

Supporting Information for

Paired electrochemical C–H bromination of (hetero)arenes with 2-bromoethan-1-ol

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1. General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, chemicals and materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker FT-NMR spectrometer. Data were reported as chemical shifts in ppm relative to TMS (0.00 ppm) or DMSO- d_6 (2.50 ppm) for ^1H NMR and CDCl_3 (77.2 ppm) or DMSO- d_6 (40.0 ppm) for ^{13}C NMR. The abbreviations used for explaining the multiplicities were as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. The coupling constants, J , are reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectroscopy data of the product were collected on a Thermofisher Q Exactive Accurate-Mass Q-Orbitrap LC/MS (HESI). X-Ray data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX II instrument with an I μ S Mo microsource ($\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$). Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels, SiO_2 .

2. General Procedure for the Electrosynthesis

General procedure for the model reaction: A 20 mL three-necked beaker-type cell (Figure S1A) was charged with $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ (0.15 mmol). The cell was equipped with a reticulated vitreous carbon (RVC, 100 PPI, 1.2 cm x 0.8 cm x 0.8 cm) anode and a platinum plate (1.0 cm x 1.0 cm x 0.1 mm) cathode (Figure S1B). 1-Methoxy-4-propylbenzene (**1**, 0.30 mmol), 2-bromoethan-1-ol (**2**, 0.9 mmol), MeCN (7.0 mL) were added. The electrolysis was carried out at room temperature using a constant current of 10 mA for 3.0 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed through silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give the desired product.

General procedure for the gram-scale synthesis of 3: The gram-scale electrolysis was conducted in a 100 mL three-necked round-bottomed flask with a piece of RVC (1.2 cm x 2.0 cm x 2.0 cm) as the anode, a Pt plate as the cathode (1.5 cm x 1.5 cm x 0.3 mm), and a constant current of 62 mA for 10 h at room temperature (Figure S1C). The reaction mixture consisted 1-methoxy-4-propylbenzene (**1**, 0.90 g, 6.0 mmol), 2-

bromoethan-1-ol (**2**, 2.25 g, 9.0 mmol), $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ (0.99 g, 3.0 mmol), MeCN (90 mL). When the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed through silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether to give the desired product **3** (0.67 g, 55% yield).

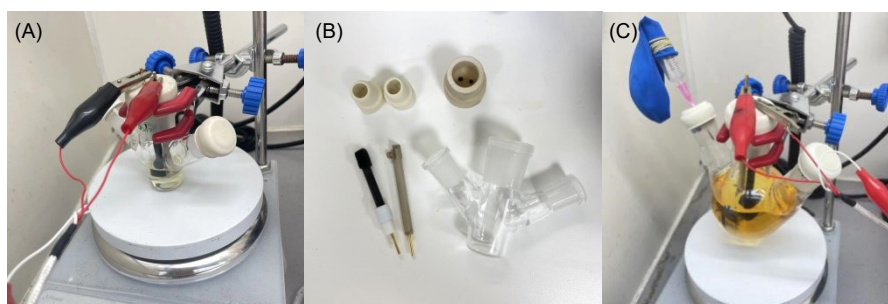


Figure S1. The electrolysis setup [The RVC is fixed on a sharpened graphite rod (\varnothing 6 mm)].

3. Mechanistic Studies

3.1 Cyclic voltammetry studies

The cyclic voltammograms were recorded in an electrolyte of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ (0.1 M) in MeCN (5 mL) using a glassy carbon disk working electrode (diameter, 3 mm), a Pt wire auxiliary electrode and a Ag/AgCl reference electrode. The scan rate was 100 mV/s.

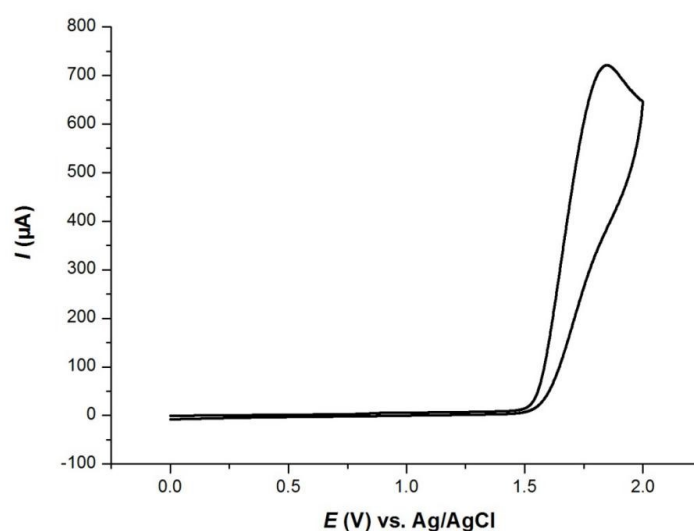


Figure S2. Cyclic voltammogram of 1-methoxy-4-propylbenzene in an electrolyte of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ (0.1 M) in MeCN, $E_{p/2} = 1.66$ V.

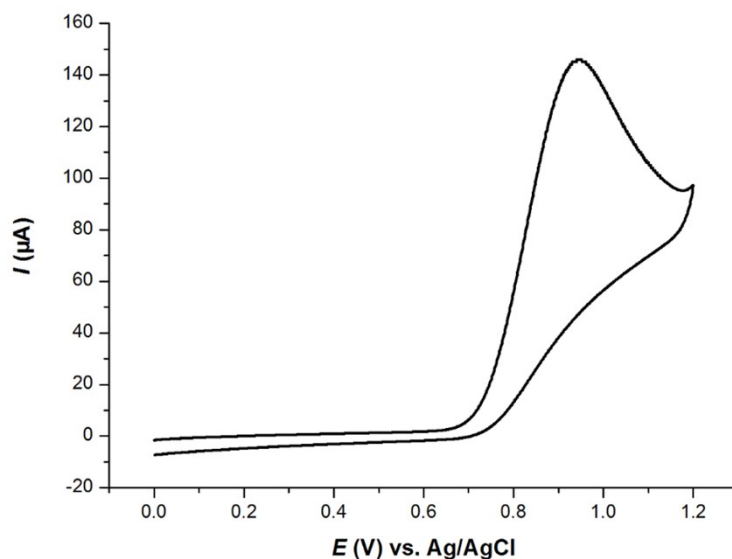


Figure S3. Cyclic voltammogram of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$ in an electrolyte of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ (0.1 M) in MeCN, $E_{p/2} = 0.82$ V.

3.2 GC-MS analysis and detection of ethylene oxide

The reaction solution of **1** and **2** was detected by GC-MS analysis on a GCMS-QP2020 NX, and a peak of ethylene oxide was observed by comparison with standard diagram of spectral library. This proves that the bromide ion is formed by the reduction of 2-bromoethan-1-ol (**2**) at the cathode to release ethylene oxide.

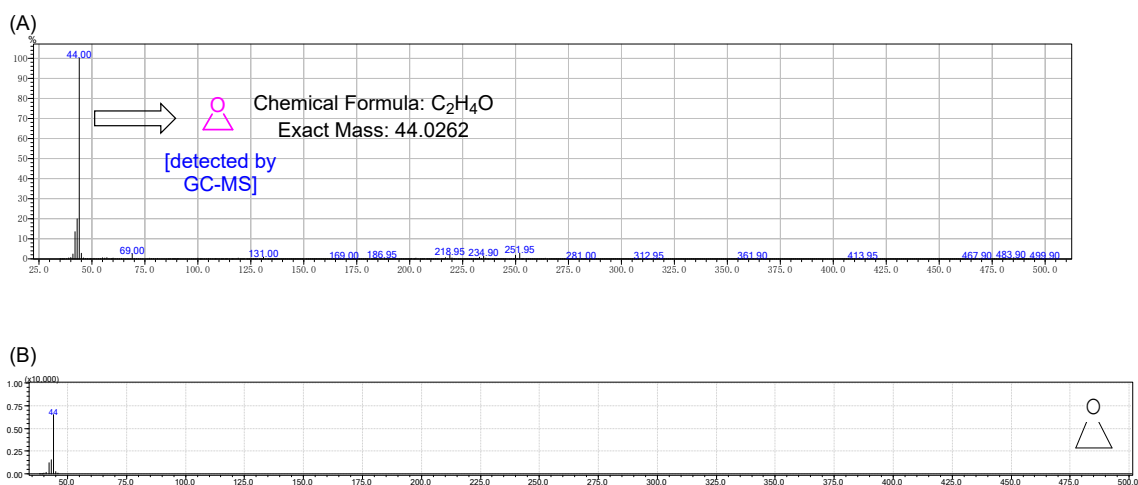
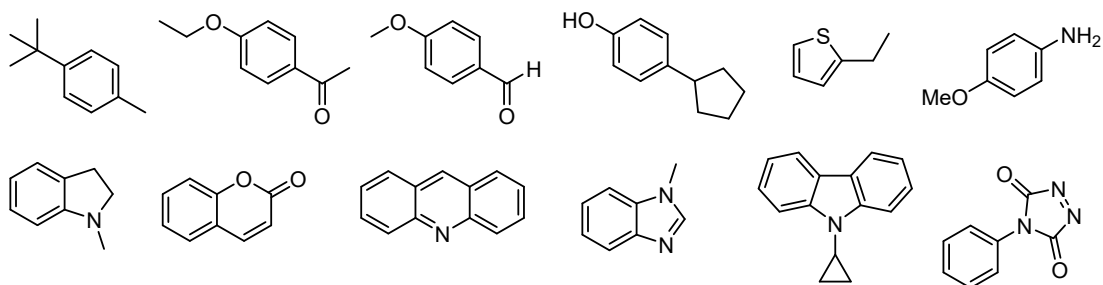


Figure S4. Test diagram (A) and standard diagram of spectral library (B)

4. Unsuccessful Substrates

(hetero)arenes



halogen or sulfur sources

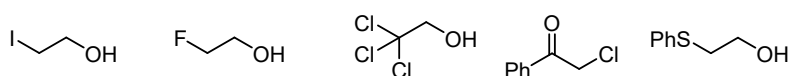
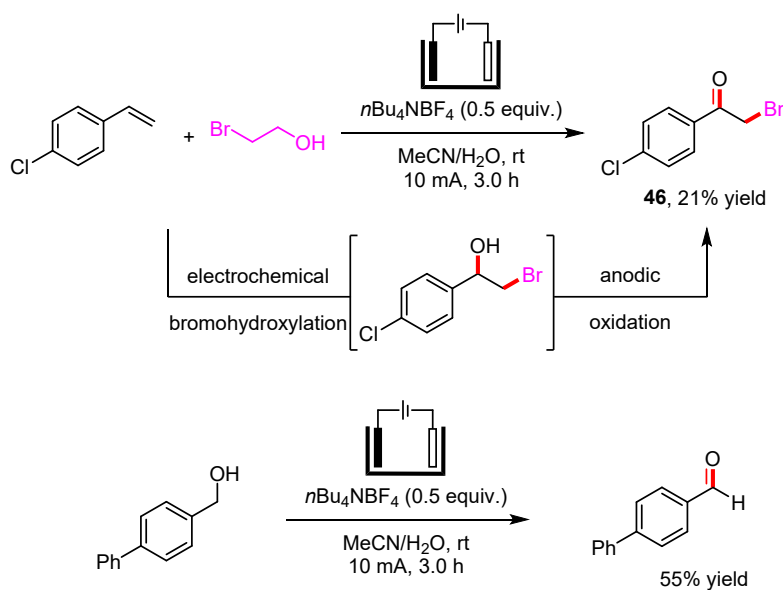


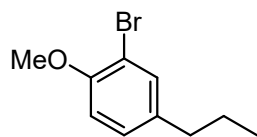
Figure S5. Unsuccessful substrates

5. Formation of Product 46

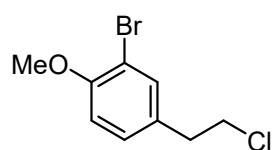


α -Bromoketone **46** may be formed by further oxidation of benzyl alcohol intermediate produced by the electrochemical bromohydroxylation of 4-chlorostyrene. [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethanol could be oxidized at the anode to form [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde in 55% yield under electrochemical conditions. Benzyl alcohol moiety is more easily oxidized than alkyl alcohol, which allows the bromohydroxylation product **47** to be obtained.

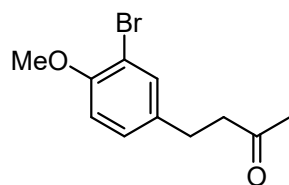
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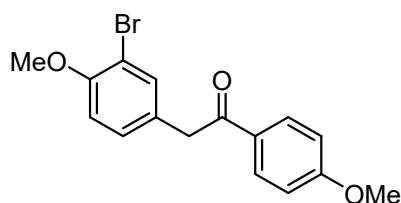
2-Bromo-1-methoxy-4-propylbenzene (3)^[1]. Yellow oil (60.7 mg, 86% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62–1.56 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.0, 136.5, 133.3, 128.4, 111.9, 111.4, 56.4, 36.9, 24.7, 13.8.



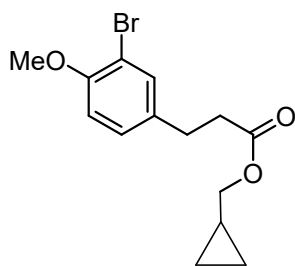
2-Bromo-4-(2-chloroethyl)-1-methoxybenzene (4)^[2]. Colorless oil (64.0 mg, 86% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.66 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 133.7, 131.8, 129.0, 112.0, 111.7, 56.4, 45.1, 37.9.



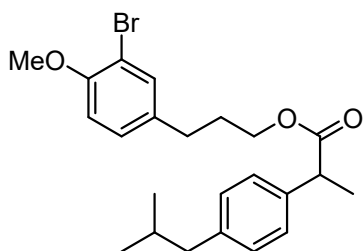
4-(3-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)butan-2-one (5)^[3]. Yellow oil (66.0 mg, 86% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.7, 154.2, 134.6, 133.0, 128.4, 111.9, 111.4, 56.2, 45.1, 30.2, 28.4.



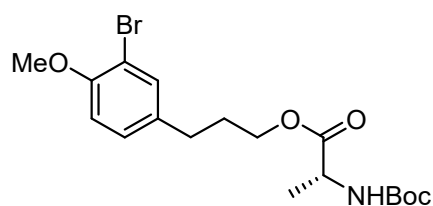
2-(3-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (6). Yellow solid (58.0 mg, 58% yield); m.p. = 124.7–125.3 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.88–3.86 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 163.8, 154.9, 134.3, 131.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.5, 114.0, 112.1, 111.8, 56.4, 55.6, 43.9; HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆BrO₃⁺: 335.0277, Found: 335.0271.



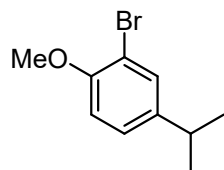
Cyclopropylmethyl 3-(3-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (7). Yellow oil (74.2 mg, 79% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.14–1.06 (m, 1H), 0.58–0.53 (m, 2H), 0.27–0.23 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.9, 154.4, 134.3, 133.2, 128.4, 112.0, 111.5, 69.4, 56.3, 36.0, 29.8, 9.9, 3.4; HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₈BrO₃⁺: 313.0434, Found: 313.0430.



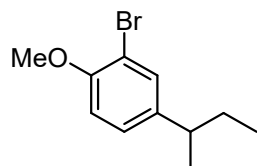
3-(3-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)propyl 3-(4-isobutylphenyl)-2-methylpropanoate (8). Yellow oil (87.2 mg, 67% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25–7.19 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.09–3.97 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.70 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47–2.40 (m, 4H), 1.88–1.77 (m, 3H), 1.49 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8, 154.2, 140.7, 137.9, 134.9, 133.2, 129.5, 128.4, 127.3, 111.9, 111.5, 63.6, 56.3, 45.3, 45.1, 30.7, 30.3, 22.5, 18.4; HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₃₀BrO₃⁺: 433.1373, Found: 433.1371.



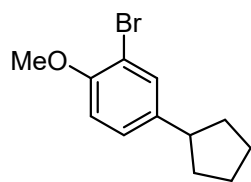
3-(3-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)propyl (*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*D*-alaninate (9). Yellow oil (86.3 mg, 69% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.35–4.28 (m, 1H), 4.13 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.97–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.39 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5, 155.3, 154.3, 134.7, 133.2, 128.5, 112.0, 111.6, 80.0, 64.4, 56.4, 49.4, 30.9, 30.3, 28.4, 18.8; HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{BrNO}_5^+$: 416.1067, Found: 416.1063.



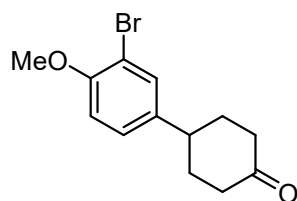
2-Bromo-4-(*iso*-propyl)-1-methoxybenzene (10)^[4]. Yellow oil (68.9 mg, 69% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.87–2.78 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.0, 142.8, 131.4, 126.4, 112.0, 111.5, 56.4, 33.3, 24.2.



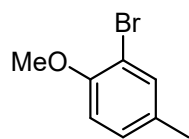
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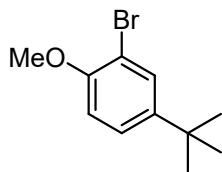
2-Bromo-4-cyclopentyl-1-methoxybenzene (12). Yellow oil (60.0 mg, 78% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.96–2.84 (m, 1H), 2.08–1.98 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.45 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.9, 140.4, 132.0, 127.1, 111.9, 111.5, 56.4, 45.0, 34.8, 25.5; HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}^+$: 255.0379, Found: 253.0379.



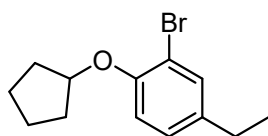
4-(3-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexan-1-one (13). White solid (57.0 mg, 67% yield); m.p. = 81.5–82.2 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.01–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.53–2.45 (m, 4H), 2.24–2.14 (m, 2H), 1.96–1.81 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.0, 154.6, 138.6, 131.7, 126.7, 112.1, 111.7, 56.4, 41.7, 41.4, 34; HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrO}_2^+$: 283.0328 Found: 283.0323.



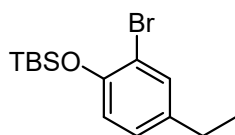
2-Bromo-1-methoxy-4-methylbenzene (14)^[5]. Yellow oil (55.5 mg, 92% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.8, 133.8, 131.5, 129.0, 111.9, 111.3, 56.4, 20.3.



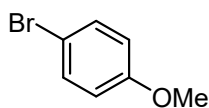
2-Bromo-1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-methylbenzene (15)⁶¹. Yellow oil (63.5 mg, 93% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 145.2, 130.6, 125.4, 111.6, 111.4, 56.4, 34.3, 31.5.



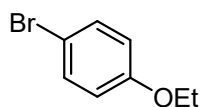
2-Bromo-1-(cyclopentyloxy)-4-ethylbenzene (16). Yellow oil (52.5 mg, 65% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.80–4.74 (m, 1H), 2.55 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.94–1.81 (m, 6H), 1.66–1.59 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 137.7, 132.7, 127.6, 115.0, 113.1, 81.0, 32.9, 27.8, 24.1, 15.8; HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈BrO⁺: 269.0536, Found: 269.0534.



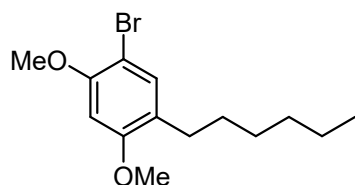
(2-Bromo-4-ethylphenoxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane (17). Colorless oil (28.0 mg, 30% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.5, 138.6, 132.7, 127.7, 120.1, 115.1, 27.9, 25.9, 18.5, 15.8, -4.1; HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₄H₂₄BrOSi⁺: 315.0774, Found: 315.0774.



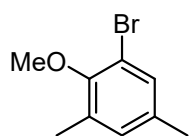
1-Bromo-4-methoxybenzene (18)^[7]. Colorless oil (33.8 mg, 60% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.35 (m, 2H), 6.80–6.76 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 132.4, 115.9, 113.0, 55.6.



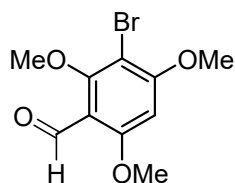
1-Bromo-4-ethoxybenzene (19)^[8]. Yellow oil (32.0 mg, 53% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 132.4, 116.4, 112.8, 63.9, 14.9.



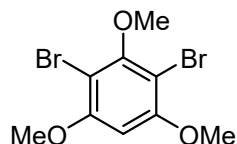
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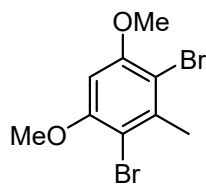
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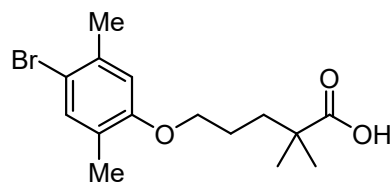
3-Bromo-2,4,6-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (22). Yellow solid (31.0 mg, 38% yield); m.p. = 115.1–116.0 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.28 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.4, 163.0, 162.1, 161.2, 113.8, 99.4, 92.1, 62.6, 56.7, 56.4; HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrO}_4^+$: 274.9913, Found: 274.9912.



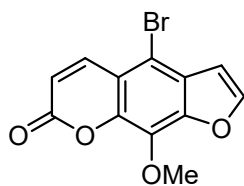
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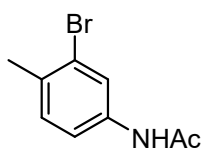
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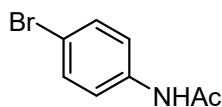
5-(4-Bromo-2,5-dimethylphenoxy)-2,2-dimethylpentanoic acid (25)^[11]. Yellow solid (51.0 mg, 52% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 3.90 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.83–1.70 (m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.9, 156.3, 135.7, 133.8, 126.4, 114.7, 113.5, 68.3, 42.1, 36.9, 25.2, 25.1, 23.1, 15.6.



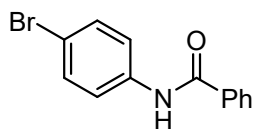
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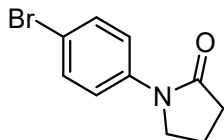
N-(2-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)acetamide (27)^[8]. White solid (53.5 mg, 72% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 135.4, 133.2, 132.5, 129.1, 122.2, 113.5, 24.9, 20.7.



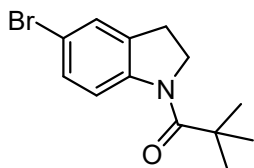
N-(4-Bromophenyl)acetamide (28)^[5]. White solid (48.3 mg, 76% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.08 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 168.9, 139.1, 131.9, 121.3, 114.9, 24.5.



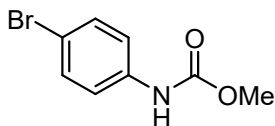
N-(4-Bromophenyl)benzamide (29)^[12]. Yellow solid (39.2 mg, 48% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.40 (s, 1H), 7.97–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.80–7.75 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.52 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 166.2, 139.0, 135.2, 132.2, 131.9, 128.9, 128.2, 122.7, 115.8.



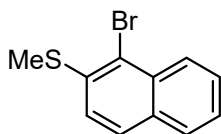
1-(4-Bromophenyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (30)^[12]. Yellow solid (67.0 mg, 93% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 3.81 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.19–2.11 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 138.5, 131.8, 121.3, 117.2, 48.6, 32.7, 17.9.



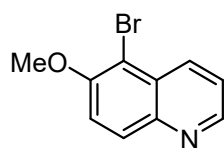
1-(5-Bromoindolin-1-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropan-1-one (31)^[13]. Yellow solid (50.6 mg, 60% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 2H), 4.23 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.8, 144.1, 133.3, 130.3, 127.4, 119.8, 116.0, 49.6, 40.4, 29.2, 27.8.



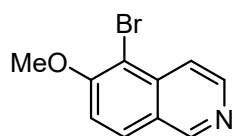
Methyl (4-bromophenyl)carbamate (32)^[6]. Yellow solid (46.6 mg, 68% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.1, 137.1, 132.1, 120.4, 116.1, 52.6.



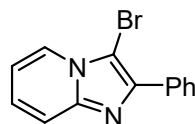
(1-Bromonaphthalen-2-yl)(methyl)sulfane (33)^[5]. White solid (32 mg, 42% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, J = 8.4, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.8, 132.7, 132.0, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.4, 125.8, 122.9, 120.4, 16.3.



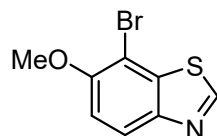
2-Bromo-6-methoxyquinoline (34)^[14]. Yellow solid (55.3 mg, 77% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.41 (m, 2H), 4.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.0, 148.8, 144.3, 134.6, 130.4, 128.7, 122.5, 116.5, 107.4, 57.1.



5-Bromo-6-methoxyisoquinoline (35)^[15]. Yellow solid (23.8 mg, 33% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0, 151.1, 142.2, 137.0, 130.1, 124.8, 119.6, 115.1, 107.1, 57.2.

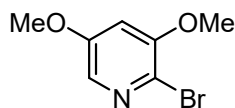


3-Bromo-2-phenyl-1,8a-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (36)^[16]. Yellow oil (37.5 mg, 46% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19–8.11 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.6, 142.8, 133.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 125.3, 124.1, 117.8, 113.2, 91.9.

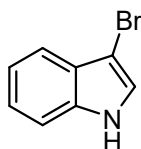


2-Bromo-6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazole (37). Yellow solid (45.7 mg, 62% yield); m.p. = 135.4–136.1 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.88 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.3, 152.4, 147.2, 138.9,

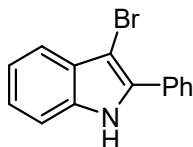
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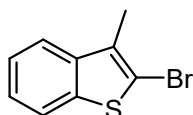
2-Bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzimidazole (38). Yellow solid (20.0 mg, 31% yield); m.p. = 78.2–79.3 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 156.8, 153.3, 126.4, 123.2, 107.1, 56.4, 56.3; HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) Calcd. for $C_7H_9BrNO_2^+$: 217.9811, Found: 217.9807.



3-Bromo-1H-indole (39)^[17]. Yellow solid (38.6 mg, 66% yield); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.17 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 135.4, 127.0, 123.5, 123.3, 120.8, 119.3, 111.5, 91.8.

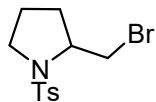


3-Bromo-2-phenyl-1H-indole (40)^[9]. White solid (50.4 mg, 62% yield); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.82–7.77 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 135.4, 134.4, 131.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.9, 123.7, 121.1, 119.7, 111.3, 90.2.



2-Bromo-3-methylbenzo[b]thiophene (41)^[9]. Colorless oil (50.8 mg, 75% yield); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.68 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.25 (m, 2H),

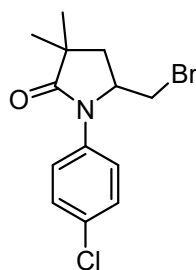
2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.7, 139.0, 131.9, 124.7, 124.6, 121.9, 121.8, 112.6, 13.3.



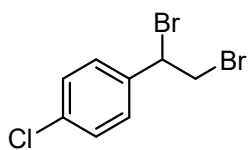
2-(Bromomethyl)-1-tosylpyrrolidine (42)^[18]. Yellow oil (60.0 mg, 63% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.86–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.51–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.36 (t, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.18–3.13 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.98–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.51 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.0, 134.1, 130.0, 127.7, 60.5, 50.0, 36.2, 30.4, 23.9, 21.7.



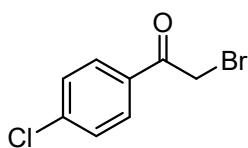
2-(Bromomethyl)-2-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (43)^[18]. Yellow oil (51.1 mg, 51% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.47–3.40 (m, 1H), 3.39–3.31 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.32–2.26 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.62 (m, 4H), 1.57 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.3, 137.9, 129.6, 127.4, 67.5, 50.0, 41.2, 39.4, 24.2, 22.6, 21.6.



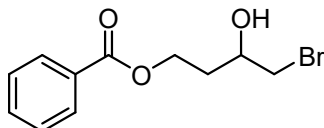
5-(Bromomethyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethylpyrrolidin-2-one (44). Yellow oil (52.9 mg, 56% yield); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.05–6.97 (m, 2H), 4.63–4.56 (m, 1H), 3.53–3.48 (m, 2H), 2.20 (dd, $J = 12.7, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, $J = 12.7, 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0, 145.6, 128.8, 128.7, 124.3, 42.7, 41.7, 34.3, 27.0, 26.3; HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. For $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}^+$: 316.0098, Found: 316.0096.



1-Chloro-4-(1,2-dibromoethyl)benzene (45)^[6]. Yellow oil (30.0 mg, 34% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39–7.31 (m, 4H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.3, 135.1, 129.3, 129.2, 49.7, 34.8.



2-Bromo-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethan-1-one (46)^[6]. Yellow oil (14.6 mg, 21% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 190.4, 140.7, 132.4, 130.6, 129.4, 30.6.



4-Bromo-3-hydroxybutyl benzoate (47). Yellow oil (28.5 mg, 35% yield); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11–8.07 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.45 (m, 2H), 5.50–5.44 (m, 1H), 3.80–3.62 (m, 4H), 2.11–1.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 133.7, 130.1, 129.6, 128.7, 70.7, 58.5, 36.1, 34.9; HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₄BrO₃⁺: 273.0121, Found: 273.0120.

