

**Nickel-Catalyzed Intermolecular Insertion of Aryl Iodides to
Nitriles: A Novel Method to Synthesize Arylketones**

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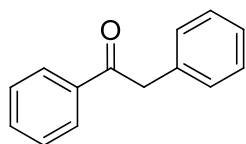
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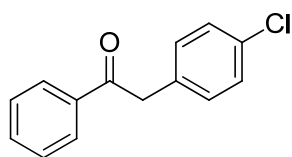
General information: All reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Fisher-Acros, TCI, or Alfa-Aesar, and were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. THF and Et₂O were distilled from sodium, and CH₃CN was distilled from CaH₂. All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted with a standard Schlenk technique. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 60 F₂₅₄ (0.25 mm) plates and visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 and 354 nm) and/or an aqueous alkaline KMnO₄ solution followed by heating. Proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR) were recorded on a Bruker 600 spectrometer with Me₄Si or solvent resonance as the internal standard (¹H NMR, Me₄Si at 0 ppm, CHCl₃ at 7.26 ppm; ¹³C NMR, Me₄Si at 0 ppm, CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm). ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. IR spectral data were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR 37 spectrometer. Melting points (mp) were determined using a Fargo MP-1D. High Resolution Mass spectral data were obtained from the MAT-95XL HRMS by using EI method.

General procedure for the intermolecular insertion of iodoarenes with nitriles:

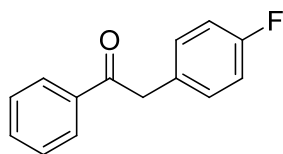
To a screw-capped vial (4-mL) were added NiBr₂(DME) (0.1 mmol, 16 mg), dppp (0.1 mmol, 21 mg) zinc powder (1.0 mmol, 65 mg) in DME (1,2-dimethoxyethane, 0.3 mL). The vial was sealed with septum and allowed to stir at r.t. for a while; the aryl iodides (0.5 mmol), nitriles (1.0 mmol) and H₂O (1.2 mmol) were then injected into the reaction mixture via a syringe. The septum was removed, and the vial was sealed with a screw cap. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 36 h. The crude reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, filtered through a thin Celite pad, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was isolated through a column chromatography by using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent to give the pure product. Products **3** were obtained according to this procedure. The known structures were characterized by the HRMS and the ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of reported literatures.¹⁻¹¹ Spectral data, melting point, HRMS data and the copies of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra for all compounds are listed below.



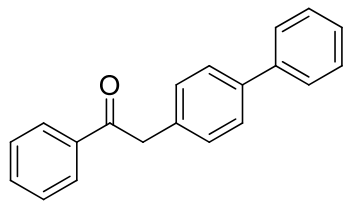
1,2-Diphenylethanone (3aa):¹ White solid, mp: 53–55 °C; IR (KBr): 2966, 2964, 1658, 1632, 1469, 750, 690 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.24–7.28 (m, 3 H), 4.29 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.6, 136.6, 134.5, 133.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 126.9, 45.5; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₂O calculated 196.0888, found 196.0885; Registry Number: [451-40-1].



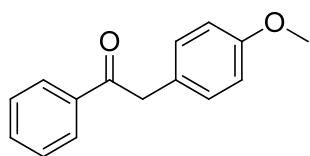
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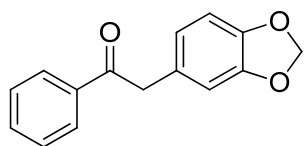
2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-phenylethanone (3ac):³ White solid, mp: 125–127 °C; IR (KBr): 2919, 2850, 1683, 1653, 1559, 1541, 1508, 1449, 1420, 1336, 1093, 867, 847, 830, 797, 753, 690, 652, 571, 523, 420 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.02 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.27 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.4, 161.9 (d, *J* = 244.5 Hz), 136.5, 133.3, 131.0 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 130.1, 128.7, 128.5, 115.5 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 44.5; HRMS: C₁₄H₁₁FO calculated 214.0794, found 214.0799; Registry Number: [347-91-1].



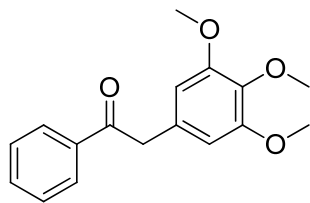
2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-phenylethanone (3ad):³ White solid, mp: 146–148 °C; IR (KBr): 2922, 2851, 1655, 1561, 1384, 1117, 751, 688, 484 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.56–7.59 (m, 5 H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.32–7.35 (m, 3 H), 4.34 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.6, 140.8, 139.9, 136.6, 133.5, 133.2, 129.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 45.1; HRMS: C₂₀H₁₆O calculated 272.1201, found 272.1206; Registry Number: [27644-00-4].



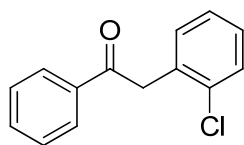
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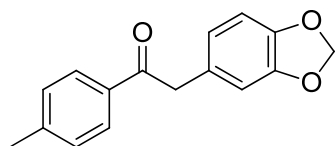
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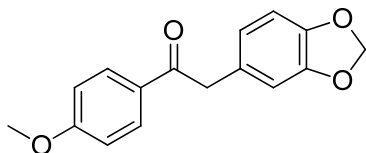
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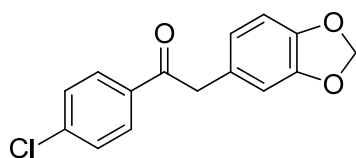
2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-phenylethanone (3ah):⁴ Yellow solid, mp: 75–77 °C; IR (KBr): 3058, 2908, 1692, 1595, 1579, 1475, 1448, 1406, 1333, 1220, 1201, 1179, 1161, 1075, 1050, 993, 953, 909, 764, 753, 688, 657, 568, 446 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.40–7.42 (m, 1 H), 7.22–7.25 (m, 3 H), 4.44 (s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.3, 136.6, 134.4, 133.3, 133.1, 131.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 126.9, 43.2; HRMS: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}$ calculated 230.0498, found 230.0494; Registry Number: [57479-60-4].



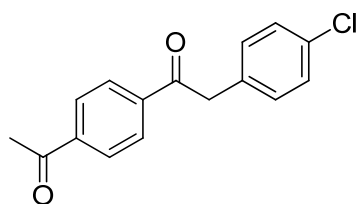
2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)ethanone (3bf): Yellow solid, mp: 89–91 °C; IR (KBr): 3026, 2093, 2780, 1685, 1604, 1505, 1448, 1406, 1385, 1358, 1327, 1258, 1221, 1194, 1102, 1037, 987, 926, 871, 812, 778, 755, 691, 631, 605, 579, 563, 524, 467, 423 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.75 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H), 6.71 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 4.16 (s, 2 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.1, 147.7, 146.4, 143.8, 133.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.2, 122.4, 109.8, 108.2, 100.8, 44.9, 21.5; HRMS: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ calculated 254.0943, found 254.0936; New compound.



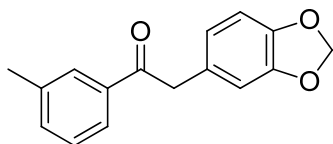
2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (3cf): Pale yellow solid, mp: 103–104 °C; IR (KBr): 2900, 2840, 1671, 1600, 1575, 1504, 1490, 1444, 1419, 1375, 1313, 1251, 1219, 1171, 1119, 1037, 992, 928, 830, 805, 785, 605, 566, 419 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H) 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H) 6.74 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.70 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (s, 2 H), 4.13 (s, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.2, 163.5, 147.7, 146.4, 130.8, 129.5, 128.4, 122.4, 113.7, 109.8, 108.3, 100.9, 55.4, 44.7; HRMS: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ calculated 270.0892, found 270.0897; New compound.



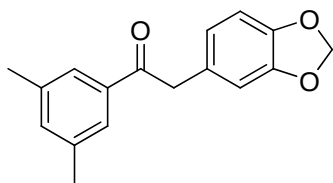
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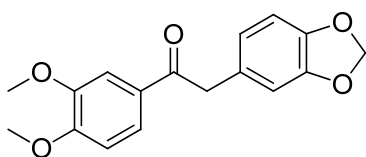
1-(4-Acetylphenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanone (3eb): Yellow solid, mp: 128–130 °C; IR (KBr): 1682, 1404, 1332, 1307, 1267, 1096, 831, 597, 509 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 4.28 (s, 2 H), 2.64 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.3, 196.5, 140.3, 139.5, 133.1, 132.3, 130.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 45.0, 26.9; HRMS: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}_2$ calculated 272.0604, found 272.0595; New compound.



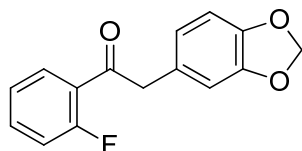
2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(m-tolyl)ethanone (3ff): Brown oil; IR (KBr): 2898, 2778, 1742, 1679, 1603, 1585, 1490, 1444, 1328, 1248, 1187, 1157, 1100, 1039, 928, 786, 736, 691, 614 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79–7.81 (m, 2 H), 7.33–7.38 (m, 2 H), 6.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 6.71 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 4.18 (s, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.9, 147.8, 146.5, 138.5, 136.6, 133.9, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 125.8, 122.5, 109.9, 108.4, 101.0, 45.1, 21.4; HRMS: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ calculated 254.0943, found 254.0944; New compound.



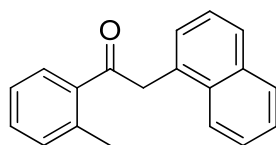
2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)ethanone (3gf): Brown oil; IR (KBr): 2927, 2855, 1655, 1638, 1629, 1561, 1509, 1384, 1093, 670, 592, 504, 484, 438, 428, 409 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.61 (s, 2 H), 7.20 (s, 1 H), 6.75–6.77 (m, 2 H), 6.70 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 4.17 (s, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.0, 147.7, 146.4, 138.2, 136.6, 134.8, 128.2, 126.5, 126.3, 126.3, 122.5, 109.9, 108.3, 100.9, 45.0, 21.2 (2 C); HRMS: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ calculated 268.1099, found 268.1100; New compound.



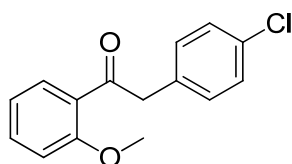
2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanone (3hf): Yellow solid, mp: 87–89 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 2962, 2935, 2839, 1672, 1587, 1515, 1490, 1444, 1417, 1384, 1268, 1247, 1151, 1130, 1036, 1023, 928, 872, 811, 785, 626, 588 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.75–6.76 (m, 2 H), 6.71–6.73 (m, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 4.15 (s, 2 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.3, 153.4, 149.1, 147.8, 146.5, 129.7, 128.6, 123.4, 122.4, 110.7, 110.0, 109.8, 108.4, 101.0, 56.1, 56.0, 44.8; HRMS: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$ calculated 300.0998, found 300.0987; New compound.



2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(2-fluorophenyl)ethanone (3if): Brown oil; IR (KBr): 3079, 2899, 2779, 1686, 1609, 1577, 1504, 1491, 1450, 1332, 1269, 1249, 1212, 1189, 1152, 1100, 1039, 995, 929, 822, 788, 764, 606, 538, 513, 495, 421 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.50–7.52 (m, 1 H), 7.21 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H), 6.69 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 4.20 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.2 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 161.7 (d, $J = 252$ Hz), 147.7, 146.6, 134.6 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 131.0, 127.5, 125.5 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 124.5 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 122.8, 116.6 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 110.1, 108.3, 100.9, 49.5 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz); HRMS: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_3$ calculated 258.0692, found 258.0696; New compound.

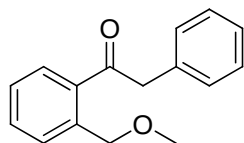


2-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-1-(o-tolyl)ethanone (3ji): Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 2927, 1678, 1598, 1562, 1482, 1384, 784 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.86–7.89 (m, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.47–7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.67 (s, 2 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.5, 138.6, 137.6, 133.9, 132.3, 132.1, 131.4, 131.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 126.3, 125.7, 125.6, 125.5, 123.9, 46.2, 21.2; HRMS: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ calculated 260.1201, found 260.1206; New compound.

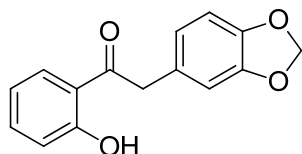


2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (3kb): Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3073, 2967, 2943, 2839, 1676, 1598, 1486, 1465, 1436, 1331, 1283, 1246, 1163, 1092, 1017, 993, 804, 756, 628, 495 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.00 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.4, 158.4, 133.7, 133.7, 132.4, 131.0, 130.6, 128.4, 127.8, 120.7, 111.5, 55.4, 49.4; HRMS:

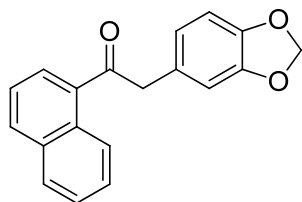
C₁₅H₁₃ClO₂ calculated 260.0604, found 260.0595; New compound.



1-(2-(Methoxymethyl)phenyl)-2-phenylethanone (3la): Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3064, 3030, 2925, 2822, 1685, 1601, 1573, 1496, 1453, 1375, 1320, 1262, 1195, 1100, 970, 758, 730, 698, 667, 594, 476 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.34–7.38 (m, 3 H), 7.27–7.30 (m, 3 H), 4.74 (s, 2 H), 4.25 (s, 2 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.0, 139.4, 136.2, 134.2, 131.5, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.8, 126.7, 72.4, 58.4, 47.8; HRMS: C₁₆H₁₆O₂ calculated 240.1150, found 240.1145; New compound.

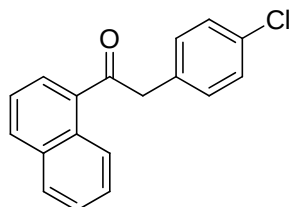


2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (3'f): Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3459, 2899, 1638, 1612, 1579, 1489, 1445, 1357, 1339, 1308, 1245, 1188, 1156, 1038, 993, 928, 789, 754, 715, 622 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.20 (s, 1 H), 7.84 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (td, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.91 (td, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.95 (s, 2 H), 4.21 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.9, 162.9, 148.0, 146.8, 136.6, 130.3, 127.4, 127.4, 122.6, 119.0, 118.7, 109.8, 108.5, 101.1, 44.7; HRMS: C₁₅H₁₂O₄ calculated 256.0736, found 256.0738; New compound.

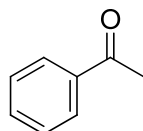


2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethanone (3nf): Brown oil; IR (KBr): 2920, 2852, 1684, 1489, 1443, 1385, 1246, 1172, 1090, 1038, 927, 773, 739, 613, 483 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (td, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (td, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.4 Hz,

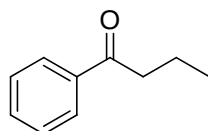
$J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 5.92 (s, 2 H), 4.28 (s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.5, 147.8, 146.5, 135.4, 133.9, 132.7, 130.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.4, 125.8, 124.2, 122.6, 109.9, 108.9, 108.4, 100.9, 48.4; HRMS: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ calculated 290.0943, found 290.0938; New compound.



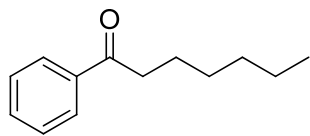
2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)ethanone (3nb): Brown solid, mp: 105–106 °C; IR (KBr): 2922, 2852, 1679, 1595, 1505, 1399, 1318, 1174, 1092, 1014, 970, 946, 927, 906, 863, 838, 807, 789, 773, 756, 669, 646, 618, 562, 516, 498, 447 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.94 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 4.34 (s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.9, 135.2, 134.0, 133.0, 132.9, 130.9, 130.3, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 126.6, 125.7, 124.2, 48.0; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClO}$ calculated 280.0655, found 280.0649; New compound.



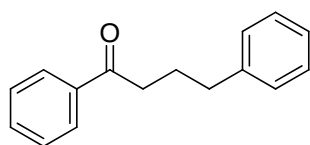
Acetophenone (3aj):⁵ Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 2922, 2852, 1629, 1385, 1113 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 2.61 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.1, 137.2, 133.1, 128.6, 128.3, 26.6; HRMS: $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}$ calculated 120.0575, found 120.0577; Registry Number: [98-86-2].



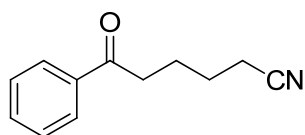
1-Phenylbutan-1-one (3ak):¹ Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 2923, 2853, 1648, 1559, 1541, 1508, 1449, 1385, 1111, 804, 738, 443 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.95 (dd, $J_1 = 8.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.52–7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 2.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 1.76 (sext, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.3, 137.1, 132.8, 128.5, 127.9, 40.4, 17.7, 13.8; HRMS: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$ calculated 148.0888, found 148.0883; Registry Number: [495-40-9].



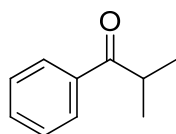
1-Phenylheptan-1-one (3am):⁶ Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 2959, 2928, 2856, 1686, 1638, 1384, 1103, 733, 696, 592, 506 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.74 (quint, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.26–1.42 (m, 6 H), 0.88–0.90 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.6, 137.1, 132.8, 128.5, 128.1, 38.6, 31.7, 29.1, 24.4, 22.5, 14.0; HRMS: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ calculated 190.1358, found 190.1354; Registry Number: [1671-75-6].



1,4-Diphenylbutan-1-one (3an):⁷ White solid, mp: 59–61 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 3085, 3061, 3026, 2924, 2854, 1685, 1598, 1496, 1449, 1368, 1264, 1226, 1120, 1001, 743, 691, 562, 488 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.2, 2 H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.8, 1 H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.20–7.23 (m, 3 H), 2.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 2.10 (quint, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.1, 141.7, 137.0, 132.9, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 125.9, 37.7, 35.2, 25.7; HRMS: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ calculated 224.1201, found 224.1204; Registry Number: [5407-91-0].

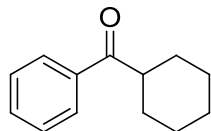


6-Oxo-6-phenylhexanenitrile (3ao): Pale yellow solid, mp: 68–70 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (KBr): 2958, 2872, 2248, 1676, 1541, 1458, 1385, 1111, 1075, 755, 729, 692, 569, 419 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.39 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.87–1.92 (m, 2 H), 1.73–1.78 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.0, 136.6, 133.1, 128.6, 127.9, 119.4, 37.3, 24.9, 23.0, 17.1; HRMS: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}$ calculated 187.0997, found 187.0994; New compound.

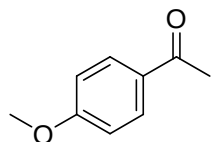


2-Methyl-1-phenylpropan-1-one (3ap):¹ Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 2922, 2851, 1655, 1638, 1560, 1499, 1459, 1385, 1114, 744, 479 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ

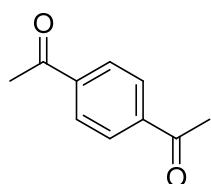
7.94 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.53–3.57 (m, 1 H), 1.21 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.4, 136.2, 132.7, 128.5, 128.2, 35.3, 19.1; HRMS: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$ calculated 148.0888, found 148.0886; Registry Number: [611-70-1].



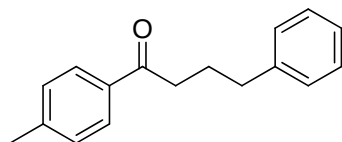
Cyclohexyl(phenyl)methanone (3aq):¹ White solid, mp: 60–62 °C; IR (KBr): 3061, 2932, 2854, 1681, 1597, 1448, 1373, 1252, 1207, 974, 765, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.94 (dd, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (tt, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (td, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H), 3.26 (tt, $J_1 = 11.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.6$ Hz, 1 H), 1.83–1.91 (m, 4 H), 1.72–1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.47–1.53 (m, 2 H), 1.36–1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.24–1.31 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.9, 136.4, 132.7, 128.6, 128.2, 45.6, 29.4, 26.0, 25.9; HRMS: $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ calculated 188.1201, found 188.1204; Registry Number: [712-50-5].



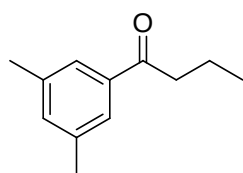
1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethanone (3cj):⁸ Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 2923, 2842, 1675, 1601, 1510, 1358, 1258, 1172, 1028, 957, 835, 564 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 6.92 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 2.54 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.7, 163.4, 130.5, 130.3, 113.6, 55.4, 26.3; HRMS: $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ calculated 150.0681, found 150.0677; Registry Number: [100-06-1].



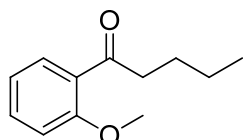
1,1'-(1,4-Phenylene)diethanone (3ej):⁹ Yellow solid, mp: 120–121 °C; IR (KBr): 2922, 2852, 1677, 1384, 1312, 1119, 835, 604 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (s, 4 H), 2.65 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.5, 140.2, 128.5, 26.9; HRMS: $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ calculated 162.0681, found 162.0684; Registry Number: [1009-61-6].



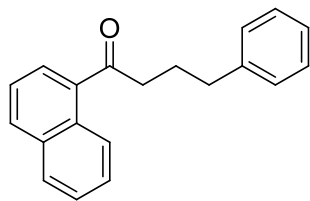
4-Phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)butan-1-one (3bn): Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 2925, 1679, 1655, 1638, 1384, 815, 700, 590, 502, 435 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.25 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.19–7.22 (m, 3 H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.08 (quint, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.8, 143.7, 141.7, 134.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 125.9, 37.6, 35.2, 25.8, 21.6; HRMS: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}$ calculated 238.1358, found 238.1361; New compound.



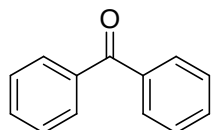
1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)butan-1-one (3gk): Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 2964, 2931, 1685, 1637, 1607, 1560, 1458, 1383, 1316, 1183, 1055, 847, 789, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 (s, 2 H), 7.19 (s, 1 H), 2.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 6 H), 1.76 (sext, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.9, 138.1, 137.3, 134.5, 125.8, 40.6, 21.2, 17.9, 13.9; HRMS: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$ calculated 176.1201, found 176.1199; New compound.



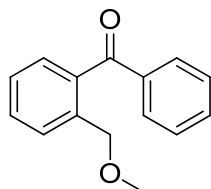
1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)pentan-1-one (3kl): Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 2961, 2934, 2873, 1677, 1599, 1486, 1466, 1438, 1384, 1287, 1246, 1163, 1026, 757 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (dd, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (td, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (td, J_1 = 7.2 Hz, J_2 = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.66 (quint, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.37 (sext, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.3, 158.3, 133.0, 130.1, 129.1, 120.7, 111.6, 55.5, 43.5, 26.6, 22.5, 13.9; HRMS: $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ calculated 192.1150, found 192.1147; New compound.



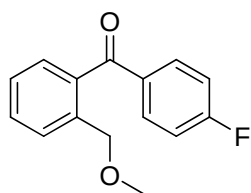
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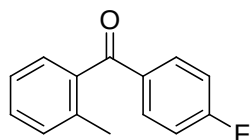
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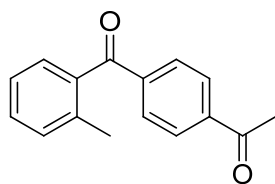
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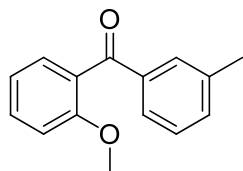
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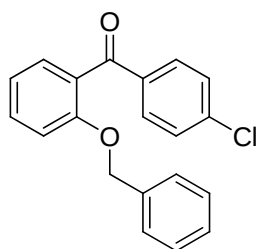
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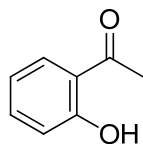
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(2-Methoxyphenyl)(m-tolyl)methanone (3kv): Yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3025, 2923, 2838, 1667, 1599, 1489, 1462, 1436, 1301, 1247, 1207, 1110, 1048, 1024, 958, 830, 756, 723, 640 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (s, 1 H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.44–7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.33–7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (td, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 3 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.4, 157.1, 137.8, 137.6, 133.6, 131.6, 129.8, 129.2, 128.8, 127.9, 127.1, 120.2, 111.3, 55.4, 21.1; HRMS: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ calculated 226.0994, found 226.0991; New compound.



(2-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (3mu): Colorless oil; IR (KBr): 3066, 3033, 2924, 2852, 1656, 1598, 1485, 1448, 1400, 1384, 1307, 1260, 1239, 1109, 1090, 1014, 926, 844, 753, 696 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73 (dd, $J_1 = 6.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.44–7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (dd, $J_1 = 6.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, 2 H), 7.23–7.24 (m, 3 H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.98–7.00 (m, 2 H), 5.00 (s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.5, 156.4, 139.1, 136.8, 136.2, 132.4, 131.0, 130.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 121.1, 112.8, 70.2; HRMS: $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_2$ calculated 322.0761, found 322.0766; New compound.



