

Lewis-Acid Catalysed One Pot Synthesis of Substituted Xanthenes

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Experimental details

Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial distributors and used as received. Solvents (toluene, hexanes, ethyl acetate, dichloromethane, methanol) used for column chromatography were of technical grade and used after distillation in a rotary evaporator. TLC was used to check the reactions for full conversion and was performed on Macherey-Nagel Polygram Sil G/UV₂₅₄ thin layer plates. TLC spots were visualized by UV-light irradiation. Flash column chromatography was carried out using Merck Silica Gel 60 (40-63 μm). Yields refer to pure isolated compounds. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured with Bruker AV 500 and AV 600 spectrometers. All chemical shifts are given in ppm downfield relative to TMS and were referenced to the solvent residual peaks.^[7] ¹H NMR chemical shifts are designated using the following abbreviations as well as their combinations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad signal. High resolution mass spectra were recorded with a Bruker APEX III FTICR-MS or a Finnigan SSQ 7000 quadrupole MS or a Finnigan MAT 95 double focusing sector field MS instrument. Infrared spectra were measured with a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer on a diamond ATR unit. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Shimadzu LC-20A HPLC-System. Microwave reactions were carried out in a CEM Discover Microwave with up to 300W. The reaction temperature (IR surface flask, air cooling upon heating), pressure (non-invasive pressure transducer) and microwave power were remotely controlled.

General Procedure A – oil bath heating

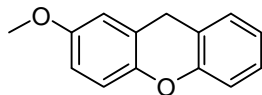
Representative procedure: 5-Methoxysalicylaldehyde **1** (138.32 μL , 1.1 mmol) and 2-cyclohexene-1-one **2** (96.81 μL , 1.0 mmol) was quickly added to a suspension of scandium(III) triflate (24.61 mg, 0.05 mmol) in chlorobenzene (4.0 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 hours and allowed to cool to room temperature. DCM (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL) were added to the reaction mixture and the two layers separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3 \times 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. The crude product **3a** was purified with flash chromatography using mixtures of pentane and ethyl acetate.

General Procedure B – microwave heating

Representative procedure: 5-Methoxysalicylaldehyde **1** (138.32 μL , 1.1 mmol) and 2-cyclohexene-1-one **2** (96.81 μL , 1.0 mmol) was quickly added to a suspension of scandium(III) triflate (24.61 mg, 0.05 mmol) in chlorobenzene (4.0 mL). The reaction mixture was heated in a microwave tube at 180 °C for 30 minutes. After compressed air cooling to room temperature, DCM (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL) were added to the reaction mixture and the two layers separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3 \times 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and solvent was removed by rotary evaporator. The crude product **3a** was purified with flash chromatography using mixtures of pentane and ethyl acetate.

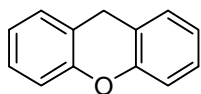
Characterisation of products

2-methoxy-9H-xanthene **3a**



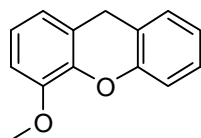
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 134 mg, 63%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 174 mg, 82%; Yellowish solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.25-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.06-6.98 (m, 3H), 6.83-6.77 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 155.0, 151.6, 145.2, 129.1, 127.7, 122.9, 121.4, 120.1, 116.8, 116.0, 113.5, 113.3, 55.4, 27.3; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$, 212.083728; found 212.083561.

9H-xanthene **3b**



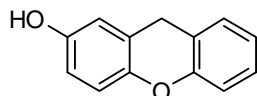
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4-methoxy-9H-xanthene **3c**



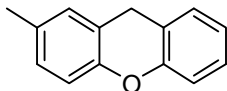
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 115 mg, 54%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 132 mg, 62%; Yellowish oil, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.79 (m, 1H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): 151.2, 147.6, 140.6, 129.1, 127.7, 123.3, 122.9, 121.3, 120.5, 120.4, 116.2, 110.5, 55.6, 27.0; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$, 212.083730; found 212.083684.

9H-xanthen-2-ol **3d**



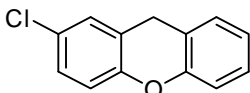
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 59 mg, 30%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 109 mg, 55%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.59 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): 153.03, 151.74, 144.08, 129.10, 127.61, 122.74, 121.22, 120.24, 116.68, 115.94, 114.64, 114.48, 27.30; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$, 198.068079; found 198.067949

2-methyl-9H-xanthene **3e**



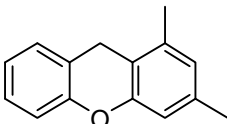
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 134 mg, 63%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 187 mg, 88%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.97-6.93 (m, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 151.4, 149.2, 132.1, 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 127.7, 123.1, 120.5, 120.2, 116.0, 115.8, 26.9, 20.2; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_1$, 196.088811; found 196.088659.

2-chloro-9H-xanthene **3f**



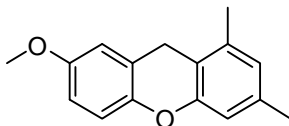
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 39 mg, 18%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 65 mg, 30%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.34-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 3H), 4.04 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): δ 150.9, 150.1, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6, 126.7, 123.5, 122.8, 119.9, 117.8, 116.1, 26.7; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{O}_1\text{Cl}_1$, 216.034193; found 216.034201.

1,3-dimethyl-9H-xanthene **3g**



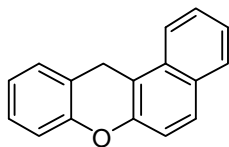
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 126 mg, 60%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. (at 200°C) Yield: 118 mg, 56%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.26-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.22 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): 150.95, 150.80, 136.88, 136.45, 129.49, 127.71, 125.04, 122.93, 120.06, 115.83, 115.81, 113.94, 24.53, 20.56, 18.64; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_1$, 210.104467; found 210.104383.

7-methoxy-1,3-dimethyl-9H-xanthene **3h**



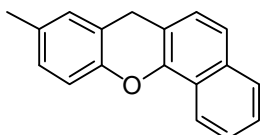
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 149 mg, 62%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. (at 200°C) Yield: 166 mg, 69%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.84-6.81 (m, 1H), 6.79-6.75 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): 154.78, 151.07, 144.87, 136.81, 136.39, 124.79, 120.80, 116.59, 115.36, 113.87, 113.59, 55.36, 24.99, 20.58, 18.70; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$, 240.115026; found 240.115225.

12*H*-benzo[*a*]xanthene **3i**



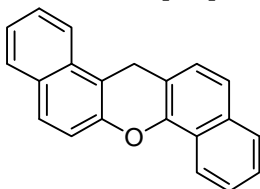
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 207 mg, 89%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 221 mg, 95%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.97-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.88-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.11 (m, 1H), 4.41 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): 150.33, 147.95, 131.57, 129.81, 129.68, 128.35, 128.33, 127.87, 126.90, 124.34, 123.42, 122.49, 119.49, 117.51, 116.06, 111.68, 23.87; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_1$, 232.088813; found 232.088790.

9-methy-7*H*-benzo[*c*]xanthene **3j**



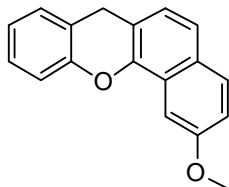
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 207 mg, 84%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. (at 200 °C) Yield: 190 mg, 77%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.30-8.26 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.88 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): 149.00, 145.64, 132.90, 132.43, 129.43, 128.29, 127.67, 127.00, 126.11, 123.40, 122.29, 120.73, 119.91, 116.07, 114.47, 27.13, 20.27; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_1$, 246.104468; found 246.104376.

14*H*-dibenzo[*a,h*]xanthene **3k**



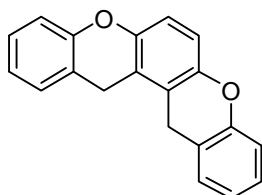
Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 234 mg, 83%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 271 mg, 96%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.46-8.42 (m, 1H), 7.94-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.64-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): 148.70, 145.73, 133.53, 132.23, 130.44, 128.57, 128.41, 127.69, 127.14, 126.85, 126.19, 126.08, 124.35, 124.28, 122.75, 122.53, 121.53, 118.14, 113.61, 111.79, 25.46; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_1$, 282.104462; found 282.104546.

2-methoxy-7*H*-benzo[*c*]xanthene **31**



Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 210 mg, 80%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 252 mg, 96%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 7.84-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO): 157.64, 151.18, 144.83, 129.41, 129.22, 128.32, 127.75, 124.47, 124.30, 123.47, 122.32, 120.43, 118.34, 116.41, 115.21, 99.45, 55.23, 27.24; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$, 262.099378; found 262.099142.

13,14-dihydrochromeno[3,2*a*]xanthene **5**



Synthesized according to general procedure A. Yield: 20 mg, 7%; Synthesized according to general procedure B. Yield: 14 mg, 5%; White solid, ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.22-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 4H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): 151.61, 147.12, 129.21, 127.98, 122.92, 118.84, 118.69, 116.40, 115.50, 25.6; HRMS-(EI) (m/z): M^+ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$, 286.099377, found 286.099179.

The structure was assigned based on an INEPT-INADEQUATE spectrum which was recorded as described in Weigelt and Otting¹ on a Bruker AV600 spectrometer equipped with a 5-mm H/C/N triple-resonance cryogenically-cooled probehead, with 16 scans per increment, TD(F2) = 1k, TD(F1) = 2k, and 2 s of relaxation delay for acquisition. (Sample amount was 12mg of **5** in CDCl_3).

¹ J. Weigelt and G. Otting, *J. Magn. Reson. A*, 1995, **113**, 128.

NMR spectra of products

2-methoxy-9H-xanthene 3a

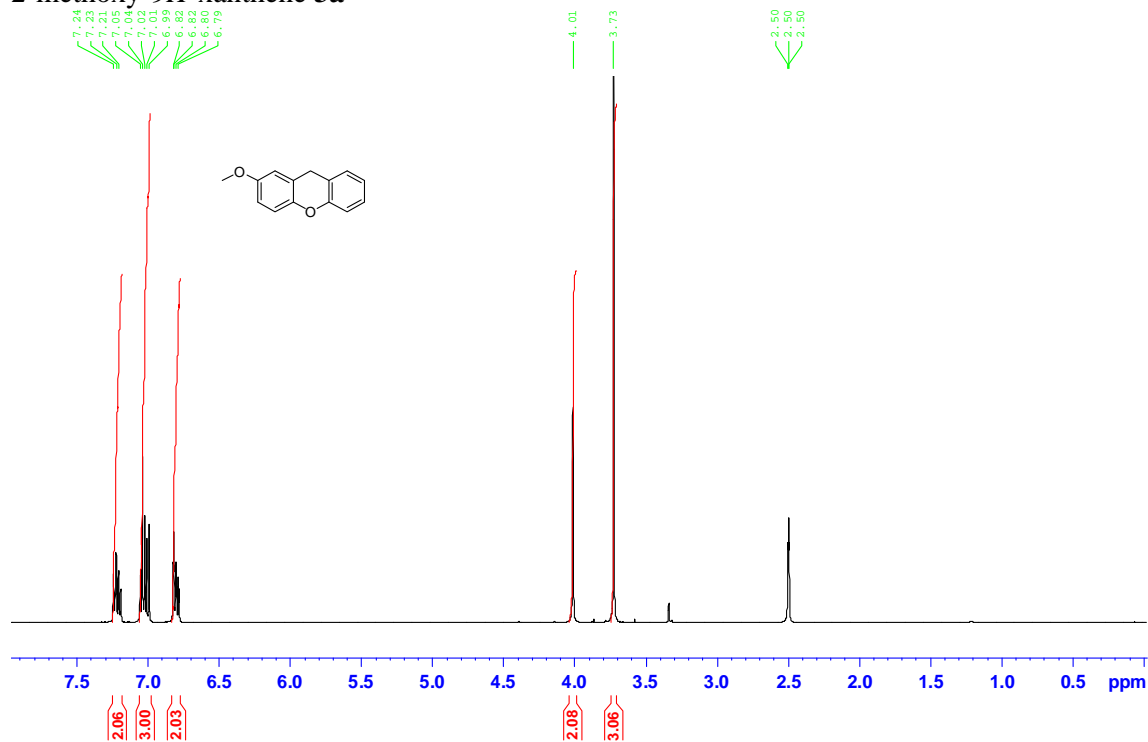


Figure 1: ^1H NMR in DMSO

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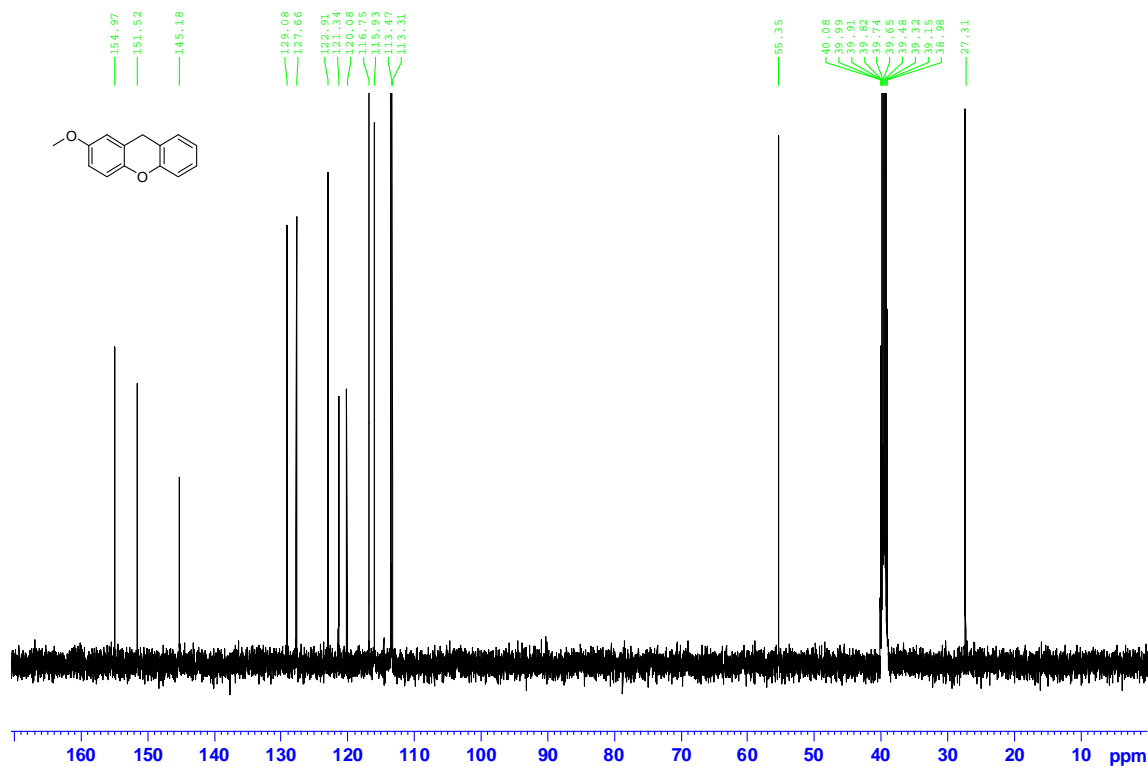


