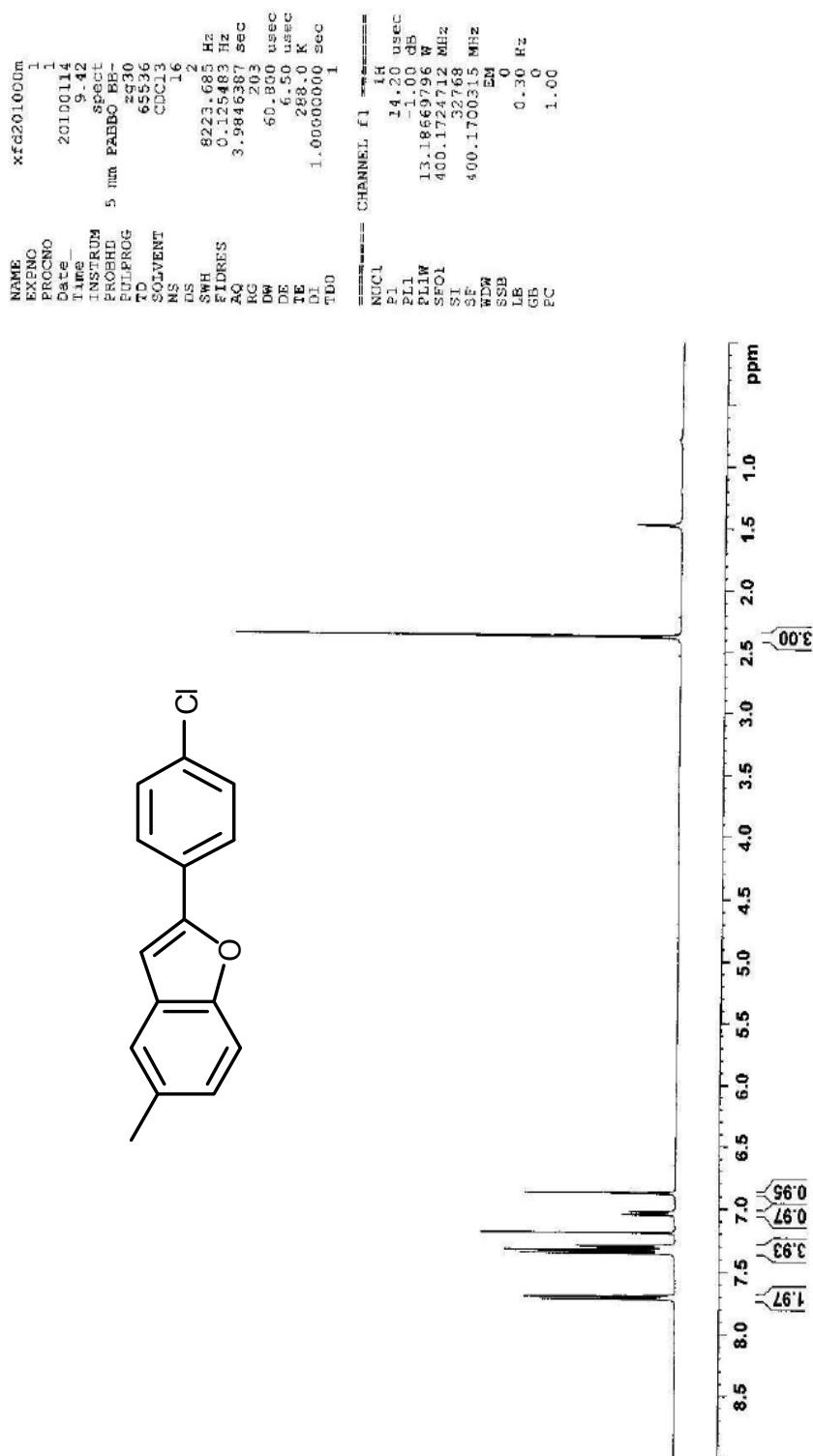


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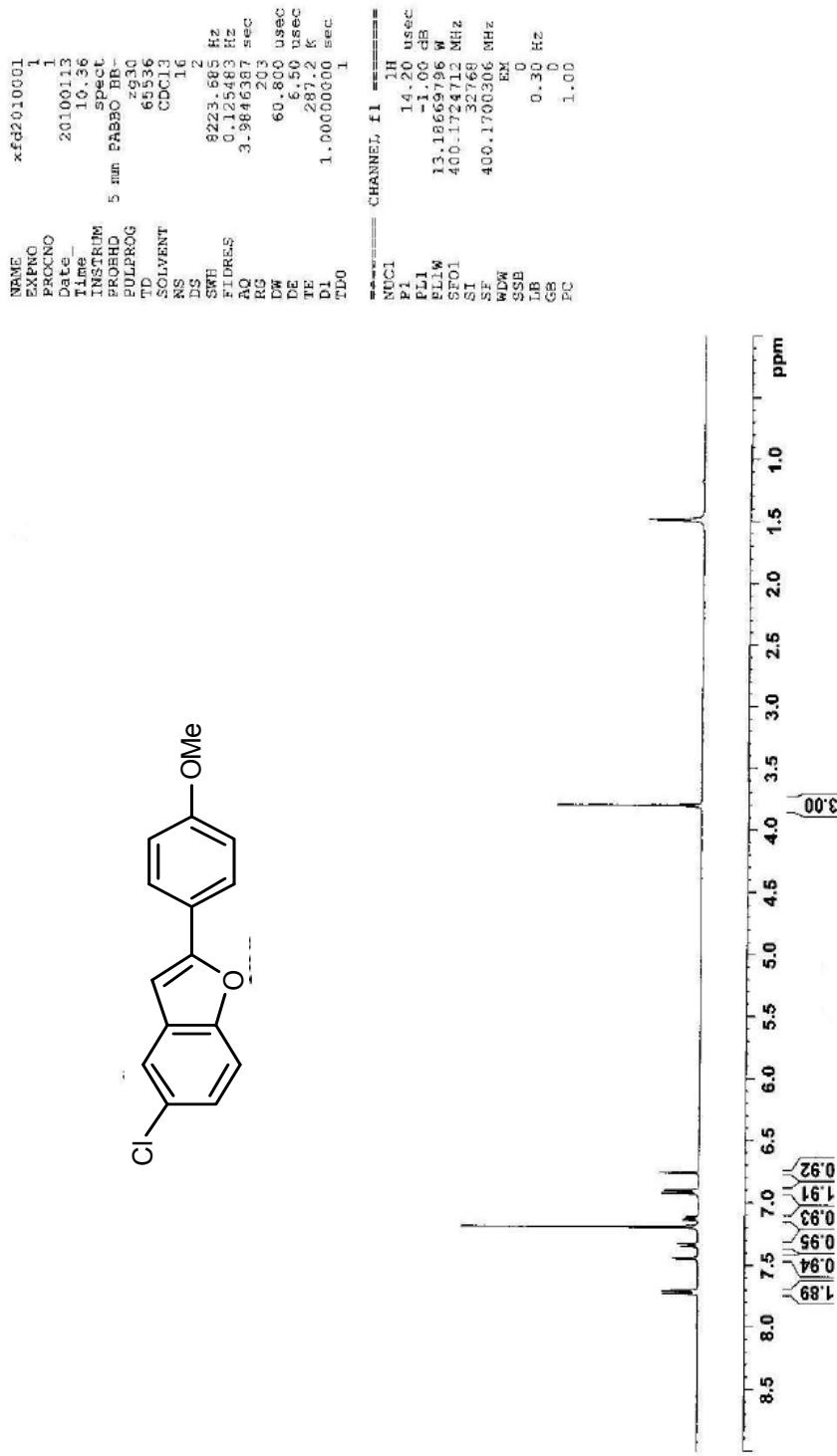
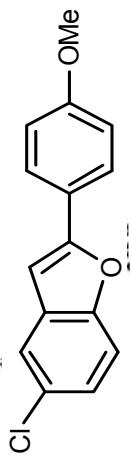


