

Supporting Information

Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative C-H Bond Coupling of Steered Acetanilides and Aldehydes: A Facile Access to *ortho*-Acylacetanilides

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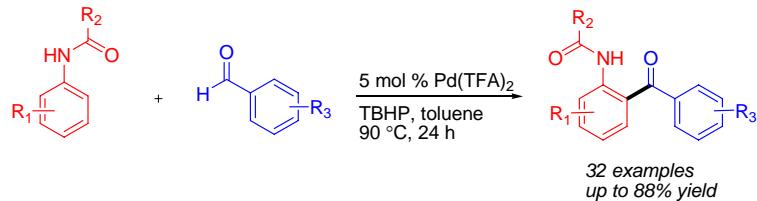


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1. General considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purification. All the reactions were performed in Rotaflo® (England) resealable screw-cap Schlenk flask (approx. 20 mL volume) in the presence of Teflon coated magnetic stirrer bar (4 mm × 10 mm). *N,N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF) was distilled under calcium hydride under reduced pressure. Dioxane and toluene were distilled from sodium under nitrogen. *tert*-Butanol was refluxing with sodium and the distillate was stored under CaH₂ and was distilled from calcium hydride under nitrogen prior to use. The concentration of *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) was determined by means of iodometric method which is generally used by commercial supplier (http://www.aladdin-reagent.com/thir.asp?Rea_SubID=15038).¹

Note: The TBHP concentration we applied to this study was 70.6%. Thin layer chromatography was performed on Merck precoated silica gel 60 F254 plates. Silica gel (Merck, 70-230 and 230-400 mesh) was used for column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz) spectrometer. Spectra were referenced internally to the residual proton resonance in CDCl₃ (δ 7.26 ppm), or with tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00 ppm) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported as part per million (ppm) in δ scale downfield from TMS. ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to CDCl₃ (δ 77.0 ppm, the middle peak). Coupling constants (*J*) were reported in Hertz (Hz). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Shimadzu LCMS-IT-TOF. MS spectra were recorded on an Agilent LC – MS 6120 with ESI or APCI. The products described in GC yield were accorded to the authentic samples/dodecane calibration standard from Agilent 6890N GC-FID system. Compounds described in the literatures were characterized by

comparison of their ^1H , and/or ^{13}C NMR spectra to the previously reported data.

2. Preparation of substituted acetanilide substrates

All the substituted acetanilides in Table 3 were prepared from their corresponding precursors with Ac_2O in CH_2Cl_2 according to the literature method without modifications.²

N-phenylbenzamide, *N*-phenylpivalamide and *N*-phenylisobutyramide were prepared from phenylamine with their corresponding acyl chlorides in pyridine according to the literature method without modifications.³

3. General procedures for reaction condition screenings and coupling reactions

General procedures for screening: The acetanilide (0.135 g, 1.0 mmol) and the metal complex (5 mol% or as indicated in Table 1) were loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar under air atmosphere. The solvent (2.0 mL) was added into the tube. The solution was stirred for about 1 to 2 minutes until the solid had been dissolved. 4-Chlorobenzaldehyde (2.0 mmol), TBHP (4.0 mmol) were loaded into the tube. The tube was stirred at room temperature for ~5 minutes and then placed into a preheated oil bath (40-120 °C) for 24 hours. After completion of reaction, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature. Ethyl acetate (~10 mL), dodecane (114 μL , internal standard) and water (~3 ml) were added. The organic layer was subjected to GC analysis. The GC yield obtained was

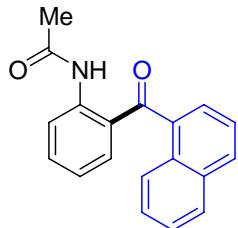
previously calibrated by authentic sample/dodecane calibration curve.

General procedure for C-H bond coupling of steered acetanilides and aldehydes:

Substituted acetanilide (1.0 mmol) and the Pd(TFA)₂ (16.1 mg, 0.05 mmol) were loaded into a Schlenk tube equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Toluene (2.0 mL) was added into the tube. The solution was stirred for about 1 to 2 minutes until the solid was dissolved. Substituted benzaldehyde (2.0 mmol), TBHP (4.0 mmol) were loaded into the tube. The tube was stirred at room temperature for ~5 minutes and then placed into a preheated oil bath at 90 °C for 24 hours. After completion of reaction as judged by GC analysis, the reaction tube was allowed to cool to room temperature and quenched with saturated K₂CO₃ and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) to afford the desired oxidatively coupled product.

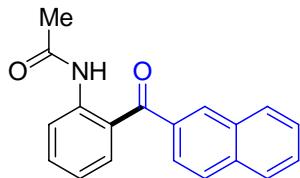
4. Characterization data of coupling products

N-(2-(1-Naphthoyl)phenyl)acetamide (**3ab**)⁴

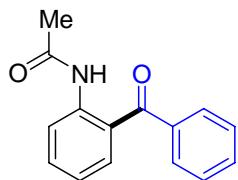


Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.49 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.16, 169.66, 141.54, 137.01, 135.39, 134.82, 133.63, 131.21, 130.63, 128.55, 127.41, 127.18, 126.62, 125.31, 124.43, 123.24, 122.19, 120.87, 25.56. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 290.1.

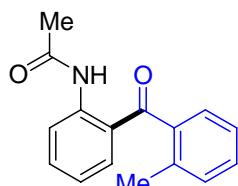
N-(2-(2-Naphthoyl)phenyl)acetamide (**3ac**)⁴



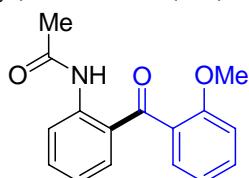
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.79 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, $J = 12.3, 8.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.38, 172.01, 140.29, 135.94, 135.23, 134.20, 133.49, 132.45, 131.84, 129.55, 128.64, 128.31, 127.83, 127.05, 126.77, 125.42, 122.28, 121.78, 25.25. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 290.1.

***N*-(2-Benzoylphenyl)acetamide(3ad)⁵**

Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 15.8$, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.75, 169.44, 140.35, 134.28, 133.53, 132.57, 129.92, 128.36, 126.97, 122.18, 121.60, 25.23. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 240.1.

***N*-(2-(2-Methylbenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3ae)⁴**

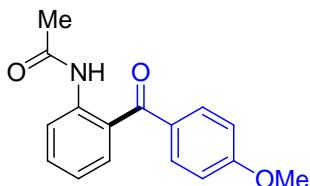
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.56 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 11.4$, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 9.4$, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 202.92, 169.57, 141.54, 139.29, 135.90, 135.32, 134.52, 130.94, 130.25, 127.87, 125.38, 122.46, 122.17, 120.74, 25.55, 19.73. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 254.1.

***N*-(2-(2-Methoxybenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3af)⁶**

Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.61 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.06 (td,

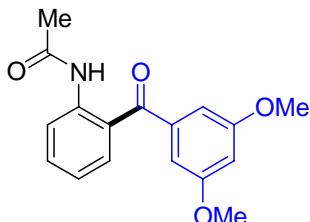
J = 7.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 3H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.62, 169.64, 156.81, 141.29, 135.09, 134.55, 131.99, 129.09, 128.50, 126.95, 122.58, 120.49, 120.47, 111.44, 55.64, 25.55. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 270.1.

***N*-(2-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3ag)⁴**



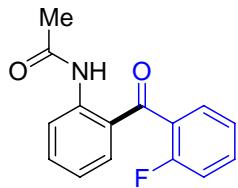
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); R_f =0.4; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.89, 169.04, 163.45, 139.80, 133.51, 132.72, 132.61, 130.88, 124.27, 122.07, 121.72, 113.64, 55.52, 25.14. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 270.0.

***N*-(2-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3ah)**



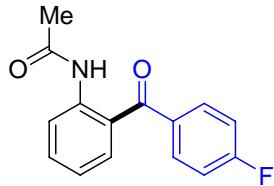
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); R_f =0.4; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.69 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.40, 169.30, 160.55, 140.45, 140.38, 134.37, 133.51, 122.12, 121.54, 107.65, 104.81, 55.62, 25.26. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$: 322.1055, found 322.1051.

***N*-(2-(2-Fluorobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3ai)⁴**



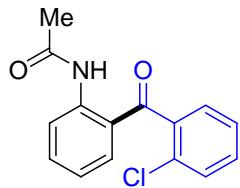
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5), $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.36 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 6.7, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.09, 169.48, 158.4, 141.32, 135.57, 134.16, 133.04 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 8.3$ Hz), 130.19 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 2.3$ Hz), 127.61 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 16.8$ Hz), 124.28 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.5$ Hz), 122.27, 120.79, 116.37 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 21.4$ Hz), 25.52. ESI-MS [M+H] $^+$ 258.1.

***N*-(2-(4-Fluorobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3aj)⁴**



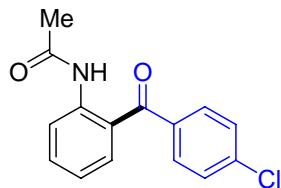
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.81, 169.09, 166.53, 164.00, 140.06, 134.56 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 3.1$ Hz), 132.90, 132.49 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 9.2$ Hz), 127.57 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 155.5$ Hz), 123.30, 121.88 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 43.1$ Hz), 115.43 (d, $J_{\text{CF}} = 22.0$ Hz), 25.07. ESI-MS [M+H] $^+$ 258.1.

***N*-(2-(2-Chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3ak)⁴**



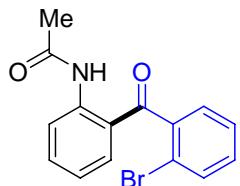
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); R_f=0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.56 (s, 1H), 8.86 – 8.74 (m, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 3.3, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.27, 169.65, 141.92, 138.74, 135.95, 134.60, 131.20, 130.94, 130.14, 128.65, 126.75, 122.28, 121.27, 120.64, 25.63. ESI-MS [M+H]⁺ 290.1.

N-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3al)⁴



Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); R_f=0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.92, 168.10, 138.62, 137.81, 135.07, 133.14, 131.21, 130.29, 127.94, 126.01, 123.24, 122.25, 23.99. ESI-MS [M+H]⁺ 290.1.

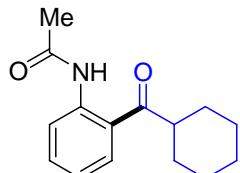
N-(2-(2-Bromobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3am)⁴



Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); R_f=0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.54 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 –

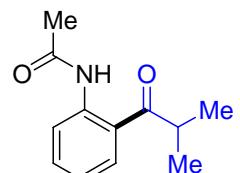
7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.88, 169.63, 142.03, 140.83, 135.94, 134.68, 133.23, 131.23, 128.56, 127.28, 122.27, 120.98, 120.64, 119.25, 25.62. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 318.0.

***N*-(2-(Cyclohexanecarbonyl)phenyl)acetamide (3an)⁷**



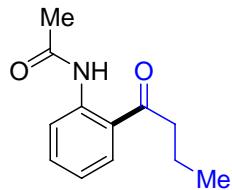
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); R_f =0.4; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 1.46 (ddd, J = 38.2, 20.3, 12.3 Hz, 4H), 1.32 – 1.20 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.62, 169.50, 141.41, 134.73, 130.49, 122.28, 121.09, 120.74, 46.67, 29.85, 25.89, 25.82, 25.58. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 246.1.

***N*-(2-*iso*-Butyrylphenyl)acetamide (3ao)⁴**



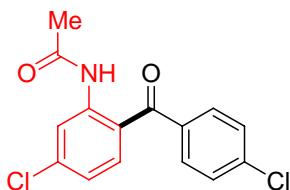
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); R_f =0.4; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.74 (s, 1H), 8.74 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 3.75 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.28, 169.53, 141.45, 134.81, 130.55, 122.31, 121.11, 120.63, 36.26, 25.58, 19.52. ESI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 206.1.

***N*-(2-Butyrylphenyl)acetamide (3ap)⁸**



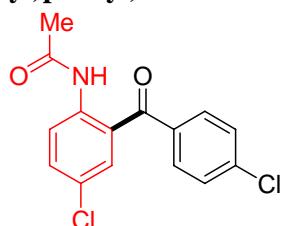
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.15 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 3.00 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.76 (dd, J = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.11, 169.60, 140.95, 134.85, 130.74, 122.30, 121.57, 120.83, 41.88, 25.56, 17.98, 13.80. ESI-MS [M+H]⁺ 206.1.

N-(5-Chloro-2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3bl)



Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.62, 169.28, 141.63, 141.03, 139.23, 136.65, 134.29, 131.15, 128.83, 122.36, 121.42, 120.79, 25.31. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₅H₁₁NO₂Cl₂Na⁺: 330.0065, found 330.0059.

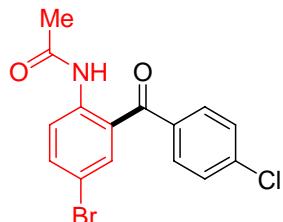
N-(4-Chloro-2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3cl)⁹



Hexane: EtOAc (1:3); $R_f = 0.4$; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C

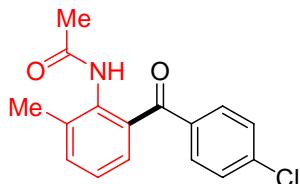
NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ195.92, 167.80, 139.06, 137.79, 135.35, 133.14, 131.21, 130.29, 127.94, 126.30, 123.31, 122.25, 24.19. ESI-MS [M+H]⁺ 308.1.

***N*-(4-Bromo-2-(4-chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)acetamide (3dl)¹⁰**



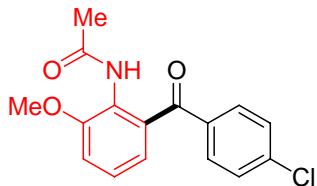
Hexane: EtOAc (1:3); R_f=0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ10.52 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ196.94, 169.13, 139.65, 139.29, 137.06, 136.08, 135.12, 131.32, 128.97, 124.68, 123.51, 114.68, 25.24. ESI-MS [M+H]⁺ 352.0.

***N*-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-6-methylphenyl)acetamide(3el)**



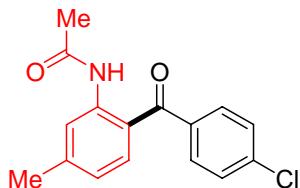
Hexane: EtOAc (1:3); R_f=0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.89 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ193.87, 168.20, 151.78, 138.94, 135.41, 133.54, 131.76, 128.38, 124.91, 123.78, 120.92, 112.84, 55.93, 23.58. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂ClNa⁺: 310.0611, found 310.0605.

***N*-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-6-methoxyphenyl)acetamide(3fl)**



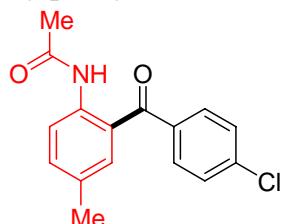
Hexane: EtOAc (1:3), R_f=0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.39, 168.96, 139.61, 135.52, 135.39, 134.02, 133.89, 131.94, 128.58, 127.34, 125.30, 77.46, 77.14, 76.82, 23.18, 18.47. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄NO₃ClNa⁺: 326.0560, found 326.0557.

N-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-5-methylphenyl)acetamide (3gl)



Hexane: EtOAc (1:2); R_f=0.3; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 194.06, 168.08, 142.33, 137.12, 136.27, 131.21, 131.10, 130.12, 128.71, 128.19, 124.67, 123.50, 23.13, 21.04. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄NO₂ClNa⁺: 310.0611, found 310.0613.

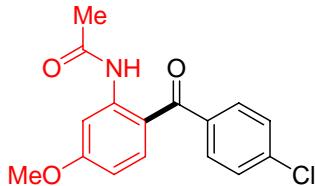
N-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)-4-methylphenyl)acetamide (3hl)



Hexane: EtOAc (1:3), R_f=0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.74 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, J

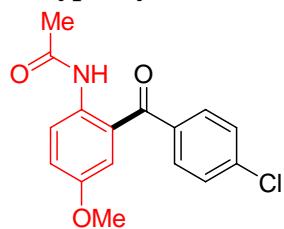
= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 199.36, 169.22, 143.53, 140.19, 135.82, 133.97, 133.29, 130.23, 129.04, 123.68, 122.05, 121.58, 25.27, 21.67. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{ClNa}^+$: 310.0611, found 310.0619.

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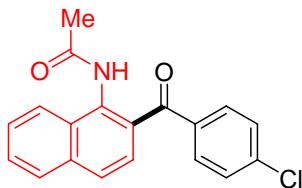


Hexane: EtOAc (1:3); R_f = 0.3; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.48 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 6.59 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.62, 169.66, 164.84, 143.91, 138.10, 137.75, 135.93, 130.78, 128.59, 115.21, 109.11, 104.88, 55.71, 25.57. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{ClNa}^+$: 326.0560, found 326.0552.

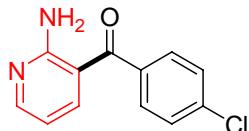
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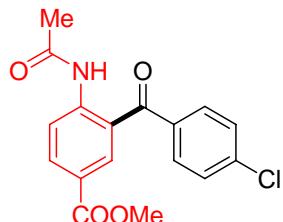
Hexane: EtOAc (1:3); R_f = 0.3; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 193.21, 167.89, 155.79, 137.38, 135.64, 132.73, 131.27, 131.10, 128.22, 125.77, 117.13, 113.84, 55.42, 22.57. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{ClNa}^+$: 326.0560, found 326.0563.

***N*-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)naphthalen-1-yl)acetamide (3kl)**

Hexane: EtOAc (1:3); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.91 (s, 1H), 7.95 (dd, $J = 17.6, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 18.0, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.86, 169.80, 139.72, 135.35, 134.84, 131.92, 131.36, 130.38, 128.83, 128.65, 128.07, 127.77, 126.88, 125.70, 124.88, 124.18, 23.54. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{ClNa}^+$: 346.0611, found 346.0603.

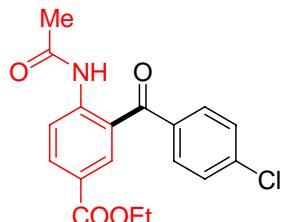
(2-Aminopyridin-3-yl)(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (3ll)

Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f = 0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.91 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.81 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 6.9, 5.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.84, 151.49, 147.82, 138.58, 132.71, 129.07, 128.75, 120.09, 114.38. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{OClNa}^+$: 255.0301, found 255.0299.

Methyl 4-acetamido-3-(4-chlorobenzoyl)benzoate (3ml)

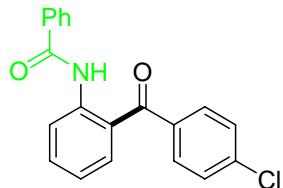
Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f=0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.86 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.17 – 8.12 (m, 3H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.86, 168.40, 143.23, 138.54, 135.35, 134.41, 133.70, 130.31, 127.95, 127.65, 122.67, 121.09, 120.00, 51.30, 24.40. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4\text{ClNa}^+$: 354.0509, found 354.0502.

Ethyl 4-acetamido-3-(4-chlorobenzoyl)benzoate (3nl)



Hexane: EtOAc (1:5), $R_f=0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.93 (s, 1H), 8.76 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 4.36 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.85, 168.36, 143.13, 138.52, 135.36, 134.31, 133.69, 130.32, 127.91, 127.53, 123.05, 121.10, 119.93, 60.26, 24.38, 13.28. HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4\text{ClNa}^+$: 368.0666, found 368.0658.

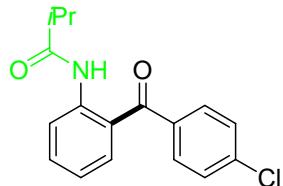
N-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)benzamide (5)¹¹



Hexane: EtOAc (1:5); $R_f=0.4$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.83 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.97, 190.95, 141.06, 138.99,

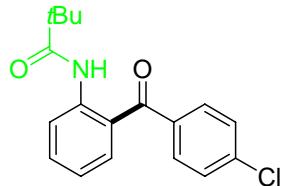
137.00, 134.87, 134.49, 133.70, 132.16, 130.92, 129.47, 128.88, 127.40, 122.86,
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N-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)isobutyramide (6)



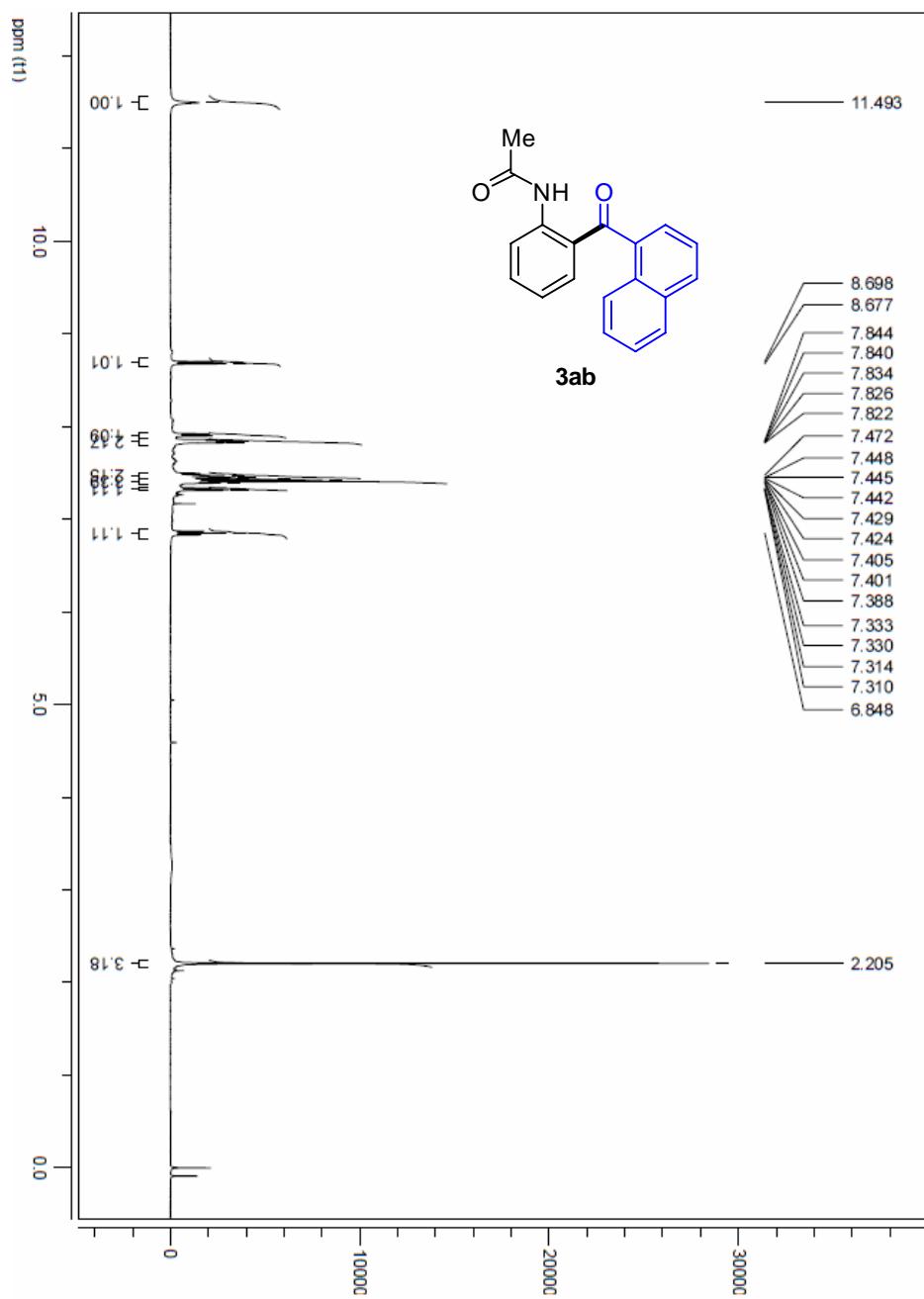
Hexane: EtOAc (1:10); R_f=0.3; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.54, 176.56, 140.93, 138.94, 137.03, 134.63, 133.39, 131.40, 128.99, 128.92, 121.98, 121.64, 37.09, 19.50. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NO₂ClNa⁺: 324.0767, found 324.0763.

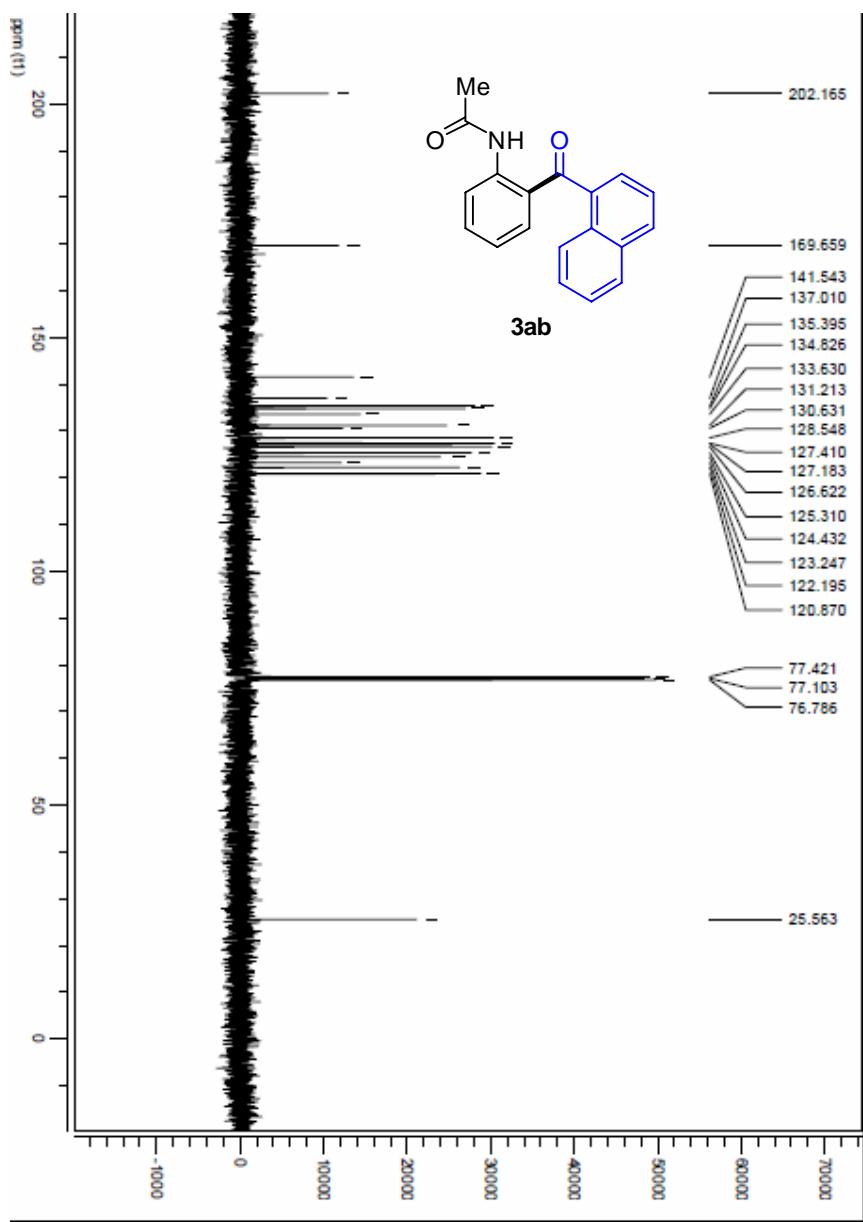
N-(2-(4-Chlorobenzoyl)phenyl)pivalamide (7)

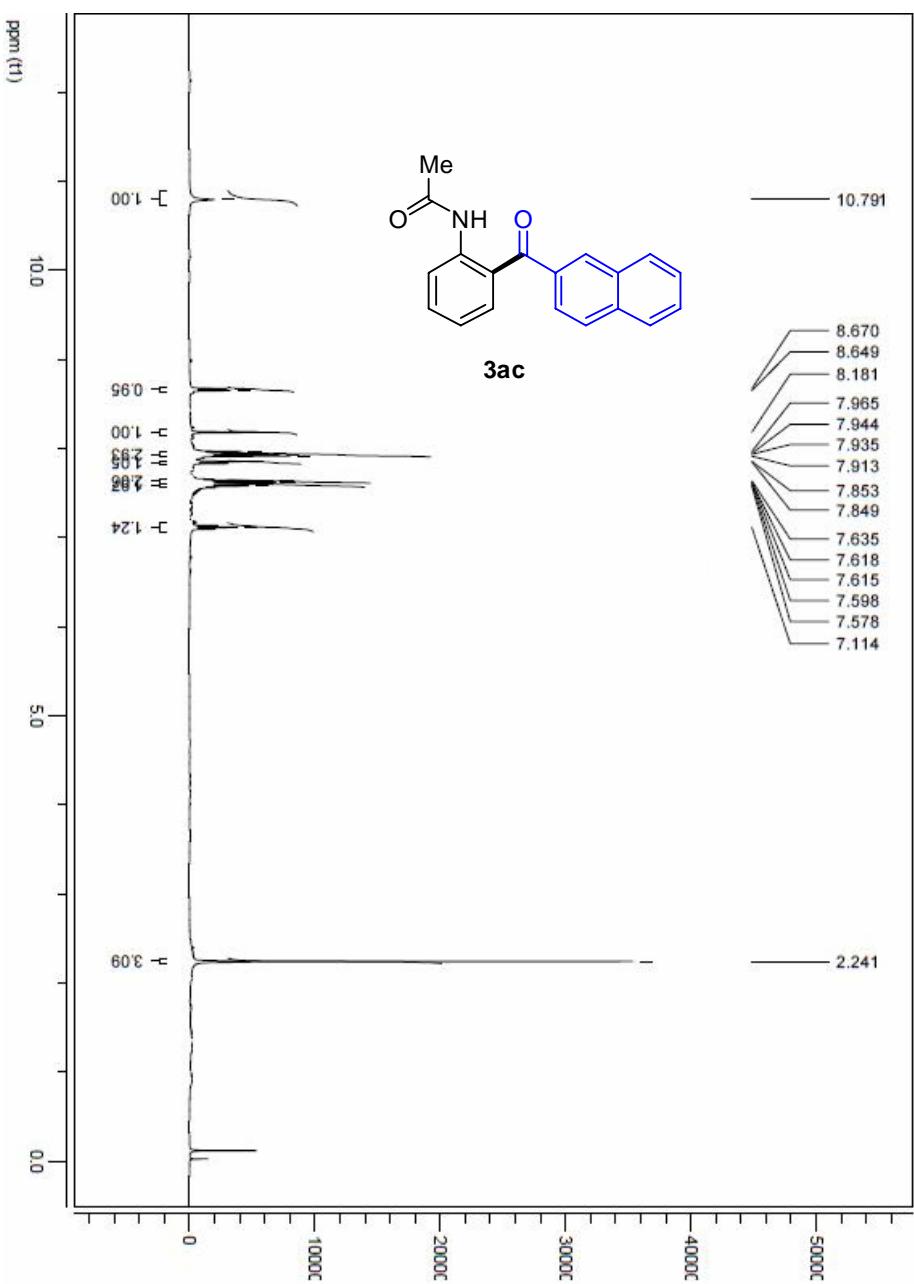


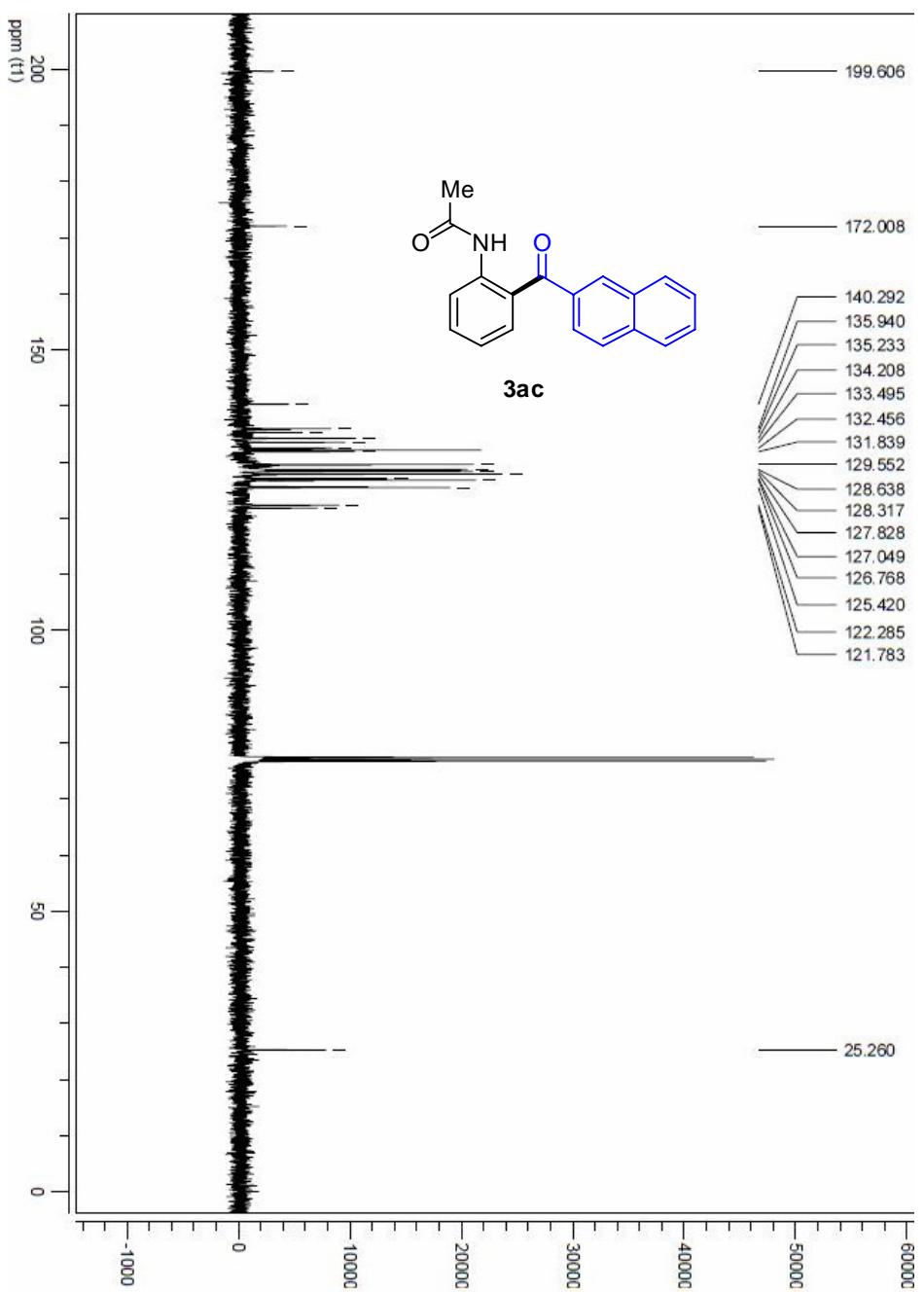
Hexane: EtOAc (1:10); R_f=0.3; NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.12 (s, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.10 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.50, 177.74, 141.19, 138.84, 137.09, 134.65, 133.51, 131.29, 128.90, 128.65, 121.92, 121.55, 40.18, 27.79. HRMS: calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂ClNa⁺: 338.0924, found 338.0918.

