

Benzofuran Synthesis via Copper-Mediated Oxidative Annulation of Phenols and Unactivated Internal Alkynes

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General Considerations

Methods: The reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware sealed with rubber plug using vacuum line technique. Reactions were stirred using Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. Room temperature in the laboratory was 20 ± 2 °C. Elevated temperatures were maintained using the parallel synthesizer. Organic solutions were concentrated using a Büchi rotary evaporator (water bath temperature 35-40 °C) with a desktop vacuum pump. Analytical TLC was performed with 0.25 mm silica gel G plates with a 254 nm fluorescent indicator visualized by ultraviolet light. Purification of products was accomplished by flash chromatography on silica gel 300 mesh.

GC analyses were conducted with an Agilent 6820 GC equipped with an HP-5 column (25 m \times 0.20 mm ID \times 0.33 μ m film) and an FID detector. The temperature for each run was held at 80 °C for 2 min, ramped from 80 °C to 260 °C at 30 °C/min, and held at 260 °C for 2 min.

^1H NMR (400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) was registered on Bruker spectrometers with CDCl_3 as solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Chemical shifts are referenced to residual solvent peaks (CHCl_3 in CDCl_3 : 7.26 ppm for ^1H , 77.00 ppm for ^{13}C). Data for ^1H -NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to TMS; s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Infrared spectra were recorded on an AVATAR 330 Fourier transform spectrometer (FT-IR) with an OMNI sampler and are reported in wavenumbers (cm^{-1}). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker Apex IV FTMS mass spectrometer (ESI) in the State-authorized Analytical Center in Peking University.

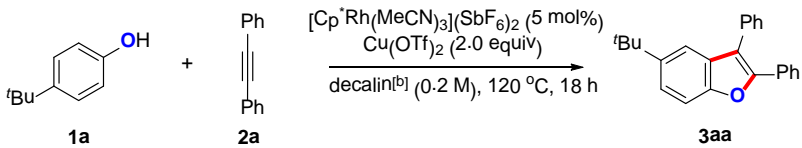
Materials: Decalin (mixtures of *cis* and *trans*) was purchased from Alfa Aesar and was degassed before use. $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ was purchased from Sinocompound, stored in a dessicator and weighed out to air. Silver hexafluorophosphate was purchased from Alfa Aesar, stored and weighed in a glove-box. $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3](\text{SbF}_6)_2$ was prepared via literature procedure¹, stored in a dessicator and weighed out to air. All the substituted phenols are commercially available. Diphenylacetylene was purchased from Alfa Aesar. Diarylacetylene **2b-2i** were prepared through literature method², Unsymmetric Diarylacetylene **2j-2m** were prepared through literature method³.

General Procedure for the Copper-Mediated Annulation

4-*tert*-butylphenol **1a** (0.30 mmol, 45.0 mg), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.10 mmol, 17.8 mg), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3](\text{SbF}_6)_2$ (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 4.2 mg), acetanilide (0.20 equiv, 0.02 mmol, 2.7 mg), DTAC (dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride) (0.5 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 13.2 mg) were weighed in the air and $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 36.2 mg), AgPF_6 (2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 63.2 mg) were weighed in the glovebox and charged into an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and refilled with N_2 , which was repeated for 3 times. After addition of 0.5 mL of decalin under a positive pressure of N_2 *via* syringe, the sealed tube was placed in a 120 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and directly purified by flash column chromatography eluting with petroleum ether.

Optimization of the Reaction Condition

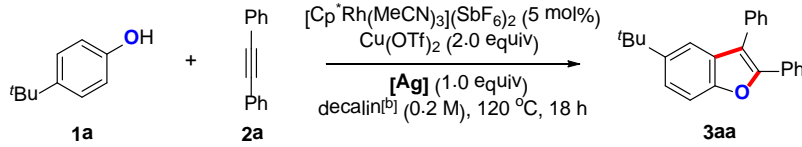
Table S1. Optimization of the Ratio of **1a** to **2a**^[a]



entry	the ratio of 1a to 2a	GC ratio ^[c]
1	4 : 1	0.91
2	3 : 1	0.94
3	2 : 1	0.79
4	1 : 1	0.48
5	1 : 2	0.53
6	1 : 3	0.63

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3](\text{SbF}_6)_2$, 0.20 mmol of $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 18 h. [b] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [c] 20 μL *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane.

Table S2. Optimization of Different Silver Salts^[a]



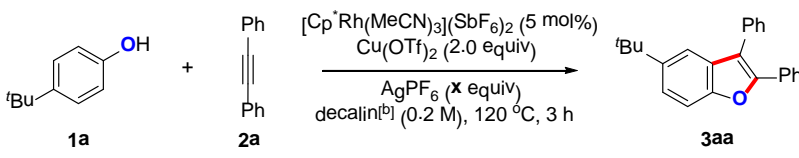
entry	[Ag]	GC ratio ^[c]
1	no [Ag]	0.71
2	Ag_2CO_3	0.59
3	AgOAc	1.06
4	AgOTFA	0.82
5	Ag_2O	0.69
6	AgSbF_6	1.01
7	AgPF_6	1.14
8	AgBF_4	1.10
9	AgOTf	1.10

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3](\text{SbF}_6)_2$, 0.20 mmol of $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$, 0.10 mmol [Ag], 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C,

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18 h. [b] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [c] 20 μ L *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane.

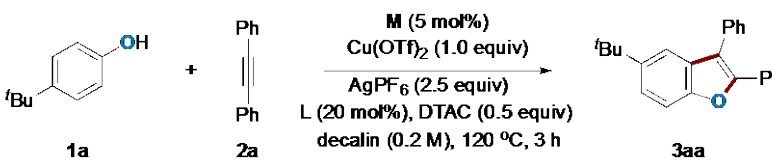
Table S3. Optimization of the Ratio of AgPF₆^[a]



entry	x	GC ratio ^[c]
1	1.0	0.58
2	1.5	0.80
3	2.0	0.88
4	2.5	0.99
5	3.0	0.95

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of [Cp*Rh(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂, 0.20 mmol of Cu(OTf)₂, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 3 h. [b] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [c] 20 μ L *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane.

Table S4. Optimization of Different Metals^[a]



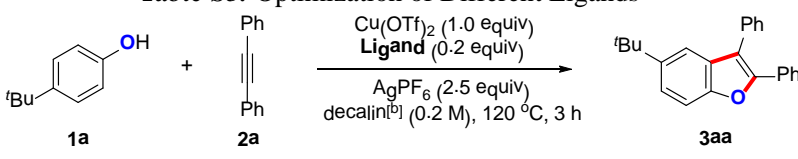
Entry	M	GC ^[b]	Entry	M	GC ^[b]
1	none	1.28	8	PtCl ₂	1.16
2	[Cp*Rh(MeCN) ₃](SbF ₆) ₂	1.55	9	AlCl ₃	1.37
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	0.99	10	Mn(OAc) ₂	1.28
4	[Ru(<i>p</i> -cymene)Cl ₂] ₂	1.34	11	Au(IPr)Cl	1.20
5	Fe(acac) ₃	1.22	12	Ce(SO ₄) ₂	1.40
6	Ni(acac) ₂	1.25	13	Zn(OAc) ₂	1.40
7	Co(acac) ₃	1.31			

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of **M**, 0.10 mmol of Cu(OTf)₂, 0.25 mmol of AgPF₆, 0.02 mmol of **L**, 0.05 mmol of DTAC, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 3 h. [b] 20 μ L *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of

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n-dodecane.

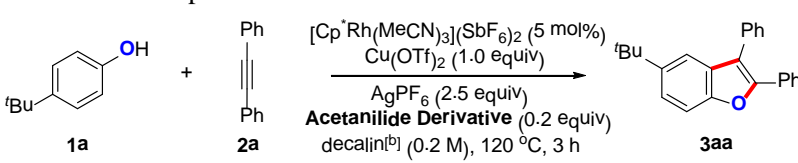
Table S5. Optimization of Different Ligands^[a]



entry	Ligand	GC ratio ^[c]
1	no ligand	0.96
2	phenanthroline	0.89
3	neocuproine	0.92
4	acetanilide	1.08
5	IMes.HCl	0.84

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.10 mmol of Cu(OTf)₂, 0.02 mmol ligand, 0.25 mmol AgPF₆, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 3 h. [b] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [c] 20 μL *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane.

Table S6. Optimization of Different Acetanilide Derivatives^[a]

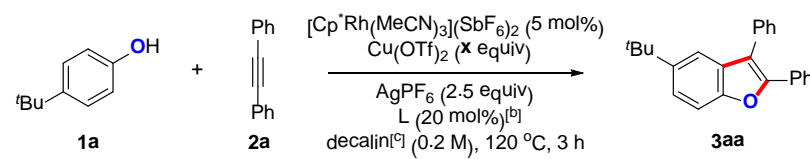


entry	Acetanilide Derivative	GC ratio ^[c]
1	Acetanilide	1.15
2	4-MeO-Acetanilide	1.02
3	4-F-Acetanilide	1.04
4	4-AcO-Acetanilide	0.82
5	2-Me-Acetanilide	1.16
6	4-N ₂ O-Acetanilide	0.95
7	<i>N</i> -Me-Acetanilide	1.08

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of [Cp*Rh(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂, 0.10 mmol of Cu(OTf)₂, 0.25 mmol AgPF₆, 0.02 mmol acetanilide derivative, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 3 h. [b] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [c] 20 μL *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane.

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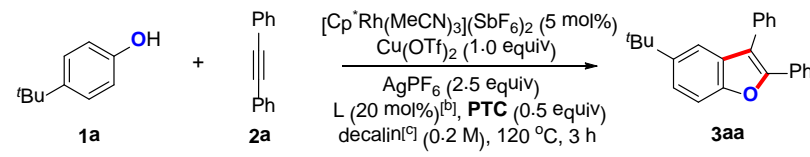
Table S7. Optimization of the Ratio of Cu(OTf)₂^[a]



entry	x	GC ratio ^[d]
1	1.0	1.22
2	1.5	1.18
3	2.0	1.08
4	2.5	1.11
5	3.0	0.98

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of [Cp*Rh(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂, 0.25 mmol AgPF₆, 0.02 mmol acetanilide derivative, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 3 h. [b] L: acetanilide. [c] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [d] 20 μL *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane.

Table S8. Optimization of PTCs^[a]



entry	PTC	GC ratio ^[d]
1	no PTC	1.04
2	[⊕] NBnMe ₃ Cl [⊖]	1.12
3	TBAB	1.17
4	TBAI	1.19
5	[⊕] N ⁿ Bu ₄ PF ₆ [⊖]	1.15
6	DTAC ^[e]	1.30
7	HTAC ^[f]	1.09

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of [Cp*Rh(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂, 0.10 mmol of Cu(OTf)₂, 0.25 mmol AgPF₆, 0.02 mmol acetanilide derivative, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 3 h. [b] L: acetanilide. [c] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [d] 20 μL *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane. [e] DTAC: Dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride. [f] HTAC: *N*-Hexadecyltrimethylammonium chloride.

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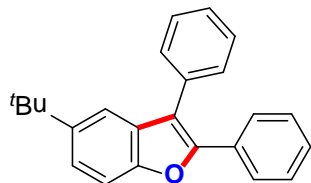
Table S9. Optimization of the Ratio of DTAC^[a]

entry	x	GC ratio ^[e]
1	0.25	little
2	0.5	1.16
3	0.75	1.28
4	1.0	1.17
5	1.25	0.68
6	1.5	little
7	2.0	trace

[a] Reaction conditions: 0.30 mmol of **1a**, 0.10 mmol of **2a**, 0.005 mmol of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3](\text{SbF}_6)_2$, 0.10 mmol of $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$, 0.25 mmol AgPF_6 , 0.02 mmol acetanilide derivative, 0.50 mL of solvent, 120 °C, 3 h. [b] L: acetanilide. [c] DTAC: Dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride. [d] decalin: decahydronaphthalene. [e] 20 μL *n*-dodecane was used as an internal standard, the ratio was the area of product to the area of *n*-dodecane.

Characterization of Products

5-*t*-butyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3aa



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1a** (45.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (21.5 mg, 66% yield) as a white solid.

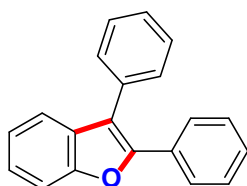
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63-7.62 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 8H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.2, 150.8, 146.1, 133.1, 130.8, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 127.0, 122.7, 118.0, 115.9, 110.4, 34.8, 31.8.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₂OH (M+H⁺) 327.1749, found 327.1752.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2960, 2368, 2345, 1476, 763.

2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ba



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1b** (28.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (7.8 mg, 29% yield) as a white solid.

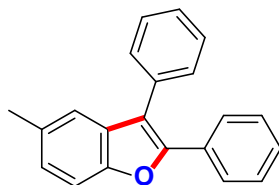
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.0, 150.5, 132.9, 130.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 127.0, 124.7, 122.9, 120.0, 117.5, 111.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₀H₁₄OH (M+H⁺) 271.1123, found 271.1116.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2925, 2360, 1455, 831, 749.

5-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ca



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1c** (32.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (19.4 mg, 68% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.38 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

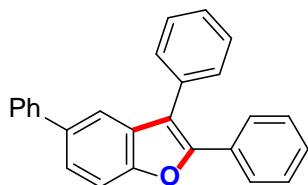
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^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.4, 150.6, 133.0, 132.4, 130.8, 130.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.9, 125.9, 119.8, 117.3, 110.6, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{OH}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 285.1279, found 285.1269.

FTIR (cm^{-1}): ν 2921, 1602, 1473, 1064, 759.

2, 3, 5-Triphenylbenzofuran 3da



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1d** (51.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (18.2 mg, 53% yield) as a yellow solid.

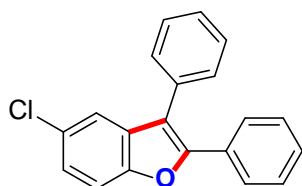
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.62-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.48 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.6, 151.2, 141.7, 136.7, 132.8, 130.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 127.0, 126.9, 124.4, 118.5, 117.7, 111.2.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{OH}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 347.1436, found 347.1426.

FTIR (cm^{-1}): ν 2989, 1463, 1063, 763, 745.

5-chloro-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ea



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1e** (38.7 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (15.4 mg, 50% yield) as a white solid.

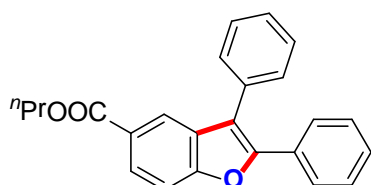
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 7H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.3, 151.9, 132.1, 131.7, 130.2, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.0, 124.8, 119.6, 117.1, 112.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClOH}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 305.0733, found 305.0735.

FTIR (cm^{-1}): ν 2372, 1451, 1440, 762, 744.

propyl 2,3-diphenylbenzofuran-5-carboxylate 3fa



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1f** (54.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 50:1) provided the title

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compound (21.9 mg, 62% yield) as a white solid.

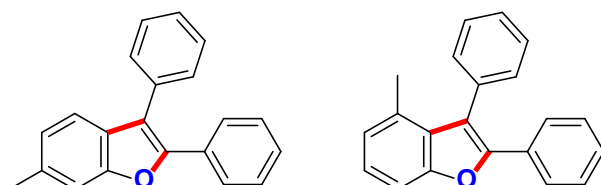
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08-8.06 (dd, *J* = 1.6 Hz, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 3H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.9, 156.5, 151.8, 132.1, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.0, 126.4, 125.7, 122.5, 117.8, 110.9, 66.5, 22.1, 10.5.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₀O₃H (M+H⁺) 357.1491, found 357.1490.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2966, 2363, 1714, 1235, 760.

6-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ga and 4-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ga'



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1g** (32.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (12.3 mg, 43% yield) as a 3.2:1 mixture of regioisomers as a white solid.

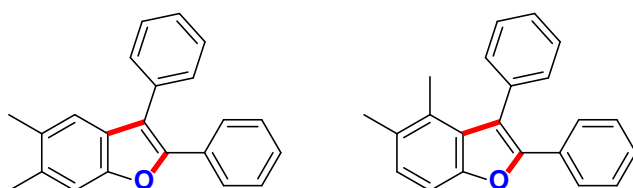
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65-7.63 (dd, *J* = 1.6 Hz, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.36 (m, 9.77H), 7.33-7.18 (m, 5.03H), 7.08-7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 0.30H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 0.93H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.4, 153.7, 150.1, 149.9, 135.0, 134.7, 133.0, 132.2, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 124.4, 124.4, 124.3, 119.5, 117.4, 111.3, 108.8, 21.7, 19.2.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₆OH (M+H⁺) 285.1279, found 285.1275.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 3054, 1602, 1443, 1063, 761.

5, 6-dimethyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ha and 4, 5-dimethyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ha'



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1h** (36.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (19.1 mg, 64% yield) as a 3.4:1 mixture of regioisomers as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.38 (m, 7.26H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 6.63H), 7.12-7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.30H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 0.89H), 1.93 (s, 0.89H).

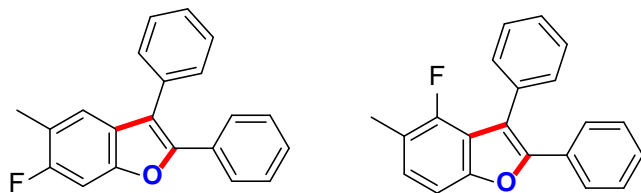
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9, 152.4, 150.2, 149.7, 135.1, 133.9, 133.2, 131.5, 131.0, 130.8, 130.7, 130.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 120.0, 117.2, 111.6, 108.1, 20.5, 20.0, 19.6, 15.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₂H₁₈OH (M+H⁺) 299.1436, found 299.1430.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 3056, 1462, 1442, 762, 745.

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6-fluoro-5-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ia and 4-fluoro-5-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ia'



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1i** (37.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (18.3 mg, 61% yield) as a 3.0:1 mixture of regioisomers as a white solid.

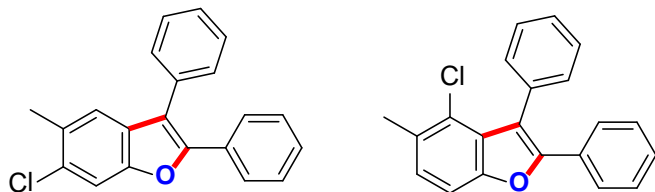
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62-7.60 (m, 2.12H), 7.57-7.40 (m, 7.93H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 7.30H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.34H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1.01H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.8, 158.4, 152.4, 152.3, 150.9, 150.8, 132.8, 132.7, 131.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.7, 129.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 121.0, 120.9, 120.6, 120.4, 117.0, 106.7, 106.7, 106.7, 98.4, 98.2, 14.9 (*J* = 4.3 Hz), 14.0 (*J* = 4.1 Hz).

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₅FOH (M+H⁺) 303.1185, found 303.1187.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2924, 1602, 1463, 1061, 763.

6-chloro-5-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ja and 4-chloro-5-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ja'



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1j** (42.9 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (24.9 mg, 78% yield) as a 1.9:1 mixture of regioisomers as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.39 (m, 9.04H), 7.38-7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 0.59H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 6.23H), 7.18-7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 0.52H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 1.56H).

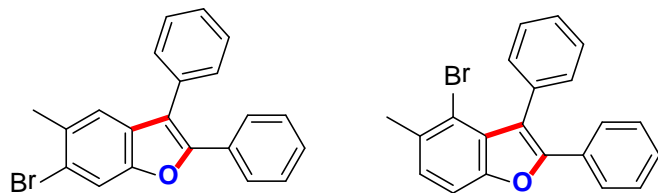
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.8, 152.5, 151.5, 151.0, 133.1, 132.5, 131.2, 130.8, 130.8, 130.7, 130.4, 129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 120.9, 117.6, 117.0, 111.6, 109.2, 20.3, 19.6.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₅ClOH (M+H⁺) 319.0890, found 319.0888.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 3053, 1455, 1441, 1002, 760.

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6-bromo-5-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ka and 4-bromo-5-methyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ka'



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1k** (56.1 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (24.6 mg, 68% yield) as a 1.7:1 mixture of regioisomers as a white solid.

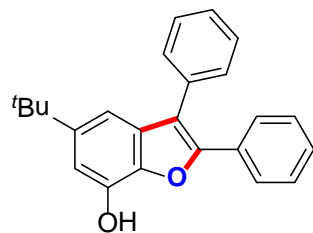
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.61 (m, 2.07H), 7.50-7.40 (m, 10.04H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 4.26H), 7.24-7.23 (m, 2.15H), 7.20-7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 0.67H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 1.75H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.6, 152.4, 151.7, 151.0, 133.0, 132.8, 132.4, 132.2, 131.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 120.7, 120.6, 118.4, 117.0, 115.8, 114.8, 109.8, 23.0, 22.6.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₁H₁₅BrOH (M+H⁺) 363.0385, found 363.0389.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2917, 1453, 1440, 984, 759.

5-*tert*-butyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran-7-ol 3la



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1l** (49.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 5:1) provided the title compound (14.4 mg, 43% yield) as a yellow oil.

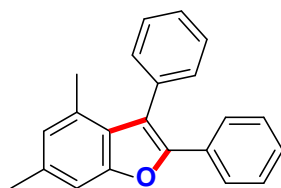
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 3H) 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 0.84H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.9, 147.9, 140.4, 139.9, 132.8, 131.2, 130.6, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 128.4, 127.6, 127.0, 118.4, 109.4, 108.3, 34.9, 31.8.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₂O₂H (M+H⁺) 343.1698, found 343.1700.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2964, 1603, 1479, 1219, 952.

4, 6-dimethyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3ma



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1m** (36.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (15.2

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mg, 51% yield) as a white solid.

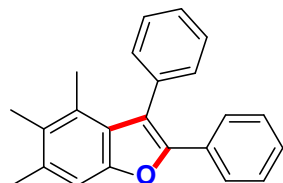
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49-7.44 (m, 7H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.78 (s, 1H) 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 149.5, 134.8, 134.7, 131.6, 131.0, 130.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 126.2, 125.9, 118.3, 109.0, 21.5, 19.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₂H₁₈OH (M+H⁺) 299.1436, found 299.1427.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2920, 2363, 1443, 1070, 761.

4, 5, 6-trimethyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3na



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1n** (40.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (18.9 mg, 61% yield) as a white solid.

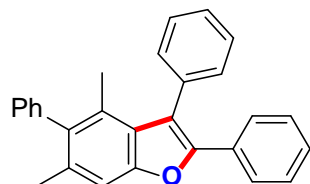
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (m, 7H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.1, 149.4, 135.3, 133.9, 131.1, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.2, 118.3, 109.5, 21.7, 15.5, 15.0.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₃H₂₀OH (M+H⁺) 313.1592, found 313.1583.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2921, 1601, 1443, 1070, 761.

4, 6-dimethyl-2, 3, 5-triphenylbenzofuran 3oa



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1o** (59.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (23.4 mg, 63% yield) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H).

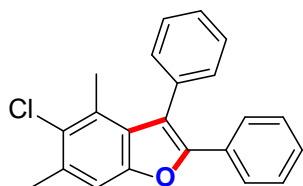
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9, 149.9, 141.2, 137.4, 134.9, 133.6, 131.0, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 127.7, 127.7, 126.5, 126.5, 126.3, 118.6, 109.4, 21.9, 16.9.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₈H₂₂OH (M⁺) 374.1671, found 374.1668.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 3055, 1442, 1071, 761, 748.

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5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2, 3-diphenylbenzofuran 3pa



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (27.2 mg, 82% yield) as a white solid.

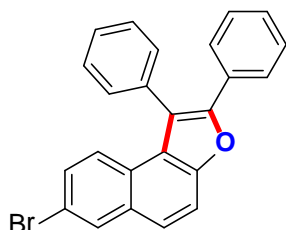
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46-7.39 (m, 7H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.9, 150.5, 134.3, 132.9, 130.7, 130.6, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.3, 118.2, 110.3, 21.8, 16.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₂H₁₇ClOH (M+H⁺) 333.1046, found 333.1038.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 3054, 1443, 1010, 771, 763.

7-bromo-1, 2-diphenylnaphtho[2, 1-*b*]furan 3qa



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1q** (66.9 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (24.0 mg, 60% yield) as a colorless oil.

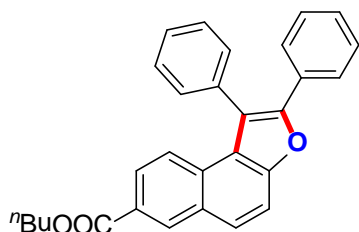
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 7H), 7.39-7.24 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.3, 150.5, 134.3, 132.2, 130.8, 130.6, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 126.7, 126.2, 124.8, 124.7, 123.8, 119.2, 118.0, 113.2.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₁₅BrOH (M+H⁺) 399.0385, found 399.0369.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2924, 1736, 1395, 818, 764.

butyl 1, 2-diphenylnaphtho[2, 1-*b*]furan-7-carboxylate 3ra



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1r** (73.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether, then petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 50:1) provided the title compound (25.2 mg, 60% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.66 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 8H), 7.28-7.25 (m,

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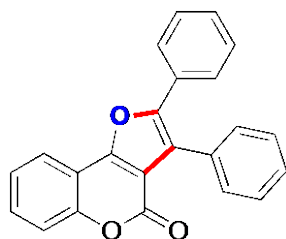
3H), 4.35 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.80-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.45 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 152.5, 150.6, 134.2, 131.7, 130.7, 130.5, 130.4, 130.0, 129.4, 128.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.1, 126.2, 126.1, 125.6, 123.7, 123.1, 119.4, 113.0, 64.8, 30.8, 19.3, 13.8.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3\text{H}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 421.1804, found 421.1791.

FTIR (cm^{-1}): ν 2959, 2358, 1714, 1252, 1189.

2, 3-diphenyl-4*H*-furo[3, 2-*c*]chromen-4-one 3sa



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1s** (48.6 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2a** (17.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 20:1) provided the title compound (23.0 mg, 68% yield) as a white solid.

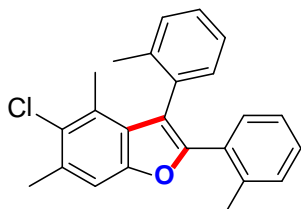
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.99-7.97 (dd, $J = 1.2$ Hz, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.4, 156.4, 152.7, 151.3, 130.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 126.7, 124.4, 120.9, 117.2, 112.7, 111.3.

HRMS (EI)⁴: calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ (M^+) 338.0943, found 338.0943.

FTIR (cm^{-1})⁴: ν 3060, 2923, 1744, 1626, 1500.

5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2, 3-di-*o*-tolylbenzofuran 3pb



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2b** (20.6 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (24.7 mg, 69% yield) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.12 (m, 6H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.98 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

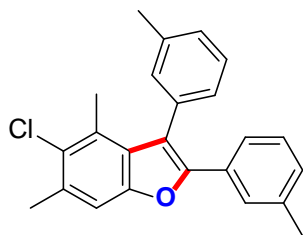
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.6, 152.4, 137.9, 137.8, 132.9, 132.5, 131.4, 130.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 127.9, 126.8, 125.7, 125.3, 118.4, 110.5, 21.7, 20.6, 20.1, 15.3.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 361.1359, found 361.1357.

FTIR (cm^{-1}): ν 2925, 1451, 1066, 1010, 762.

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5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2, 3-di-*m*-tolylbenzofuran 3pc



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2c** (20.6 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (29.7 mg, 83% yield) as a white solid.

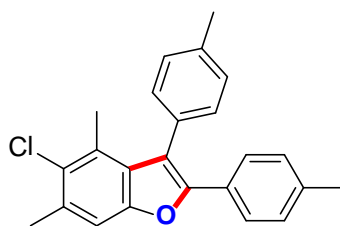
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.8, 150.6, 138.4, 137.9, 134.2, 132.7, 131.3, 130.6, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 123.5, 118.3, 110.3, 21.8, 21.5, 21.4, 16.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₁ClOH (M+H⁺) 361.1359, found 361.1349.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2923, 1448, 1076, 836, 785.

5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2, 3-di-*p*-tolylbenzofuran 3pd



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2d** (20.6 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (23.9 mg, 66% yield) as a white solid.

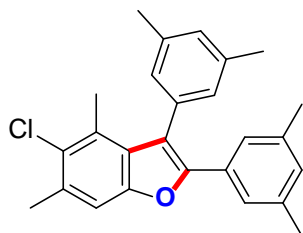
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.05-7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.8, 150.8, 137.9, 137.6, 132.5, 131.2, 130.6, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 127.9, 127.9, 126.3, 117.5, 110.3, 21.8, 21.4, 21.2, 16.0.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₁ClOH (M+H⁺) 361.1359, found 361.1344.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2920, 1520, 1078, 1009, 820.

5-chloro-2, 3-bis(3, 5-dimethylphenyl)-4, 6-dimethylbenzofuran 3pe



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2e** (23.4 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (31.4

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mg, 81% yield) as a white solid.

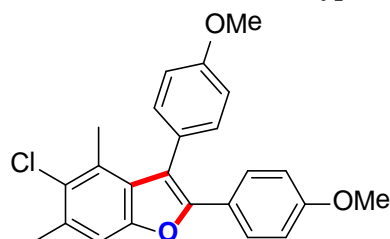
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 2.09 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.8, 150.6, 138.1, 137.7, 134.1, 132.5, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 127.8, 124.2, 118.3, 110.3, 21.8, 21.4, 21.3, 16.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₆H₂₅ClO₃ (M+H⁺) 389.1672, found 389.1677.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2919, 1602, 1448, 1009, 849.

5-chloro-2, 3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4, 6-dimethylbenzofuran 3pf



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2f** (23.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 50:1) provided the title compound (28.6 mg, 73% yield) as a colorless oil.

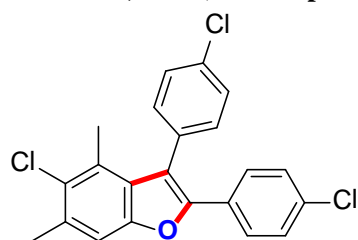
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42-7.40 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.98 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79-6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.3, 159.3, 151.7, 150.9, 132.2, 131.9, 129.5, 129.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.4, 123.5, 116.2, 114.3, 113.8, 110.2, 55.2, 55.2, 21.7, 16.0.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₁ClO₃H (M+H⁺) 393.1257, found 393.1261.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2930, 1517, 1250, 1177, 831.

5-chloro-2, 3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-4, 6-dimethylbenzofuran 3pg



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2g** (24.7 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (25.7 mg, 64% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

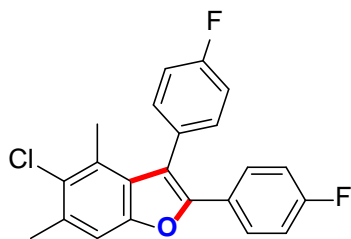
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HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₂H₁₅Cl₃OH (M+H⁺) 401.0267, found 401.0265.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2923, 1497, 1092, 1012, 829.

