

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Oxidative Cyclization of *N*-Acylhydrazones. Development of Highly Selective Turn-on Fluorescent Chemodosimeters for Cu<sup>2+</sup>

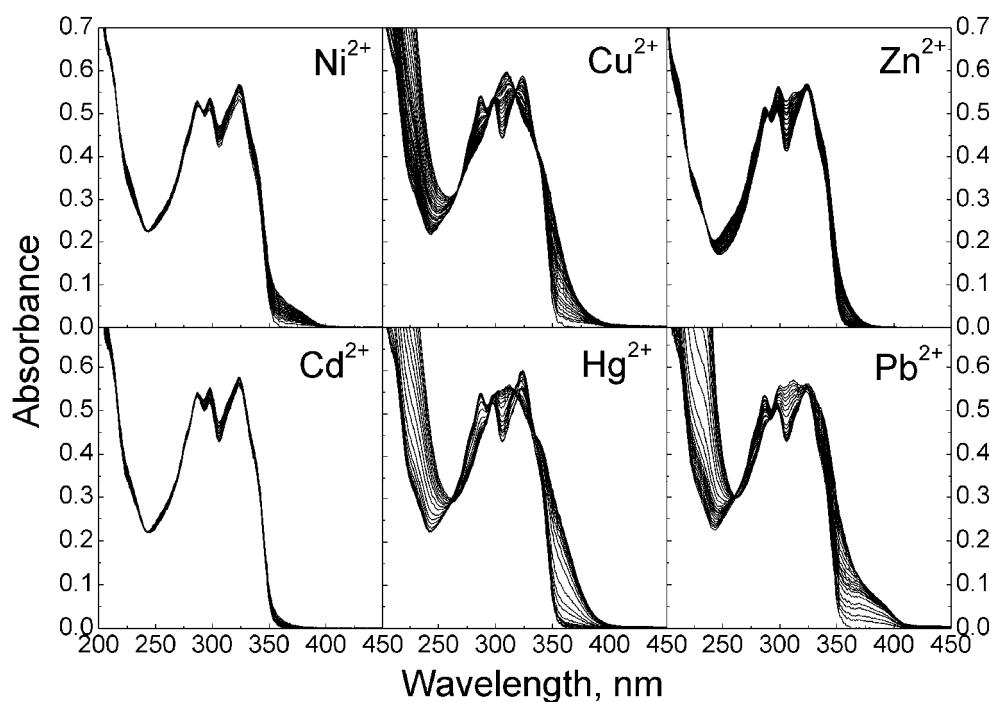
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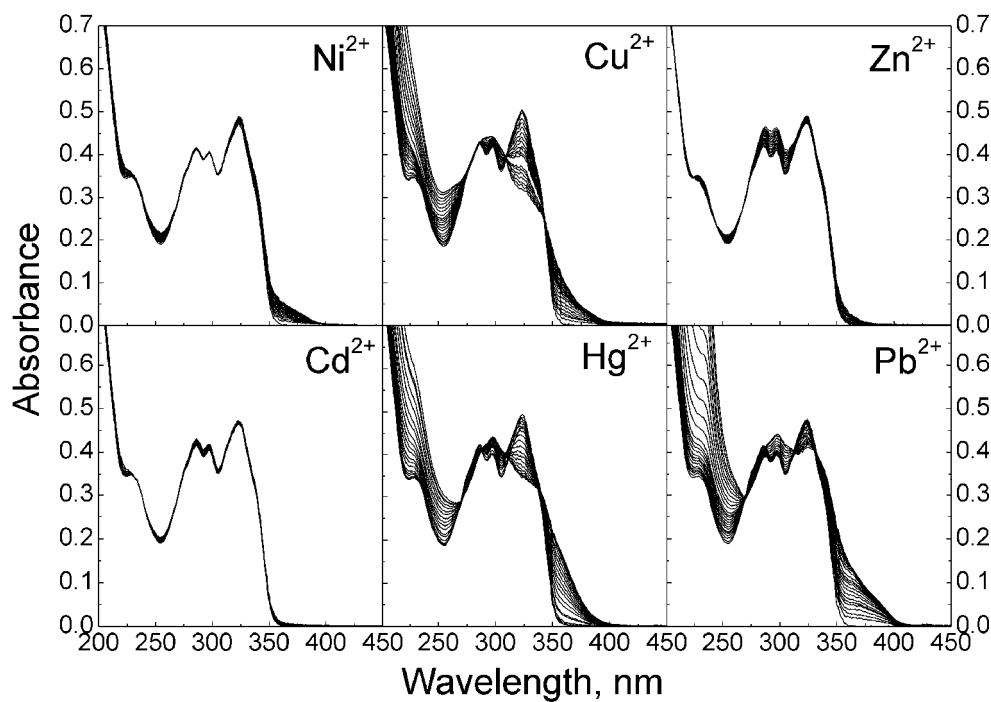
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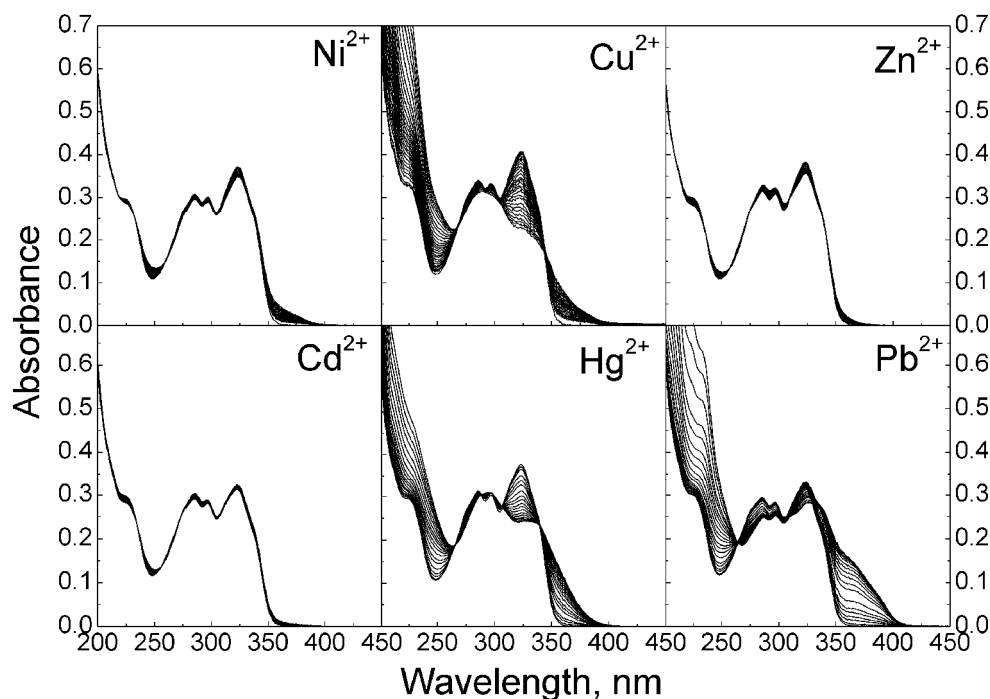
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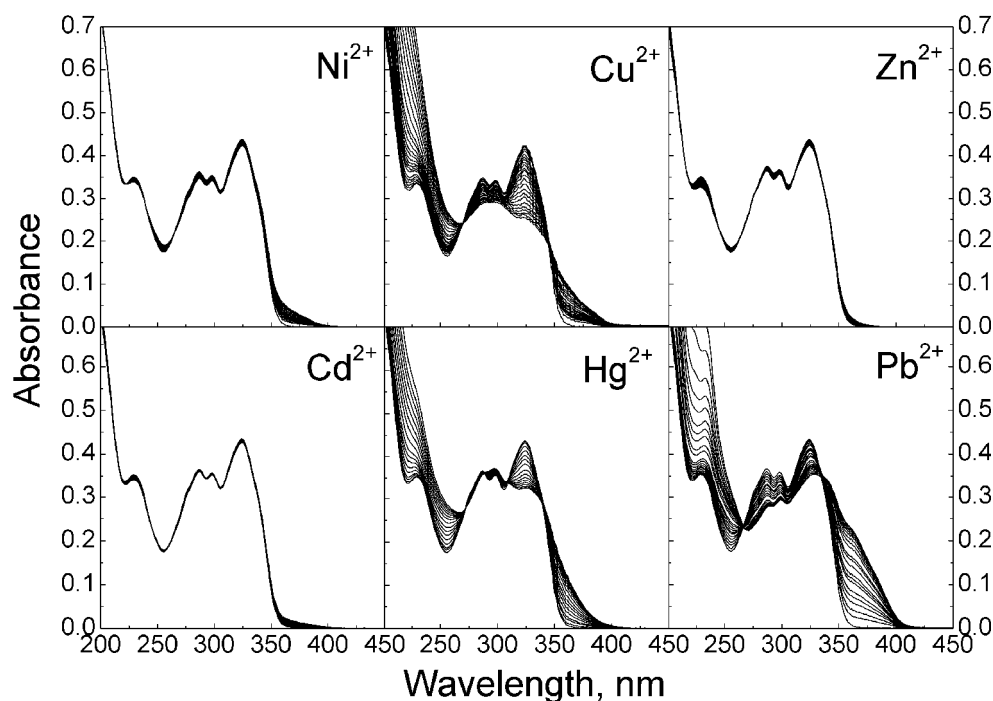
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectra of **2a** (20  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250  $\mu\text{M}$ .



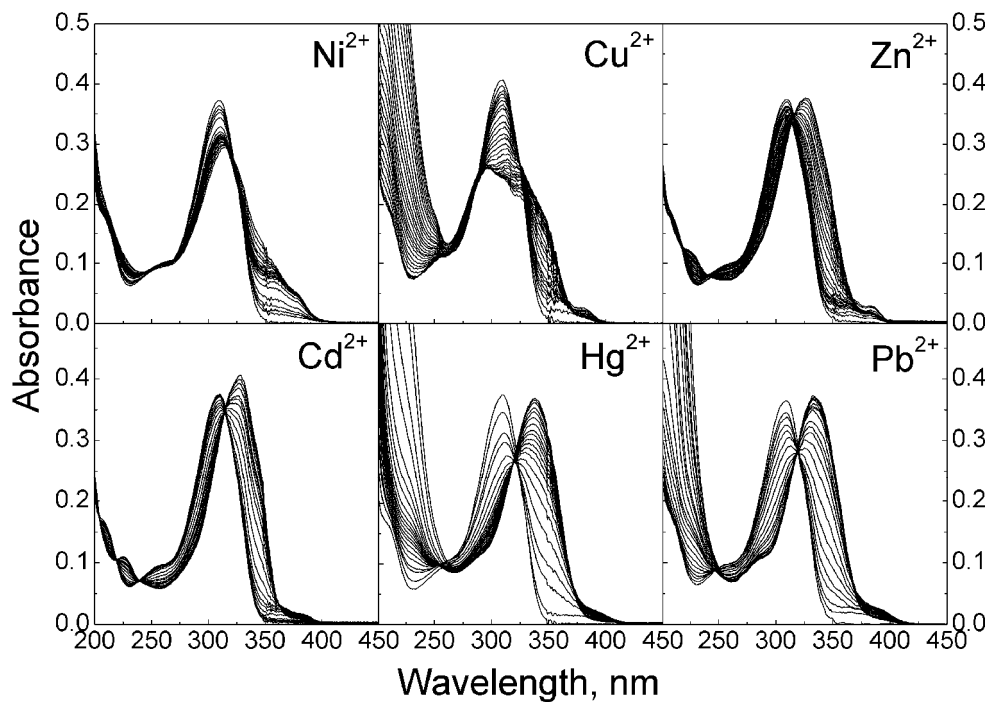
**Figure S2.** Absorption spectra of **2b** (20  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250  $\mu\text{M}$ .



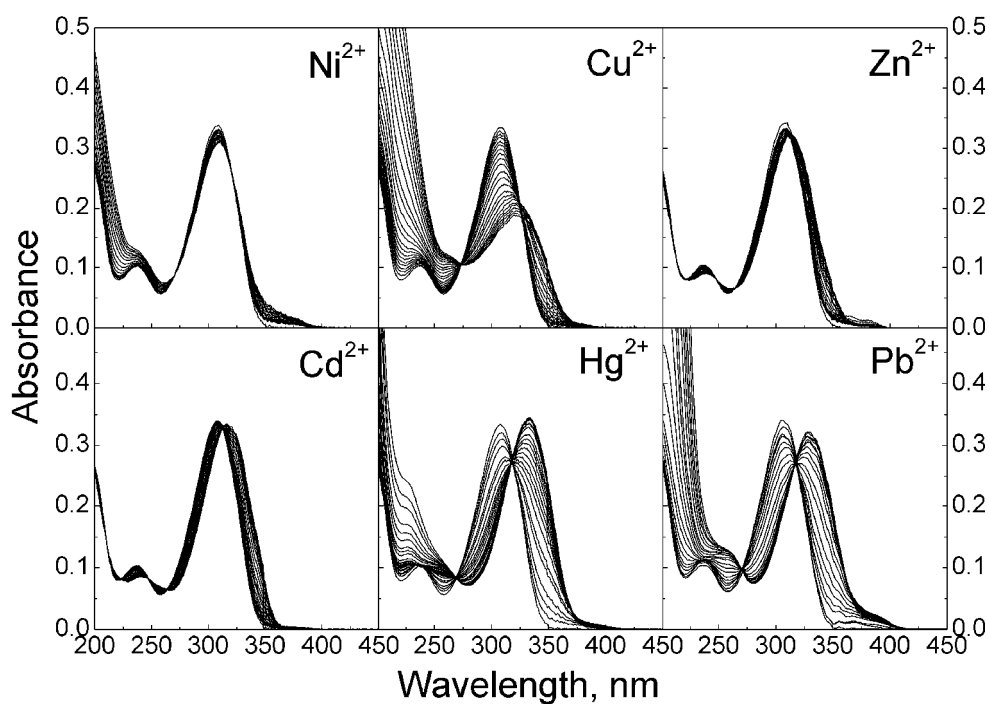
**Figure S3.** Absorption spectra of **2c** (20 μM) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250 μM.



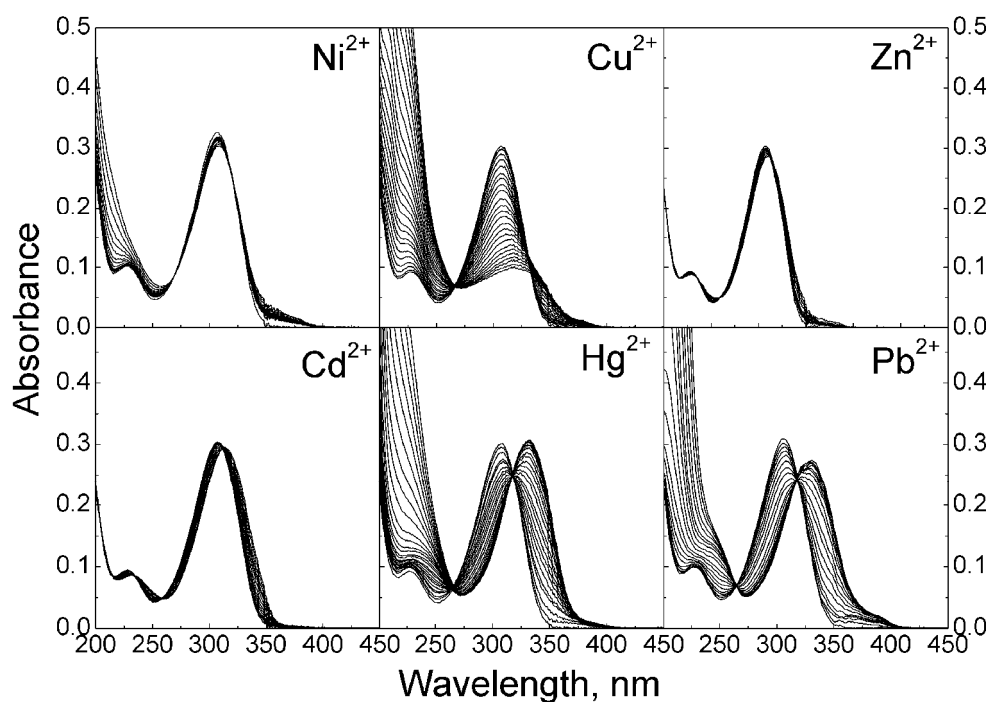
**Figure S4.** Absorption spectra of **2d** (20 μM) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250 μM.



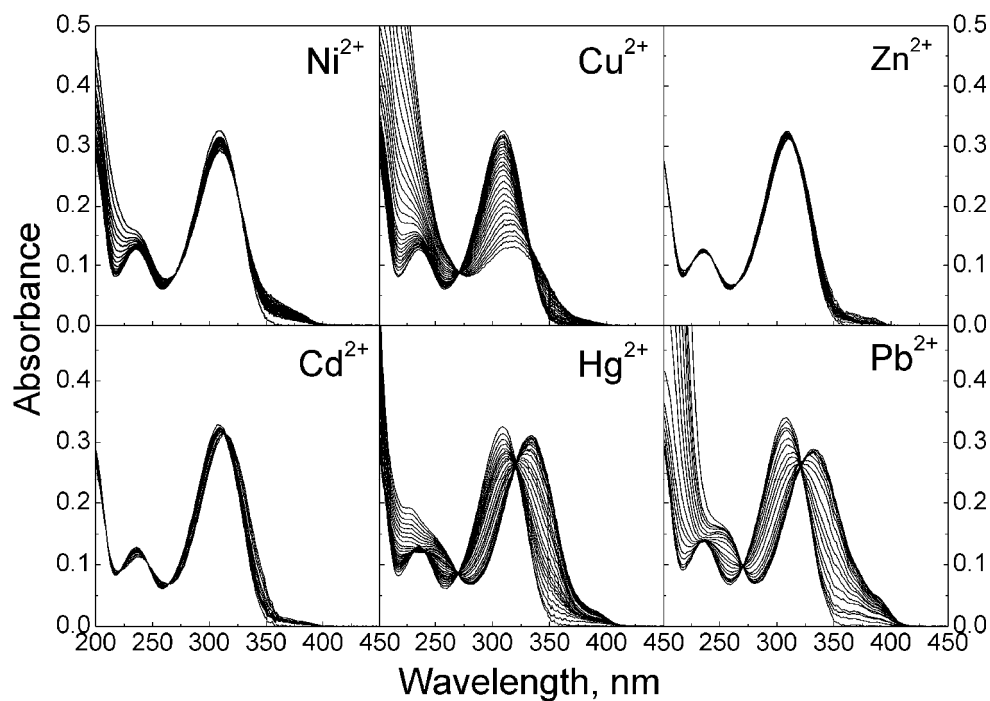
**Figure S5.** Absorption spectra of **3a** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250  $\mu\text{M}$ .



**Figure S6.** Absorption spectra of **3b** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250  $\mu\text{M}$ .

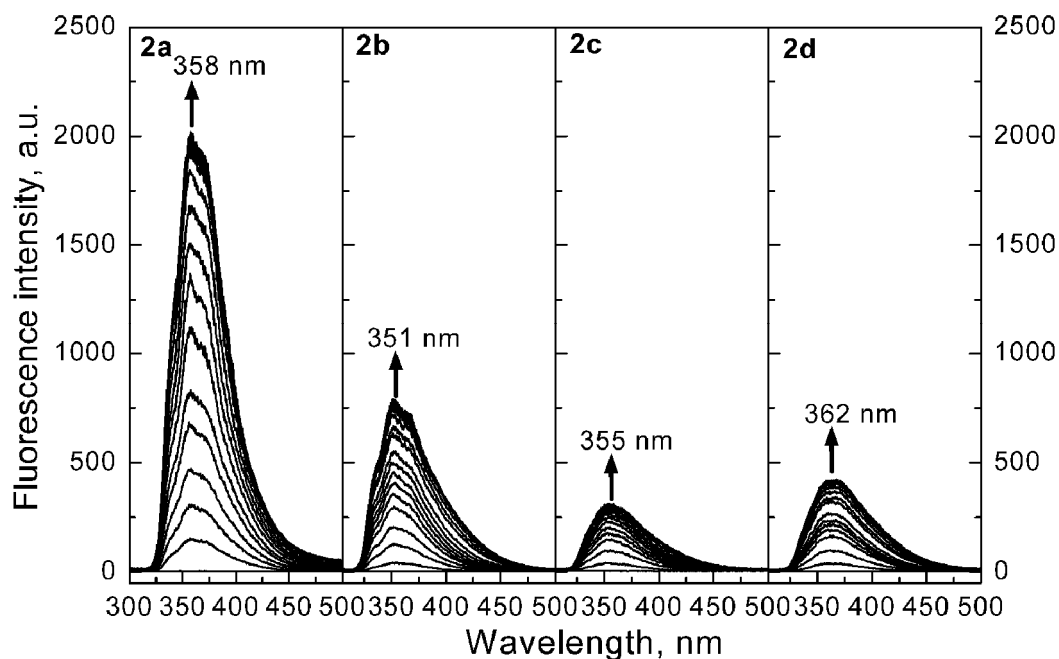


**Figure S7.** Absorption spectra of **3c** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250  $\mu\text{M}$ .



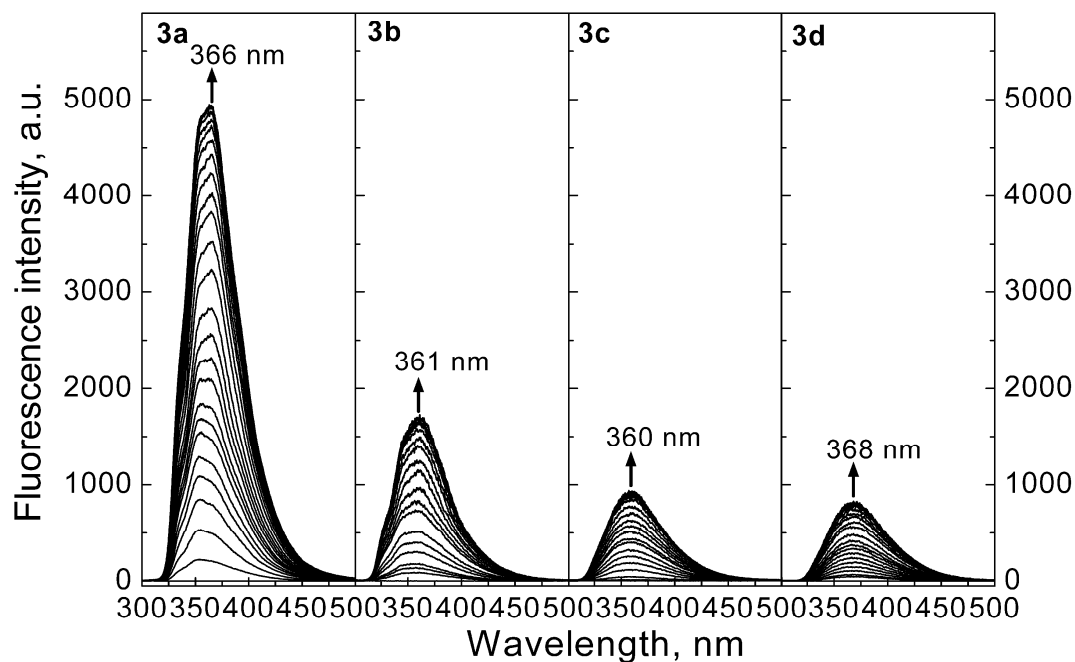
**Figure S8.** Absorption spectra of **3d** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of given metal ion of increasing concentration. Concentrations of metal ions increased in the same manner from 0 to 250  $\mu\text{M}$ .