Figure 2: ^{13}C NMR in DMSO

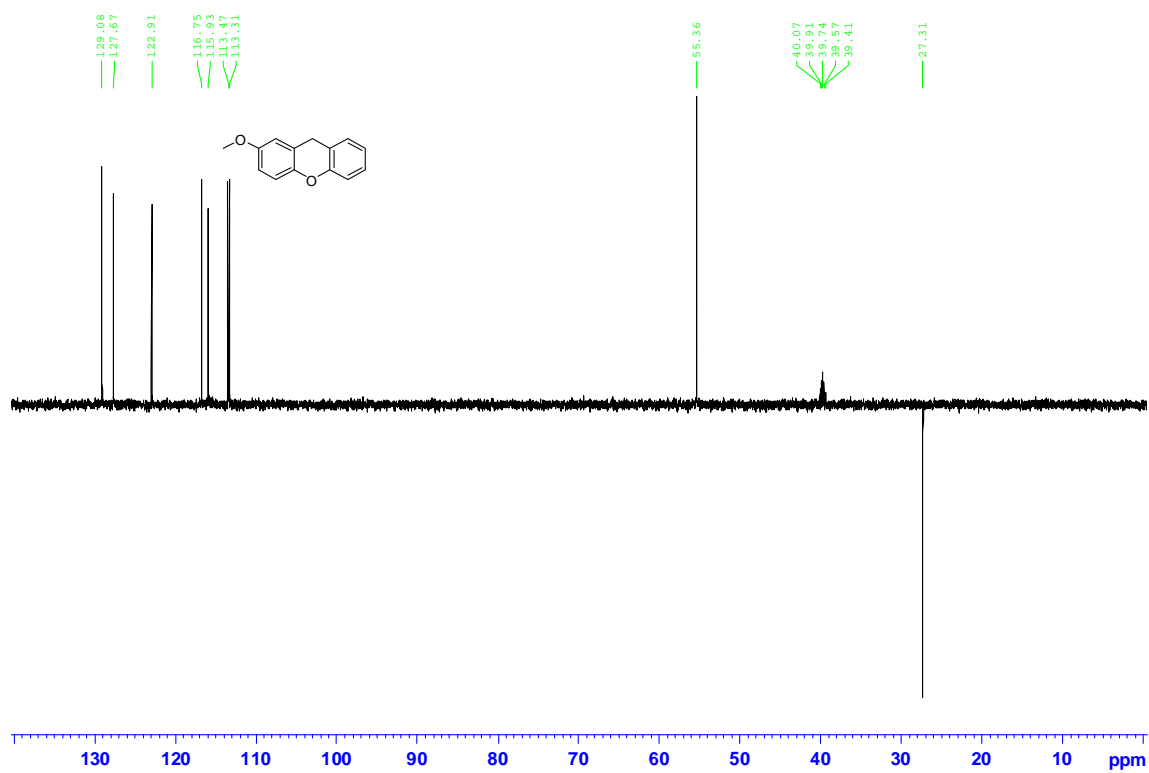


Figure 3: dept135 NMR in DMSO

9H-xanthene **3b**

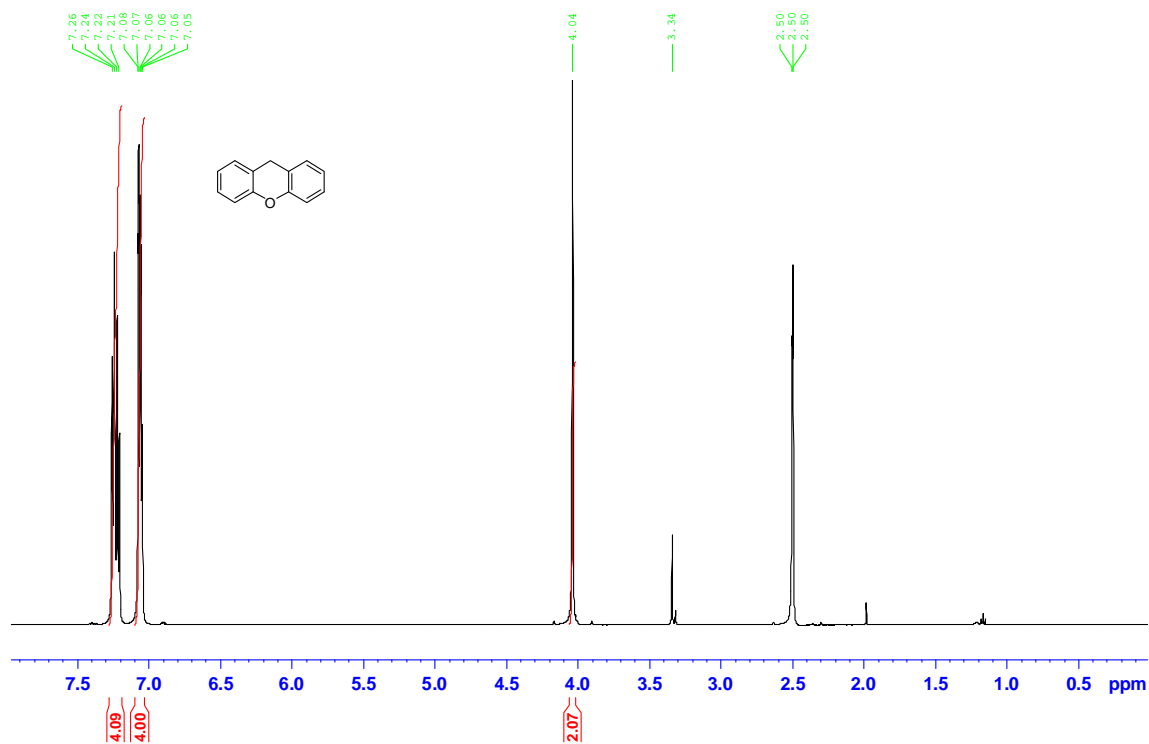


Figure 4: ¹H NMR in DMSO

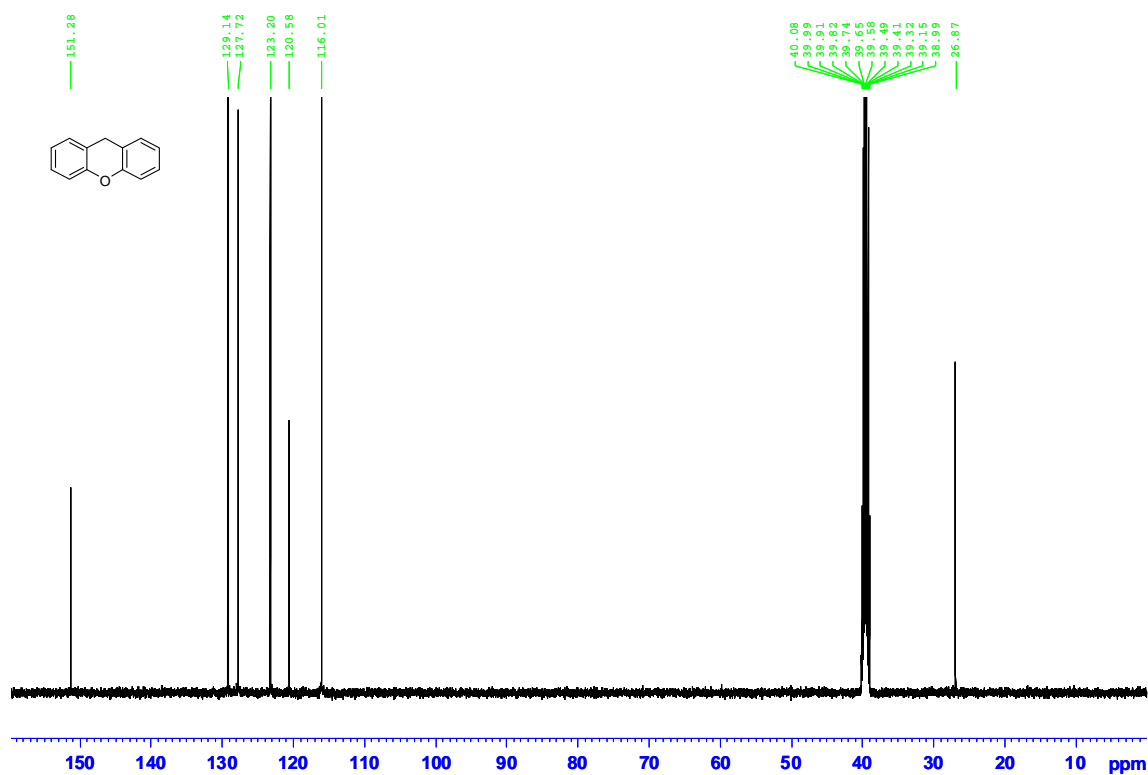


Figure 5: ^{13}C NMR in DMSO

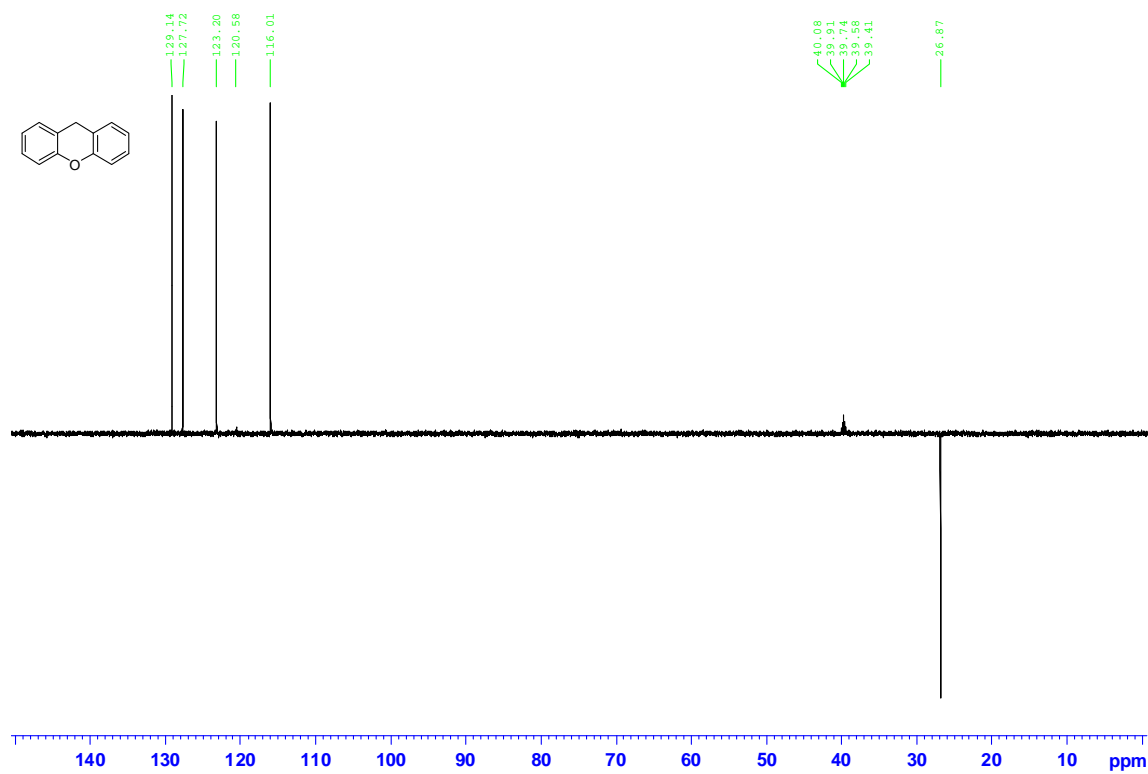


Figure 6: dept135 NMR in DMSO

4-methoxy-9H-xanthene **3c**

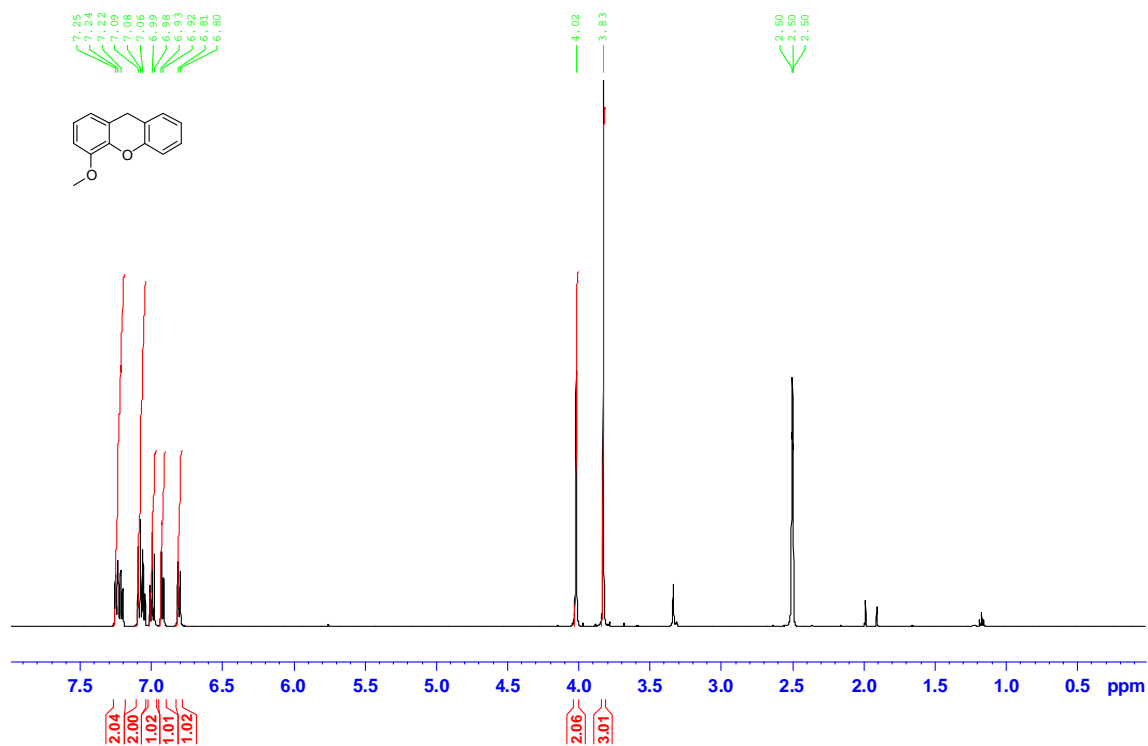


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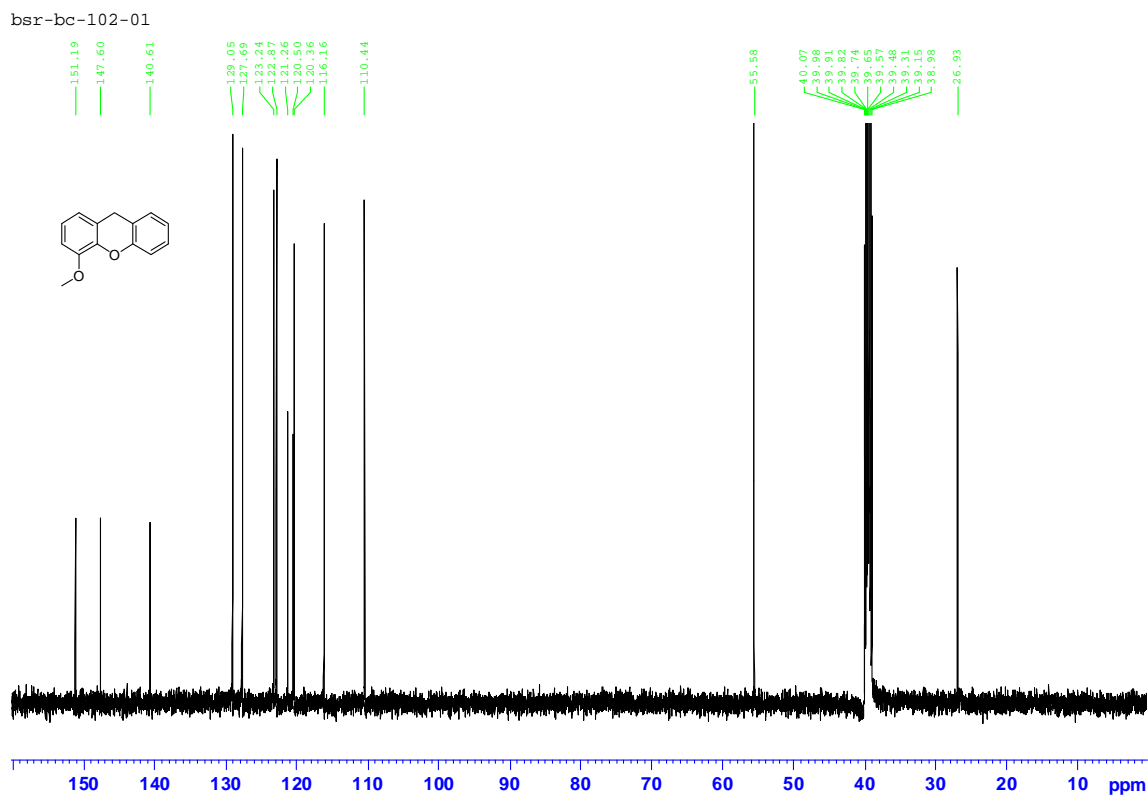
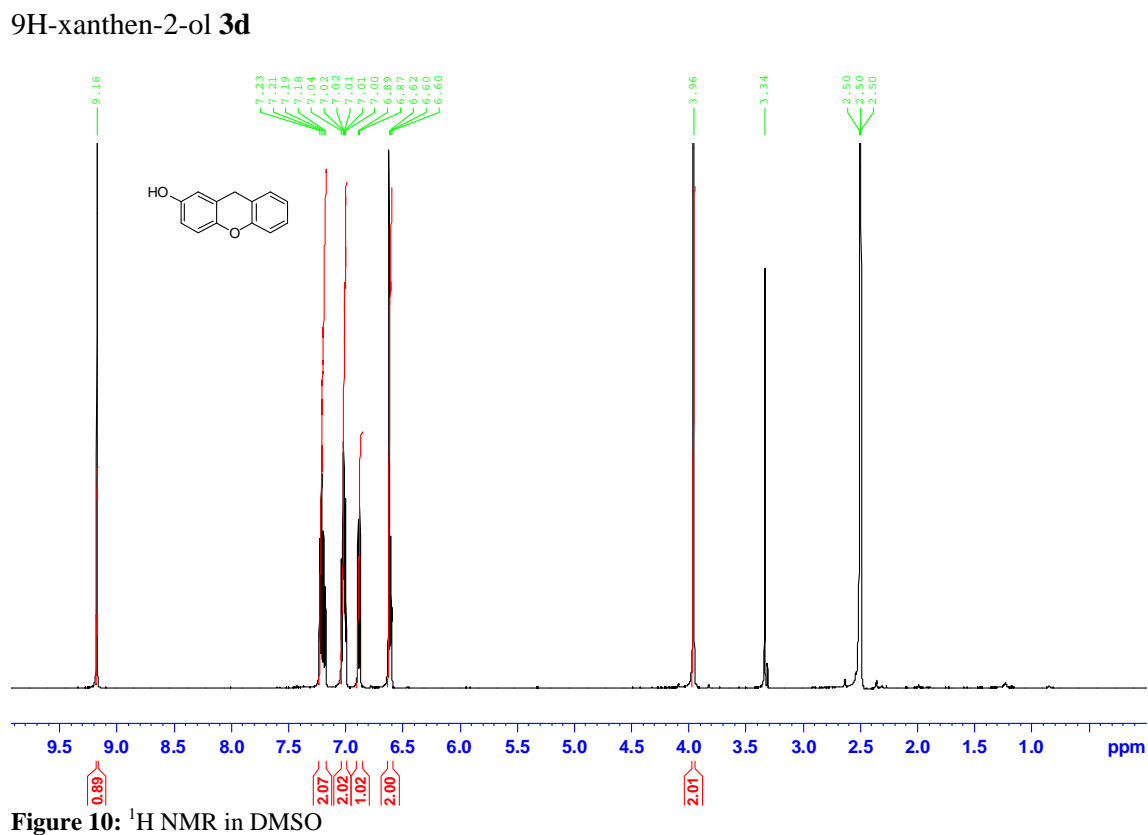
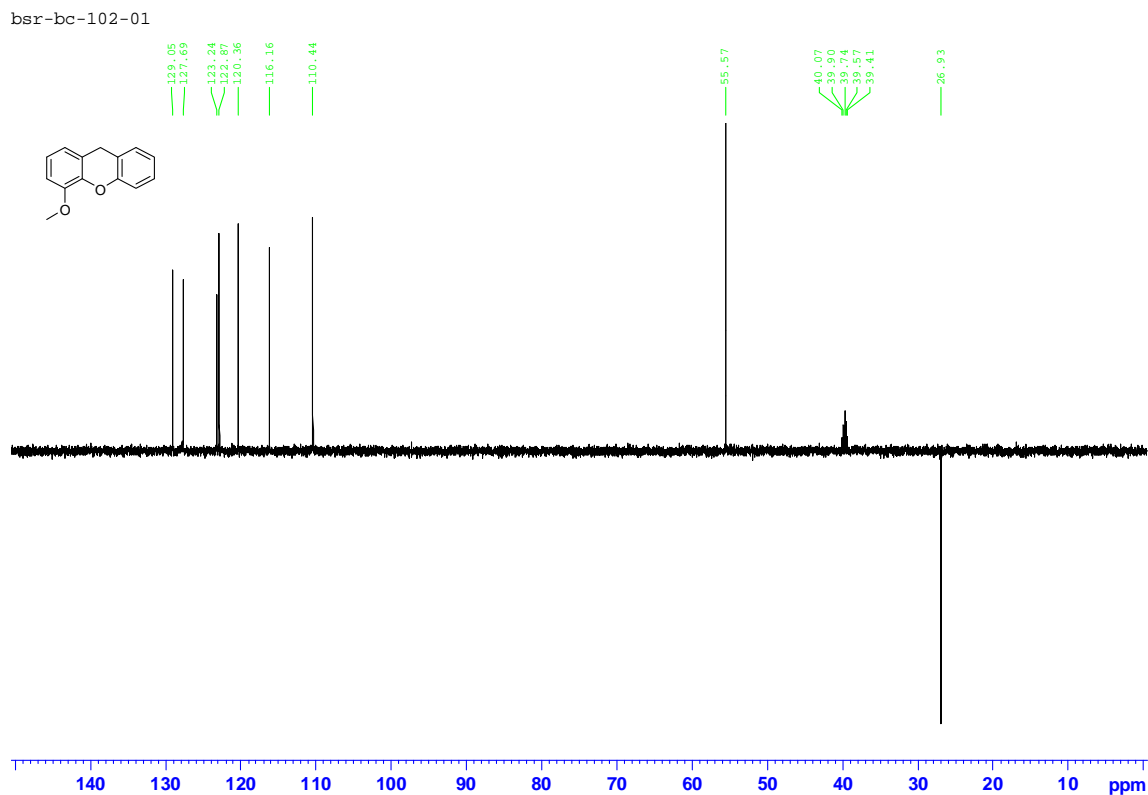


Figure 8: ¹³C NMR in DMSO



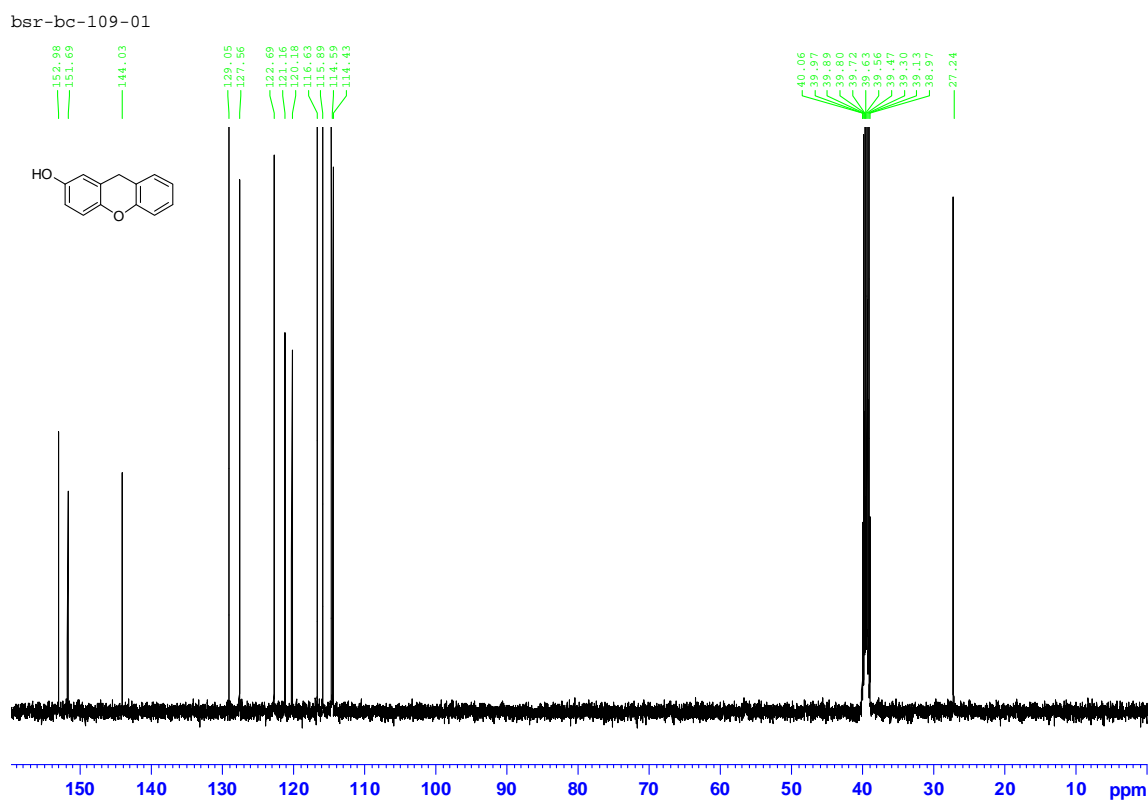


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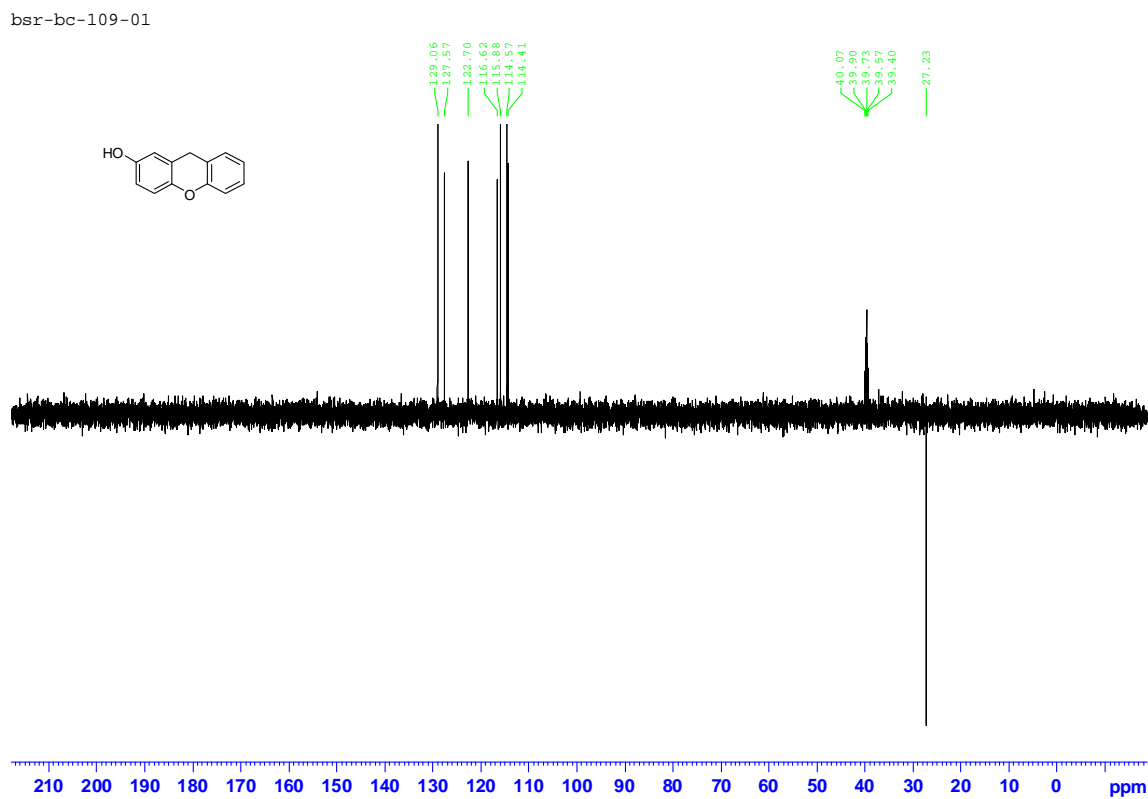


