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Abstract: An efficient protocol was developed for Pd-catalyzed direct C–H bond acylation by cross-dehydrogenative-coupling of arylbenzothiazoles and benzylic alcohols using *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) as the oxidant. The acylation reactions exhibit good reactivities and excellent regioselectivity.

Keywords: *ortho*-acylation; 2-arylbenzothiazoles; benzylic alcohols; *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide

Introduction

Transition-metal-catalyzed intermolecular cross-dehydrogenative-coupling (CDC) of inert C–H bonds has recently emerged as a powerful method for the construction of new

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C–C bonds and C–X (X = N, O, S, X) bonds.¹ The combination of transition-metal-catalysts and directing groups is very important to success in this context. Various transition metals such as Pd, Rh, Ru, Fe, Co, and Cu have been widely employed.² Recently, the direct C–H bond acylation of aromatic compounds containing various directing groups has been described. In 2009, Cheng firstly reported Pd-catalyzed oxidative sp² C–H acylation reactions of 2-arylpyridines from aldehydes.³ Subsequently, other groups (such as Li, Ge, and Wang) also developed many 2-arylpyridine-directed sp² C–H acylation by different carbonyl sources.⁴ In addition, Yu and Kim described separately the Pd-catalyzed direct C–H bond acylation using *O*-methyl oximes as a directing group.⁵ Anilide was also employed as a directing group for direct C–H bond acylation with aldehydes.⁶ Rh-catalyzed benzamide-directed oxidative acylation and Pd-catalyzed *ortho*-acylation of *N*-benzyltriflamides with aldehydes *via* sp² C–H bonds activation were described by Kim.⁷ Cyclic enamides participated intermolecular C–H bond acylation reactions was reported by Duan.⁸ Most recently, Wu and co-workers reported Pd-catalyzed *ortho*-acylation of 2-arylbenzoxazoles in moderate to good yields using aldehydes as acyl source.^{9a} Patel also developed an efficient protocol for the *ortho*-acylation of 2-arylbenzoxazoles and 2-arylbenzothiazoles with aldehydes *via* Pd(II)-catalyzed C–H activation/C–C bond formation.^{9b} Decarboxylative cross-coupling reaction of benzoic acids with α -oxocarboxylic acids was reported by Ge group.¹⁰

In most cases, aldehyde was employed as carbonyl source in transition-metal-catalyzed C–H bond acylation reaction. In addition, α -oxocarboxylic acids,^{4b,5b,8,11} benzylic alcohols,^{4c,12} α -diketones,^{4d} toluene derivatives,¹³ and carboxylic acids¹⁴ are also very useful carbonyl sources in the presence of transition-metal catalyst and oxidant.

As a privileged fragment, the benzothiazole core is a ubiquitous subunit in many natural products and pharmaceuticals with remarkable biological activities.¹⁵ For example, compounds **I** or their salts (Figure 1) containing a benzothiazole core are useful for treatment of parkinsonism, hypertension, depression, etc.¹⁶ Thus, it is highly desired to develop efficient and general synthetic methods for access to functionalized benzothiazoles in order to explore their potential applications. More recently, we have developed the Pd-catalyzed direct *ortho* *sp*² C–H arylation of 2-arylbenzothiazoles.¹⁷ Inspired by the above-mentioned direct acylation protocols and our interest in 2-arylbenzothiazoles, herein we would like to report the acylation reaction of 2-arylbenzothiazoles and benzylic alcohols using *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (TBHP) as the oxidant in the presence of catalytic palladium acetate *via* oxidative CDC reaction.

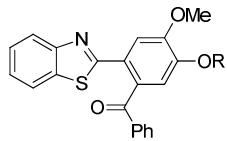


Figure 1 Compounds I

Results and discussions

We initially used 2-(*o*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]thiazole **1a** and phenylmethanol **2a** as model substrates to optimize the reaction conditions, and selected results are summarized in Table 1. To our delight, the combination of Pd(OAc)₂ and TBHP (65 wt.% aqueous solution) in PhCl solvent at 110 °C can catalyze the CDC reaction and provide the acylated product **3a** in 31% yield (Table 1, entry 1). A screening of catalysts demonstrated that other Pd catalysts, such as PdCl₂, Pd₂(dba)₃, Pd(CH₃CN)₂Cl₂, Pd(PhCN)₂Cl₂, and Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ were inferior to Pd(OAc)₂ (Table 1, entries 1-6). Then,

the use of other oxidants, such as *ditert*-butyl peroxide (DTBP), O₂, oxone, and K₂S₂O₈, was also ineffective in this transformation (Table 1, entries 7-10). Further optimization showed the coupling yield could be raised to 61% in the presence of 7.0 equiv of TBHP (Table 1, entries 11-13). Subsequently, the effects of several ligands were investigated, and the results showed that the presence of ligand affected the reaction to some extent. Among them, benzoquinone (BQ) increased the yield to 68%, some other generally used ligands, such as TMEDA, DMEDA, PPh₃, L-proline, DDQ, and 1,10-phen showed ineffective (Table 1, entries 14-20). The effect of solvents on this reaction was also examined. PhCl was found to be the best choice, and other solvents such as toluene, AcOH, DMAc, DMF, DMSO, NMP, and CH₃CN failed to yield better results (Table 1, entries 21-27).

Table 1. Optimization of the reaction conditions^a

Entry	[Pd]	Solvent	Oxidant	Ligand	Yield (%) ^b
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	31
2	PdCl ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	15
3	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	PhCl	TBHP	-	27
4	PdCl ₂ (CH ₃ CN) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	24
5	PdCl ₂ (PhCN) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	13
6	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	11
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	DTBP	-	18
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	O ₂	-	-
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	Oxone	-	-
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈	-	-
11 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	45
12 ^d	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	52
13 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	61
14 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	TMEDA	37
15 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	DMEDA	32
16 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	PPh ₃	28
17 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	L-proline	42
18 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	BQ	68
19 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	DDQ	trace
20 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	1,10-phen	-
21 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	toluene	TBHP	BQ	50

22 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	TBHP	BQ	30
23 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMAc	TBHP	BQ	trace
24 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMF	TBHP	BQ	-
25 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TBHP	BQ	trace
26 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	NMP	TBHP	BQ	20
27 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	CH ₃ CN	TBHP	BQ	35

^a Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), [Pd] catalyst (5 mol %), oxidant (3.0 equiv), ligand (10 mol%) 110 °C, 2 h; ^b Isolated yield based on **1a**; ^c 4.0 equiv of TBHP were used; ^d 6.0 equiv of TBHP were used; ^e 7.0 equiv of TBHP were used.

Under the optimized reaction conditions [Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), TBHP (7.0 equiv), BQ (10 mol%), PhCl, 110 °C], the scope of the sp² C–H acylation reactions between the 2-arylbenzo[d]thiazoles **1** with phenylmethanol **2a** was investigated. The coupling of 2-arylbenzo[d]thiazoles **1b-1i** with middle electron-withdrawing groups (Cl, F) at the *ortho*-position of 2-phenyl ring underwent smoothly the CDC acylation reaction to afford the corresponding products **3b-3i** in good to excellent yields (Table 2, entries 2-9). For instance, 2-(2-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole **1b** reacted with phenylmethanol **2a** leading to the formation of acylation product **3b** in 95% yield (Table 2, entry 2). The reaction of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole **1f** under the standard conditions gave **3f** in 82% yield (Table 2, entry 6). Generally, the benzothiazole parts with electron-neutral substituents or electron-withdrawing groups were relatively more reactive than those with electron-donating ones, and afforded relatively higher yields (Table 2, entries 2, 4-6, 8 and 9 vs entries 3 and 7). Regrettably, 2-(2-nitrophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole **1j** containing strongly electron-withdrawing group (NO₂) reacted with phenylmethanol **2a** under the present reaction conditions no desired products was obtained. If the substituents at the benzothiazole parts and the *ortho*-position of 2-phenyl ring parts both were electron-donating groups, gave the acylation product in poor yield. For example, when 6-methyl-

2-(*o*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]thiazole **1k** was used as substrate, only a 22% yield was obtained (Table 2, entry 11). At the same time, substituted benzo[*d*]thiazole with a strong electron-donating methoxy group at the *ortho* position of the benzene ring showed poor reactivity. To those 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazoles **1n-1r** with electron-donating or -withdrawing group at the *meta*-position of 2-phenyl ring provided *ortho*-acylation products **3m-3q** exclusively at the less sterically hindered position in good yields (Table 2, entries 14-18). Fortunately, unsubstituted 2-phenylbenzo[*d*]thiazole **1s**, also reacted with phenylmethanol **2a** smoothly under standard reaction conditions and moderate isolated yield (62%) of the monoacylated product **3r** was obtained, and only trace amount of bis-acylated product was observed by TLC (Table 2, entry 19). On the other hand, *para*-position substituted 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole **1t** afforded in moderate yield (67%) and an inferior selectivity with mono- and bis-acylated products in almost the same amount (Table 2, entry 20).

Table 2. Reaction of phenylmethanol with 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazoles^a

Entry	1	2a	Product 3	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	1	Product 3	Yield (%) ^b
1				68	11			22
2				95	12			70
3				85	13			83

4			92	14			65
5			83	15			65
6			82	16			81
7			75	17			72
8			80	18			67
9			92	19			62
10		-	-	20			32 ^c

^a Conditions: 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole **1** (0.2 mmol), phenylmethanol **2a** (0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), TBHP (7.0 equiv), BQ (10 mol%), PhCl, 110 °C, 2 h; ^b Isolated yield based on **1**; ^c With 35% yield of bis-acylated product.

The substituent effects of various primary alcohols on this reaction were then studied under the optimized reaction conditions (Table 3). It was noticed that benzylic alcohols bearing electron-donating groups (CH₃) (entry 2) and electron-withdrawing substituents (NO₂, Cl) at the aromatic ring (entries 3 and 4) provided good to high yields. However, the reaction yield decreased dramatically when 4-bromobenzyl alcohol **2e** was used as the substrate, and the desired product **3w** was achieved in 35% yield. Unfortunately, to aliphatic alcohol such as ¹BuOH **2f** the reaction could not occur under the recommended

reaction conditions.

Table 3. Acylation of 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole with primary alcohols^a

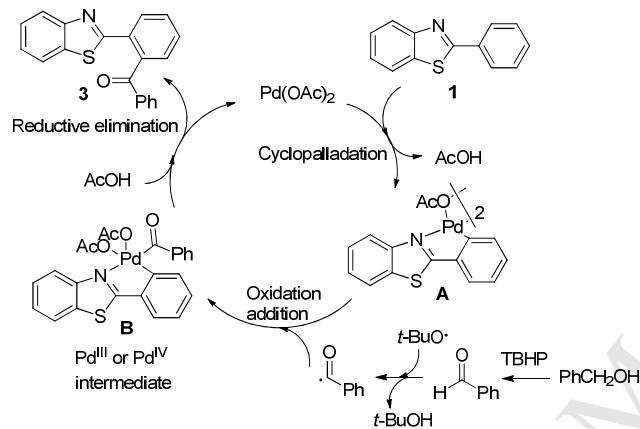
Entry	2	Product 3	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	2	Product 3	Yield (%) ^b
1			92	4			87
2			74	5			35
3			85	6			-

^a Conditions: 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole **1i** (0.2 mmol), primary alcohols **2** (0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), TBHP (7.0 equiv), BQ (10 mol%), PhCl, 110 °C, 2h; ^b Isolated yield based on **1i**.

To understand the reaction mechanism, we test some other experiments. First, using PhCHO as the alternative of PhCH₂OH, the desired coupling product **3a** was obtained in 70% yield under the standard conditions. Subsequently, 2.0 equiv. TEMPO as a radical-trapping reagent was used in our model reaction, and only trace of desired product **3a** was observed, suggesting that free radical intermediate was involved in the reaction.

Based on the previous research^{5a,6-9,12,13} and our results¹⁷, a plausible reaction pathway of the palladium-catalyzed *ortho*-acylation of 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole with phenylmethanol through direct C–H bond activation was suggested in Scheme 1. First, sp² C–H bond activation of 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole occurs in the presence of the palladium catalyst to

form a five-membered palladacycle intermediate **A** (was observed by NMR). Second, the palladacycle **A** reacted with the acyl radical which was produced in situ from the oxidation of alcohol by TBHP to form either reactive Pd^{III} or Pd^{IV} intermediate **B**.^{5a,6,12,13} Finally, the reductive elimination of intermediate **B** afforded coupling product **3** and regenerates Pd^{II} for the next catalytic cycle.



Scheme 1 Plausible mechanism for the Pd-catalyzed *ortho*-acylation reaction.

In summary, we have developed an efficient method for the synthesis of aromatic ketones via a Pd-catalyzed direct sp^2 C–H bond acylation of 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazoles. The cheap and readily available benzylic alcohols were used as acylation sources in the presence of TBHP. The reaction exhibited good functional group tolerance with good to excellent yield and high selectivity.

Experimental Section

General experimental procedures and characterizations: 2-Arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole (0.2 mmol), benzylic alcohol (0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.01 mmol), TBHP (1.4 mmol, 196 μ L, 65% aq), BQ (0.02 mmol), and PhCl (2.0 mL) were added in a 25 mL sealed tube with a

Teflon-lined cap. The mixture was heated at 110 °C for 2 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent to give the corresponding pure coupling product **3**.

*(2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone **3a**.* Isolated as a yellow solid (68% yield, 44.7 mg), mp: 135-136 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.5, 121.3, 123.4, 125.2, 126.0, 126.6, 128.0, 129.3, 129.9, 132.5, 132.7, 132.8, 136.2, 137.4, 138.2, 140.7, 152.9, 165.2, 197.3; IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 1735, 1458, 1087, 775; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NOS: 330.0953; found: 330.0950.

*(2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone **3b**.* Isolated as a yellow solid (95% yield, 66.3 mg), mp: 178-179 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.3, 123.6, 125.6, 126.1, 127.5, 128.1, 129.4, 130.6, 131.8, 132.0, 132.9, 134.2, 136.3, 137.0, 142.9, 152.2, 162.1, 195.8; IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 1669, 1317, 758; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃ClNOS: 350.0406, found: 350.0400.

*(3-chloro-2-(6-methylbenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone **3c**.* Isolated as a yellow solid (85% yield, 61.7 mg), mp: 134-135 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* =

8.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.6, 120.9, 123.0, 127.4, 127.7, 128.1, 129.4, 130.5, 131.8, 131.9, 132.8, 134.1, 135.8, 136.5, 137.0, 142.9, 150.4, 160.9, 195.8; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1670, 1276, 707; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNOS}$: 364.0563, found: 364.0568.

(3-chloro-2-(6-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3d. Isolated as a yellow solid (92% yield, 70.5 mg), mp: 147-148 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 120.9, 124.3, 127.0, 127.6, 128.2, 129.4, 130.9, 131.3, 131.6, 132.1, 133.0, 134.1, 136.9, 137.5, 142.9, 150.7, 162.7, 195.6; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1672, 1303, 826; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_2\text{NOS}$: 384.0017, found: 384.0021.

(3-chloro-2-(6-fluorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3e. Isolated as a yellow solid (83% yield, 60.9 mg), mp: 152-153 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 4.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 107.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 27.0 Hz), 114.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 25.0 Hz), 124.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 10.0 Hz), 127.6, 128.2, 129.4, 130.8, 131.4, 132.0, 132.9, 134.1, 136.9, 137.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 11.0 Hz), 142.9, 148.8, 160.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$ = 245.0 Hz), 195.7; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1667, 1321, 750; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClFNOS}$: 368.0312, found: 368.0310.

(2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3f. Isolated as a yellow solid (82% yield, 54.6 mg), mp: 108-109 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25-7.40

(m, 8H), 7.53-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 4.0, 8.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 117.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.0$ Hz), 120.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 13.0$ Hz), 121.3, 123.4, 124.7, 125.5, 126.1, 128.2, 129.0, 131.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 132.6, 135.8, 137.6, 142.4, 152.0, 158.3, 160.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 252.0$ Hz), 196.0; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1668, 1299, 1273, 757; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNOS}$: 334.0702, found: 334.0700.

*(3-fluoro-2-(6-methylbenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone **3g**.* Isolated as a yellow solid (75% yield, 52.0 mg), mp: 131-132 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.6, 117.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$ Hz), 120.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 14.0$ Hz), 120.9, 122.9, 124.7, 127.8, 128.2, 128.9, 131.5 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 132.6, 135.8, 136.0, 137.6, 142.3, 150.2, 157.1, 160.0 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 253.0$ Hz), 196.1; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1671, 1299, 745; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNOS}$: 348.0858, found: 348.0859.

*(2-(6-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-fluorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone **3h**.* Isolated as a yellow solid (80% yield, 58.7 mg), mp: 170-171 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 117.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$ Hz), 120.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 13.0$ Hz), 120.8, 124.1, 124.8, 127.0, 128.3, 128.9, 131.5, 132.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 132.7, 136.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 6.0$ Hz), 137.5, 142.3, 150.5, 158.8, 160.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 253.0$ Hz), 195.8; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1671, 1309, 722; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClFNOS}$: 368.0312, found: 368.0315.

(3-fluoro-2-(6-fluorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3i. Isolated as a colorless solid (92% yield, 64.6 mg), mp: 124-125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.73 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 107.3 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 27.0 Hz), 114.9 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 25.0 Hz), 117.6 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 22.0 Hz), 120.1 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 13.0 Hz), 124.4 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 9.0 Hz), 124.8, 128.3, 128.9, 131.8 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 9.0 Hz), 132.7, 136.9, 137.5, 142.3, 148.6, 158.1, 160.0 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 252.0 Hz), 160.6 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 245.0 Hz), 195.9; IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 1665, 1279, 7788; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₂F₂NOS: 352.0608, found: 352.0612.

(3-methyl-2-(6-methylbenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3j. Isolated as a brown solid (22% yield, 15.1 mg), mp: 70-71 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.5, 21.5, 121.0, 122.8, 126.5, 127.6, 128.0, 129.2, 129.9, 132.6, 132.7, 132.8, 135.3, 136.4, 137.4, 138.2, 140.7, 151.1, 164.0, 197.4; IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 1668, 1275, 774; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₈NOS: 344.1109, found: 344.1111.

(2-(6-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3k. Isolated as a white solid (70% yield, 50.8 mg); mp: 122-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.5, 120.9, 124.1, 126.8, 126.9, 128.1, 129.5, 129.9, 131.2, 132.1, 132.8, 132.9, 137.3, 137.4, 138.2, 140.6, 151.4, 165.8, 197.2; IR (KBr) ν/cm⁻¹: 1668,

1279, 719; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClNOS: 364.0563, found: 364.0568.

(2-(6-fluorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-3-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3l. Isolated as a yellow solid (83% yield, 57.6 mg), mp: 132-133 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.48 (m, 5H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (dd, J = 4.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.5, 107.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 26.0 Hz), 114.7 (d, J_{C-F} = 25.0 Hz), 124.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 10.0 Hz), 126.7, 128.1, 129.4, 129.9, 132.2, 132.8, 132.9, 137.2 (d, J_{C-F} = 11.0 Hz), 137.4, 138.2, 140.6, 149.5, 160.4 (d, J_{C-F} = 245.0 Hz), 165.0, 197.2; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1668, 1282, 849; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₅FNOS: 348.0858, found: 348.0862.

(2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3m. Isolated as a white solid (65% yield, 42.8 mg), mp: 129-130 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.52 (s, 3H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.41 (s, 7.41), 7.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.81 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 121.4, 123.4, 125.2, 126.1, 128.2, 129.1, 129.3, 130.3, 131.0, 132.3, 132.6, 135.4, 137.0, 138.0, 140.6, 153.5, 165.6, 197.7; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1663, 1281, 732; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NOS: 330.0953, found: 330.0949.

(2-(6-chlorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3n. Isolated as a yellow solid (65% yield, 47.2 mg), mp: 125-126 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.52 (s, 3H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.71-7.76 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 121.0, 124.1, 127.0, 128.2, 129.2, 130.2, 131.1, 131.2, 131.9, 132.7, 136.5, 137.0, 137.9, 140.8, 152.0, 166.1, 197.5;

IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1683, 1292, 814; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClNOS: 364.0563, found: 364.0567.

(2-(6-fluorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-methylphenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3o. Isolated as a yellow solid (81% yield, 56.2 mg), mp: 138-139 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.51 (s, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.70-7.75 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 107.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 27.0 Hz), 114.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 24.0 Hz), 124.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 10.0 Hz), 128.2, 129.2, 129.3, 130.2, 131.0, 132.0, 132.6, 136.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 12.0 Hz), 136.9, 137.9, 140.7, 150.1, 160.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 244.0 Hz), 165.4, 197.6; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1663, 1280, 929, 733; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₅FNOS: 348.0858, found: 348.0861.

(2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3p. Isolated as a white solid (72% yield, 50.2 mg), mp: 134-135 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.5, 123.6, 125.7, 126.4, 128.3, 129.2, 129.5, 130.2, 130.3, 132.9, 133.9, 135.4, 136.2, 137.5, 138.0, 153.3, 163.7, 196.5; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1665, 1277, 778; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₃ClNOS: 350.0406, found: 350.0411.

(4-chloro-2-(6-methylbenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3q. Isolated as a yellow solid (67% yield, 48.6 mg), mp: 87-88 °C ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.6, 121.2, 123.1, 128.0, 128.3, 129.2, 129.3, 130.1, 130.3, 132.9, 134.0, 135.6, 136.0, 136.2, 137.5, 137.9, 151.5,

162.5, 196.6; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1666, 1273, 738; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₅ClNOS: 364.0563, found: 364.0559.

((2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3r^{9b}. Isolated as a yellow solid (62% yield, 40.8 mg), mp: 109-110 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.34- 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 121.4, 123.4, 125.3, 126.2, 128.2, 128.9, 129.3, 129.6, 130.2, 130.3, 132.1, 132.7, 135.3, 137.8, 139.7, 153.5, 165.3, 197.7; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1666, 1256, 799; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₄NOS: 316.0796, found: 316.0791.

(2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methanone 3s Isolated in 32% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.65 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 55.6, 113.9, 115.8, 121.2, 123.1, 124.6, 124.9, 125.9, 128.2, 129.2, 131.1, 132.6, 135.1, 137.7, 141.3, 153.5, 161.2, 165.0, 197.2; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NO₂S: 346.0902, found: 346.0897.