2. Figure S9



**Figure S9.** Fluorescence spectra of **2** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of increasing concentration of Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. [**2**] = 10  $\mu$ M.

3. Figure S10



**Figure S10.** Fluorescence spectra of **3** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of increasing concentration of Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. [**3**] = 10  $\mu$ M.

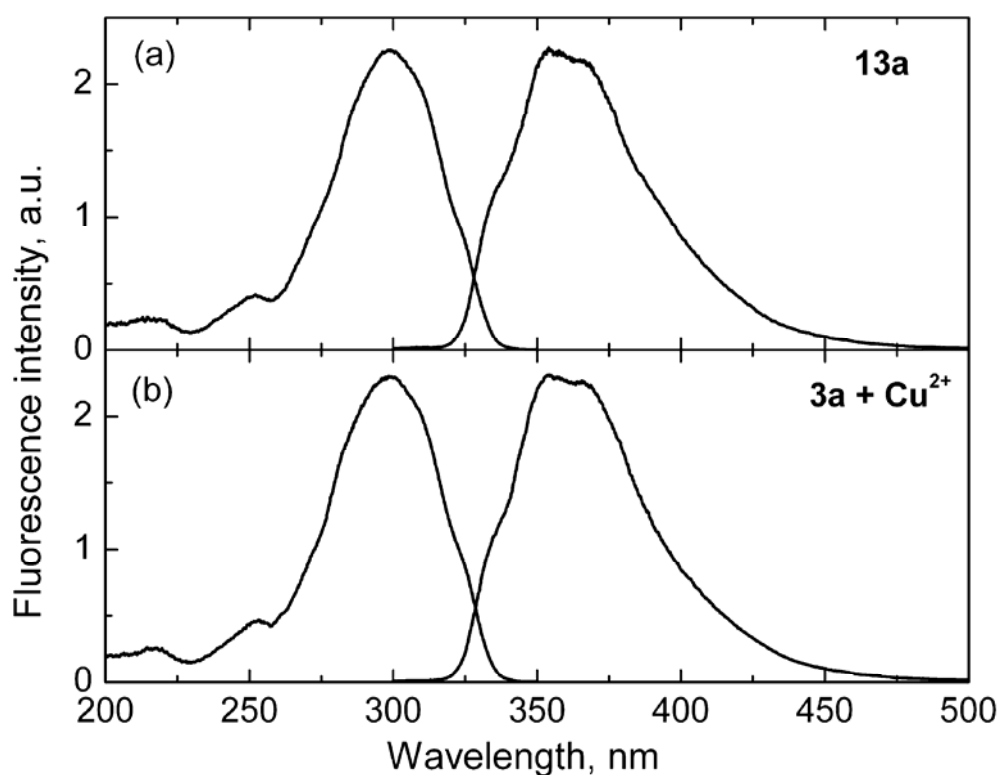
#### 4. Table S1

**Table S1.** Absorption and fluorescence spectral parameters of **13**

	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ , nm	$\epsilon$ , $10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$	$\lambda_{\text{flu}}$ , nm	$\Phi^a$
<b>13a</b>	300	4.37	353/366	0.725
<b>13b</b>	294	3.98	347/361	0.719
<b>13c</b>	291	3.81	360	0.719
<b>13d</b>	295	3.76	368	0.720

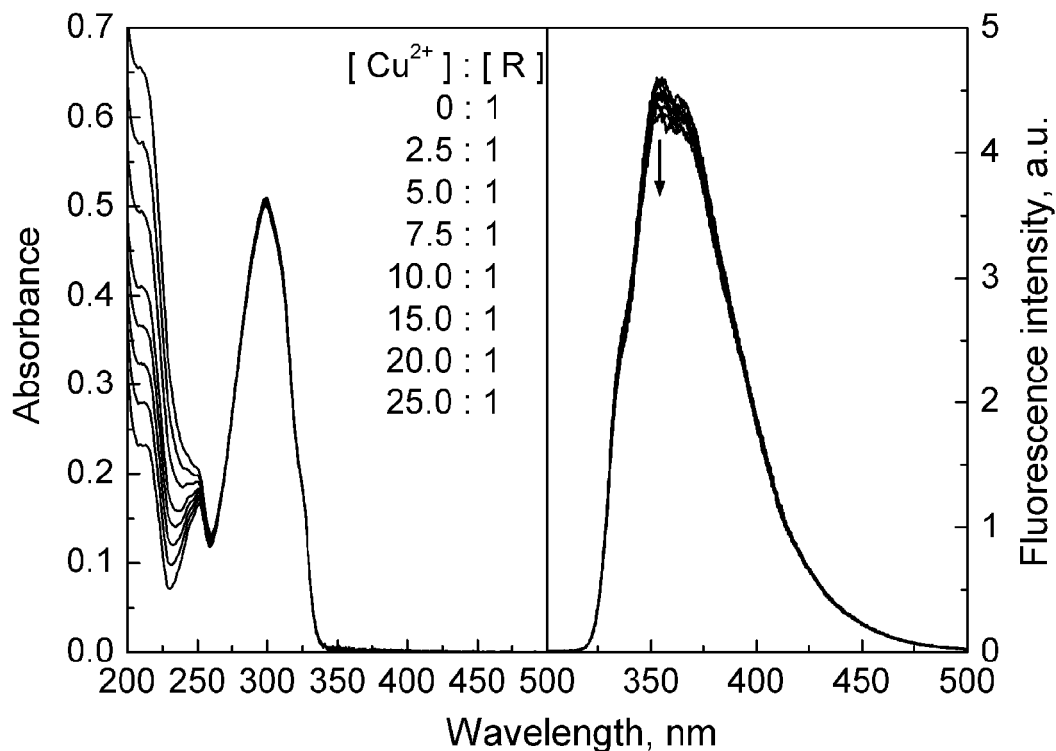
<sup>a</sup> Fluorescence quantum yield of **13** was measured using quinine sulfate as a standard (0.546 in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; Demas, J. N.; Crobys, G. A. *J. Phys. Chem.* **1971**, 75, 991-1024). The measurement error was up to 5%.

#### 5. Figure S11



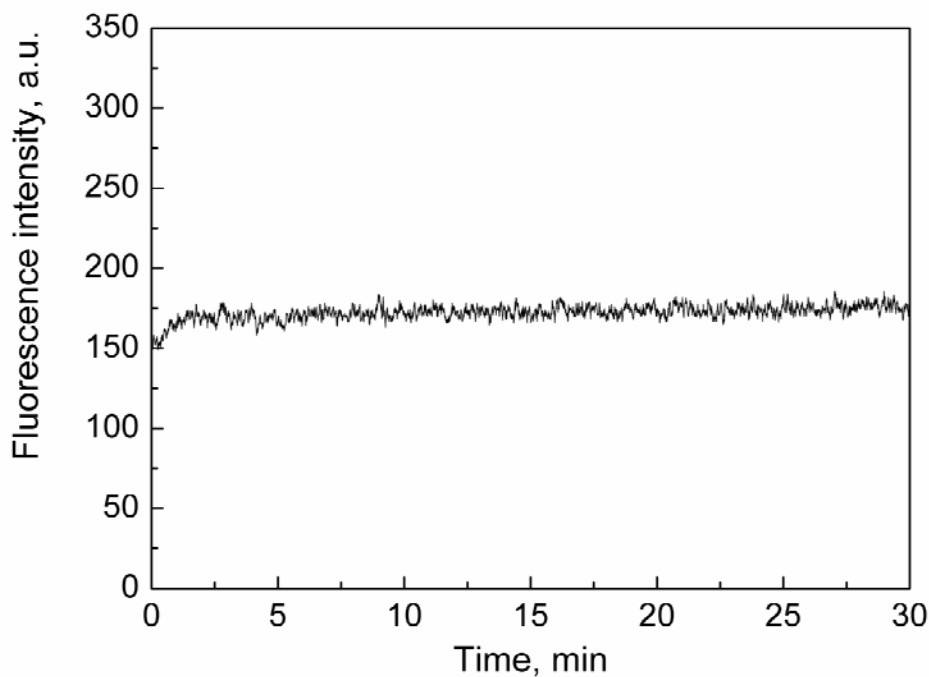
**Figure S11.** Fluorescence excitation and emission spectra of (a) the oxidation product **13a** and (b) **3a** in the presence of 1.0 equivalent Cu<sup>2+</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN

## 6. Figure S12



**Figure S12.** Absorption and fluorescence spectra of **13a** (10  $\mu$ M) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of increasing concentration of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ . The excitation wavelength for acquiring fluorescence spectra was 283 nm.

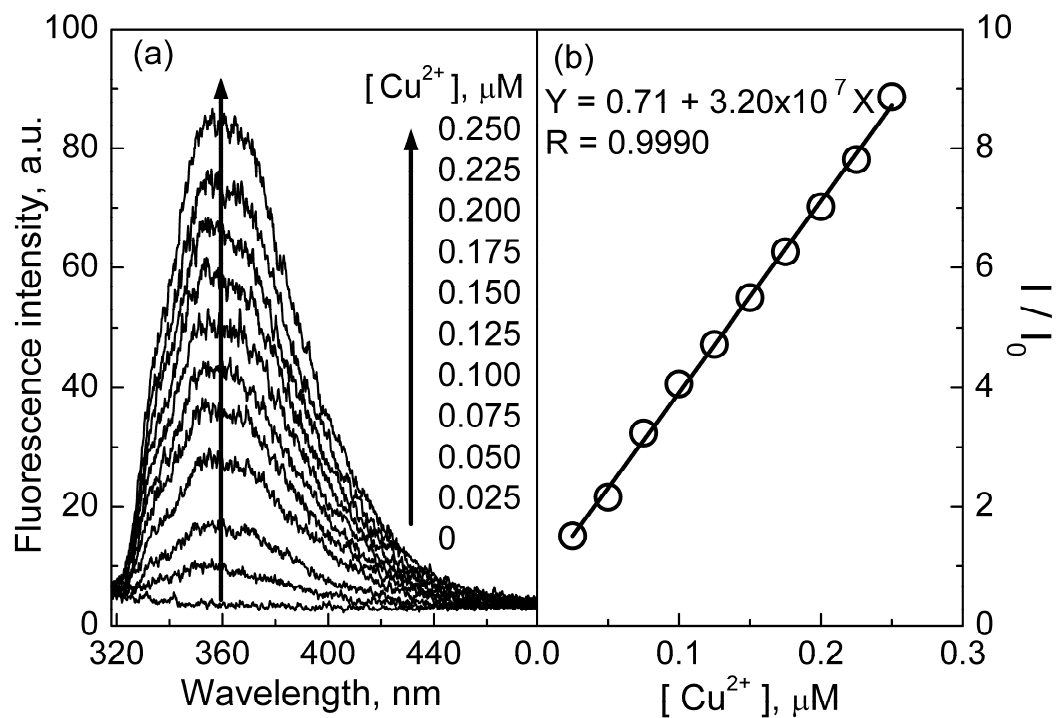
## 7. Figure S13



**Figure S13.** Time scan of fluorescence intensity of **3a** (0.5  $\mu$ M) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  in the presence of 0.5 equiv. of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ . The excitation and emission wavelengths were 283 nm and 360 nm, respectively.

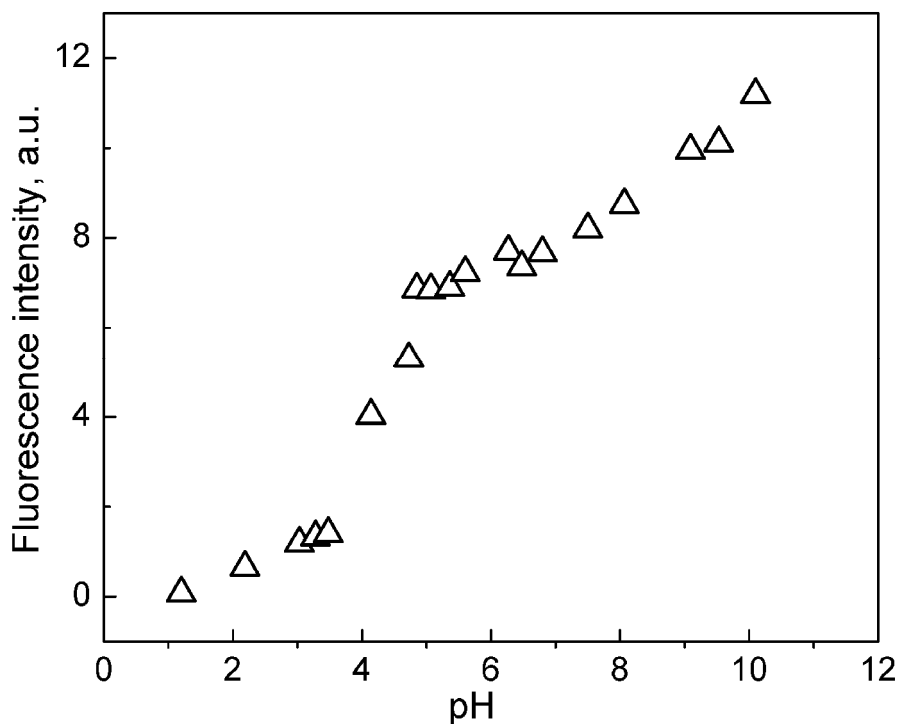


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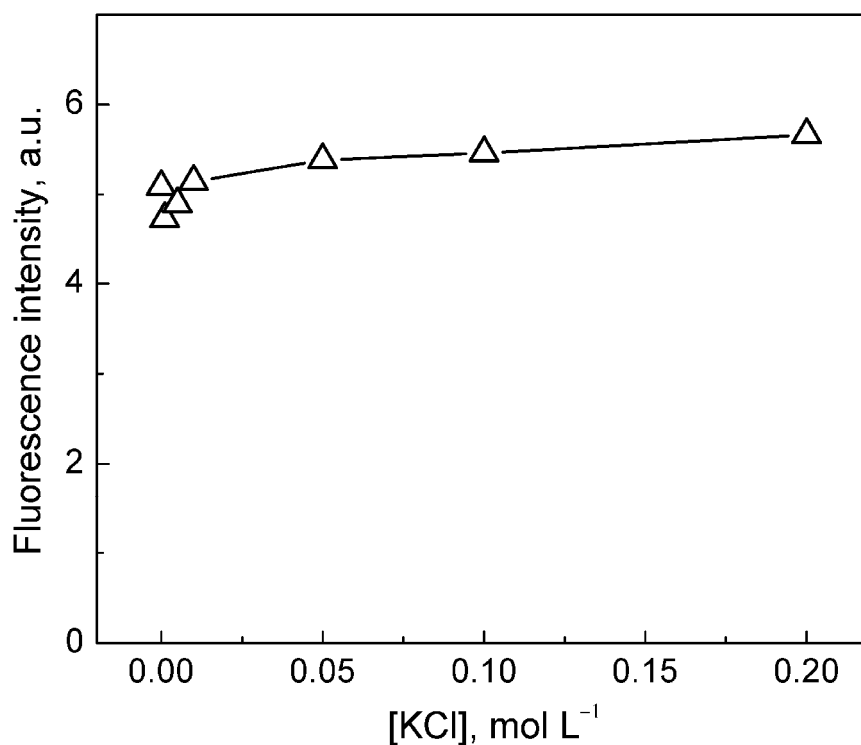


**Figure S14.** (a) Fluorescence spectra of **3a** (0.5 μM) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of increasing concentration of Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and (b) linear response curve. Excitation wavelength was 283 nm.

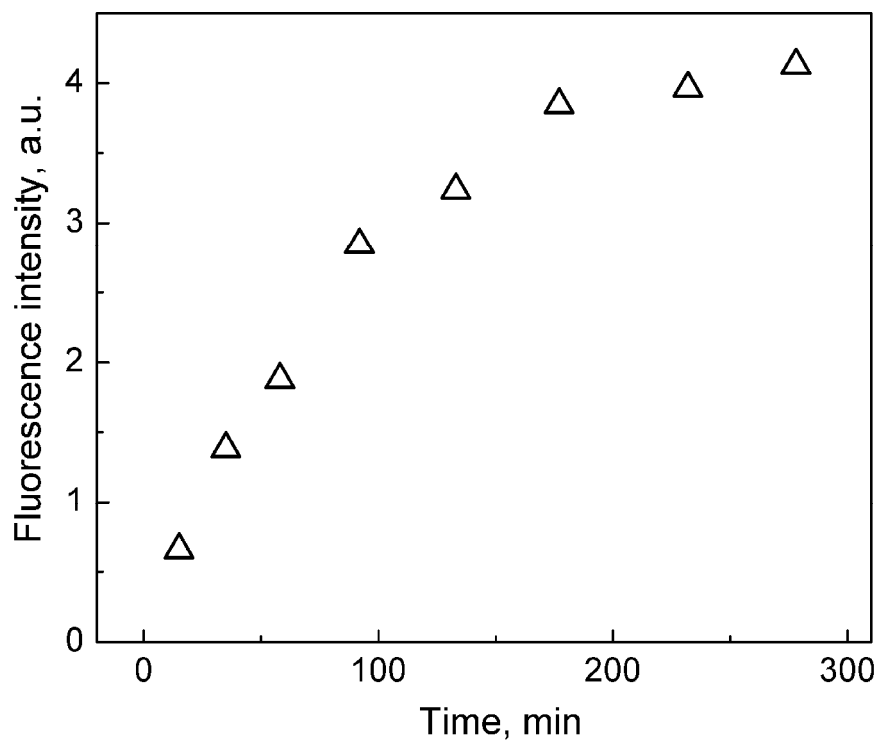
## 9. Optimization of assay conditions in aqueous solution



**Figure S15.** Plots of the fluorescence intensity of **3a** (10 μM) in the presence of 25 equiv. of Cu<sup>2+</sup> as a function of pH of CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, v/v) solution

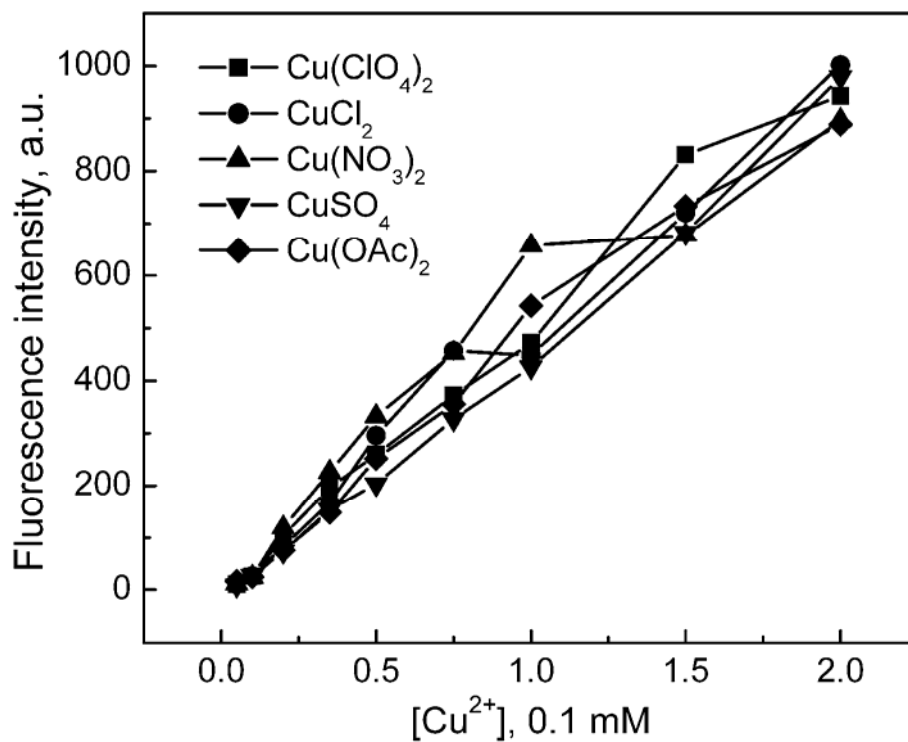


**Figure S16.** Ionic strength effect (KCl) of the fluorescence of **3a** in the presence of 25 equiv. of Cu<sup>2+</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, v/v). [KCl] = 0 - 0.2 M.