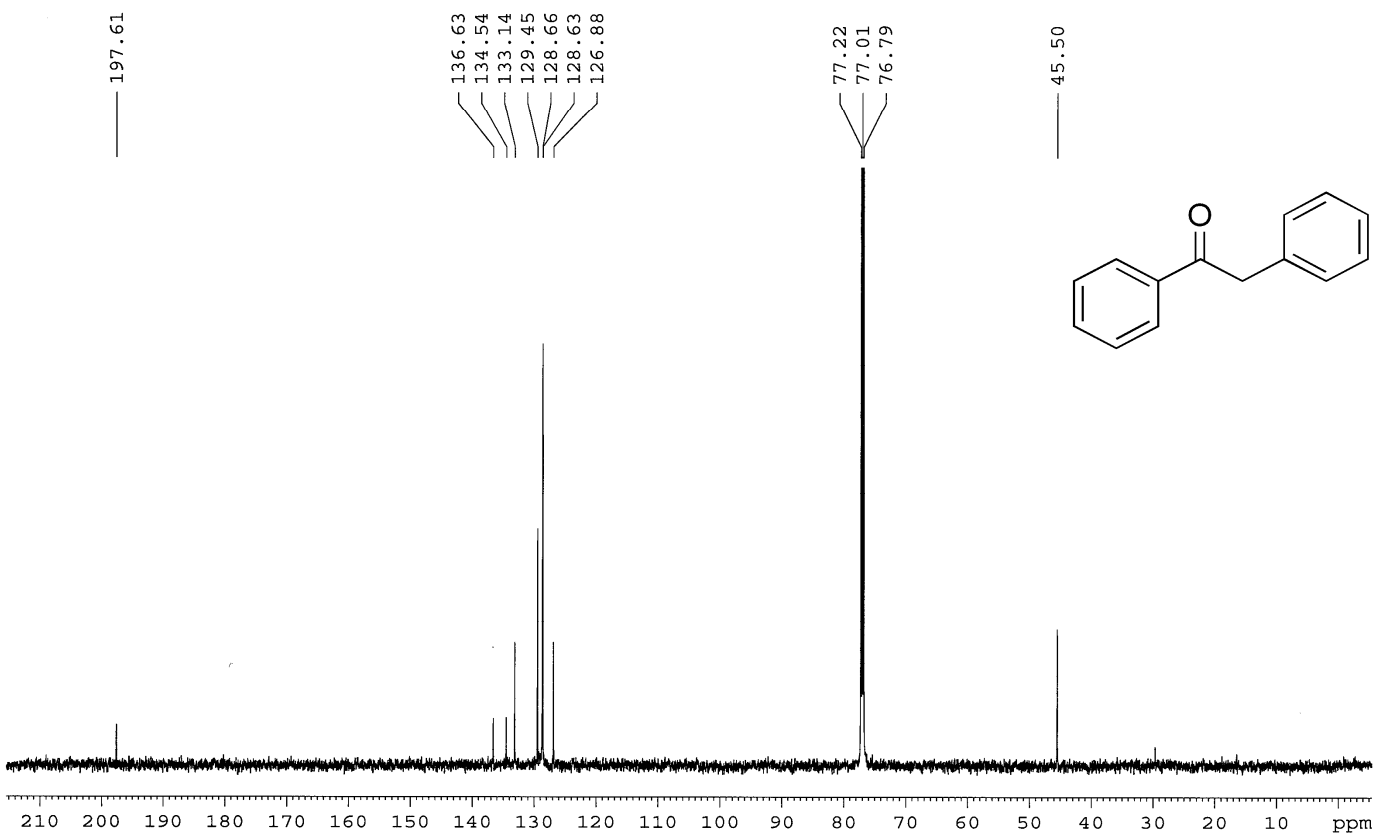
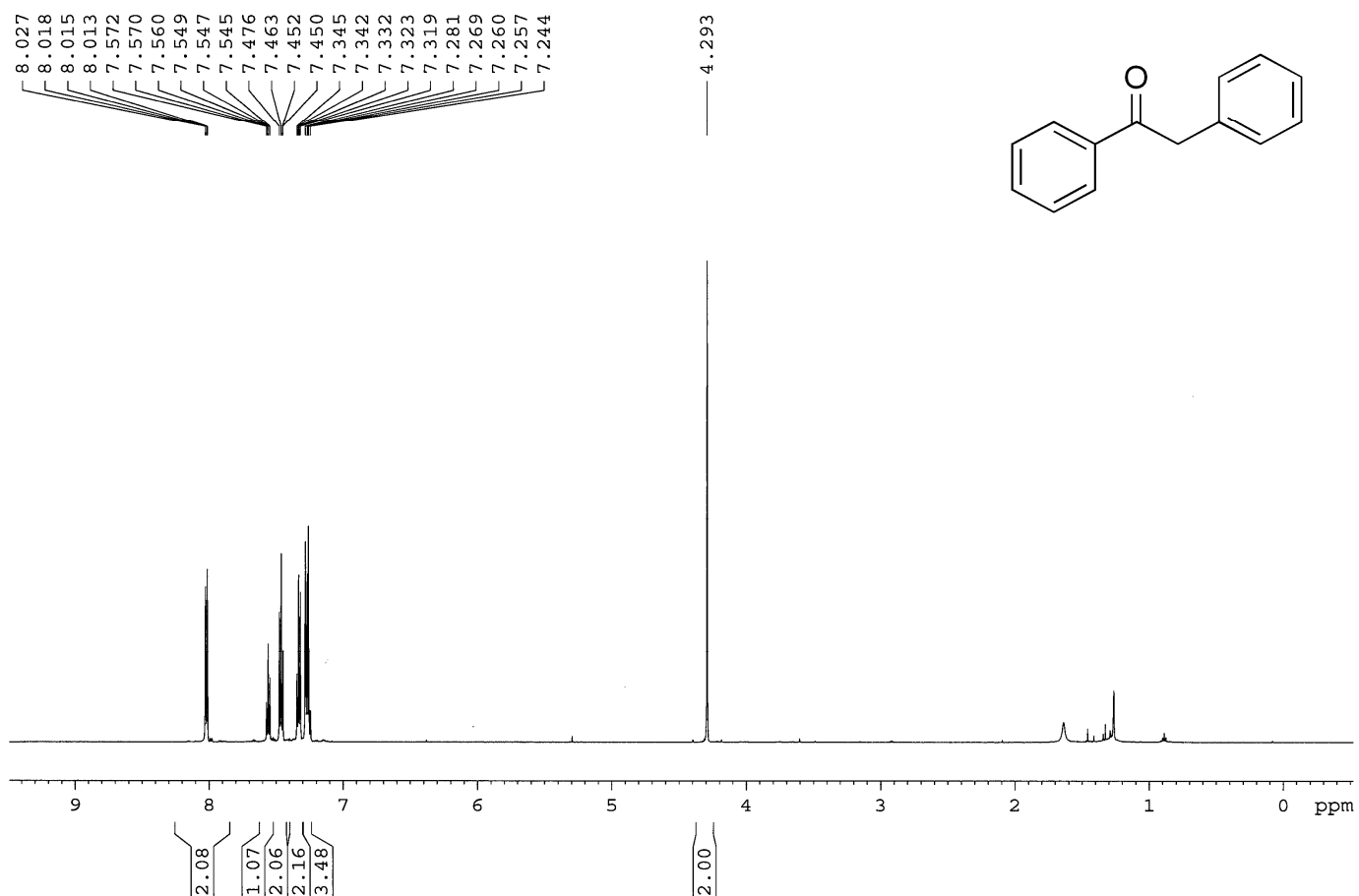
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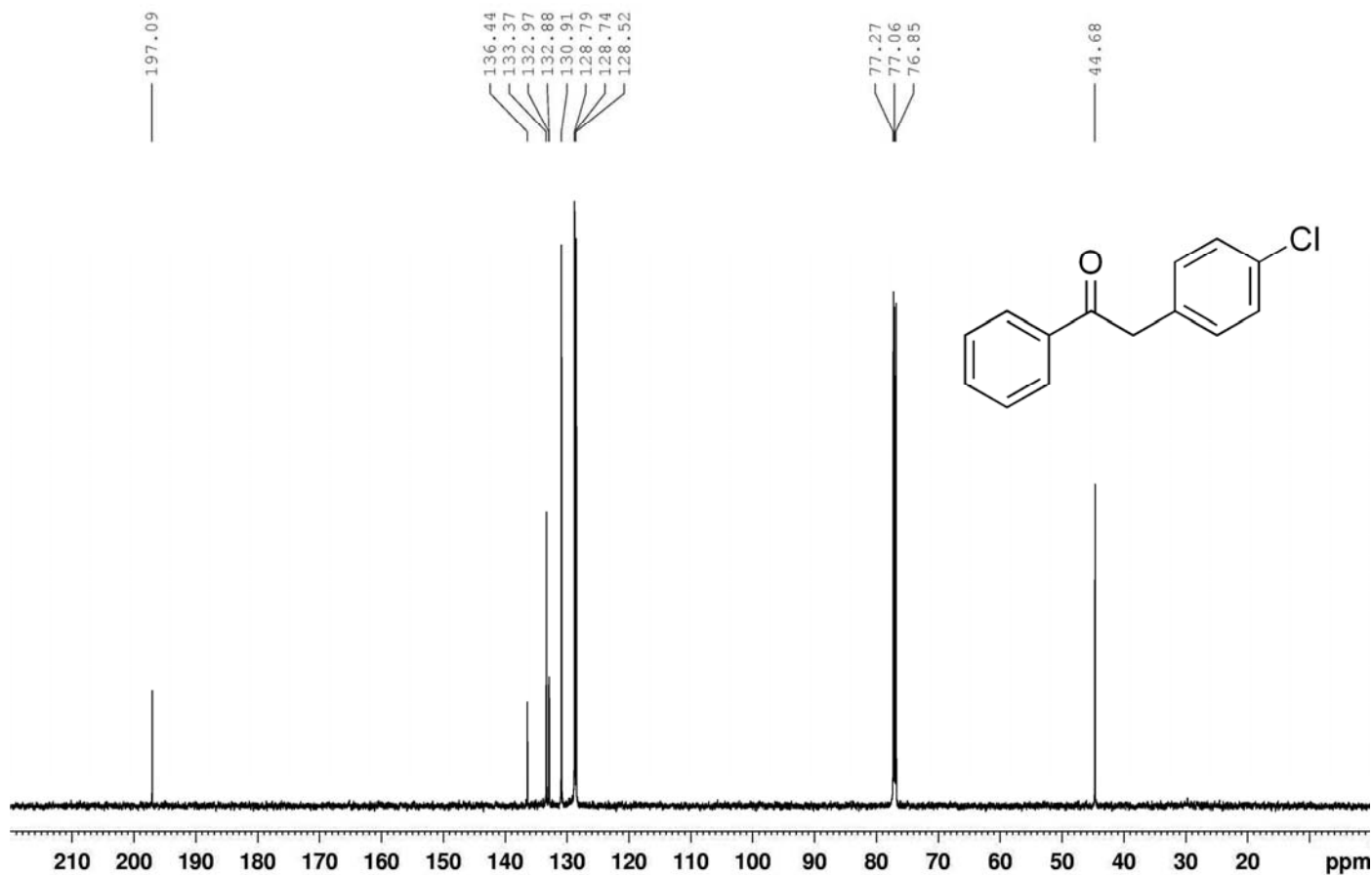
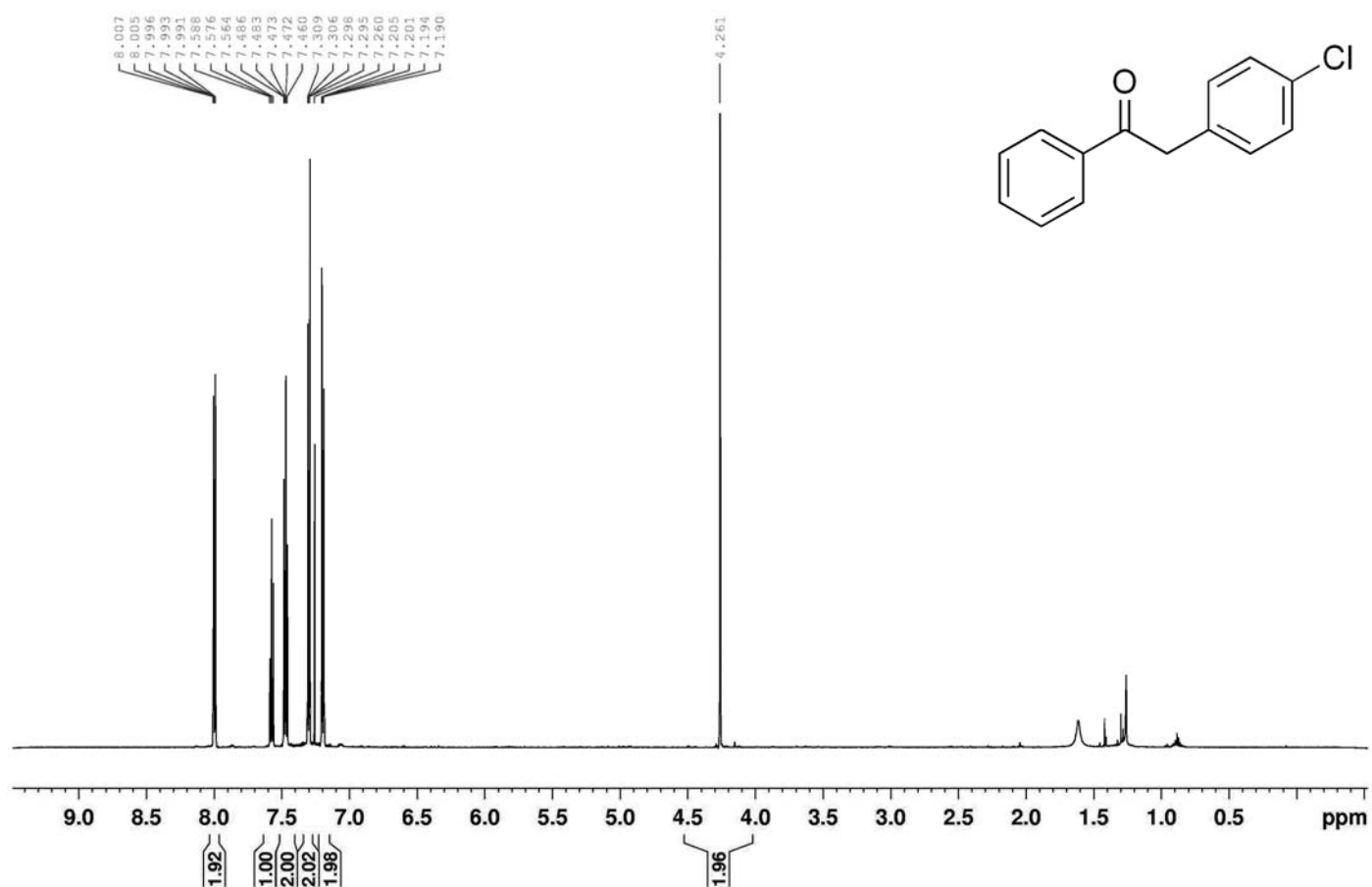
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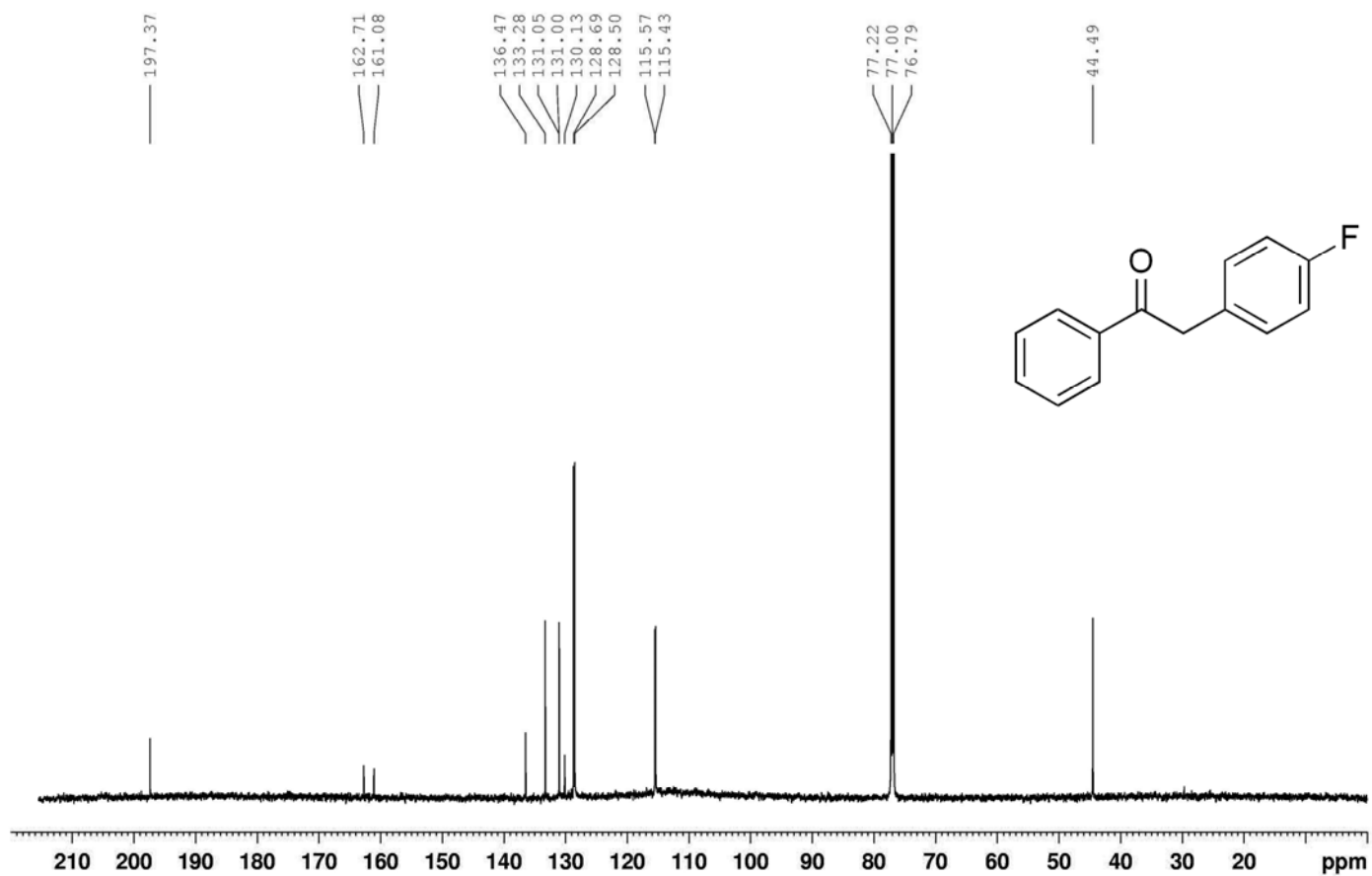
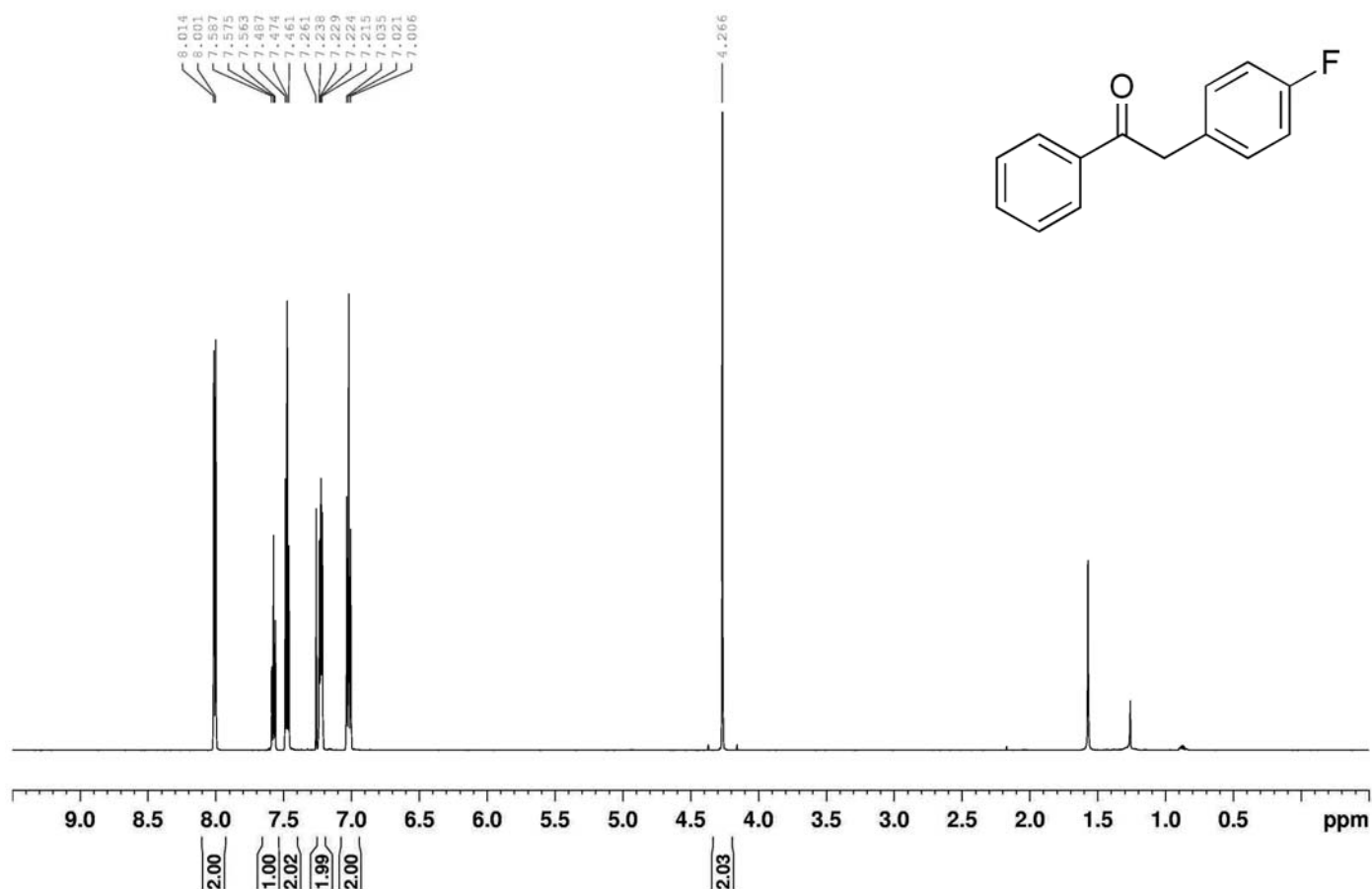
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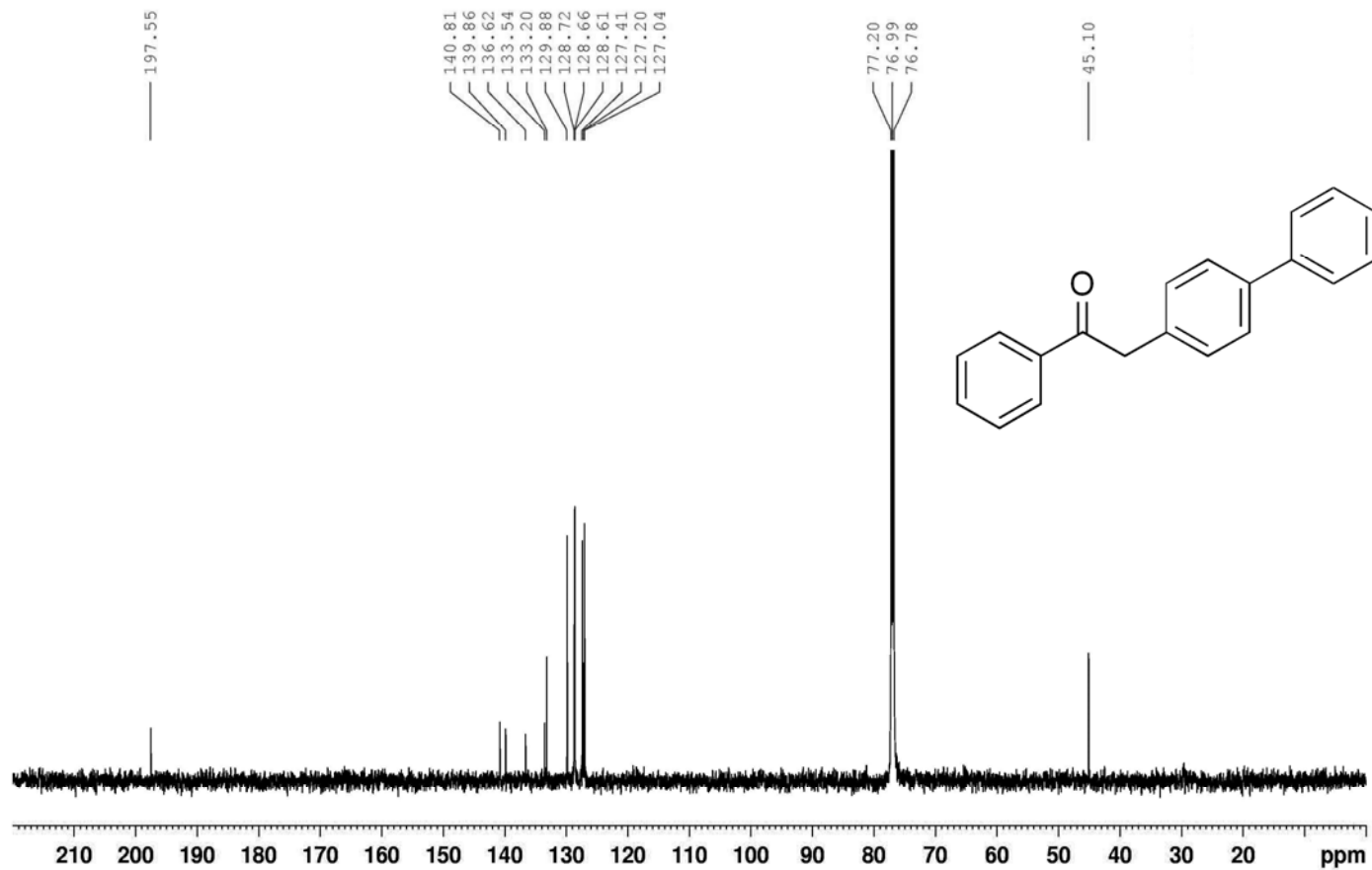
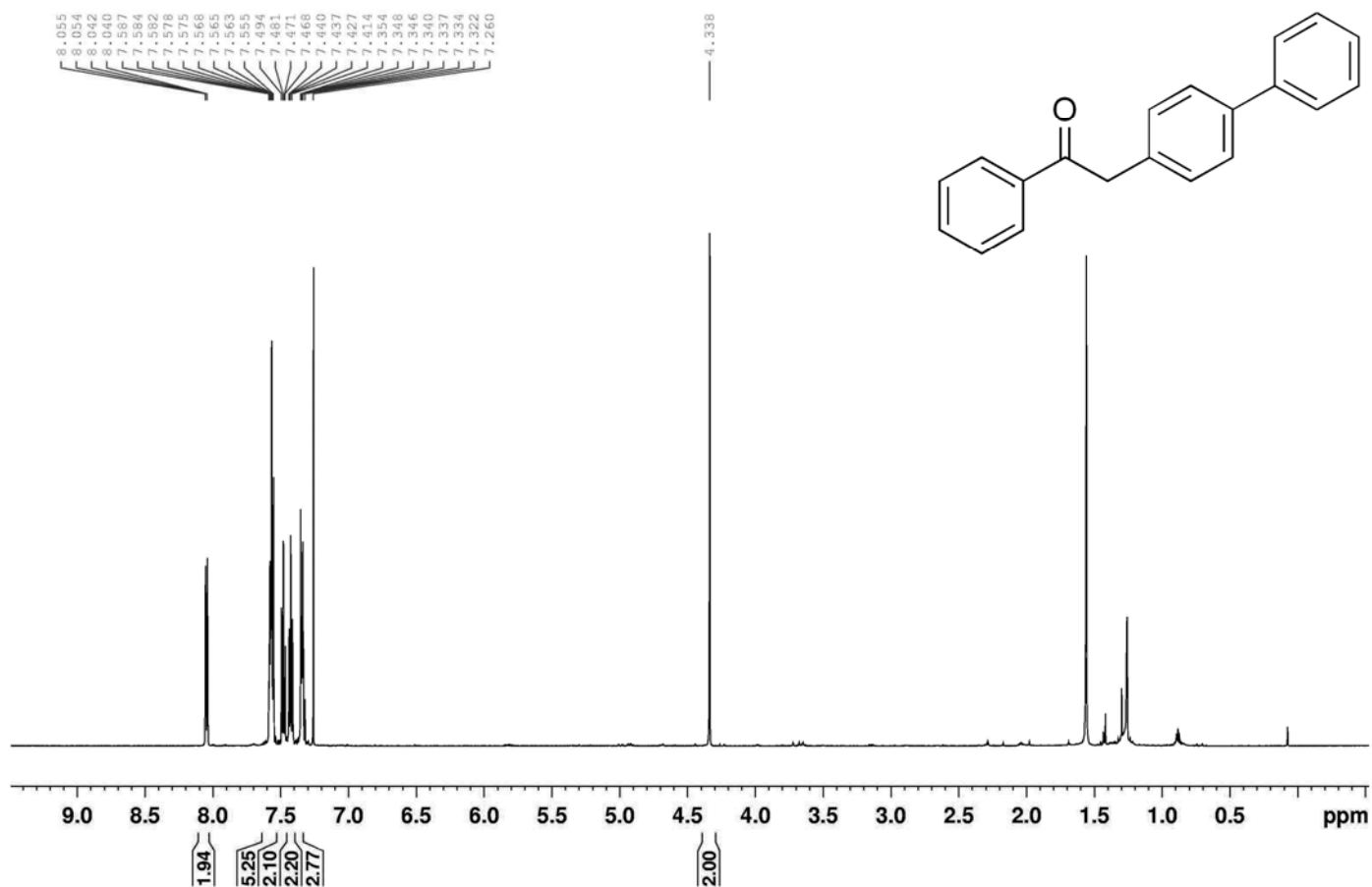
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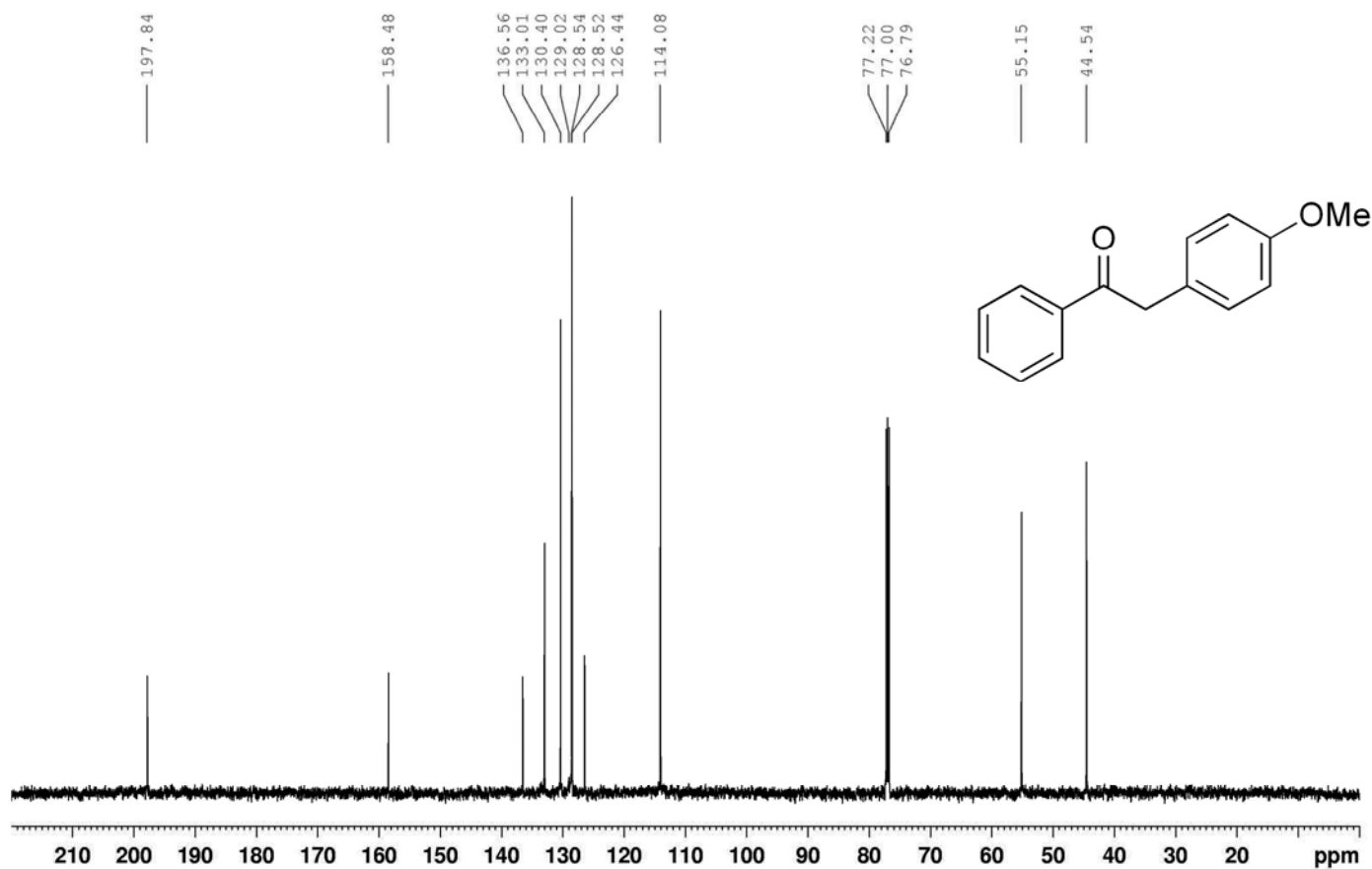
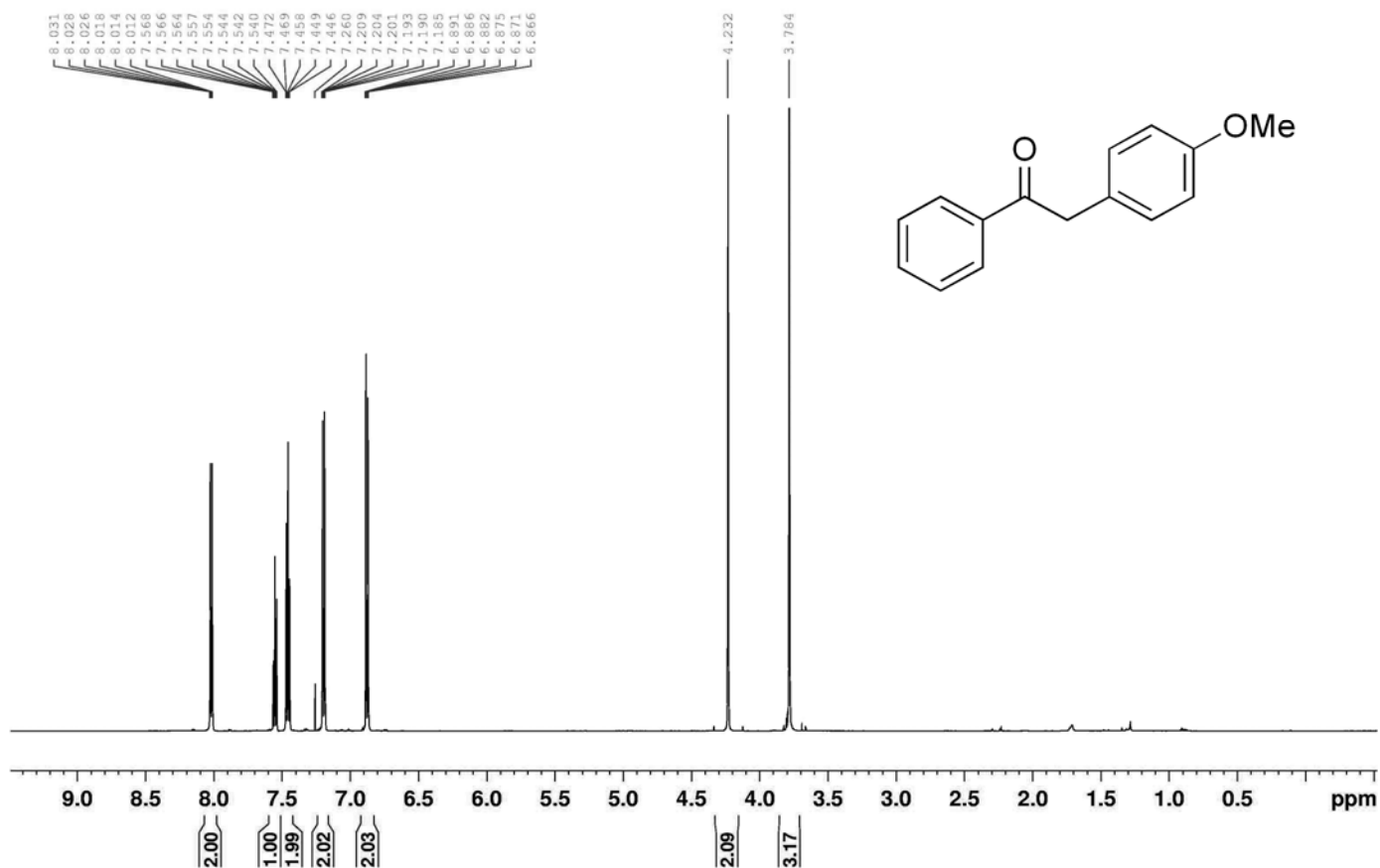
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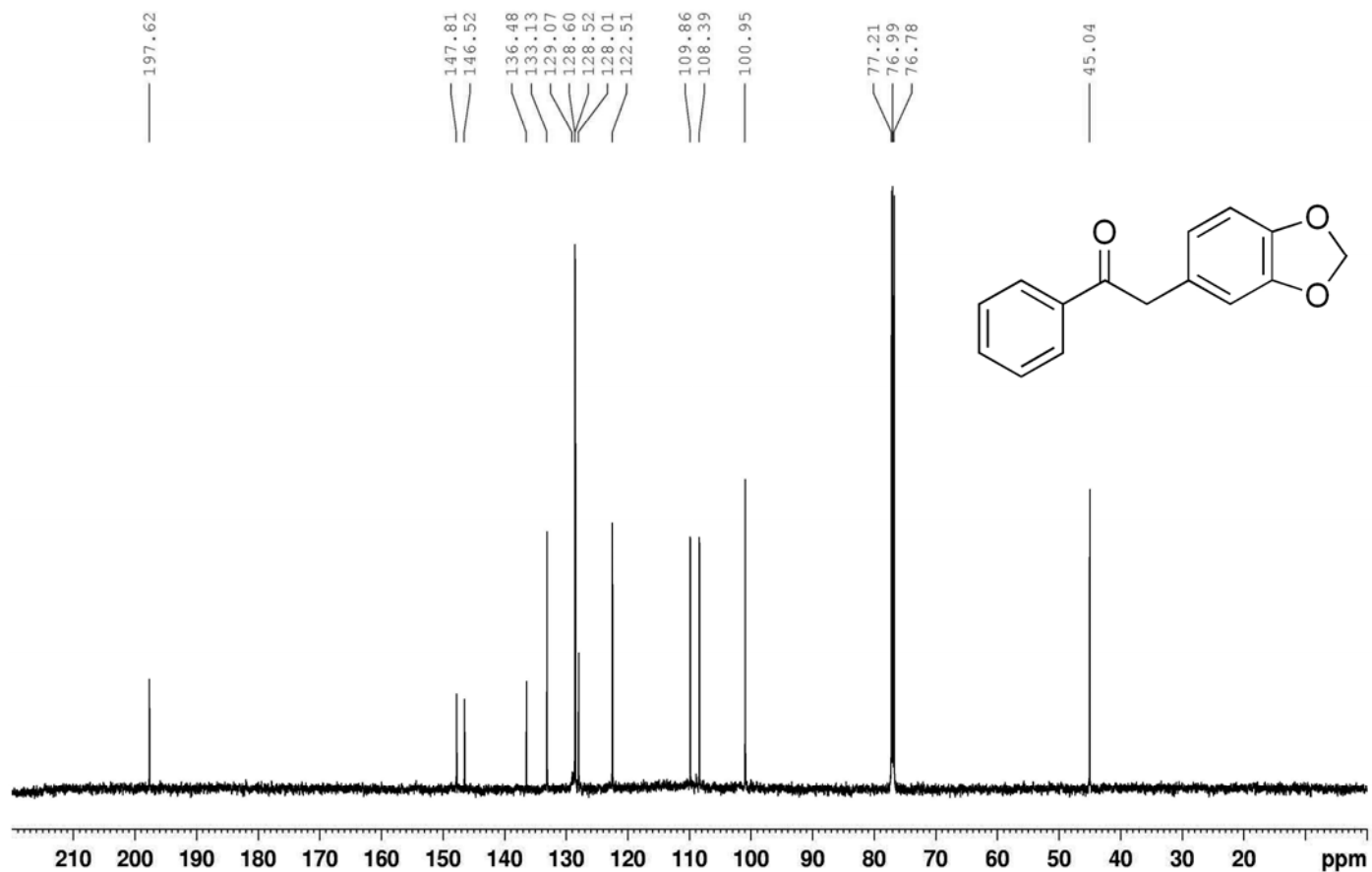
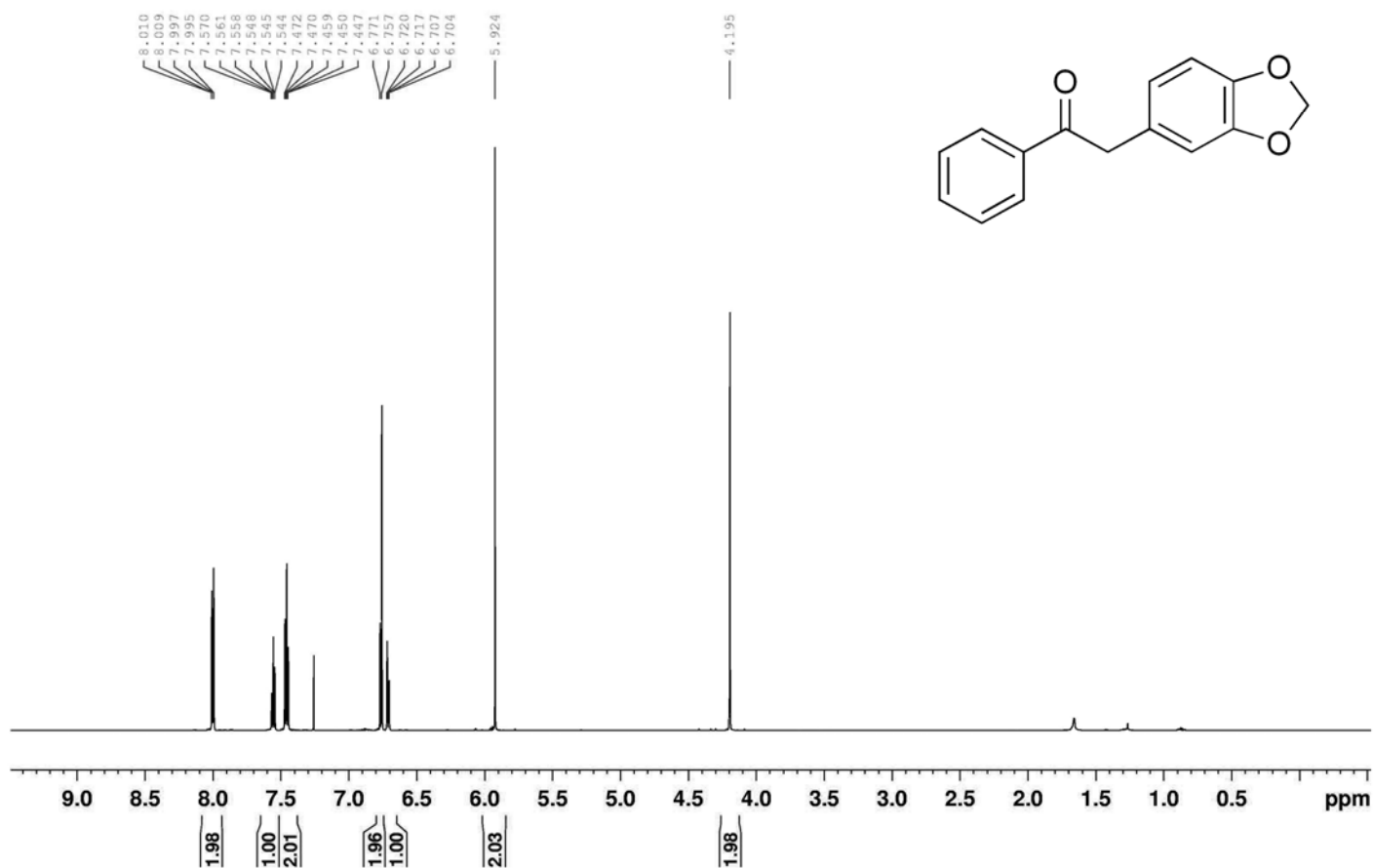
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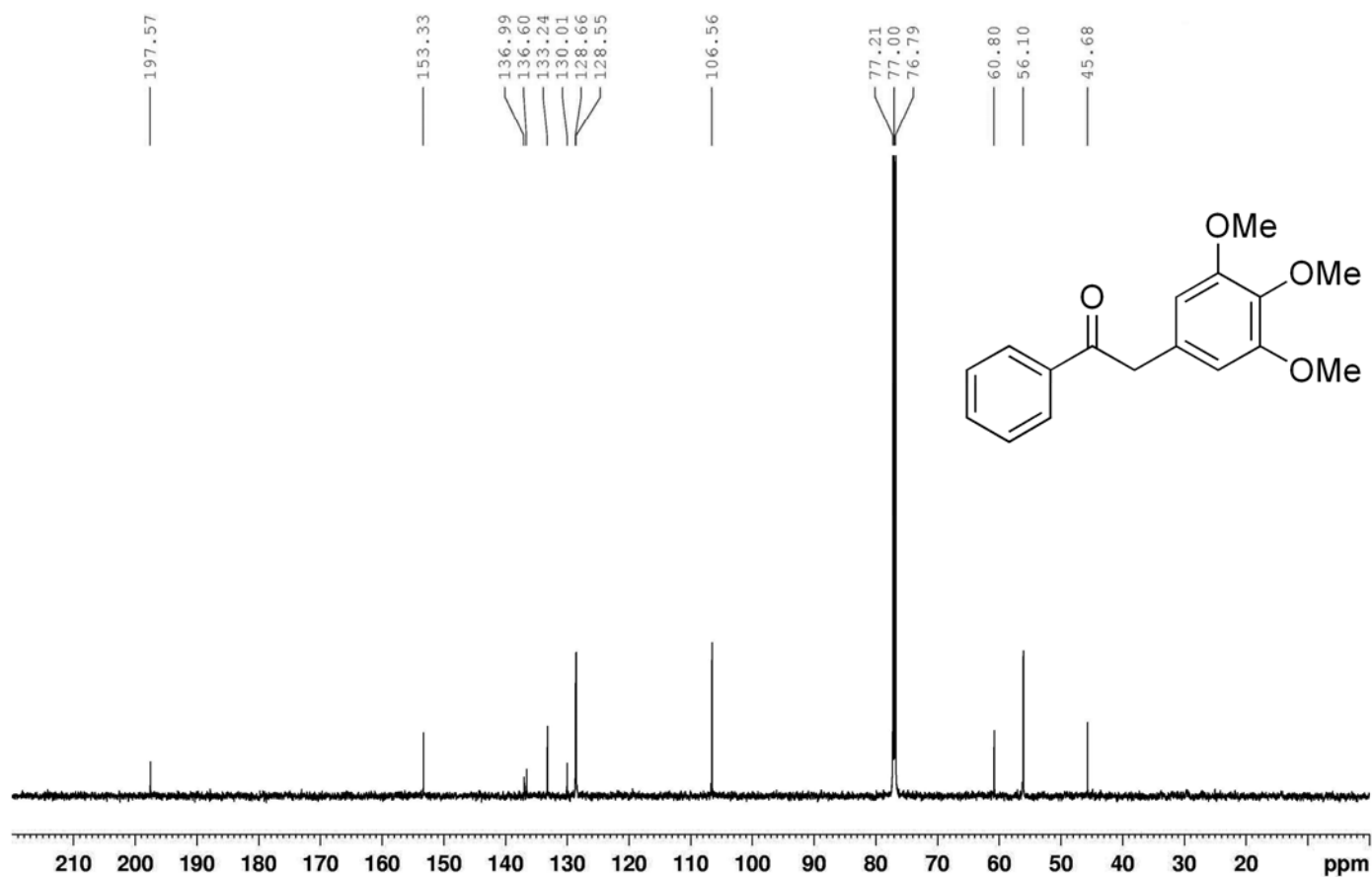
