

A concise route to functionalized benzofurans directly from *gem*-dibromoalkenes and phenols

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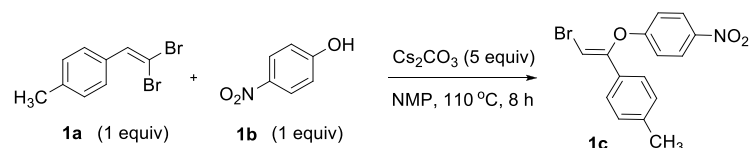
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1. Preparation of (2,2-dibromovinyl)benzene:

To a round bottom flask, benzaldehyde (1 g, 9.42mmol, 1equiv) in 30 mL DCM and cooled at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, CBr₄ (6.2 g, 18.84 mmol, 2 equiv) and PPh₃ (9.9 g, 37.68 mmol, 4 equiv) were added successively in portions and stirred for 1 h under N₂. After that, the reaction mixture was quenched with hexane, filtered and the eluted part was concentrated for further purification by column chromatography (100-200 mesh silica-gel) using hexane as eluent. The desired product was obtained as pale yellow liquid (2.3 g, 93%) and is consistent with literature data.

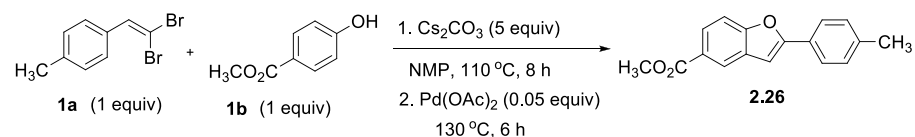
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2. Preparation of 1c:



An oven-dried Schlenk tube under N₂ atmosphere was charged with 1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-4-methylbenzene **1a** (0.104 g, 0.375 mmol, 1 equiv), *p*-nitrophenol **1b** (0.52 g, 0.375 mmol, 1equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (0.611 g, 1.875 mmol, 5 equiv) and NMP (3 mL) respectively. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C in an oil bath for 8 h under N₂. The mixture was cooled to r.t. and followed by work-up using ethylacetate (50 mL). The organic extract was washed with water (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using 2% EtOAc in hexane as eluent. Product **1c** was isolated as yellow viscous liquid (0.109 g, 87%). This procedure was also followed for the preparation of intermediate **3c** with (*E*)-(4,4-dibromobuta-1,3-dienyl)benzene and *p*-cyanophenol.

3. Gram scale reaction (2.26):



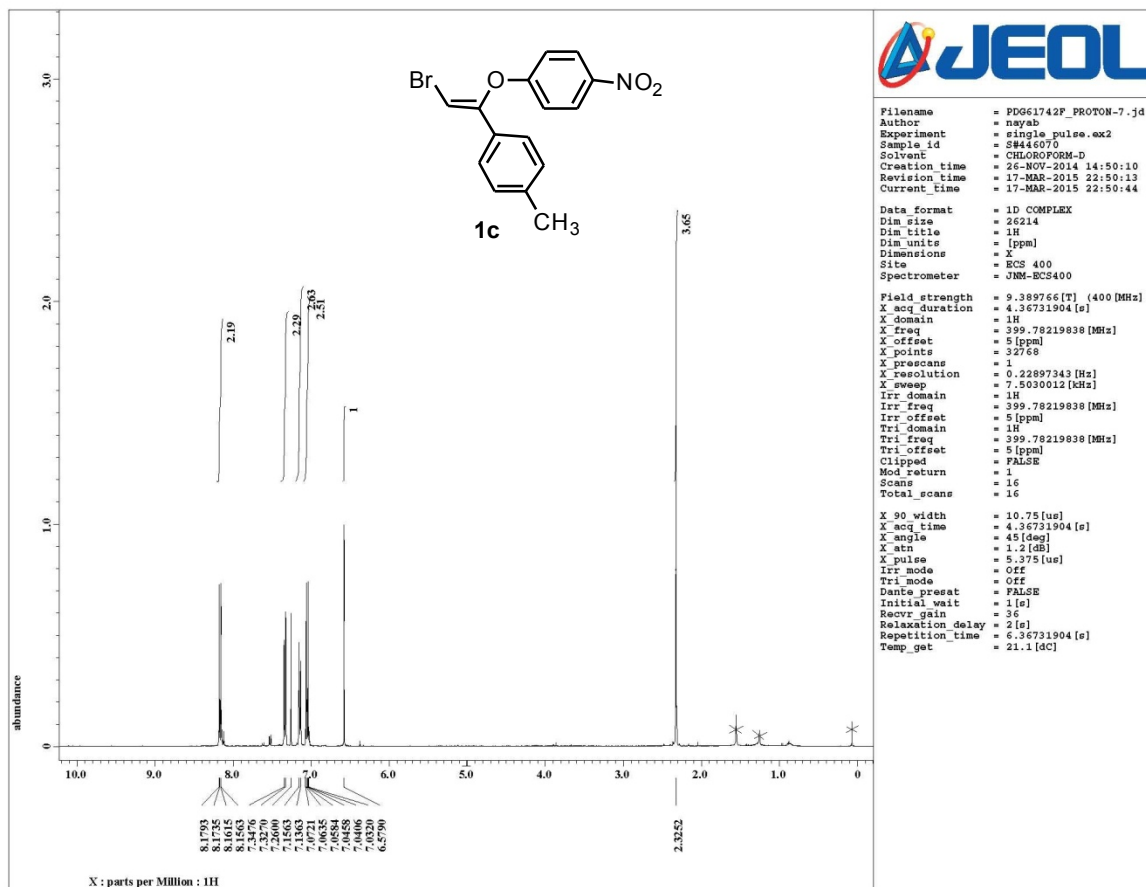
An oven-dried 100 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic pellet under N_2 atmosphere, added 1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-4-methylbenzene **1a** (1 g, 3.62 mmol, 1 equiv), methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate (0.55 g, 3.62 mmol, 1 equiv), Cs_2CO_3 (5.9 g, 18.1 mmol, 5 equiv) and NMP (35 mL) respectively. The reaction mixture was stirred at $110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in an oil bath for 8 h under N_2 . Then the mixture was cooled to r.t and added $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.041 g, 0.181 mmol, 0.05 equiv) under N_2 and continued at $130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 6 h. After cooling to r.t, the reaction mixture was transferred to a round-bottom flask to distill out NMP under reduced pressure. The obtained crude was diluted with ethyl acetate, passed through a column of silica-gel with repeated washings. The combined organic extract was concentrated to lowered volume and washed with water and brine. The ethyl acetate was concentrated and the crude was purified by using silica-gel column chromatography with 1% EtOAc in hexane to obtain **2.26** as a brown solid (0.405 g, 42%).

4. Spectral data of intermediates 4c and 5c:

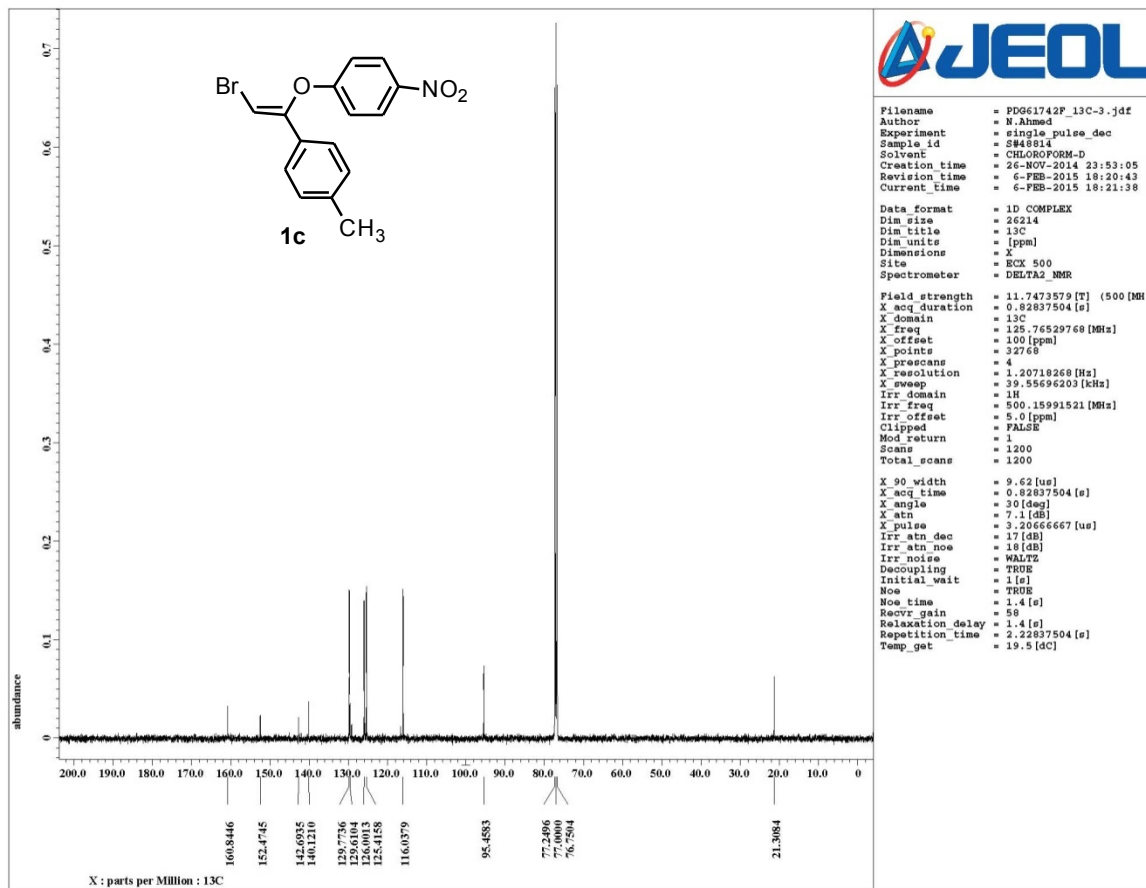
4c. Pale yellow viscous liquid (0.095 g, 50%, as isomeric mixtures); $R_f = 0.64$ (EtOAc-hexane 1:9). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 (d, 0.8H, $J = 8.72$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.16-7.13 (d, 0.4H, $J = 8.72$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 6.62 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 6.57-6.54 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 6.47-6.45 (m, 0.5H, Ar-H), 6.40 (d, 0.6H, $J = 6.4$ Hz, Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 2H, $-\text{CH}_{\text{olefin}}$), 6.30 (s, 0.2H, $-\text{CH}_{\text{olefin}}$), 2.30 (s, 8H, $-\text{CH}_3$), 2.28 (s, 1H, $-\text{CH}_3$). ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.0, 153.3, 139.2, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 128.8, 125.8, 110.2, 105.2, 94.2, 21.3. IR (film): 3165, 2862, 1543, 1026, 667 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_2$ [M^+] 497.9830; found 497.9839. The intermediate **4c** is susceptible for decomposition on standing at room temperature.

5c. Yellow viscous liquid (0.084 g, 38%, as isomeric mixtures); $R_f = 0.20$ (EtOAc-hexane 1:9). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.42 (d, 0.4H, $J = 9.16$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 6.78-6.75 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 0.2H, $-\text{CH}_{\text{olefin}}$), 6.32 (s, 2H, $-\text{CH}_{\text{olefin}}$), 3.82 (s, 3H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$), 3.77 (s, 6H, $-\text{CH}_3$). ^{13}C (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.0, 160.4, 156.9, 152.7, 132.5, 131.0, 127.3, 125.5, 114.2, 113.7, 112.2, 111.9, 111.4, 109.8, 109.3, 93.6, 93.4, 55.3, 52.3. IR (film): 3165, 2824, 1703, 1643, 1496, 1138, 1057, 733 cm^{-1} . HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{Br}_2\text{O}_6$ [M^+] 587.9783; found 587.9788.

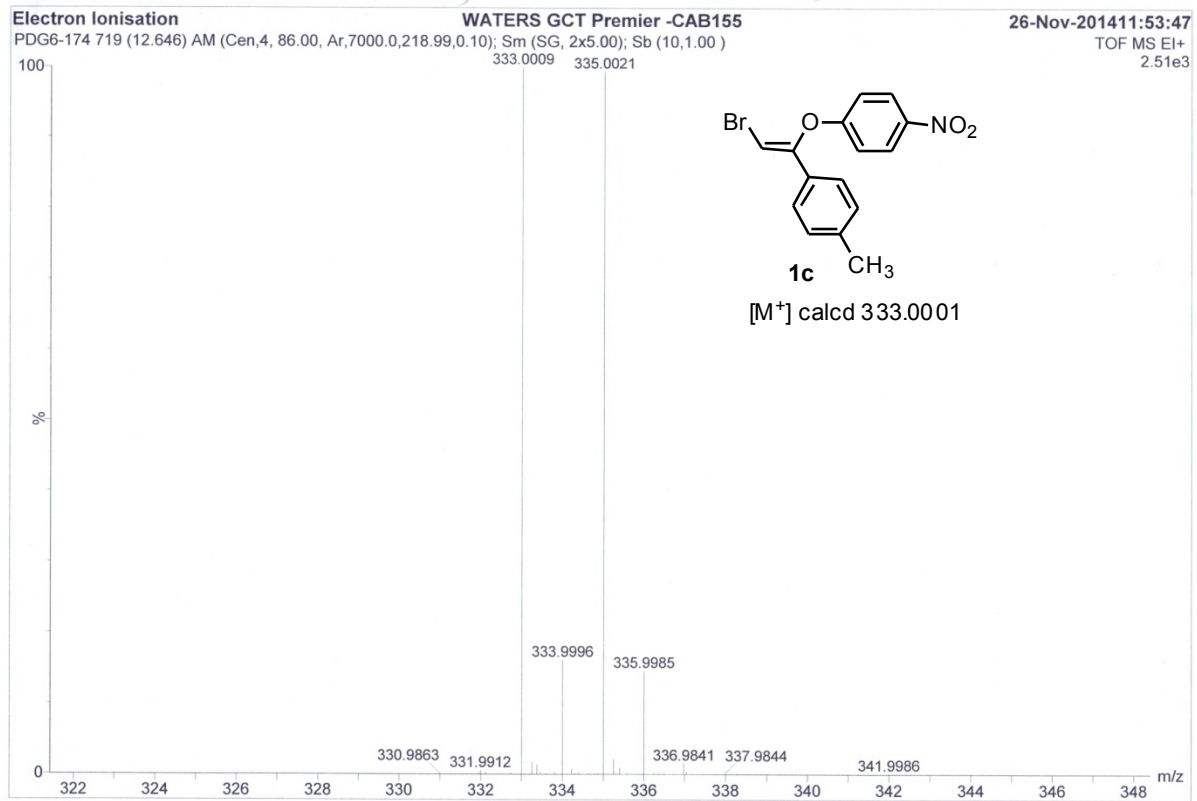
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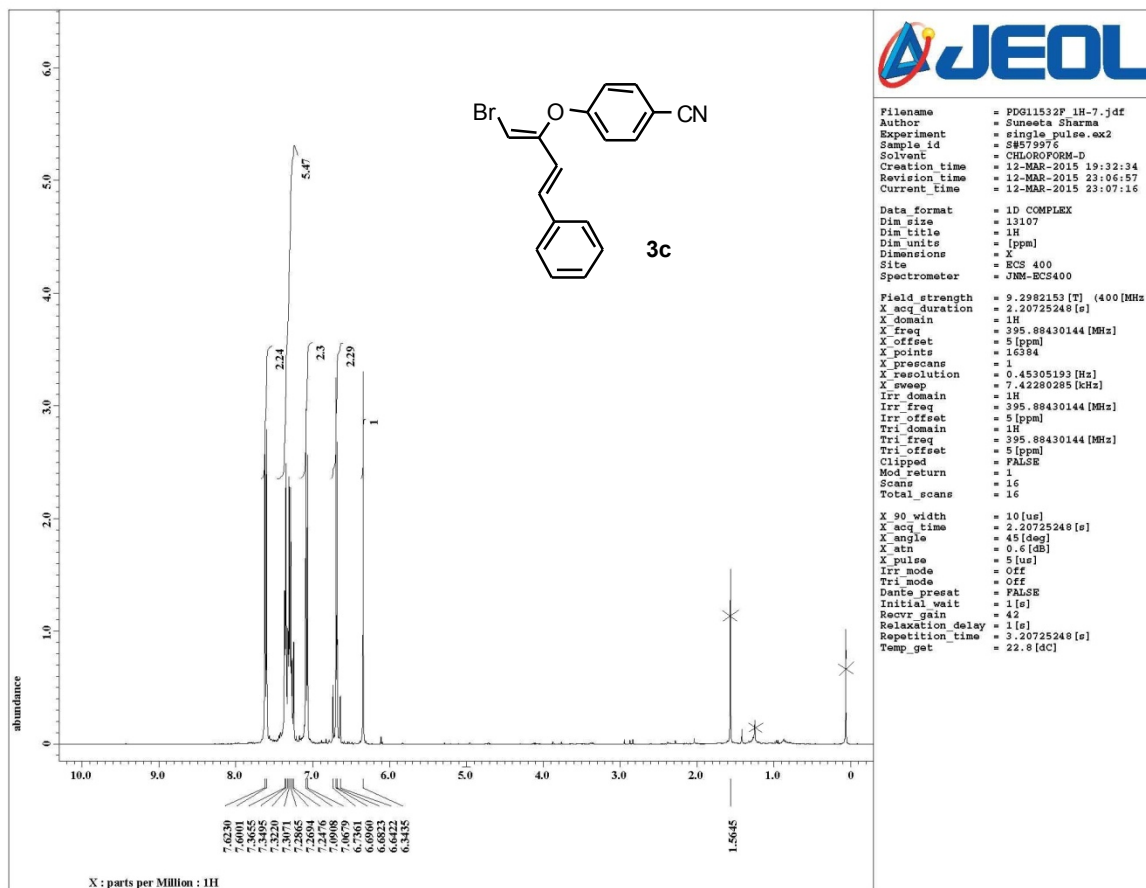


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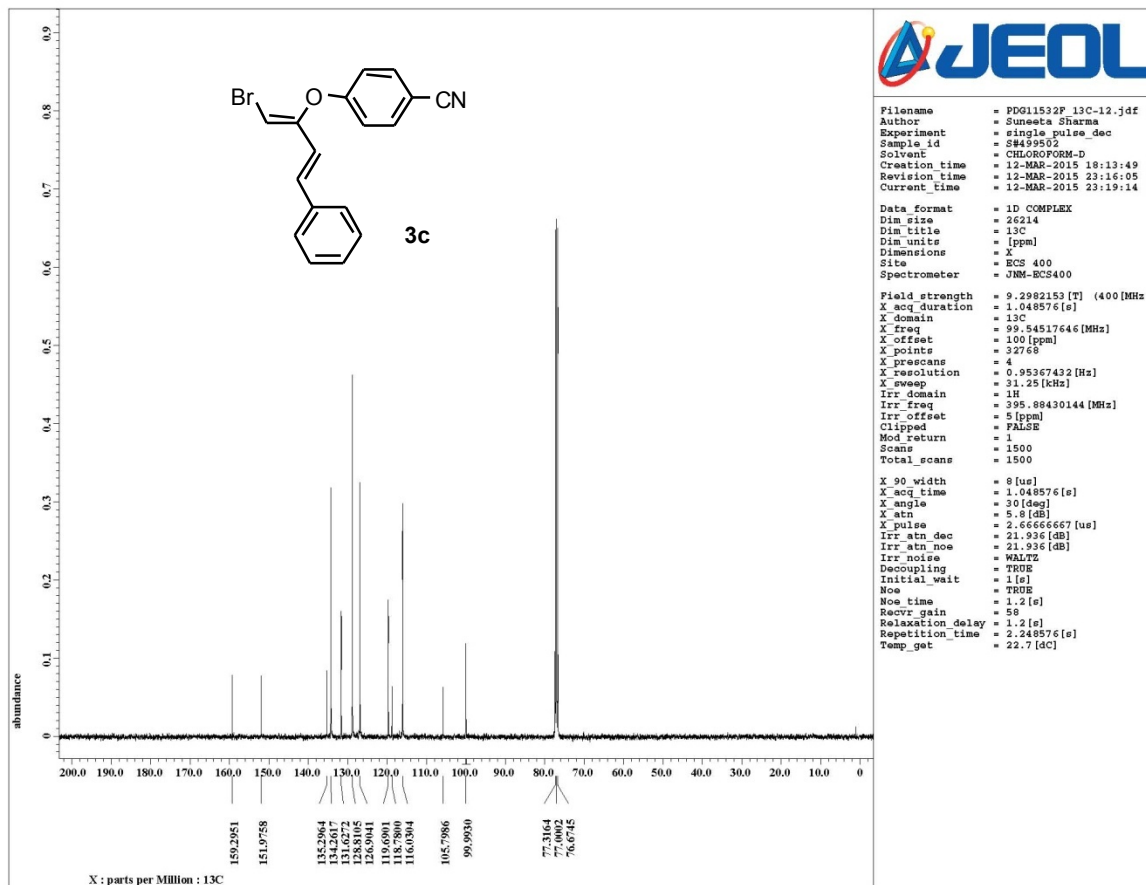


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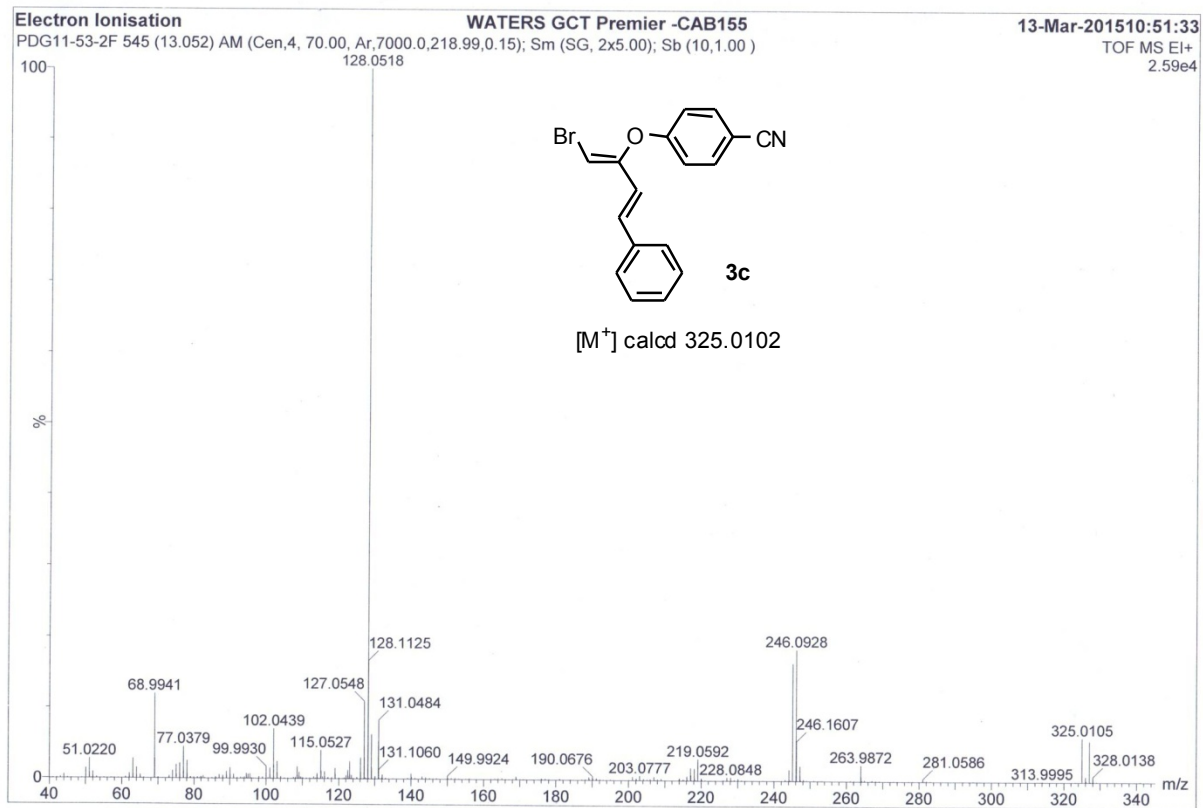
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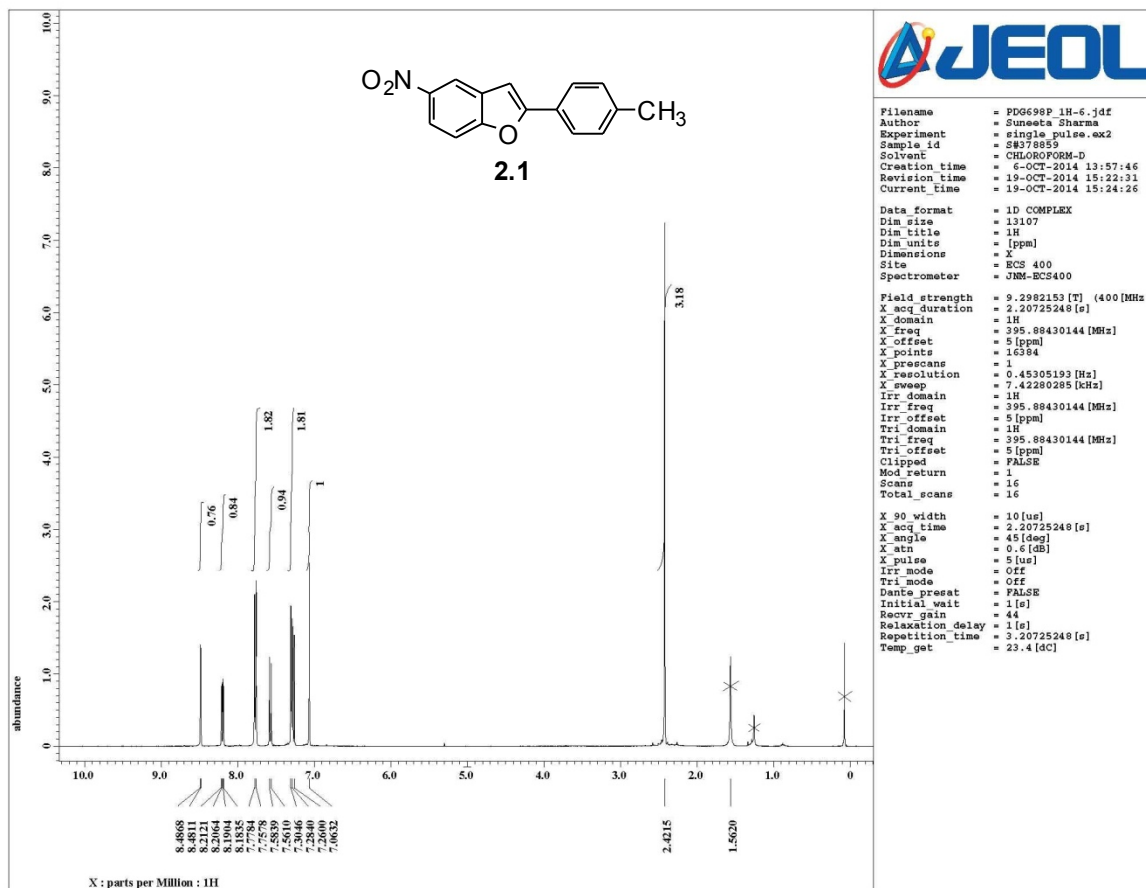


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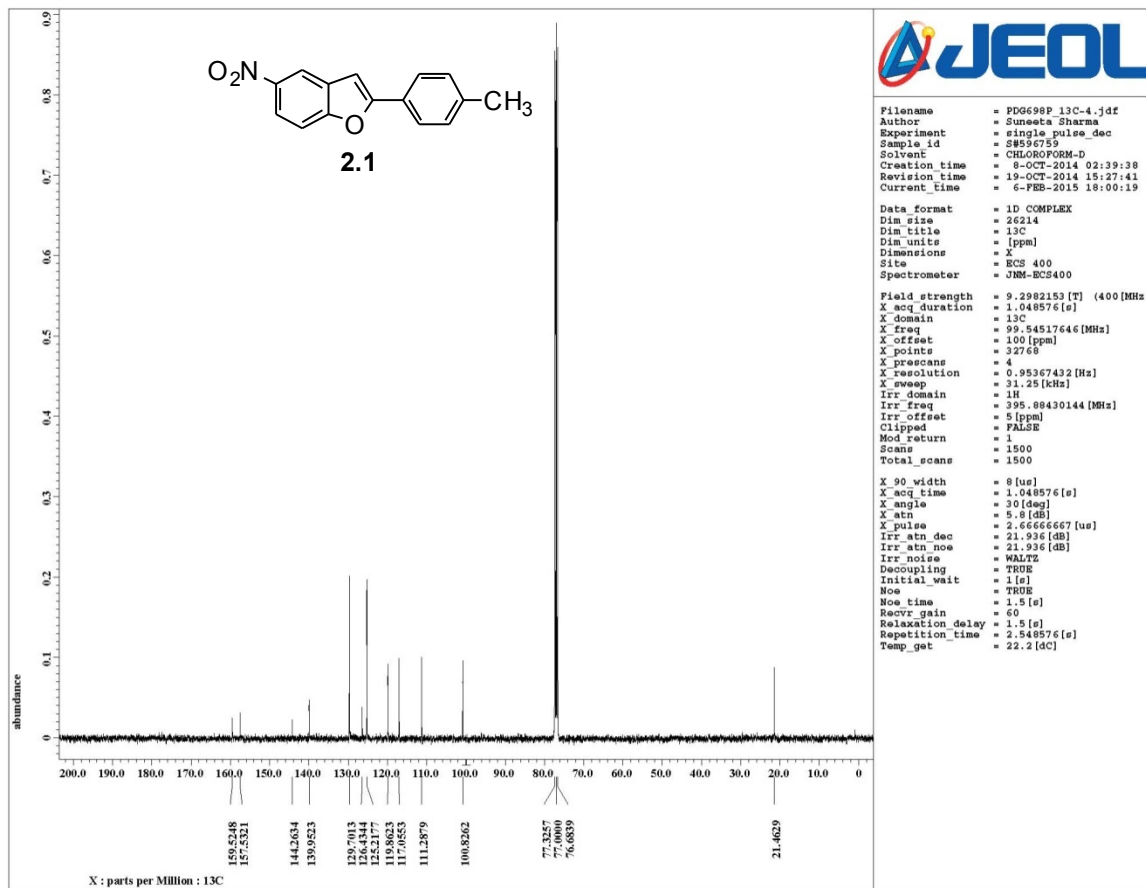