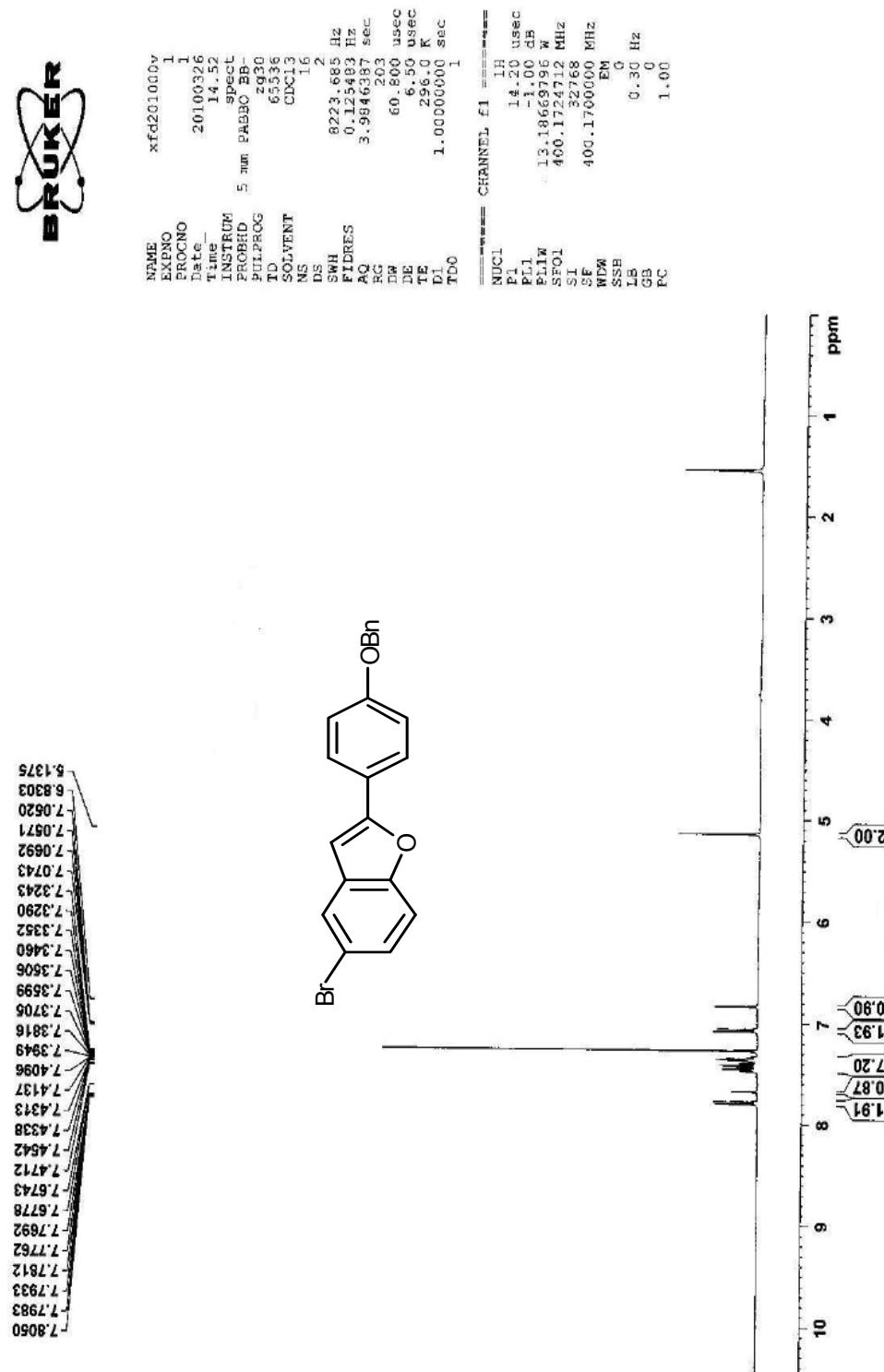


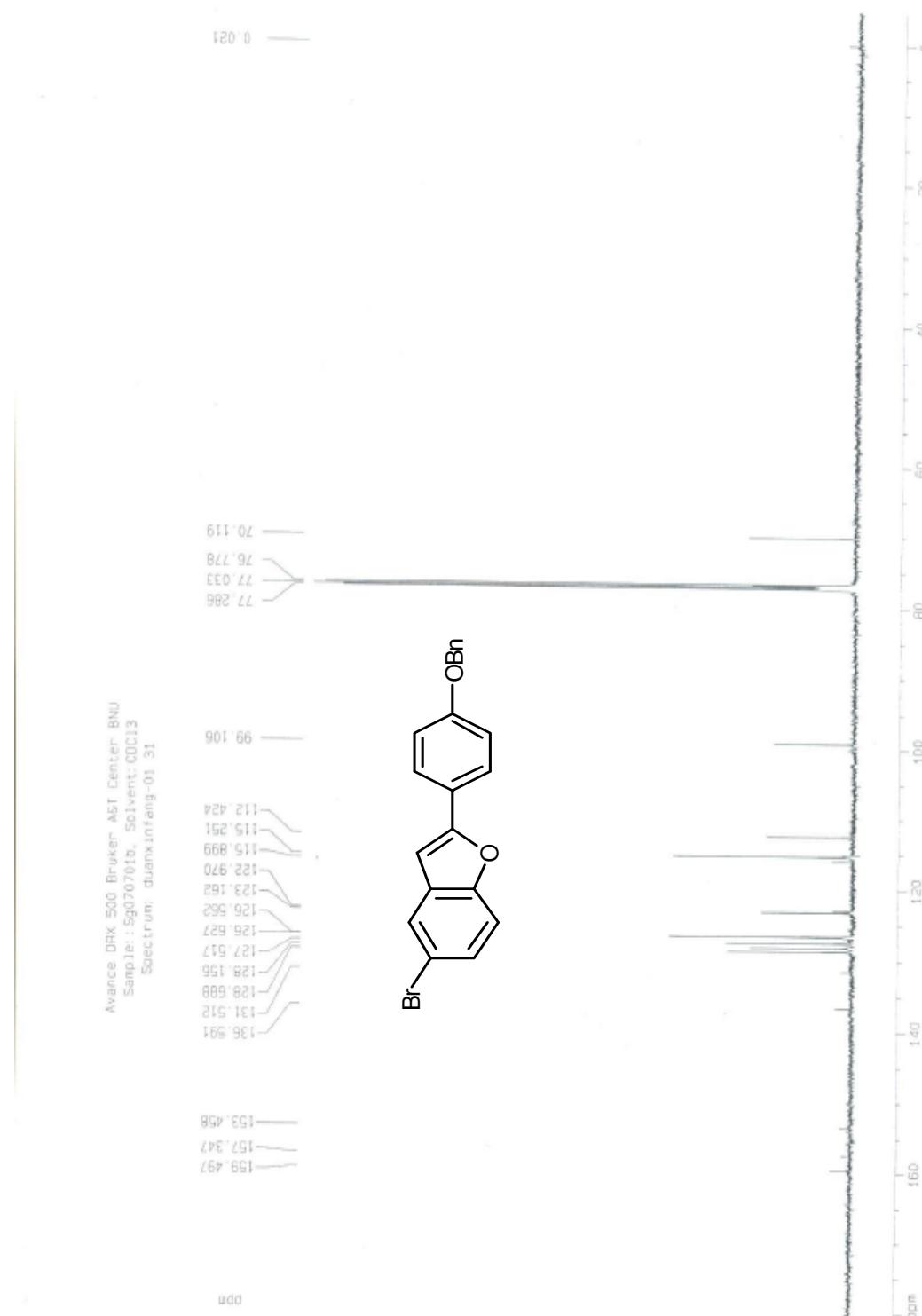


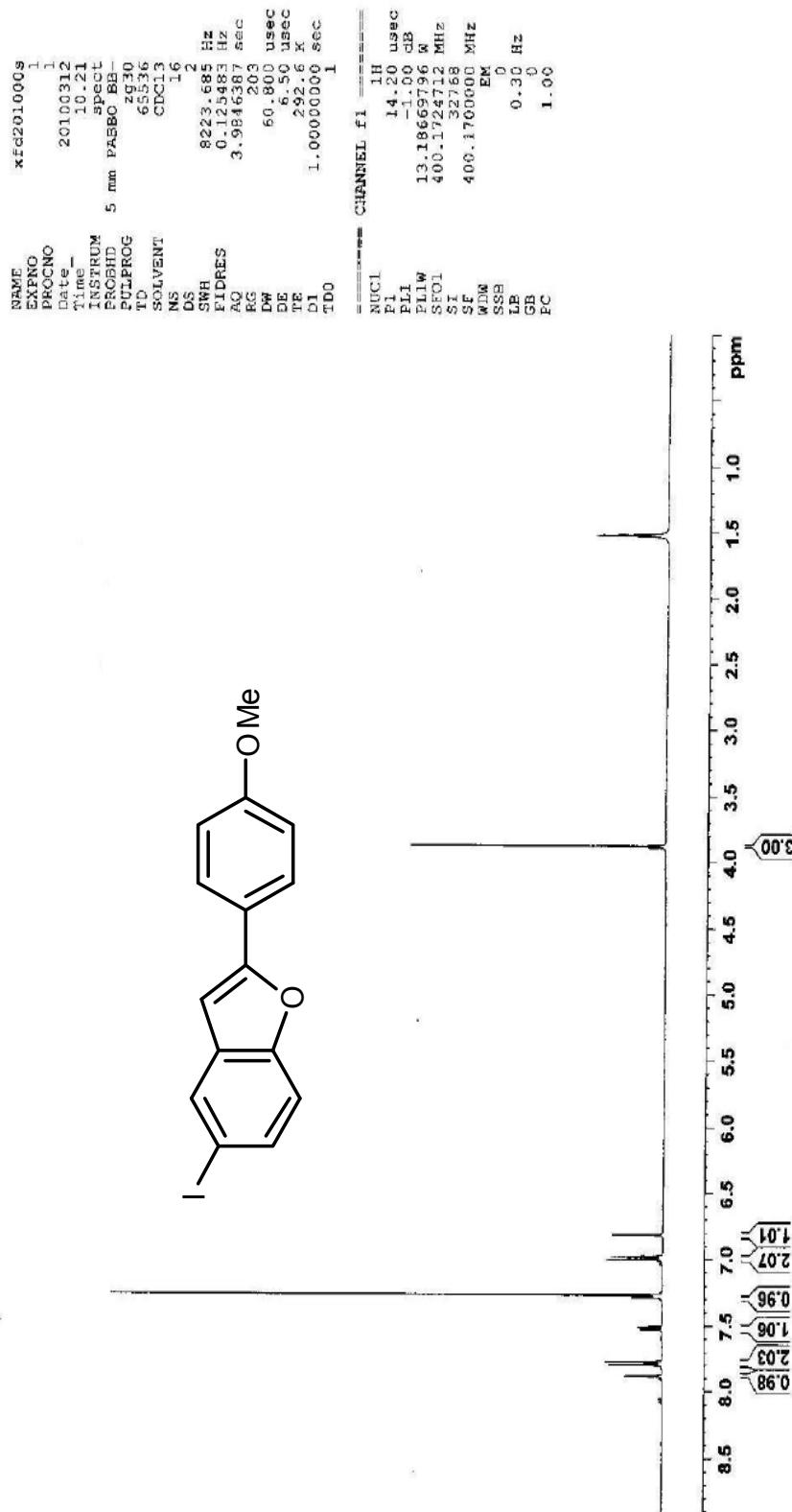
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