**Figure S17.** Influence of reaction duration on the fluorescence of **3a** in the presence of 25 equivalents of Cu<sup>2+</sup> in a mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>CN and Tris-HCl (5 mM, pH 7.2, KCl 0.1 M) aqueous buffer solution (20/80, v/v) at 50°C

10. Figure S18

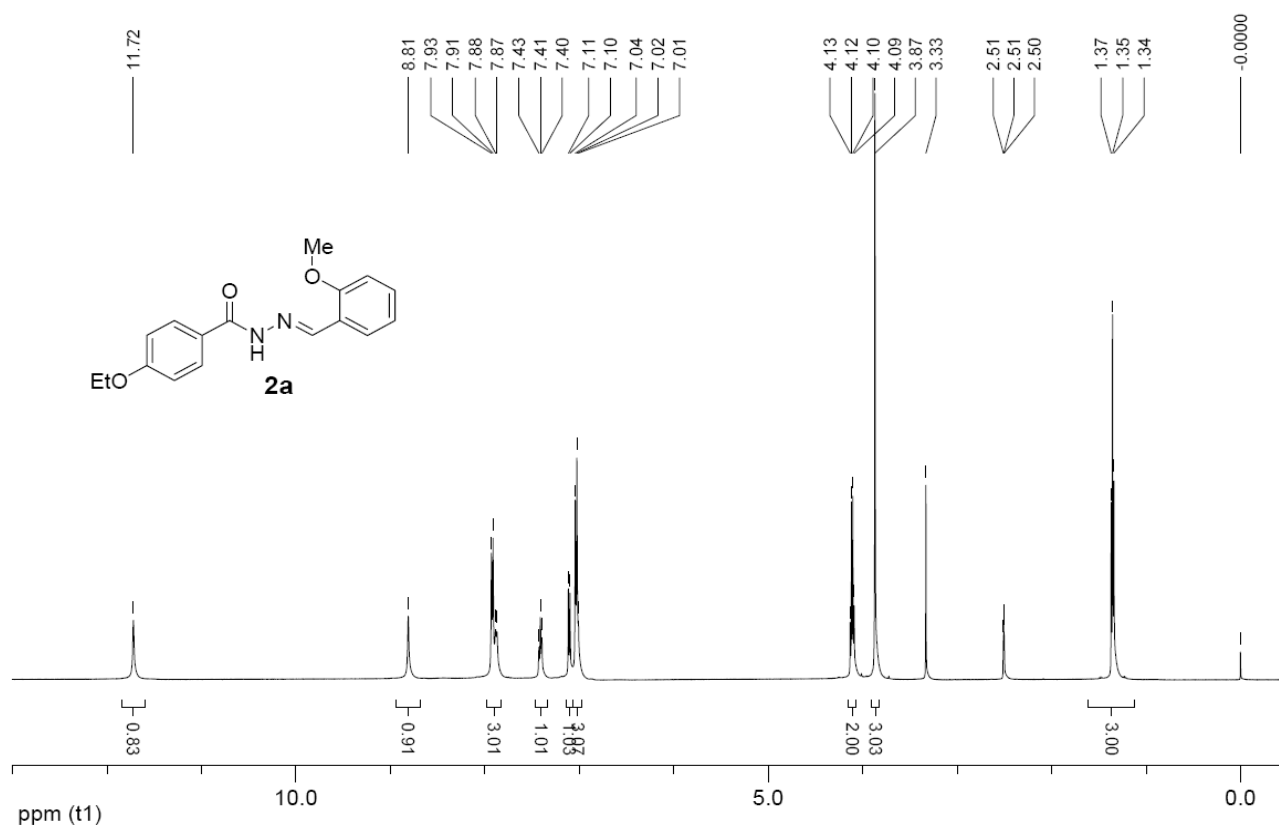


**Figure S18.** Fluorescent response of **3a** toward Cu<sup>2+</sup> with varied counter anion in a mixture of CH<sub>3</sub>CN and Tris-HCl (5 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1 M KCl) aqueous buffer solution (20/80, v/v)

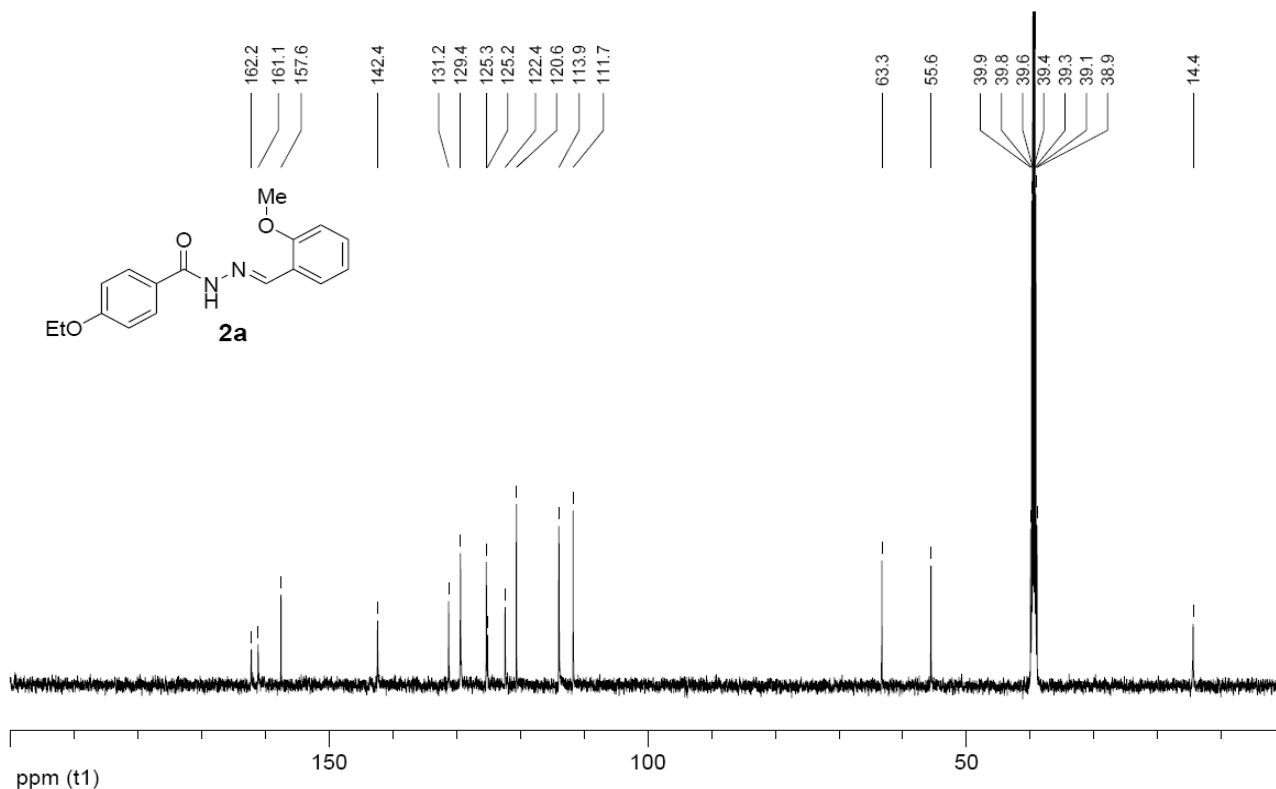
# 11. $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra of compounds 2-13

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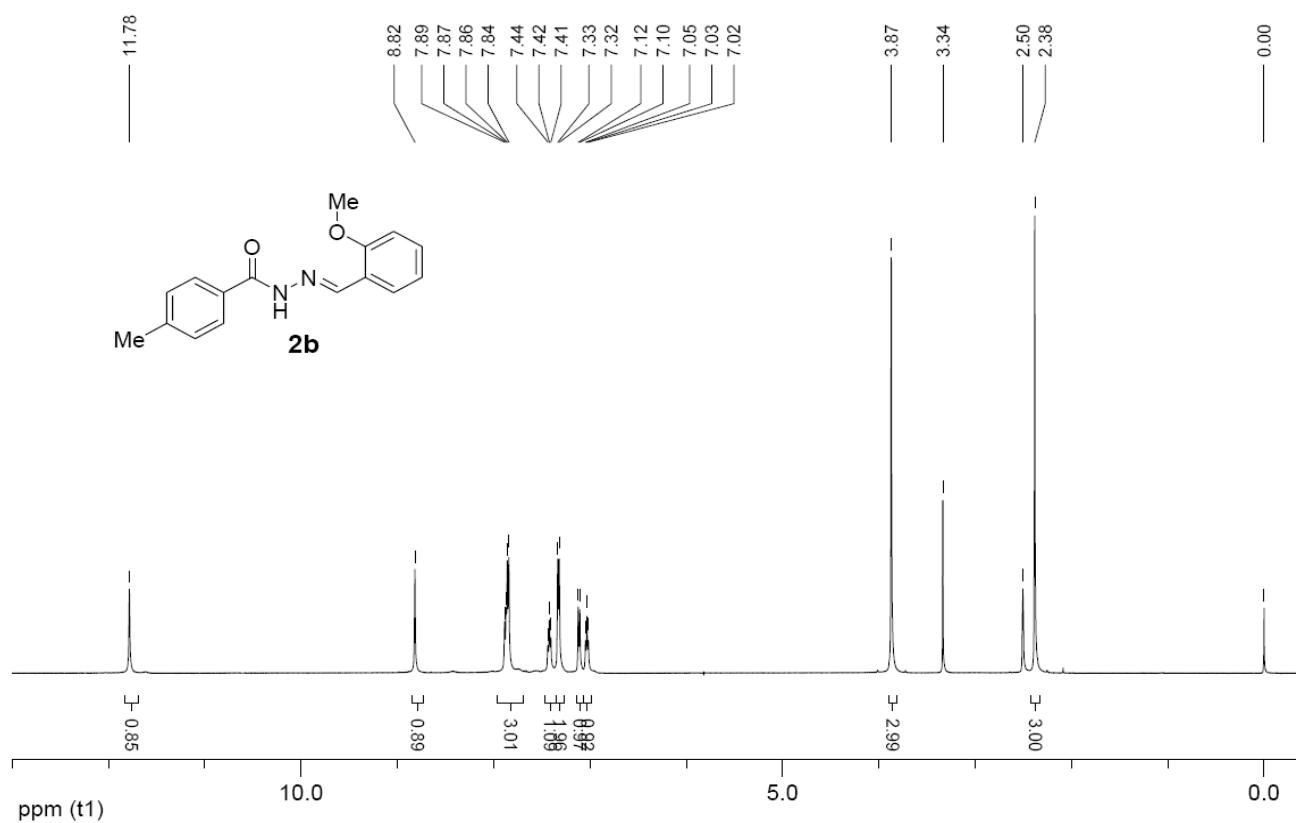


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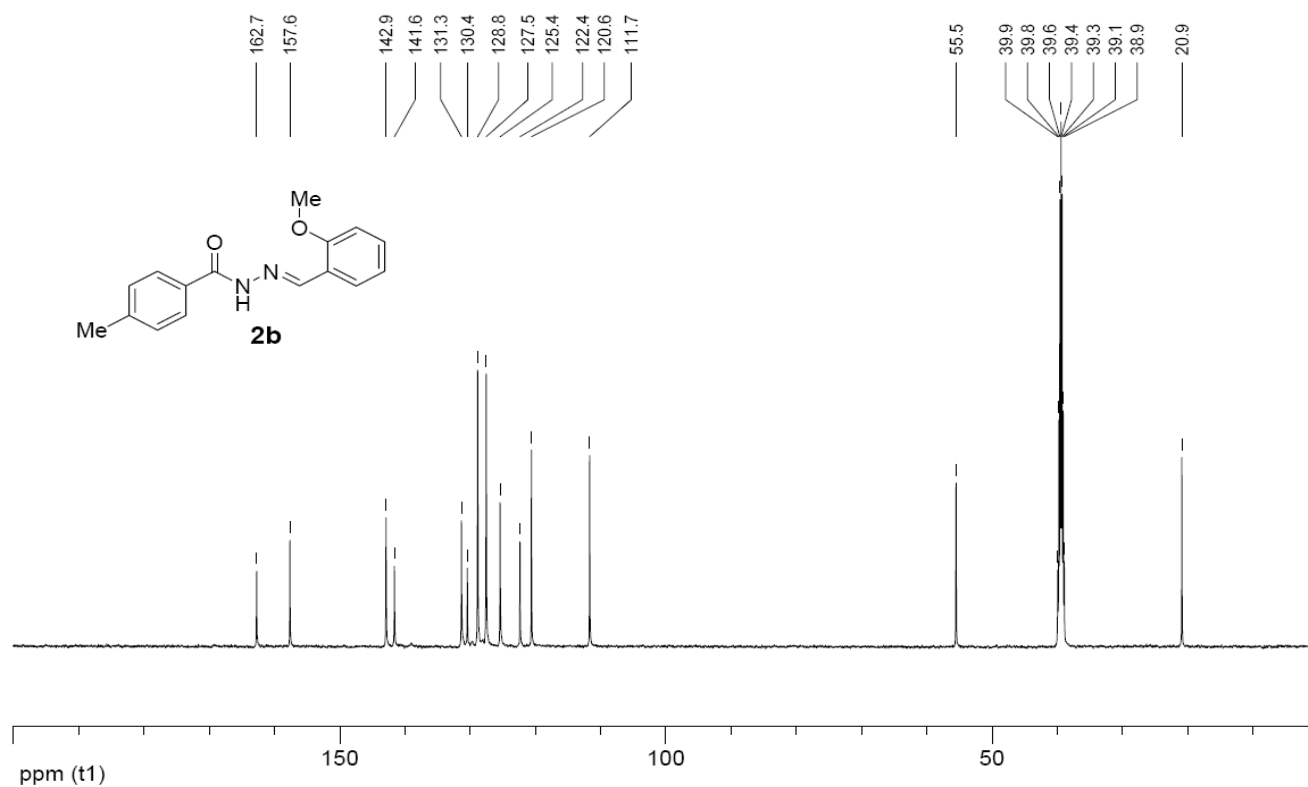


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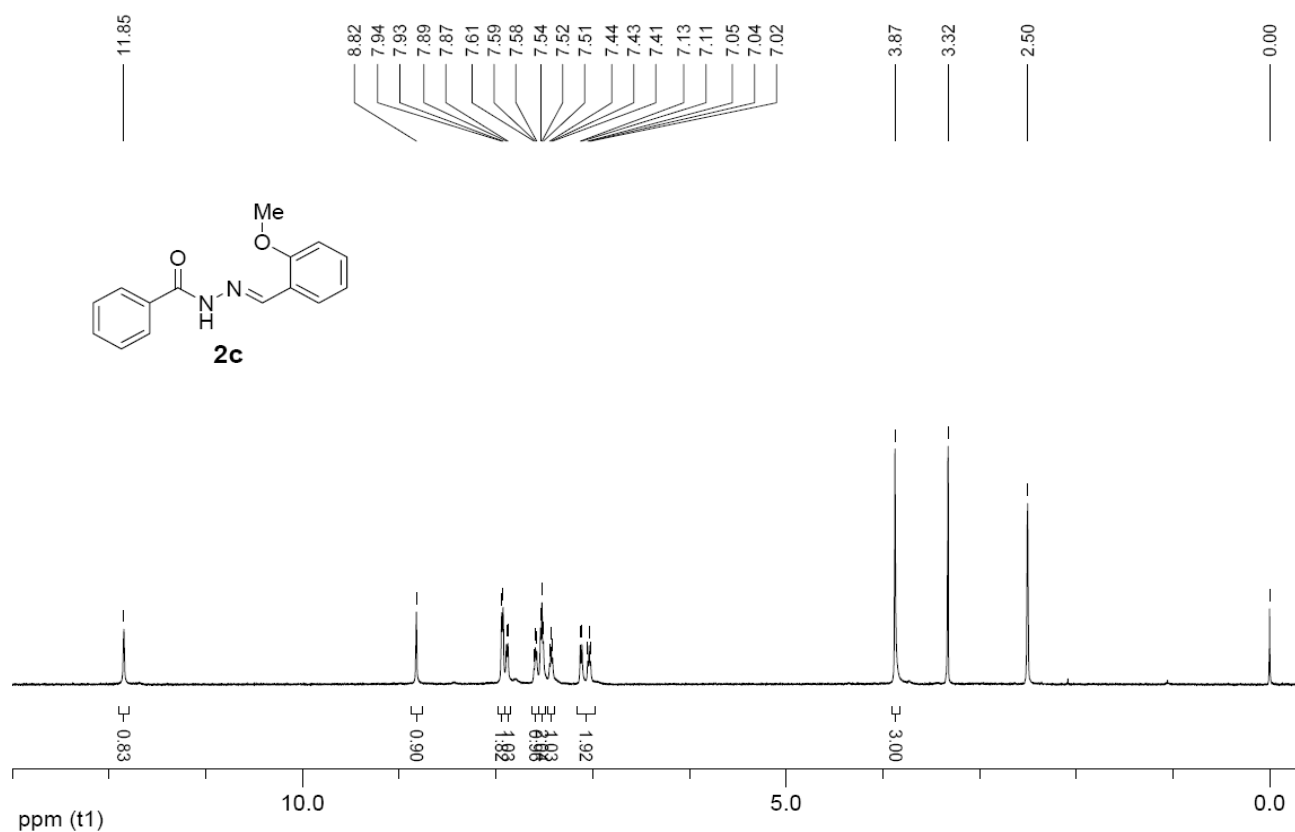


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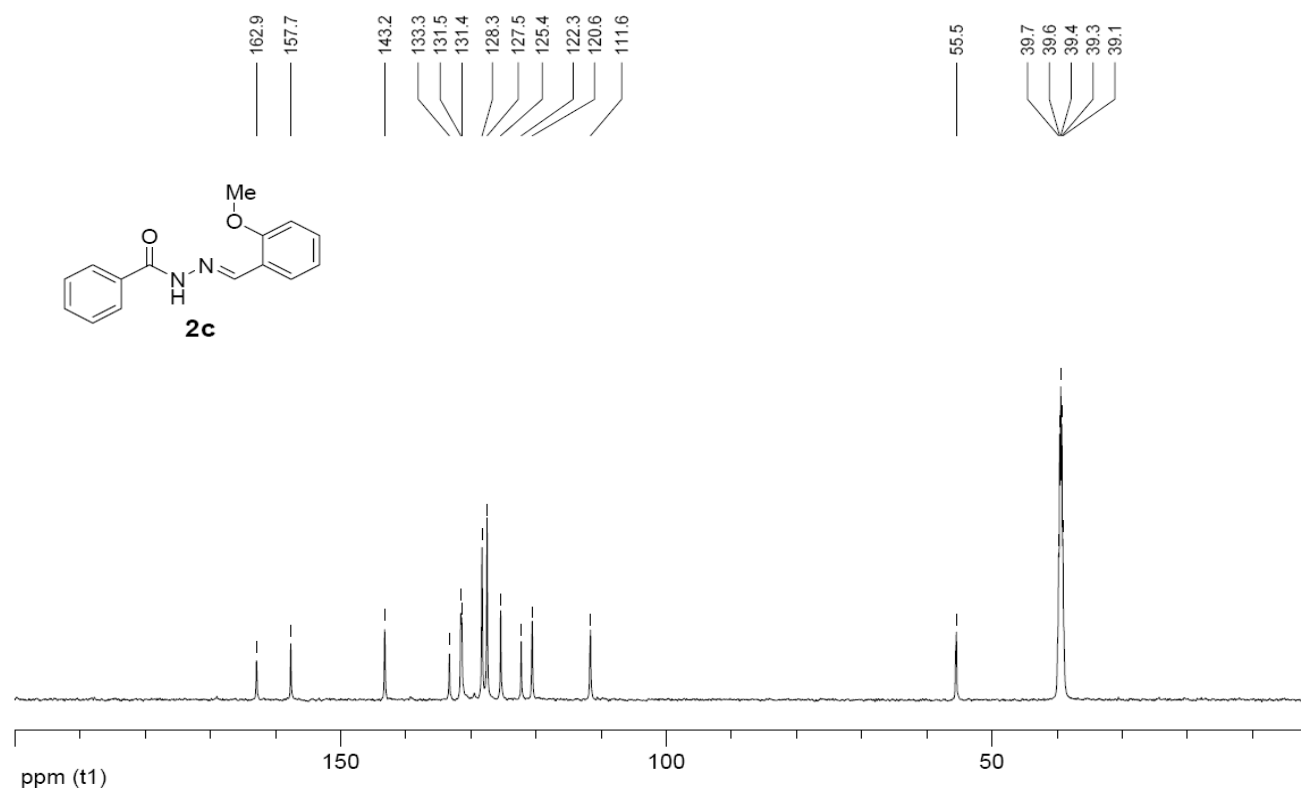


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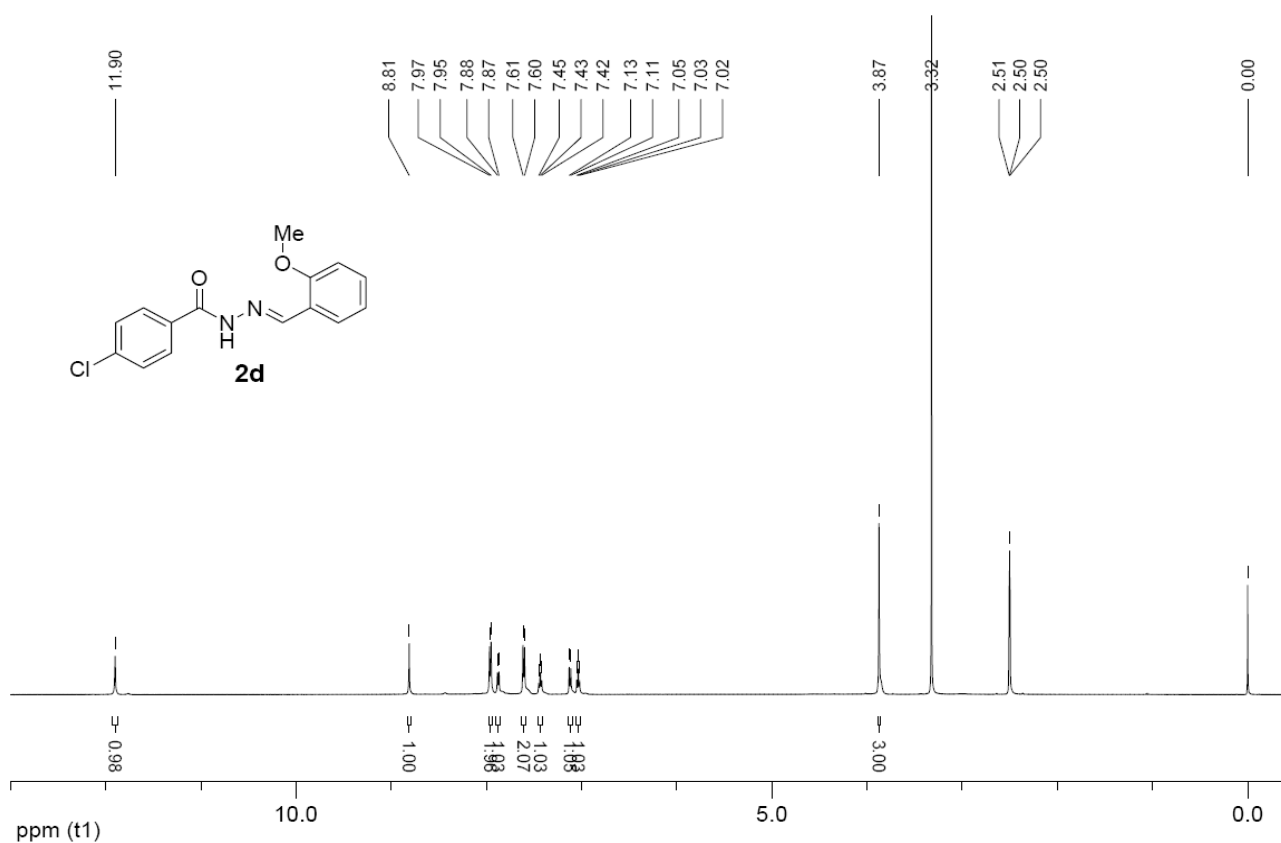