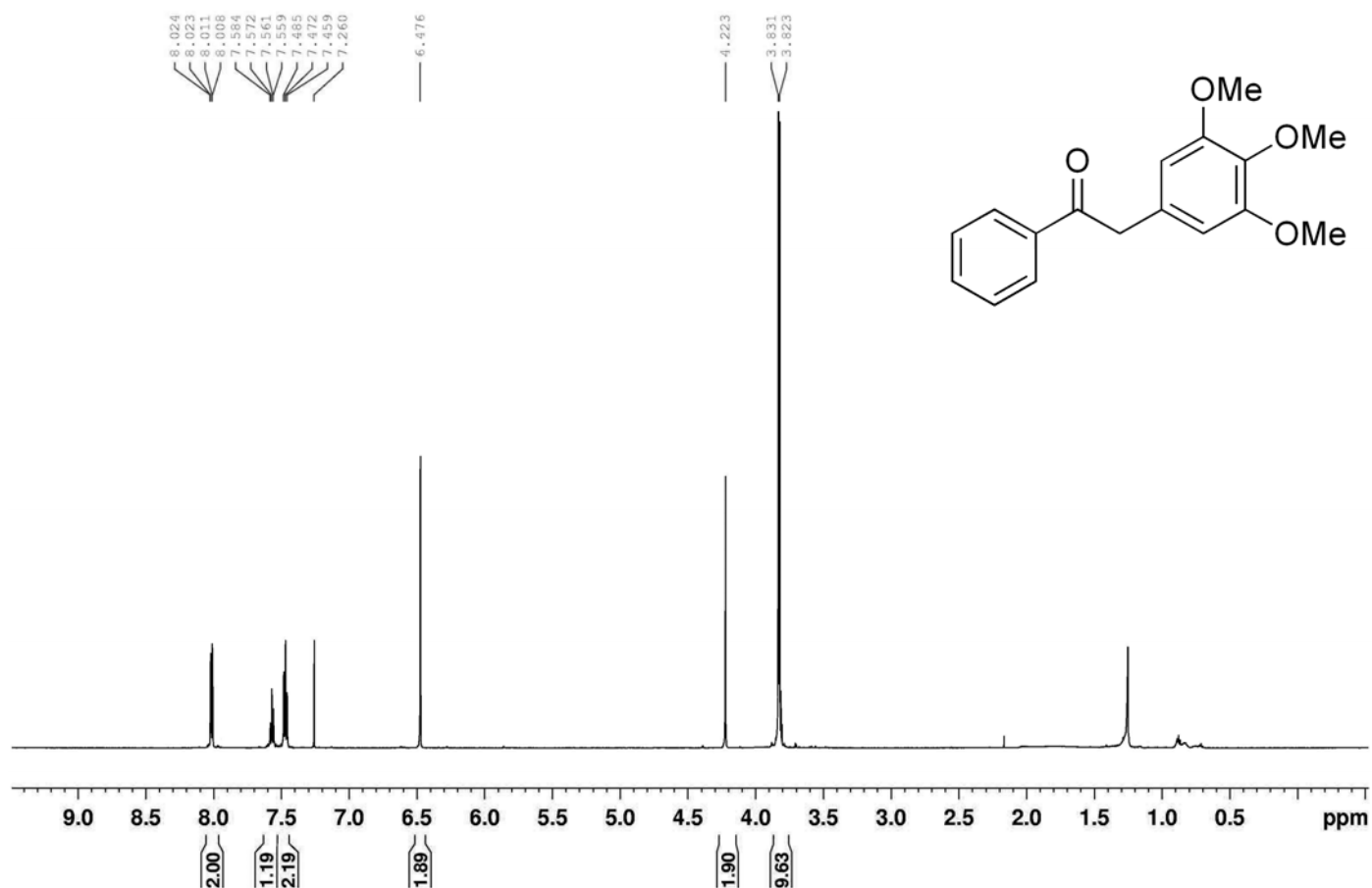
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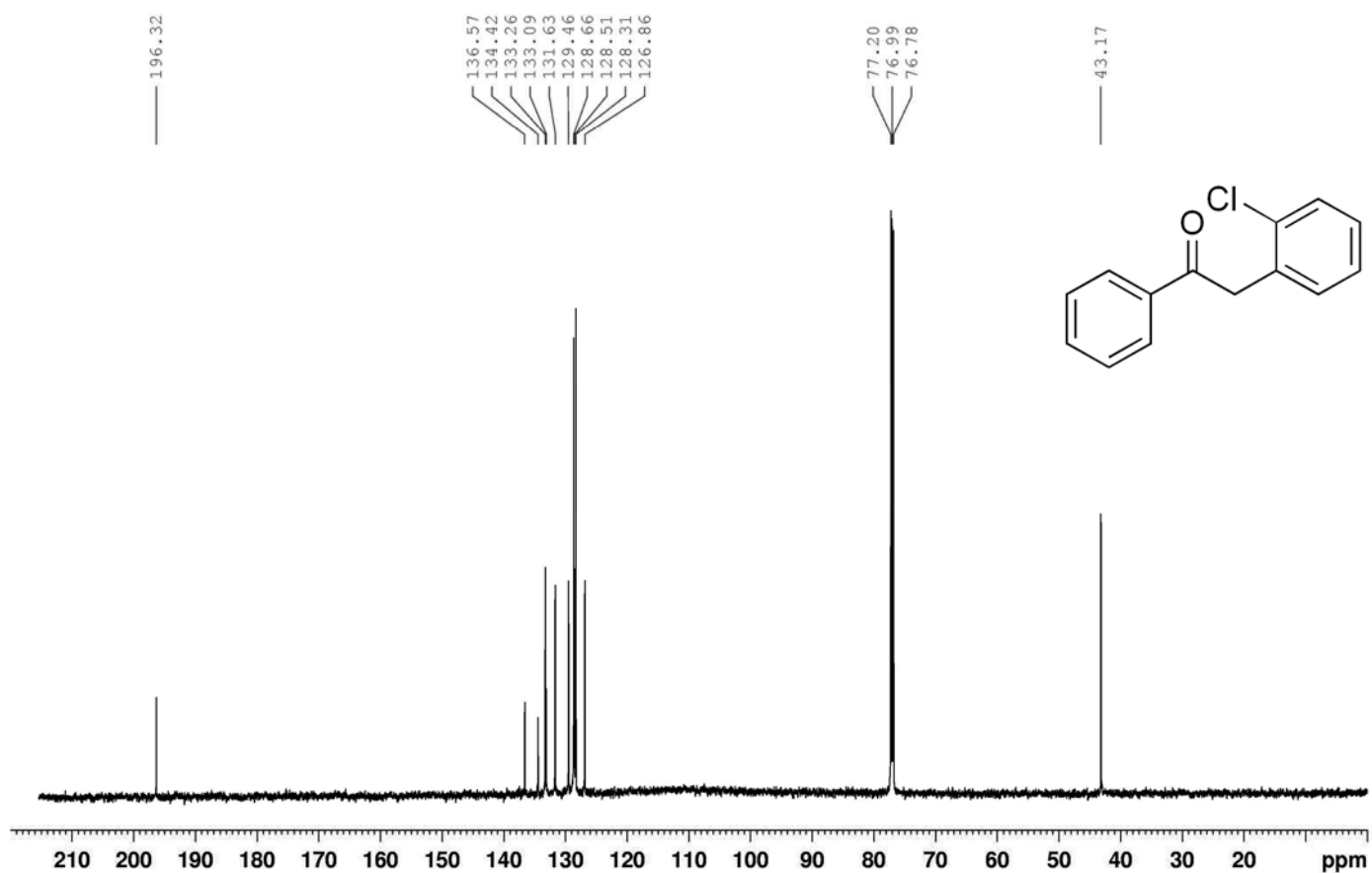
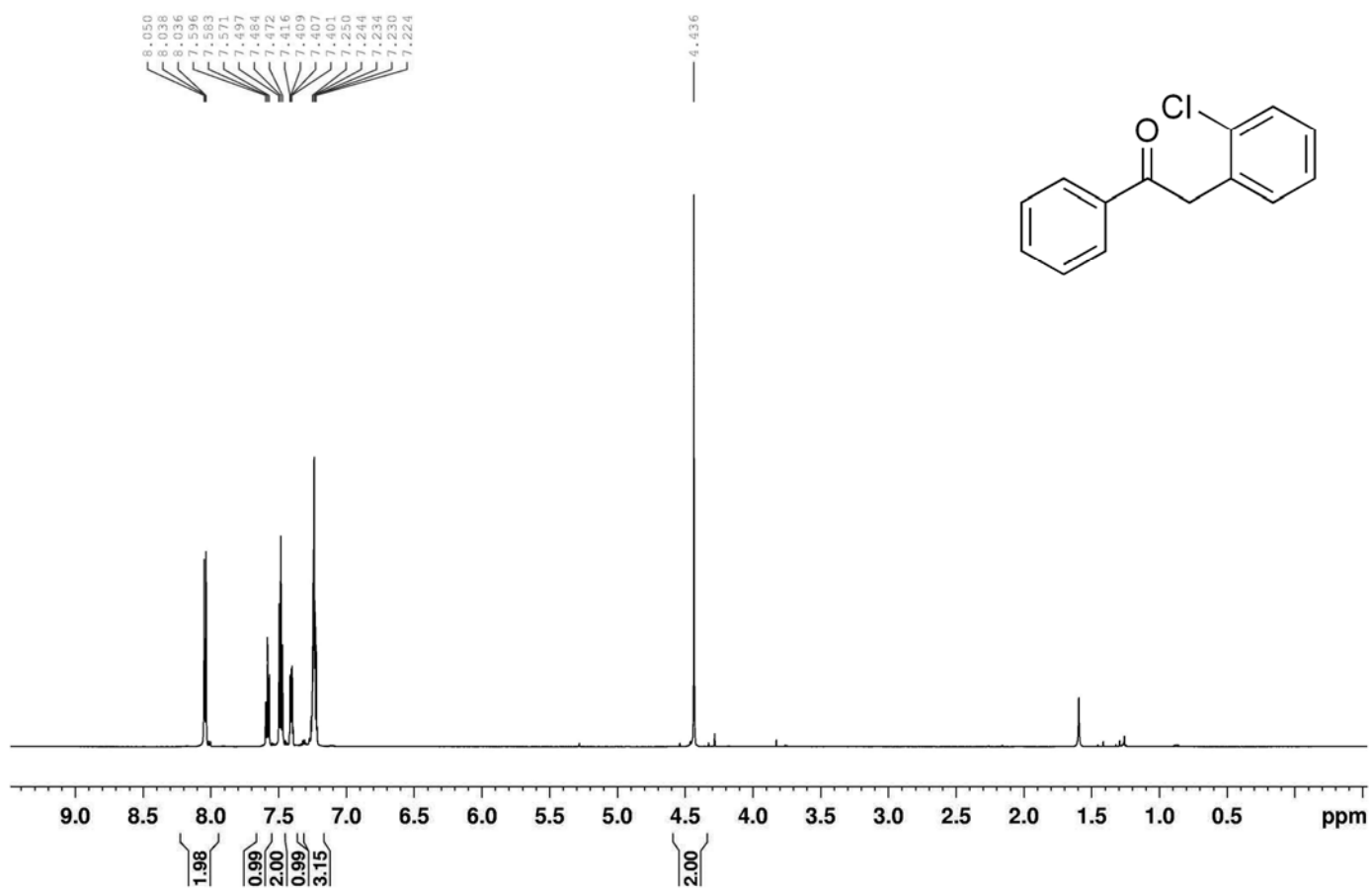
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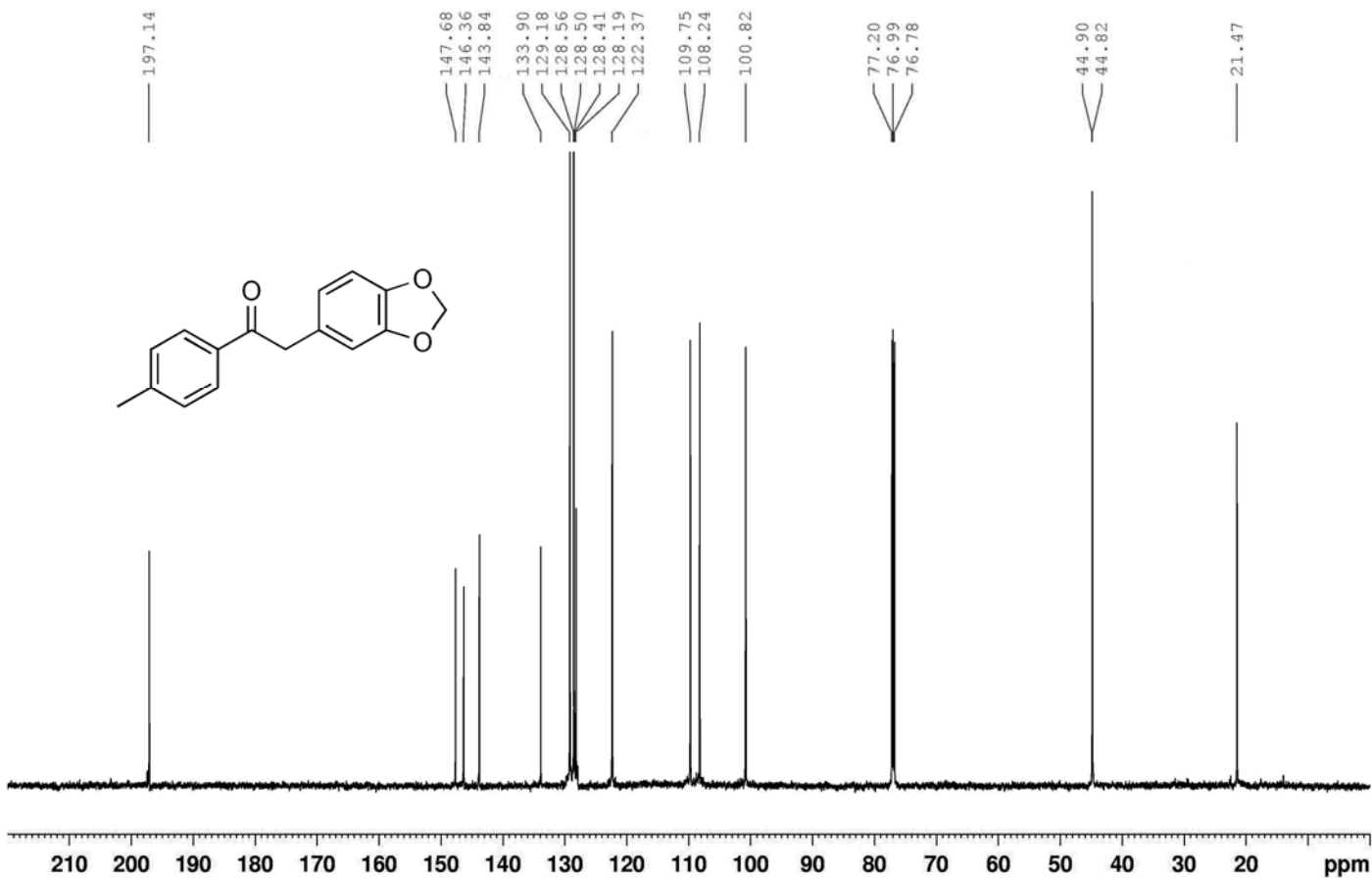
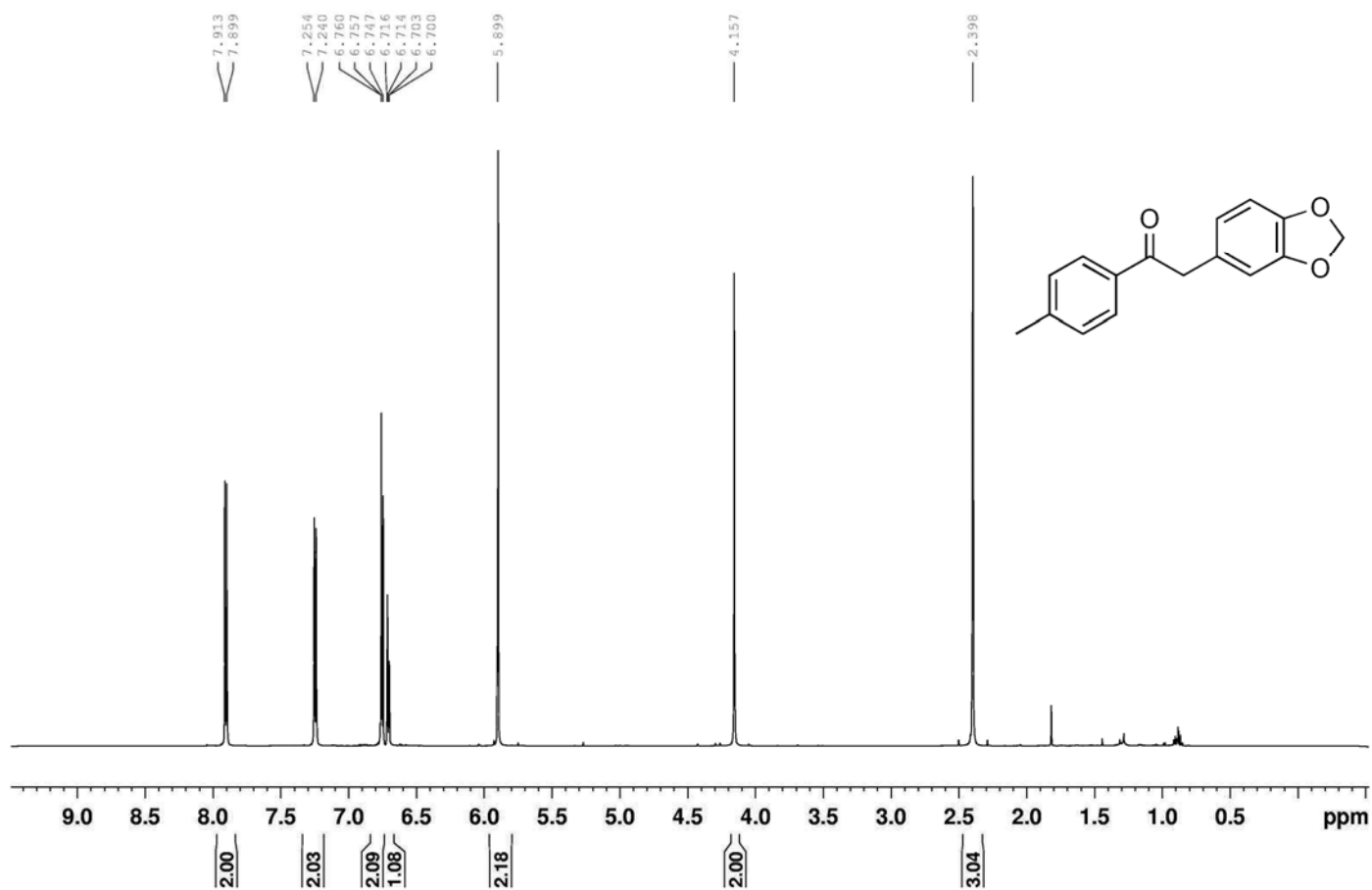
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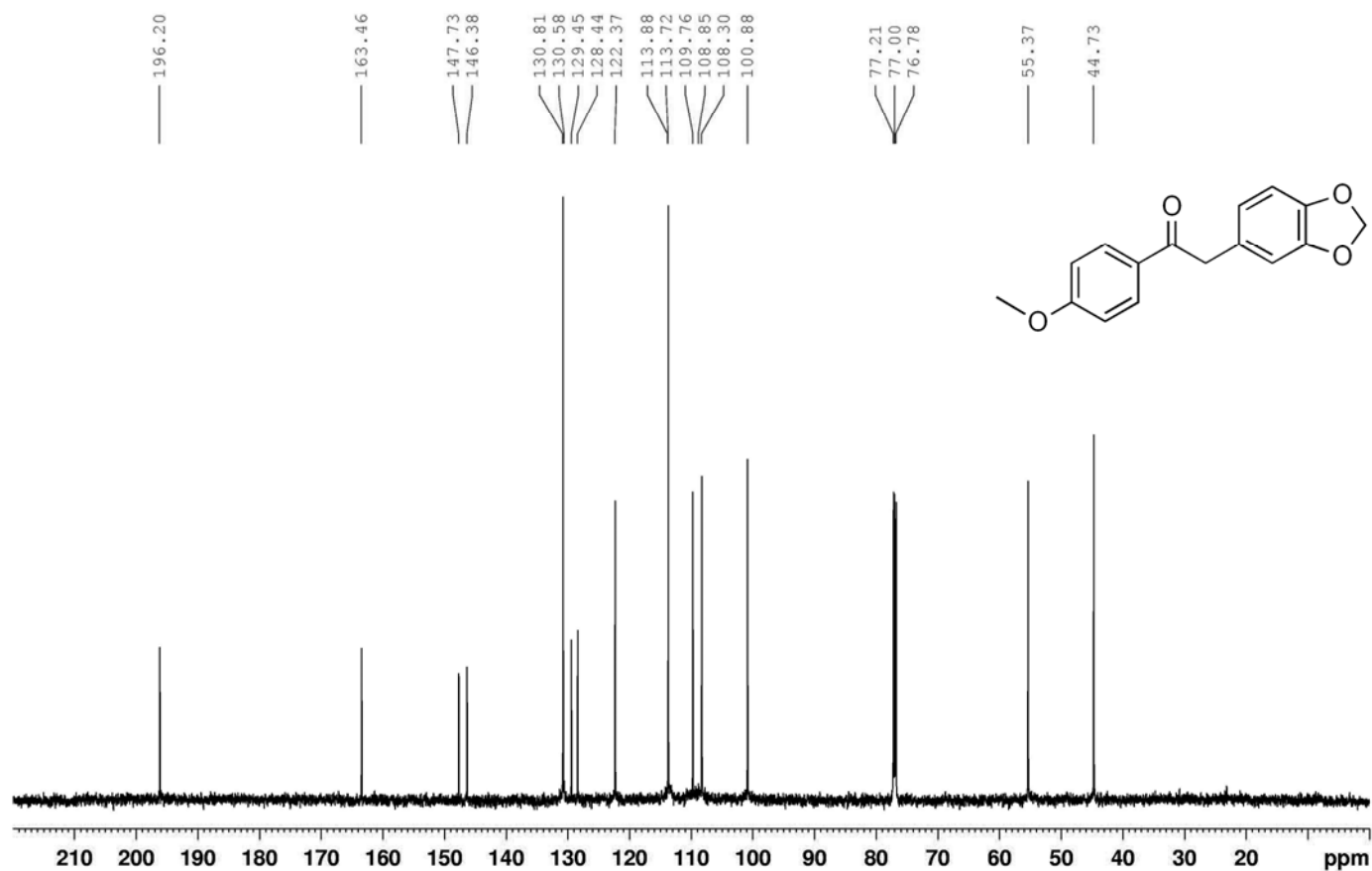
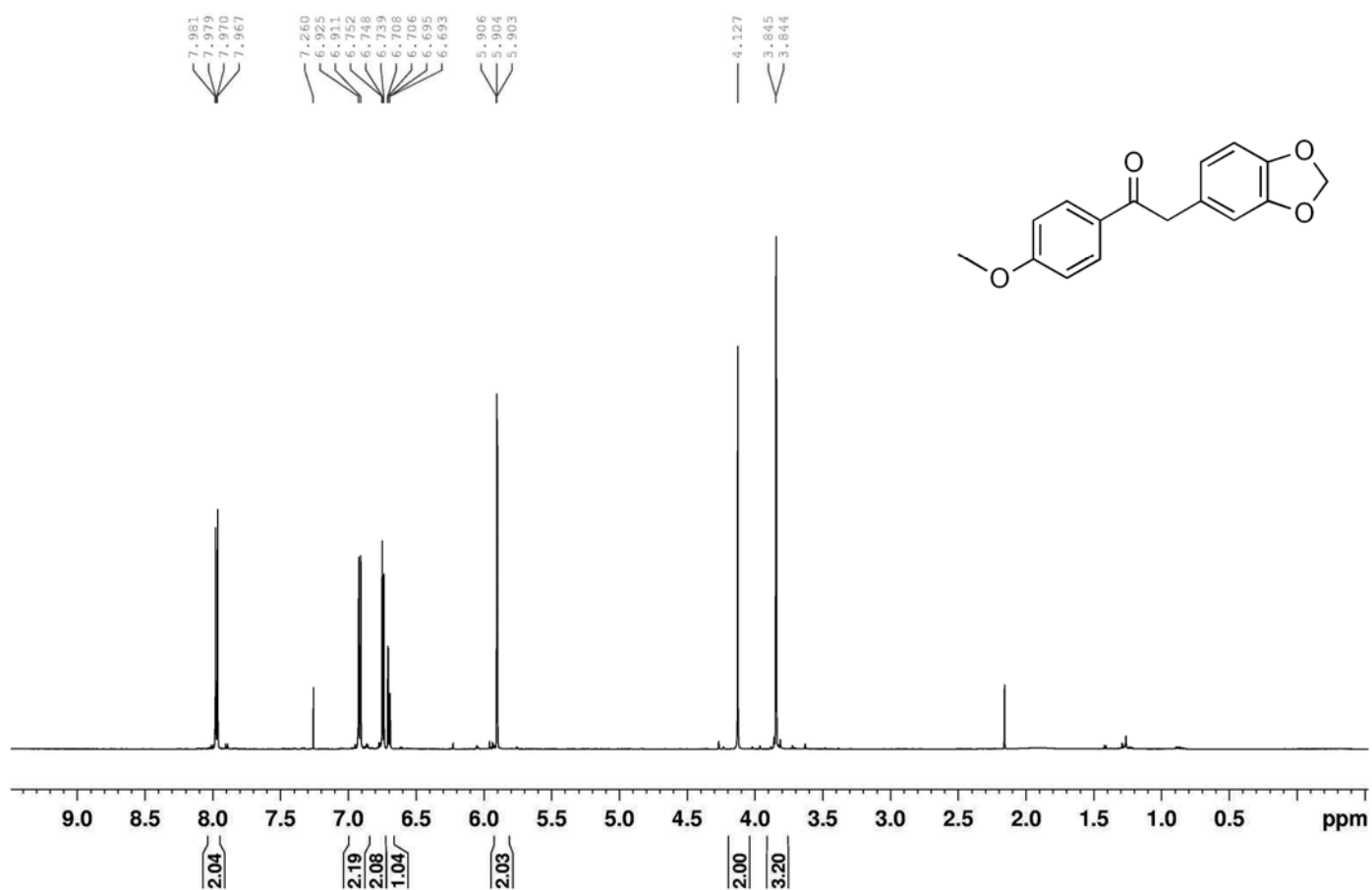
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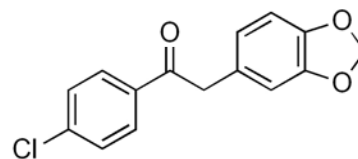
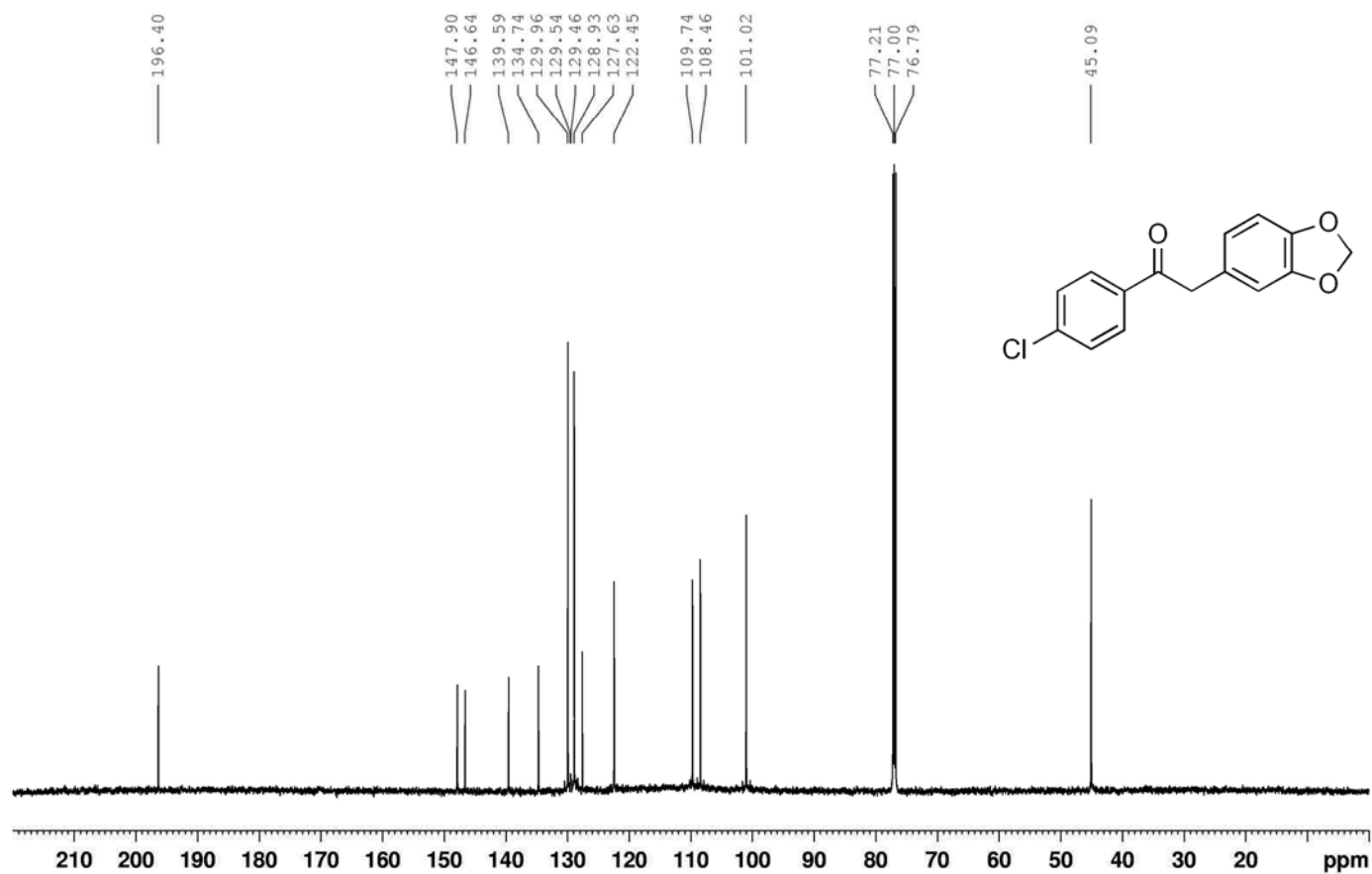
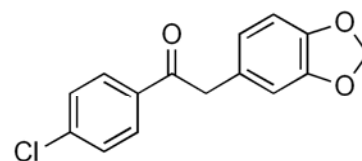
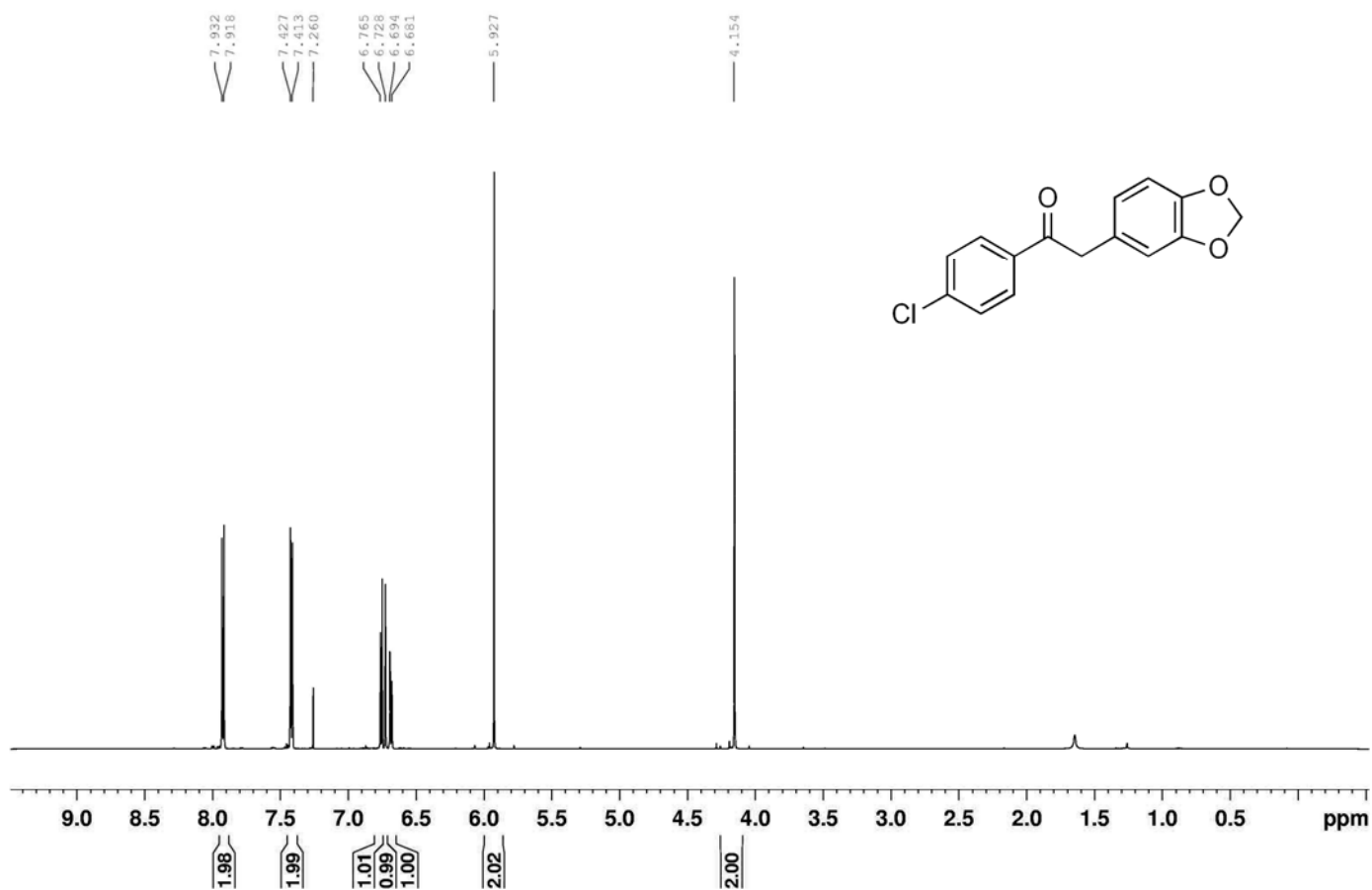
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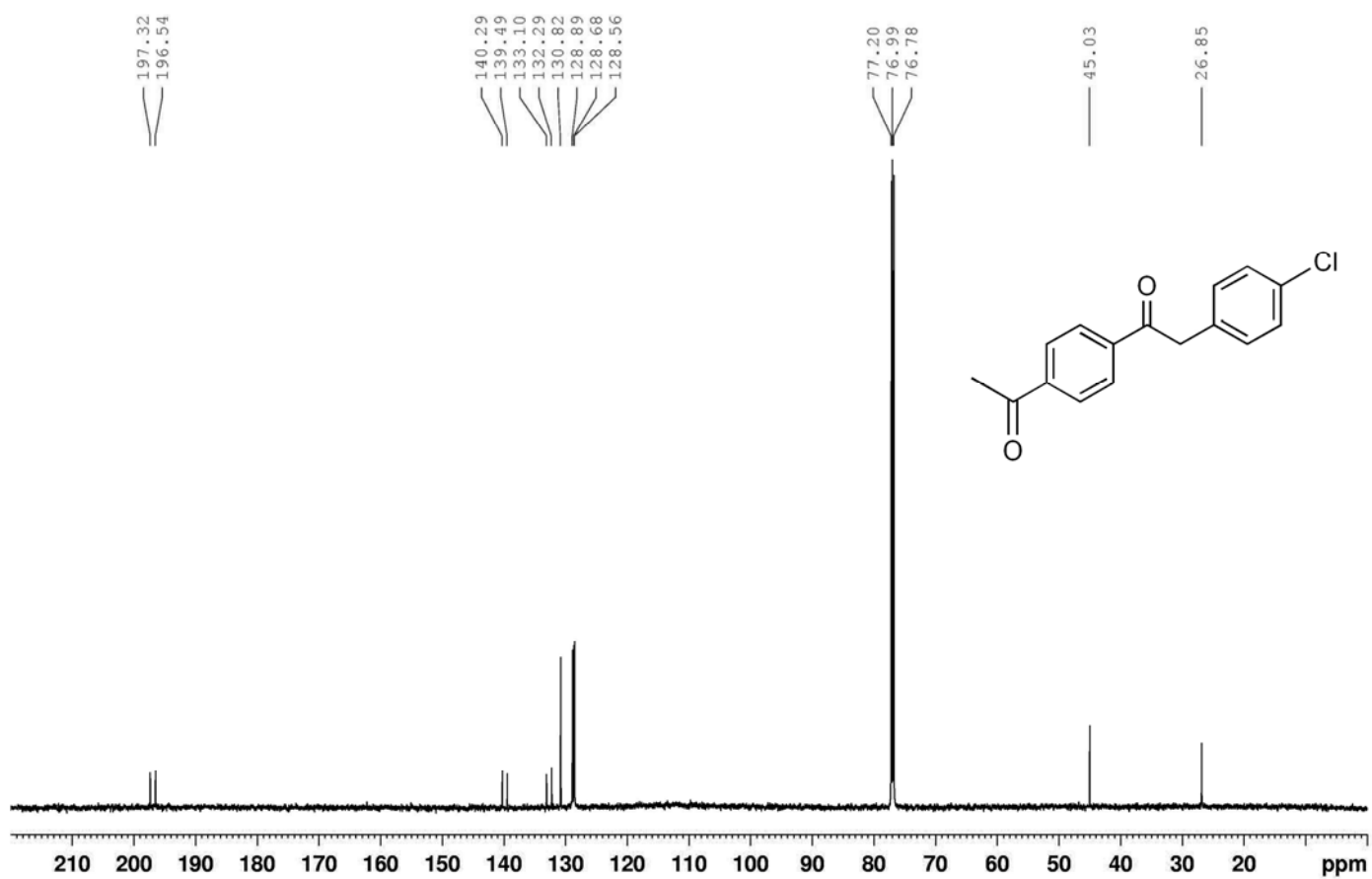
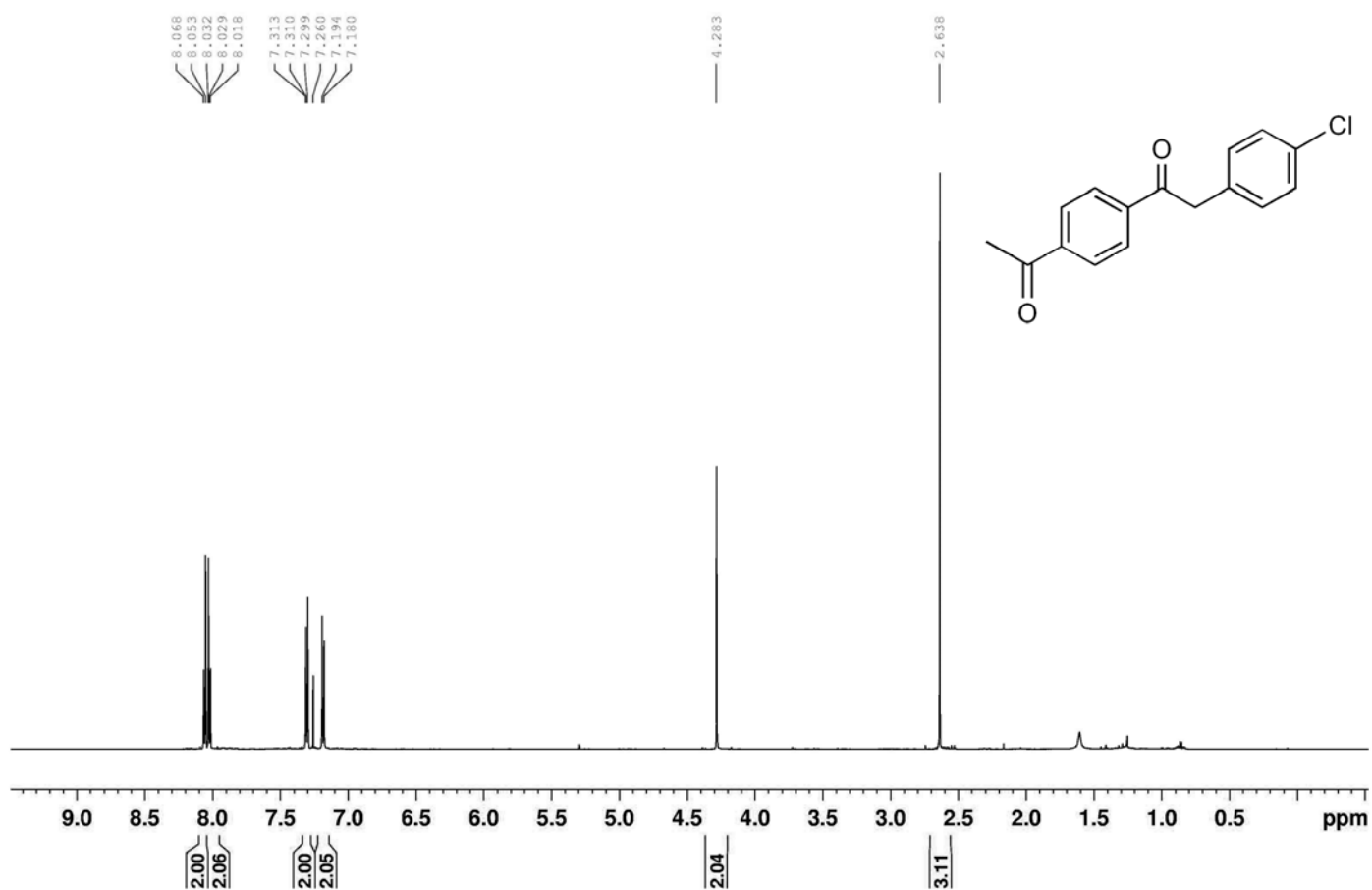
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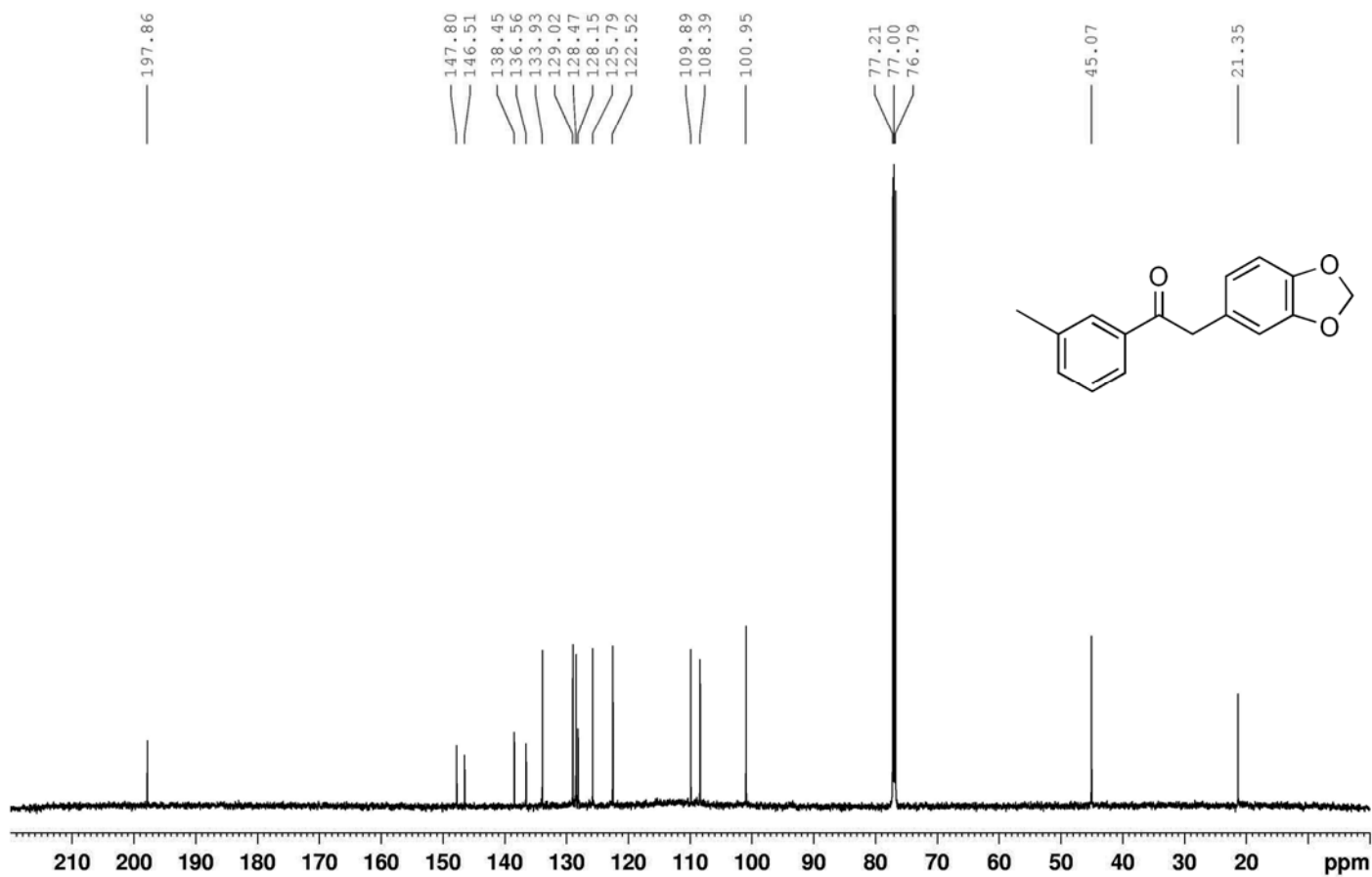