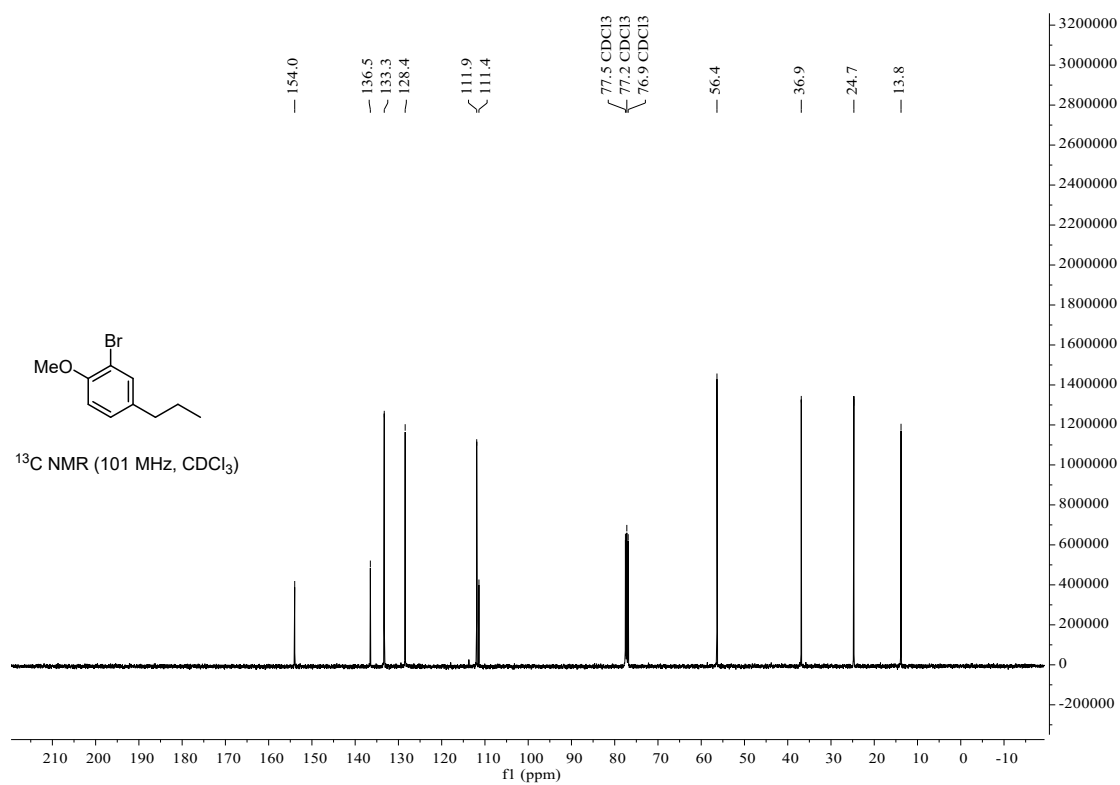
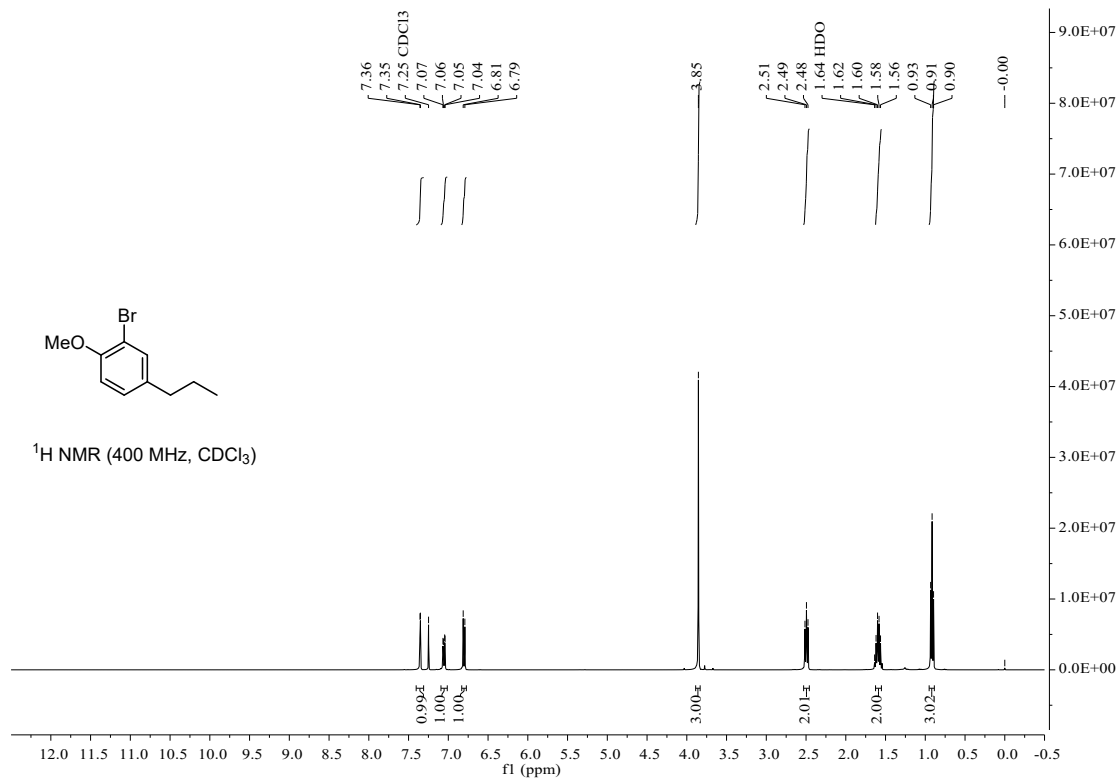
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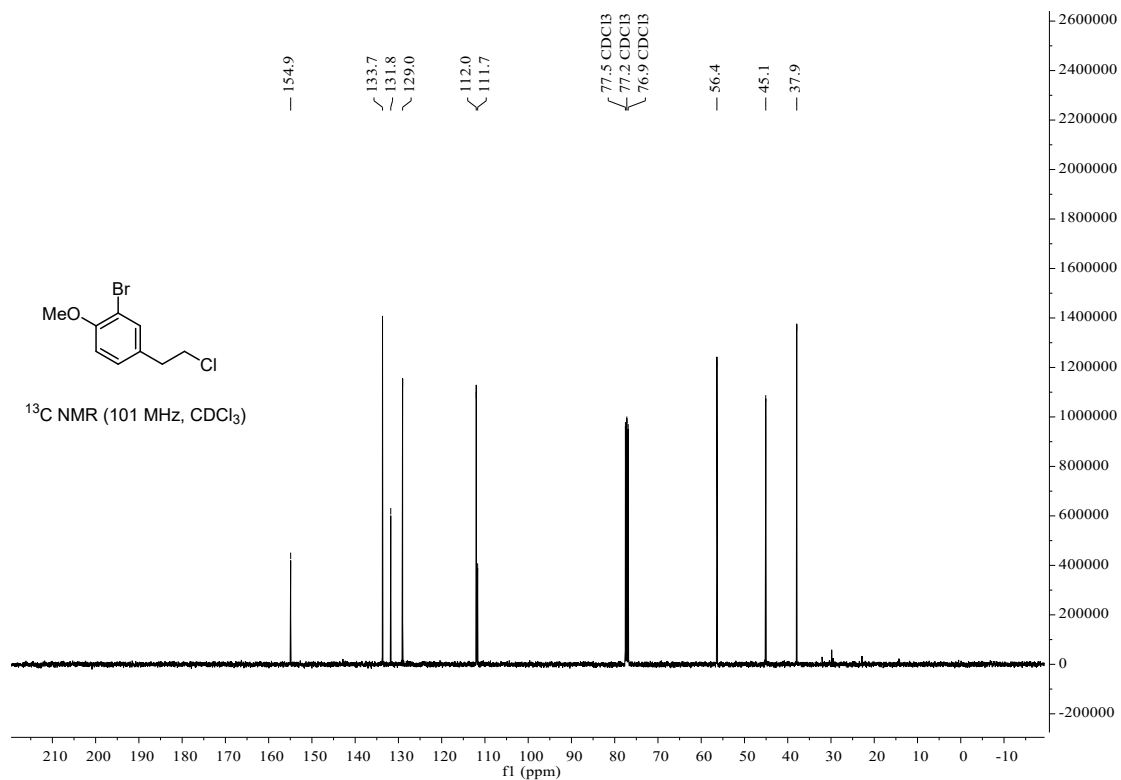
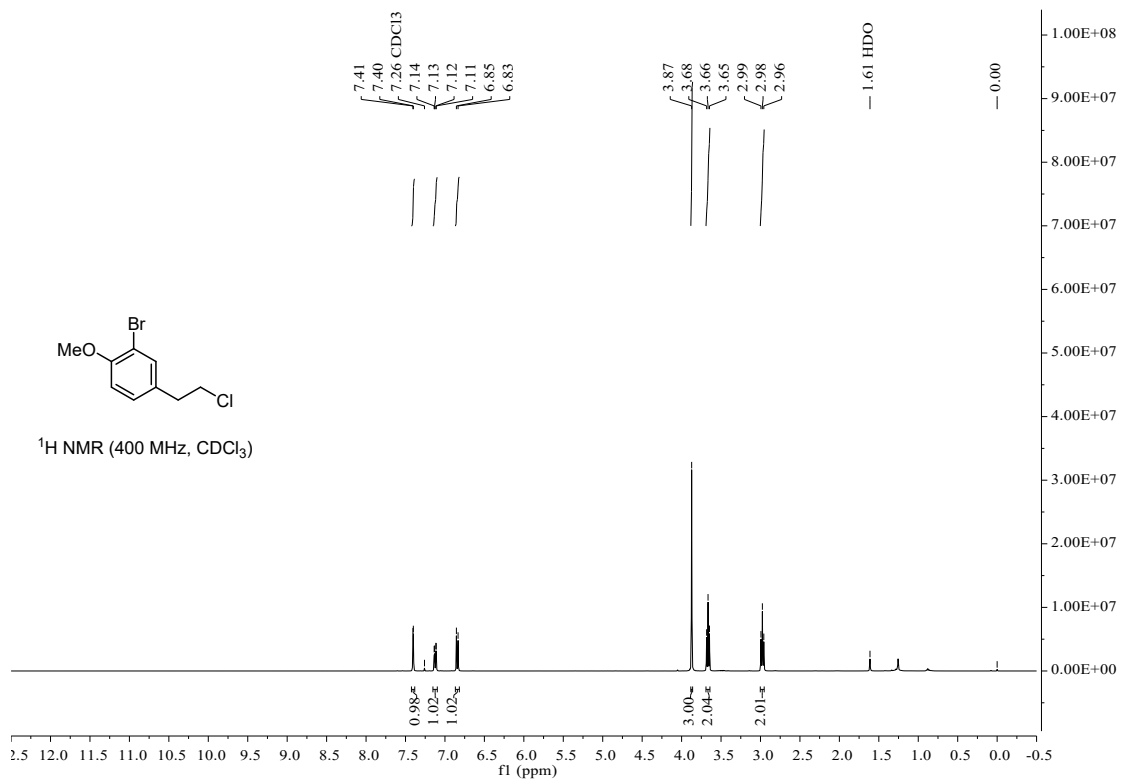
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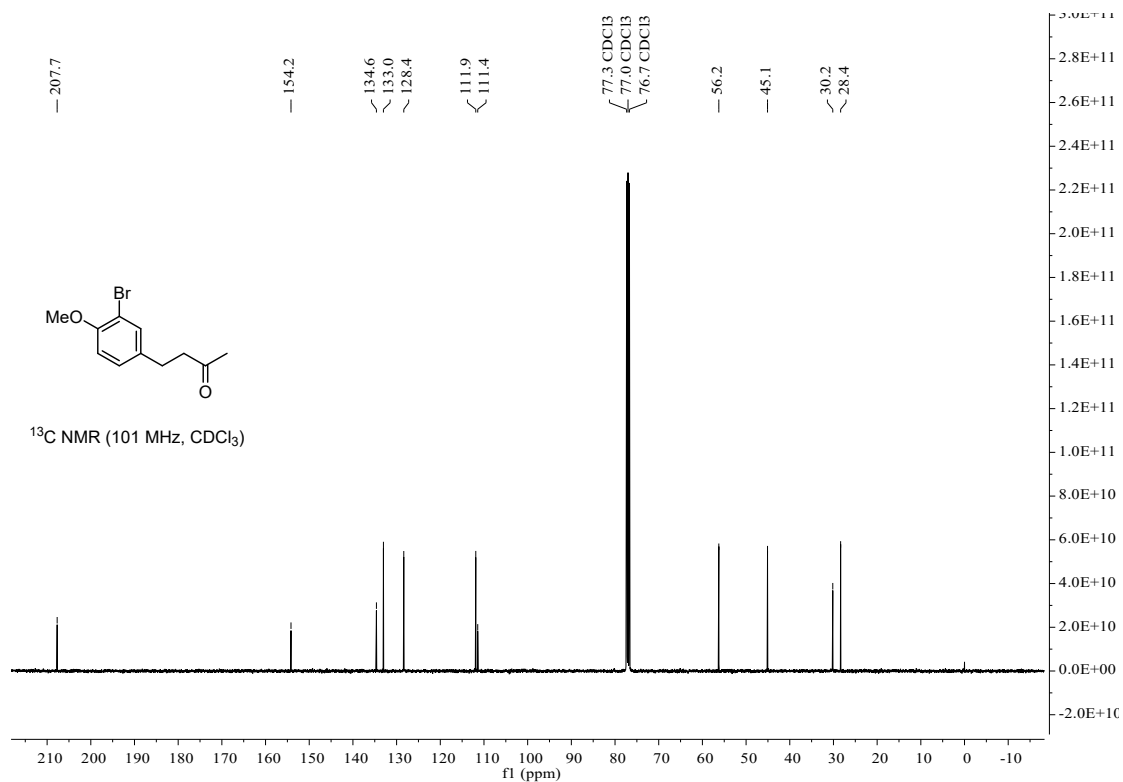
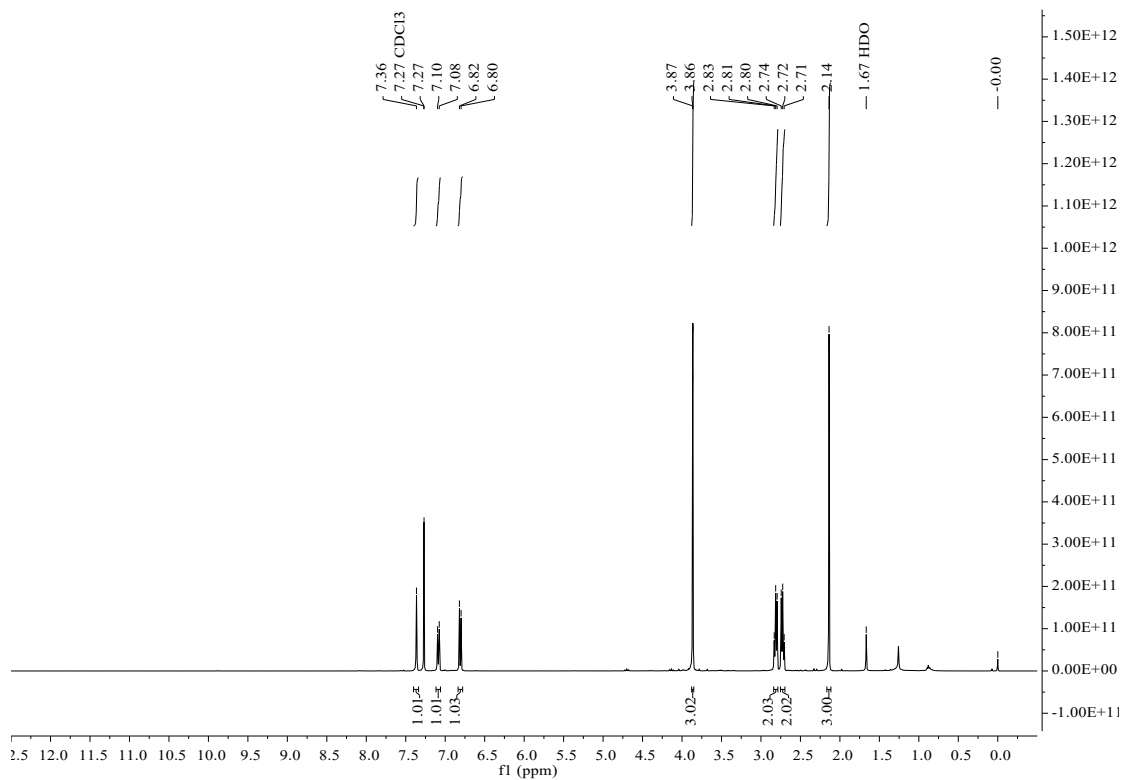
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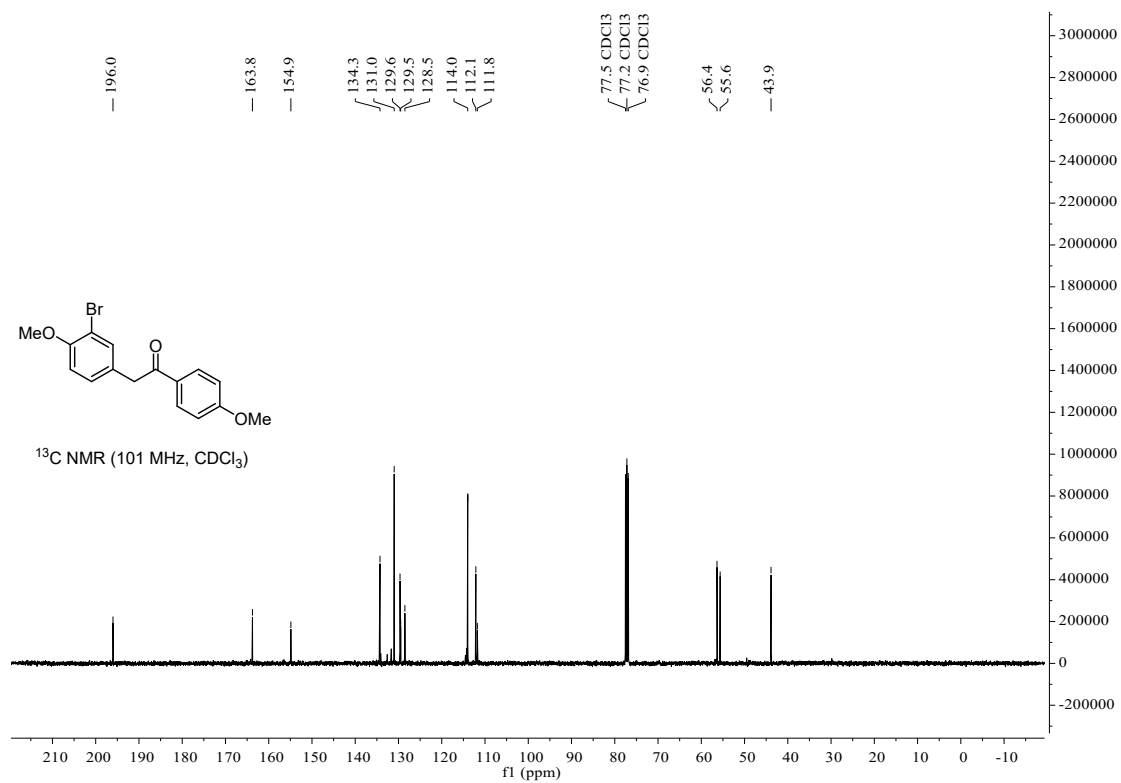
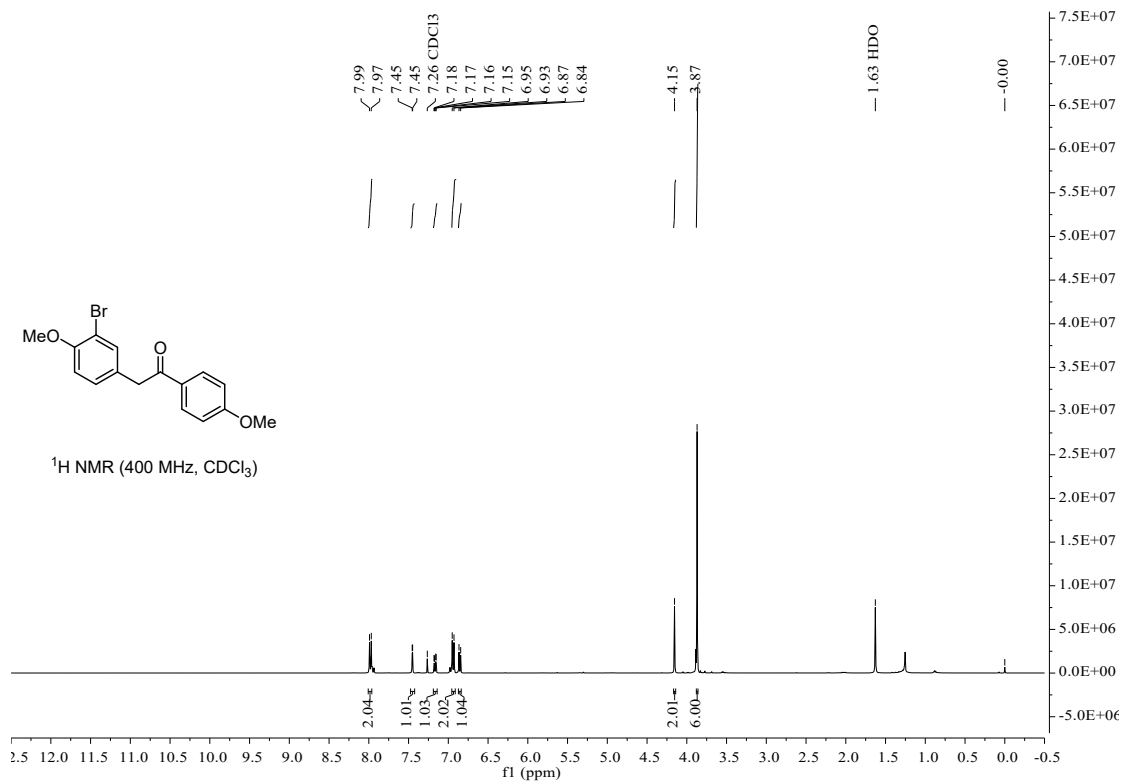
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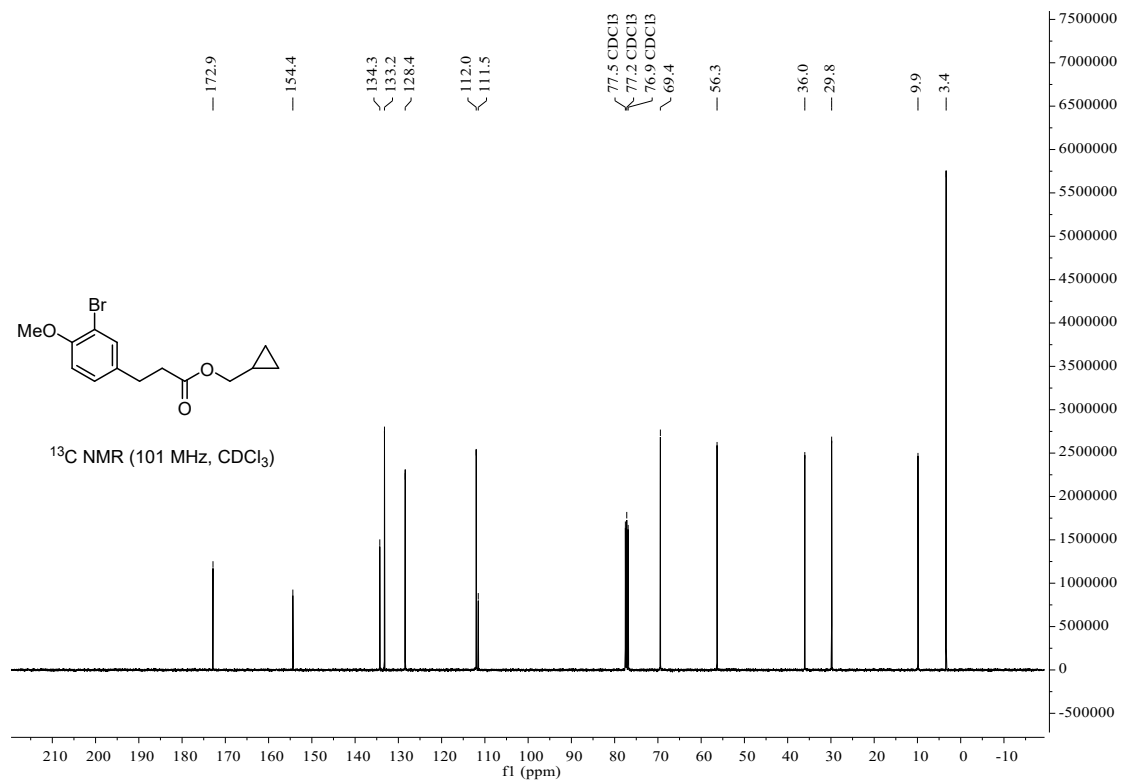
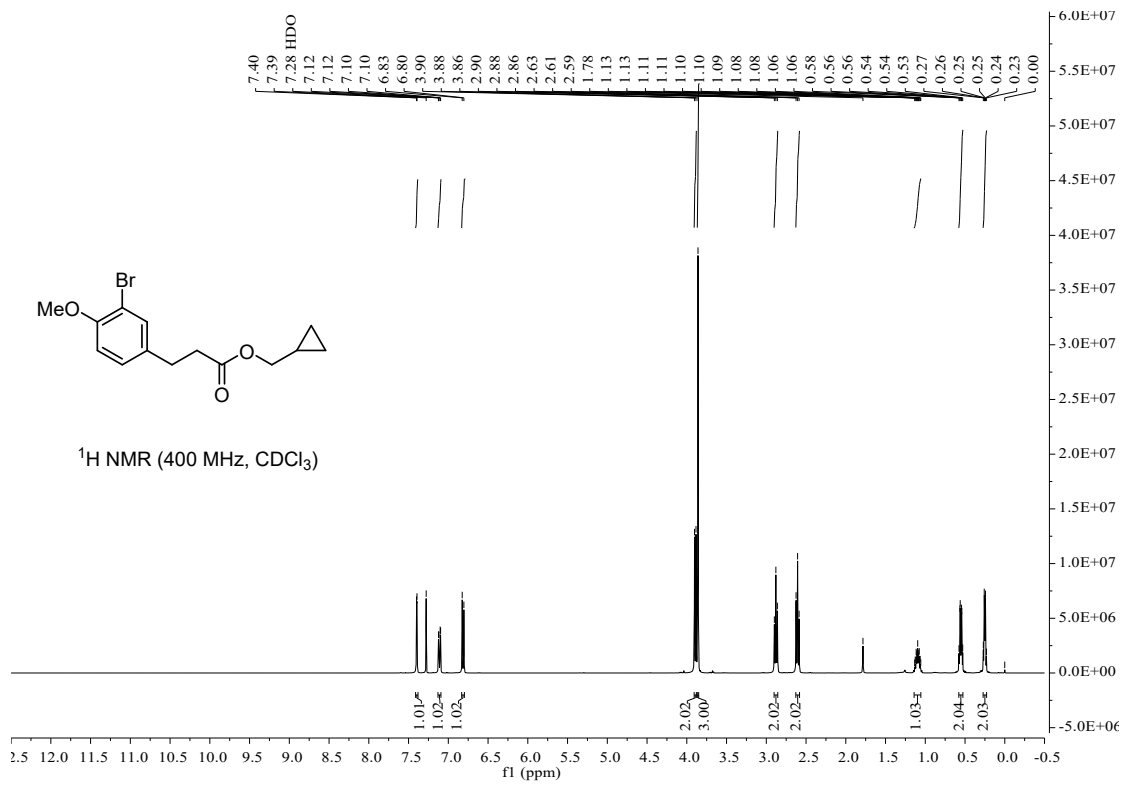
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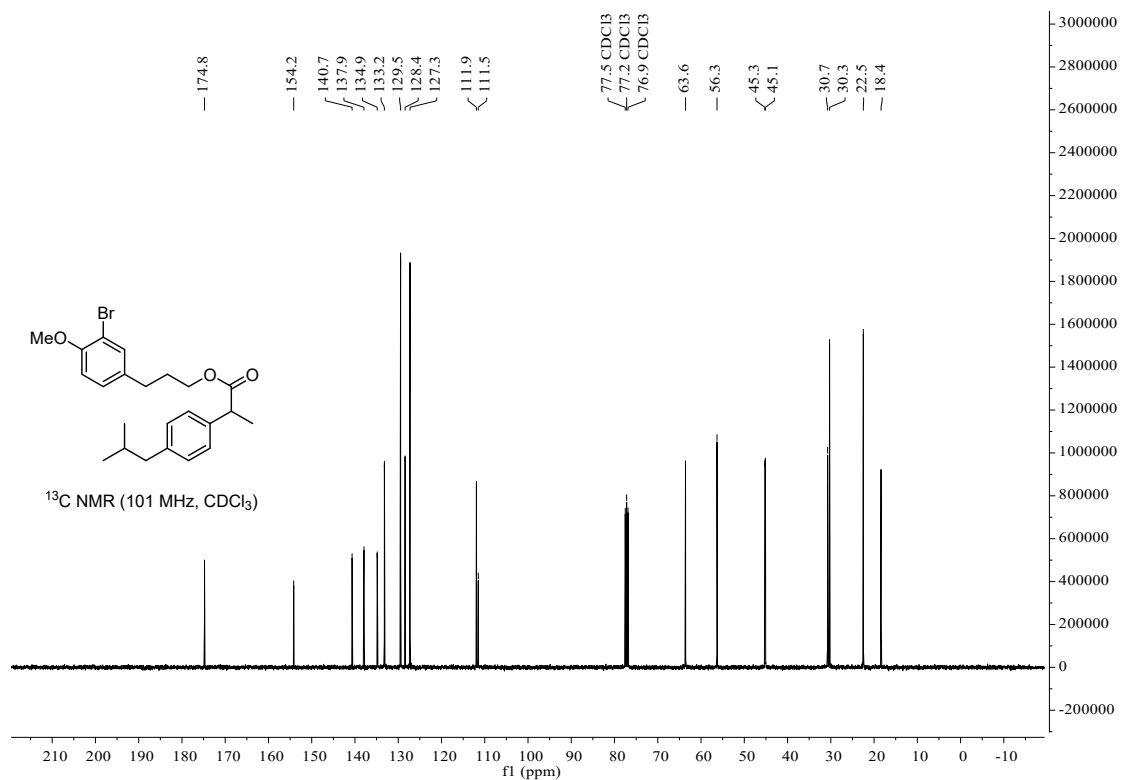
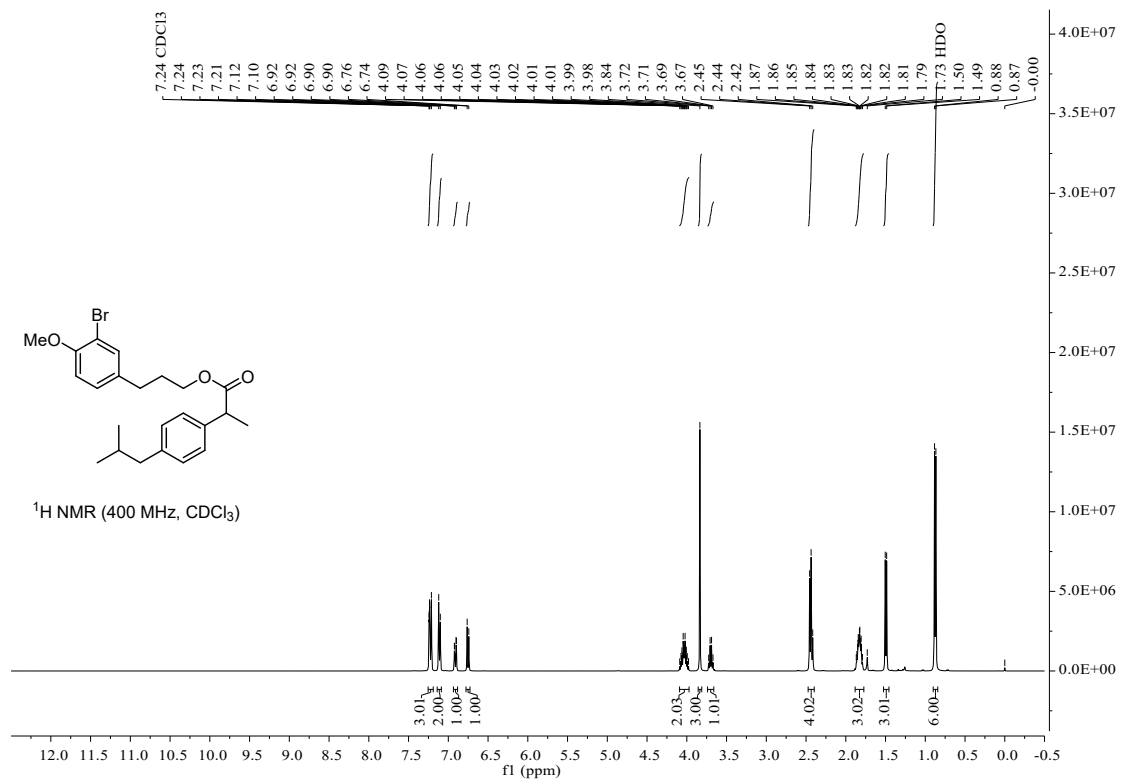
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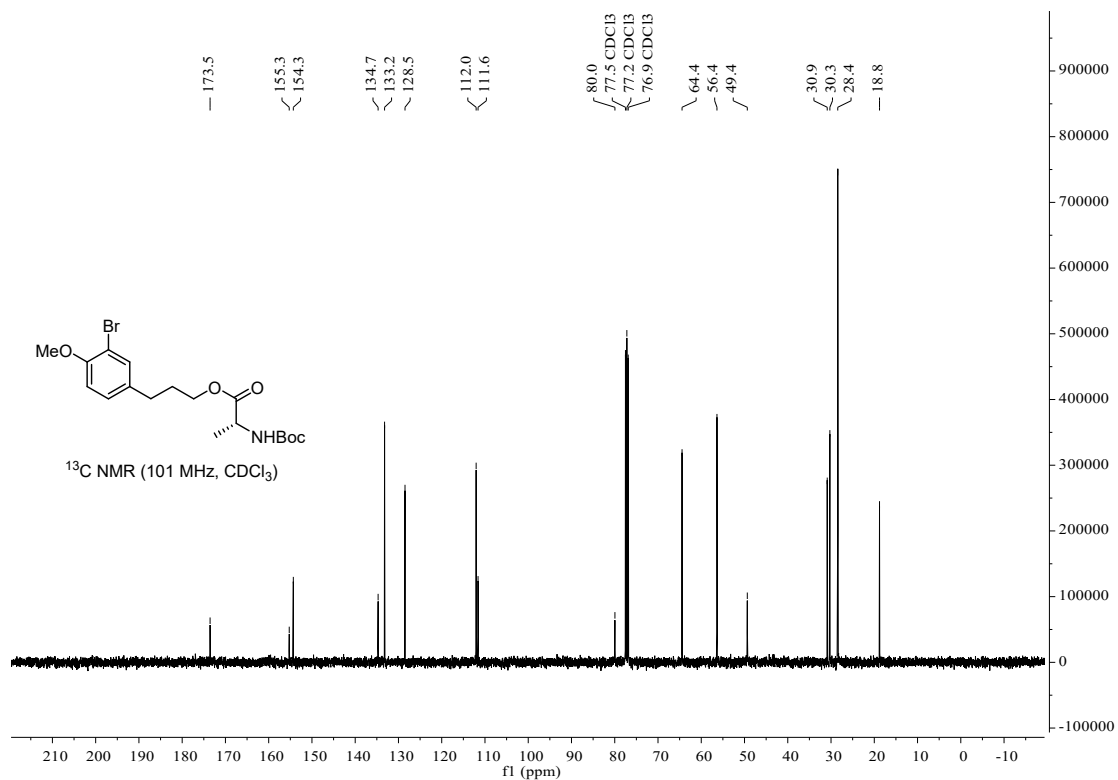
