

**Ruthenium-Catalyzed Decarbonylative Addition Reaction of Anhydrides to  
Alkynes: A Facile Synthesis of Isocoumarins and  $\alpha$ -Pyrones**

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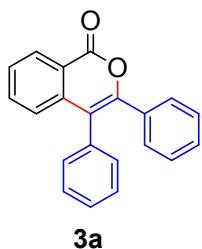
## **General Experimental:**

Melting points were measured with a Buchi B-540 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Elmer FT-IR-2000 spectrometer on a thin film using chloroform. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 500 MHz FT-NMR spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on Trace DSQ GCMS instrument. All the commercially available reagents were used as received. All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). TLC was performed on pre-coated silica gel plates (Merck). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh, Merck).

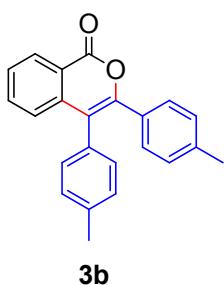
## **General procedure for the synthesis of Synthesis of isocoumarins 3a-o and $\alpha$ -pyrones**

**4a-j:** A solution of anhydride **1** (1.0 mmol), alkyne **2** (1.0 mmol) and  $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$  (2.5 mol %) in *tert*-amyl alcohol (3.0 mL) was heated at 100 °C under air for 24 hours. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was then washed with brine and water. Finally, it was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was removed under vacuo. The crude product obtained was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (100-200 mesh) using EtOAc/Hexane (1:9) as the eluant. Following this general procedure, compounds **3a-o** and **4a-j** were synthesized.

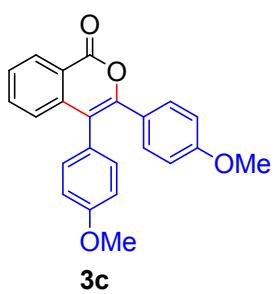
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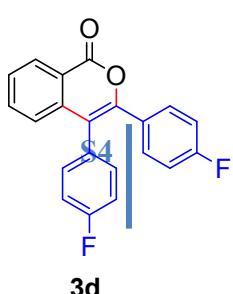
**3,4-Diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3a):** White solid, m.p. 171 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.16-7.27 (m, 6H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.6-7.65 (m, 1H), 8.41 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  116.8, 120.3, 125.2, 127.7, 127.9, 128.1, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 129.5, 131.1, 132.8, 134.2, 134.5, 138.8, 150.8, 162.2. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2925, 1737, 1604, 763. MS (EI, m/z): 298. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ : C, 84.54; H, 4.73; Found: C, 84.45; H, 4.63.



**3,4-Di-*p*-tolyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3b):** White solid, m.p. 168 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.28 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.48-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.64 (m, 1H), 8.39 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.2, 21.3, 116.2, 120.2, 125.2, 127.7, 128.5, 128.9, 129.3, 129.7, 130.1, 130.9, 131.3, 134.4, 137.7, 138.9, 139.1, 150.8, 162.4. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2923, 1736, 1023, 773. MS (EI, m/z): 326. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ : C, 84.64; H, 5.56; Found: C, 84.79; H, 5.54.



**3,4-bis(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3c):** Yellow solid, m.p. 159 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.78 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.61-7.63 (m, 1H), 8.39 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  55.1, 55.2, 113.2, 114.5, 115.4, 120.1, 125.1, 125.5, 126.7, 127.6, 129.4, 130.5, 132.2, 134.4, 139.6, 150.9, 159.4, 159.9, 162.6. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 1730, 1603, 1219, 772. MS (EI, m/z): 358. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$ : C, 77.08; H, 5.06; Found: C, 77.15; H, 4.95.



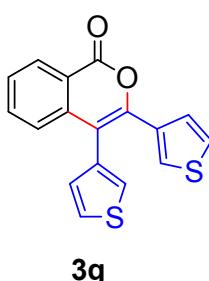
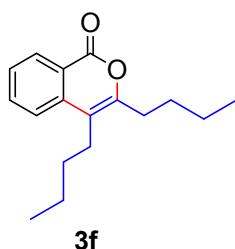
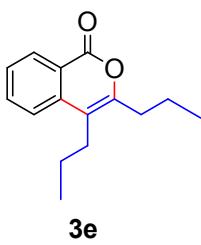
**3,4-bis(4-Fluorophenyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3d):** Yellow solid, m.p. 167 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.91 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.68 (m, 1H), 8.41 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  116.2, 116.4, 120.3, 124.9,

128.2, 128.8, 129.6, 129.7, 129.9, 131.1, 131.2, 132.7, 132.8, 134.7, 138.5, 150.2, 161.7, 163.4. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2923, 1738, 1505, 1232, 665. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 1732, 1638, 1219, 772. MS (EI, m/z): 334. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 75.45; H, 3.62; Found: C, 75.67; H, 3.70.

**3,4-Dipropyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3e):** Oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.01 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 1.04 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.58-177 (m, 4H), 2.58 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 Hz (ddd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 (ddd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.7, 14.1, 21.1, 22.8, 28.1, 32.6, 112.1, 120.7, 122.6, 126.9, 129.7, 134.4, 137.9, 154.1, 162.9. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2952, 1734, 1647, 1242, 775. MS (EI, m/z): 230. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$ : C, 78.23; H, 7.88; Found: C, 78.42; H, 7.81.

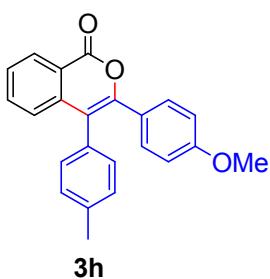
**3,4-Dibutyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3f):** Oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.94-1.0 (m, 6H), 1.37-1.55 (m, 6H), 1.66-1.73 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.62 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.75 (m, 1H), 8.31 (dd,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.7, 13.9, 22.4, 22.7, 25.8, 29.9, 30.4, 31.7, 112.1, 120.6, 122.5, 126.9, 129.7, 134.4, 137.9, 154.1, 162.8. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2959, 1732, 1640, 1258, 771. MS (EI, m/z): 258. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$ : C, 79.03; H, 8.58; Found: C, 78.83; H, 8.41.

**3,4-Di(thiophen-3-yl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3g):** Yellow solid, m.p. 163 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.76 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.66 (m, 1H), 8.36 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  110.3, 119.9, 125.1, 125.8, 126.7, 126.8, 127.3, 127.4, 127.8, 129.3, 129.4, 133.8, 134.1, 134.7, 139.1, 147.3, 161.8. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2923, 1738, 1479, 1023, 770. MS (EI, m/z): 310. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ : C, 65.78; H, 3.25;



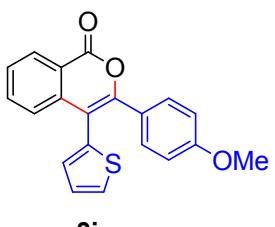
Found: C, 65.90; H, 3.15.

**3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one and 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (1:1 mixture, 3h):**



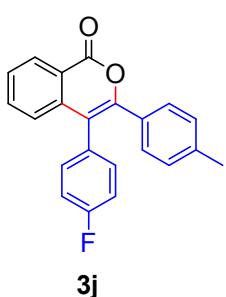
Yellow solid, m.p. 168 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.41 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 1H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.3, 55.2, 113.2, 114.4, 115.6, 115.8, 125.1, 127.7, 128.6, 128.9, 129.3, 129.7, 130.6, 130.9, 132.2, 134.5, 139.2, 150.6, 159.2, 162.4. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2930, 1733, 1508, 1248, 773. MS (EI, m/z): 342. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$ : C, 80.68; H, 5.30; Found: C, 80.74; H, 5.36.

**3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one and 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (1:1 mixture, 3i):**



White solid, m.p. 128 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.77 (s, 1.5H), 3.90 (s, 1.5H), 6.70-6.78 (m, 1.5H), 6.96-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.52 (m, 1.5H), 7.61 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 0.5 H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 0.5 H), 8.34 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 0.5 H), 8.36 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 0.5 H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.1, 29.6, 29.9, 31.8, 55.1, 55.2, 110.6, 113.2, 114.9, 115.0, 119.9, 120.1, 124.9, 125.3, 125.7, 126.7, 127.1, 127.7, 129.3, 130.2, 131.9, 134.5, 134.6, 139.5, 146.9, 151.2, 159.7, 159.9, 161.9, 162.2. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2978, 1722, 1023, 770. MS (EI, m/z): 334. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{S}$ : C, 71.84; H, 4.22; Found: C, 71.70; H, 4.08.

**4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one and 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (1:1 mixture, 3j):**



White solid, m.p. 144 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.29 (s, 1.5H), 2.42 (s, 1.5H), 6.85 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.97-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.80-7.38 (m, 7H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.67 (m, 1H), 8.35-8.43 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.2, 21.3, 114.8, 115.0, 116.0, 116.2, 125.3, 128.0, 128.6, 128.9, 129.4,

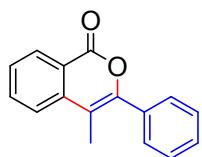
129.8, 130.8, 131.1, 132.8, 132.9, 134.5, 137.9, 138.7, 149.7, 151.3, 161.4, 161.6, 162.1, 163.6. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 1720, 1029, 771. MS (EI, m/z): 330. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}_2$  : C, 79.99; H, 4.58; Found: C, 80.16; H, 4.56.

**4-Methyl-3-phenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3k):** Pale yellow solid, m.p. 115 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.32 (s, 3H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.83 (m, 1H), 8.38 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.5, 109.1, 120.7, 123.3, 127.8, 128.2, 129.2, 129.4, 129.6, 133.1, 134.7, 138.7, 151.1, 162.4. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2978, 1722, 1029, 772. MS (EI, m/z): 236. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$  : C, 81.34; H, 5.12; Found: C, 81.47; H, 5.03.

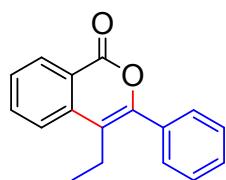
**3-Ethyl-4-phenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3l):** Yellow solid, m.p. 133 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.29 (t,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 3H), 2.73 (q,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 - 7.81 (m, 1H), 8.39 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.7, 20.1, 115.1, 121.2, 123.3, 127.8, 128.3, 128.8, 129.3, 129.9, 133.3, 134.6, 137.6, 151.2, 162.4. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2973, 1727, 1019, 765. MS (EI, m/z): 250. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$  : C, 81.58; H, 5.64; Found: C, 81.69; H, 5.71.

**6-Methoxy-3,4-diphenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3m):** Yellow solid, m.p.: 173 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.75 (s, 3H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 3H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  55.4, 108.4, 113.6, 115.5, 116.7, 127.7, 127.9, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 131.1, 131.8, 132.9, 134.3, 141.1, 151.4, 161.9, 164.5. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 1729, 1604, 767. MS (EI, m/z): 328. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ : C, 80.47; H, 4.91; Found: C, 80.56; H, 4.89..

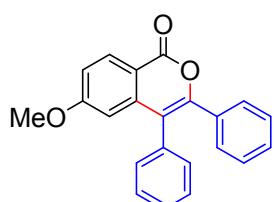
**3-Ethyl-6-methoxy-4-phenyl-1*H*-isochromen-1-one (3n):** Yellow solid, m.p. 136 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.25 (t,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 3H), 2.64-2.71 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H),



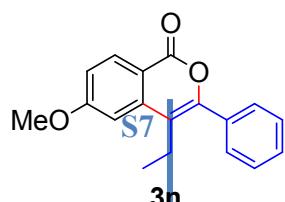
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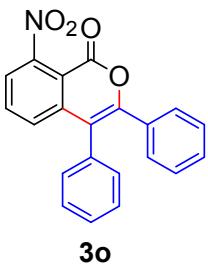
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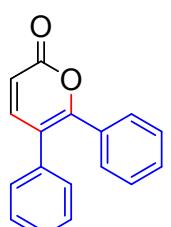
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7.42-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.57 (m, 2H), 8.33 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  14.5, 20.1, 55.5, 106.8, 114.4, 114.8, 114.9, 128.2, 128.8, 129.3, 132.3, 133.4, 139.8, 151.8, 162.1, 164.6. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2971, 1735, 1219, 765. MS (EI, m/z): 280. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ : C, 77.12; H, 5.75; Found: C, 77.19; H, 5.75.

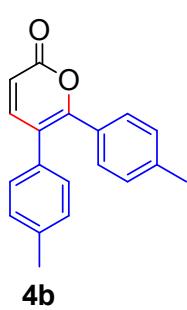
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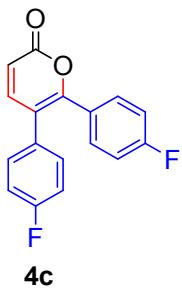
**5,6-Diphenyl-2*H*-pyran-2-one (4a):** White solid, m.p. 87 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.38 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H) 7.47 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  113.9, 117.8, 127.8, 128.1, 128.9, 129.1, 129.2, 129.9, 131.9, 136.1, 147.8, 157.9, 161.8. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 1739, 1535, 763. MS (EI, m/z): 248. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$ : C, 82.24; H, 4.87; Found: C, 82.02; H, 4.73.



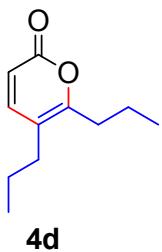
**5,6-di-*p*-Tolyl-2*H*-pyran-2-one (4b):** Brown solid, mp: 96 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.23 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 6.24 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.99 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.1, 21.3, 113.4, 117.3, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 129.2, 129.6, 133.3, 137.6, 140.1, 148.1, 157.9, 161.9. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2925, 1734, 1219, 771. MS (EI, m/z): 276. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ : C, 82.58; H, 5.84; Found: C, 82.70; H, 5.81.



**5,6-bis(4-Fluorophenyl)-2*H*-pyran-2-one (4c):** Brown solid, mp: 92 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.38 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.37



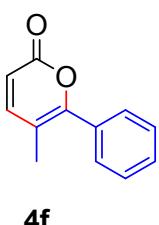
(m, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  114.3, 115.5, 115.7, 116.2, 116.4, 116.8, 130.9, 131.3, 131.4, 147.6, 157.2, 161.5, 162.5. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2925, 1737, 1604, 772. MS (EI, m/z): 284. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2$ : C, 71.83; H, 3.55; Found: C, 71.65; H, 3.65.



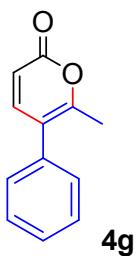
**5,6-Dipropyl-2H-pyran-2-one (4d):** Gum.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.85-0.91 (m, 6H), 1.41-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.65 (m, 2H), 2.21 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.4 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.08 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  13.5, 13.6, 20.8, 23.2, 30.9, 32.4, 113.2, 114.9, 146.9, 161.7, 162.9. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2925, 1734, 1219, 771. MS (EI, m/z): 180. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ : C, 77.40; H, 8.95; Found: C, 77.62; H, 8.97.



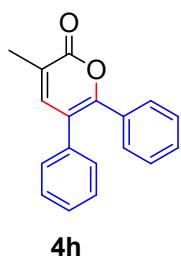
**5,6-di(Thiophen-3-yl)-2H-pyran-2-one (4e):** Pale yellow solid, m.p. 87 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  6.29 (d,  $J = 9.5$ , 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 1.5$ , 1H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 9.5$ , 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  111.9, 113.2, 124.1, 125.5, 126.7, 126.8, 128.1, 128.2, 133.2, 136.1, 147.8, 153.8, 161.3. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 1729, 1219, 763. MS (EI, m/z): 260. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ : C, 59.98; H, 3.10; Found: C, 59.89; H, 3.15.



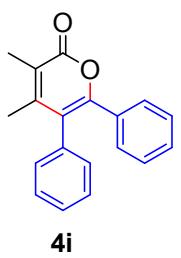
**5-Methyl-6-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-one (4f):** Brown solid, mp: 94 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.09 (s, 3H), 6.19 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  16.6, 111.9, 114.1, 128.1, 129.7, 132.3, 146.8, 148.6, 157.3, 162.2. IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 1734, 1019, 763. MS (EI, m/z): 186. Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ : C, 77.40; H, 5.41; Found: C, 77.36; H, 5.49.



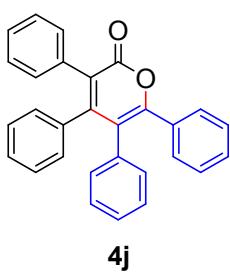
**6-Methyl-5-phenyl-2H-pyran-2-one (4g):** White solid, m.p. 67 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.19 (s, 3H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 18.4, 113.0, 117.8, 127.8, 128.7, 135.6, 146.7, 159.4, 162.2. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2923, 1734, 1219, 757. MS (EI, m/z): 186. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 77.40; H, 5.41; Found: C, 77.58; H, 5.27.



**3-Methyl-5,6-diphenyl-2H-pyran-2-one (4h):** White solid, m.p. 92 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 7.09-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 16.4, 117.9, 123.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.8, 128.9, 129.4, 132.1, 136.4, 144.1, 155.3, 163.1. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2925, 1737, 1604, 772. MS (EI, m/z): 262. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 82.42; H, 5.38; Found: C, 82.71; H, 5.19.

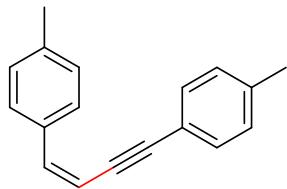


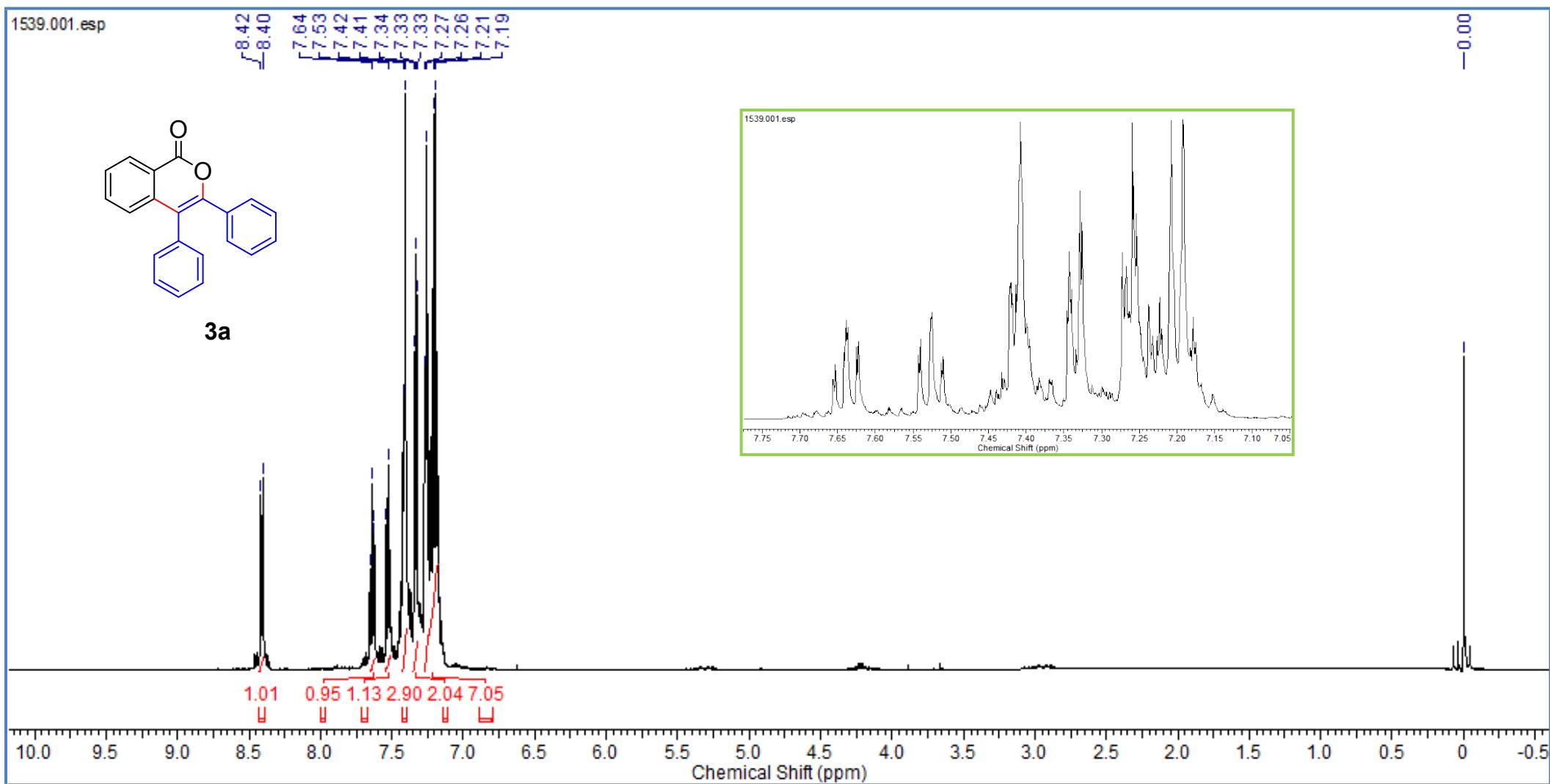
**3,4-Dimethyl-5,6-diphenyl-2H-pyran-2-one (4i):** Pale yellow solid. mp: 119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.92 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H) 7.10-7.23 (m, 7H), 7.33-7.35 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 13.1, 18.1, 120.9, 127.7, 127.8, 128.8, 128.9, 130.6, 132.6, 135.5, 140.7, 150.8, 153.8, 163.1. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2923, 1702, 1019, 757. MS (EI, m/z): 276. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 82.58; H, 5.84; Found: C, 82.54; H, 5.88.



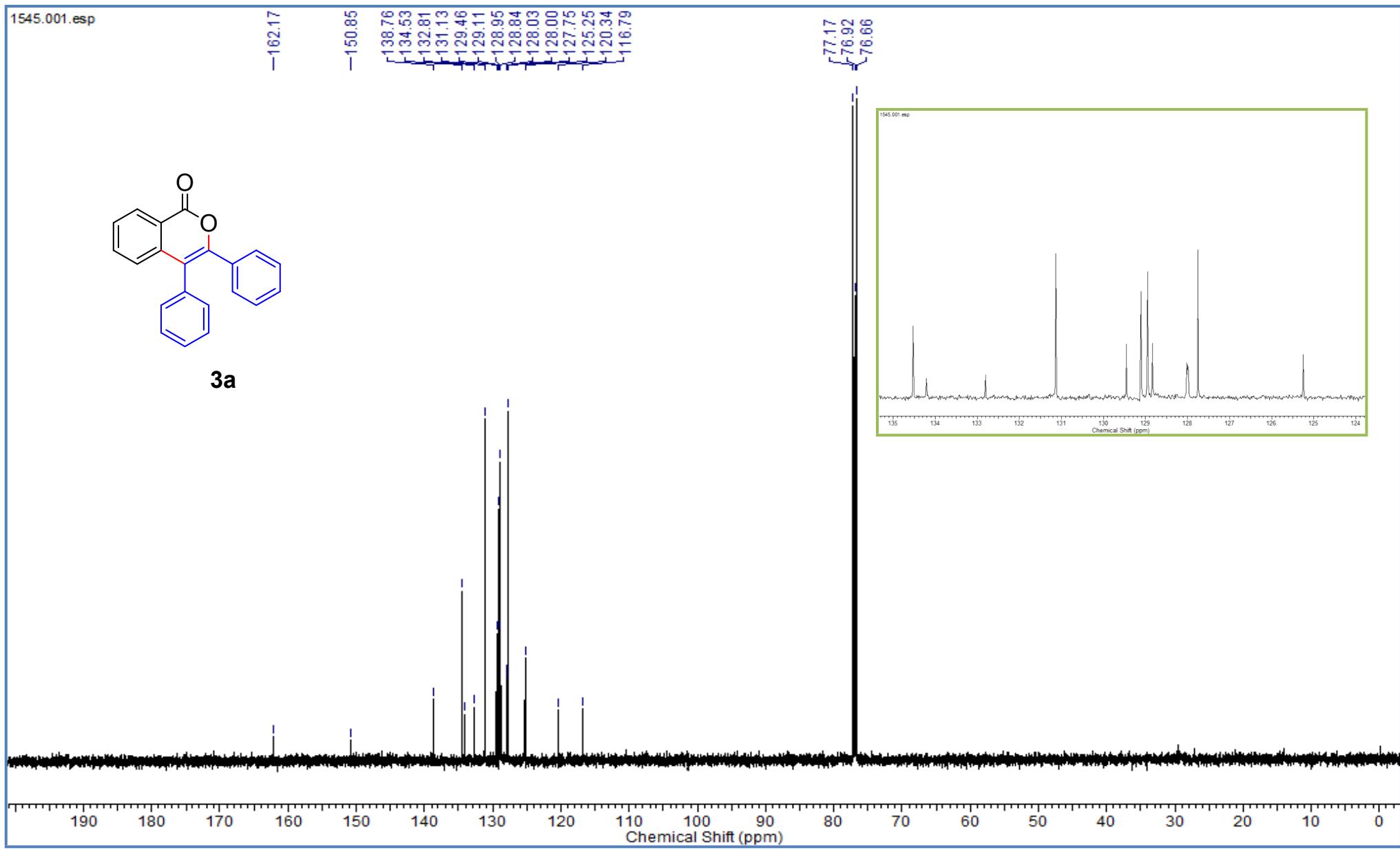
**3,4,5,6-Tetraphenyl-2H-pyran-2-one (4j):** White solid, m.p. 92 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90-7.48 (m, 17H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 119.5, 127.1, 128.0, 128.8, 128.9, 129.3, 129.6, 130.5, 131.1, 131.3, 134.1, 136.0, 138.1, 147.9, 155.3, 156.5, 162.3. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2925, 1737, 1604, 763. MS (EI, m/z): 400. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 86.98; H, 5.03; Found: C, 86.84; H, 5.12.

