

Facile Synthesis of 4-Substituted 3,4-Dihydrocoumarins via an Organocatalytic

Double Decarboxylation Process

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1. General Information

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 (300 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (CDCl_3 δ 7.26, DMSO δ 2.50), carbon (CDCl_3 δ 77.0, DMSO δ 39.5) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in ESI mode and API 3000TM in APCI (Heated Nebulizer) mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), Merck pre-coated TLC plates (Merck 60 F254) were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040-0.063 mm) mesh silica gel.

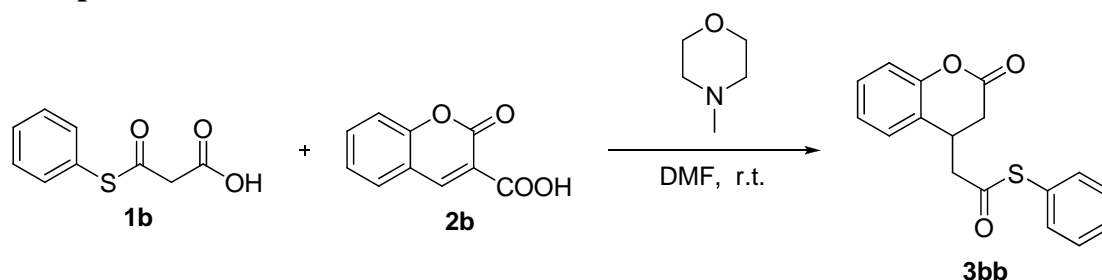
2. Starting materials

Compounds **1b-1h**^[1a], **1i**^[1b], **1j**^[1c] and **2b-2j**^[1b] were prepared according to literature, respectively.

Reference:

- [1] (a) *Youji Huaxue*, **2008**, 28, 2011-2015; (b) *Journal of Organic chemistry*, **2009**, 74, 6190-6198; (c) *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters*, **2009**, 19, 3632-3636.

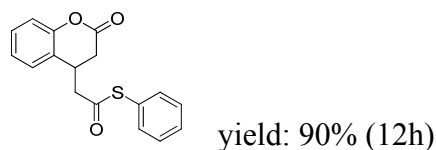
3. Representative Procedure



To a solution of **1b** (0.4 mmol) and **2b** (0.2 mmol) in 0.4 mL *N,N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF), *N*-Methylmorpholine (0.02 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 12h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluted by hexane/ethyl acetate to afford the desired product **3a** (90% yield).

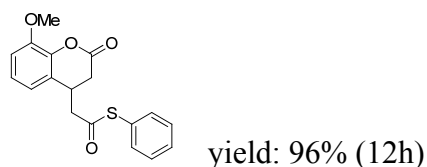
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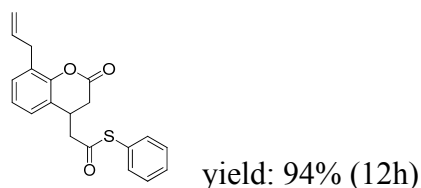
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.49–7.20 (m, 7H), 7.18–7.01 (m, 2H), 3.67 (ddd, J = 12.4, 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06–2.69 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 194.97, 167.19, 151.30, 134.36, 129.70, 129.28, 129.02, 127.61, 126.86, 124.68, 124.45, 117.29, 77.43, 77.00, 76.58, 47.31, 34.28, 31.87. LC-MS (ESI): m/z = 321 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$); 321.0556. Found: 321.0557.

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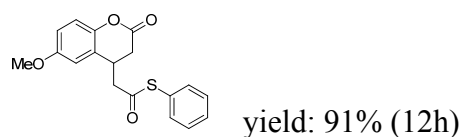
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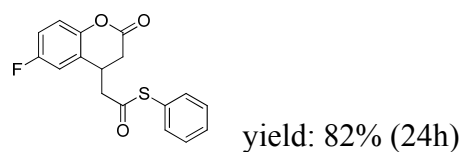
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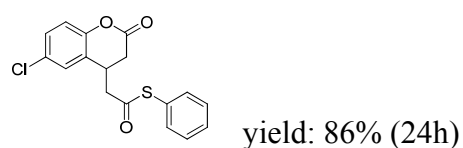
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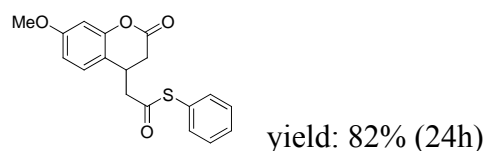
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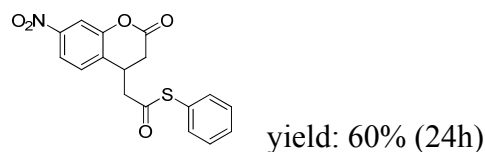
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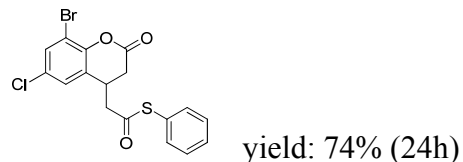
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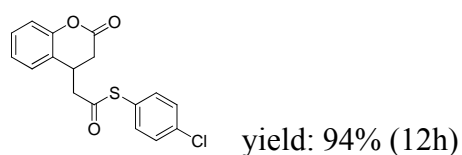
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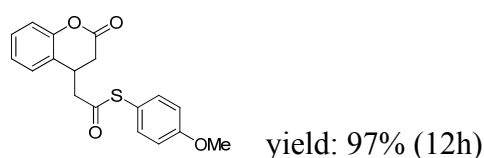
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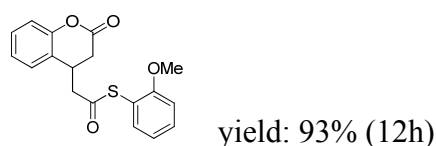
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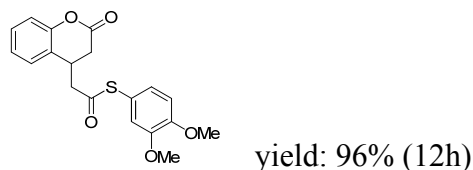
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^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.39–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.08–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.92–6.87 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.65–3.49 (m, 1H), 2.99–2.61 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 194.36, 167.29, 159.05, 151.29, 136.45, 131.98, 128.89, 127.45, 124.67, 124.60, 121.08, 117.21, 115.10, 111.55, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 55.88, 46.95, 34.12, 31.83. LC-MS (ESI): m/z = 351 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{SNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$); 351.0661. Found: 351.0673.

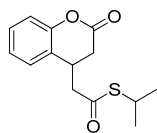
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127.67, 127.59, 124.62, 124.49, 117.62, 117.26, 117.08, 111.54, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 55.93, 55.84, 47.01, 34.22, 31.81. LC-MS (ESI): $m/z = 381$ ($M+Na^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}O_5SNa$ ($M+Na^+$); 381.0767. Found: 381.0774.

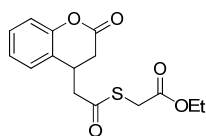
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yield: 92% (12h)

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 7.31$ – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.08–7.01 (m, 1H), 3.89–3.53 (m, 2H), 2.88–2.72 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 196.71, 167.29, 151.26, 128.86, 127.45, 124.65, 124.60, 117.20, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 47.80, 35.07, 34.20, 31.82, 22.78, 22.71$. LC-MS (ESI): $m/z = 287$ ($M+Na^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $C_{14}H_{16}O_3SNa$ ($M+Na^+$); 287.0712. Found: 287.0723.

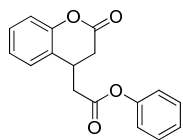
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yield: 88% (12h)

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 7.27$ – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09–6.95 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.66–3.45 (m, 3H), 2.97–2.61 (m, 4H), 1.21 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 194.85, 168.15, 167.09, 151.25, 129.04, 127.44, 124.72, 124.37, 117.28, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 61.95, 47.42, 34.14, 31.86, 31.41, 14.04$. LC-MS (ESI): $m/z = 331$ ($M+Na^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $C_{15}H_{16}O_5SNa$ ($M+Na^+$); 331.0610. Found: 331.0613.

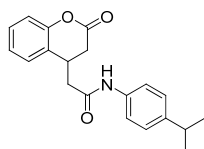
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yield: 98% (24h)

1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 7.34$ – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 2H), 3.72–3.53 (m, 1H), 2.90–2.75 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 169.36, 167.30, 151.36, 150.22, 129.46, 129.10, 127.58, 126.08, 124.75, 124.62, 121.32, 117.37, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 38.99, 34.54, 31.59$. LC-MS (ESI): $m/z = 305$ ($M+Na^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $C_{17}H_{14}O_4Na$ ($M+Na^+$); 305.0784. Found: 305.0794.

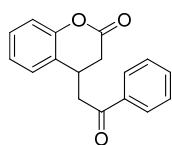
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yield: 80% (24h)

^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ = 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.03 (m, 4H), 3.59 (dd, J = 11.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08–3.00 (m, 1H), 2.93–2.52 (m, 4H), 1.20–1.00 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ = 168.28, 167.71, 151.09, 143.38, 136.62, 128.44, 127.87, 126.42, 126.01, 124.34, 119.30, 116.54, 40.96, 40.36, 40.08, 39.80, 39.52, 39.24, 38.96, 38.69, 33.89, 32.86, 31.19, 23.95. LC–MS (ESI): m/z = 346 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$); 346.1413. Found: 346.1419.

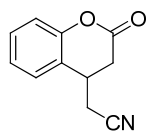
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yield: 93% (12h)

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.93–7.91 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19–6.95 (m, 2H), 3.98–3.78 (m, 1H), 3.35–3.24 (m, 2H), 2.98–2.88 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 196.78, 167.90, 151.41, 136.30, 133.54, 128.67, 127.96, 127.85, 125.80, 124.66, 117.13, 77.25, 77.00, 76.75, 42.82, 34.64, 30.39. LC–MS (ESI): m/z = 267 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); 267.1021. Found: 267.1022.

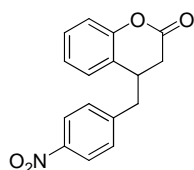
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yield: 94% (12h)

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.39–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.11 (m, 1H), 3.50–3.39 (m, 1H), 3.05–2.84 (m, 2H), 2.69–2.67 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 166.00, 151.14, 129.95, 127.31, 125.14, 122.29, 117.62, 116.65, 77.25, 77.00, 76.75, 34.11, 32.20, 22.88. LC–MS (ESI): m/z = 210 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$); 210.0531. Found: 210.0528.