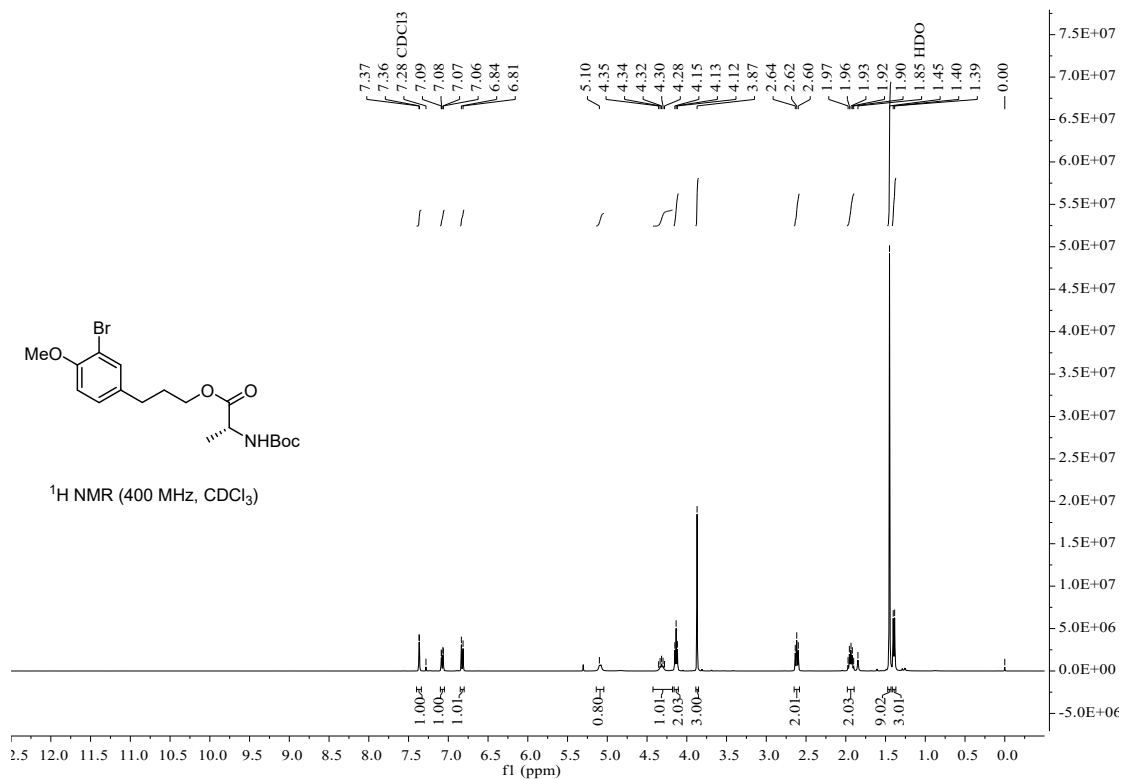
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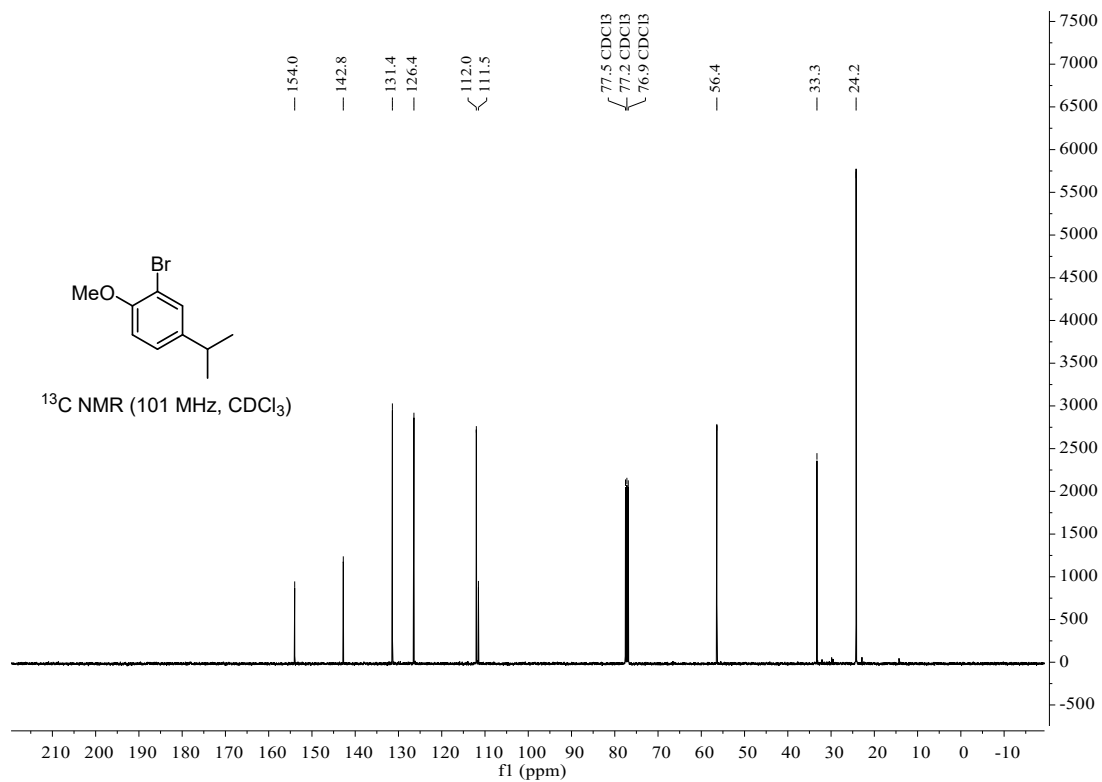
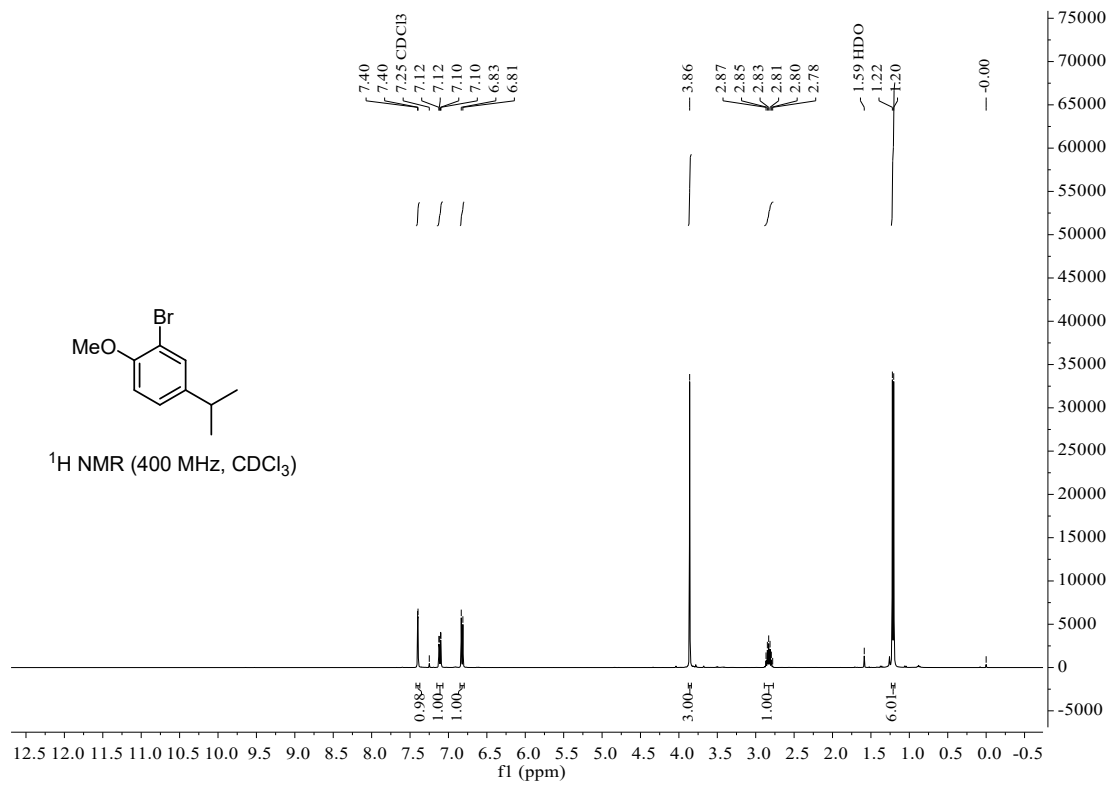
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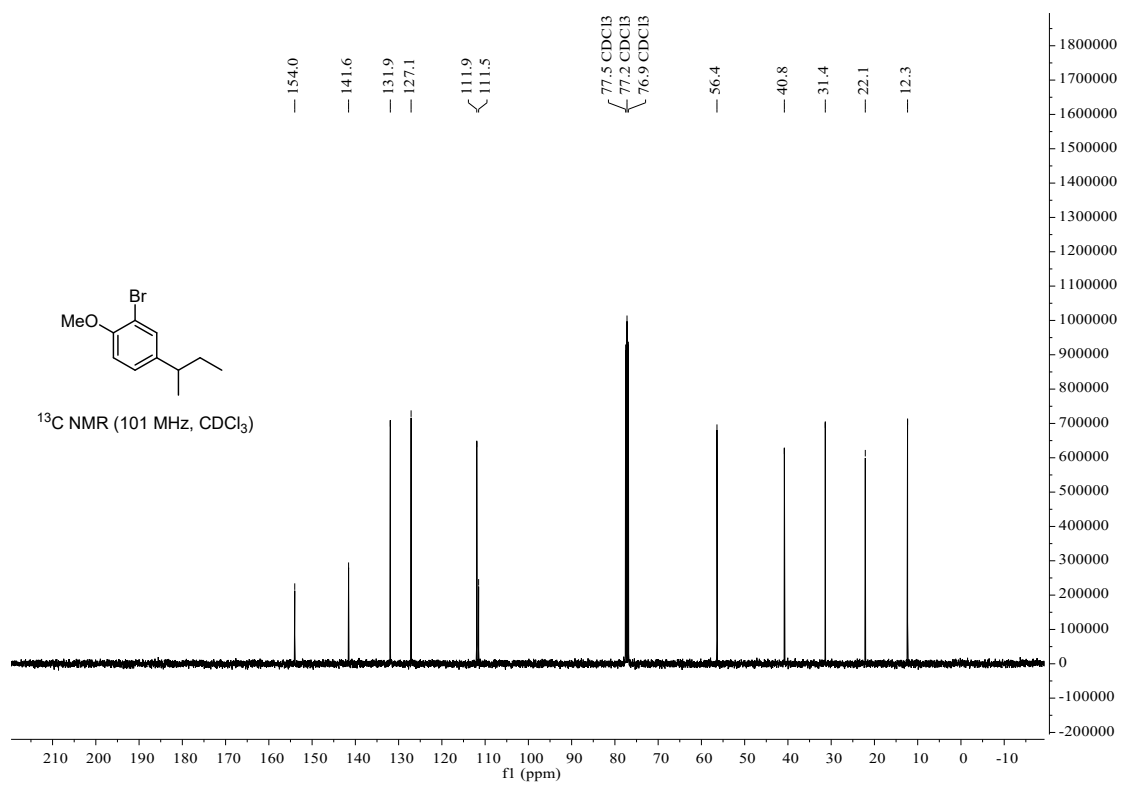
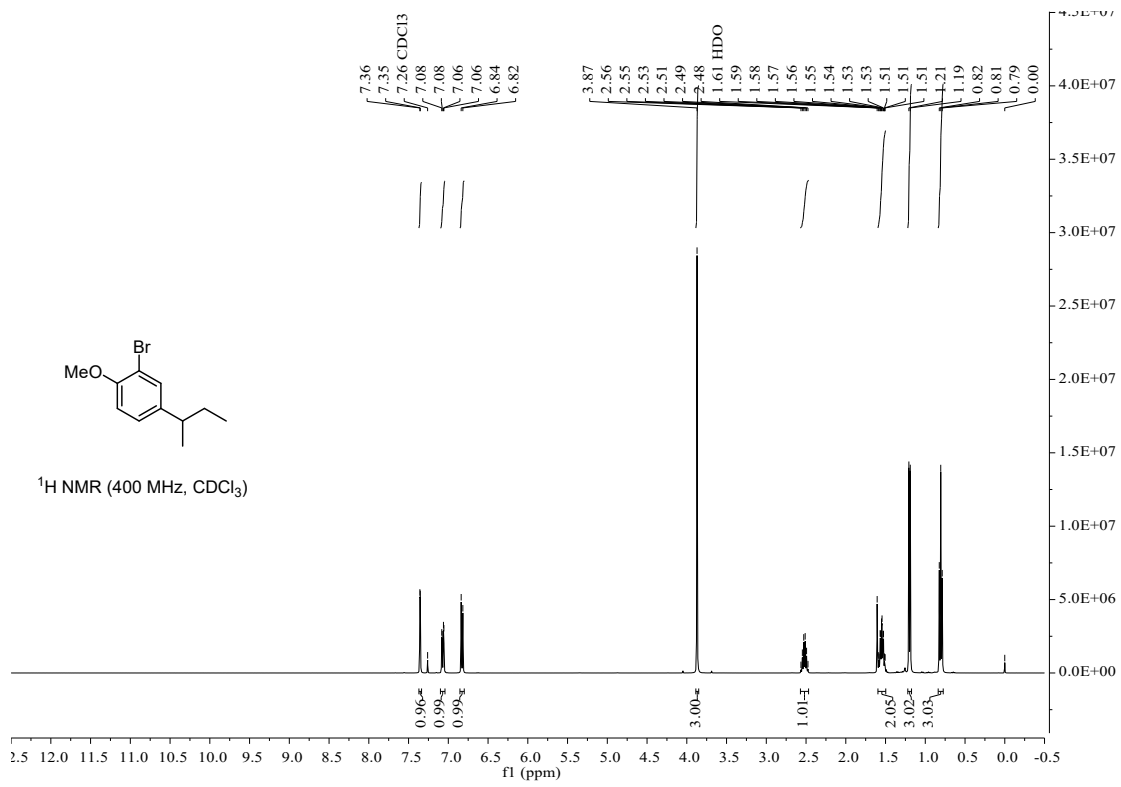
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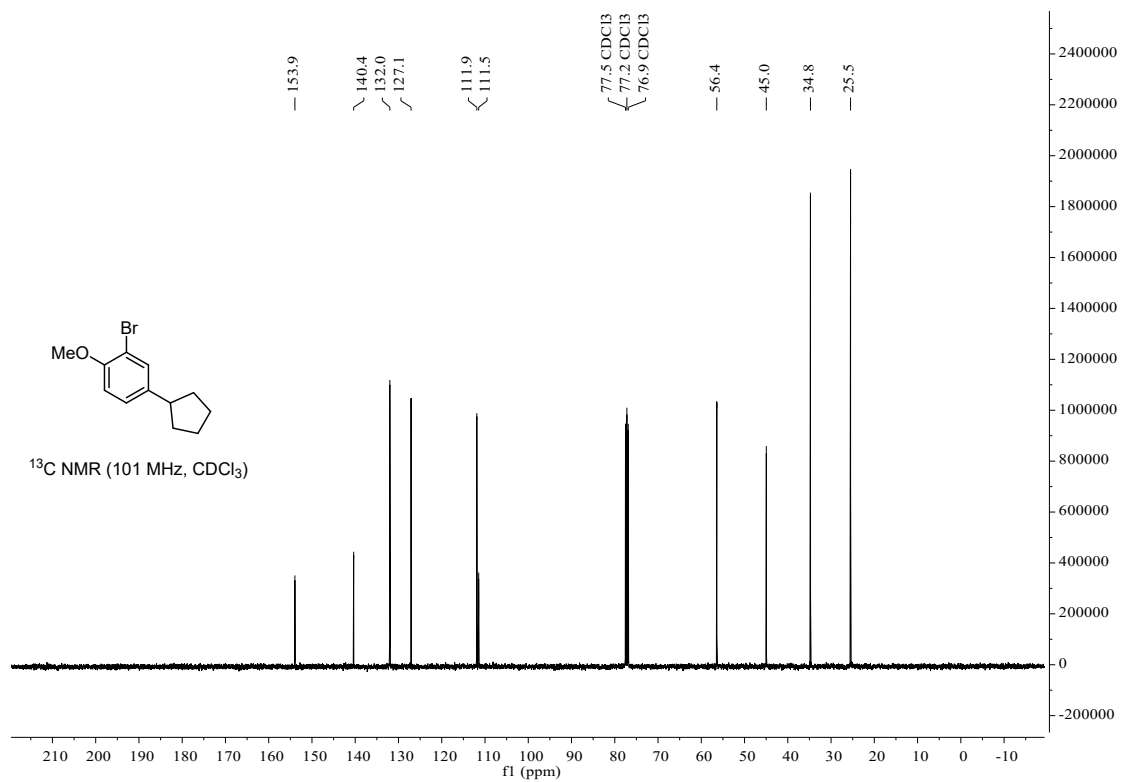
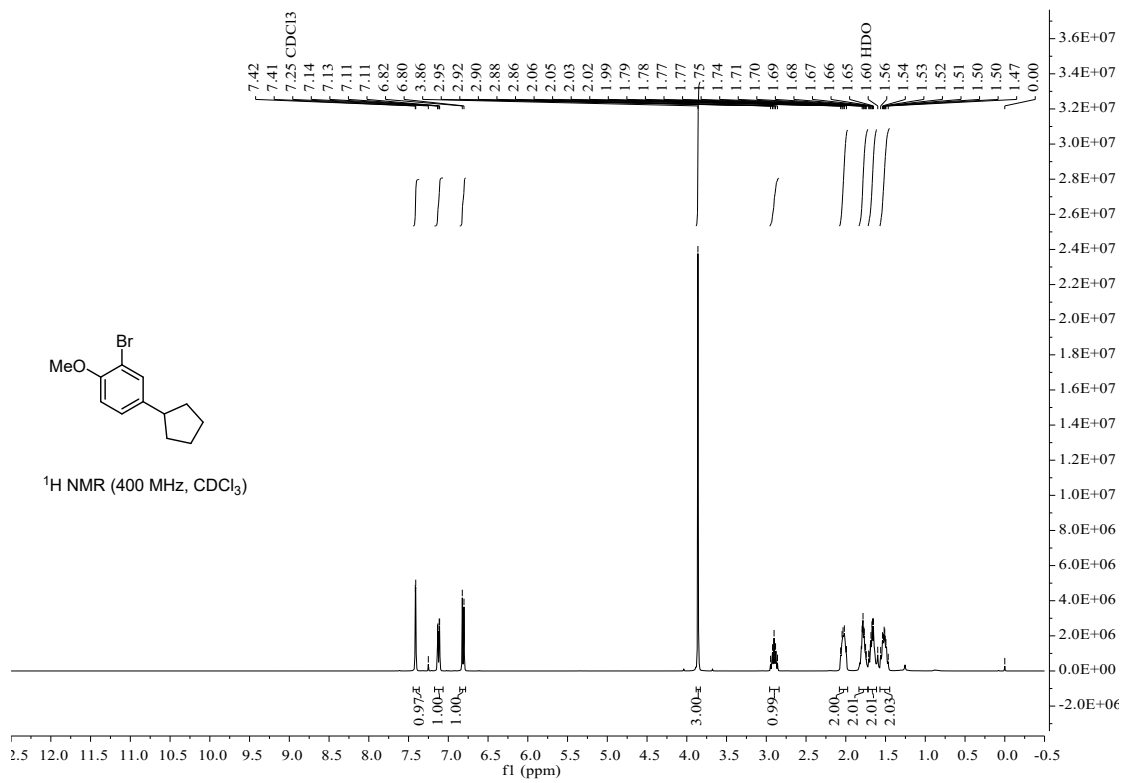
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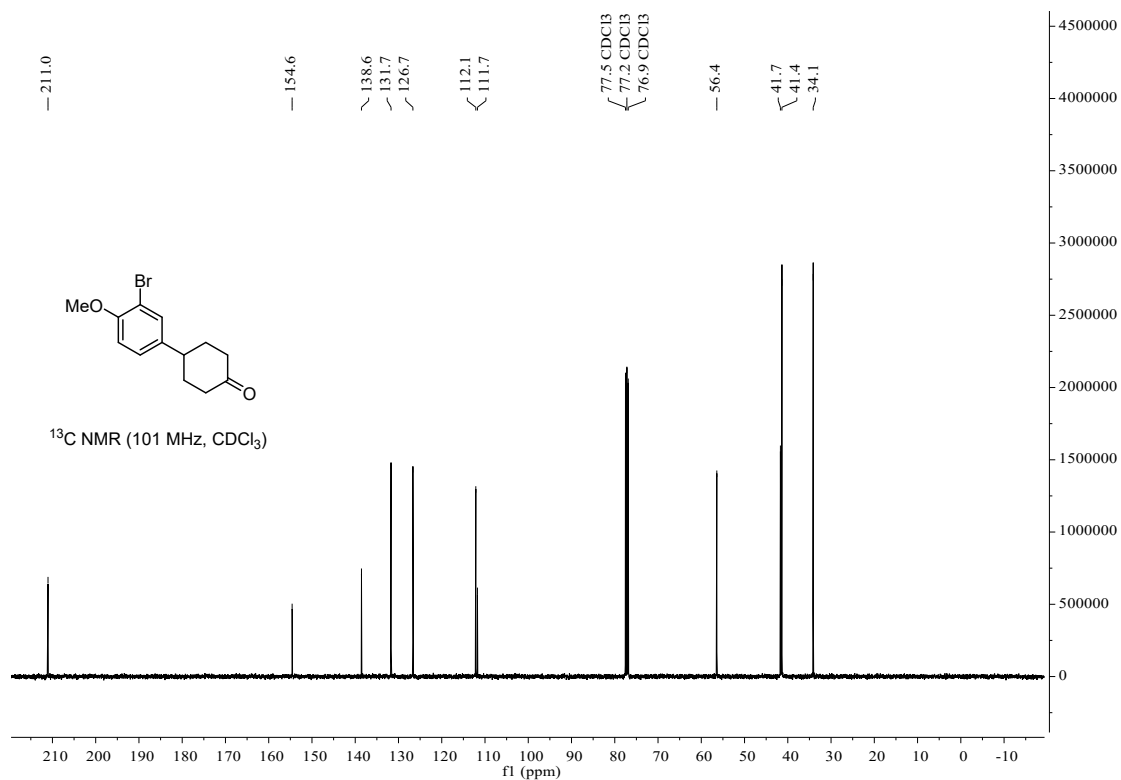
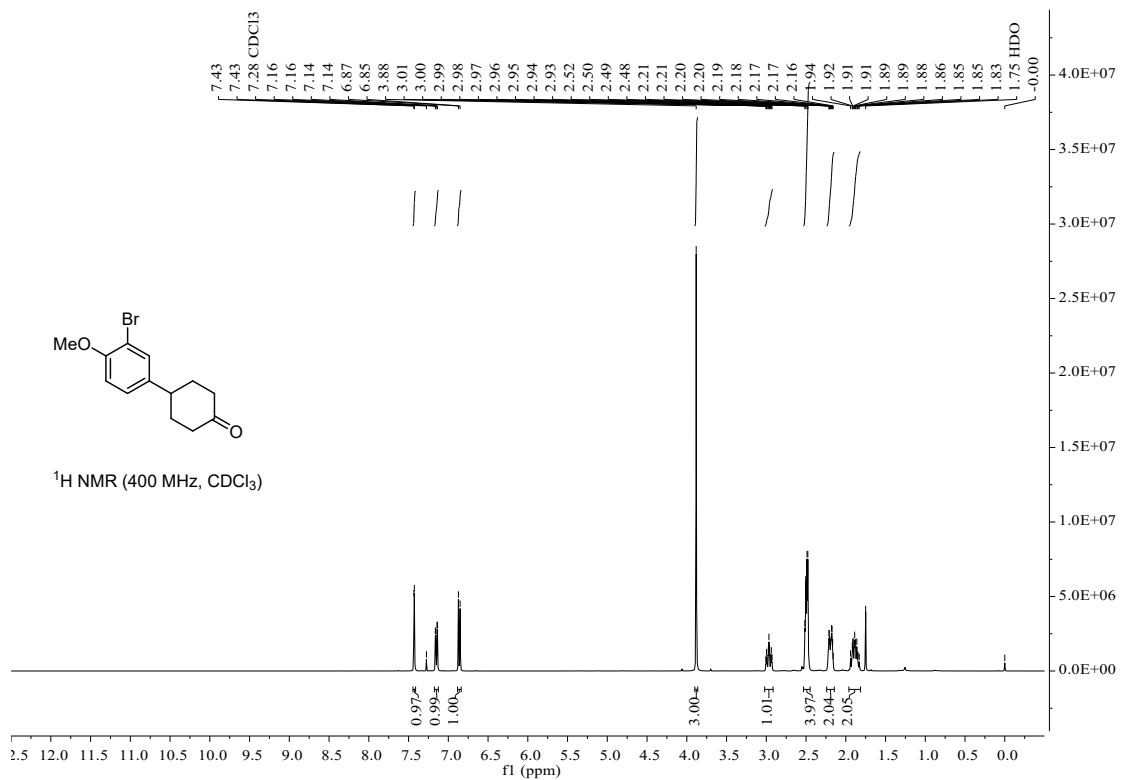
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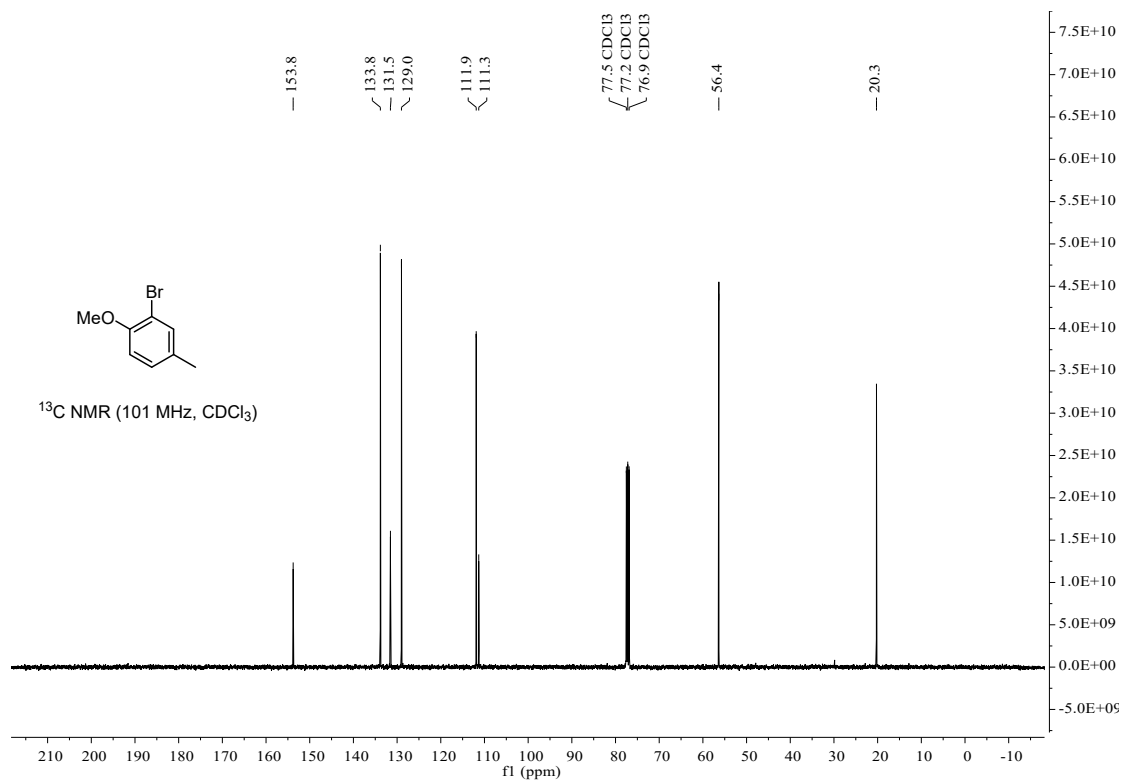
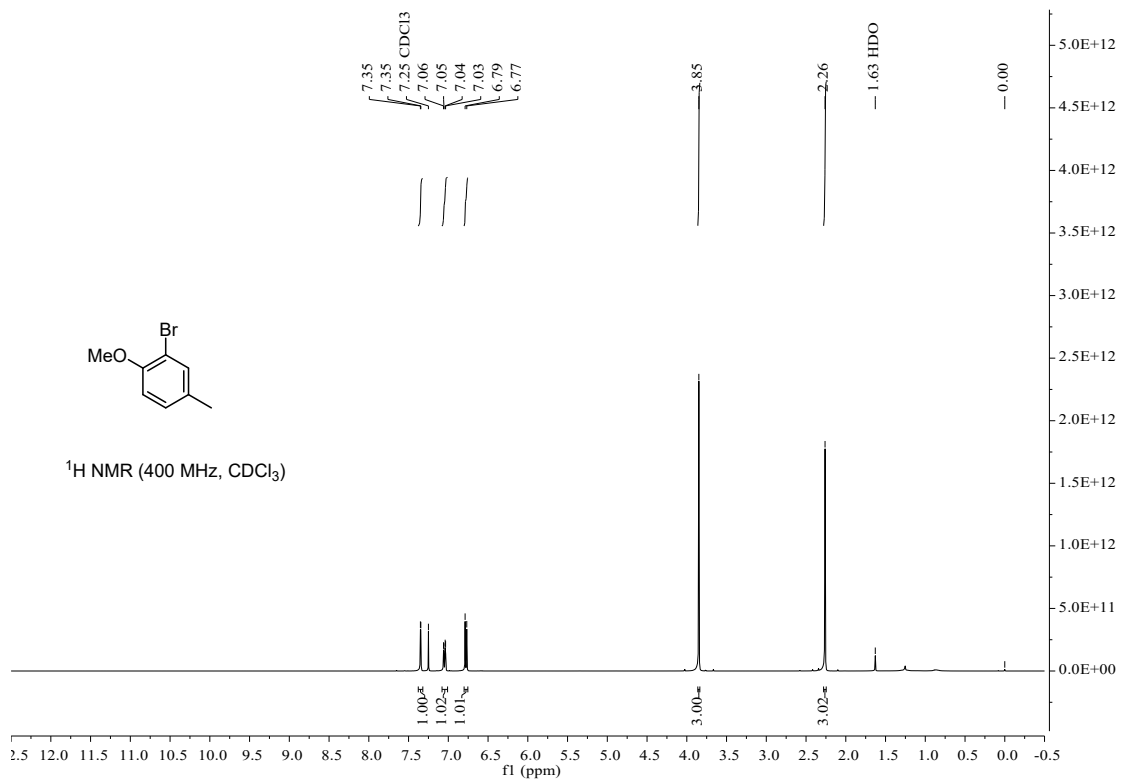
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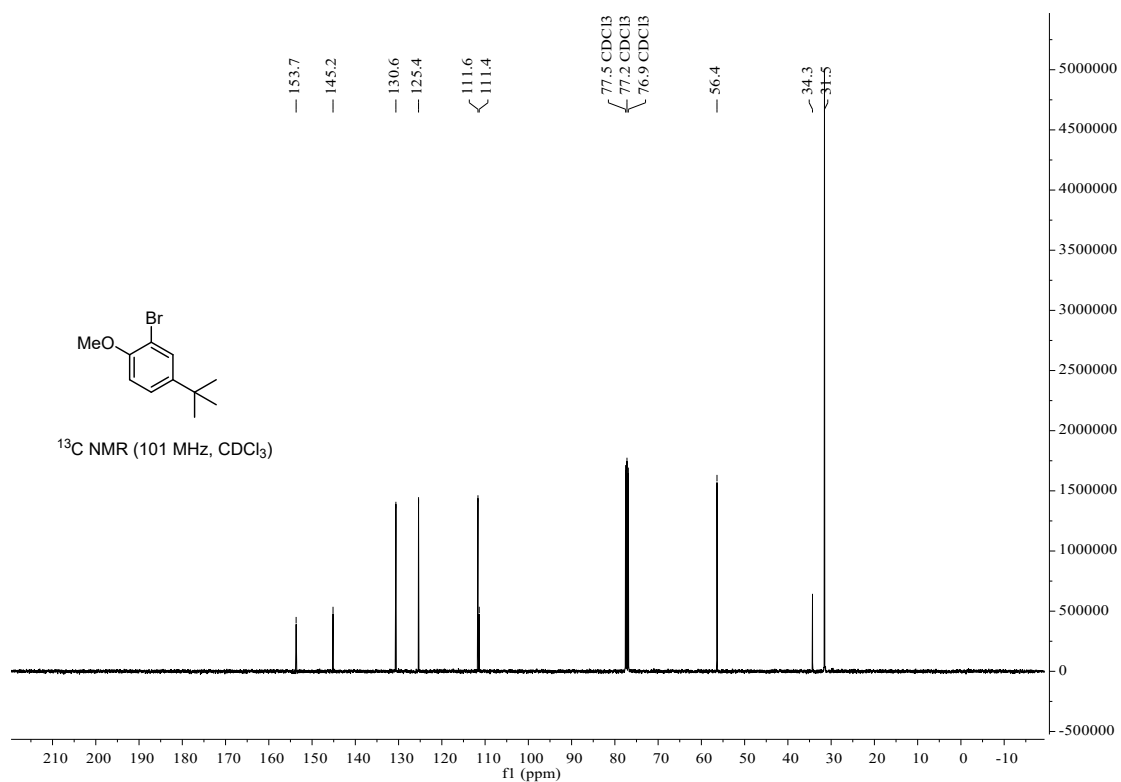
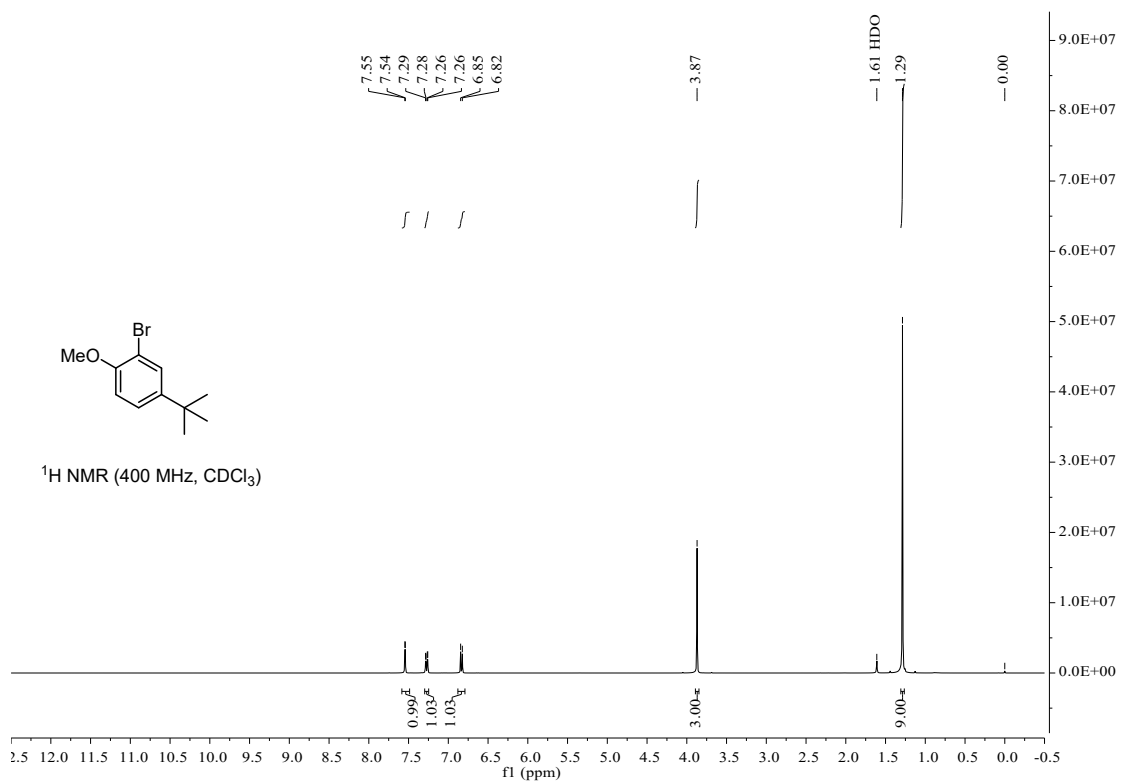
