

**Palladium-Catalyzed Domino C–S Coupling/Carbonylation
Reactions: An Efficient Synthesis of
2-Carbonylbenzo[b]thiophene Derivatives**

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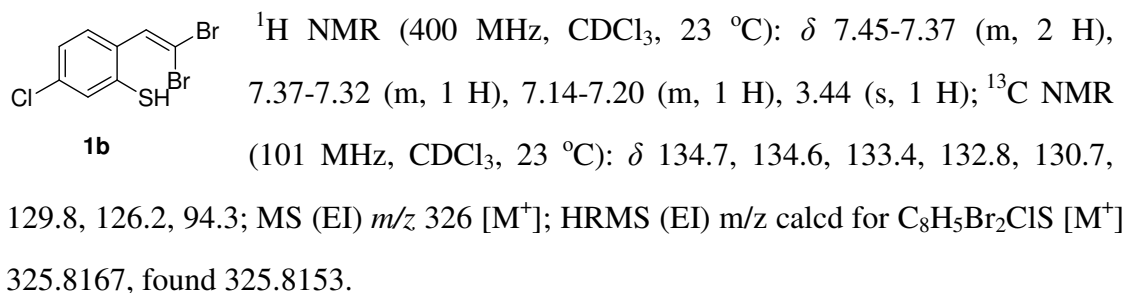
I General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all the materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. Solvents were freshly distilled by standard procedures prior to use. All ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. The NMR chemical shift values refer to CDCl_3 (δ (^1H), 7.26 ppm; δ (^{13}C), 77.16 ppm). Mass spectra were obtained on a VG7070E mass spectrometer. IR Spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu FTIR-8400S spectrometer. Melting points were determined on a Fisher-Johns apparatus and are uncorrected.

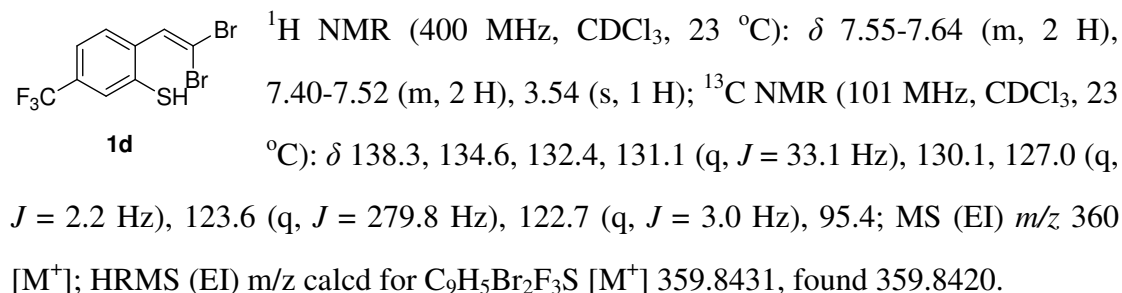
II General Procedures for the Preparation of the Starting Materials

All the 2-*gem*-dihalothiophenols **1a-1g** were synthesized according to the literature methods (2-*gem*-thiophenols **1a-1d** and **1g** were prepared using the procedure A, and 2-*gem*-thiophenols **1e** and **1f** were generated by the procedure B).^a

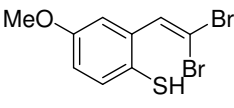
2-Gem-dibromovinyl-5-chlorobenzothiols



2-Gem-dibromovinyl-5-trifluoromethylbenzothiols



2-Gem-dibromovinyl-4-methoxybenzothiol


1e

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 7.52-7.55 (s, 1 H), 7.26-7.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.05-7.10 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.75-6.87 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz and 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.21 (s, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 158.3, 137.2, 136.0, 133.1, 119.9, 115.2, 114.9, 92.9, 55.5; MS (EI) m/z 322 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{Br}_2\text{OS}$ [M^+] 321.8663, found 321.8671.

III General Procedure for Synthesis of 2-Carbonylbenzo[b]thiophene Derivatives

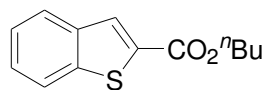
3a-3n

Typical procedure for the synthesis of esters: A mixture of **1** (0.50 mmol), base (1.50 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, (0.020 mmol), Ruphos, (0.020 mmol), and 6 mL of MeOH/THF (v/v = 1:1) were sequentially added to a 45 mL glass-lined autoclave. After sealing, the autoclave was purged three times with carbon monoxide, and then pressurized with 150 psi of CO. The resulting mixture was stirred at 110 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 15 h. The autoclave was cooled to room temperature, and the excess carbon monoxide was released. The reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (7:1 to 4:1) as the eluant to afford the products.

Typical procedure for the synthesis of amides: A mixture of **1** (0.50 mmol), the corresponding amine (2.0 mmol), base (1.50 mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, (0.020 mmol), Ruphos, (0.020 mmol), and 6 mL of THF were sequentially added to a 45 mL glass-lined autoclave. After sealing, the autoclave was purged three times with carbon monoxide, and then pressurized with 150 psi of CO. The resulting mixture was stirred at 110 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 15 h. The autoclave was cooled to room temperature and the excess carbon monoxide was released. The reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using a mixture of hexanes and ethyl acetate (4:1 to 2:1)

as the eluant to afford the products.

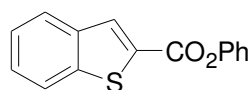
***n*-Butyl benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylate**



3c

IR (neat) cm^{-1} : 1713, 1526, 1521, 1286, 1245, 1182, 1157, 1078, 1060, 760, 723; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 8.04-8.08 (m, 1 H), 7.82-7.90 (m, 2 H), 7.36-7.49 (m, 2 H), 4.36 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.72-1.82 (m, 2 H), 1.43-1.56 (m, 2 H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 163.0, 142.3, 138.9, 134.0, 130.4, 127.0, 125.6, 125.0, 122.9, 65.5, 30.9, 19.4, 13.9; MS (EI) m/z 234 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [M^+] 234.0715, found 234.0697.

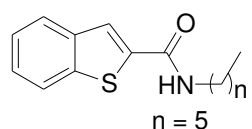
Phenyl benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylate



3d

White solid, mp 108-109 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (neat) cm^{-1} : 1734, 1722, 1554, 1522, 1494, 1456, 1339, 1275, 1250, 1236, 1180, 1072, 1028, 752, 733, 723, 690; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 8.23-8.26 (d, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.86-7.95 (m, 2 H), 7.39-7.51 (m, 4 H), 7.22-7.32 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 161.4, 150.7, 142.8, 138.8, 132.8, 132.0, 129.7, 127.5, 126.3, 125.9, 125.2, 123.0, 121.7; MS (EI) m/z 254 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [M^+] 254.0402, found 254.0385.

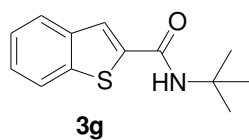
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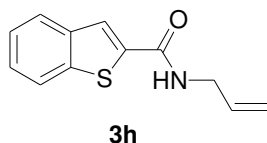
Pale yellow solid, mp 49-50 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (neat) cm^{-1} : 2927, 2856, 1626, 1564, 1544, 1458, 1431, 1296, 1278, 1204, 758, 743, 723, 710, 669, 636; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 7.76-7.86 (m, 3 H), 7.33-7.44 (m, 2 H), 6.43 (br, 1 H), 3.40-3.50 (m, 2 H), 1.57-1.68 (m, 2 H), 1.20-1.42 (m, 6 H), 0.81-0.94 (m, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 $^\circ\text{C}$): δ 162.4, 140.8, 139.3, 138.9, 126.3, 125.1, 125.1, 124.9, 122.8, 40.4, 31.6, 29.7, 26.8, 22.7, 14.1; MS (EI) m/z 261 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{ONS}$ [M^+] 261.1187, found 261.1169.

***N*-tert-butyl benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxamide**



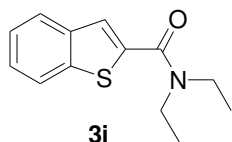
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***N*-allyl benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxamide**



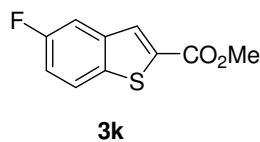
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***N,N*-diethyl benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxamide**



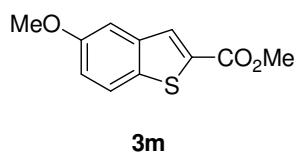
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Methyl 5-fluorobenzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylate



White solid, mp 75-76 °C; IR (neat) cm^{-1} : 1720, 1609, 1526, 1445, 1429, 1327, 1298, 1286, 1254, 1242, 1207, 1186, 1146, 1078, 1063, 922, 881, 804, 752, 714; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 °C): δ 7.97-8.01 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.75-7.82 (m, 1 H), 7.48-7.55 (dd, J = 9.0 and 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 1 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3 , 23 °C): δ 163.0, 161.0 (d, J = 244.3 Hz), 139.7 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 137.8, 135.8, 130.1 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 124.2 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 110.7 (d, J = 22.8 Hz), 52.7; MS (EI) m/z 210 [M^+]; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{O}_2\text{FS}$ [M^+] 210.0151, found 210.0133.