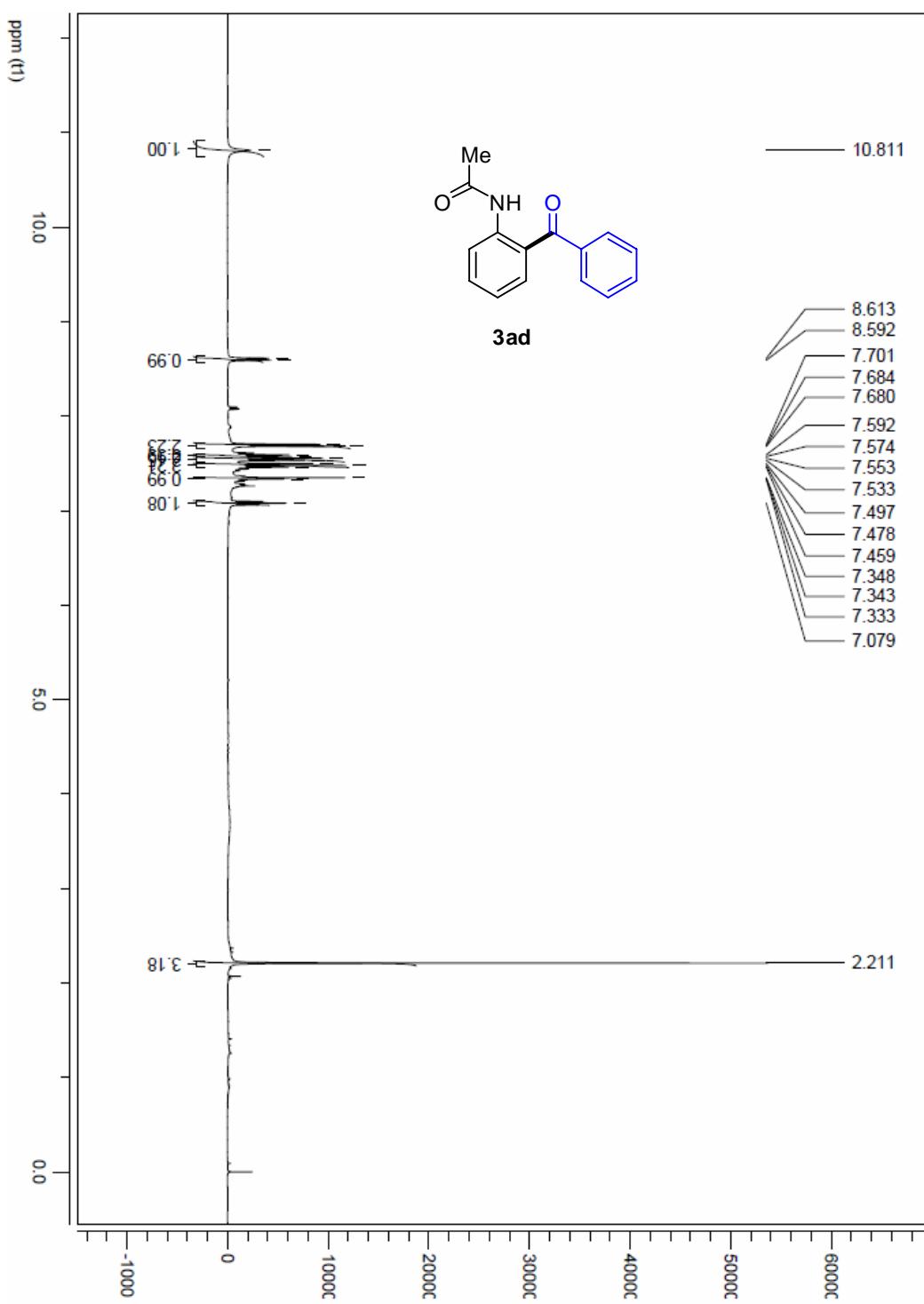
5. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, and HRMS spectra

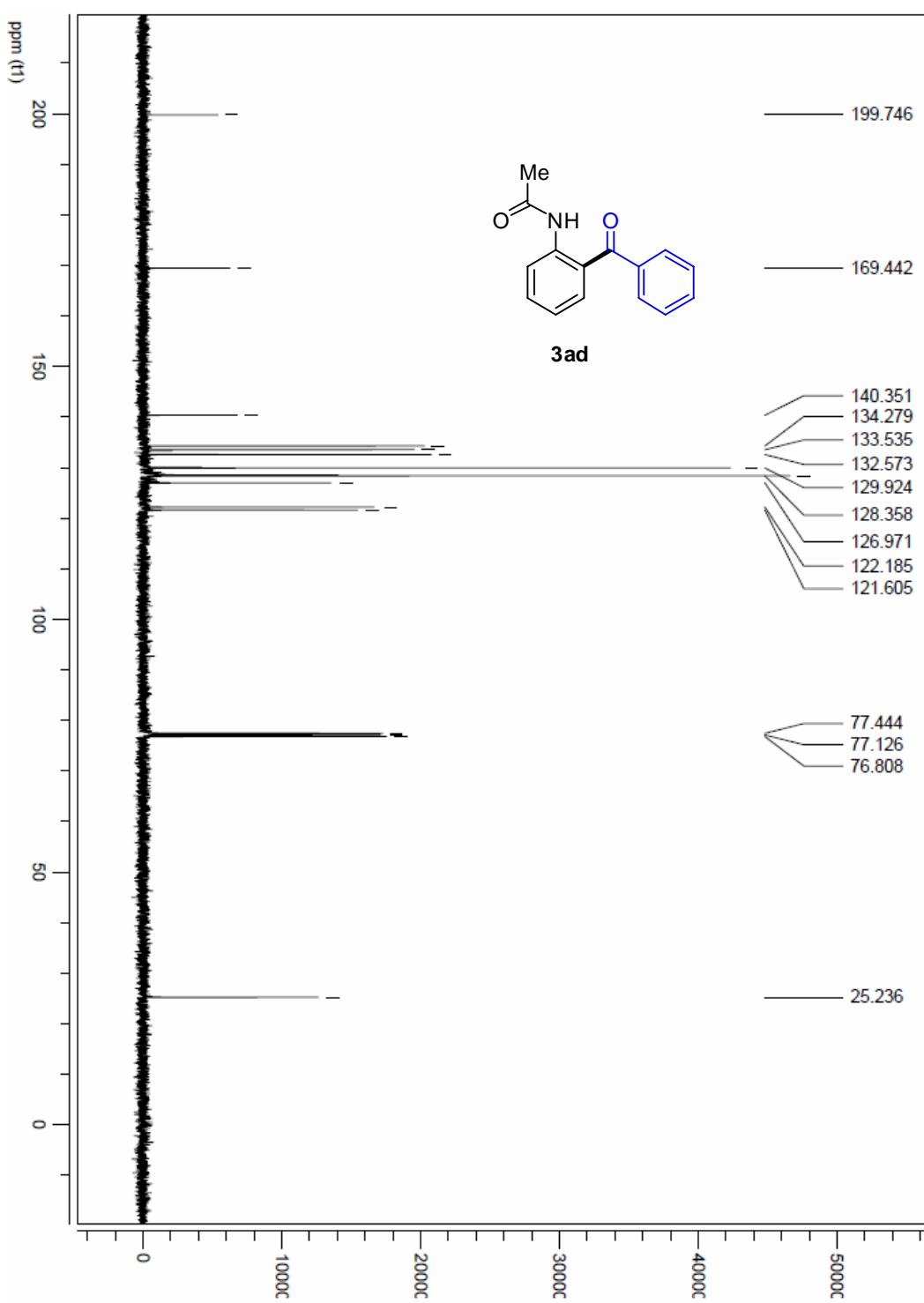


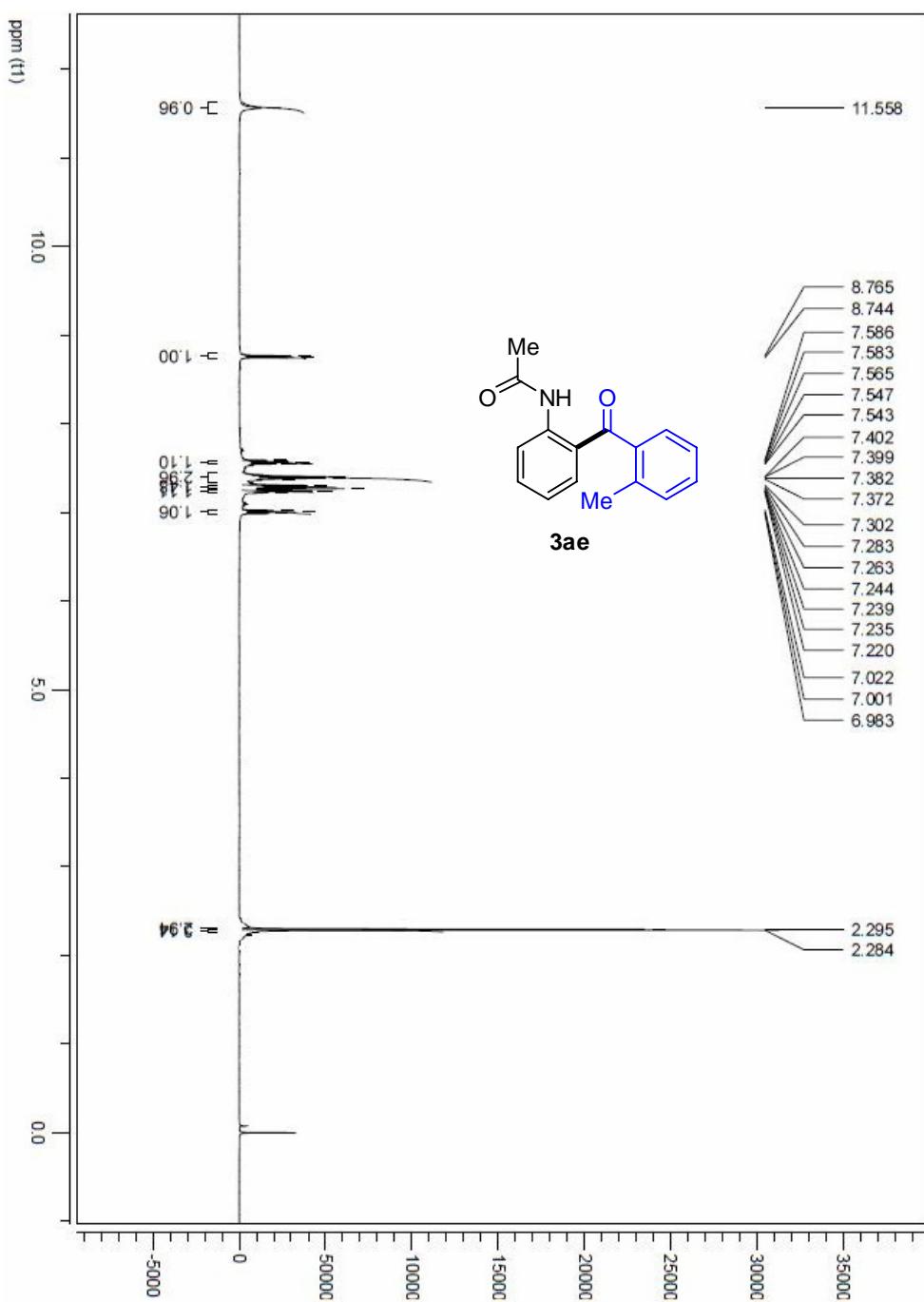


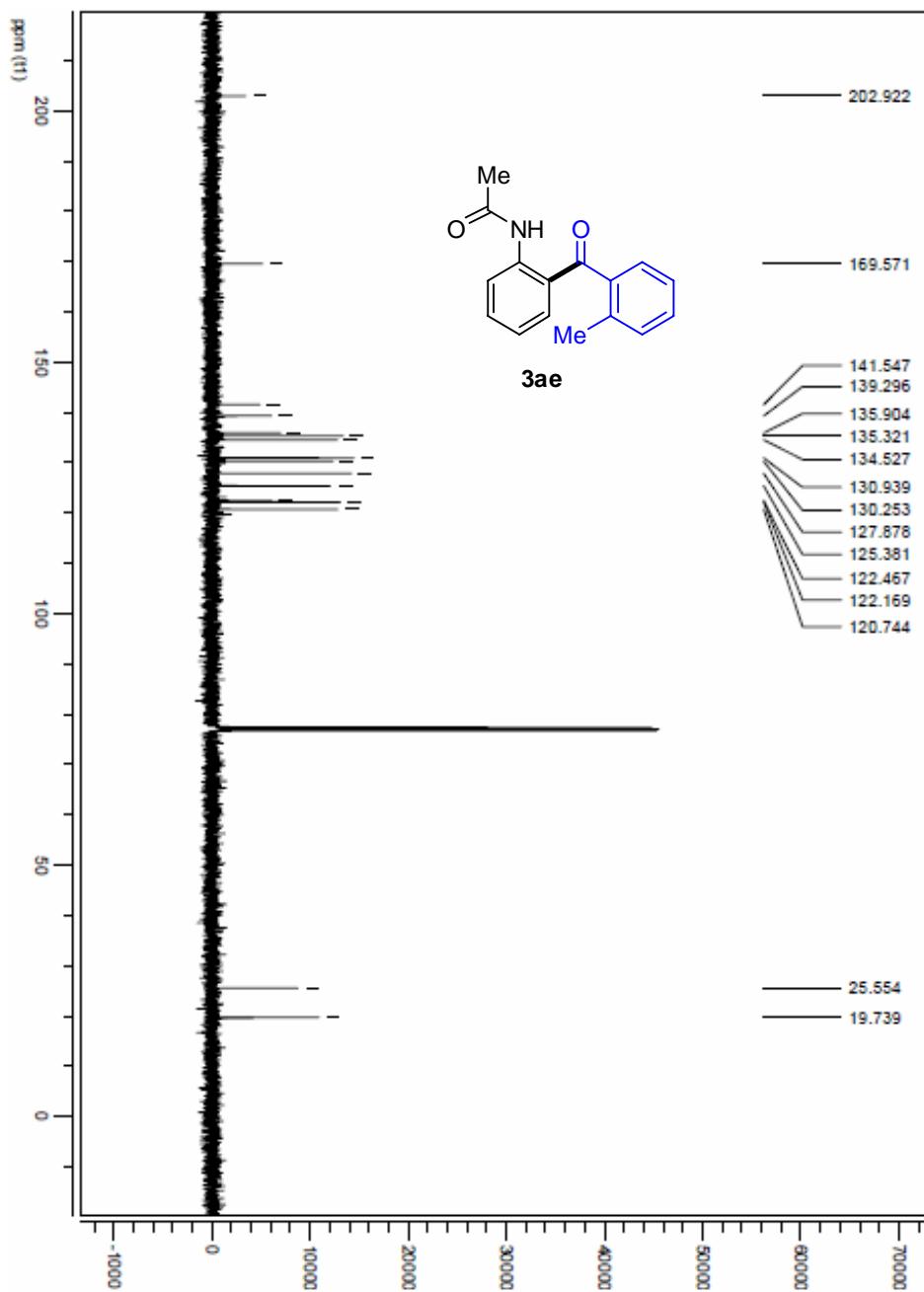


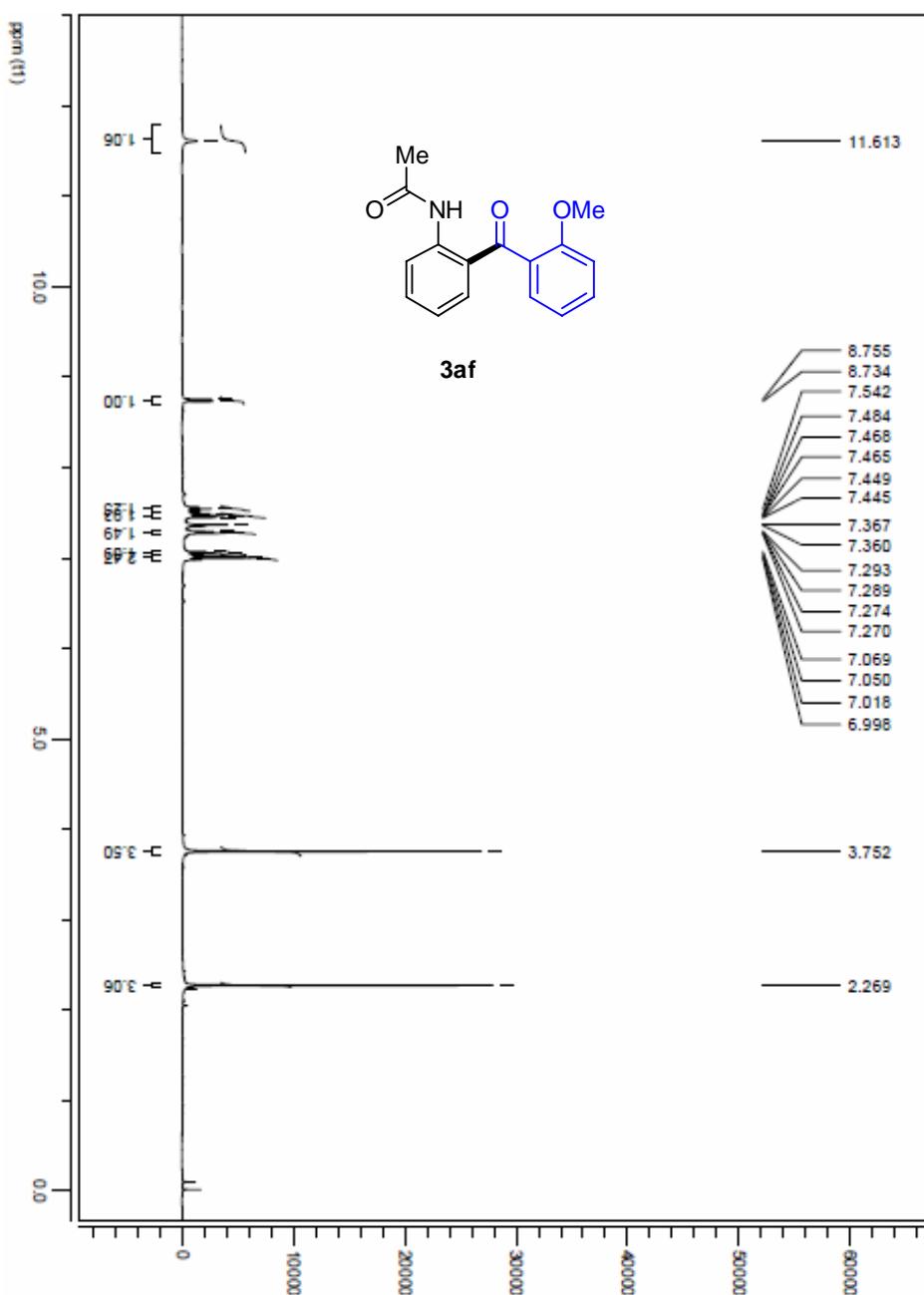


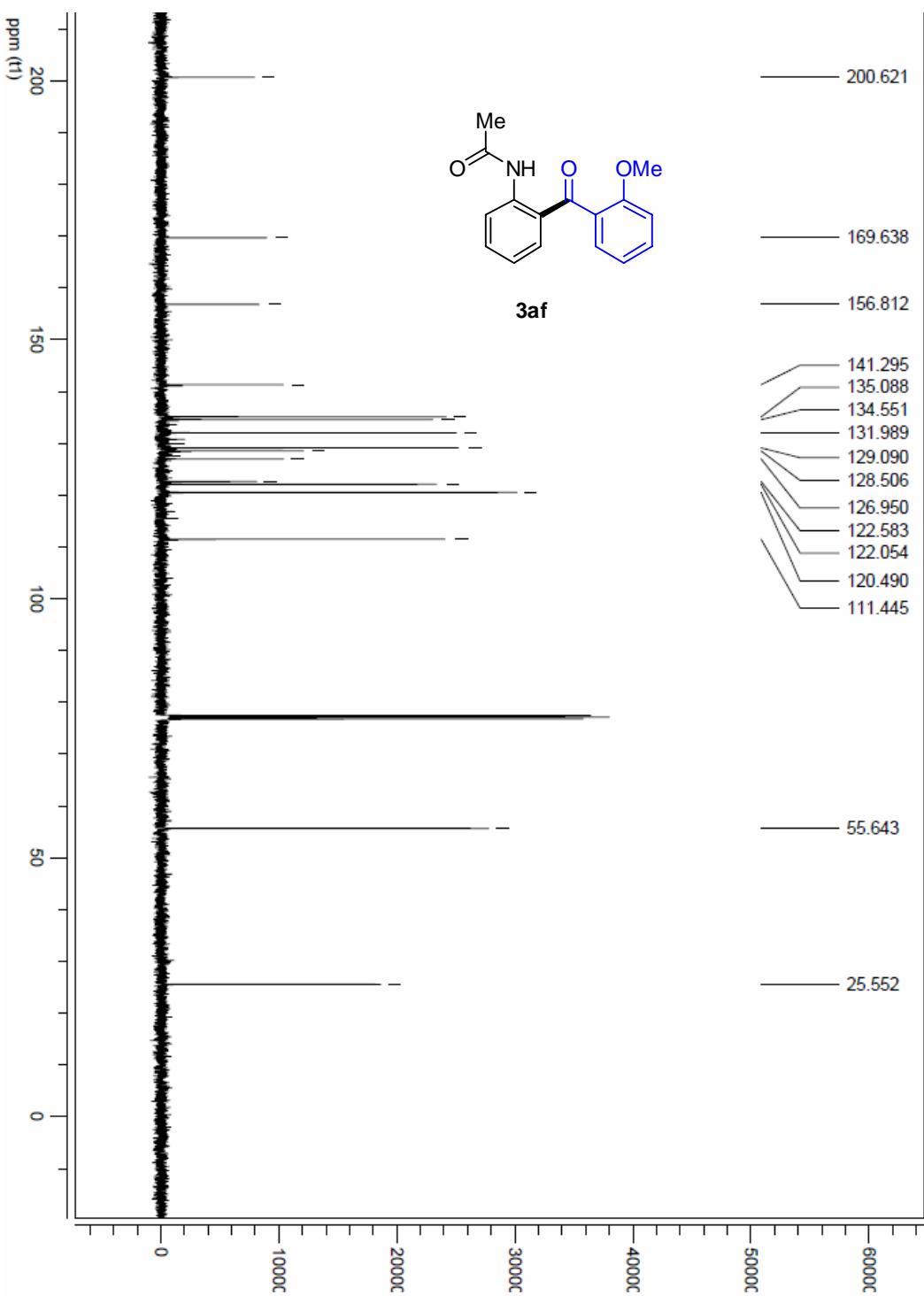


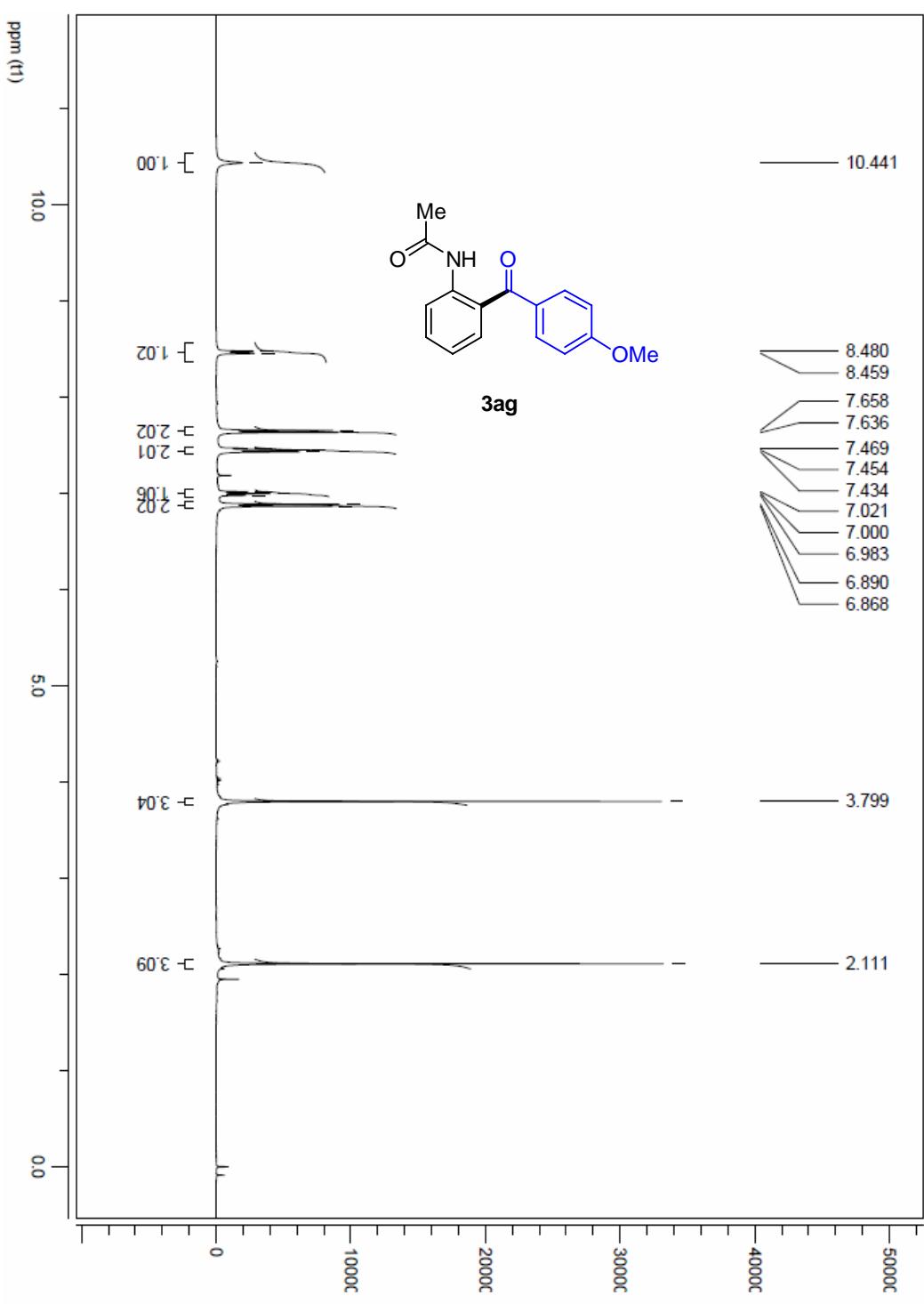


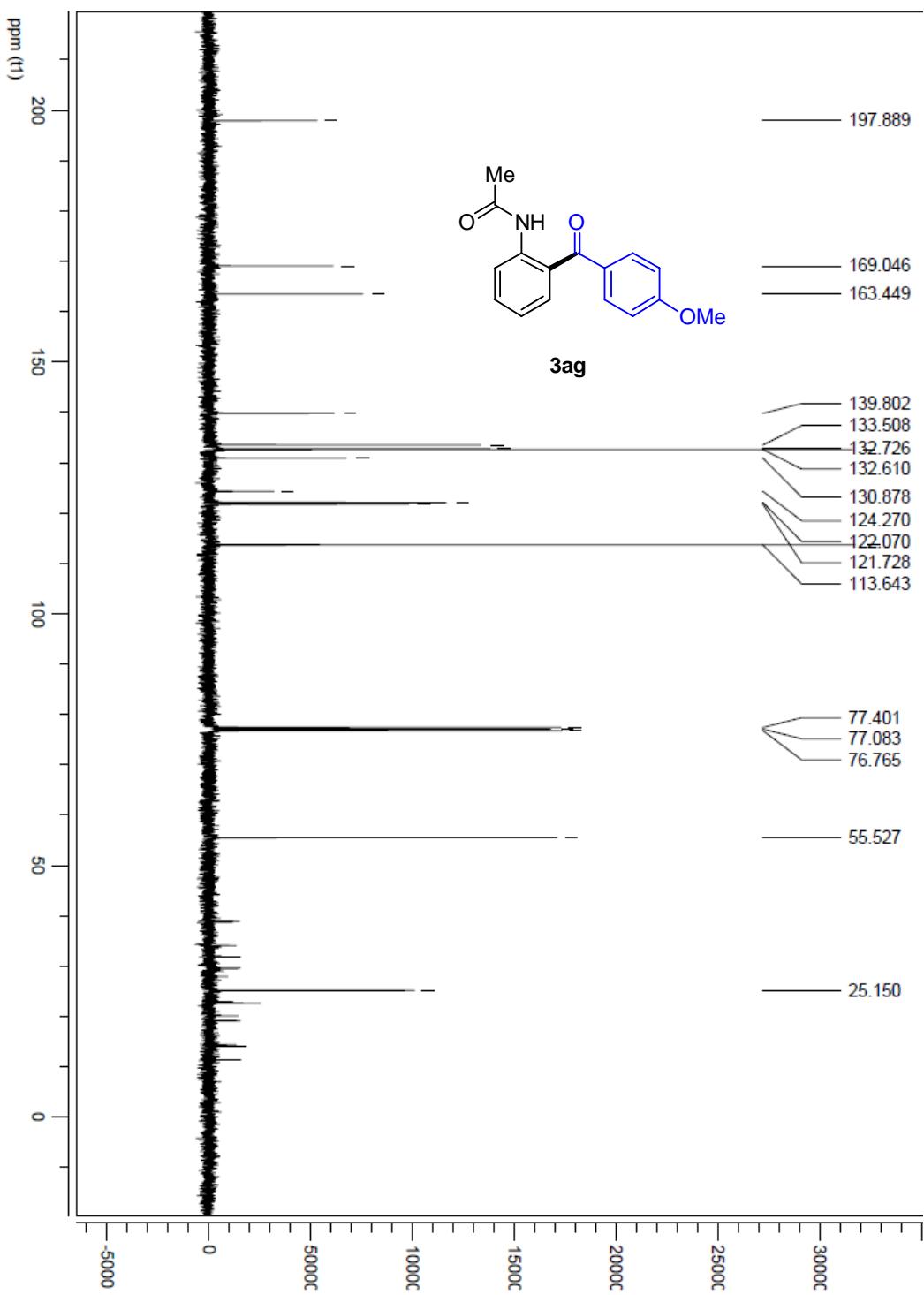


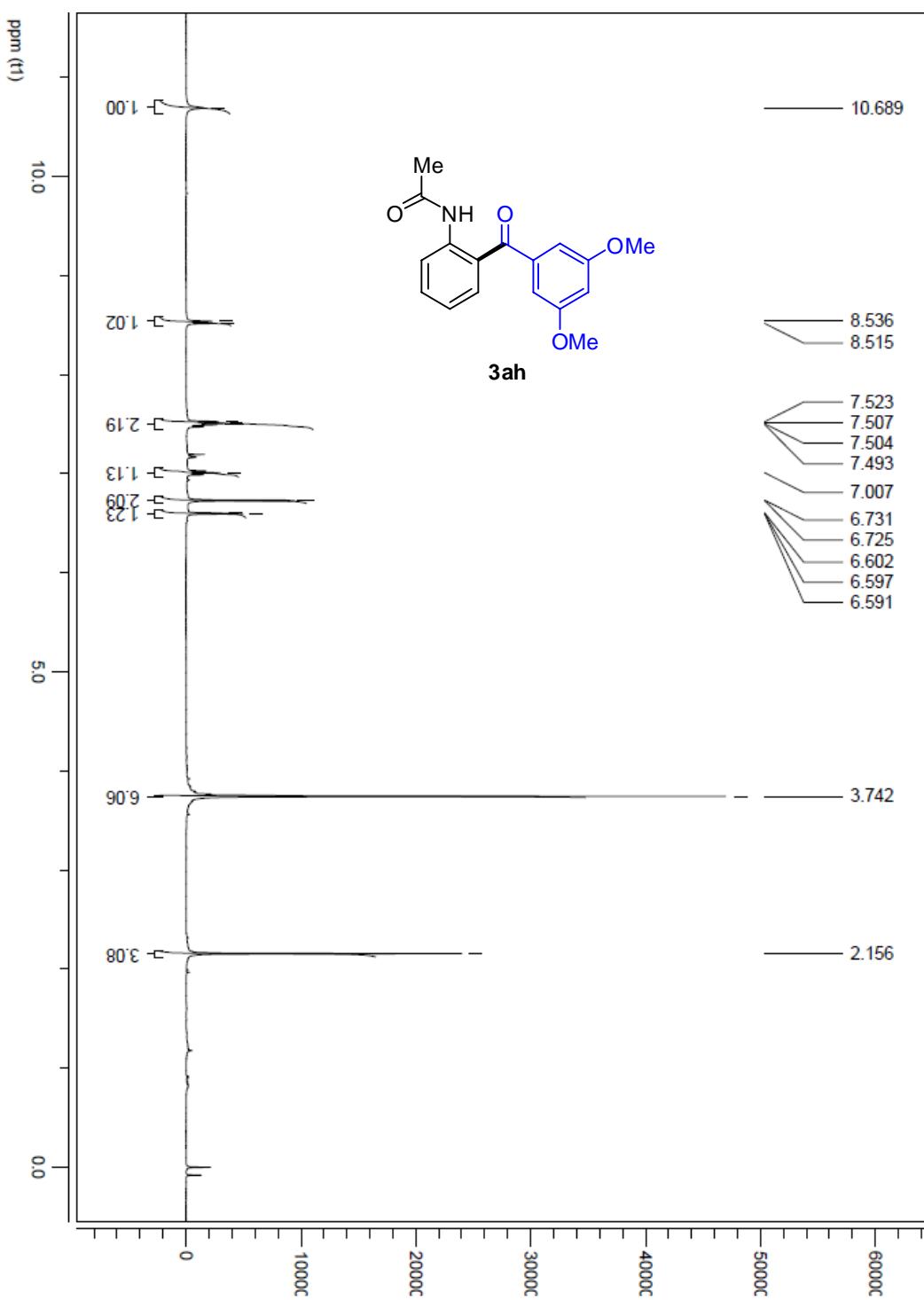


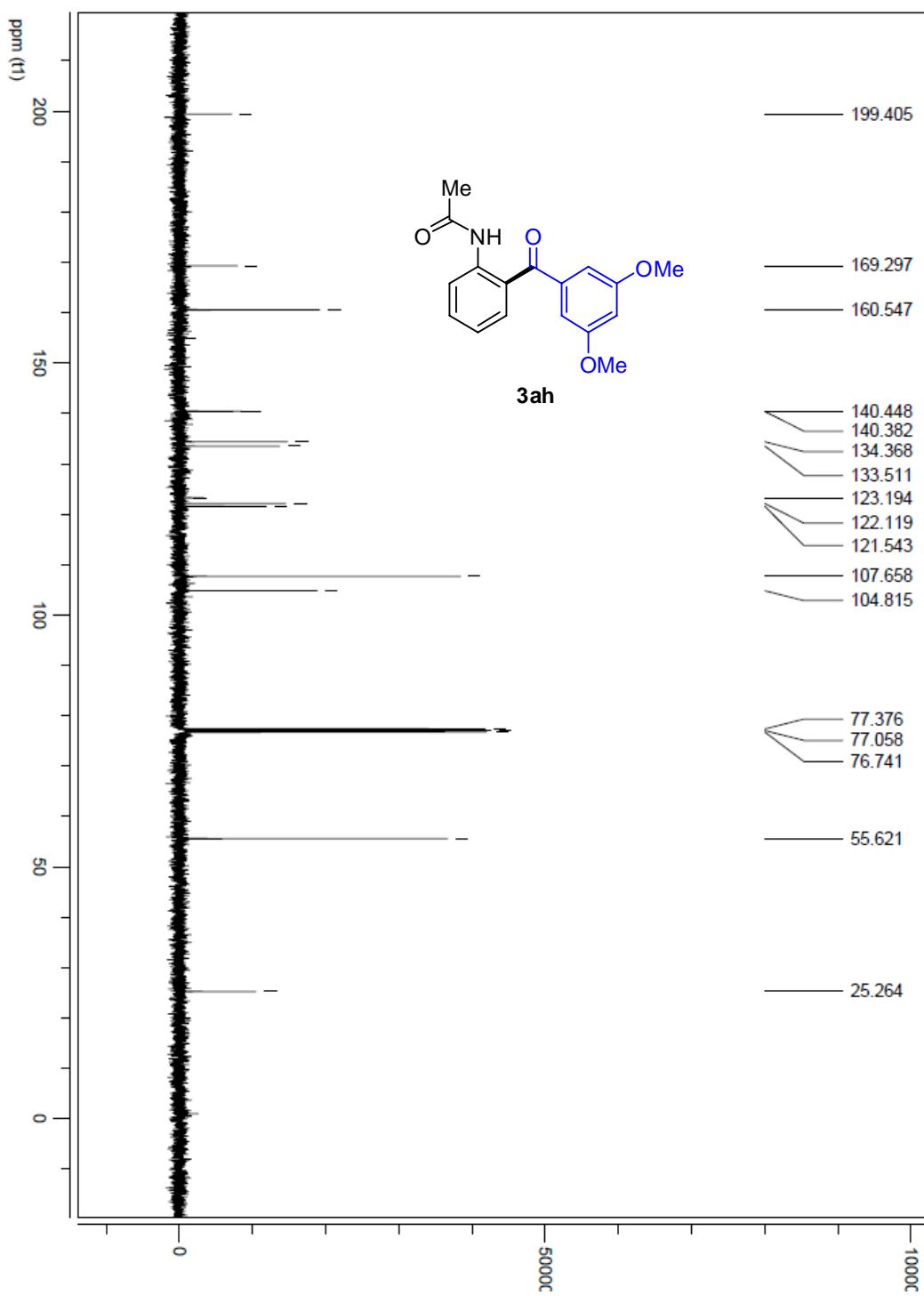


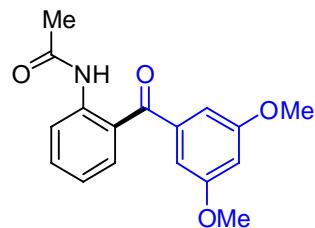










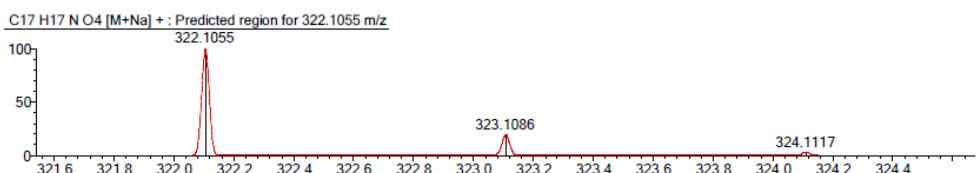
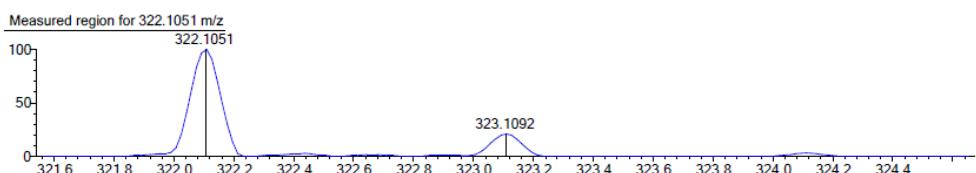
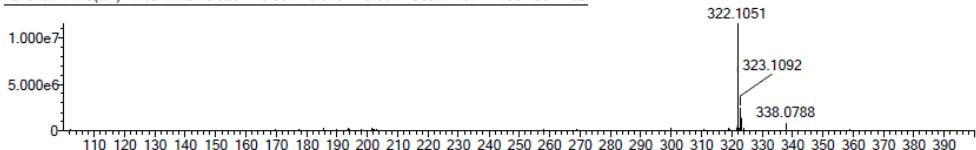


