

Supporting Information

Efficient synthesis of anthranilic esters via Pd-catalyzed dehydrogenative/decarbonylative coupling of anilides and glyoxylates

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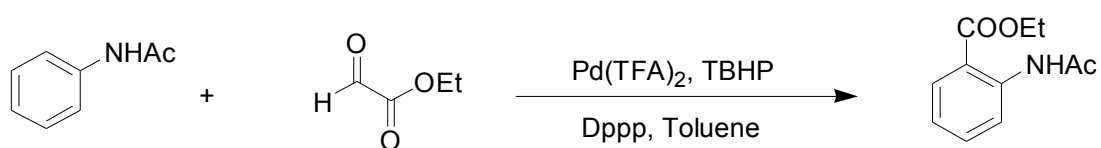
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I. General Information

All the solvents and commercially available reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used directly. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded in CDCl_3 at room temperature on the Varian INOVA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz ^1H). The chemical-shifts scale is based on internal TMS. The coupling constants, J , are reported in Hertz (HZ). Products were purified by flash column chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gel, SiO_2 .

II. Representative Procedure and Selected Compounds Data

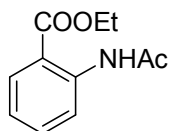
2-Acetylamino-benzoic acid ethyl ester



A 25 mL tube was charged with acetanilide (67.5mg, 0.5mmol), glyoxylate (204mg, 1.0mmol), TBHP (0.36mL, 2.0mmol), dppp (20.7mg, 0.05mmol), $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (13.9mg, 0.05 mmol) and toluene (1mL). The reaction tube was then capped under N_2 and stirred at 120°C for 16-24h. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction tube was allowed to cool room temperature and quenched with brine and diluted with DMC. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was washed with DMC. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified with flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 8/1) to afford 56.9 mg of the desired 2-Acetylamino –benzoic acid ethyl ester in 55% yield. Better yield (66%) can be obtained if the reaction was stopped at 12h, and another batch of $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (5mol%) was added.

Analytical data of Acetylamino-benzoic acid ethyl ester

2-Acetylamino-benzoic acid ethyl ester¹⁻⁴



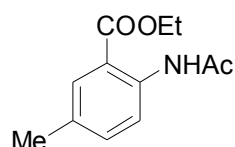
TLC: $R_f = 0.60$ (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4/1); Yield 66%;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.14 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.06 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.10 (m, 1H), 4.38 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.22, 168.29, 141.46, 134.54, 130.73, 122.38, 120.23, 114.98, 61.38, 25.48, 14.15;

HRMS: calcd for C₁₁H₁₃NO₃ : 207.0895 , found: 207.0893;

2-Acetylamino-5-methyl-benzoic acid ethyl ester



TLC: $R_f = 0.6$ (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 4/1); Yield 60%;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 11.00 (s, 1H), 8.58 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 6.4Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H) , 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H);

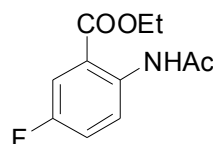
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LRMS: m/z calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NO₃ : 221, found: 221;

Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NO₃ : C, 65.14; H, 6.83; N, 6.33; Found: C, 65.37; H, 6.96; N, 6.58;

IR.(KBr)/cm⁻¹: 3268, 2925, 1694, 1239;

2-Acetylamino-5-fluoro-benzoic acid ethyl ester



TLC: $R_f = 0.45$ (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4/1); Yield 40%;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.97 (s, 1H), 8.71 (dd, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 4.39 (dd, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H);

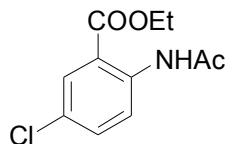
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Hz), 116.24 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6.8$ Hz), 61.80, 25.38, 14.10;

HRMS: m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}FNO_3$: 225.0801, found: 225.0804;

IR.(KBr)/ cm^{-1} : 3281, 2987, 1701, 1236;

2-Acetylamino-5-chloro-benzoic acid ethyl ester



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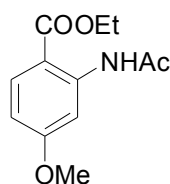
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^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 169.09, 167.22, 140.08, 134.32, 130.27, 127.33, 121.64, 116.18, 61.85, 25.46, 14.12.

