

Benzoylureas as Removable Cis Amide Inducers: Synthesis of Cyclic Amides via Ring Closing Metathesis (RCM).

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Experimental procedures

General Procedure

All non-aqueous reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen, unless otherwise specified. DCM, THF, DMF and diethyl ether were dried on an M-Braun Solvent Purification system. Anhydrous acetonitrile (99.8%) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as supplied. Triethylamine was distilled over calcium hydride and stored over molecular sieves. Petroleum ether describes a mixture of hexanes in the bp range 40-60°C.

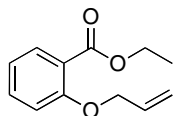
Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel 60F₂₅₄ aluminium-backed plates and were visualised by fluorescence quenching under UV light and / or a permanganate stain consisting of KMnO₄ (3.0 g), K₂CO₃ (20 g) and 5% w/v aqueous NaOH (5 mL) in H₂O (300 mL). Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm).

All NMR spectra were recorded were on a Bruker Advance DRX 300 with solvents indicated (¹H NMR at 300 MHz; ¹³C at 75 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in ppm on the δ scale, referenced to the appropriate solvent peak. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor27 FTIR spectrometer and absorptions are given in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Oils were analysed using sodium chloride plates. Solids were analysed using a diffuse resistance accessory. Mass spectrometry was performed on a Finigan LCQ Advantage MAX. High resolution mass spectra were measured at the Australian National University on a Bruker Apex 3 HR FTICR ESI mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were carried out for carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen and sulfur and hydrogen at the university of Otago microanalytical laboratory.

General procedure A: Phenol alkylation,

Ethyl-2-(allyloxy) benzoate (6): Ethyl salicylate **5** (2.0 g, 12 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DMF (20 mL) and treated with Cs₂CO₃ (19.6 g, 60 mmol). Allyl bromide (1.53 mL, 18 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 60°C for 4 h. The reaction

was quenched with 1M HCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organics were washed with H₂O (15 mL), brine (15 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. Flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (0-10 %) afforded ethyl-2-(allyloxy) benzoate **6** as a clear oil (1.56 g, 88 %)



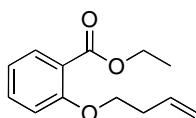
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.77 (dd, J = 1.97, 7.51 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 9.27, 7.41, 1.86 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.04 (dddd, J = 20.3, 9.75, 4.88, 4.86 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dddd, J = 18.99, 1.77, 1.77, 1.71 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.26 (dddd, J = 12.06, 1.56, 1.56, 1.56 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.58 (ddd, J = 4.86, 1.68, 1.65 Hz, 2H, CH₂), (q, J = 7.28 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.35 (t, J = 7.13 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 166.3, 157.9, 133.1, 132.8, 131.4, 121.1, 120.4, 117.2, 113.7, 69.4, 60.7, 14.3.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3706, 2972, 1723, 1600, 1244.

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₂H₁₄O₃Na (M + Na): 229.8841; found 229.8841

Ethyl-2-(but-3-enyloxy)benzoate (**7**)



Ethyl salicylate **5** (1.0 g, 6 mmol) and 4-bromobutene (0.76 mL, 6.2 mmol) were treated as described in general procedure A. Purification via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether, afforded **7** as a clear oil (0.403 g, 30 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.79 (d, J = 1.68 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.28-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.04-5.90 (m, 1H), 5.23-5.10 (m, 2H), 4.37 Hz, (q, J = 7.11 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 4.09 (t, J = 6.72 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.64-2.57, (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.14 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

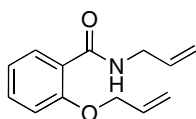
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 166.6, 158.2, 134.3, 133.1, 131.5, 121.2, 120.3, 117.0, 113.4, 68.4, 60.7, 33.7, 14.3.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3706, 2936, 1724, 1600, 1300, 1243.

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₃H₁₇O₃ (M+H): 221.1178; found 221.1177

General procedure B: Synthesis of amides

N-allyl-2-(prop-2-enyloxy) benzamide (8): The ester **6** (3.0 g, 15 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (10 mL). An aqueous solution of LiOH (11 mL, 8M) was added and the mixture allowed to stir for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with 10% citric acid (15 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), H₂O (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product (2.64 g, 15 mmol), along with EDCI (30 mmol) and HOBT (3.21 g, 30 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DCM (40 mL). The solution was cooled to 0°C and treated with allyl amine (1.40 mL, 23 mmol). After 2 h, the reaction was quenched with 1M HCl (15 mL), washed with brine (15 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude oil was purified *via* Flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (0–10 %), yielding **8** as a slightly yellow oil (2.15 g, 66 %).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.23–8.20 (m, 1H), 8.02 (br.s, 1H, NH), 7.44–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.34 (m, 1H), 6.97–6.94 (m, 1H), 6.10–5.90 (m, 2H), 5.23–4.96 (m, 4H), 4.45 (ddd, J = 5.43, 1.41, 1.41 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.92 (dddd, J = 5.52, 5.52, 1.65, 1.65 Hz, 2H, CH₂).

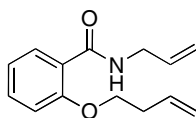
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 165.1, 165.6, 134.4, 132.7, 132.4, 132.0, 121.8, 121.6, 119.2, 115.9, 112.8, 69.9, 42.2.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3706, 2970, 2865, 1639, 1599, 1526, 1226.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 218 (M + H)

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₃H₁₆NO₂ (M+H): 218.1181; found 218.1173.

N-allyl-2-(but-enyloxy)benzamide (9)



The ester **7** (0.183 g, 0.82 mmol) was converted to the amide **9** as described in general procedure B. The crude oil was purified via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (0-10 %), yielding a slightly yellow solid (0.134 g, 73 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 8.2 (dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, 1H), 8.1 (br.s, 1H), 7.4 (ddd, J = 9, 7, 2 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (ddd, J = 8, 7, 1 Hz, 1H), 6.9 (dd, J = 8, 1 Hz, 1H), 5.92-5.83 (m, 2H), 5.24-5.10 (m, 4H), 4.14 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.54 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 164.9, 156.8, 134.6, 134.4, 132.6, 132.2, 121.3, 121.1, 117.8, 115.7, 112.0, 67.7, 41.9, 33.6.

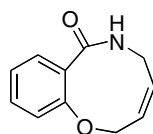
IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3396, 2942, 1653, 1530, 1297, 1233, 732.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 232 (M + H)

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₄H₁₉NO₂ (M+H): 232.1338; found 232.1338.

General procedure C: Amide deprotection,

(Z)-5,6-dihydrobenzo[b][1,5]oxazecin-8-one (10): Benzoylurea **29** (0.314 g, 0.72 mmol) was dissolved in dry Et₂O (5 mL). In a separate flask, HCl gas was generated from NaCl/H₂SO₄ and bubbled through the ether solution. After 20 mins the free amine precipitated from the solution as the hydrochloride salt. The salt was dissolved in dry DMF (240 μ L), neutralised with DIPEA (342 μ L, 1.2 mmol) and stirred at 60°C for 12 h. The mixture was quenched with 1M HCl (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine, H₂O (5 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography, eluting with MeOH/DCM (5 %), affording the lactam **10** as a white solid (0.078 g, 58 %).



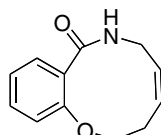
¹H NMR (MeOD, 300 MHz) δ 7.50 (ddd, J = 8.52, 7.50, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.62, 1.62 Hz), 7.19-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.12-6.05 (m, 1H), 5.99-5.90 (m, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 5.88 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (d, J = 7.83 Hz, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (MeOD, 75 MHz) δ 170.4, 156.5, 137.5, 131.3, 129.9, 127.8, 125.7, 122.4, 118.1, 69.3, 40.95.

MS (ES^+): m/z 190.2 (M+H)

HRMS (ES^+) Calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2$ (M + H): 190.0868; found 190.0873.

(Z)-2,3,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b][1,5]oxacin-8-one (11)



The benzoylurea **30** (0.104 g, 0.23 mmol) was treated according to general procedure C. Flash column chromatography, eluting with MeOH/DCM (5 %), afforded **11** as a white solid (0.029 g, 64 %).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ mixture of 1:2 of 2 conformers 7.92 and 7.48 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 1 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.14 (m, 1H), 5.96-6.08 (m, 2H), 5.67-5.81 (m, 1H), 4.28 and 4.16 (m, 2H), 4.10 and 3.56 (m, 2H), 2.26 and 2.15 (m, 2H).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 170.74, 167.75, 158.11, 153.42, 133.25, 131.23, 131.04, 130.79, 130.15, 129.84, 129.25, 128.89, 125.39, 124.16, 122.38, 113.83, 76.94, 66.03, 40.65, 38.10, 29.03, 26.17.

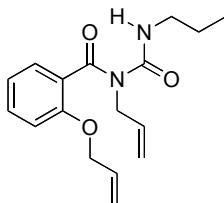
MS (ES^+): m/z (M+H) 204.0

HRMS (ES^+) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ (M+1) 204.1025, found 204.1020.

General procedure D: Synthesis of Benzoylureas

N-allyl-2-(allyloxy)-N-(propylcarbamoyl)benzamide (12): In an oven dried schlenk tube, the amide **8** (0.257 g, 1.2 mmol) in dry Et_2O (4.8 mL), was treated with Et_3N (362 μL , 2.6 mmol), followed by TMSOTf (476 μL , 1.9 mmol). After 45 mins, the solution was cooled to 0°C and phosgene (20 % in toluene) (10.2 mmol, 3.8 mL) was added and the mixture warmed to room temperature over 1 h. The solution was concentrated under vacuo and the thick residue resuspended in CH_3CN (mL/mmol). At 0°C , the amine, propylamine (129 μL , 1.6 mmol), along with DIPEA (1 mL, 5.7 mmol) was added and the mixture warmed to room temperature. After 15 mins, the reaction was quenched with

10 % citric acid and extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were washed with brine, H₂O, dried, filtered and concentrated. The crude residue was purified via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/Pet. Ether (0 – 30%), yielding **12** as a clear oil (0.423 g, 61 %).



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 9.21 (br. s, 1H, NH), 7.28 (ddd, J = 9.21, 7.53, 1.74 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.13 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.71 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.93-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.97-5.85 (m, 1H), 5.73-5.60 (m, 1H), 5.42 (dddd, J = 11.71, 1.65, 1.65, 1.56 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.17 (dddd, J = 12.0, 1.47, 1.41, 1.47 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.56 (dddd, J = 11.70, 1.32, 1.35, 1.29 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.77 (dddd, J = 17.21, 1.50, 1.44, 1.44 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.51-4.49 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.46 (br.s, 1H, CH), 3.91 (br.s, 1H, CH), 3.27 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.56 (pent, J = 7.26 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.91 (t, J = 7.41 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 172.1, 153.4, 152.5, 132.9, 131.5, 130.0, 126.2, 125.5, 119.8, 116.5, 115.2, 111.3, 67.9, 47.2, 41.2, 21.7, 10.4.

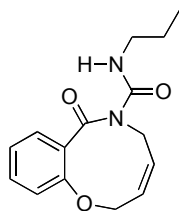
MS (ES⁺) m/z 303 (M+H)

IR (ATR cm⁻¹) 3294, 2963, 1700, 1653, 1526, 1215.

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₇H₂₂N₂O₃Na (M + Na): 325.1528; found 325.1528

General procedure E: Synthesis of cyclic amides via RCM.

(Z)-7-Oxo-N-propyl-5,7-dihydrobenzo[b][1,5]oxazonine-6(2H)-carboxamide (13): An oven dried 2-neck flask was purged with N₂, evacuated and refilled with N₂. Anhydrous DCM (53 mL) was added and the solution degassed. Under an atmosphere of N₂, Grubbs 2nd generation catalyst (0.014 g, 0.016 mmol) was added, followed by **12** (0.050 g, 0.16 mmol). The mixture was heated to reflux (35°C) for 2 h, after which time, the solution was concentrated. The brown residue was purified via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet.ether (0-30%), affording **13** as a light brown solid (0.028 g, 64 %).



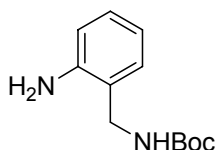
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 9.26 (br. s, 1H, NH), 7.51-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (ddd, J = 8.46, 7.53, 1.02 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.25, 0.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.28-6.18 (m, 1H), 6.18-5.30 (m, 1H), 4.82 (br. s, 2H, CH₂), 3.98 (br. s, 2H, CH₂), 3.31 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.62 (pent, J = 7.29 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 0.97 (t, J = 7.14 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 171.4, 155.6, 153.7, 131.6, 131.2, 129.3, 127.8, 127.6, 122.4, 117.1, 70.7, 45.3, 41.2, 21.7, 10.5.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 275 (M+H).

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₅H₁₉N₂O₃ (M + H): 275.1396; found 275.1396

***tert*-Butyl 2-aminobenzylcarbamate (19)**



2-Aminobenzyl amine (3.0 g, 0.025 mol), along with DIPEA (13 mL, 0.026 mol) was dissolved in dry THF (50 mL). (BOC)₂O (5.0 g, 0.026 mol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under a N₂ atmosphere. After 2 h, the reaction was poured onto 10% citric acid (25 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated, affording an off white solid (4.98 g, 90%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.10 (ddd, J = 15, 8, 2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 7 Hz, 1H), 6.70-6.64 (m, 2H), 4.94 (br.s, 1H), 4.24-4.22 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 9H).

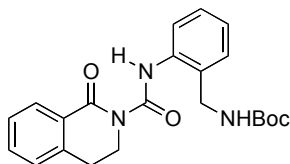
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 156.4, 145.5, 130.2, 129.0, 122.5, 117.8, 115.7, 79.7, 42.1, 28.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3357, 2975, 1668, 1579, 1163.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 224 (M + H)

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₂H₁₉N₂O₂ (M+H): 223.1447; found 223.1447.

***tert*-Butyl 2-(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-2-carboxamido)benzylcarbamate (20)**



The amide **18** (0.120 g, 0.8 mmol) and the aniline **19** (0.231 g, 1.0 mmol) were treated according to general procedure D. Flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (20 %), afforded the benzoylurea **20** as a white solid (0.126 g, 40%).

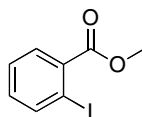
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.6 (s, 1H, NH), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.01 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.54 (ddd, J = 7.47, 7.47, 1.44 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.84 (d, J = 7.74 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.44-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 5.13 (br.s, 1H, NH), 4.40 (d, J = 5.55 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 4.27-4.23 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.06 (t, J = 6.42 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.45 (s, 9H, 3 x CH₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 171.2, 167.3, 155.7, 152.2, 140.4, 134.9, 133.6, 131.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 124.6, 122.9, 77.9, 41.5, 40.2, 28.2, 26.9.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 418 (M+H).

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₂H₂₆N₃O₄a(M + H): 396.1923; found 396.1923

Methyl 2-iodobenzoate (22)



2-Iodobenzoic acid **21** (1.0 g, 4.0 mmol) was dissolved in dry DMF (4 mL) and treated with Cs₂CO₃ (5.23 g, 16 mmol). Methyl iodide (2.3 mL, 16 mmol) was added and the suspension was warmed to 50°C. After 1 h, the reaction was poured onto 1M HCl (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with NaHCO₃ (10 mL), brine (10 mL), H₂O (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated, yielding a slightly yellow oil (1.0 g, 95%) as reported in the literature.¹

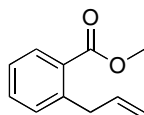
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.86 (ddd, J = 6.10, 4.89, 4.89 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.67 (dd, J = 7.77, 1.74 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH₃).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 166.8, 141.2, 135.1, 132.6, 130.8, 127.8, 94.0, 52.4

MS (ES^+) m/z 263 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).

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Methyl 2-allylbenzoate (23)



The aryl iodide **22** (0.58 g, 2.2 mmol), PdPPh_3 (0.12 g, 0.11 mmol) and allyltributyltin (0.82 mL, 2.6 mmol) were dissolved in dry DMF (2 mL) and microwave irradiated at 120°C for 10 mins. The black suspension was filtered through celite and the cake washed with EtOAc (10 mL). The filtrate washed with 1M HCl (2 x 10 mL), H_2O (10 mL), dried, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (0-5%), affording a clear oil (0.274 g, 74%) as reported in the literature.²

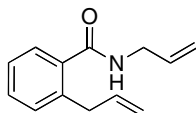
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 7.89 (ddd, $J = 7.32, 3.03, 3.03$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.43 (ddd, $J = 7.02, 2.60, 2.60$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.08-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.06-4.99 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.77 (d, $J = 6.40$ Hz, 2H, CH_2).

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz) δ 168.3, 141.7, 137.6, 132.2, 131.1, 130.8, 129.9, 126.4, 115.8, 52.1, 38.6

MS (ES^+) m/z 177 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).

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N-2-diallylbenzamide (24)



Allylamine (193 μL , 3.1 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) was treated with DABAL (0.531 g, 2.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 mins. After this time, the ester **23** (0.450 g, 2.5 mmol) was added and the mixture was microwave irradiated for 2h

at 100°C. The reaction was quenched with 1M HCl (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined extracts were washed with H₂O (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Flash column chromatography, eluting with 20 % EtOAc/pet.ether afforded **24** as white solid (0.312 g, 60%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.27 (br. s, 1H), 6.01-5.78 (m, 2H), 5.21-4.93 (m, 4H), 3.96-3.92 (m, 2H) 3.50 (d, J = 6.24 Hz, 2H).

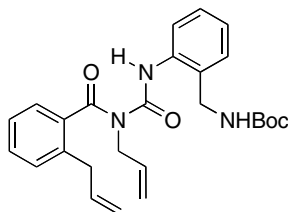
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 169.72, 137.65, 137.56, 136.37, 134.07, 130.34, 129.96, 127.23, 126.23, 116.47, 115.97, 42.16, 37.41.

IR (ATR cm⁻¹) 3289, 3076, 1638, 914.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 202 (M+H).

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₃H₁₆NO (M+H): 202.1232; found 202.1233.