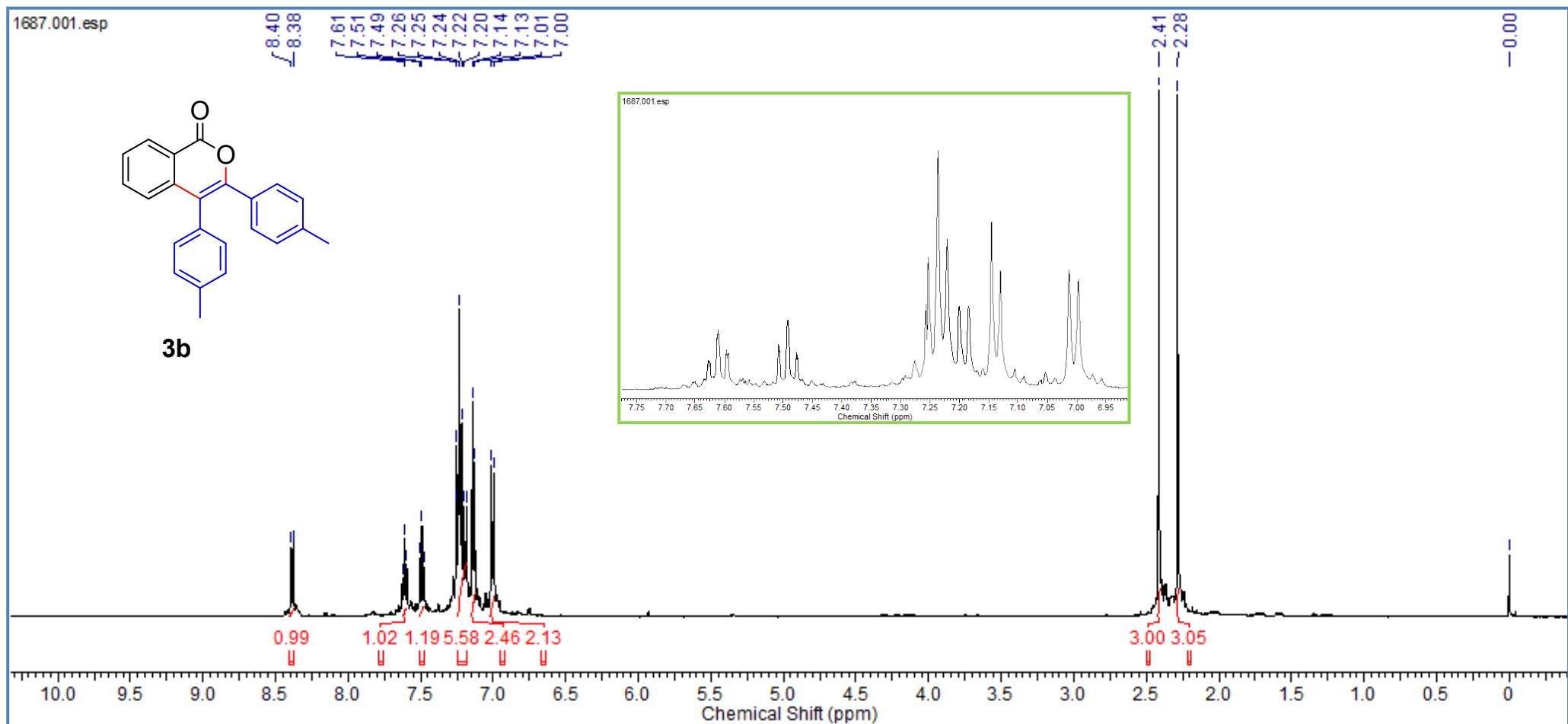
**(Z)-1,4-di-p-Tolylbut-1-en-3-yne:** Yellow solid, m.p. 63 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.38 (s, 6H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.3, 21.4, 87.8, 95.8, 106.4, 120.4, 126.6, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 131.2, 133.8, 138.1, 138.4. IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2925, 1640, 763. MS (EI, m/z): 232. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>: C, 93.06; H, 6.94; Found: C, 93.13; H, 6.90.

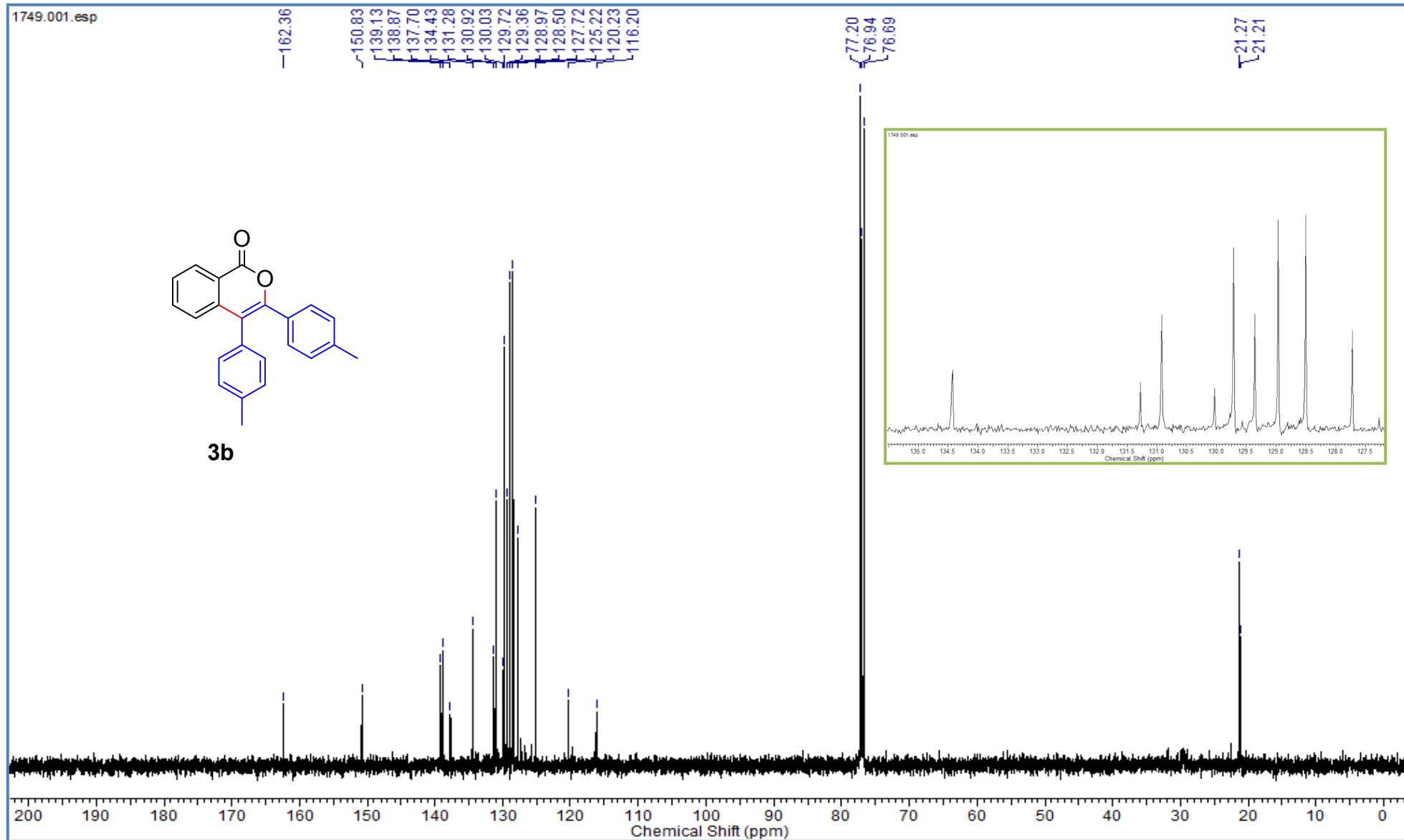


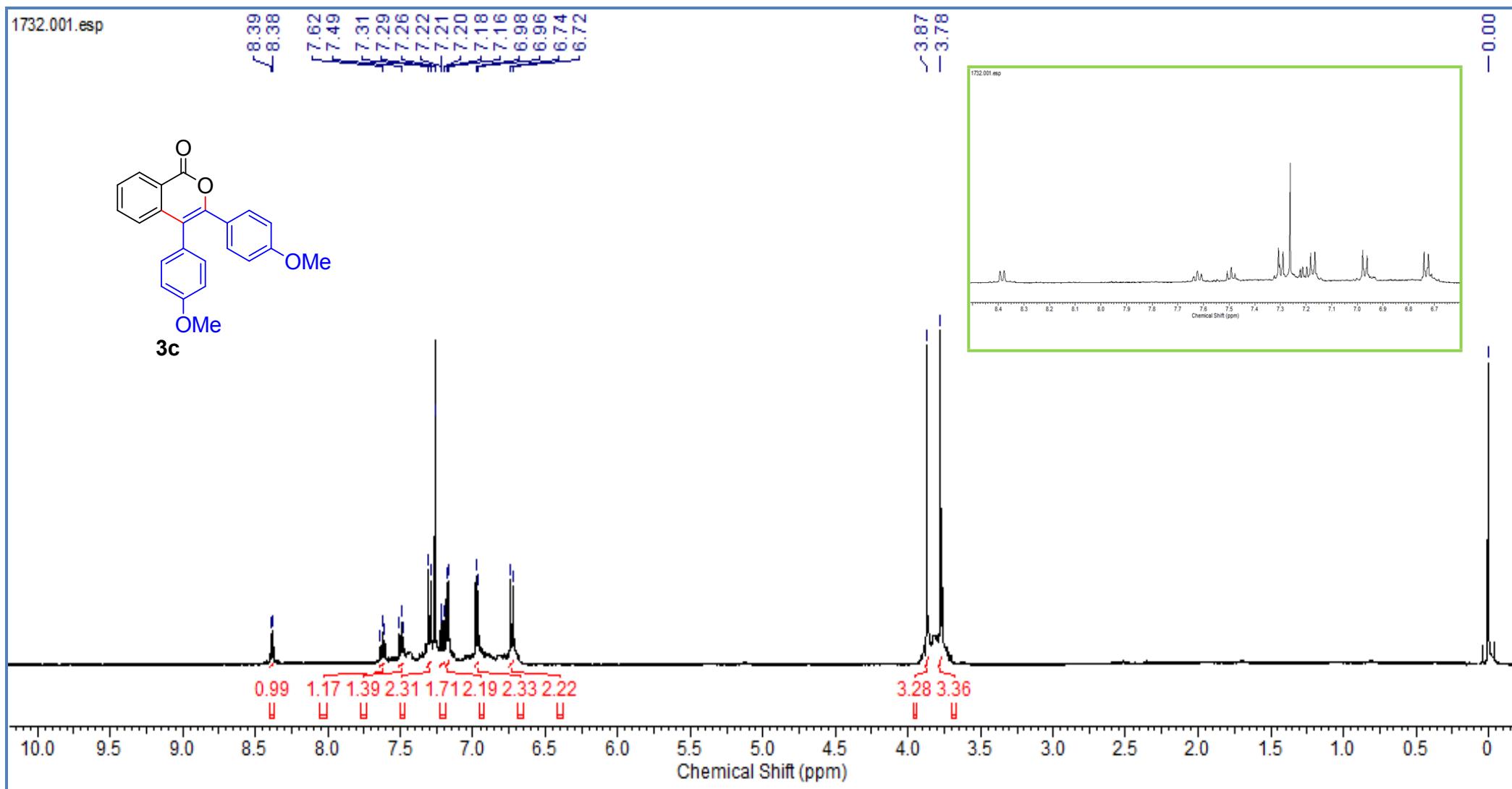


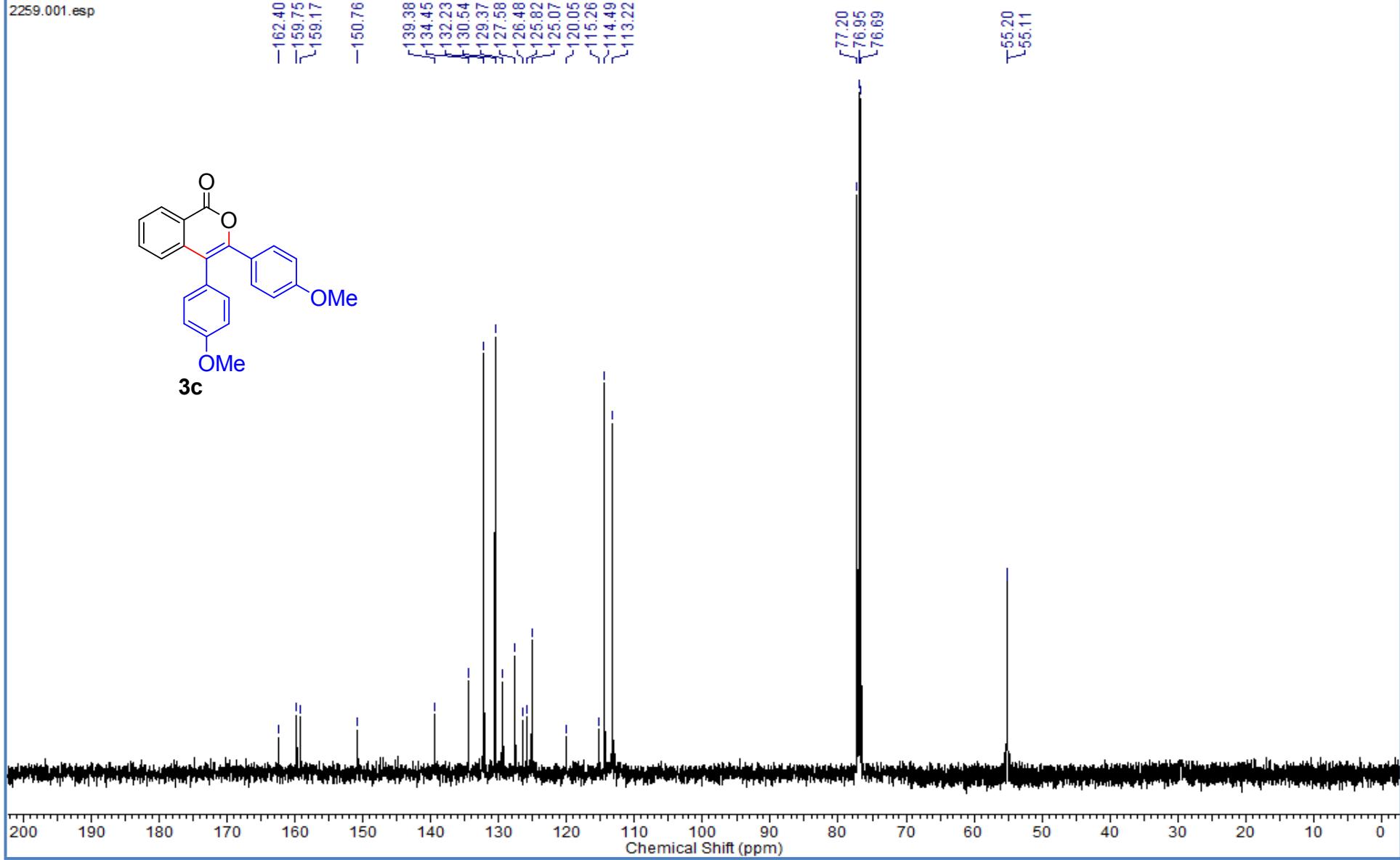
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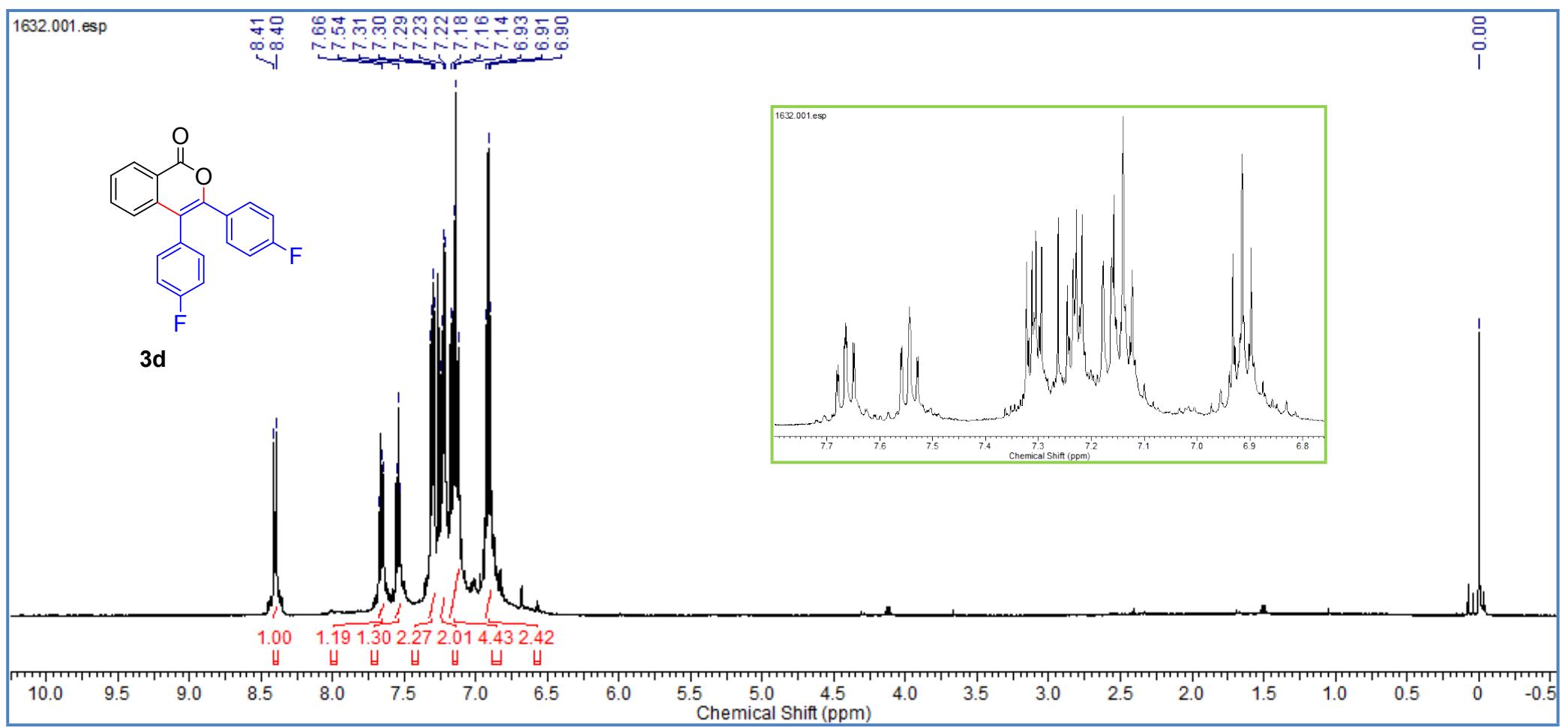


