

## Supporting information

### An interrupted Heyns rearrangement approach to regioselective synthesis of acylindoles

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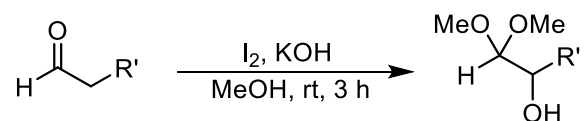
**1. General Comments:**

All reactions were carried out under atmospheric pressure using reaction tubes. Column chromatography was performed using Rankem Silica gel (100-200 mesh) and the solvent system used unless otherwise specified, was ethyl acetate-hexane with various percentage of polarity depending on the nature of the substrate. All chemicals and acids were purchased from either AVRA chemicals or Spectrochem and used as received.  $\alpha$ -Amino carbonyl derivatives **2** were synthesized employing the literature procedure.<sup>1</sup>

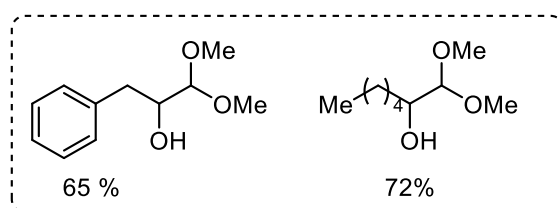
NMR data were recorded on a Bruker (400 MHz and 500 MHz) spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to signals of deuterio solvents and residual protiated solvents, respectively. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Thermo Nicolet iS10 FT and Jasco ATR-IR spectrometer. HRMS were recorded by electrospray ionization (ESI) method on a Q-TOF Micro with lock spray source. The crystal data was collected and integrated using a Bruker Axs kappa apex2 CCD diffractometer, with graphite monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation.

### 3. Synthesis of $\alpha$ -hydroxy dimethoxy acetal:

#### Approach 1:

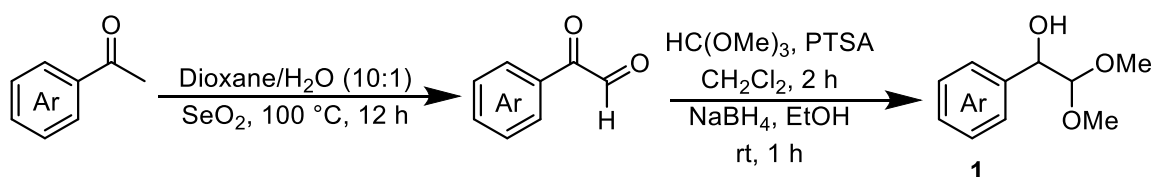


A solution of KOH (2.0 g, 35.82 mmol, 2.4 equiv) in 15 mL of MeOH was cooled to 0-5 °C. Then, the corresponding ketone (14.92 mmol, 1 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 minutes, then I<sub>2</sub> (4.1 g, 16.41 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in MeOH (10 mL) was slowly added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 3 h at the same temperature. After completion of the reaction, it was quenched with saturated solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was suitable for further use or can be purified by column chromatography. Below derivatives were synthesized using this approach in one step from aliphatic aldehydes.  $\alpha$ -Hydroxy dimethoxy acetal derivatives **1** were also synthesized from the corresponding phenyl acetaldehydes in one step.<sup>3</sup>



#### Approach 2:<sup>4-6</sup>

Few of the  $\alpha$ -hydroxy dimethoxy acetal derivatives were synthesized by following this alternative approach from acetophenone derivatives.



In an oven-dried 50 mL round bottom flask equipped with a reflux condenser, SeO<sub>2</sub> (2 g, 18.33 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added followed by 10 mL of Dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (10:1) was introduced. After refluxing the reaction mixture for 15 min at 100 °C, the reaction mixture was cooled down to 50 °C then the corresponding acetophenone derivative (16.66 mmol, 1 equiv) was added dropwise. Subsequently, the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stirring was continued at the same temperature for 12 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled down to

room temperature and filtered through a silica-gel bed. The filtrate was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was used for subsequent step without any further purification.

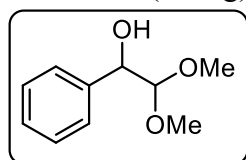
The resultant aryl glyoxal monohydrate (16.64 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in a 100 mL round bottom flask and dissolved in 30 mL of DCM followed by PTSA (950 mg, 4.99 mmol, 0.3 equiv) and trimethylorthoformate (5.3 g, 49.92 mmol, 3 equiv) were added to the solution dropwise at room temperature. The stirring was continued at the same temperature for 2 h. After the reaction was complete, as indicated by TLC, stirring was stopped and was washed with water. The organic layer was then concentrated under reduced pressure to give  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethoxy methyl aryl ketone. The crude product was then subjected to the next step without further purification.

$\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethoxymethyl aryl ketone (16.50 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in a 100 mL round bottom flask and 30 mL of EtOH was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.25 g, 33 mmol, 2 equiv) was added portion wise. The reaction was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirring was continued for 1 h. After the completion of reaction, as indicated by TLC (KMnO<sub>4</sub> was used for product confirmation), it was quenched with the addition of saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The reaction mixture was extracted with DCM and then the organic layer was collected and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude residue was then further purified by column chromatography over silica-gel to afford the expected products in good over three steps.

### 3.1: Properties of synthesized compounds 1:

#### 2,2-Dimethoxy-1-phenylethan-1-ol (1a)

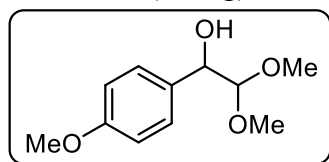
Yield: 64% (1.94 g); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.3$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3445, 2899, 2831,



1452, 1194, 1061, 972, 755, 699. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C):  $\delta$  139.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 107.6, 74.0, 55.9, 54.9.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na: 205.0841; found: 205.0831.

### 2,2-Dimethoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-ol (1b)

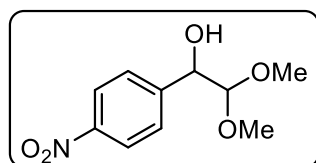
Yield: 66% (2.33 g); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.2$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3461, 2943, 2832,



1609, 1510, 1245, 1028, 830, 755.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$  7.32 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.55 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.74 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$  159.3, 131.6, 128.3, 113.7, 107.8, 73.6, 55.9, 55.2, 54.9.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4 + \text{Na}$ : 235.0946; found: 235.0938.

### 2,2-Dimethoxy-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethan-1-ol (1c)

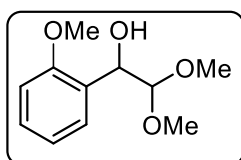
Yield: 50% (1.89 g); Solid; m.p. 65- 67  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $R_f=0.2$  in 20% EtOAc;



IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3422, 2943, 1602, 1518, 1343, 1073, 856, 754, 711.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$  8.21 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.84 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$  147.7, 146.8, 128.0, 123.4, 107.2, 73.2, 56.5, 55.1.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5 + \text{Na}$ : 250.0691; found: 239.0684.

### 2,2-Dimethoxy-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-ol (1d)

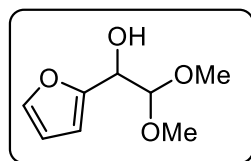
Yield: 75% (2.64 g); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.2$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3475, 2941, 1240,



1057, 974, 754.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.28- 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.97 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.52 (d,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.94 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$  156.9, 128.9, 128.3, 127.9, 120.8, 110.6, 105.9, 70.0, 55.5, 55.2, 55.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4 + \text{Na}$ : 235.0946; found: 235.0947.

### 1-(Furan-2-yl)-2,2-dimethoxyethan-1-ol (1e):

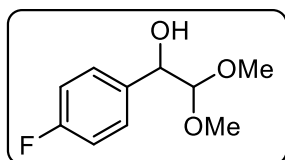
Yield: 62% (1.77 g); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.3$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):



3441, 2940, 2833, 1126, 1064, 970, 745.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J = 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.35-6.34 (m, 2H), 4.65 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd,  $J = 6.3, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 3H), 3.33 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 3H), 2.74 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24  $^\circ\text{C}$ ):  $\delta$

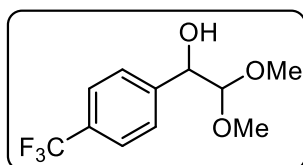
152.5, 142.4, 110.4, 108.3, 105.2, 68.0, 55.5, 55.1.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_8H_{12}O_4+Na$ : 195.0633; found: 195.0629.

#### 1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2,2-dimethoxyethan-1-ol(1f):



Yield: 52% (1.73 g); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.3$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3453, 2941, 1509, 1221, 1065, 973, 835, 754.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.39- 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.02 (t,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.86 (s, 1H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  163.7, 161.3, 135.3, 135.2, 128.8, 128.7, 115.2, 115.0, 107.7, 73.4, 56.1, 55.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{10}H_{13}FO_3+Na$ : 223.0746; found: 223.0739.

#### 2,2-Dimethoxy-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-ol (1g):



Yield: 65% (2.70 g); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.3$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3452, 2944, 1322, 1117, 1059, 974, 839, 756.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.67 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 1H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  143.5, 127.5, 125.22, 125.18, 125.14, 125.11, 107.4, 73.4, 56.3, 55.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{11}H_{13}F_3O_3+Na$ : 273.0714; found: 273.0704.

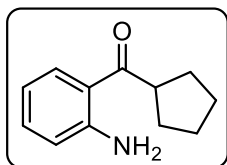
#### 4: Properties of synthesized compounds 2:

##### 1-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one (2b):

Yield: 85% (0.35 g); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.5$  in 5% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3463, 3341, 2971, 1640, 1578, 1217, 1153, 970, 748.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.66- 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.27 (s, 1.6 H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 1.20 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 6H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  207.1, 151.0, 134.1, 131.1, 117.6, 117.0, 115.8, 35.3, 19.7.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{10}H_{13}NO+Na$ : 186.0895; found: 186.0884.

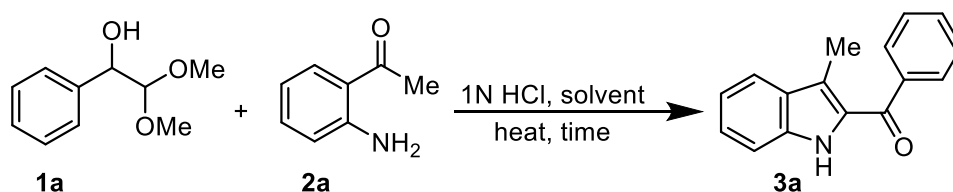
**(2-Aminophenyl)(cyclopentyl)methanone(2d):**

Yield: 14% (68 mg); viscous liquid;  $R_f = 0.5$  in 5% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3465, 3341, 2949,



1639, 1571, 1213, 1156, 748.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.65- 6.62 (m, 2H), 6.27 (s, 2H), 3.74-3.66 (m, 1H), 1.92- 1.87 (m, 4H), 1.75- 1.60 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  205.5, 150.7, 133.9, 131.4, 117.8, 117.4,

115.7, 46.7, 30.4, 26.3.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO} + \text{Na}$ : 212.1051; found: 212.1045.

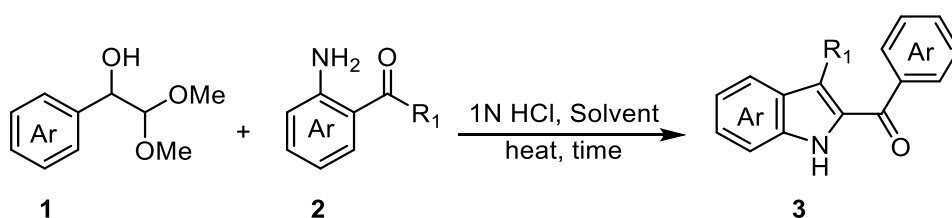
**Optimization: Synthesis of 3a from 1a and 2a**

Entry	Acids (equiv)	Temp (°C)	Solvent	Yield (%)
1	-	rt	EtOH	-
2	AcOH (1)	rt	EtOH	-
3	PTSA (1)	rt	EtOH	-
4	1N HCl (2)	rt	EtOH	34
5	1N HCl (2)	60	EtOH	50
6	1N HCl (2)	80	EtOH	83
7	1N HCl (2)	90	EtOH	84
8	1N HCl (2)	90	Dioxane	90
9	1N HCl (2)	90	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	87
10	<b>1N HCl (2)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Dioxane</b>	<b>94</b>
11	1N HCl (2)	120	Dioxane	93
12	Conc. HCl (2)	120	Toluene	65
13 <sup>a</sup>	Conc. HCl (2)	120	Toluene	76
14 <sup>b</sup>	Conc. HCl (2)	120	Toluene	79
15 <sup>c</sup>	Conc. HCl (2)	120	Toluene	74
16	Conc. HCl (2)	90	Toluene	29

17	Conc. HCl (2)	130	DMF	57
18	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (2)	80	EtOH	35
19	PTSA (1)	80	EtOH	60
20	Conc. HCl (2)	70	MeOH	36
21	1N HCl (2)	90	H <sub>2</sub> O	66

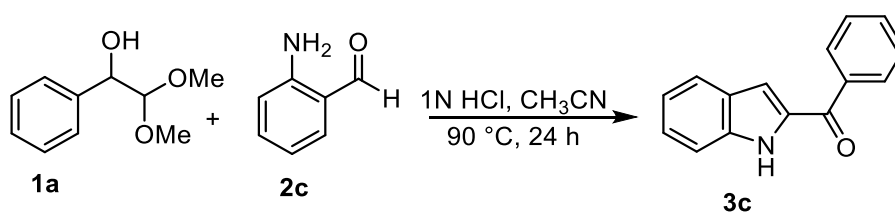
Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv), acid (equiv), solvent (3 mL for 0.23 mmol), temp, 18 h. Additive: <sup>a</sup> BF<sub>3</sub>.Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 equiv), <sup>b</sup> FeCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 equiv), <sup>c</sup> ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 equiv).

## 5. General procedure for synthesis of 2-acyl indole derivatives **3**



In an oven dried 20 mL reaction tube, compound **1** (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv), and  $\alpha$ -aminocarbonyl derivative **2** (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) were taken in dioxane solvent (3 mL) and 0.5 mL of 1N HCl (2 equiv) was added. The reaction tube was sealed and kept in a pre-heated oil bath at 100 °C and stirred at the same temperature for 18 h. After consumption of starting material as indicated by TLC, reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and extracted with DCM. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated in rotary evaporator. The crude product was then further purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate: hexane (1:9) as an eluting solvent to afford the 2-acylindole **3** in good to excellent yields.

### 5.1. Synthesis of compound **3c**



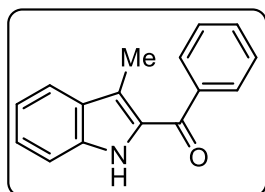


In an oven dried reaction tube, compound **2c** (50 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in 3 mL of acetonitrile and **1a** (76 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1 equiv) was added. To the reaction mixture, 0.5 mL of 1N HCl (2 equiv) was added and the reaction tube was sealed and kept in a pre-heated oil bath at 90 °C and was stirred for 24 h at the same temperature. After the reaction was completed, as indicated by TLC, it was cooled down to room temperature and extracted with DCM. The organic layer was then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was then purified by column chromatography to afford the product **3c** in 72% (65 mg) yield.

## 5.2. Properties of synthesized 2-acyl indoles:

### (3-Methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3a**):

Yield: 87% (47 mg); White solid; m.p. 105-107 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>*=0.5 in 15% EtOAc; IR (*v*<sub>max</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>):

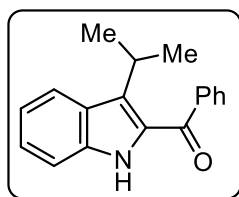


3311, 3054, 1607, 1435, 1266, 945, 742, 690. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 8.84 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 189.5, 139.5, 136.7, 132.0, 131.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 126.6, 121.3, 120.6, 120.2, 112.0, 11.3.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO+Na: 258.0895; found: 258.0877.

### (3-Isopropyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (**3b**):

Yield: 84% (51 mg); Solid; m.p. 75-77 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5 in 15% EtOAc; IR (*v*<sub>max</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3335, 2969,

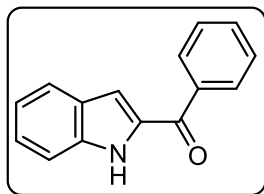


1618, 1524, 1322, 1256, 734, 702. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 8.91 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (m, 1H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz,

6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 189.9, 139.7, 137.3, 132.3, 131.0, 130.3, 128.9, 128.4, 126.5, 125.8, 123.5, 119.8, 112.4, 26.3, 23.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO+Na: 286.1208; found: 286.1193

**(1H-Indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3c):**

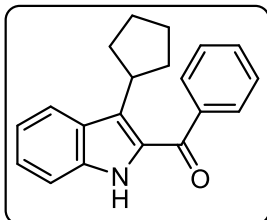
Yield: 72% (65 mg); White Solid; m.p. 130-132 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):



3313, 2920, 1619, 1516, 1261, 735, 684.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.47 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.56- 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  187.3, 138.1, 137.6, 134.4, 132.4, 129.3, 128.6, 127.8, 126.6, 123.3, 121.1, 112.9, 112.3.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}+\text{Na}$ : 244.0738; found: 244.0725.

**(3-Cyclopentyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3d):**

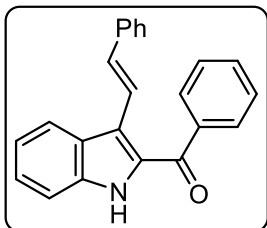
Yield: 86% (57 mg); Solid; Melting point; 105-107 °C;  $R_f = 0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):



$^1$ ): 3330, 2950, 2868, 1613, 1523, 1324, 1252, 733, 695.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  8.72 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.24-3.15 (m, 1 H), 2.08-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.91- 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.56-1.54 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.9, 139.7, 137.3, 132.3, 131.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 126.4, 125.9, 123.0, 119.8, 112.4, 37.5, 33.7, 26.8.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}+\text{Na}$ : 312.1364; found: 312.1352.

**(E)-Phenyl(3-styryl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3e):**

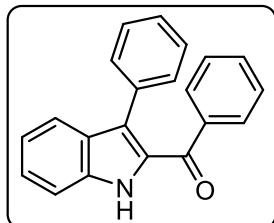
Yield: 71% (52 mg); Solid; m.p. 150-152 °C;  $R_f=0.45$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3313,



3056, 1611, 1501, 1330, 1252, 736, 695.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.22 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.51- 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.08 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  188.9, 139.3, 137.7, 137.2, 132.3, 132.0, 131.2, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 126.2, 123.0, 121.9, 121.5, 112.4.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}+\text{Na}$ : 346.1208; found: 346.1188.

### Phenyl(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3f):

Yield: 96% (65 mg); Solid; m.p. 170-172 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3312,

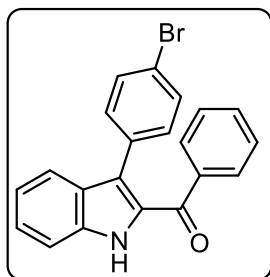


3057, 1610, 1333, 1262, 743, 685.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.33 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12- 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.05- 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.99 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):

$\delta$  189.6, 137.5, 136.4, 133.7, 131.7, 130.8, 129.5, 127.9, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.6, 125.3, 122.1, 121.1, 112.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}+\text{Na}$ : 320.1051; found: 320.1032

### (3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3g):

Yield: 96% (83 mg); Solid; m.p. 150-152 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3335,

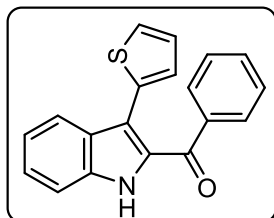


2927, 1630, 805, 729, 696.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.39 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H). 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.4, 137.5, 136.4, 132.8,

132.4, 132.0, 131.2, 131.0, 129.5, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 123.9, 121.8, 121.5, 121.1, 112.2.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}+\text{H}$ : 376.0337; found: 376.0309

### Phenyl(3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3h):

Yield: 81% (57 mg); Solid; m.p. 135- 137 °C;  $R_f = 0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3293,

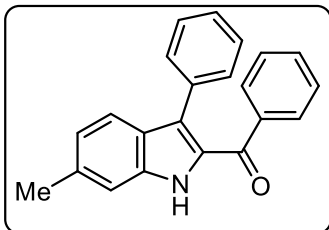


3054, 1617, 1323, 1250, 1000, 730, 655.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.57 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.57 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td,  $J = 8.2, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.24 (m, 4H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.83 (dd,  $J = 3.4, 1.1$  Hz,

1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.4, 137.7, 136.3, 134.6, 132.0, 131.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 126.8, 126.5, 122.3, 121.5, 117.2, 112.1; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}+\text{Na}$ : 326.0616; found: 326.0598.

**(6-Methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3i):**

Yield: 84% (60 mg); Solid; m.p. 160-162 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3308,

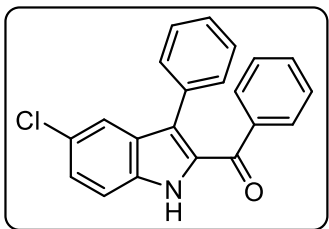


2923, 1607, 1258, 734, 688.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.37 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.5, 137.8,

137.1, 137.0, 134.0, 131.6, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 127.9, 127.6, 126.8, 125.8, 125.7, 123.4, 121.9, 111.6, 22.1.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 312.1388; found 312.1374.

**(5-Chloro-3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3j):**

Yield: 93% (71 mg); Solid; m.p. 150-152 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3305,

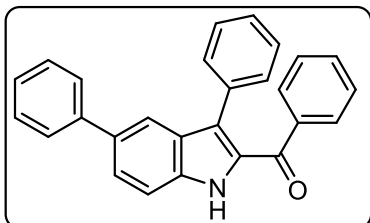


2922, 1625, 1255, 798, 732, 692.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.47 (s, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.5, 137.2, 134.7, 133.2, 132.0,

131.9, 130.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 124.7, 121.4, 113.3.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO} + \text{H}$ : 332.0842; found 332.0822.

**(3,5-Diphenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3k):**

Yield: 85% (73 mg); Solid; m.p. 180-182 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3308,

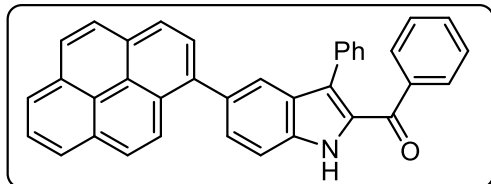


3017, 1709, 1357, 1223, 743, 695.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.56 (s, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.6, 141.9, 137.6, 136.0, 134.9, 133.7, 131.8, 131.6, 131.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 125.7, 120.3, 112.4.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 374.1545; found 374.1525.

**Phenyl(3-phenyl-5-(pyren-1-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3l):**

Yield: 96% (110 mg); Solid; m.p. 235- 237 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3318,

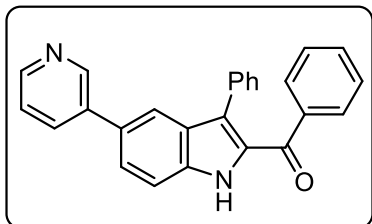


3046, 1617, 1265, 753, 697.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.46 (s, 1H), 8.19- 8.14 (m, 4H), 8.08 (s, 2H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.29- 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.10-

7.07 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.6, 138.3, 137.5, 135.8, 134.5, 133.6, 131.9, 131.6, 131.1, 131.0, 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.1, 125.6, 125.5, 125.2, 125.1, 125.0, 124.8, 124.6, 123.7, 111.8.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}+\text{Na}$ :520.1677; found 520.1643.

**Phenyl(3-phenyl-5-(pyridin-3-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3m):**

Yield: 80% (69 mg); Solid; m.p. 210- 212 °C;  $R_f=0.2$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3056,

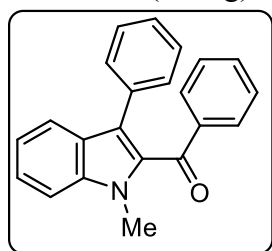


2926, 1700, 1628, 1267, 744, 701.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.69 (s, 1H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.15 (s, 3H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz,

2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.6, 148.4, 147.9, 137.4, 136.2, 134.6, 133.5, 131.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.9, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.2, 125.5, 123.6, 120.7, 112.9.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}+\text{H}$ :375.1497; found 375.1491.

**(1-Methyl-3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone(3n):**

Yield: 87% (63 mg); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.7$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3056, 2941, 1634,

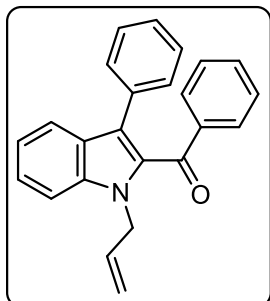


1251, 950, 730, 694.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.14 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 4H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  190.7, 138.7, 138.2, 134.0, 133.0, 132.6, 130.5, 130.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.6, 125.9, 125.3, 123.6, 121.5,

121.0, 110.3, 31.7; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{17}NO+H$ : 312.1388; found 312.1371.

**(1-Allyl-3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3o):**

Yield: 51% (40 mg); viscous liquid;  $R_f=0.7$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3058, 2924, 1635,

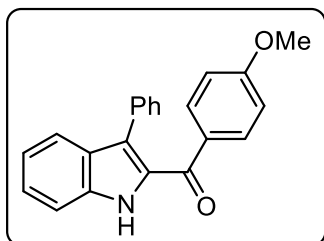


1259, 934, 730, 699.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 4H), 7.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H). 6.06-5.97 (m, 1H), 5.12-5.02 (m, 4H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  190.8, 138.2, 138.1, 134.0, 133.9, 132.6, 130.5, 130.2, 128.1, 127.8, 126.6, 126.1, 125.4, 124.2, 121.6, 121.2,

116.8, 110.7, 46.9; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{19}NO+H$ : 338.1545; found 338.1522.

**(4-Methoxyphenyl)(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3p):**

Yield: 97% (73 mg); Solid; m.p. 130-132 °C;  $R_f=0.3$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3308,

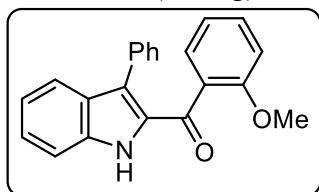


3056, 1596, 1250, 1161, 734, 703.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.40 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 7.9, 2H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  188.3, 162.7,

136.3, 134.1, 132.1, 131.2, 131.0, 130.1, 128.1, 127.7, 126.8, 126.2, 124.4, 122.0, 121.1, 113.0, 112.0, 55.4.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{17}NO_2+H$ : 328.1338; found 328.1324.

**(2-Methoxyphenyl)(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3q):**

Yield: 88% (66 mg); Solid; m.p. 125-127 °C;  $R_f=0.3$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{max}$ ,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3319,



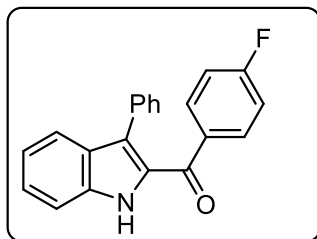
3058, 1610, 1250, 1025, 744, 701.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.30 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 7H), 6.73 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s,

3H).  $^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  188.4, 156.9, 136.3, 133.2, 131.9, 131.8,

130.5, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 122.4, 120.9, 120.0, 112.0, 110.3, 55.2.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+H:328.1338 found 328.1324.

**(4-Fluorophenyl)(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3r):**

Yield: 96% (70 mg); Solid; m.p. 140-142 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>*=0.5 in 15% EtOAc; IR (ν<sub>max</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3320,

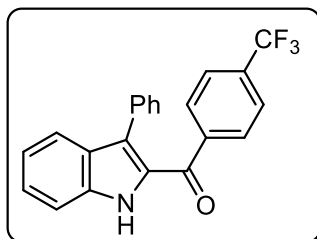


2925, 1598, 1230, 1152, 841, 741, 704. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 9.75 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58- 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 6H), 6.75 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 188.3, 166.1, 163.6, 136.6, 133.8, 133.7, 132.2, 132.1, 131.0, 130.8,

128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 125.5, 122.2, 121.3, 114.8, 114.6, 112.2.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO+H: 316.1138 found 316.1121.

**(3-Phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)methanone (3s):**

Yield: 84% (71 mg); Solid; m.p. 190-192 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>*=0.5 in 15% EtOAc; IR (ν<sub>max</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3323,

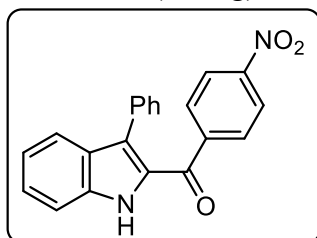


1737, 1614, 1324, 1119, 1066, 751. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 9.41 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51- 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (s, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 188.4, 140.9, 136.7, 133.3, 130.9, 130.6, 129.5, 128.1, 127.7,

127.3, 126.6, 124.6, 124.59, 124.56, 124.52, 122.4, 121.5, 112.2; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO+H: 366.1106 found 366.1086.

**(4-Nitrophenyl)(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3t):**

Yield: 84% (66 mg); Solid; m.p. 195-197 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>*=0.4 in 15% EtOAc; IR (ν<sub>max</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3332,

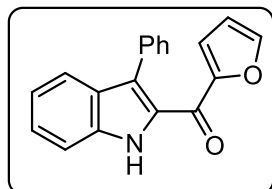


1719, 1519, 1345, 1222, 783, 732. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 9.34 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16- 7.09 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 187.5, 149.0, 143.2, 136.9,

133.1, 131.0, 130.4, 130.2, 128.2, 127.7, 127.66, 127.62, 126.9, 122.7, 122.5, 121.6, 112.2.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z: [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na: 365.0902 found 365.0882.

### Furan-2-yl(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone (3u):

Yield: 85% (56 mg); Solid; m.p. 160-162 °C;  $R_f$ =0.5 in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3315,

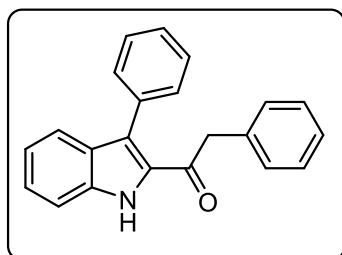


2924, 1590, 1454, 1267, 754, 693.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.33 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd,  $J$  = 3.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  174.7, 151.9, 146.2, 136.4, 134.5, 130.5, 130.3, 128.4, 127.7, 127.2, 126.5, 124.8, 122.1, 121.3, 119.9, 112.1, 112.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}$ : 288.1025 found 288.1013.

### 2-Phenyl-1-(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)ethan-1-one (3v):

Yield: 88% (63 mg); Solid; m.p. 155-160 °C;  $R_f$ =0.5 in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3443,

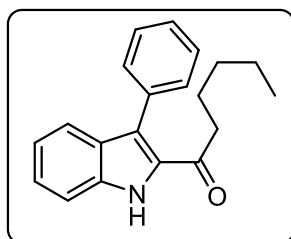


3056, 1647, 1265, 740, 462.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.38 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.95 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  191.6, 135.9, 134.4, 134.2, 131.5, 130.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.7, 126.6, 124.6, 122.1, 120.9, 111.8, 46.1.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 312.1388 found 312.1387.

