

# Cetyltrimethyl Ammonium Bromide Catalysed Oxidative Cross Dehydrogenative Coupling of Benzylic C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H Bonds in Methylarenes with P(O)-OH Compounds

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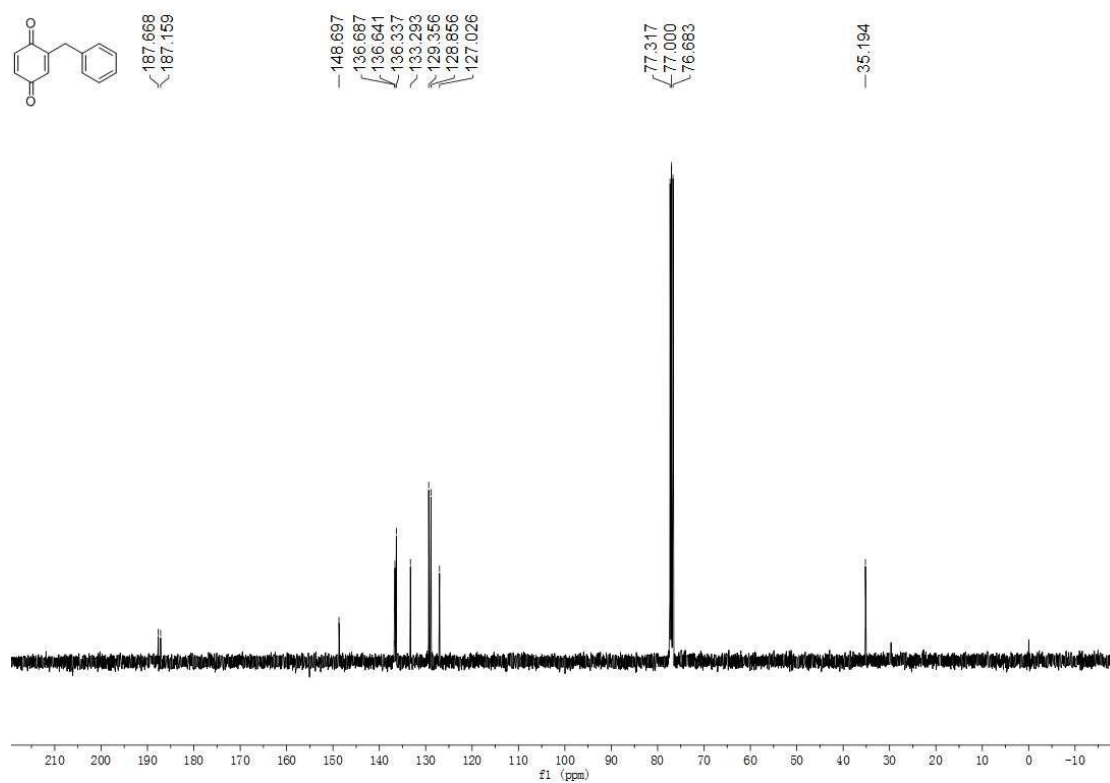
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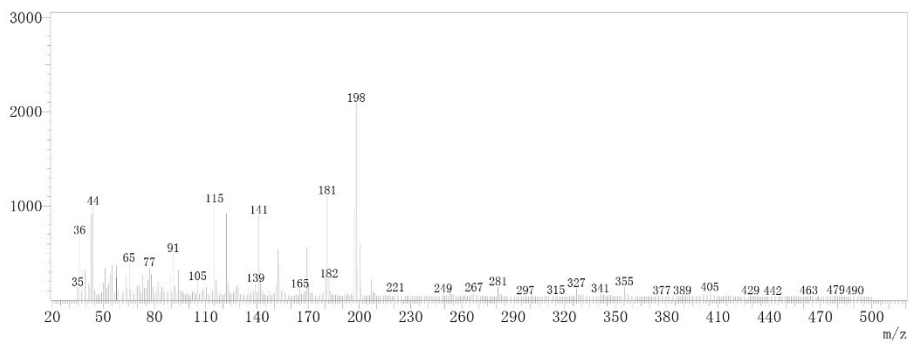
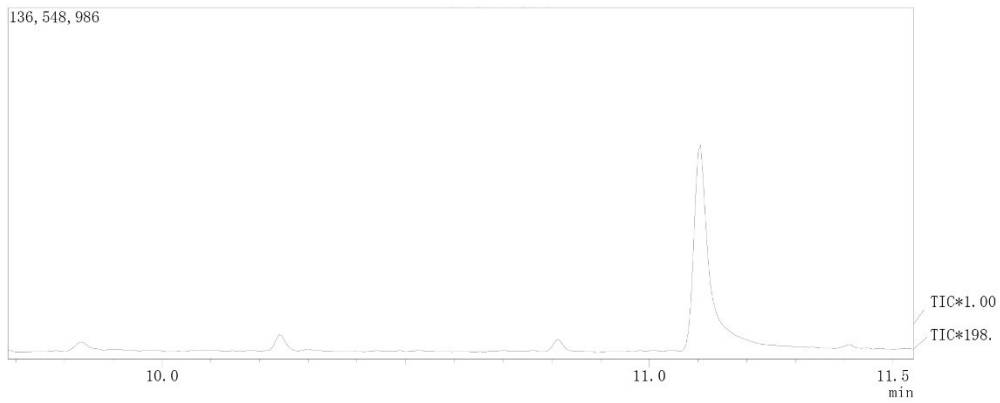
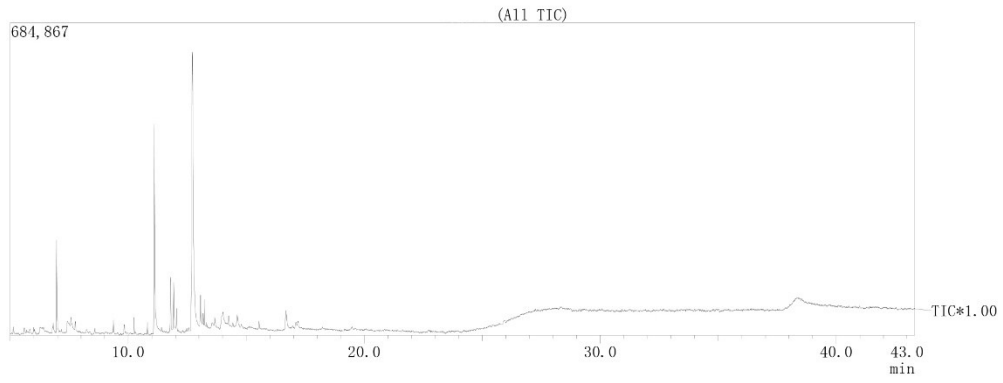
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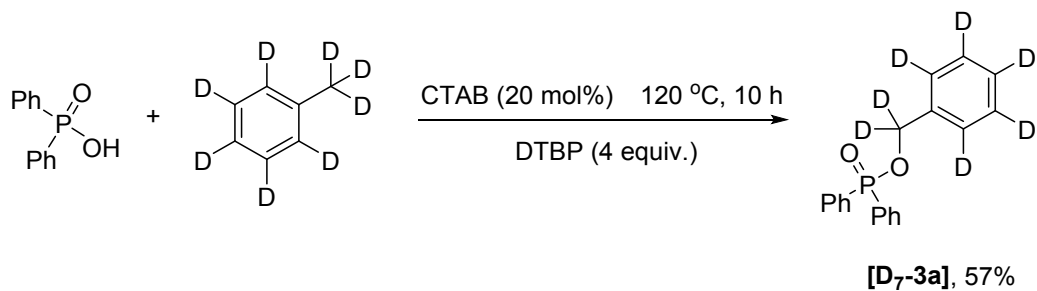
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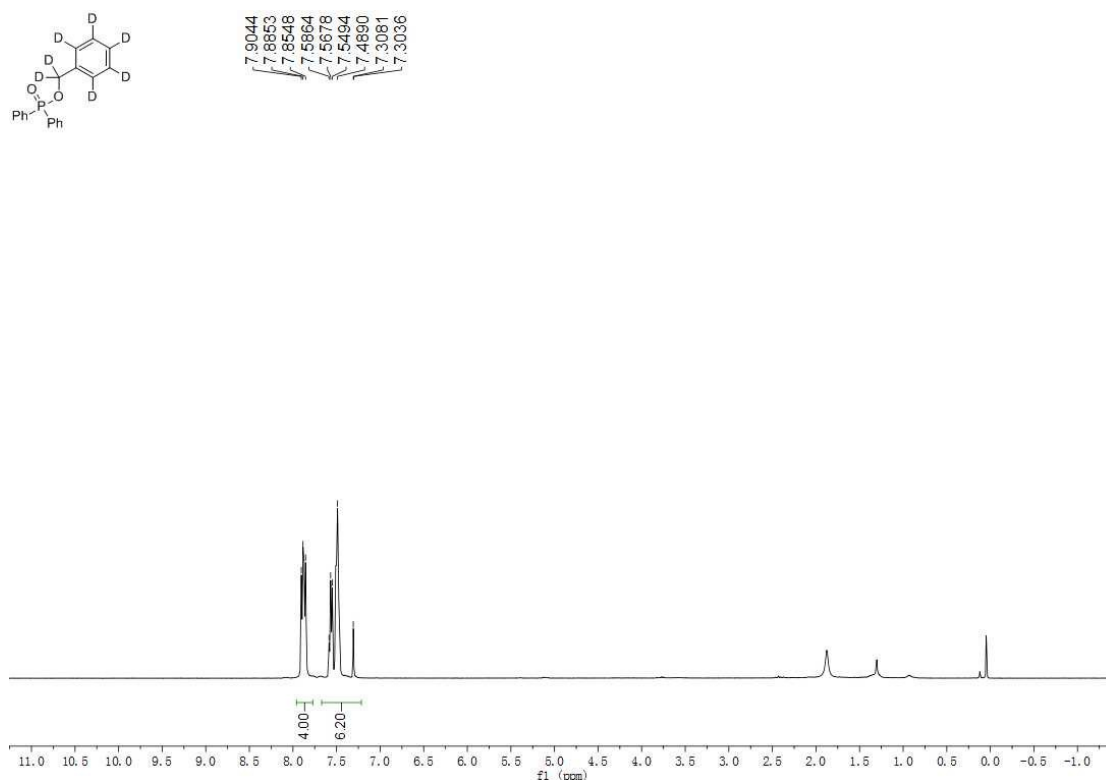


<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound **5**  
 Yellow oil <sup>1</sup> R<sub>f</sub> = 0.40 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.41–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.85–6.75 (m, 2H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 187.7 (s), 187.2 (s), 148.7 (s), 136.7 (s), 136.6 (s), 136.3 (s), 133.3 (s), 129.4 (s), 128.9 (s), 127.0 (s), 35.2 (s).



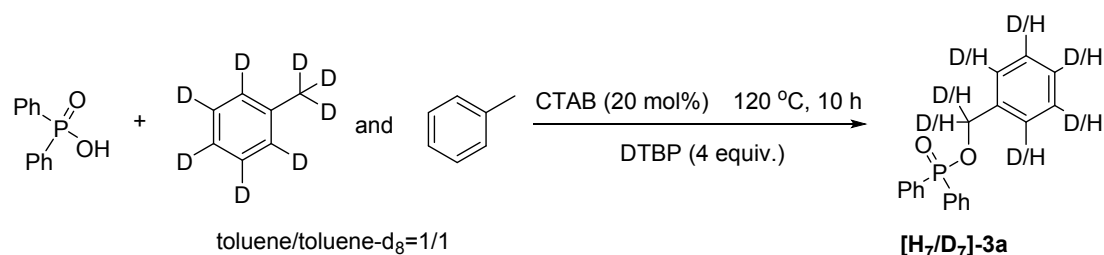


Ph<sub>2</sub>P(O)OH (0.1 mmol), CTAB (20 mol%), DTBP (0.4 mmol) and toluene-d<sub>8</sub> (0.5 ml) were added in a 25-mL Schlenk tube with magnetic stirring at room temperature. With constant stirring the resulting mixture was heated to 120 °C and kept at this temperature for 10 h. Then the reaction solution was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, and then transferred to a round-bottom flask. Silica gel (4.0 g) was added, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford a free-flowing powder. This powder was then dry-loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5 / 1 (v/v) as eluent to give **[D<sub>7</sub>-3a]**.

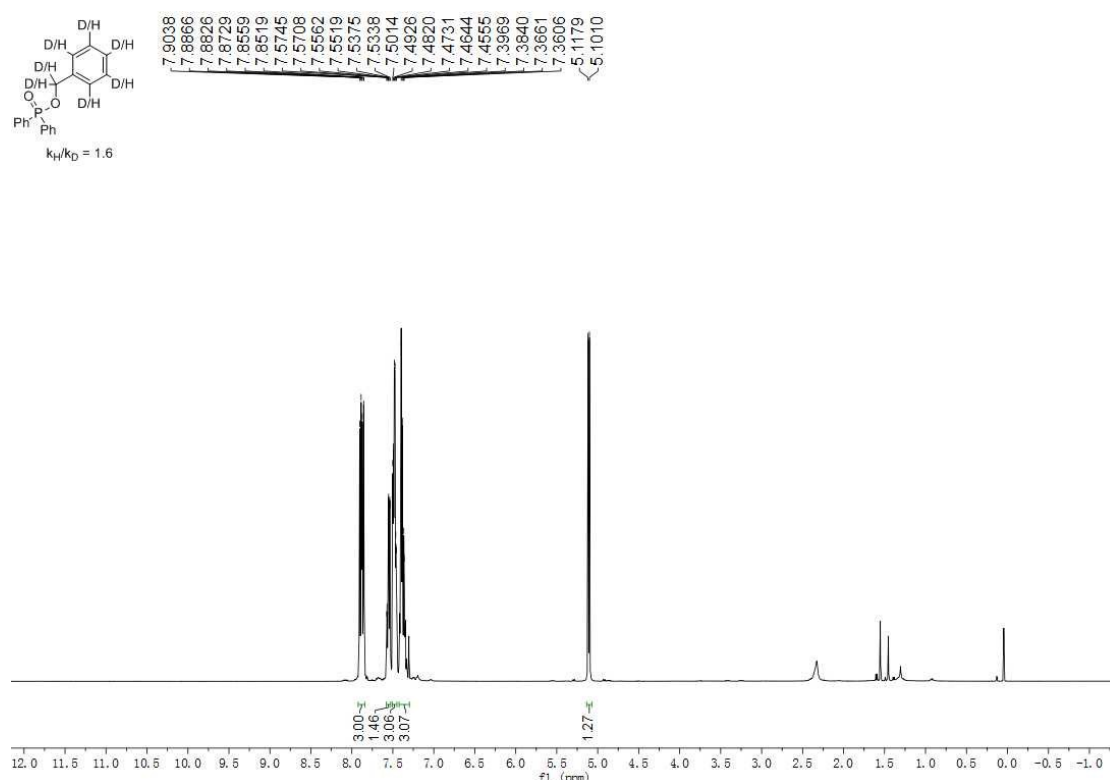


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound **[D<sub>7</sub>-3a]**

Colorless oil *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.20 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90–7.85 (m, 4H), 7.59–7.30 (m, 6H).

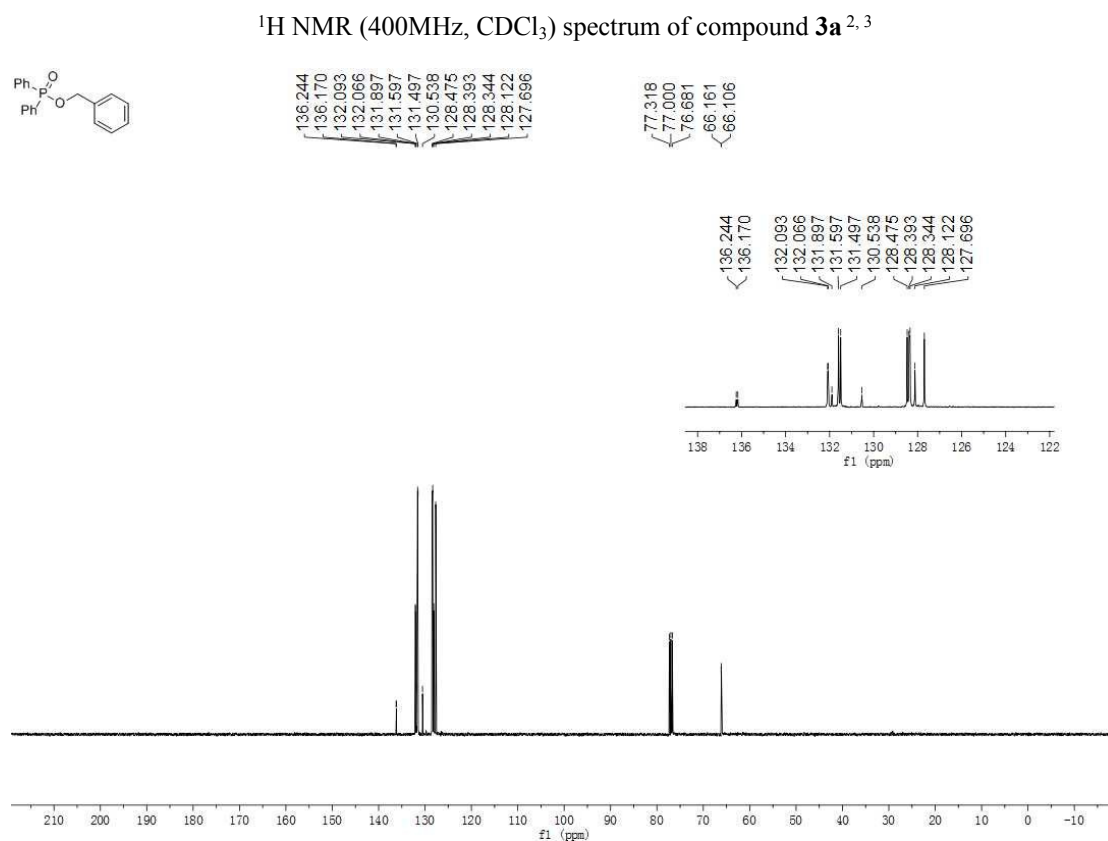
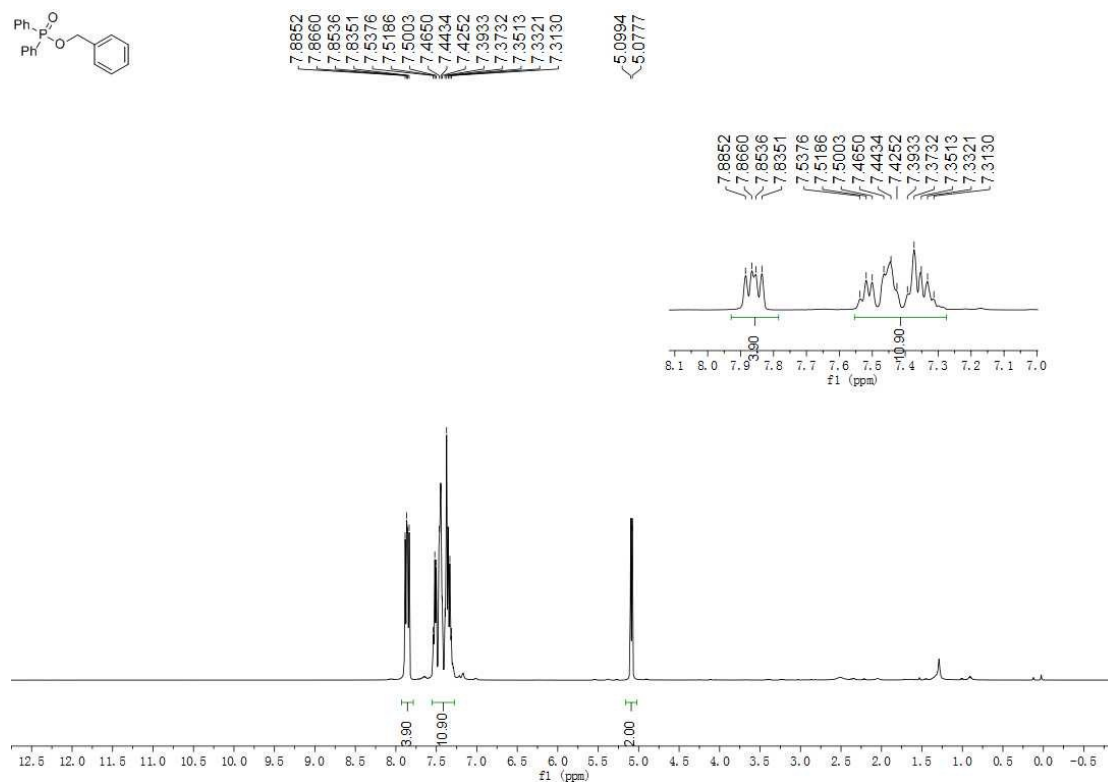


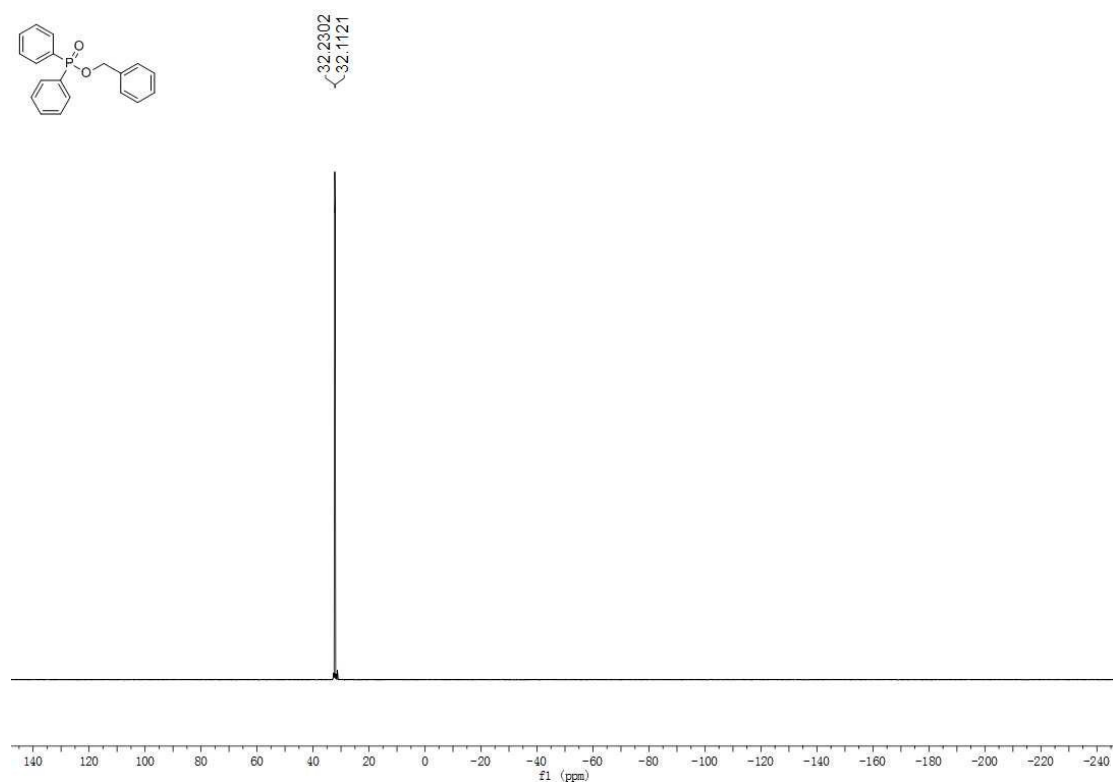
$\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{OH}$  (0.1 mmol), CTAB (20 mol%), DTBP (0.4 mmol) and solvent (1.0 ml, toluene/toluene- $d_8$ , 1:1, v/v) were added in a 25-mL Schlenk tube with magnetic stirring at room temperature. With constant stirring the resulting mixture was heated to 120 °C and kept at this temperature for 10 h. Then the reaction solution was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, and then transferred to a round-bottom flask. Silica gel (4.0 g) was added, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford a free-flowing powder. This powder was then dry-loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5 / 1 (v/v) as eluent to give **[H<sub>7</sub>/D<sub>7</sub>]-3a**.



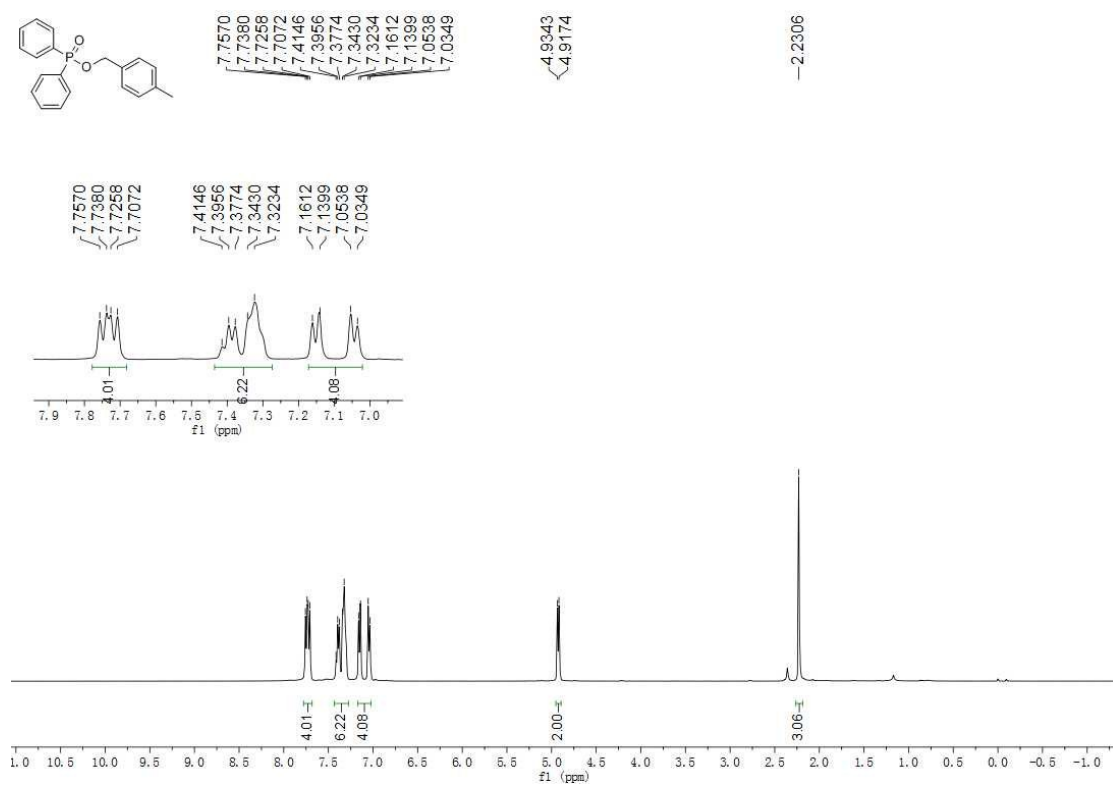
Colorless oil  $R_f = 0.20$  (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90–7.85 (m, 3H), 7.57–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.46 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 3H), 5.11 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H).

## Copies of $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ , $^{31}\text{P}$ NMR charts of the Compounds



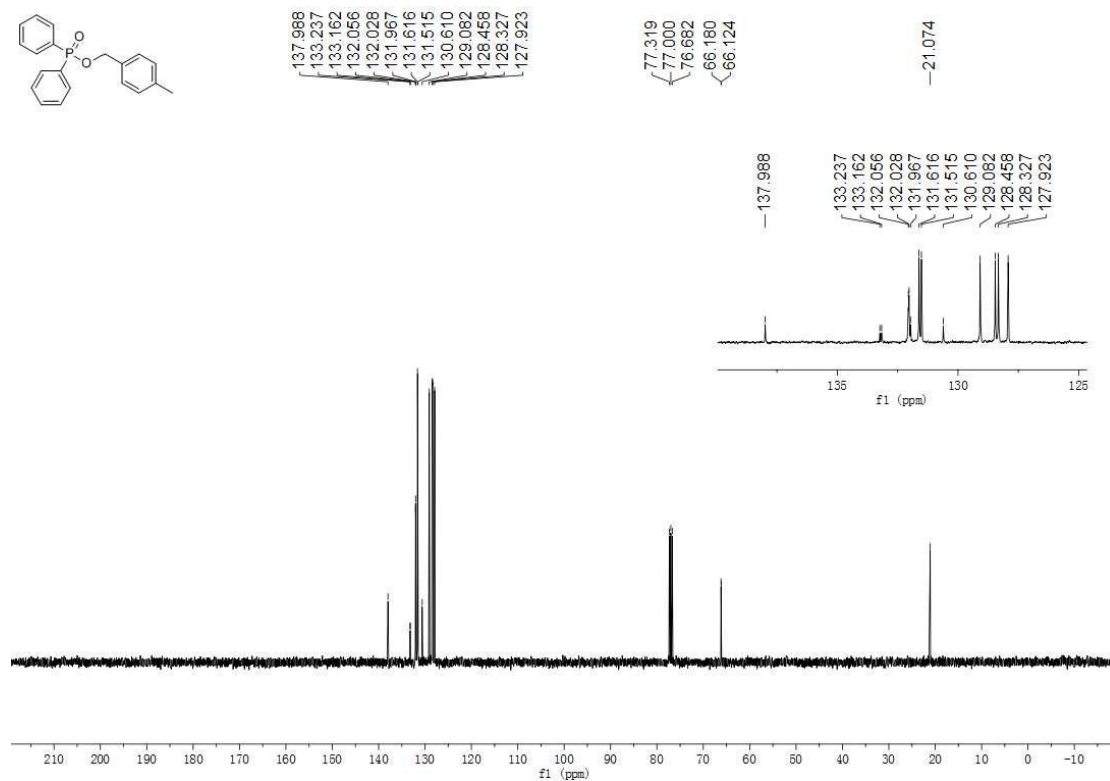


$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound **3a**<sup>2,3</sup>

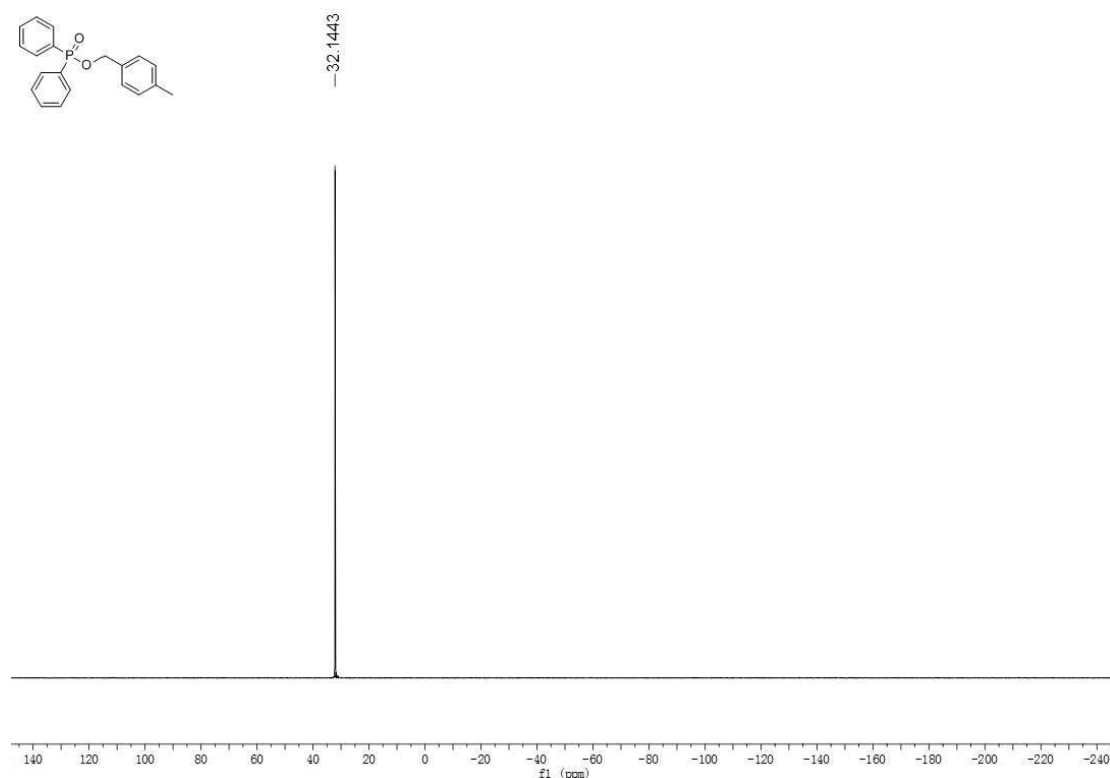


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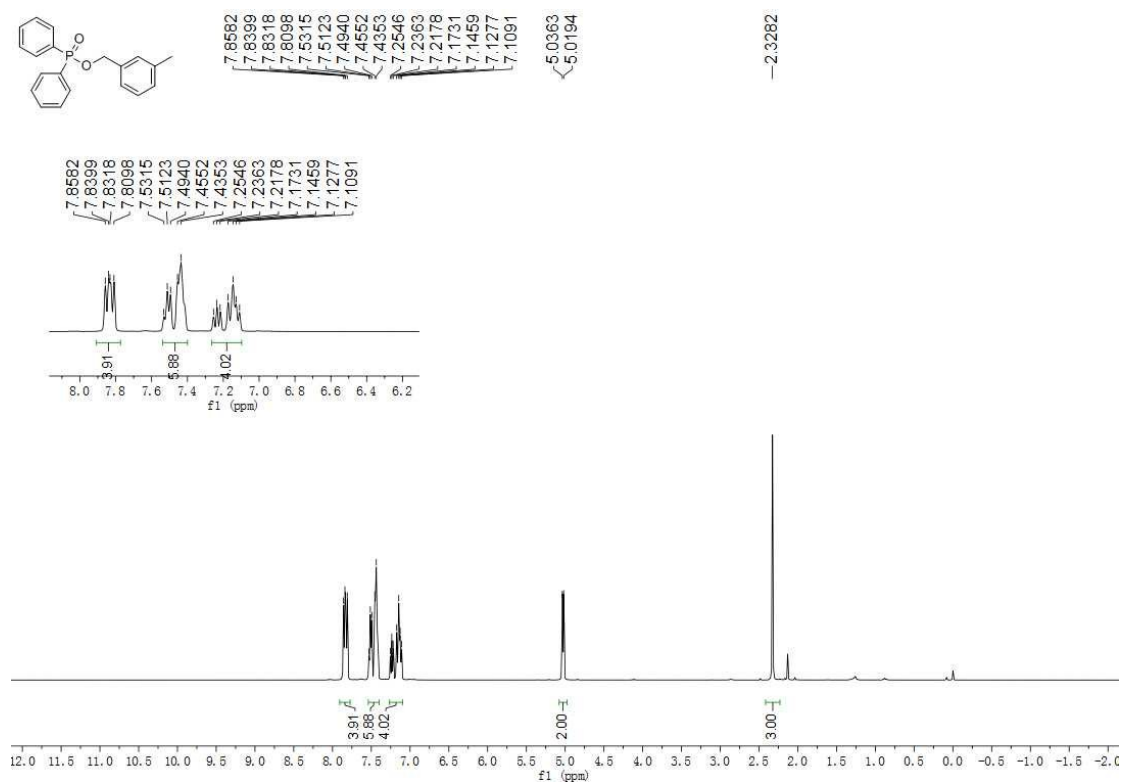