Figure 12: dept135 NMR in DMSO

2-methyl-9H-xanthene **3e**

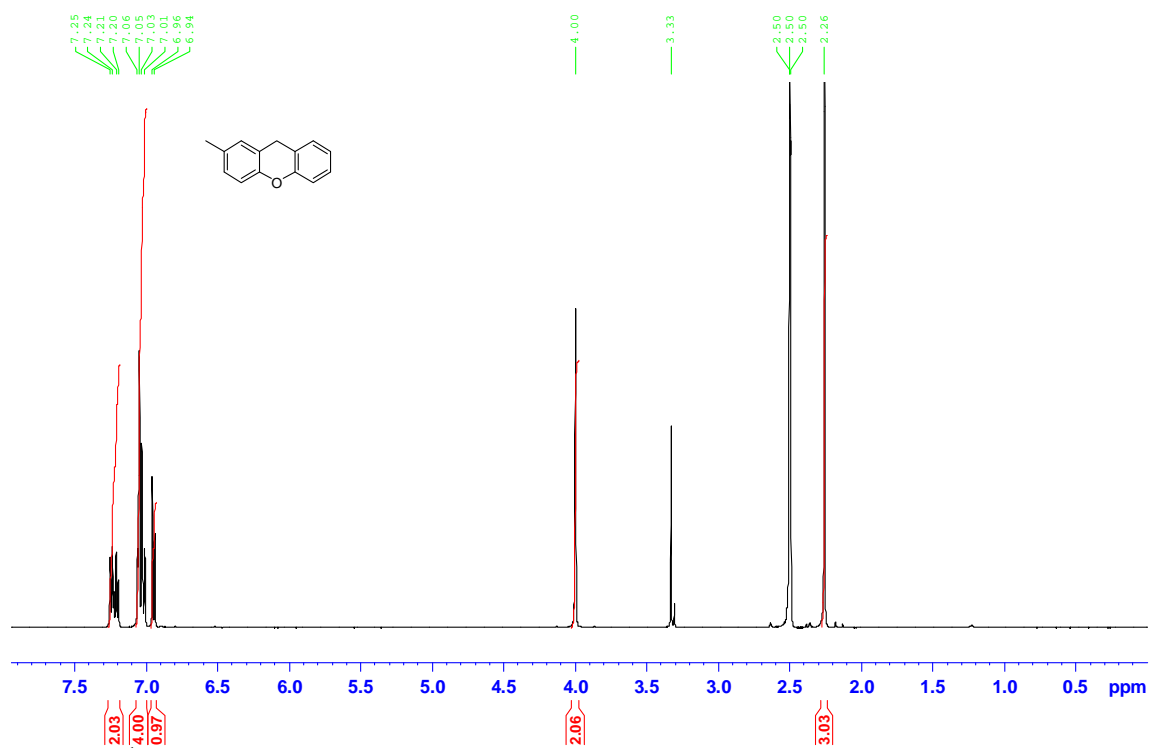


Figure 13: ¹H NMR in DMSO

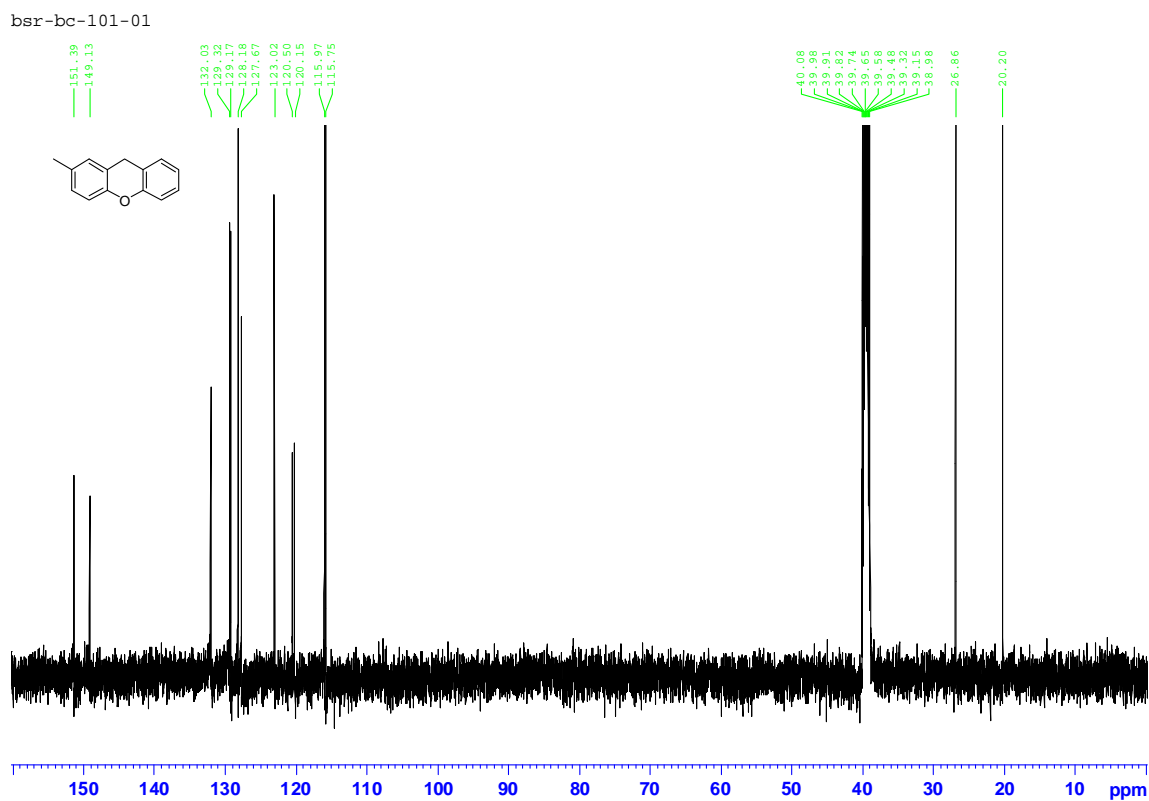
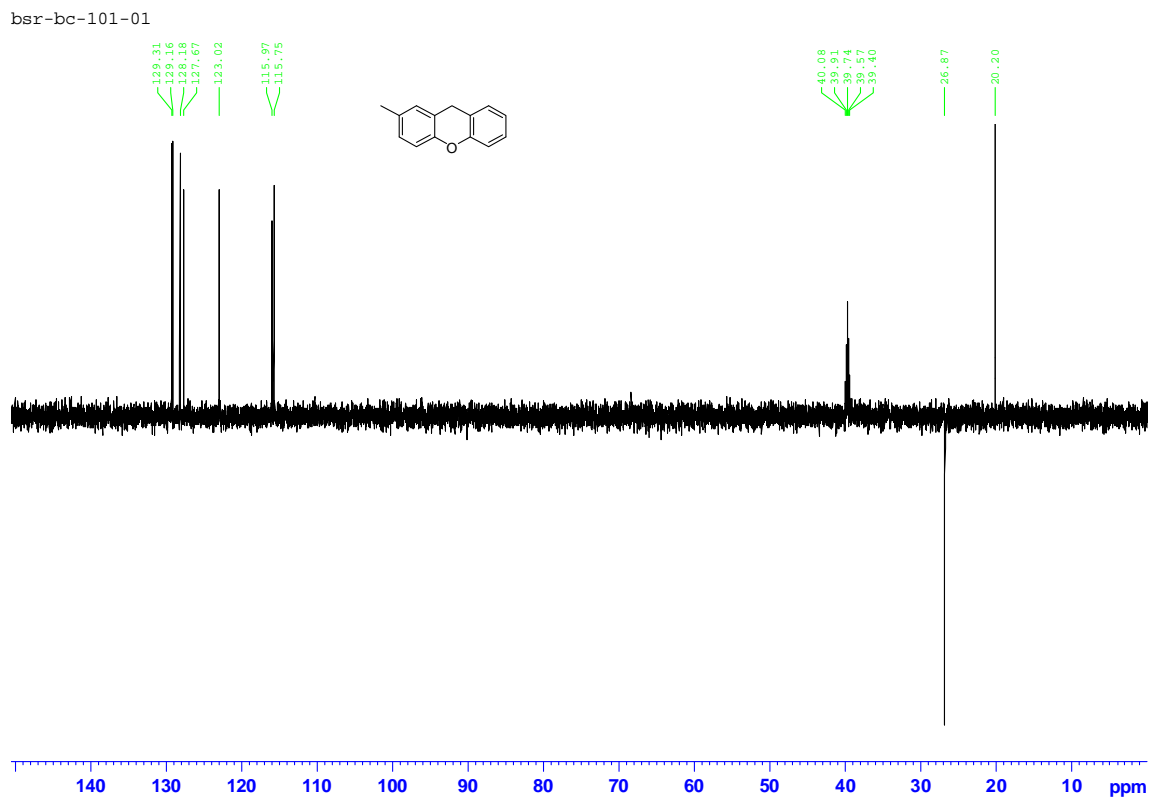
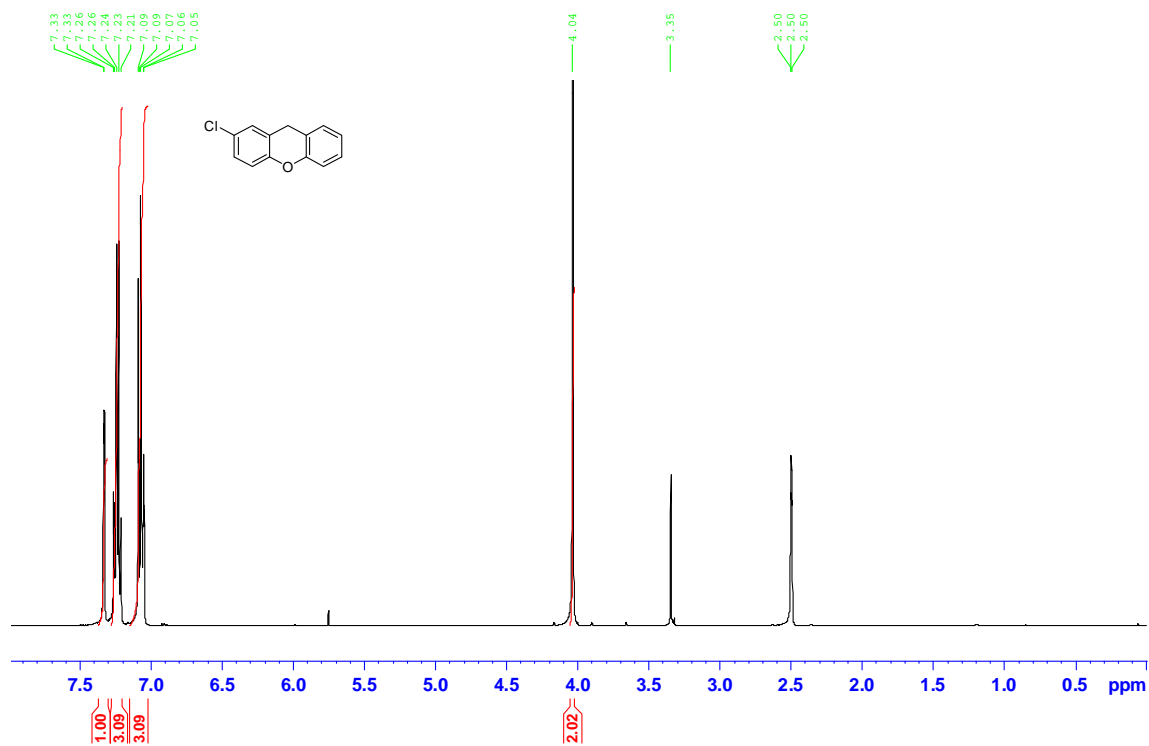


Figure 14: ¹³C NMR in DMSO



2-chloro-9H-xanthene **3f**



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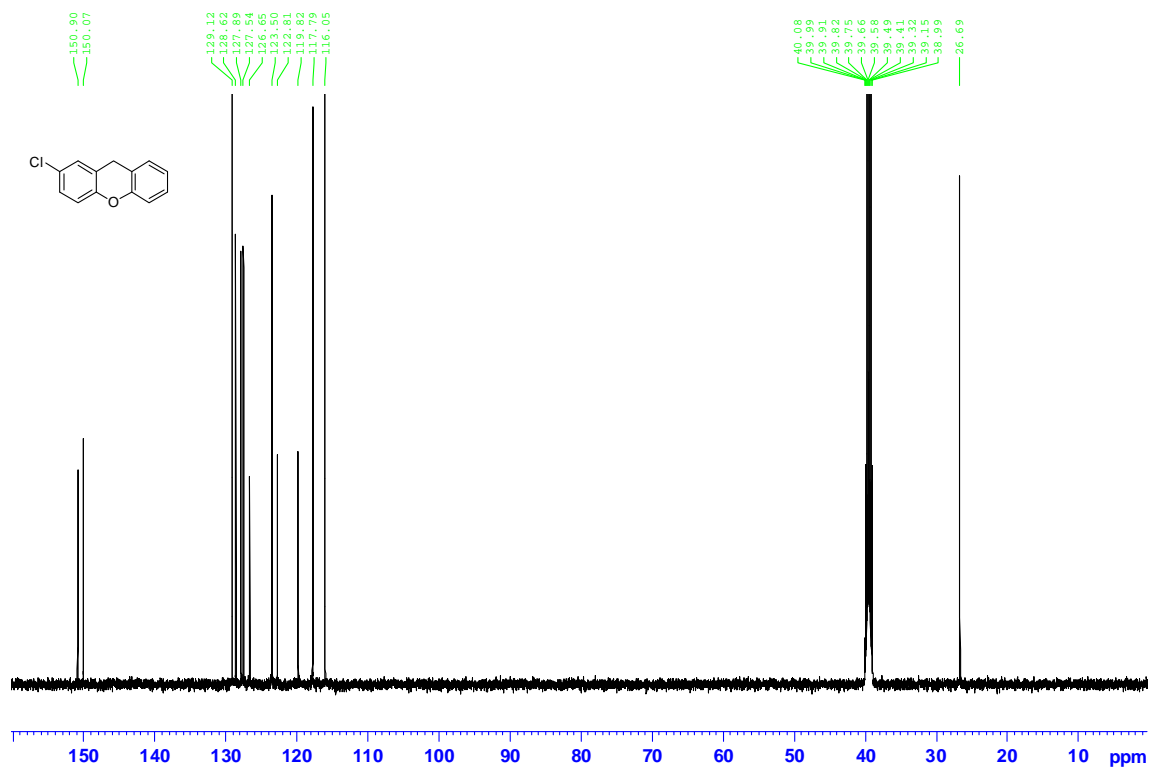


Figure 17: ^{13}C NMR in DMSO

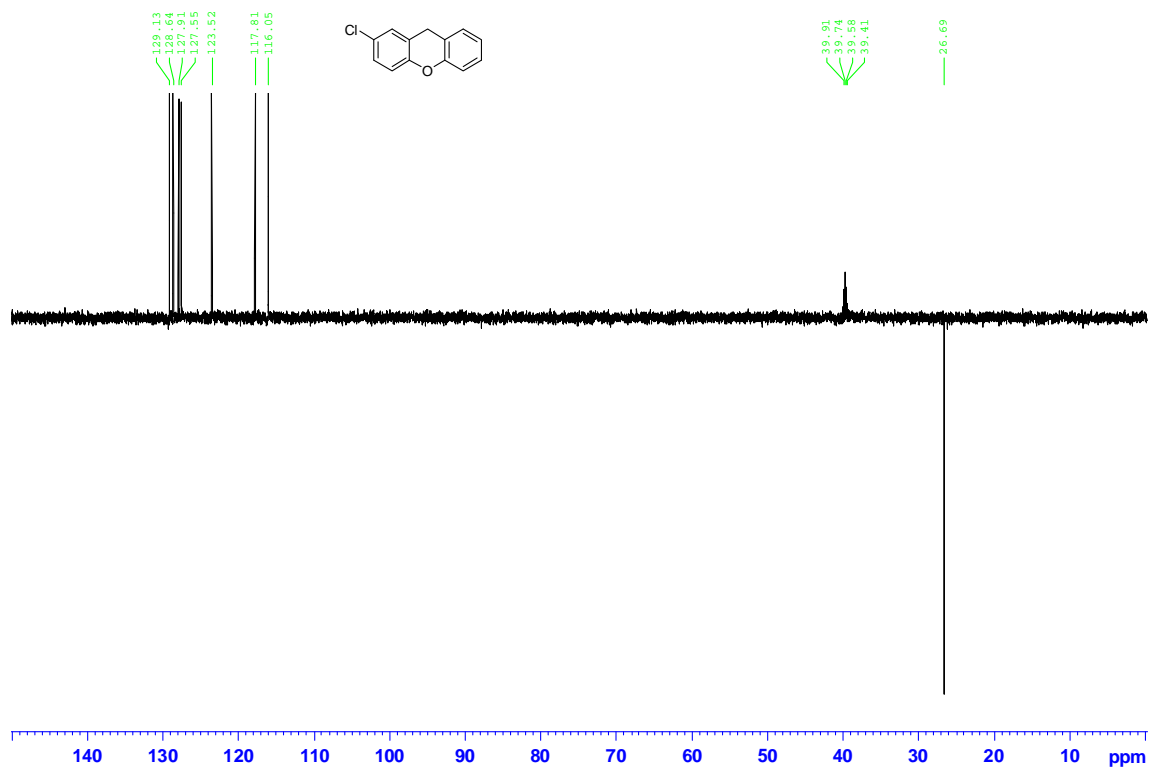


Figure 18: dept135 NMR in DMSO

1, 3-dimethyl-9H-xanthene **3g**

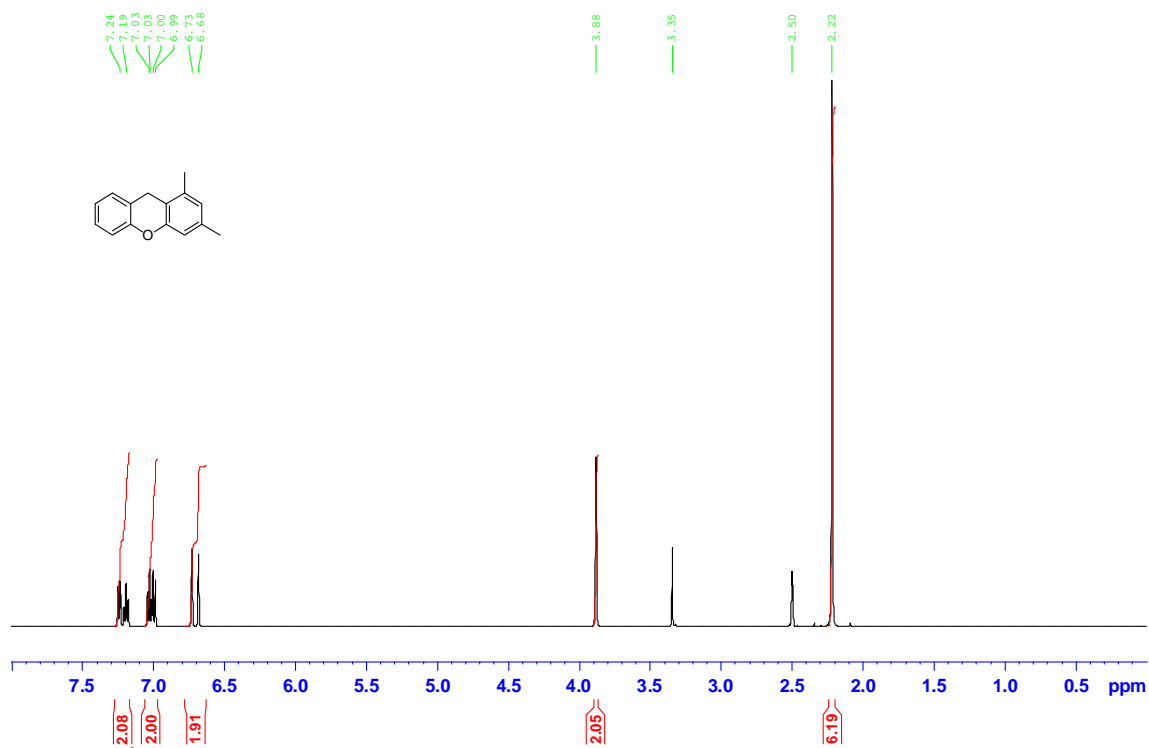


Figure 19: ^1H NMR in DMSO

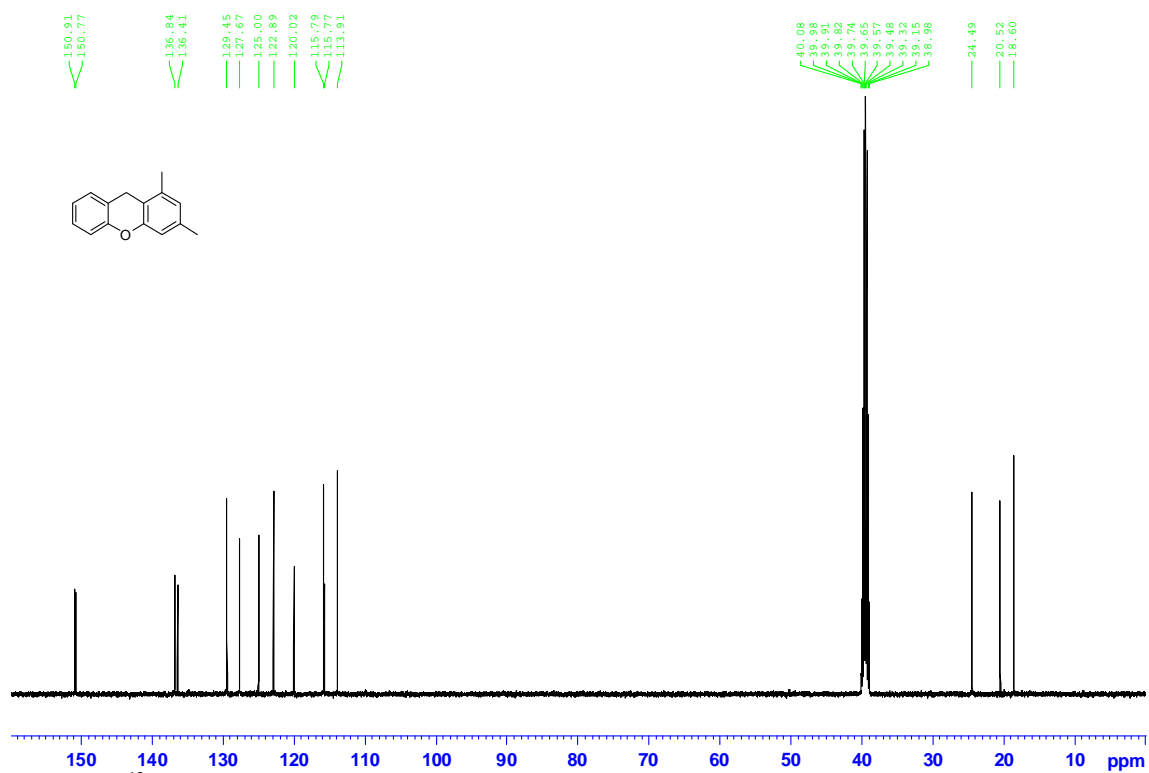


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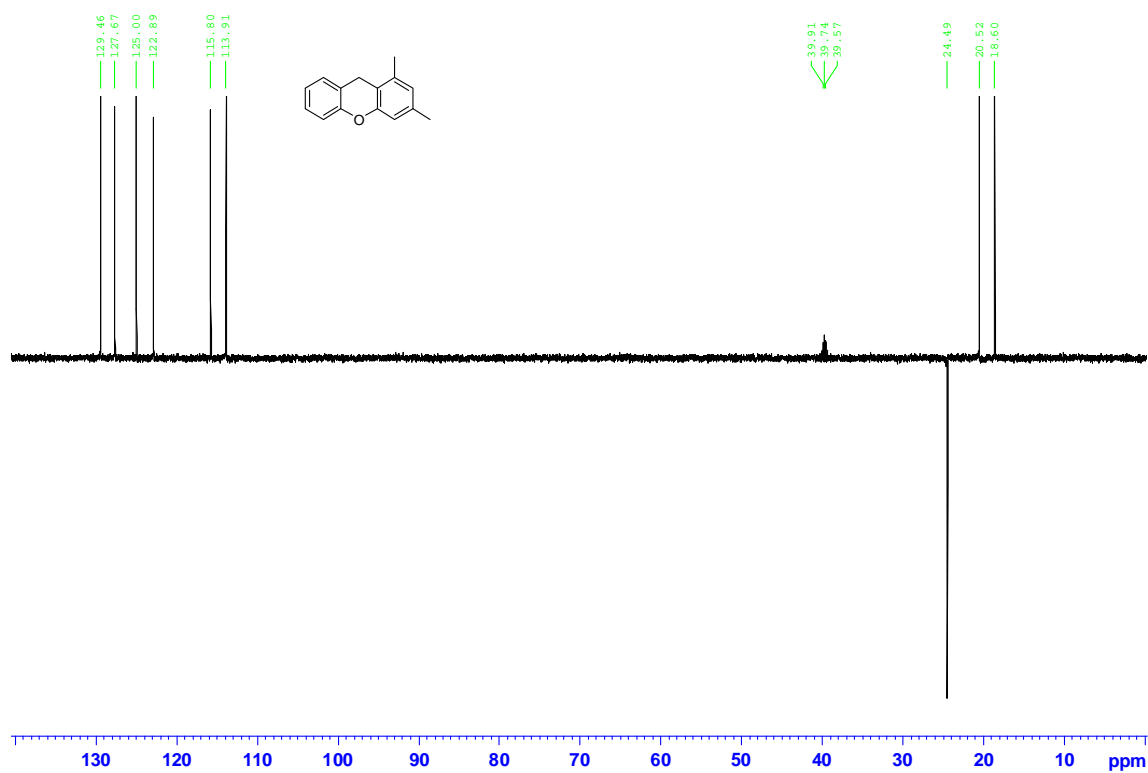


