

Non-metal-mediated N-Oxyl radical (TEMPO)-induced acceptorless dehydrogenation of N-heterocycles via electrocatalysis

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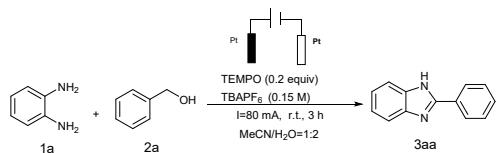
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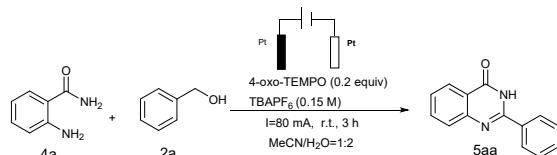
1. General information

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. All solvents were dried in a standard manner. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates. Column chromatography was performed over silica gel (200-300 mesh) and petroleum ether/ethyl acetate. Shanghai chenhua CHI600E electrochemical workstation was used in the standard configuration as delivered, including proprietary software. Beijing Perfectlgt PCX50C Discover was used in the reaction system. All products were characterized by NMR. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 101 MHz (Bruker DPX) with CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆ as solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm using TMS as internal standard. NMR by the services provided at the Shandong Liaocheng University. HPLC were recorded on an SHIMDZU LC-20A instrument with a HP5-MS 30 m x 0.25 mm capillary apolar columns.

2. General procedure for the catalytic reactions



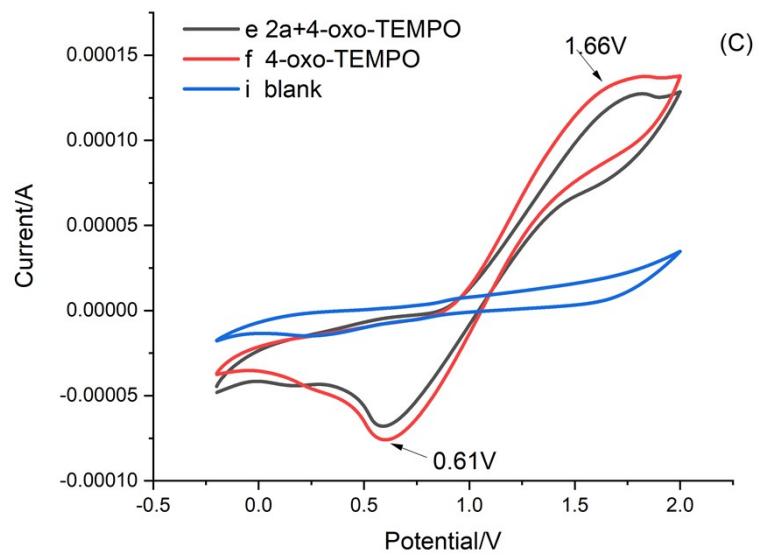
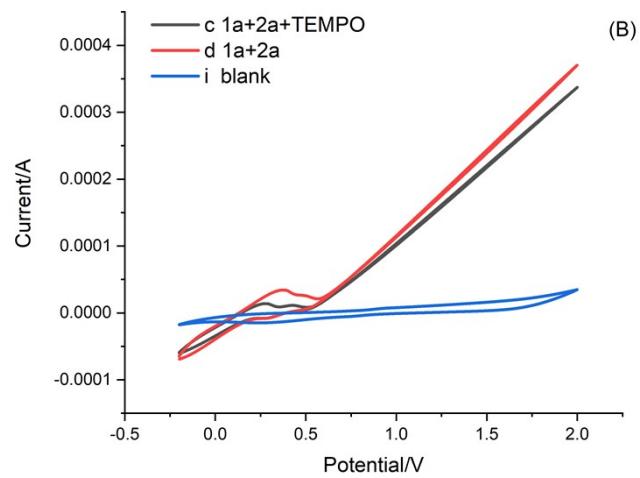
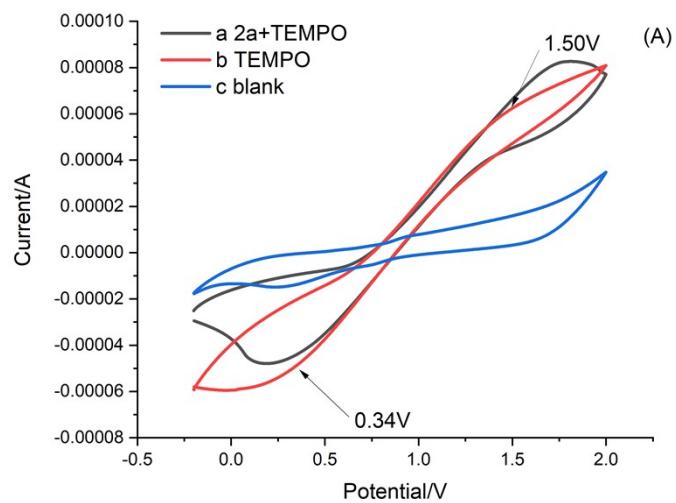
o-phenylenediamine **1a** (54.1 mg, 0.5 mmol), benzyl alcohol **2a** (86.5 mg, 0.8 mmol), TEMPO (0.1 mmol), TBAPF₆ (0.15 M), MeCN/H₂O (v/v=1:2, 3 ml) were added into a 25-mL three-necked flask equipped with a platinum anode and cathode (plate, 1.0 cm × 1.0 cm). The reaction mixture were stirred for 3 h at a constant current of 80 mA at ambient temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/DCM) to afford pure product **3aa**.



o-aminobenzamide **4a** (68.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), benzyl alcohol **2a** (86.5 mg, 0.8 mmol), 4-oxo-TEMPO (0.1 mmol), TBAPF₆ (0.15 M), MeCN/H₂O (v/v=1:2, 3 ml) were added into a 25-mL three-necked flask equipped with a platinum anode and cathode (plate, 1.0 cm × 1.0 cm). The reaction mixture were stirred for 3 h at a constant current of 80 mA at ambient temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/DCM) to afford pure product **5aa**.

3. Cyclic voltammetry experiment

Cyclic voltammograms were measured using Shanghai chenhua CHI600E electrochemical workstation with electrochemical analysis software, using a conventional three-electrode cell. The working electrode was a Pt disk working electrode, the counter and reference electrodes consisted of a Pt wire and a SCE, respectively. The Pt disk working electrode was polished with a polishing cloth before each measurement. The concentration of all tested compounds was 1 mmol L⁻¹. The scan rate was 0.1 V/s.



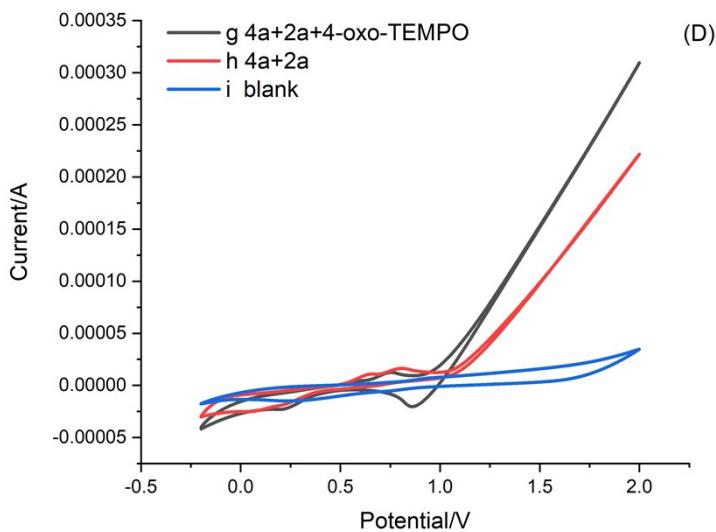
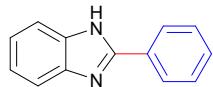


Figure1. Cyclic voltammograms

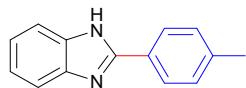
4. Characterization data

2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3aa)¹



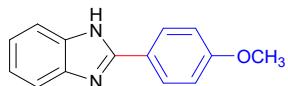
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.10 (s, 1H), 8.21 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.2, 143.0, 130.7, 130.2, 129.5, 127.1, 123.0, 120.5, 118.4, 114.5, 112.1. MS [EI, m/z]: 194 [M⁺].

2-(p-tolyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ab)⁴



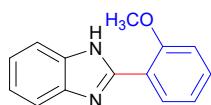
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.78 (s, 1H), 8.20 – 8.15 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.4, 131.8, 130.8, 130.1, 129.4, 126.8, 124.0, 21.8. MS [EI, m/z]: 208 [M⁺].

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ac)¹



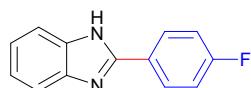
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.74 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 24.4, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 161.1, 151.9, 144.4, 135.5, 128.5, 123.2, 122.5, 121.9, 119.0, 114.9, 111.5, 55.8. MS [EI, m/z]: 224 [M⁺].

2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ad)⁵



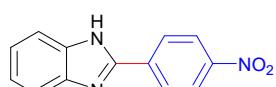
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.52 (s, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dt, *J* = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.8, 152.5, 149.1, 135.1, 134.5, 130.2, 128.0, 127.1, 126.3, 121.5, 120.6, 118.1, 113.0, 55.9. MS [EI, m/z]: 224 [M⁺].

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ae)⁶



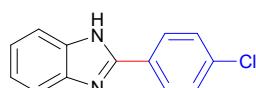
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.92 (s, 1H), 8.27 – 8.20 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.21 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 164.8, 162.3, 150.9, 144.2, 135.5, 129.2, 127.3, 123.0, 122.2, 119.3, 116.6, 116.4, 111.8. MS [EI, m/z]: 212 [M⁺].

2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3af)²



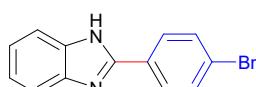
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2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ag)¹



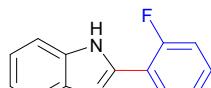
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2-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ah)³



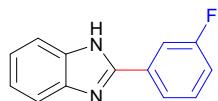
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2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ai)⁷



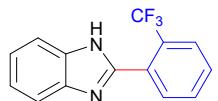
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2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3aj)⁷



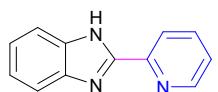
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2-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ak)⁸



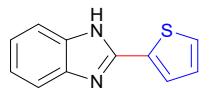
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2-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3al)³



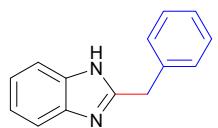
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2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3am)¹



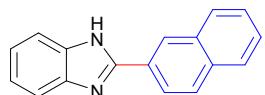
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2-benzyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3an)²



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.27 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 5.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 154.0, 138.1, 129.2, 128.9, 127.0, 121.7, 35.4. MS [EI, m/z]: 208 [M⁺].

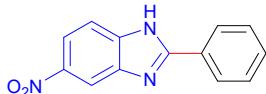
2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ao)³



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.08 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 8.01 – 7.98 (m, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.24 (dt, *J* = 6.6, 3.2 Hz,

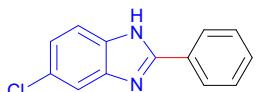
2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.7, 133.9, 133.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 126.3, 124.4, 119.6. MS [EI, m/z]: 244[M $^+$].

5-nitro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ap)⁹



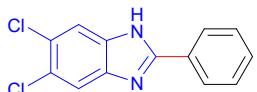
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.55 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.24 – 8.17 (m, 2H), 8.14 – 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.52 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.9, 143.2, 140.3, 131.4, 129.6, 129.5, 127.5, 118.6, 115.3, 112.2, 108.4. MS [EI, m/z]: 239 [M $^+$].

5-chloro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3aq)⁵



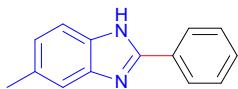
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.09 (s, 1H), 8.22 – 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 20.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.1, 134.2, 130.7, 130.2, 129.5, 127.1, 123.2, 120.6, 118.8, 112.9, 111.5. MS [EI, m/z]: 228 [M $^+$].

5,6-dichloro-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3ar)⁴



^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.24 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.56 (q, J = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 154.3, 131.0, 129.8, 129.5, 127.2, 125.0, 120.5, 113.6. MS [EI, m/z]: 262 [M $^+$].

5-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole (3as)²



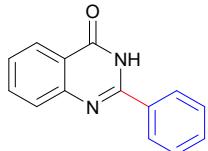
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.75 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 8.20 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 151.6, 142.5, 135.7, 132.3, 130.8, 130.1, 129.4, 126.8, 124.4, 123.7, 119.1, 111.5, 21.8. MS [EI, m/z]: 208 [M $^+$].

2-phenyl-1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine (3at)¹⁰



^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 13.55 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.25 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 152.9, 149.9, 144.3, 131.0, 130.2, 129.5, 127.2, 126.8, 119.6, 118.6. MS [EI, m/z]: 195 [M $^+$].

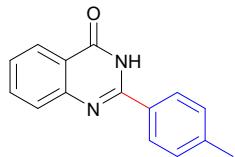
2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5aa)¹¹



^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.49 (s, 1H), 8.17 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (q, J = 11.6, 10.7 Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.8, 152.8, 149.2,

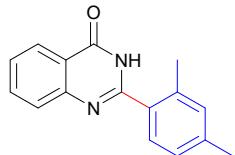
135.0, 133.2, 131.8, 129.1, 128.2, 127.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.3, 121.4. **MS** [EI, m/z]: 222 [M⁺].

2-(p-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ab)¹¹



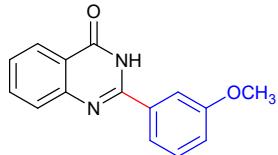
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.44 (s, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 7.83 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.7, 152.7, 149.3, 141.9, 135.1, 130.4, 129.7, 128.2, 127.9, 126.9, 126.3, 121.4, 21.5. **MS** [EI, m/z]: 236 [M⁺].

2-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ac)¹²



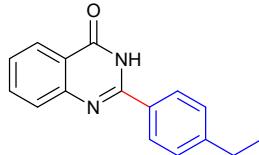
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.36 (s, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.3, 154.9, 149.3, 139.9, 136.5, 134.9, 131.9, 131.7, 129.6, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 121.4, 21.3, 20.1. **MS** [EI, m/z]: 250 [M⁺].

2-(3-methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ad)¹³



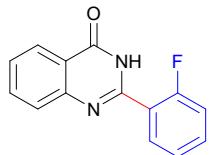
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2-(4-ethylphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ae)¹⁴



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.45 (s, 1H), 8.17 – 8.11 (m, 3H), 7.84 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 2.70 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.7, 152.7, 149.3, 148.1, 135.1, 130.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 126.3, 121.4, 28.5, 15.7. **MS** [EI, m/z]: 250 [M⁺].

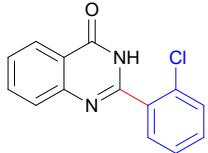
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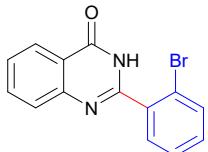
(m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 162.0, 161.3, 158.8, 150.4, 149.1, 135.1, 133.4, 133.3, 131.5, 131.5, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 125.1, 125.1, 122.8, 122.7, 121.6, 116.8, 116.5. **MS** [EI, m/z]: 240 [M^+].

2-(2-chlorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ag)¹⁵



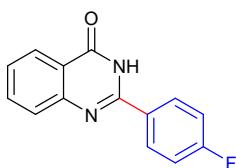
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2-(2-bromophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ah)¹⁵



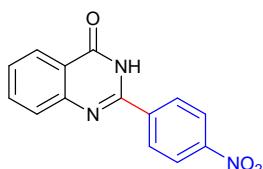
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2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ai)¹⁵



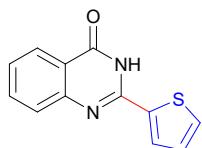
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2-(4-nitrophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5aj)¹⁶



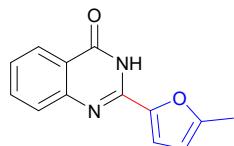
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2-(thiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ak)¹⁷



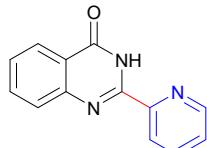
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2-(5-methylfuran-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5al)¹⁸



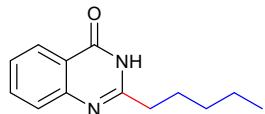
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2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5am)¹¹



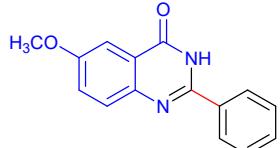
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2-pentylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5an)¹²



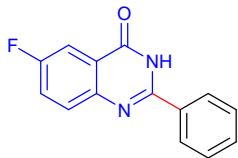
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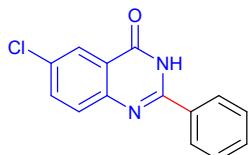
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6-fluoro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ap)²⁰



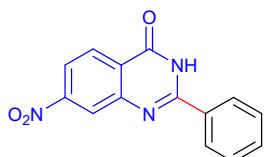
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6-chloro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5aq)²⁰



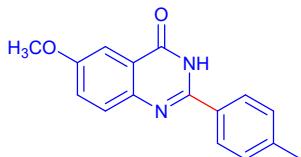
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7-nitro-2-phenylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ar)²¹



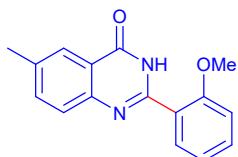
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6-methoxy-2-(p-tolyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5as)²²



¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.98 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.2, 168.3, 158.8, 141.5, 140.5, 134.1, 132.0, 129.2, 128.0, 117.0, 114.6, 109.3, 56.1, 21.4. MS [EI, m/z]: 266 [M⁺].

2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-6-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5at)²²