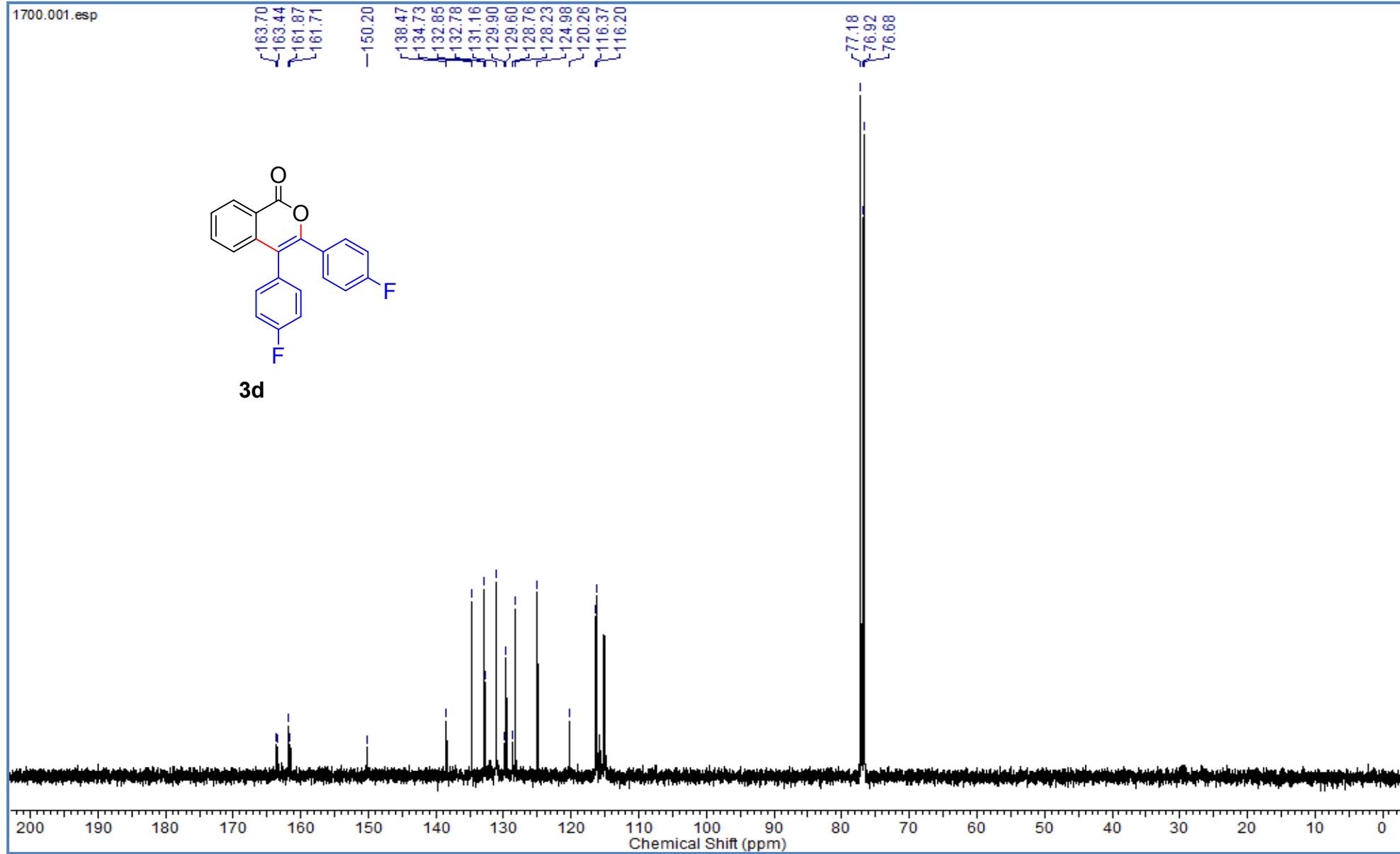


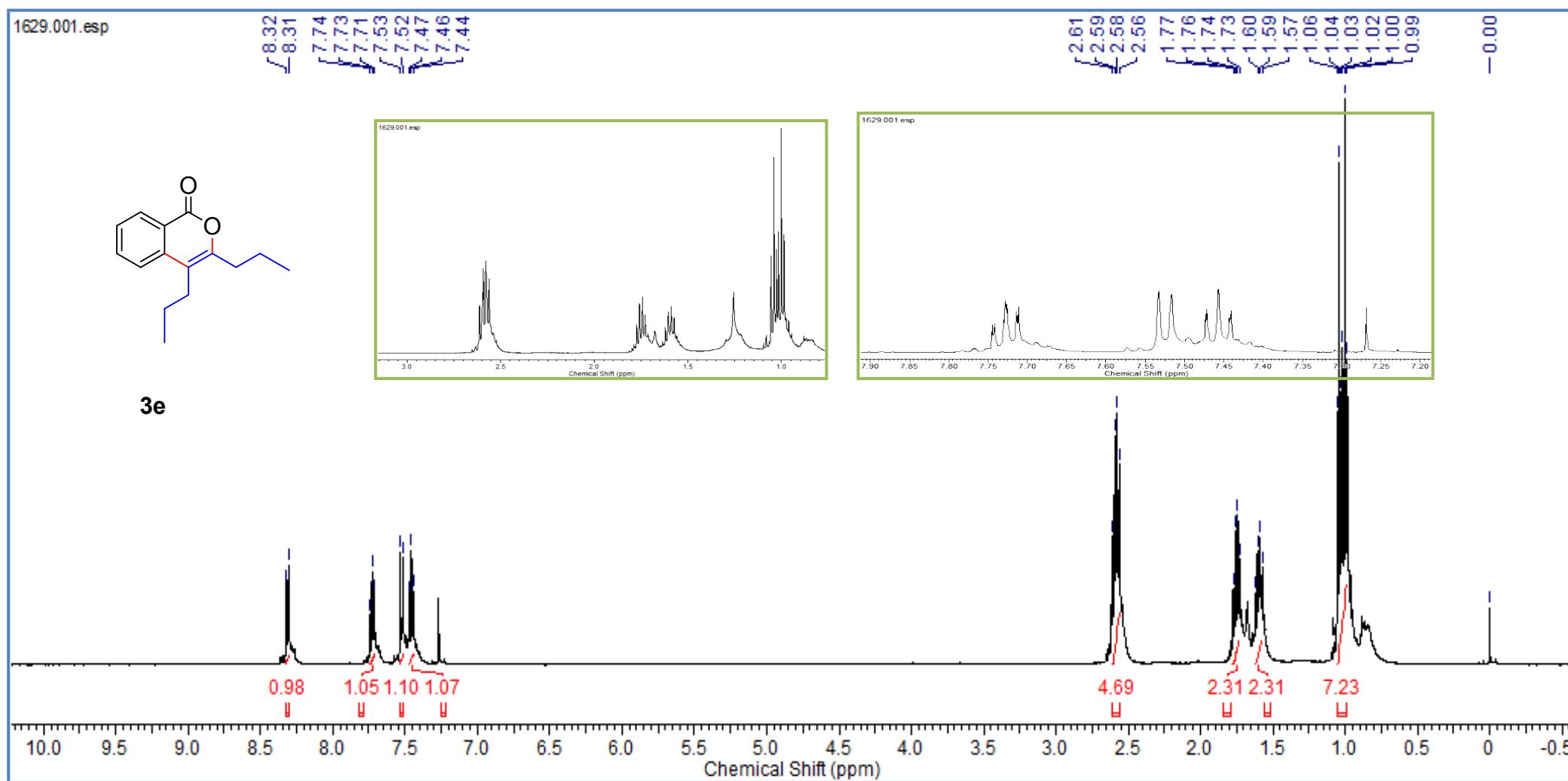


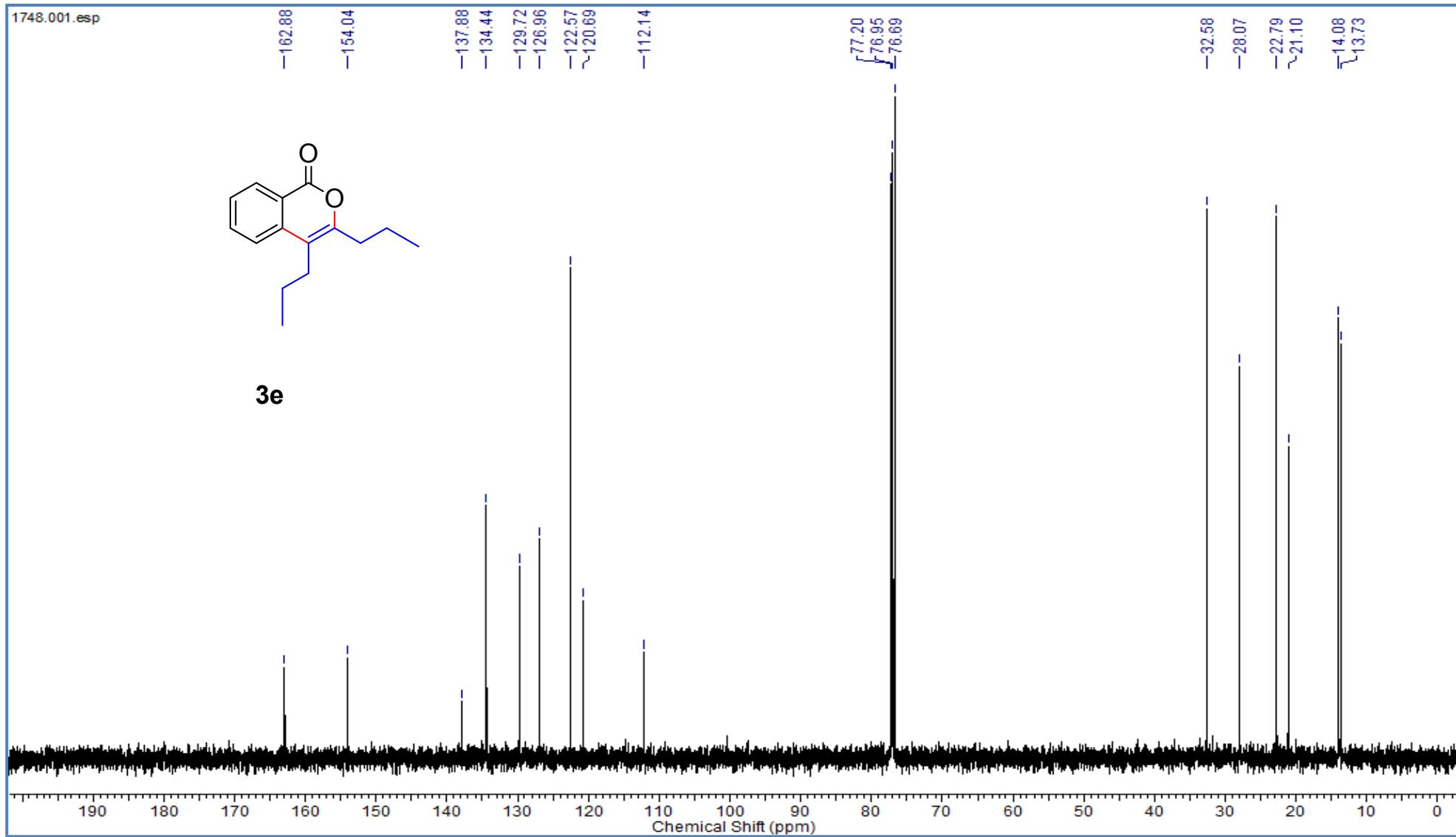


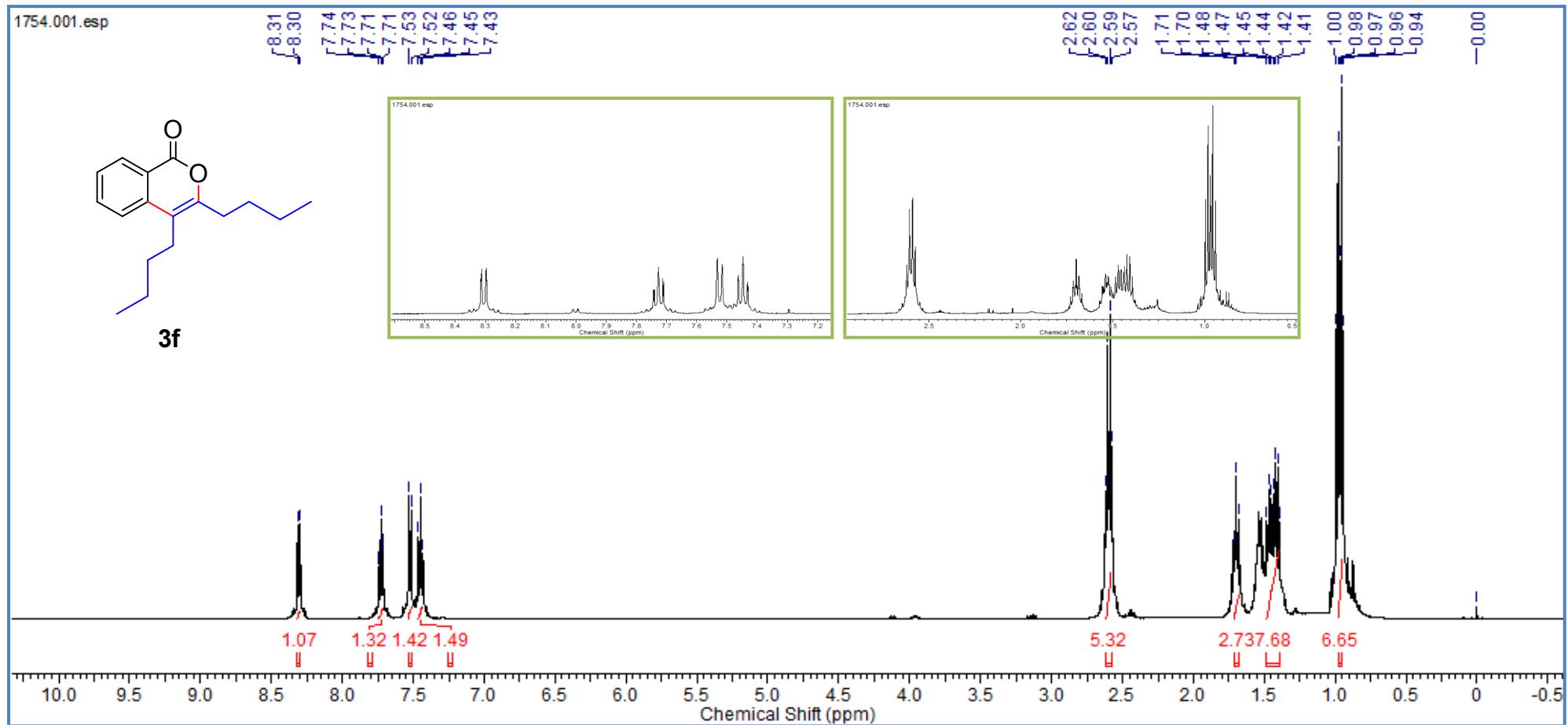


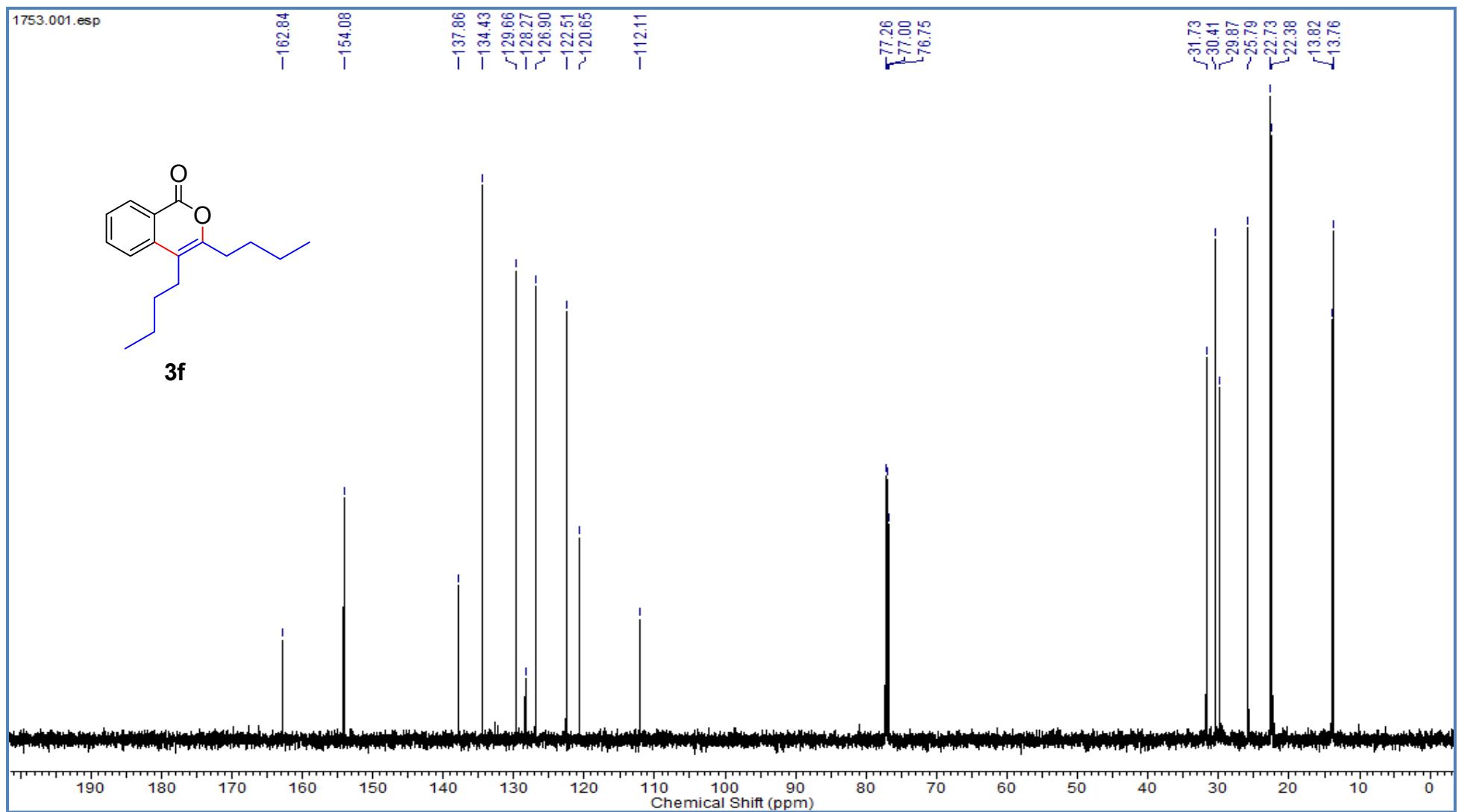


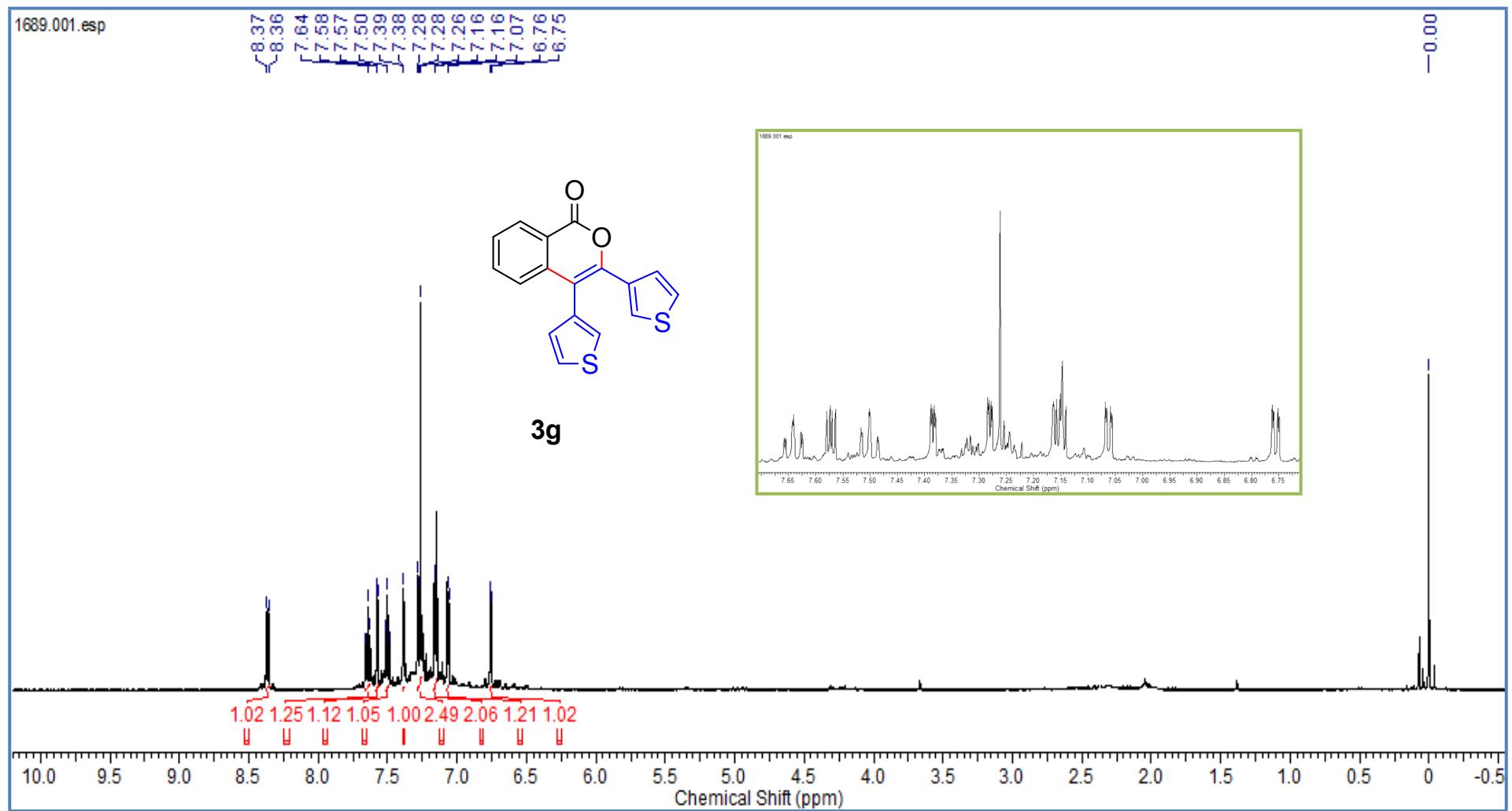












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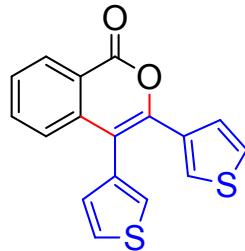
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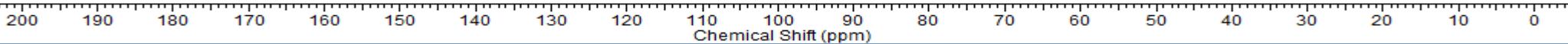
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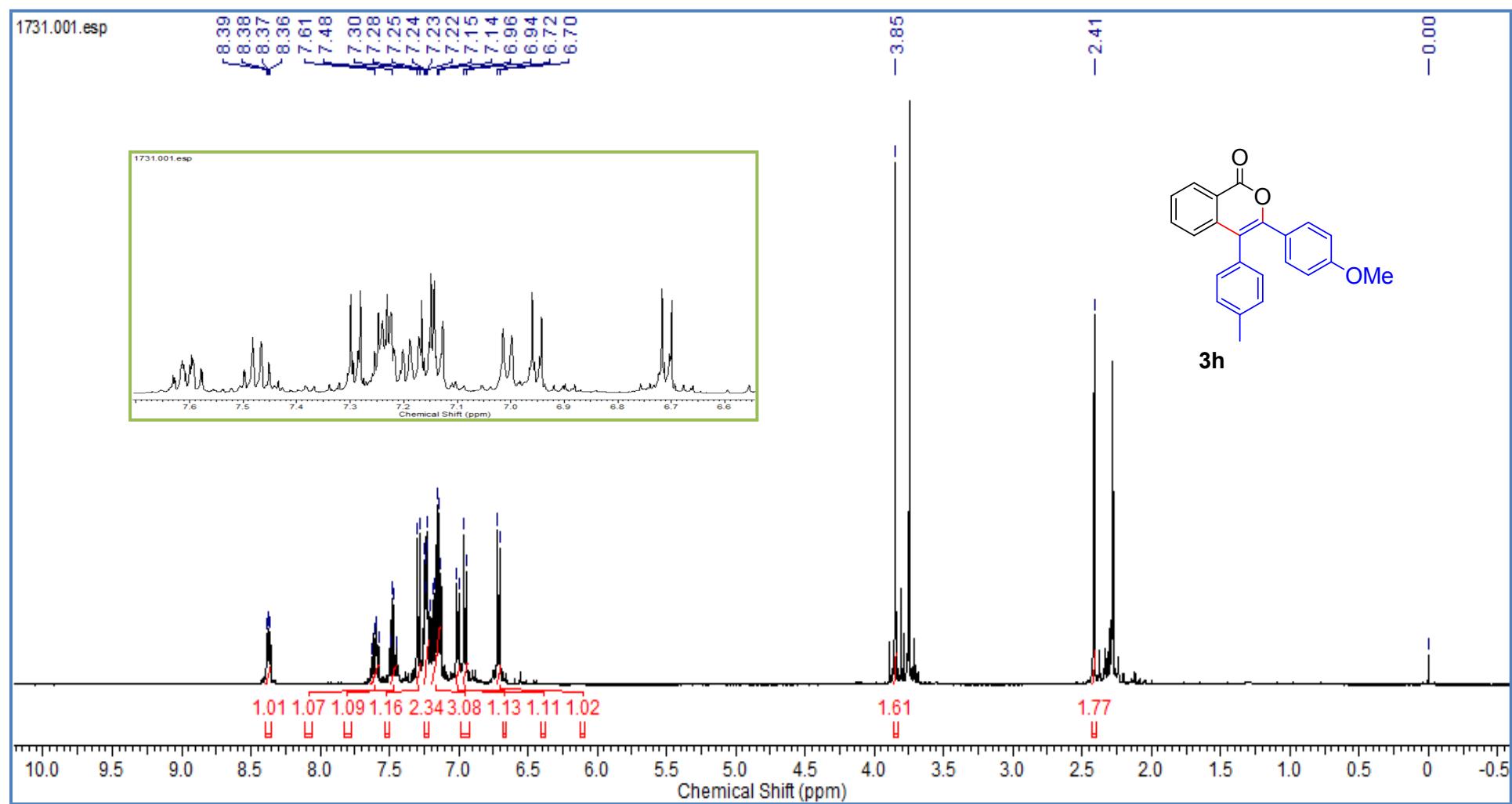
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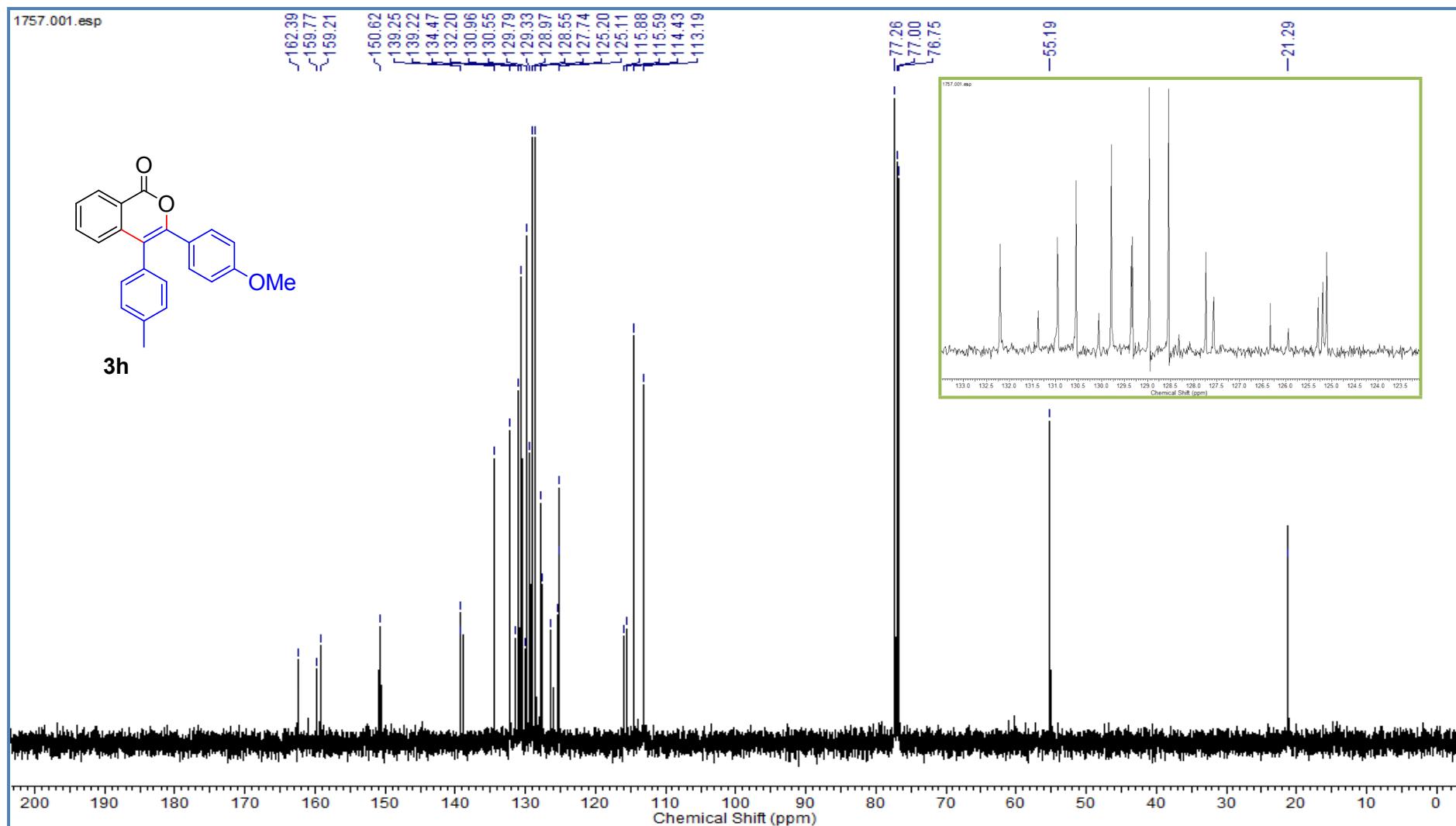
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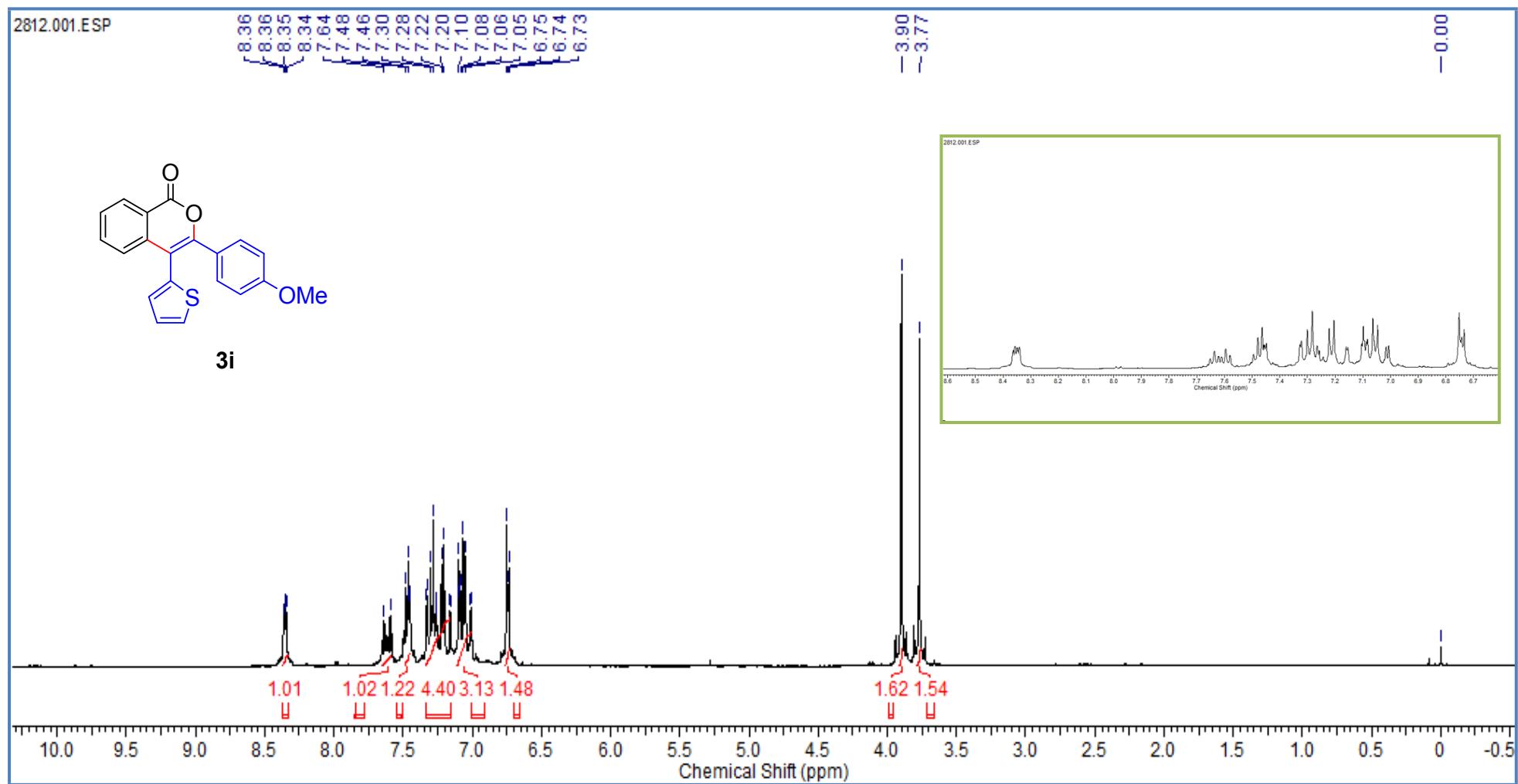