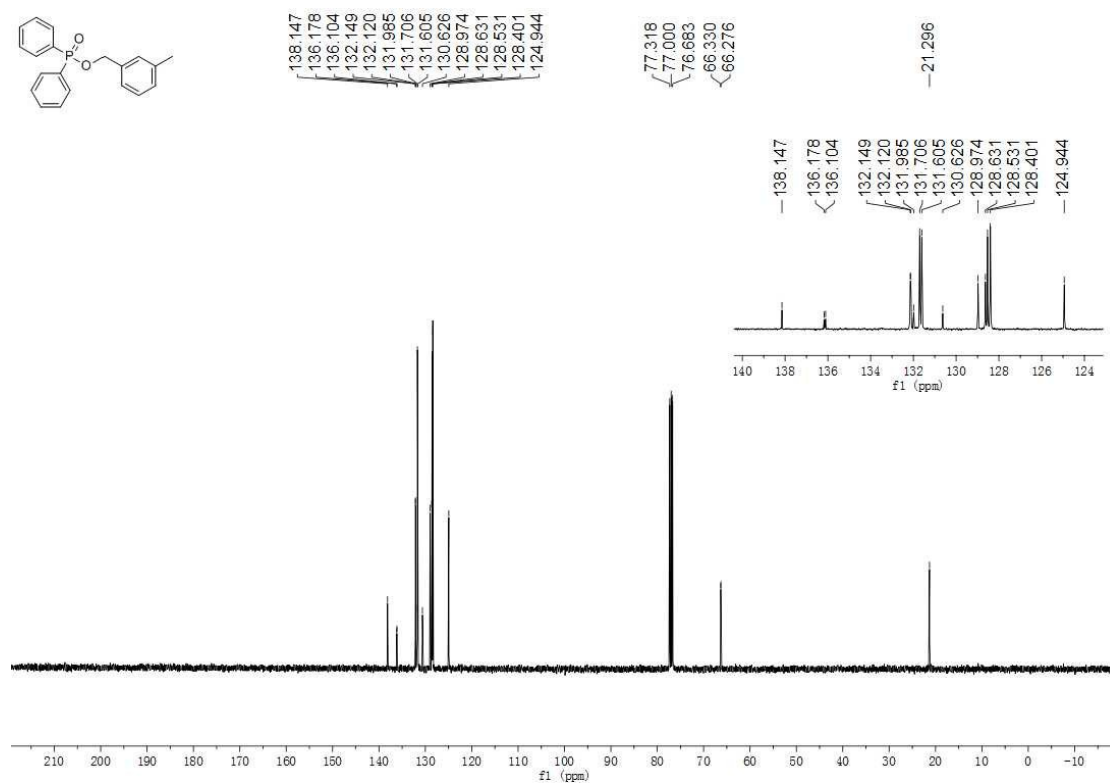
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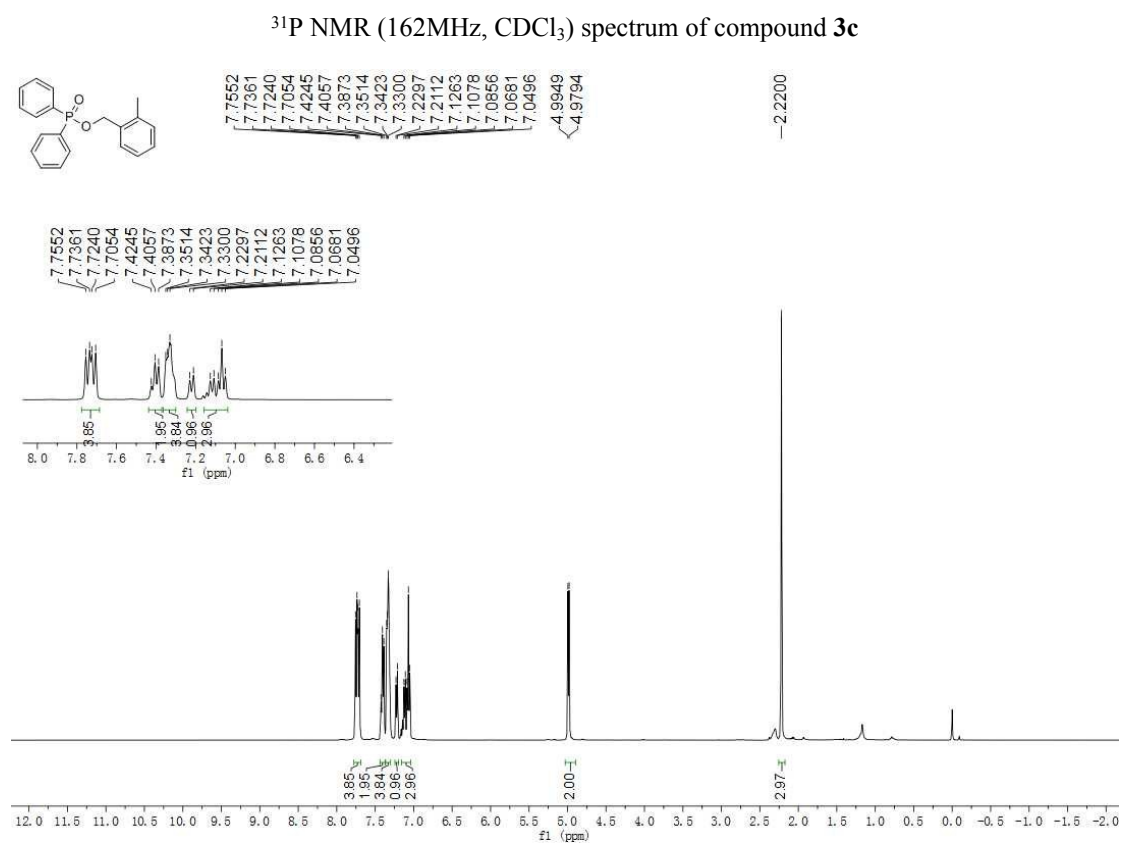
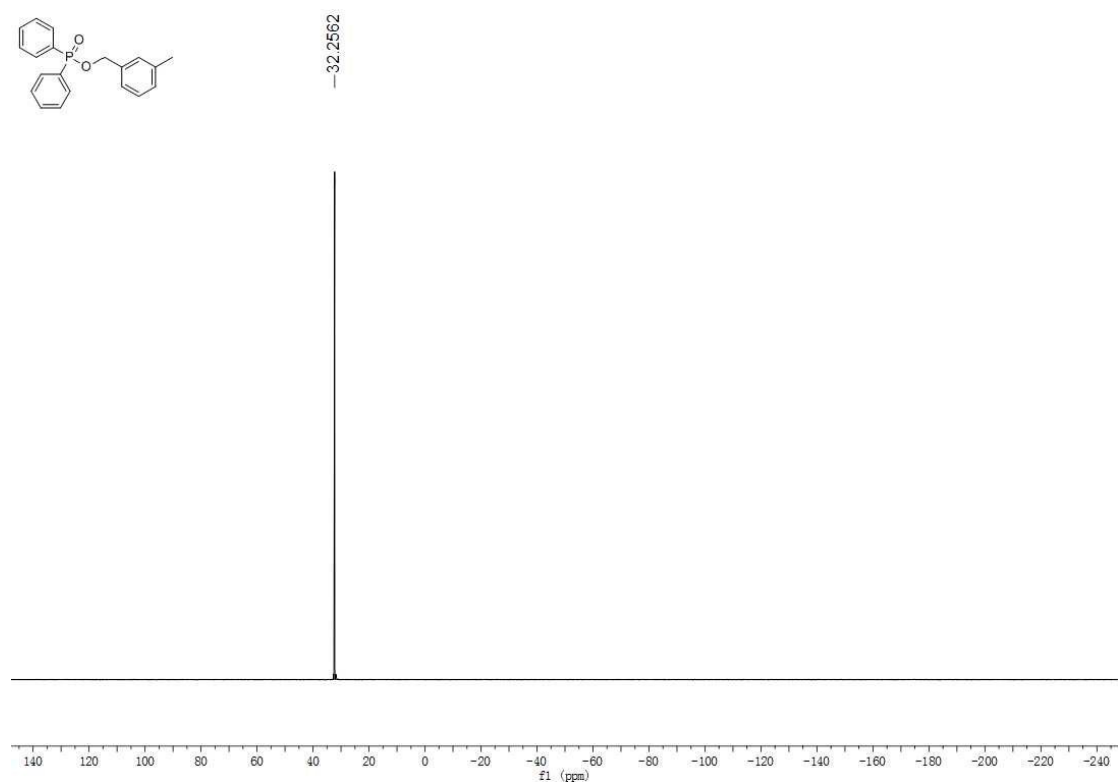
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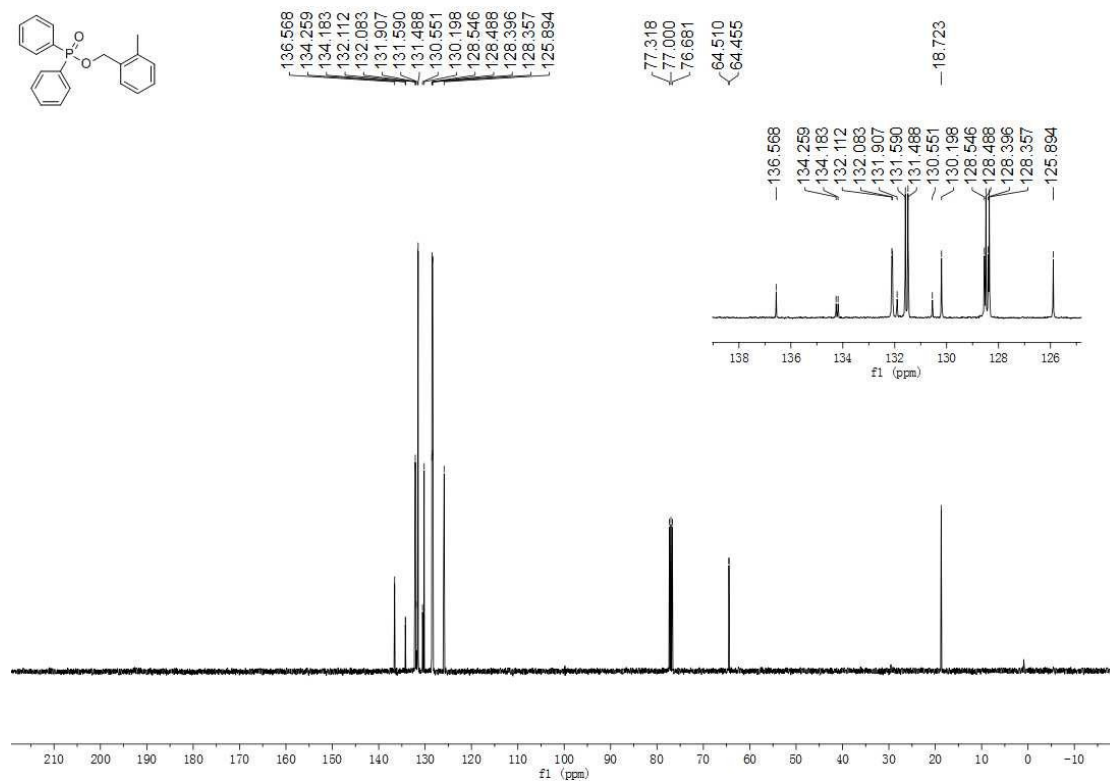


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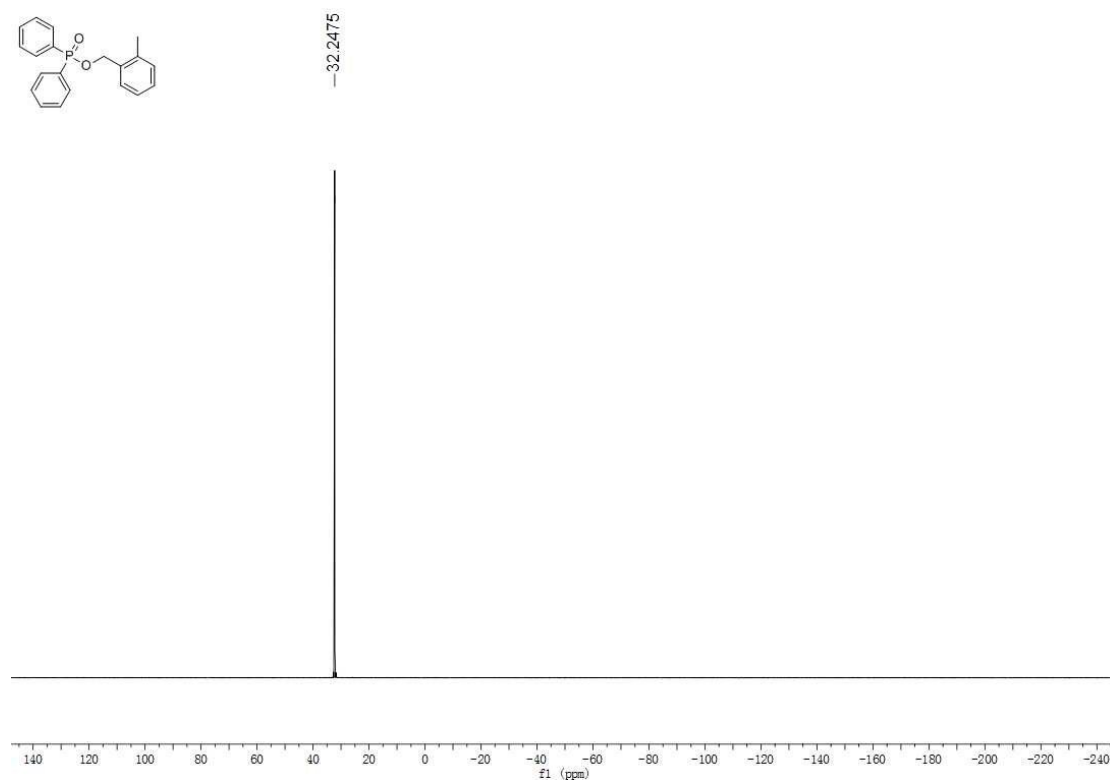


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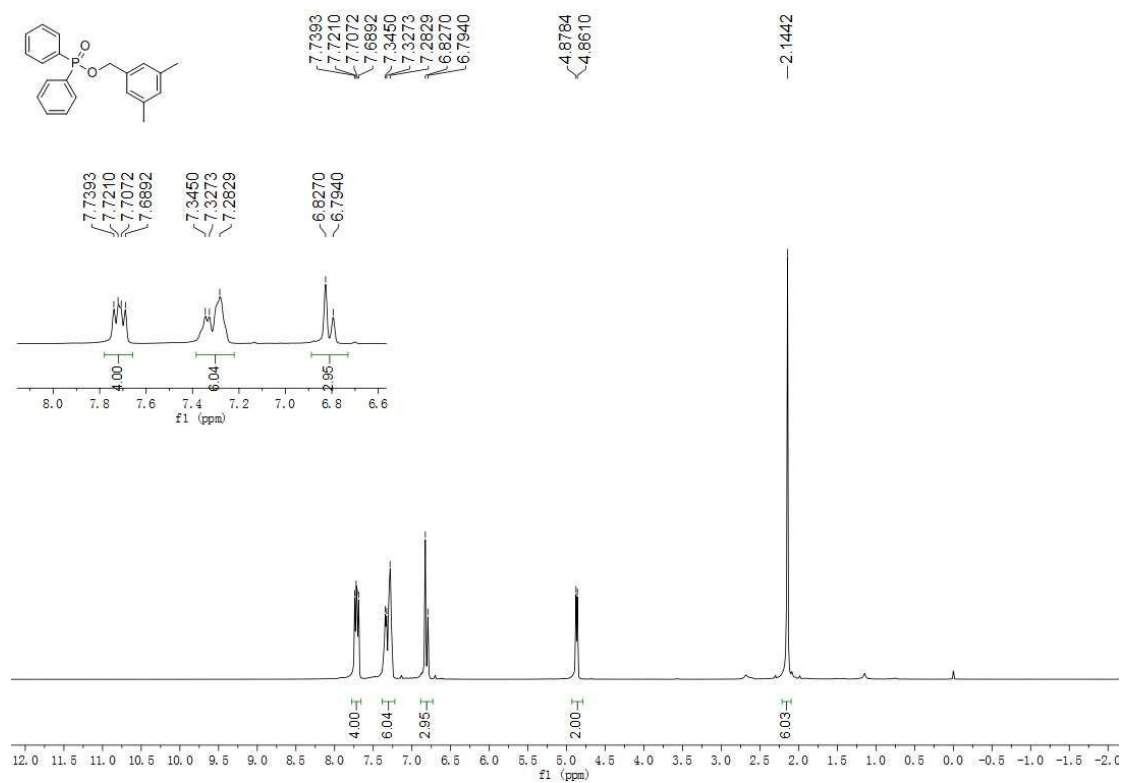




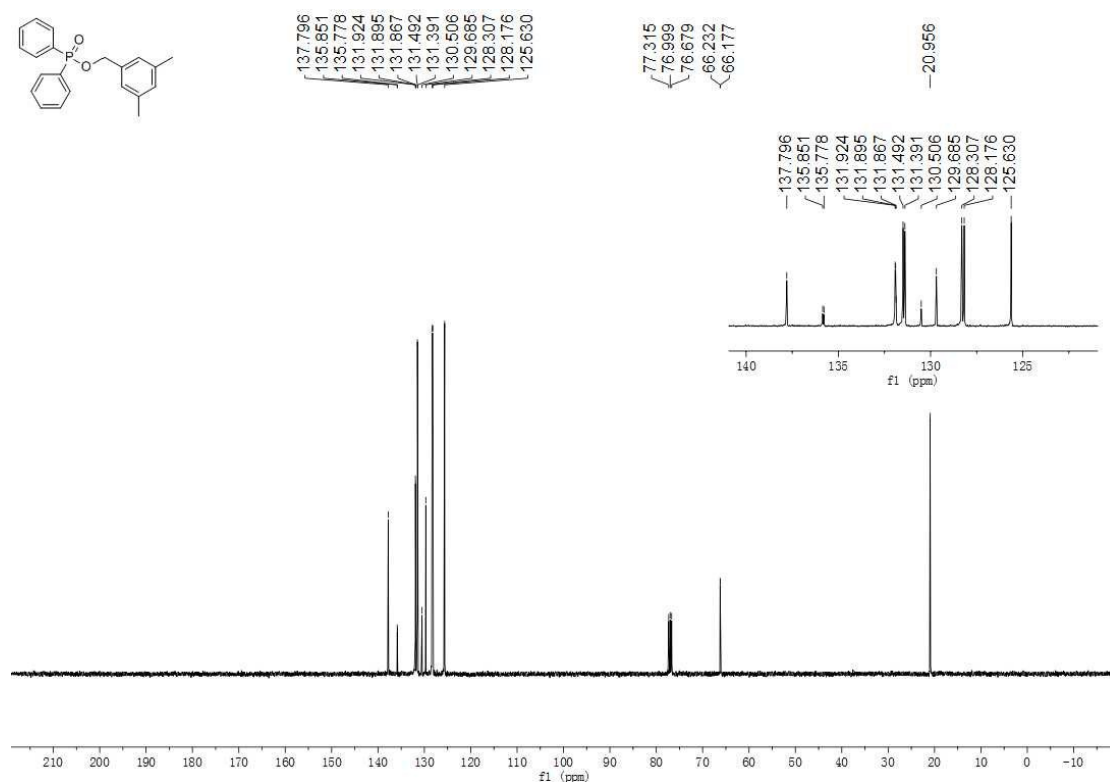
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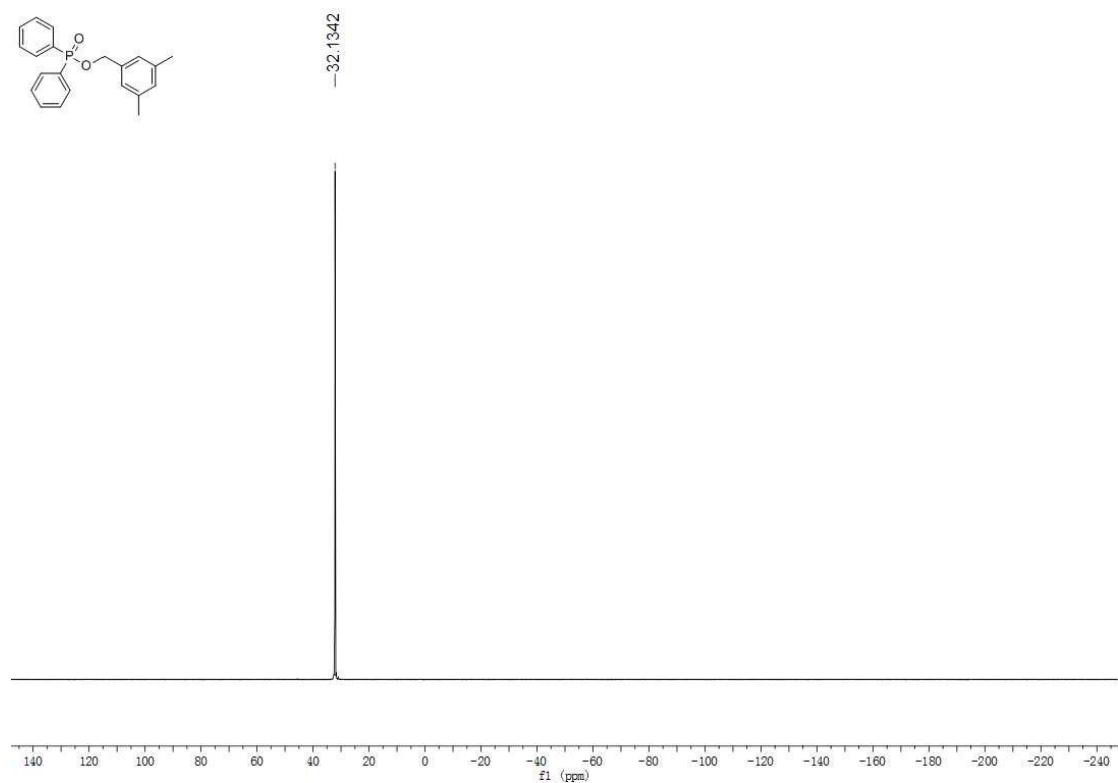
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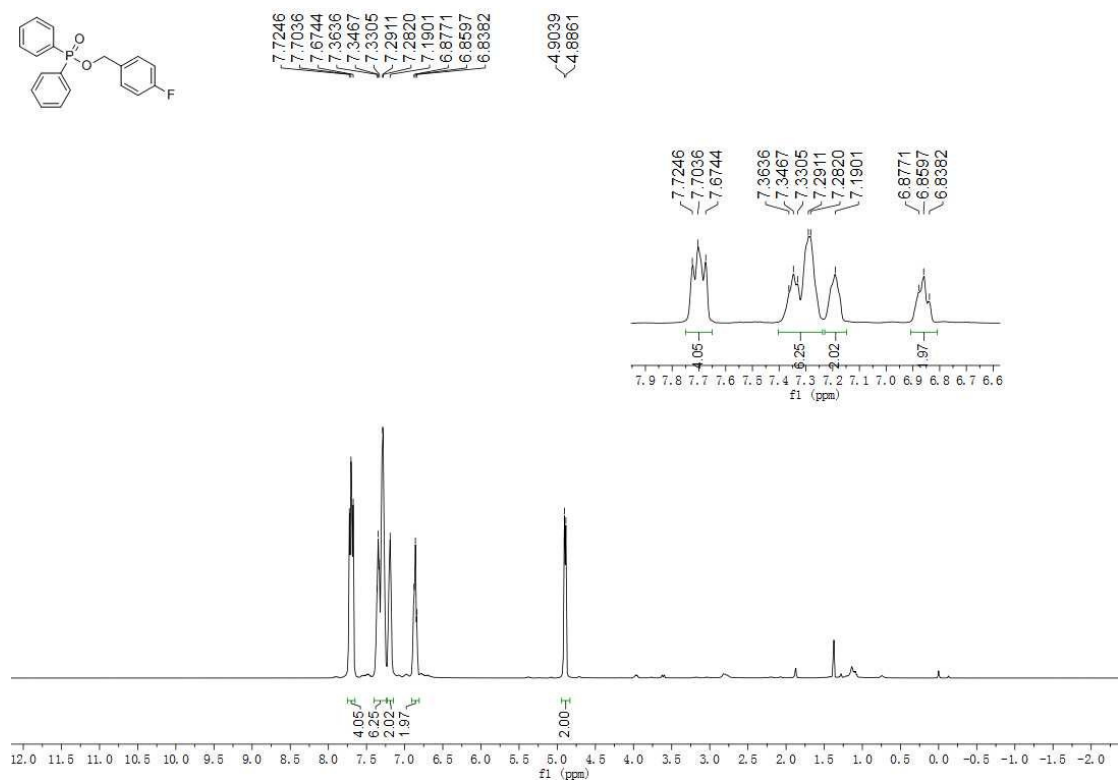
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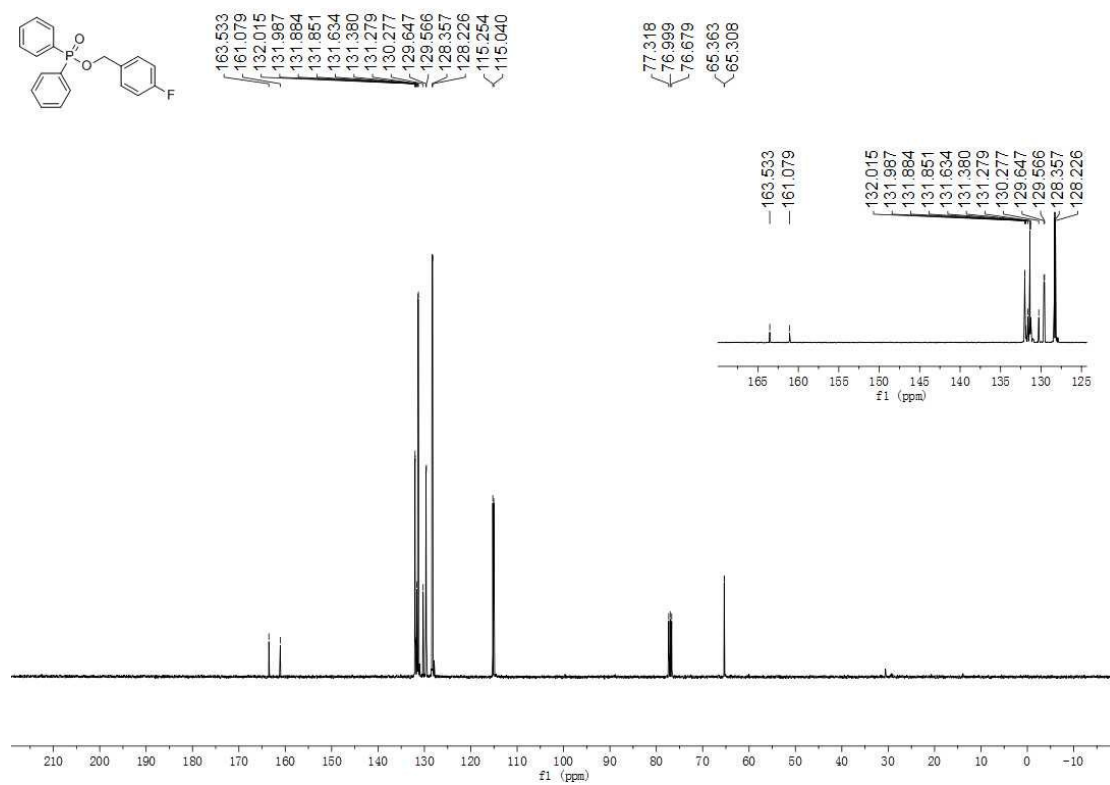
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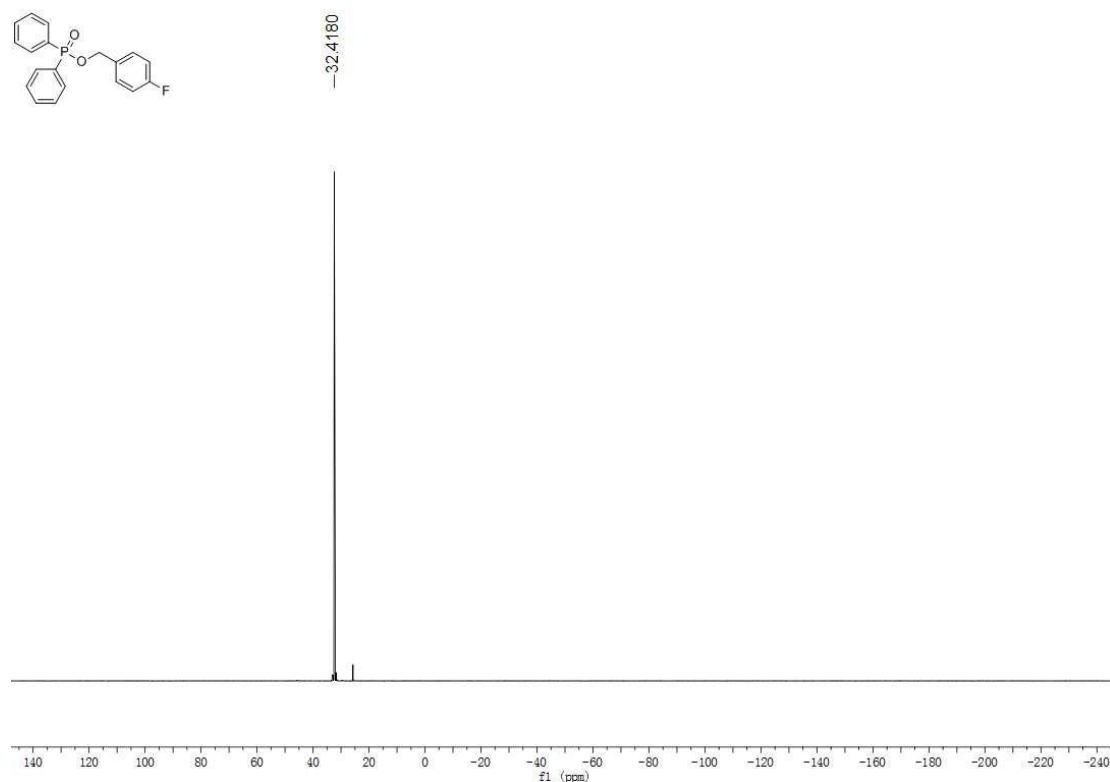
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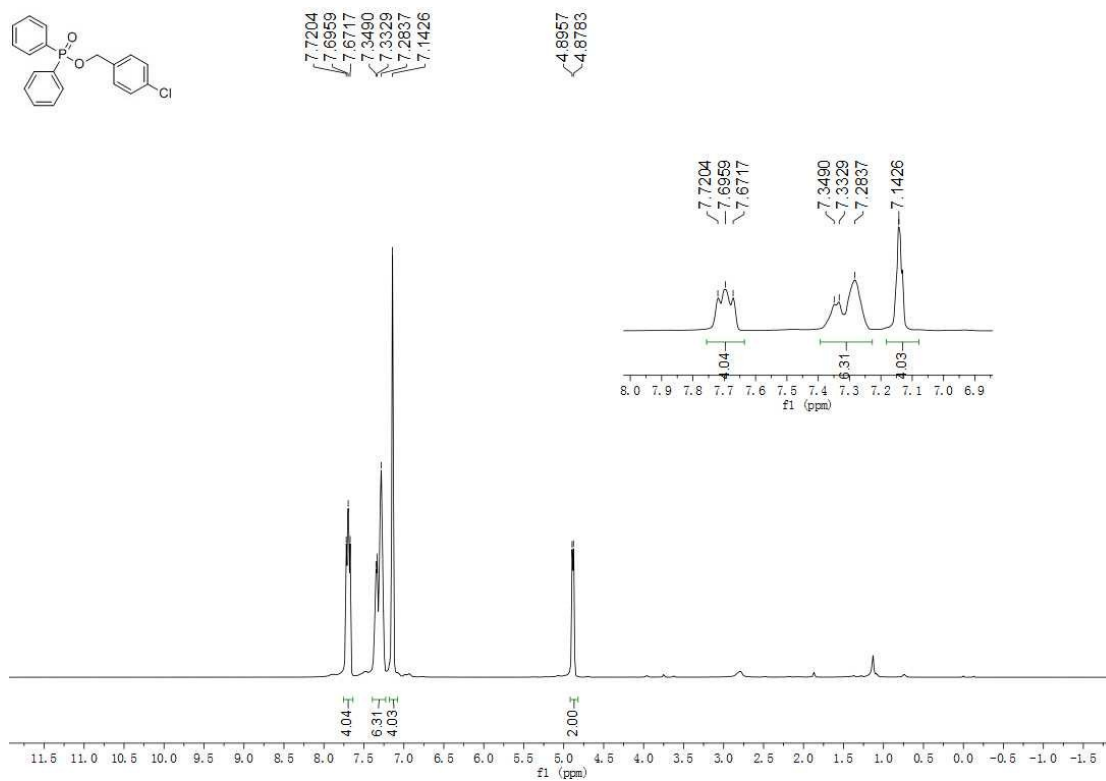
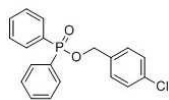
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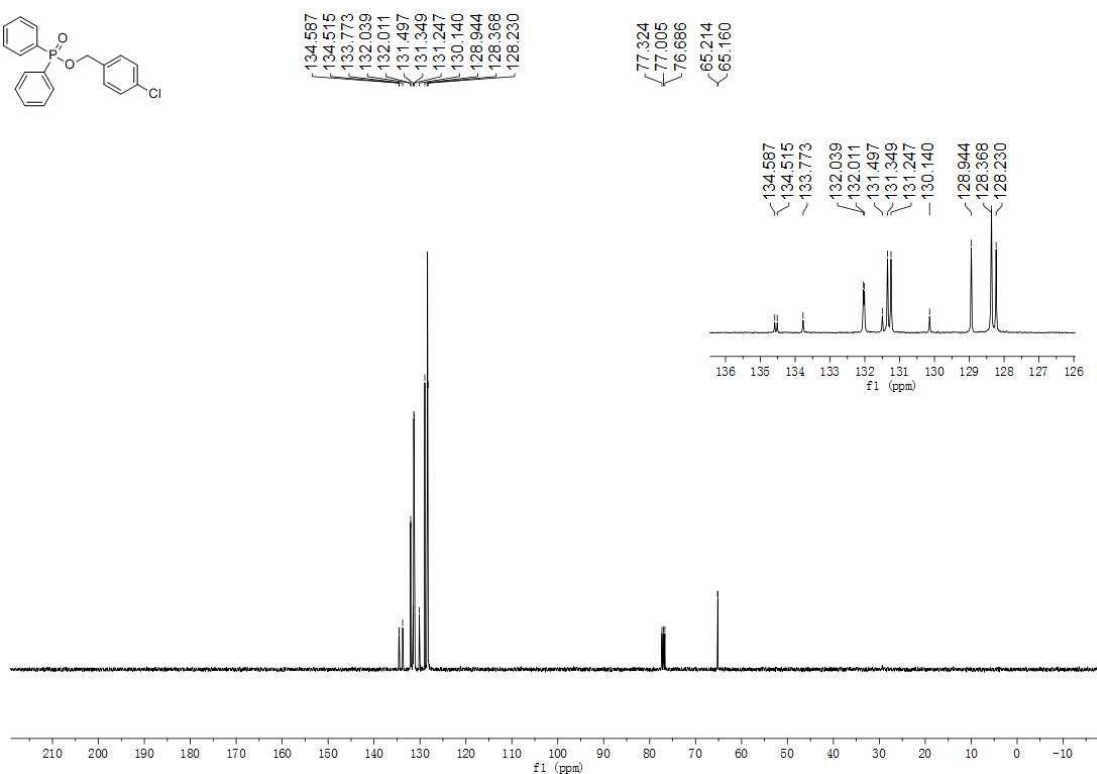
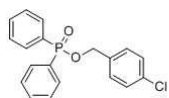
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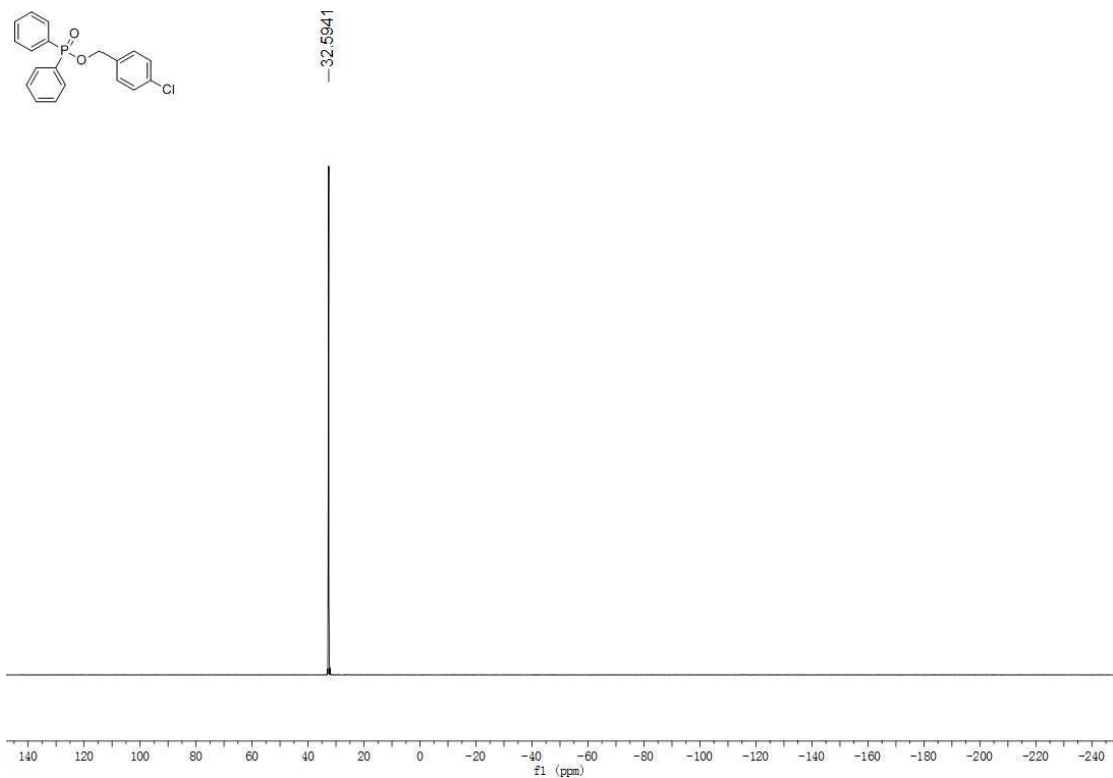