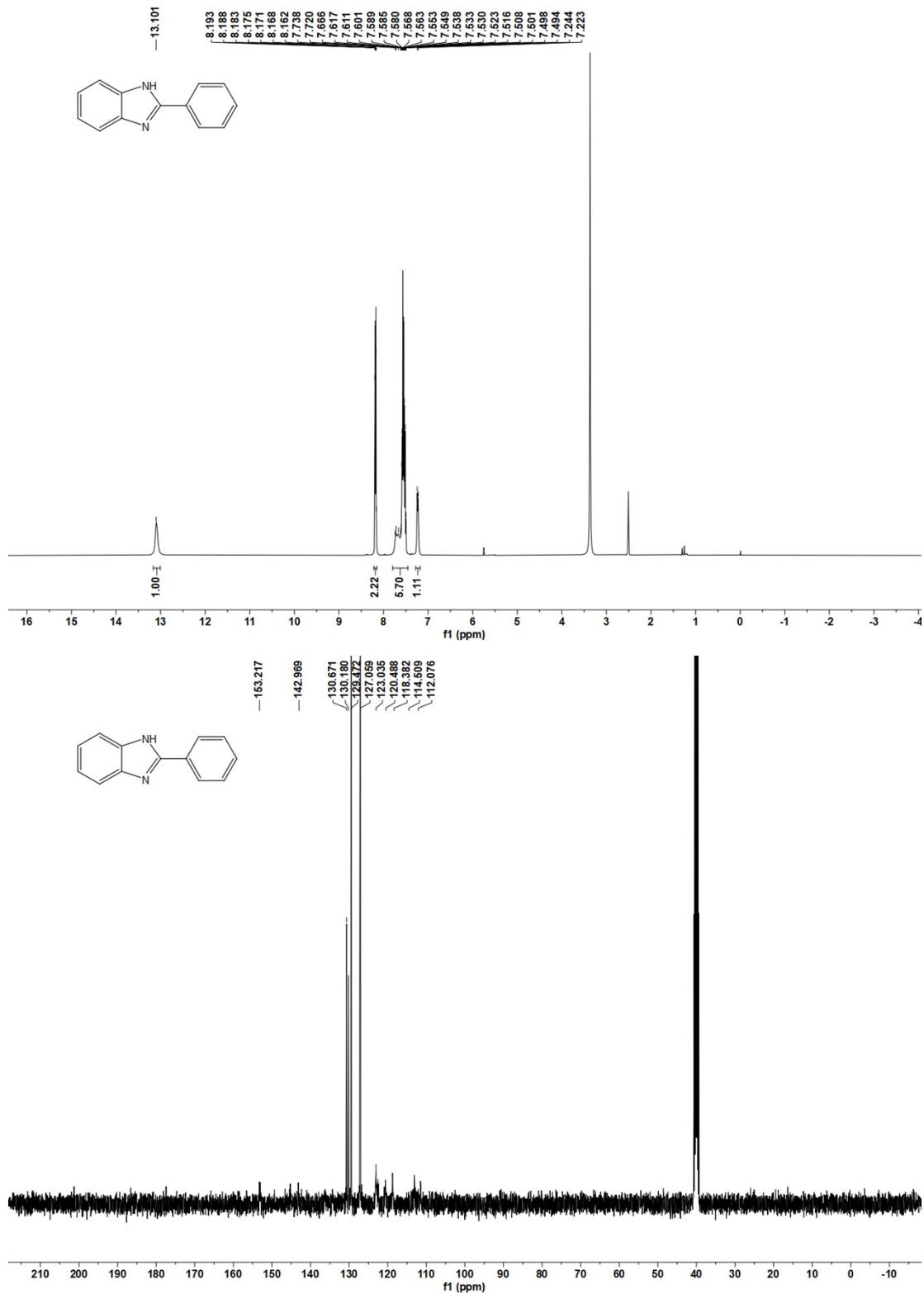
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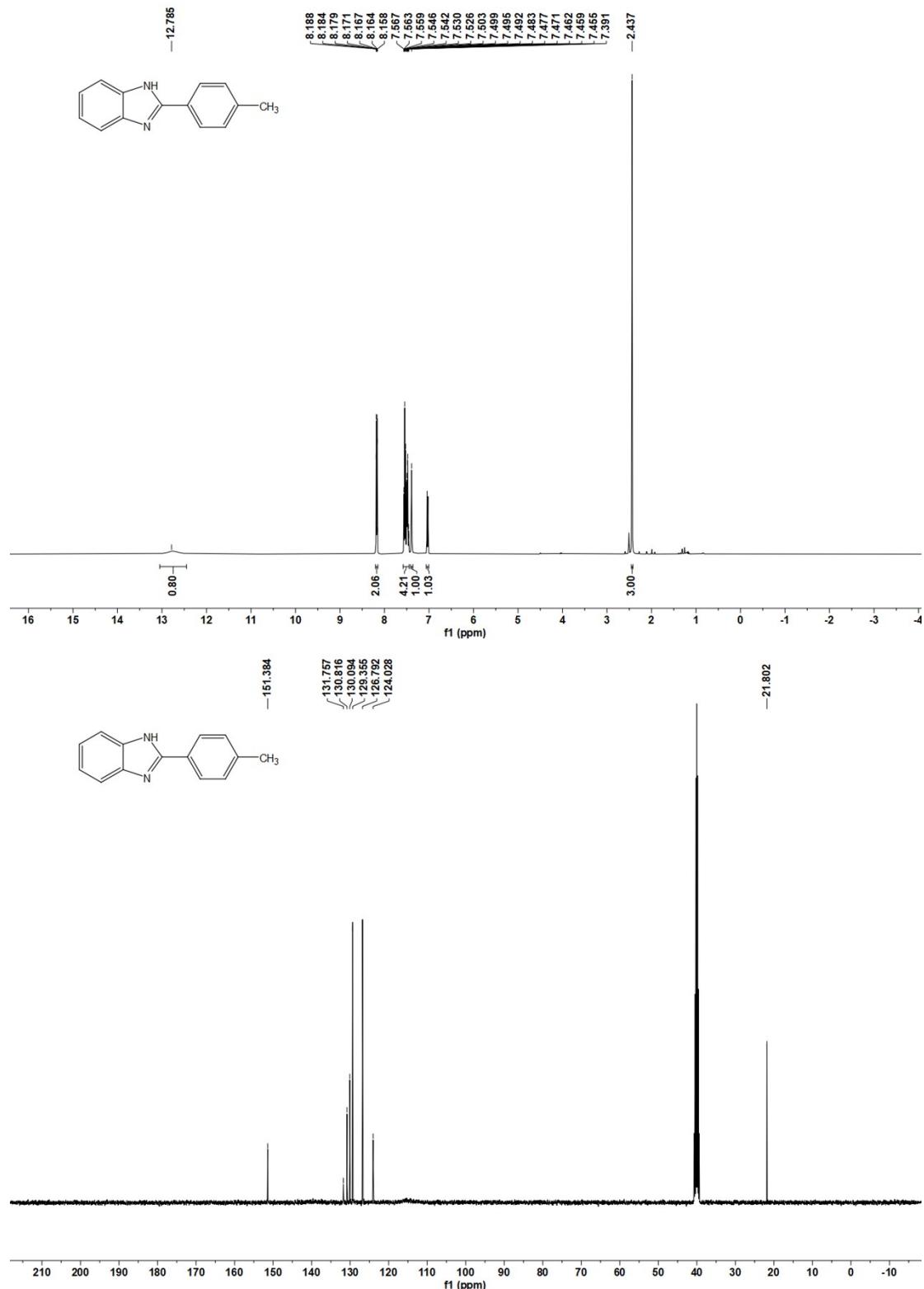
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6. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra for the products