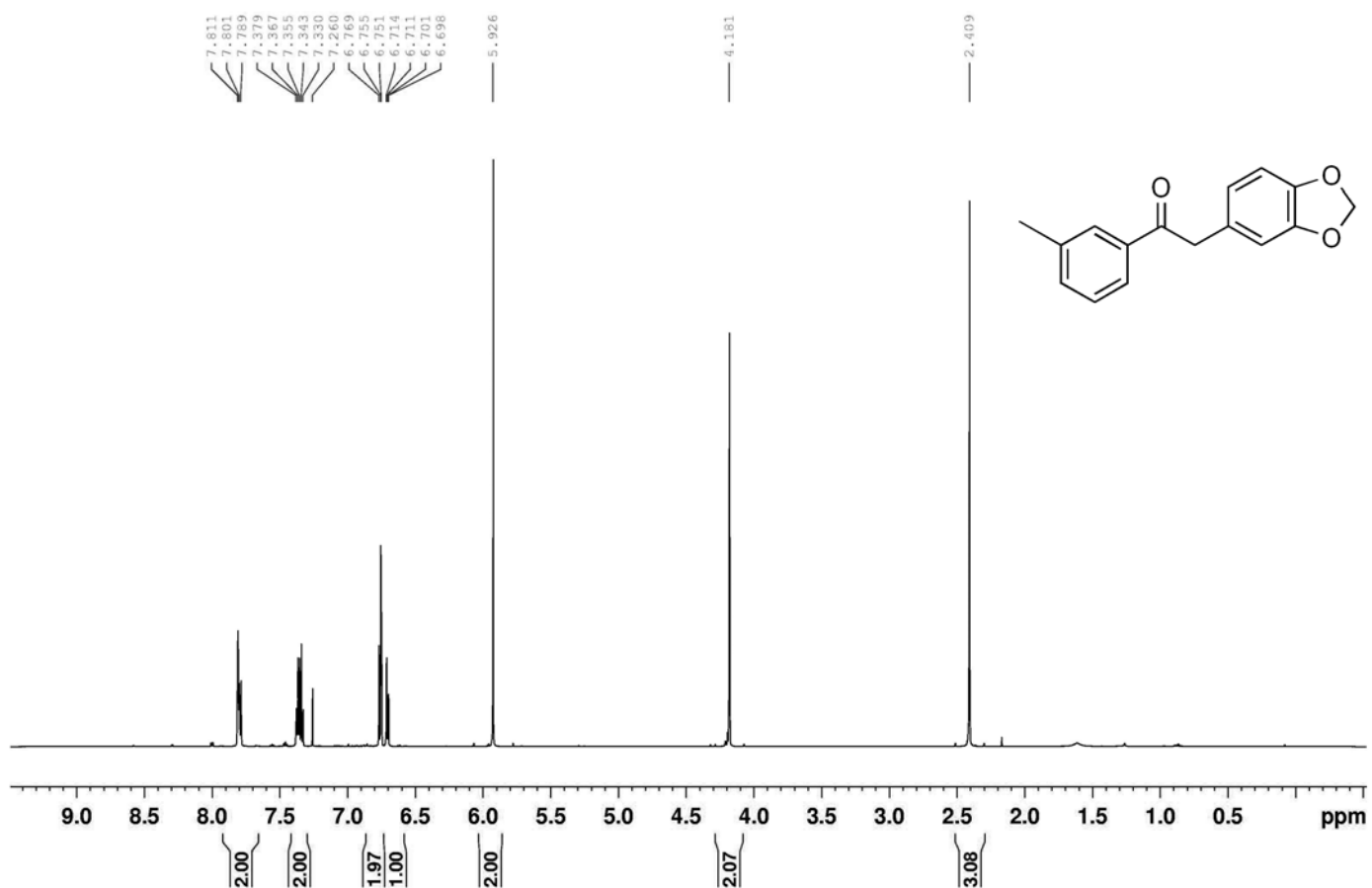
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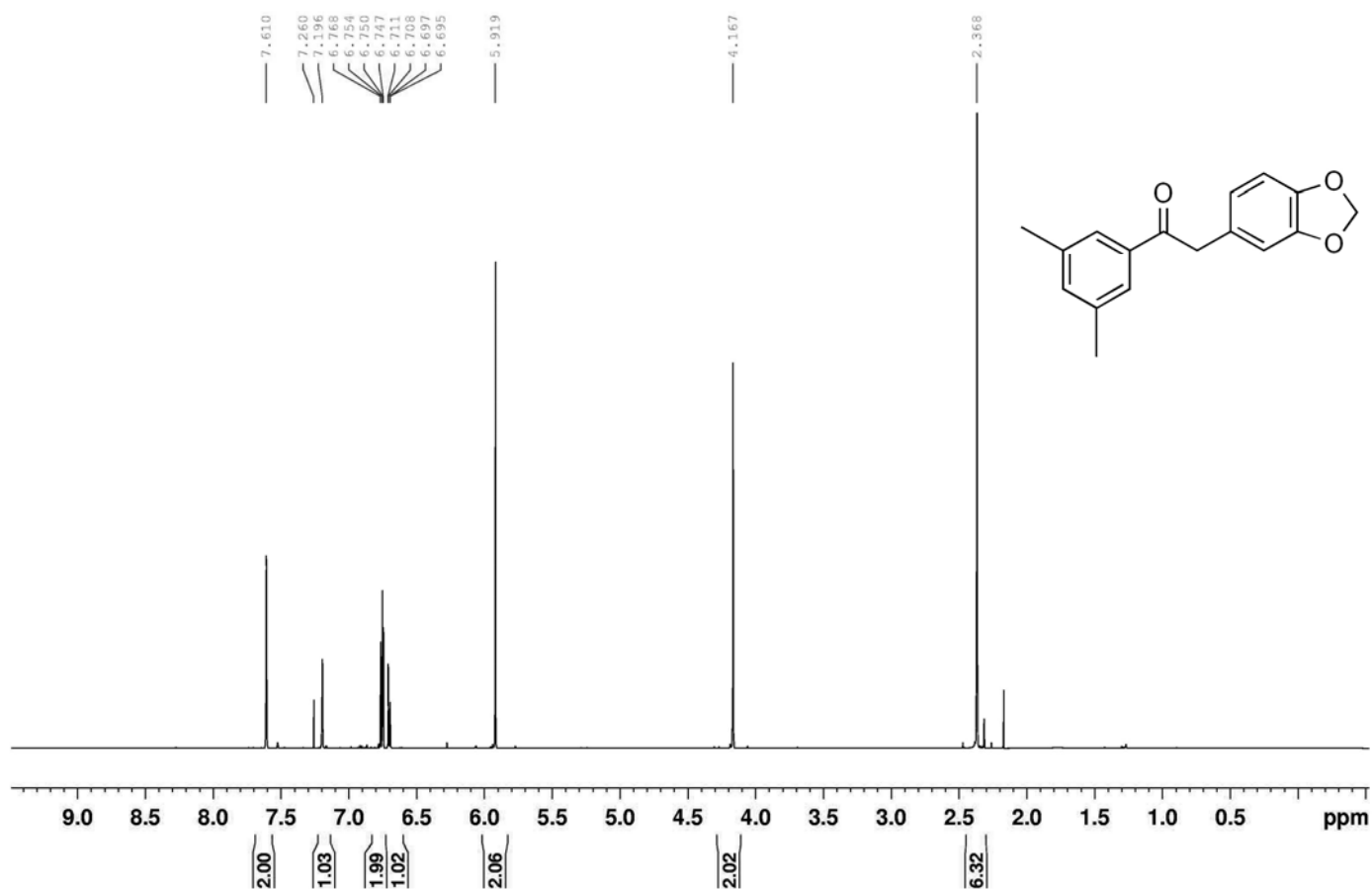
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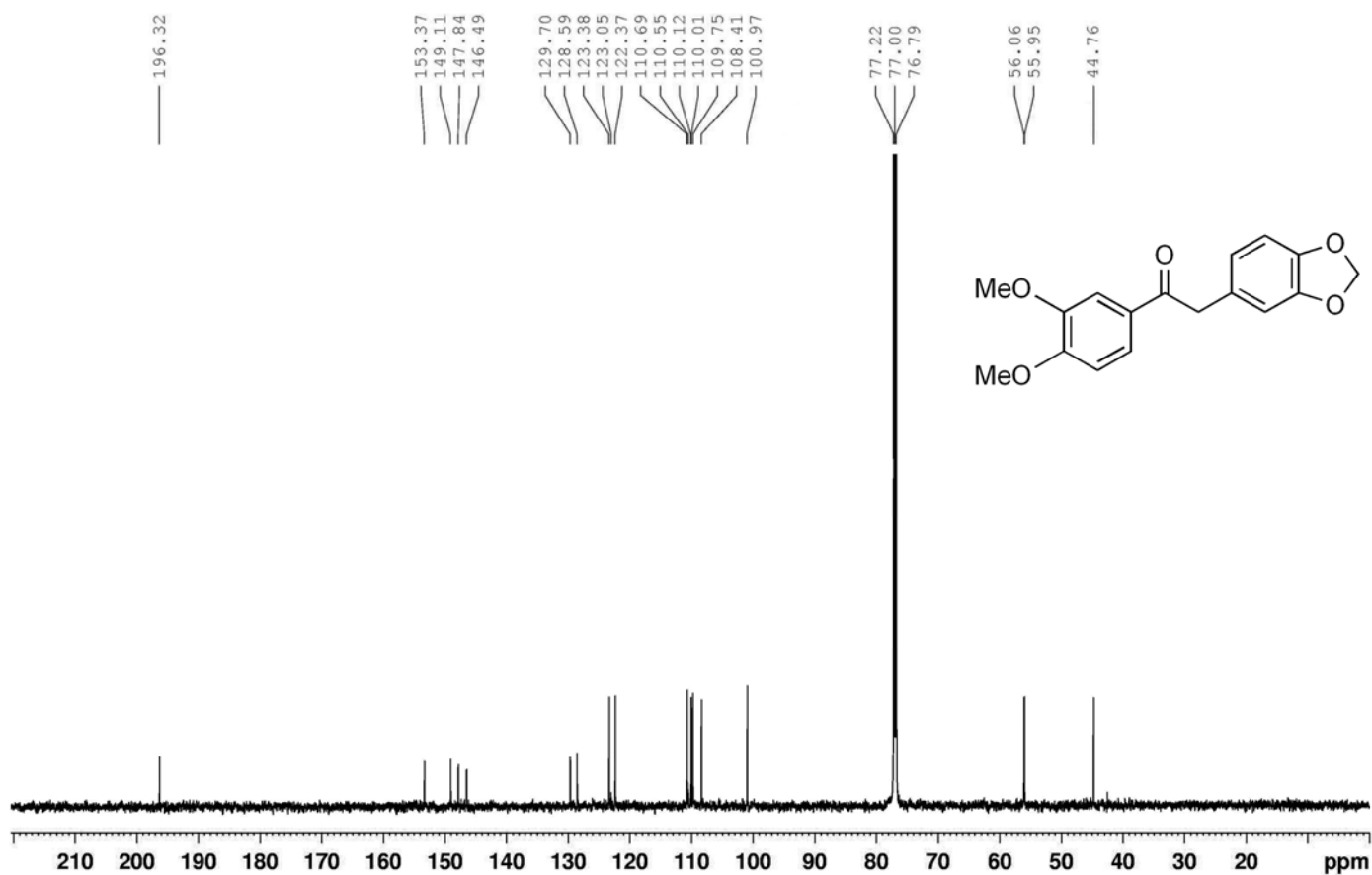
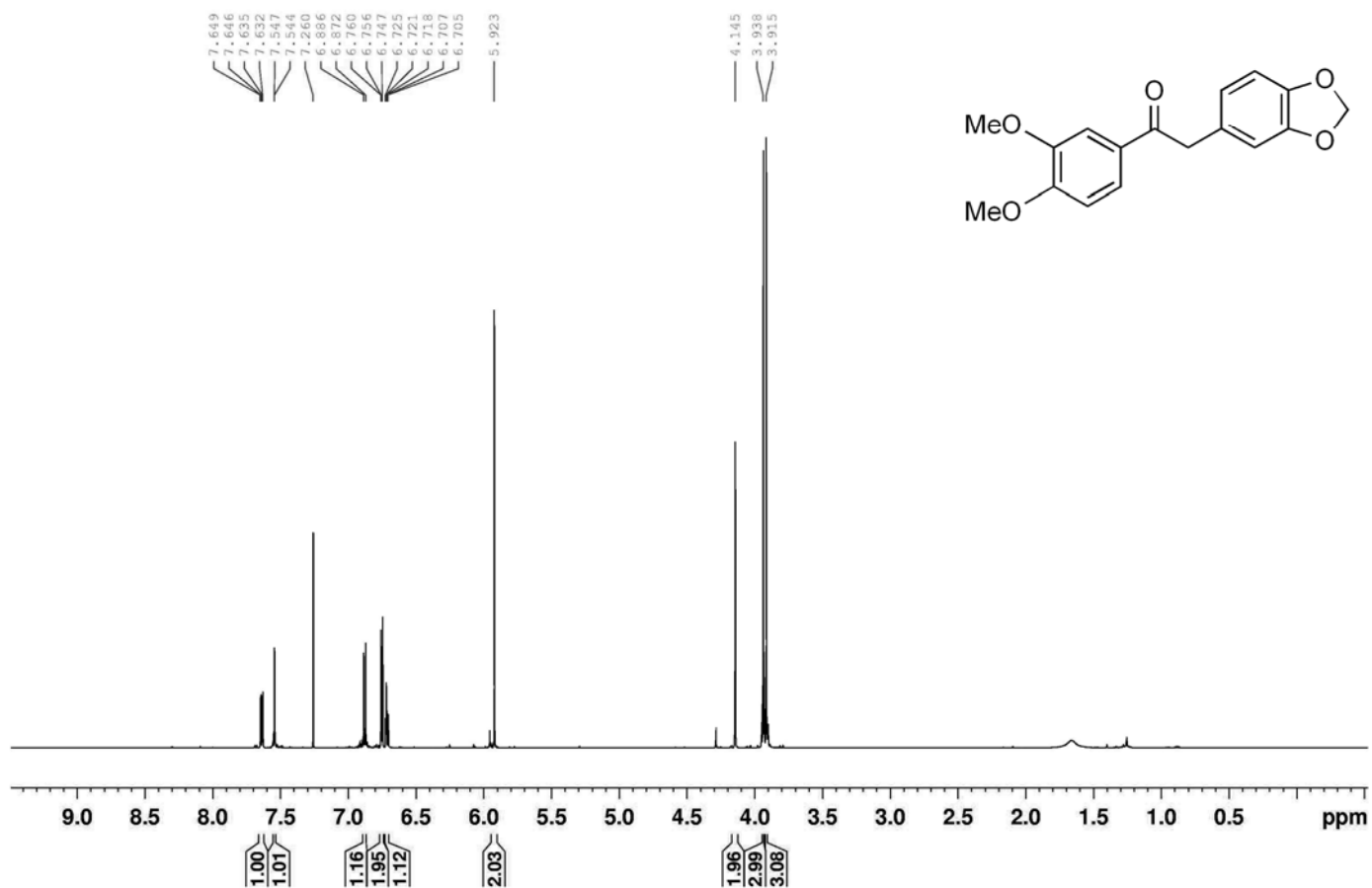
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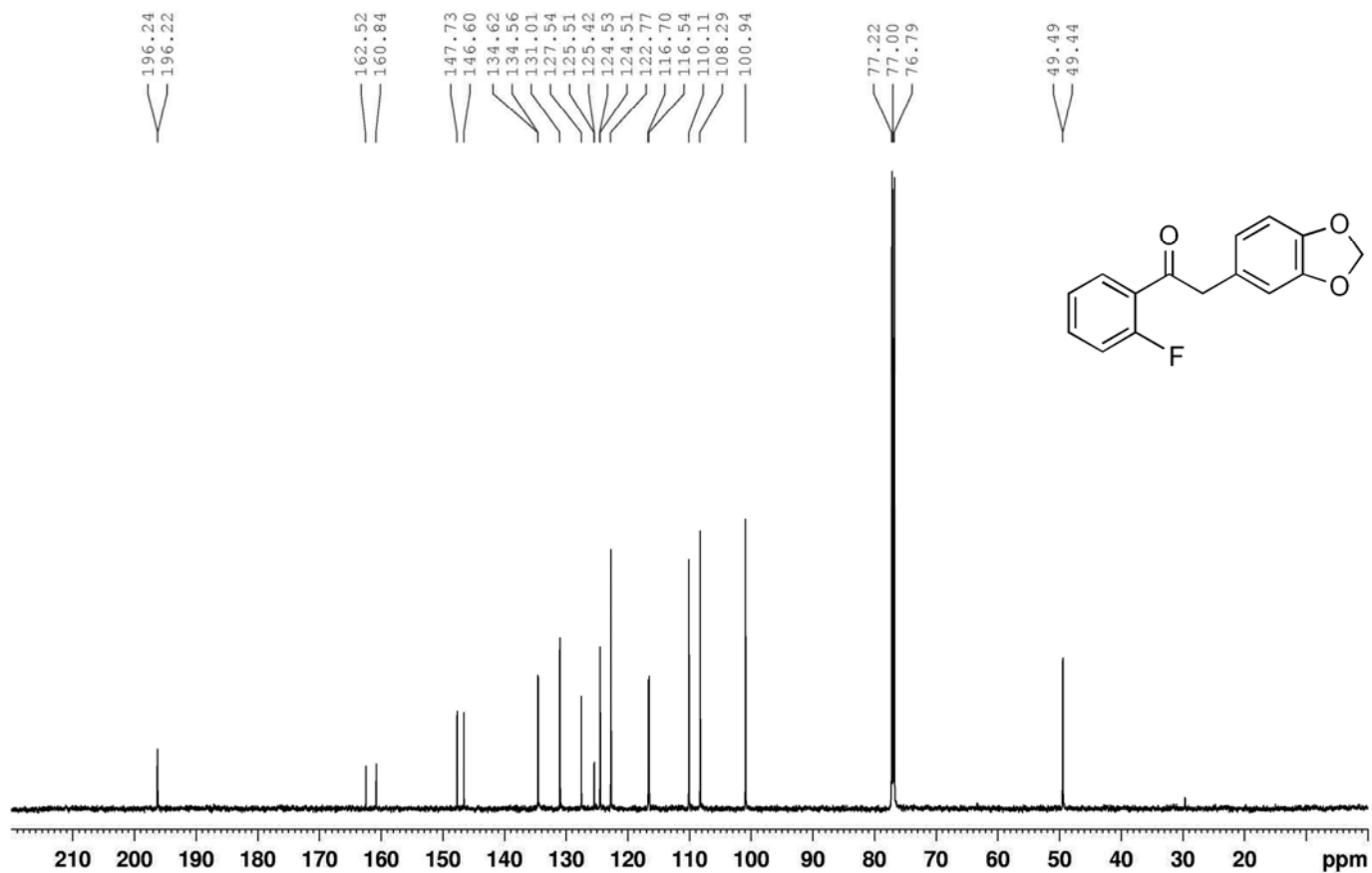
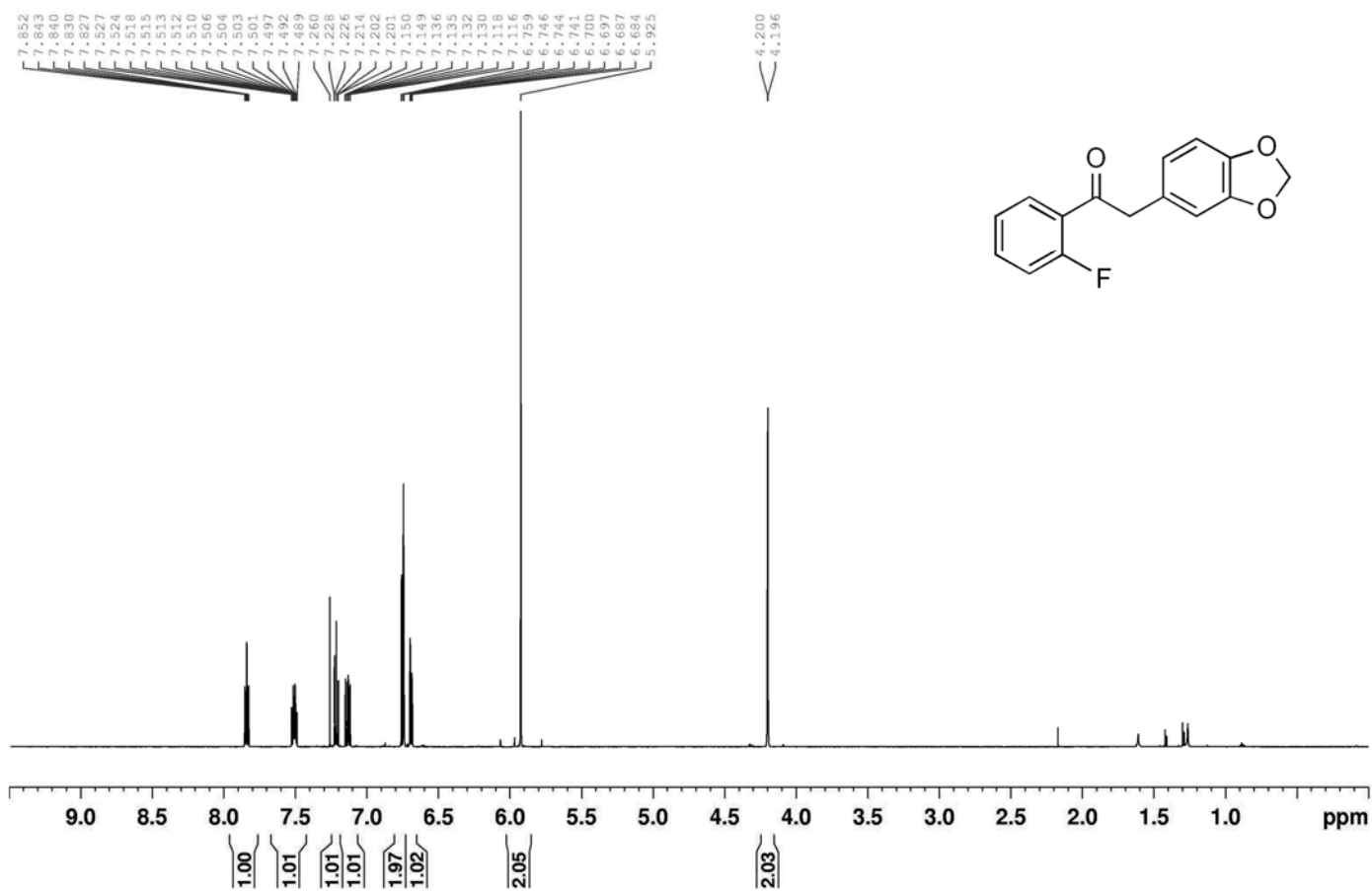
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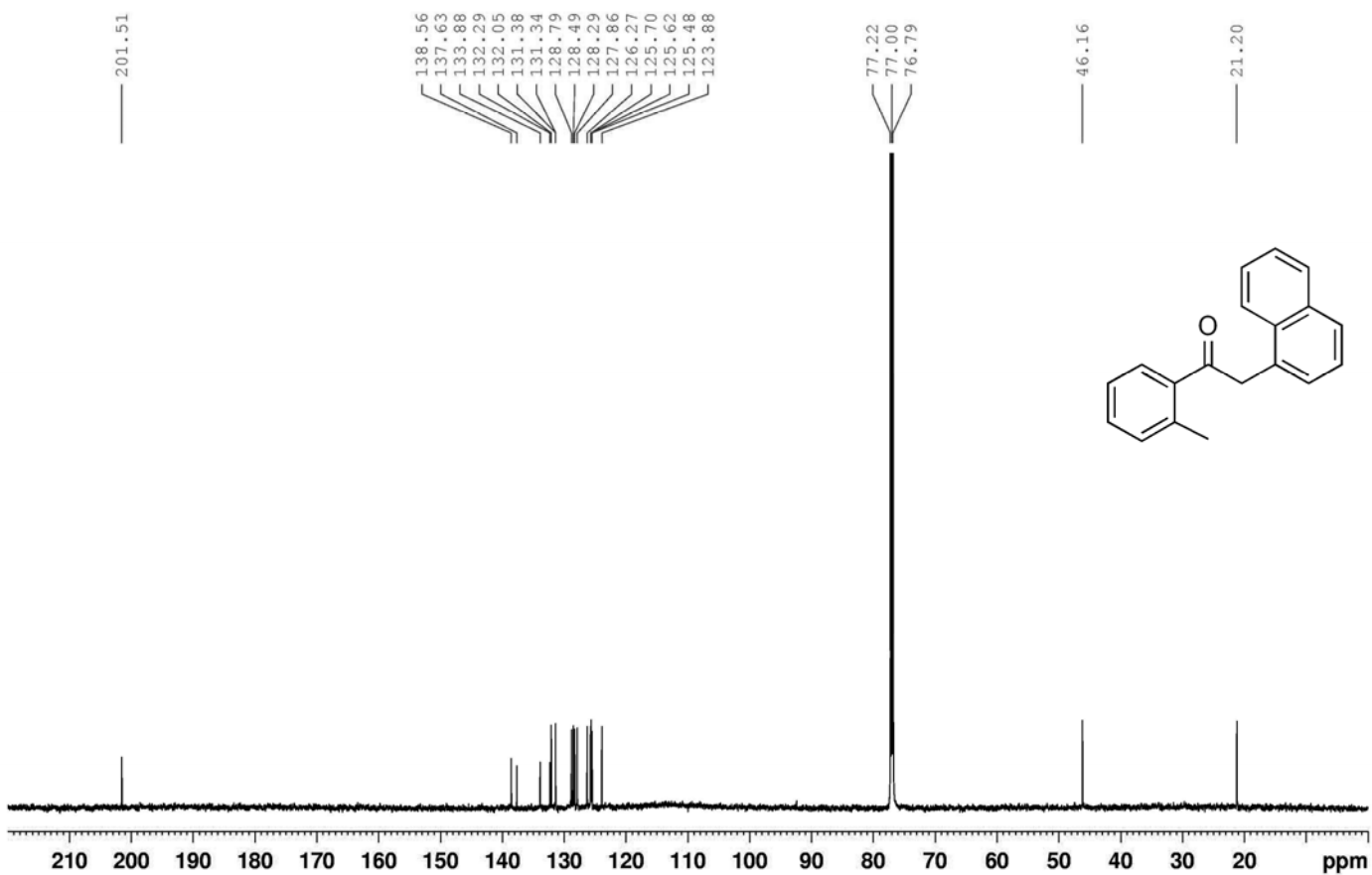
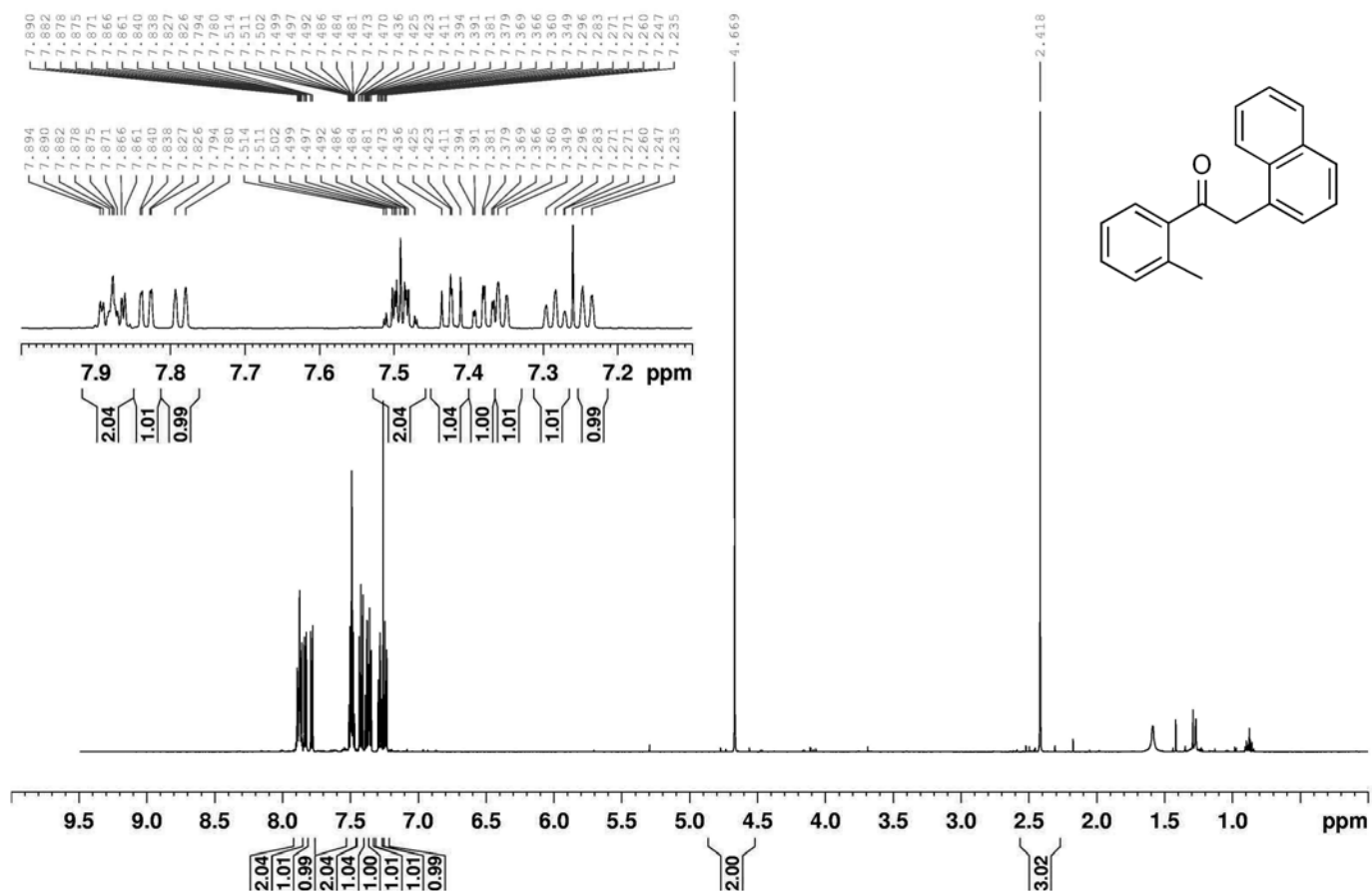
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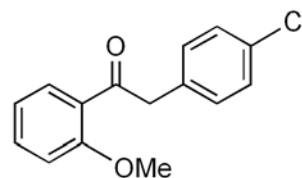
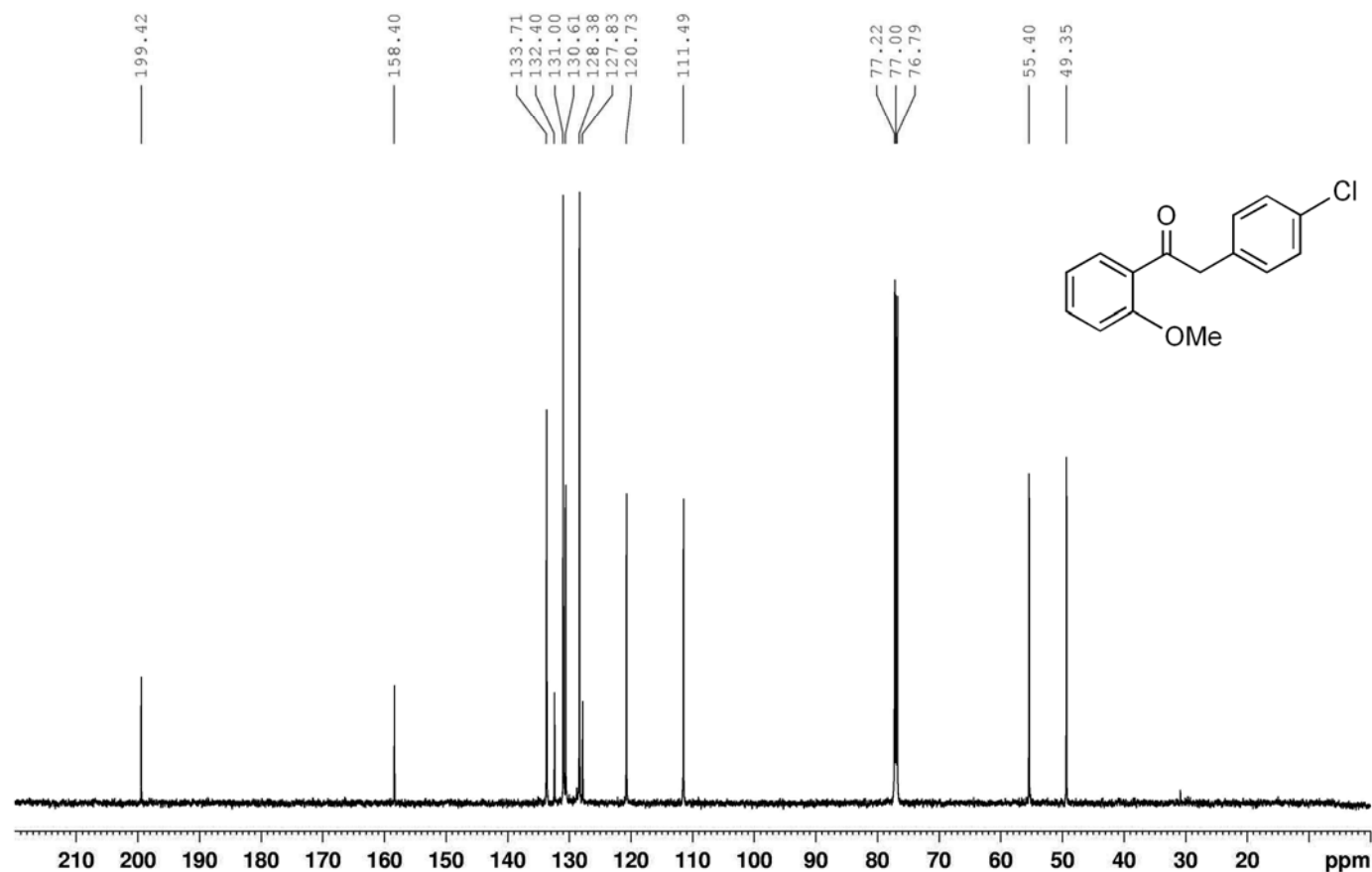
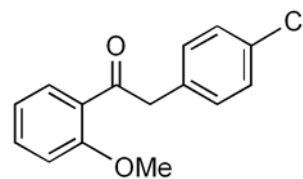
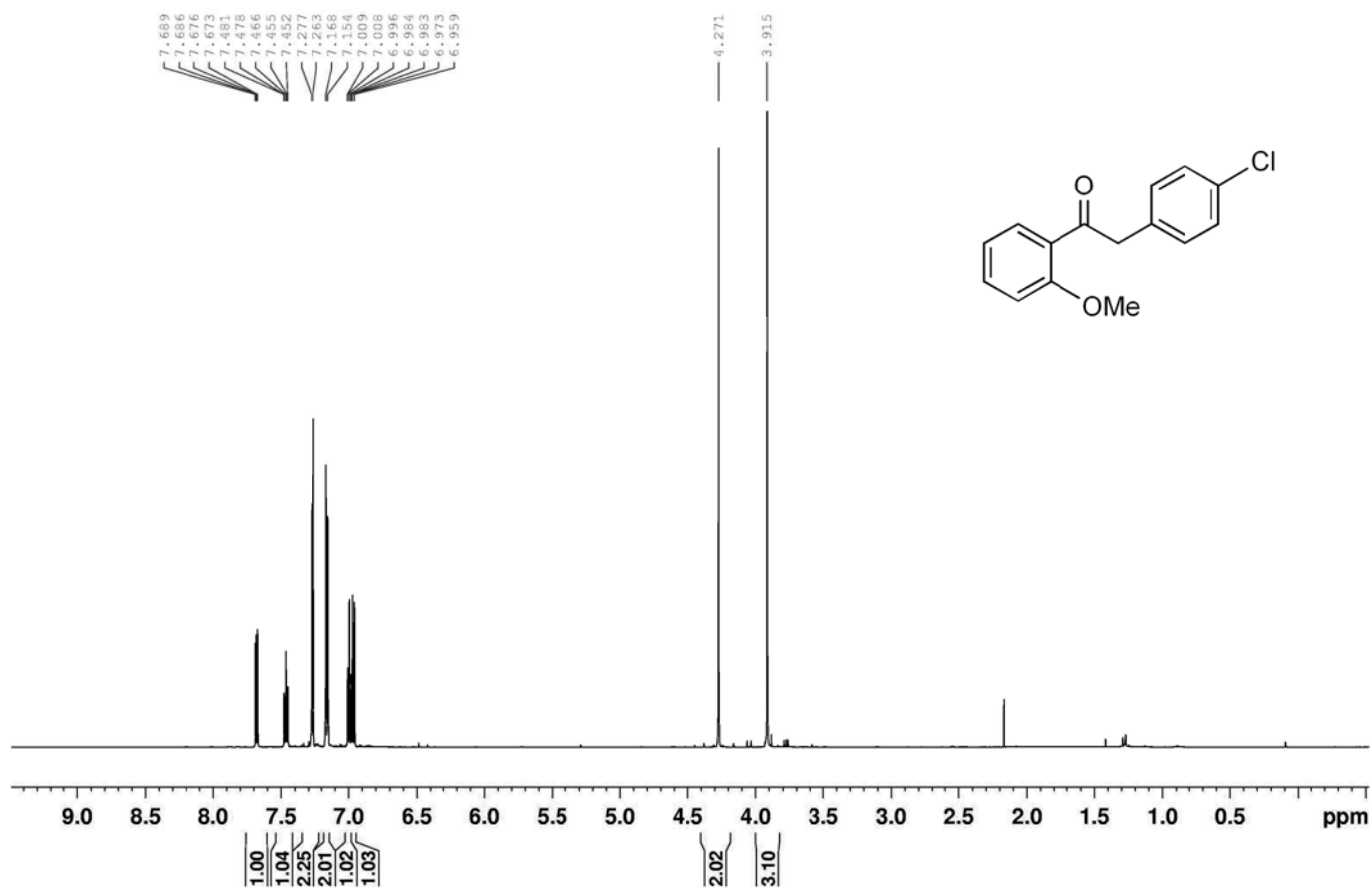
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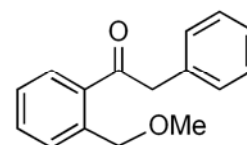
