

Electronic Supplementary Information for

Mn(OAc)₃-Mediated Synthesis of β -Hydroxyphosphonates from P(O)-H Compounds and Alkenes

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General and Experimental Section

General

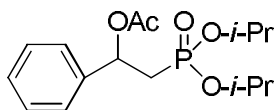
All reactions were carried out under N₂. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were measured on Bruker AVIII 400M spectrometers with CDCl₃ as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard or 85% H₃PO₄ as external standard for ³¹P NMR (162 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in units (ppm) by assigning TMS resonance in the ¹H spectrum as 0.00 ppm and CDCl₃ resonance in the ¹³C spectrum as 77.23 ppm. All coupling constants (*J* values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Chemical shifts of common trace ¹H NMR impurities (ppm): H₂O: 1.56, CHCl₃: 7.26. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 300-400 mesh. The CAS number of the known compound was listed. The unknown products were further characterized by HRMS-ESI.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of β-hydroxyphosphonates:

An oven-dried Schlenk tube containing Mn(OAc)₃·2H₂O (1.5 mmol) was evacuated and purged with nitrogen three times. Alkene (0.50 mmol), *H*-phosphonate (1.0 mmol) and CH₃COOH (3 mL) were sequentially added to the system at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated with stirring at 80 °C for 8 hours. The reaction solution was concentrated in vacuo and then added 15 mL saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was concentrated in vacuo, and then added 2 mL of 1 M NaOH (in CH₃OH) solution. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, and then neutralized by 1 M hydrochloric acid. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether–AcOEt (3:1-1:1, v/v) as the eluent to give the corresponding β-hydroxyphosphonates.

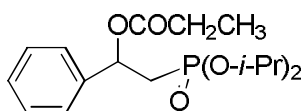
Spectral Data

2-(Diisopropoxyphosphoryl)-1-phenylethyl acetate (**3a**) (CAS no: 54051-30-8).



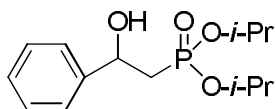
Colourless oil; 143 mg, 87% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 6.05 (m, 1H), 4.60 (m, 2H), 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.00 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.25 – 1.15 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 169.5 (s), 140.1 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz), 128.5 (s), 128.3 (s), 126.6 (s), 70.9 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 70.5 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 70.4 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 34.5 (d, $J = 141.6$ Hz), 23.96 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 23.8 (t, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 21.1 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 23.4. MS-ESI: m/z 351.1 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$).

2-(Diisopropoxyphosphoryl)-1-phenylethyl propionate (**3b**).



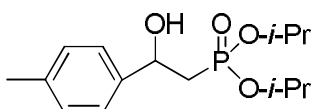
Colourless oil; 125 mg, 73% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.09 (m, 1H), 4.65 (m, 2H), 2.52 – 2.19 (m, 4H), 1.30 – 1.21 (m, 12H), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 173.1 (s), 140.4 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz), 128.6 (s), 128.4 (s), 126.67 (s), 71.0 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 70.6 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 70.45 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 34.9 (d, $J = 141.2$ Hz), 27.8 (s), 24.13 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 24.0 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 9.0 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 23.5. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 365.1490 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{NaO}_5\text{P}^+$ calcd. 365.1494).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)phosphonate (**4a**) (CAS no: 72019-17-1).



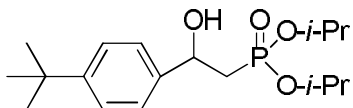
Light yellow solid; 124 mg, 87% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.40 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.83 – 4.66 (m, 2H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.28 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 143.8 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz), 128.4 (s), 127.6 (s), 125.6 (s), 70.8 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 70.7 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 68.8 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 37.8 (d, $J = 137.3$ Hz), 24.0 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 23.88 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 27.0. MS-ESI: m/z 309.1 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)phosphonate (**4b**).



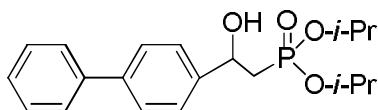
White solid; 135 mg, 90% yield, m.p. 97.1-98.5 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.28 – 7.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.03 (m, 1H), 4.70 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.26 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 140.8 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz), 137.2 (s), 129.1 (s), 125.5 (s), 70.8 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 70.6 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 68.65 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 37.3 (d, $J = 136.5$ Hz), 24.1 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 23.9 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 21.1 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 27.3. HRMS-ESI: m/z 323.1383 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaO}_4\text{P}^+$ calcd. 323.1388).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)ethyl)phosphonate (4c).



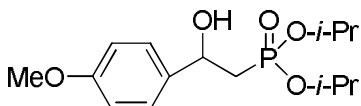
White solid; 137 mg, 80% yield, m.p. 95.0-96.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.37 – 7.30 (q, 4H, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 5.06 (m, 1H), 4.76 – 4.63 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.29 (m, 18H), 1.26 – 1.24 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 150.6 (s), 140.8 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz), 125.4 (s), 70.85 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 70.74 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 68.7 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 37.1 (d, *J* = 136.9 Hz), 34.6 (s), 31.4 (s), 24.1 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 23.95 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 27.0. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 365.1856 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₈H₃₁NaO₄P⁺ calcd. 365.1858).

Diisopropyl (2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-hydroxyethyl)phosphonate (4d).



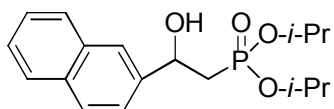
White solid; 100 mg, 55% yield, m.p. 78.2-79.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.58 – 7.56 (d, 4H, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 5.14 (m, 1H), 4.81 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.27 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 142.8 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 141.0 (s), 140.7 (s), 128.9 (s), 127.41 (s), 127.36 (s), 127.2 (s), 126.2 (s), 70.17 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 70.05 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 68.75 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 37.3 (d, *J* = 138.1 Hz), 24.2 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 24.03 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 27.2. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 385.1545 ([M+Na]⁺, C₂₀H₂₇NaO₄P⁺ calcd. 385.1545).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phosphonate (4e).



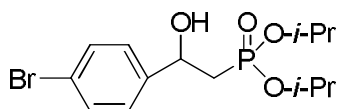
Yellow oil; 111 mg, 70% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.31 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.88 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 5.05 (m, 1H), 4.81 – 4.67 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 159.3 (s), 135.95 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz), 127.0 (s), 127.6 (s), 114.0 (s), 71.05 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 70.95 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 68.64 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 55.5 (s), 37.4 (d, *J* = 136.1 Hz), 24.2 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 24.12 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 27.5. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 339.1336 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₅H₂₅NaO₅P⁺ calcd. 339.1337).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)phosphonate (4f).



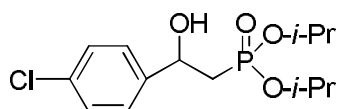
White solid; 118 mg, 70% yield, m.p. 77.4-78.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.79 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.24 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 141.2 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 133.4 (s), 133.0 (s), 128.3 (s), 128.1 (s), 127.7 (s), 126.2 (s), 125.9 (s), 124.3 (s), 123.8 (s), 71.0 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 70.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 69.03 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 37.3 (d, *J* = 137.5 Hz), 24.1 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 23.95 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 27.2. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 359.1387 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₈H₂₅NaO₄P⁺ calcd. 359.1388).

Diisopropyl (2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)phosphonate (4g).



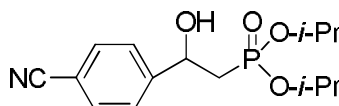
Light yellow solid; 151 mg, 83% yield, m.p. 71.1-72.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.45 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.26 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.03 (m, 1H), 4.77 – 4.64 (m, 2H), 2.14 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.26 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 142.9 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz), 131.6 (s), 127.5 (s), 121.4 (s), 71.14 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 70.0 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 68.33 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 37.2 (d, *J* = 137.1 Hz), 24.1 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 23.97 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 26.6. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 387.0337 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₄H₂₂BrNaO₄P⁺ calcd. 387.0337).

Diisopropyl (2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)phosphonate (4h).



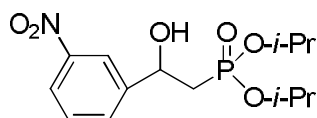
Light yellow solid; 134 mg, 84% yield, m.p. 66.6-67.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 5.04 (m, 1H), 4.74 – 4.62 (m, 2H), 2.19 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.25 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 142.48 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 133.1 (s), 128.5 (s), 127.1 (s), 70.96 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 70.8 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 68.24 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 37.2 (d, *J* = 138.2 Hz), 24.0 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 23.88 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 26.5. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 343.0842 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₄H₂₂ClNaO₄P⁺ calcd. 343.0842).

Diisopropyl (2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)phosphonate (4i).



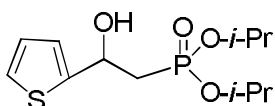
Yellow oil; 39 mg, 25% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.66 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.53 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 5.12 (m, 1H), 4.82 – 4.66 (m, 2H), 2.19 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.27 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 149.1 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz), 132.5 (s), 126.5 (s), 118.9 (s), 111.6 (s), 71.46 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 71.33 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 68.44 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 37.1 (d, *J* = 137.7 Hz), 24.2 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 23.09 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 26.5. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 334.1182 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₅H₂₂NNaO₄P⁺ calcd. 334.1184).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-(3-nitrophenyl)ethyl)phosphonate (4j).



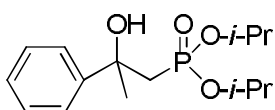
Light yellow solid; 55 mg, 33% yield, m.p. 55.4-56.1 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.12 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, 1H *J* = 7.73 Hz), 7.52 (t, 1H *J* = 7.93 Hz), 4.79 – 4.65 (m, 3H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.24 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 148.5 (s), 146.1 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 132.0 (s), 129.6 (s), 122.7 (s), 120.9 (s), 71.4 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 71.25 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 68.2 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 37.1 (d, *J* = 137.8 Hz), 24.14 (m), 24.02 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 26.3. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 354.1080 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₄H₂₂NNaO₆P⁺ calcd. 354.1082).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)phosphonate (**4k**).



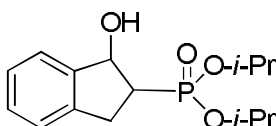
Light yellow solid; 85 mg, 58% yield, m.p.64.3-65.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.2 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.33 (m, 1H), 4.77 – 4.65 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.26 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 147.9 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz), 126.6 (s), 124.6 (s), 123.4 (s), 71.1 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 70.9 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 65.3 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 37.4 (d, *J* = 138.1 Hz), 24.1 (m), 23.93 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 26.2. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 315.0790 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₂H₂₁NaO₄PS⁺ calcd. 315.0796).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-2-phenylpropyl)phosphonate (**4l**)(CAS no: 1334049-23-8).



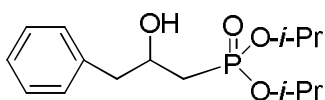
Yellow oil; 90 mg, 60% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.72 – 4.62 (m, 1H), 4.30 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.25 (m, 2H), 1.62 (d, 3H, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 1.32 (t, 6H, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 1.17 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 0.86 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 147.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 128.1 (s), 126.7 (s), 124.8 (s), 72.13 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 70.8 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 70.65 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 40.9 (d, *J* = 136.4 Hz), 32.4 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz), 24.06 (m), 23.43 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 27.1. MS-ESI: *m/z* 323.1 ([M+Na]⁺).

Diisopropyl (1-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)phosphonate (**4m**).



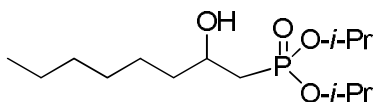
Yellow oil; 101 mg, 68% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.44 (m, 1H), 4.75 – 4.67 (m, 2H), 3.6 (m, 1H), 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.24 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 143.8 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 140.36 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 128.2 (s), 127.0 (s), 124.45 (s), 124.41 (s), 76.2 (s), 70.55 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 43.5 (d, *J* = 146.6 Hz), 31.6 (s), 24.1 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 24.0 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 29.4. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 321.1236 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₅H₂₃NaO₄P⁺ calcd. 321.1232).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropyl)phosphonate (**4n**).



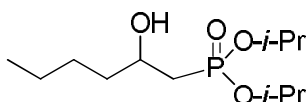
Colourless oil; 62 mg, 41% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.73 – 4.66 (m, 2H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.27 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 137.9 (s), 129.6 (s), 128.5 (s), 126.6 (s), 70.8 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 70.74 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 68.87 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 44.46 (d, *J* = 16.9 Hz), 34.0 (d, *J* = 139.7 Hz), 24.13 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 24.05 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 28.2. HRMS-ESI: *m/z* found 323.1383 ([M+Na]⁺, C₁₅H₂₅NaO₄P⁺ calcd. 323.1388).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxyoctyl)phosphonate (4o).



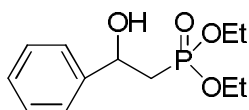
Colourless oil; 46 mg, 31% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 4.70 (m, 2H), 3.94 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.24 (m, 19H), 0.88 – 0.84 (t, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 70.75 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 70.69 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 66.69 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 38.34 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz), 34.8 (d, $J = 138.8$ Hz), 31.9 (s), 29.3 (s), 25.5 (s), 24.2 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 24.13 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 22.7 (s), 14.2 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 28.8. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 317.1852 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{31}\text{NaO}_4\text{P}^+$ calcd. 317.1858).

Diisopropyl (2-hydroxyhexyl)phosphonate (4p).



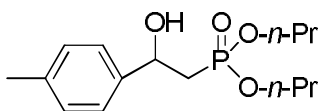
Colourless oil; 35 mg, 26% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 4.77 – 4.66 (m, 2H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.31 (m, 17H), 0.91 – 0.88 (t, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 70.81 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 70.76 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 66.73 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 38.1 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz), 34.8 (d, $J = 138.9$ Hz), 27.7 (s), 24.2 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 24.15 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 22.7 (s), 14.2 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 28.8. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 289.1542 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{27}\text{NaO}_4\text{P}^+$ calcd. 289.1545).

Diethyl (2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)phosphonate (4q) (CAS no: 72019-14-8).



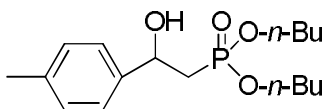
White solid; 103 mg, 80% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.39 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.09 (m, 1H), 4.10 – 4.00 (m, 2H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.28 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 143.85 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz), 128.5 (s), 127.7 (s), 125.6 (s), 68.78 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 62.07 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 61.9 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 36.0 (d, $J = 136.7$ Hz), 16.4 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 29.1. MS-ESI: m/z 281.0 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$).

Dipropyl (2-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)phosphonate (4r).



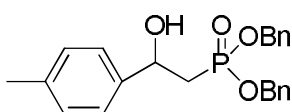
Colourless oil; 123 mg, 82% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 5.05 (m, 1H), 3.95 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s), 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 4H), 0.93 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 140.9 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz), 137.2 (s), 129.1 (s), 125.5 (s), 68.63 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 67.48 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 67.3 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 35.9 (d, $J = 136.0$ Hz), 23.8 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 21.1 (s), 10.0 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 28.4. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 323.1383 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaO}_4\text{P}^+$ calcd. 323.1388).

Dibutyl (2-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)phosphonate (4s).



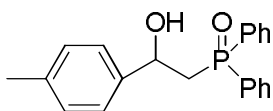
Colourless oil; 120 mg, 73% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.26 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.16 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 5.06 (m, 1H), 4.06 – 4.00 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s), 2.28 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.40 (m, 4H), 0.93 (q, 6H, $J = 7.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 140.8 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz), 137.5 (s), 129.3 (s), 125.6 (s), 68.8 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 65.9 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 65.8 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 35.9 (d, $J = 135.8$ Hz), 32.6 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 21.2 (s), 18.86 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 13.7 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 28.5. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 351.1696 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{29}\text{NaO}_4\text{P}^+$ calcd. 351.1701).

Dibenzyl (2-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)phosphonate (4t).



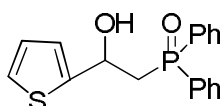
White solid; 91 mg, 46% yield, m.p. 79.2-80.2 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.36 (m, 10H), 7.22 (d, 2H, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.16 (d, 2H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 5.14 – 4.97 (m, 5H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.32 – 2.07 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 140.6 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 137.6 (s), 136.6 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 129.3 (s), 128.8 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 128.7 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 128.18 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 125.6 (s), 68.74 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 67.7 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 67.6 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 36.5 (d, $J = 135.0$ Hz), 21.2 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 29.6. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 419.1383 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{NaO}_4\text{P}^+$ calcd. 419.1388).

(2-Hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4u).



White solid; 131 mg, 78% yield, m.p. 104.7-106.1 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.21 (d, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 7.10 (d, 2H, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 5.14 (t, 1H, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 141.1 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 137.4 (s), 132.2 (s), 131.1 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 130.56 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 129.3 (s), 128.9 (t, $J = 12.7$ Hz), 125.6 (s), 69.1 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 39.4 (d, $J = 68.5$ Hz), 21.2 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 33.8. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 359.1171 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NaO}_2\text{P}^+$ calcd. 359.1177).

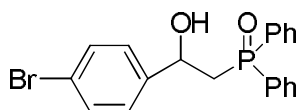
(2-Hydroxy-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (4v).



White solid; 107 mg, 65% yield, m.p. 153.6-155.1 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.72 (m, 4H), 7.50 (m, 6H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.87 (m, 2H), 5.45 (m, 2H), 2.92 (m, 1H), 2.73 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 148.2 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz), 132.2 (m), 130.96 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 128.9 (m), 126.6 (s), 124.7 (s), 123.3

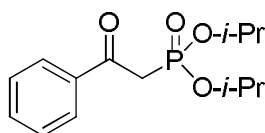
(s), 65.6 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 39.5 (d, $J = 68.8$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 32.9. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 351.0584 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{NaO}_2\text{P}^+$ calcd. 351.0585).

(2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-hydroxyethyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (**4w**).



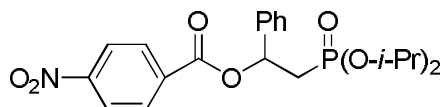
White solid; 134 mg, 67% yield, m.p. 143.4–144.6 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, 2H, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 5.19 – 5.11 (m, 2H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.58 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 143.1 (d, $J = 12.9$ Hz), 132.38 (m), 131.7 (s), 131.1 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 130.6 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz), 129.05 (m), 127.5 (s), 121.5 (s), 68.9 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 39.4 (d, $J = 68.4$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 33.5. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 423.0126 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrNaO}_2\text{P}^+$ calcd. 423.0125).

Diisopropyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phosphonate (**5**) (CAS no: 57057-15-5).



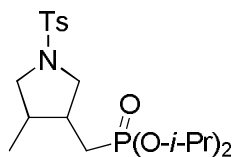
To a stirred ice-cold solution of **4a** (143 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL) was added Dess-Martin's reagent (318 mg, 0.75 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and further stirred for 30 min. The reaction was evaporated and the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (3/1), to give **5** (colourless oil; 136 mg, 96% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.92 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 4.67 – 4.56 (m, 2H), 3.49 (d, 2H, $J = 22.8$ Hz), 1.17 (d, 6H, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 1.16 (d, 6H, $J = 4.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 192.0 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 136.2 (s), 133.4 (s), 129.0 (s), 128.4 (s), 71.4 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 39.6 (d, $J = 130.2$ Hz), 23.87 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 23.65 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 17.7. MS-ESI: m/z 307.1 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$).

2-(Diisopropoxyphosphoryl)-1-phenylethyl 4-nitrobenzoate (**6**).



A solution of diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD, 104 mg, 0.6 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL) was slowly added at rt via cannula to a solution of triphenylphosphine (144 mg, 0.55 mmol), 4-nitrobenzoic acid (92 mg, 0.55 mmol), and **4a** (143 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL), and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. The reaction was evaporated and the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (3/1), to give **6** (colourless oil; 153 mg, 64% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 8.26 (s, 4H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.35 – 6.29 (m, 1H), 4.72 – 4.62 (m, 2H), 2.71 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.25 – 1.22 (m, 6H), 1.20 (d, 6H, $J = 6.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 163.7 (s), 150.8 (s), 139.7 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz), 135.8 (s), 131.1 (s), 128.94 (s), 128.90 (s), 126.7 (s), 123.7 (s), 73.0 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 70.9 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 70.8 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 35.0 (d, $J = 142.0$ Hz), 24.1 (m). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 27.9. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 458.1342 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{NNaO}_7\text{P}^+$ calcd. 458.1345).