Methyl 5-methoxybenzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxylate



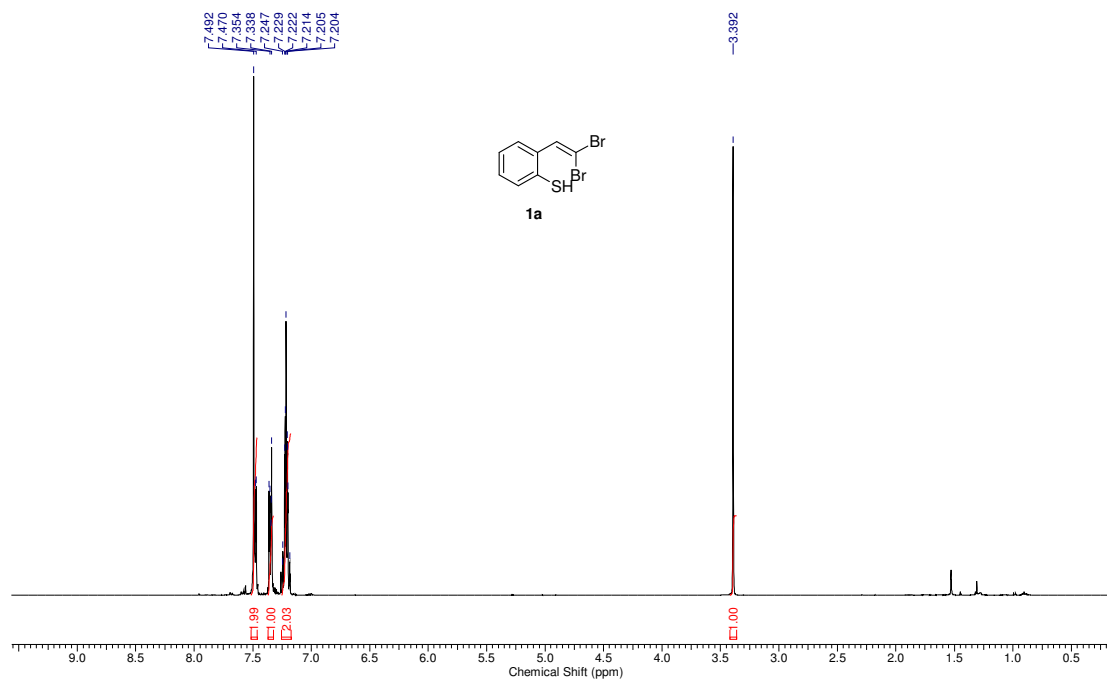
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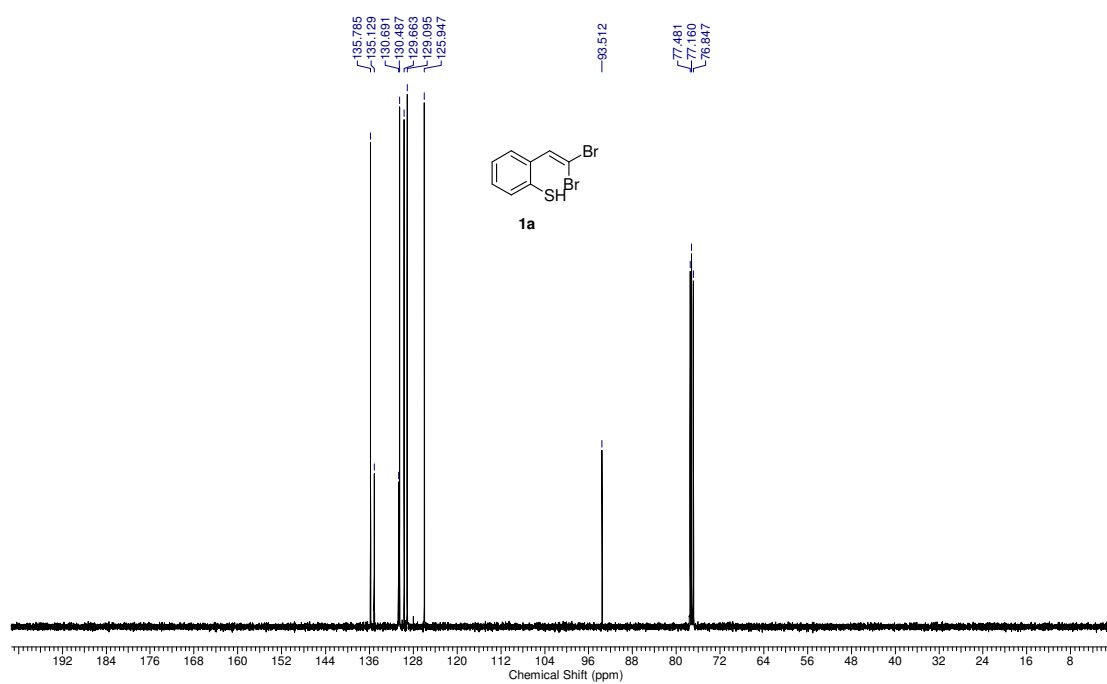
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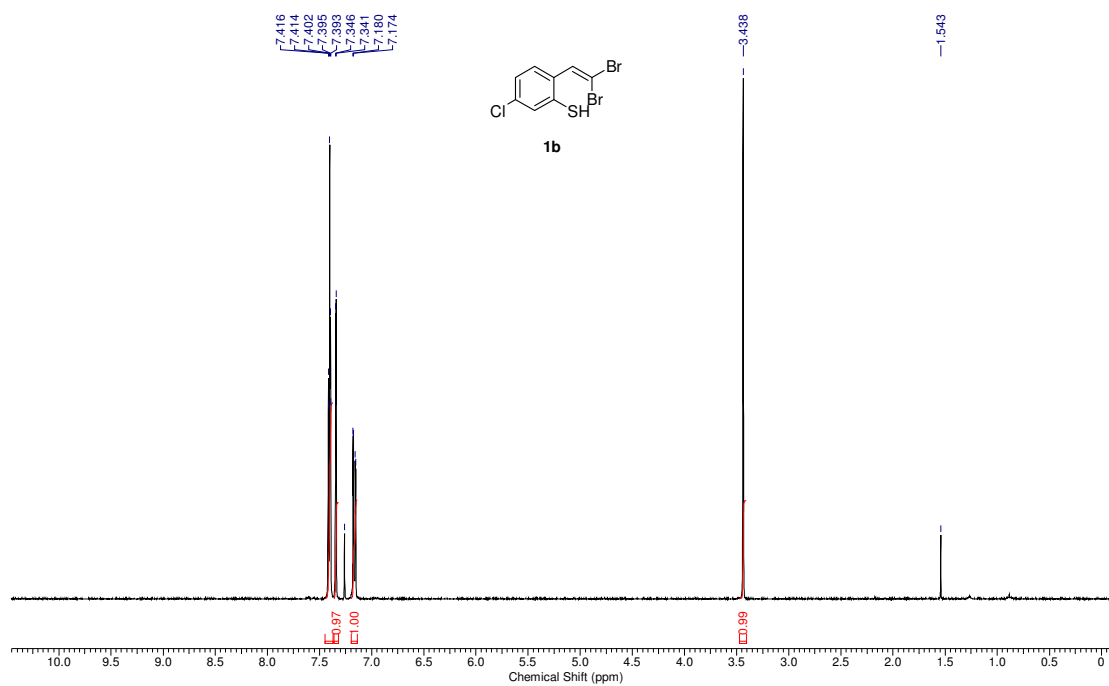
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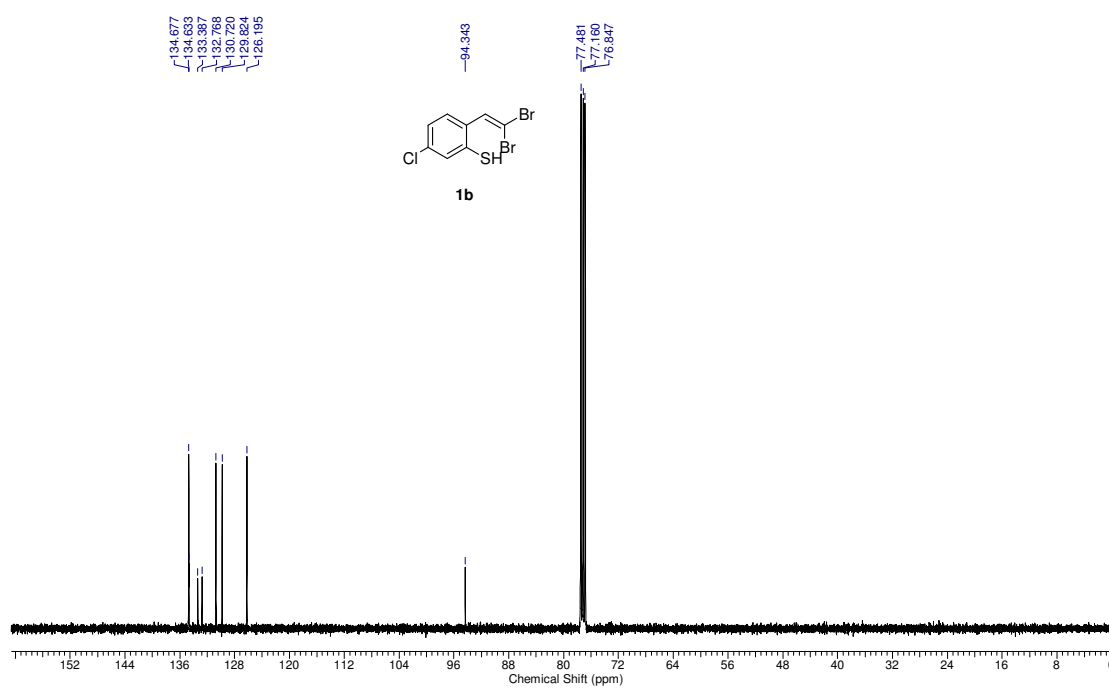
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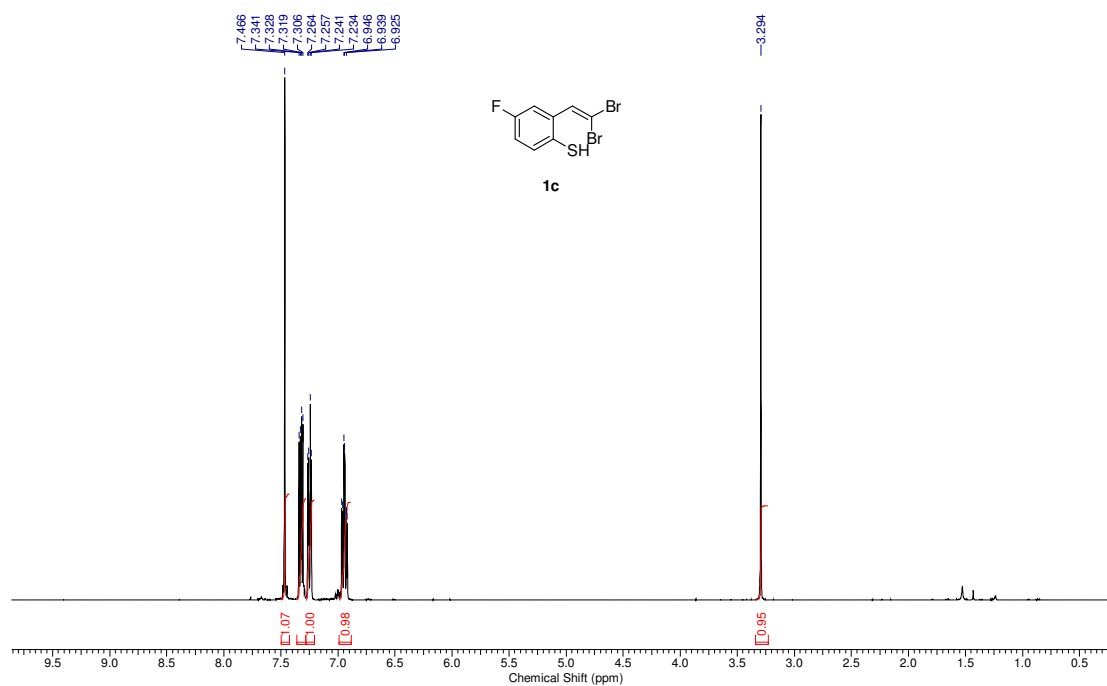
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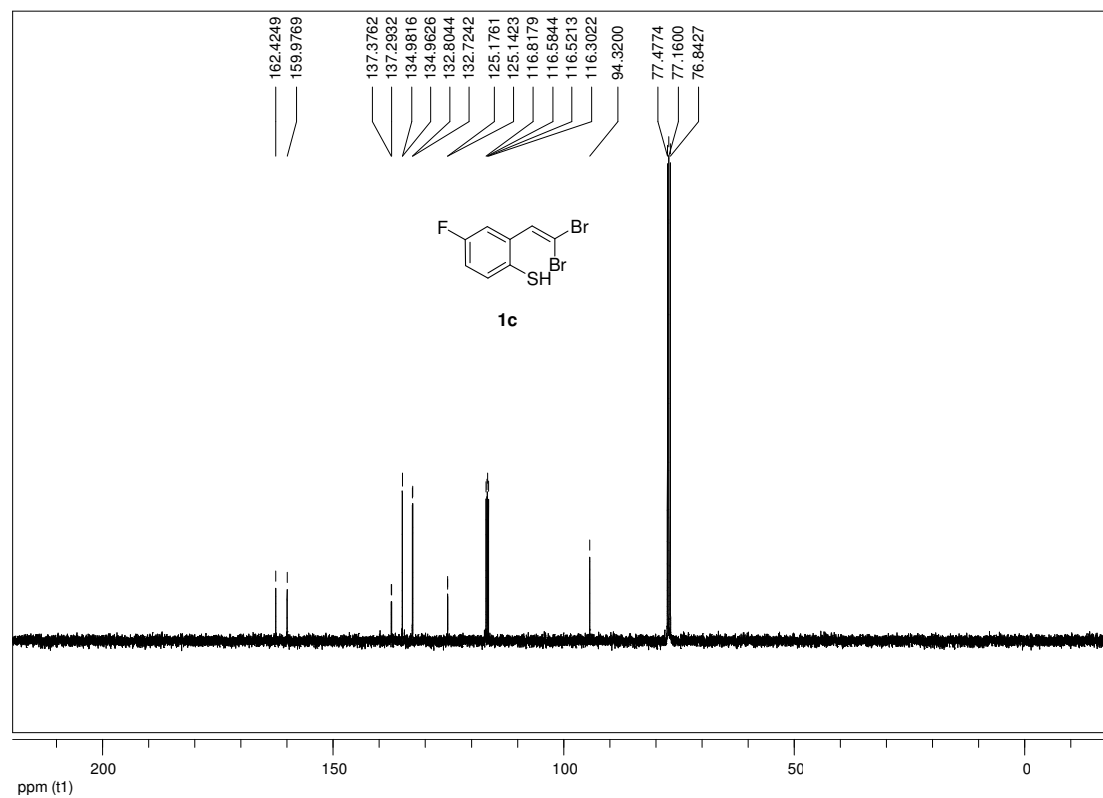