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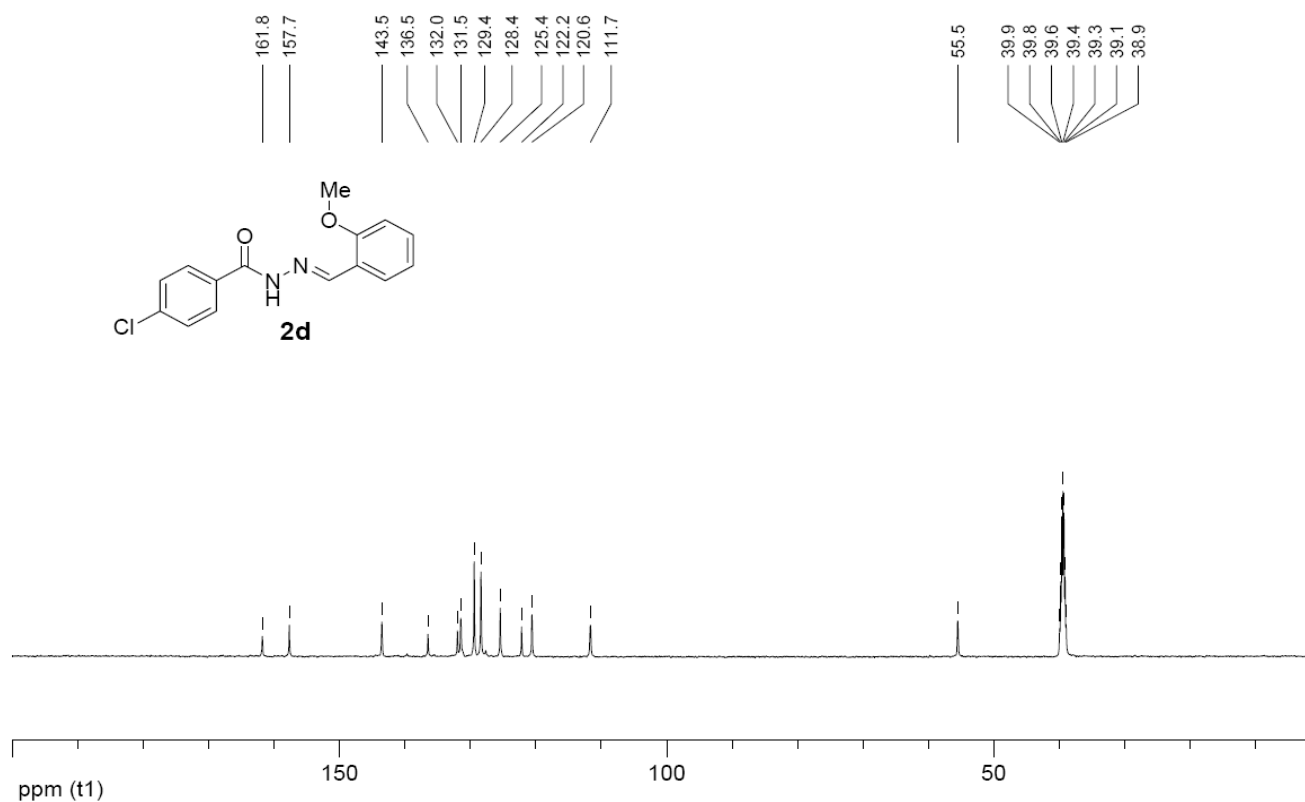


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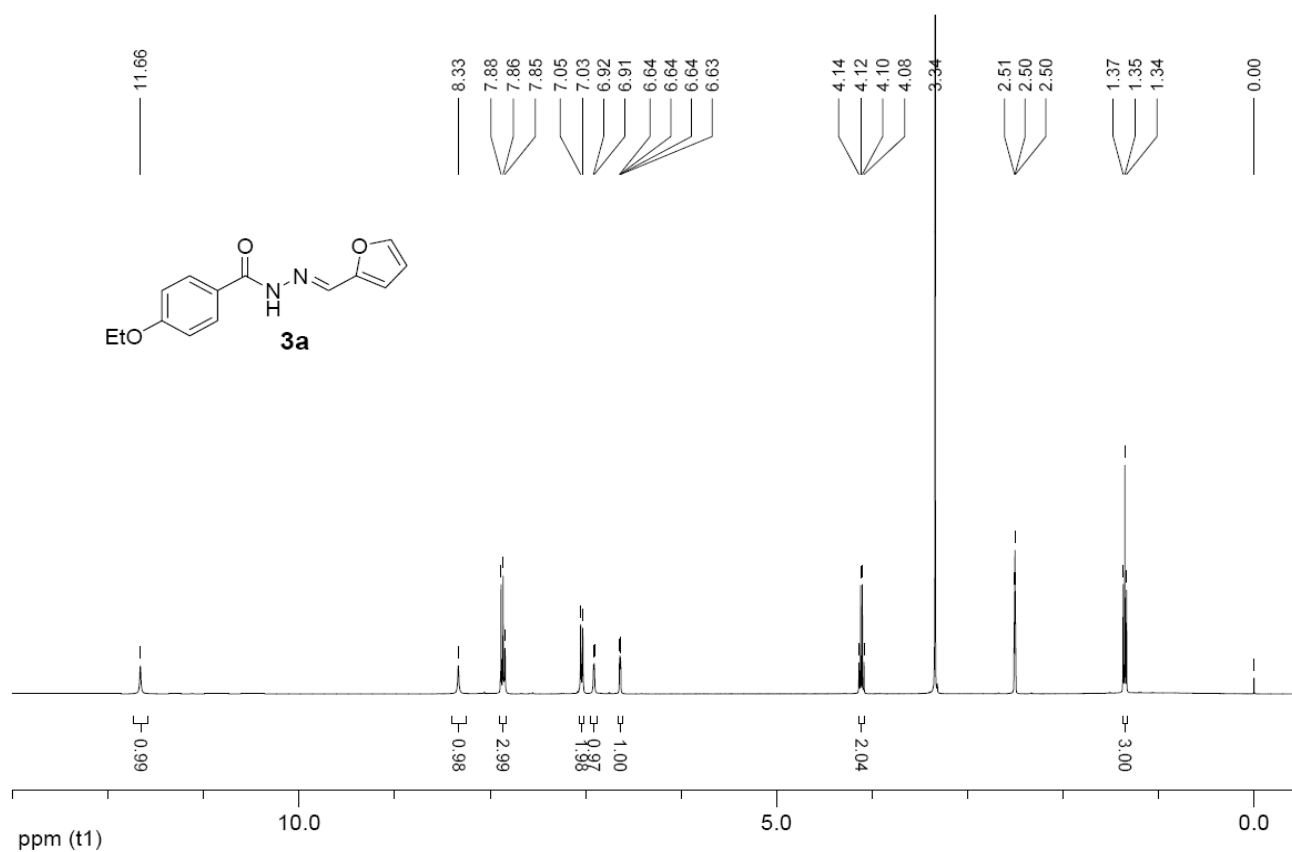


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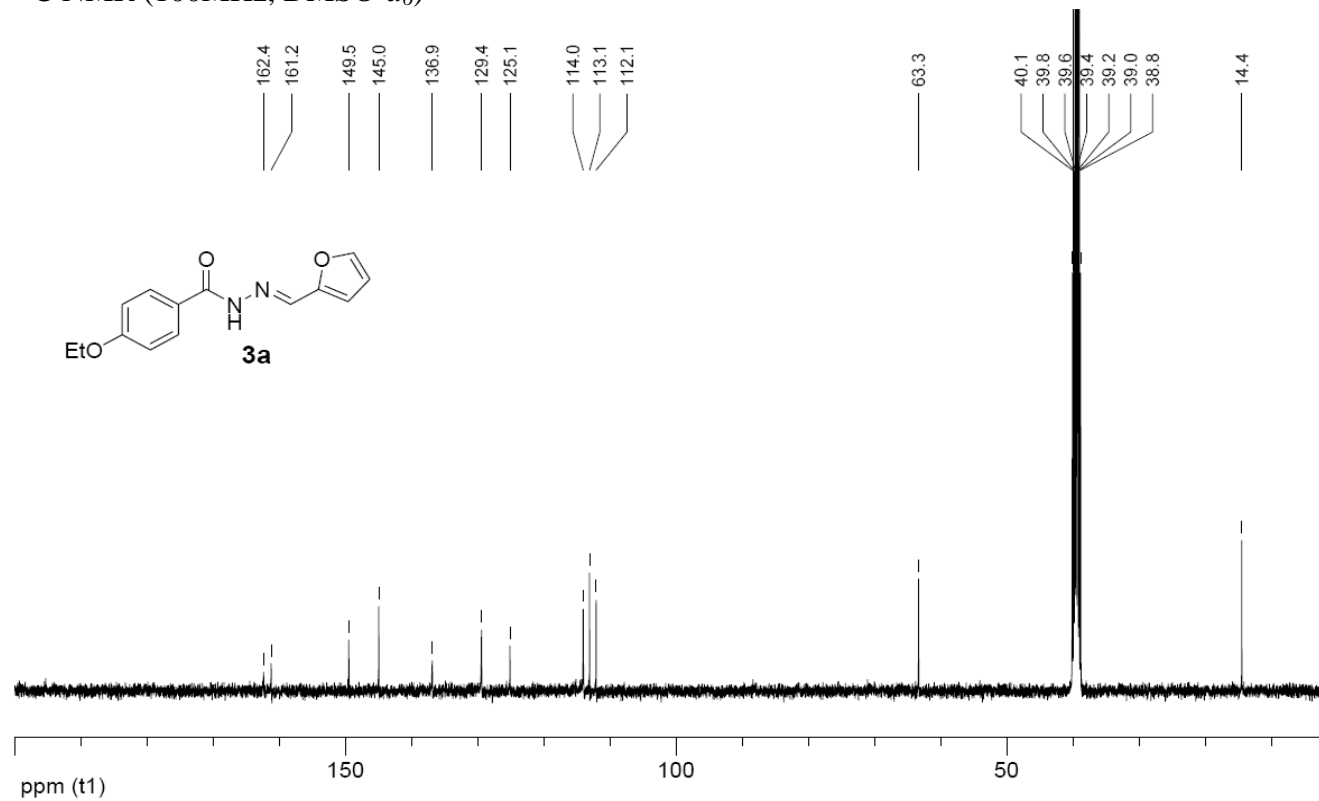


**4-Ethoxy-*N'*-(furan-2-ylmethylene)benzohydrazide (3a):**

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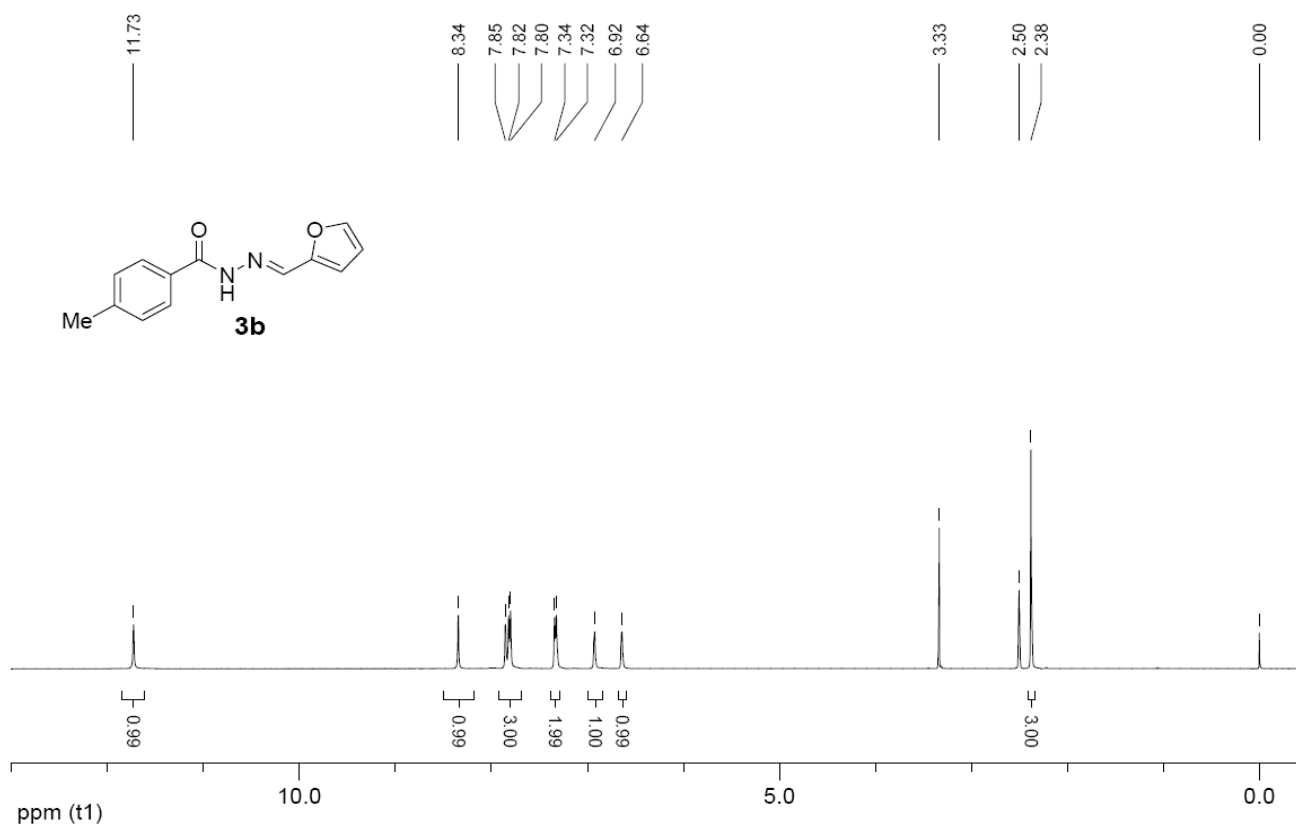
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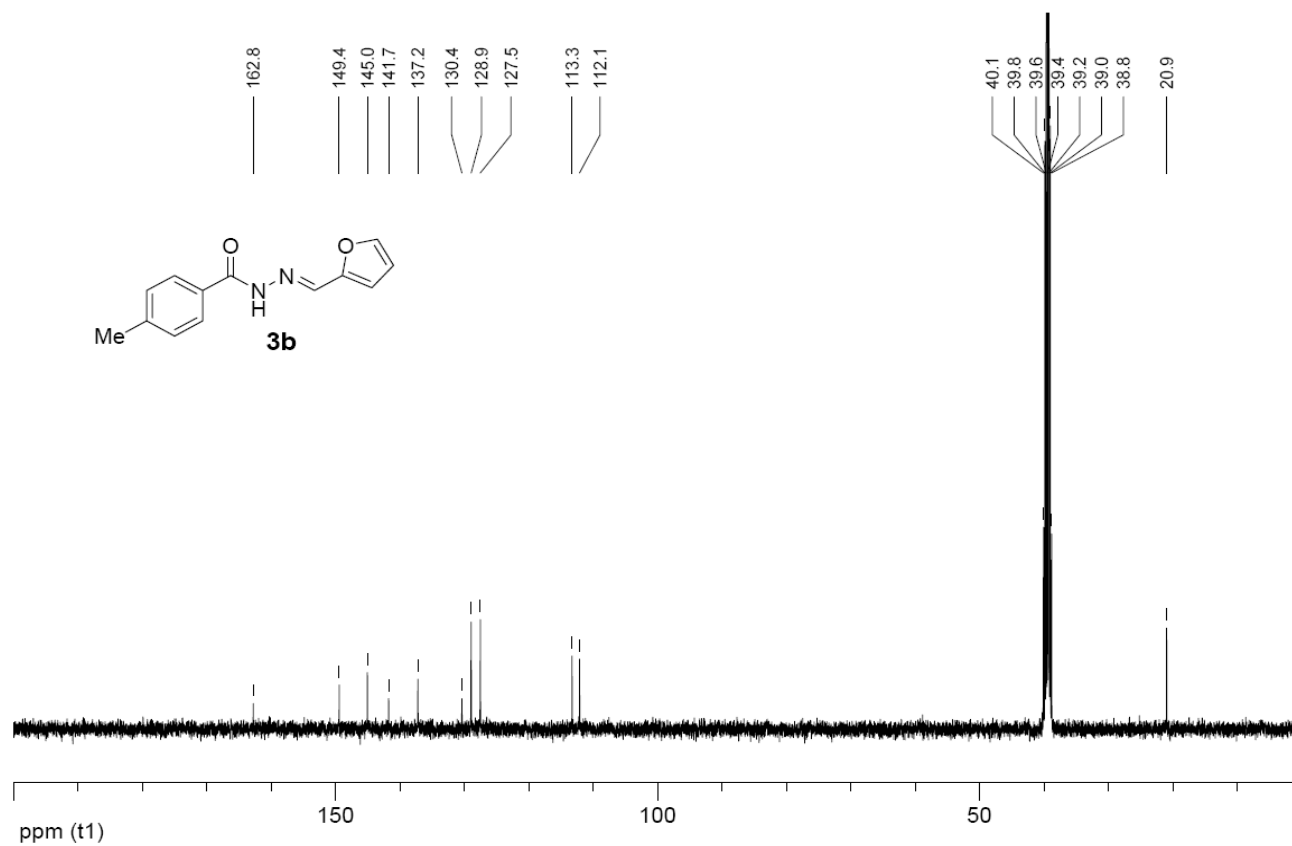


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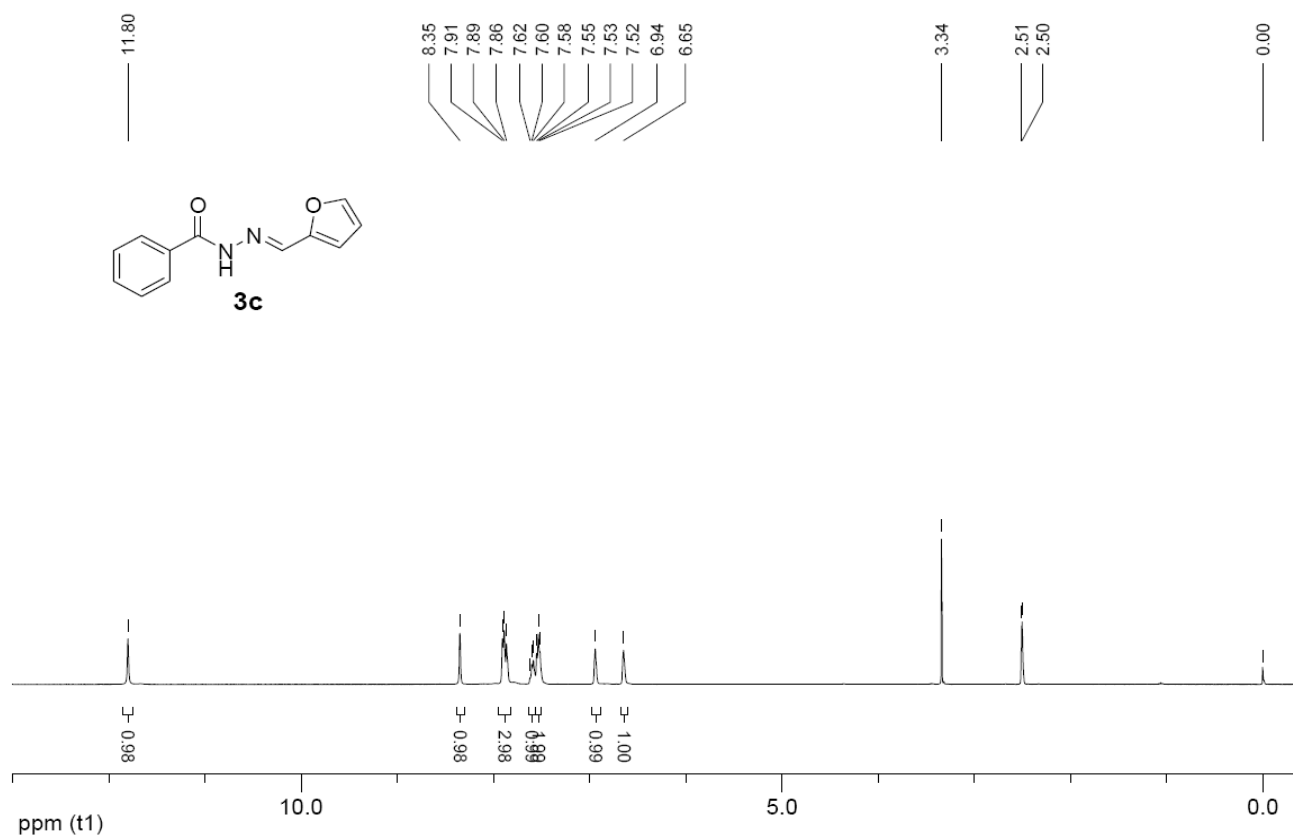


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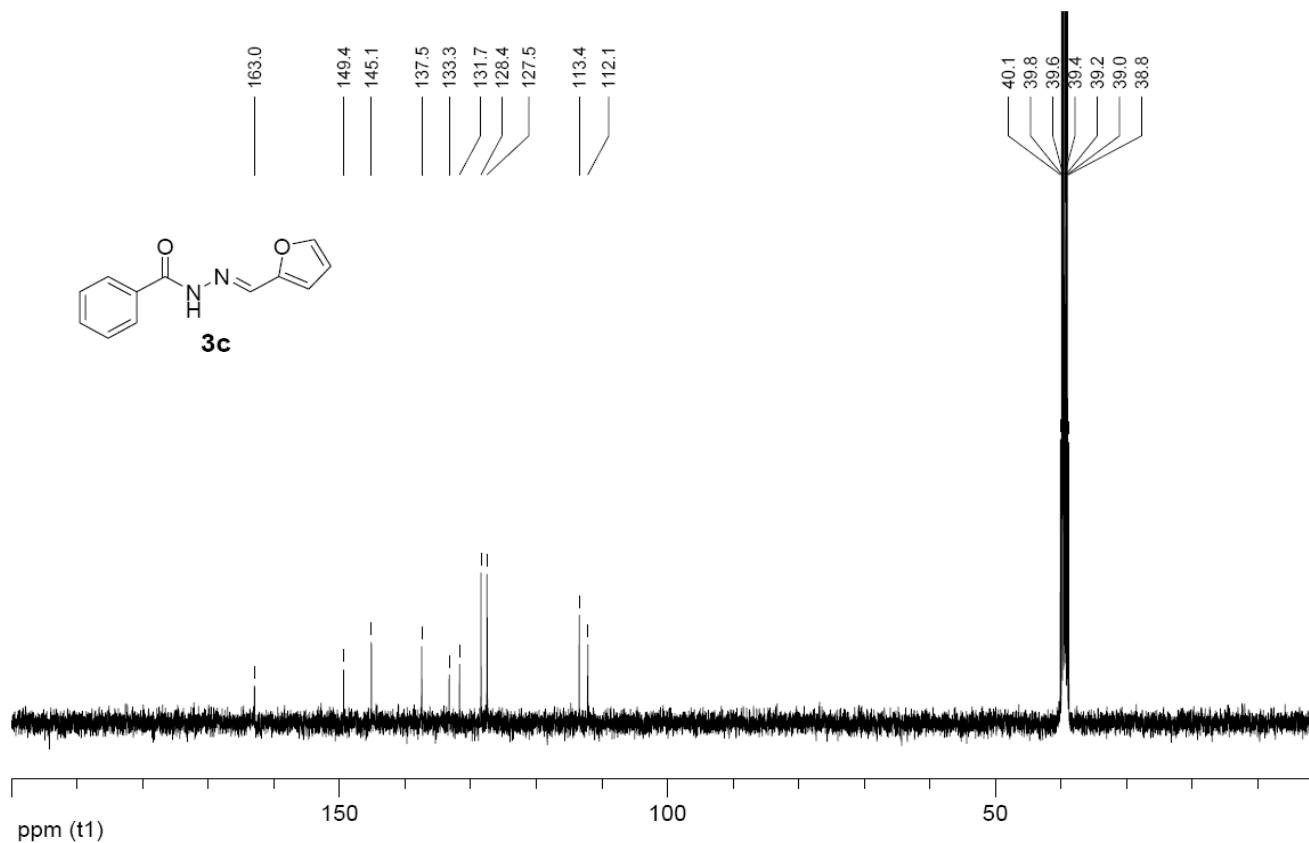