HRMS: m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{12}ClNO_3$: 241.0506, found: 241.0510;

IR.(KBr)/ cm^{-1} : 3265, 2961, 1703, 1235;

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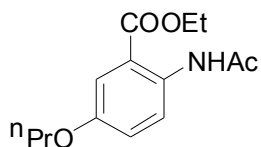
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^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 169.33, 168.19, 164.35, 143.73, 132.31, 109.62, 107.41, 103.72, 60.94, 55.49, 25.61, 14.21;

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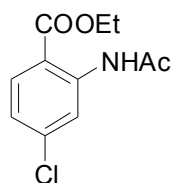
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1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 10.84(s, 1H), 8.60 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 3.2Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.35 (m, 2H), 3.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.84-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.42(t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 168.64, 167.94, 153.81, 134.96, 121.72, 120.85, 116.08, 115.59, 69.82, 61.41, 25.32, 22.48, 14.15, 10.46;

HRMS: m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{19}NO_4$: 265.1314, found: 265.1318;

2-Acetylamino-4-chloro-benzoic acid ethyl ester



TLC: $R_f = 0.45$ (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4/1); Yield 49%;

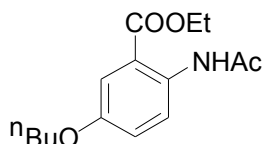
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 11.19 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, $J = 2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.8\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, 2.4Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, $J = 14.4\text{Hz}$, 7.6Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, $J = 6.8\text{Hz}$, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.29, 167.71, 142.30, 140.81, 131.80, 128.79, 122.64, 120.80, 113.13, 16.64, 25.47, 14.12;

LRMS: m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_3$: 241, found: 241;

Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_3$: C, 54.67; H, 5.00; N, 5.80; Found: C, 54.60; H, 4.95; N, 5.74;

2-Acetylamino-5-butoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester



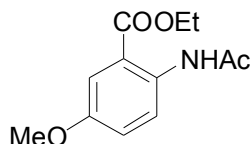
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$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.64, 167.96, 153.84, 134.98, 121.74, 120.85, 116.10, 115.60, 68.02, 61.43, 31.20, 25.34, 19.17, 14.17, 13.83;

HRMS: m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$: 279.1471, found: 279.1474;

2-Acetylamino-5-methoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester



TLC: $R_f = 0.55$ (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4/1); Yield 63%;

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.61(d, $J = 9.2\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 9.6\text{Hz}$, 3.6Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, $J = 14.8\text{Hz}$, 7.6Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, $J = 6.8\text{Hz}$, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.66, 167.90, 154.23, 135.19, 121.81, 120.47, 116.09, 114.75, 61.47, 55.56, 25.35, 14.16;

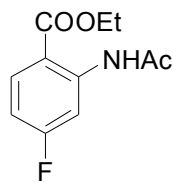
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Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4$: C, 60.75; H, 6.37; N, 5.90; Found: C, 60.97; H, 6.10;

N, 5.63;

IR.(KBr)/cm⁻¹: 3267, 2982, 1680, 1240;

2-Acetylamino-4-fluoro-benzoic acid ethyl ester



TLC: R_f = 0.45 (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4/1); Yield 41%;

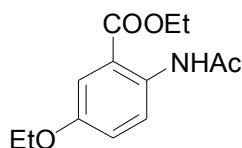
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¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.36, 167.65, 166.19 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 251 Hz), 143.65 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 13 Hz), 132.54 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 10.7 Hz), 111.10, 109.69 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 22.9 Hz), 107.32 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 27.5 Hz), 61.48, 25.48, 14.17;

LRMS: m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FNO₃: 225, found: 225;

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FNO₃: C, 58.66; H, 5.37; N, 6.22; Found: C, 58.89; H, 5.18; N, 6.02.