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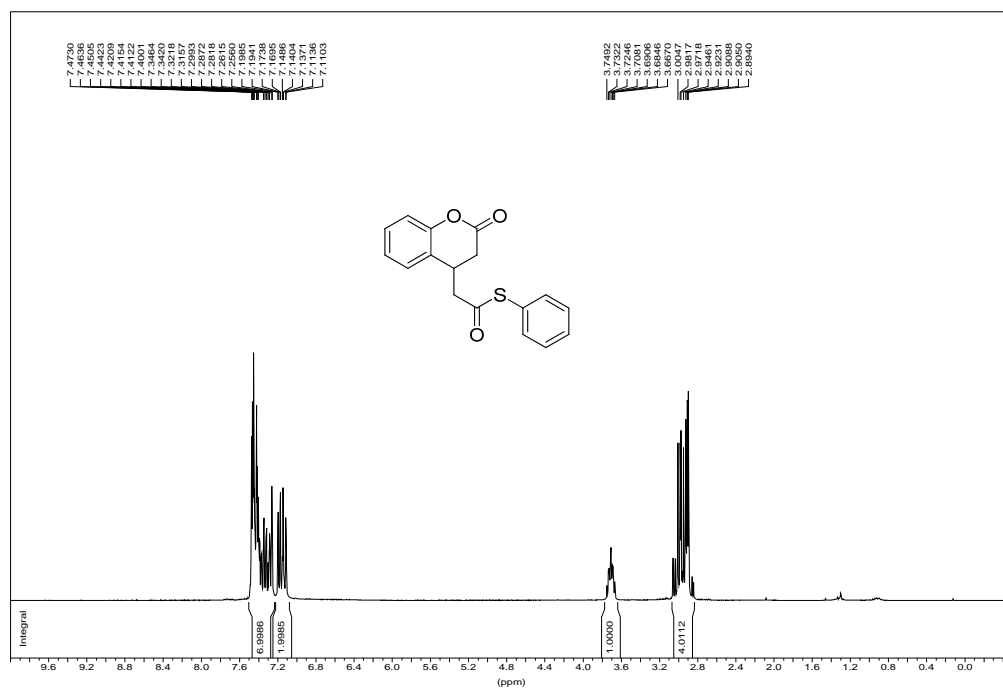
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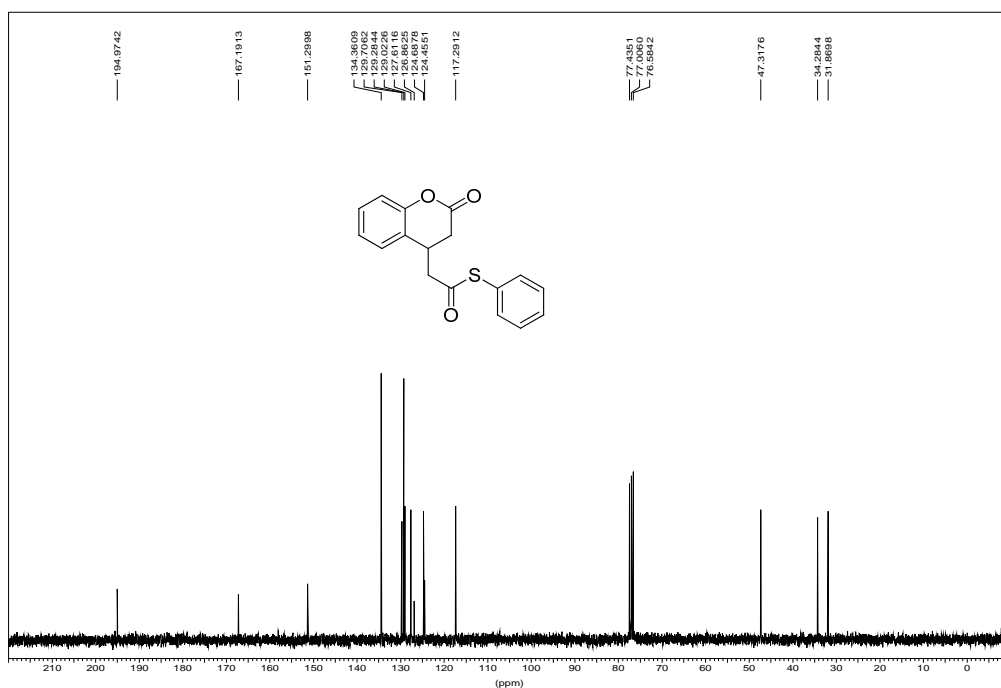
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.89 (m, 1H), 3.29 (qd, J = 8.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H),

3.03-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.74 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 167.38, 151.20, 146.94, 145.42, 130.13, 128.95, 127.81, 124.70, 124.46, 123.74, 117.28, 77.25, 77.00, 76.75, 41.04, 37.04, 34.10$. LC-MS (ESI): $m/z = 306$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$). HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$); 306.0742. Found: 306.0751.

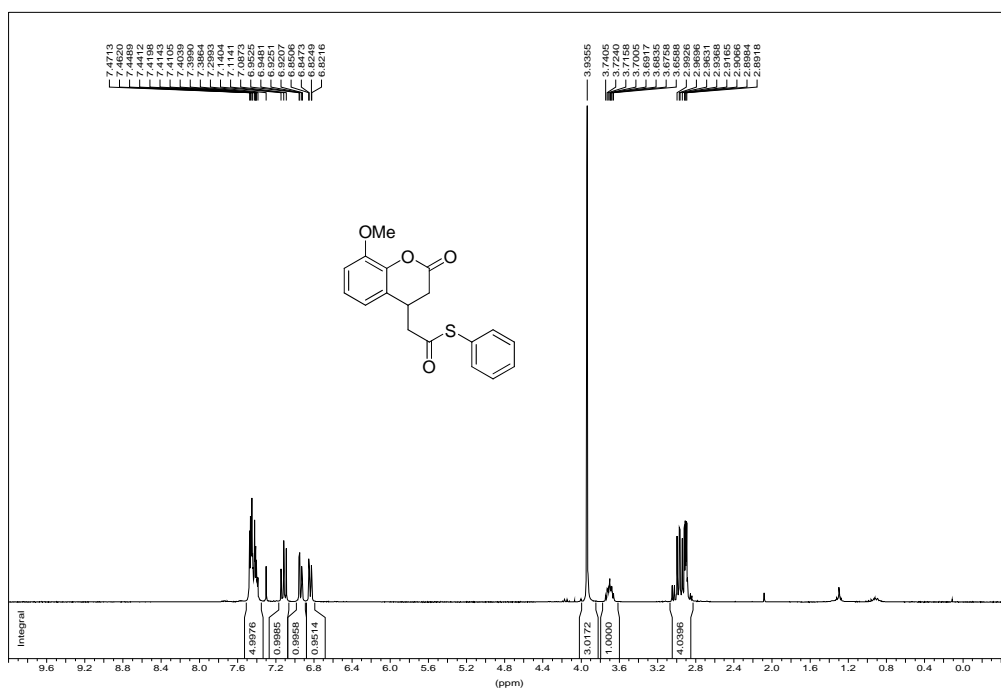
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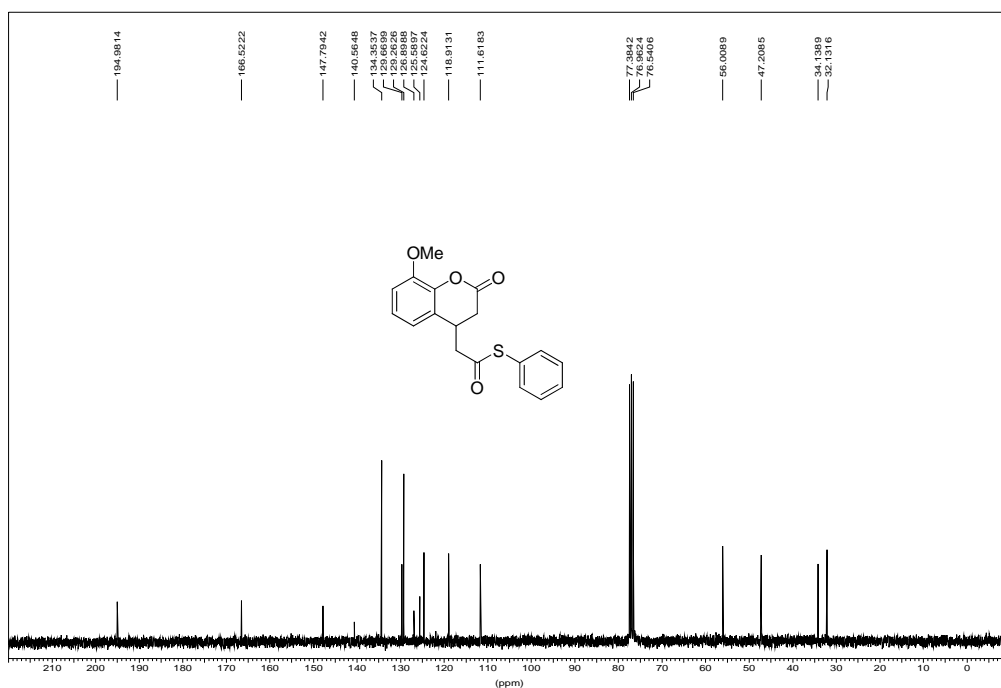
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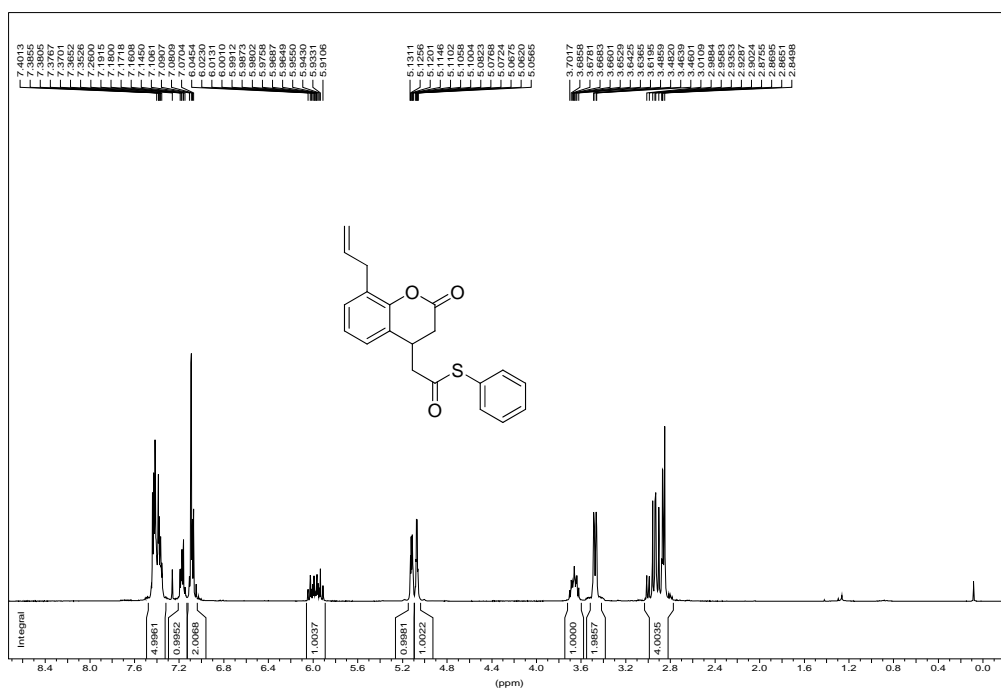