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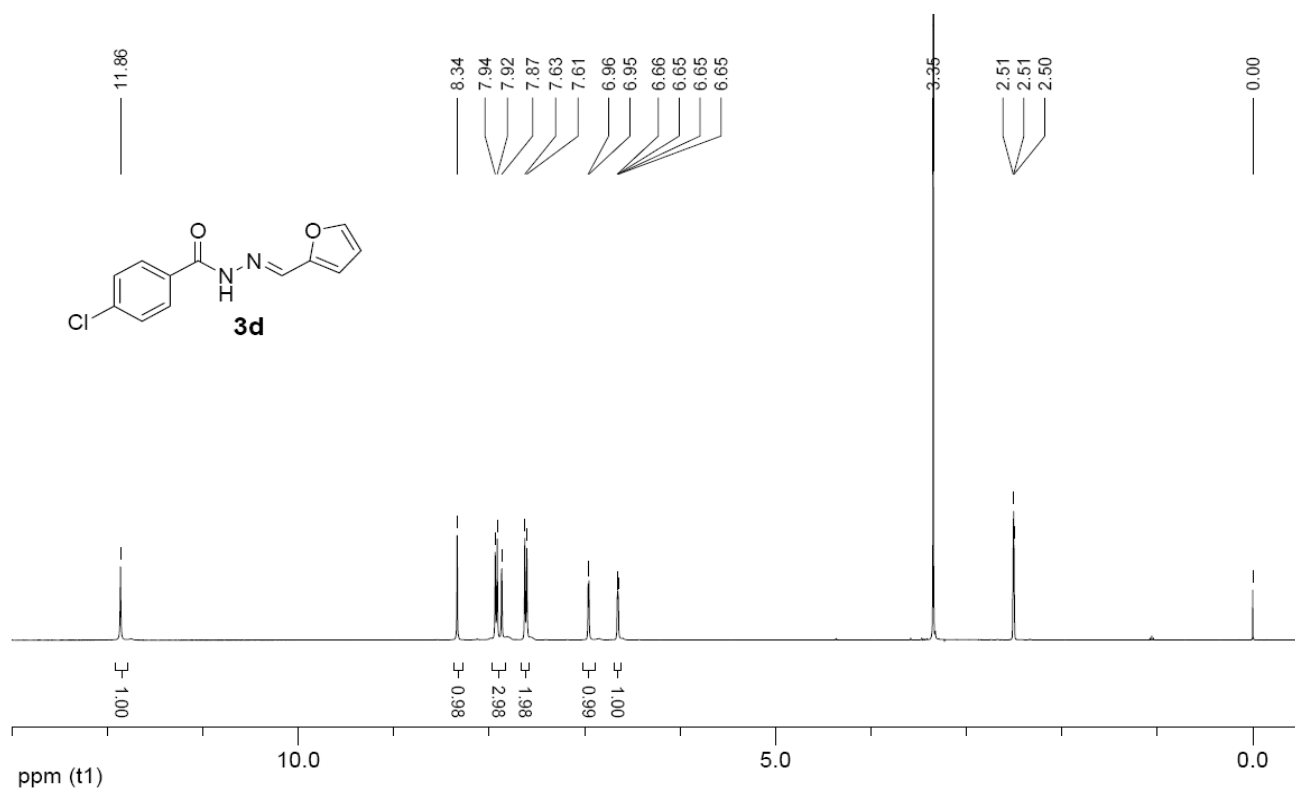


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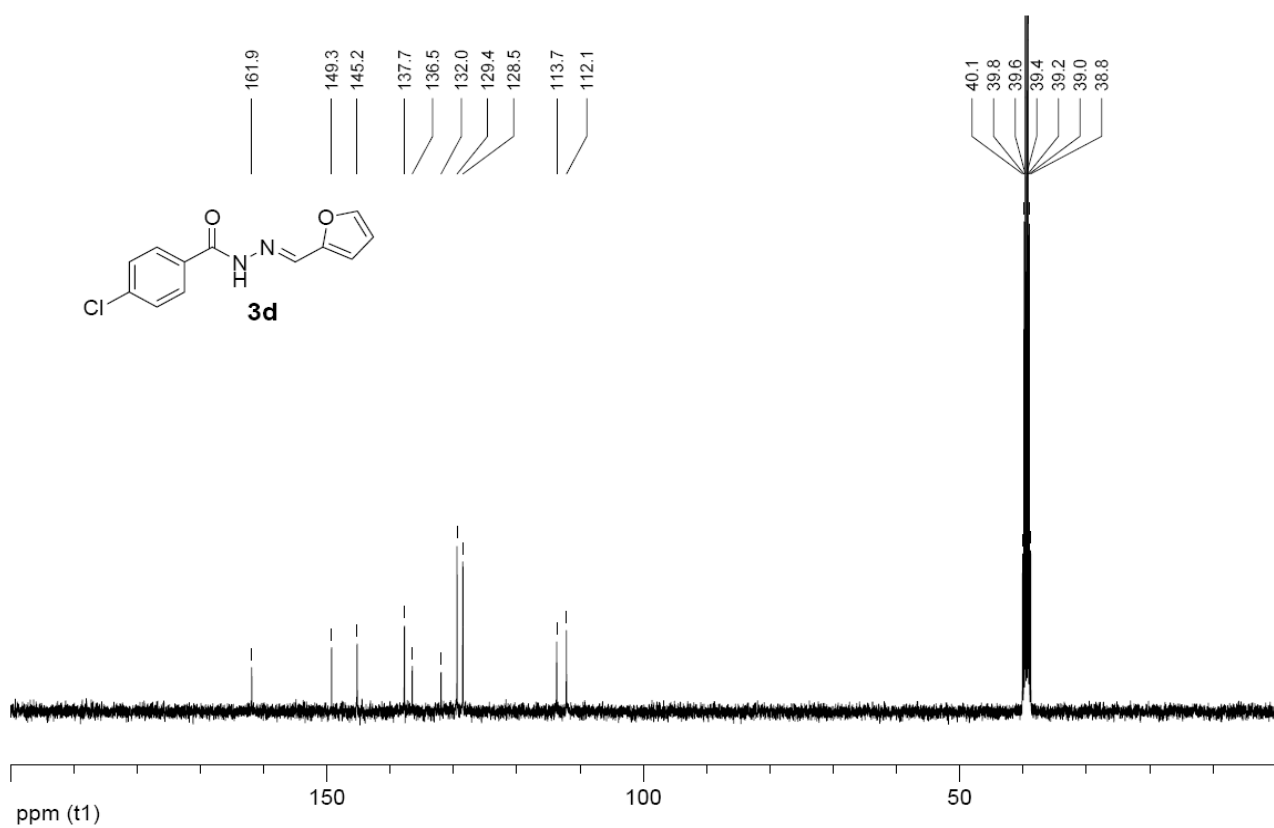


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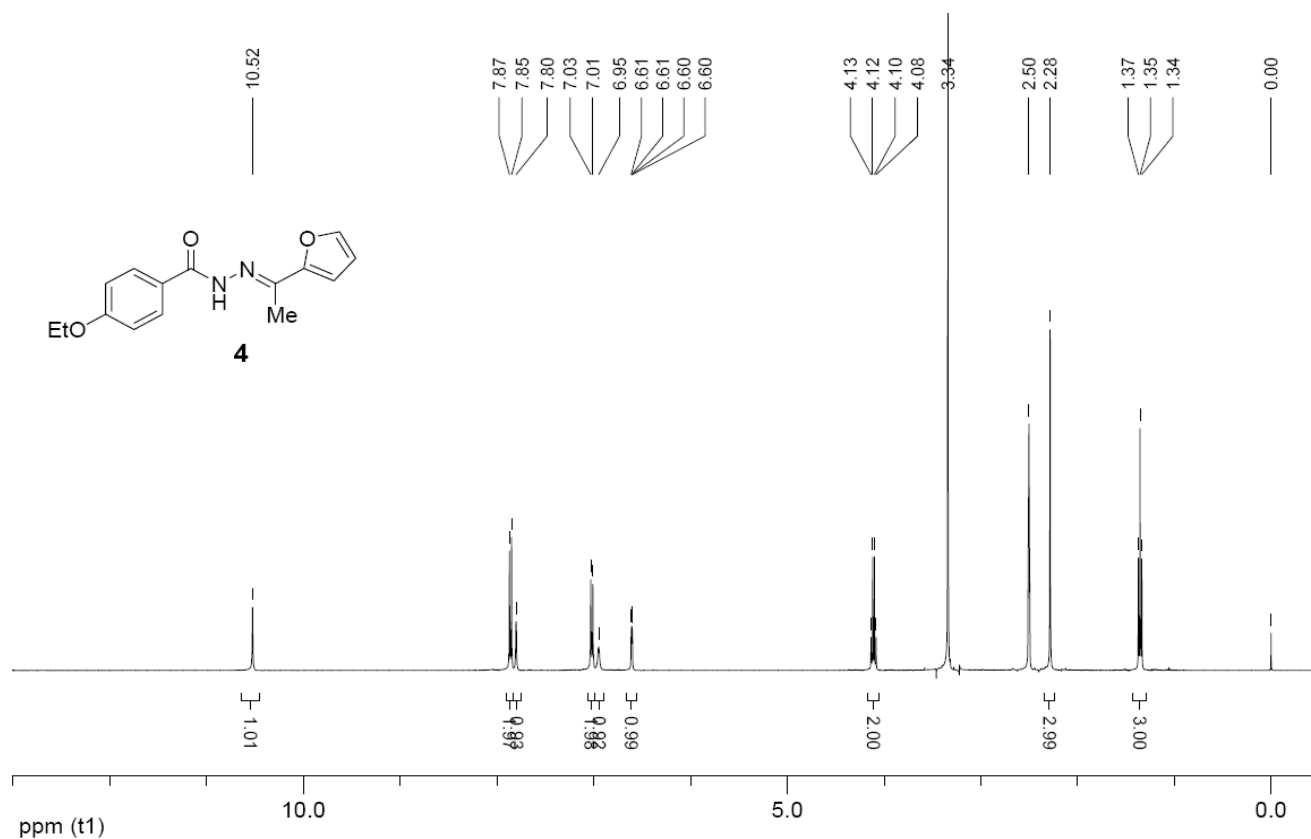


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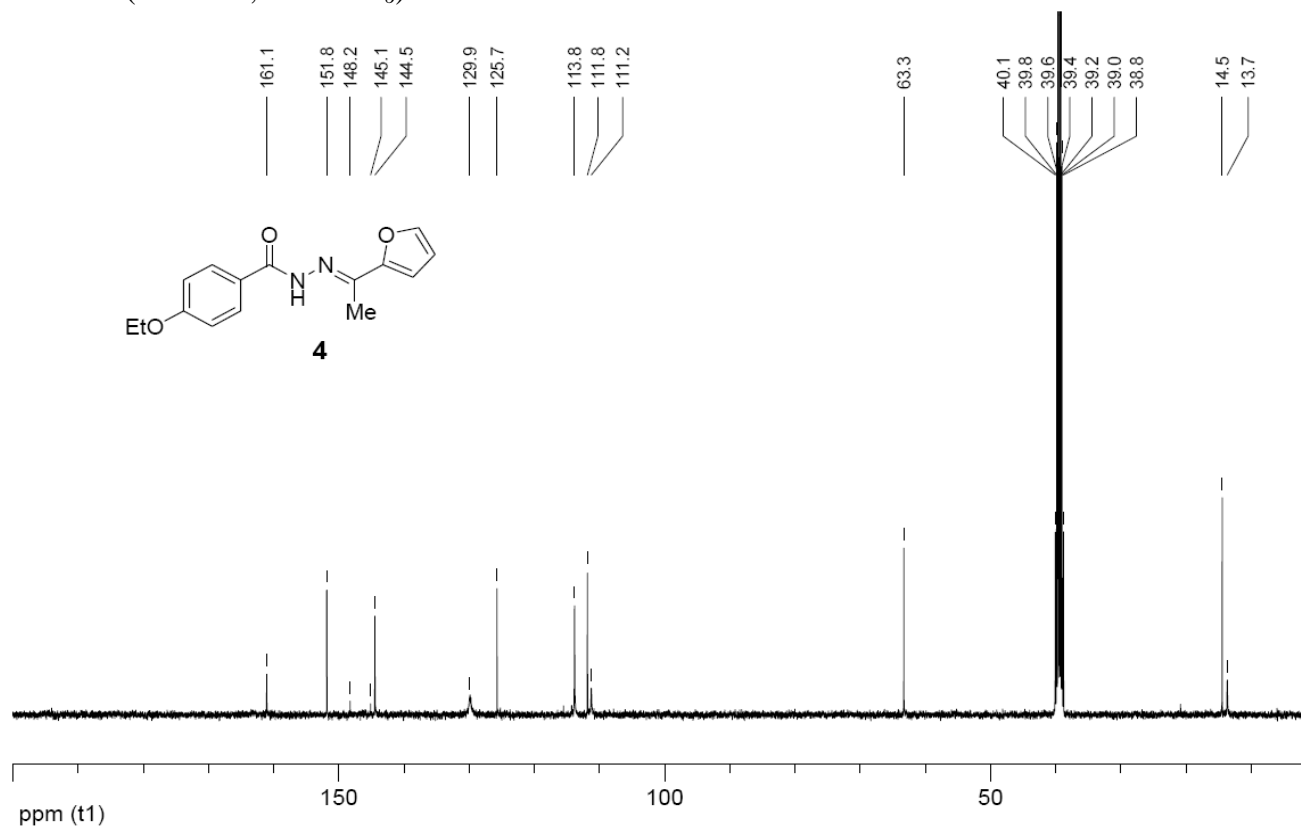


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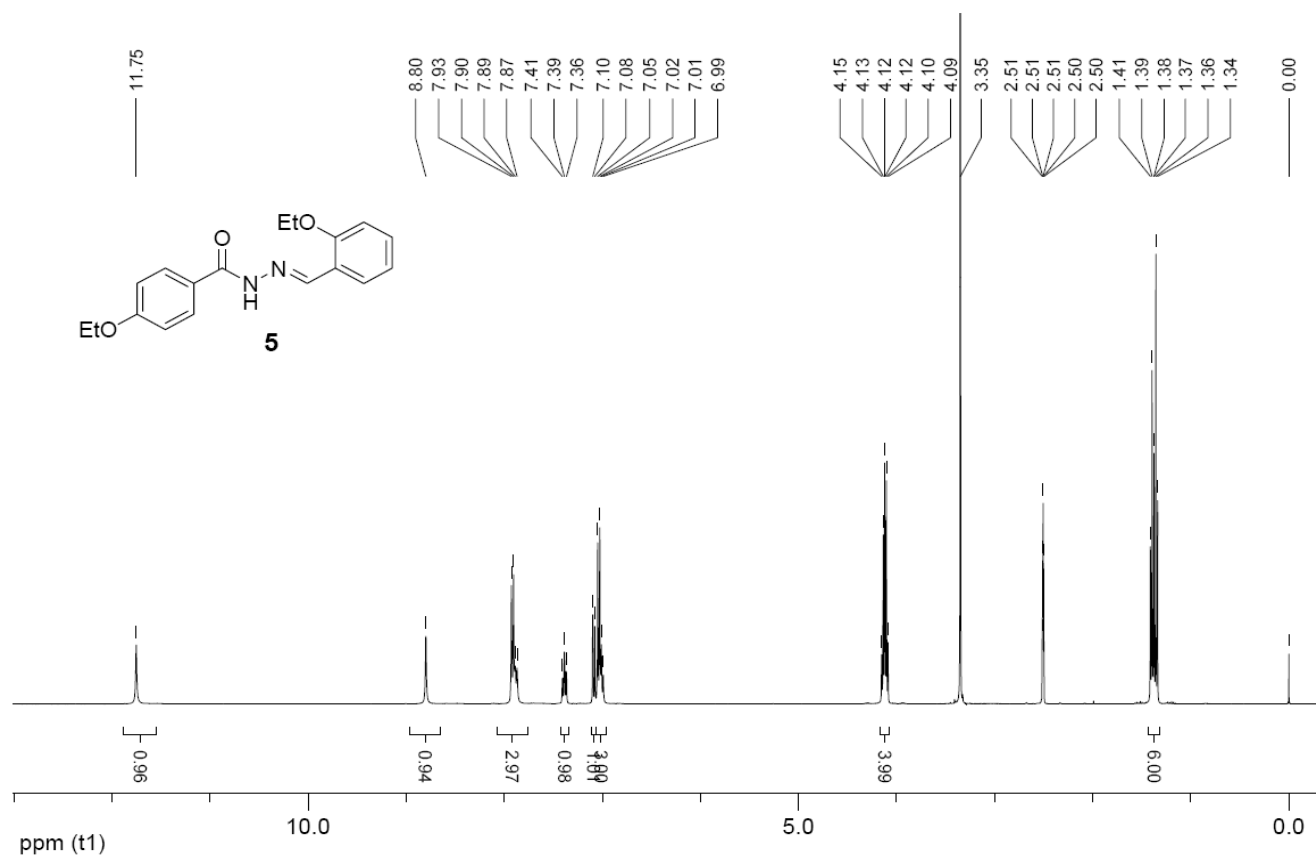


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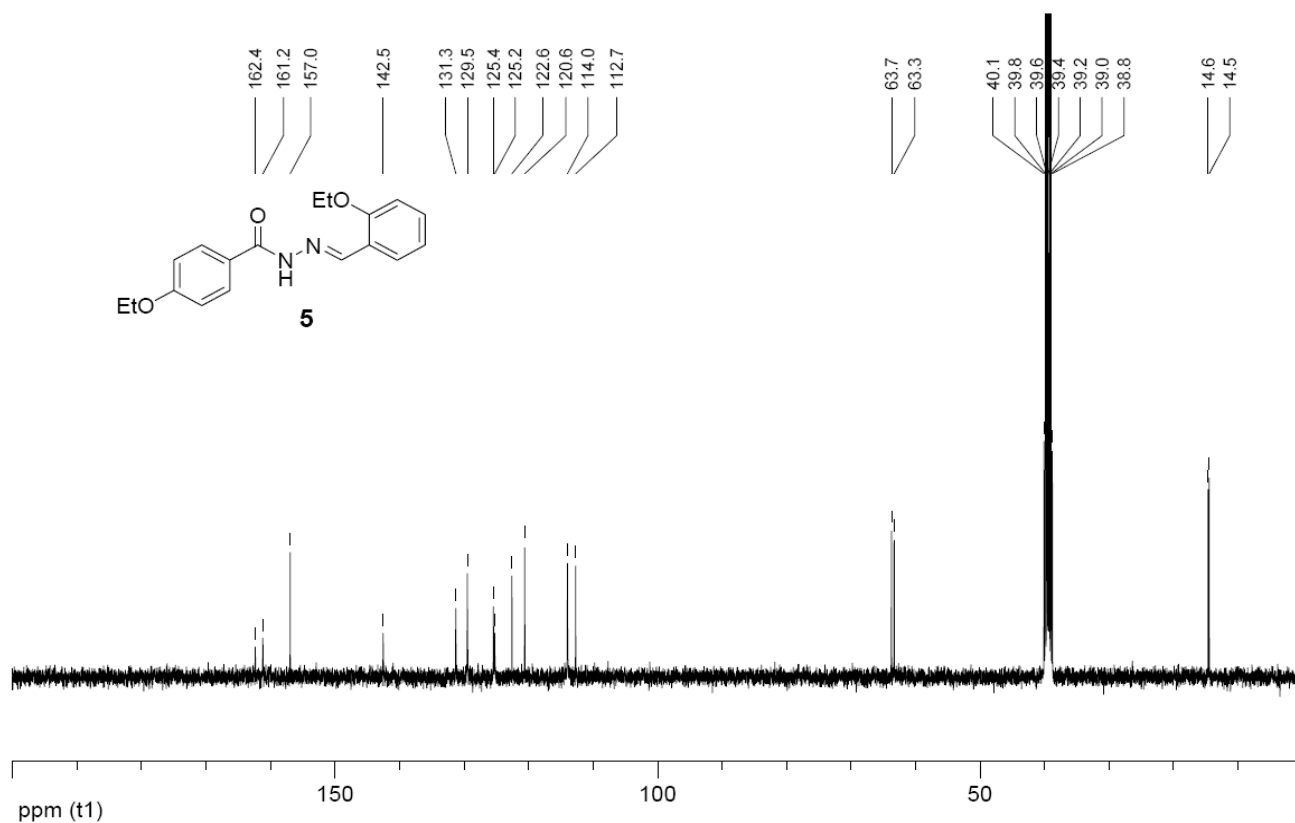


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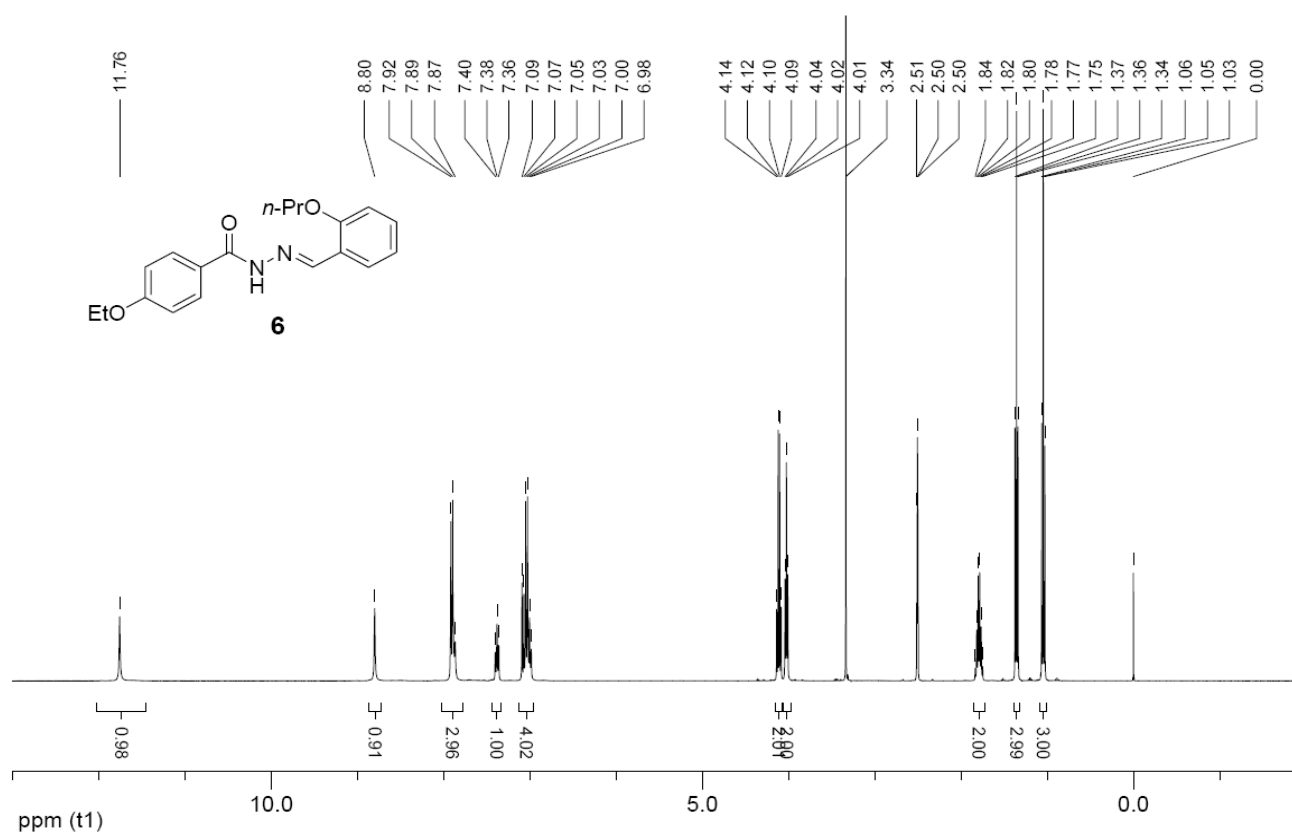