2-Acetylamino-5-ethoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester



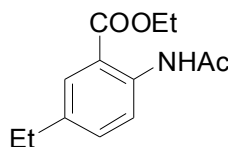
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¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.71, 166.95, 152.64, 134.04, 120.77, 119.86, 115.13, 114.62, 62.84, 60.45, 24.34, 13.75, 13.17;

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2-Acetylamino-5-ethyl-benzoic acid ethyl ester



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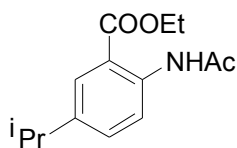
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¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.91, 168.37, 139.31, 138.28, 134.13, 129.66, 120.35, 114.95, 61.29, 28.10, 25.46, 15.59, 14.20;

LRMS: m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₃: 235, found: 235;

Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₃ : C, 66.36; H, 7.28; N, 5.95; Found: C, 66.17; H, 7.42; N, 5.55;

2-Acetylamino-5-isopropyl-benzoic acid ethyl ester



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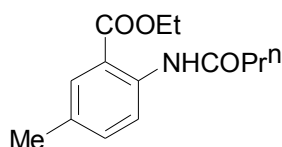
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¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.91, 168.39, 142.88, 139.37, 132.65, 128.29, 120.41, 114.95, 61.30, 33.44, 25.44, 23.85, 14.21;

LRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₃: 249 , found: 249;

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₃ : C, 67.45; H, 7.68; N, 5.62; Found: C, 67.11; H, 7.74; N, 5.49;

2-Propionylamino-5-methyl-benzoic acid ethyl ester



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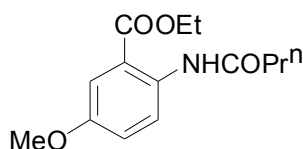
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¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.69, 168.35, 139.26, 135.25, 131.69, 130.76, 120.23, 114.83, 61.25, 31.61, 20.65, 14.19, 9.63;

HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₃ : 235.1208 , found: 235.1210;

IR.(KBr)/cm⁻¹: 3262, 2938, 1689, 1235;

2-Propionylamino-5- methoxy-benzoic acid ethyl ester



TLC: R_f = 0.46 (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate, 4/1); Yield 45%;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 9.6Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 2.8Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 9.2Hz, 2.8Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 14.4Hz, 7.2Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.46 (dd, *J* = 15.2Hz, 7.6Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.6Hz, 3H);