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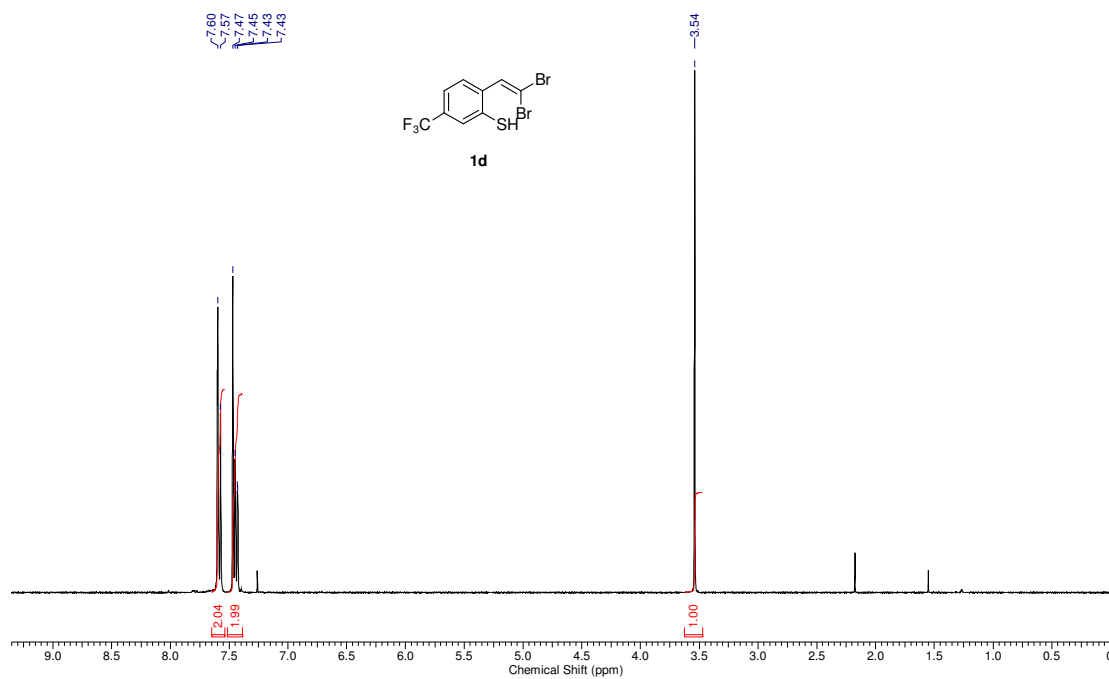
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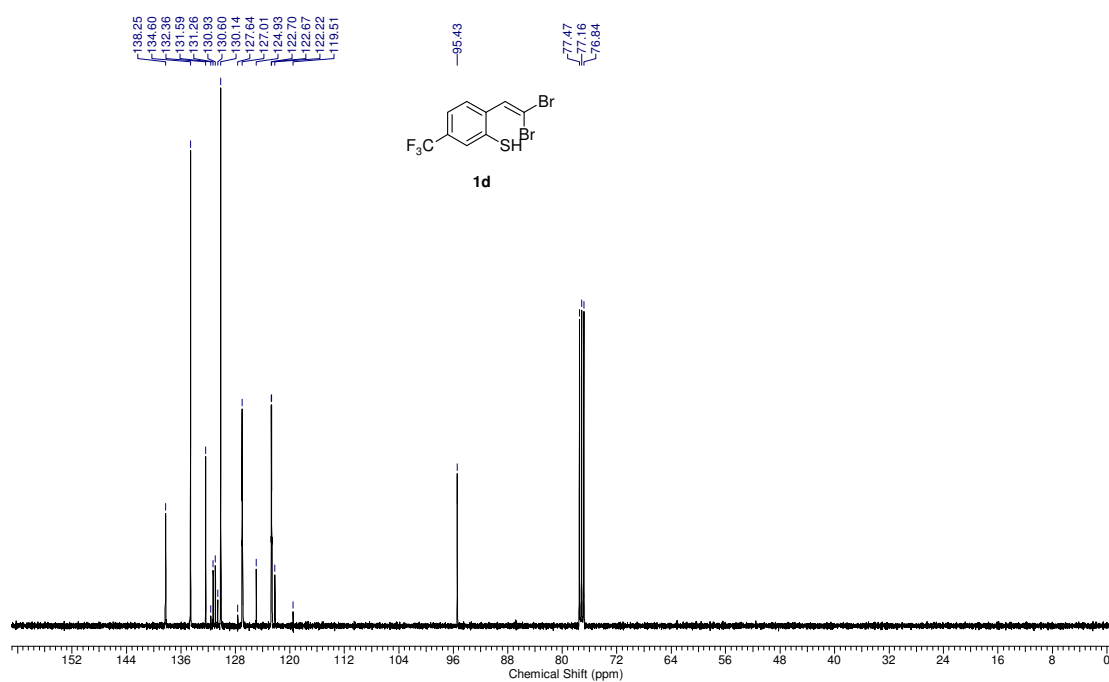
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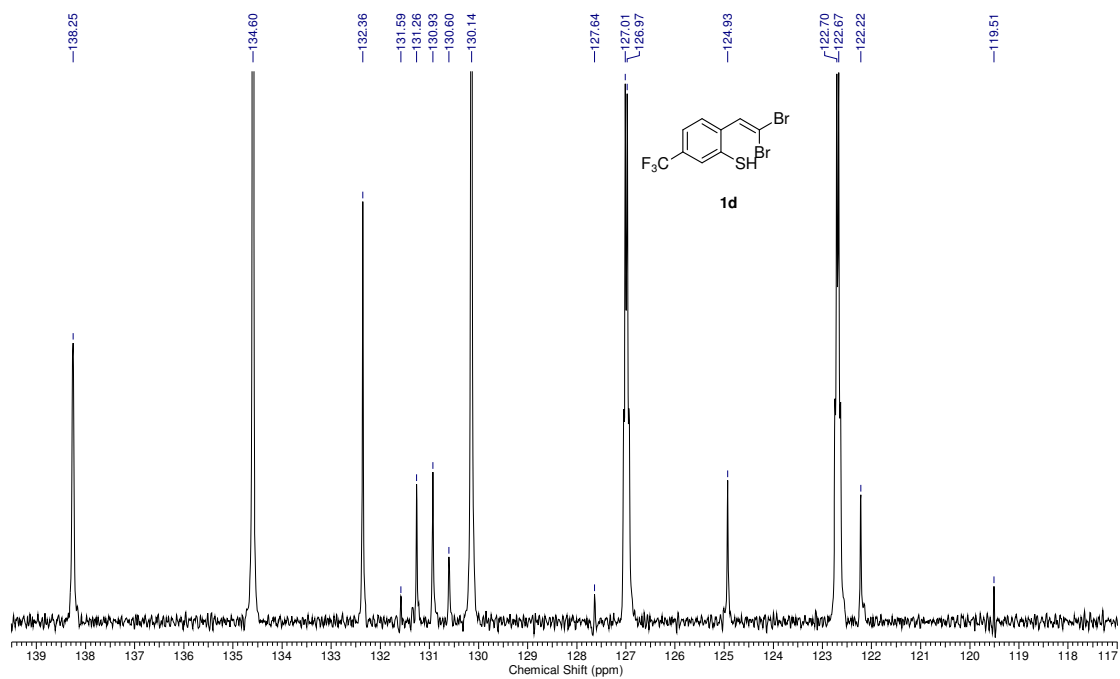
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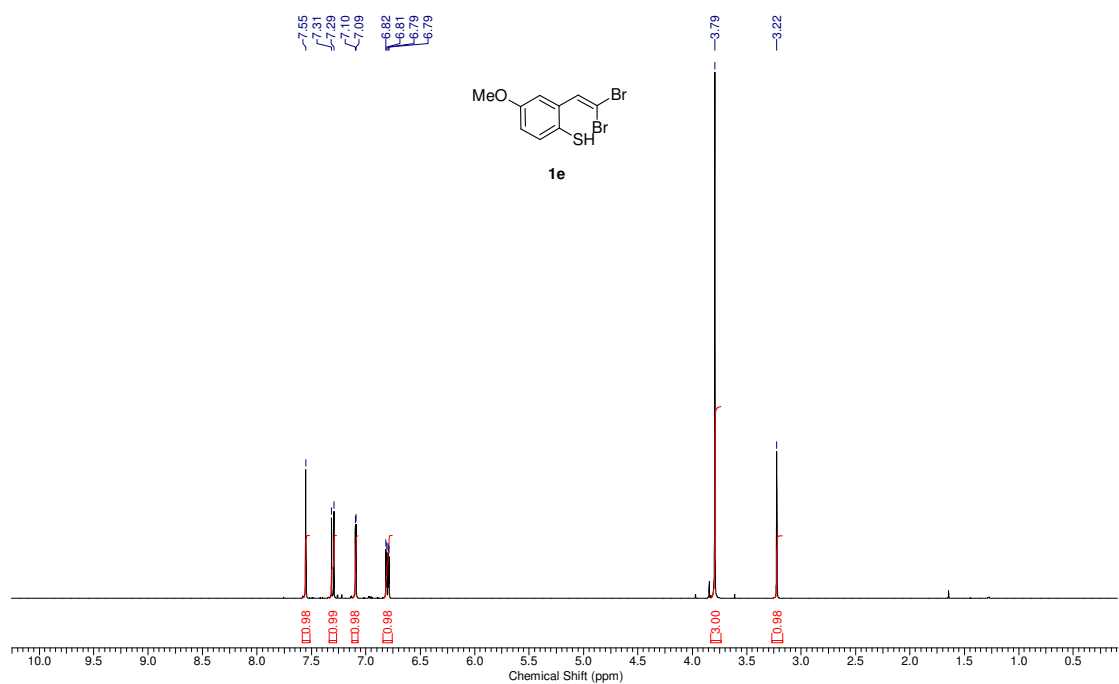
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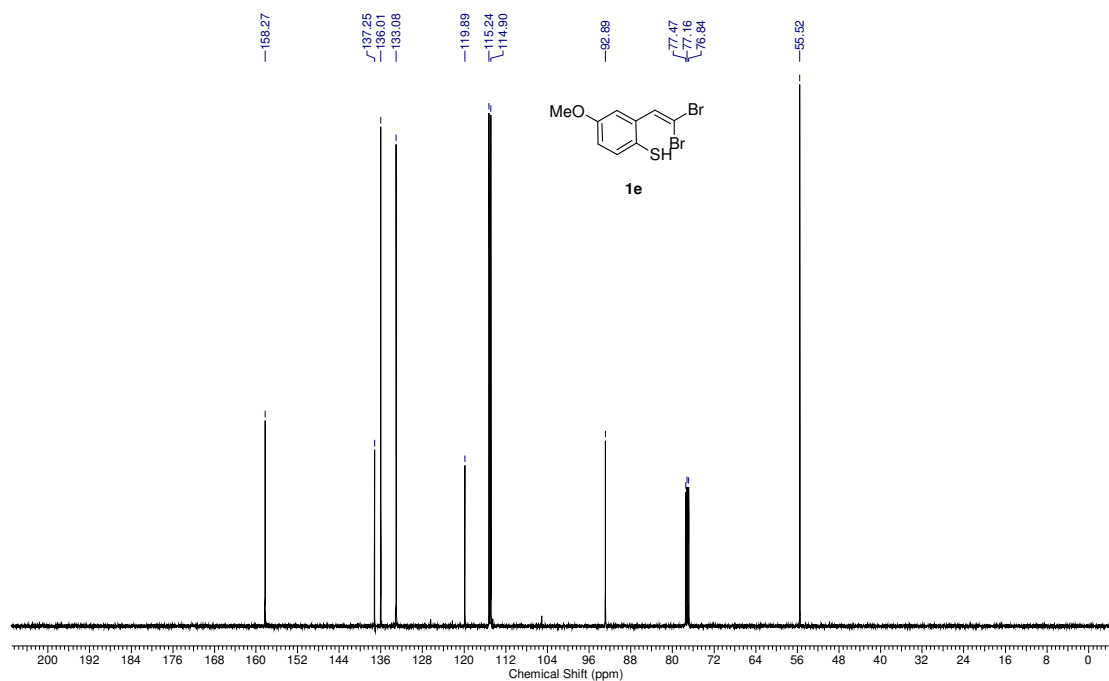
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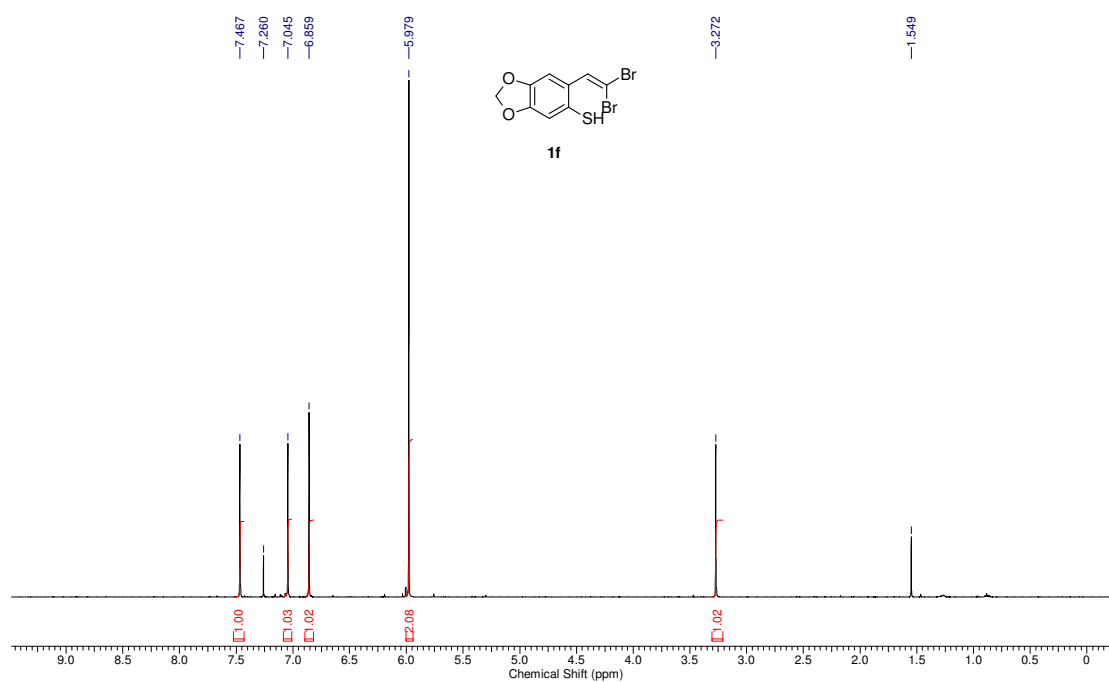