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5-chloro-2, 3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-4, 6-dimethylbenzofuran 3ph



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2h** (21.4 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (29.4 mg, 80% yield) as a white solid.

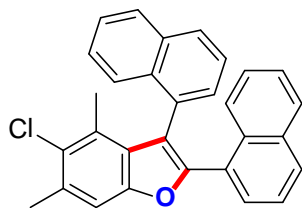
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43-7.39 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.34 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.9-163.7 (d, *J* = 25.1 Hz), 161.4-161.2 (d, *J* = 26.4 Hz), 151.8, 150.0, 133.1, 132.4-128.2 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 415.9 Hz), 130.0-126.6 (dd, *J* = 3.5 Hz, *J* = 331.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 127.4, 116.8, 116.2, 116.0, 115.6, 115.4, 110.4, 21.8, 16.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₂H₁₅ClF₂OH (M+H⁺) 369.0858, found 369.0857.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2974, 1515, 1498, 1235, 834.

5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2, 3-di(naphthalen-1-yl)benzofuran 3pi



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2i** (27.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (26.7 mg, 62% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11-8.10 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.72-7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H).

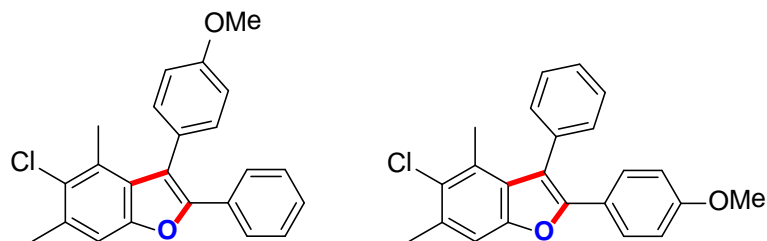
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.2, 152.7, 133.8, 133.6, 133.4, 133.0, 132.2, 131.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.3, 128.3, 127.8, 127.6, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 125.9, 125.4, 124.9, 118.6, 110.7, 21.8, 15.6.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₃₀H₂₁ClOH (M+H⁺) 433.1359, found 433.1362.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 3046, 1738, 1386, 795, 775.

Supporting Information

5-chloro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-dimethyl-2-phenylbenzofuran **3pj** and 5-chloro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,6-dimethyl-3-phenylbenzofuran **3pj'**



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **3j** (20.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (30.3 mg, 84% yield) as a 3.8:1 mixture of regioisomers (inseparable mixture) as a colorless oil.

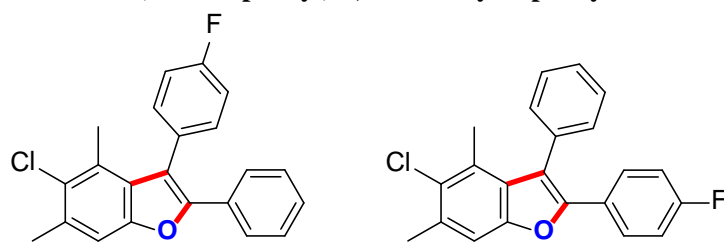
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.49-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.01-6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1.59H), 6.77-6.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.36H), 3.89 (s, 2.44H), 3.76 (s, 0.64H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.09, 2.05 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.3, 151.8, 151.7, 150.7, 150.6, 132.8, 131.8, 130.9, 130.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 126.1, 117.9, 114.3, 113.8, 110.4, 110.2, 55.2, 55.2, 21.8, 21.8, 16.1, 16.0.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₃H₁₉ClO₂H (M+H⁺) 363.1152, found 363.1153.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2928, 1513, 1247, 1174, 756.

5-chloro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4,6-dimethyl-2-phenylbenzofuran **3pk** and 5-chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4,6-dimethyl-3-phenylbenzofuran **3pk'**



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2k** (19.6 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (22.1 mg, 63% yield) as a 1.1:1 mixture of regioisomers as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47-7.36 (m, 5.62H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 3.04H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1.17H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 0.93H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 1.53H), 2.06 (s, 1.45H).

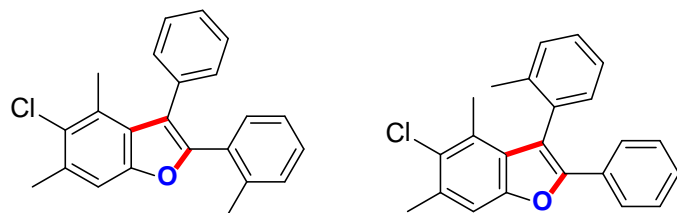
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.9-163.6 (d, *J* = 29.7 Hz), 161.4-161.1 (d, *J* = 31.1 Hz), 151.9, 151.8, 150.8, 149.8, 134.1, 133.1, 132.9, 132.5, 132.4, 130.7, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 117.9, 117.1, 116.1, 115.9, 115.5, 115.3, 110.5, 110.4, 21.8, 16.1, 16.1.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₂H₁₆ClFOH (M+H⁺) 351.0952, found 351.0951.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2926, 2358, 1510, 1233, 837.

Supporting Information

5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-*o*-tolylbenzofuran **3pl** and 5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-3-*o*-tolylbenzofuran **3pl'**



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2l** (19.2 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (24.6 mg, 71% yield) as a 1.6:1 mixture of regioisomers as a white solid.

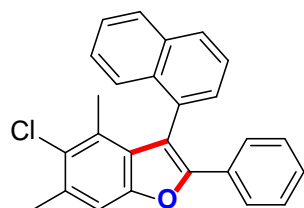
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45-7.14 (m, 10.14H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 0.39H), 2.51, 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.23, 2.21 (s, 2.28H), 2.11 (s, 1.89H), 2.00 (s, 1.82H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9, 152.4, 152.1, 149.9, 138.1, 137.9, 133.7, 133.4, 132.9, 132.5, 131.0, 130.9, 130.8, 130.3, 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 126.5, 125.7, 125.3, 120.0, 117.1, 110.5, 110.5, 21.8, 21.7, 20.4, 20.0, 16.8, 15.0.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₃H₁₉ClOH (M+H⁺) 347.1203, found 347.1199.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2921, 1451, 1389, 1010, 762.

5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenylbenzofuran **3pm**



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2m** (22.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (22.5 mg, 59% yield) as a colorless oil.

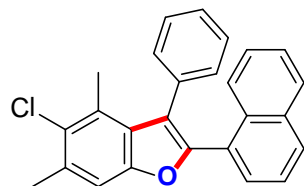
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.1, 151.2, 133.7, 133.3, 133.1, 131.8, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 115.9, 110.5, 21.9, 15.2.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₆H₁₉ClOH (M+H⁺) 383.1203, found 383.1208.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 3056, 1444, 1072, 934, 778.

5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-phenylbenzofuran **3pm'**



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Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2m** (22.8 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (6.7 mg, 18% yield) as a colorless oil.

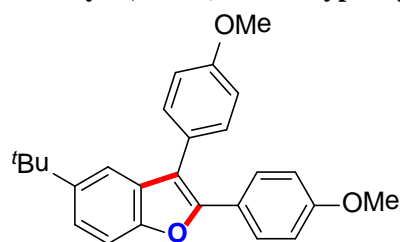
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99-7.97 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 8H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.6, 152.3, 133.6, 133.3, 132.8, 132.3, 130.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 126.5, 126.0, 126.0, 124.9, 120.9, 110.6, 21.8, 16.7.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₆H₁₉ClO (M+H⁺) 383.1203, found 383.1208.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2918, 1387, 1066, 1011, 775.

5-*t*-butyl-2, 3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)benzofuran **3af**



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1a** (45.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2f** (20.7 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 50:1) provided the title compound (16.8 mg, 44% yield) as a white solid.

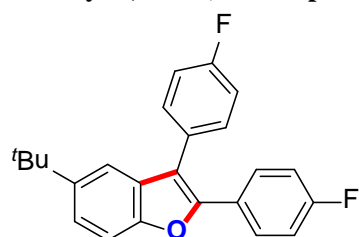
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58-7.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.03-7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8, 2H), 6.85-6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.5, 158.9, 152.0, 150.7, 145.9, 130.9, 130.1, 128.3, 125.3, 123.7, 122.1, 115.8, 115.7, 114.4, 113.8, 110.2, 55.3, 55.2, 34.8, 31.9.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₆H₂₆O₃H (M+H⁺) 387.1960, found 387.1966.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2960, 1518, 1251, 1174, 1033.

5-*t*-butyl-2, 3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)benzofuran **3ah**



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1a** (45.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2h** (21.4 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (26.3 mg, 73% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59-7.55 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.8, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 8.8, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

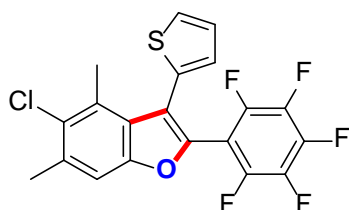
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.8-163.6 (d, *J* = 24.8 Hz), 161.4-161.1 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 152.1, 150.0, 146.4, 131.5-131.4 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 129.6, 128.8-128.7 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 126.9 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 122.9, 116.4, 116.3, 116.1, 115.7, 115.5, 110.5, 34.8, 31.8.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₂₀F₂O (M⁺) 362.1482, found 362.1487.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2963, 1515, 1223, 1157, 831.

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5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2-(perfluorophenyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)benzofuran 3pn



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2n** (27.4 mg, 0.10 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (24.7 mg, 58% yield) as a white solid.

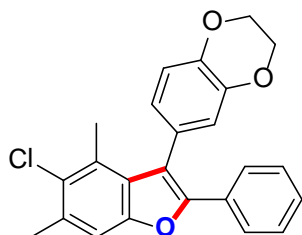
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 153.4, 134.6, 131.1, 130.5, 130.2, 129.5, 127.3, 127.2, 125.9, 118.0, 110.8, 21.8, 16.0.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₀H₁₀ClF₅OSH (M+H⁺) 429.0139, found 429.0143.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2922, 1514, 1497, 1008, 988.

6-(5-chloro-4, 6-dimethyl-2-phenylbenzofuran-3-yl)-2, 3-dihydrobenzo[b][1, 4]dioxine 3po



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1p** (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2o** (29.6 mg, 0.12 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 5:1) provided the title compound (38.3 mg, 82% yield) as a yellow oil.

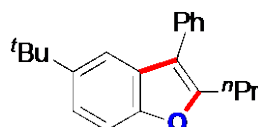
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.96-6.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, *J* = 2.0, 1H), 4.36-4.32 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.8, 150.6, 143.8, 143.5, 132.8, 130.8, 130.7, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.3, 123.9, 119.4, 117.7, 110.3, 64.4, 64.3, 21.8, 16.0.

HRMS (ESI): calculated for C₂₄H₁₉ClO₃H (M+H⁺) 391.1101, found 391.1106.

FTIR (cm⁻¹): ν 2924, 1508, 1282, 1251, 1068.

5-(*tert*-butyl)-3-phenyl-2-propylbenzofuran 3pq



Prepared according to General Procedure using **1a** (180.0 mg, 1.20 mmol), **2q** (57.6 mg, 0.40 mmol); flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether) provided the title compound (10.7 mg, 10% yield) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 2H),

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7.34-7.32 (m, 1H), 2.81 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.83-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.4, 152.2, 145.7, 133.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 126.9, 121.4, 117.1, 115.5, 110.1, 34.8, 31.9, 28.7, 21.8, 13.9.

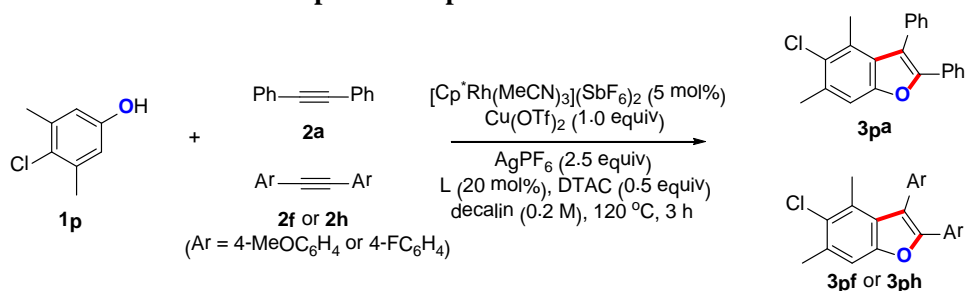
HRMS (ESI): calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{OH}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 293.1905, found 293.1900.

FTIR (cm^{-1}): ν 2968, 2900, 1393, 1066, 1027.

Mechanistic Experiments

Competition Experiments: with electronically different alkynes

General Procedure for the Competition Experiments



1p (0.30 mmol, 45.0 mg), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.10 mmol, 17.8 mg), **2f** (0.10 mmol, 23.8 mg) or **2h** (0.10 mmol, 21.4 mg), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{MeCN})_3](\text{SbF}_6)_2$ (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 4.2 mg), acetanilide (0.20 equiv, 0.02 mmol, 2.7 mg), DTAC (dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride) (0.5 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 13.2 mg) were weighed in the air and $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 36.2 mg), AgPF_6 (2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 63.2 mg) were weighed in the glovebox and charged into an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and refilled with N_2 , which was repeated for 3 times. After addition of 0.5 mL of decalin under a positive pressure of N_2 *via* syringe, the sealed tube was placed in a 120 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and directly purified by flash column chromatography. After purification, the mixture was analyzed by ^1H NMR.

I) Using **2f** as another alkyne:

The two products were purified by flash column chromatography to get product **3pa** (eluent: petroleum ether a) with 24% yield and product **3pf** (eluent: petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 50:1) with 81% yield. The ratio of product **3pa** to product **3pf** was 1.0:3.4.

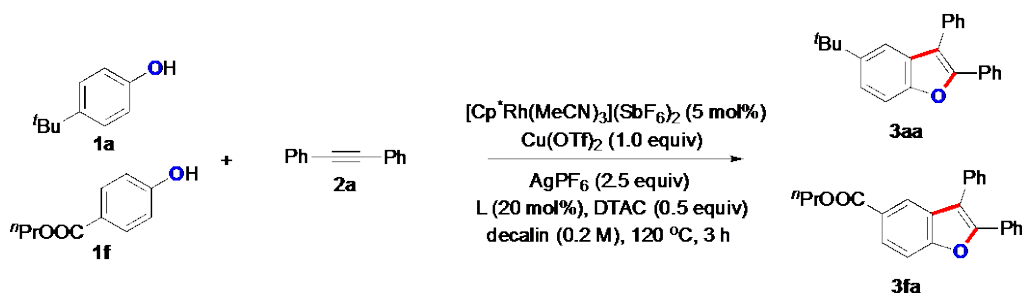
II) Using **2h** as another alkyne:

The two products were inseparable mixtures which were analyzed by ^1H NMR (Figure 1). The result showed that the ratio of product **3pa** to product **3ph** was 1.0:1.2

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Competition Experiments: with electronically different phenols

General Procedure for the Competition Experiments



1a (0.15 mmol, 22.5 mg), **1g** (0.15 mmol, 27.0 mg), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.10 mmol, 17.8 mg), [Cp^{*}Rh(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂ (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 4.2 mg), acetanilide (0.20 equiv, 0.02 mmol, 2.7 mg), DTAC (dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride) (0.5 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 13.2 mg) were weighed in the air and Cu(OTf)₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 36.2 mg), AgPF₆ (2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 63.2 mg) were weighed in the glovebox and charged into an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and refilled with N₂, which was repeated for 3 times. After addition of 0.5 mL of decalin under a positive pressure of N₂ *via* syringe, the sealed tube was placed in a 120 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and directly purified by flash column chromatography. After purification, the mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The result showed that the ratio of **3aa** to **3fa** was 1.5:1.

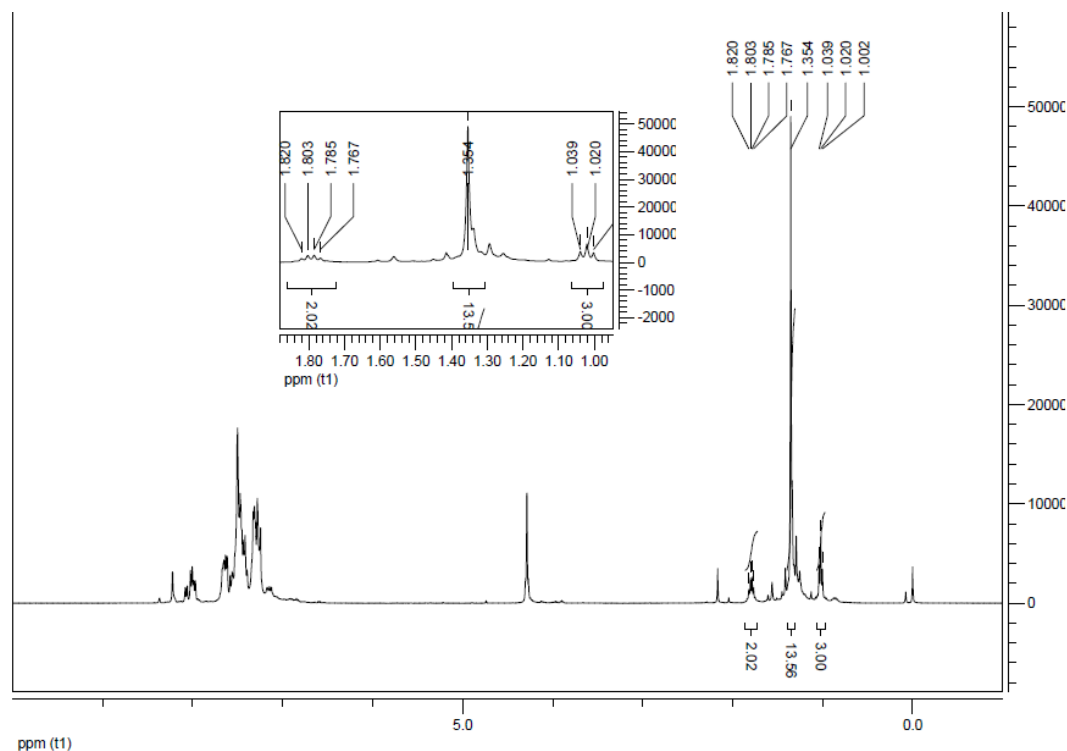
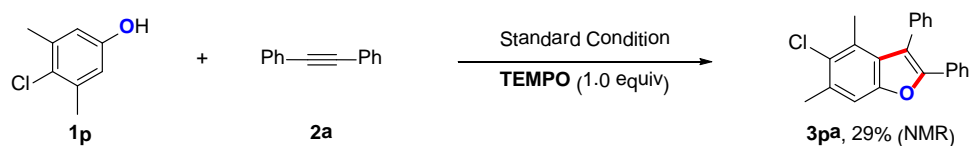


Figure 2

Supporting Information

Radical Trapping Experiment

General Procedures for the Radical Trapping Experiment



1p (0.30 mmol, 46.8 mg), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.10 mmol, 17.8 mg), [Cp*Rh(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂ (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 4.2 mg), acetanilide (0.20 equiv, 0.02 mmol, 2.7 mg), DTAC (dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride) (0.5 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 13.2 mg), **TEMPO** (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 15.6 mg) were weighed in the air and Cu(OTf)₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 36.2 mg), AgPF₆ (2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 63.2 mg) were weighed in the glovebox and charged into an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and refilled with N₂, which was repeated for 3 times. After addition of 0.5 mL of decalin under a positive pressure of N₂ *via* syringe, the sealed tube was placed in a 120 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and directly purified by flash column chromatography. After purification, 0.086 mmol (6.0 μL) CH₂Br₂ was added as an internal standard, the mixture was analyzed by ¹H NMR. The result showed that **3pa** was obtained with 29% yield (NMR).

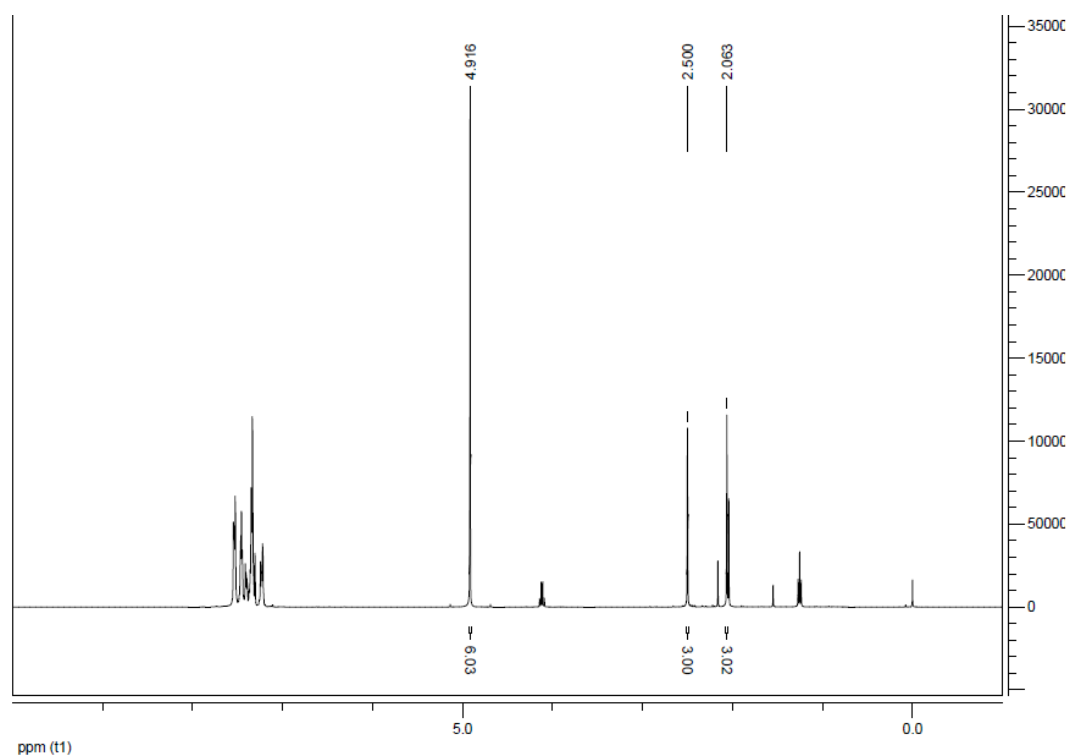


Figure 3

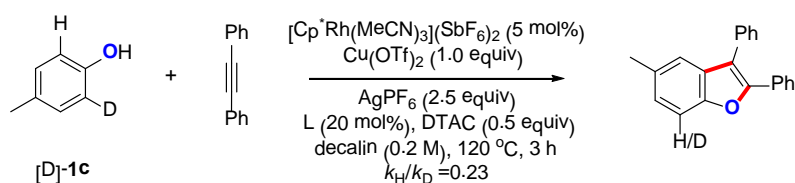
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Deuterium-Labeling Experiments

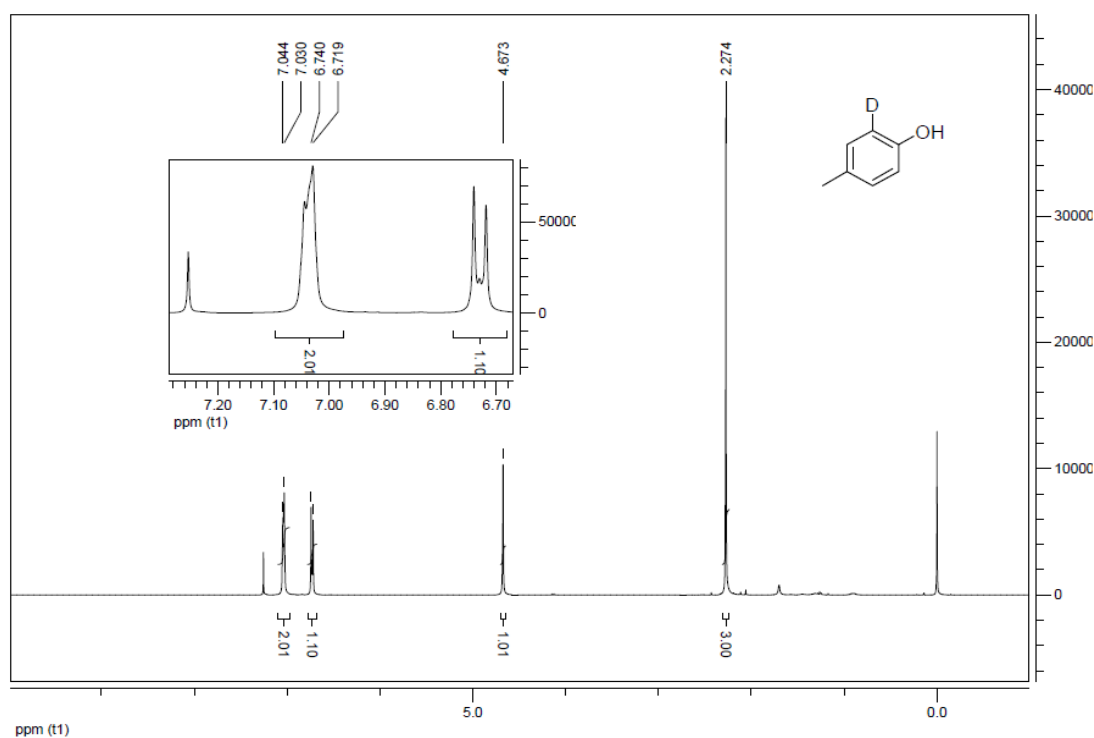
General Procedures for the Synthesis of [D]-1c

To a solution of 2-bromo-4-methylphenol (561 mg, 3.0 mmol, 0.36 mL) in 2.0 mL freshly distilled THF, *n*BuLi (7.5 mmol, 4.7 mL, 1.6 M in hexane) was added dropwise to the solution at -78 °C, the solution was stirred for 12 h, then 3 mL D₂O was added dropwise to the solution at 0 °C, after that the solution was stirred for 2 h. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O, organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄, concentrated and the mixture was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) to give [D]-1c with 71% yield and 90% (D%).

General Procedures for the Intramolecular Kinetic Isotopic Effect



[D]-1c (90% D-substituted) (0.30 mmol, 32.7 mg, 31.6 μL), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.10 mmol, 17.8 mg), [Cp**Rh*(MeCN)₃](SbF₆)₂ (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 4.2 mg), acetanilide (0.20 equiv, 0.02 mmol, 2.7 mg), DTAC (dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride) (0.5 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 13.2 mg) were weighed in the air and Cu(OTf)₂ (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 36.2 mg), AgPF₆ (2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 63.2 mg) were weighed in the glovebox and charged into an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and refilled with N₂, which was repeated for 3 times. After addition of 0.5 mL of decalin under a positive pressure of N₂ *via* syringe, the sealed tube was placed in a 120 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and directly purified by flash column chromatography with petroleum ether as eluent to get product with 59% yield. The result was analyzed by ¹H NMR (Figure 4). The result showed that $k_H/k_D = 0.23$. Then the reaction was stirred for 10 min, however, no detectable deuterium incorporation was observed. Both results indicated the existence of H/D exchange.



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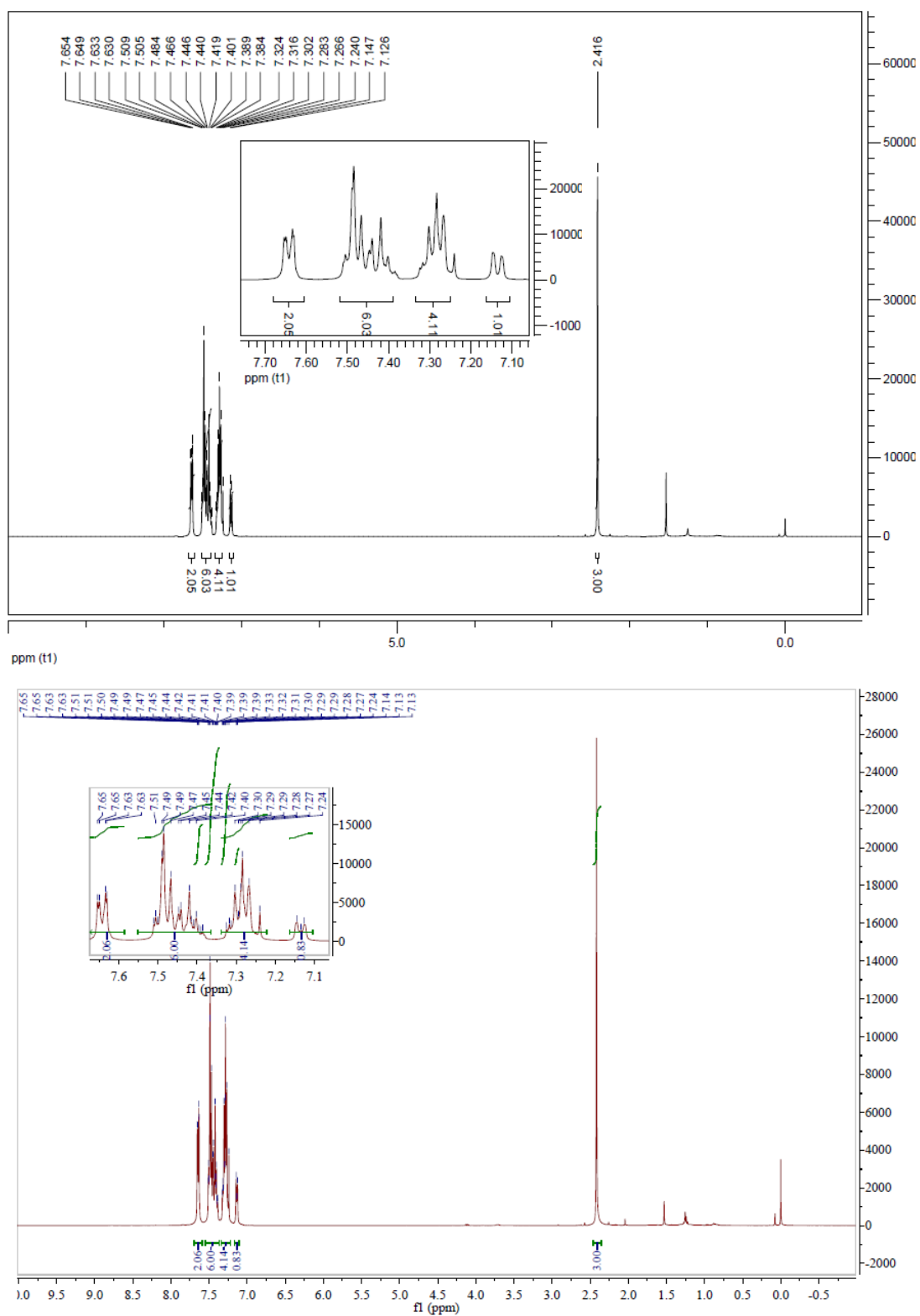
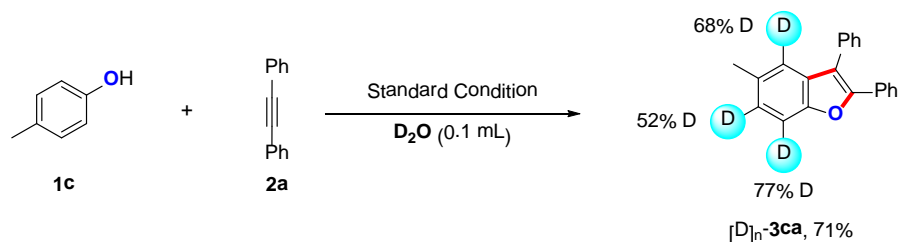


Figure 4

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General Procedures for the Deuterium-Labeling Experiment



1c (0.30 mmol, 32.4 mg), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.10 mmol, 17.8 mg), $[Cp^*Rh(MeCN)_3](SbF_6)_2$ (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 4.2 mg), acetanilide (0.20 equiv, 0.02 mmol, 2.7 mg), DTAC (dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride) (0.5 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 13.2 mg) were weighed in the air and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 36.2 mg), $AgPF_6$ (2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 63.2 mg) were weighed in the glovebox and charged into an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and refilled with N_2 , which was repeated for 3 times. After addition of 0.5 mL of decalin and 0.1 mL D_2O under a positive pressure of N_2 *via* syringe, the sealed tube was placed in a 120 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and directly purified by flash column chromatography eluting with petroleum ether. 20.1 mg product was obtained with 71% yield. The result showed that the existence of H/D exchange (Figure 5).