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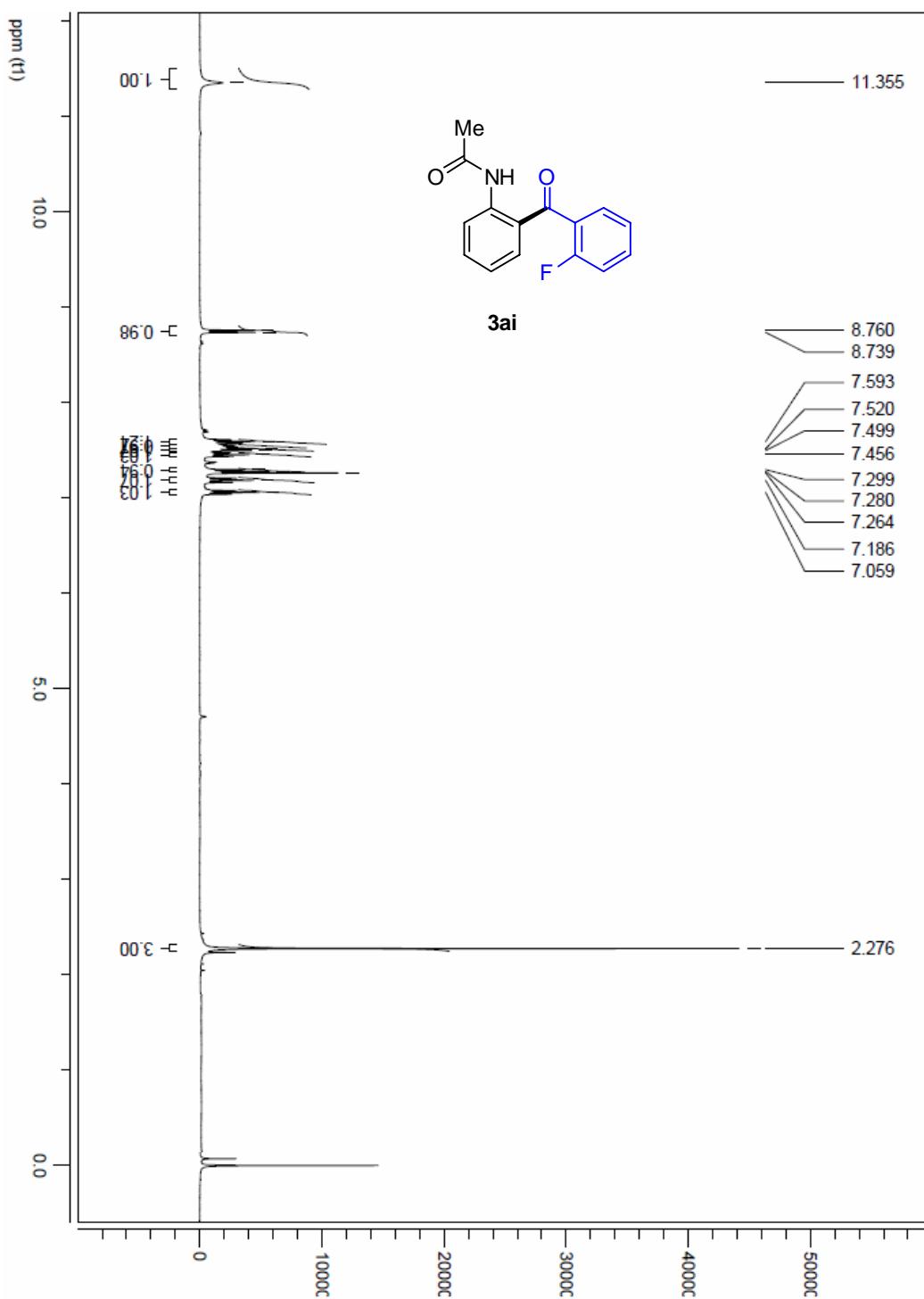
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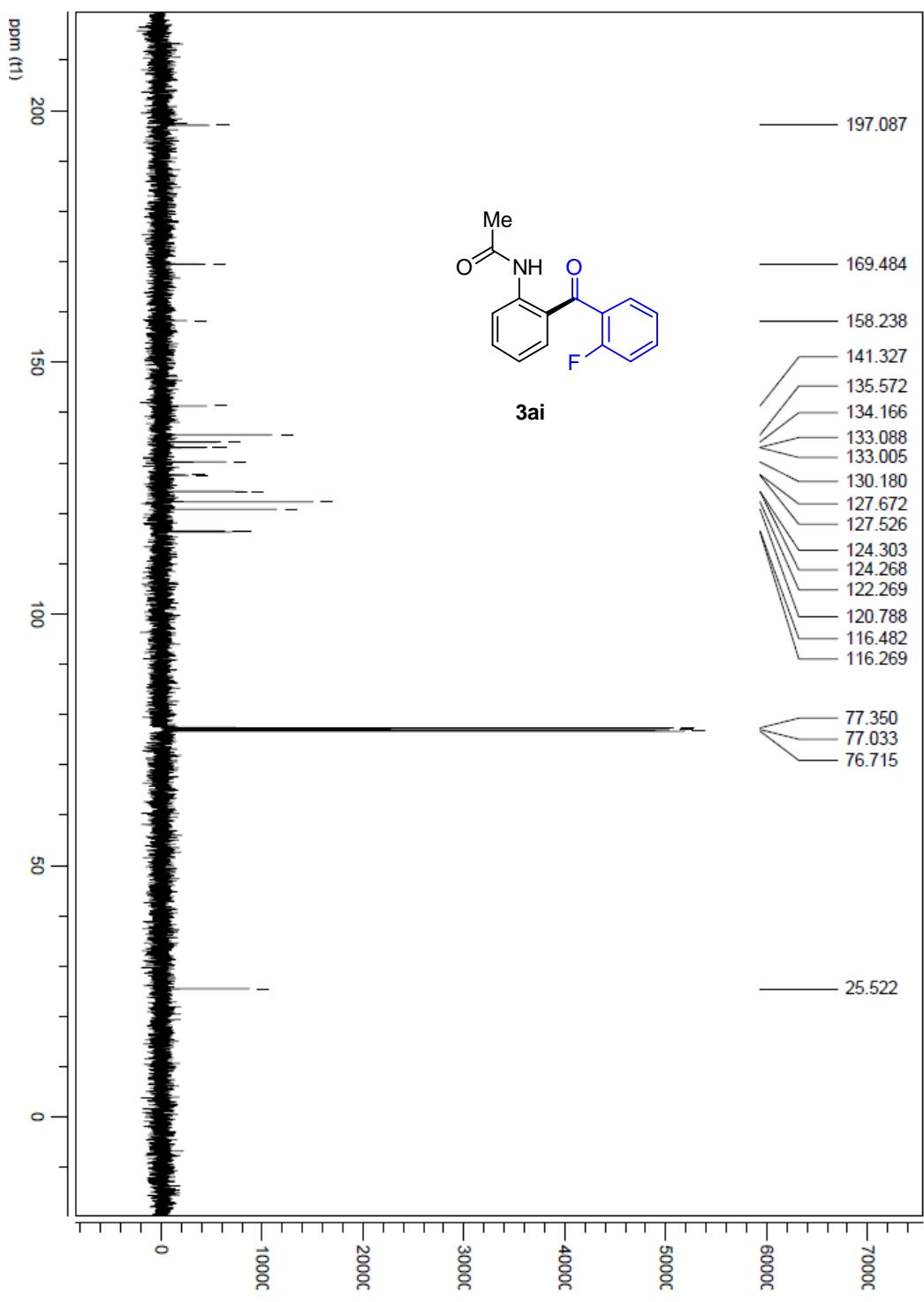
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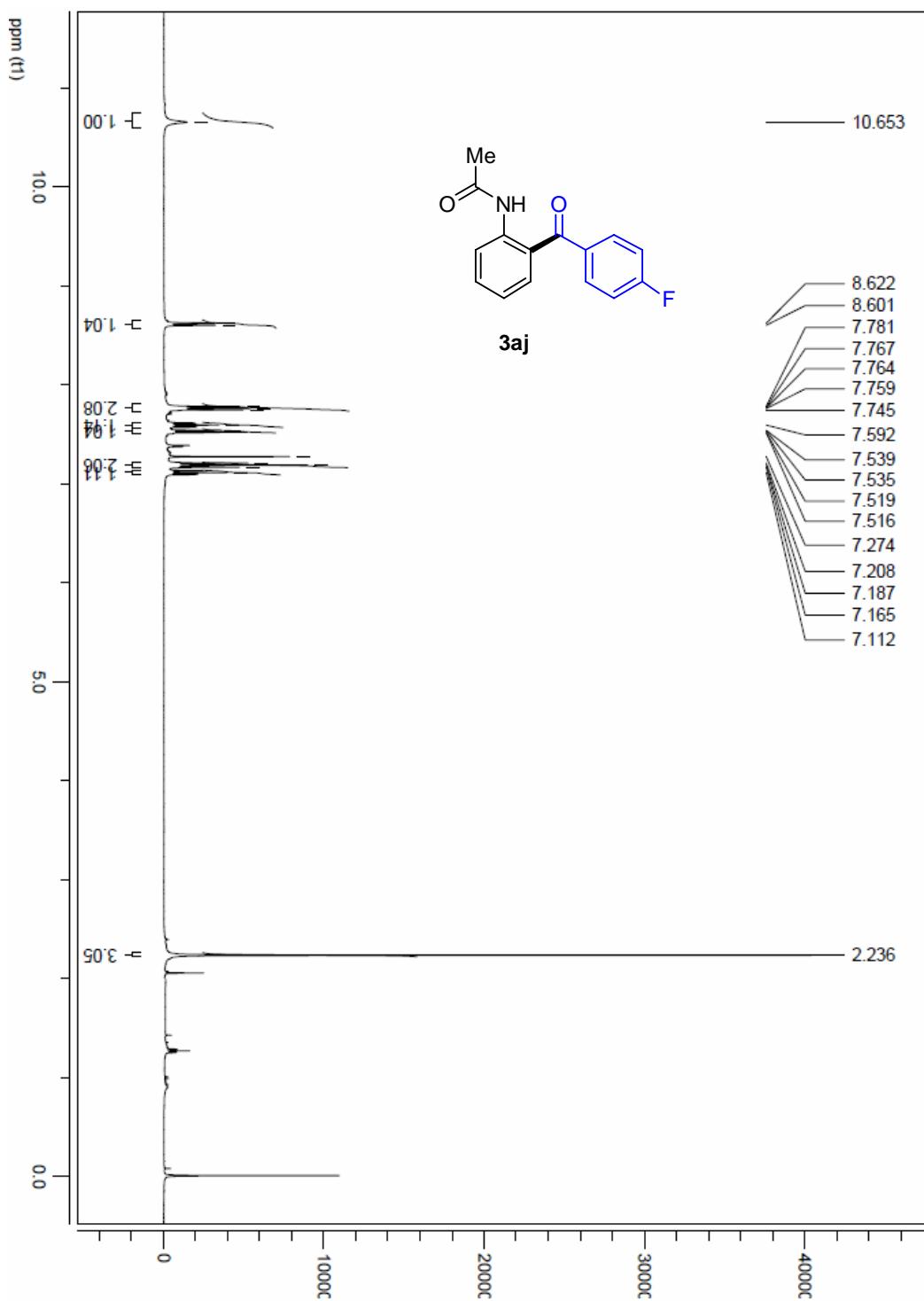
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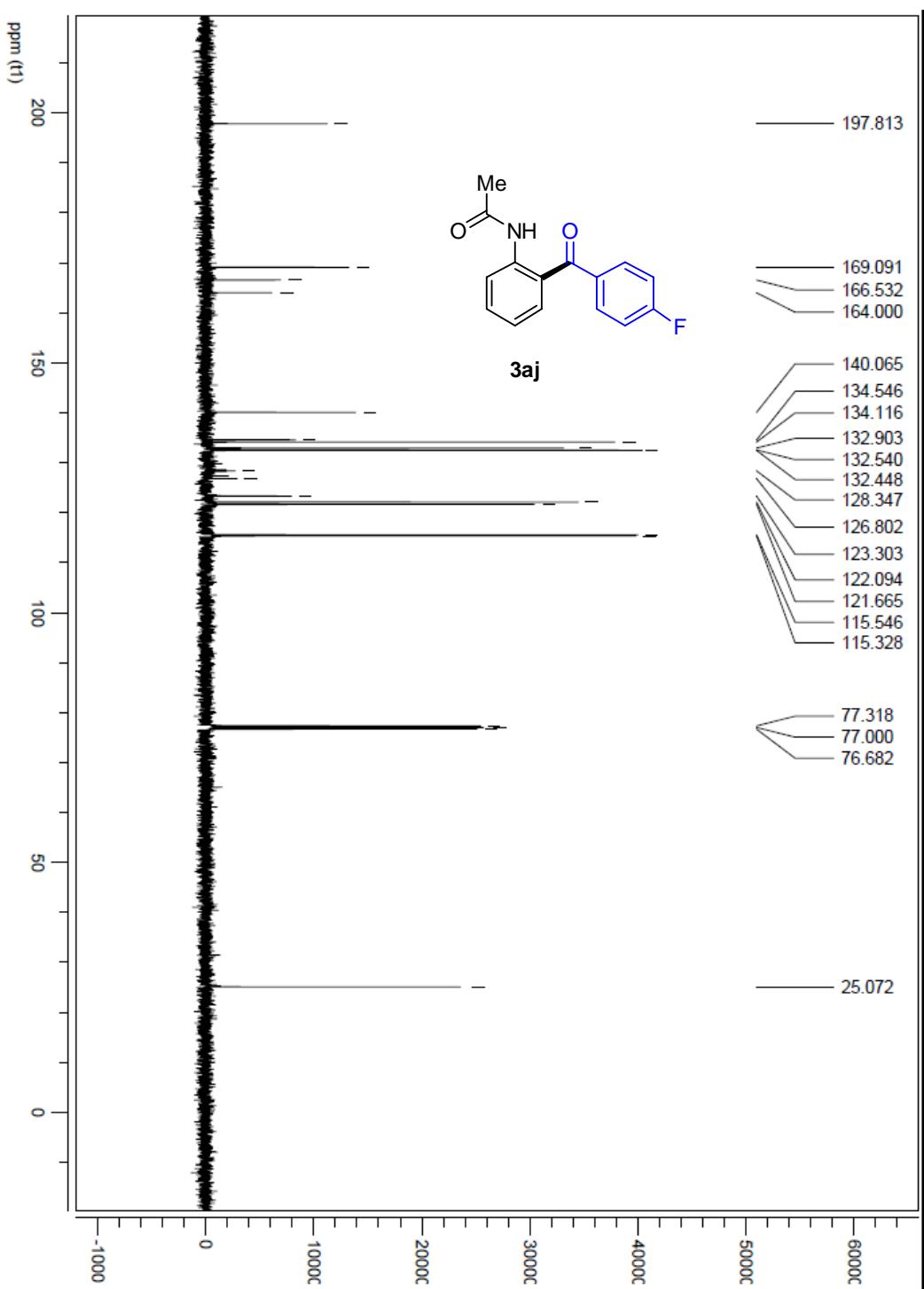


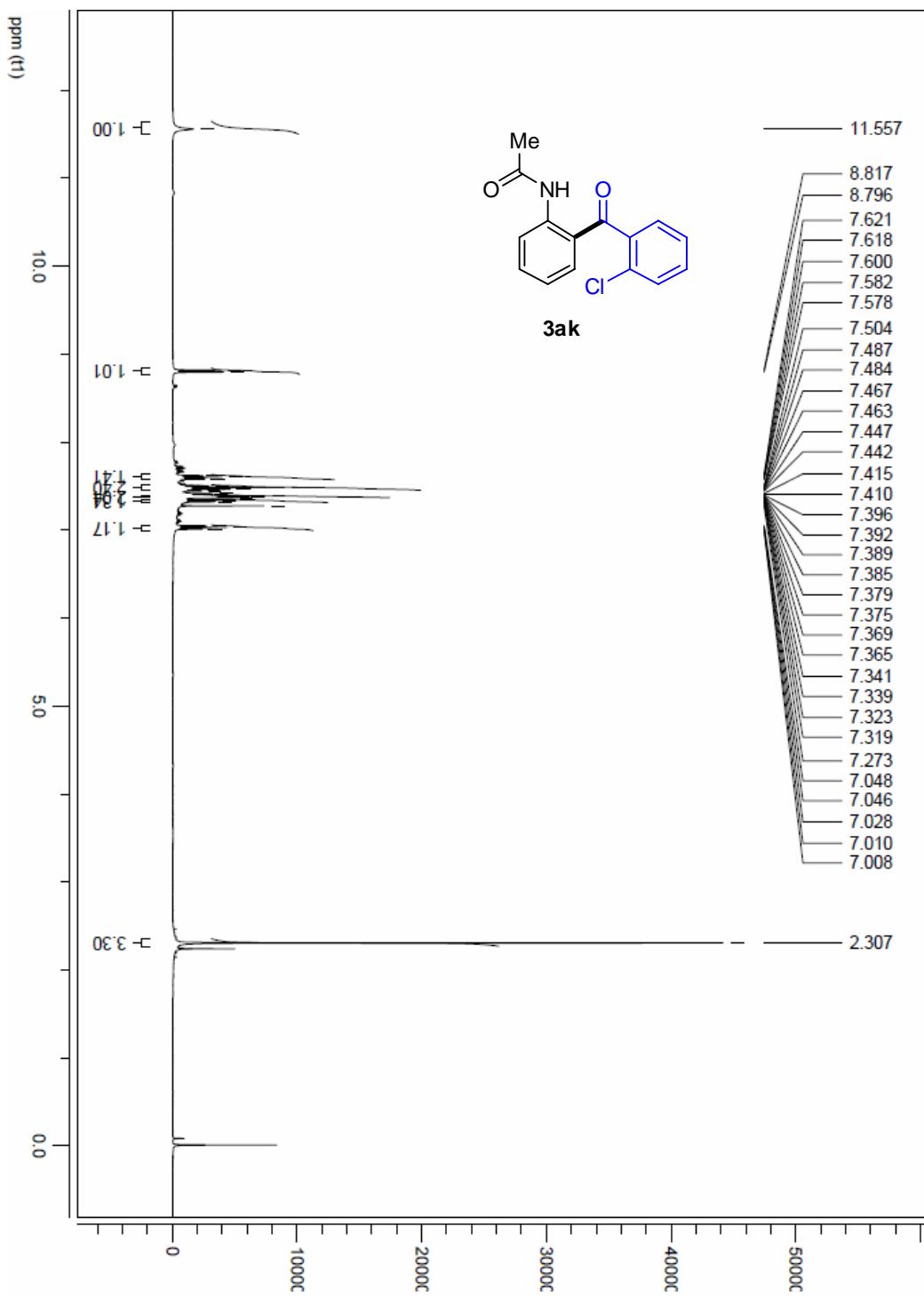
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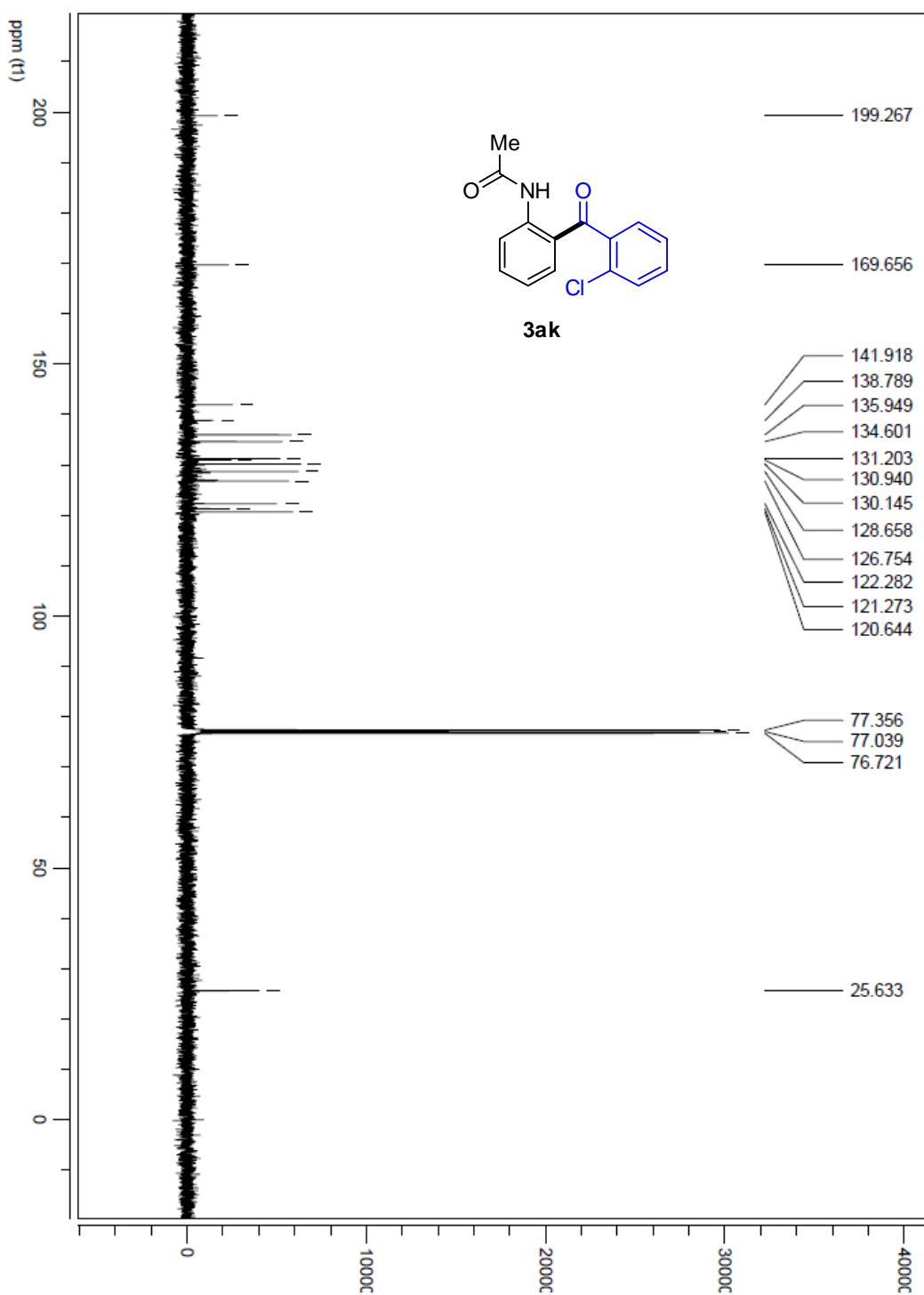