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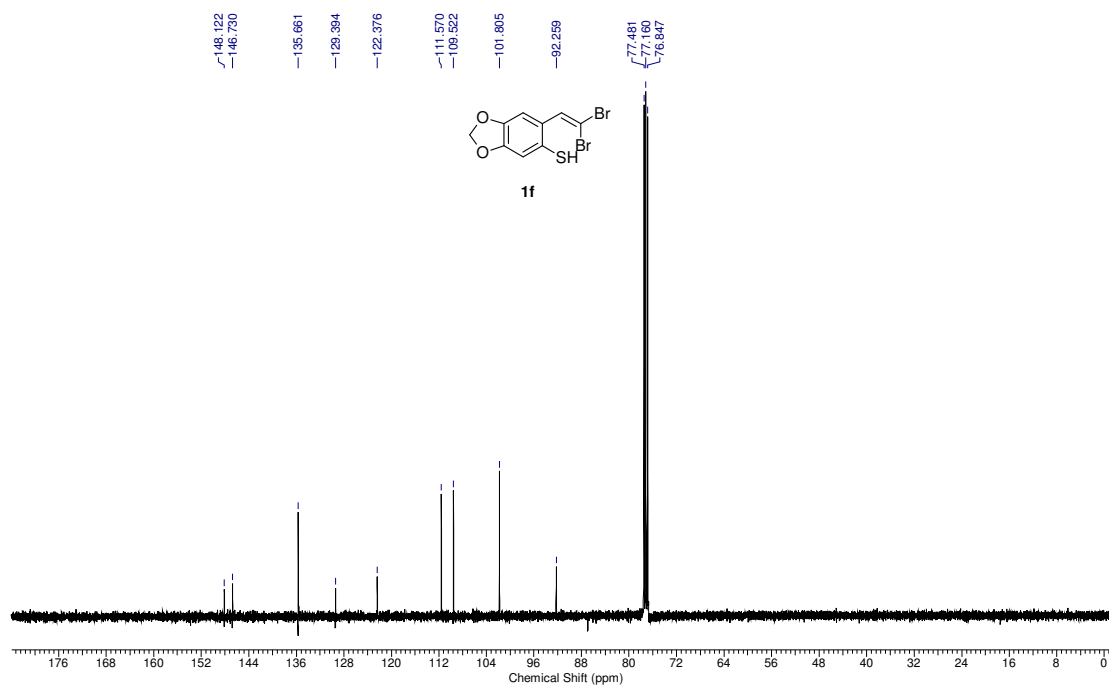
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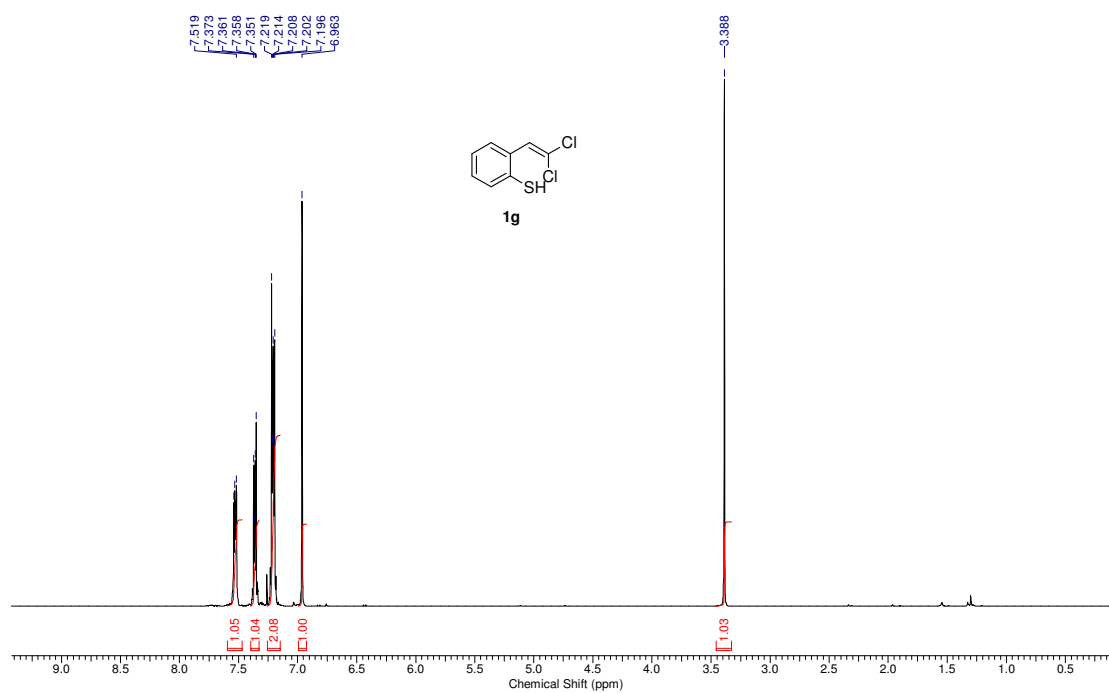
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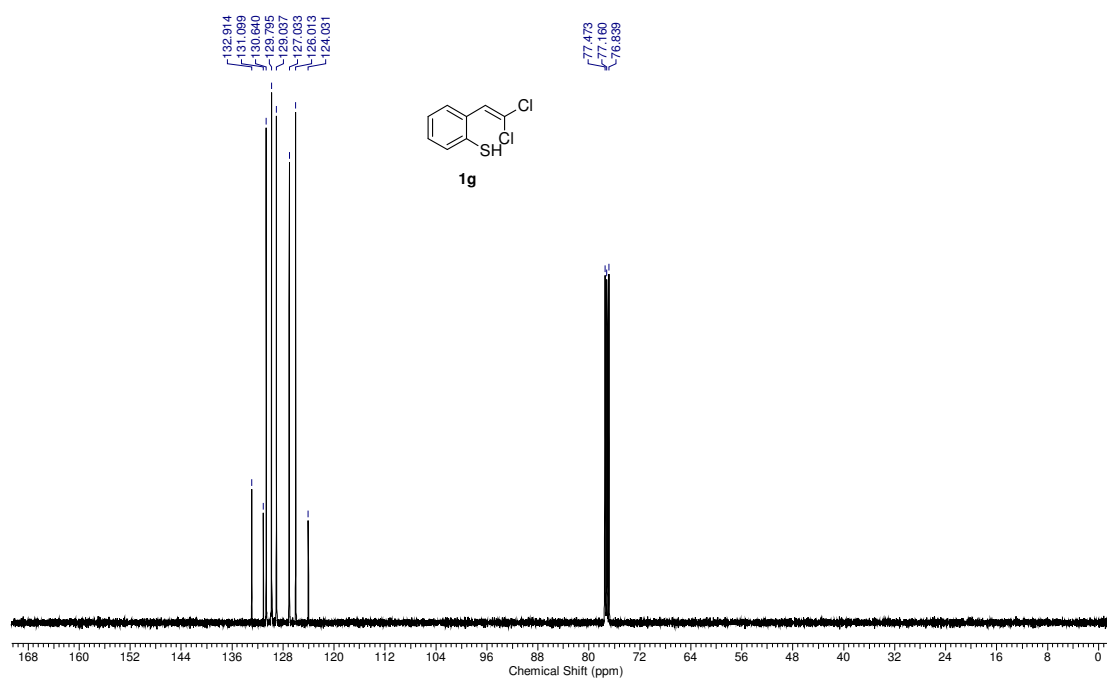
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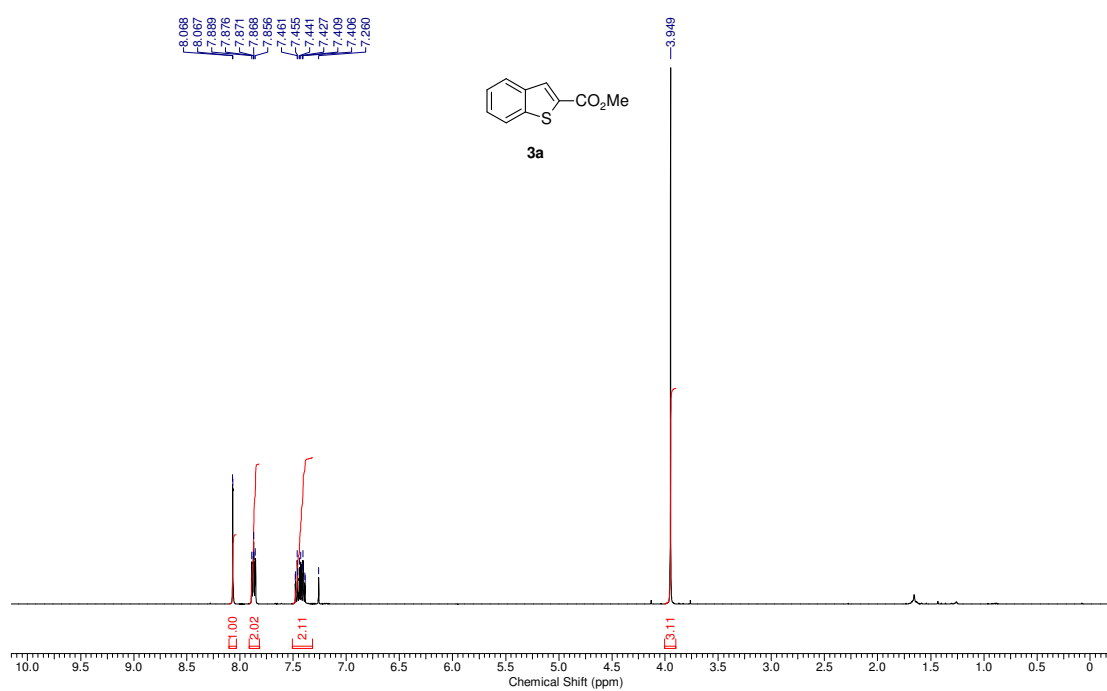
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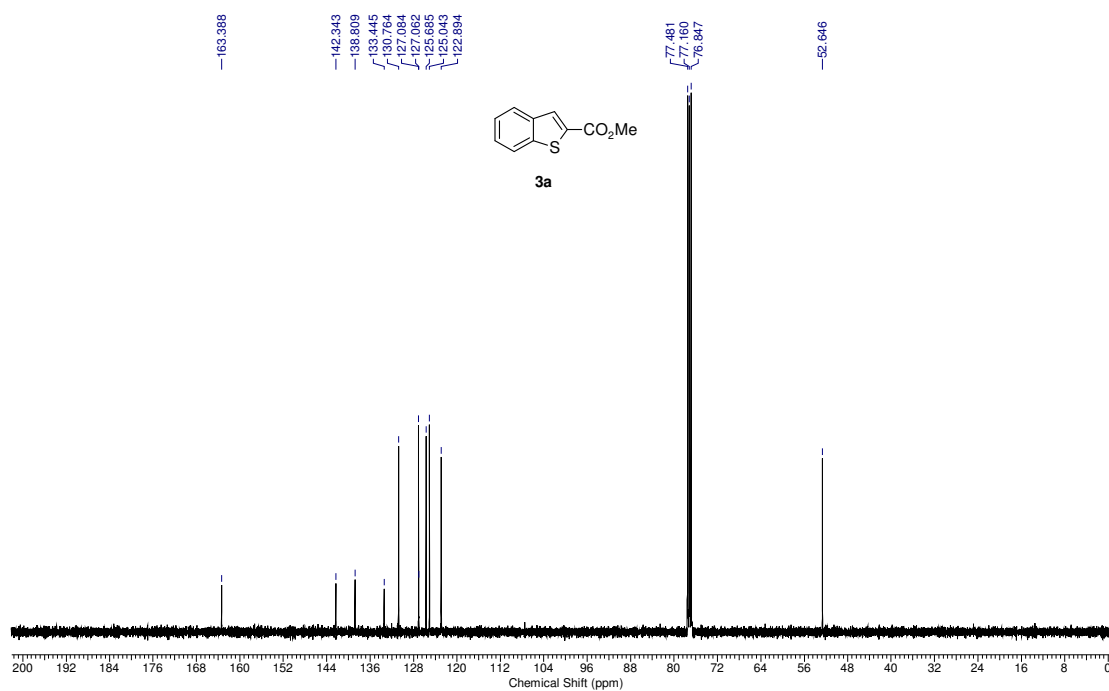
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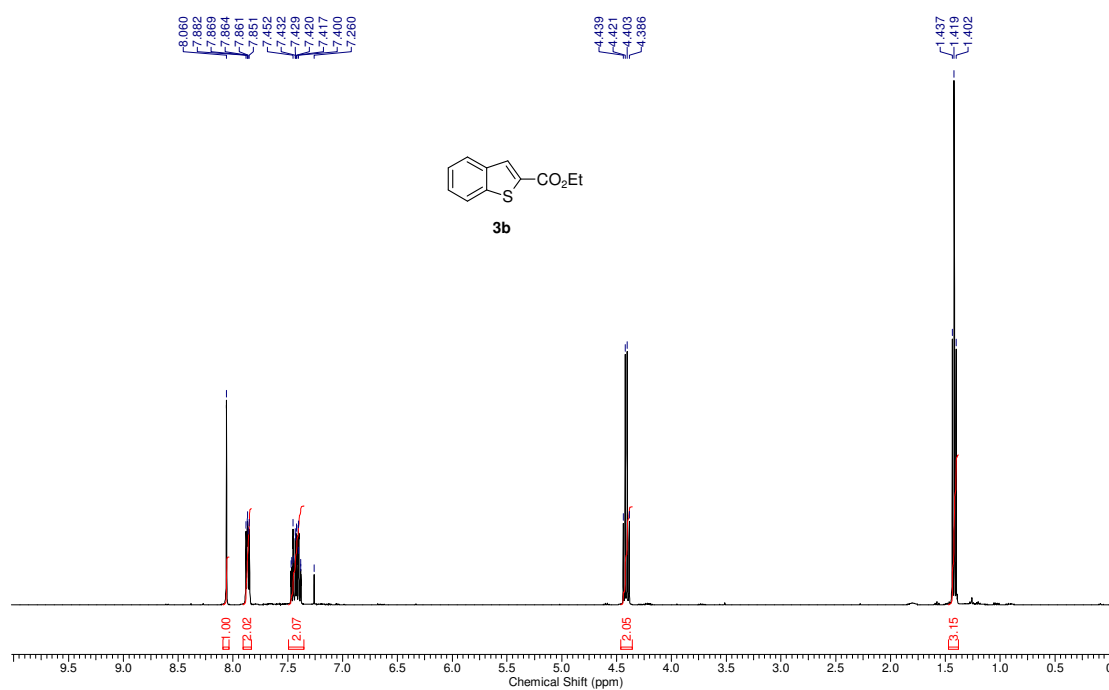