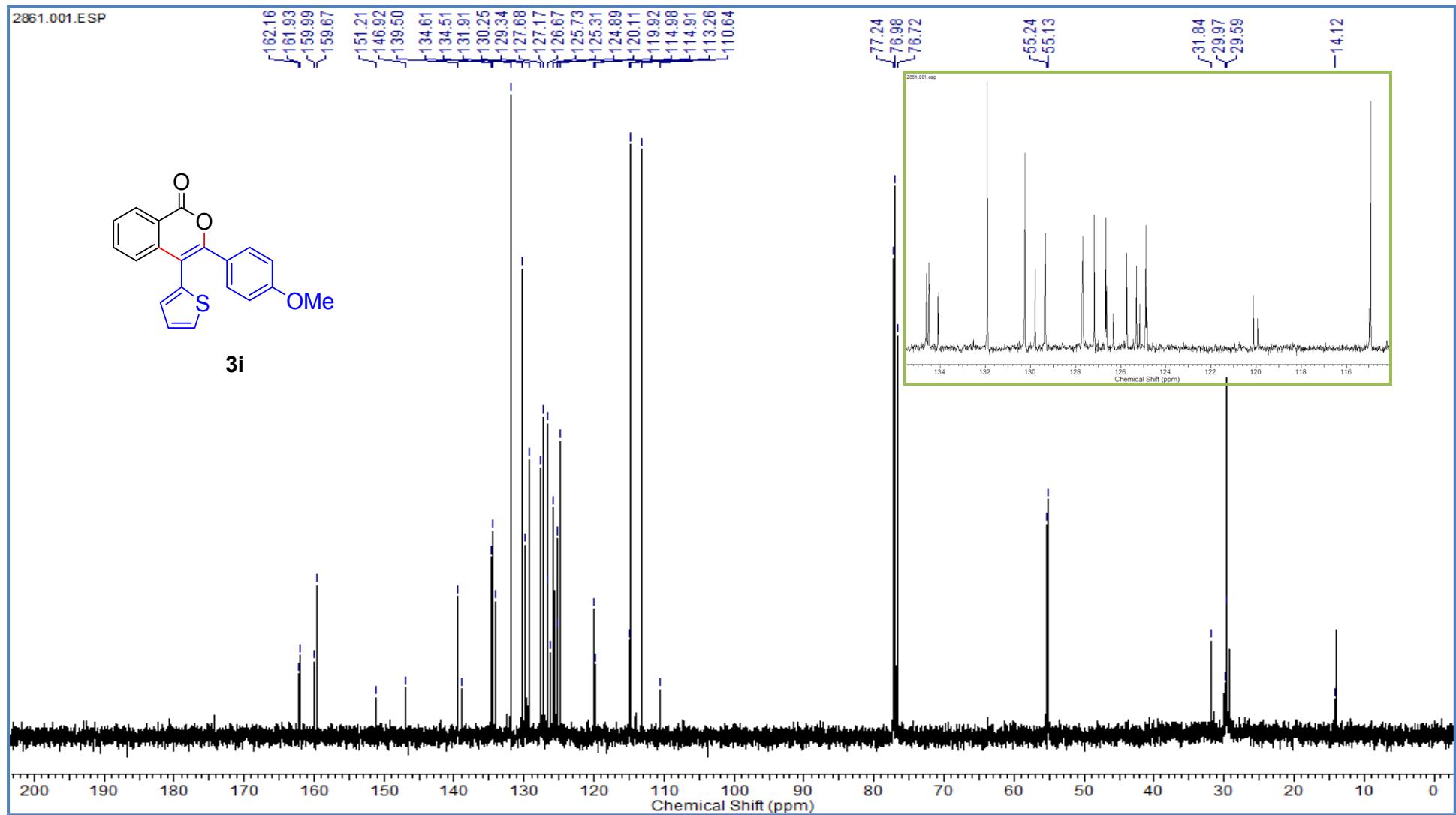
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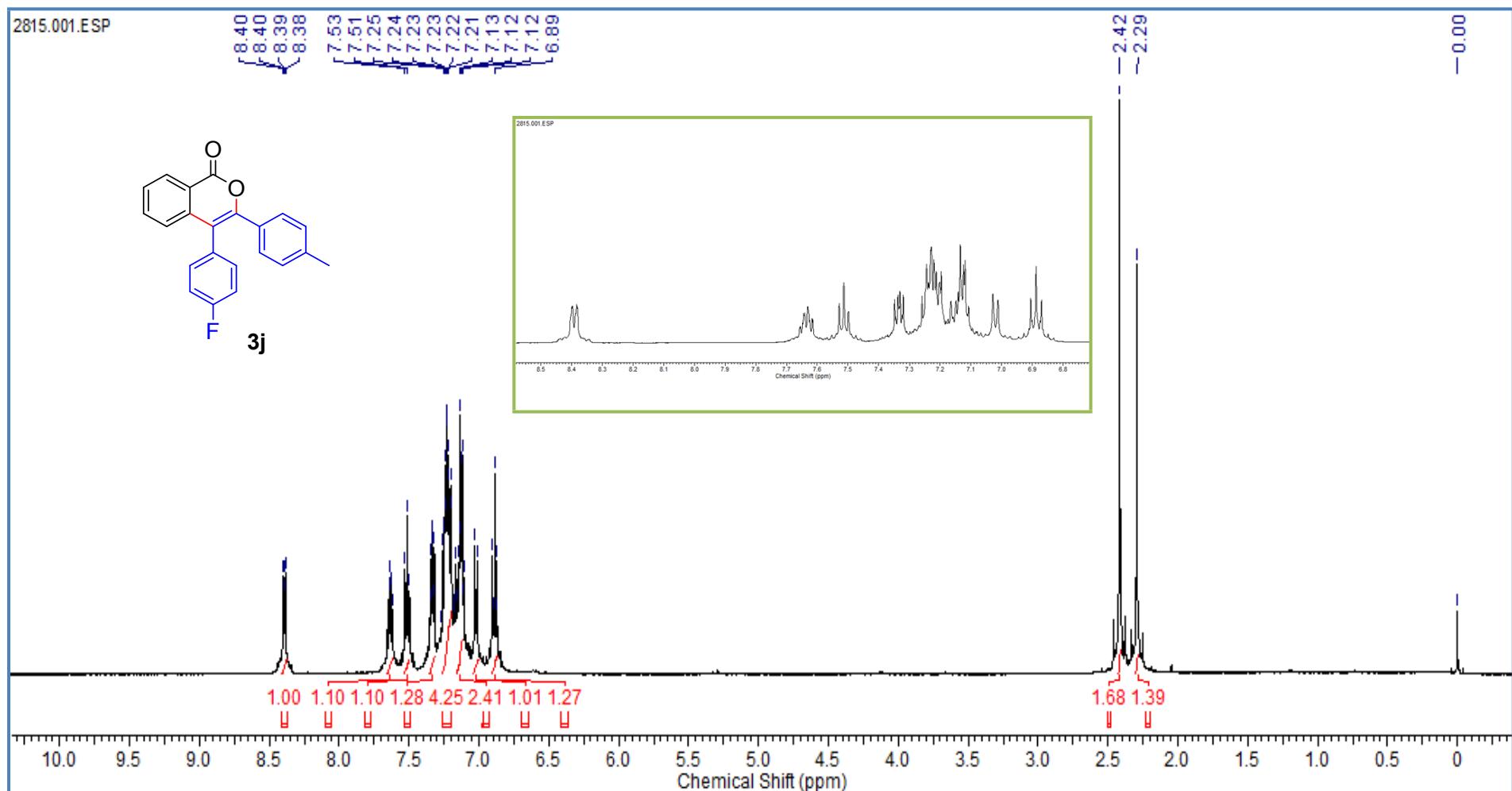