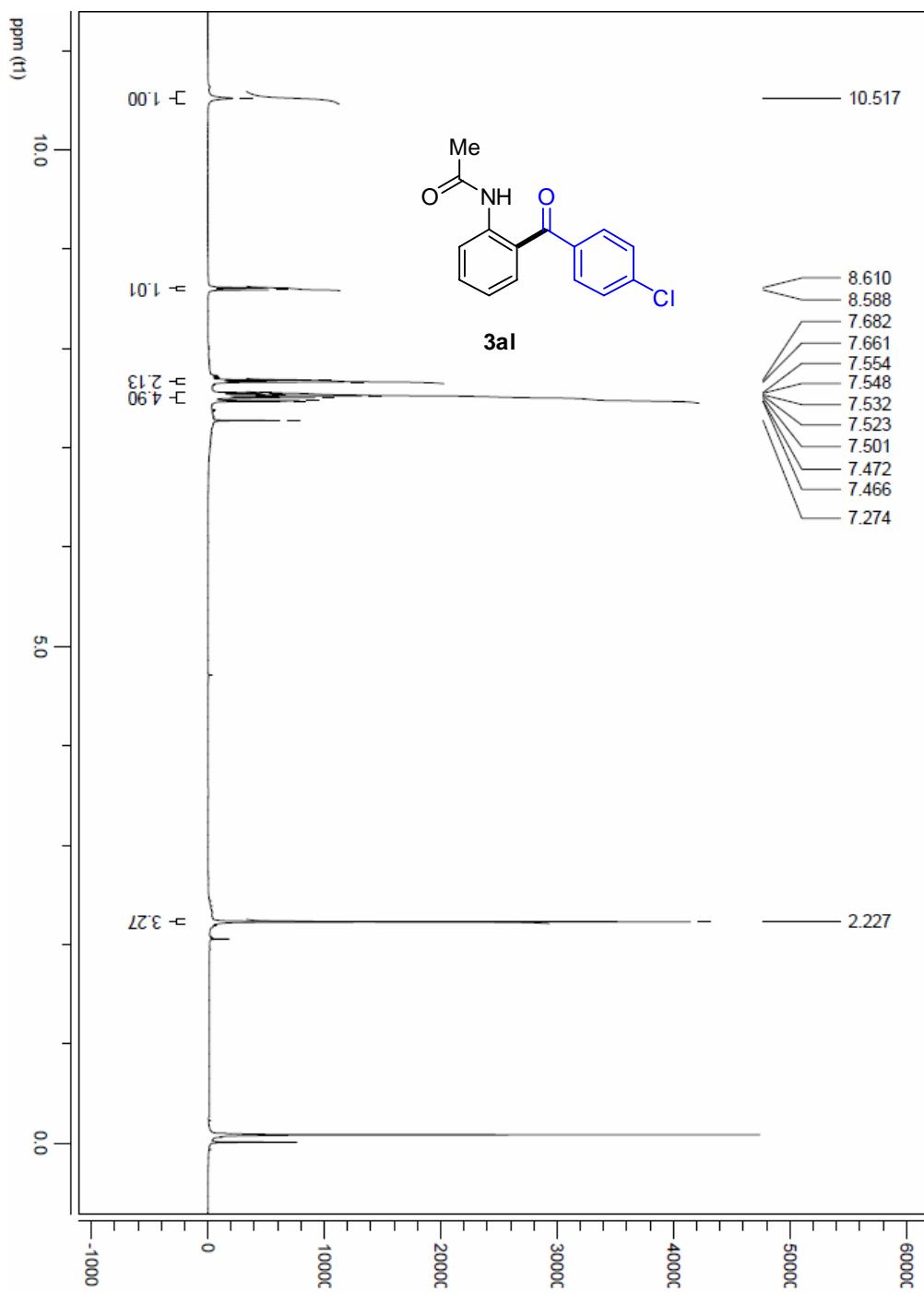


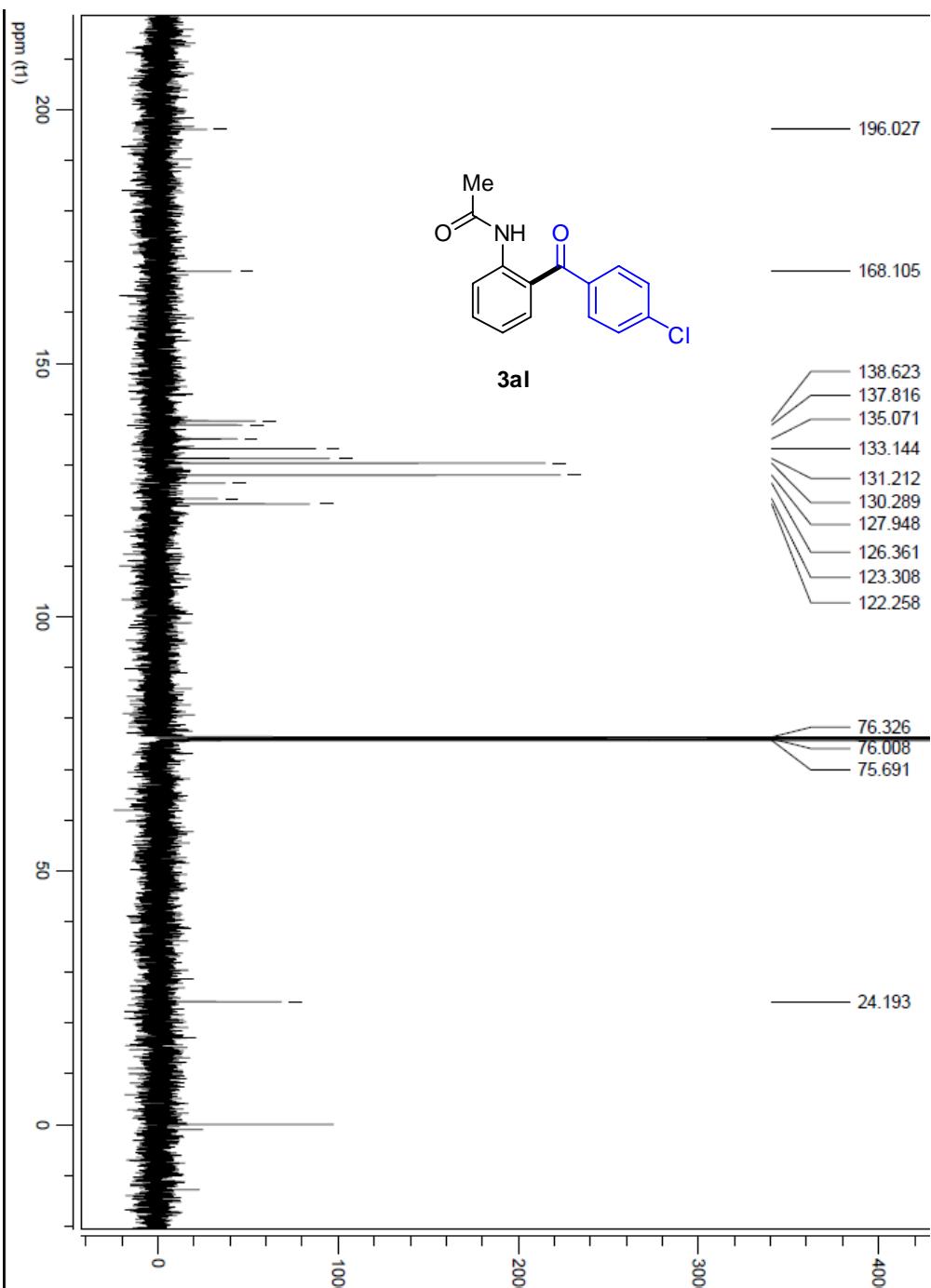


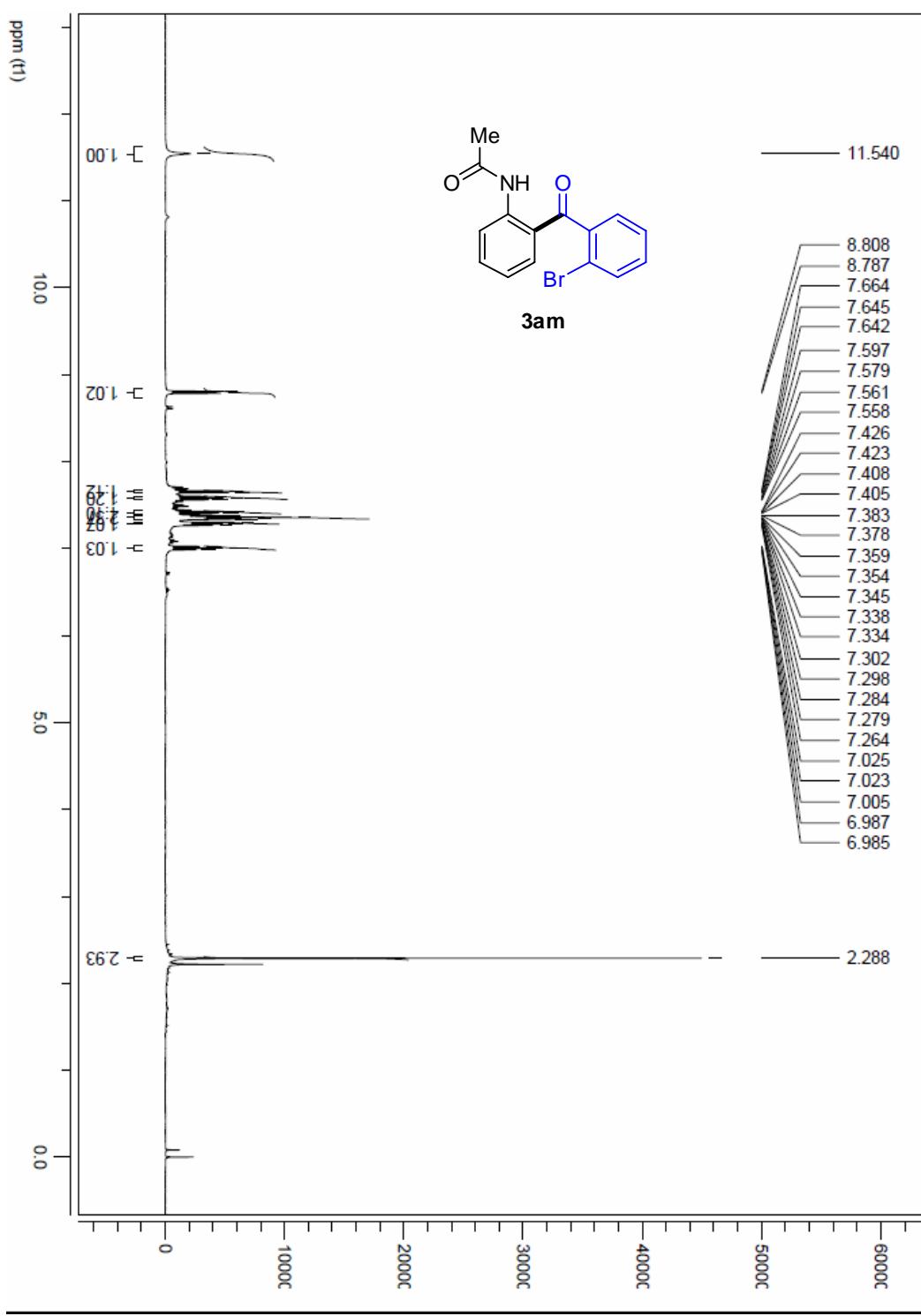


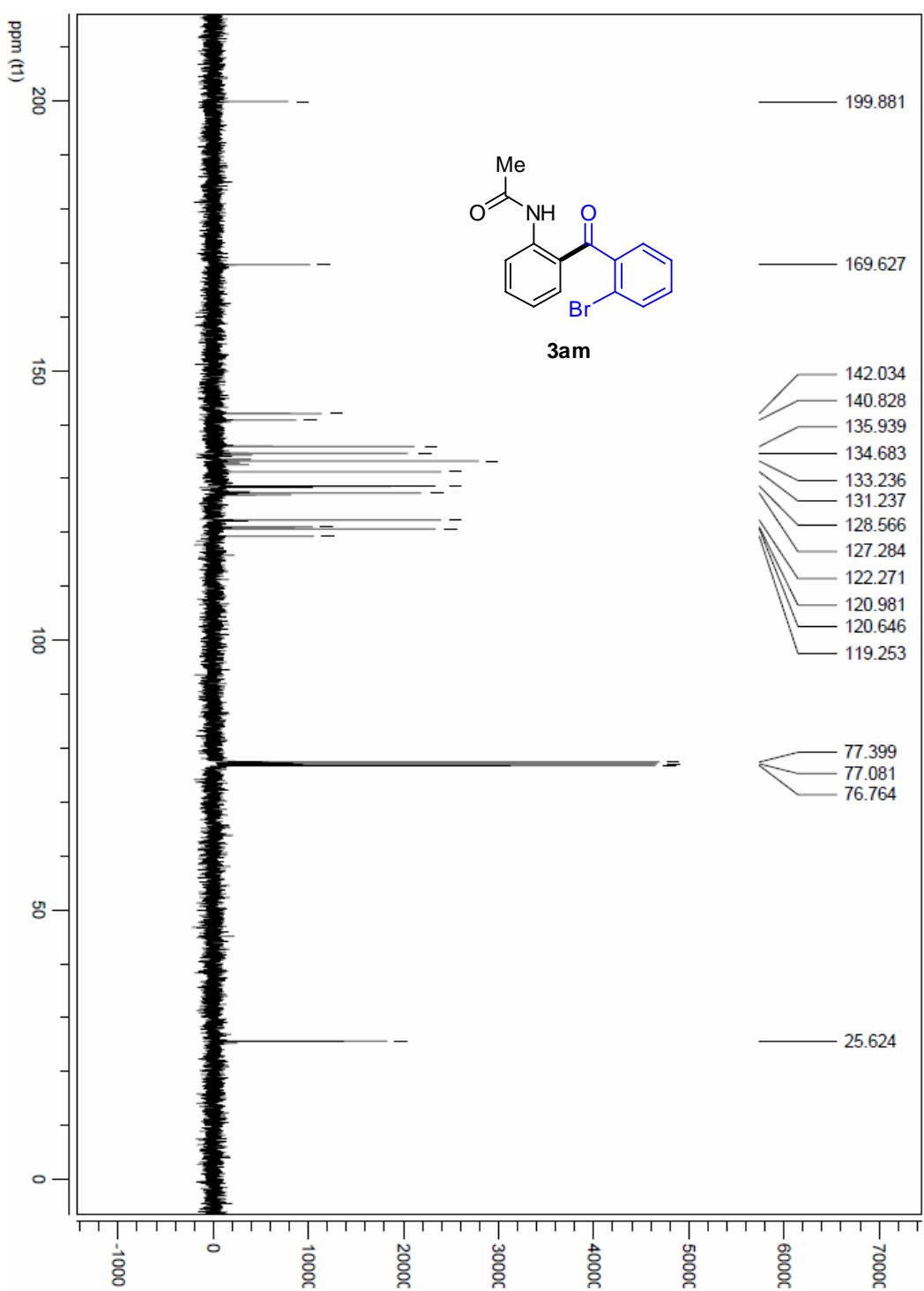


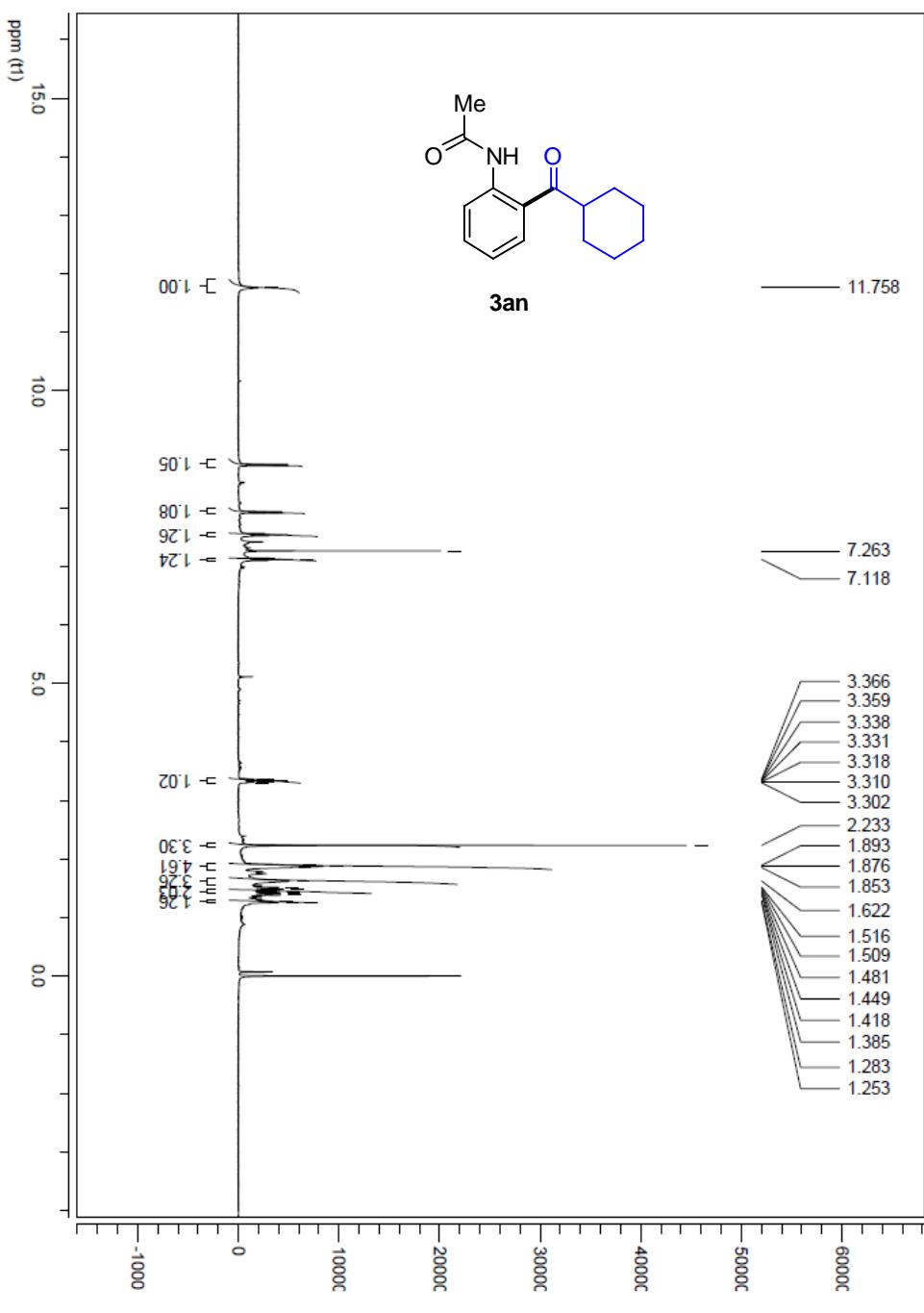


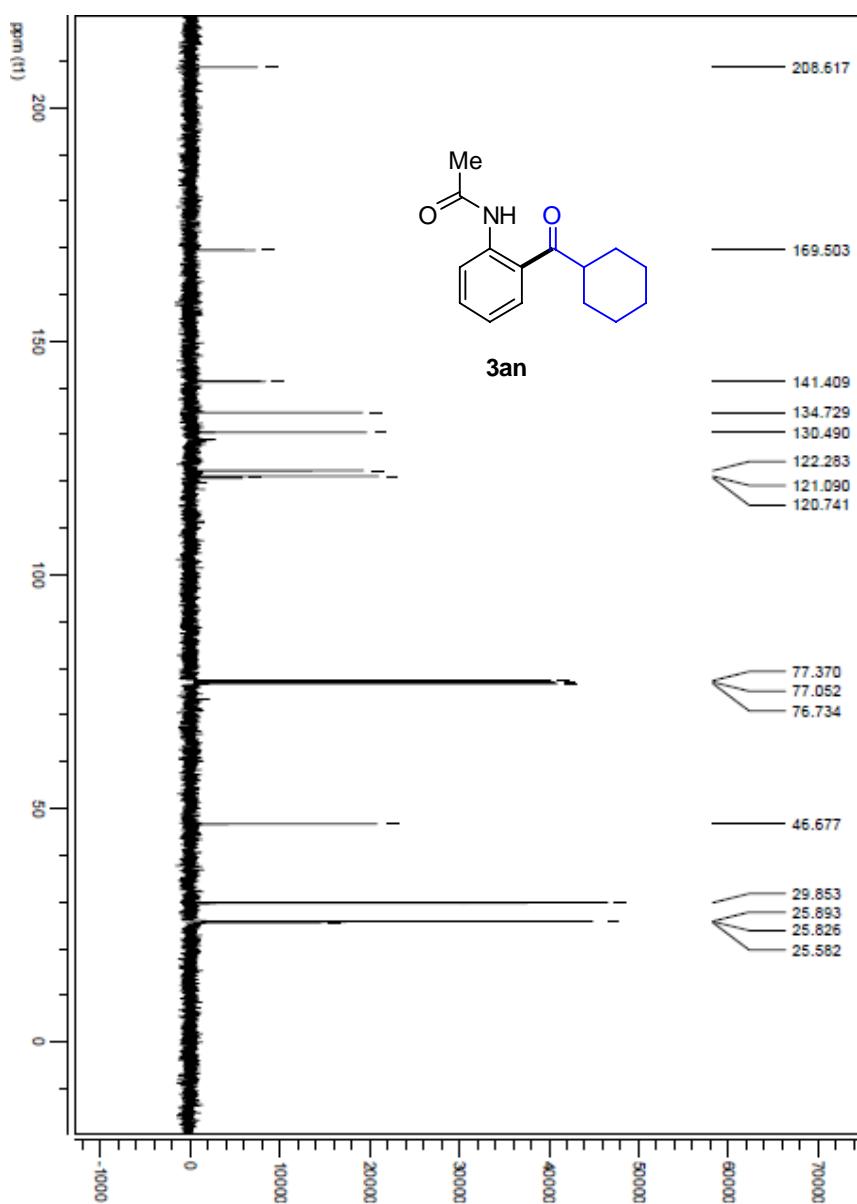


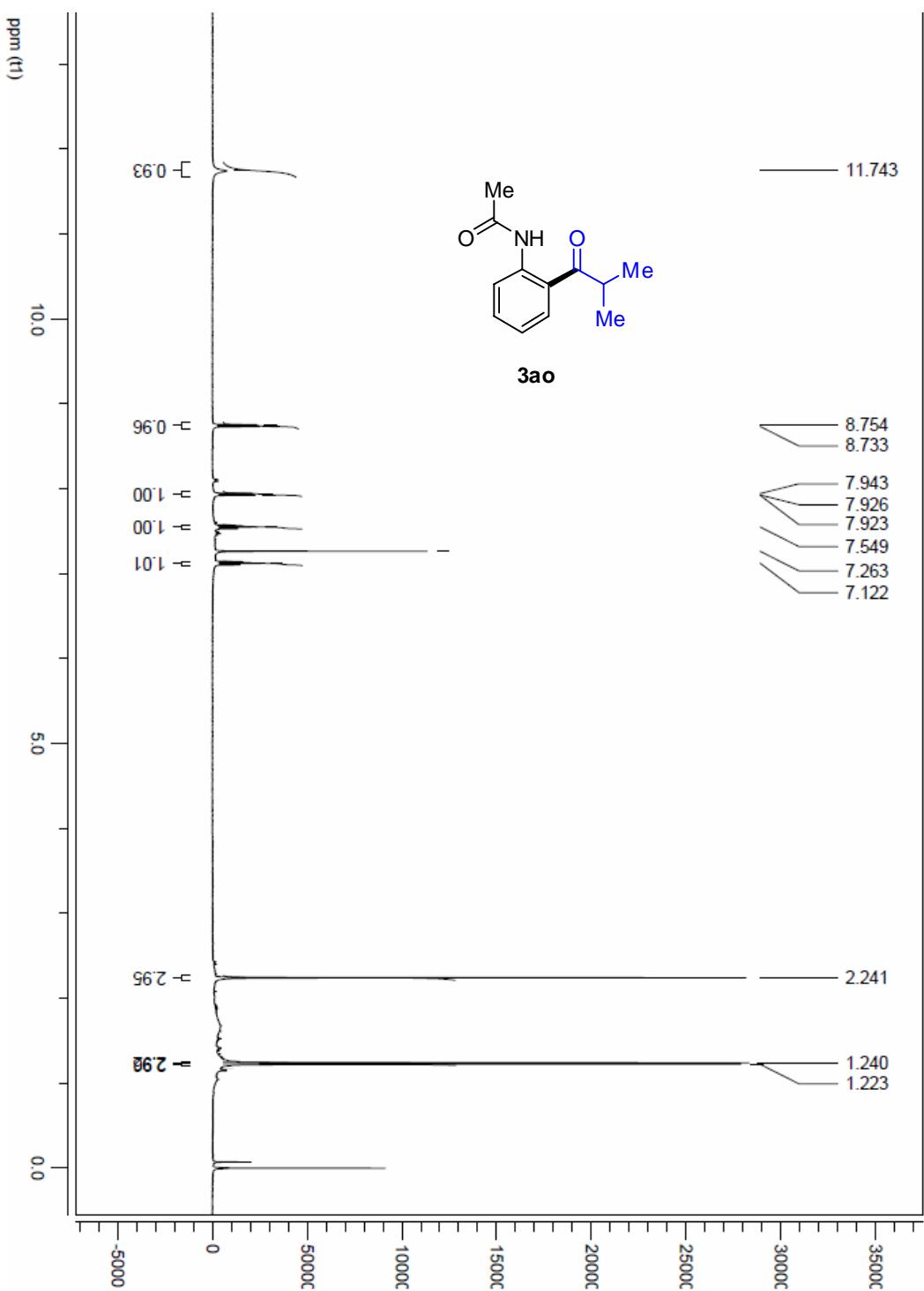


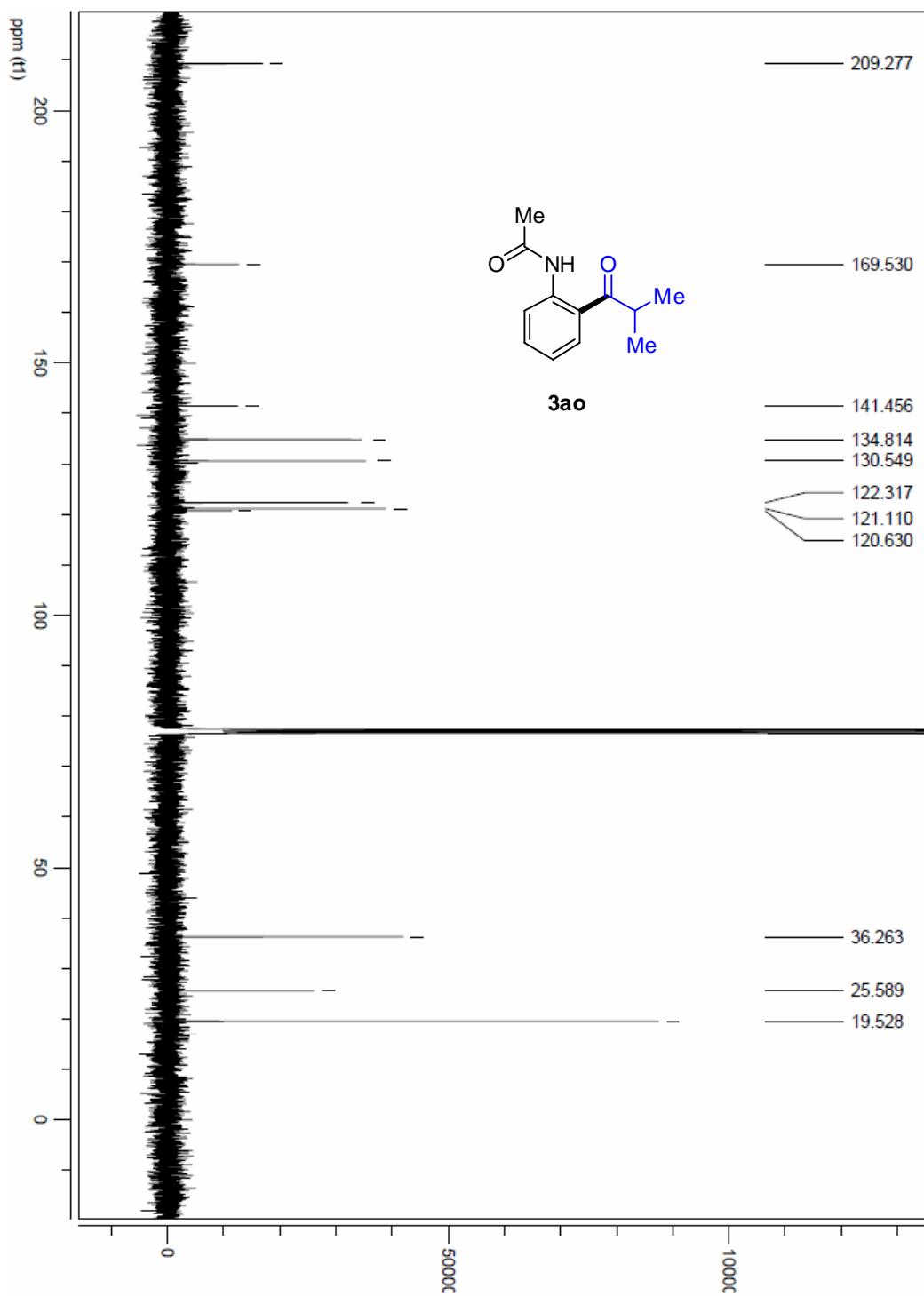


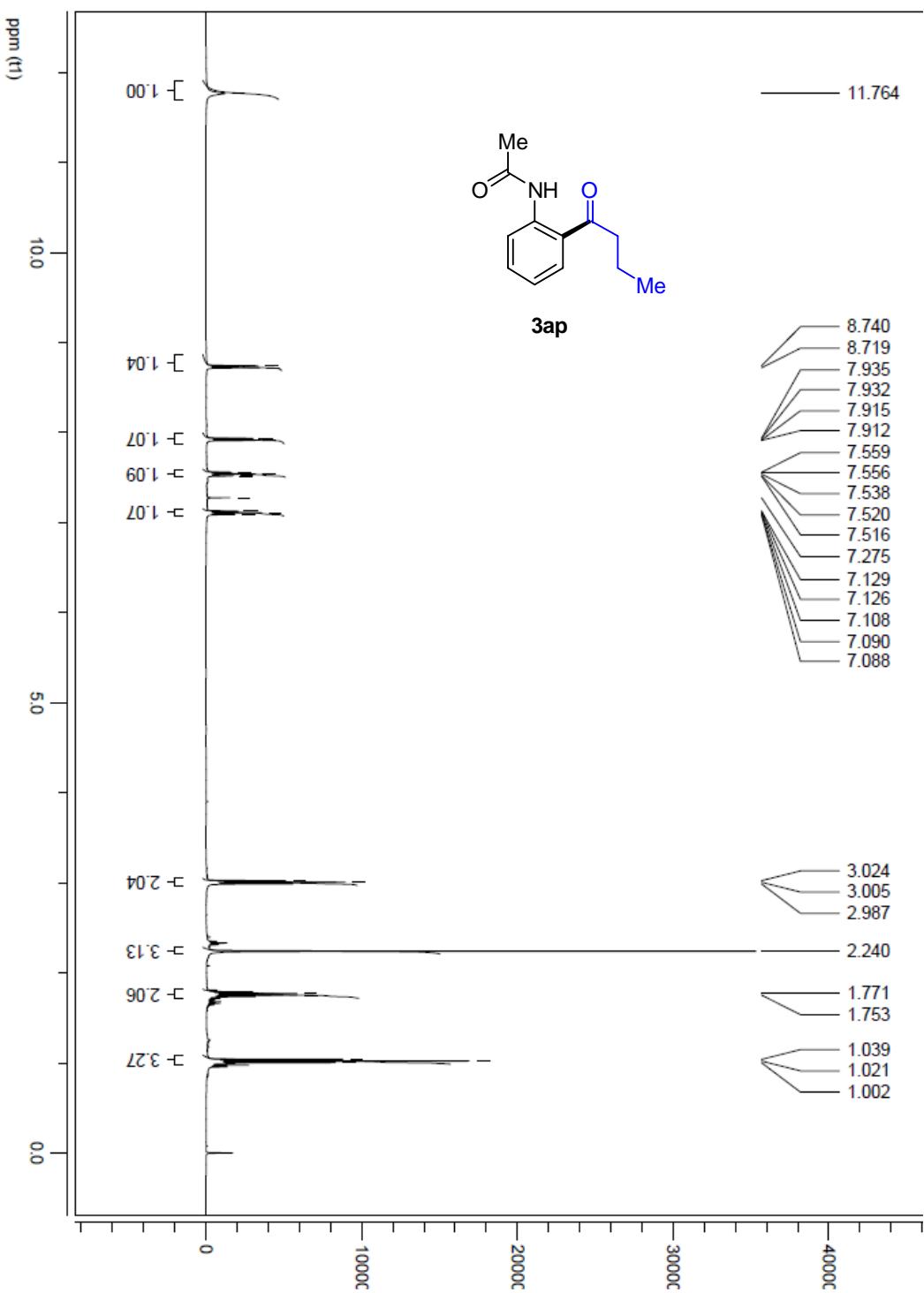


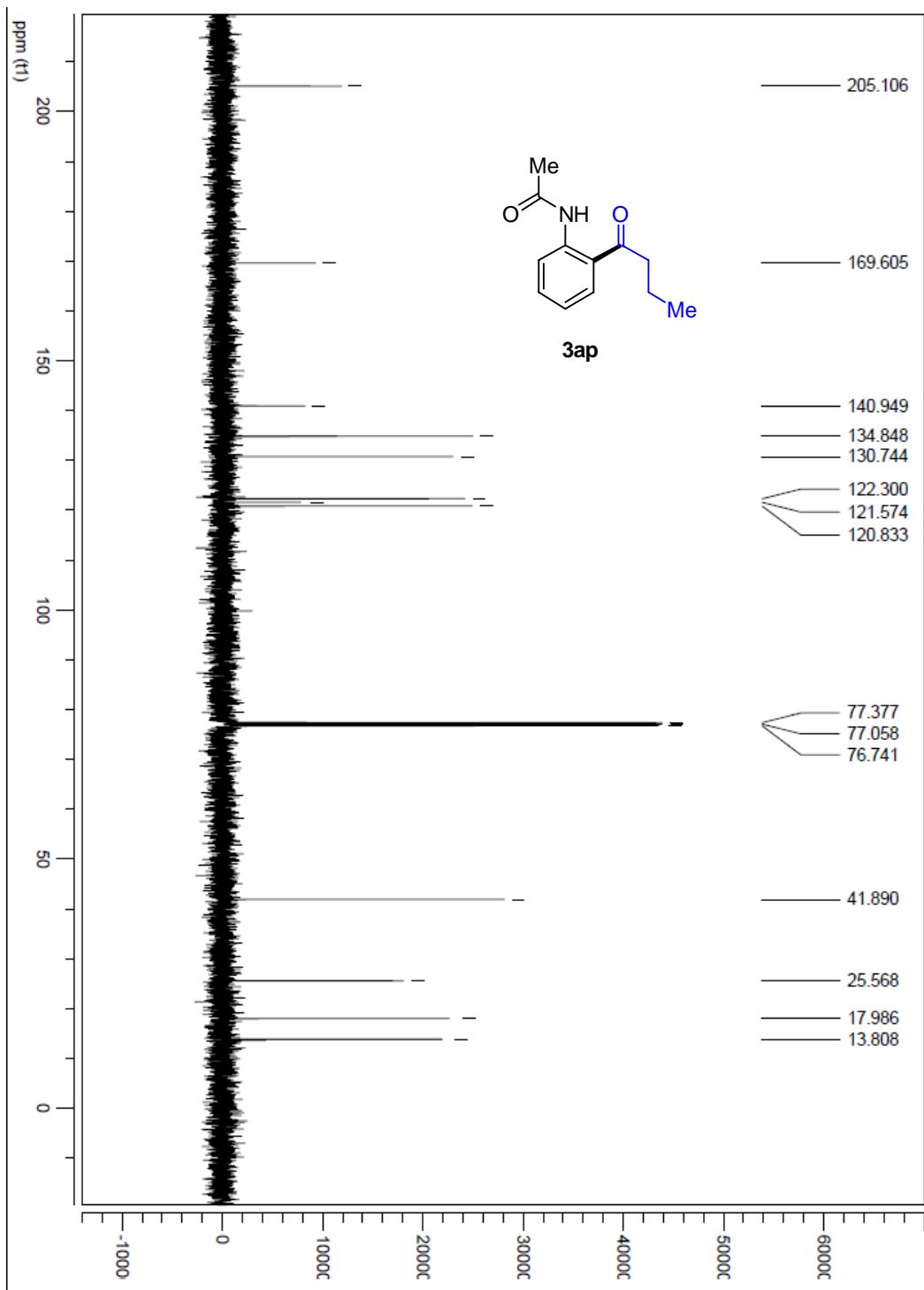


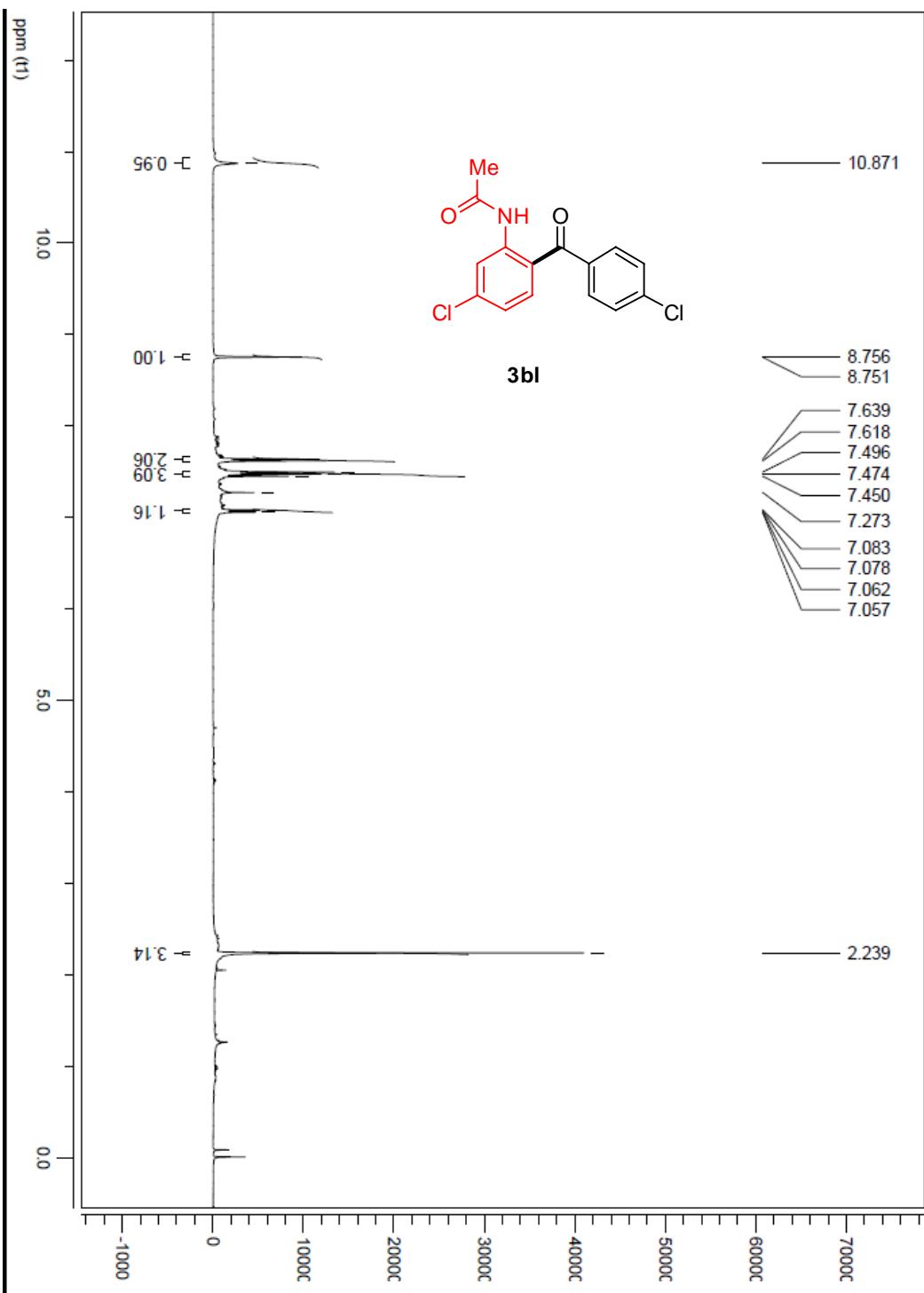


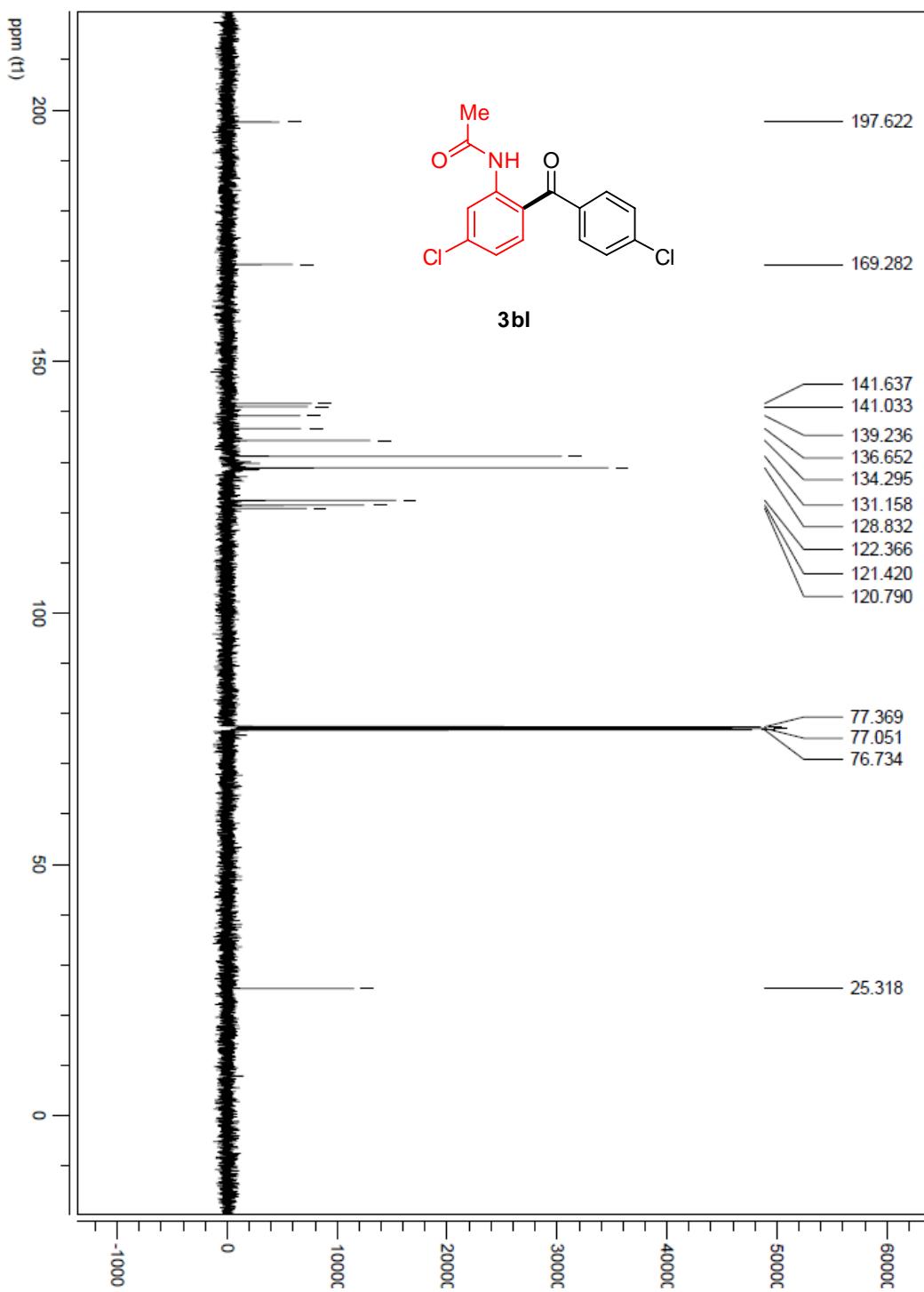


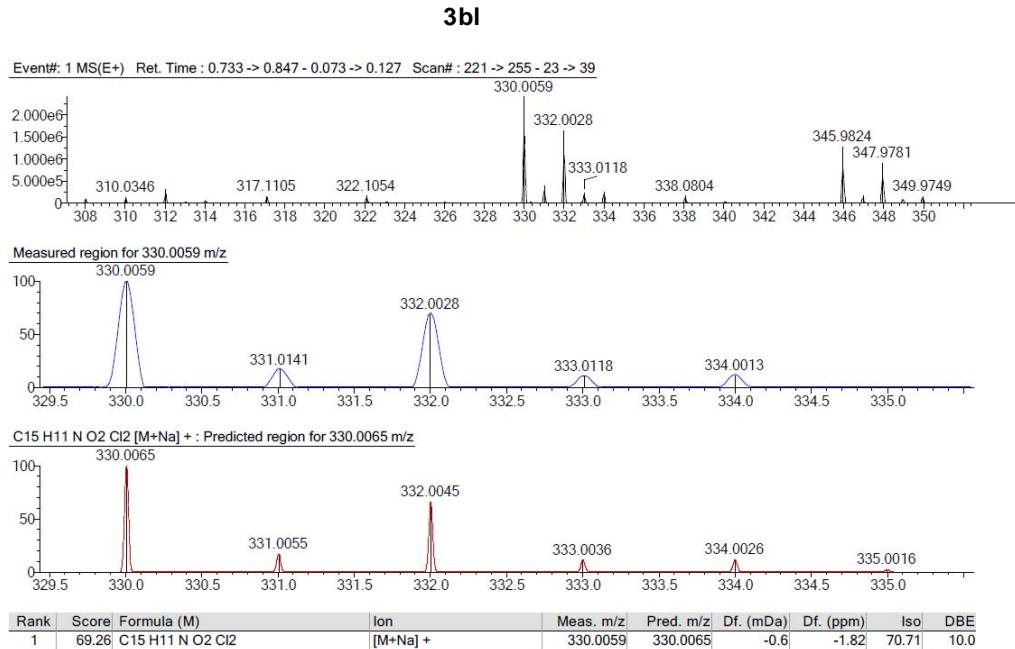
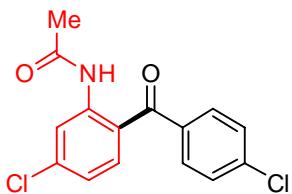