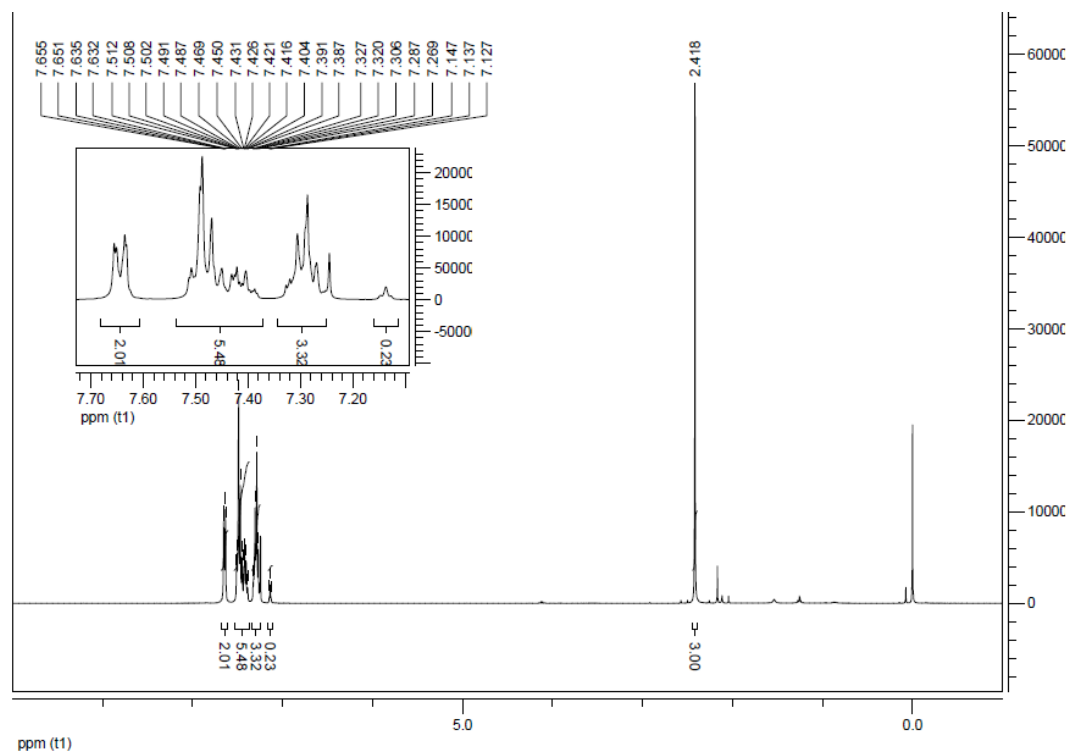


Figure 5

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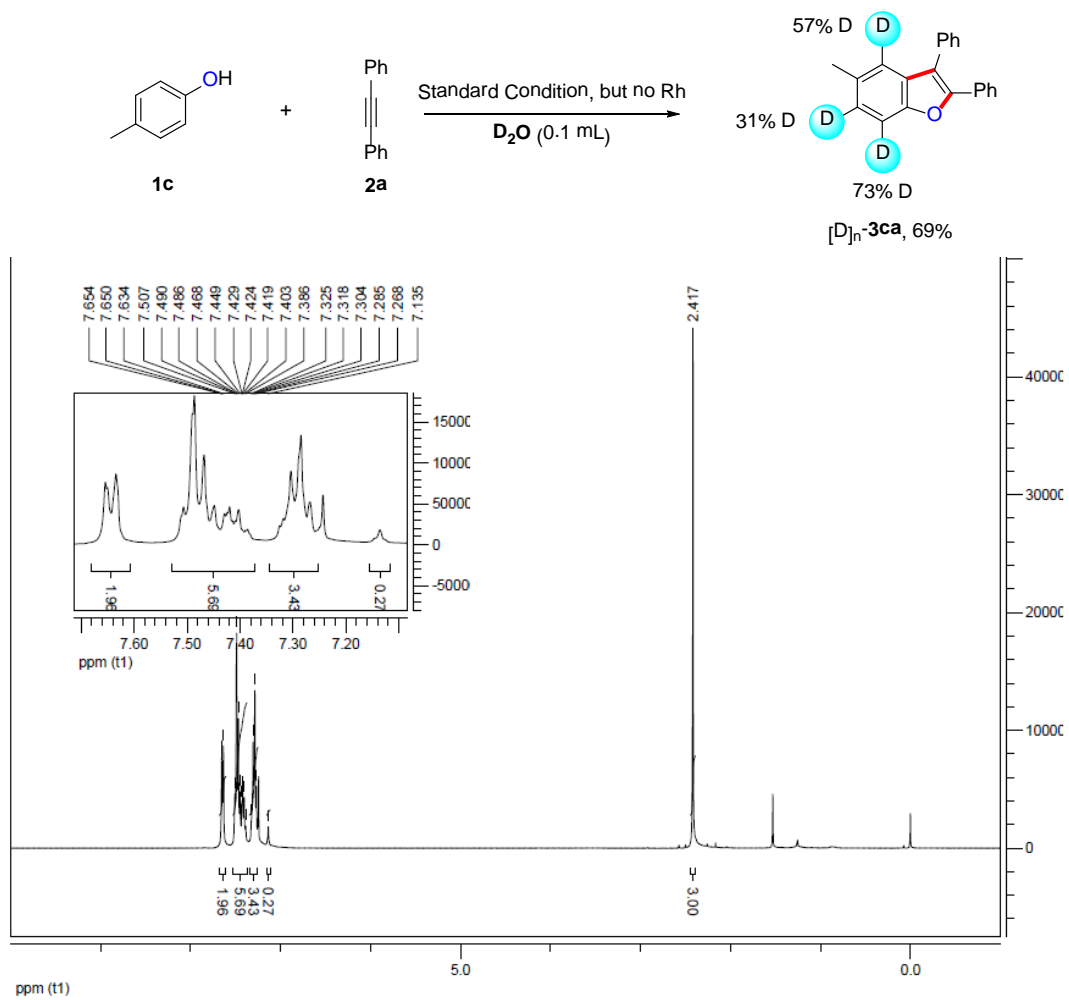


Figure 6

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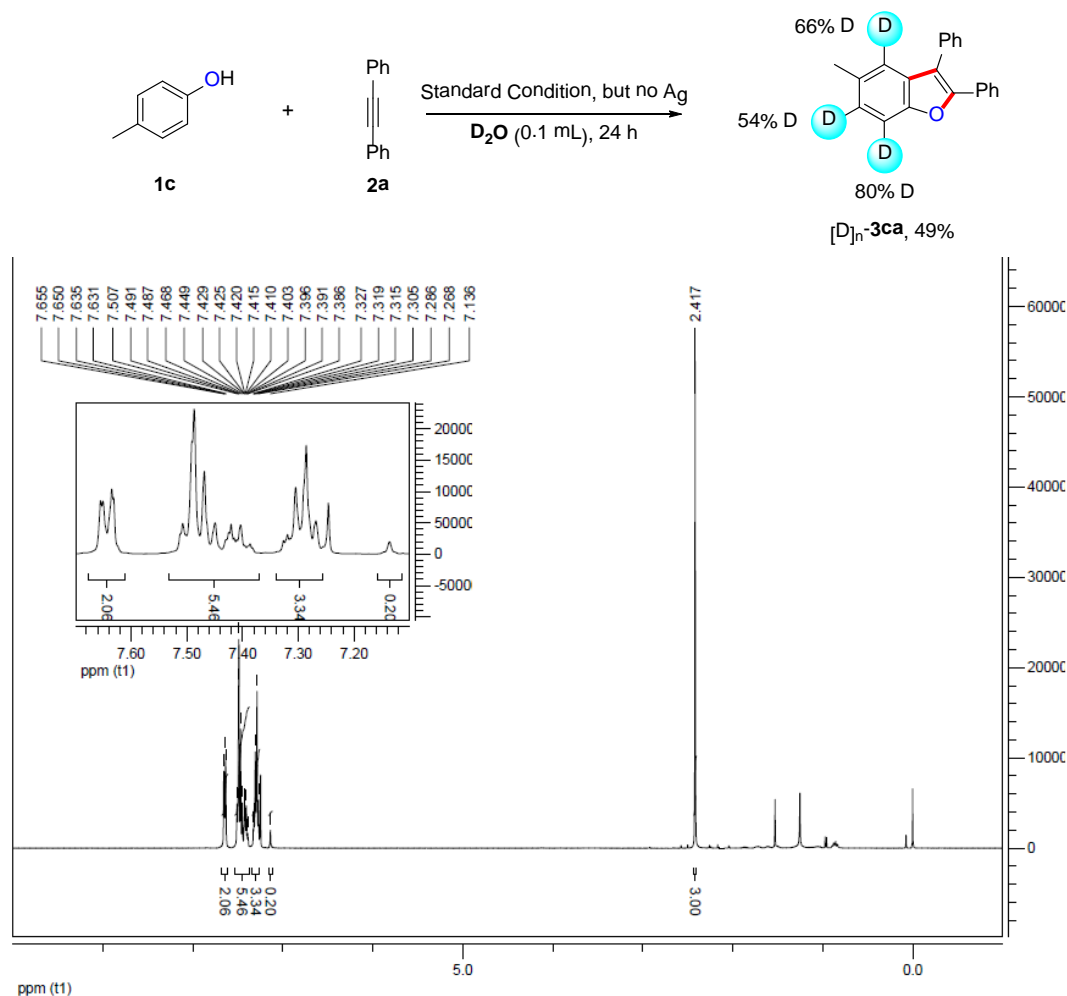


Figure 7

General Procedures for the Deuterium-Labeling Experiment



3aa (0.10 mmol, 32.6 mg), $[Cp^*Rh(MeCN)_3](SbF_6)_2$ (5 mol%, 0.005 mmol, 4.2 mg), acetanilide (0.20 equiv, 0.02 mmol, 2.7 mg), DTAC (dodecyl trimethyl ammonium chloride) (0.5 equiv, 0.05 mmol, 13.2 mg) were weighed in the air and $Cu(OTf)_2$ (1.0 equiv, 0.10 mmol, 36.2 mg), $AgPF_6$ (2.5 equiv, 0.25 mmol, 63.2 mg) were weighed in the glovebox and charged into an oven-dried 50 mL Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and refilled with N_2 , which was repeated for 3 times. After addition of 0.5 mL of decalin and 0.1 mL D_2O under a positive pressure of N_2 via syringe, the sealed tube was placed in a 120 °C parallel synthesizer and stirred for 3 h. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and directly purified by flash column chromatography eluting with petroleum ether. The result showed that no detectable deuterium incorporation was observed (Figure 8).

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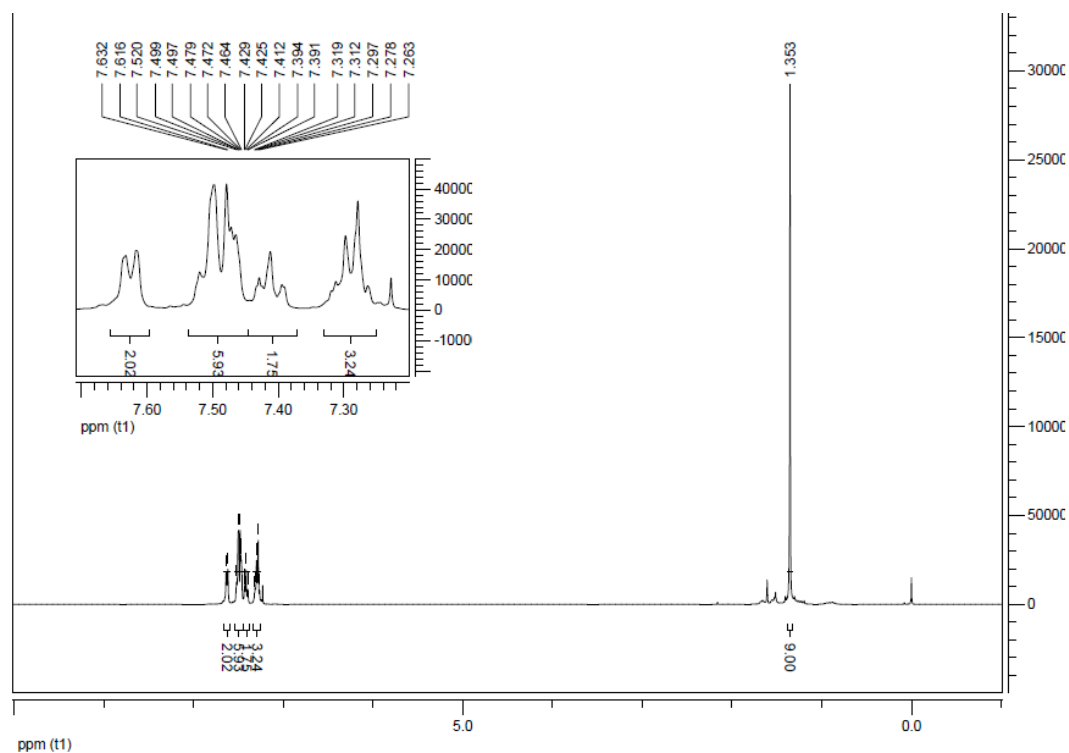
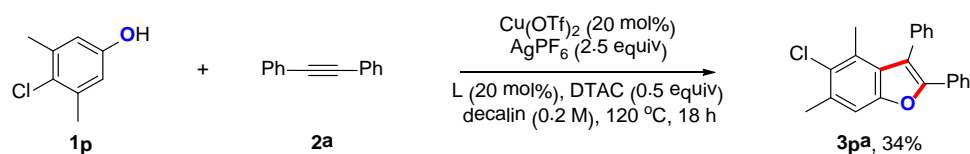


Figure 8

Catalytic Reaction

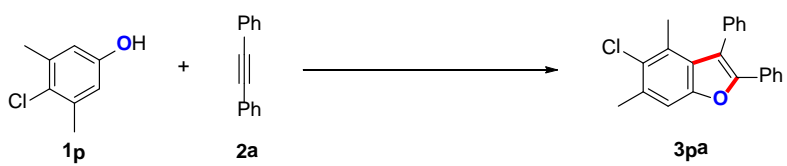
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Control Experiment