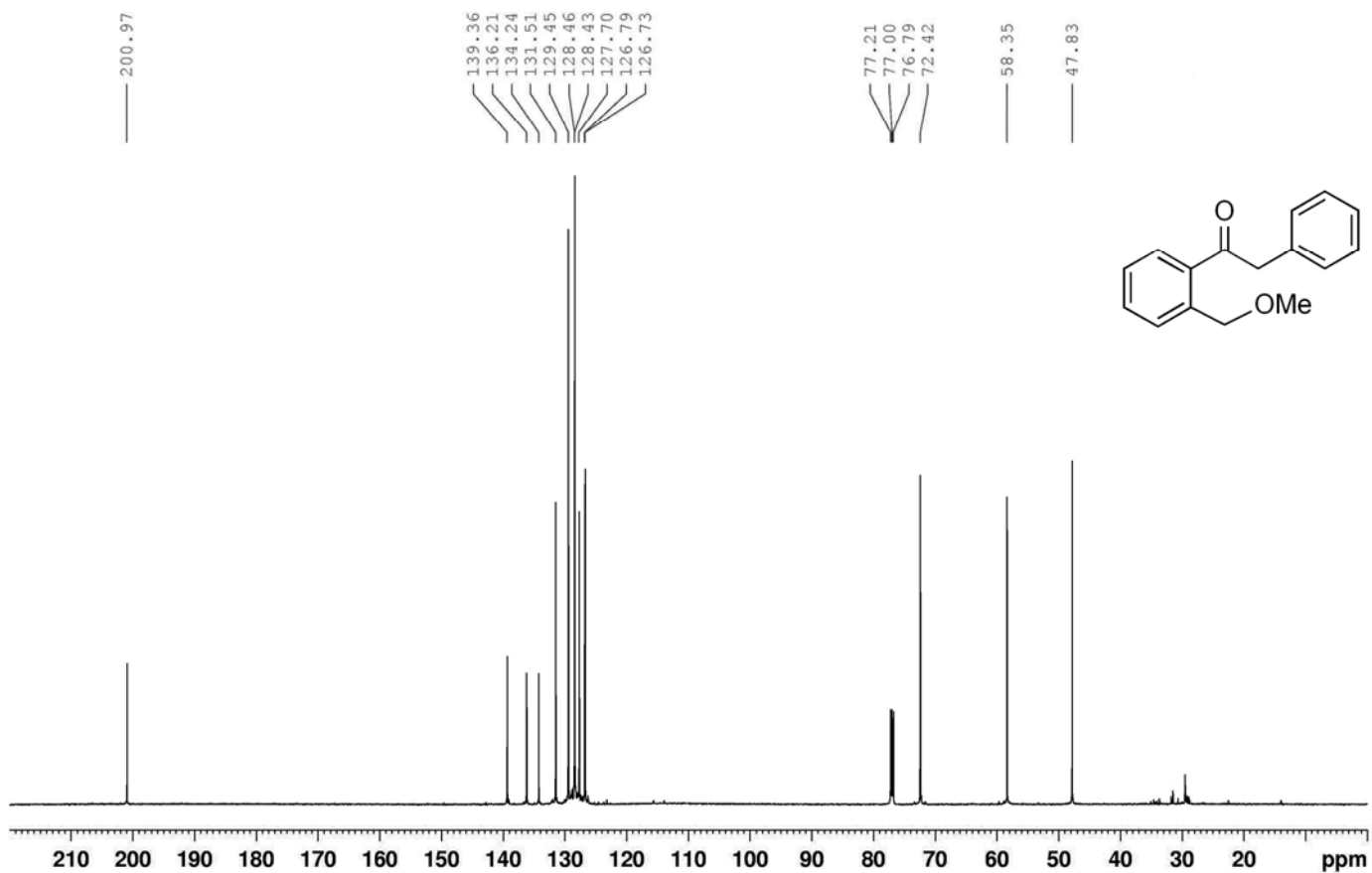
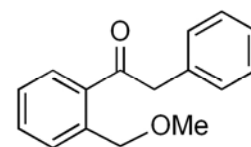
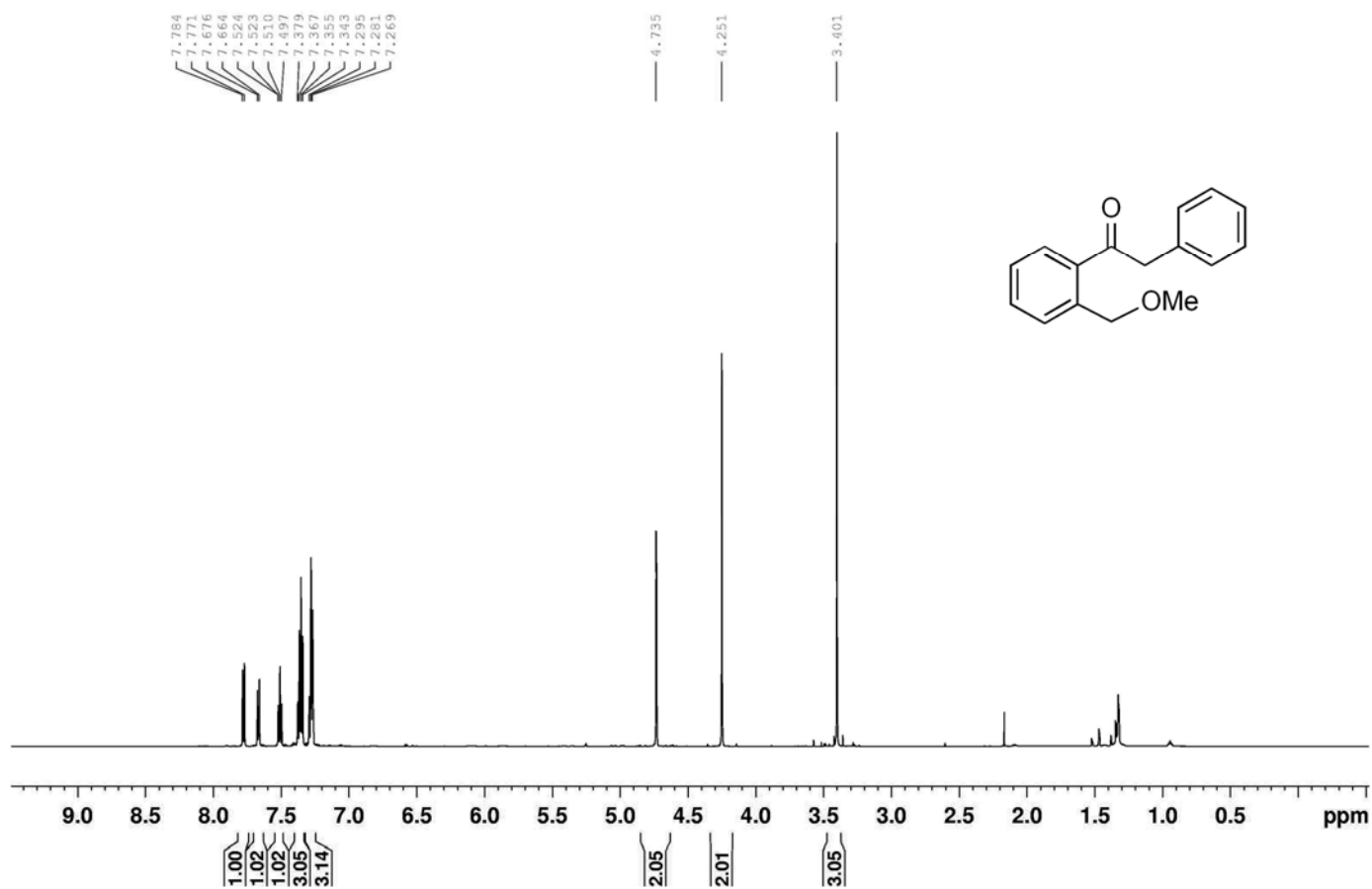
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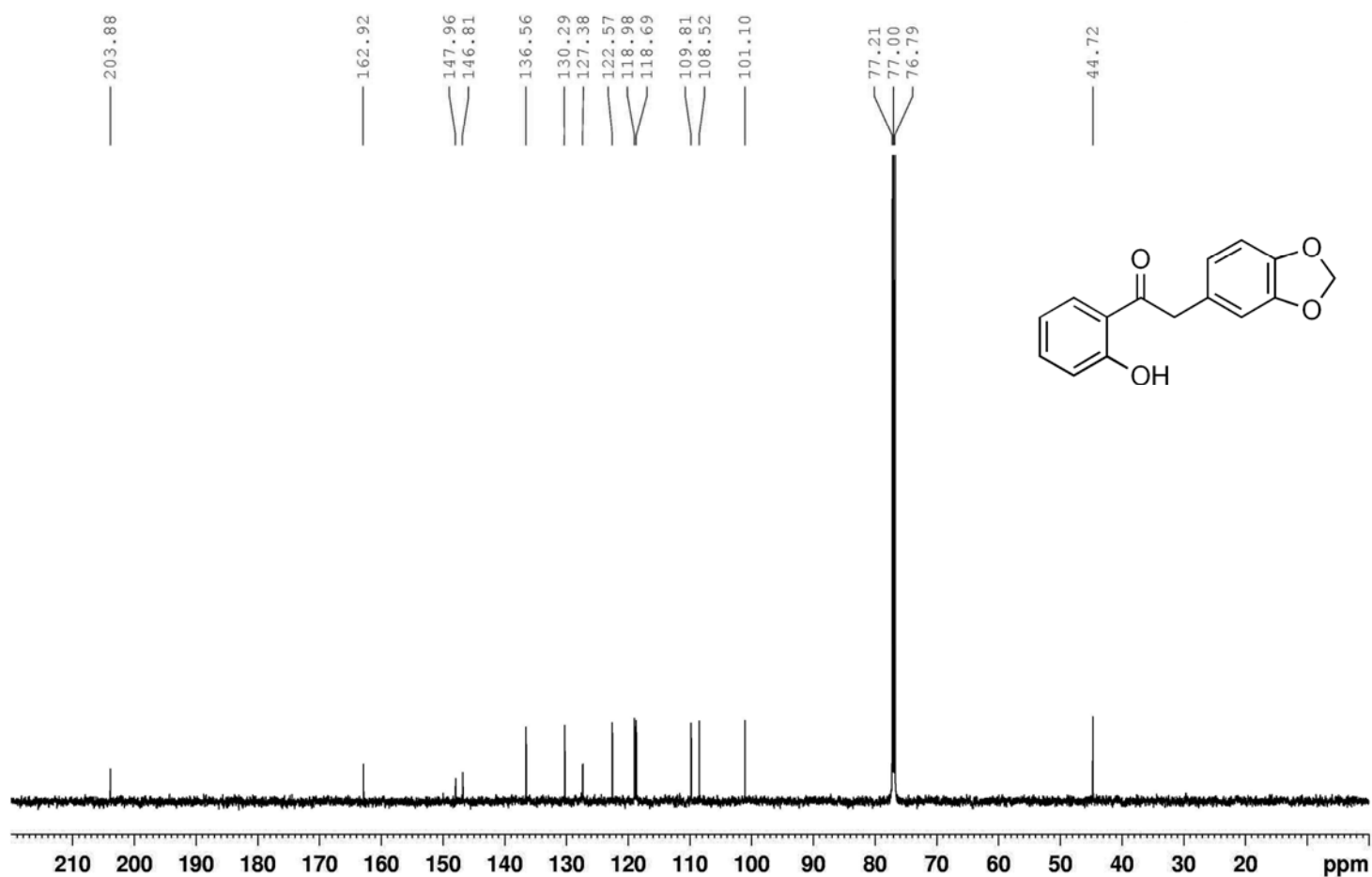
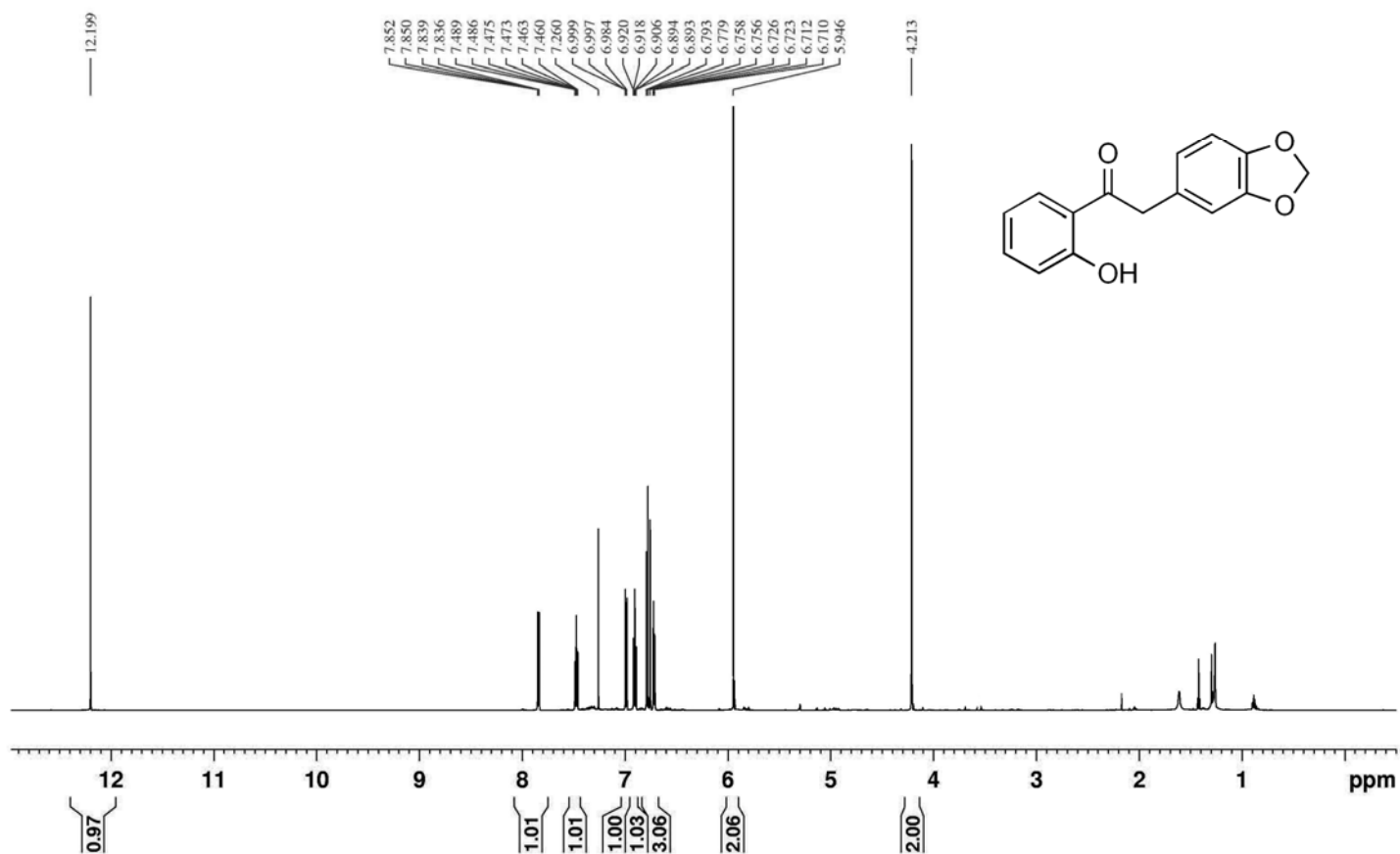
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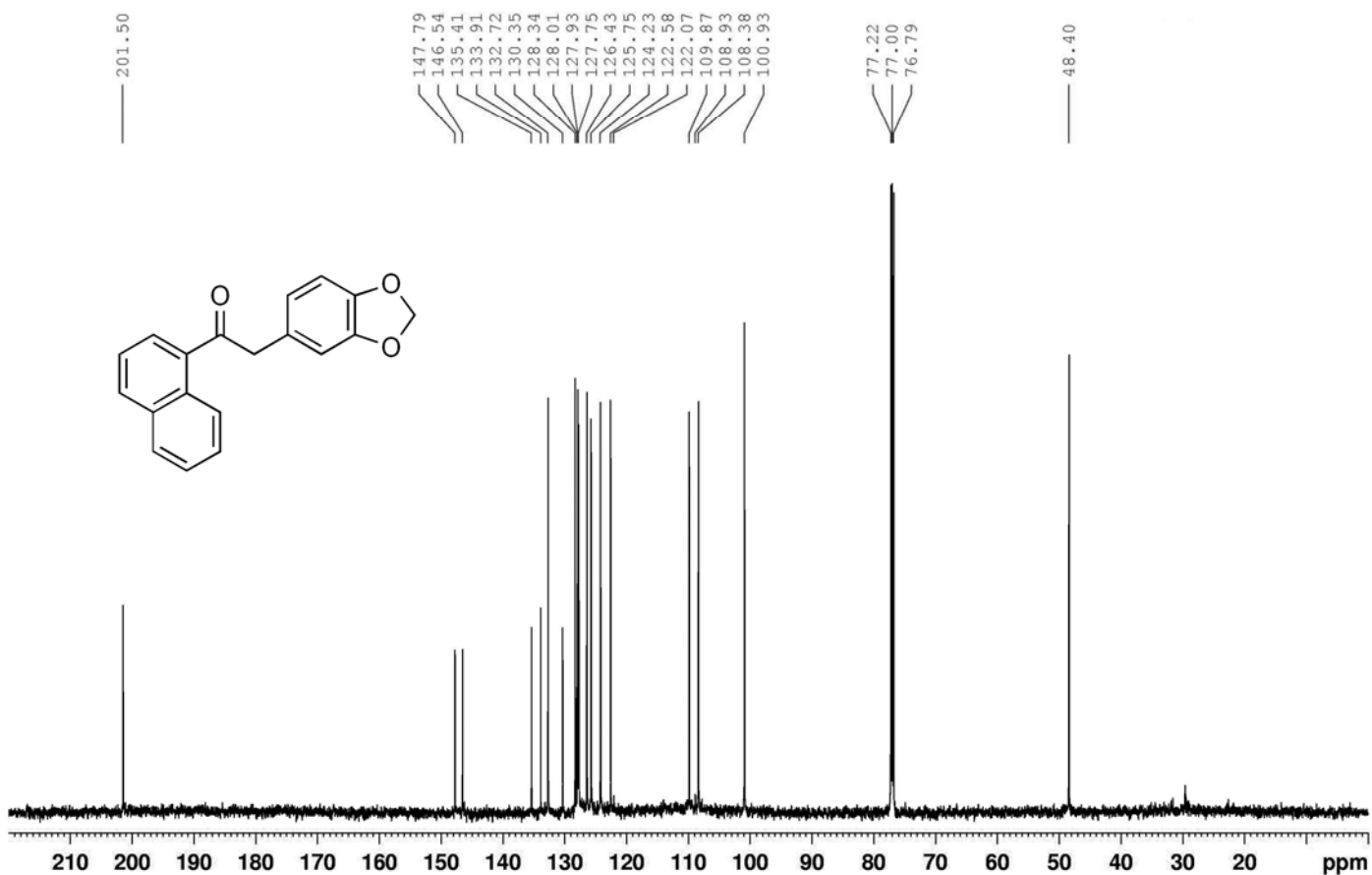
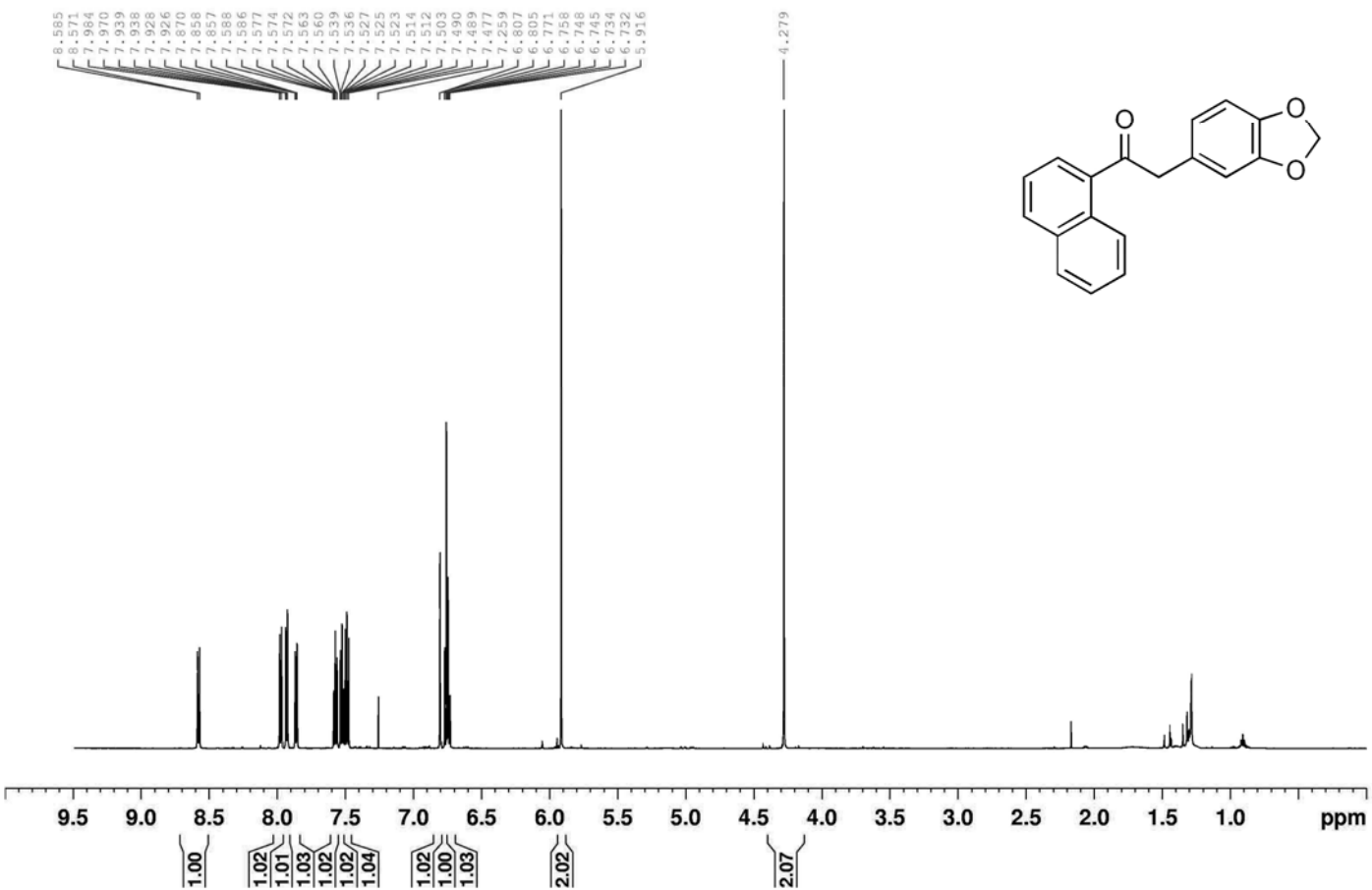
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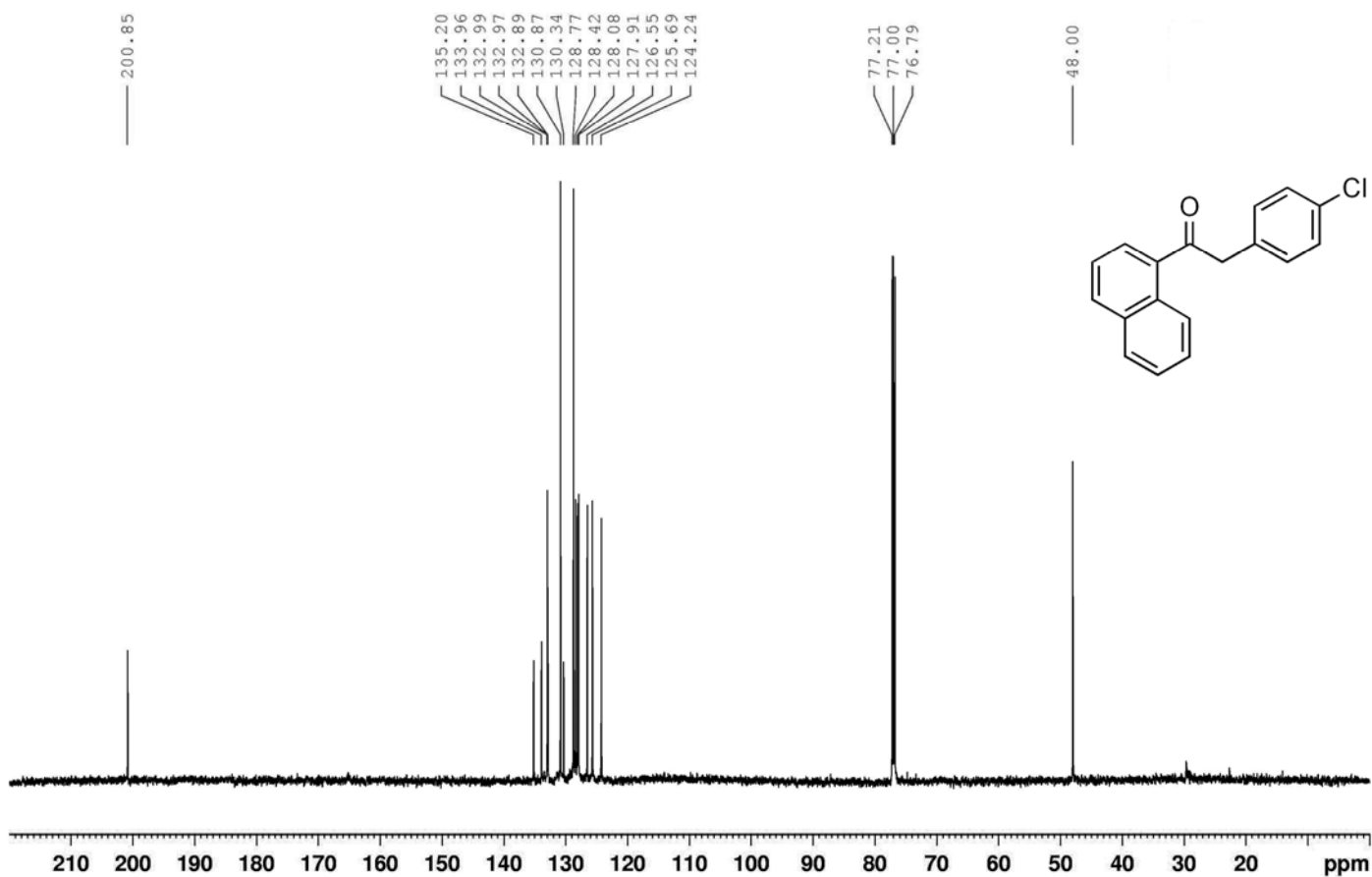
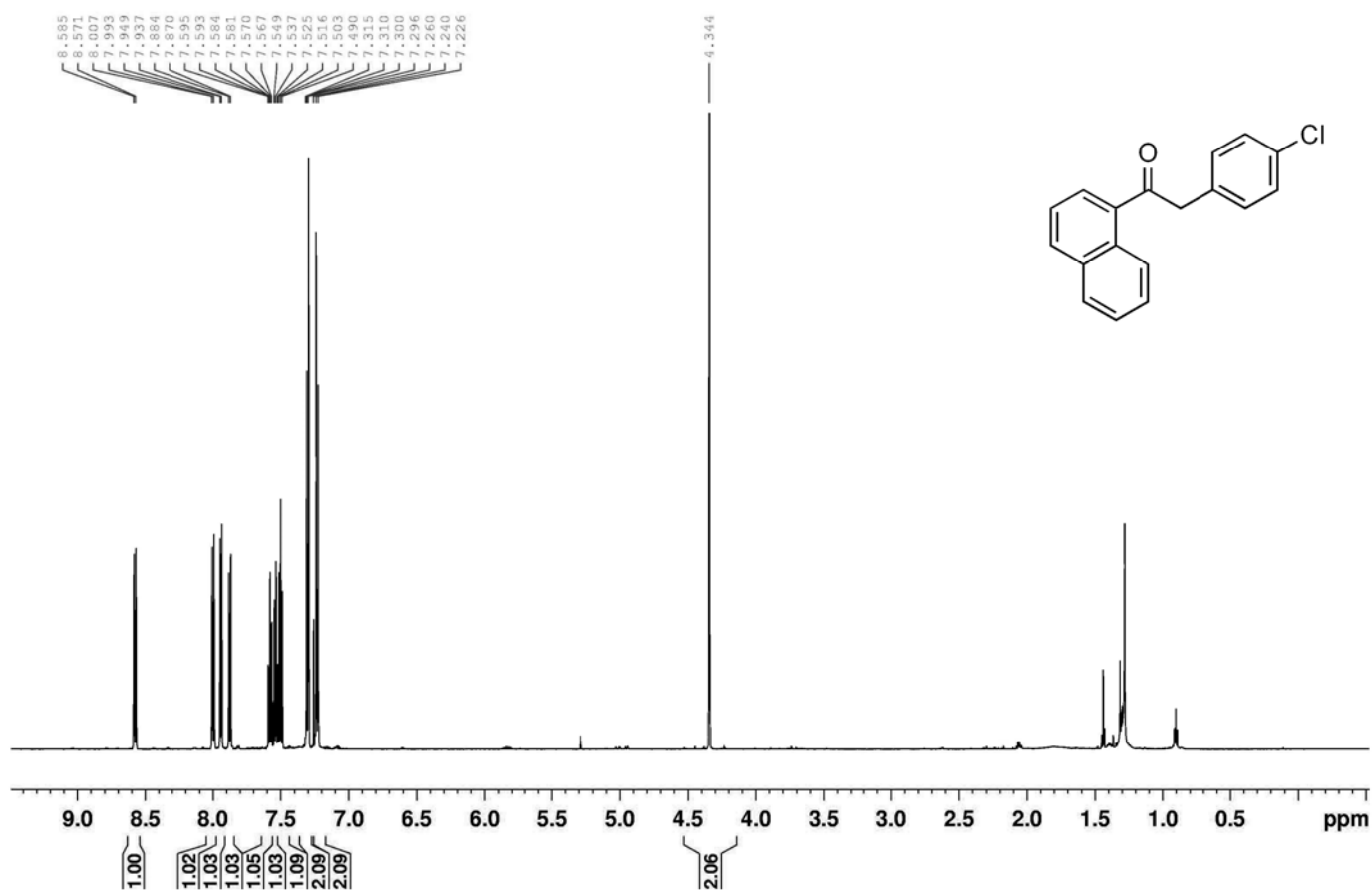
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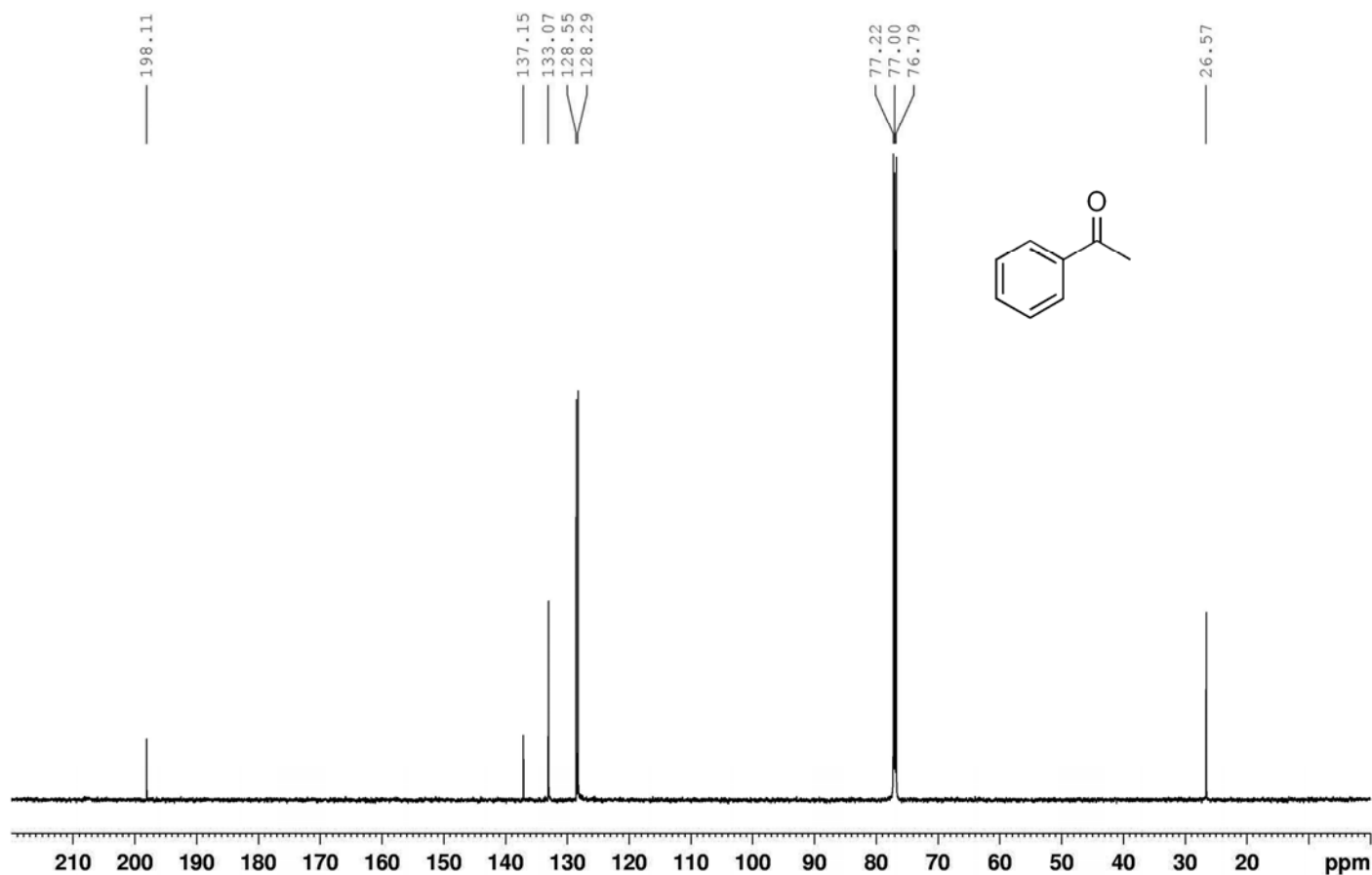
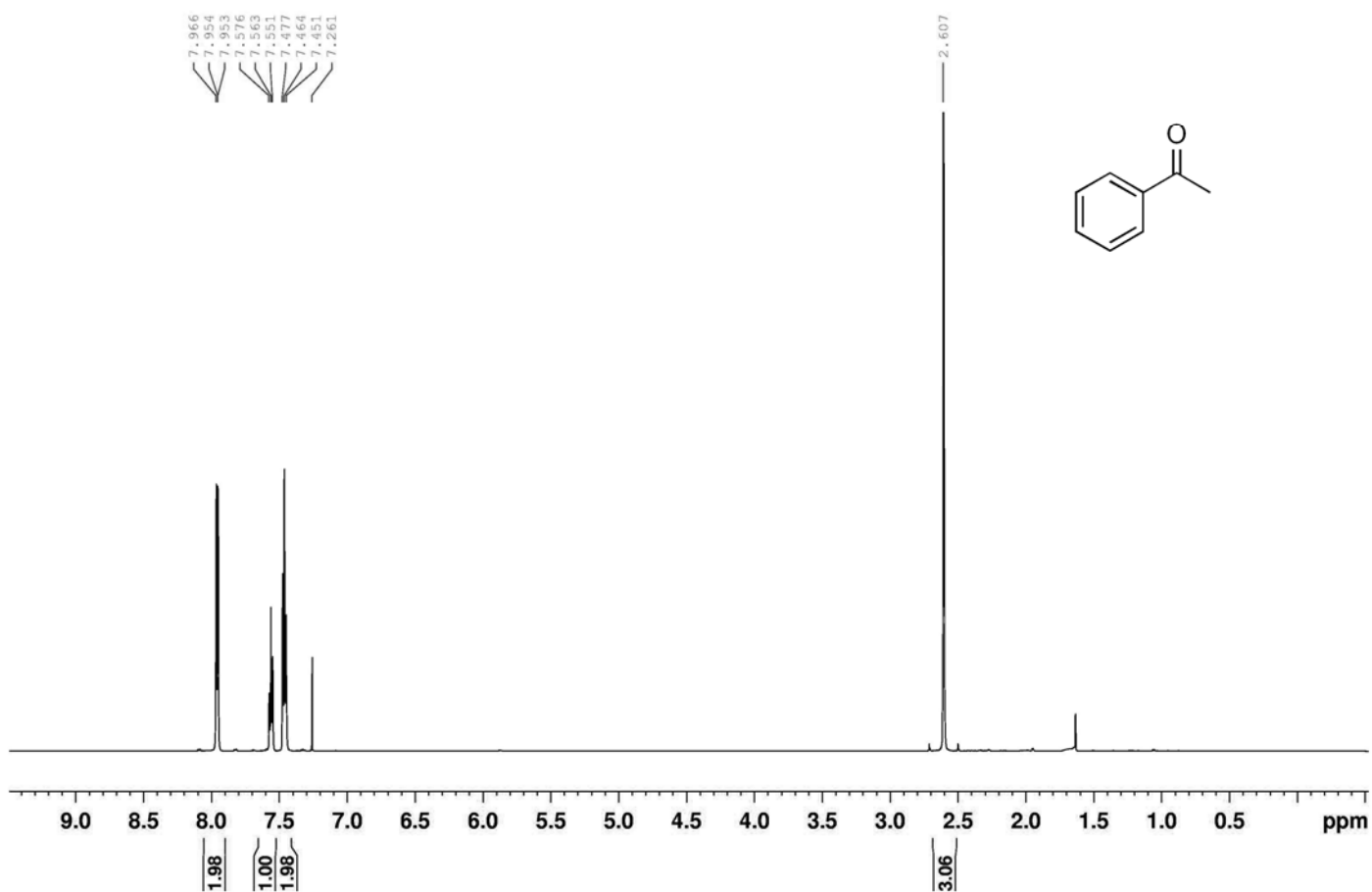
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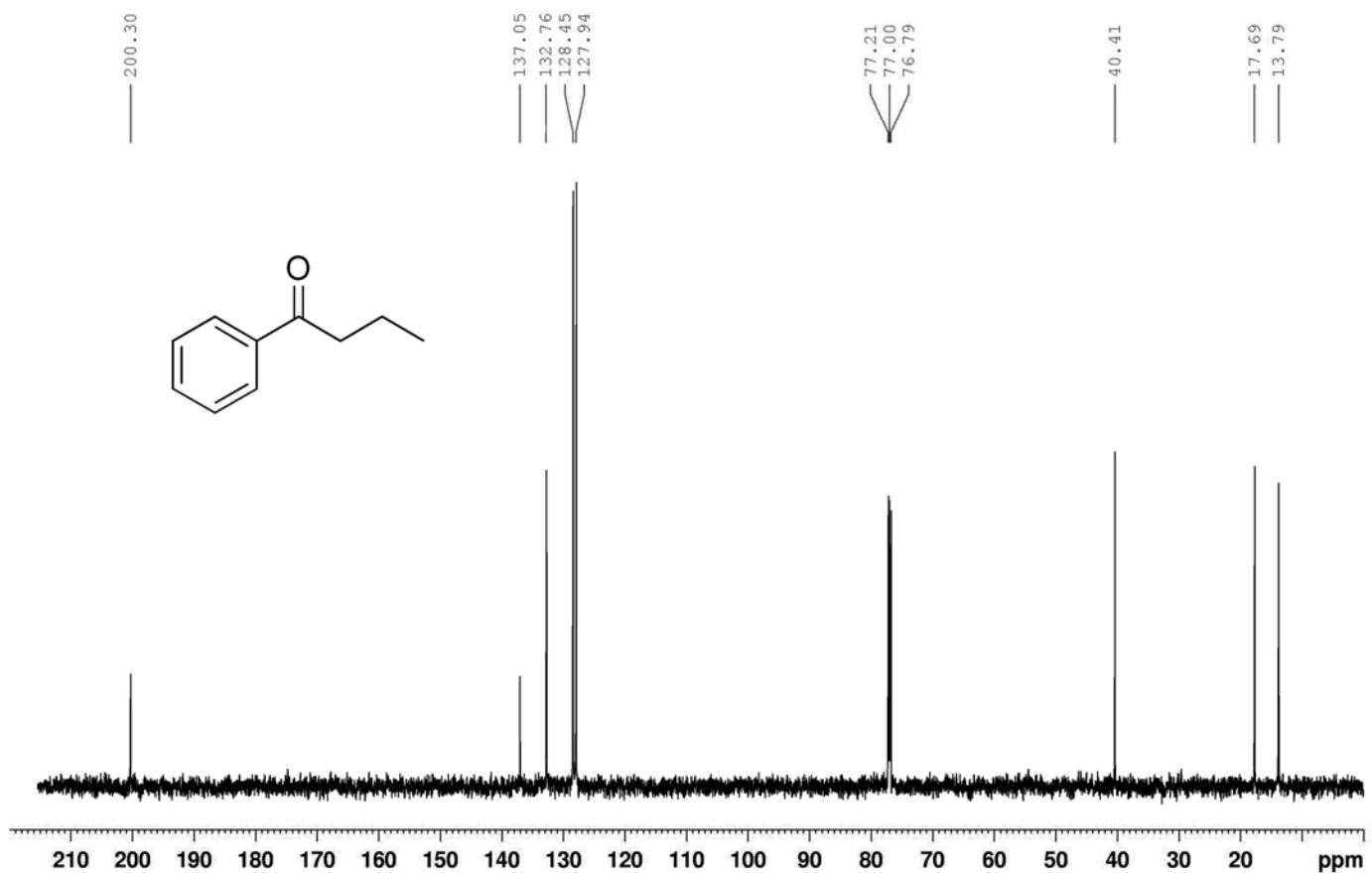
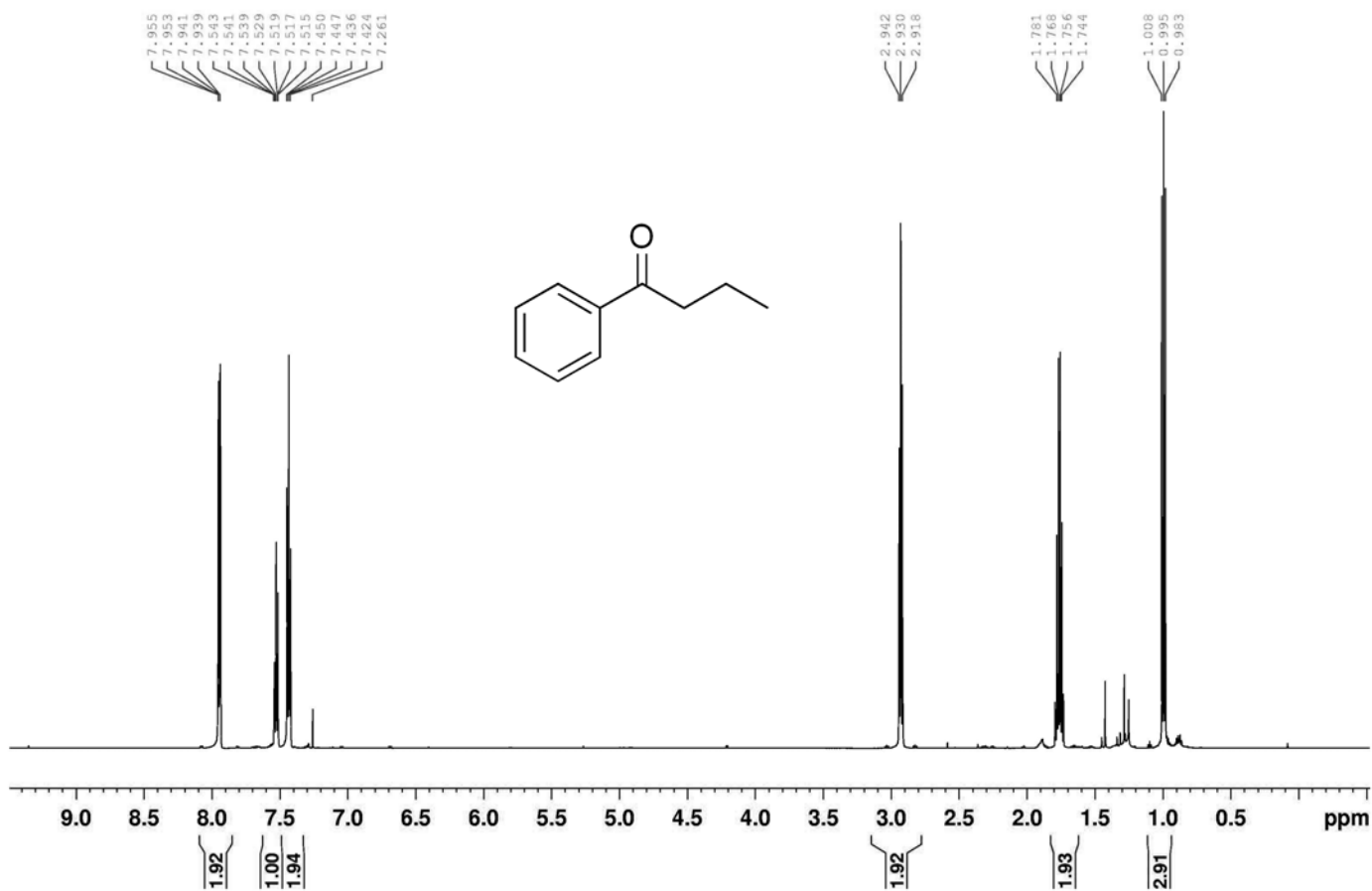