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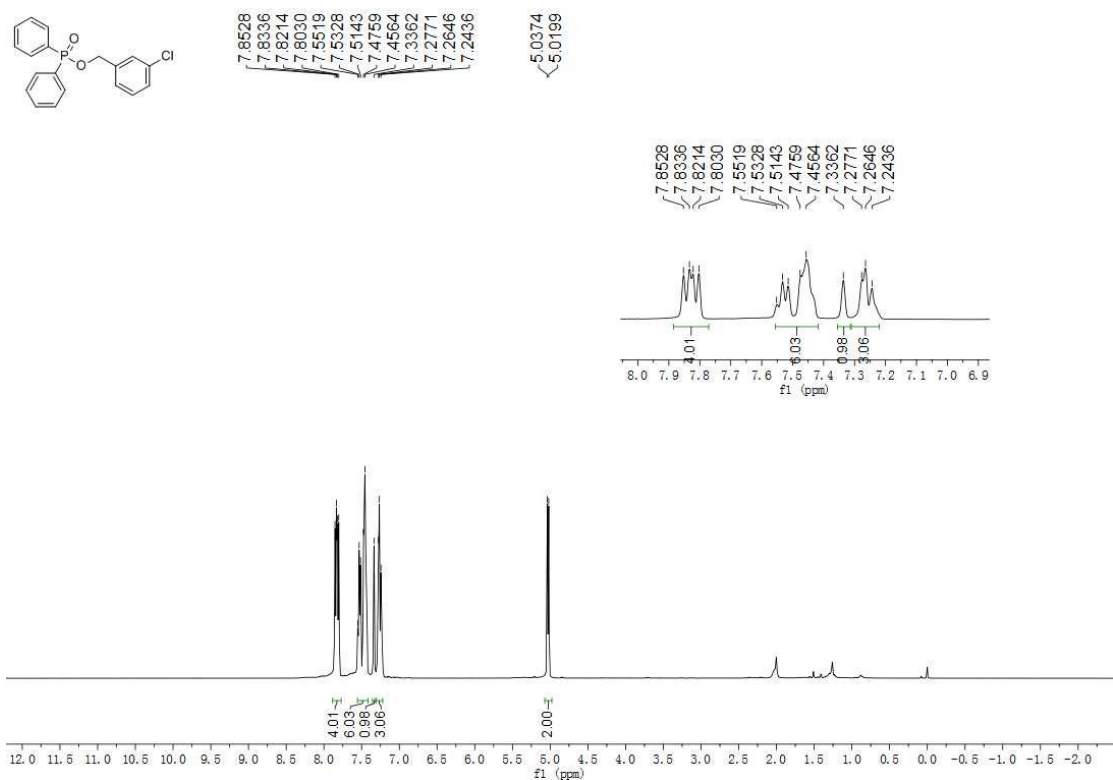


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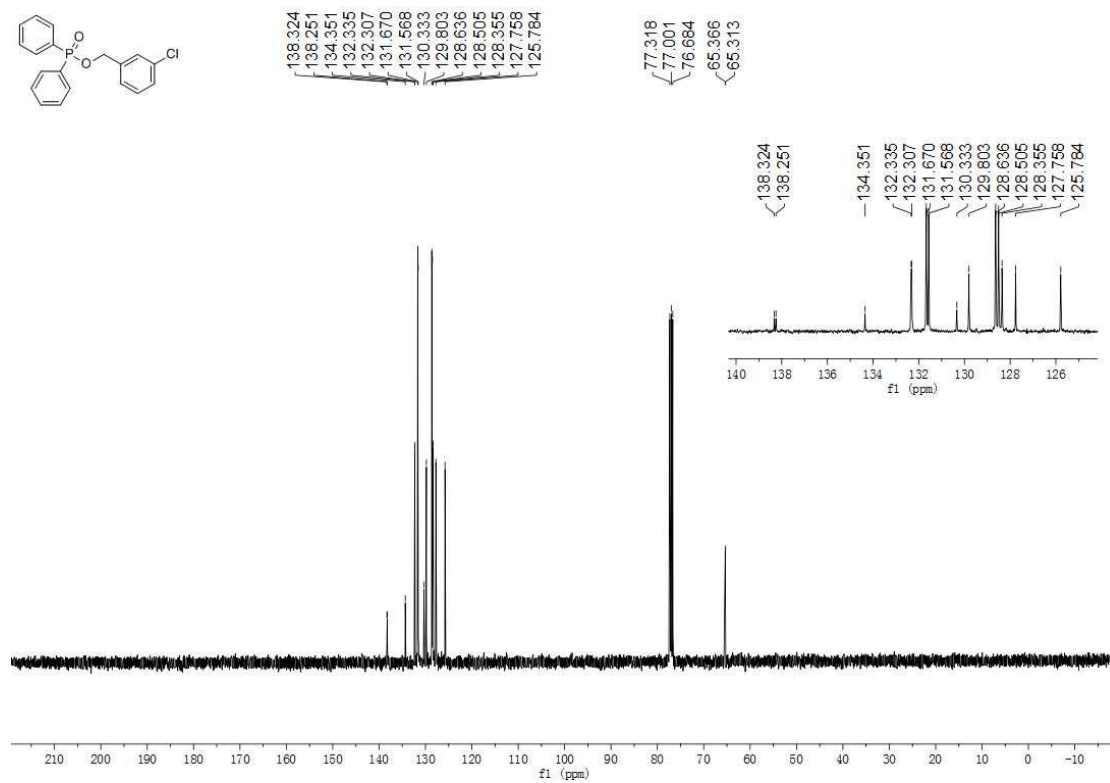




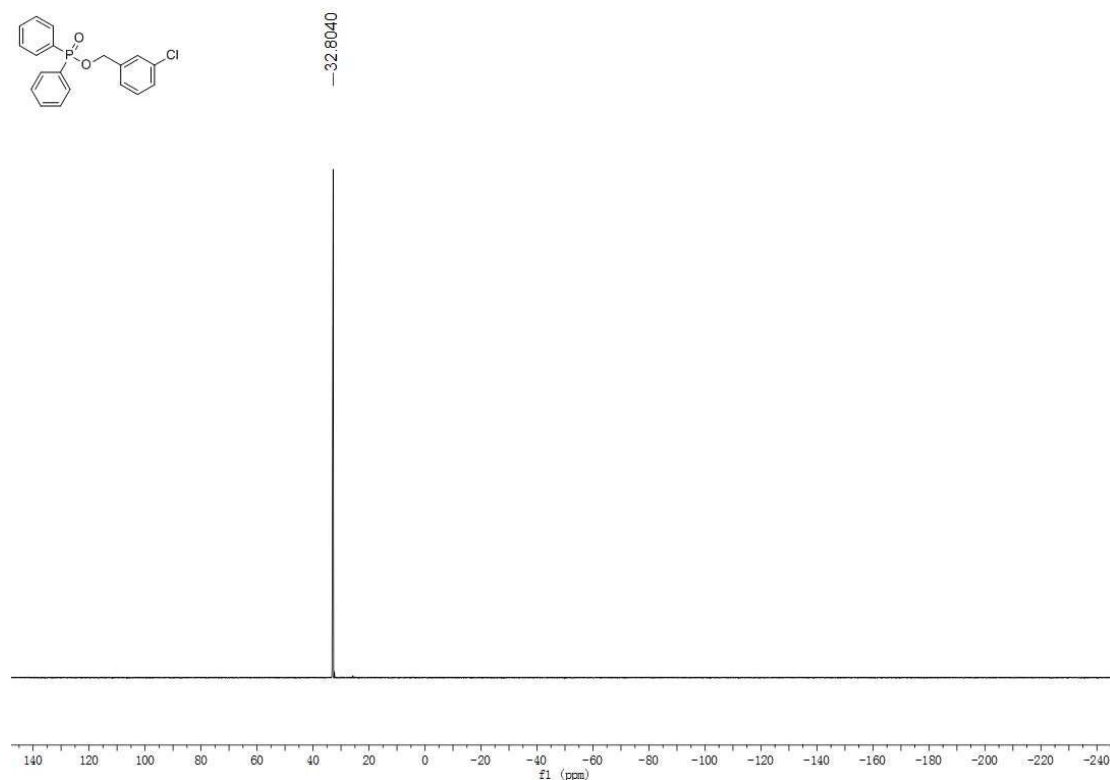
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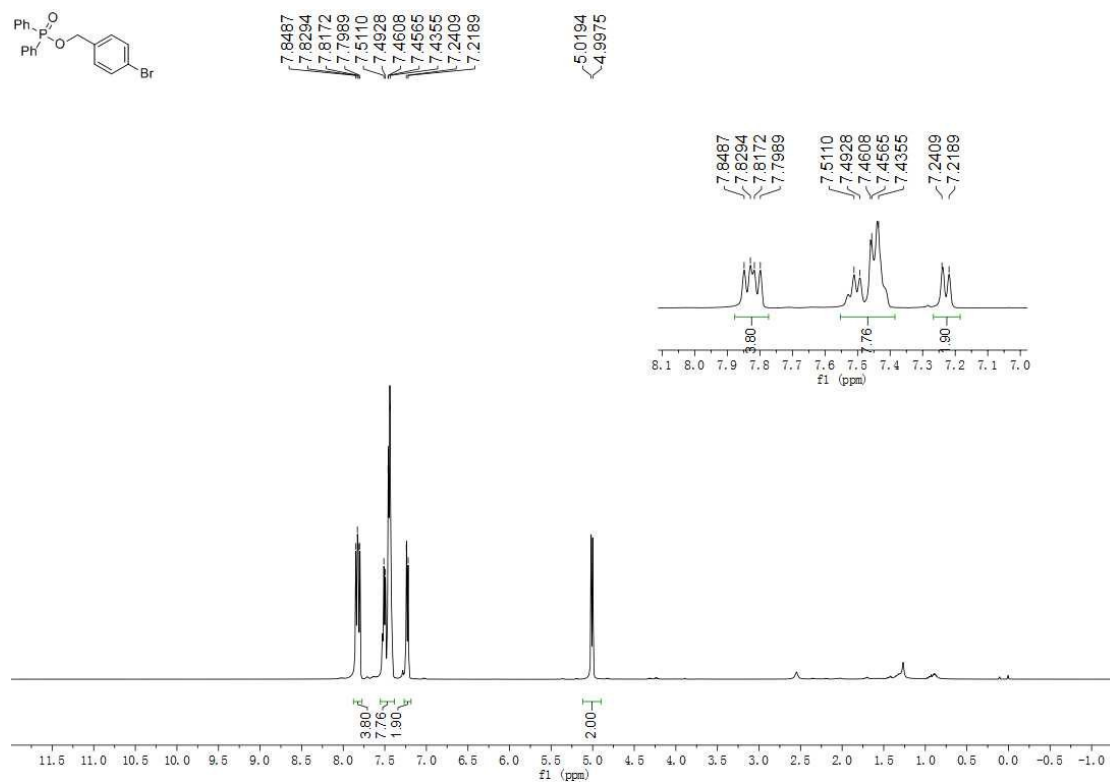
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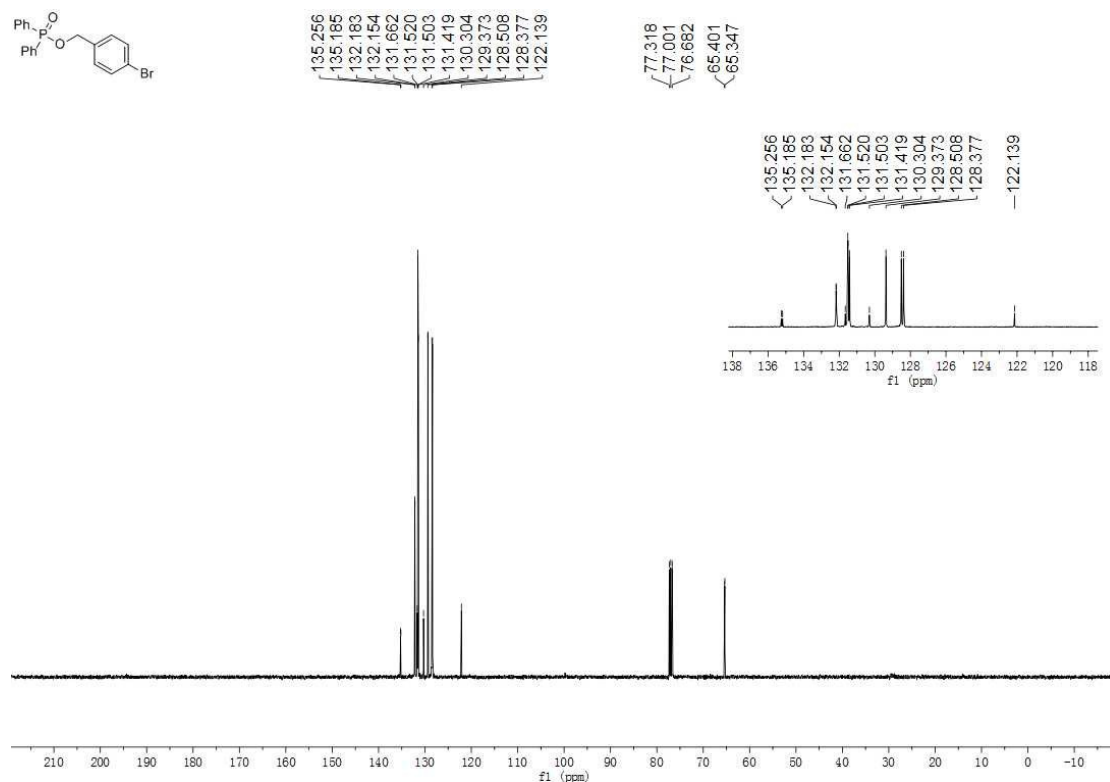
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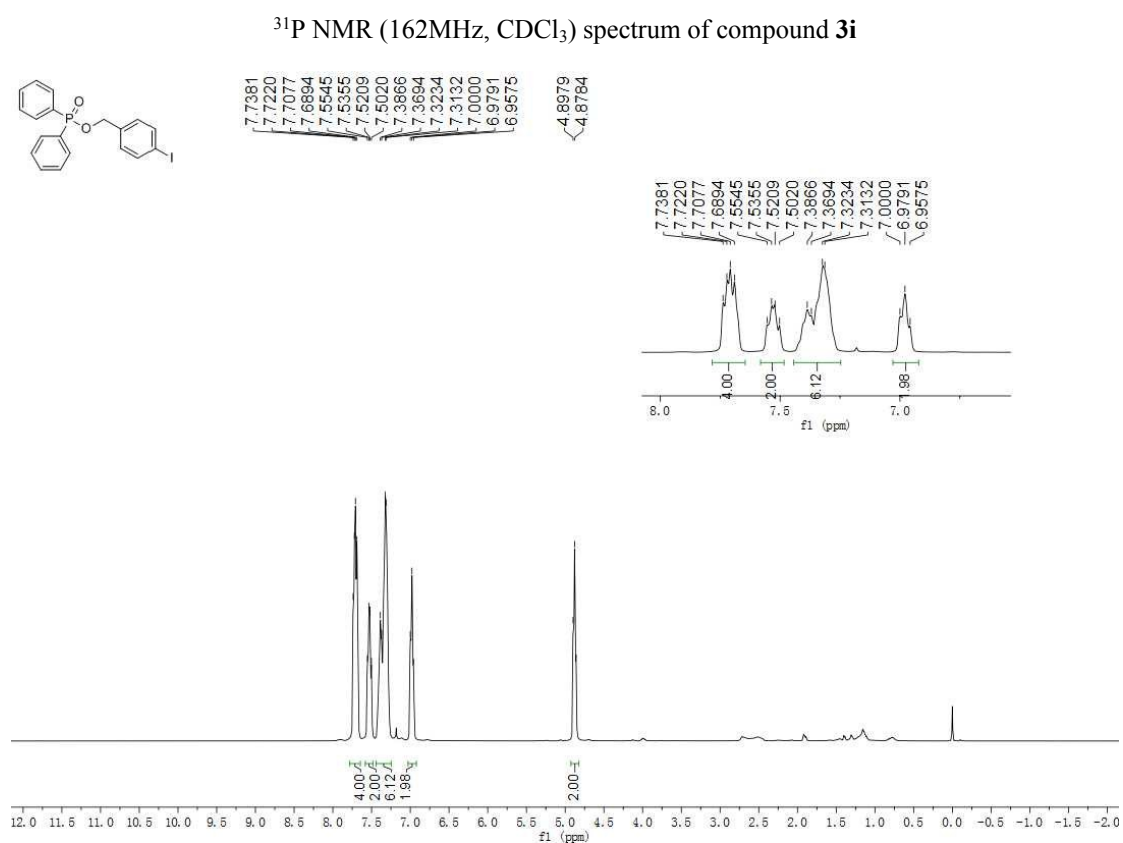
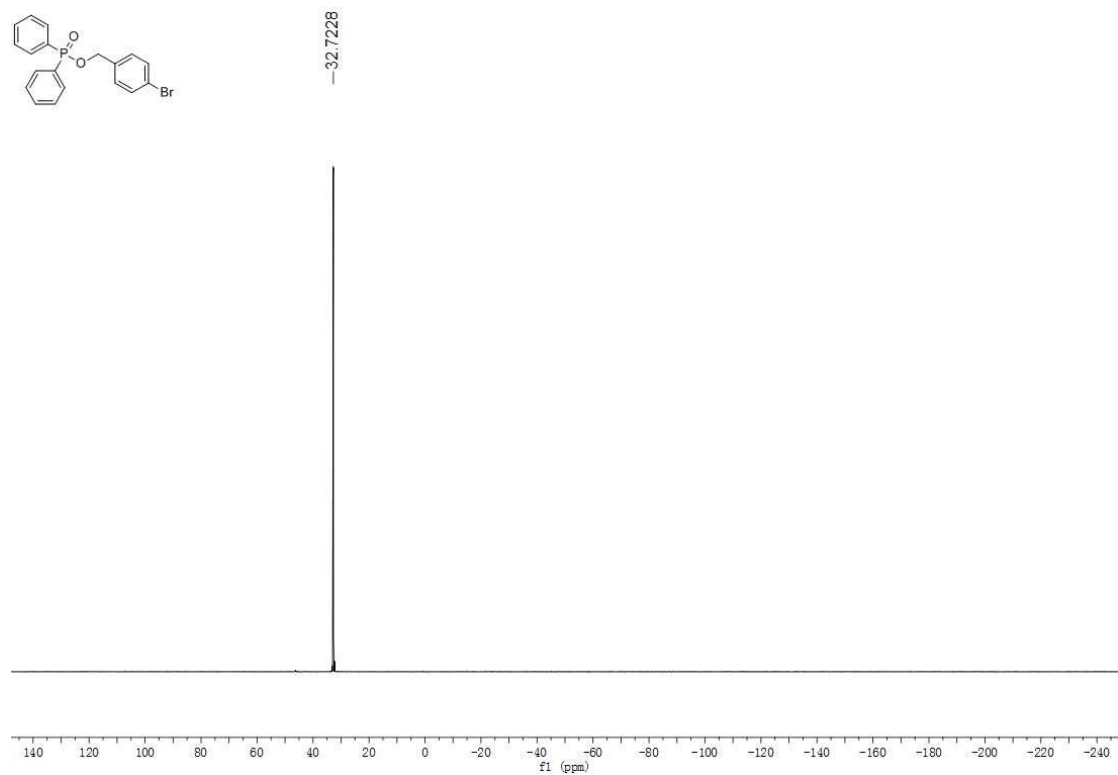
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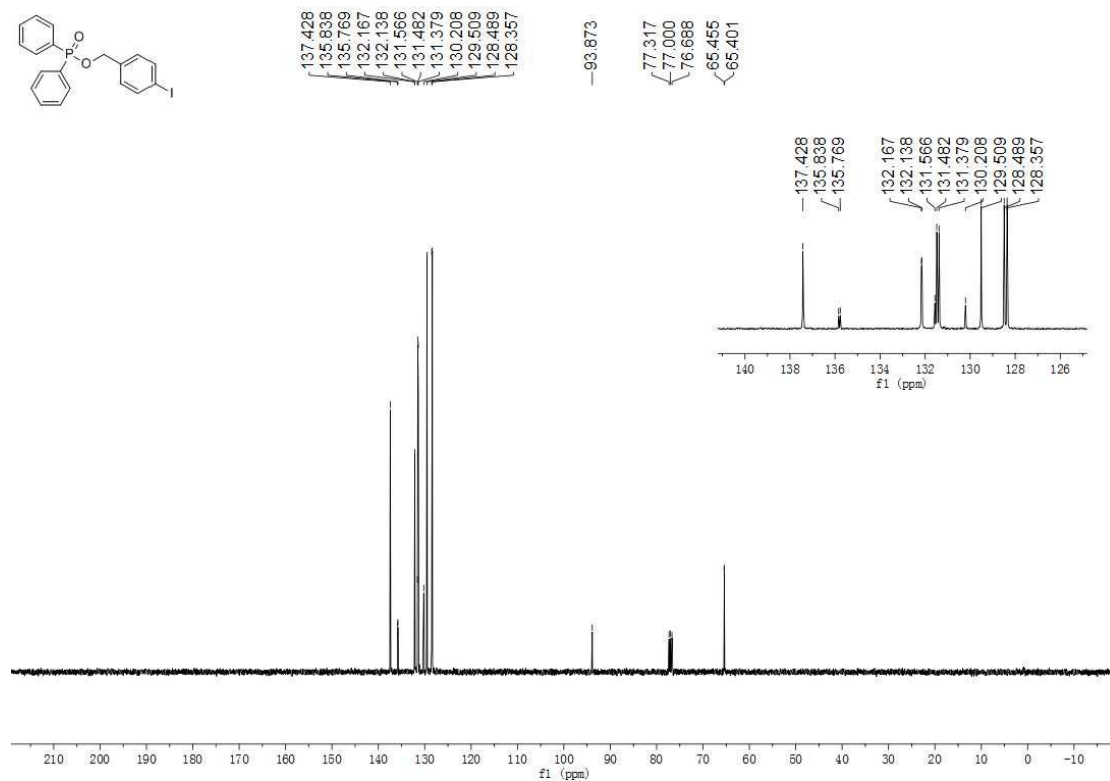