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48%
n.d.
45%

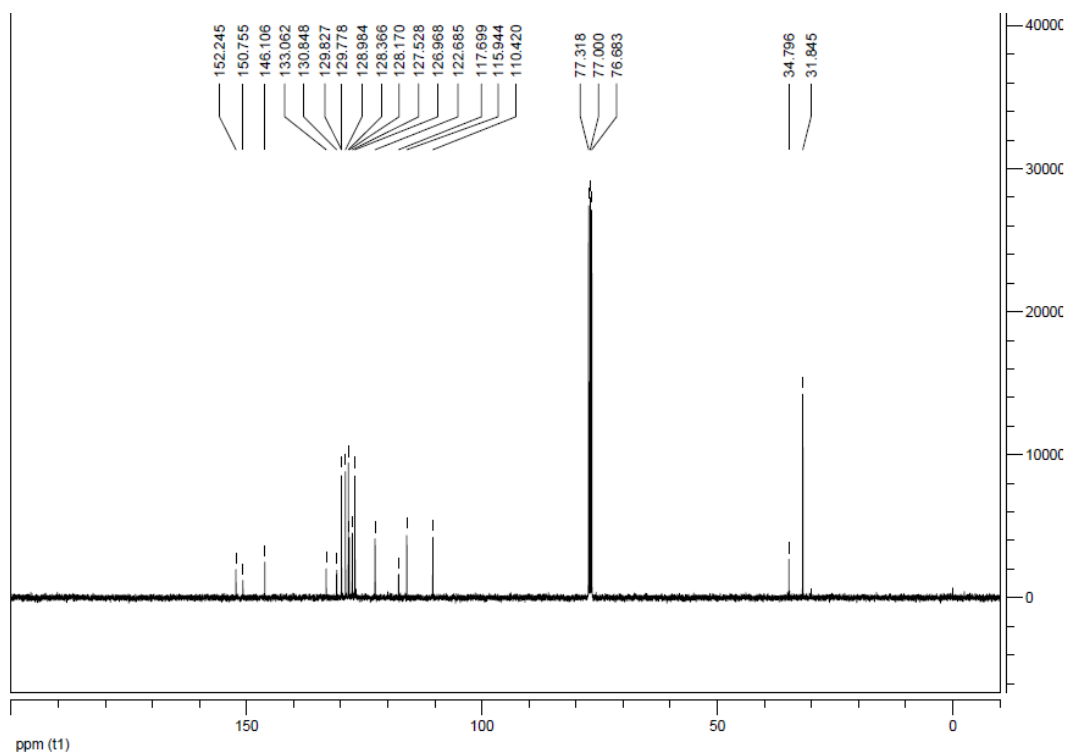
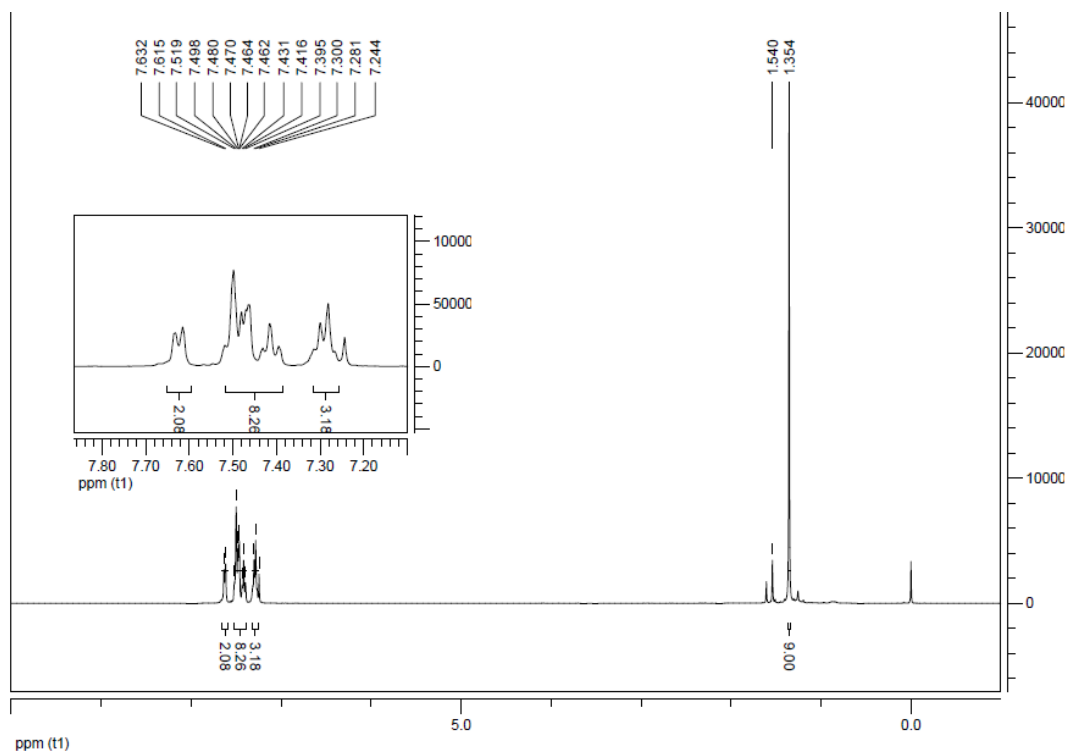
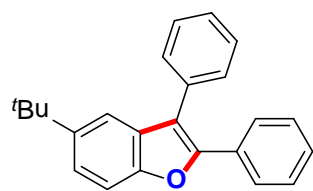
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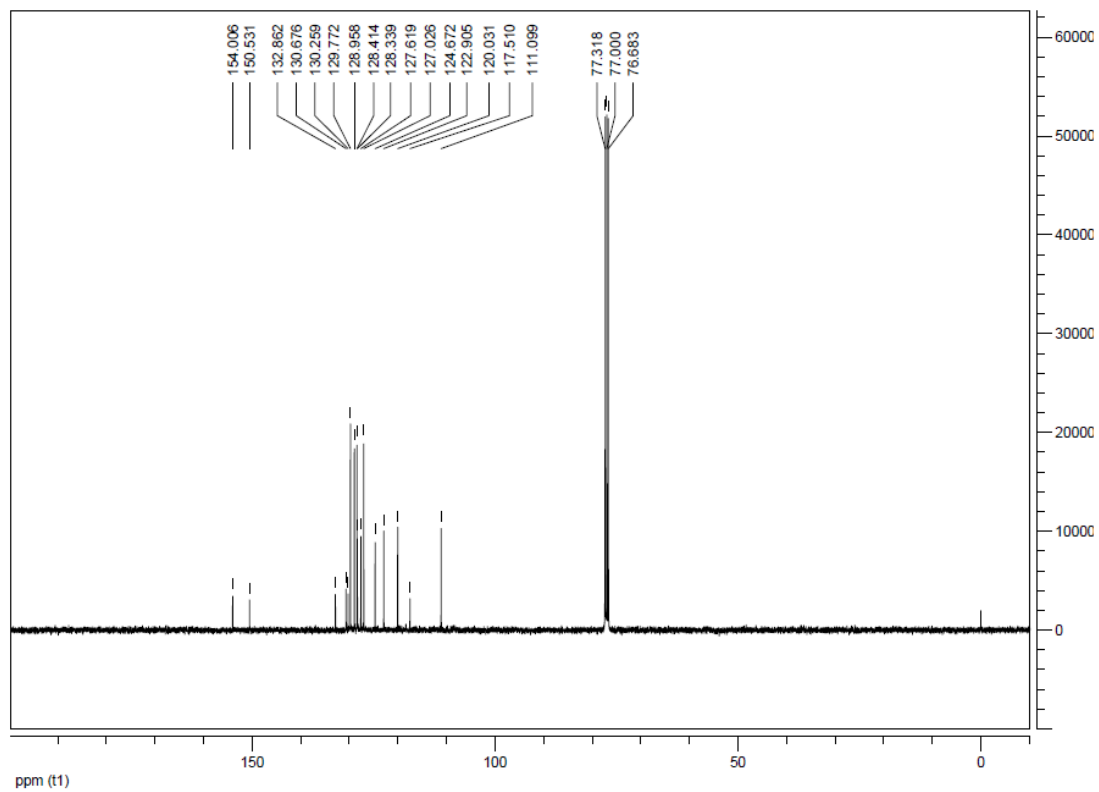
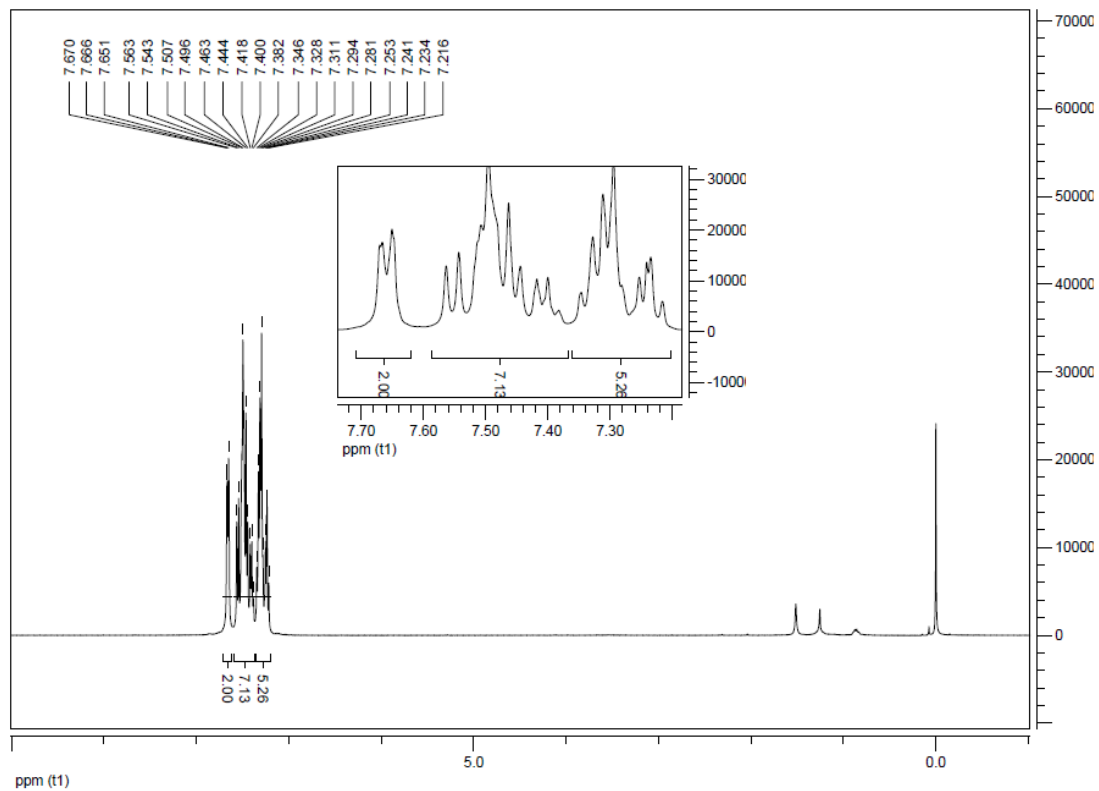
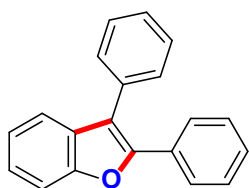
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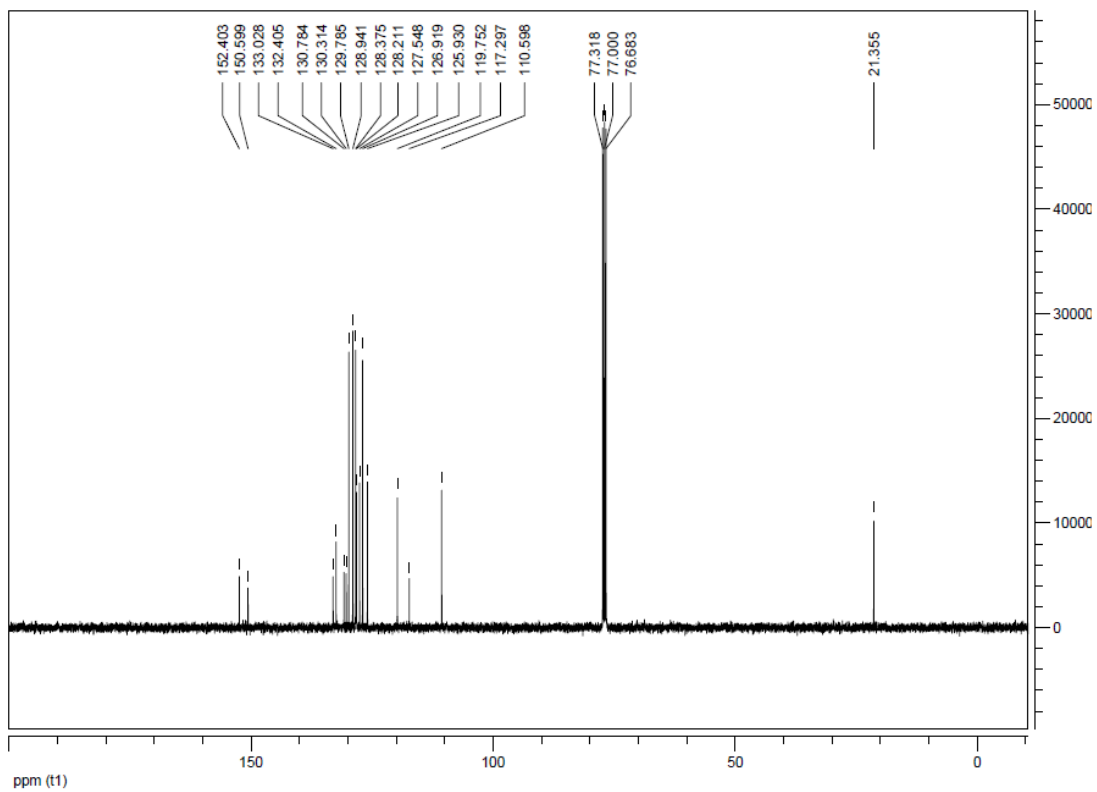
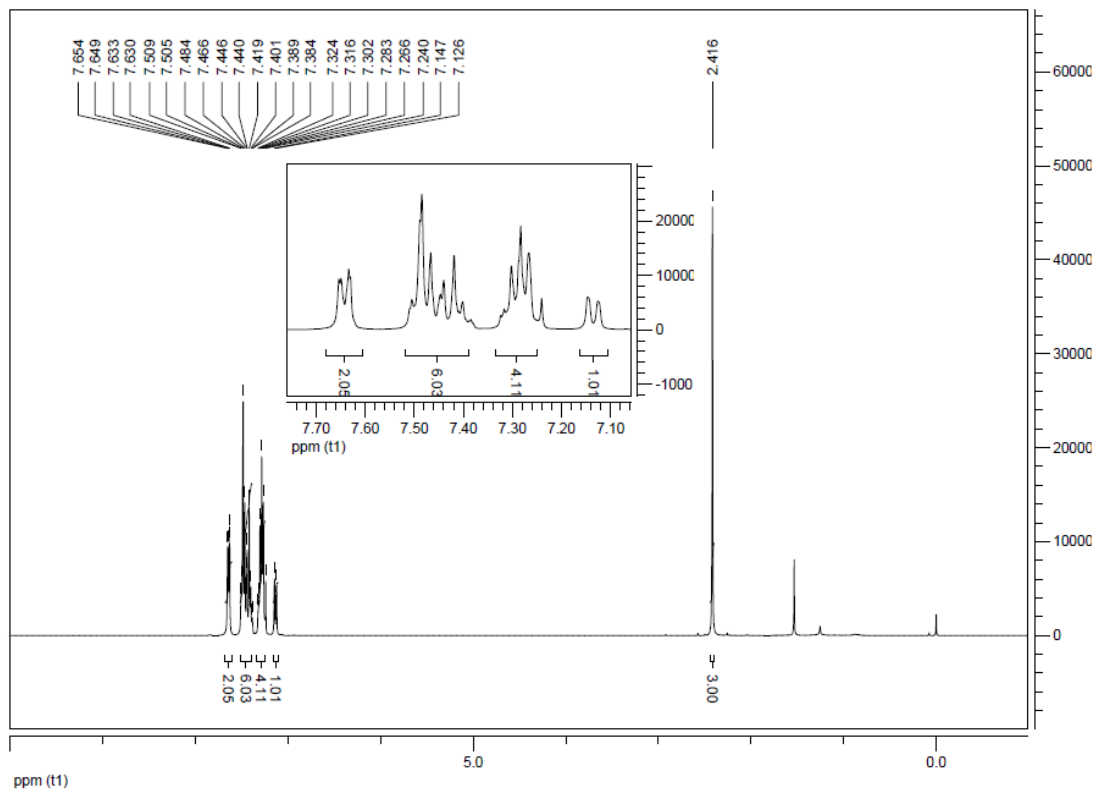
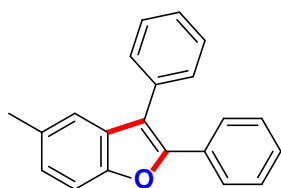
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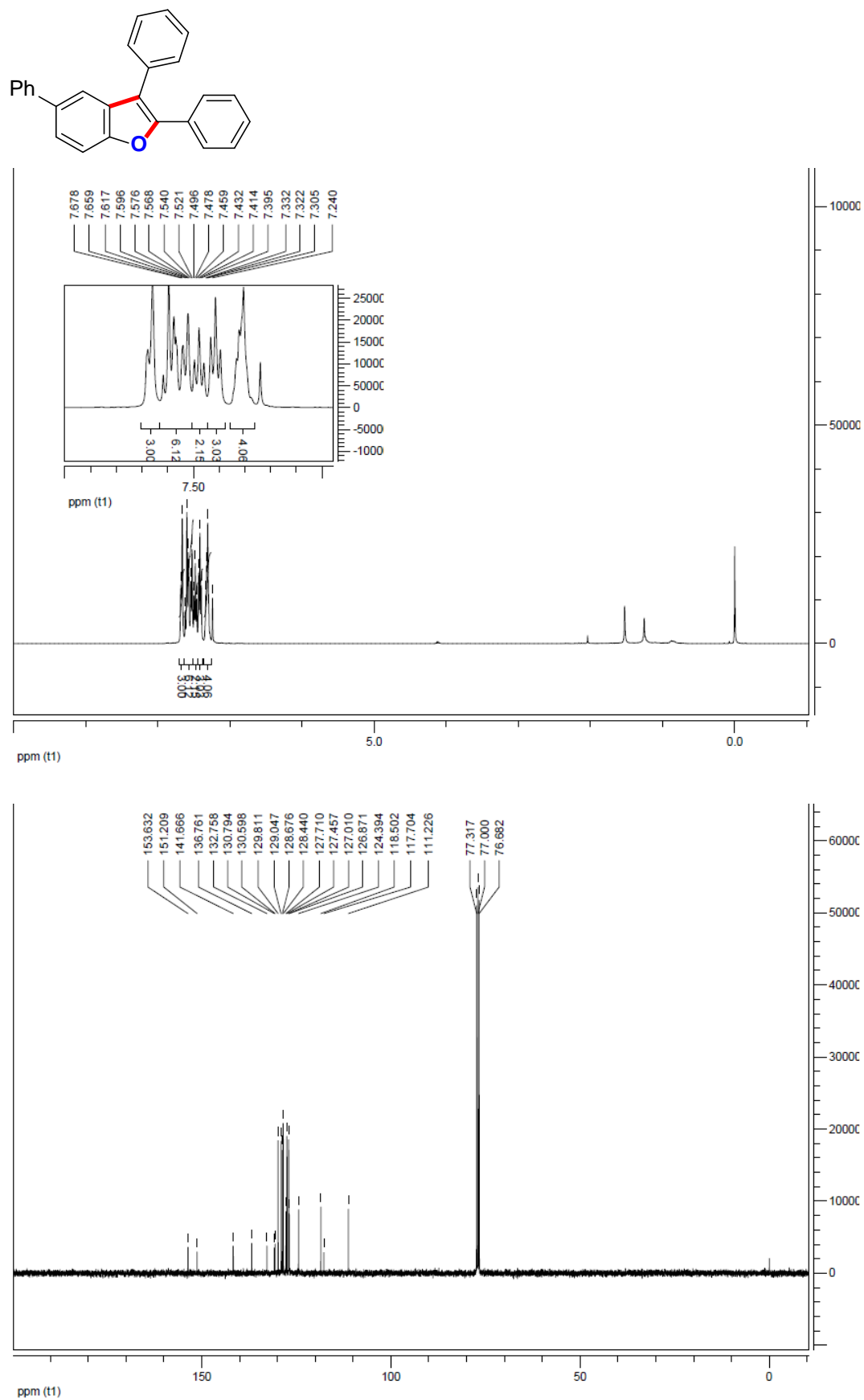
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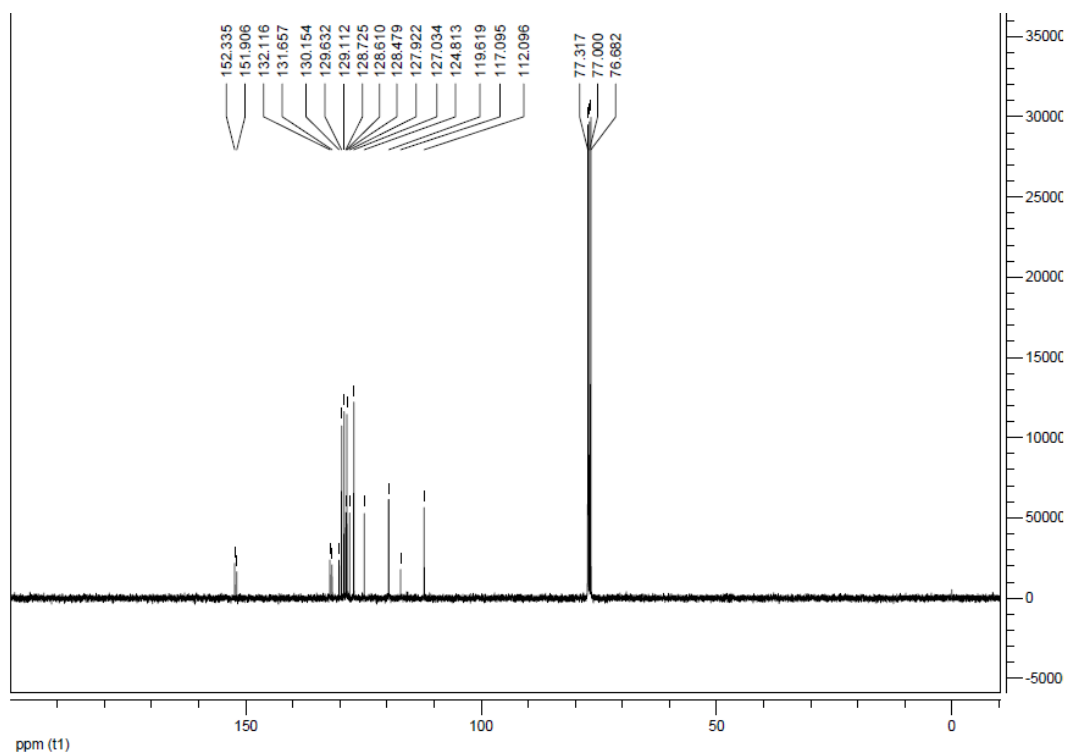
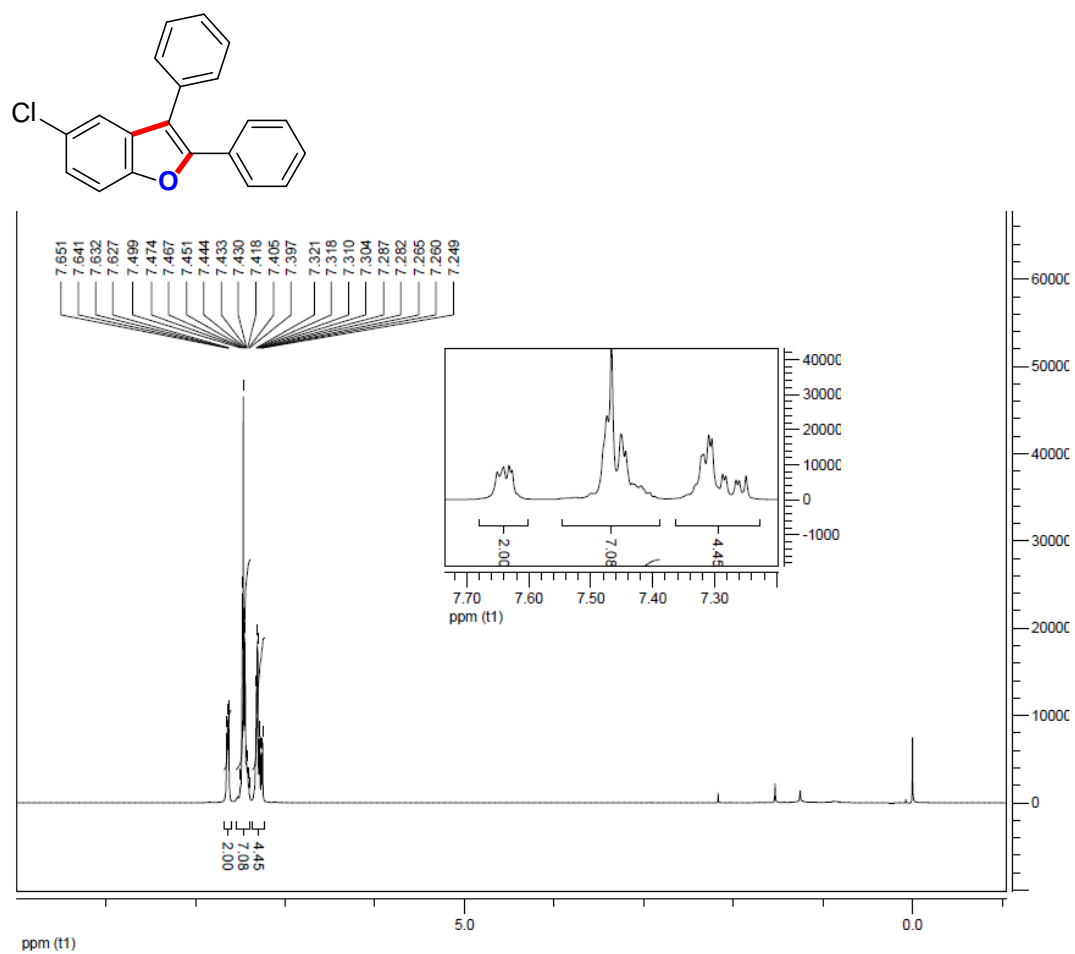
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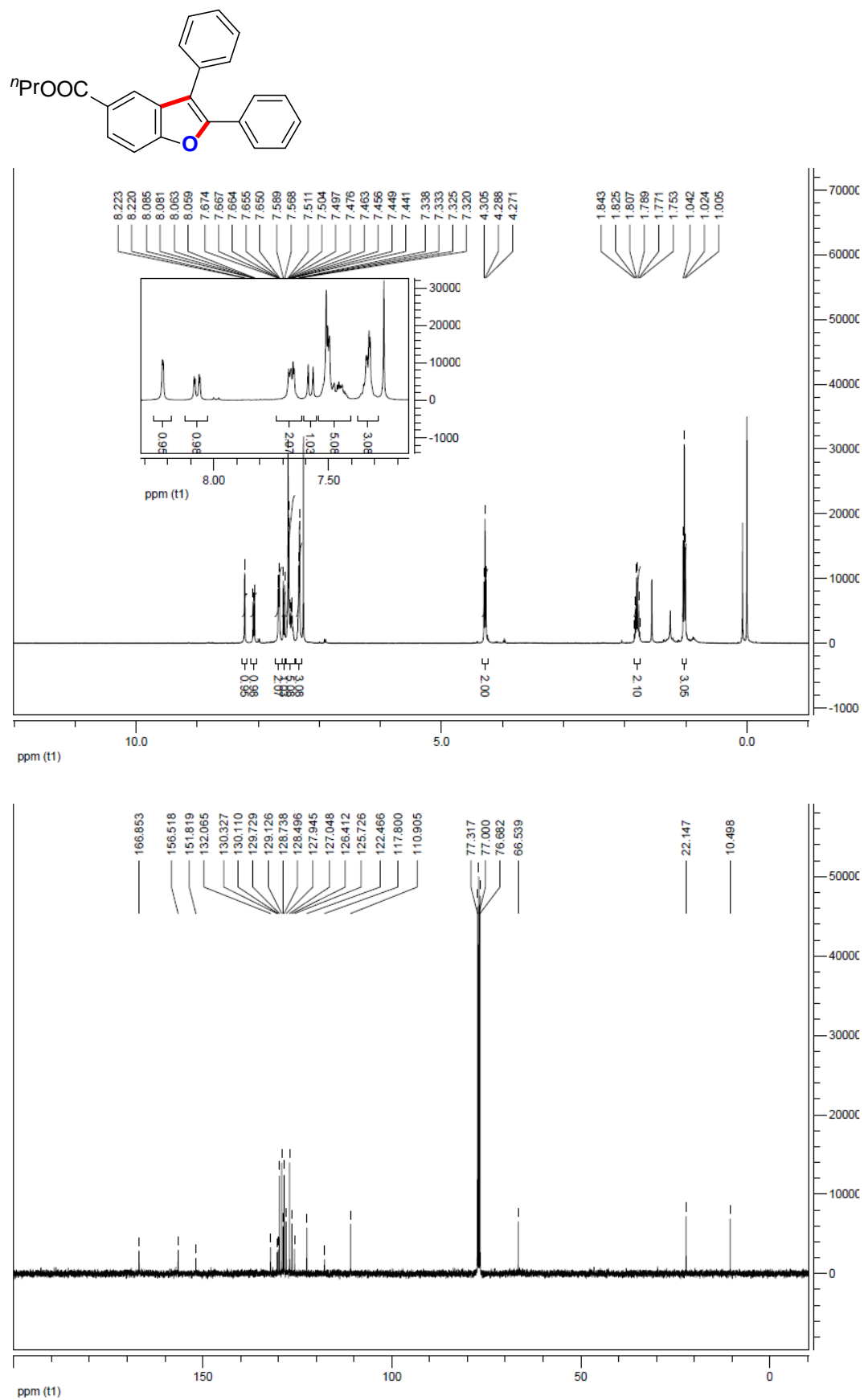
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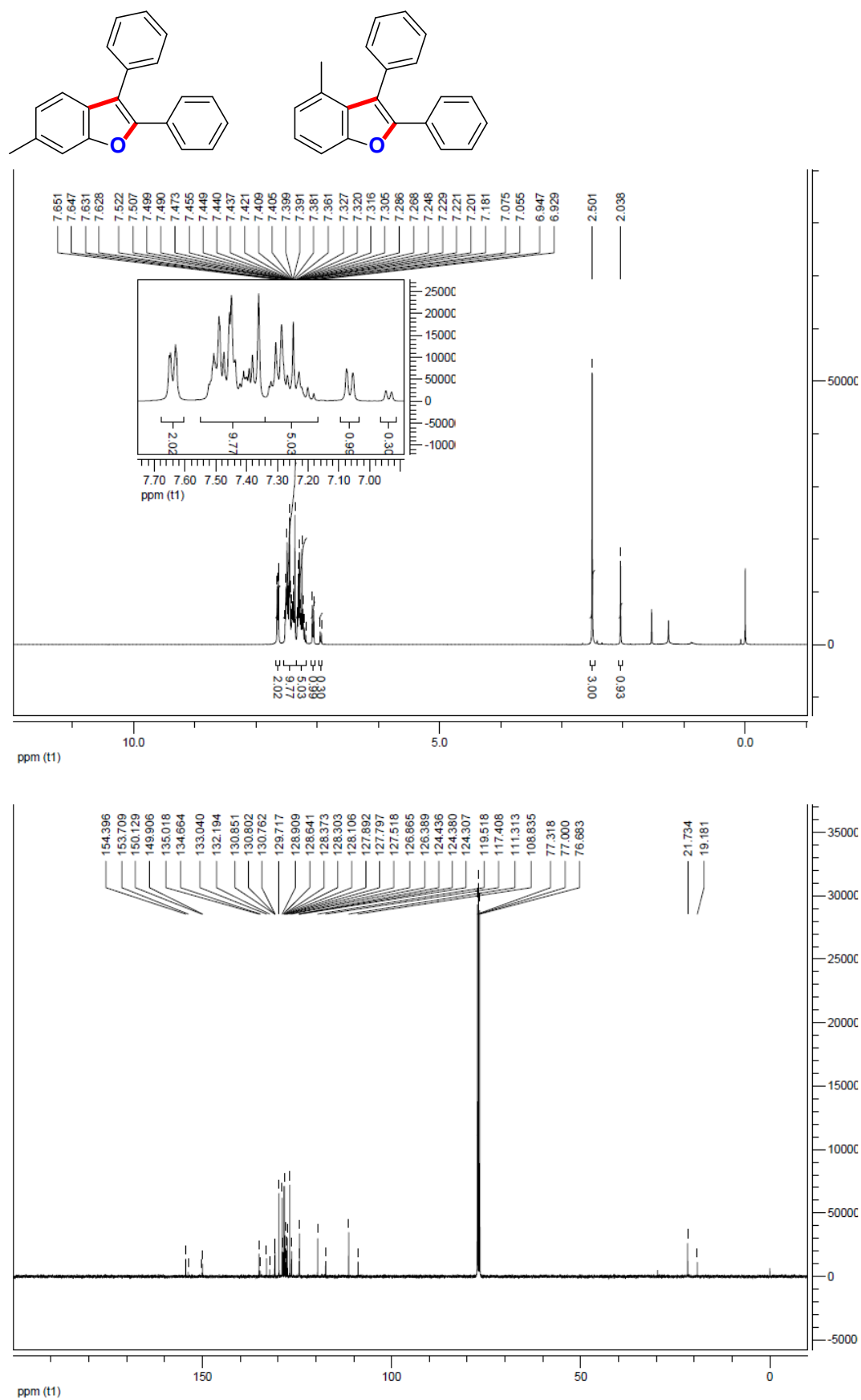