EI (HRMS) spectrum of **3c**

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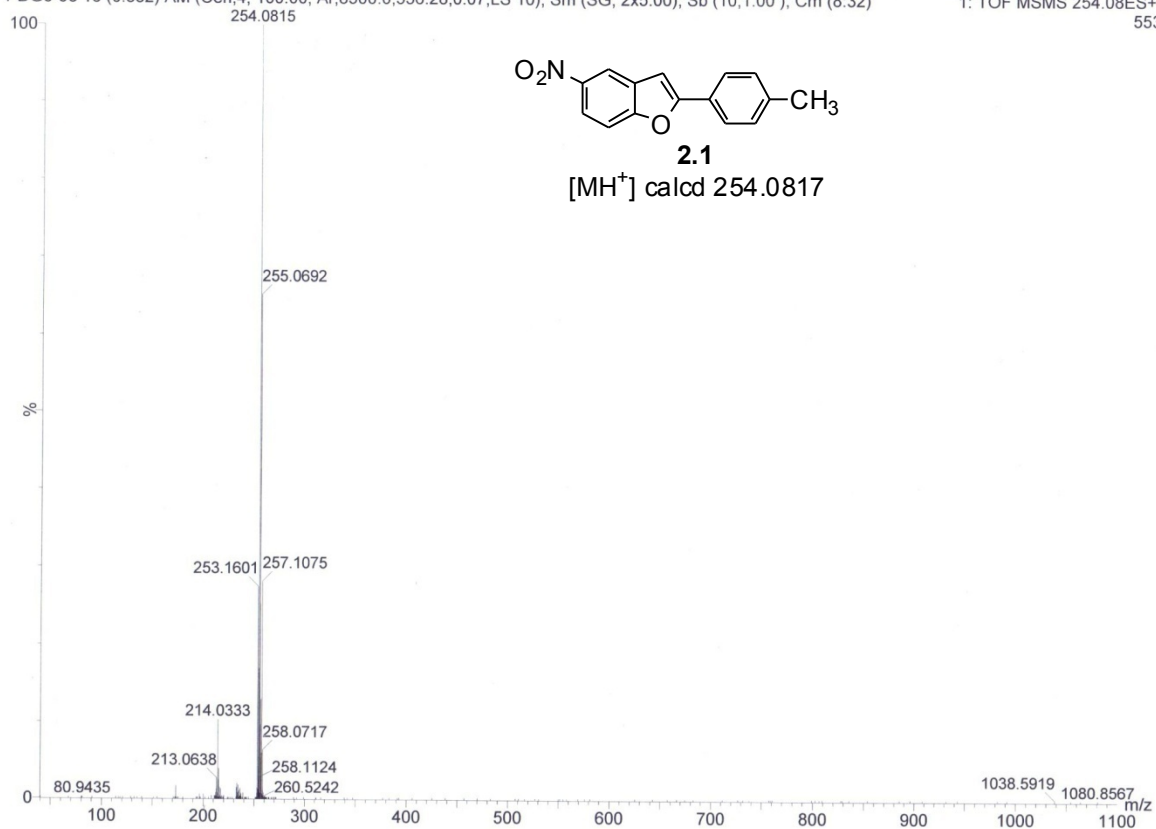
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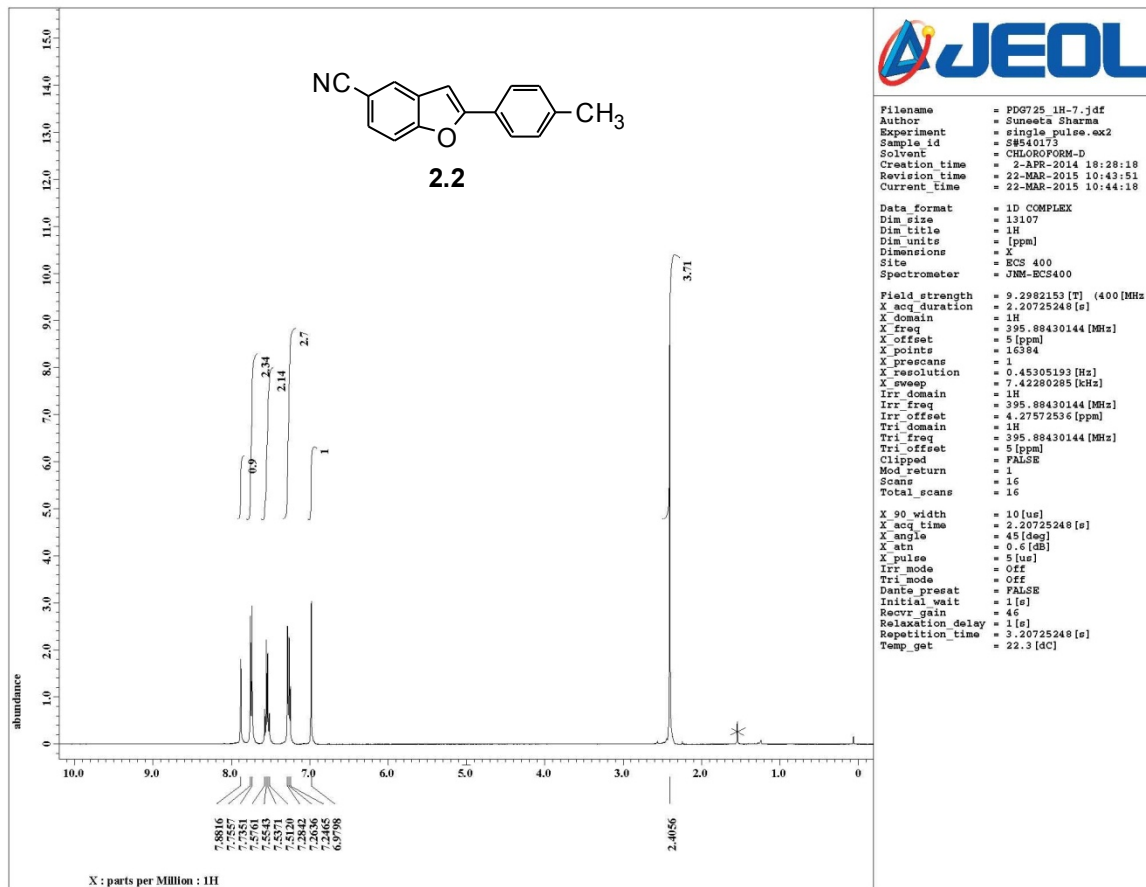
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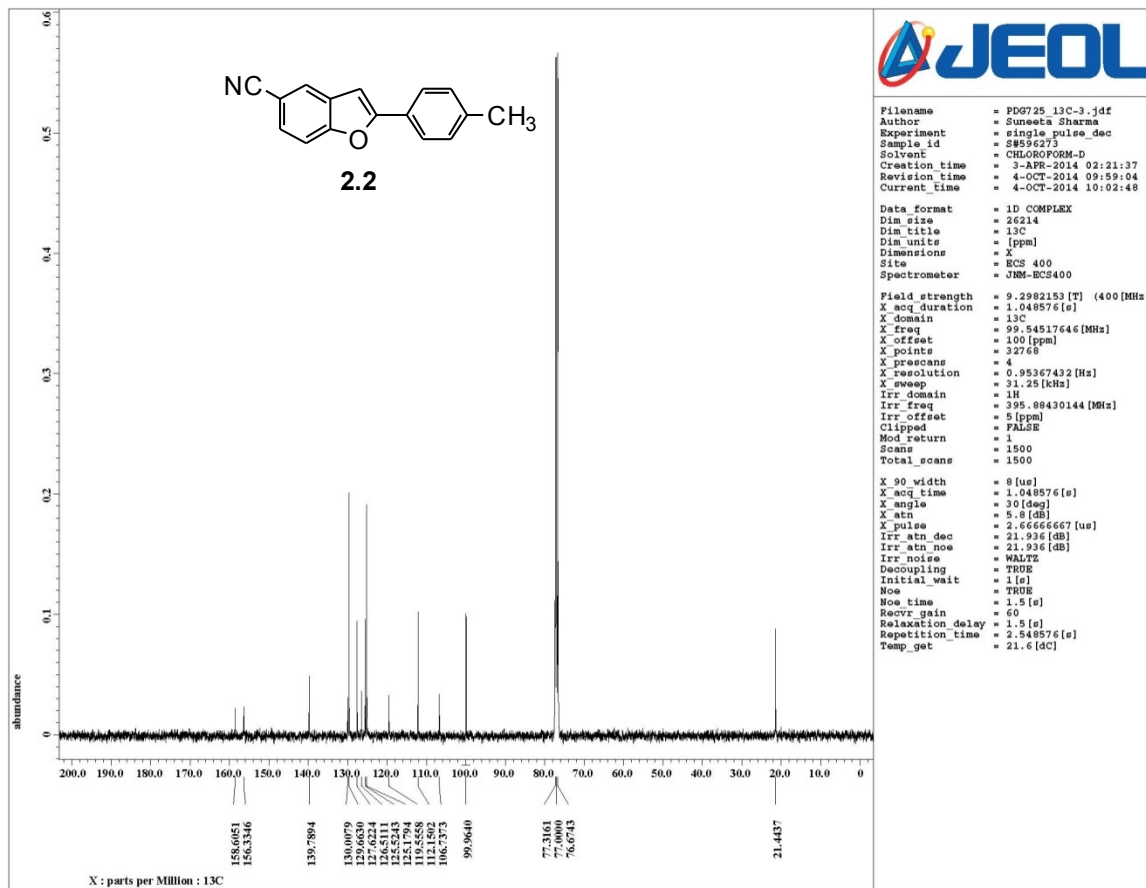
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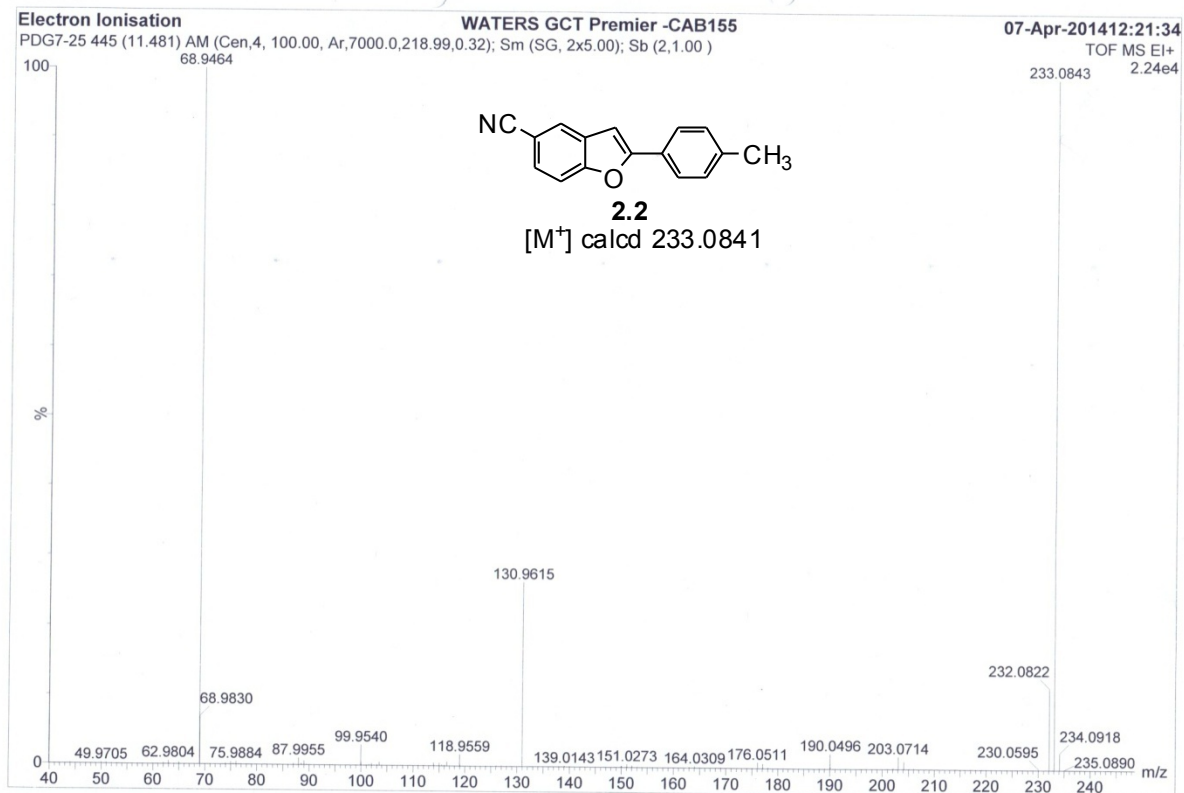
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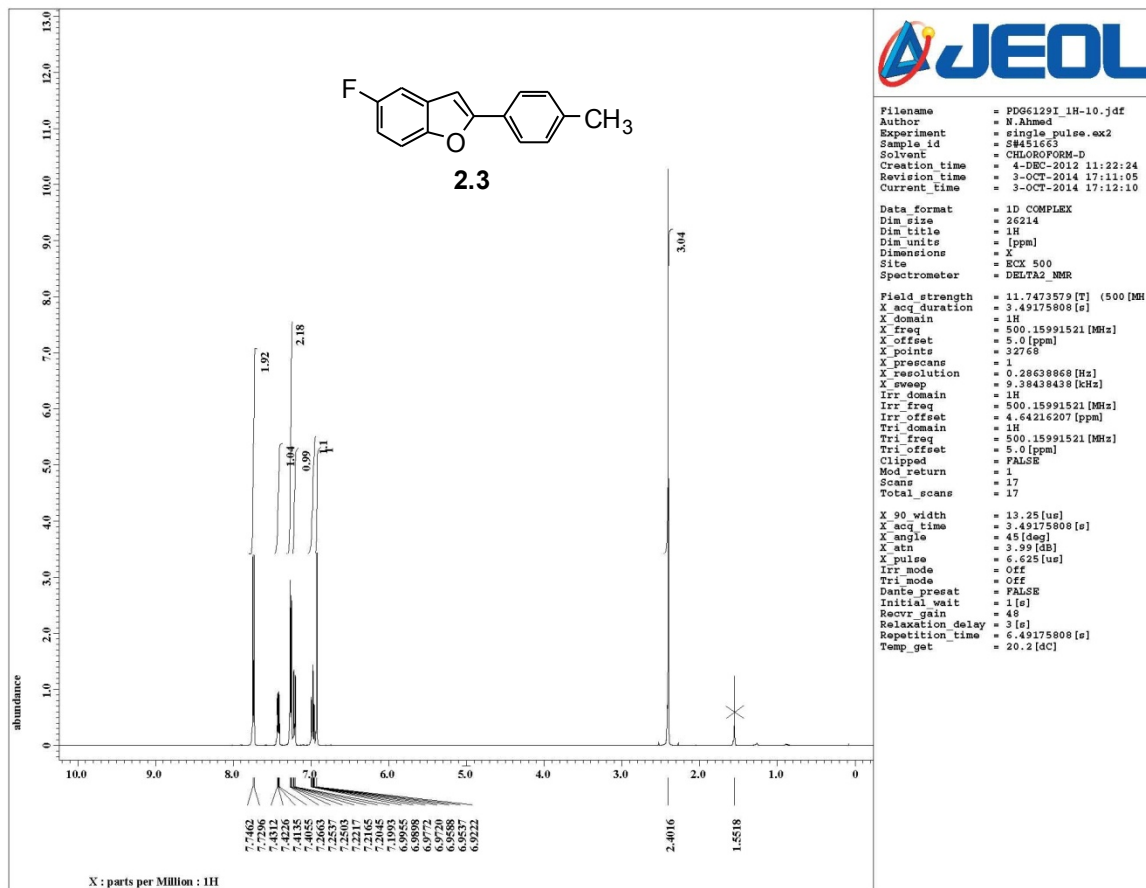
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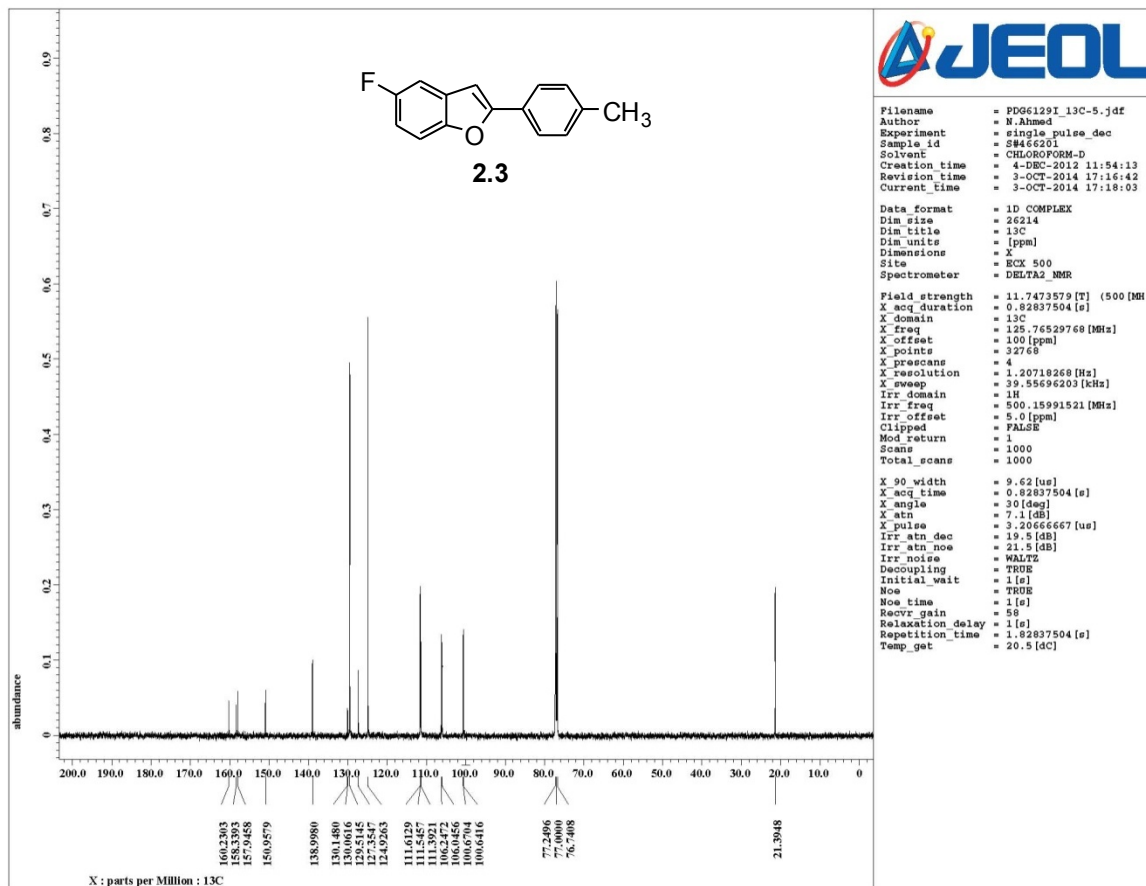
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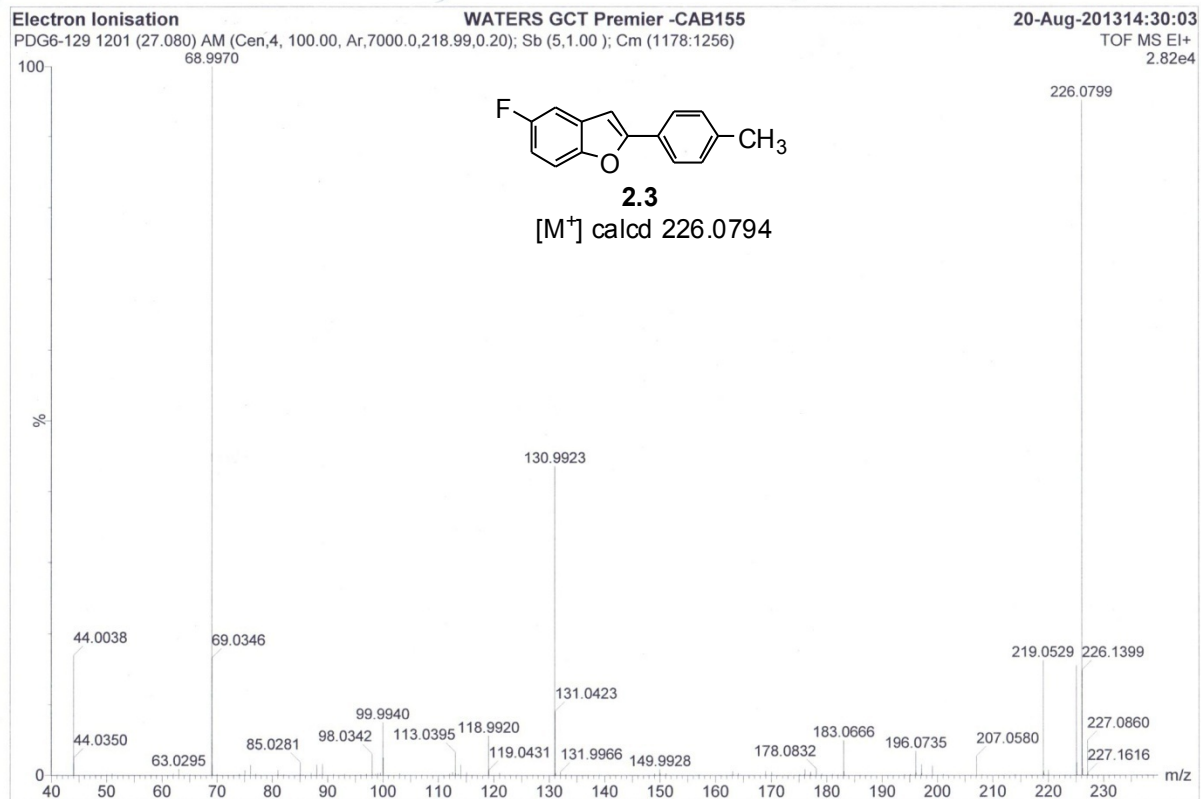
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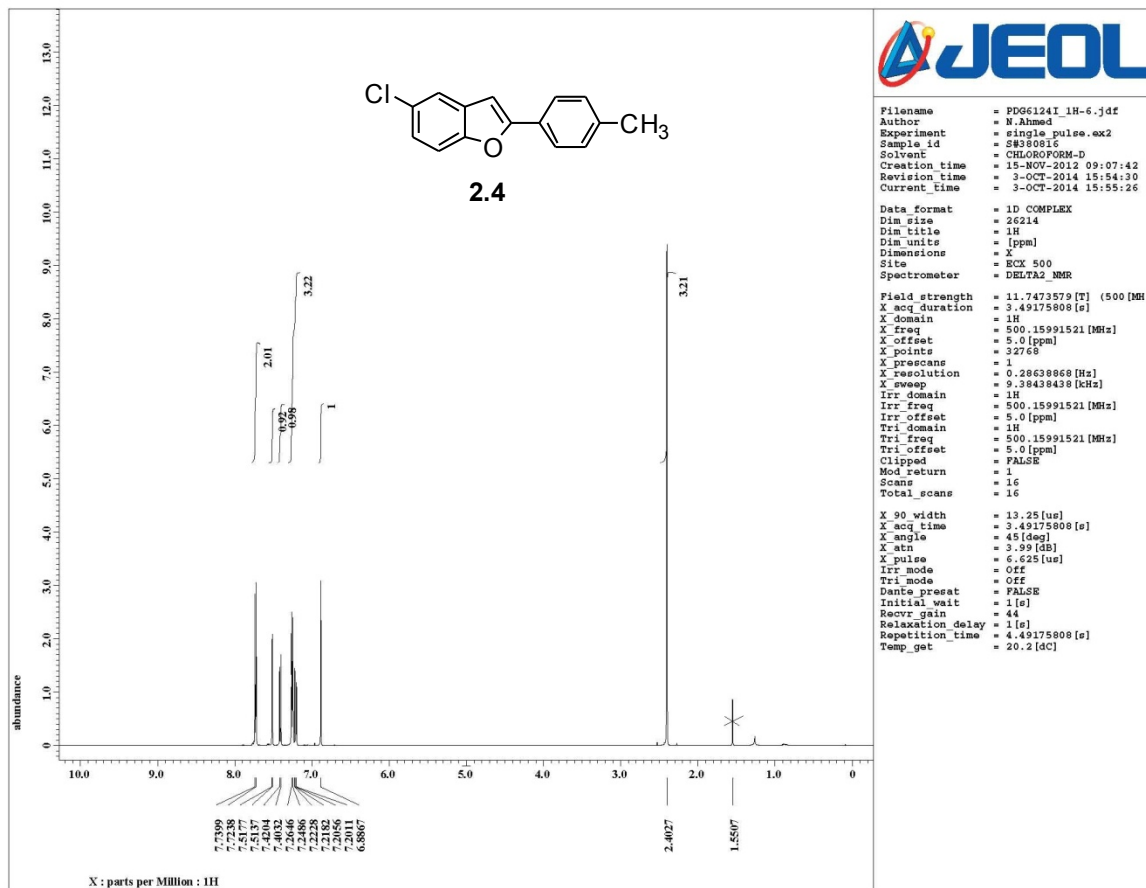
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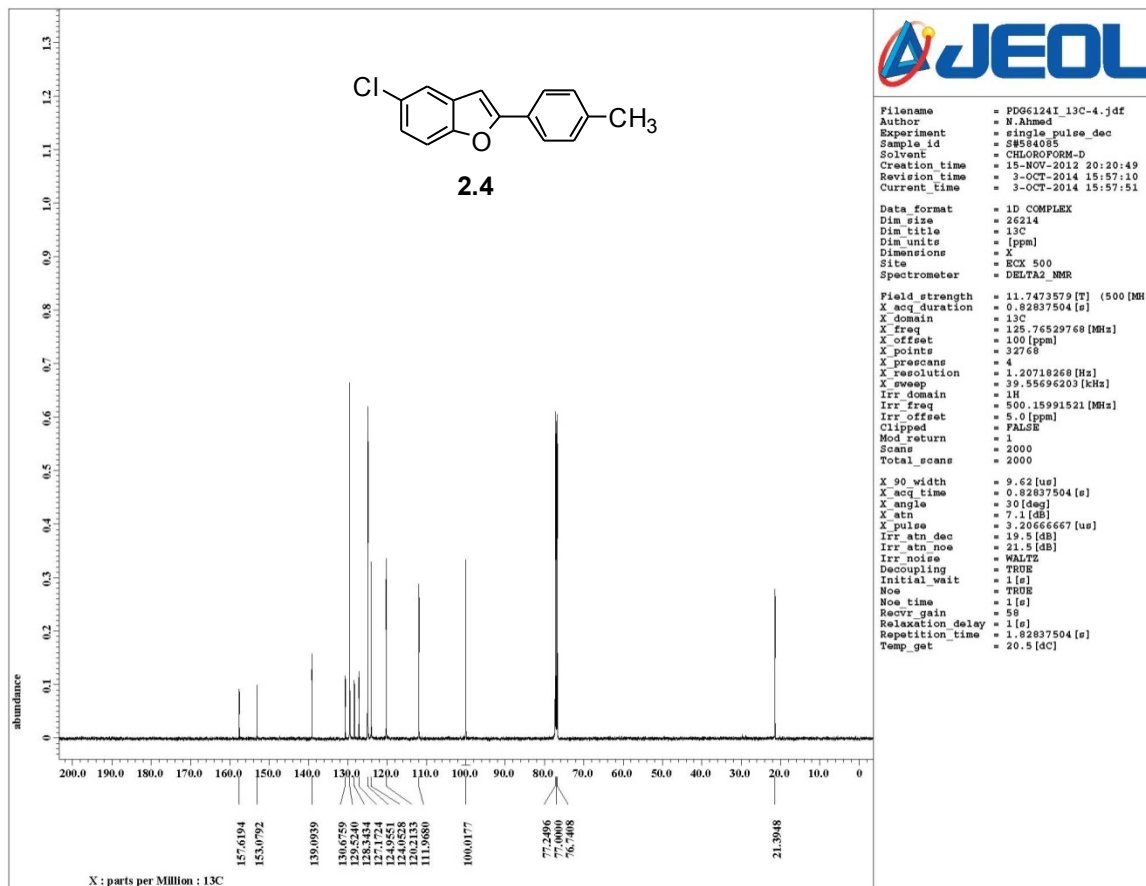
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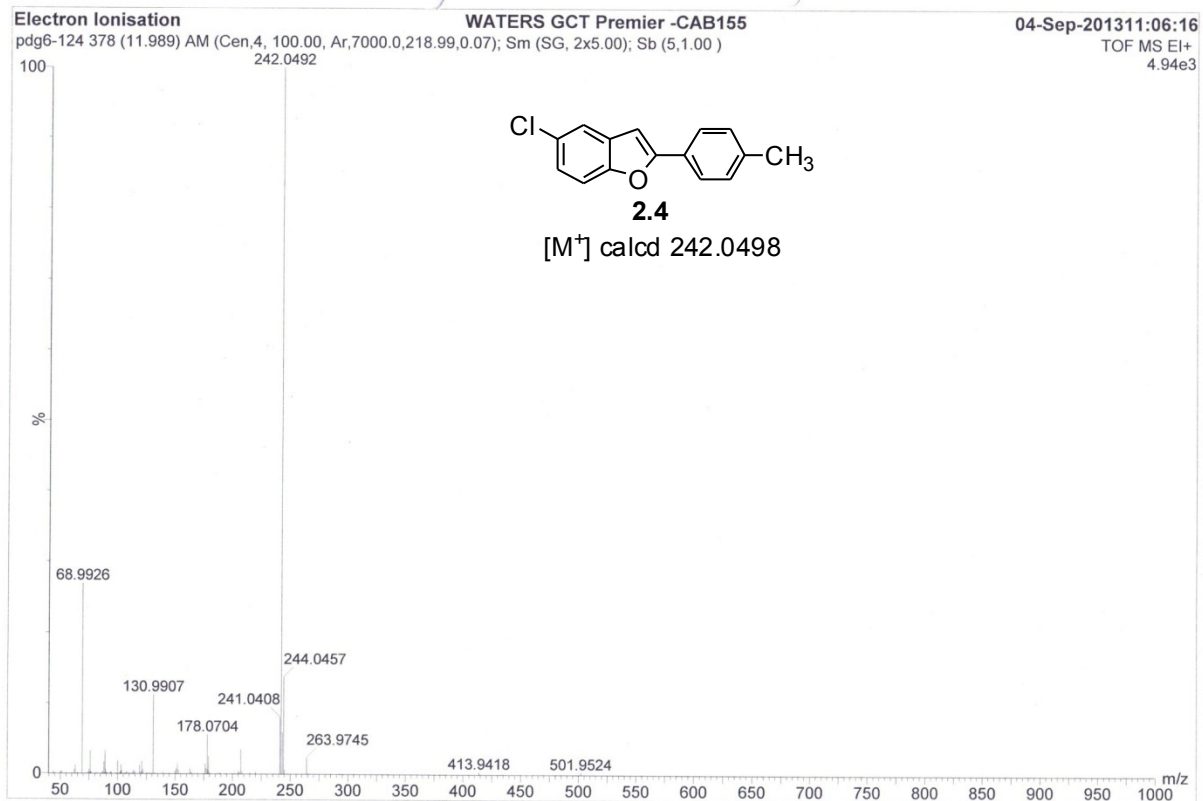
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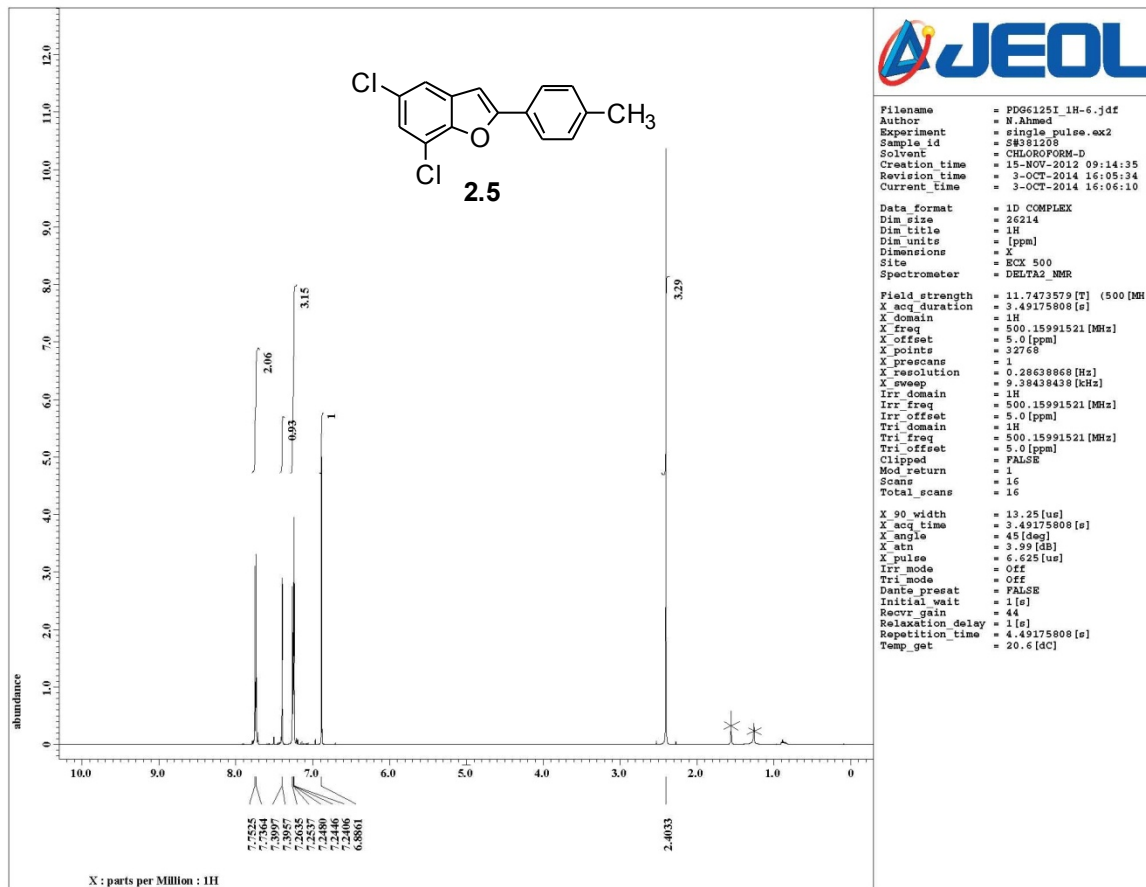
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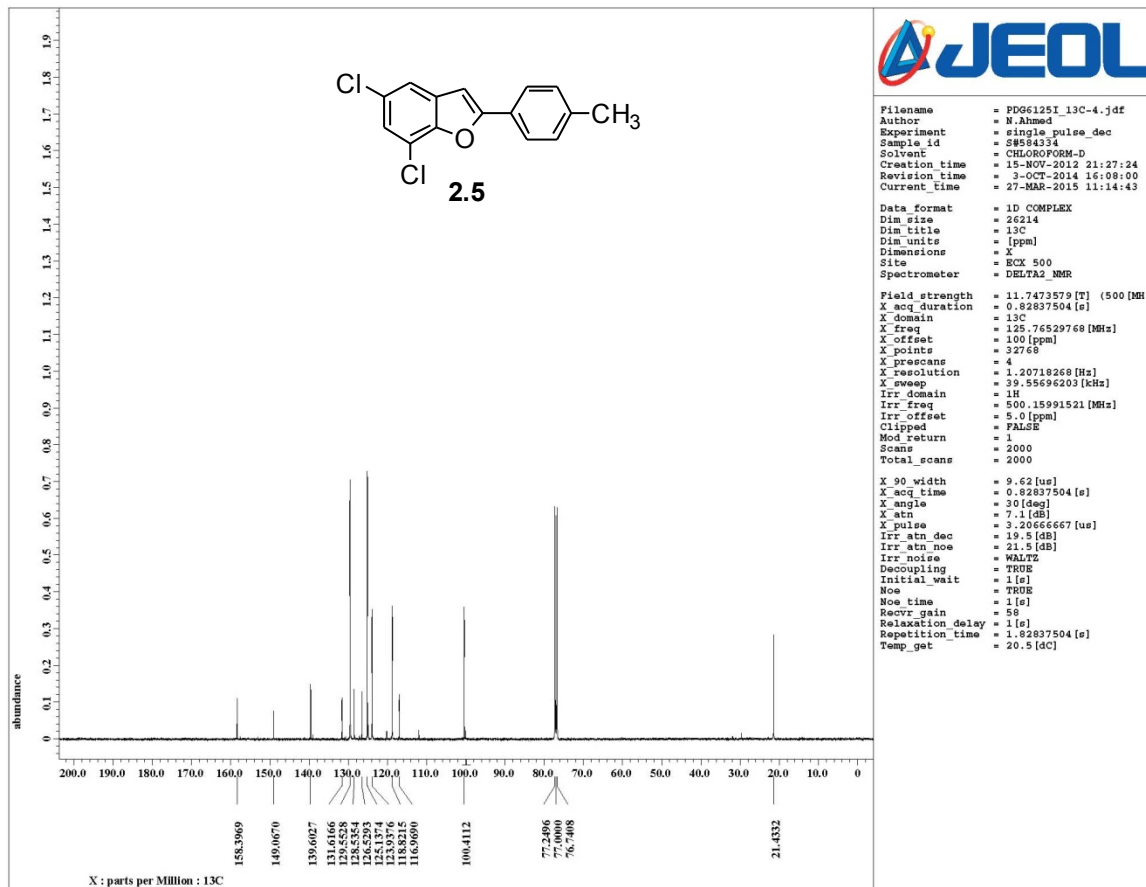
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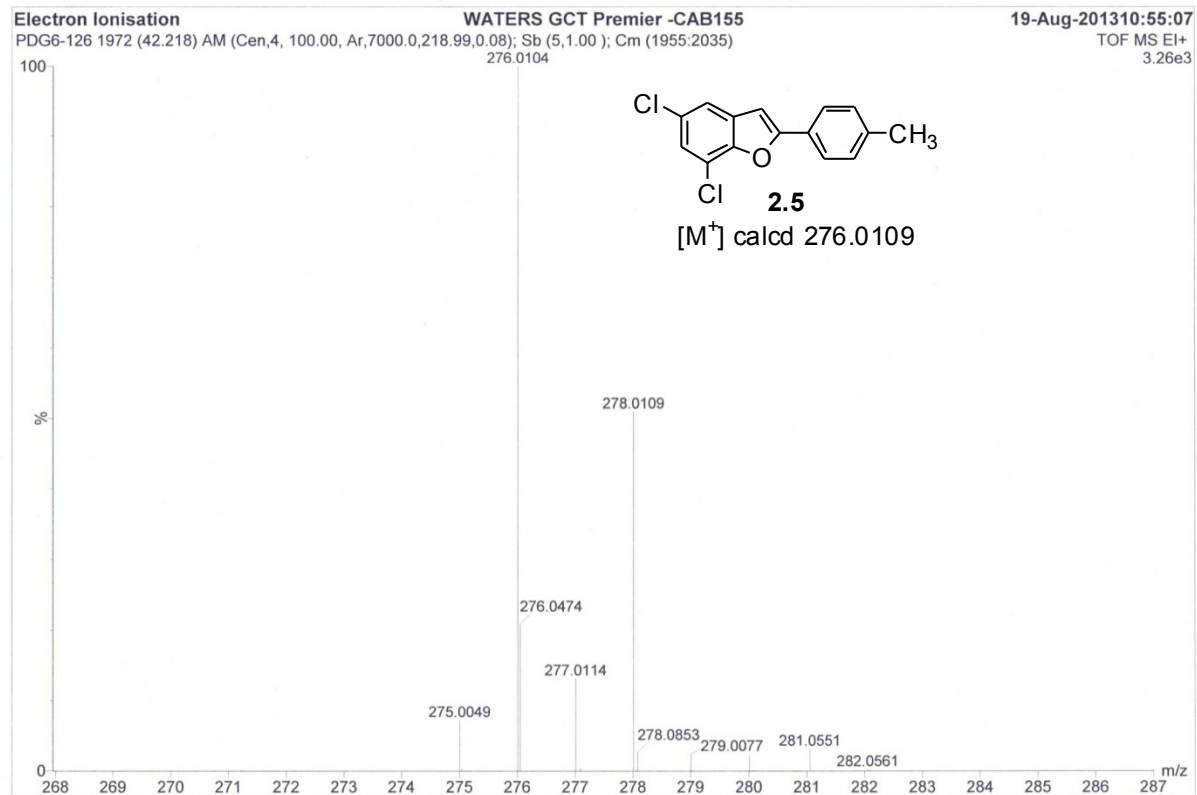
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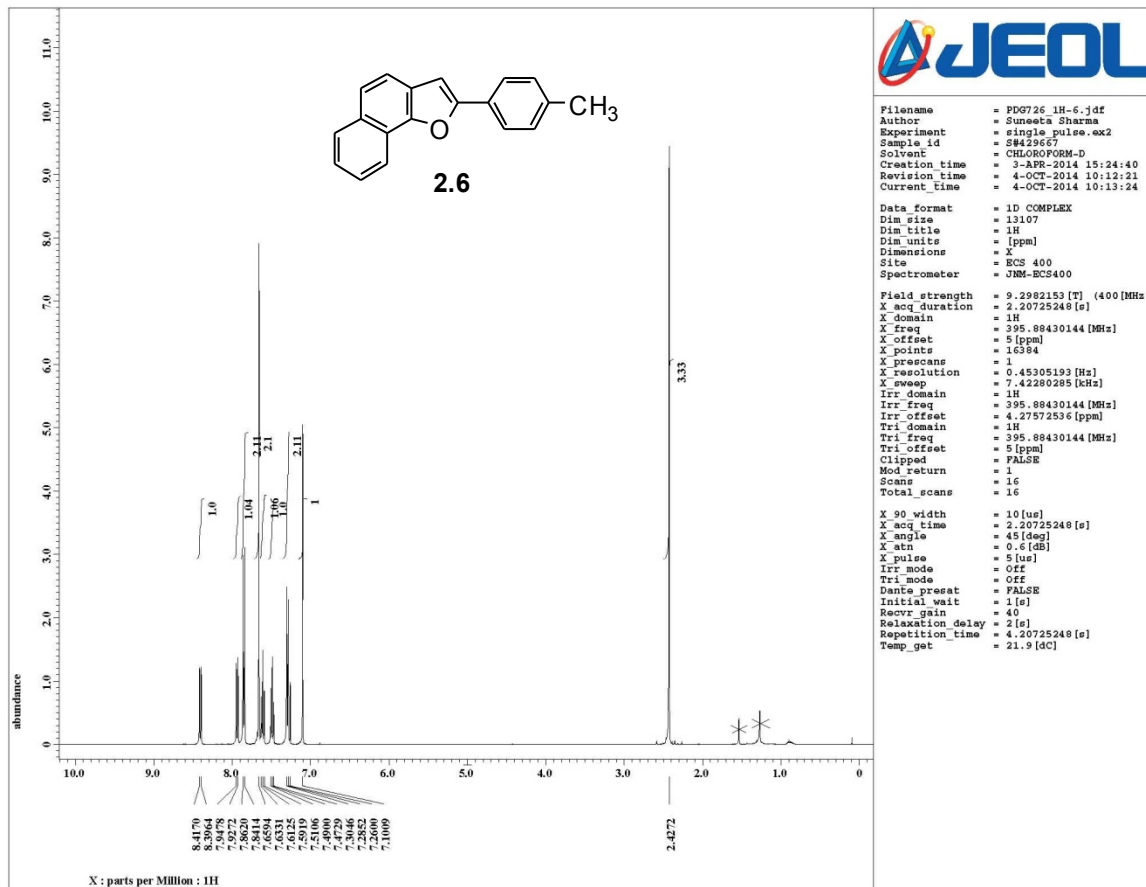
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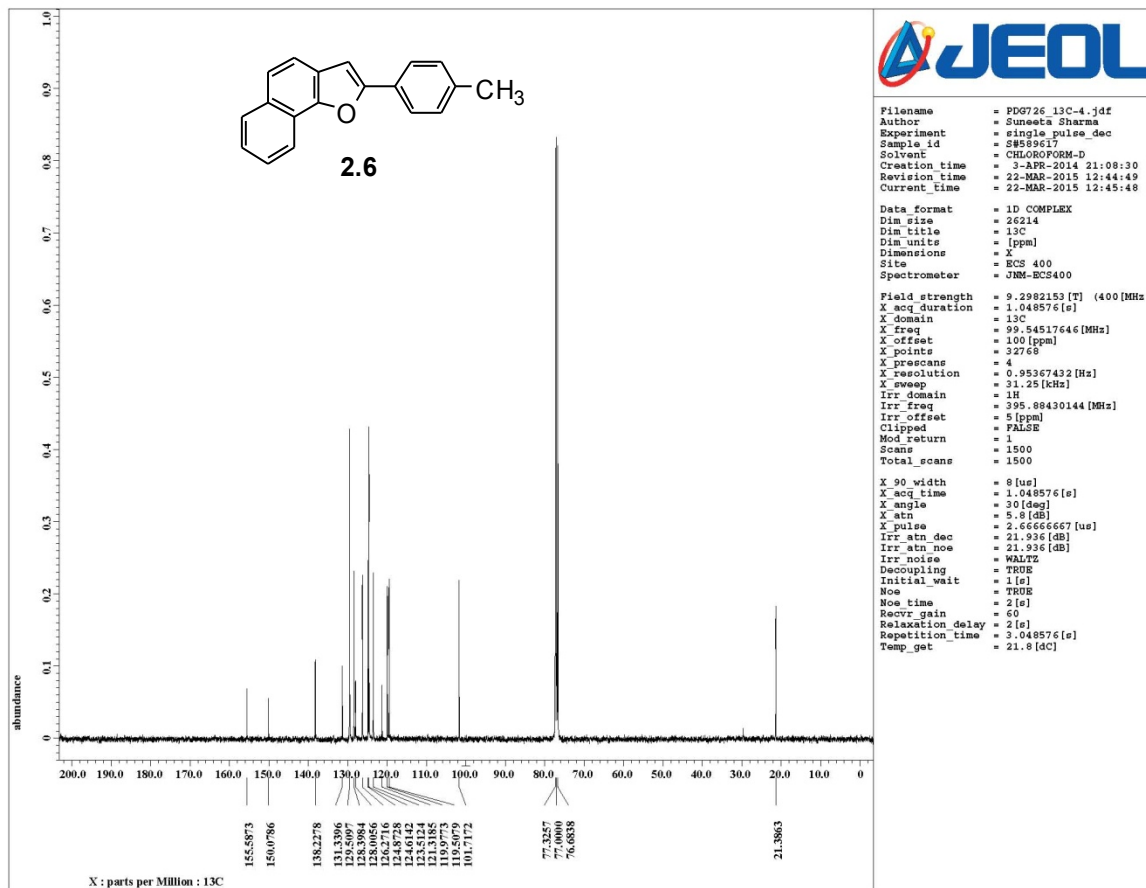
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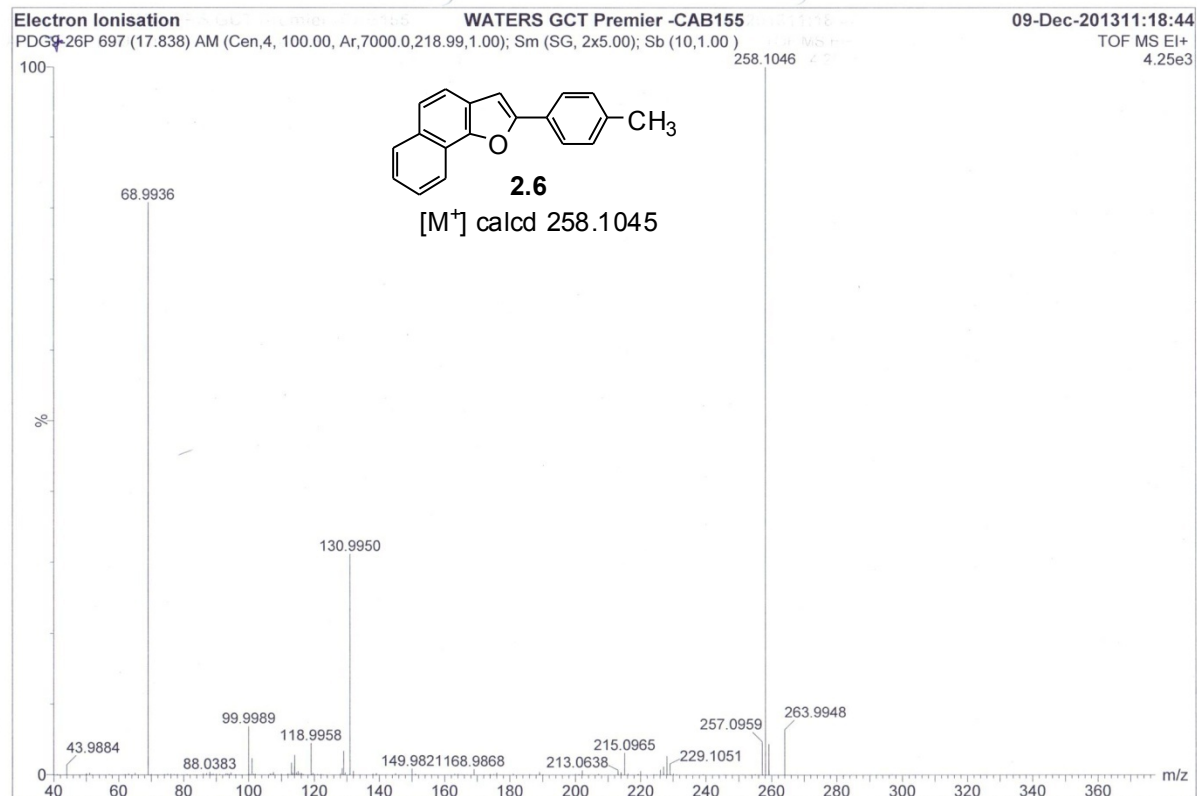
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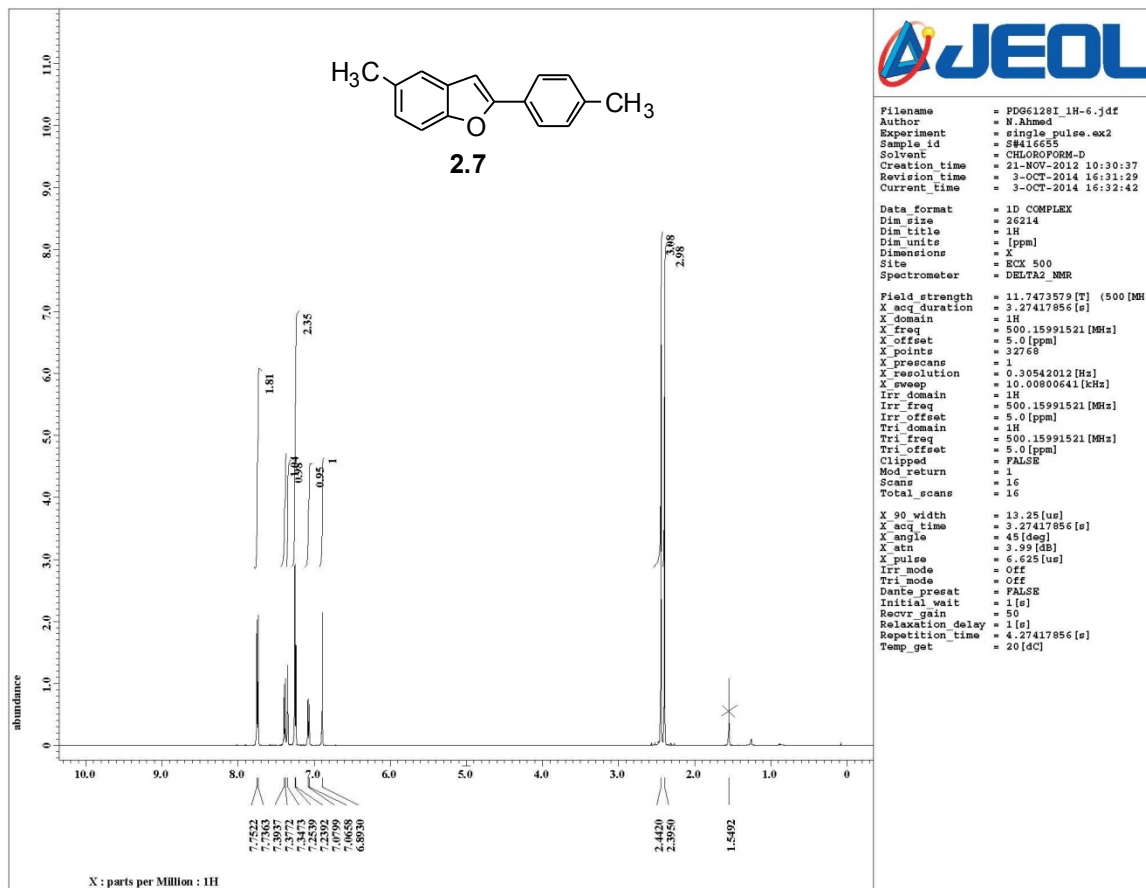
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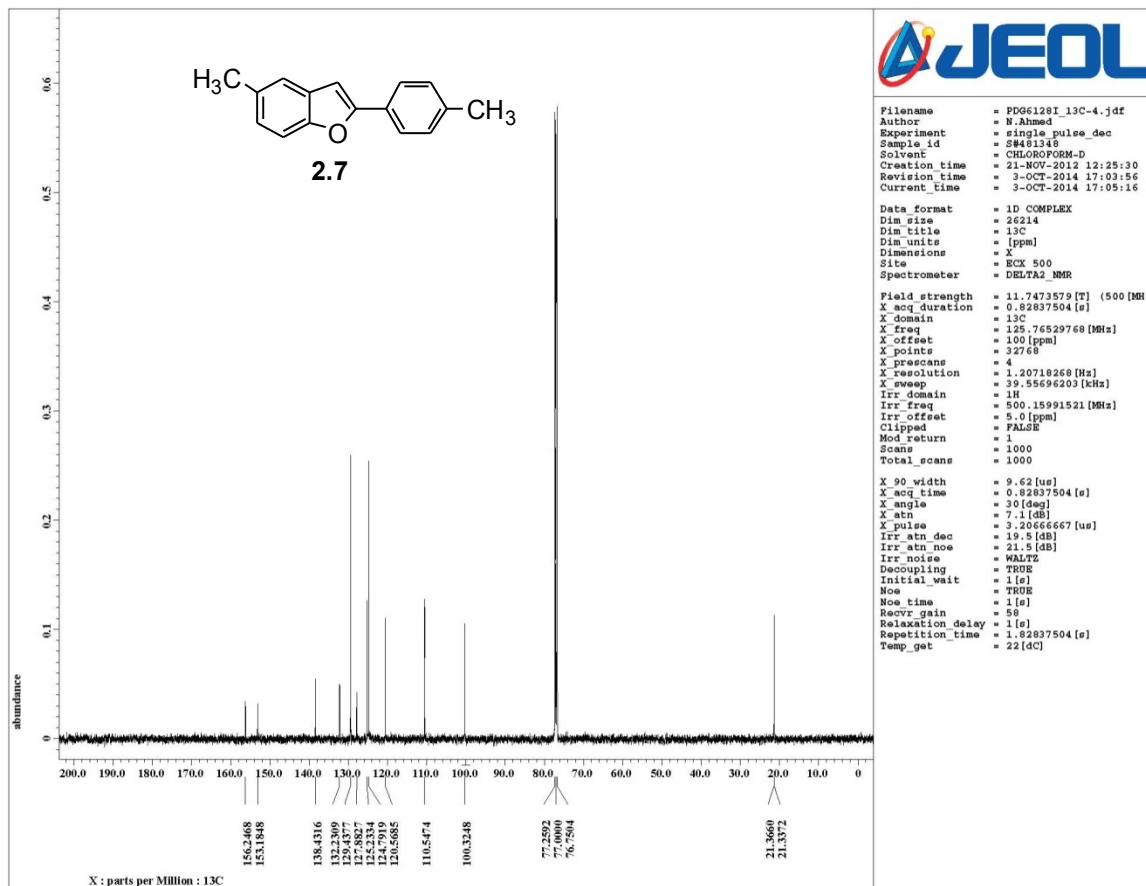
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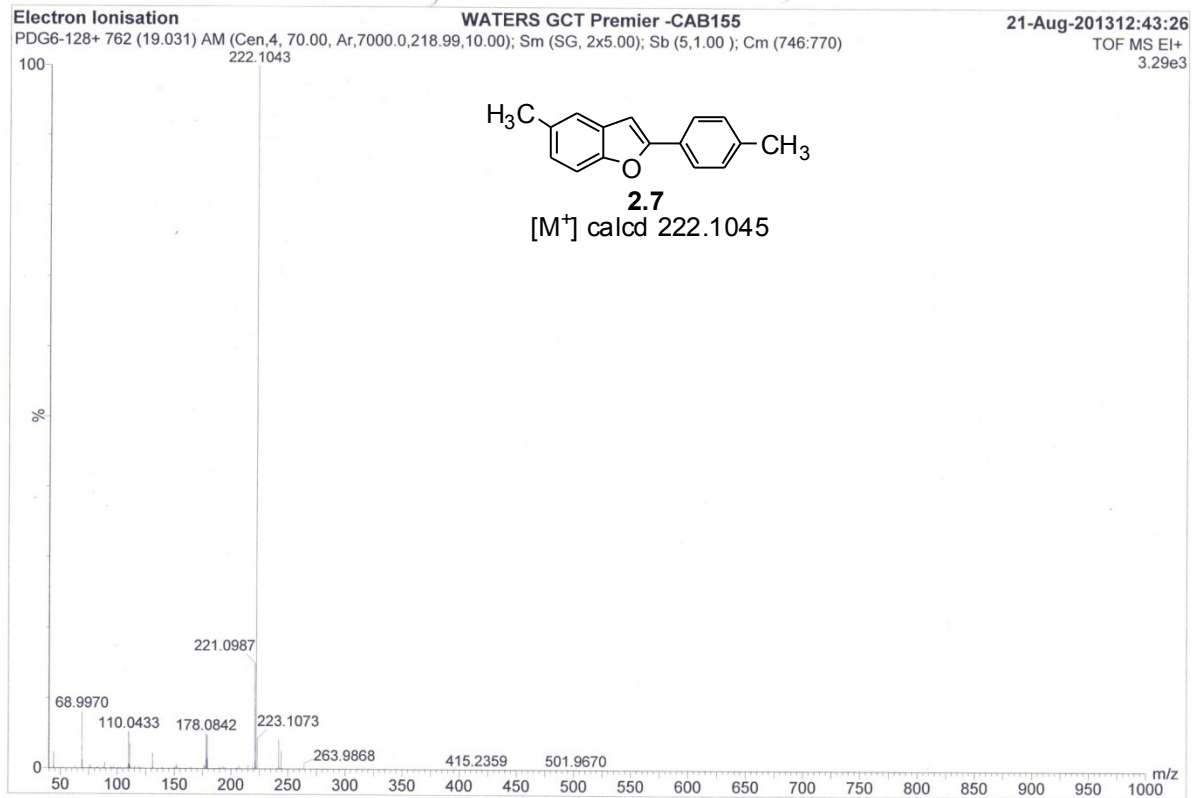
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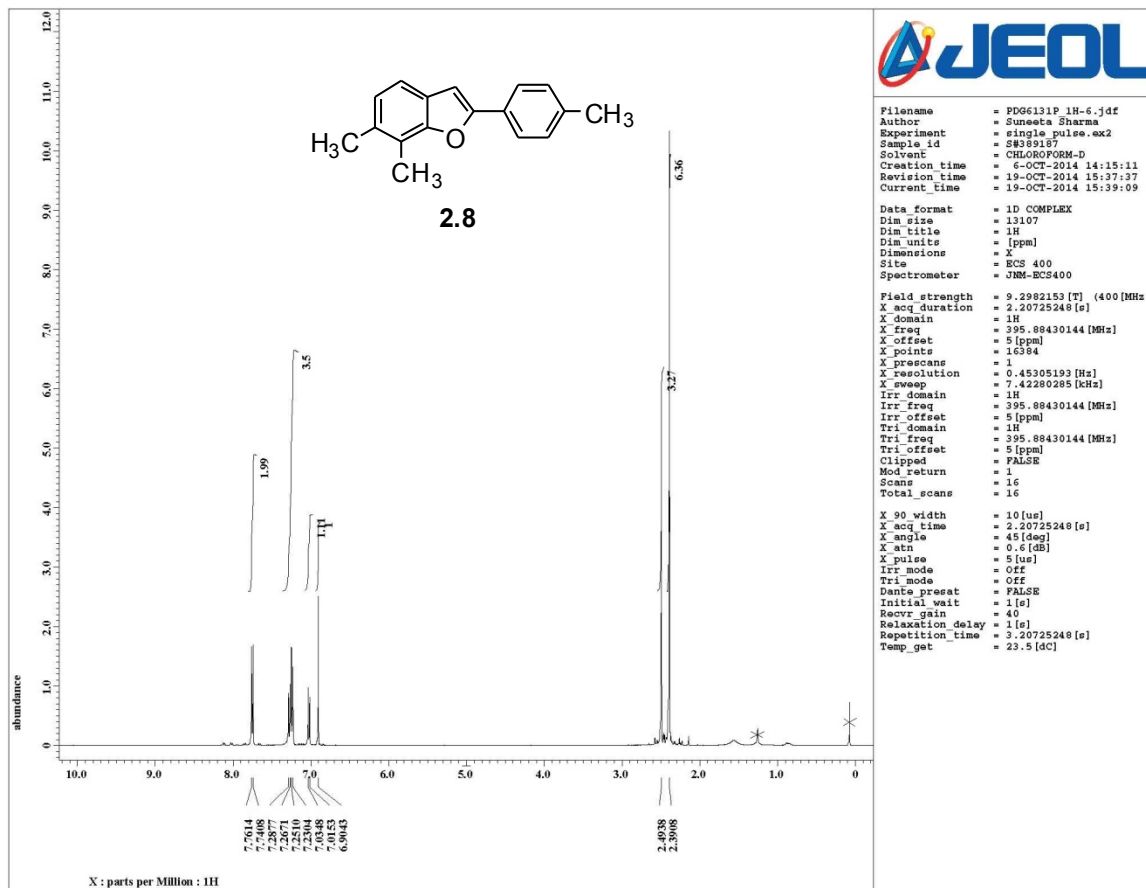
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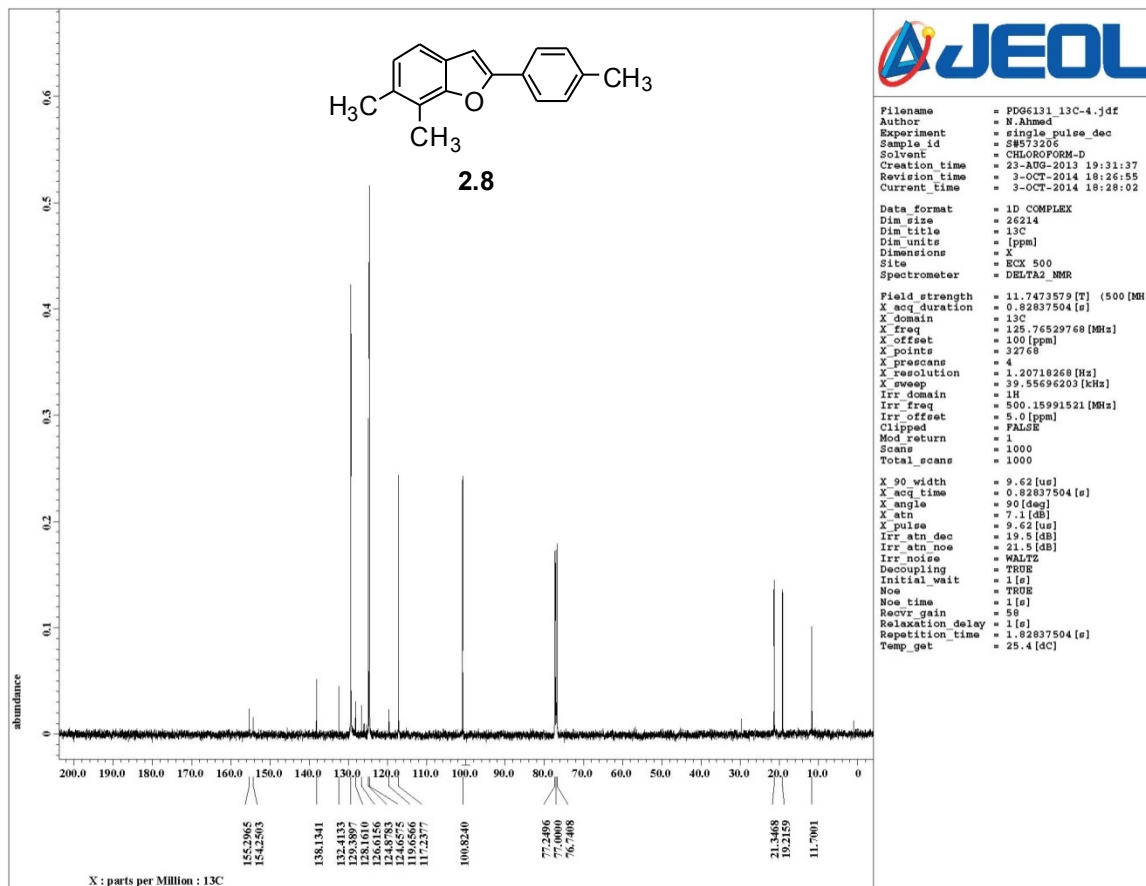
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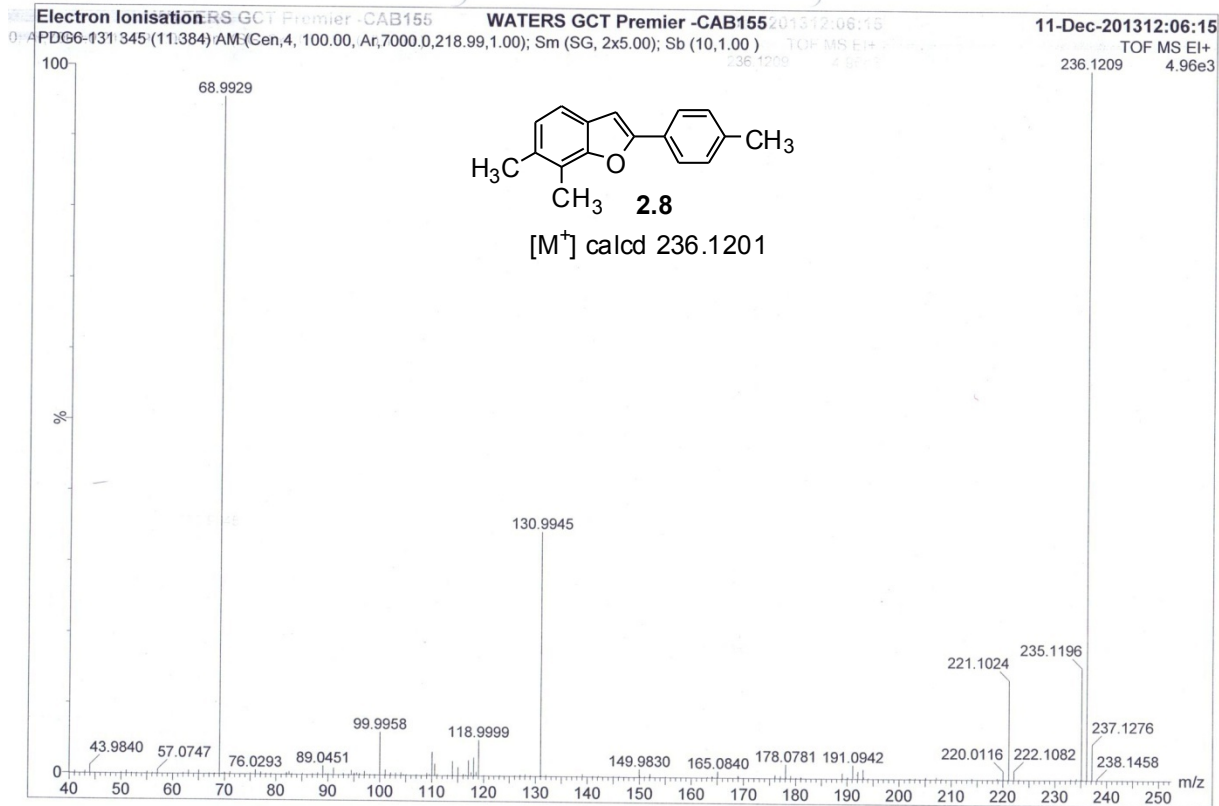
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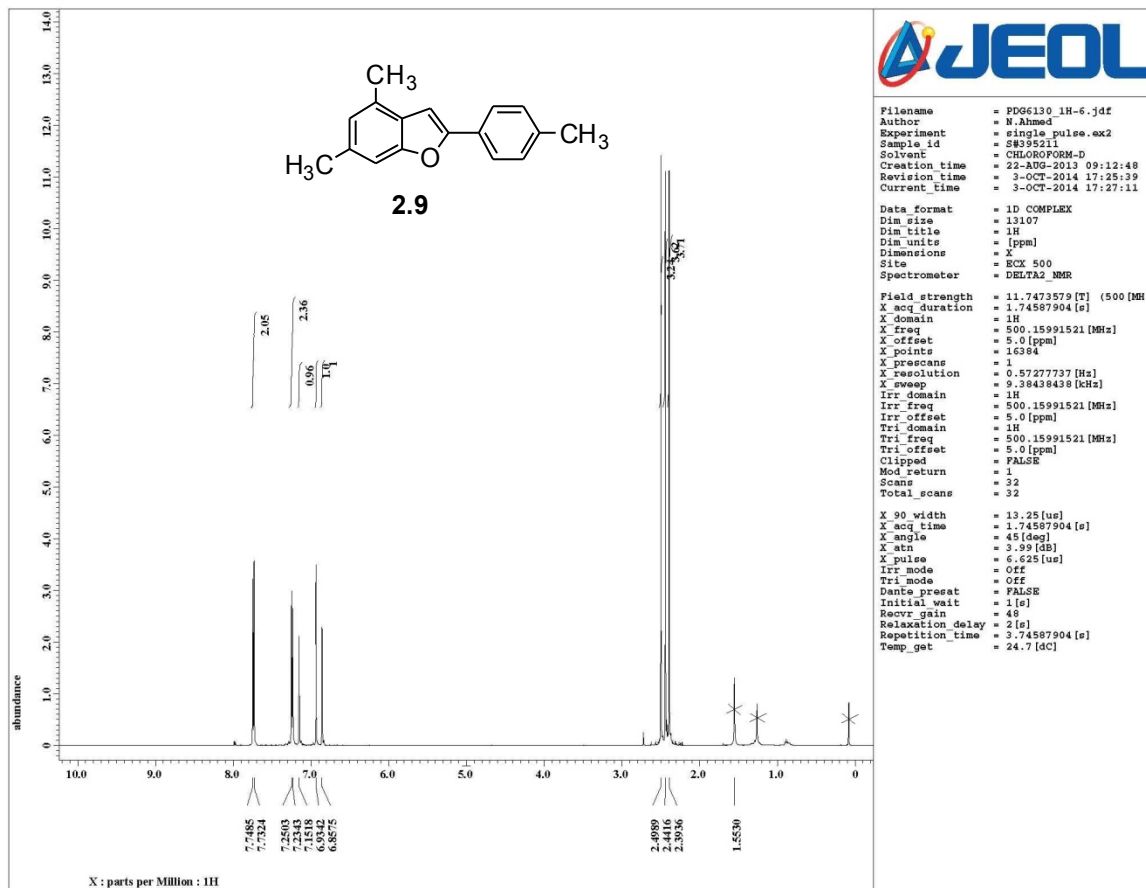