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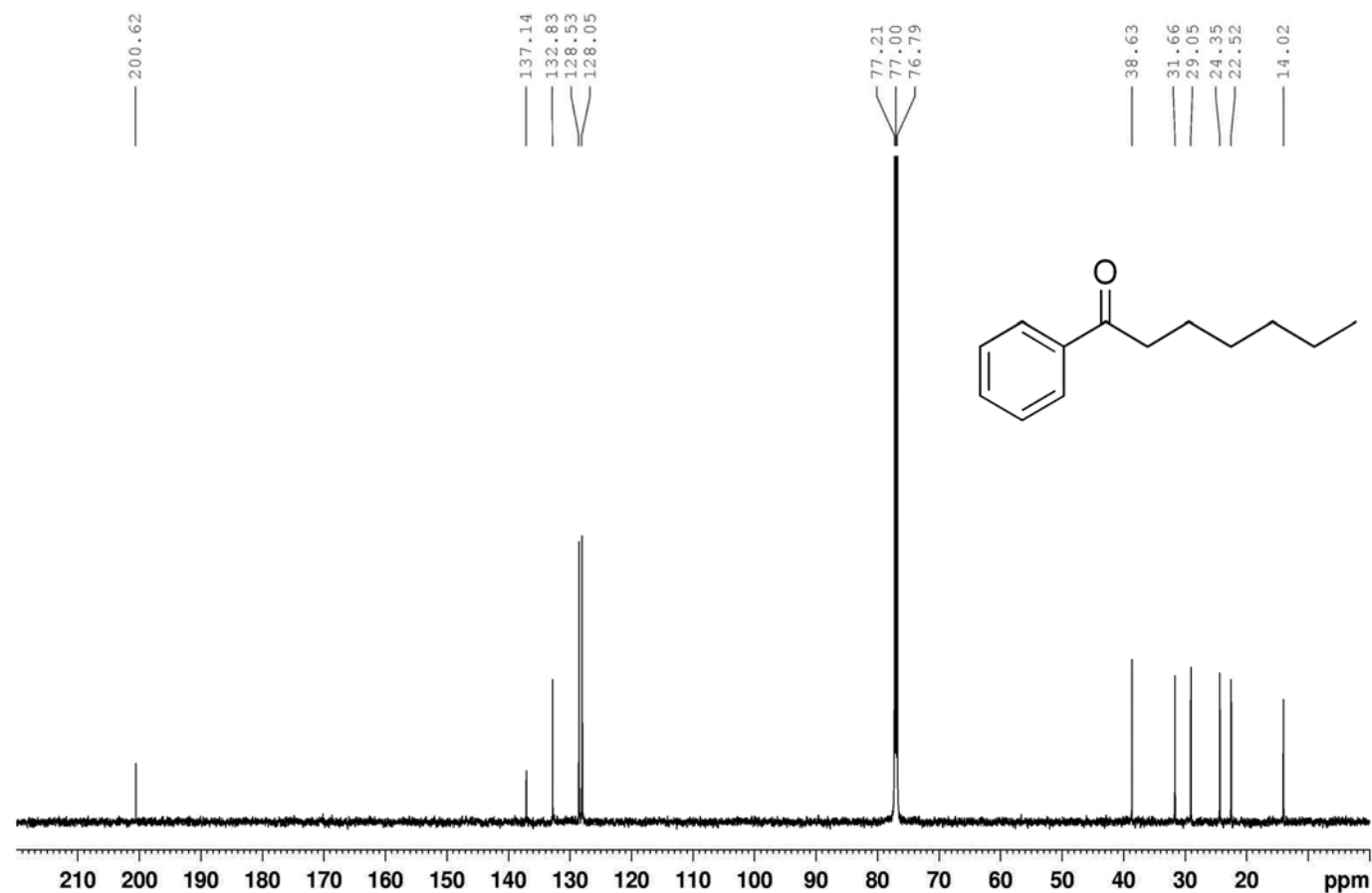
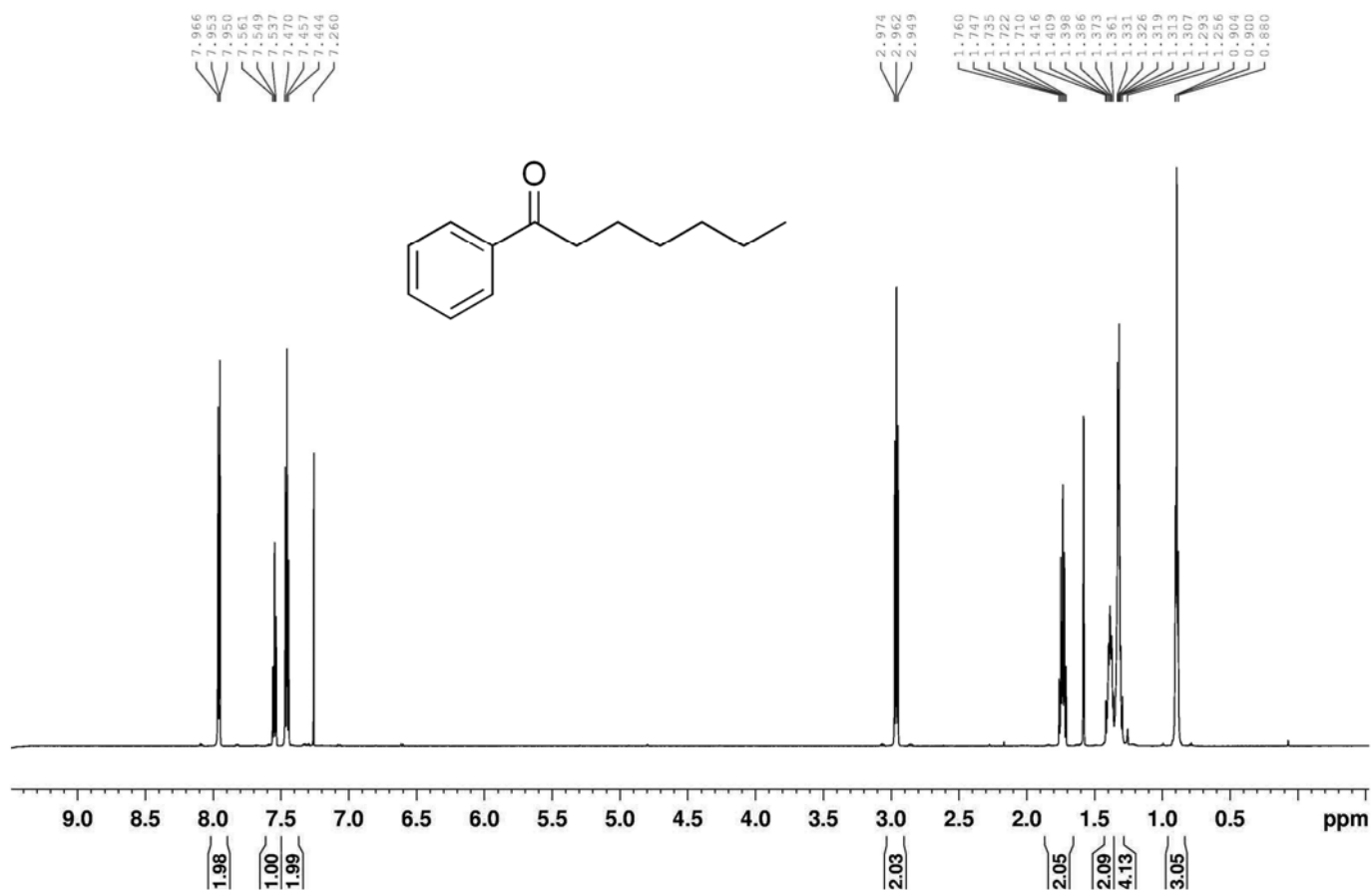
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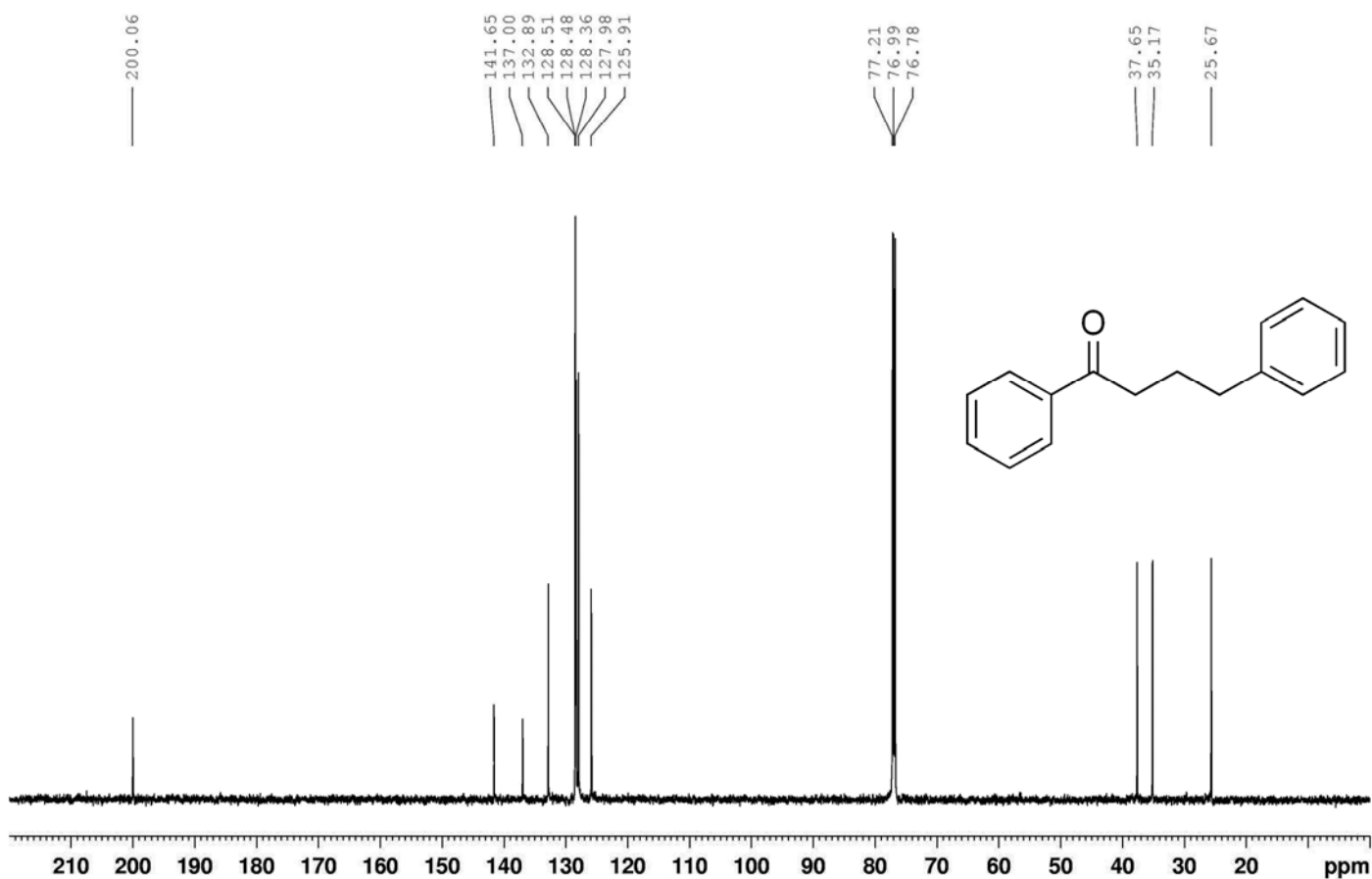
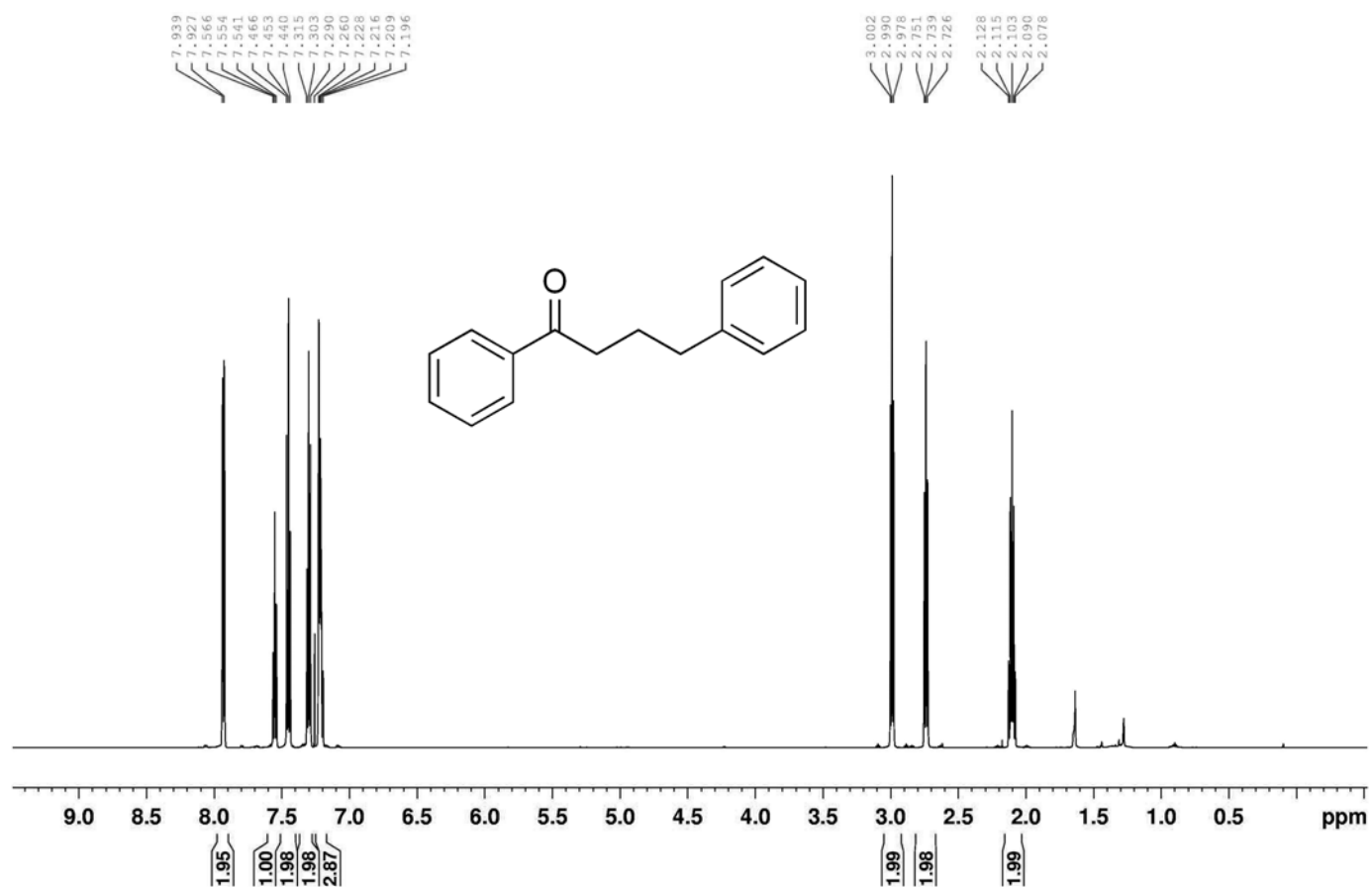
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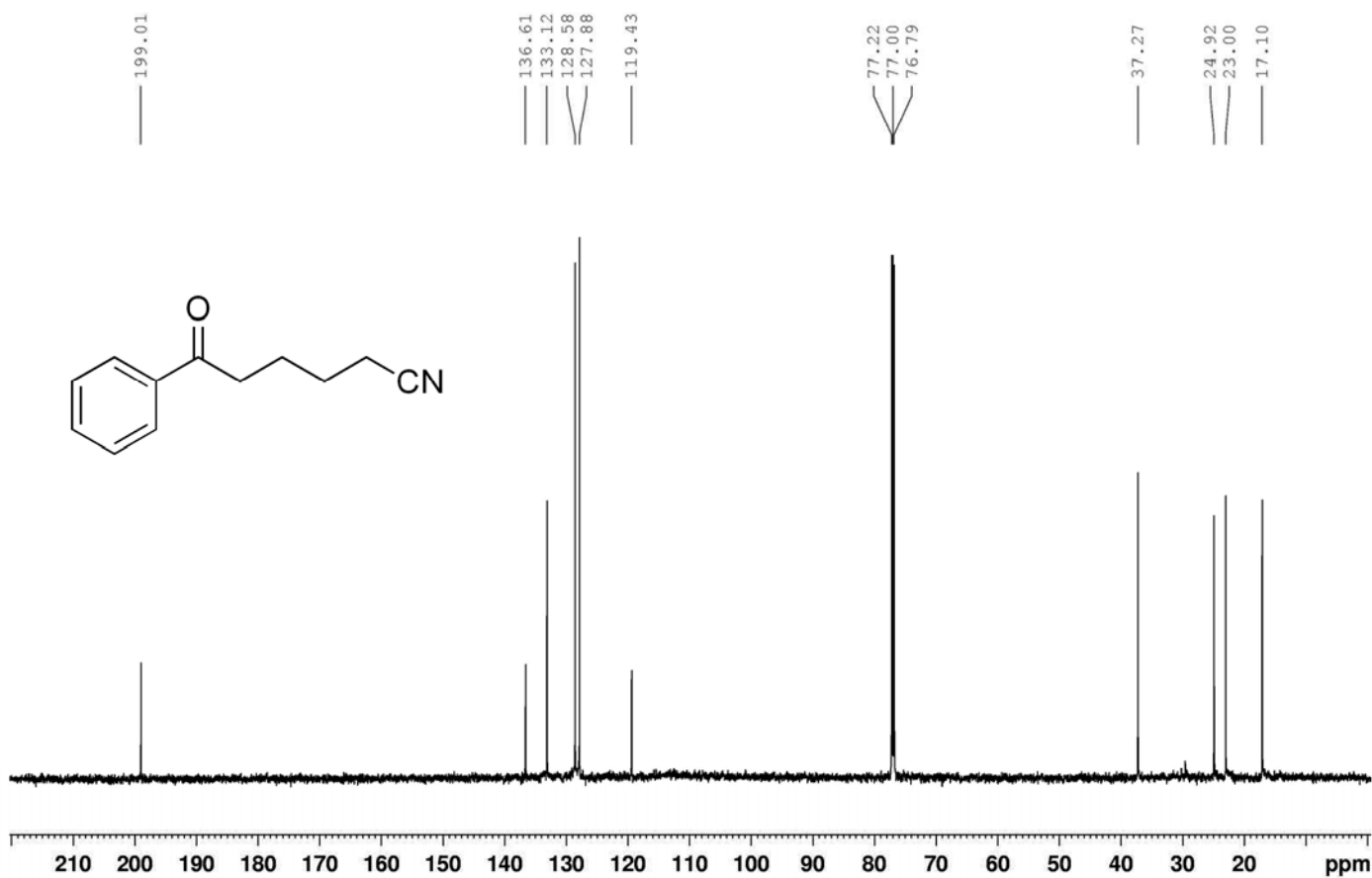
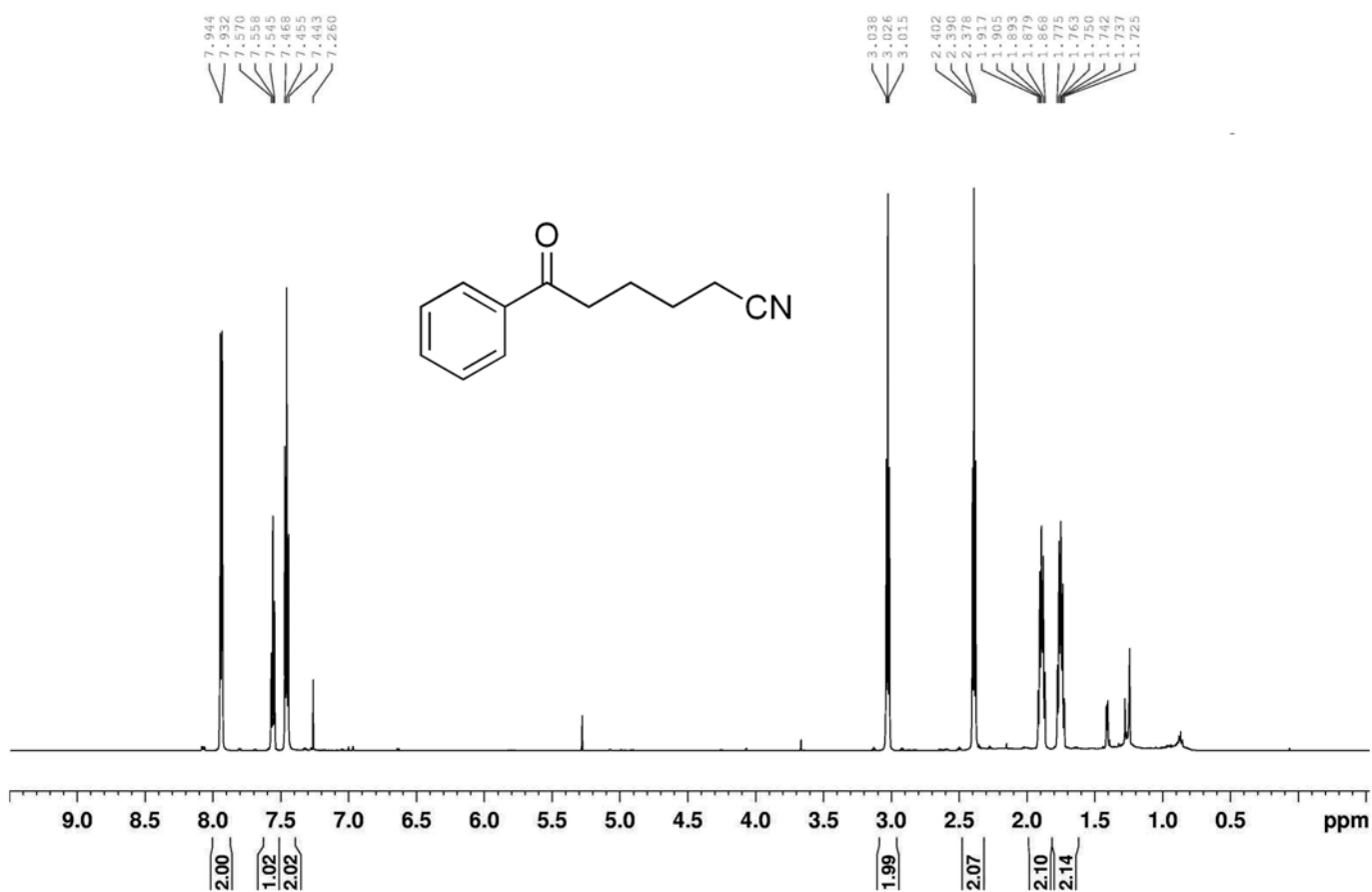
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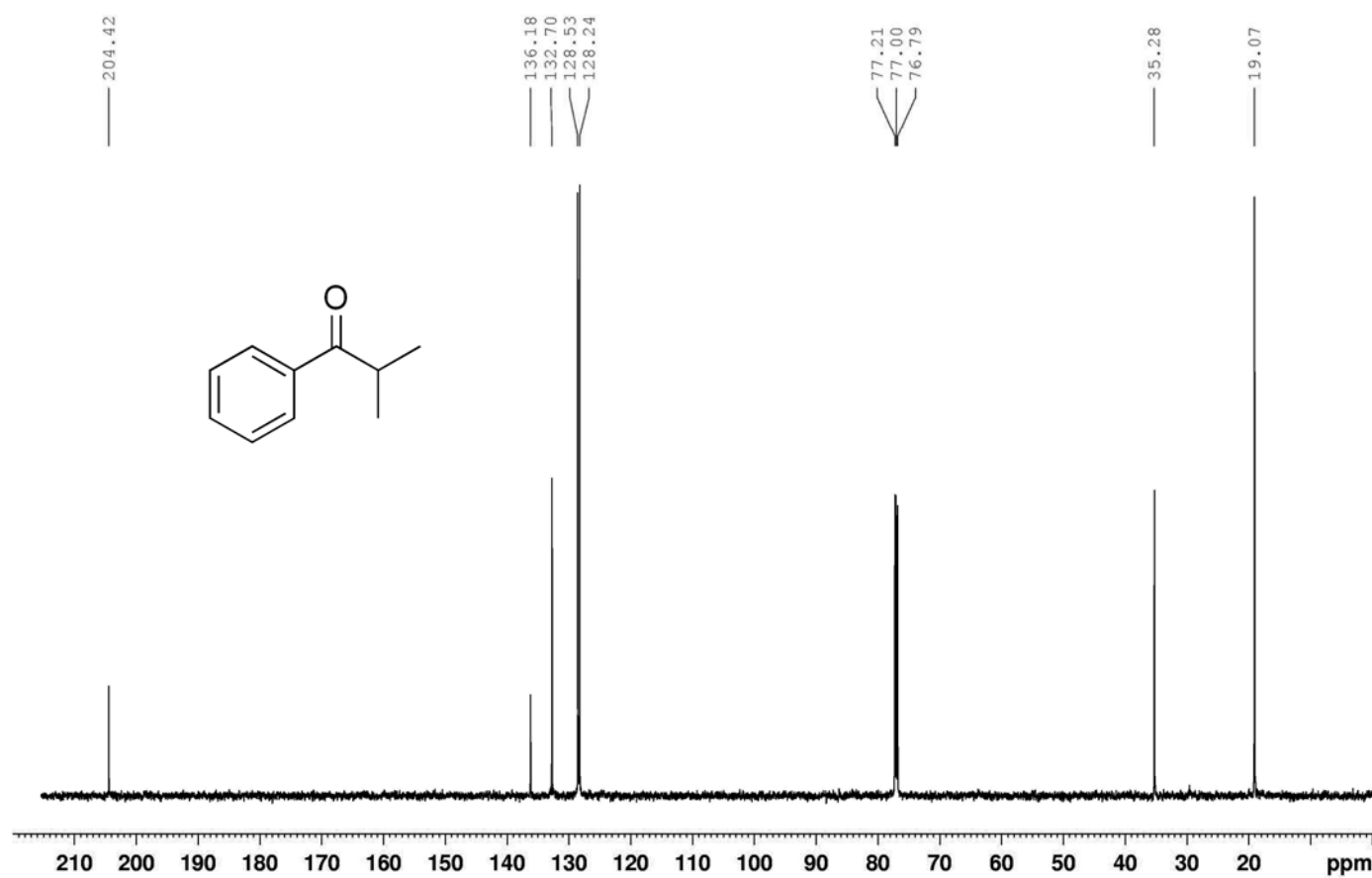
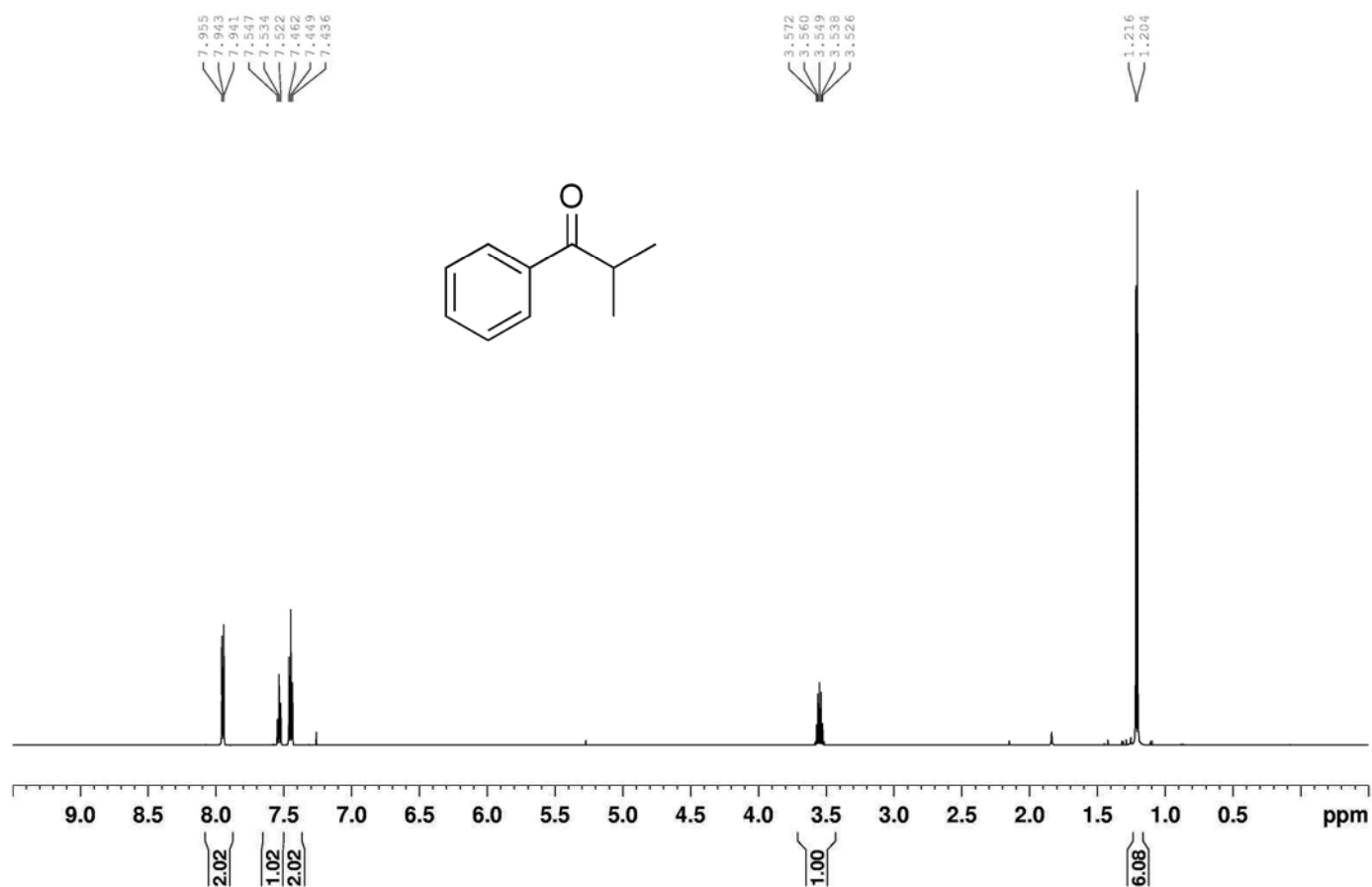
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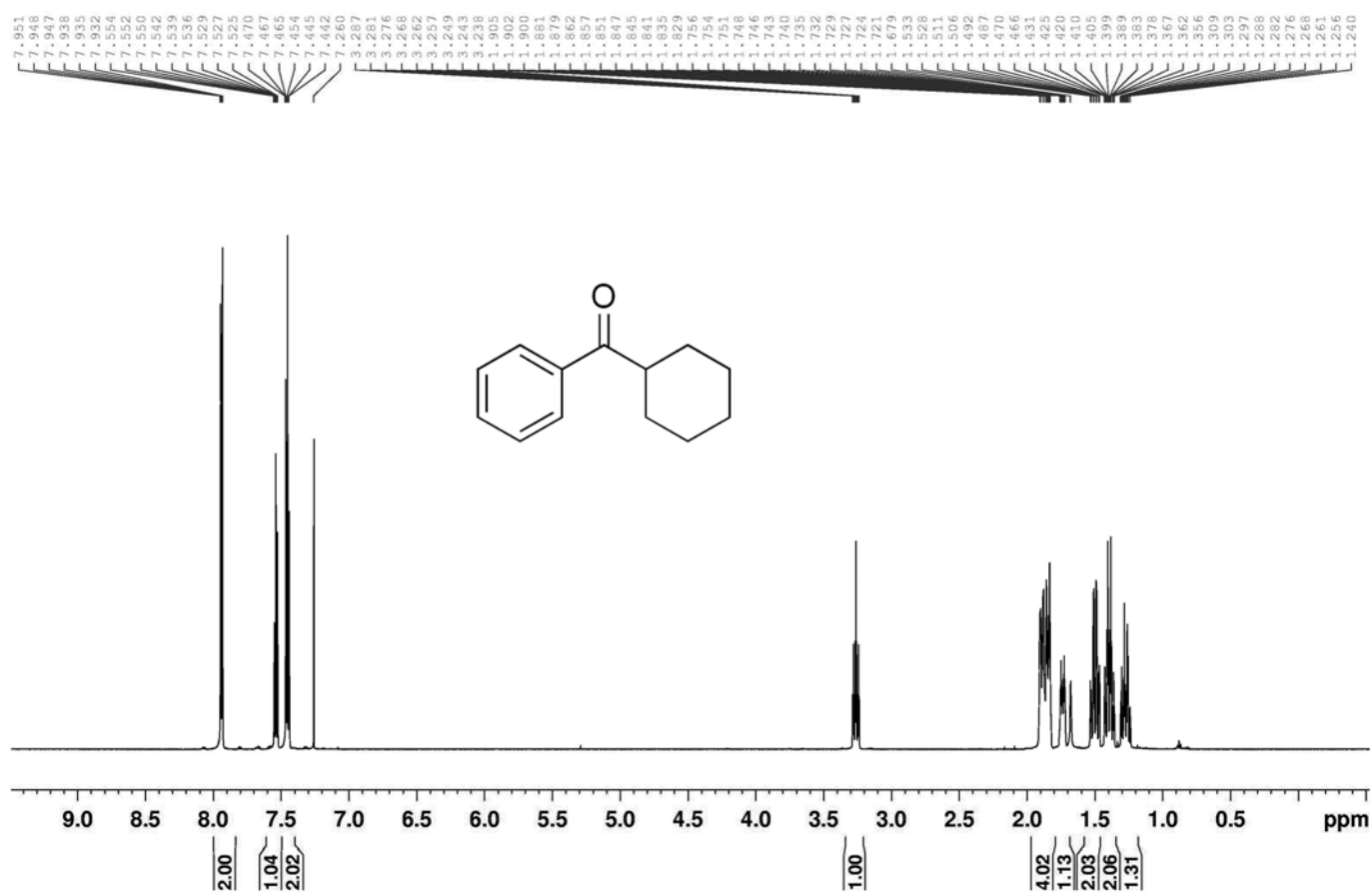
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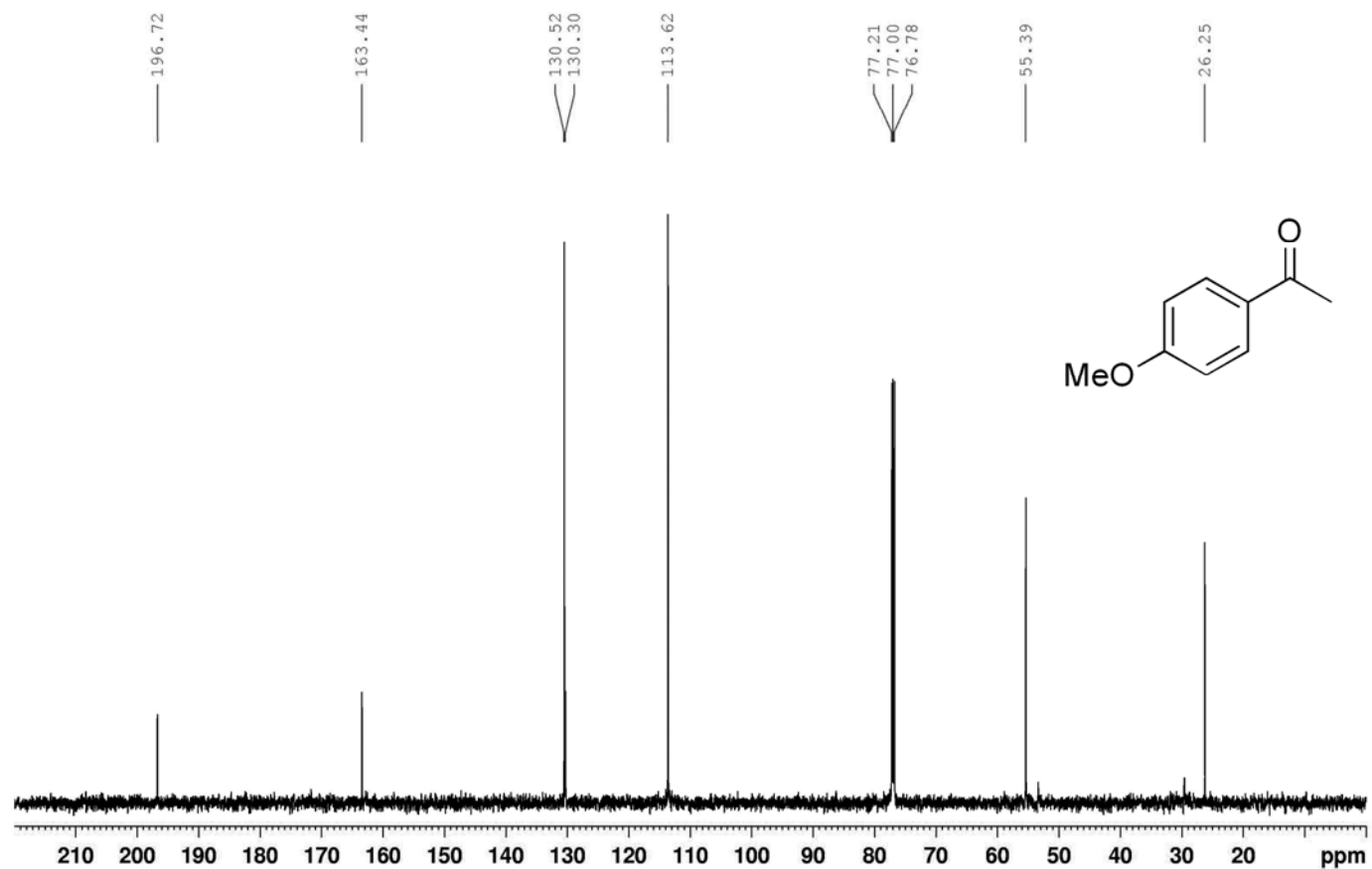
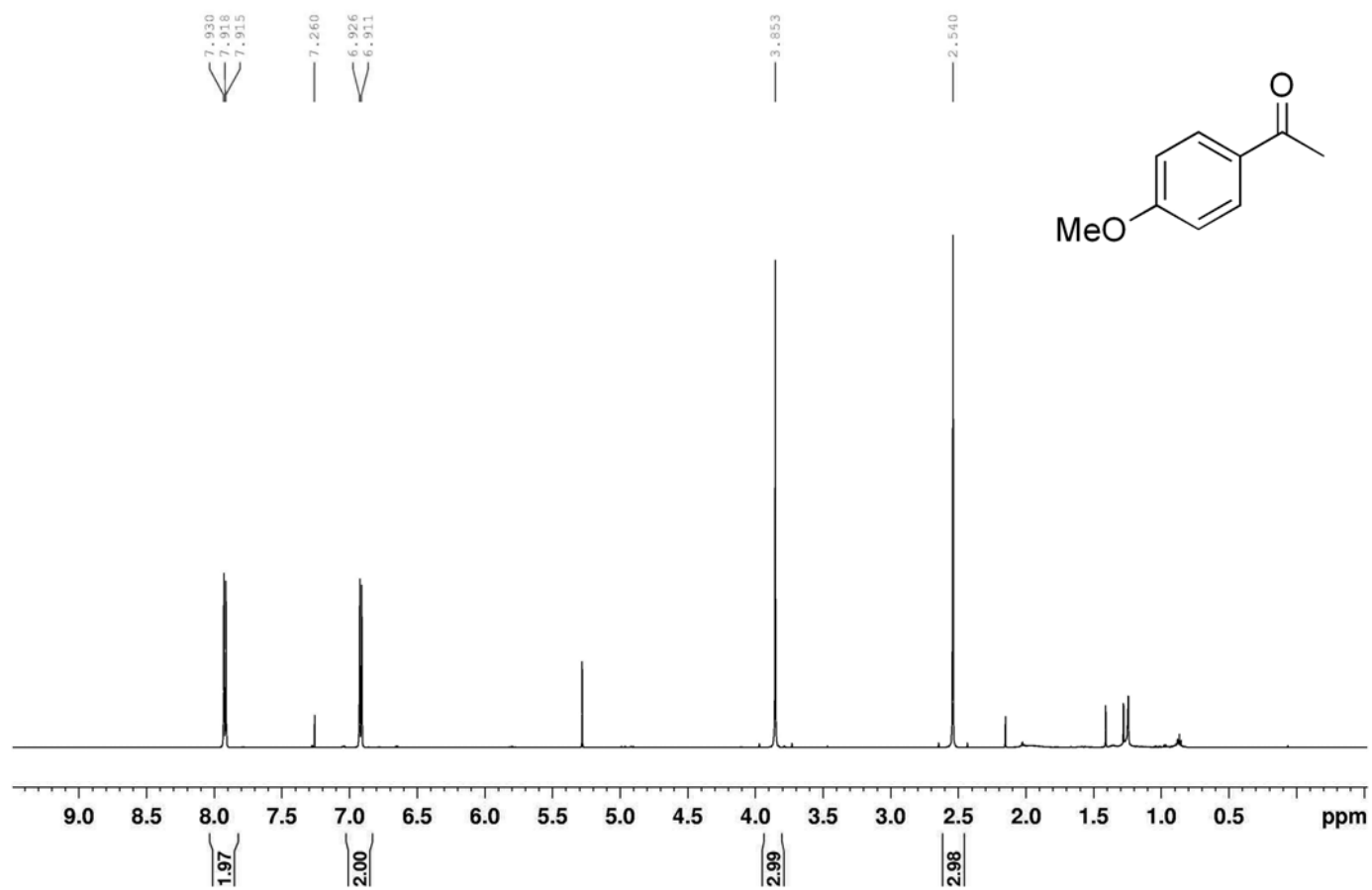
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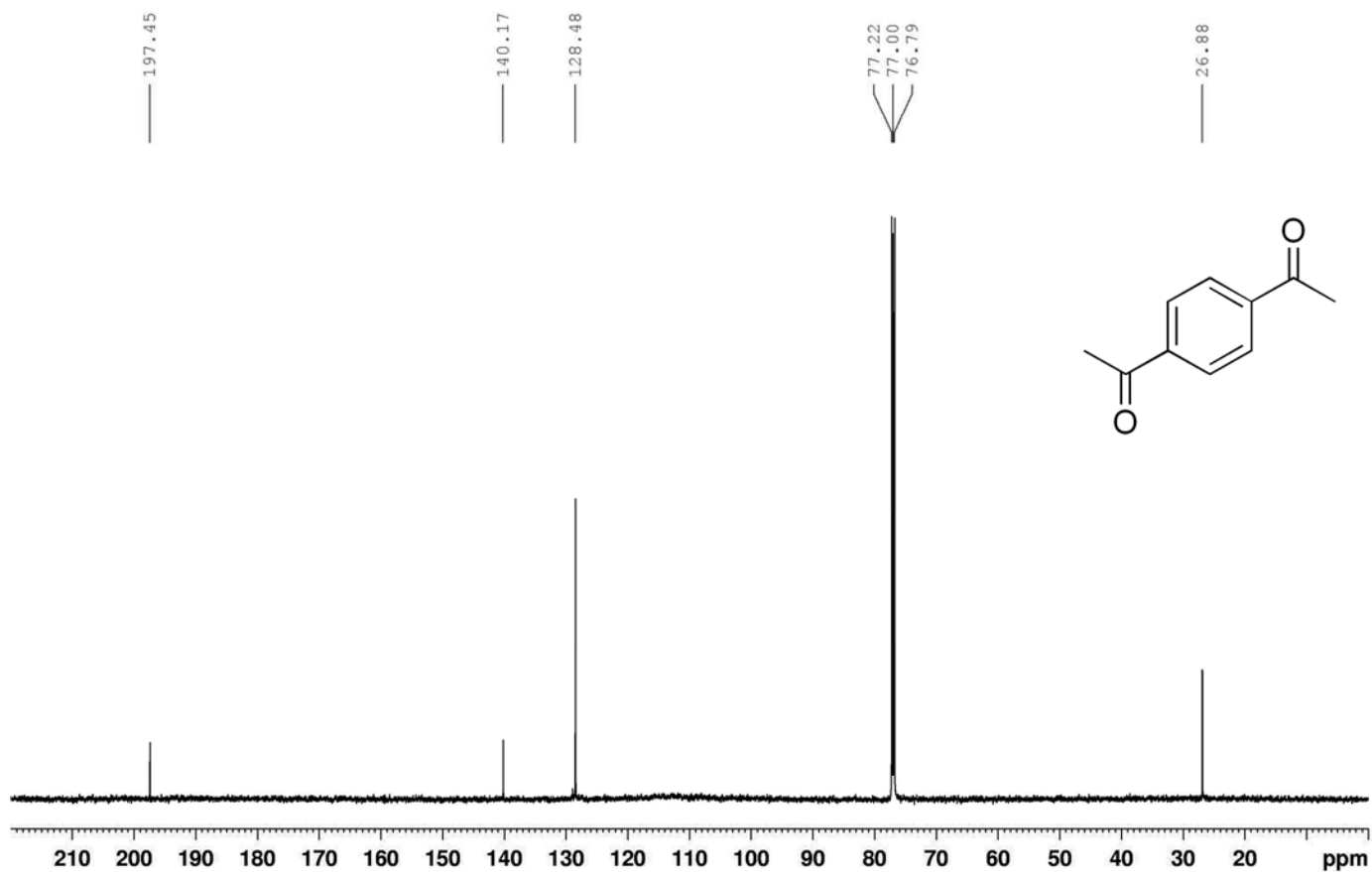
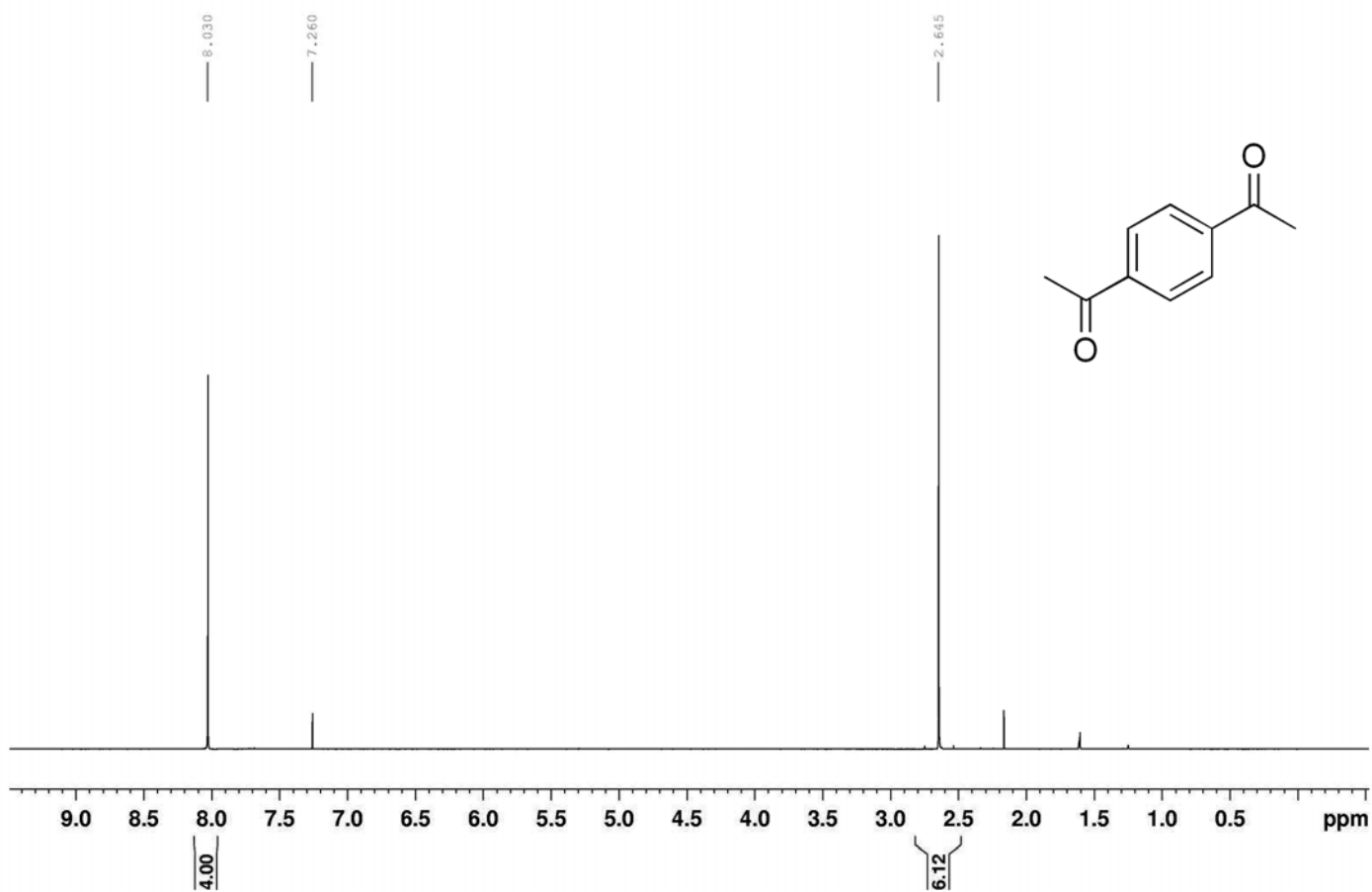