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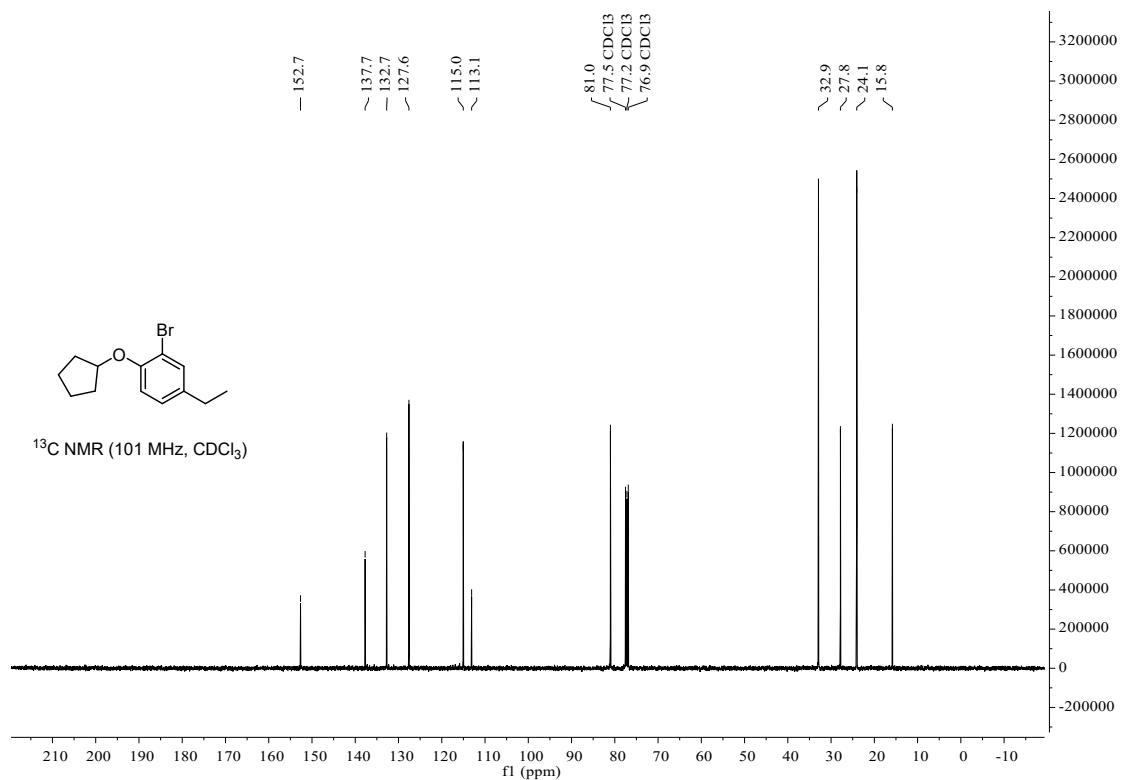
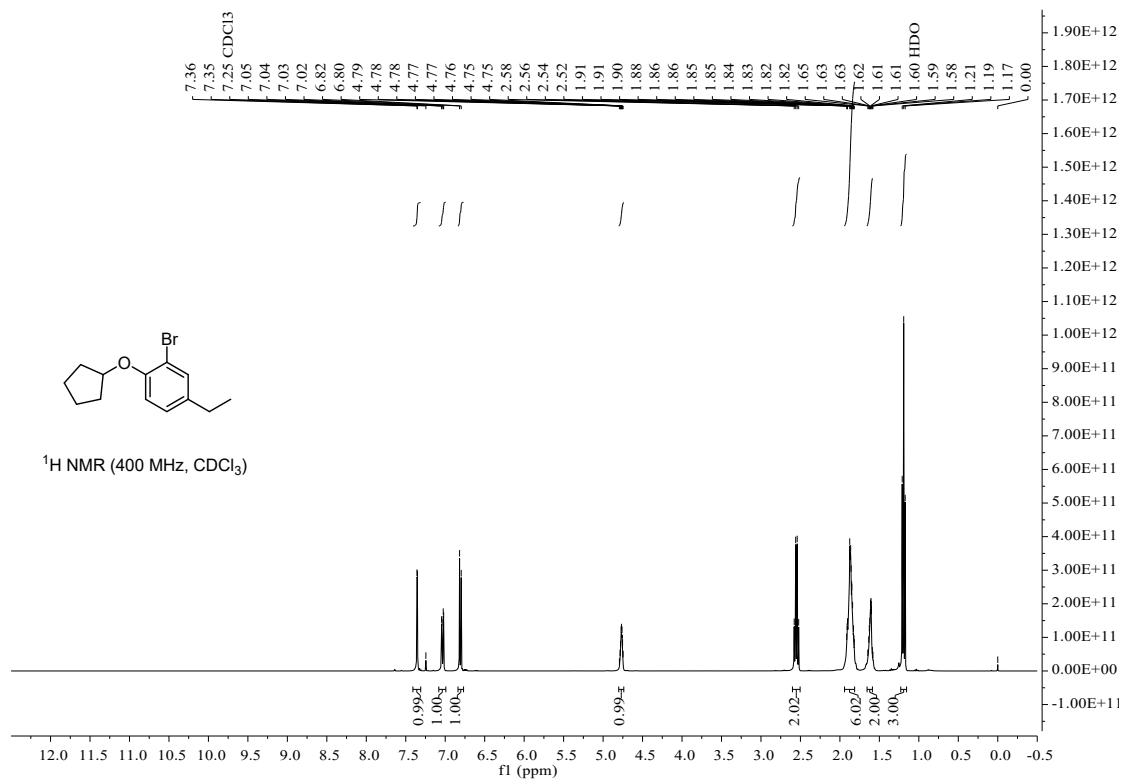
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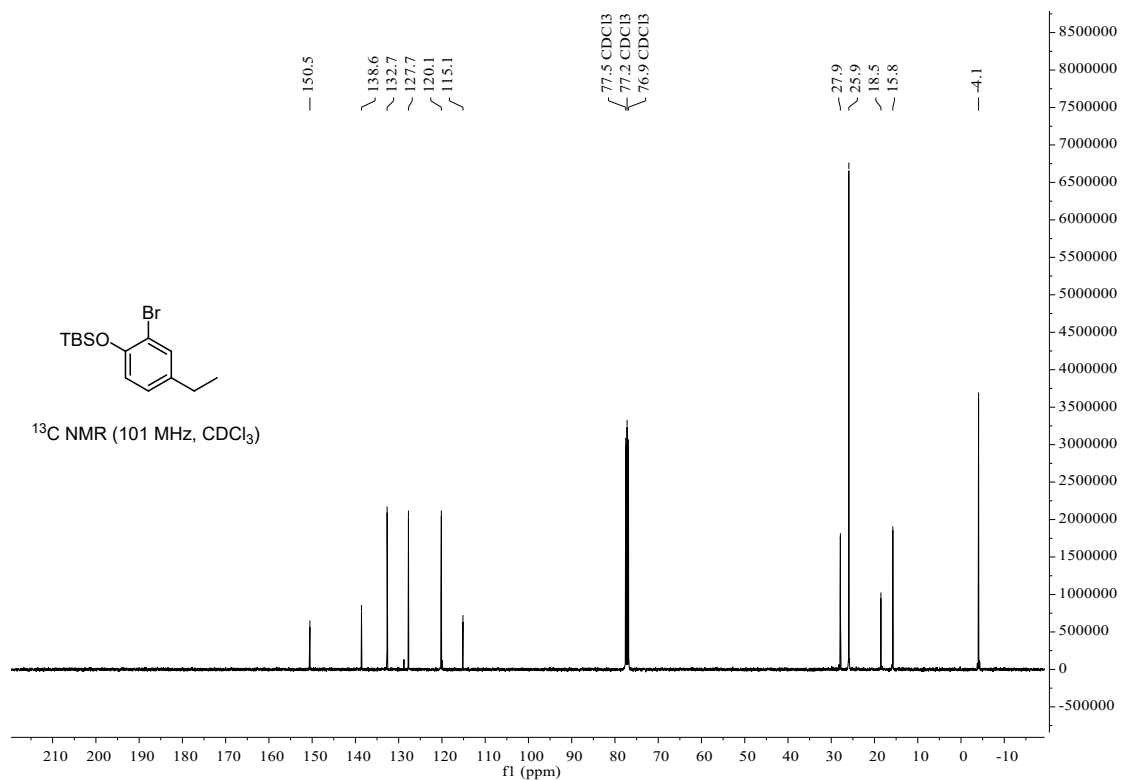
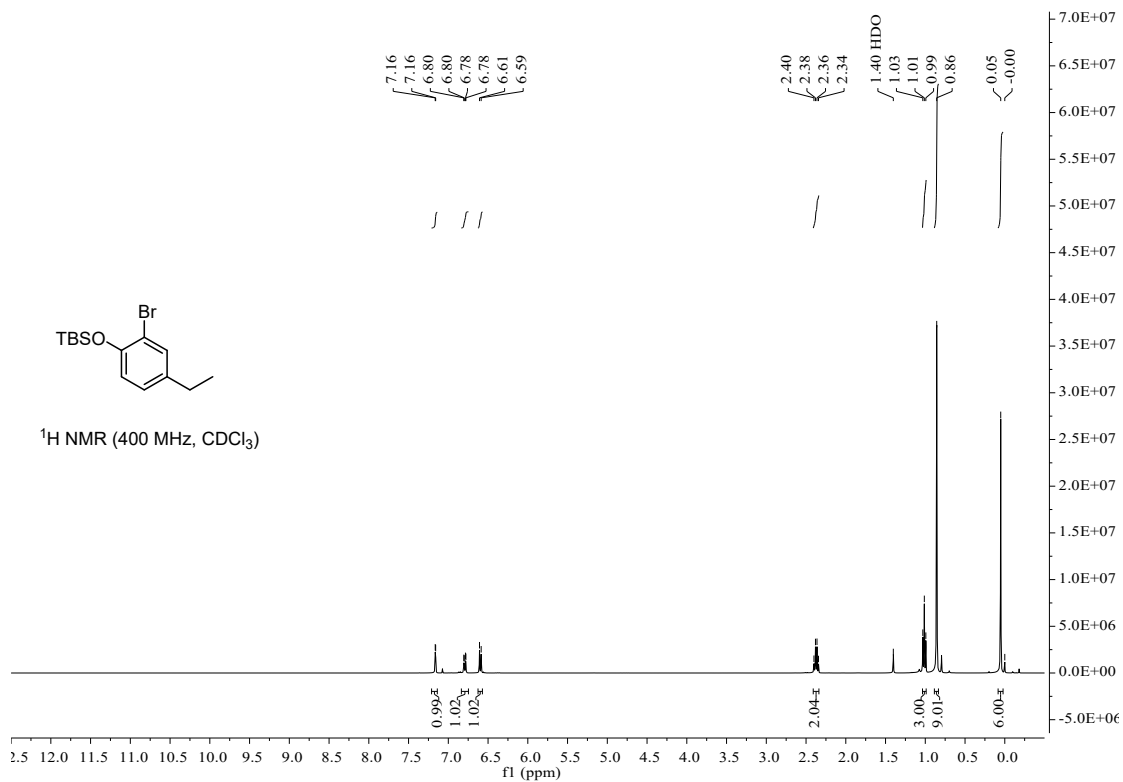
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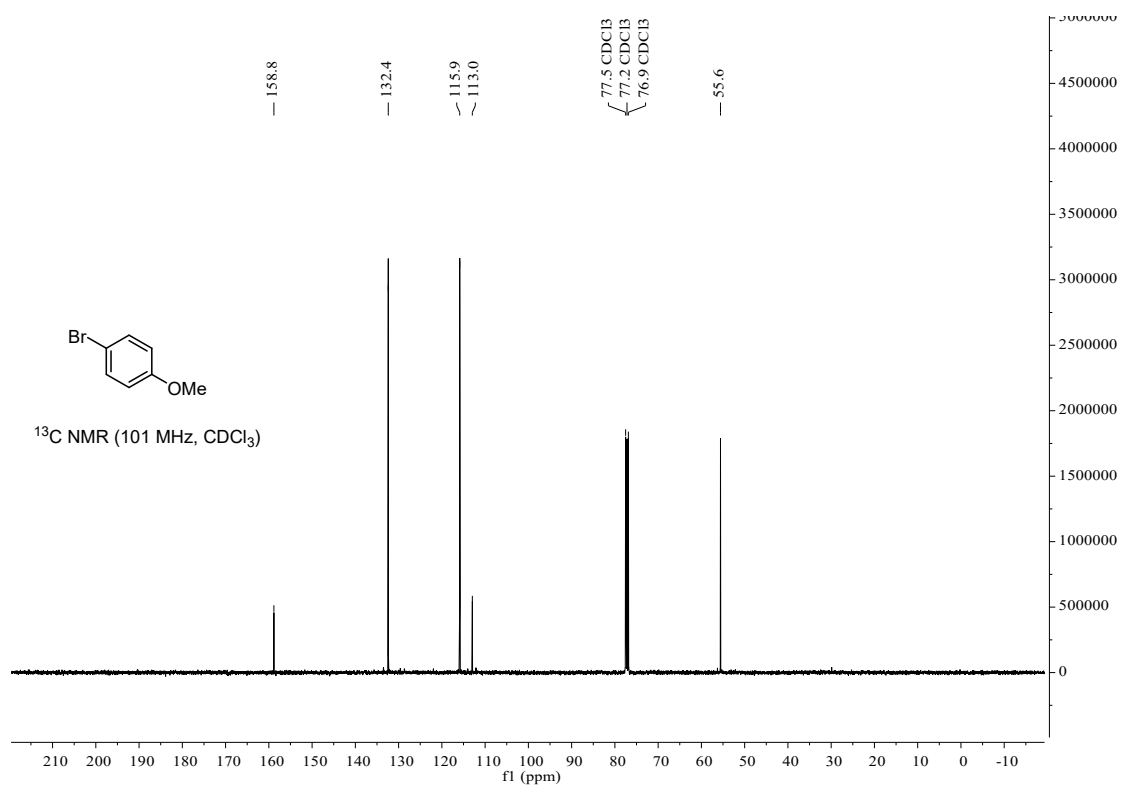
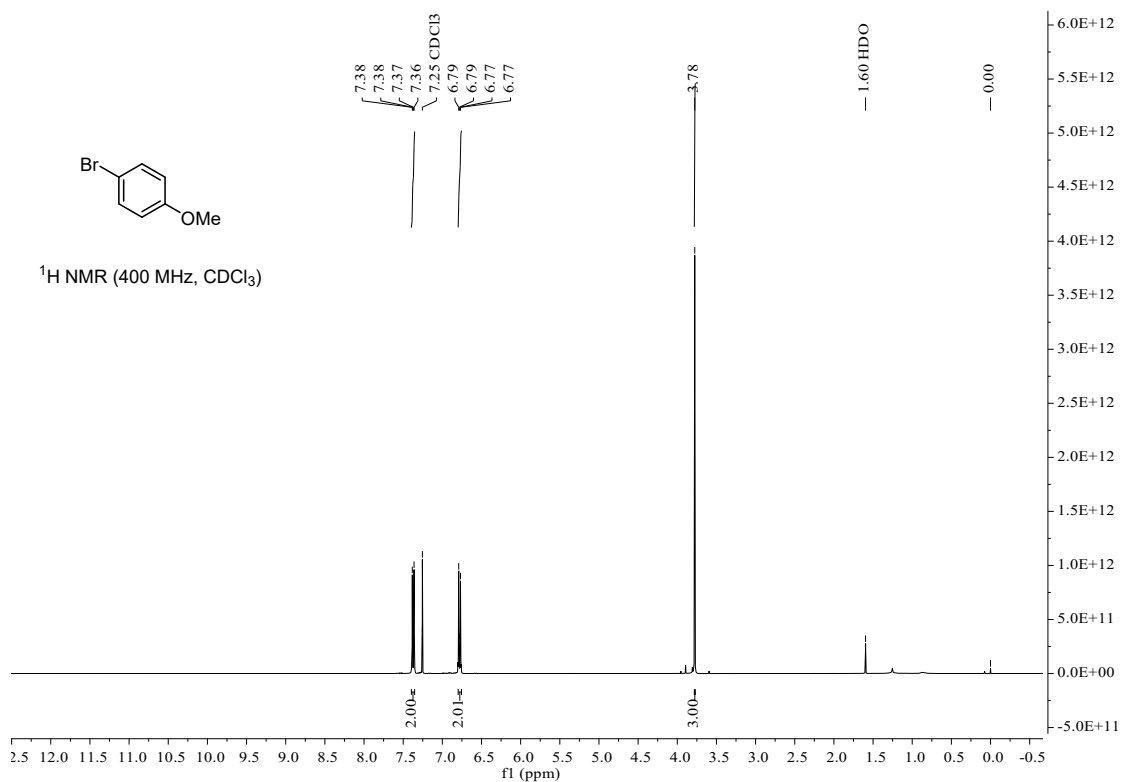
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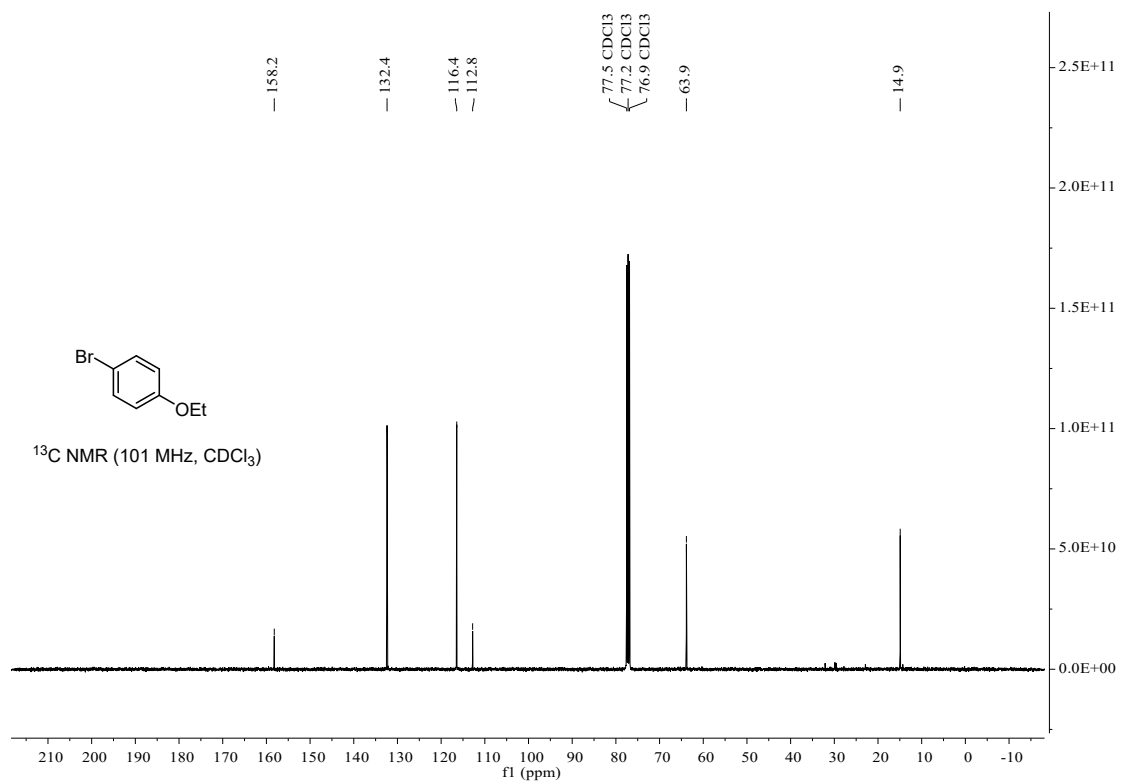
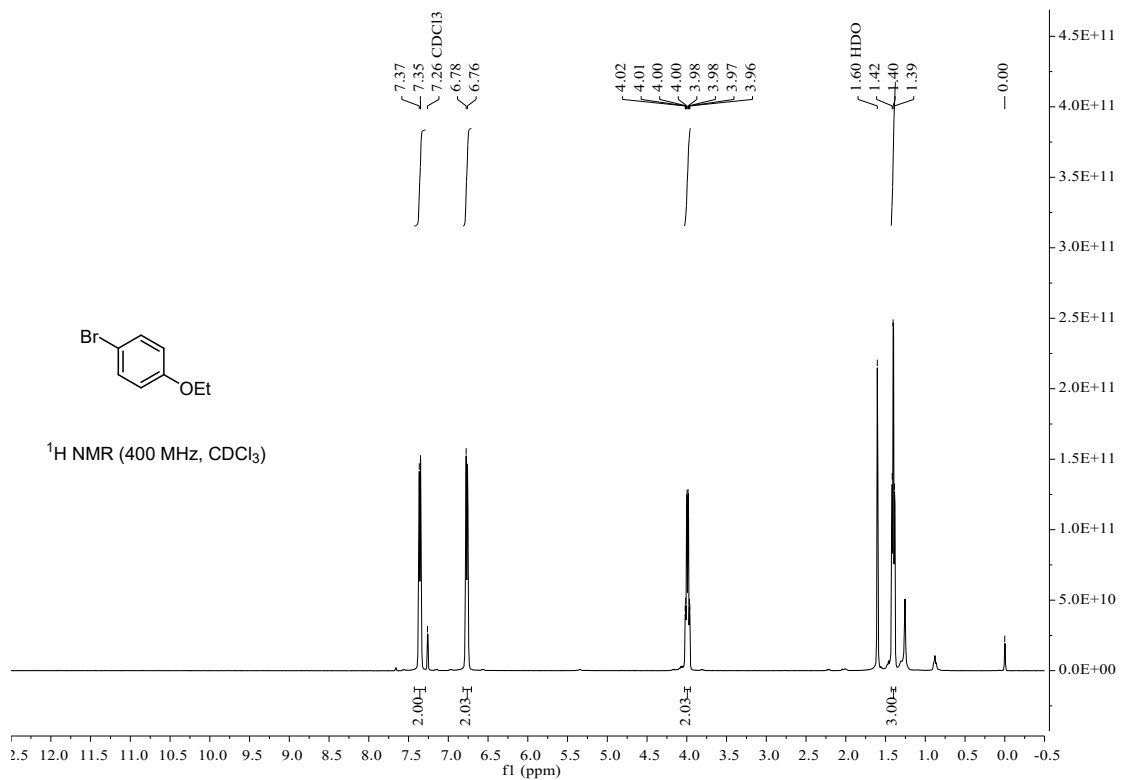
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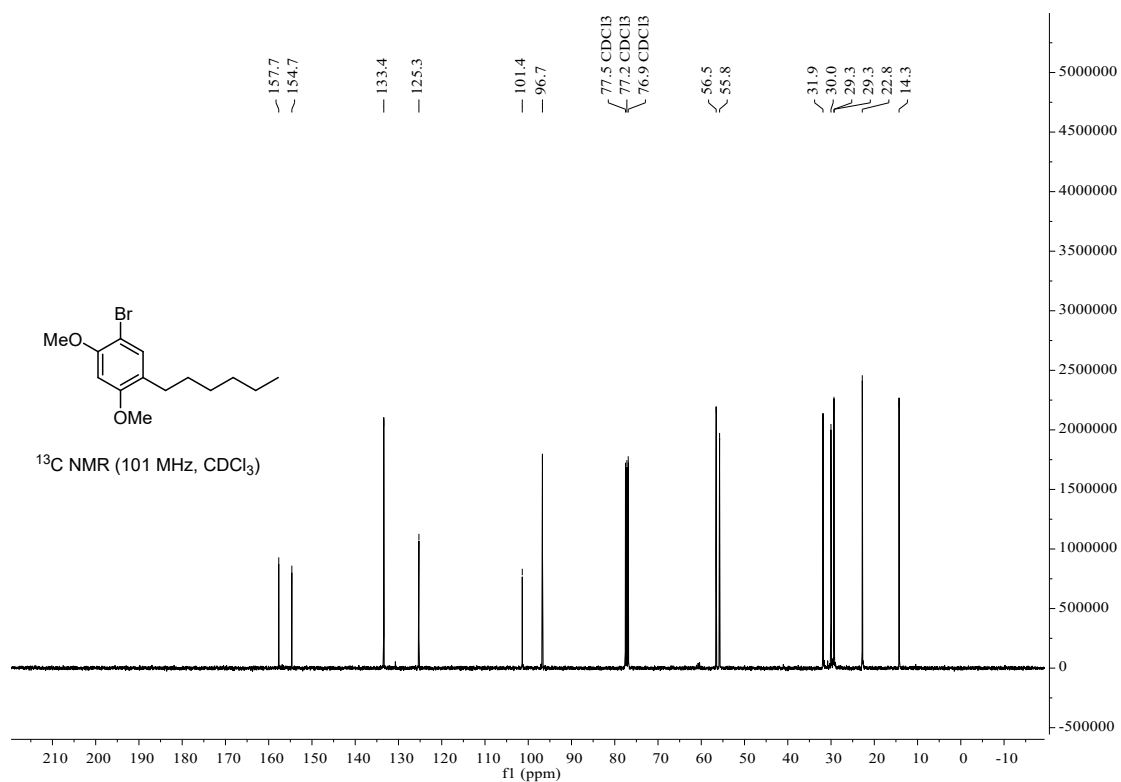
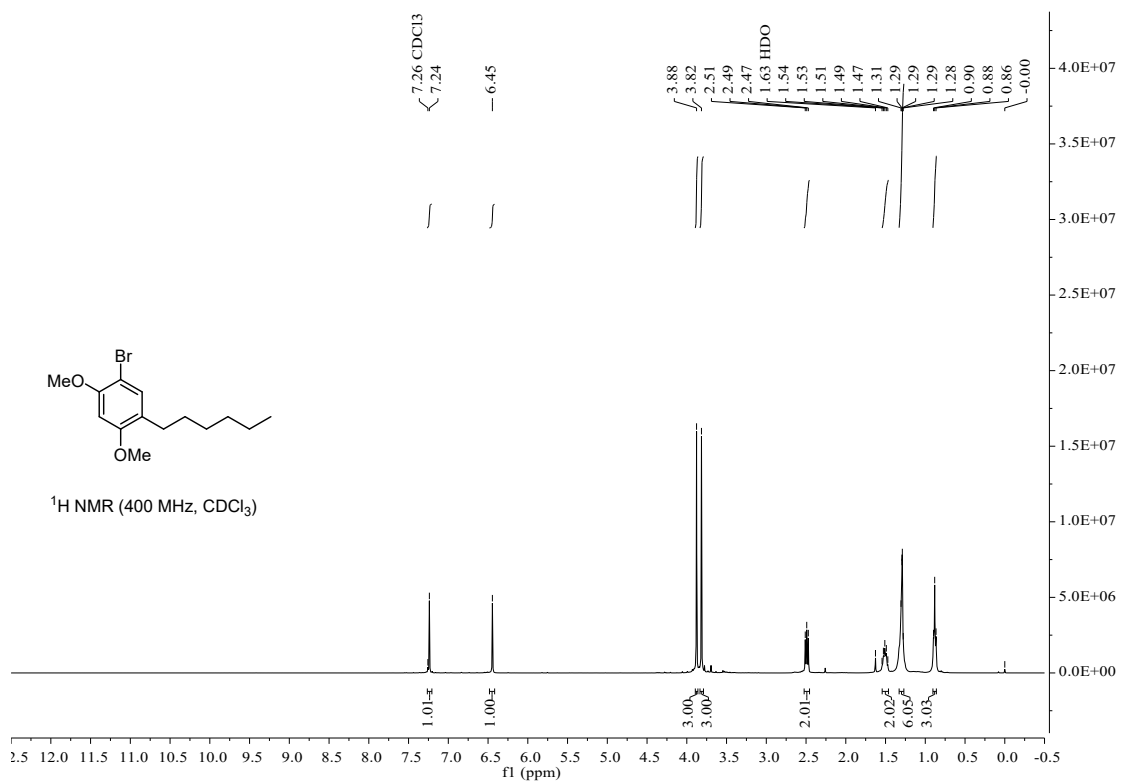
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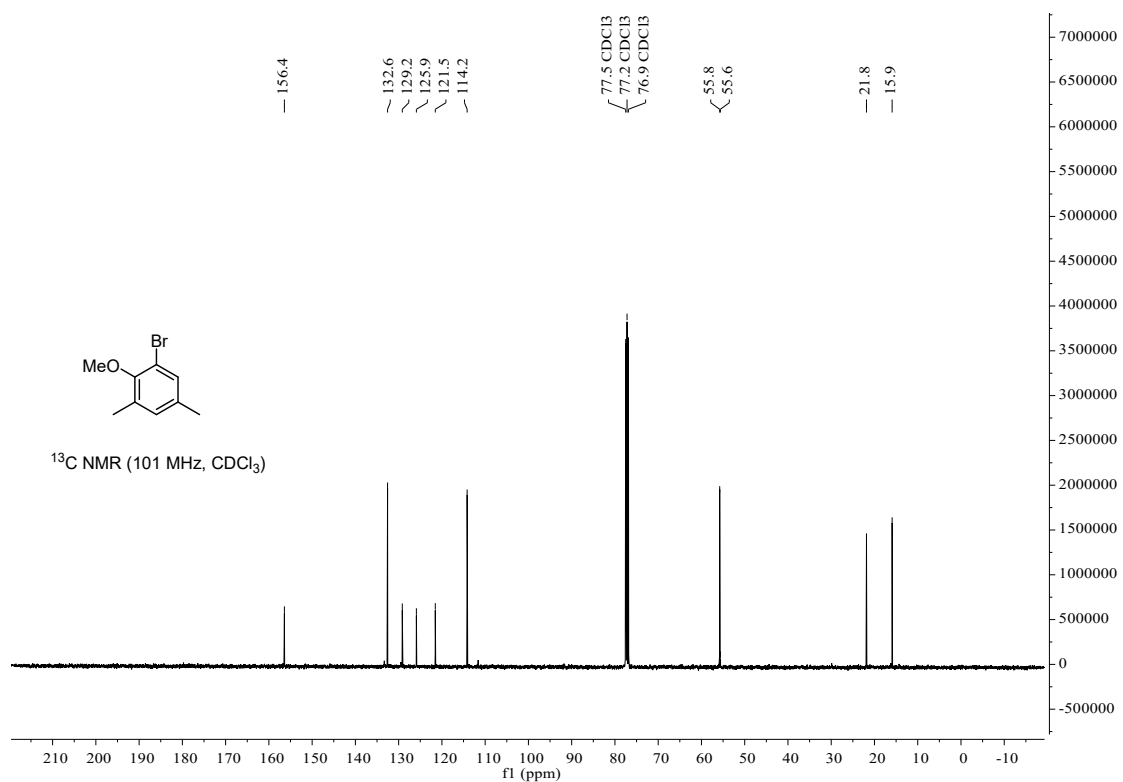
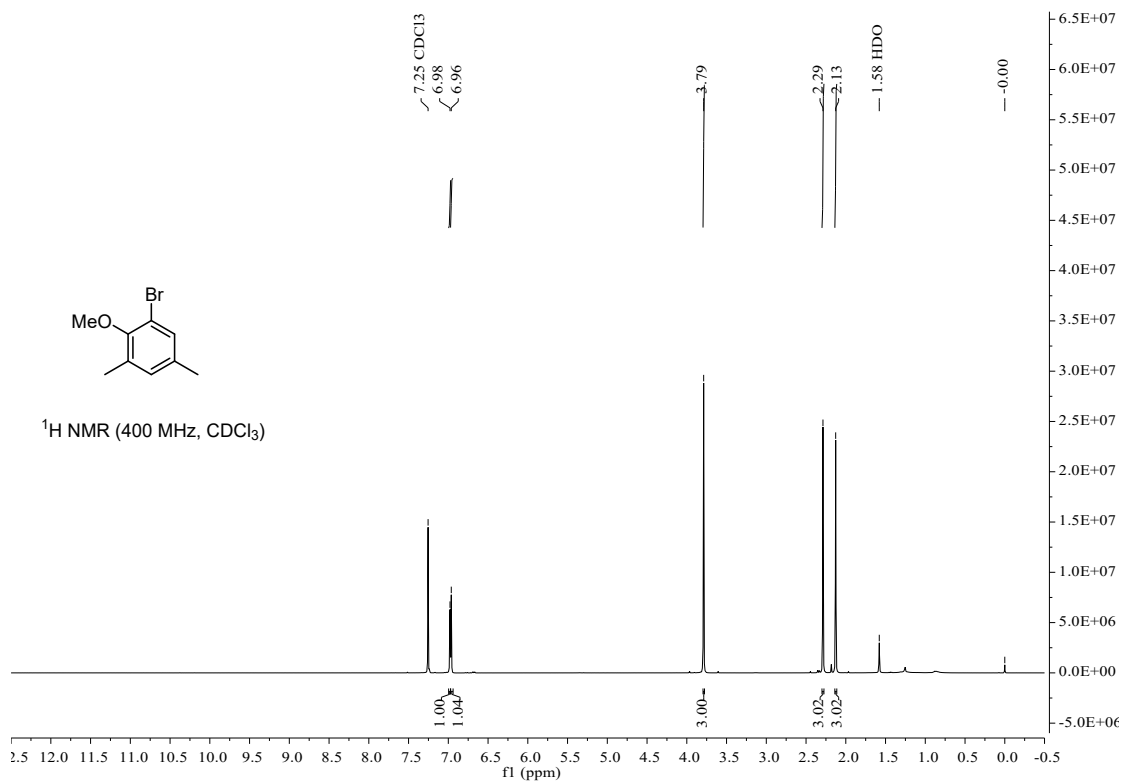