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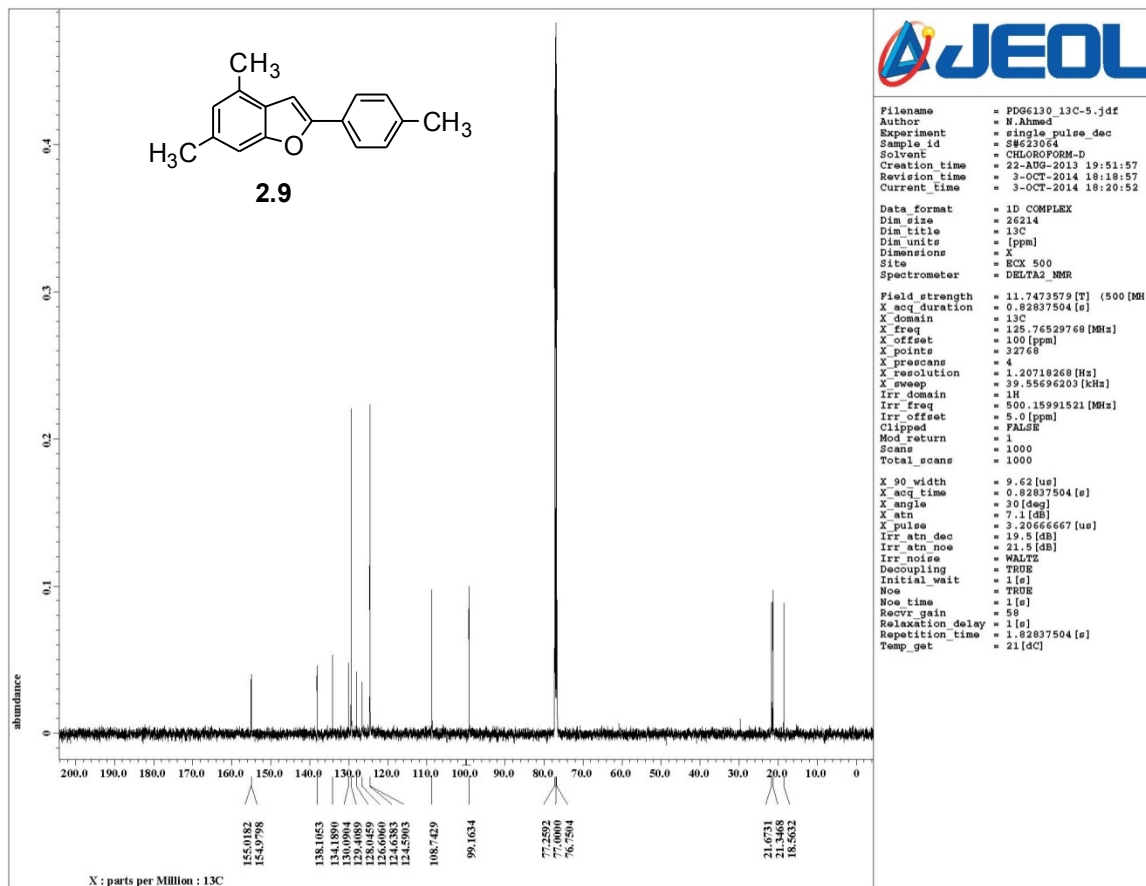
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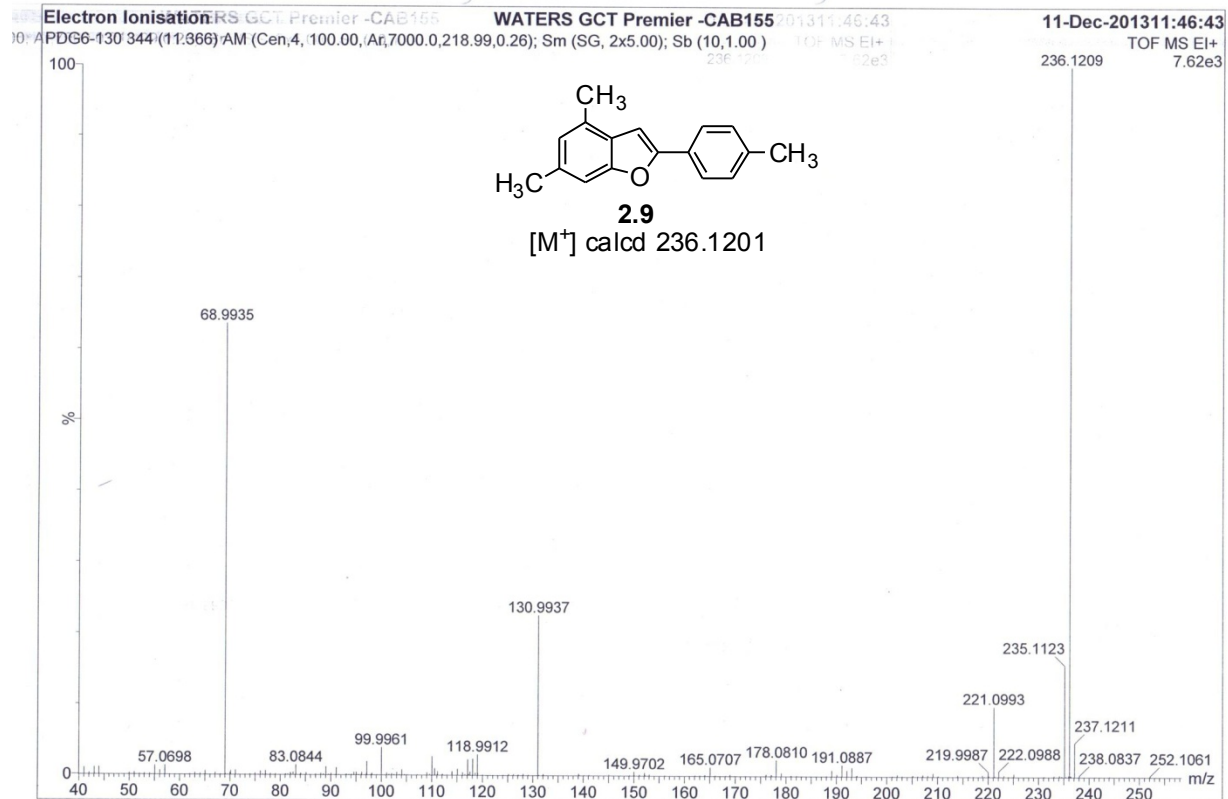
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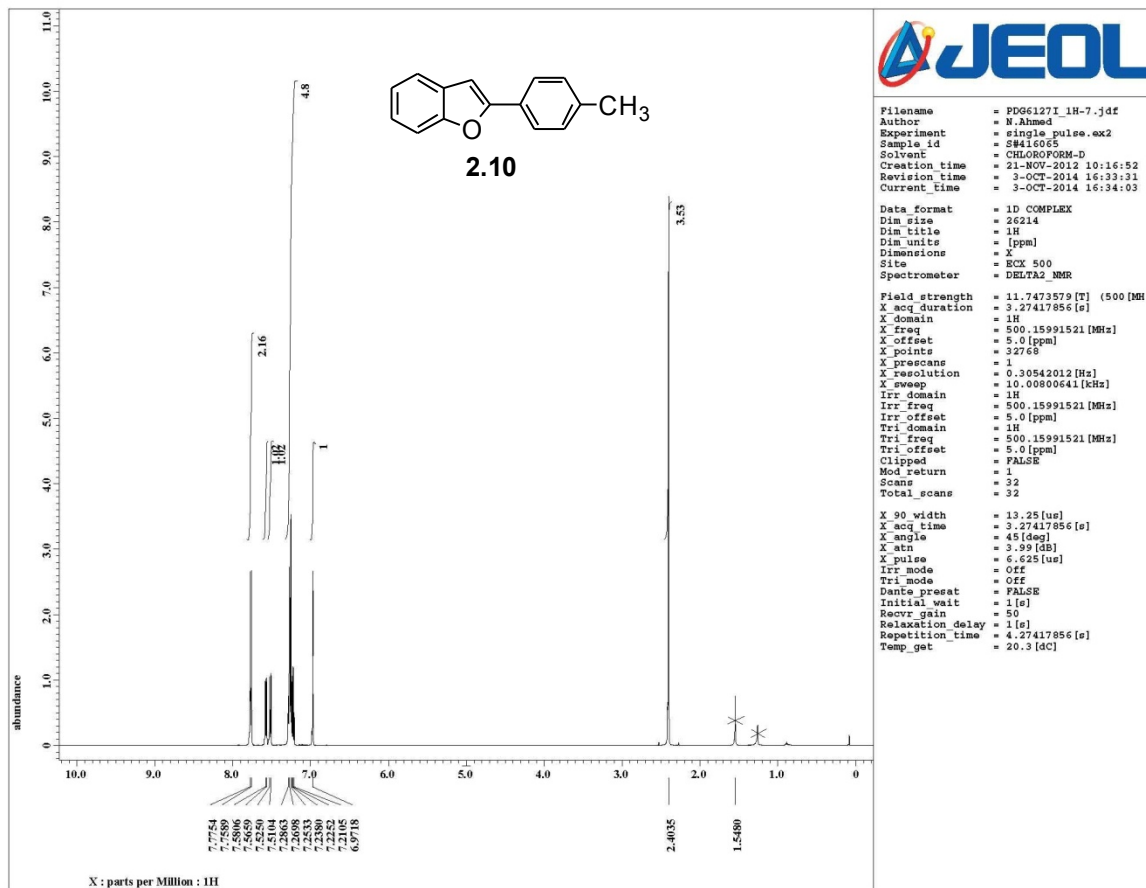
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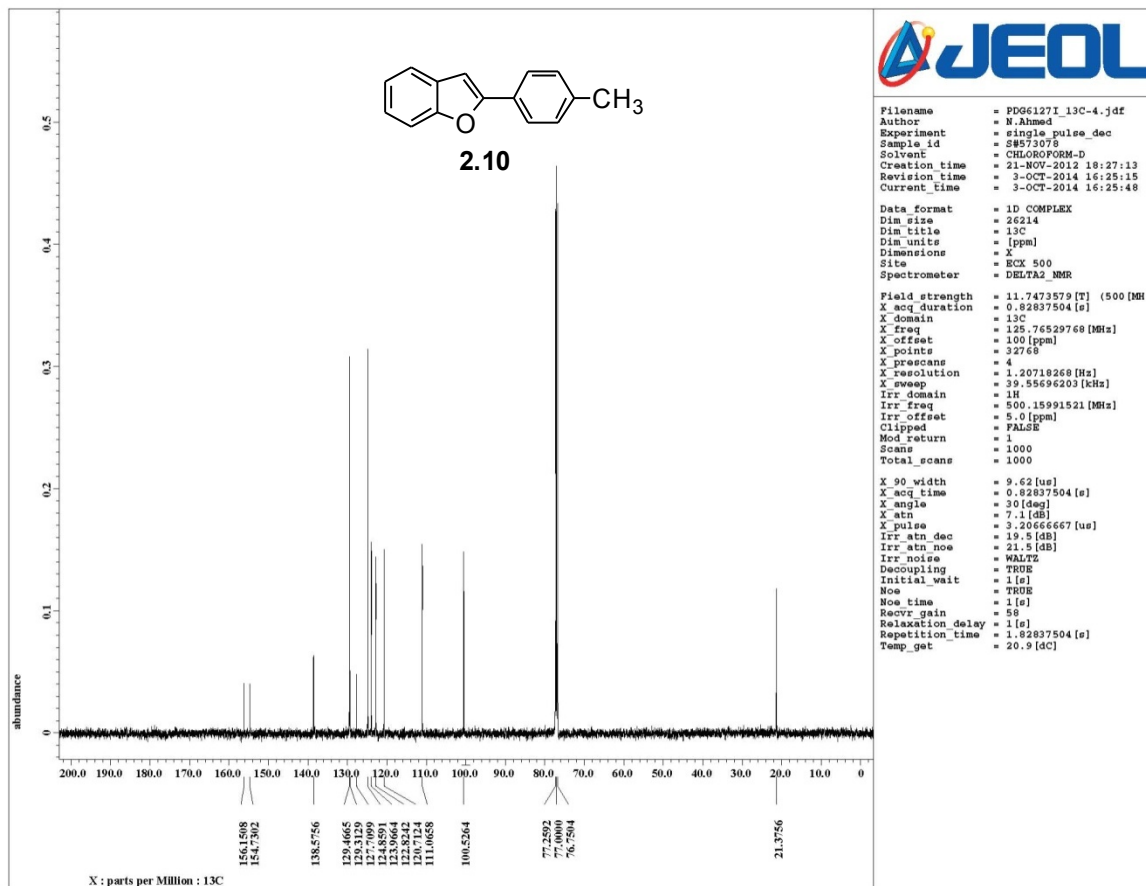
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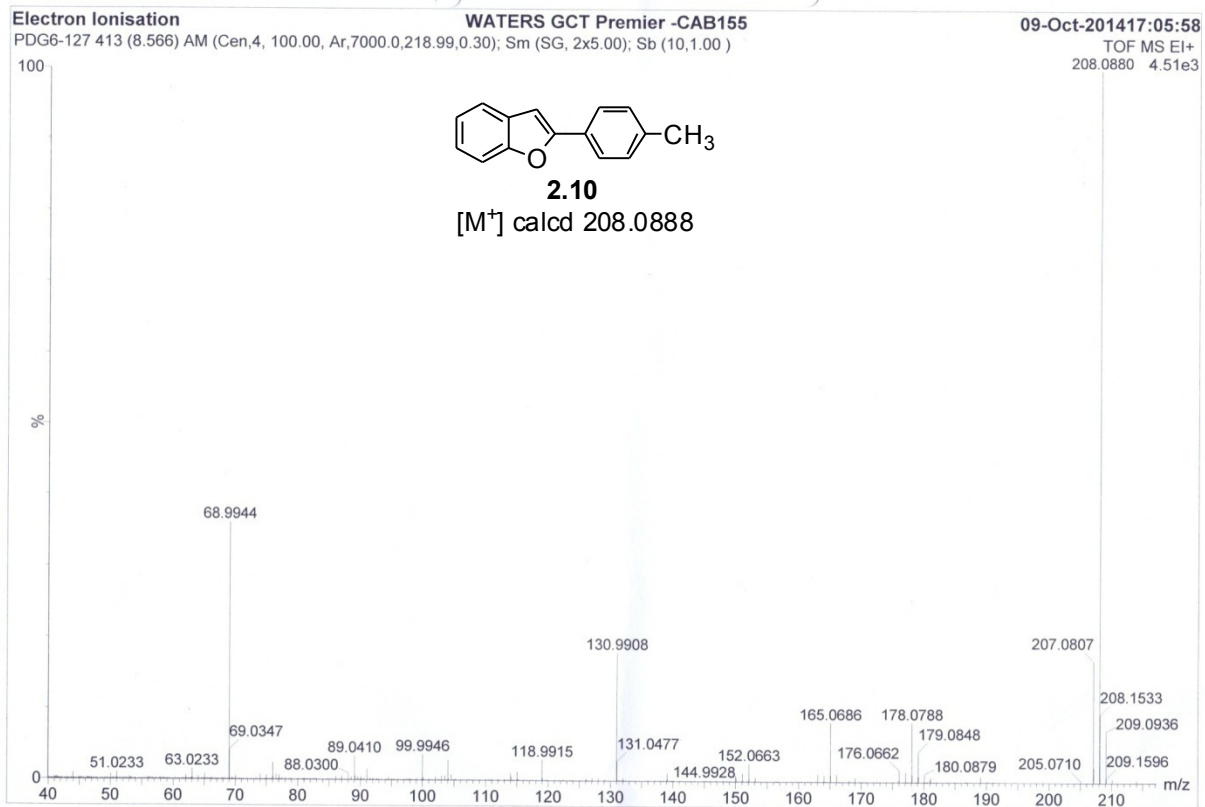
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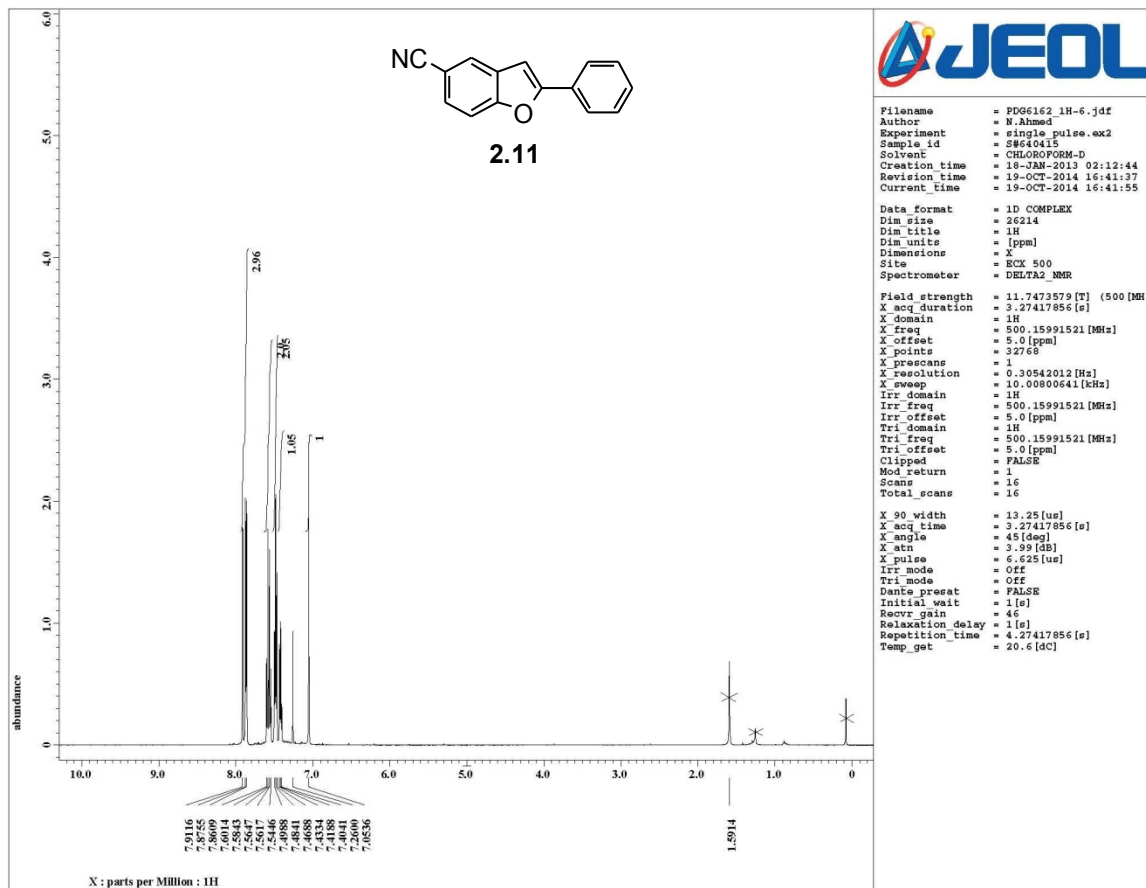
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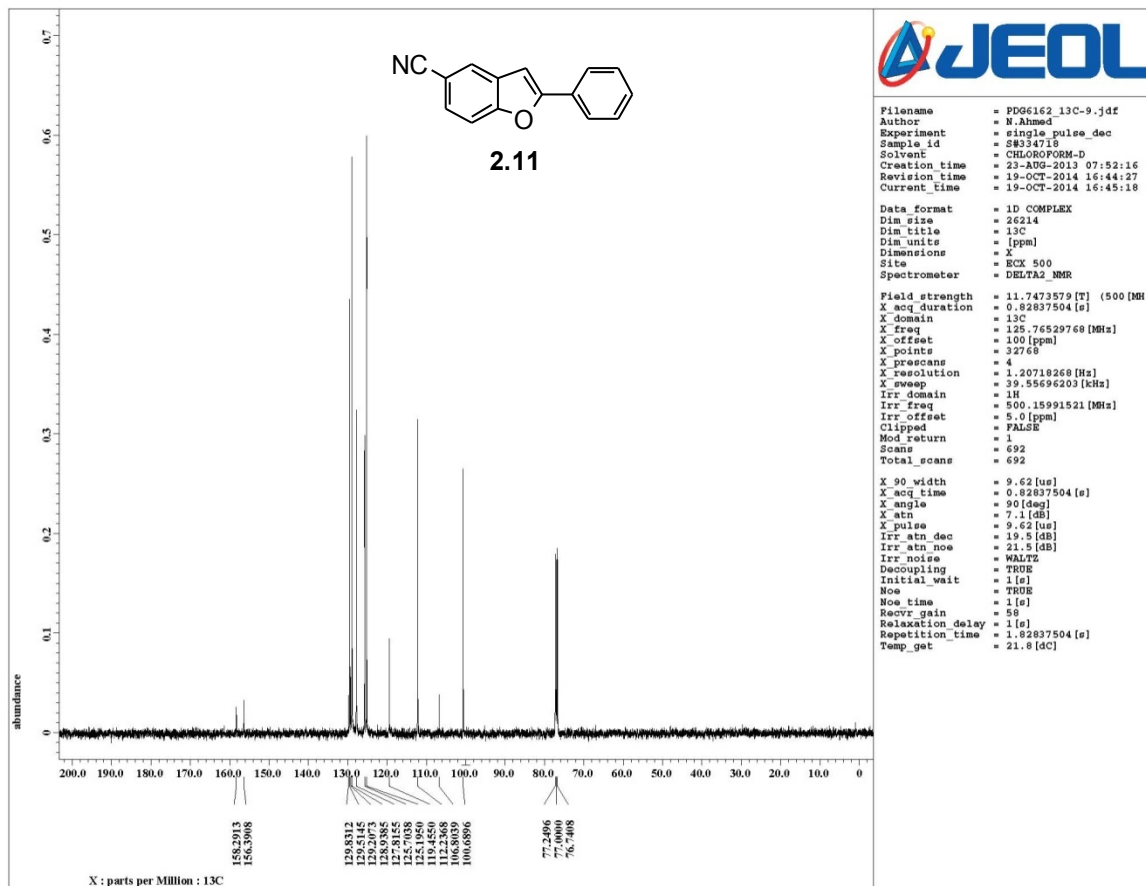
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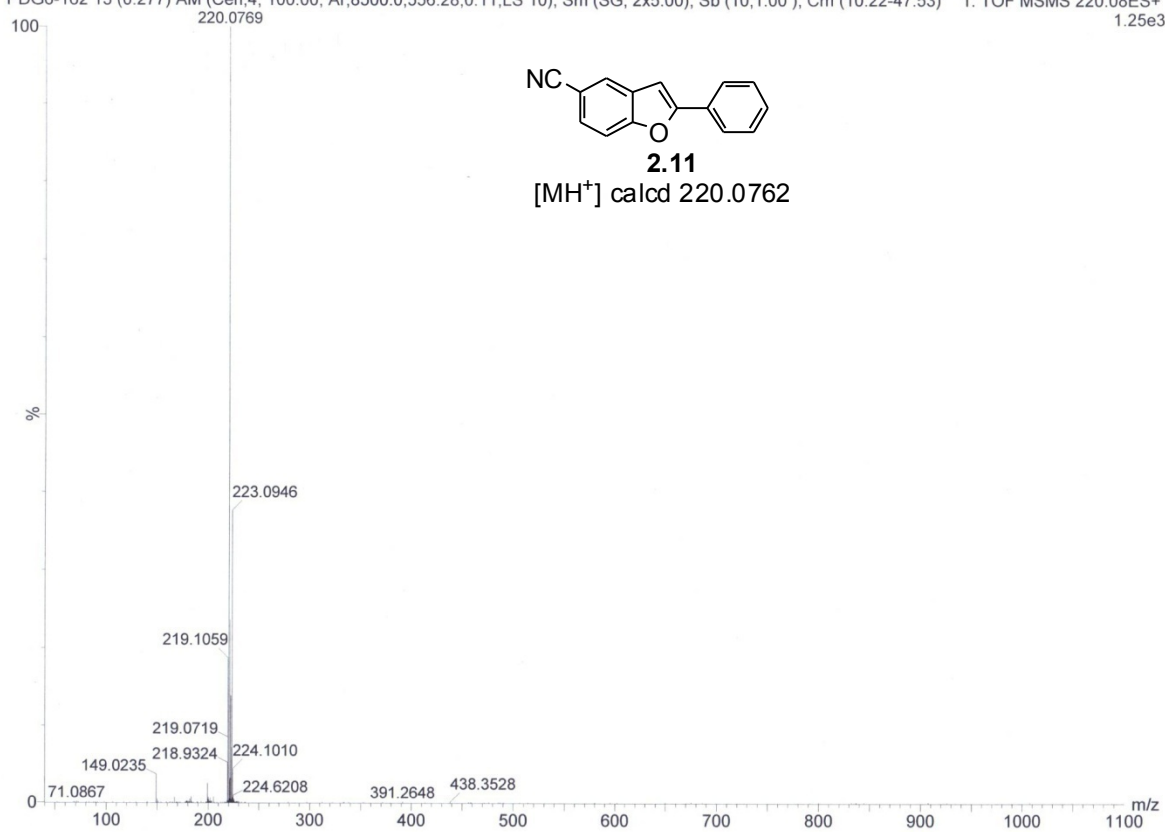
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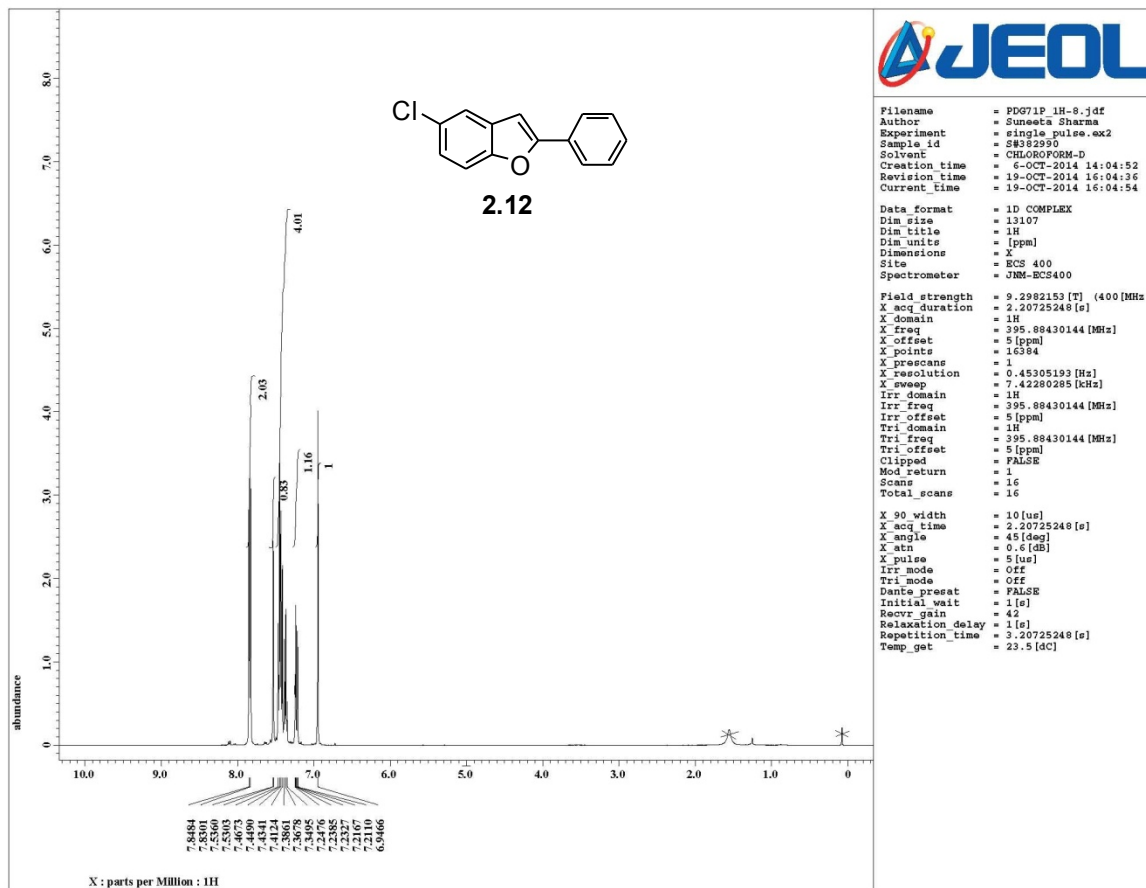
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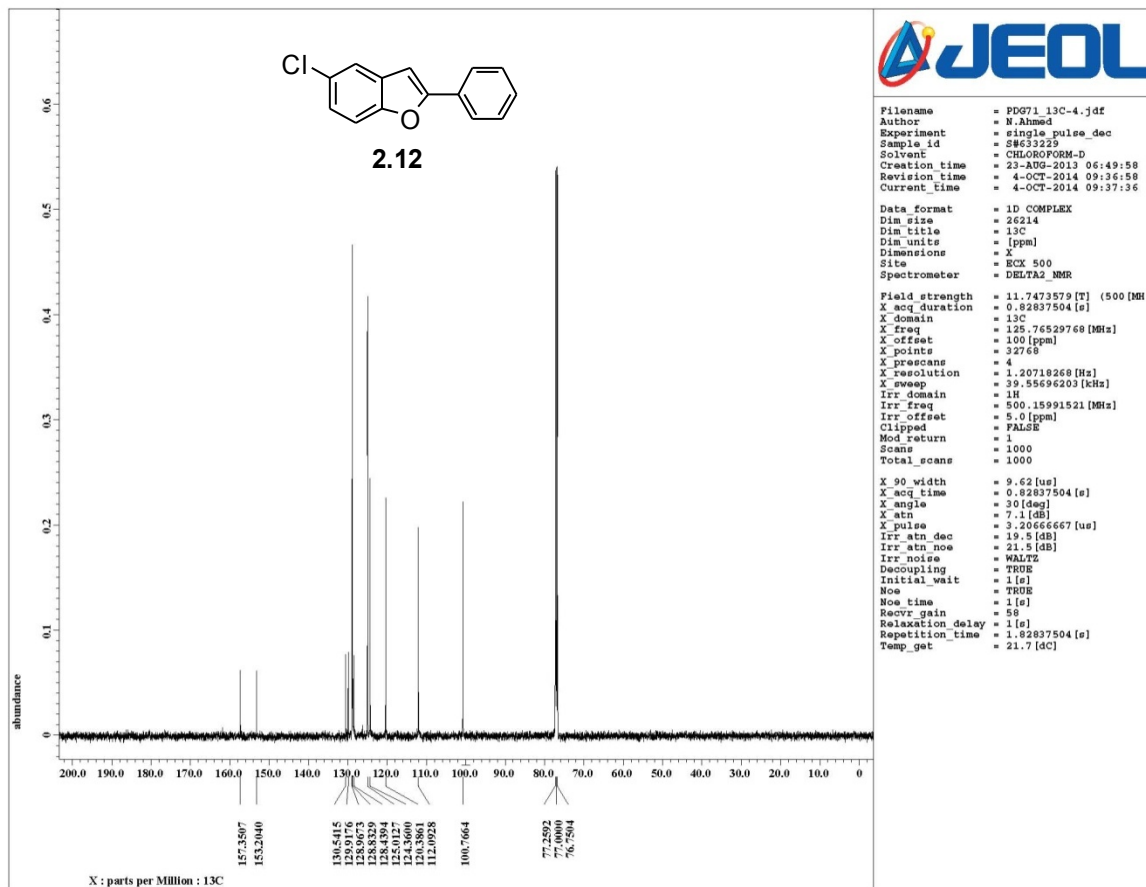
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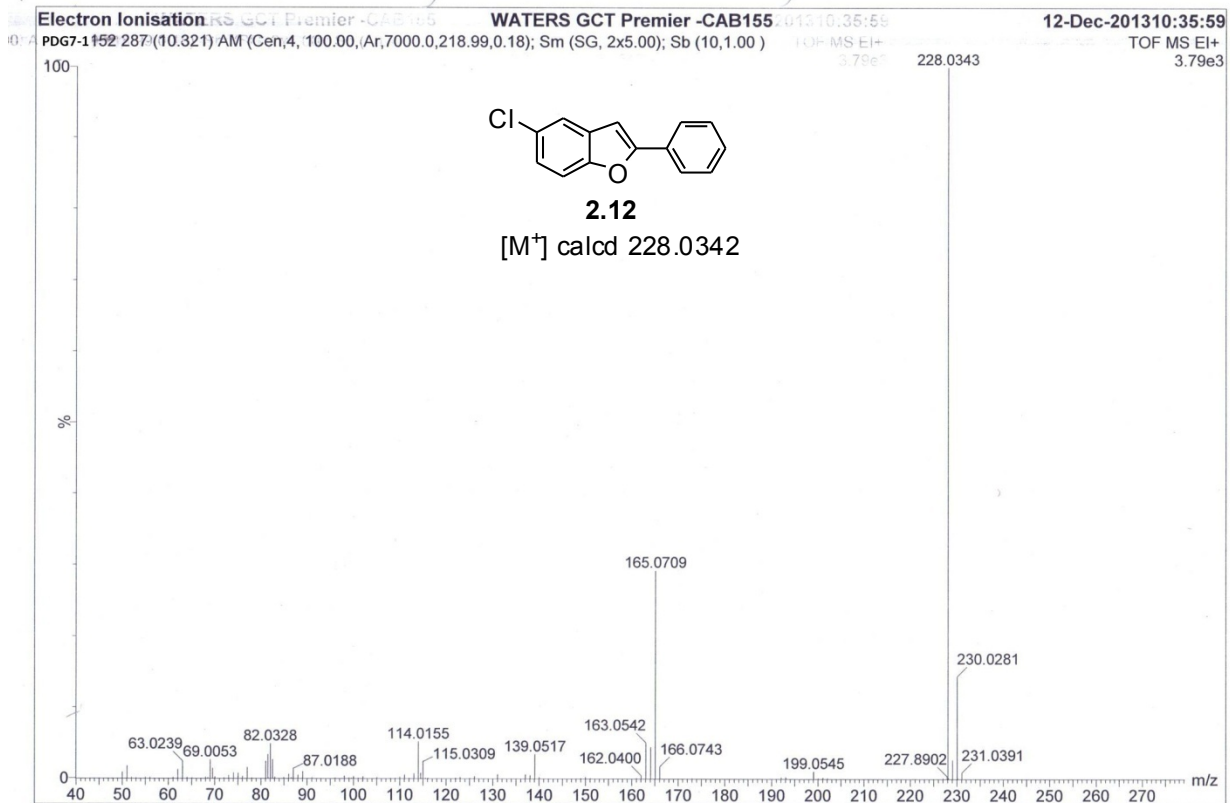
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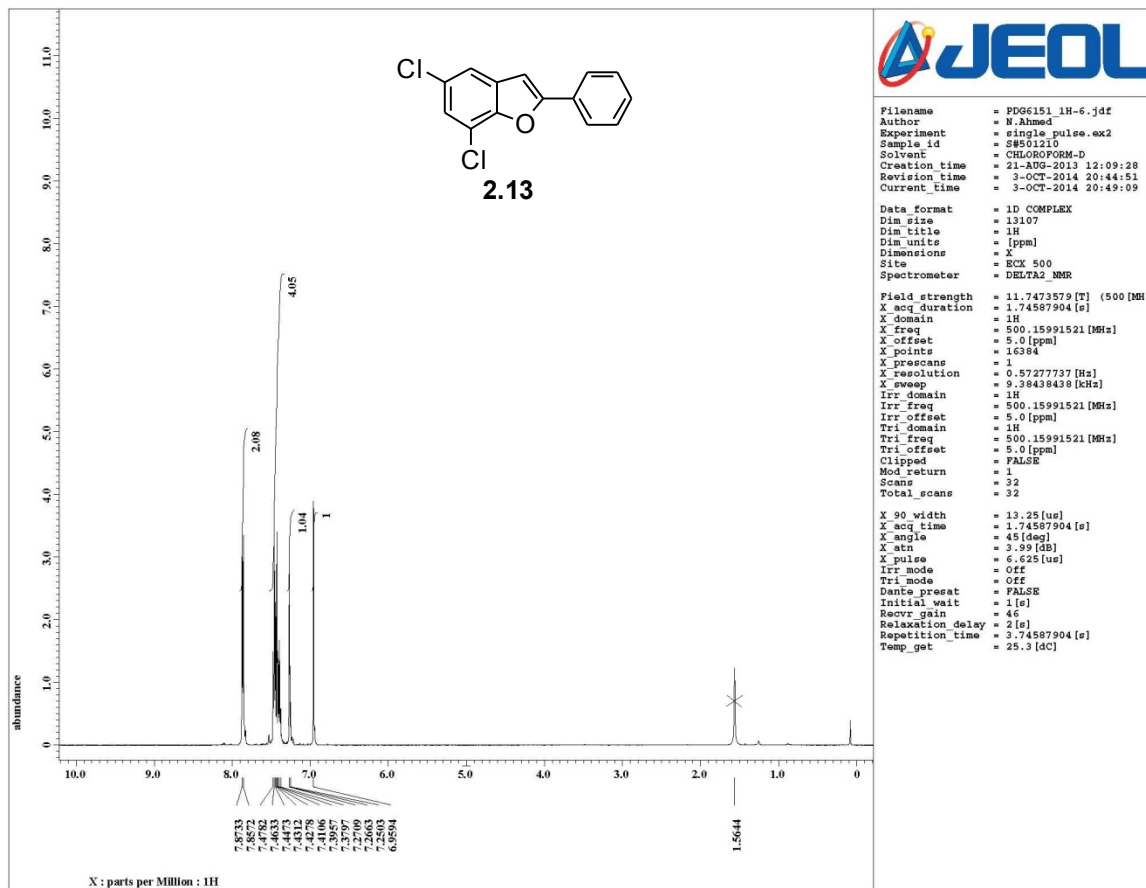
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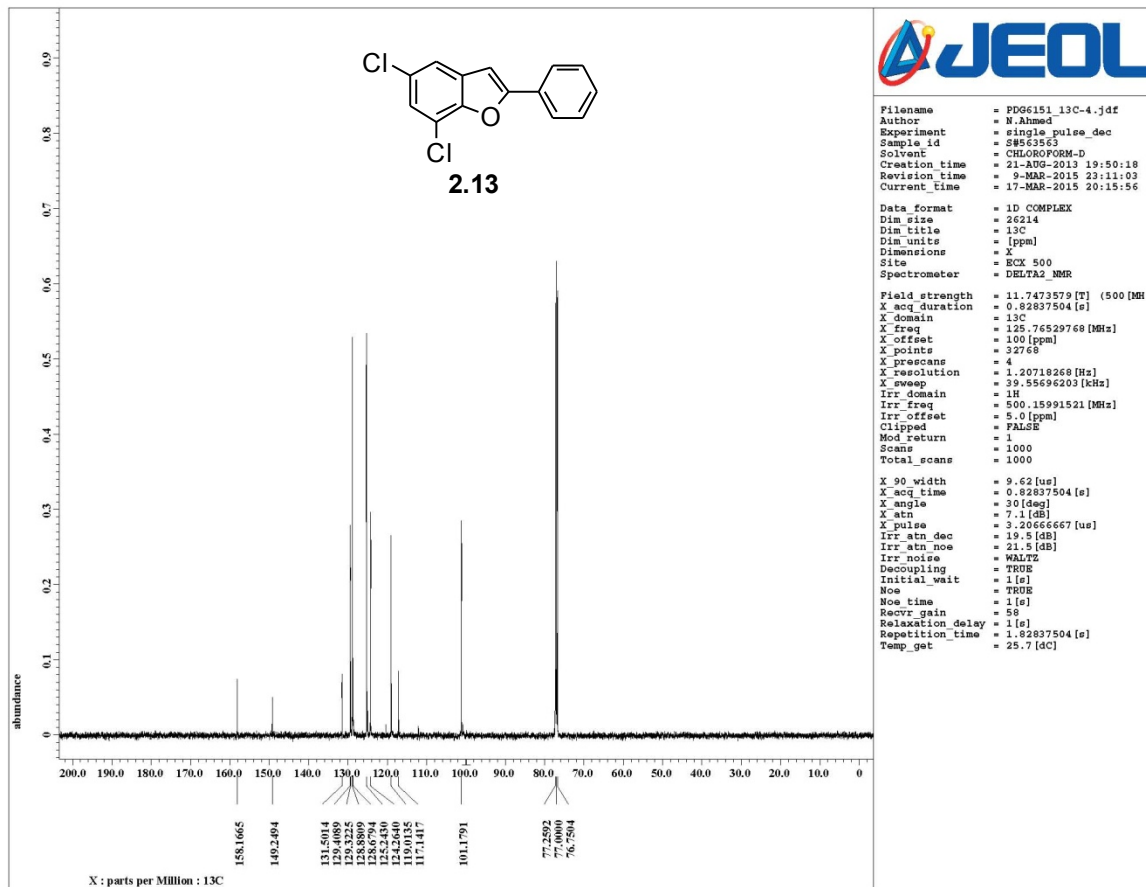
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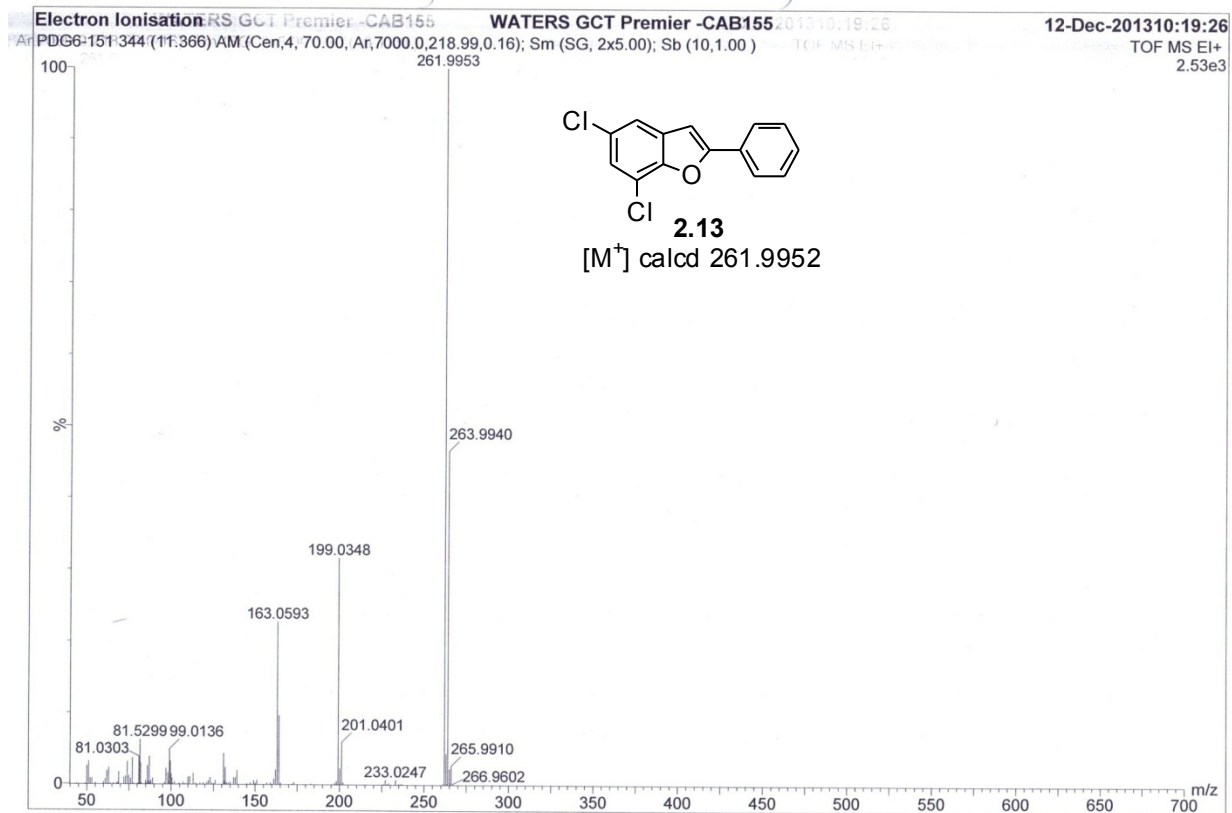
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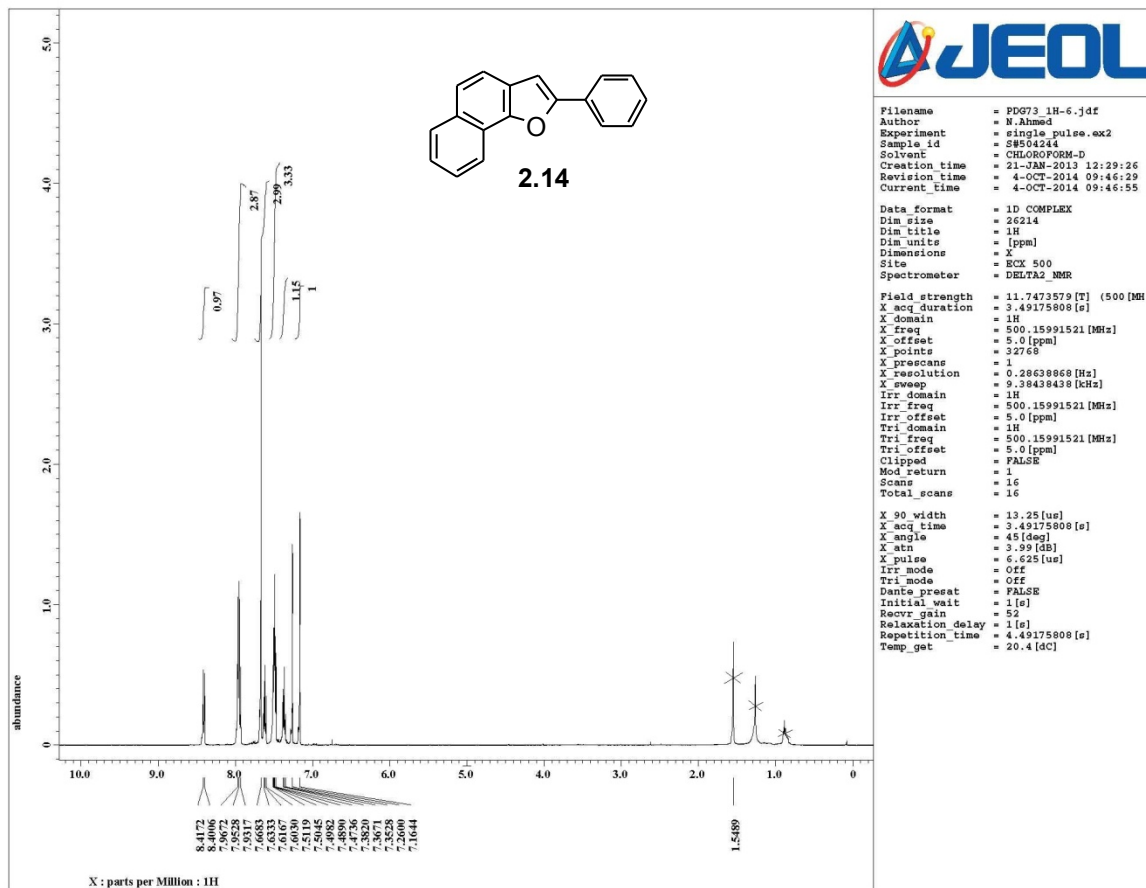
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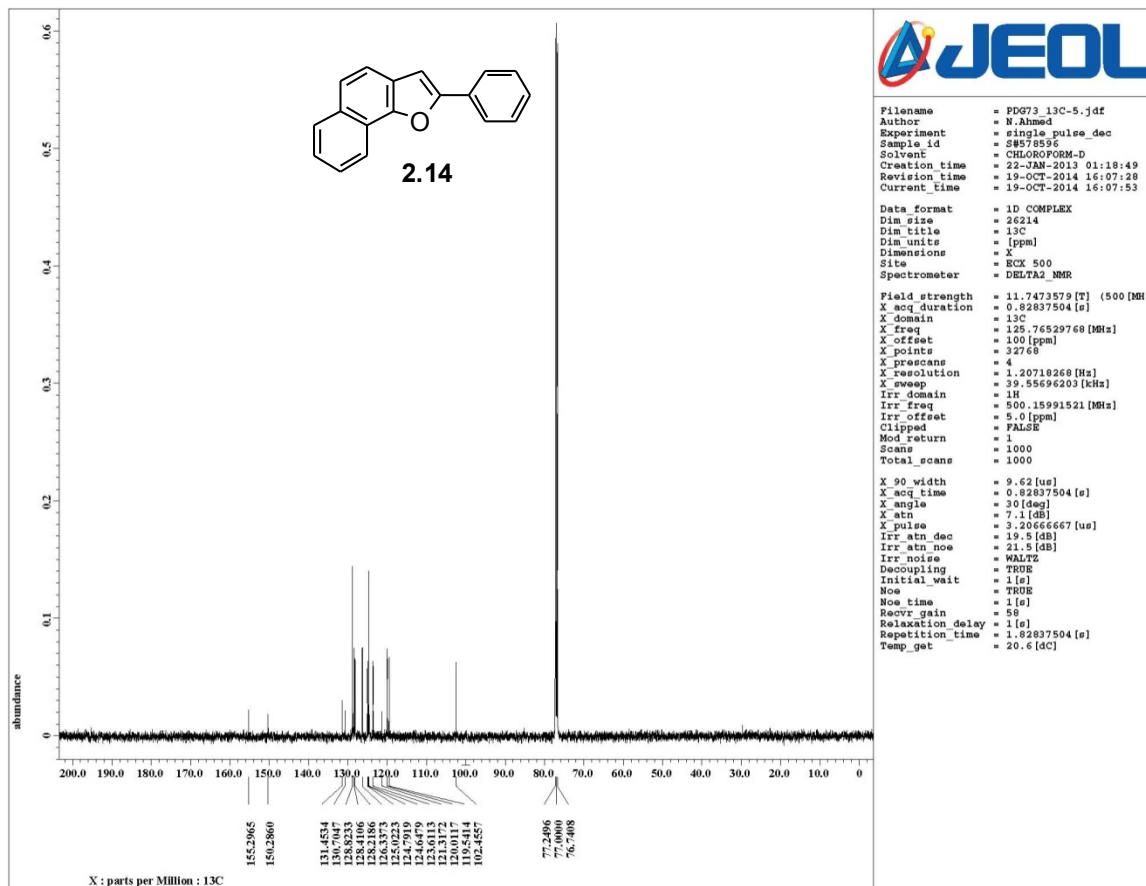
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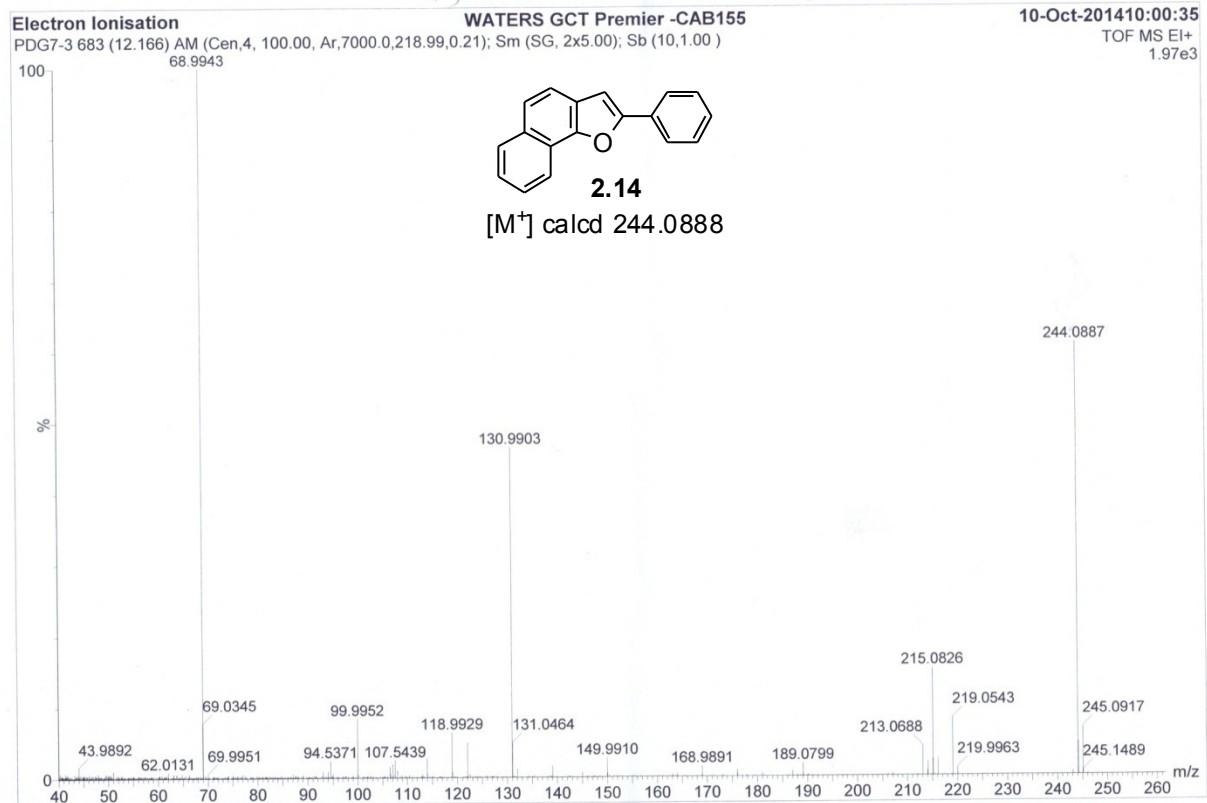
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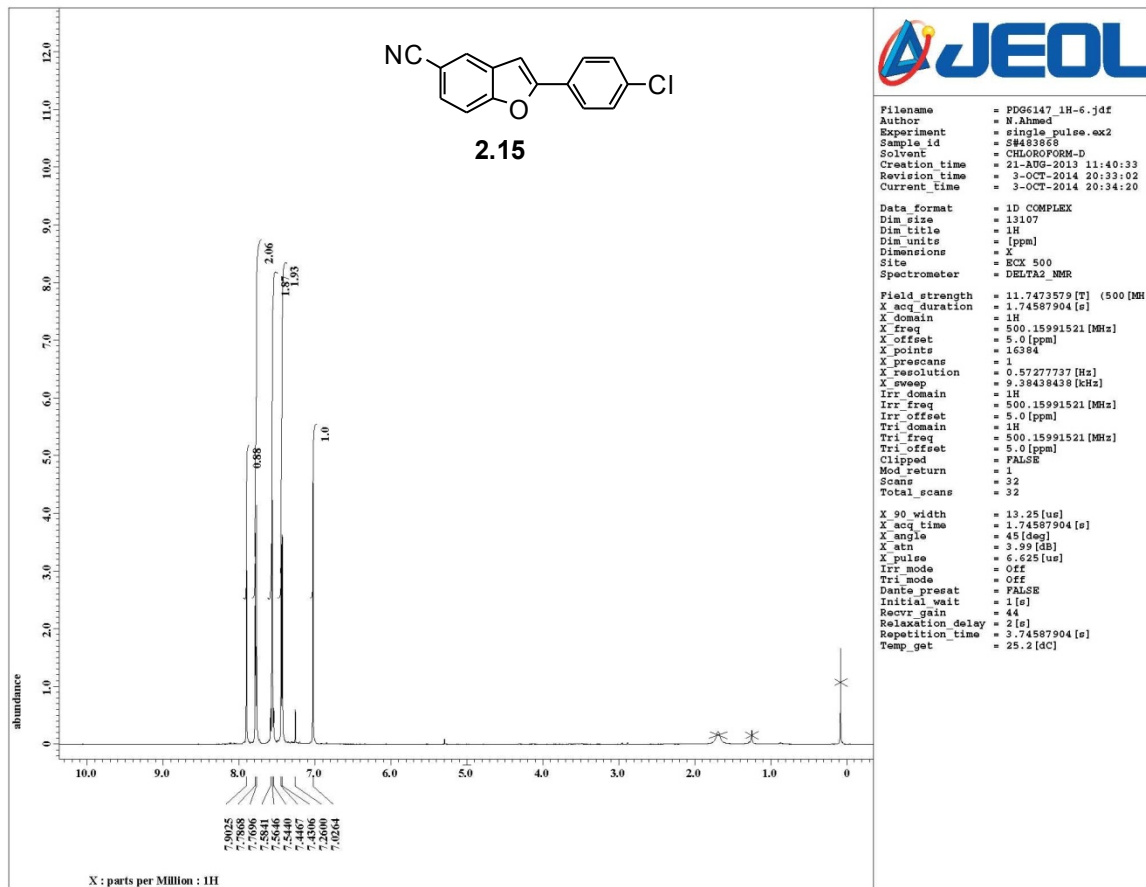
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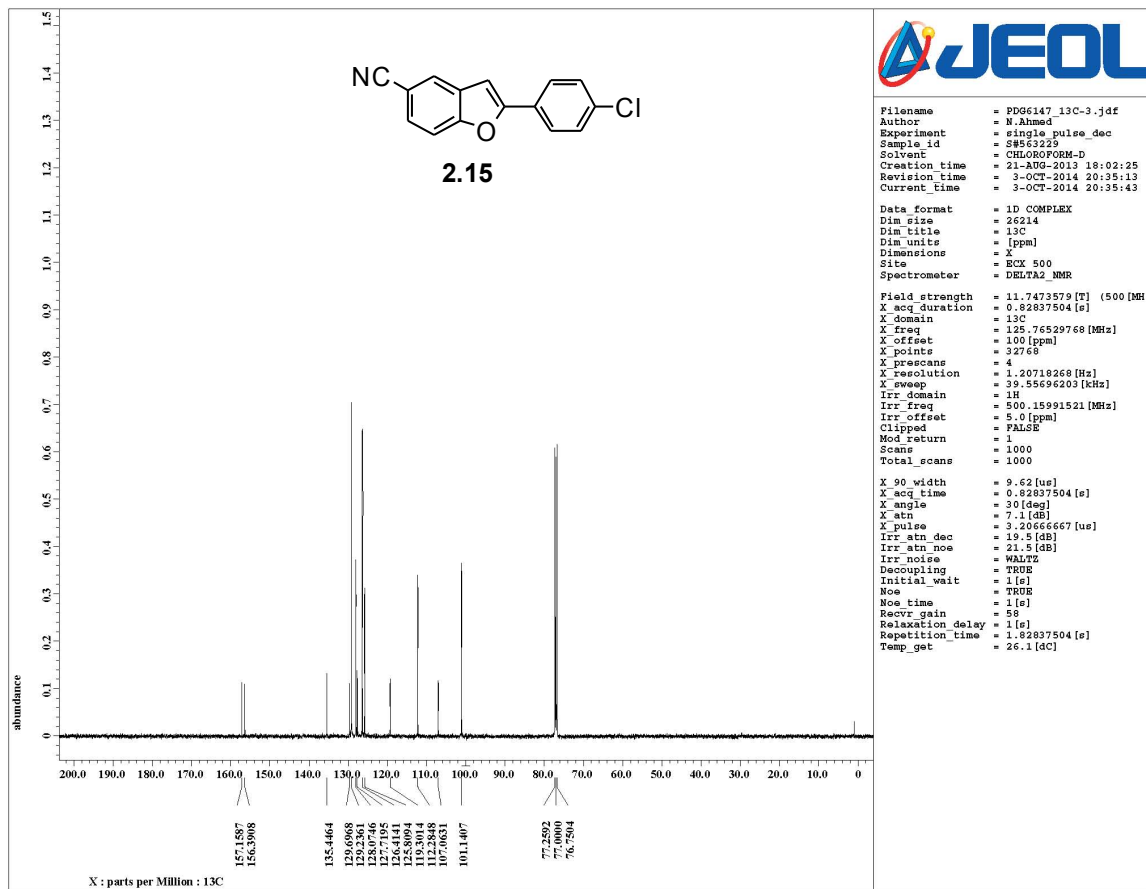
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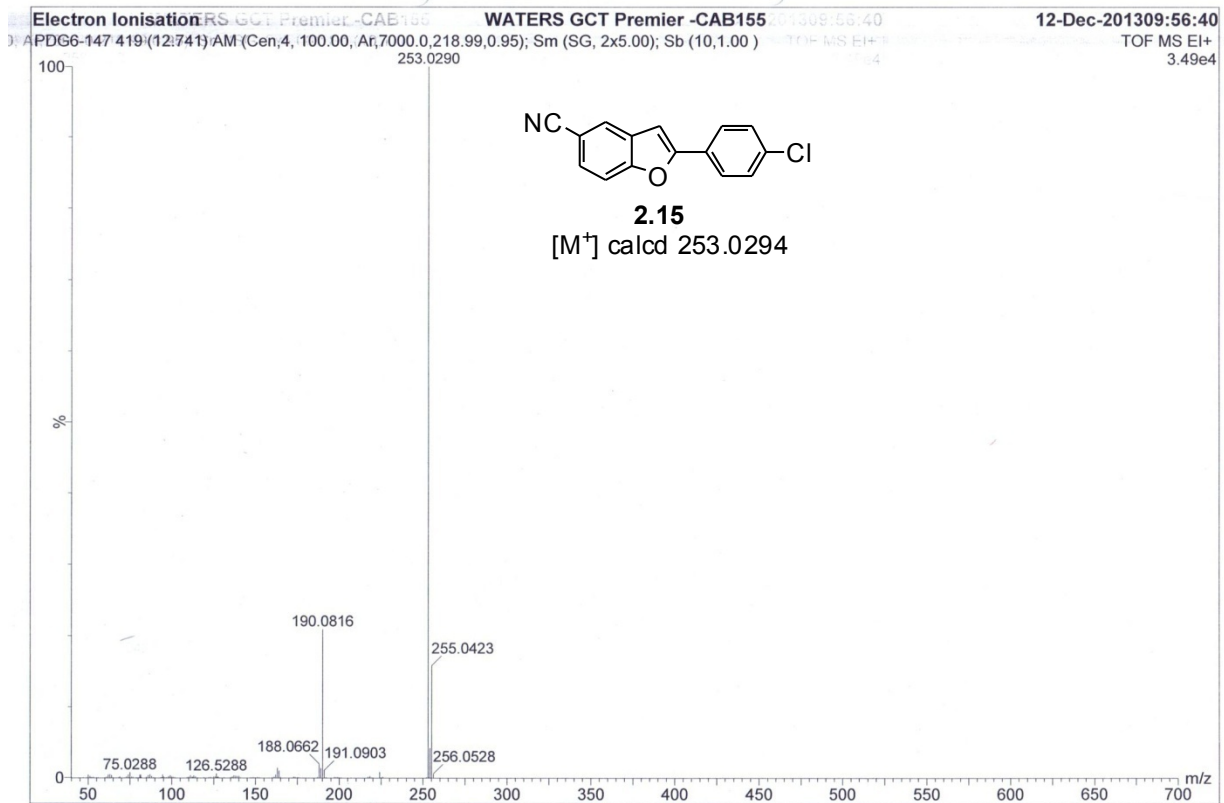
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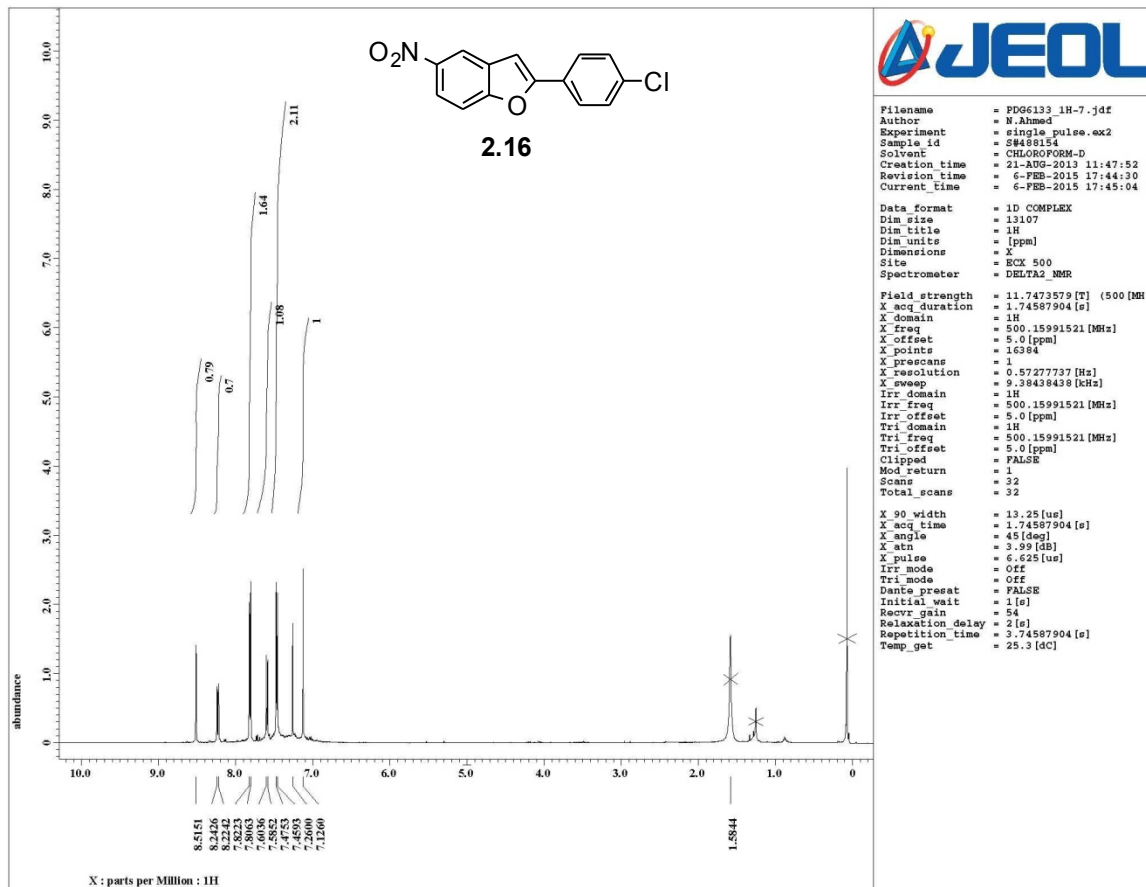
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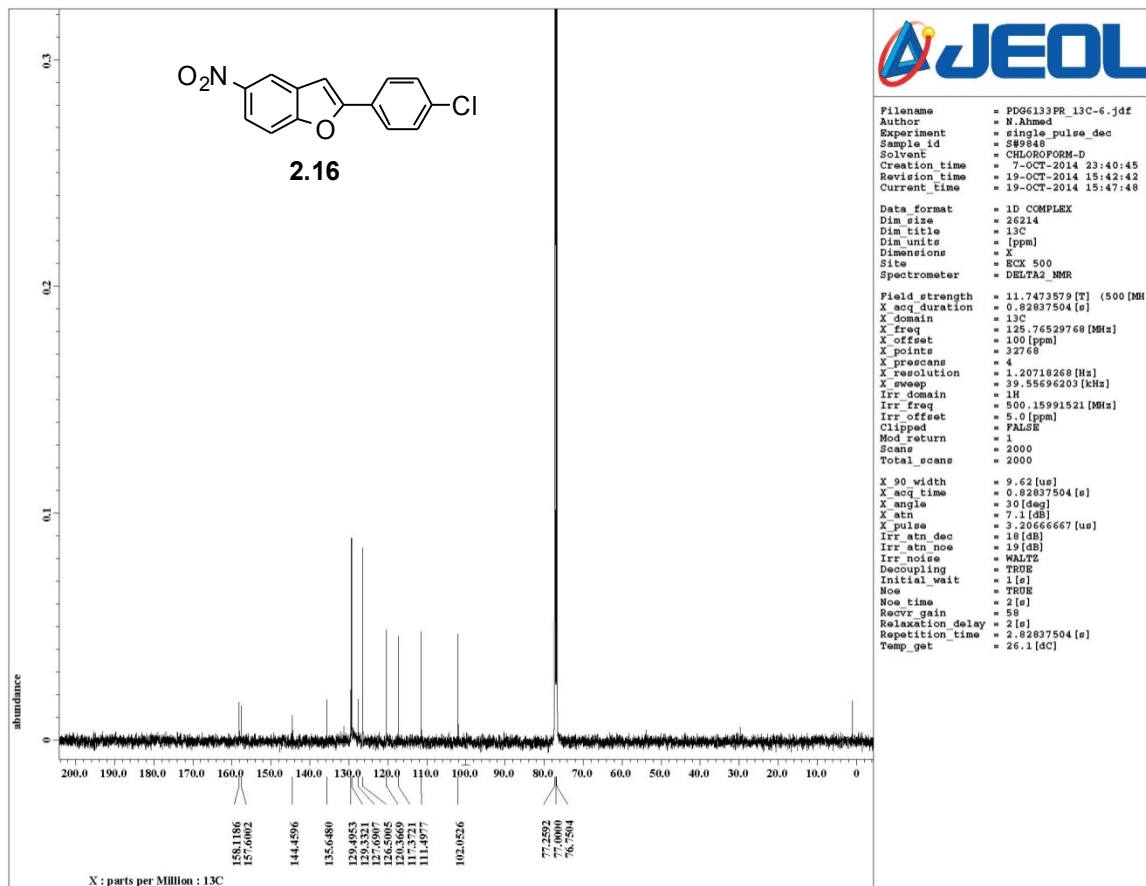
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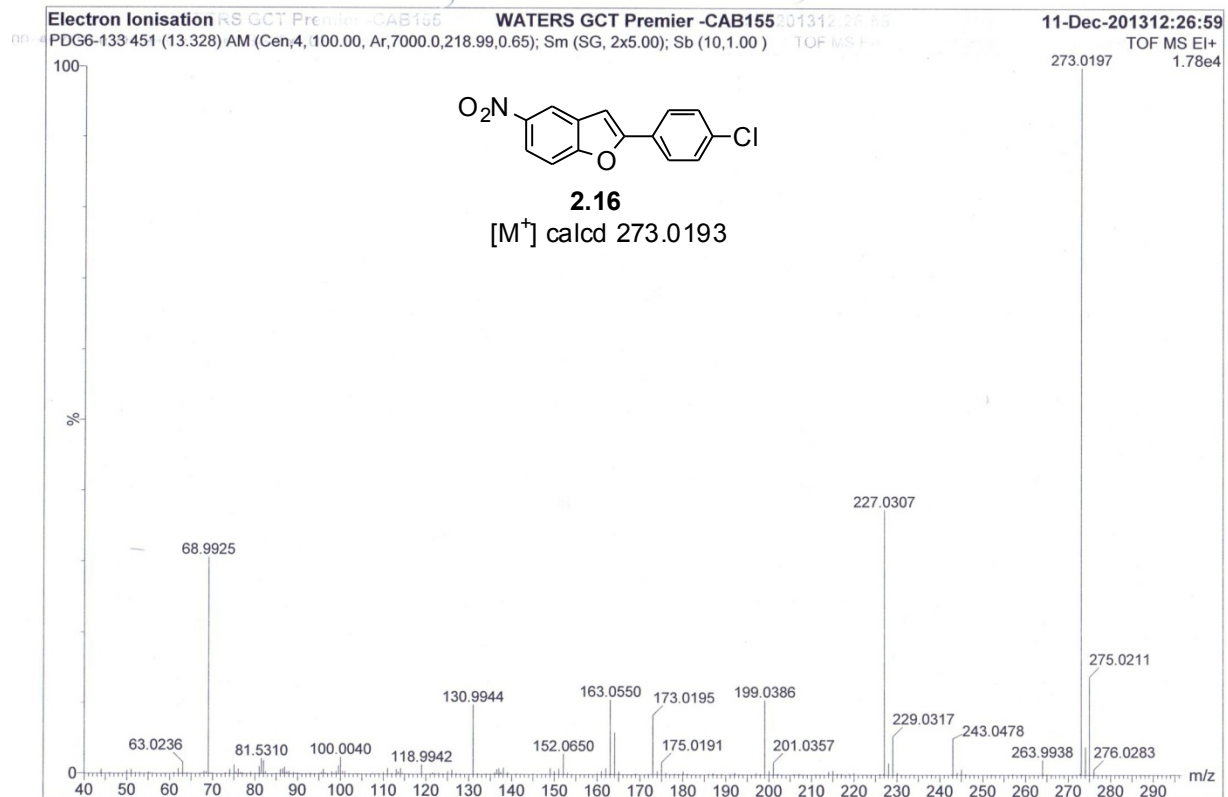
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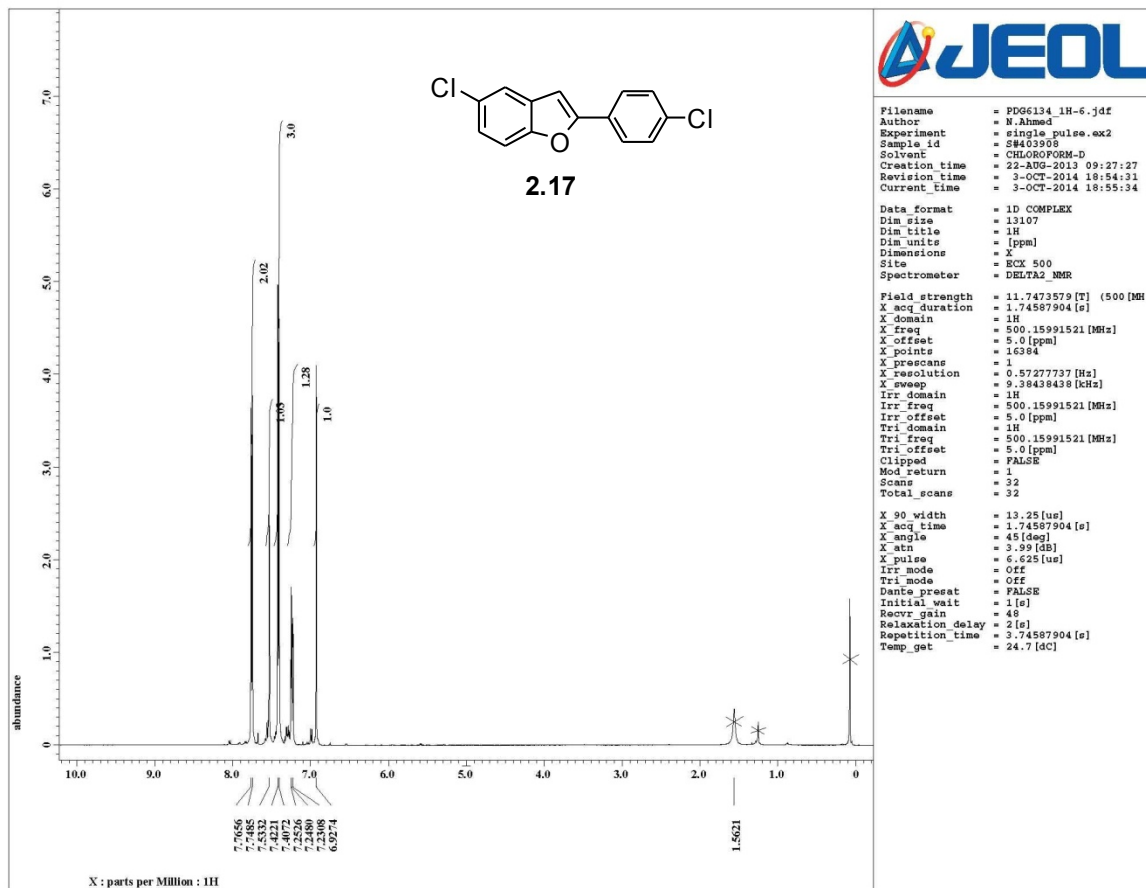