(2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-5-methoxy-1,3-phenylene)bis(phenylmethanone) 3s' Isolated in 35% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.93 (s, 3H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 7H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.73 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 56.0, 115.7, 121.0, 123.1, 123.4, 125.0, 125.9, 128.2, 129.5, 133.1, 136.3, 136.7, 142.6, 152.5, 160.4, 162.7, 196.6; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₀NO₃S: 450.1164, found: 450.1173.

(3-fluoro-2-(6-fluorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(p-tolyl)methanone 3t. Isolated as a yellow solid (74% yield, 54.0 mg), mp: 135-136 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.29

(s, 3H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 4.8, 8.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.7, 107.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 26.0$ Hz), 114.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 117.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$ Hz), 120.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 14.0$ Hz), 124.5 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 10.0$ Hz), 124.6, 129.1, 129.3, 131.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 134.9, 136.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 11.0$ Hz), 142.5, 143.7, 148.7, 158.2, 160.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 252.0$ Hz), 160.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 244.0$ Hz), 195.7; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1661, 1279, 788; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{NOS}$: 366.0764, found: 366.0771.

(4-chlorophenyl)(3-fluoro-2-(6-fluorobenzothiazol-2-yl)phenyl)methanone **3u.**

Isolated as a yellow solid (85% yield, 54.0 mg), mp: 107-108 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.10 (dt, $J = 2.4, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd, $J = 2.8, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dt, $J = 5.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 107.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 27.0$ Hz), 115.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 117.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$ Hz), 119.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 14.0$ Hz), 124.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 124.6, 128.7, 130.2, 131.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 136.0, 136.7, 139.0, 141.7, 148.5, 157.9, 158.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 252.0$ Hz), 159.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 245.0$ Hz), 194.7; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1670, 1275, 843; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClF}_2\text{NOS}$: 386.0218, found: 386.0225.

(3-fluoro-2-(6-fluorobenzothiazol-2-yl)phenyl)(4-nitrophenyl)methanone **3v.** Isolated as a yellow solid (87% yield, 68.9 mg), mp: 143-144 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11 (dt, $J = 1.6, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 107.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 26.0$ Hz), 115.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 118.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$ Hz), 119.8 (d,

$^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 13.0$ Hz), 123.6, 124.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 10.0$ Hz), 124.8, 129.3, 132.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 136.7, 140.7, 142.6, 148.0, 149.7, 157.6, 158.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 253.0$ Hz), 159.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 246.0$ Hz), 194.0; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1673, 1255, 797; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₁F₂N₂O₃S: 397.0458, found: 397.0465.

(4-bromophenyl)(3-fluoro-2-(6-fluorobenzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenyl)methanone **3w**.

Isolated as a yellow solid (35% yield, 30.0 mg), mp: 124-125 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (dt, $J = 2.4, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 2.4, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 4.8, 8.8$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 107.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 27.0$ Hz), 115.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 117.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 22.0$ Hz), 119.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 14.0$ Hz), 124.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 10.0$ Hz), 124.6, 127.8, 130.3, 131.6, 131.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 136.4, 136.7, 141.6, 148.5, 157.8, 160.0 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 254.0$ Hz), 161.7 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 245.0$ Hz), 194.9; IR (KBr) ν/cm^{-1} : 1671, 1275, 795; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₁BrF₂NOS: 429.9713, found: 429.9708.

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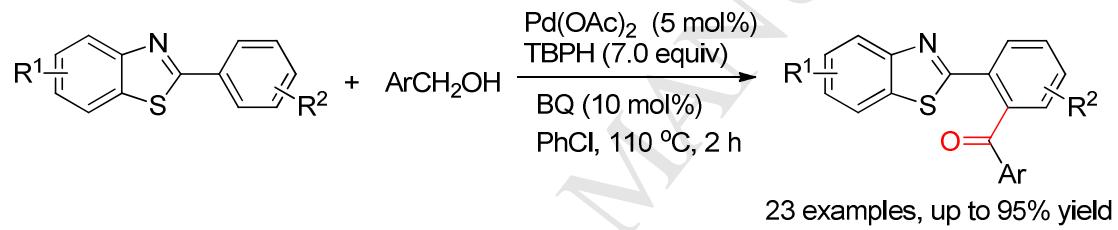


Table 1. Optimization of the reaction conditions^a

Entry	[Pd]	Solvent	Oxidant	Ligand	Yield (%) ^b
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	31
2	PdCl ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	15
3	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	PhCl	TBHP	-	27
4	PdCl ₂ (CH ₃ CN) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	24
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7	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	DTBP	-	18
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	O ₂	-	-
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	Oxone	-	-
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈	-	-
11 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	45
12 ^d	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	-	52
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17 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	L-proline	42
18 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	BQ	68
19 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	DDQ	trace
20 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	PhCl	TBHP	1,10-phen	-
21 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	toluene	TBHP	BQ	50
22 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	AcOH	TBHP	BQ	30
23 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMAc	TBHP	BQ	trace
24 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMF	TBHP	BQ	-
25 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	DMSO	TBHP	BQ	trace

26 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	NMP	TBHP	BQ	20
27 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	CH ₃ CN	TBHP	BQ	35

^a Conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), [Pd] catalyst (5 mol %), oxidant (3.0 equiv),

ligand (10 mol%) 110 °C, 2 h.

^b Isolated yield based on **1a**.

^c 4.0 equiv of TBHP were used.

^d 6.0 equiv of TBHP were used.

^e 7.0 equiv of TBHP were used.

Table 2. Reaction of phenylmethanol with 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazoles^a

Entry	1	Product 3	Yield (%) ^b
1			68
2			95
3			85
4			92
5			83
6			82
11			22
12			70
13			83
14			65
15			65
16			81

7			75	17			72
8			80	18			67
9			92	19			62
10			-	20			32 ^c

^a Conditions: 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole **1** (0.2 mmol), phenylmethanol **2a** (0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), TBHP (7.0 equiv), BQ (10 mol%), PhCl, 110 °C, 2h.

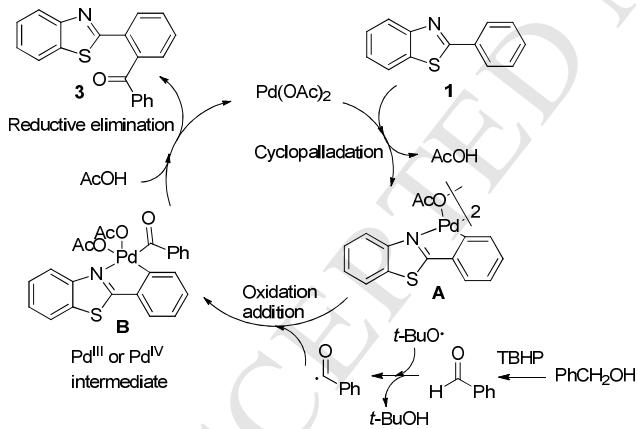
^b Isolated yield based on **1**. ^c With 35% yield of bis-acylated product.

Table 3. Acylation of 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole with primary alcohols^a

		Pd(OAc) ₂ (5 mol%) TBHP (7.0 equiv) BQ (10 mol%) PhCl, 110 °C, 2 h					
Entry	2	Product 3	Yield (%) ^b	Entry	2	Product 3	Yield (%) ^b
1			92	4			87
2			74	5			35
3			85	6			-

^a Conditions: 2-arylbenzo[*d*]thiazole **1i** (0.2 mmol), primary alcohols **2** (0.6 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), TBHP (7.0 equiv), BQ (10 mol%), PhCl, 110 °C, 2h.

^b Isolated yield based on **1i**.



Scheme 1 Plausible mechanism for the Pd-catalyzed *ortho*-acylation reaction.

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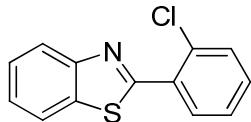
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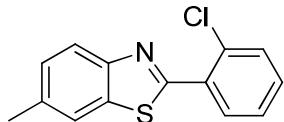
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2-(2-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**1b**) mp: 86-87 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H);

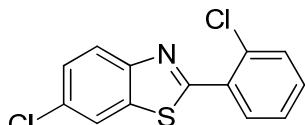
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2-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methylbenzo[d]thiazole (**1c**) mp: 101-102 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H);

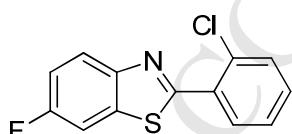
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6-chloro-2-(2-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**1d**) mp: 136-137 °C;

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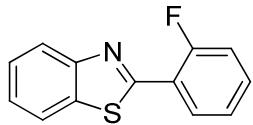
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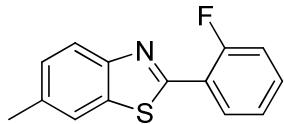
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 107.4 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 26.5 Hz), 115.1 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 24.7 Hz), 124.5 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 9.3 Hz), 127.1, 130.8, 131.2, 131.6, 131.9, 132.6, 137.1 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 11.1 Hz), 149.1, 160.6 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 244.8 Hz), 163.8;



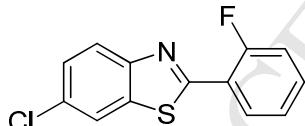
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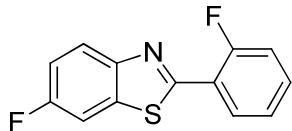
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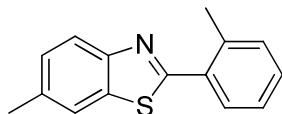
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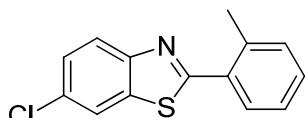
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6-methyl-2-(*o*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (**1k**) mp: 97-98 °C;

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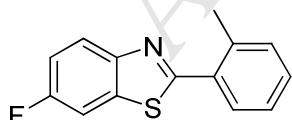
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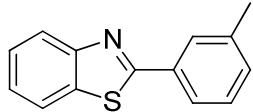
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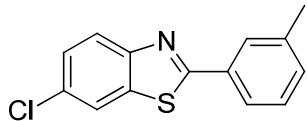
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2-(*m*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (**1n**) mp: 72-73 °C;

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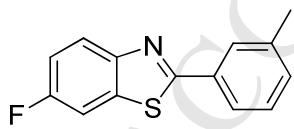
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6-chloro-2-(*m*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (**1o**) mp: 136-137 °C;

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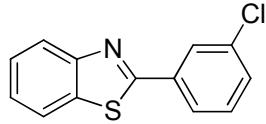
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6-fluoro-2-(*m*-tolyl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (**1p**) mp: 82-83 °C;

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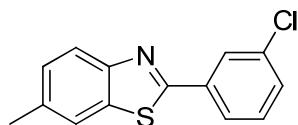
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2-(3-chlorophenyl)benzo[d]thiazole (**1q**) mp: 111-112 °C;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H);

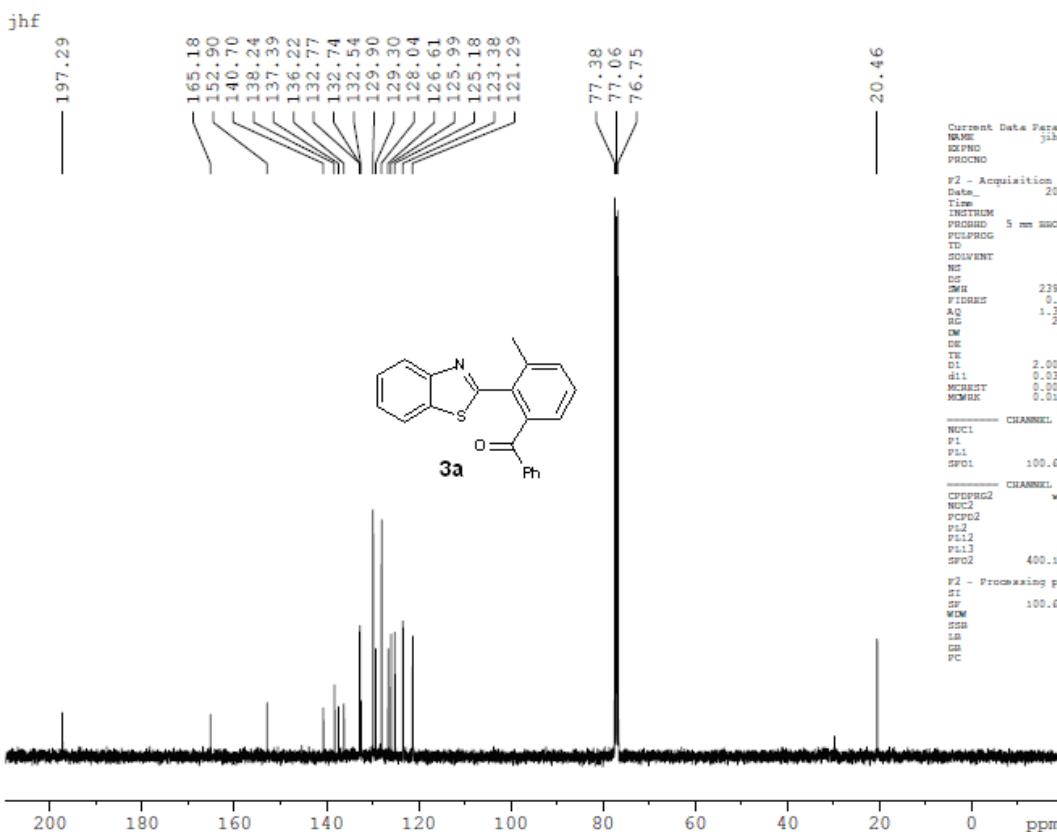
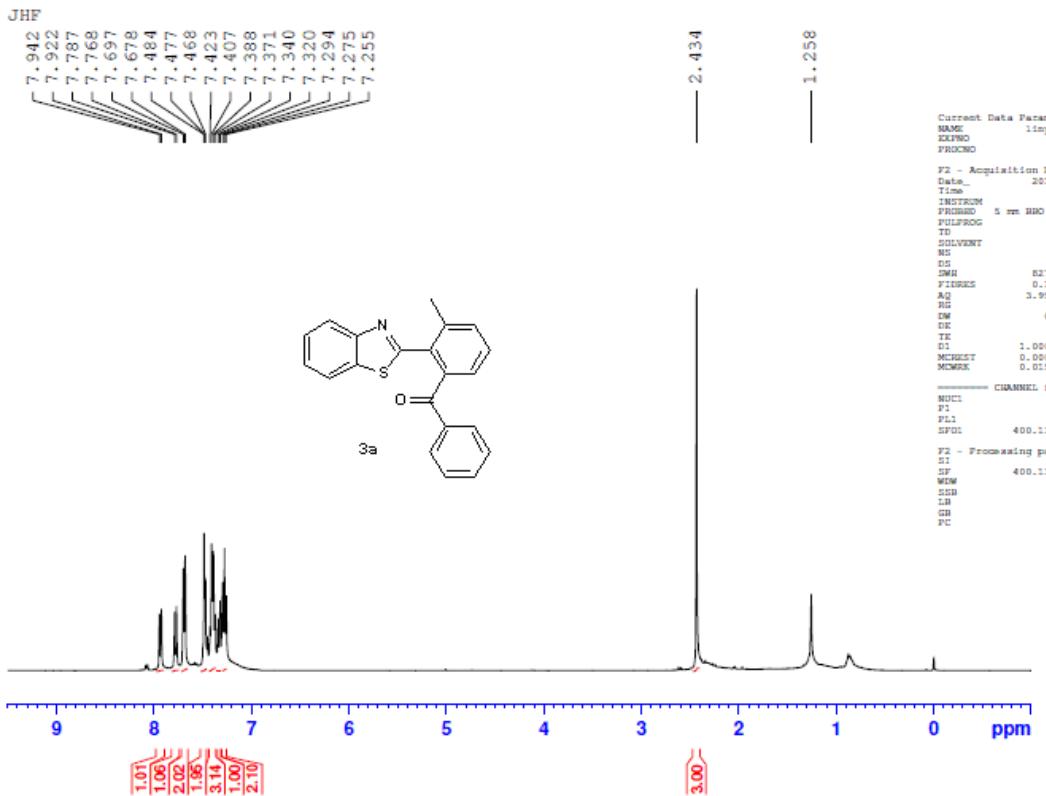
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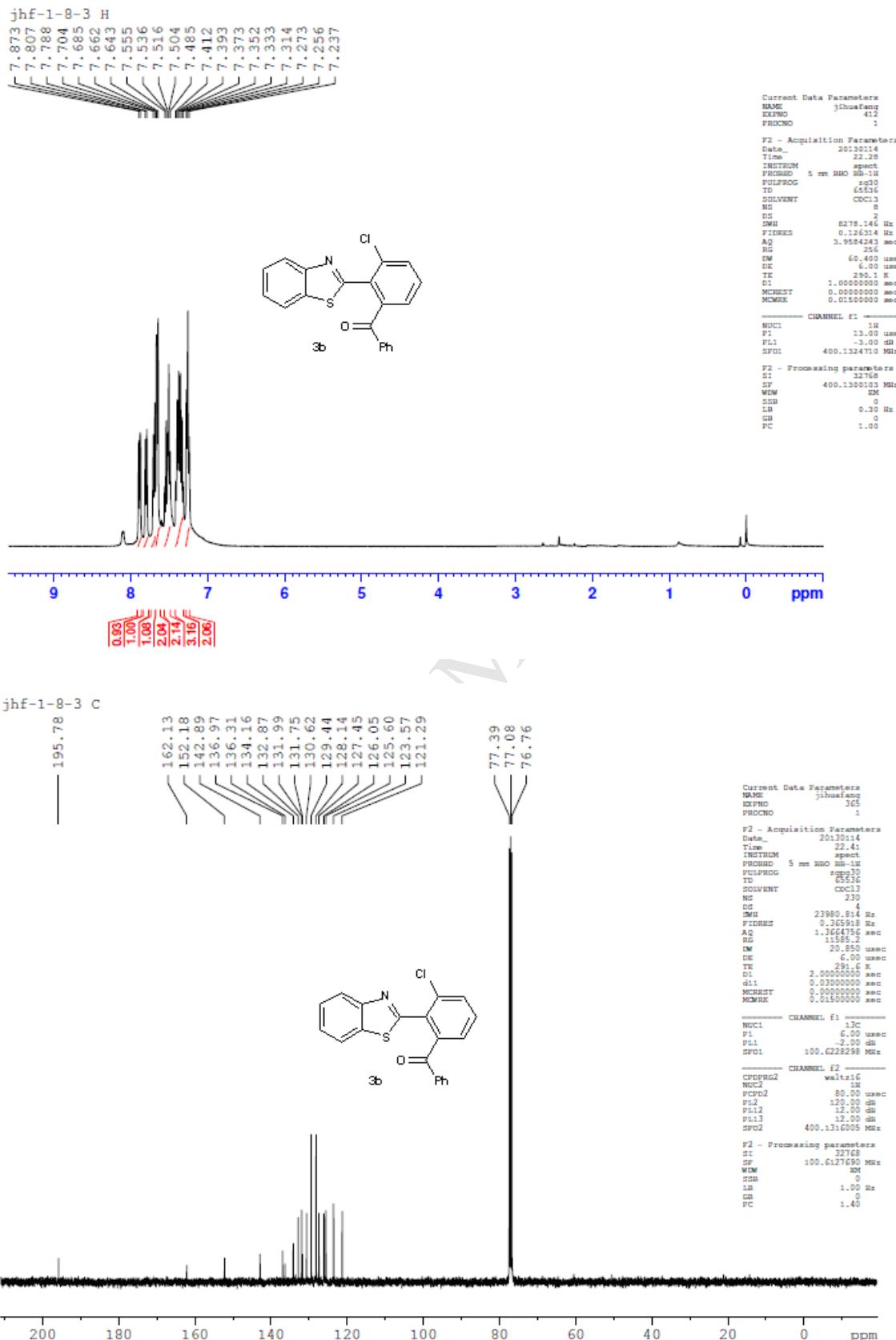