Figure 21: dept135 NMR in DMSO

7-methoxy-1, 3-dimethyl-9H-xanthene 3h

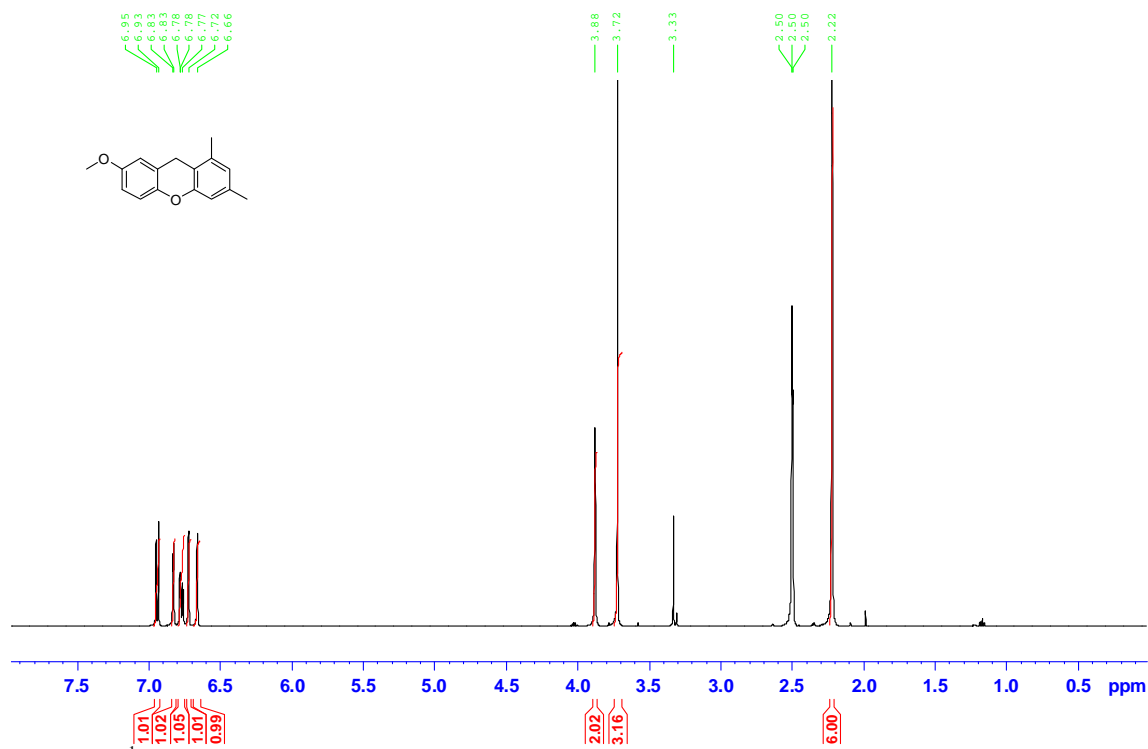


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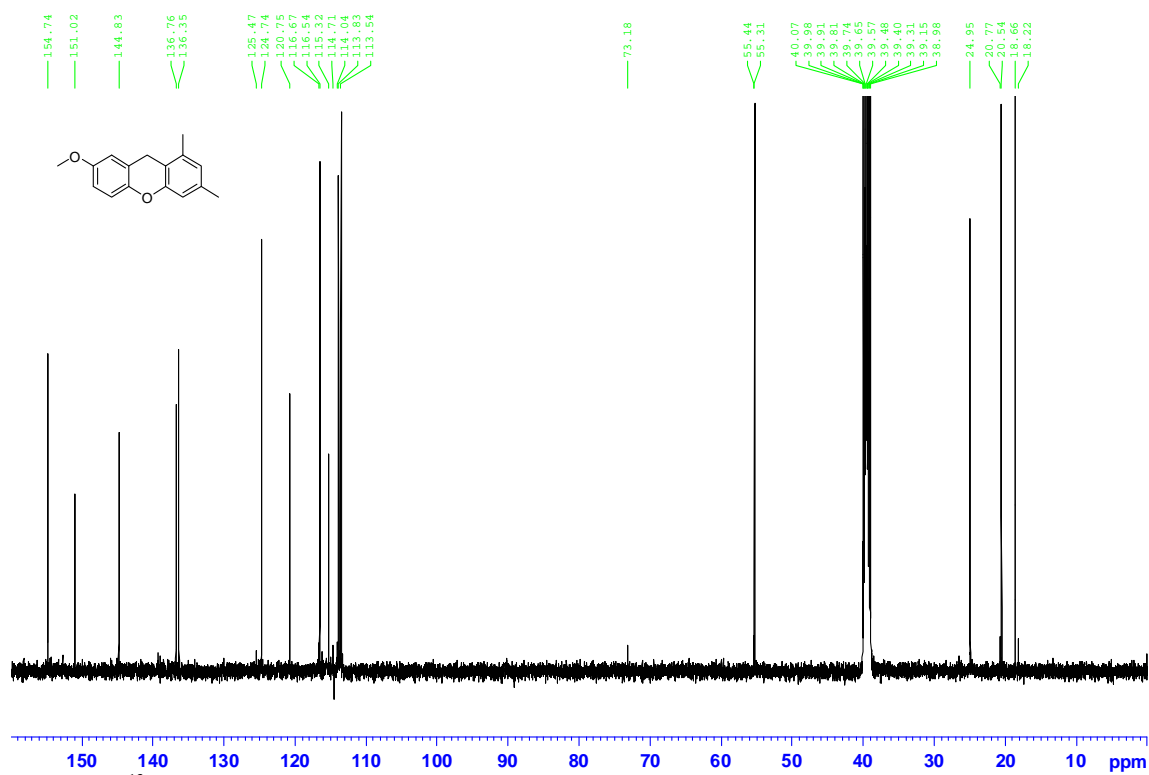


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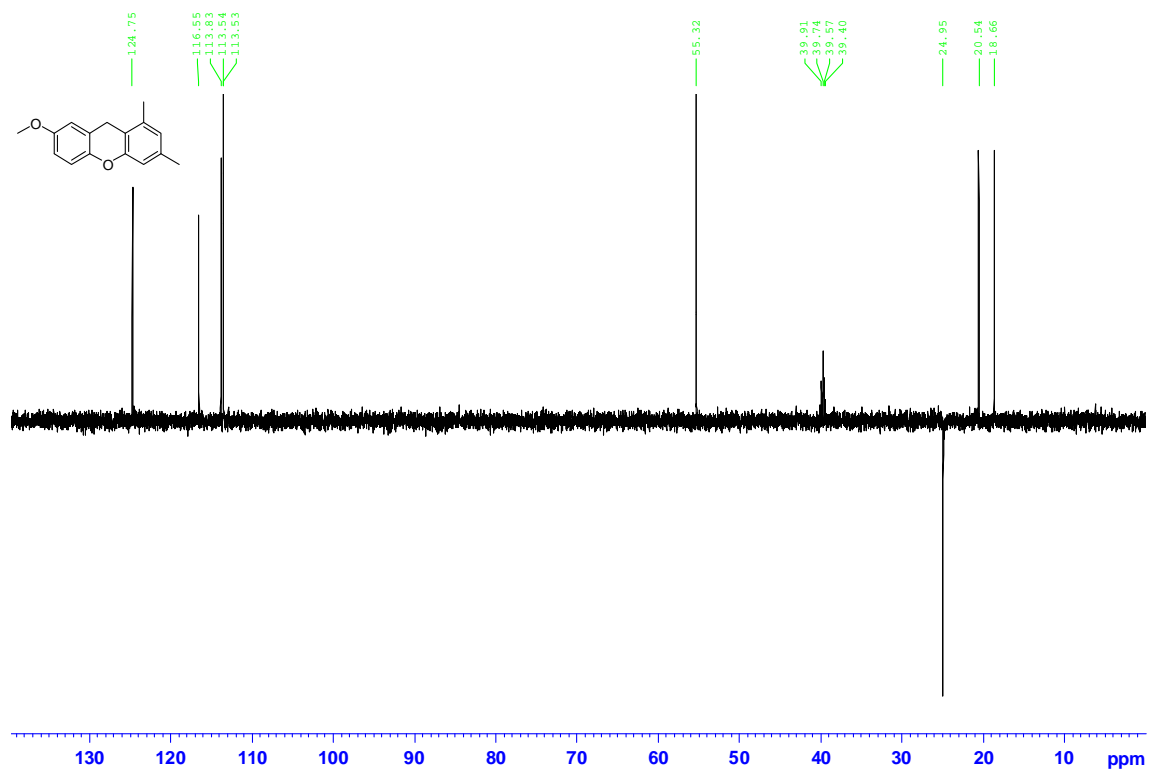


Figure 24: dept135 NMR in DMSO

12*H*-benzo[*a*]xanthene **3i**

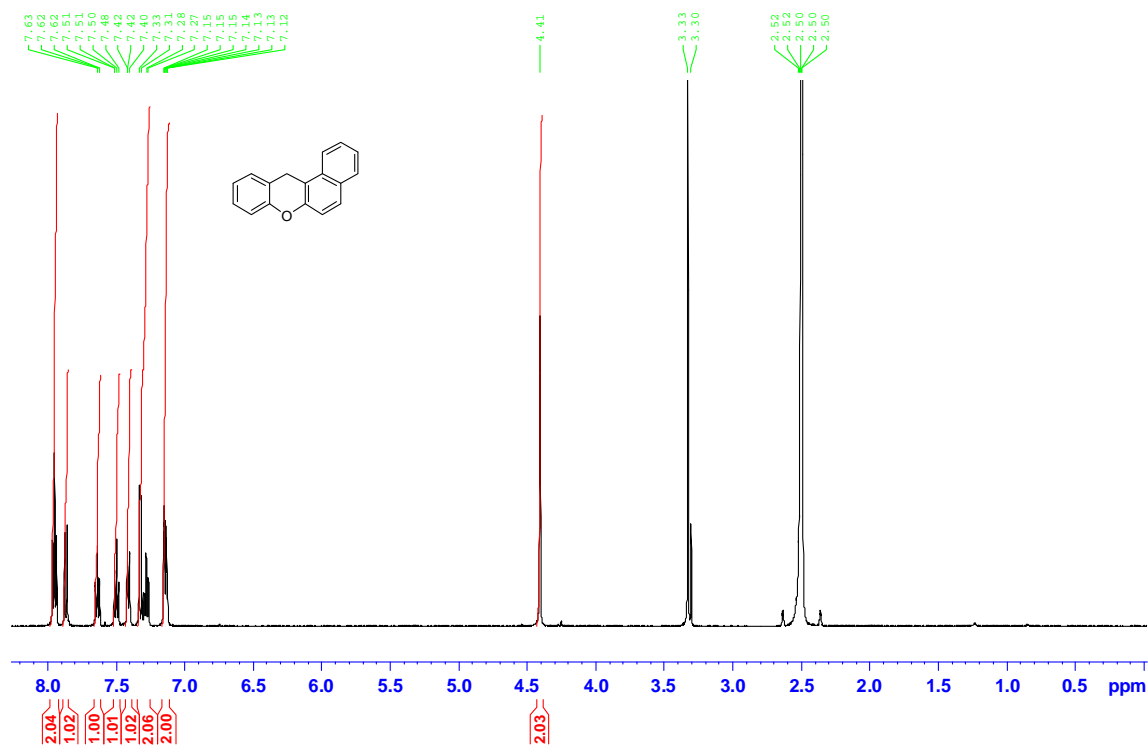


Figure 25: ¹H NMR in DMSO

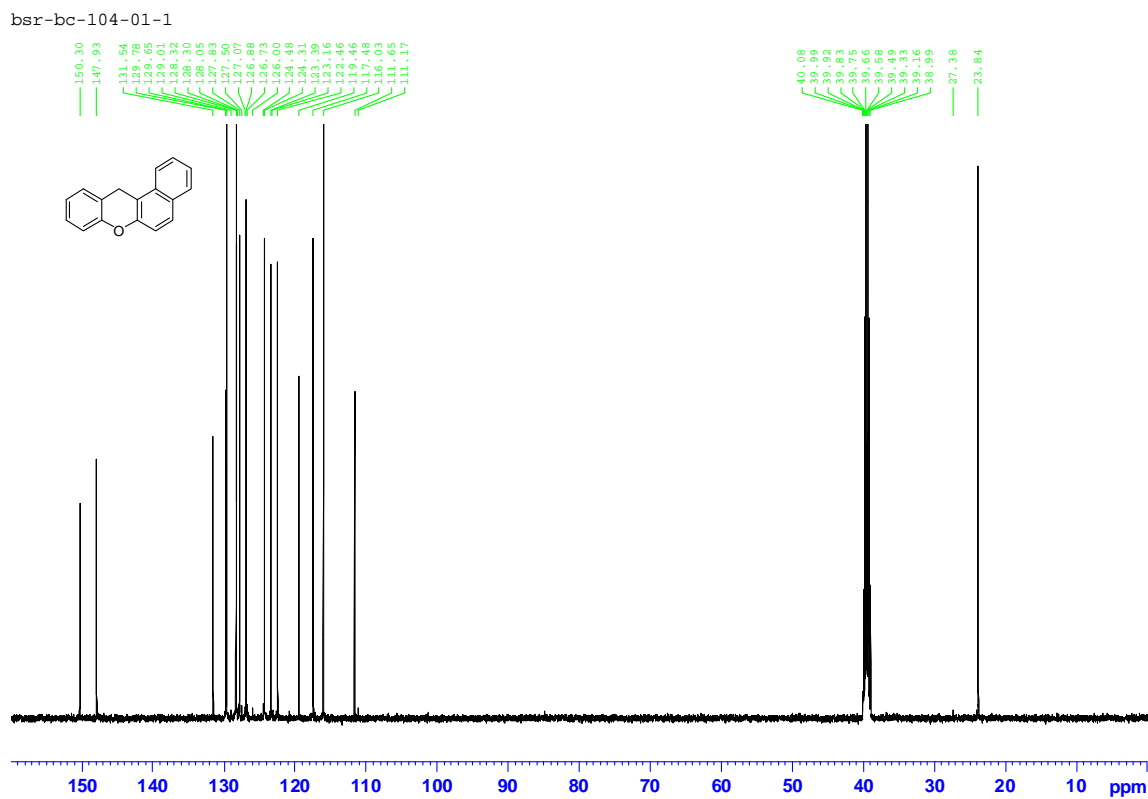
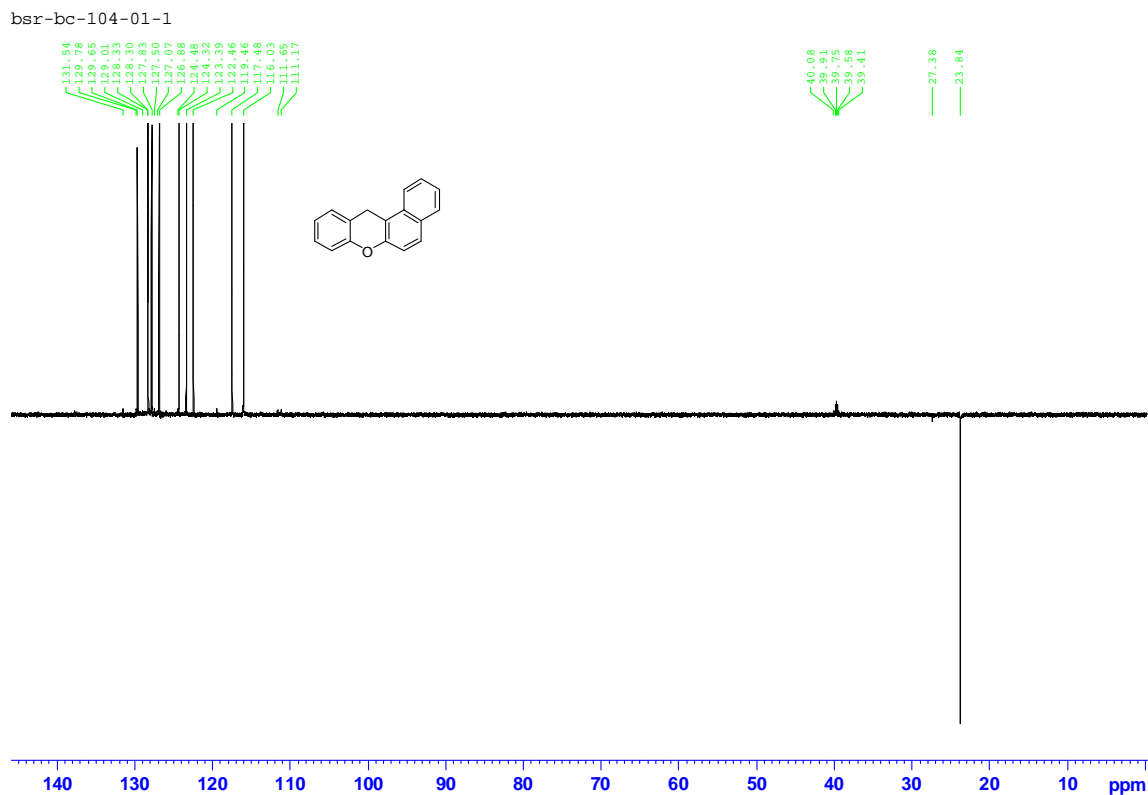
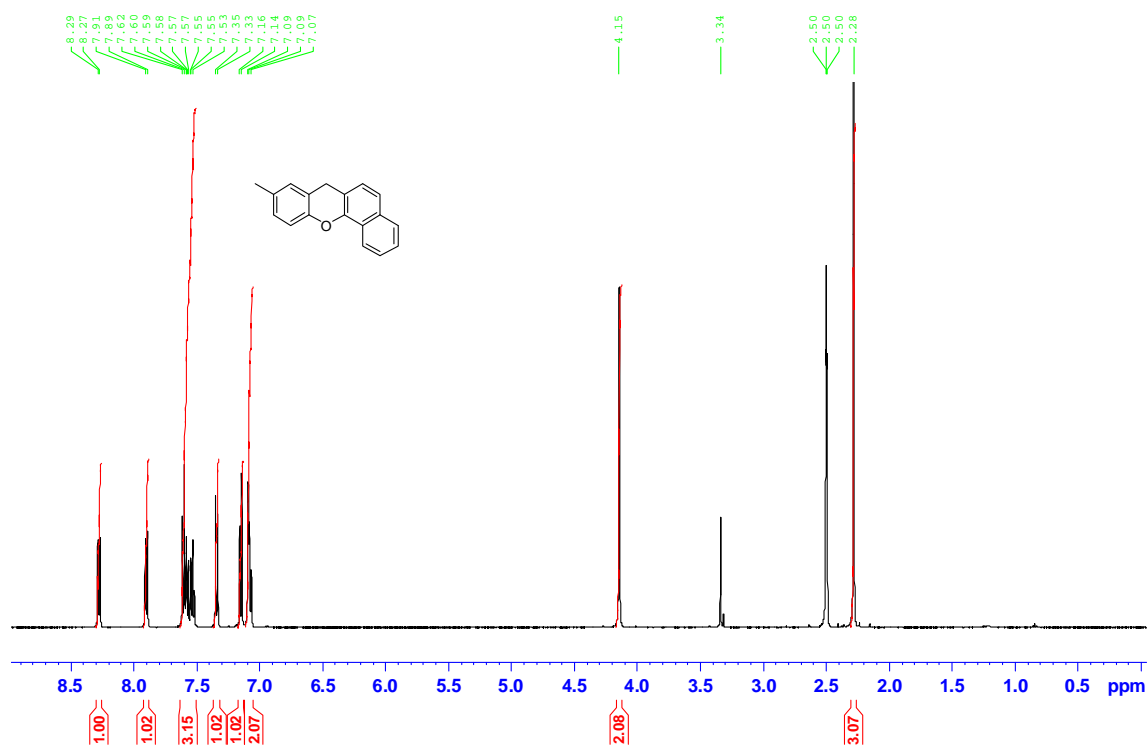