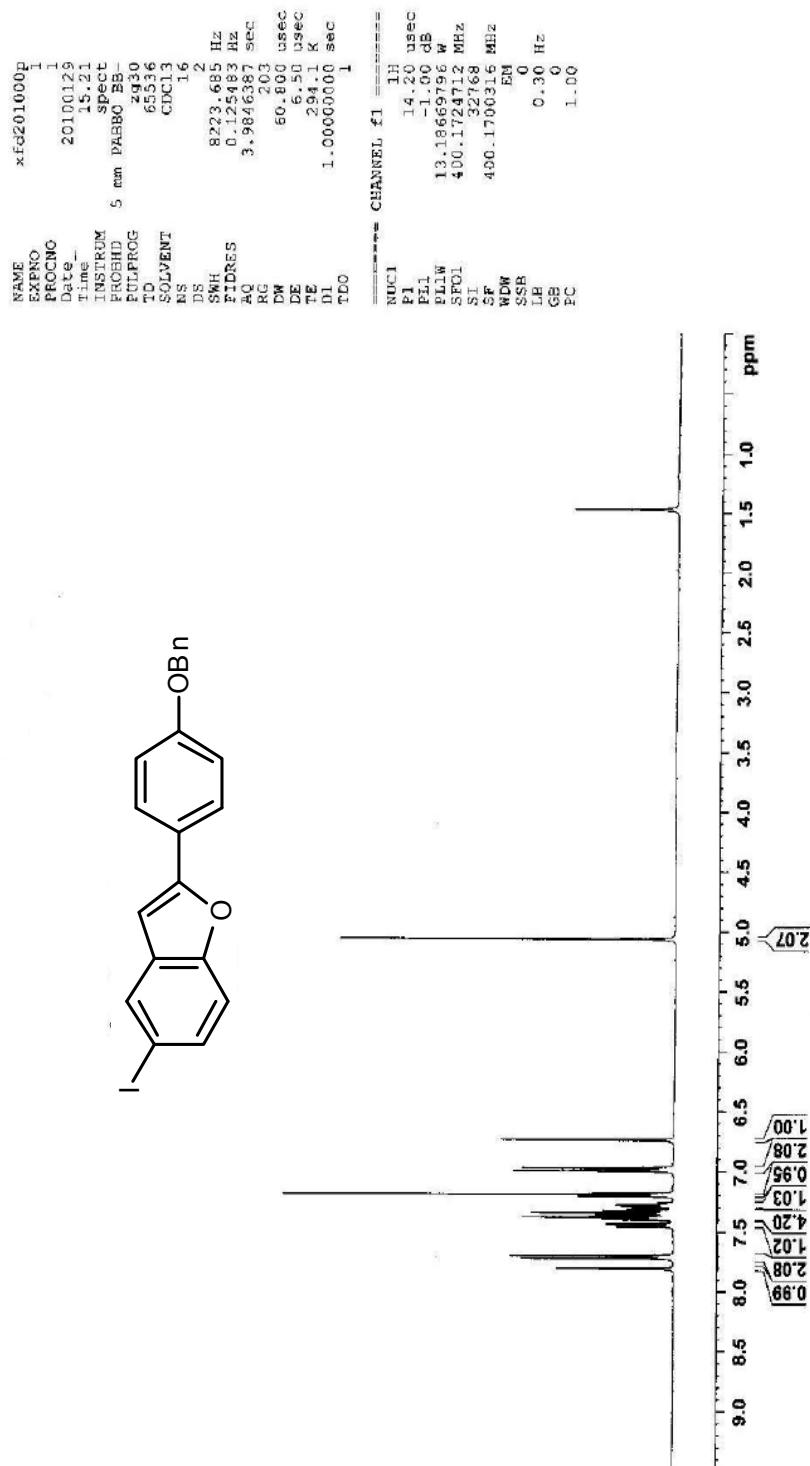






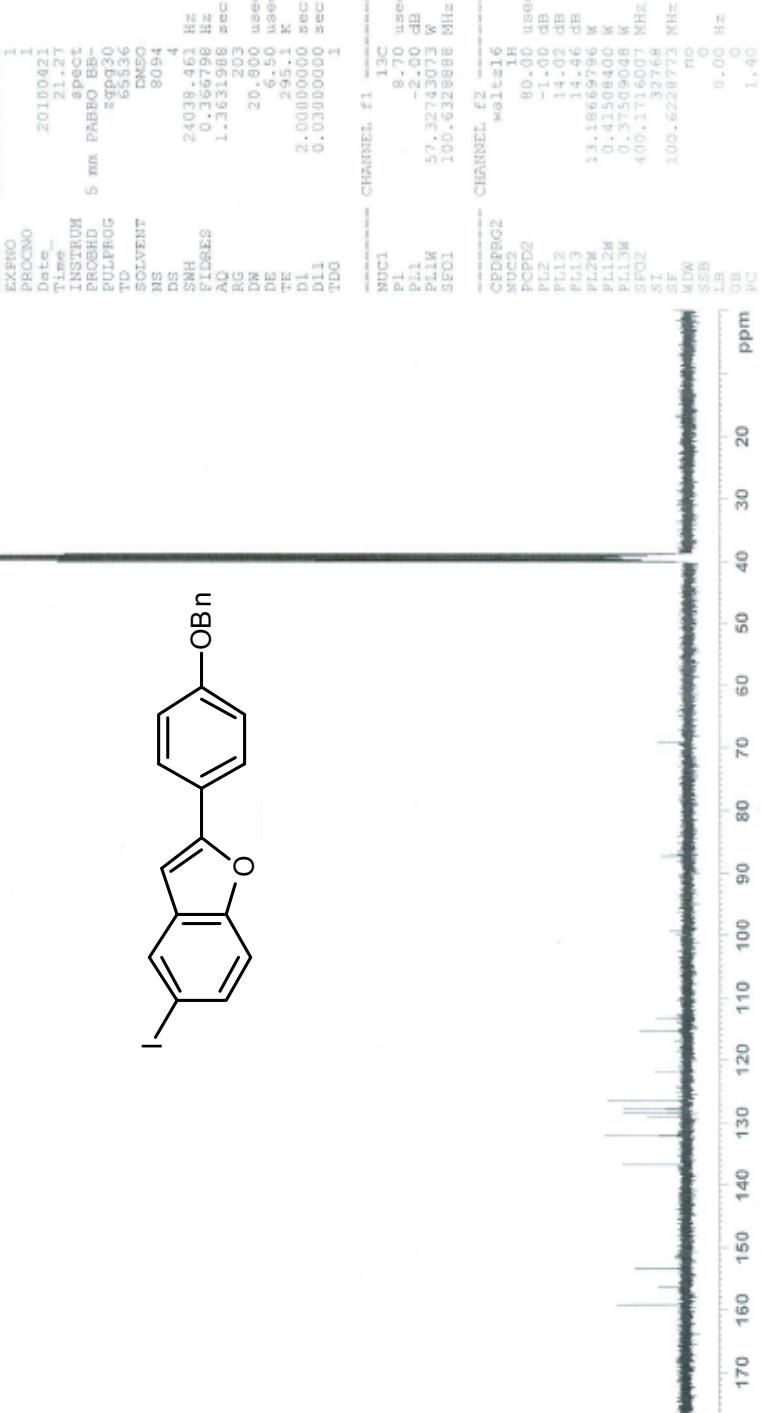


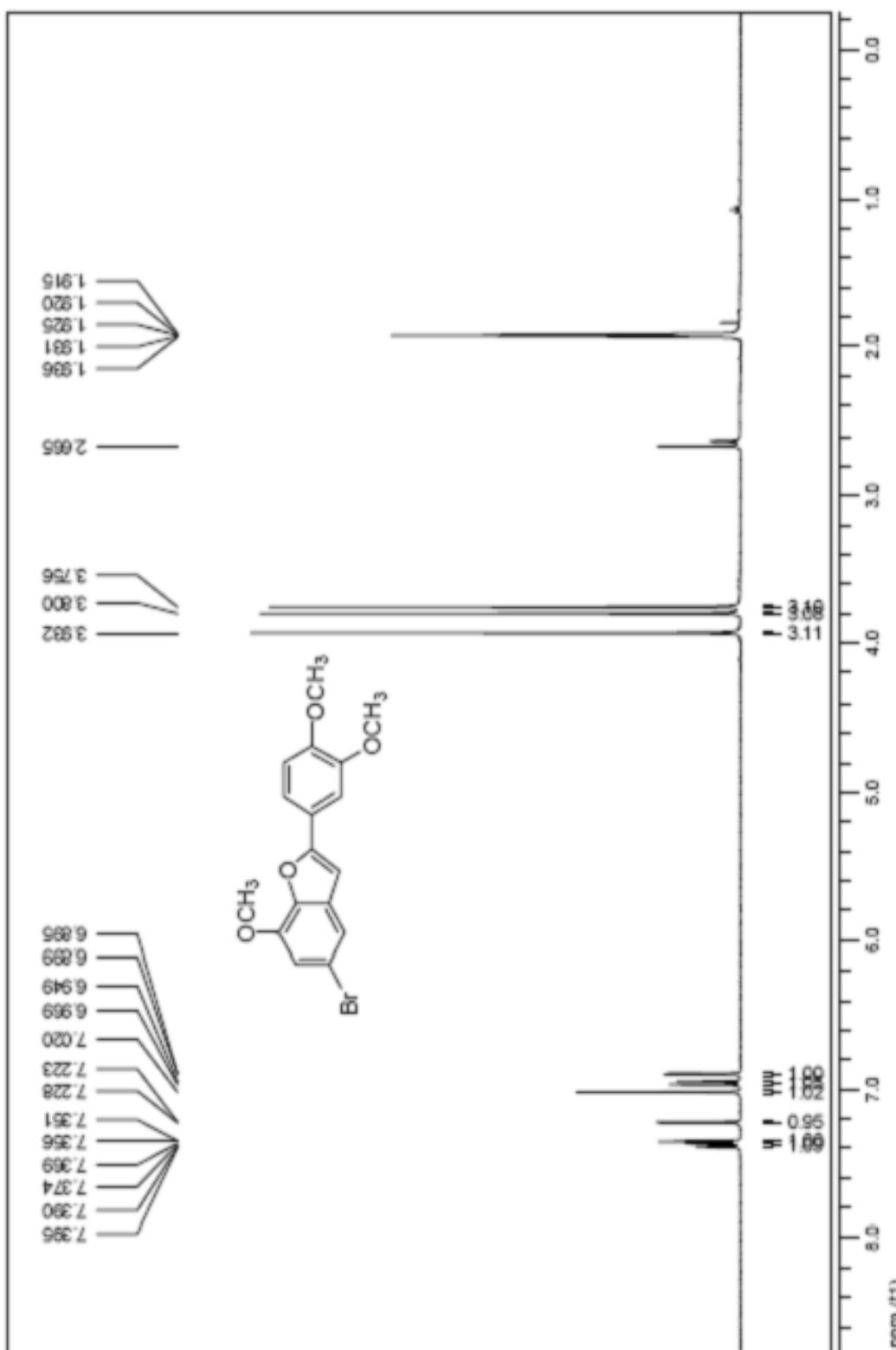
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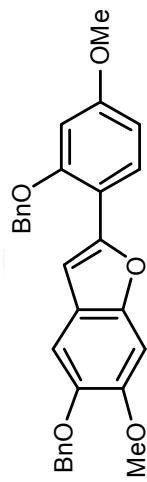