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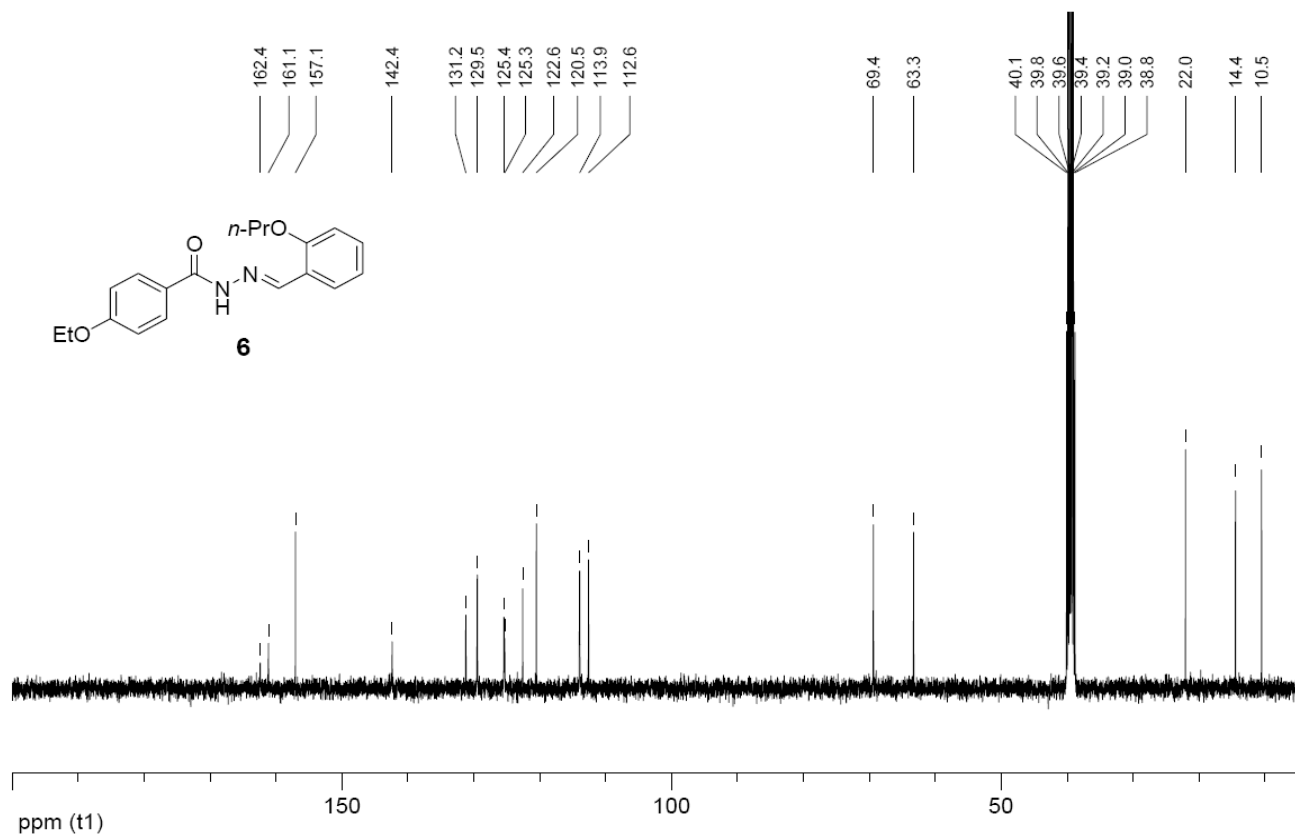


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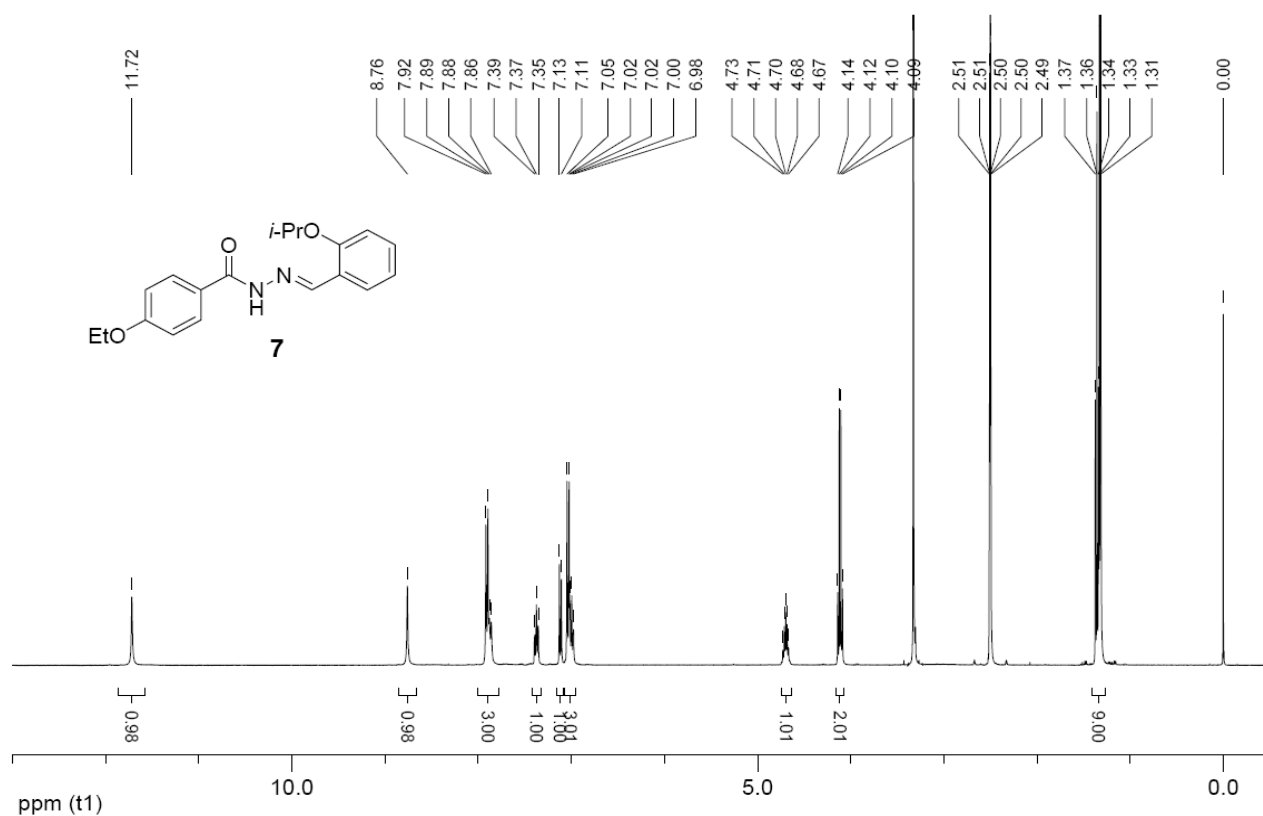


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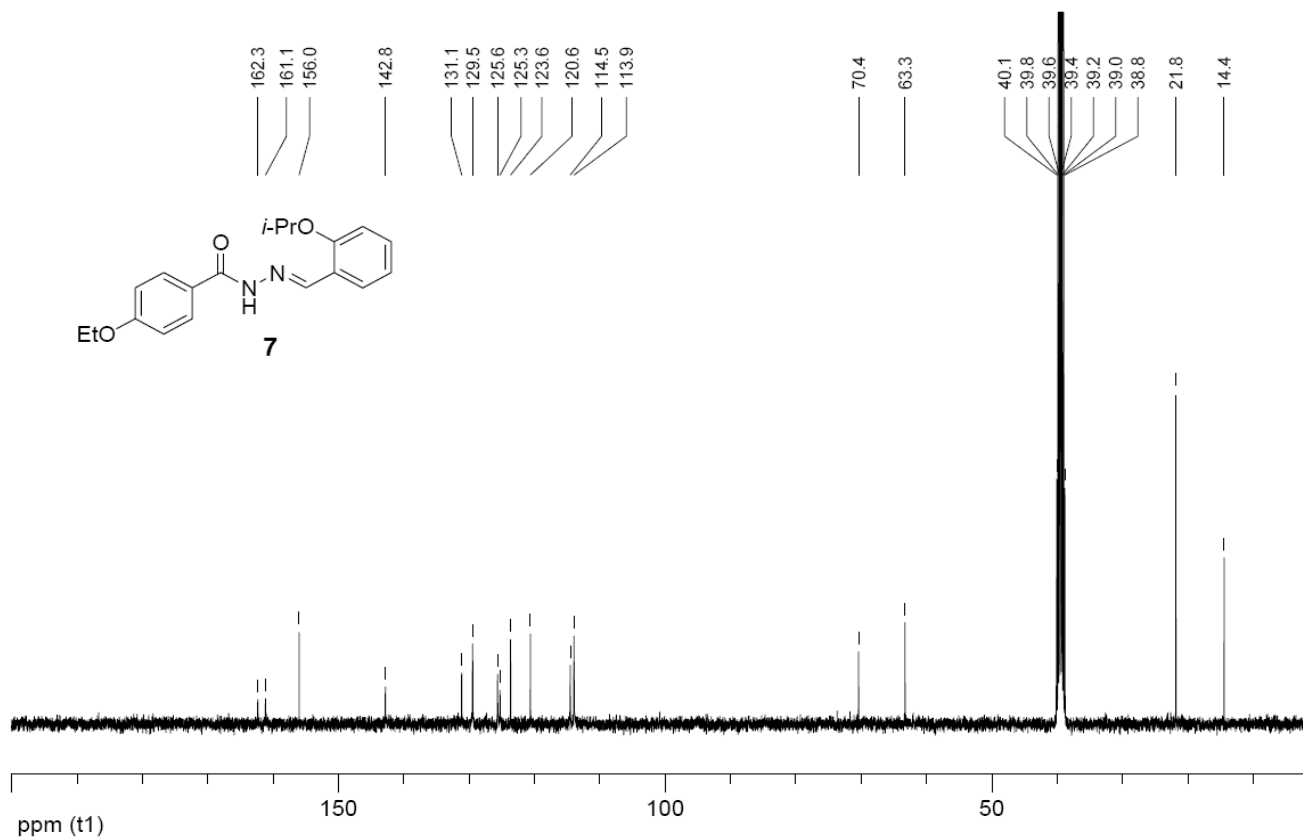


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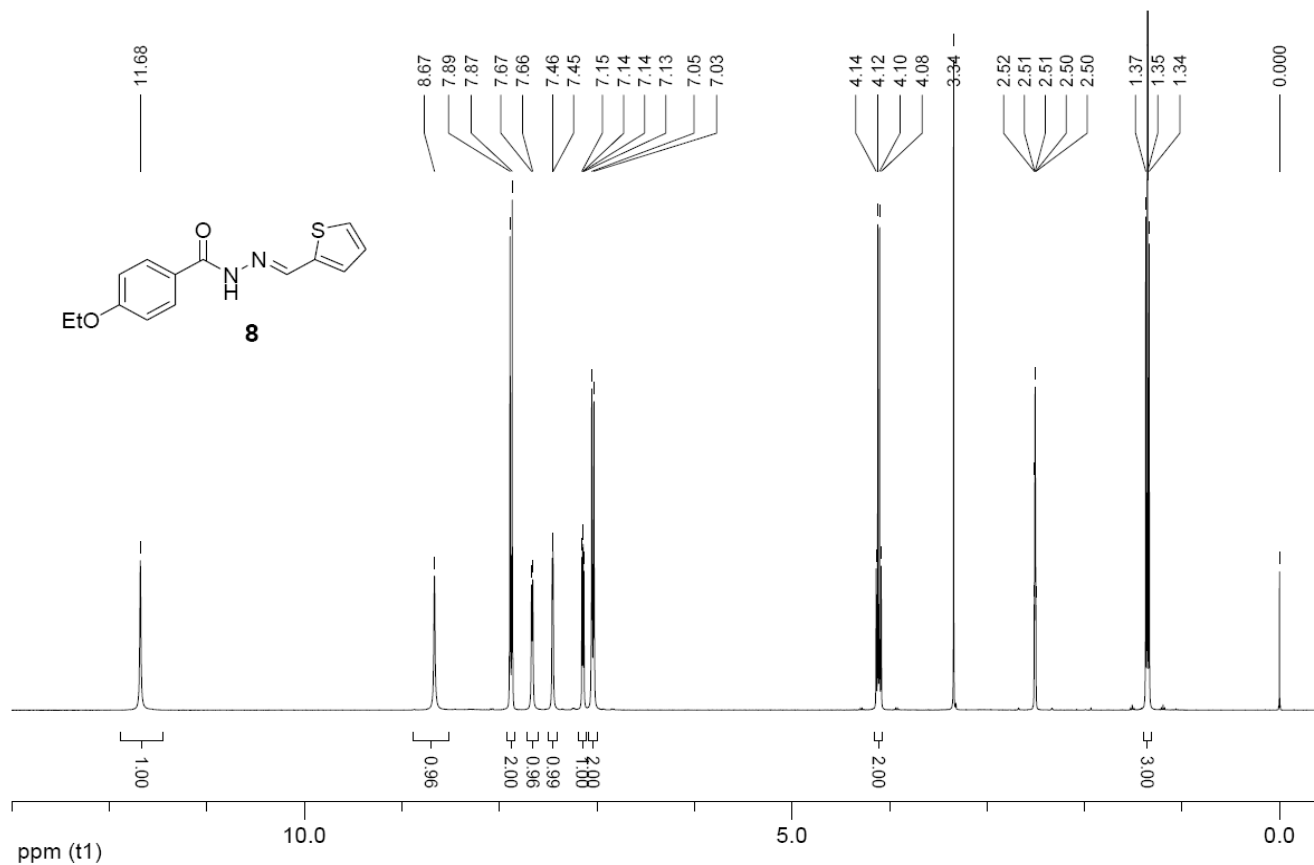


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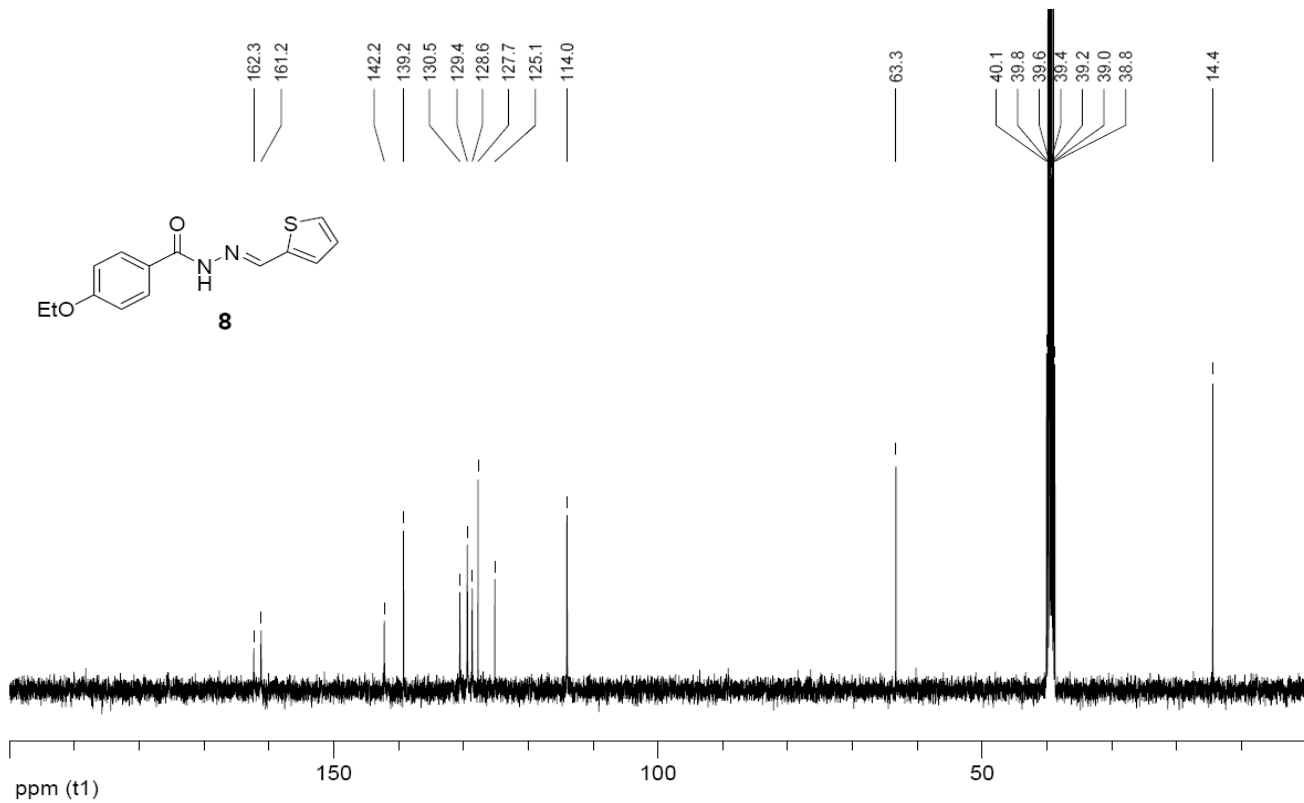


**4-Ethoxy-*N'*-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)benzohydrazide (8) :**

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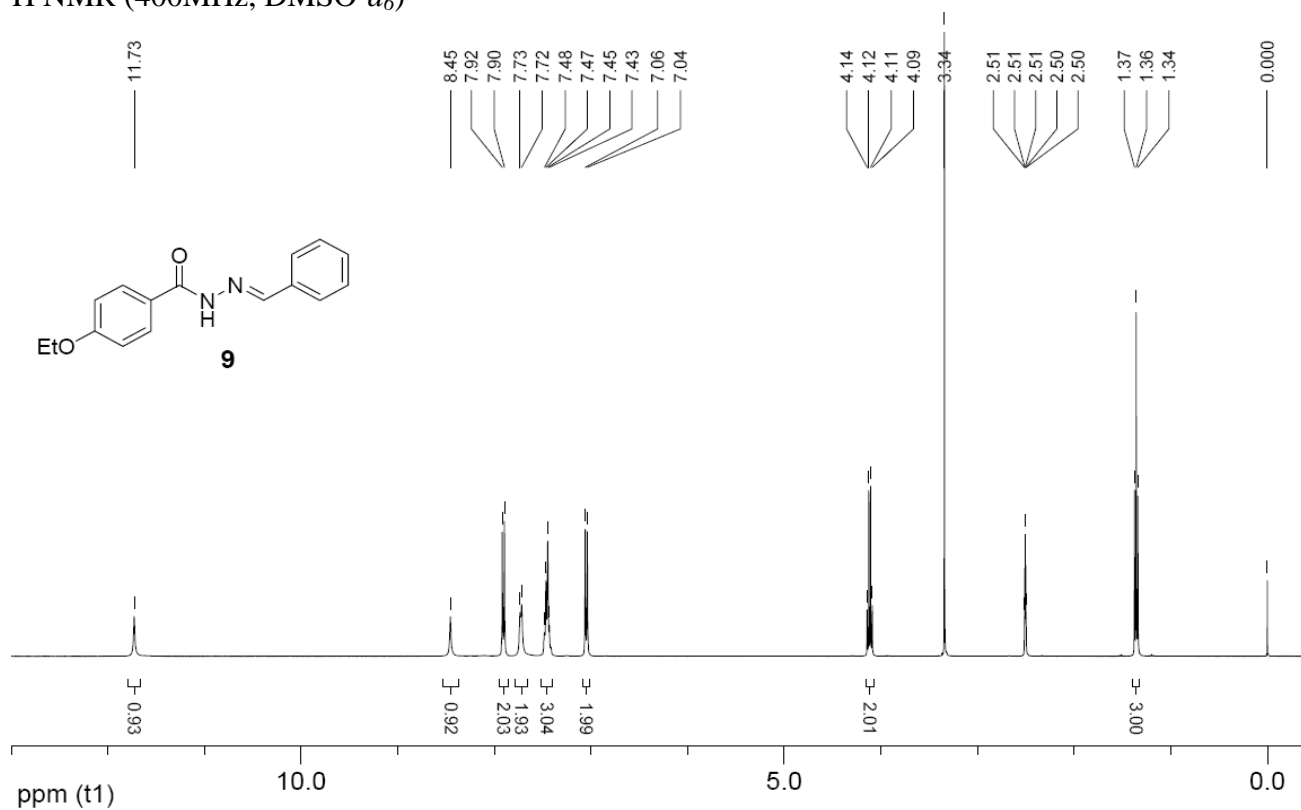
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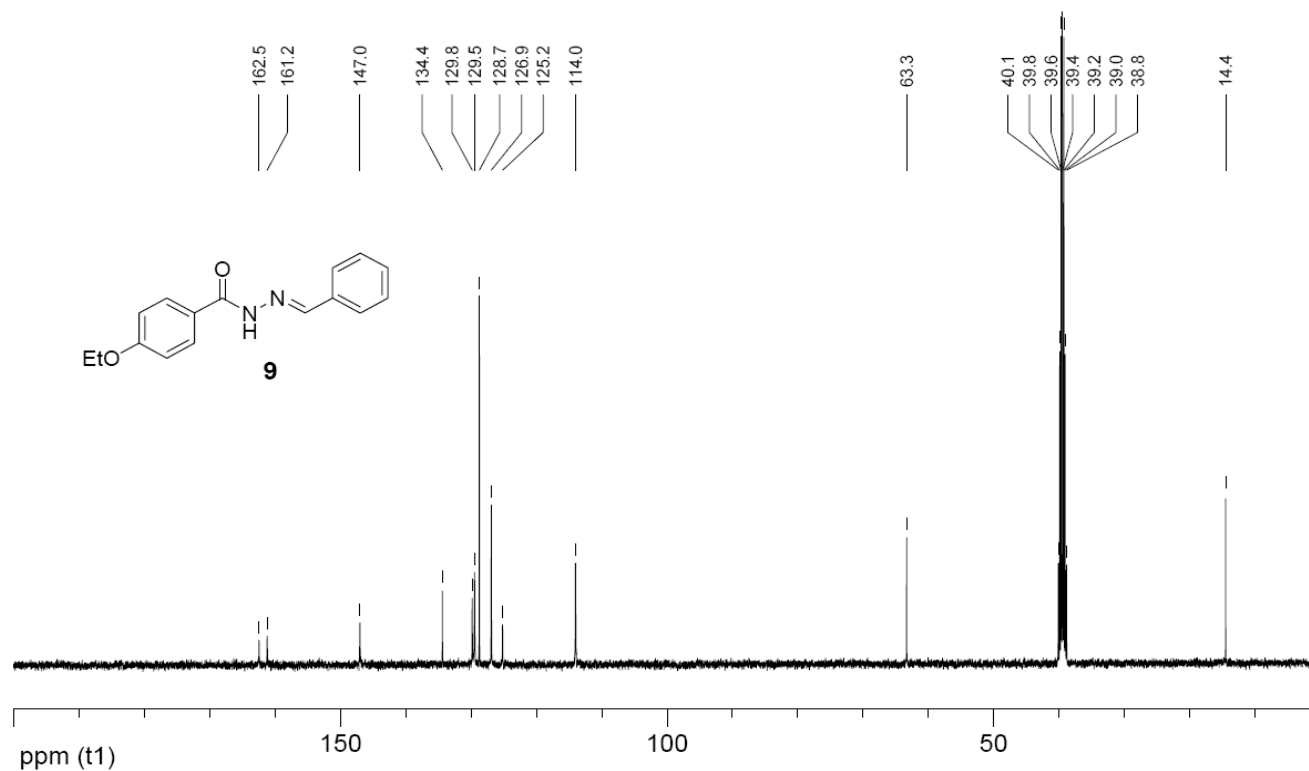