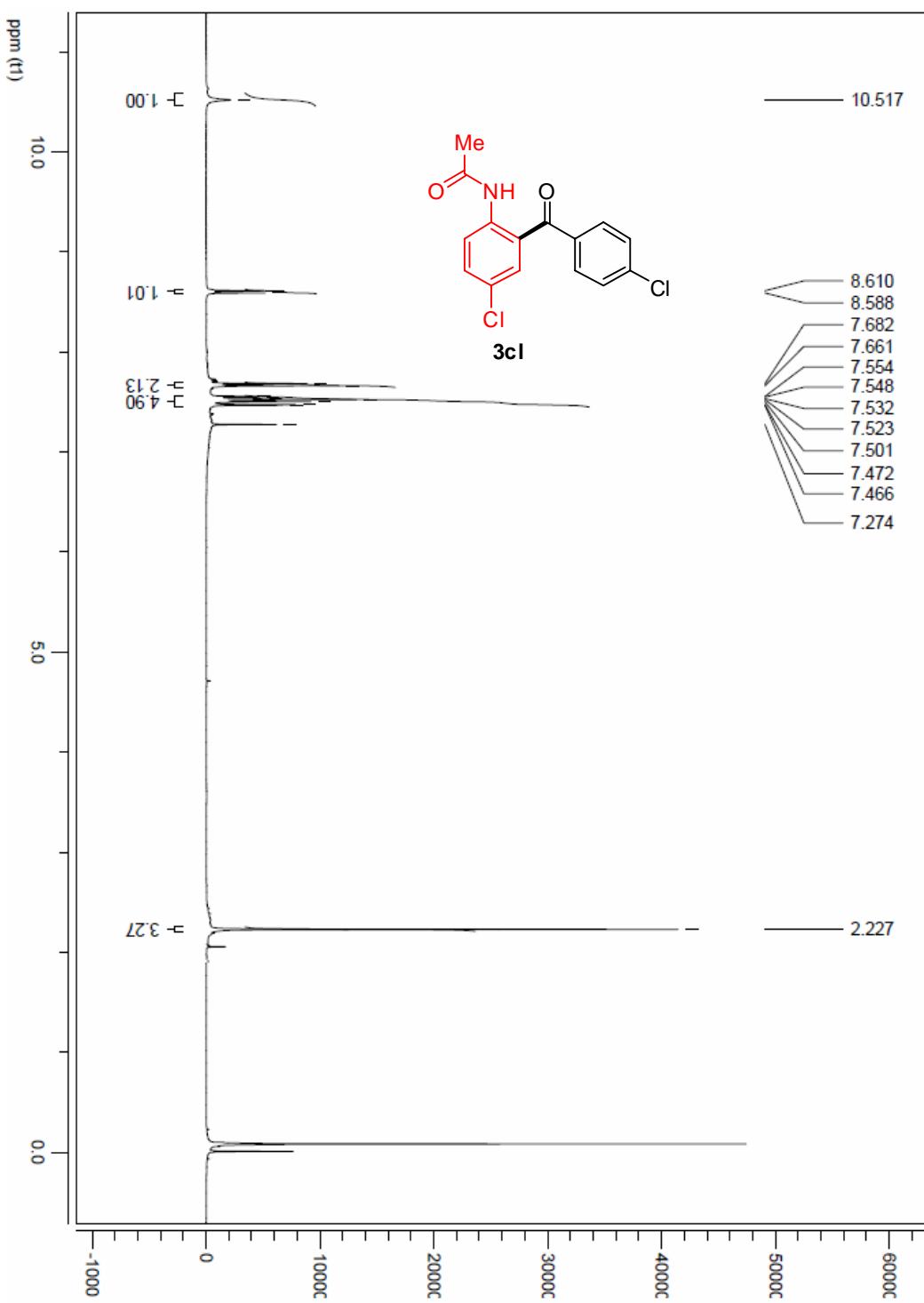


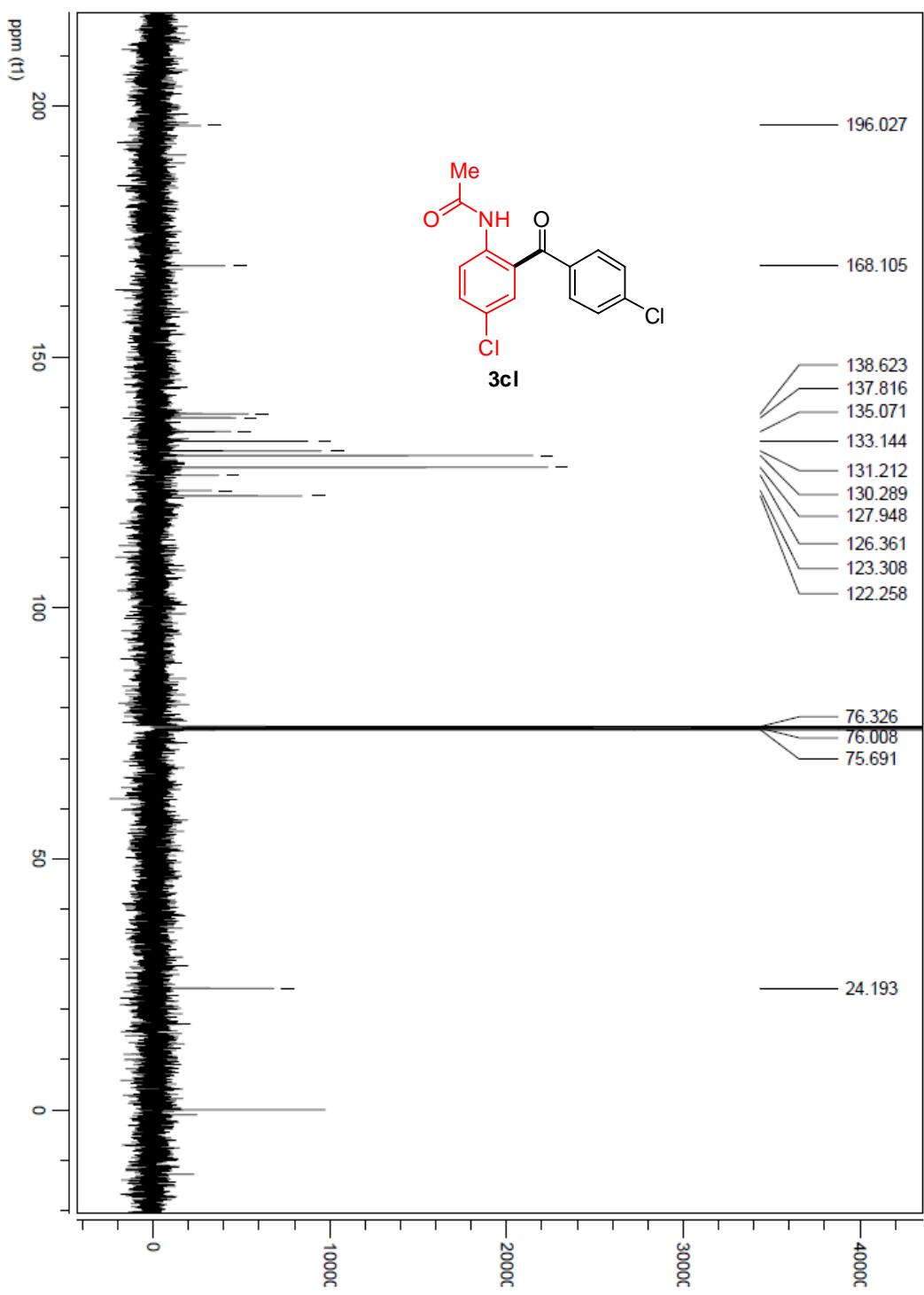


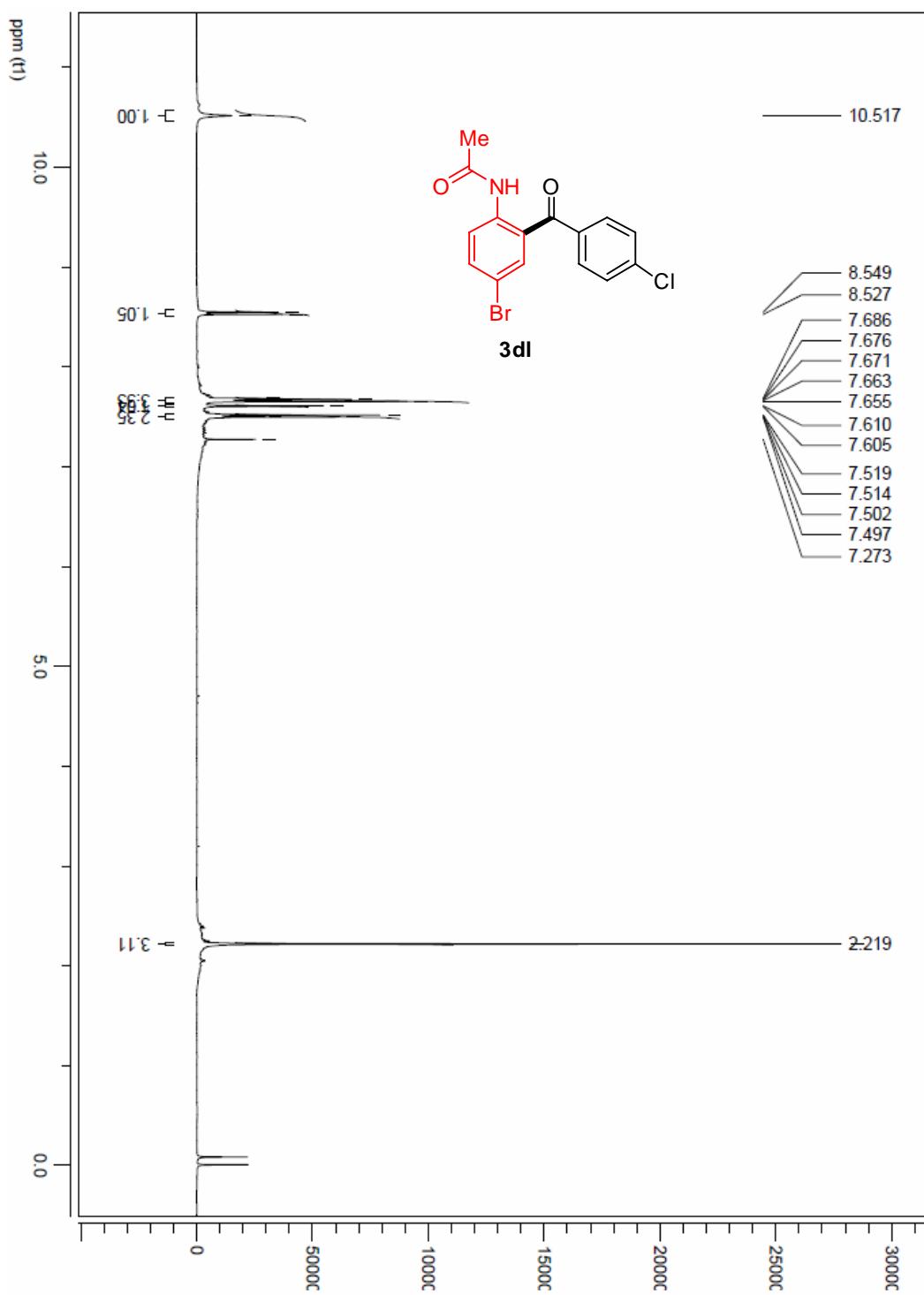


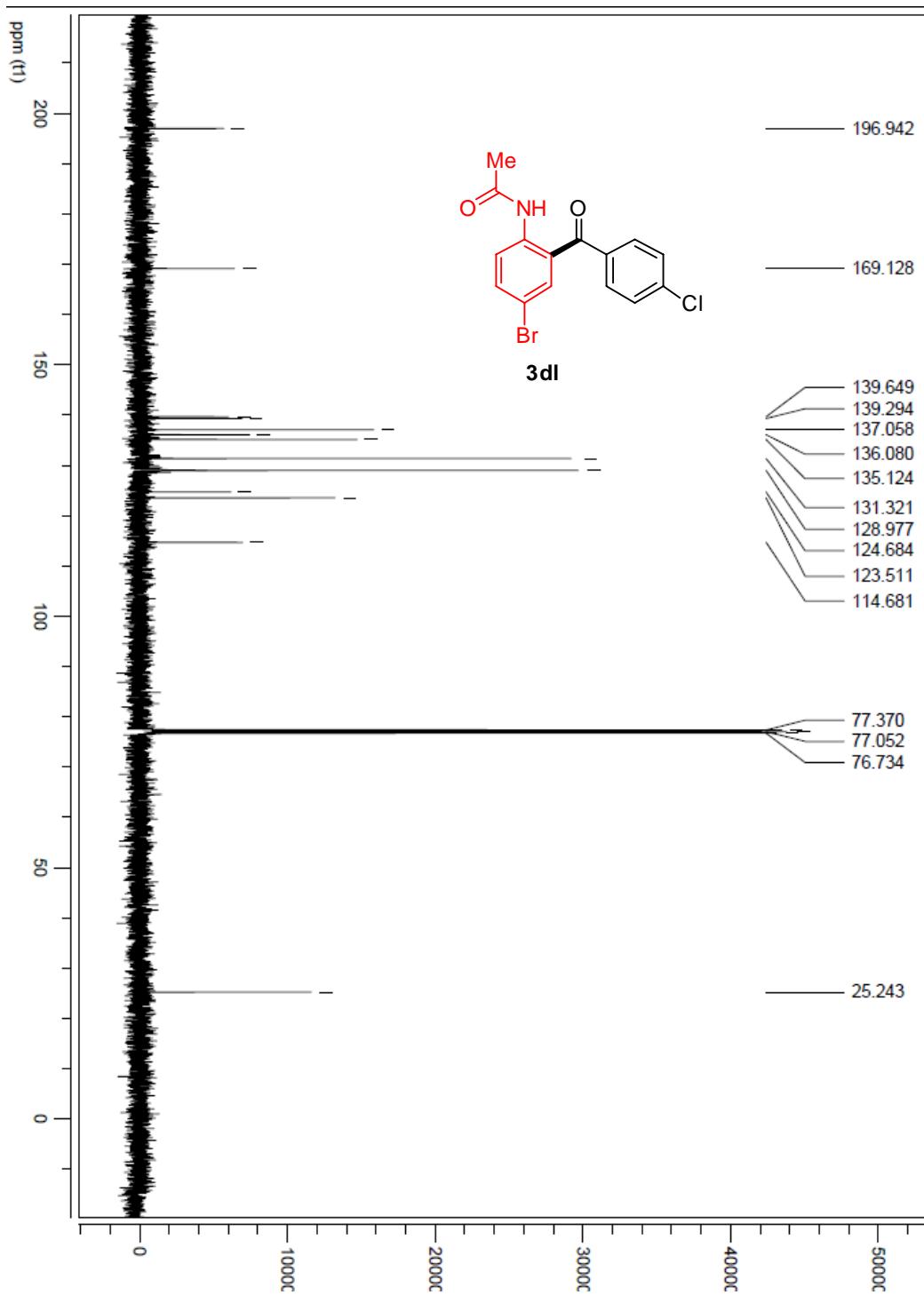


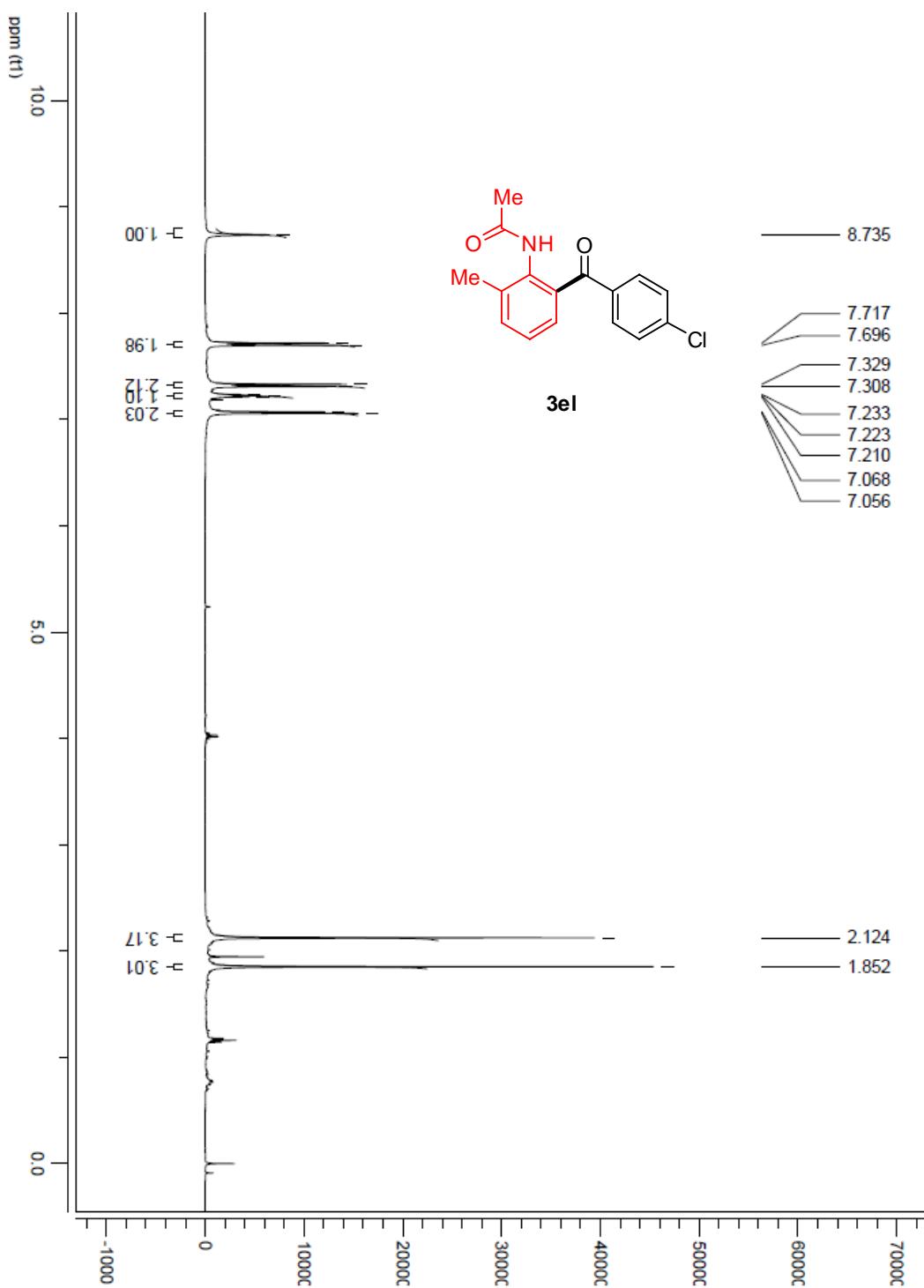


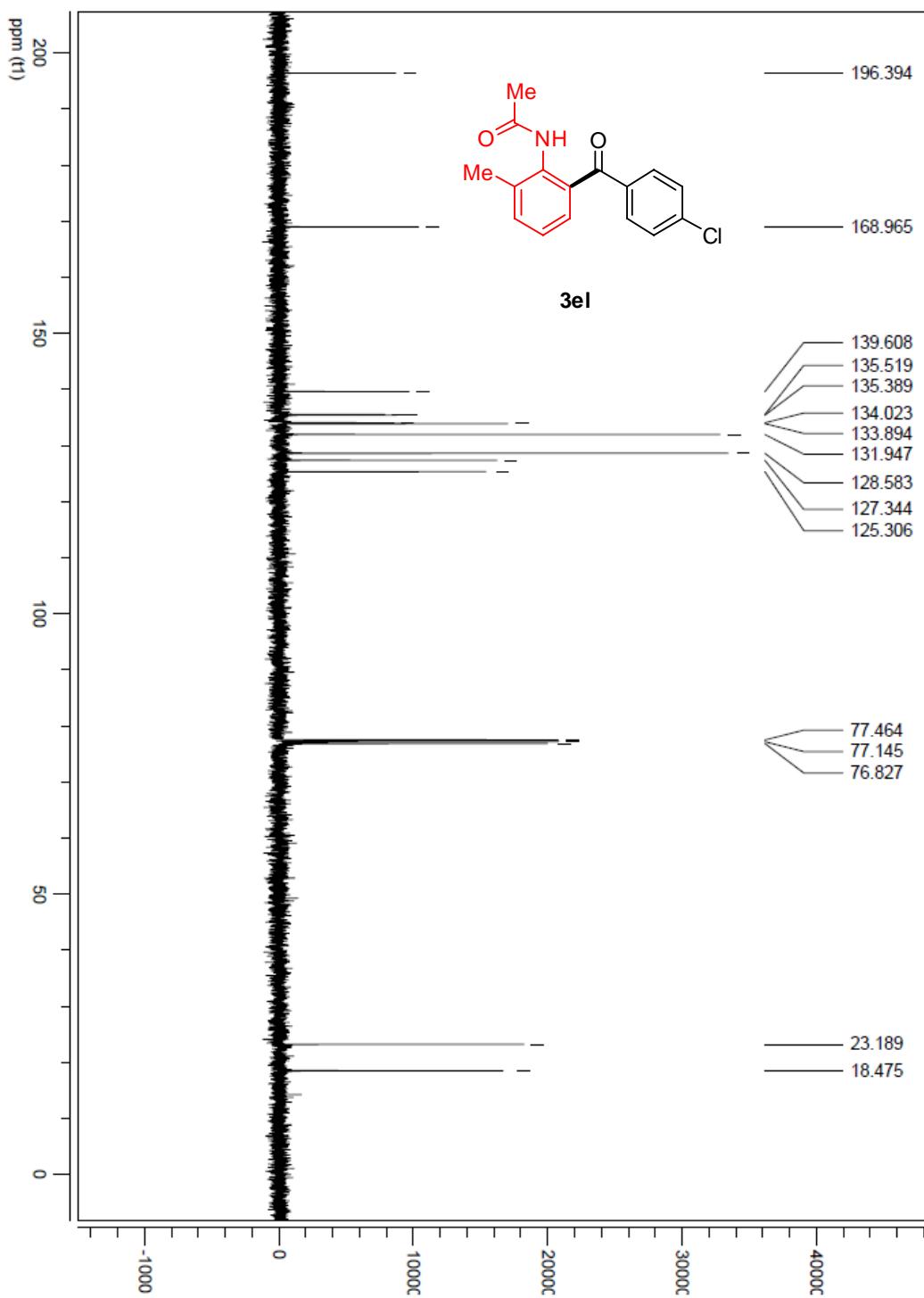


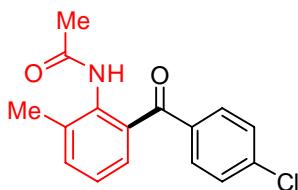








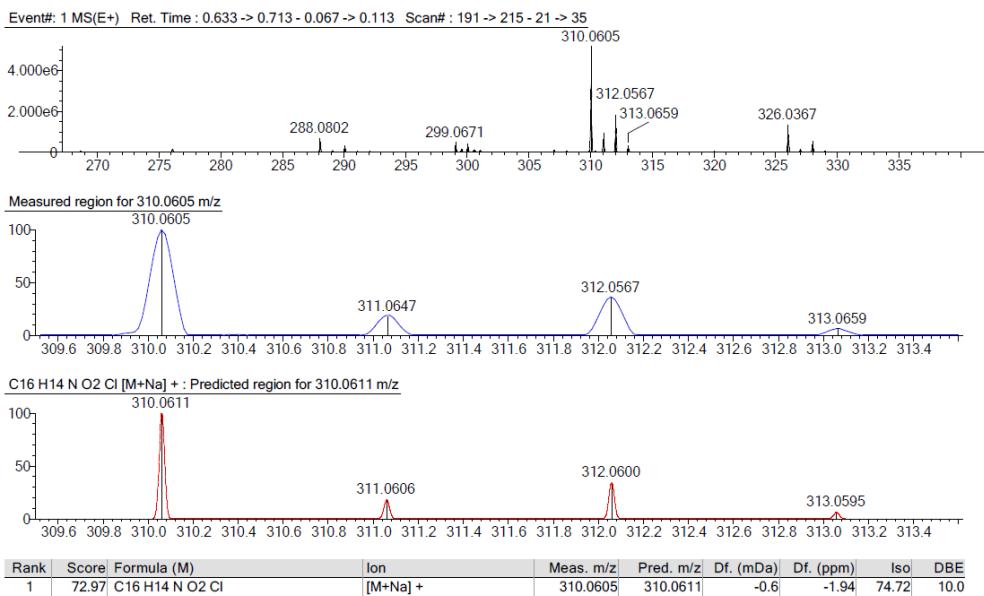


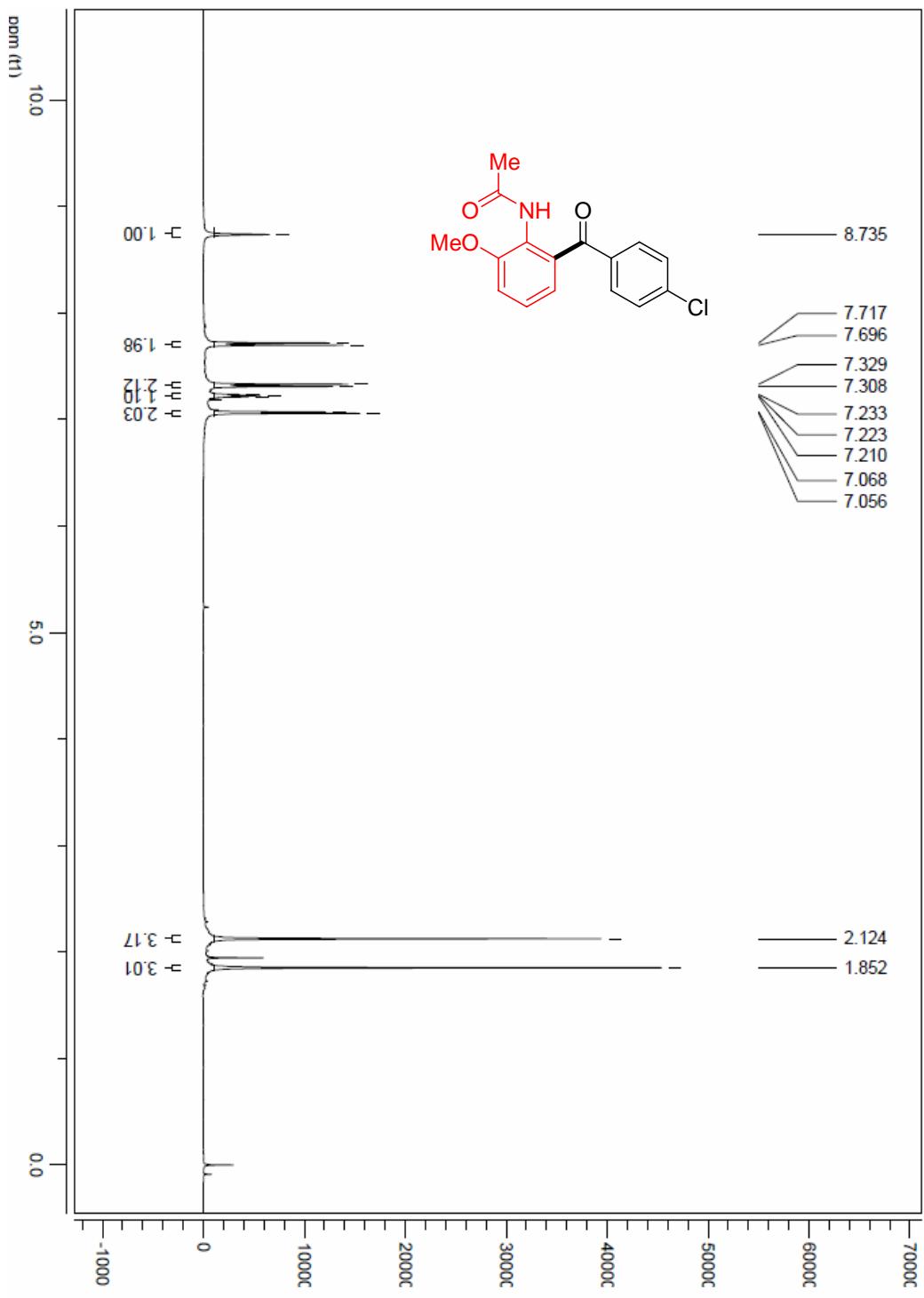
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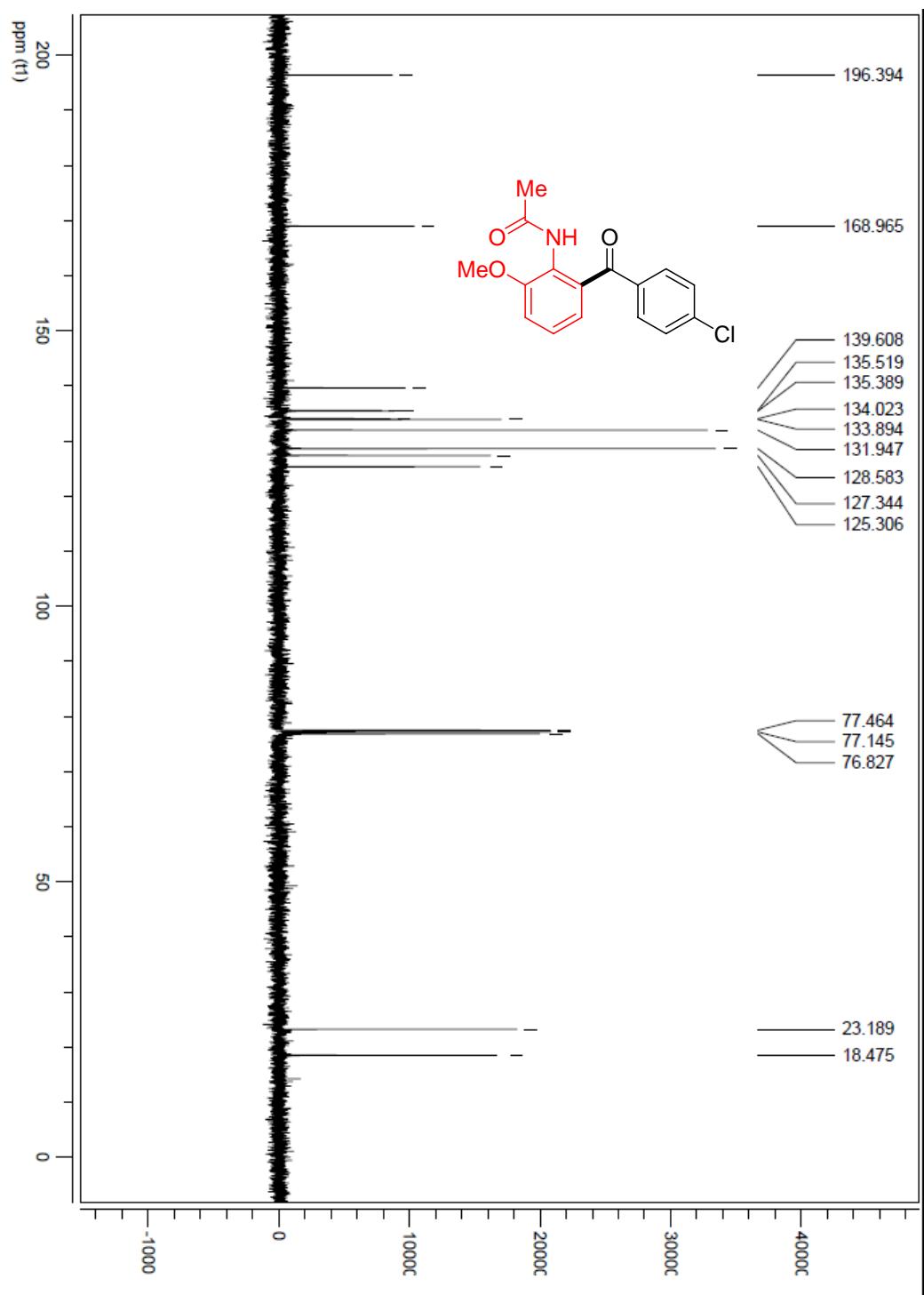
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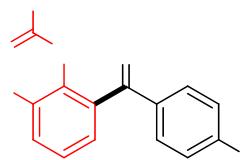
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 MSn Logic Mode: AND

Electron Ions: both
 Use MSn Info: yes
 Isotope Res: 10000
 Max Results: 500





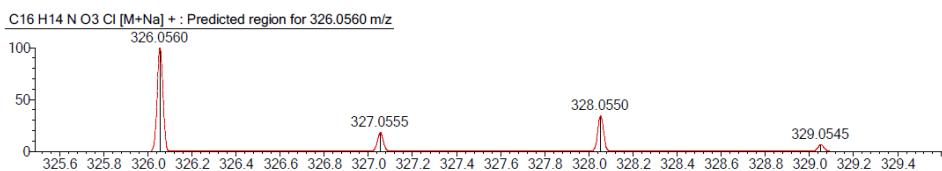
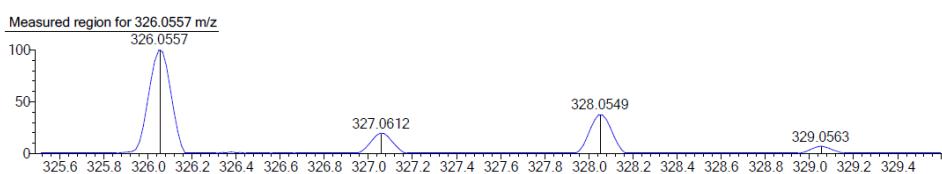
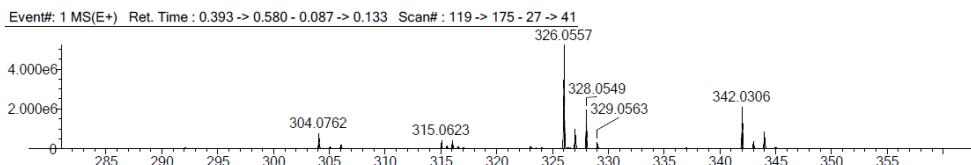