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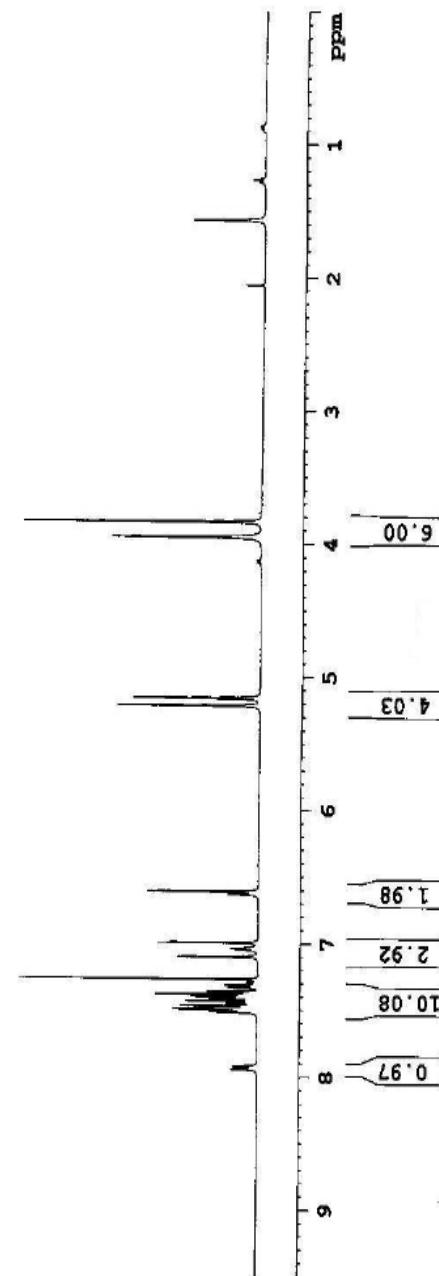




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