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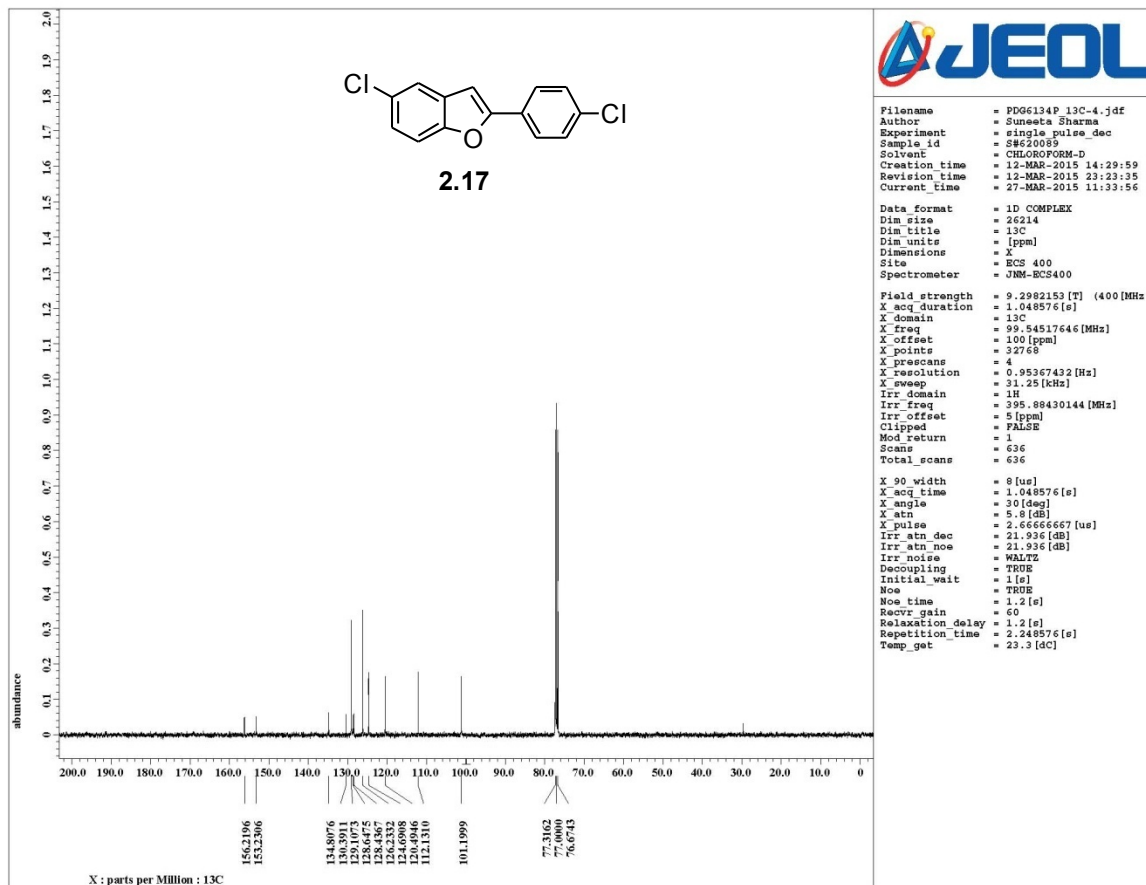
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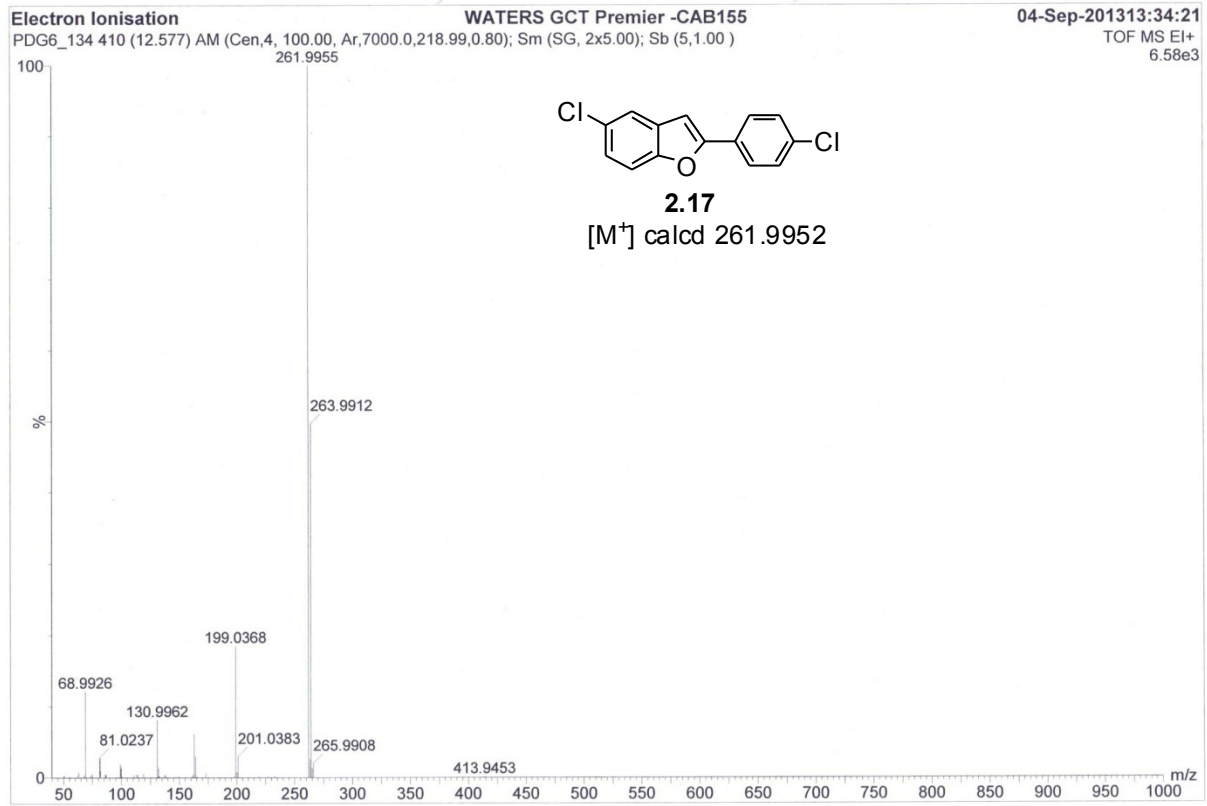
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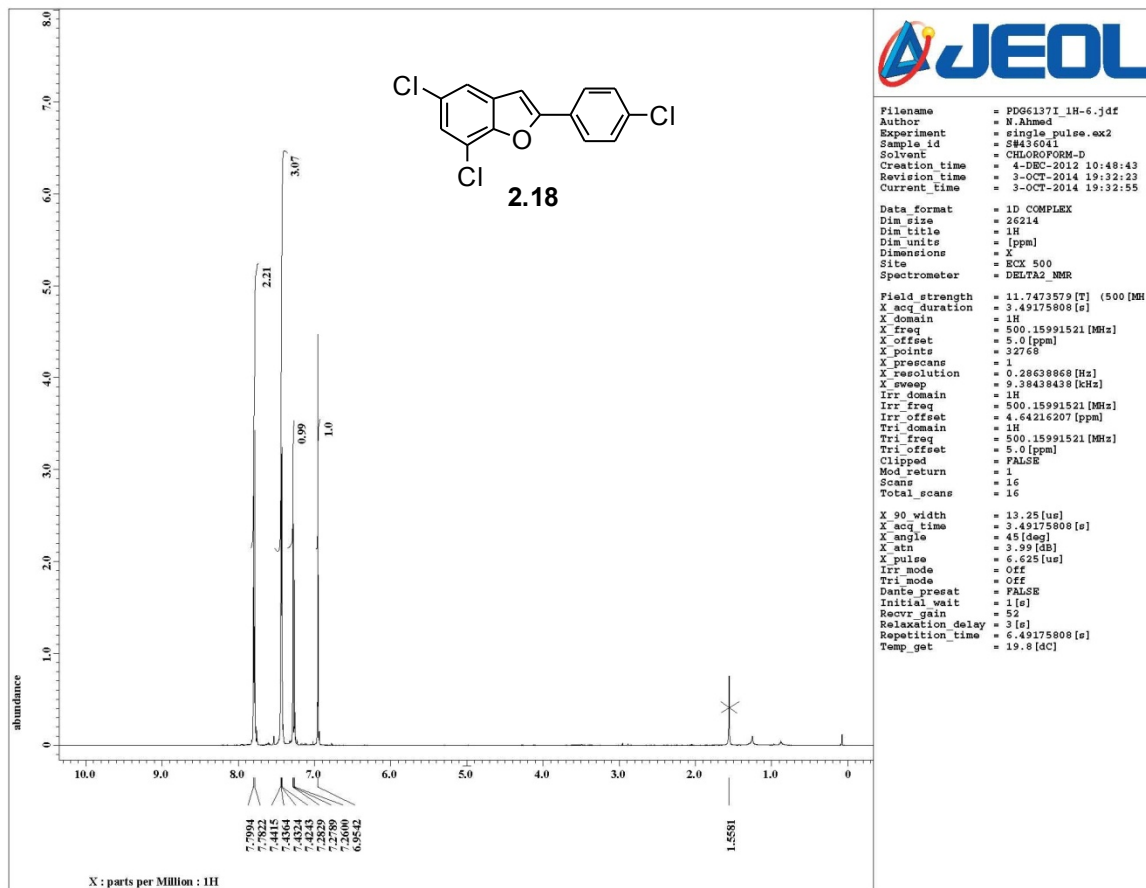
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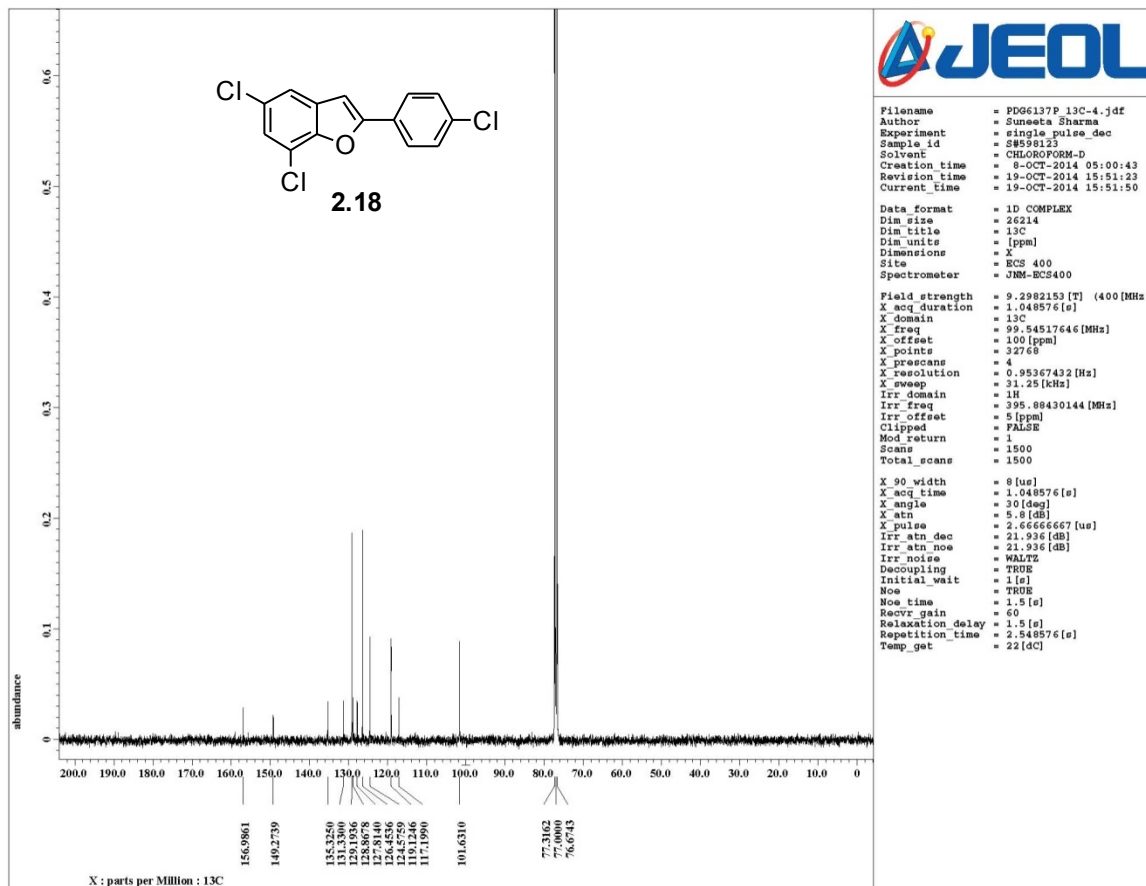
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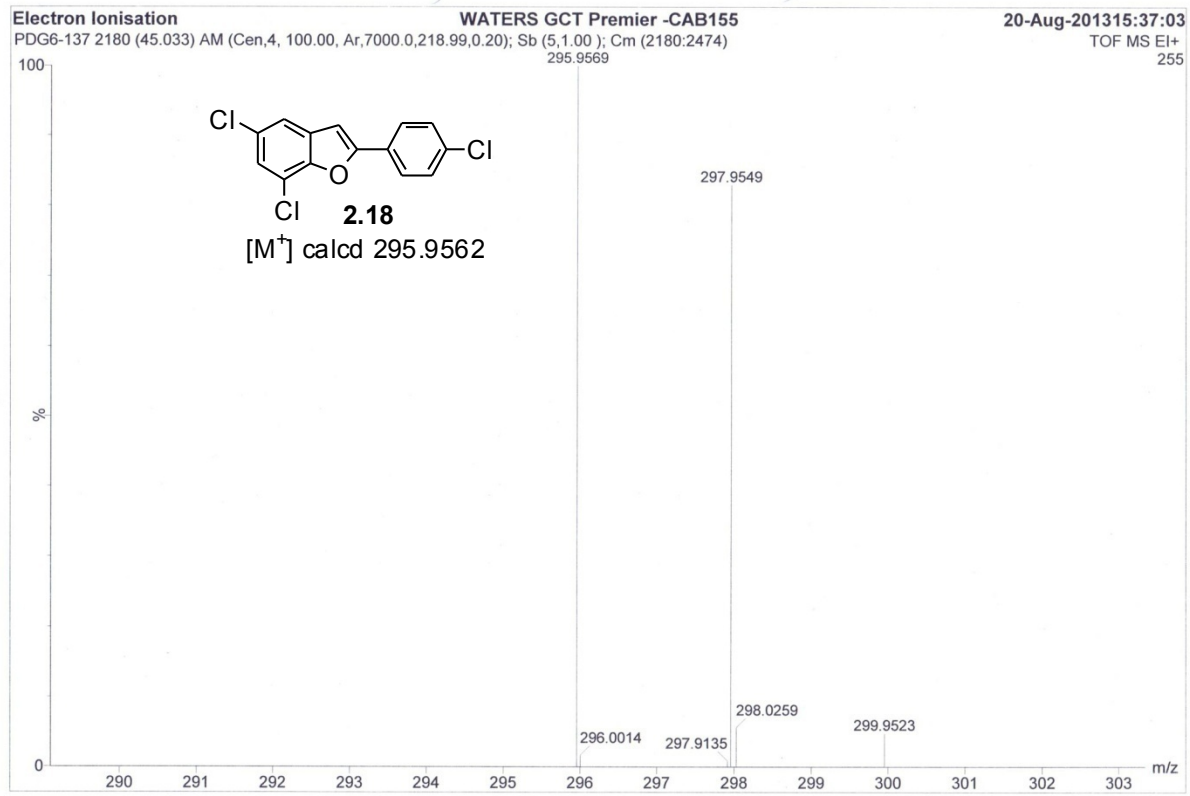
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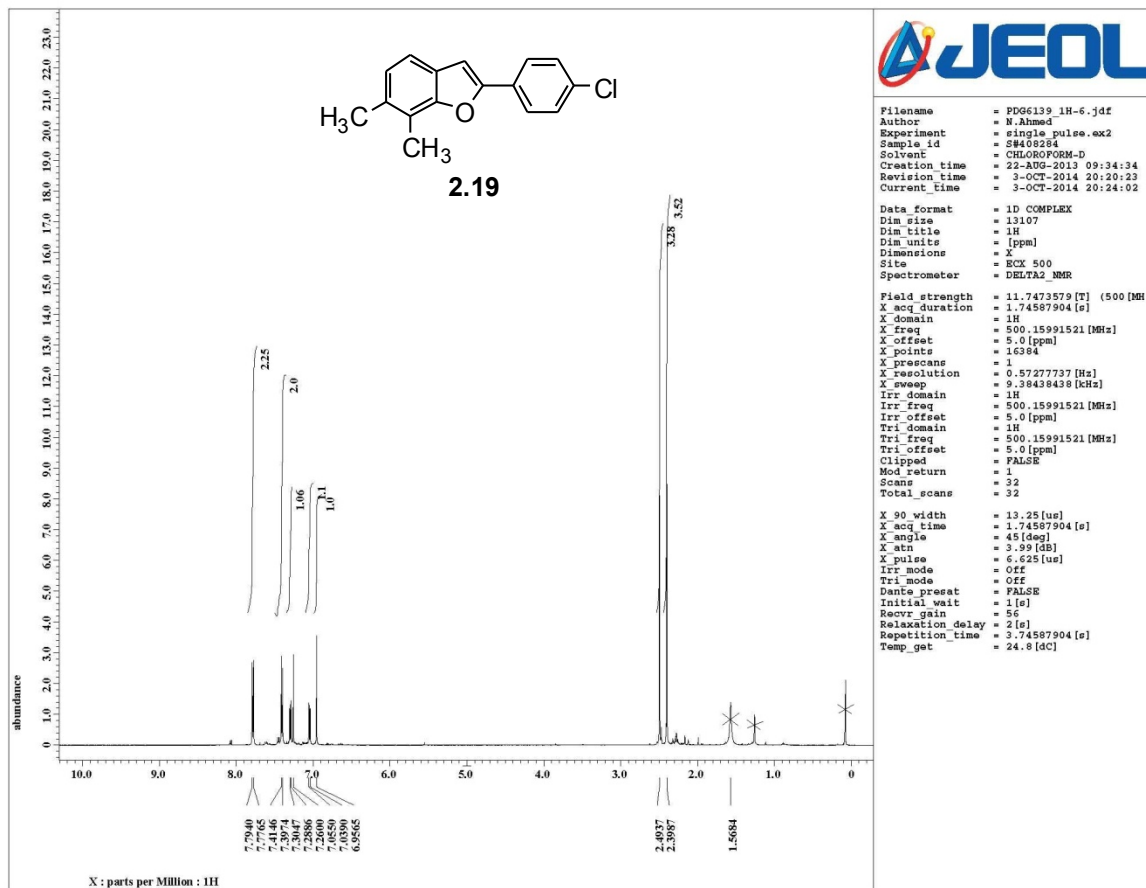
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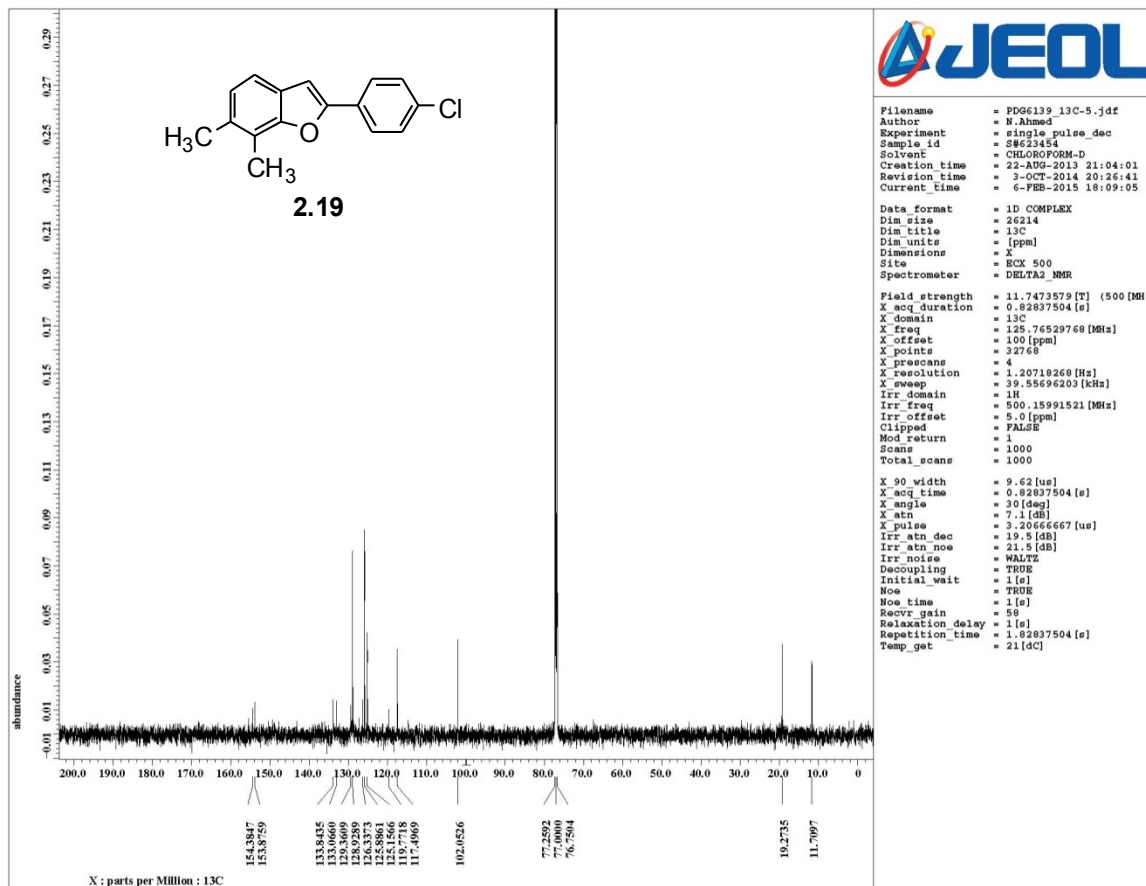
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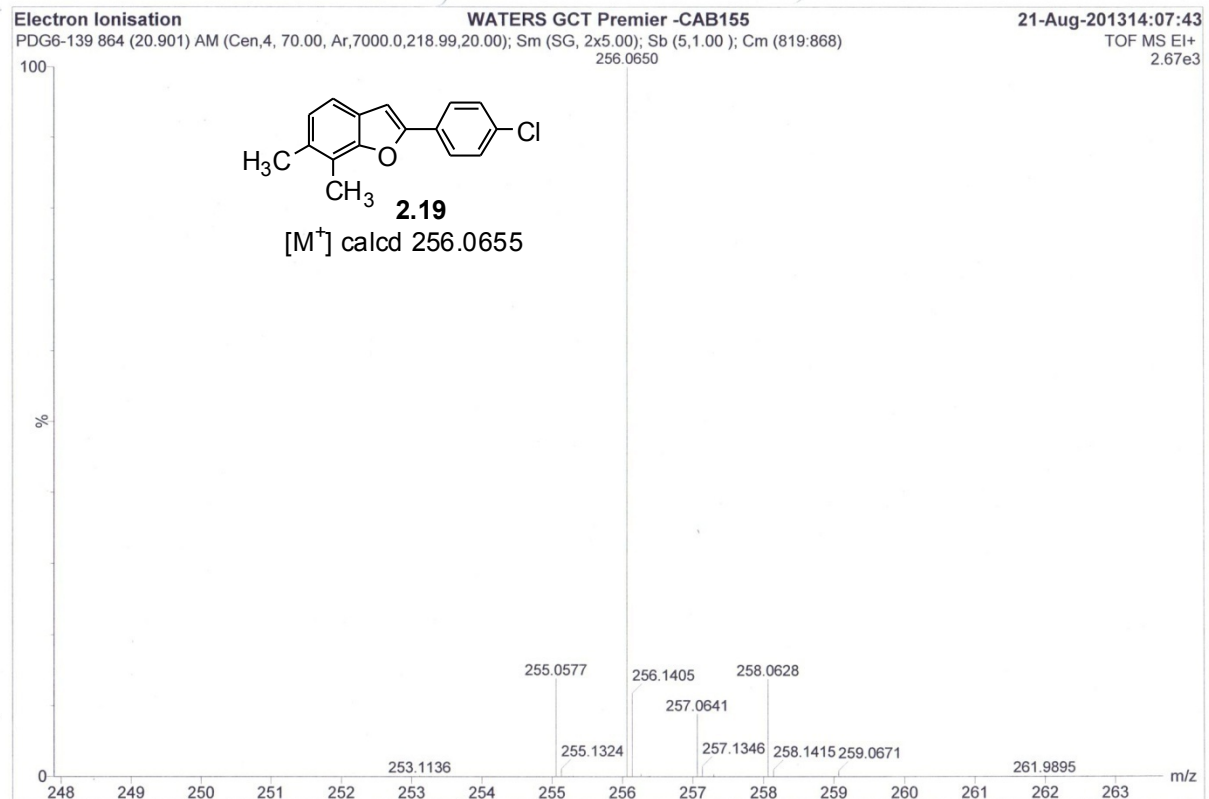
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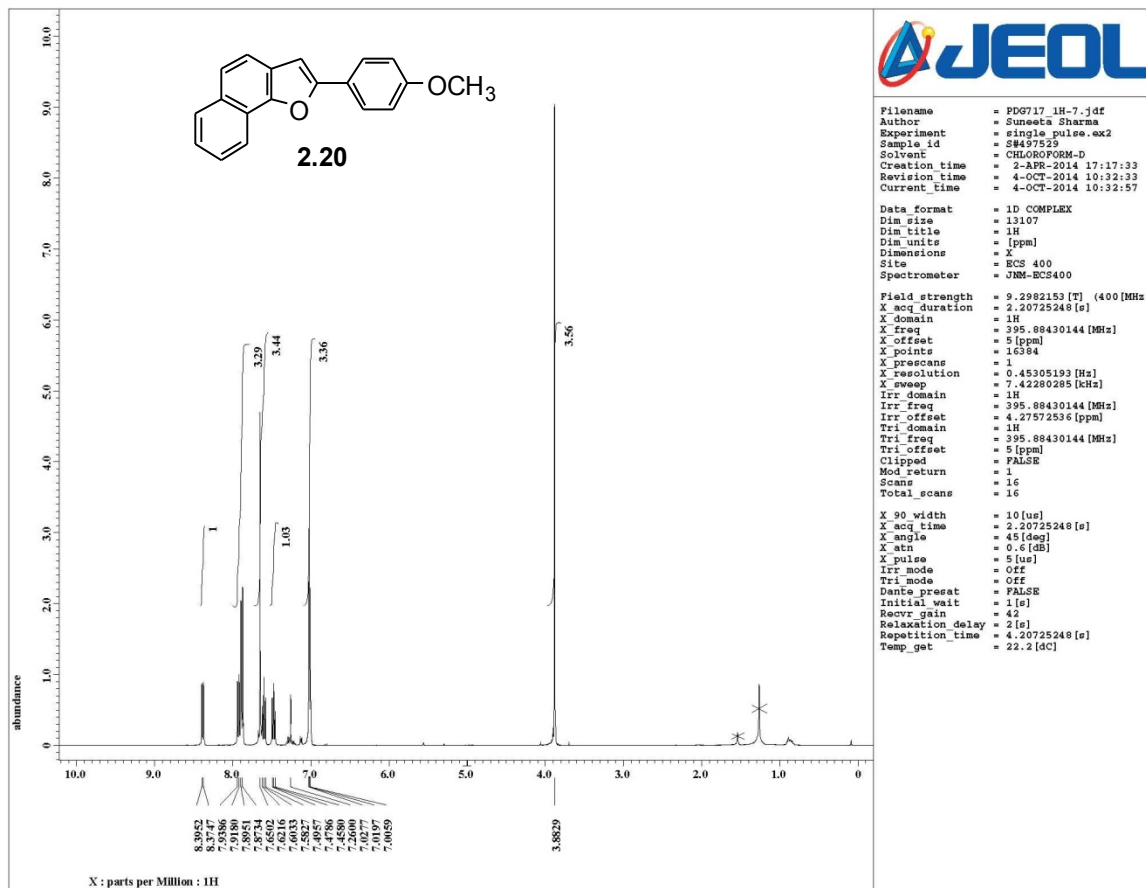
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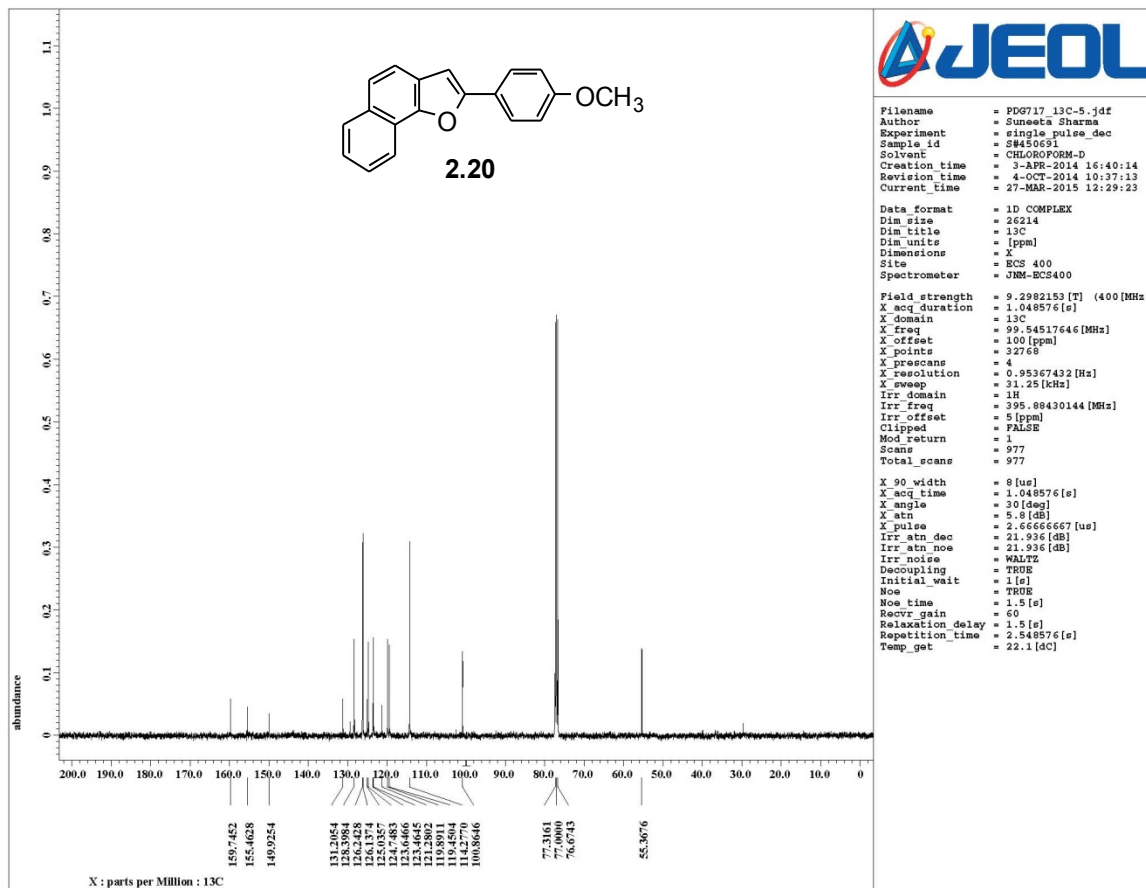
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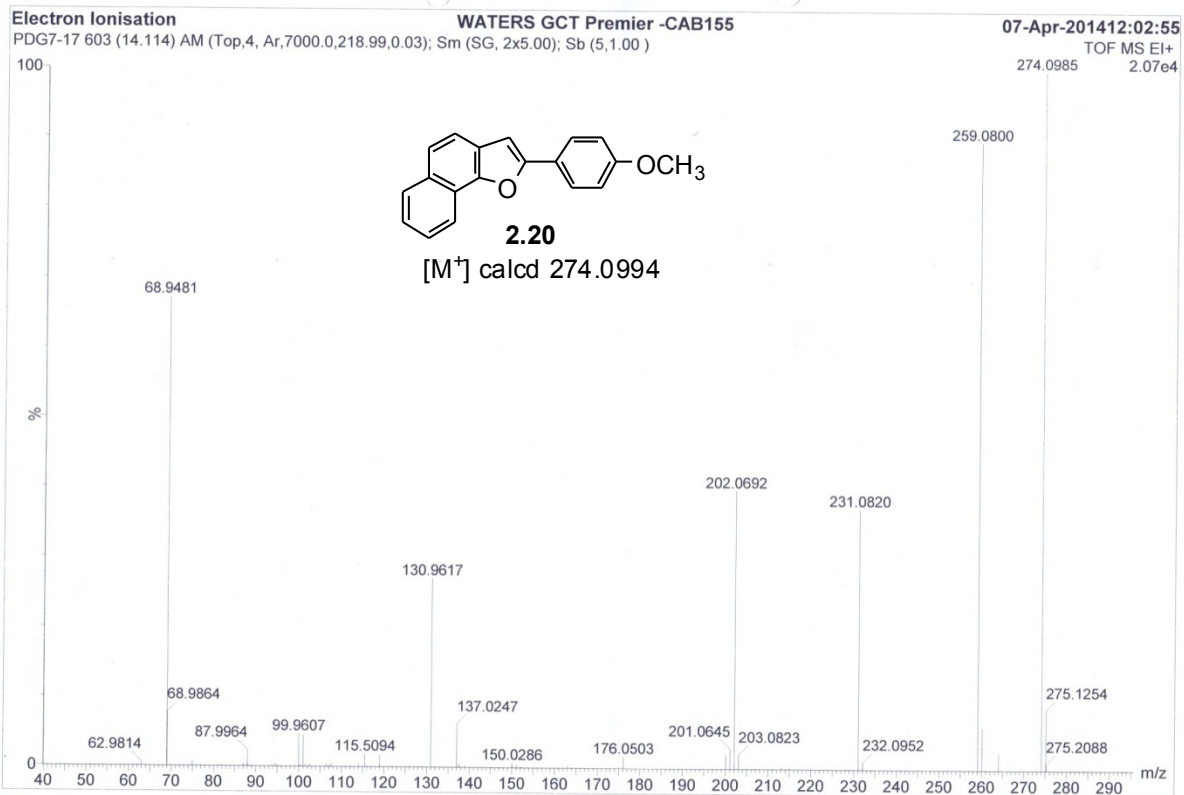
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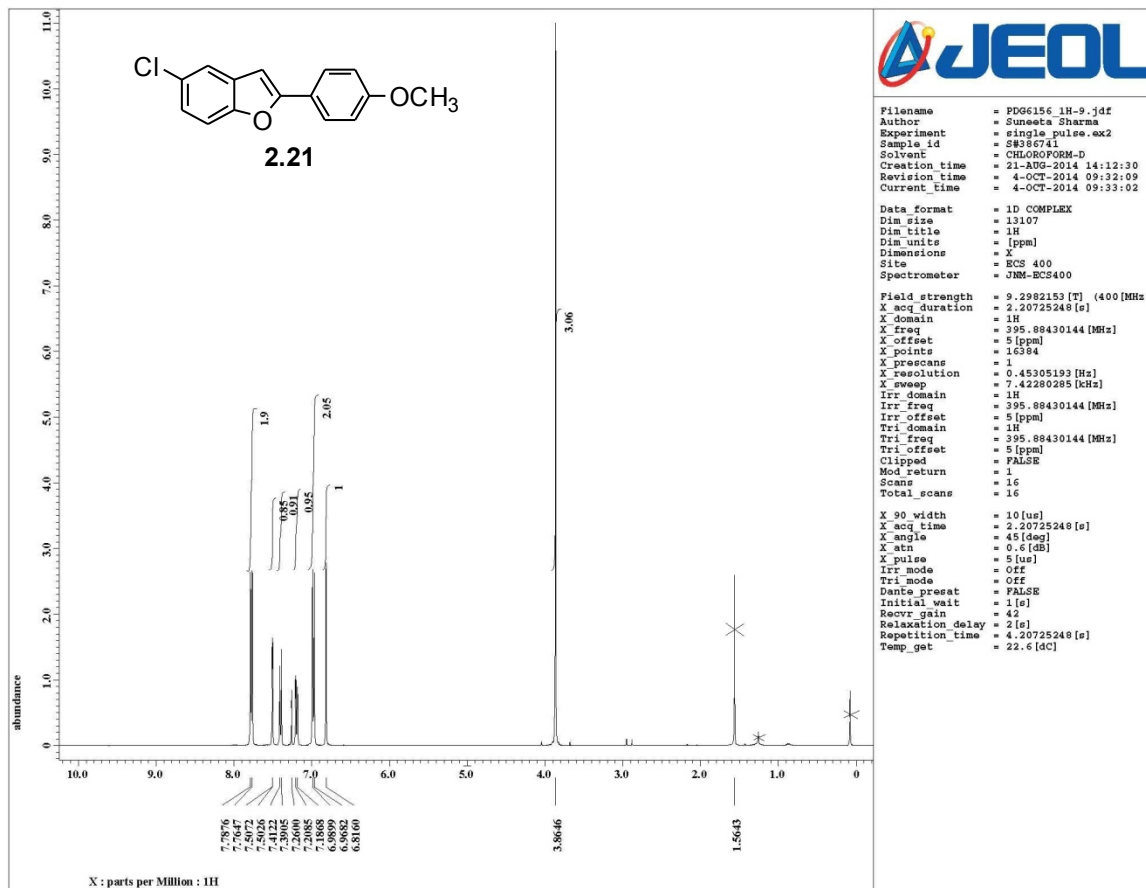
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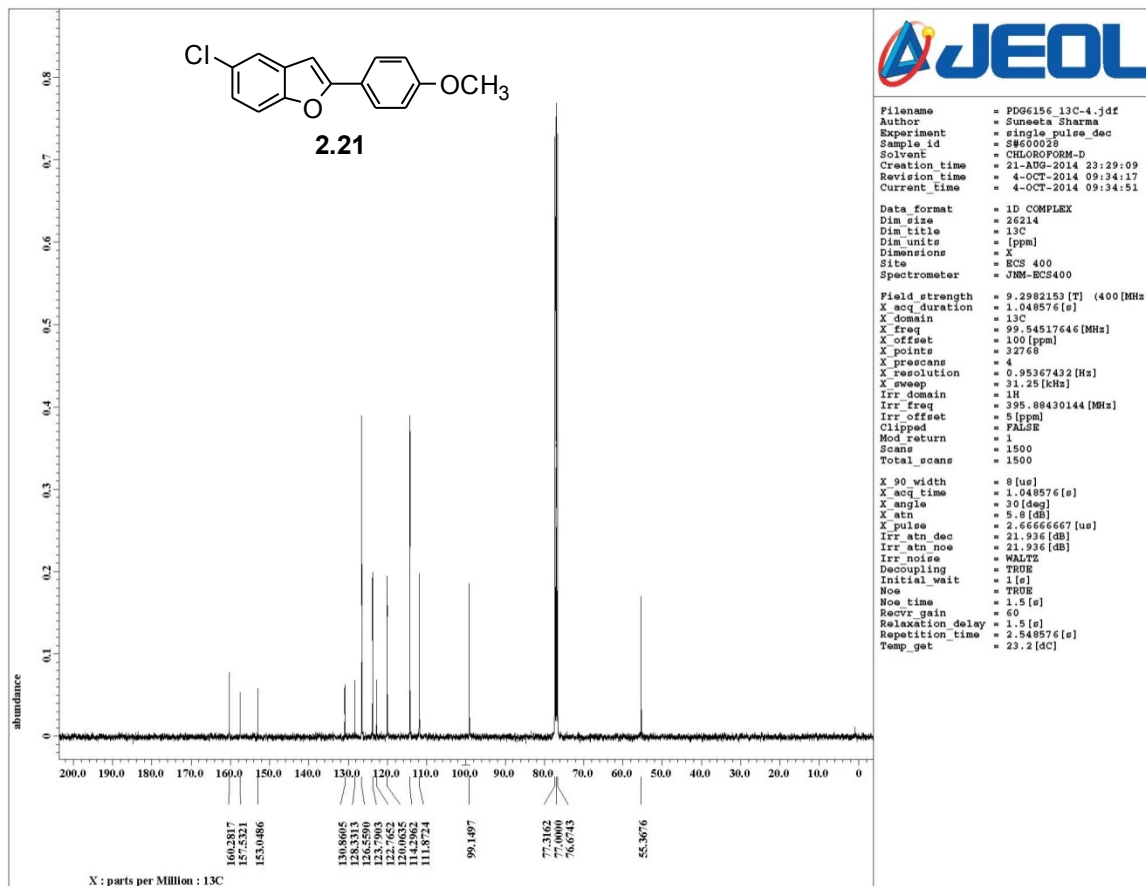
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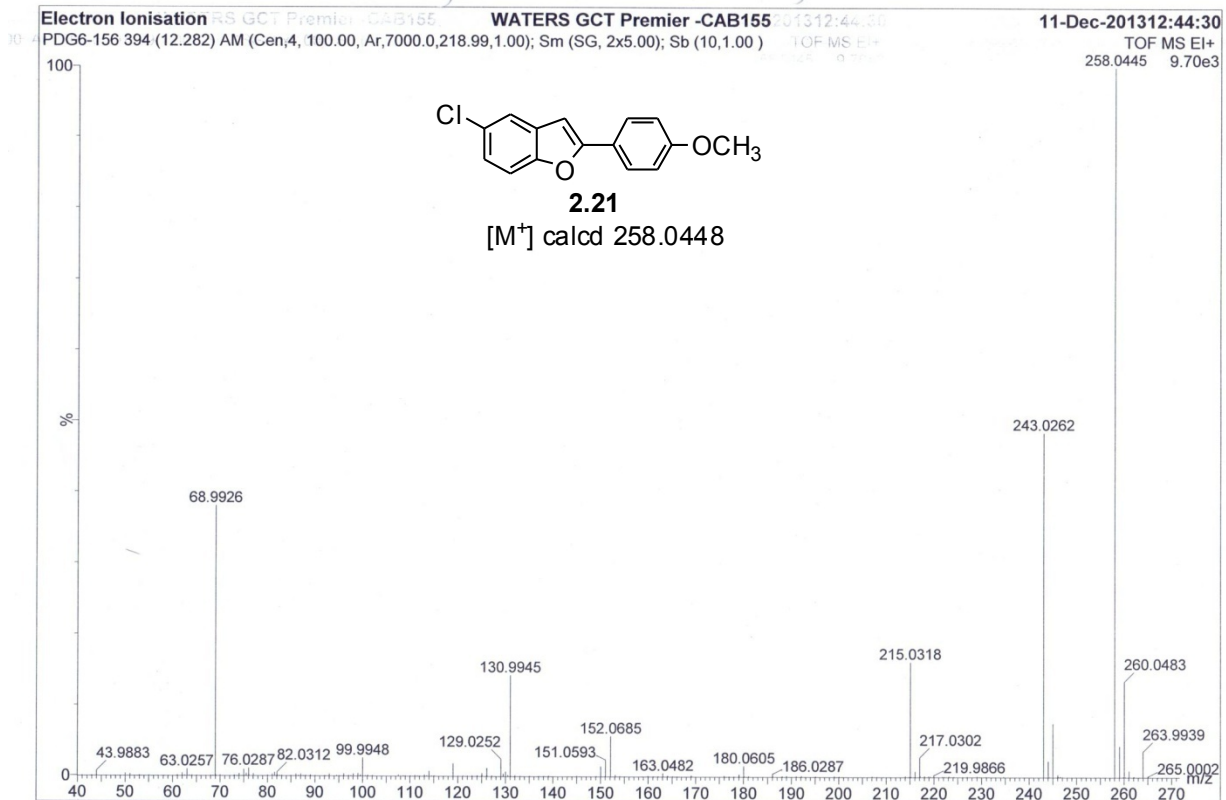
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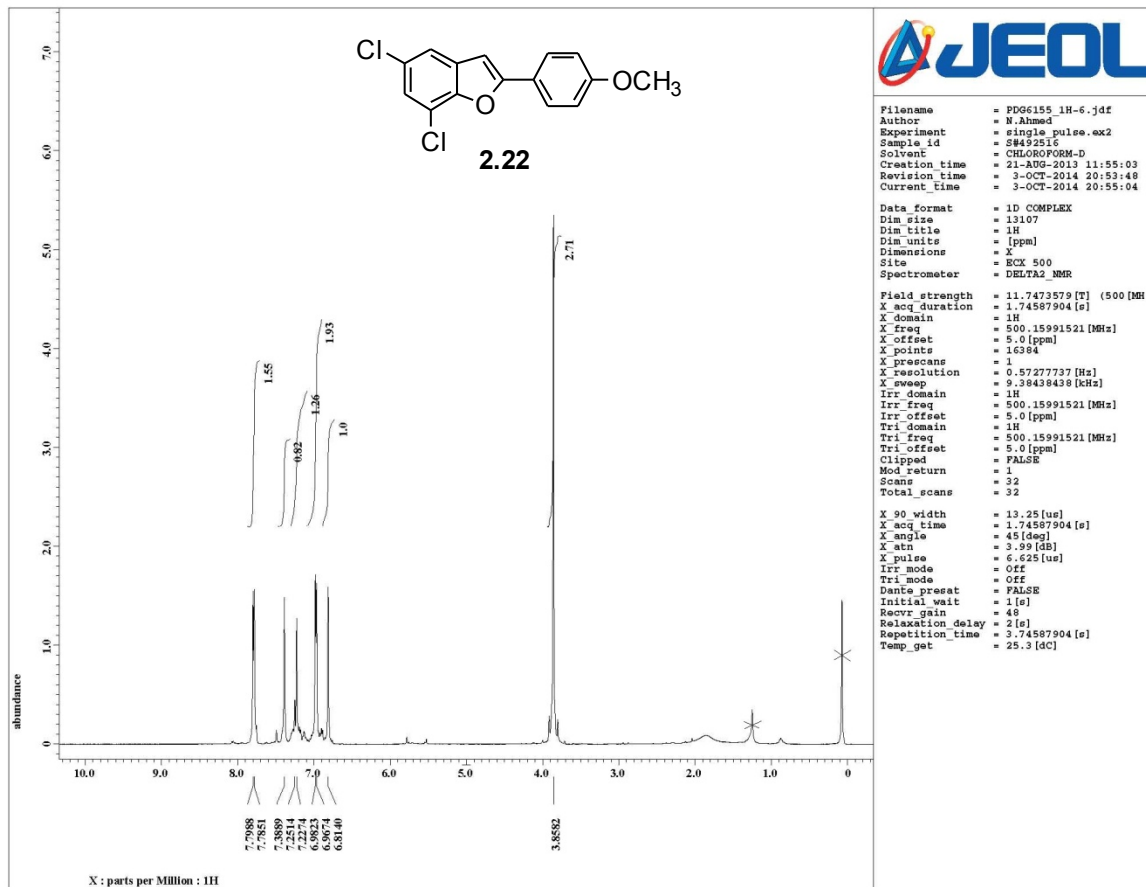
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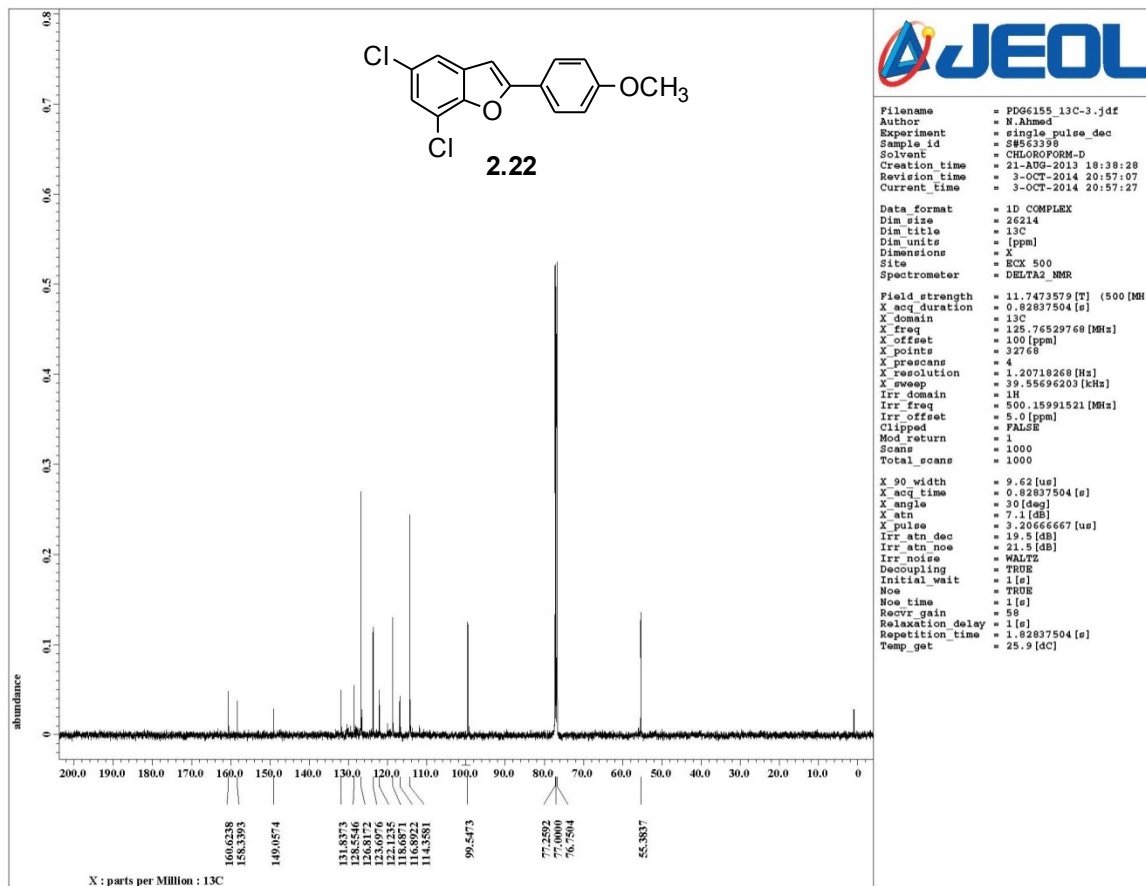
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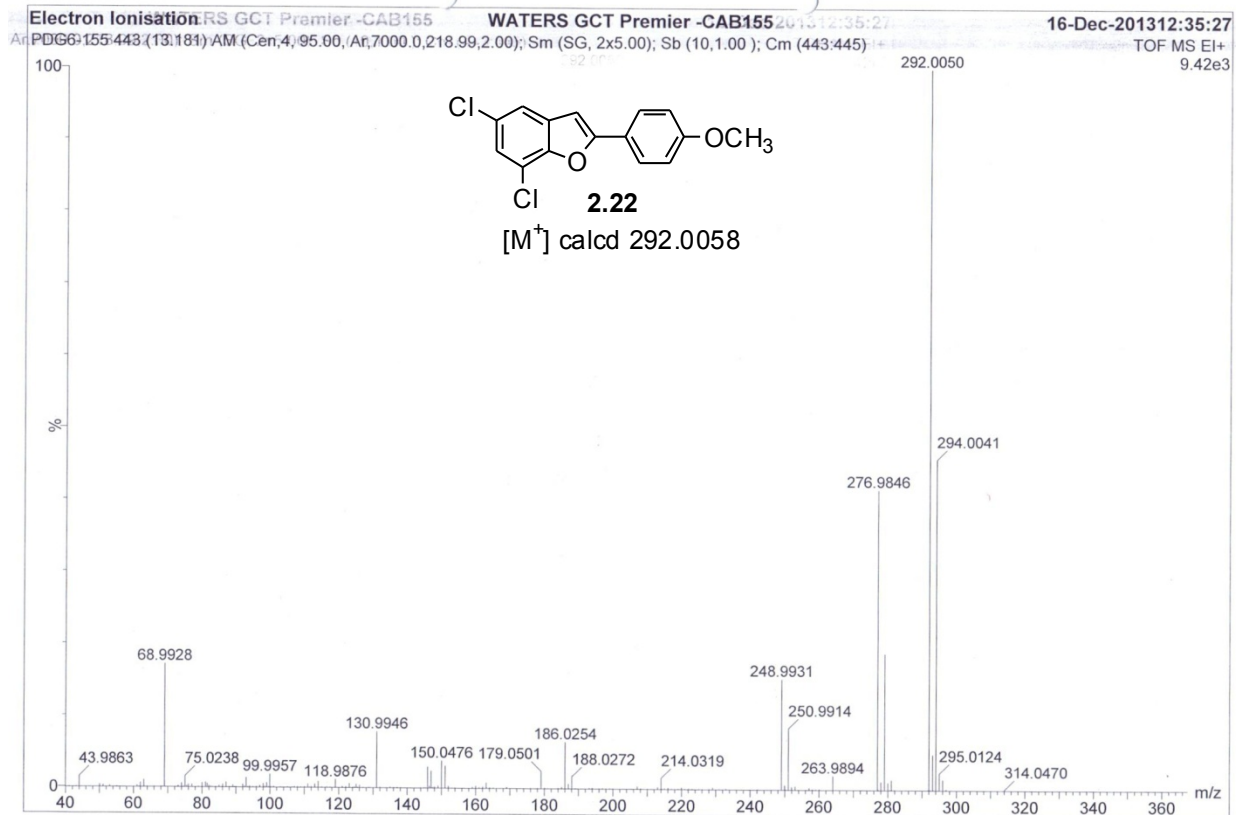
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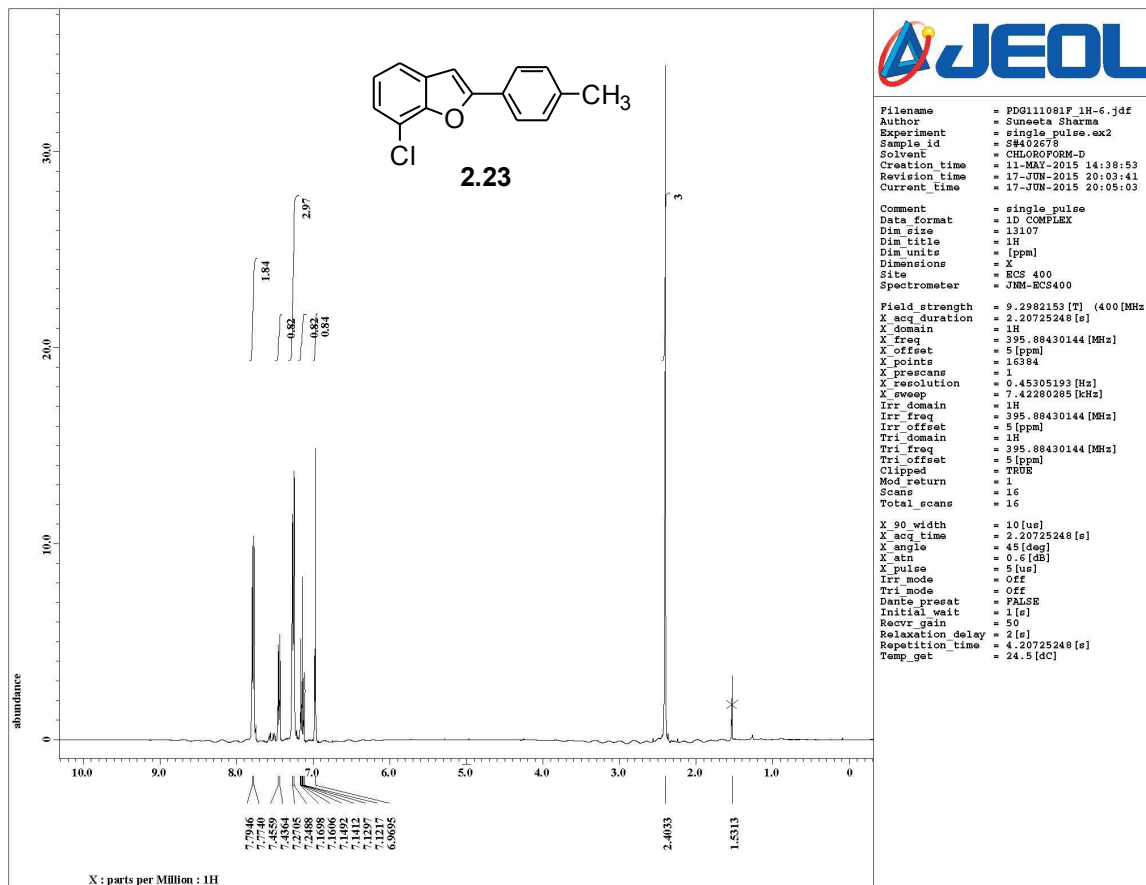
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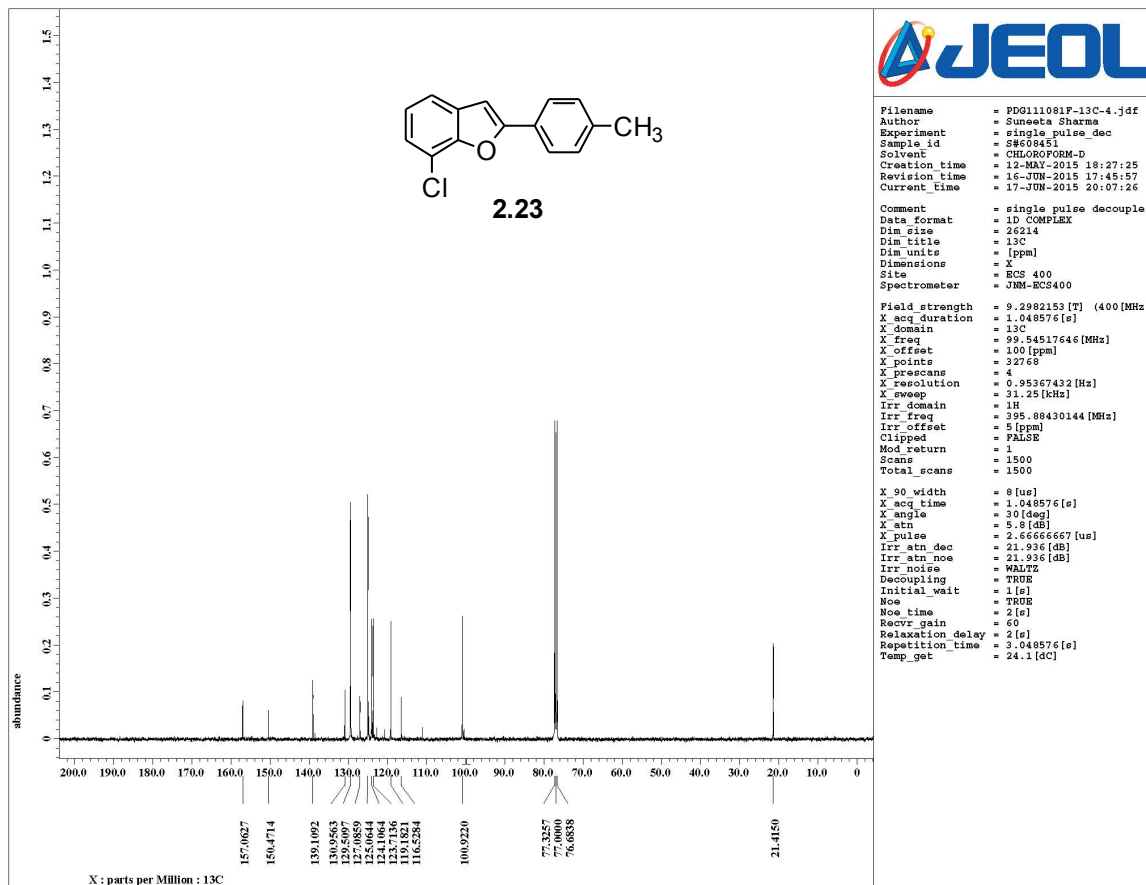
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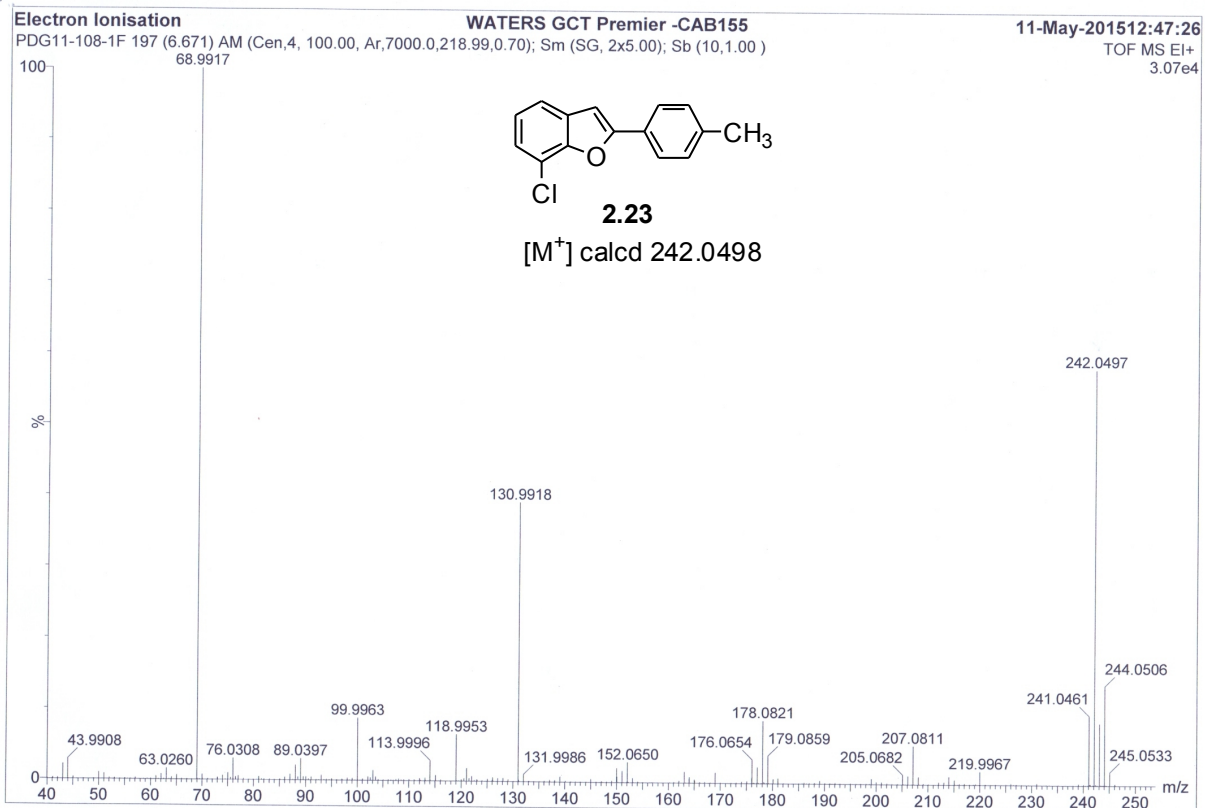
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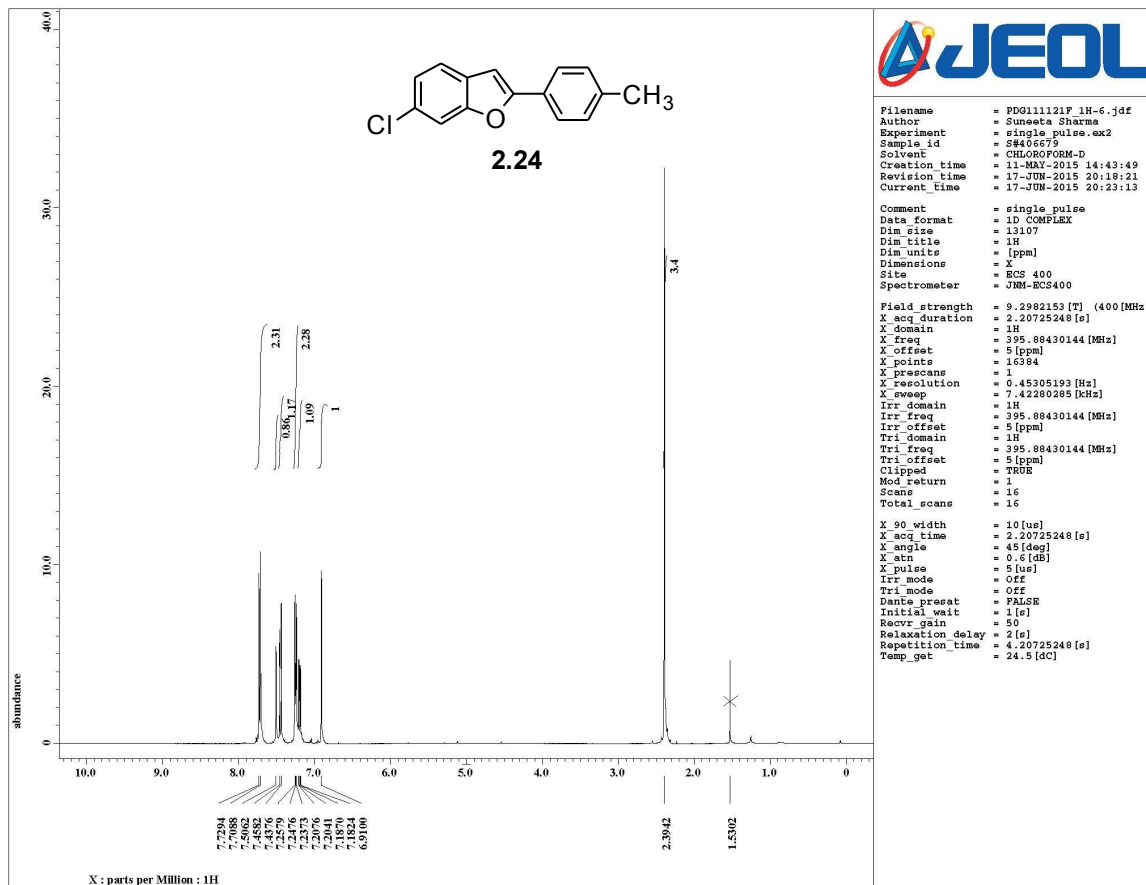
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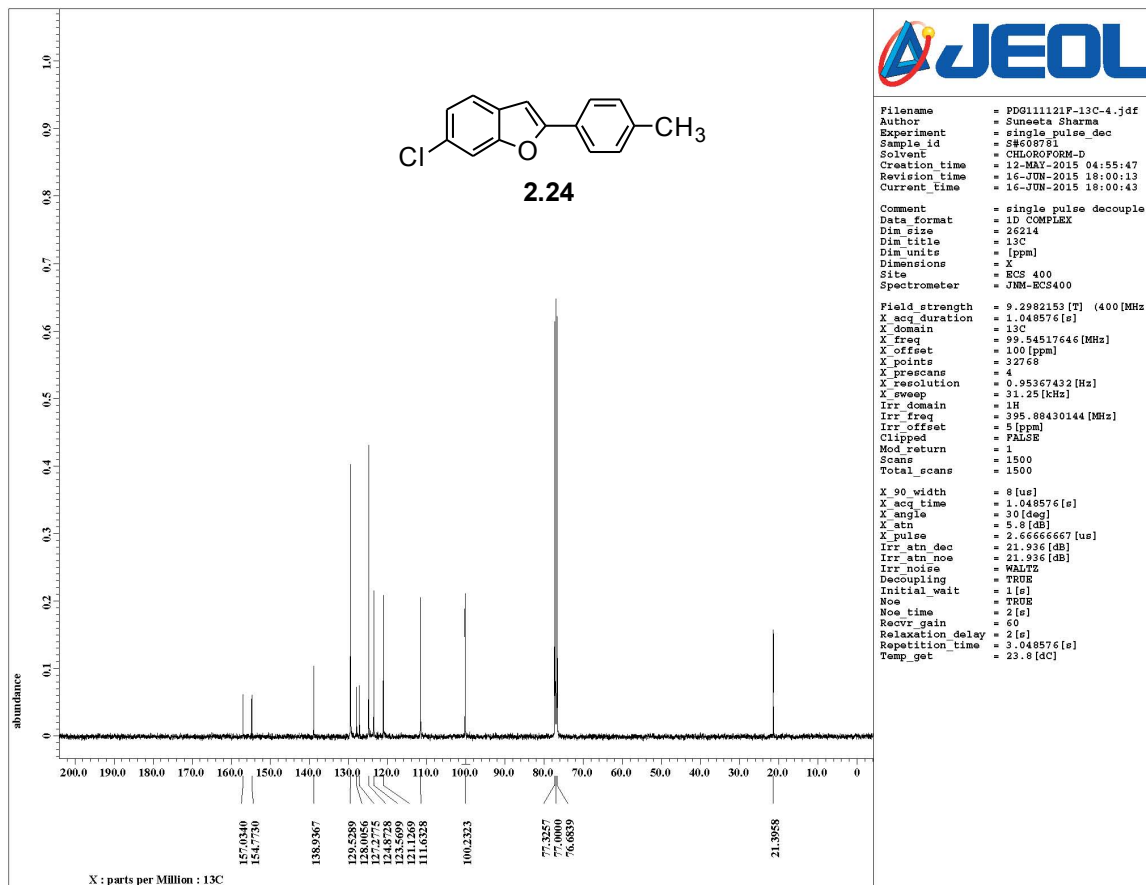
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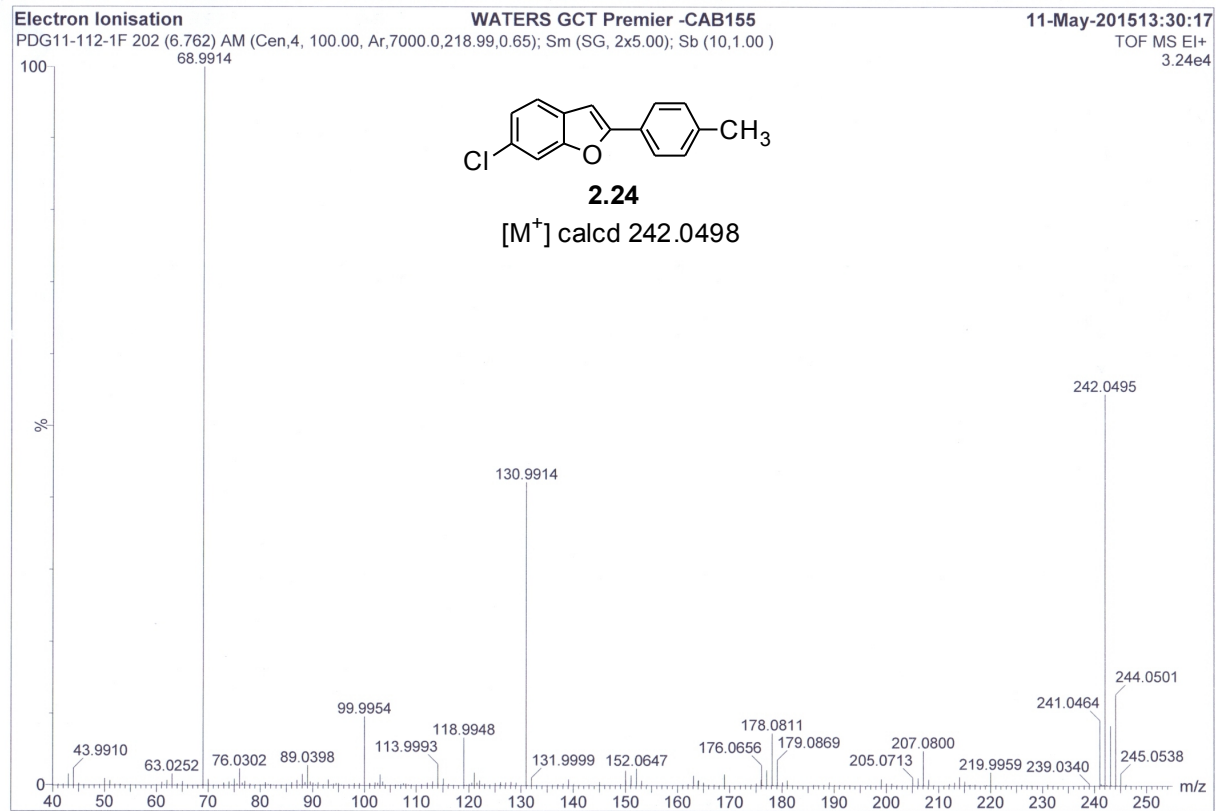