### 1-(3-Phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)hexan-1-one (3w):

Yield: 89% (56 mg); Solid; m.p. 60-65 °C;  $R_f$ =0.6 in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3439, 2929,

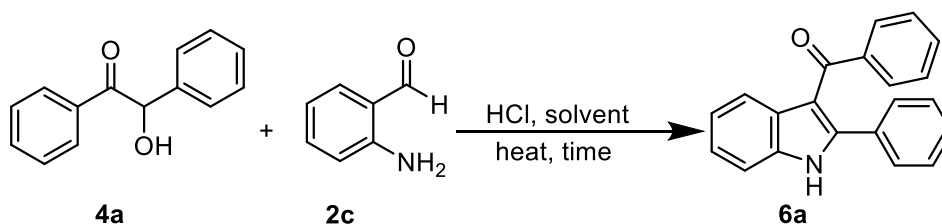


1643, 1487, 1265.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.44 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 7H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.57-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.17-1.03 (m, 4H), 0.79 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  194.8, 135.6, 134.4, 131.8, 130.5, 128.9, 128.4, 127.9, 126.4,

124.1, 122.1, 120.7, 111.8, 40.0, 31.3, 24.5, 22.3, 13.9.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 292.1701 found 292.1710.



## 6. Optimization: Synthesis of 3-Acylindole 6a



Entry	Acid (equiv)	Temp (°C)	Solvent	Yield (%)
1	PTSA (0.5)	100	Dioxane	36
2	MSA (0.5)	100	Dioxane	22
3	TFA (0.5)	100	Dioxane	29
4	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (0.5)	100	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	15
5	Conc.HCl (2)	100	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	40
6	Conc.HCl (2)	80	THF	44
7	1N HCl (2)	100	Dioxane	32
8	1N HCl (2)	100	EtOH	20
9	Conc.HCl (2)	100	Dioxane	55
10	Conc.HCl (2)	120	Dioxane	65
11	Conc.HCl (2)	100	EtOH	20

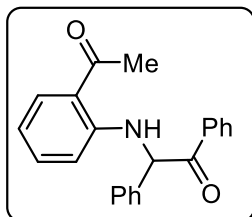
Reaction conditions: **4a** (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv), **2c** (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv), Conc. HCl (11.5 M, 0.5 mmol, 2 equiv), Dioxane (3 mL for 0.23 mmol), 120 °C, 24 h.

### General procedure for synthesis of 3-acyl indoles 6:

In a 20 mL reaction tube, benzoin **4a** (0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-aminobenzaldehyde **2c** (28 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in 3 mL of dioxane. Conc. HCl (11.5 M, 20 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the tube was sealed and kept in a pre-heated oil bath at 120 °C and was then stirred for 24 h. After the completion of reaction, as indicated by TLC, it was cooled down to room temperature and extracted with DCM. The organic layer was then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was then further purified by silica gel chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane as an eluent to afford 3-acylindole **6** in good yield.

### 2-((2-Acetylphenyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one (5):

Yield: 87% (168 mg); Solid; m.p. 105-110 °C;  $R_f=0.6$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3456,

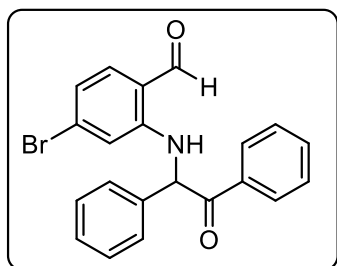


3288, 1683, 1639, 1570, 1510, 1452, 1246, 1169, 964, 753, 698.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  10.21 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 - 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.63-6.57 (m, 2H), 6.10 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz,

1 H), 2.58 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  200.7, 195.7, 148.8, 137.1, 135.0, 134.8, 133.4, 132.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 118.6, 115.0, 112.5, 62.4, 28.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ : 330.1494 found 330.1507.

### 4-bromo-2-((2-oxo-1,2-diphenylethyl)amino)benzaldehyde (5')

Yield: 39% (36 mg); Yellow solid; m.p. 160-165 °C;  $R_f = 0.6$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):

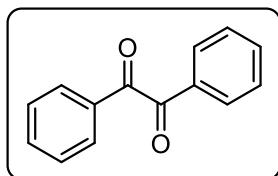


1671, 1592, 1208, 870, 754.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.85-9.80 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.06 (d, 6.2 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  194.7, 193.0, 148.8, 137.9, 136.2, 134.4,

133.7, 131.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 119.1, 118.3, 114.6, 61.9.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_2 + \text{H}$ : 394.0443 found 394.0452.

### Benzil:

Yield: 20% (20 mg); Liquid;  $R_f = 0.8$  in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3063, 2924, 1672, 1589,



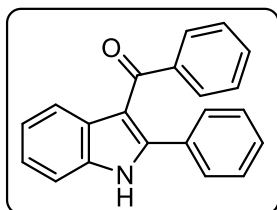
1210, 874, 715.;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.5 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  194.6, 134.9, 133.0, 129.9, 129.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2 + \text{H}$ : 211.0759

found 211.0758.

### 6.1. Properties of synthesized 3-acyl indoles:

#### Phenyl(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methanone (6a):

Yield: 65% (45 mg); Solid; m.p. 190-192 °C;  $R_f$ = 0.5 in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3289,

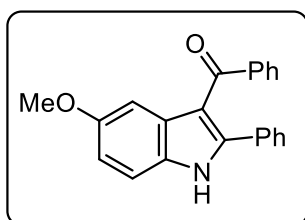


2992, 1765, 1245, 1067, 978, 752, 696.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  8.68 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.15 (m, 11H)  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  193.3, 143.7, 139.7, 135.5, 131.8, 131.6, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7,

128.5, 127.8, 123.7, 122.3, 121.8, 113.9, 111.1.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 298.1232 found 298.1251.

#### (5-Methoxy-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6b):

Yield: 51% (39 mg); Solid; m.p. 160-165 °C;  $R_f$ =0.4 in 20 % EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3435,

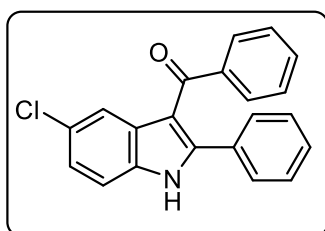


1624, 1457, 1421, 1269, 1211, 696.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  8.57 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 5H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  193.3, 156.0, 144.3,

139.7, 131.8, 131.3, 130.4, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 114.3, 113.6, 111.8, 102.9, 55.7.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}$ : 328.1338 found 328.1337.

#### (5-Chloro-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6c):

Yield: 42% (32 mg); Solid; m.p. 250-255 °C;  $R_f$ =0.6 in 20 % EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3338,

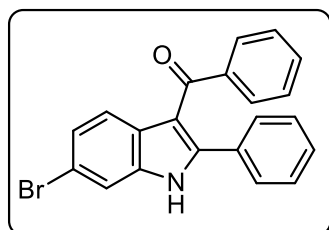


2946, 2832, 1662, 1452, 1024, 651.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  12.42 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.17 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  192.3, 146.1, 139.9, 134.8, 131.9, 131.5, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.2, 126.5, 123.4, 120.1,

113.9, 112.1.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO} + \text{H}$ : 332.0842 found 332.0853.

**(5-Bromo-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6d):**

Yield: 35% (31 mg); Solid; m.p. 255-260 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 20 % EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3358,

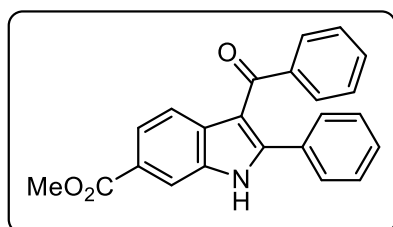


2944, 2832, 1661, 1451, 1113, 1025, 646.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  12.37 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.18 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  192.4, 145.2, 139.8, 137.1, 132.0, 131.5, 129.9, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 124.8,

122.7, 115.7, 114.8, 112.5.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO} + \text{H}$ : 376.0337 found 376.0346.

**Methyl 3-benzoyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylate (6e):**

Yield: 48% (40 mg); Solid; m.p. 165-170 °C;  $R_f=0.6$  in 20 % EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3430,

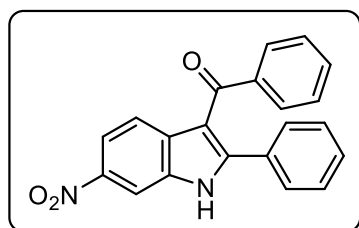


2075, 1633, 1016, 766, 502.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  12.57 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.19 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  192.4, 167.2, 147.3, 139.7, 135.6, 132.2, 132.1, 131.4, 130.0,

129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 124.2, 122.4, 120.8, 114.0, 112.8, 52.4.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}$ : 356.1287 found 356.1288.

**(6-Nitro-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6f):**

Yield: 46% (37 mg); Solid; m.p. 245-250 °C;  $R_f=0.4$  in 20 % EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3446,

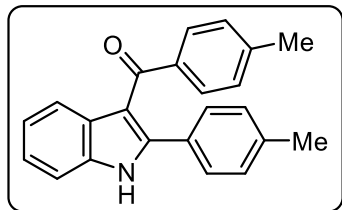


1631, 1510, 1334, 725, 693.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 5H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  192.2,

149.2, 143.3, 139.3, 134.9, 133.4, 132.4, 130.9, 130.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 121.2, 116.9, 113.1, 108.7.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}$ : 343.1083 found 343.1096.

### **p-Tolyl(2-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methanone (6g)**

Yield: 56% (42 mg); Solid; m.p. 185-187 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3342,

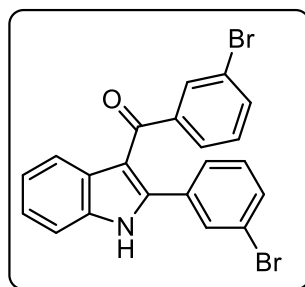


2989, 1763, 1376, 1241, 1053.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  8.78 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.98- 6.93 (m, 4H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$

NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  193.2, 143.4, 142.3, 138.8, 137.2, 135.5, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 123.3, 121.9, 121.6, 113.7, 111.1, 21.6, 21.3.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 326.1545 found 326.1558.

### **(3-bromophenyl)(2-(3-bromophenyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methanone (6h):**

Yield: 70% (73 mg); Solid; m.p. 190-195 °C;  $R_f=0.6$  in 20 % EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3363,

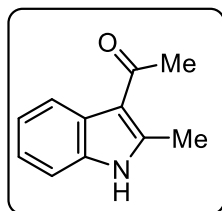


2945, 2832, 1661, 1448, 1029, 702.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  12.41 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  190.6, 143.8, 142.3, 136.3, 134.1, 134.0, 132.6, 132.0, 131.8, 130.4, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 123.9, 122.4, 121.7, 121.6, 121.3, 112.7, 112.5.; HRMS (ESI/Q-

TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{Br}_2\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 453.9442 found 453.9450.

### **1-(2-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6i)**

Yield: 50% (20 mg); Solid; m.p. 185- 187 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3630,

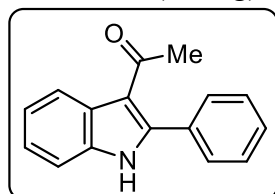


2988, 1764, 1712, 1374, 1237, 1044.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  8.50 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  194.7, 143.6, 134.6, 127.1, 122.5, 122.2, 121.0, 114.9, 110.9, 31.3,

15.5.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 174.0919 found 174.0923.

### **1-(2-Phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one (6j)**

Yield: 62% (35 mg); Solid; m.p. 210-202 °C;  $R_f=0.5$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2989,

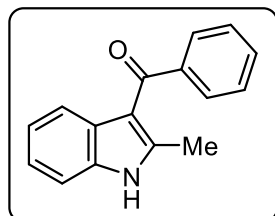


1762, 1375, 1240, 1050.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  8.67 (s, 1H), 8.48-8.46 (m, 1H), 7.67- 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61- 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42- 7.37 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR

(125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C):  $\delta$  195.4, 144.3, 135.2, 132.9, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 127.5, 123.8, 122.8, 122.7, 115.9, 110.8, 30.4.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO+H: 236.1075 found 236.1085.

### (2-Methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone (6j')

Yield: 25% (14 mg); Solid; m.p. 175 -178 °C;  $R_f$ =0.3 in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2990,



1763, 1377, 1242, 1058. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.04 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C):  $\delta$

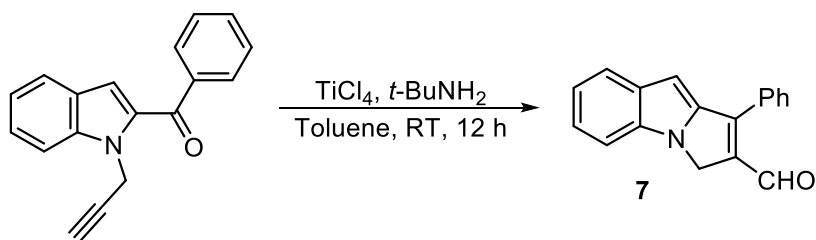
193.5, 143.9, 141.4, 134.8, 131.6, 128.9, 128.4, 127.7, 122.5, 121.6, 121.0, 114.0, 110.8, 14.6; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO+H: 236.1075 found 236.1166.

## 7. Synthetic application:

### 7.1. Gram scale synthesis

In an oven dried reaction tube compound, **1a** (0.92 g, 5.07 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-amino benzophenone (1 g, 5.07 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in 10 mL of dioxane. 5 mL of 1 N HCl was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was sealed and kept in a pre-heated oil bath at 100 °C and stirred for 18 h at the same temperature. After completion of reaction, as indicated by TLC, it was cooled down to room temperature and the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM. The solvent was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude was further purified by column chromatography to afford the product **3f** in 94% yield (1.54 g).

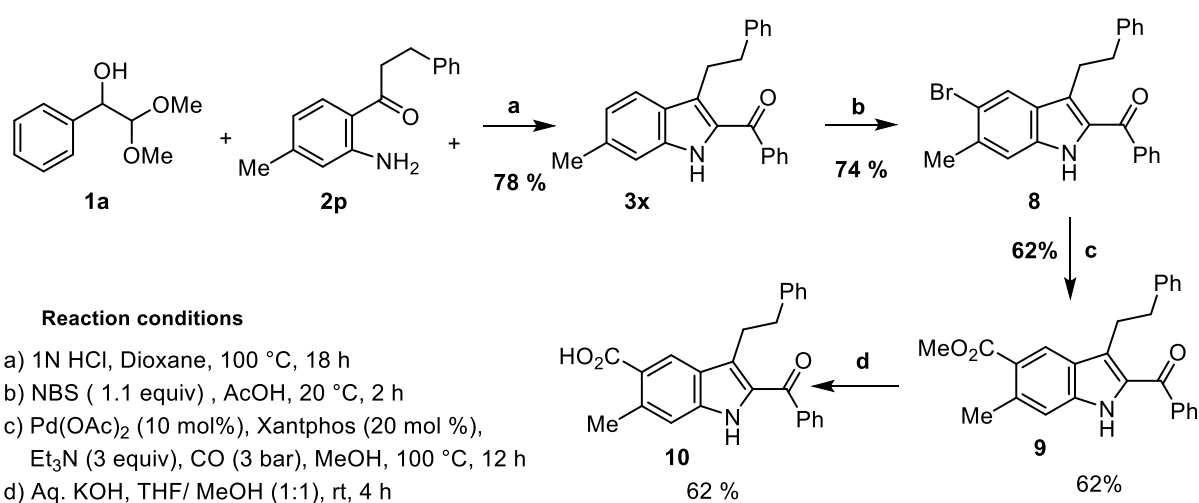
### 7.5. Synthesis of 1-Phenyl-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-2-carbaldehyde (**7**)<sup>9</sup>



In an oven dried Schlenk tube, a solution of *N*-alkylated product (95 mg, 0.37 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in 3 mL of dry toluene under nitrogen atmosphere and *t*-BuNH<sub>2</sub> (1.4 mL, 3.30 mmol,

9 equiv) was added. When the starting materials were completely dissolved,  $\text{TiCl}_4$  (0.1 mL, 0.55 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was dissolved in 2 mL of dry toluene and was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until starting material was completely consumed, as indicated by TLC. The reaction mixture was then quenched with saturated solution of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and the solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure. The crude product was then purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane as an eluent to afford the product **10** in 66 % (62 mg) yield as yellow solid. m.p. 150-152 °C  $R_f=0.5$  in 20% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2989, 1762, 1375, 1239, 1048.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.95 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 7.97$ , 1H), 7.57 (s, 3H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 7.97$ , 1H), 7.30- 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  187.1, 150.1, 145.5, 137.3, 134.9, 132.4, 130.6, 129.5, 129.2, 123.9, 122.7, 120.4, 109.9, 98.6, 48.5.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) m/z:  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} + \text{H}$ : 260.1075 found 260.1066.

## 7.6. Synthesis of anti-tumor agent: 10



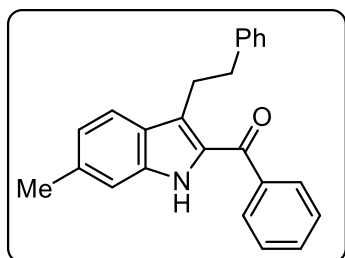
**Step-b:** **3x** was synthesized employing the general procedure mentioned earlier. **3x** (50 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in 3 mL of glacial acetic acid and the reaction mixture was kept at 20 °C. N-Bromosuccinimide (29 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added portion wise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. After the completion of reaction, as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM and the organic layer was dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude was then purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the corresponding brominated product **8** in 74% (45 mg) yield.

**Step-c:** The brominated product **8** (0.21 mmol, 1 equiv) was taken in dry MeOH (3 mL). Pd (OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %), Xantphos (20 mol%), and 3 equiv of Et<sub>3</sub>N were added and pressurized 3 bar with CO. The reaction was continued for 12 h at 100 °C. After the completion of reaction, as indicated by TLC, the reaction was cooled down to room temperature and extracted with DCM. The organic layer was then dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was then purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding ester **9** in 62% yield.

**Step-d:** The ester **9** (75 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in 2 mL of THF/MeOH (1:1). 2 mL of saturated aq. KOH was added and stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After the completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM and the water layer was collected separately. The water layer was then acidified with 1N HCl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of solvent followed by purification of crude product using column chromatography gave the desired product **10** as a white solid in 62% (45 mg) yield.

**(6-Methyl-3-phenethyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3x):**

Yield: 56% (43 mg); Yellow Solid; m.p. 120-125 °C; *R<sub>f</sub>*=0.6 in 15% EtOAc; IR (ν<sub>max</sub>, cm<sup>-1</sup>):



3447, 3055, 1624, 1265, 744. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 8.69 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 4 H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz,

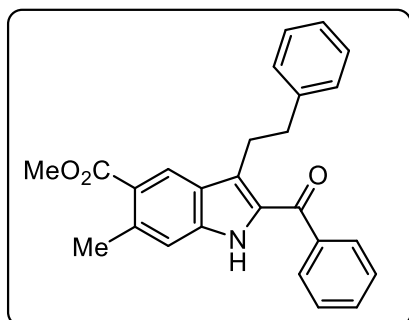
CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C): δ 189.1, 141.6, 139.6, 137.1, 136.9, 131.7, 130.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 126.0, 125.9, 124.9, 122.6, 120.9, 111.6, 37.5, 27.6, 22.1; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]

<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO+H: 340.1701 found 340.1708.



### Methyl 2-benzoyl-6-methyl-3-phenethyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (9):

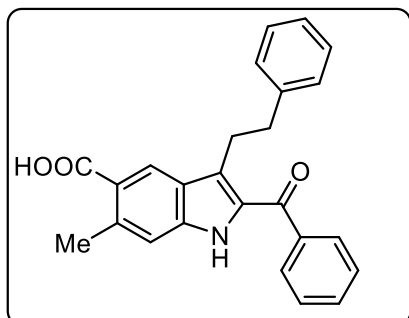
Yield: 62% (25 mg); White Solid; 105-110 °C; m.p.  $R_f$ =0.5 in 15% EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):



3434, 1716, 1627, 1264, 1062, 741, 702.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  9.01 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.12 (m, 3 H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.1, 168.3, 141.2, 139.1, 138.5, 138.3, 132.2, 132.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 126.0, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 122.8, 113.9, 51.8, 37.5, 27.3, 22.9.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}$ : 398.1756 found 398.1763.

### 2-Benzoyl-6-methyl-3-phenethyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid (10):

Yield: 63% (45 mg); White Solid; m.p. 210-215 °C;  $R_f$ =0.2 in 20 % EtOAc; IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):



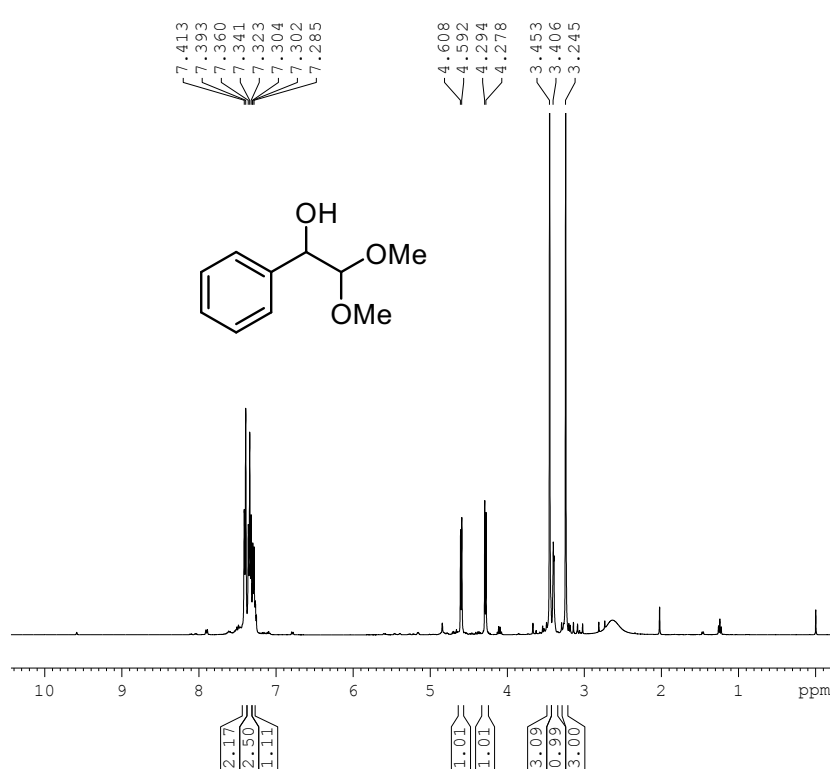
3438, 3212, 1695, 1627, 1571, 1441, 1211, 789, 748, 693.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  11.6 (s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.56 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 24 °C):  $\delta$  189.0, 169.5, 141.6, 139.5, 139.0, 132.7, 132.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 126.3, 125.4, 124.5, 114.7, 37.4, 27.2, 23.0.; HRMS (ESI/Q-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}$ : 384.1600 found 384.1607.

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## 9. Spectral data

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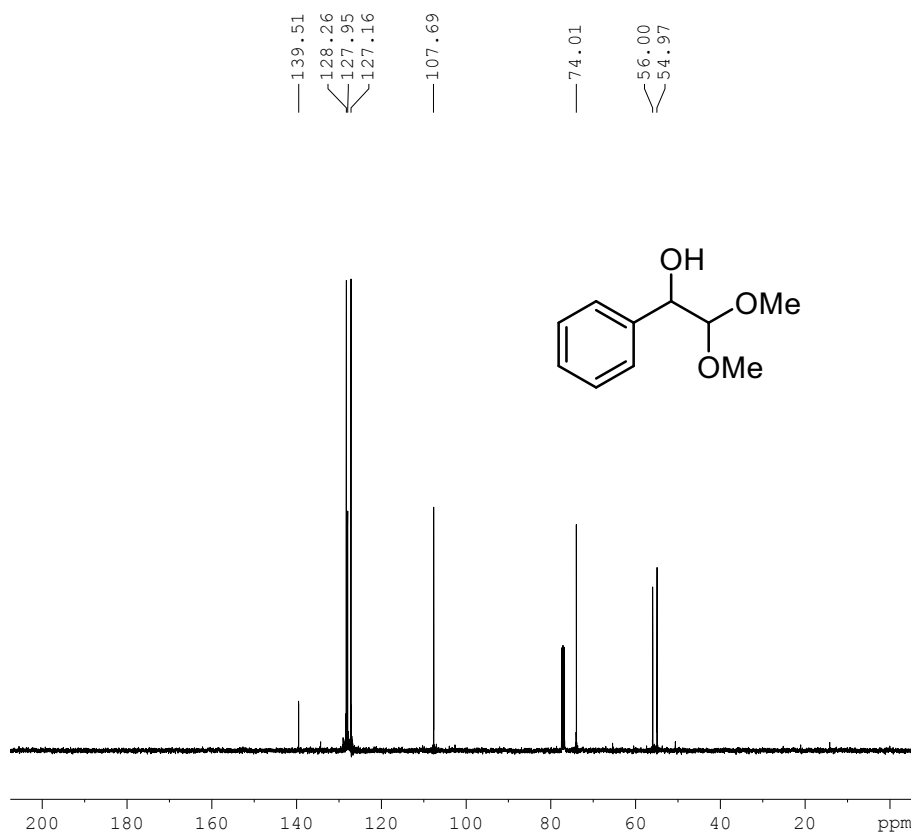
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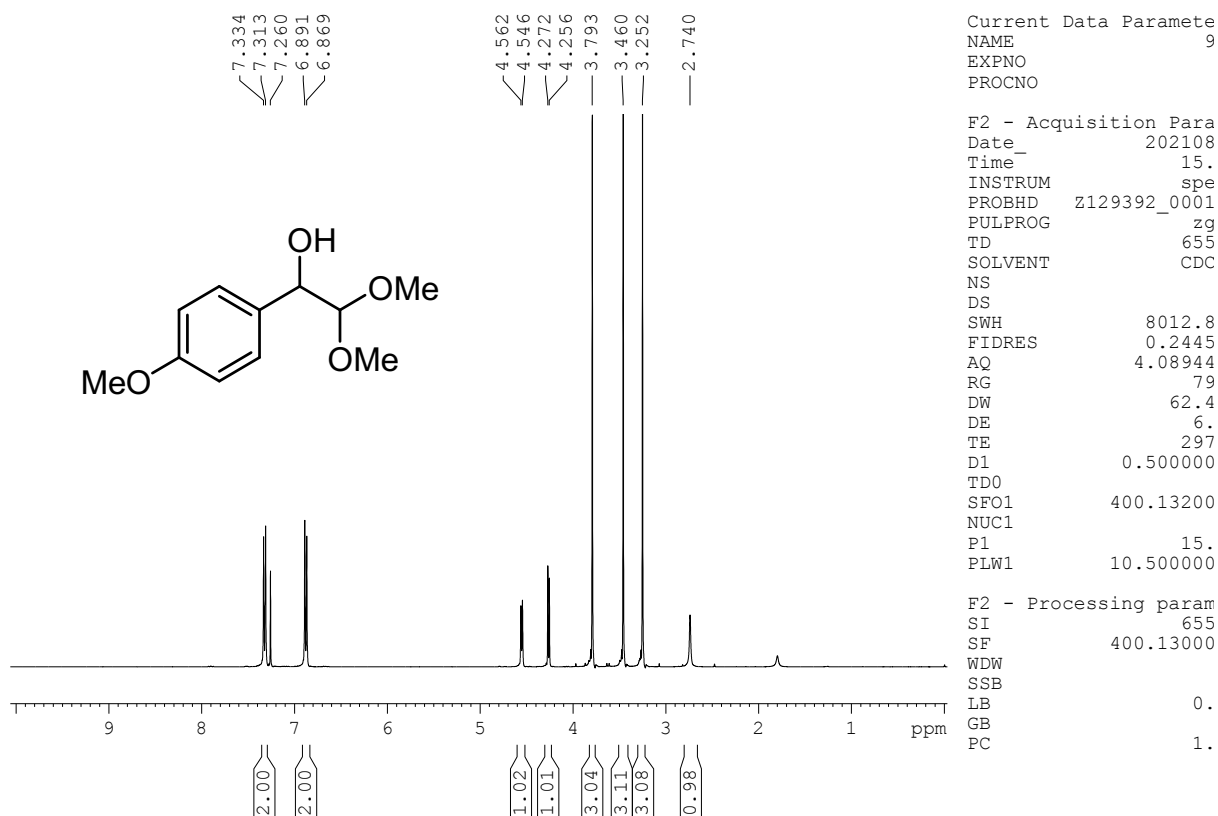
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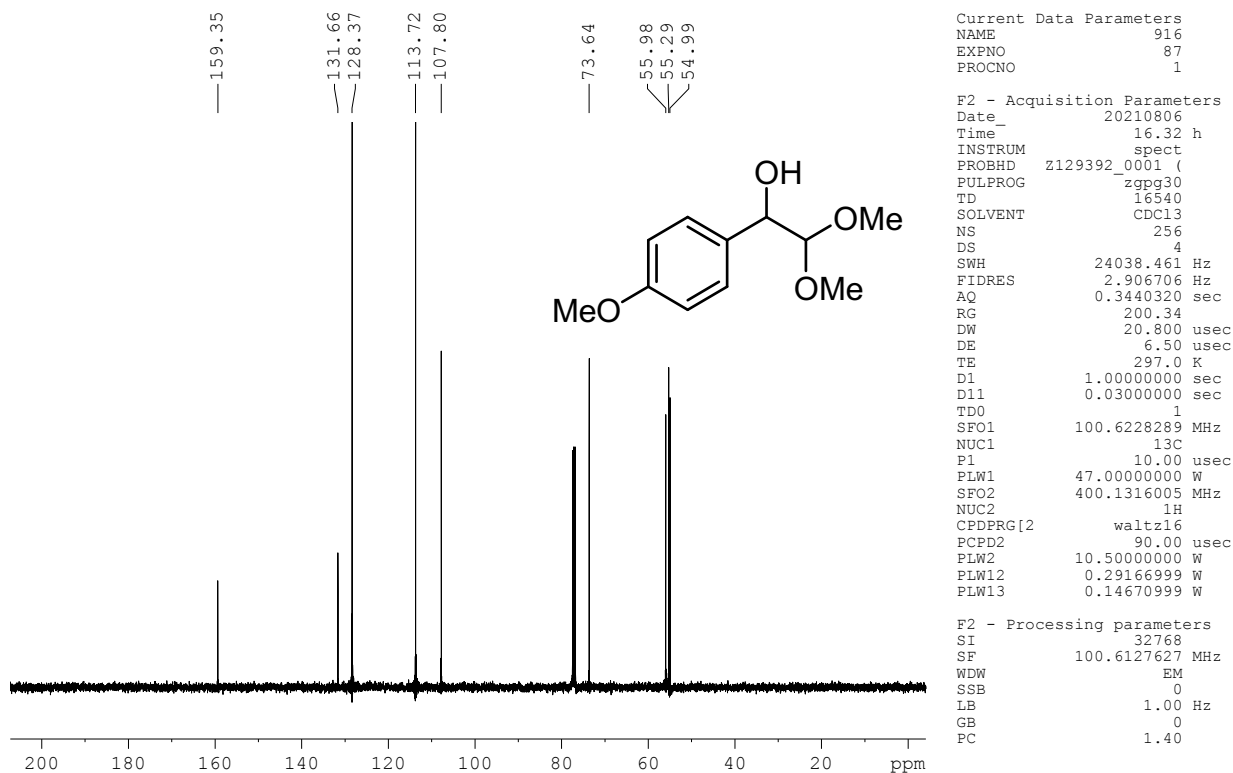
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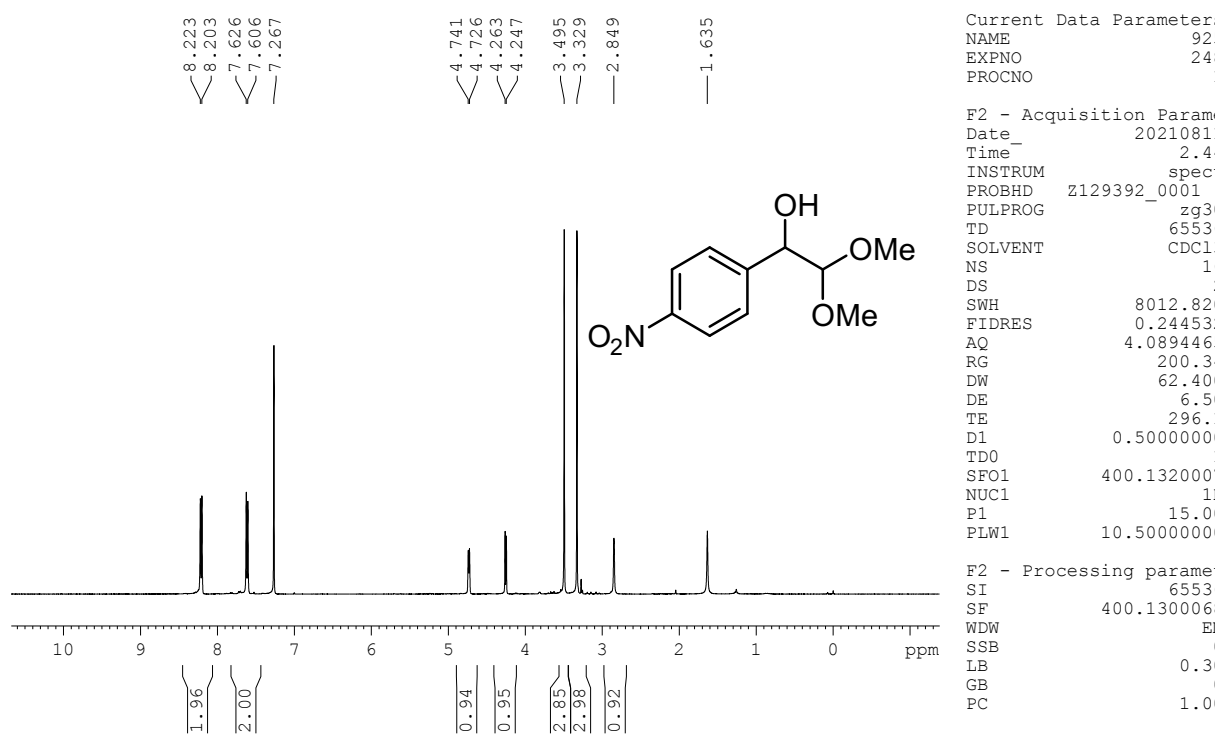