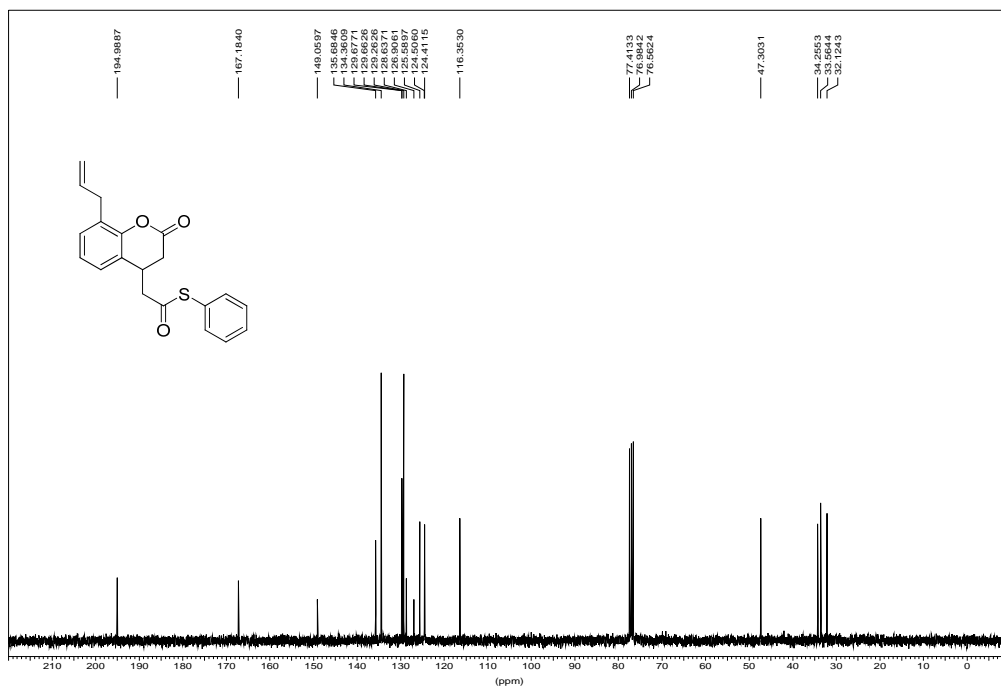
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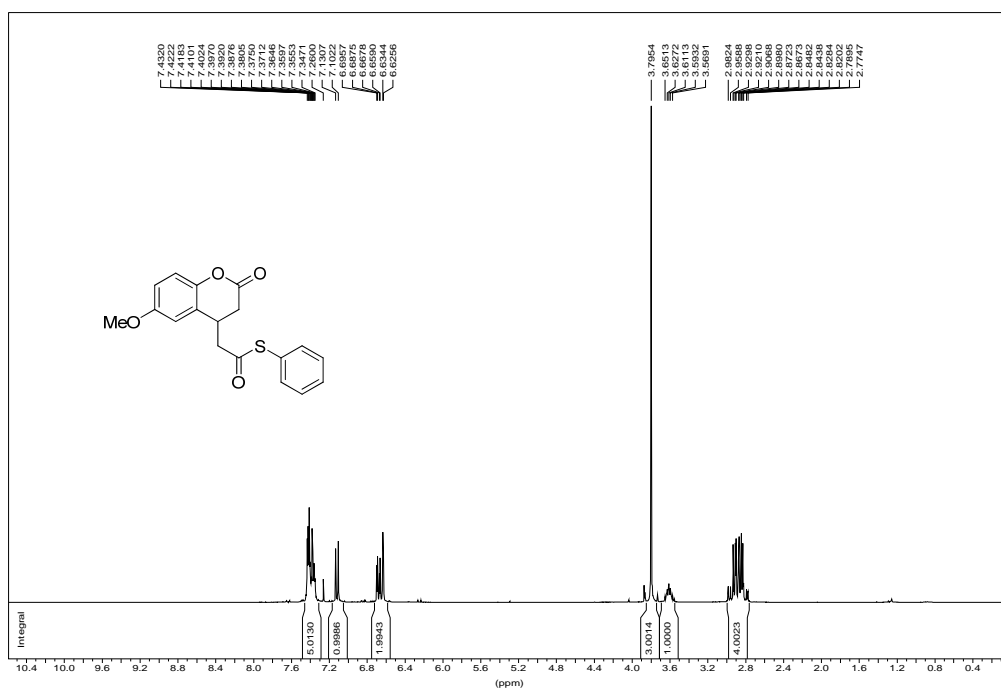


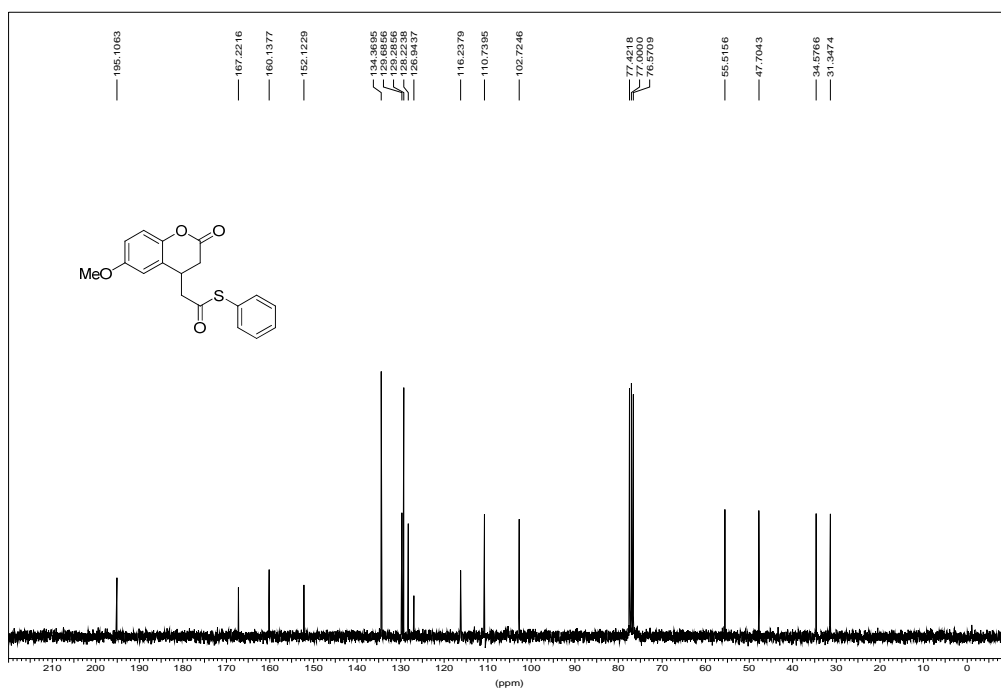
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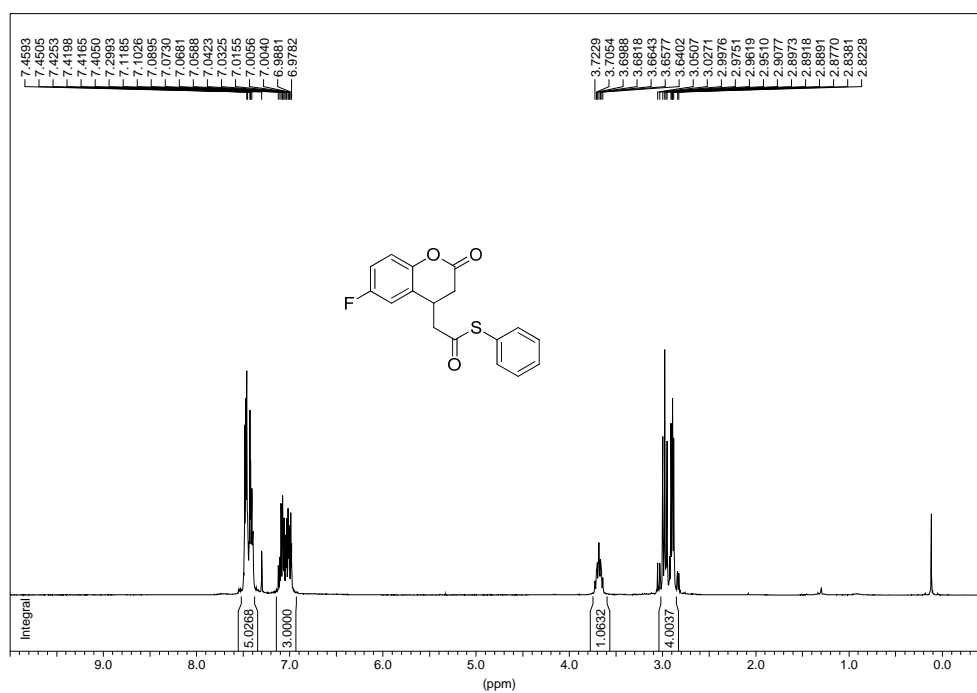


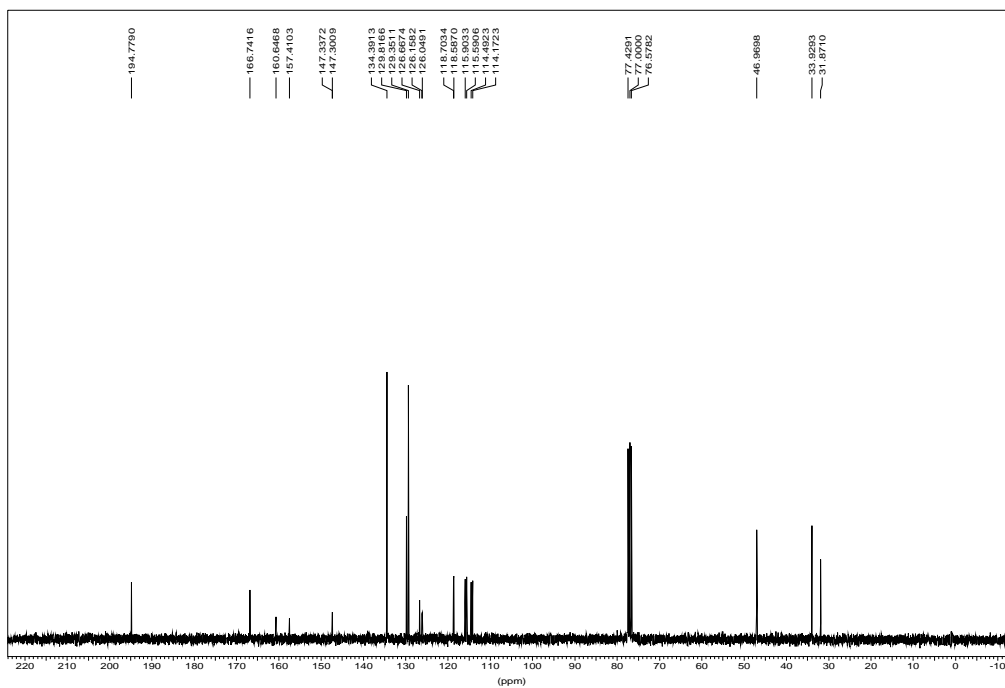
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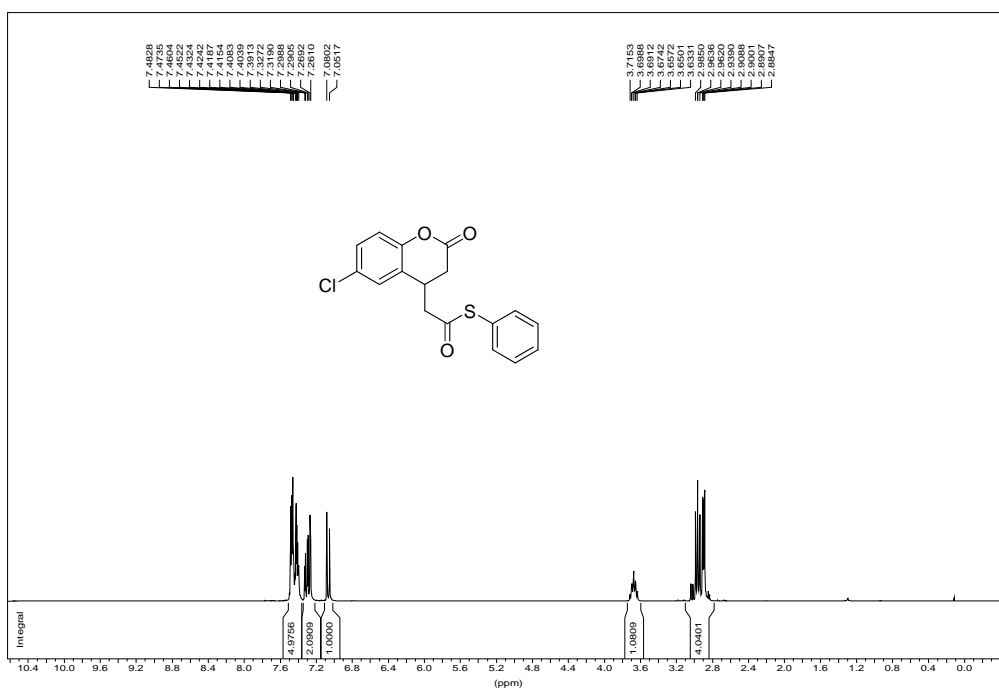