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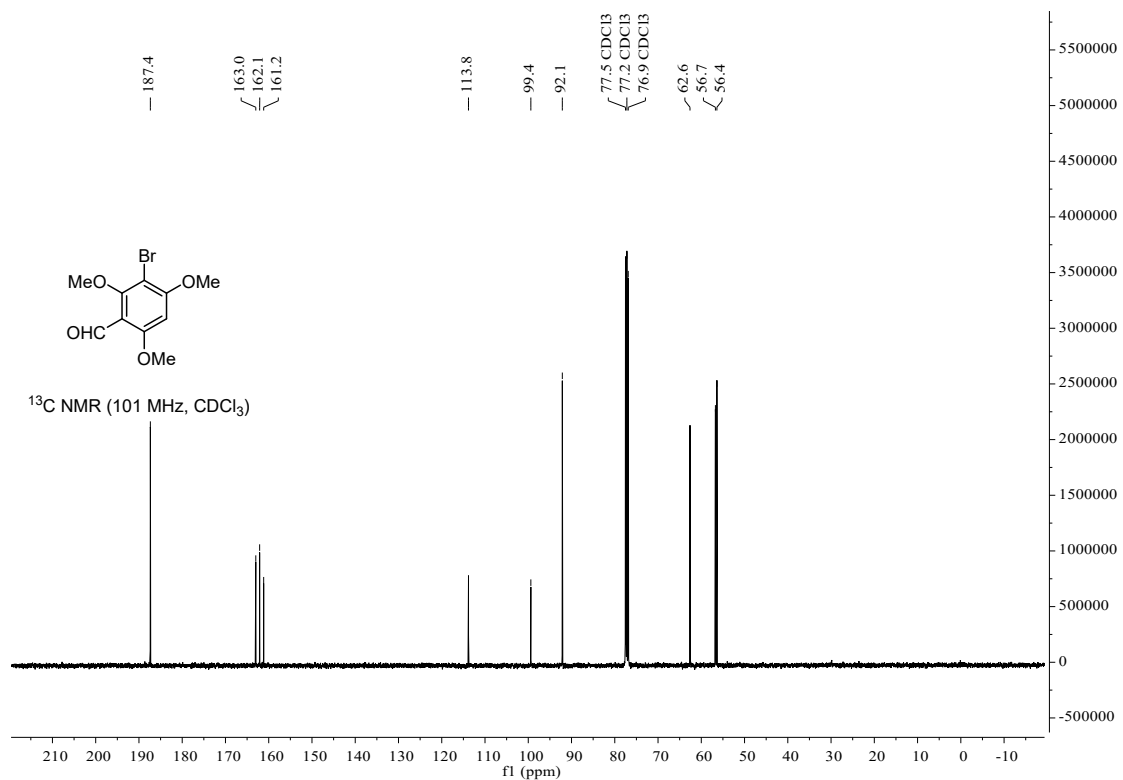
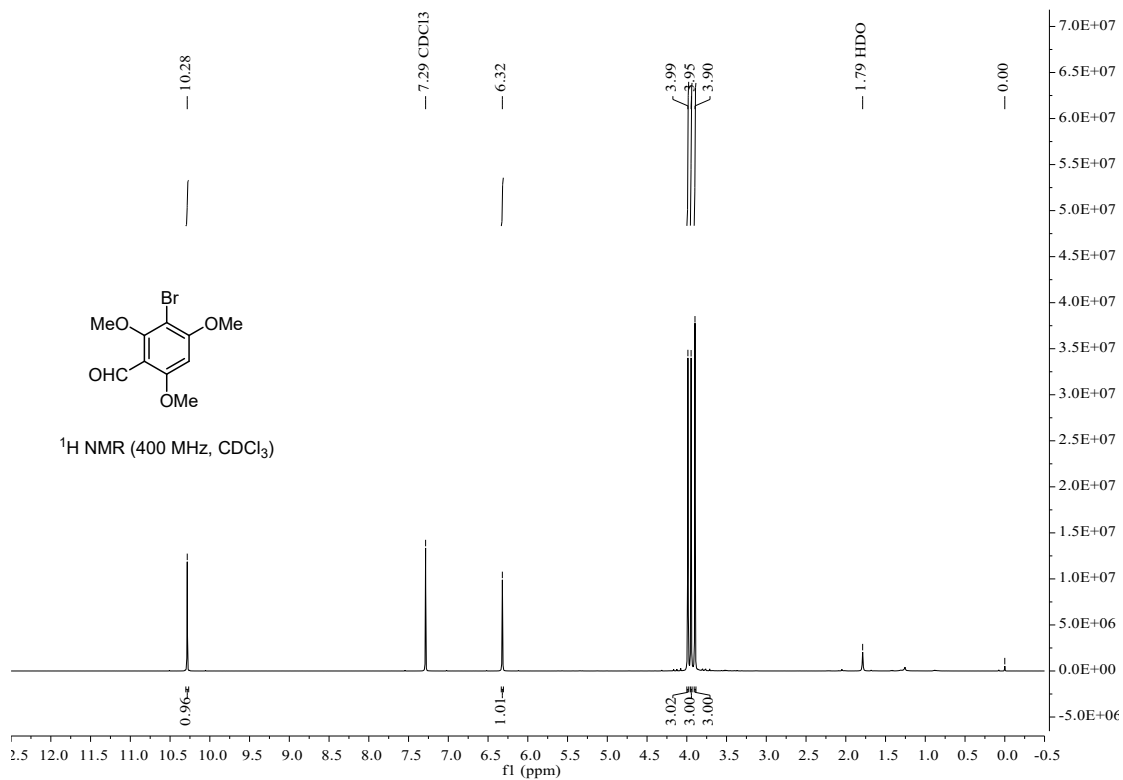
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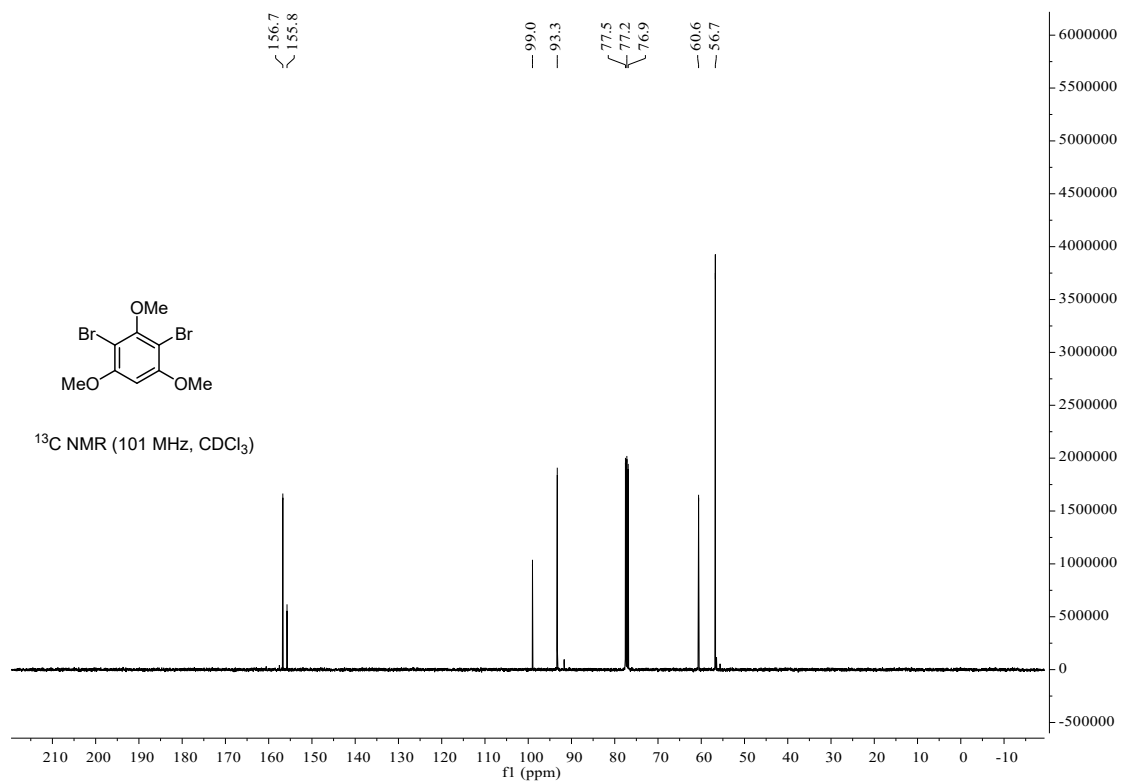
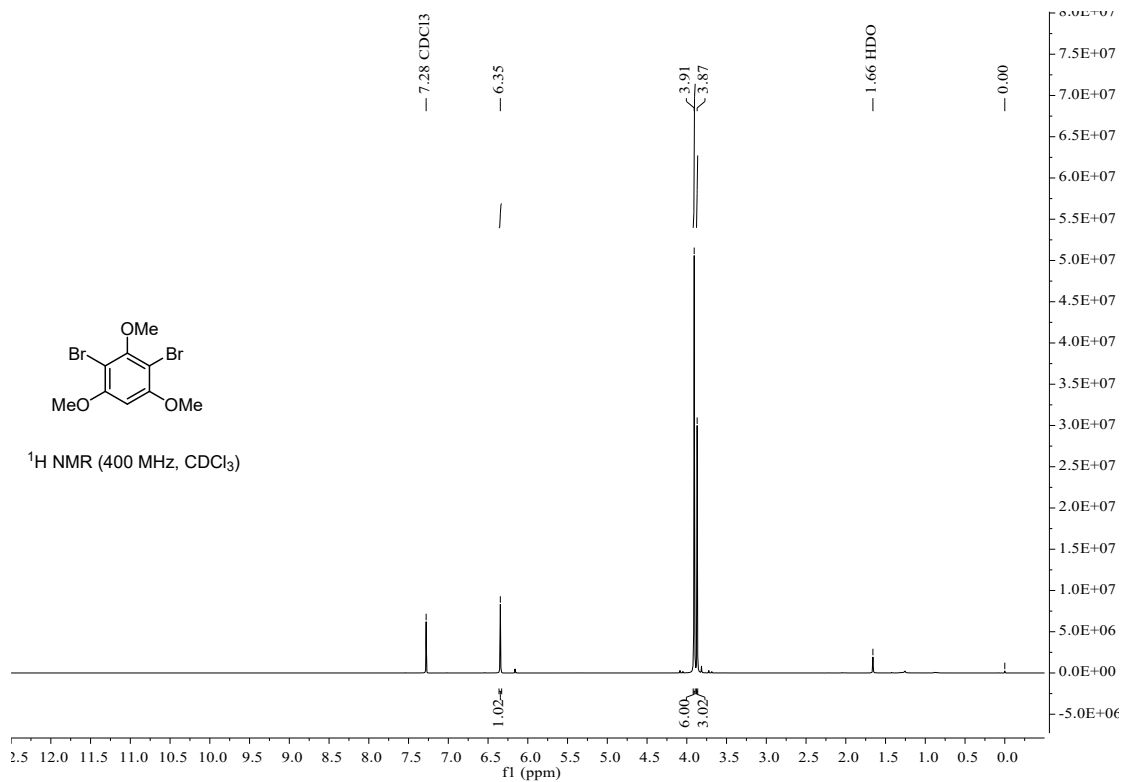
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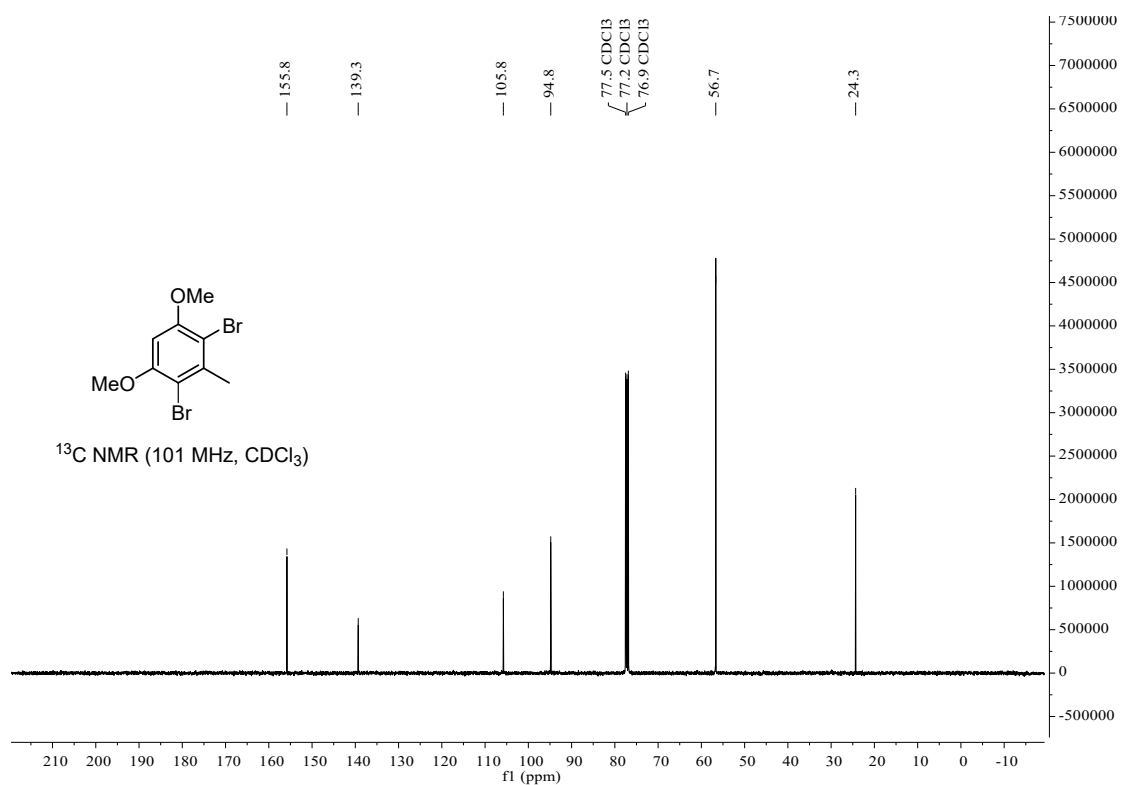
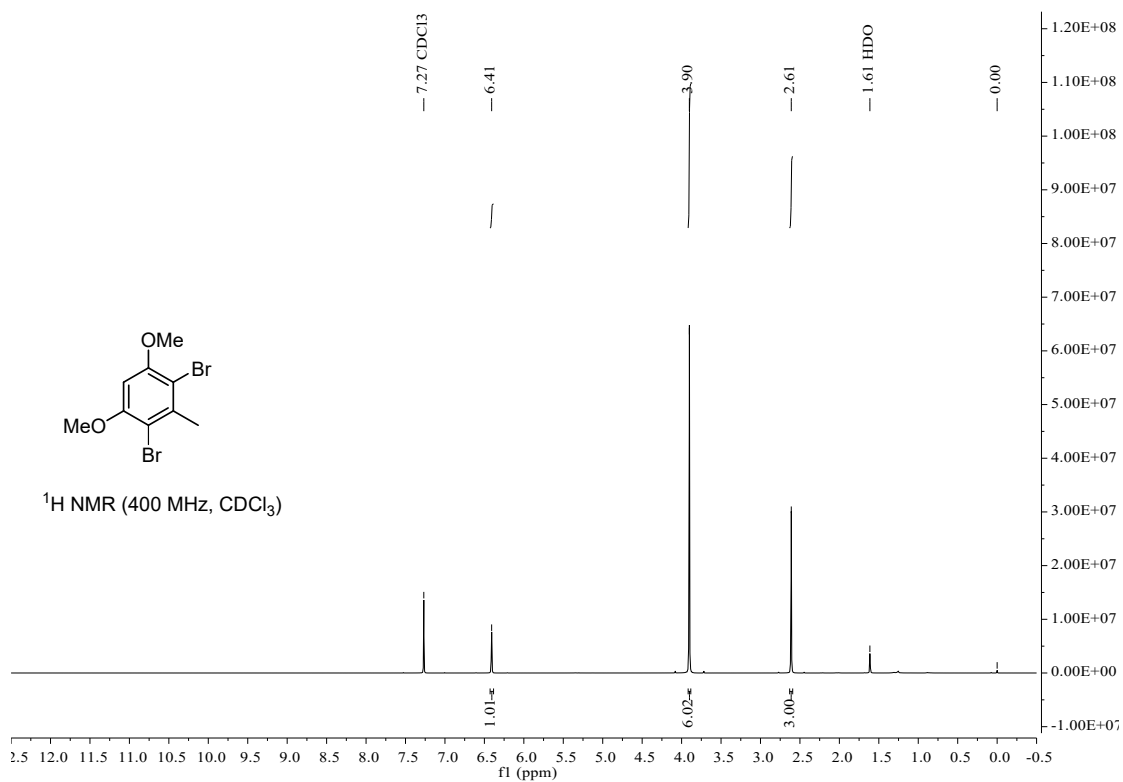
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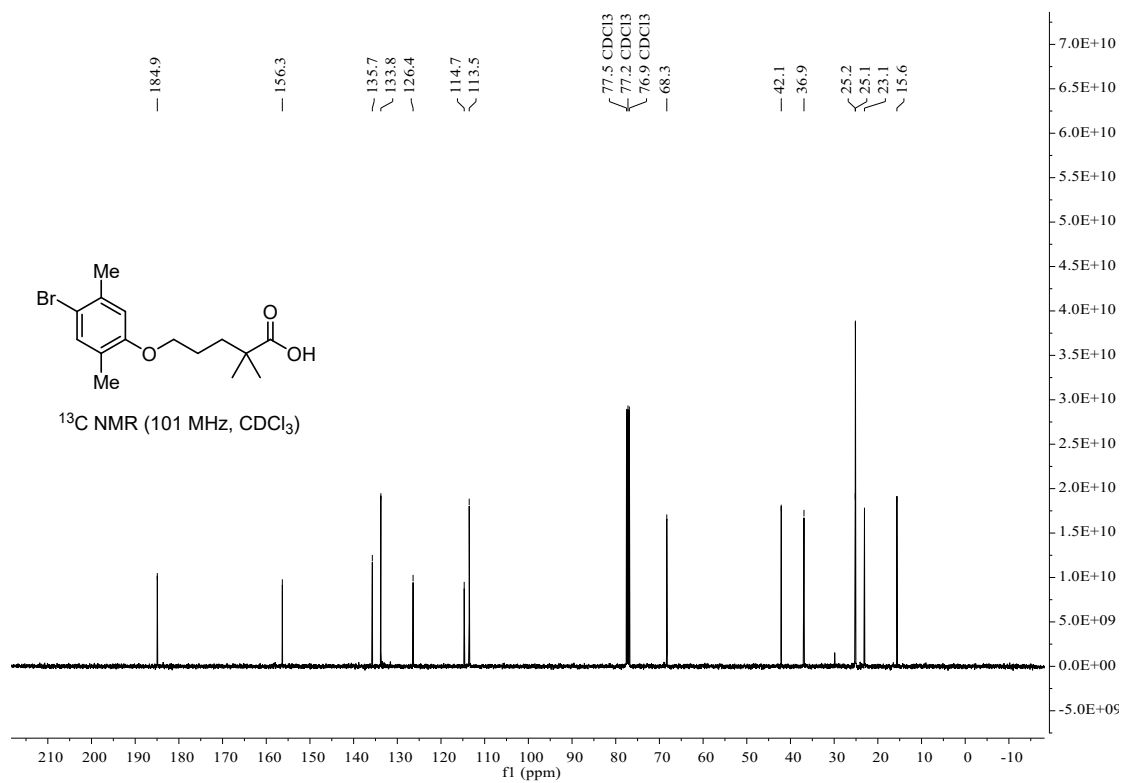
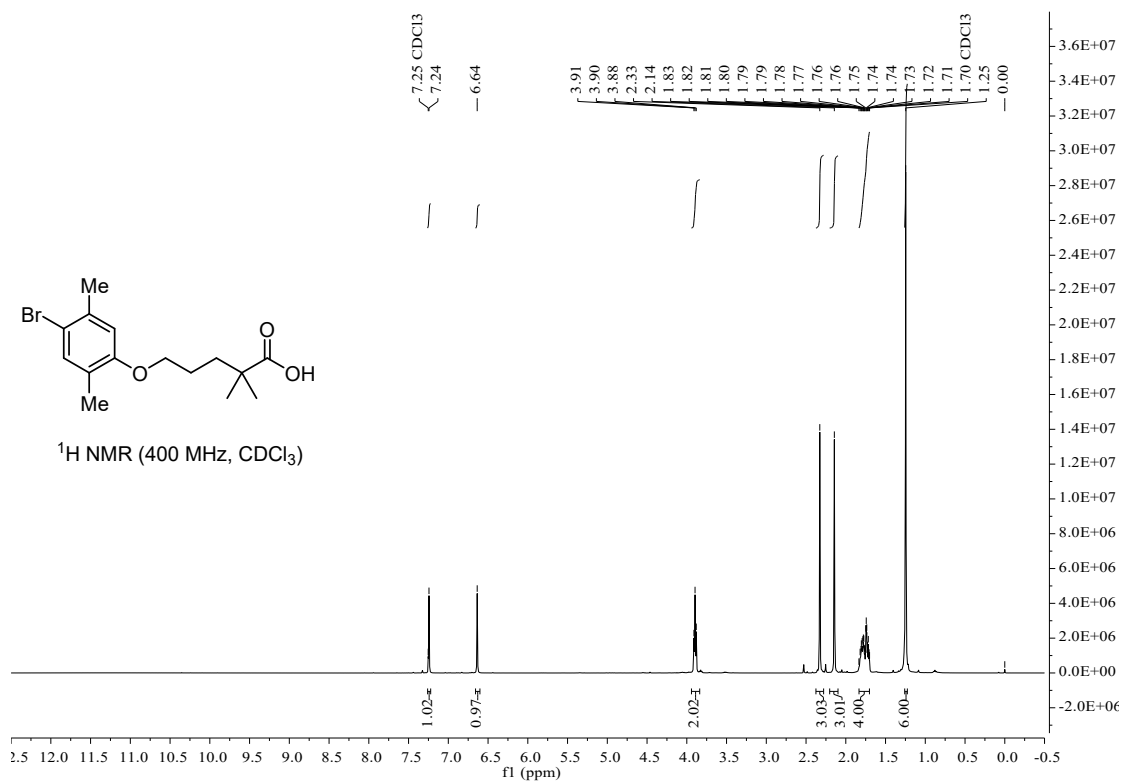
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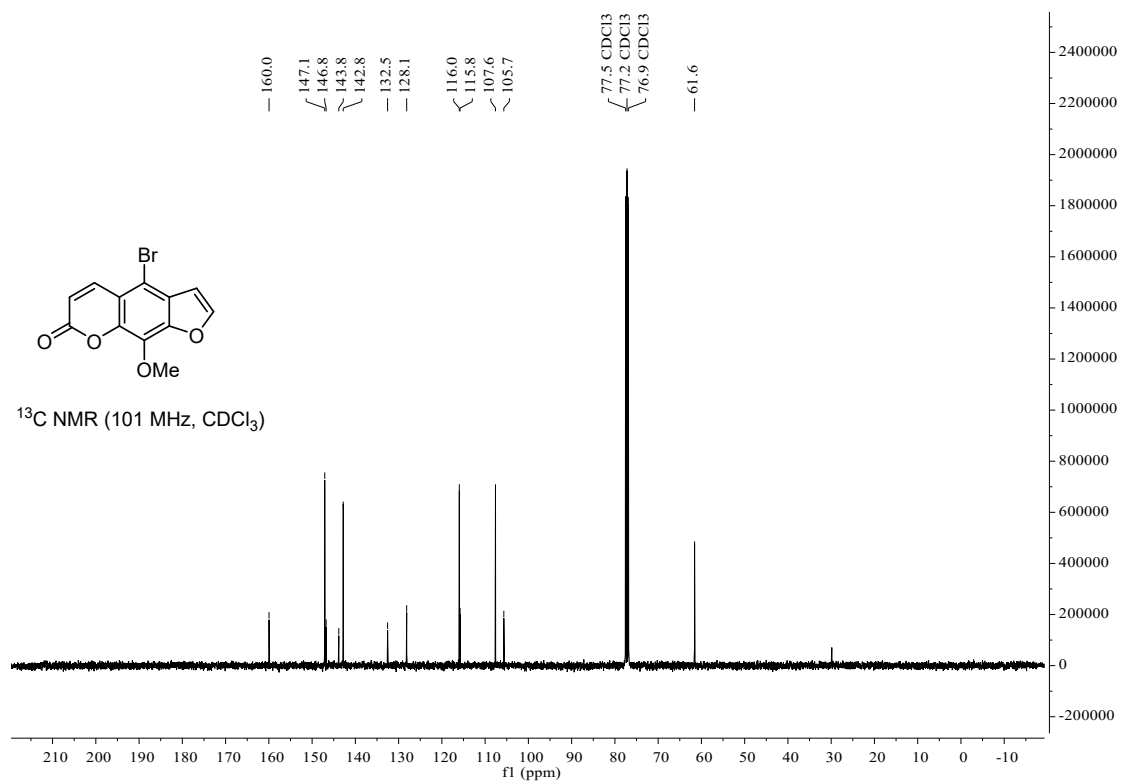
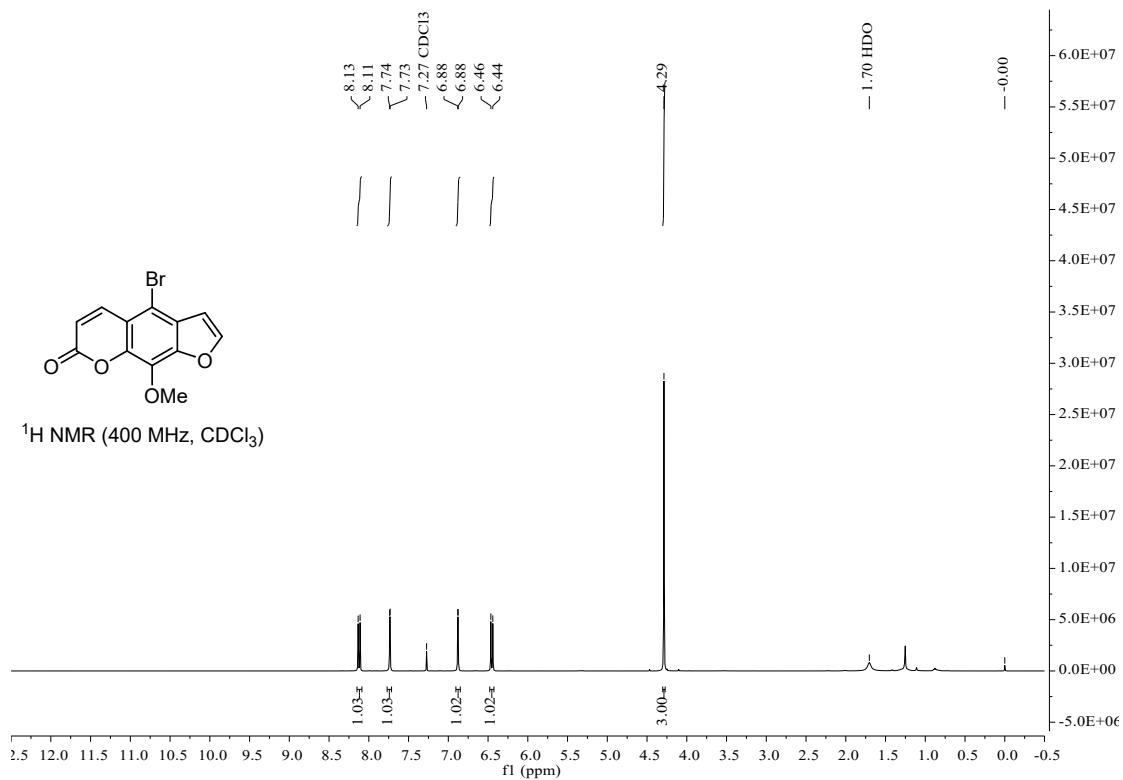
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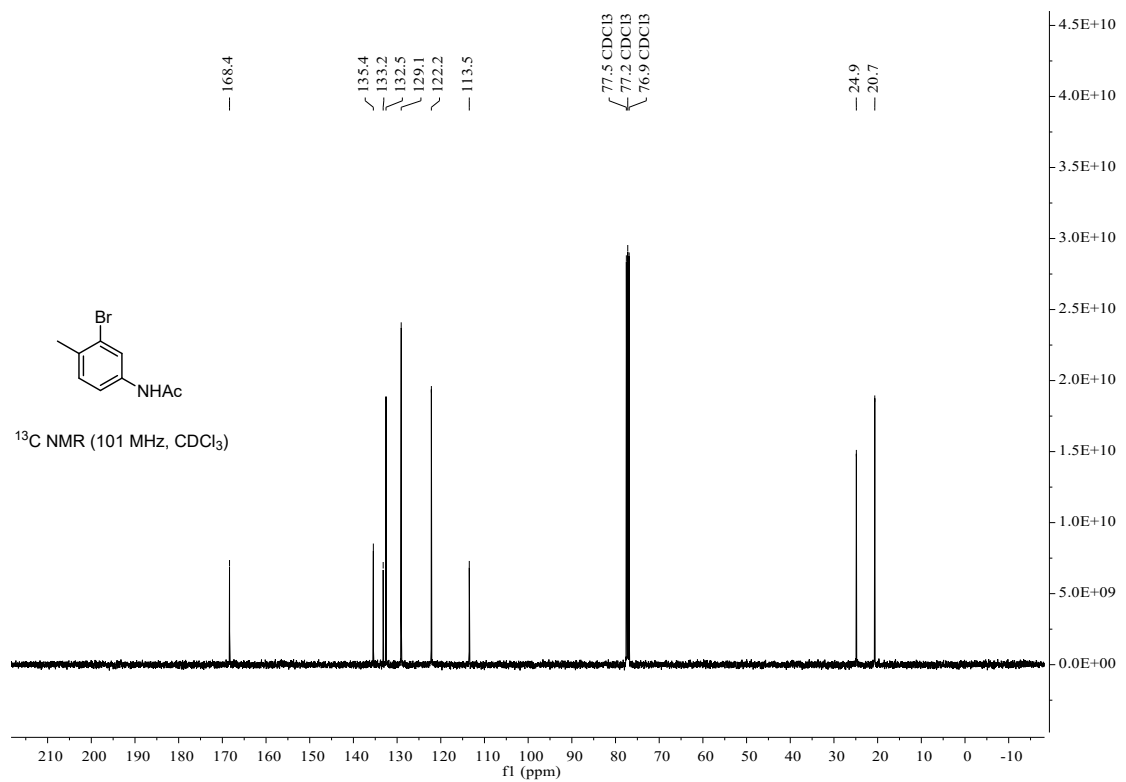
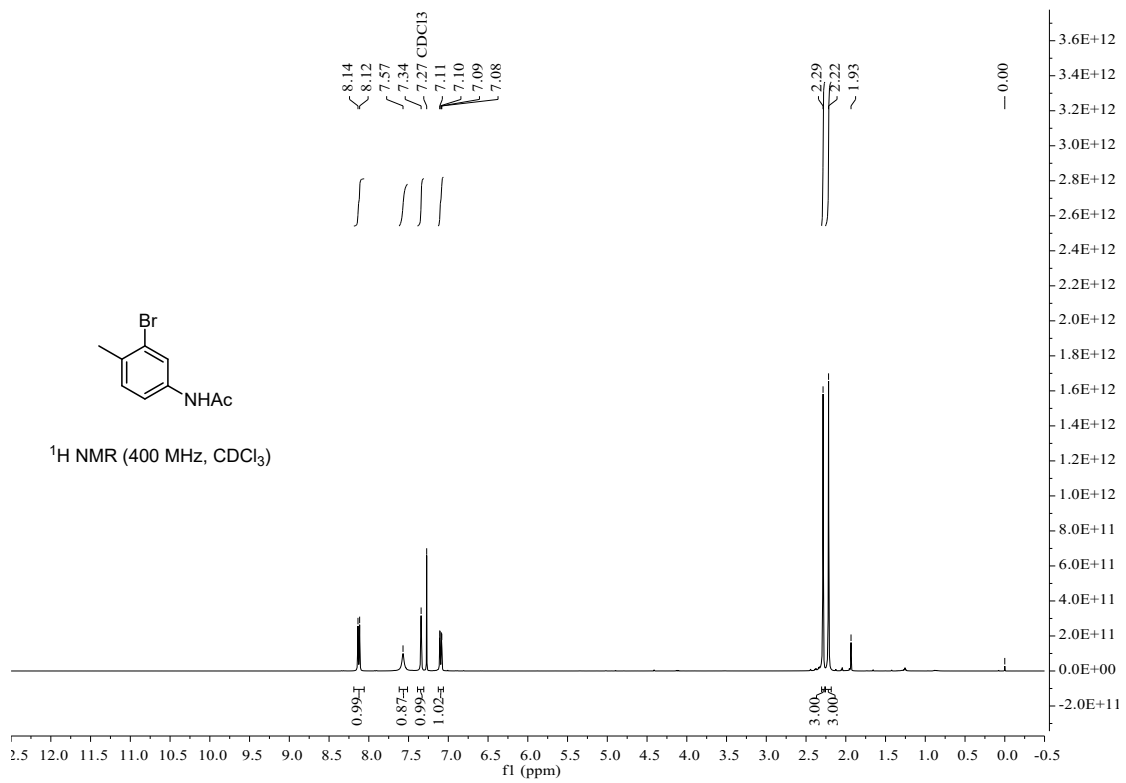
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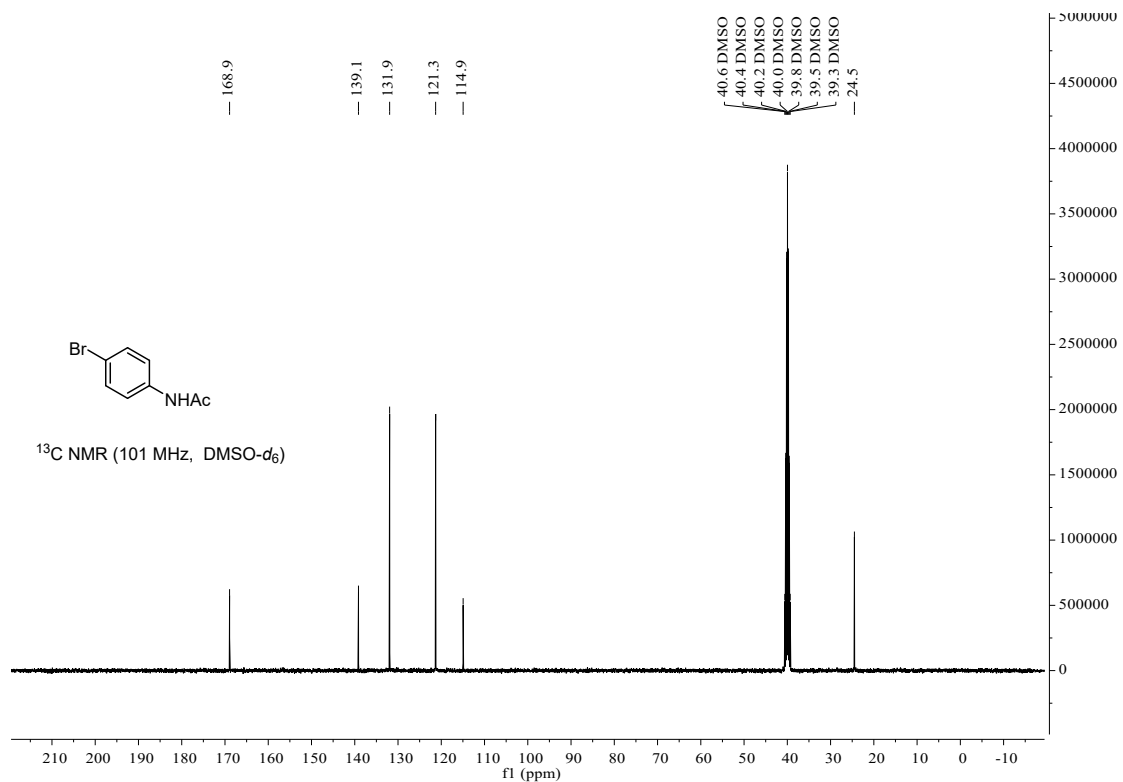