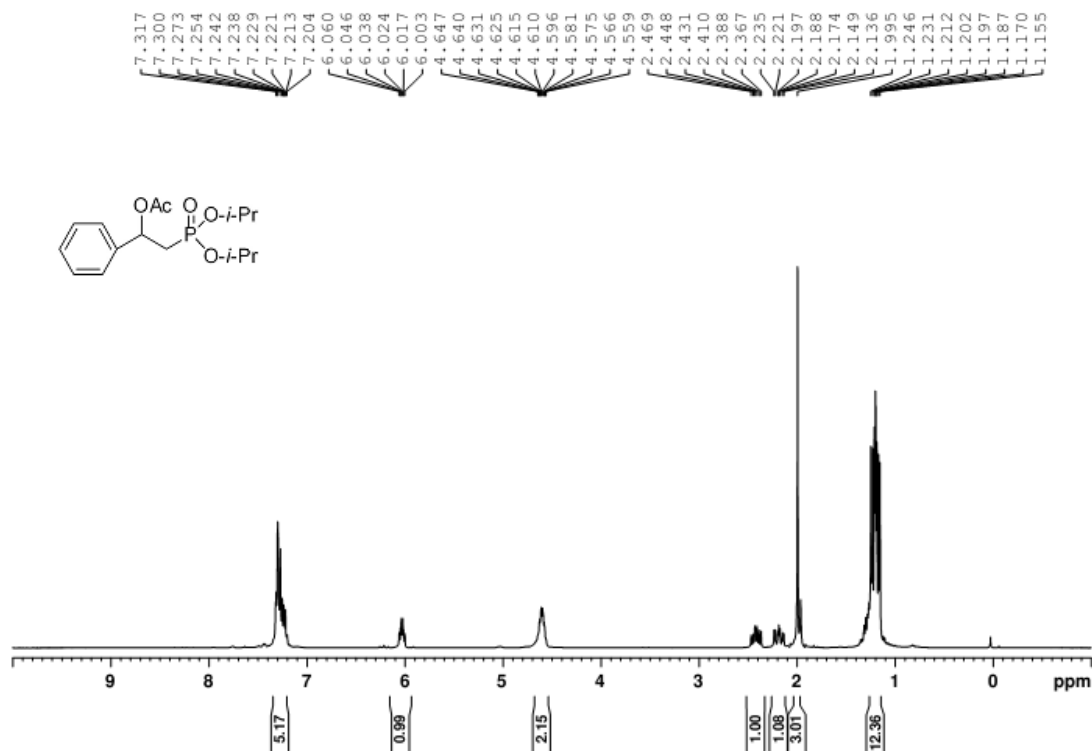
Diisopropyl ((4-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl)phosphonate (7).



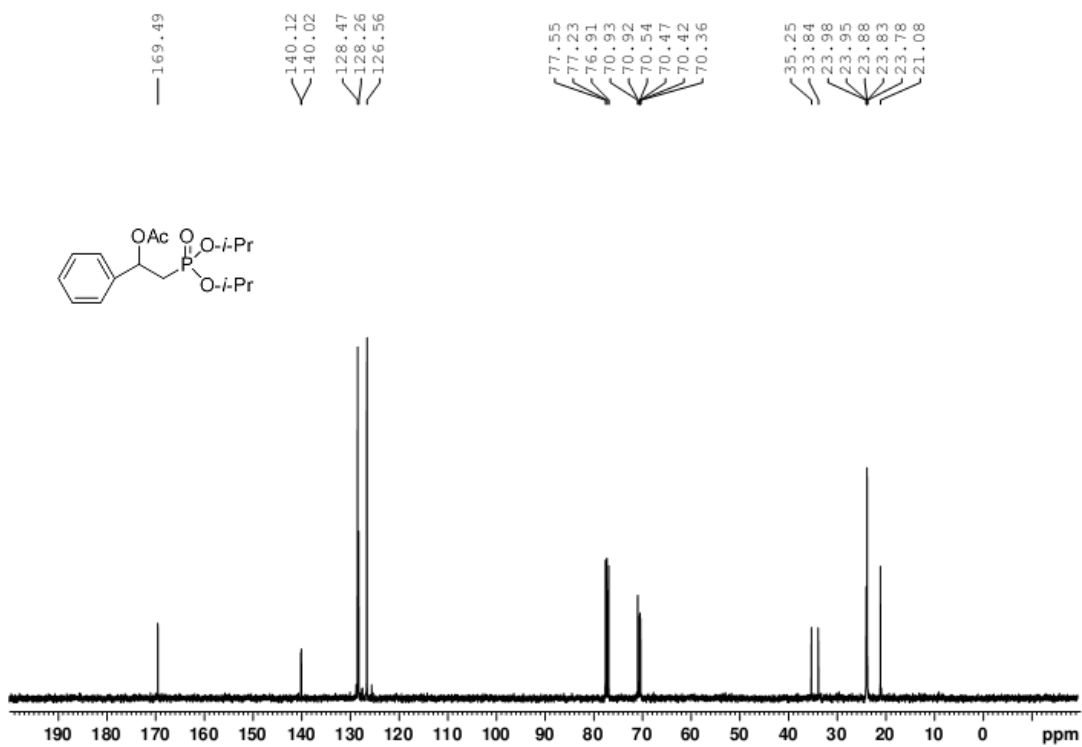
An oven-dried Schlenk tube containing $\text{Mn}(\text{OAc})_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.5 mmol, 402 mg) was evacuated and purged with nitrogen three times. *N,N*-Diallyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (0.50 mmol, 126 mg), *H*-phosphonate (1.0 mmol, 166 mg) and CH_3COOH (3 mL) were sequentially added to the system at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated with stirring at 60 °C for 8 hours. The reaction was evaporated and the residue was subjected to silica gel column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/EtOAc (1/1), to give **8** (colourless oil; 100 mg, 48% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 7.70 (d, 2H, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.31 (d, 2H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 4.68 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.47 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.0$ Hz, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 3.32 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.7$ Hz, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 3.08 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.36 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.86 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.26 (m, 12H), 0.74 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 143.5 (s), 134.2 (s), 129.8 (s), 127.6 (s), 70.6 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 70.45 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 54.6 (s), 51.5 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 36.7 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 36.1 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 25.8 (d, $J = 143.7$ Hz), 24.2 (m), 21.7 (s), 13.3 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) 27.9. HRMS-ESI: m/z found 440.1635 ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{32}\text{NNaO}_5\text{PS}^+$ calcd. 440.1637).