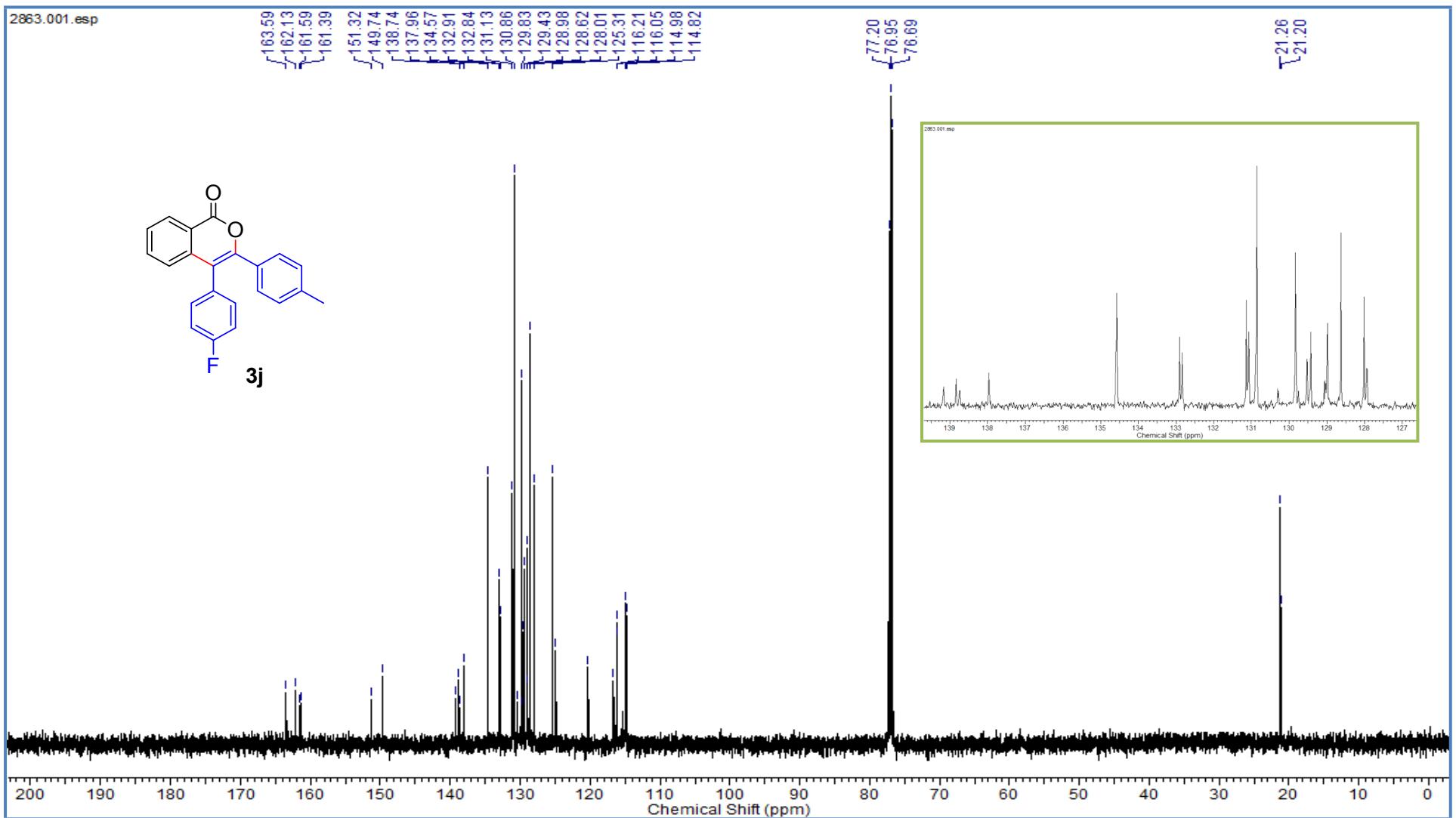


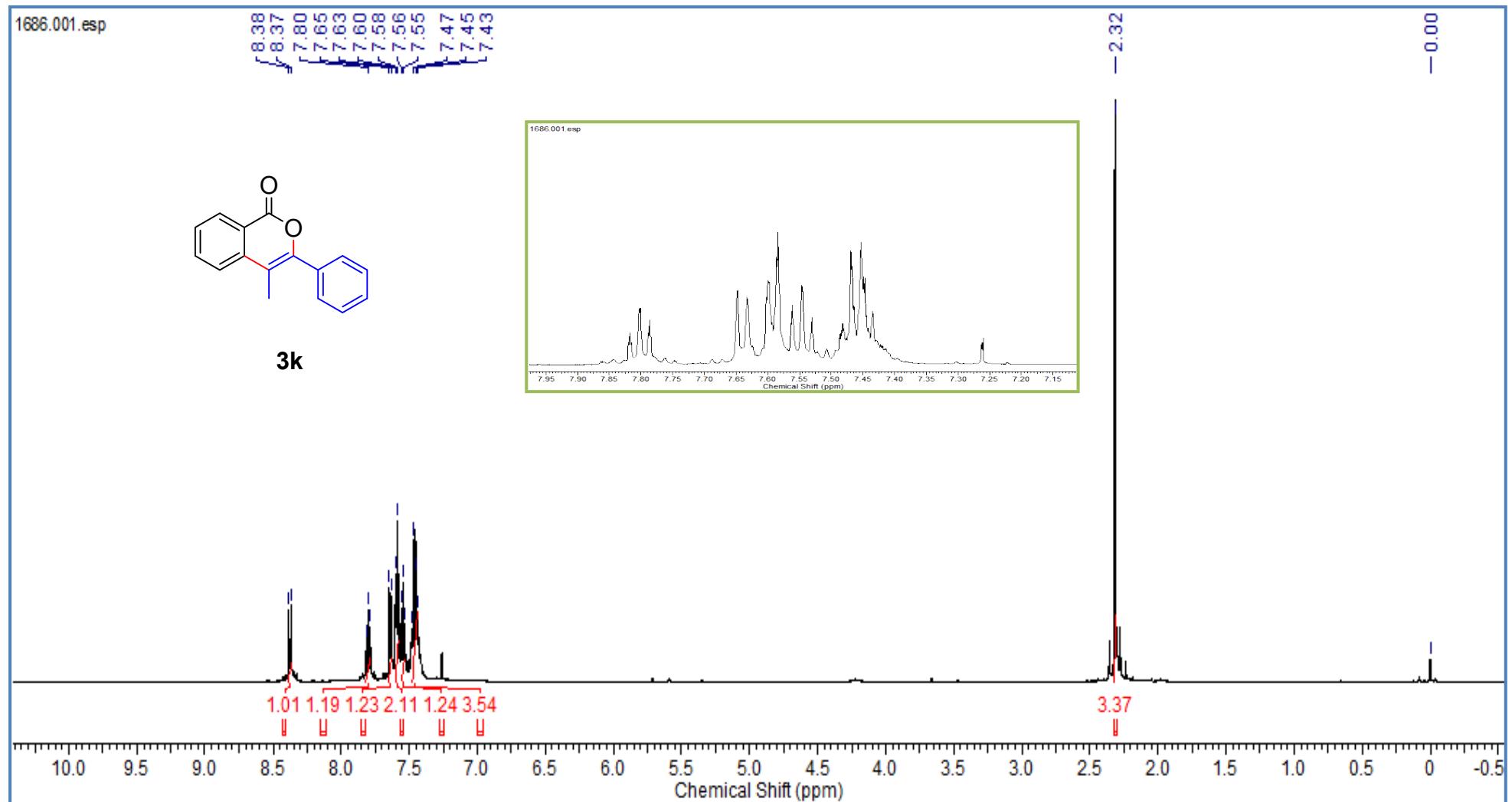


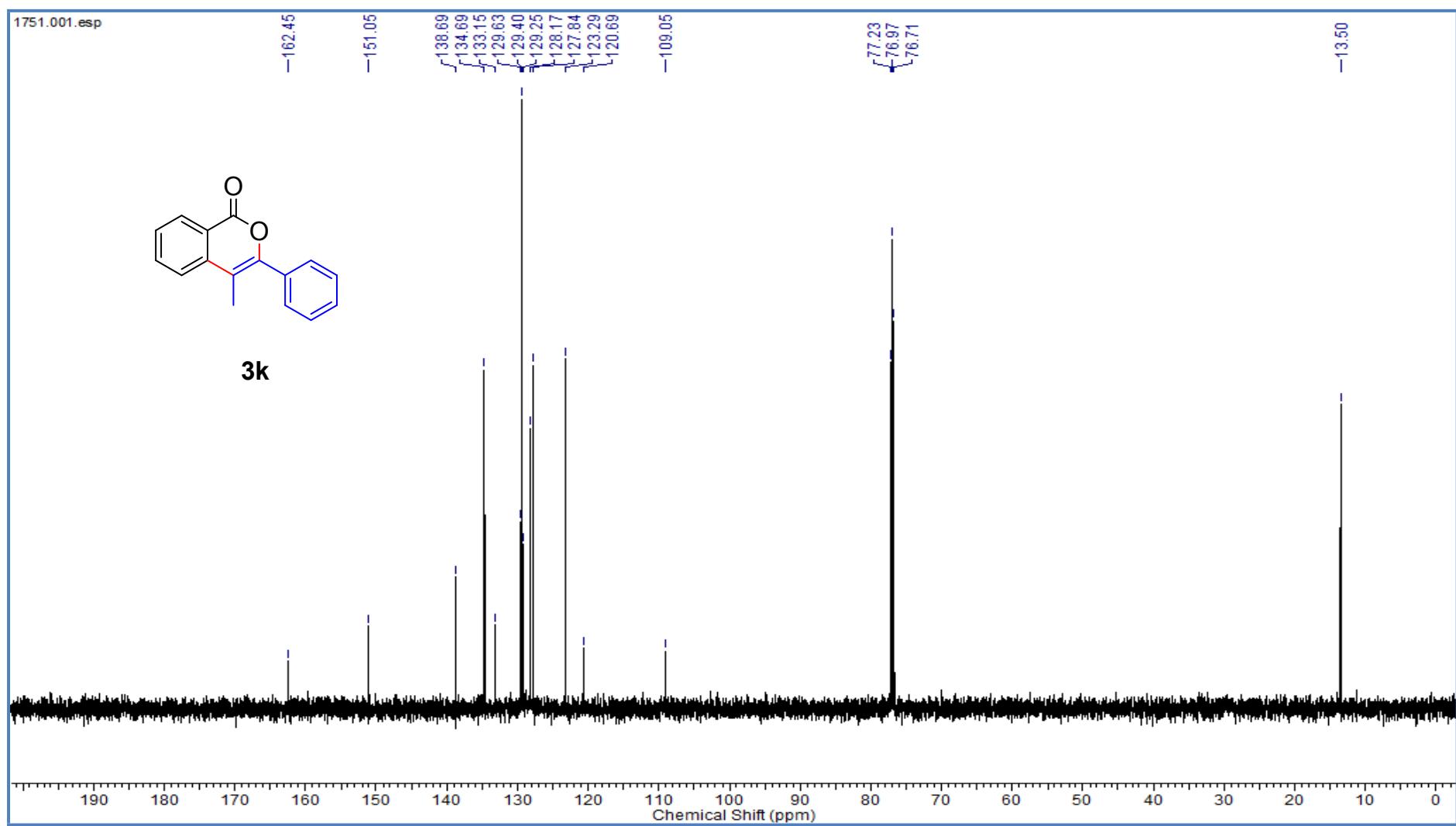


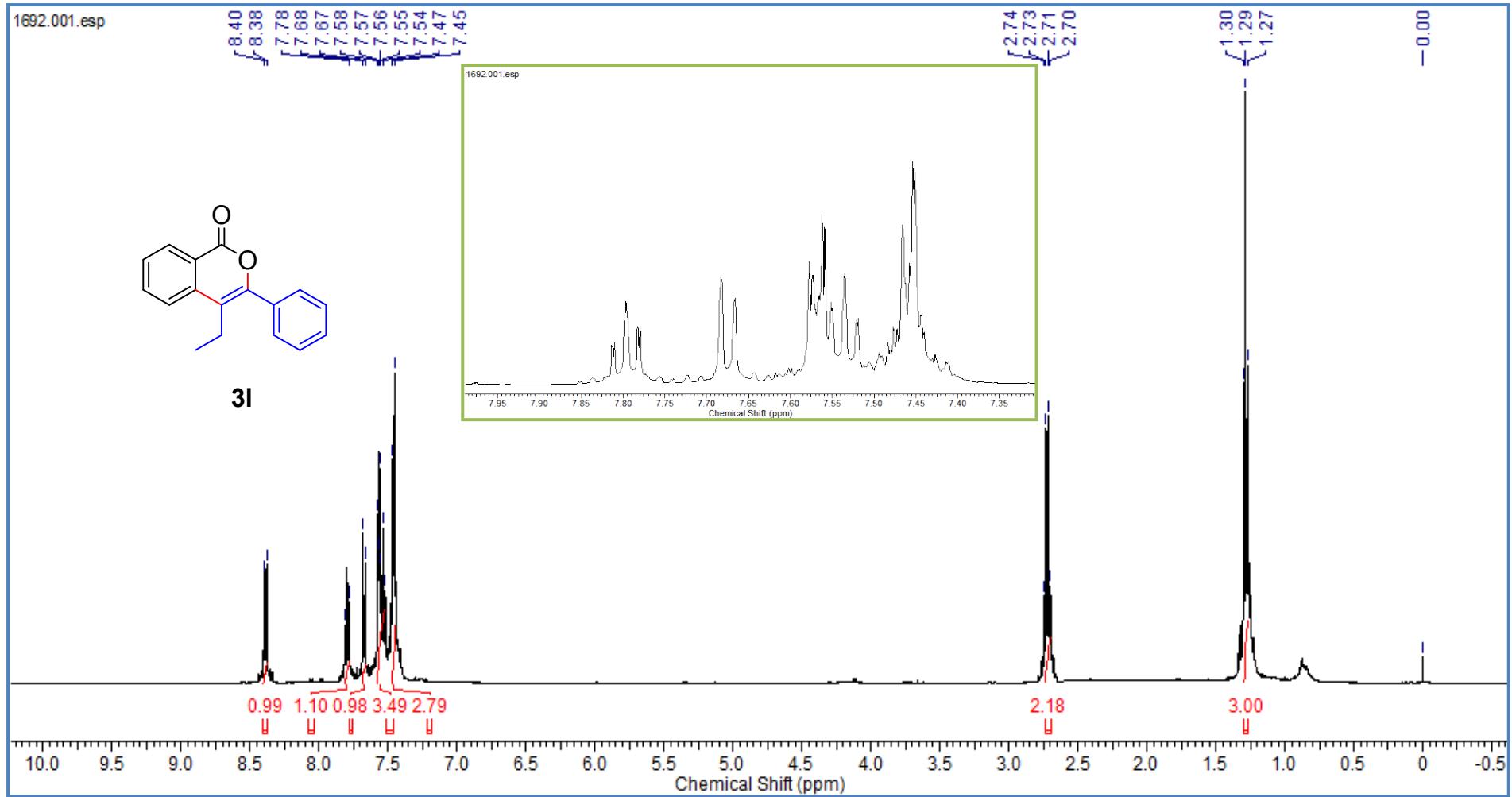




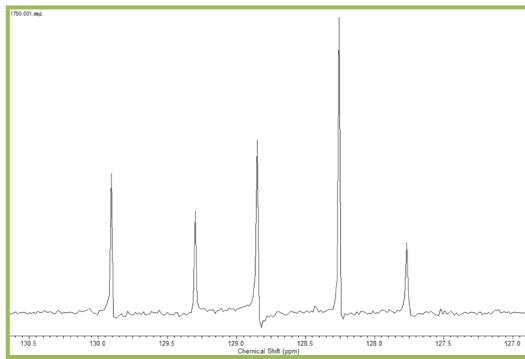


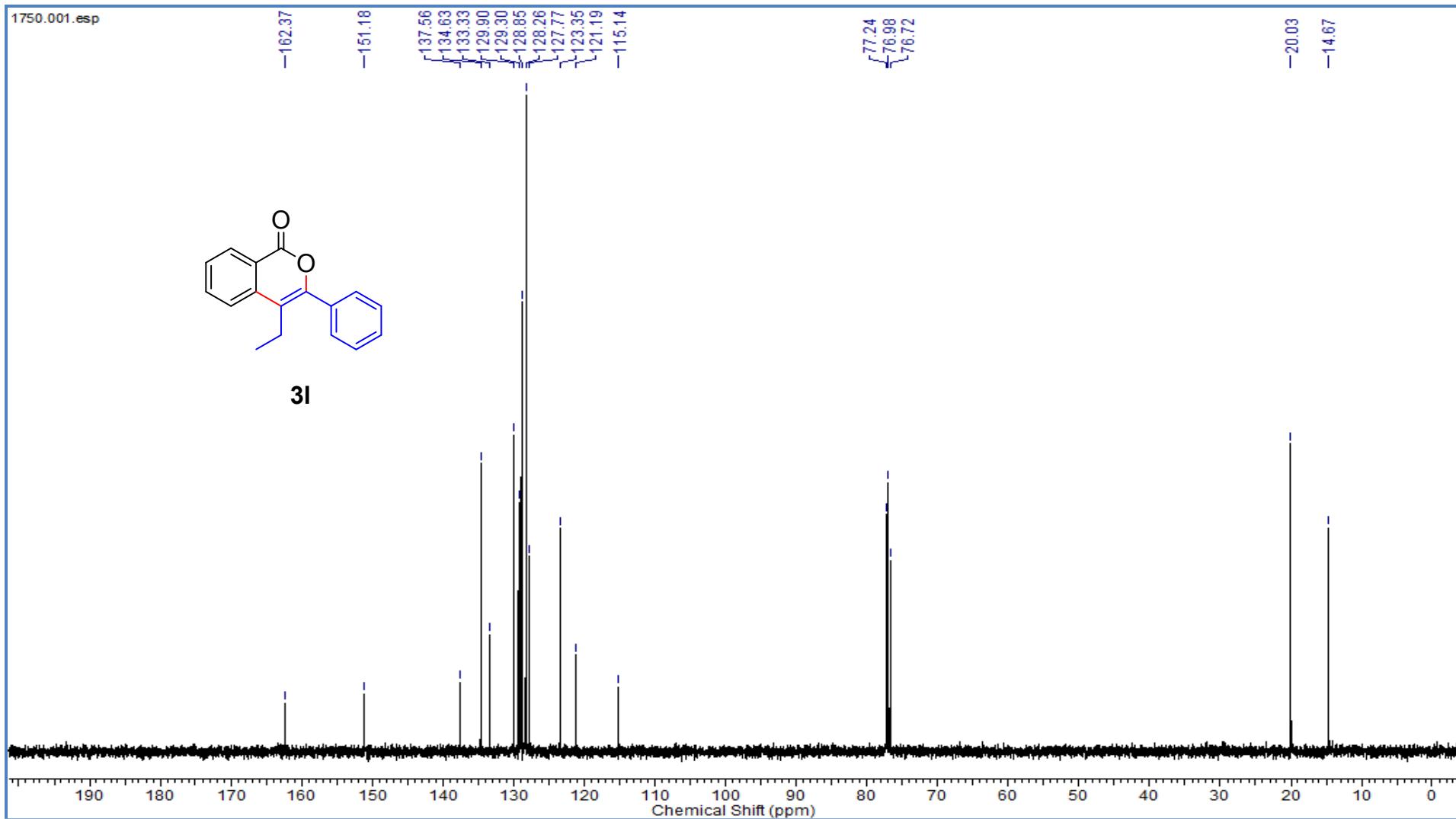


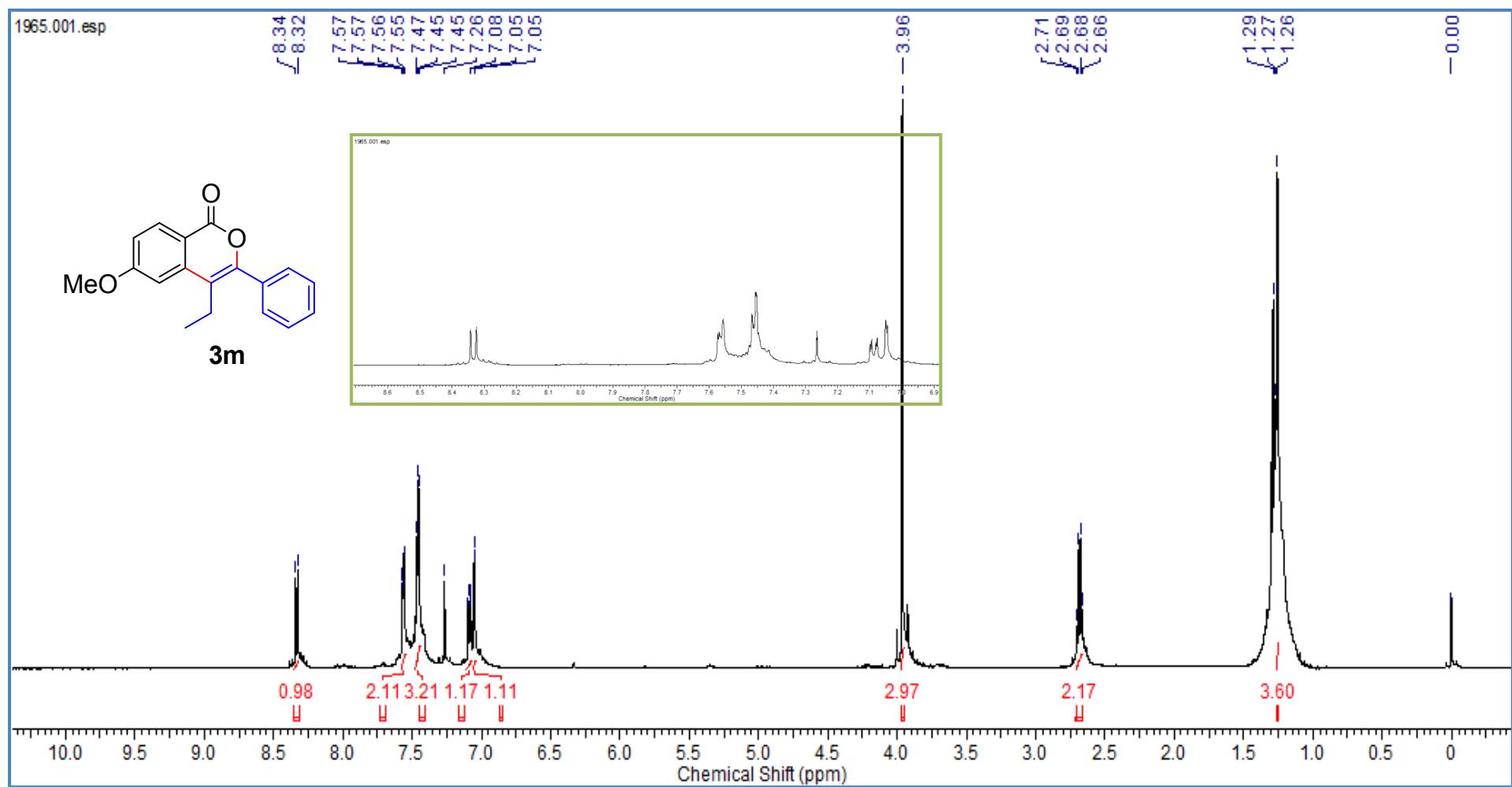


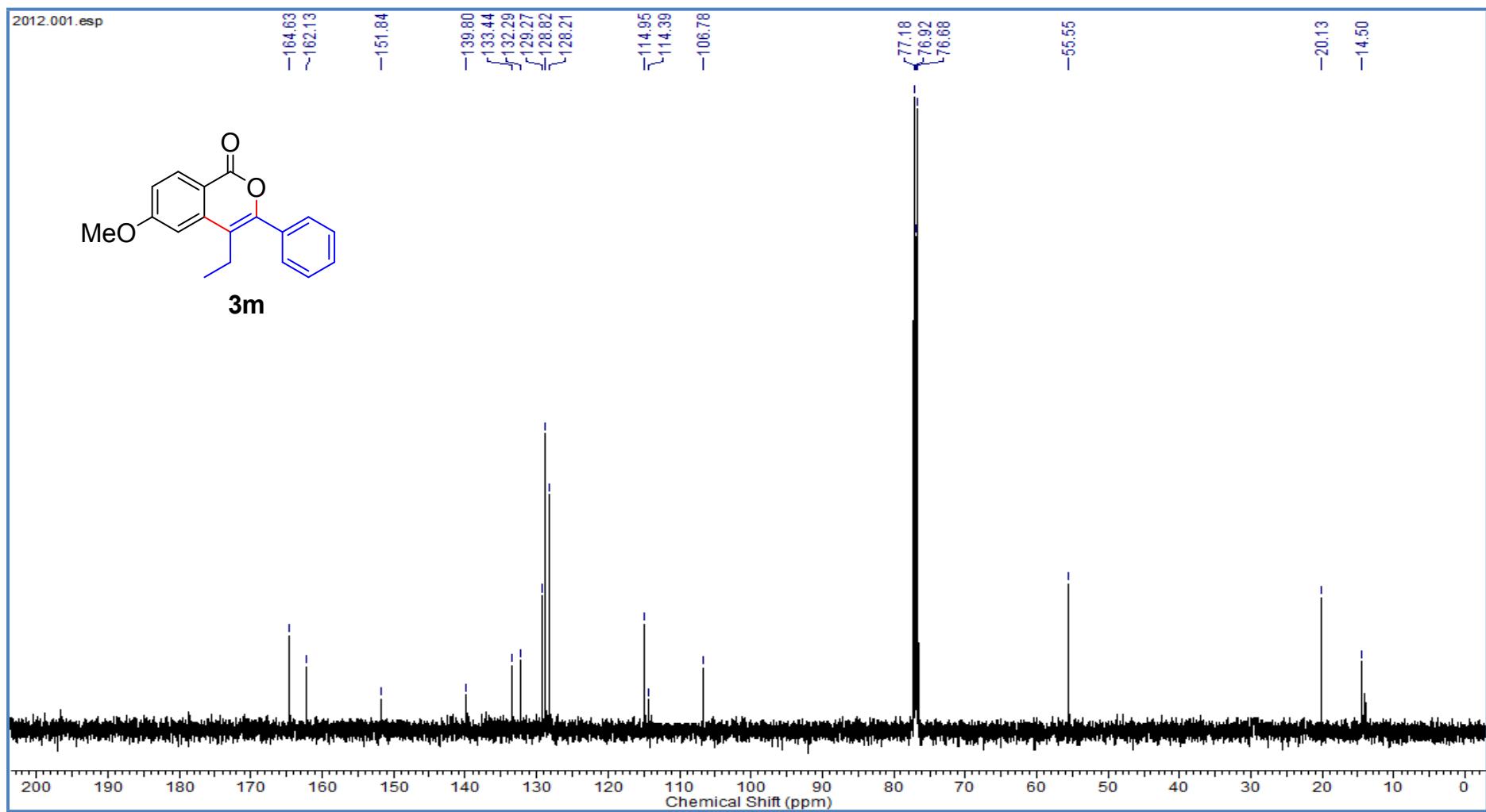


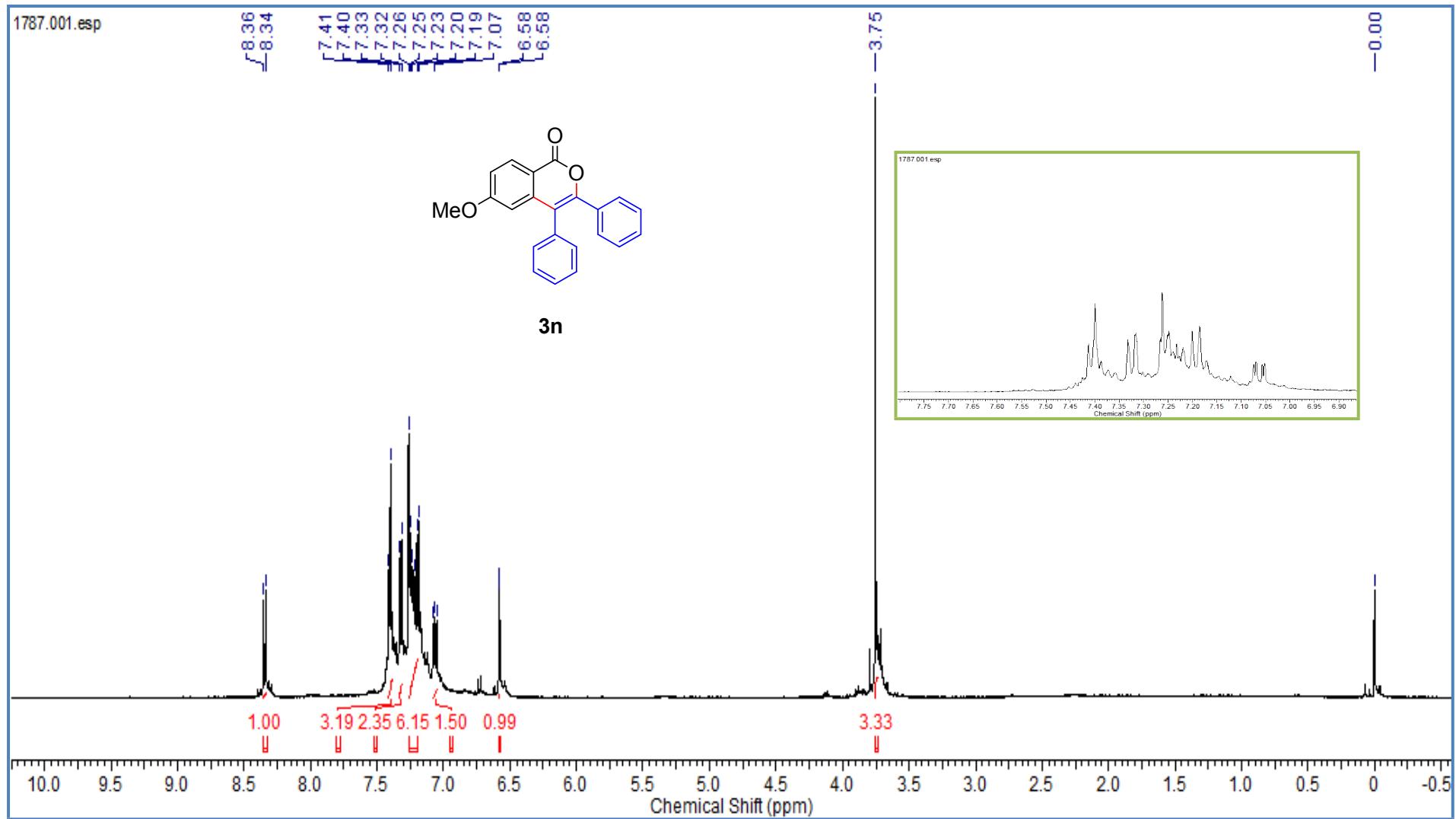
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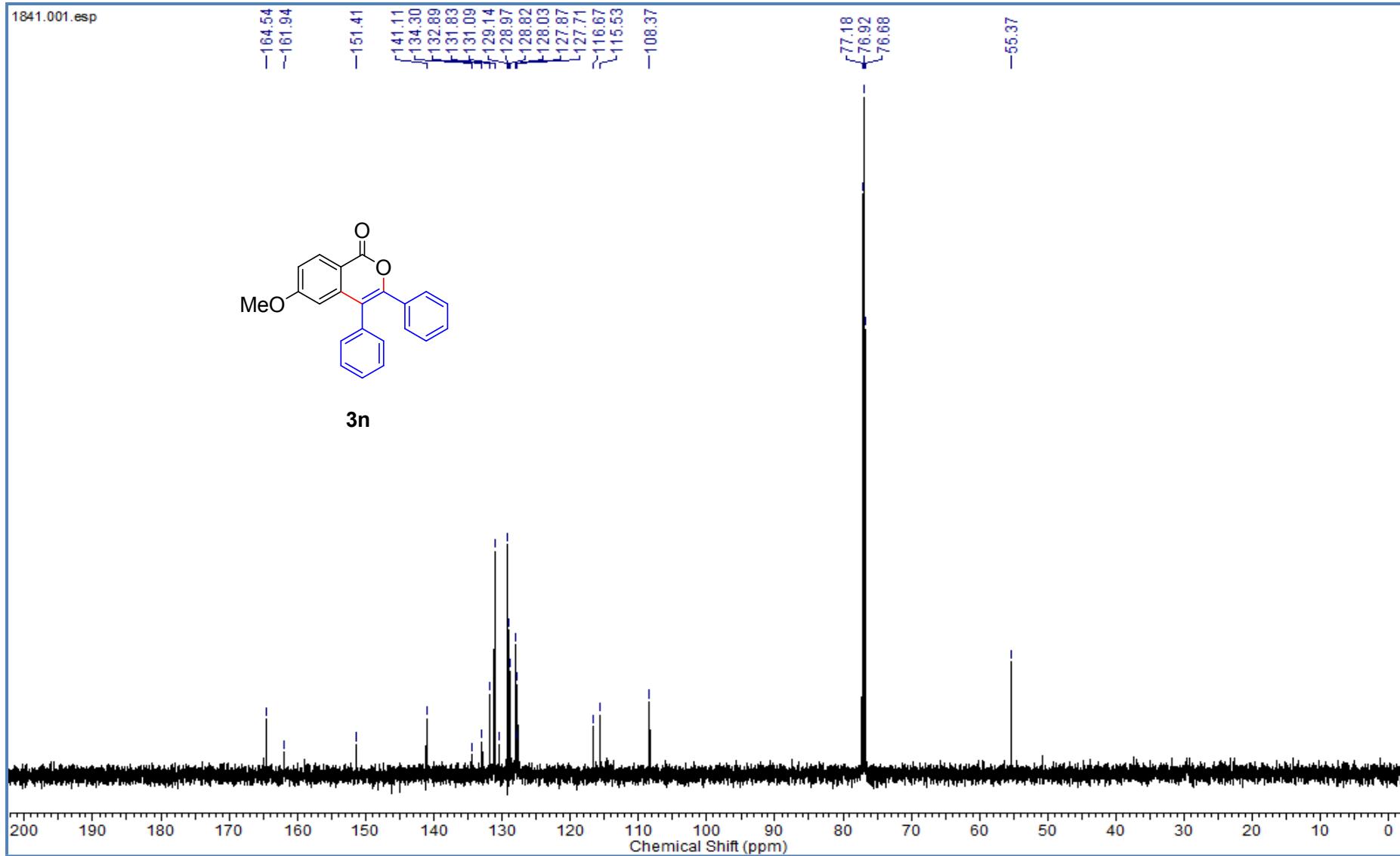