***tert*-Butyl 2-(3-allyl-3-(2-allylbenzoyl)ureido)benzylcarbamate (**25**):**



The amide **24** (0.378 g, 1.9 mmol) and the amine **19** (0.464 g, 2.1 mmol) were treated according to general procedure D. Flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (20 %), afforded the benzoylurea **25** as a clear solid (0.725 g, 85%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.25 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.19 (m, 8H), 5.91-5.79 (m, 2H), 5.16-4.94 (m, 4H), 4.99-4.94 (m, 1H), 4.36-4.34 (m, 4H), 3.45 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H).

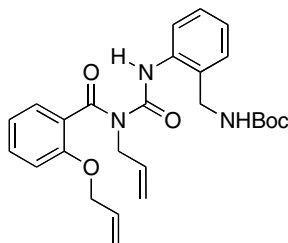
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 175.4, 155.9, 152.4, 135.9, 135.7, 135.5, 135.3, 133.1, 130.9, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.3, 126.2, 125.5, 123.7, 117.4, 117.2, 79.5, 49.1, 41.6, 37.6, 28.4.

IR (ATR cm⁻¹) 3763, 3367, 3221, 1706, 1074, 750

MS (ES⁺) m/z 450 (M+H)

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₆H₃₁N₃NaO₄ (M + Na): 472.2212; found 472.2215

***tert*-Butyl 2-(3-allyl-3-(2-(allyloxy)benzoyl)ureido)benzylcarbamate (26)**



The amide **8** (0.502 g, 2.3 mmol) and the aniline **19** (0.562 g, 2.5 mmol) were treated as described in general procedure D. Purification via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet.ether (25 %) afforded the benzoylurea **26** as a clear oil (0.810 g, 74 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 7.86-6.63 (m, 8H), 6.03-5.93 (m, 1H), 5.83-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.41-4.88 (m, 5H), 4.60-4.58 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.21 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H).

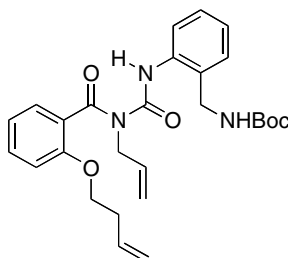
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 173.7, 155.9, 153.6, 152.4, 145.7, 135.4, 133.4, 132.4, 131.4, 129.6, 128.2, 127.5, 125.9, 125.3, 123.6, 120.9, 117.8, 116.8, 112.4, 79.7, 69.1, 48.5, 41.4, 28.4.

IR (ATR cm⁻¹) 3368, 3221, 2979, 1703, 1103, 746.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 466 (M + H)

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₆H₃₂N₃O₅ (M+H): 466.2342; found 466.2337.

***tert*-Butyl 2-(3-allyl-3-(2-(but-3-enyloxy)benzoyl)ureido)benzylcarbamate (27)**



The amide **9** (0.134 g, 0.58 mmol) and the aniline **19** (0.135 g, 0.61 mmol) were treated as described in general procedure D. Purification *via* flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (40 %) afforded the benzoylurea **27** as a yellow oil (0.194 g, 70 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.22 (s, 1H), 7.86-6.91 (m, 8H), 5.84-5.73 (m, 2H), 5.16-4.87 (m, 5H), 4.71-4.33 (br.s, 2H), 4.31 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.54 - 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H).

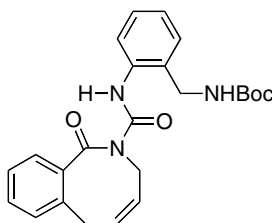
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 171.3, 153.5, 151.4, 149.9, 132.9, 131.4, 130.9, 128.9, 128.6, 127.1, 125.8, 125.1, 123.4, 122.8, 121.1, 118.3, 115.1, 114.4, 109.5, 76.9, 69.1, 45.9, 38.9, 31.1, 25.9.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3353, 3077, 2977, 1707, 1649, 1589, 1509, 1451, 1366, 1162, 859

MS (ES⁺) m/z 502 (M + Na),

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₇H₃₄N₃O₅ (M + H): 480.2498; found 480.2496

(Z)-tert-Butyl-2-(1-oxo-1,2,3,6-tetrahydrobenzo[c]azocine-2-carboxamido)benzylcarbamate (28)



The benzoylurea **25** (0.620 g, 1.38 mmol) and Grubbs-II (0.059 g, 0.77 mmol) were treated according to general procedure E. Purification via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (20 %), afforded **28** as a light grey residue (0.414 g, 74 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.28 (s, 1H), 7.86 (1H, s, CH), 7.48 (2H, m), 7.36-7.25 (3H, m), 7.17-7.12 (2H, m), 5.60-5.89 (2H, m), 5.18 (1H, br.s, CH), 4.49 (1H, br.s, CH), 4.33 (2H, d, J = 5.73 Hz, CH₂), 3.83-3.51 (2H, m), 3.31 (1H, br.s, CH), 1.44 (9H, s, CH₃).

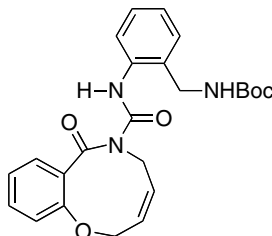
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 175.8, 158.8, 151.9, 136.6, 135.4, 133.1, 131.9, 130.5, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.2, 125.8, 125.2, 123.4, 79.5, 43.3, 41.7, 32.9, 28.4.

IR (ATR cm⁻¹) 3361, 3222, 2977, 1702, 1140, 752.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 444 (M+H)

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₄H₂₇N₃NaO₄ (M + Na): 444.1899; found 444.1901

(Z)-tert-butyl(4-(7-oxo-2,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b][1,5]oxazonine-6-carboxamido)-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene)dicarbamate (29)



The benzoylurea **26** (0.500 g, 1.1 mmol) and Grubbs-II (0.091g, 0.11 mmol) were treated according to the general procedure E. Purification via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (20 %), afforded **29** as a light brown residue (0.325 g, 70 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.3 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.05 (m, 8H), 6.30-6.26 (m, 1H), 6.03-5.98 (m, 1H), 5.21 (br.s, 1H), 4.86 (br.s, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 4.09 (br.s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

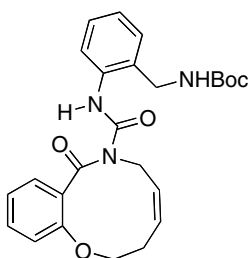
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 173.1, 155.9, 152.7, 135.4, 133.0, 132.8, 130.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 125.3, 123.6, 123.5, 123.4, 118.1, 79.4, 71.7, 46.5, 41.5, 28.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 2961, 2340, 1710, 1589, 1367, 1166, 756

MS (ES⁺) m/z 460 (M + Na)

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₄H₂₈N₃O₅ (M + H): 438.2029; found 438.2032.

(Z)-tert-butyl-2-(8-oxo-3,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[b][1,5]oxazecine-7-carboxamido)benzylcarbamate (30)



The benzoylurea **27** (0.175 g, 0.36 mmol) and Grubbs-II (0.031 g, 0.038 mmol) were treated according to general procedure E. Purification via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (20 %), afforded **30** as a light brown residue (0.113 g, 71 %).

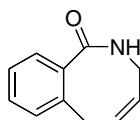
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 11.28 (s, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H, CH), 7.52-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.25-6.14 (m, 1H), 5.86-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.23 (br.s, 1H, NH), 4.70 (br.s, 1H, CH), 4.35 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.31-3.98 (m, 3H), 2.44 (br.s, 2H, CH₂), 1.42 (s, 9H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 173.8, 155.9, 152.7, 152.5, 135.4, 131.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 125.5, 123.8, 122.5, 114.6, 80.0, 66.5, 44.5, 40.1, 28.4, 25.9.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 2960, 2340, 1710, 1522, 1166, 756.

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₅H₂₉N₃NaO₅ (M + Na): 474.2005; found 474.2015.

(Z)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[c]azocin-1(6H)-one (**31**)



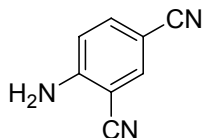
The benzoylurea **28** (0.320 g, 0.76 mmol) was treated according to general procedure C. Flash column chromatography, eluting with MeOH/DCM (5 %), afforded **31** as a white solid (0.082 g, 62 %).

¹H NMR (MeOD, 300 MHz) δ 7.46-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.56, 0.48 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.05-5.96 (m, 1H), 5.66-5.48 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.45 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (MeOD, 75 MHz) δ 179.7, 139.4, 138.7, 134.6, 133.4, 132.9, 131.1, 130.5, 129.5, 43.7, 35.8.

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₁H₁₂NO (M + H): 174.0917; found 174.0919.

4-Aminoisophthalonitrile (**33**)



A dry round bottom flask was charged with 2-amino-5-bromo benzonitrile, **33** (1.0 g, 5.1 mmol) and zinc cyanide (0.6 g, 5.1 mmol), and DMF (5 mL) was added. Nitrogen was bubbled through the solution for 5 minutes, and then Pd[(Ph)₃]₄ (0.47 g, 0.41 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 90°C overnight. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added, and the mixture was

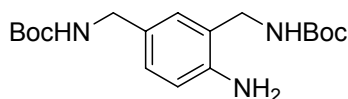
extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The organic extracts were collected, washed with brine (15 mL) and dried over NaSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography, eluting with MeOH/DCM (2 %), affording **33** as a white solid (0.45 g, 62 %) as described in the literature³.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 7.70 (d, J = 1.95 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.48 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, 7.86, 1H), 4.94 (br s, 2H)

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 152.2, 137.1, 136.9, 117.7, 115.4, 101.2, 96.5

MP 212 - 215°C

***tert*-Butyl (4-amino-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene)dicarbamate (**34**)**



The 4-aminoisophthalonitrile, **33** (0.352 g, 2 mmol), along with NiCl₂·6H₂O (32 mg, 0.244 mmol) was dissolved in dry MeOH (5 mL). The reaction was cooled to 0°C and NaBH₄ (0.65 g, 0.017 mol) was added in portions over 30 min. (BOC)₂O (1.07 g, 5 mmol) was dissolved in dry MeOH (2 mL) and was added dropwise into the mixture, the reaction warmed up to room temperature and left stirring under a N₂ atmosphere for 5 h. Diethylaminetriamine (264 μ l, 2 mmol) was added and left stirring for 30 min. After the completion of the reaction the MeOH was concentrated *in vacuo*, redissolved in EtOAc (10 mL) and extracted with saturated NaHCO₃ (3 x 10 mL), water (2 x 15 mL) and brine (15 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated, affording a clear oil (0.56 g, 65%).

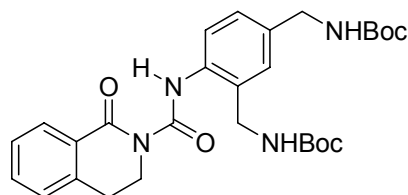
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 6.98 (dd J = 10.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (br s, 1H), 4.73 (br s, 1H), 4.21 (br s, 2H), 4.19 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 18H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 156.60, 155.97, 144.91, 129.89, 128.62, 128.21, 122.85, 115.97, 79.96, 79.46, 44.39, 42.17, 28.57, 28.50.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 702.9 (2M+H);

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₁₈H₂₉N₃NaO₄ (M+Na): 374.2056; found 374.2051.

***tert*-Butyl-(4-(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-2-carboxamido)-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene)dicarbamate (35)**



The amide **18** (0.050 g, 0.3 mmol) and the aniline **34** (0.119 g 0.3 mmol) were treated according to general procedure D. Flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (25 %), afforded the benzoylurea **35** as a white solid (0.111 g, 62%).

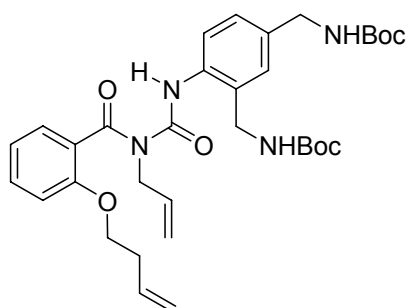
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 11.57 (br s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 5.10 (br s, 1H), 4.81 (br s, 1H), 4.36-4.23 (m, 6H), 3.03 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 156.01, 153.08, 140.09, 136.03, 134.88, 133.70, 131.24, 129.57, 129.04, 128.56, 127.55, 127.30, 124.05, 115.96, 79.63, 77.36, 44.39, 41.91, 41.73, 28.56, 28.01.

MS (ES⁺) m/z 547.2 (M+Na);

HRMS (ES⁺) Calculated for C₂₈H₃₆N₄NaO₆ (M+Na): 547.2533, found 547.2529

***tert*-Butyl-(4-(3-allyl-3-(2-(but-3-enyloxy)benzoyl)ureido)-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene)dicarbamate (36)**



The amide **9** (0.050 g, 0.2 mmol) and the aniline **34** (0.076 g, 0.2 mmol) were treated as described in general procedure D. Column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. ether (25 %), afforded the benzoylurea **36** as a clear oil (0.102 g, 65%).

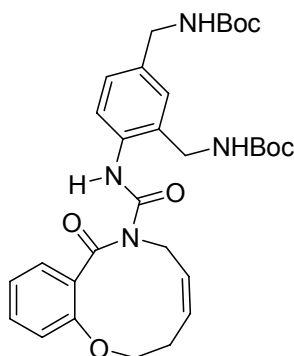
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 11.19 (br s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21- 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.72- 5.84 (m, 2H), 4.85-5.15 (m, 6H), 4.28 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 4H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 2.52 (q, J = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 173.90, 156.08, 155.96, 154.00, 152.58, 136.09, 134.74, 133.98, 133.54, 131.55, 131.41, 128.60, 127.66, 127.47, 126.01, 123.99, 120.95, 117.70, 116.98, 112.05, 79.67, 77.36, 67.73, 48.59, 44.44, 41.55, 33.65, 28.55.

MS (ES⁺) m/z (M+Na) 631.1

HRMS (ES⁺) m/z Calculated for C₃₃H₄₄N₄NaO₇ (M+Na) 631.3108, found 631.3106

(Z)-tert-butyl-(4-(8-oxo-3,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-benzo[b][1,5]oxazecine-7-carboxamido)-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene)dicarbamate (37)



The benzoylurea **36** (0.102 g, 0.21 mmol) and Grubbs-II (0.014 g, 0.02 mmol) were treated according to the general procedure E. Purification via flash column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/pet. spirits (25 %), afforded **37** as a light brown residue (0.068 g, 70 %).

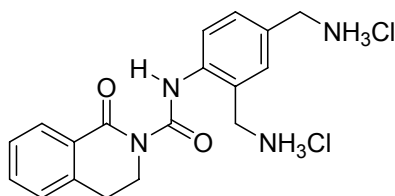
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 11.30 (br s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.43 (td, J = 8.4, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.34 (m, 5H), 6.12 (q, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (q, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (br s, 1H), 4.82 (br s, 1H), 4.28-4.32 (m, 6H), 2.15 (t, J = 1.77 Hz, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 173.95, 156.07, 155.97, 152.86, 152.65, 134.65, 131.54, 129.53, 128.86, 128.63, 128.45, 128.41, 127.48, 122.72, 114.77, 79.66, 77.37, 66.64, 53.99, 44.65, 44.45, 41.63, 31.86, 29.42, 28.57, 26.06.

MS (ES⁺): m/z (M+Na) 603.1

HRMS (ES⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₃₁H₄₀N₄NaO₇ (M+Na) 603.2795, found 603.2789

***N*-(2,4-bis(aminomethyl)phenyl)-1-oxo-3,4-dihydroisoquinoline-2(1H)-carboxamide hydrochloride (38)**



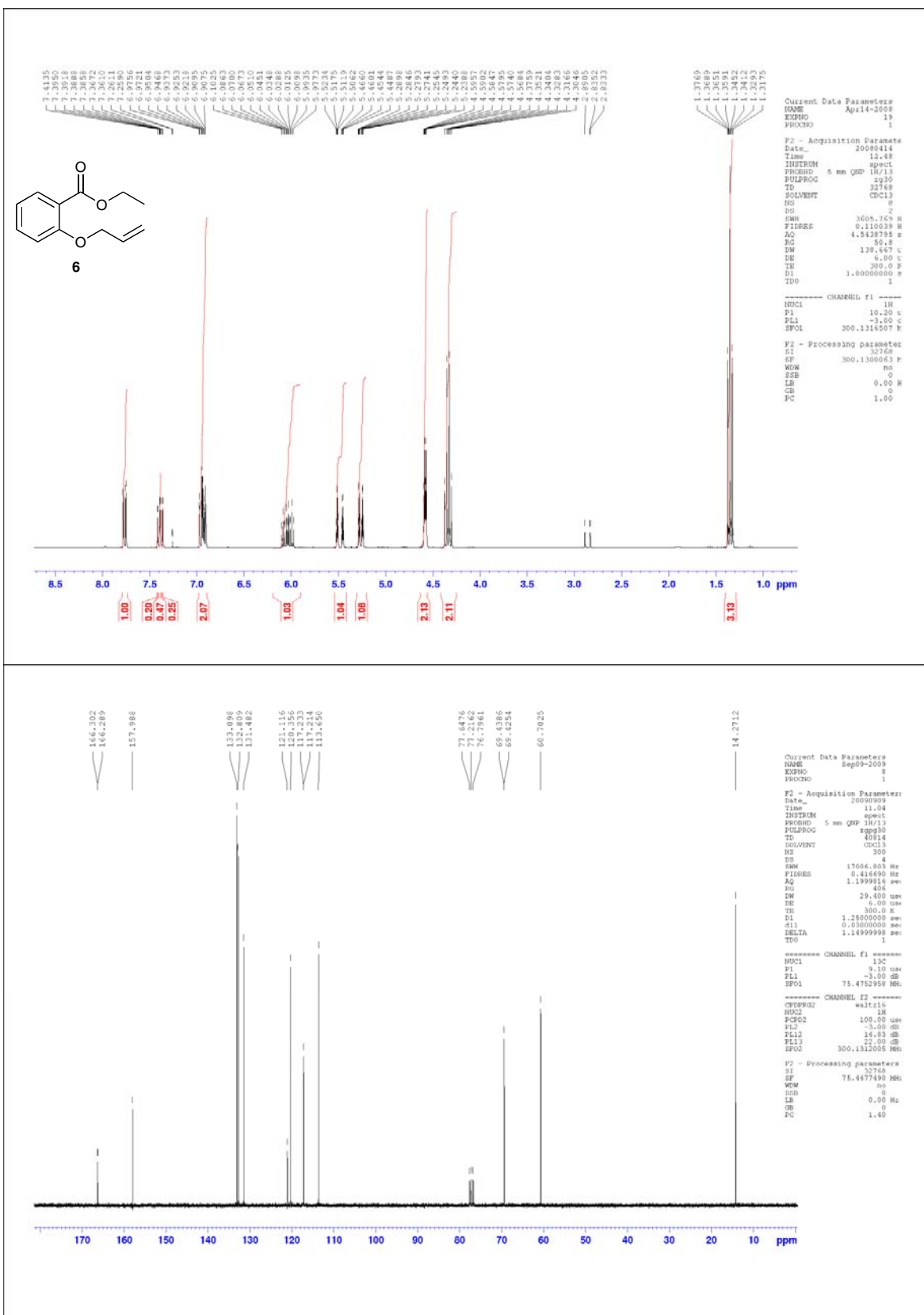
Benzoylurea **35** (0.072 g 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in dry 1,4-dioxane (1 mL). In a separate flask, HCl gas was generated from NaCl/H₂SO₄ and bubbled through the solution. After 20 mins the free amine precipitated from the solution as the hydrochloride salt, filtered and washed with diethyl ether (5 mL)