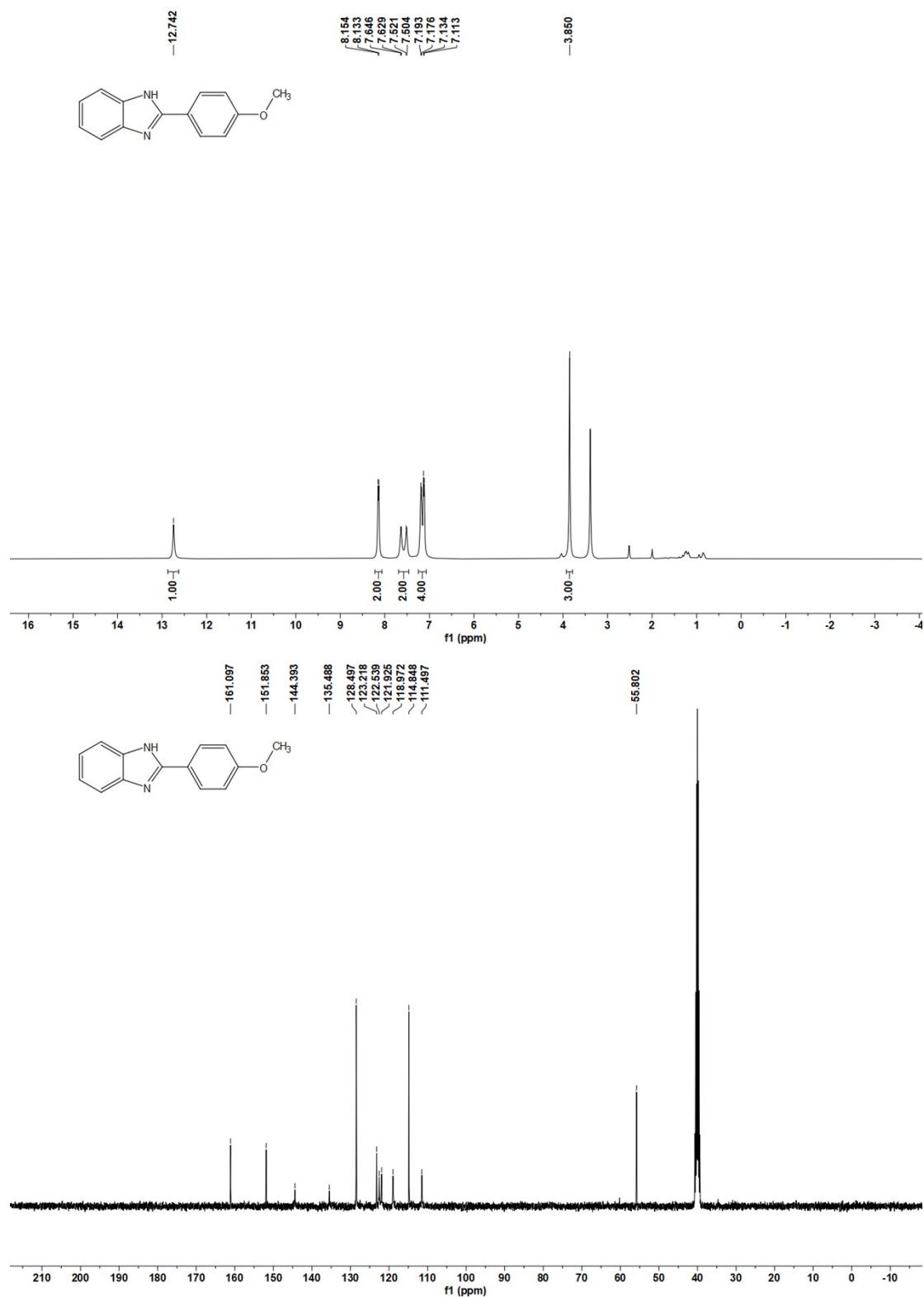
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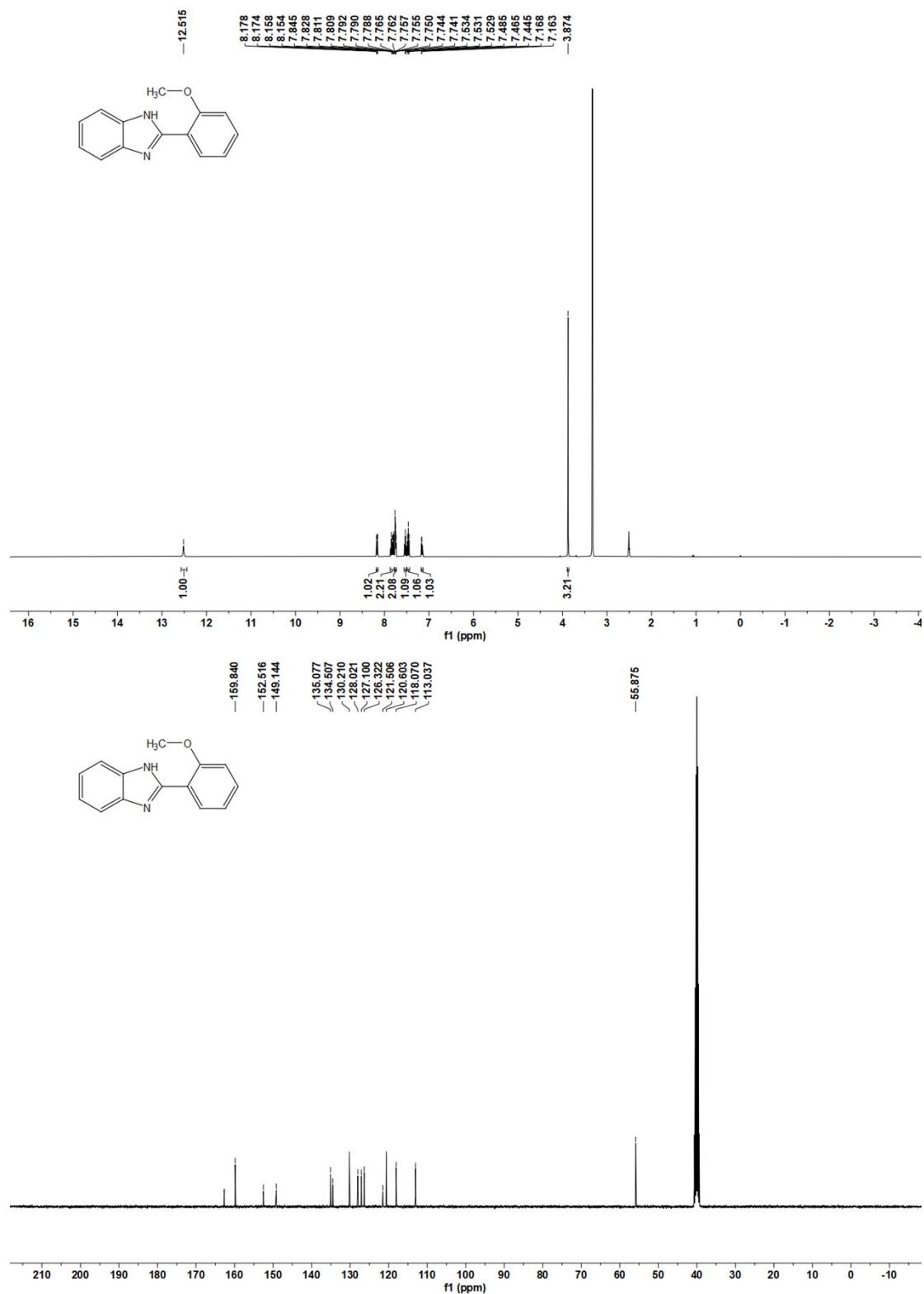
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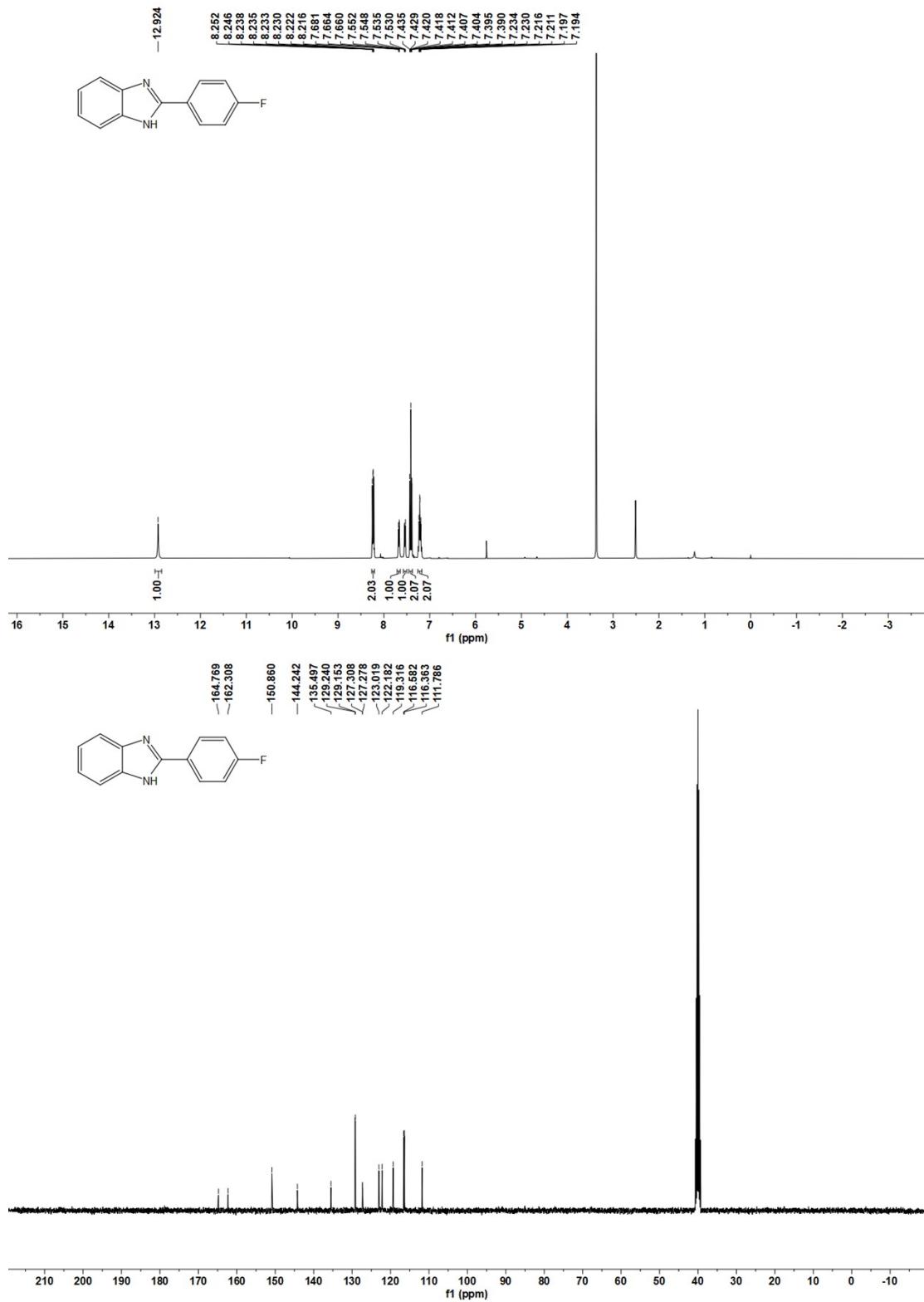
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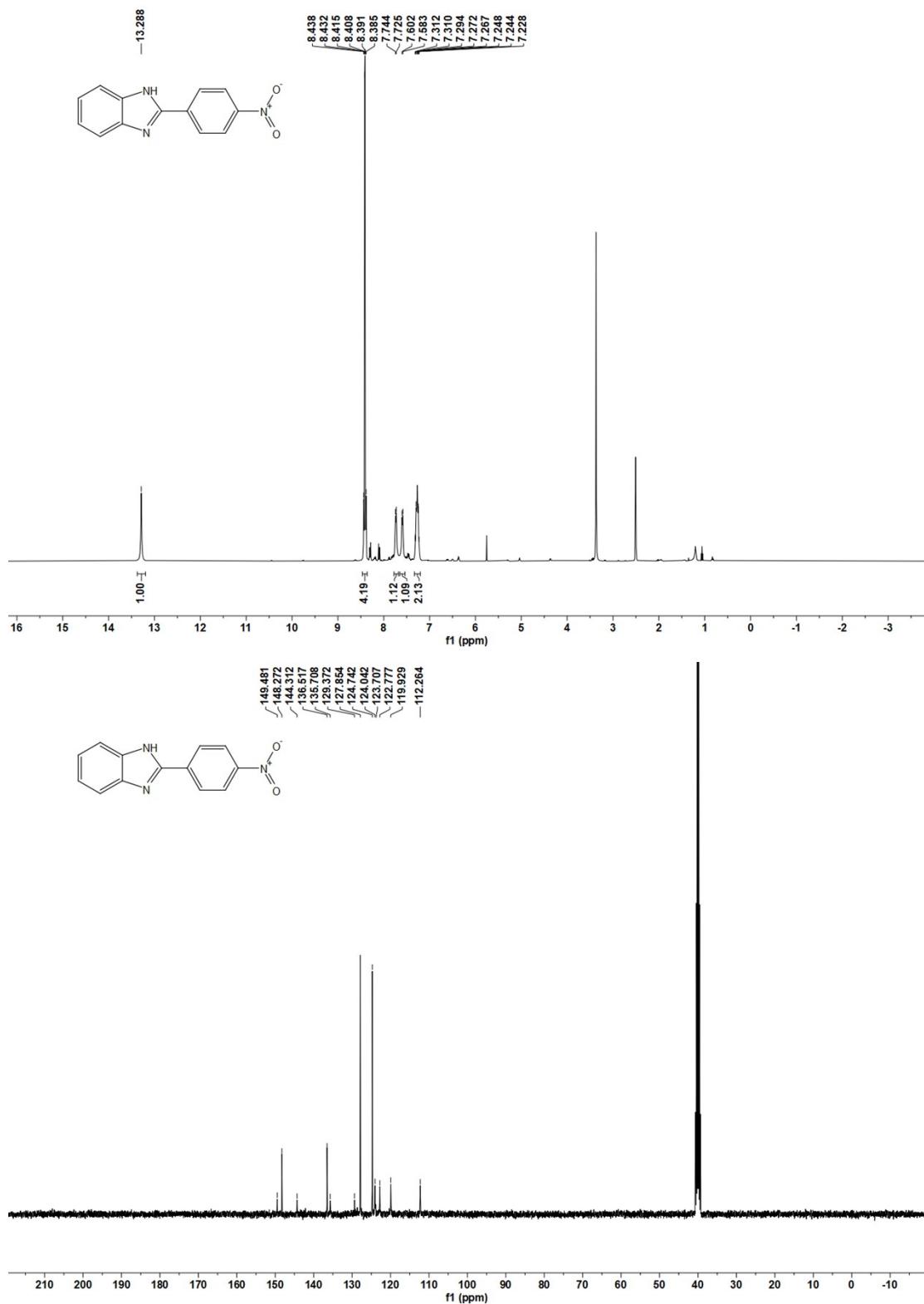
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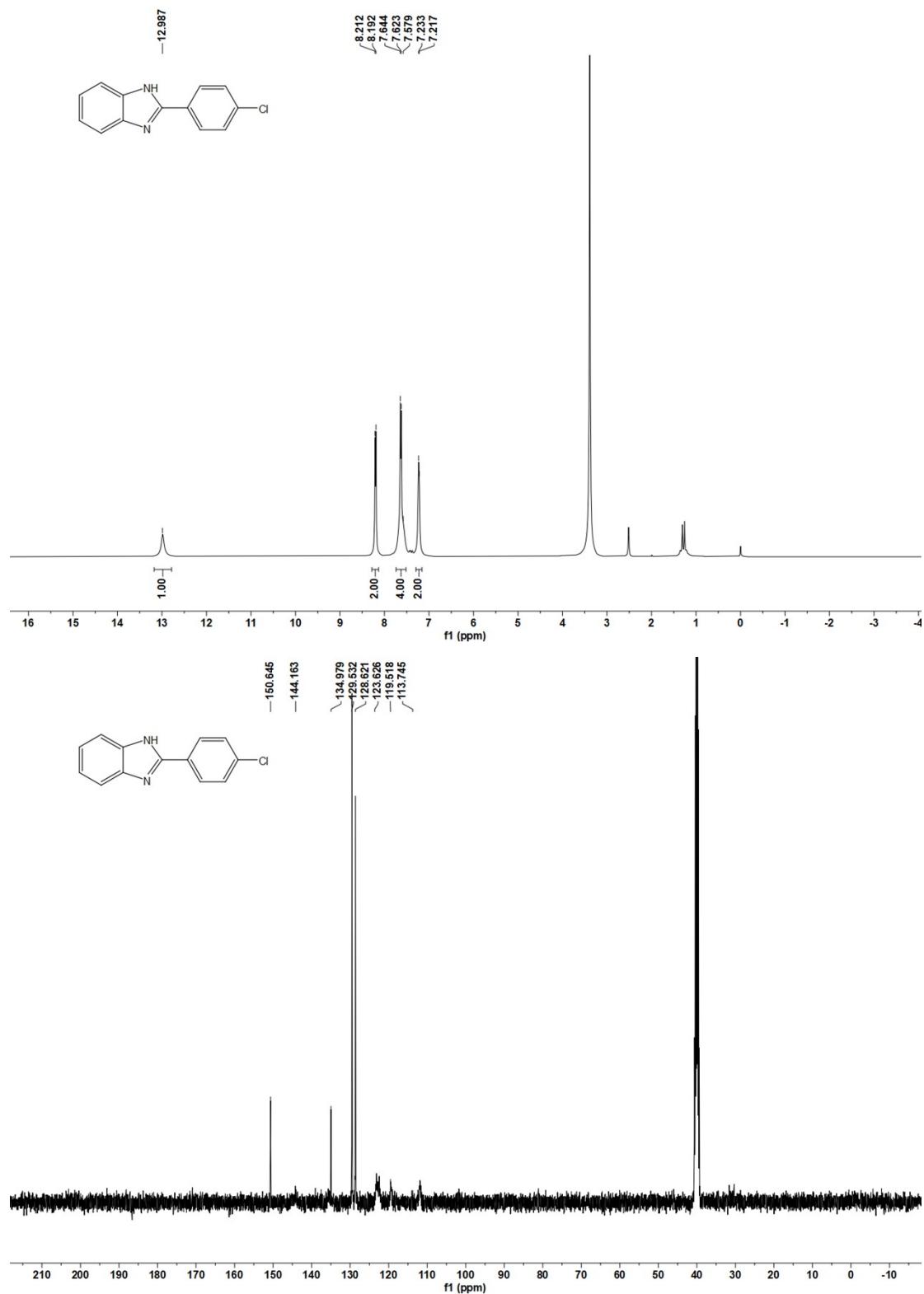
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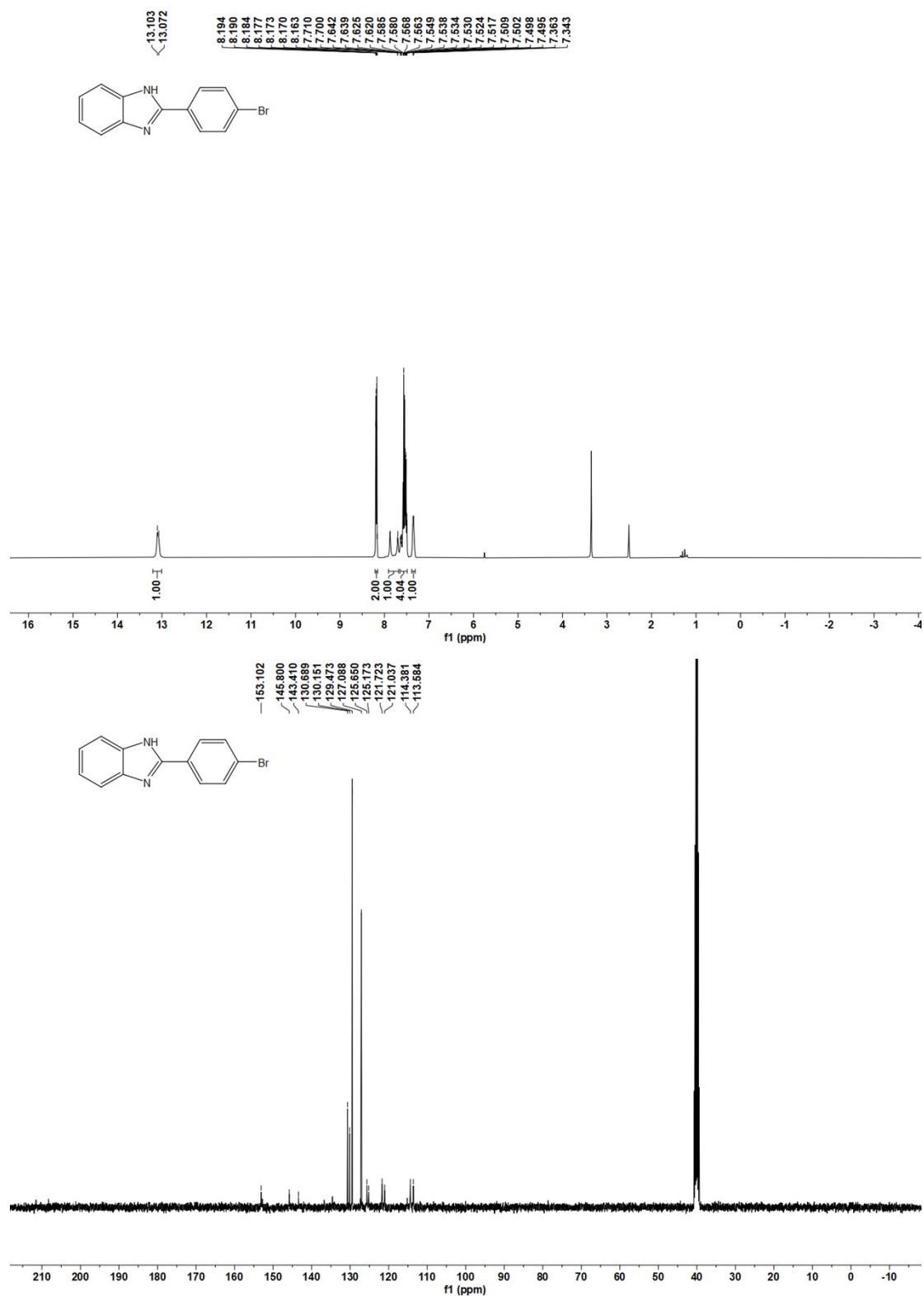
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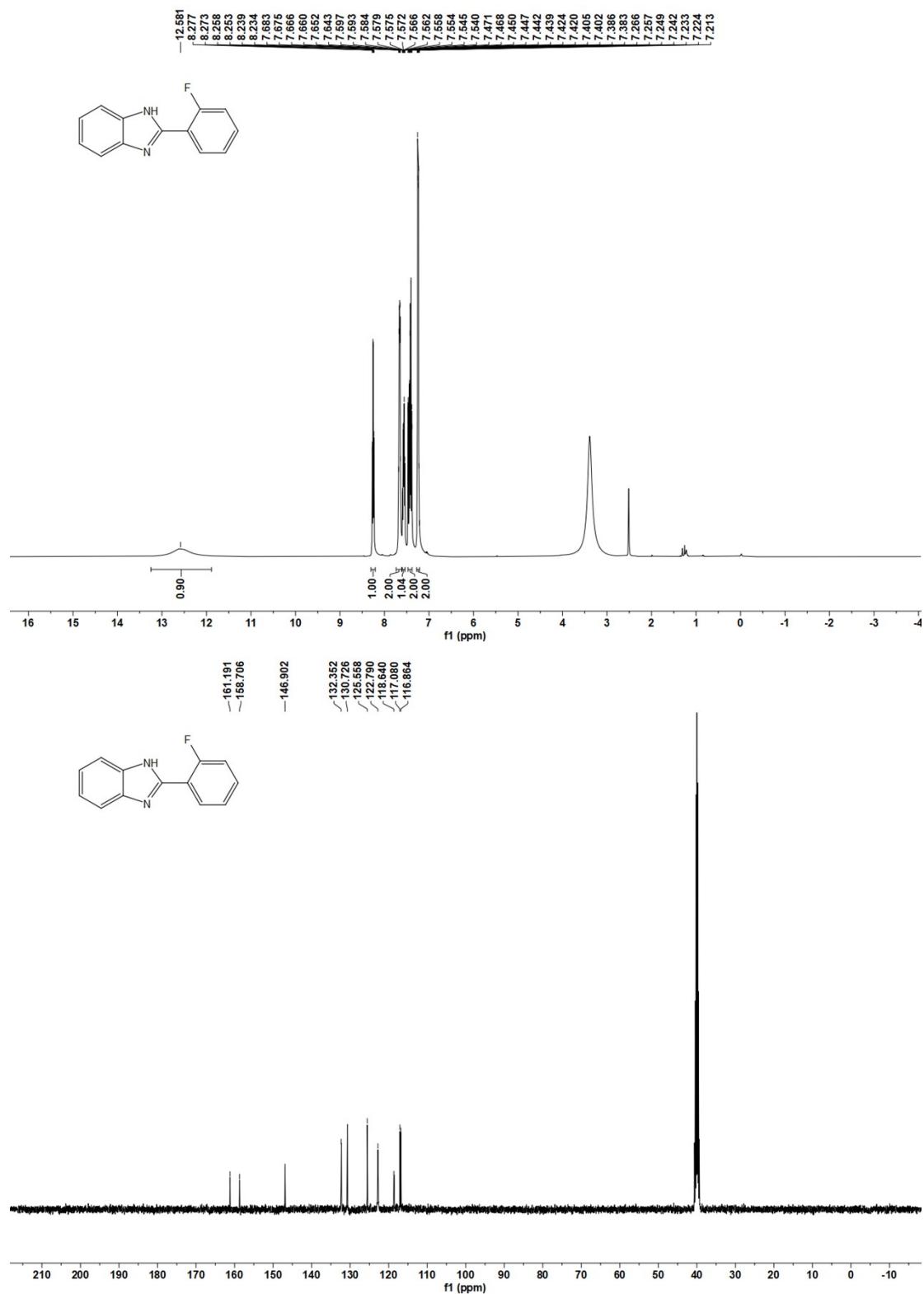
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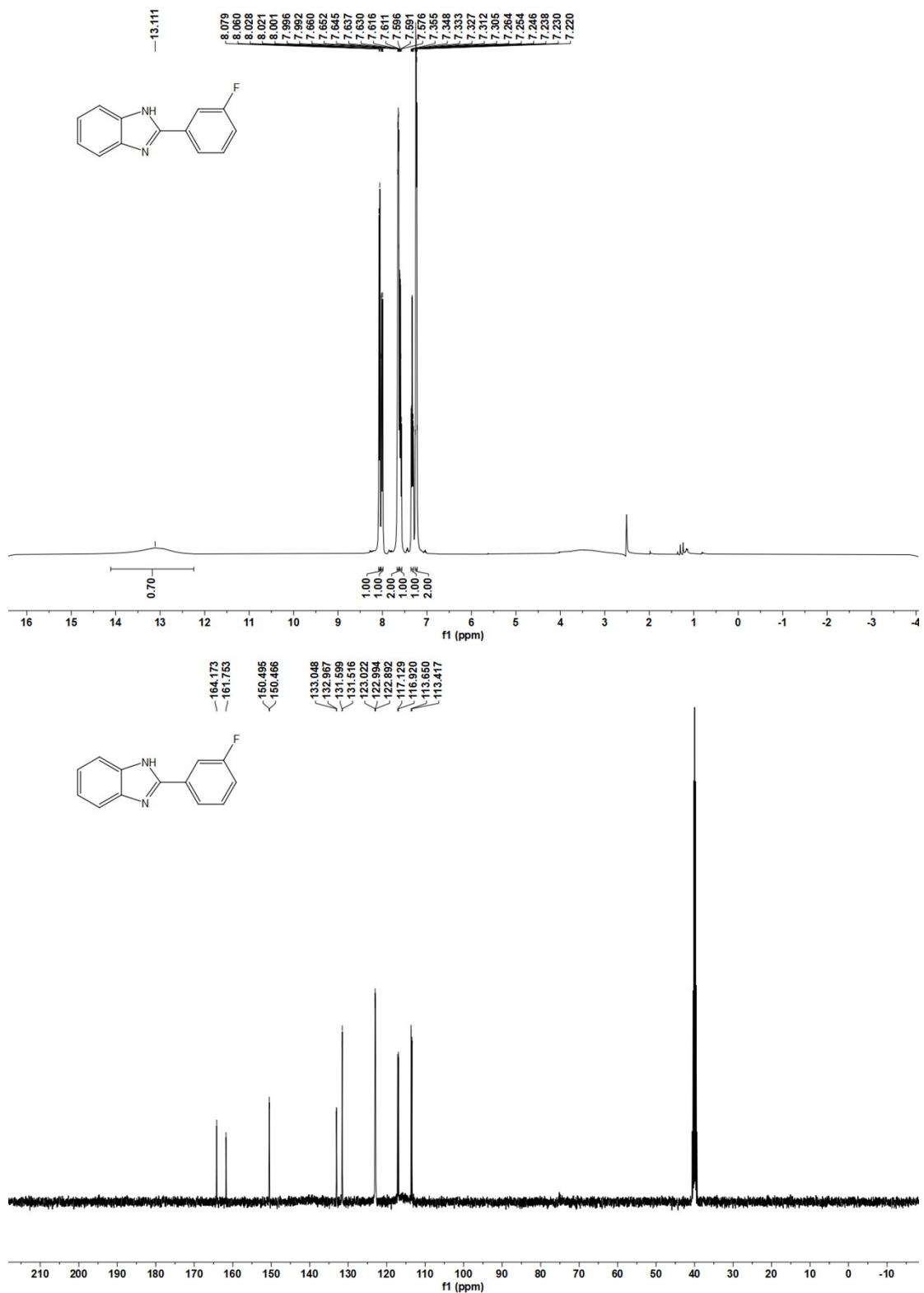