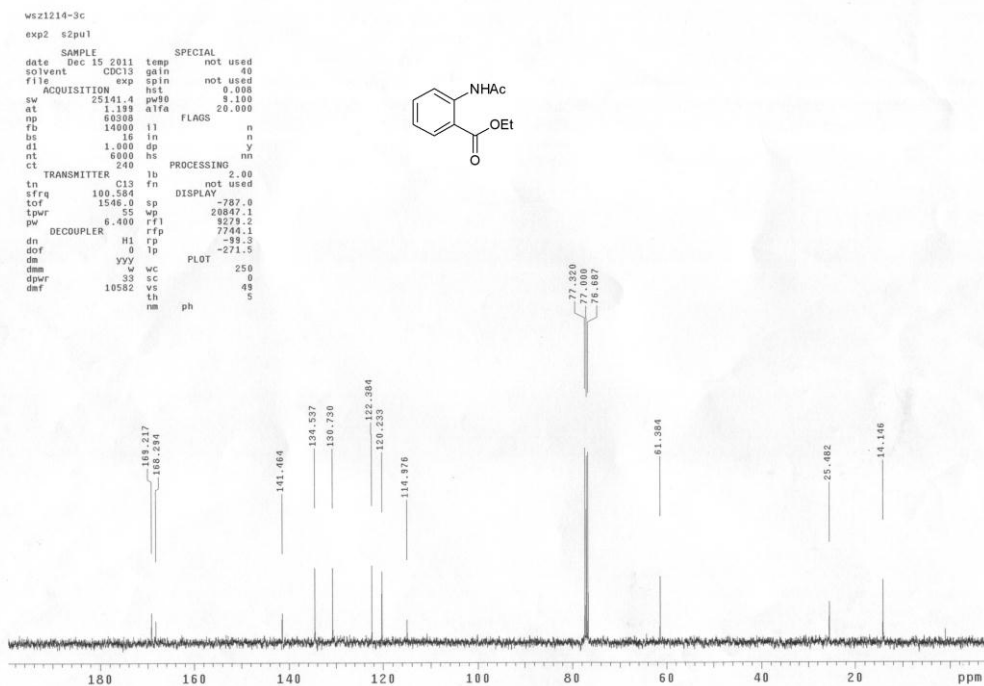
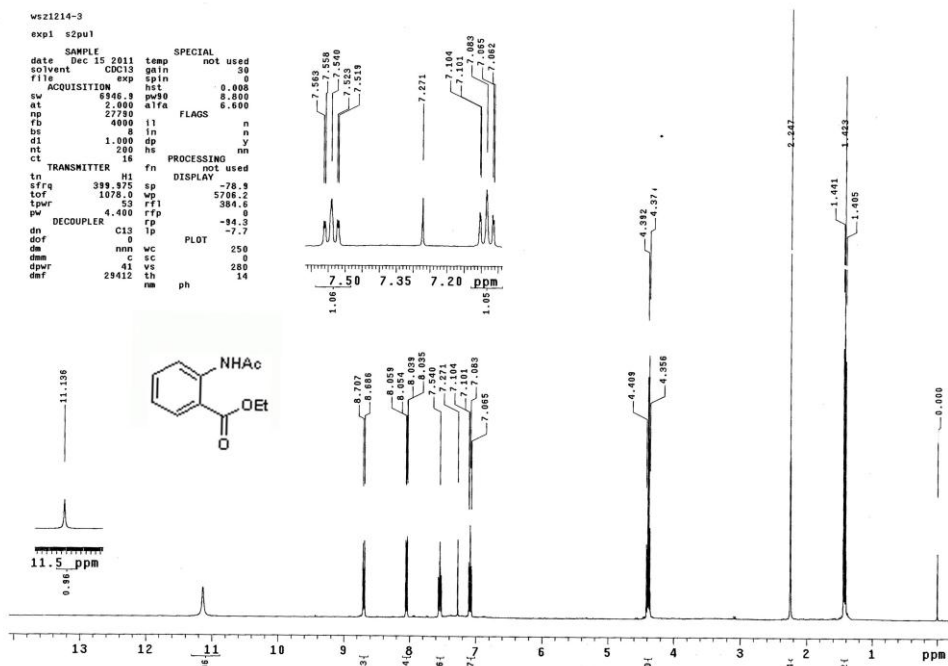
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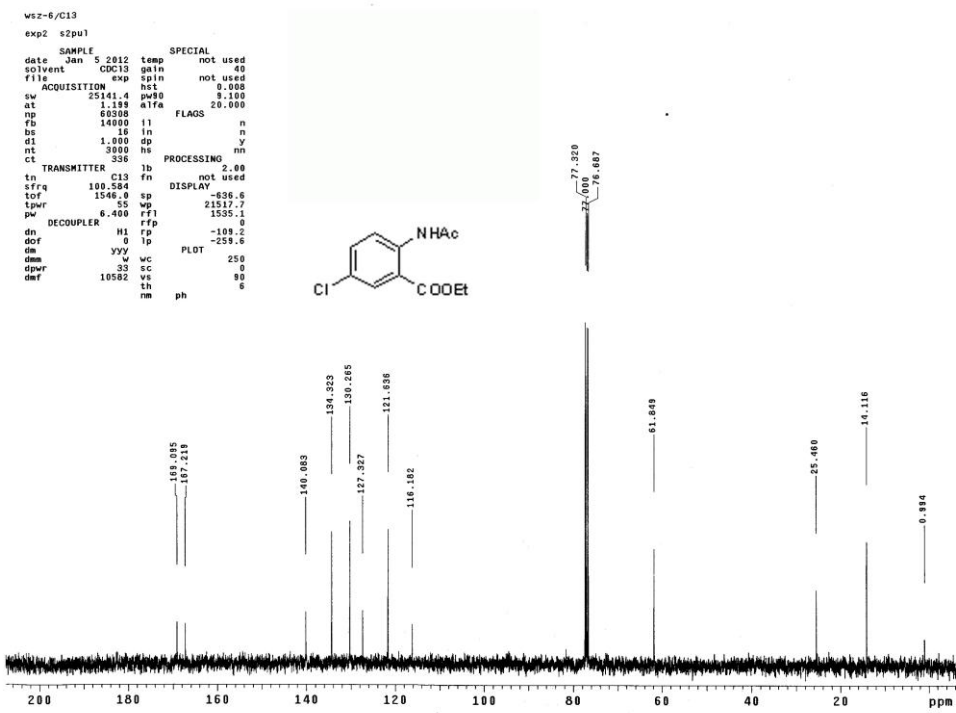
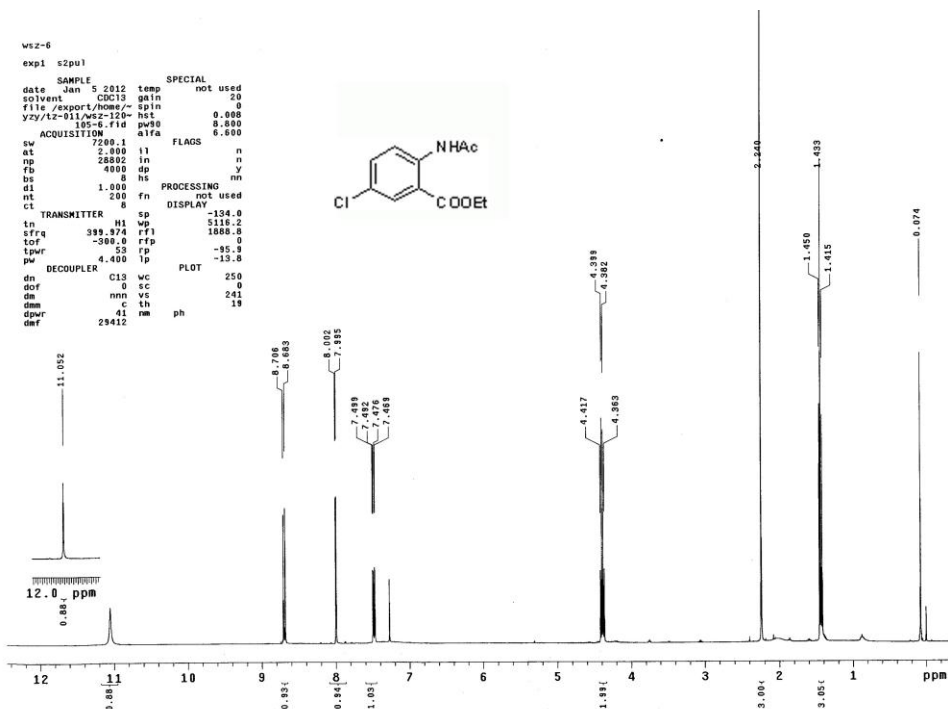
HRMS: m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₄: 251.1158 , found: 251.1160;