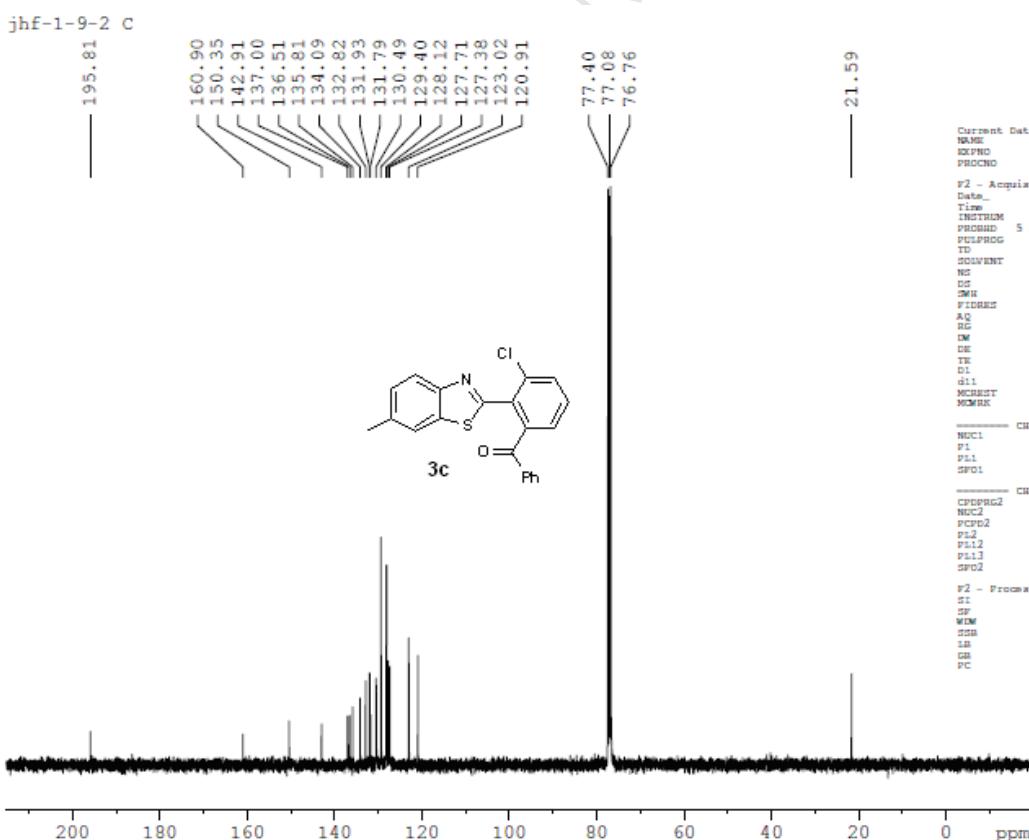
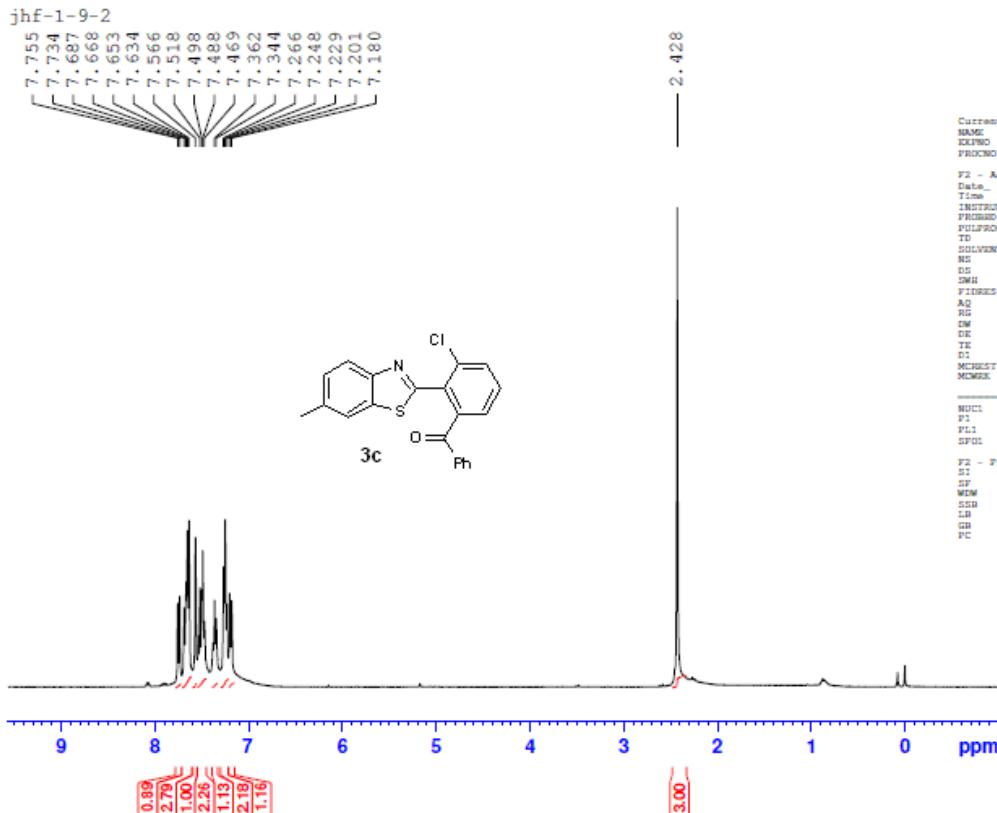
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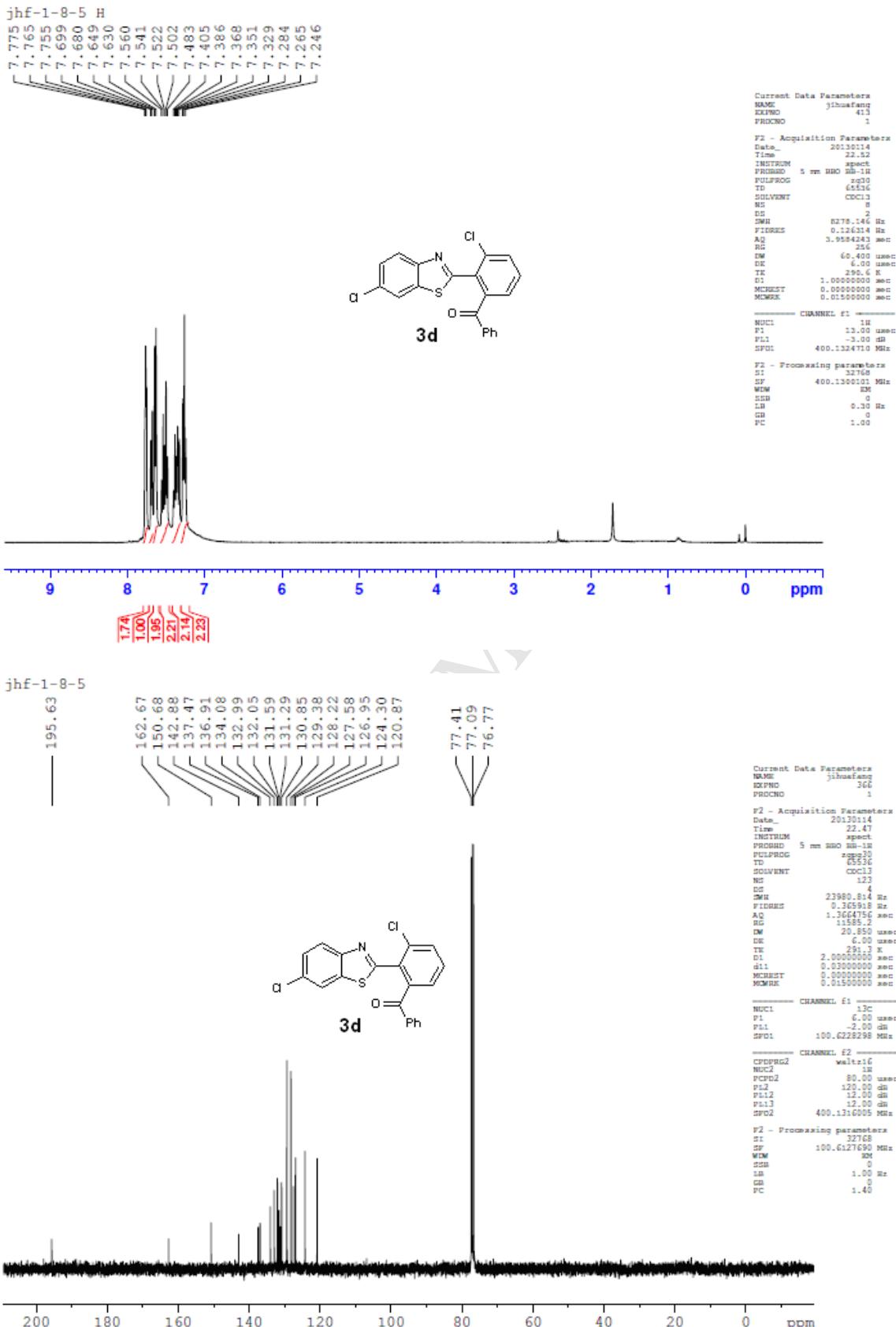
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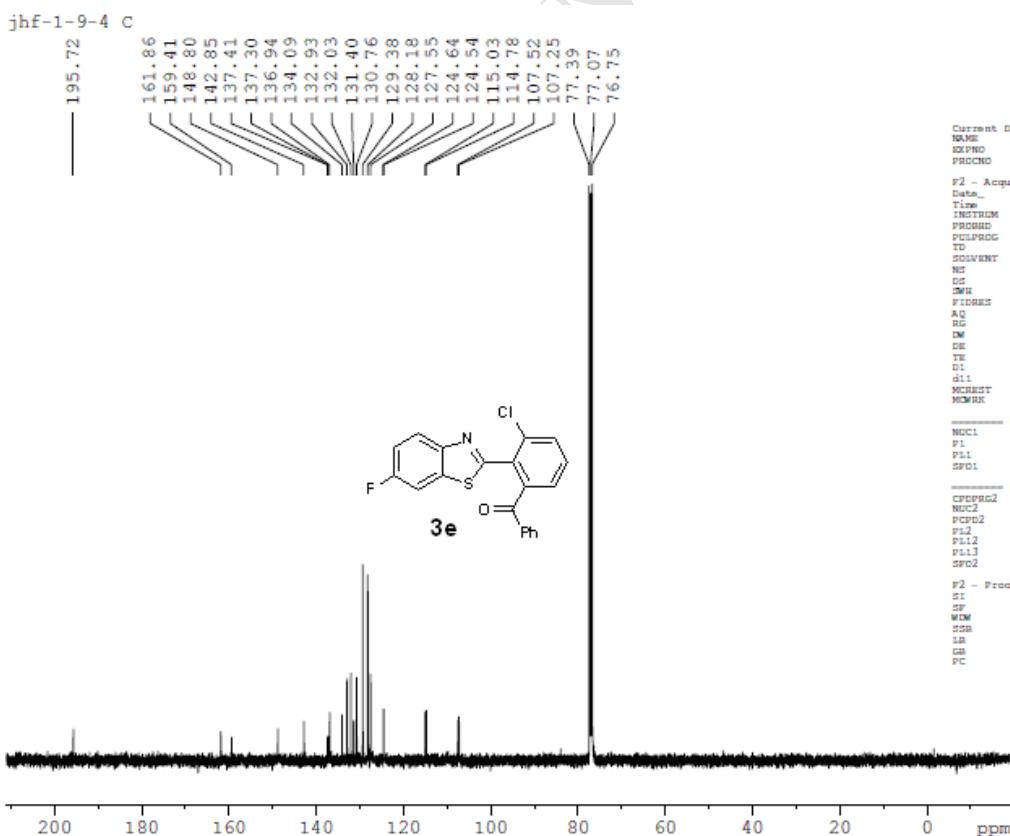
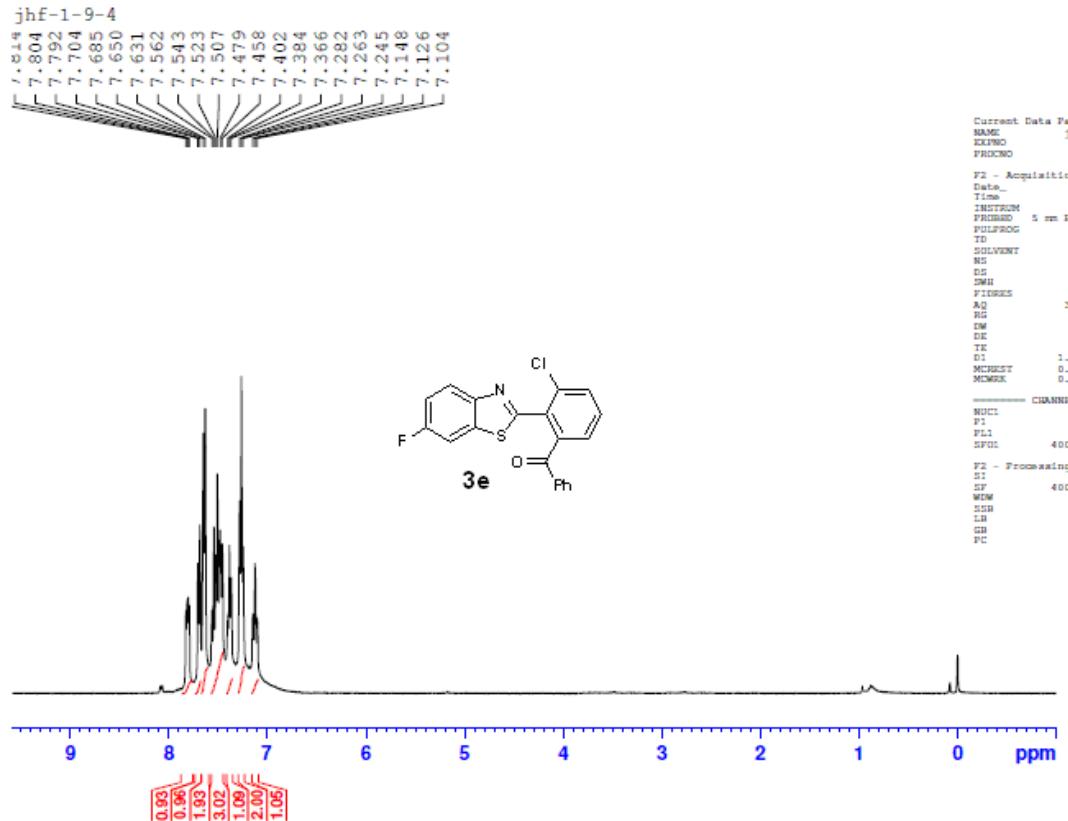
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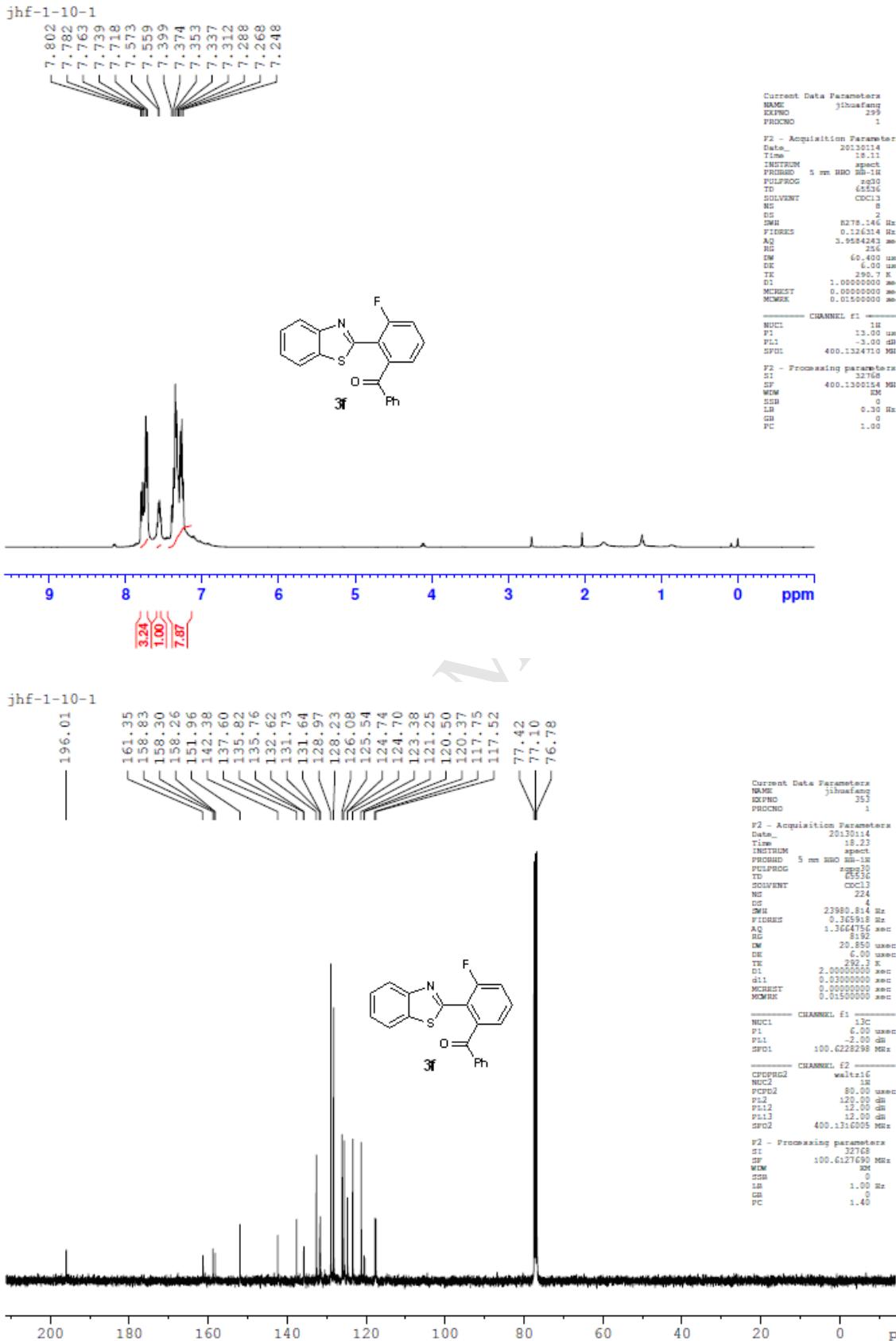