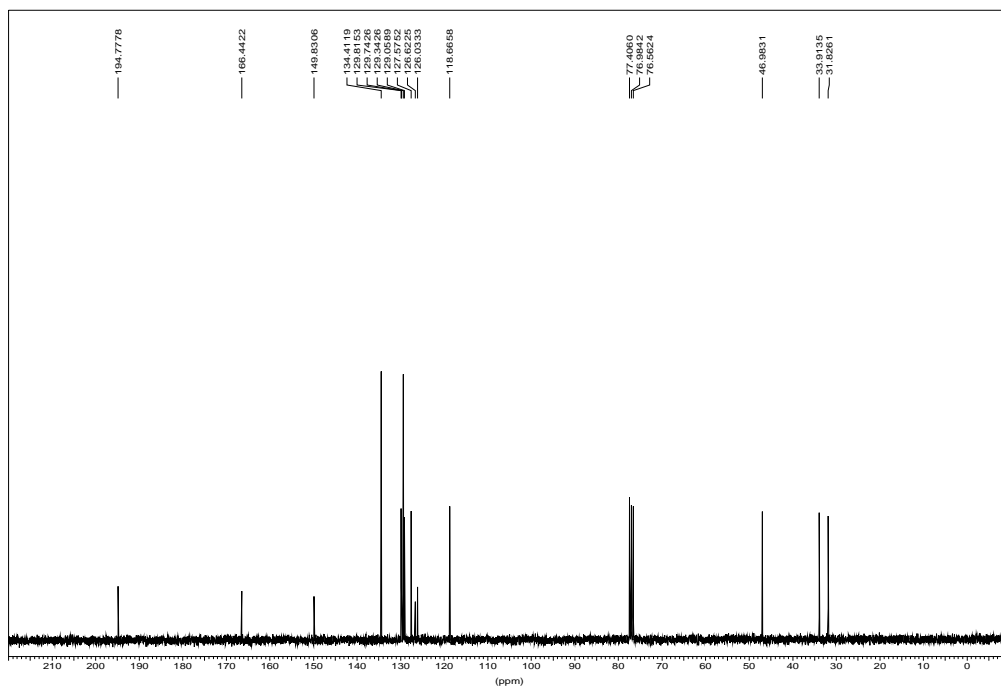
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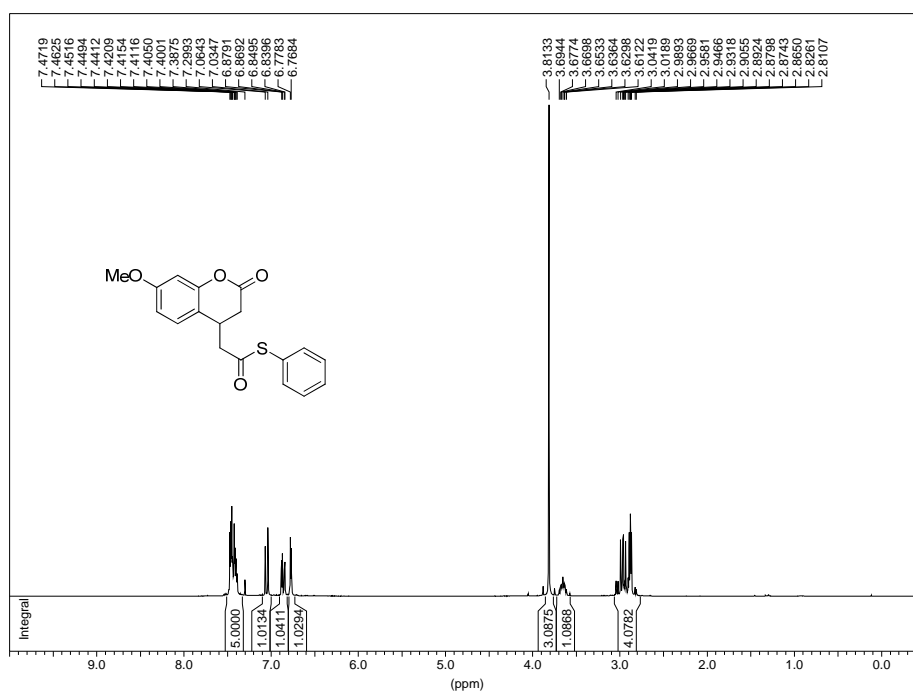


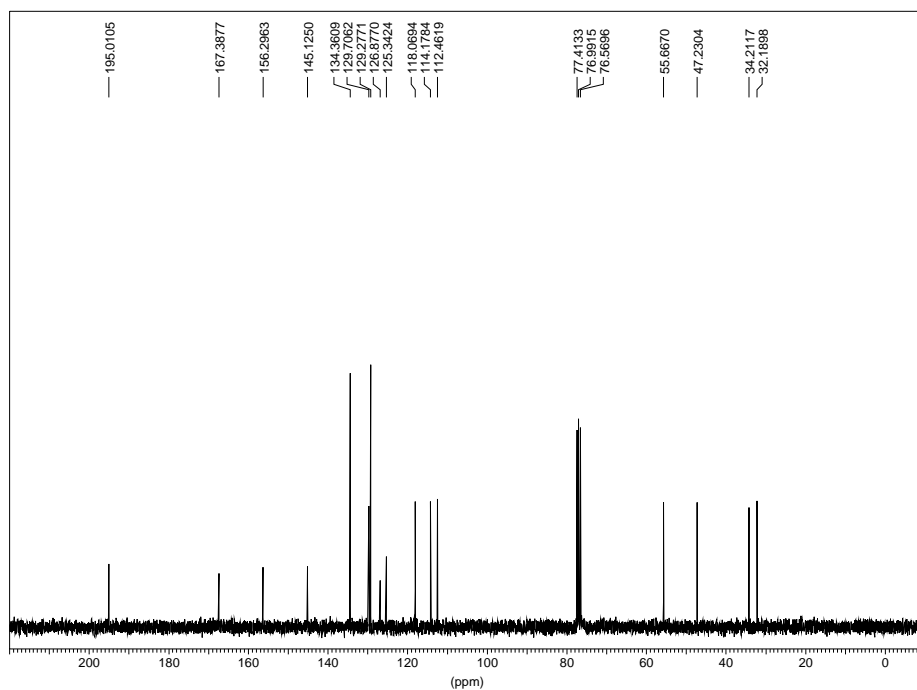
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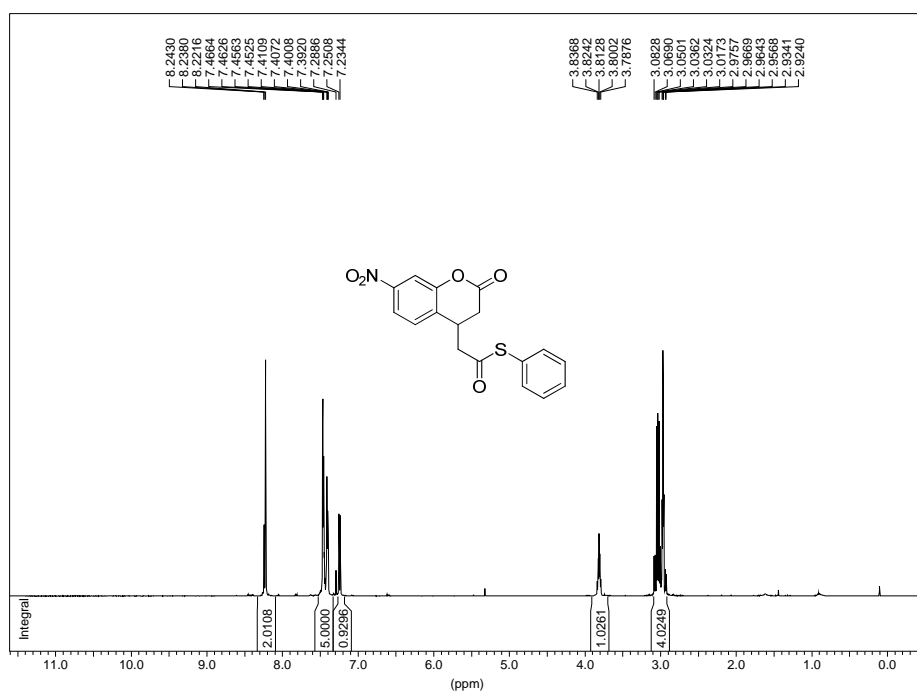


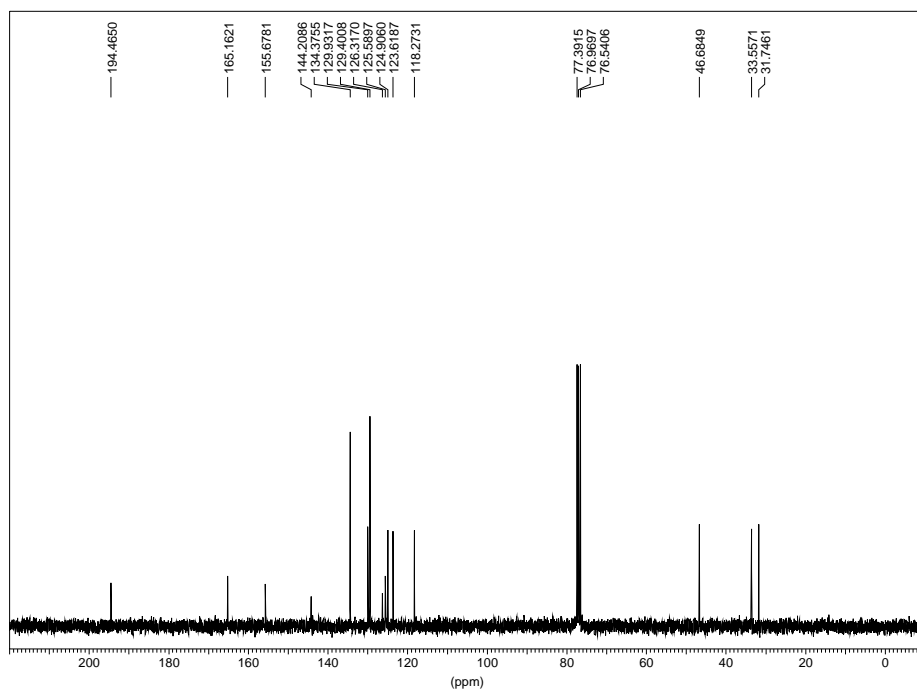
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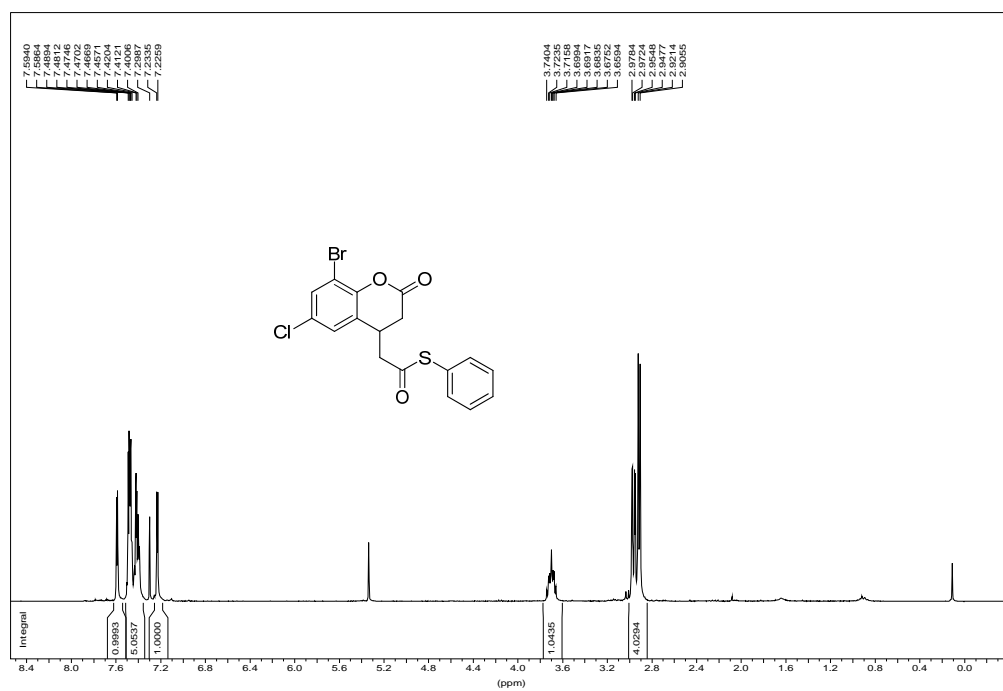