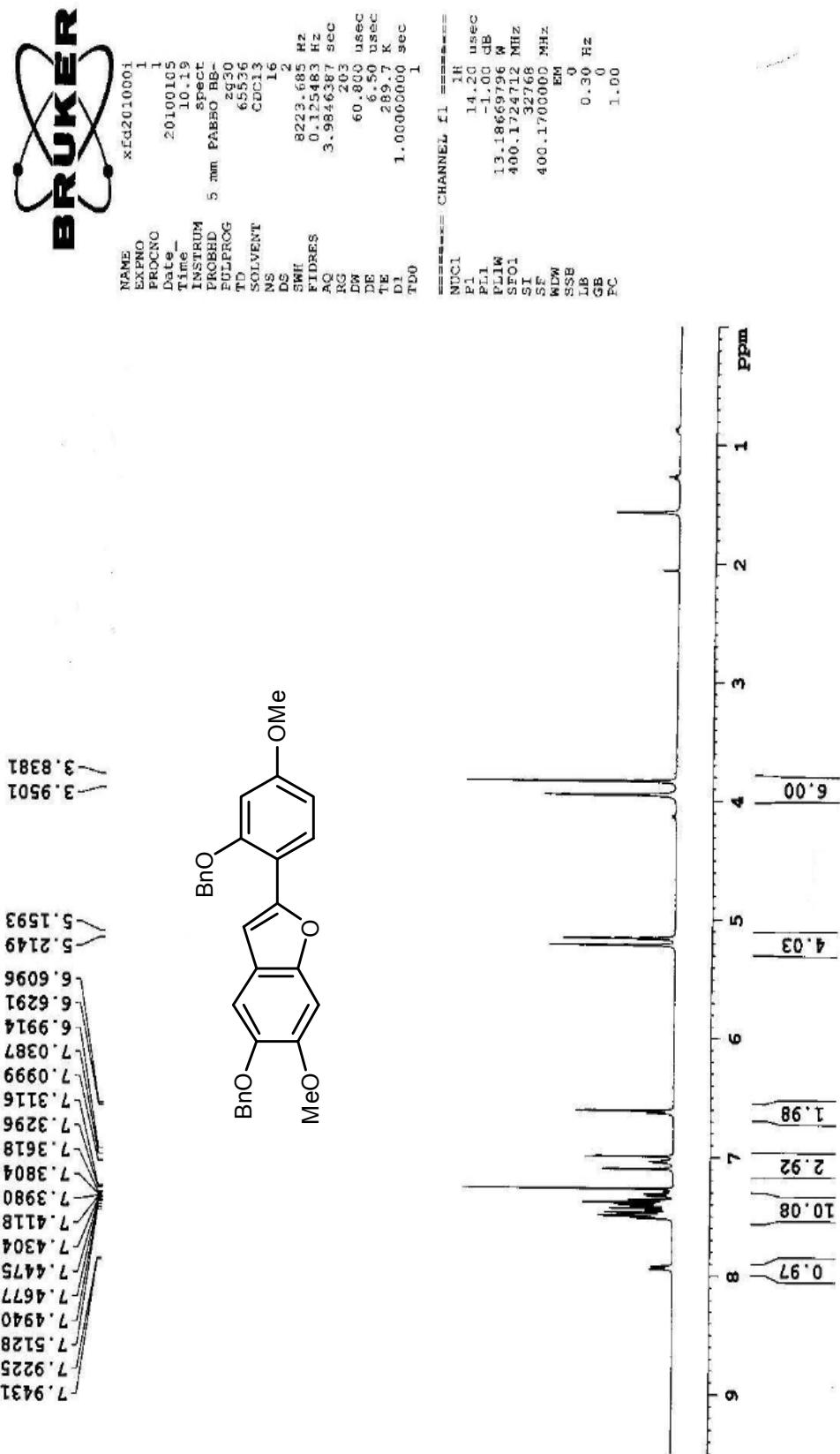


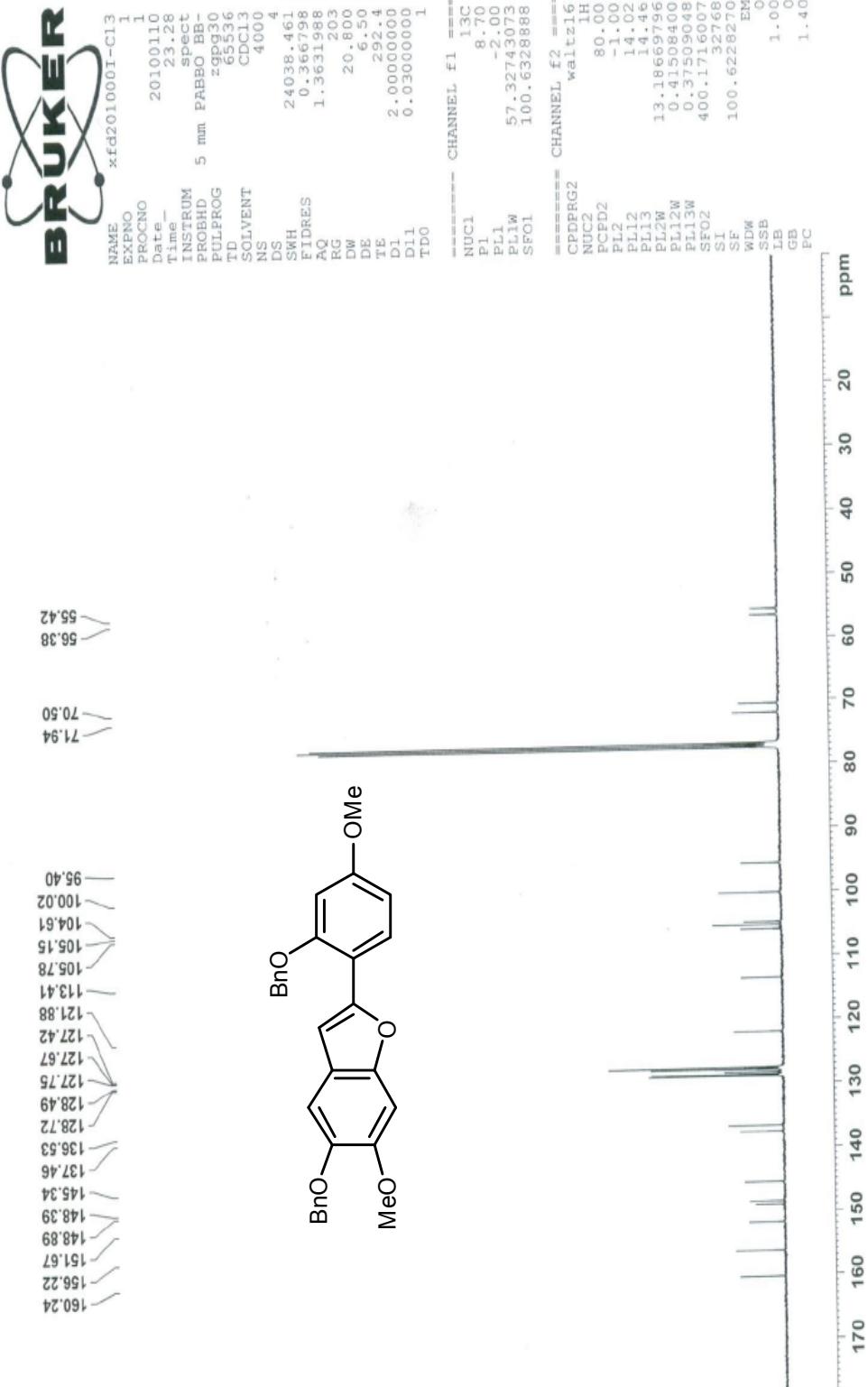
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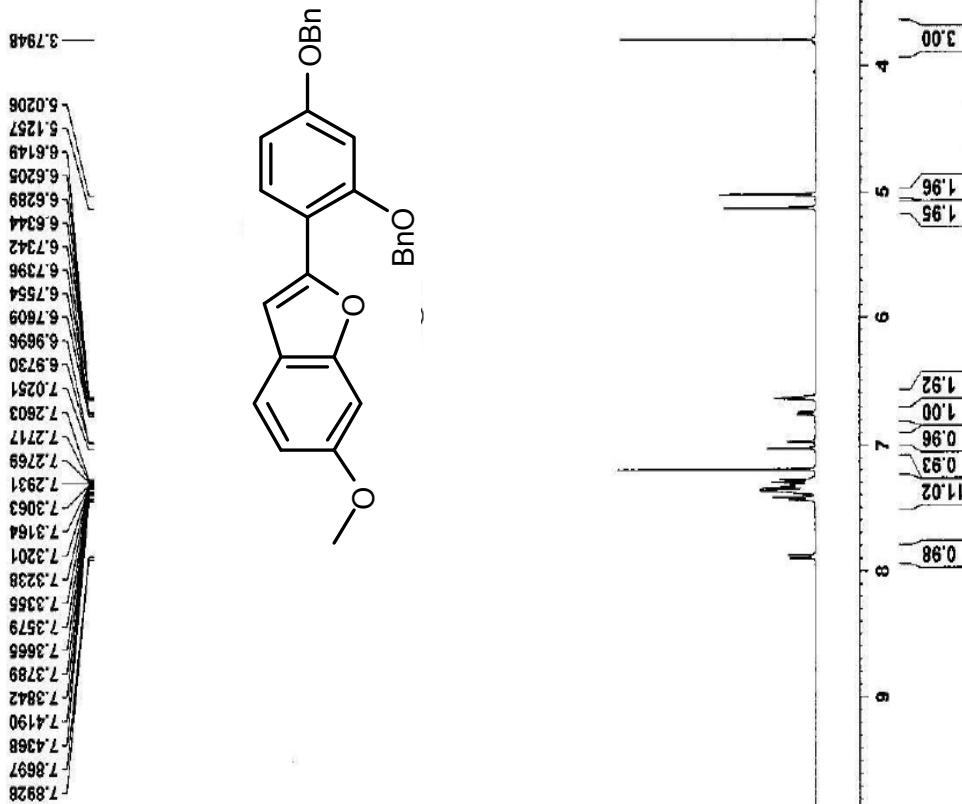