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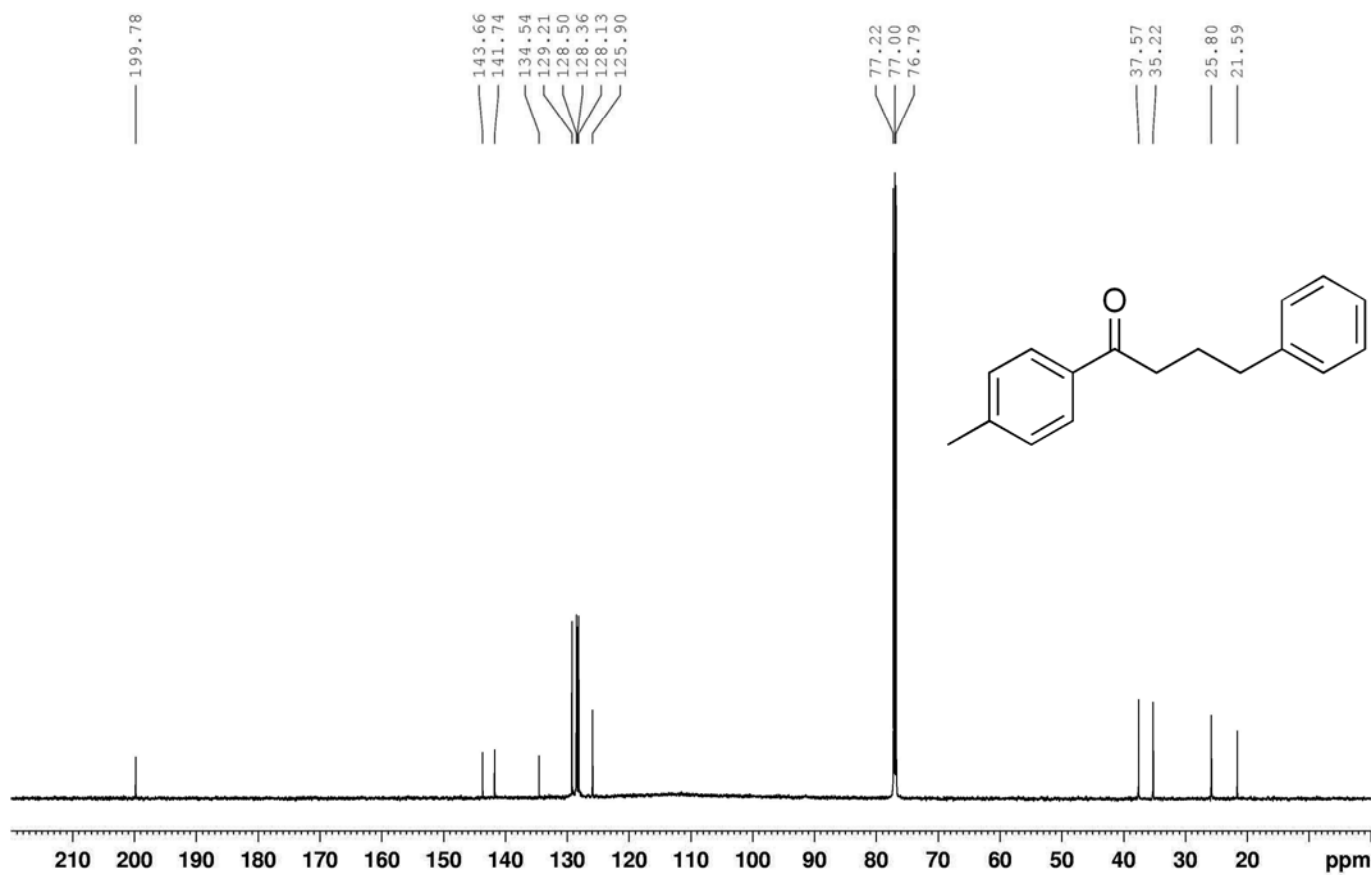
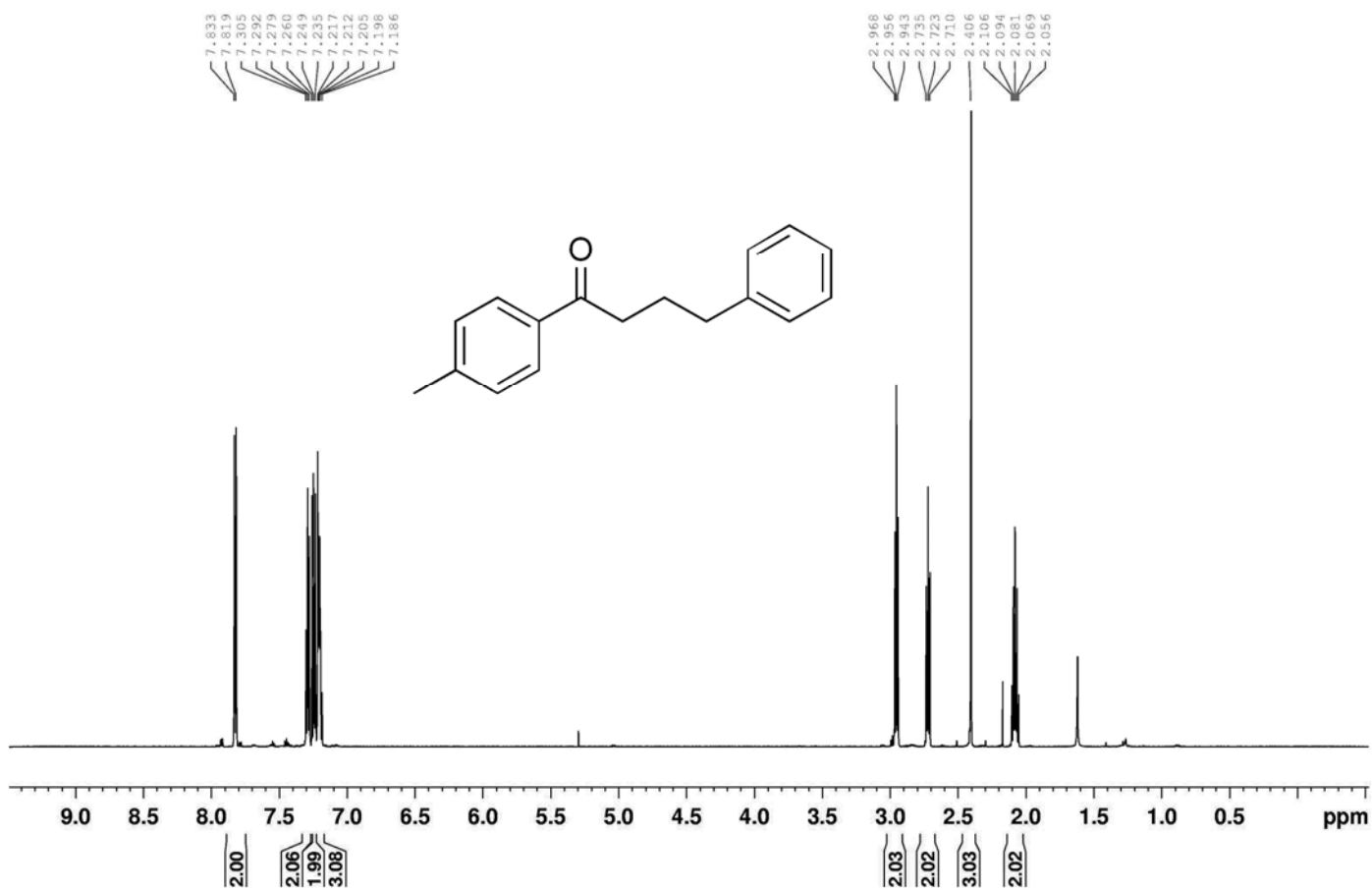
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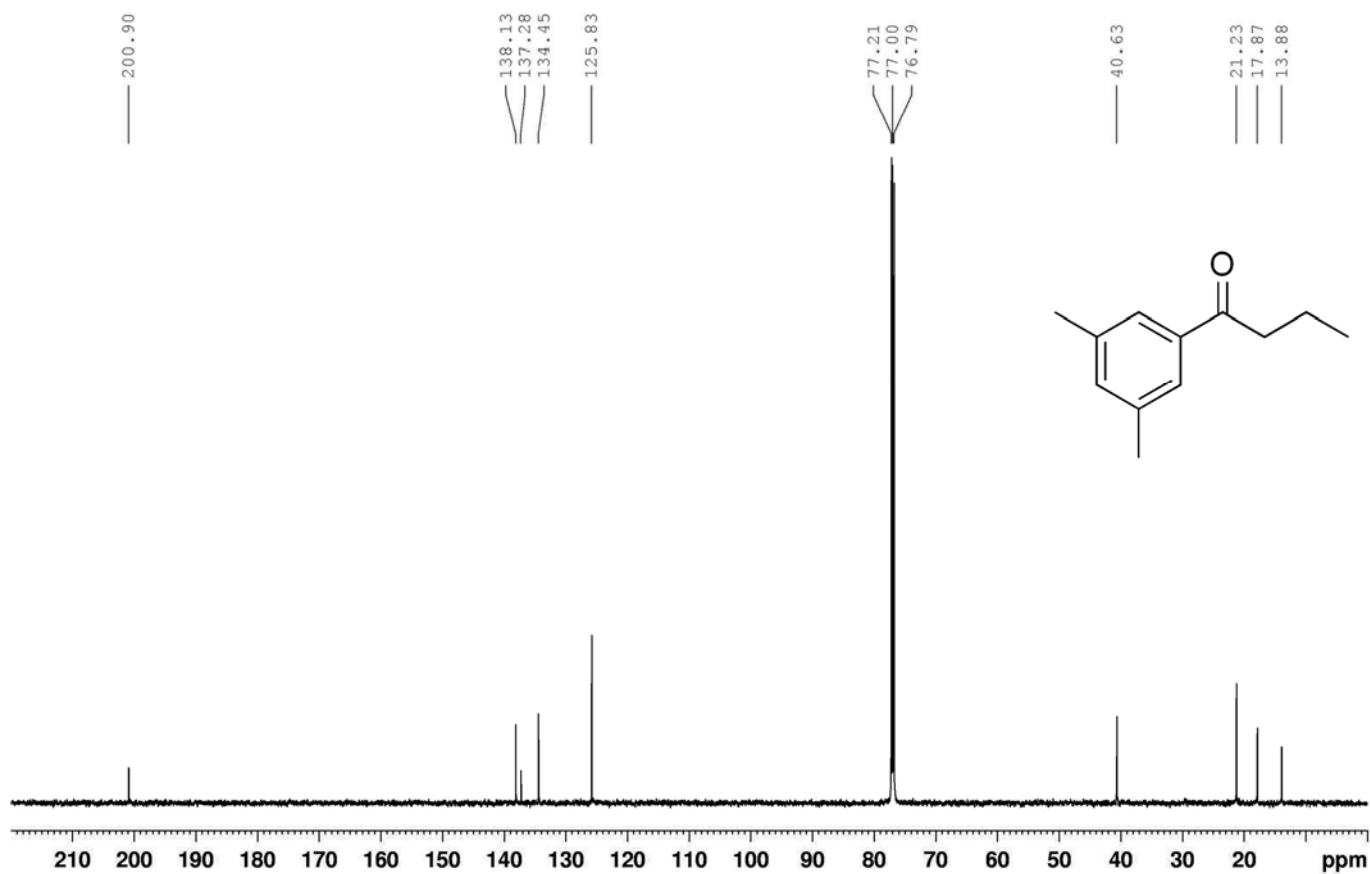
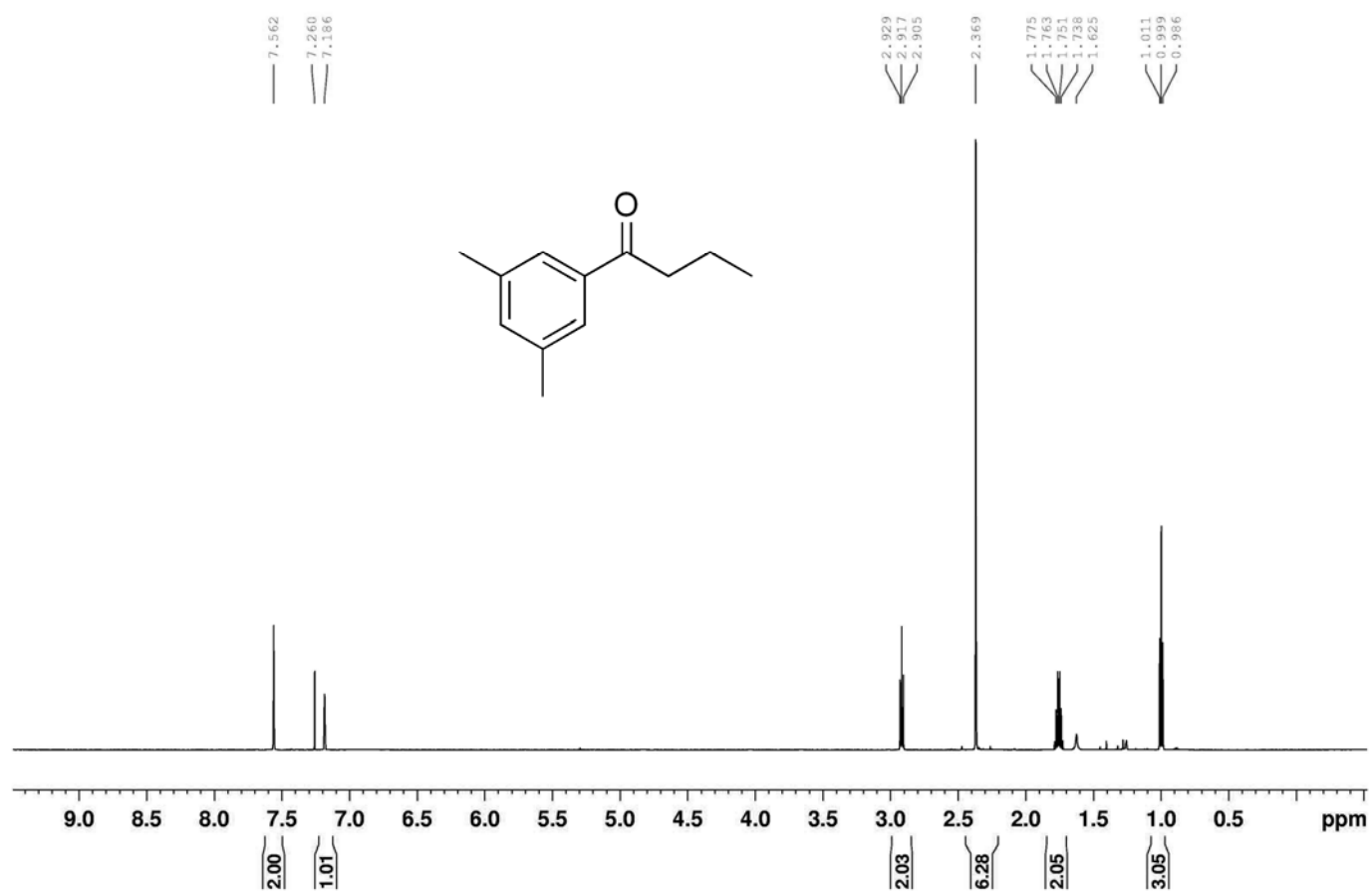
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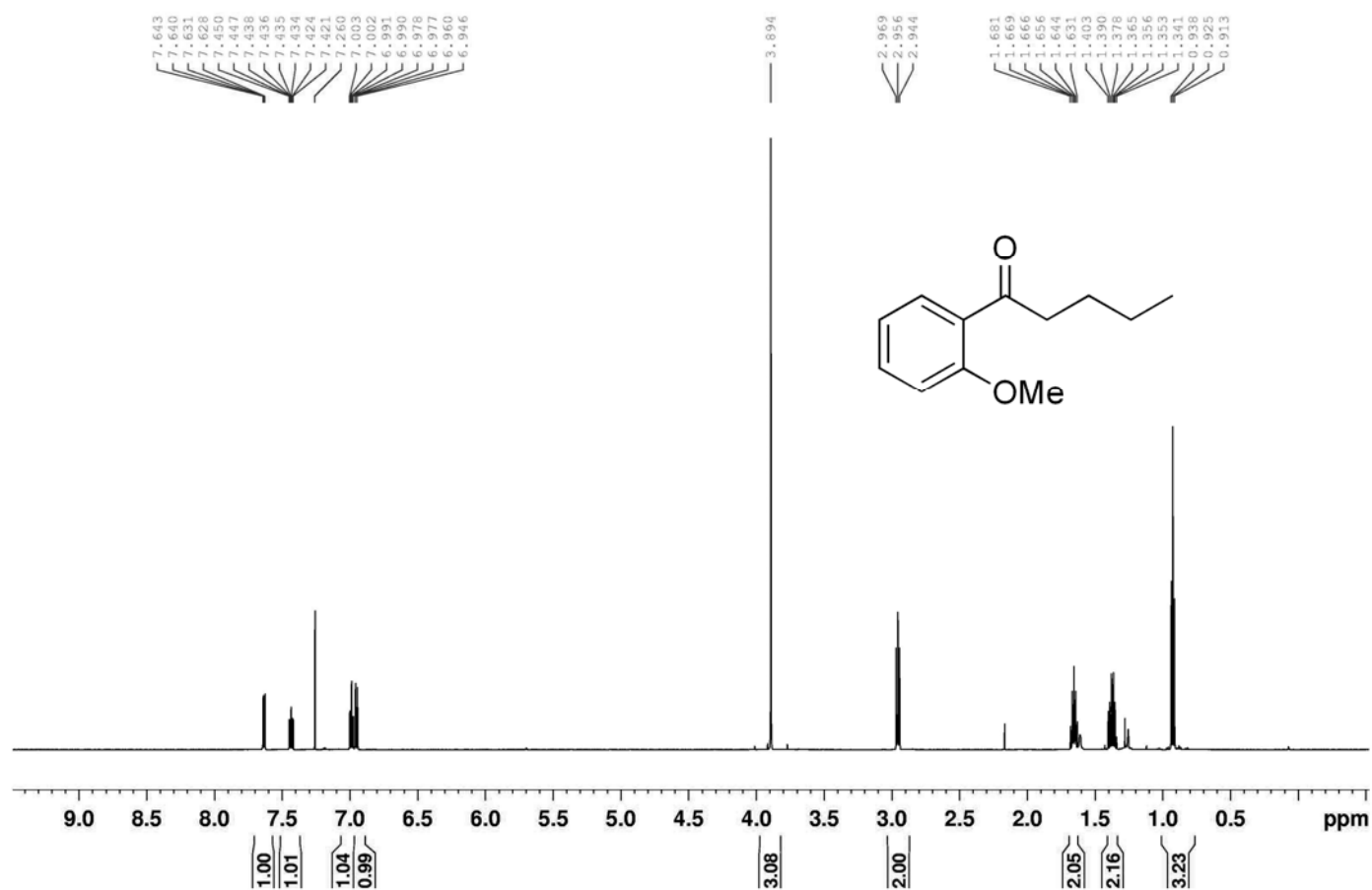
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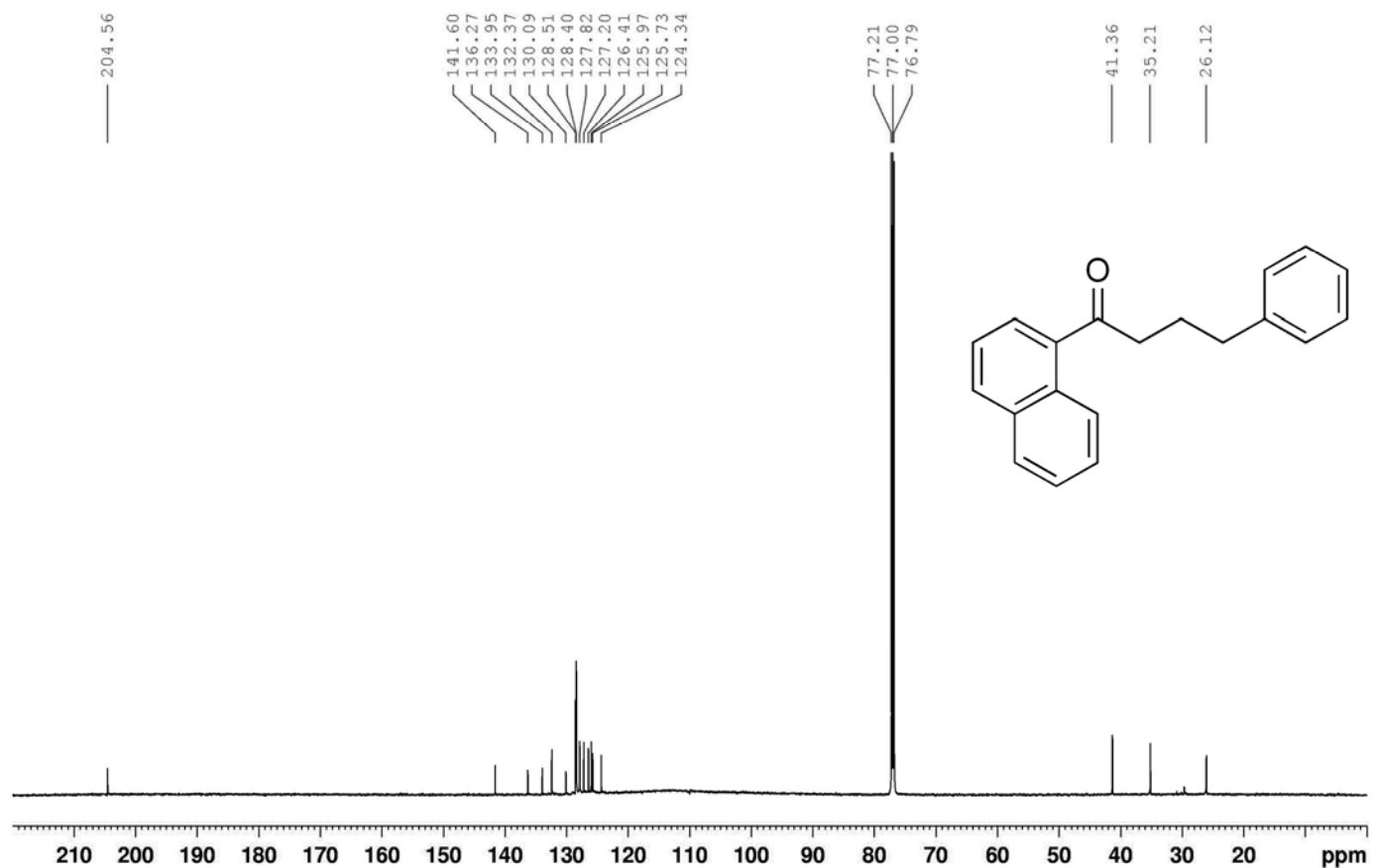
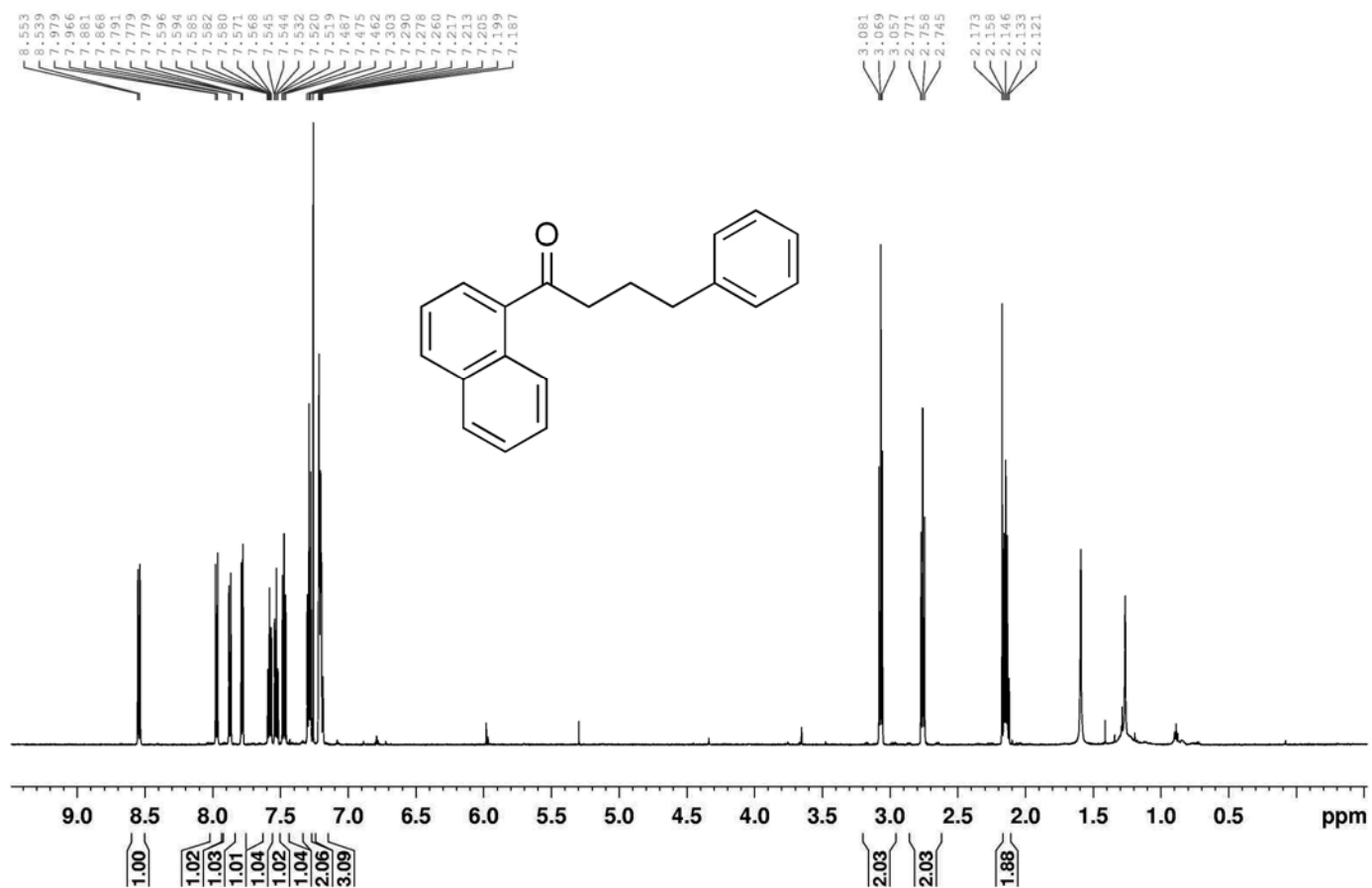
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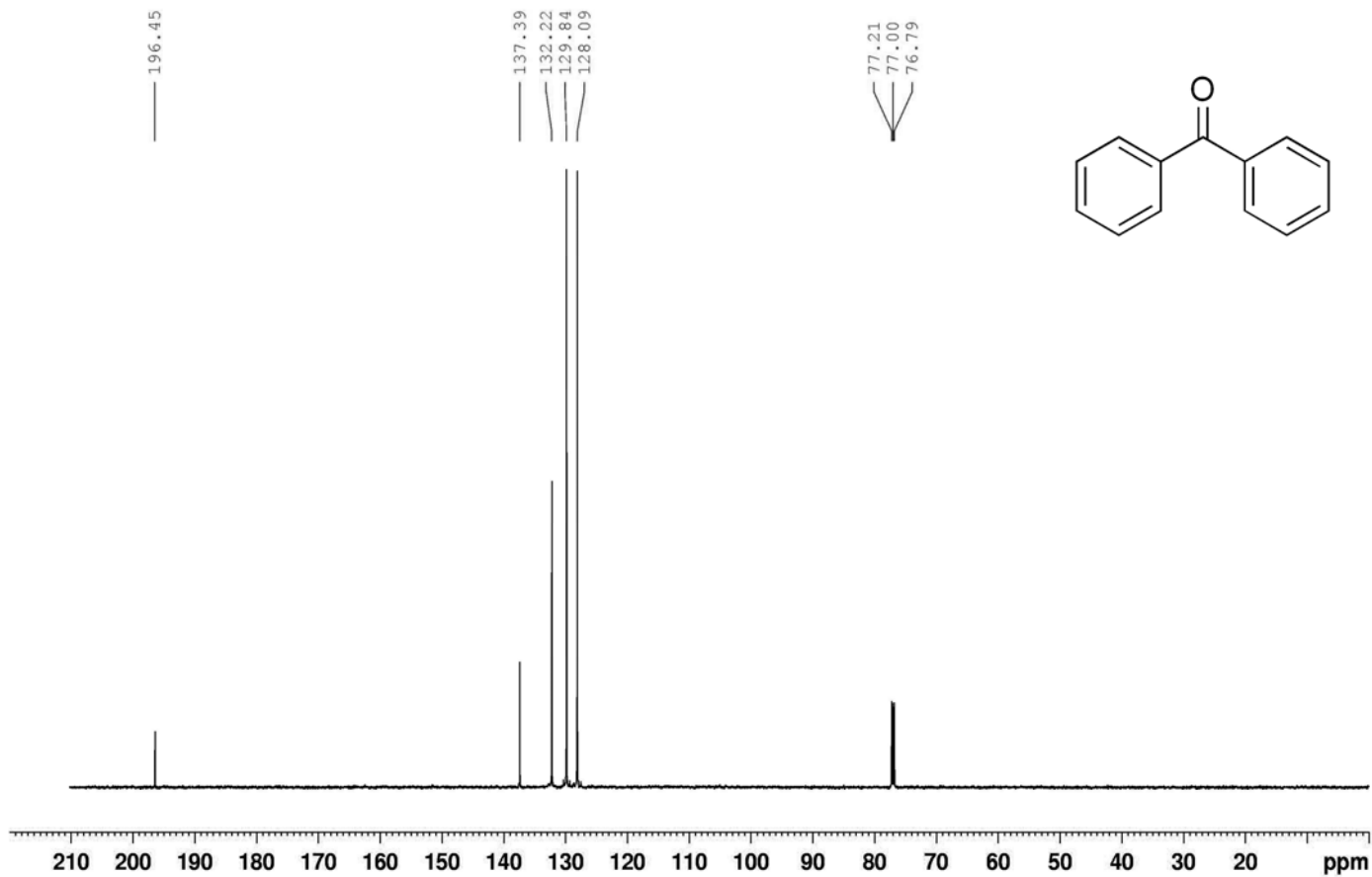
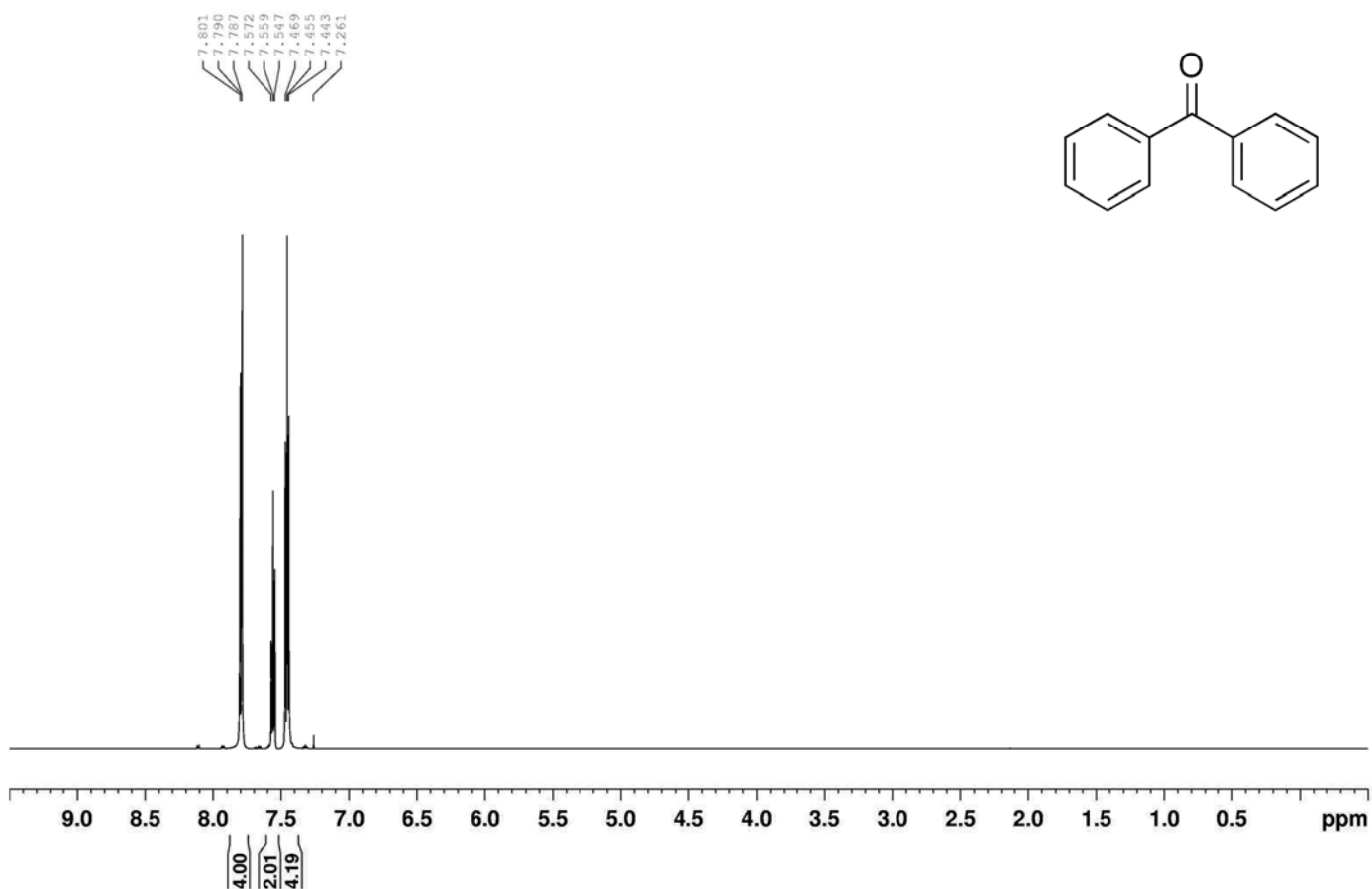
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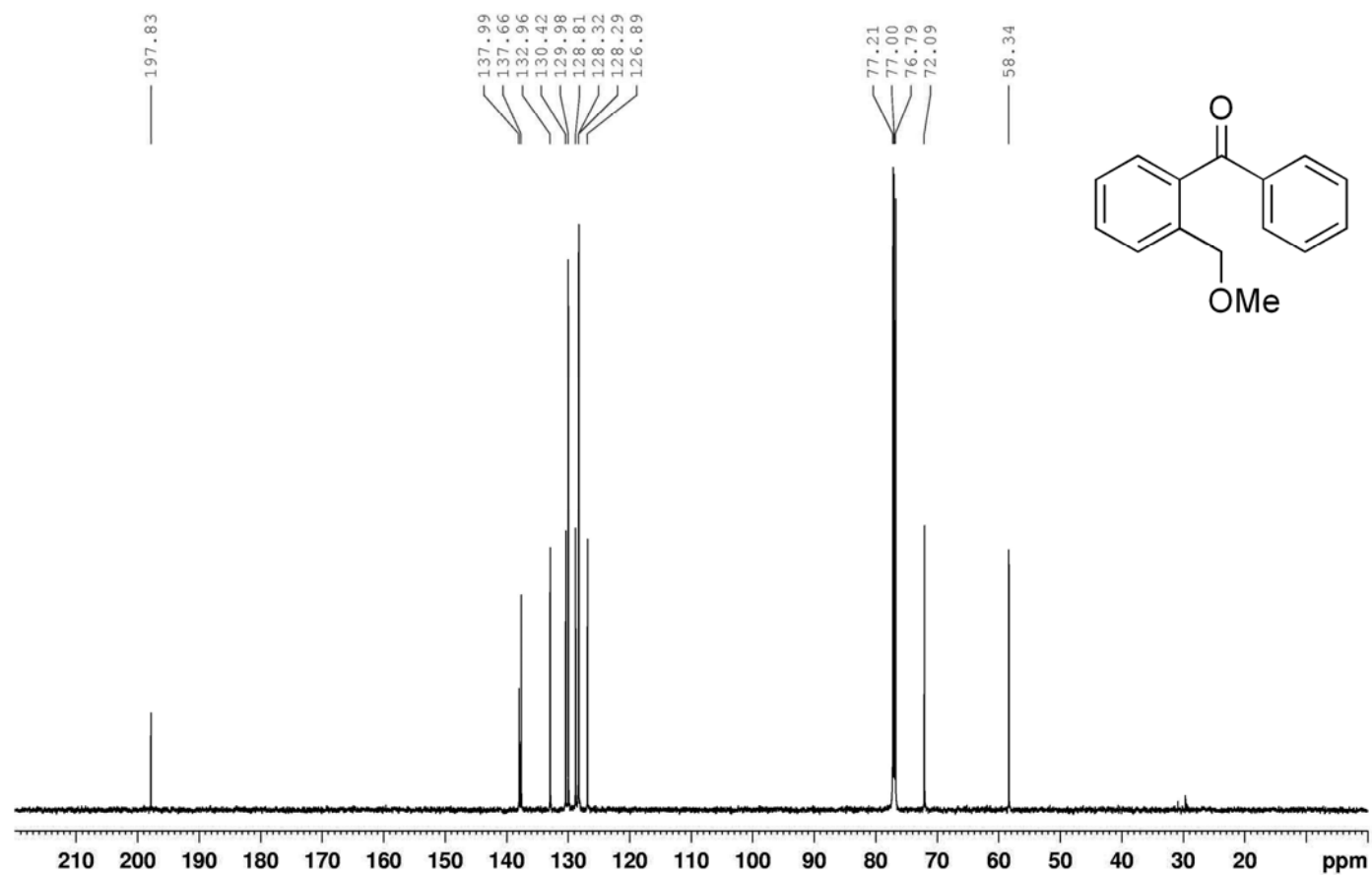
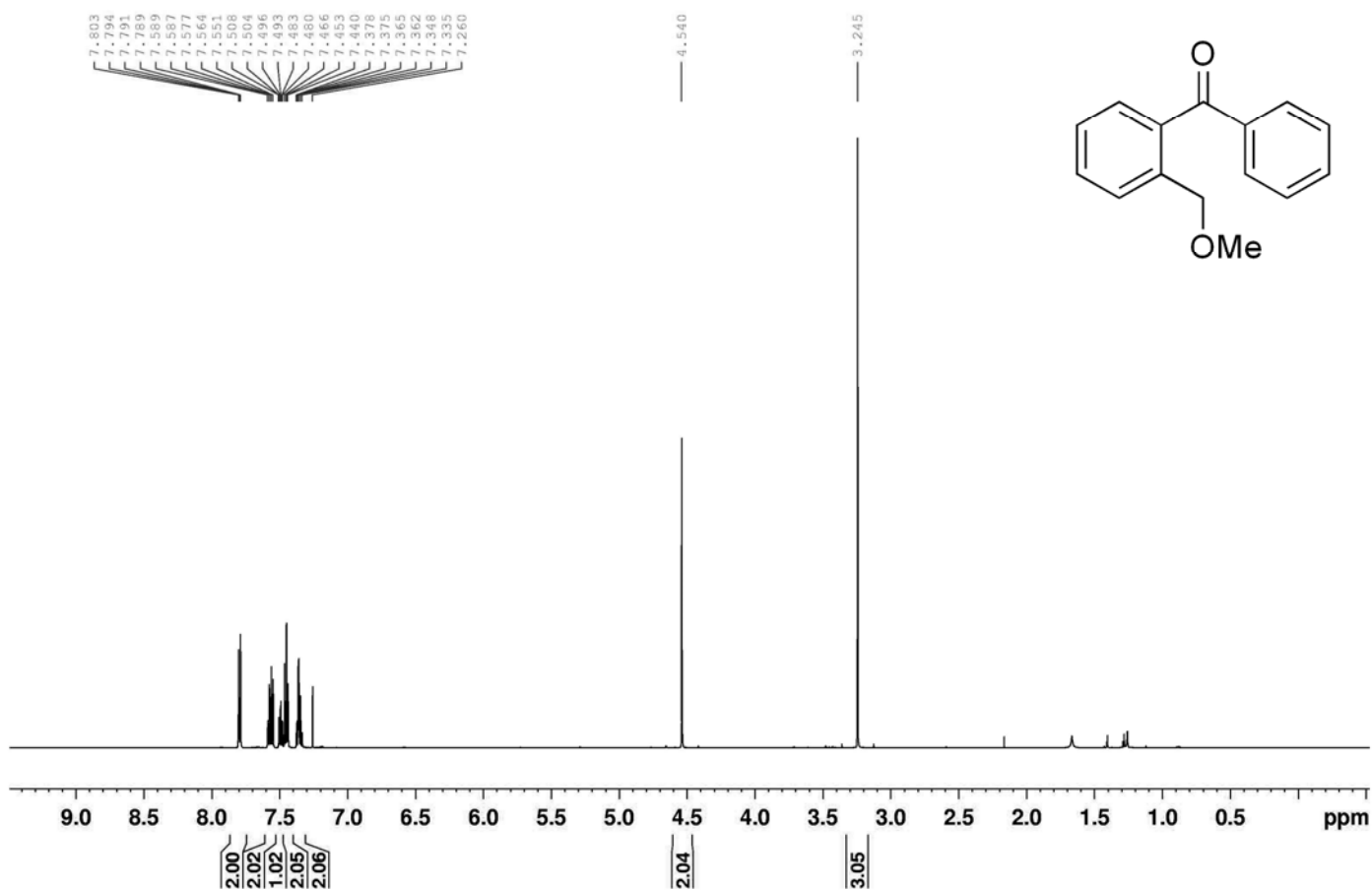
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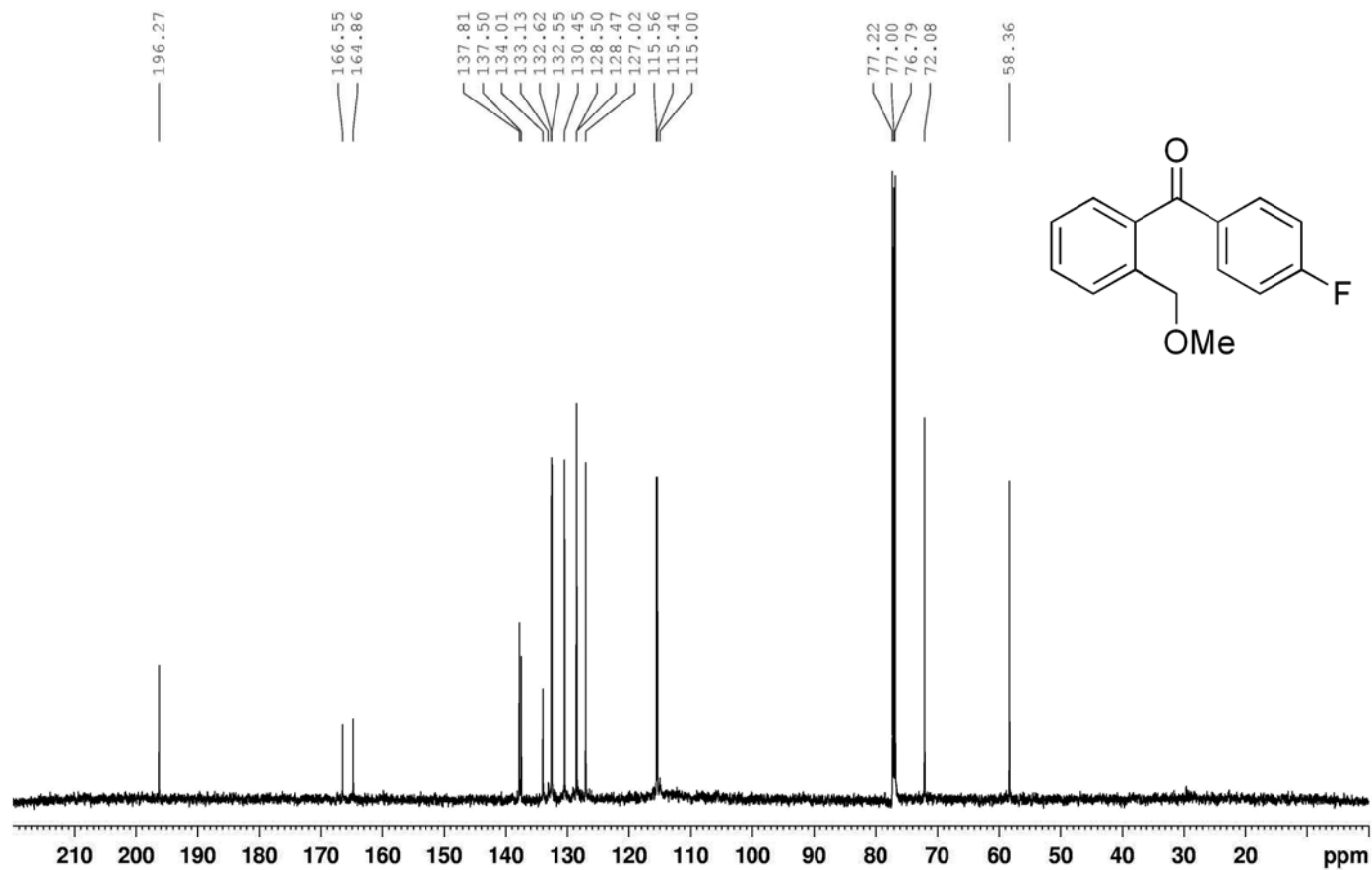