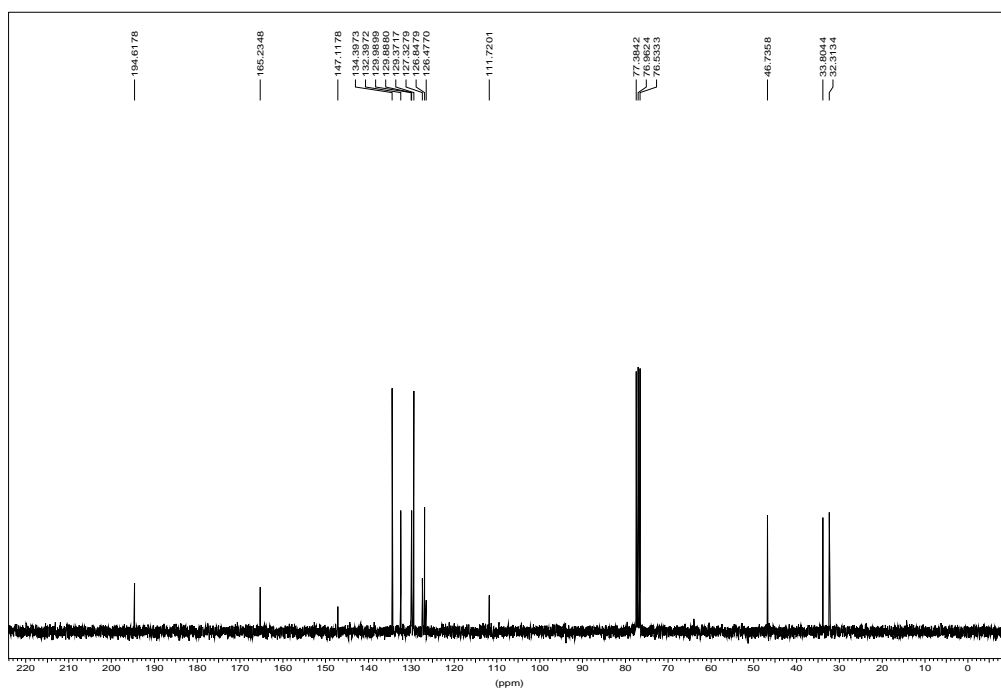
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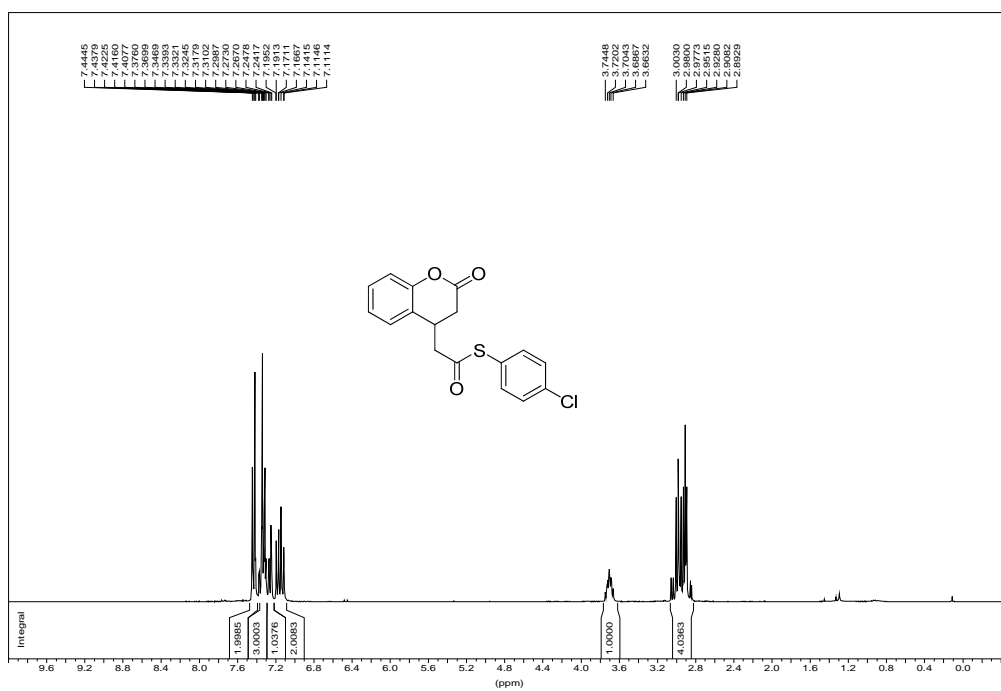


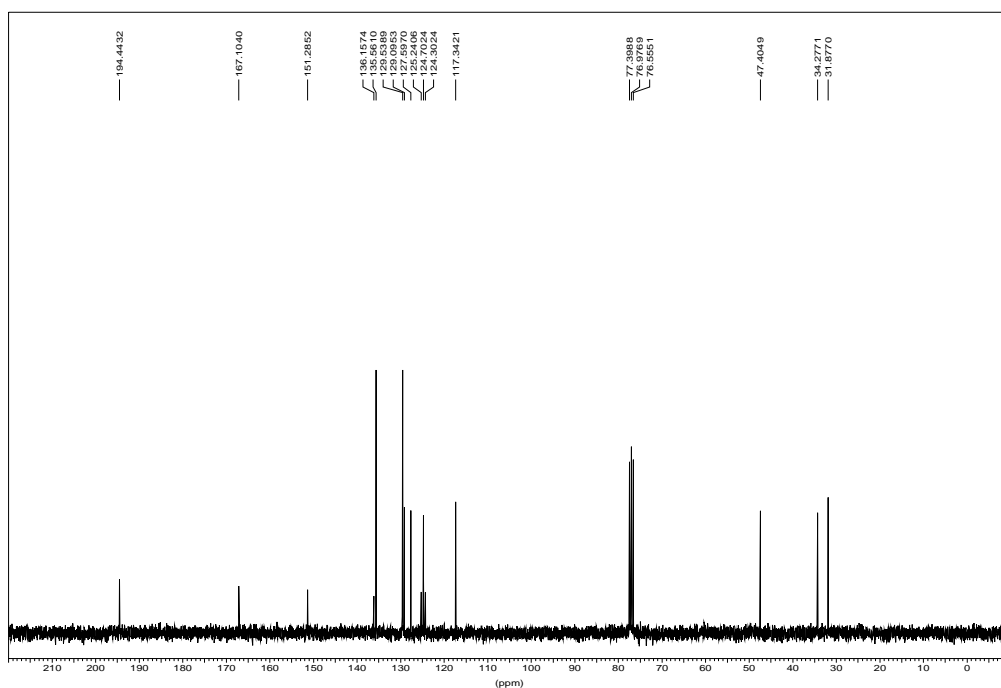
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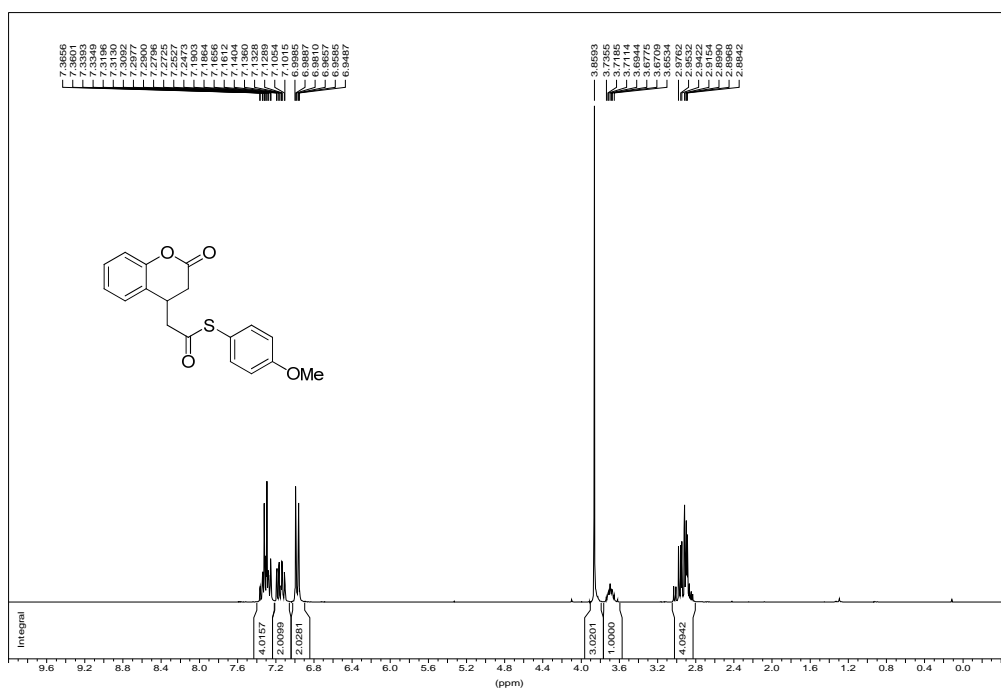