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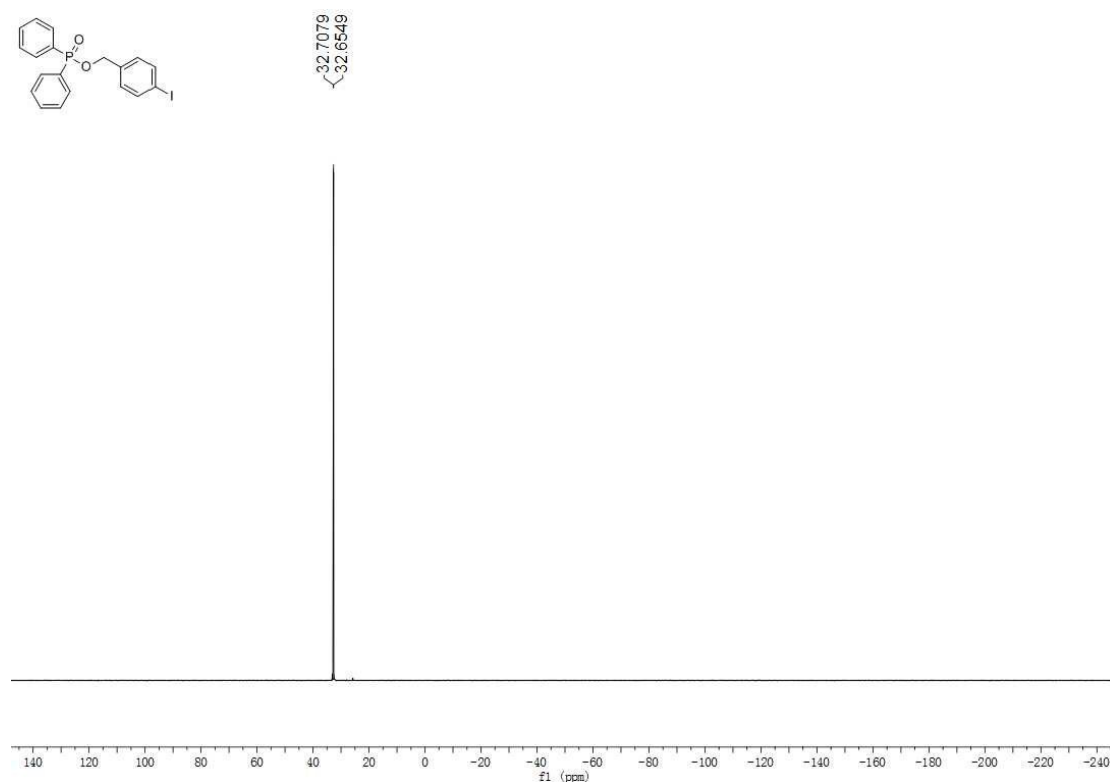


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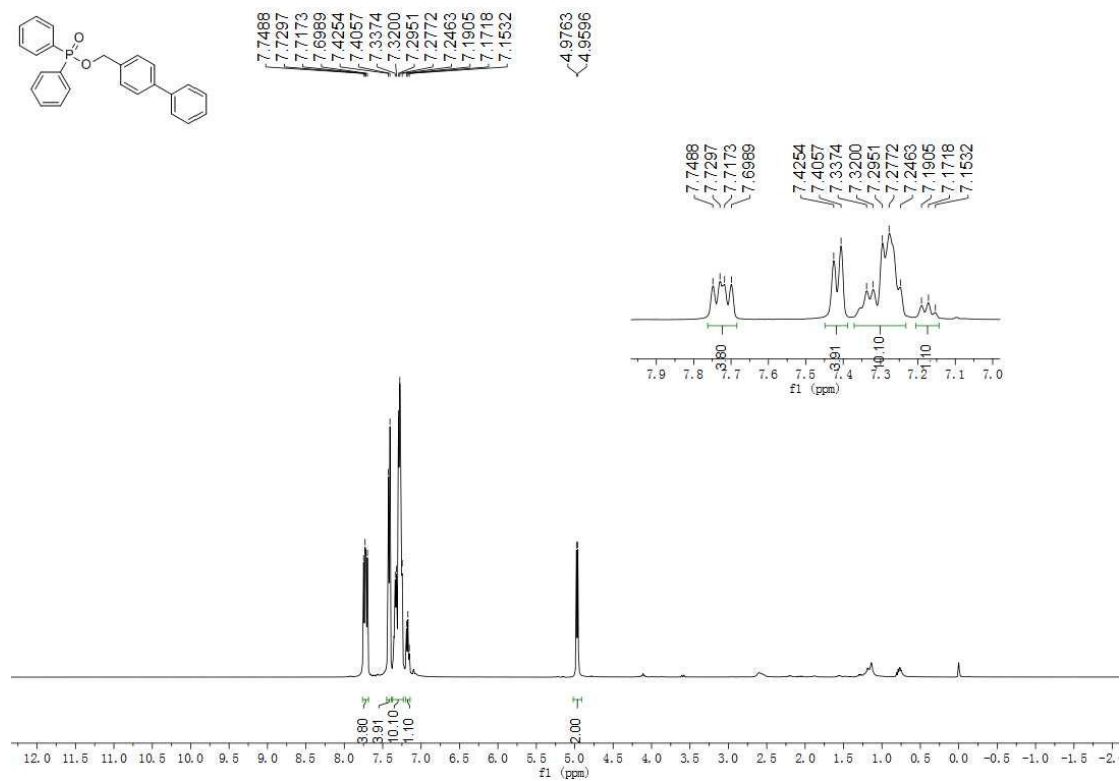




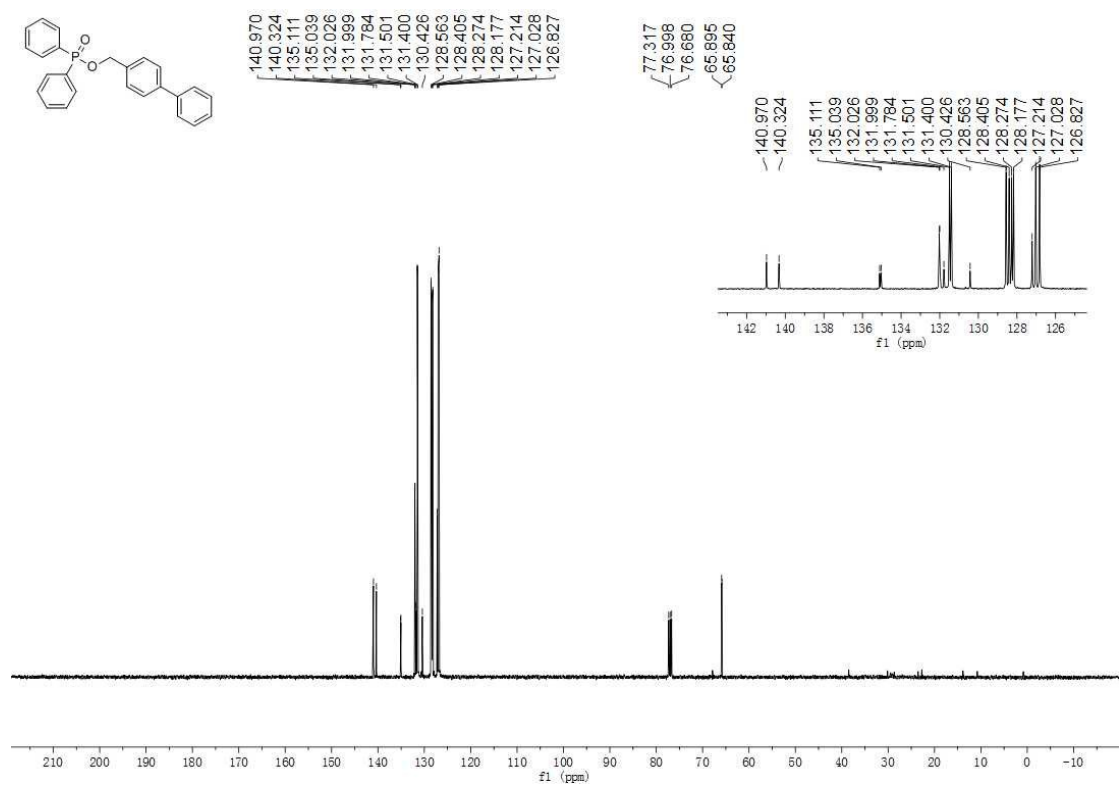
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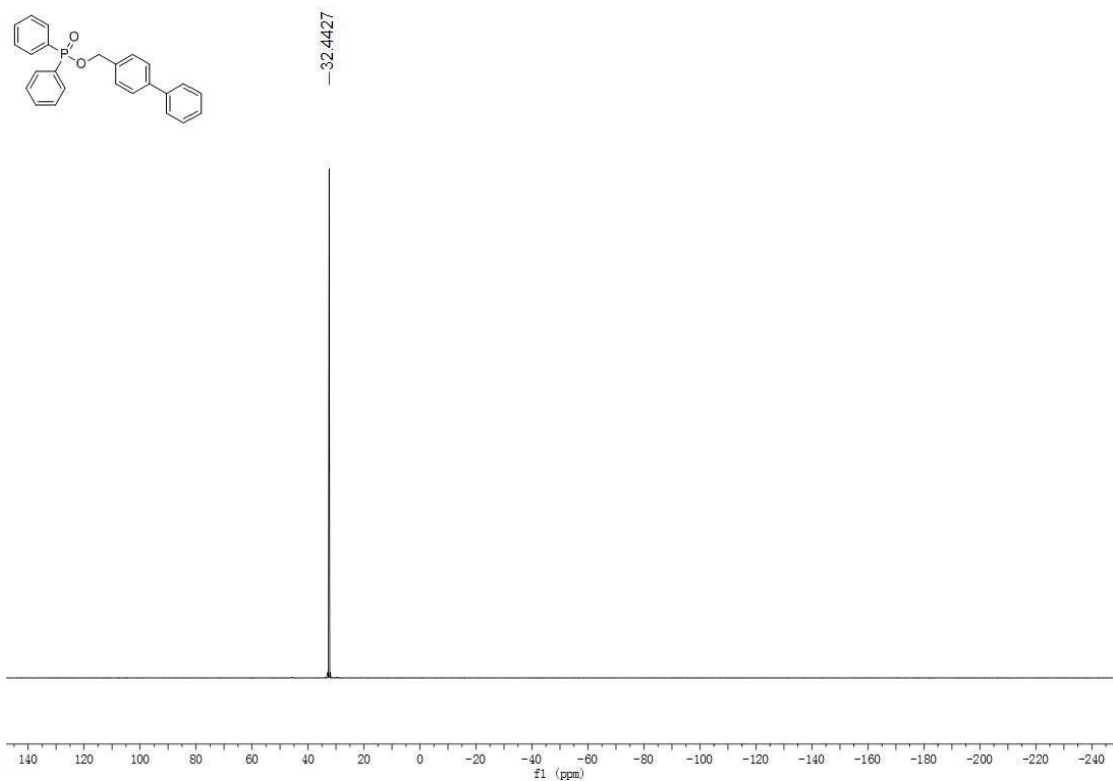
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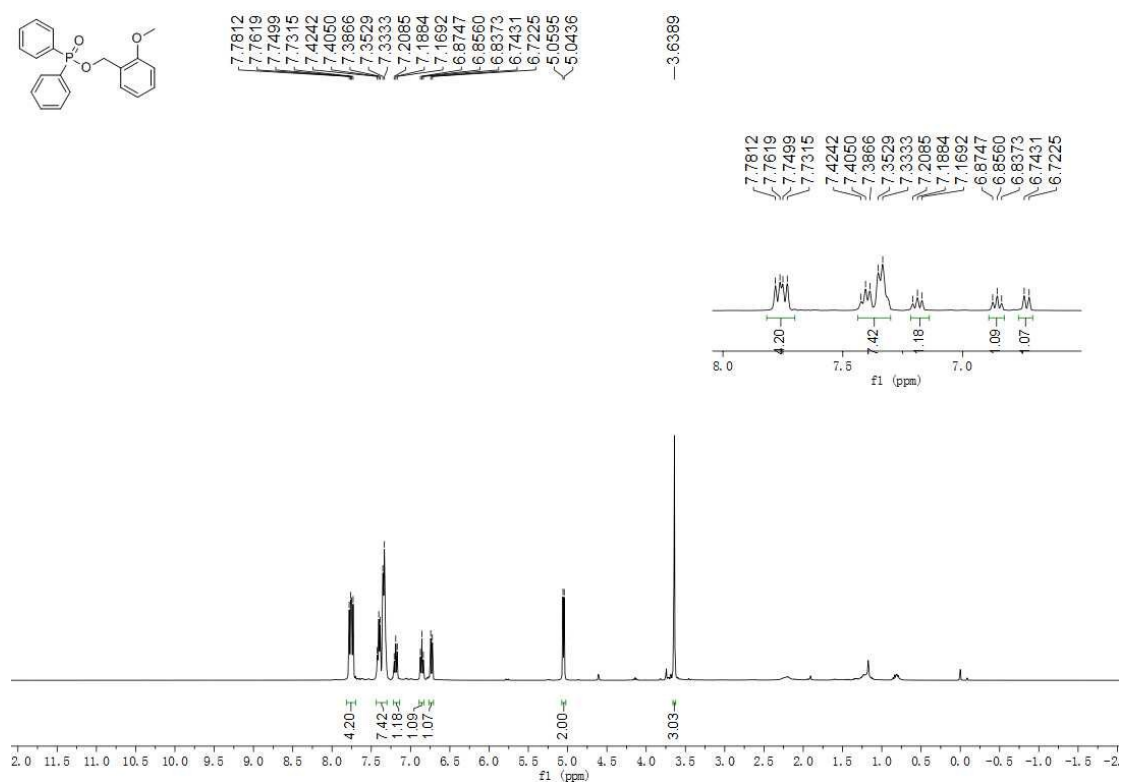
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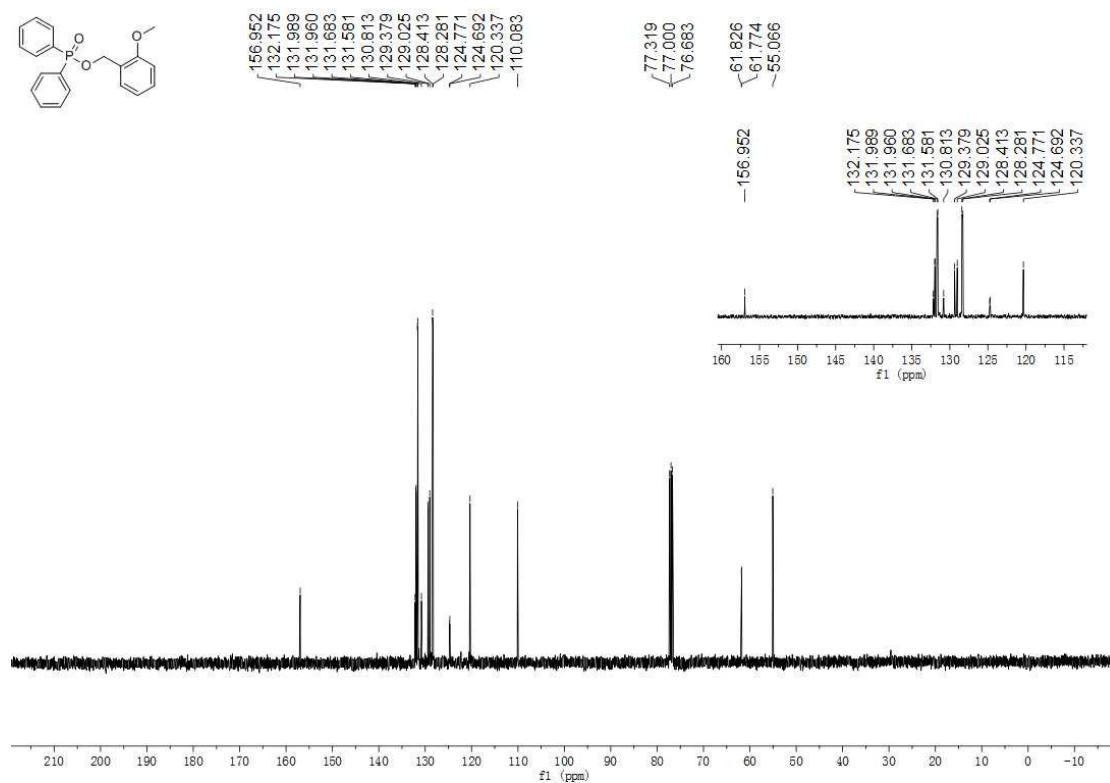
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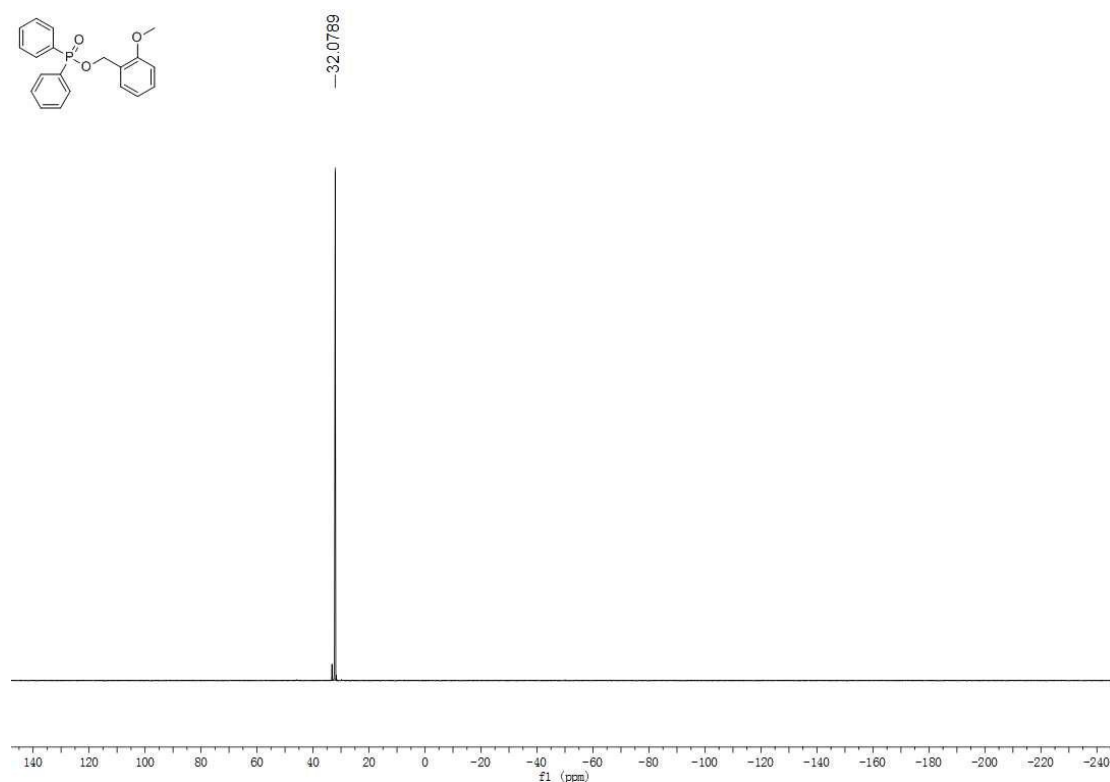
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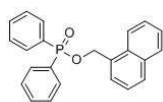


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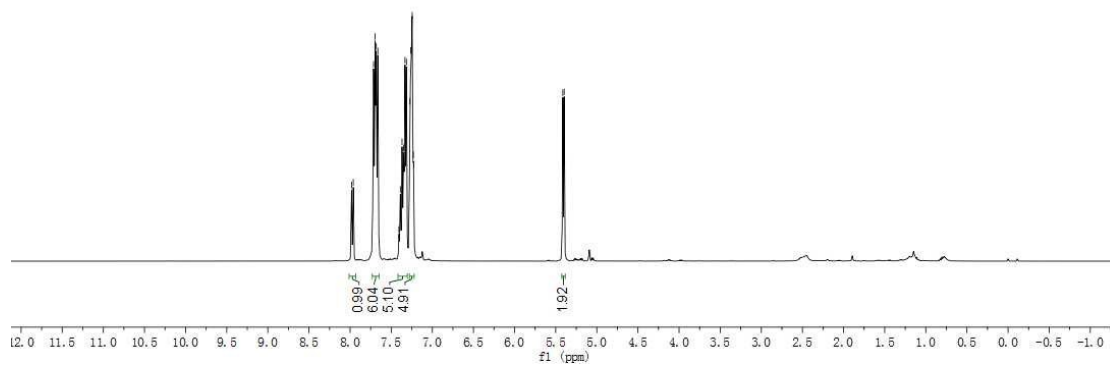
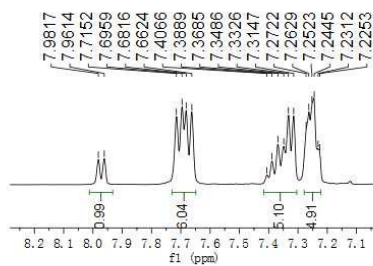


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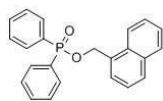




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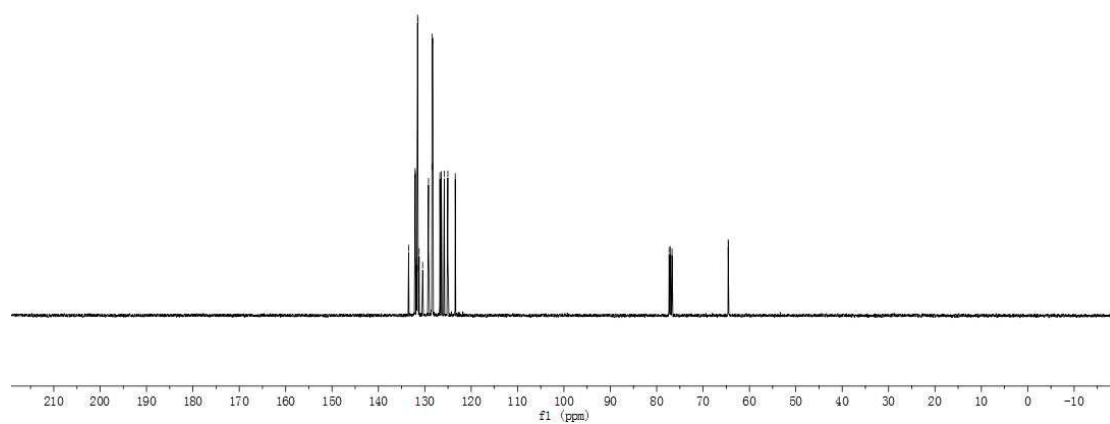
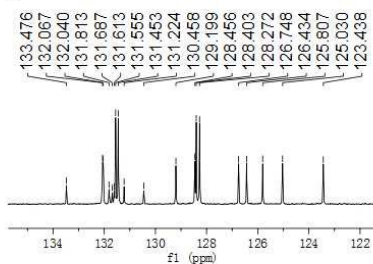


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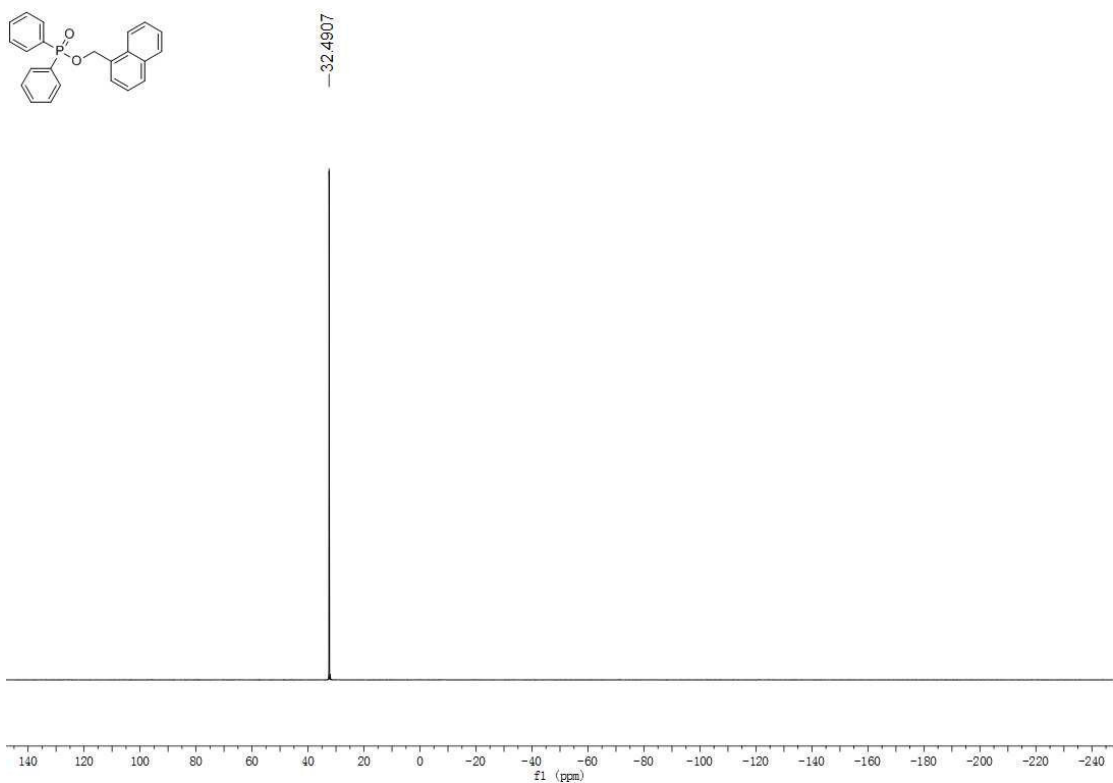