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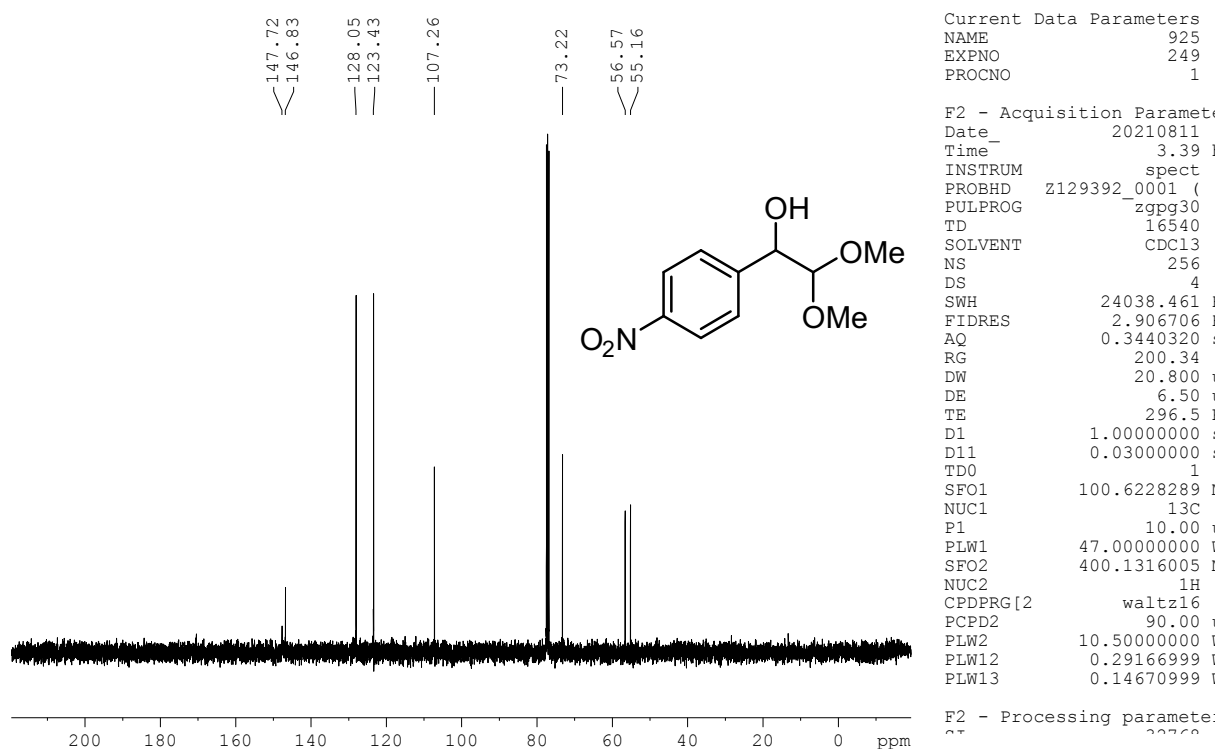


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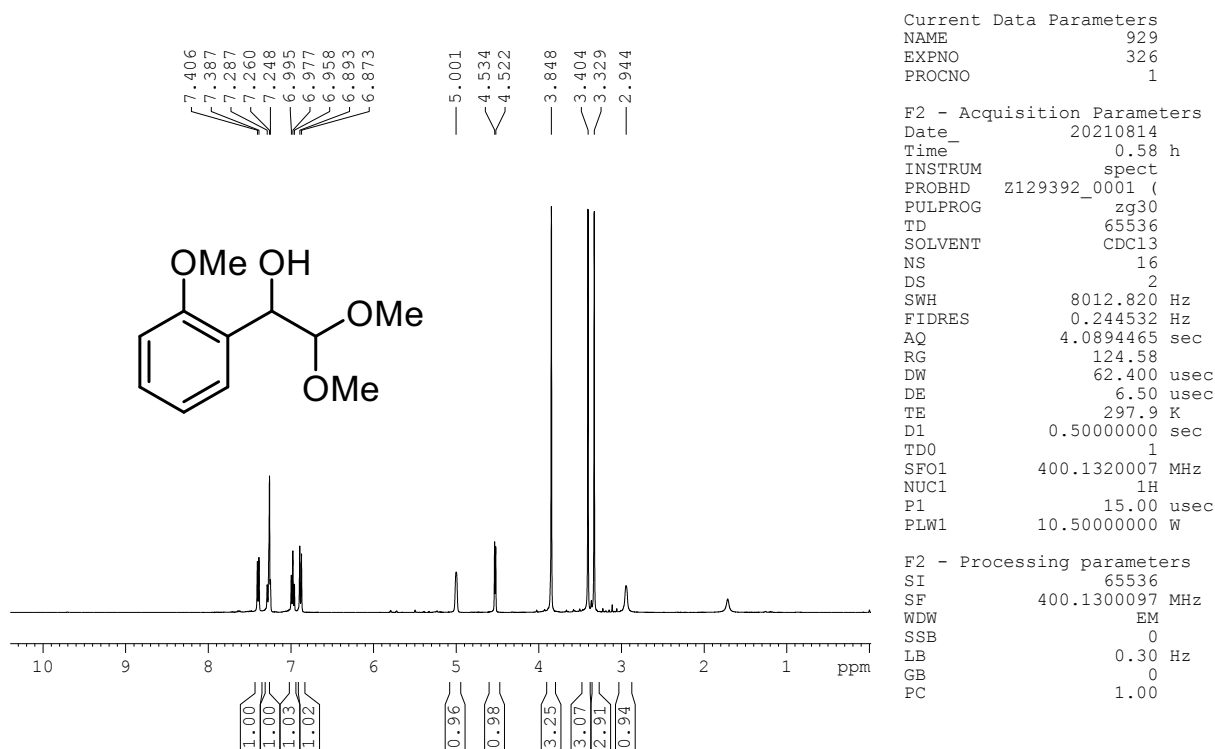


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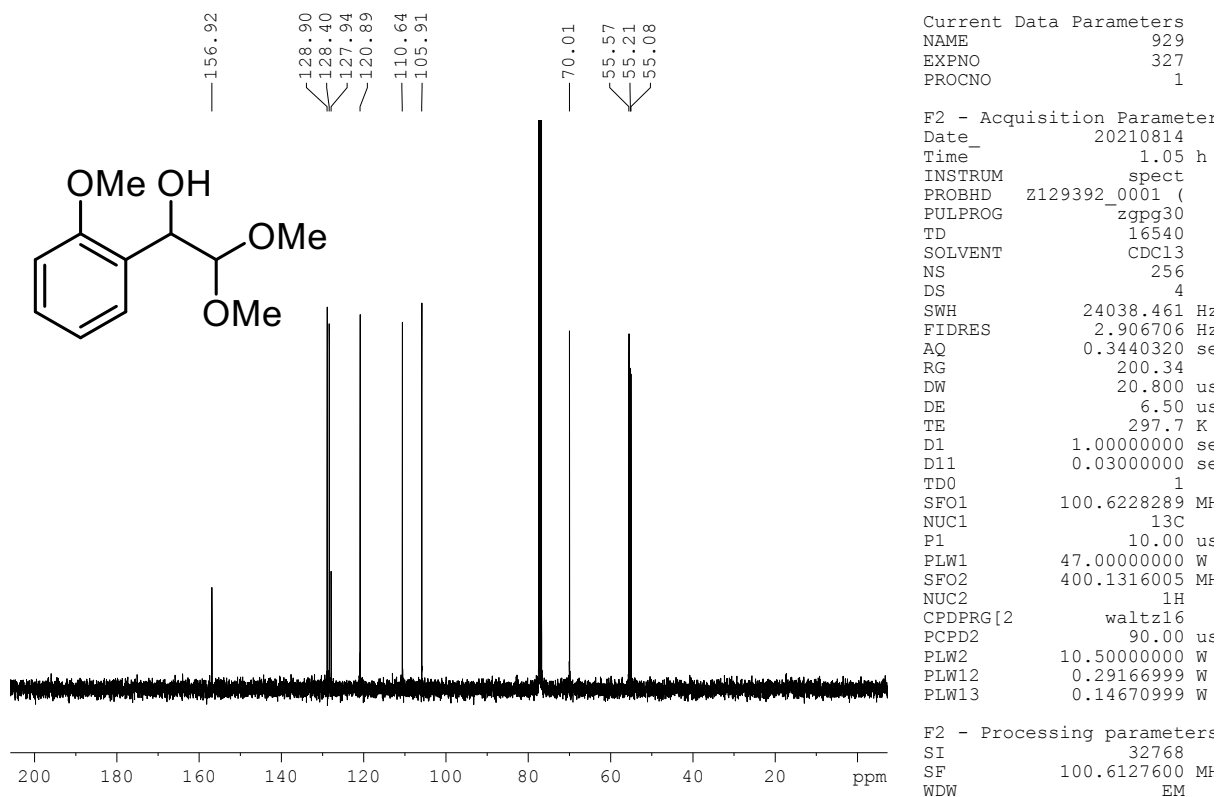


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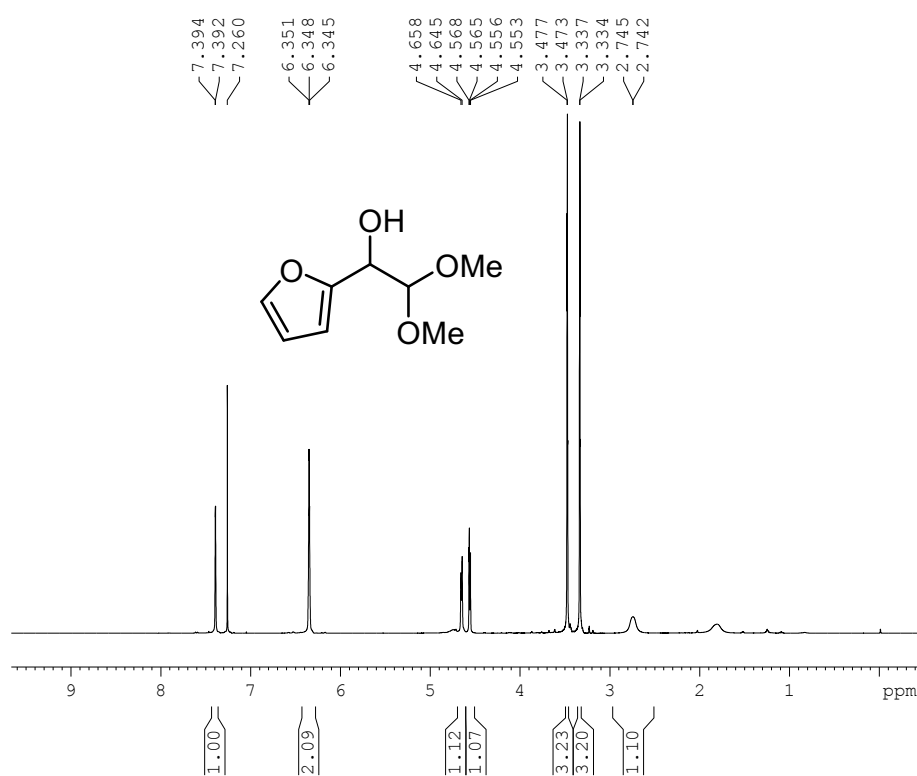


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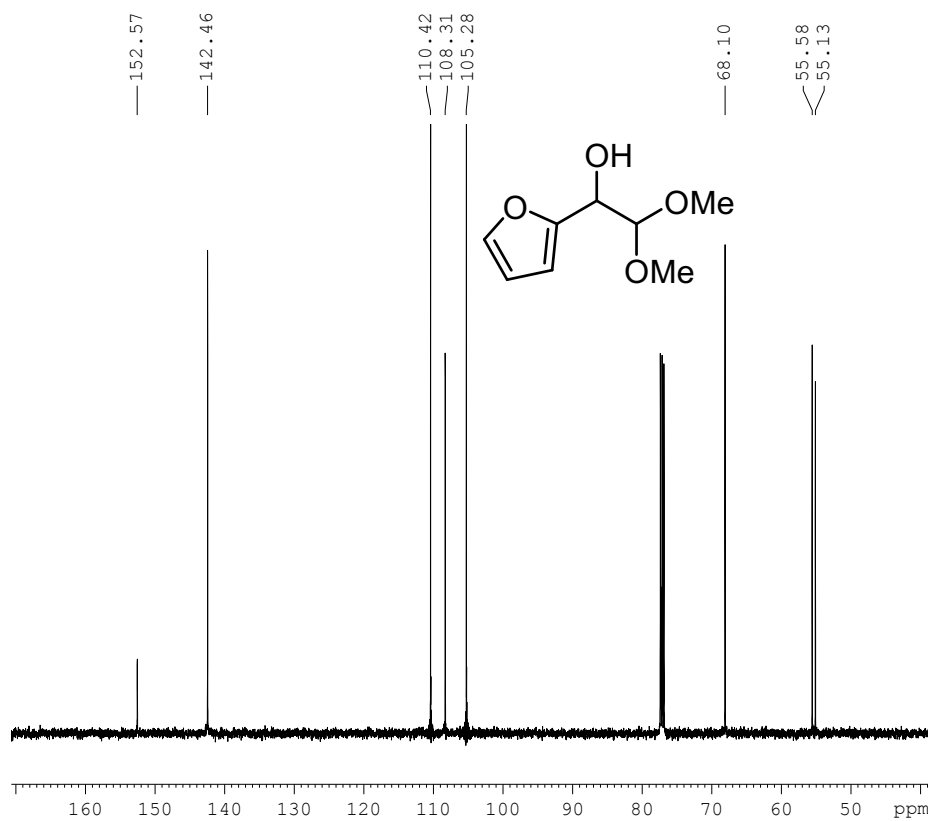
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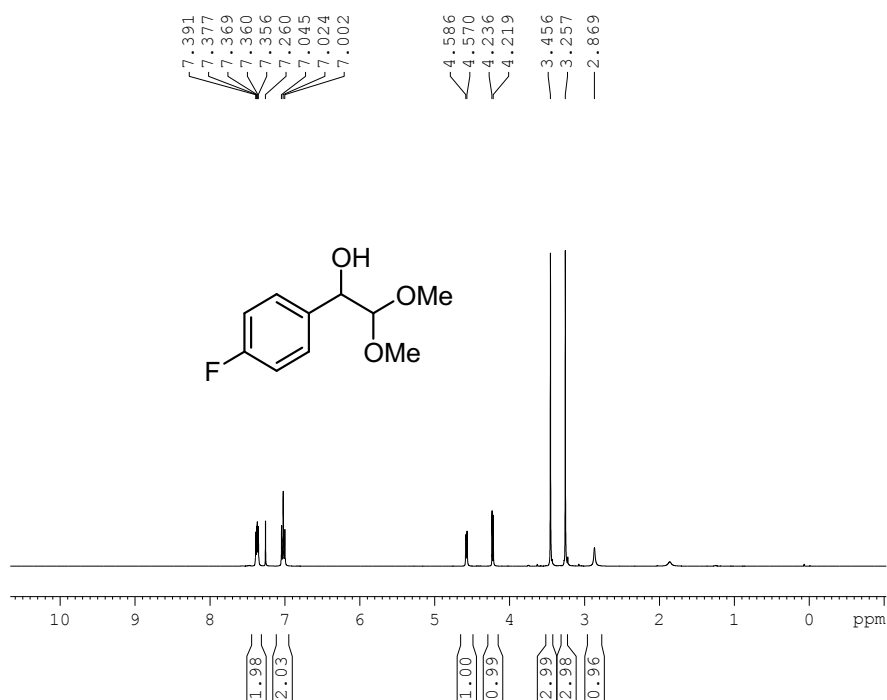
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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **1e**

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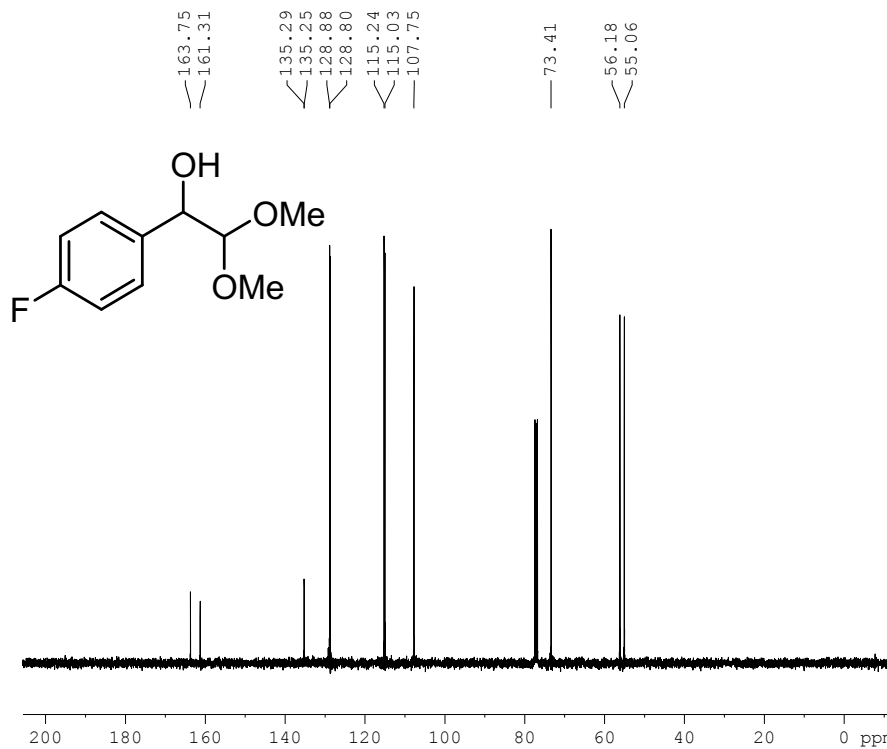


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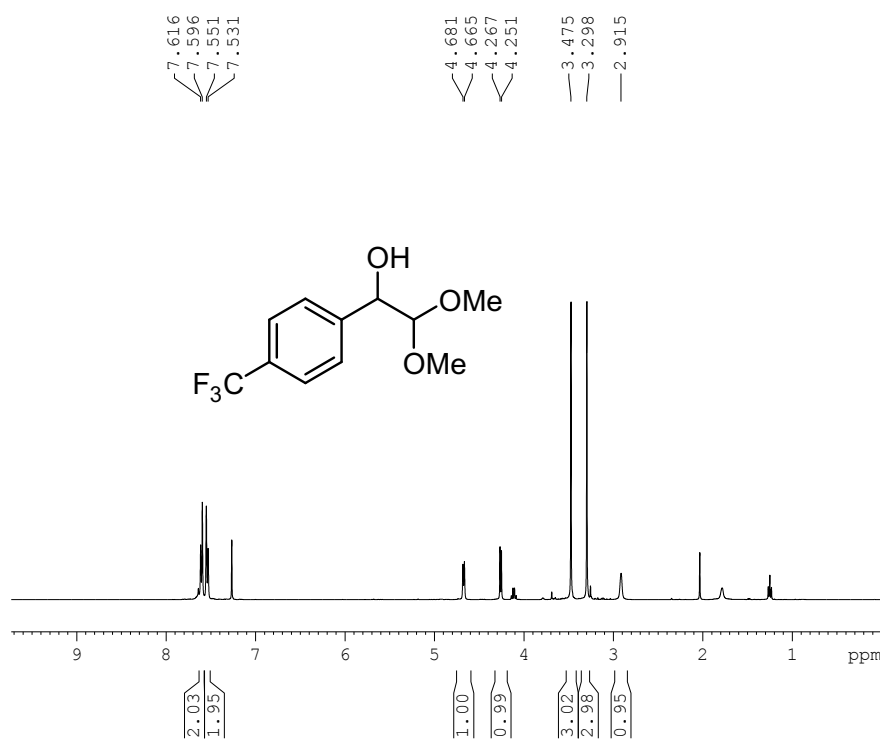
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### <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **1f**



## 2,2-dimethoxy-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-ol: **1g**

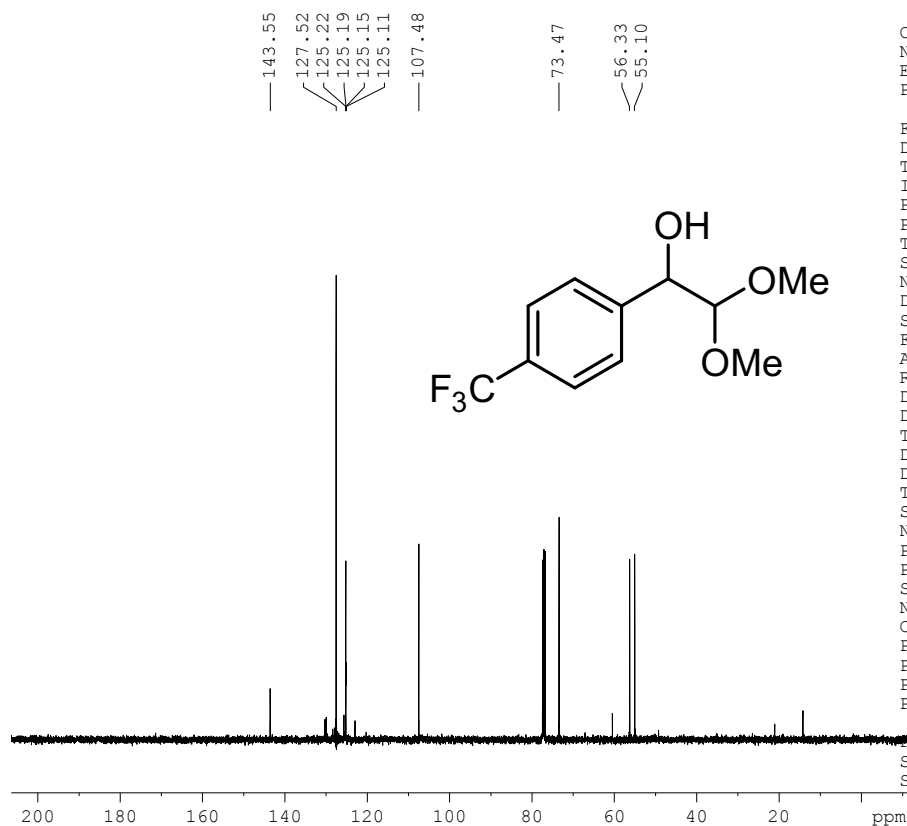


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$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C) of the compound **1g**



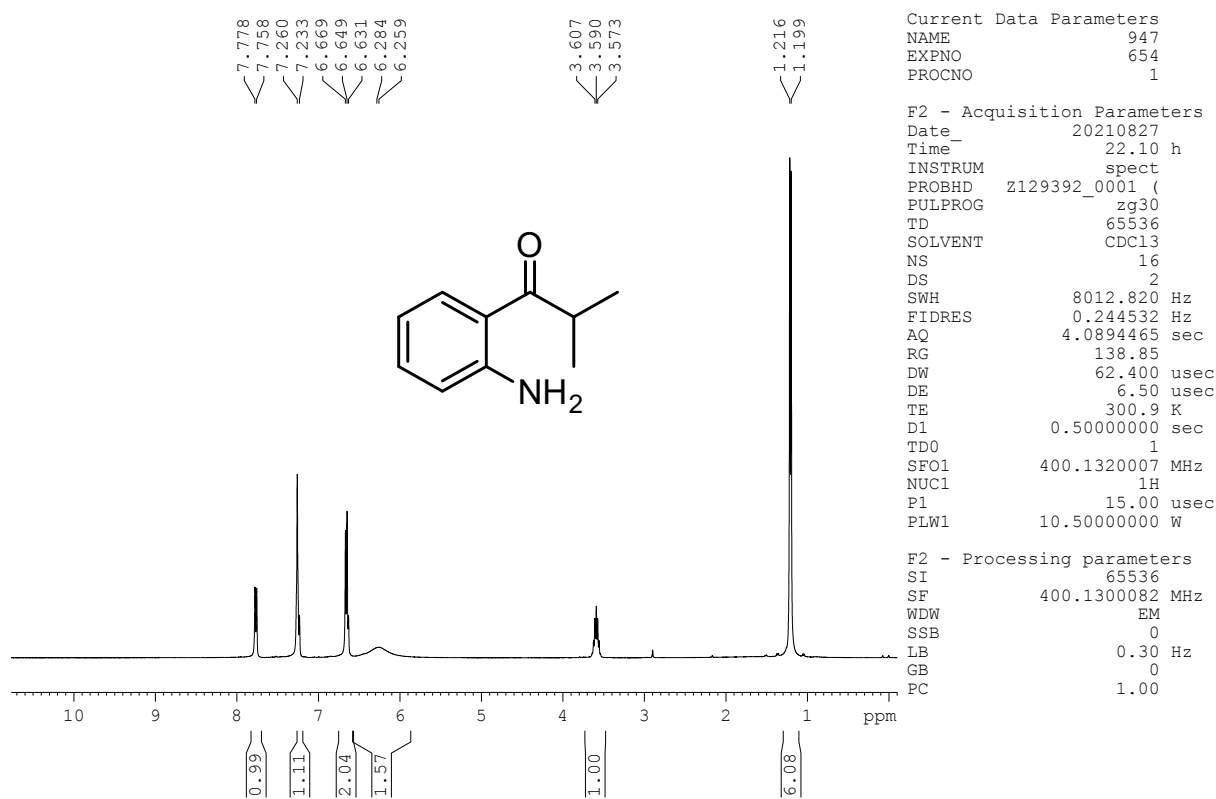
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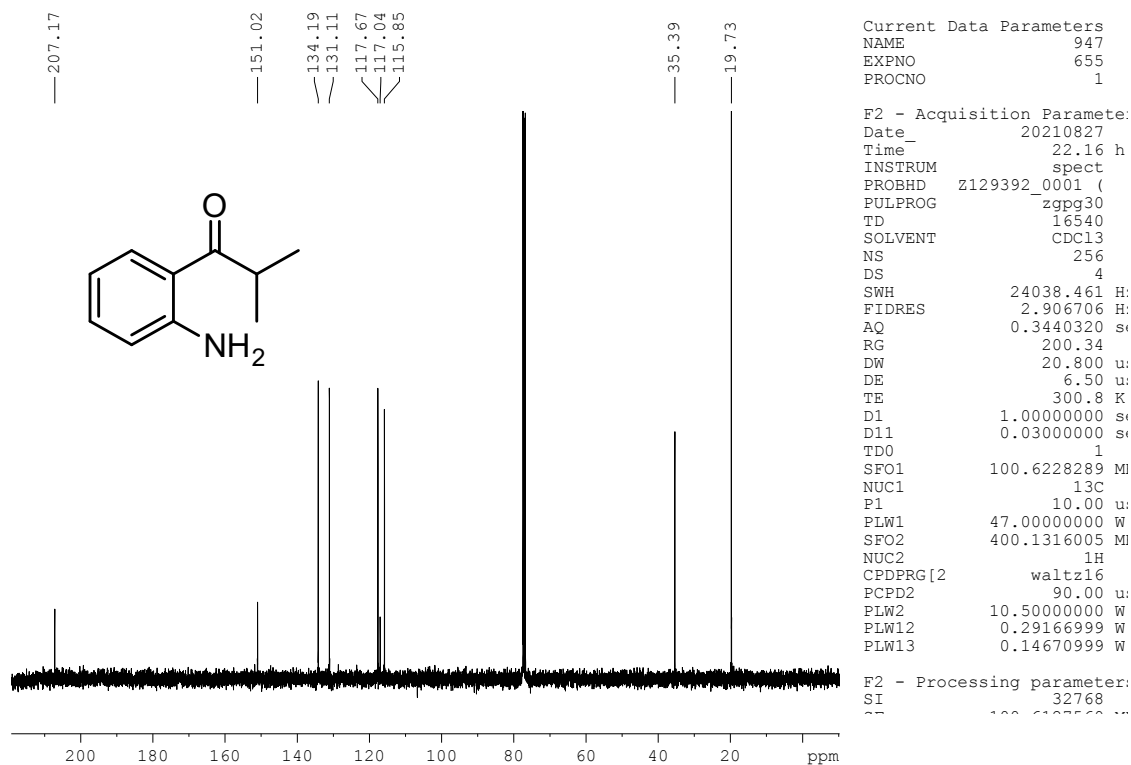
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$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C) of the compound **1g**