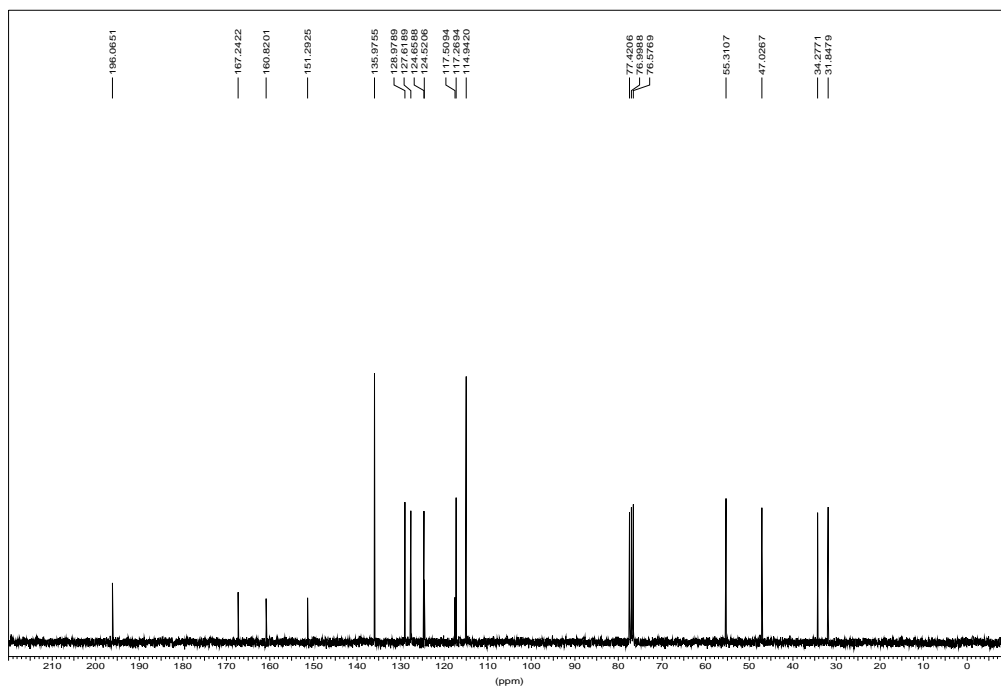
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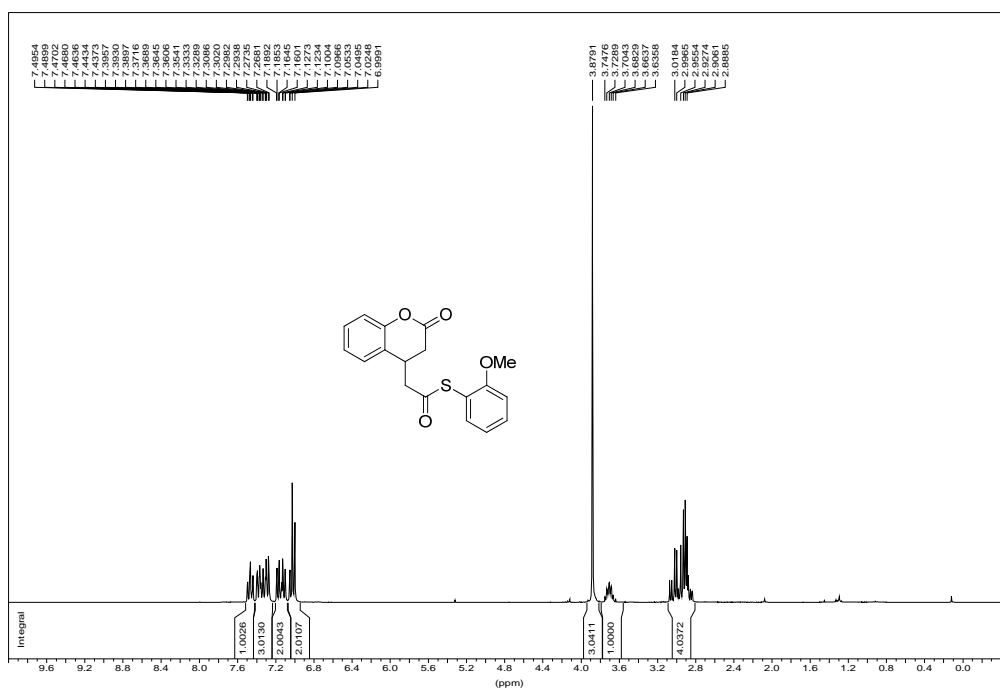


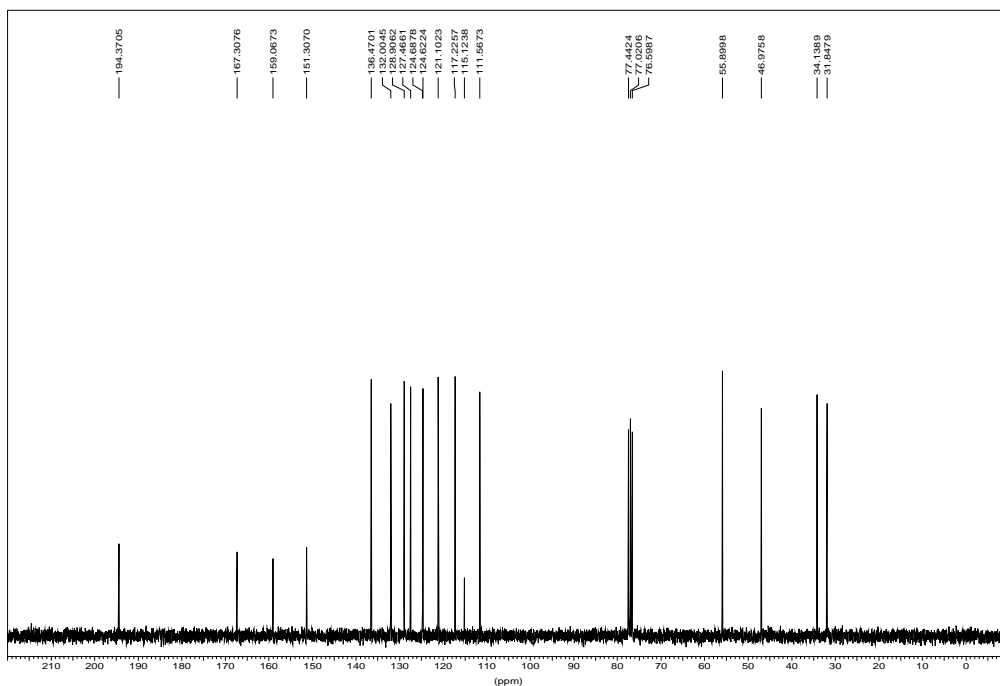
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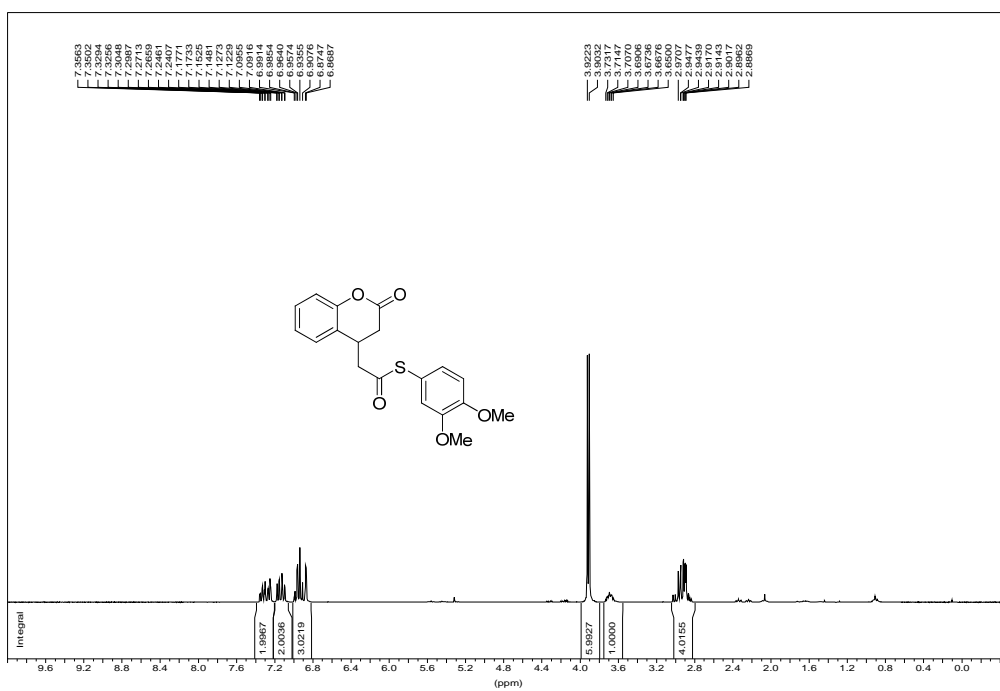


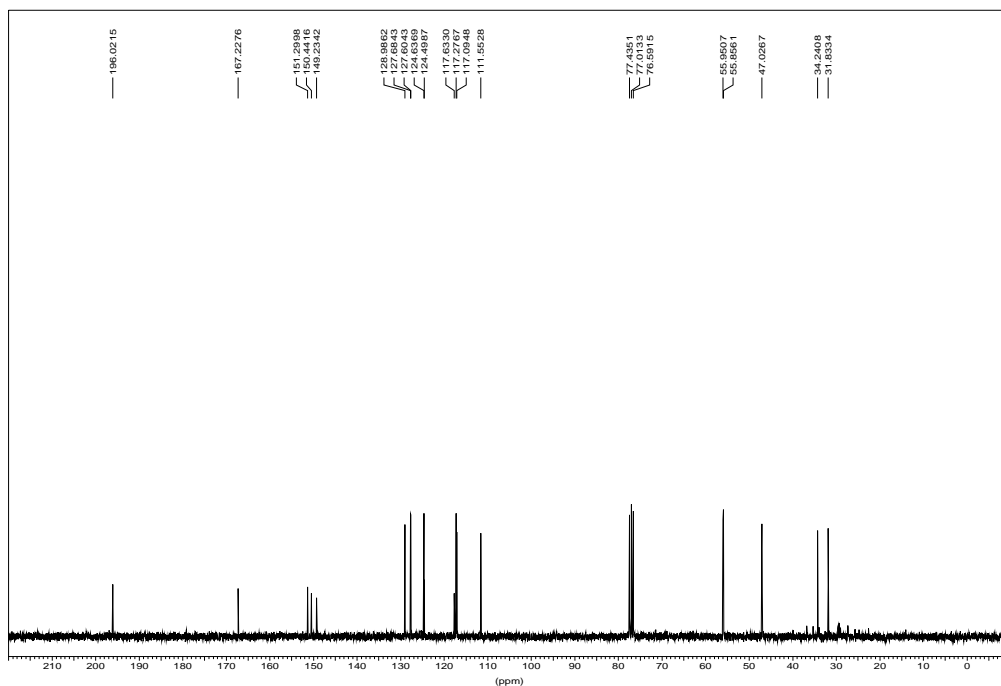
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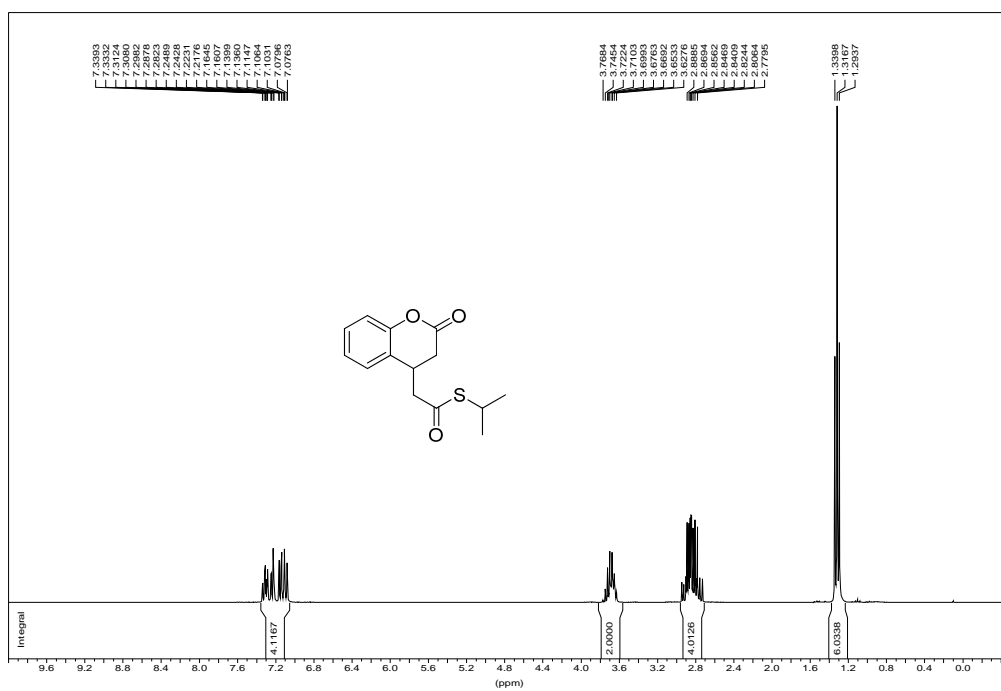