Figure 26: ¹³C NMR in DMSO



9-methy-7H-benzo[c]xanthene **3j**



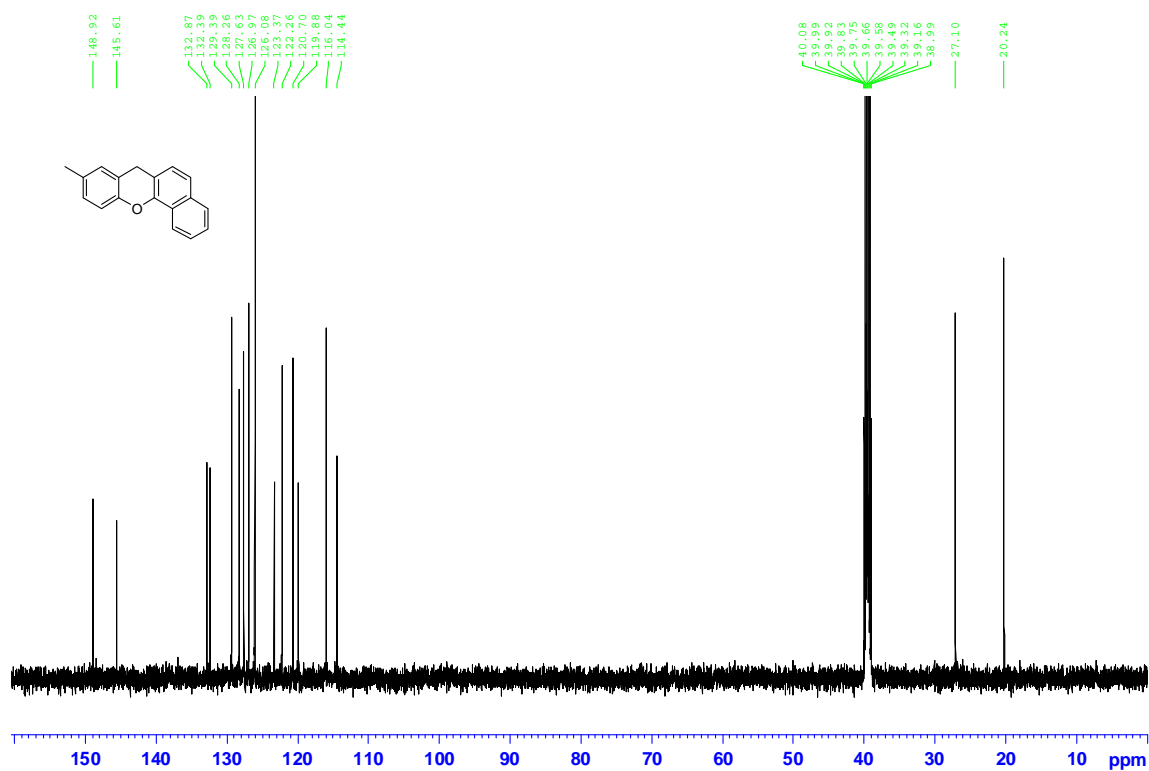


Figure 29: ^{13}C NMR in DMSO

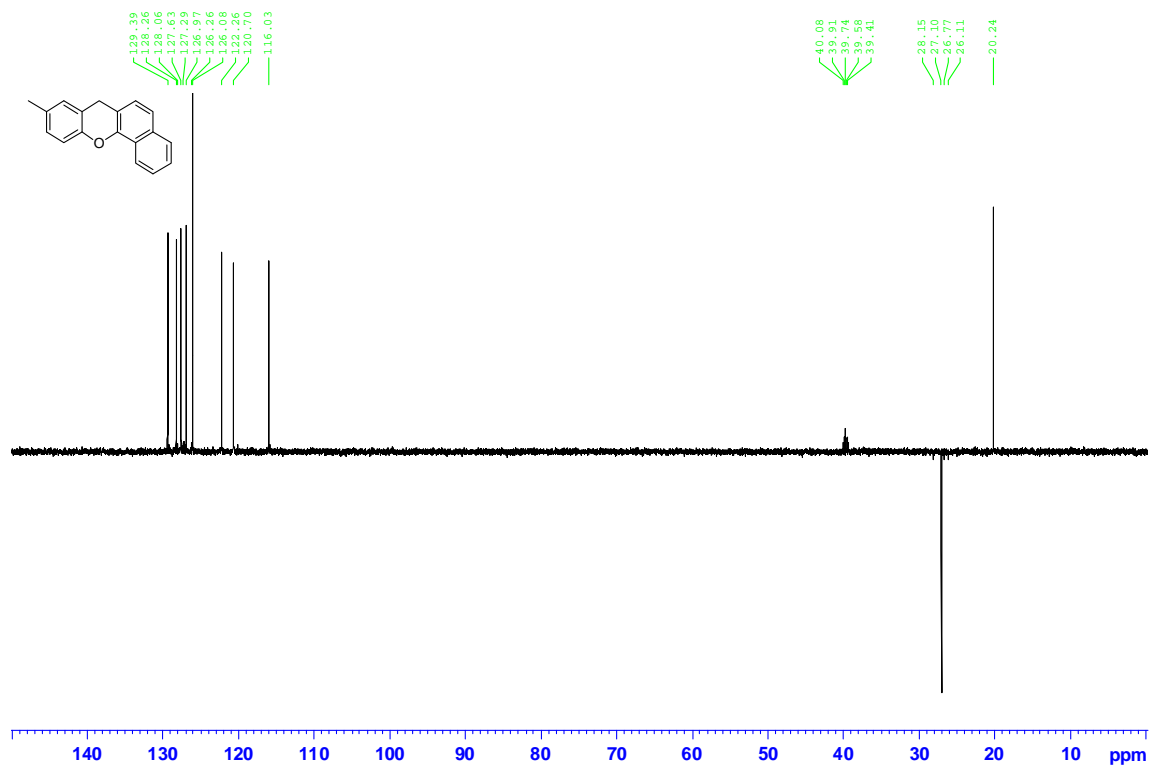


Figure 30: dept135 NMR in DMSO

14*H*-dibenzo[*a,h*]xanthene **3k**

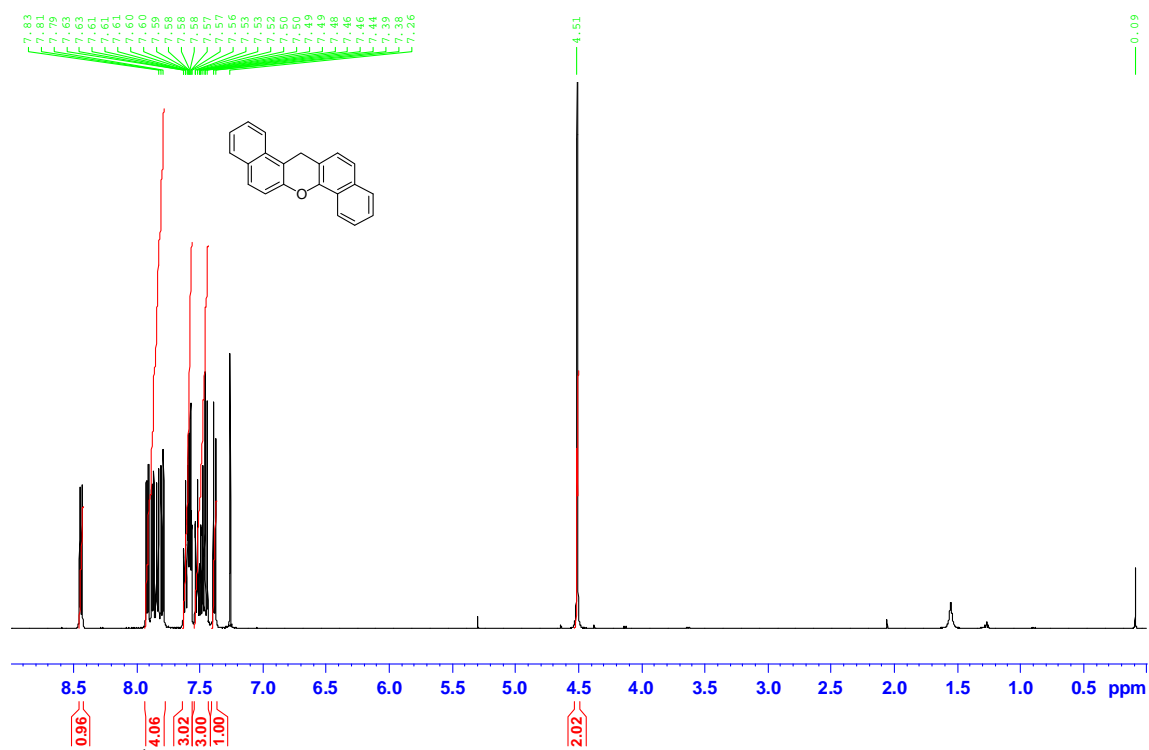


Figure 31: ^1H NMR in CDCl_3

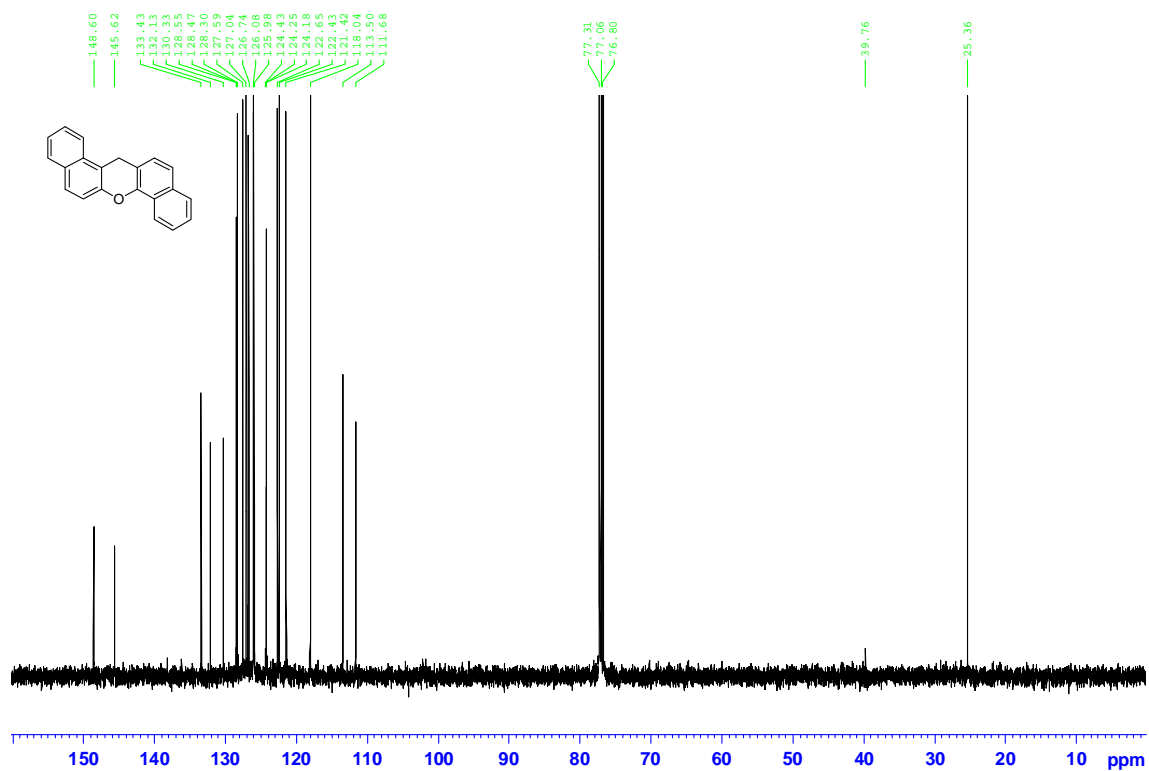
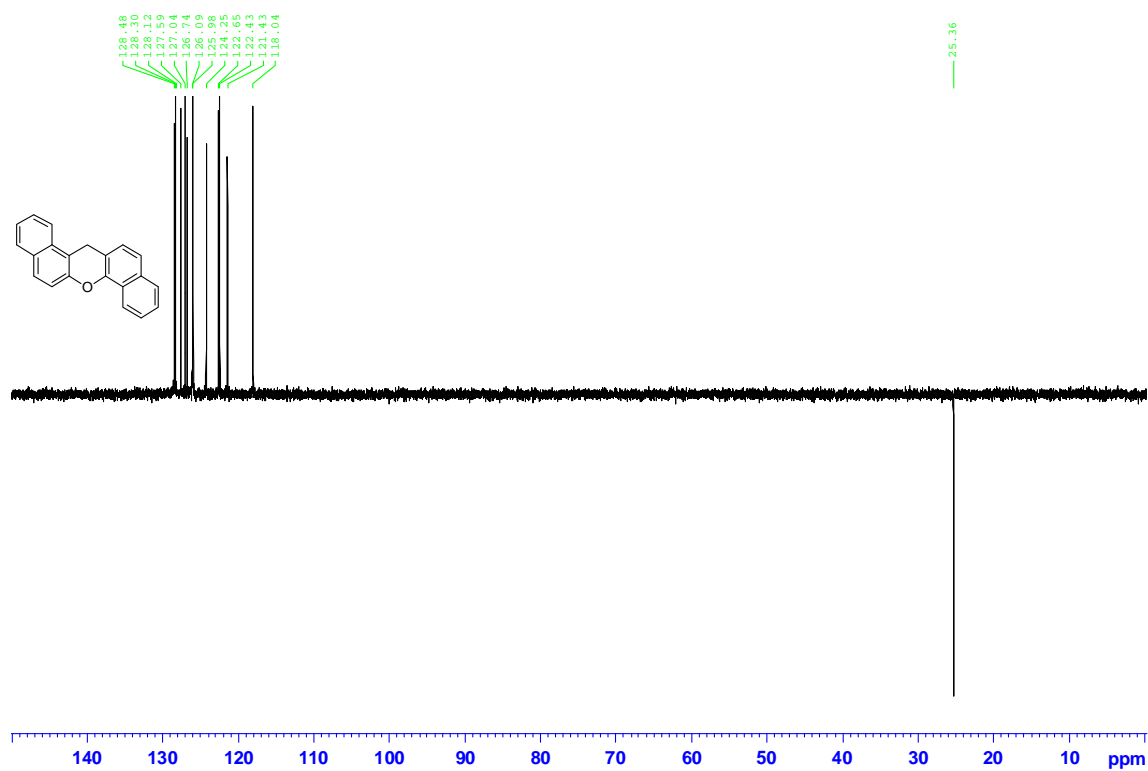
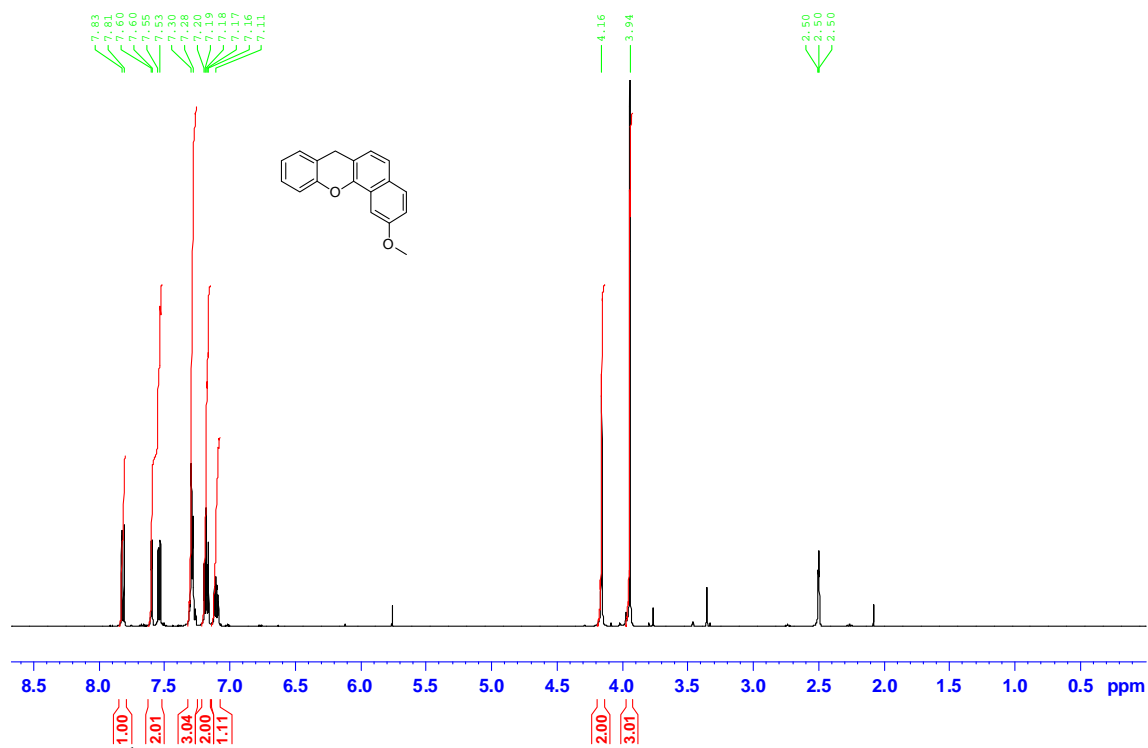


Figure 32: ^{13}C NMR in CDCl_3



2-methoxy-7H-benzo[c]xanthene 31



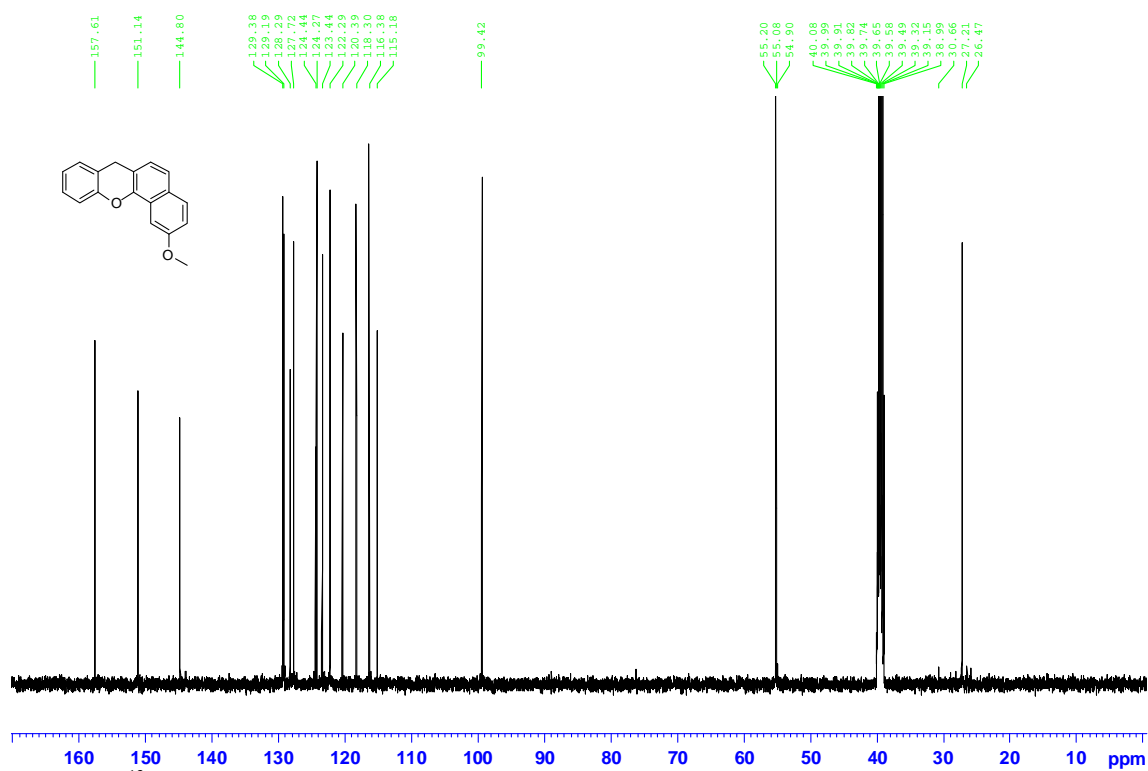


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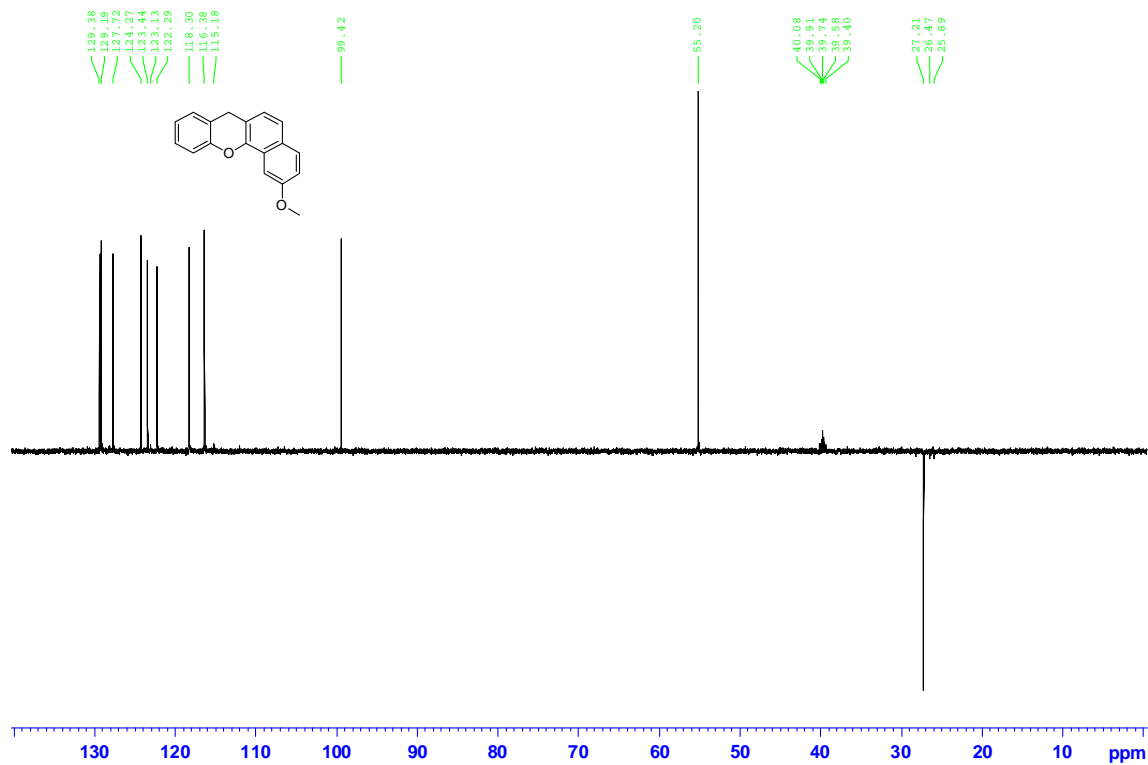