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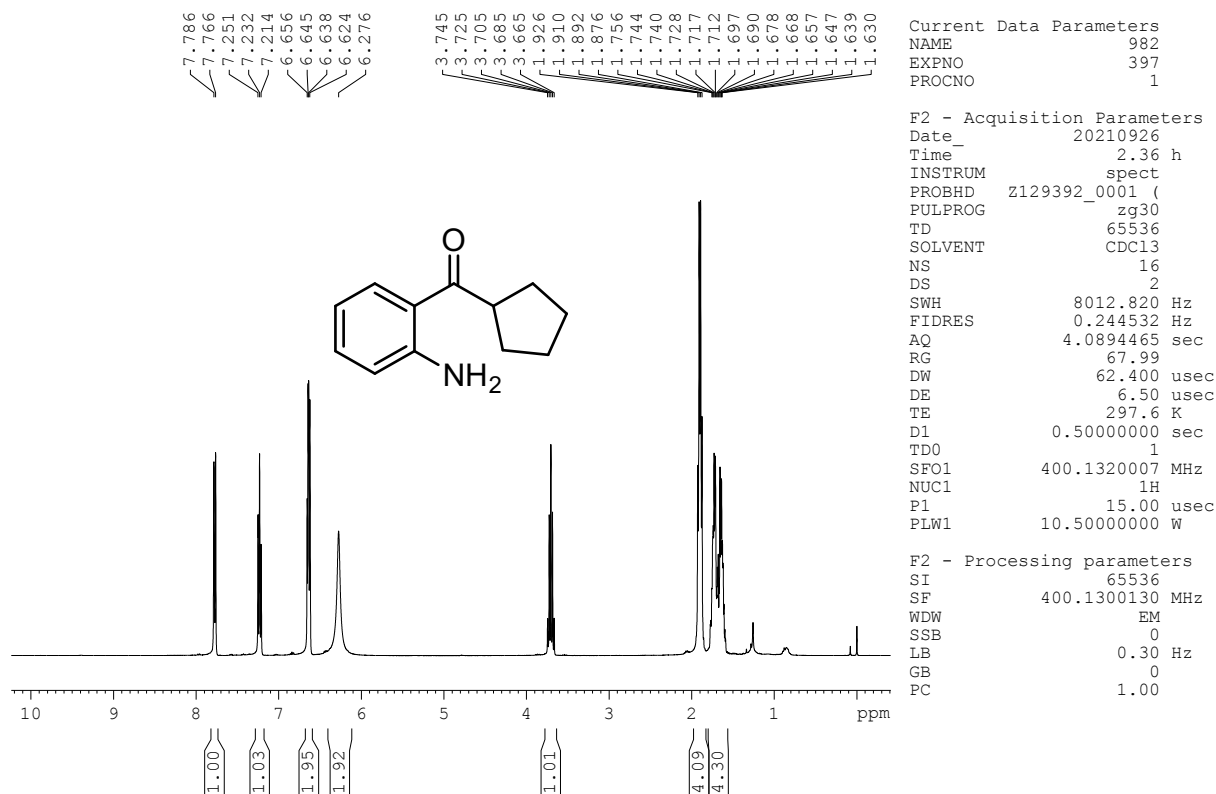


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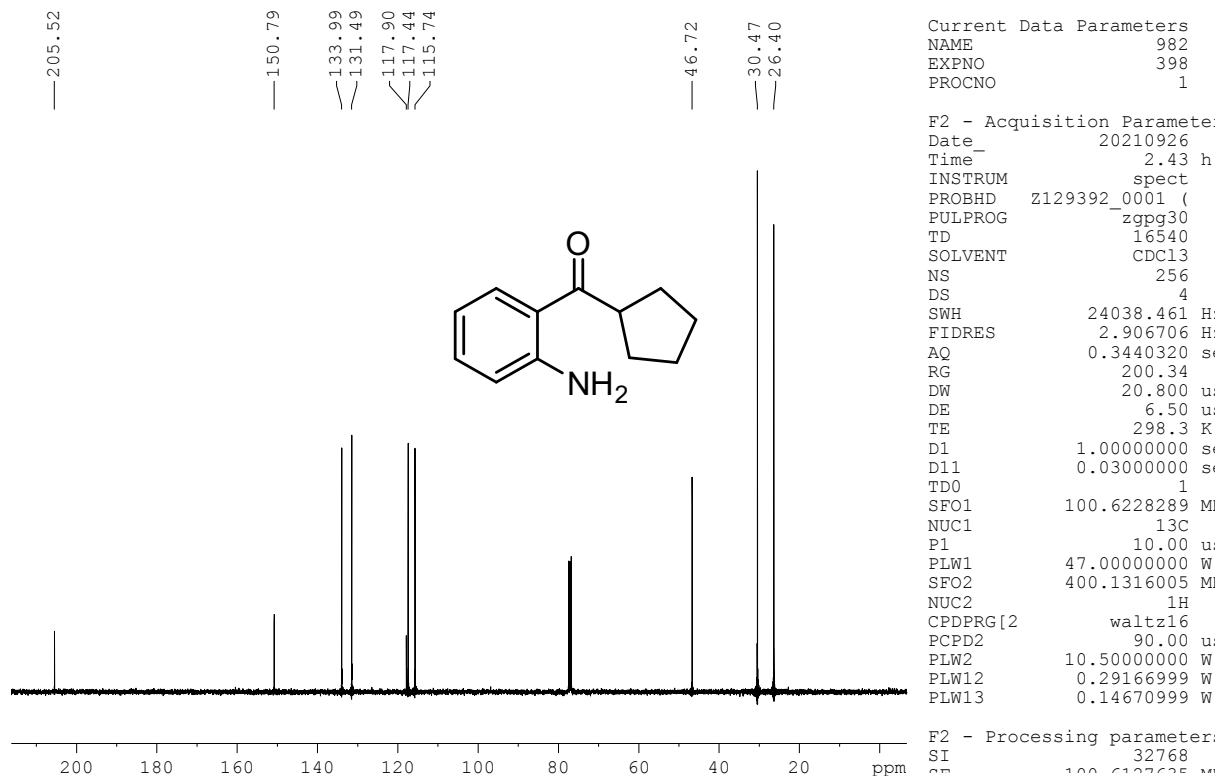


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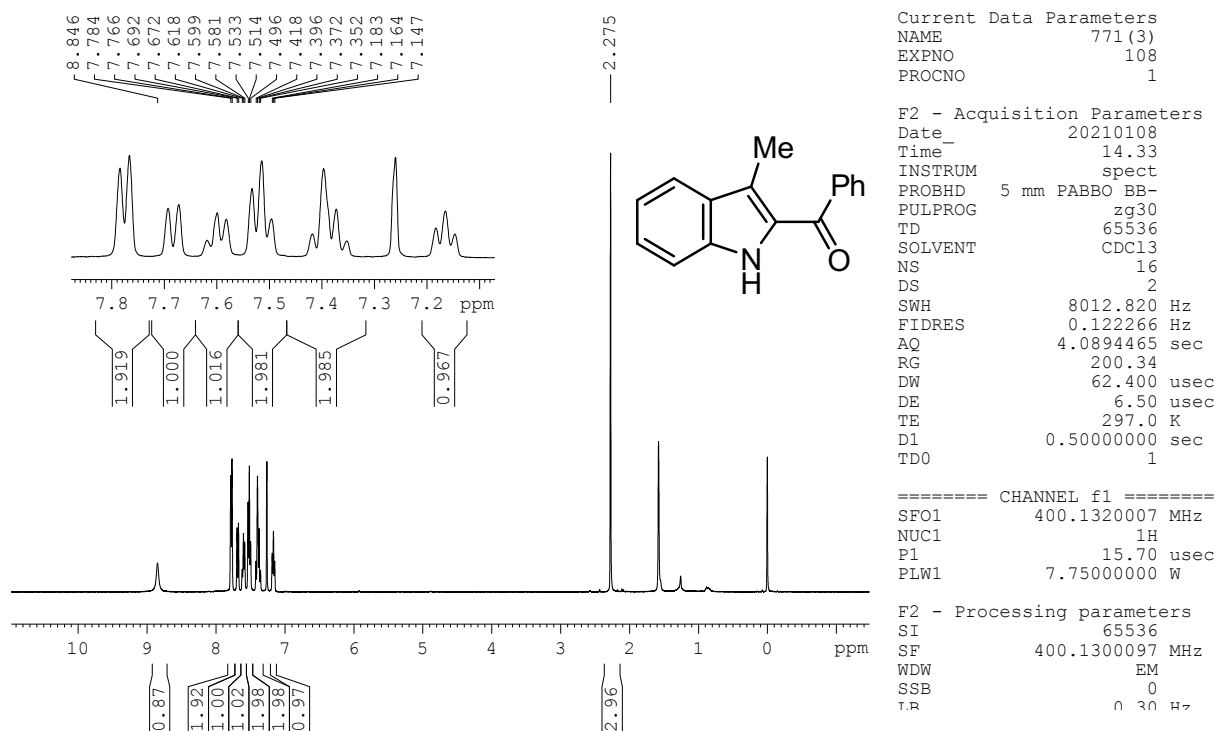


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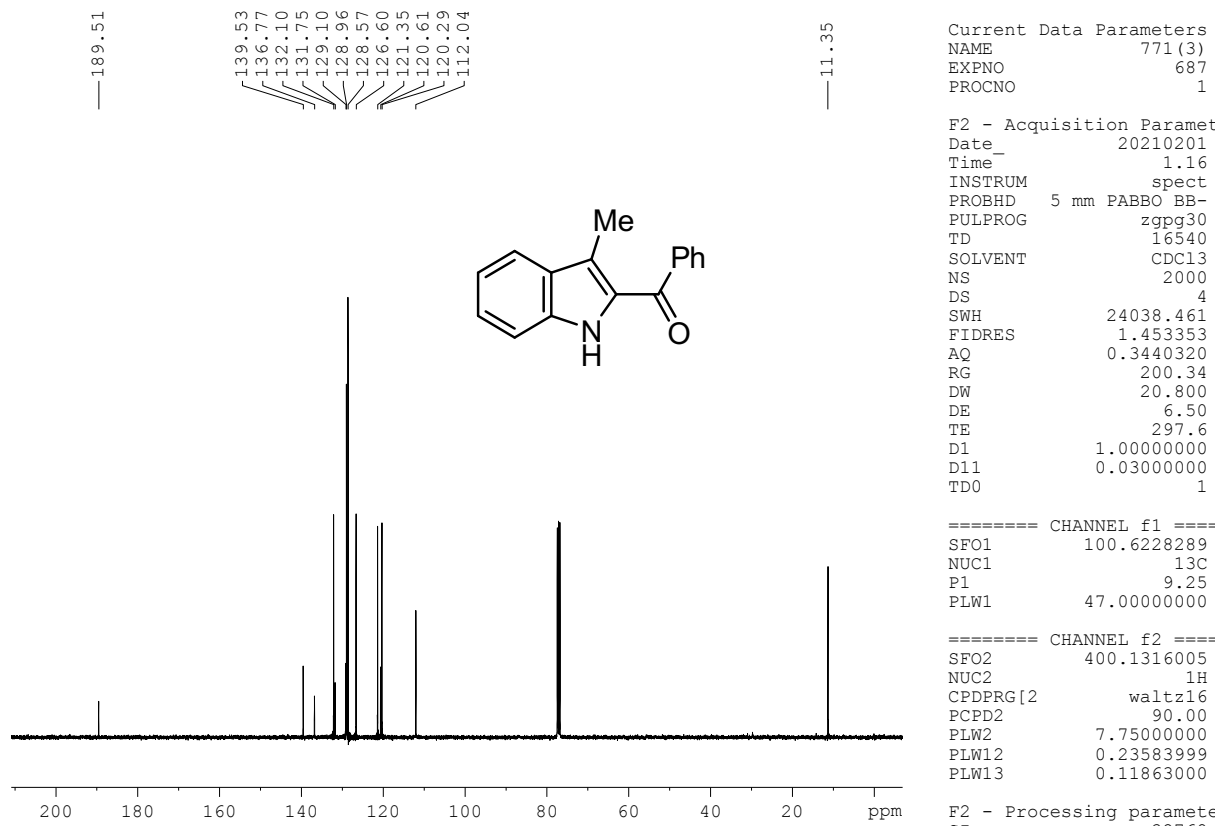


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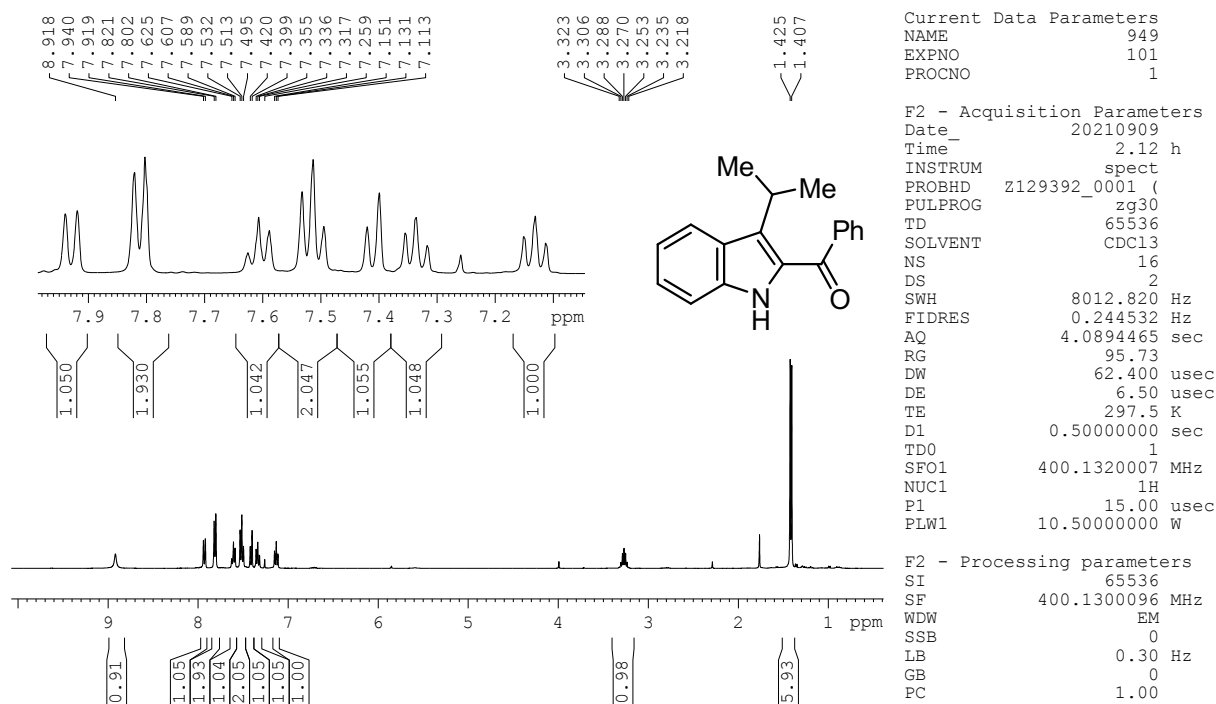


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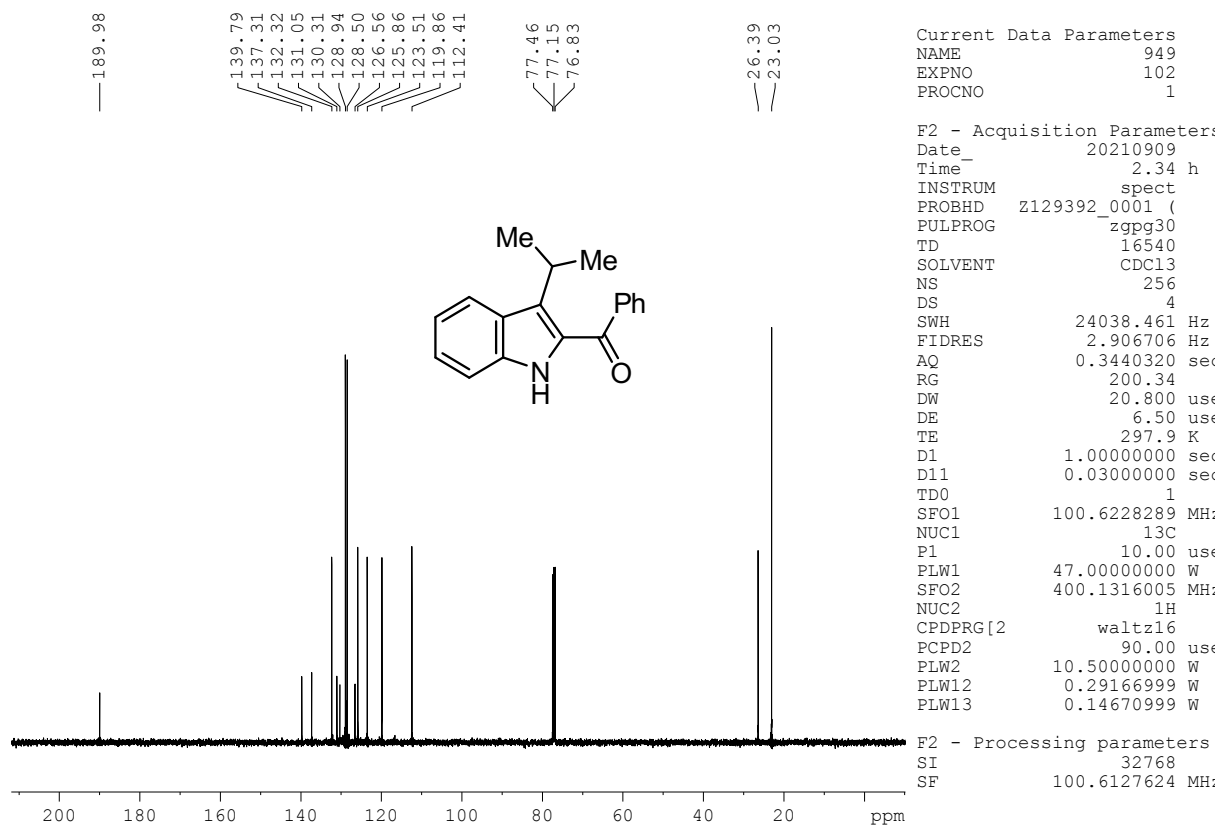


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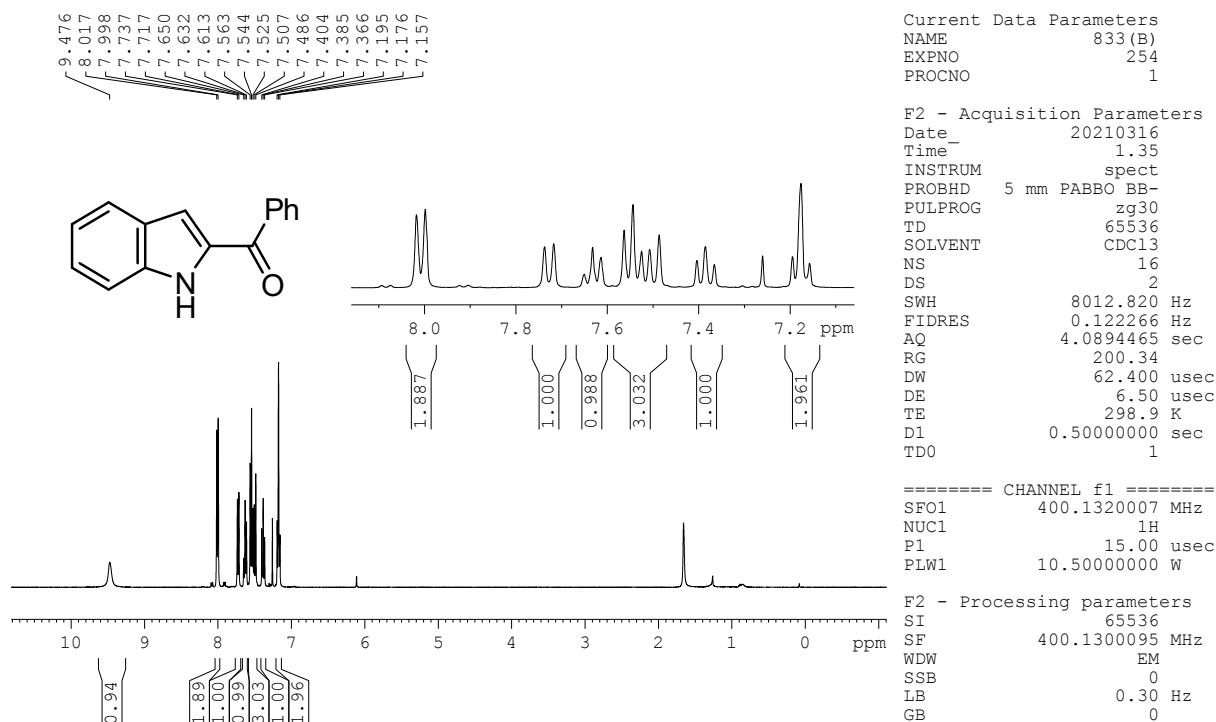


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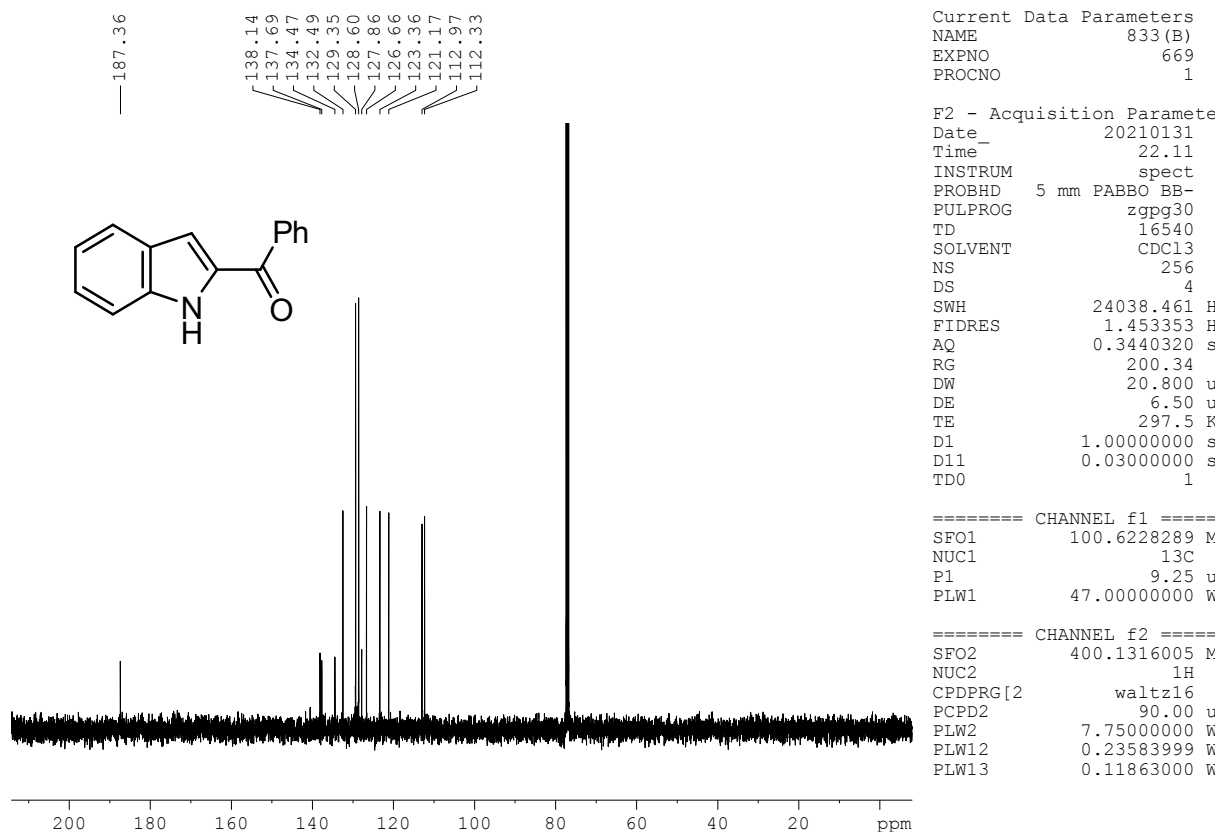


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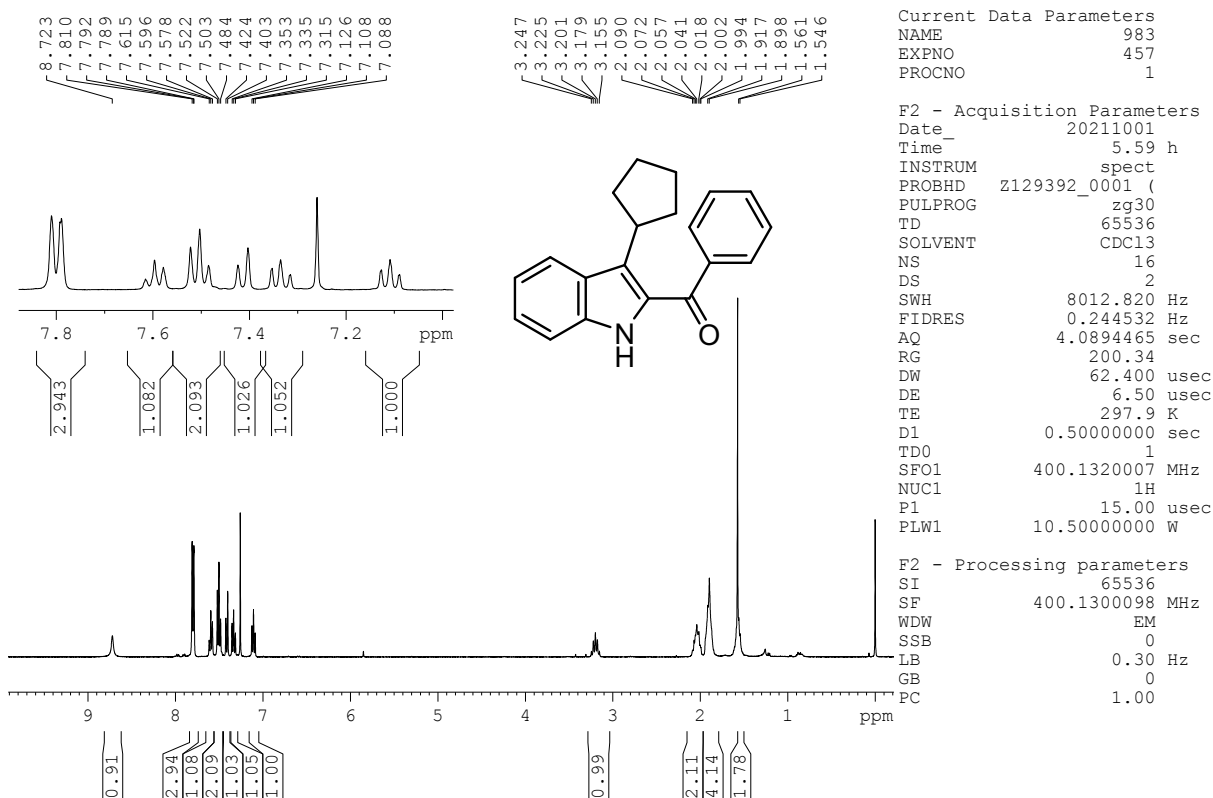


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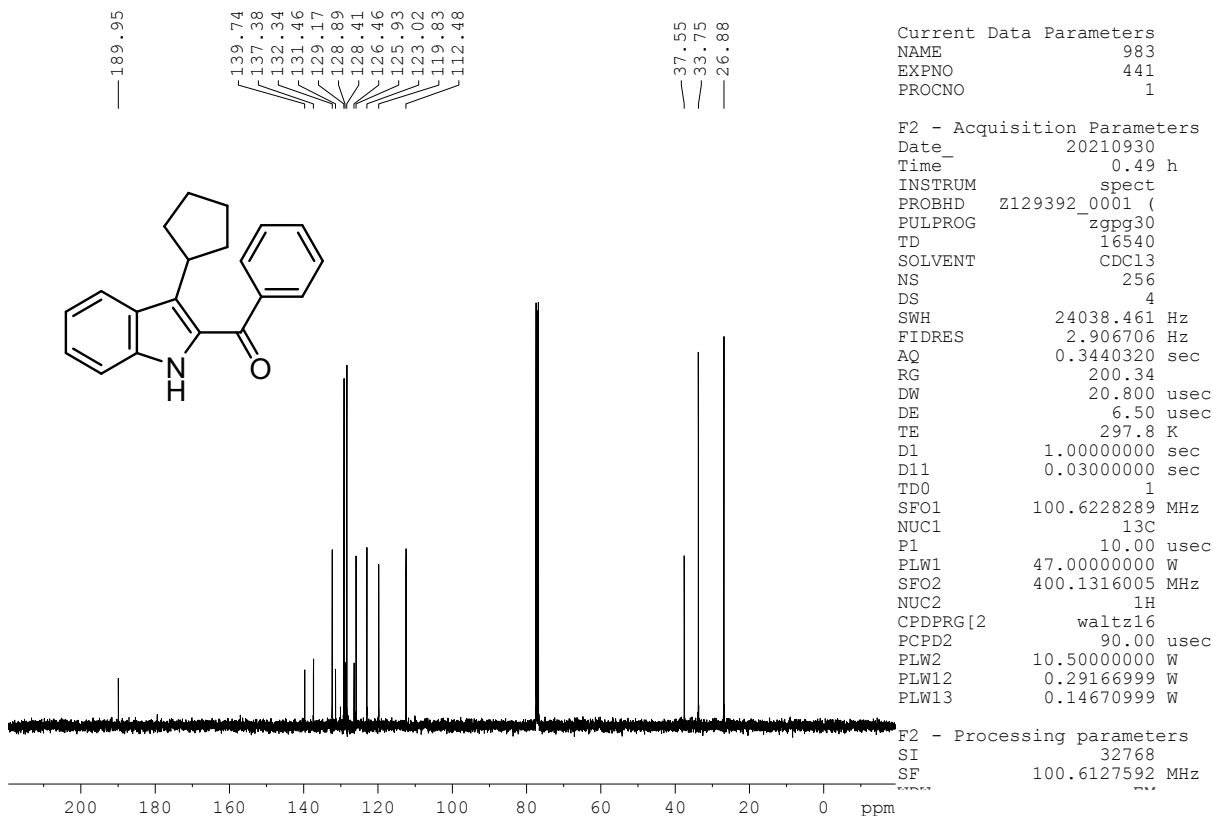


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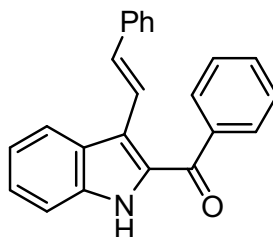
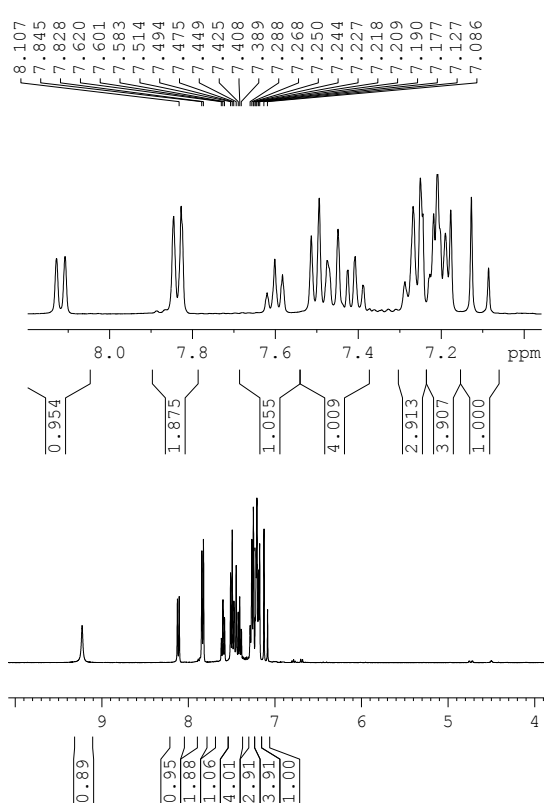


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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 3d