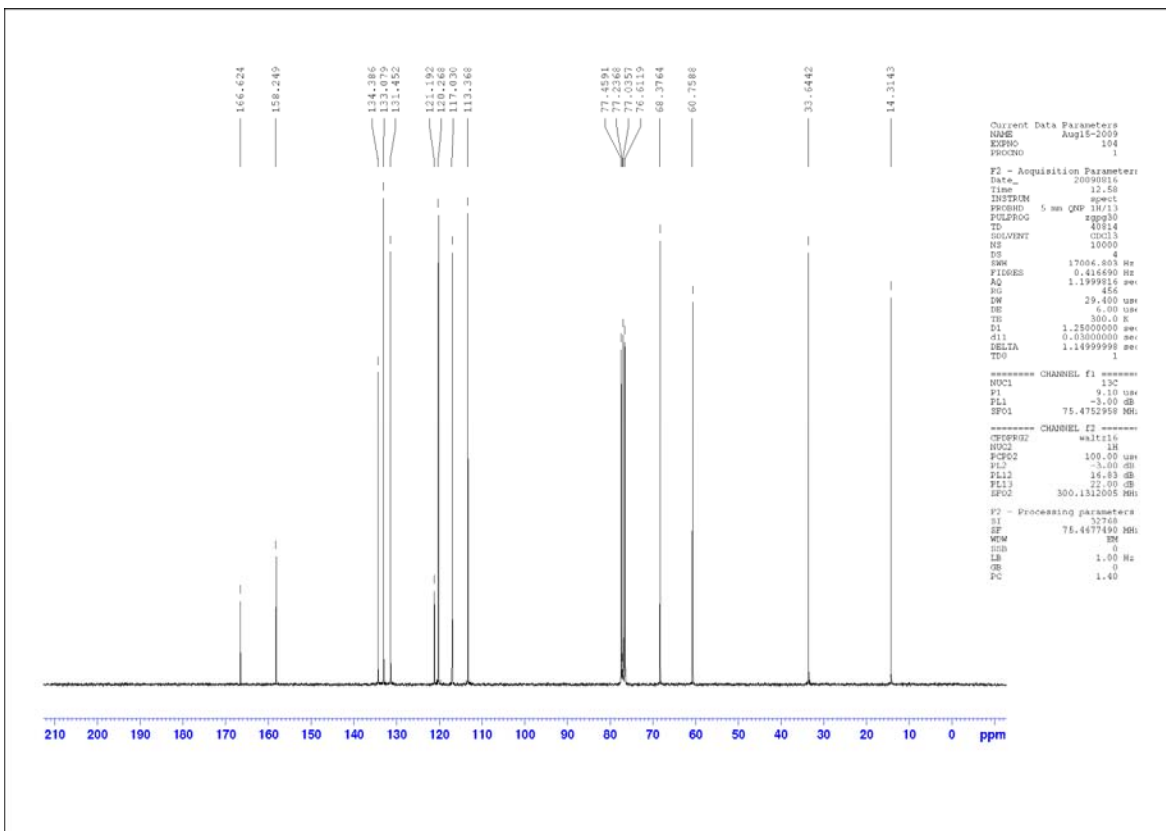
¹H NMR (D₂O, 300 MHz): δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H).

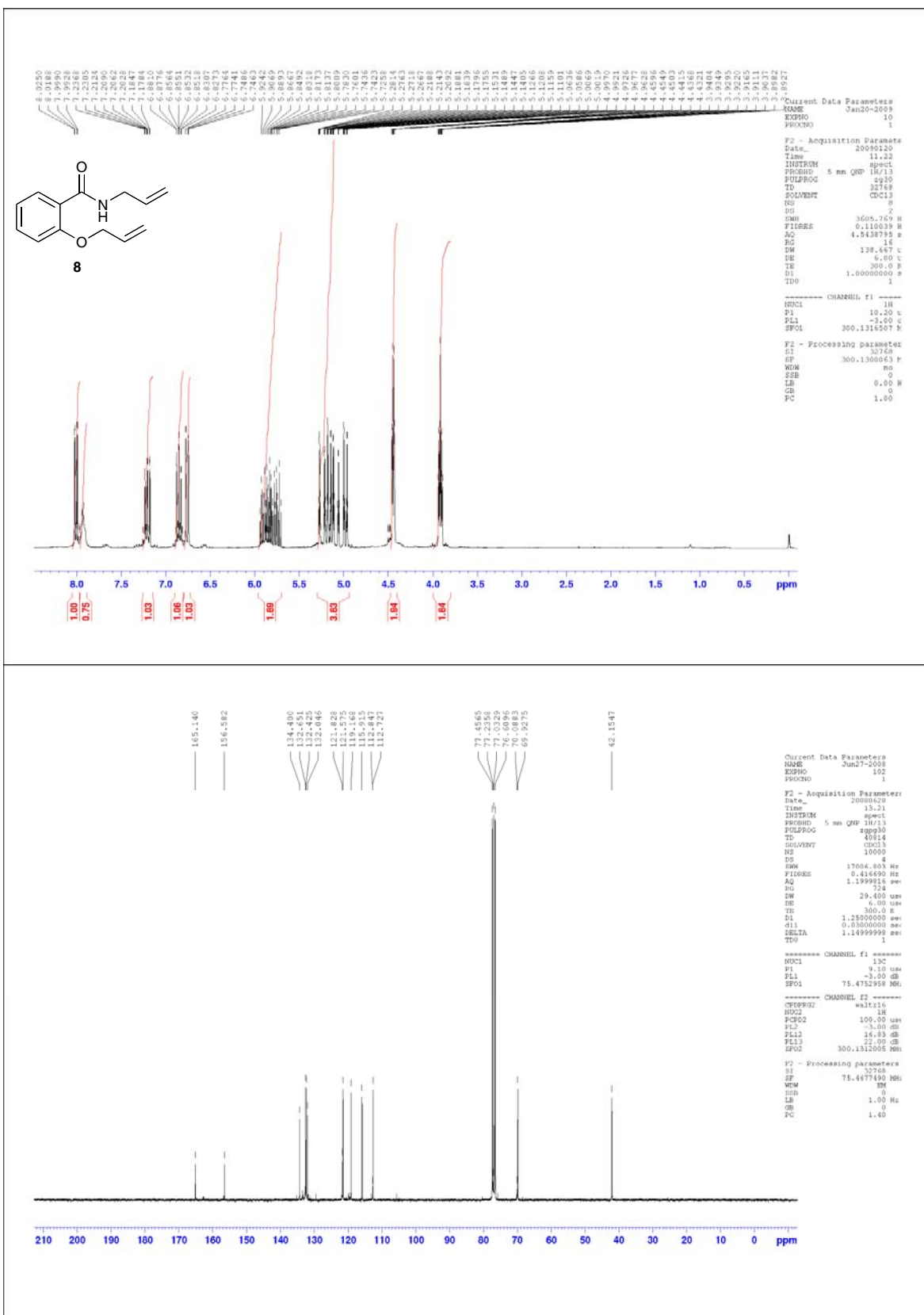
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 169.18, 155.57, 140.80, 135.88, 134.38, 132.11, 130.86, 130.76, 128.93, 128.76, 127.91, 127.75, 127.58, 127.43, 42.65, 42.42, 39.15, 26.89.

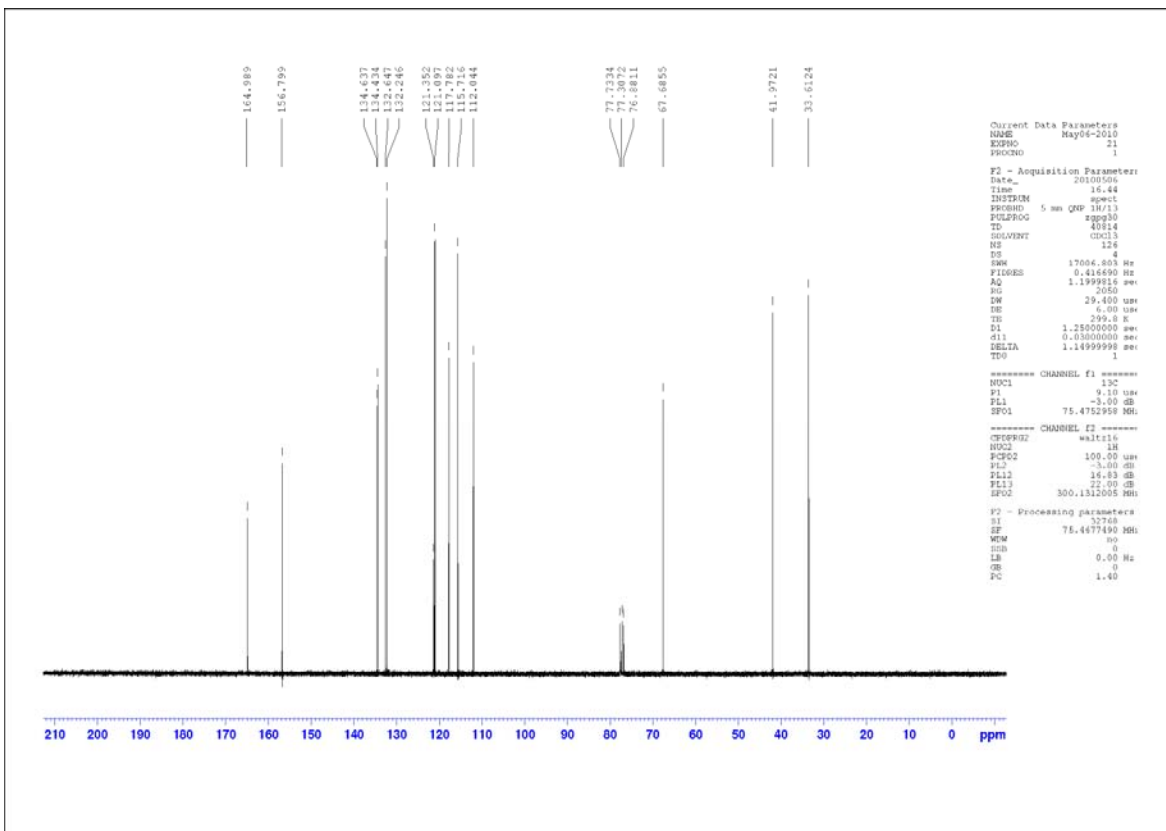
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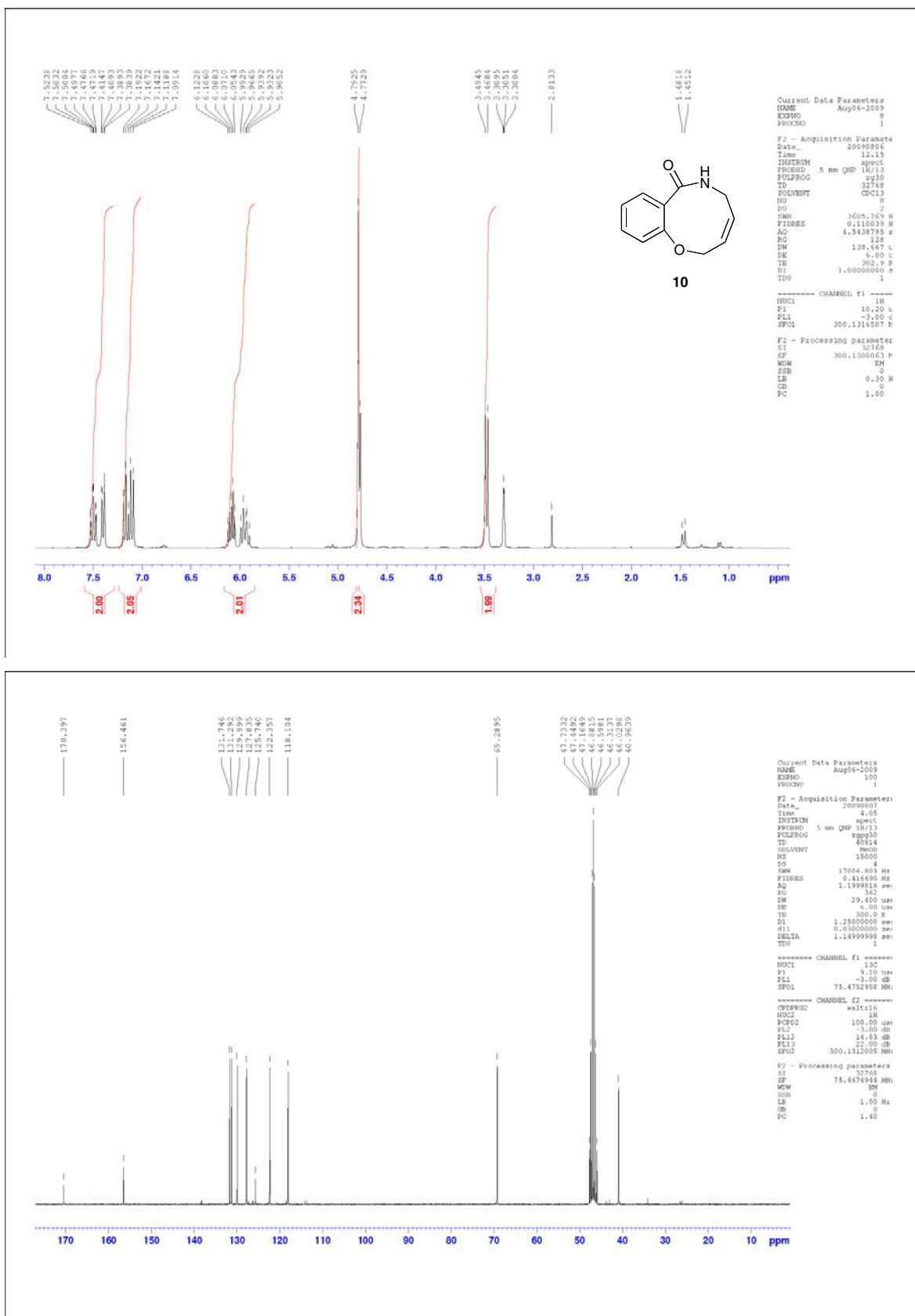
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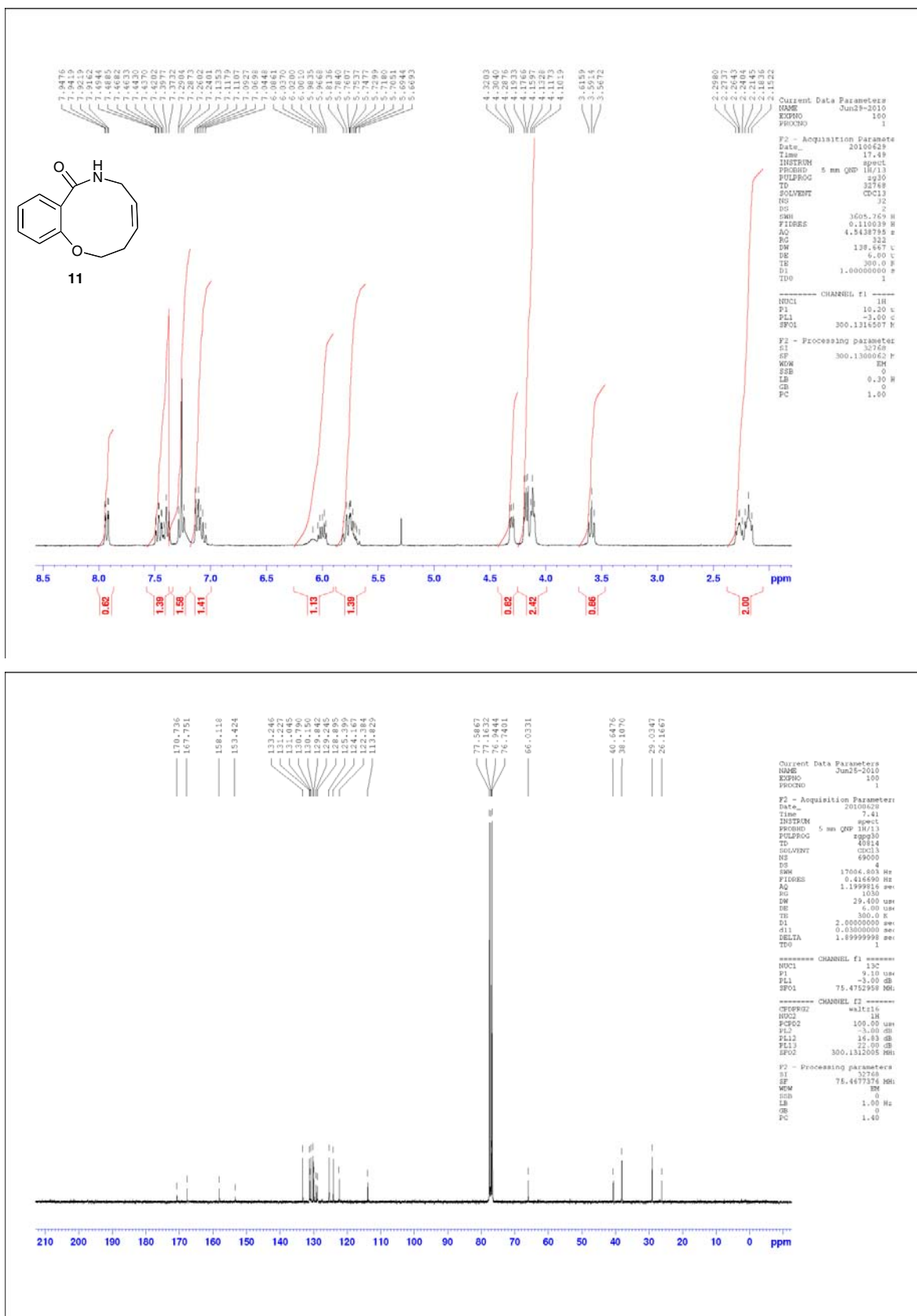