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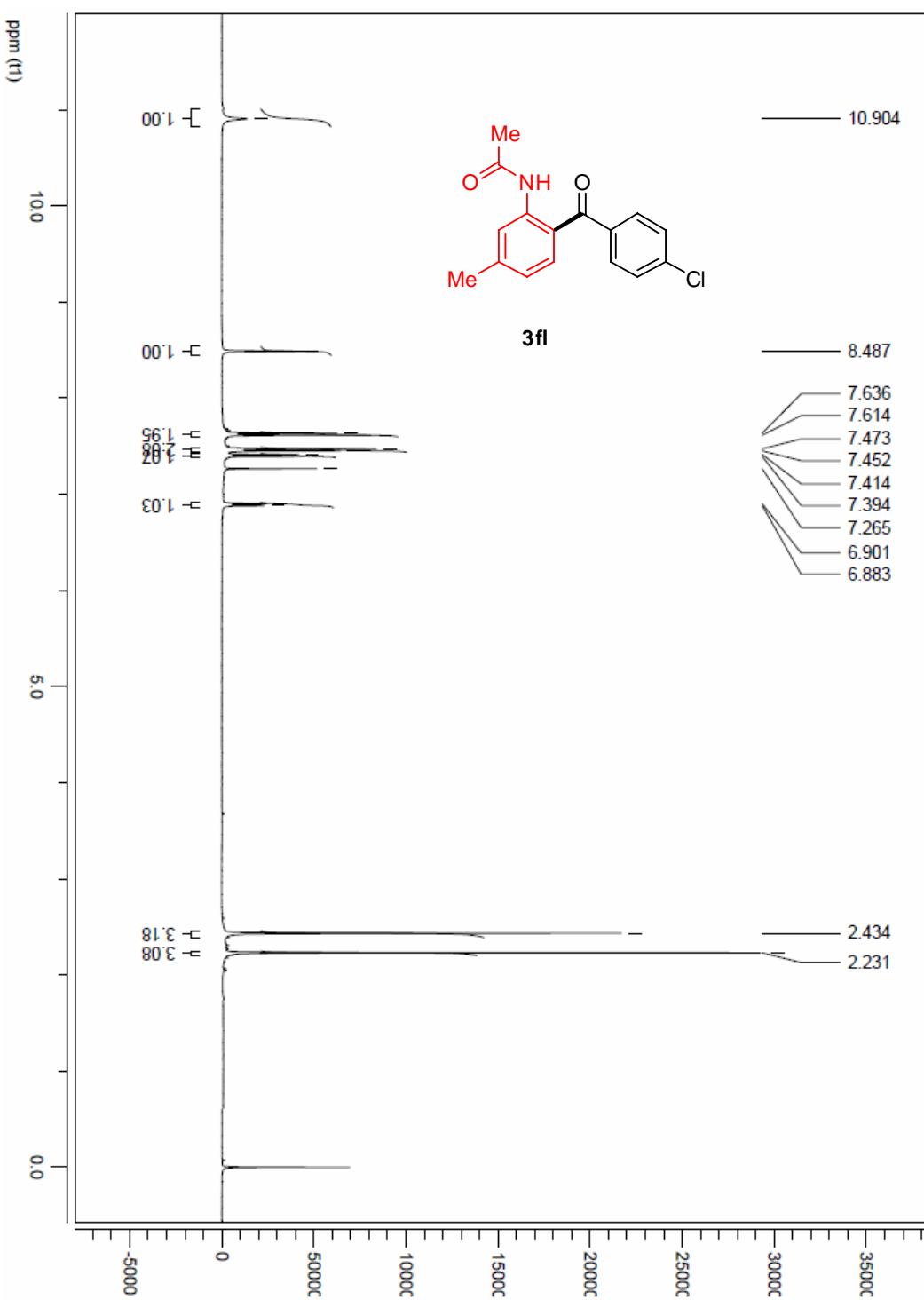
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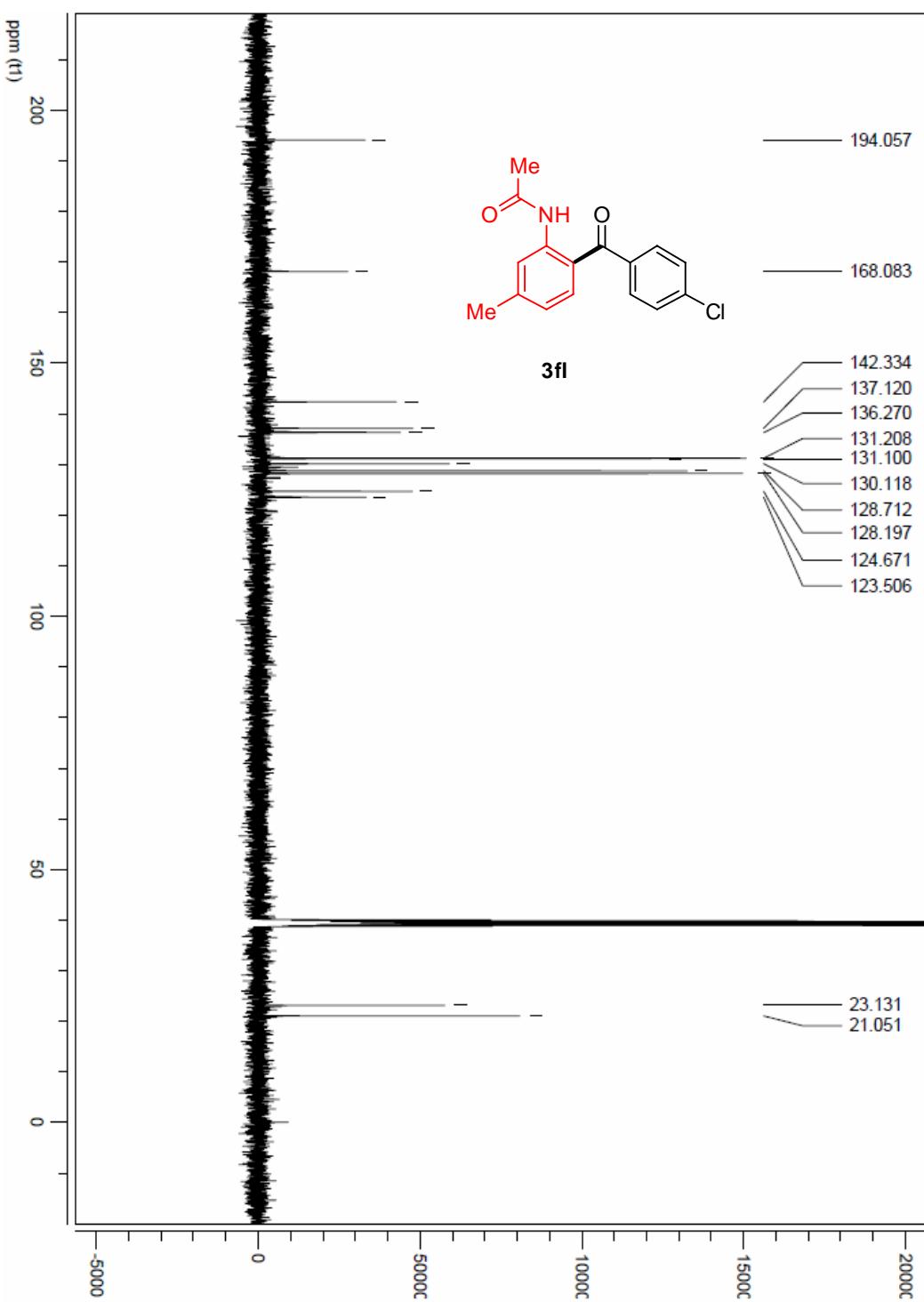
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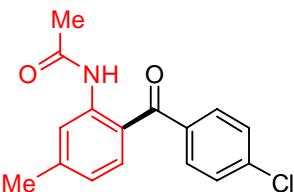
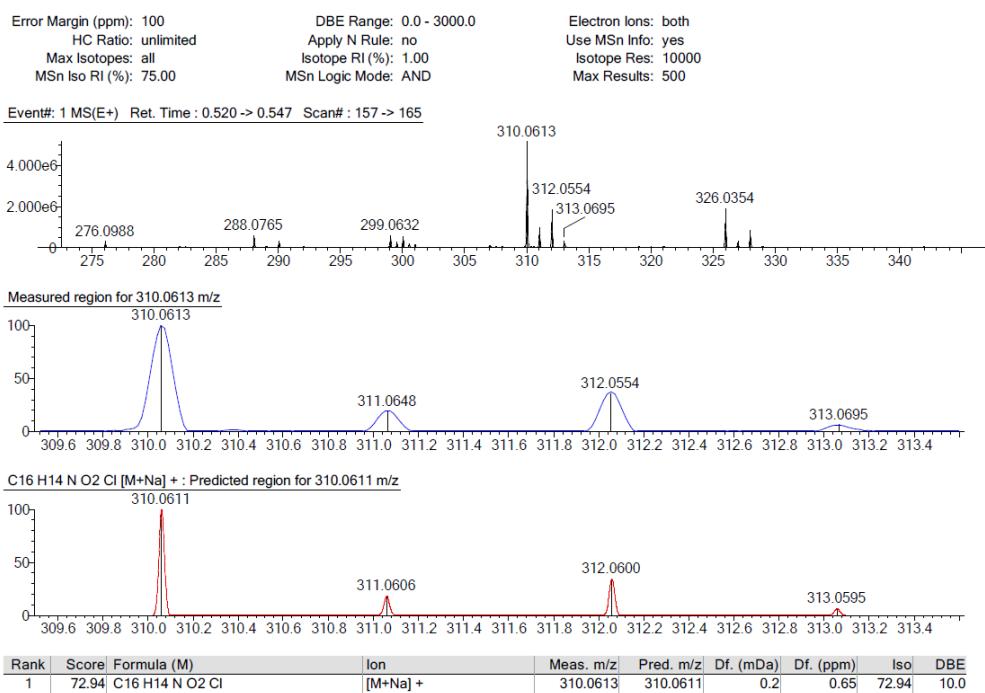


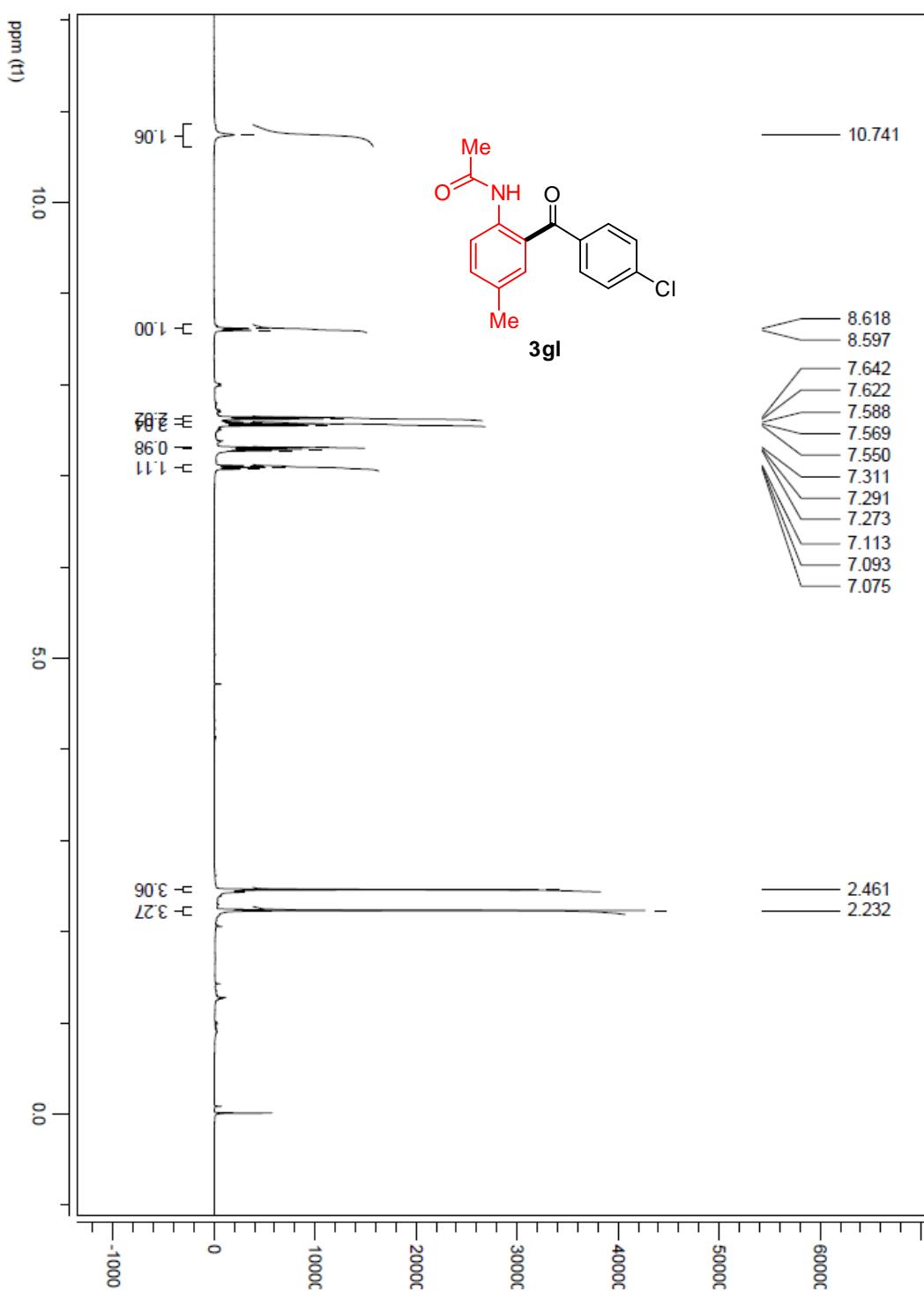
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|------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
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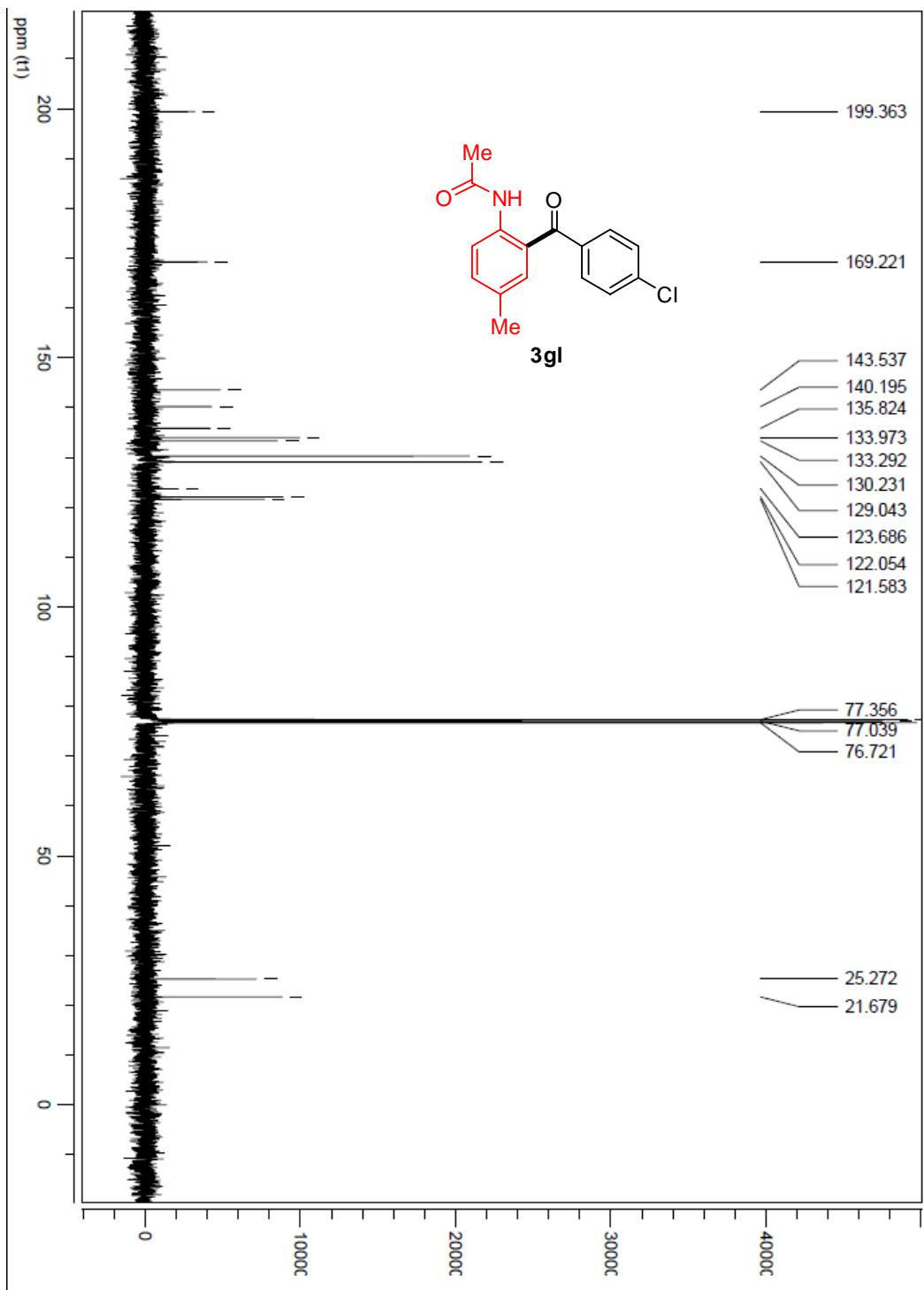
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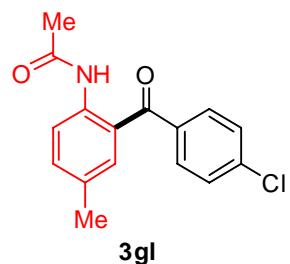




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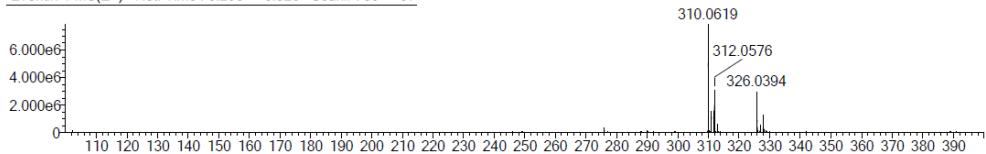


Error Margin (ppm): 100
HC Ratio: unlimited
Max Isotopes: all
MSn Iso RI (%): 75.00

DBE Range: 0.0 - 3000.0
Apply N Rule: no
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MSn Logic Mode: AND

Electron Ions: both
Use MSn Info: yes
Isotope Res: 10000
Max Results: 500

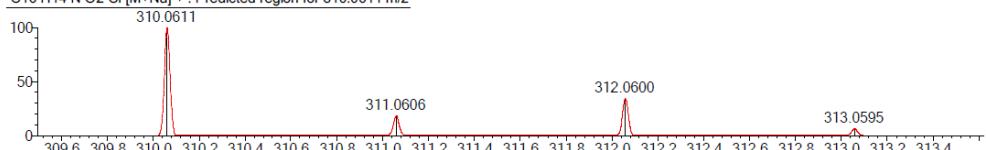
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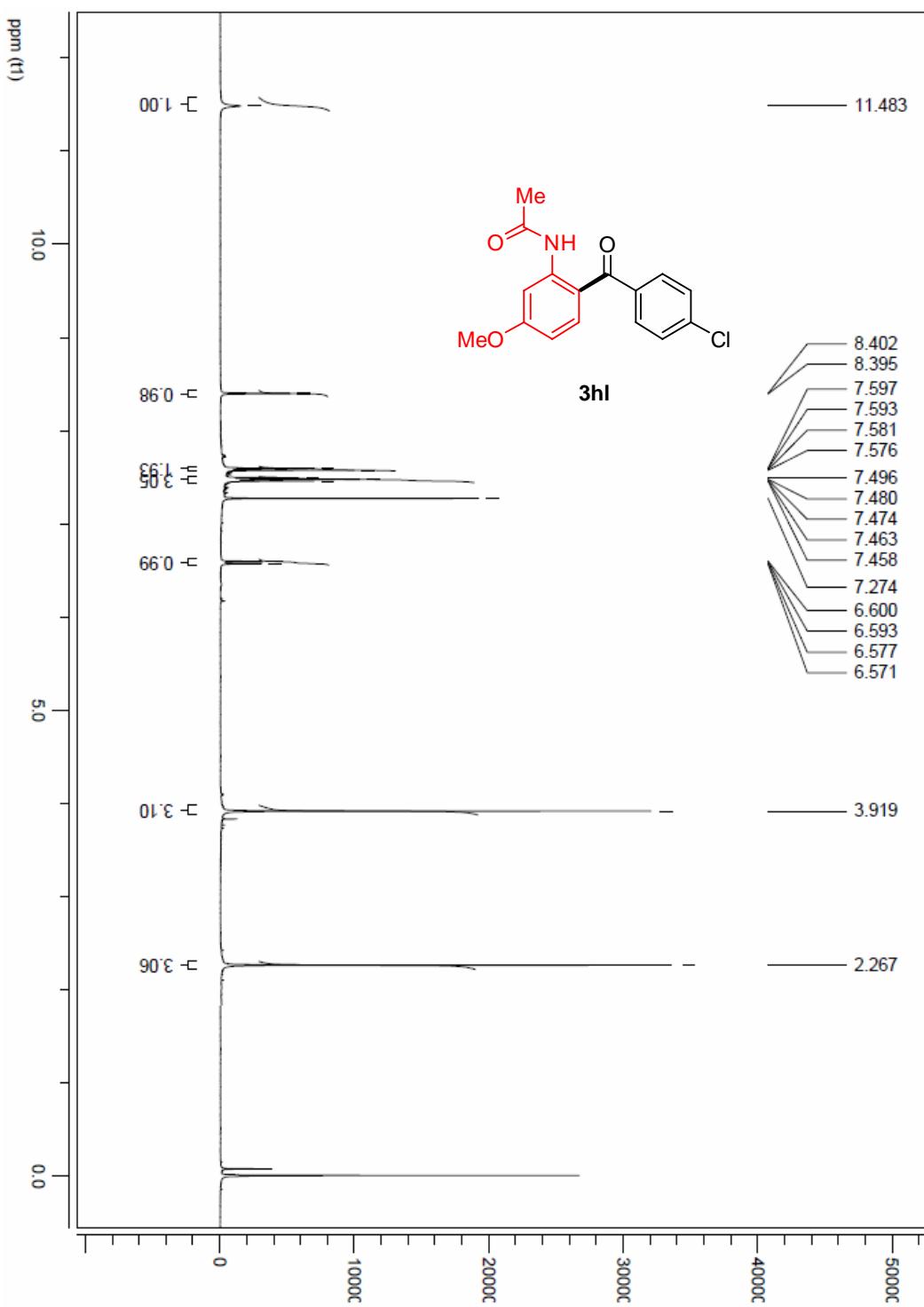
Measured region for 310.0619 m/z

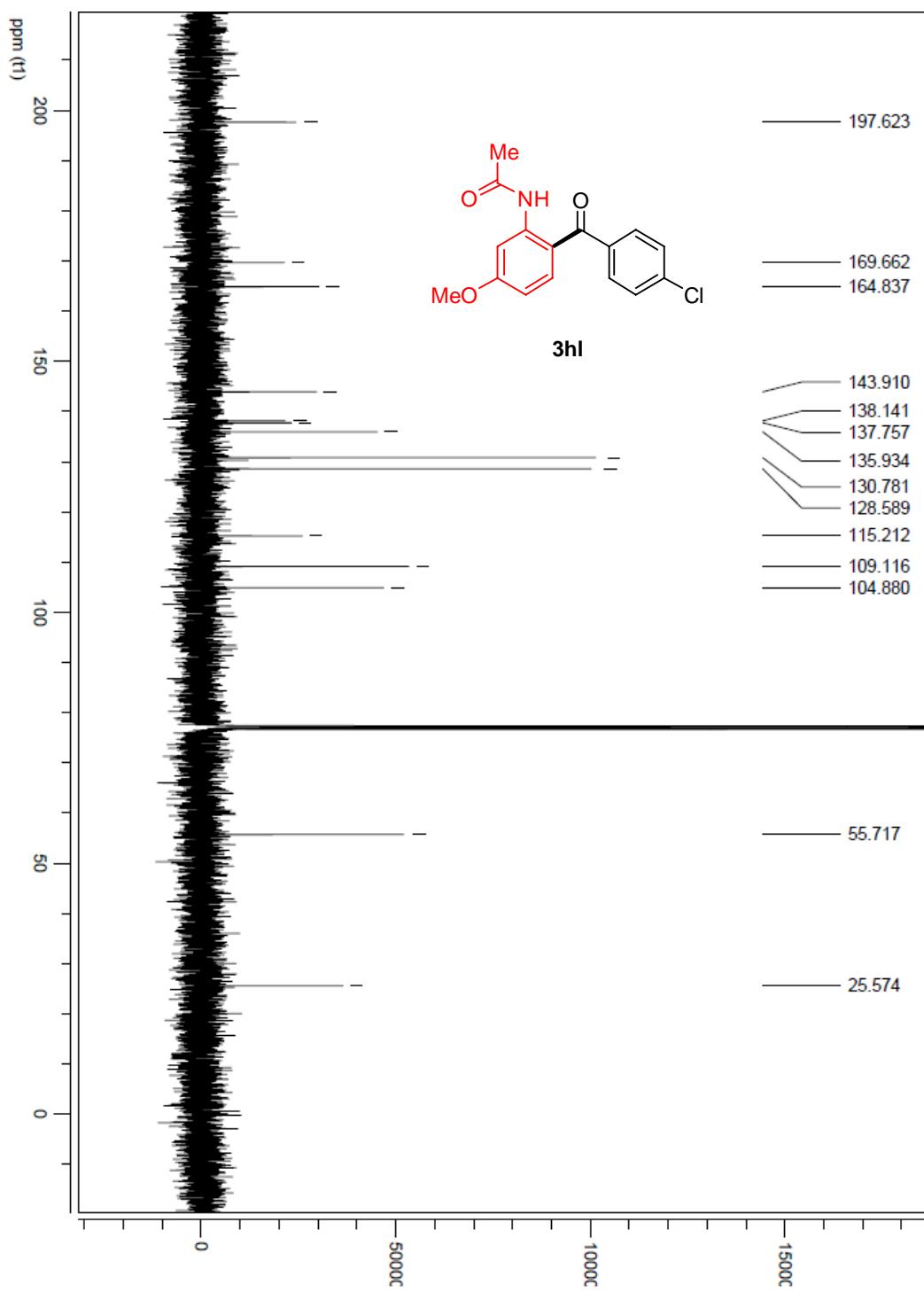


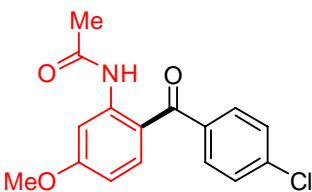
C16 H14 N O2 Cl [M+Na] + : Predicted region for 310.0611 m/z



| Rank | Score | Formula (M) | Ion | Meas. m/z | Pred. m/z | Df. (mDa) | Df. (ppm) | Iso | DBE |
|------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
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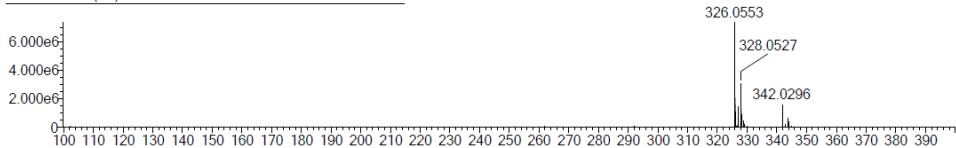




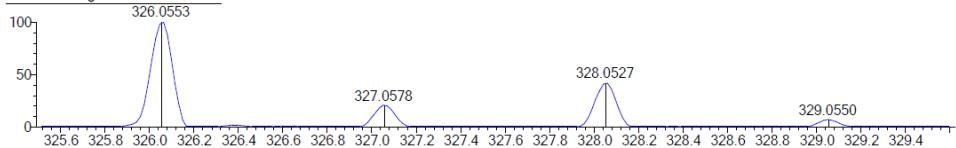
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Error Margin (ppm): 100 DBE Range: 0.0 - 3000.0
 HC Ratio: unlimited Apply N Rule: no
 Max Isotopes: all Isotope RI (%): 1.00
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 Use MSn Info: yes
 Isotope Res: 10000
 Max Results: 500

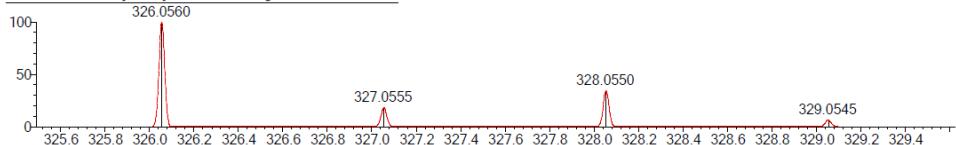
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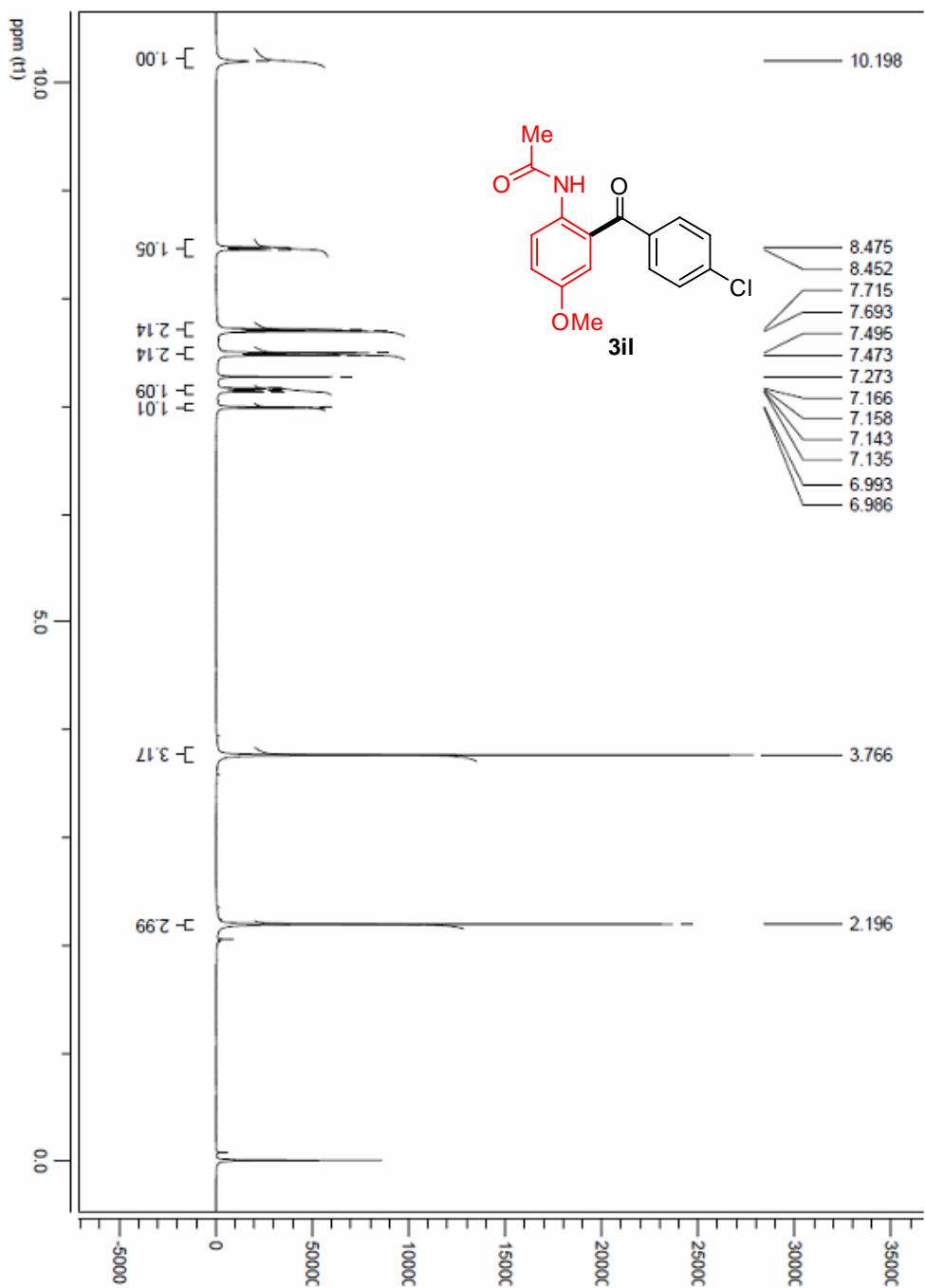
Measured region for 326.0553 m/z