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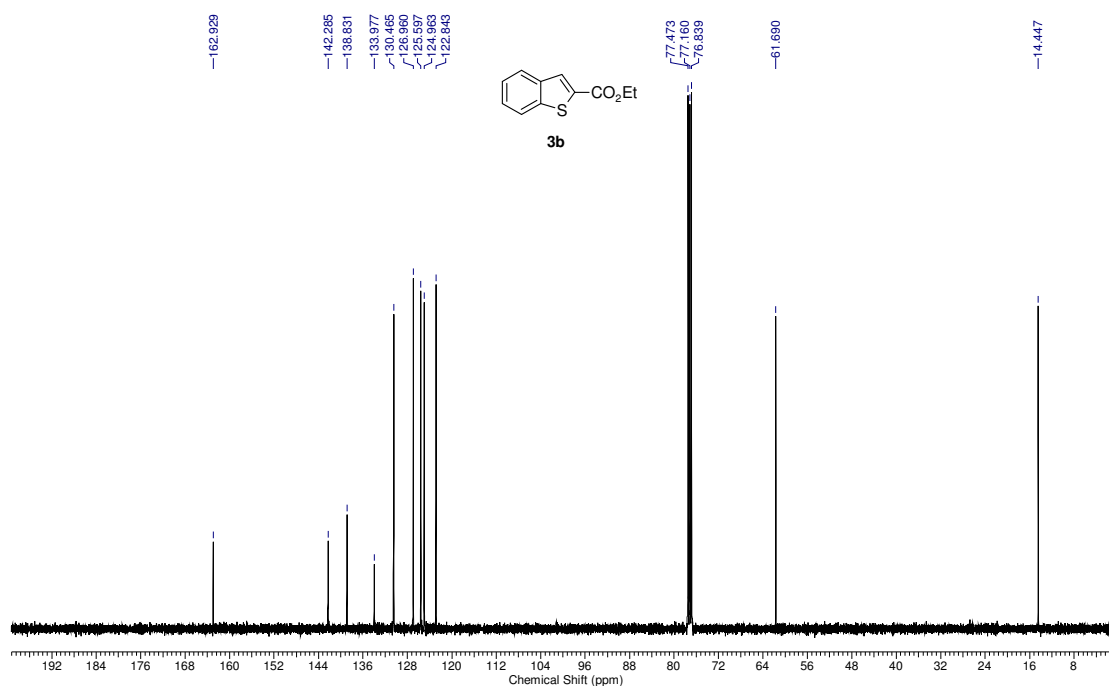
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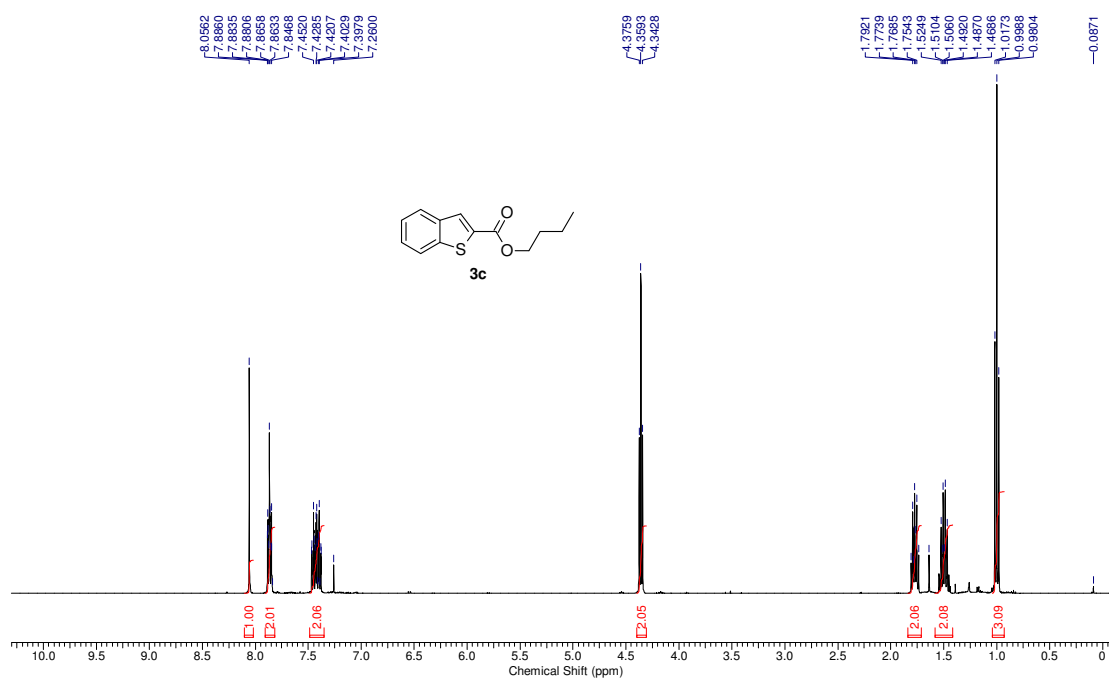
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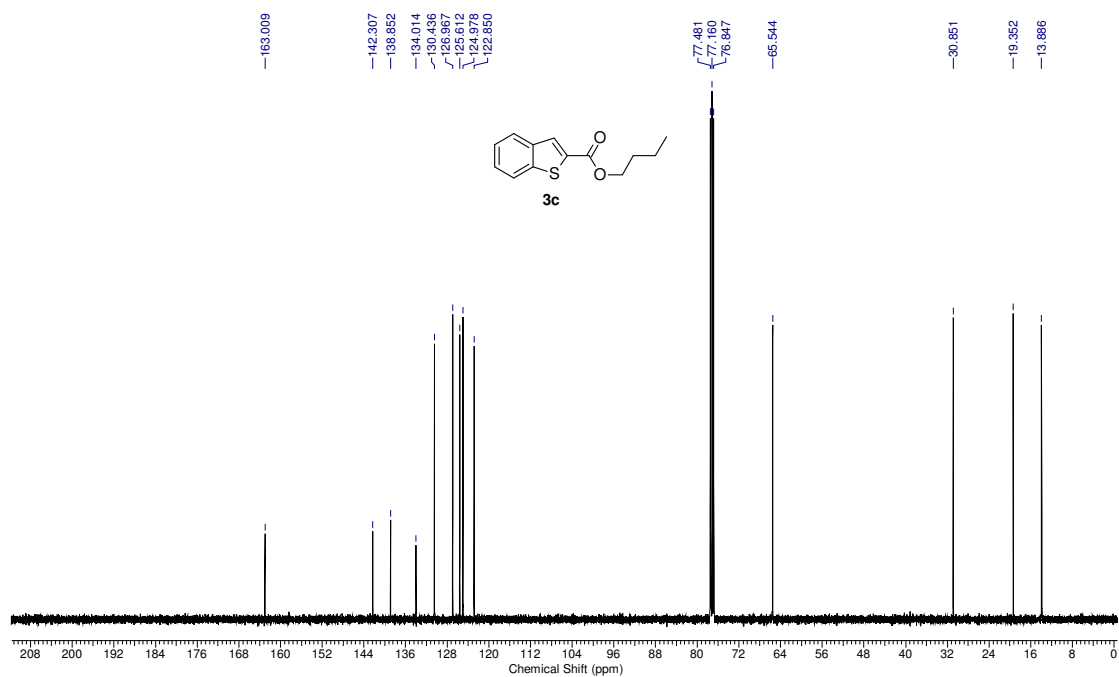
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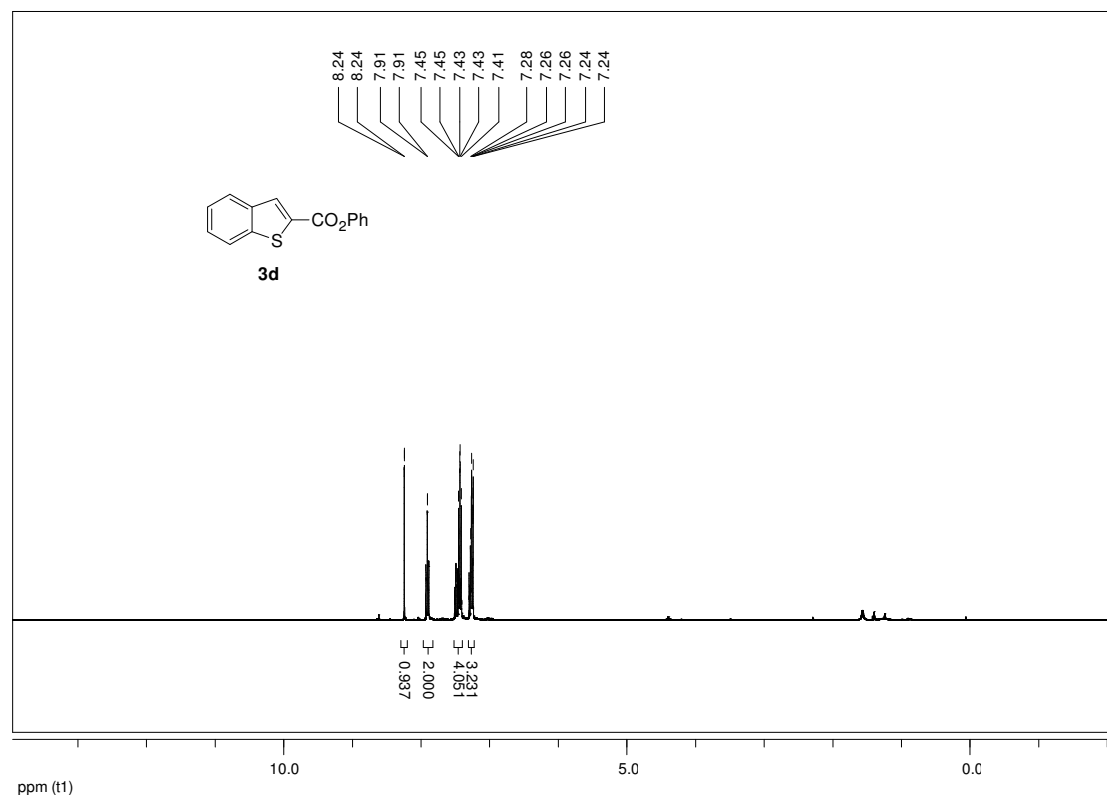
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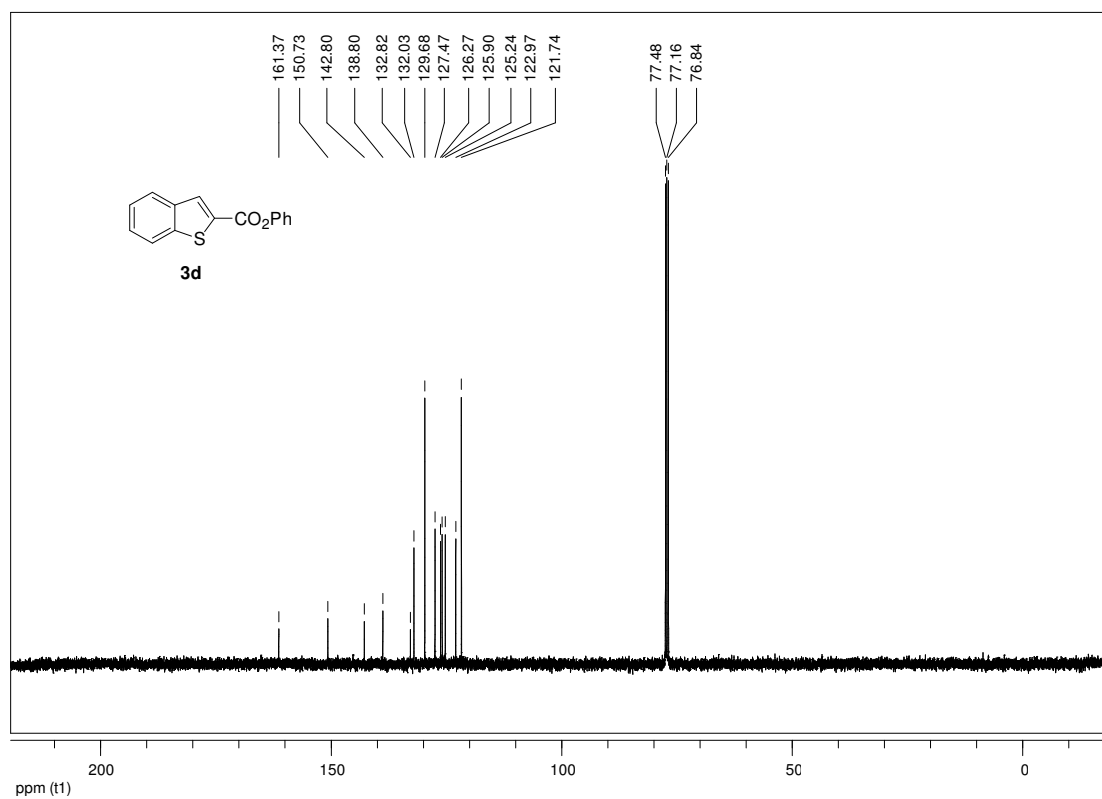
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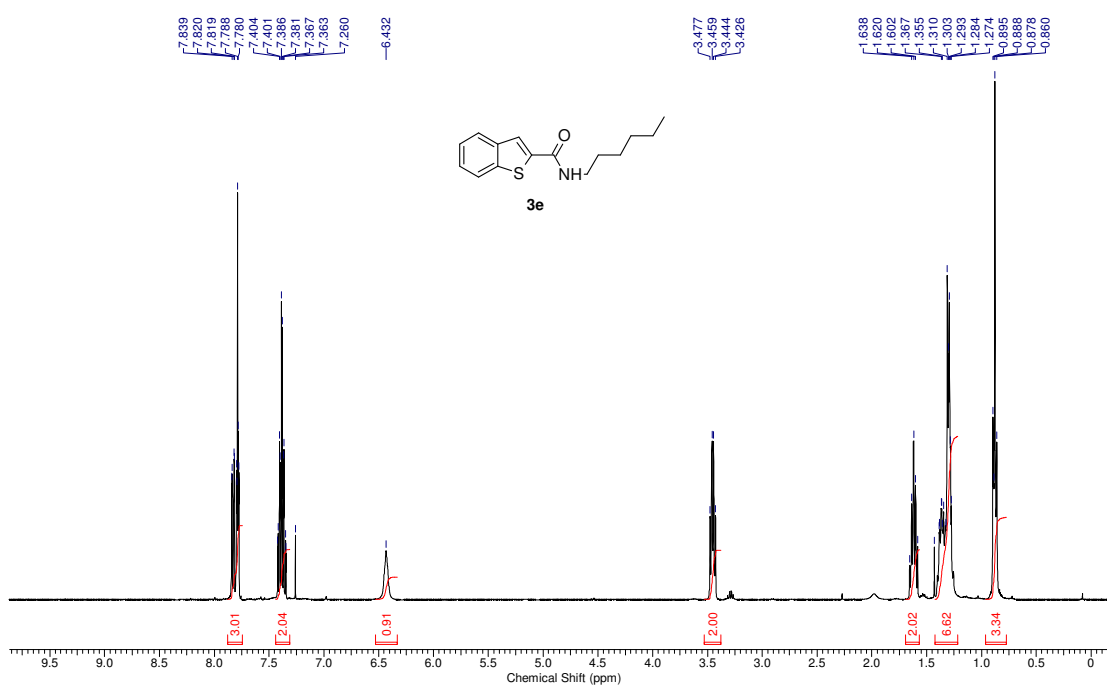