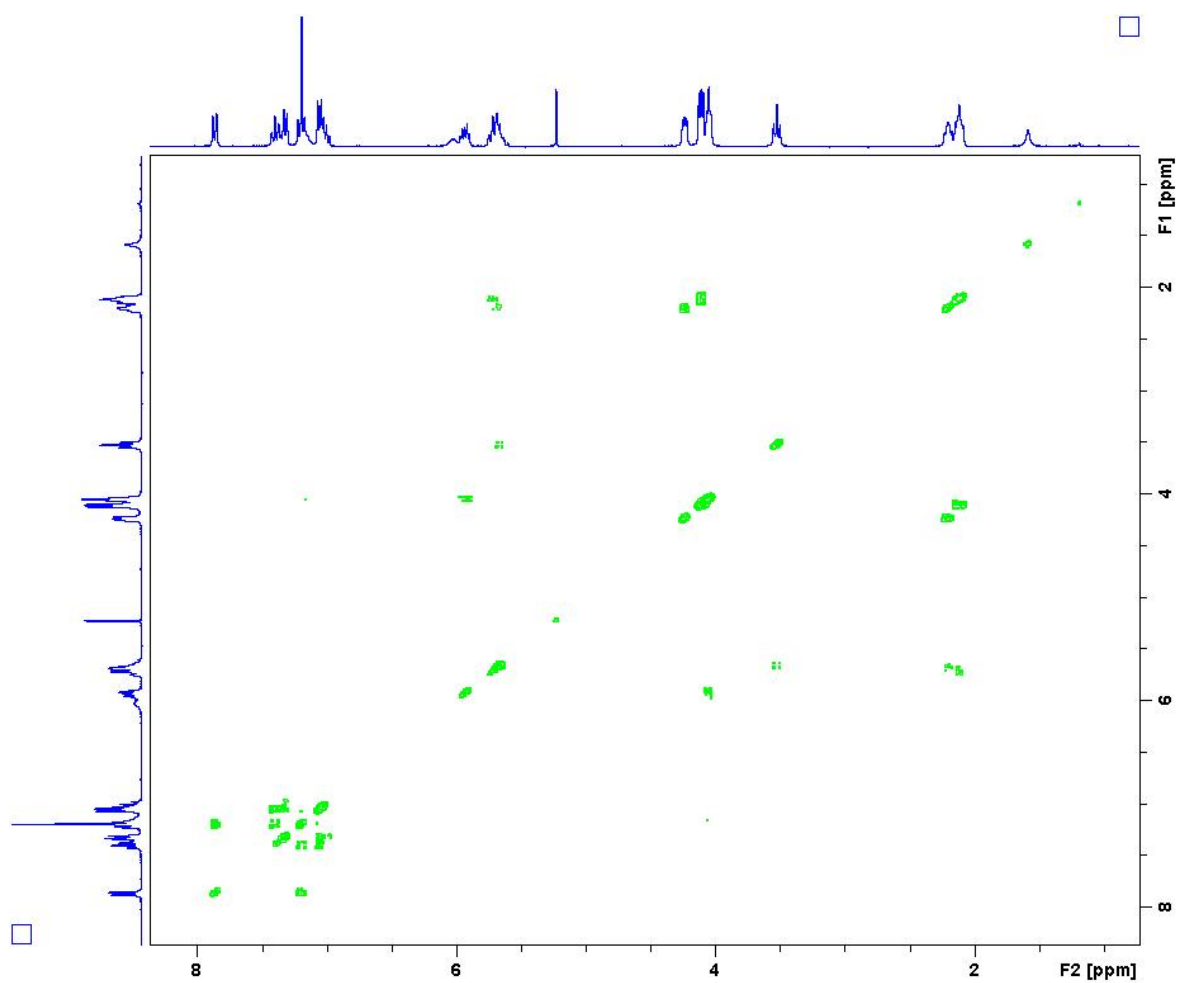


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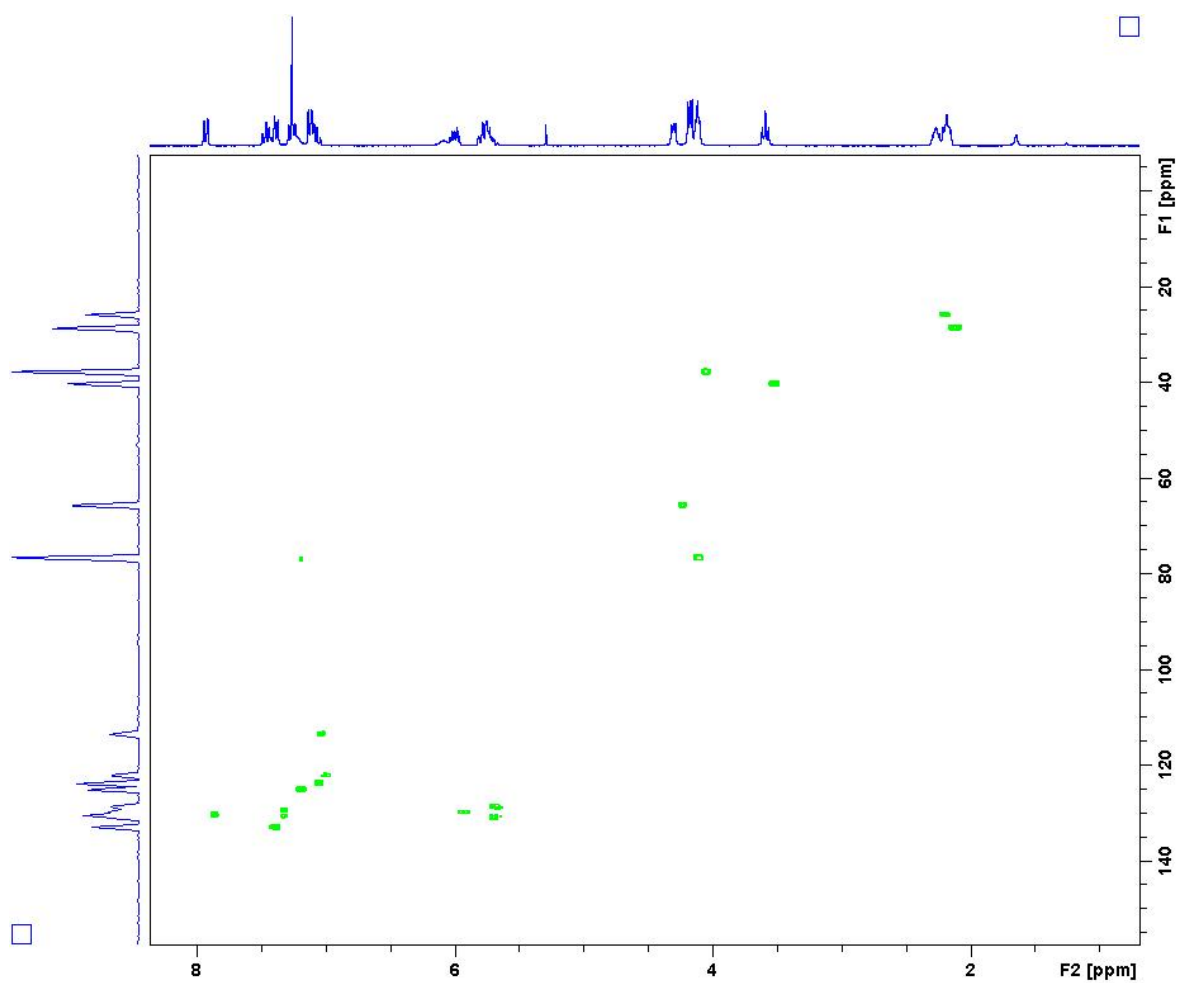
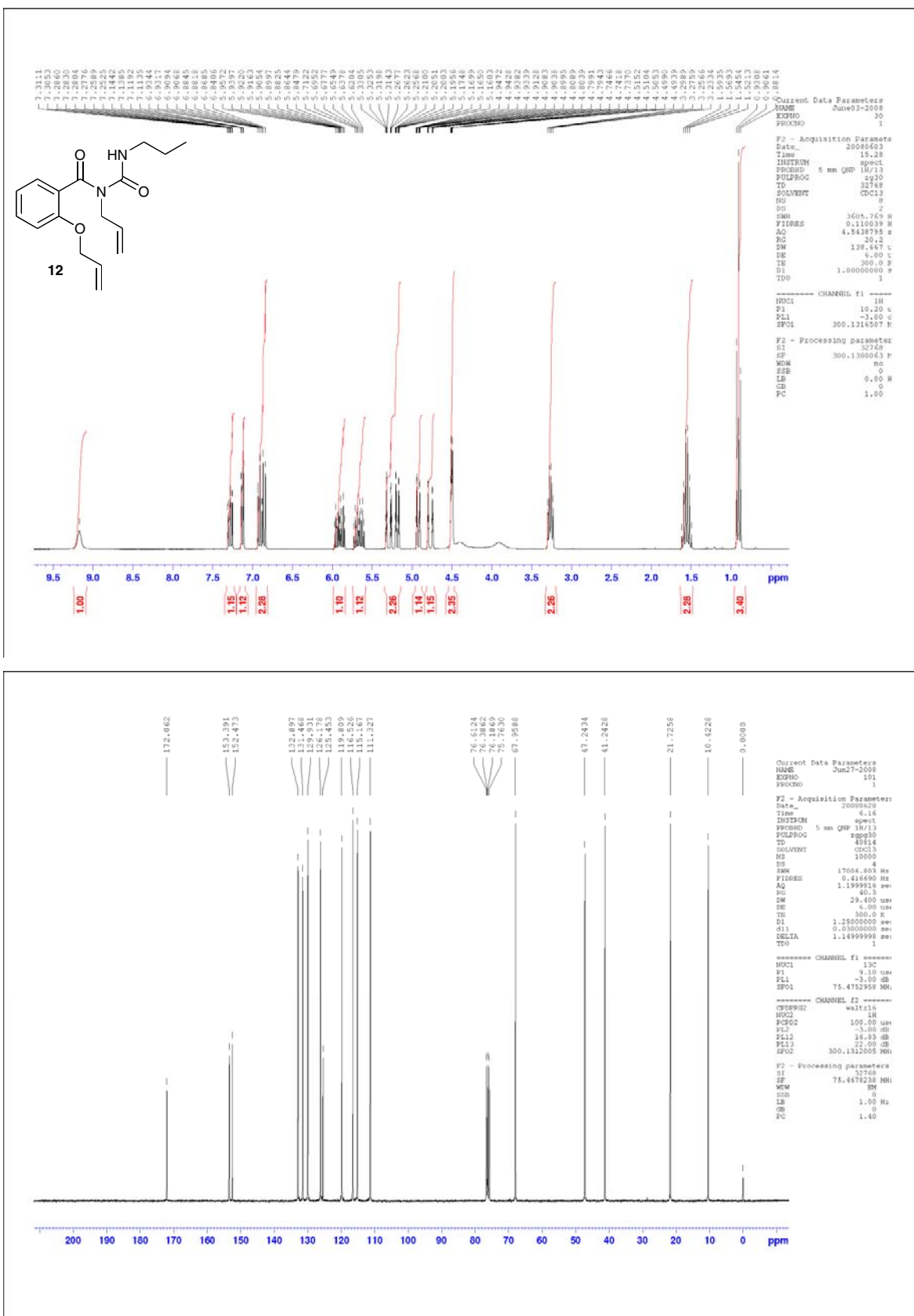
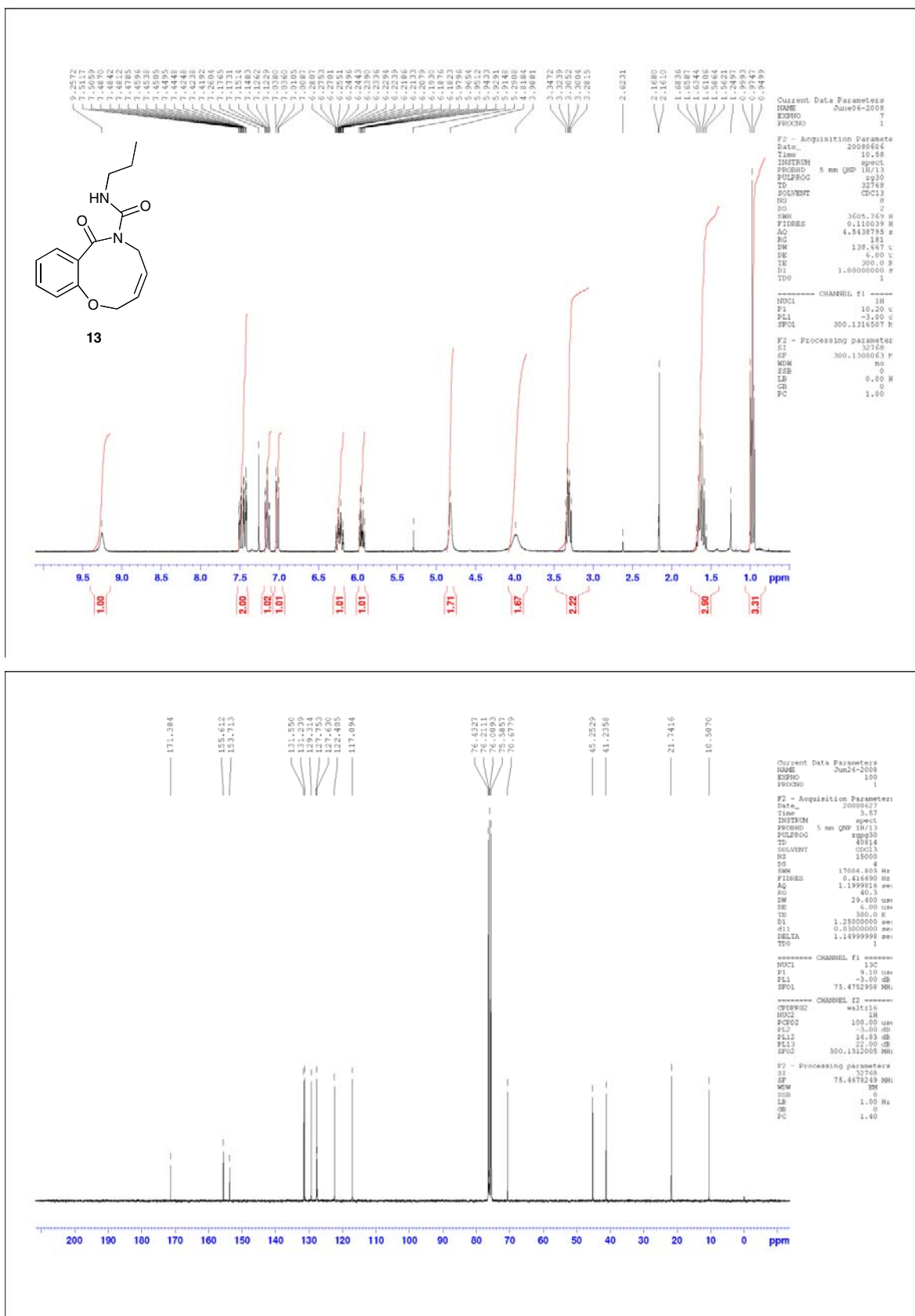
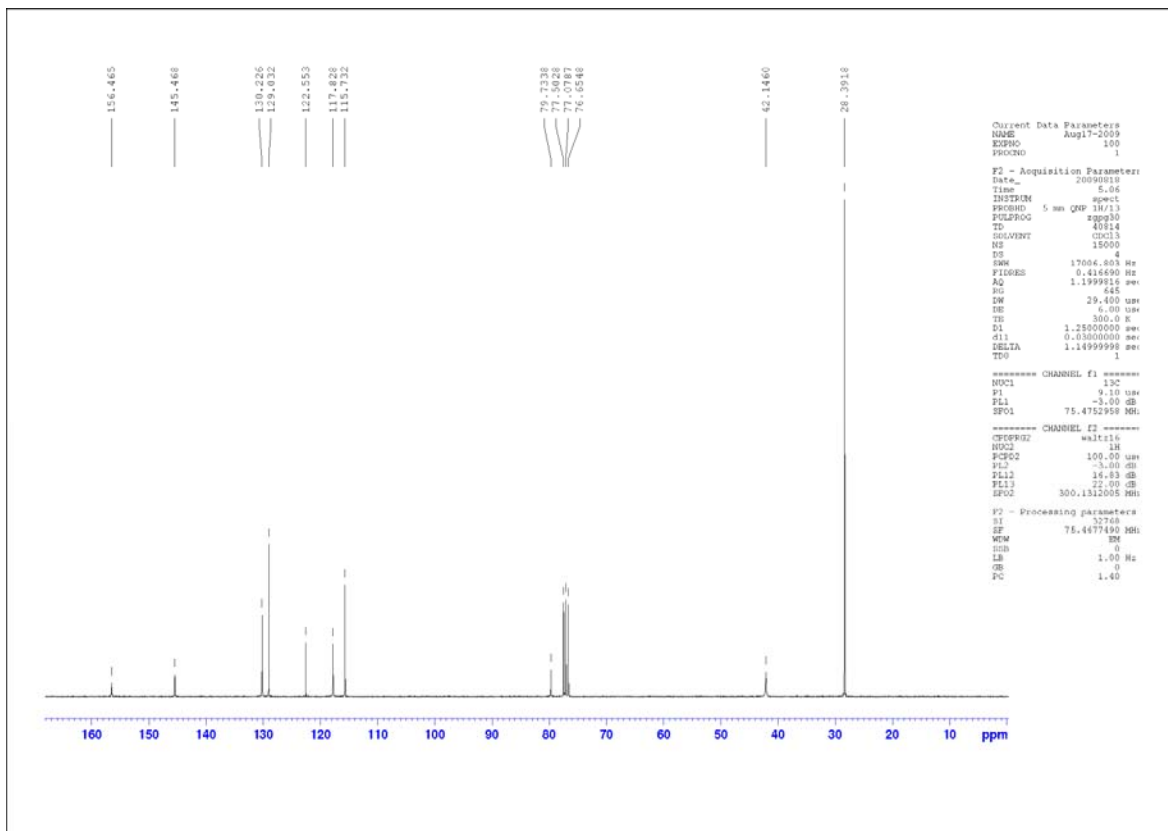
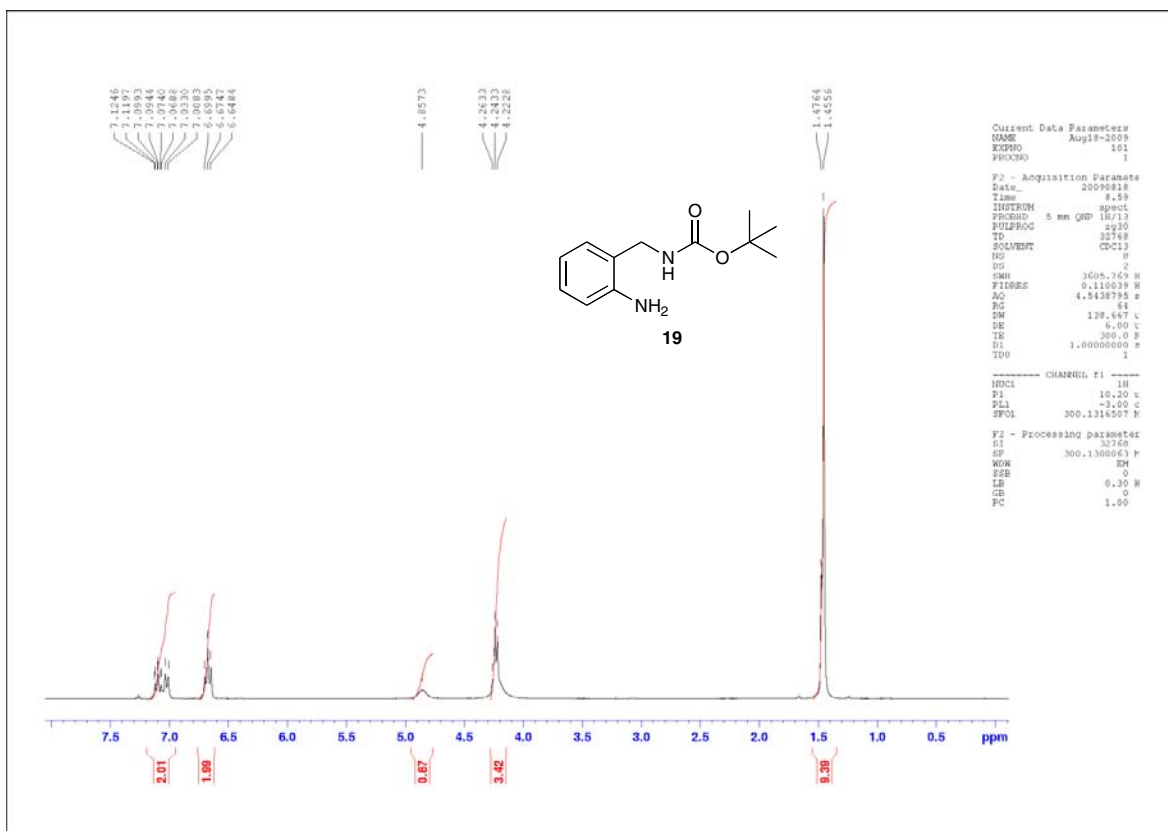
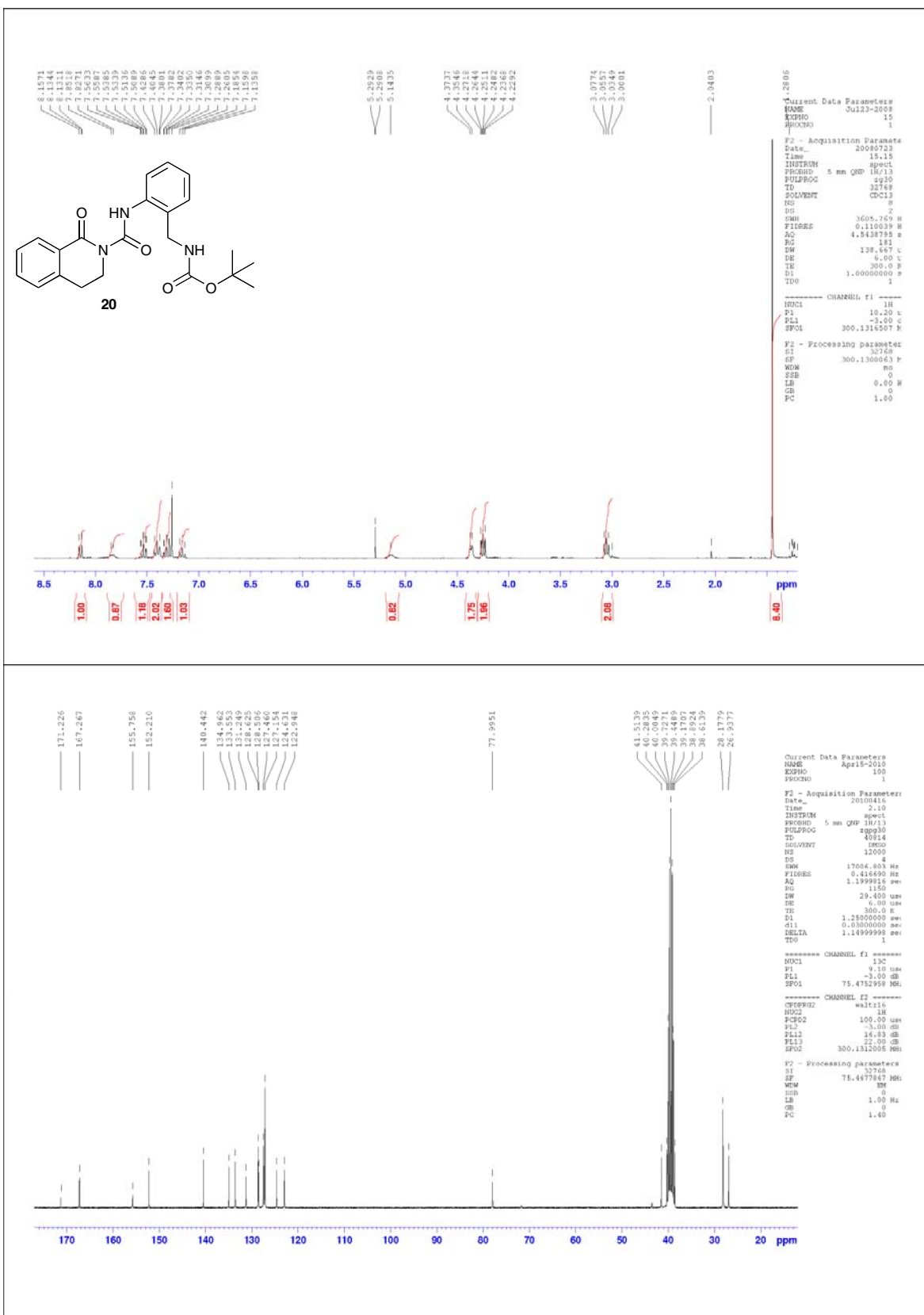