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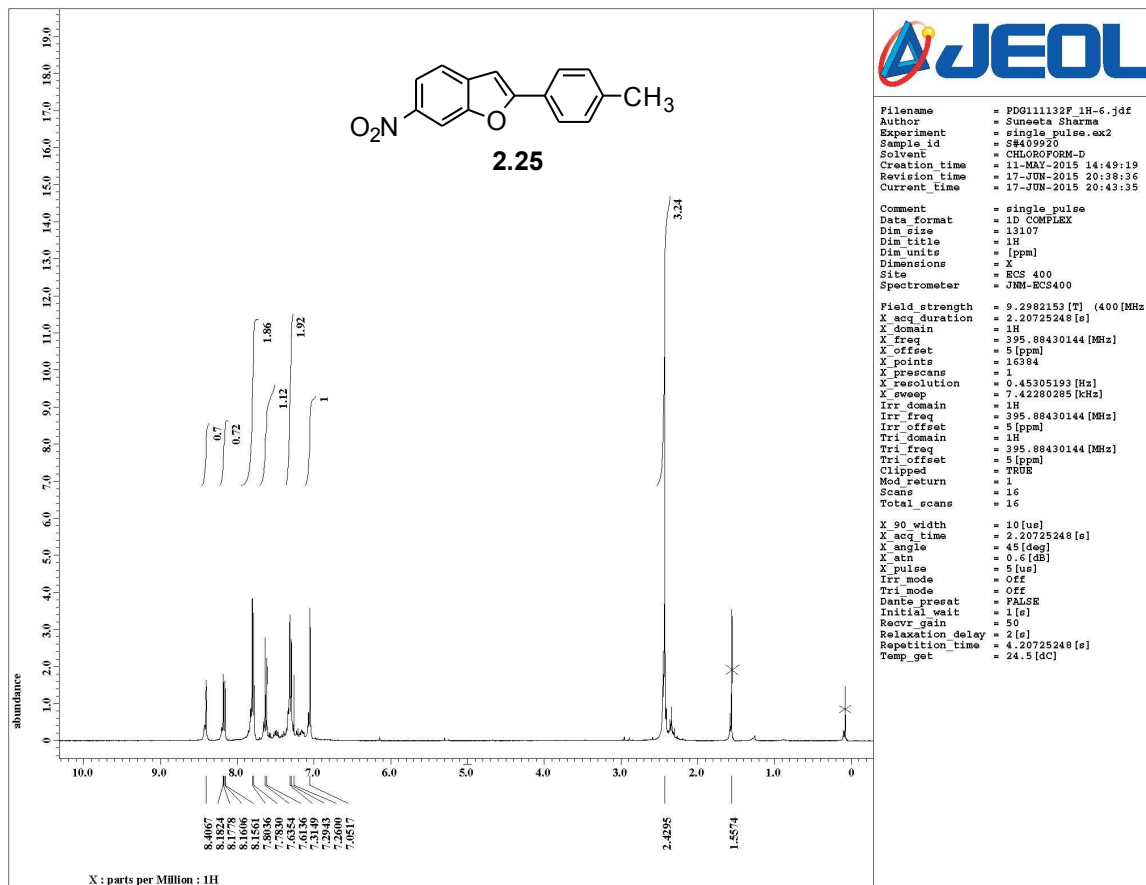
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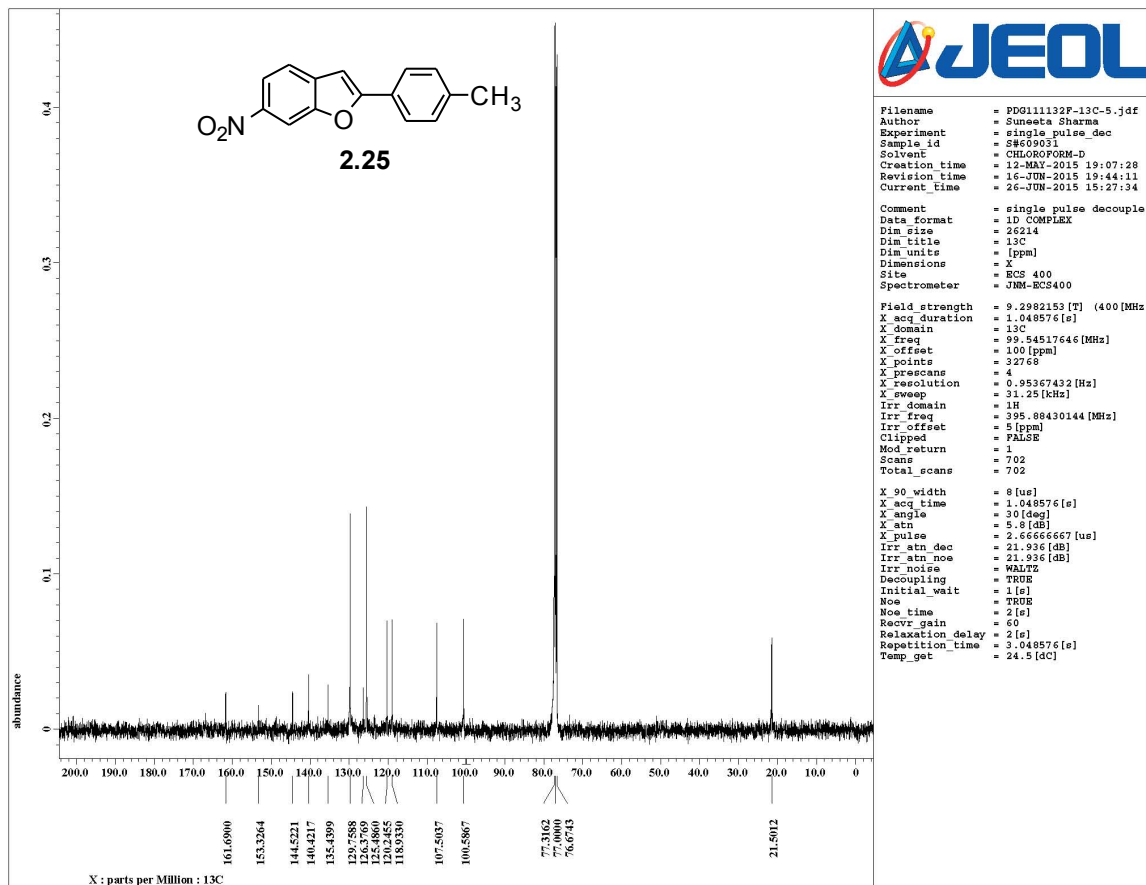
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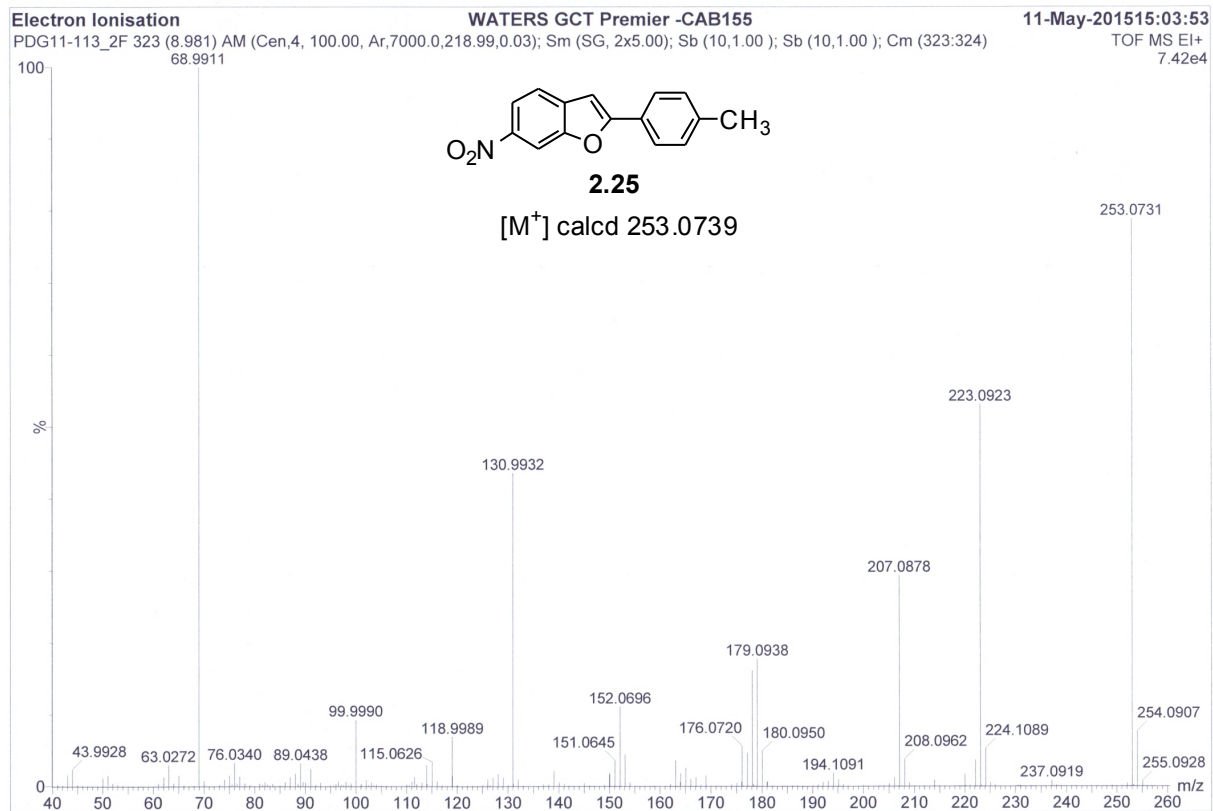
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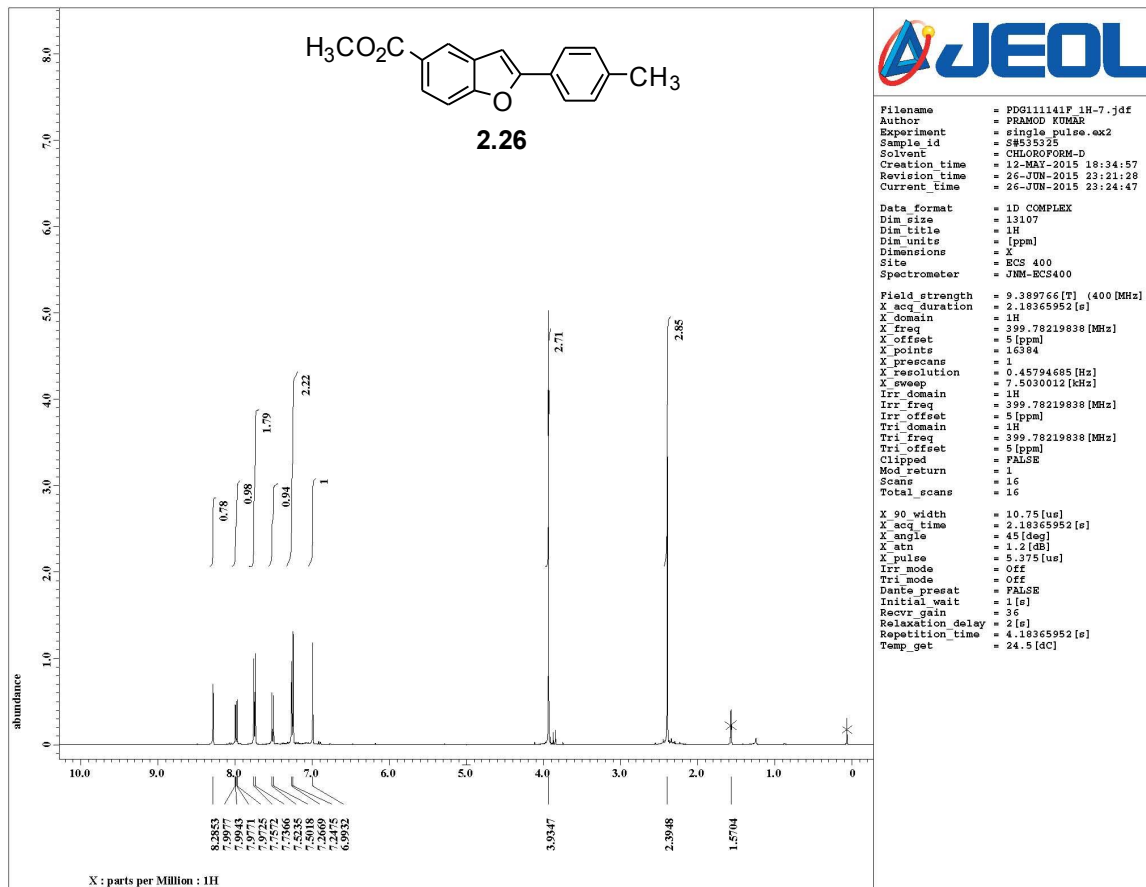
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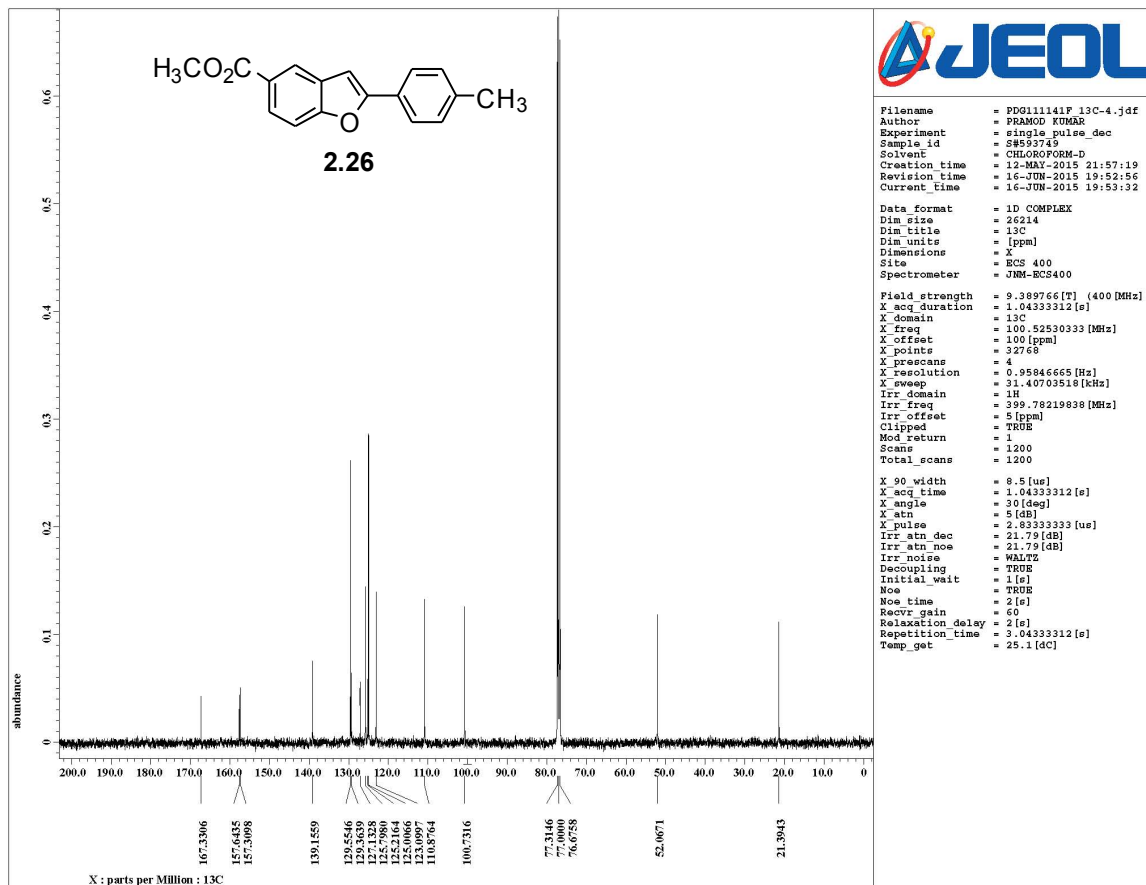
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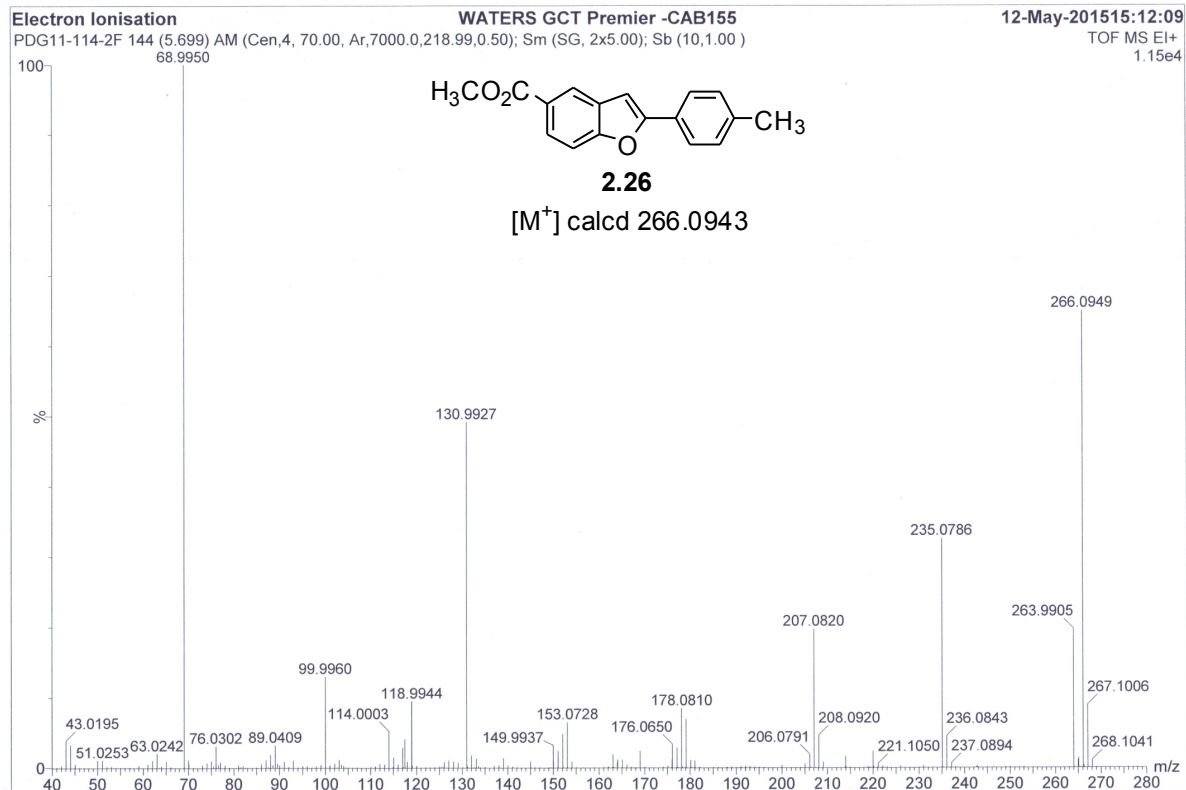
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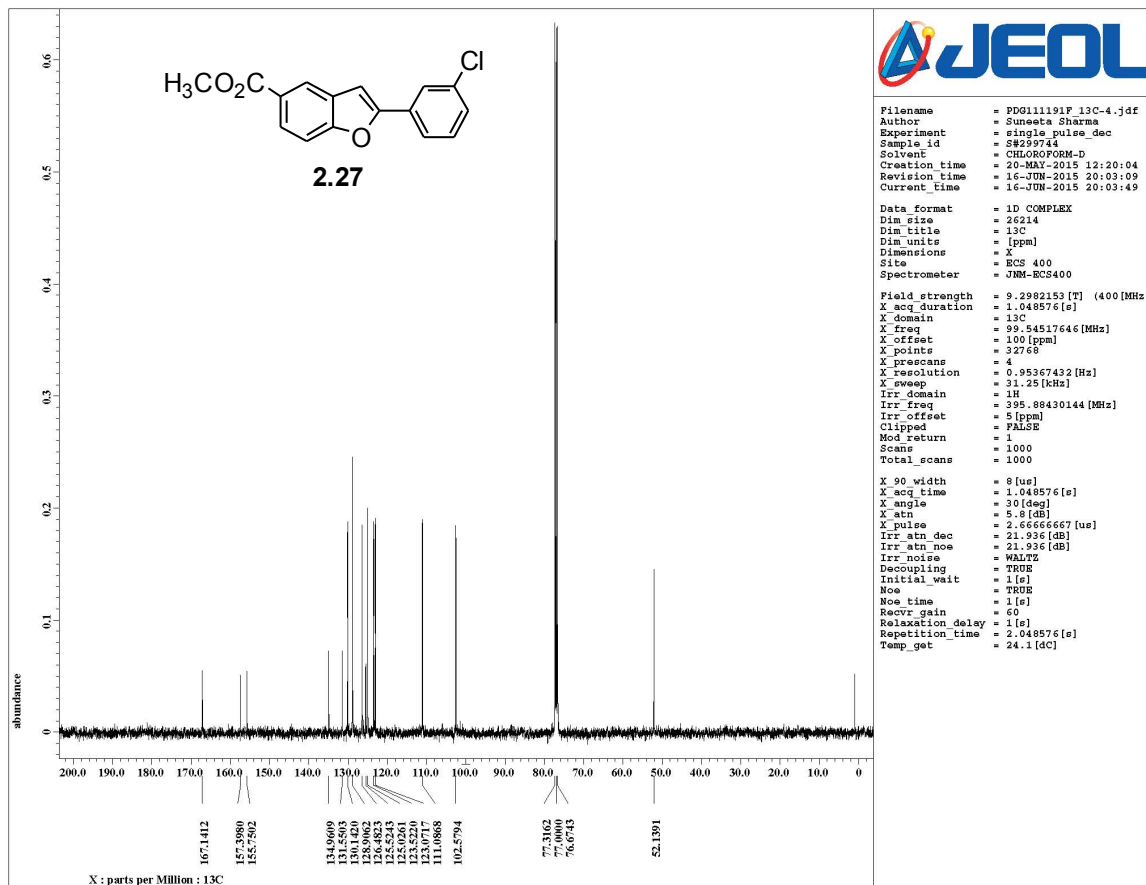
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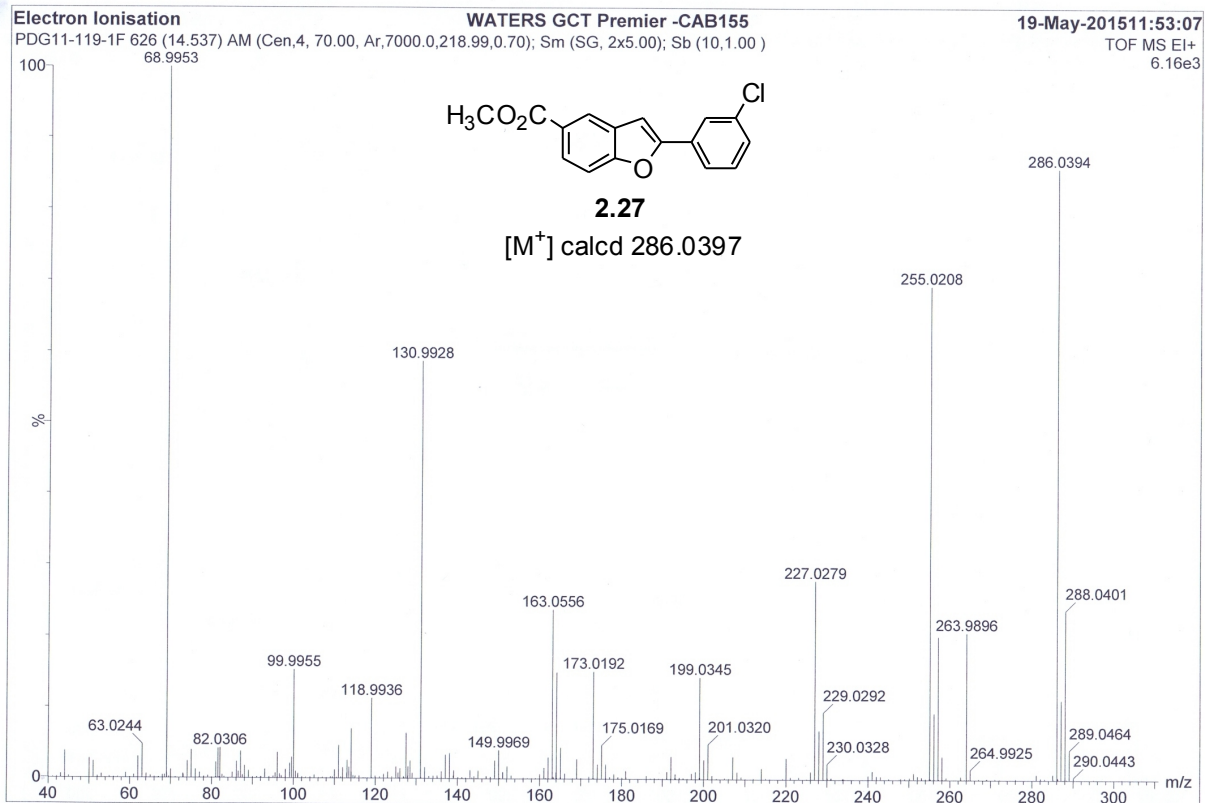
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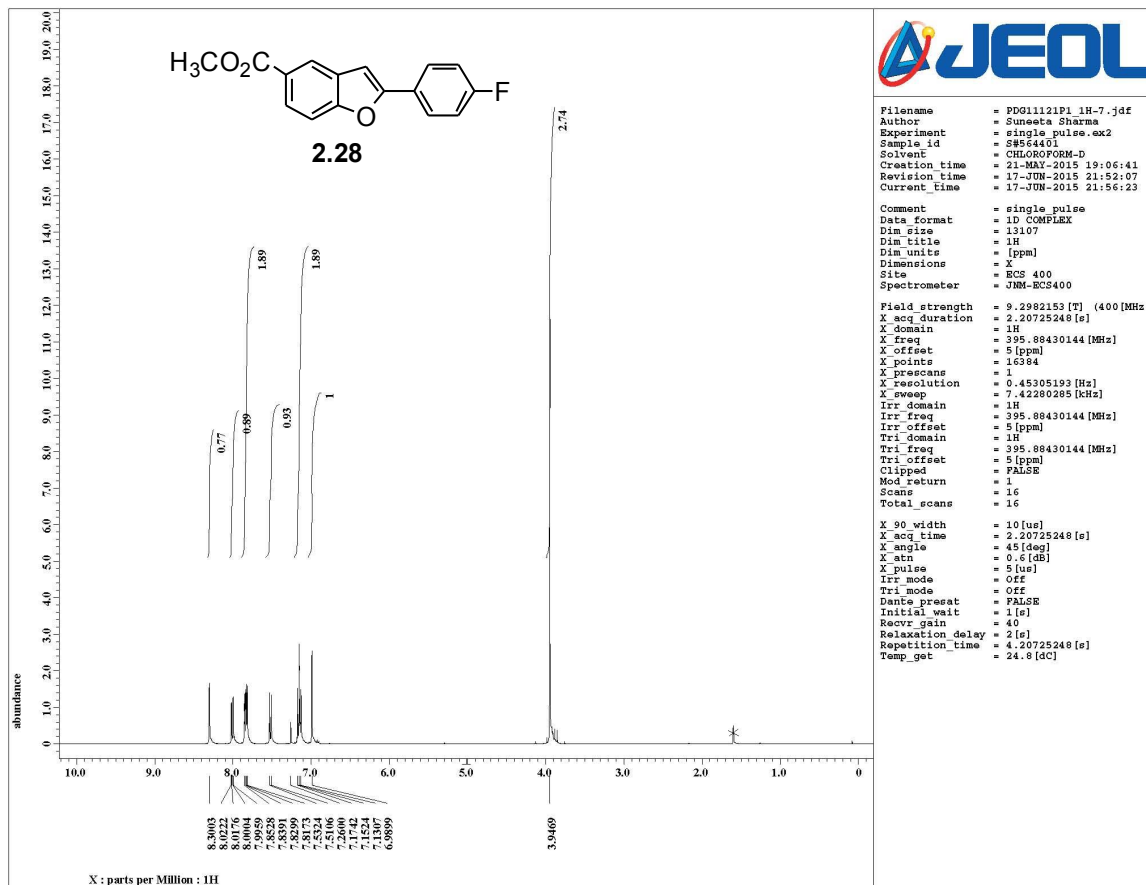
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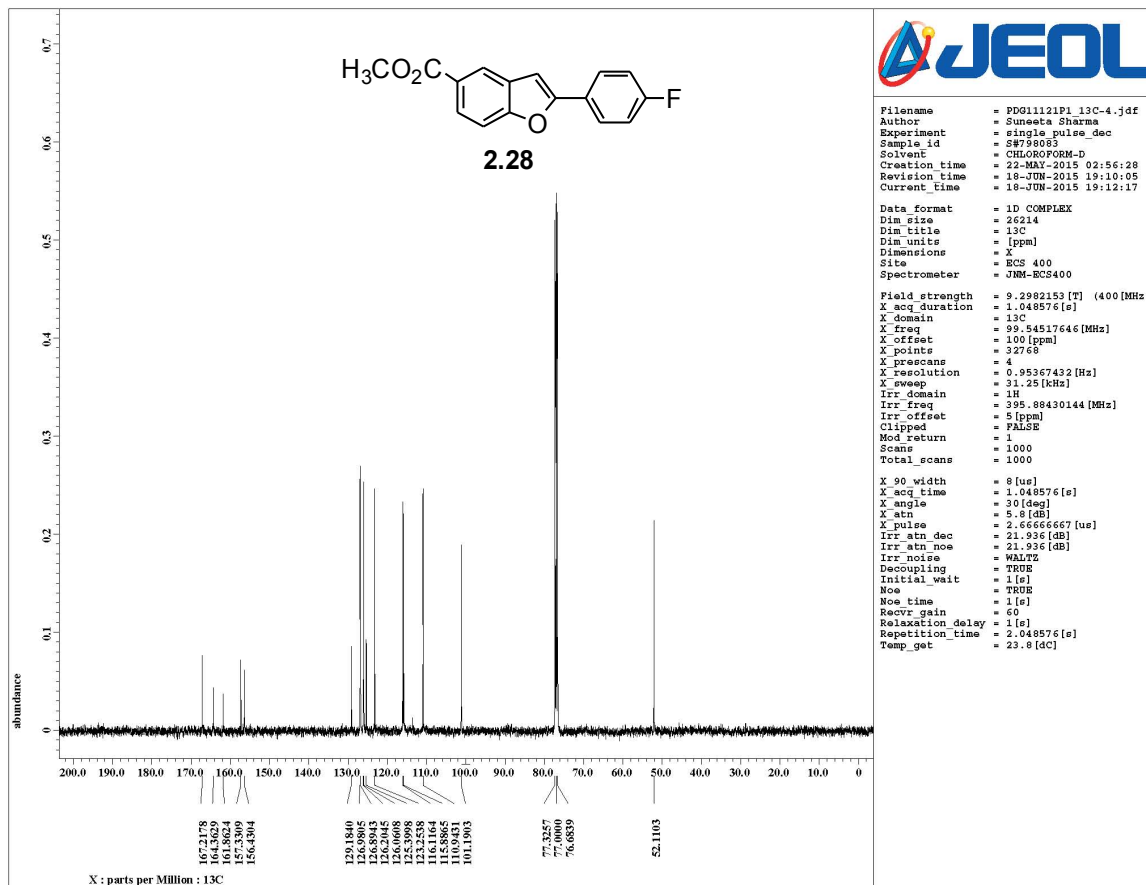
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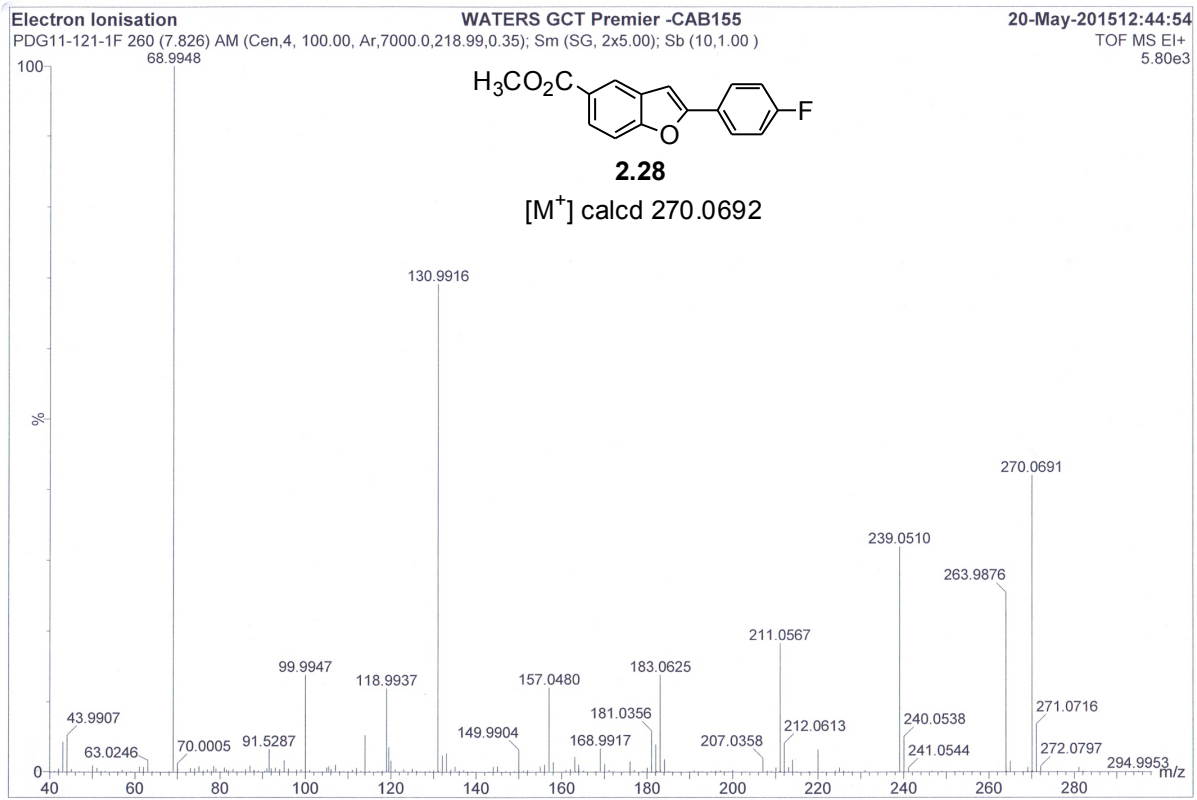
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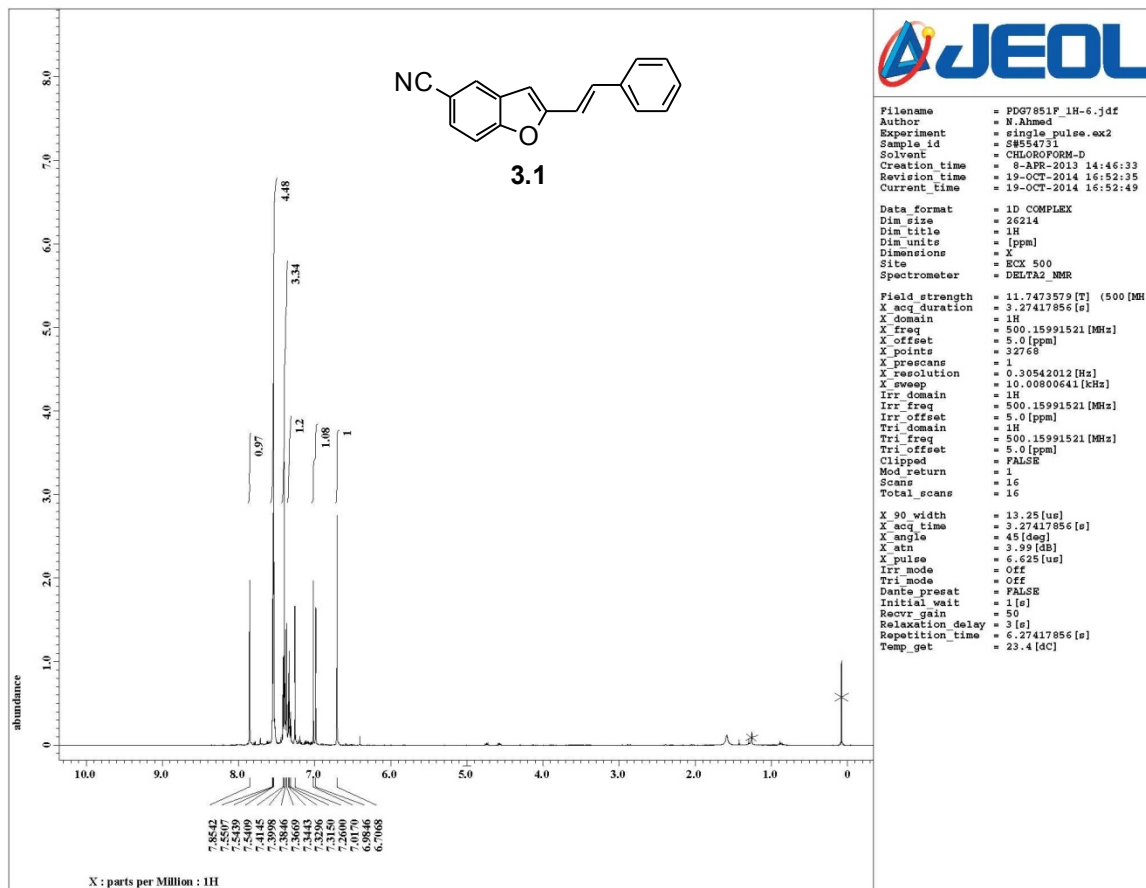
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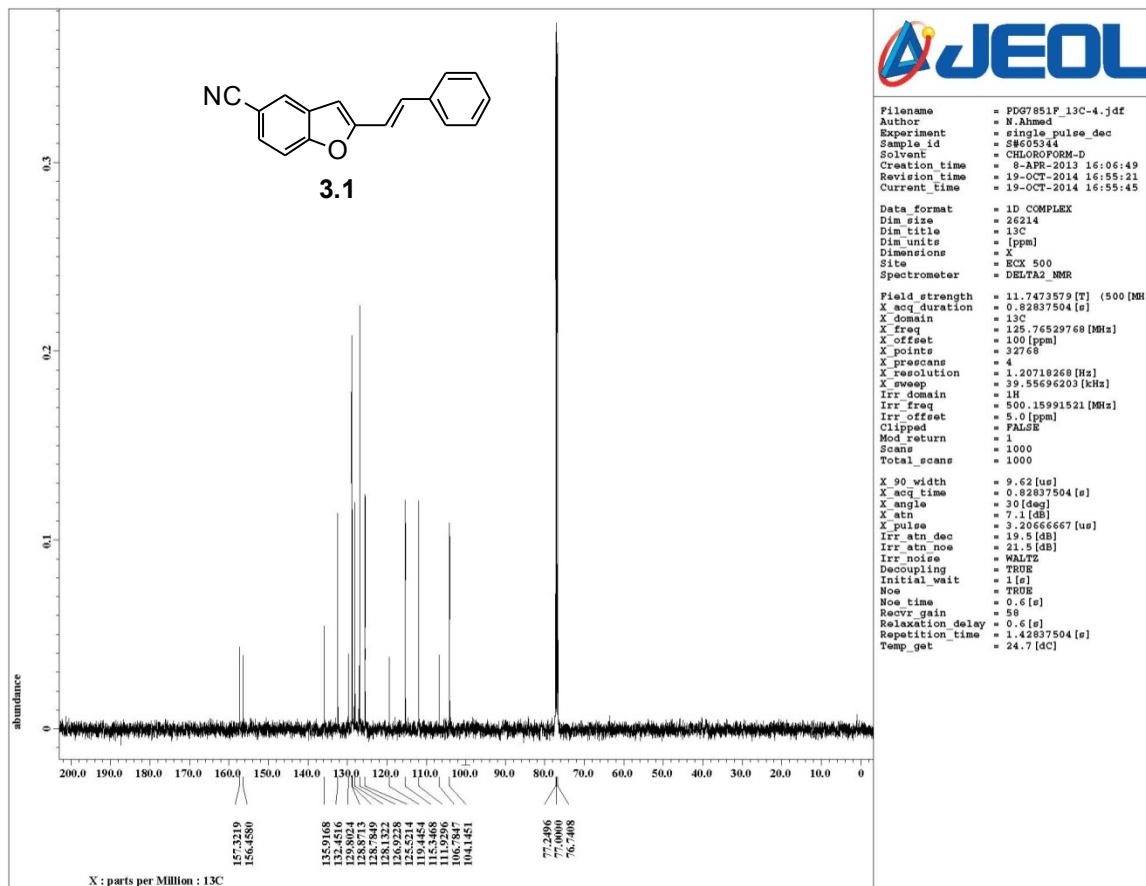
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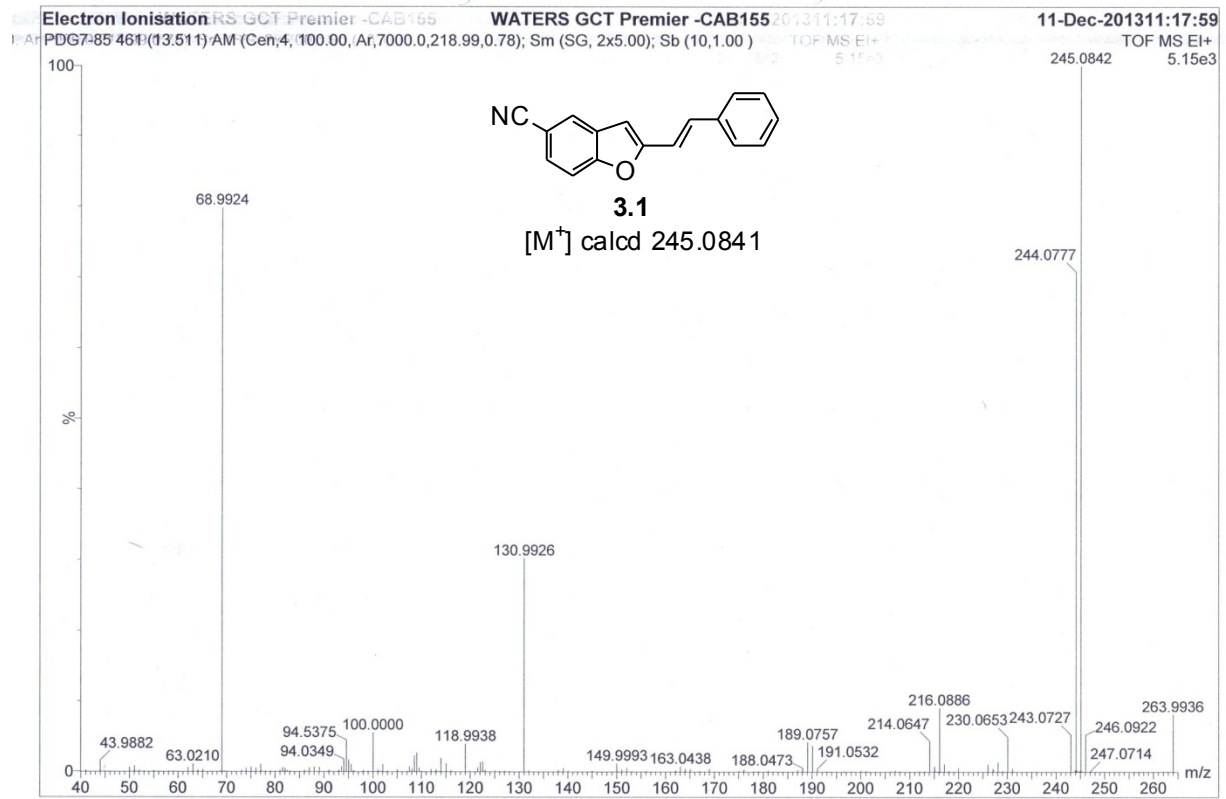
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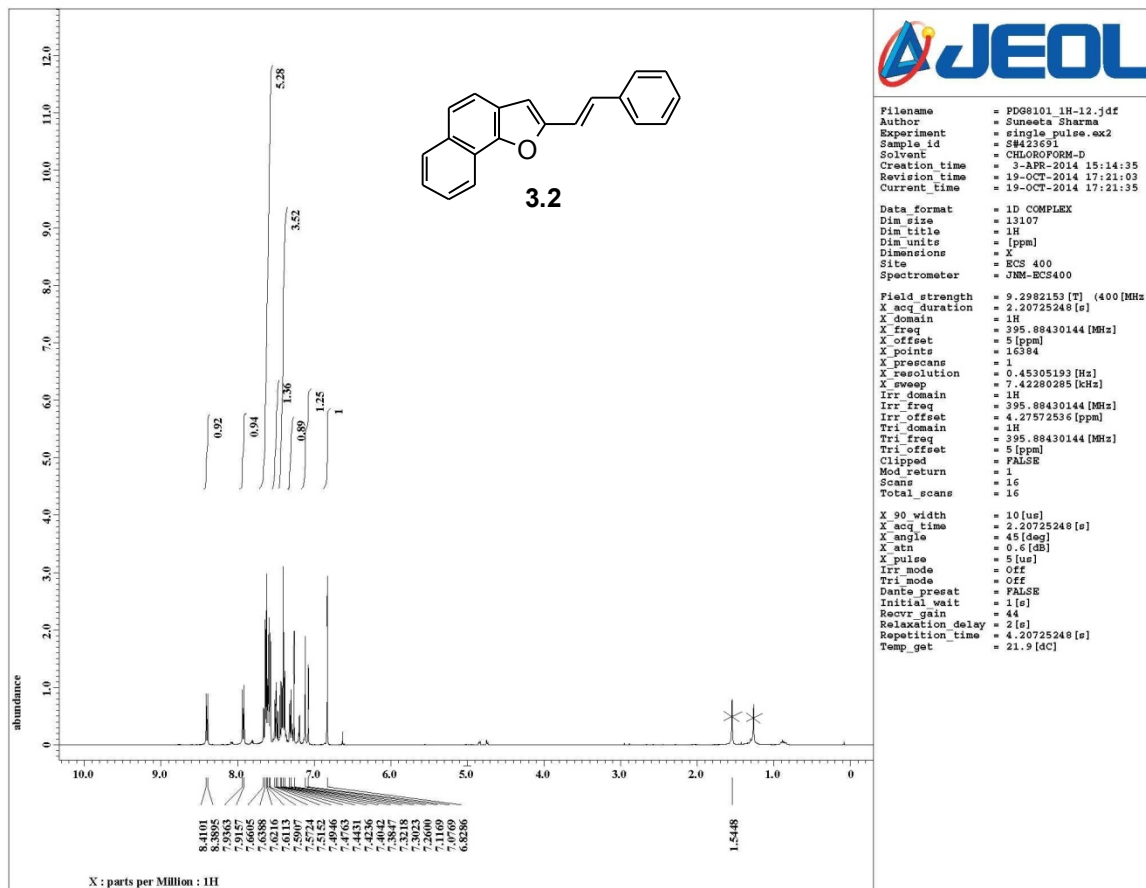
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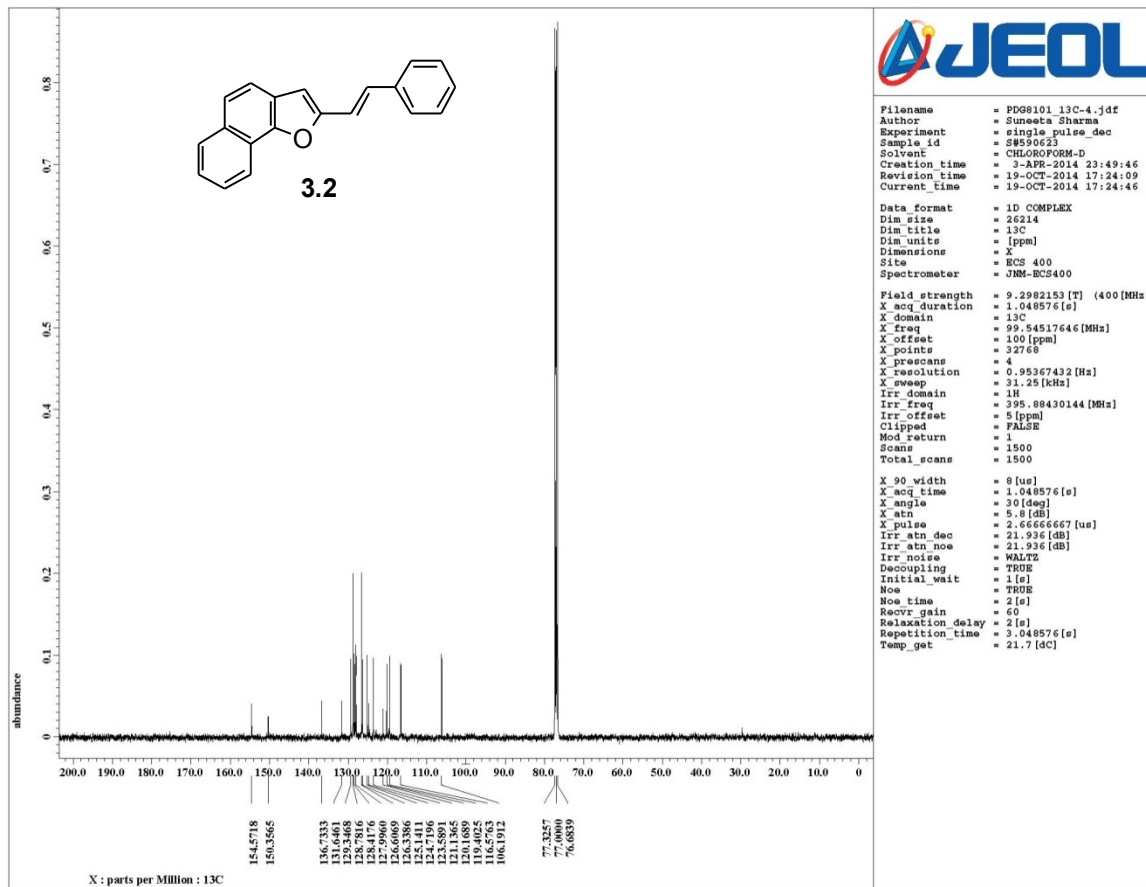
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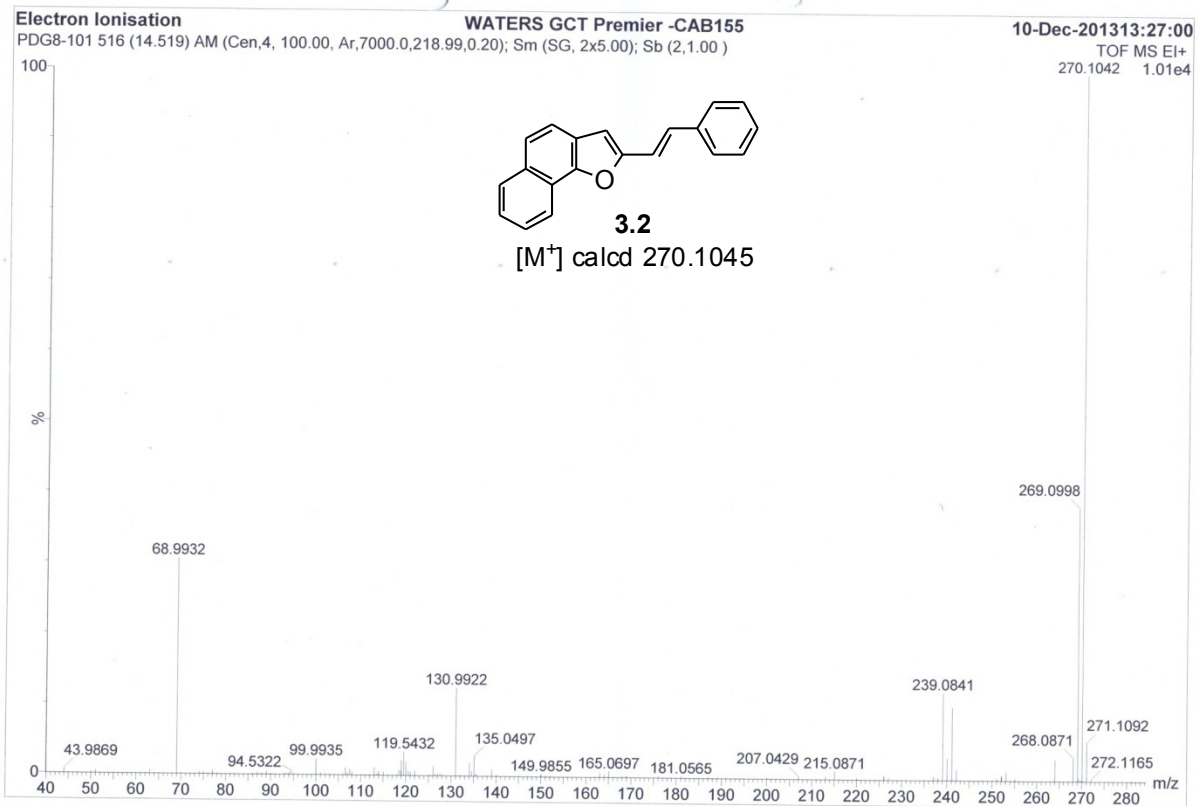
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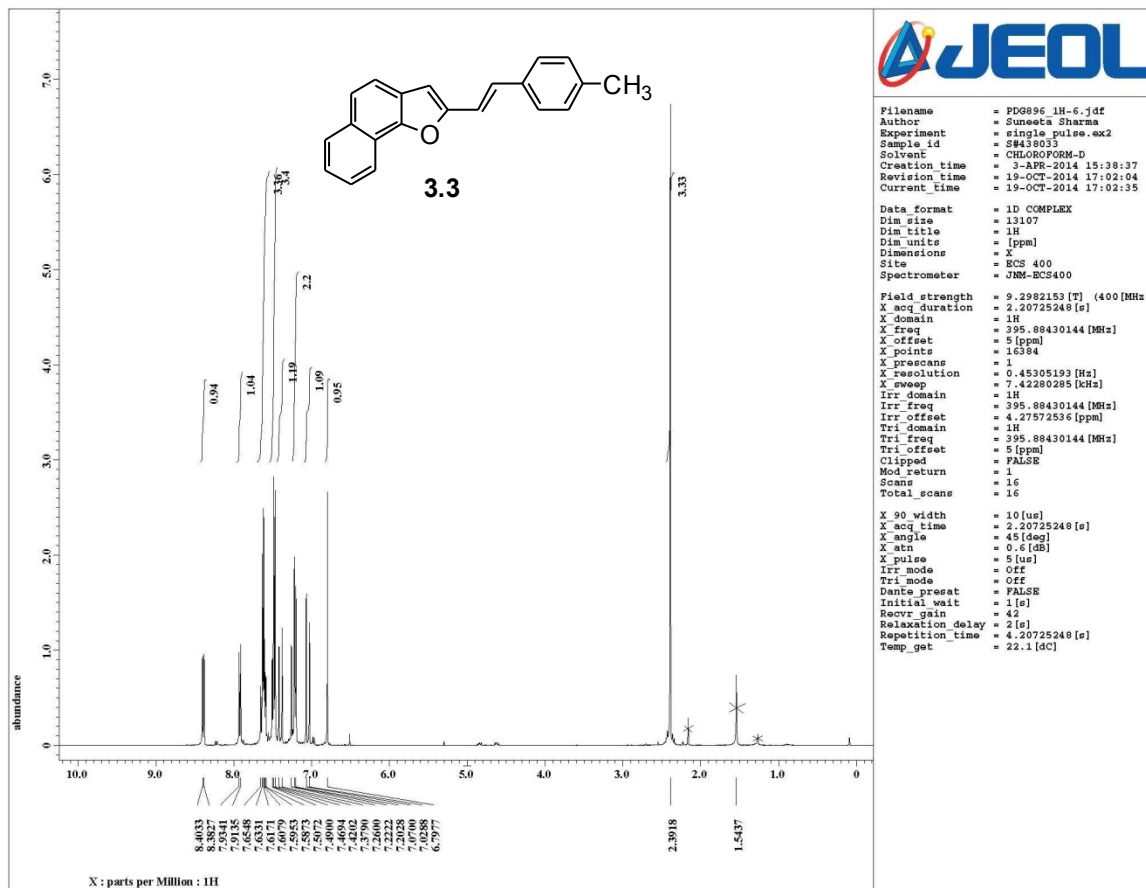
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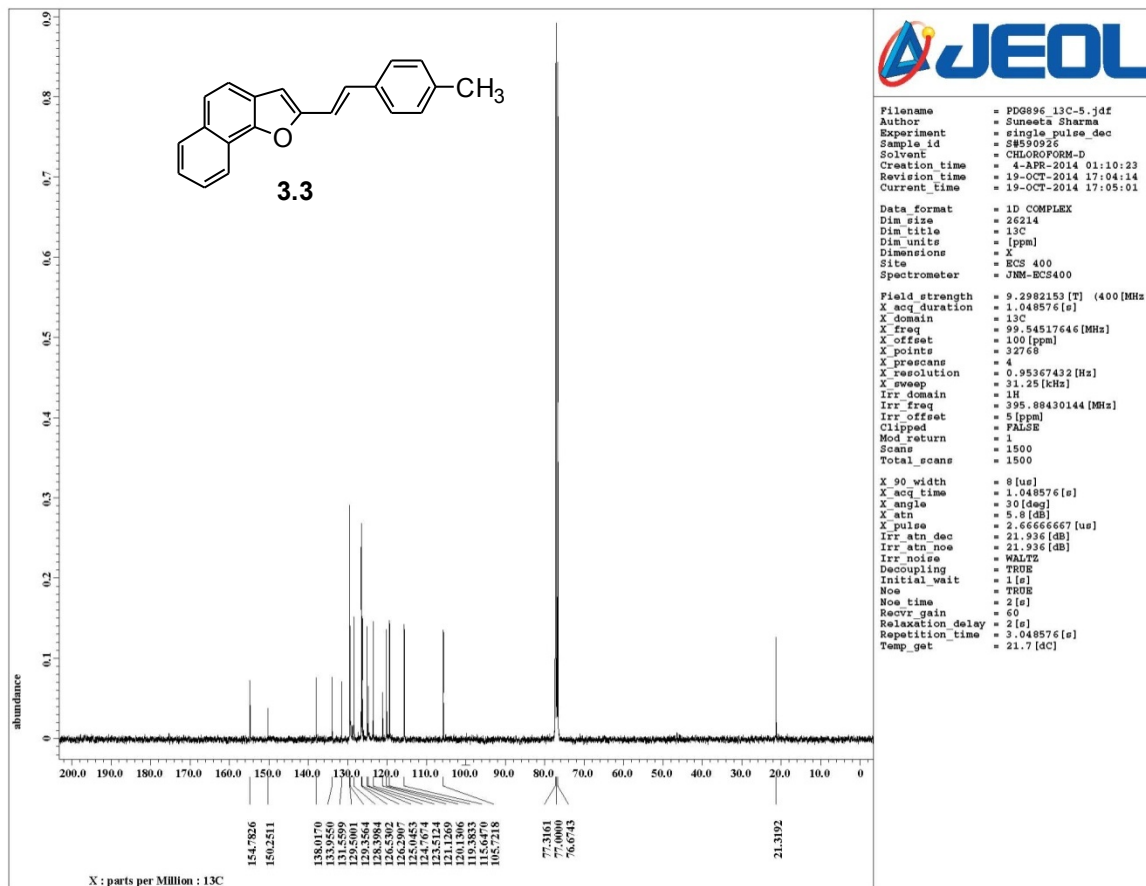
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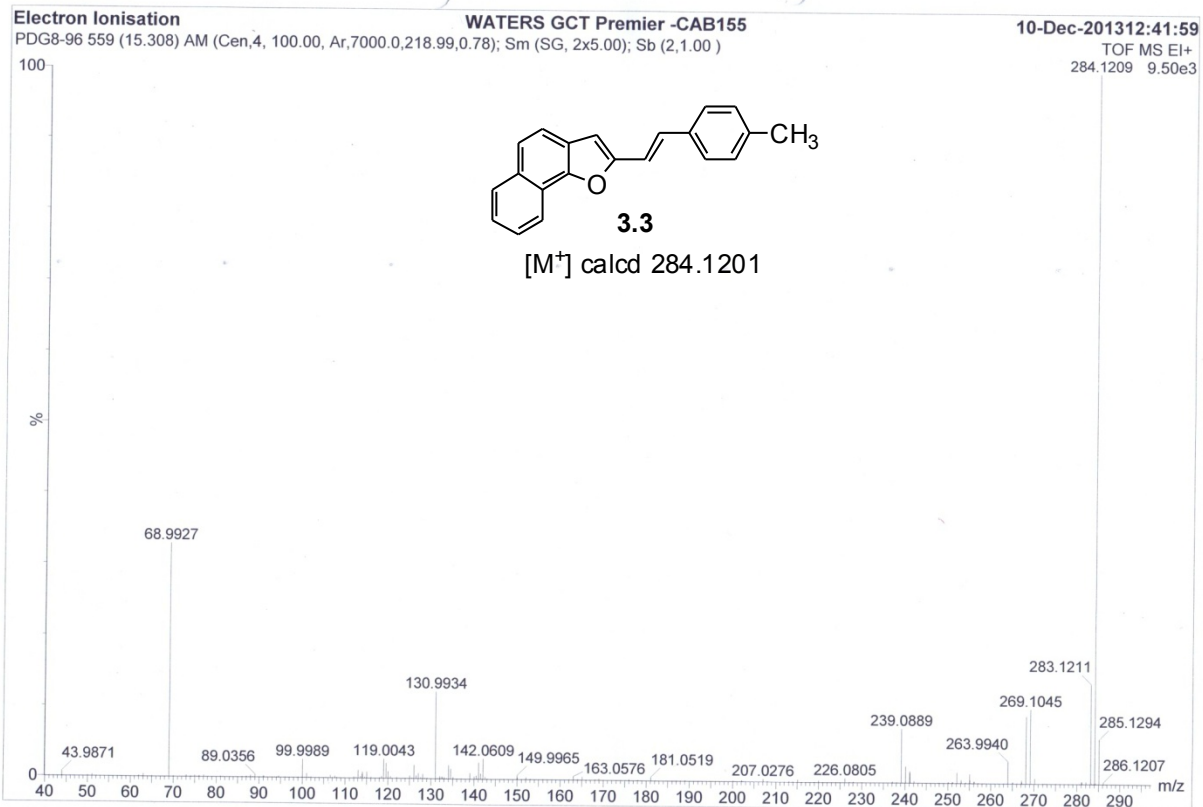
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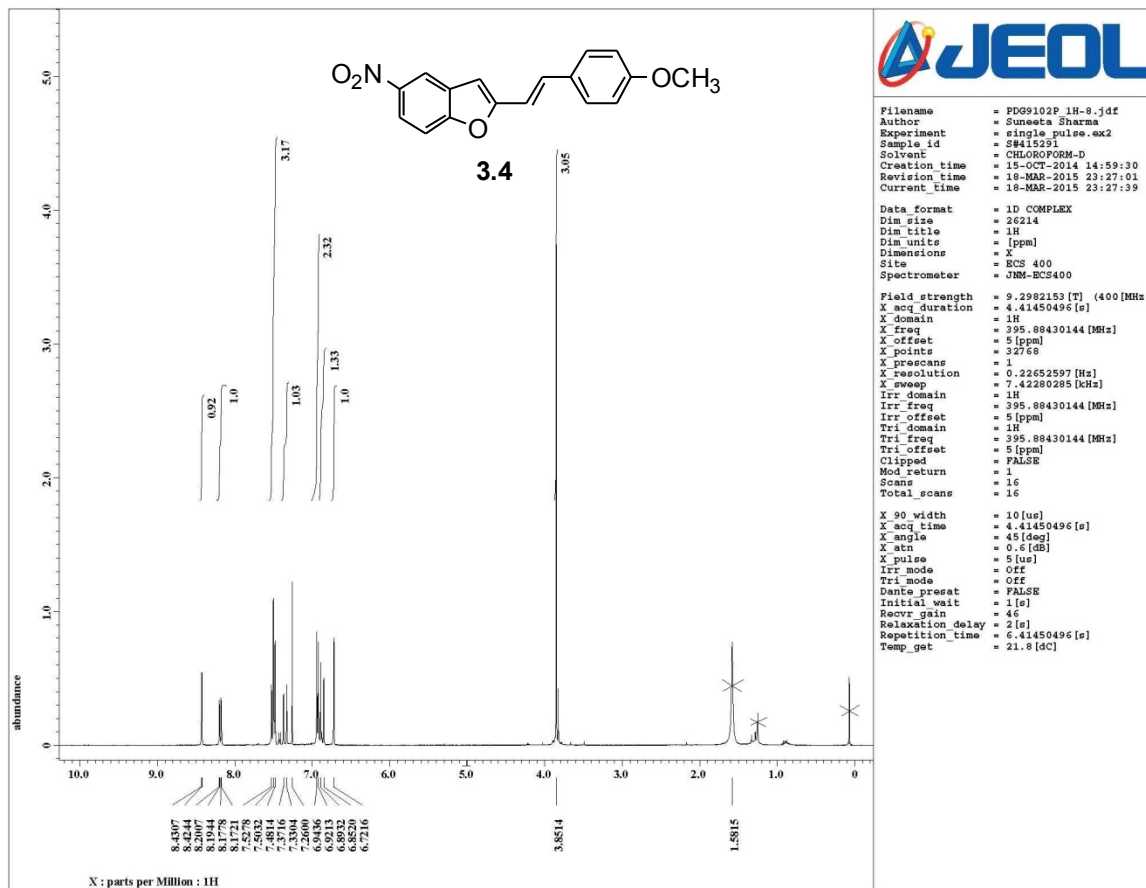
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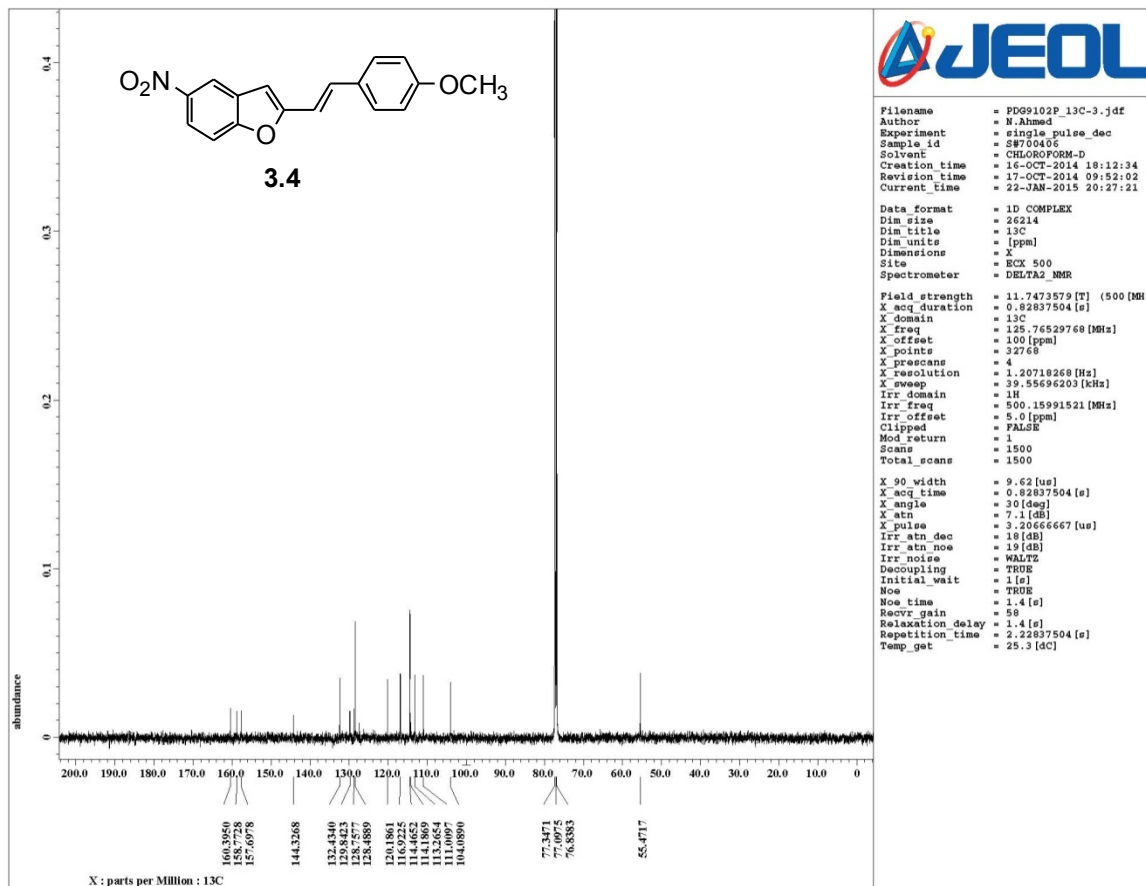
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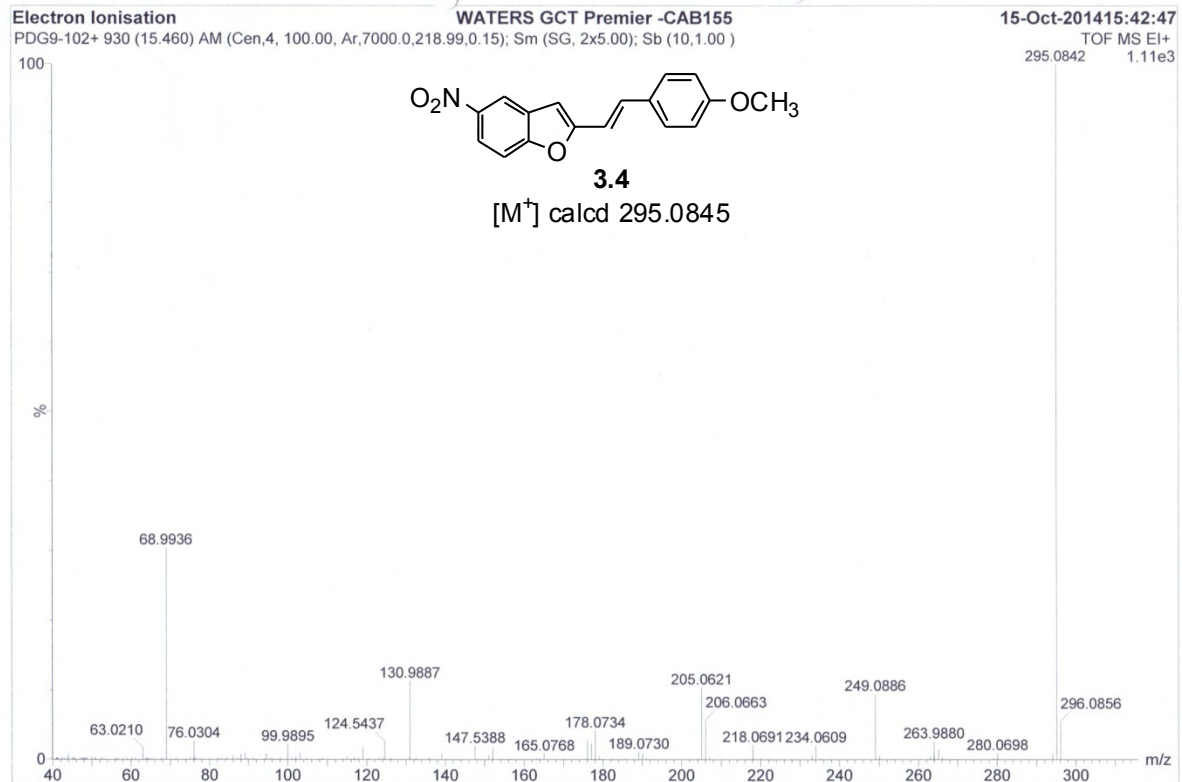
EI (HRMS) spectrum of **3.3**