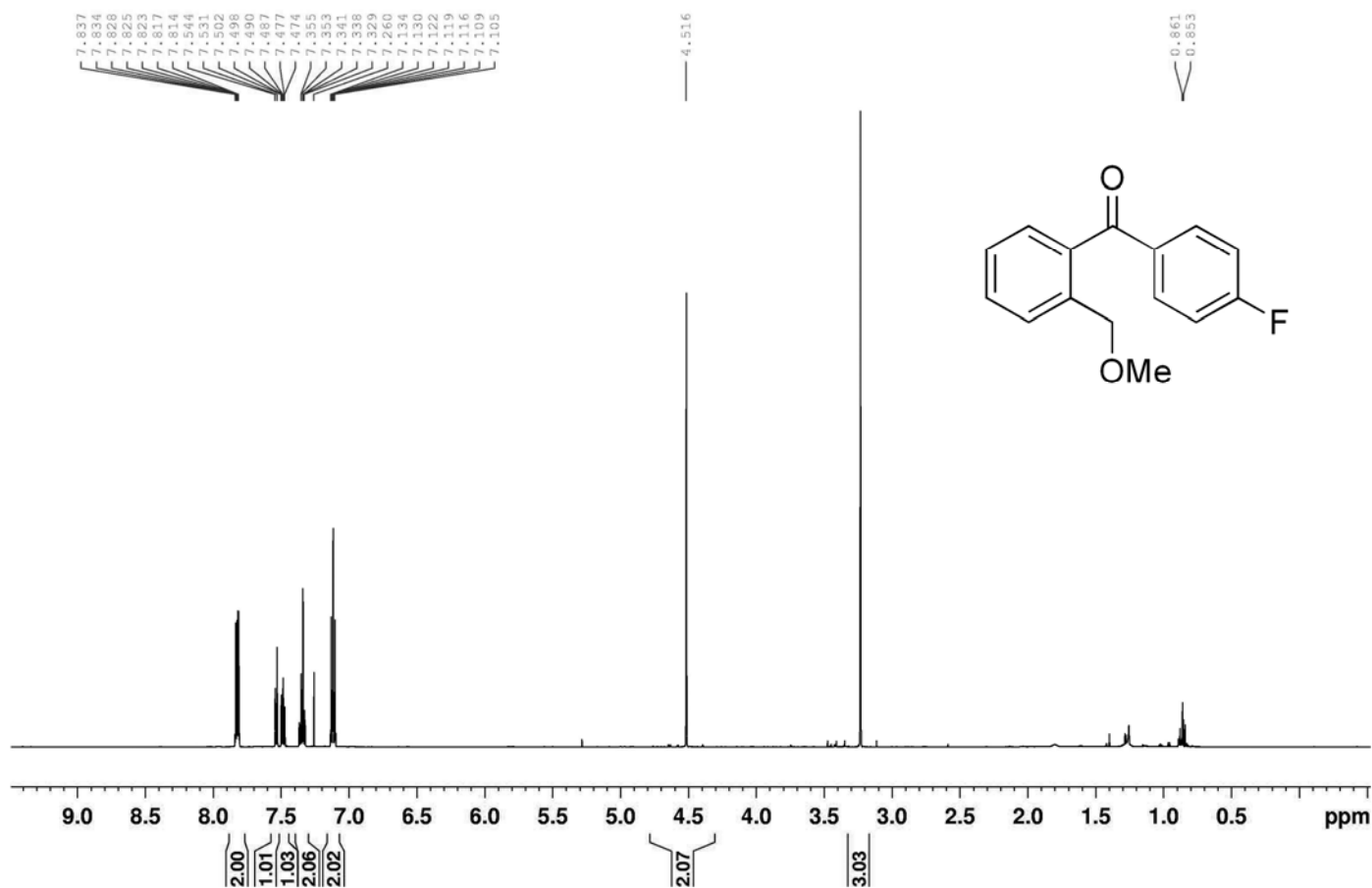
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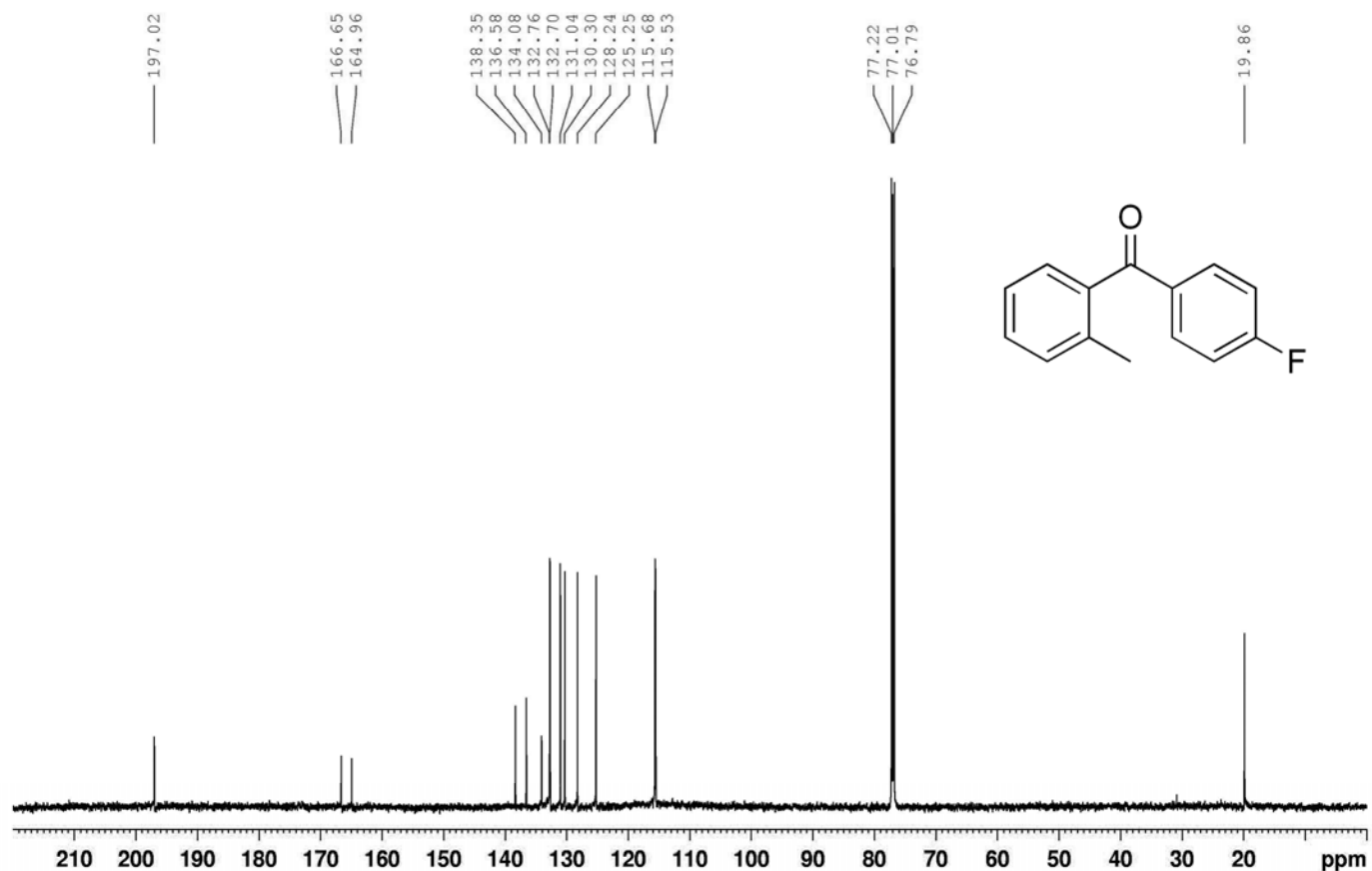
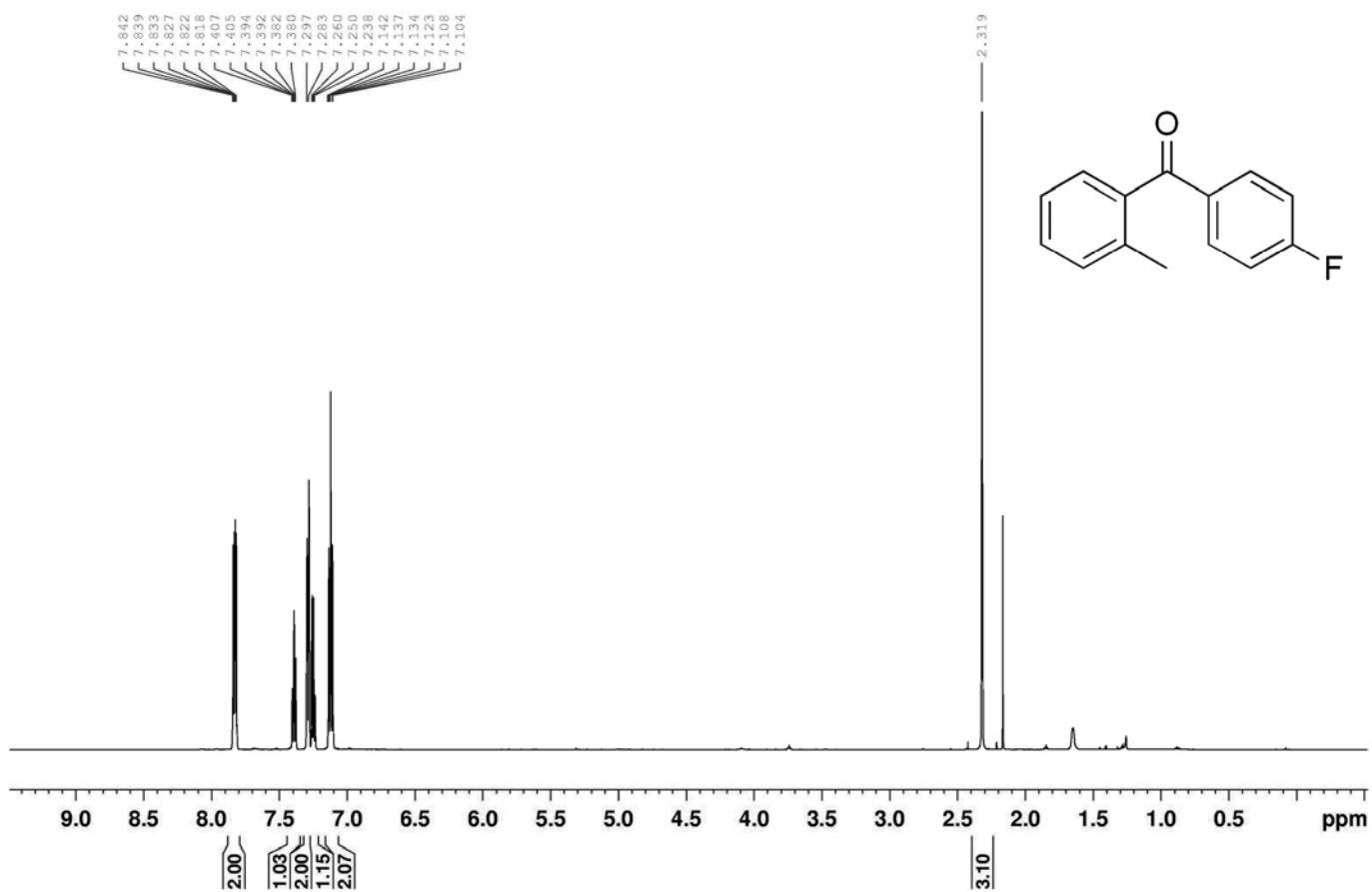
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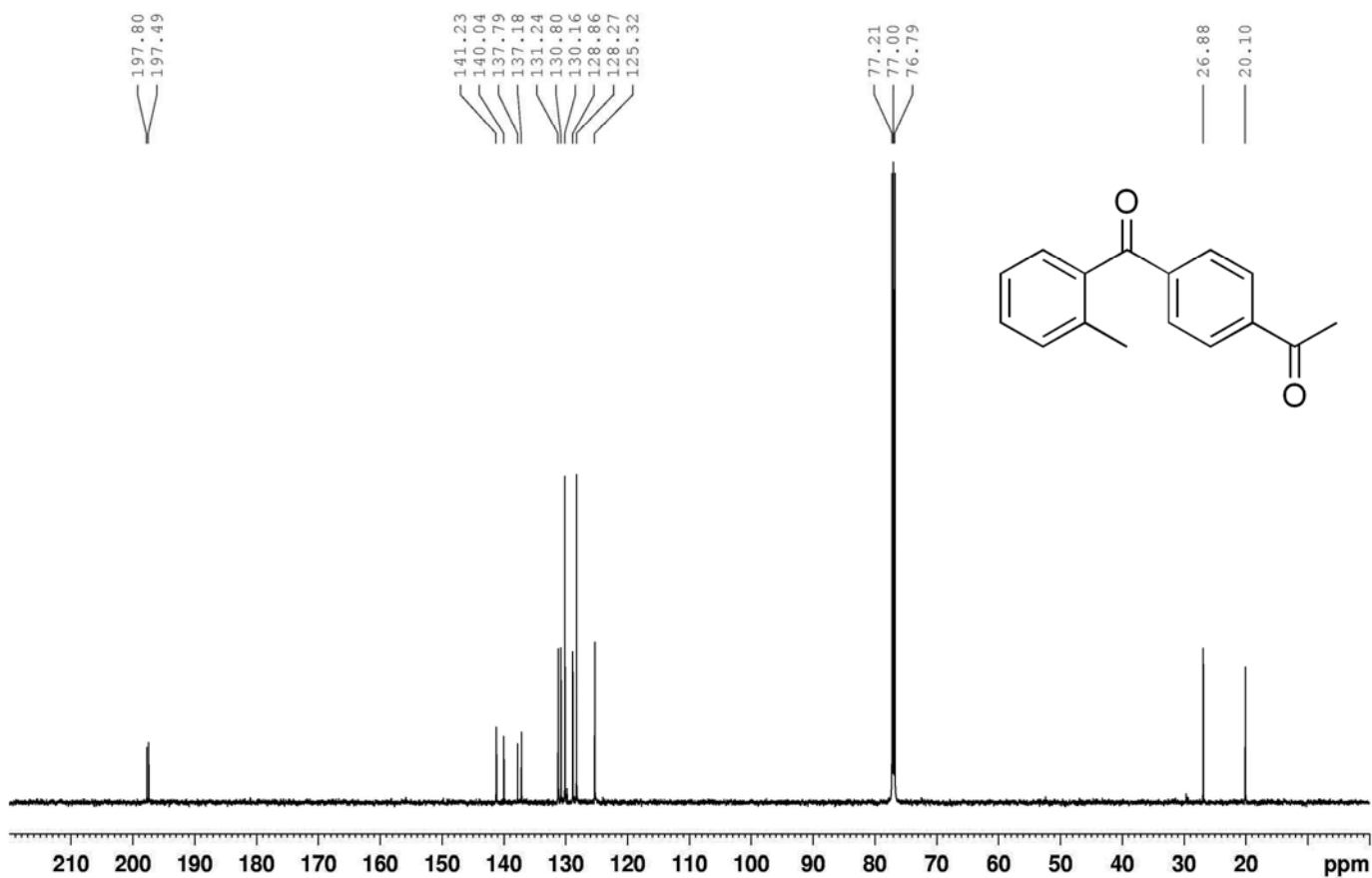
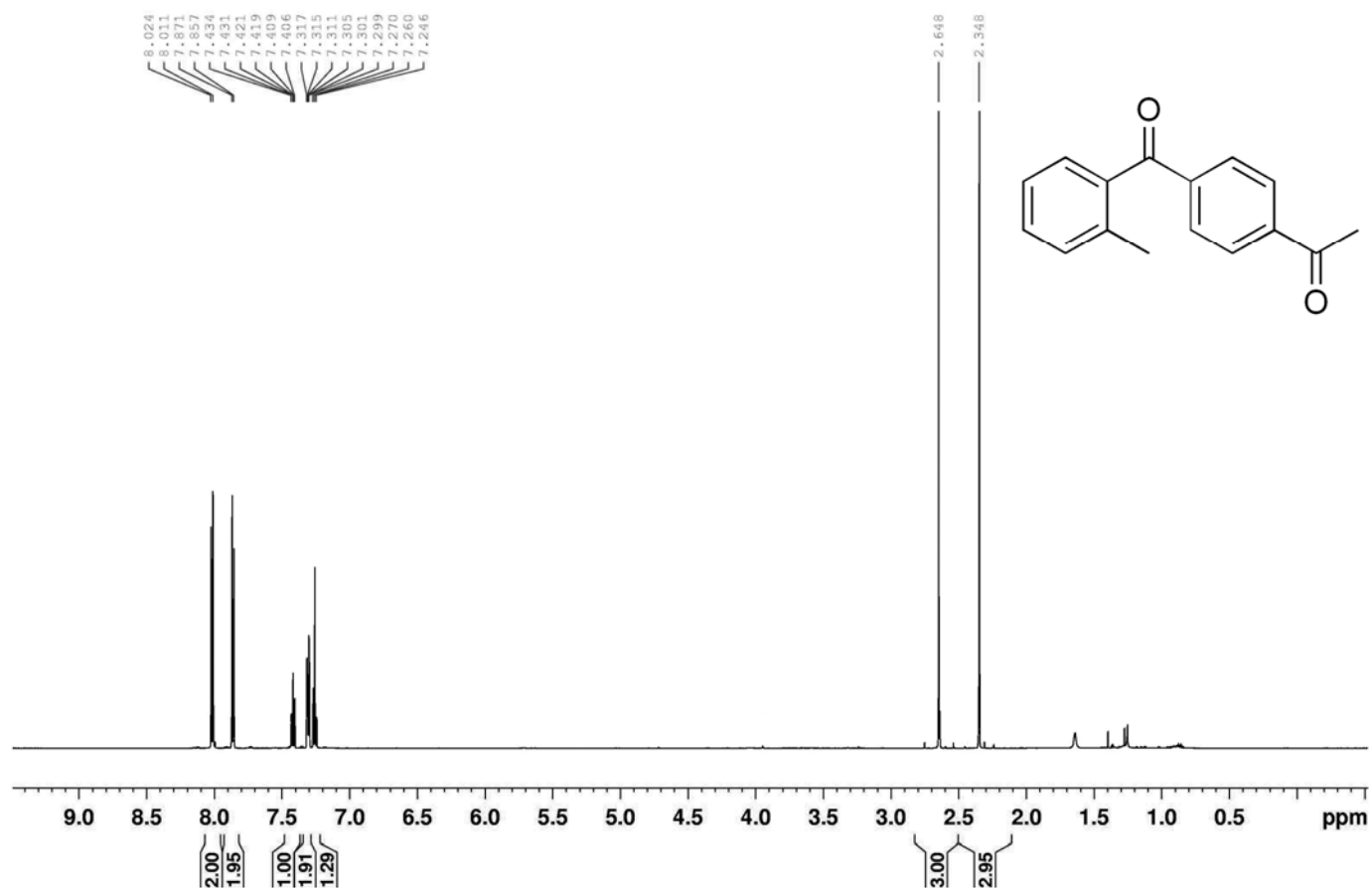
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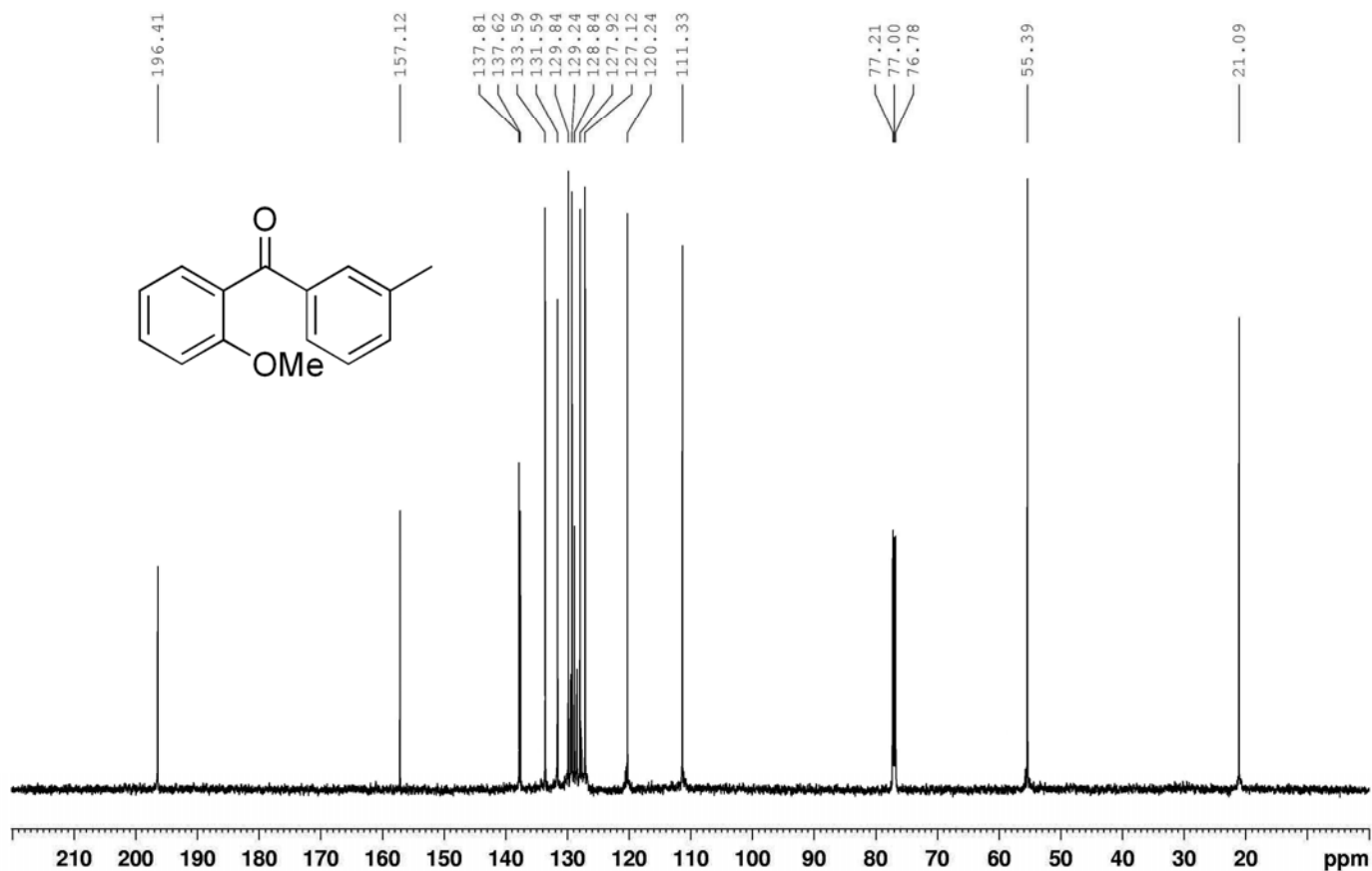
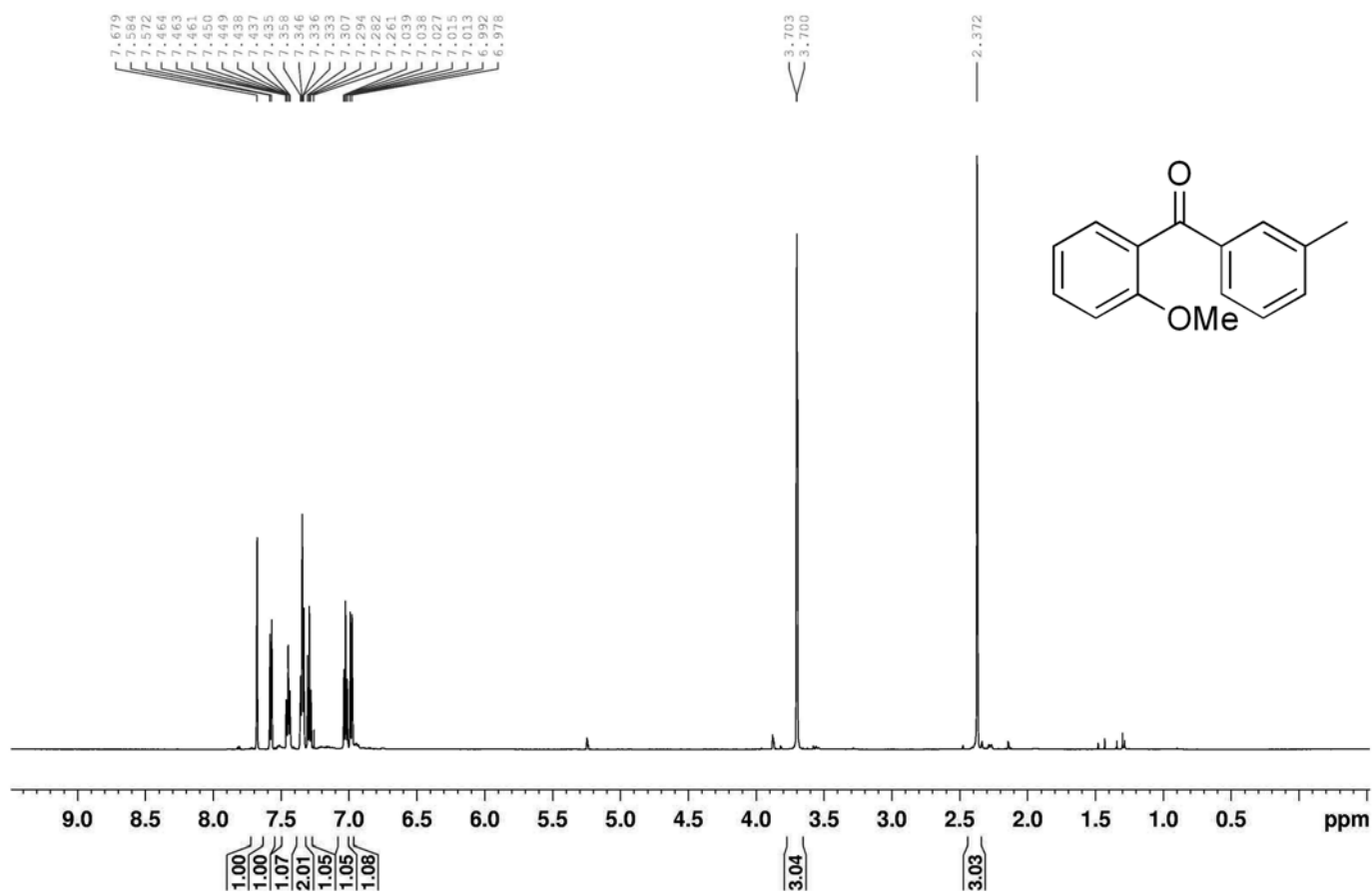
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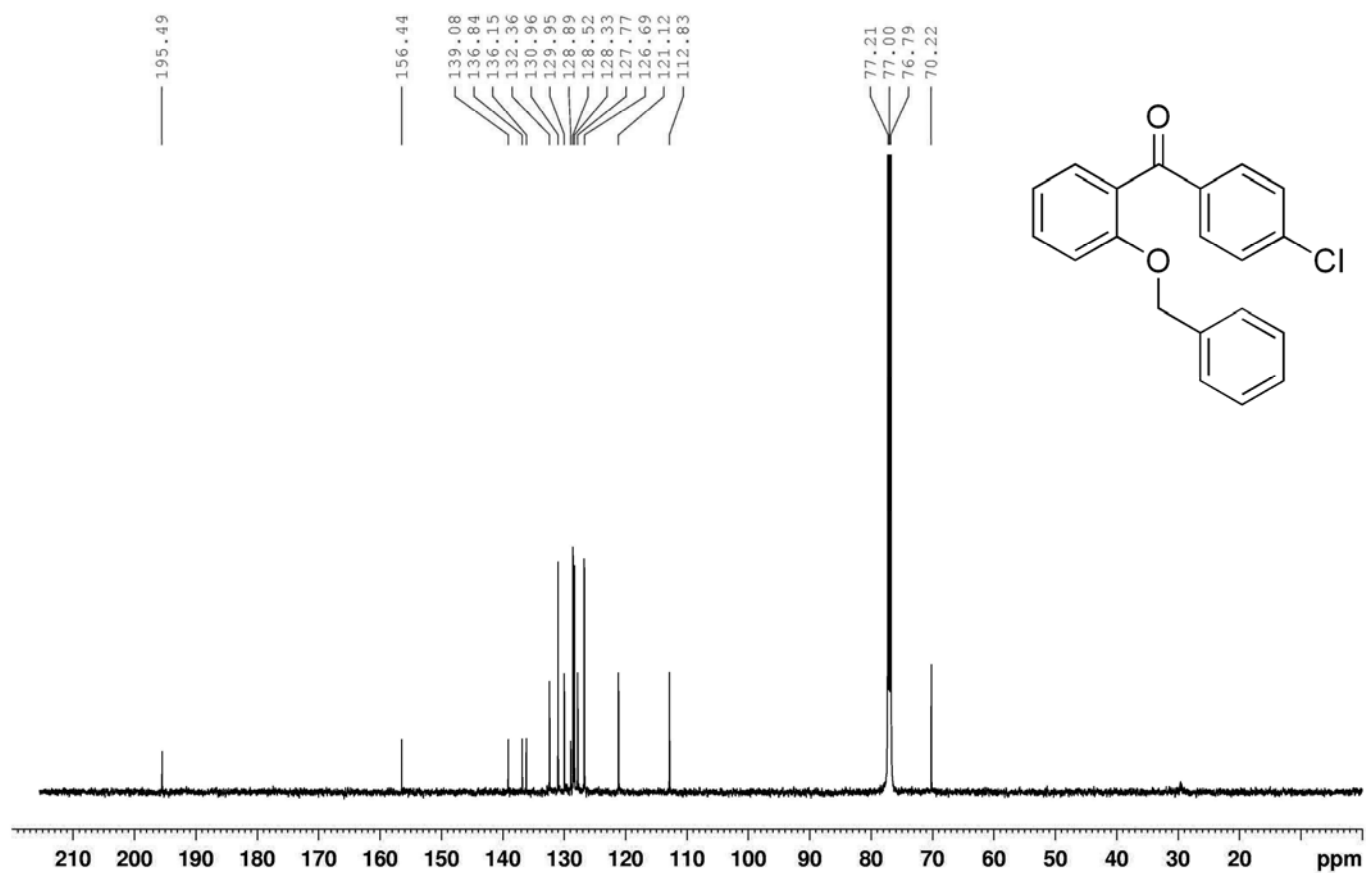
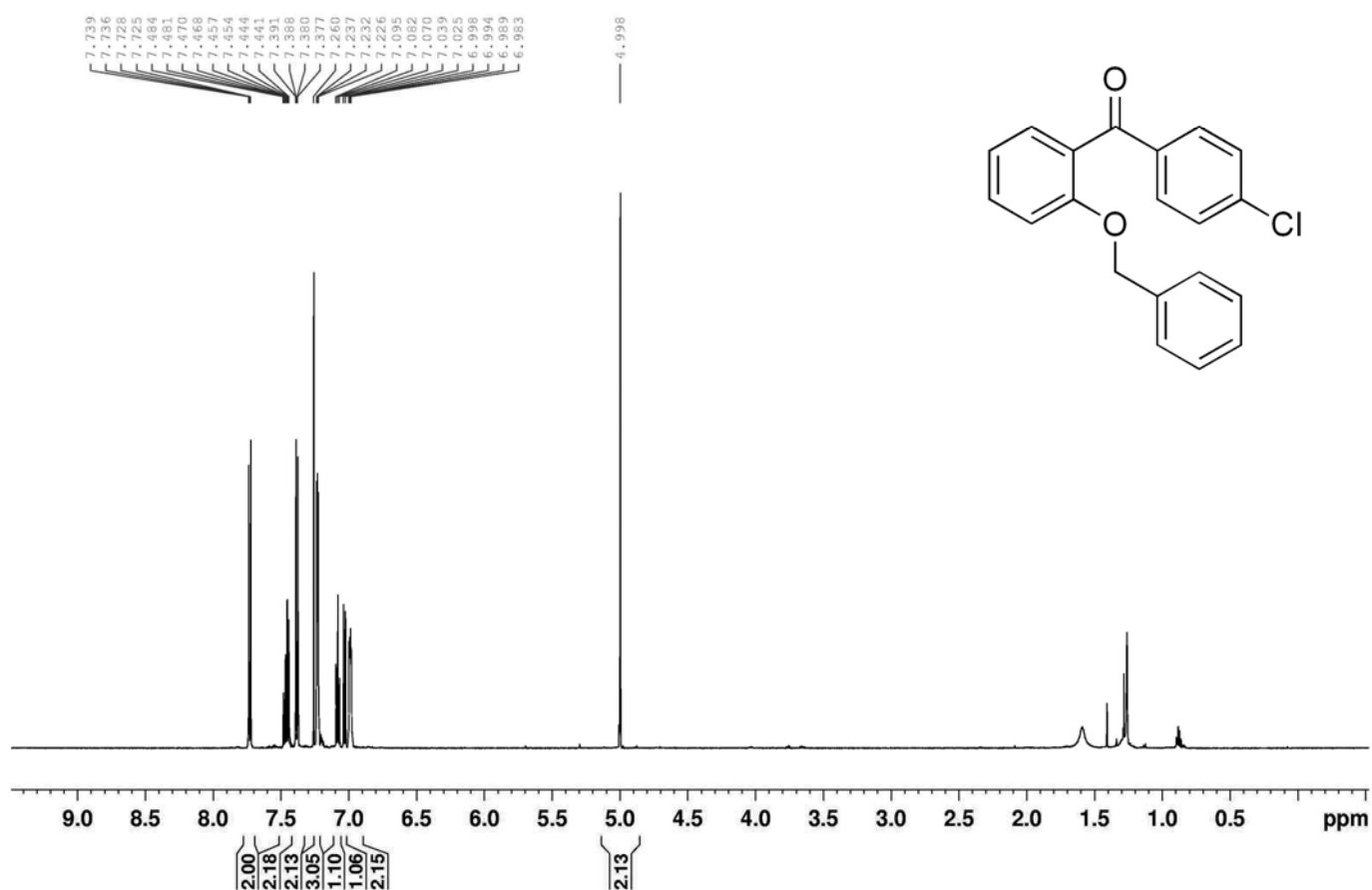
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(2-Methoxyphenyl)(m-tolyl)methanone (3kv)



(2-(Benzyloxy)phenyl)(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (3mu)



1-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)ethanone (3'j)