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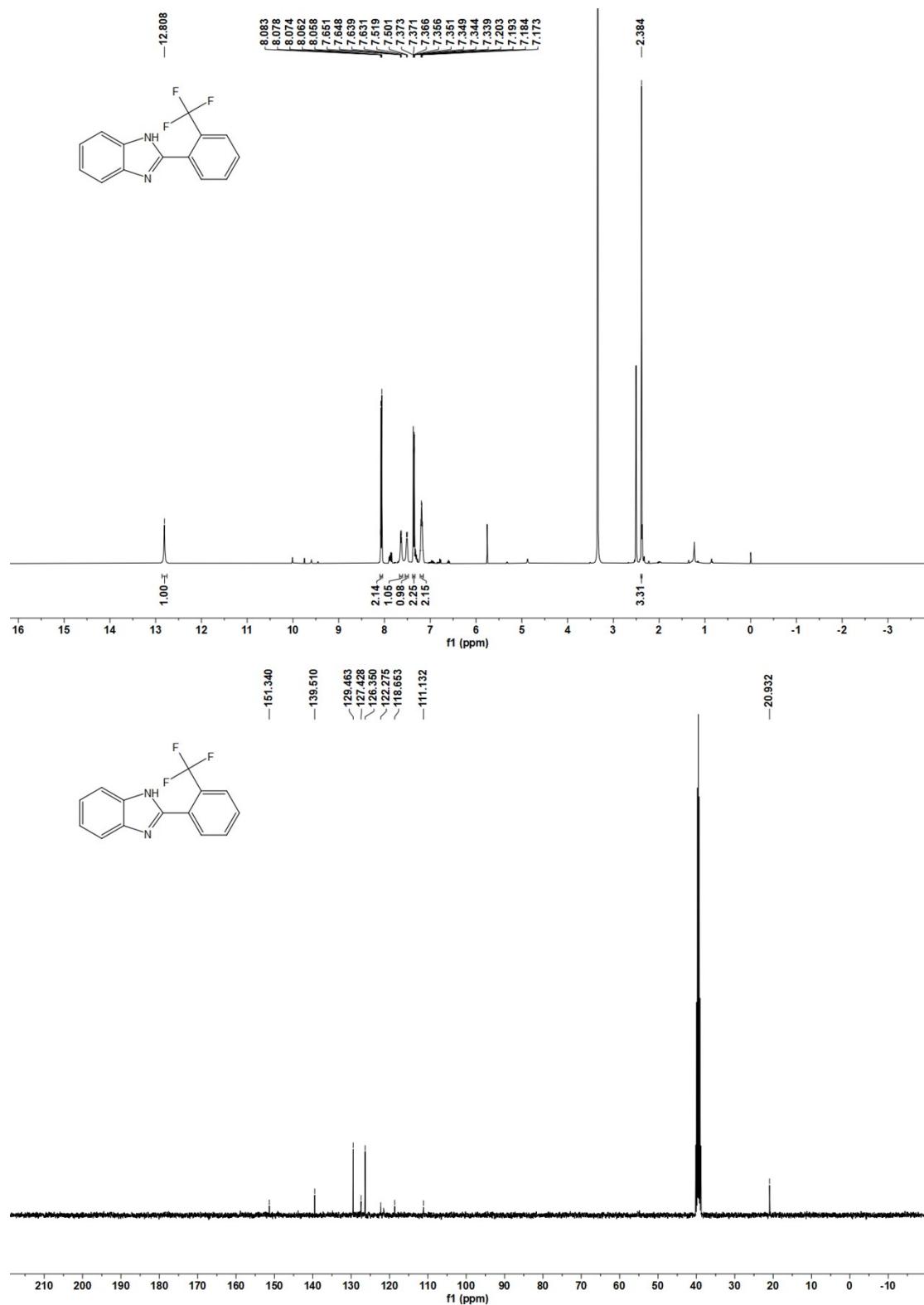
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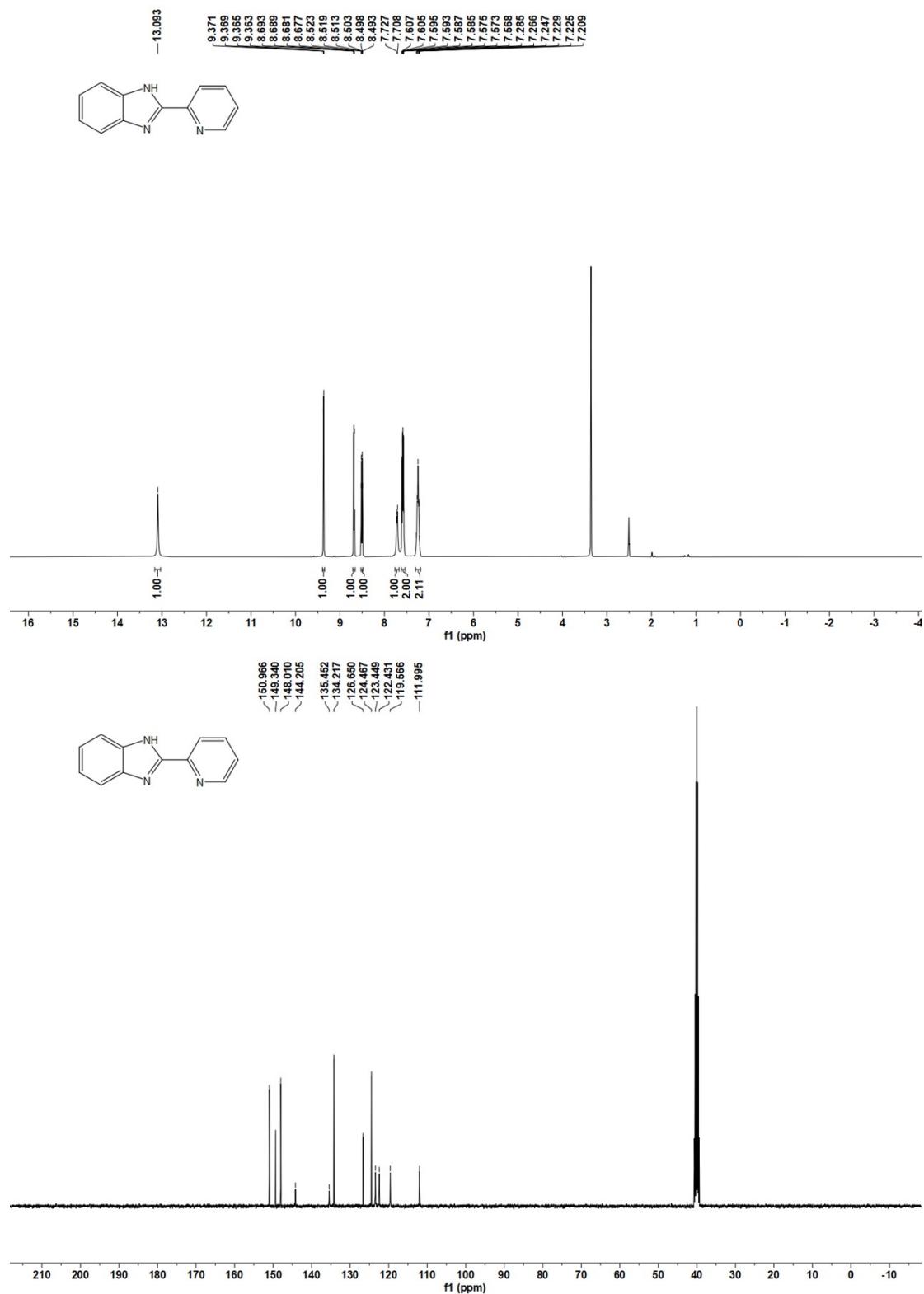
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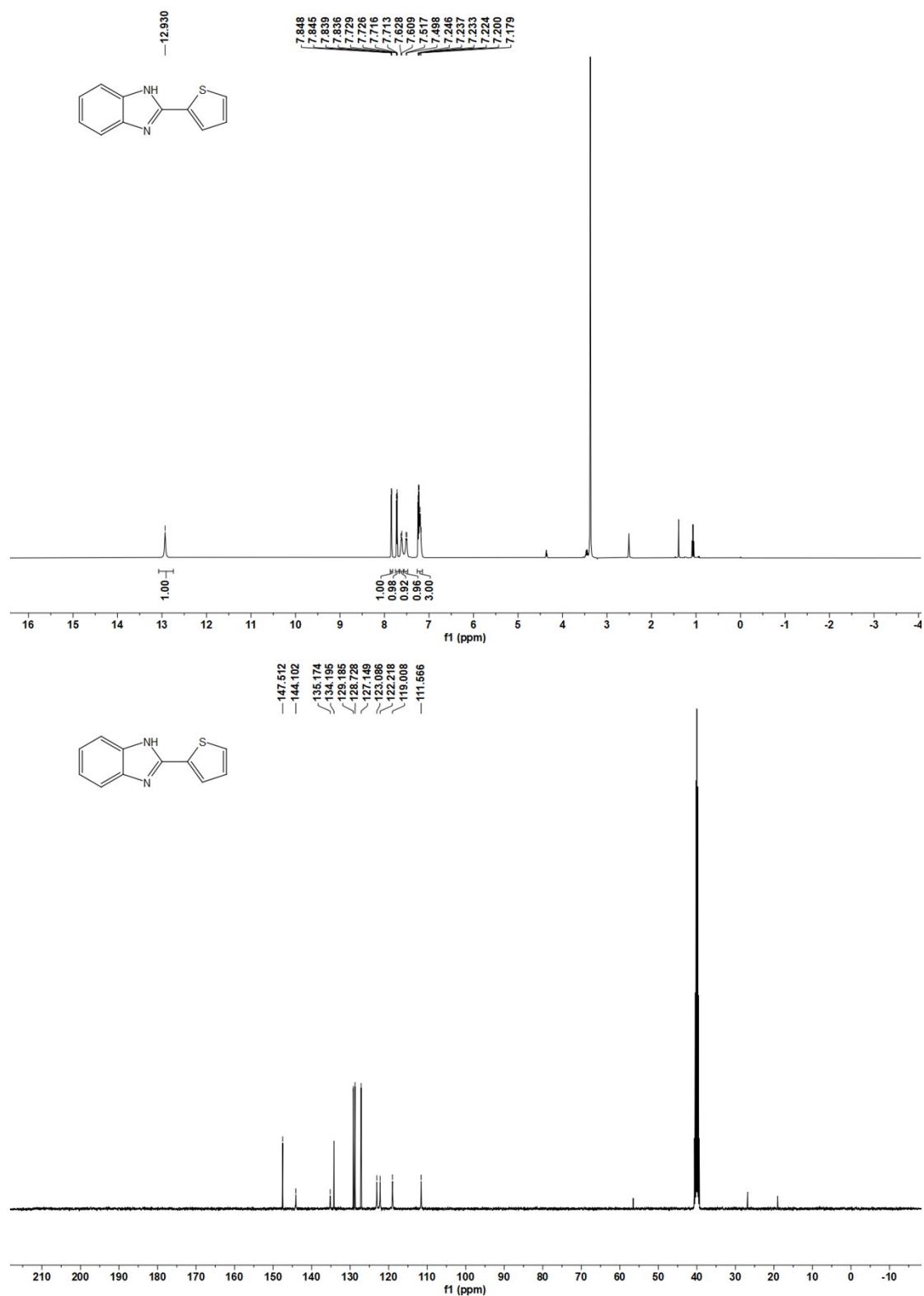
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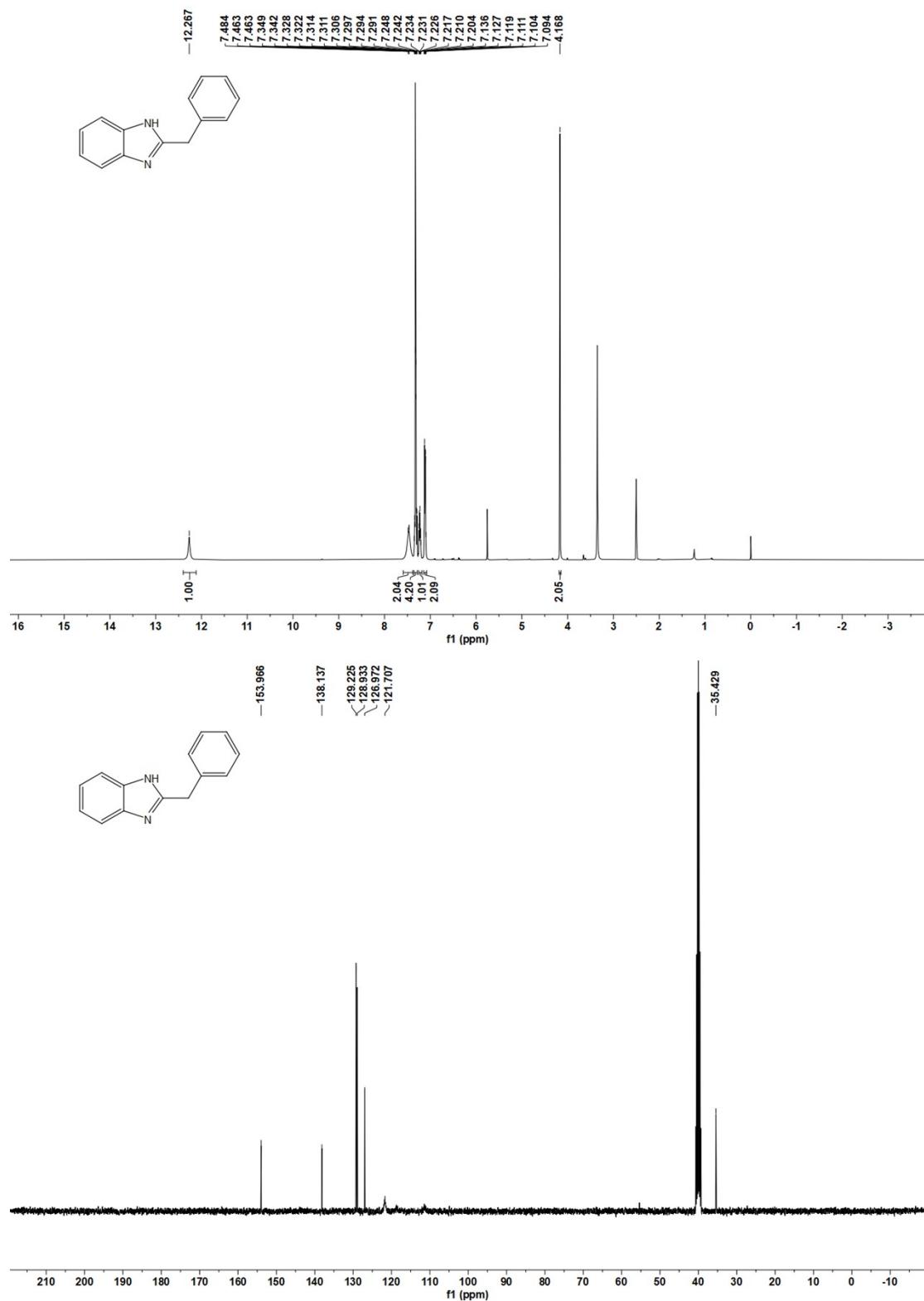
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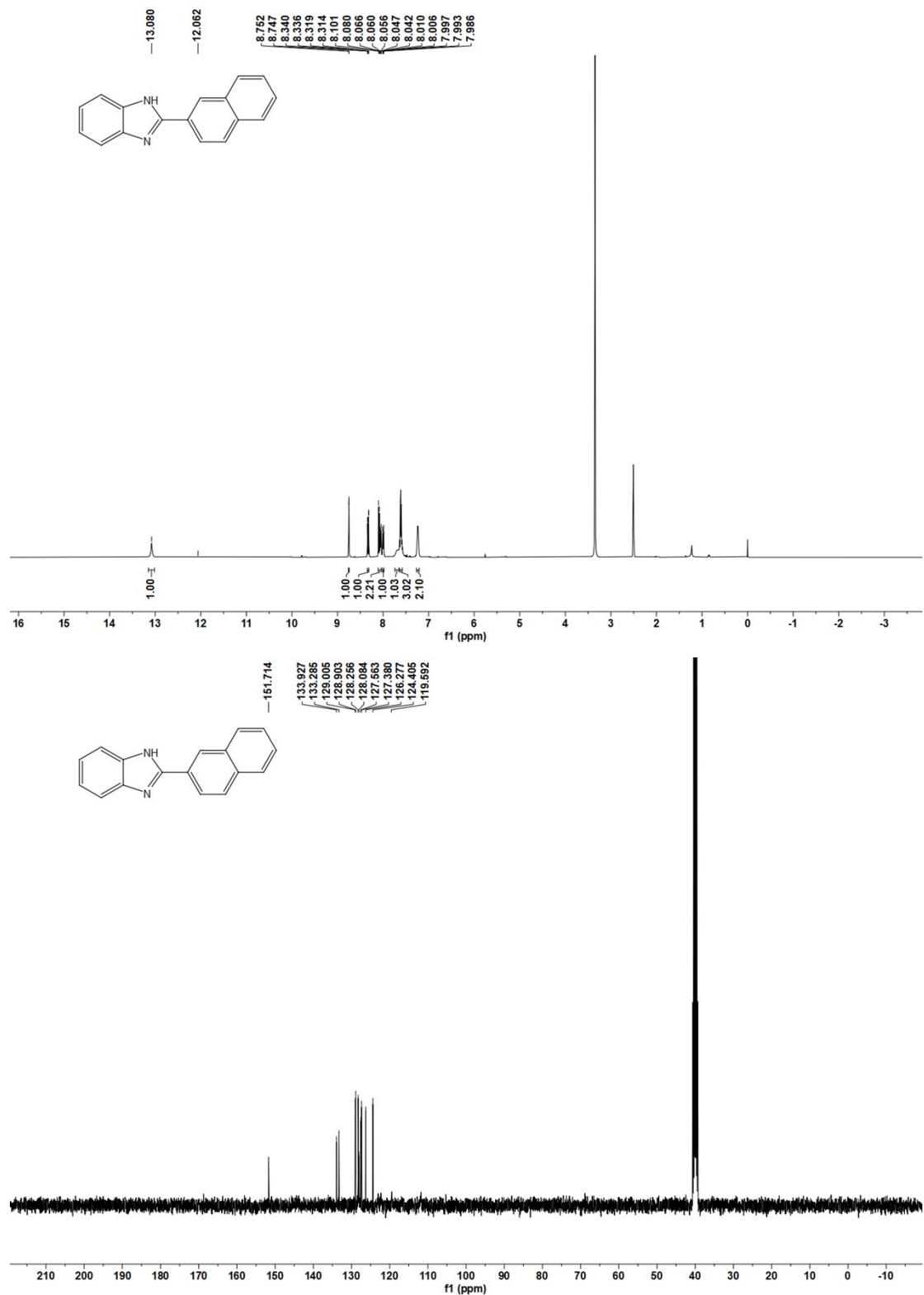
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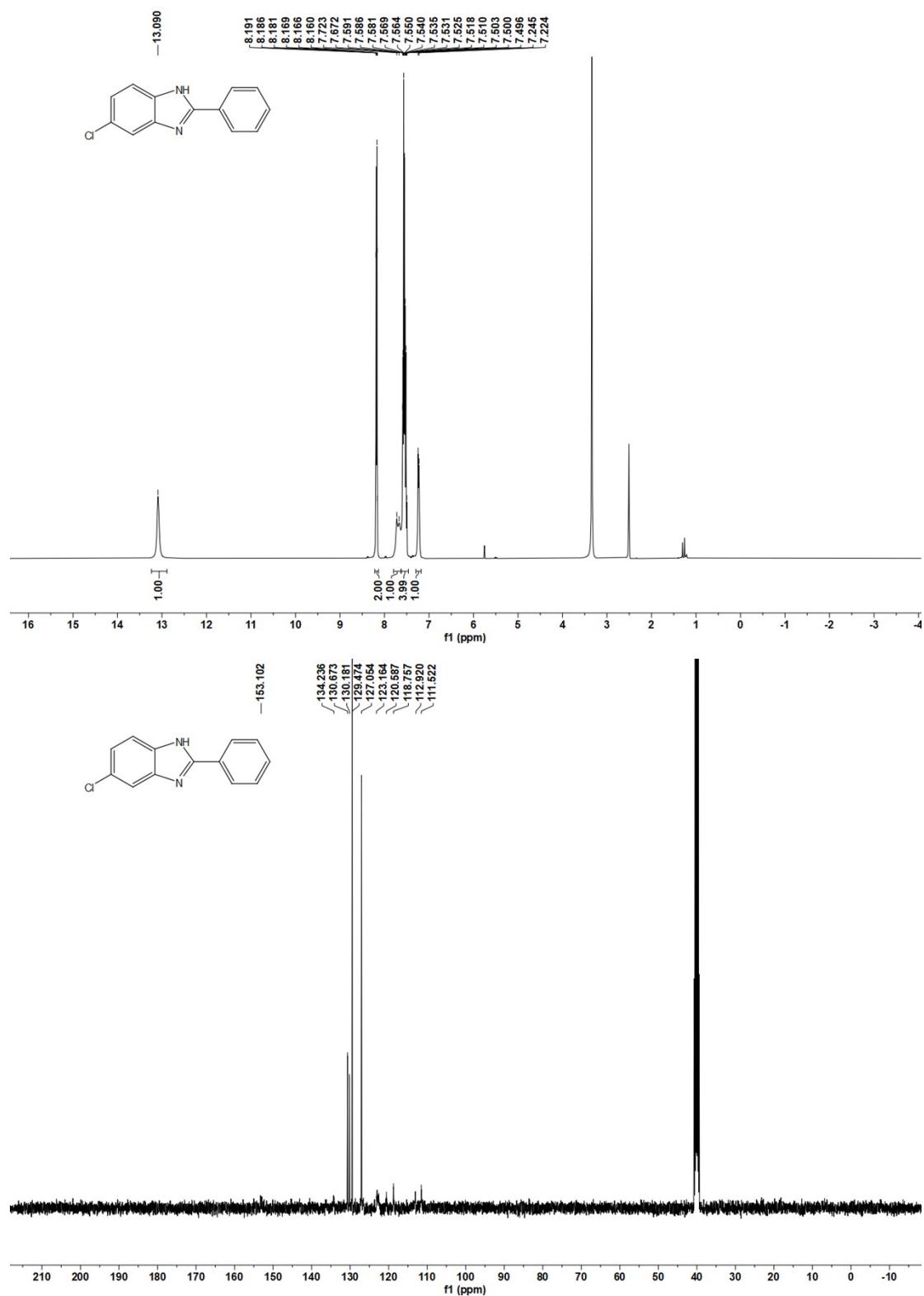
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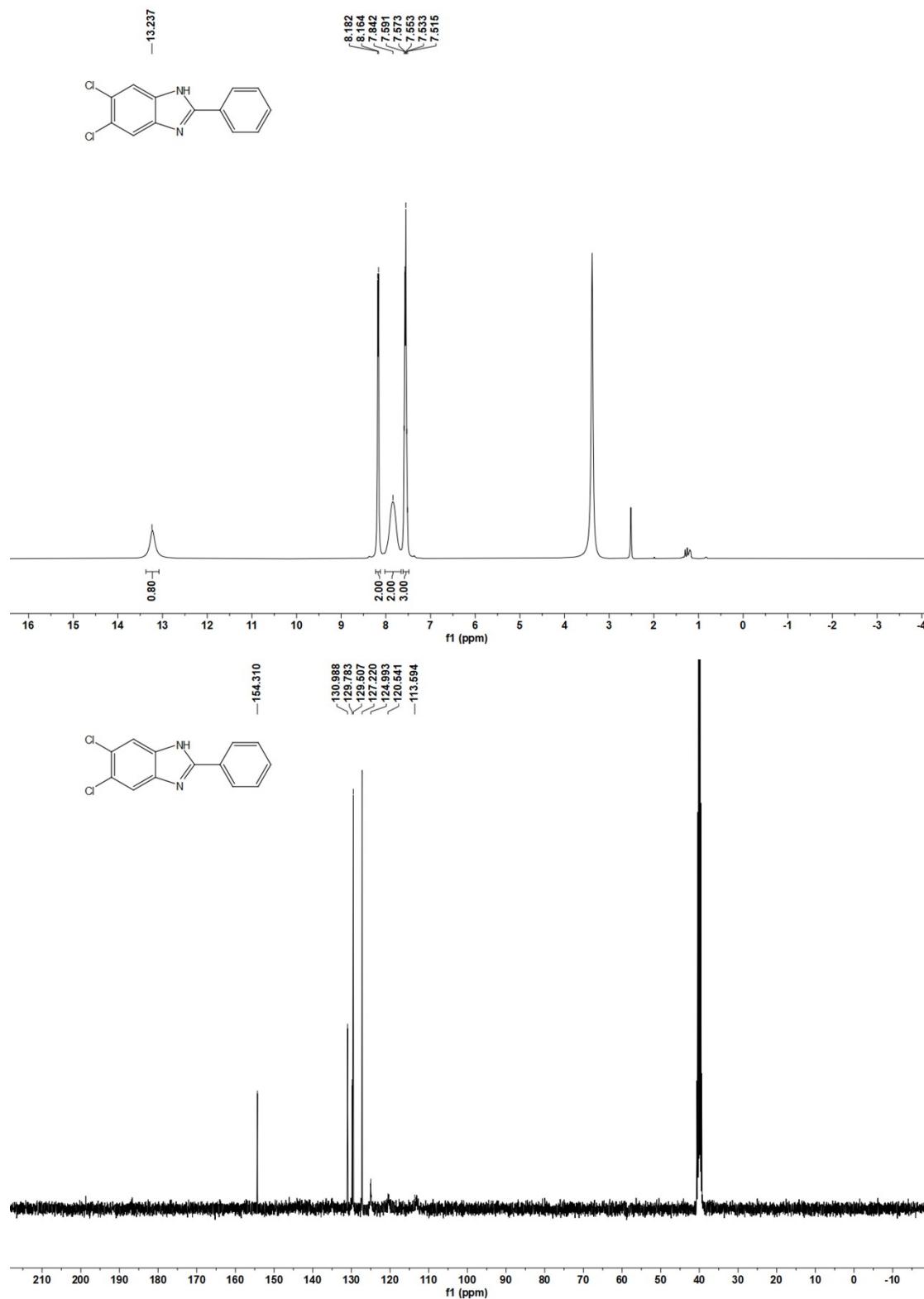