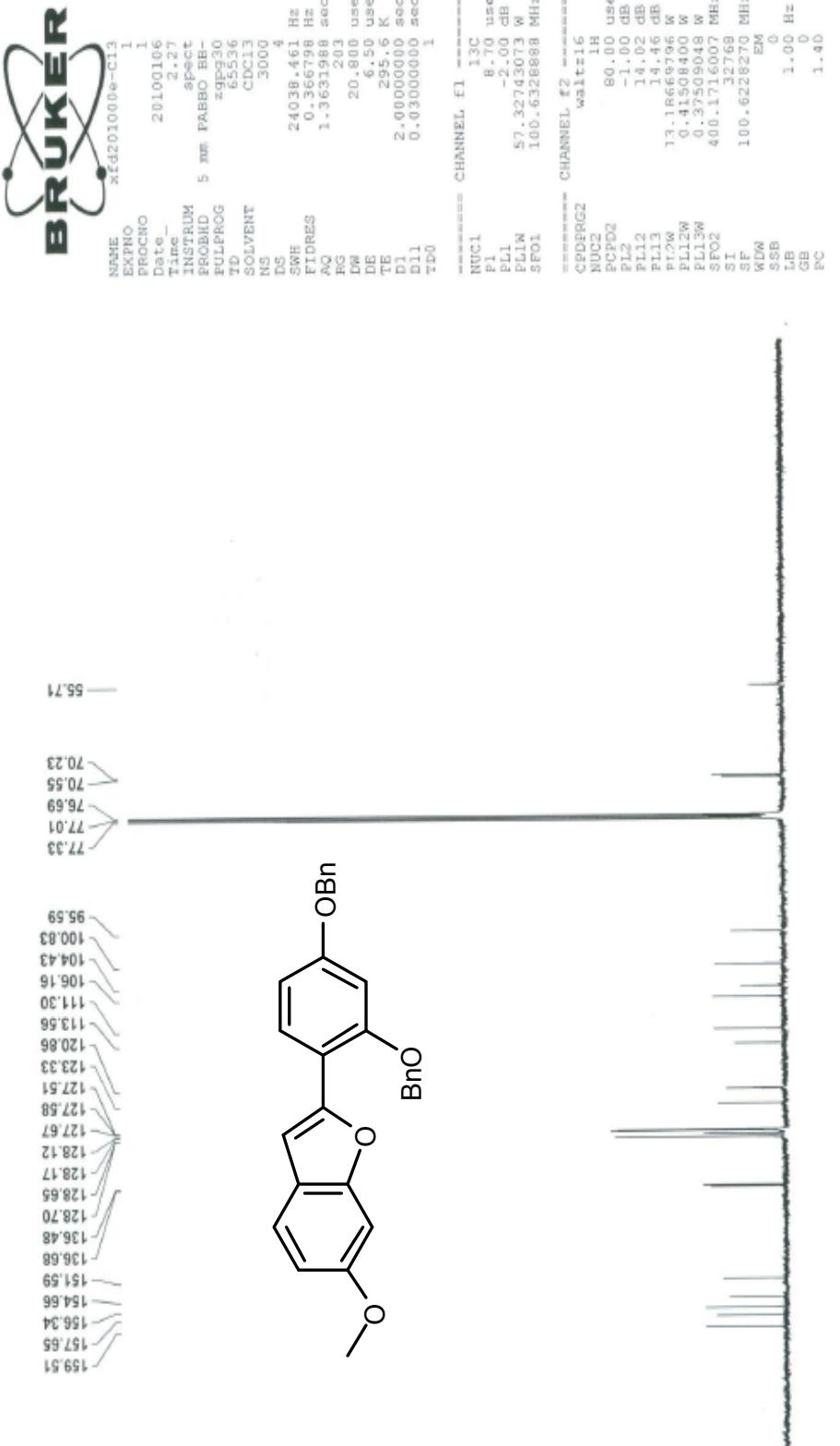


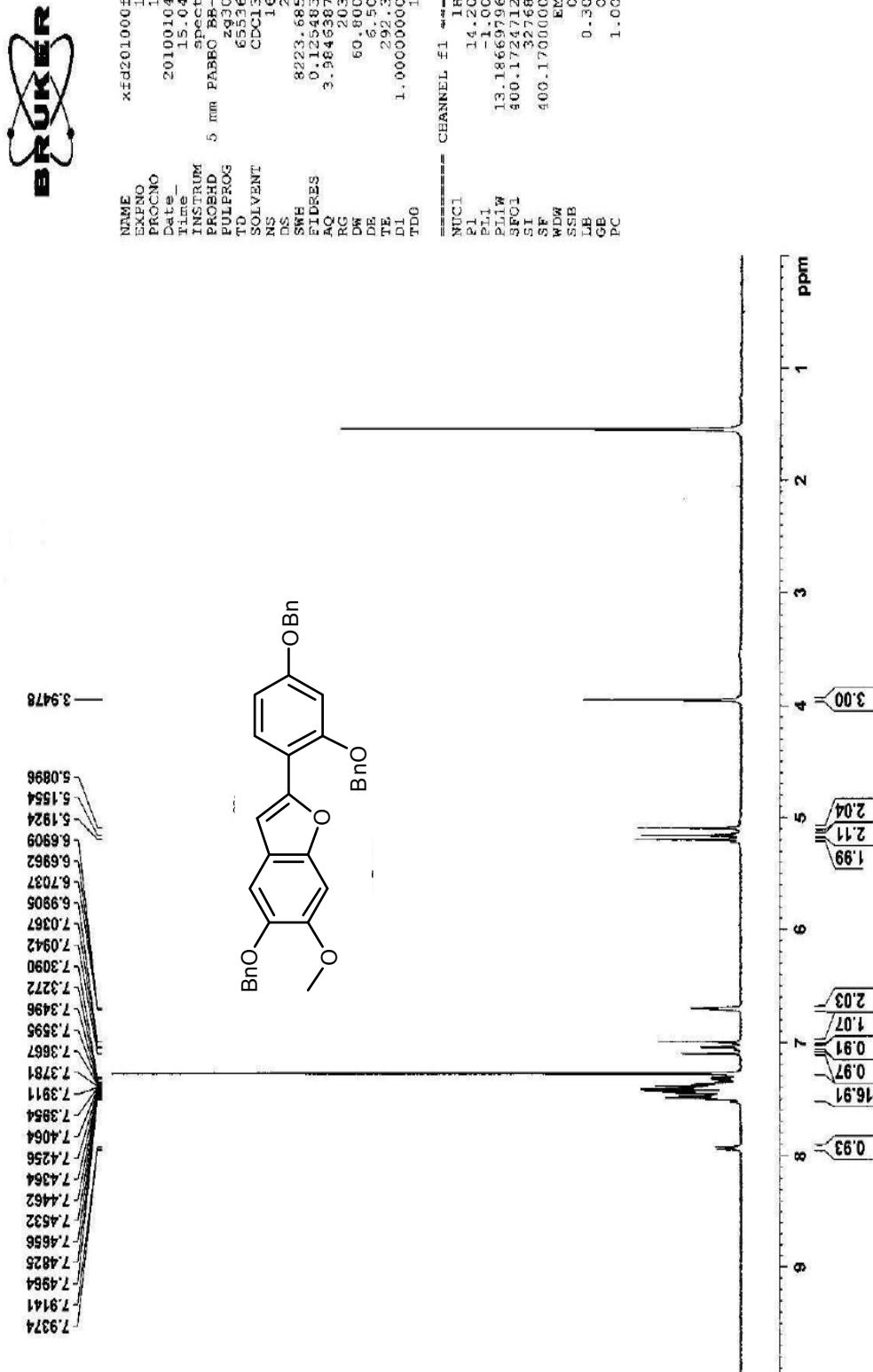


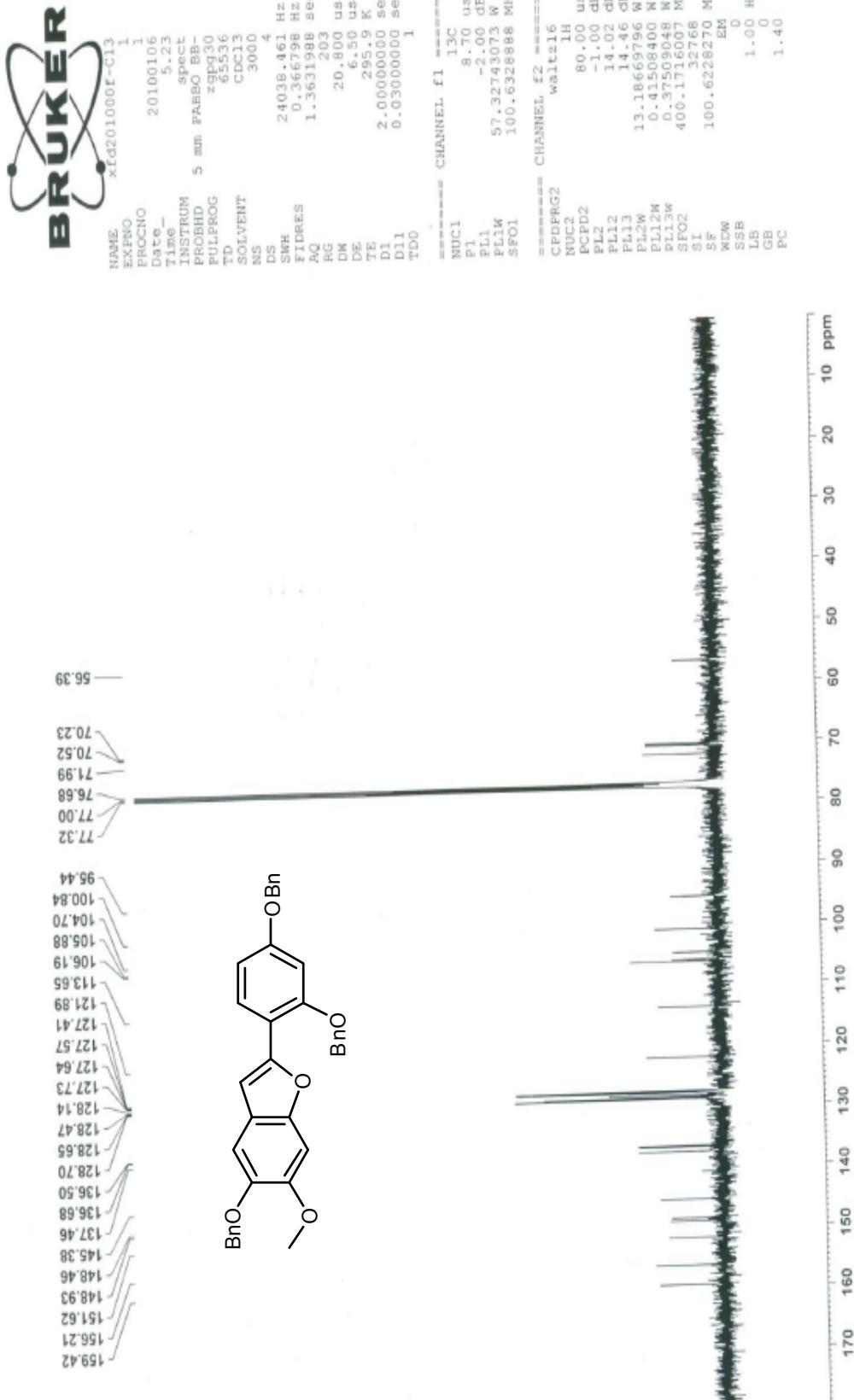












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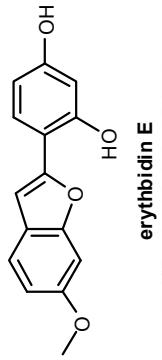