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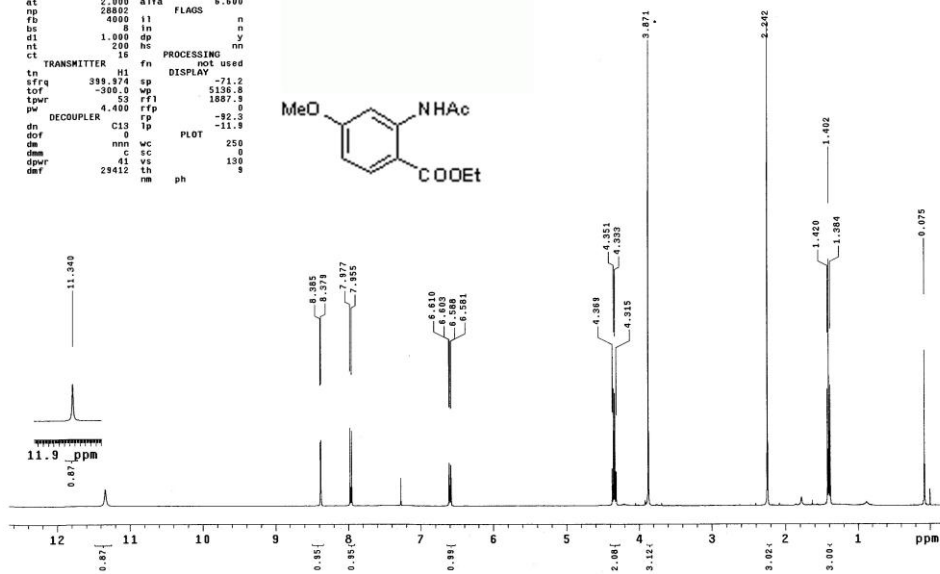
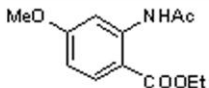
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