Figure 36: dept135 NMR in DMSO

13,14-dihydrochromeno[3,2a]xanthene **5**

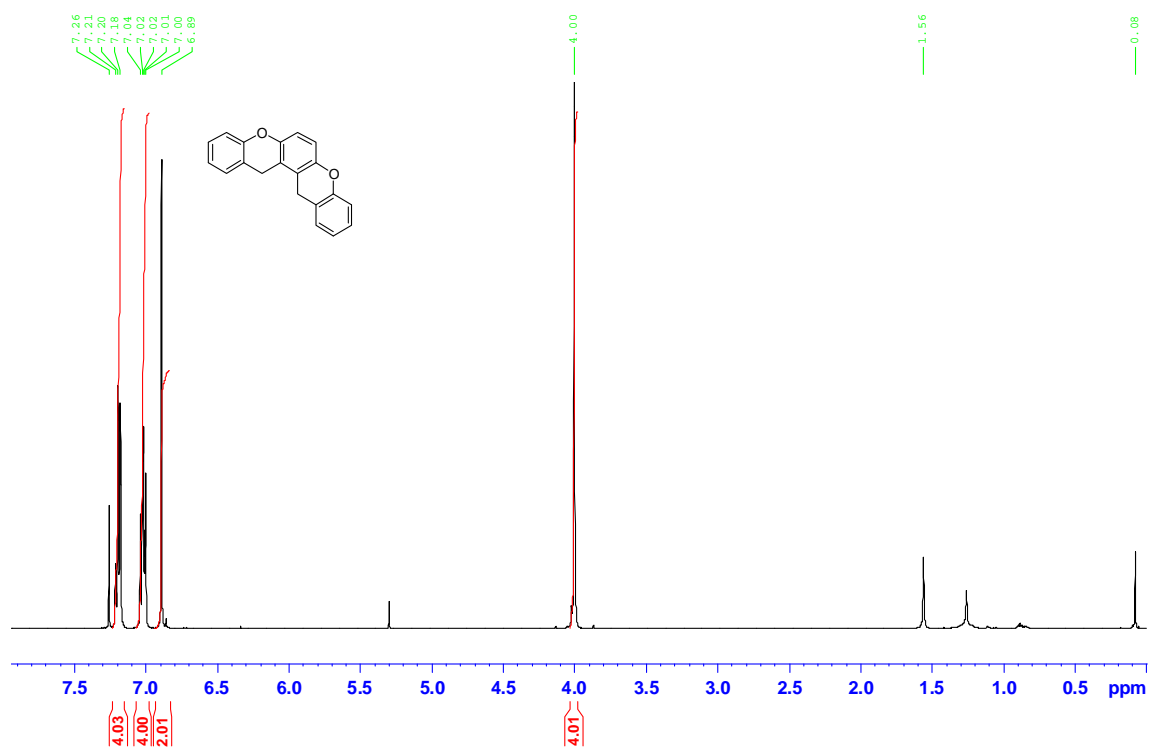


Figure 37: ^1H NMR in CDCl_3

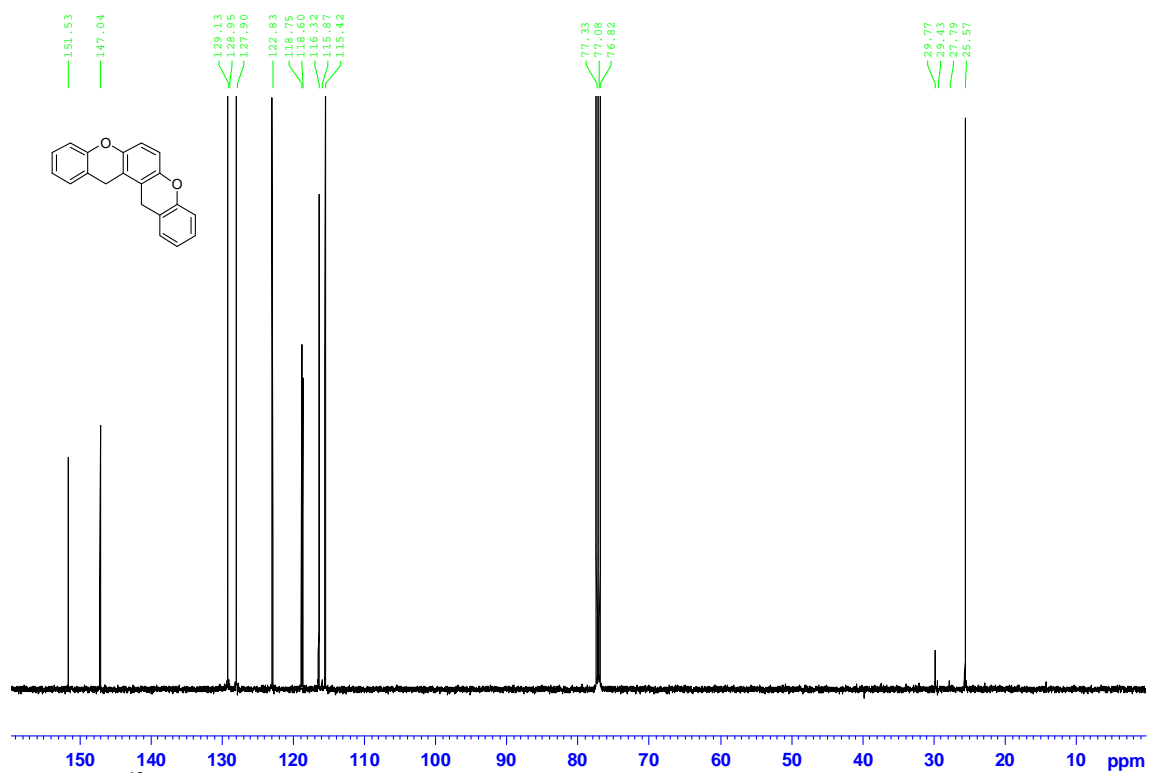


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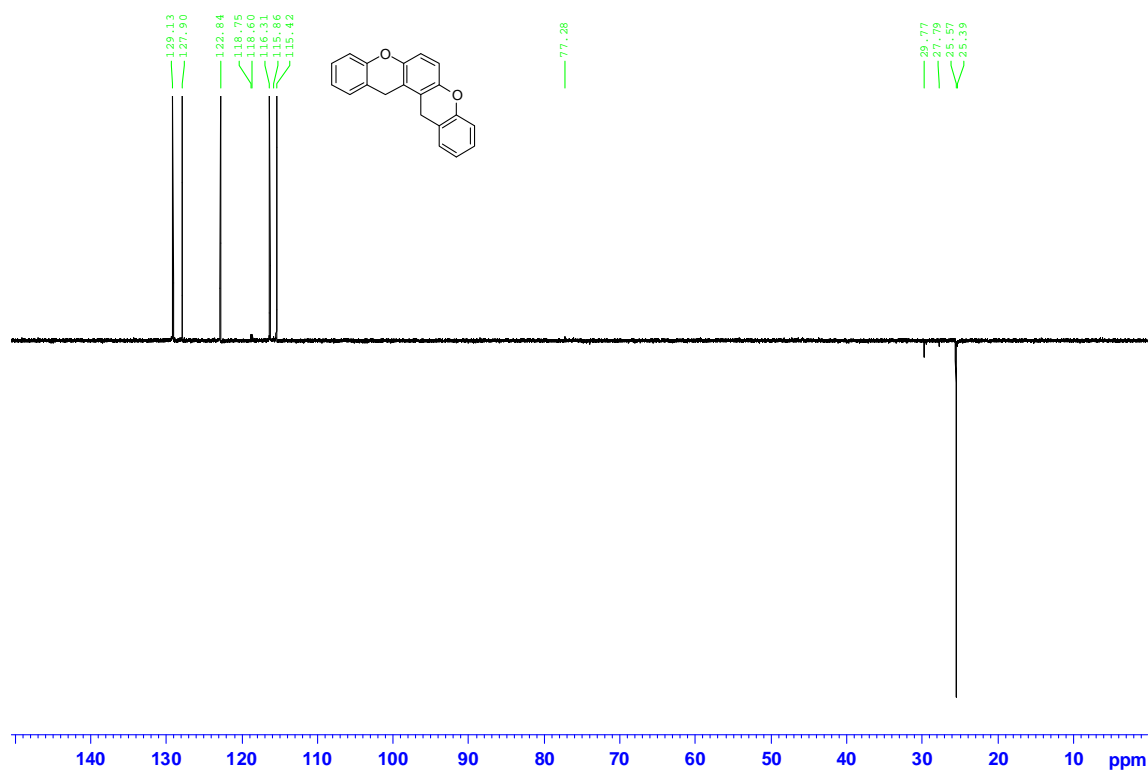
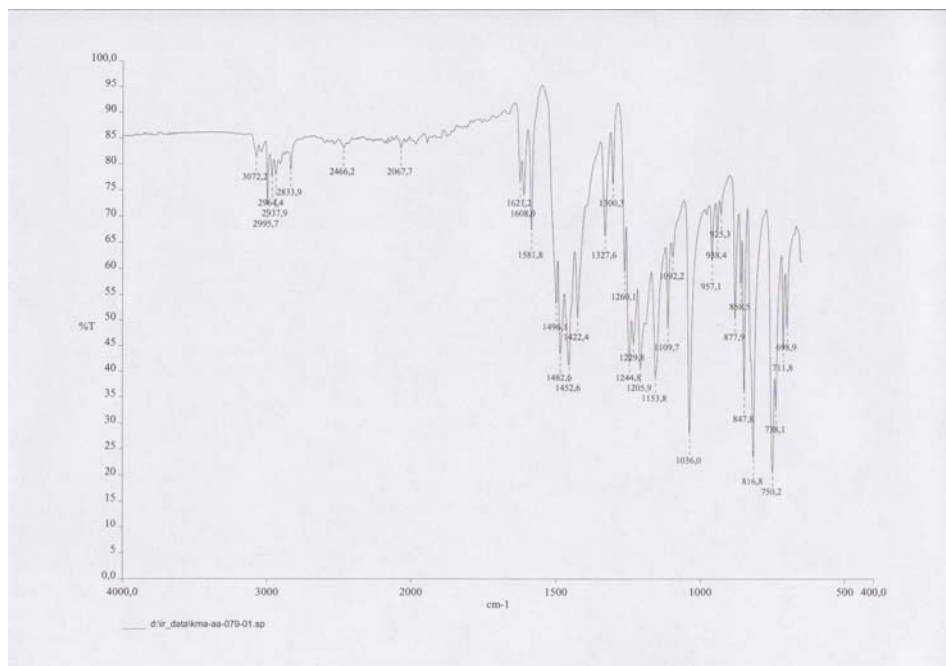
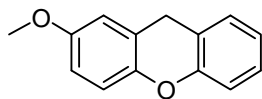
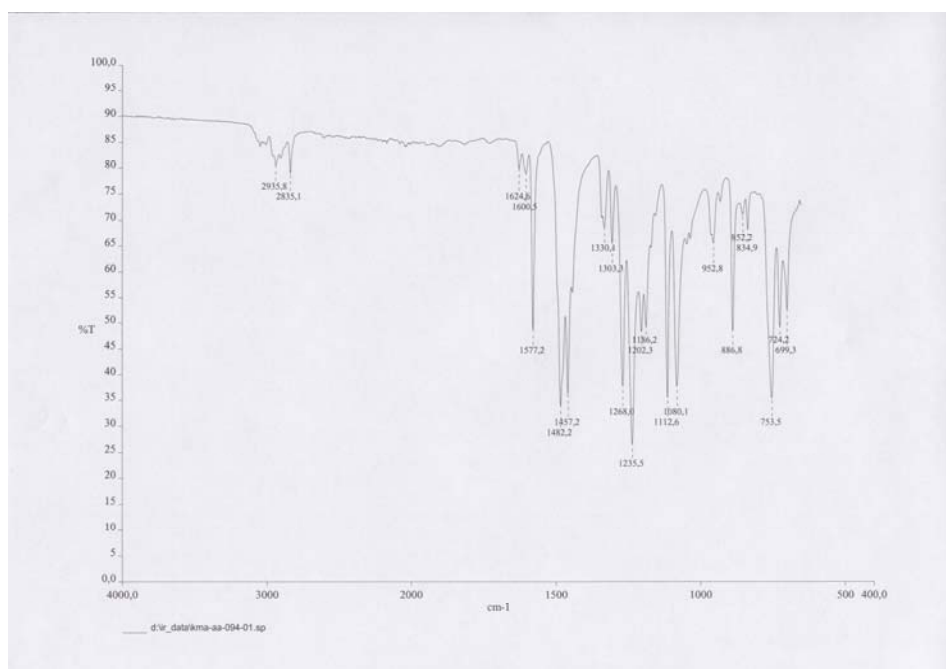
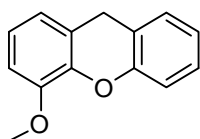
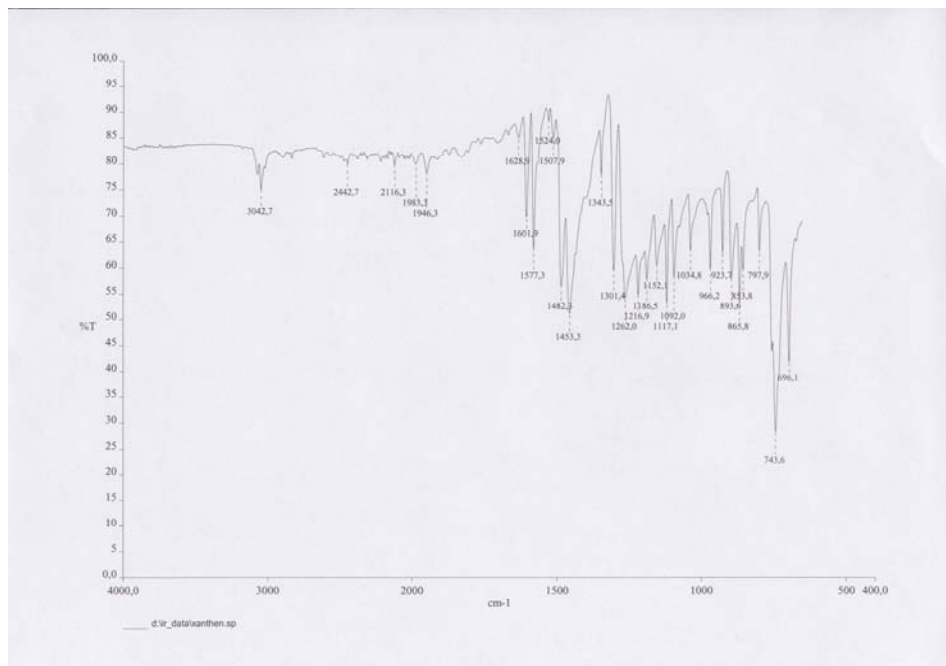
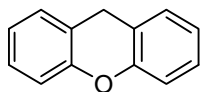
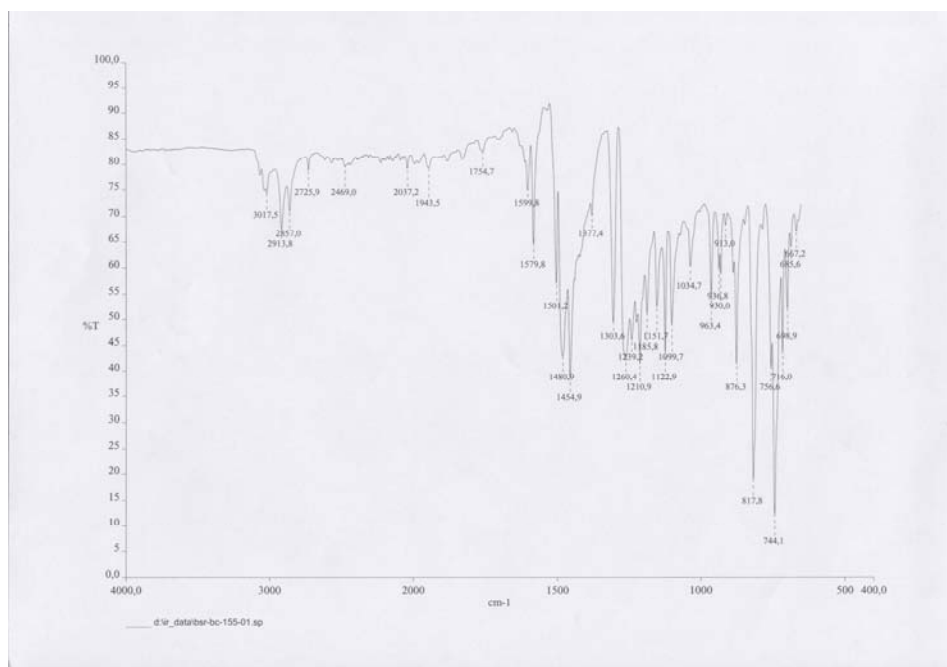
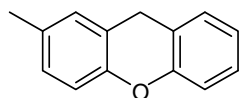
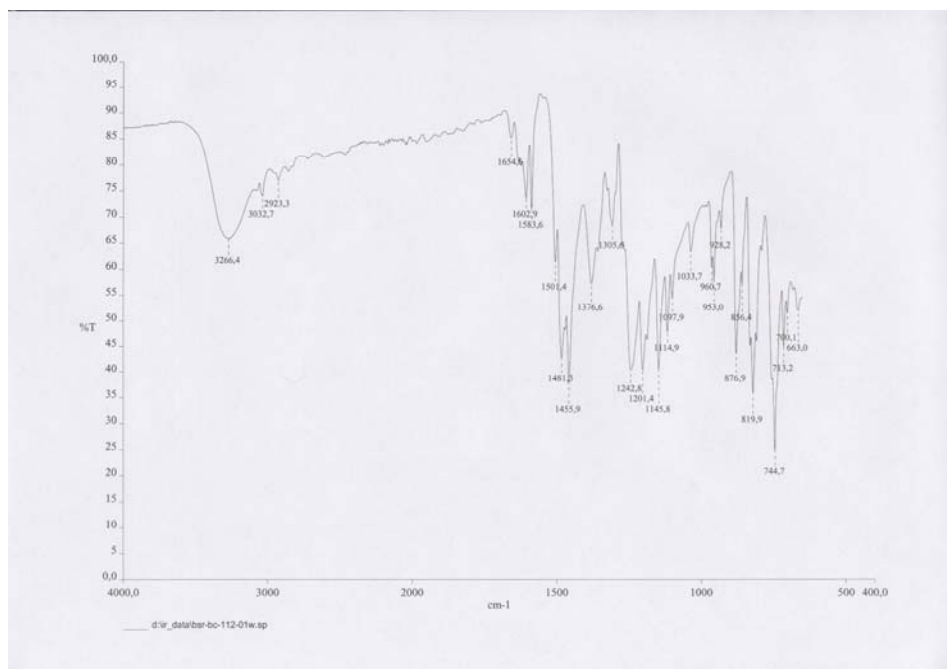
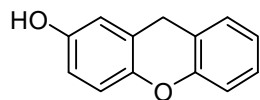


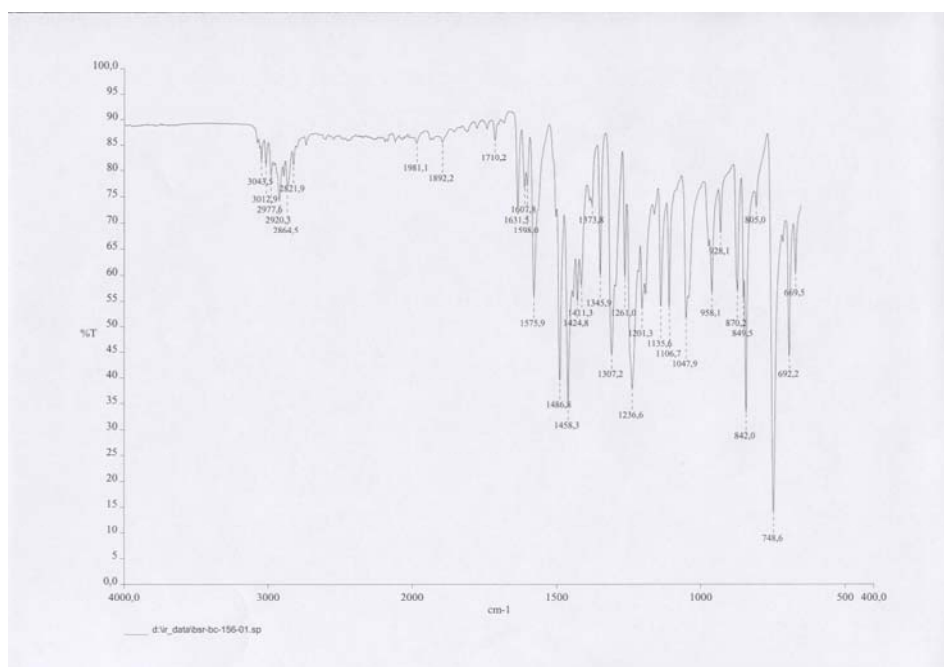
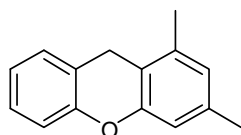
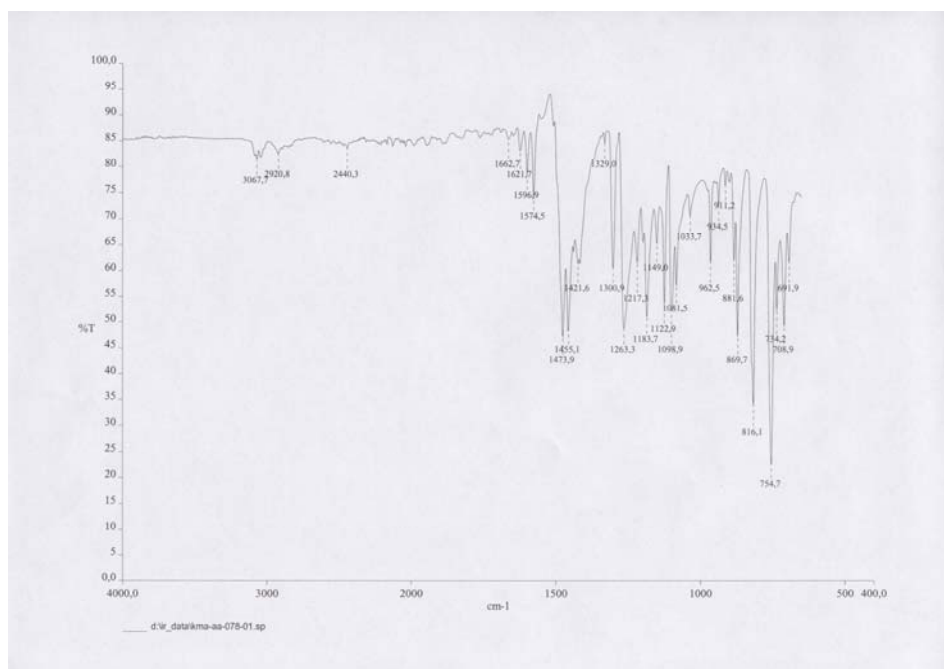
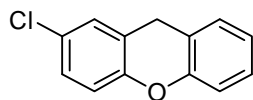
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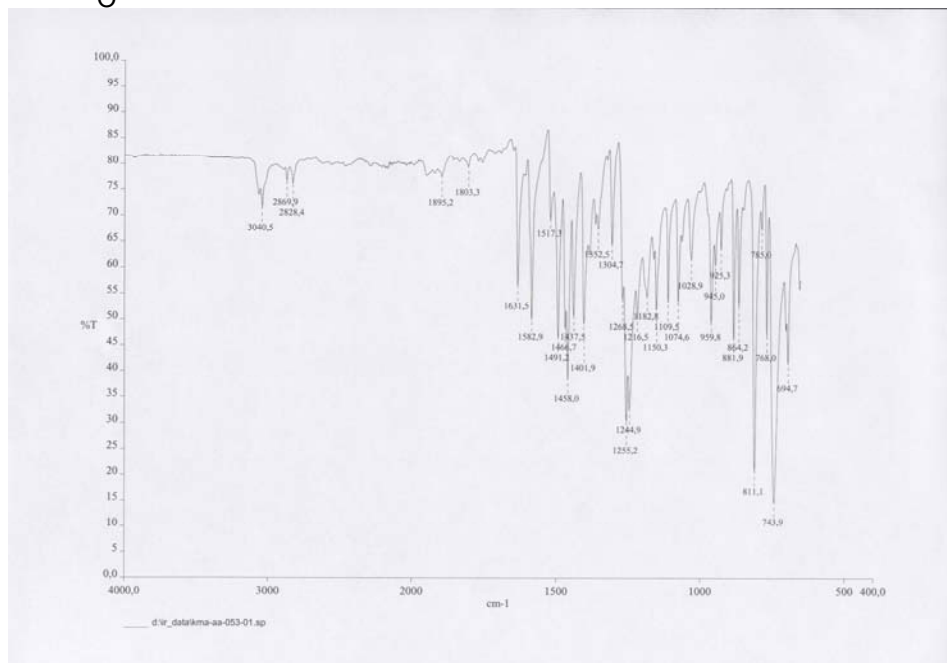
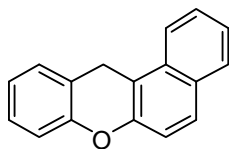
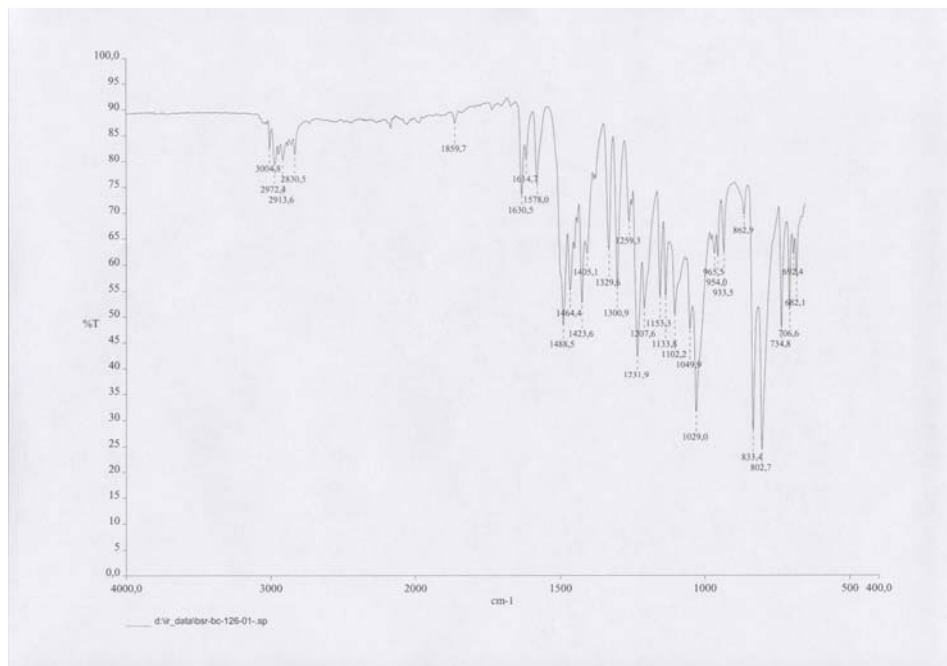
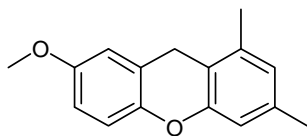
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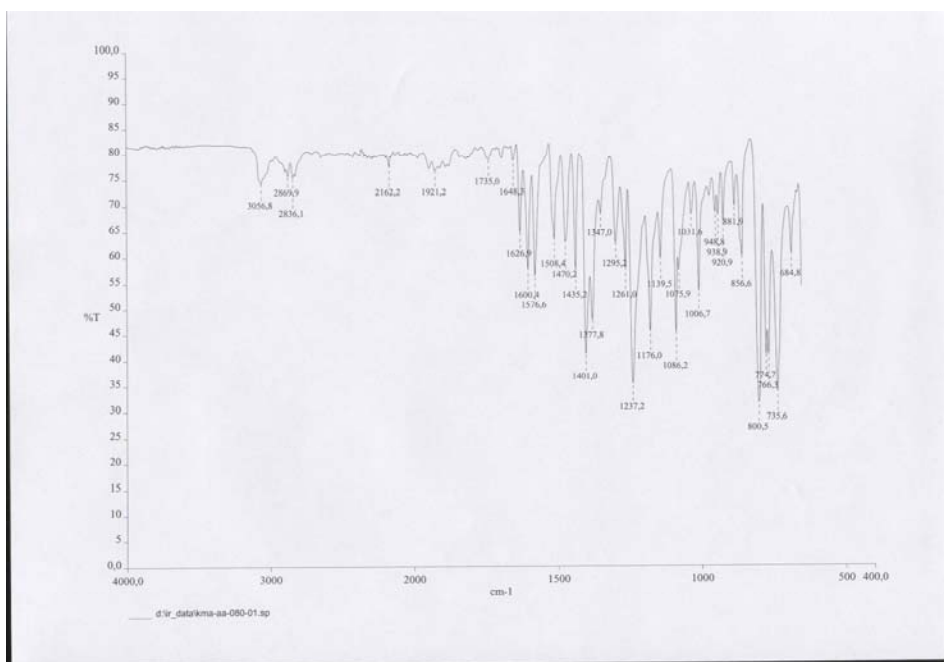
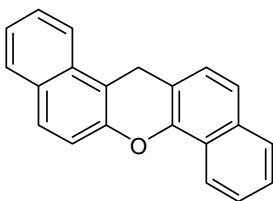
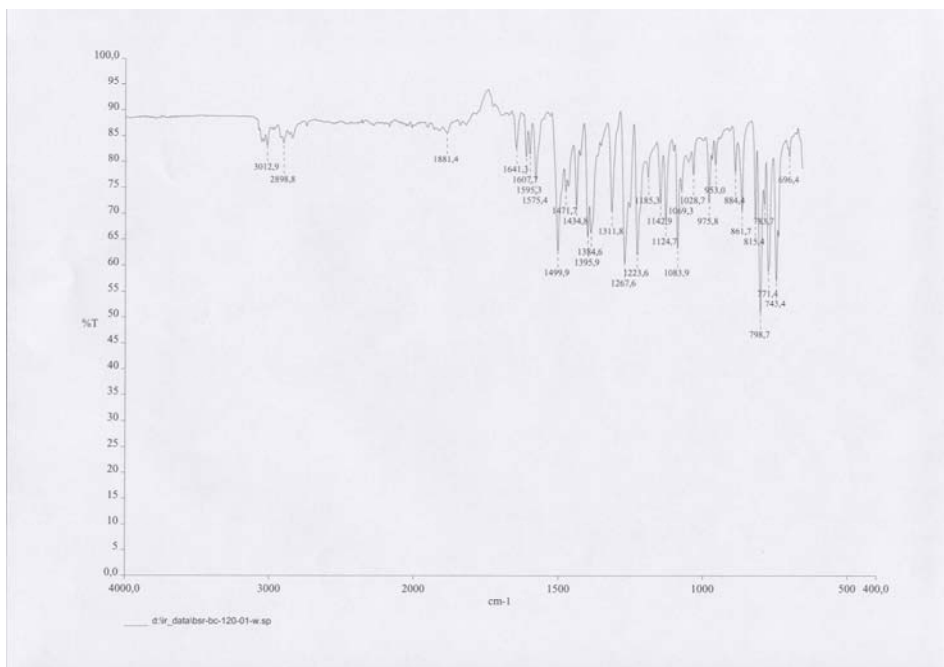
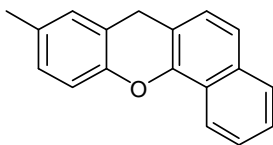