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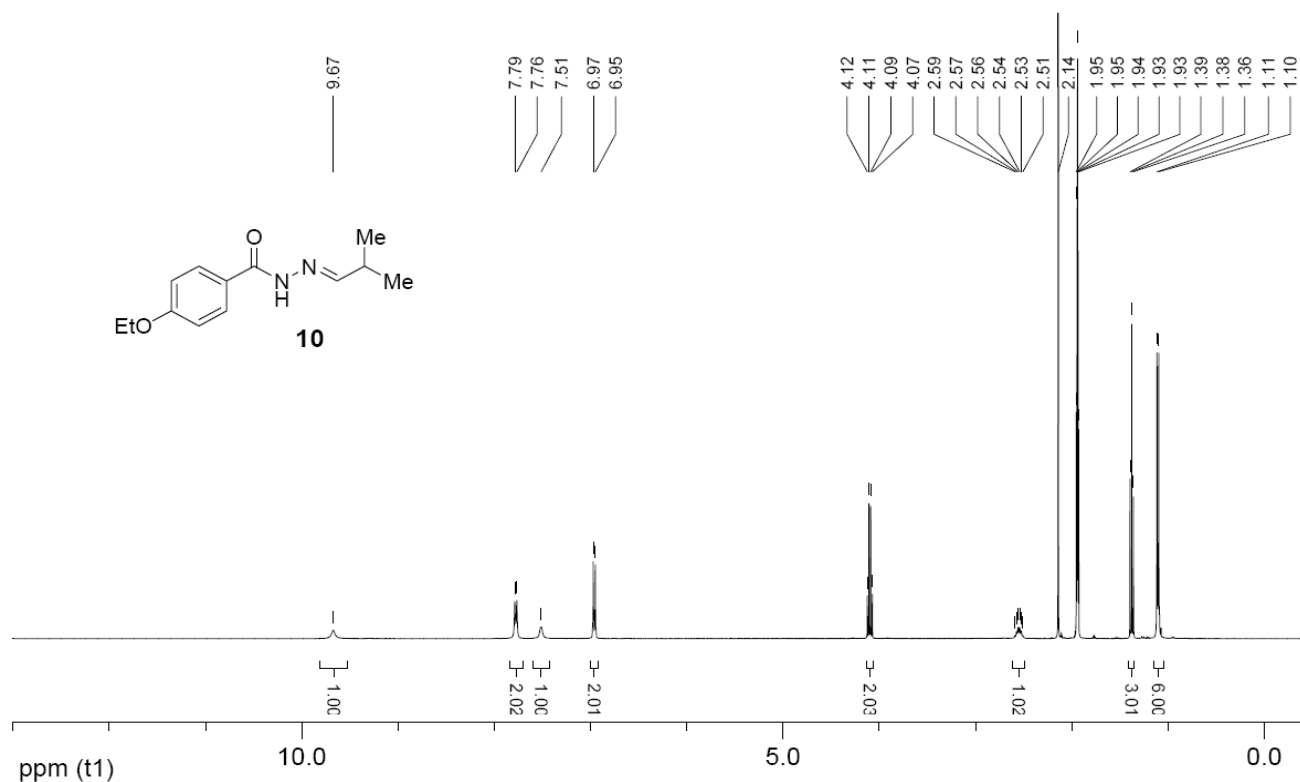


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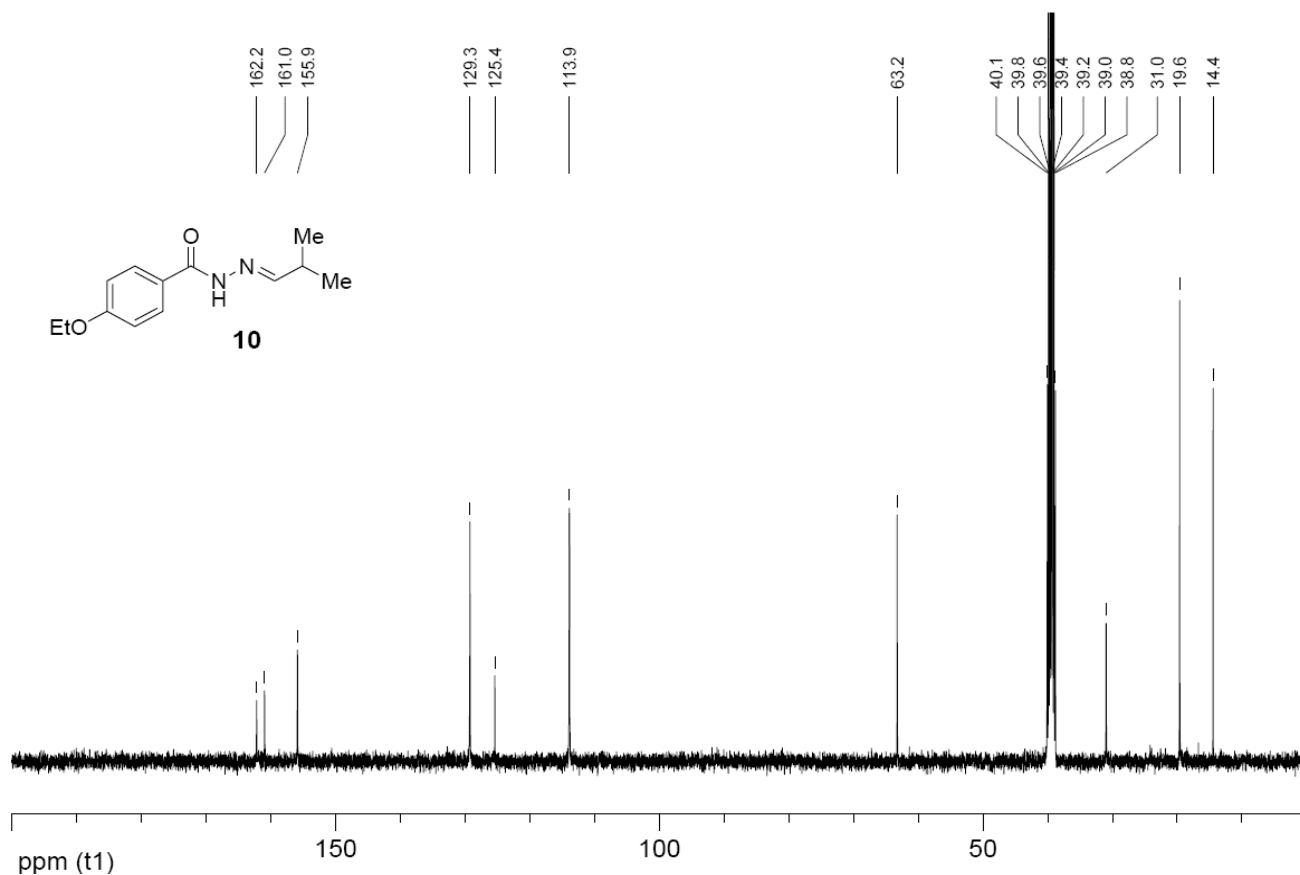


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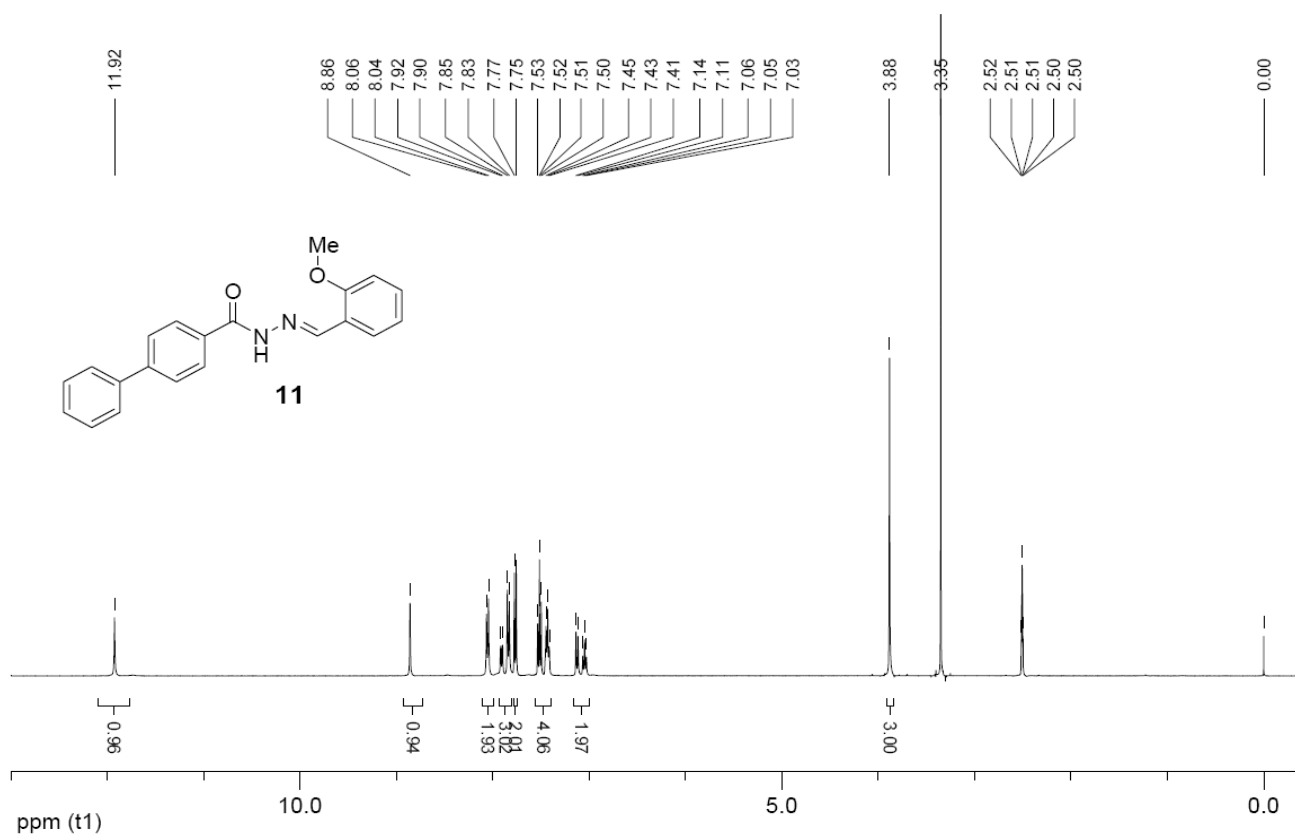


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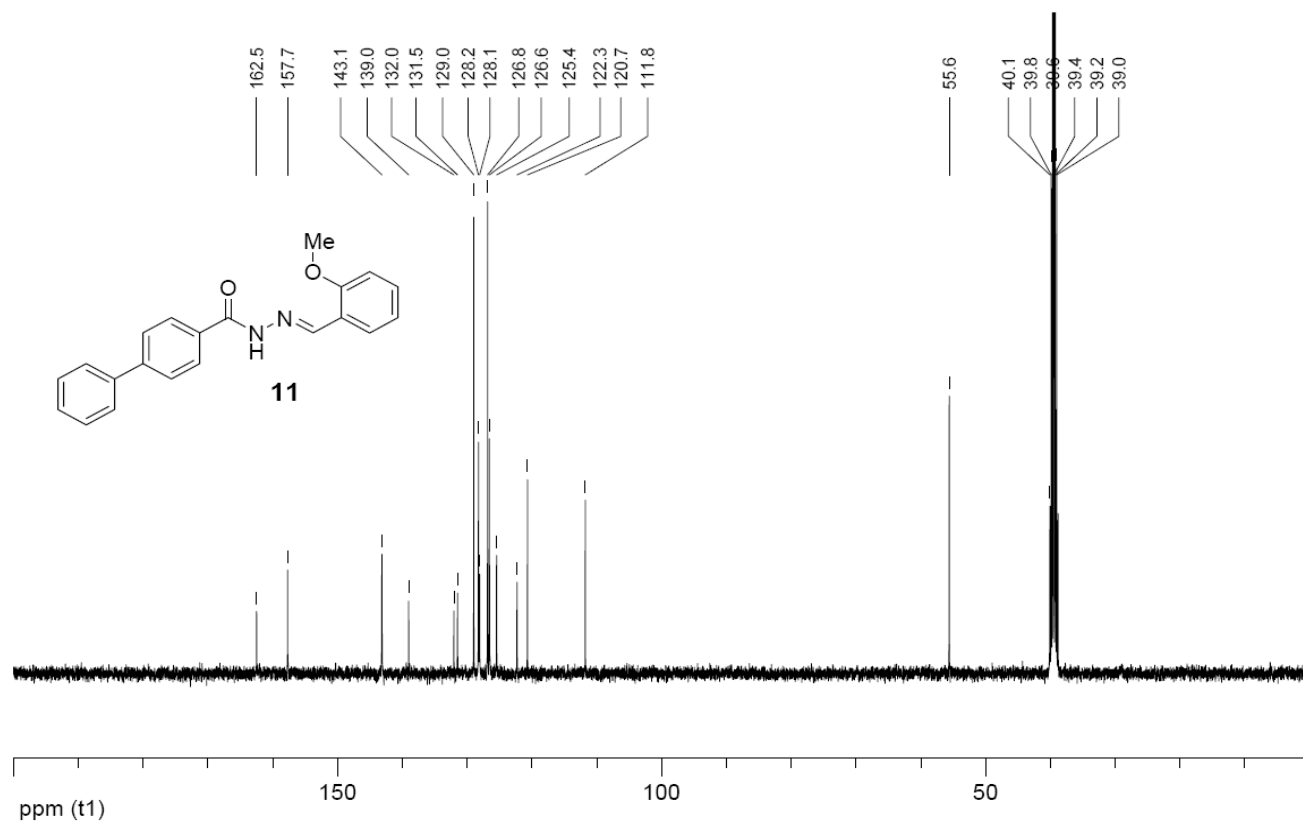


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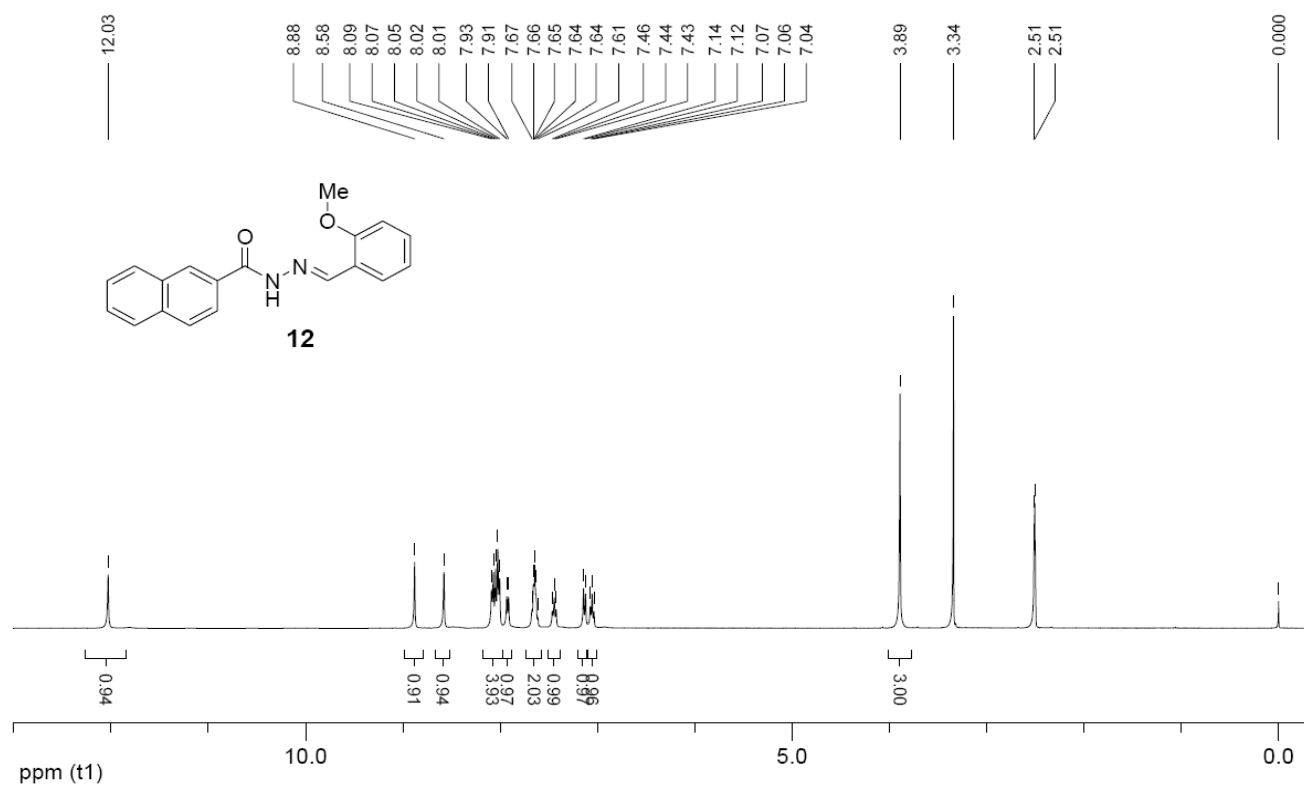


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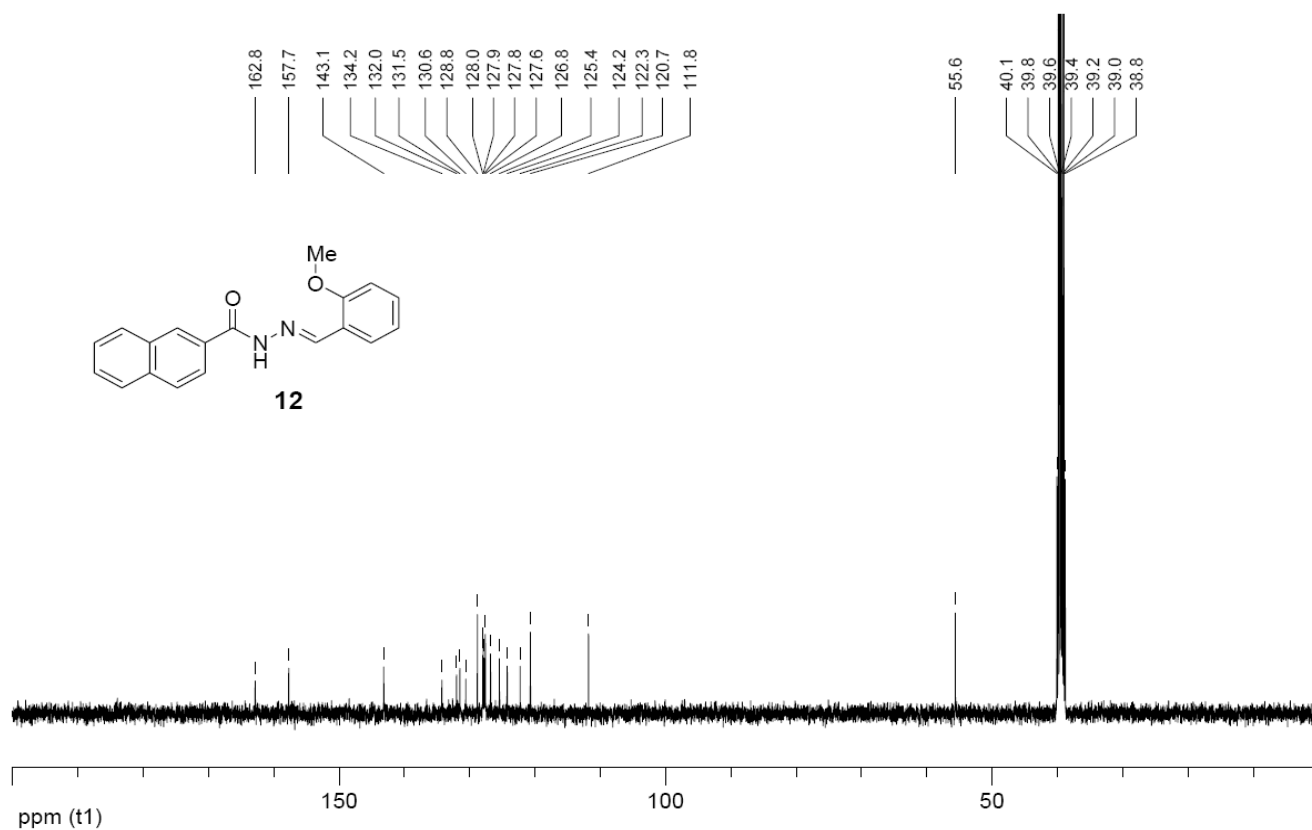