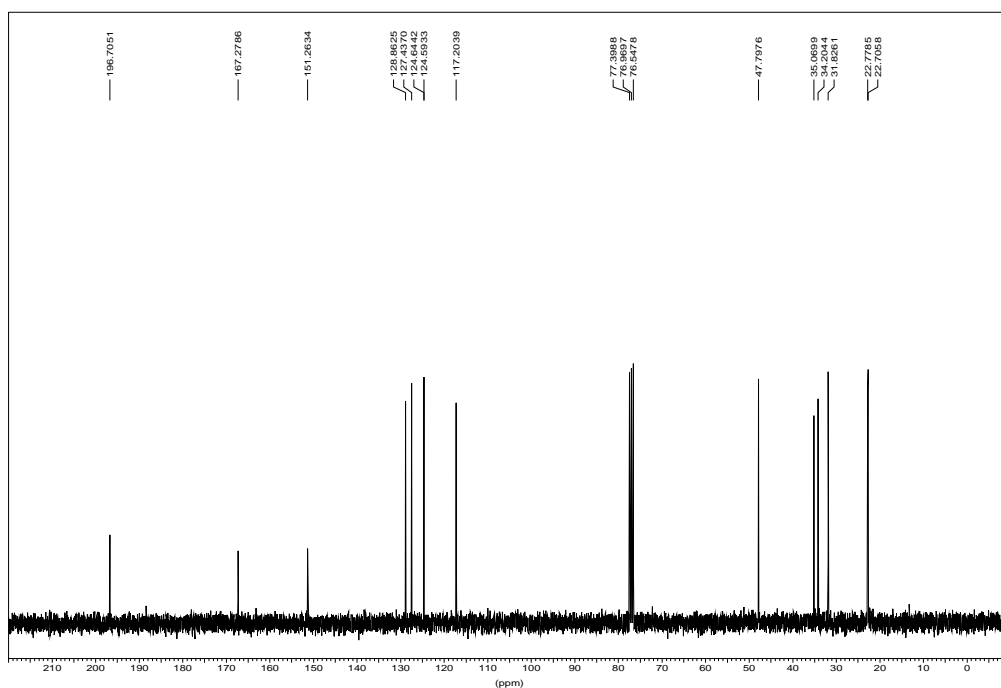
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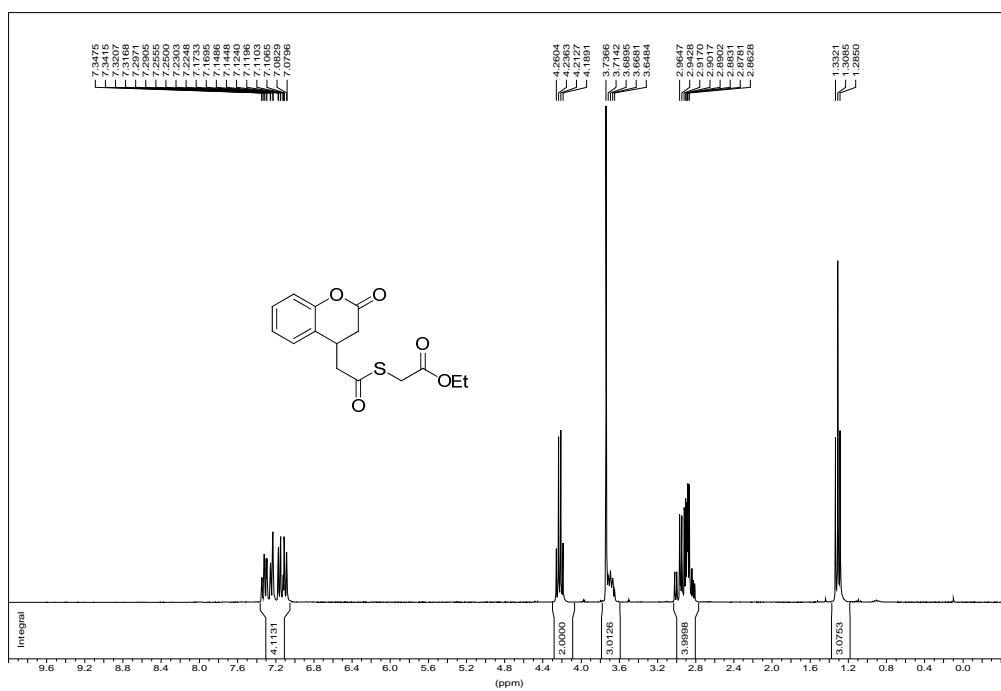


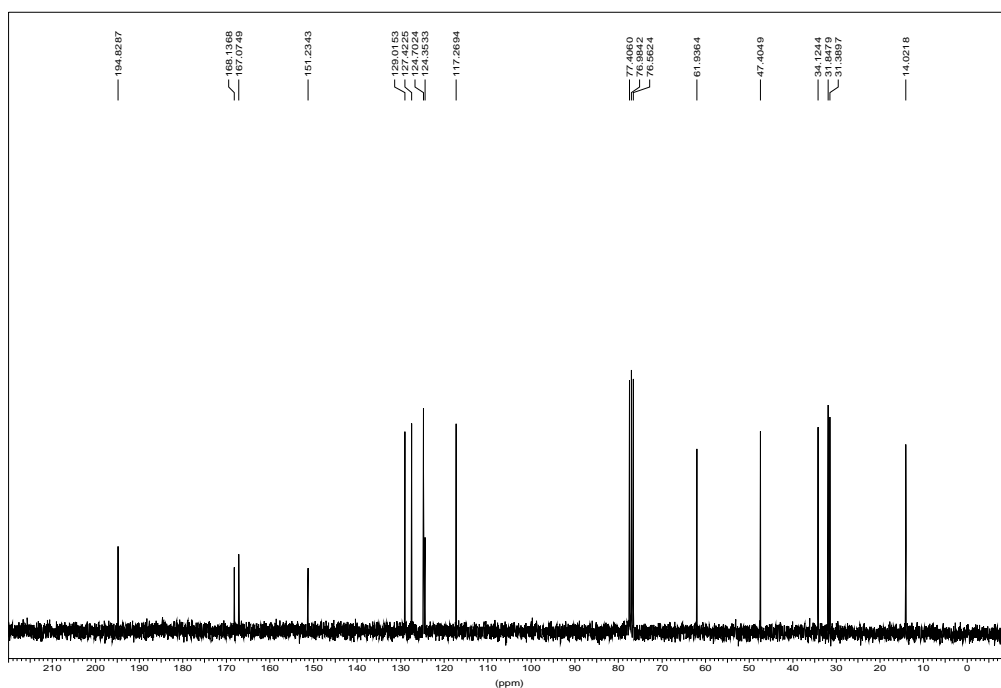
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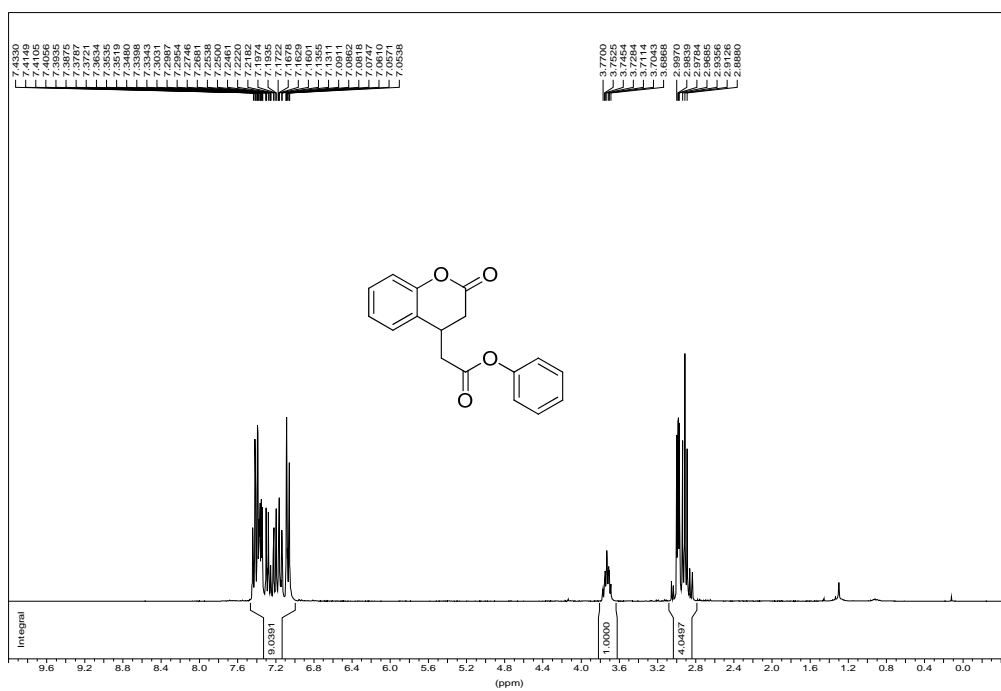