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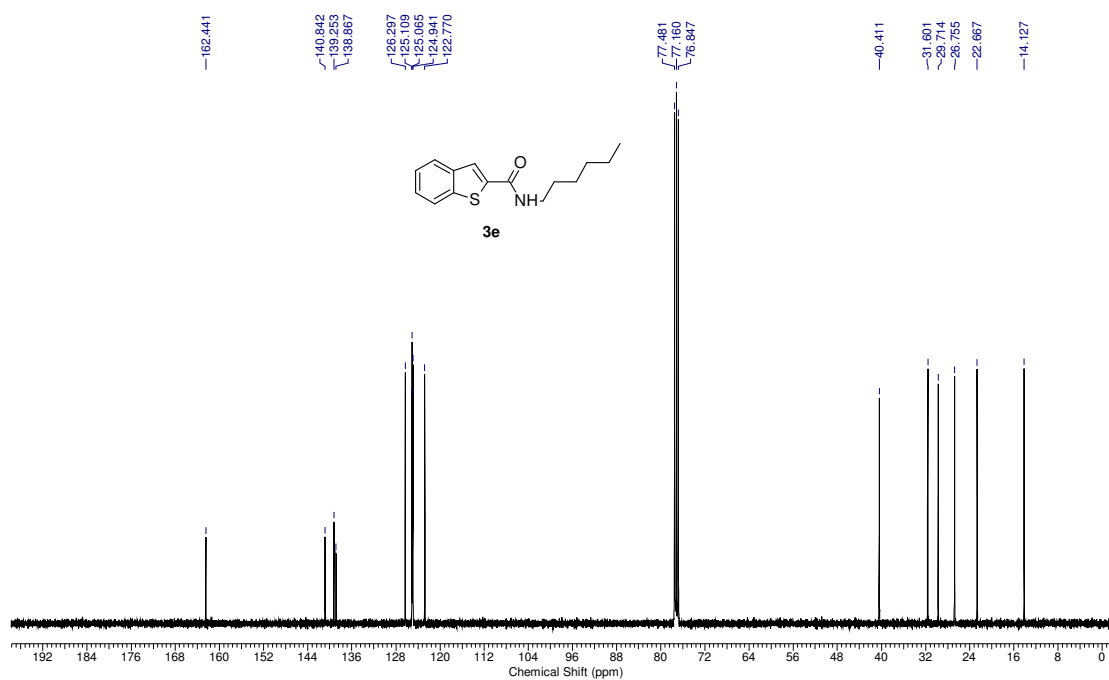
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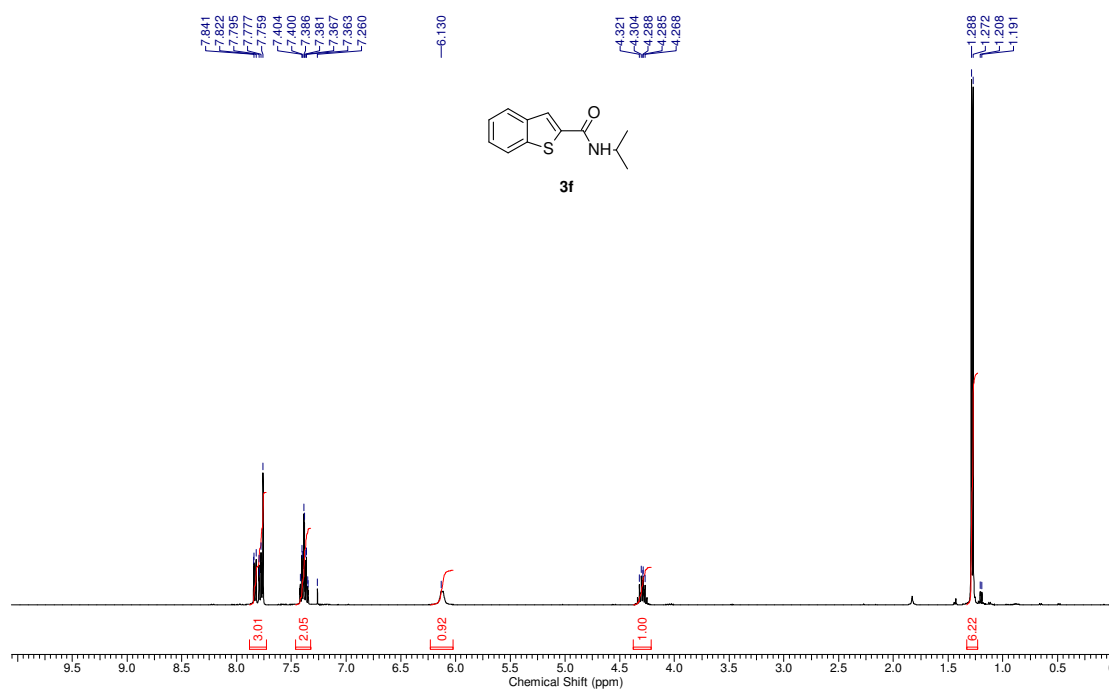
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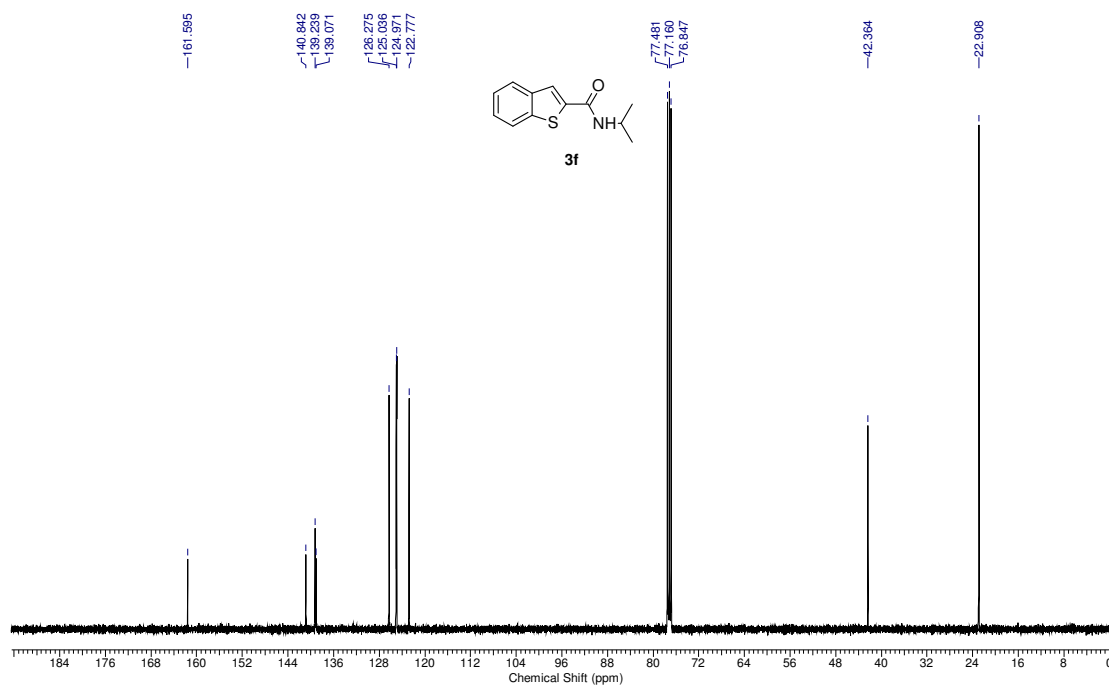
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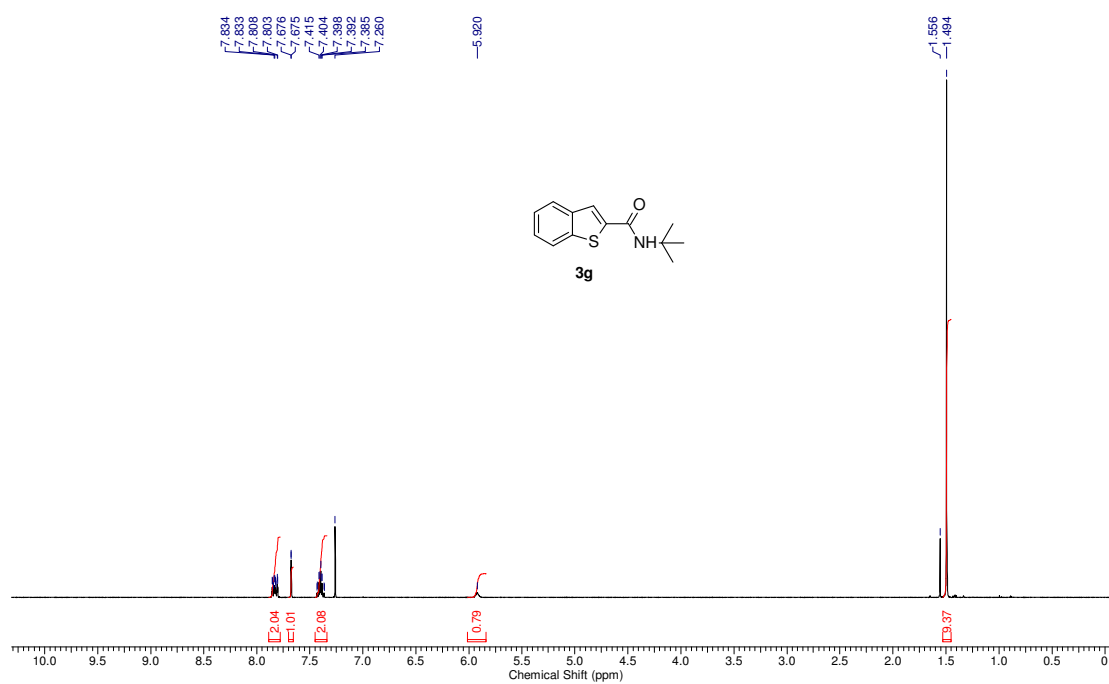
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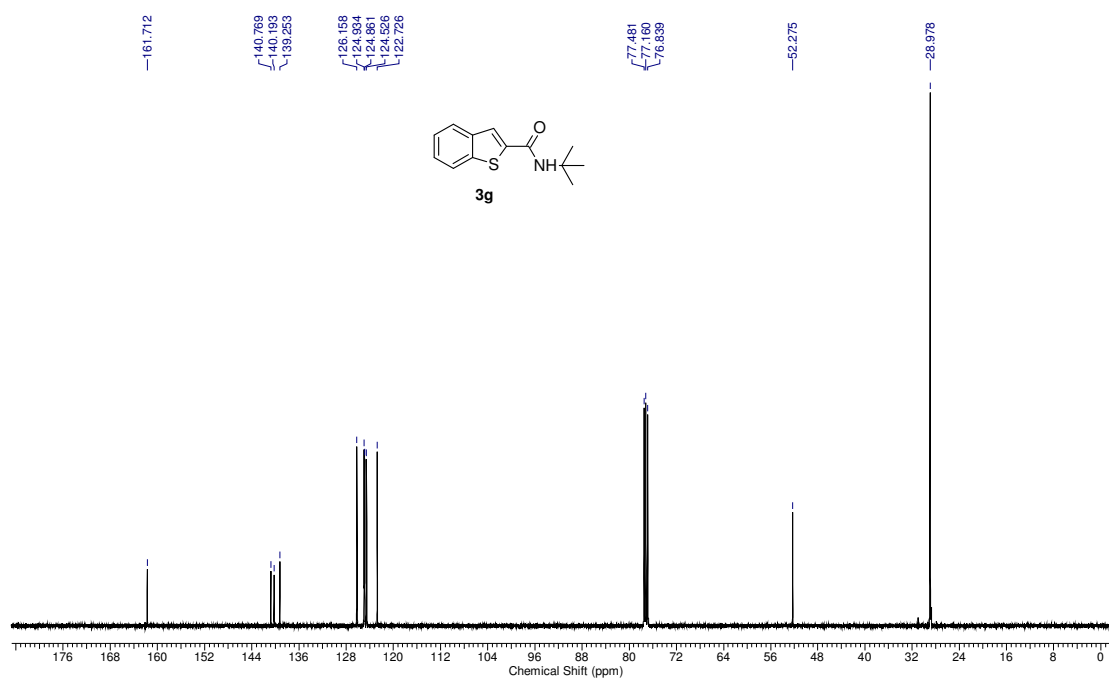
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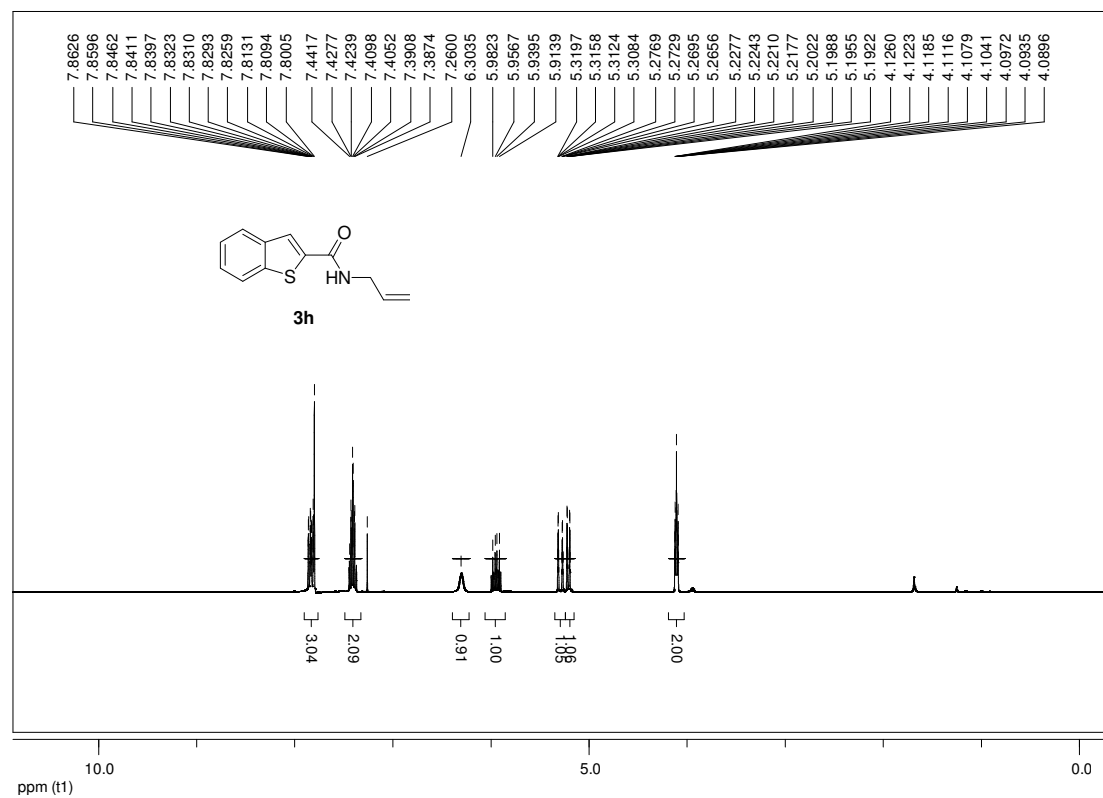
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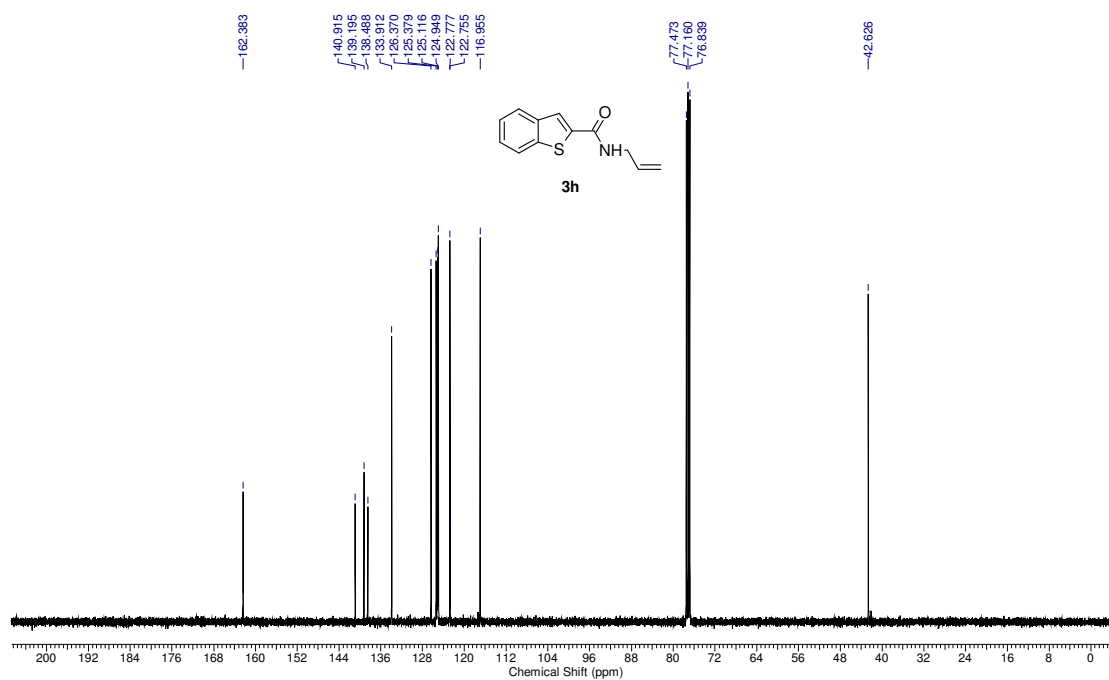