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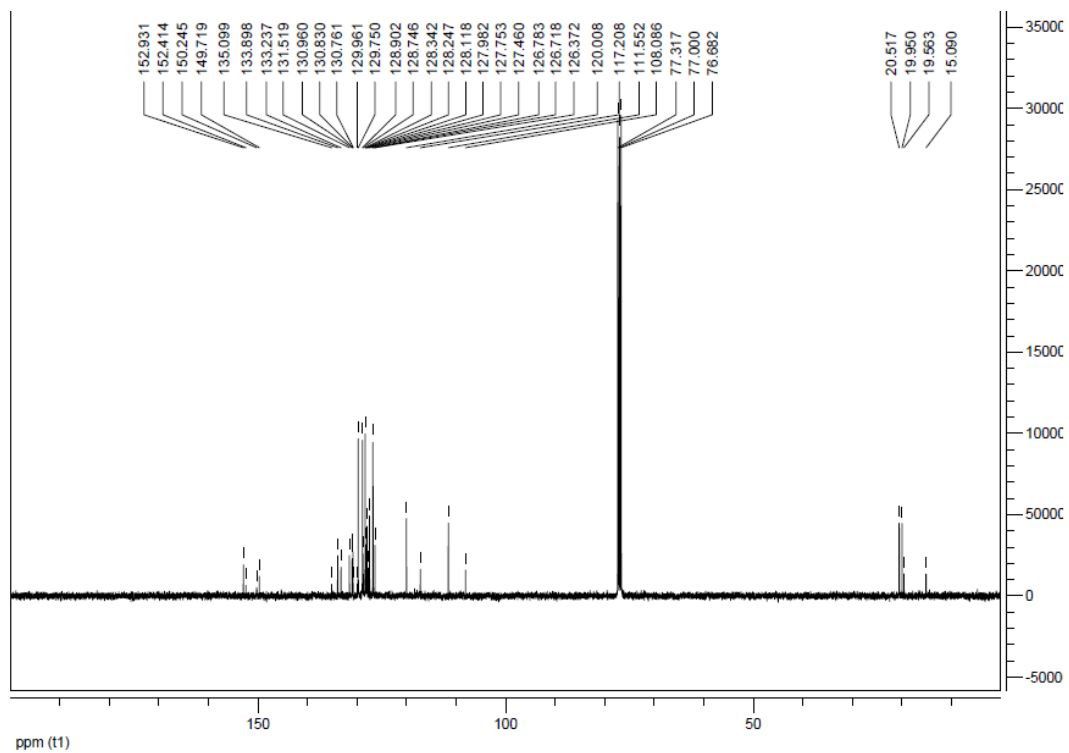
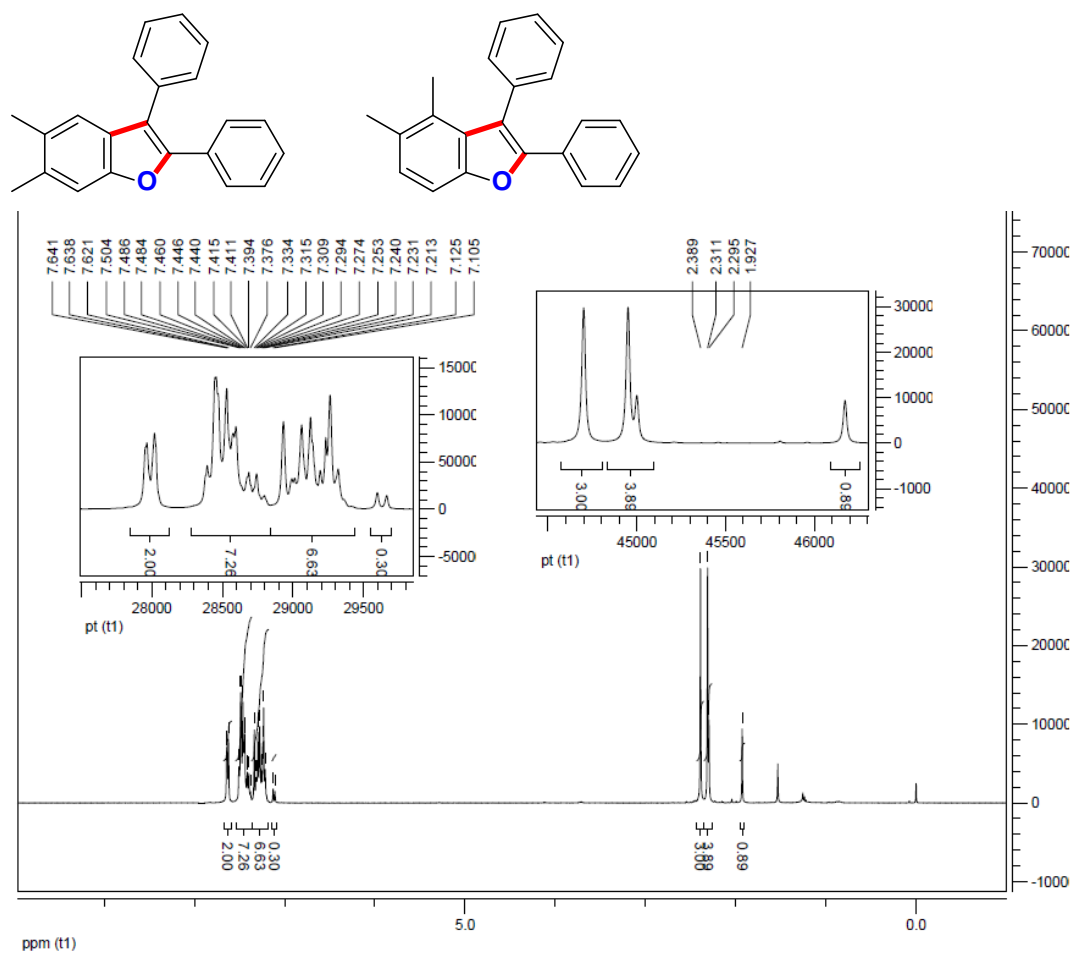
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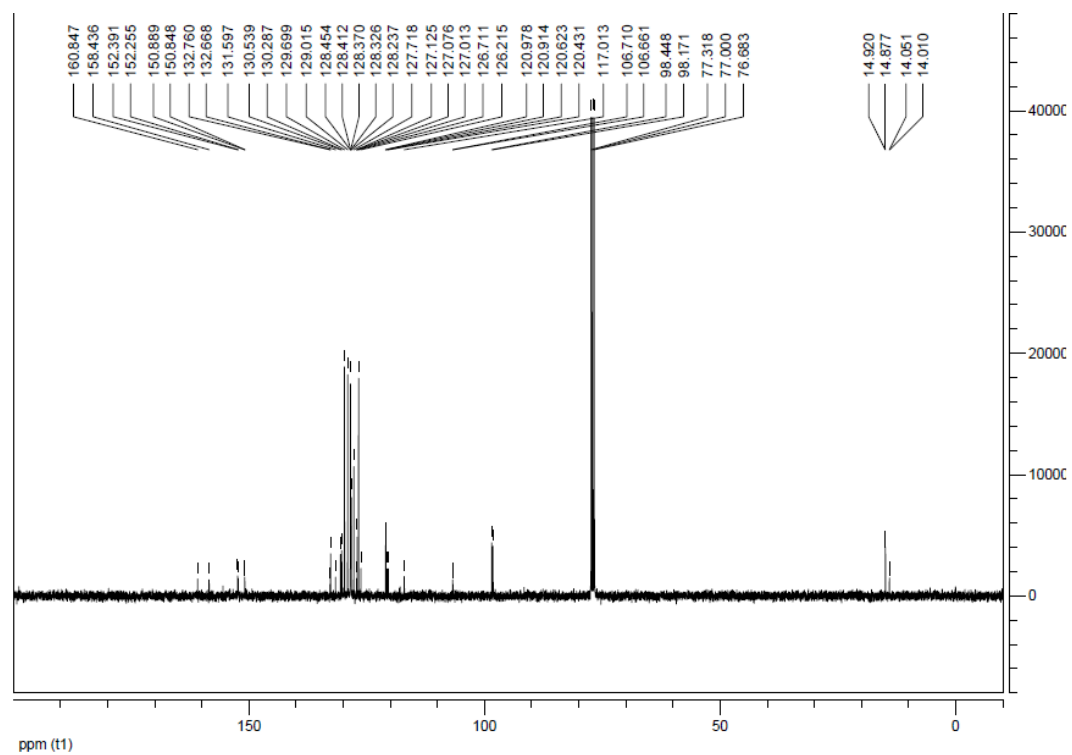
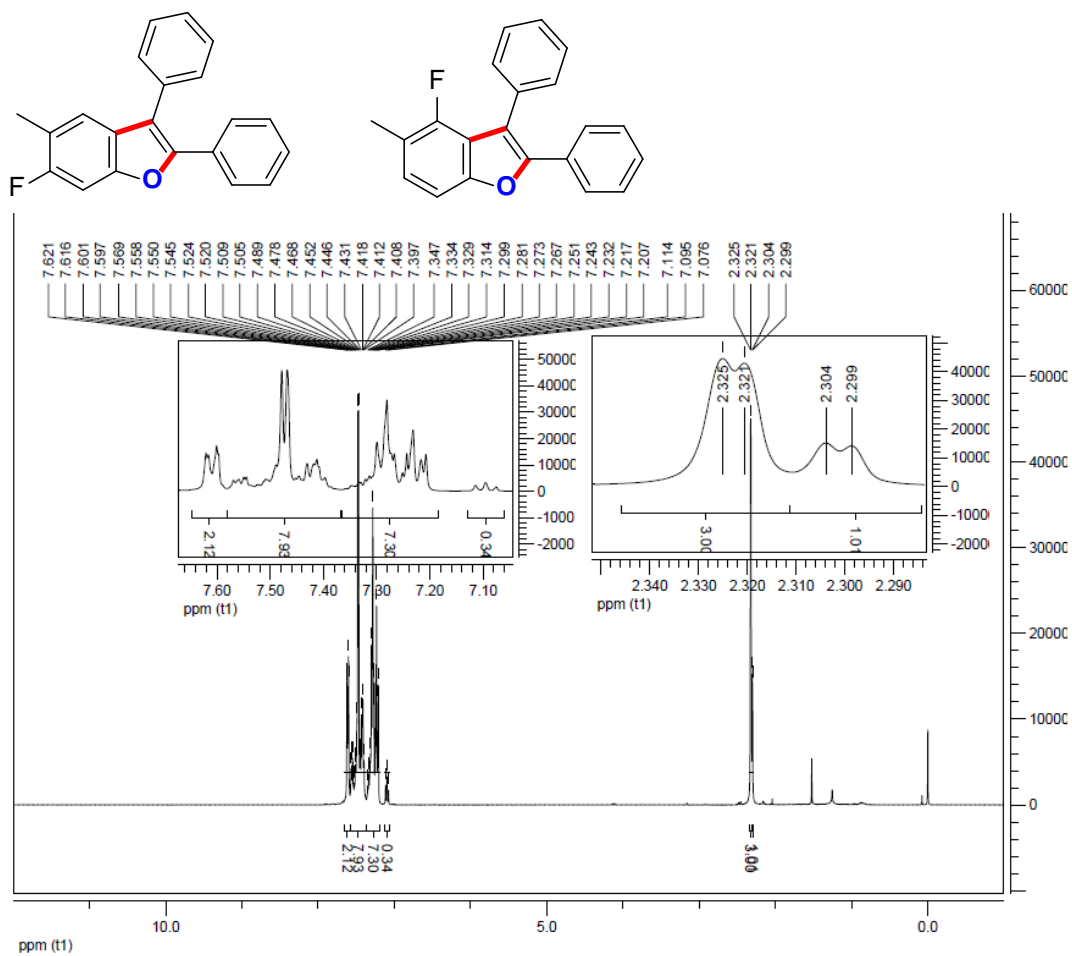
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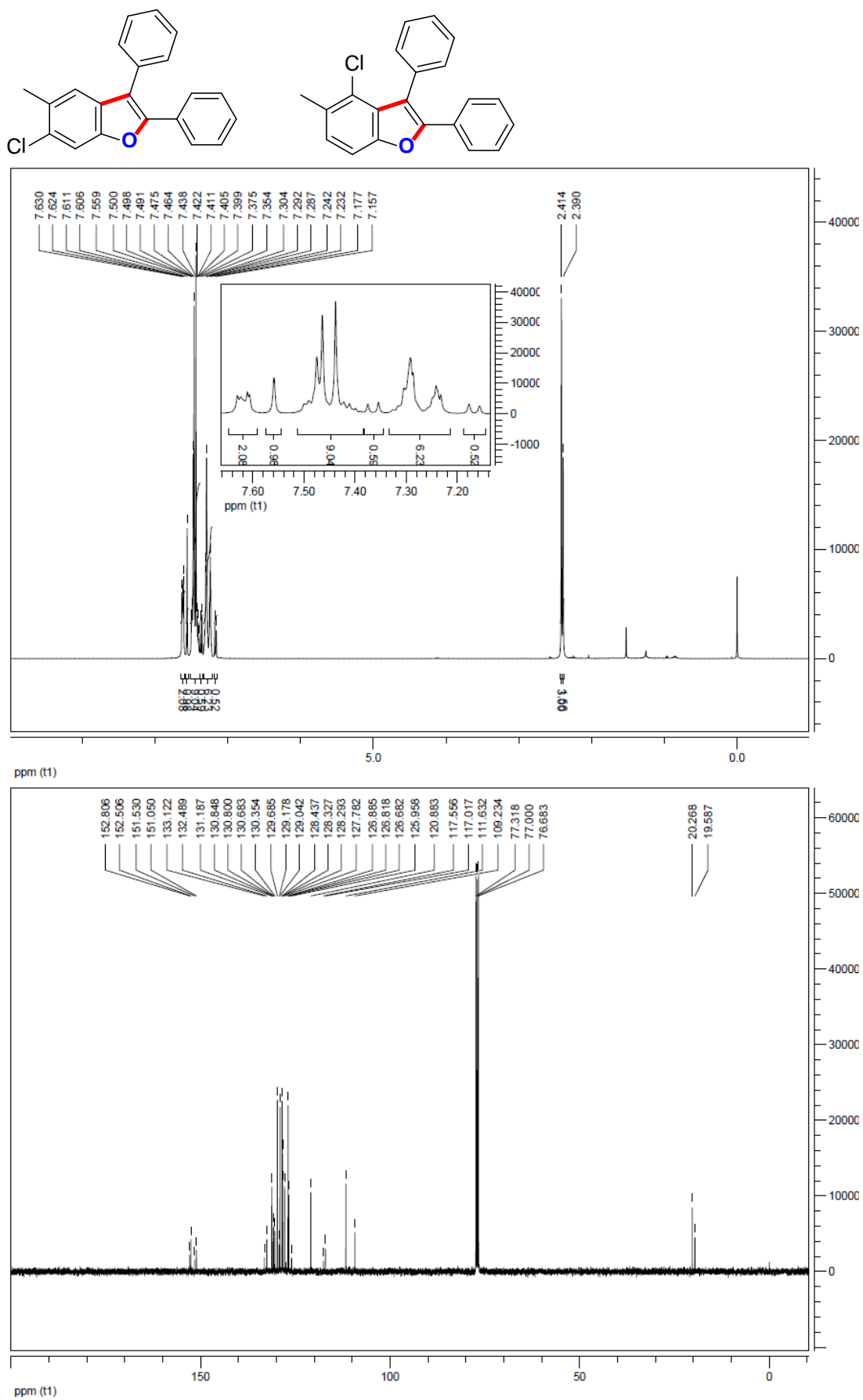
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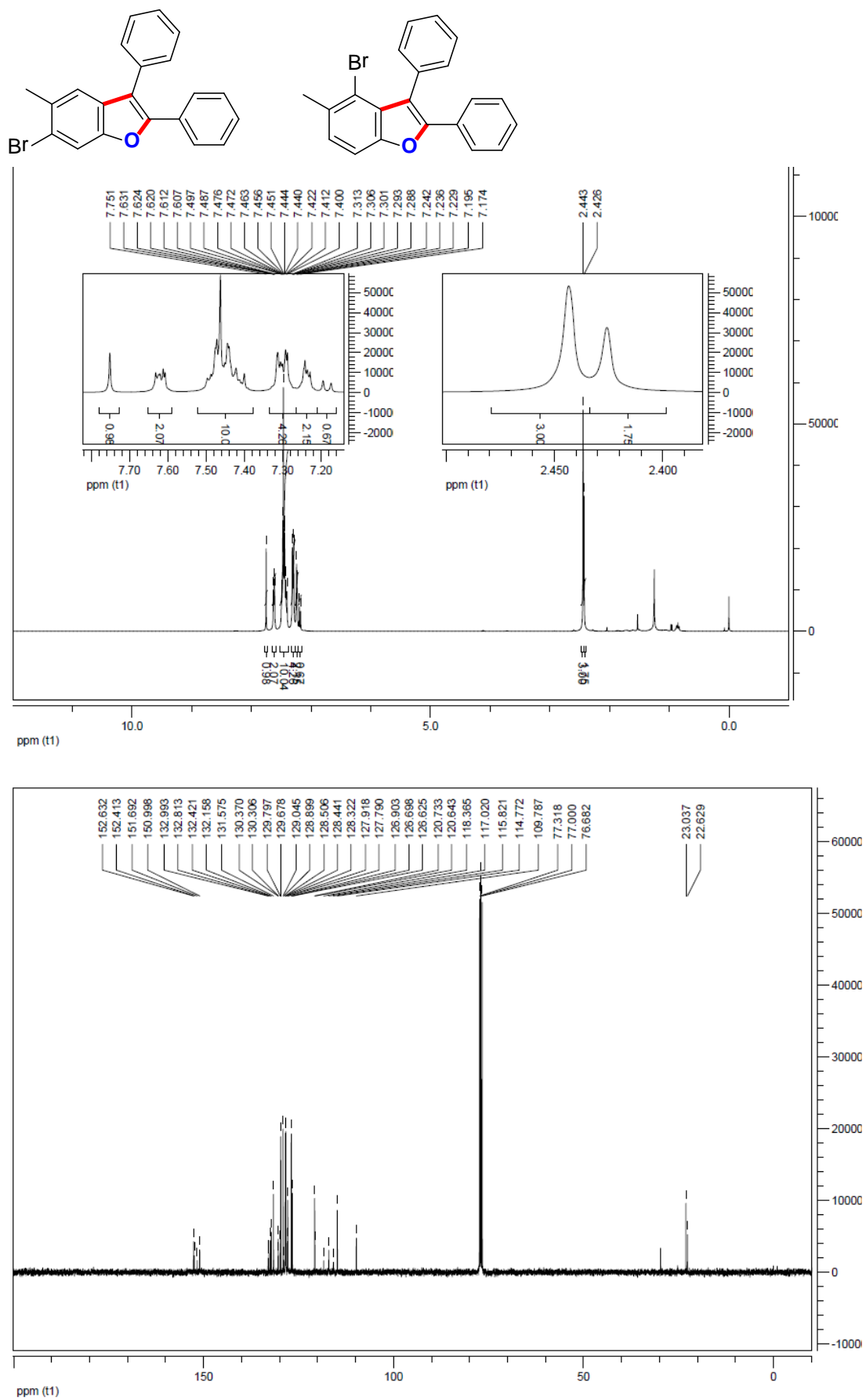
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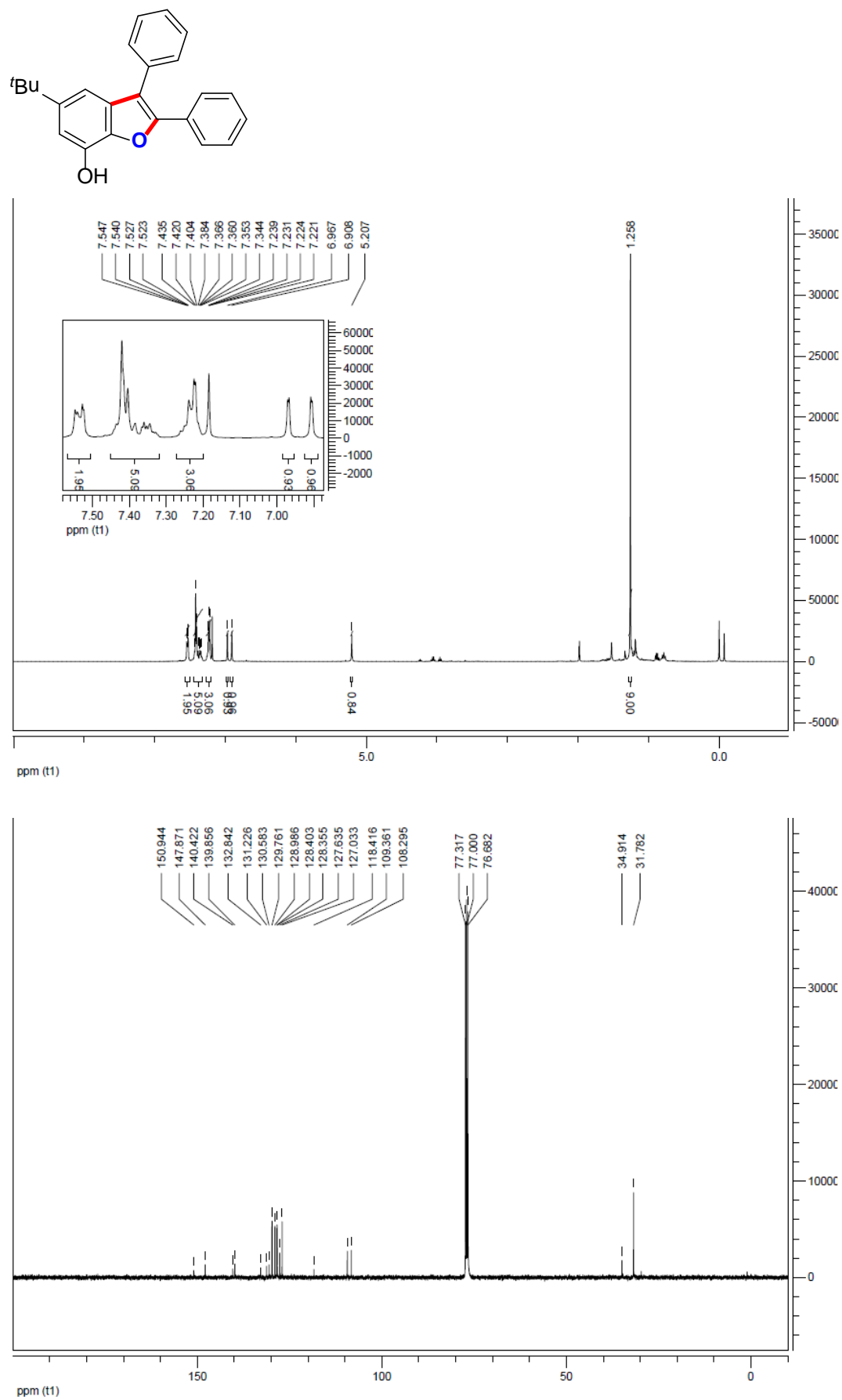
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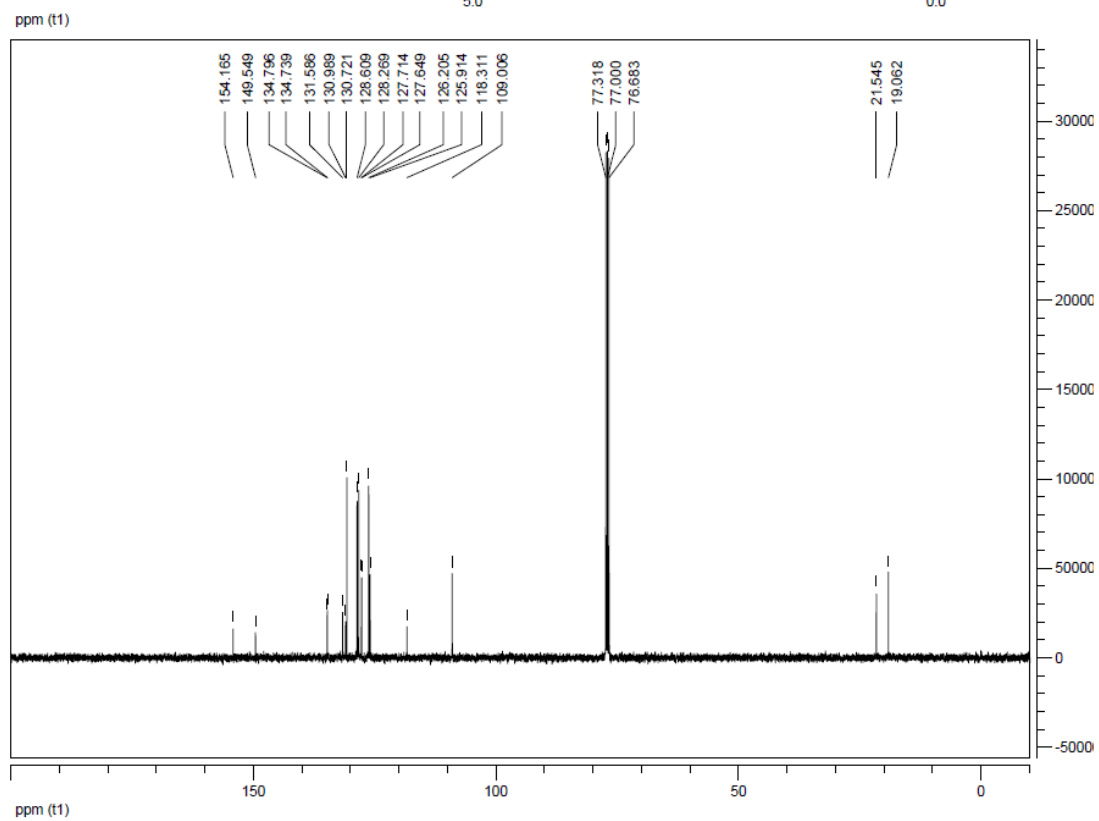
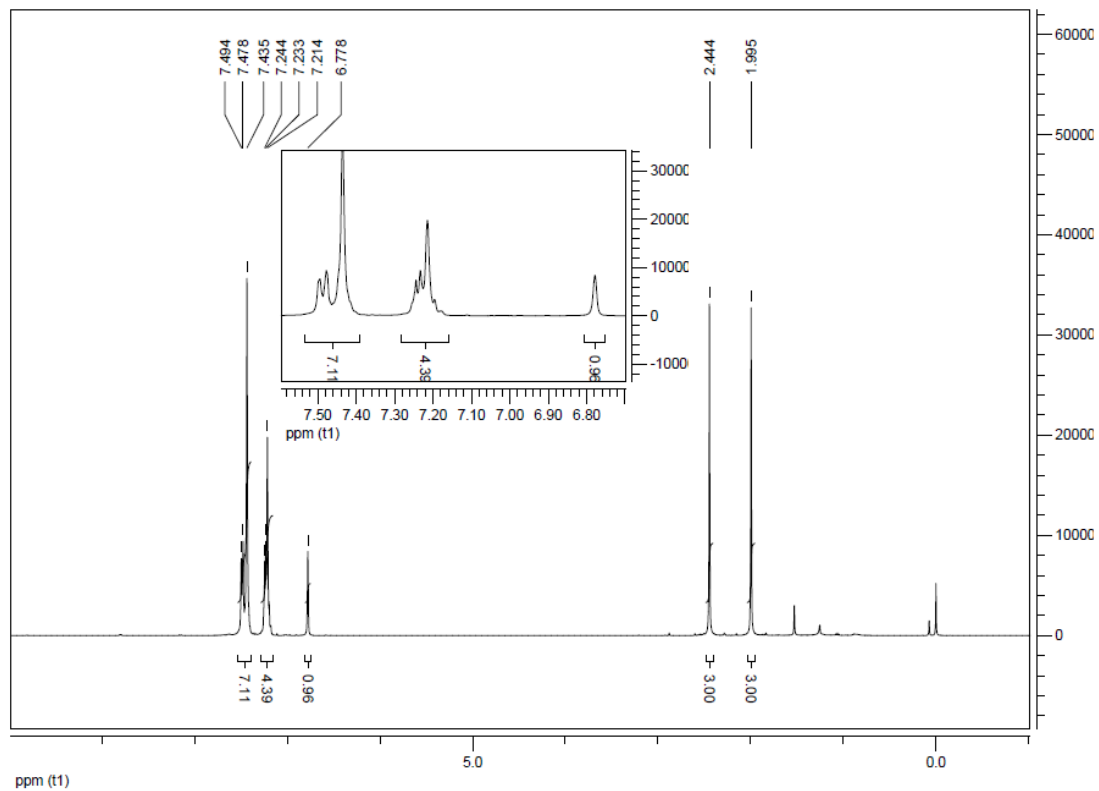
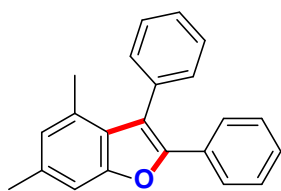
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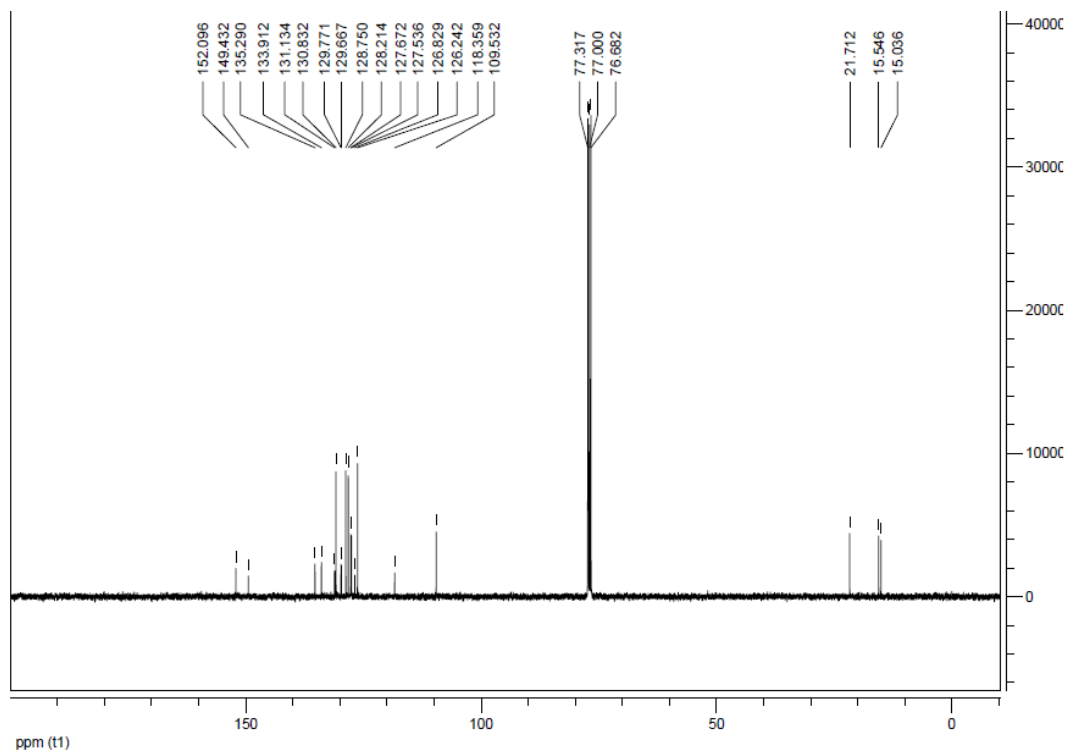
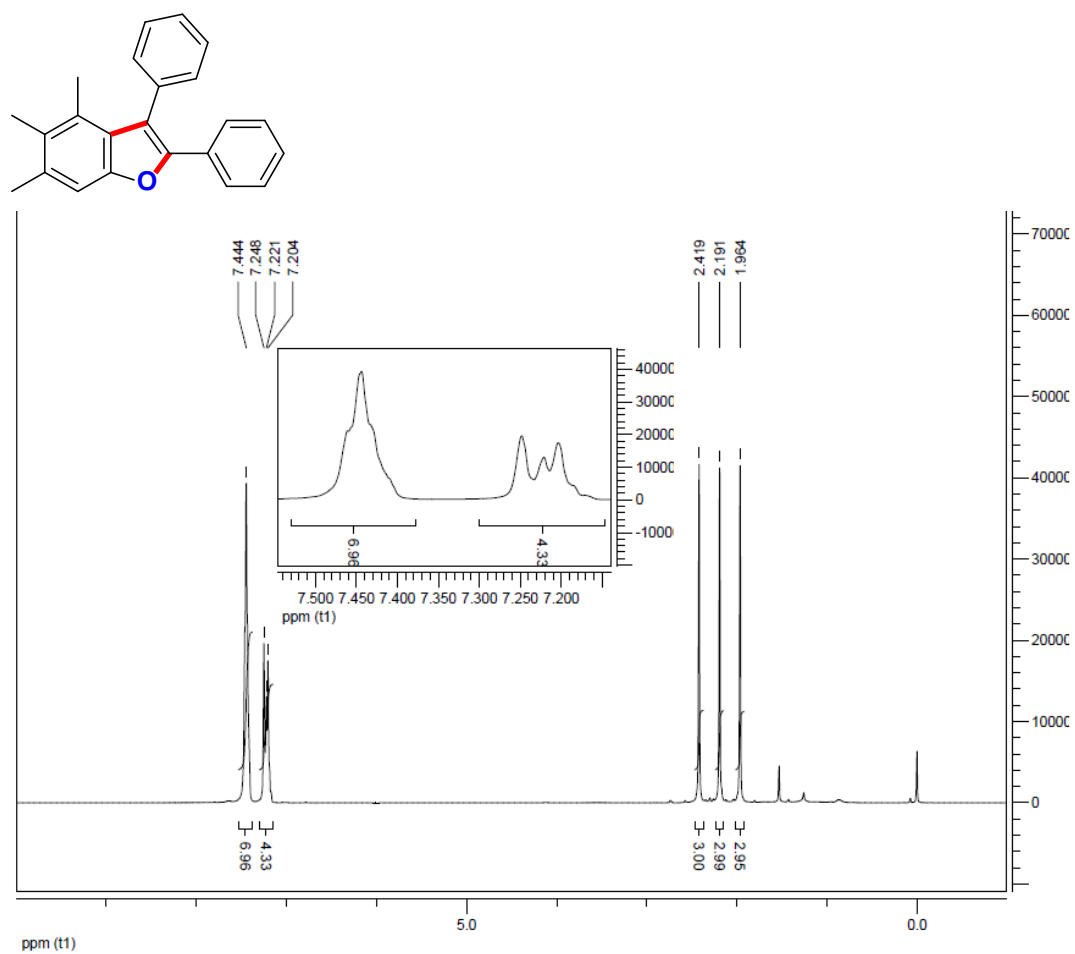