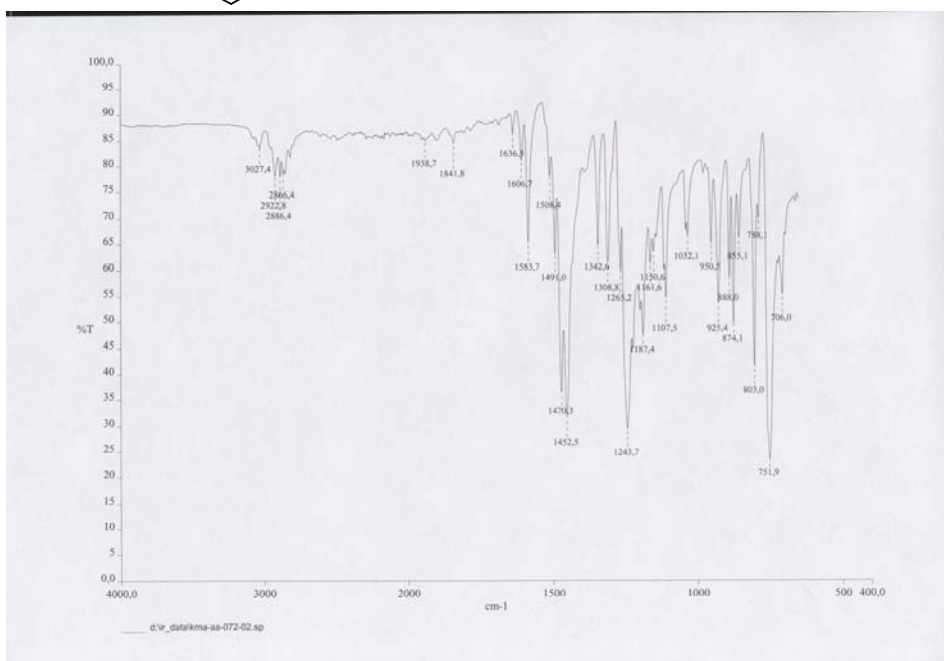
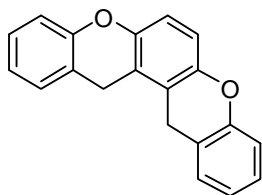
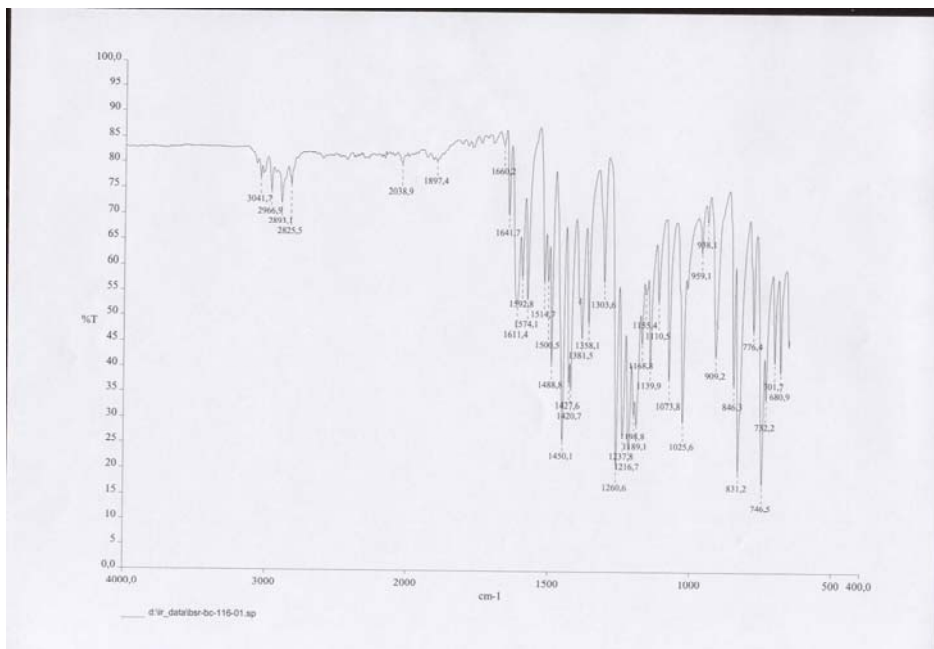
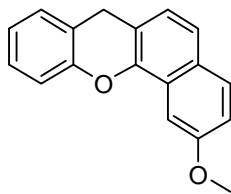








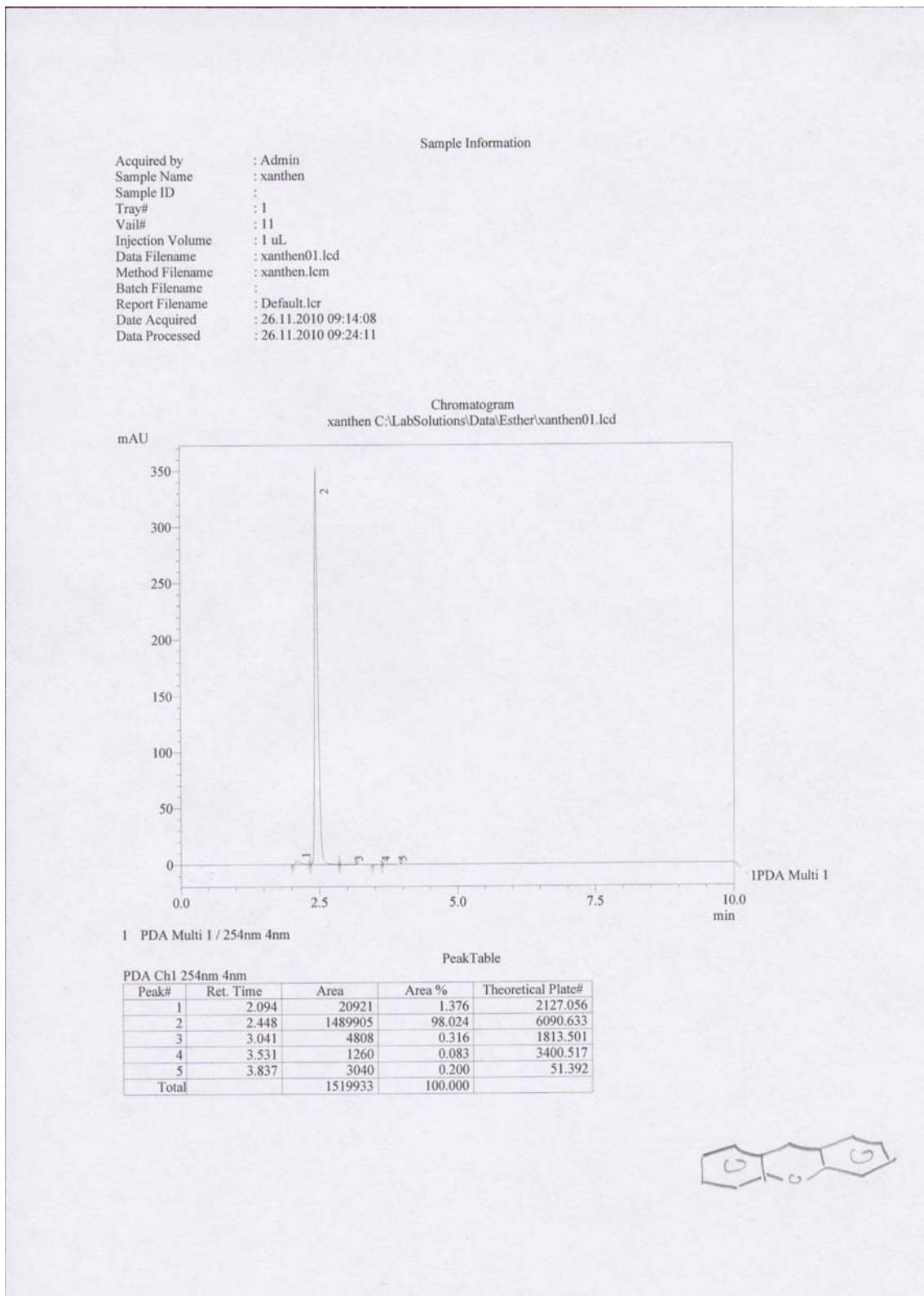




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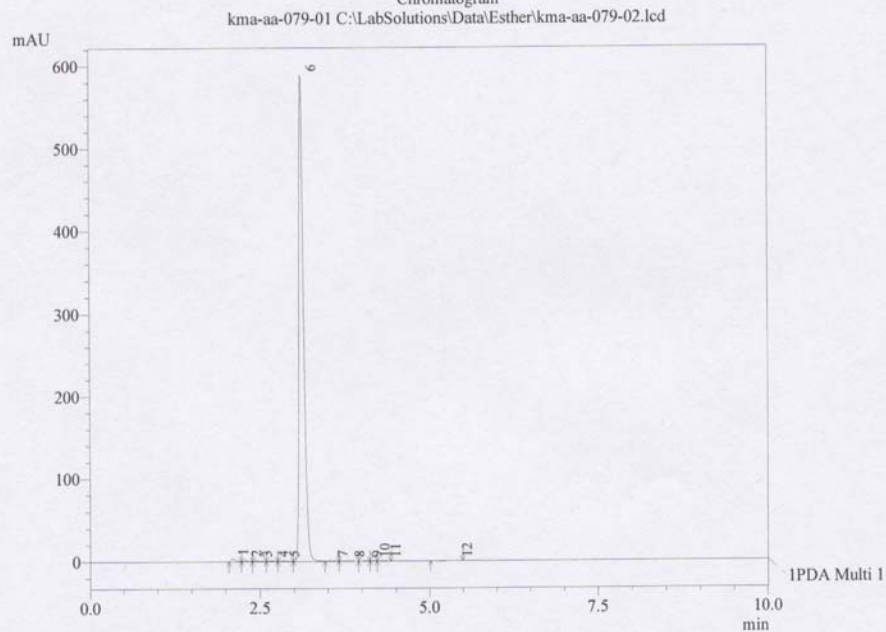
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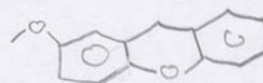
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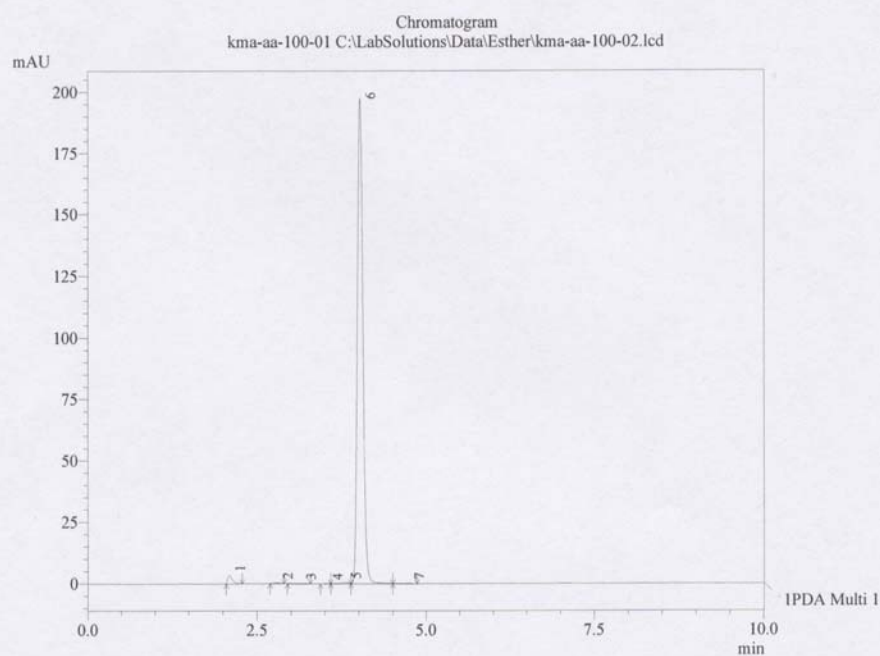
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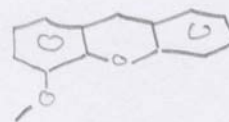
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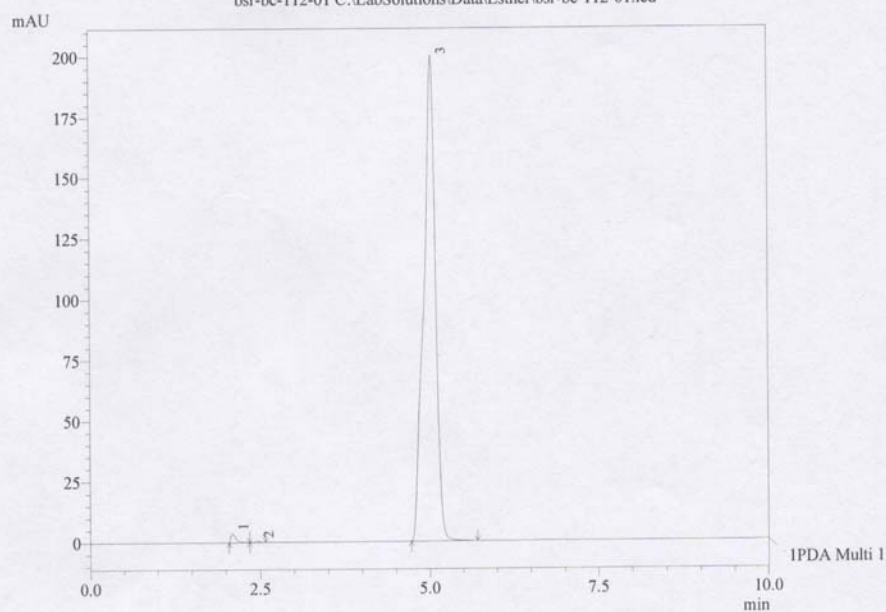


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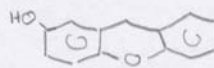


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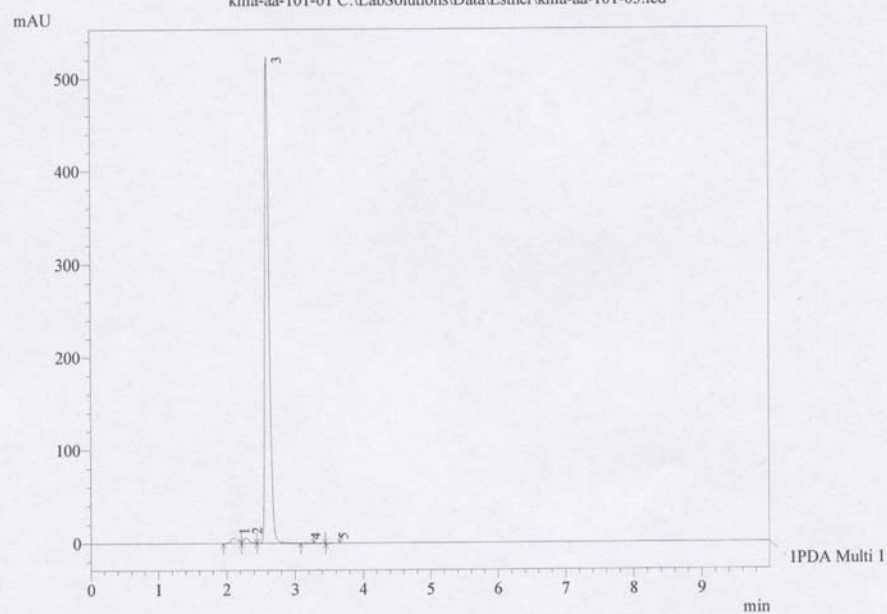


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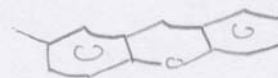


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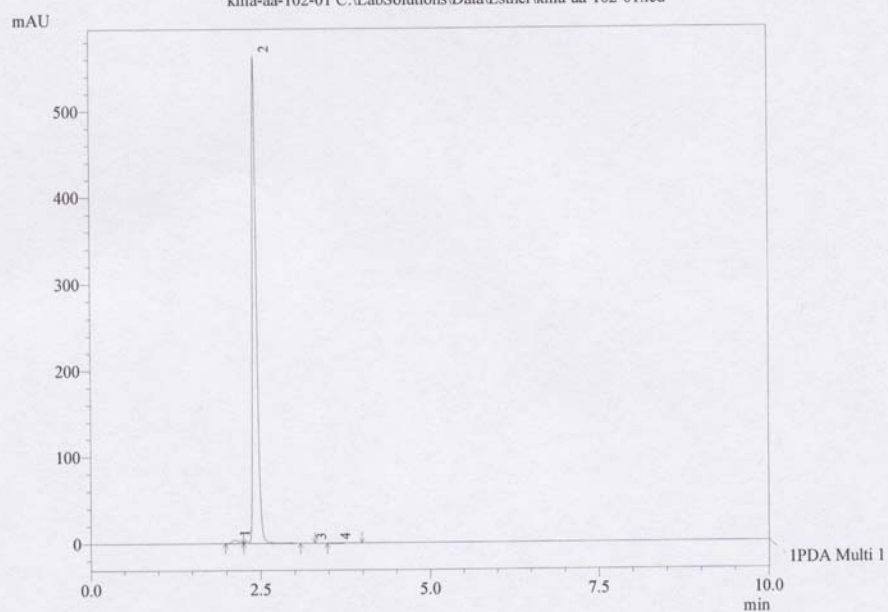