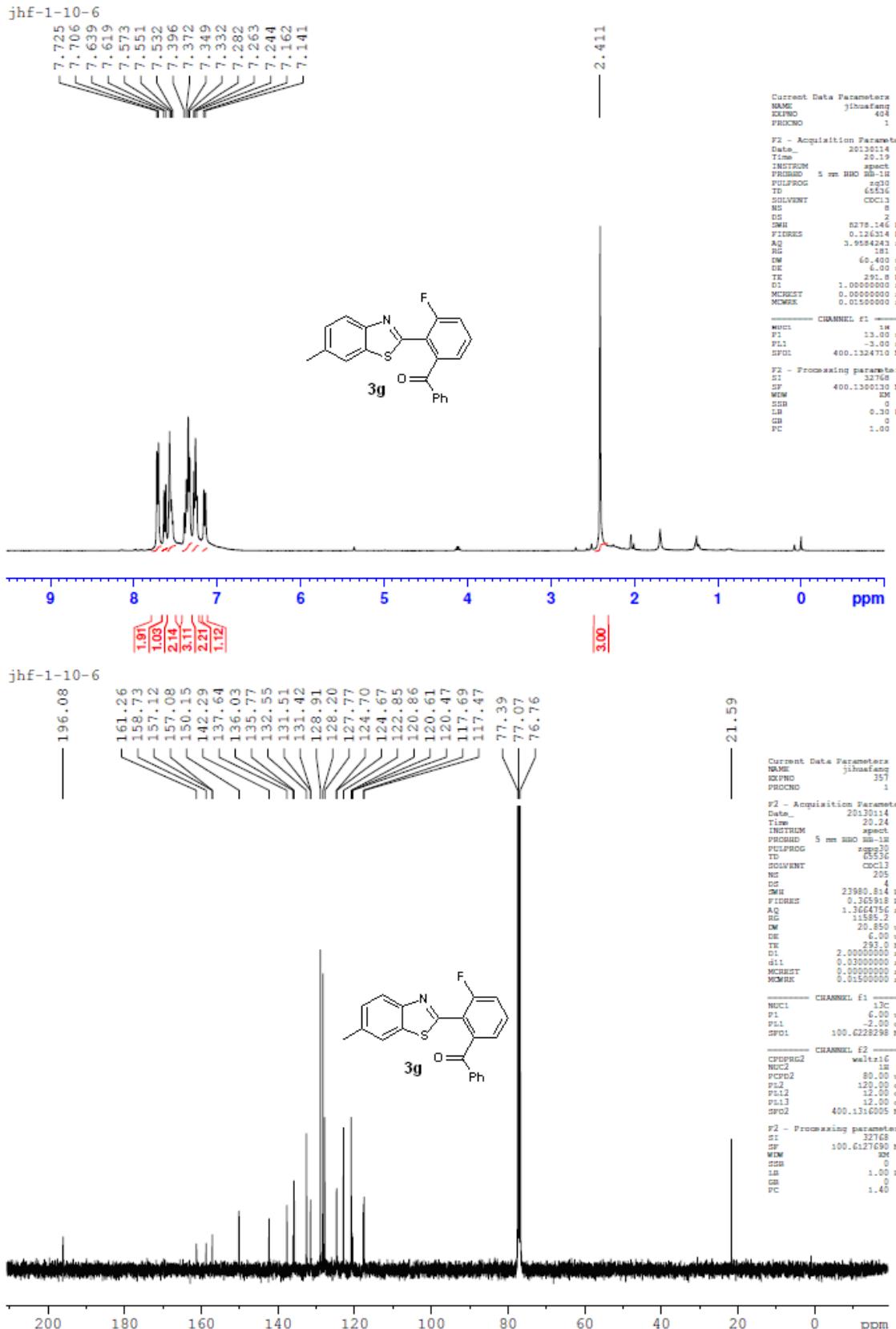


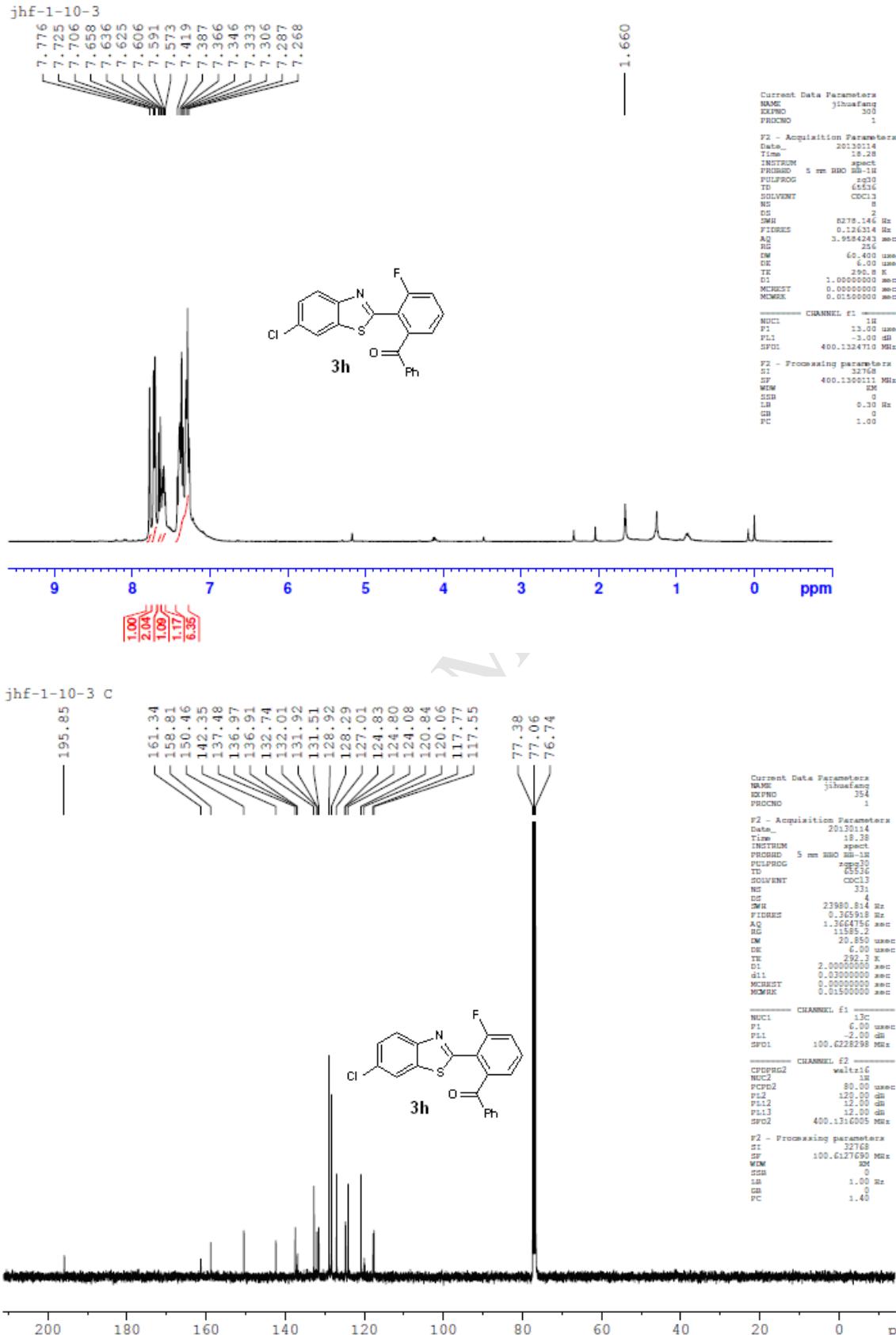


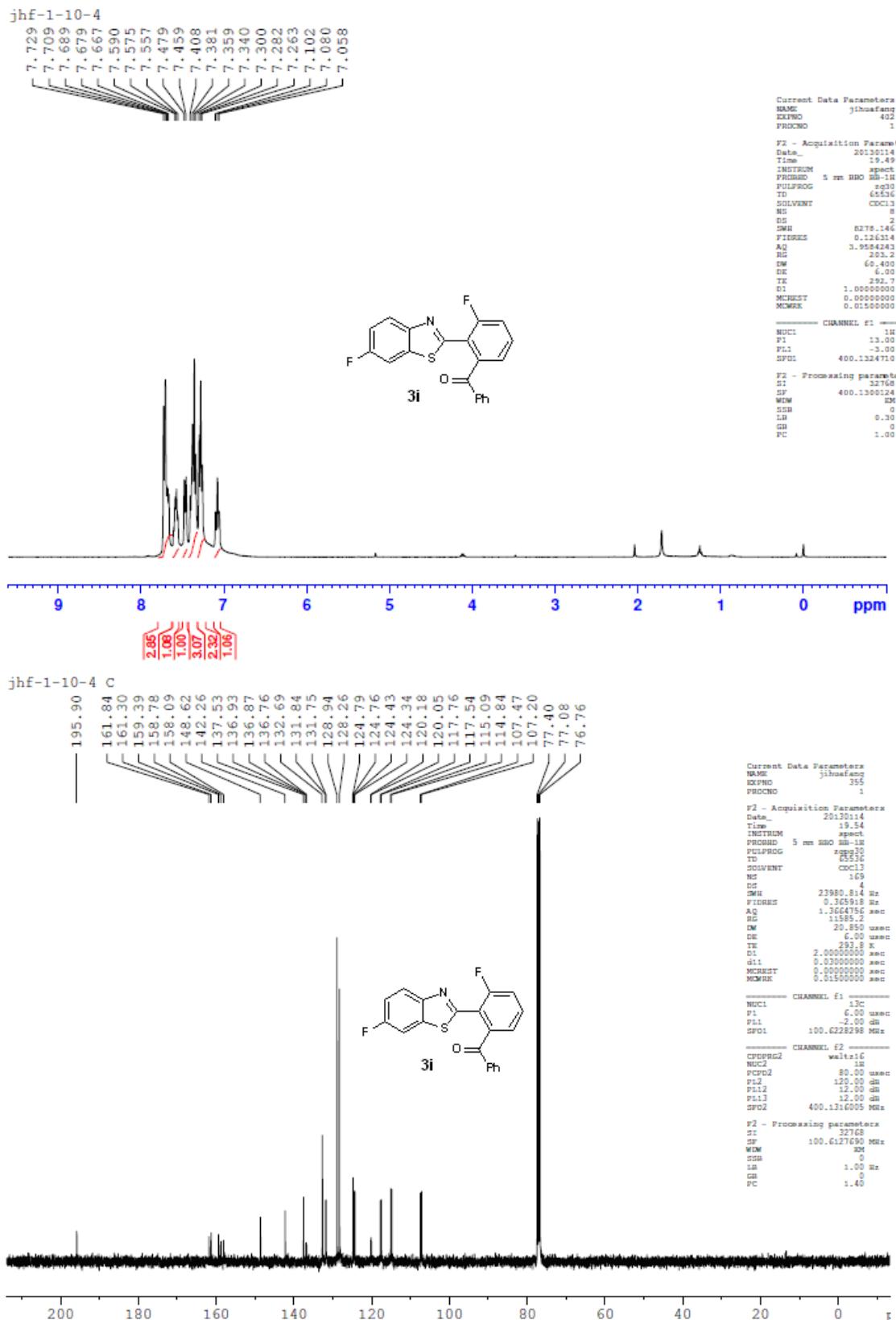


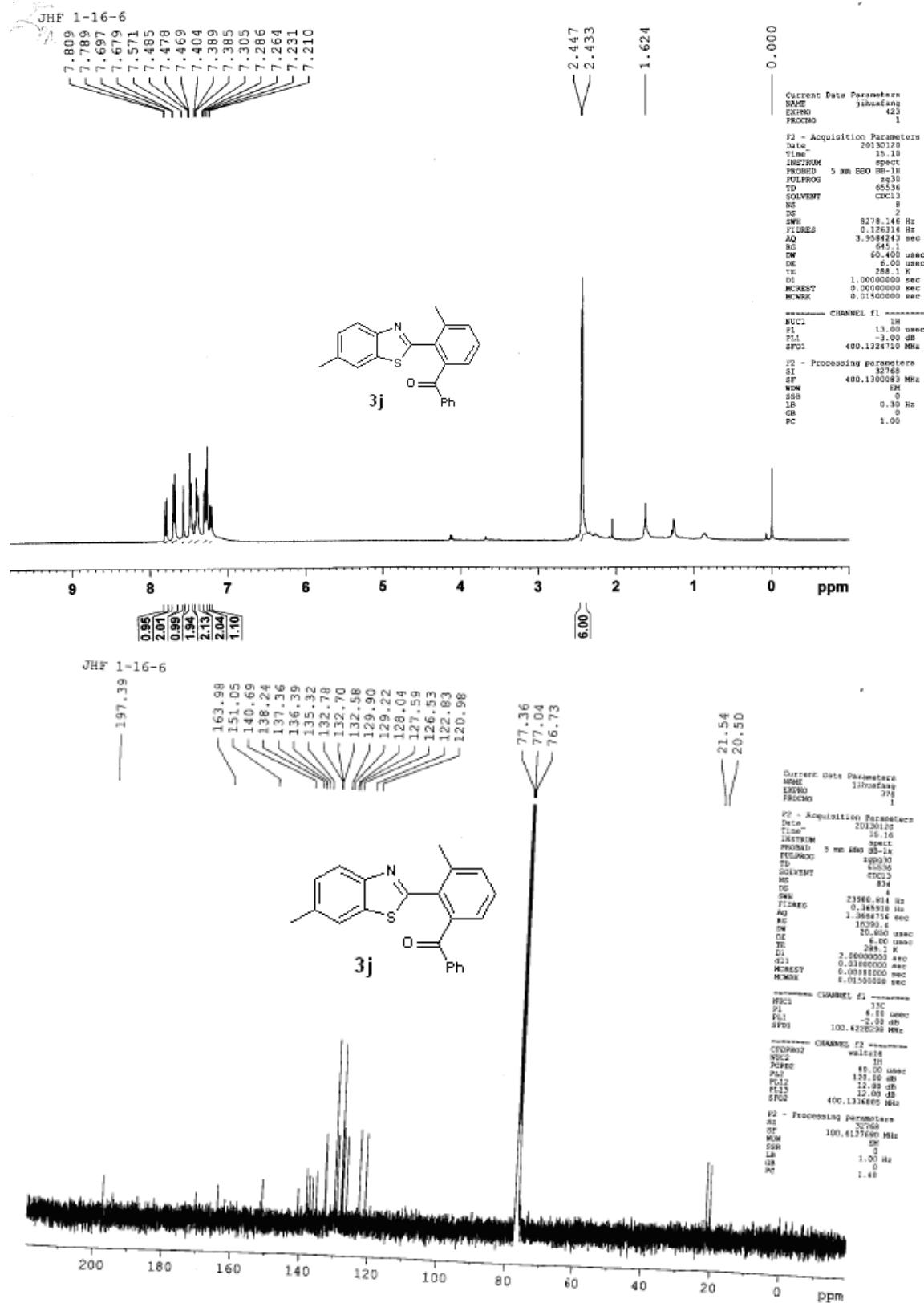




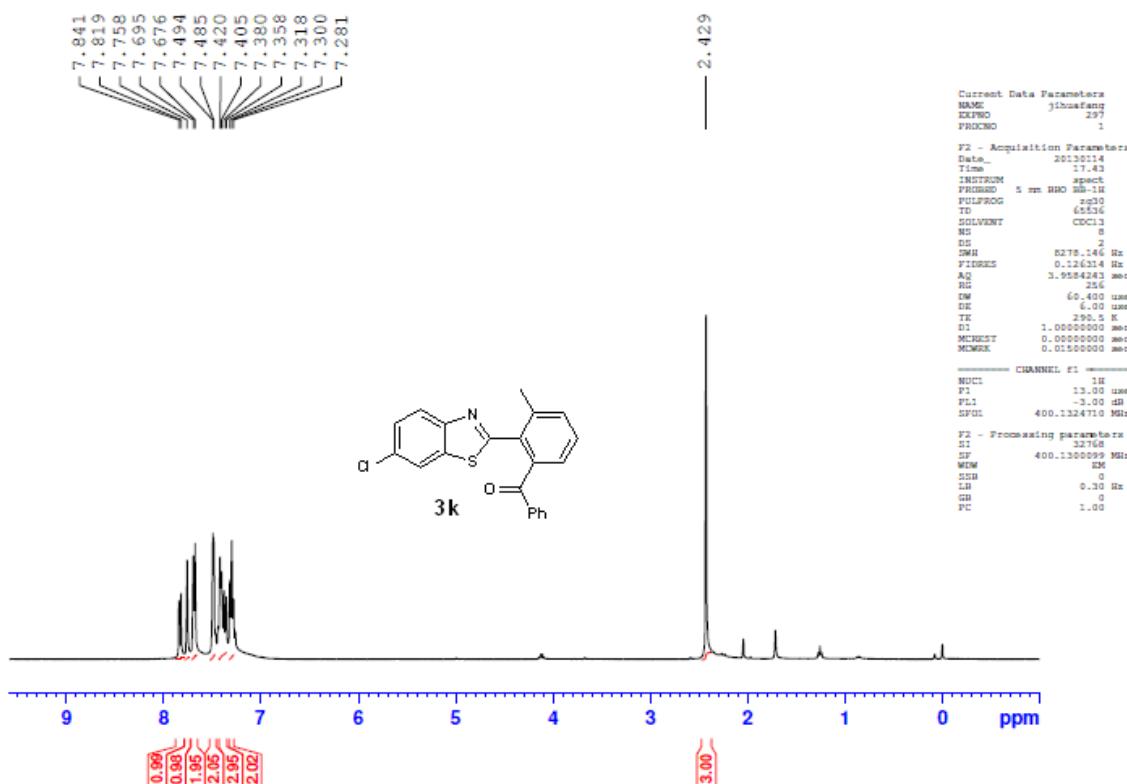




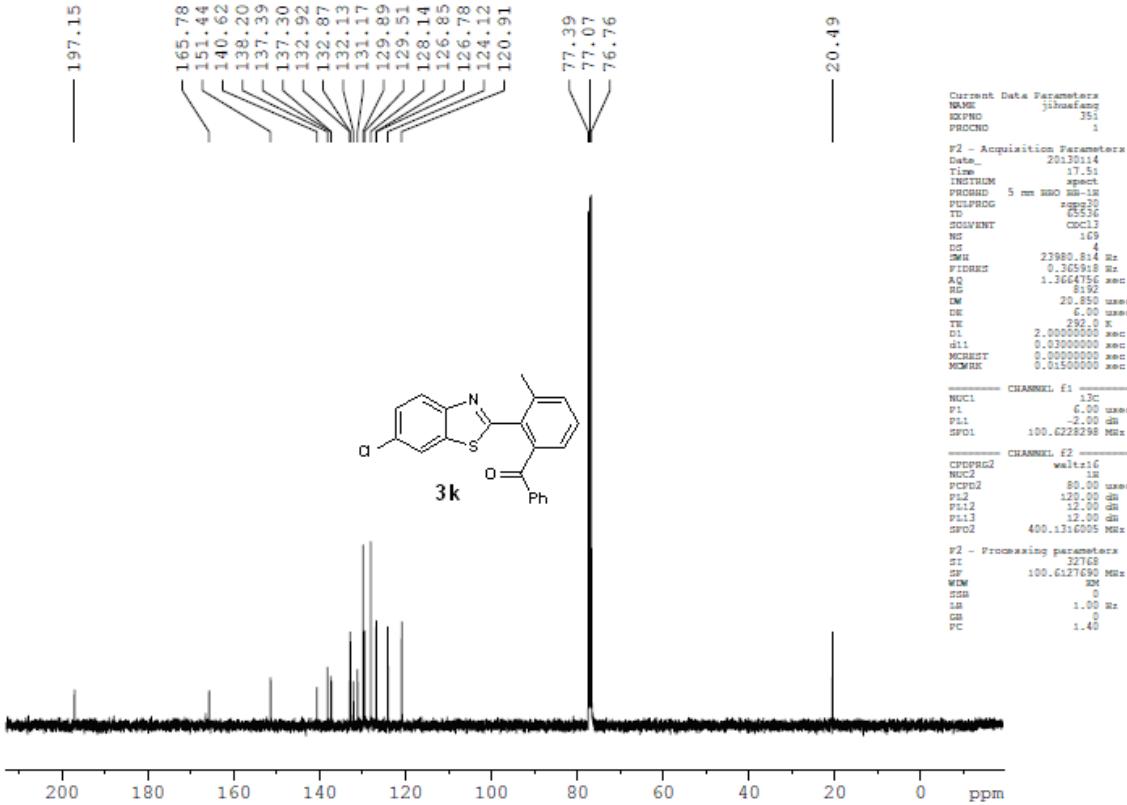


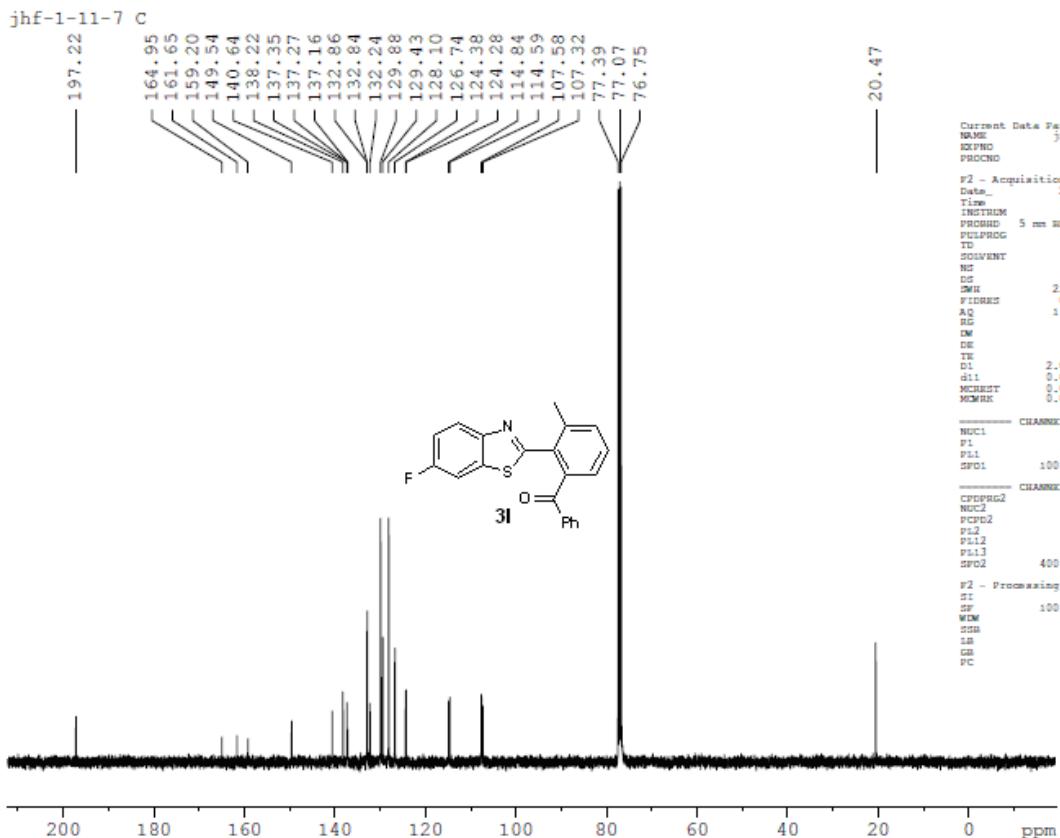
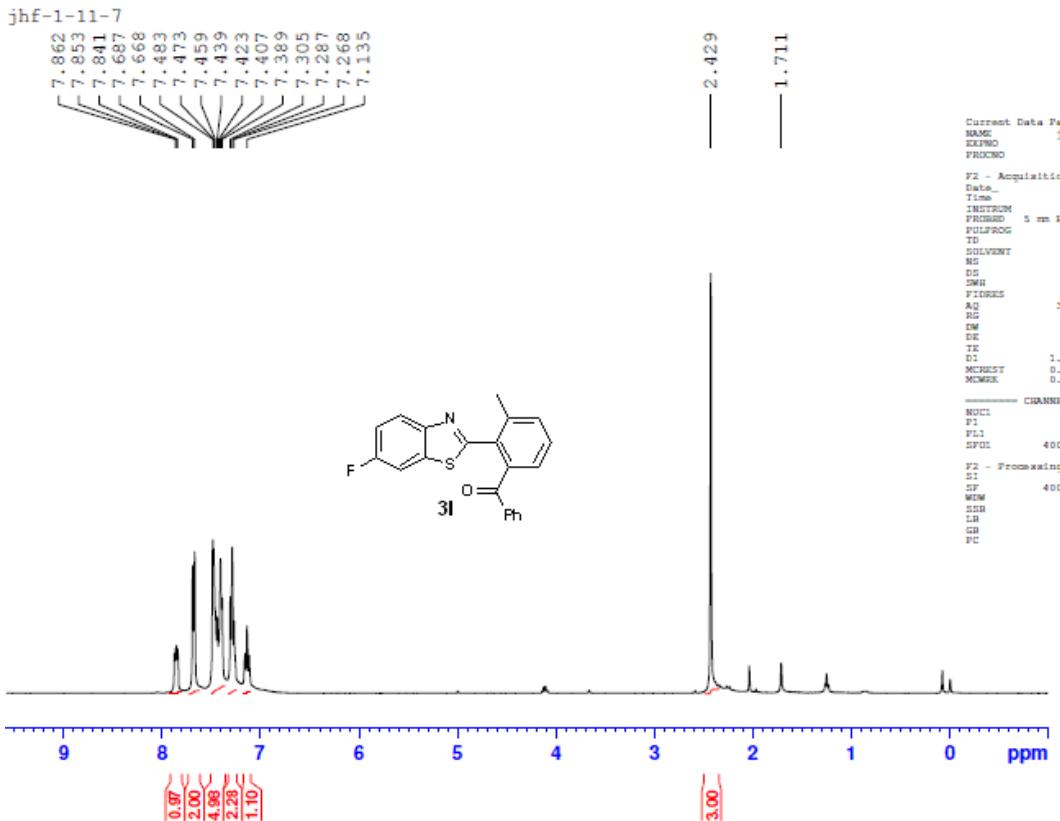