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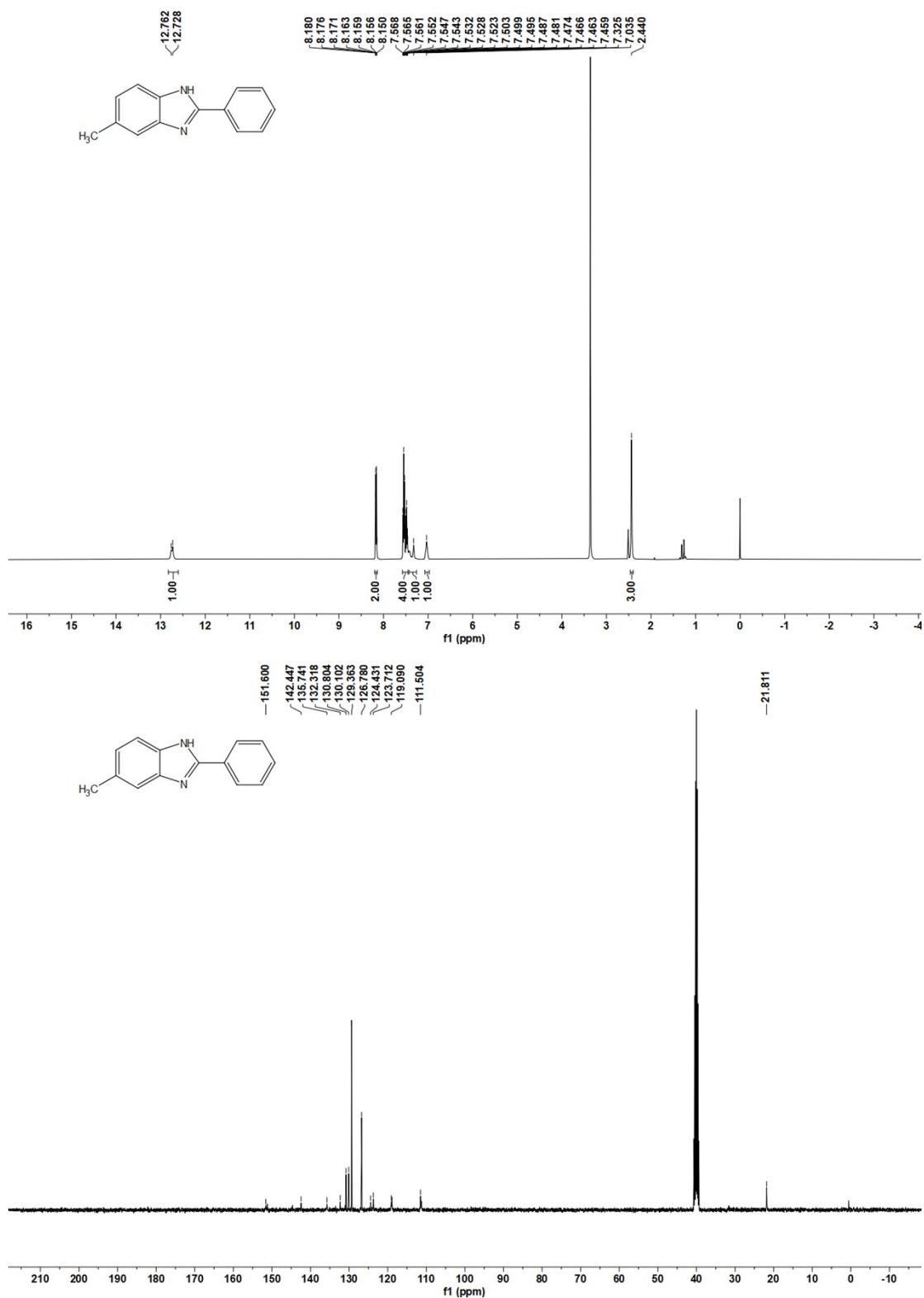
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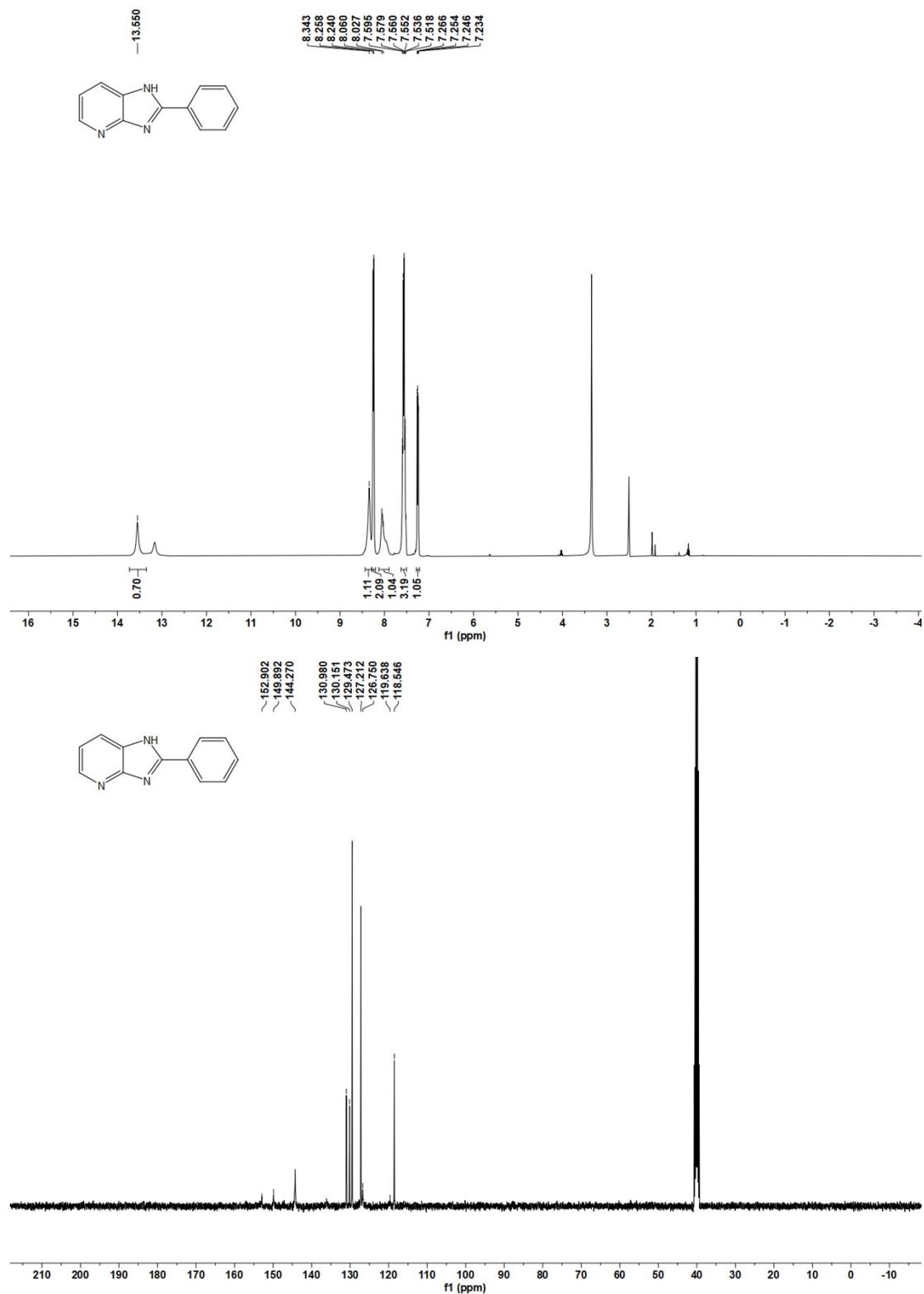
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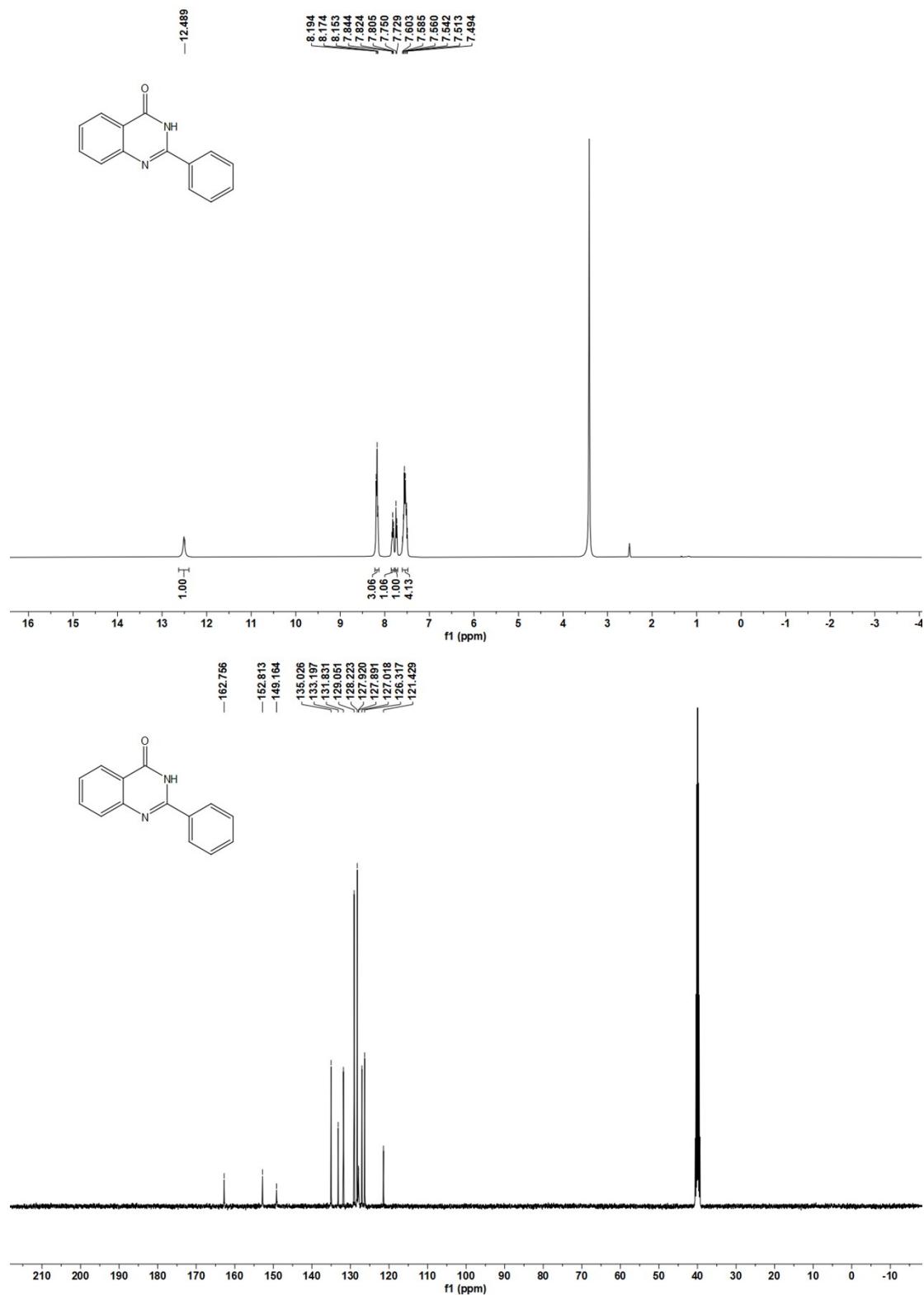
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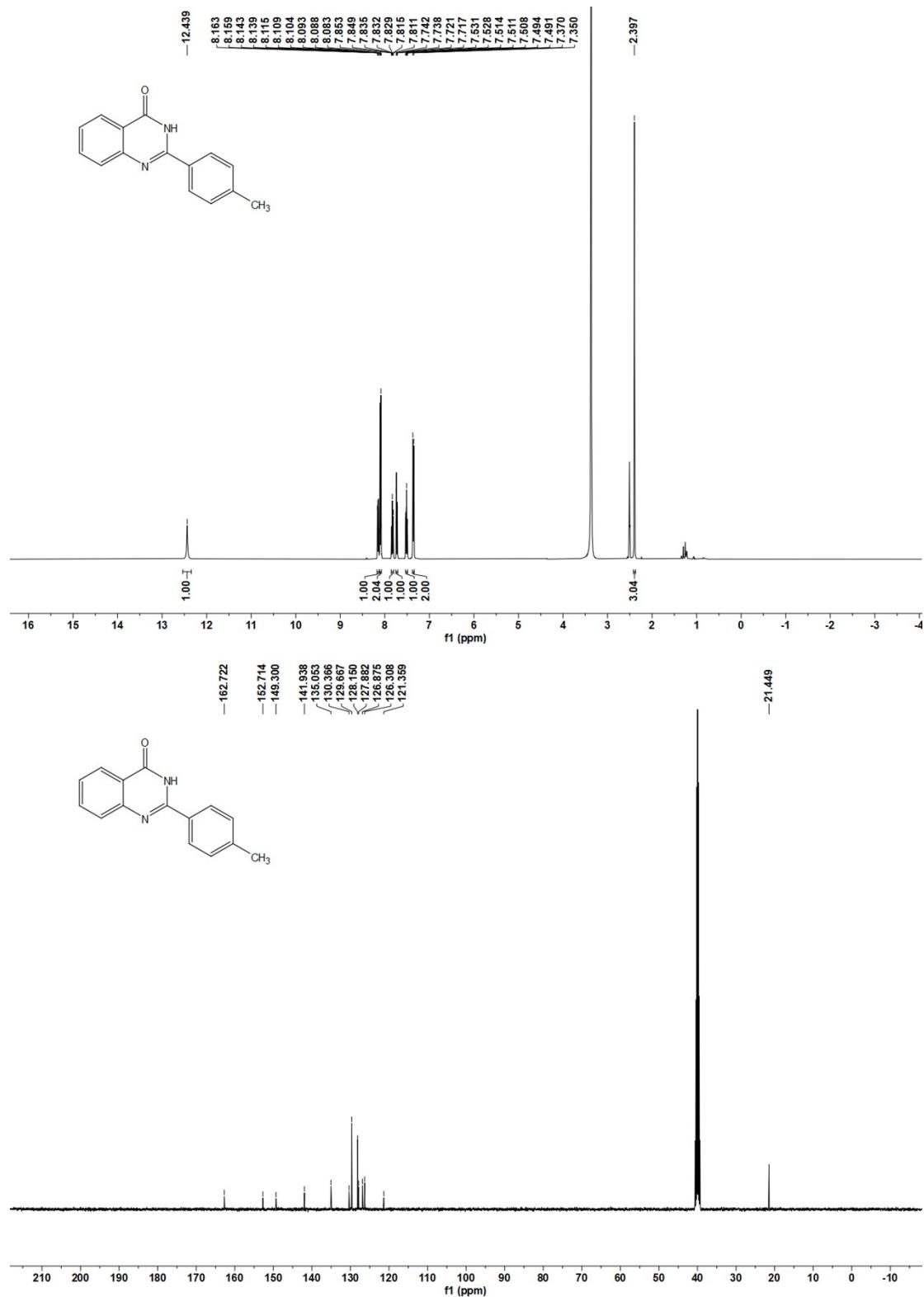
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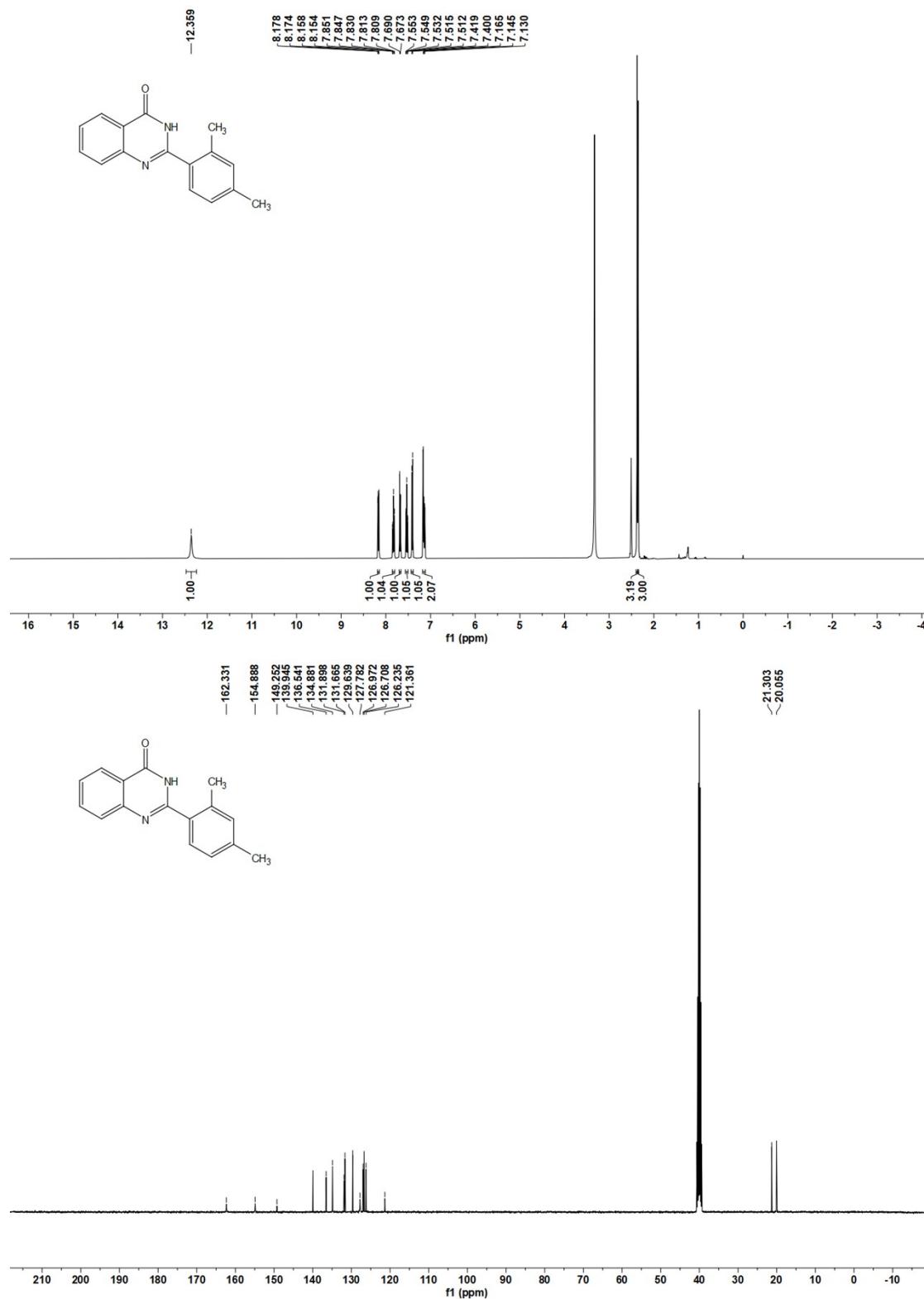
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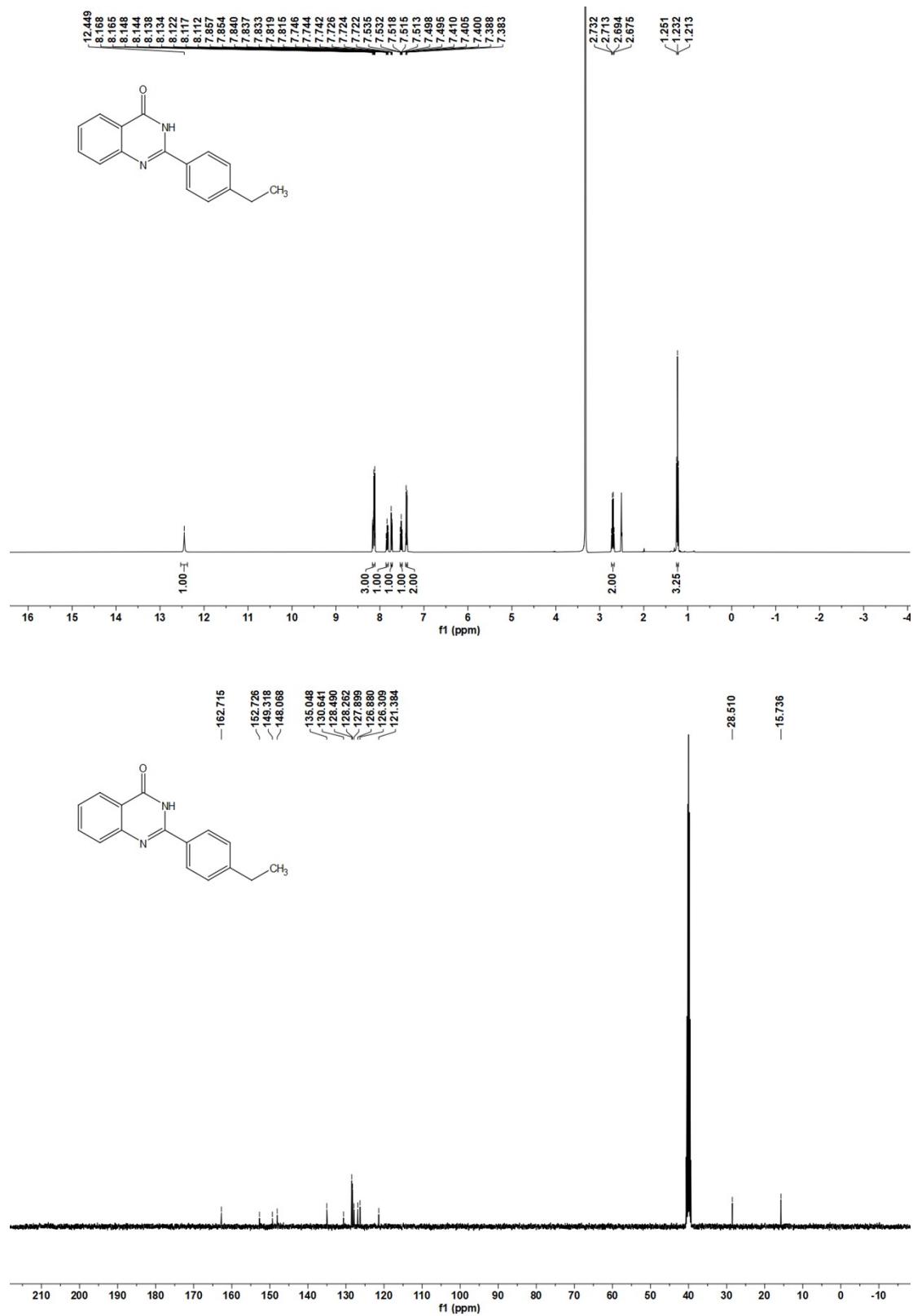
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2-(3-methoxyphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (**5ad**)