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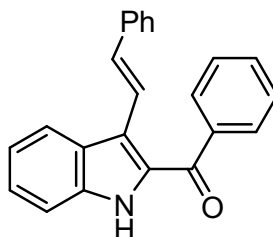
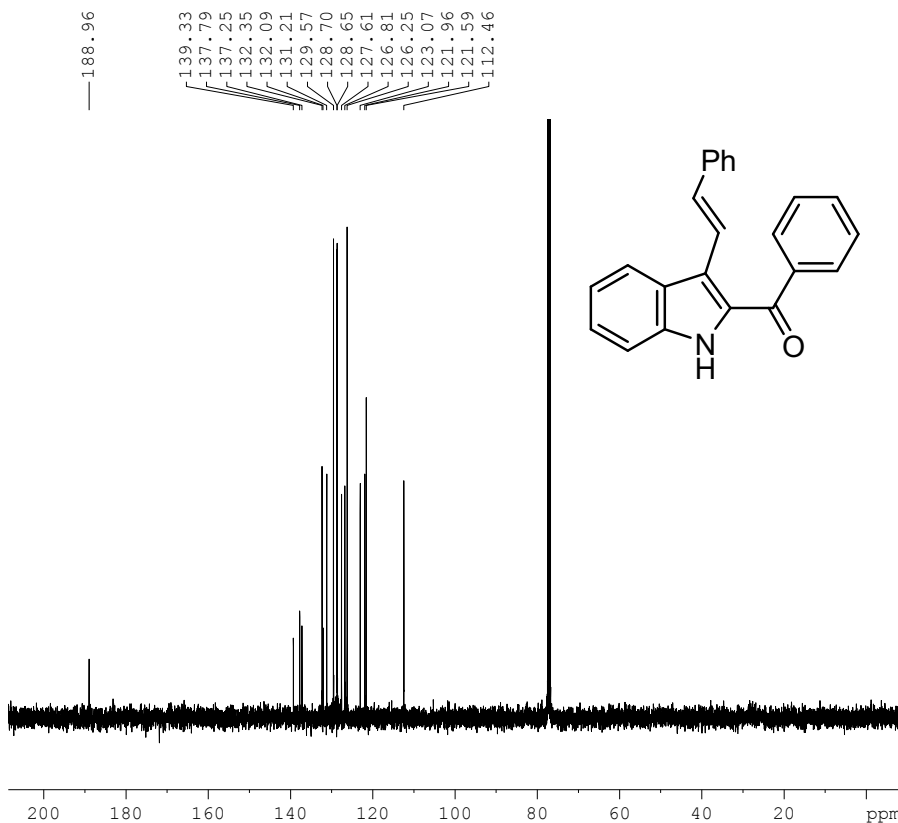


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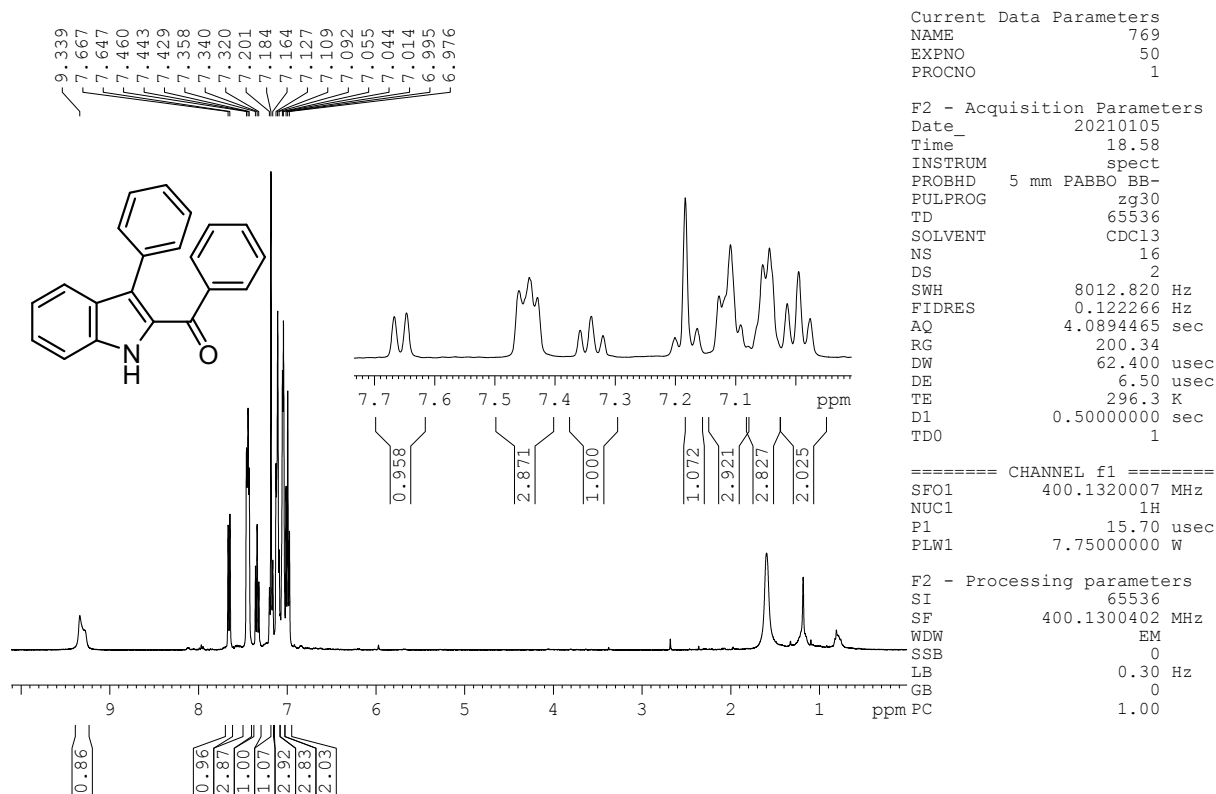
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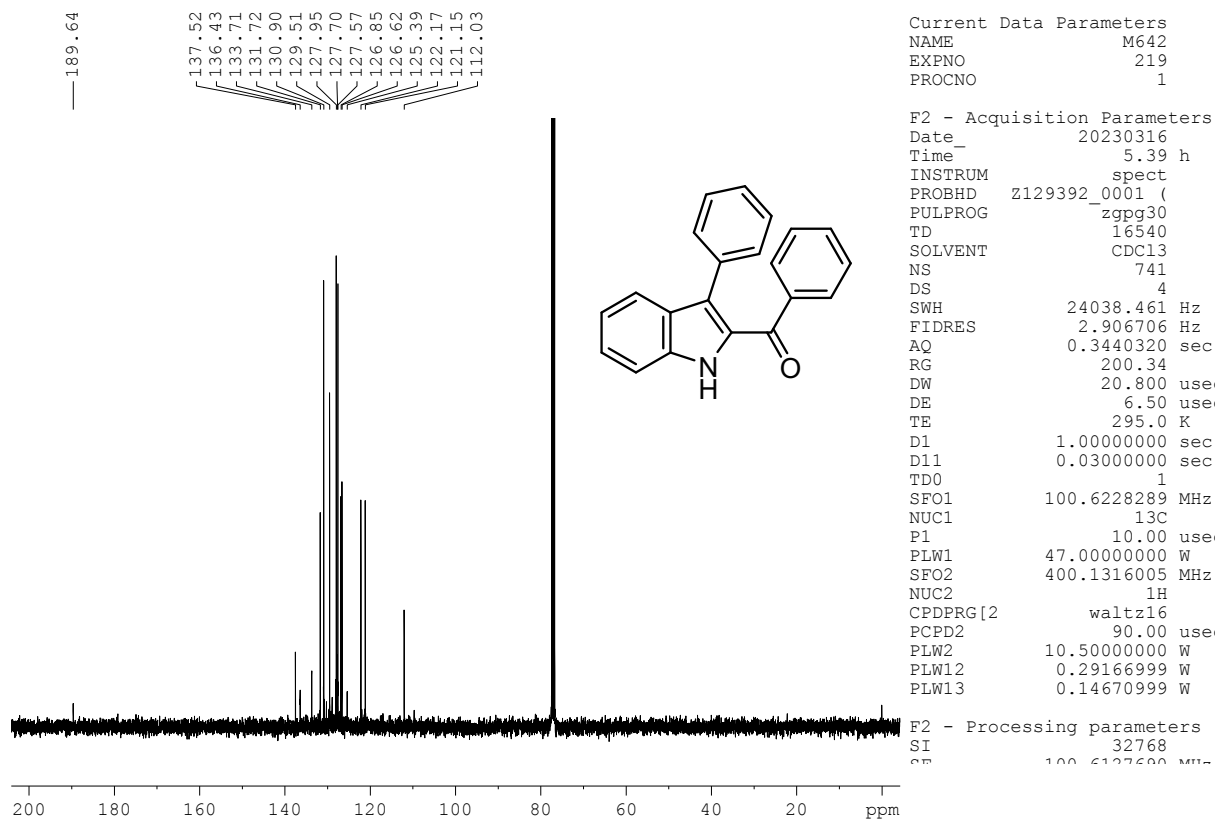
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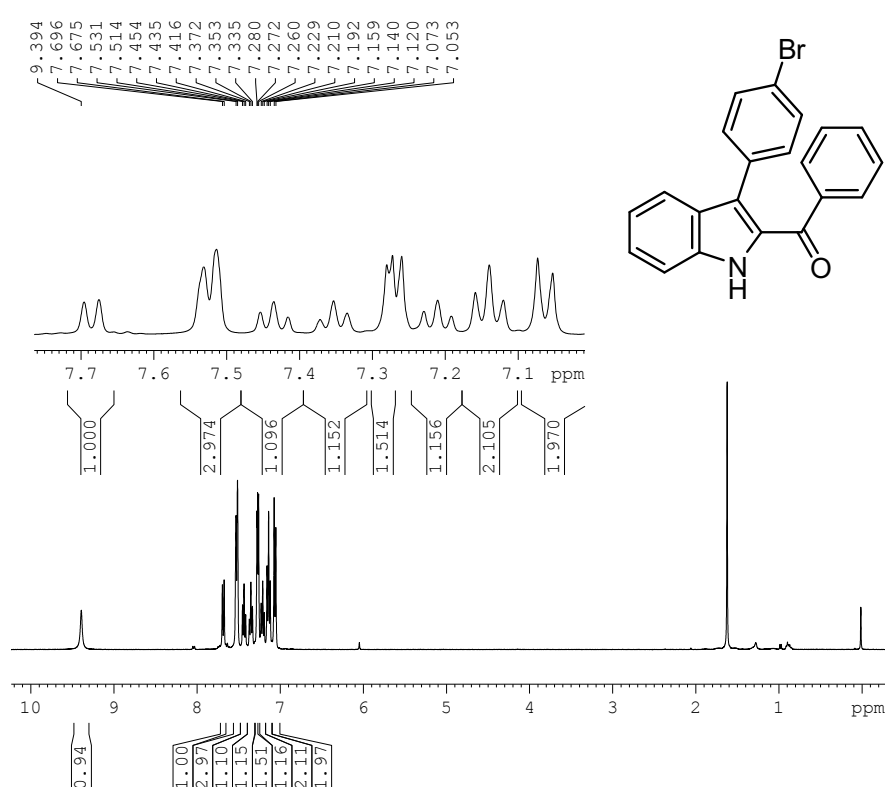


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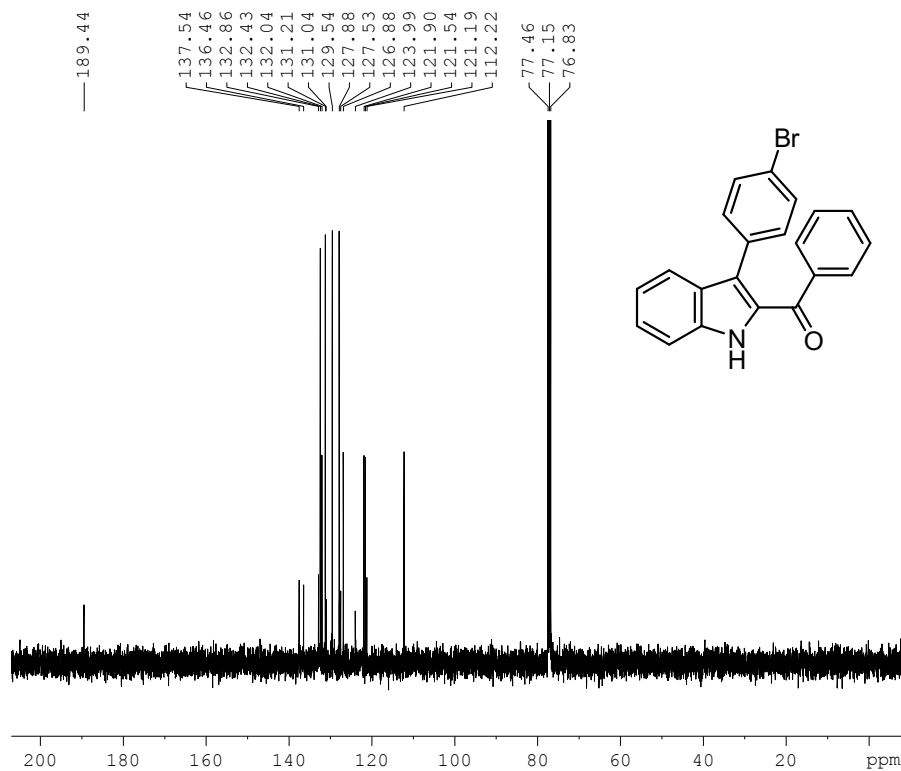


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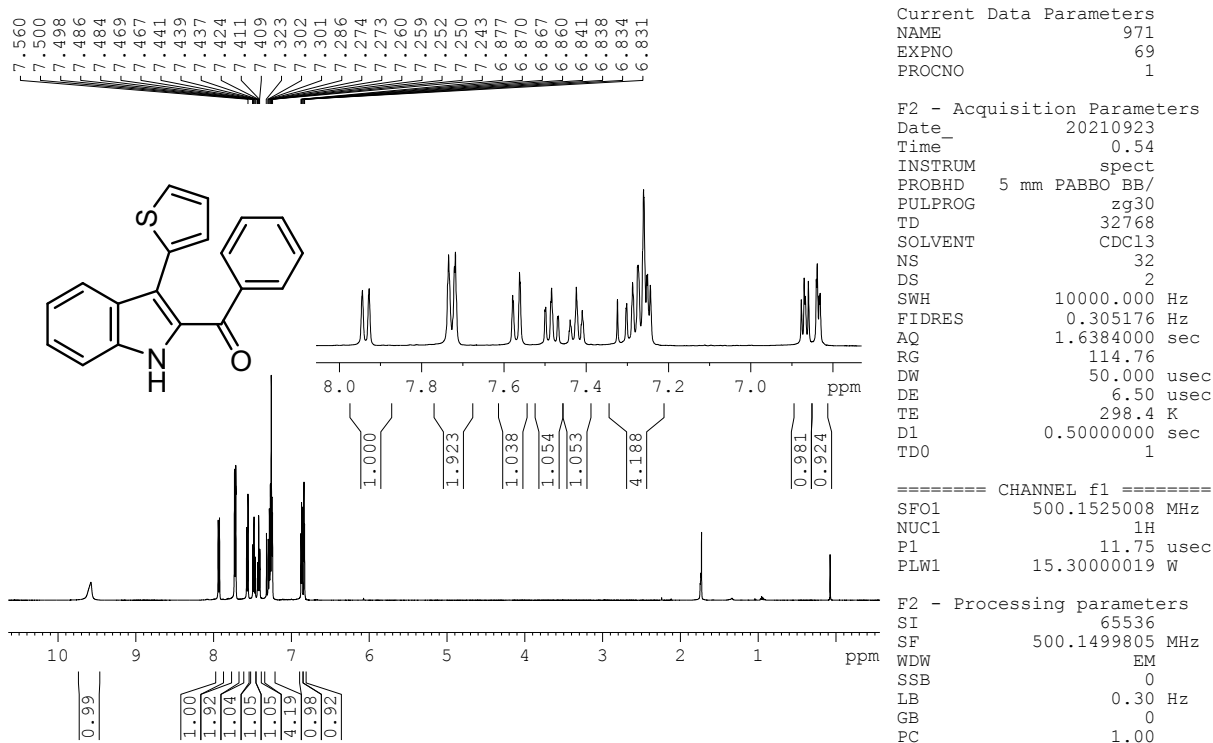


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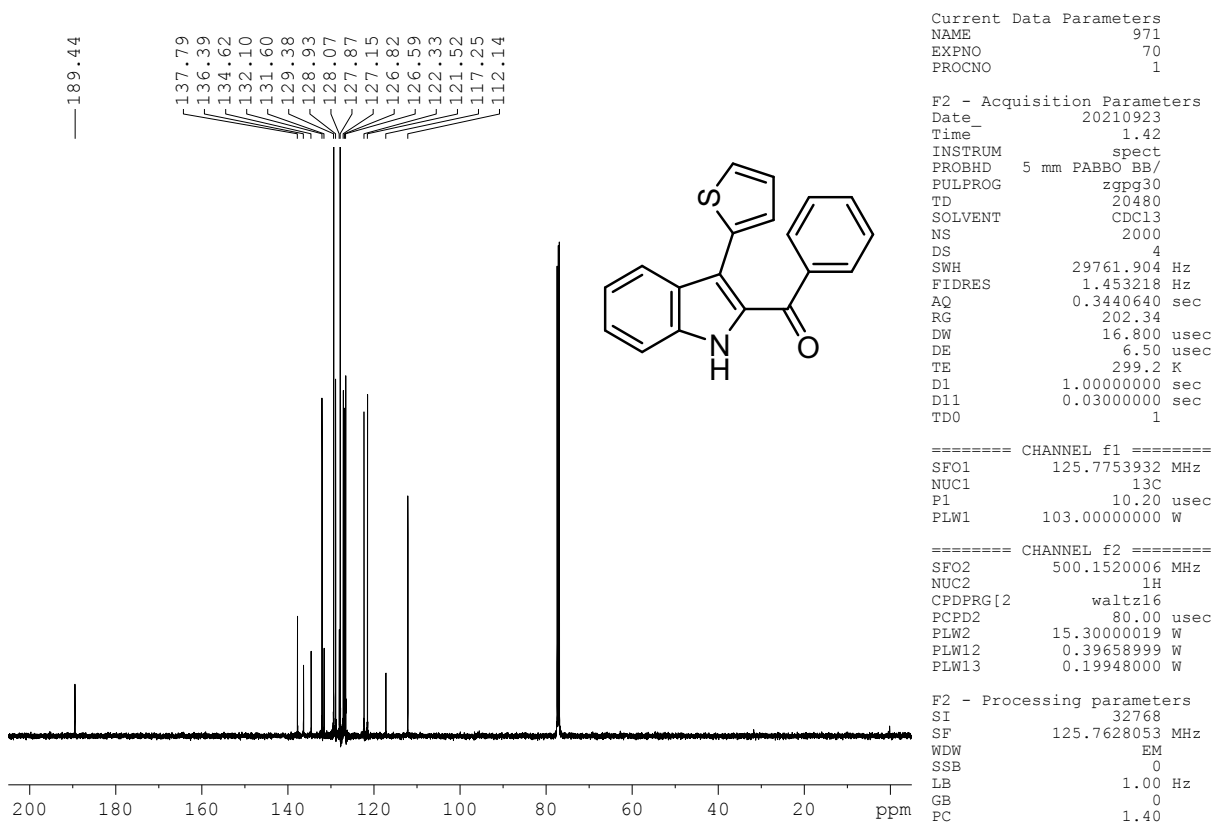


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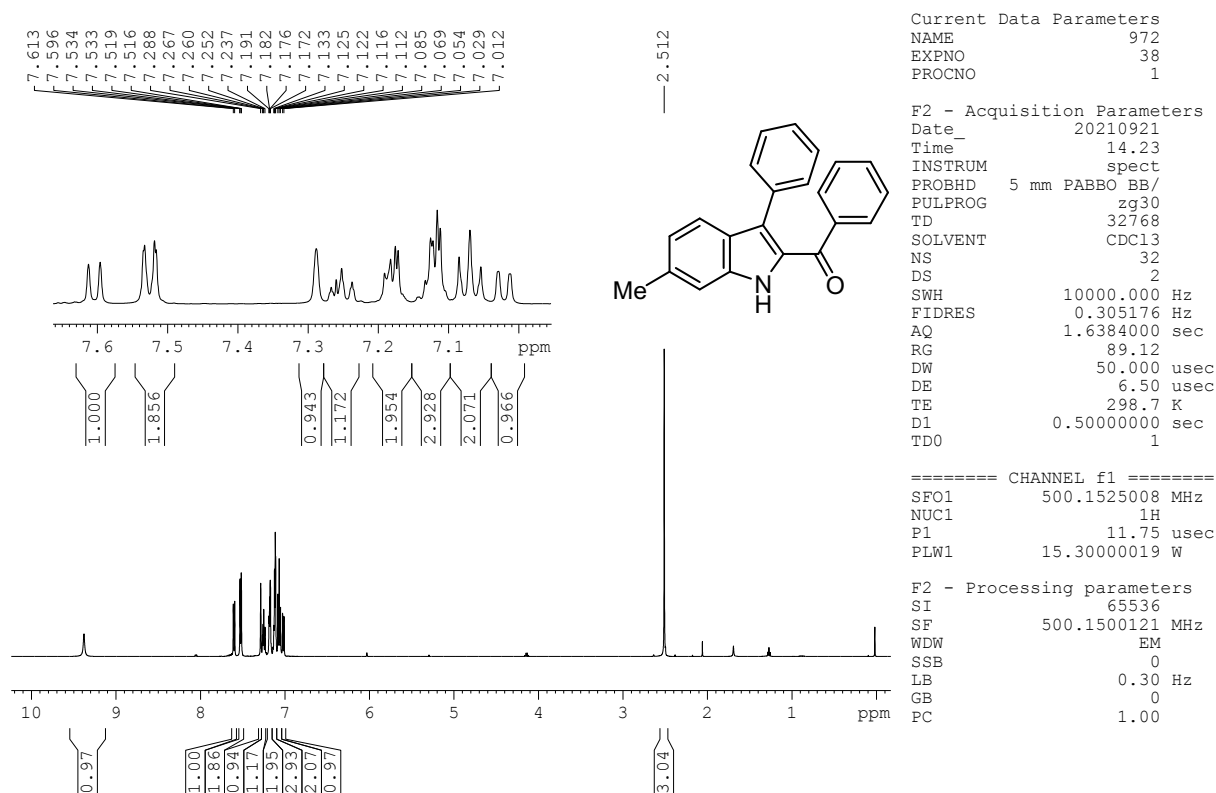


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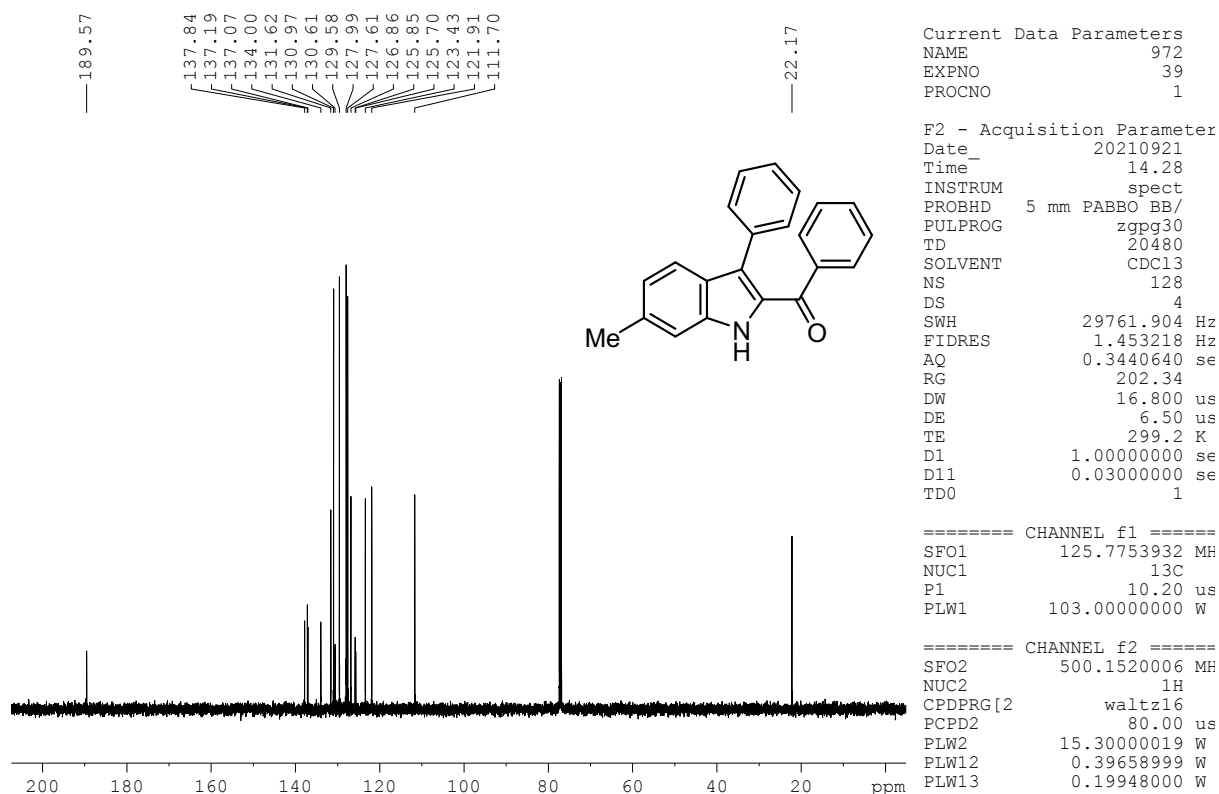


<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **3h**

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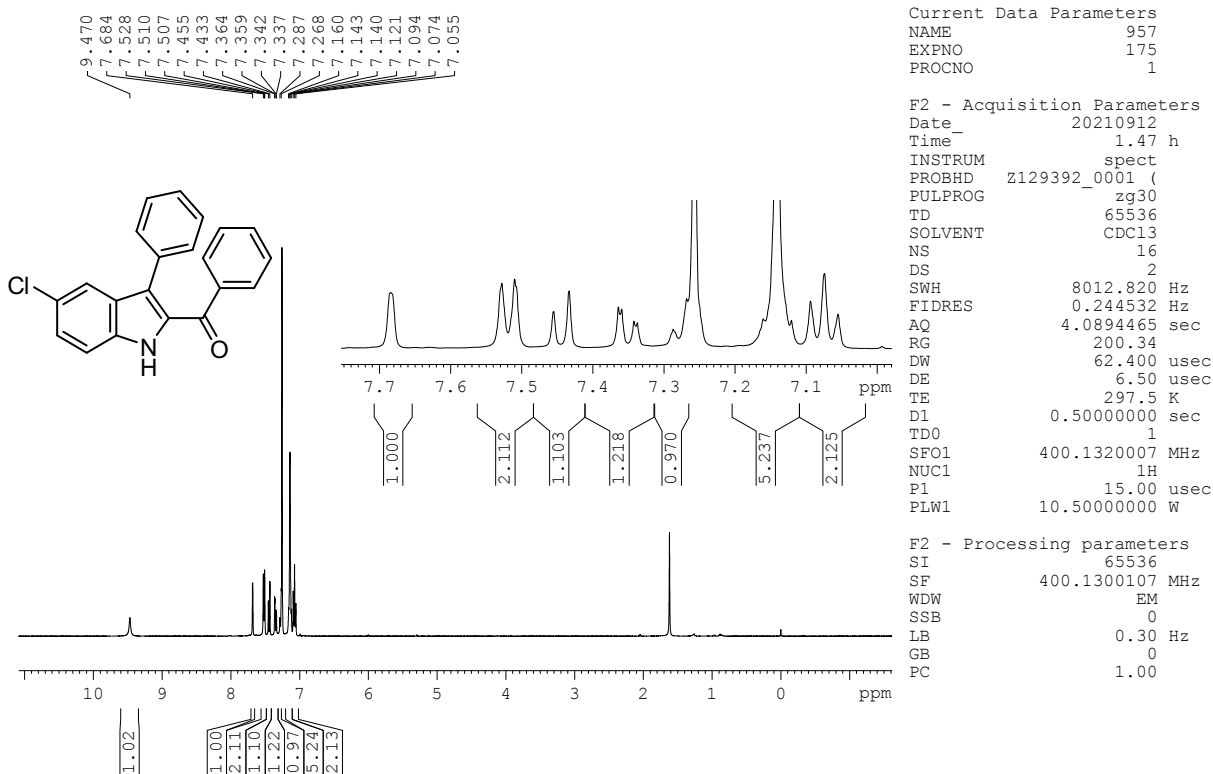


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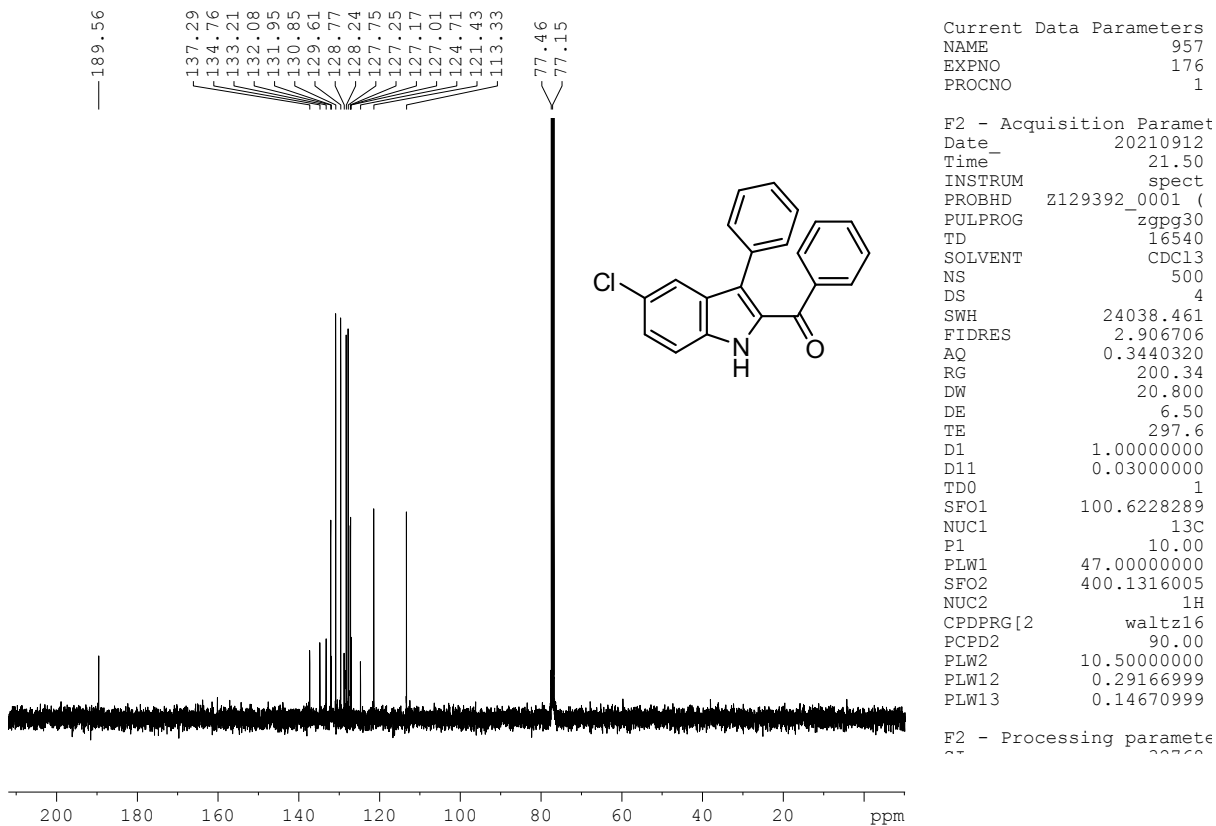