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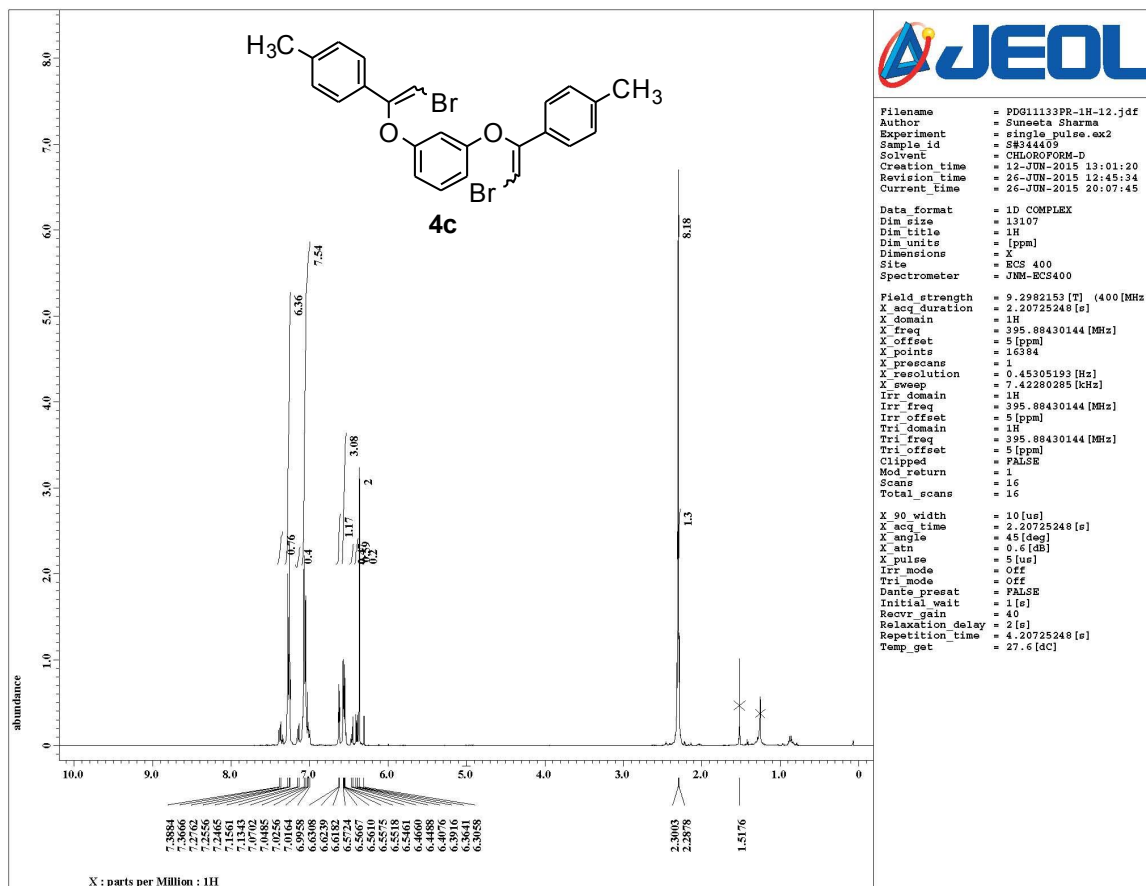