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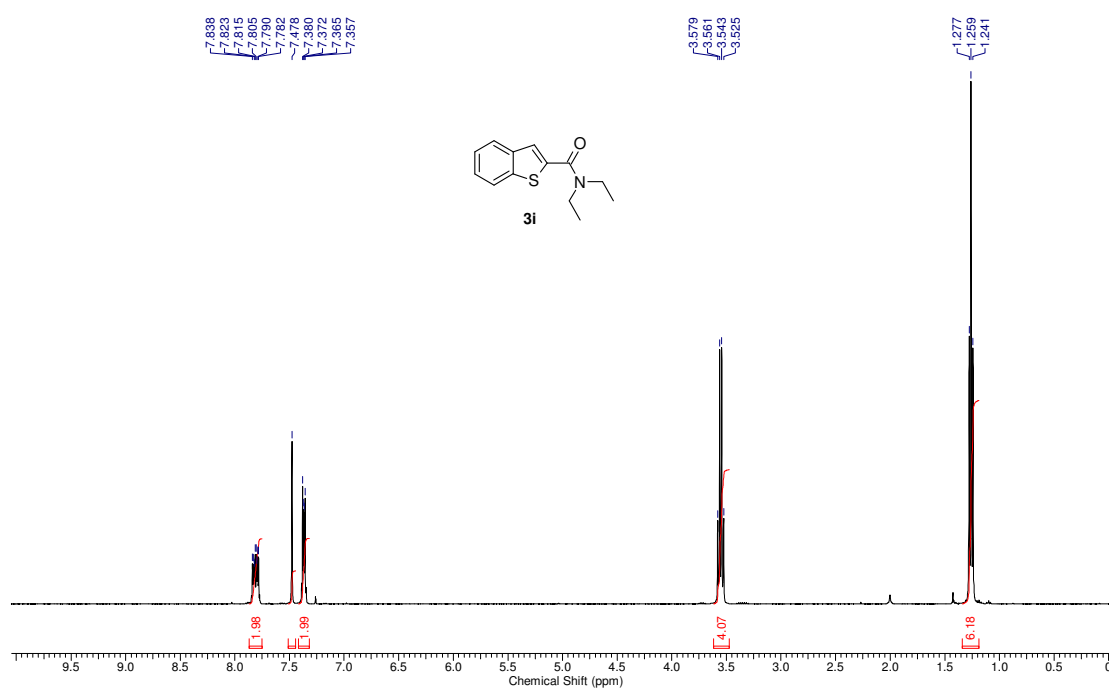
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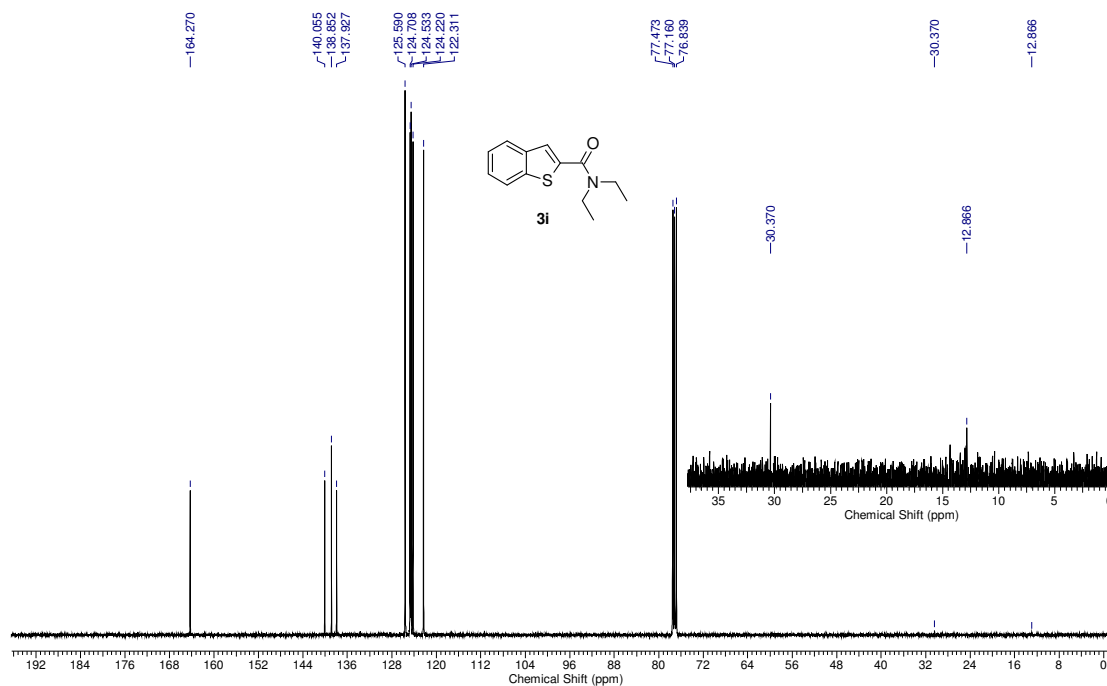
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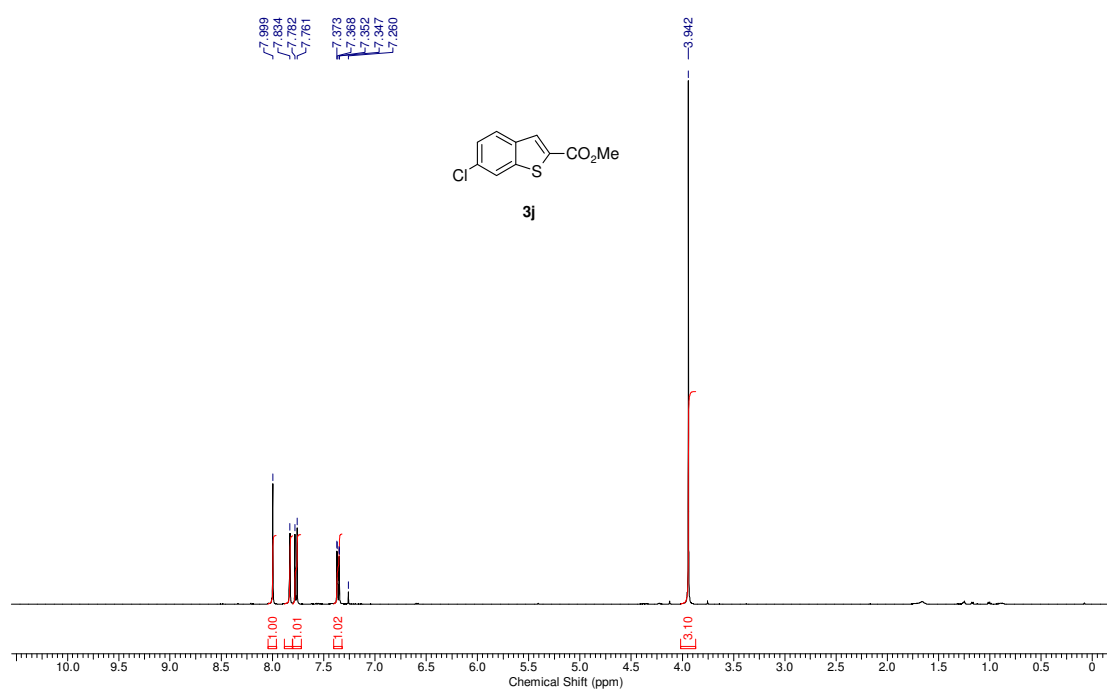
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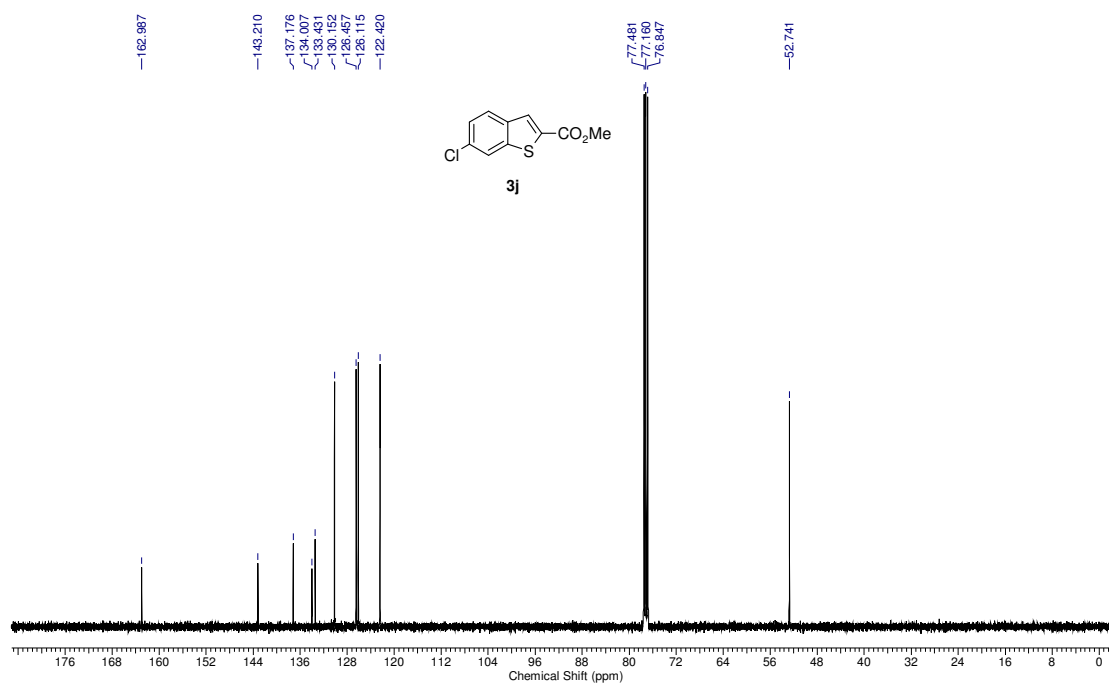
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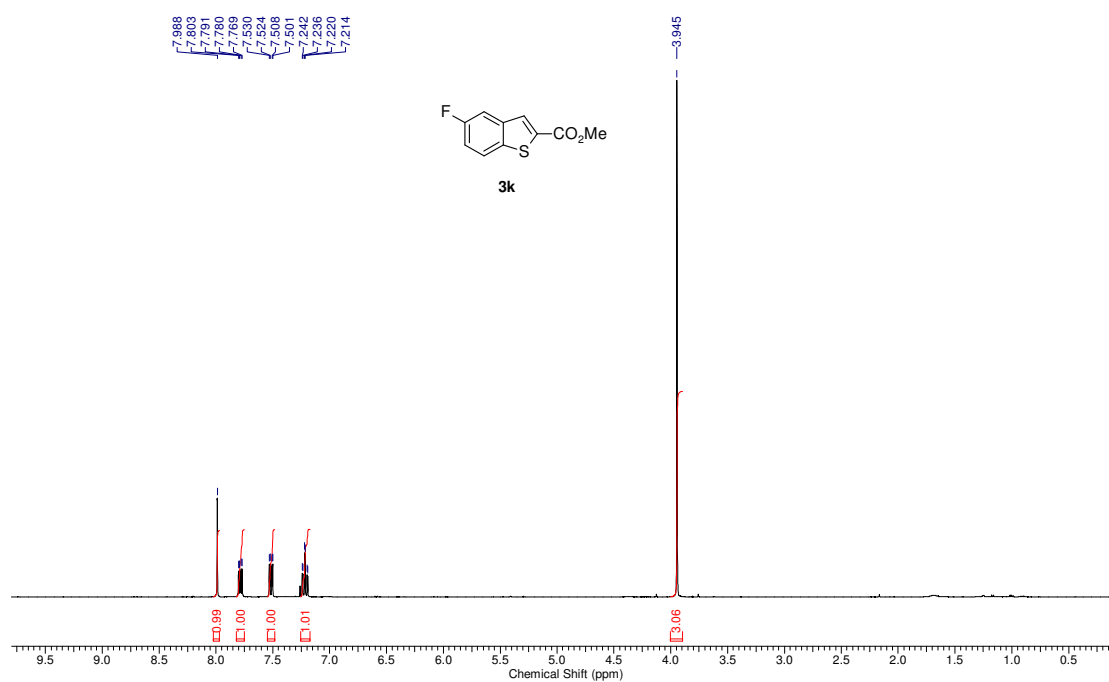
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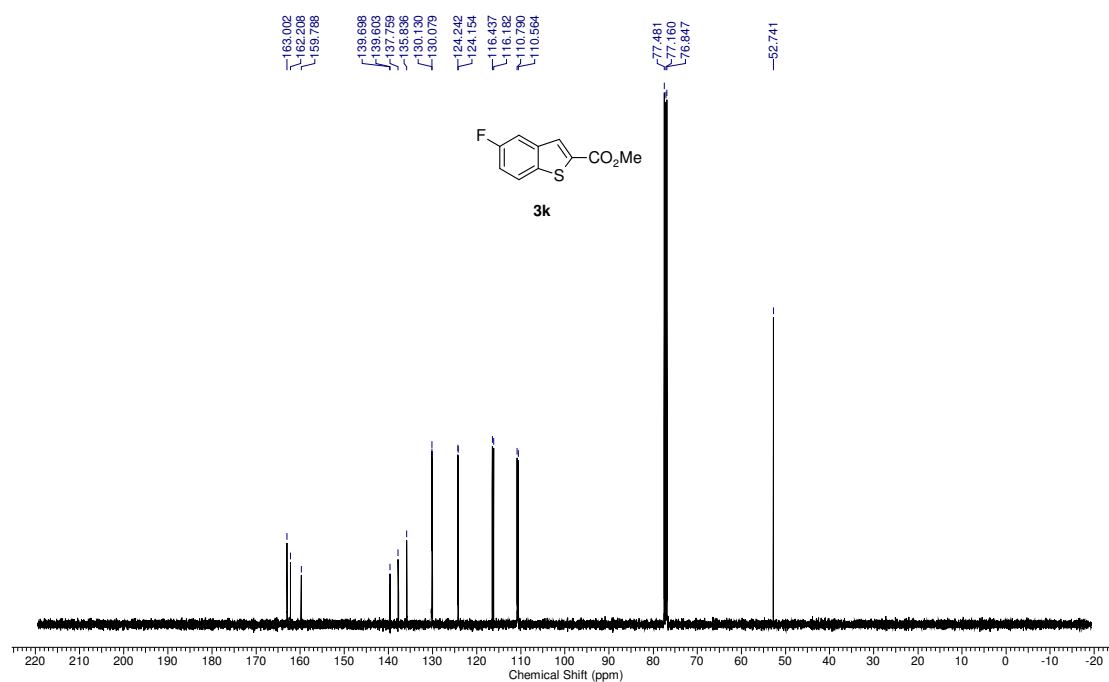