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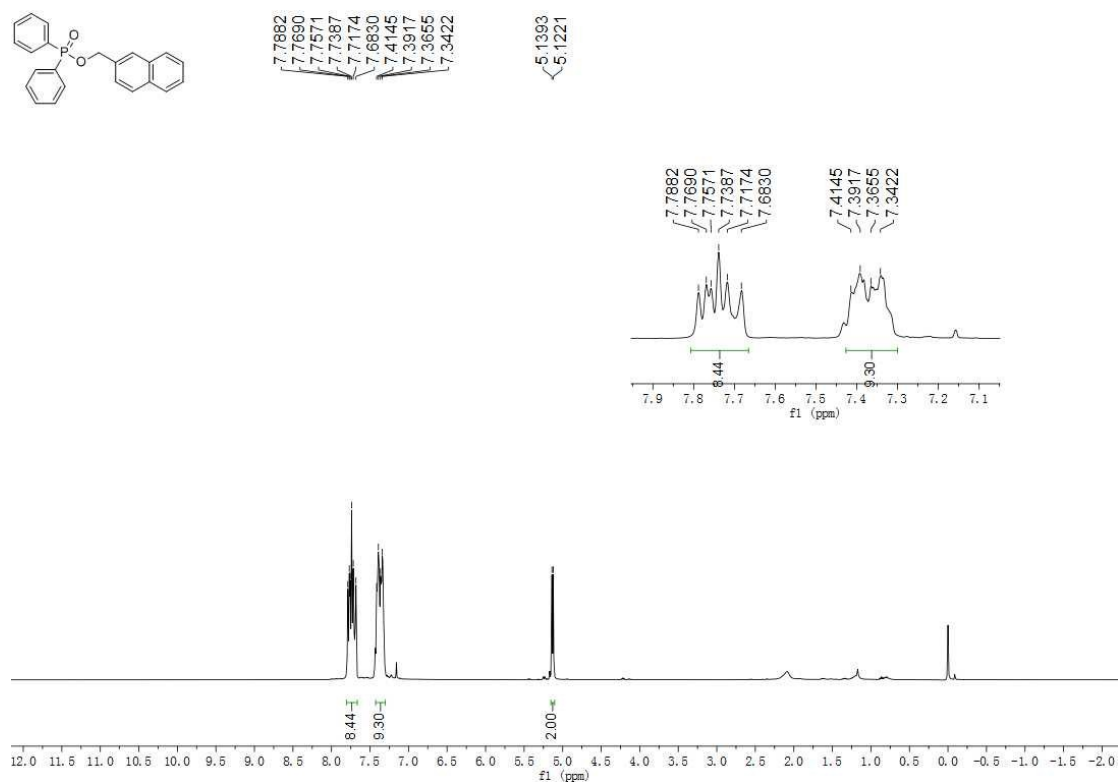
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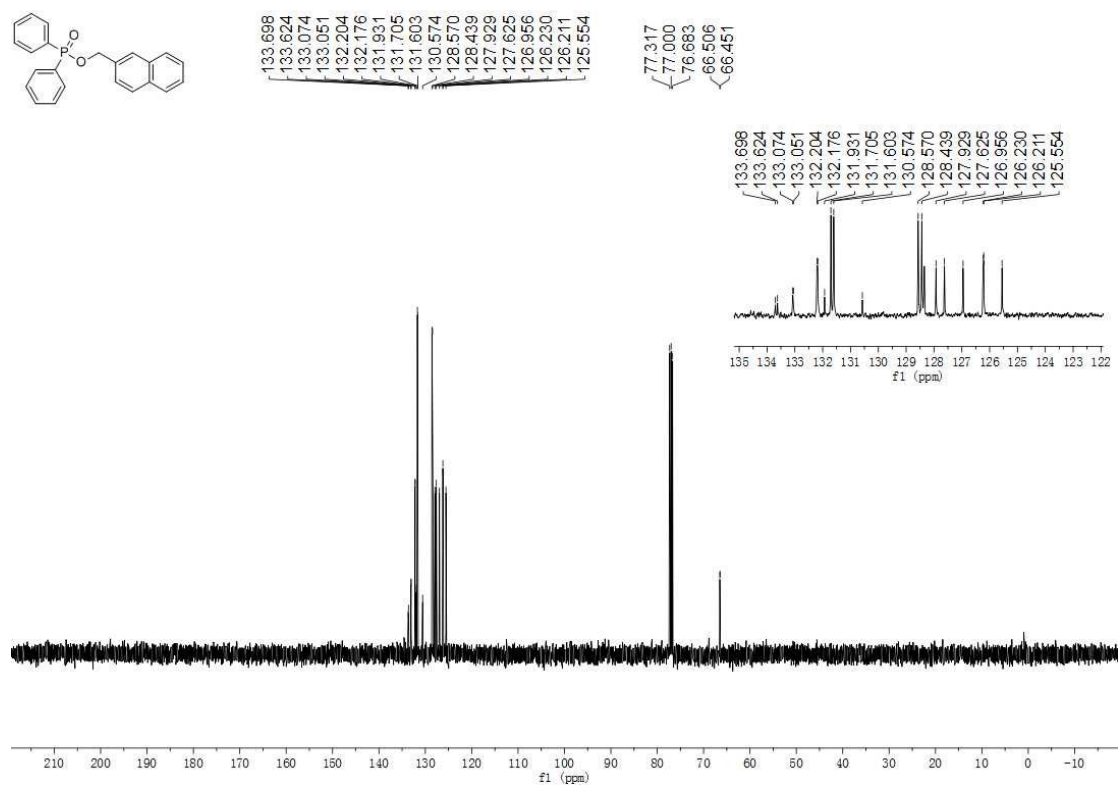
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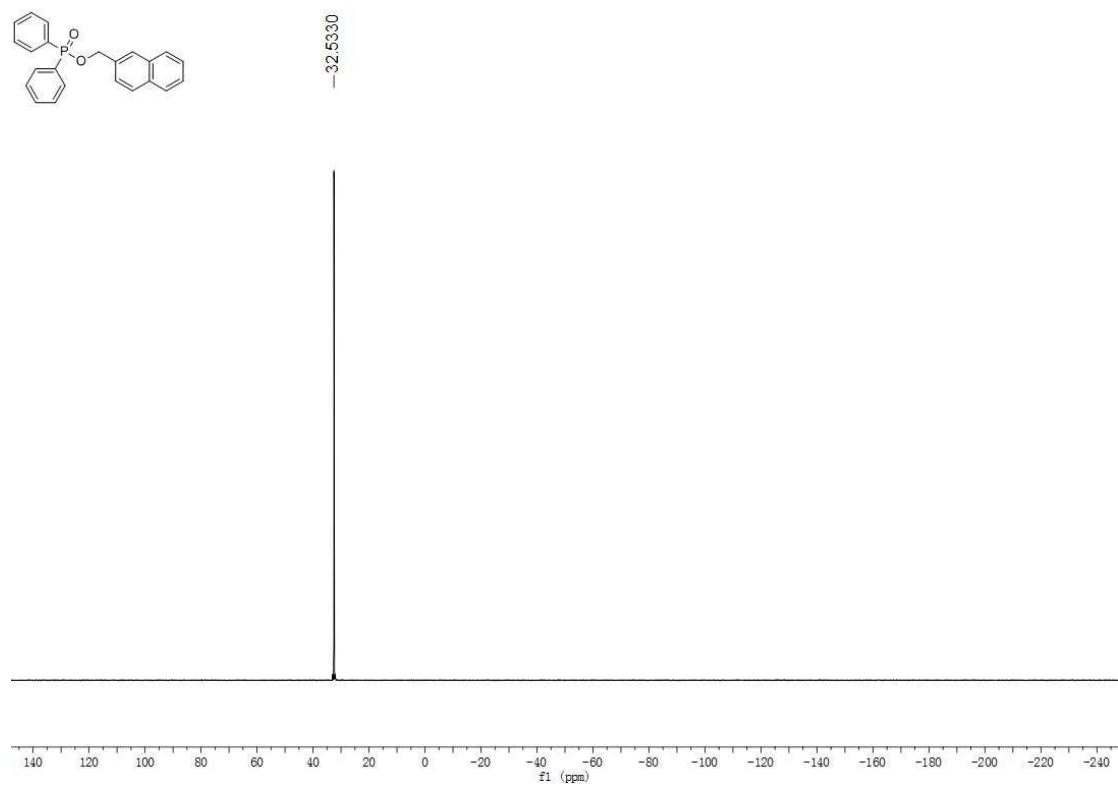
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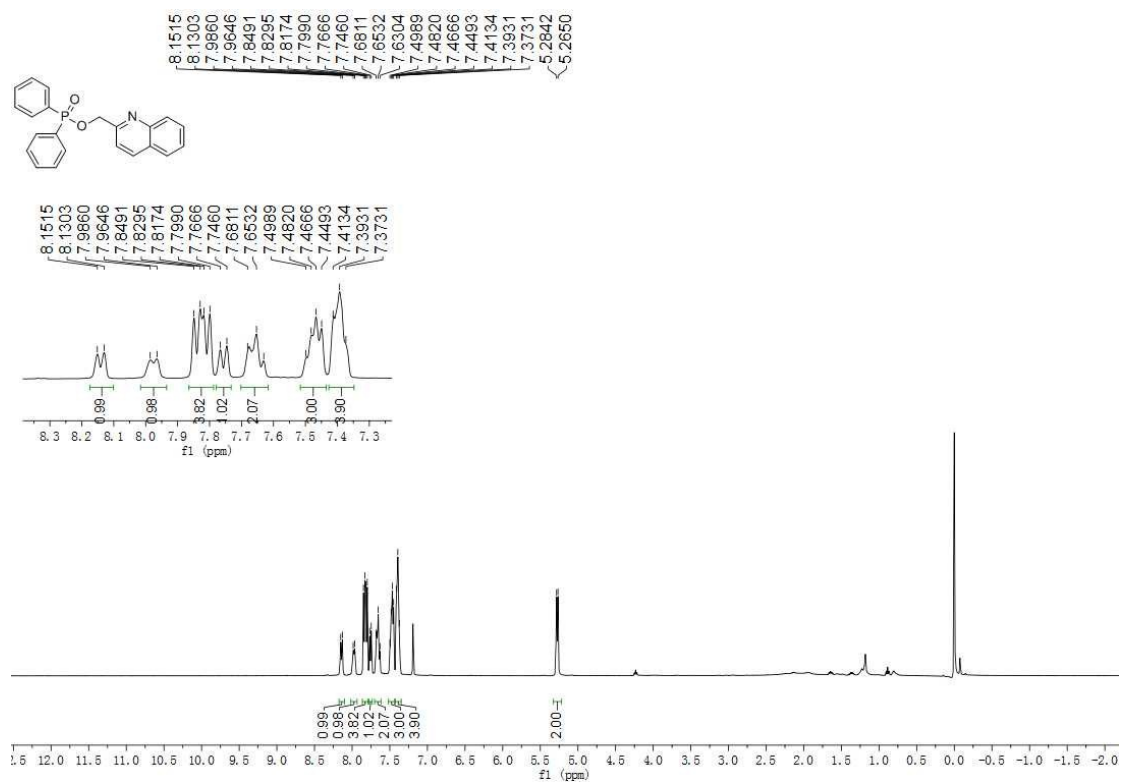
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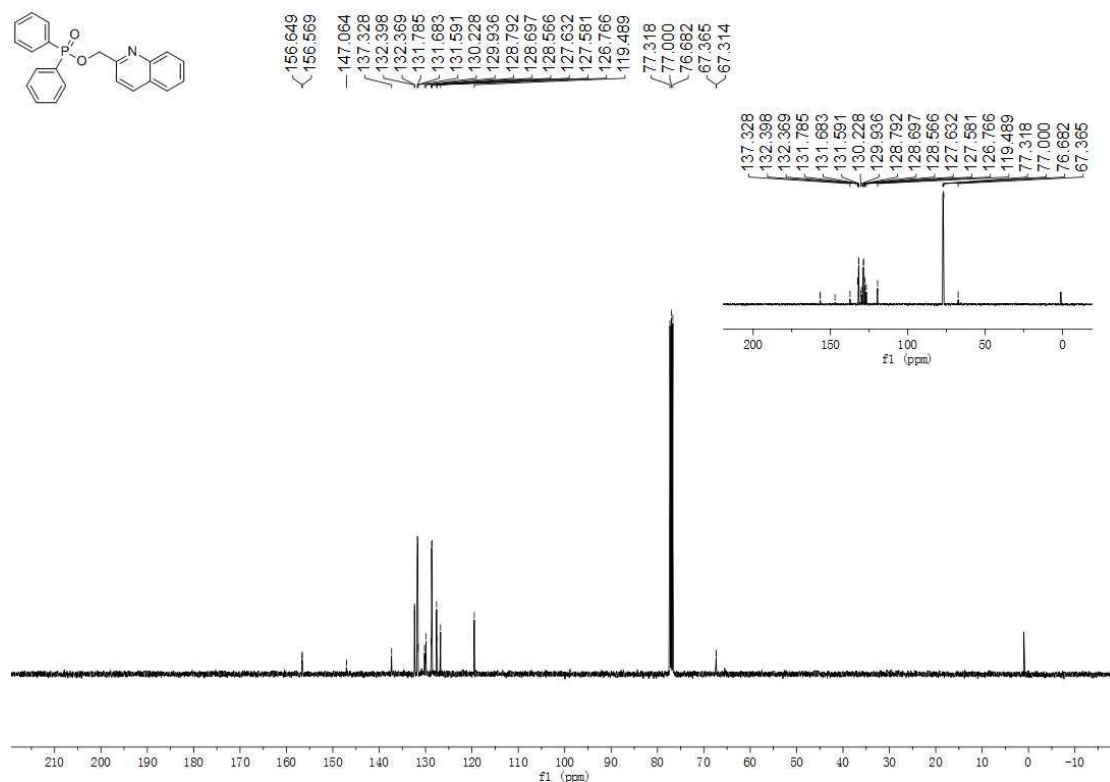
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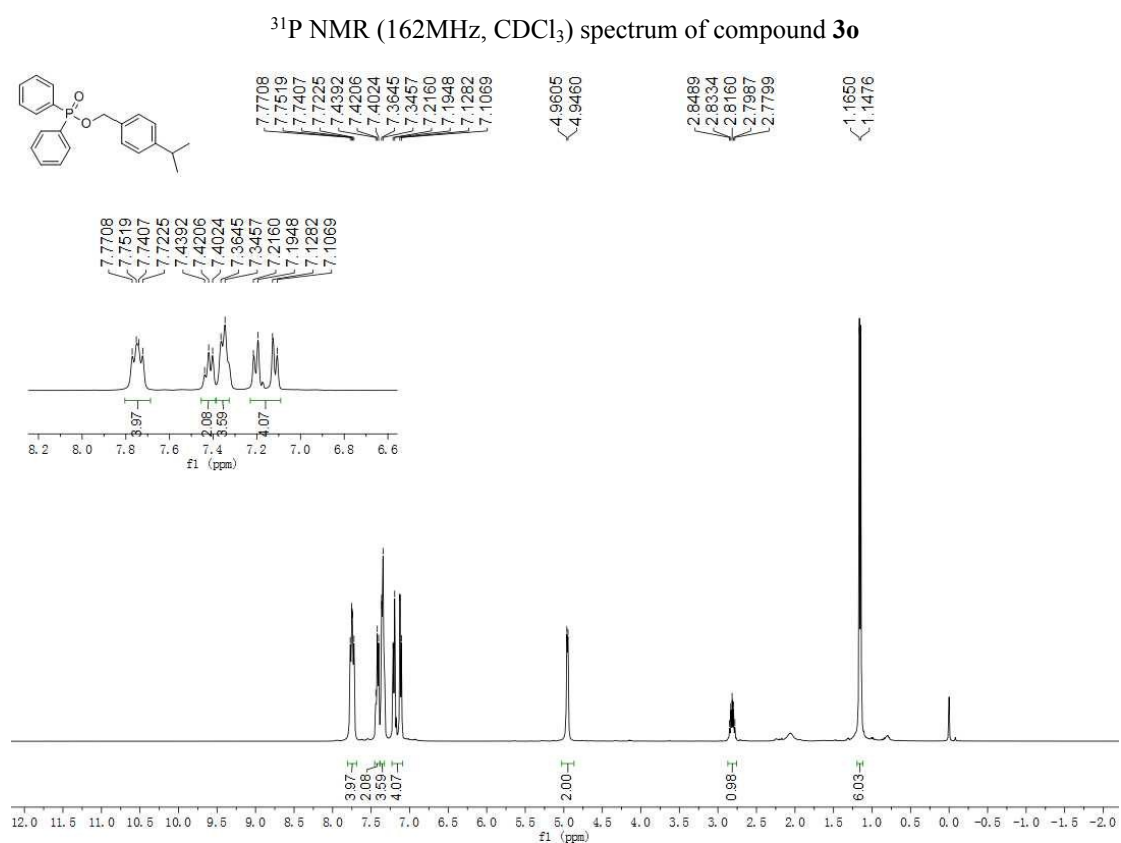
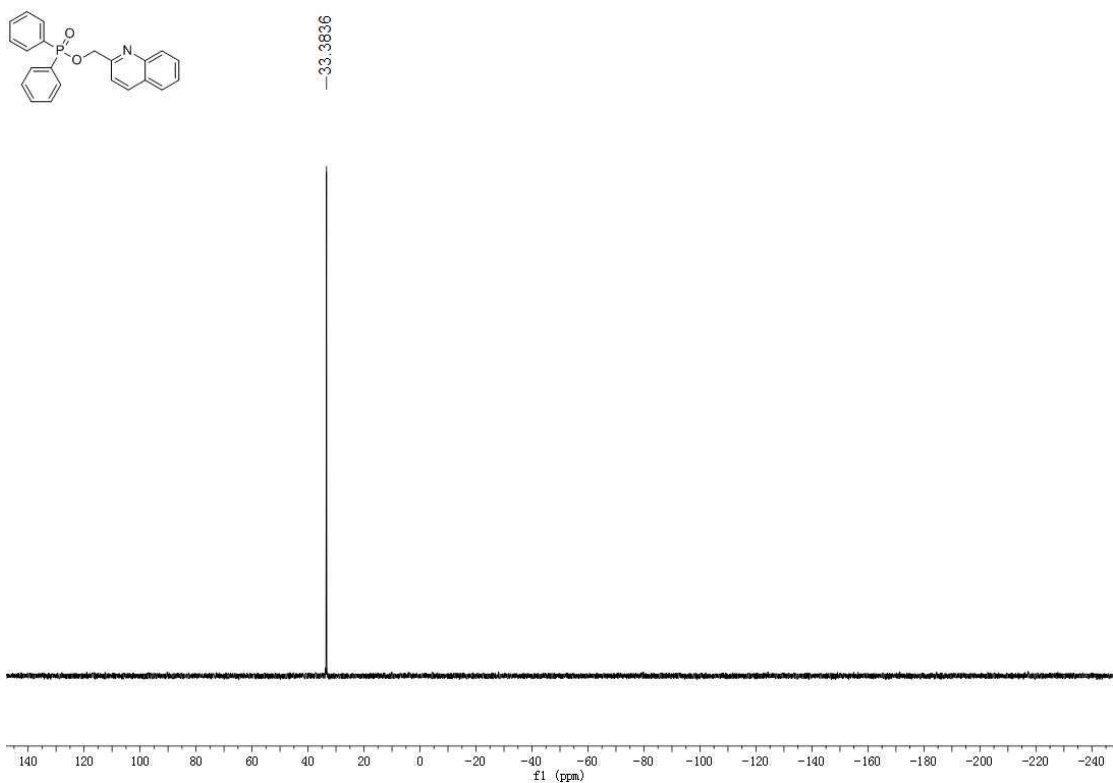
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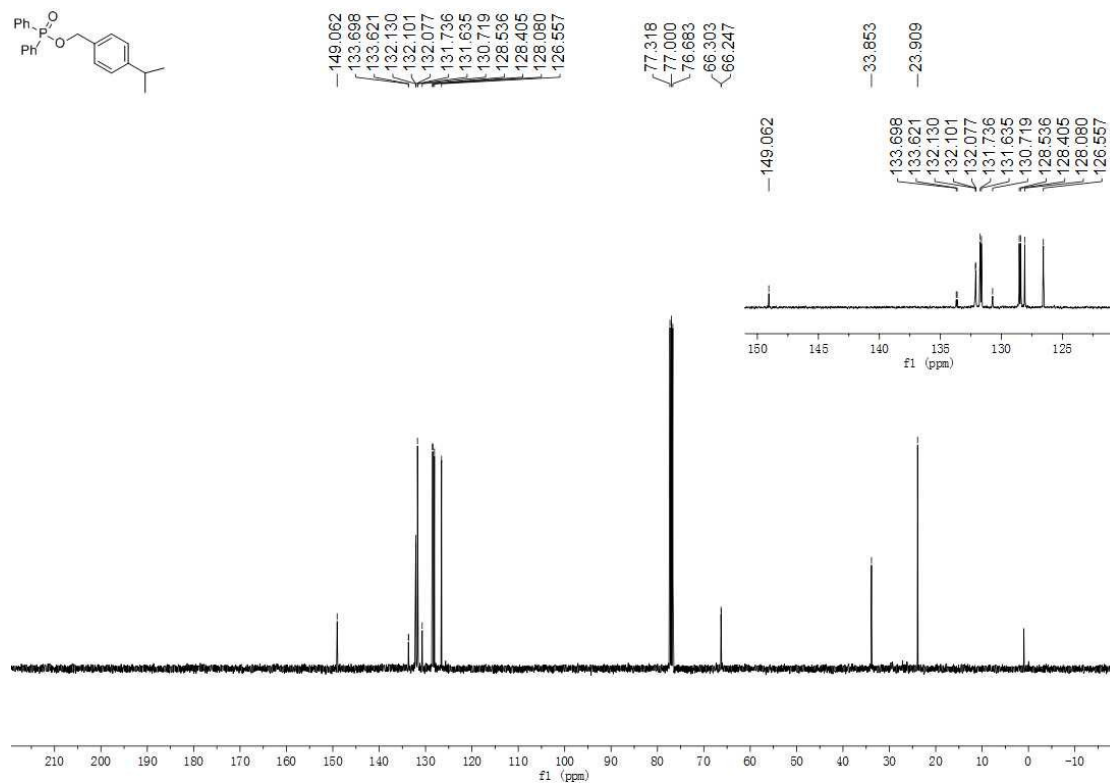


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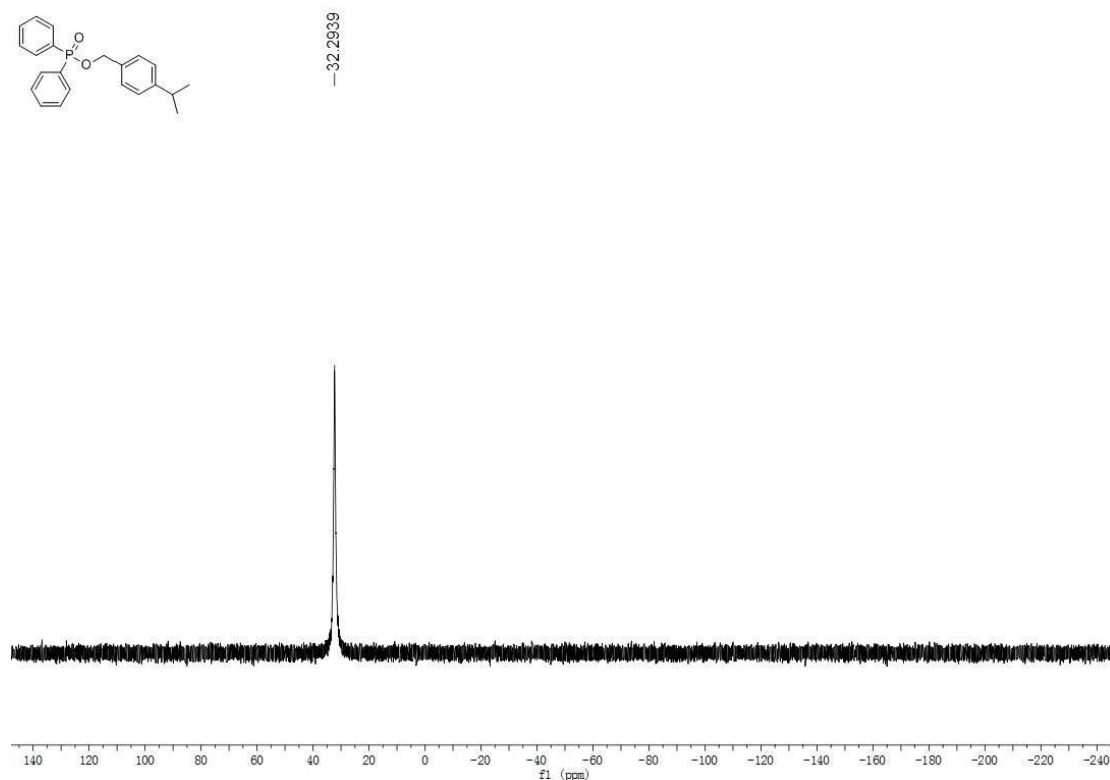


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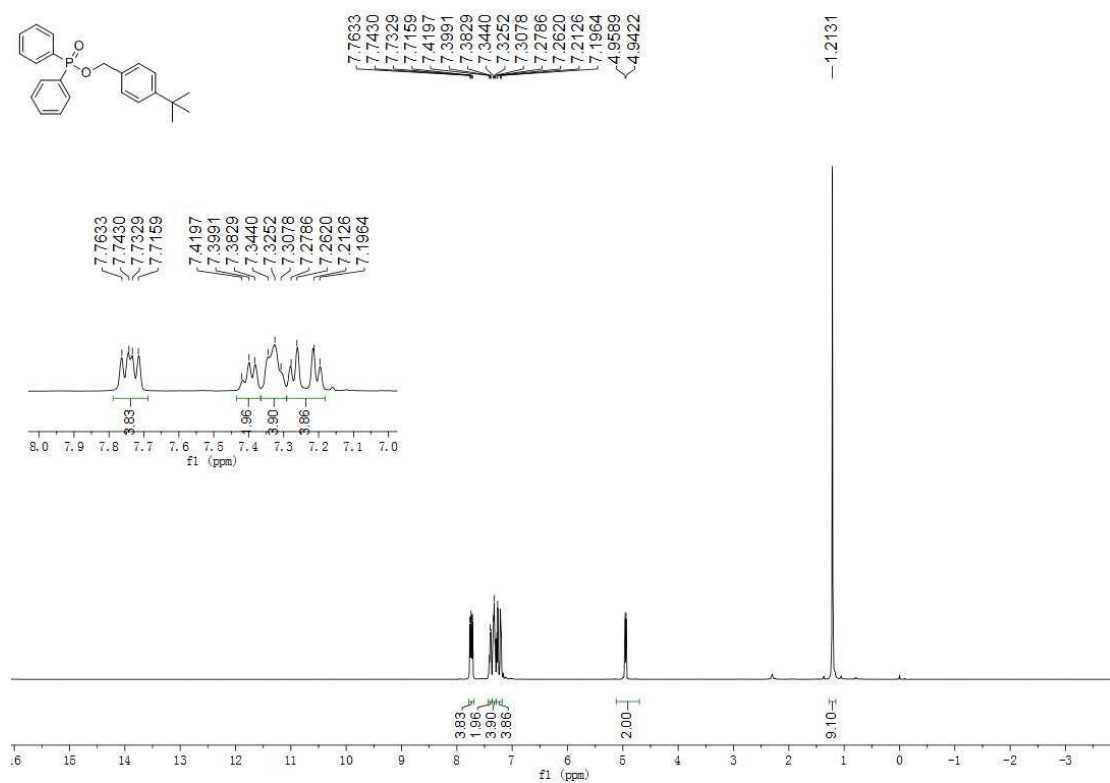




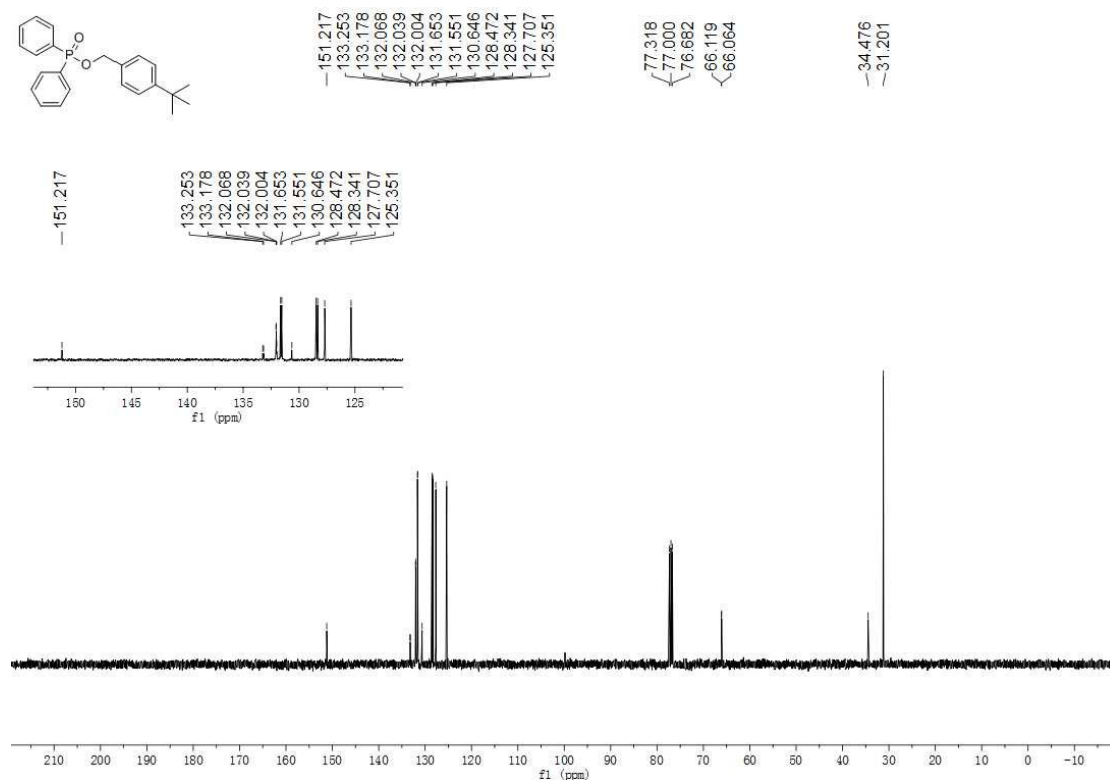
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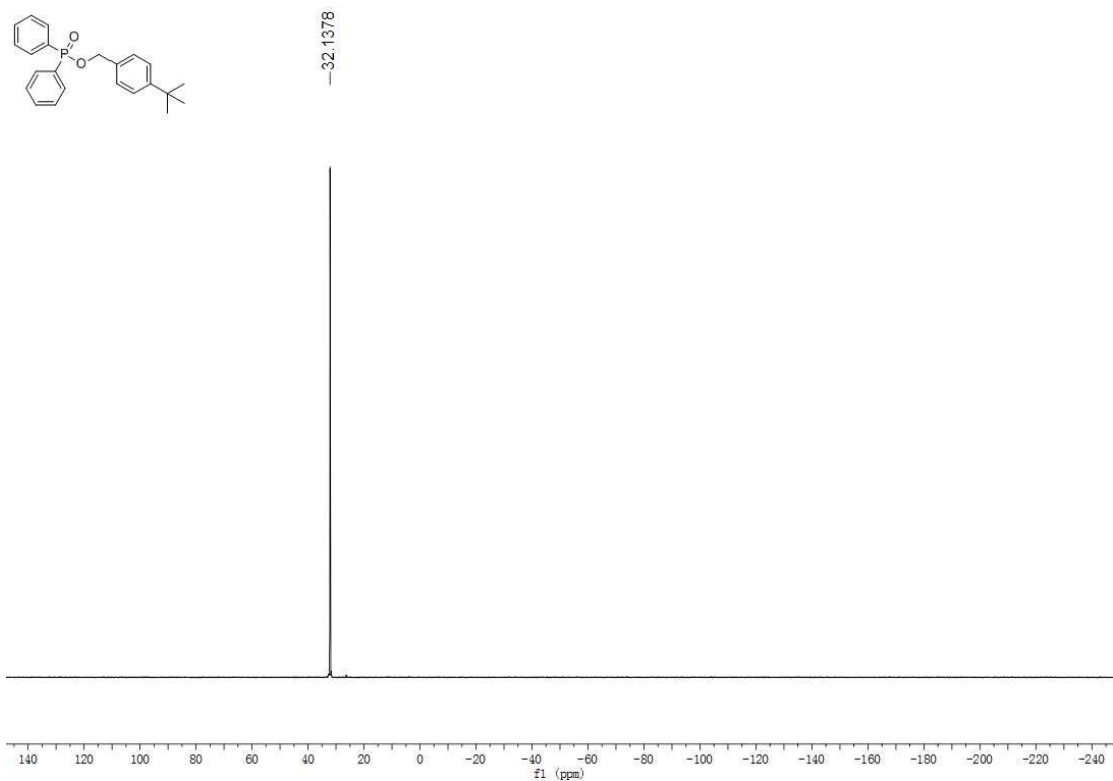
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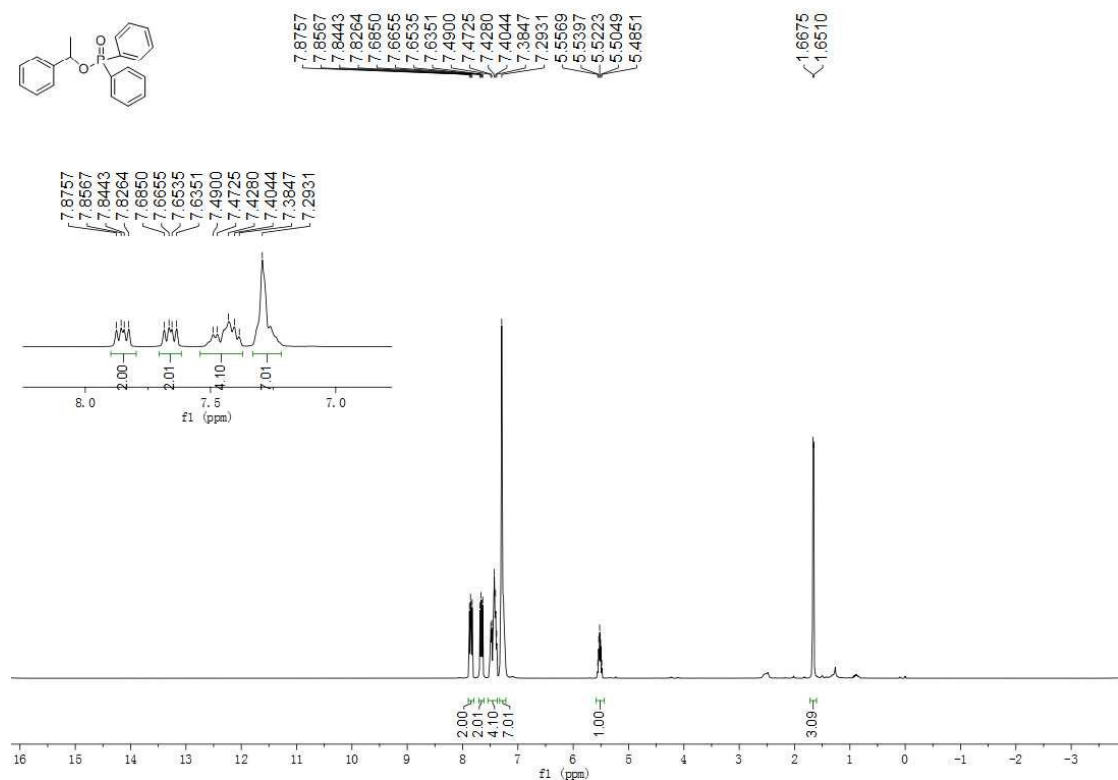
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound **3q**