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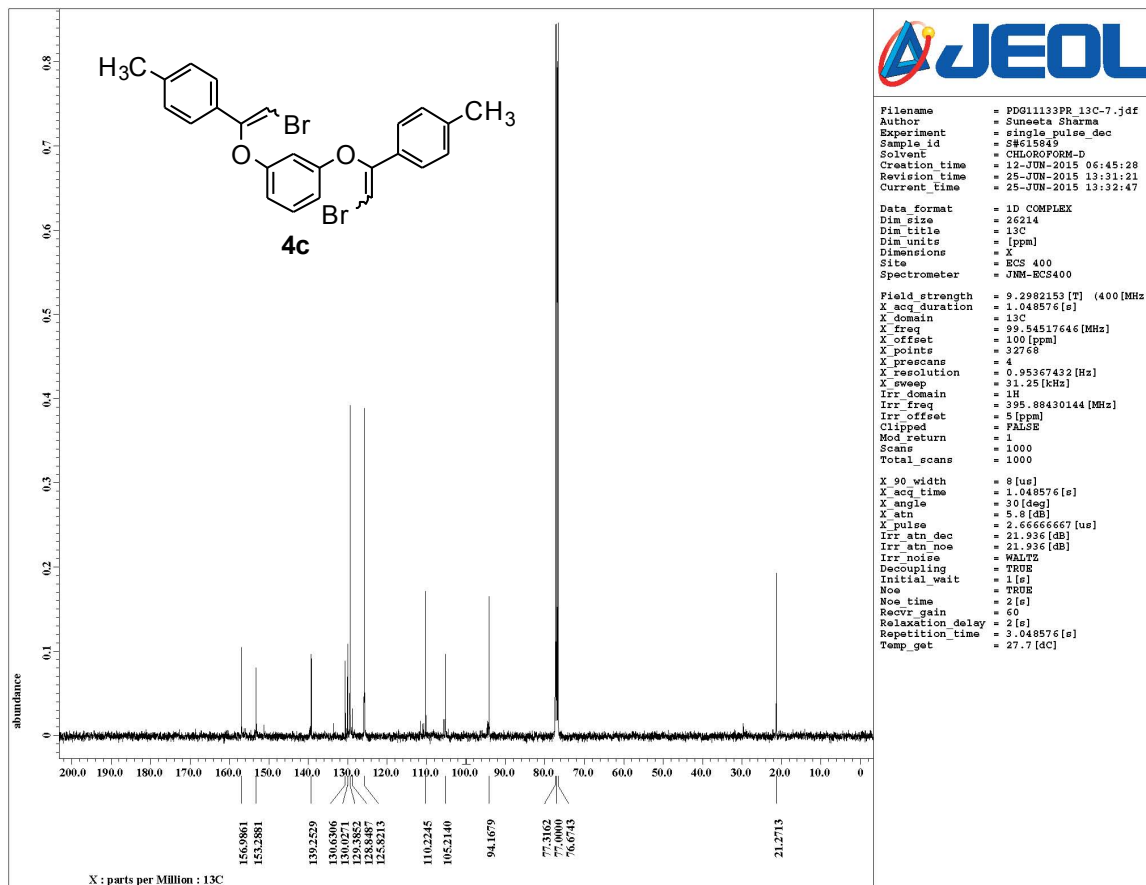