^{31}P NMR, ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra

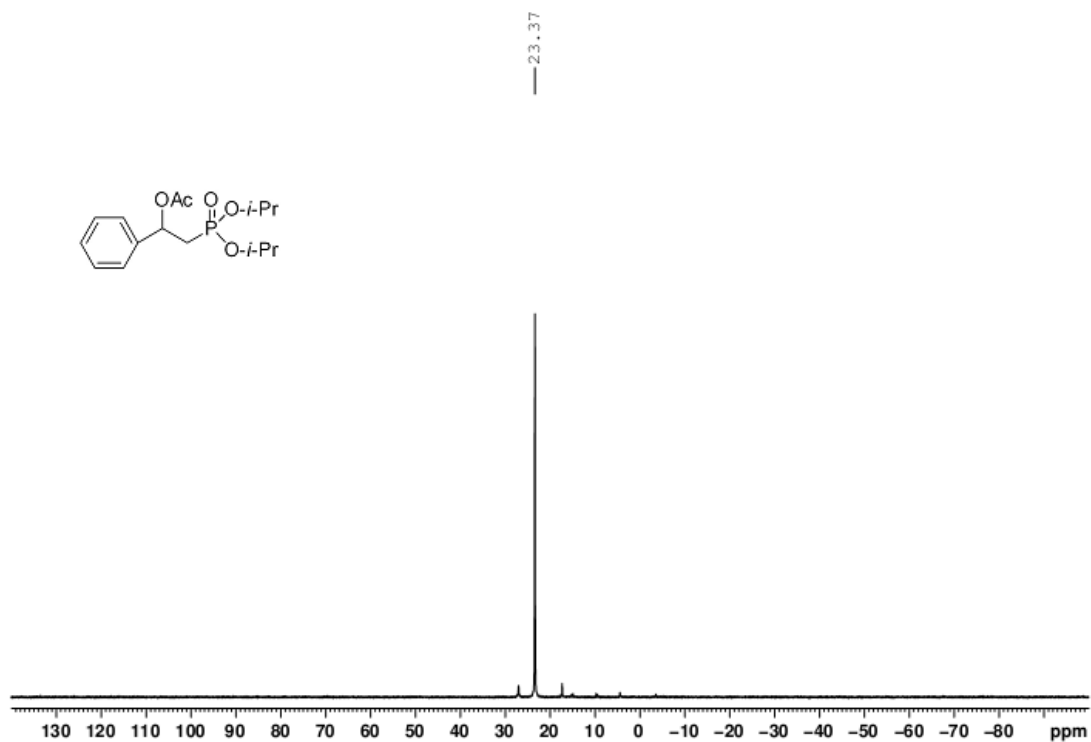
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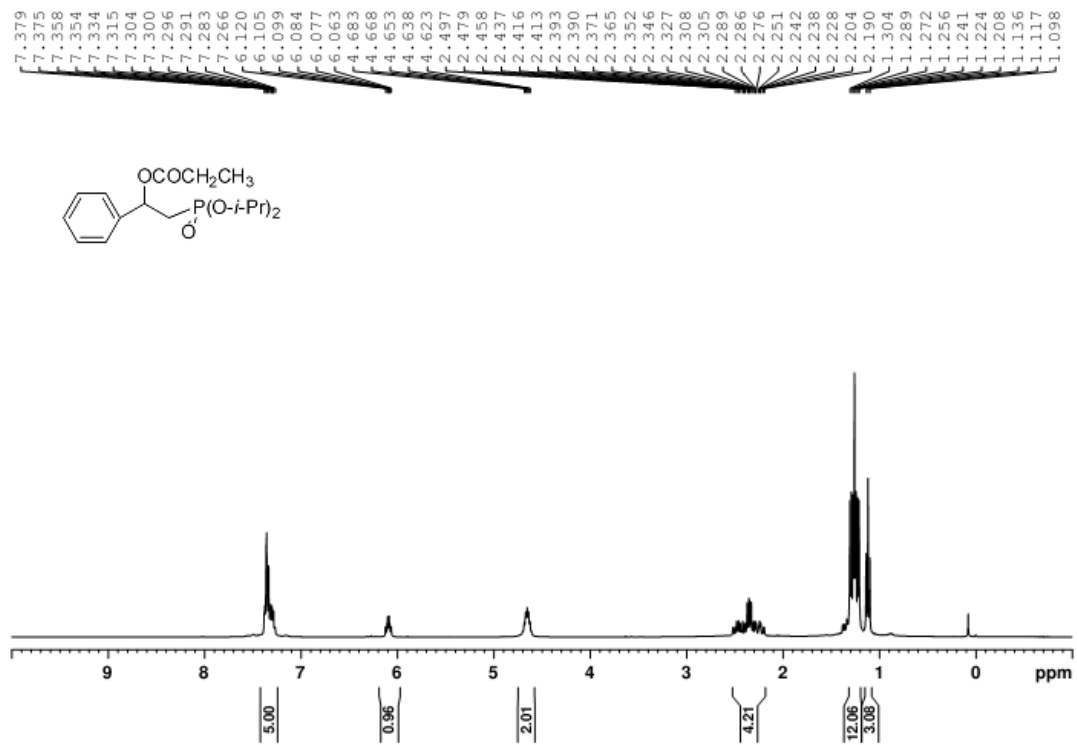
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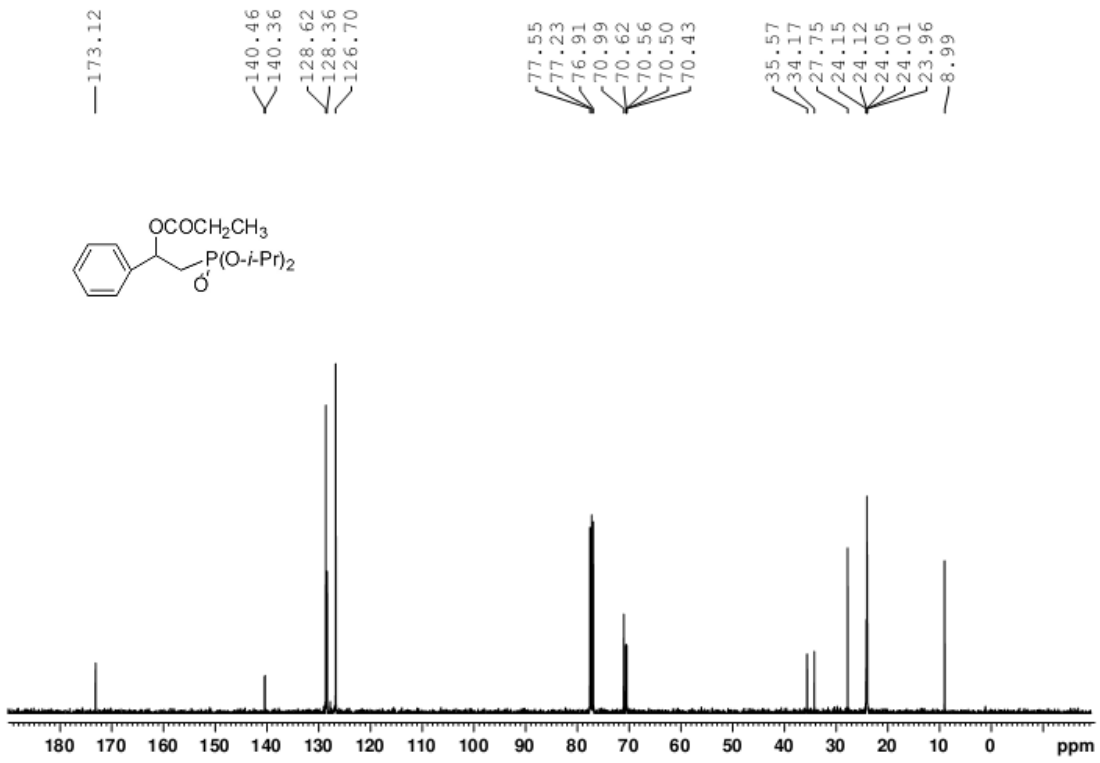
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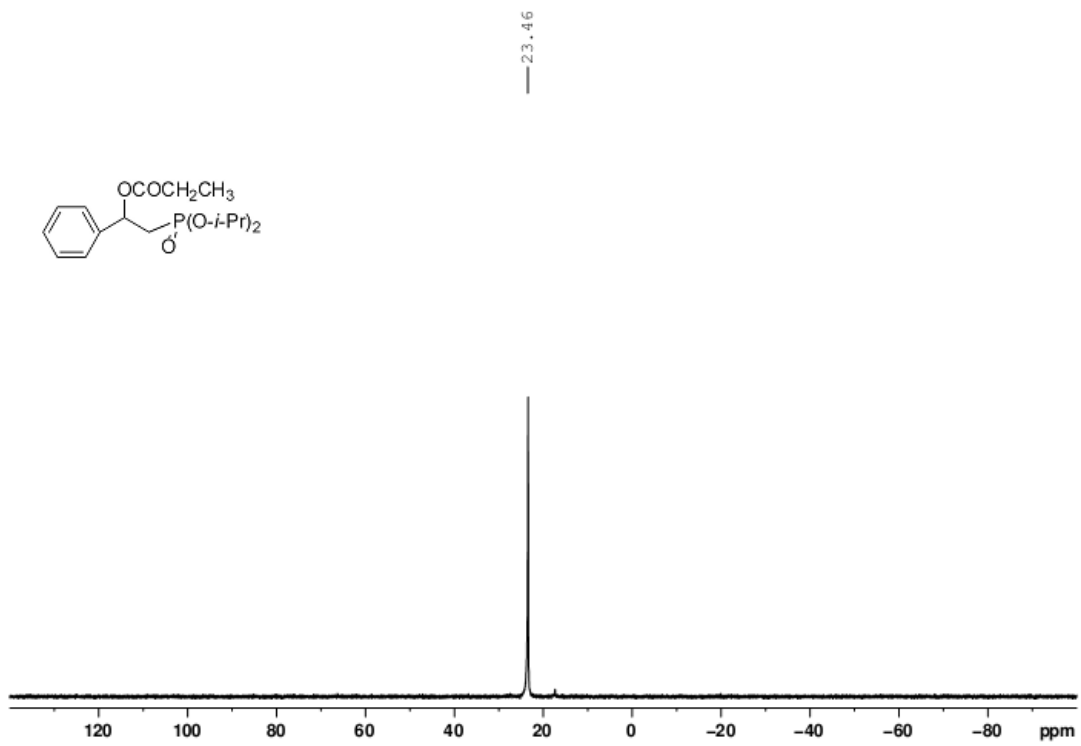
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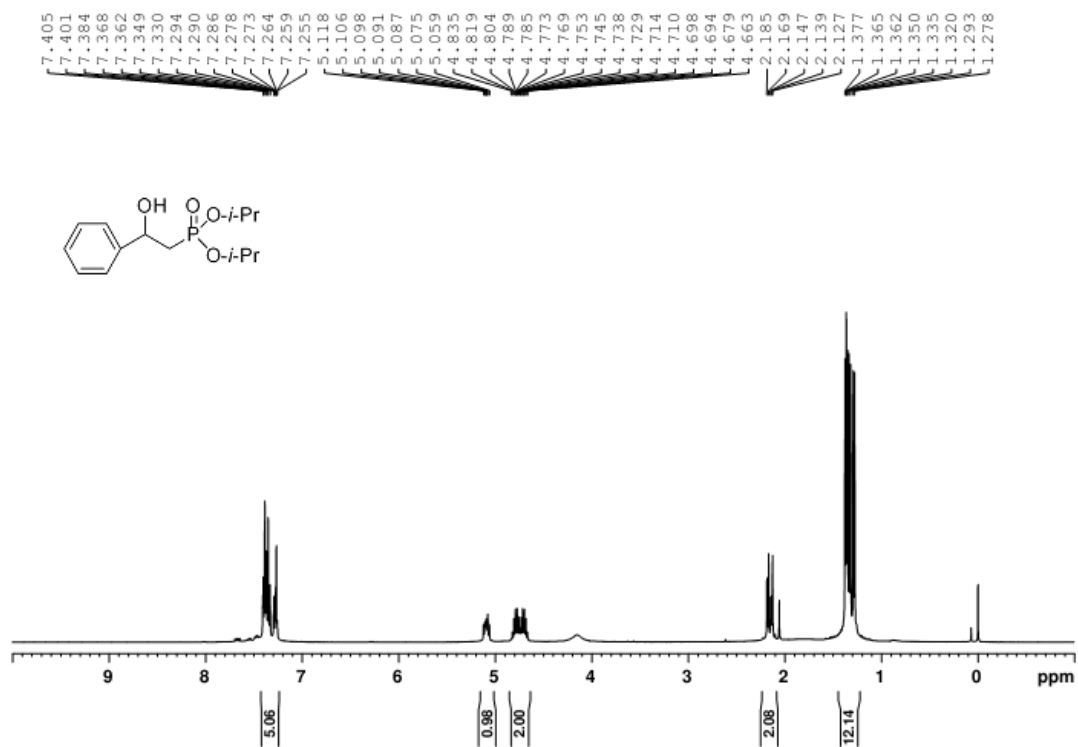
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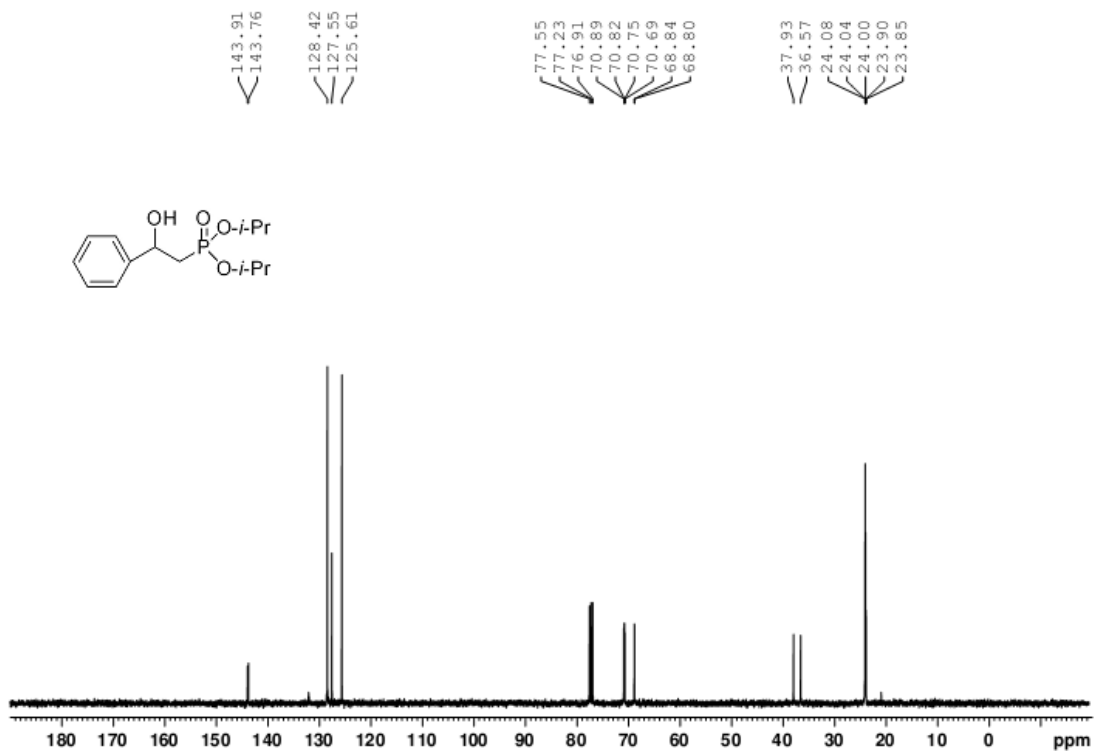
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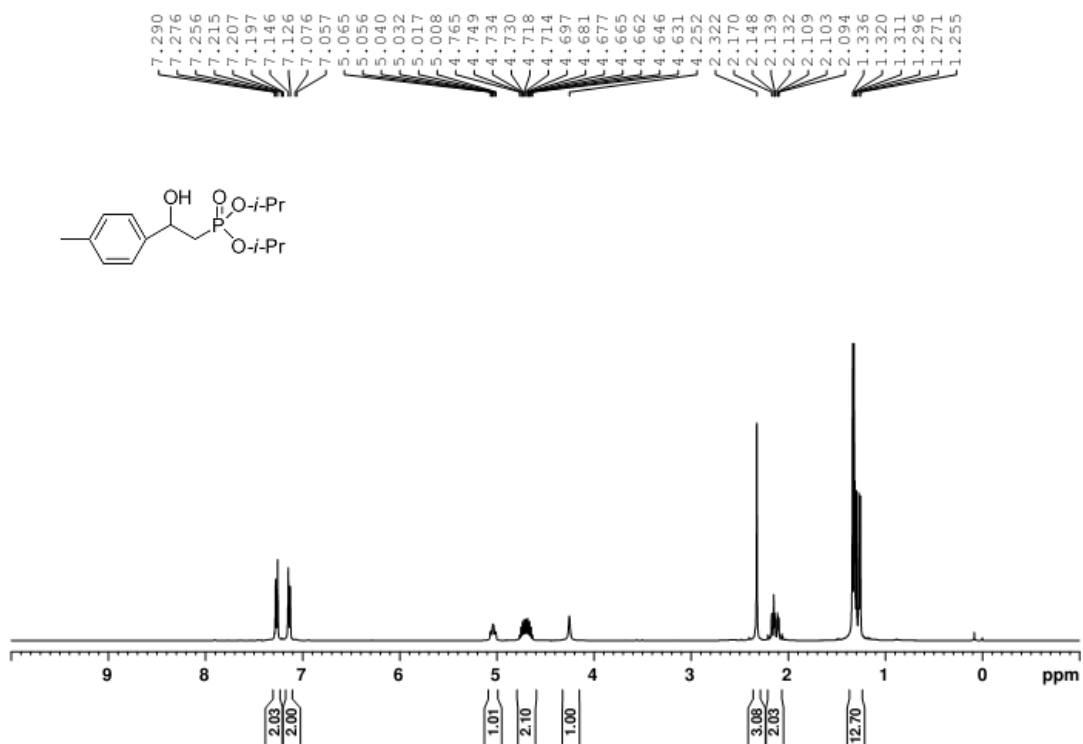
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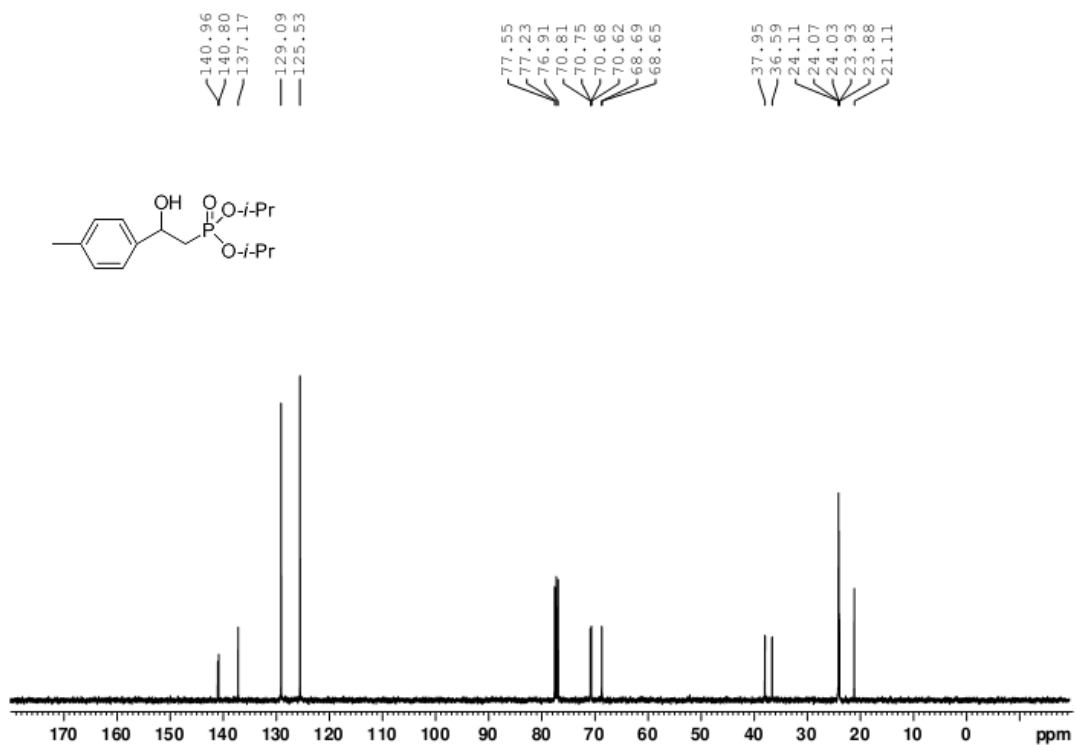
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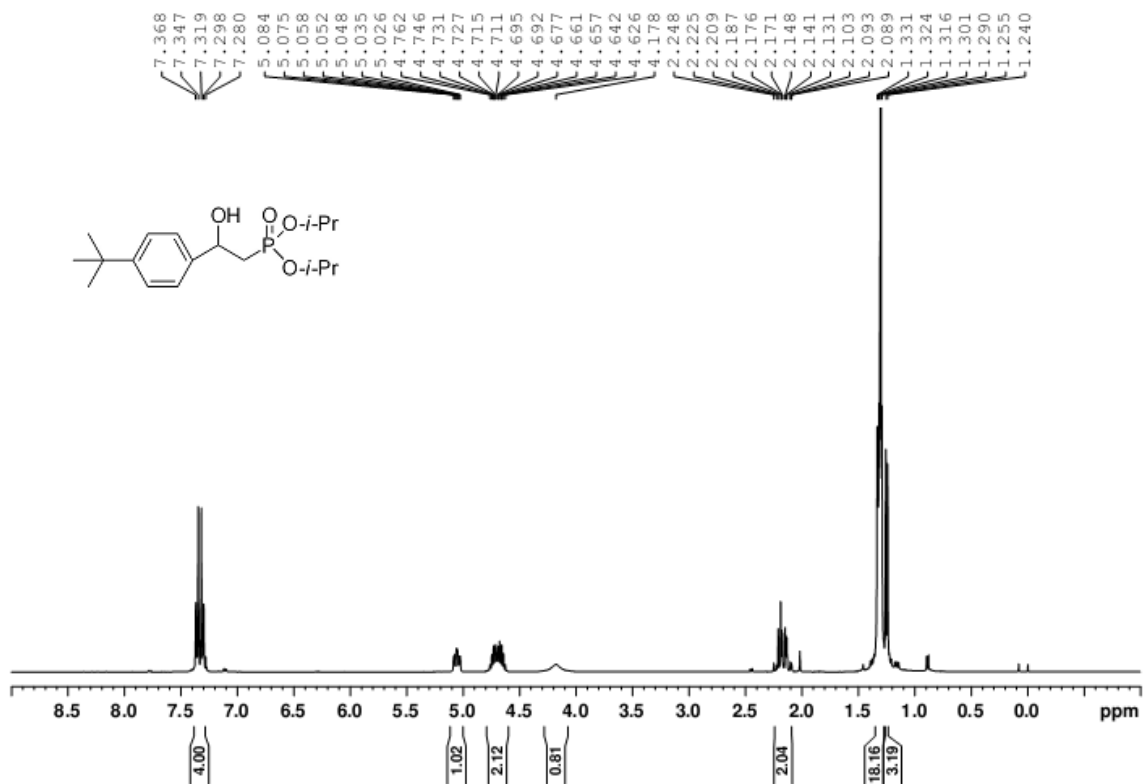