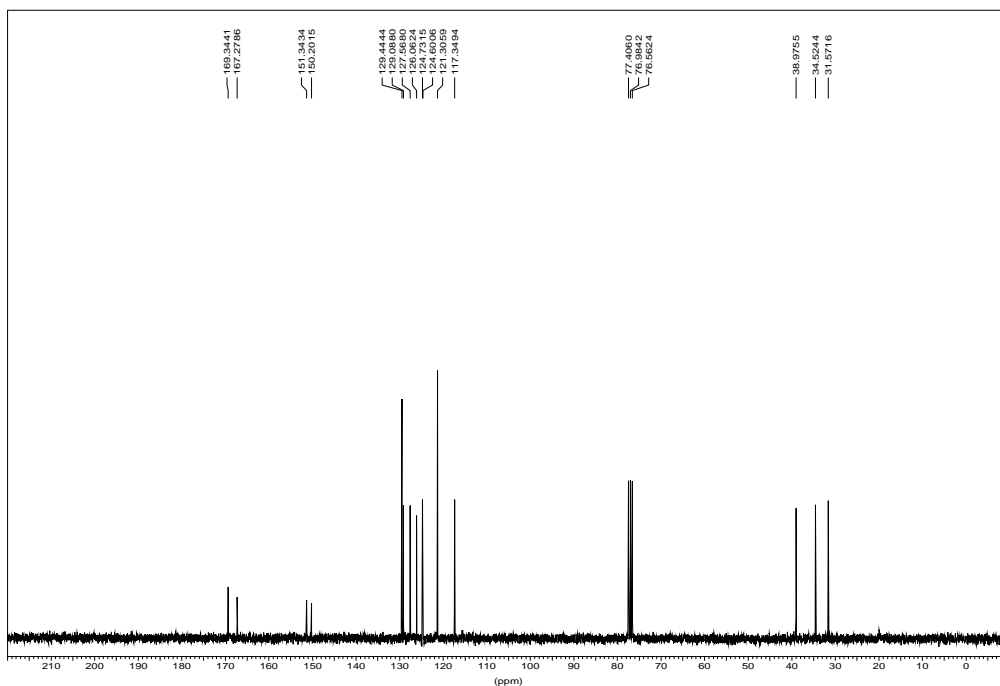
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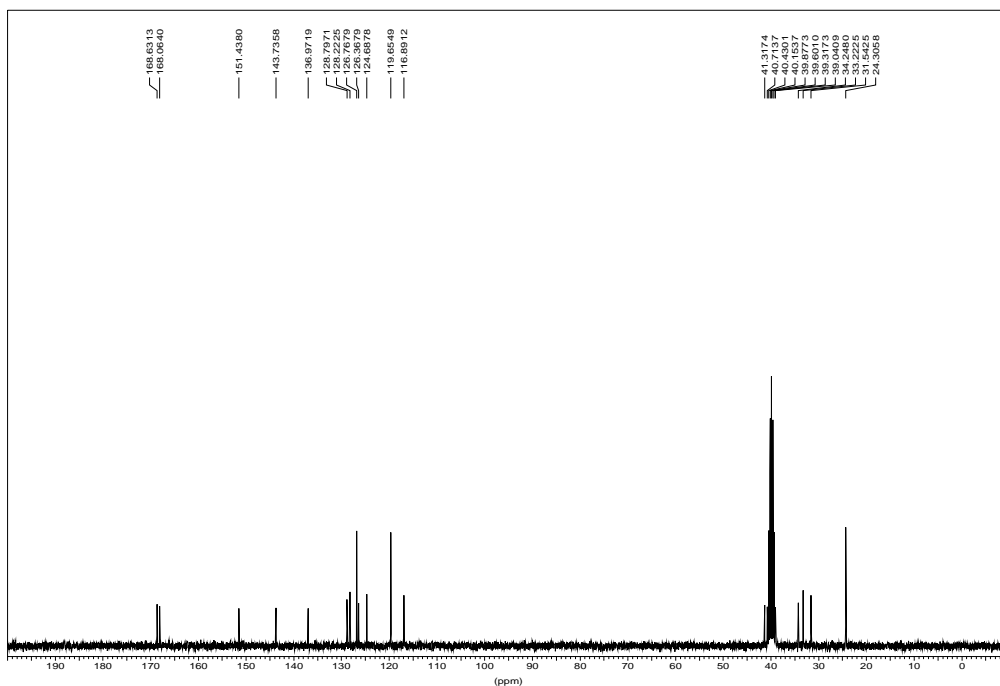
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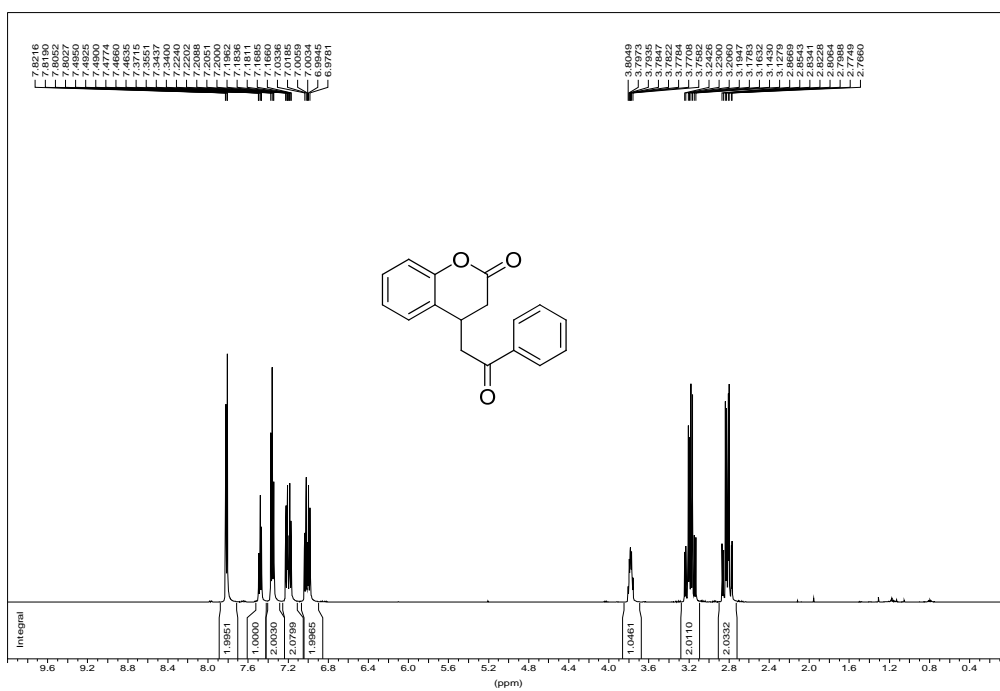


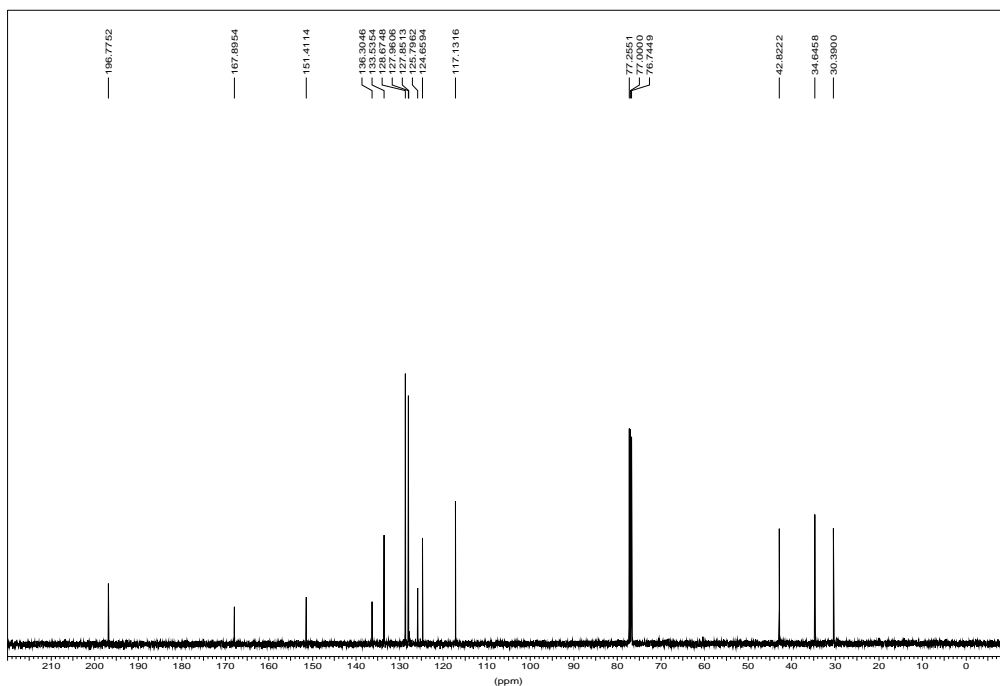
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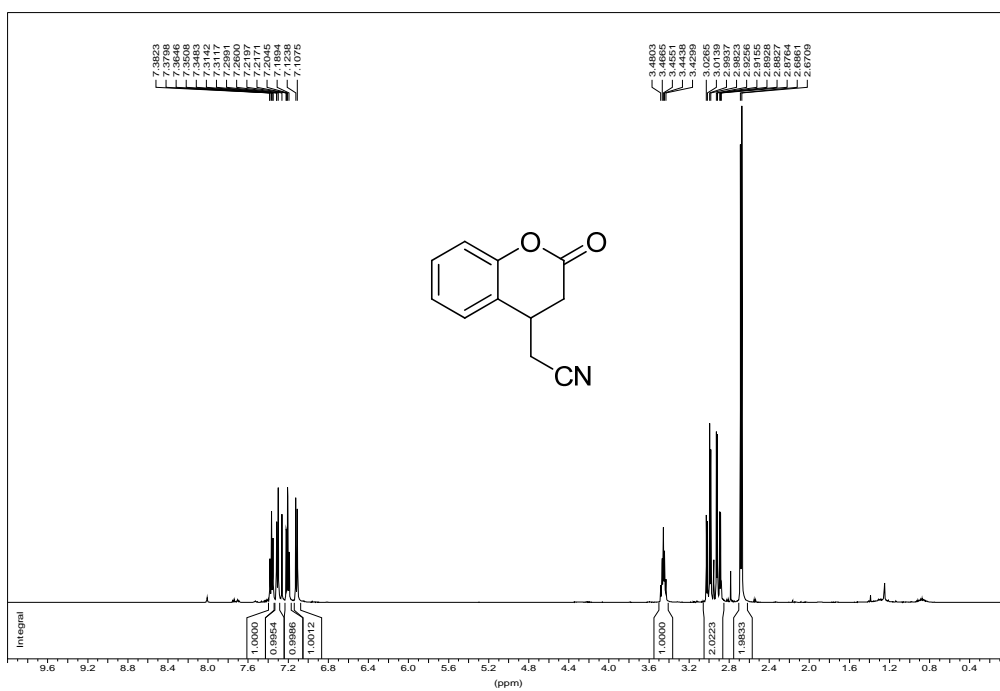


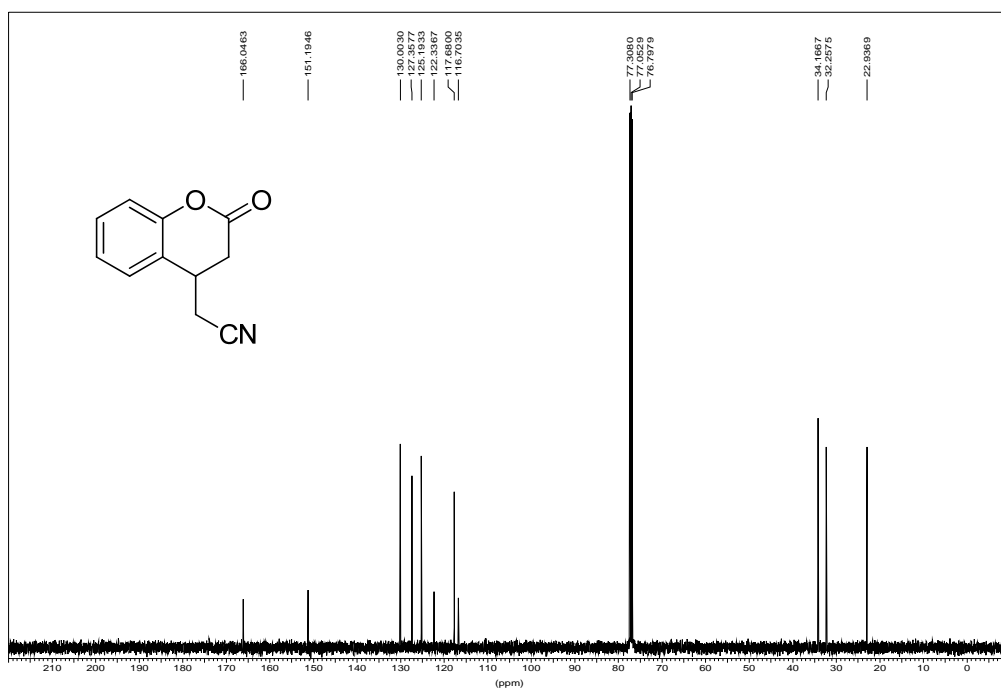
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