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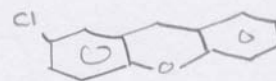


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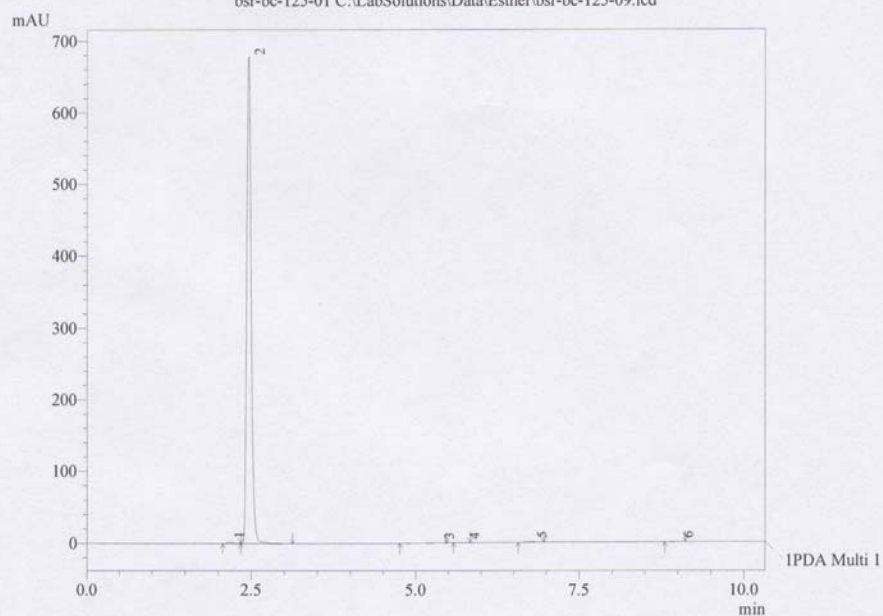


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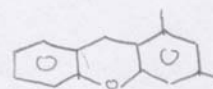


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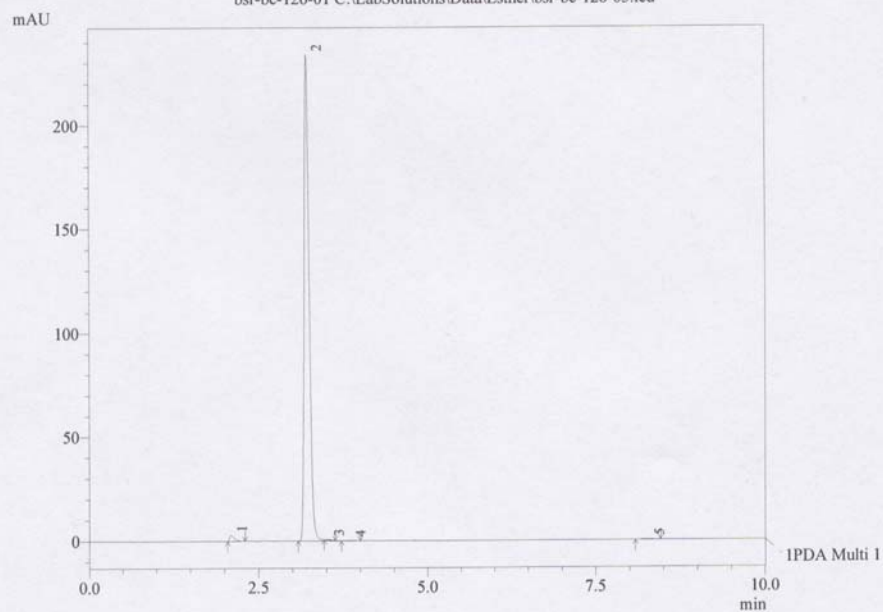


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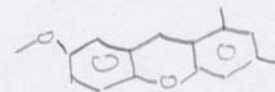


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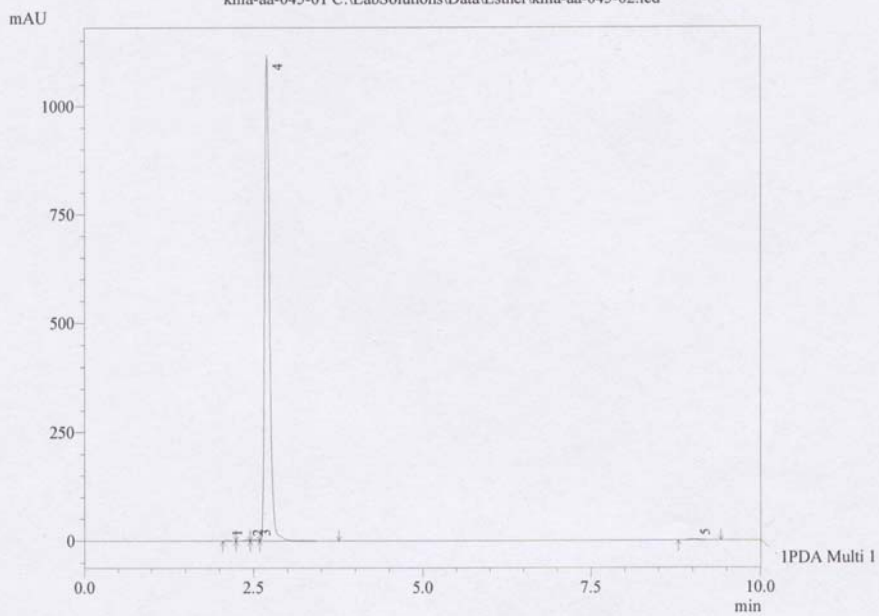


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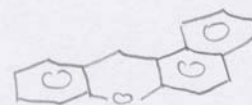


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PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm

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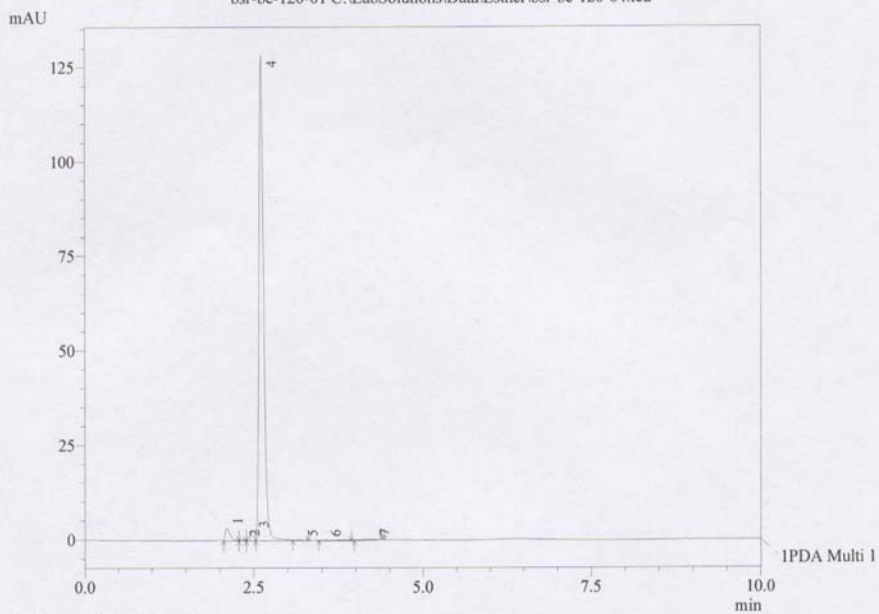


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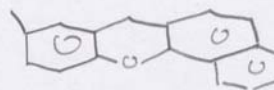


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4	2.606	592441	94.043	5687.182
5	3.200	1009	0.160	3648.293
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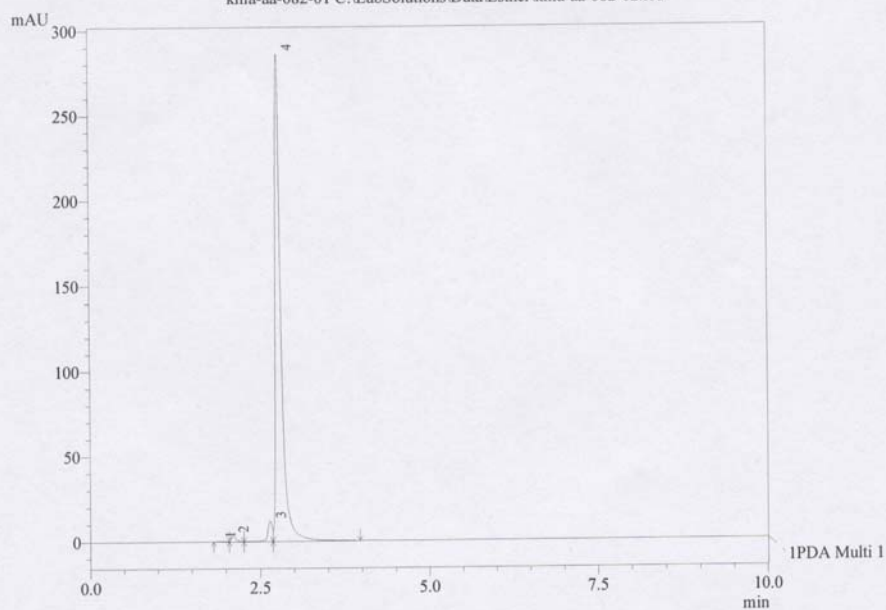


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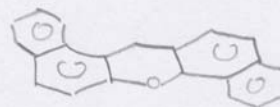


1 PDA Multi 1 / 254nm 4nm

PeakTable

PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm

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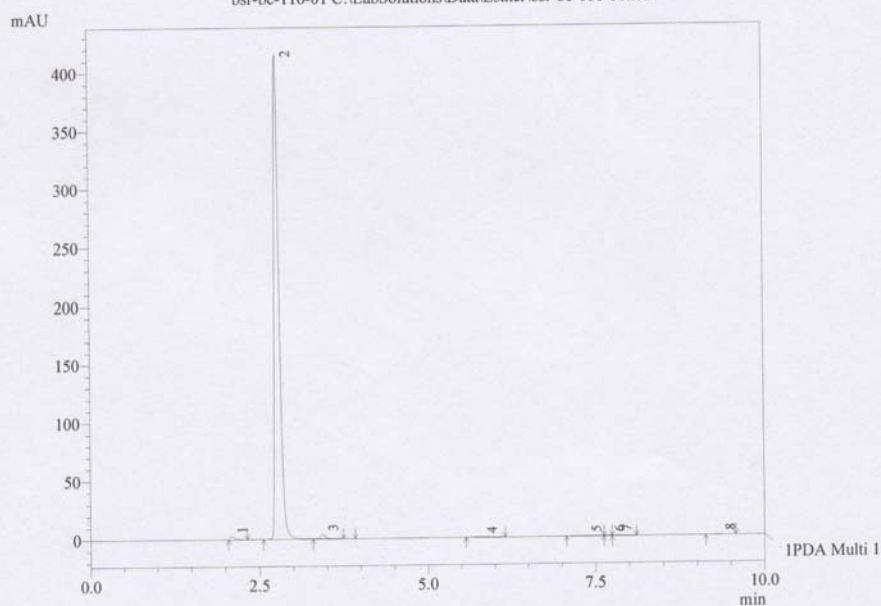


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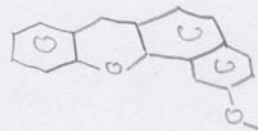


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PeakTable

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3	3.428	19224	0.895	8234.586
4	5.792	6186	0.288	2499.159
5	7.349	5419	0.252	0.289
6	7.691	1799	0.084	338.878
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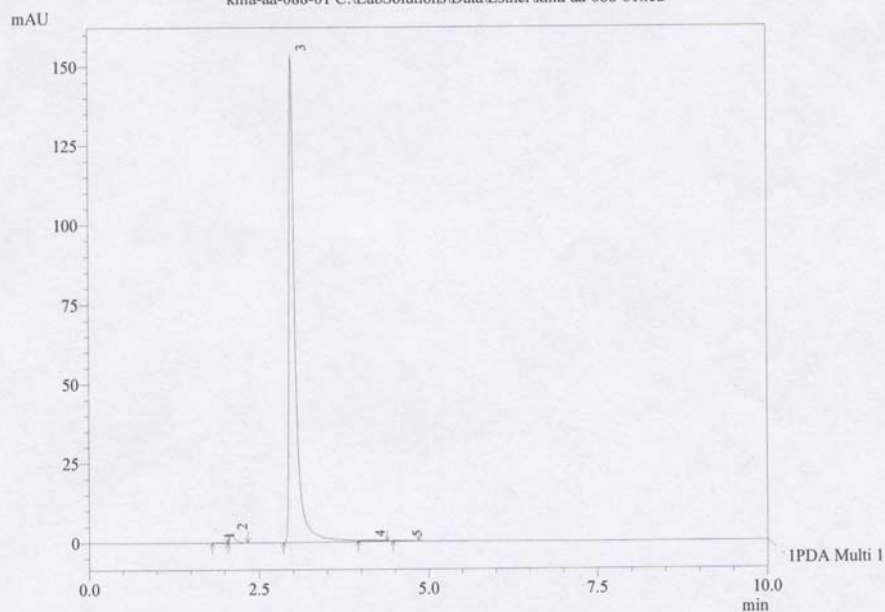


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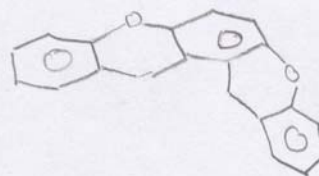


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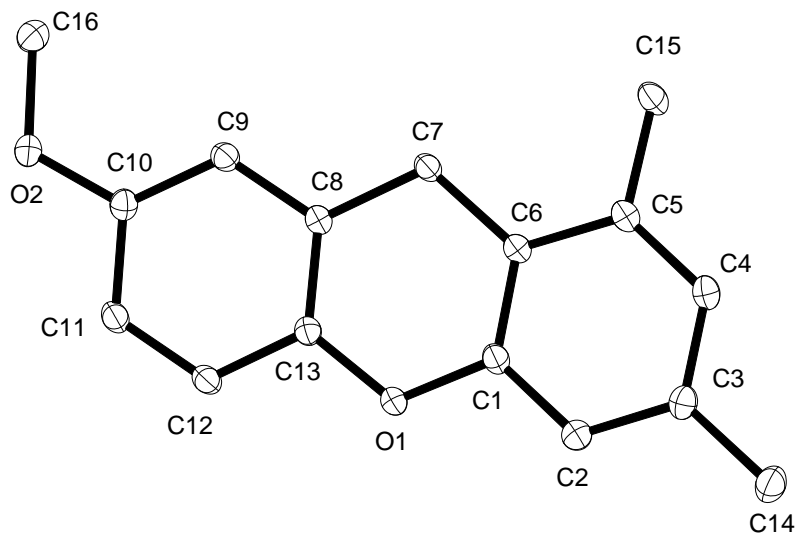
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3	2.983	989004	97.697	5110.708
4	4.112	3782	0.374	907.281
5	4.661	1868	0.185	14.454
Total		1012313	100.000	

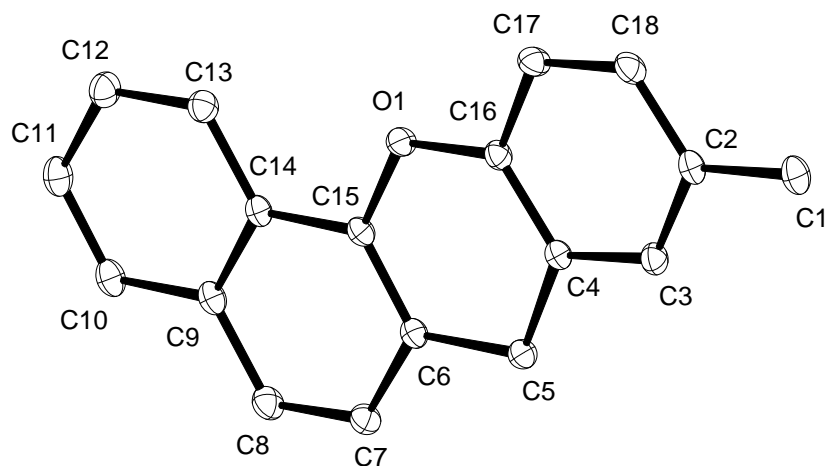


X-ray analysis

Single crystals of **3h** and **3j** were recrystallised from Et₂O / pentane, mounted in inert oil and transferred to the cold gas stream of the diffractometer.



^b Crystal data for **3h**: C₁₆H₁₆O₂, *M* = 240.29, triclinic, *a* = 7.3745(19) Å, *b* = 8.763(3) Å, *c* = 10.395(2) Å, α = 99.79(2)°, β = 110.27(2)°, γ = 98.47(3)°, *V* = 605.3(3) Å³, *T* = 100 K, space group *P*1, *Z* = 2, μ (MoK α) = 0.086 mm⁻¹, 11977 reflections measured, 4896 independent reflections (R_{int} = 0.0273). The final R_1 values were 0.046 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.134 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.043. CCDC reference number: 797429.

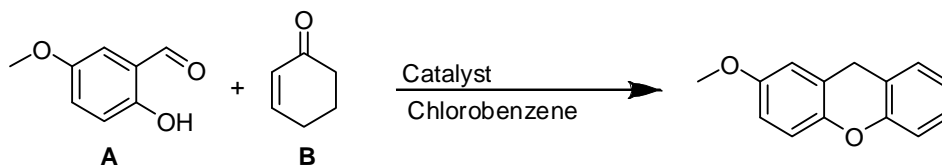


^a Crystal data for **3j**: C₁₈H₁₄O, *M* = 246.29, monoclinic, *a* = 4.7615(5) Å, *b* = 11.9406(12) Å, *c* = 21.373(2) Å, β = 93.296(2)°, *V* = 1213.1(2) Å³, *T* = 100 K, space group *P*2₁/*c*, *Z* = 4, μ (Mo-K α) = 0.082 mm⁻¹, 69156 reflections measured, 5495 independent reflections (R_{int} = 0.0768). The final R_1 values were 0.045 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.136 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.037. CCDC reference number: 797428.

Optimization studies

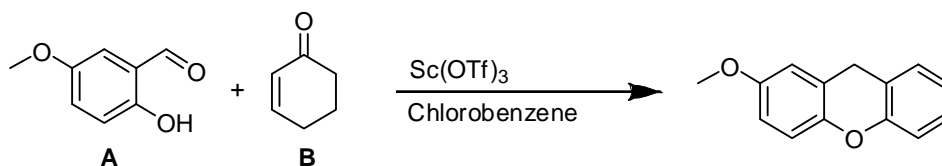
Given are isolated yields. All reactions were performed by refluxing in an oil bath for 24 hours unless noted otherwise.

Screening of catalysts



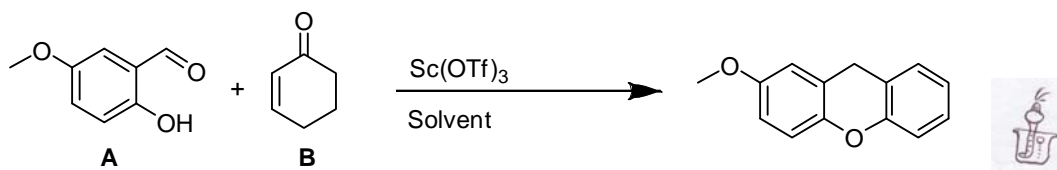
Run	Catalyst loading	Catalyst	Solvent	Equivalents A : B	Yield %
1	20 mol %	-	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	0
2	20 mol %	ZnCl ₂	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	50
3	20 mol %	Zn(OTf) ₂	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	23
4	20 mol %	Sc(OTf) ₃	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	55
5	20 mol %	Yb(OTf) ₃	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	40
6	20 mol %	Y(OTf) ₃	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	22
7	20 mol %	Er(OTf) ₃	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	42
8	20 mol %	Sm(OTf) ₃	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	23
9	20 mol %	Cu(OTf) ₂	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	23
10	20 mol %	CF ₃ SO ₃ H	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	9

Optimization of catalyst loading



Run	Catalyst loading	Solvent	Equivalents A : B	Yield %
1	5 mol %	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	59
2	10 mol %	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	47
3	15 mol %	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	55
4	3 mol %	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	48
5	20 mol %	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	55

solvent screening



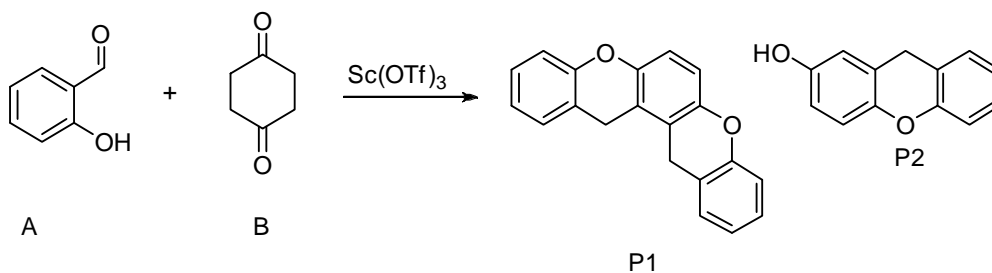
Run	Catalyst loading	Solvent	Equivalents A : B	Yield %
1	5 mol %	chlorobenzene	1 : 1	59
2	5 mol %	toluene	1 : 1	40
3	5 mol %	iso-hexane	1 : 1	7
4	5 mol %	dichloroethane	1 : 1	9

Equivalents Screening

Run	Catalyst loading	Solvent	Equivalents A : B	Yield %
1	5 mol %	chlorobenzene	1.5 : 1	61
2	5 mol %	chlorobenzene	1 : 1.5	54
3	5 mol %	chlorobenzene	1.25 : 1	59
4	5 mol %	chlorobenzene	1.10 : 1	63

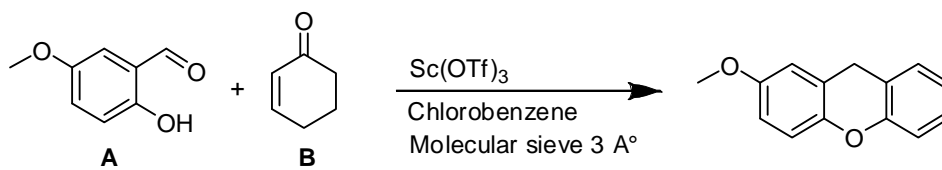
Optimal conditions for the Xanthene derivative synthesis are 5 mol % catalyst loading using chlorobenzene as solvent and a slight excess of the aldehyde.

Reaction with 1,4-cyclohexanedione



Equivalents A : B	Catalyst loading	Solvent	Yield % GP A (oil bath)	Yield % GP B (microwave)
1.1 : 1	5 mol %	chlorobenzene	P1 (7) P2 (25)	P1 (5) P2 (51)

Effect of molecular sieves



* Using reactions conditions of general procedure **A**, plus addition of molecular sieves (3Å, 0.5 g). Isolated yield after 24 h was 6 %.