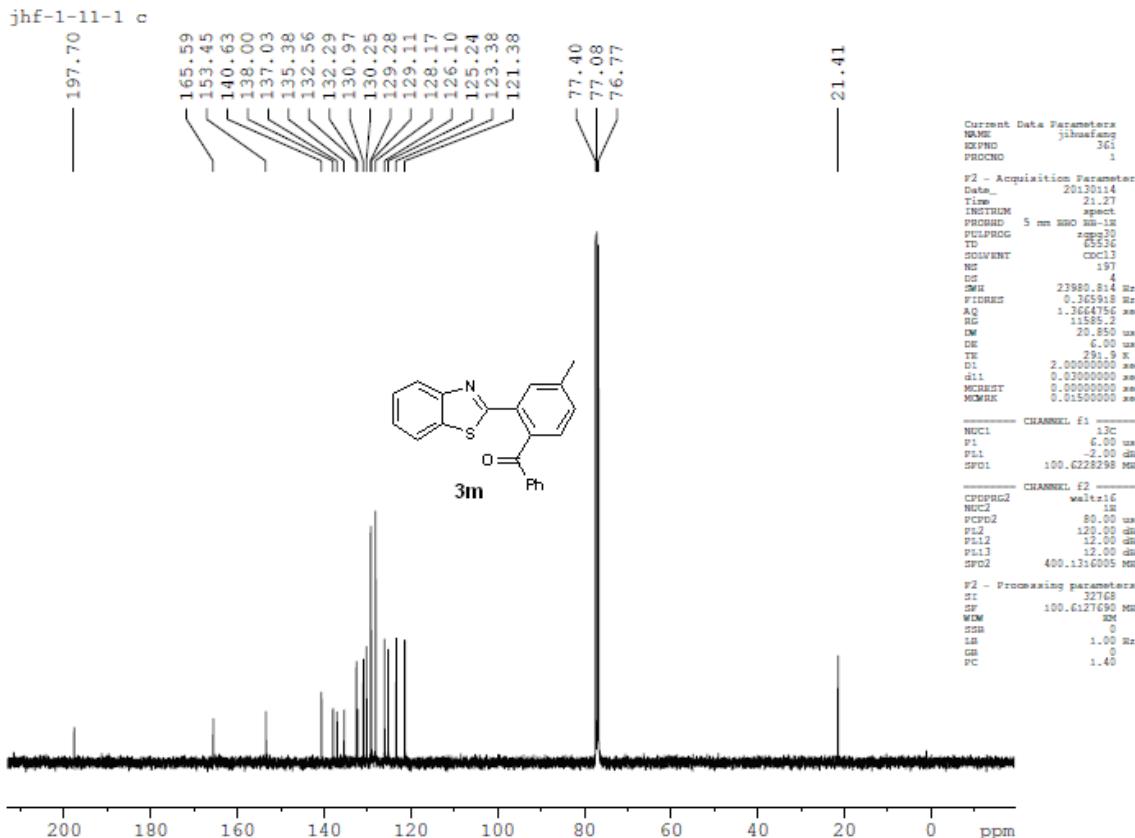
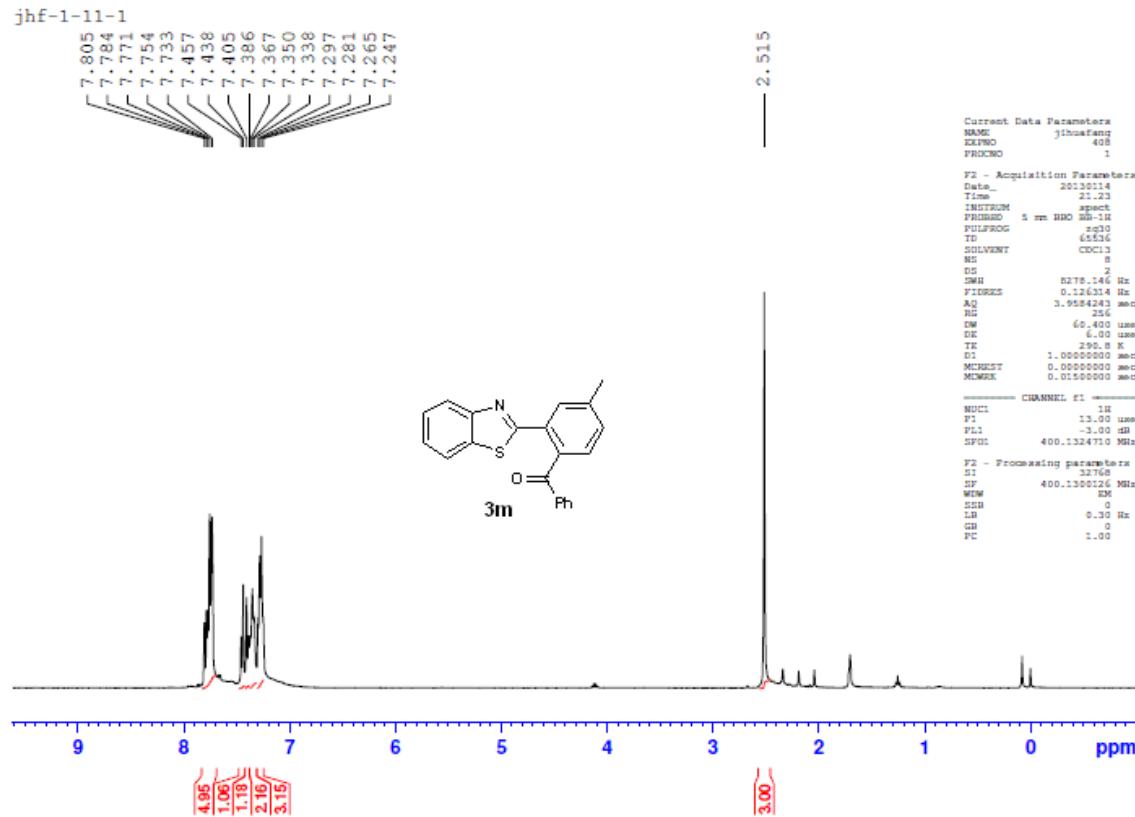
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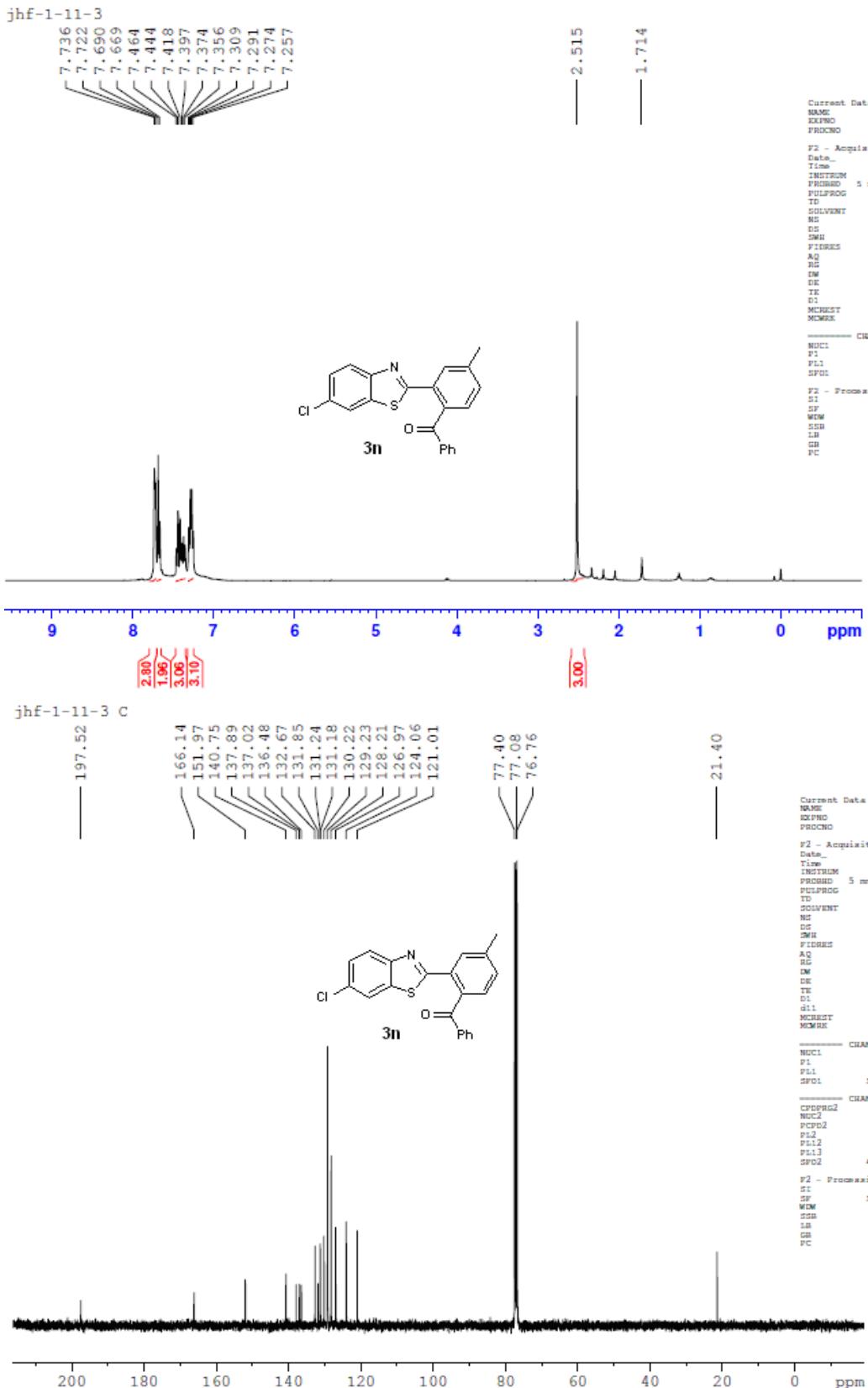


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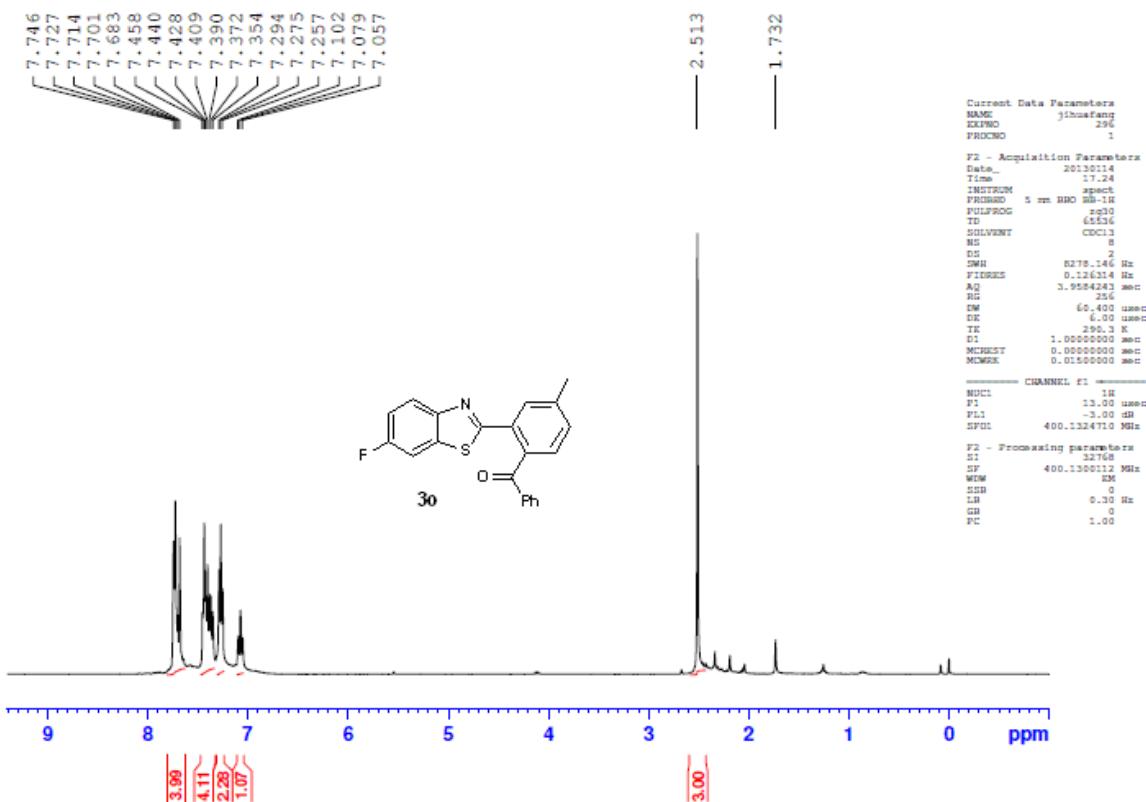




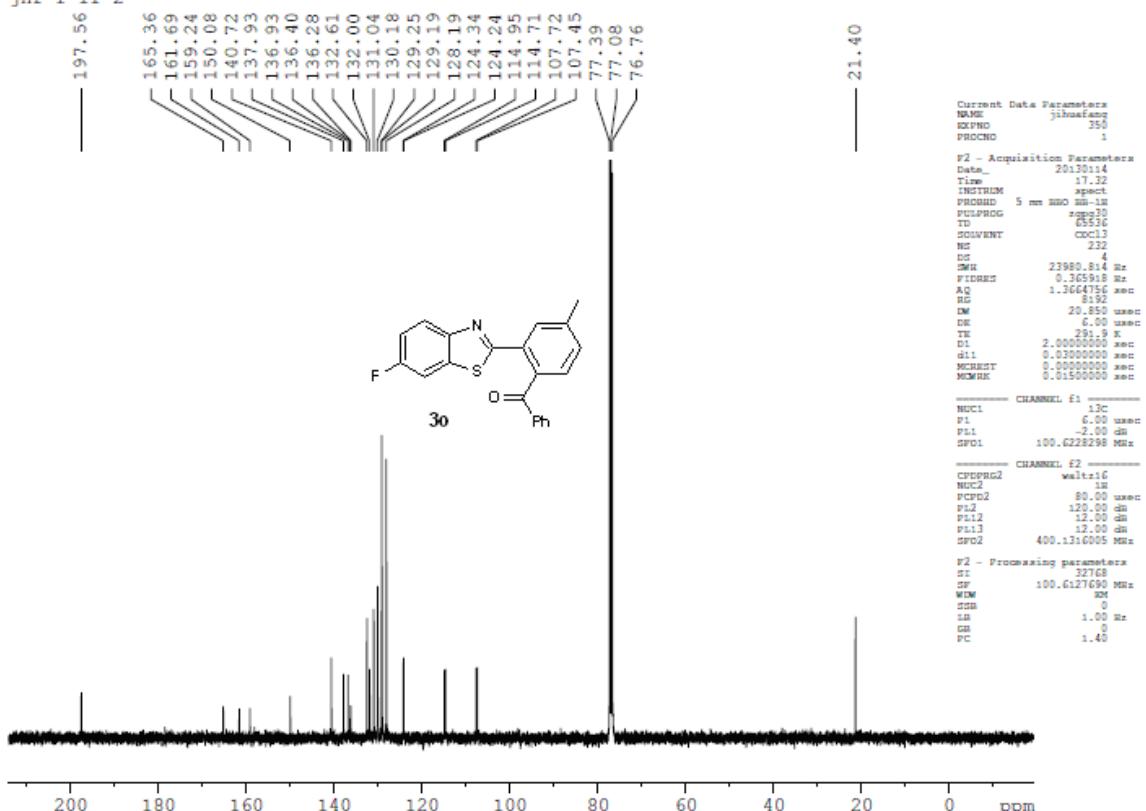


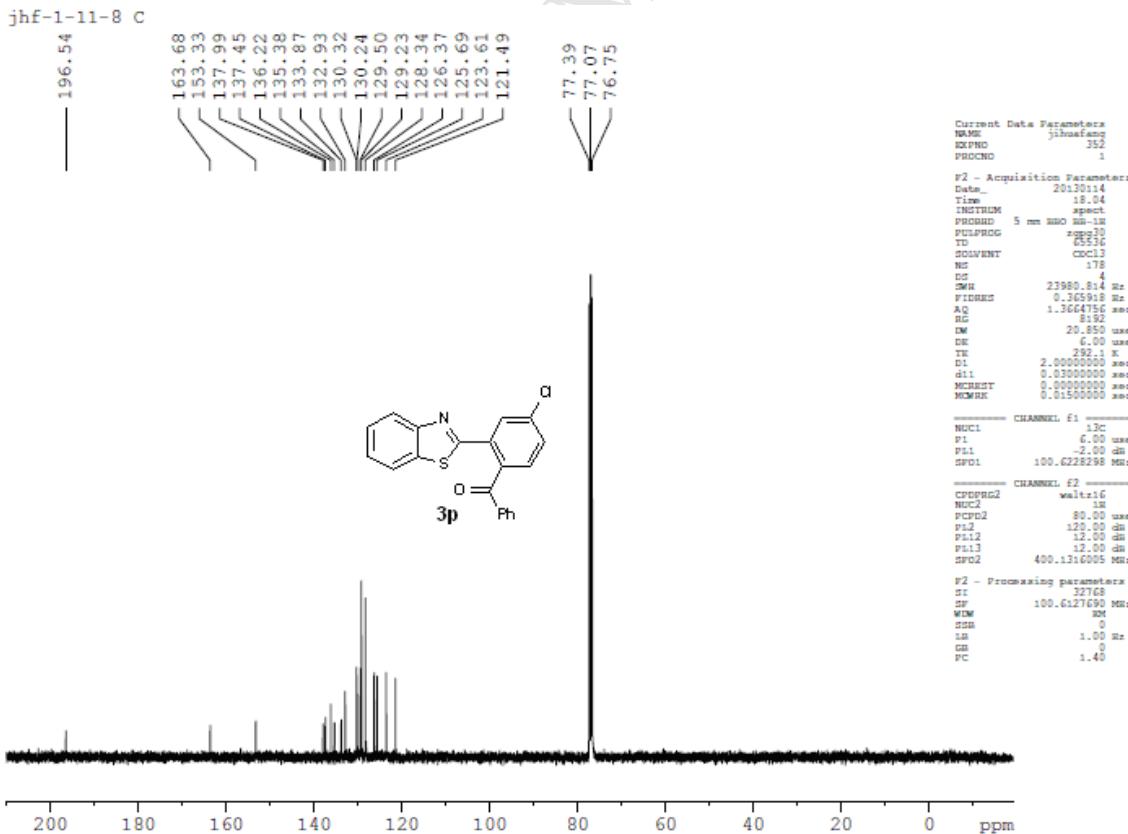
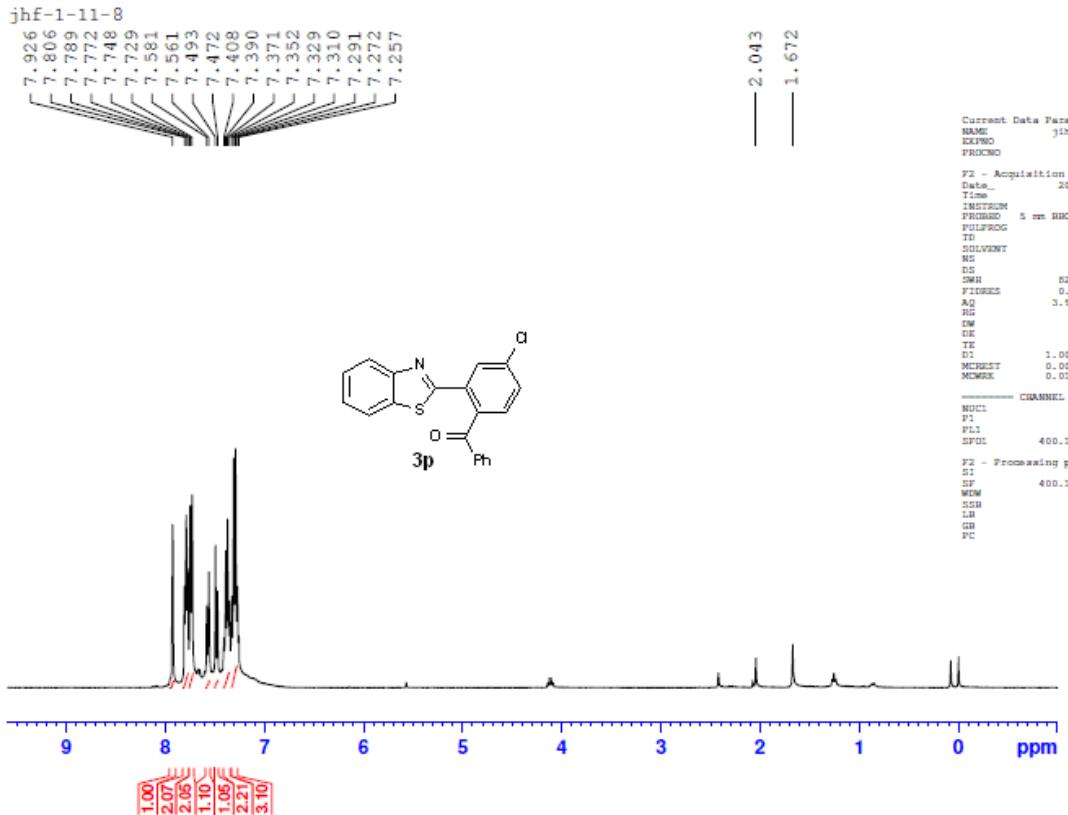