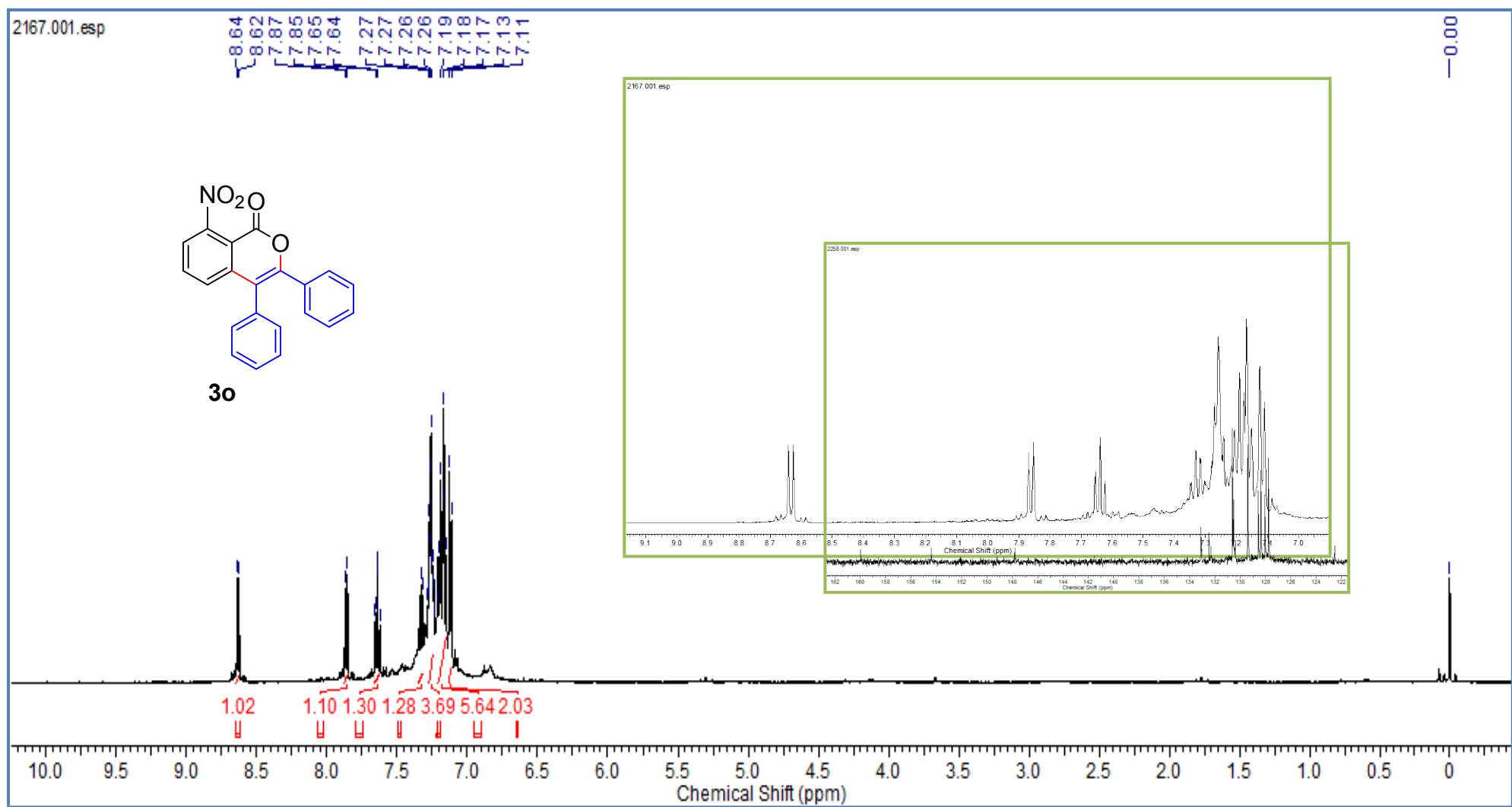


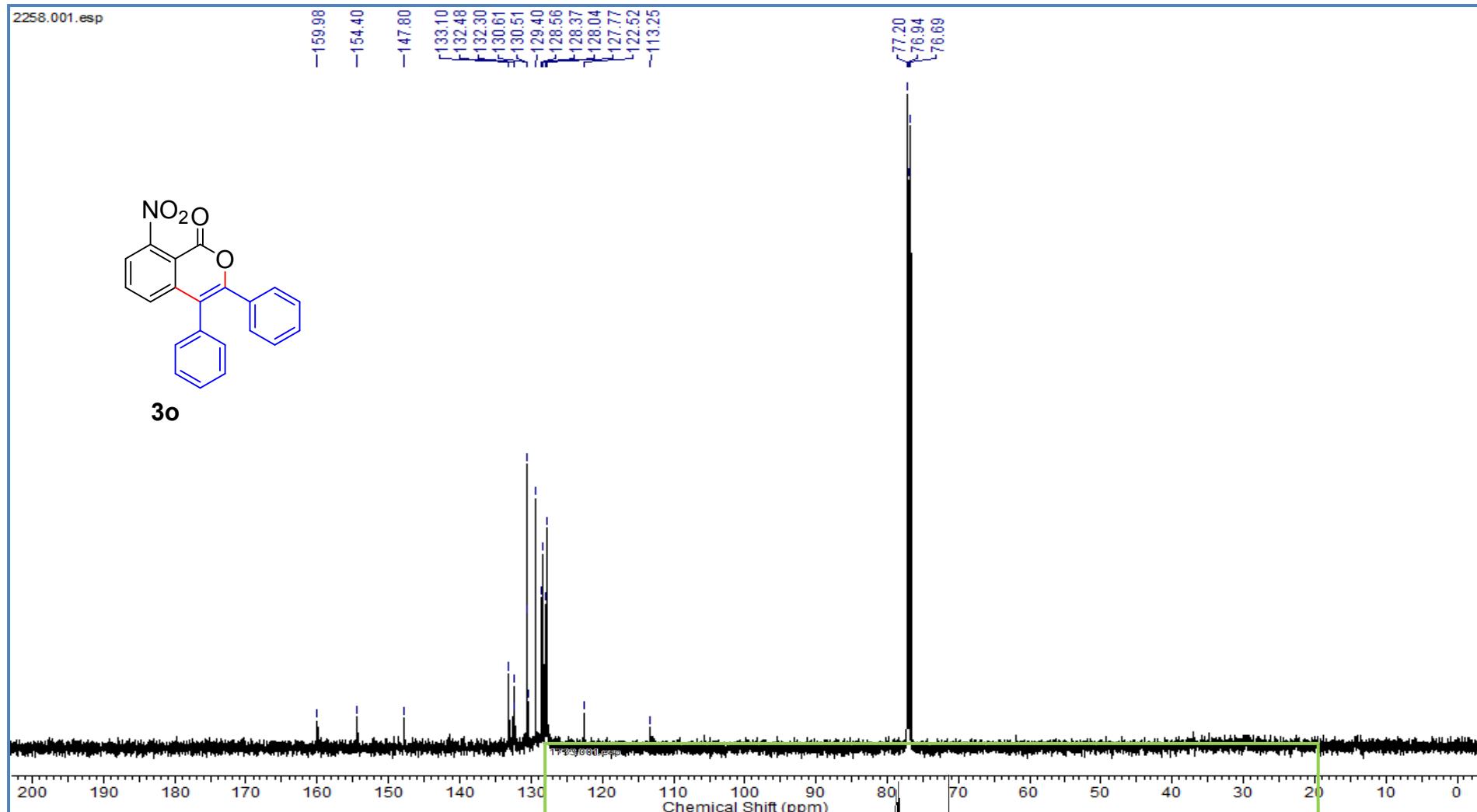




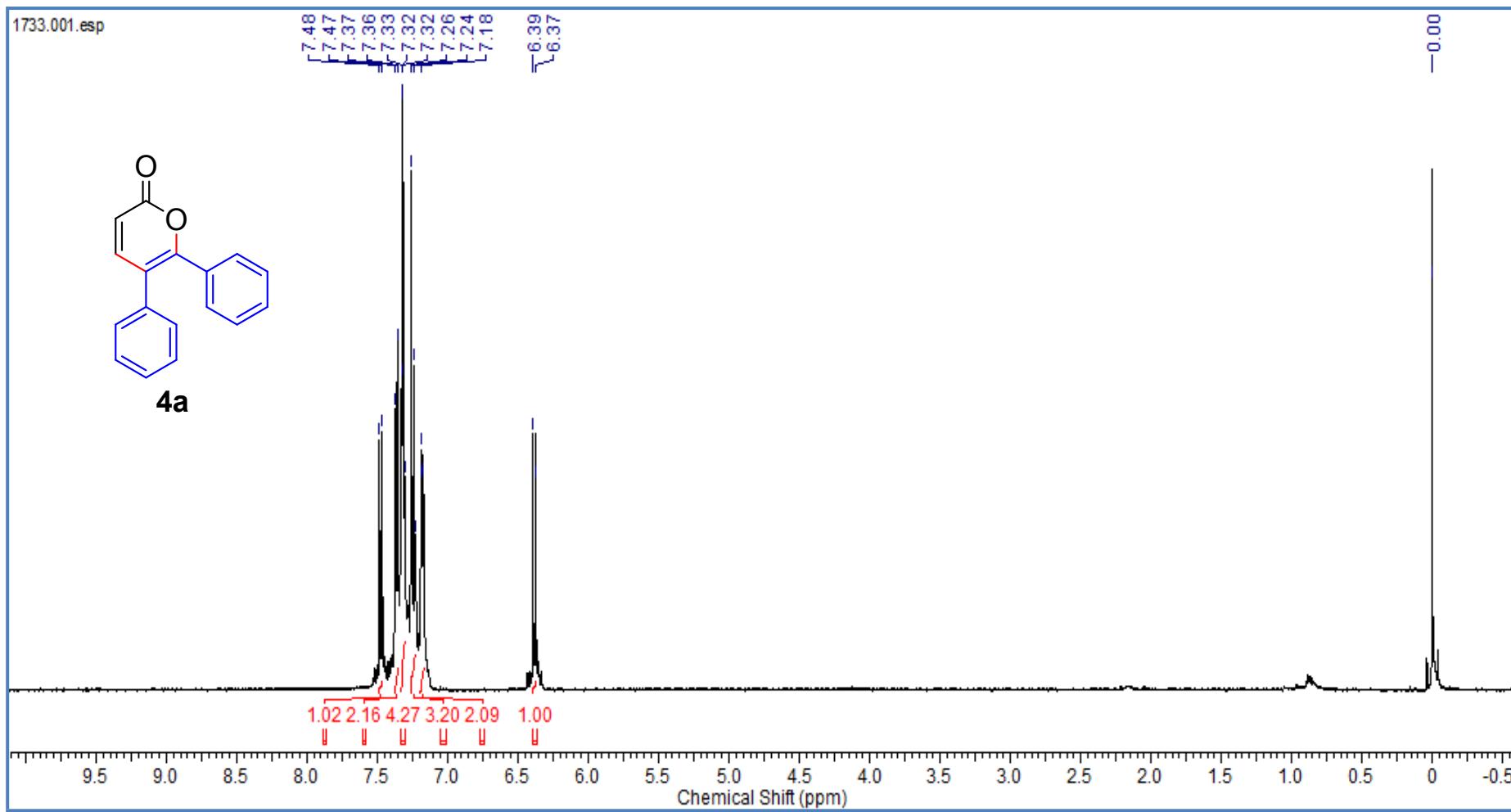


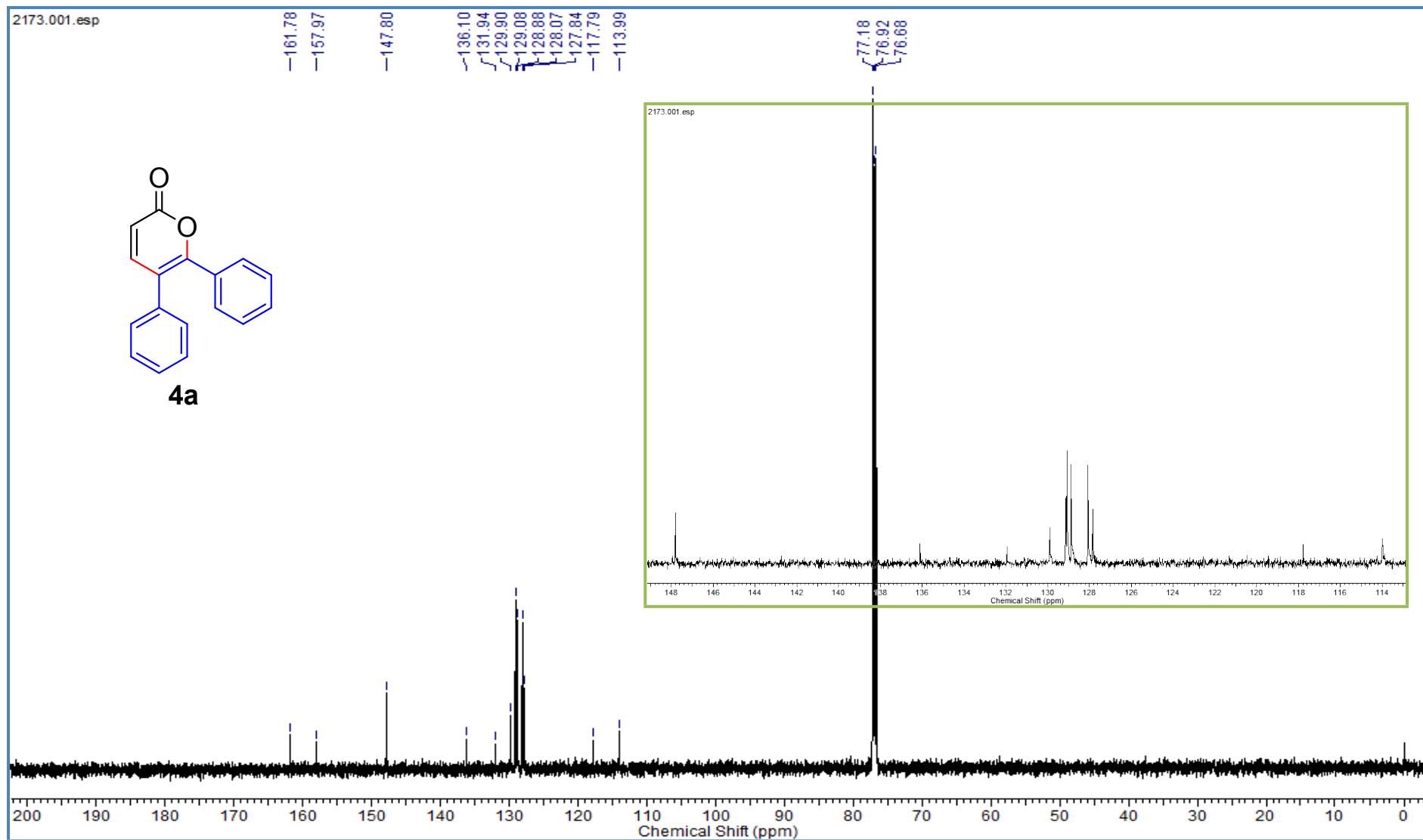


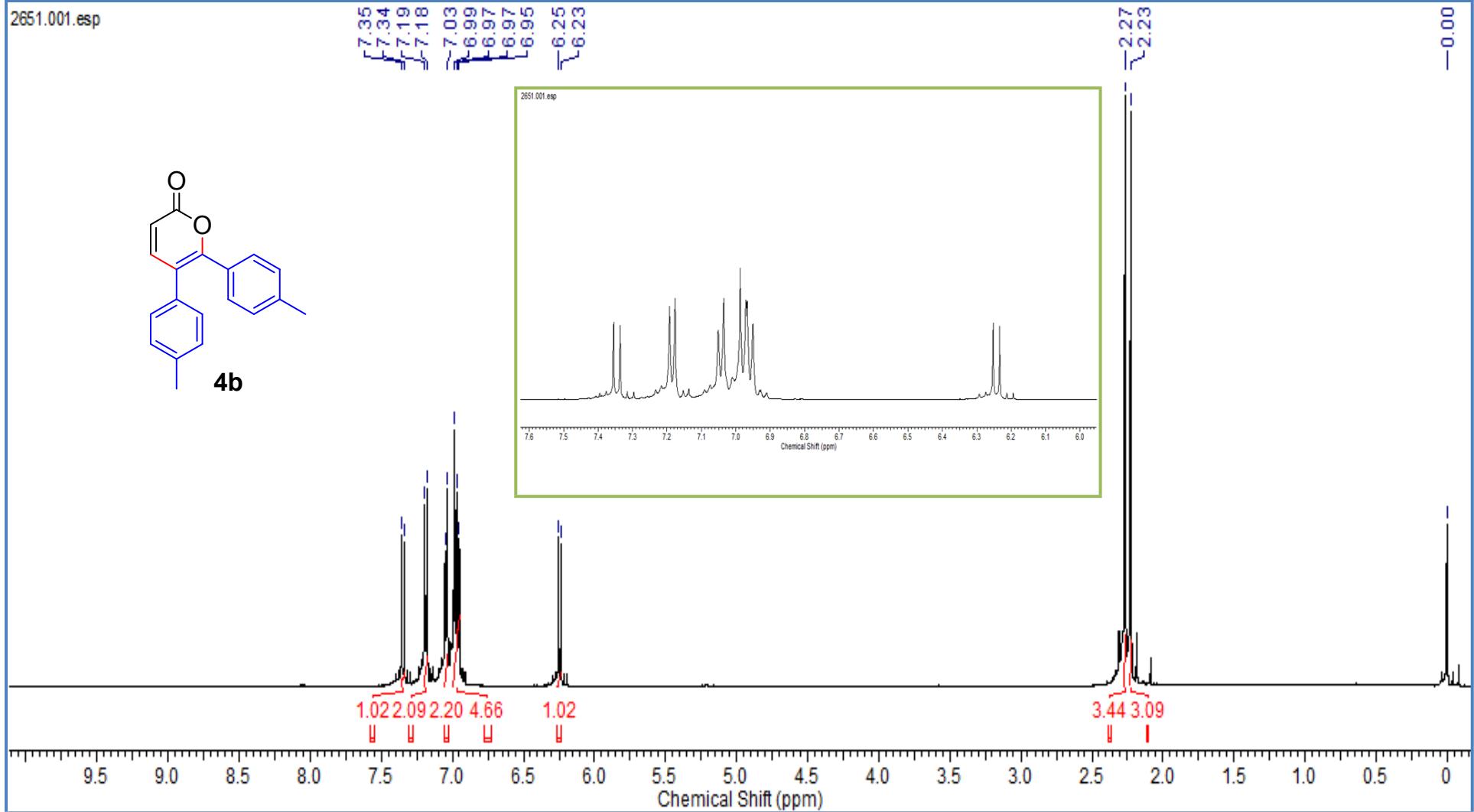


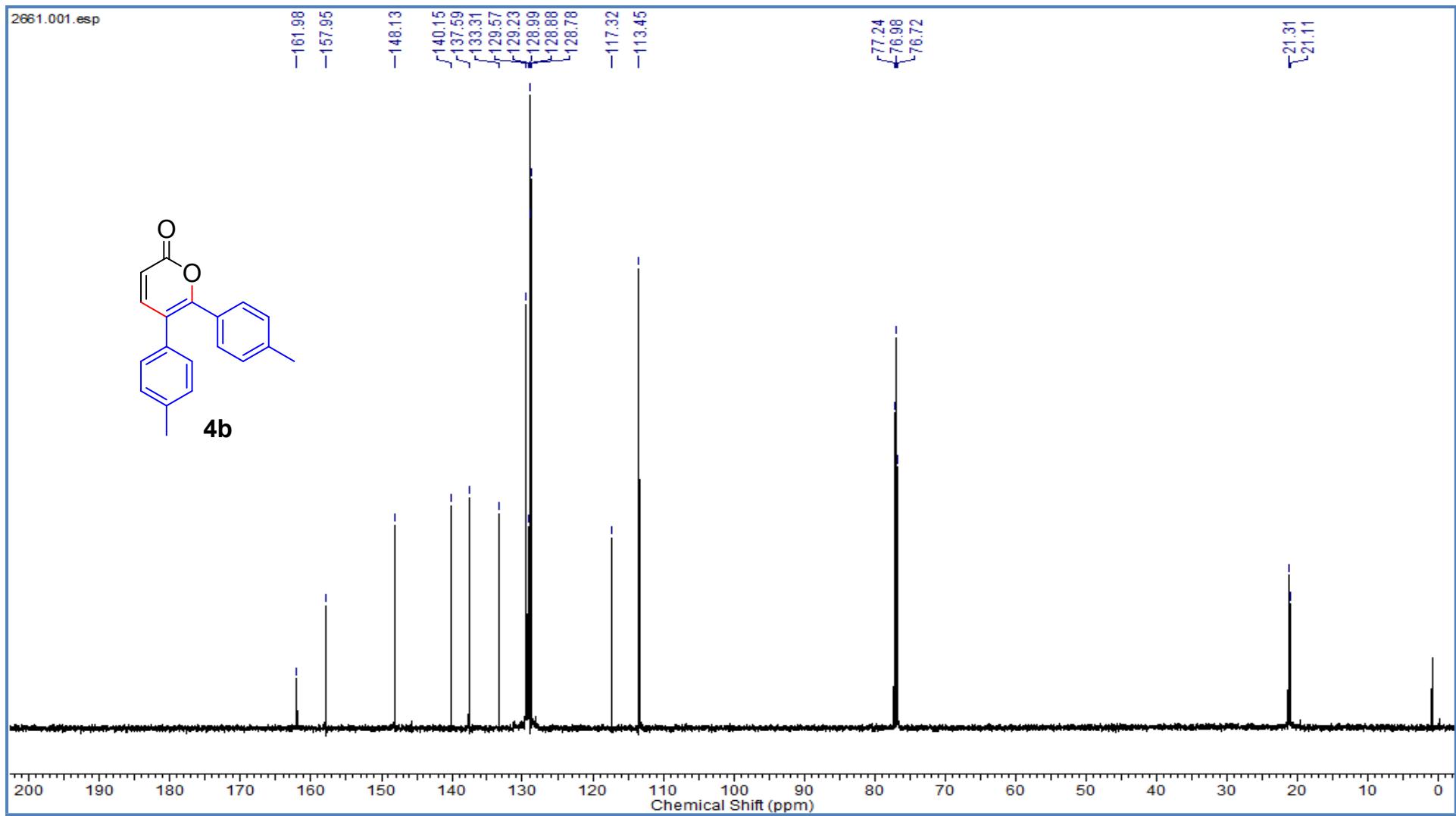


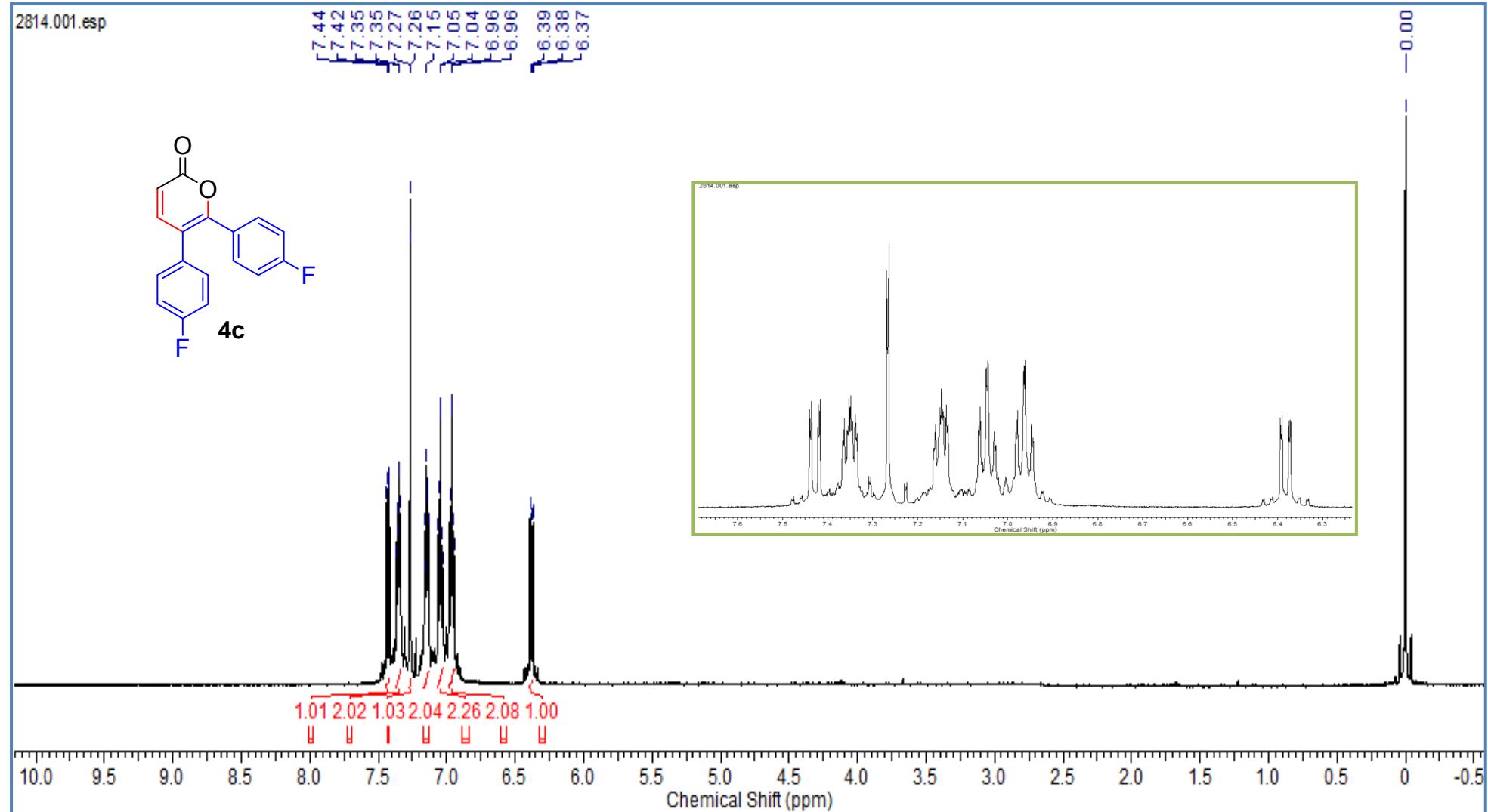
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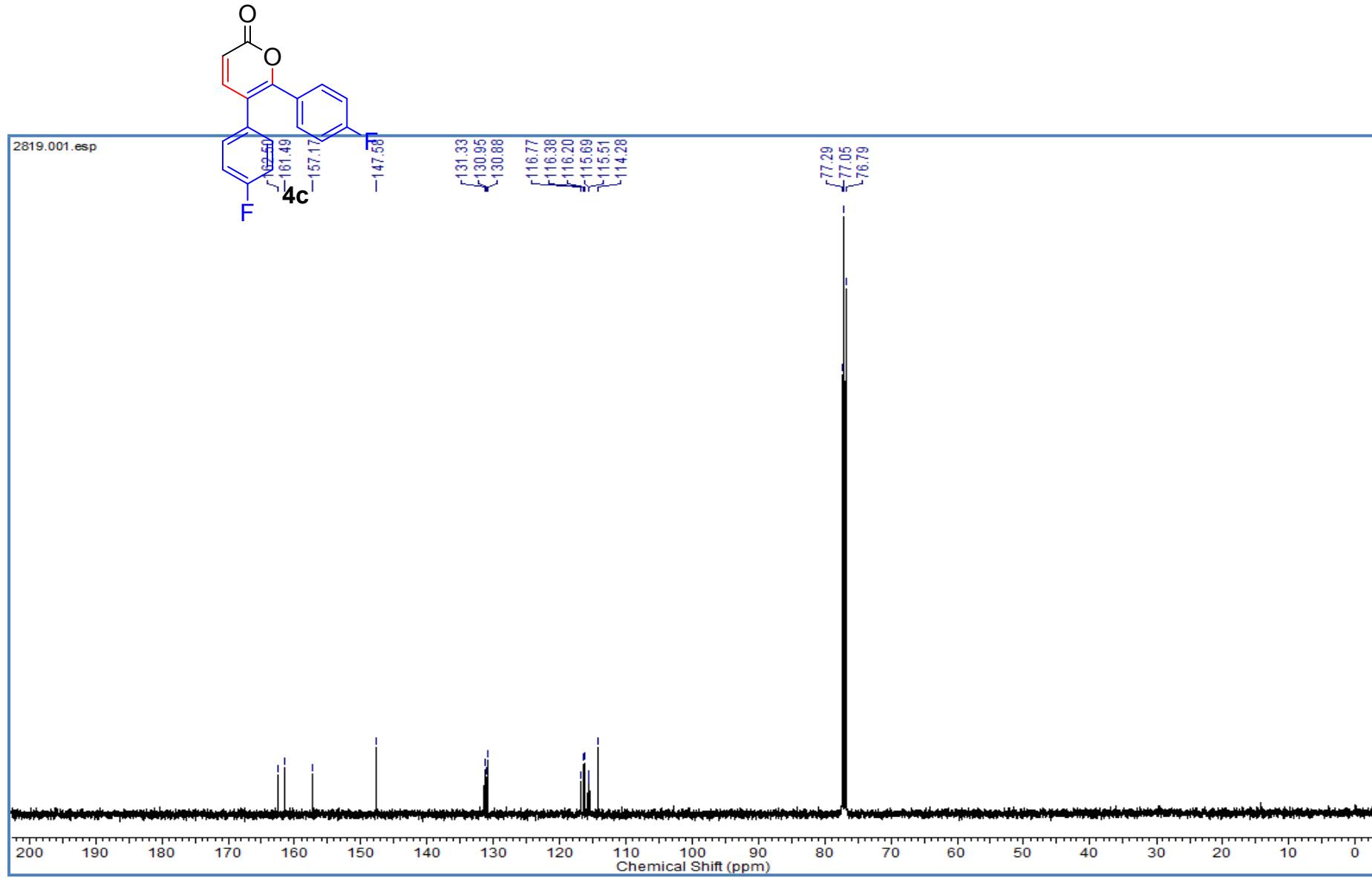