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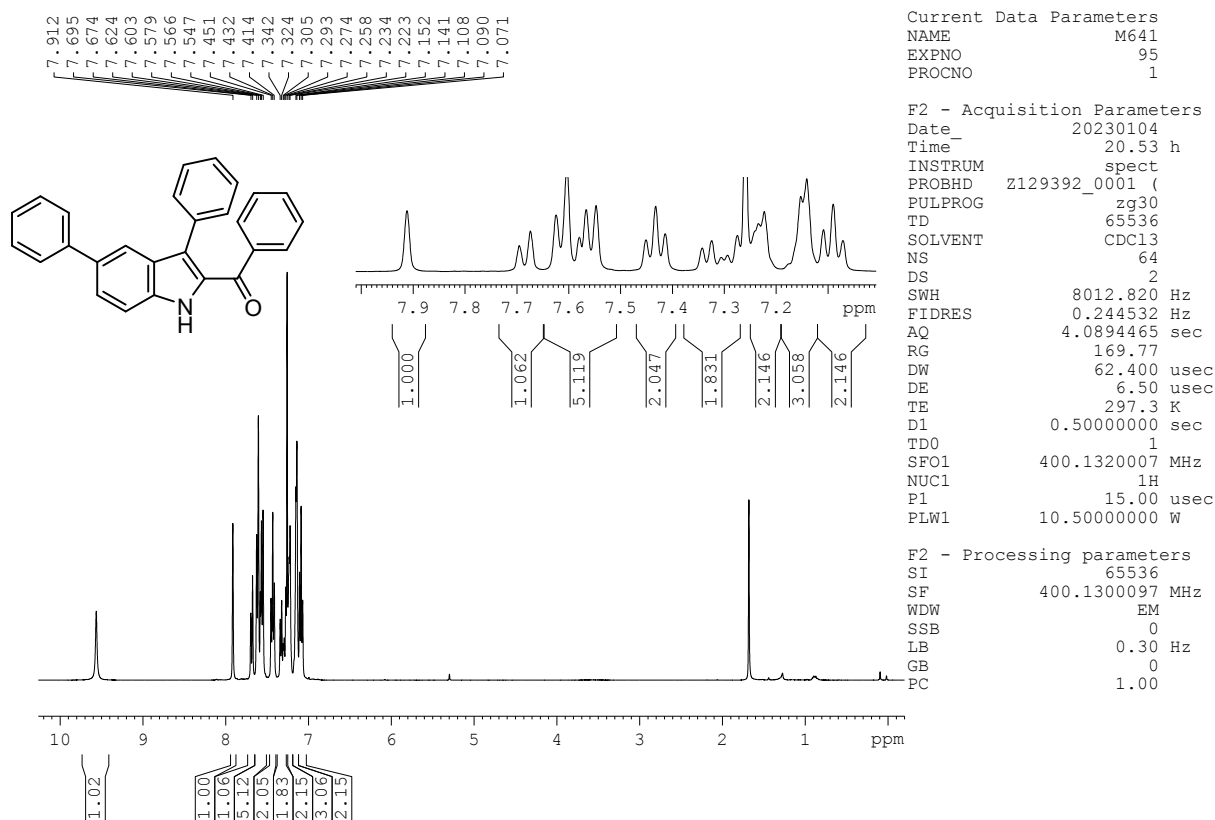


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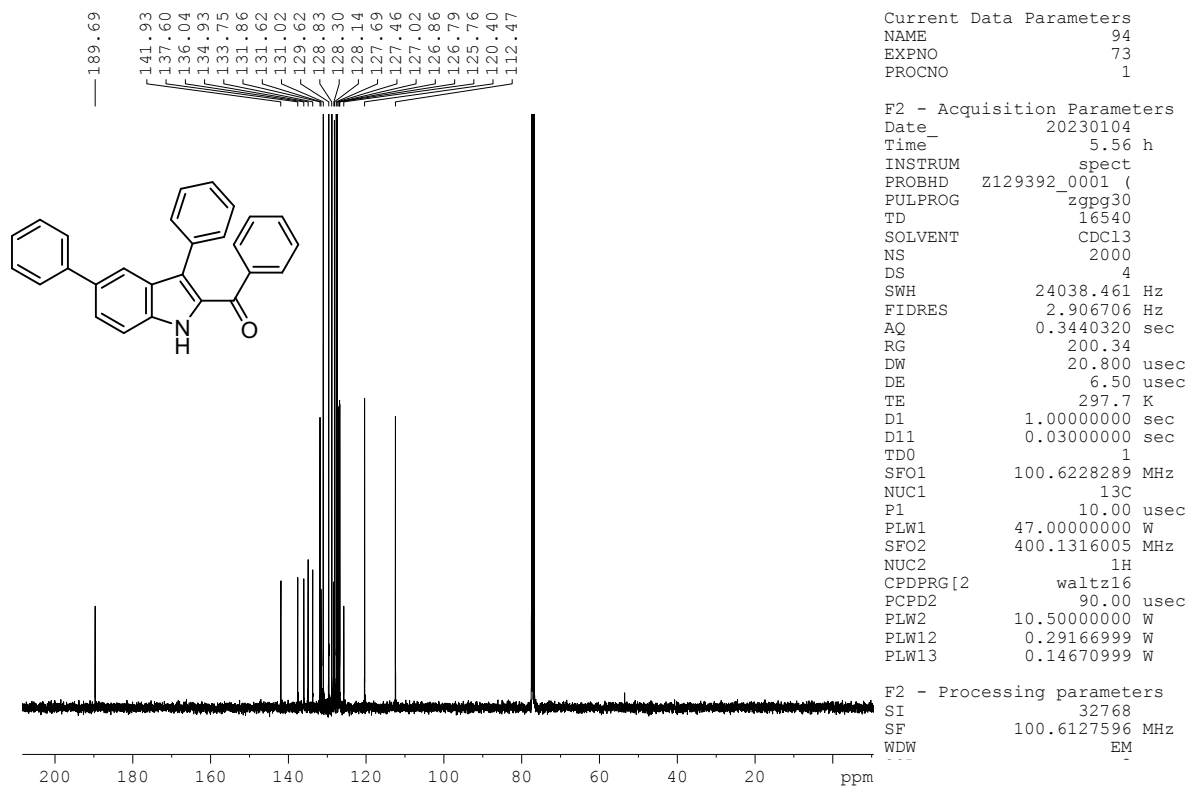


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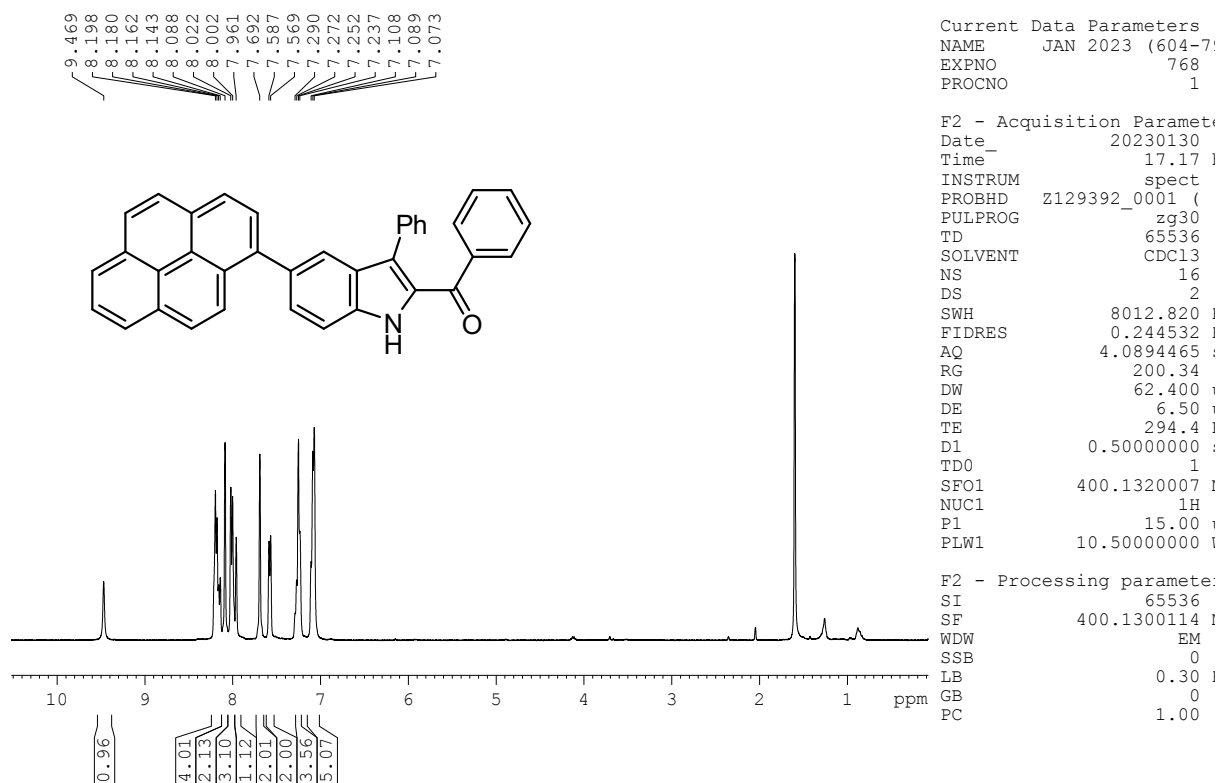


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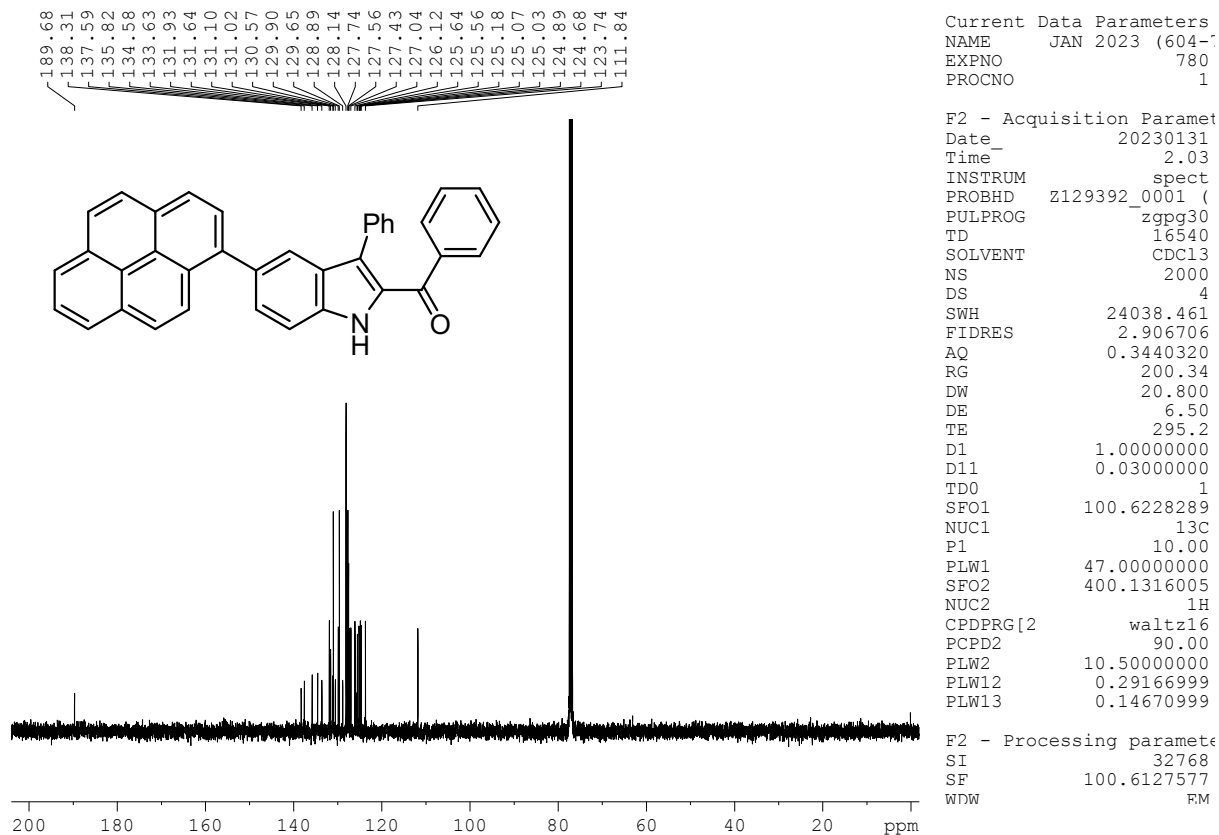


<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 3k

**phenyl(3-phenyl-5-(pyren-1-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone: 31**

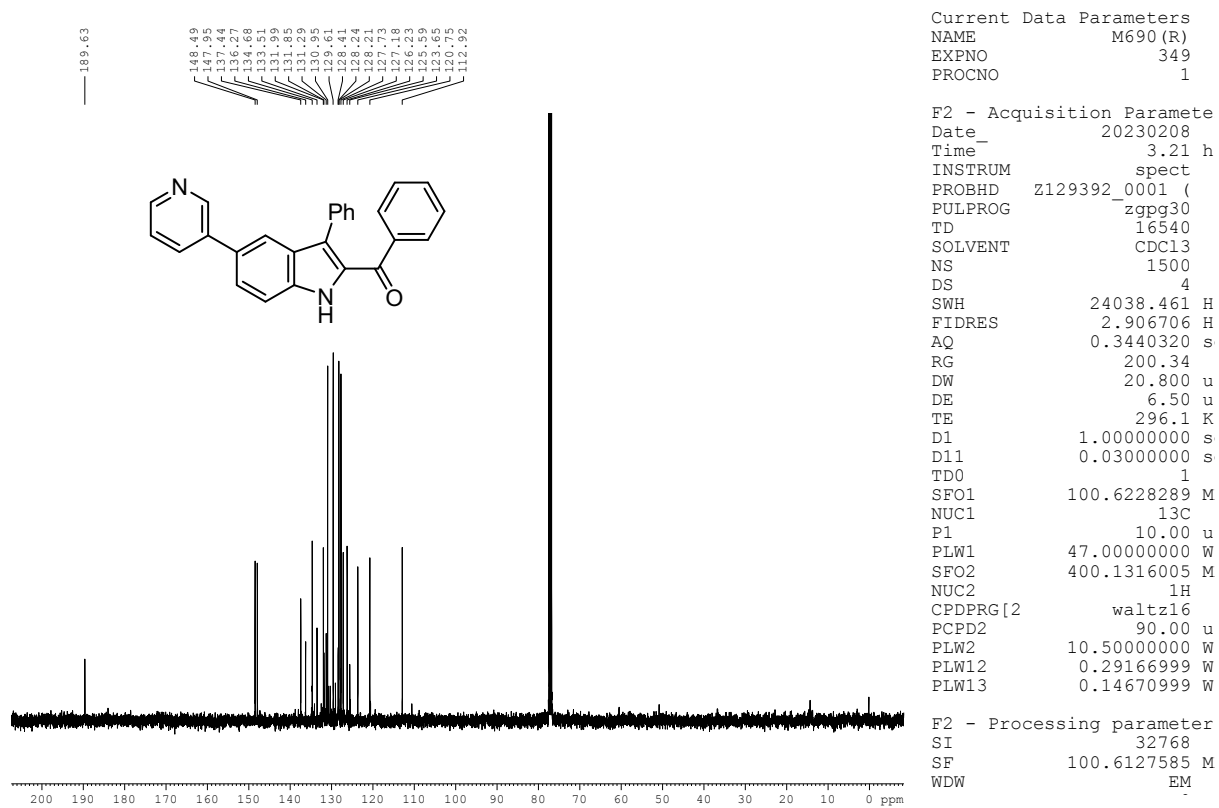
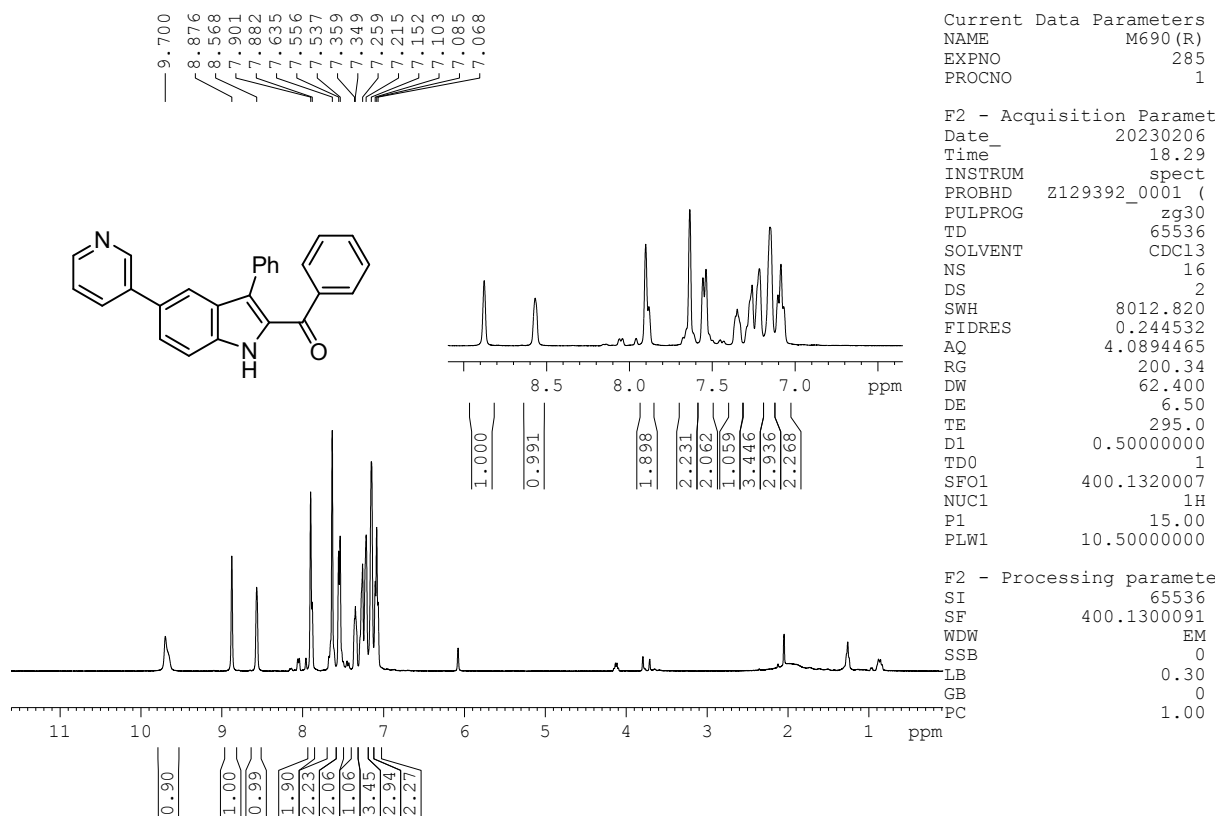


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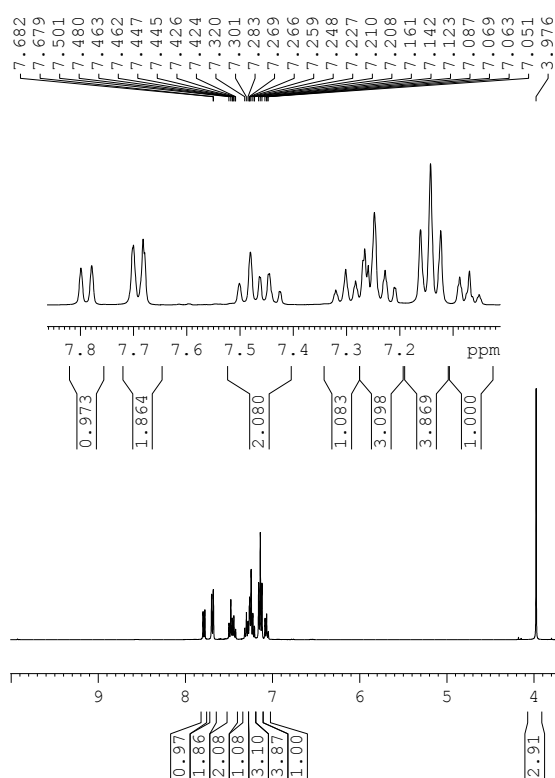
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phenyl(3-phenyl-5-(pyridin-3-yl)-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone : 3m





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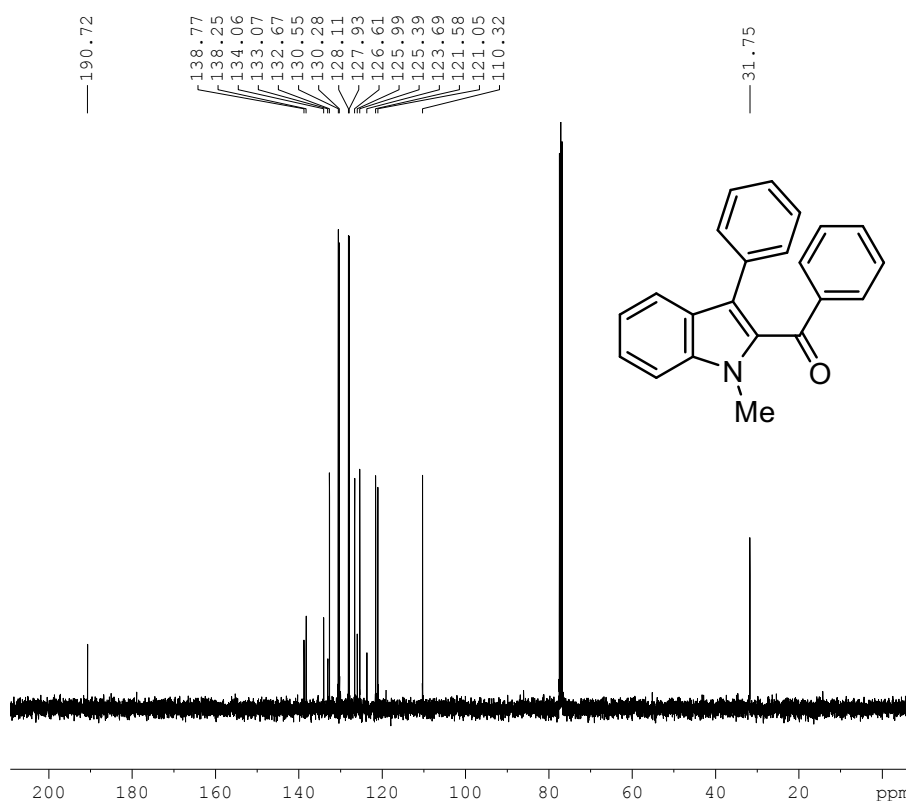


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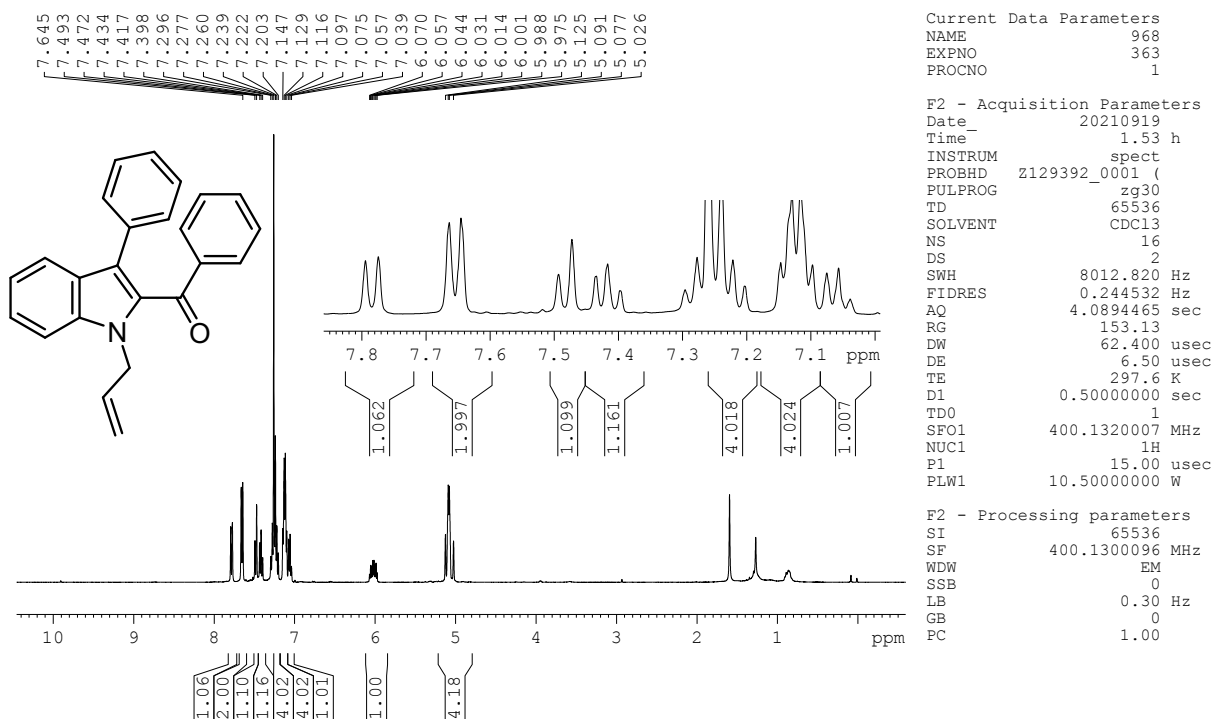
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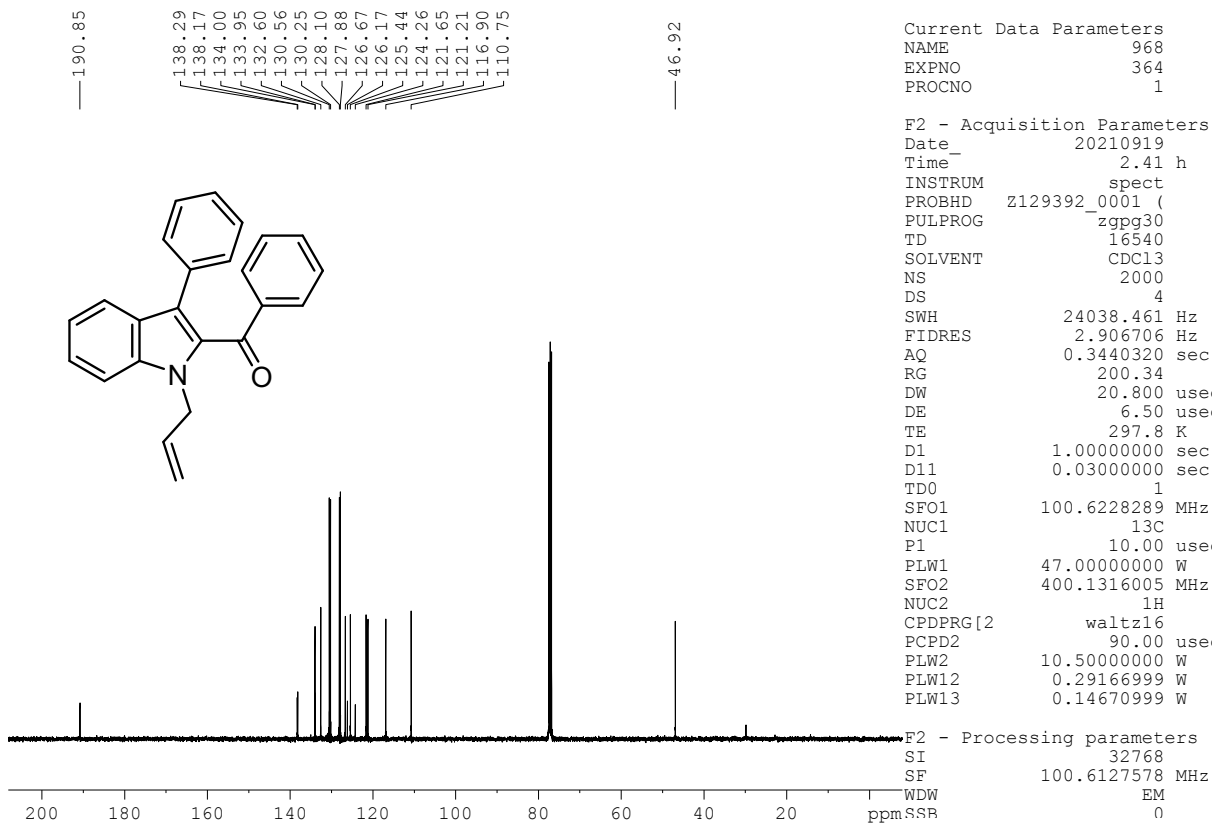
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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **3n**

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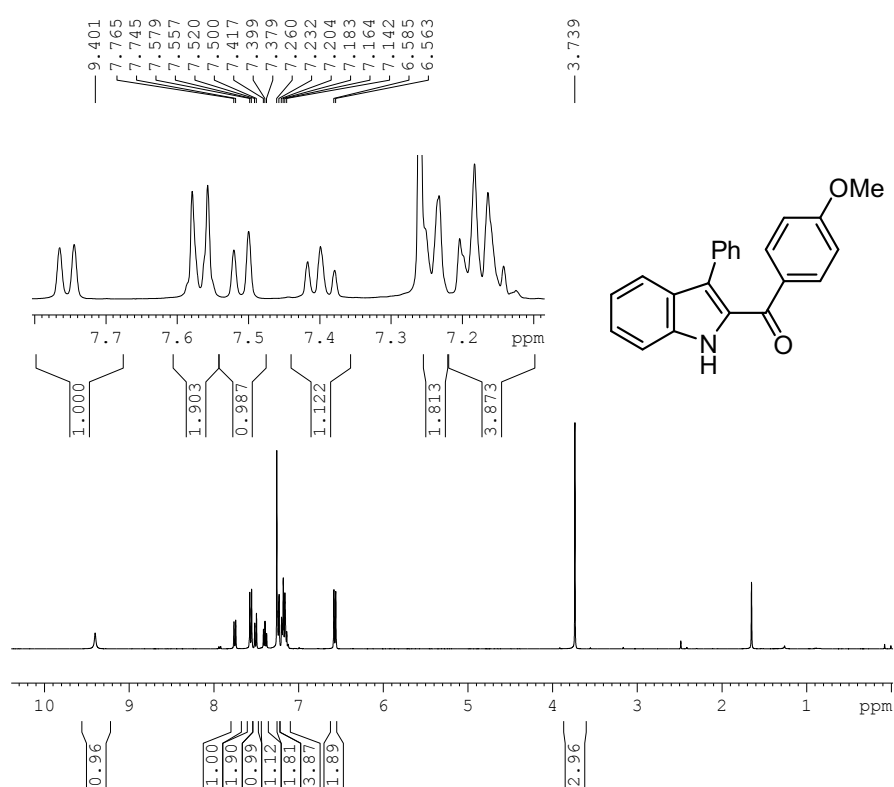