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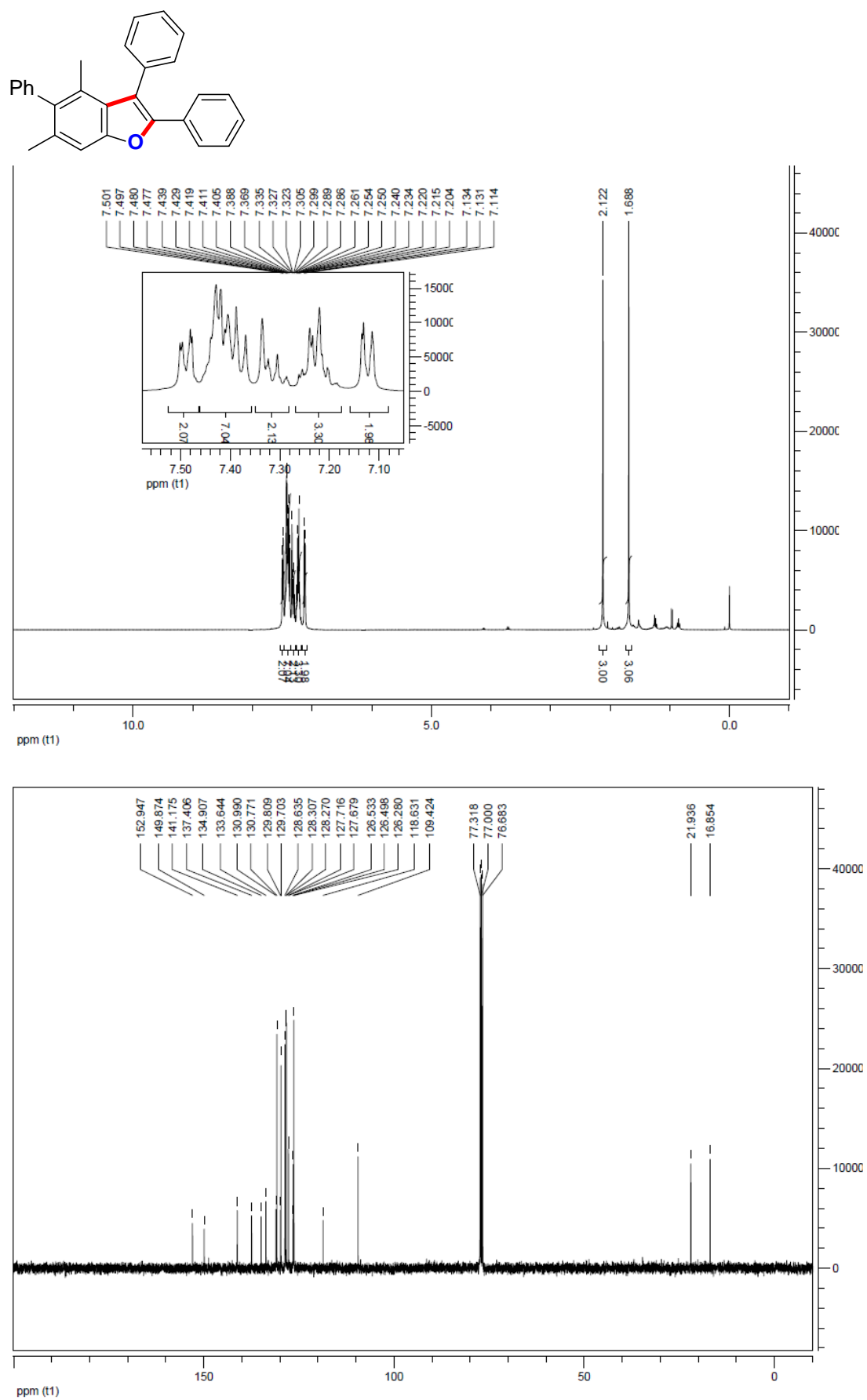
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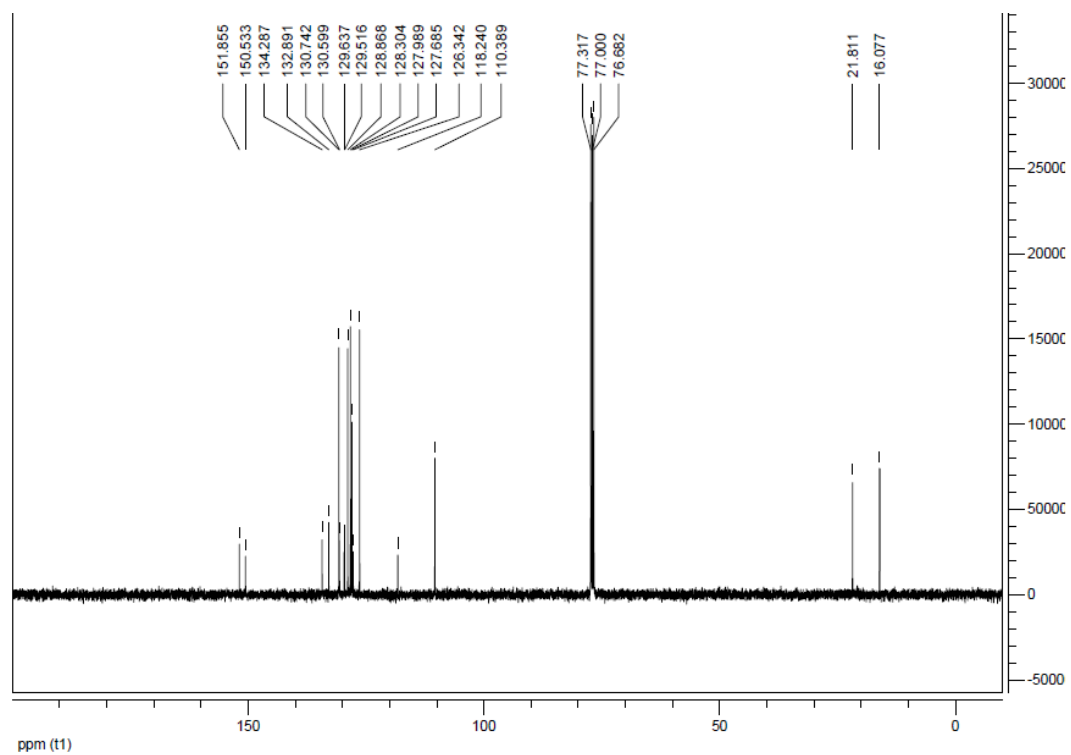
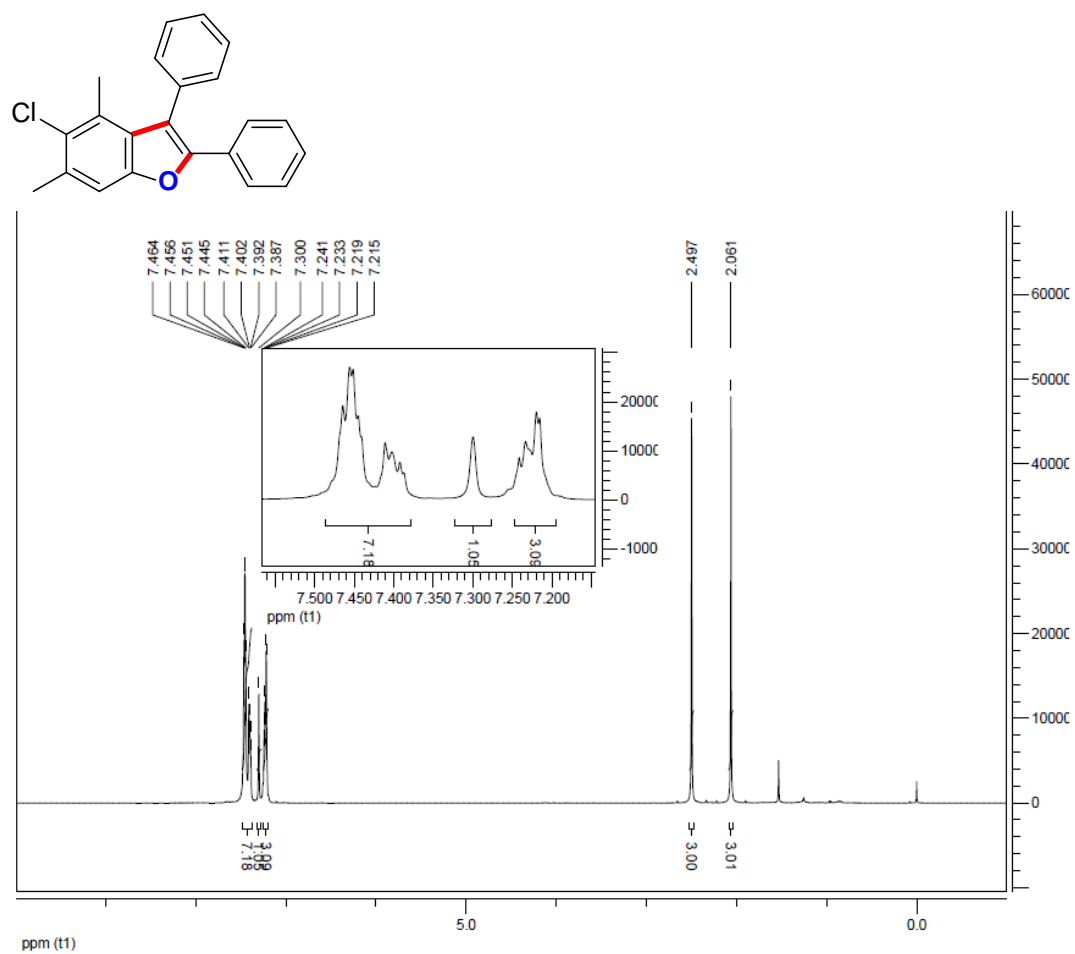
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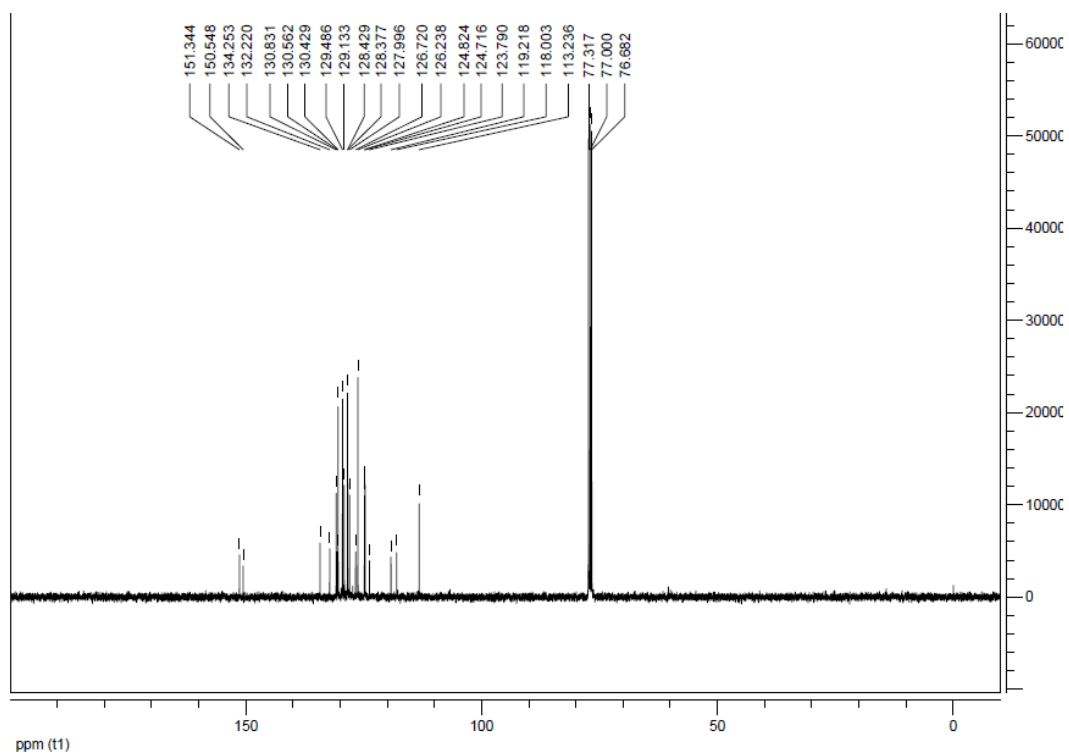
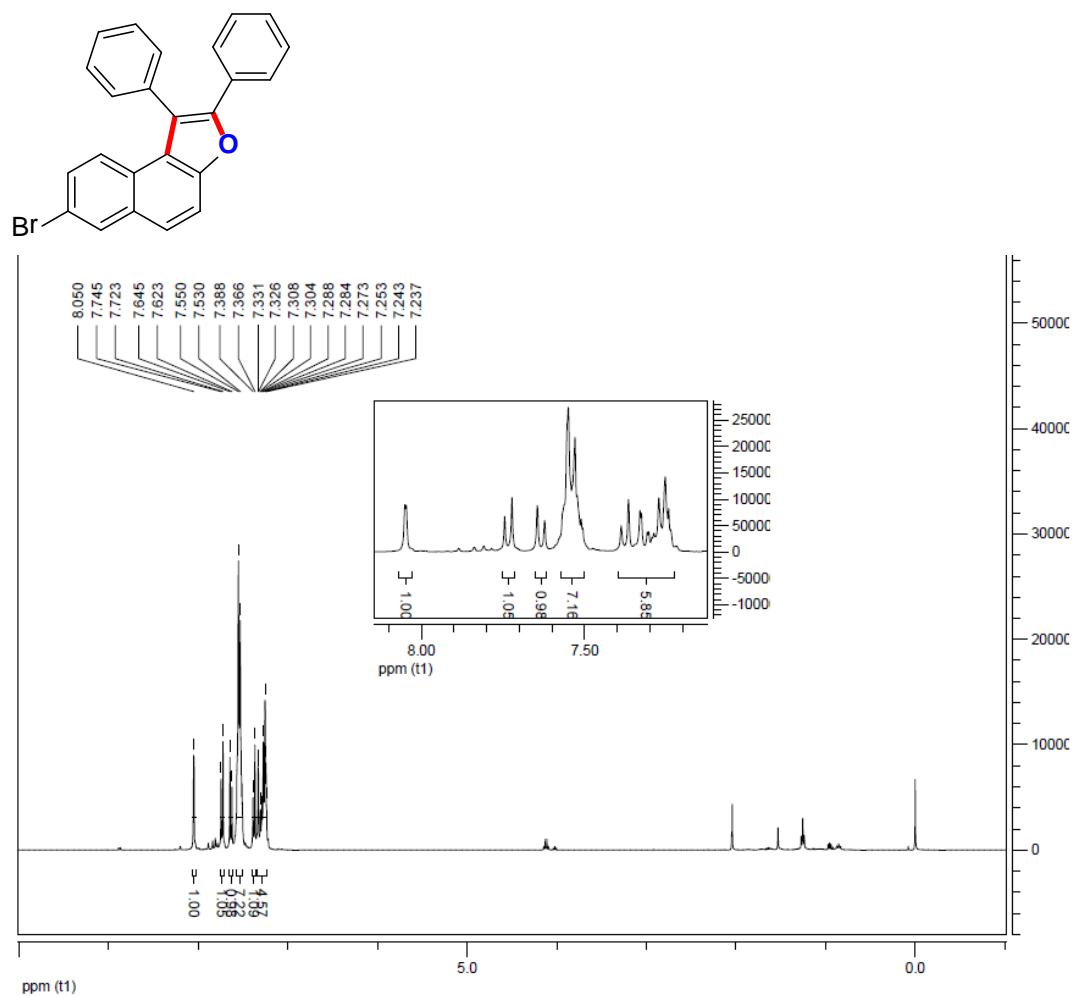
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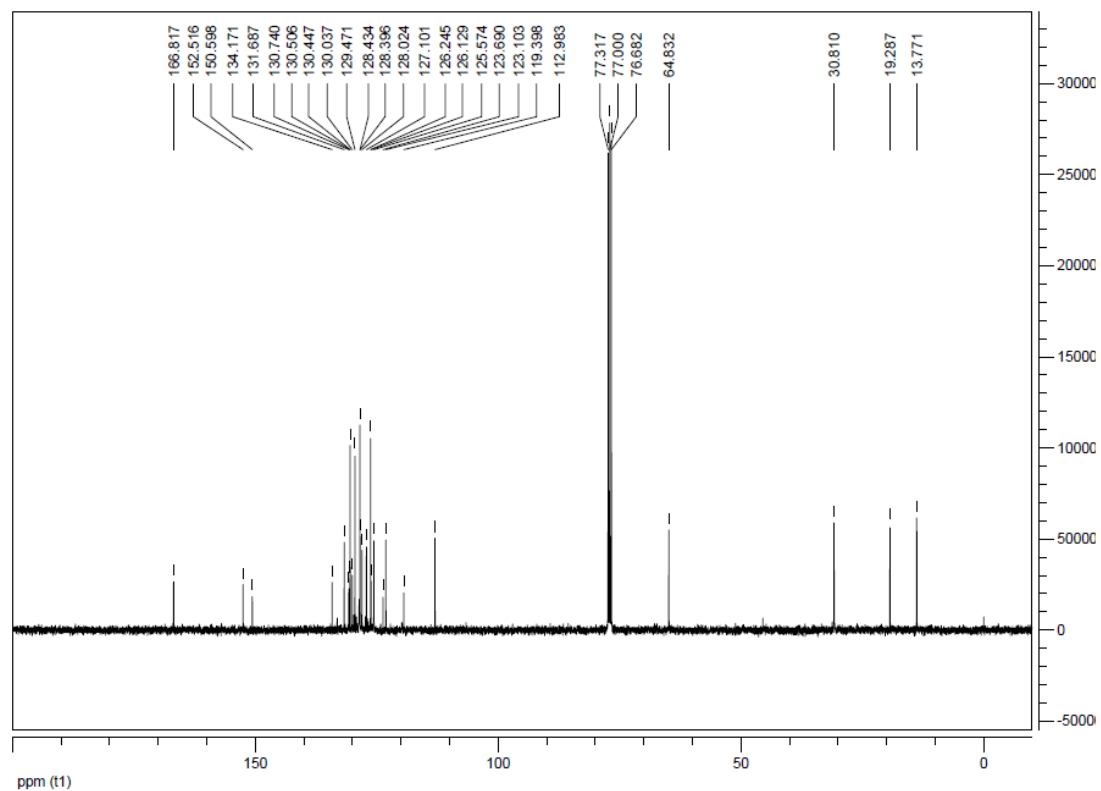
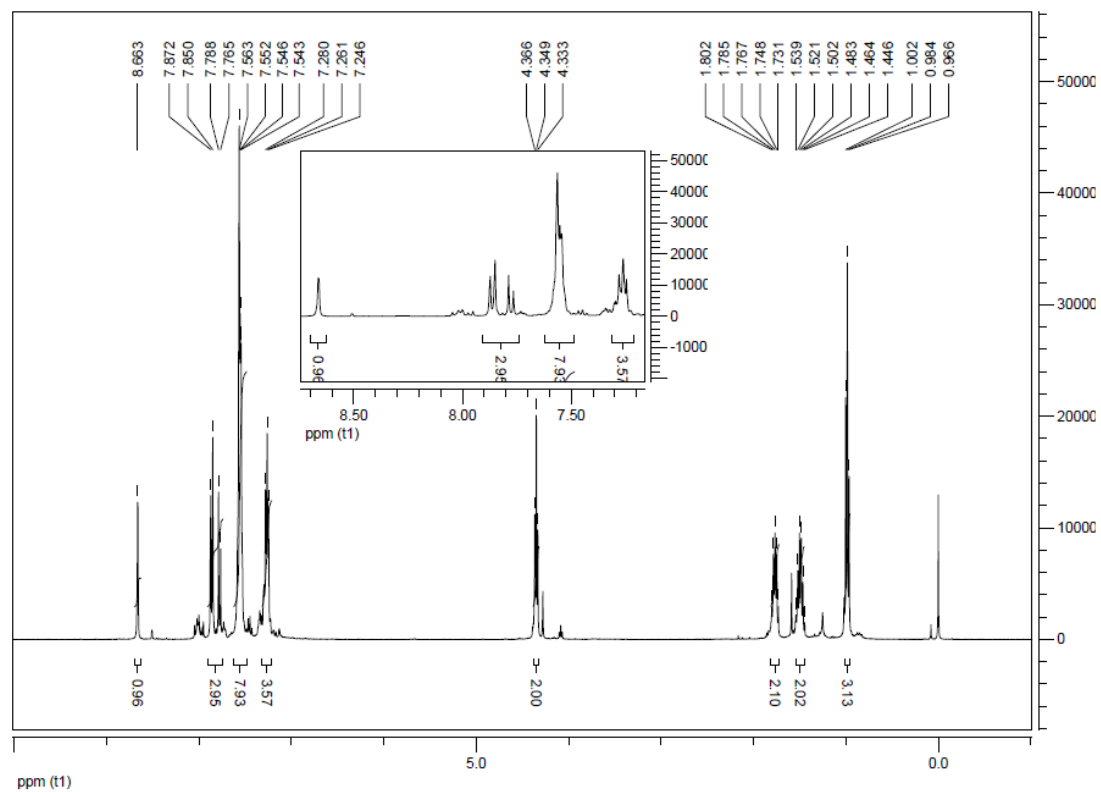
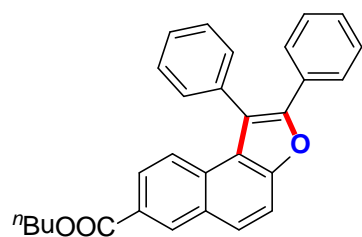
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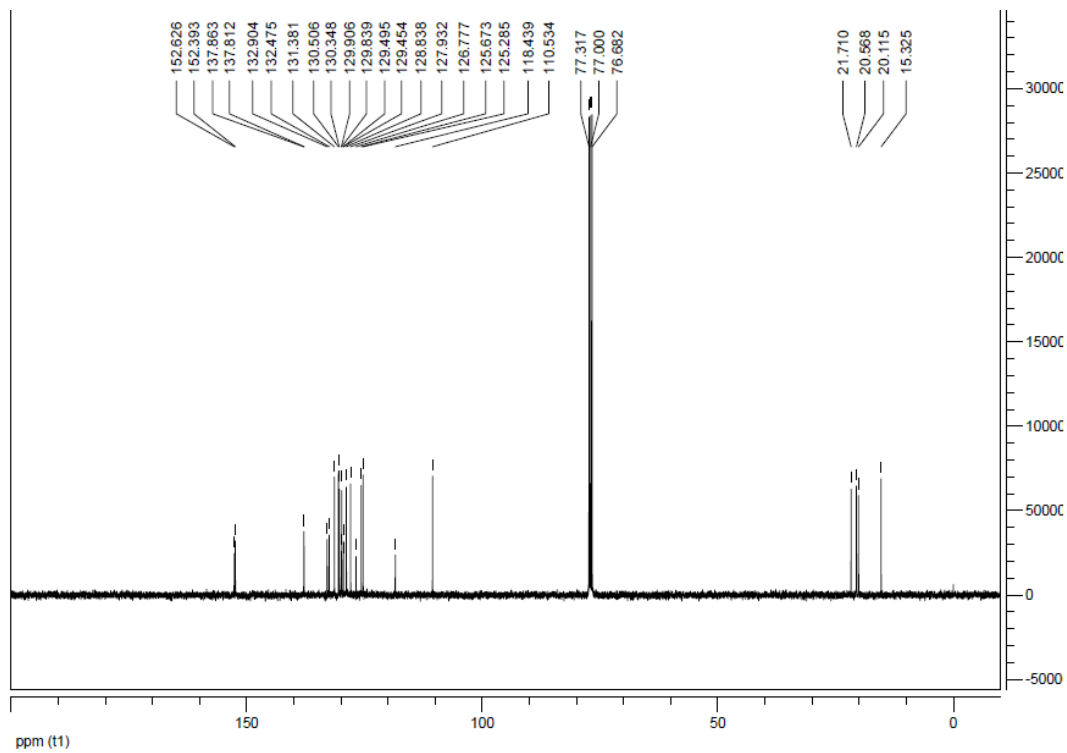
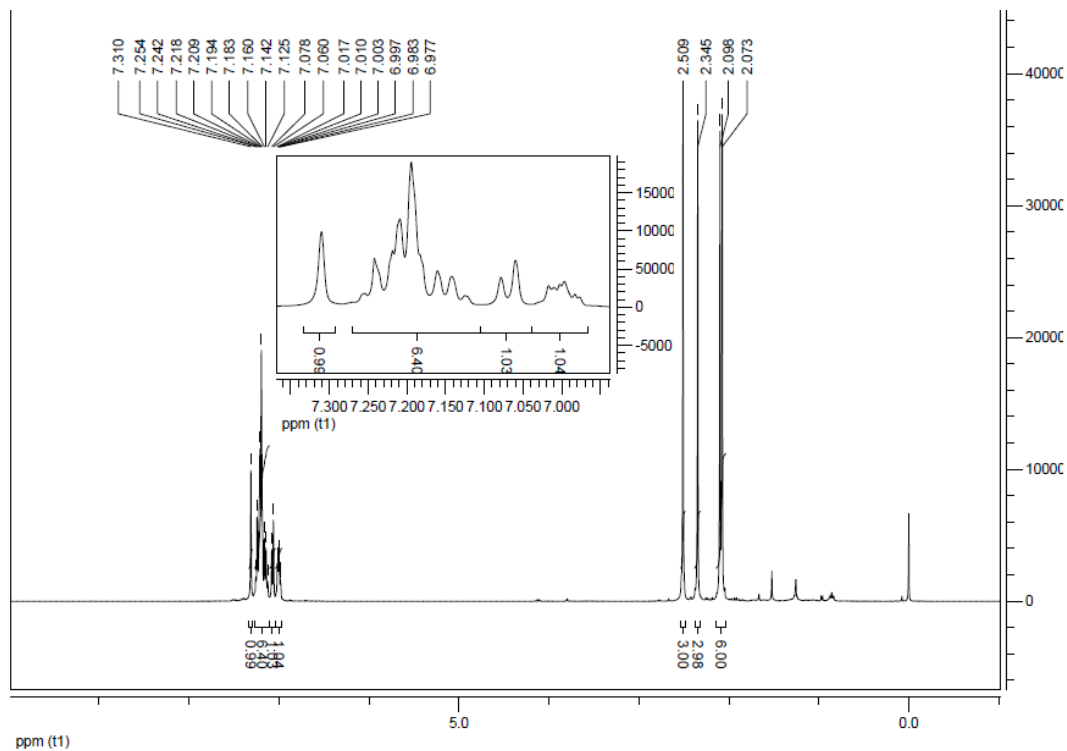
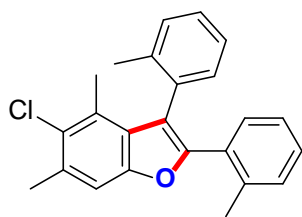
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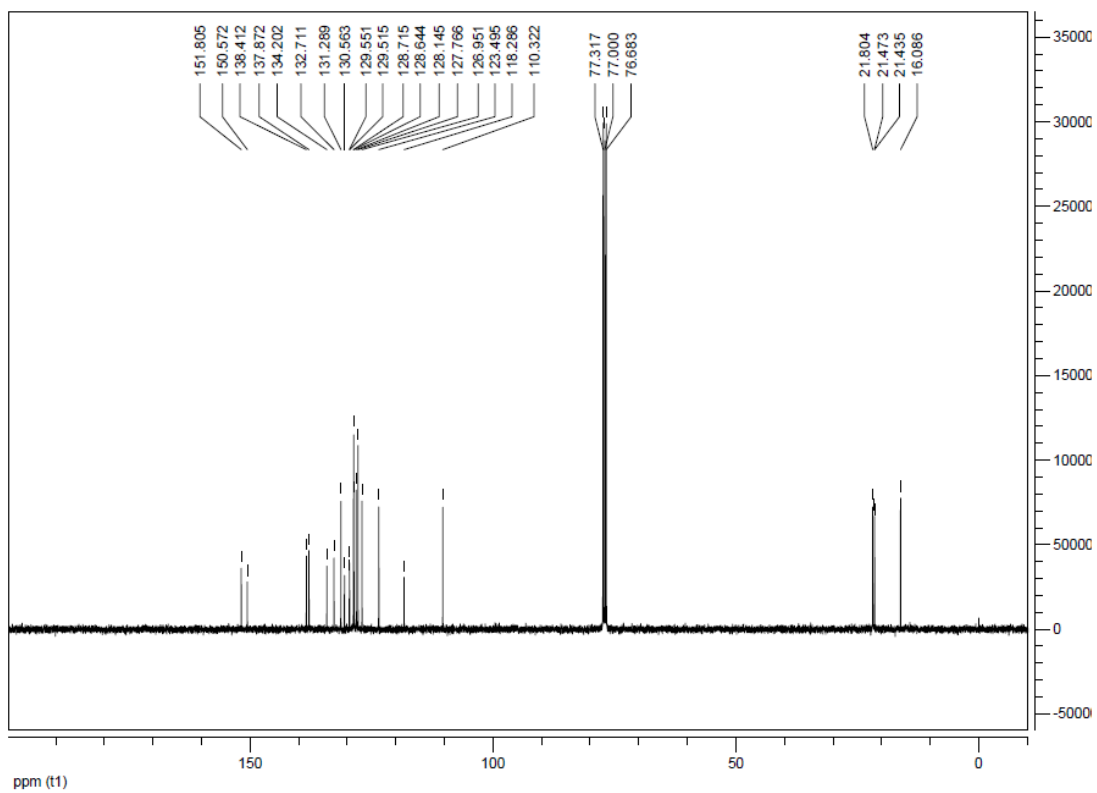
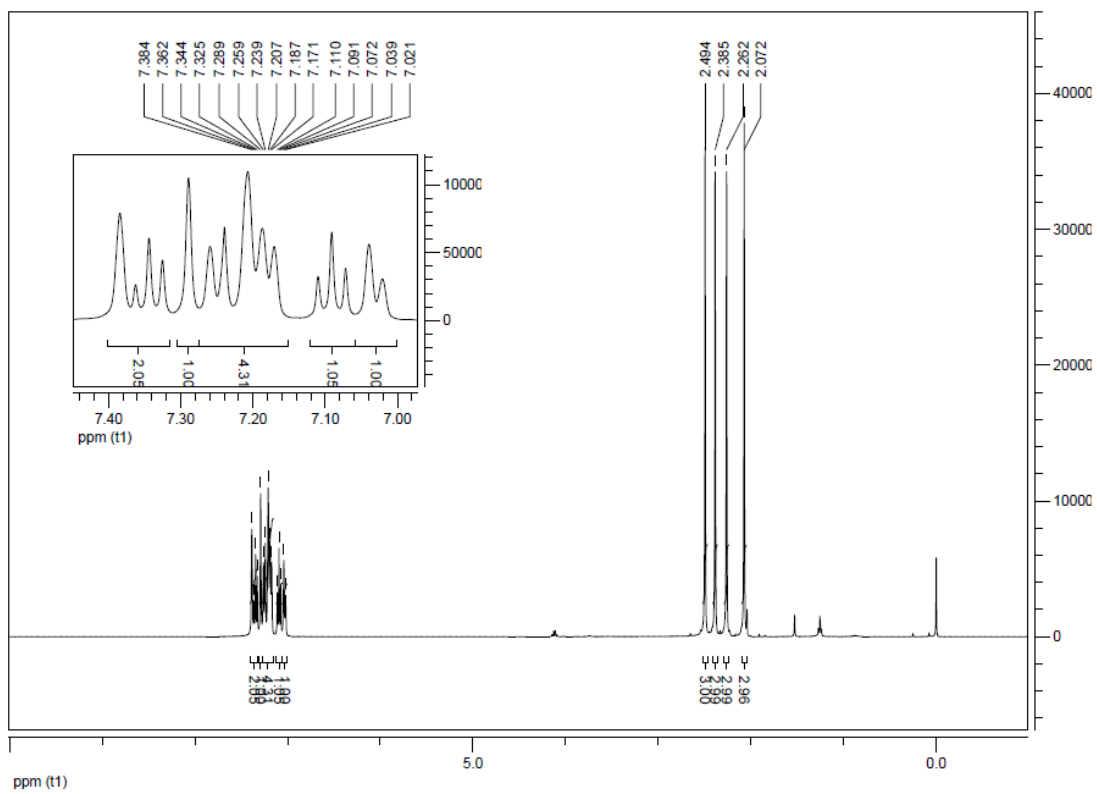
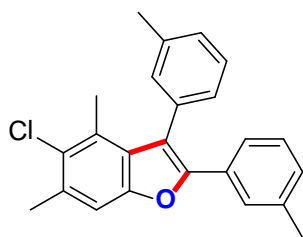