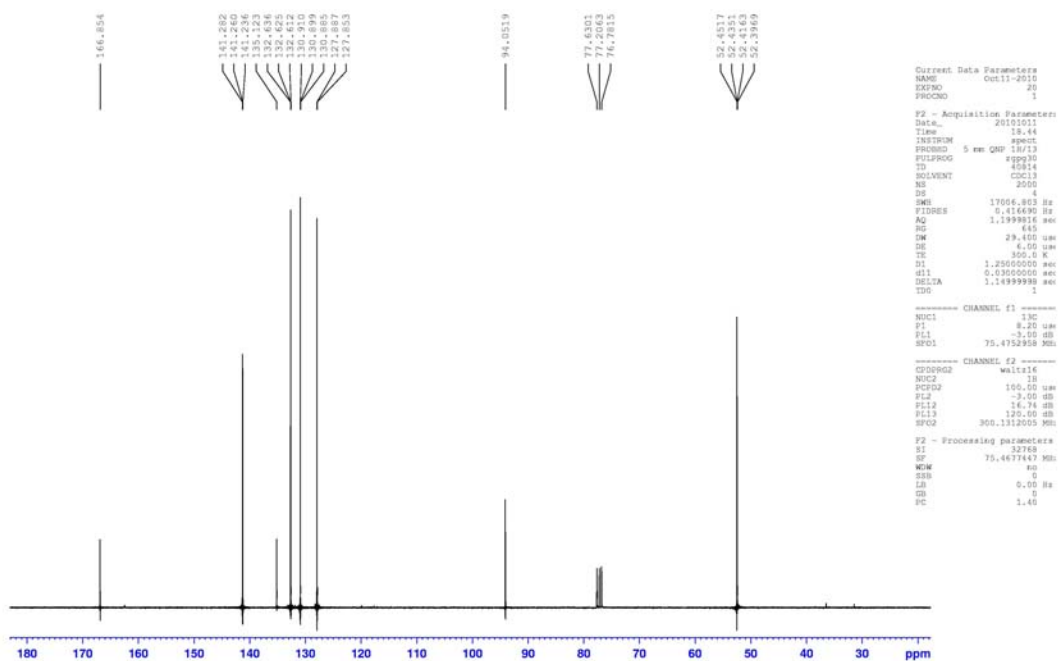
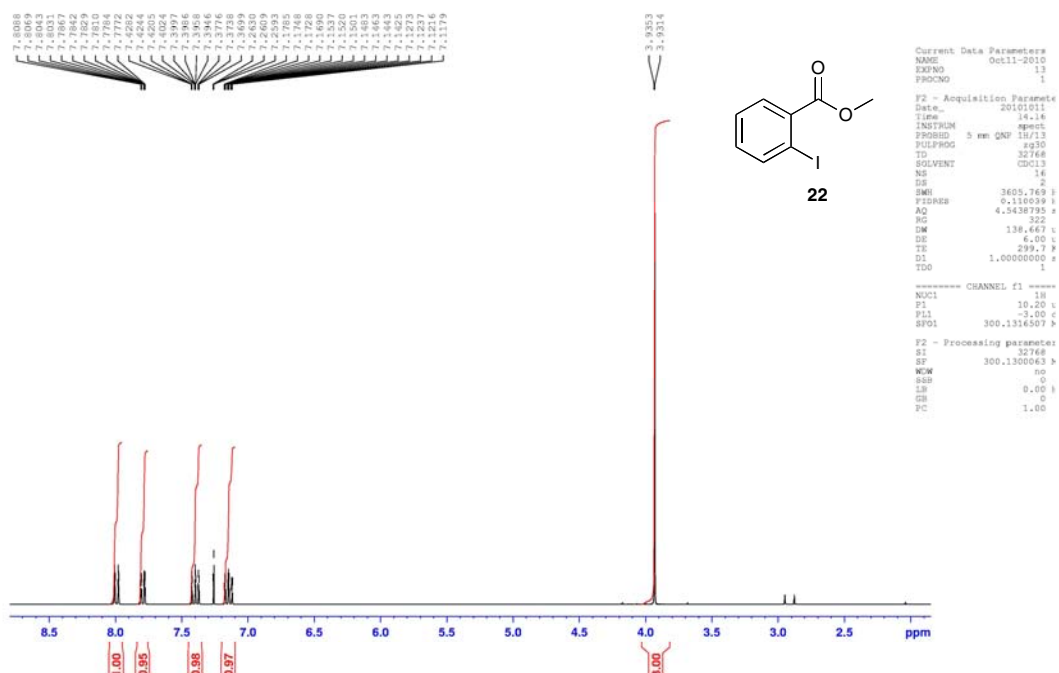
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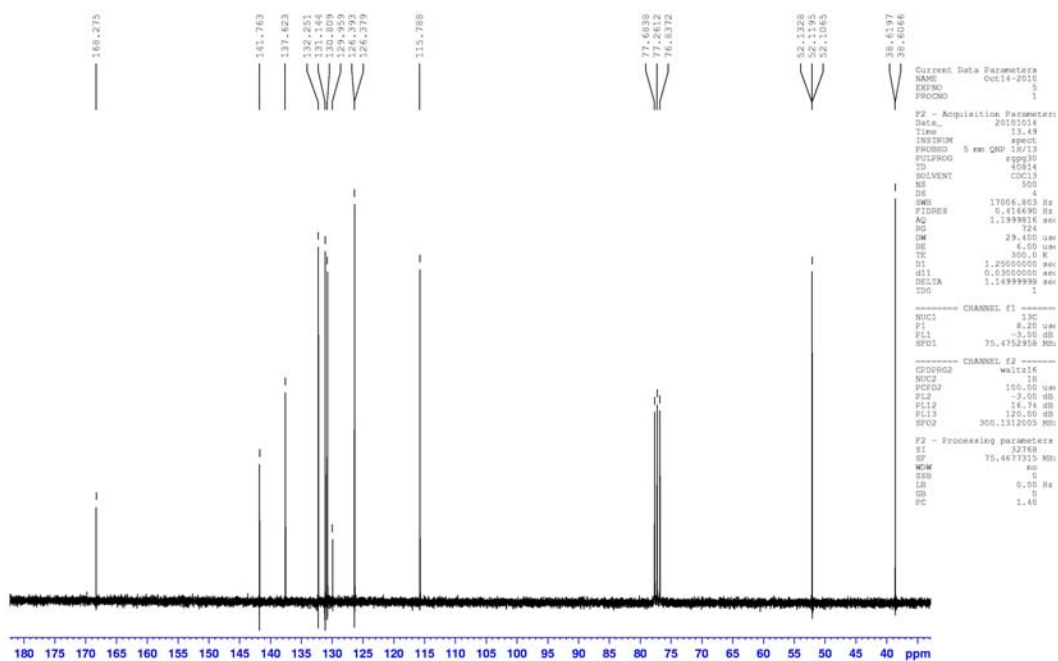
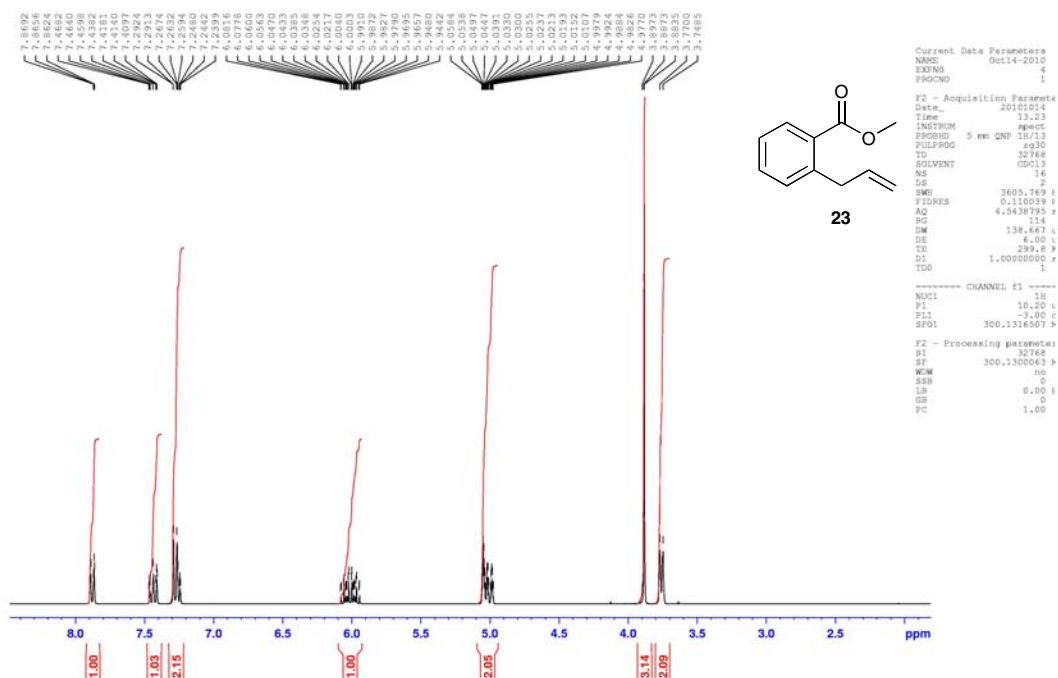