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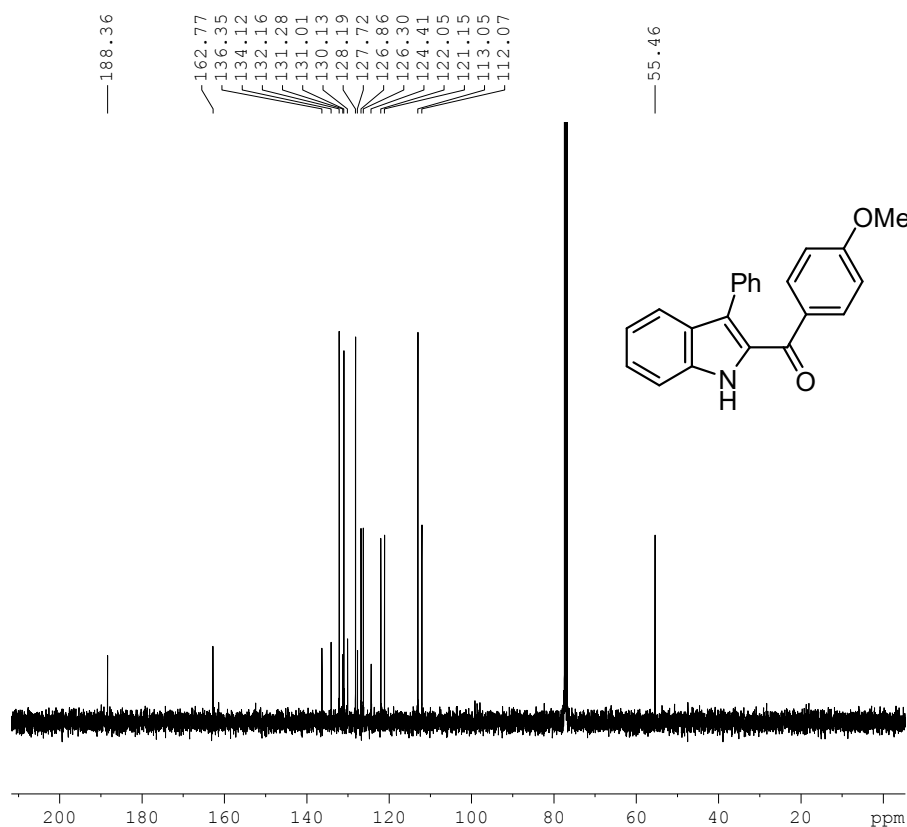


<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **3o**

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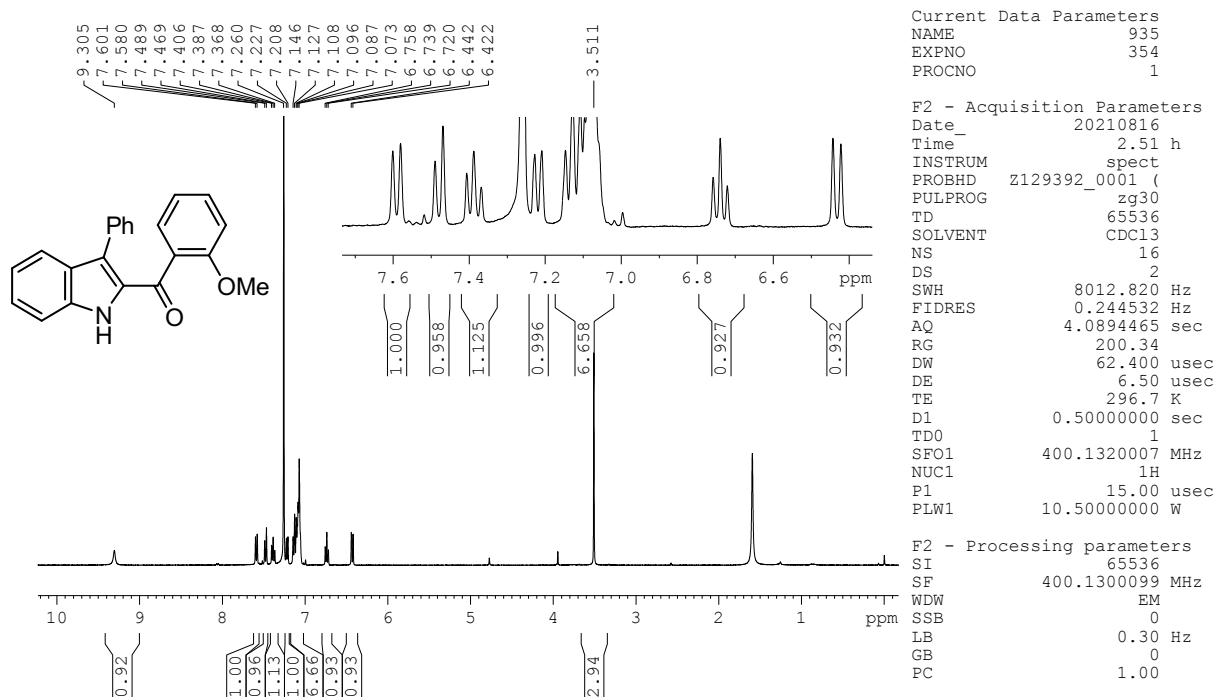


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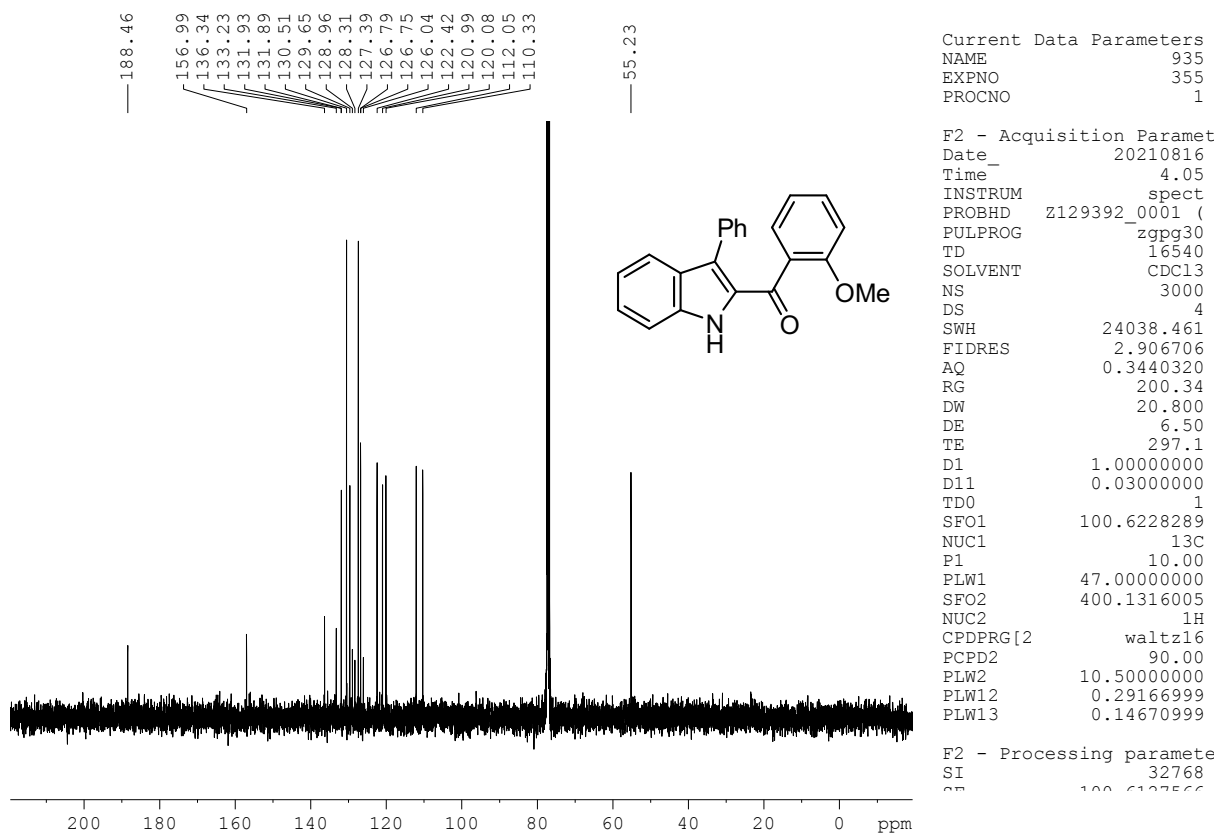


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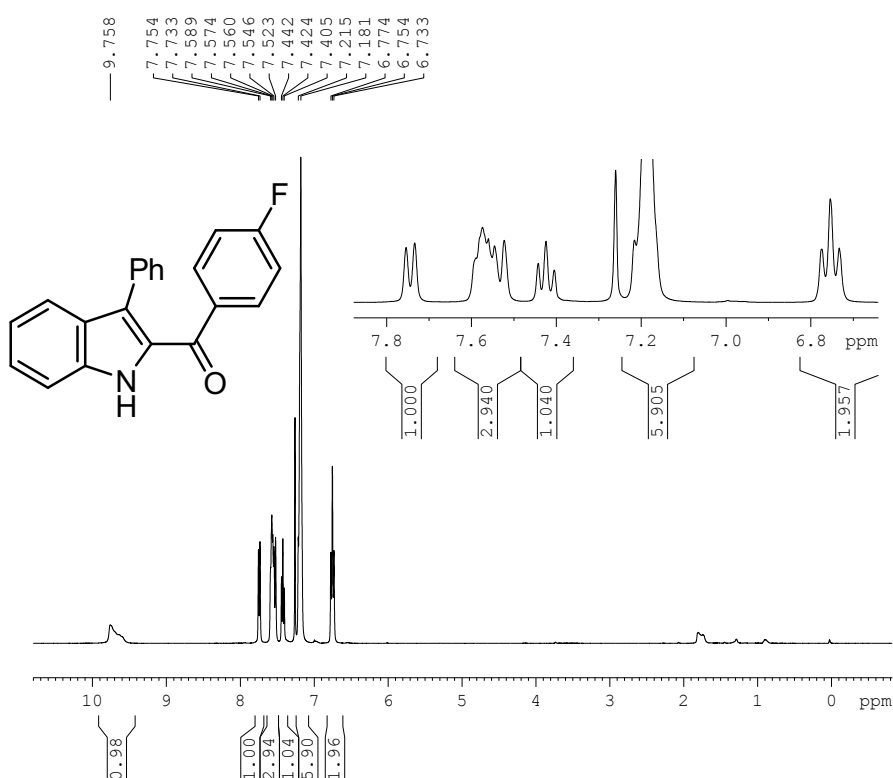


$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C) of the compound **3q**



$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 24 °C) of the compound **3q**

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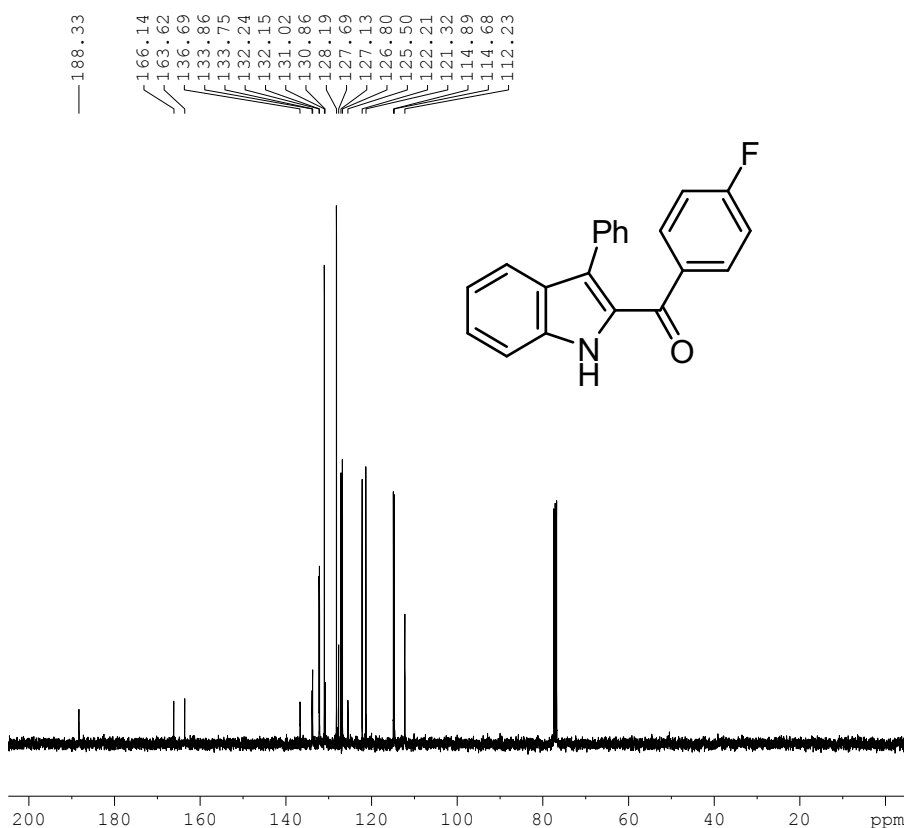


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### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 3r



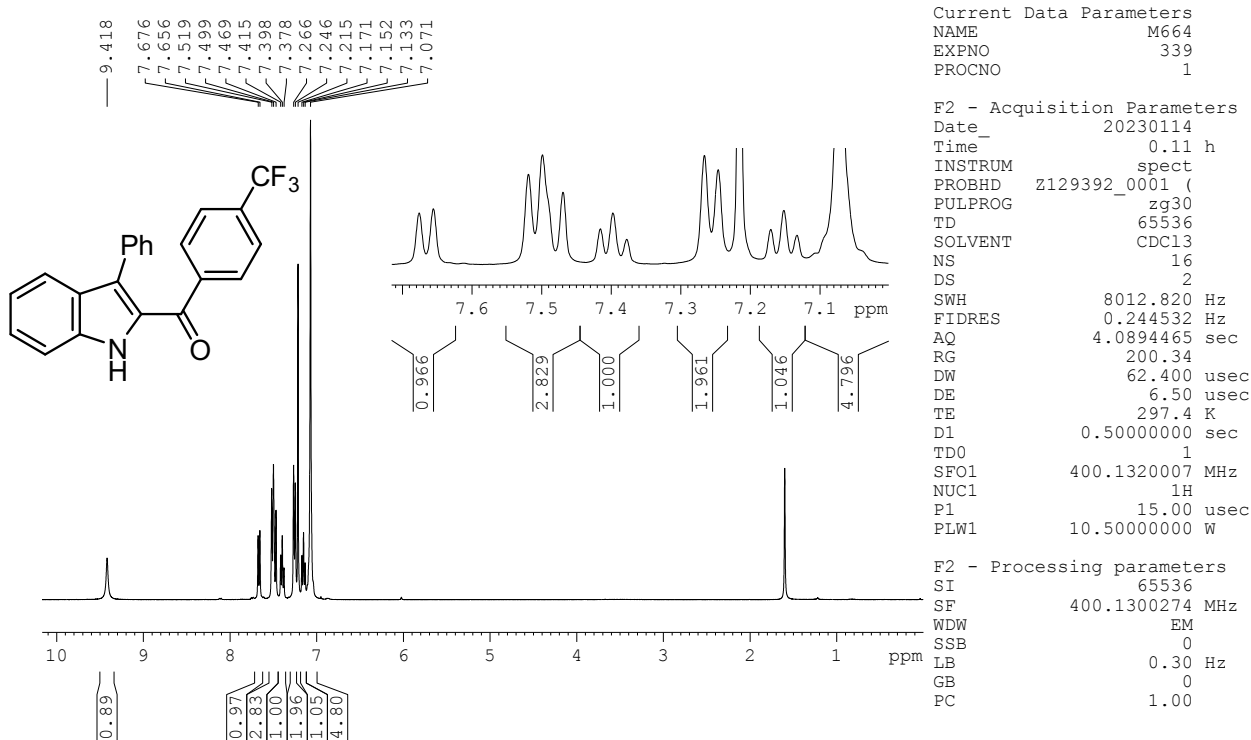
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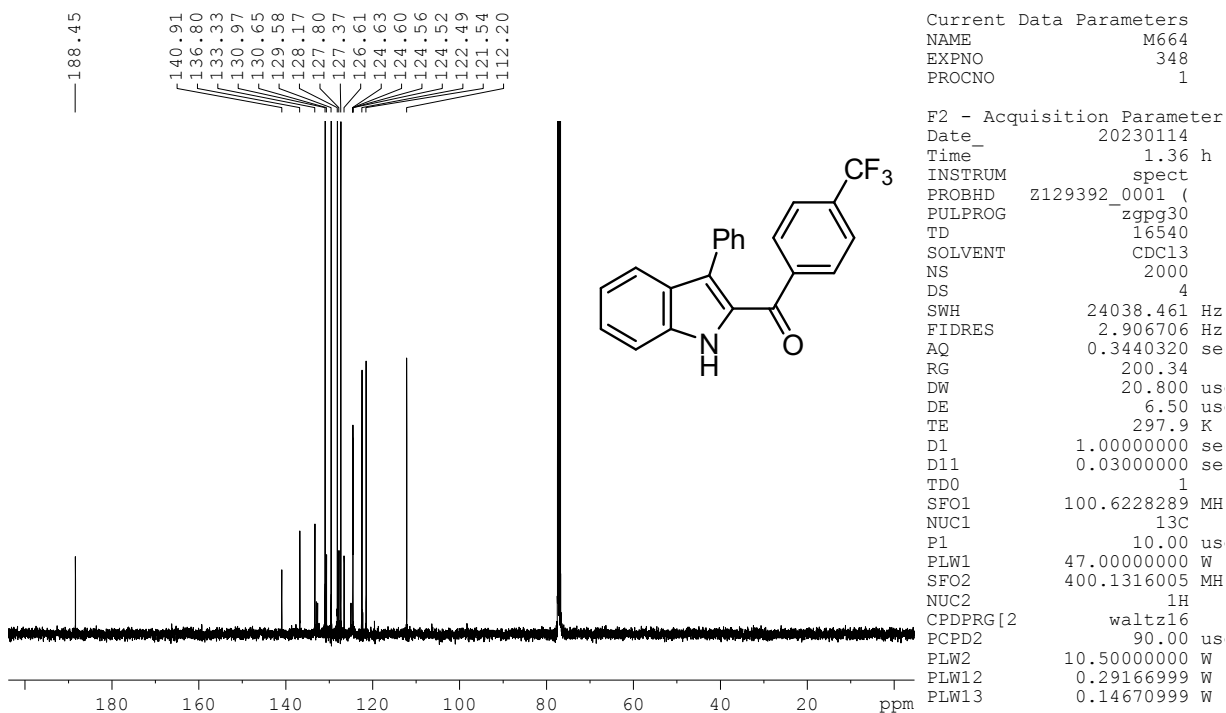
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### <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 3r

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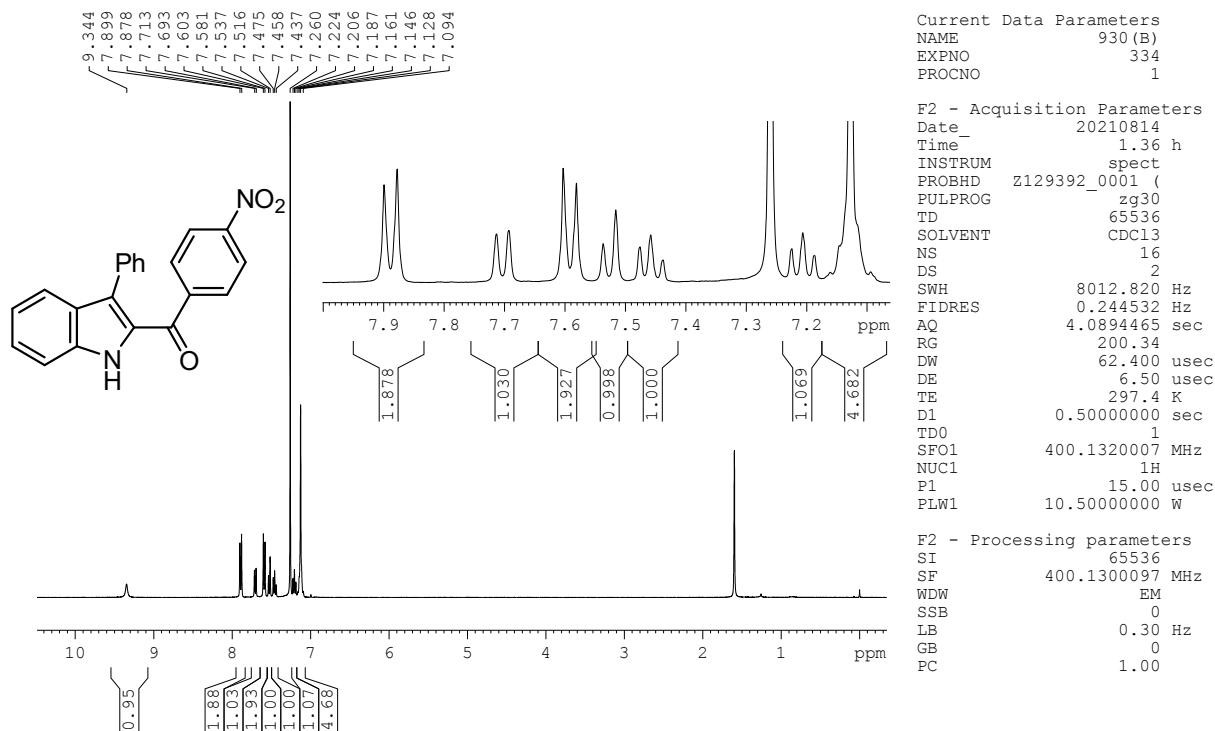


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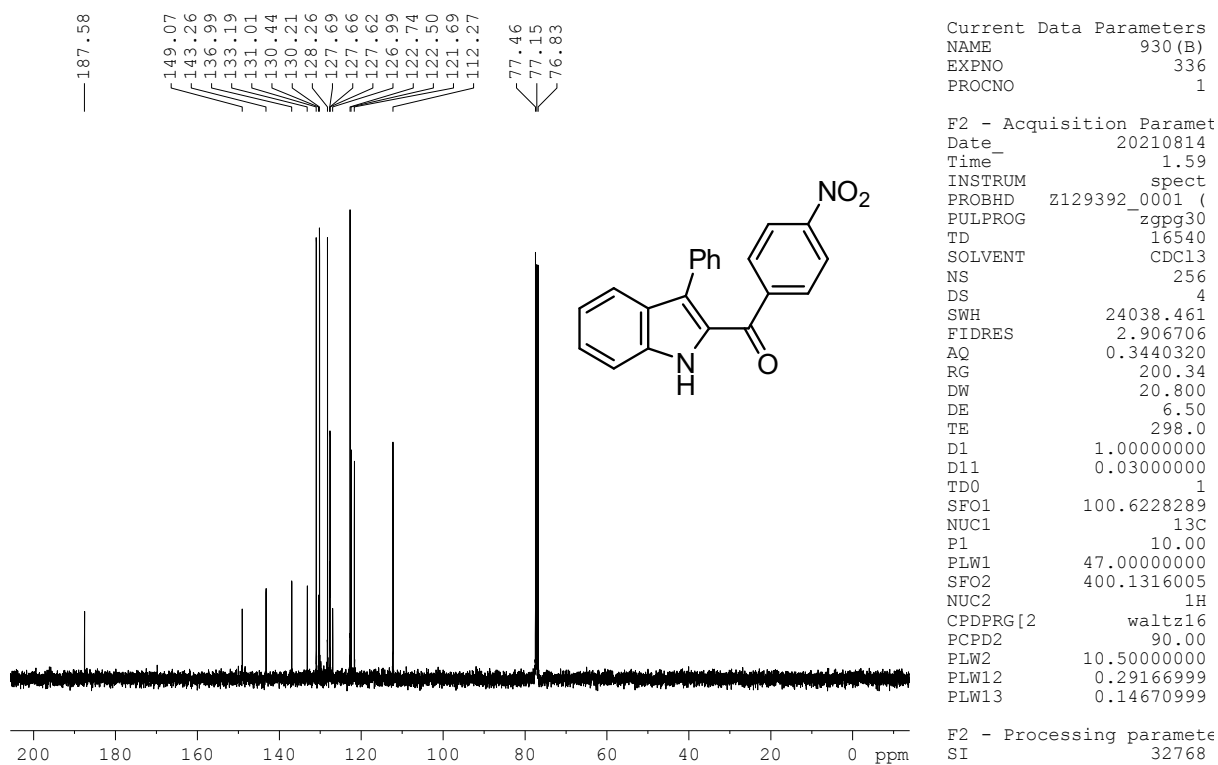


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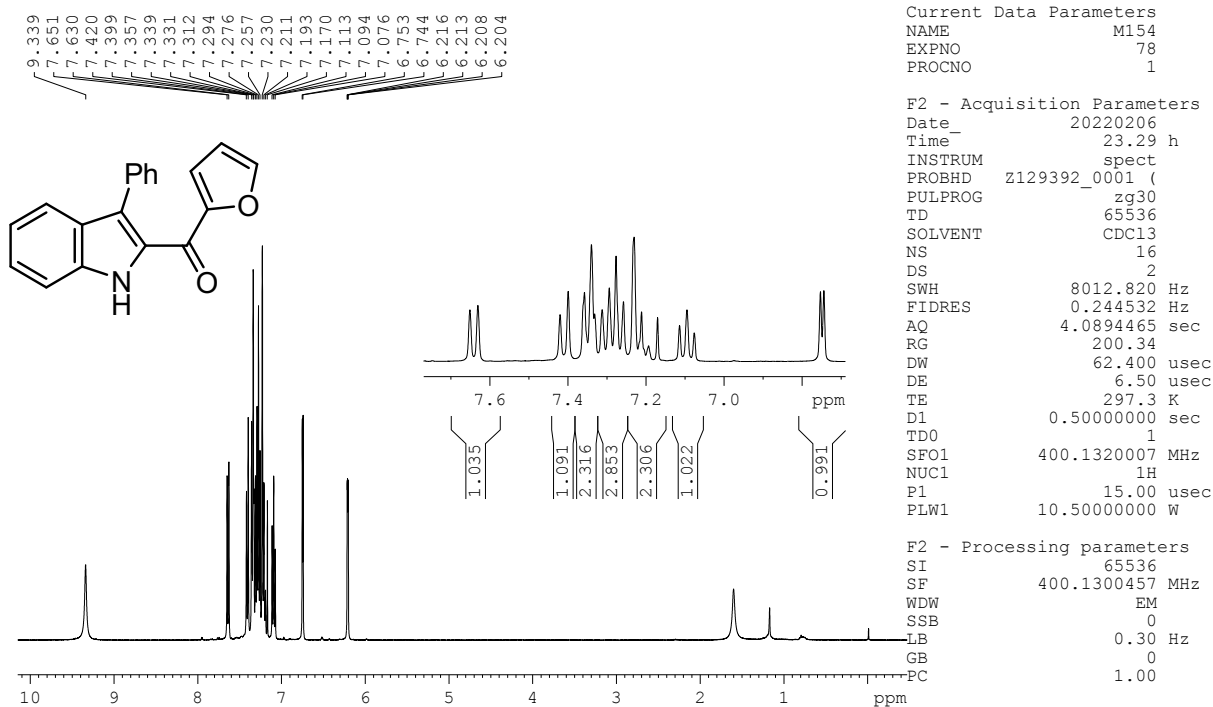


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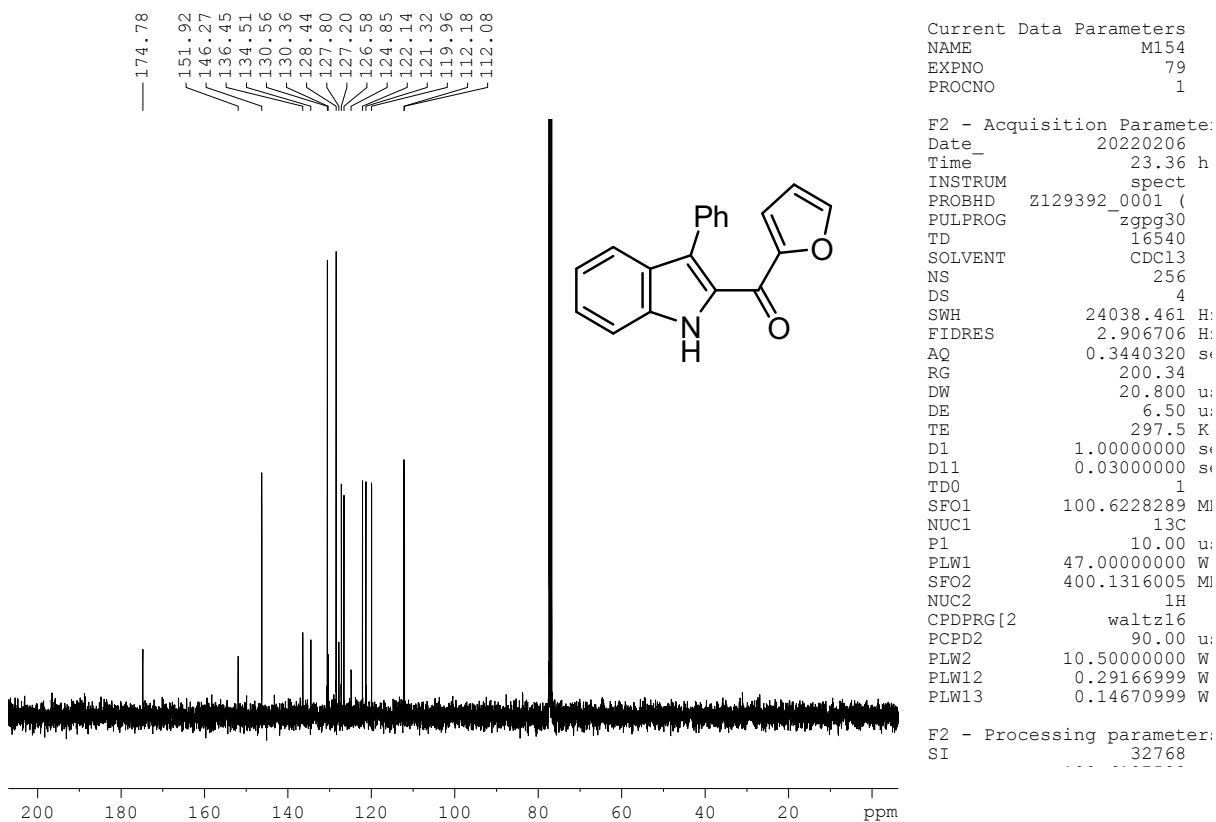