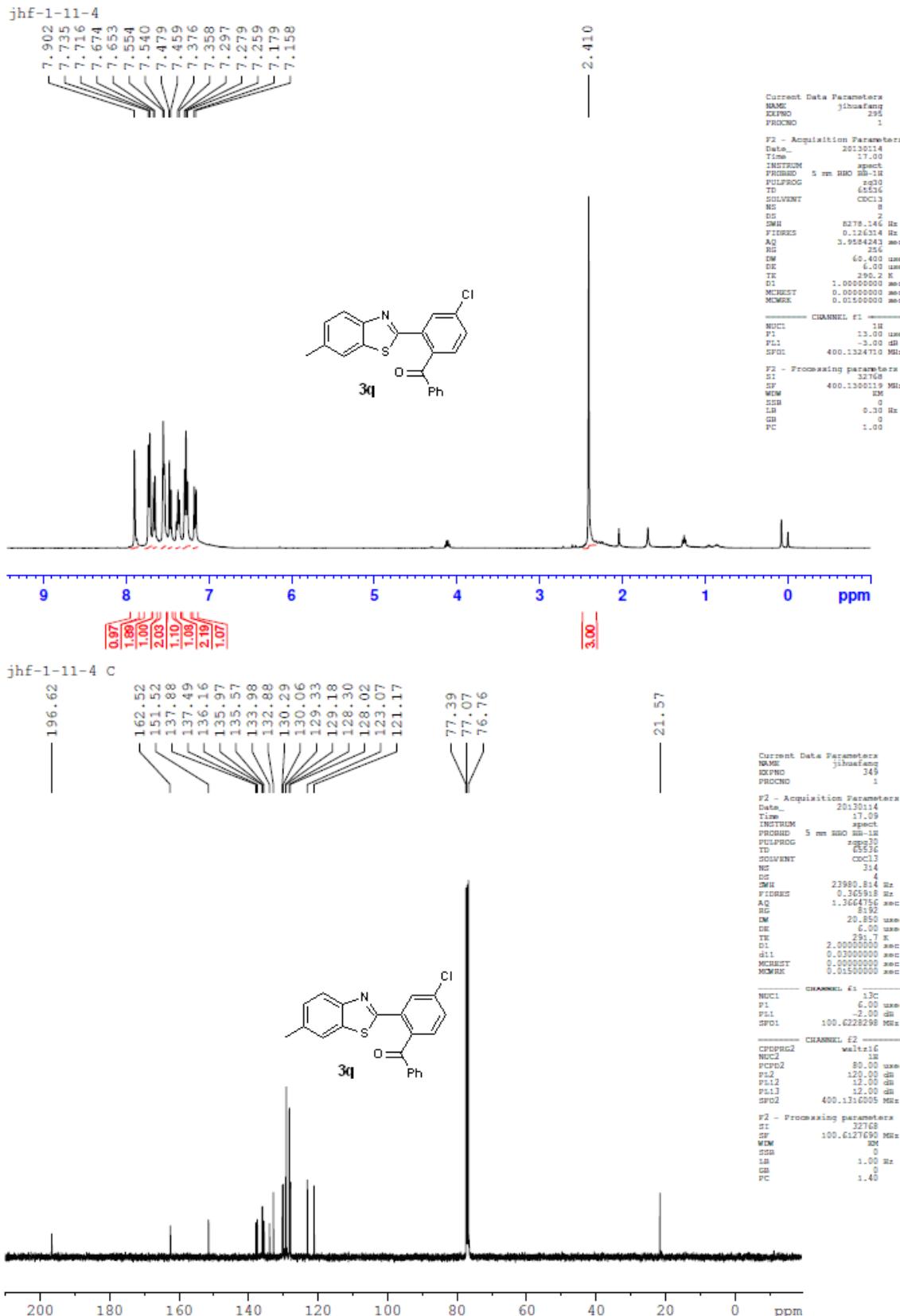
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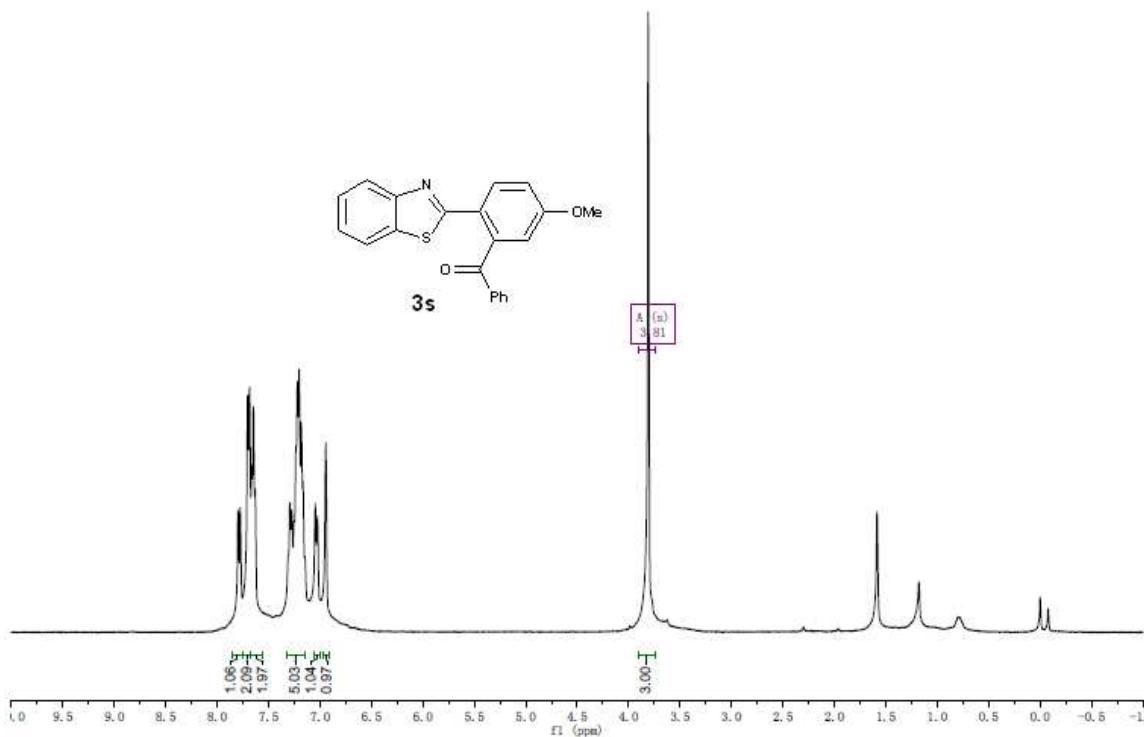
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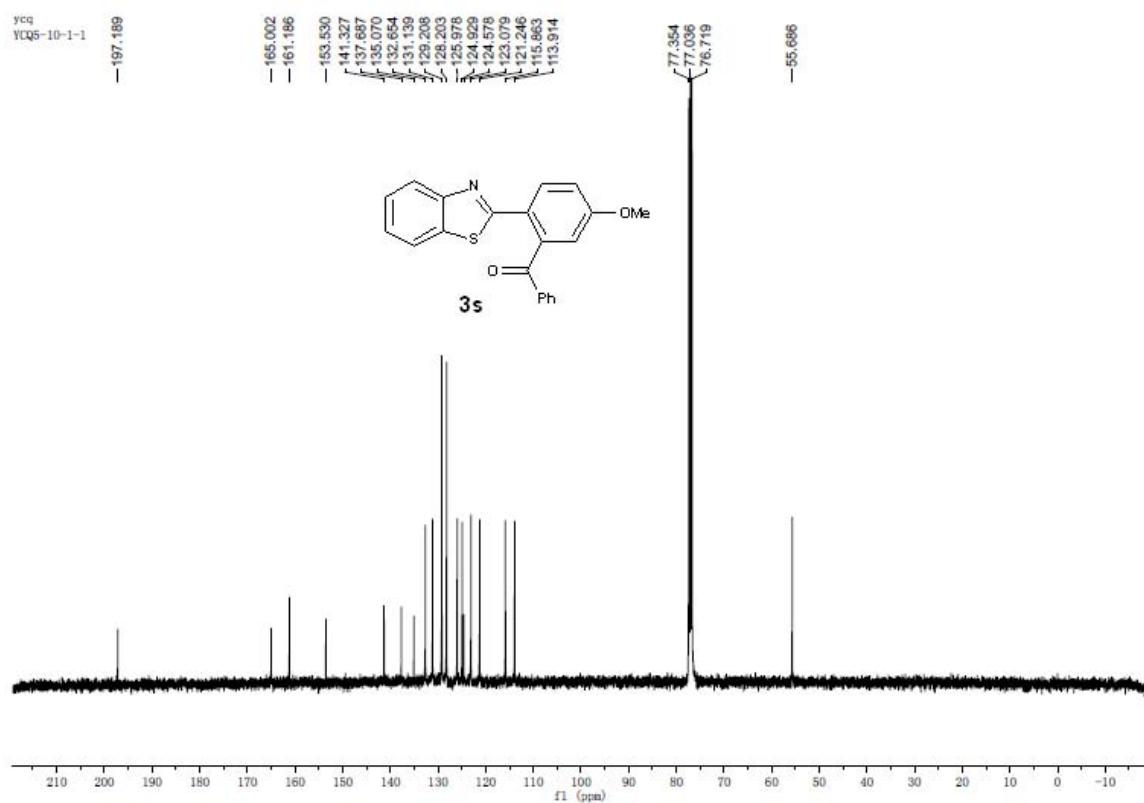


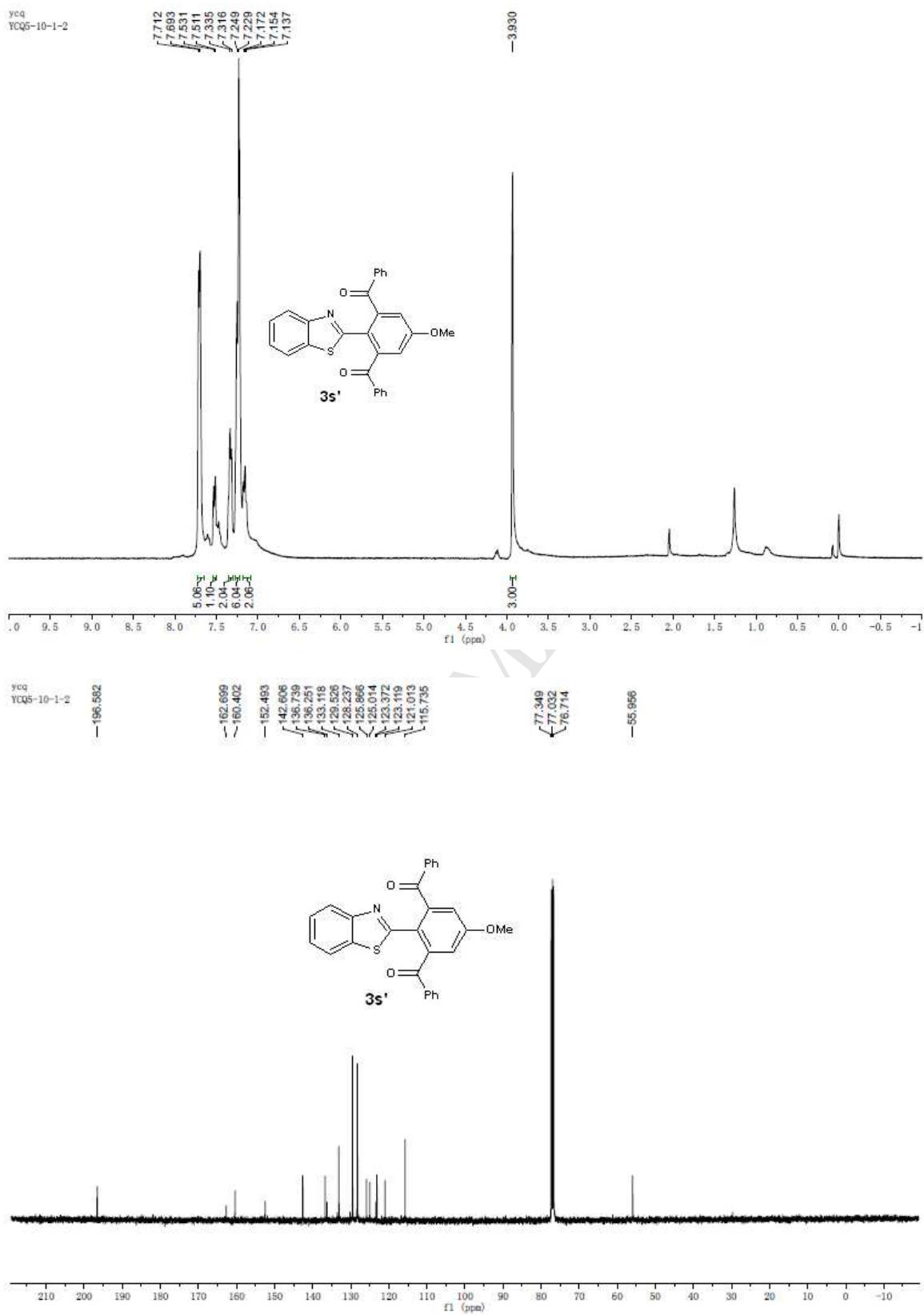


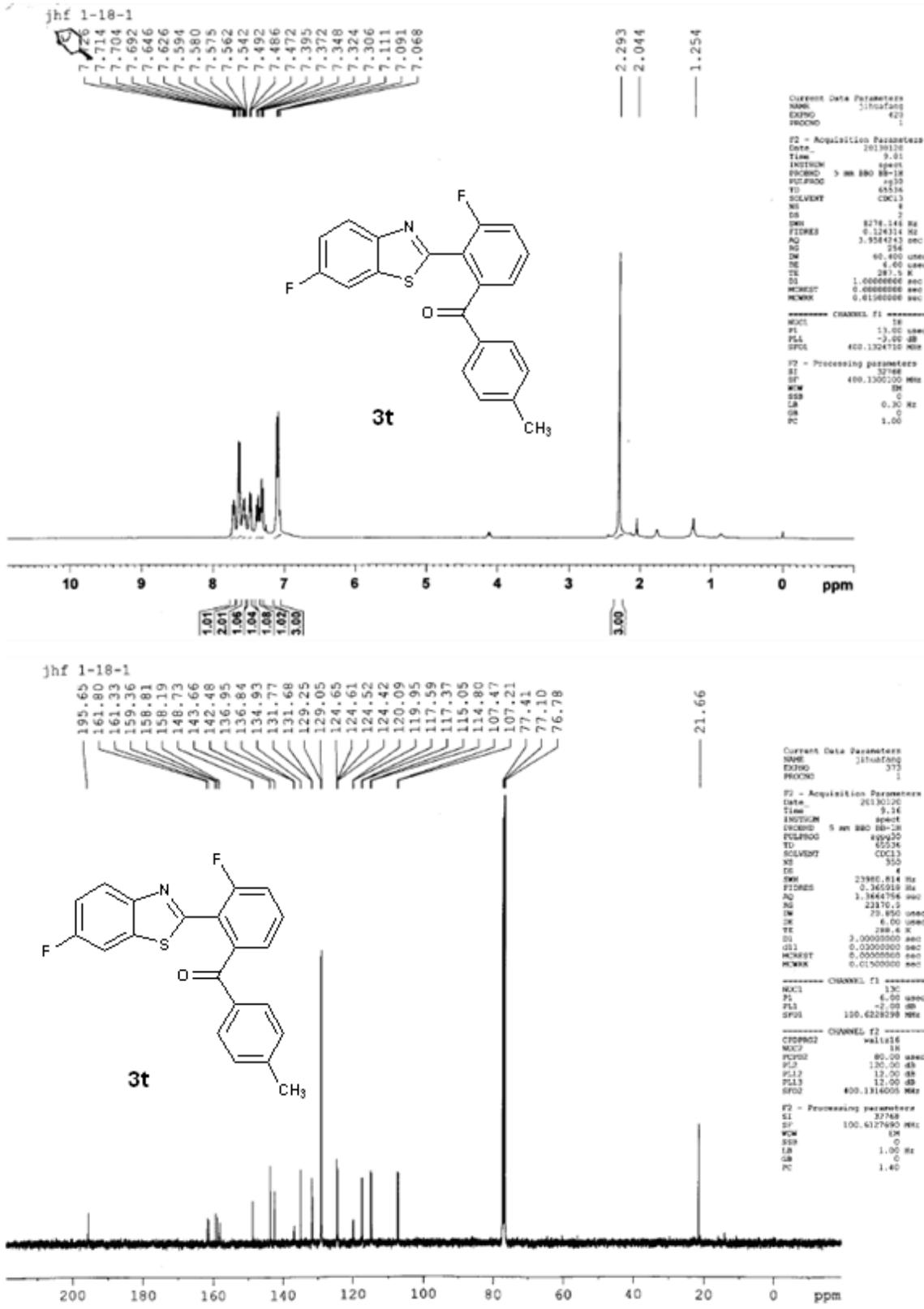
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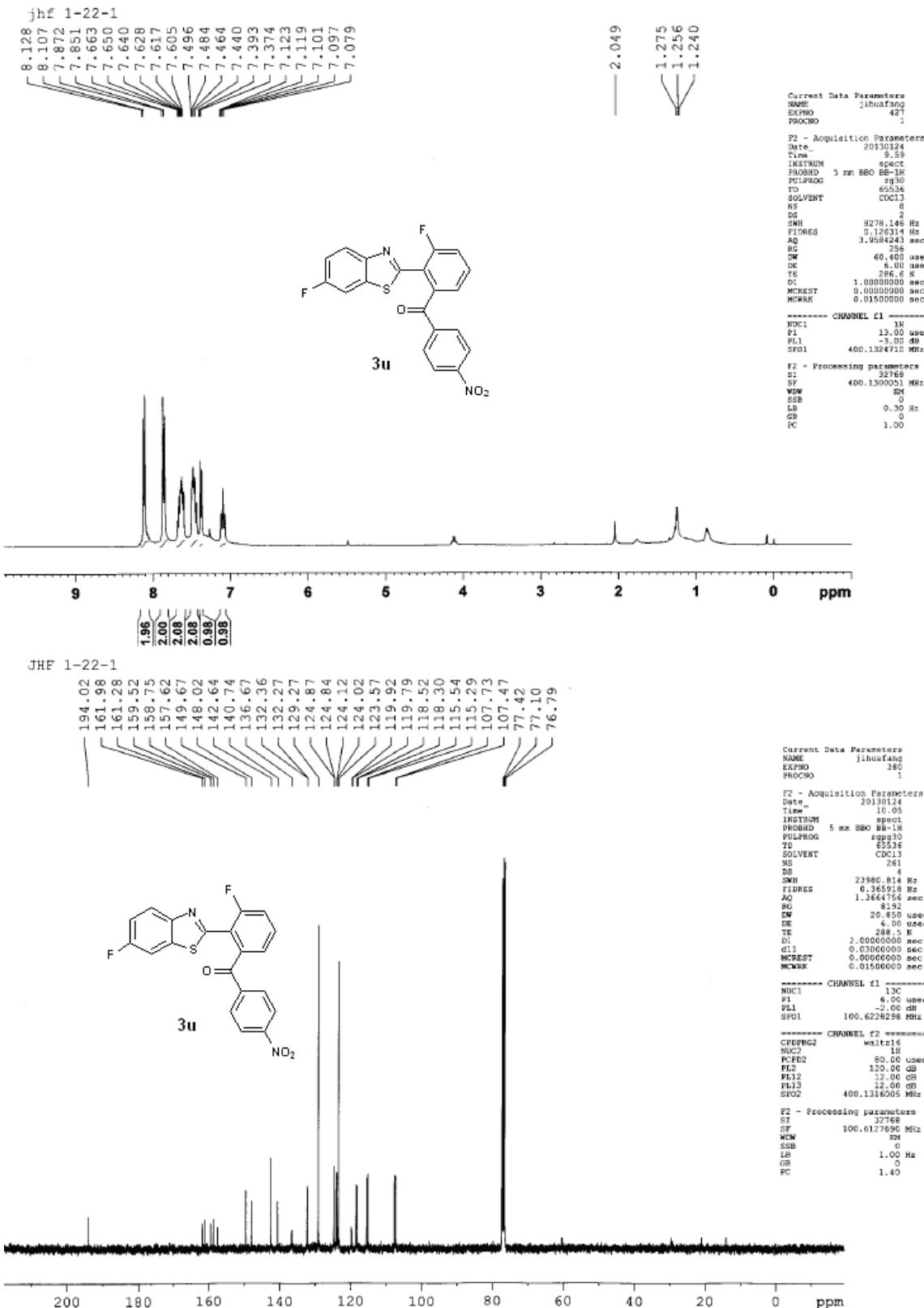


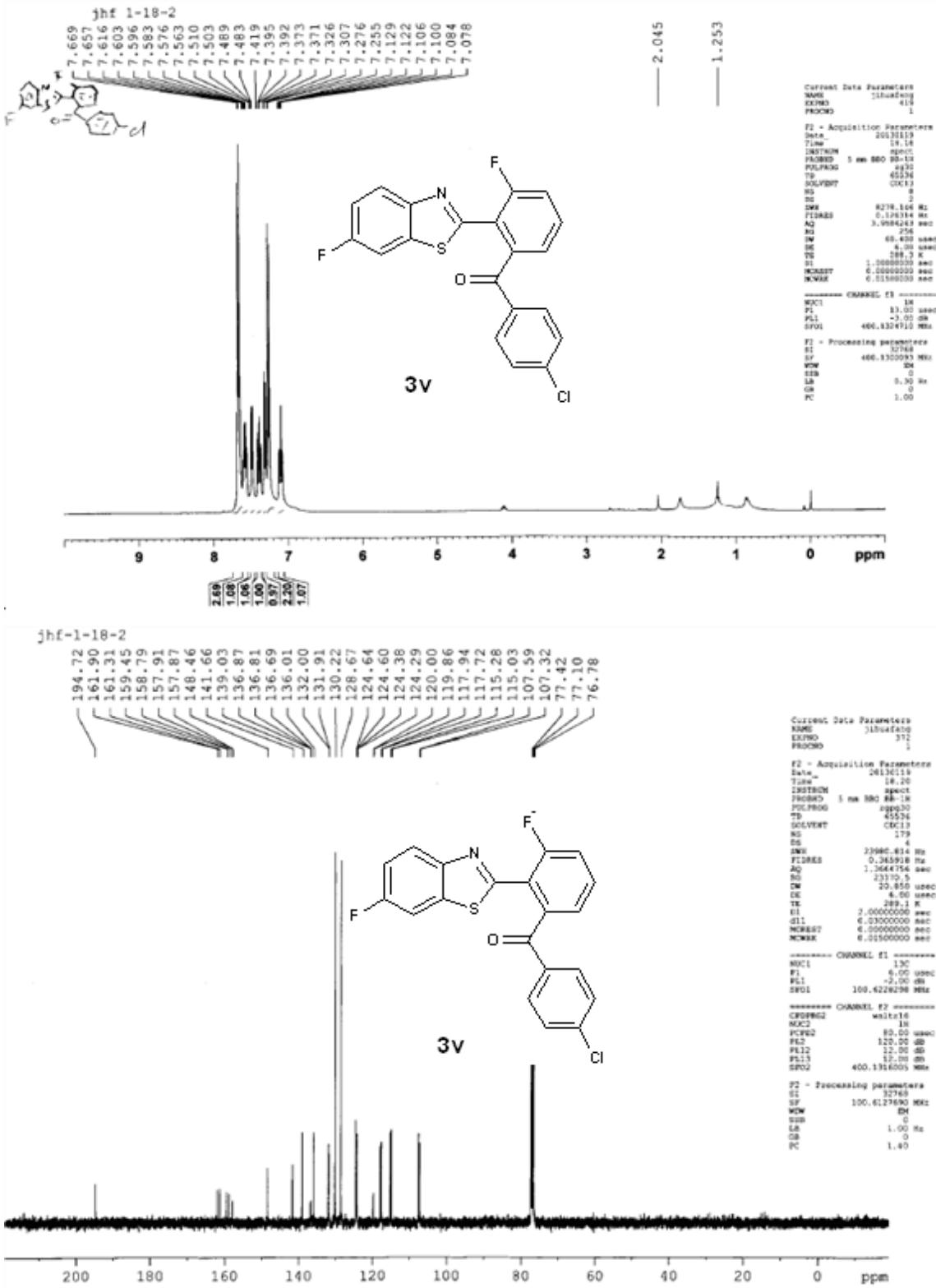
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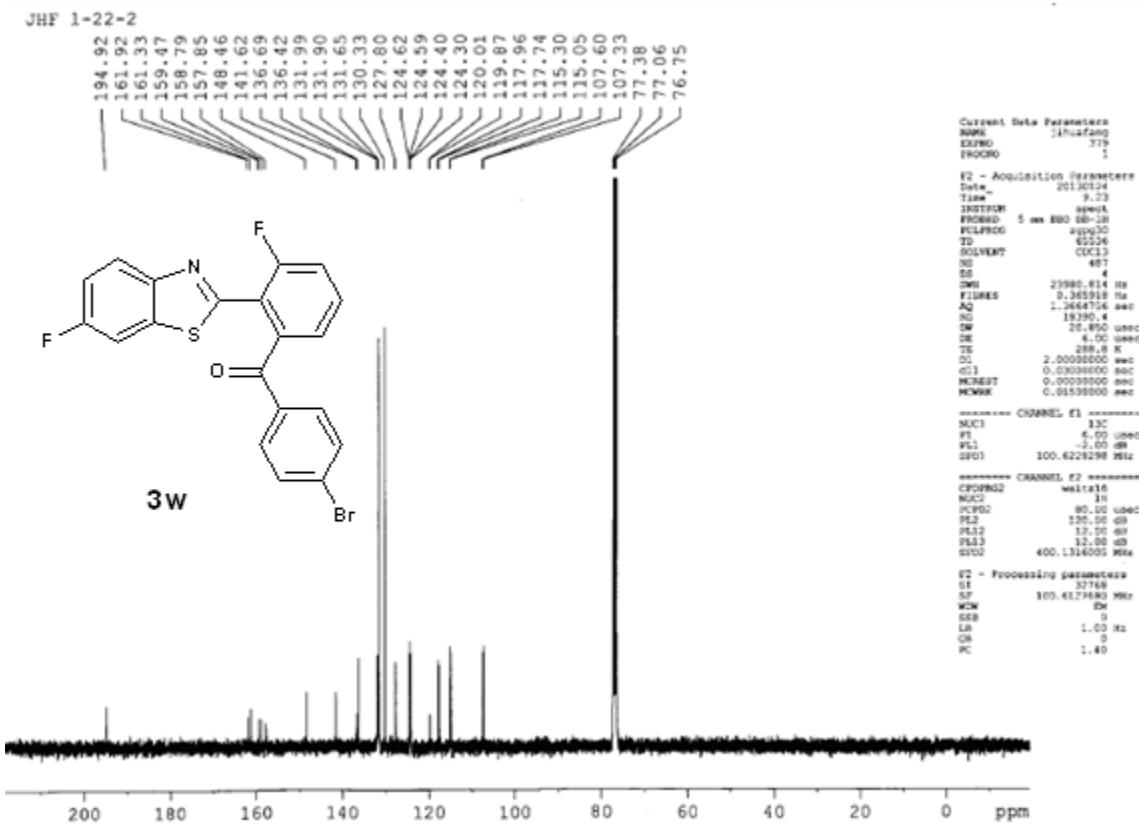
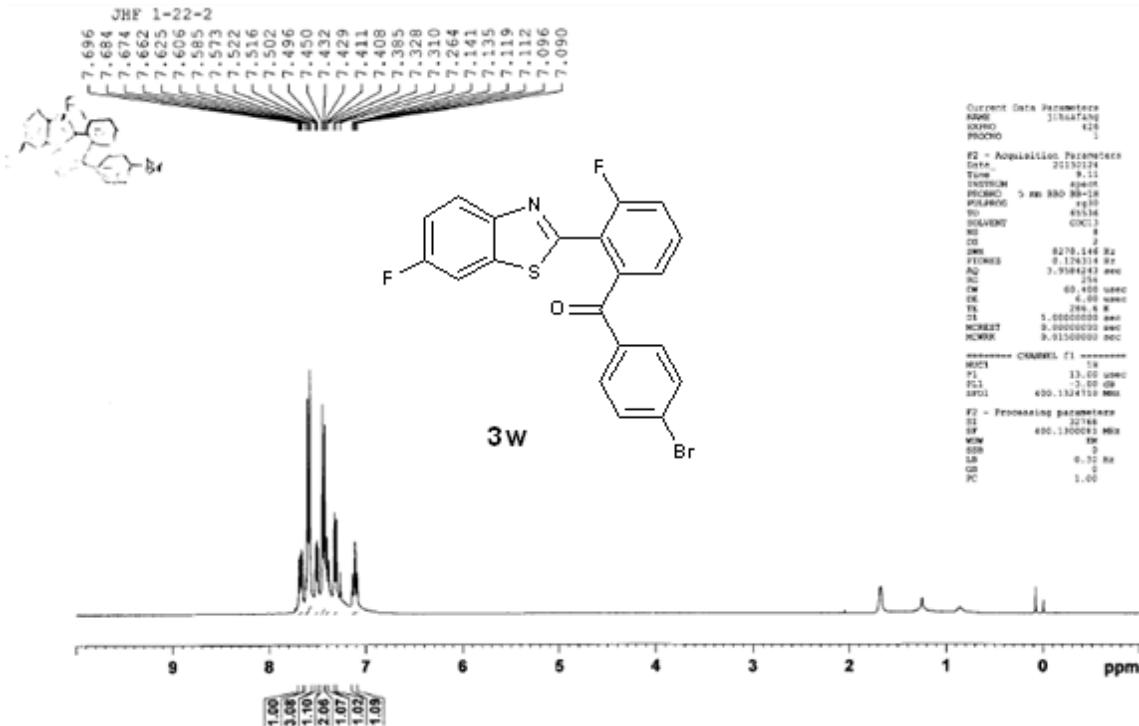