***N'*-(2-Methoxybenzylidene)-2-naphthohydrazide (12):**

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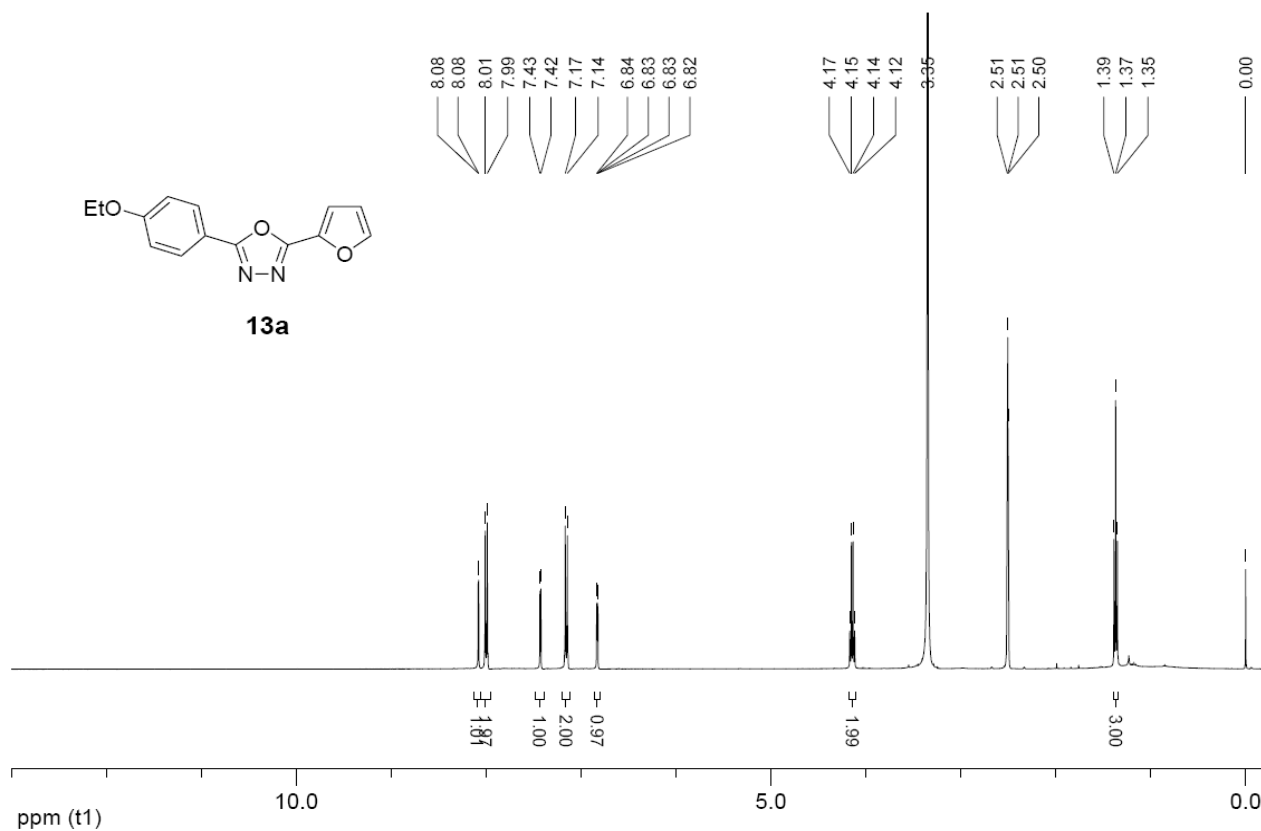


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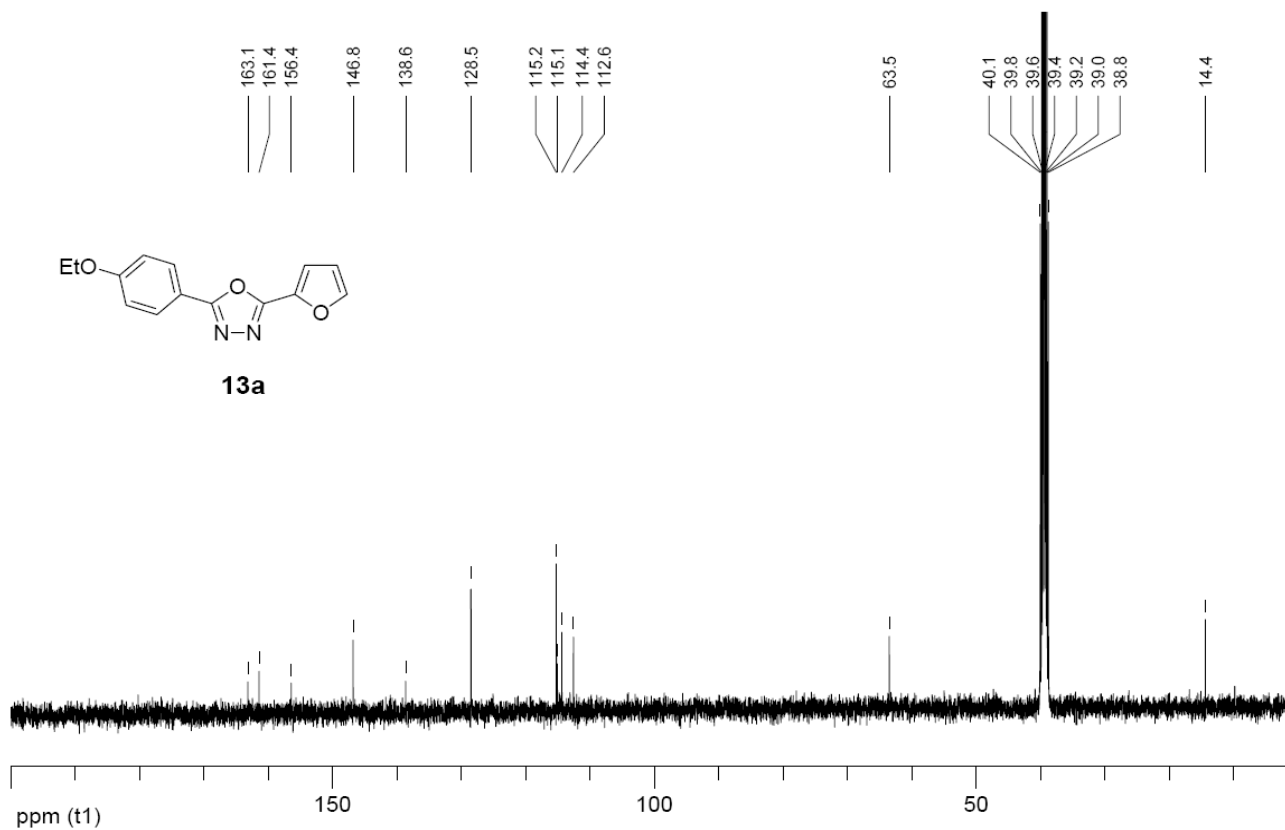


**2-(4-Ethoxyphenyl)-5-furan-2-yl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (13a):**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)

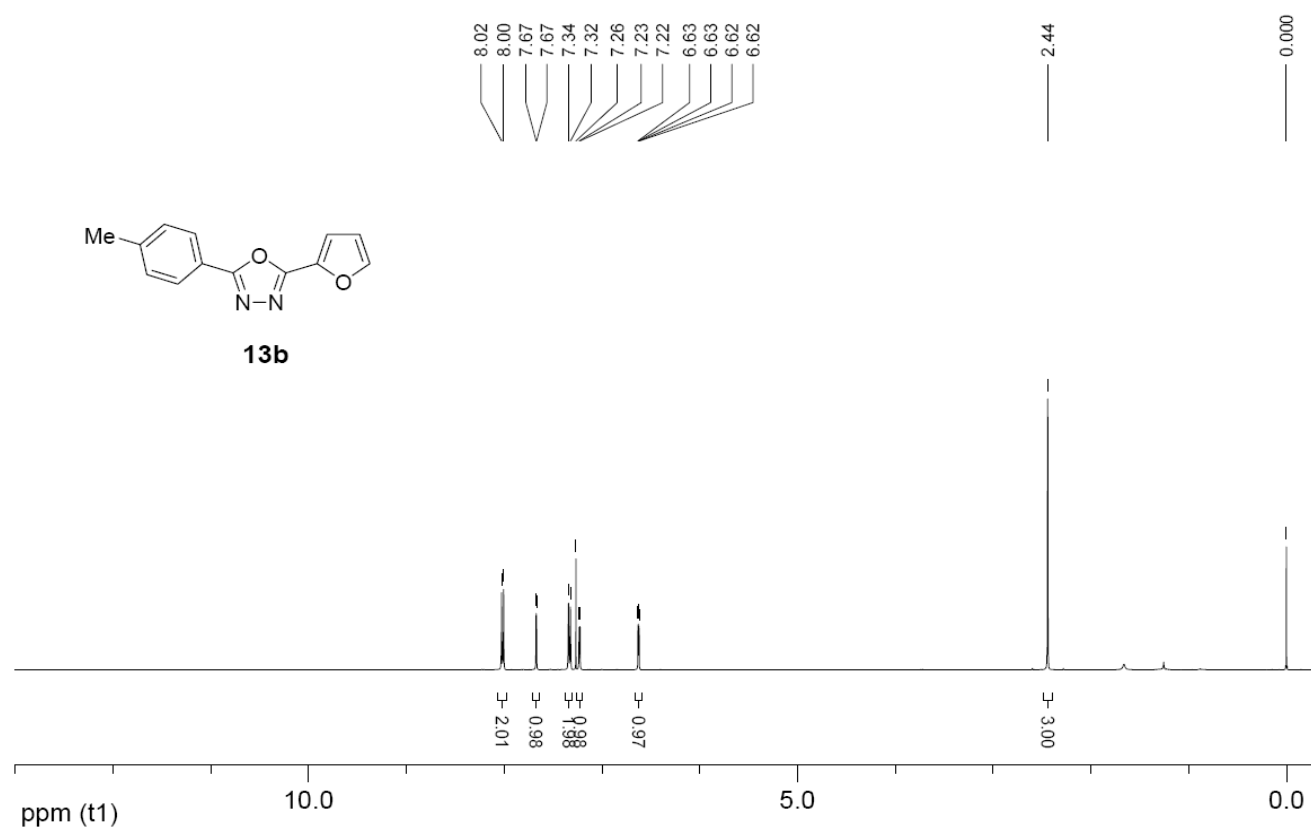


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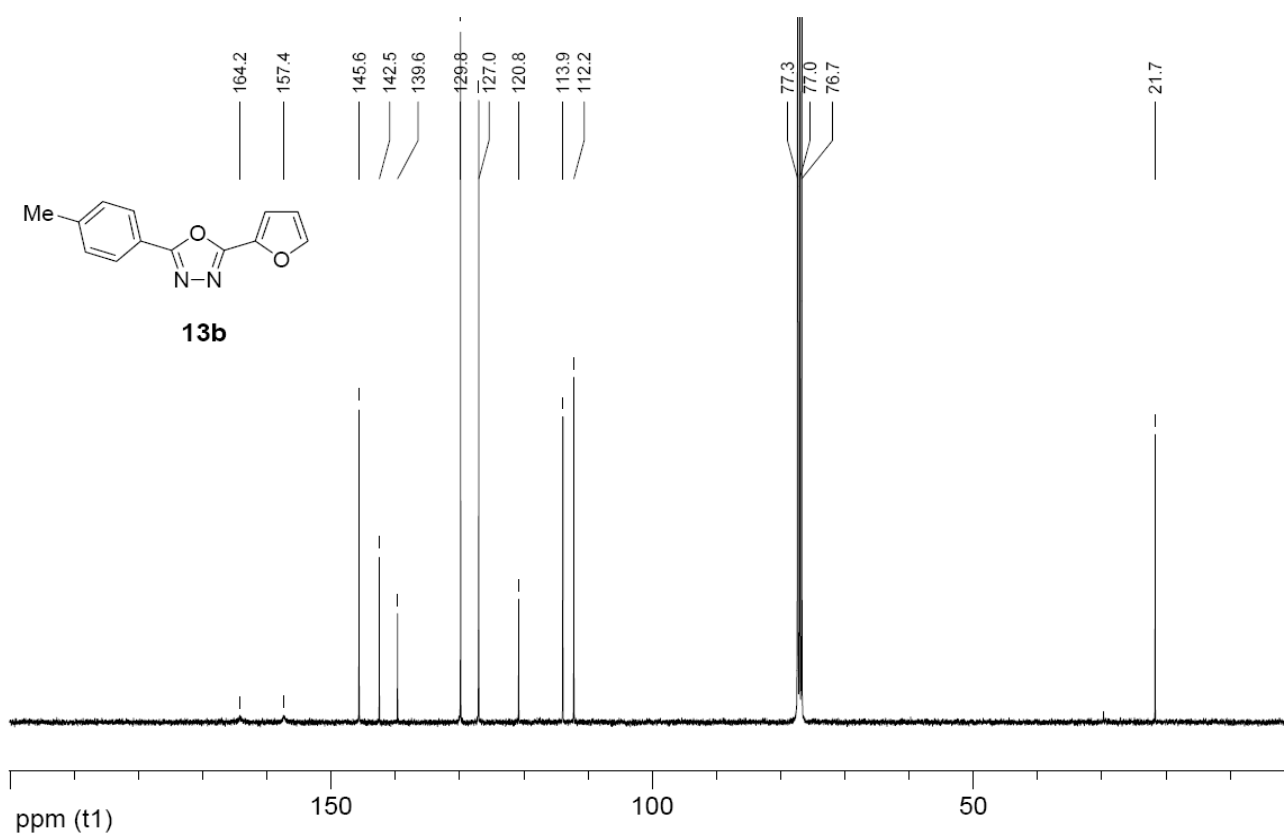


**2-Furan-2-yl-5-*p*-tolyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (13b):**

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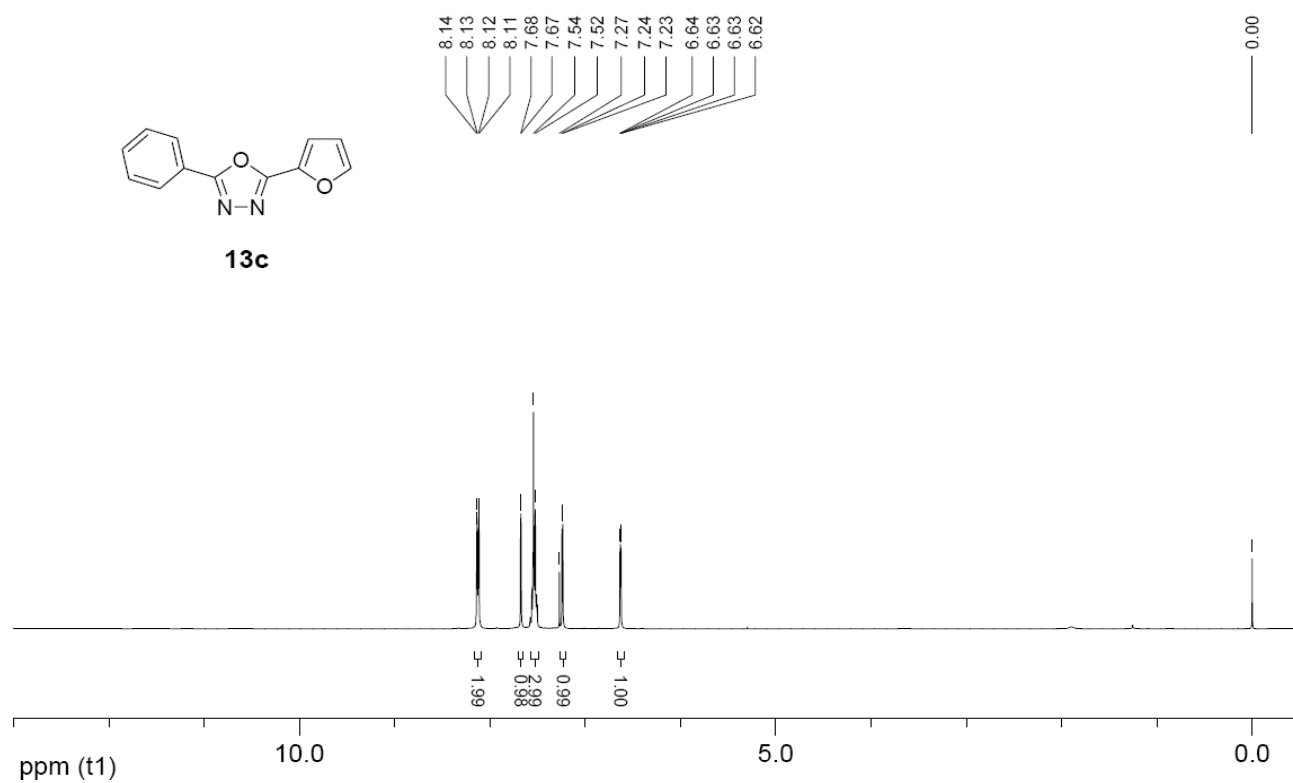


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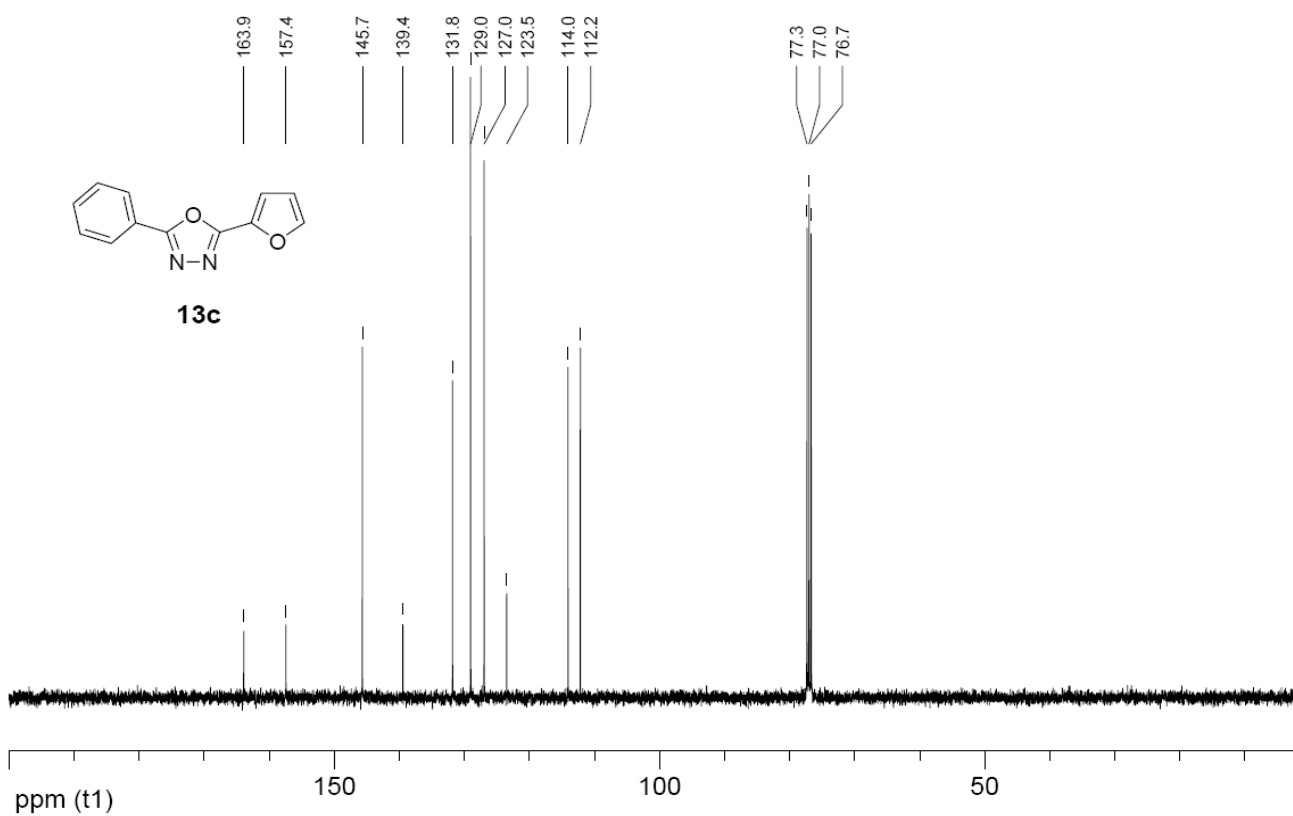


**2-Furan-2-yl-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (13c):**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

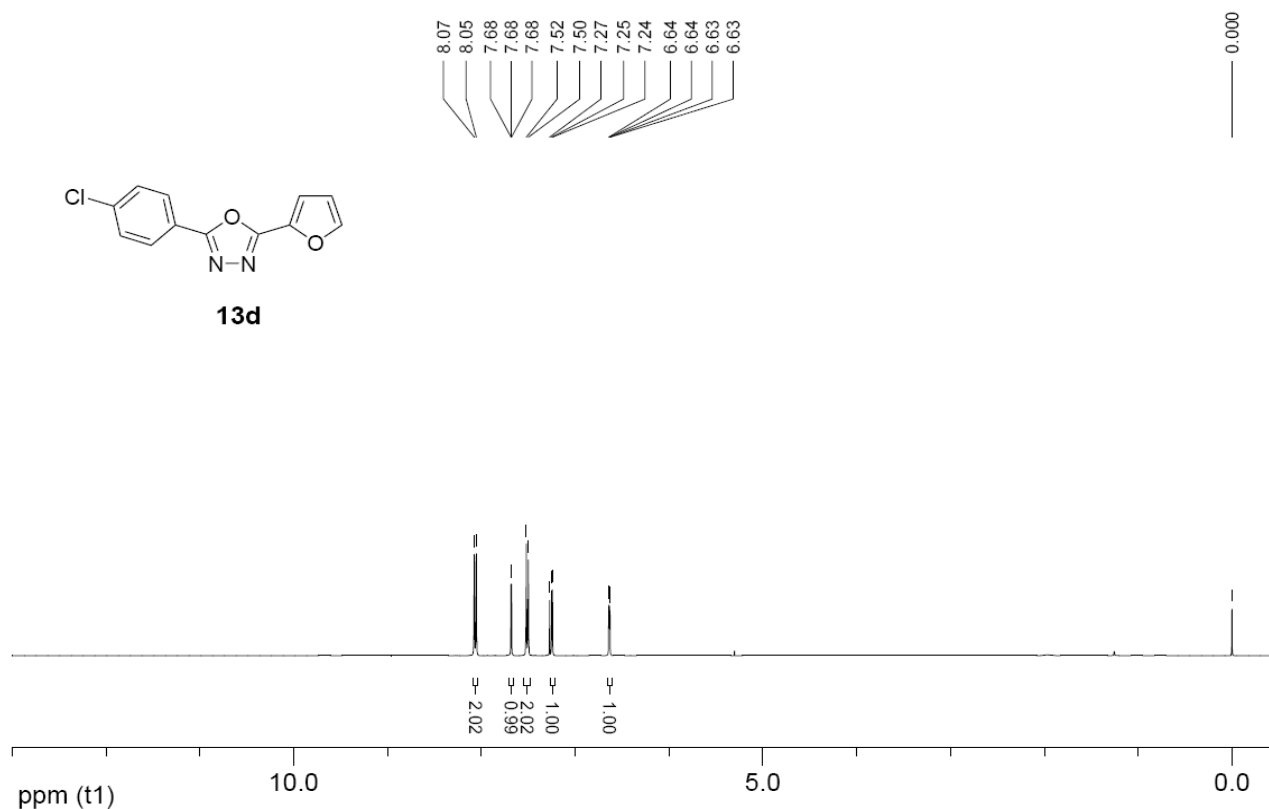


<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-furan-2-yl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (13d):**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