2-(4-ethylphenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (5ae)



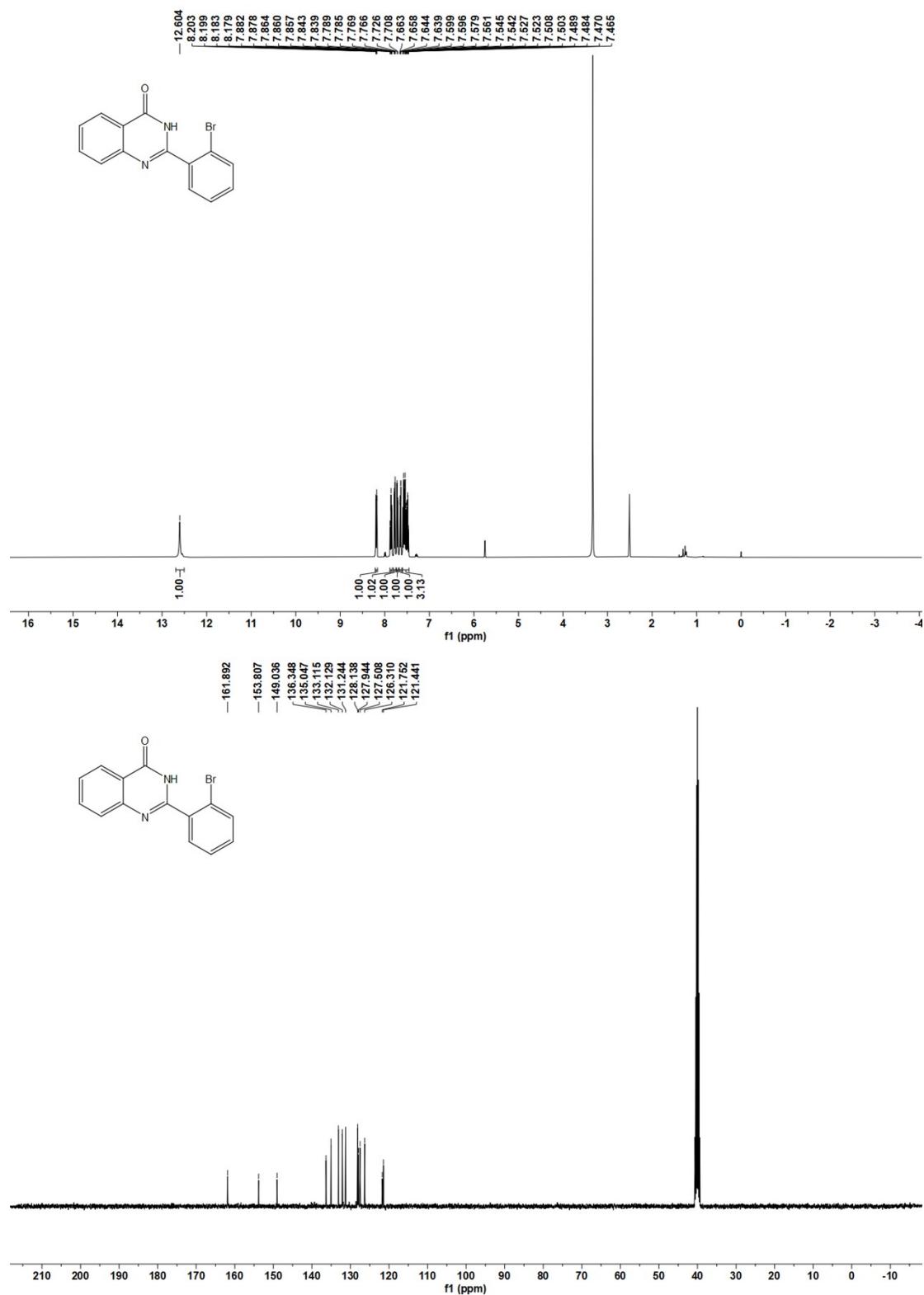
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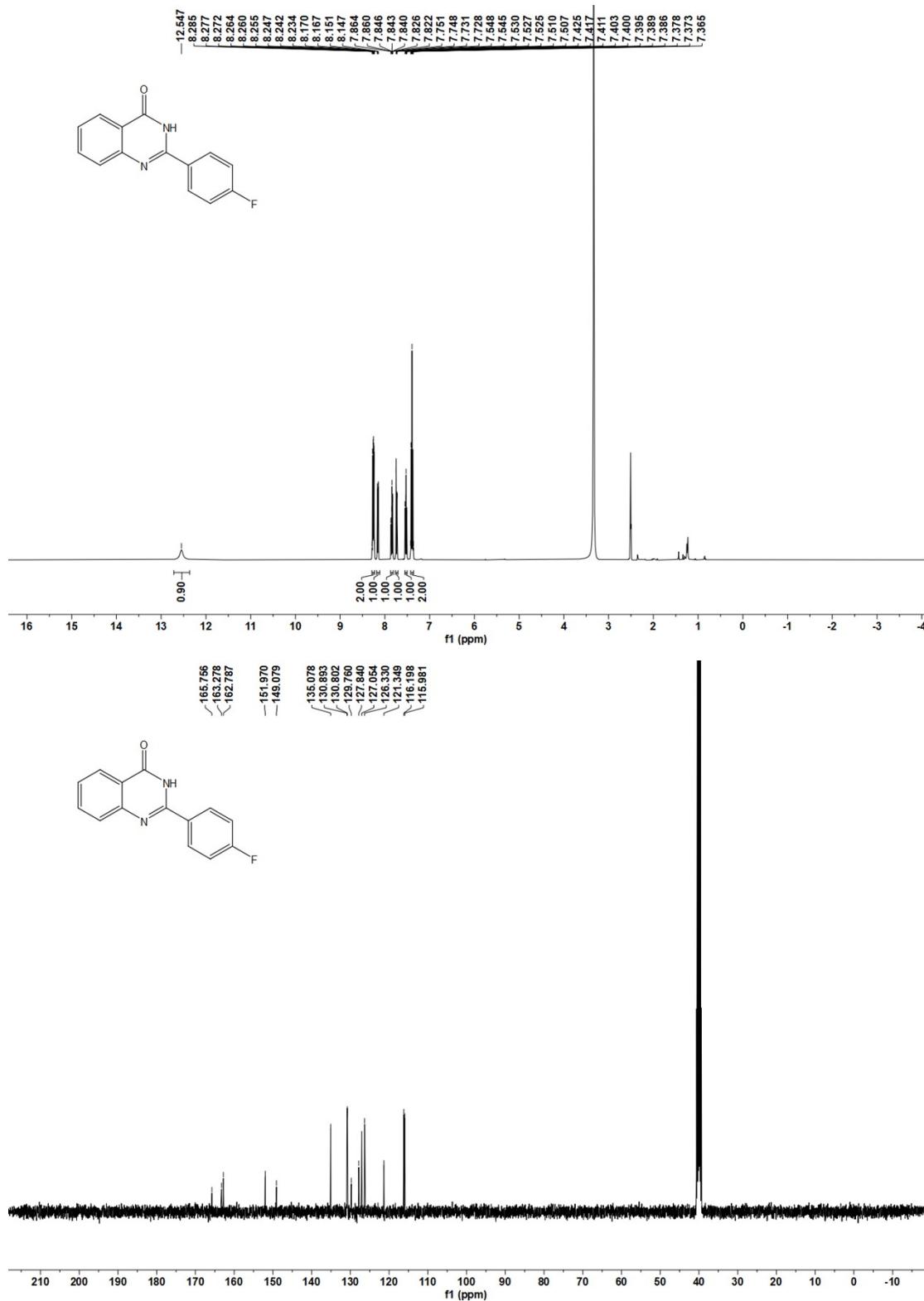
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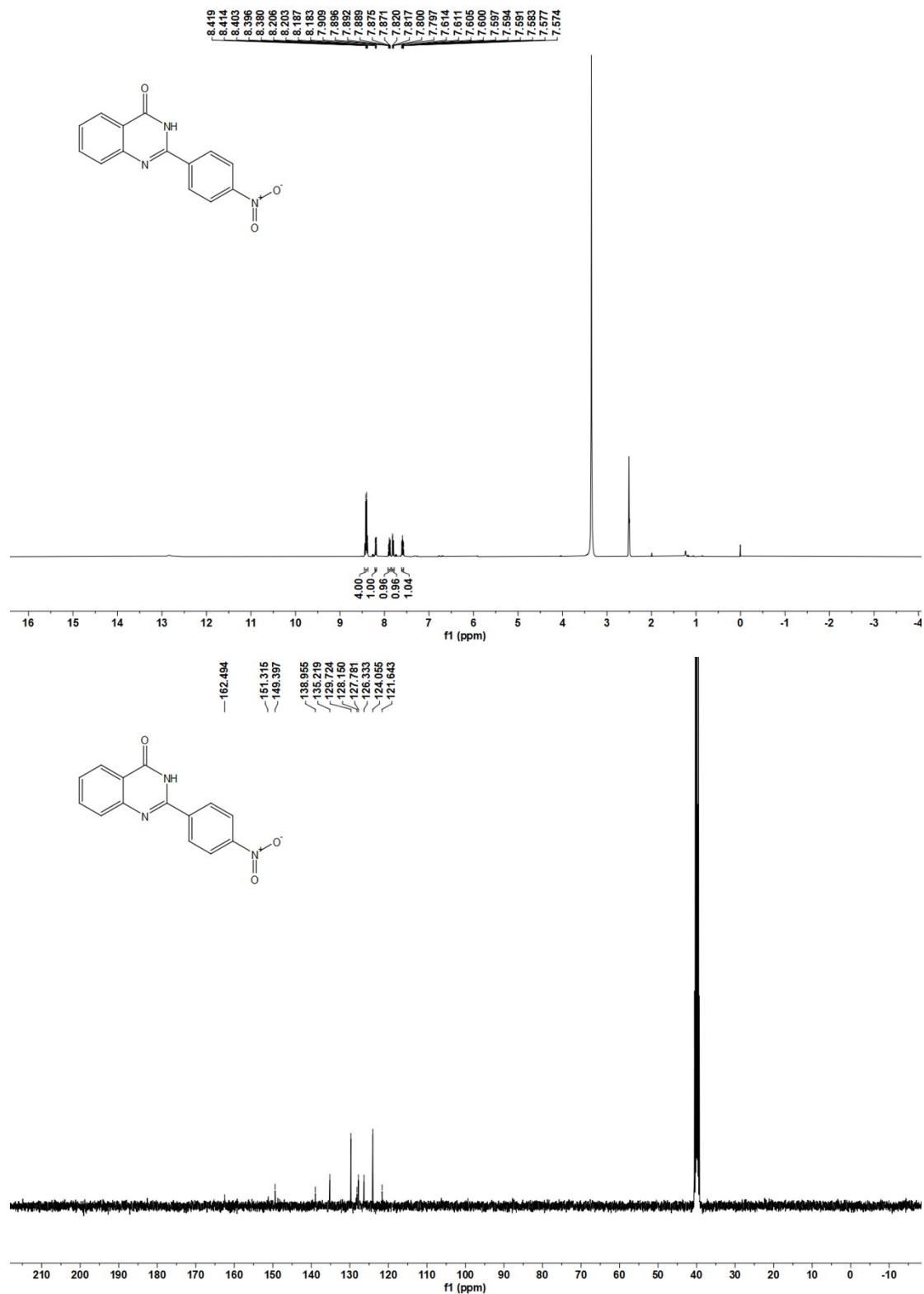
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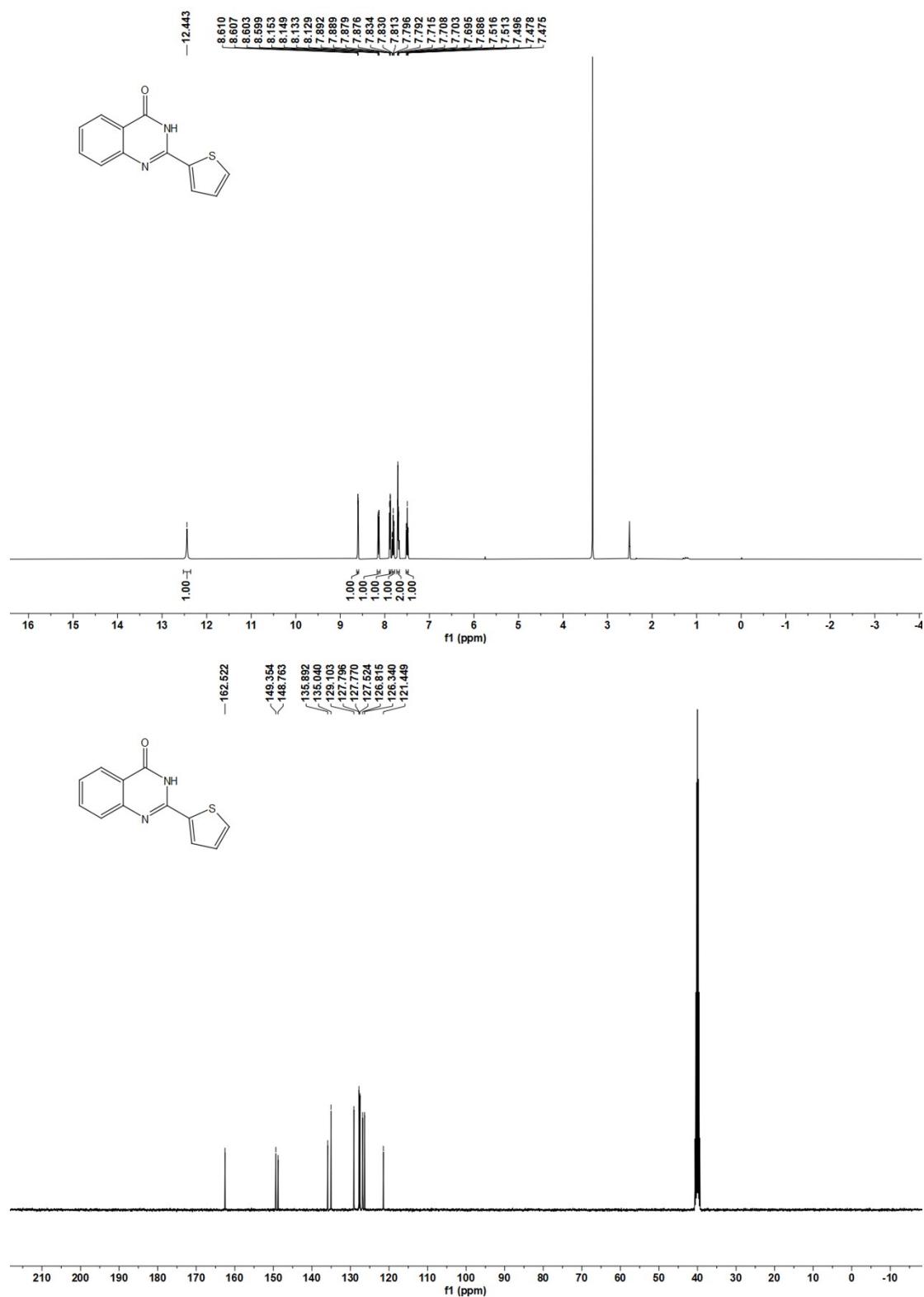
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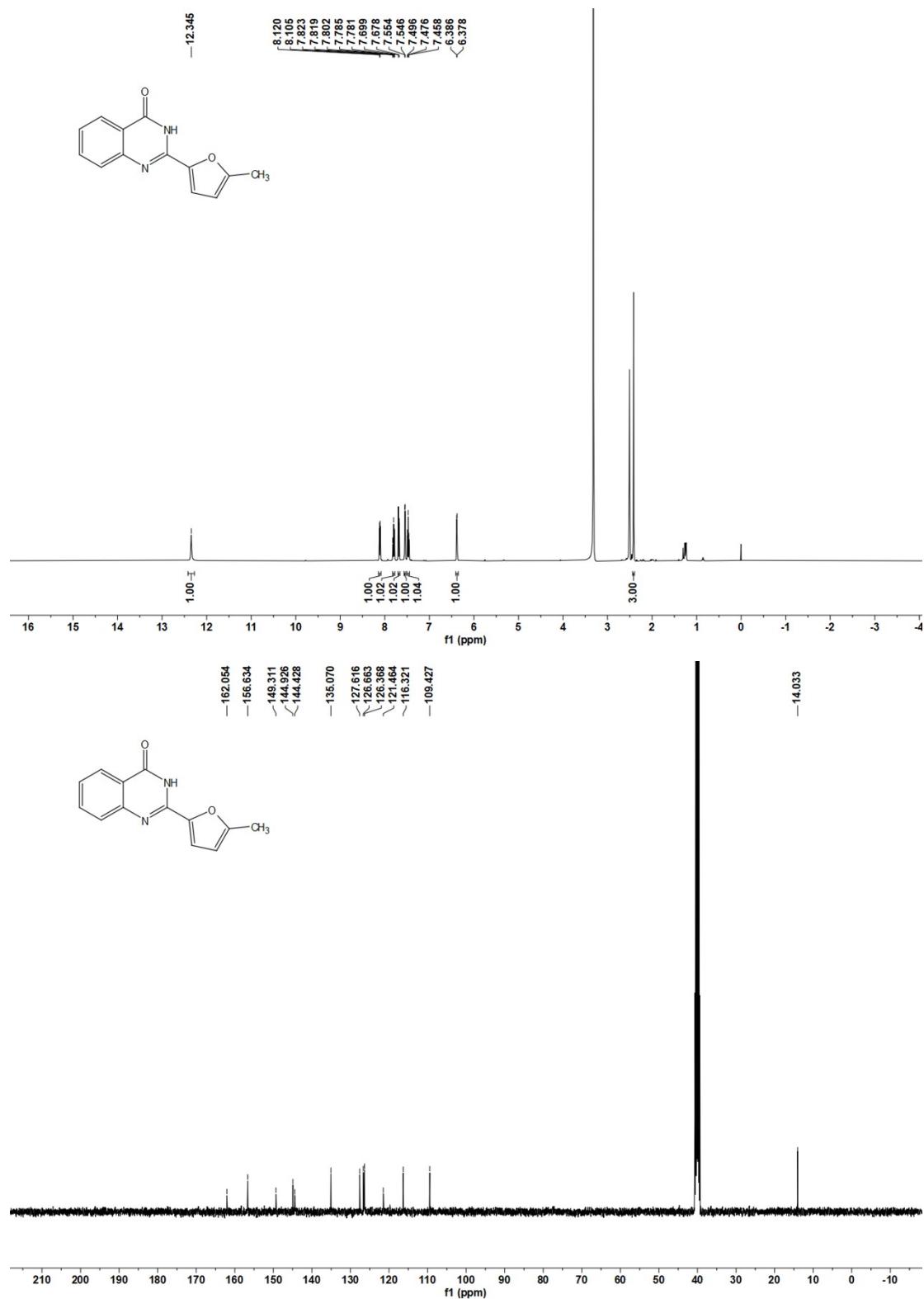
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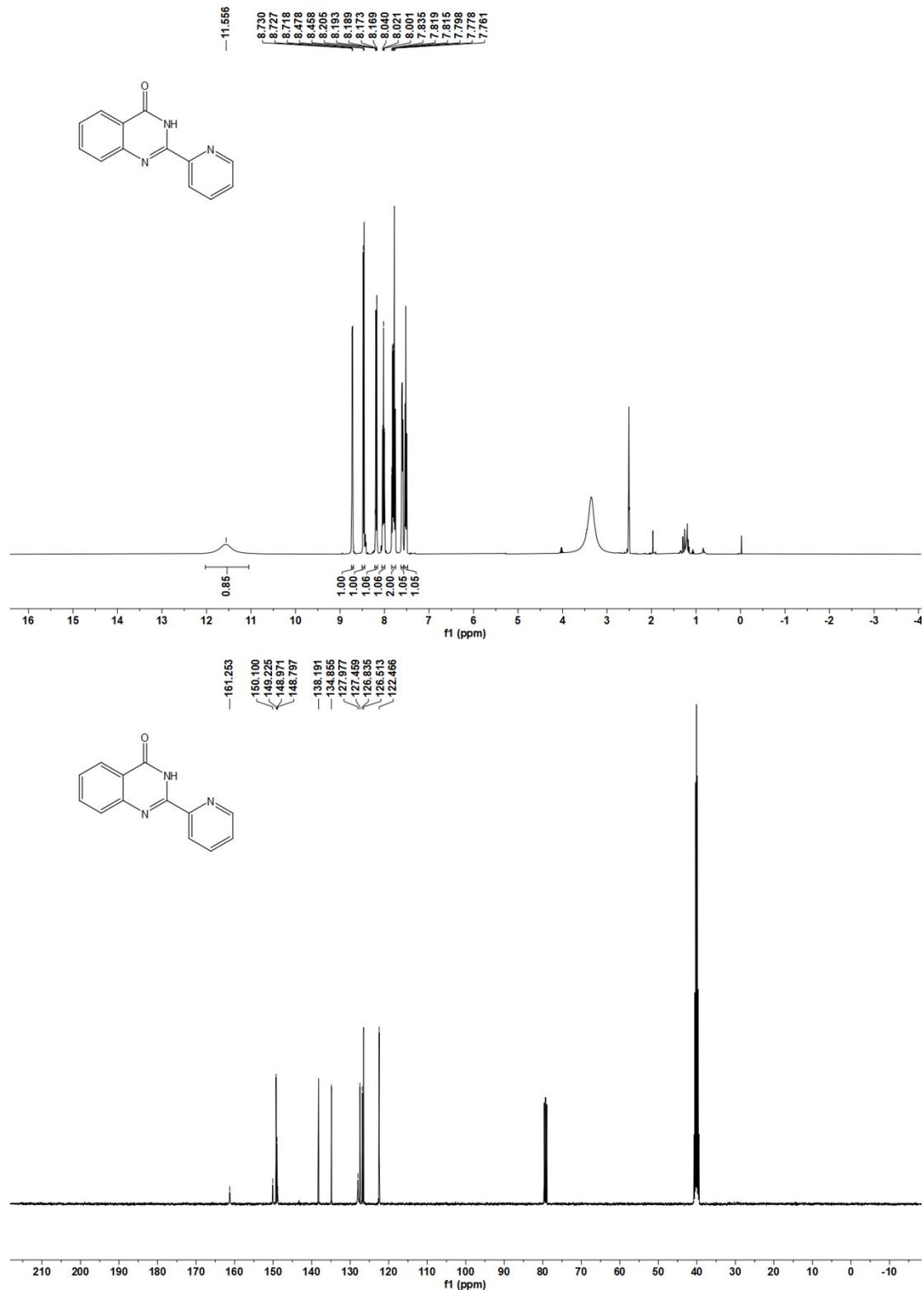
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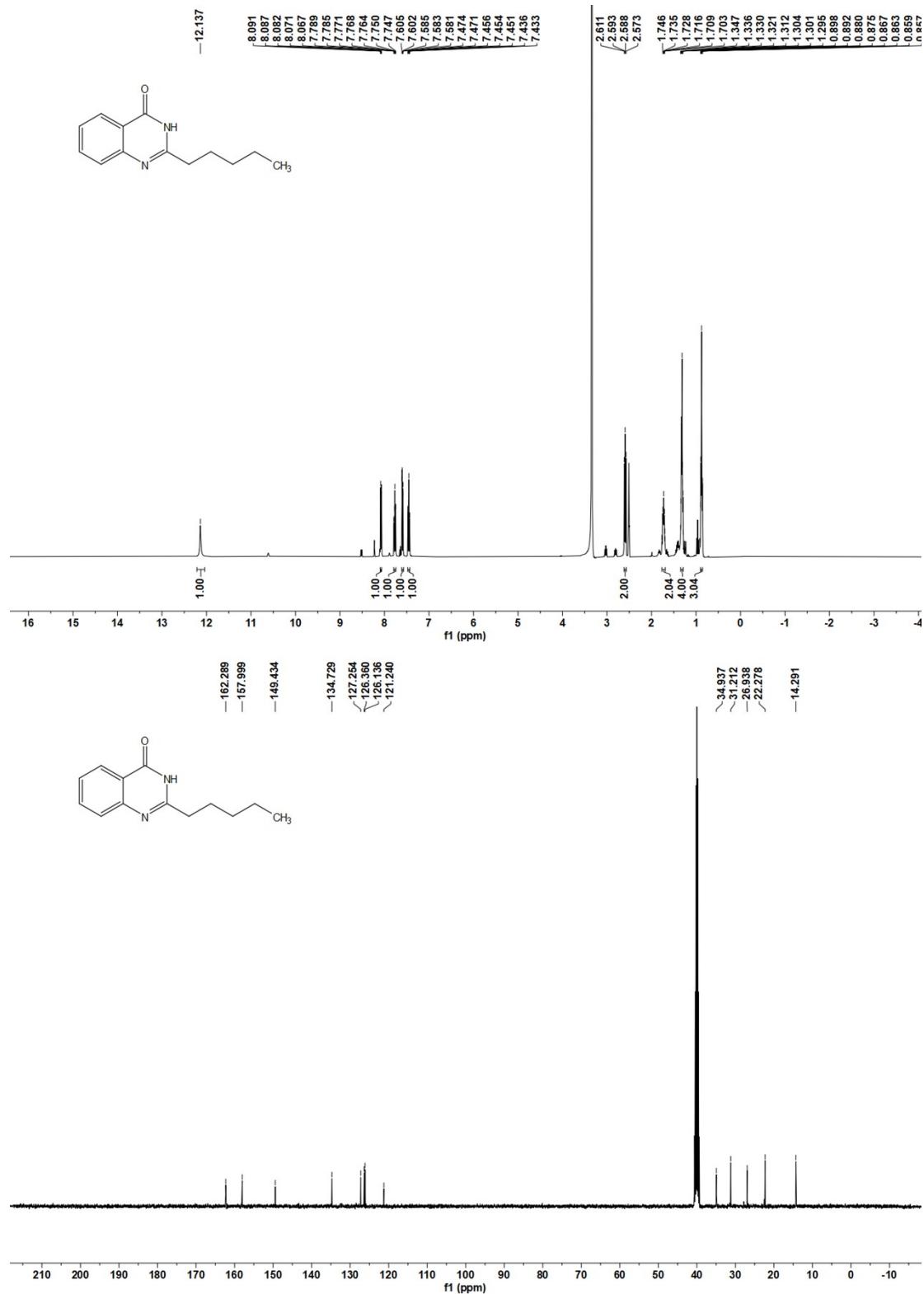
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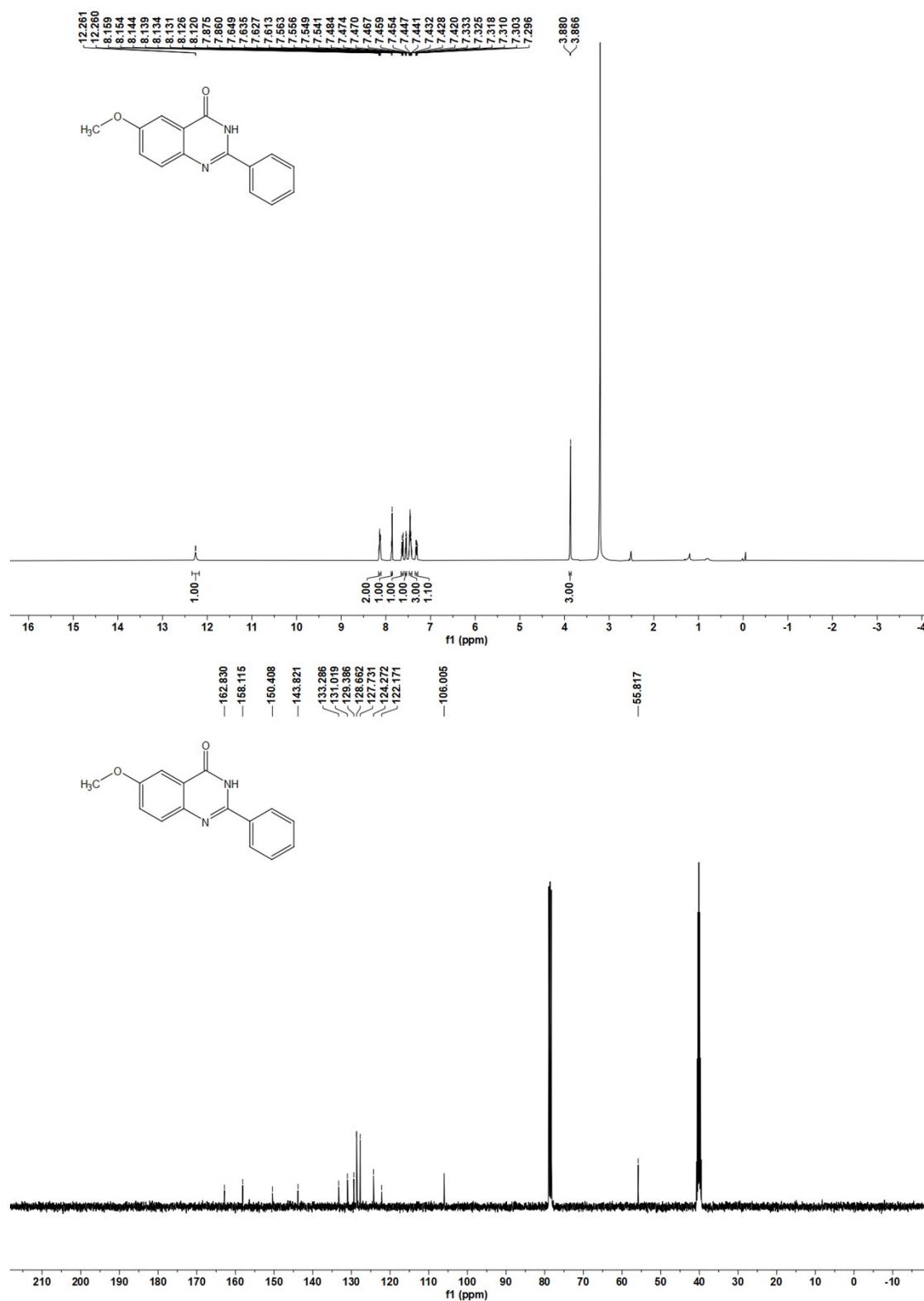