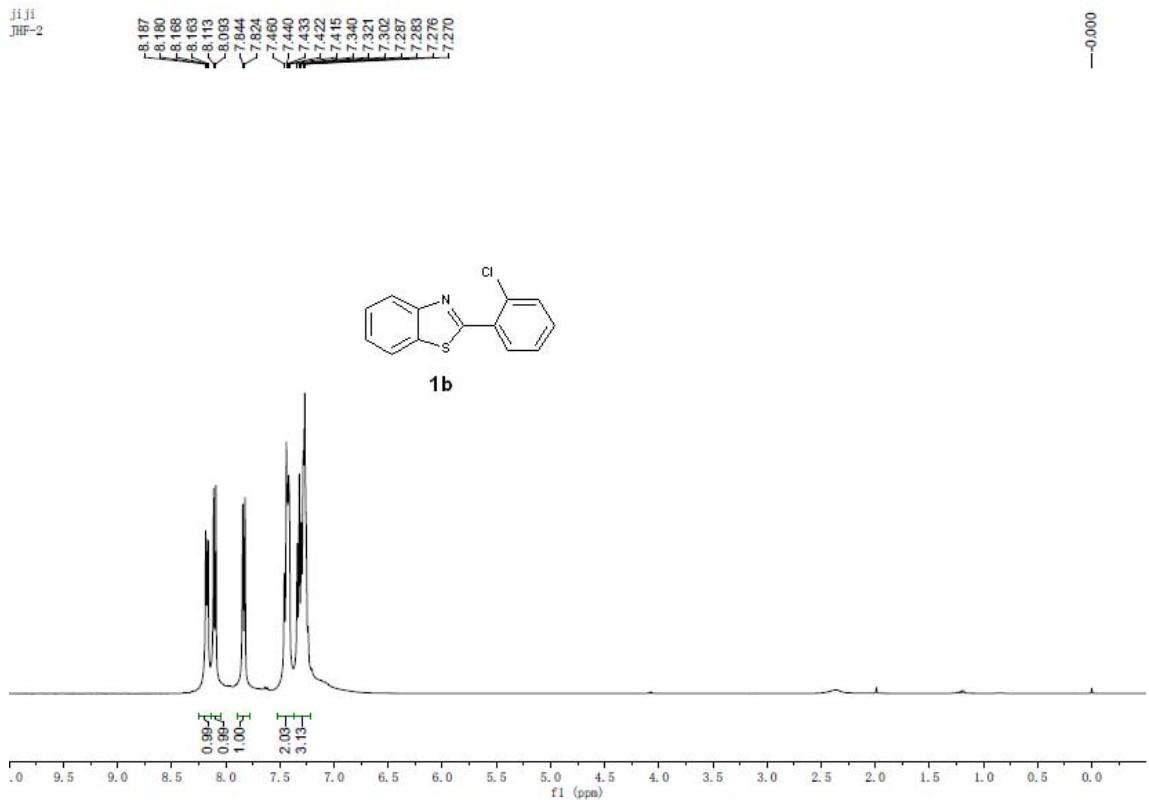








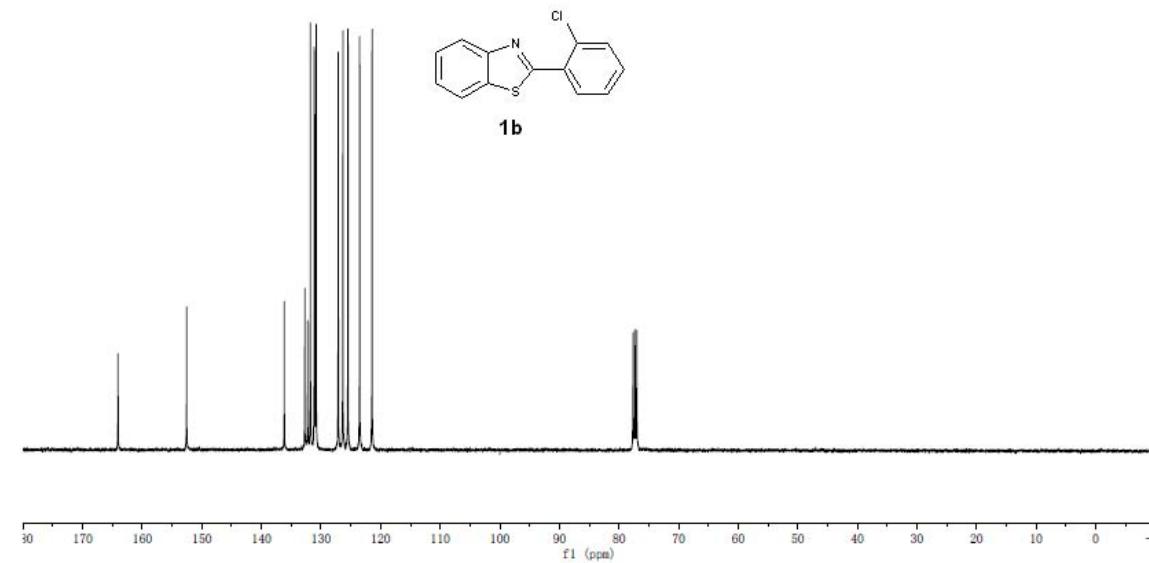


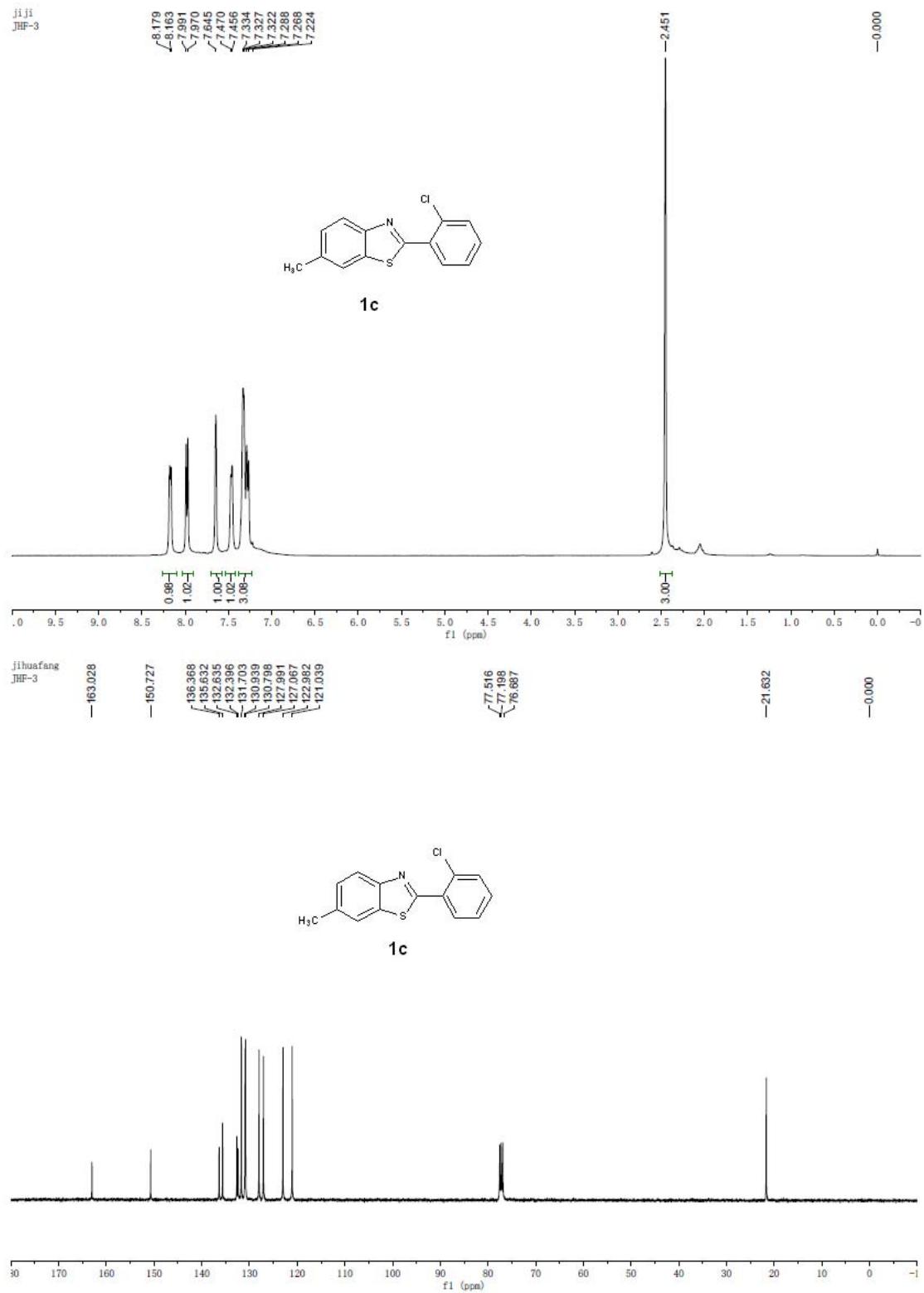


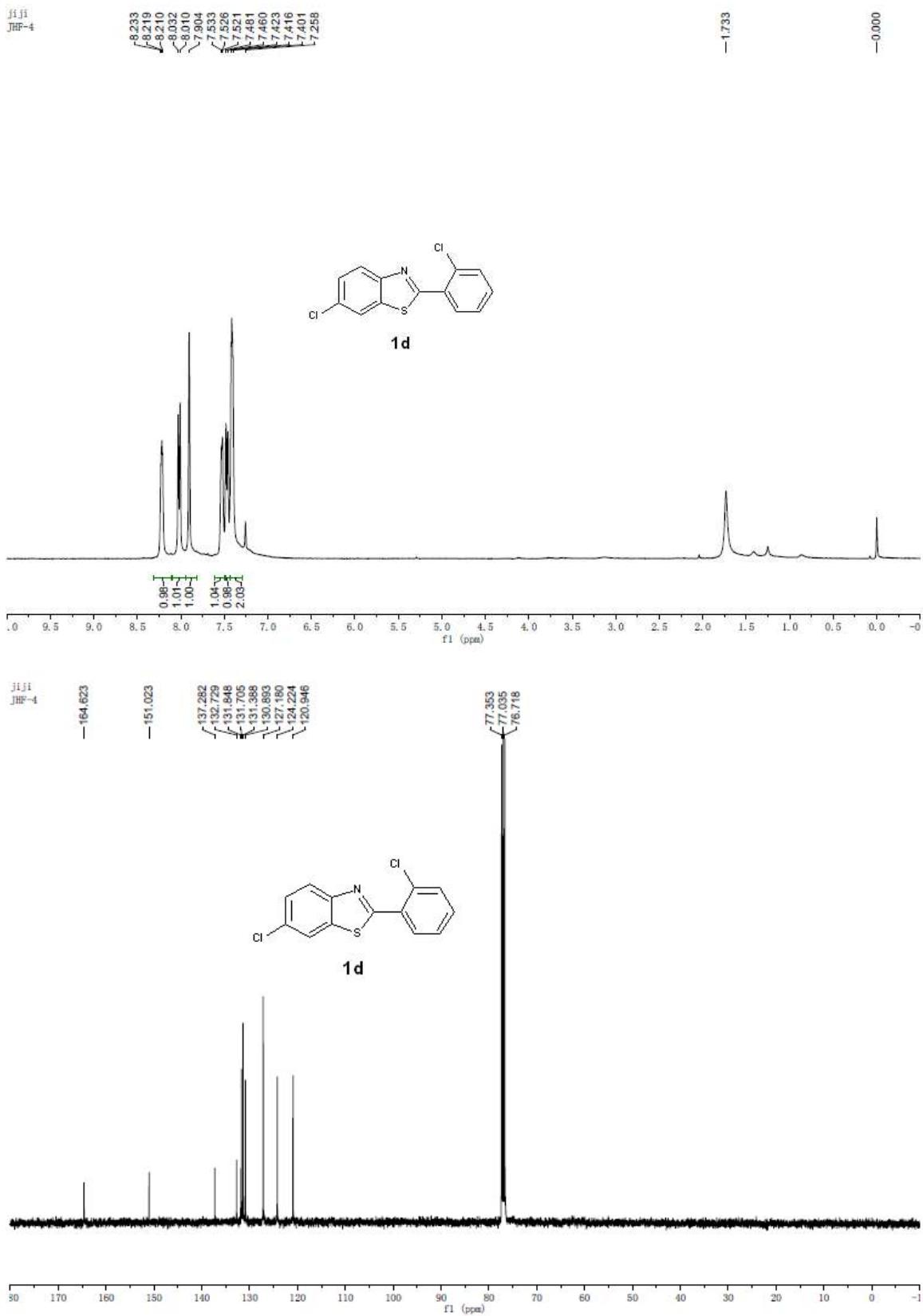
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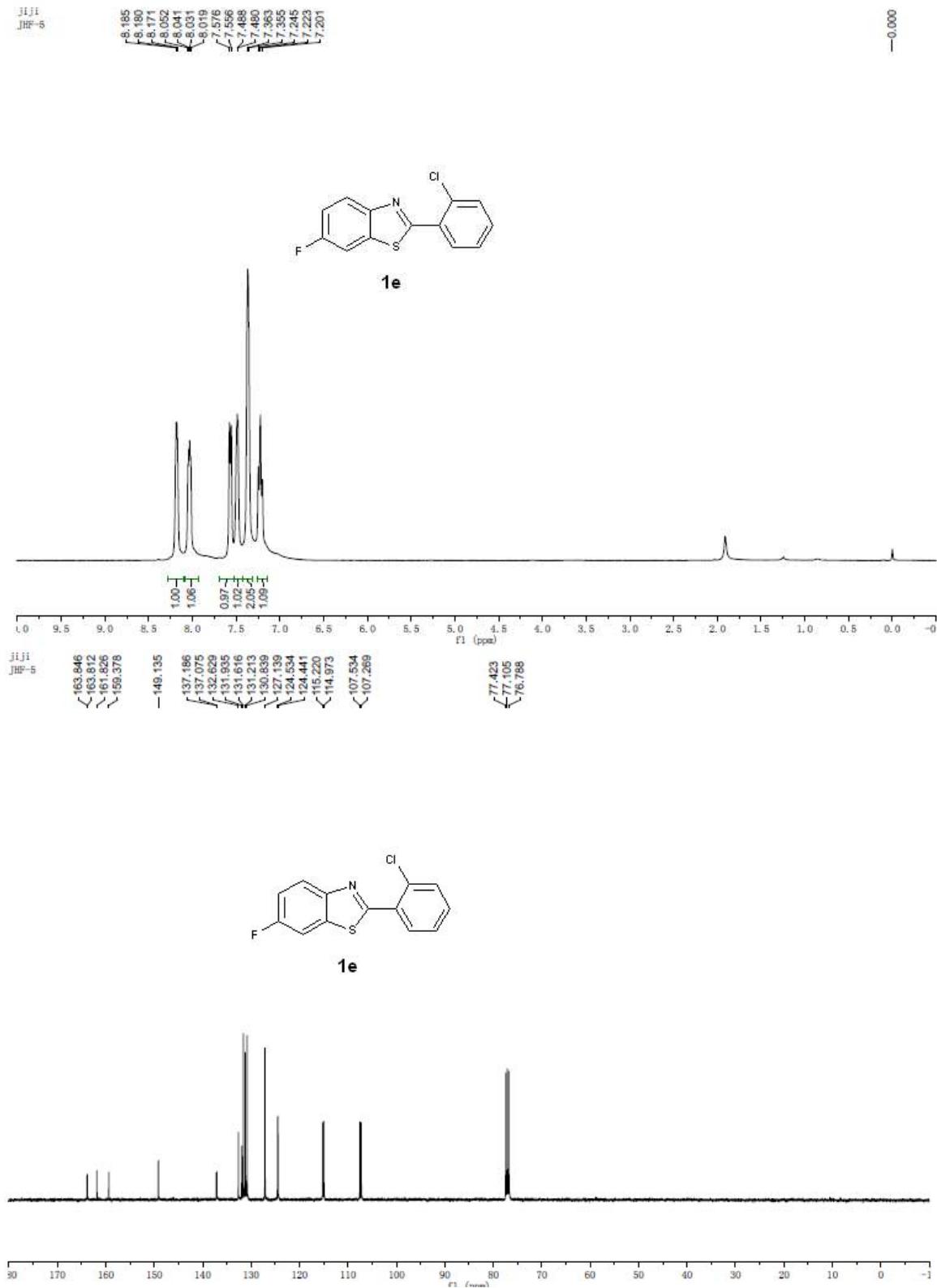
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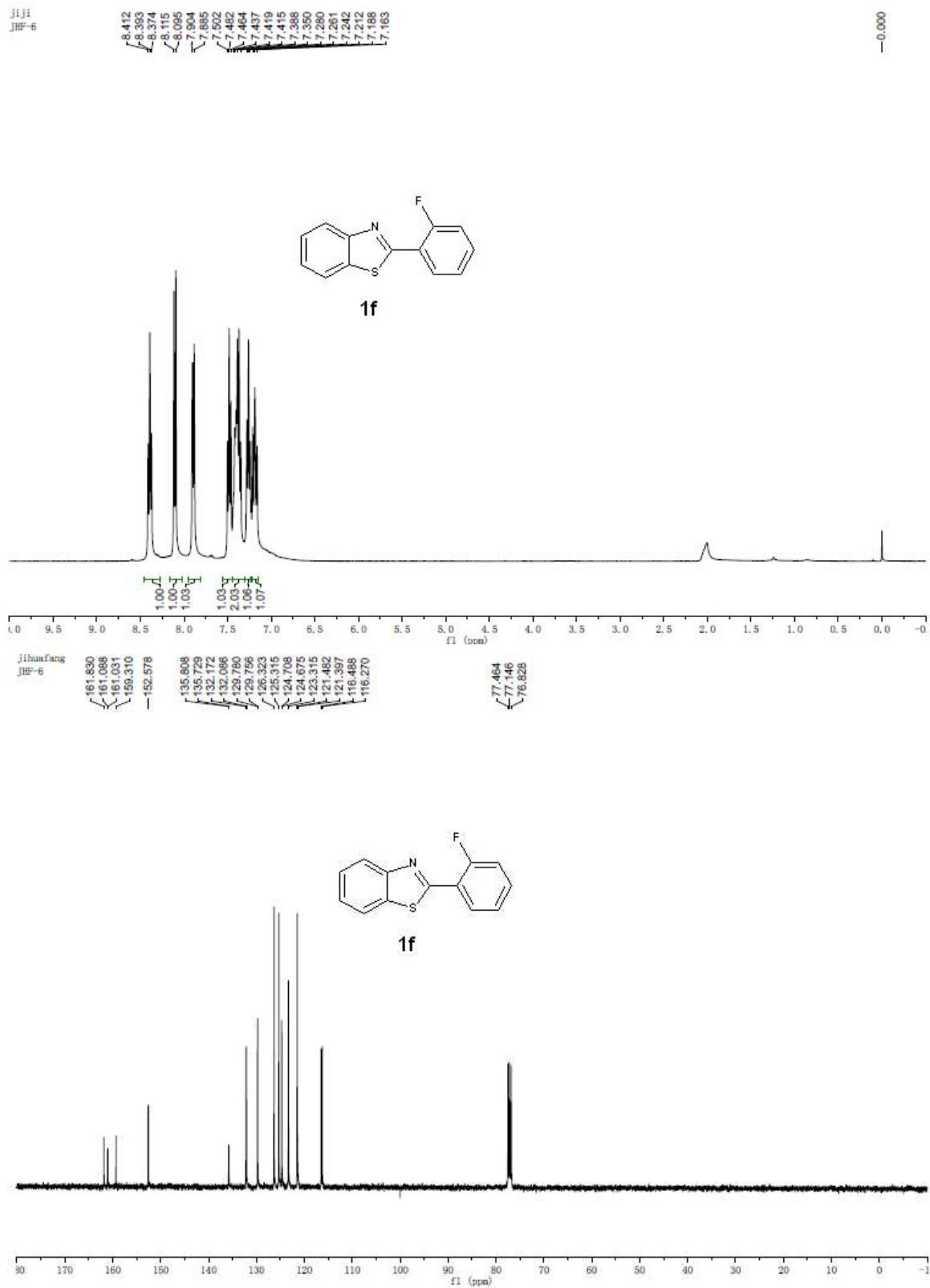
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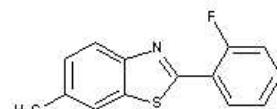
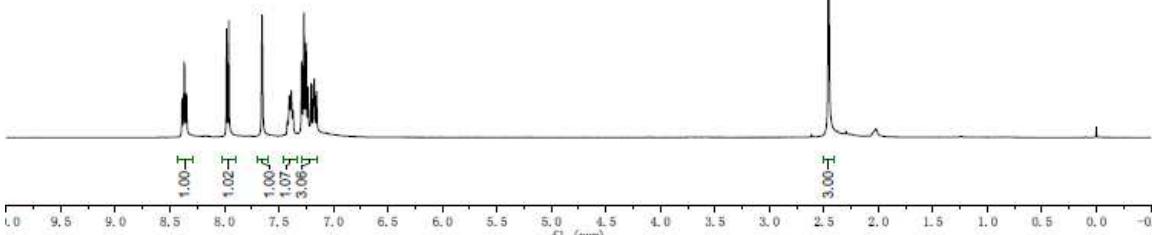