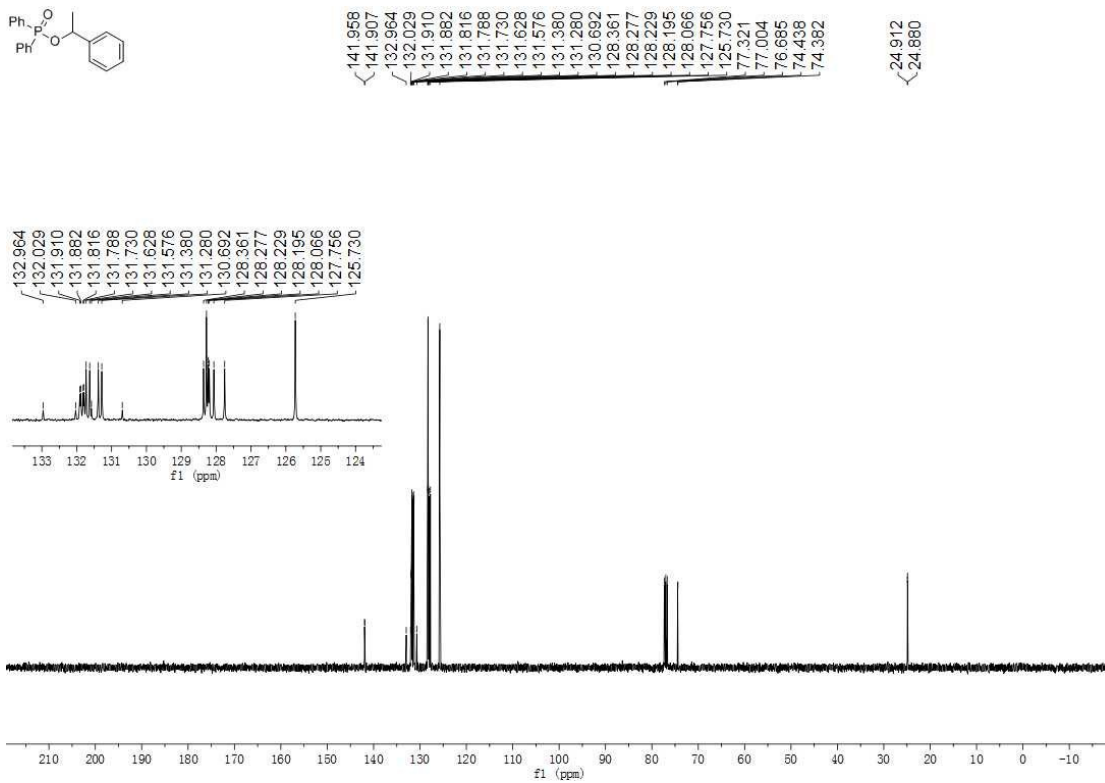
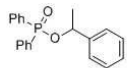


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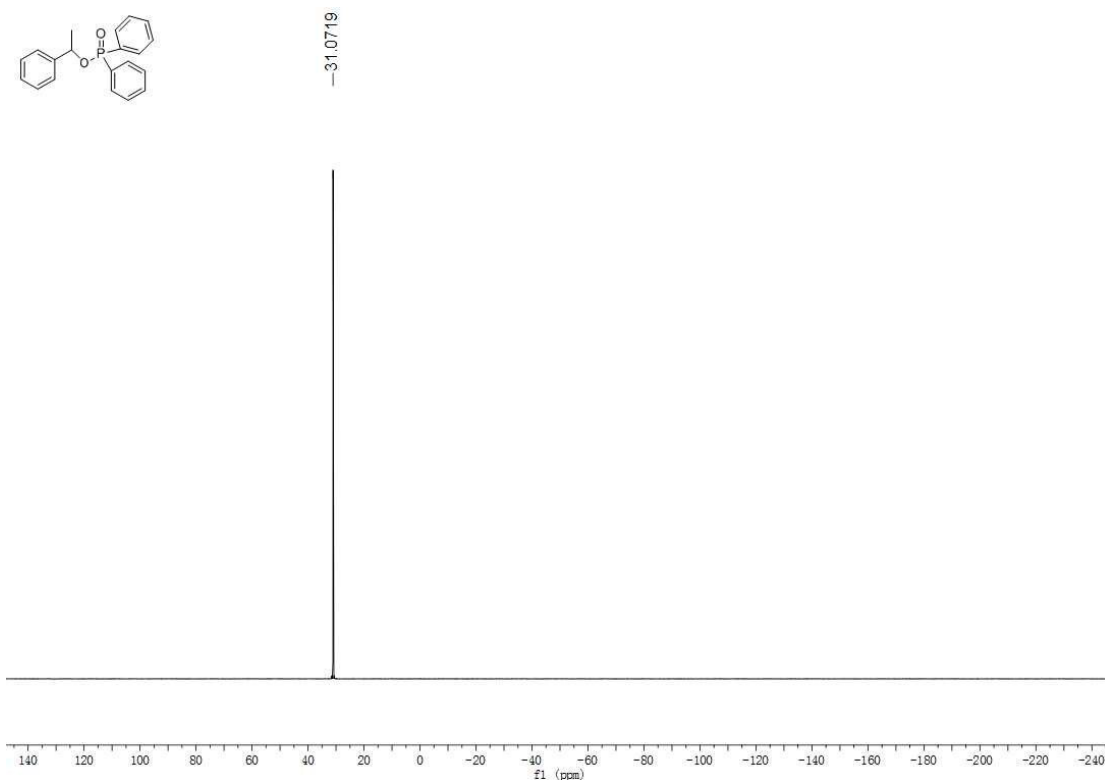
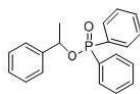


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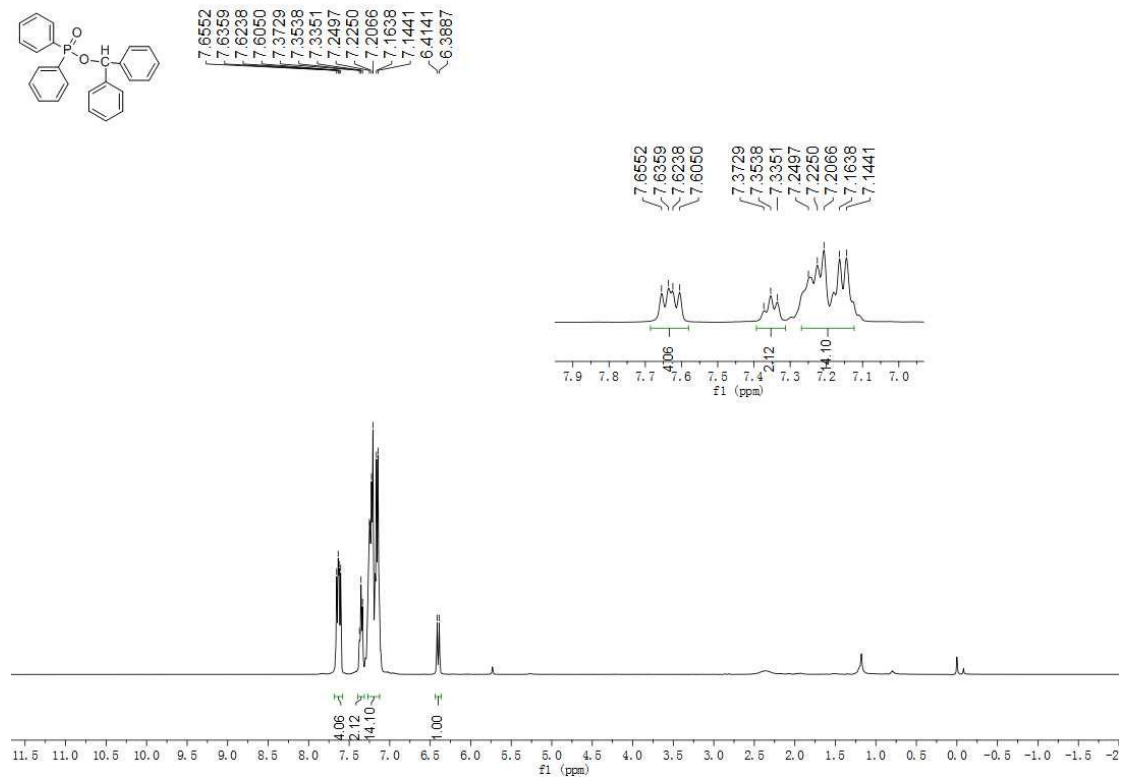




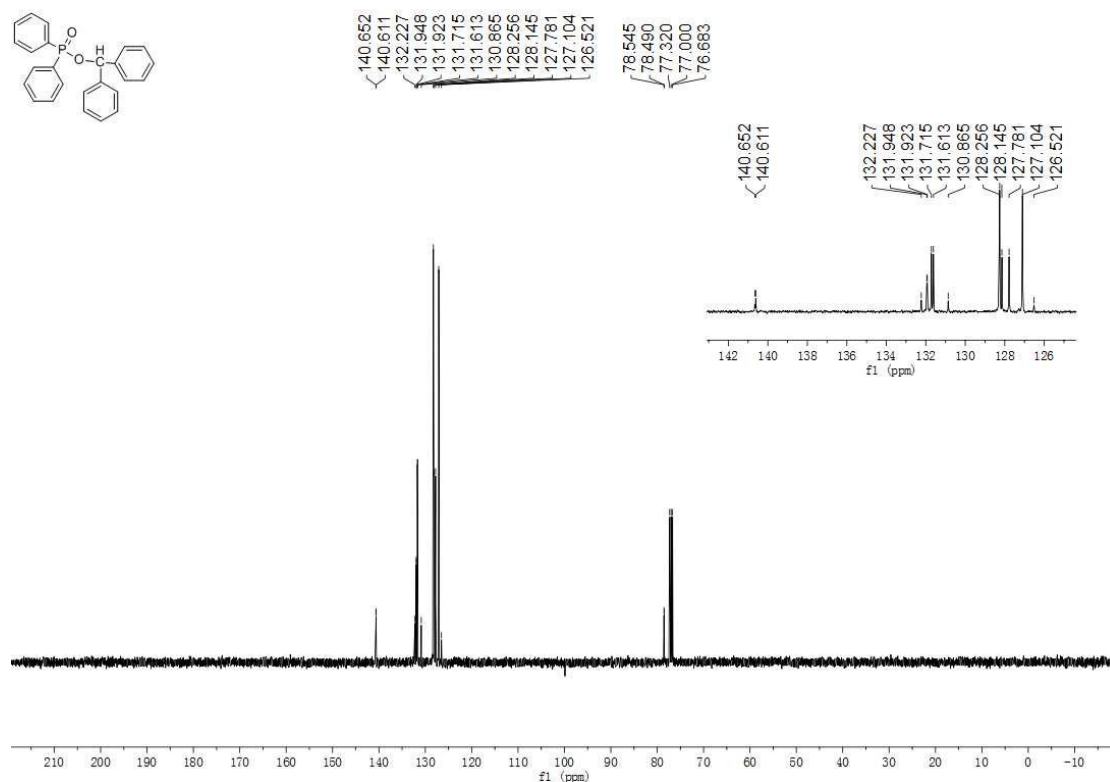
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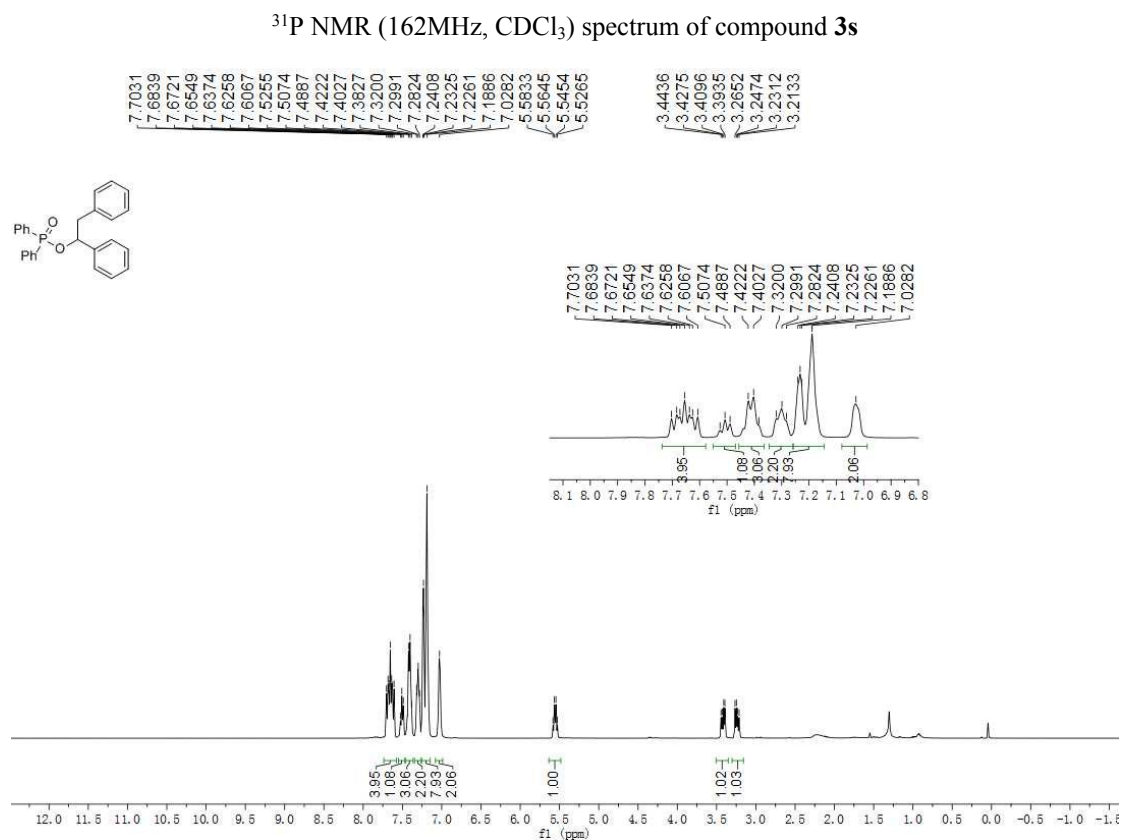
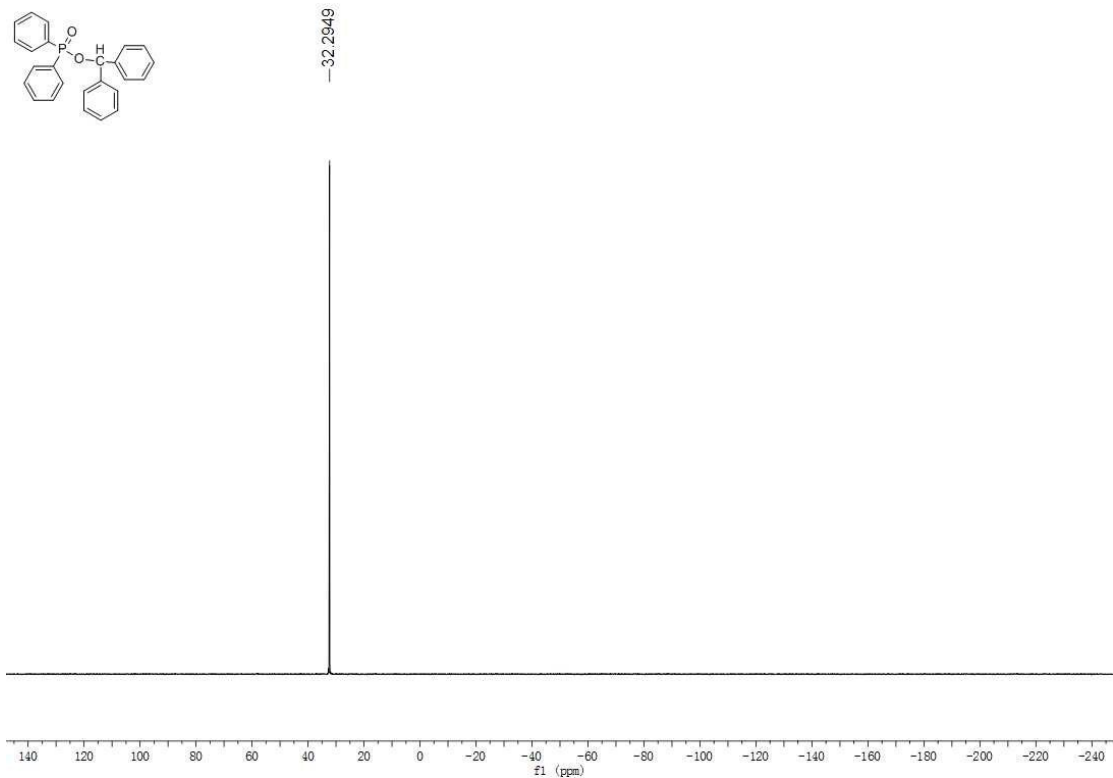
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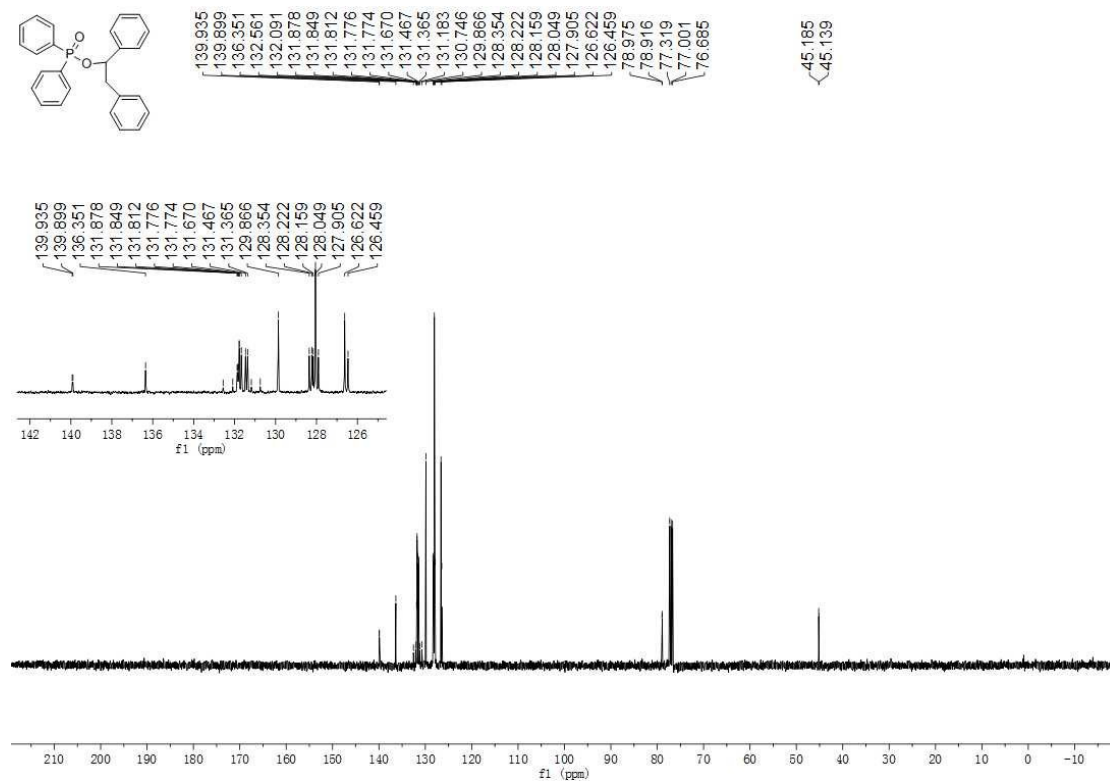


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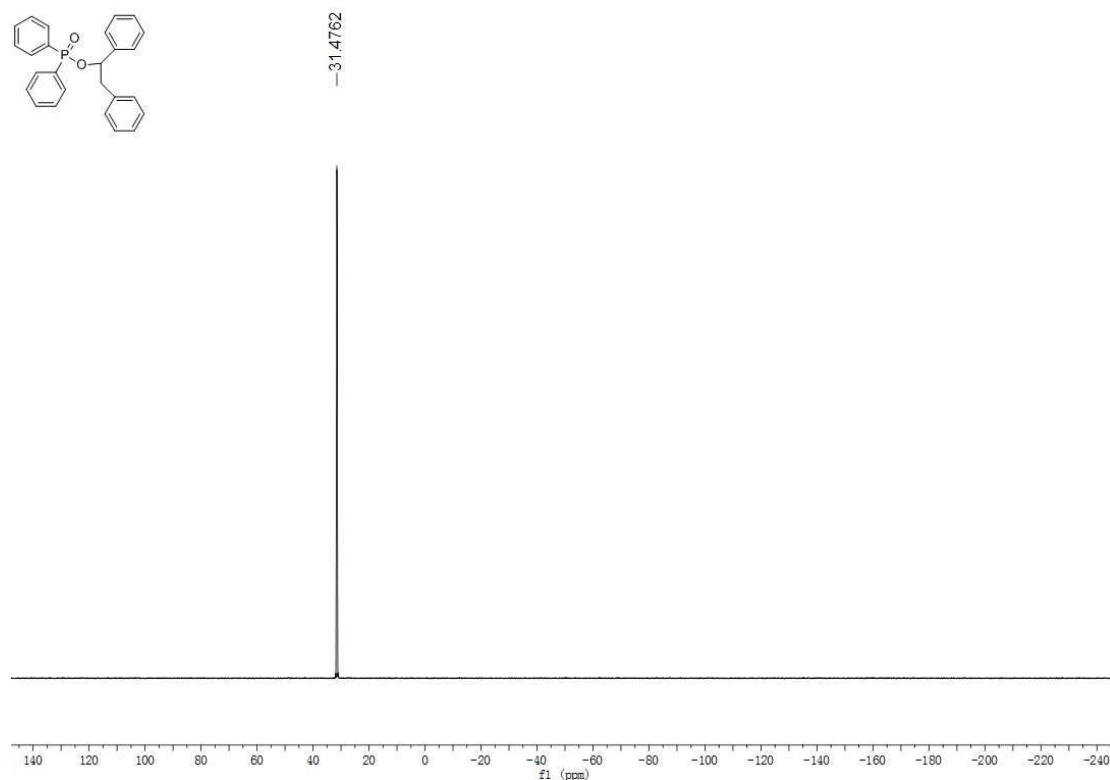


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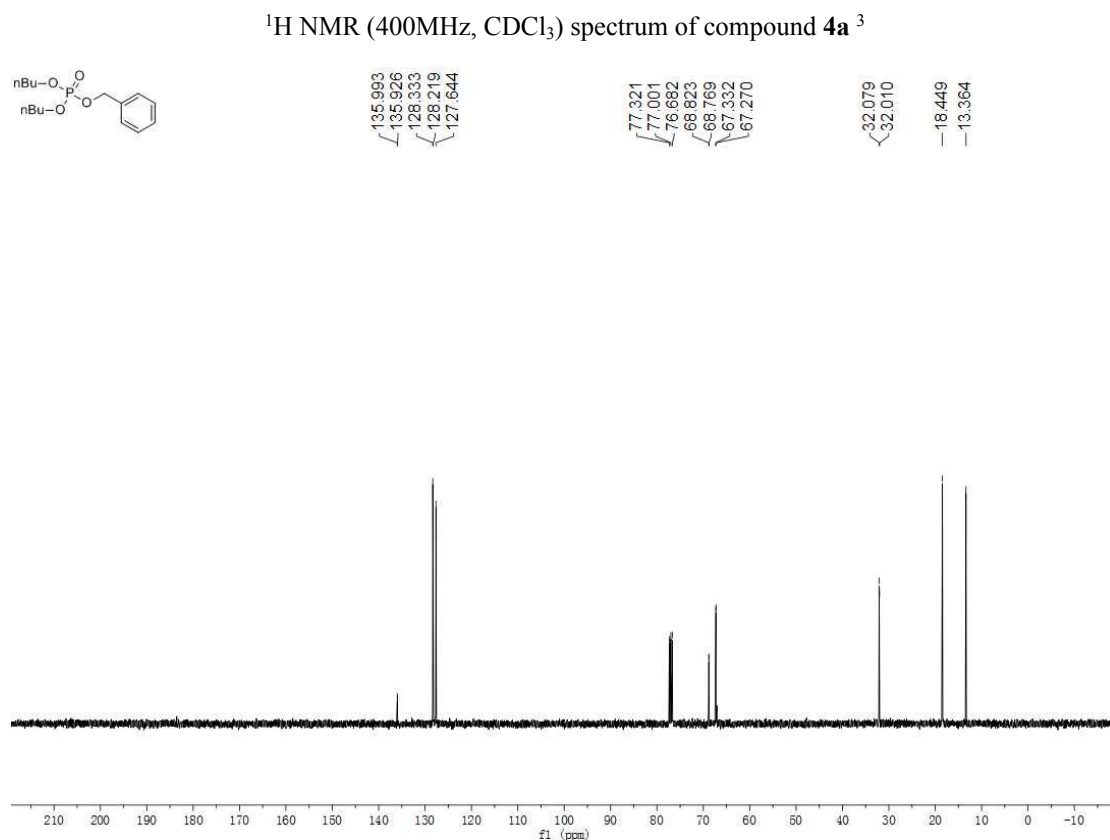
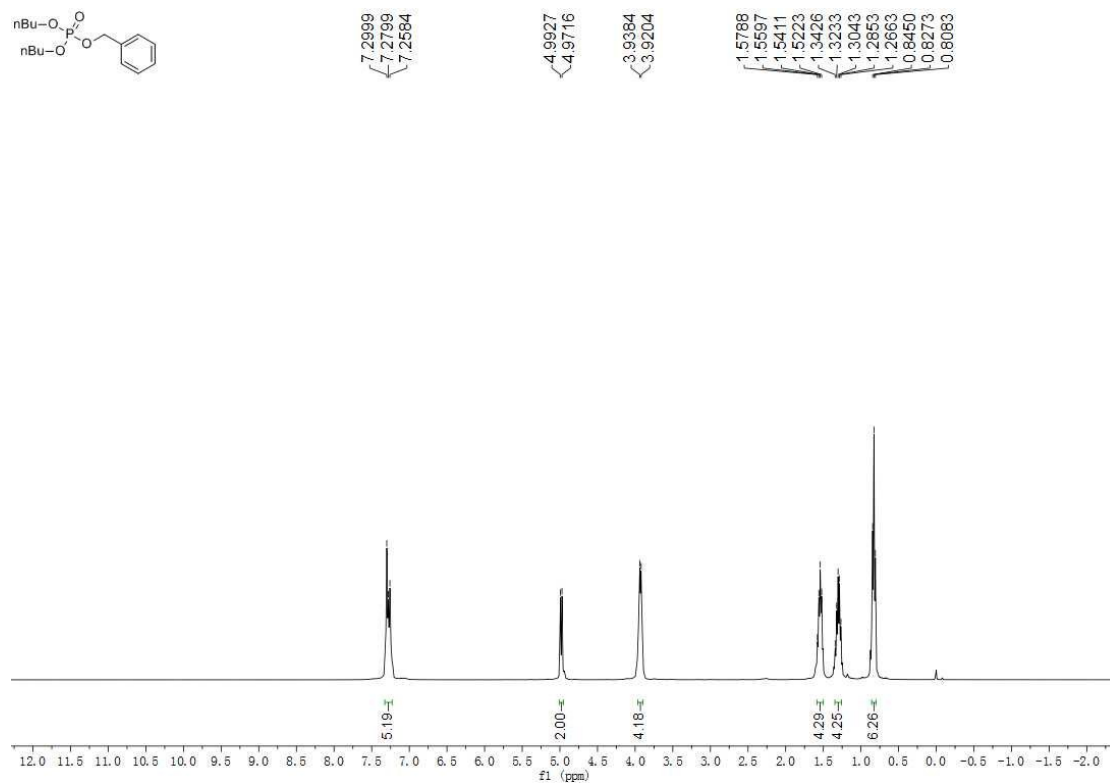


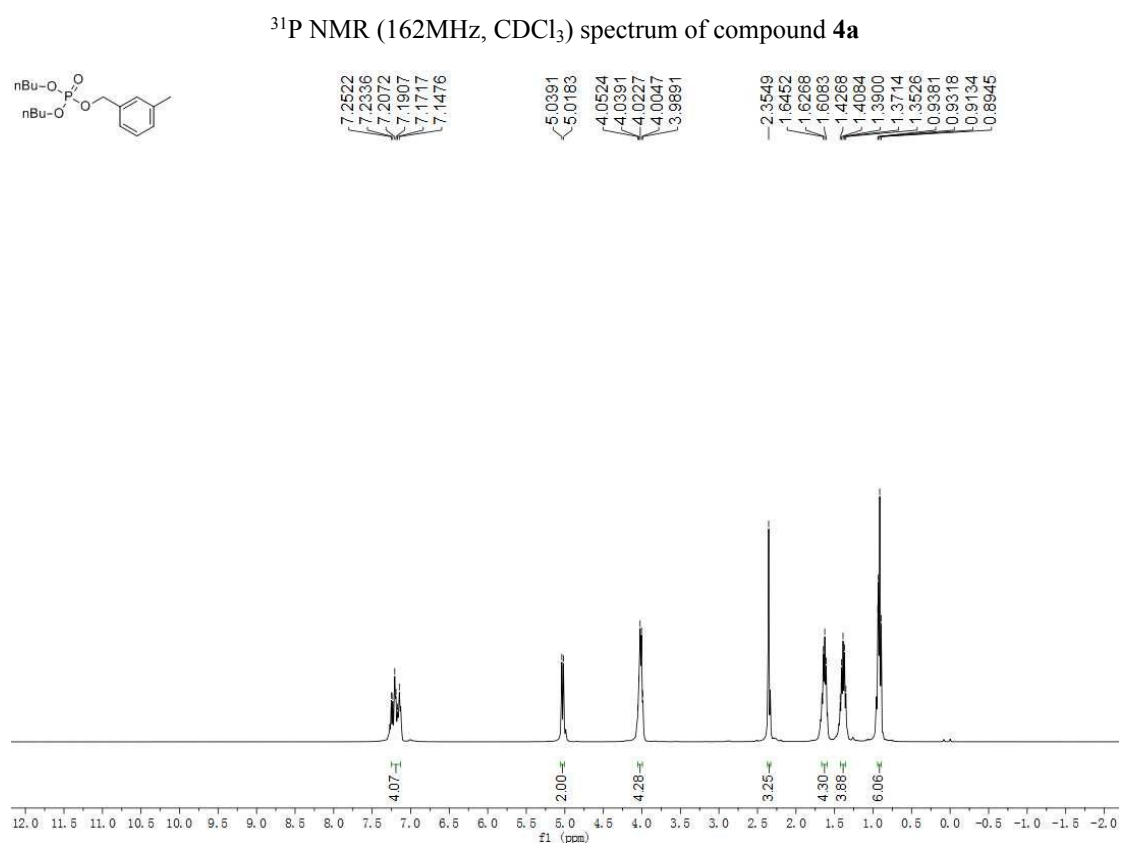
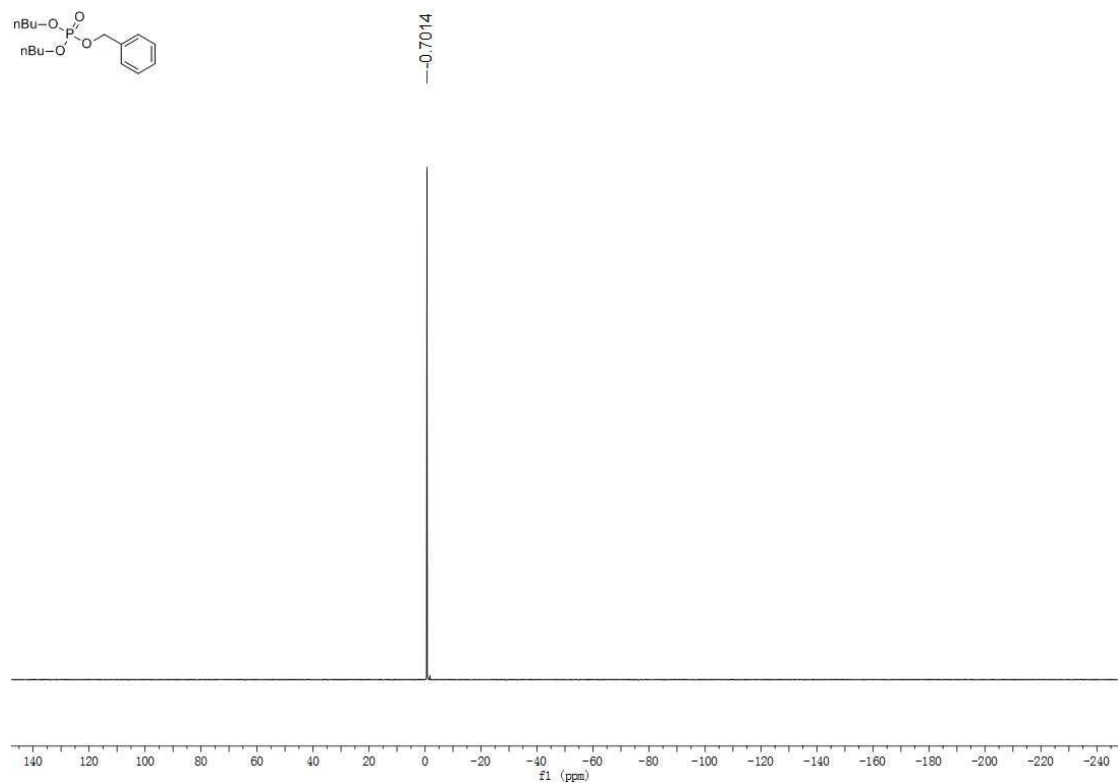