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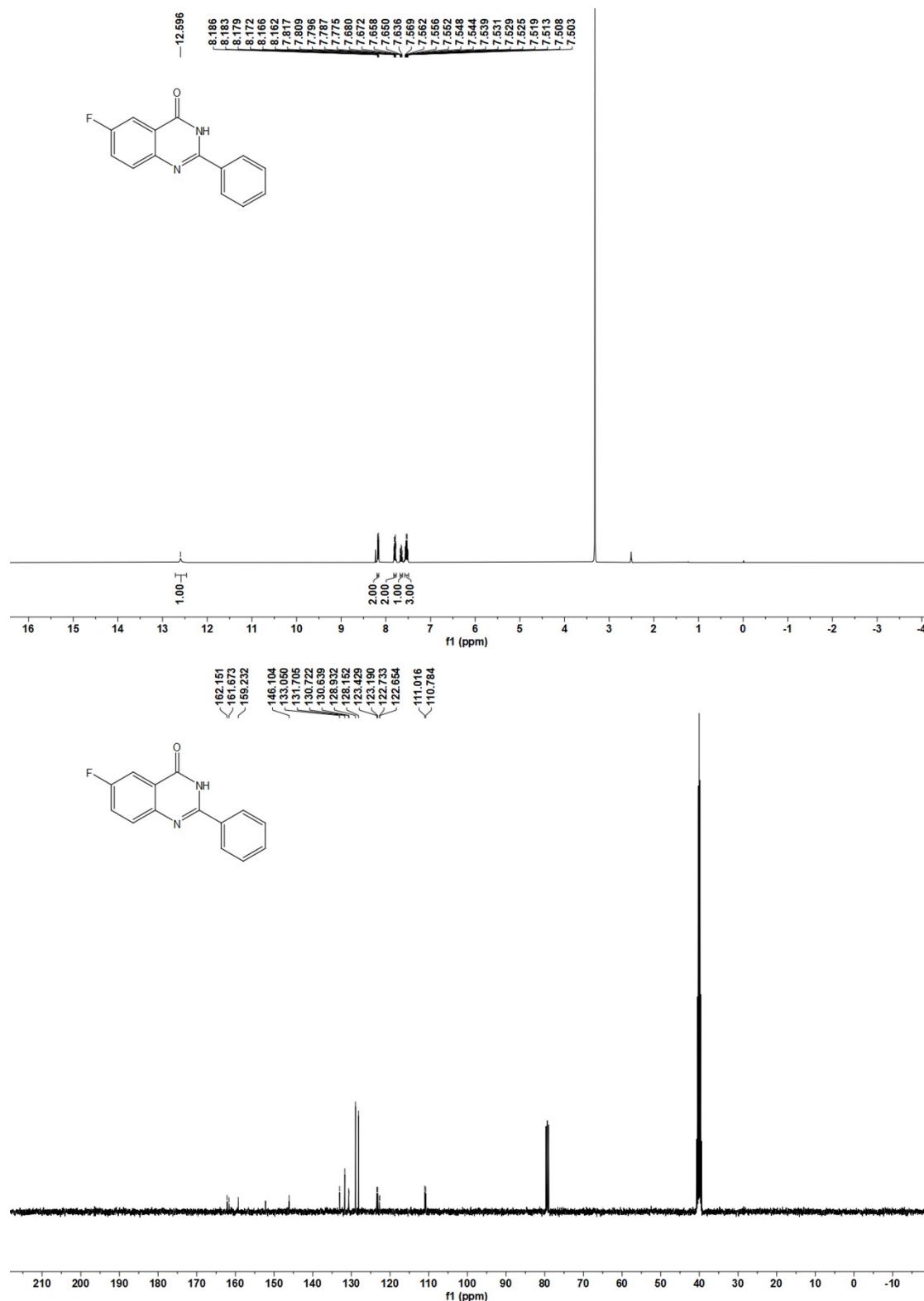
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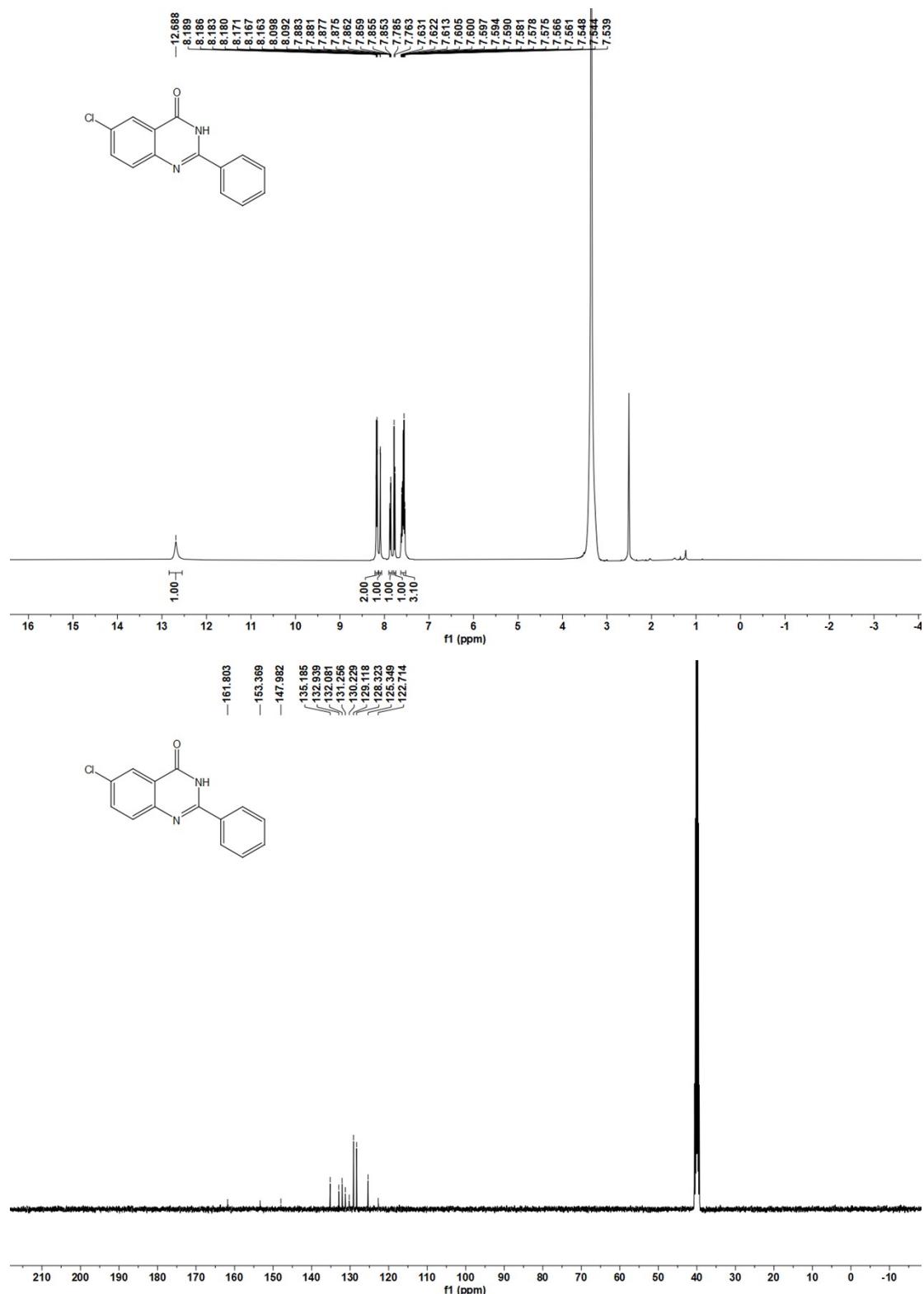
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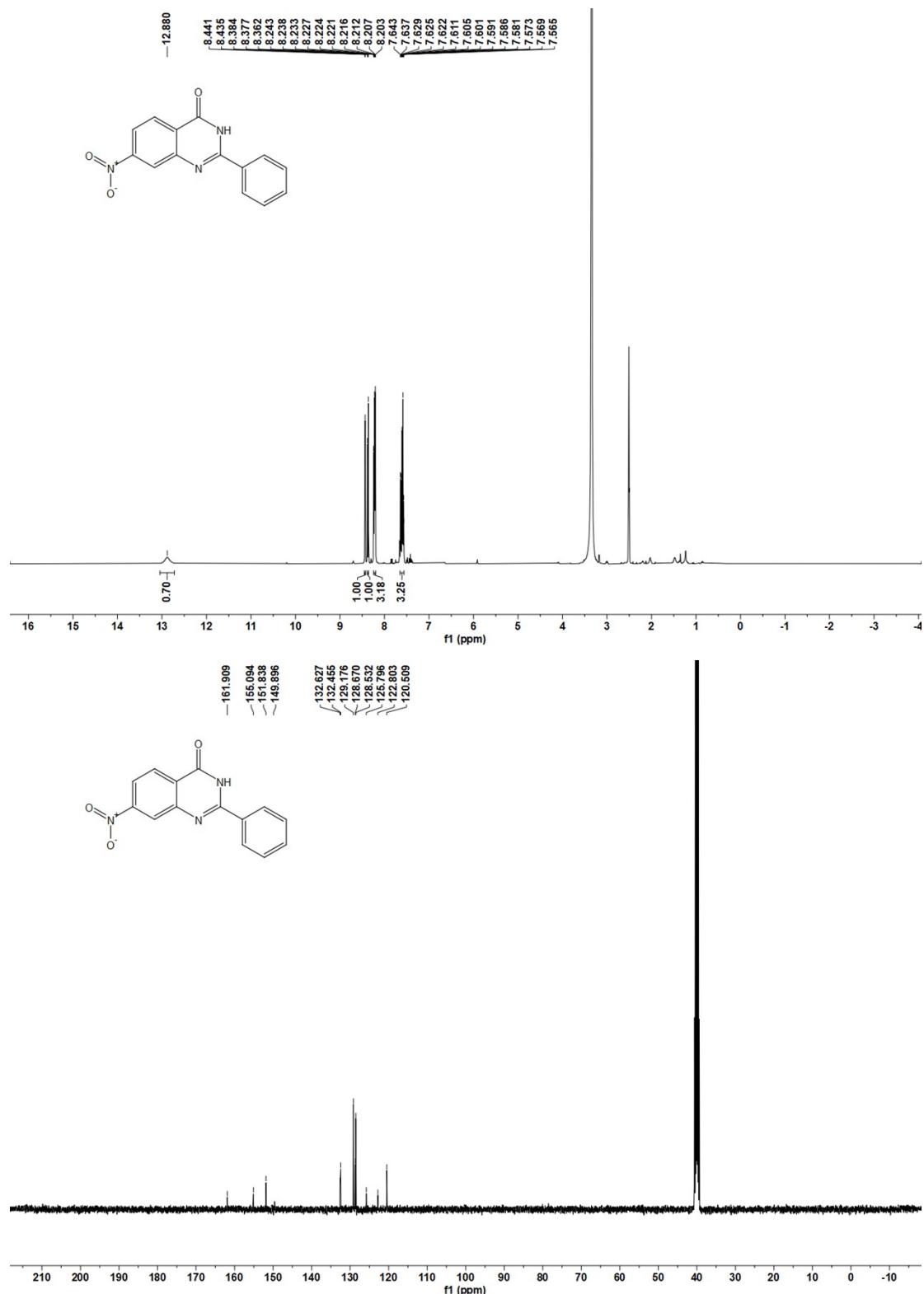
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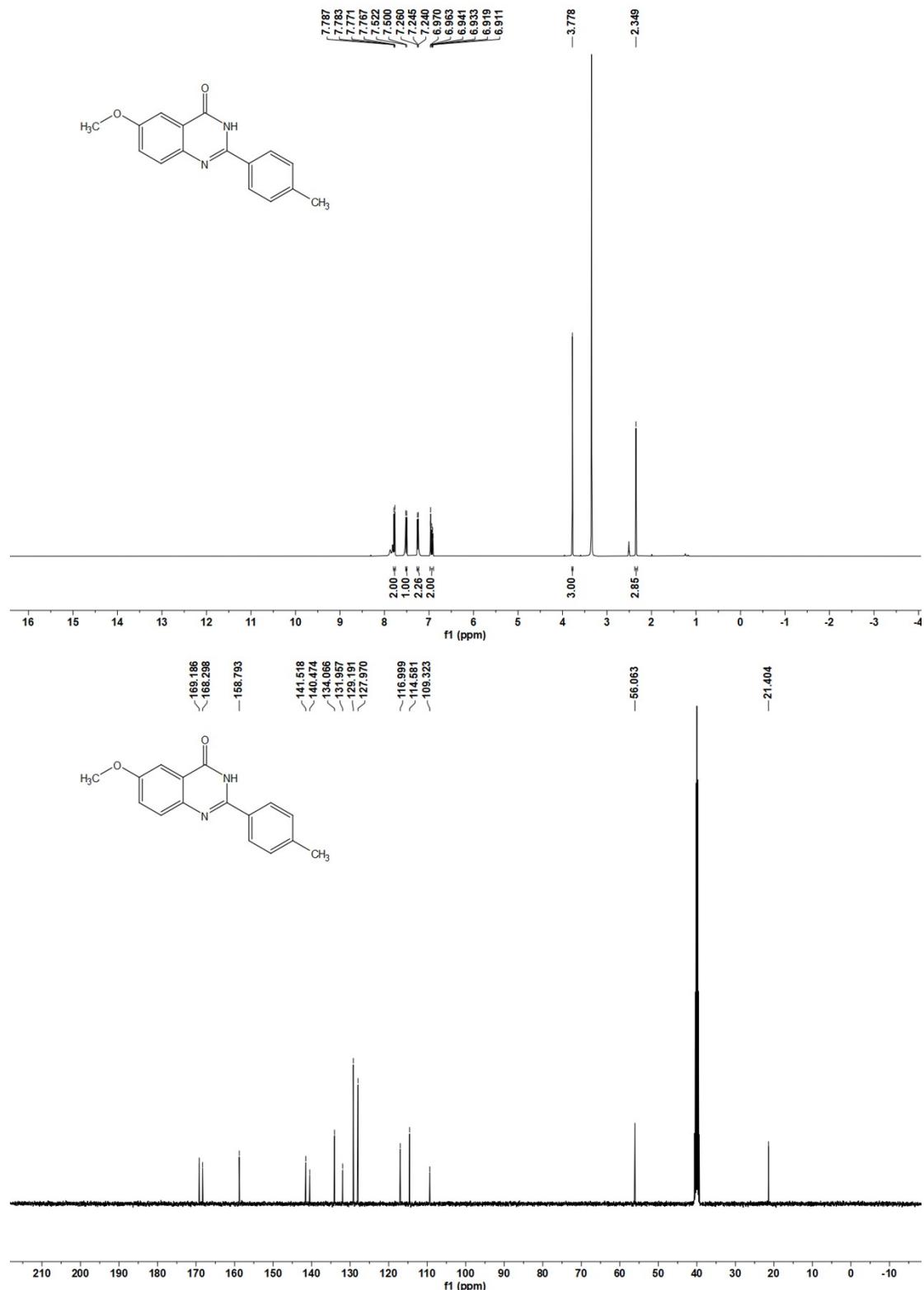
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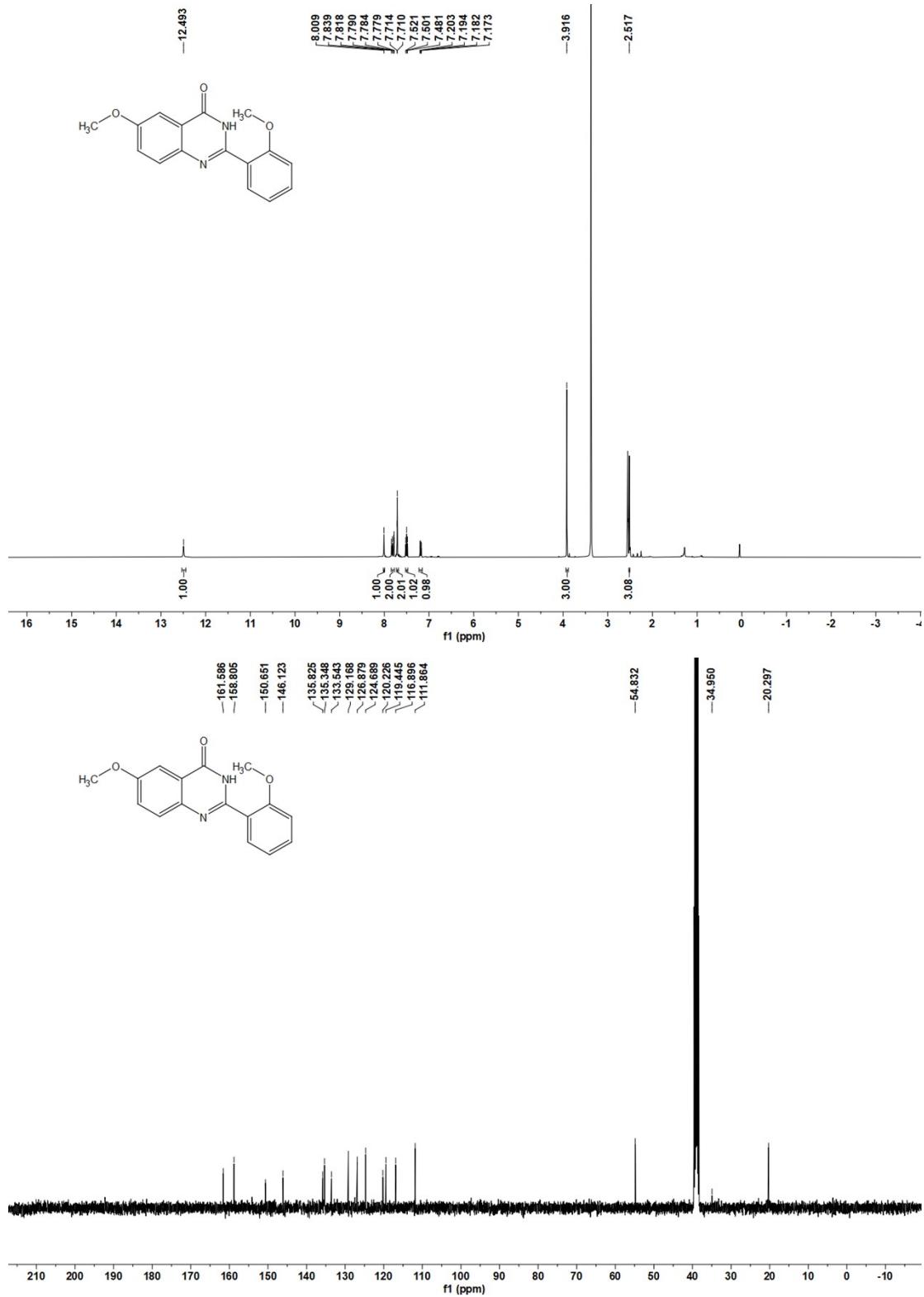
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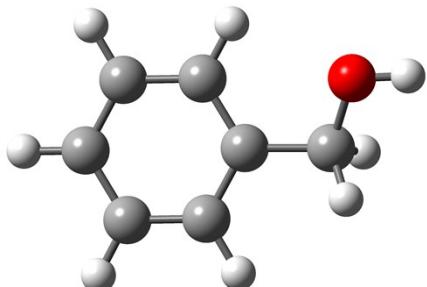
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2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-6-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5at)