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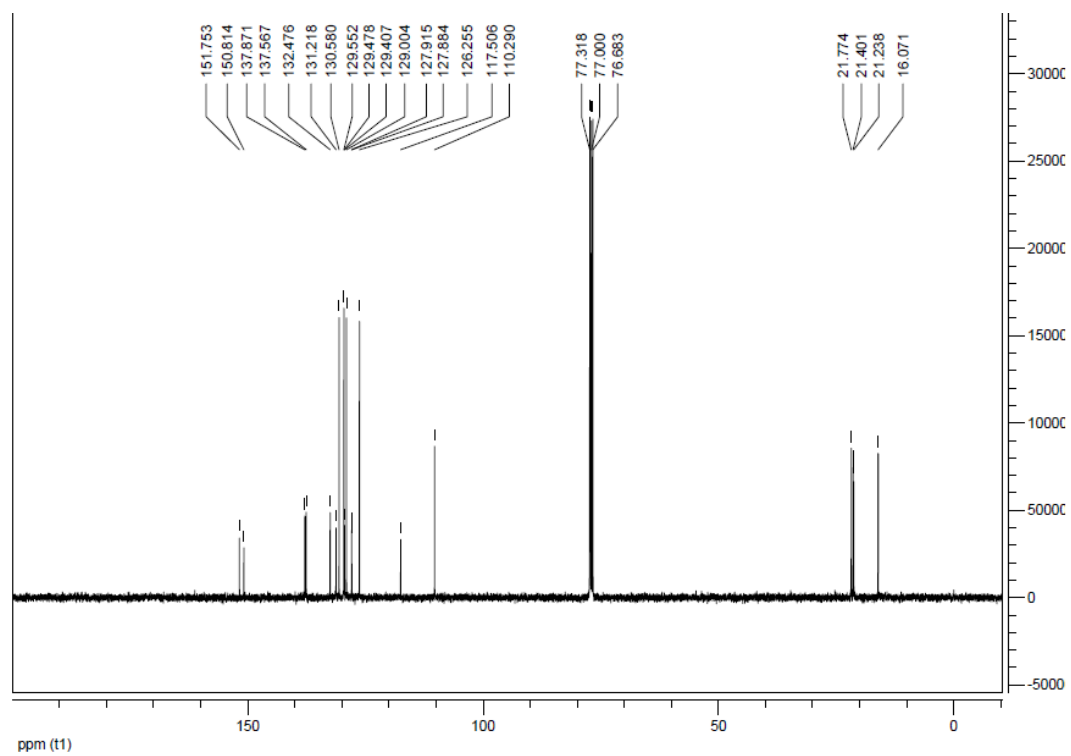
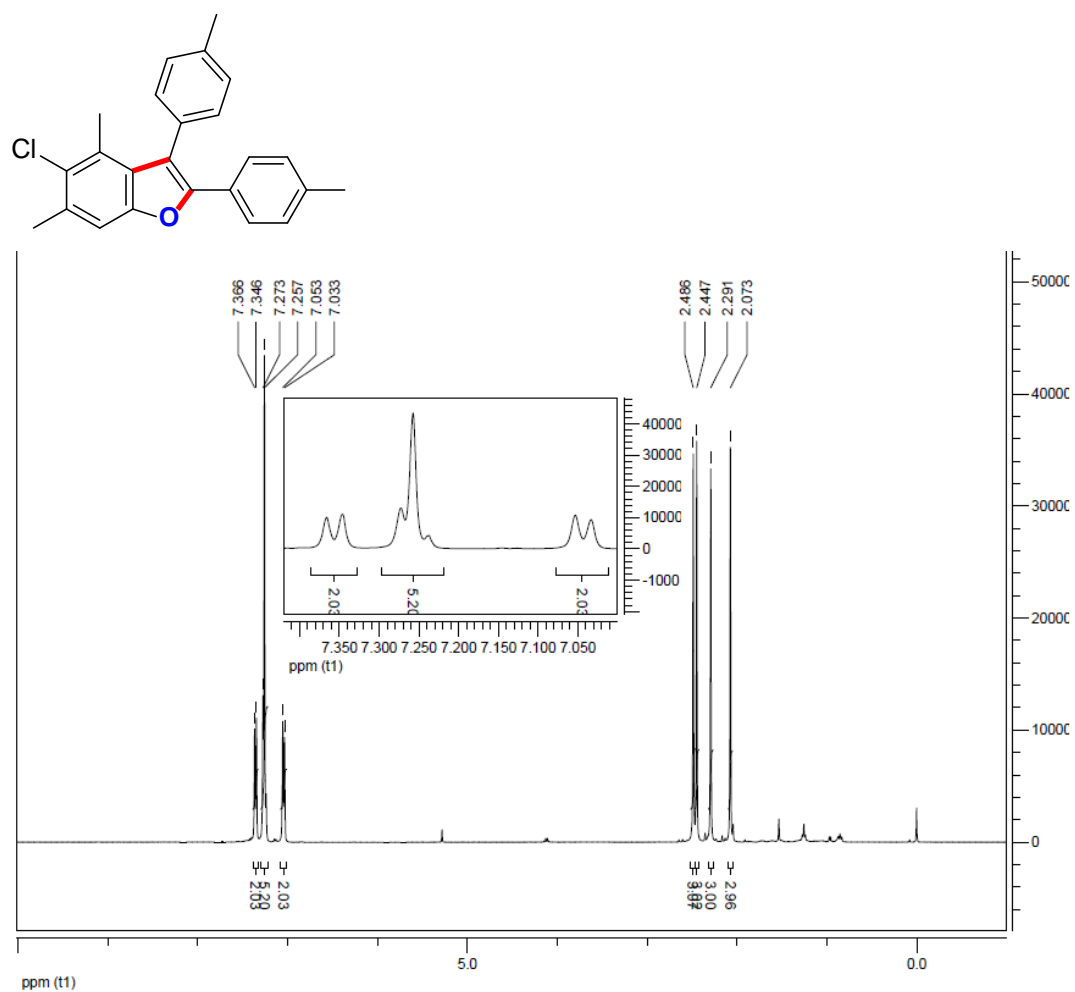
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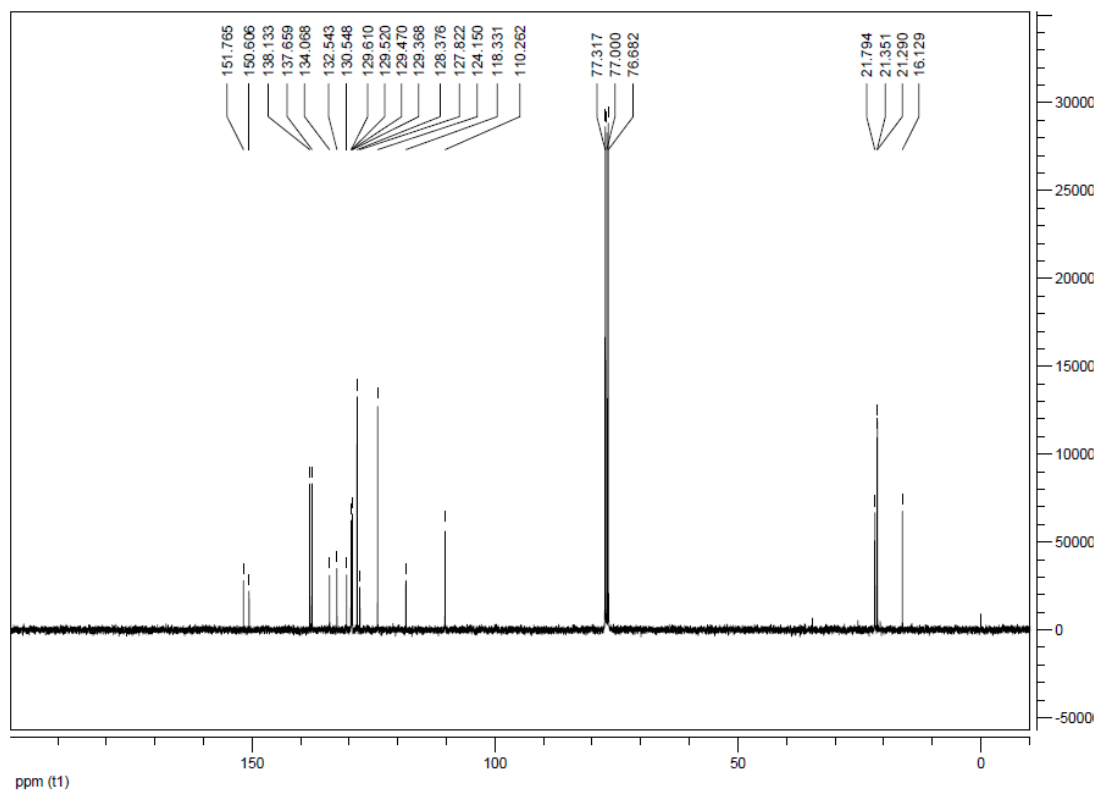
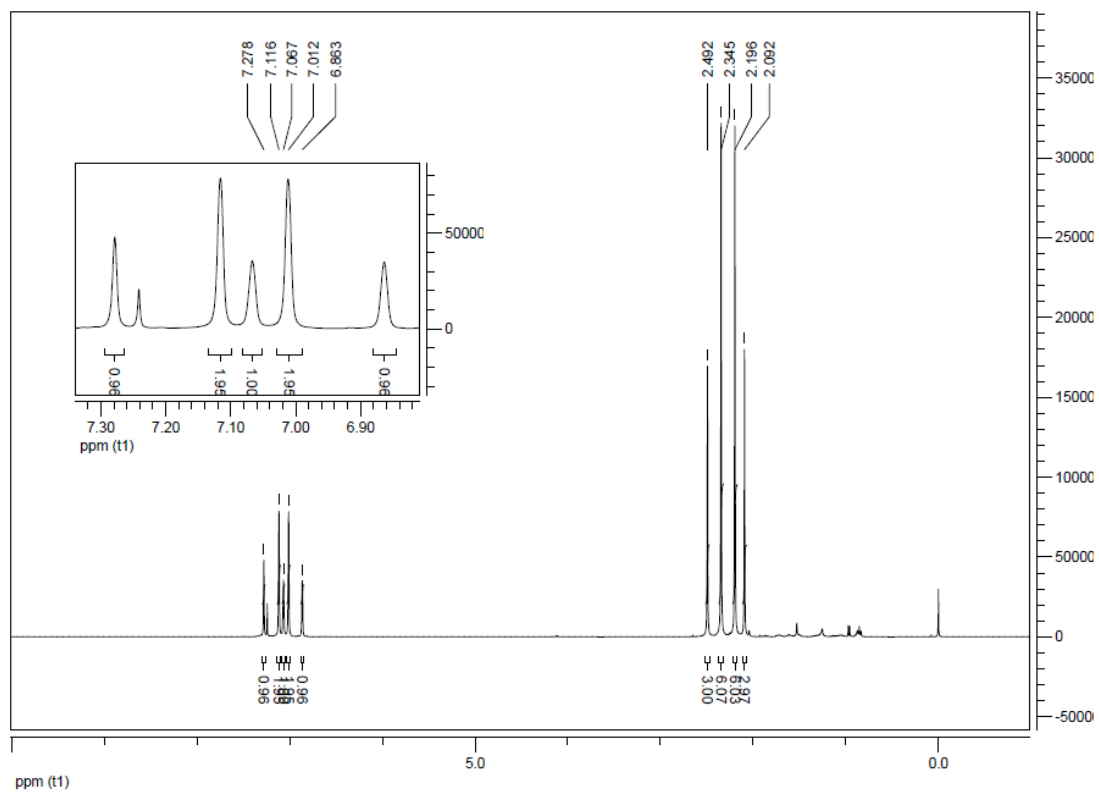
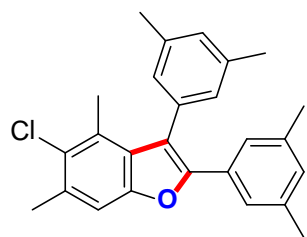
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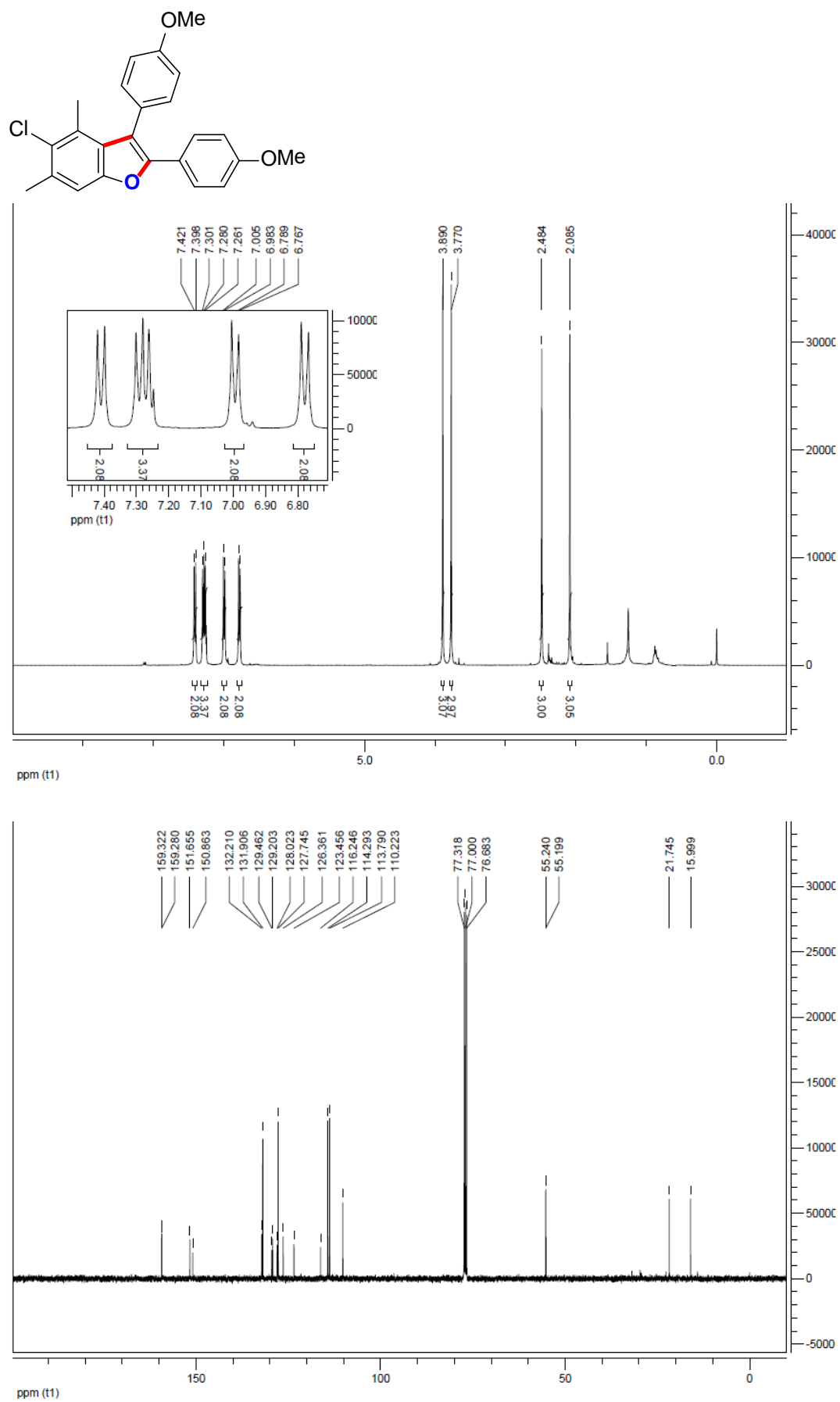
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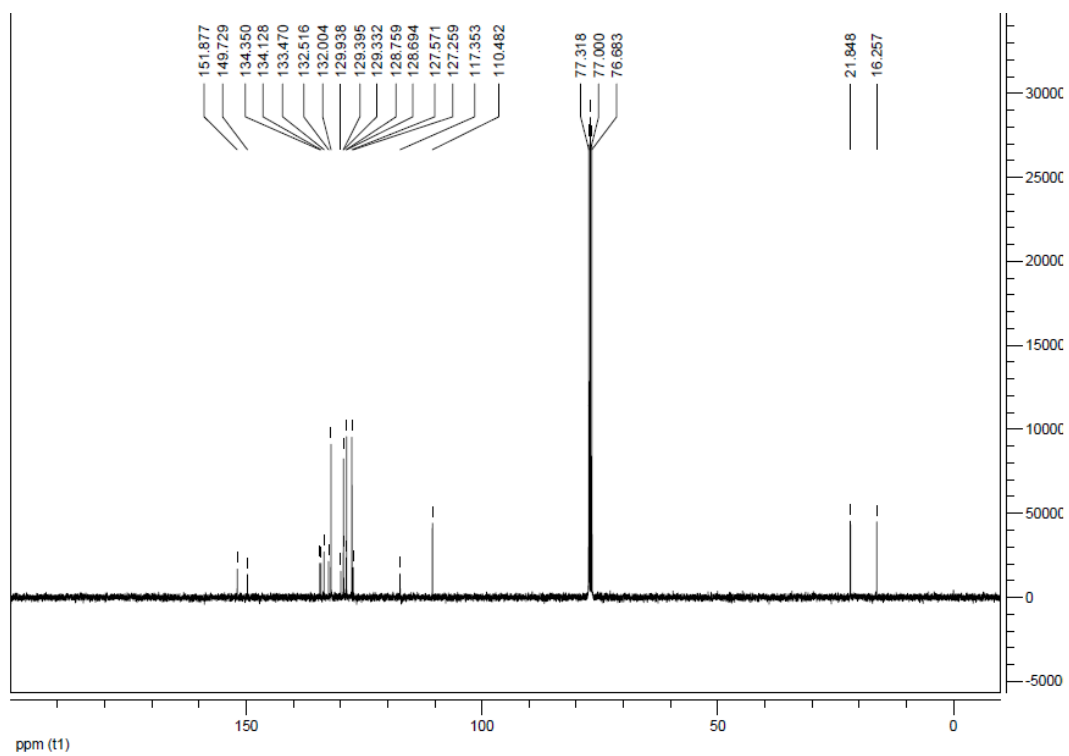
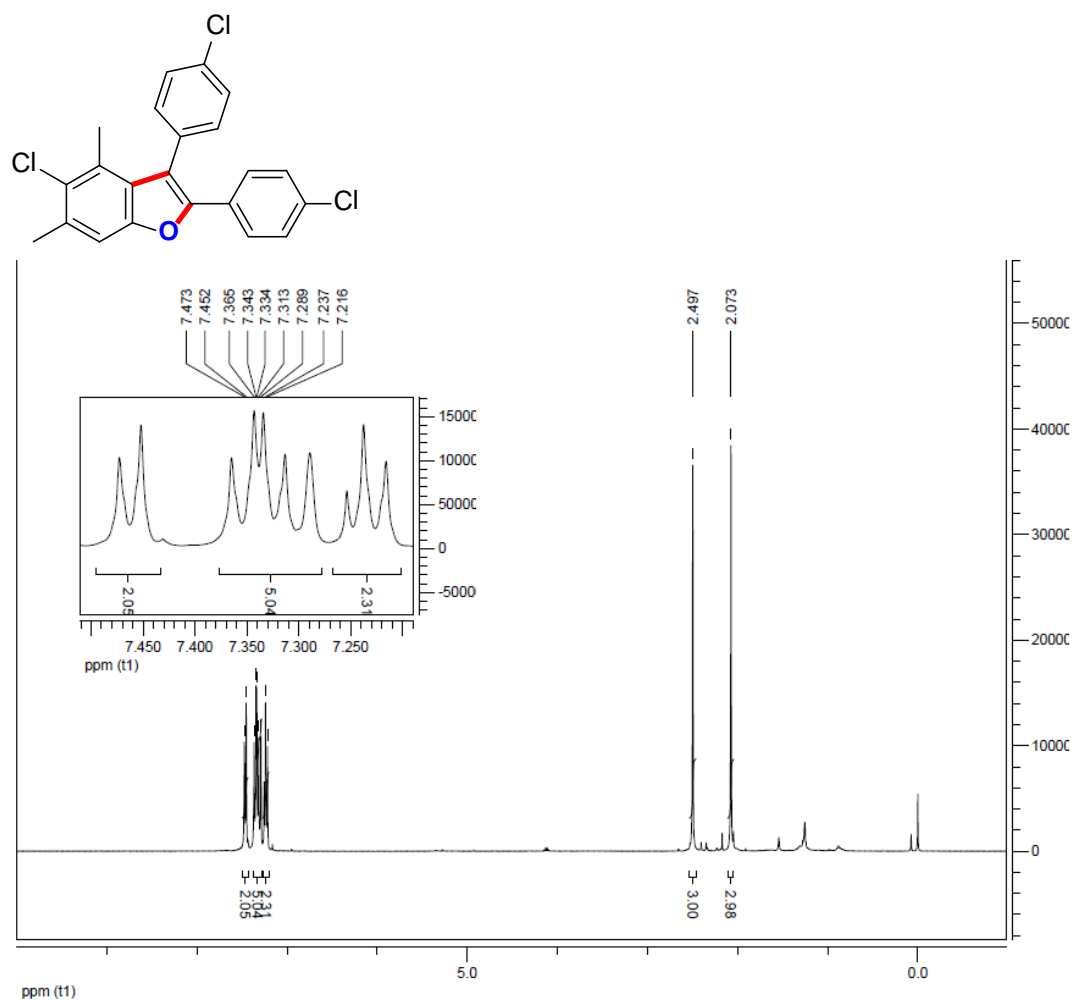
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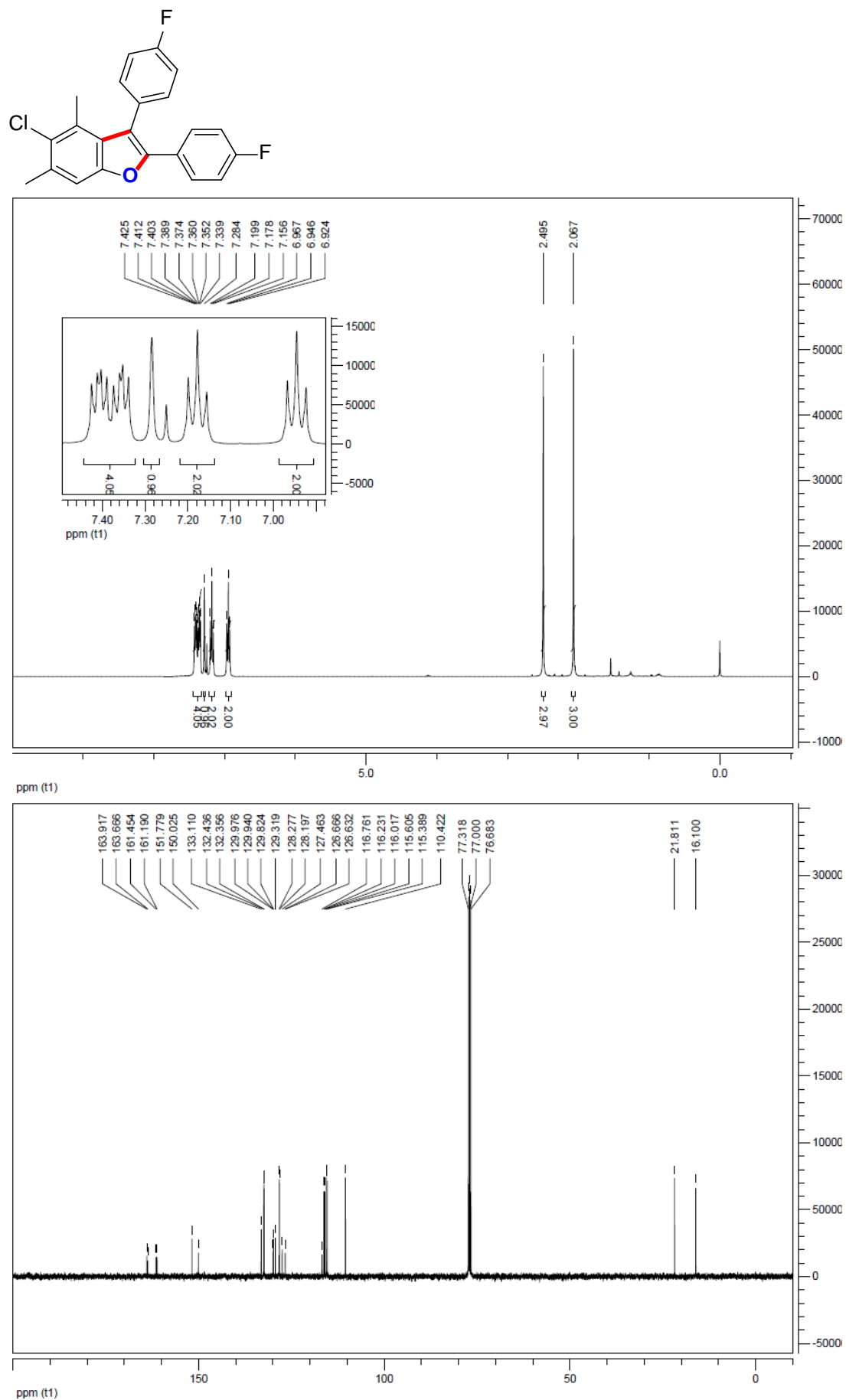
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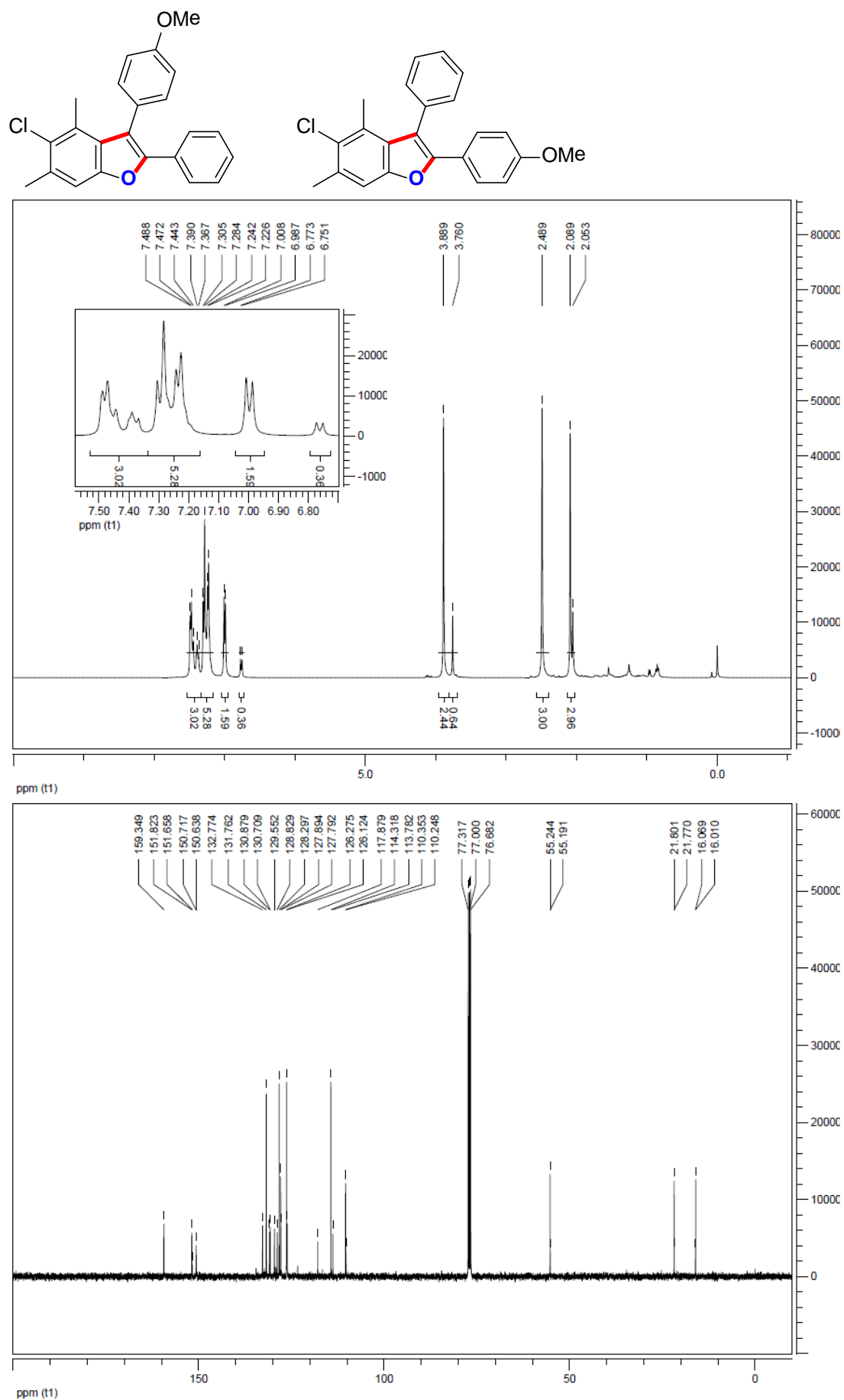
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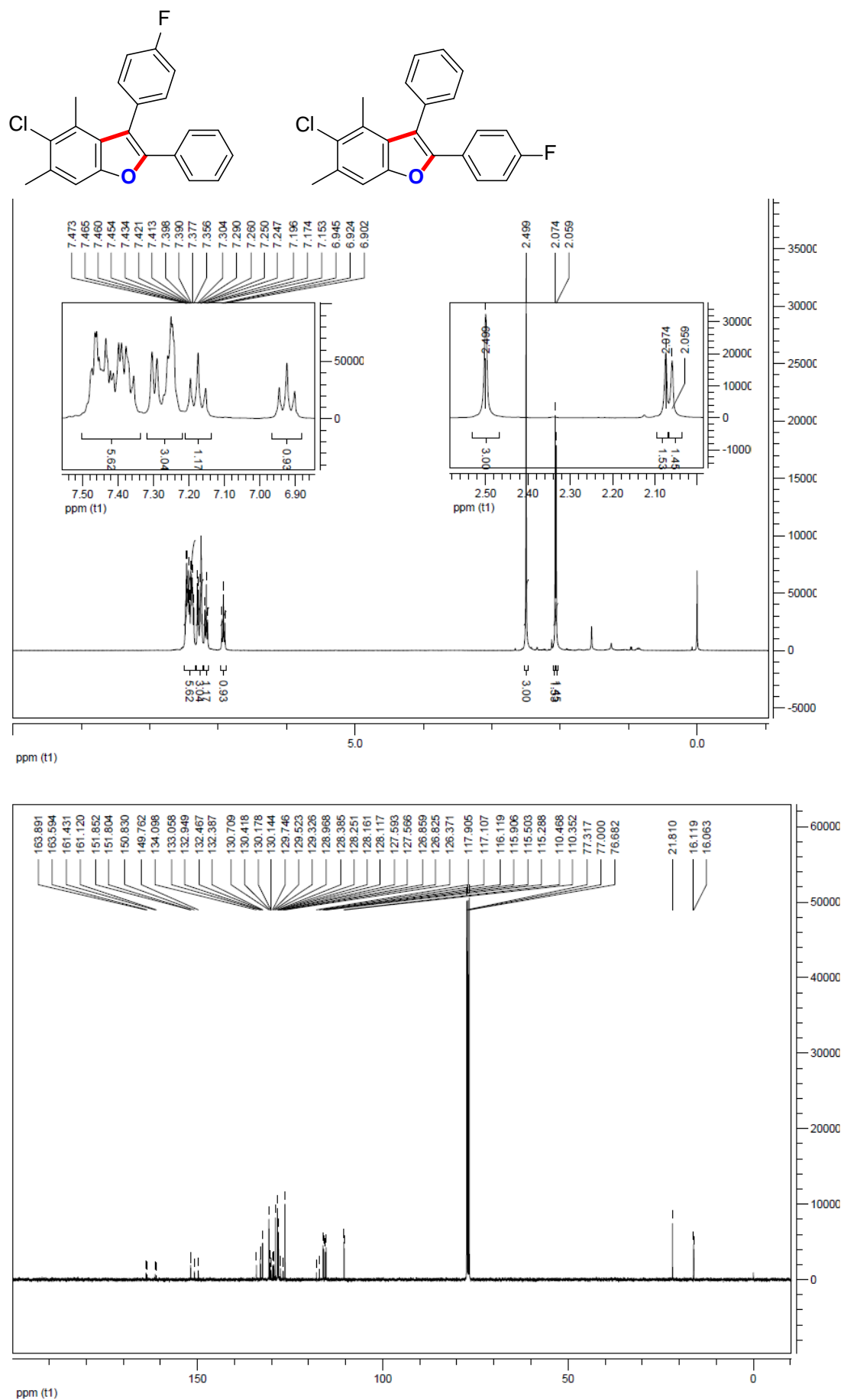
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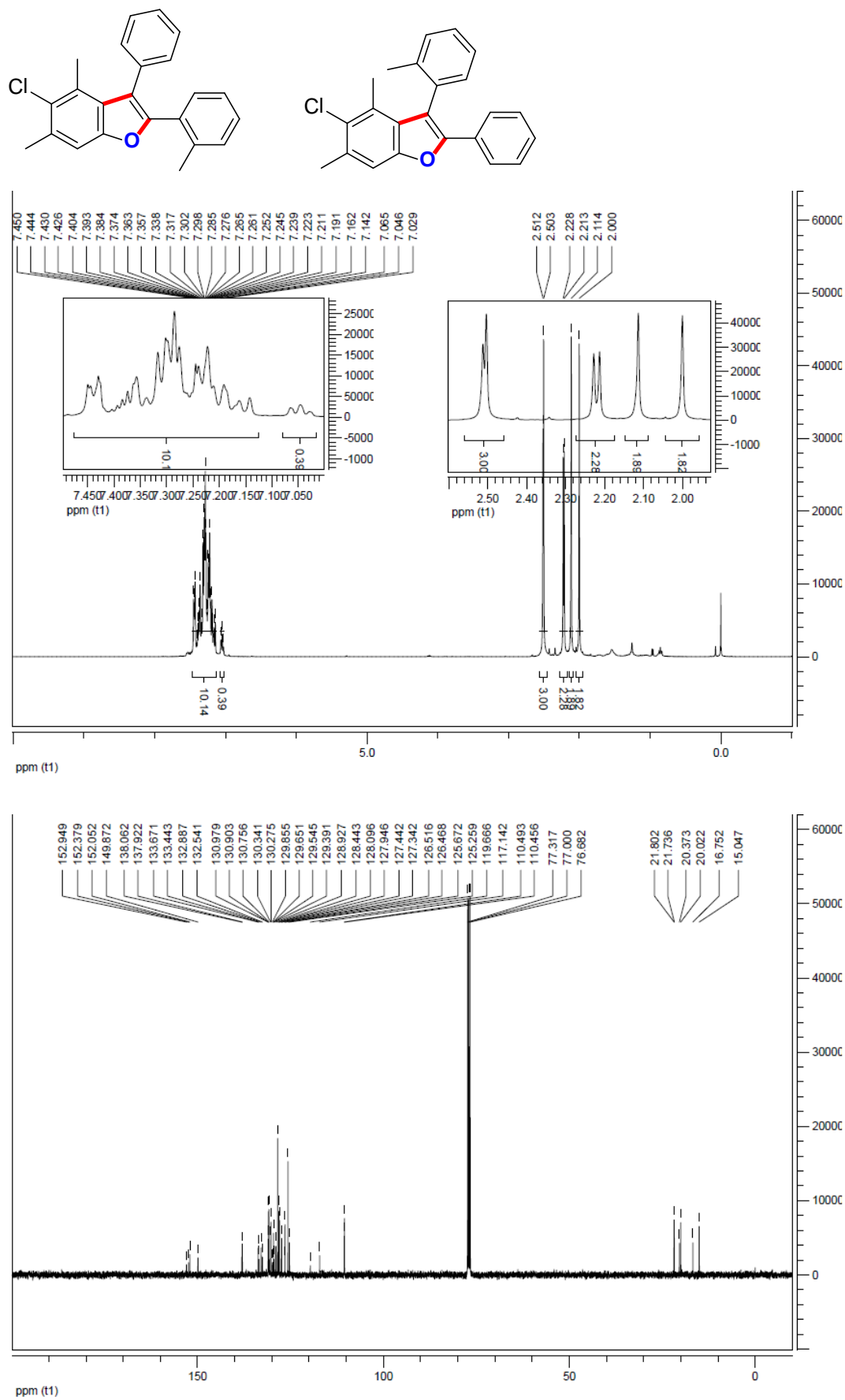