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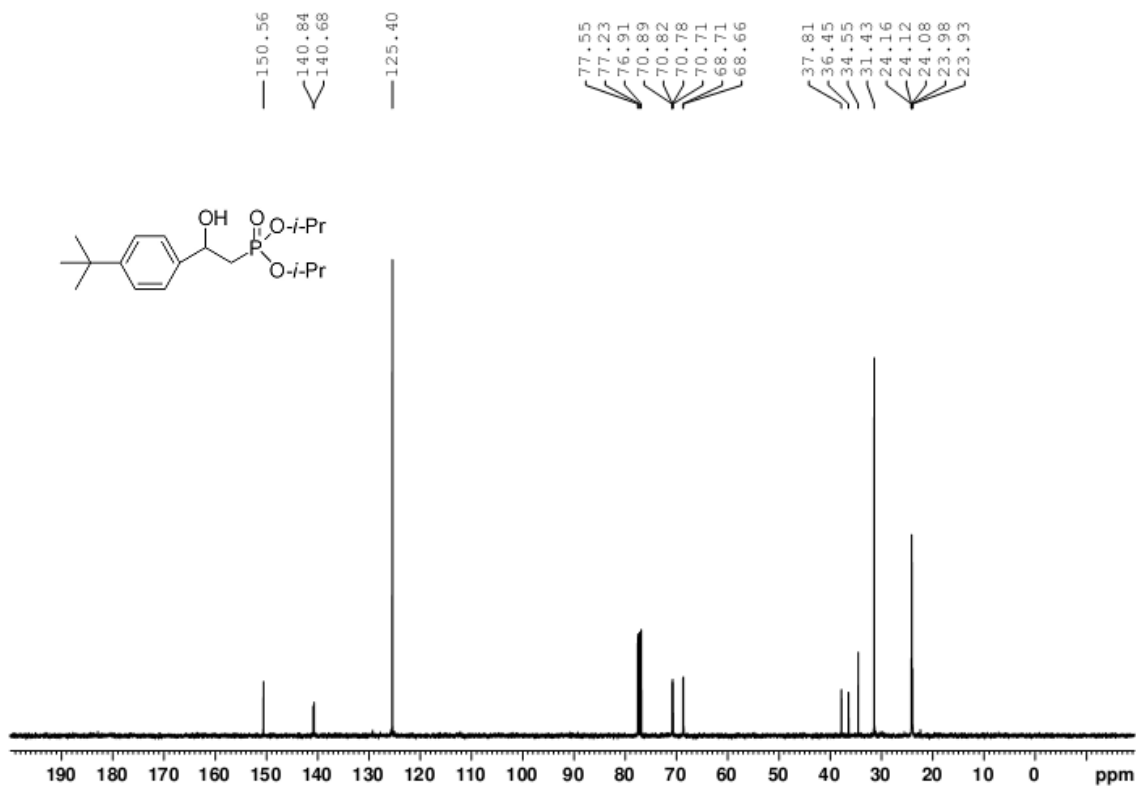
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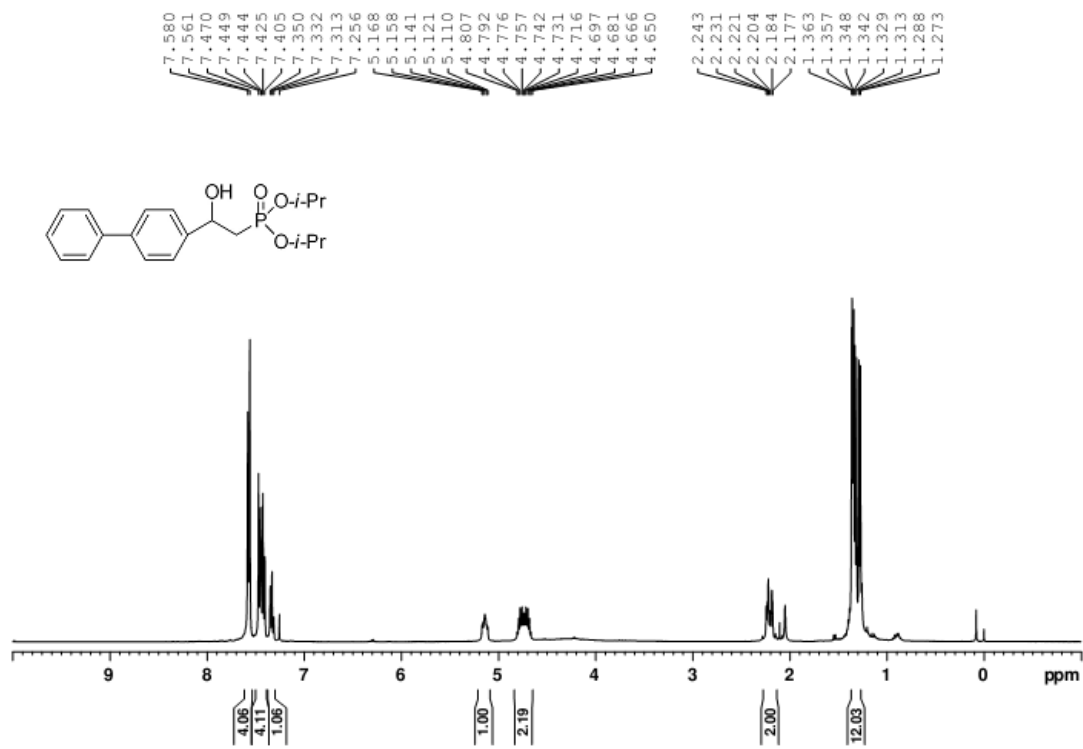
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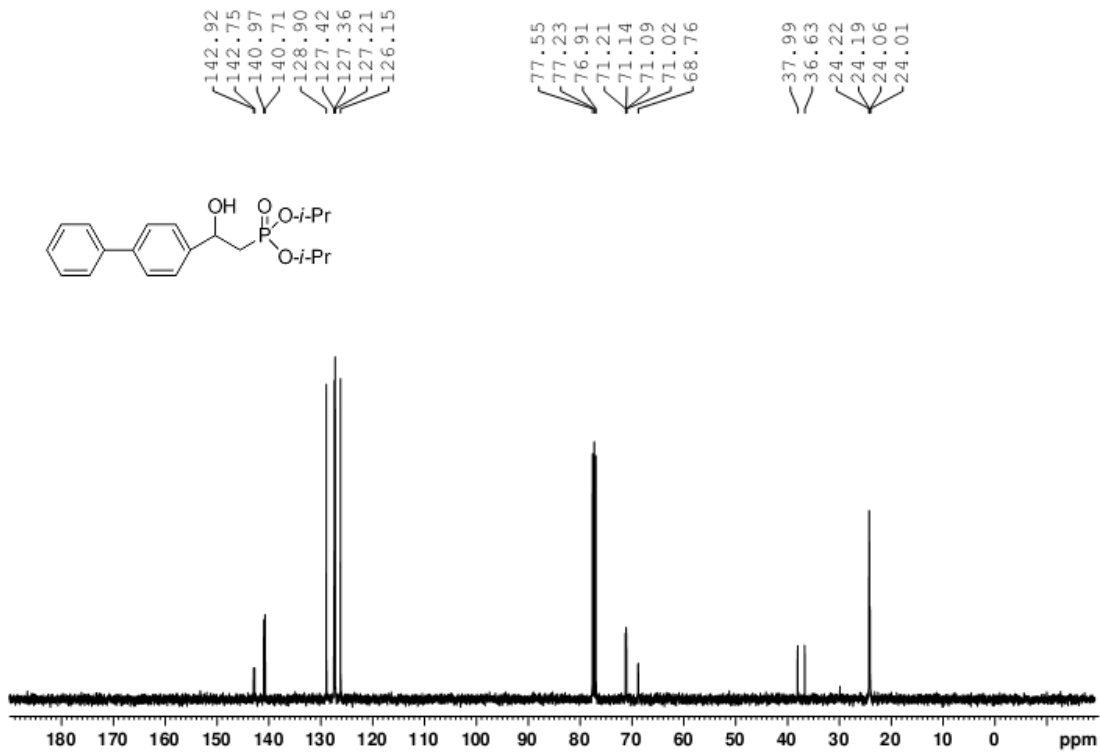
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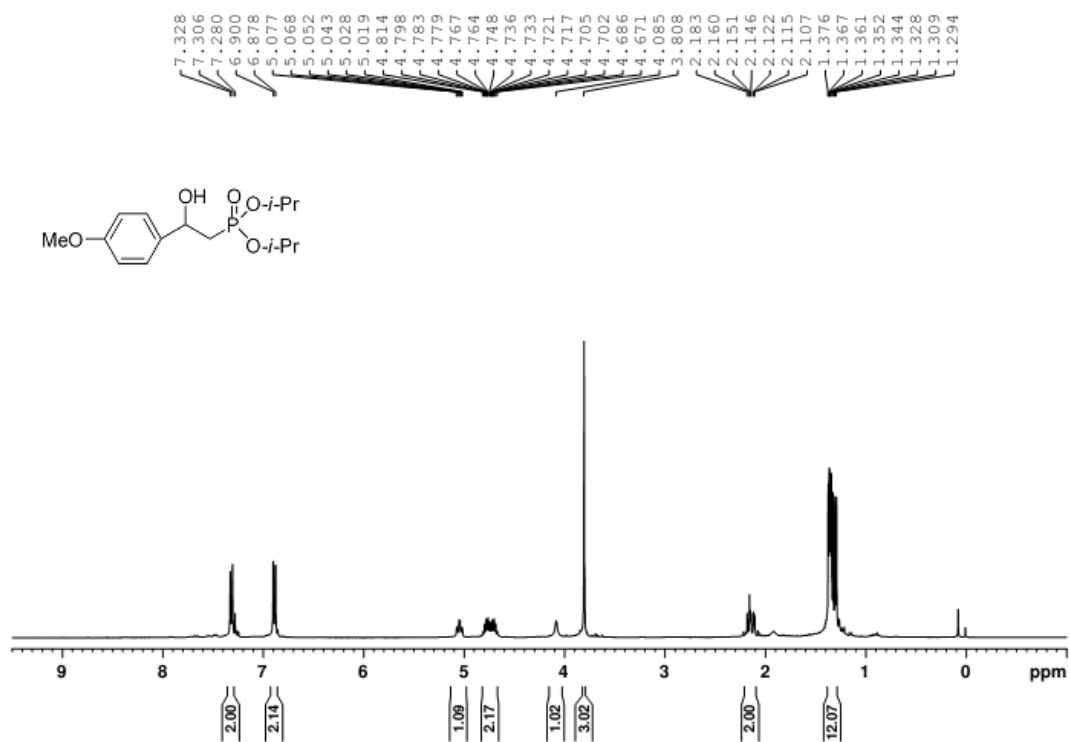
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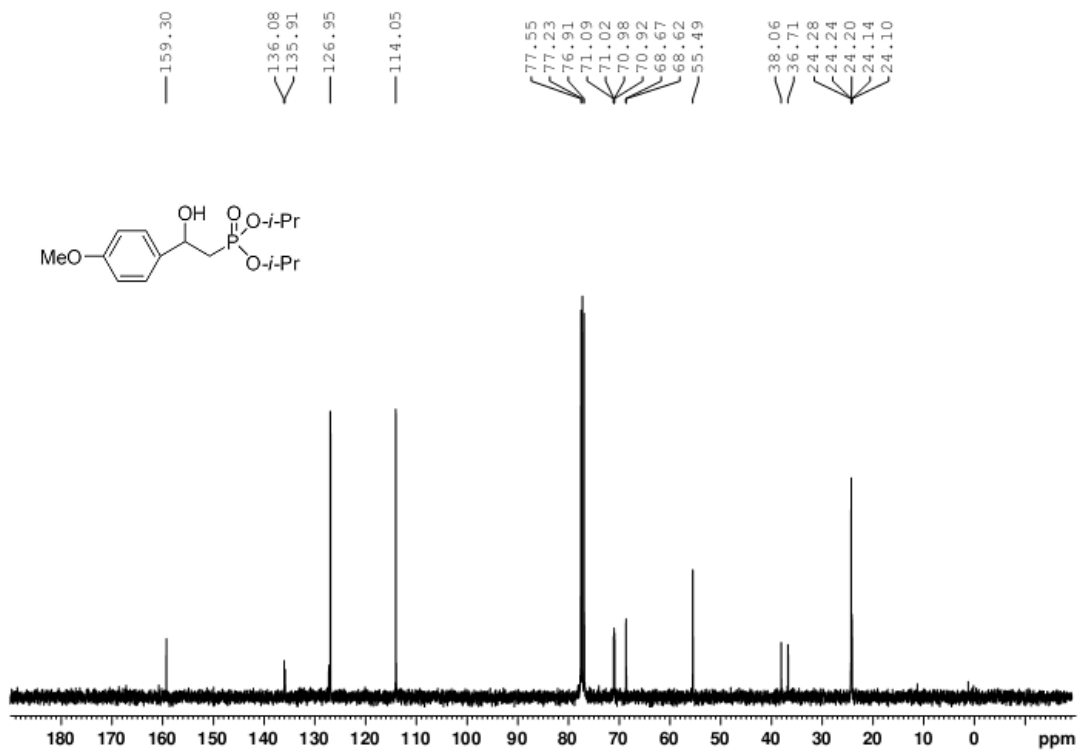
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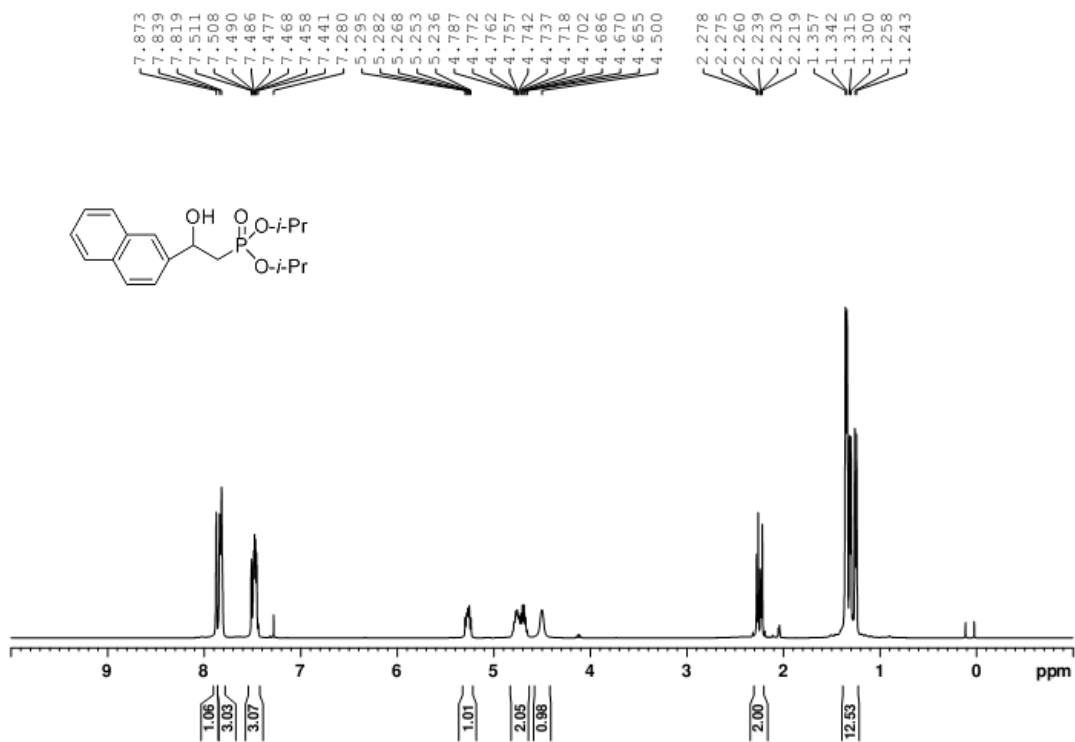
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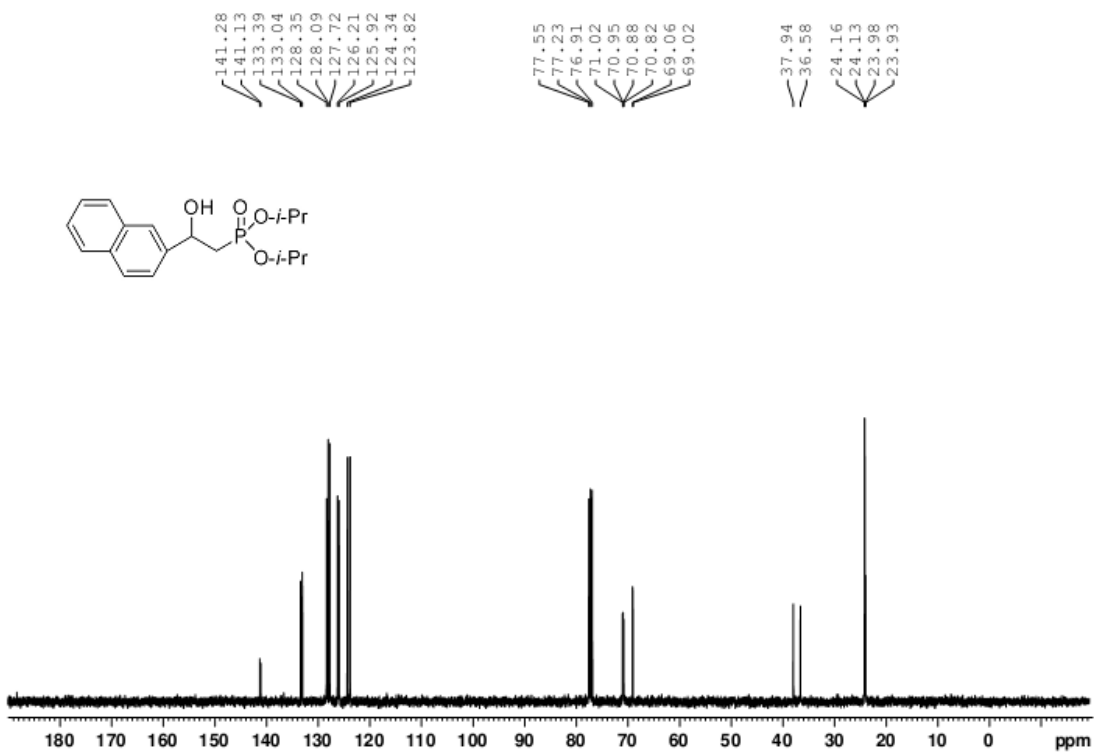
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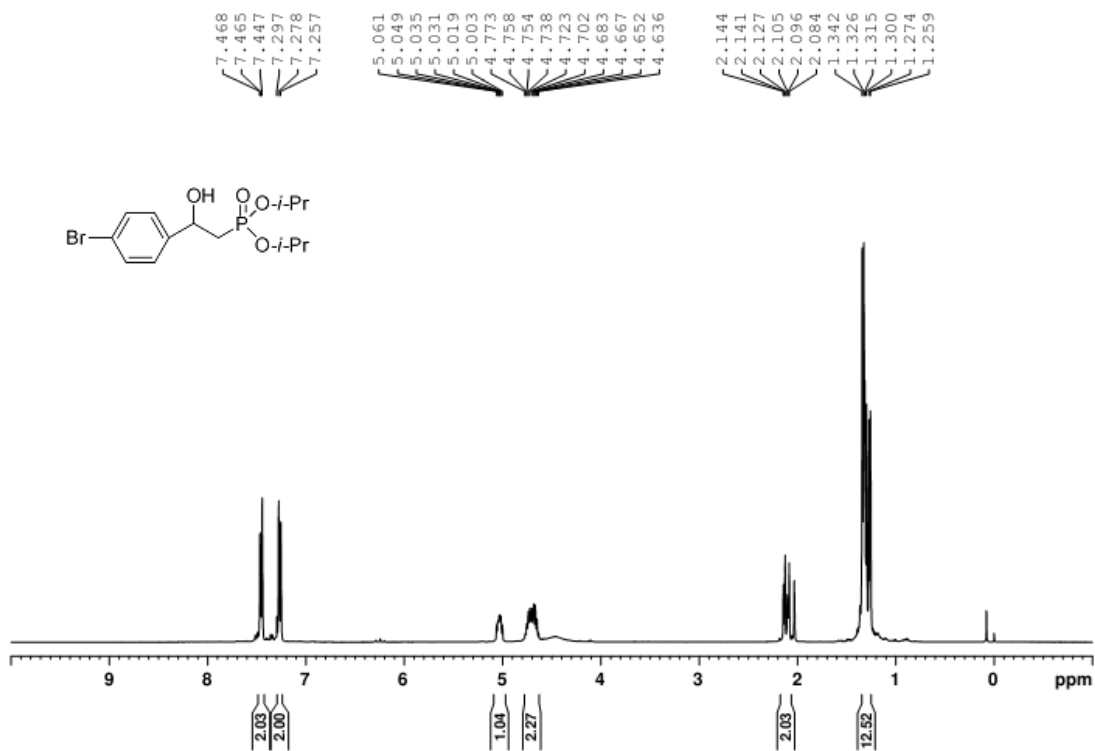
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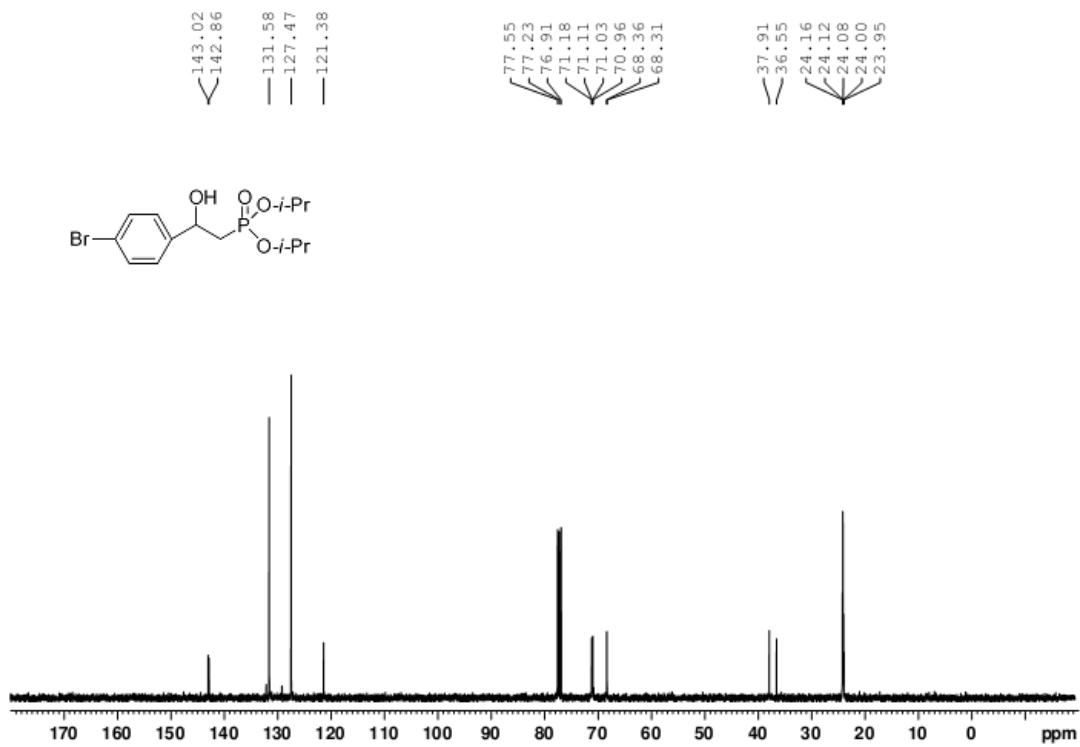