EI (HRMS) spectrum of **3.4**

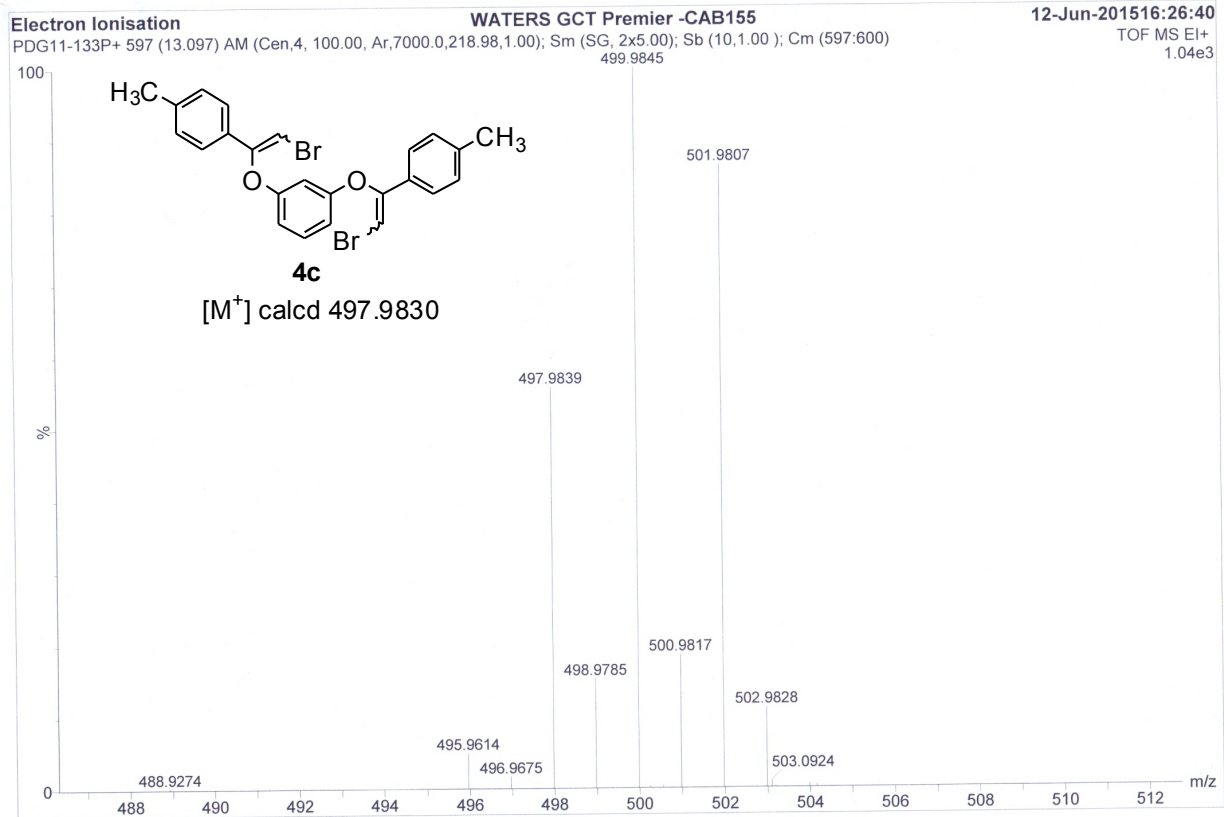
8. ^1H , ^{13}C and HRMS spectra of intermediates 4c and 5c:



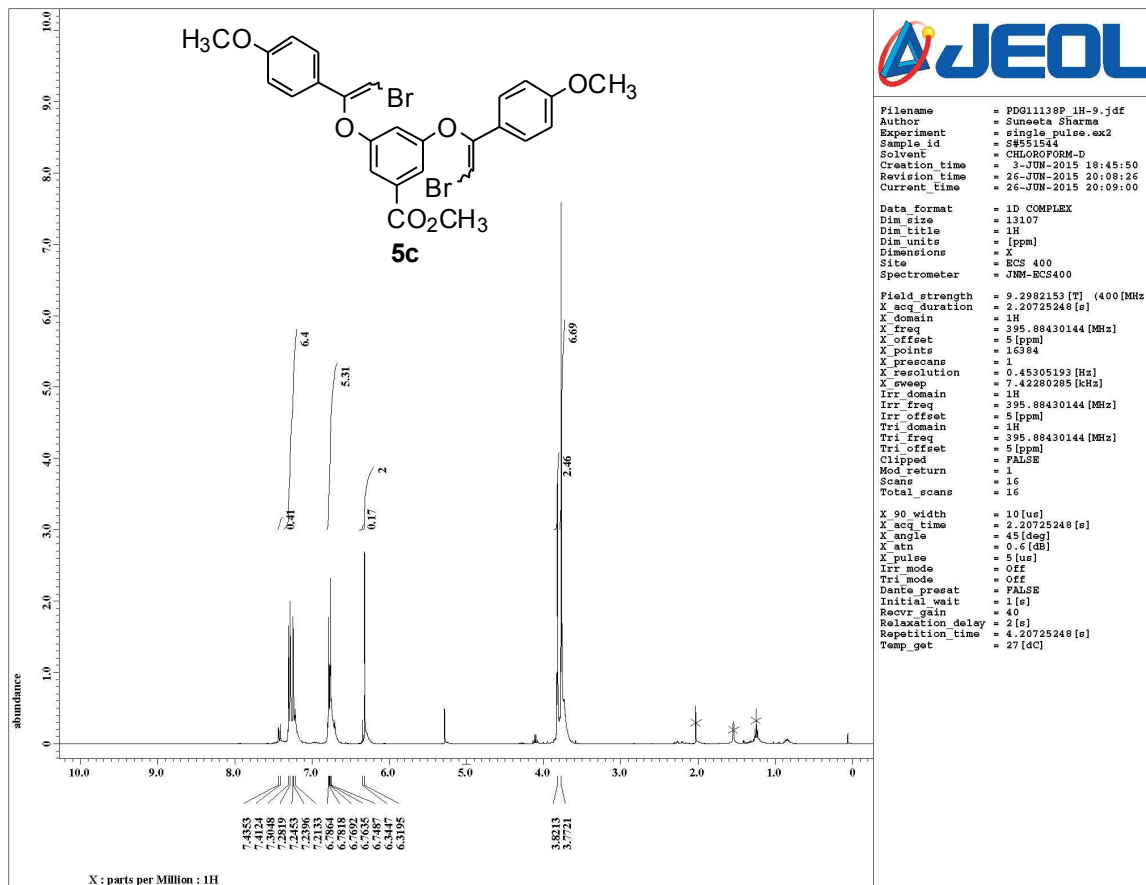
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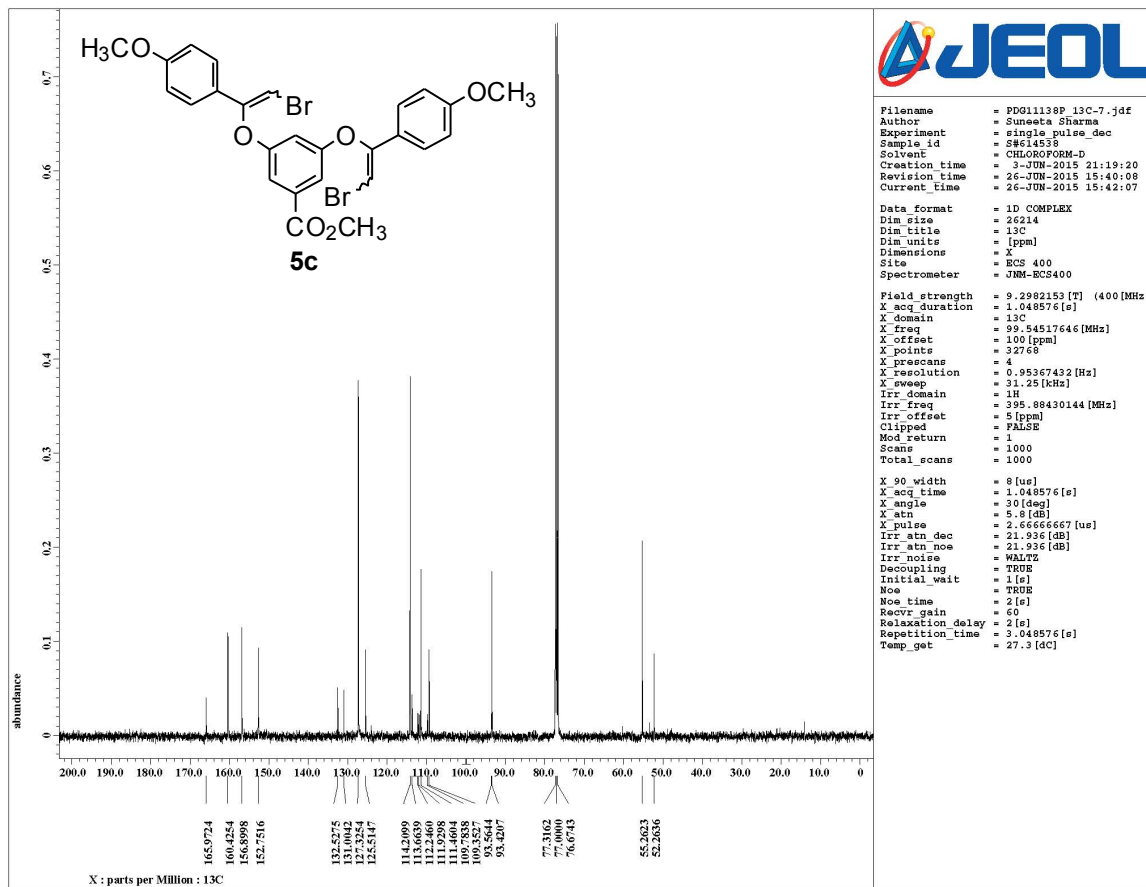
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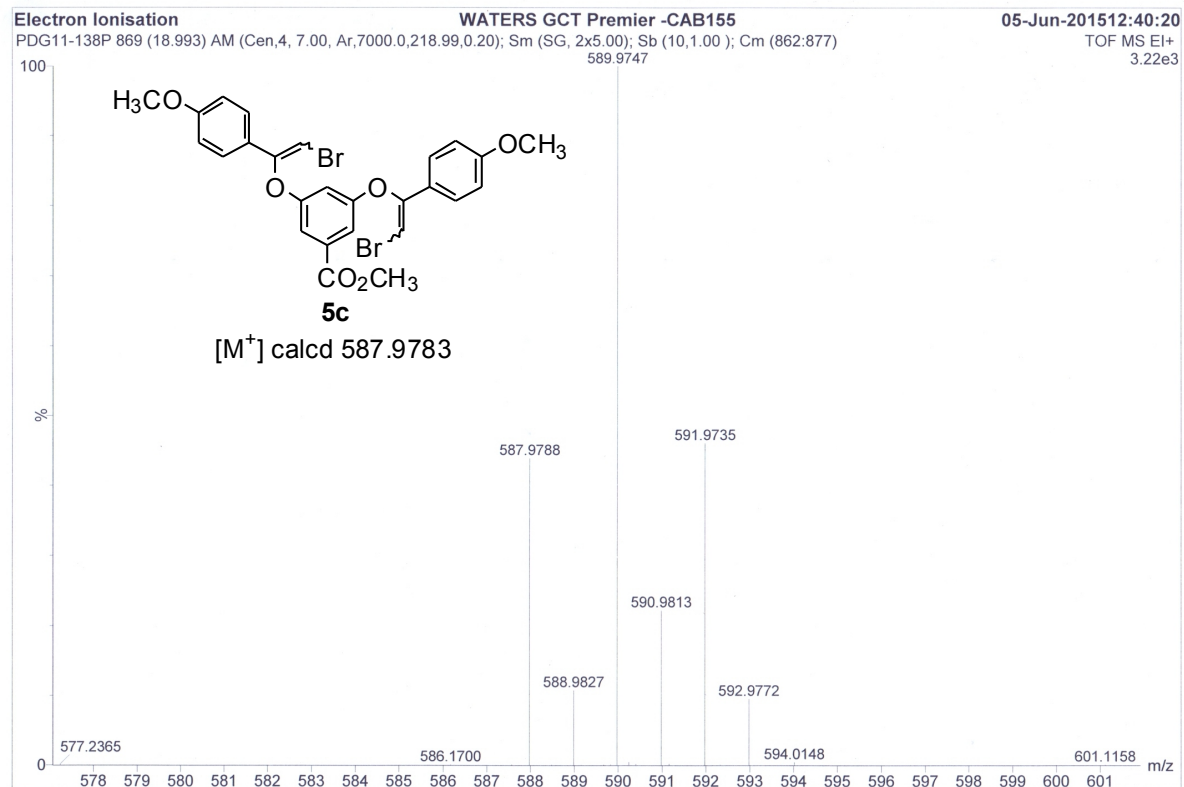
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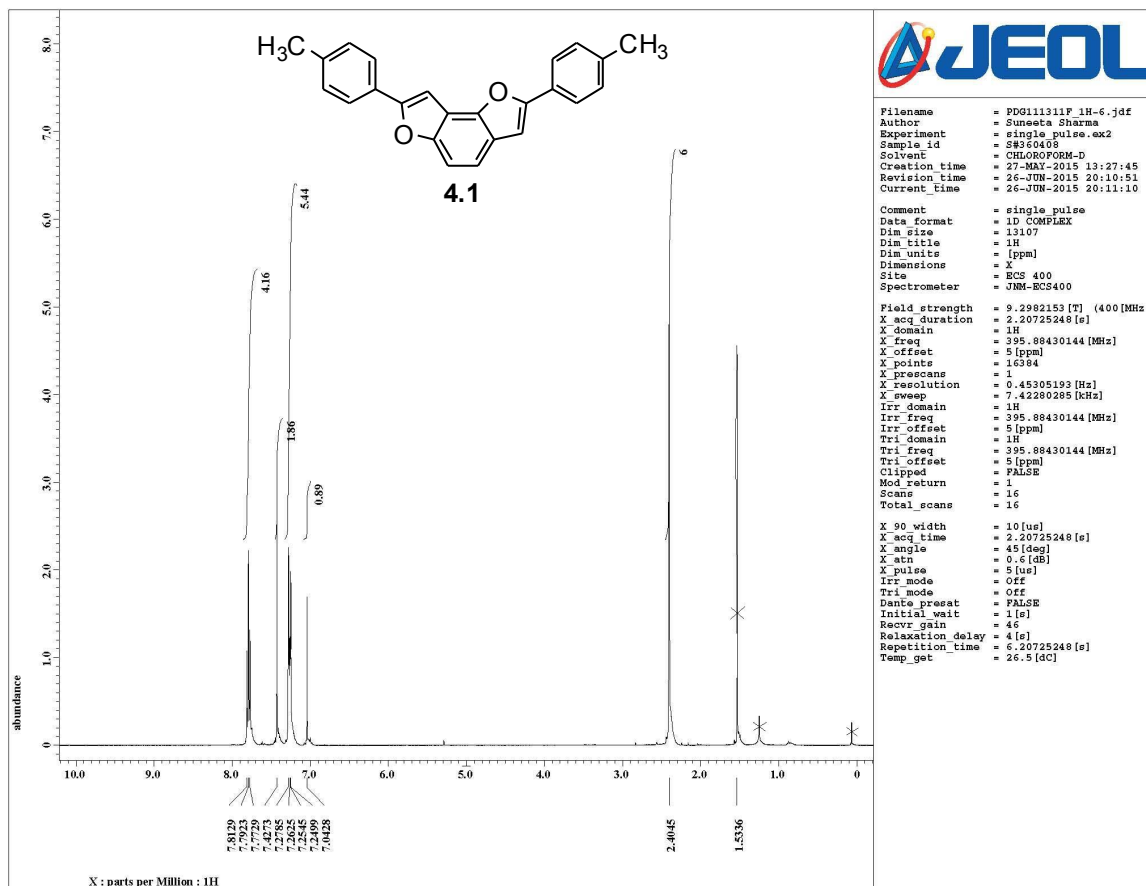


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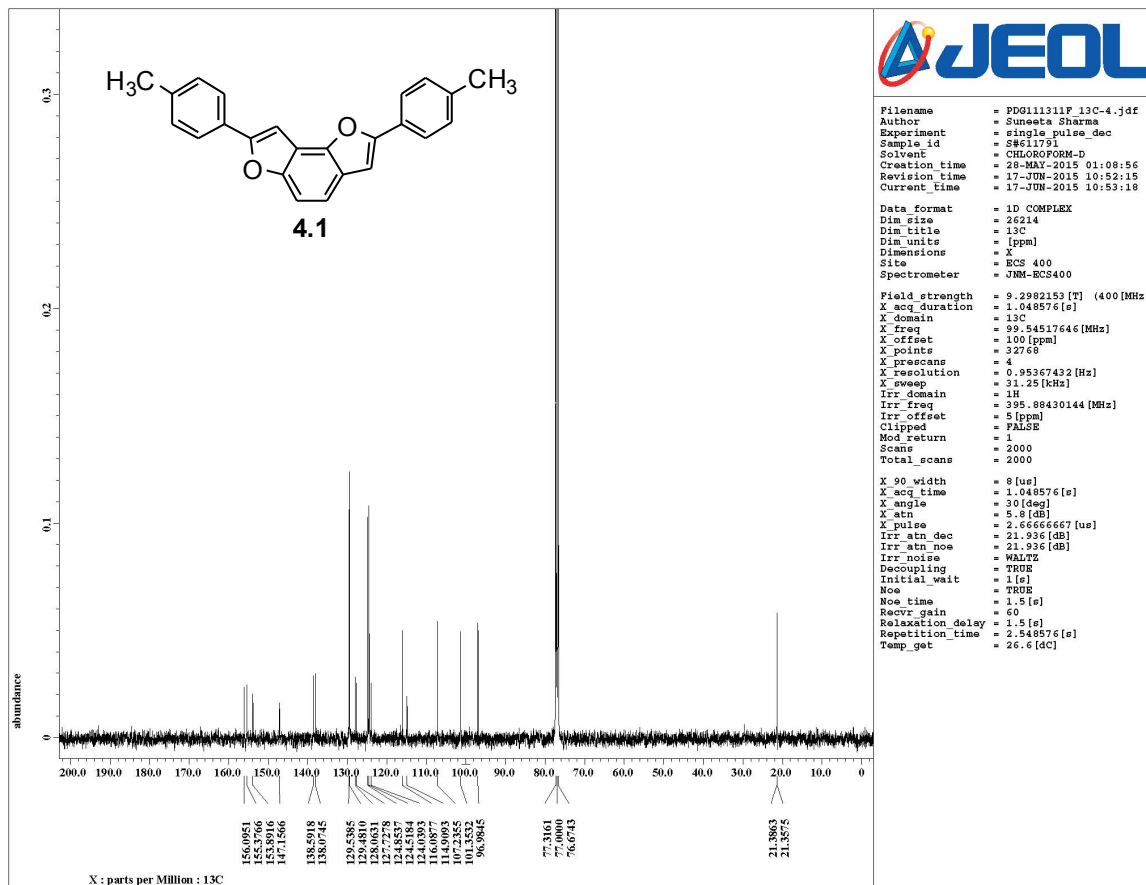


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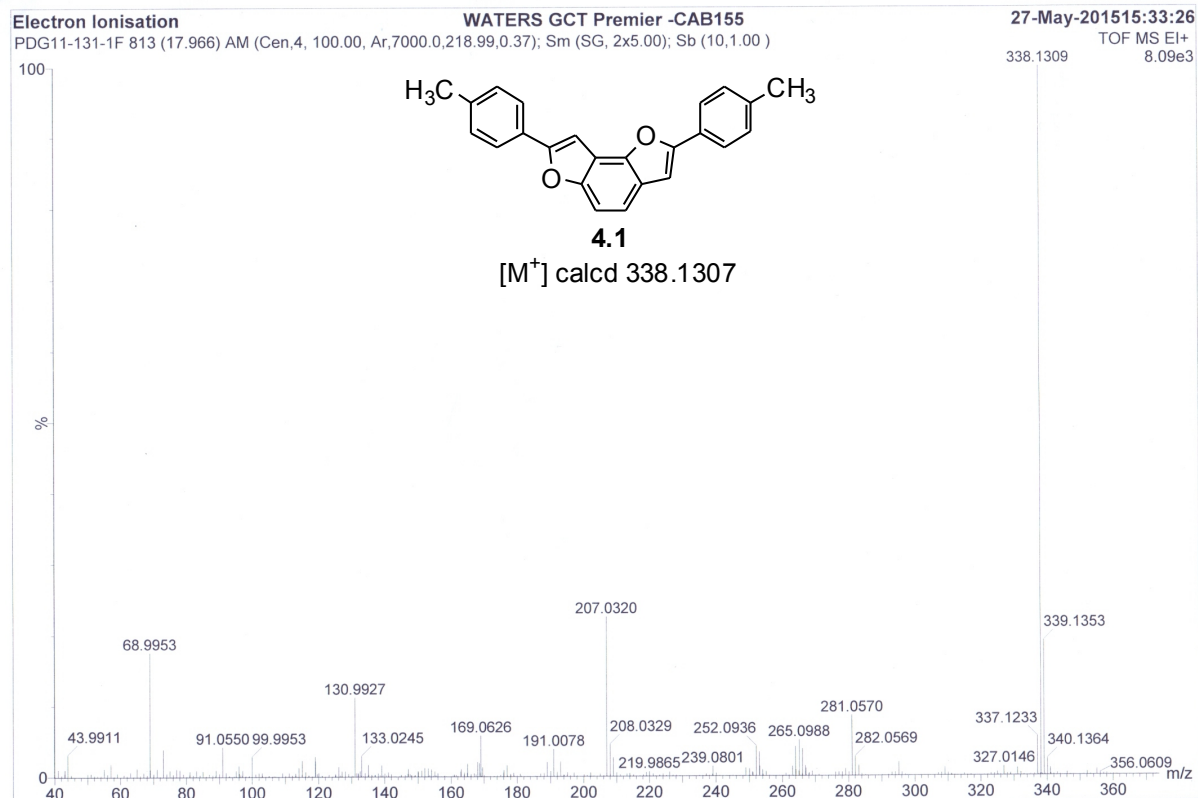
9. ^1H , ^{13}C and HRMS spectra of benzodifurans 4.1 and 5.1:



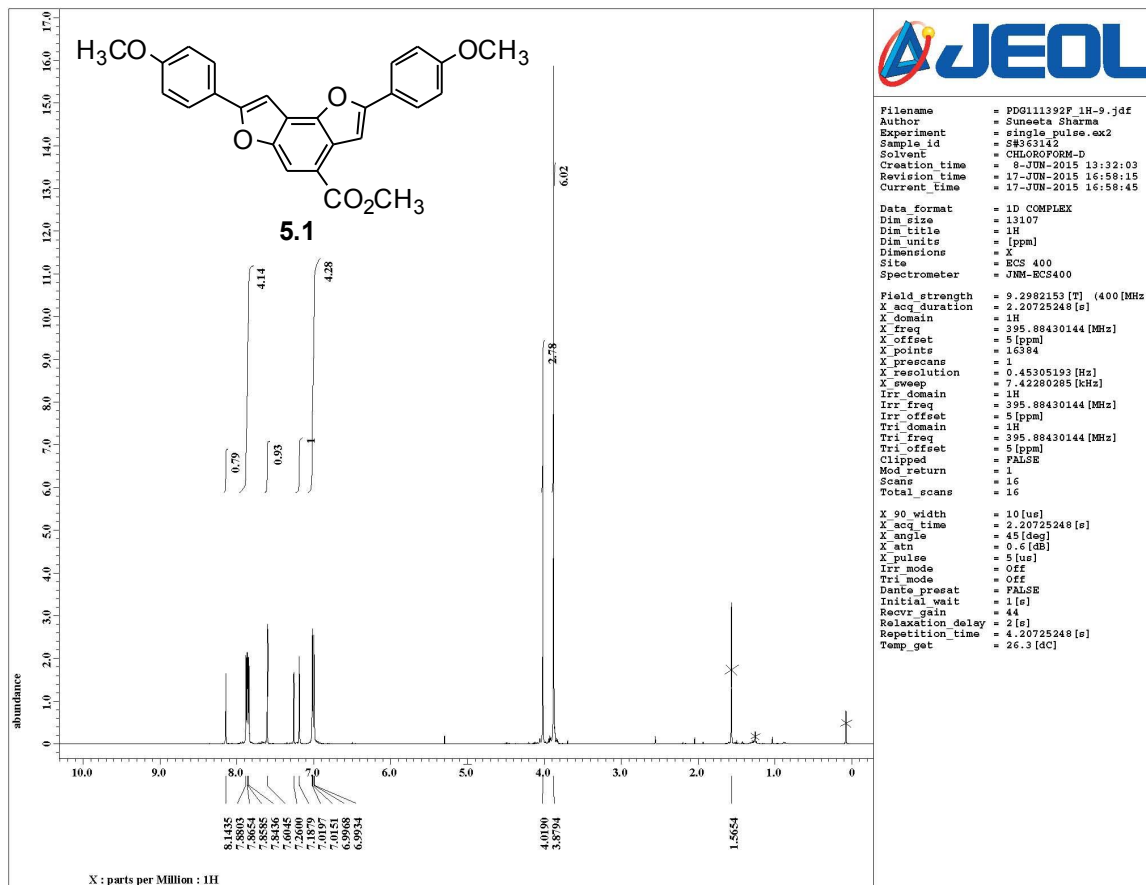
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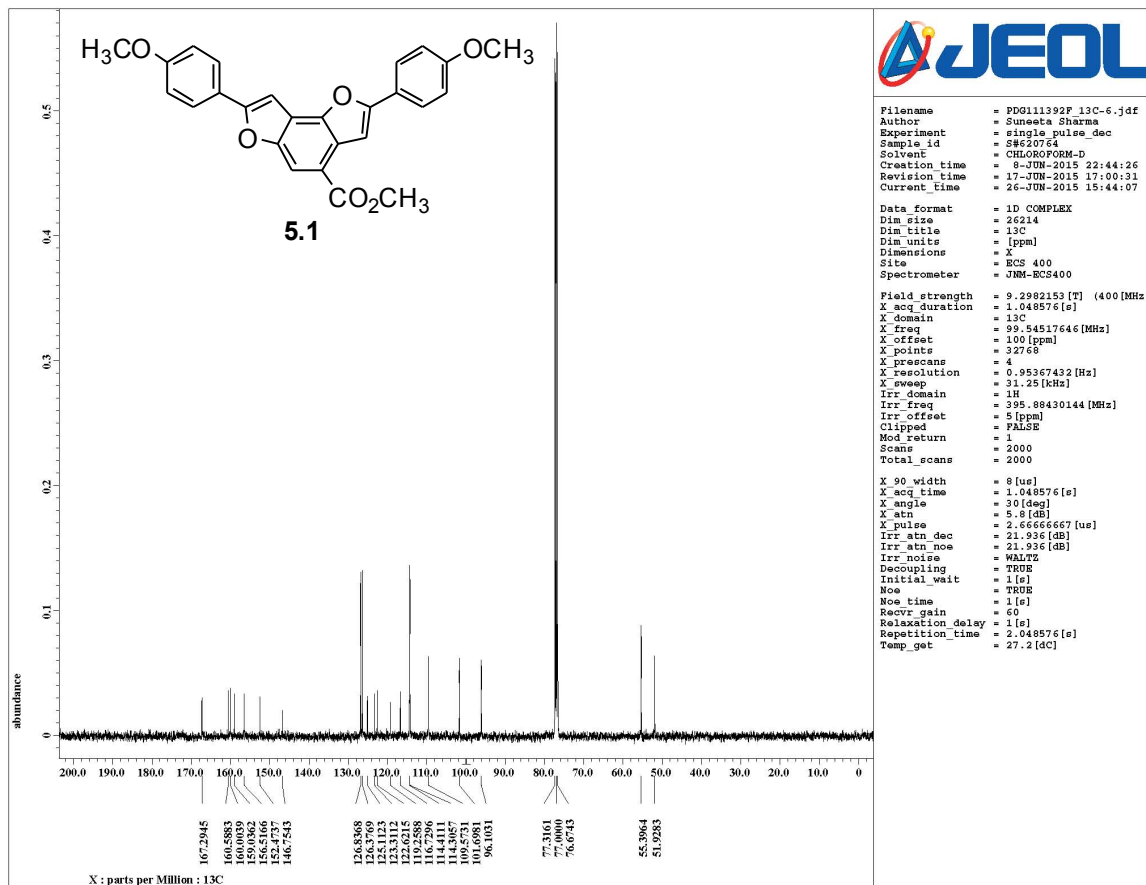
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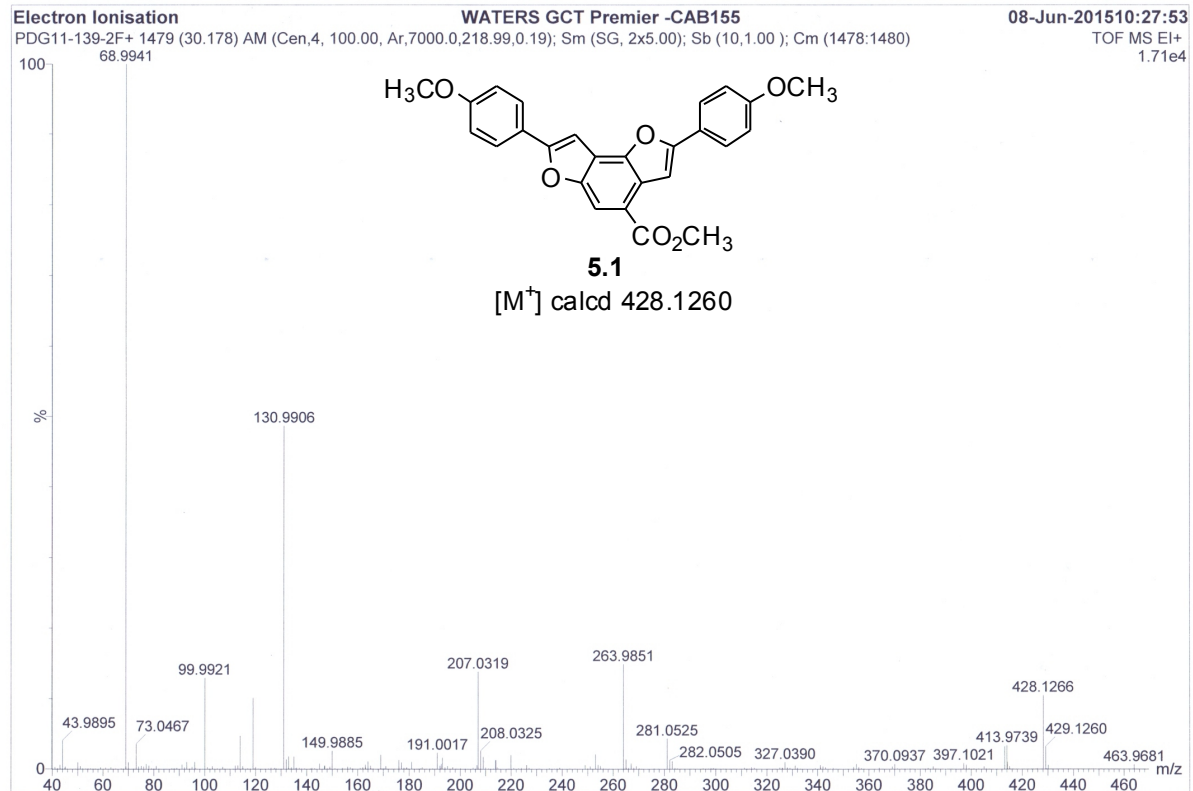
EI (HRMS) spectrum of **4.1**



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **5.1**



^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **5.1**



EI (HRMS) spectrum of **5.1**

10. Crystal structure of benzodifuran 4.1:

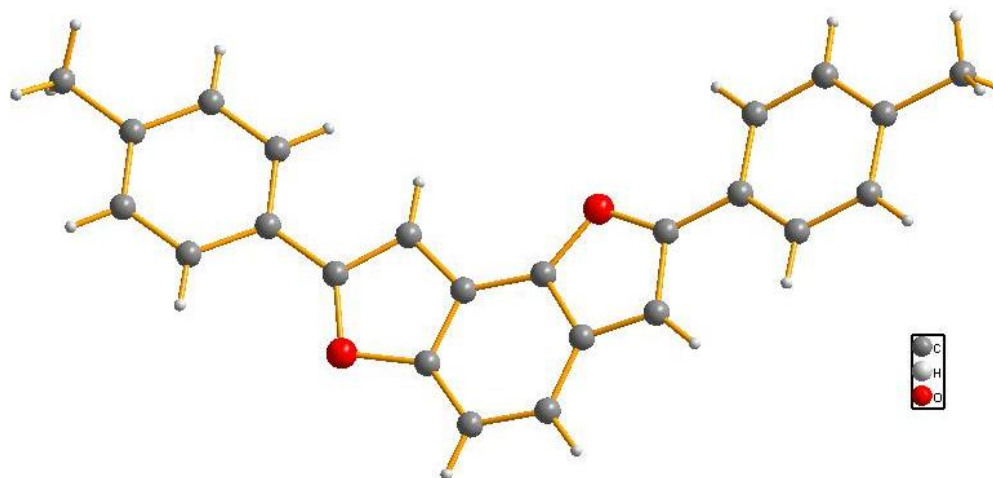


Fig. X-ray structure of **4.1**

The single crystal X-ray was recorded in Bruker SMART APEX-II CCD diffractometer. Data was collected at 273 K using graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). The crystal structure was solved by direct methods and was refined by full matrix least squares on F^2 using SHELXL-97 and SHELXTL. All hydrogen atoms were included in idealized positions using a riding model. Anisotropic displacement parameters were used for refining non-hydrogen atoms.

Ref: (a) G. M. Sheldrick, *SHELXL-97, Program for Crystal Structure Solution and Refinement*; University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, 1997; (b) G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.*, 2008, **A64**, 112.

Crystal data for compound **4.1**: C₄₈H₃₆O₄, $M = 676.77$, Monoclinic, $a = 18.012(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 6.5373(8) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 14.3077(19) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$, $\beta = 98.302(4)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$, $V = 1667.1(4) \text{ \AA}^3$, $T = 273(2) \text{ K}$, space group Cc, $Z = 2$, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.085 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, 6737 reflections measured, 3191 independent reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0642$). The final R_I values were 0.0978 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.2589 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_I values were 0.1541 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.3025 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.065. CCDC number CCDC 1406195.