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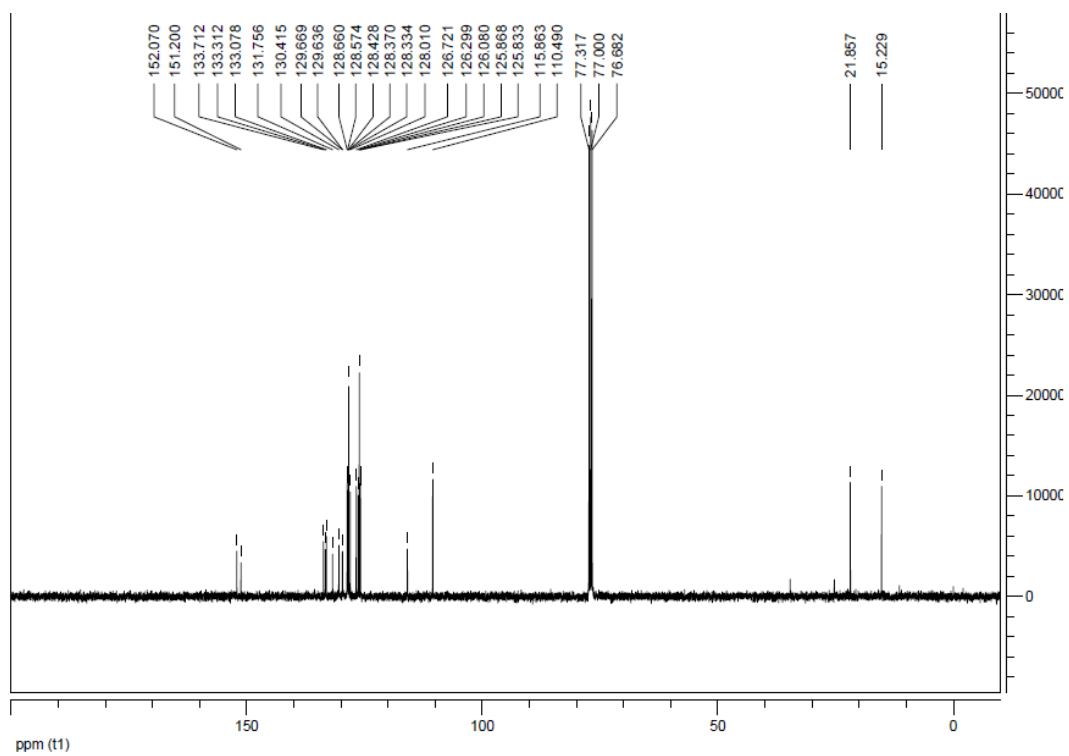
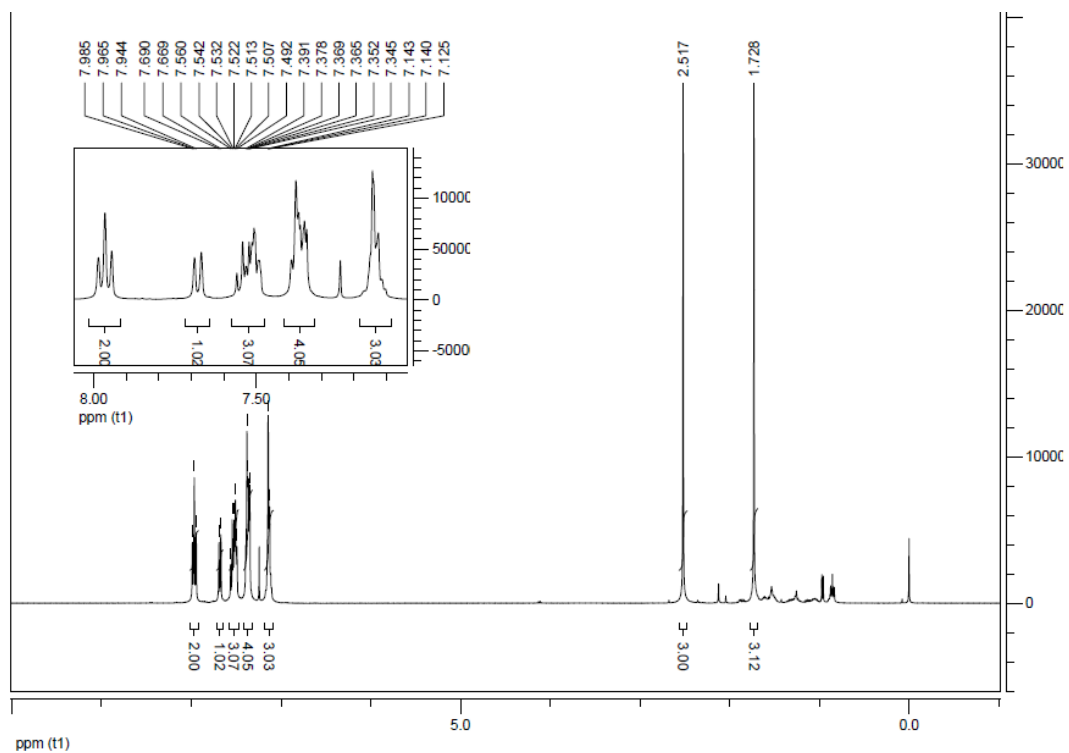
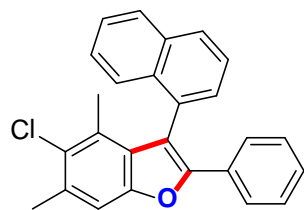
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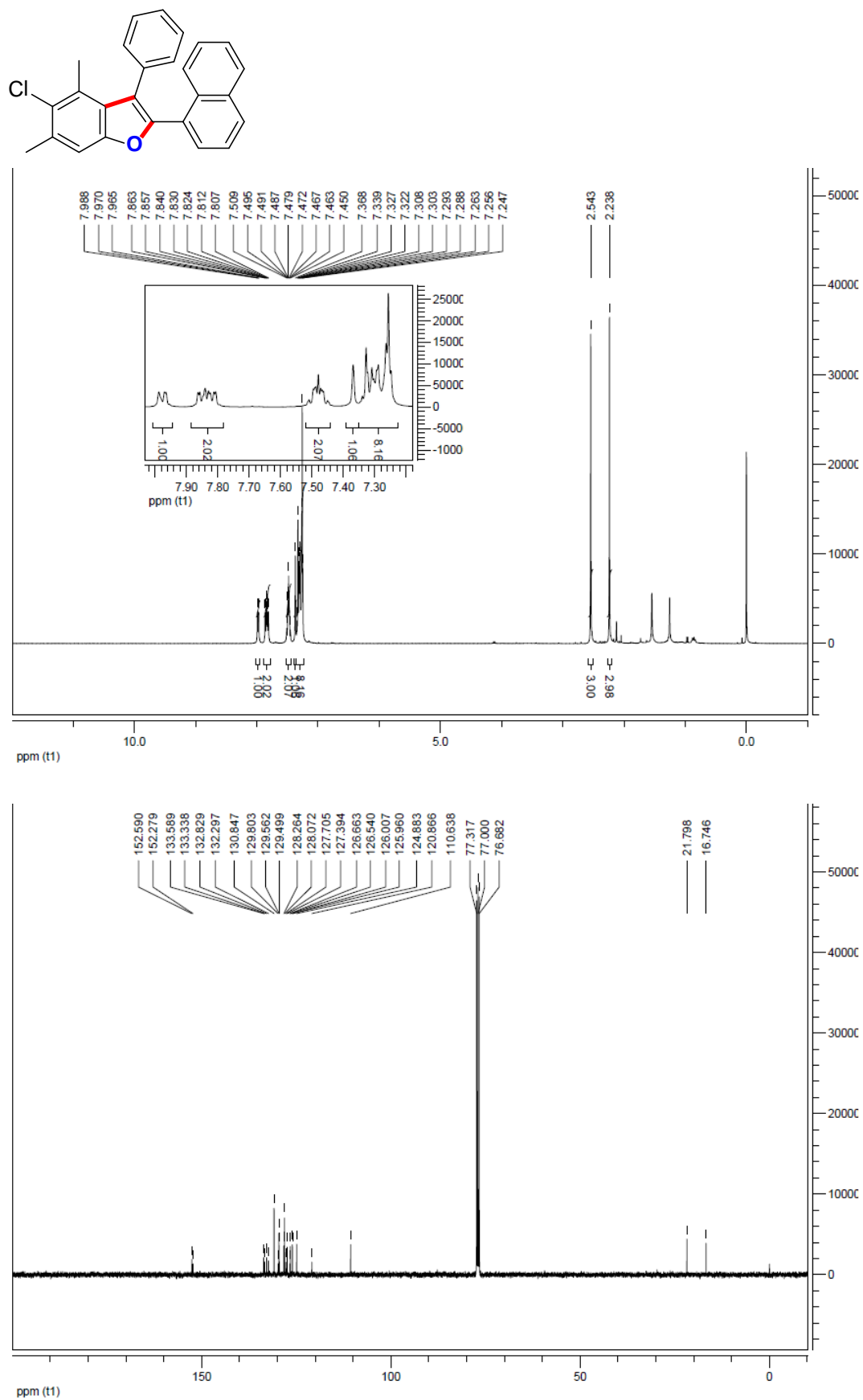
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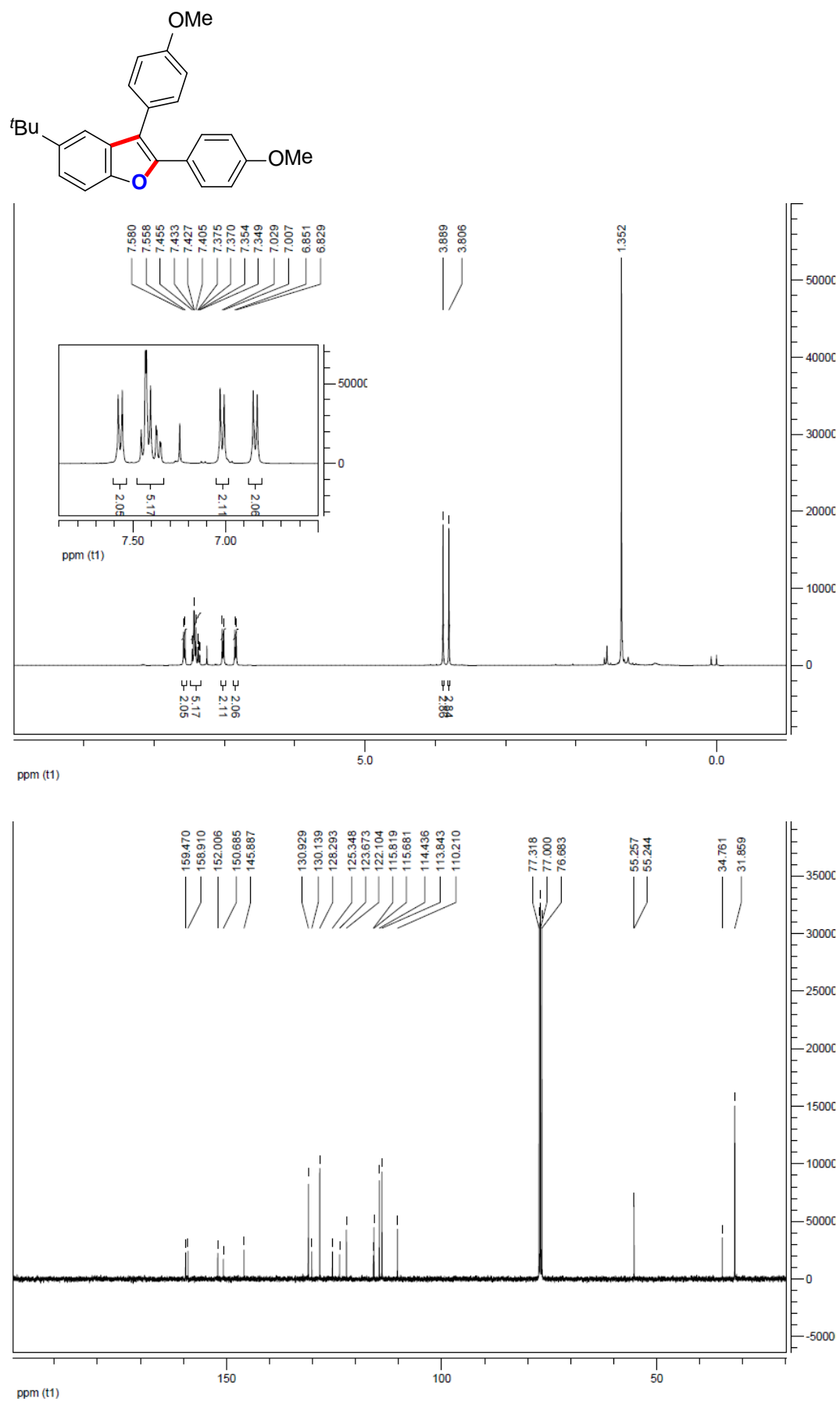
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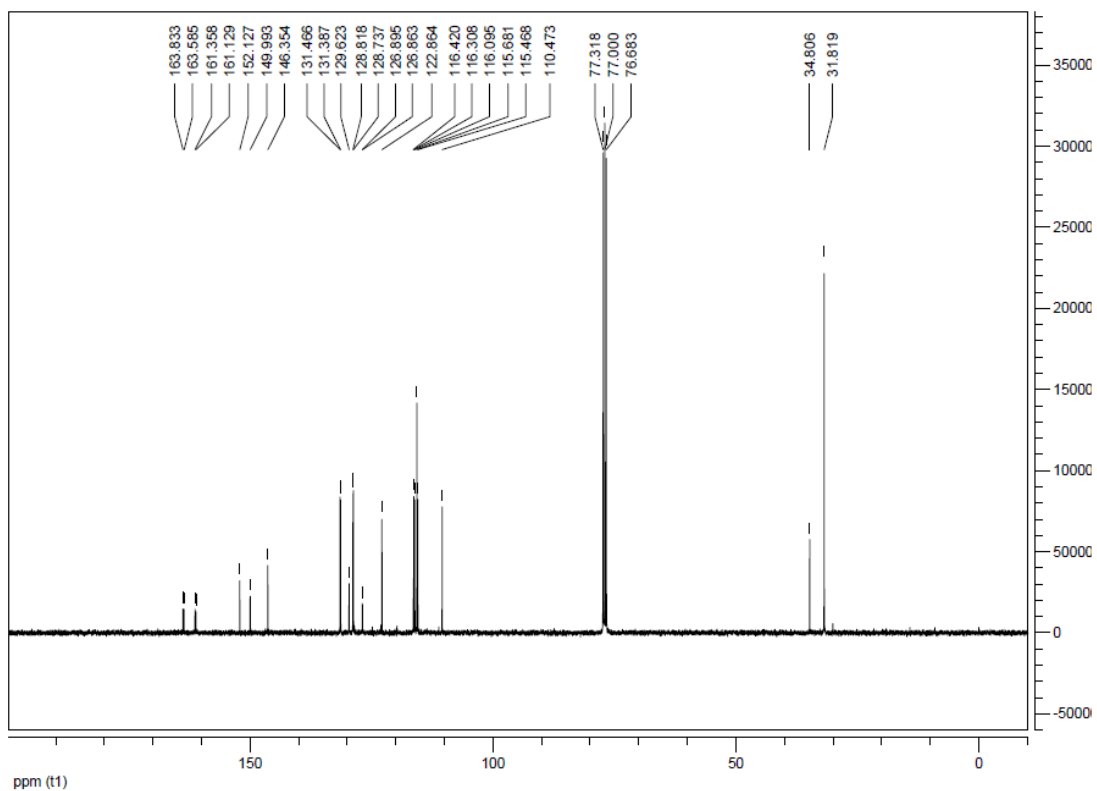
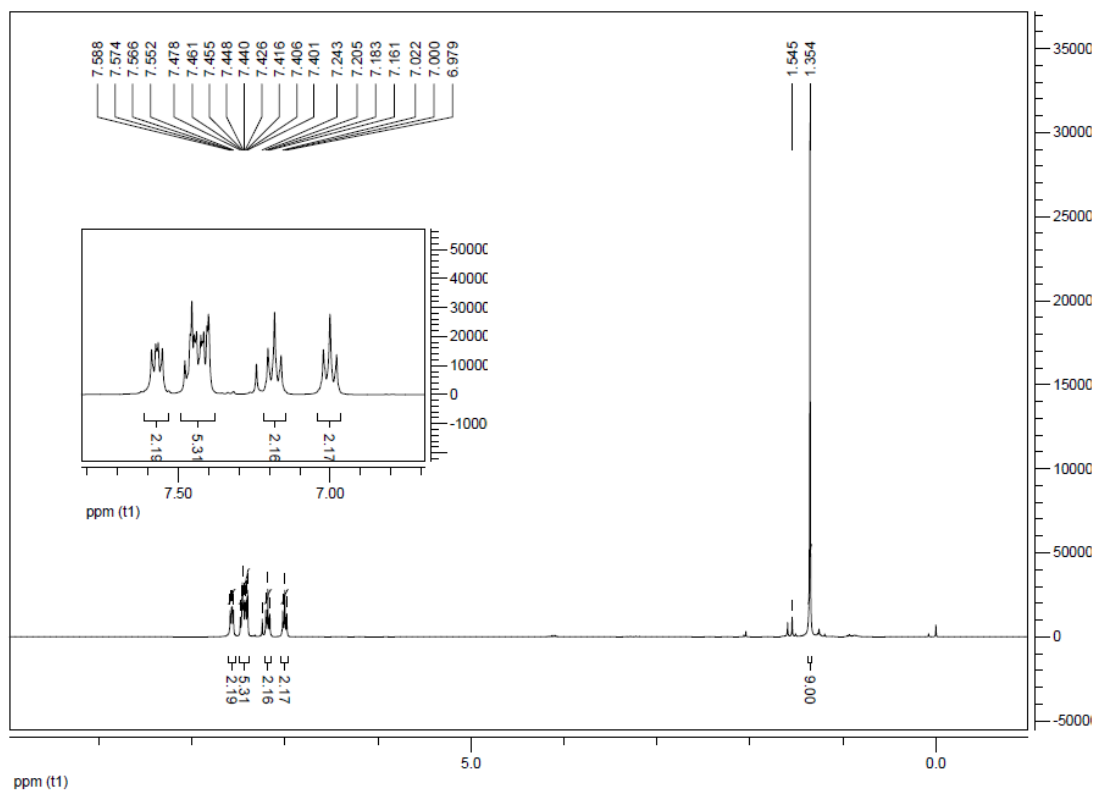
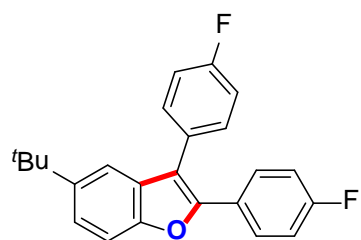
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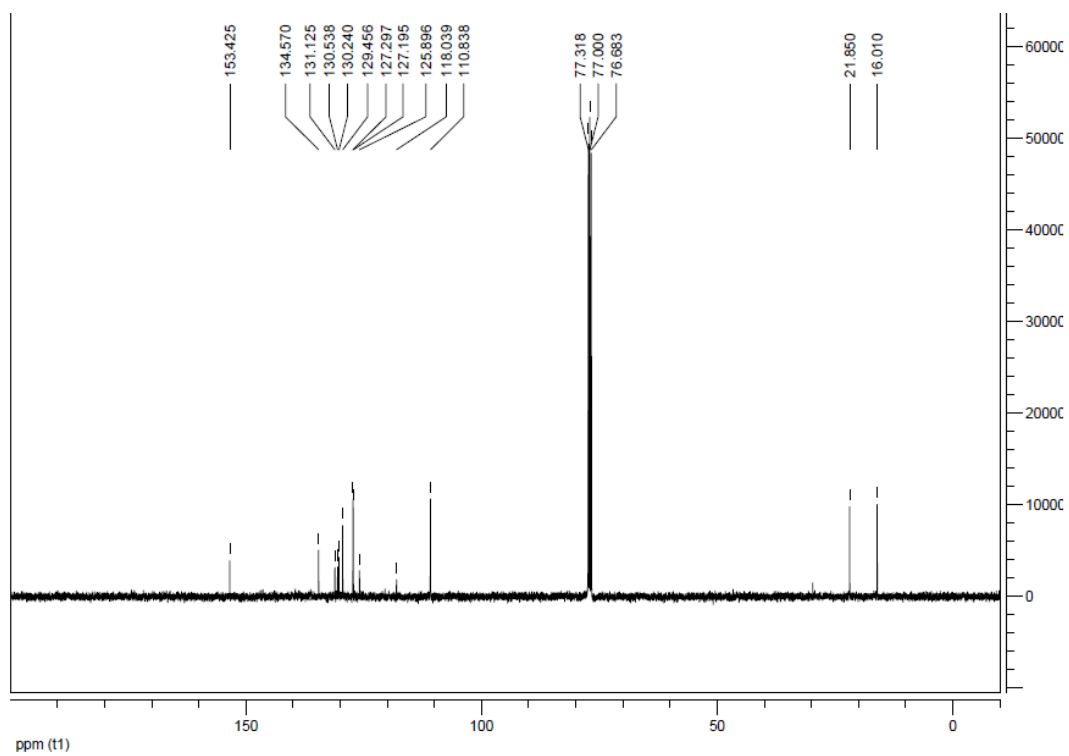
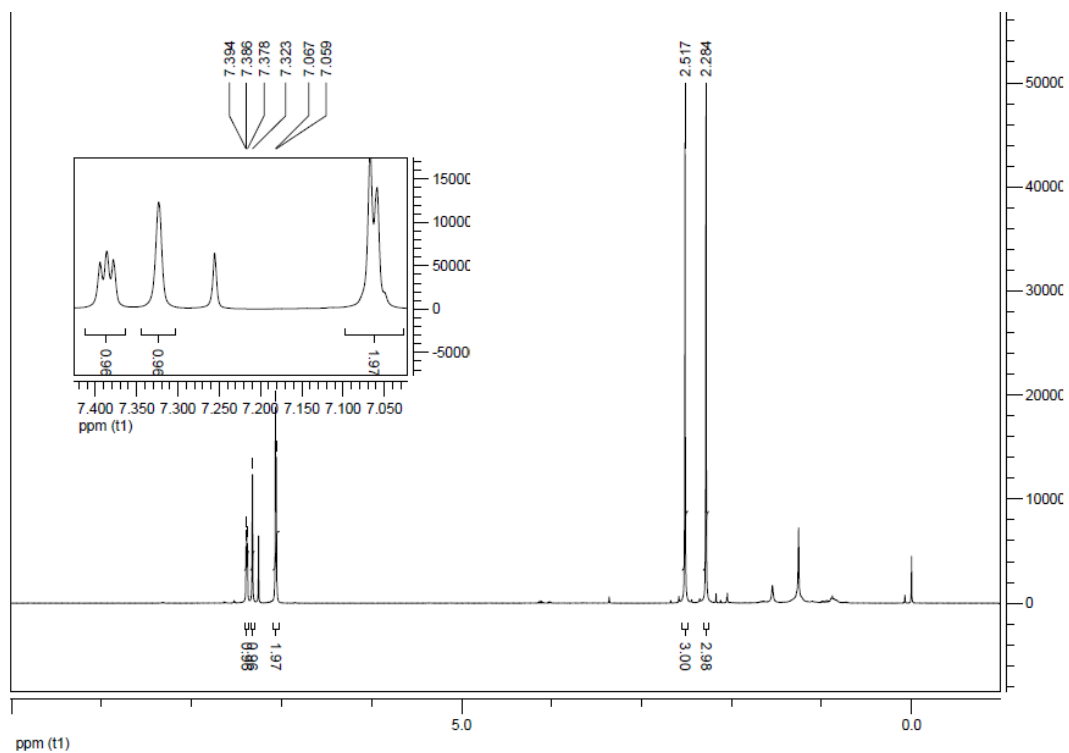
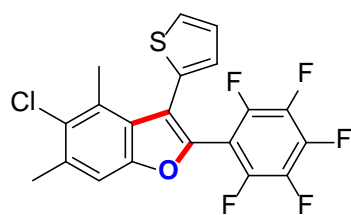
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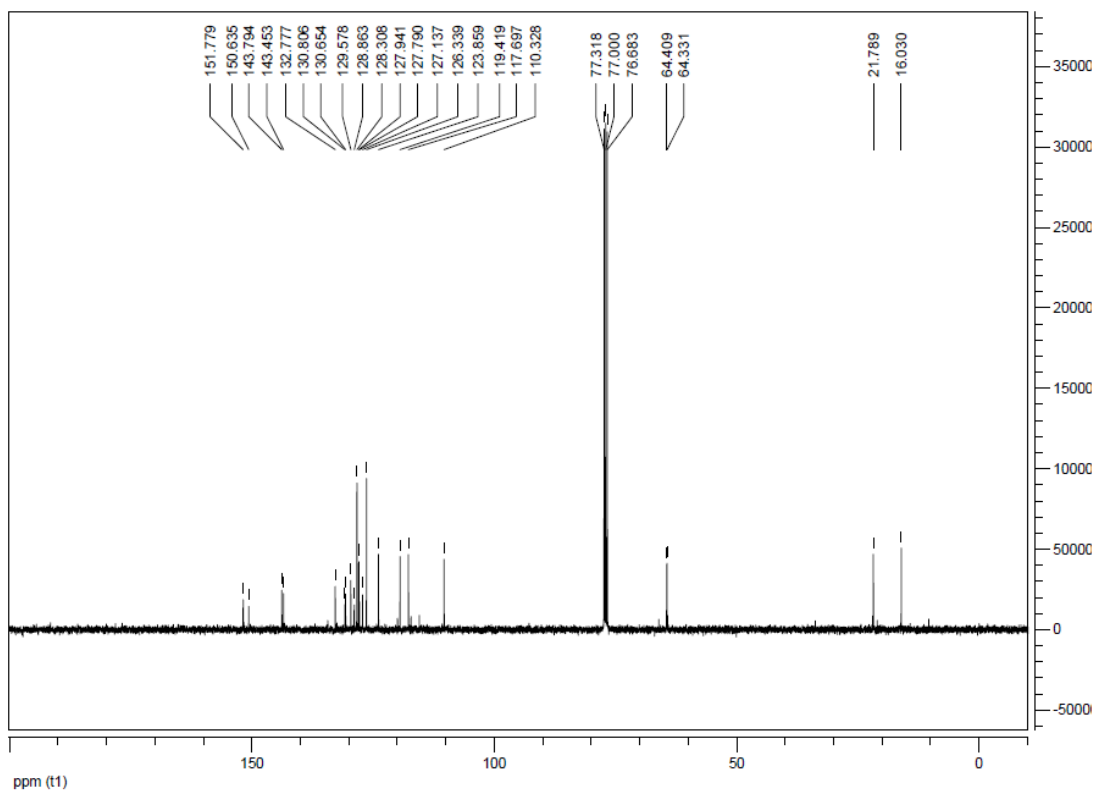
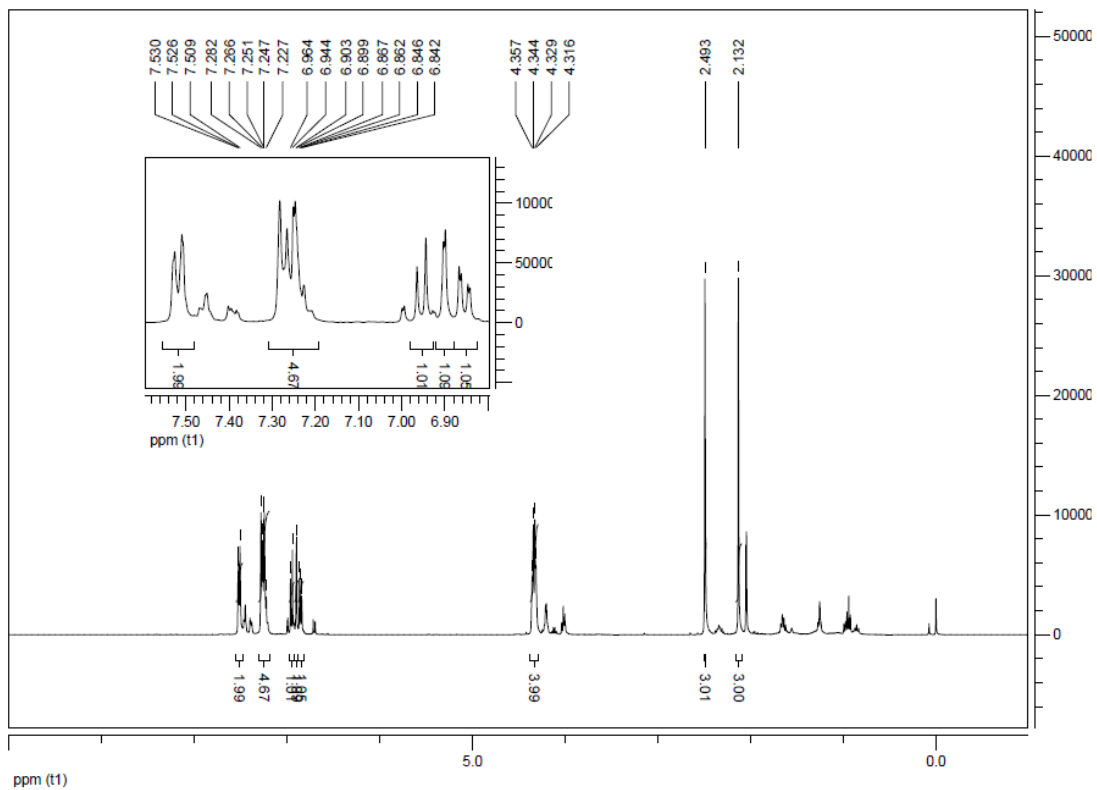
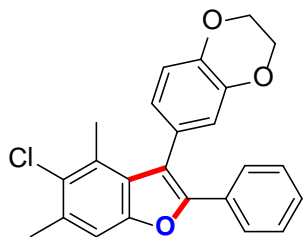
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