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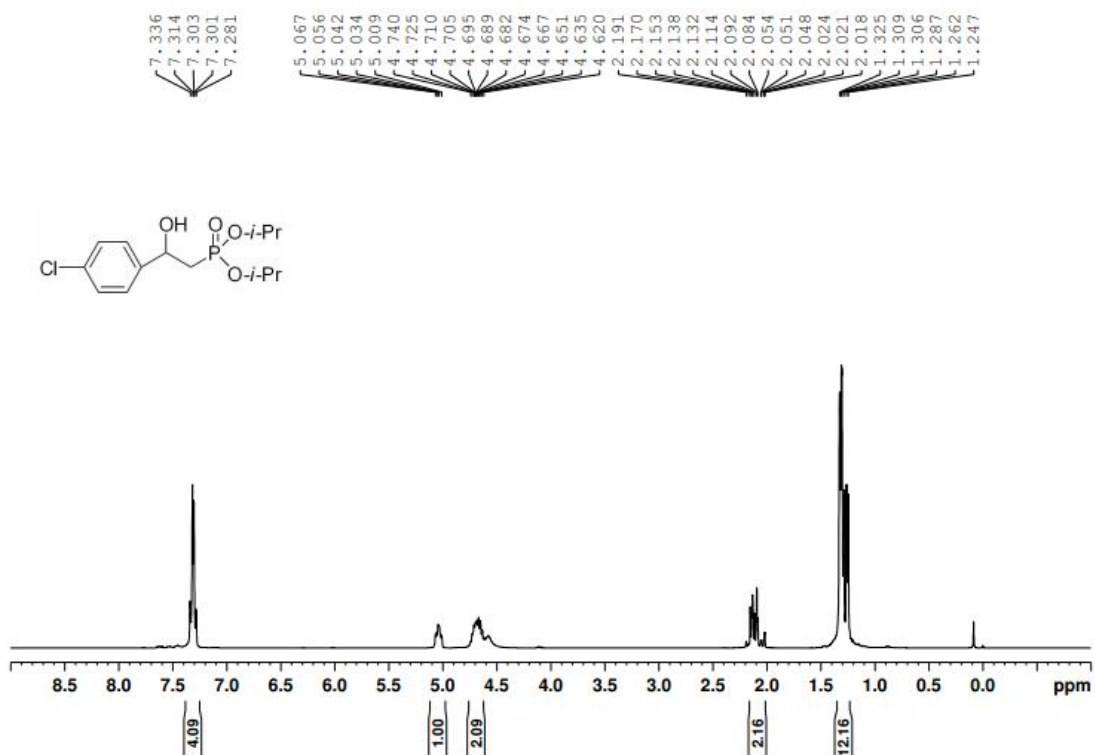
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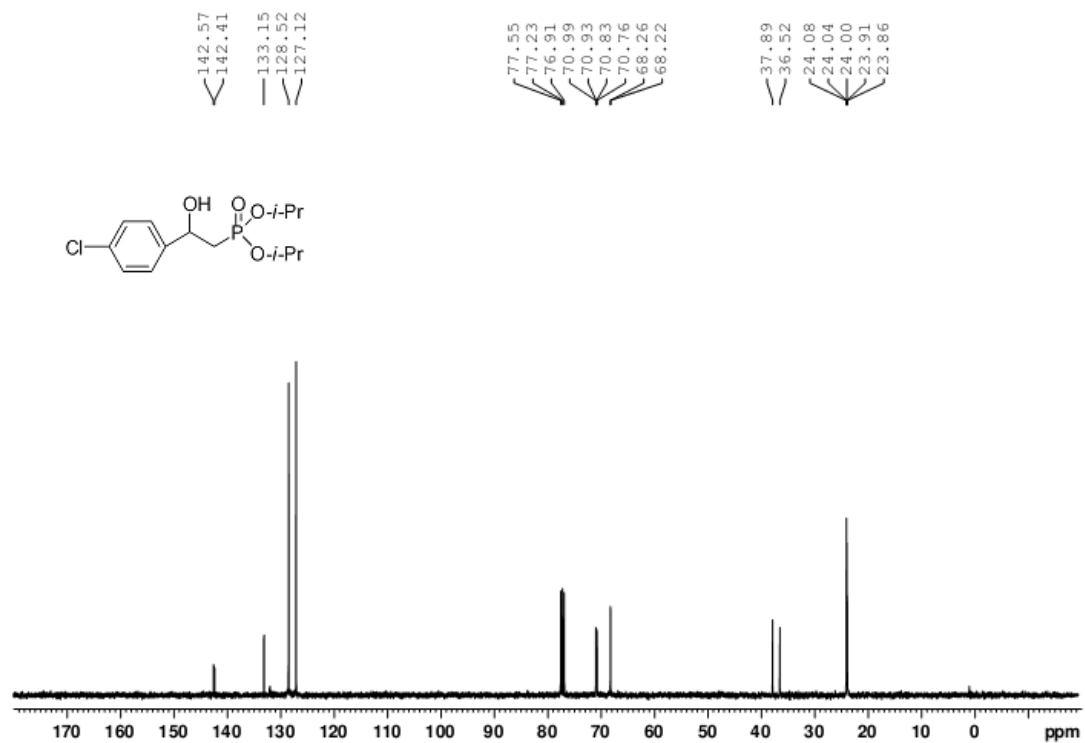
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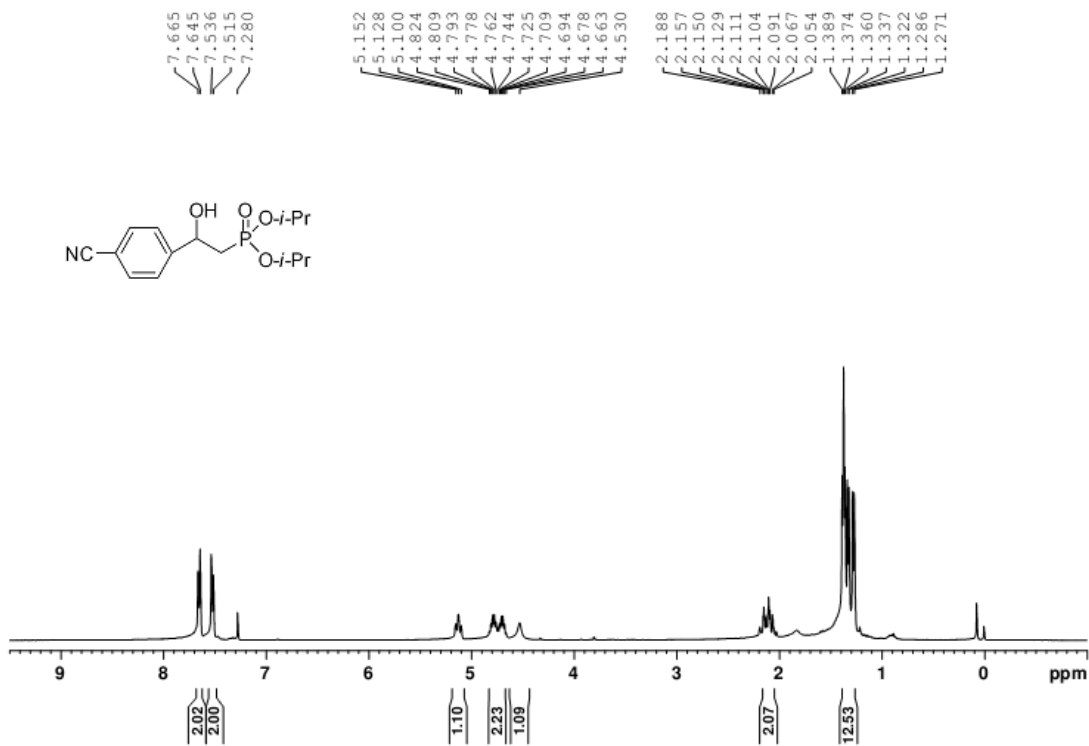
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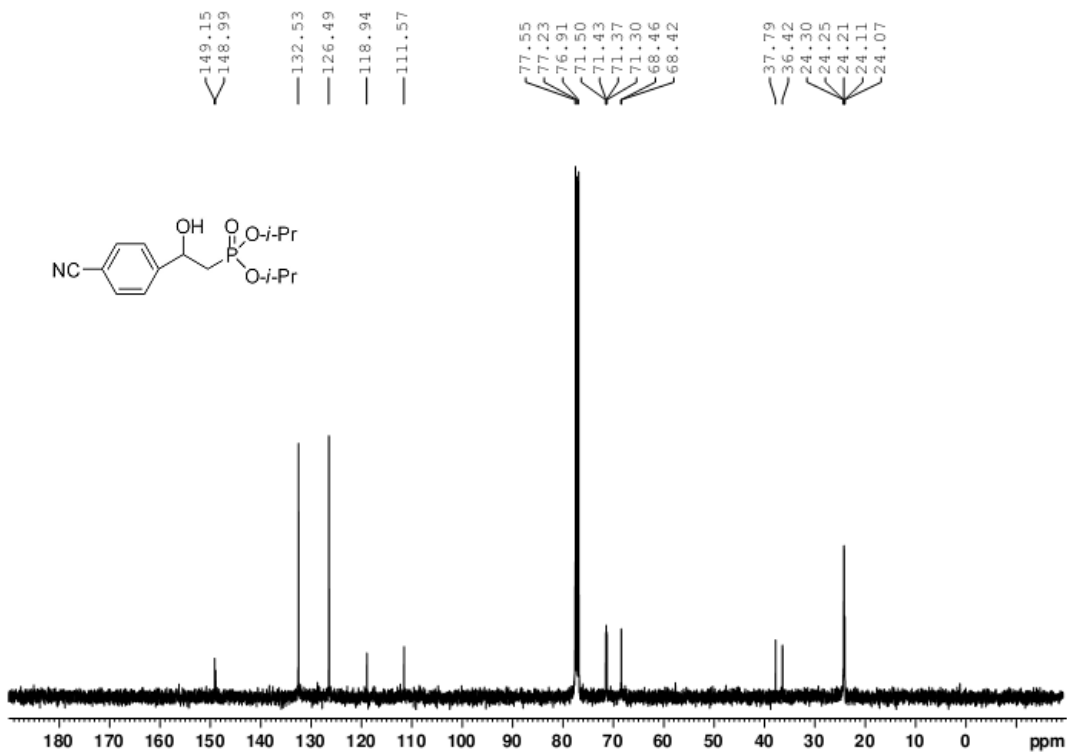
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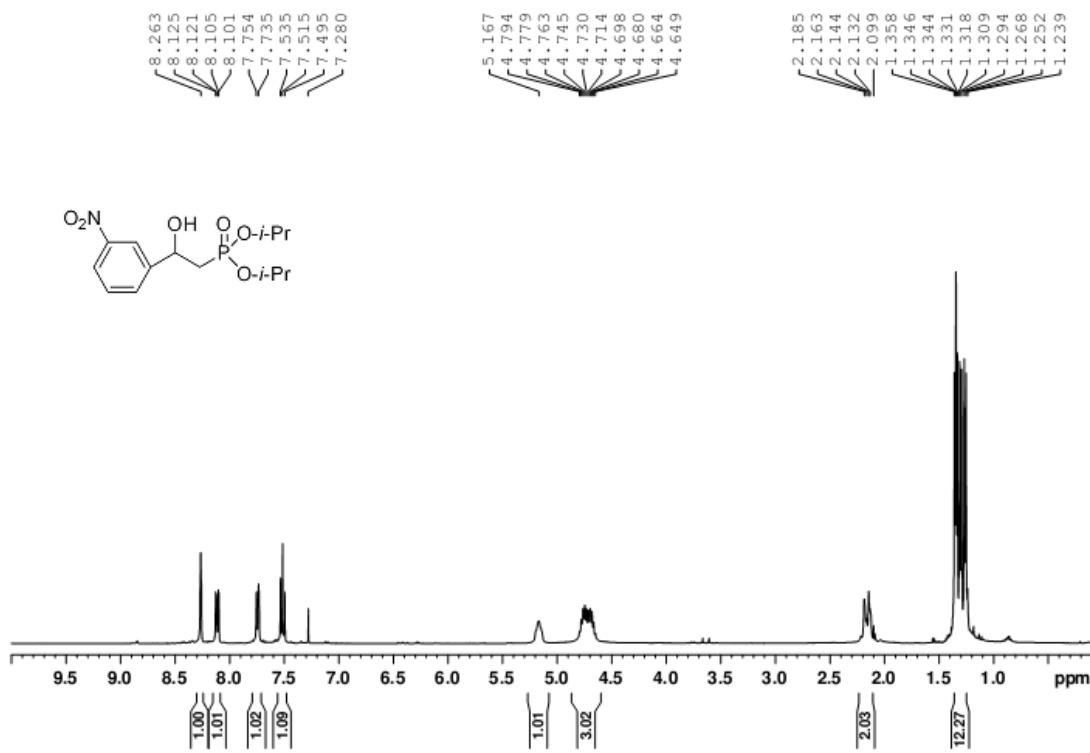
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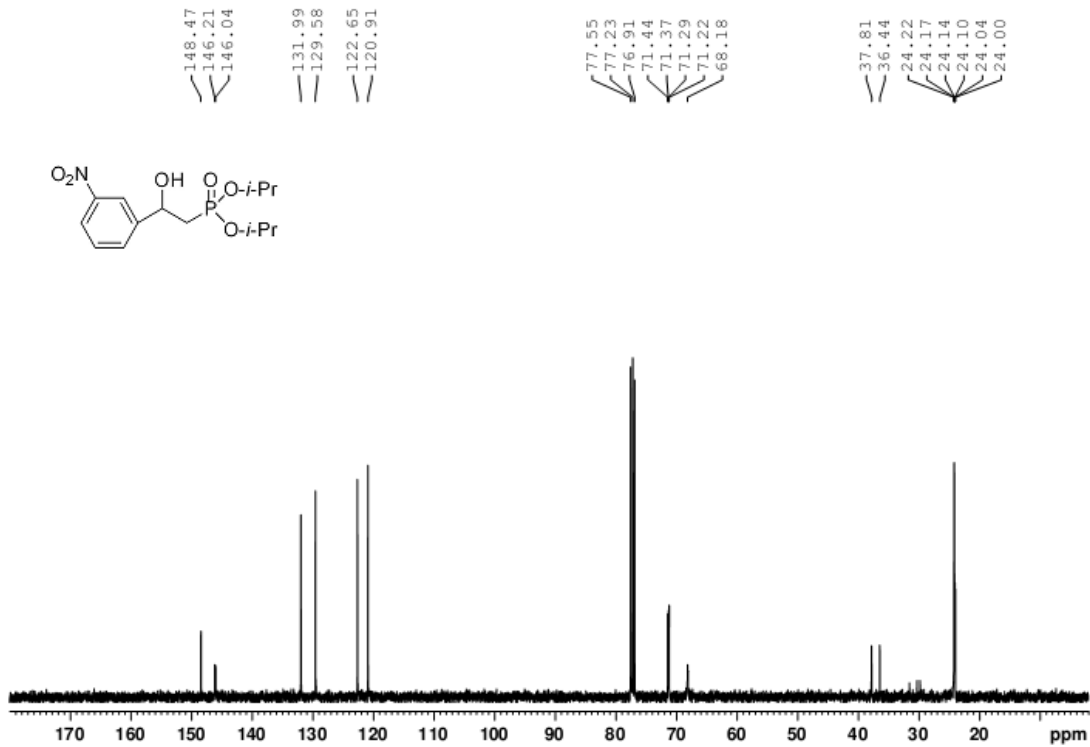
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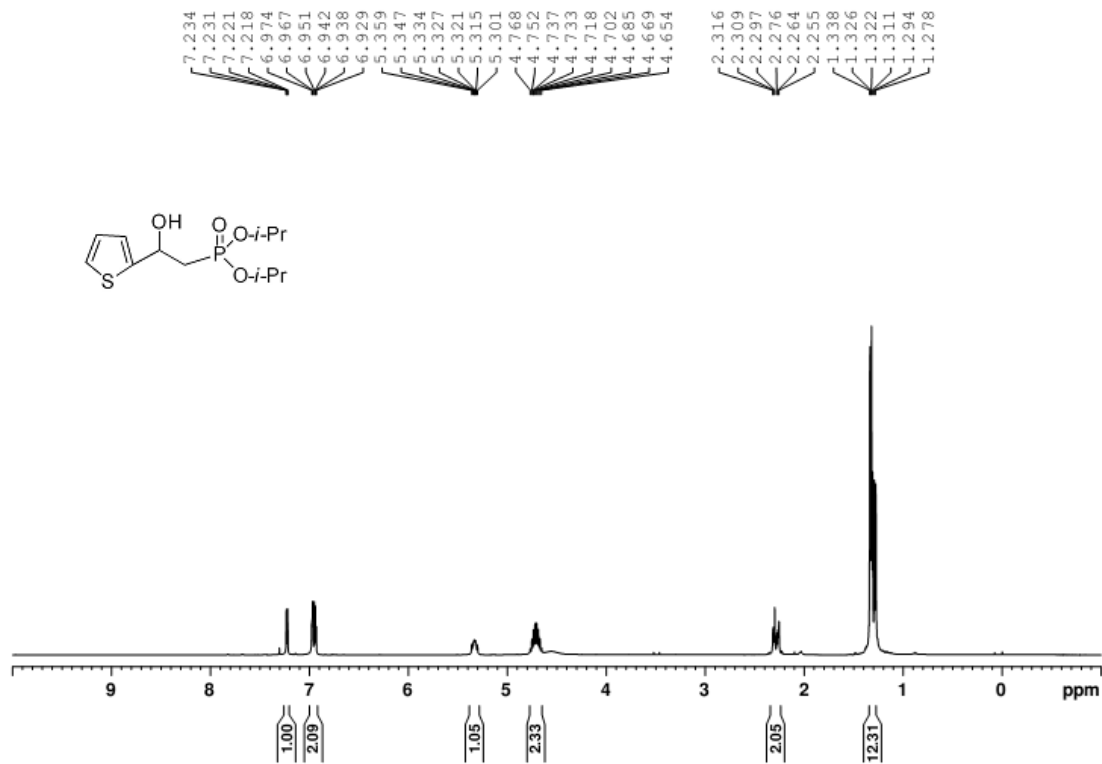
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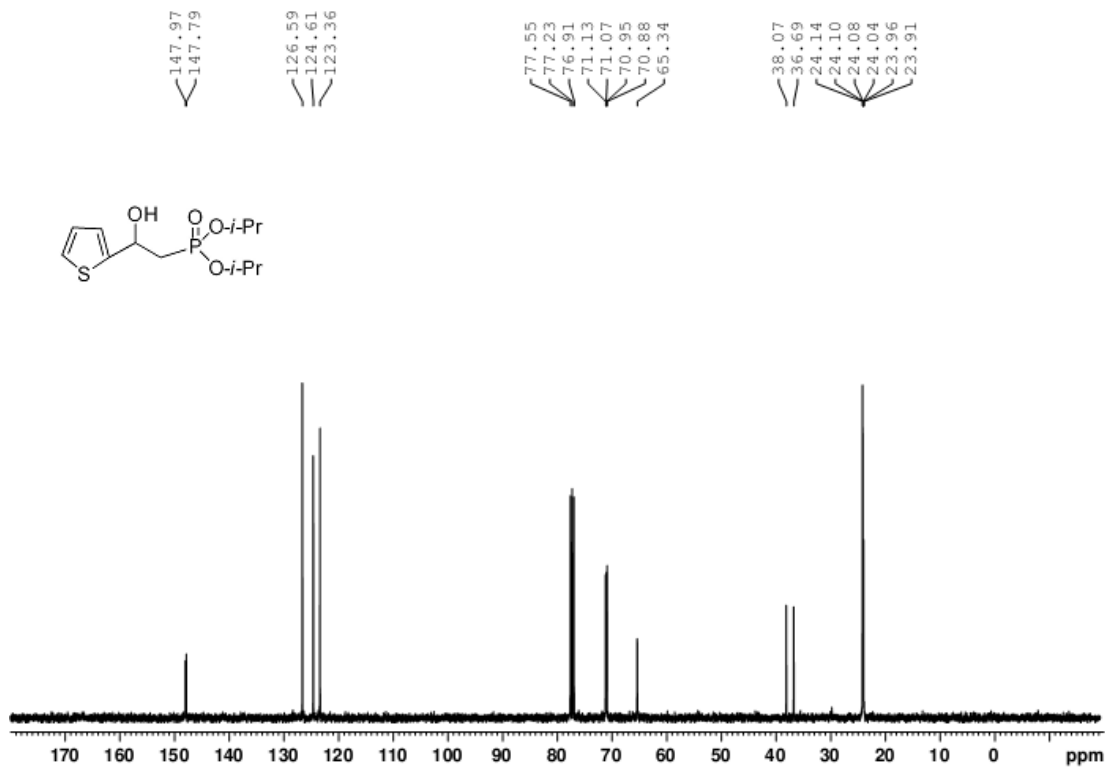
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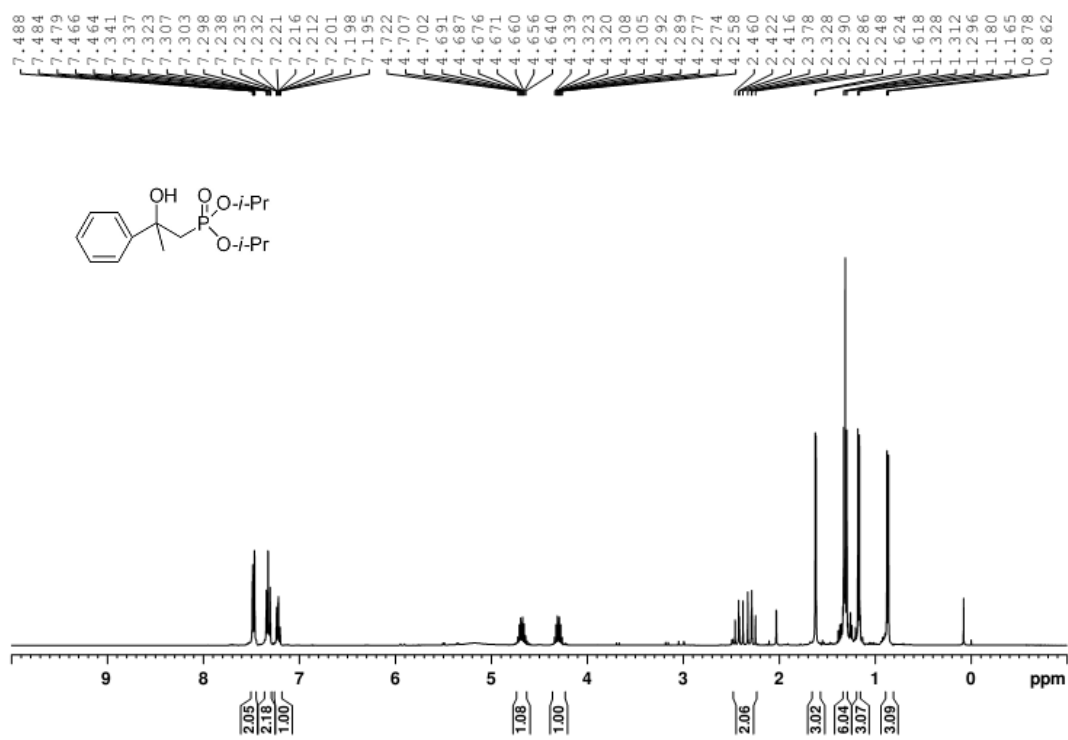
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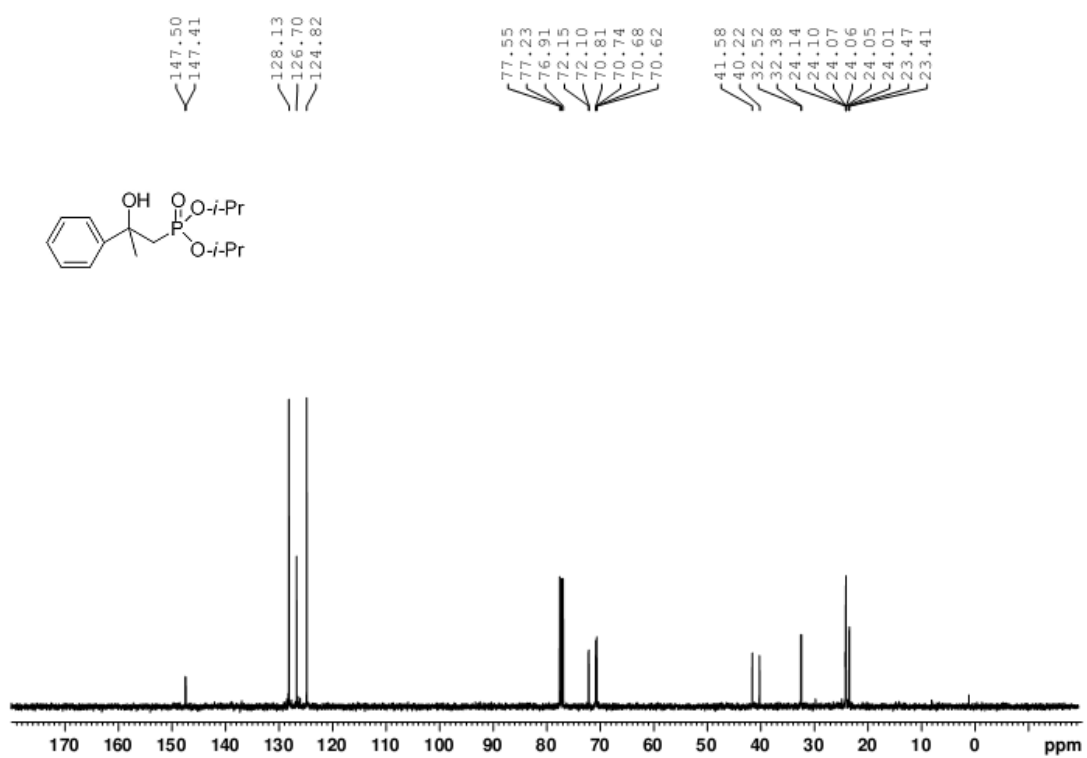