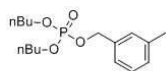
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$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound **3t**



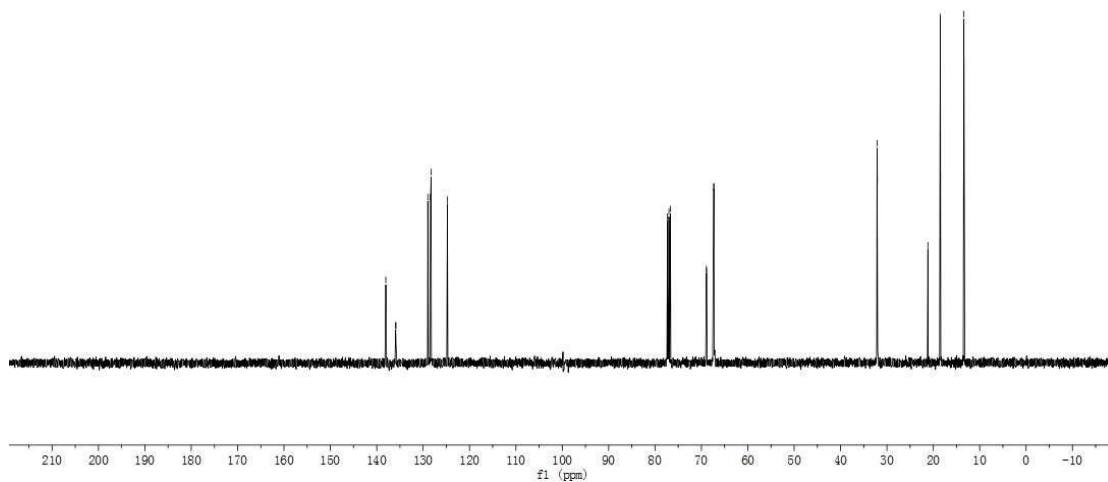




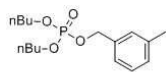
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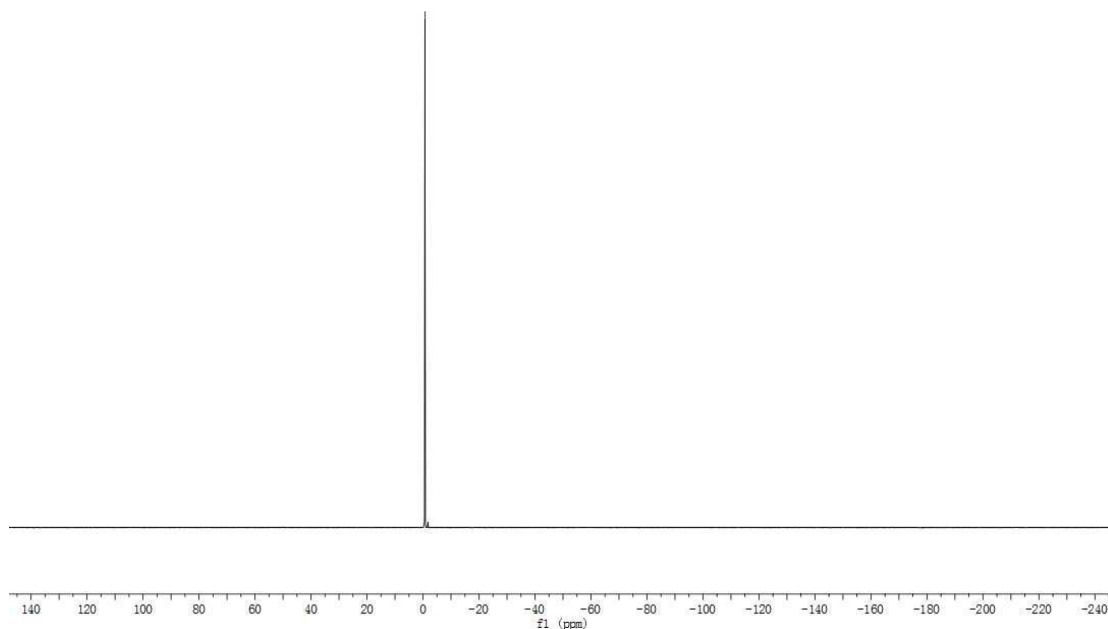
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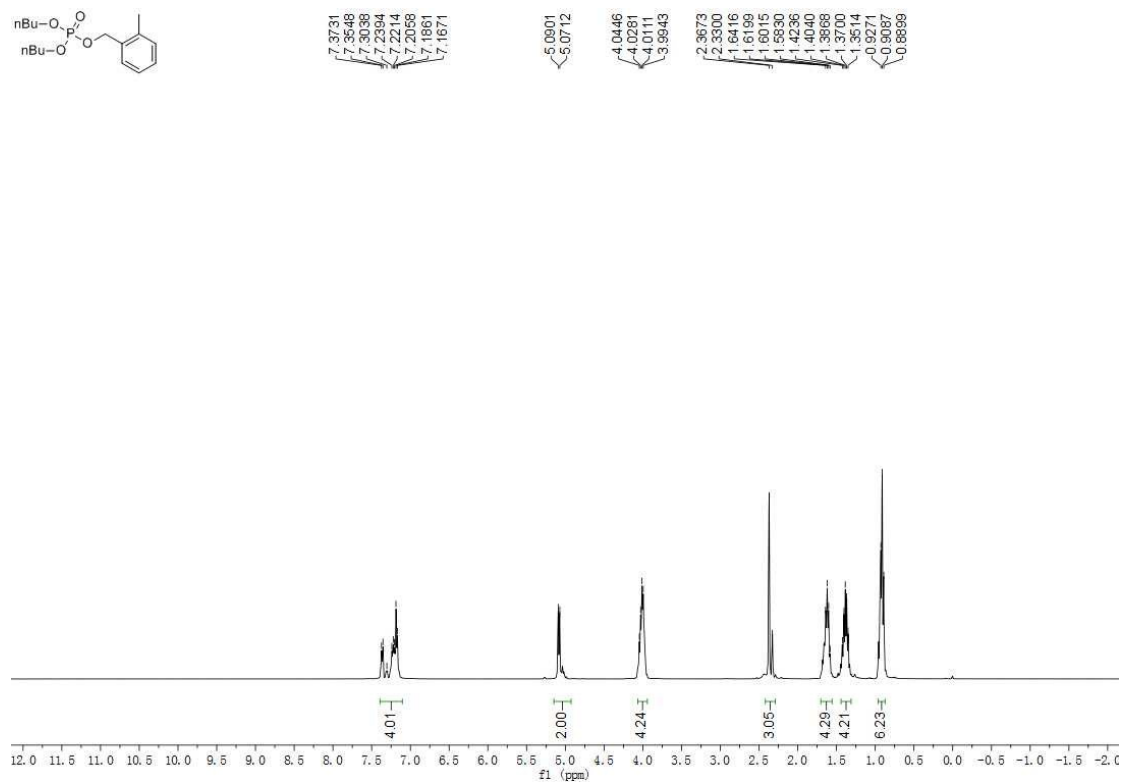
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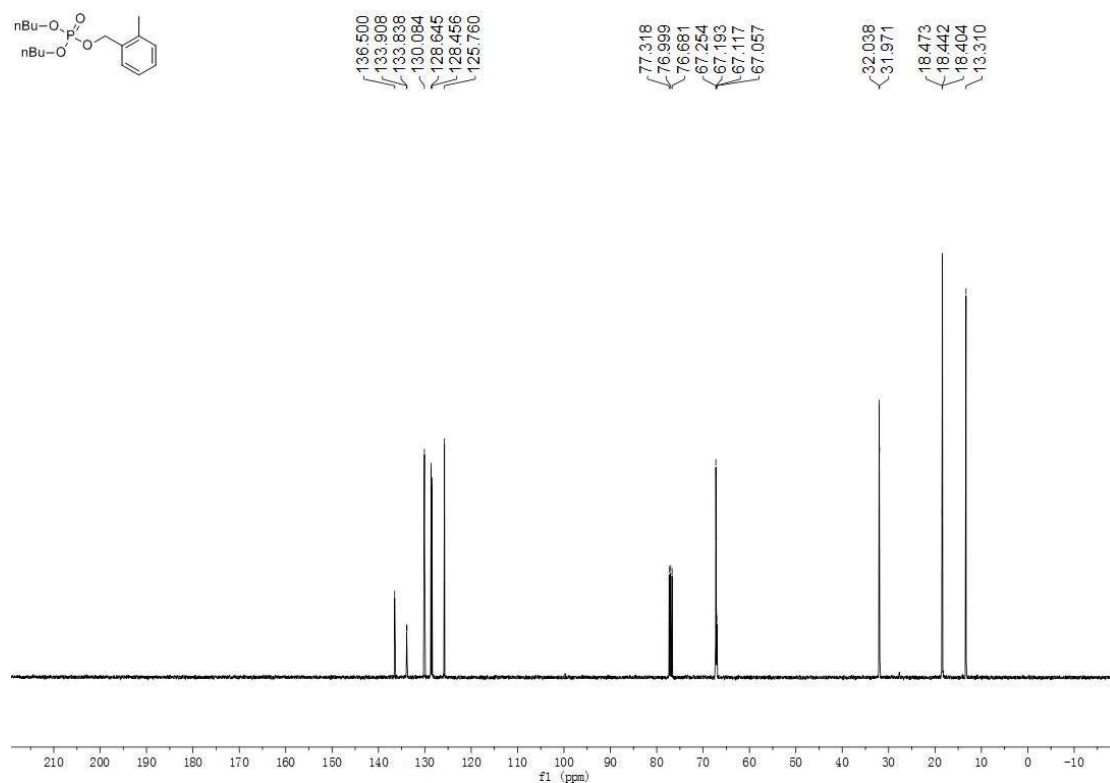
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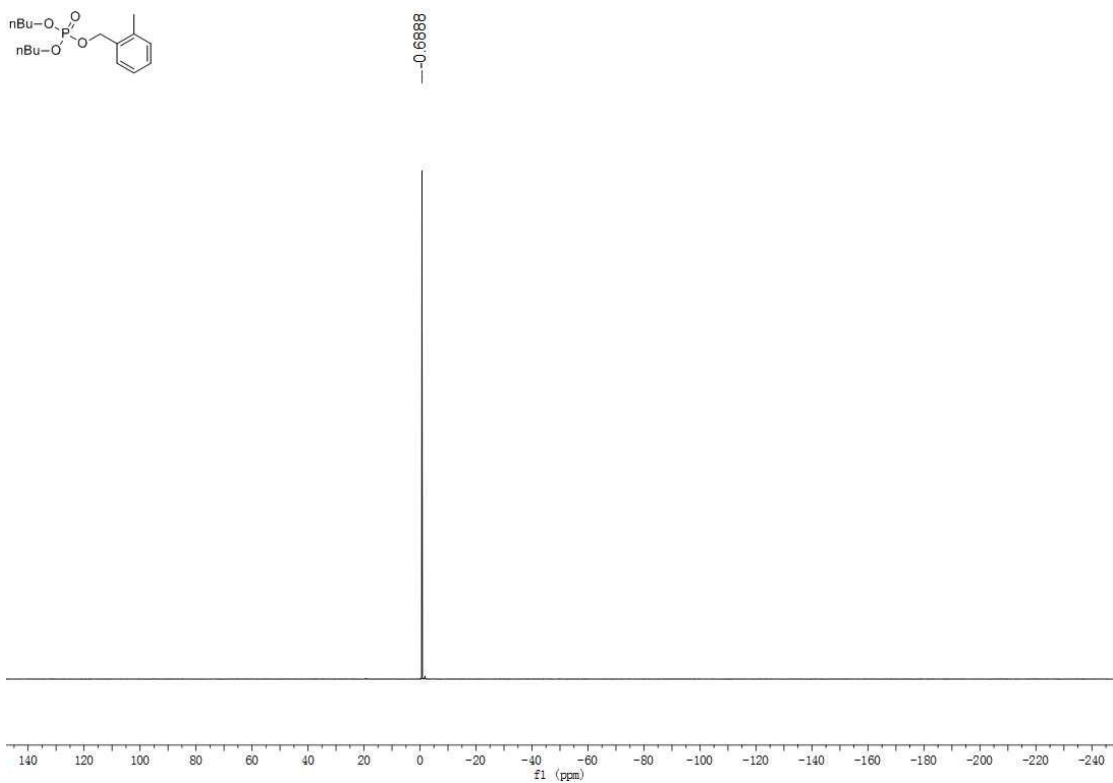


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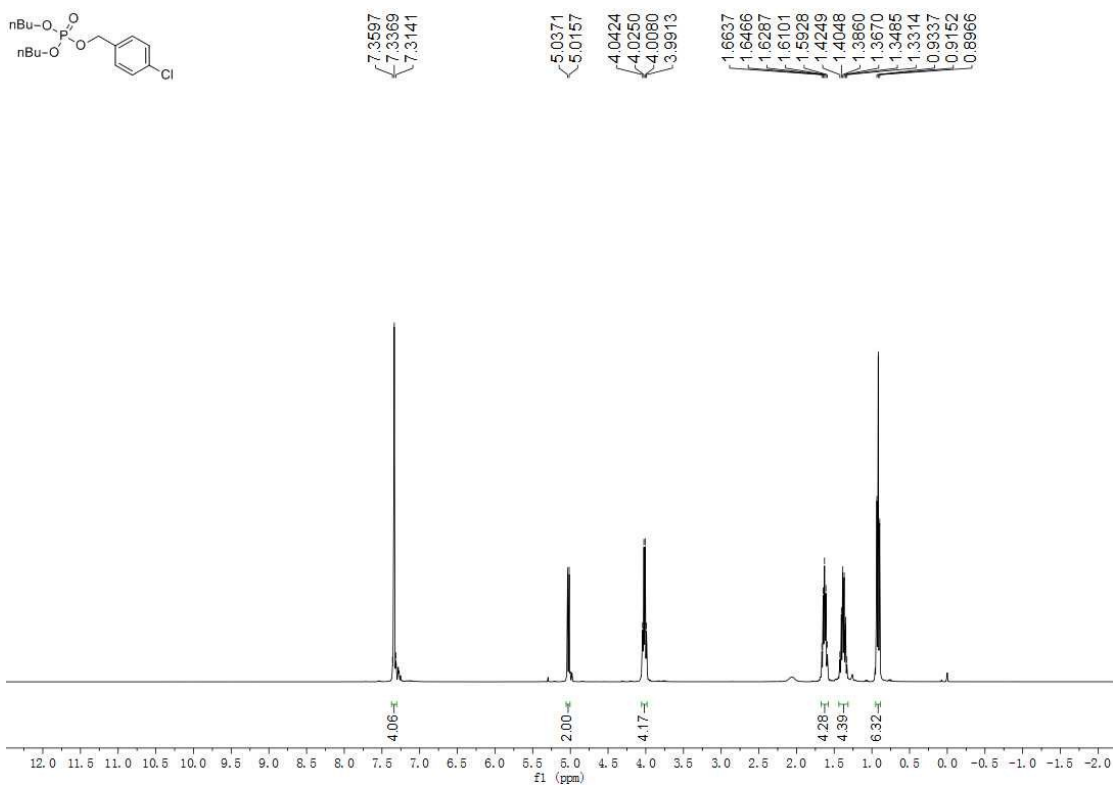


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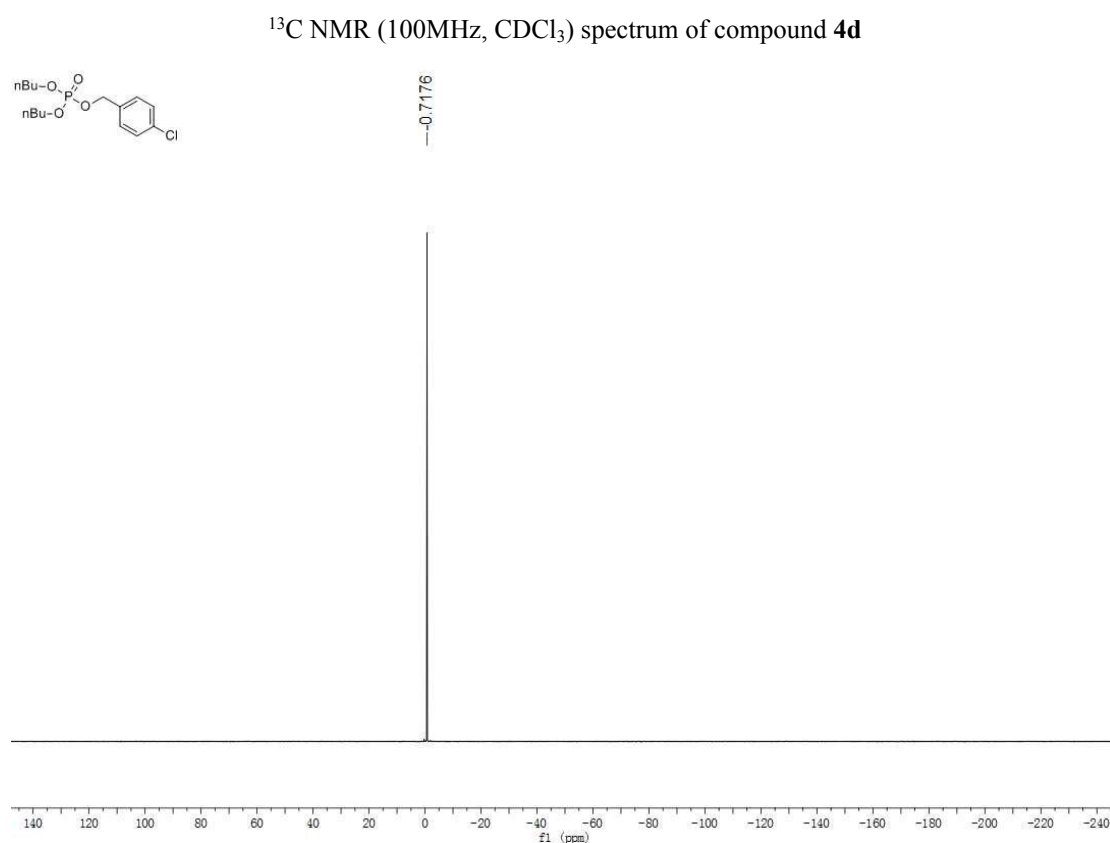
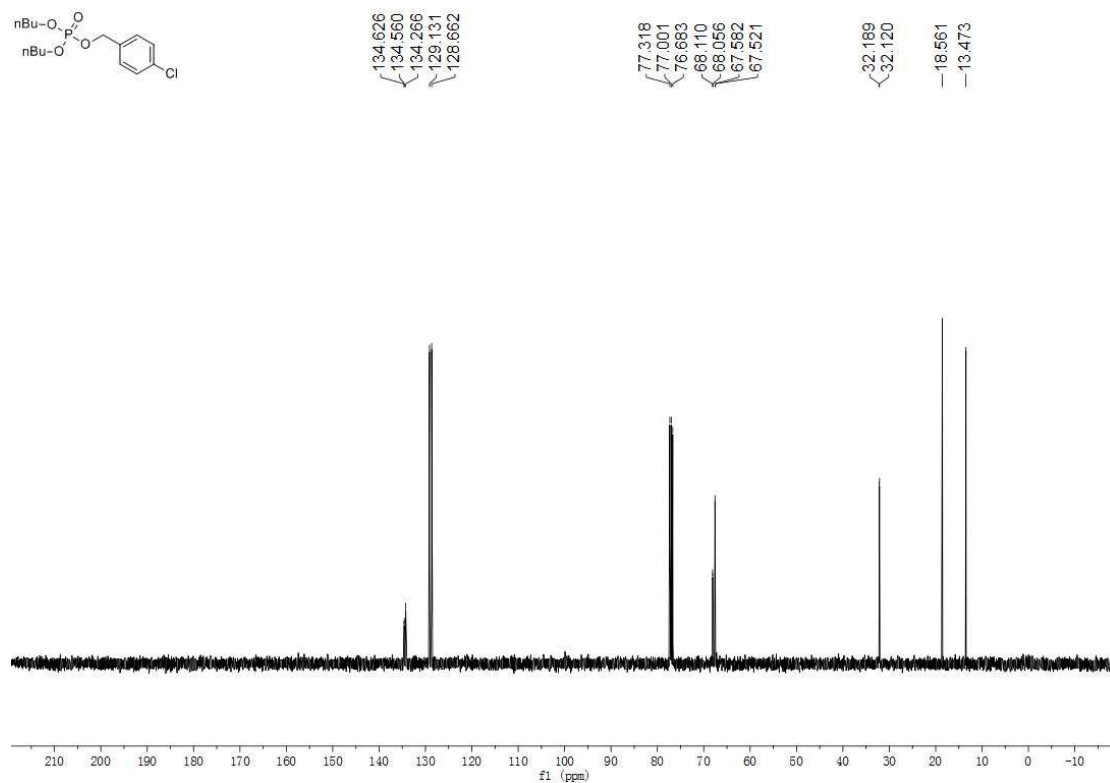


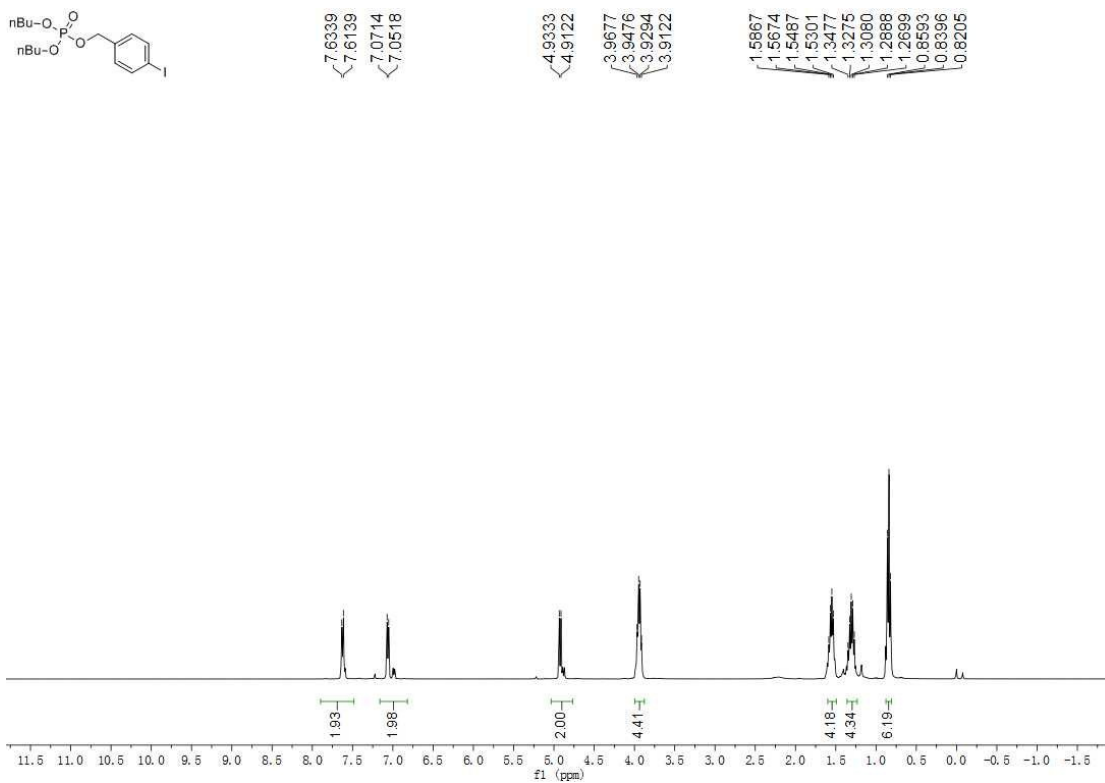


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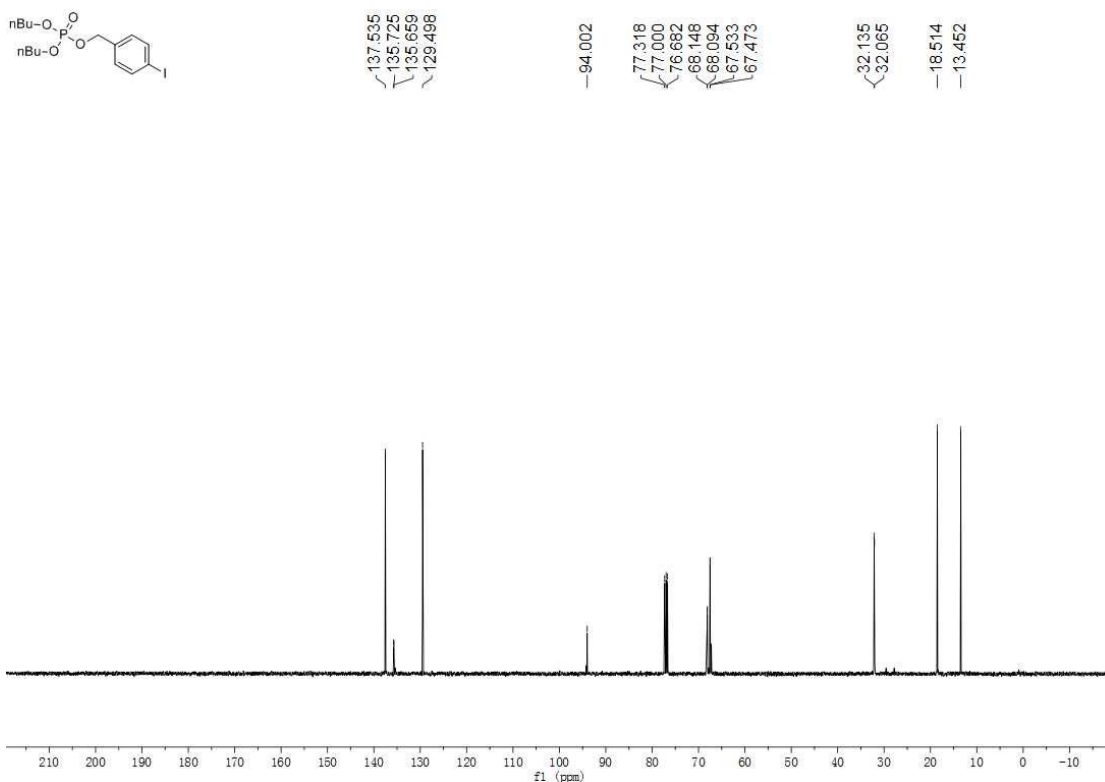


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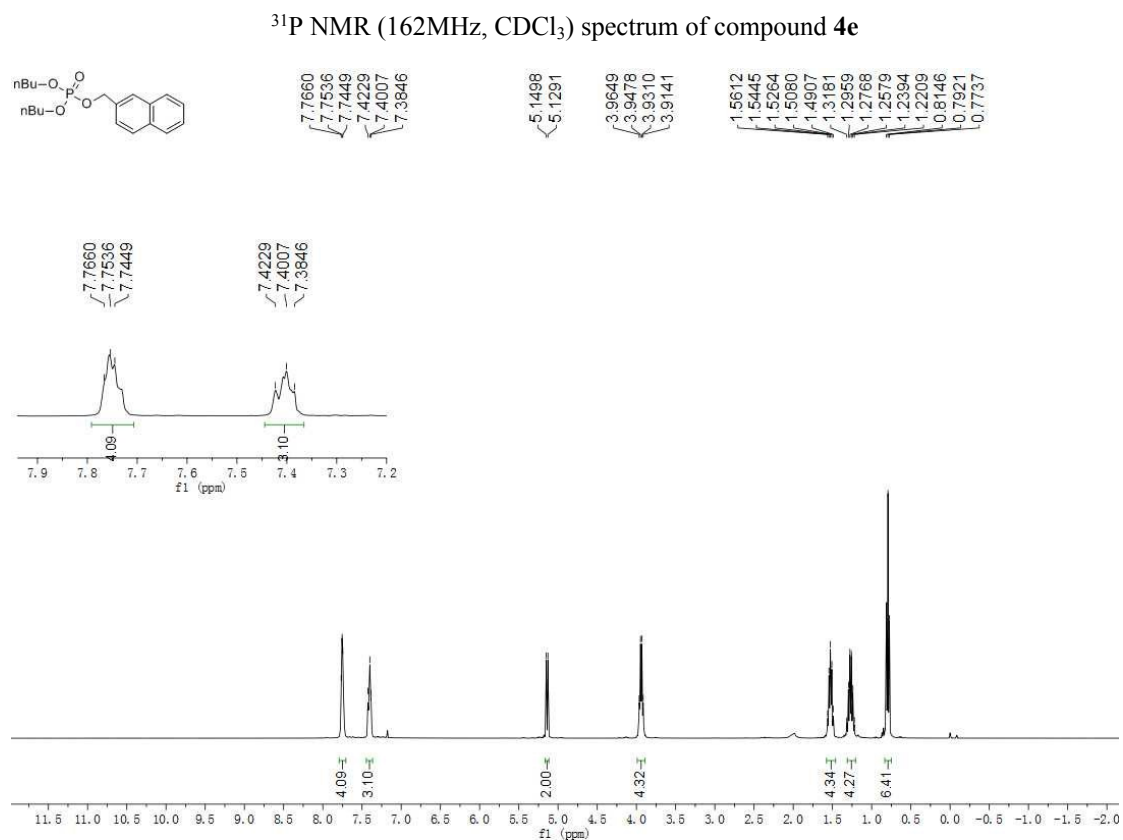
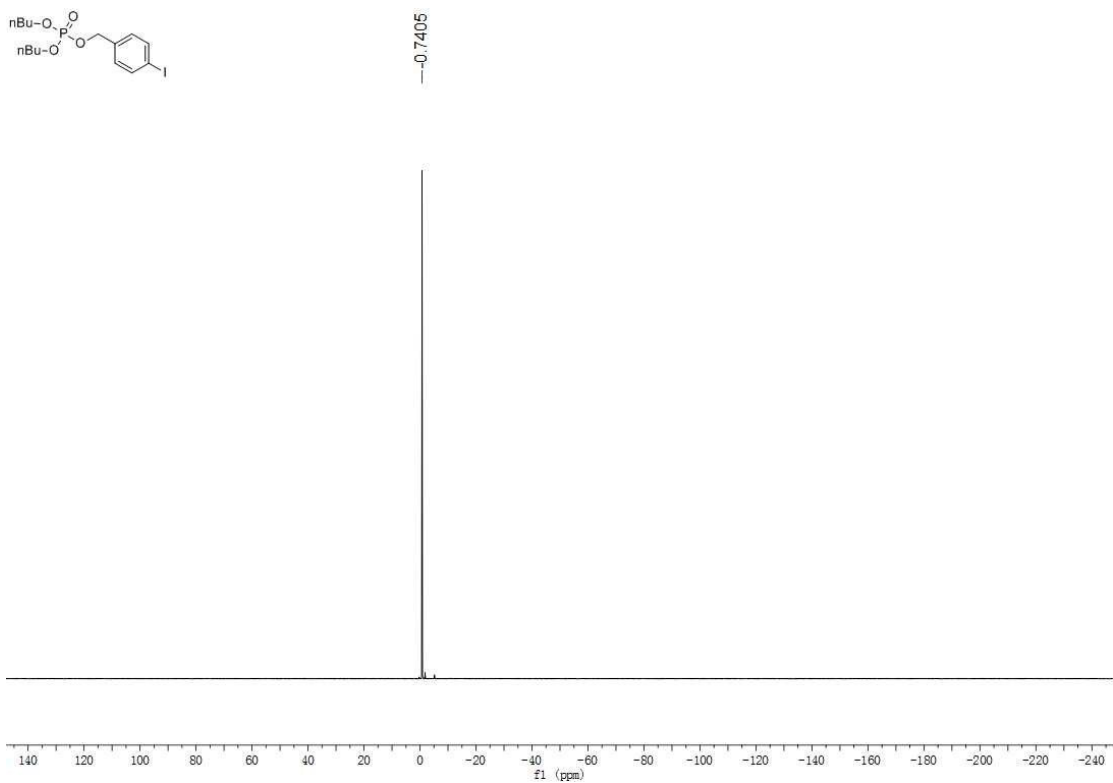