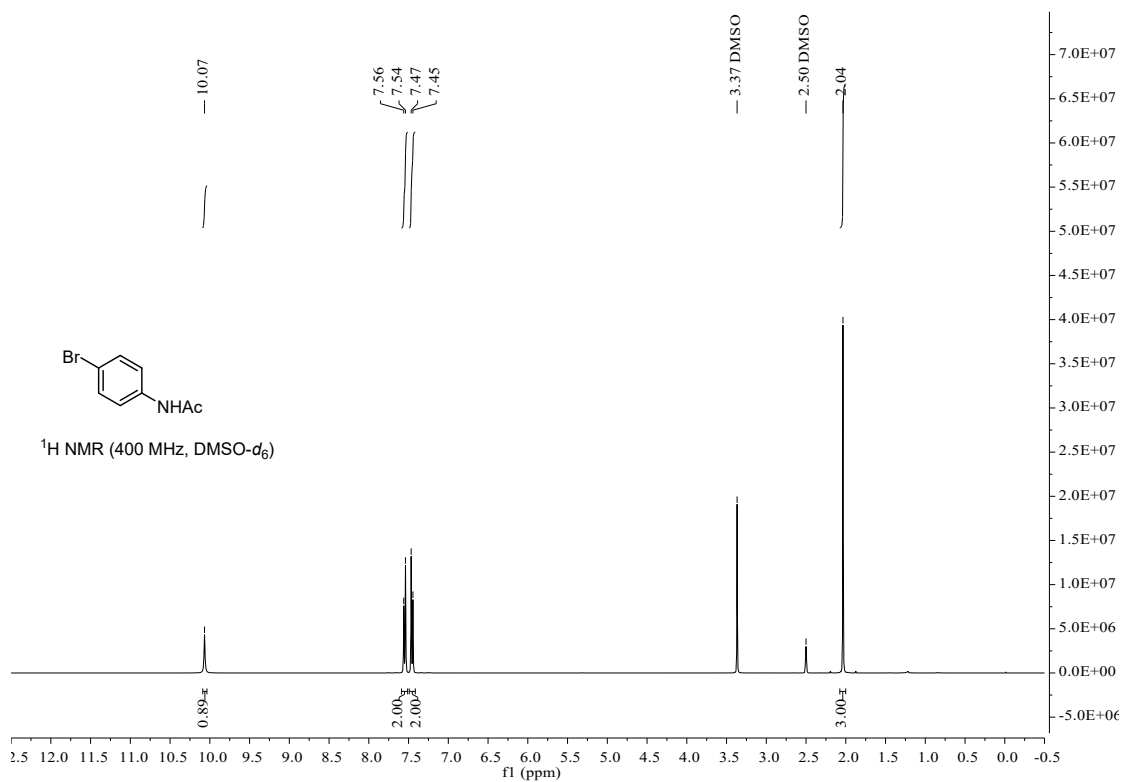
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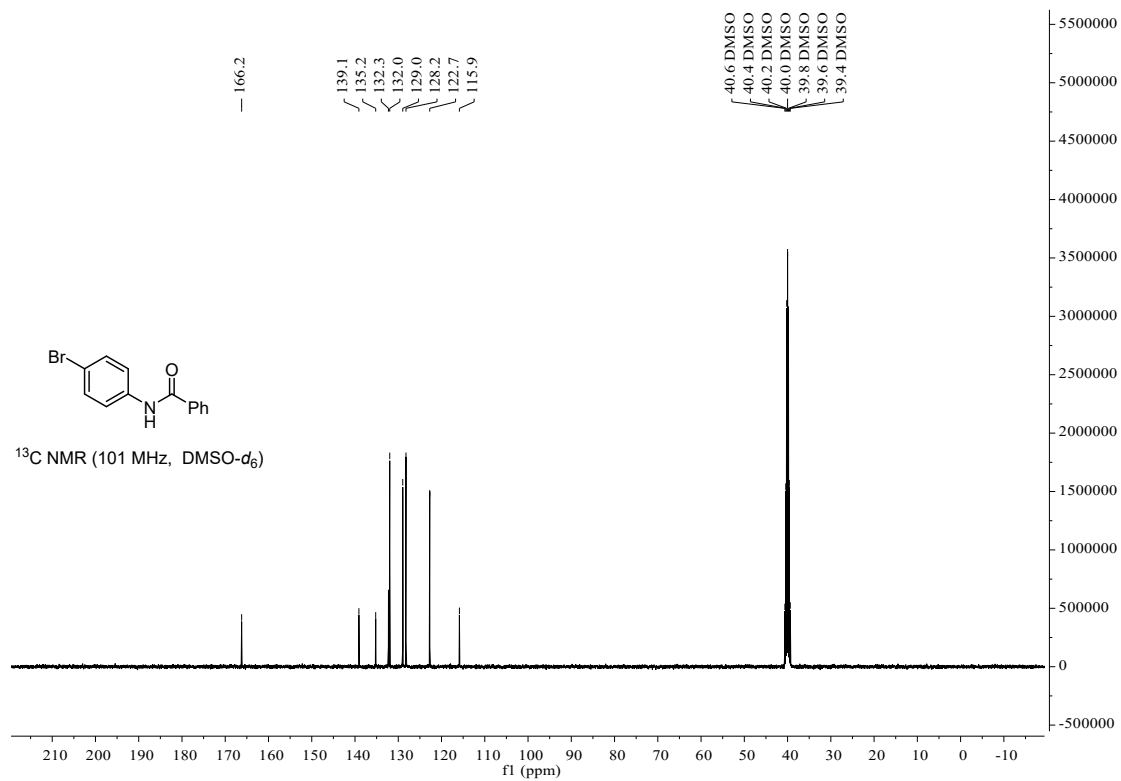
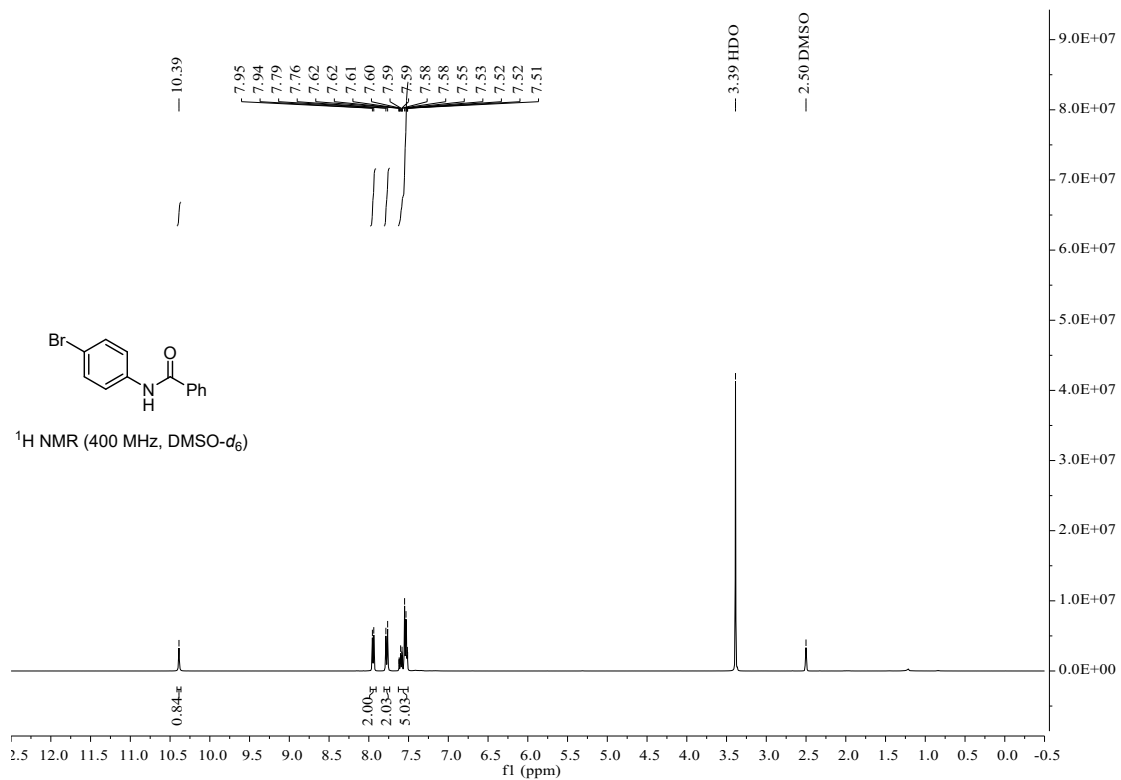
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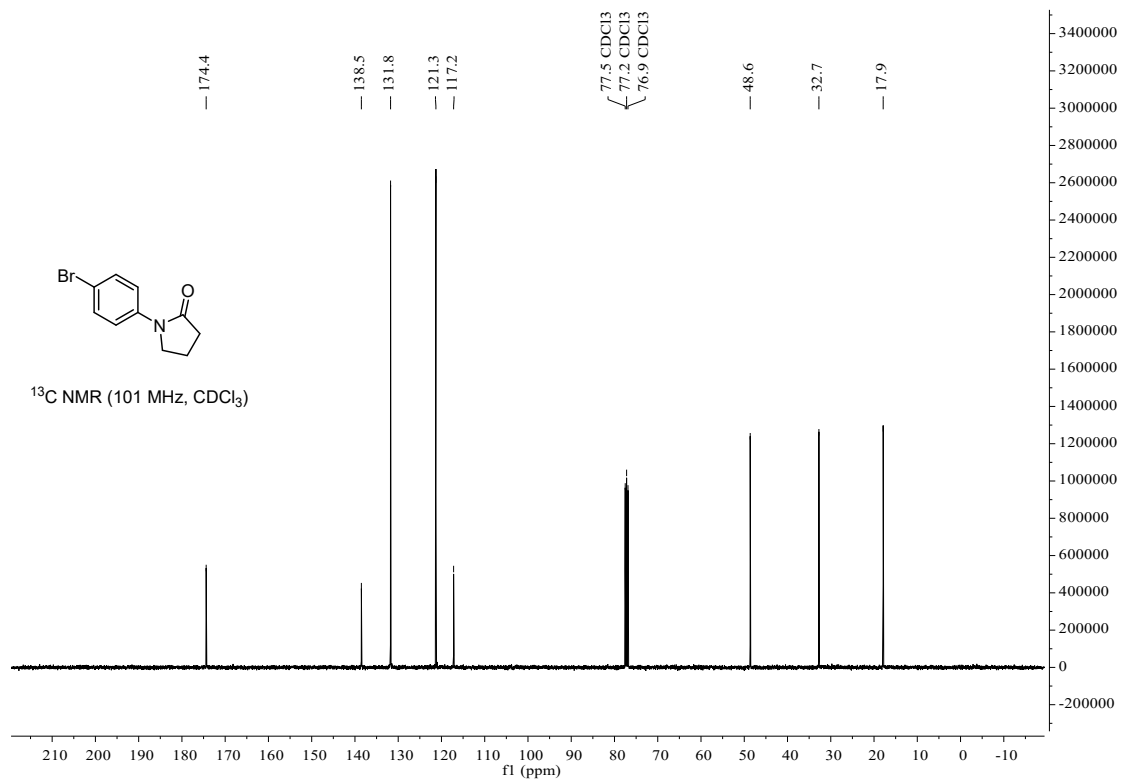
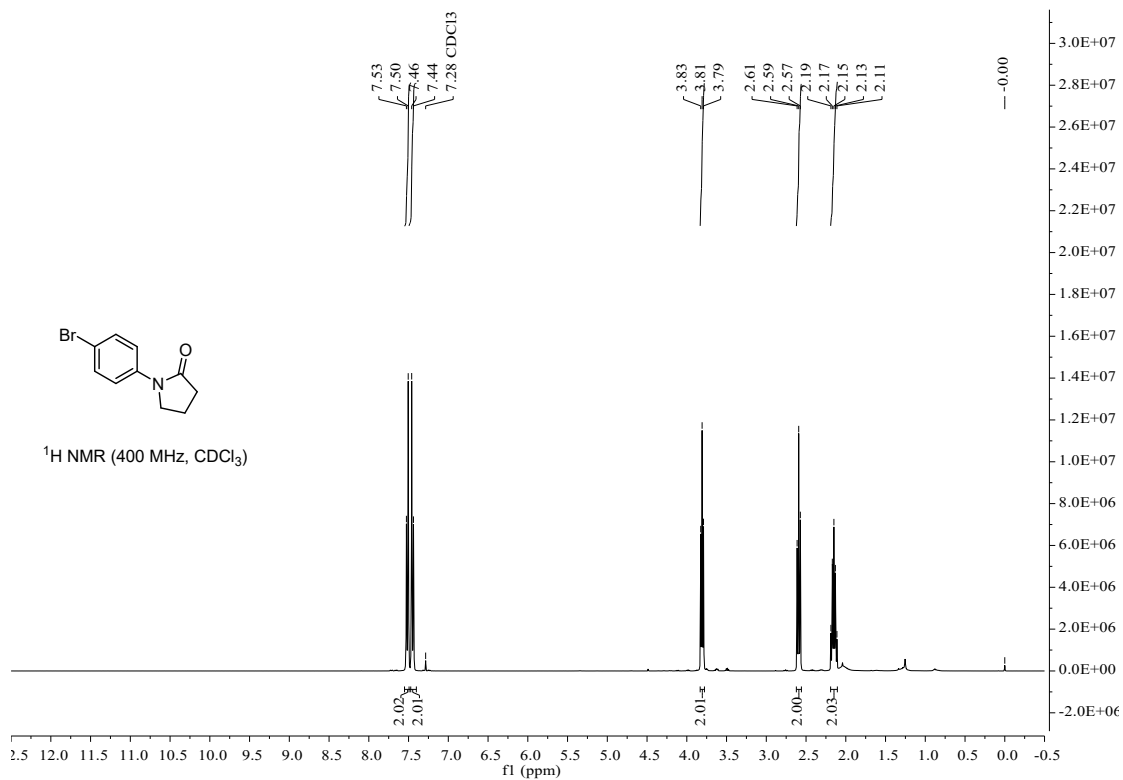
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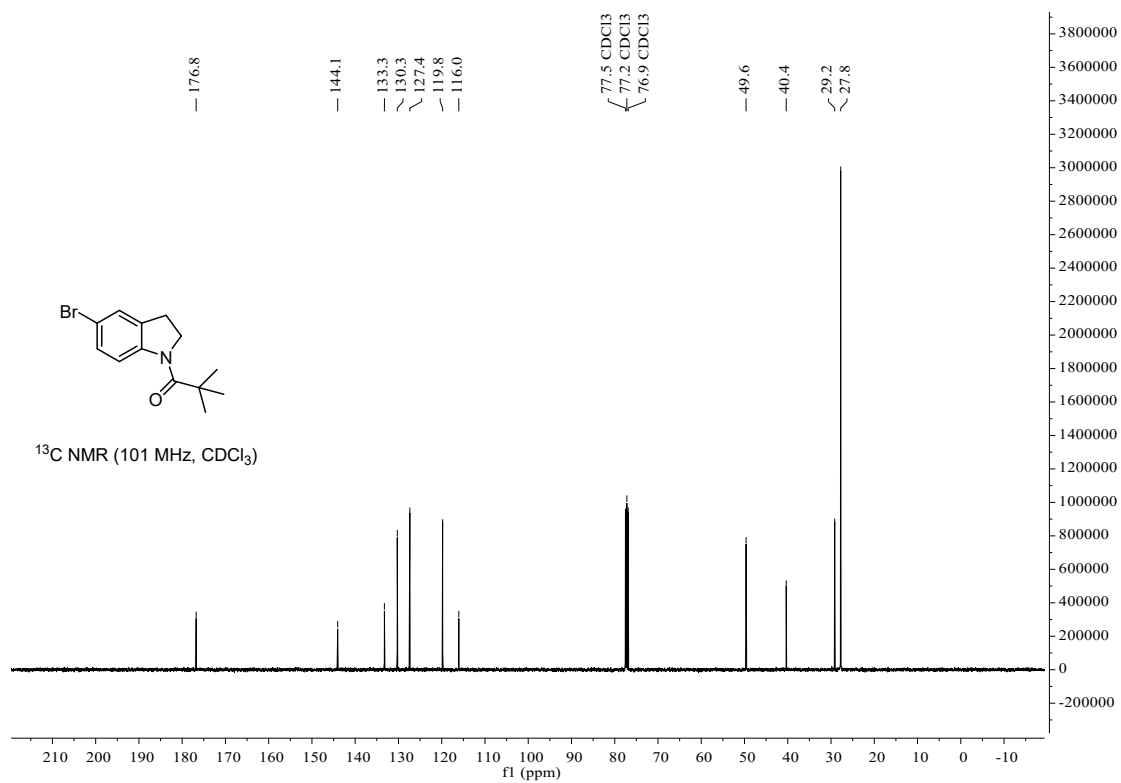
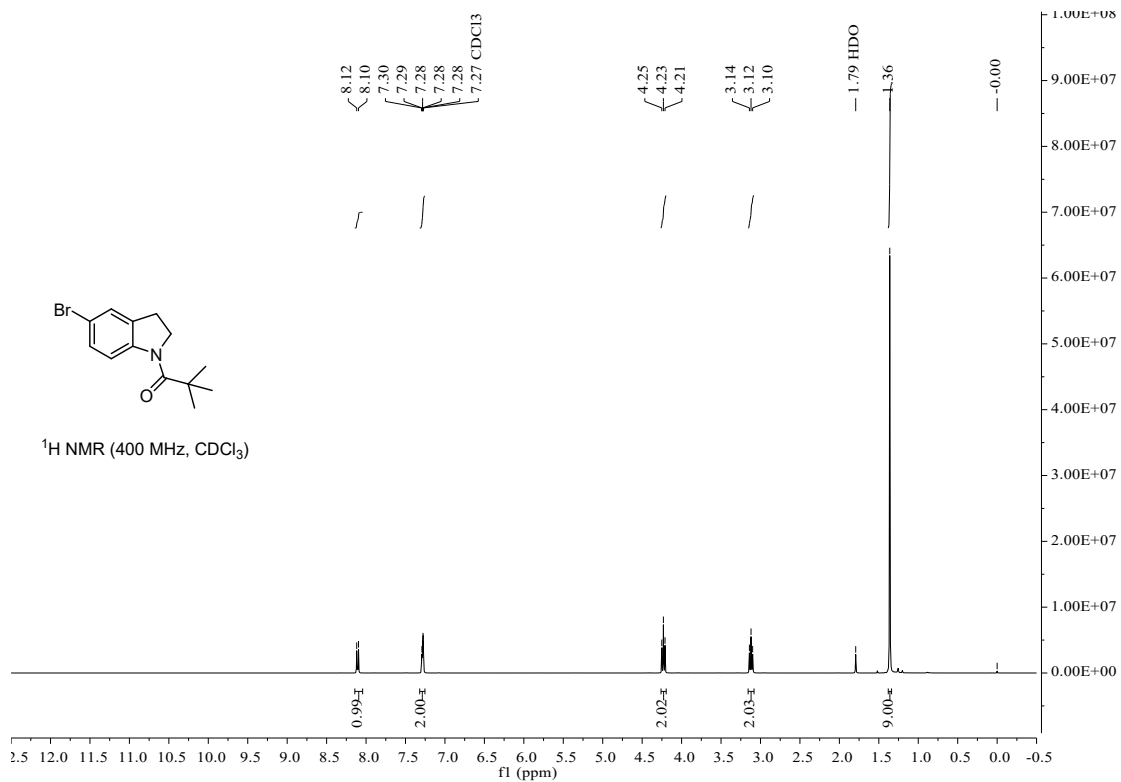
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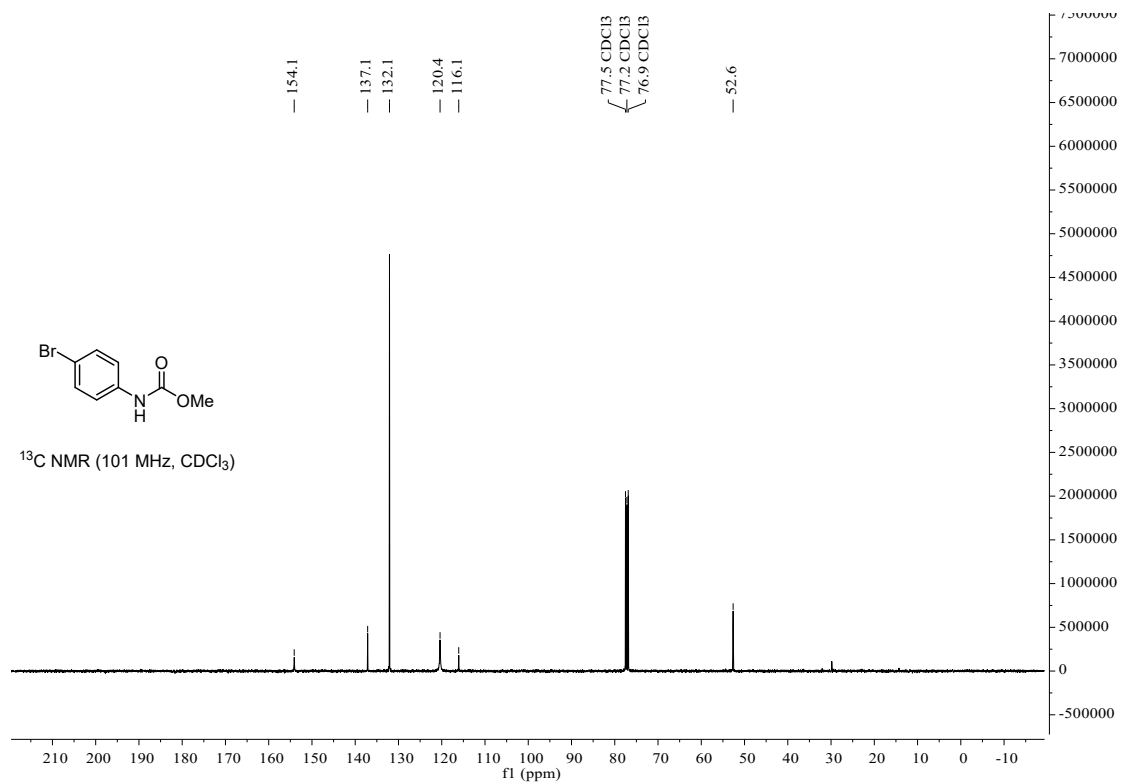
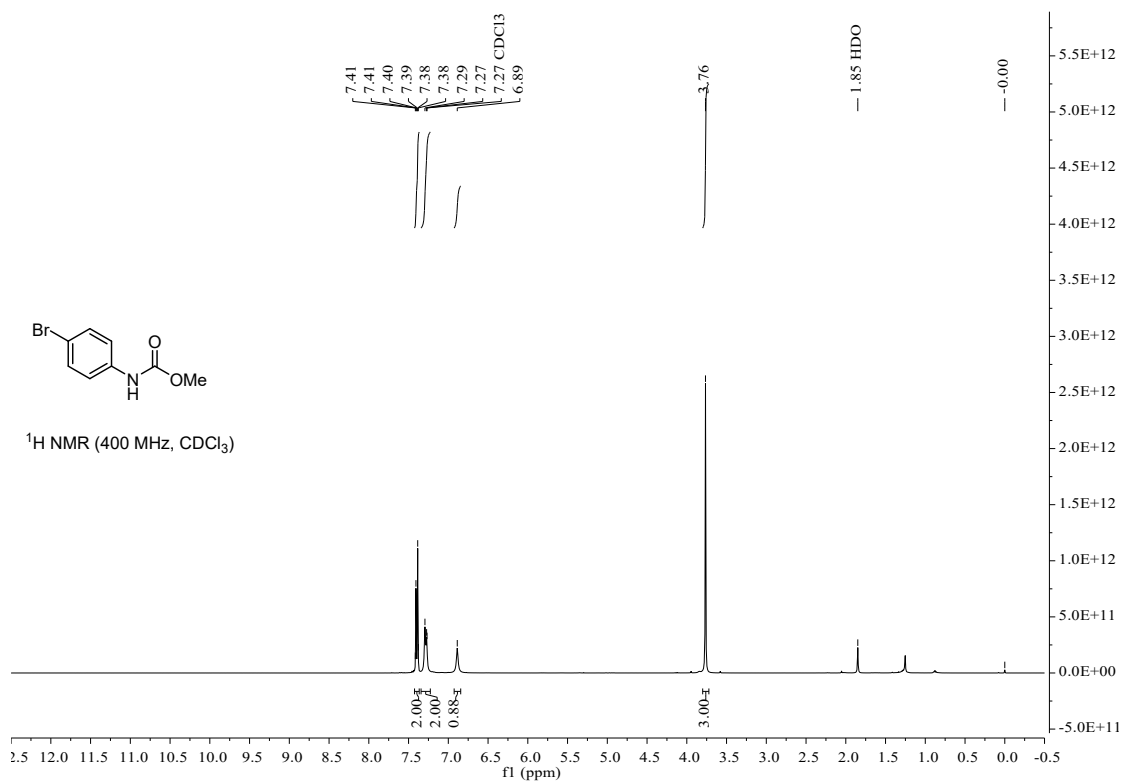
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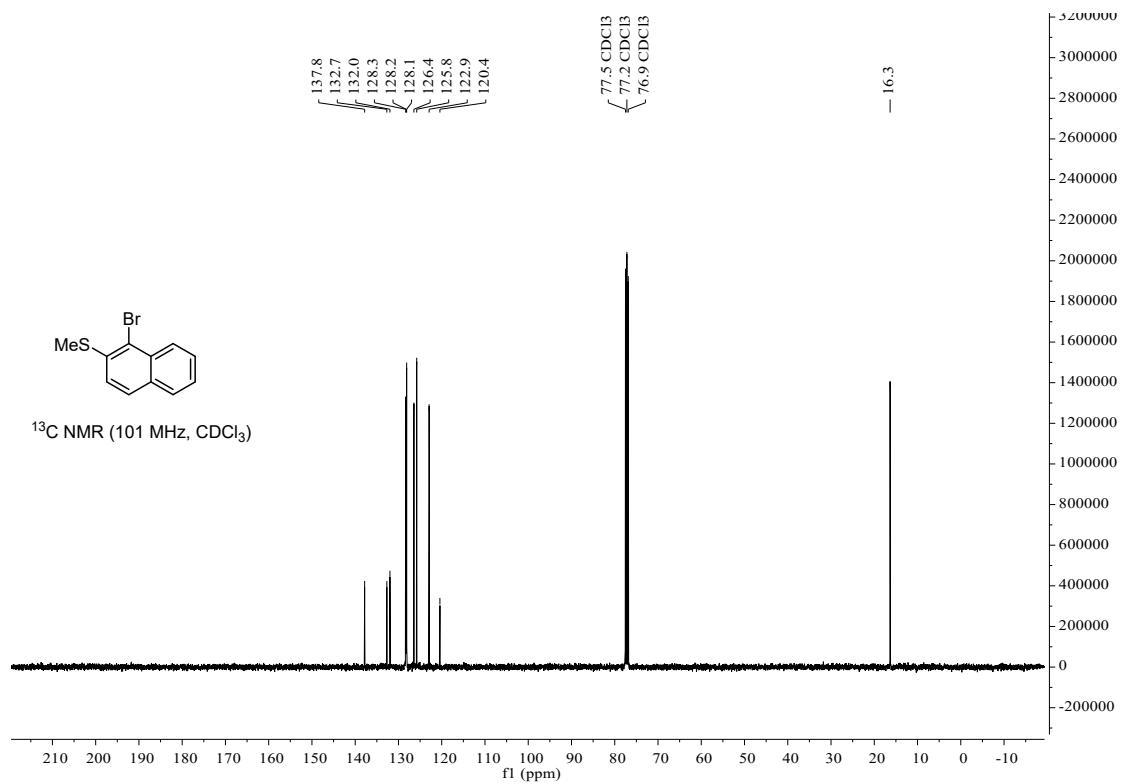
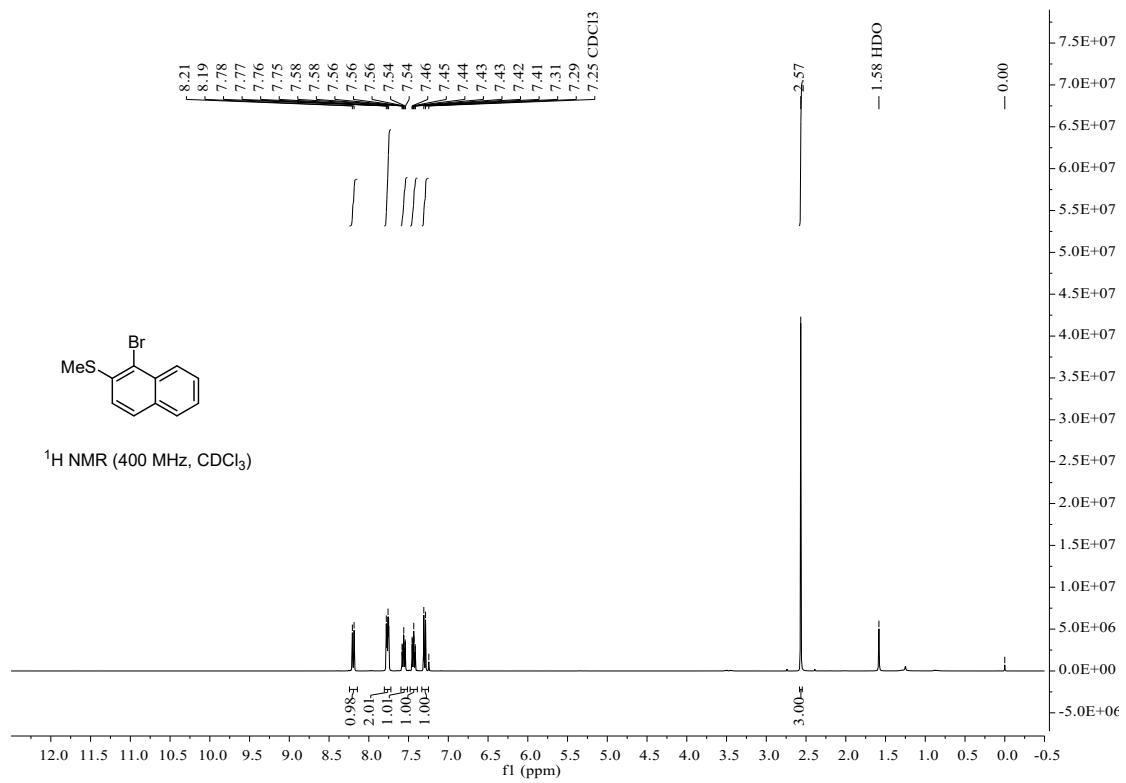
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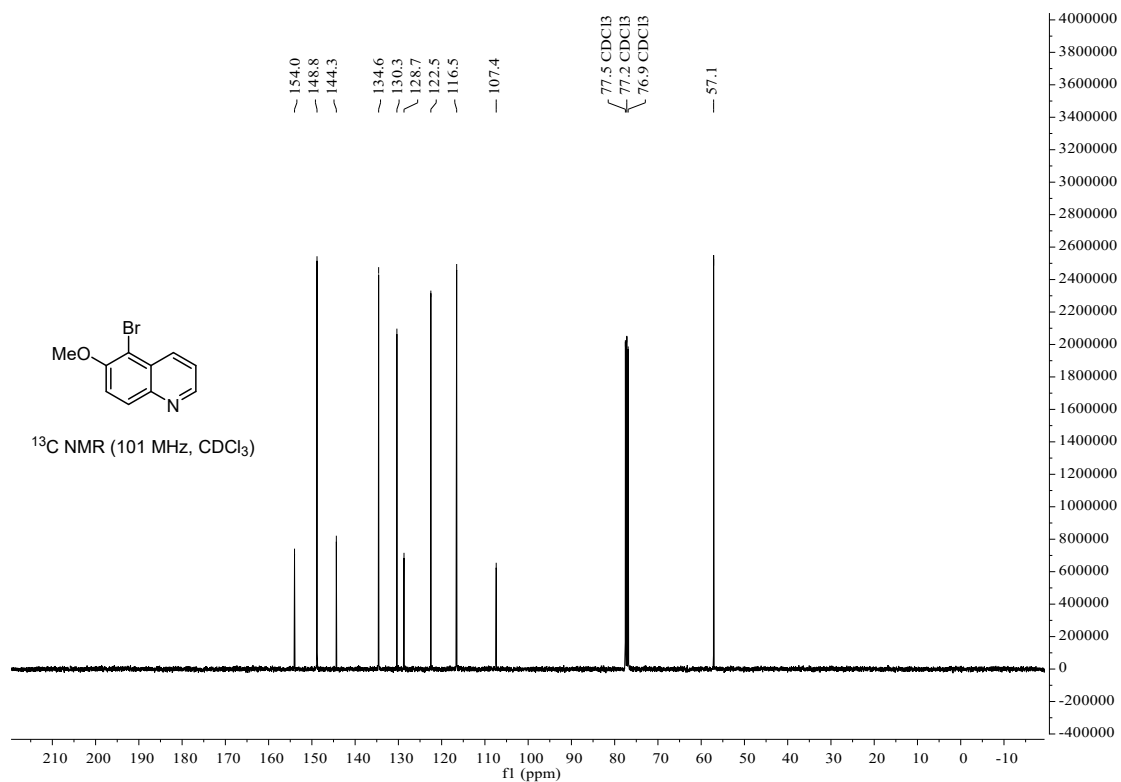