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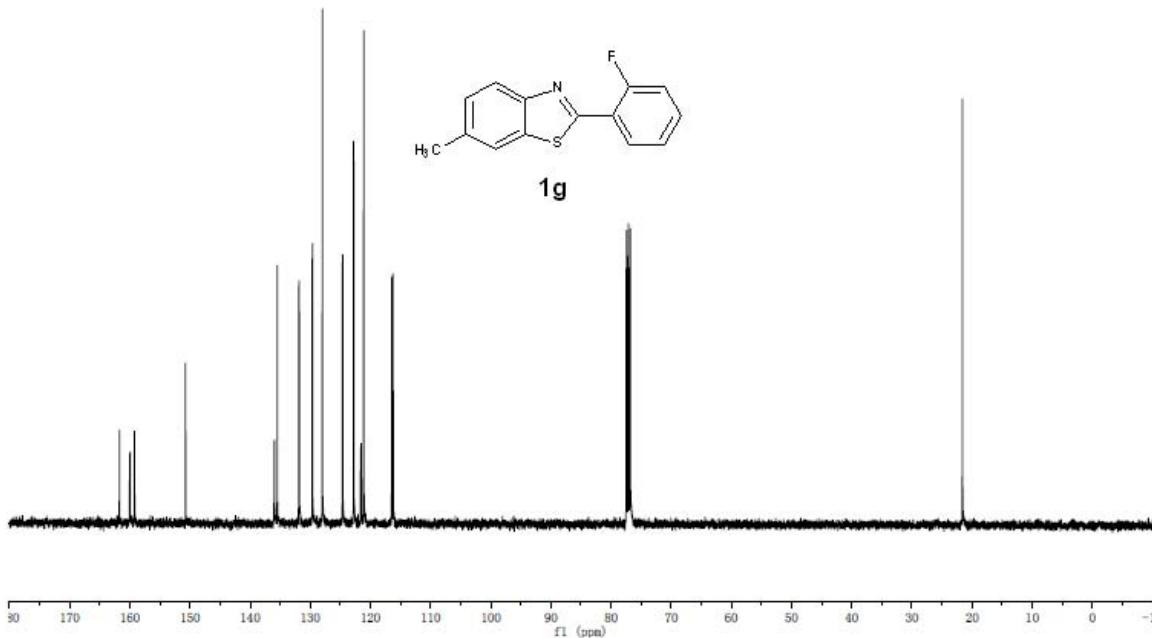
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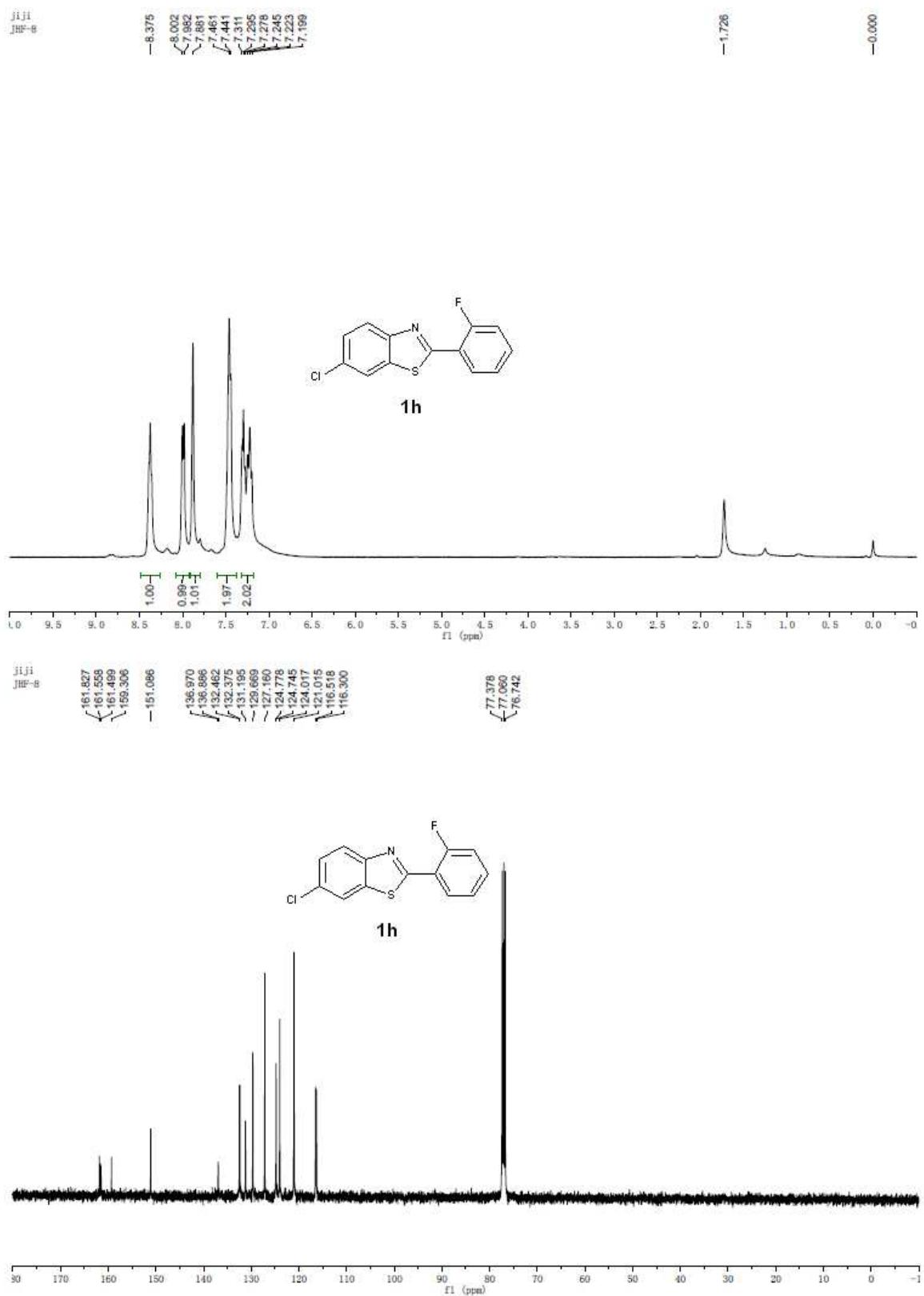
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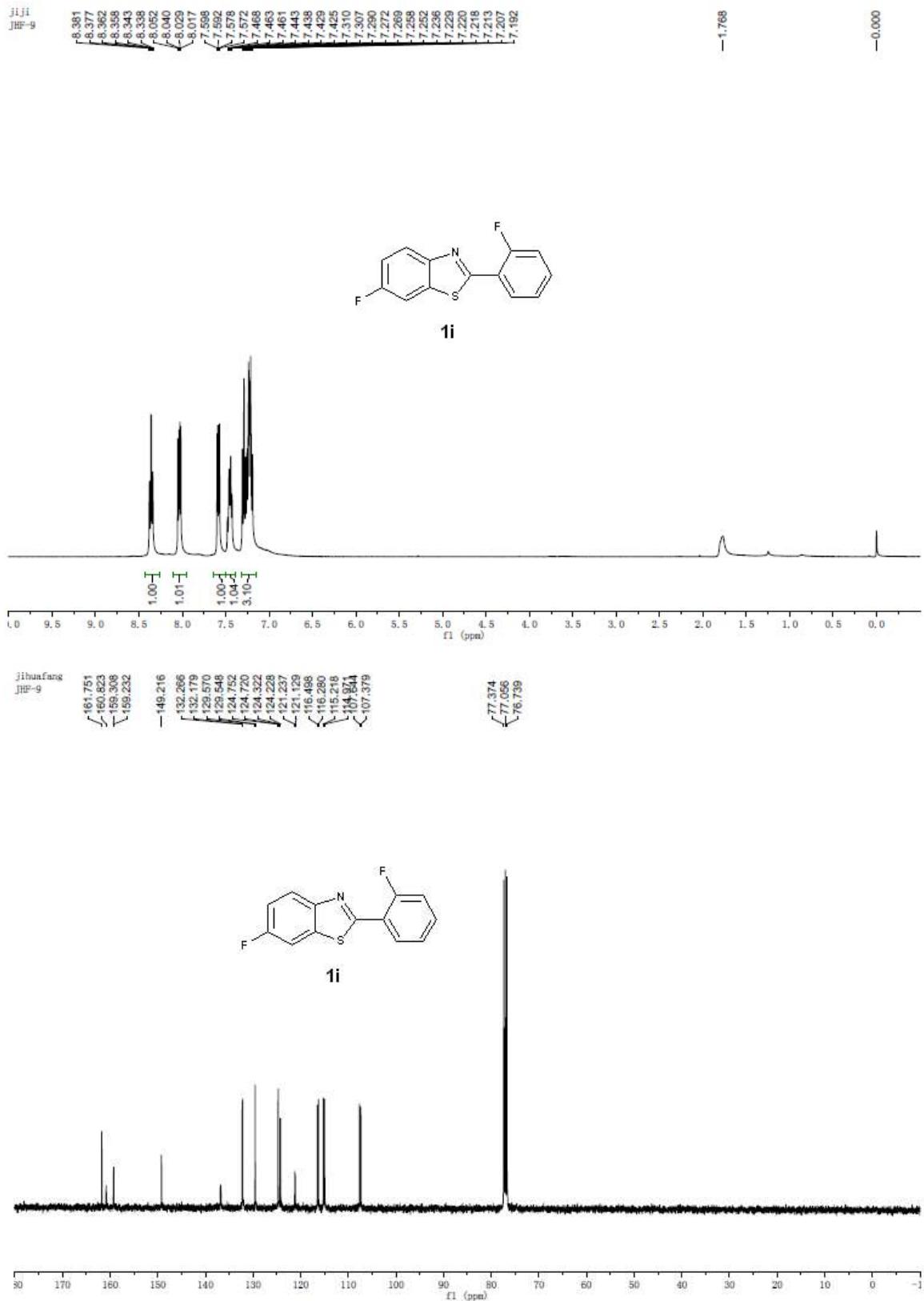
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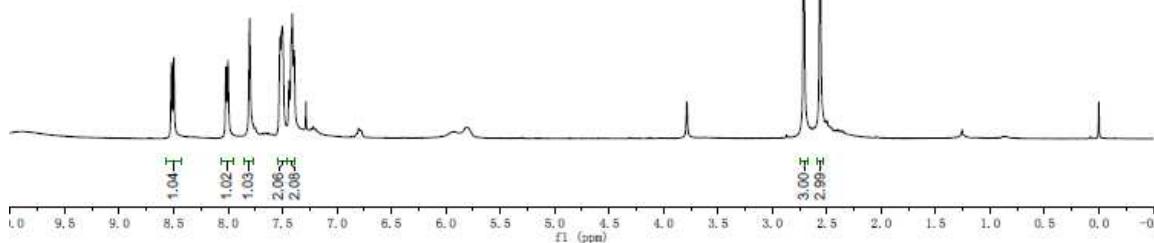
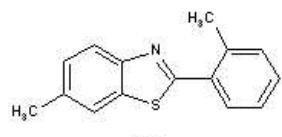


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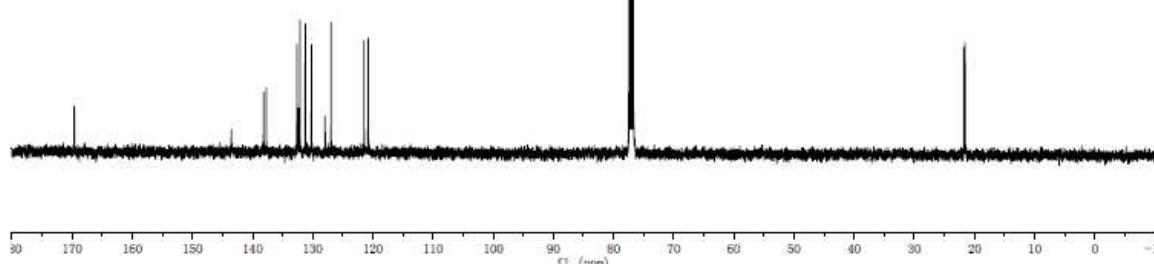
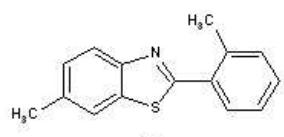
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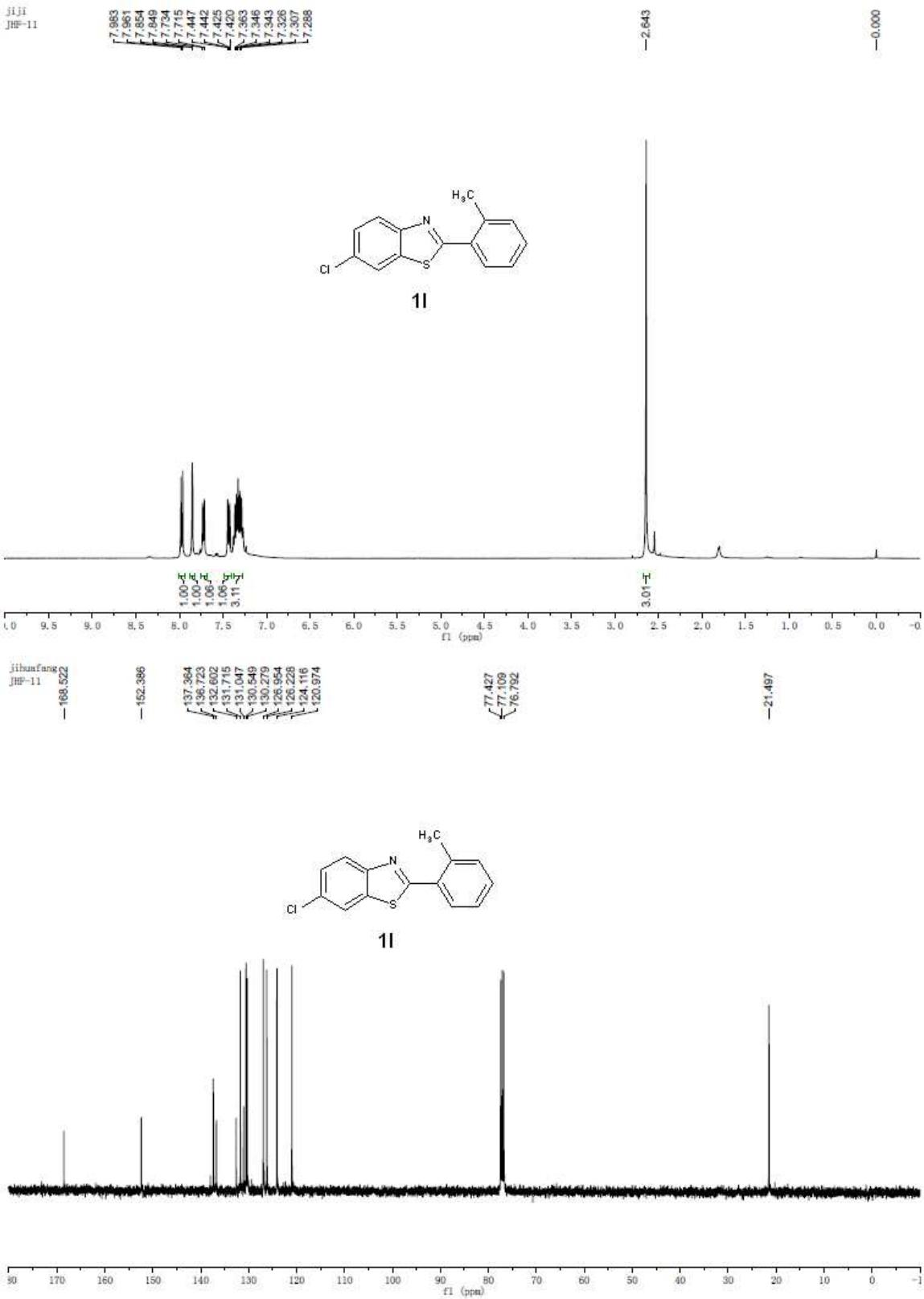
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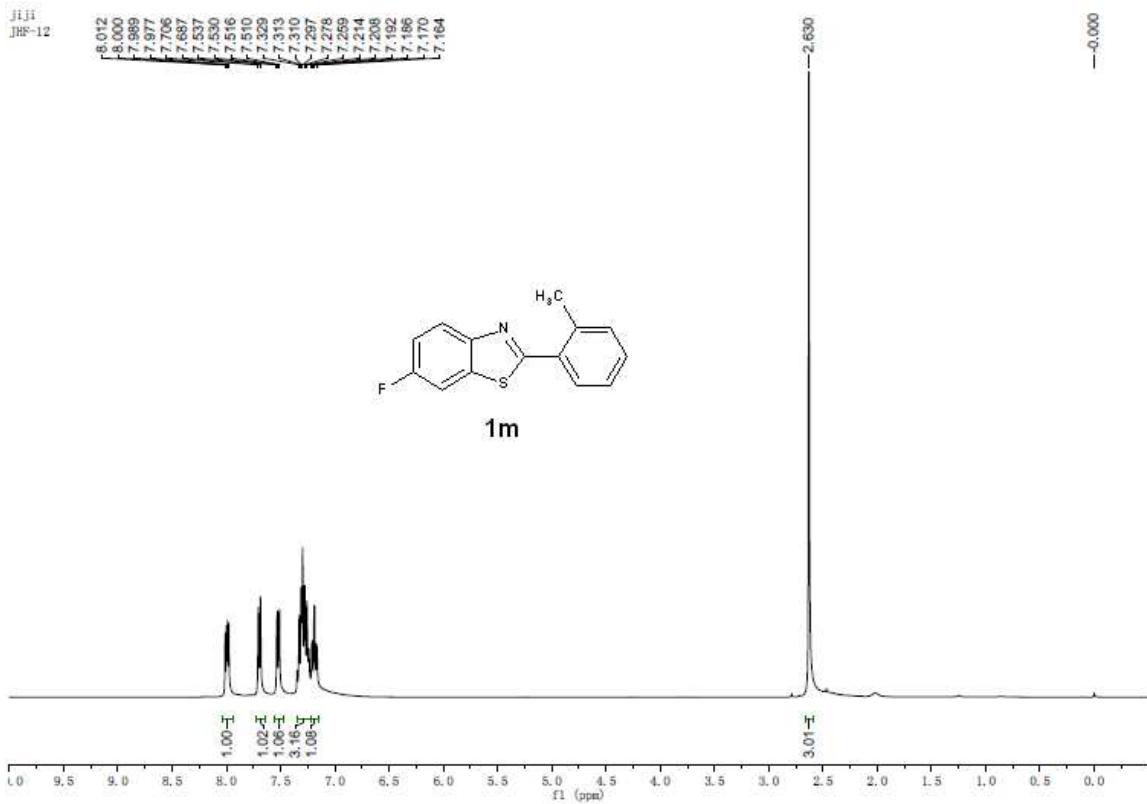
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