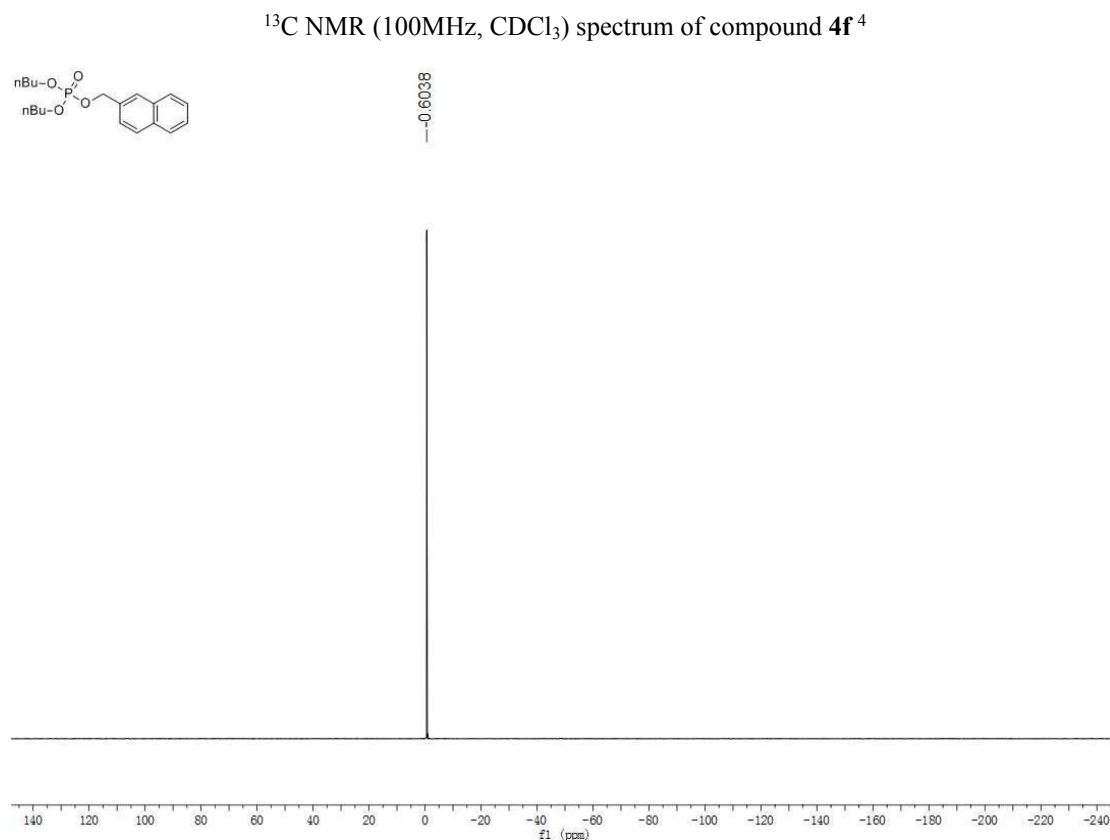
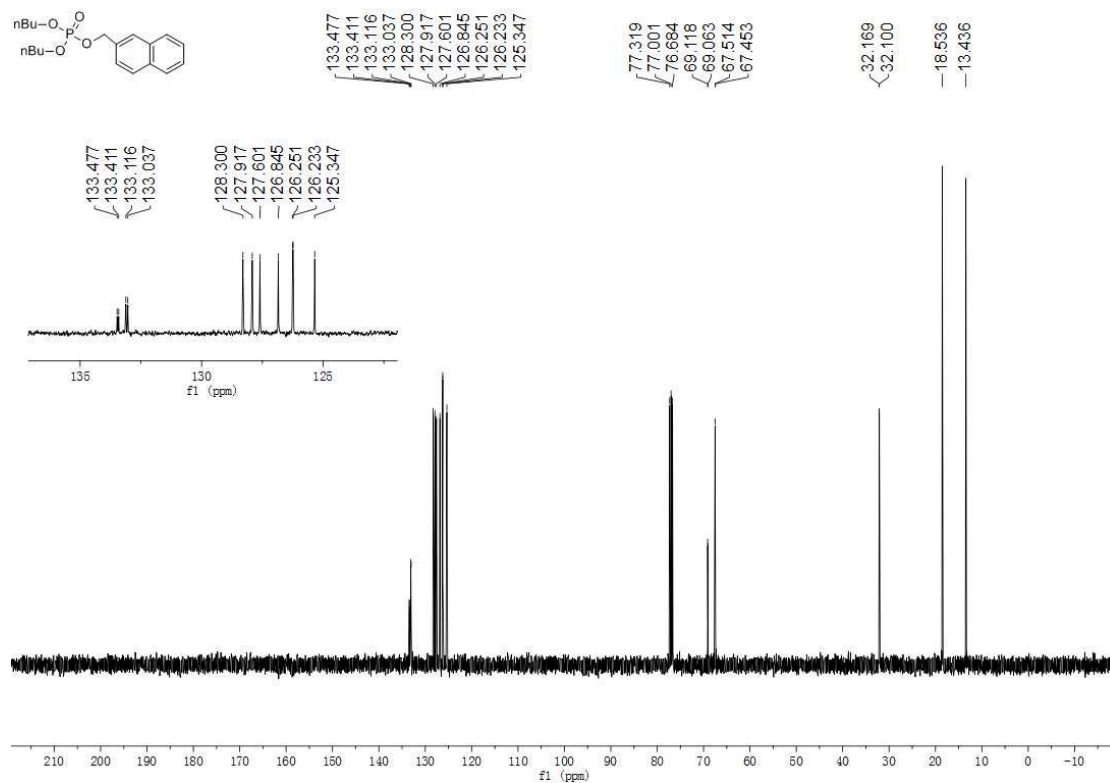


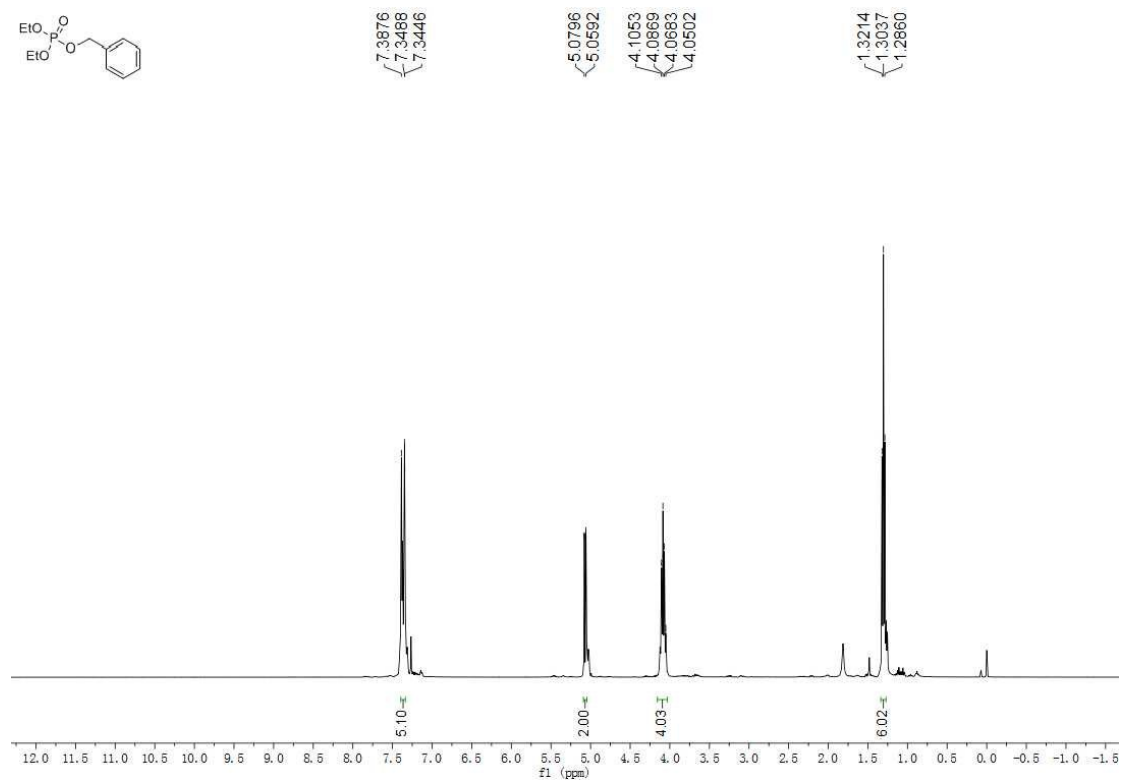
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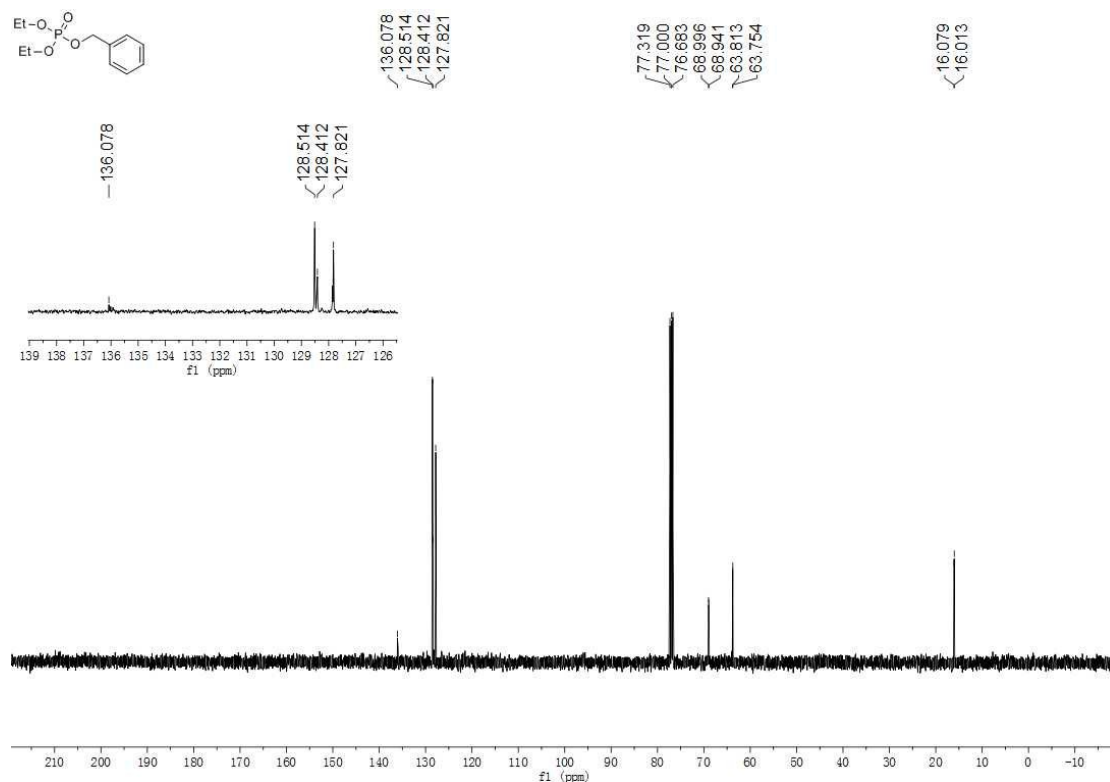
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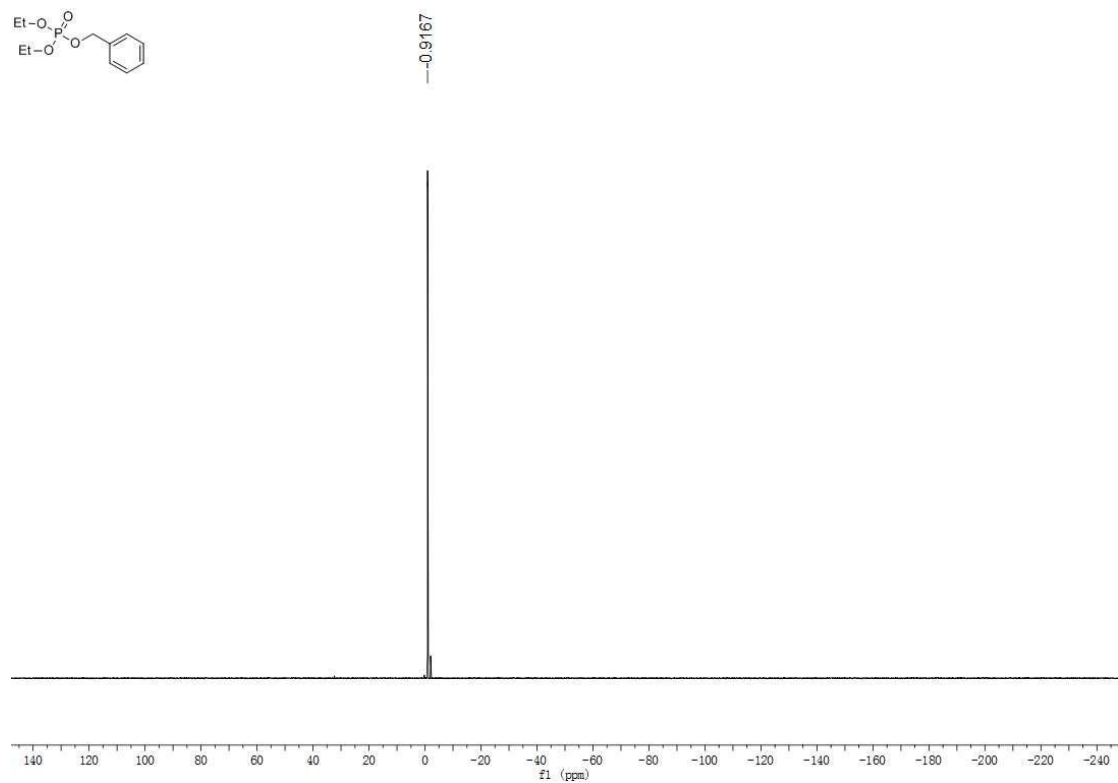




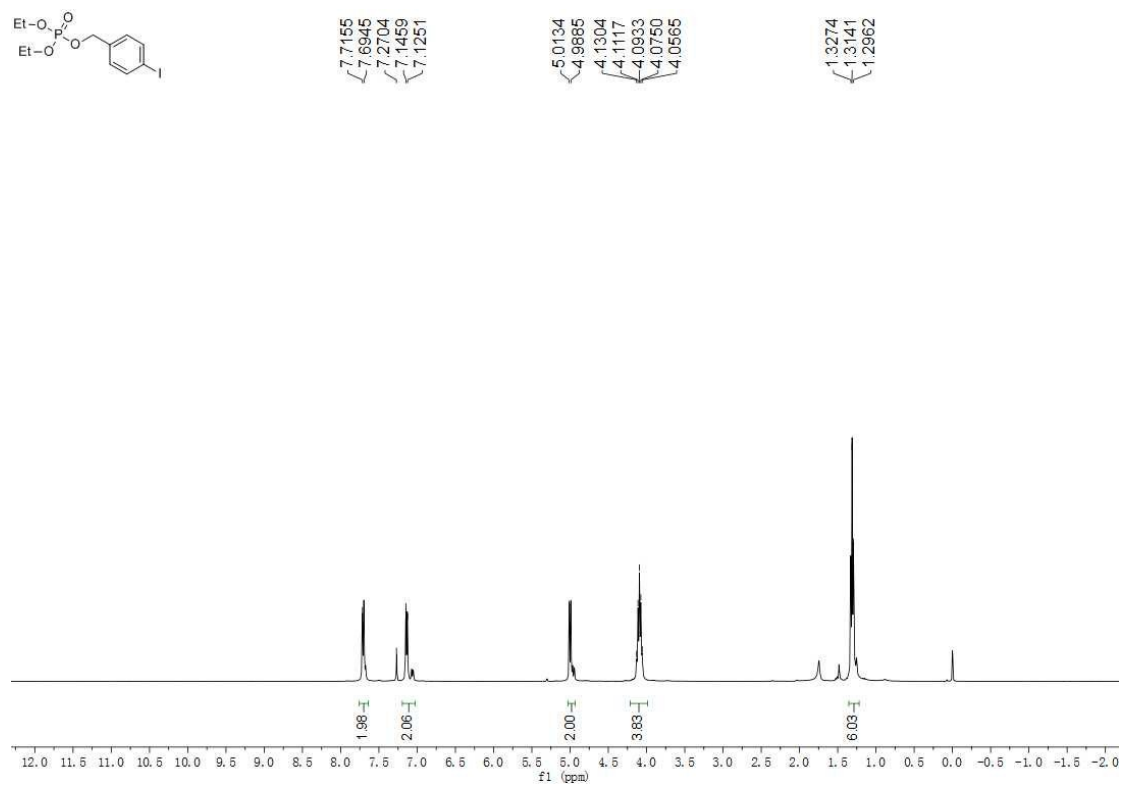
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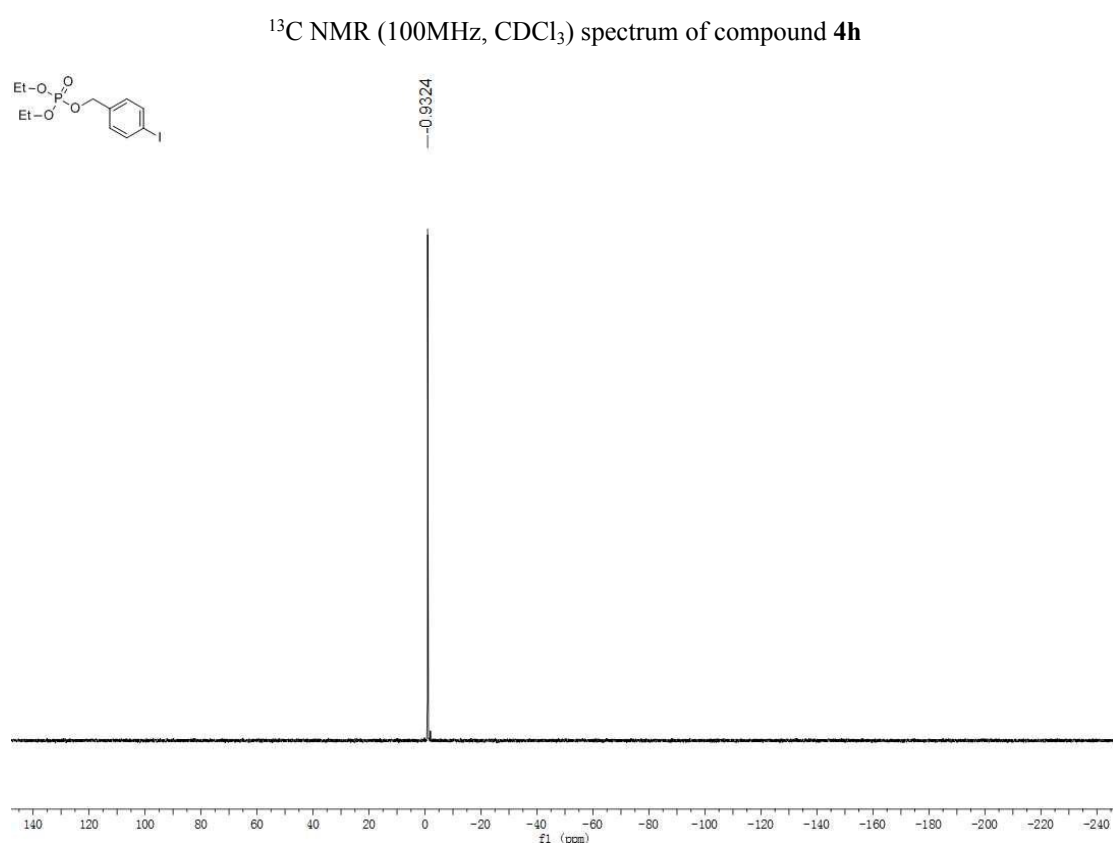
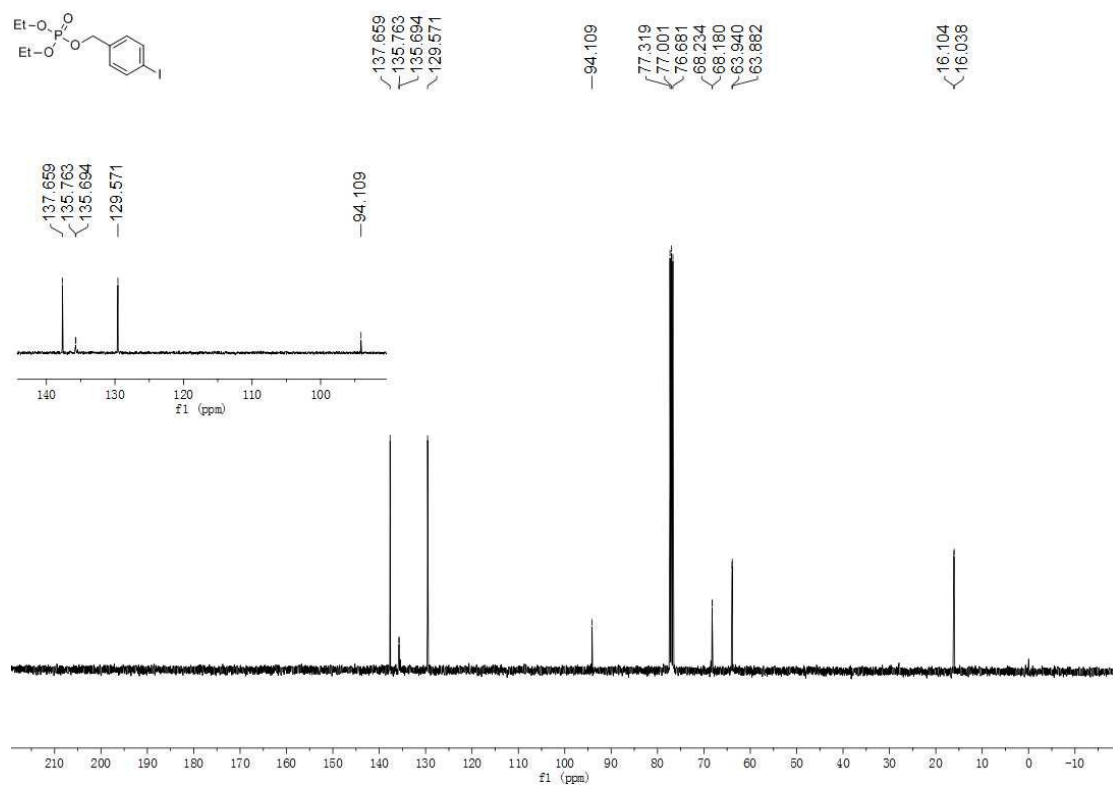
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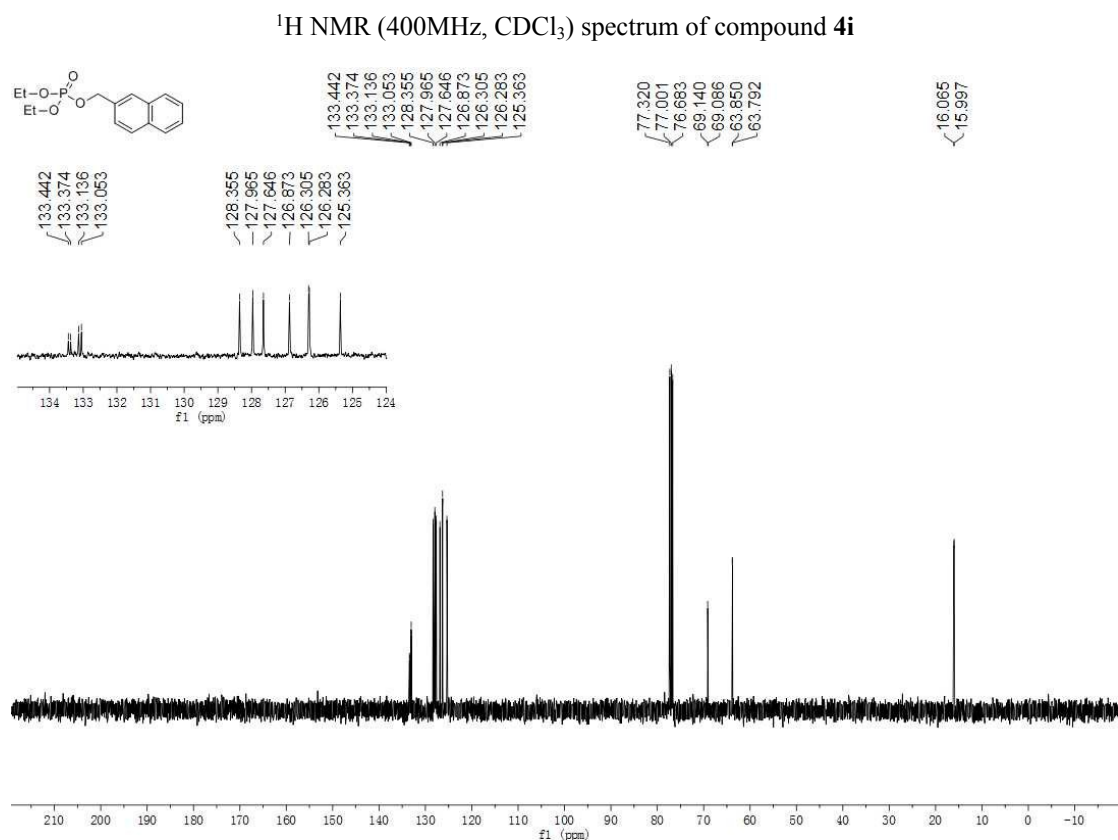
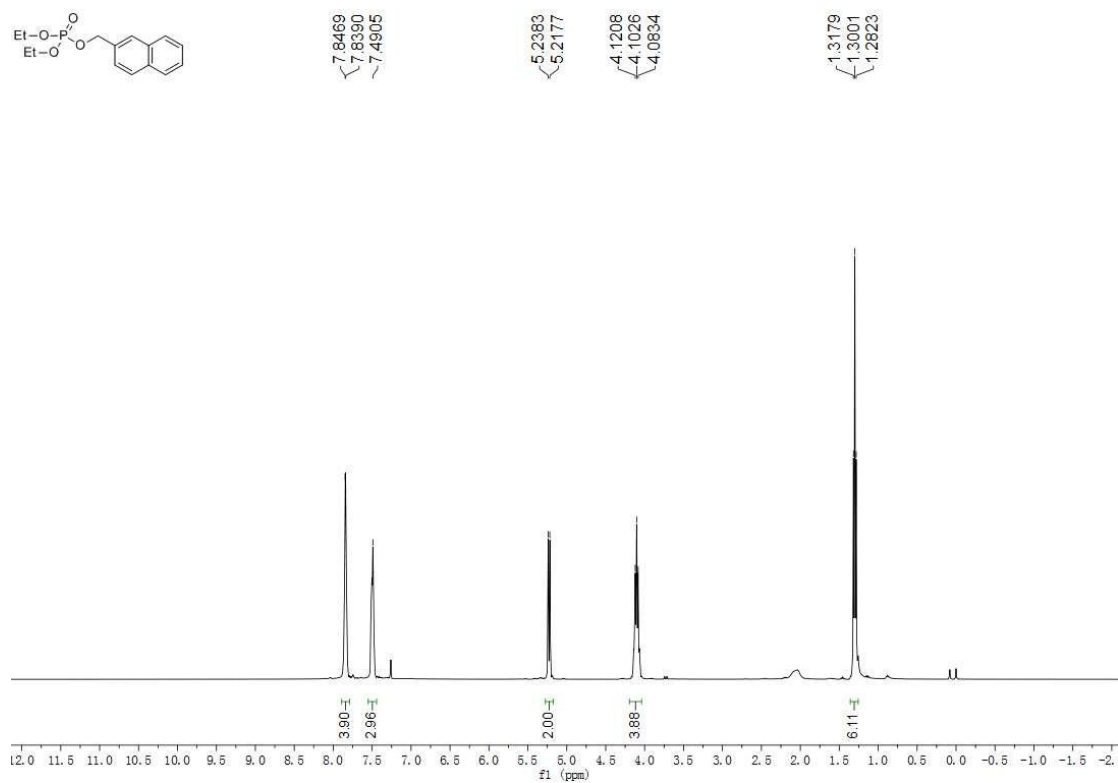
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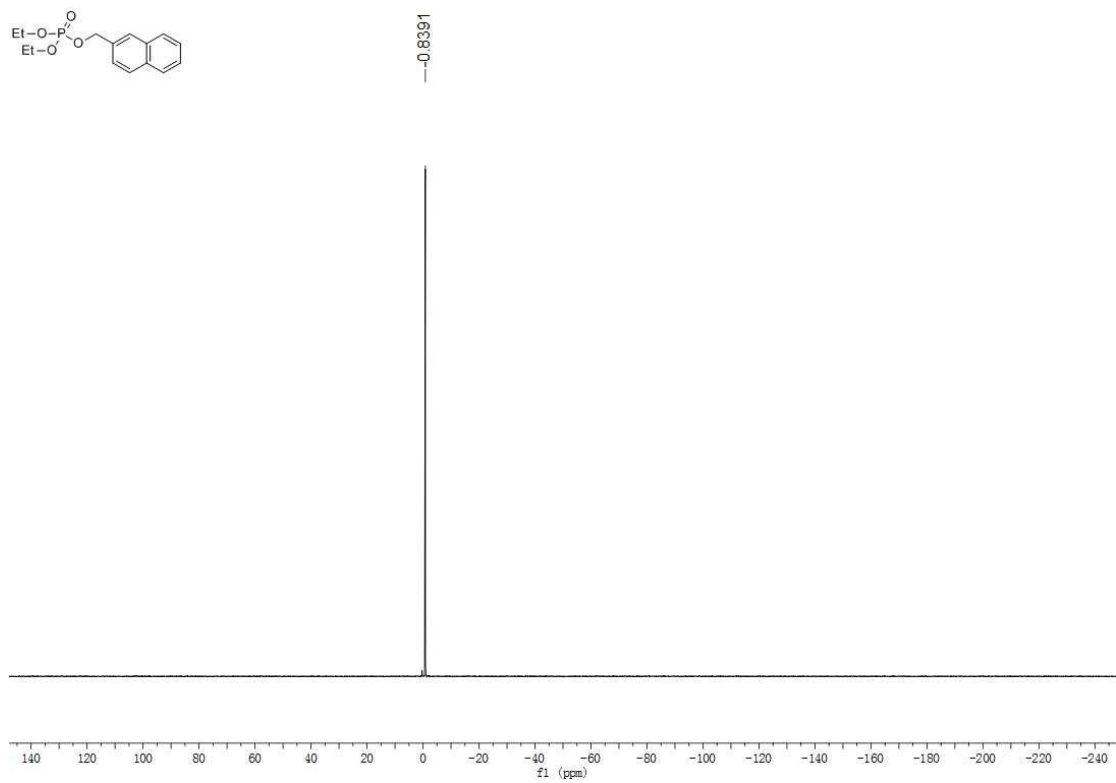
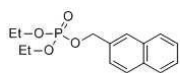


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound **4h**









$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (162MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound 4i

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