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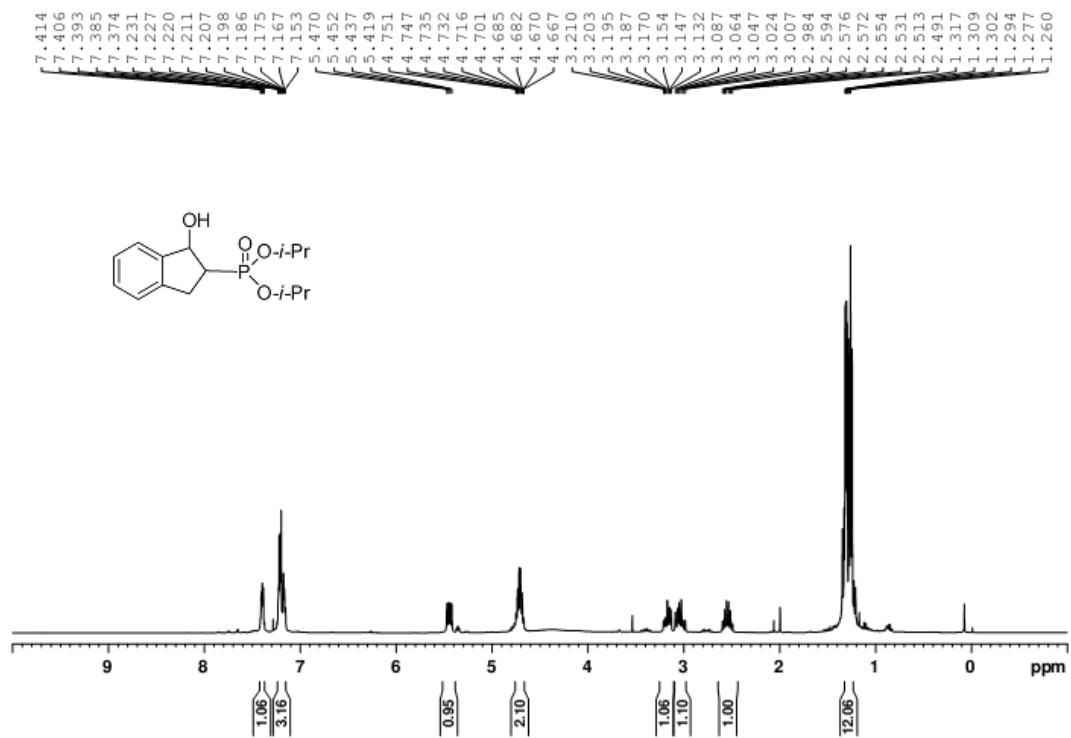
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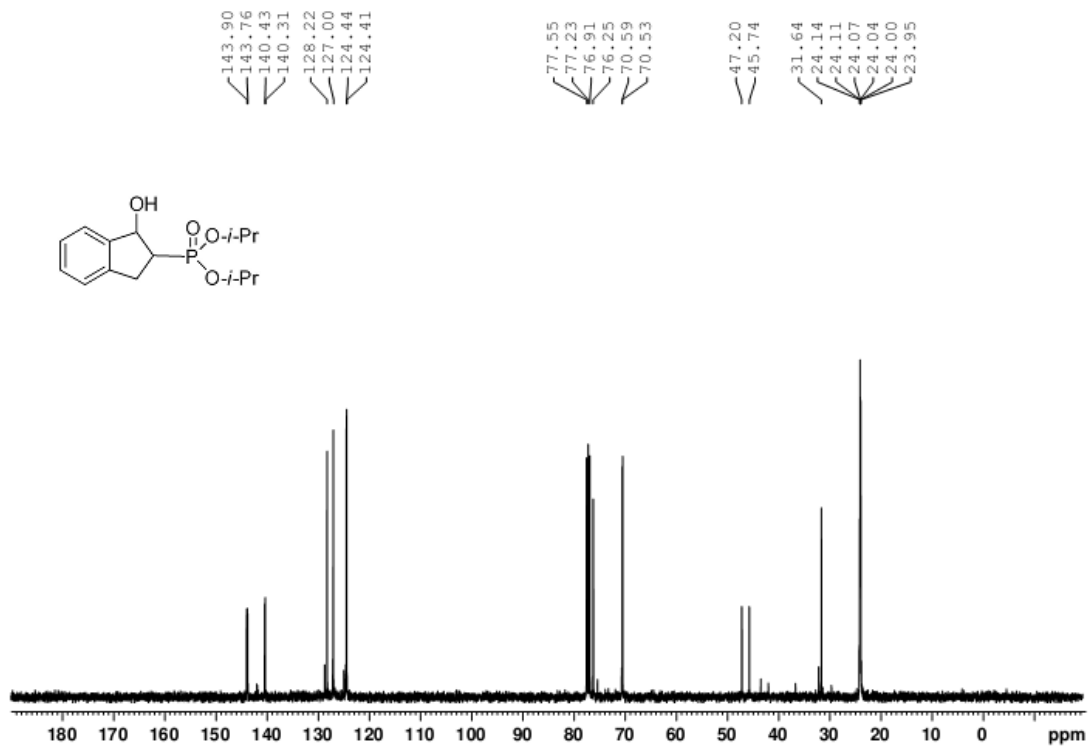
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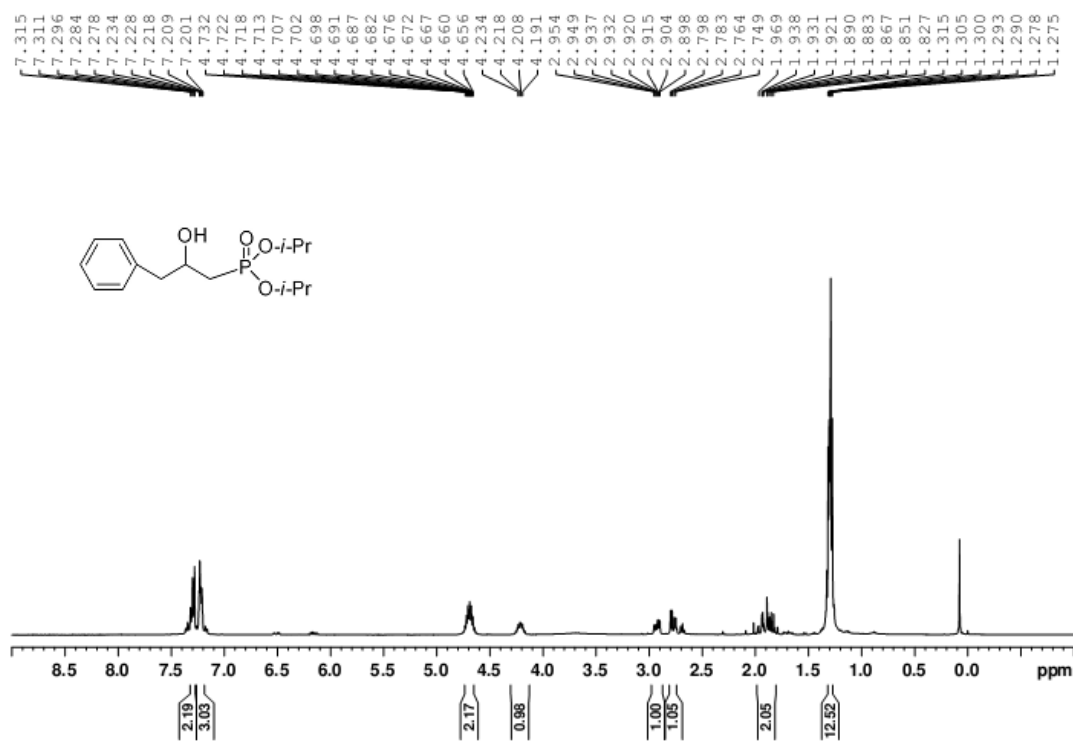
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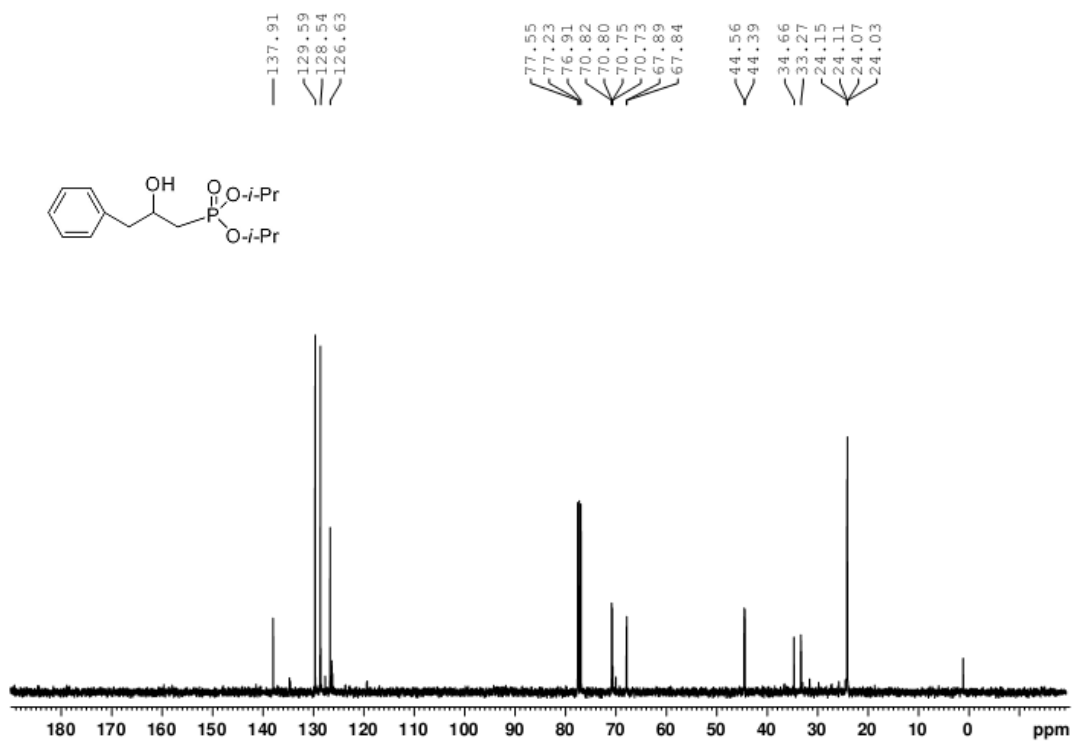
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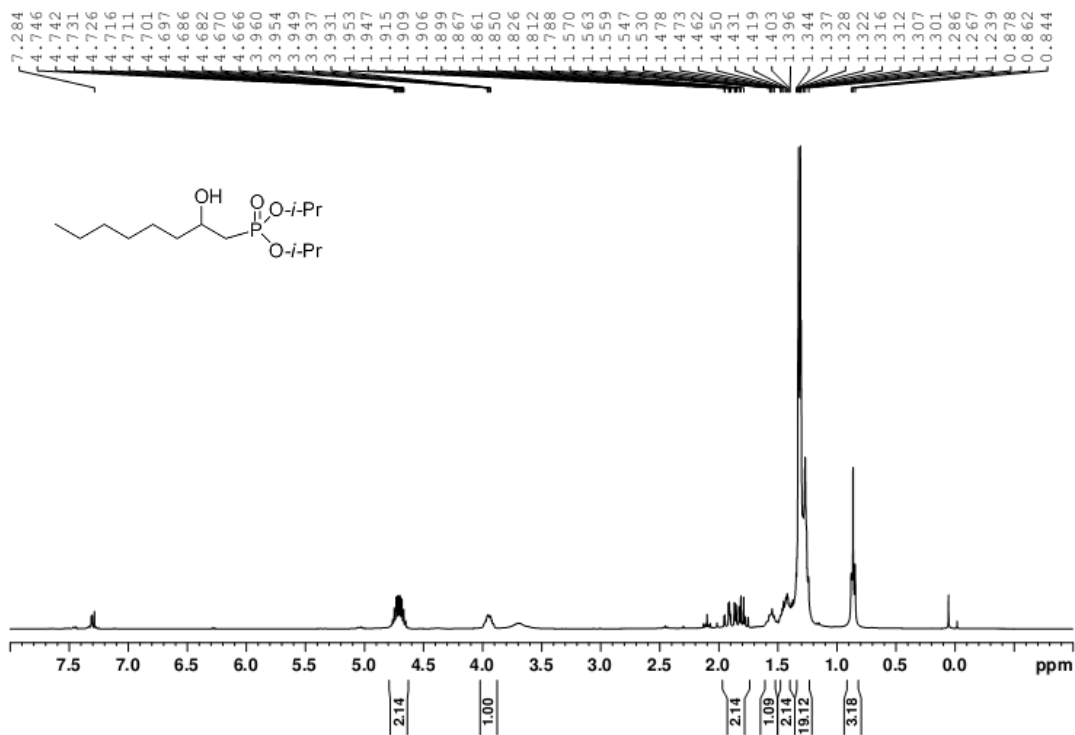
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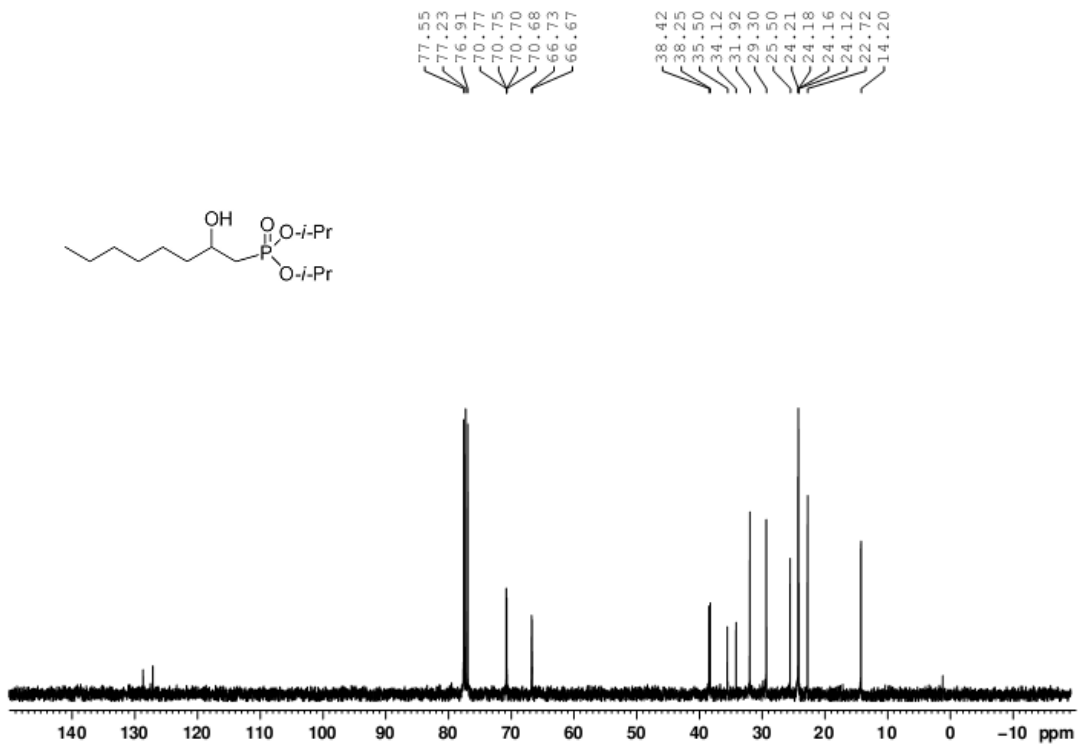
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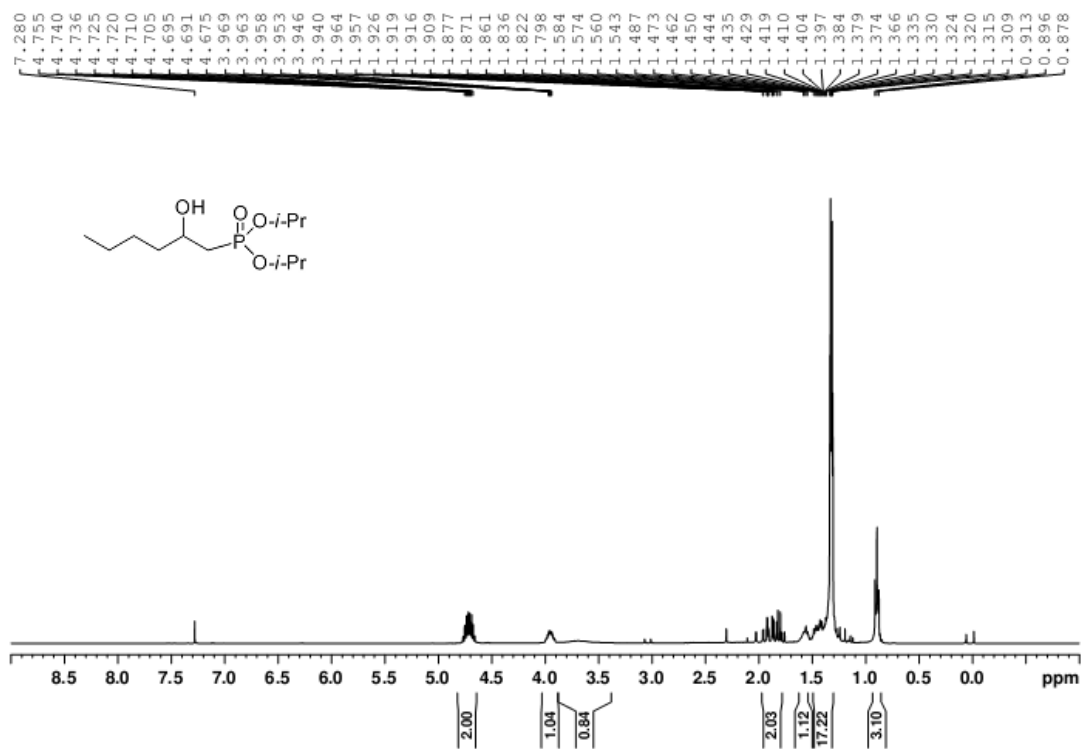
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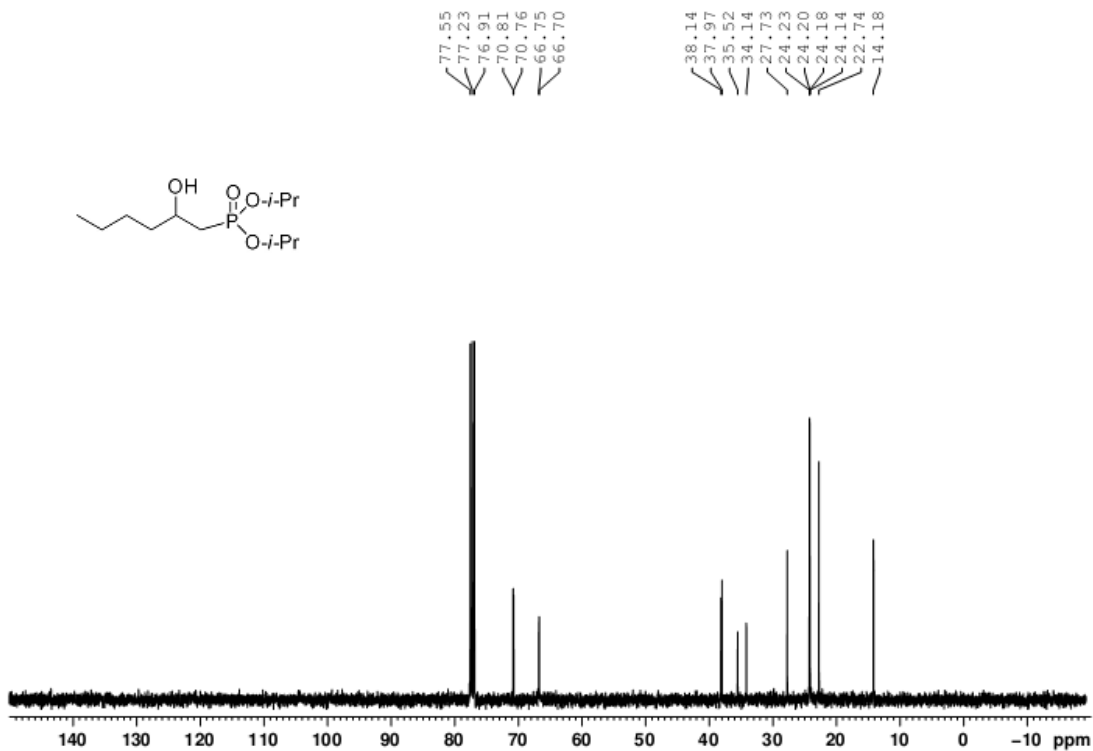
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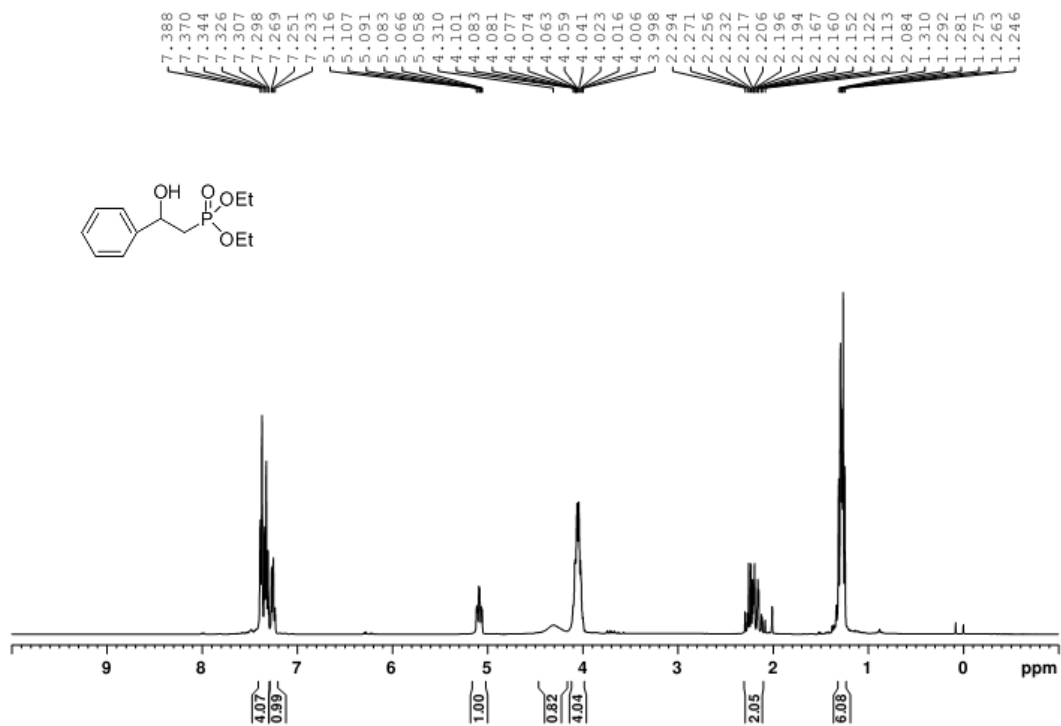