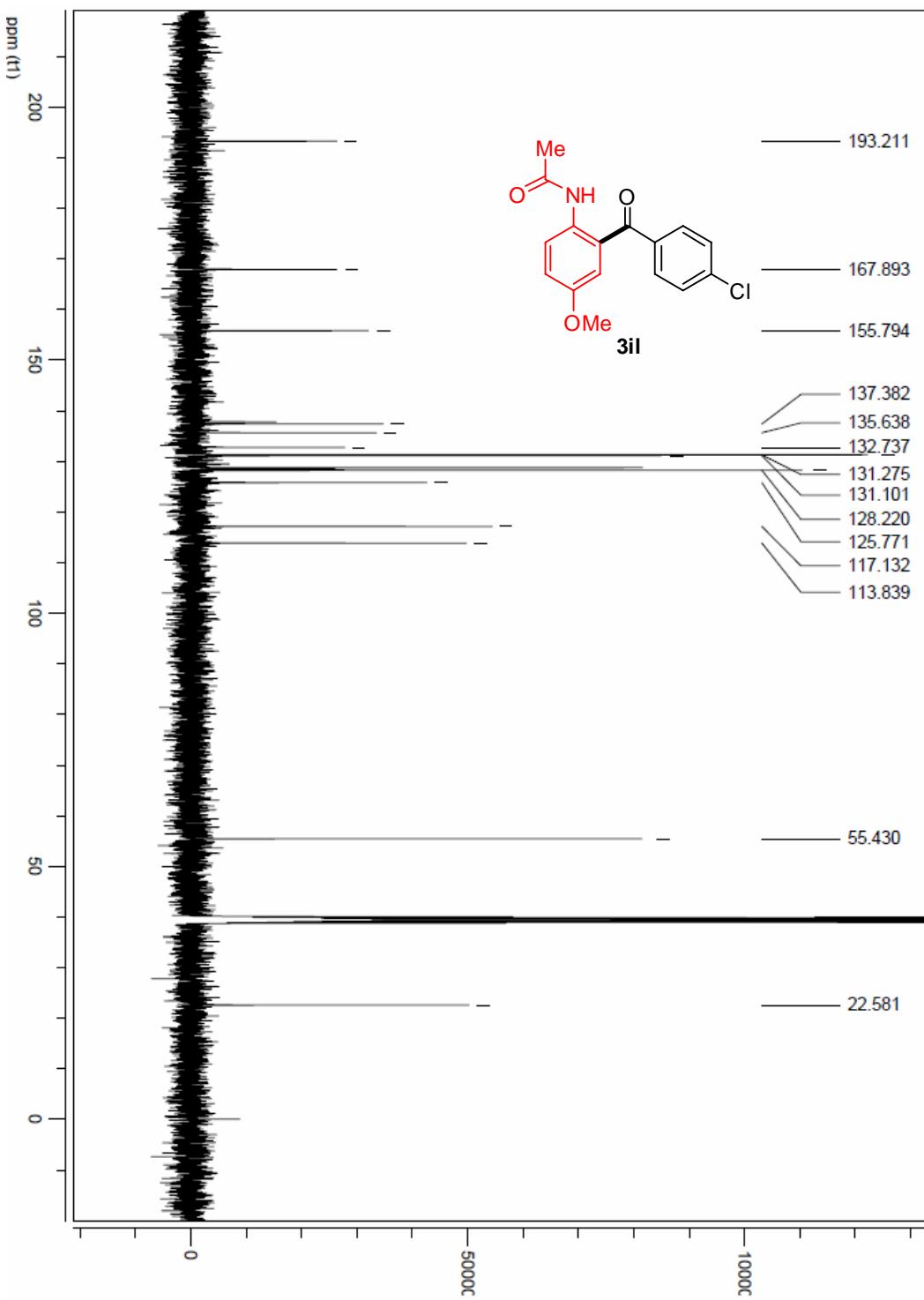


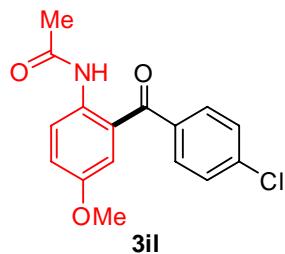
C₁₆H₁₄N O₃ Cl [M+Na] + : Predicted region for 326.0560 m/z



| Rank | Score | Formula (M) | Ion | Meas. m/z | Pred. m/z | Df. (mDa) | Df. (ppm) | Iso | DBE |
|------|-------|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
| 1 | 54.69 | C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N O ₃ Cl | [M+Na] + | 326.0553 | 326.0560 | -0.7 | -2.15 | 56.31 | 10.0 |





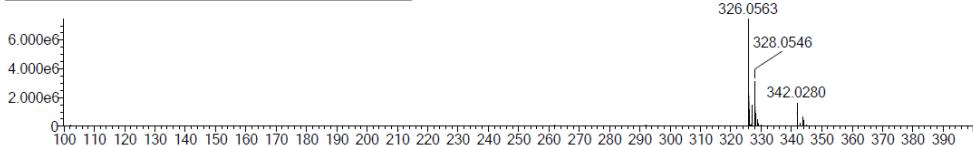


Error Margin (ppm): 100
 HC Ratio: unlimited
 Max Isotopes: all
 MSn Iso RI (%): 75.00

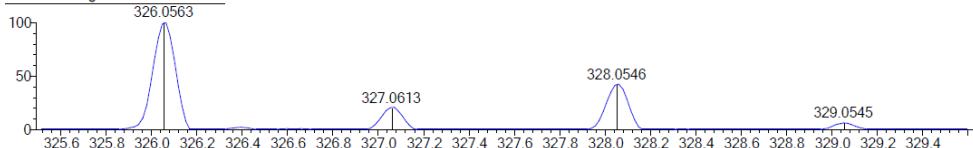
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 Use MSn Info: yes
 Isotope Res: 10000
 Max Results: 500

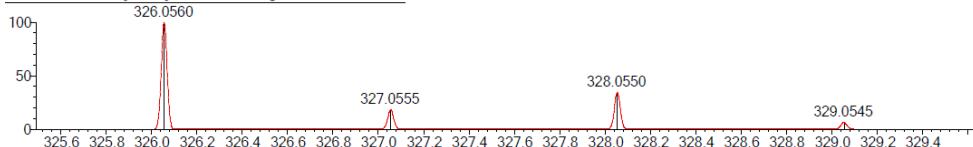
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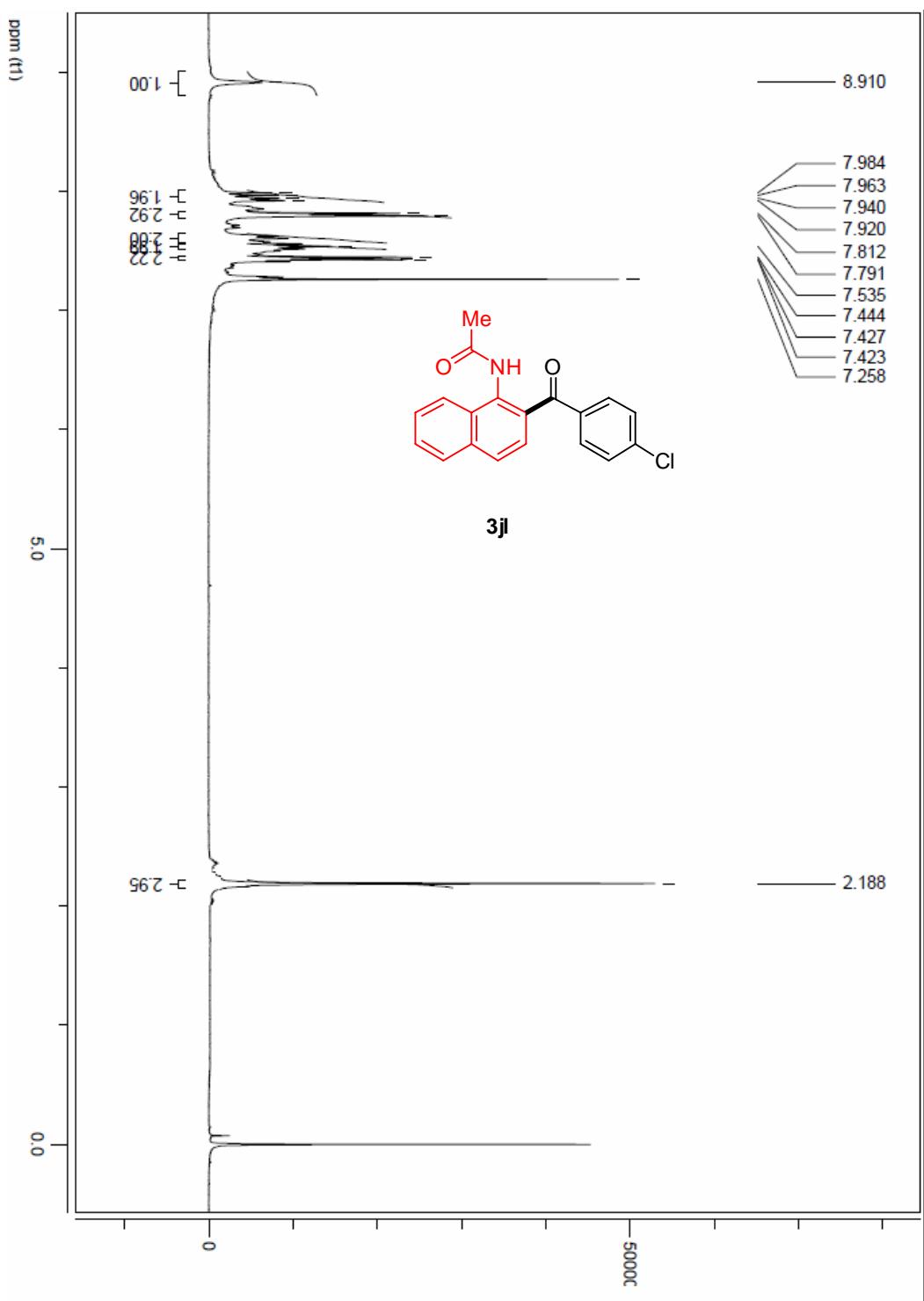
Measured region for 326.0563 m/z

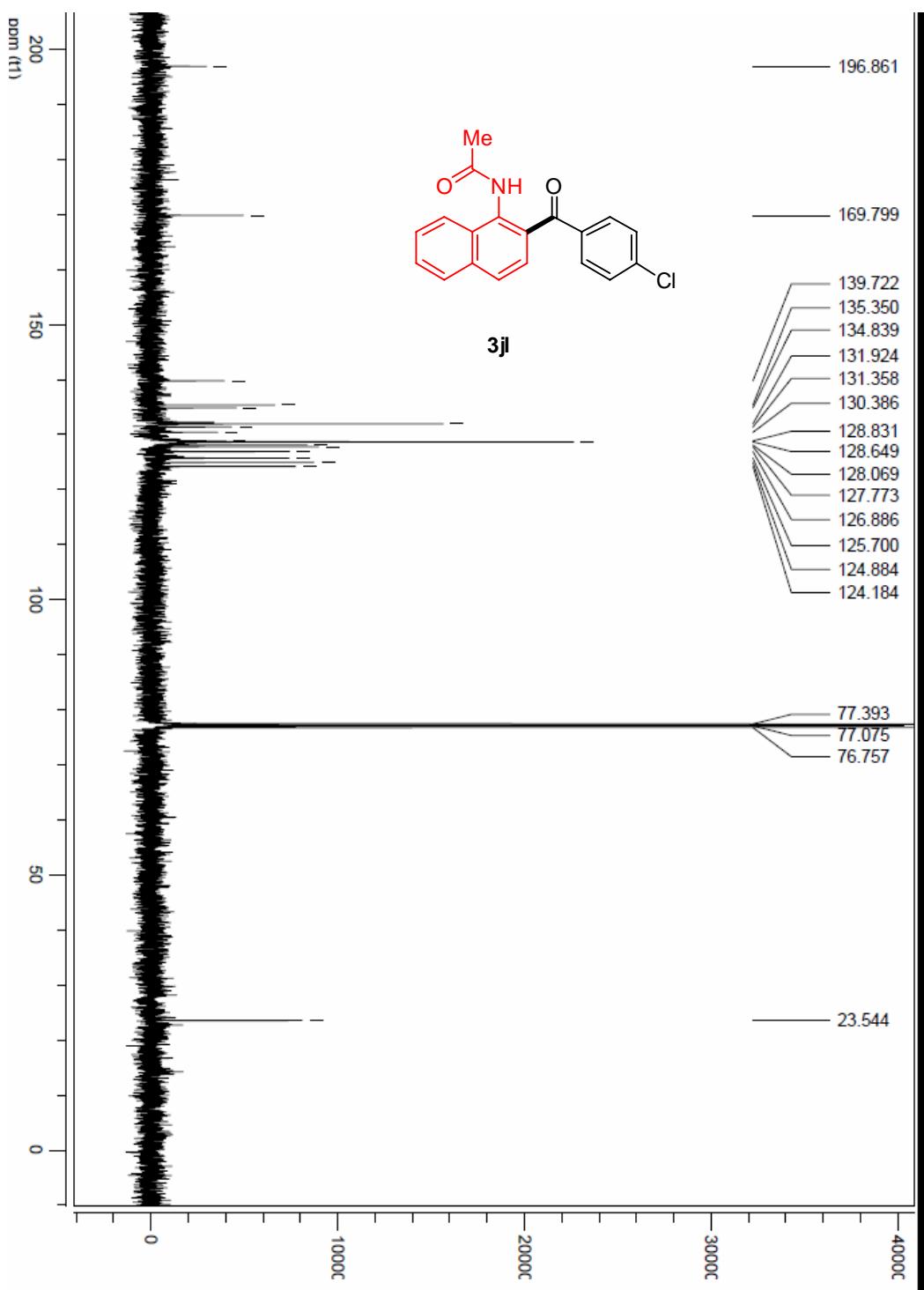


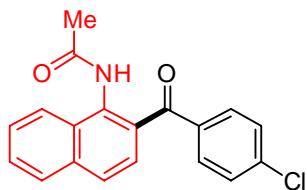
C16 H14 N O3 Cl [M+Na] + : Predicted region for 326.0560 m/z



| Rank | Score | Formula (M) | Ion | Meas. m/z | Pred. m/z | Df. (mDa) | Df. (ppm) | Iso | DBE |
|------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
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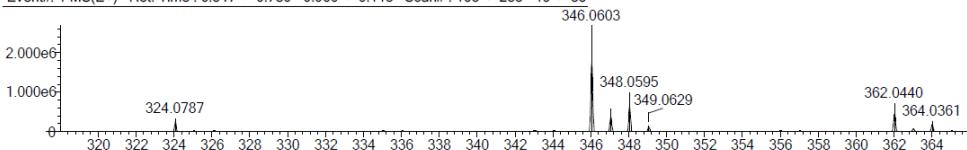
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Error Margin (ppm): 80
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Max Isotopes: all
MSn Iso RI (%): 75.00

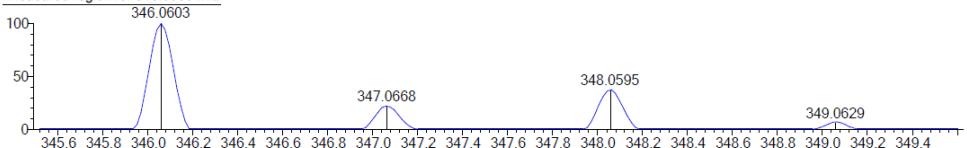
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Use MSn Info: yes
Isotope Res: 10000
Max Results: 500

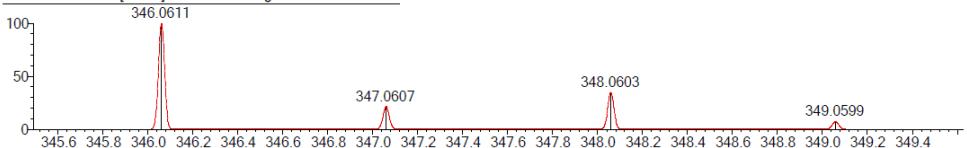
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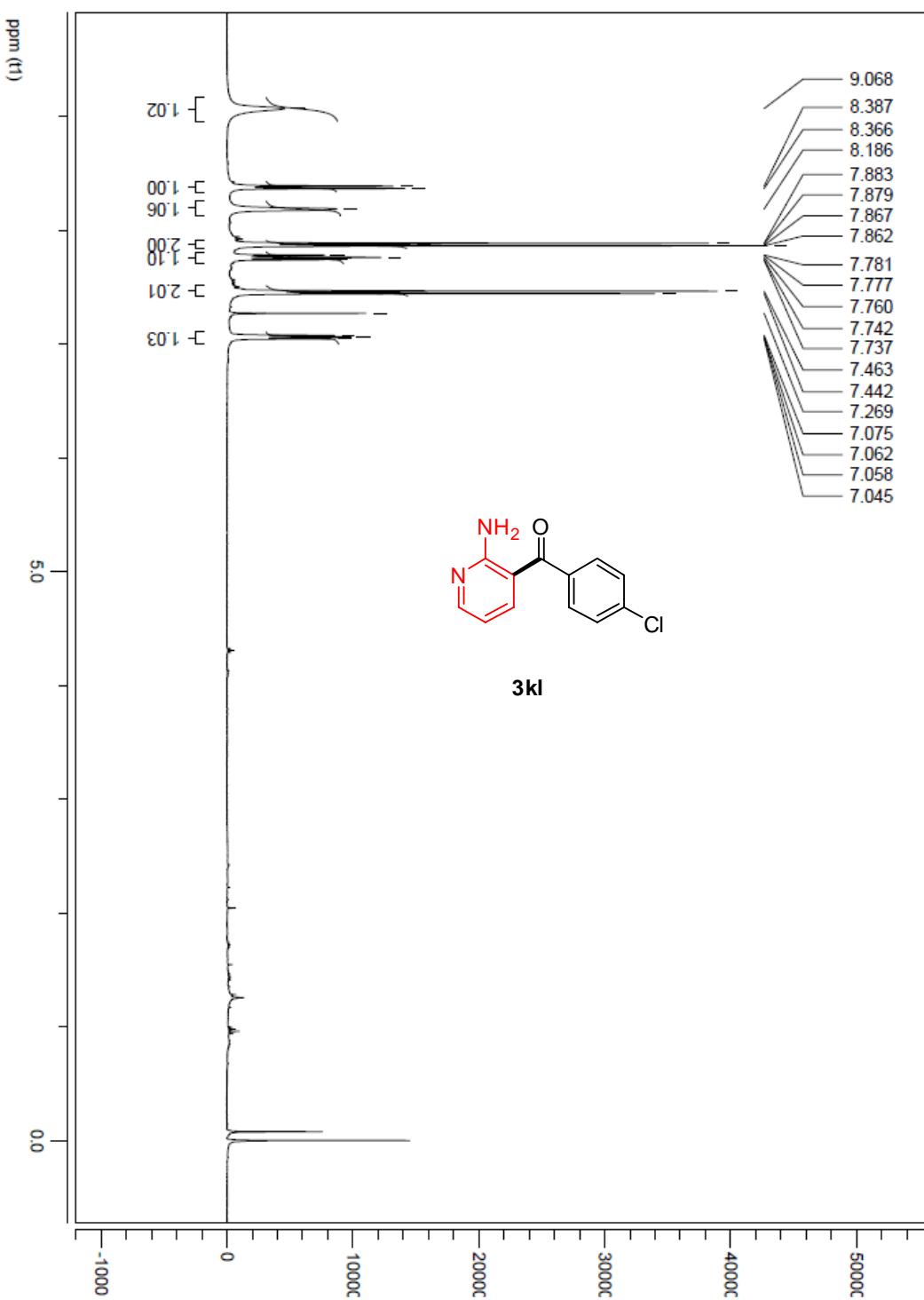
Measured region for 346.0603 m/z

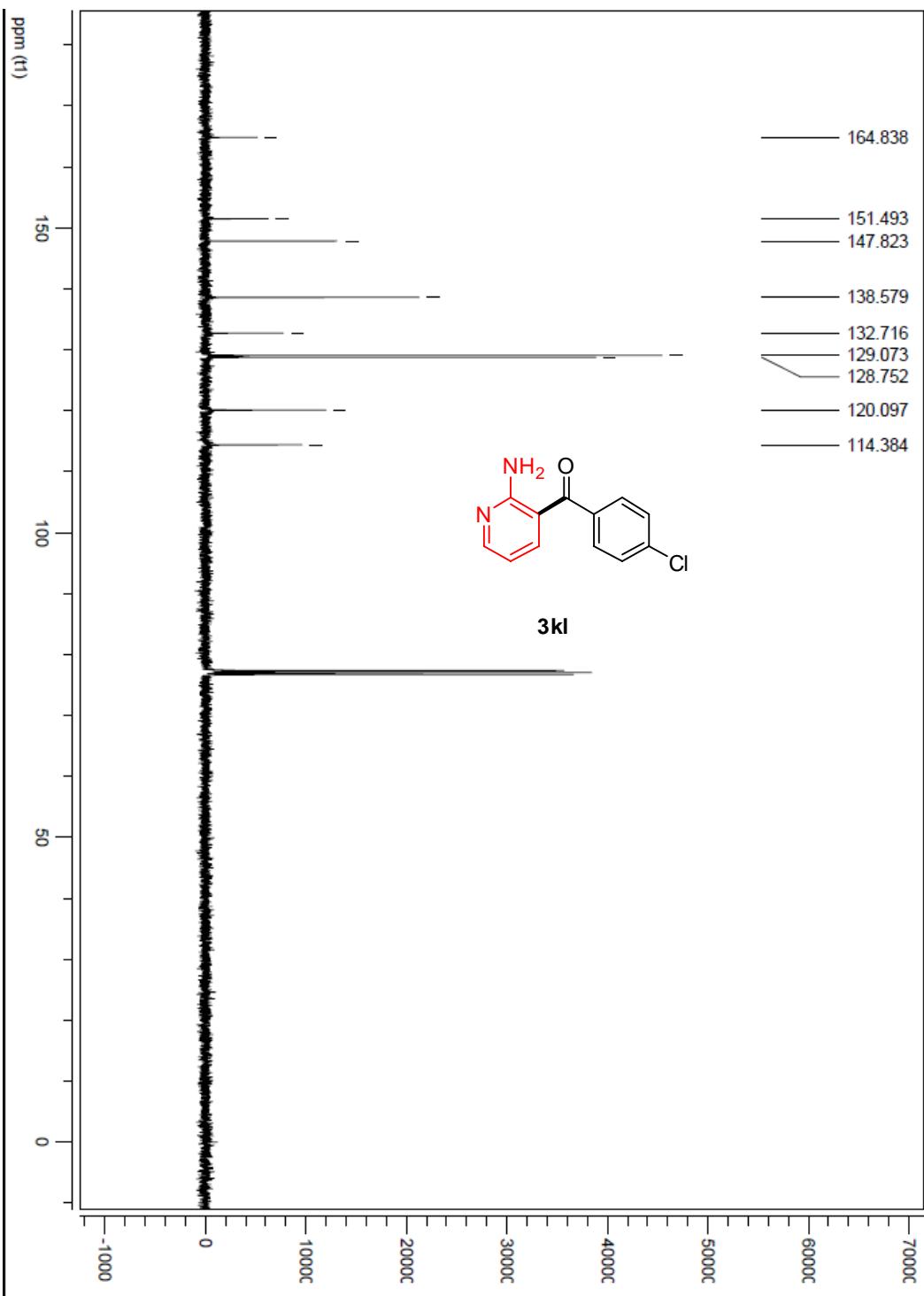


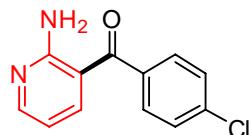
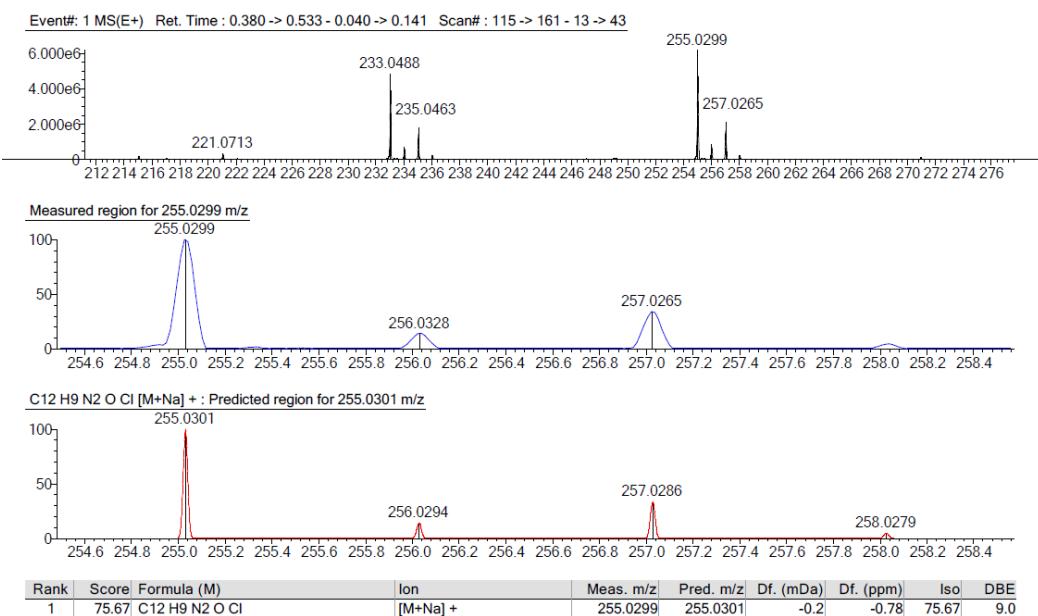
C19 H14 N O2 Cl [M+Na] + : Predicted region for 346.0611 m/z

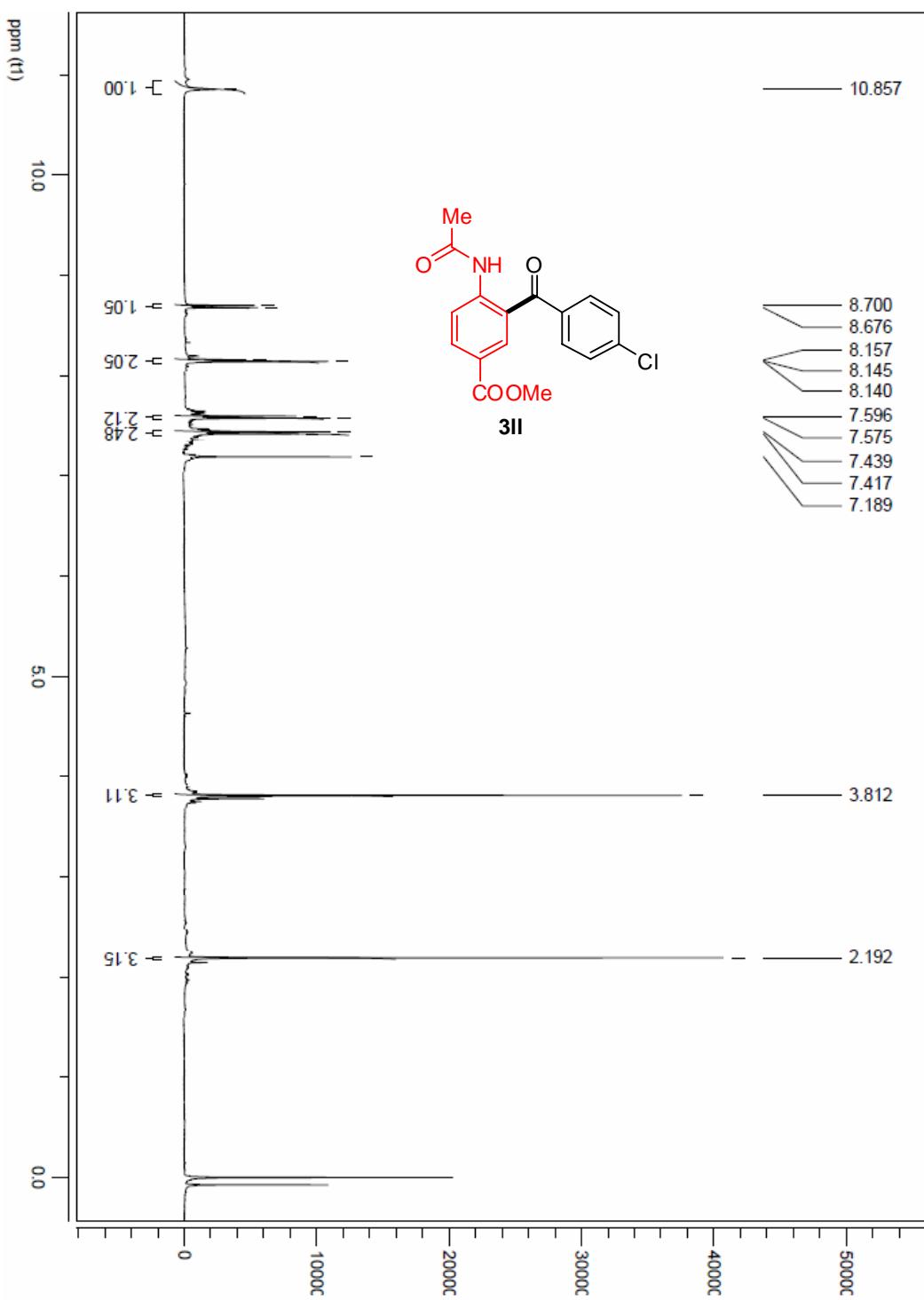


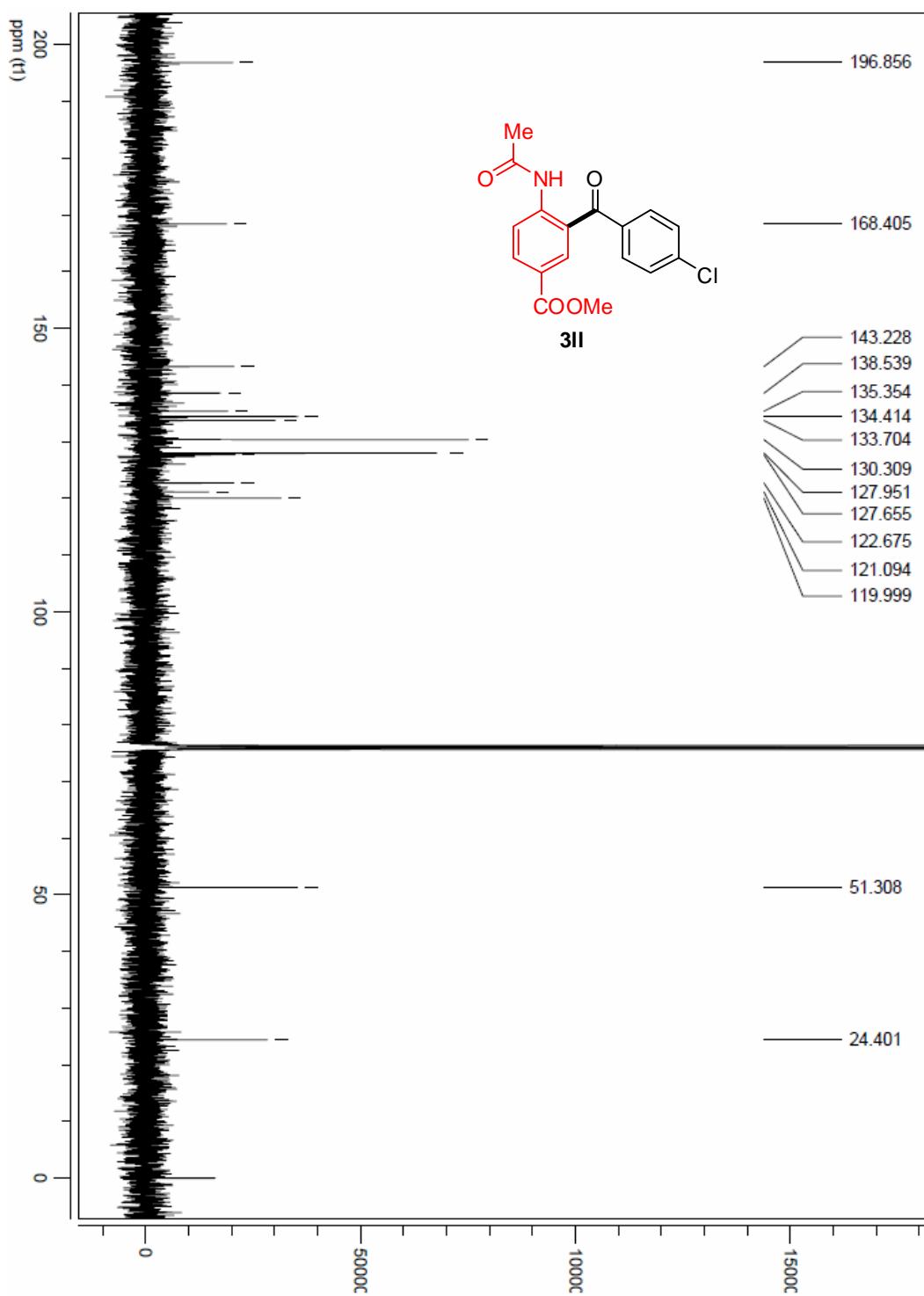
| Rank | Score | Formula (M) | Ion | Meas. m/z | Pred. m/z | Df. (mDa) | Df. (ppm) | Iso | DBE |
|------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
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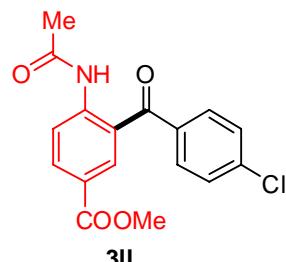




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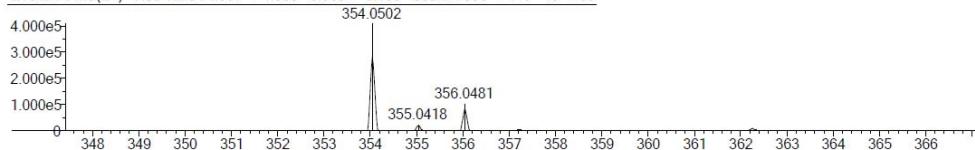


Error Margin (ppm): 80
HC Ratio: unlimited
Max Isotopes: all
MSn Iso RI (%): 75.00

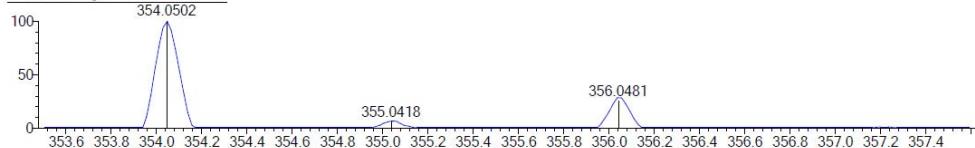
DBE Range: 0.0 - 3000.0
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Isotope RI (%): 1.00
MSn Logic Mode: AND

Electron Ions: both
Use MSn Info: yes
Isotope Res: 10000
Max Results: 500

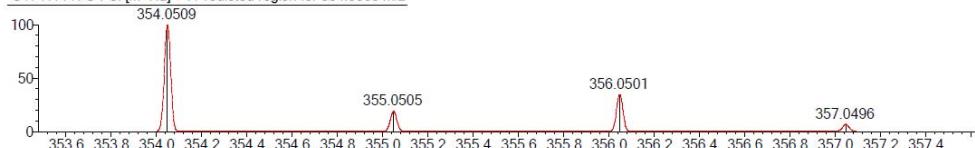
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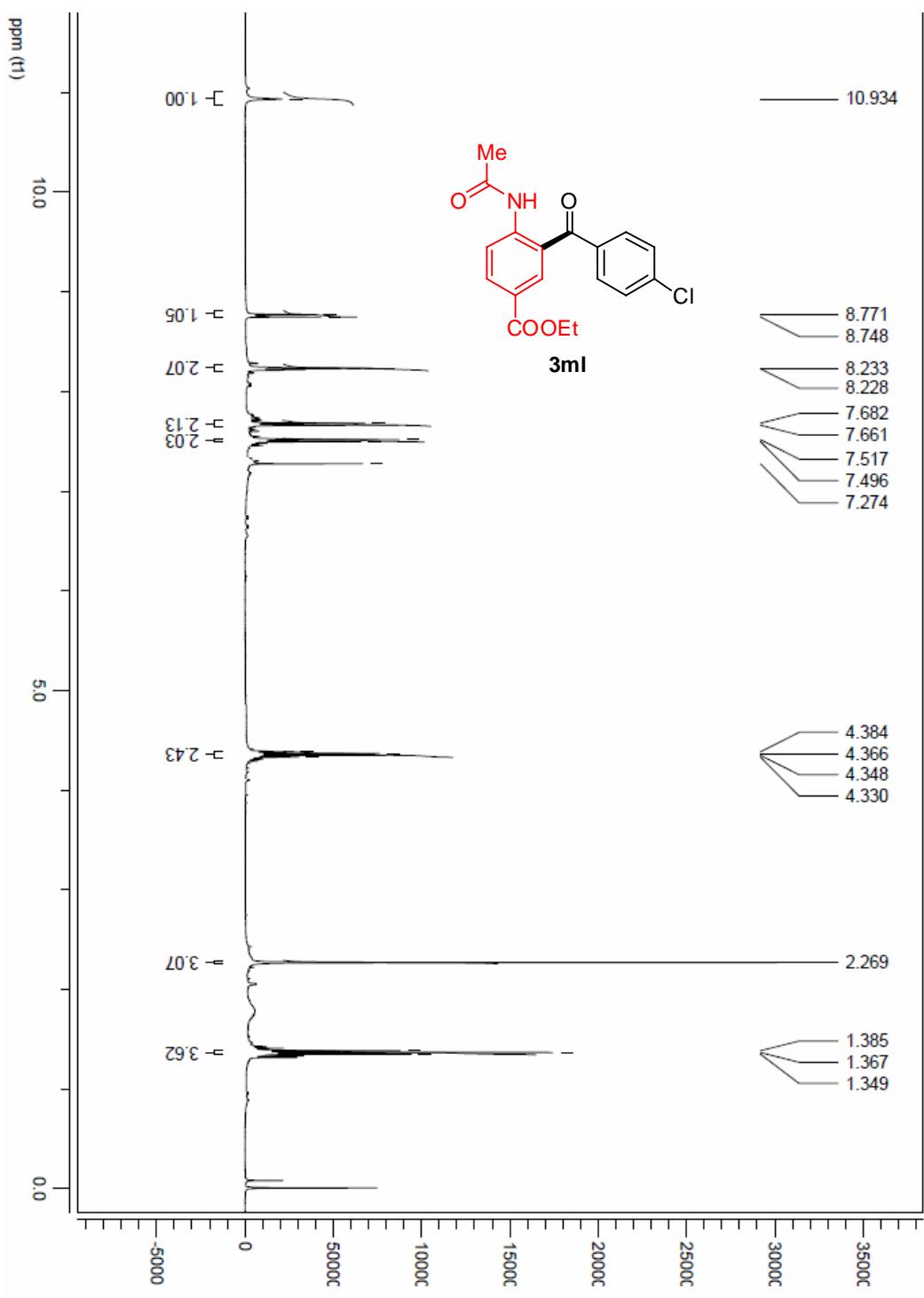
Measured region for 354.0502 m/z