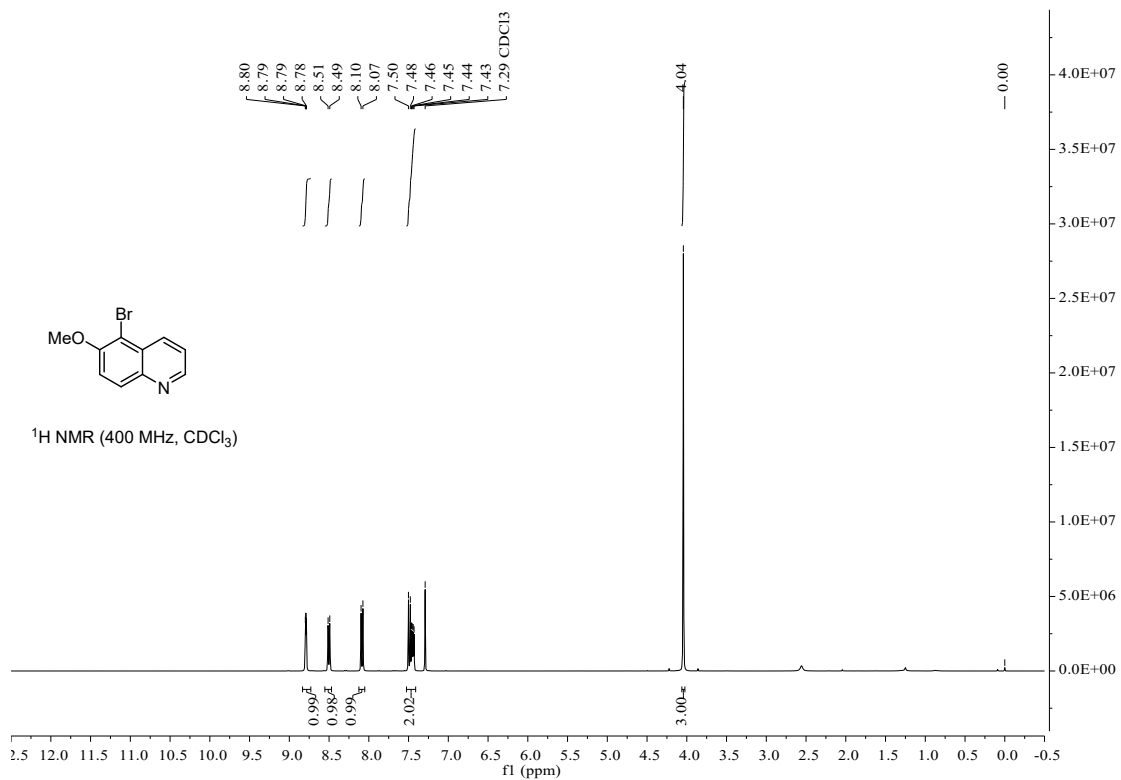
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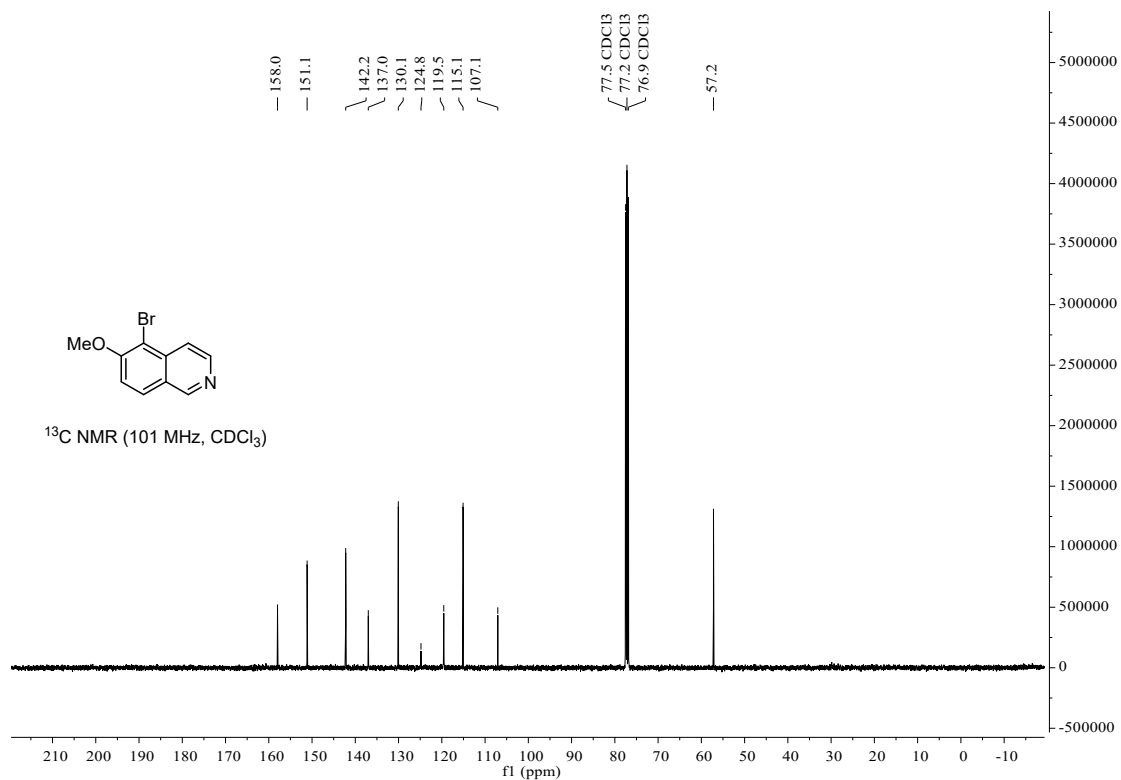
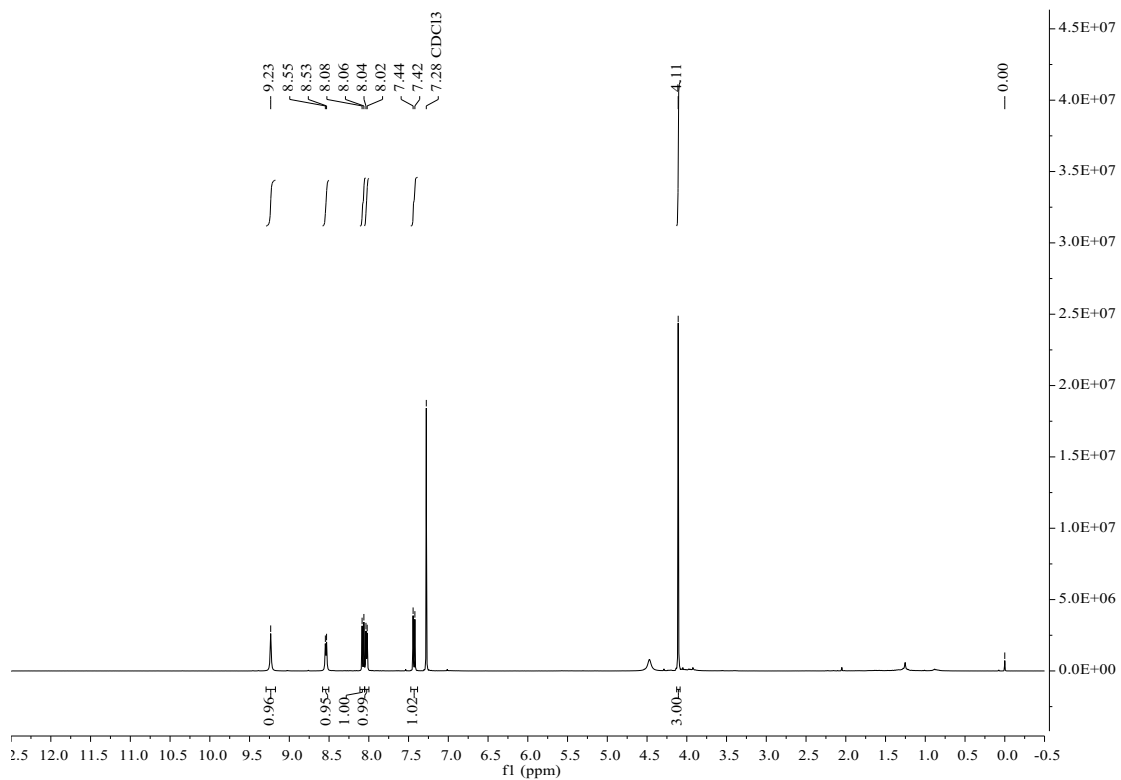
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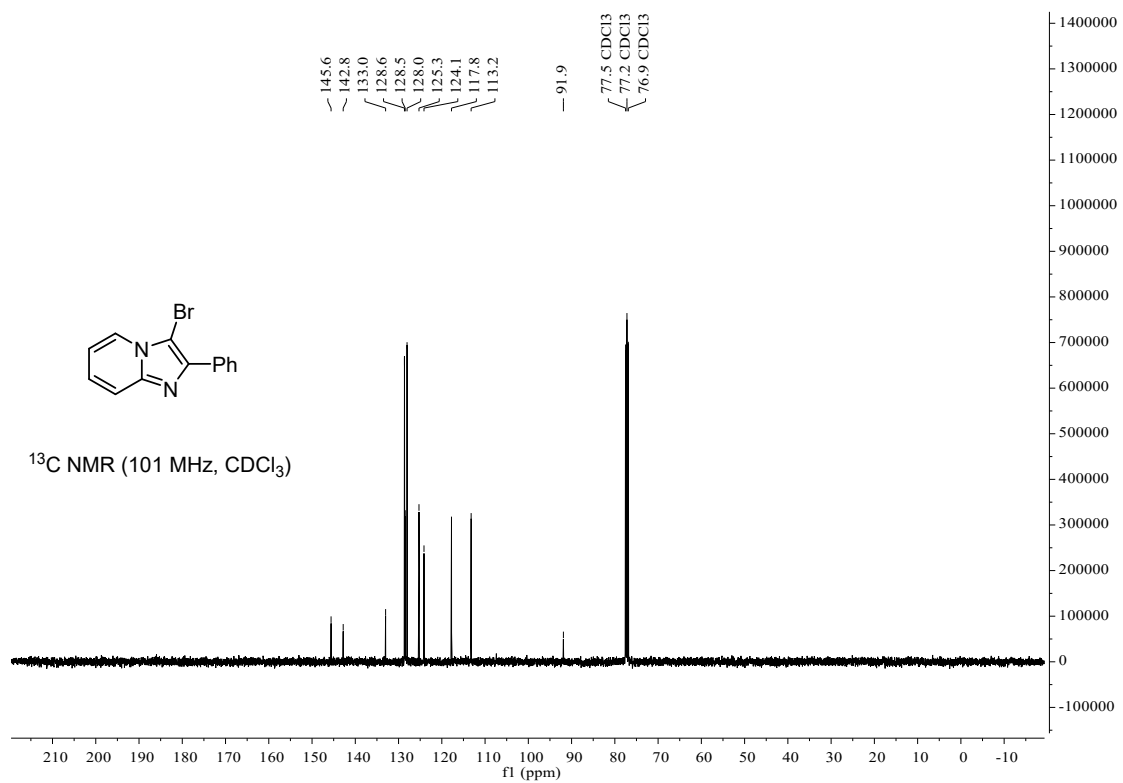
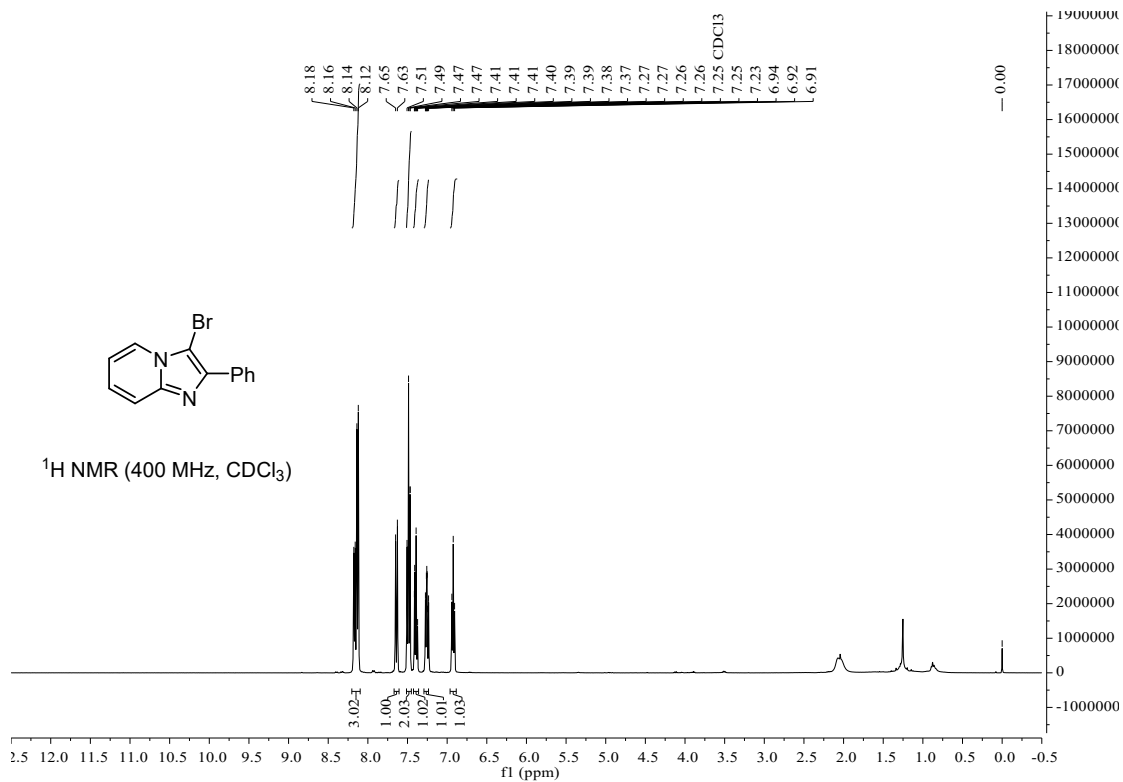
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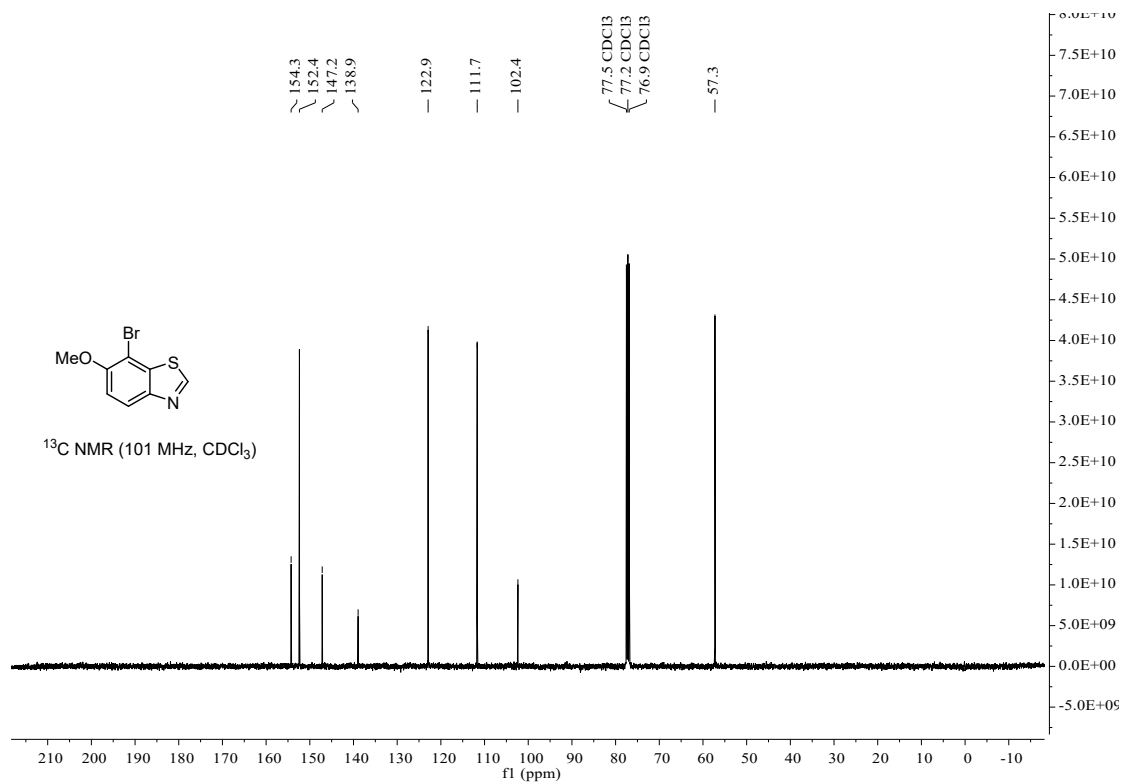
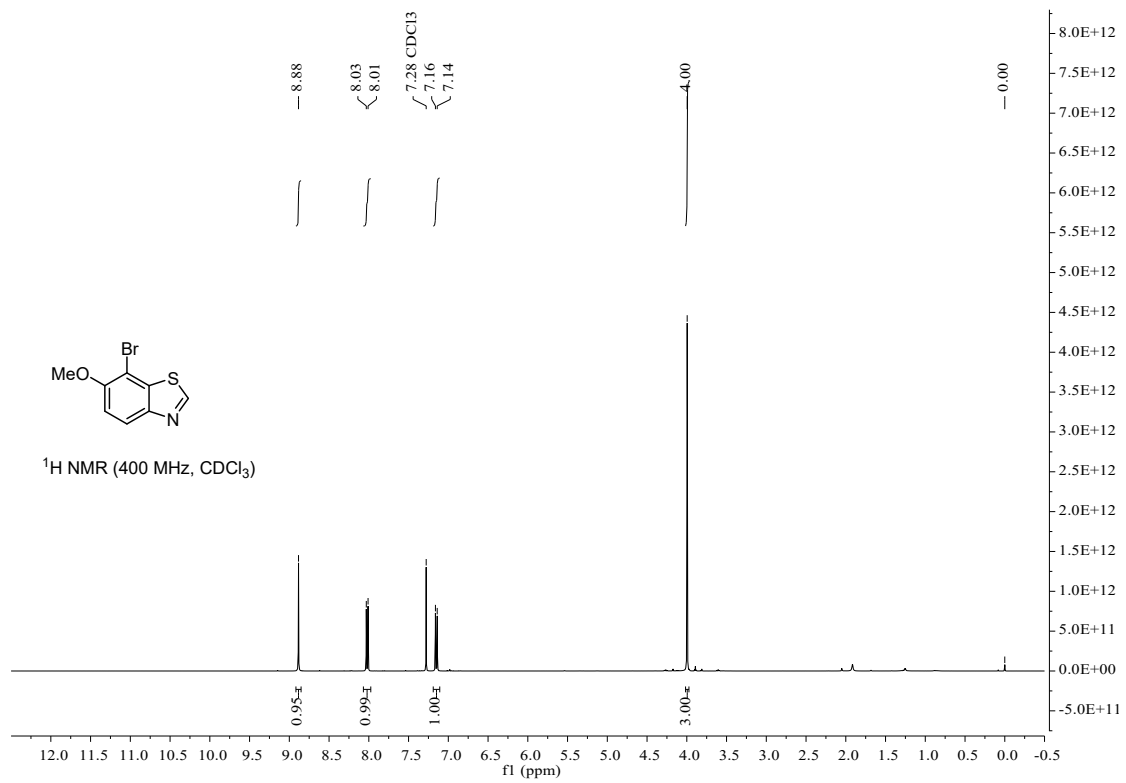
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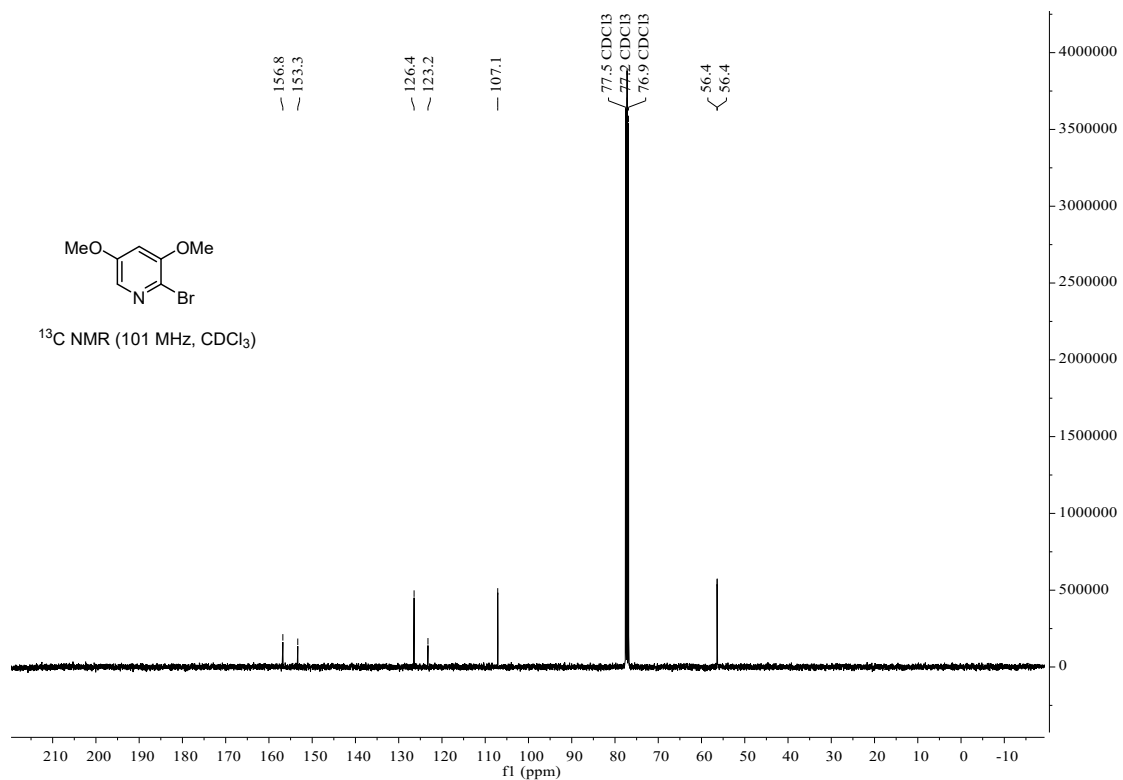
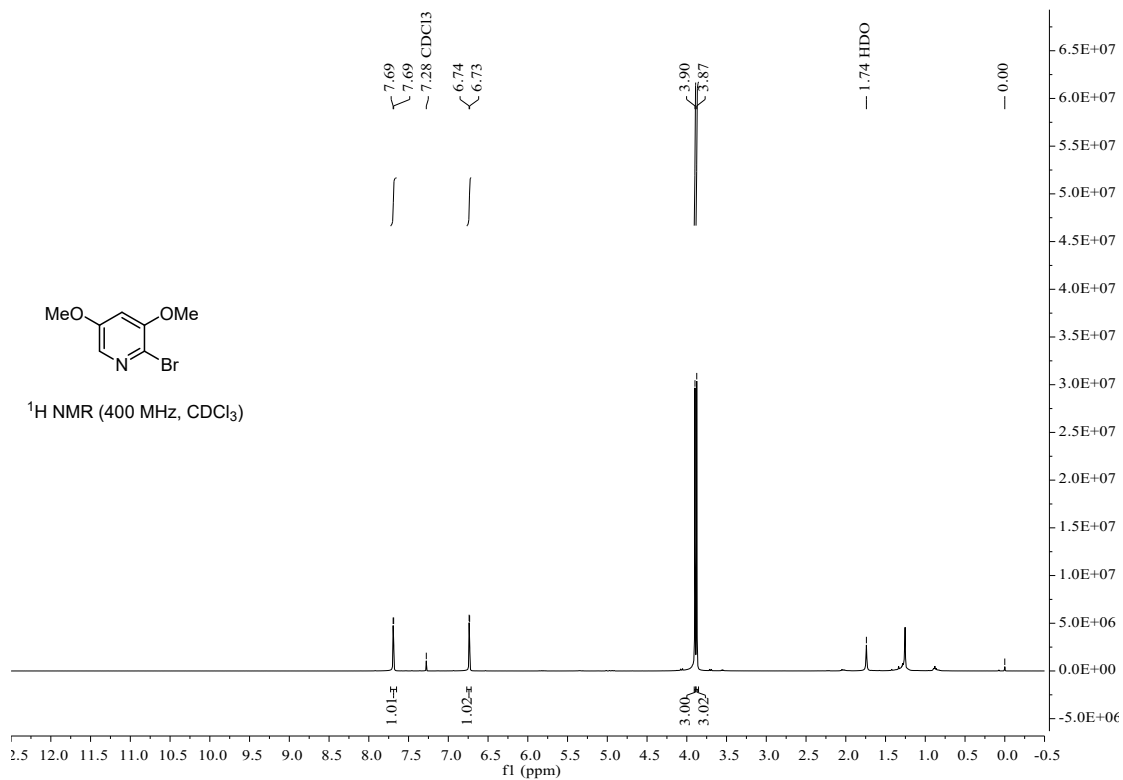
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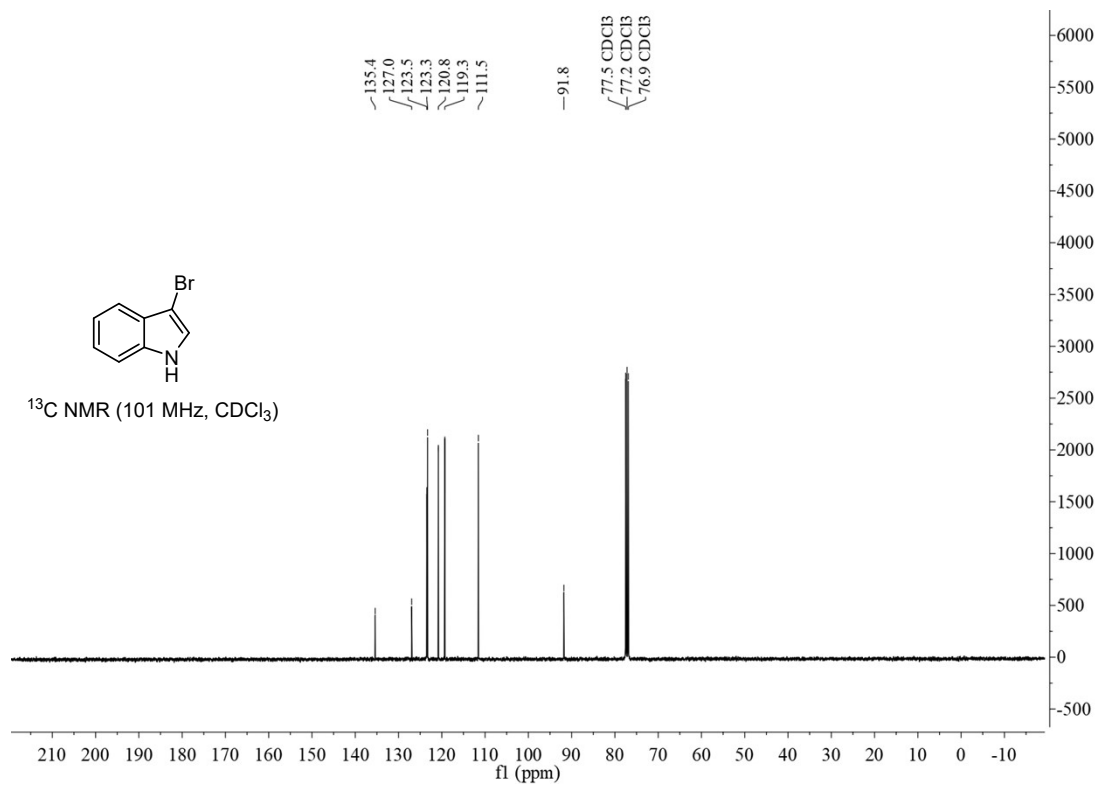
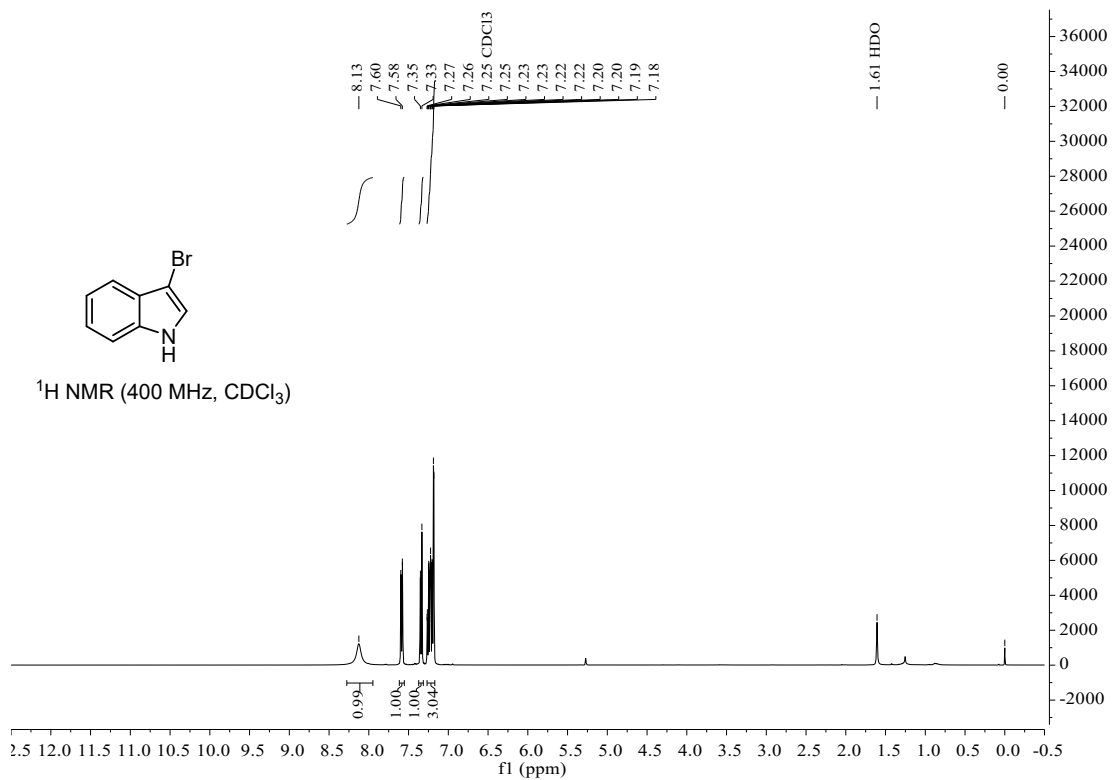
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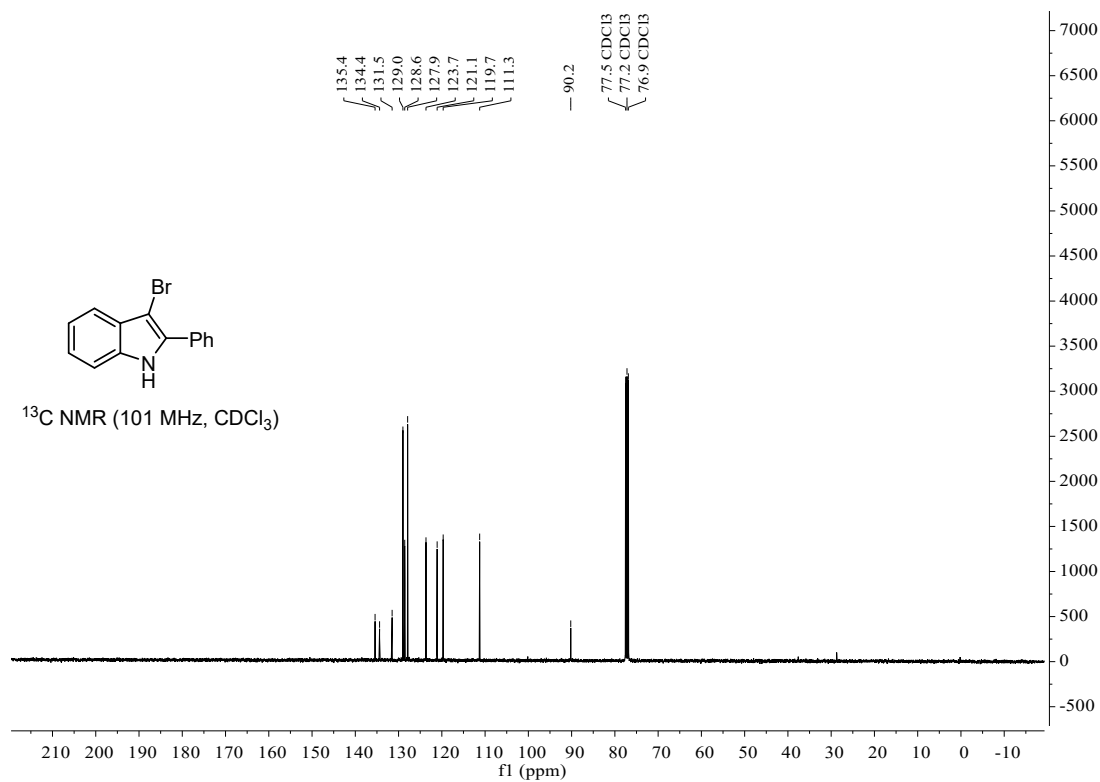
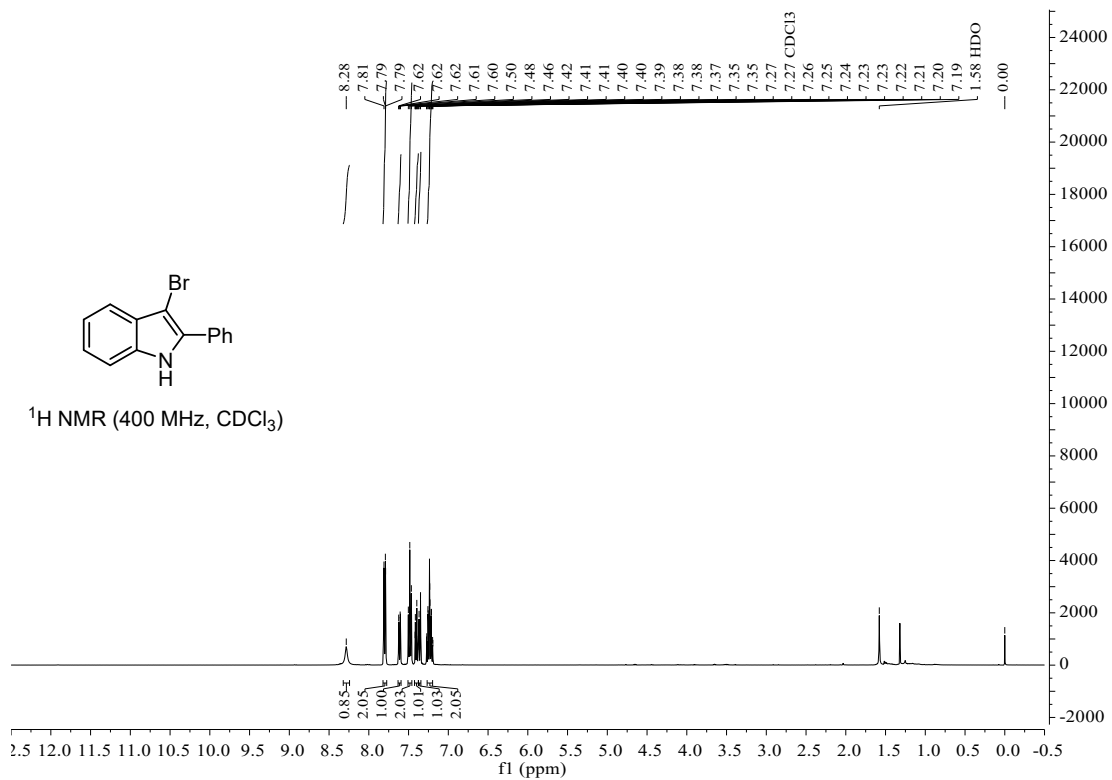