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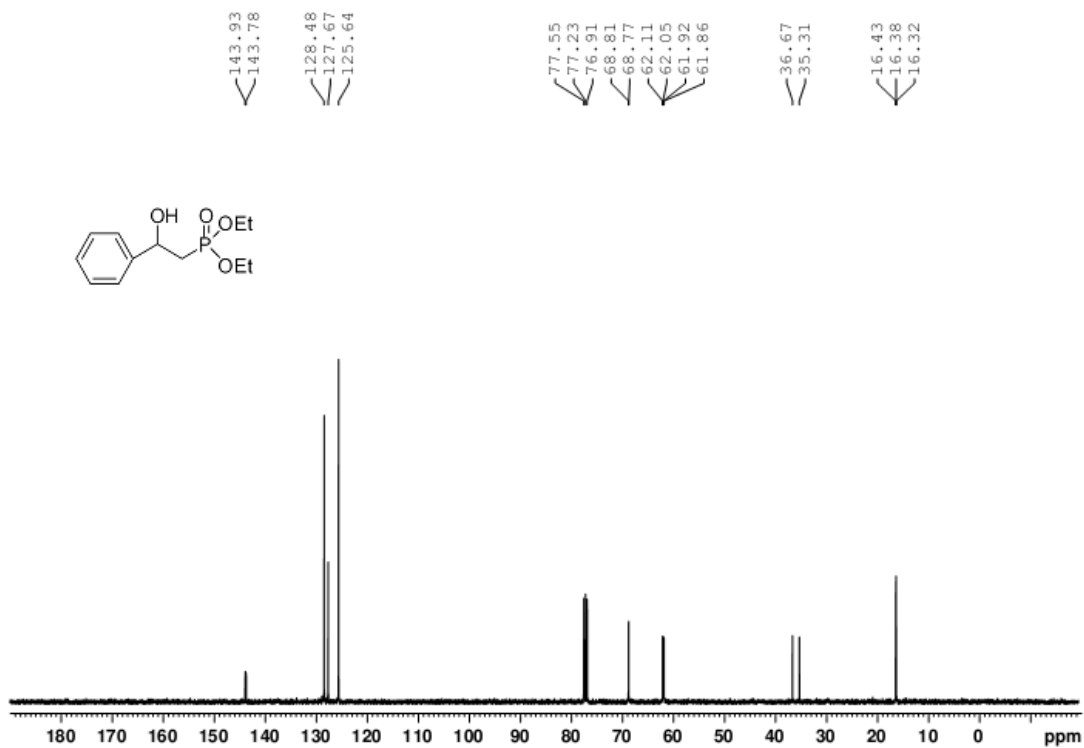
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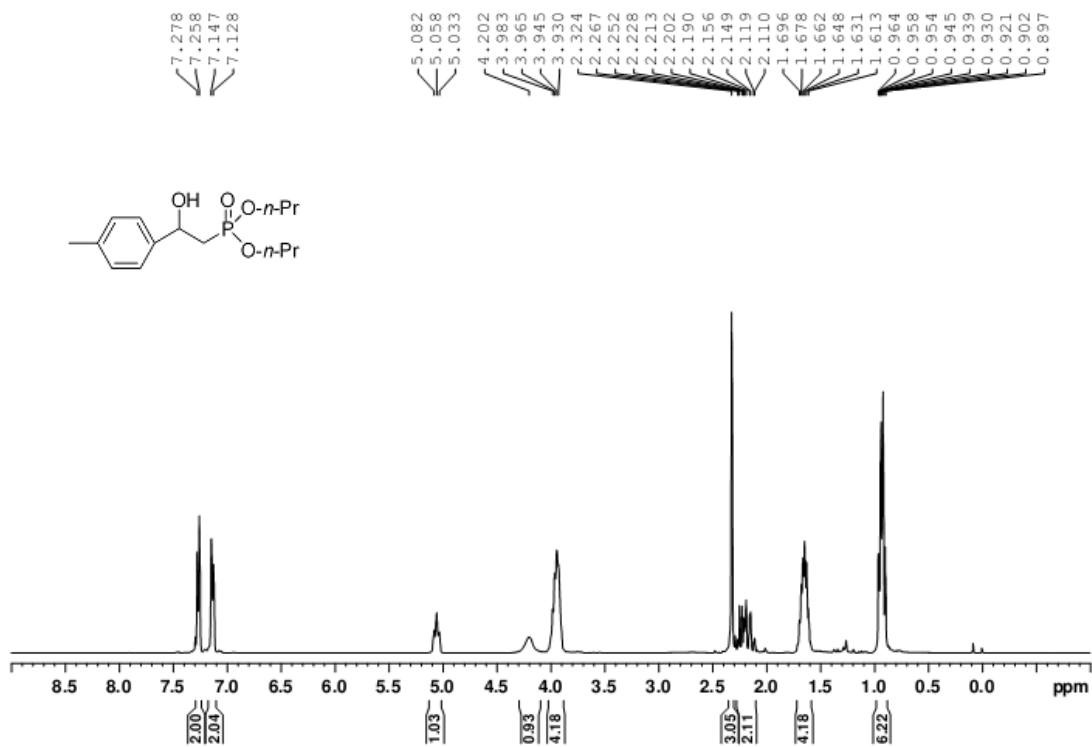
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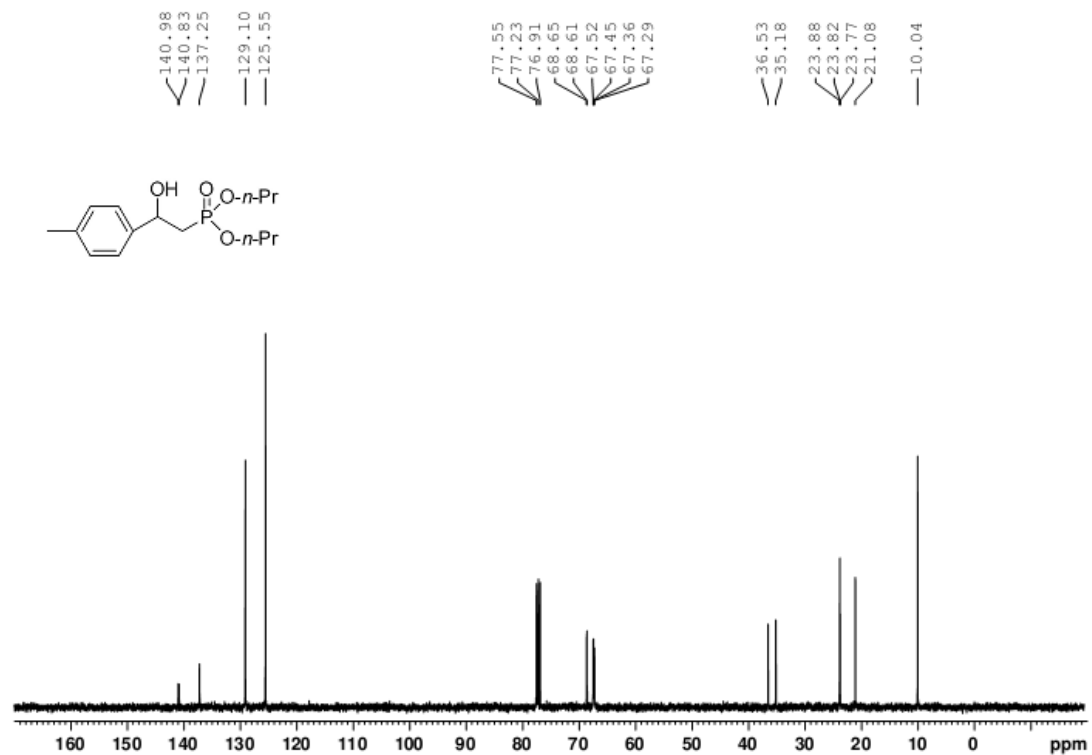
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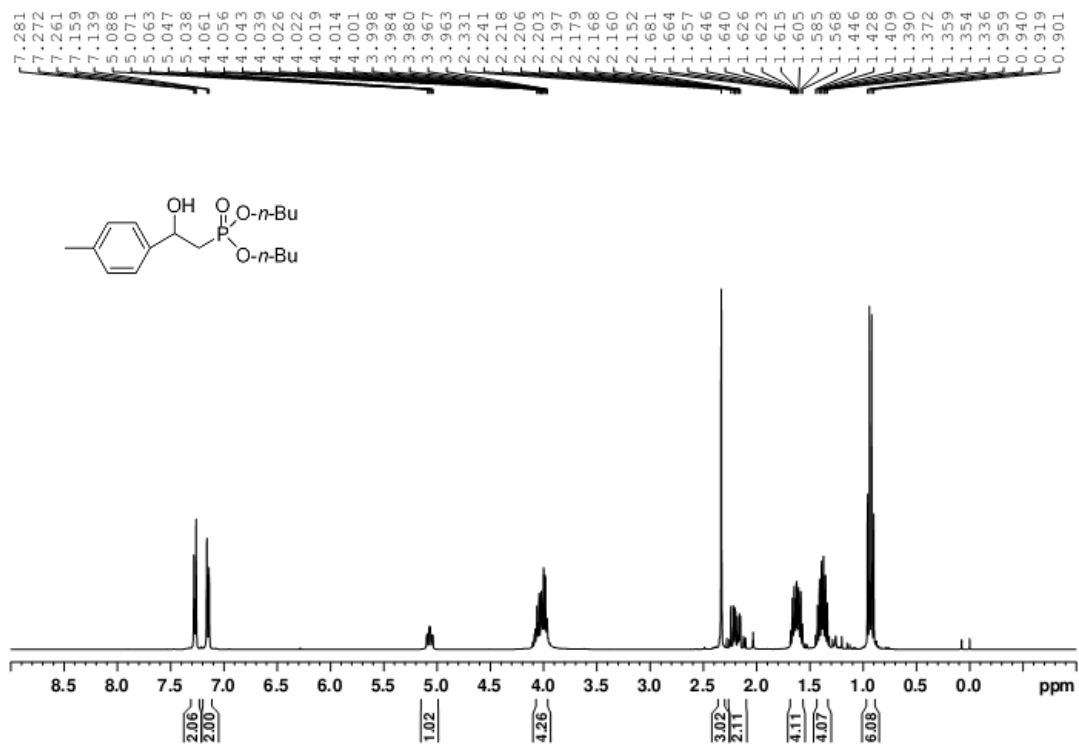
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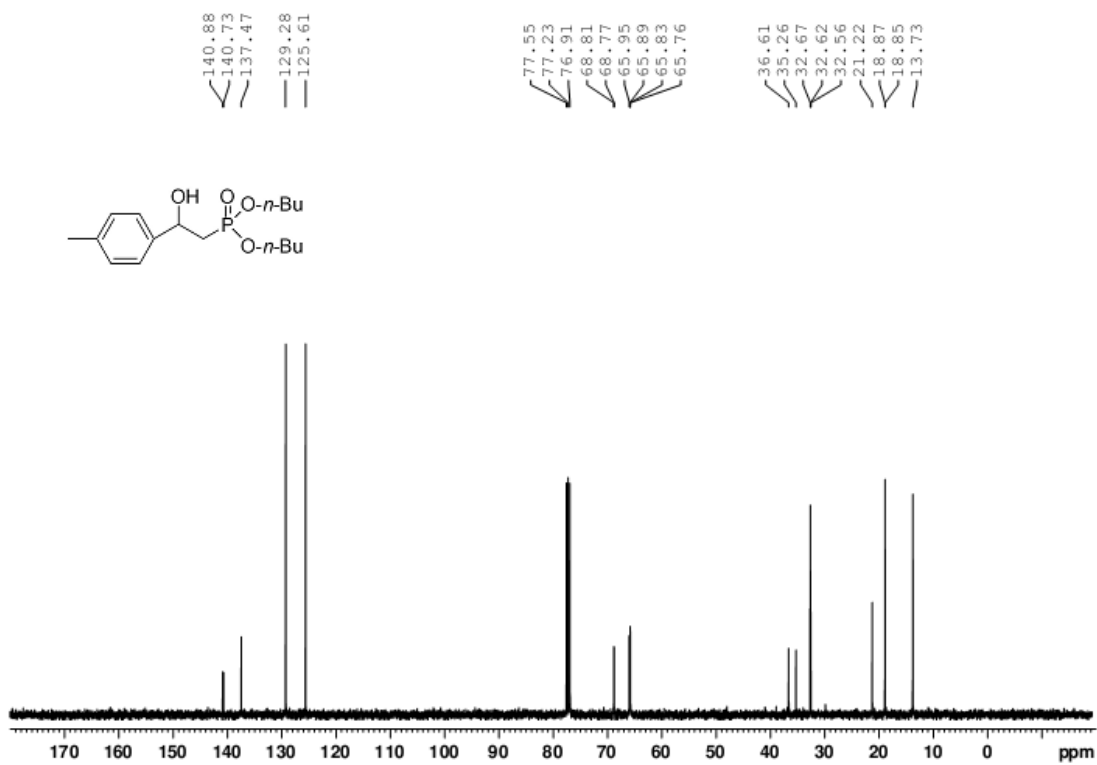
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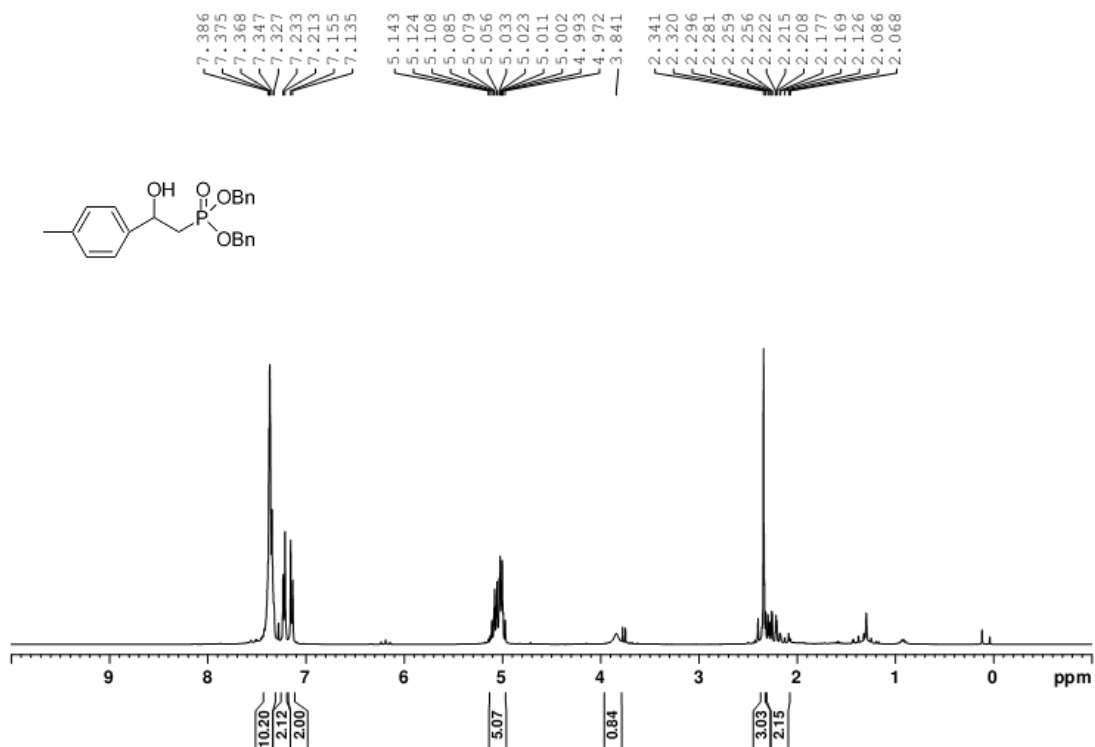
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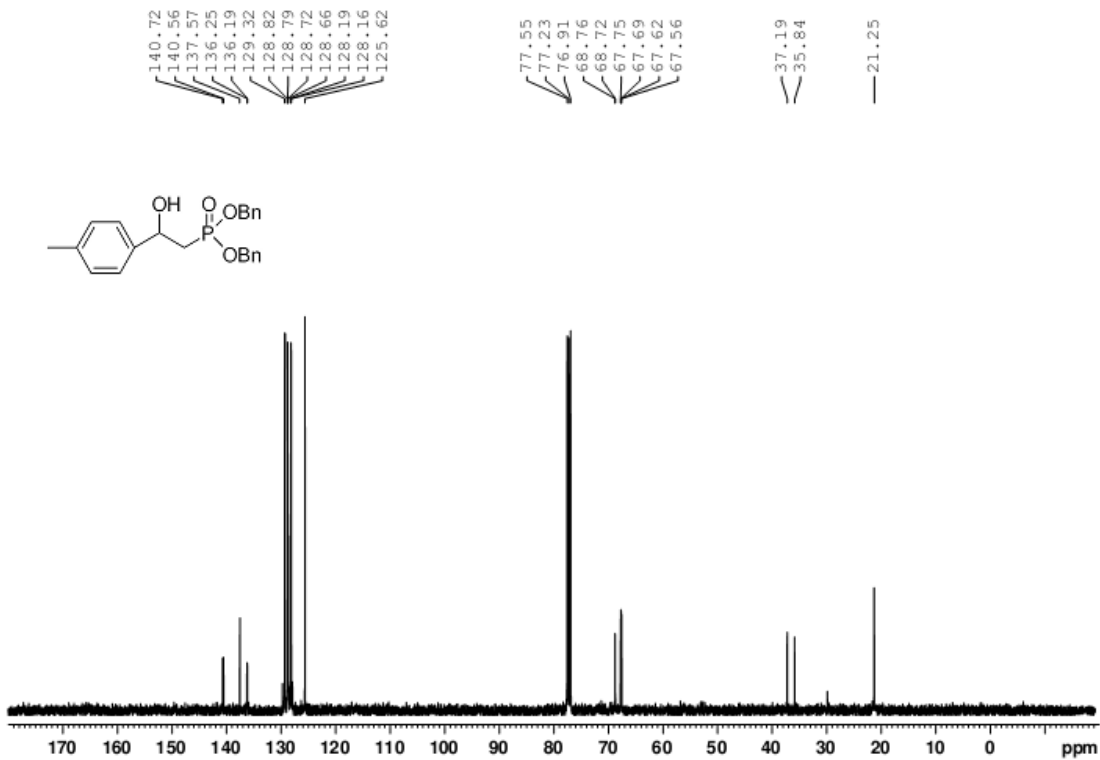
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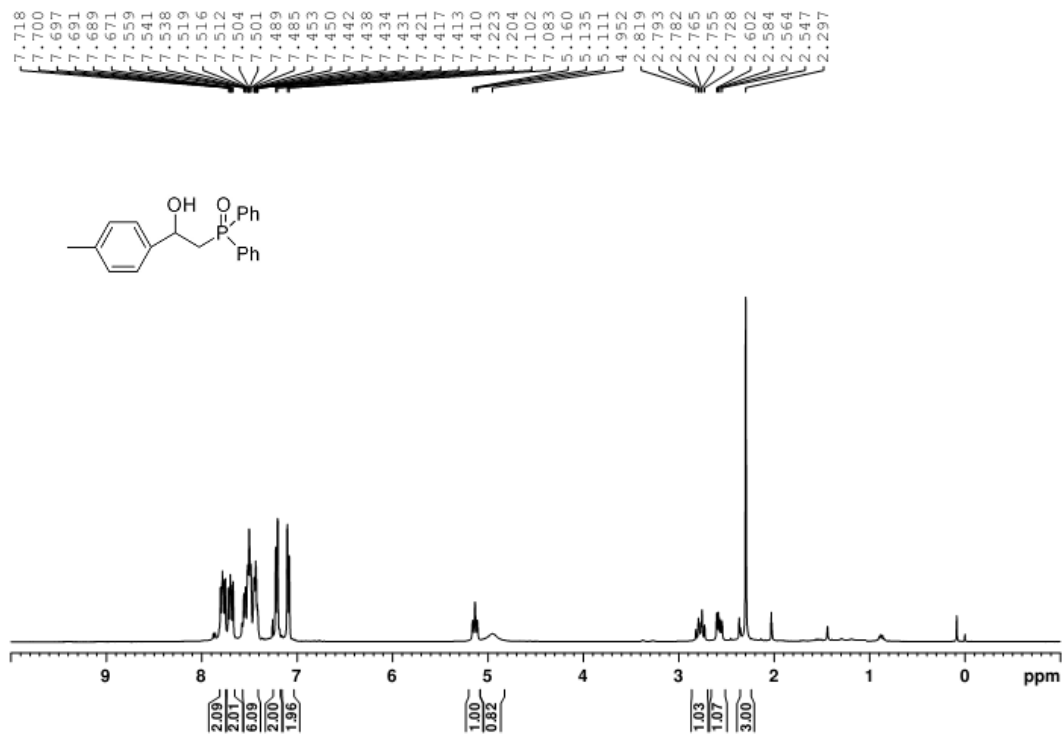
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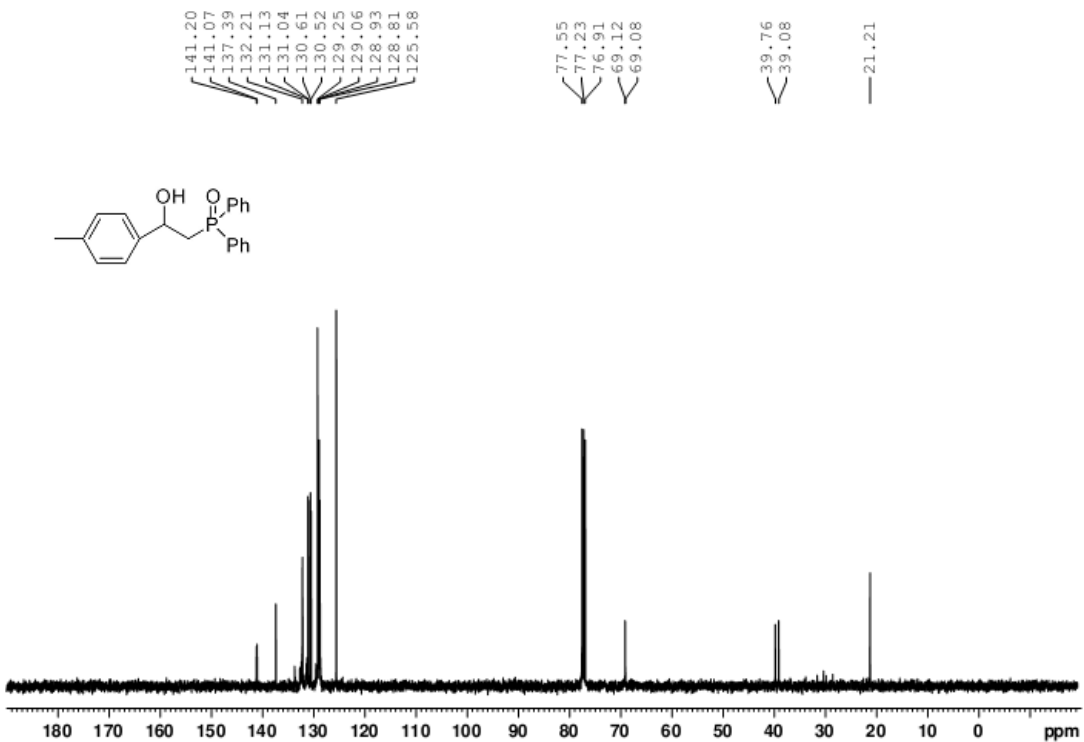