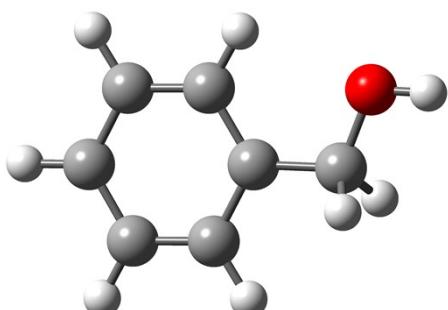
7. Optimized Structures and Cartesian Coordinates



2a / C₆H₅CH₂OH

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C	0.43851200	0.26389600	0.06579600
C	-0.50436200	1.29723800	-0.02318600
C	-1.87106000	1.01347000	-0.07171400
H	-3.37460600	-0.53736000	-0.08587000
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C	1.90909900	0.60134600	0.17378100
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H	2.12921400	1.48769900	-0.44014300
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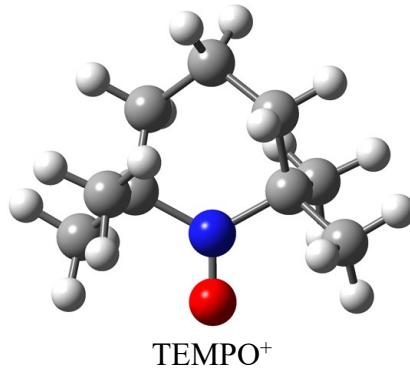


A / C₇H₈O^{•+}

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H	2.06170400	-1.27509600	0.87809000
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H	3.63383300	0.25498000	-0.00080400



Energies= -483.691648 a.u

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C	2.33527900	-0.92047300	0.82349800
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H	2.52845600	-1.88966000	0.35956300
H	3.27960500	-0.37057600	0.87315600
C	-1.77730200	-0.01731900	1.47965100
H	-1.86122700	-1.02367600	1.89946700
H	-1.10893700	0.58099000	2.10145400
H	-2.76714900	0.44980700	1.50010500
C	1.34401300	-0.07491400	0.01242400
C	1.77760100	-0.01752100	-1.47953100
H	2.76748600	0.44953200	-1.49987000
H	1.86154800	-1.02394300	-1.89918900
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H	-3.27976100	-0.37084000	-0.87267800

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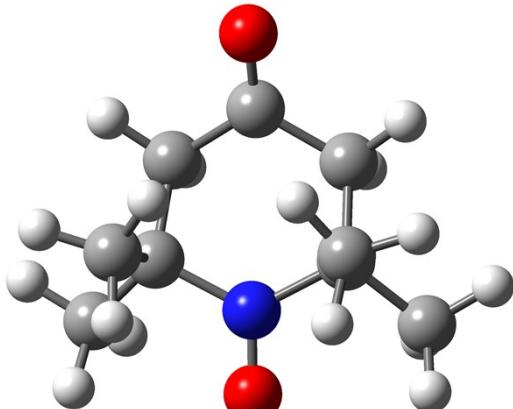


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H	-1.22443300	0.62072800	2.08590700
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4-oxo-TEMPO⁺

Energies= -557.725227 a.u

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H	-2.56842900	-2.12467600	-0.07752900
H	-3.35447000	-0.66324800	-0.69492100
C	2.40837000	-1.20994600	-0.65392500
H	2.56899500	-2.12397800	-0.07814600
H	2.12738100	-1.47830000	-1.67738600
H	3.35468500	-0.66211600	-0.69494400
C	-1.37478100	-0.28666500	-0.00336400
C	-1.68527000	-0.09935500	1.50653300
H	-2.73091200	0.21860200	1.56836900
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H	-1.07508600	0.67270200	1.97708500
C	1.37487400	-0.28628100	-0.00330700
C	1.68548800	-0.09916200	1.50656000
H	1.58523700	-1.04051100	2.05430900
H	2.73098200	0.21930000	1.56831800
H	1.07499800	0.67245000	1.97743600
C	1.27177900	1.07281300	-0.73651700
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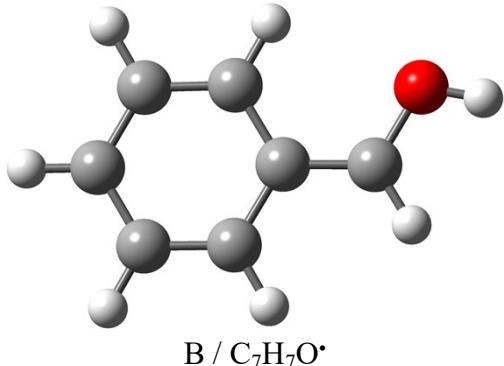
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4-oxo-TEMPO

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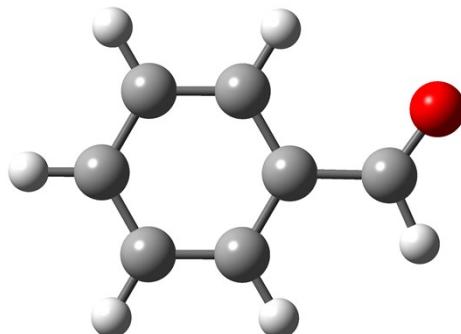
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H	-2.06039200	-1.32316100	-1.81269300
H	-2.49669700	-2.12136500	-0.29122300
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C	2.37042300	-1.14830800	-0.77654200
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B / C₇H₇O[•]

Energies= -346.254893 a.u

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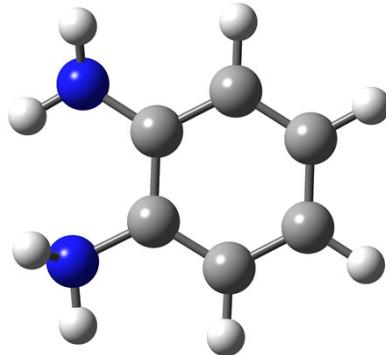


6a/C₆H₅CHO

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C	-0.53574200	0.20705400	-0.00000100
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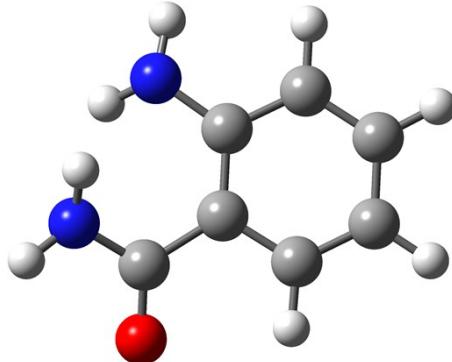
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C	-1.99351400	0.46622000	0.00003000
H	-2.27653900	1.54138100	0.00025600
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1a/C₆H₈N₂

Energies= -343.082718 a.u

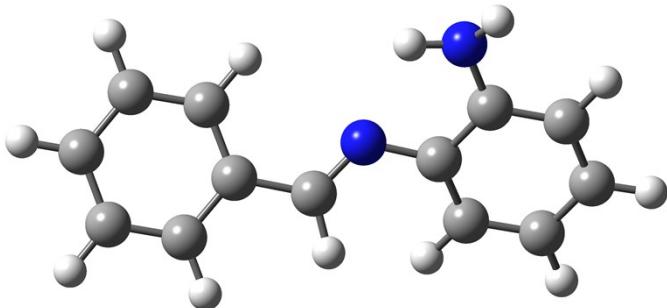
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C	1.93311200	0.67475500	0.02675900
C	1.91961800	-0.72118300	-0.01225100
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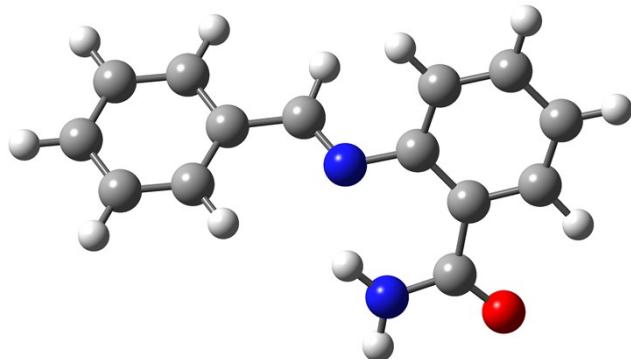


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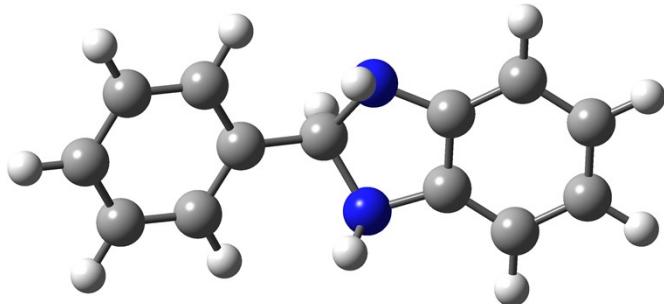


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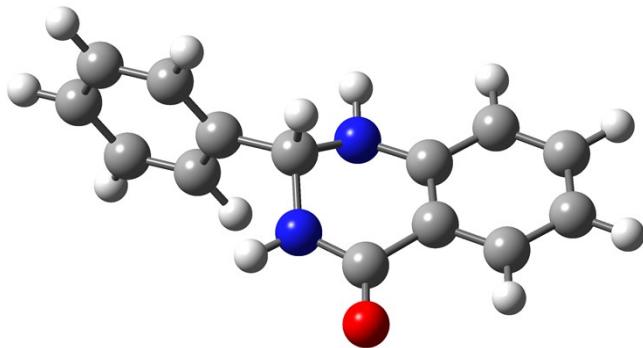


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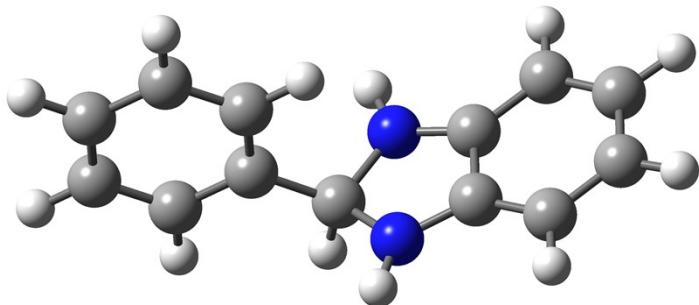
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E2/ C₁₄H₁₂N₂O

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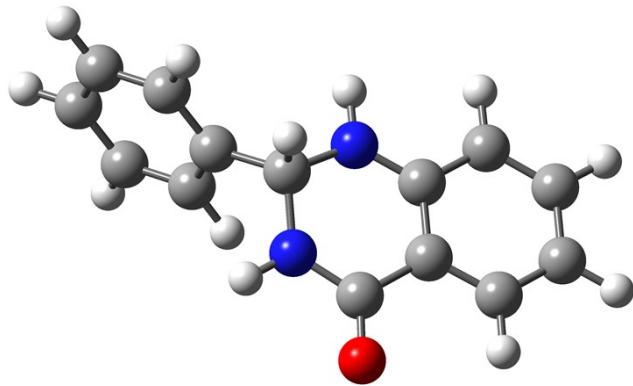
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F1/ C₁₃H₁₂N₂⁺

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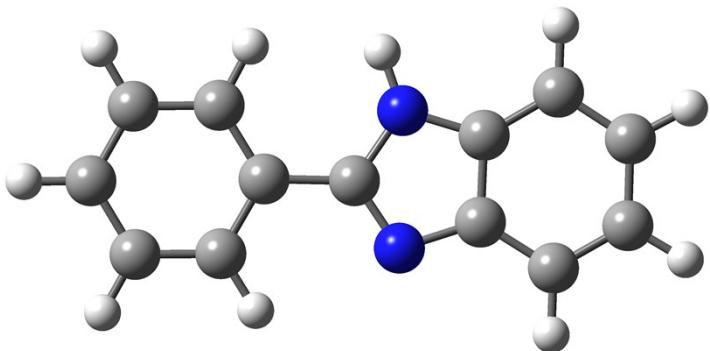
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F2/ C₁₄H₁₂N₂O⁺

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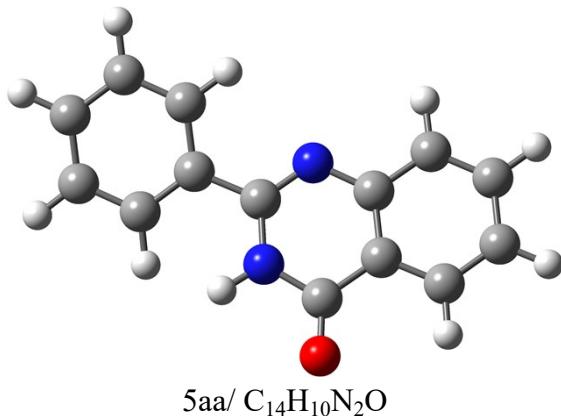
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8. Computational methods

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were carried out to calculate the structures and the reaction mechanisms by using Gaussian 16 program¹. All structures were optimized by using the

combination of Becke's hybrid 3-parameter exchange functional² and Lee-Yang-Parr's correlation functional³ known as B3LYP method in conjunction with 6-31+G* basis set to ensure these structure without imaginary frequencies. Then, the energy of the reaction mechanism is calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G** level based on the optimized structures, and the solvation model based on electron density (SMD)⁴ with CH₃CN/H₂O (1:2,v:v) mixed solvent attached was used throughout. Dimensional plots of molecular configurations were generated with the GaussView program⁵.

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