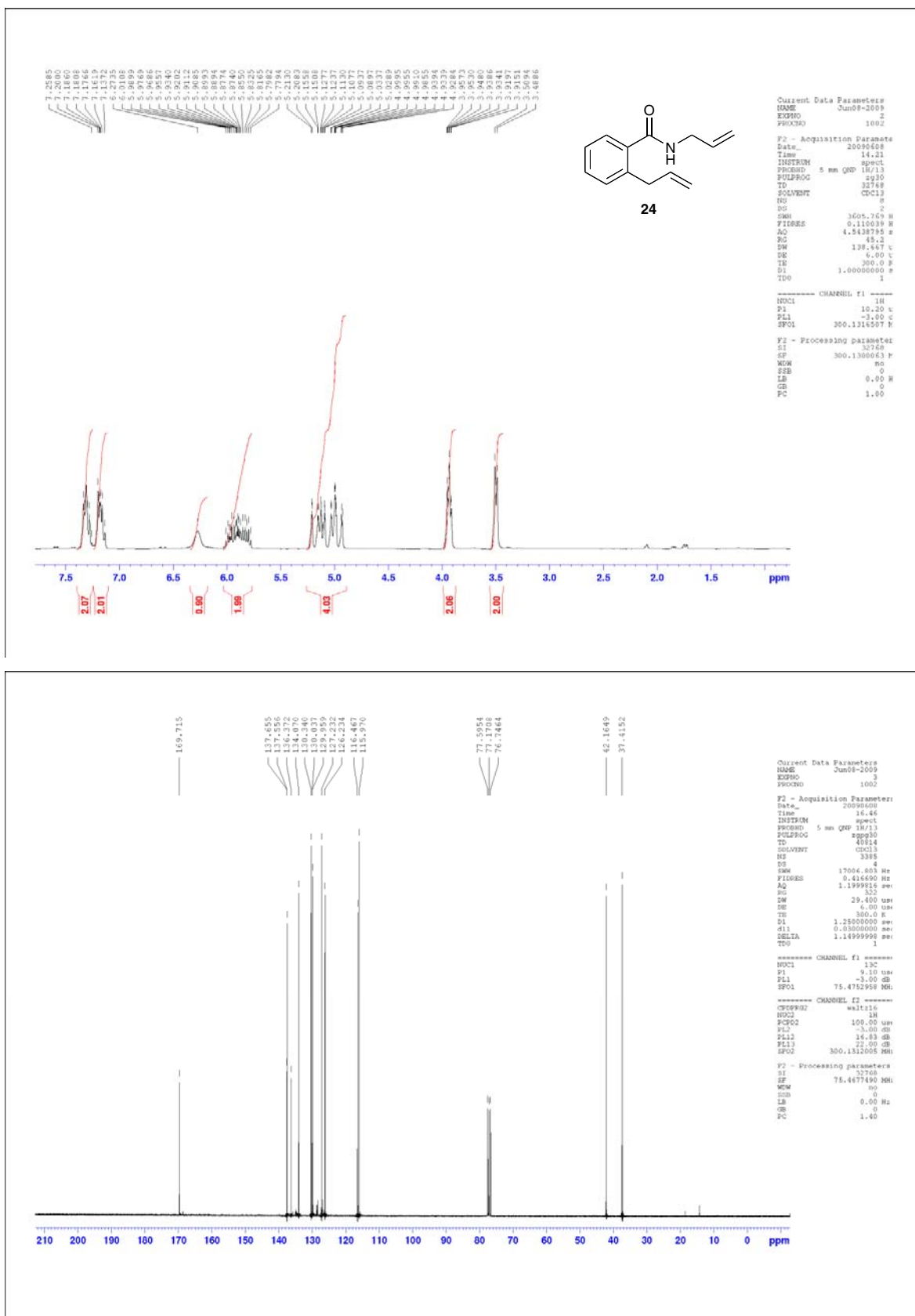


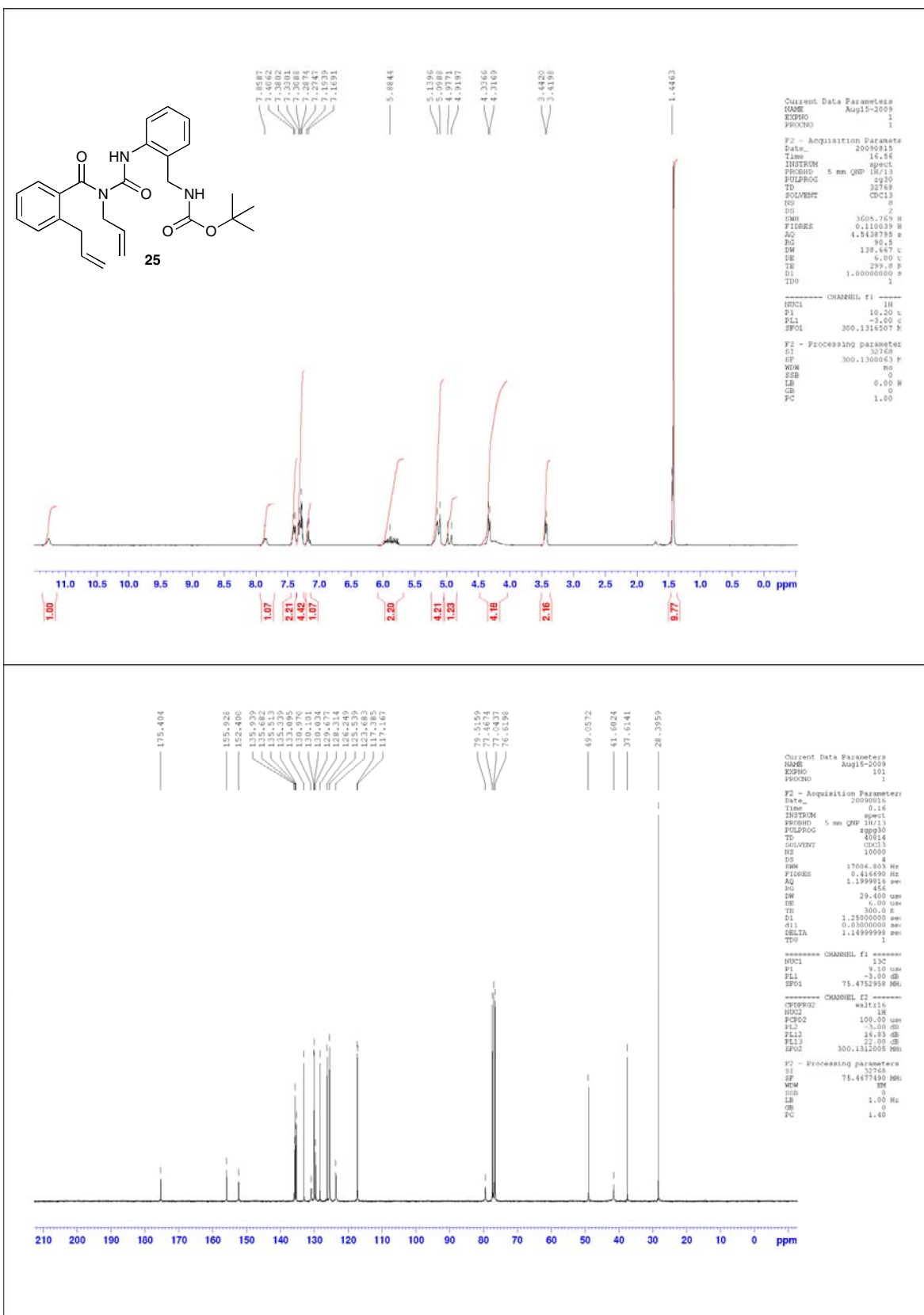


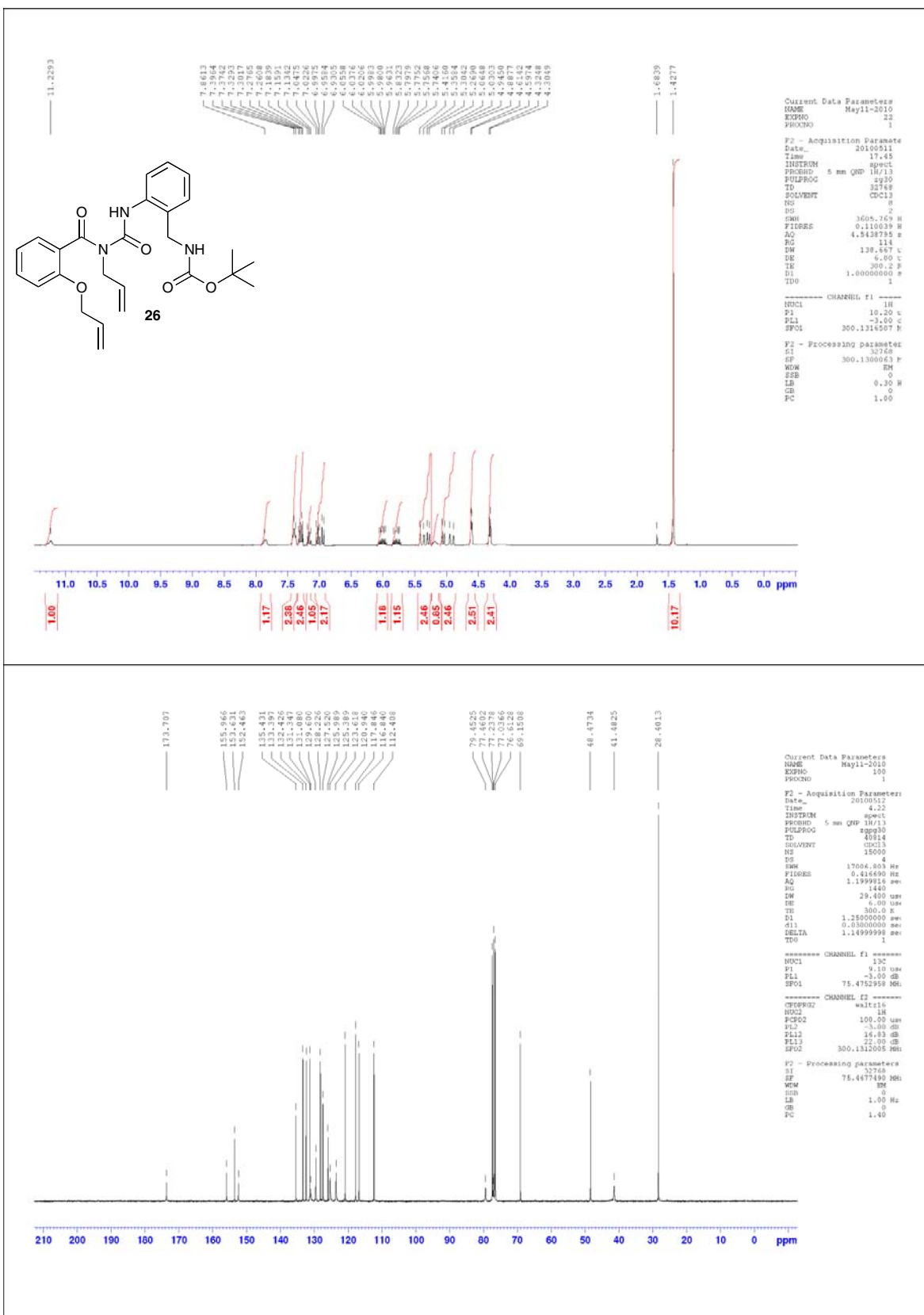


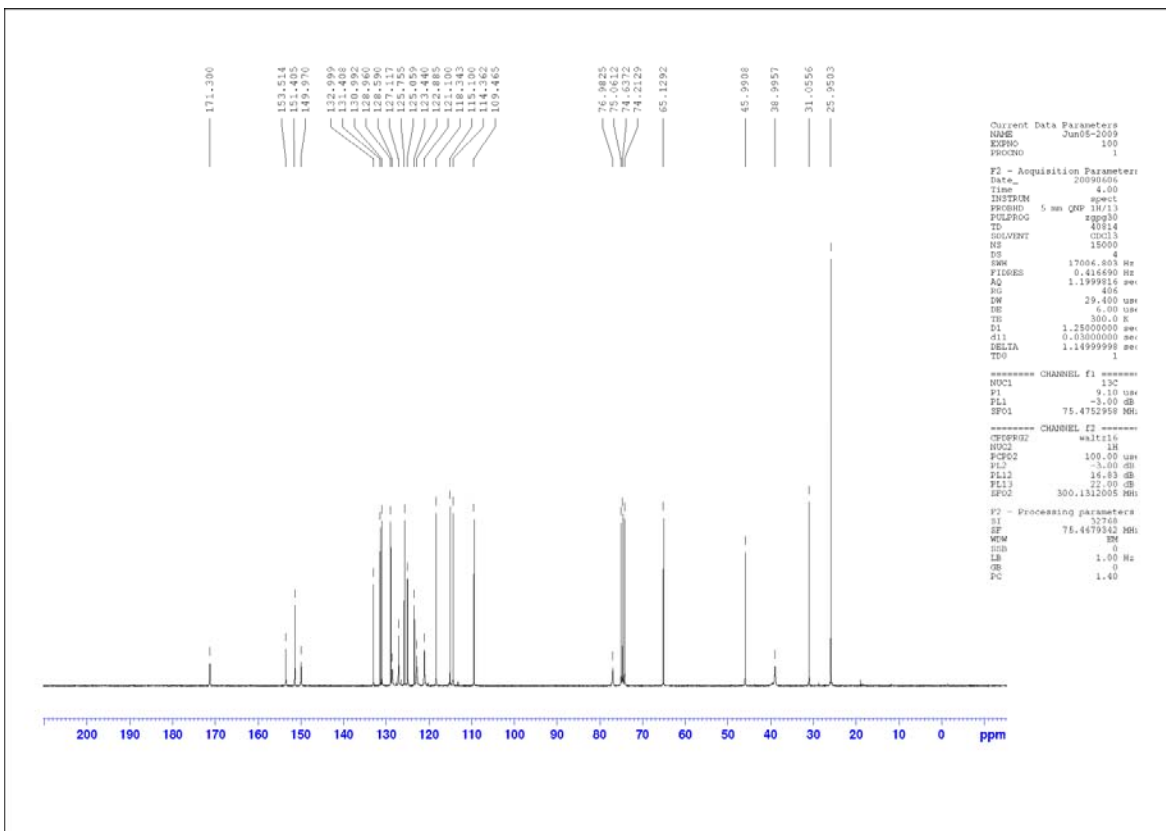
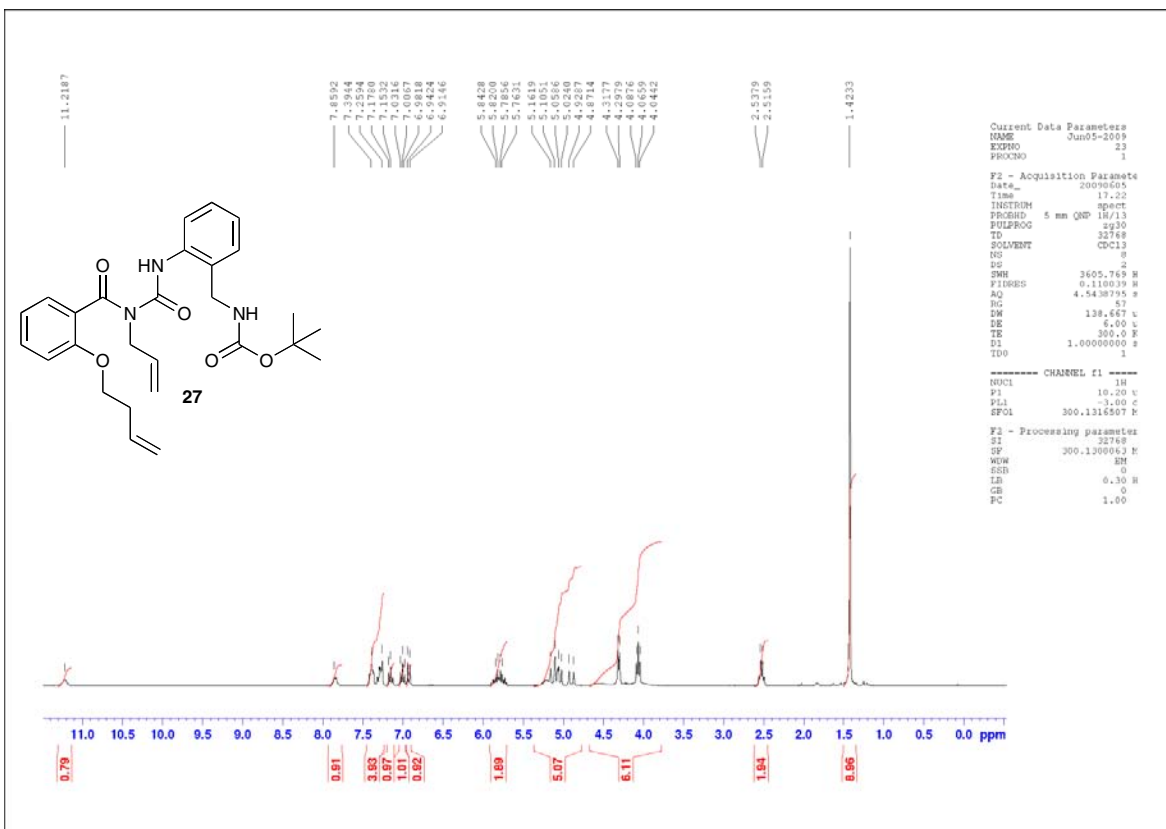