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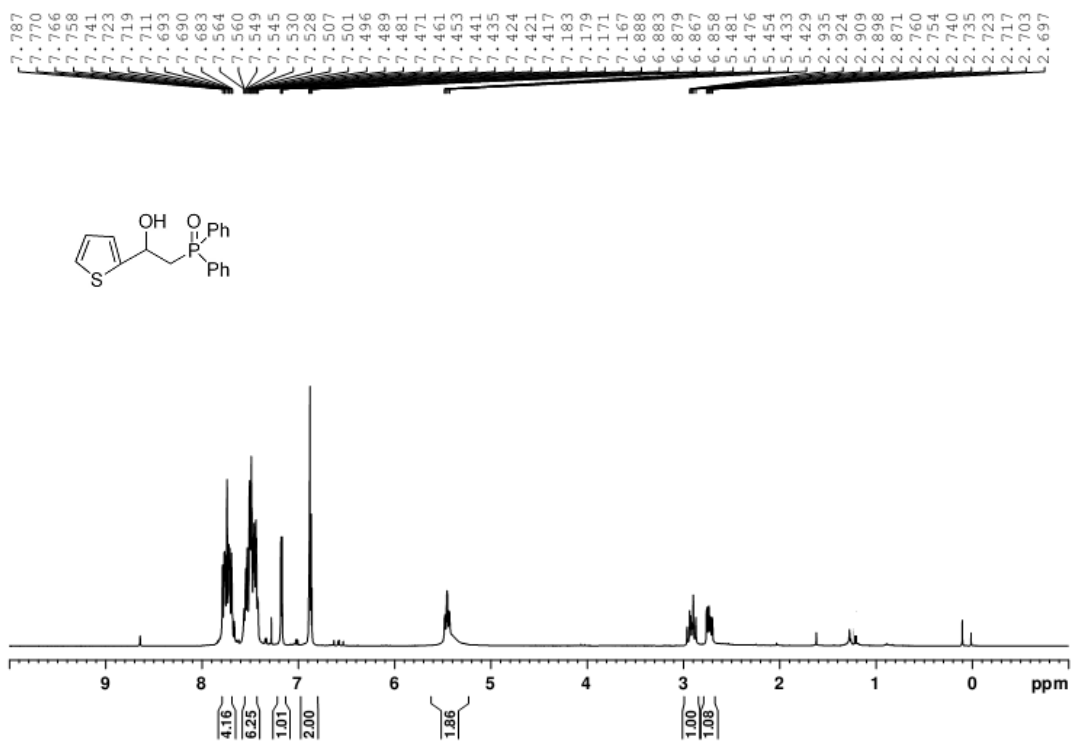
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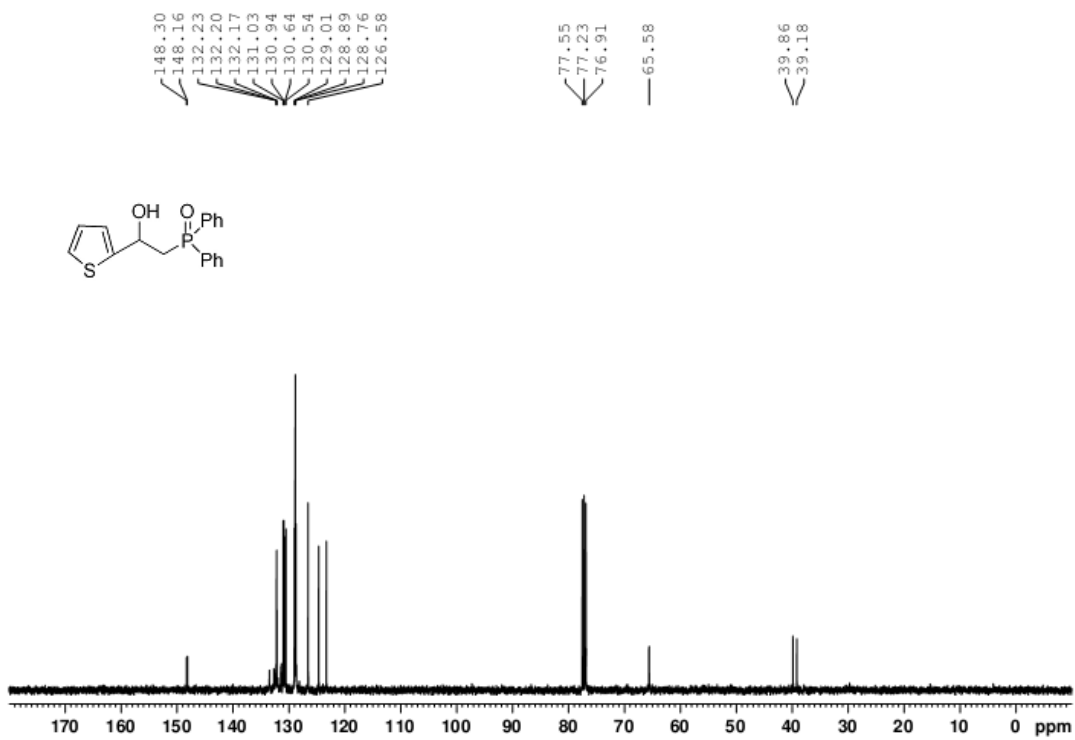
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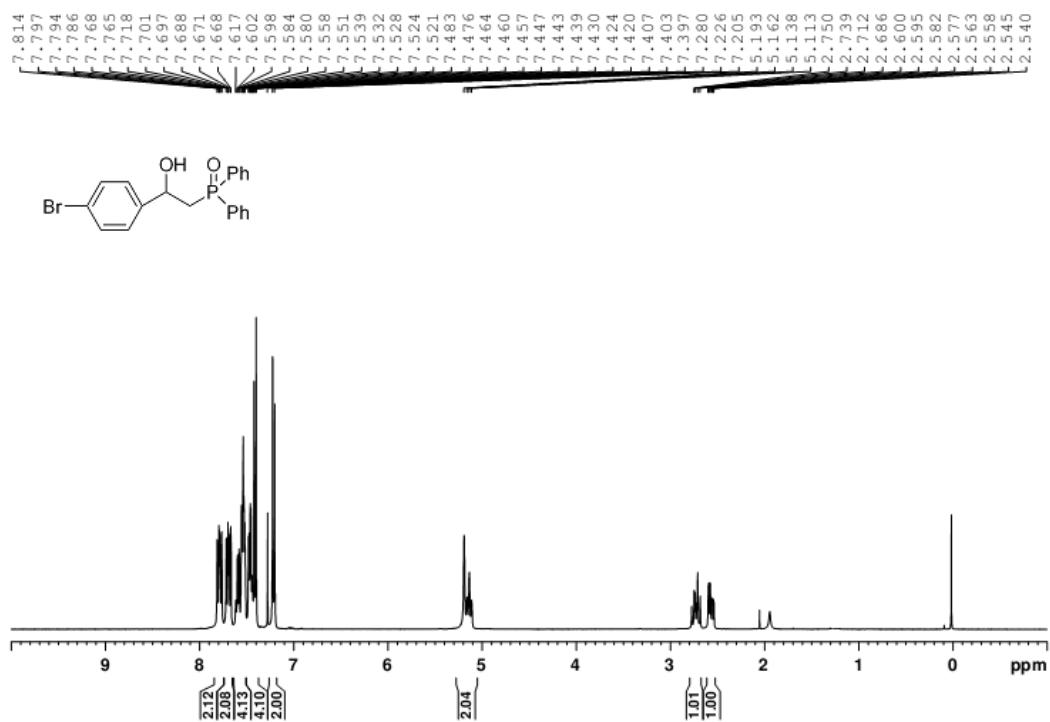
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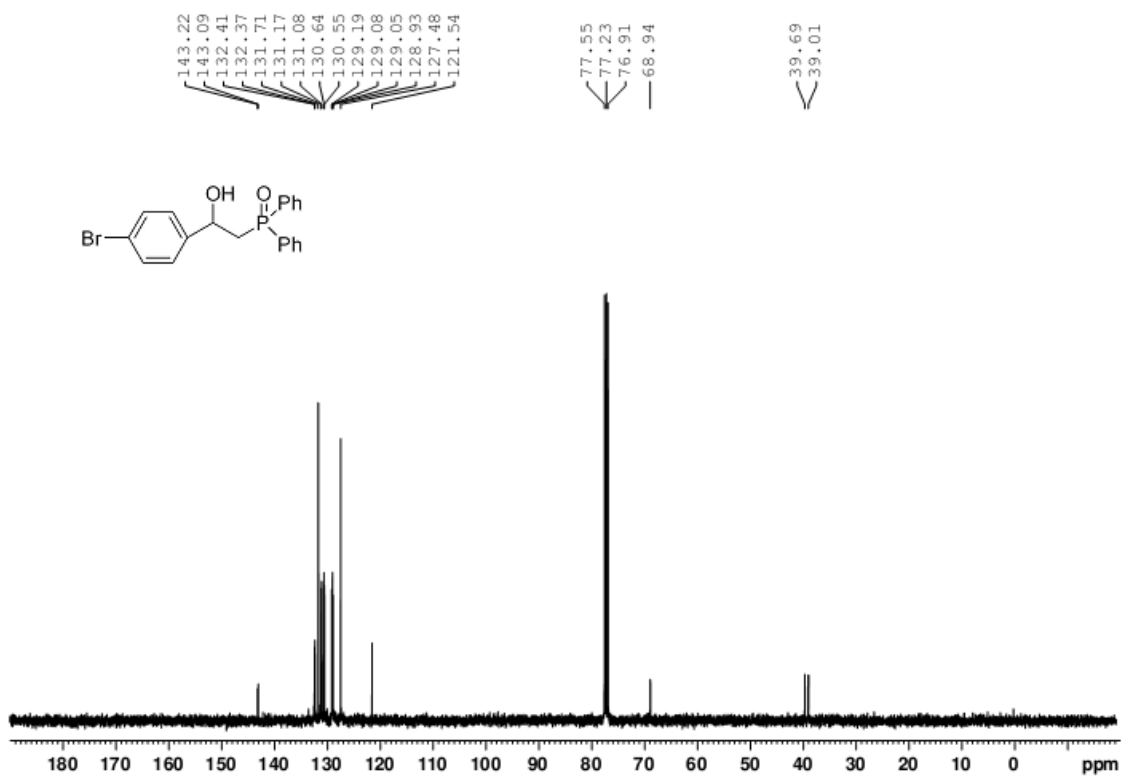
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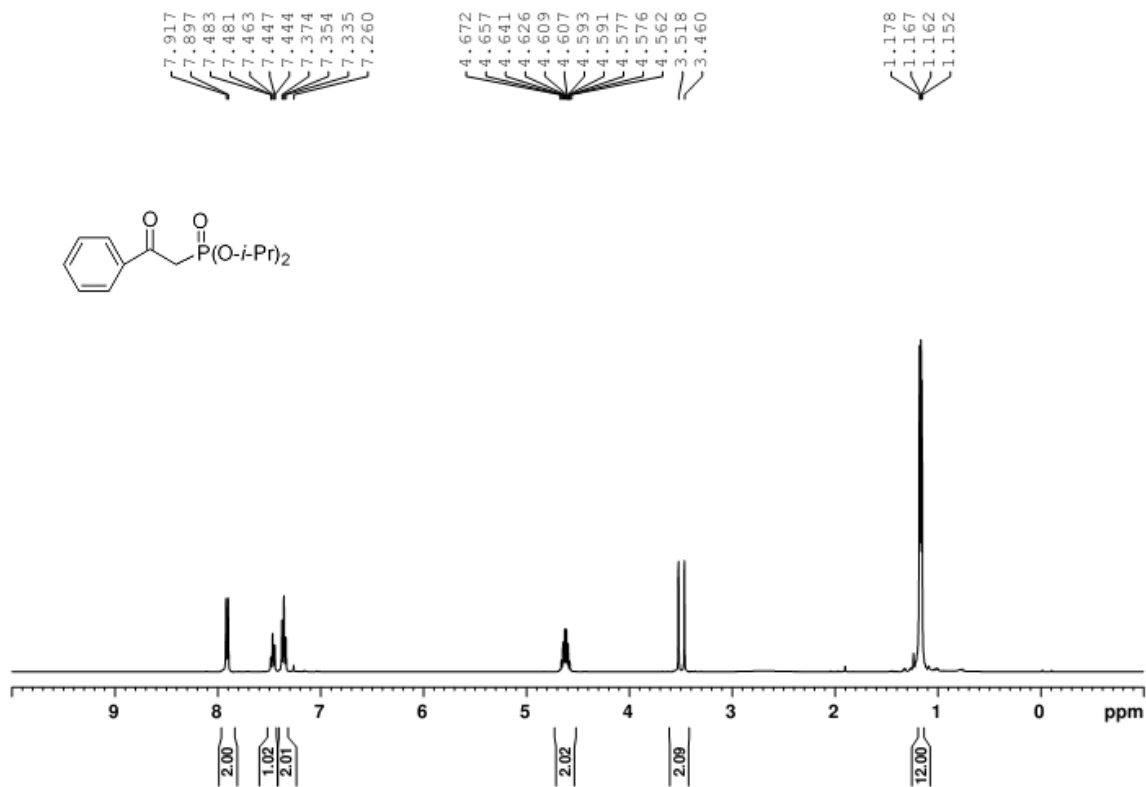
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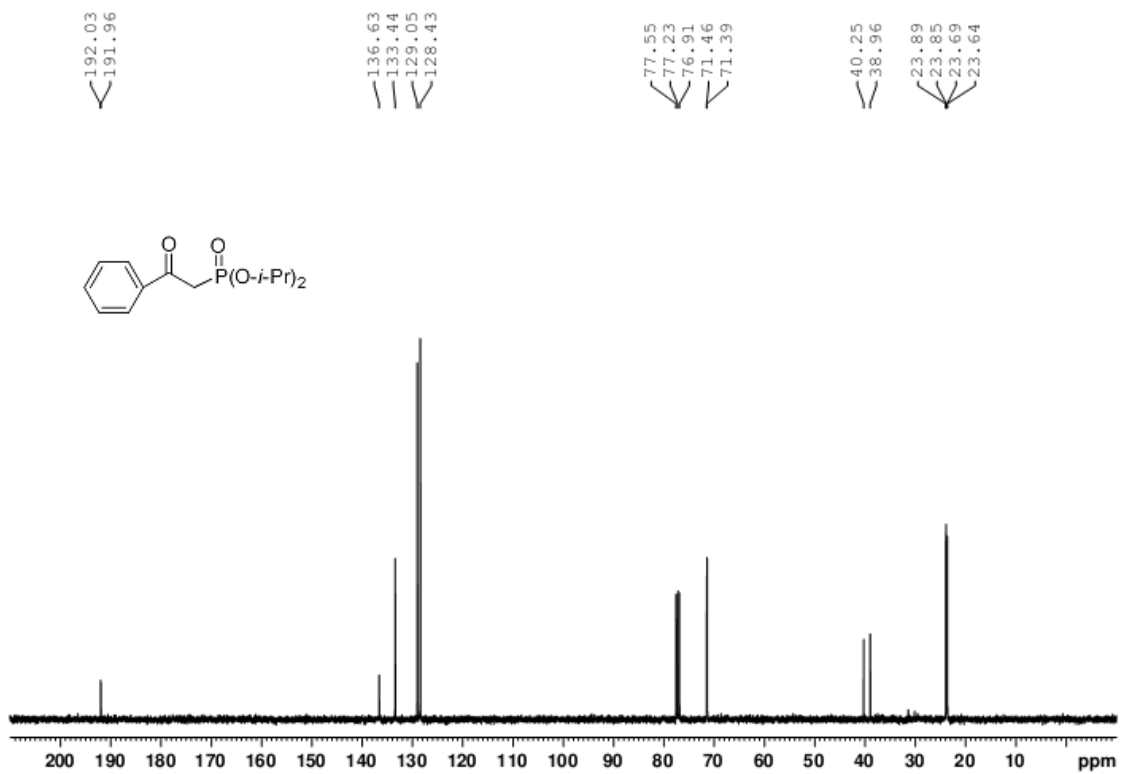
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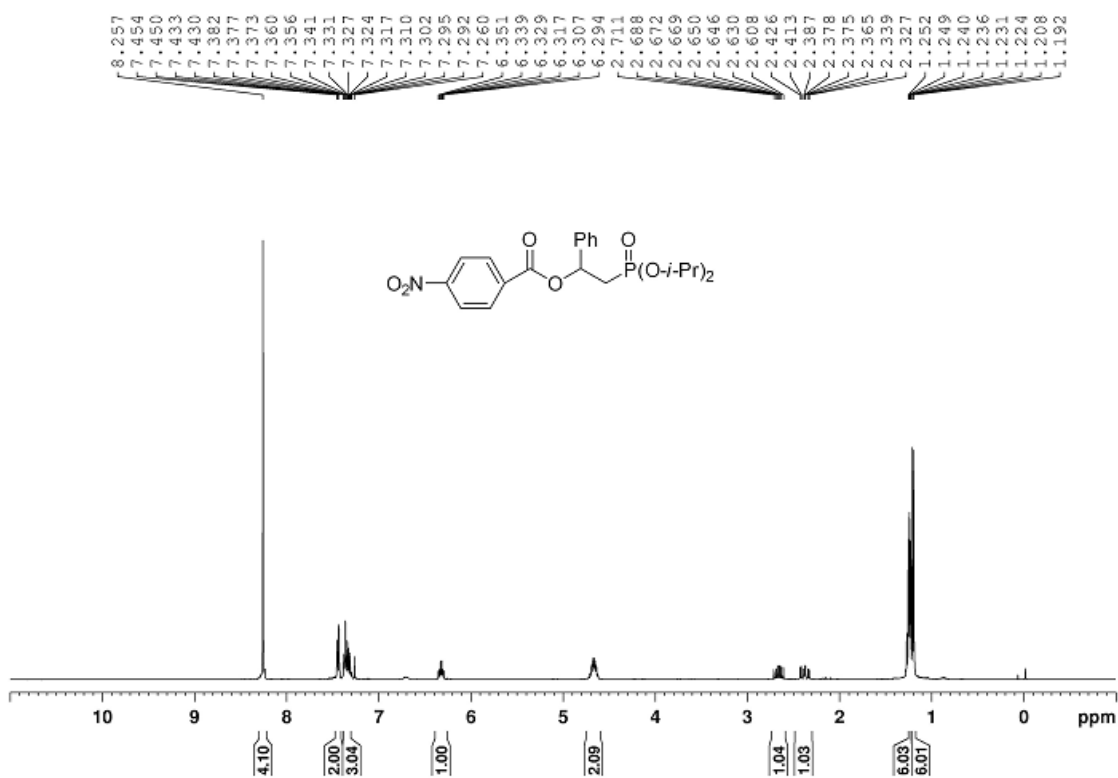
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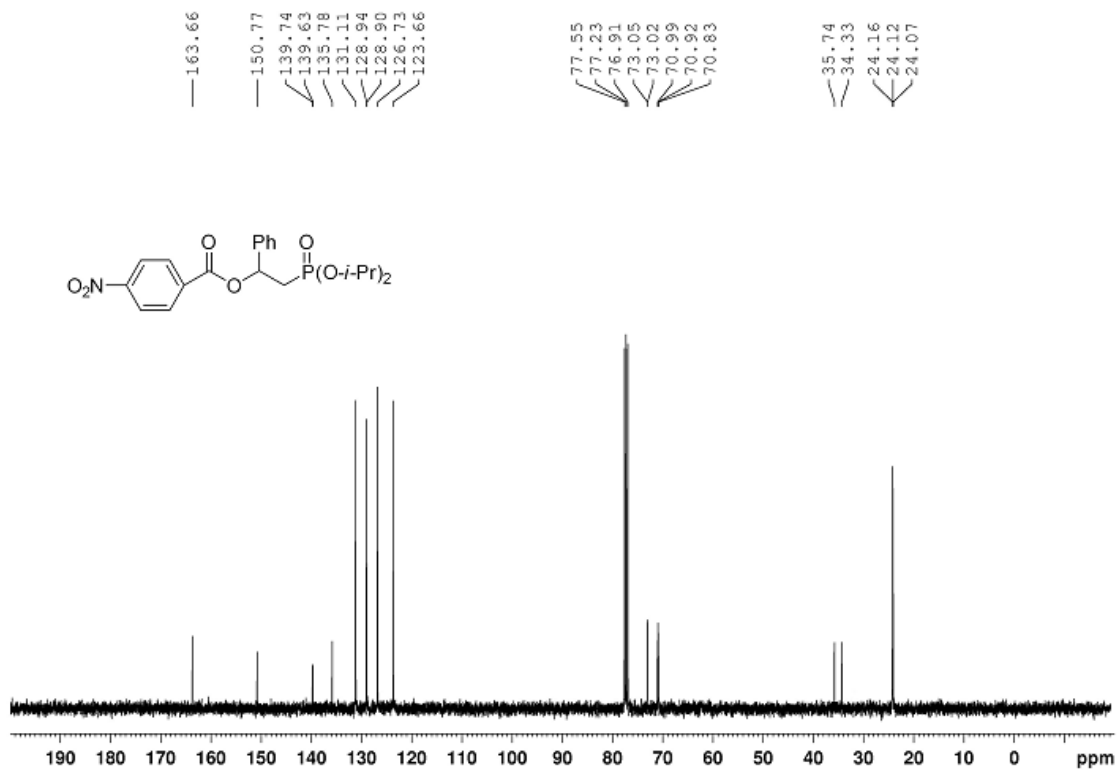
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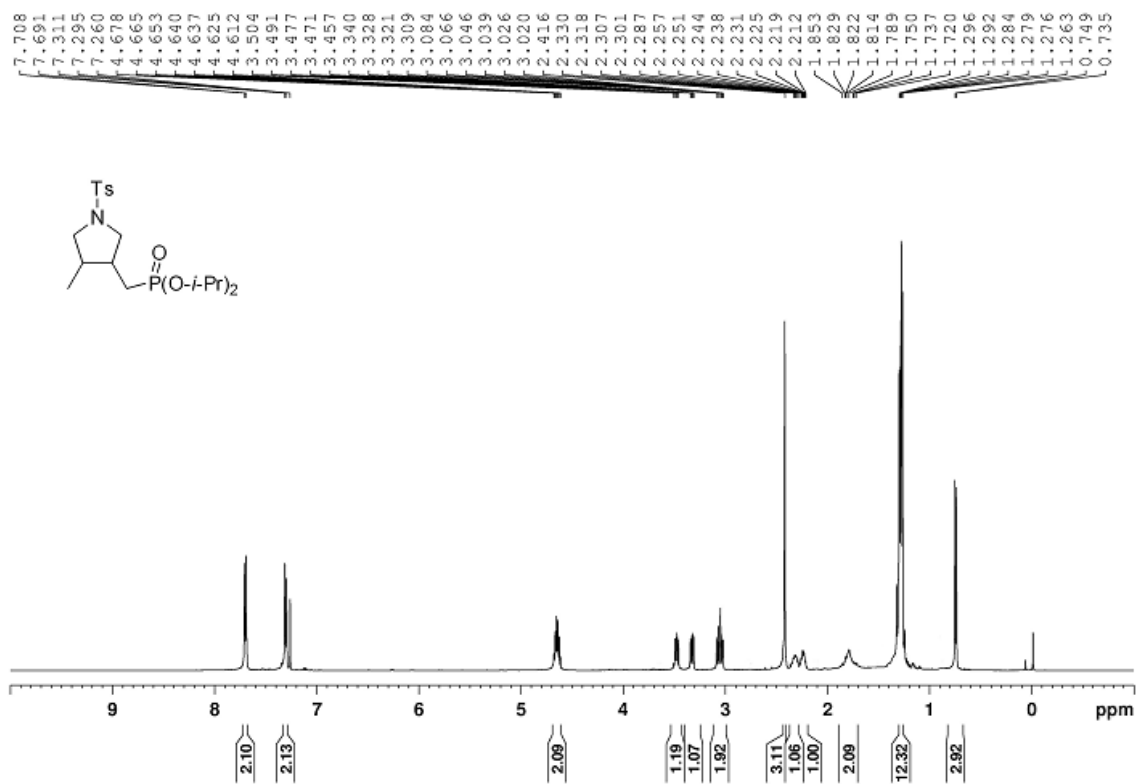
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