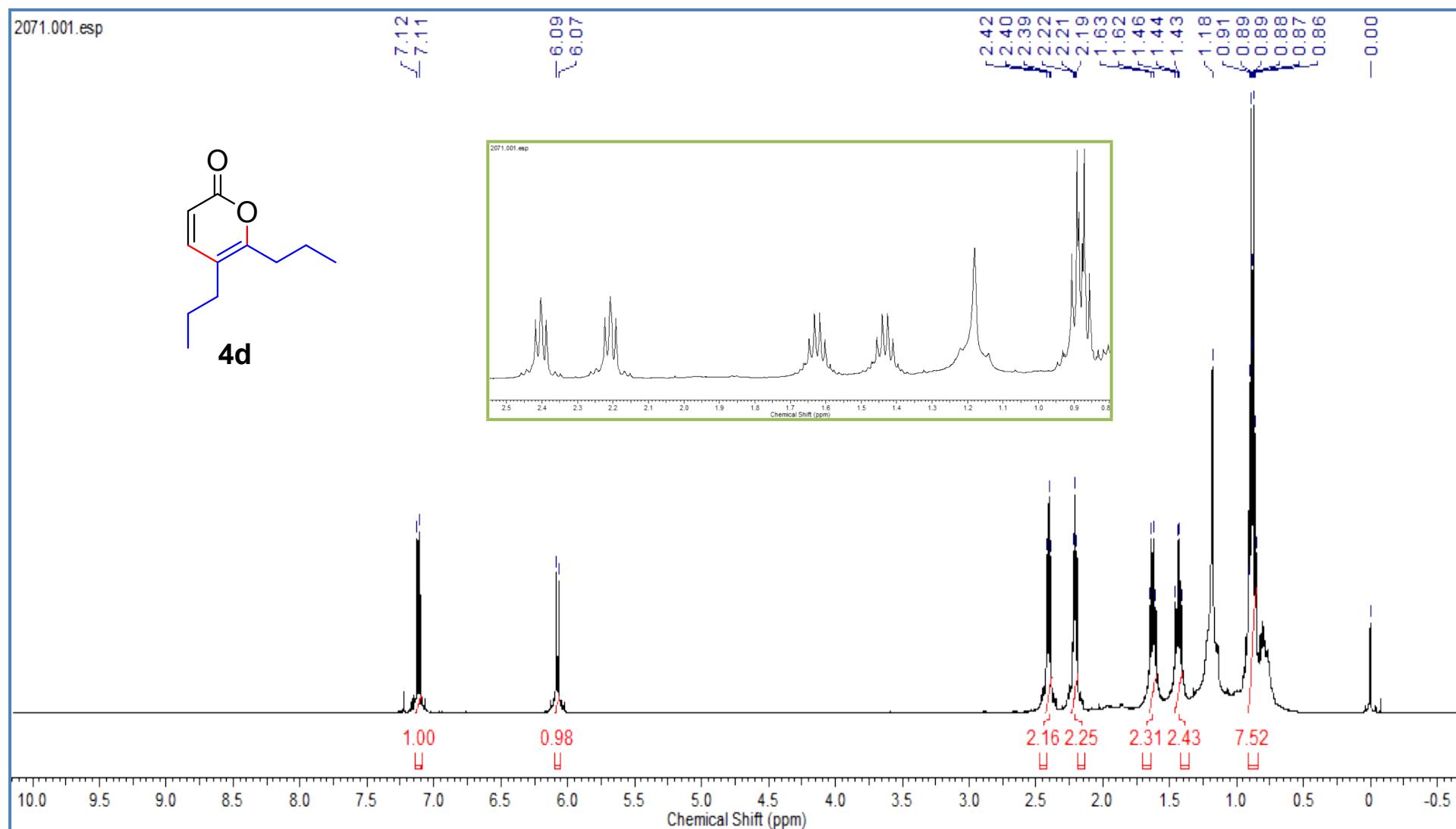


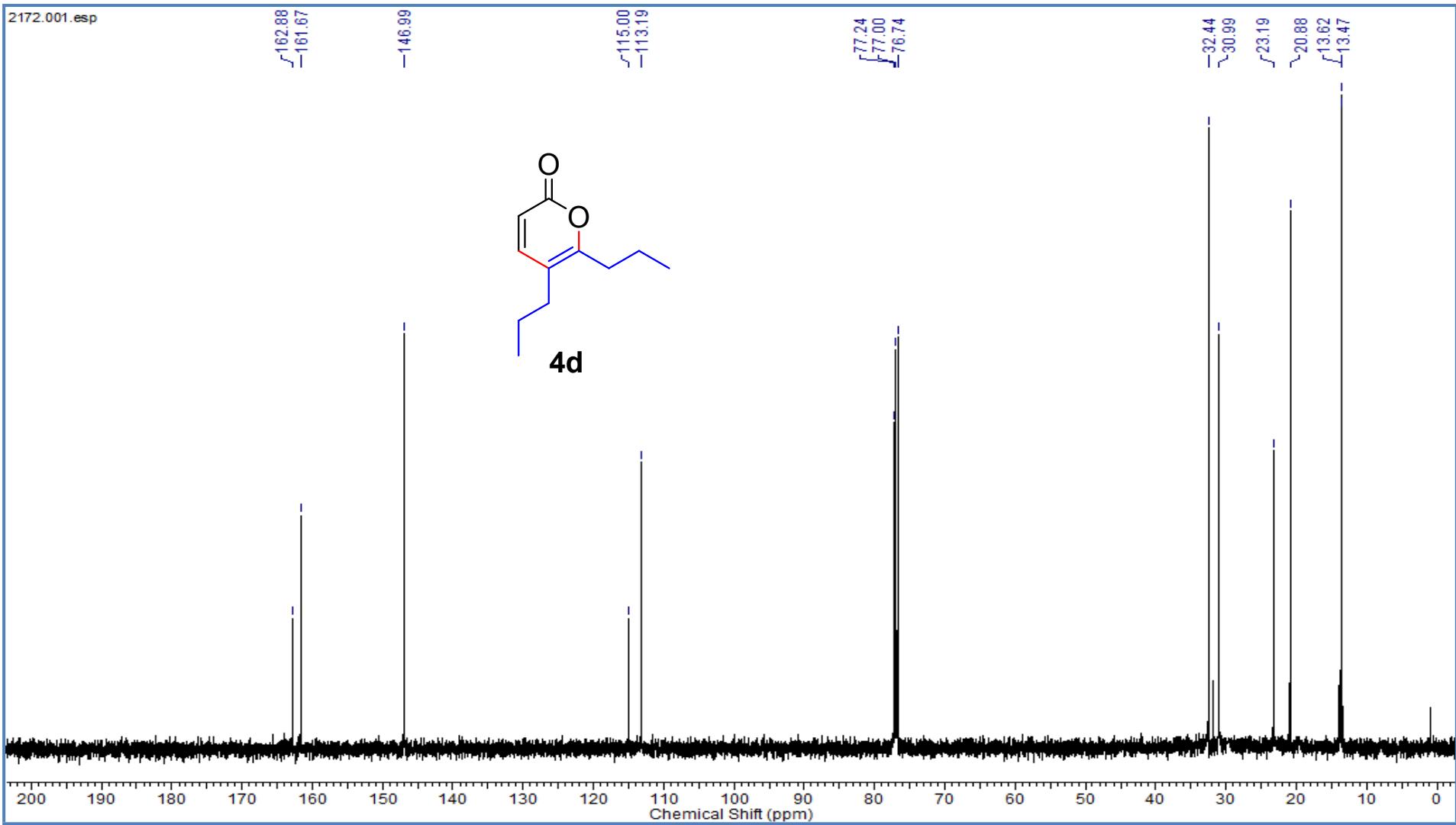


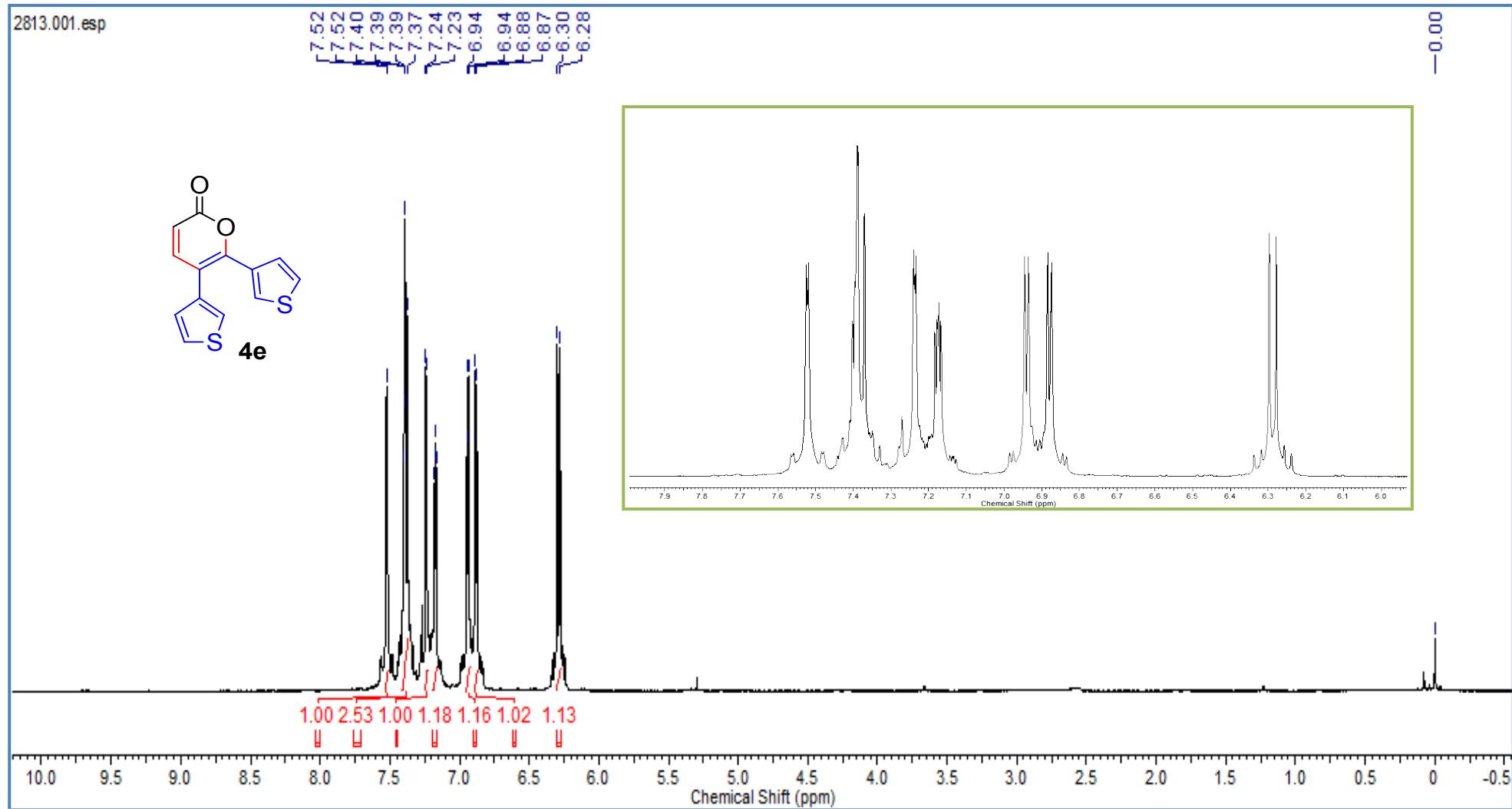


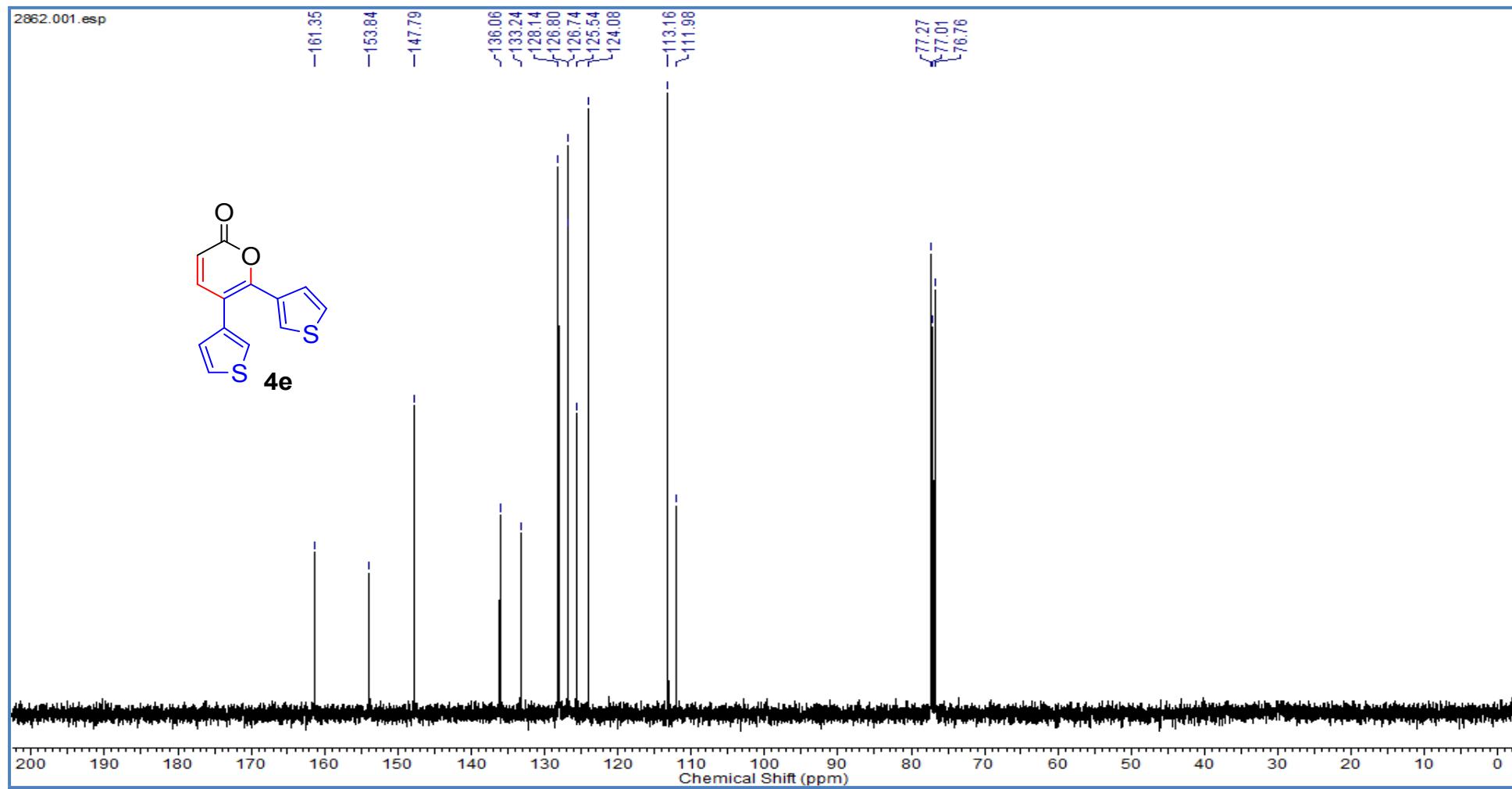


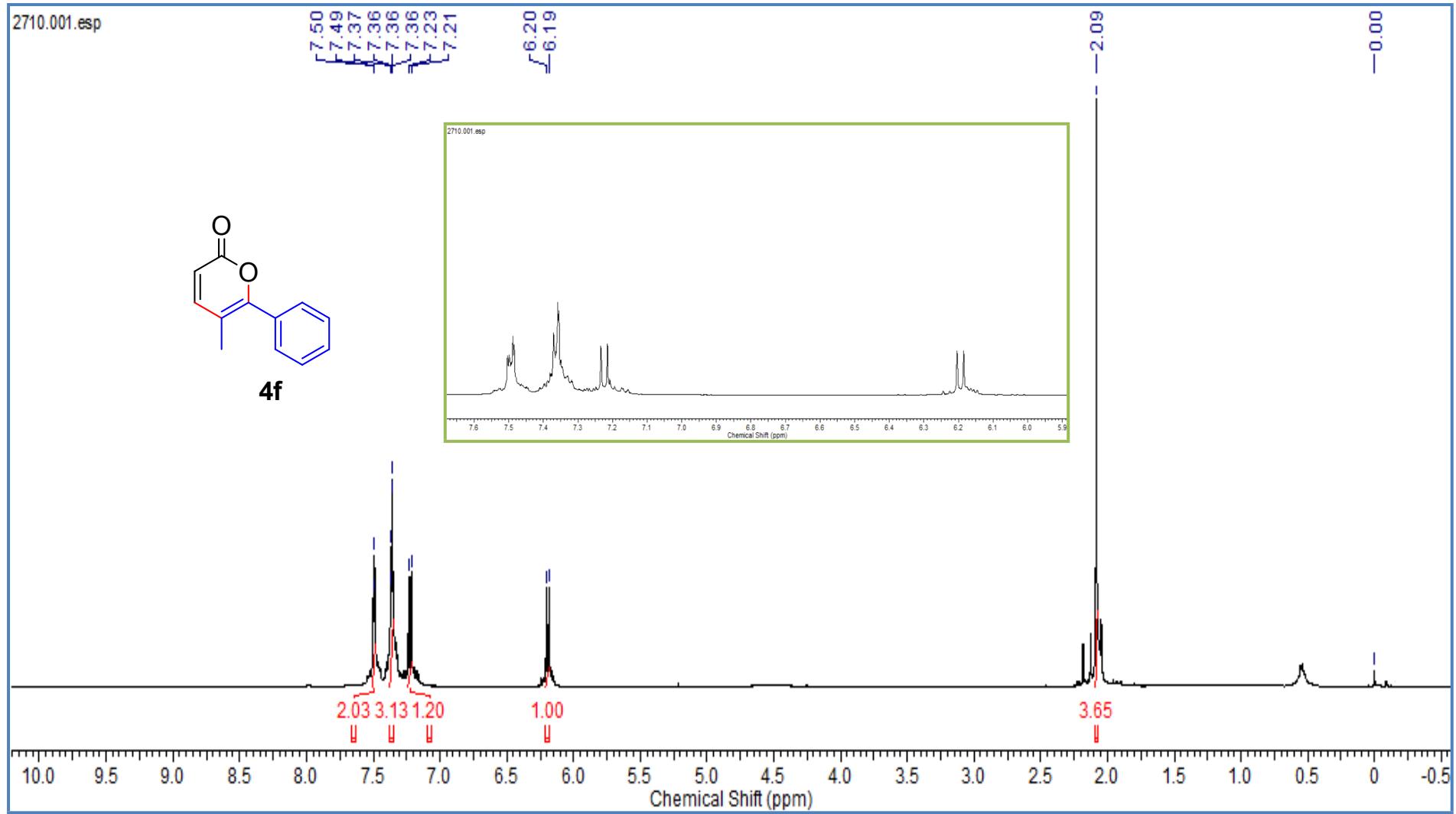


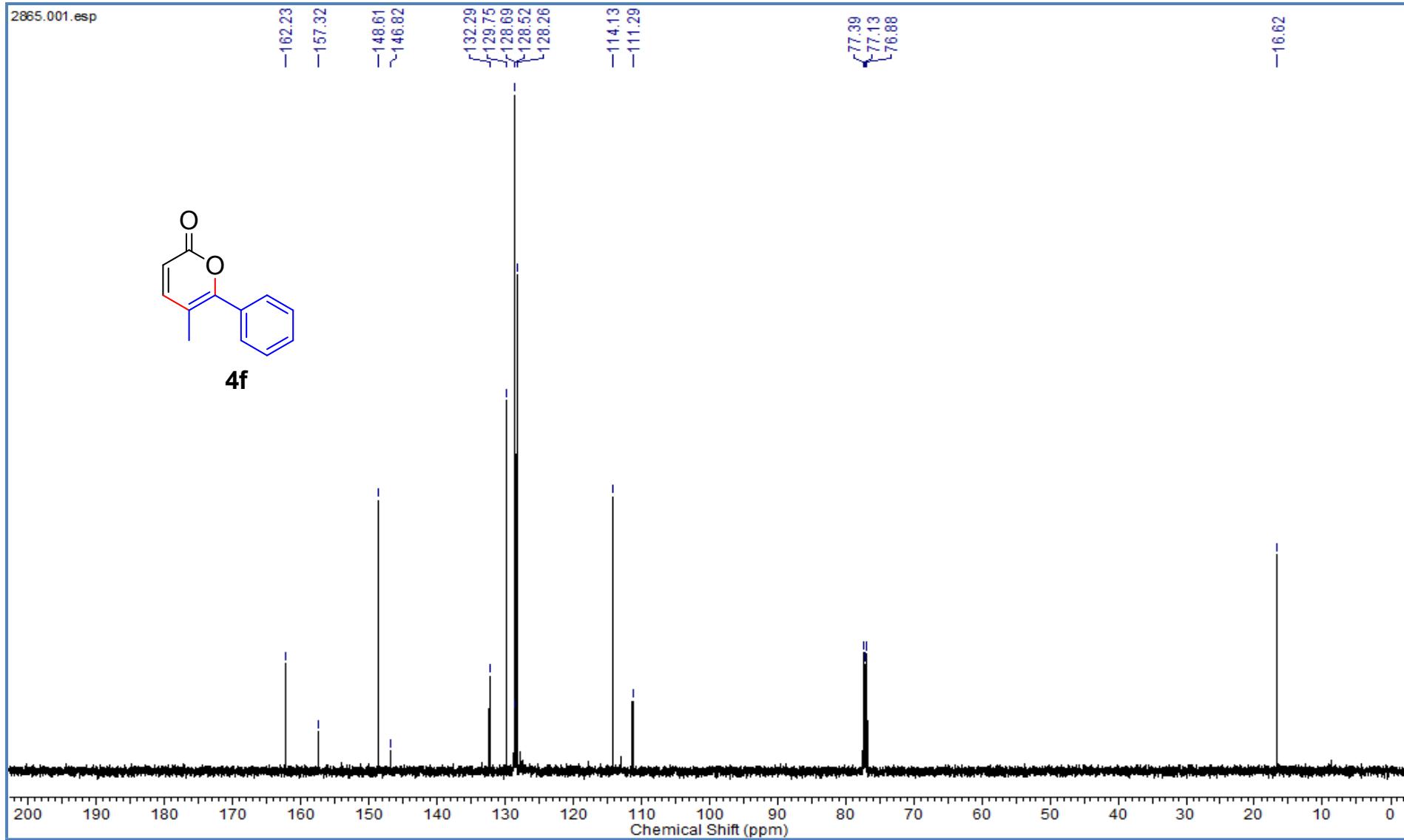


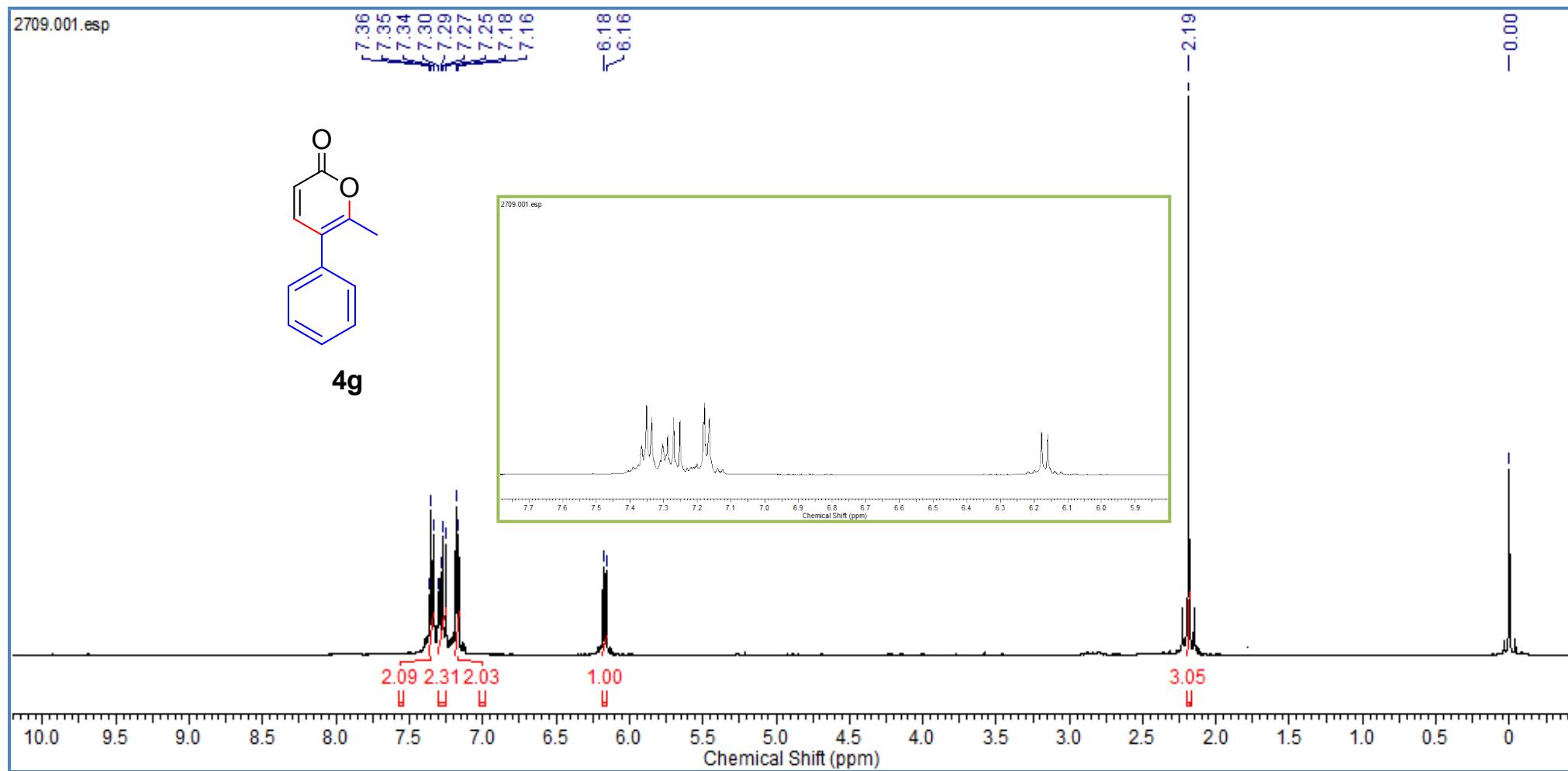


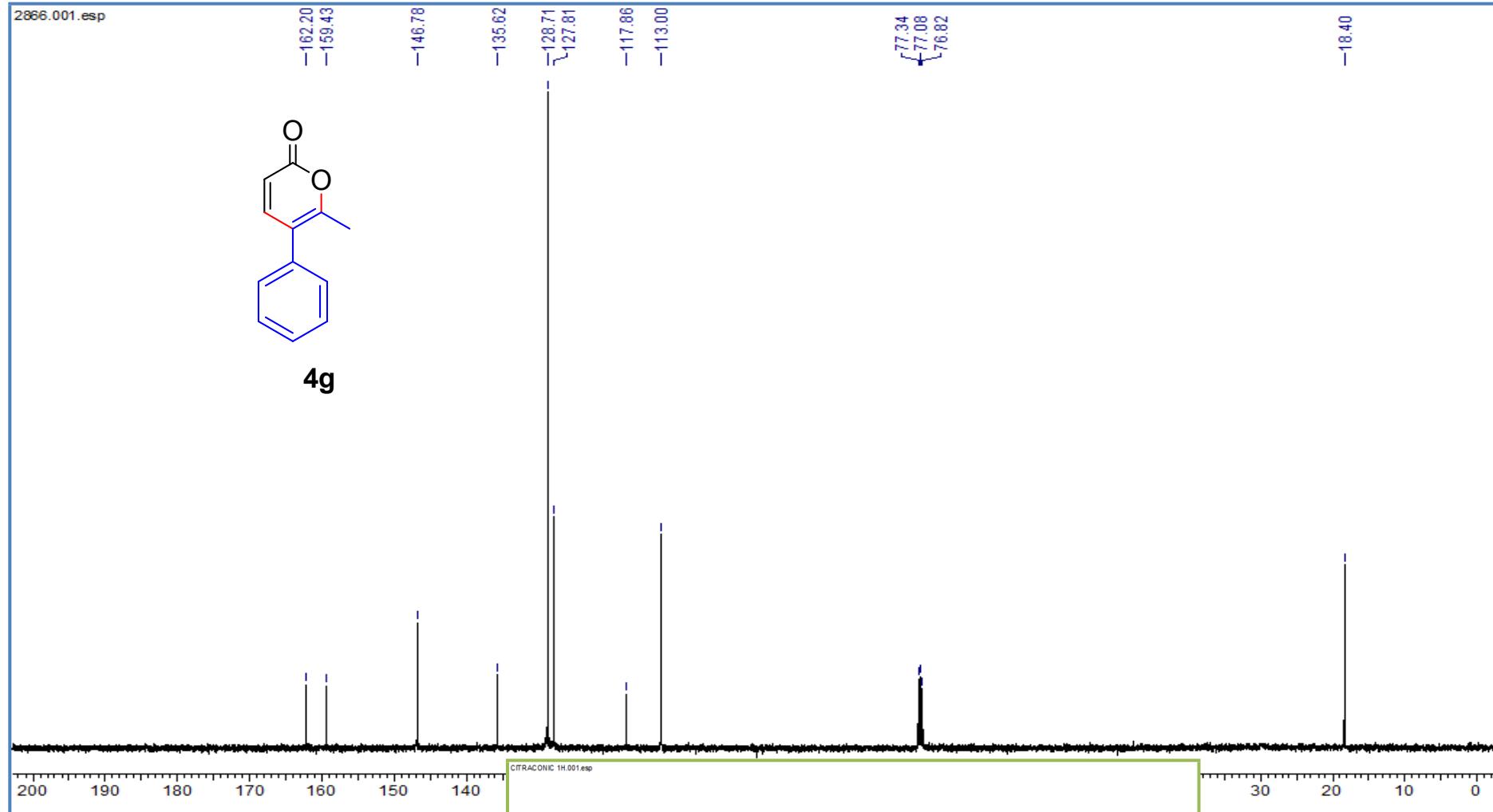




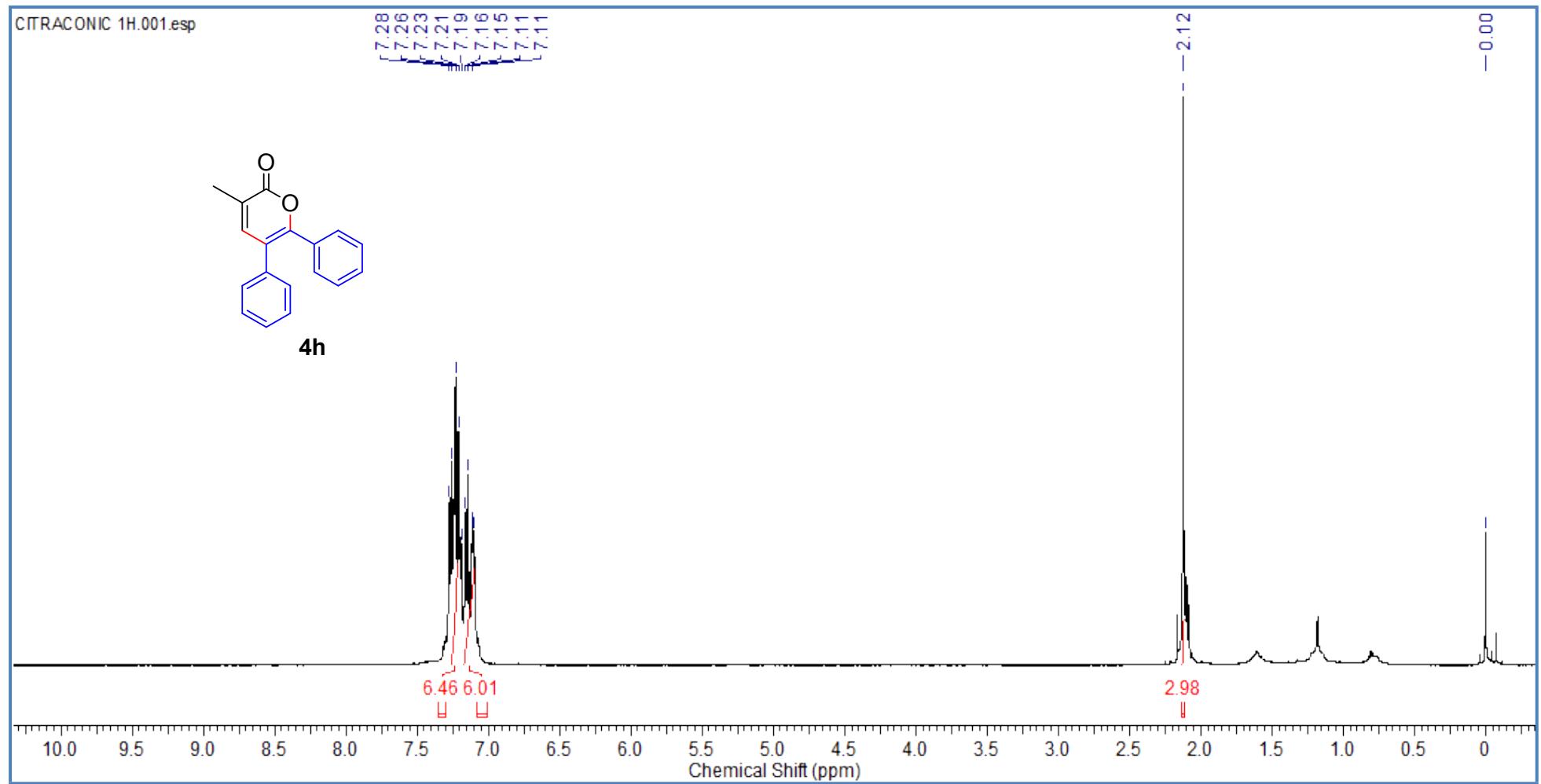