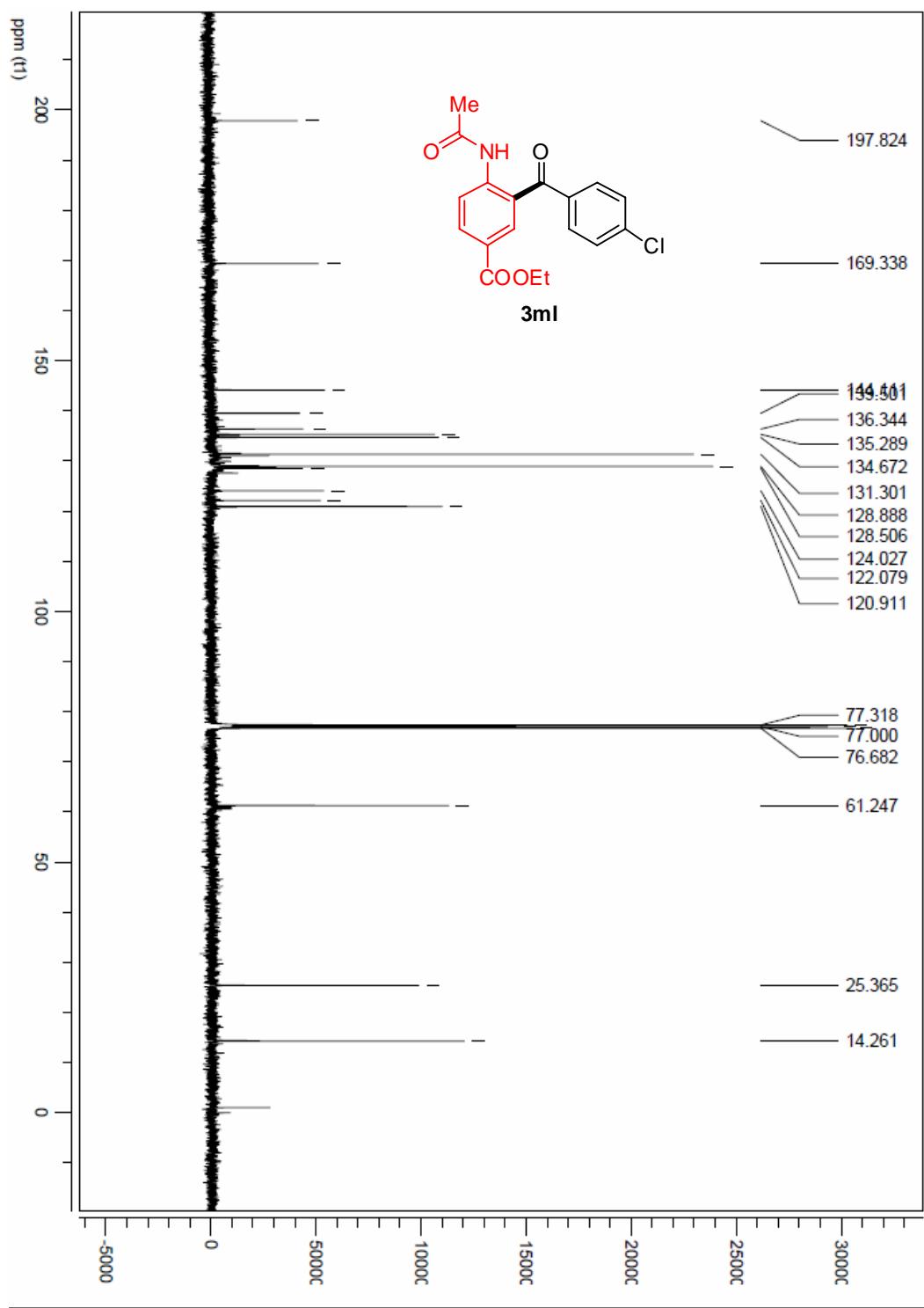


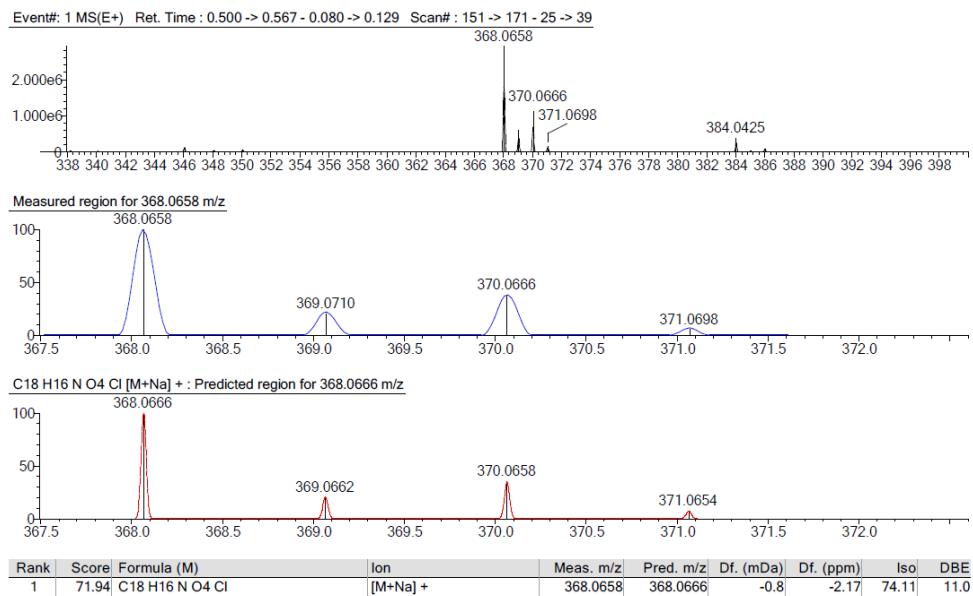
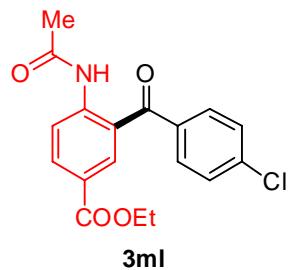
C17 H14 N O4 Cl [M+Na] + : Predicted region for 354.0509 m/z

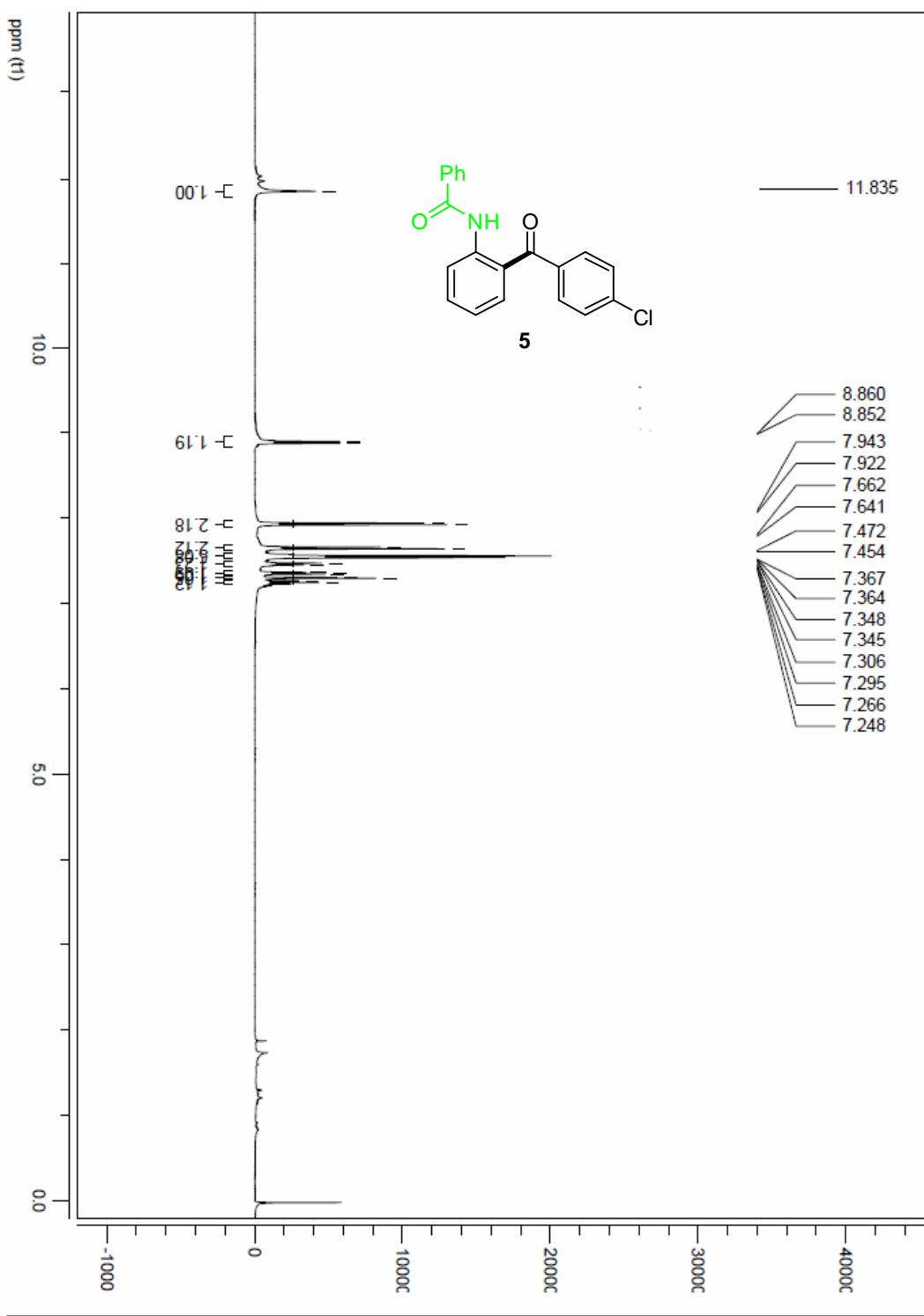


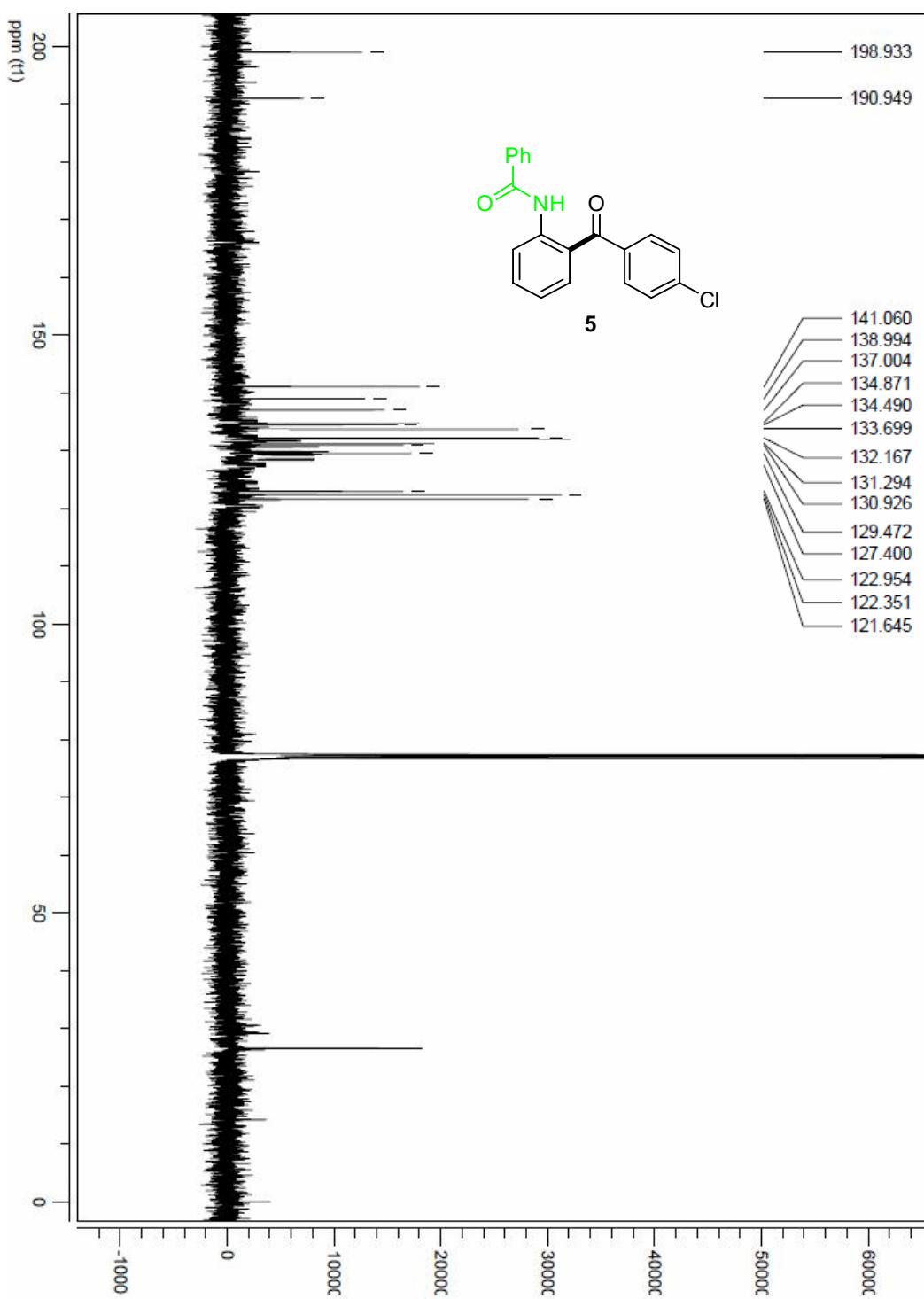
| Rank | Score | Formula (M) | Ion | Meas. m/z | Pred. m/z | Df. (mDa) | Df. (ppm) | Iso | DBE |
|------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
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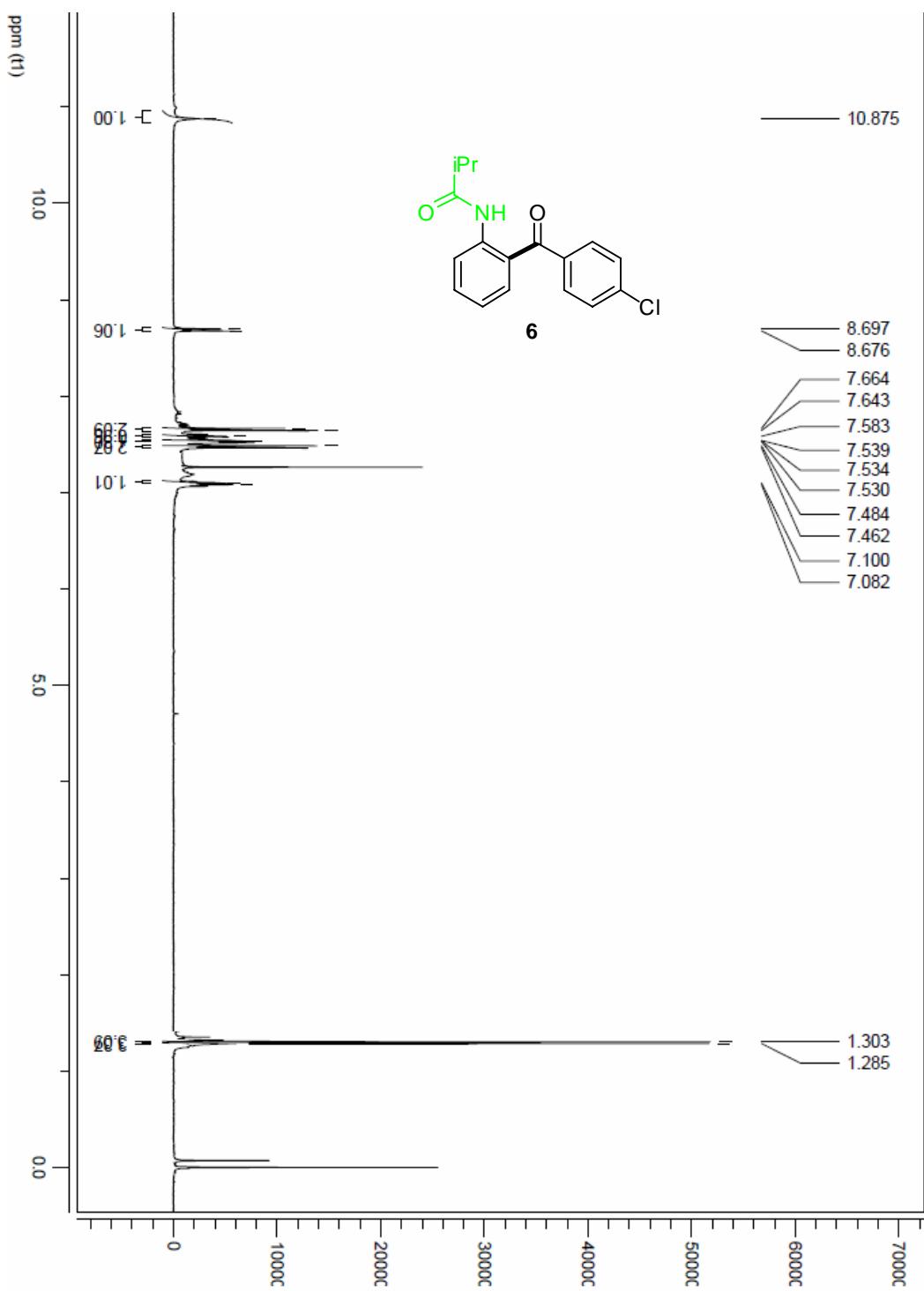


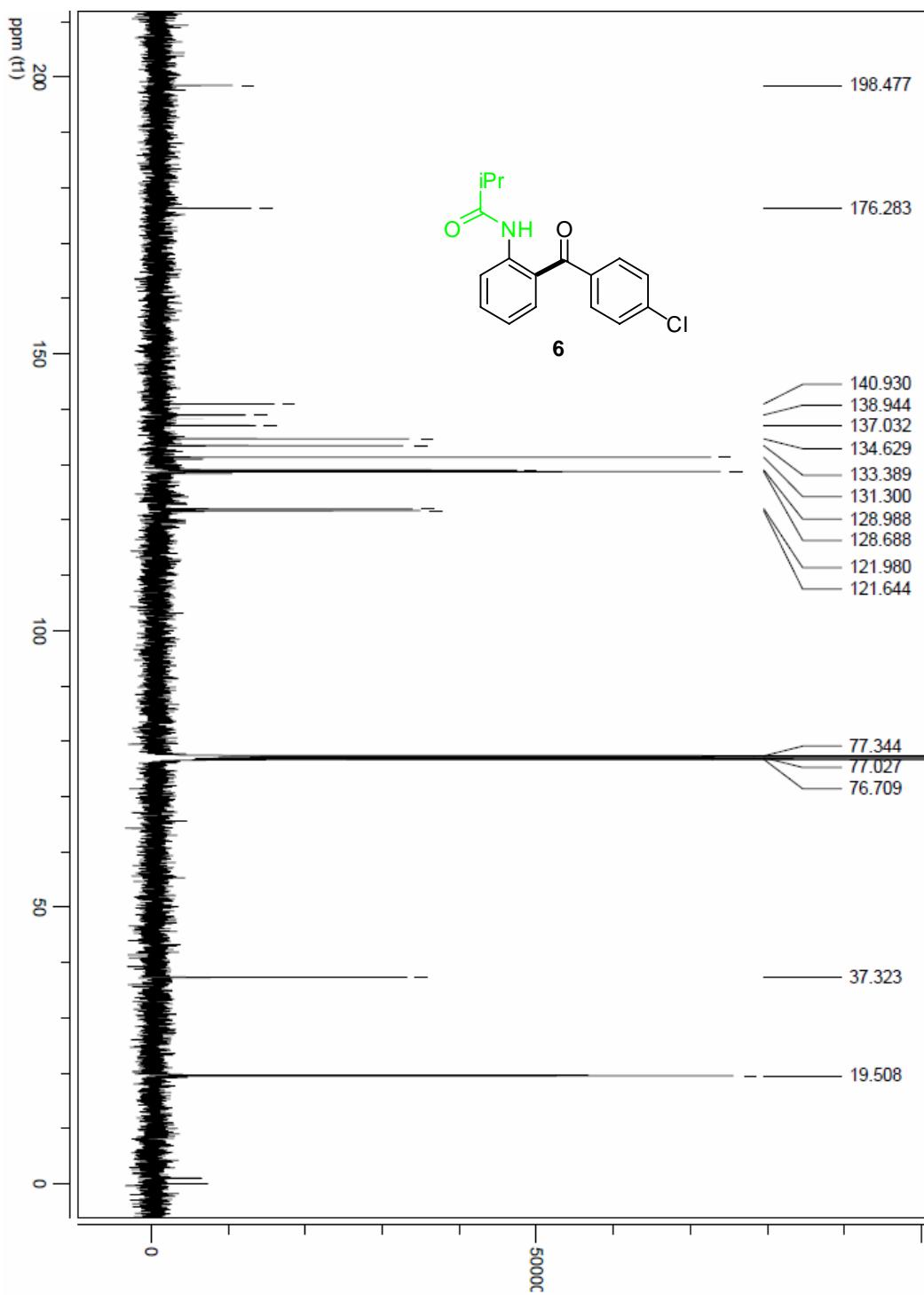


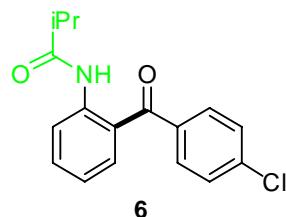










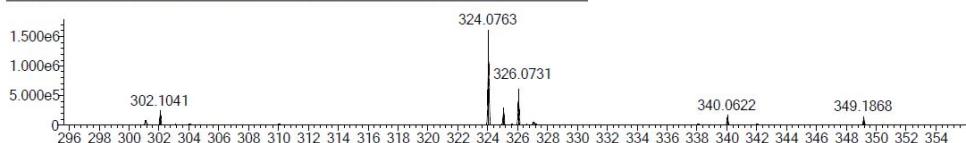


Error Margin (ppm): 80
 HC Ratio: unlimited
 Max Isotopes: all
 MSn Iso RI (%): 75.00

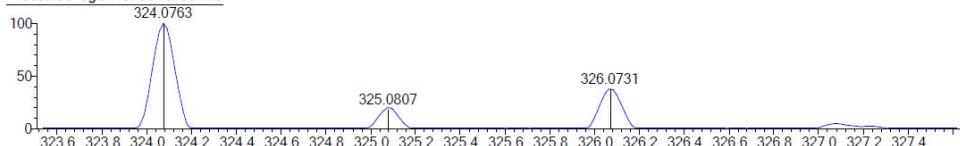
DBE Range: 0.0 - 3000.0
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 MSn Logic Mode: AND

Electron Ions: both
 Use MSn Info: yes
 Isotope Res: 10000
 Max Results: 500

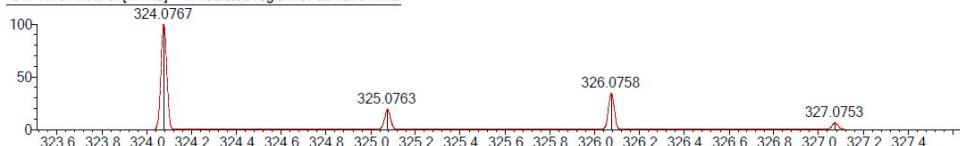
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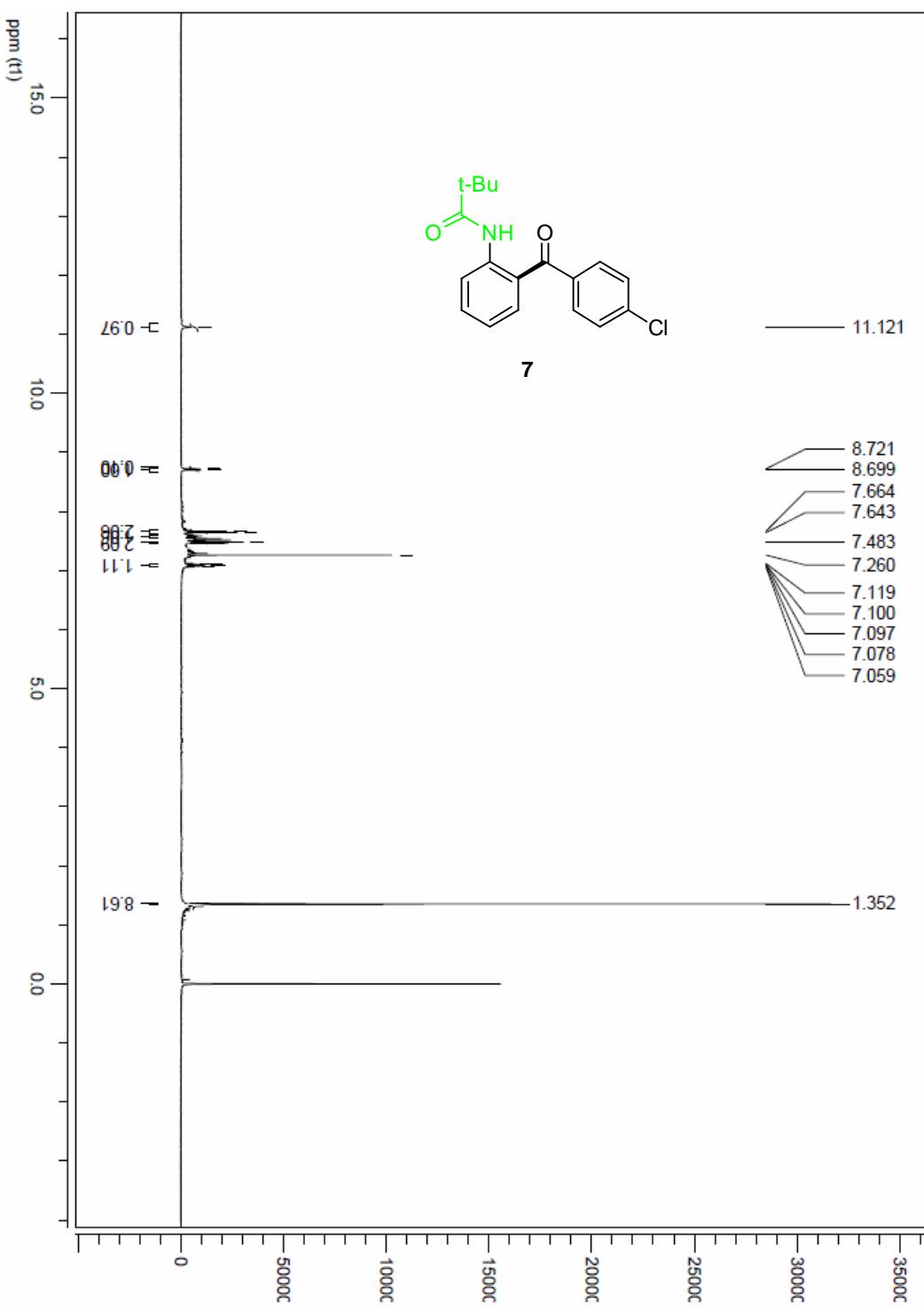
Measured region for 324.0763 m/z

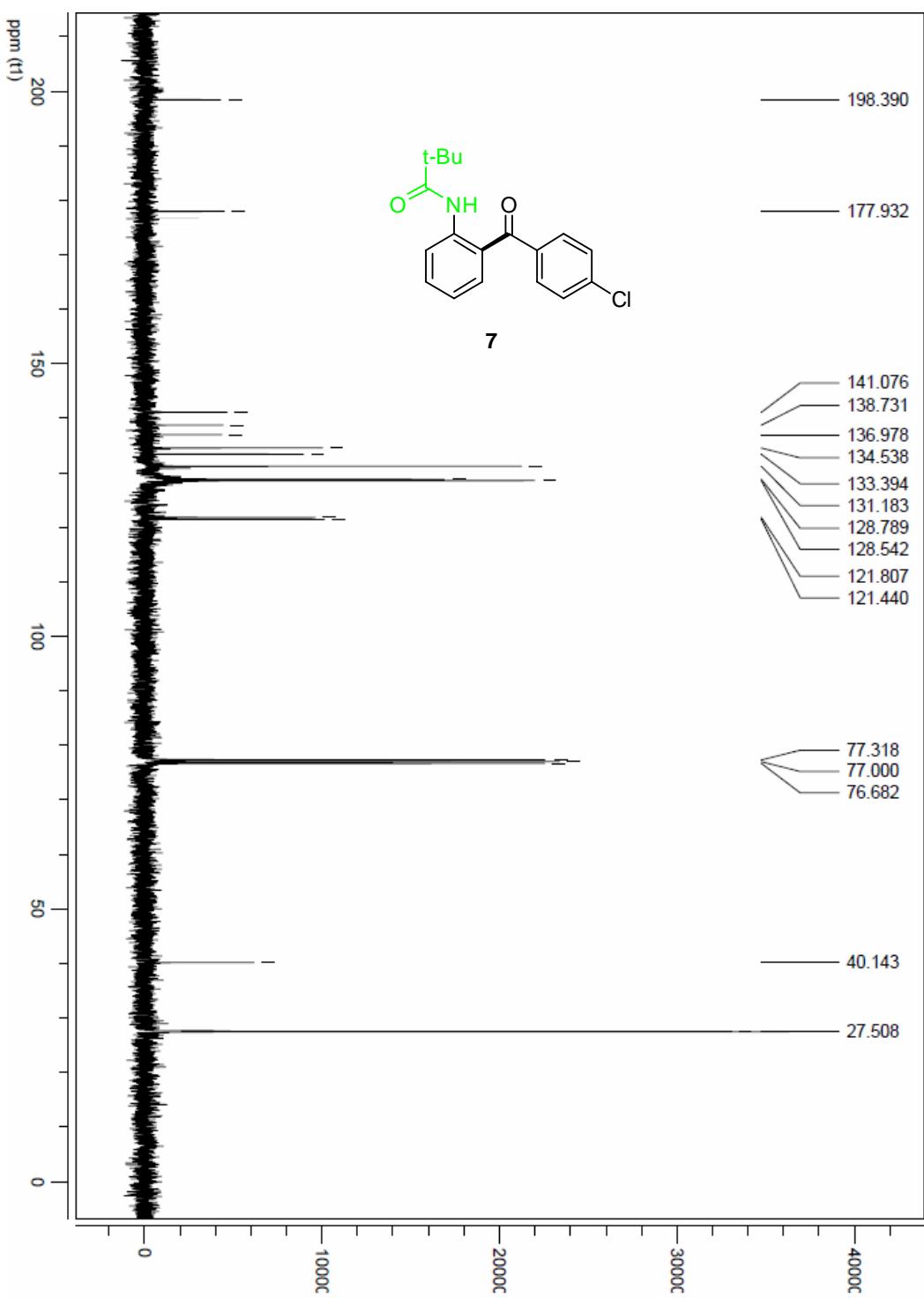


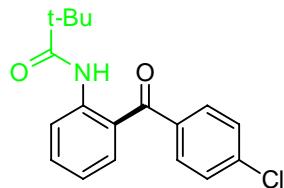
C17 H16 N O2 Cl [M+Na] + : Predicted region for 324.0767 m/z



| Rank | Score | Formula (M) | Ion | Meas. m/z | Pred. m/z | Df. (mDa) | Df. (ppm) | Iso | DBE |
|------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
| 1 | 69.29 | C17 H16 N O2 Cl | [M+Na] + | 324.0763 | 324.0767 | -0.4 | -1.23 | 69.69 | 10.0 |





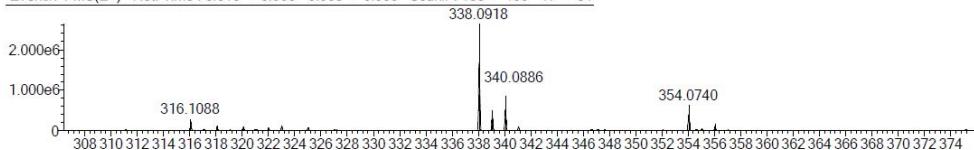


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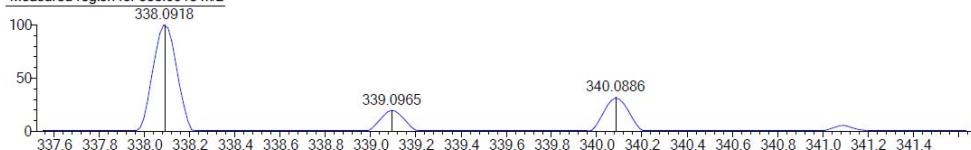
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MSn Logic Mode: AND

Electron Ions: both
Use MSn Info: yes
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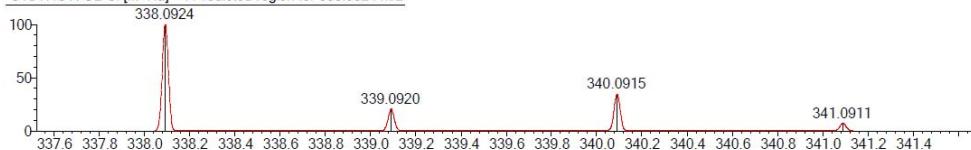
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Measured region for 338.0918 m/z



C18 H18 N O2 Cl [M+Na] + : Predicted region for 338.0924 m/z



| Rank | Score | Formula (M) | Ion | Meas. m/z | Pred. m/z | Df. (mDa) | Df. (ppm) | Iso | DBE |
|------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|------|
| 1 | 68.42 | C18 H18 N O2 Cl | [M+Na] + | 338.0918 | 338.0924 | -0.6 | -1.77 | 69.76 | 10.0 |

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