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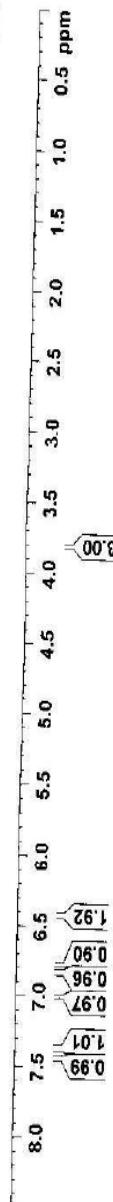
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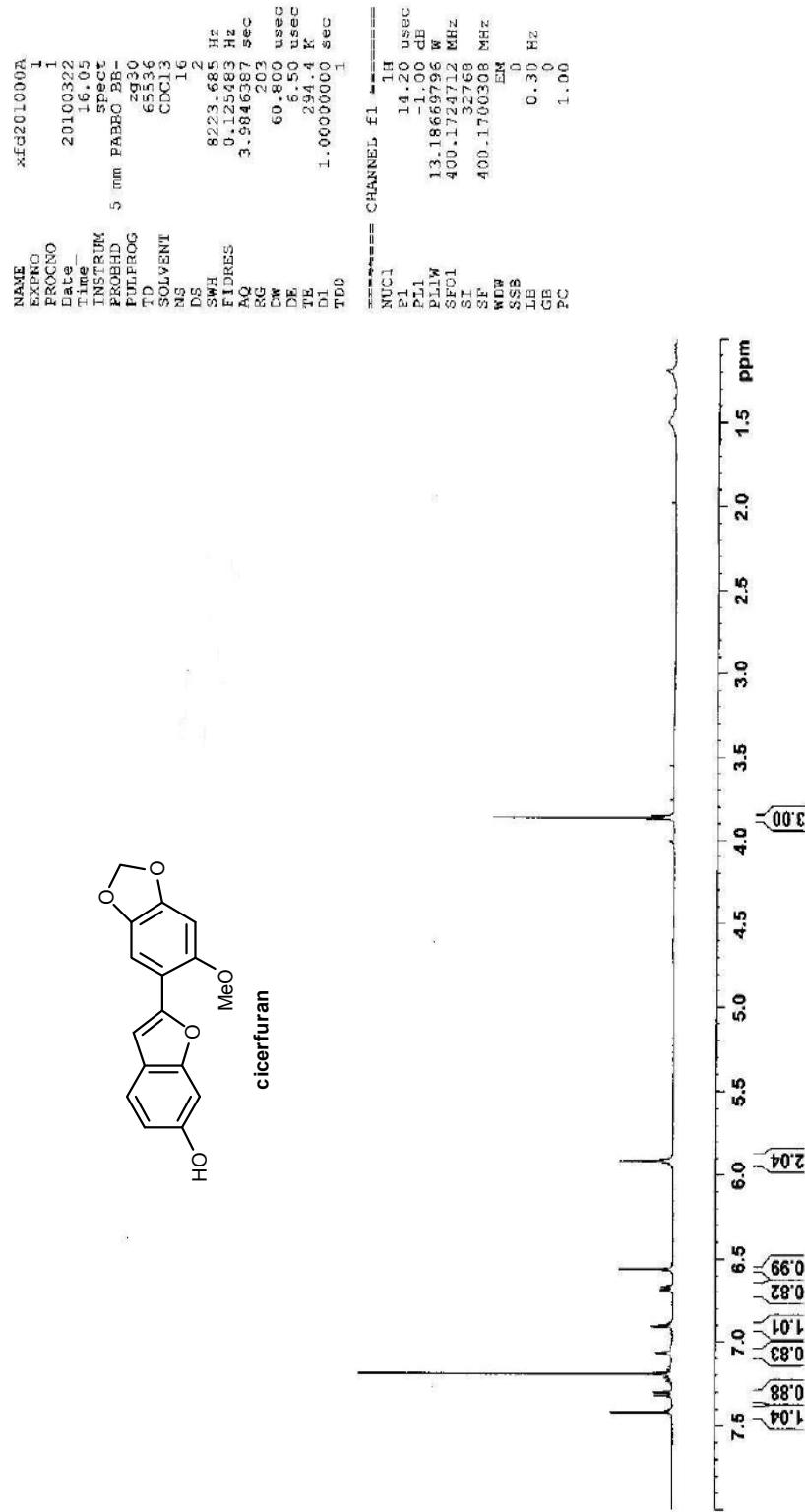
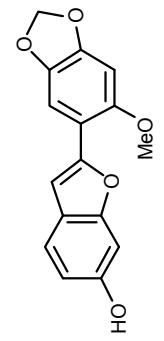


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DE 6.50 usec
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