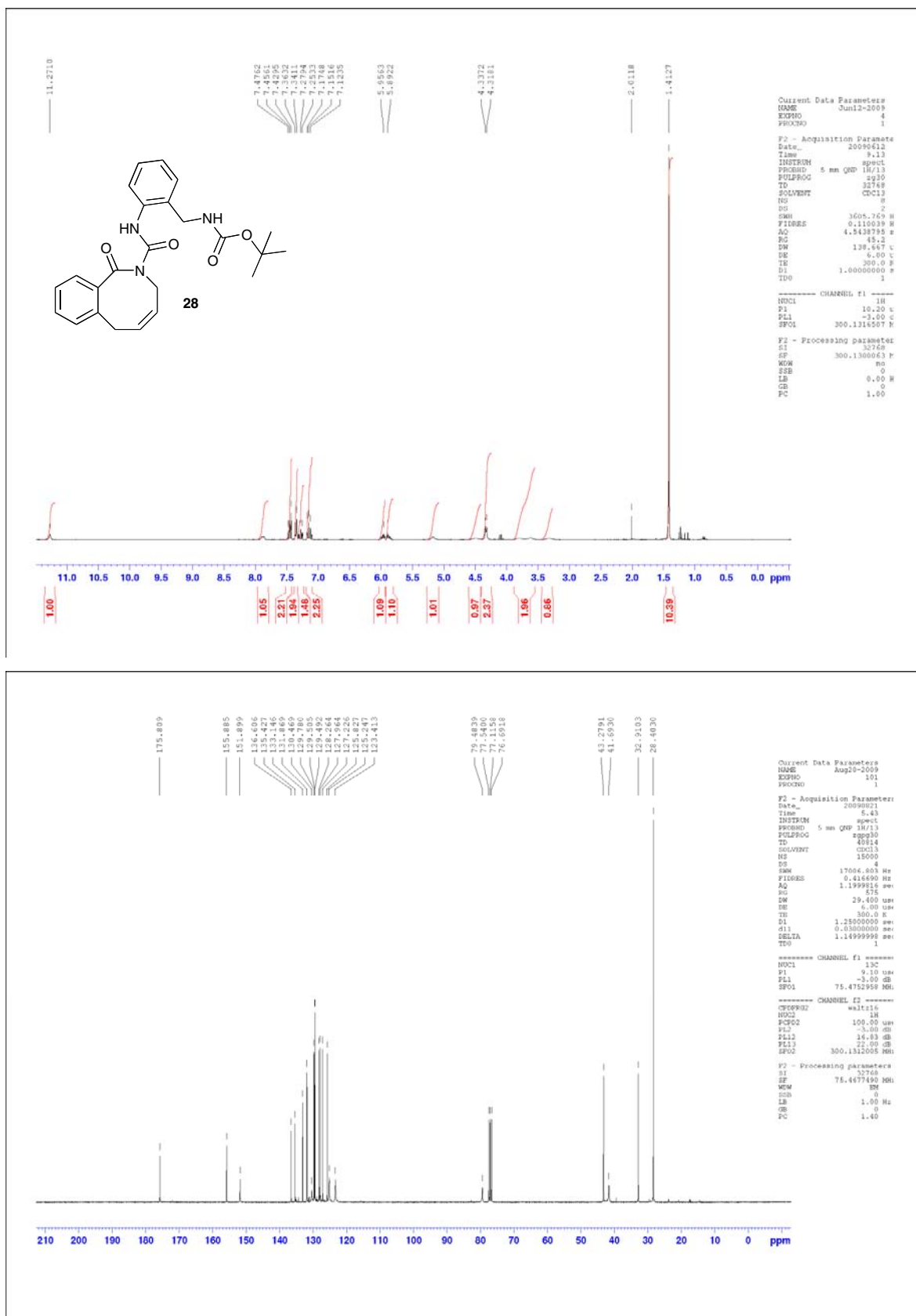


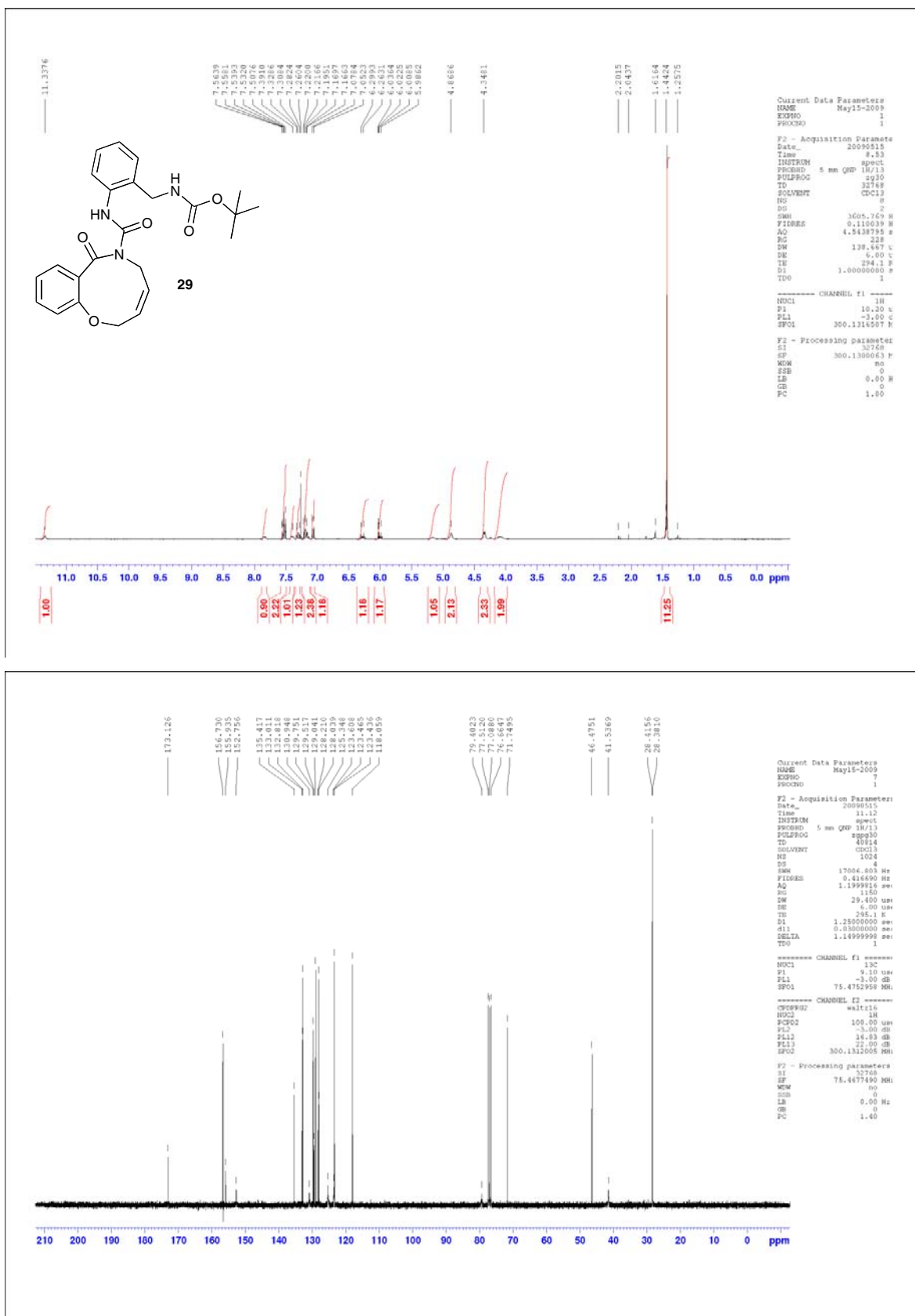


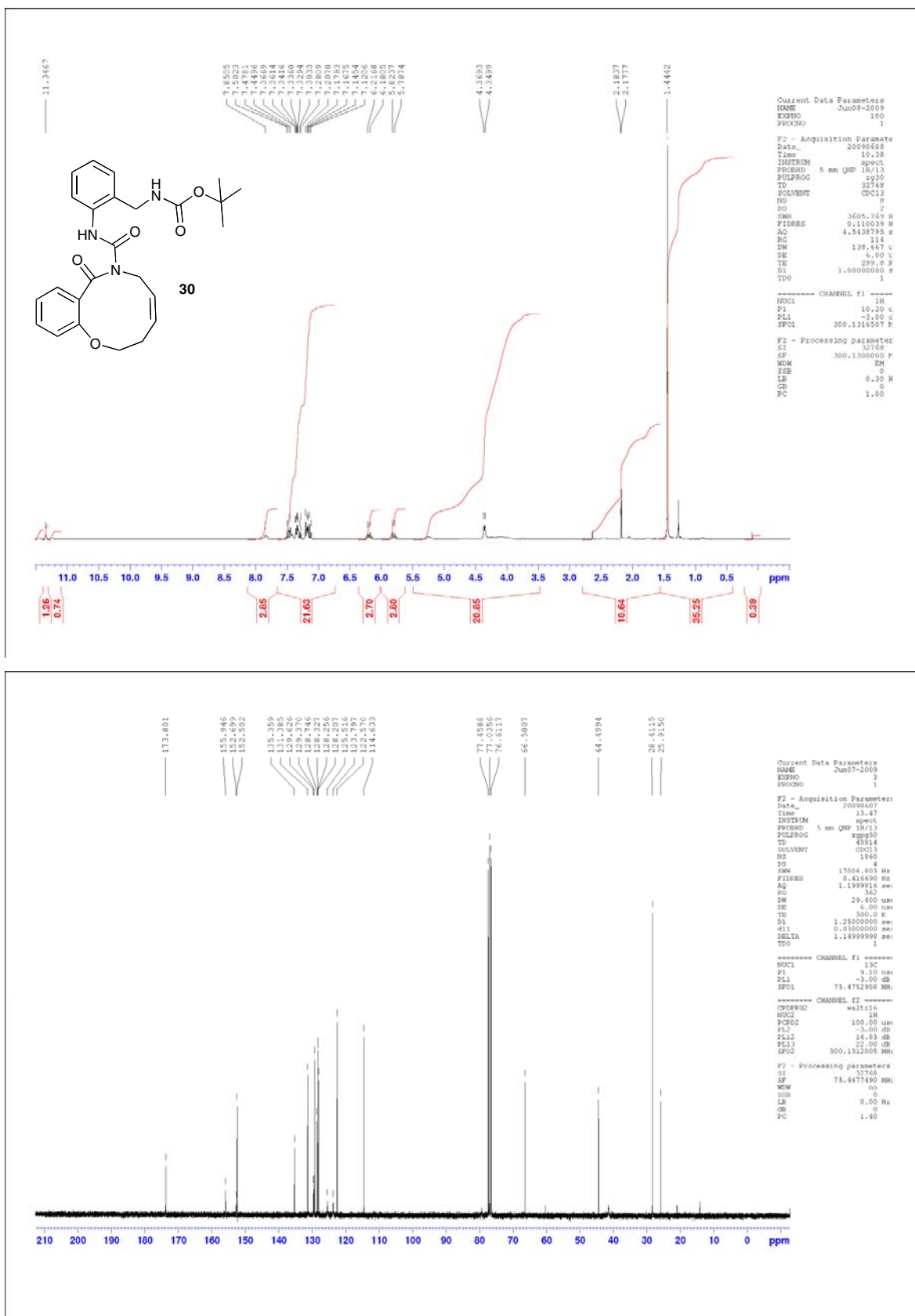


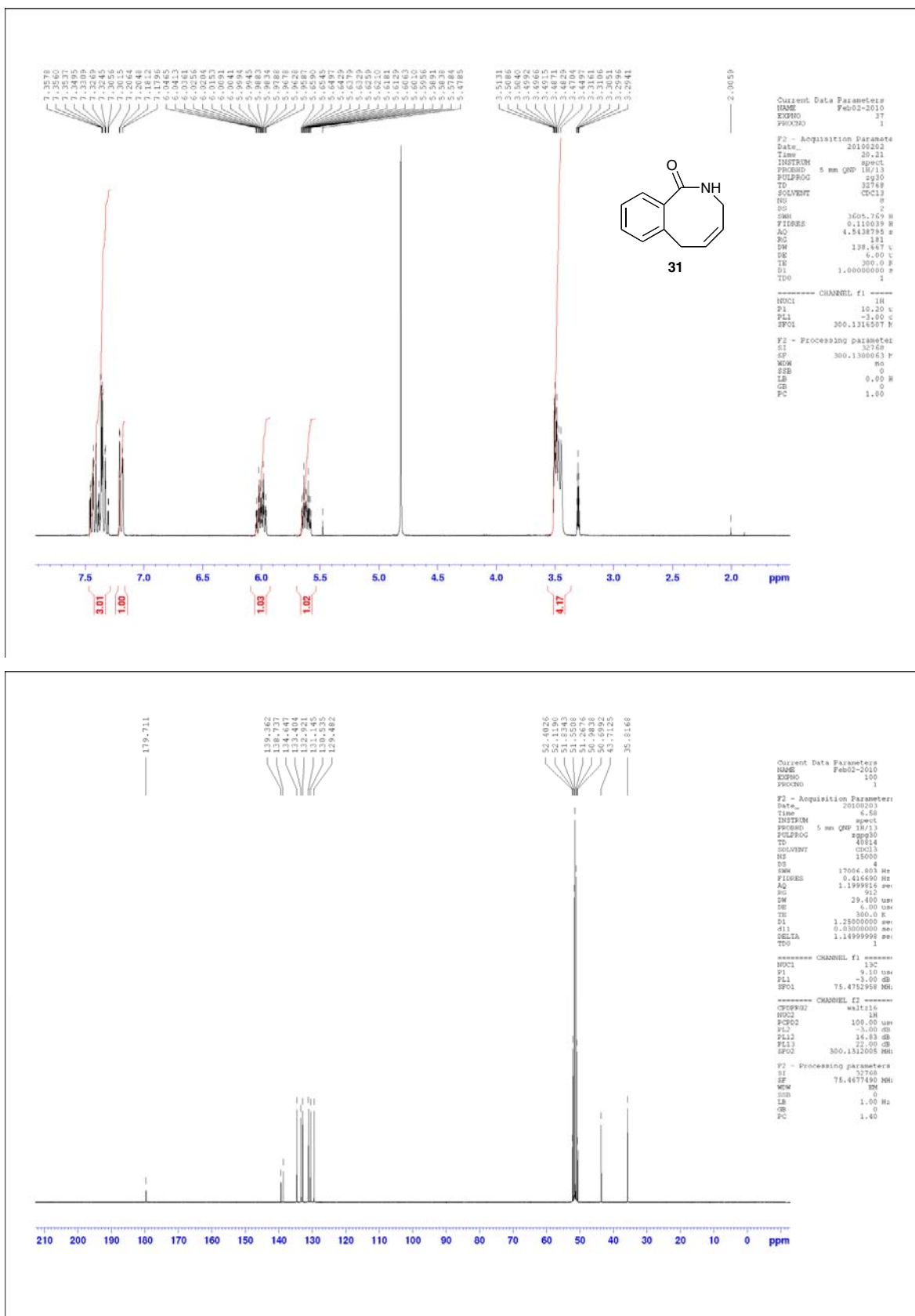


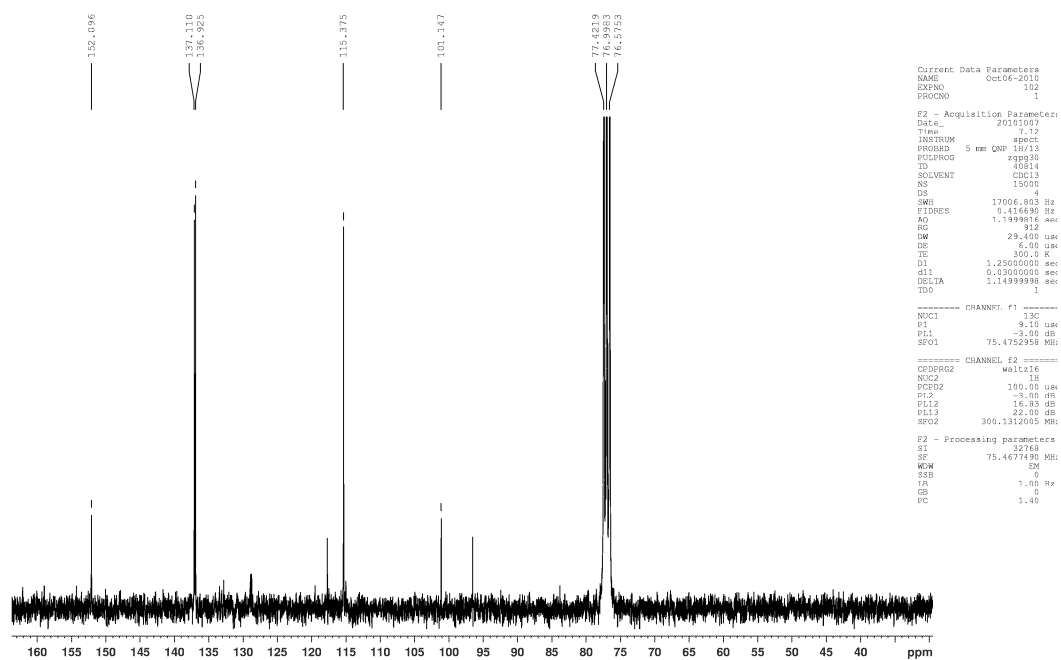
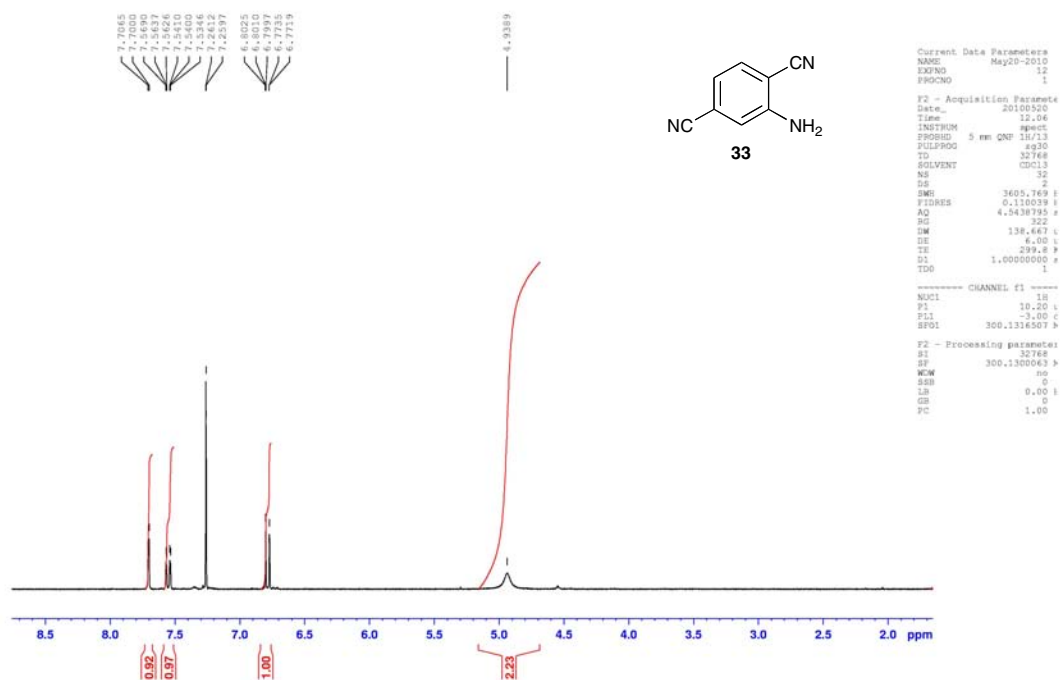