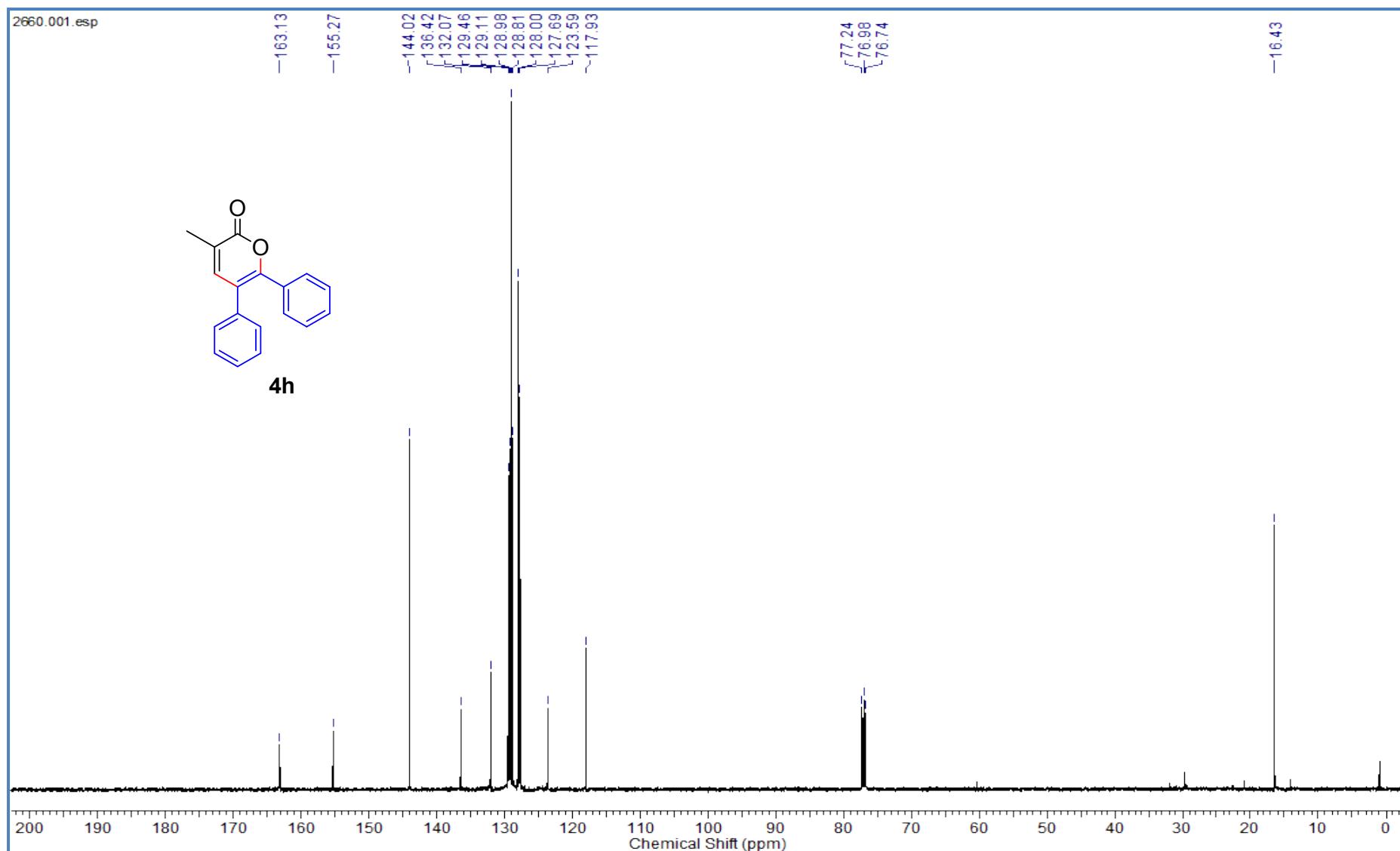






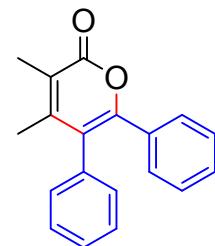
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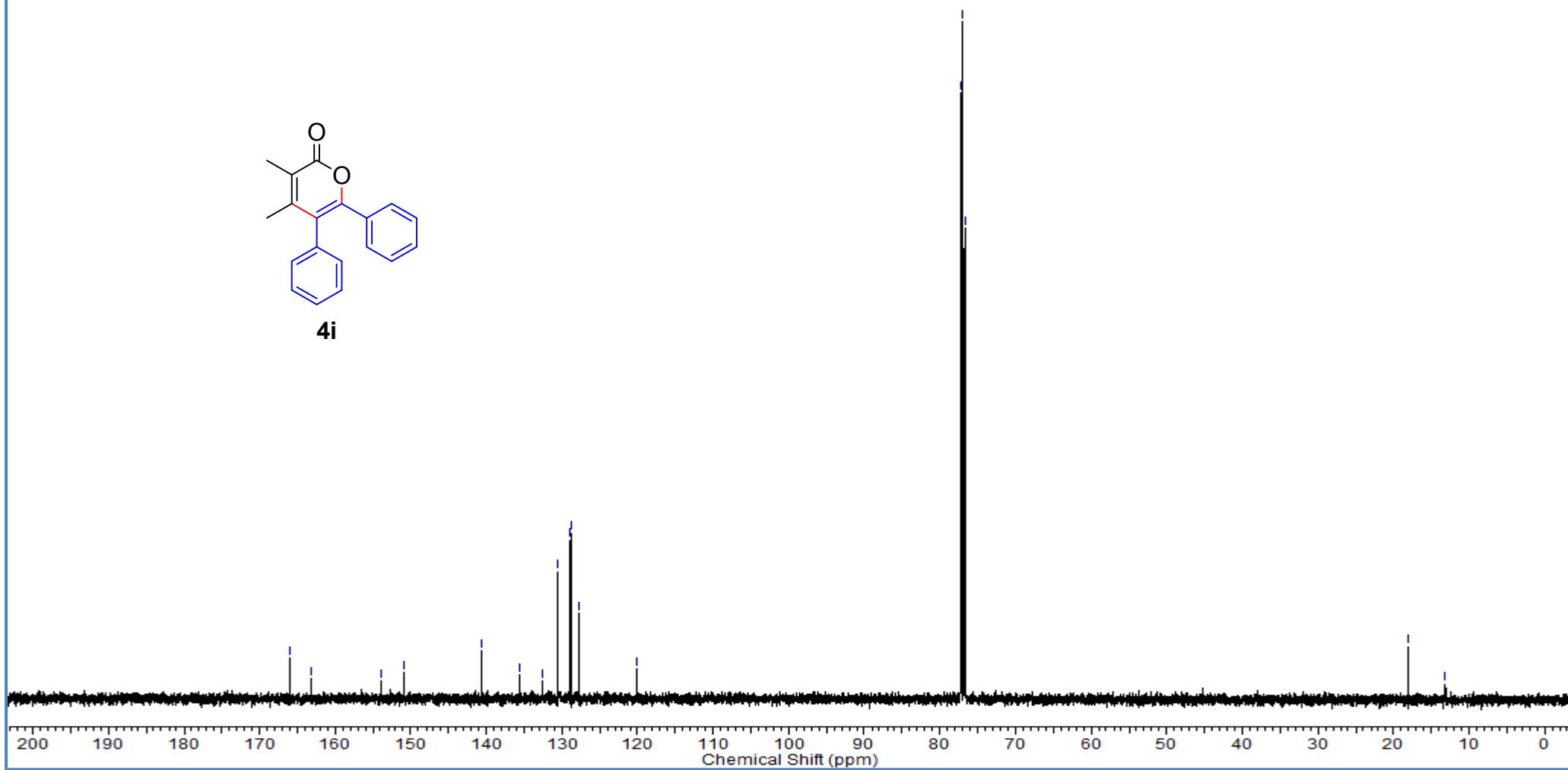


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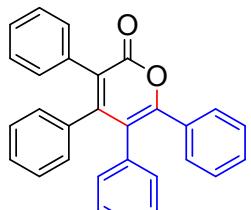
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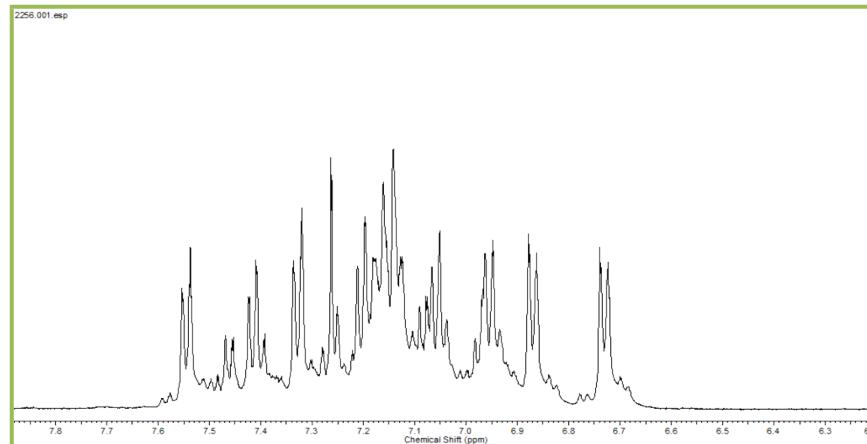
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