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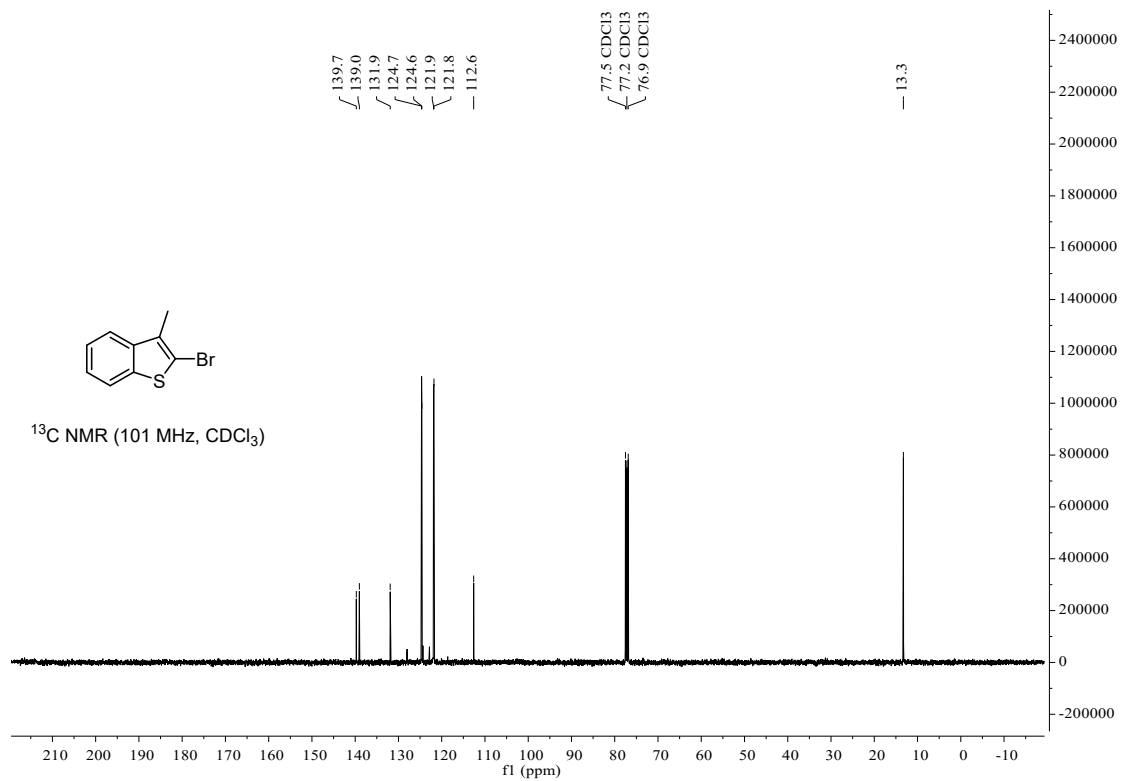
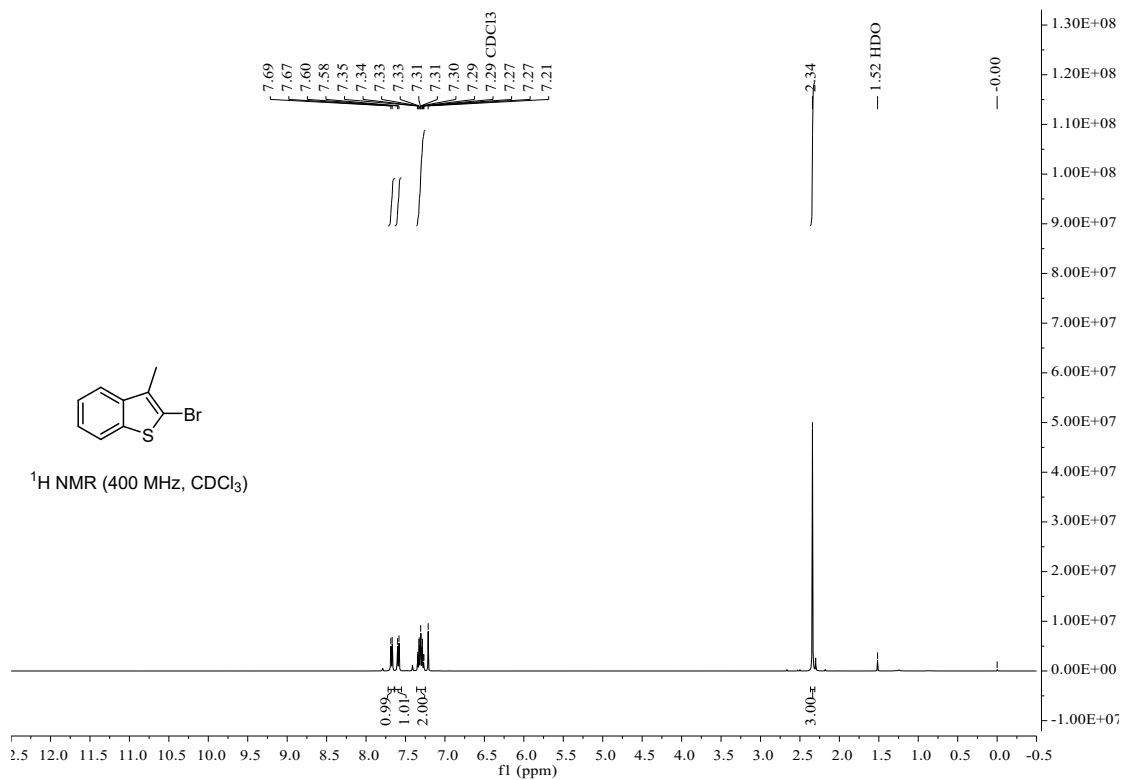
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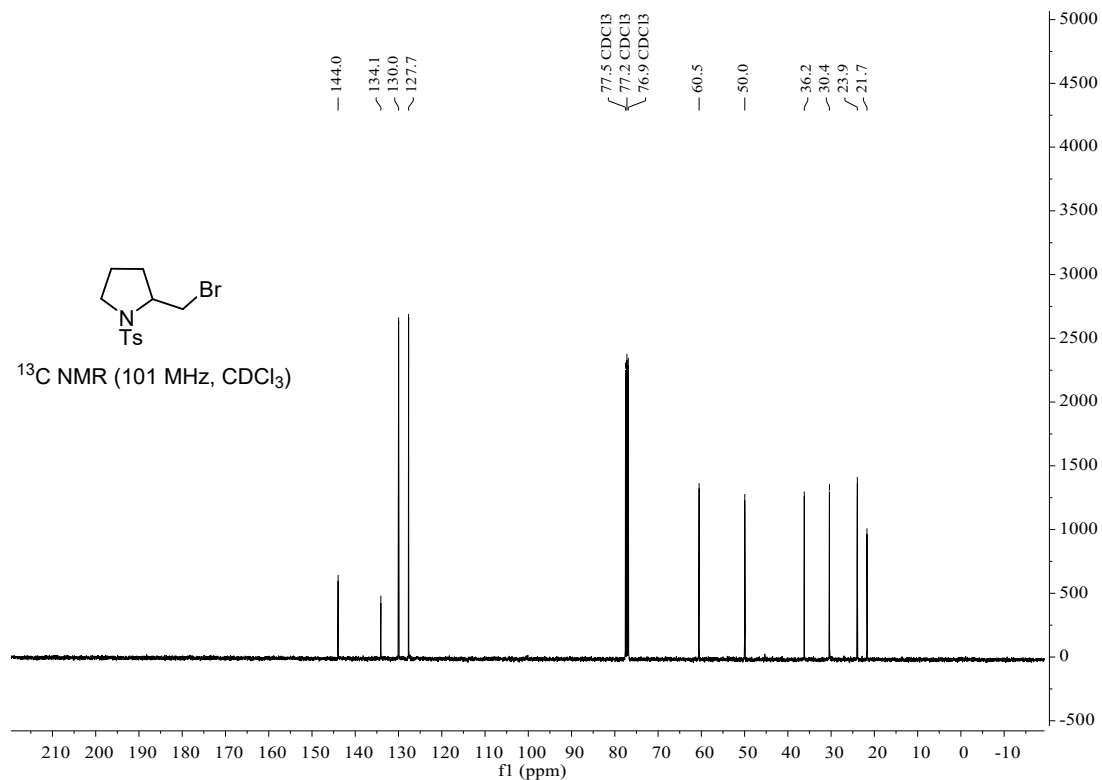
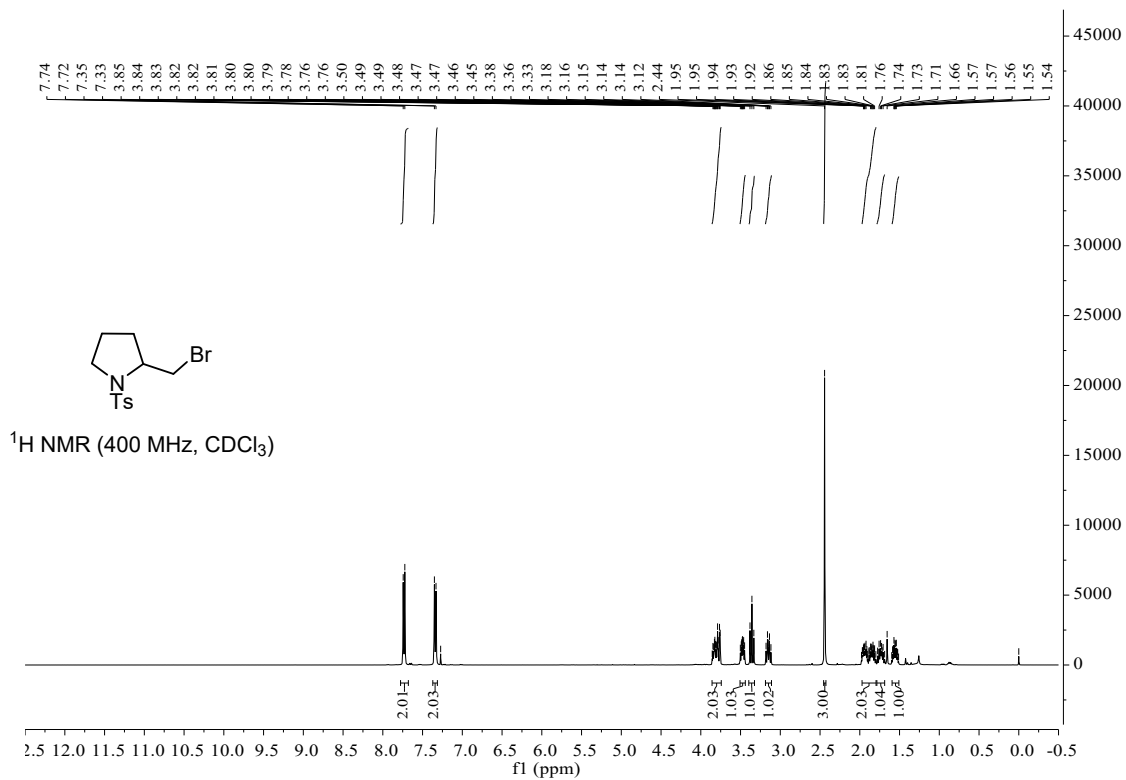
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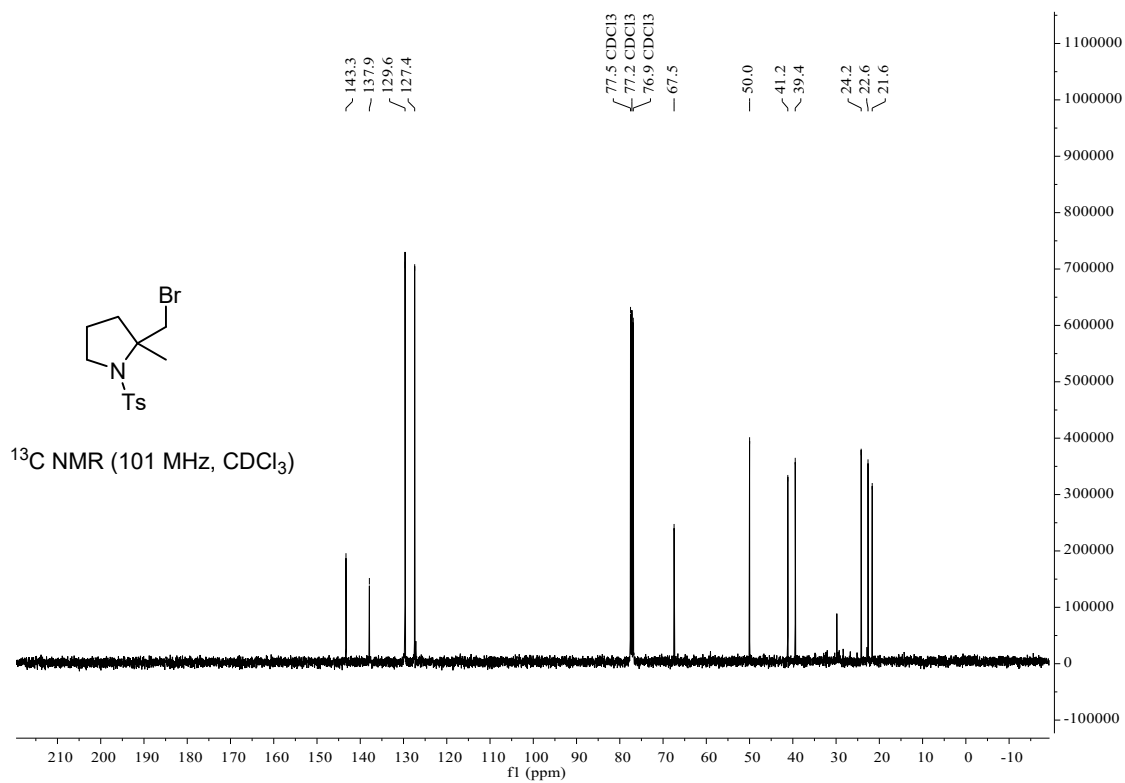
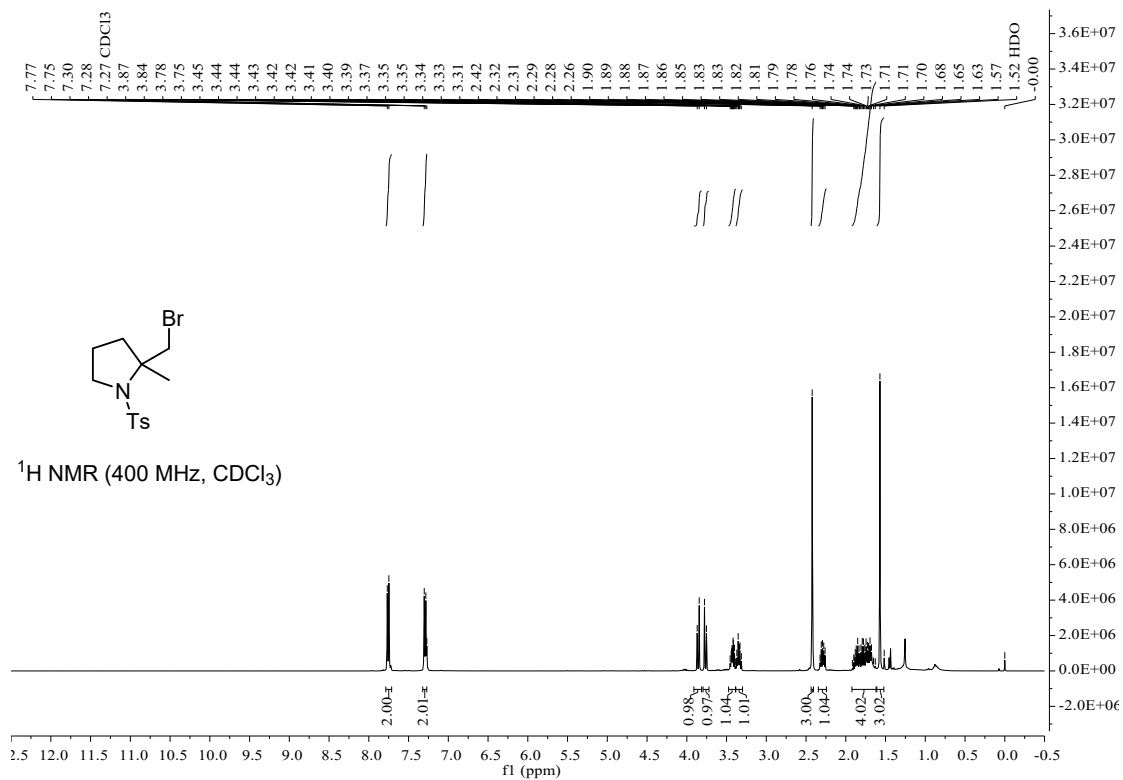
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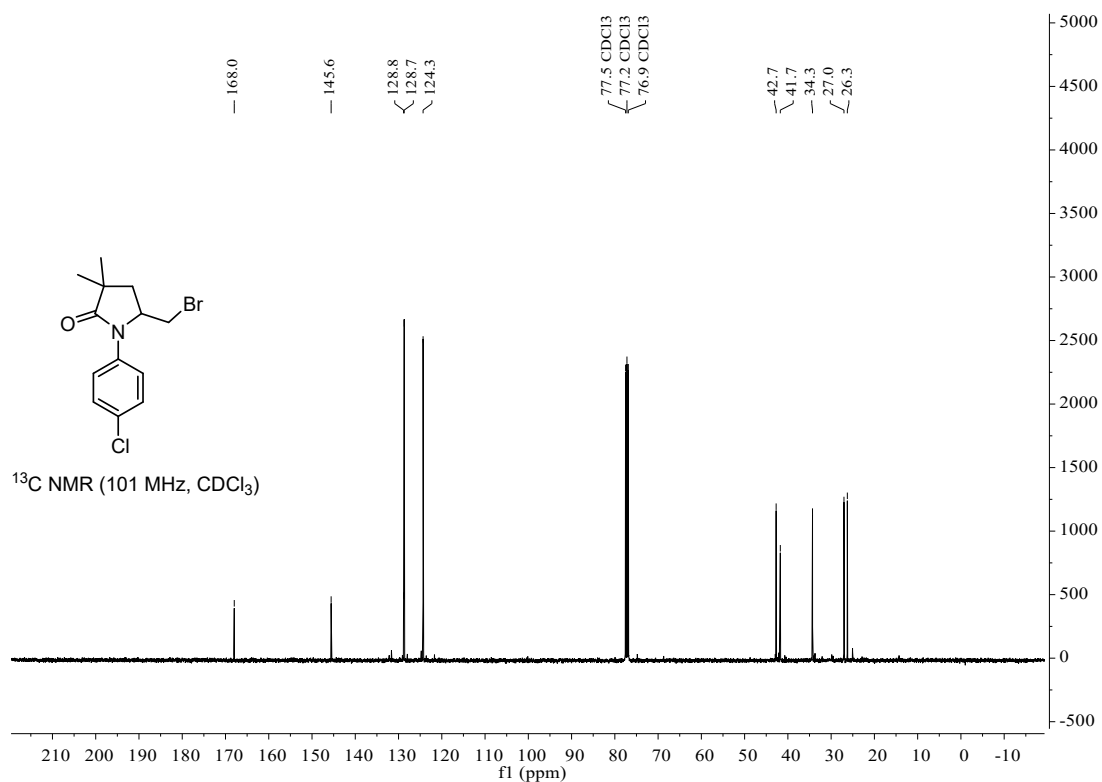
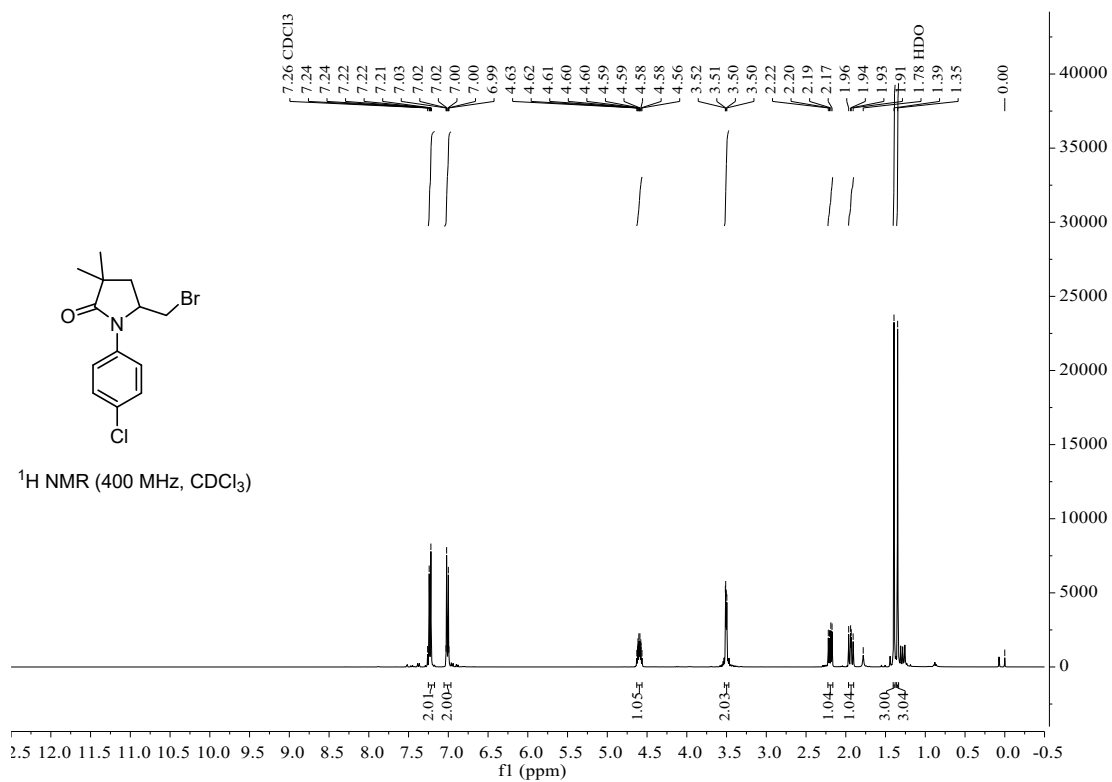
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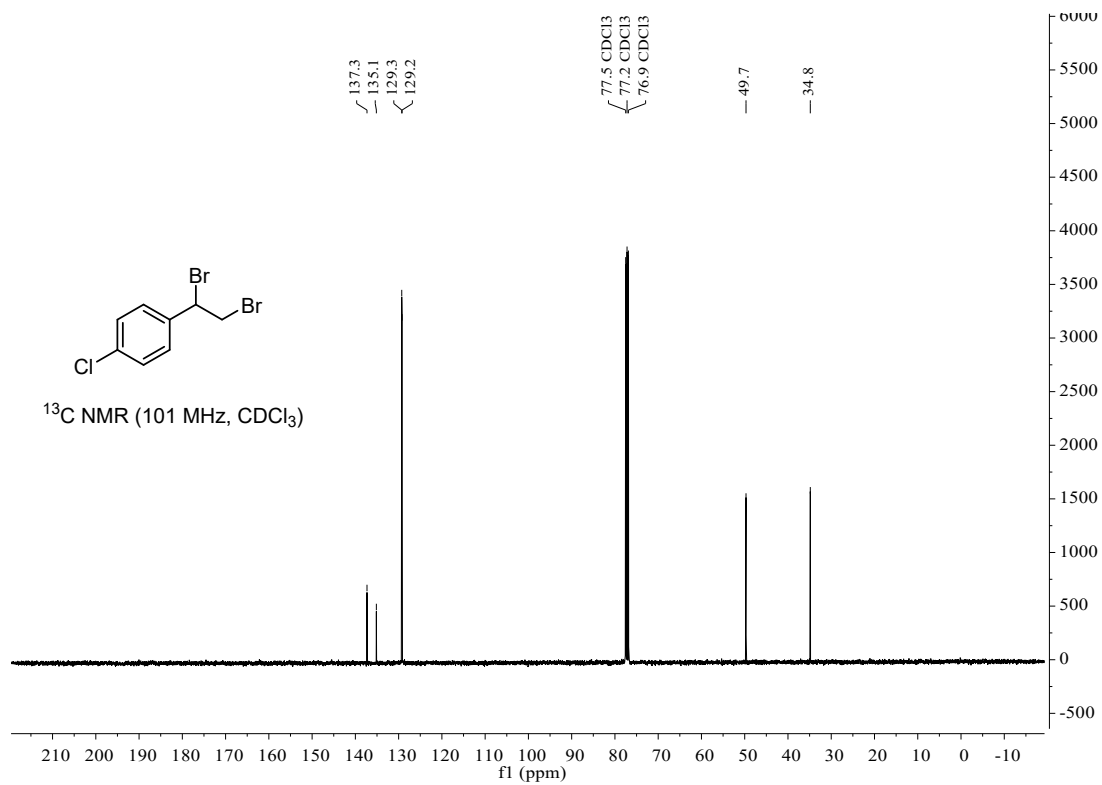
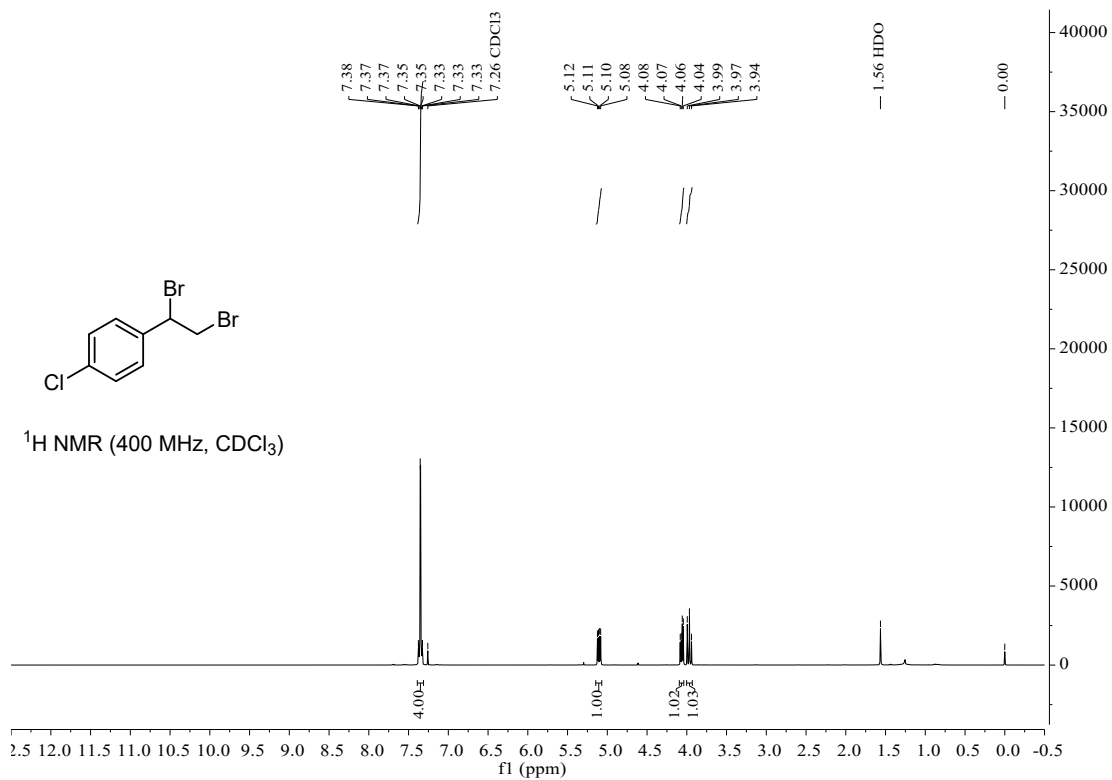
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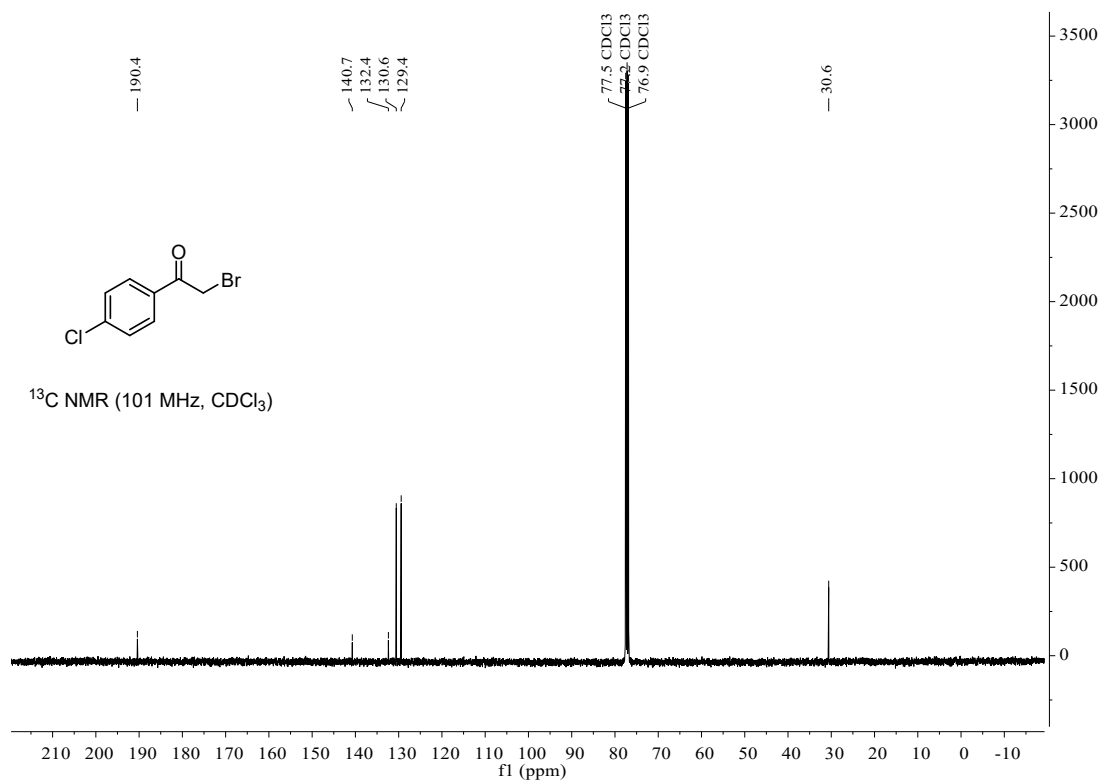
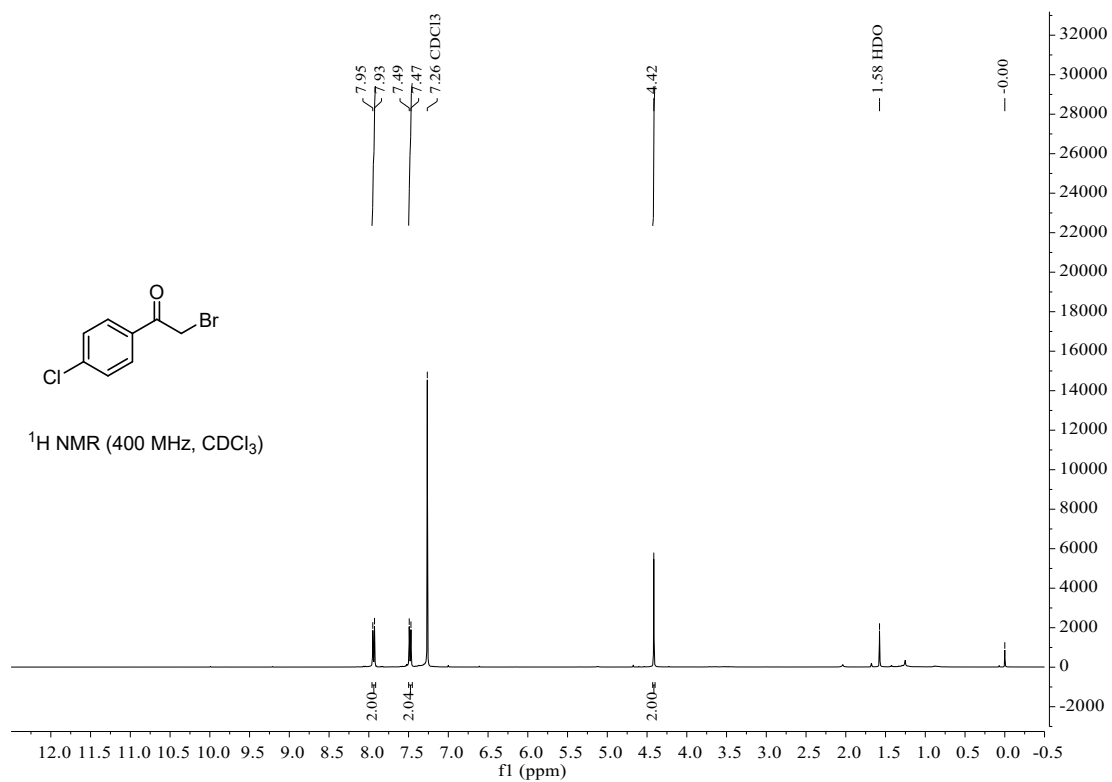
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