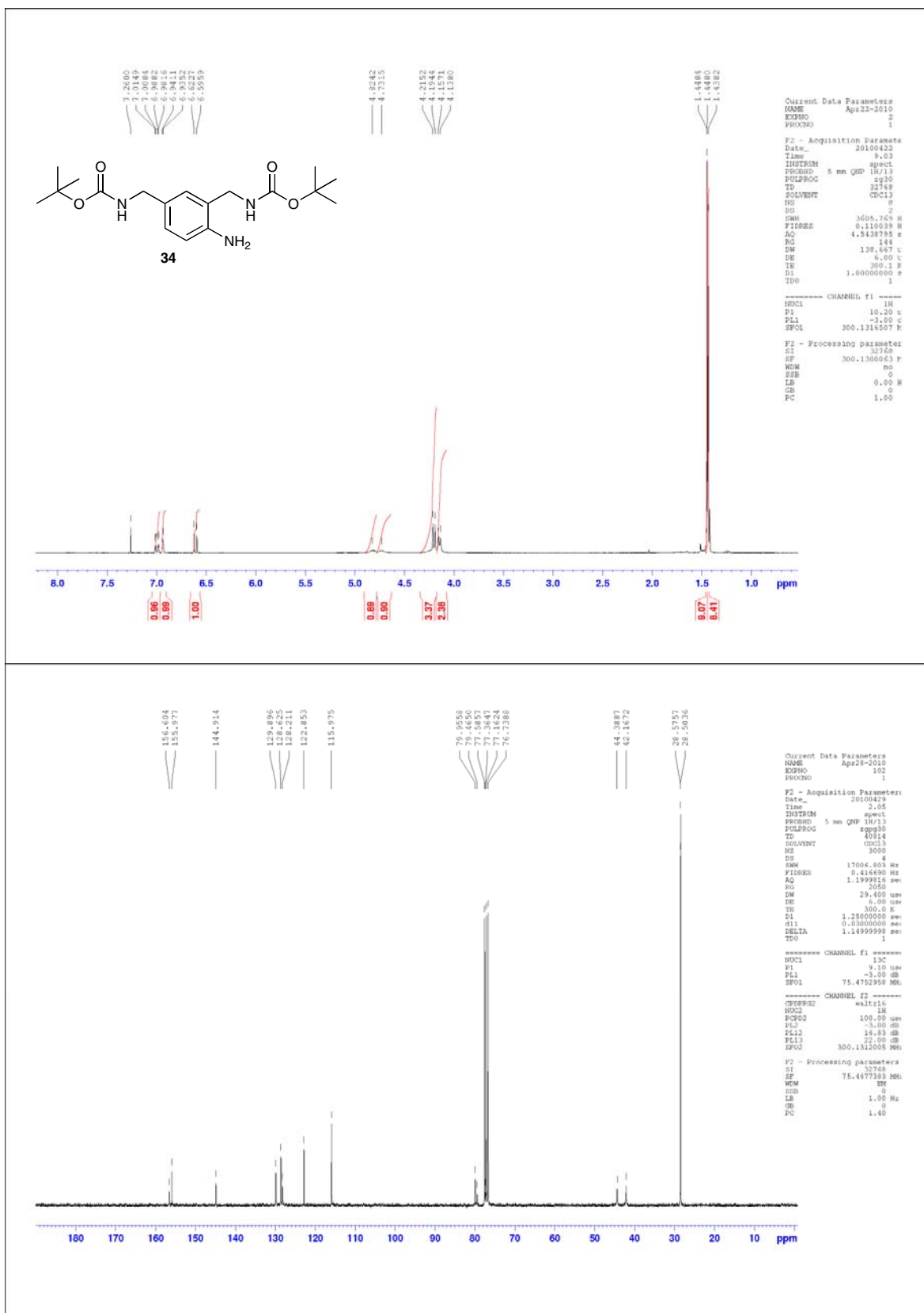


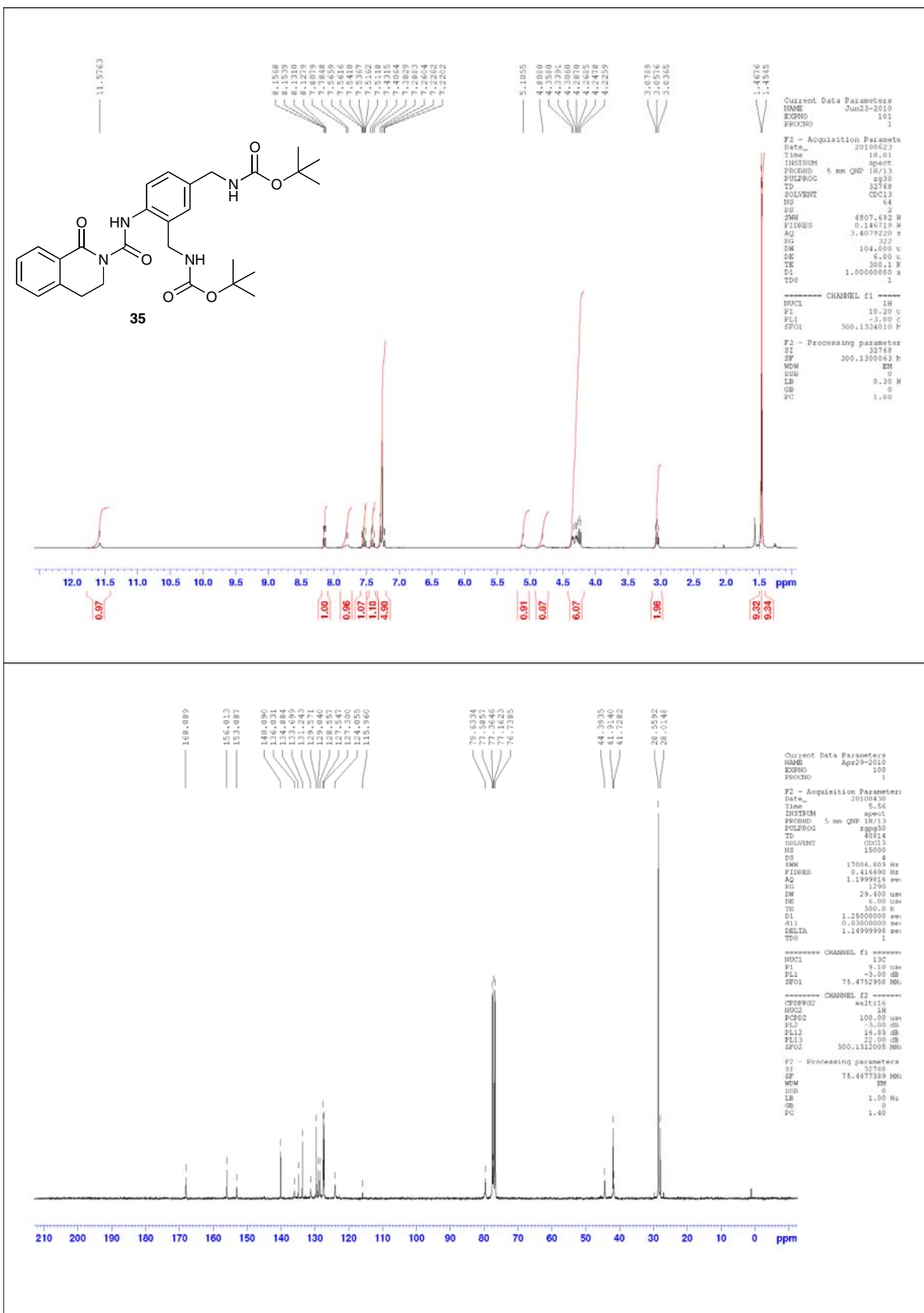


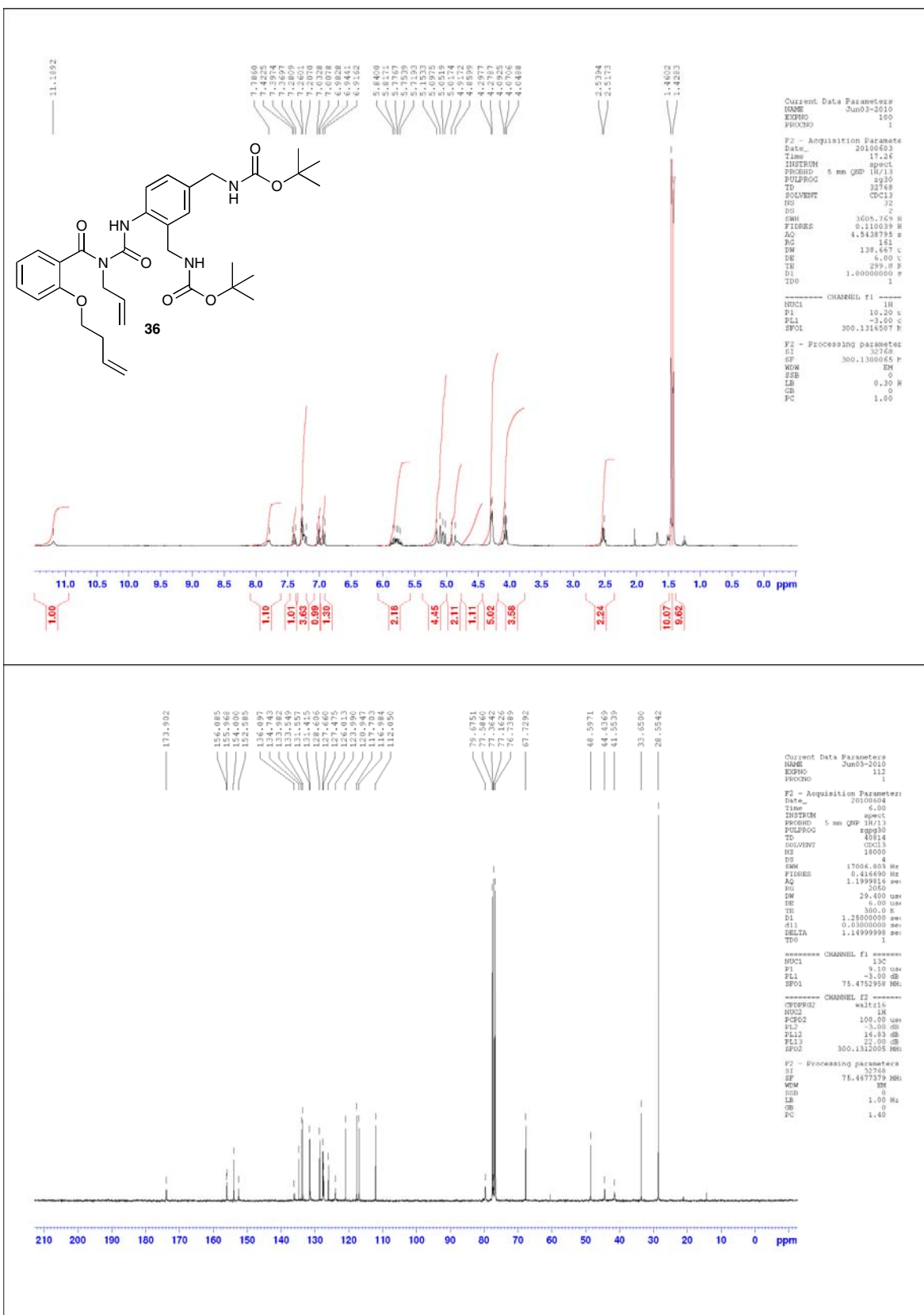


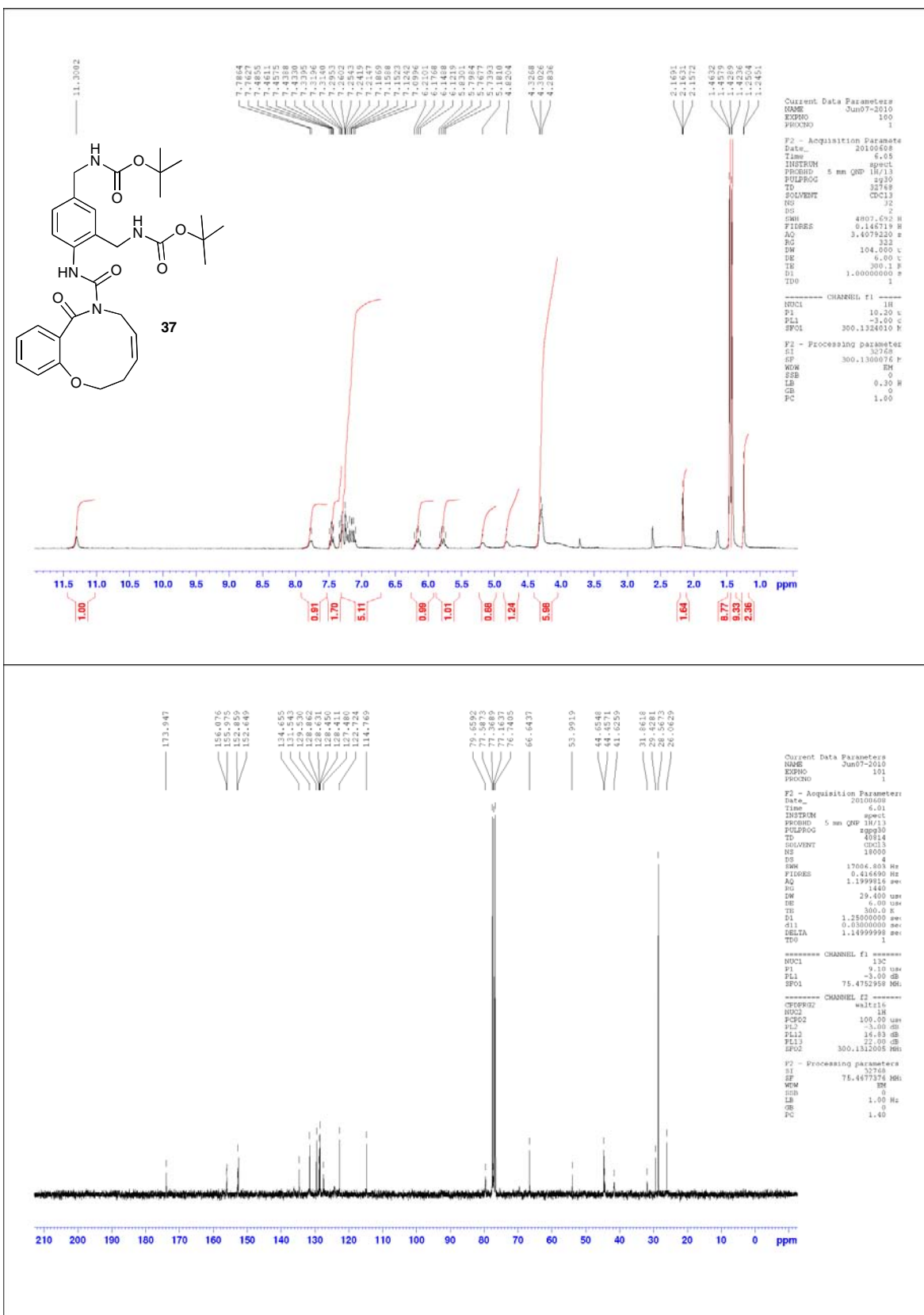


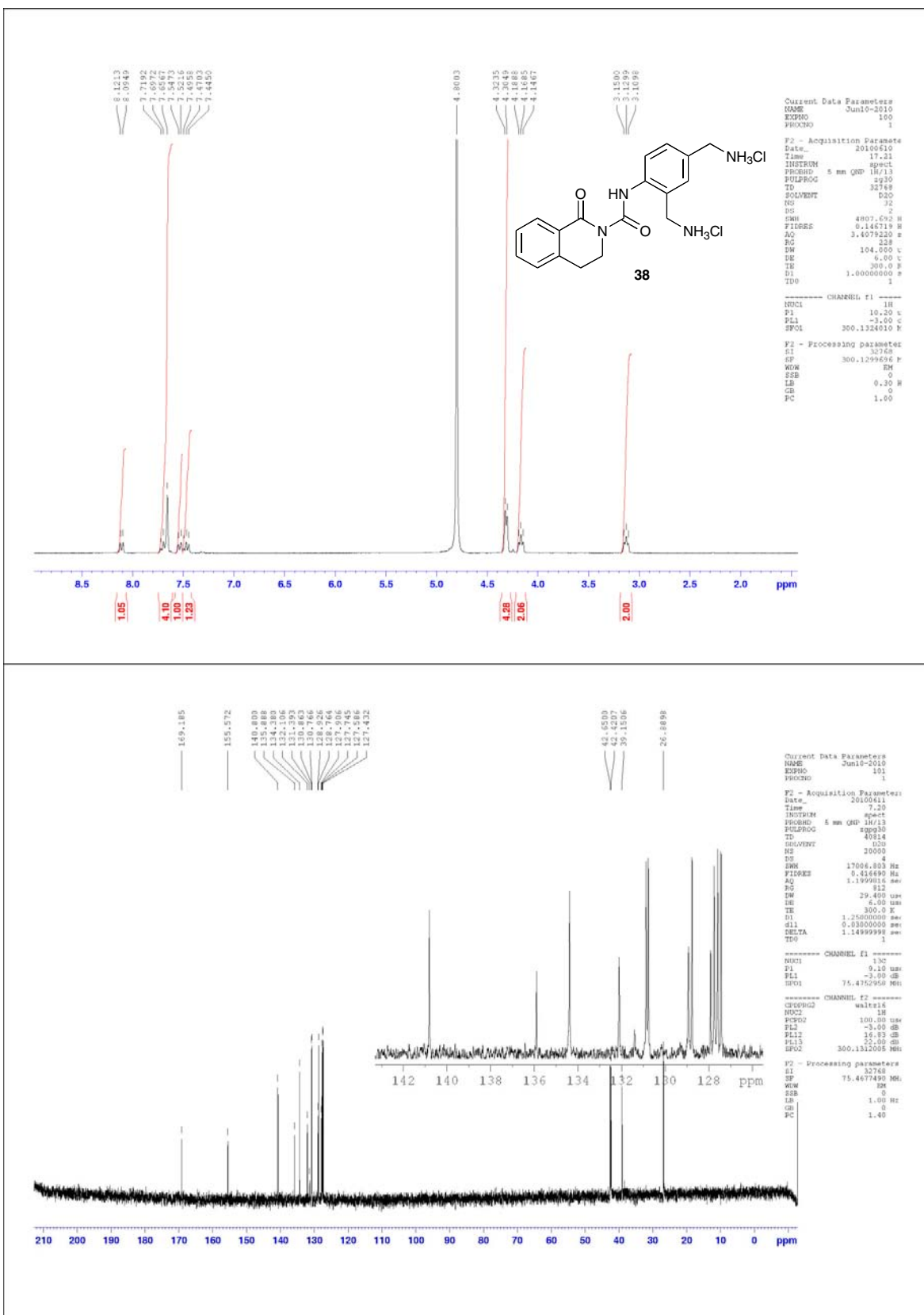












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