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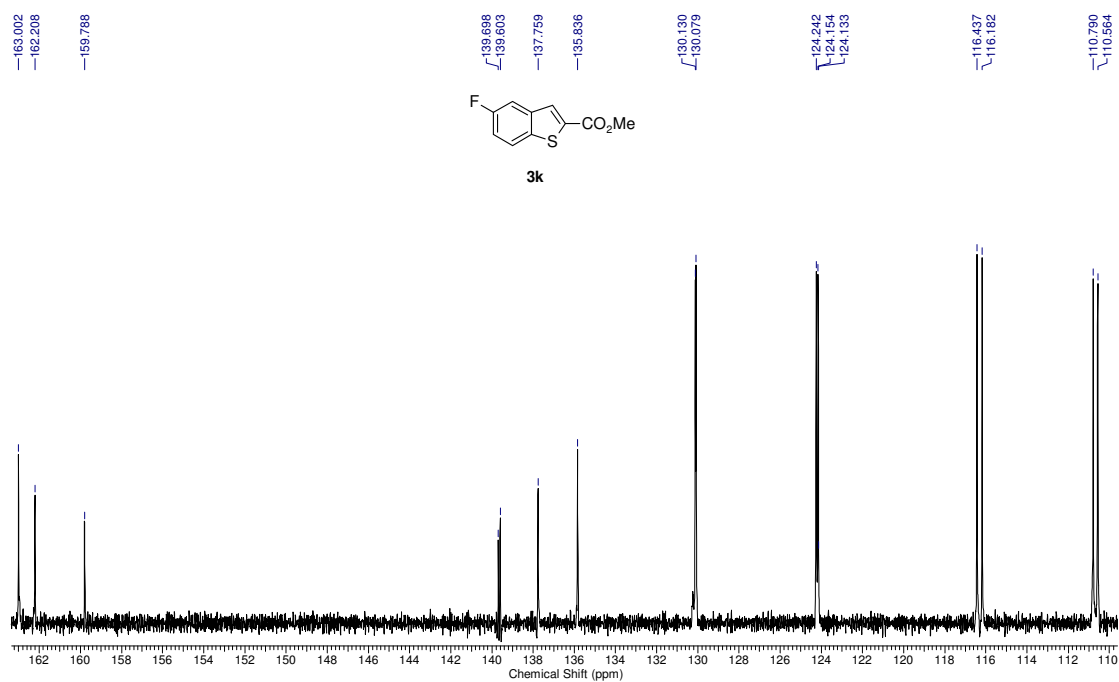
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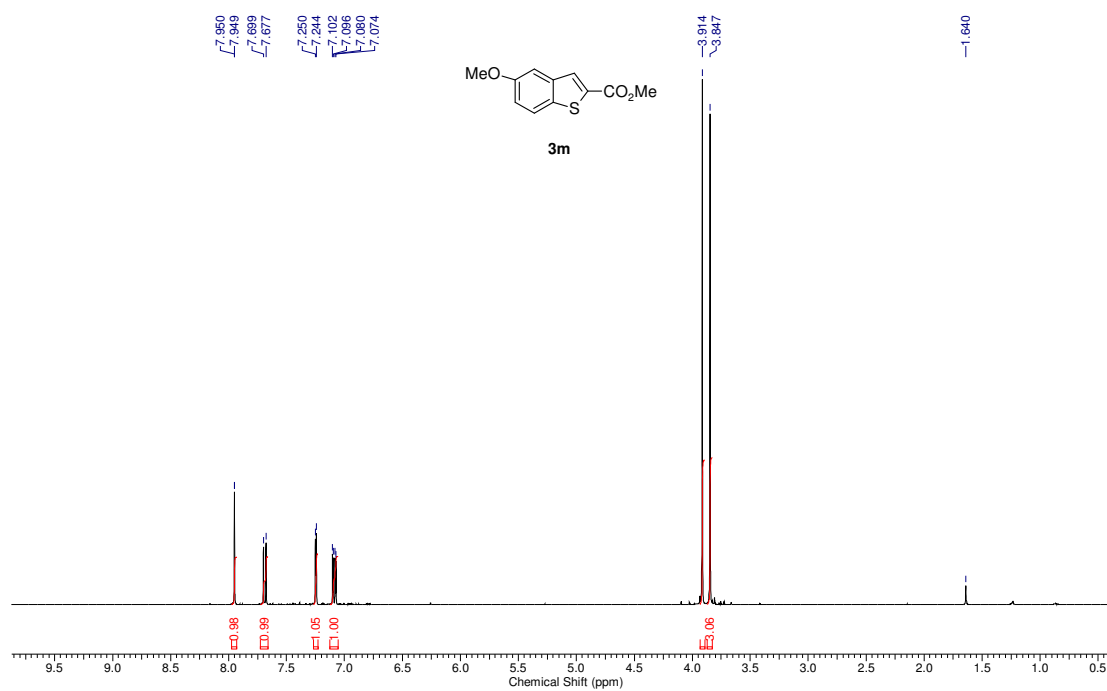
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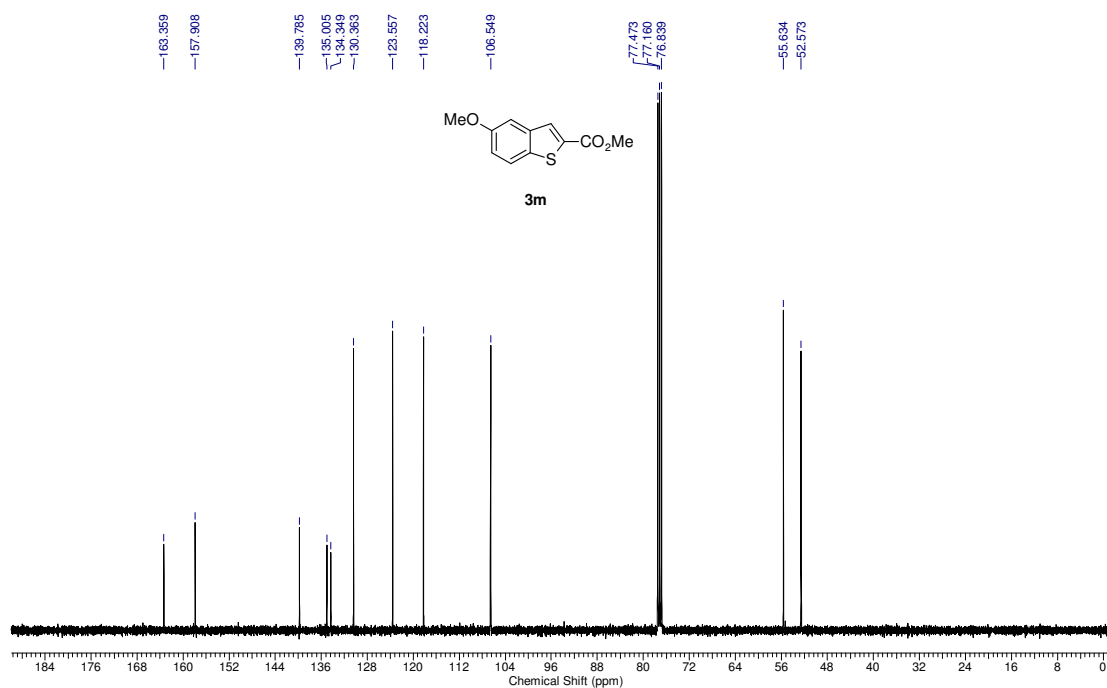
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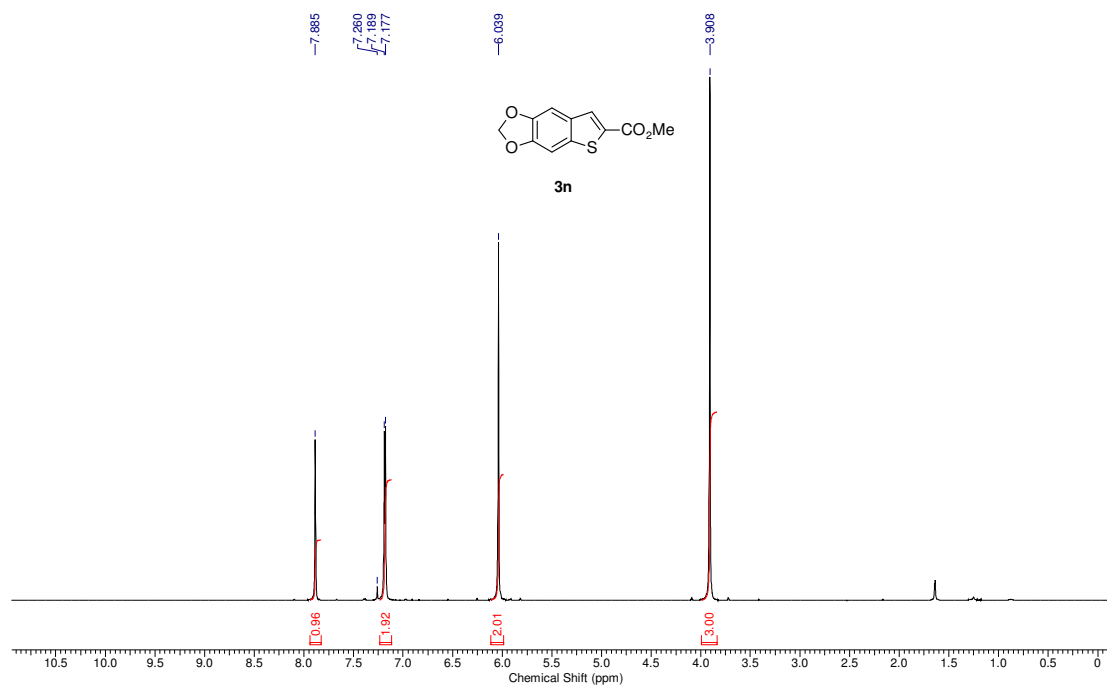
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^{13}C NMR of **3m** in CDCl_3 (101 MHz)



¹H NMR of **3n** in CDCl₃ (400 MHz)



¹³C NMR of **3n** in CDCl₃ (101 MHz)