<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **3t**

**furan-2-yl(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)methanone: 3u**



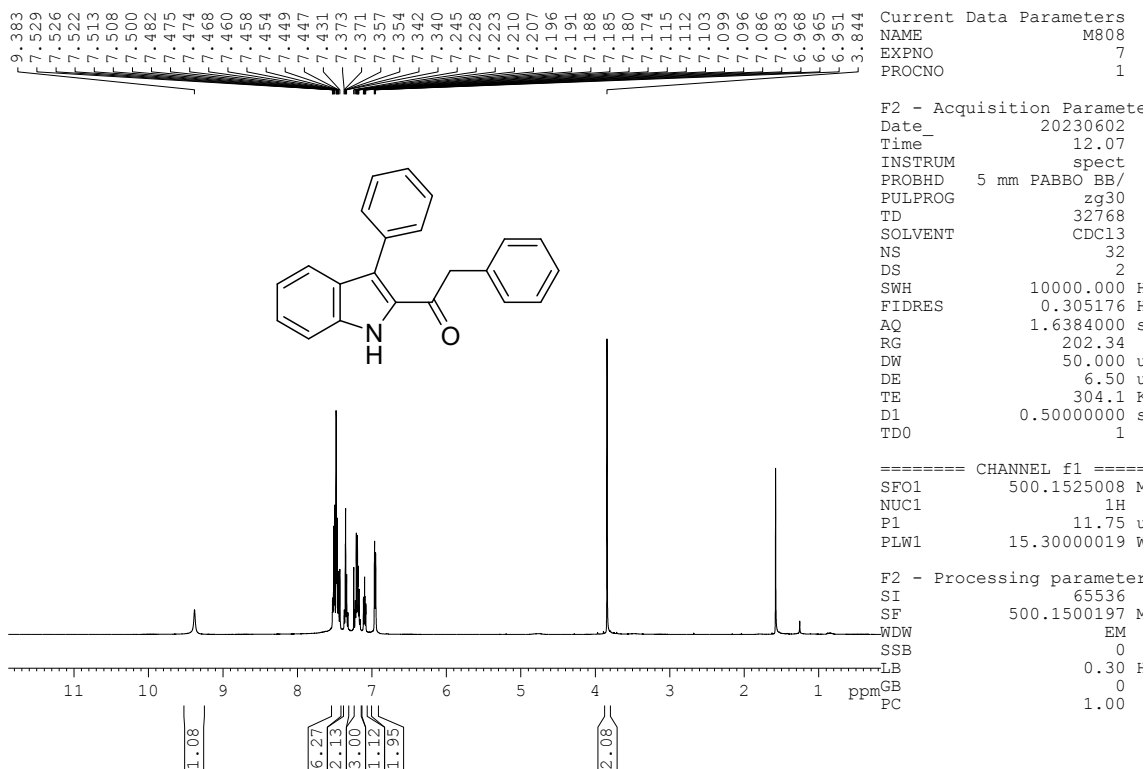
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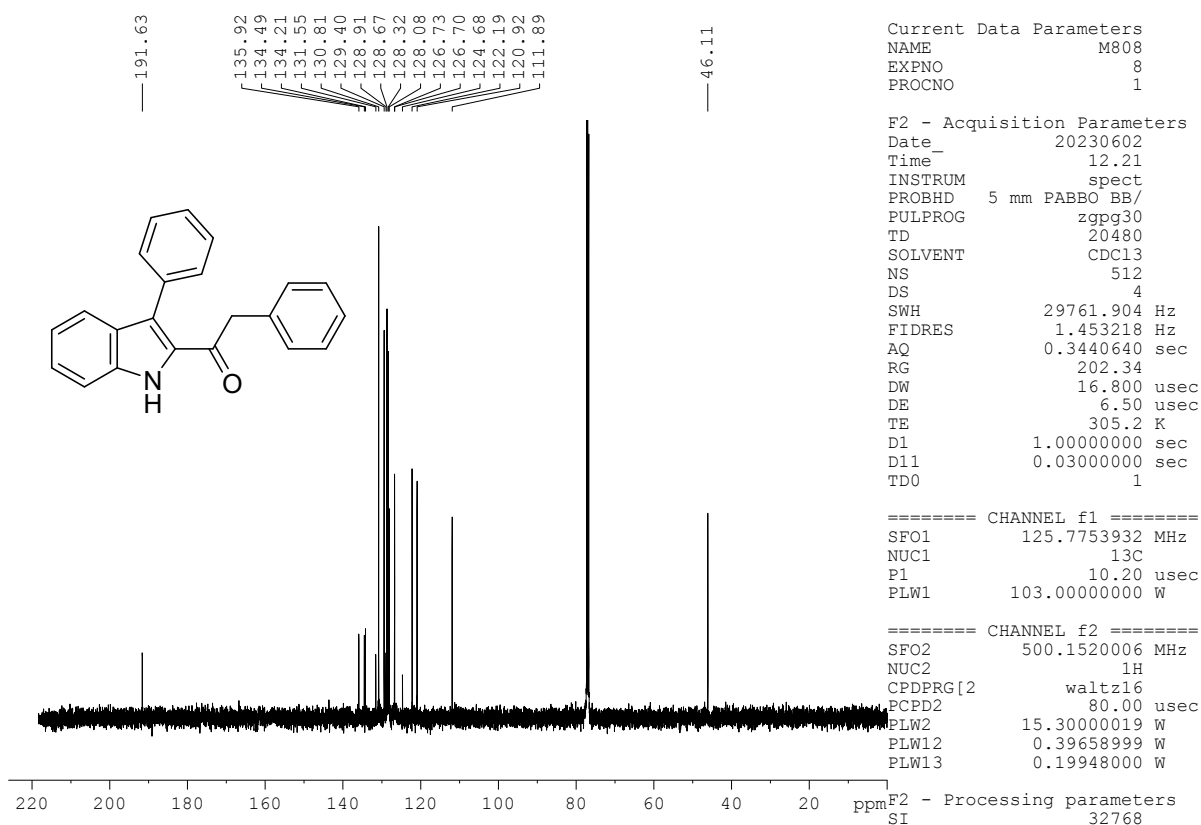
**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 3u**



## 2-phenyl-1-(3-phenyl-1H-indol-2-yl)ethan-1-one:3v

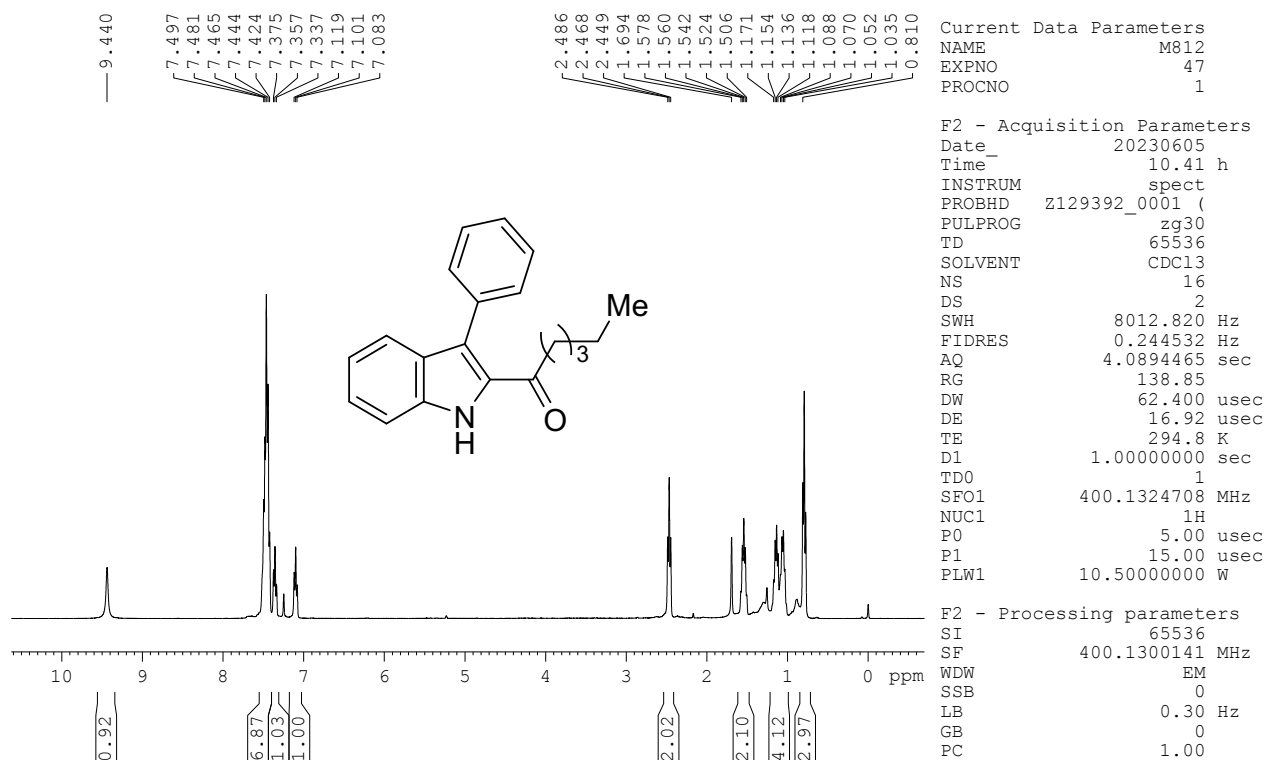


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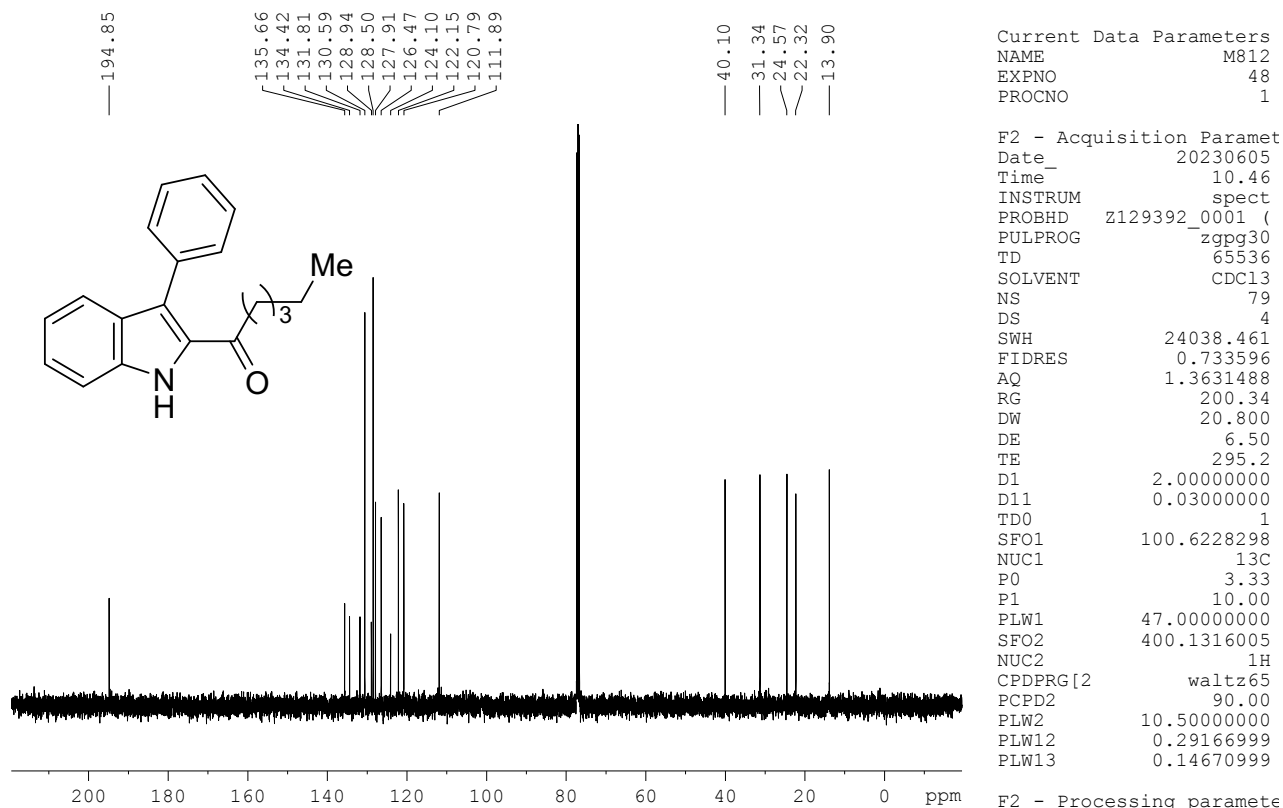


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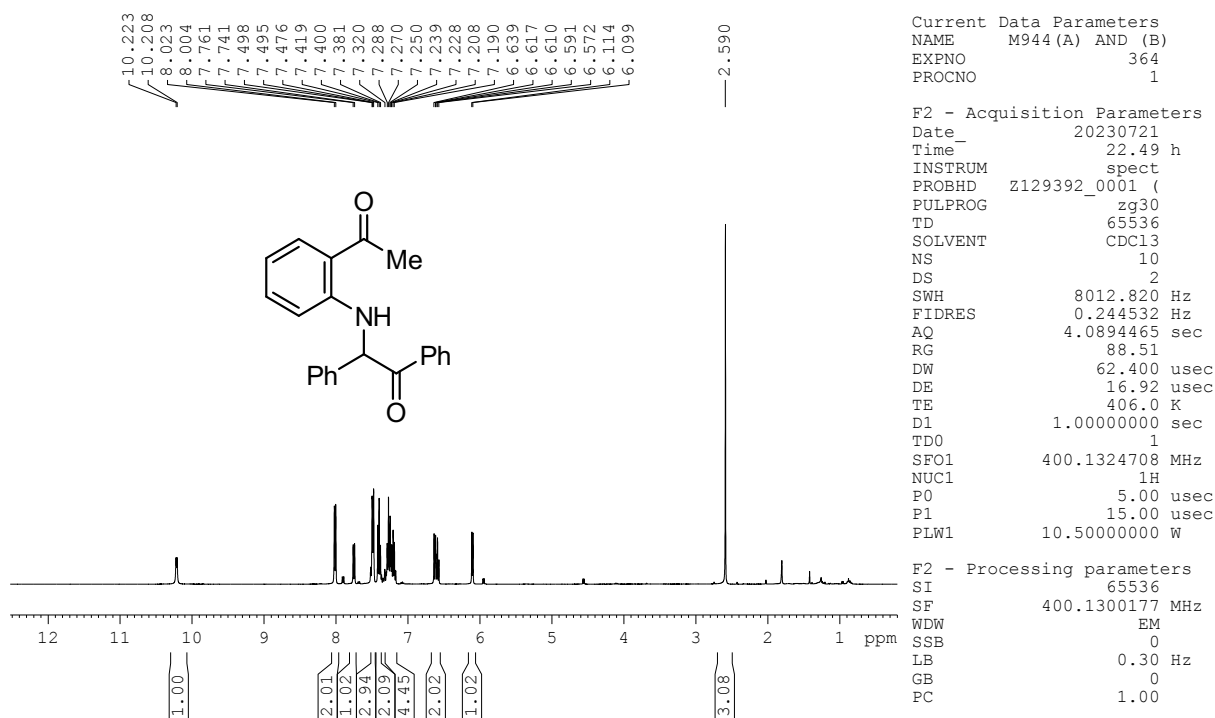


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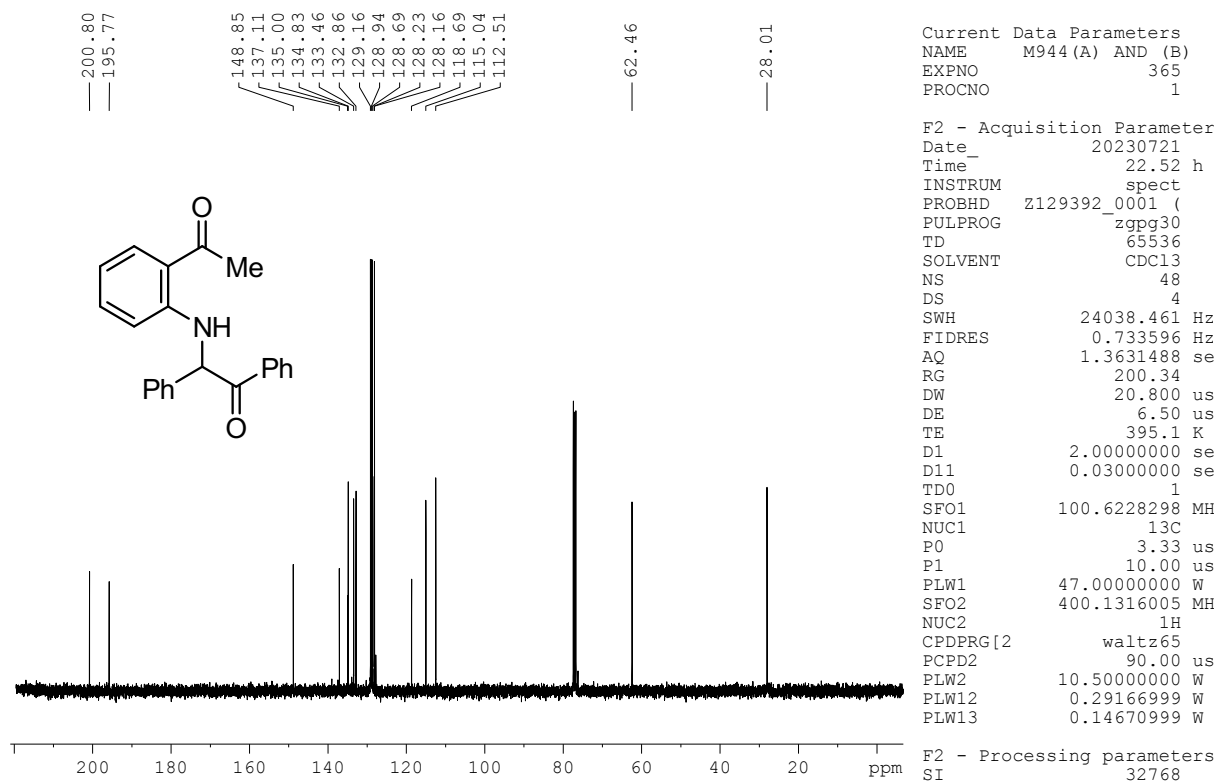


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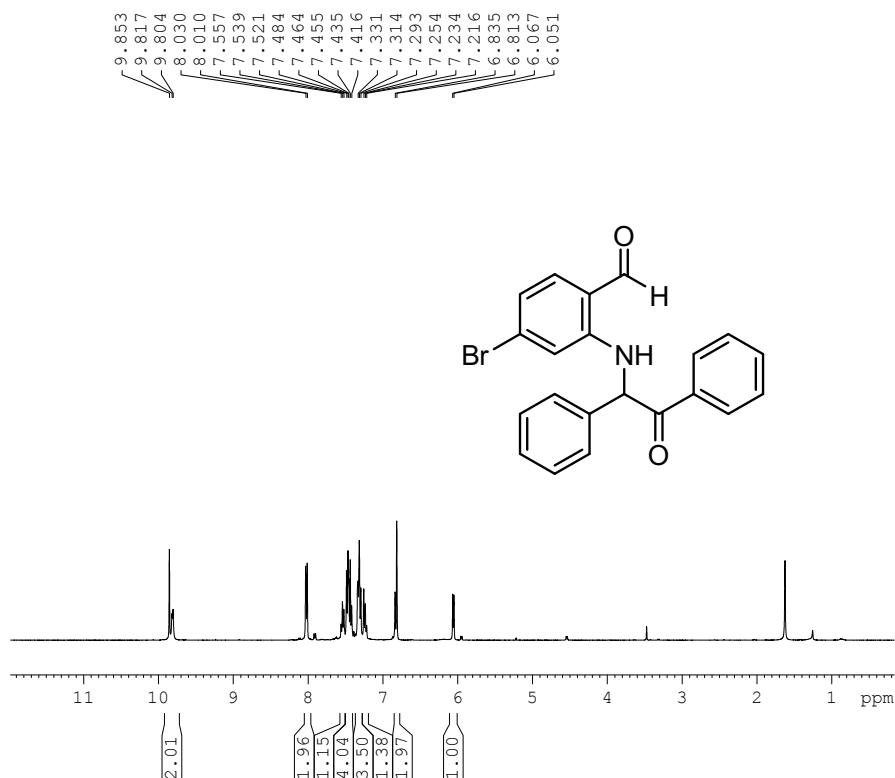


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 5



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 5

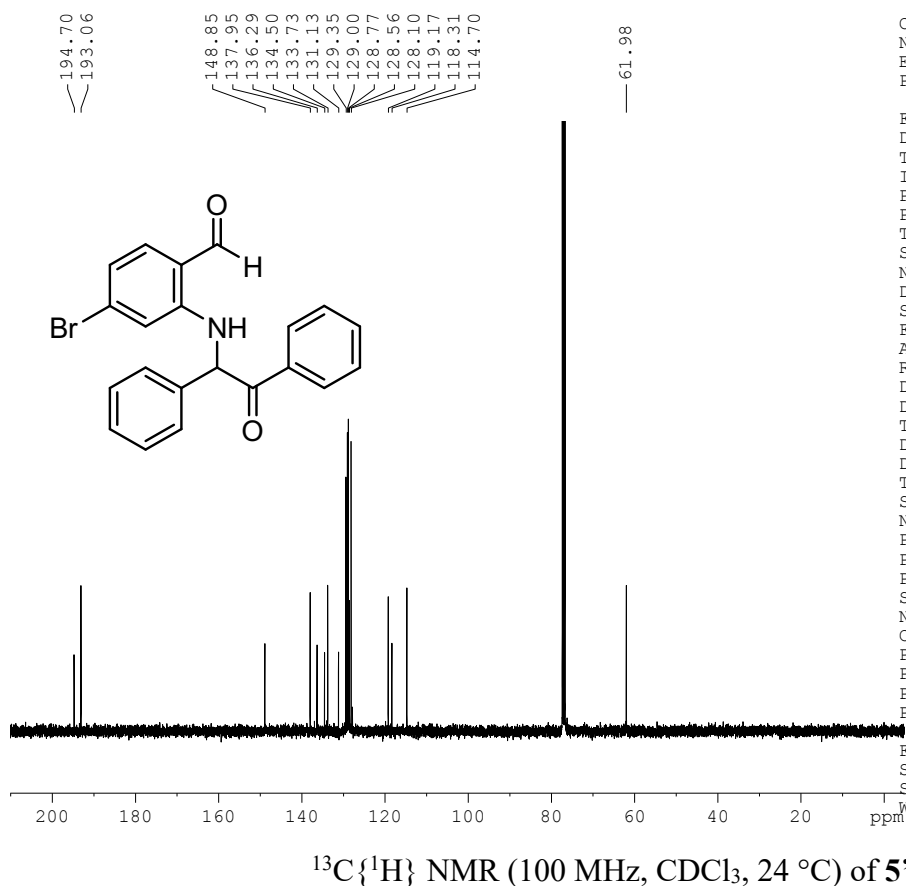
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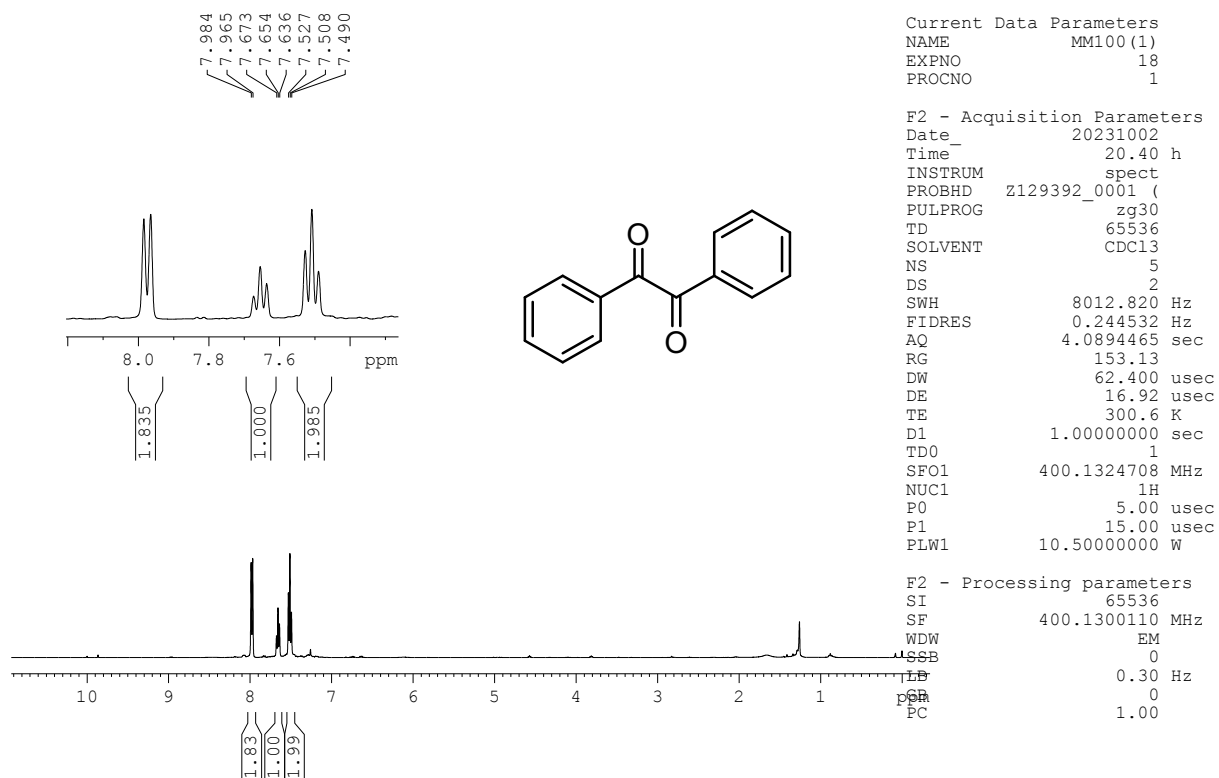


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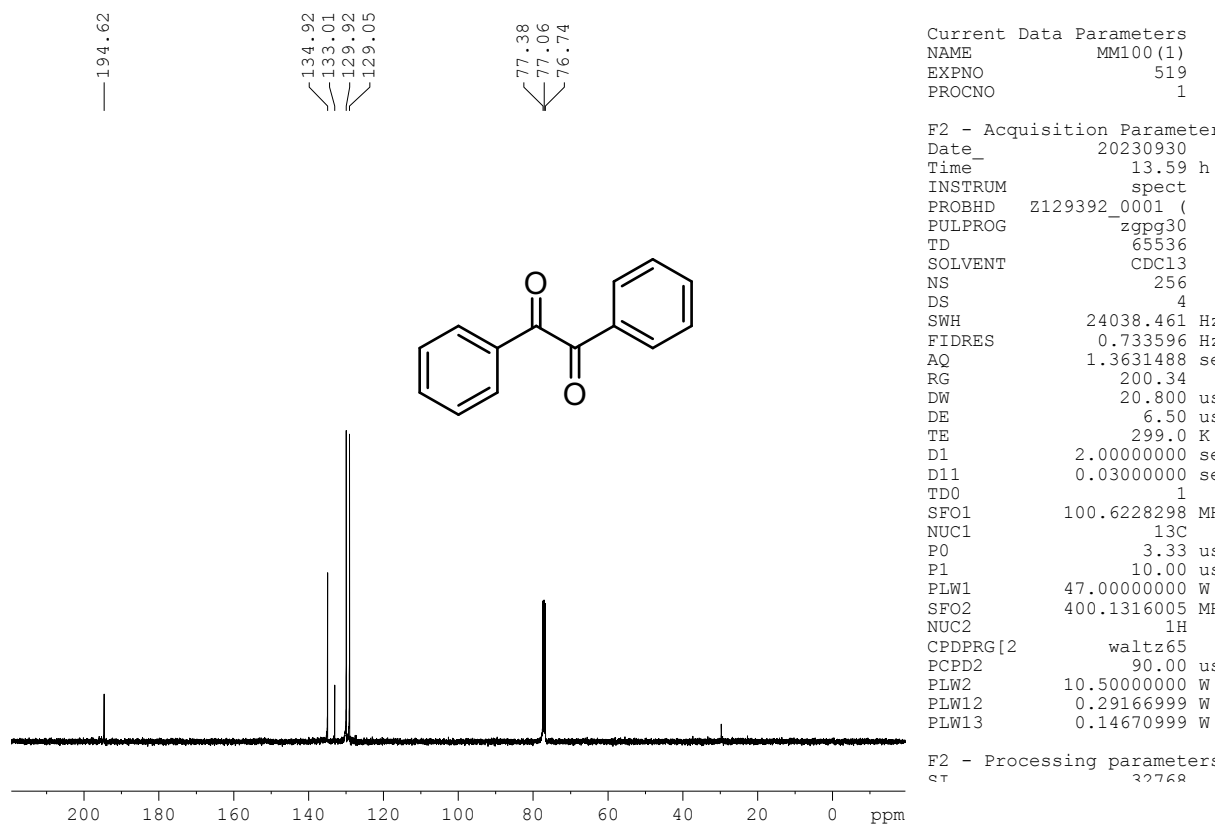
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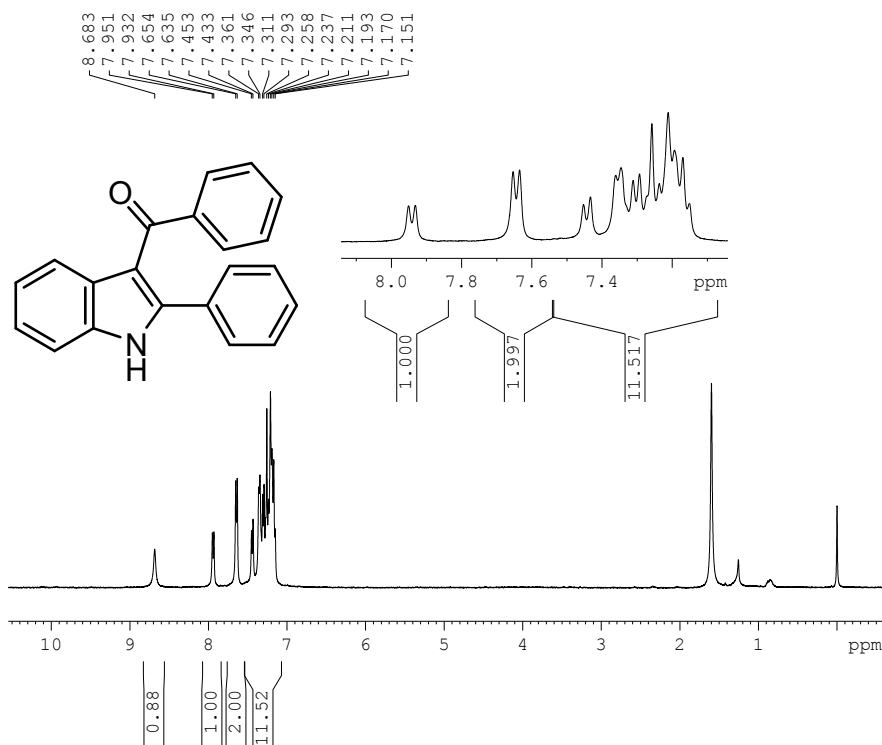


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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of Benzil

phenyl(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)methanone: **6a**

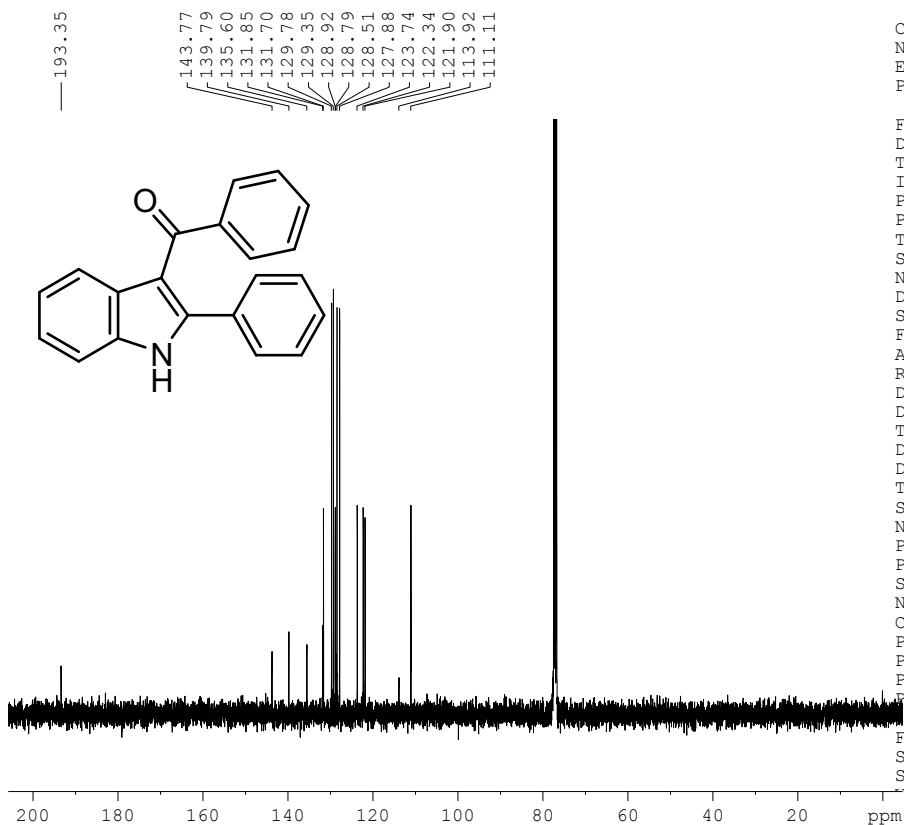


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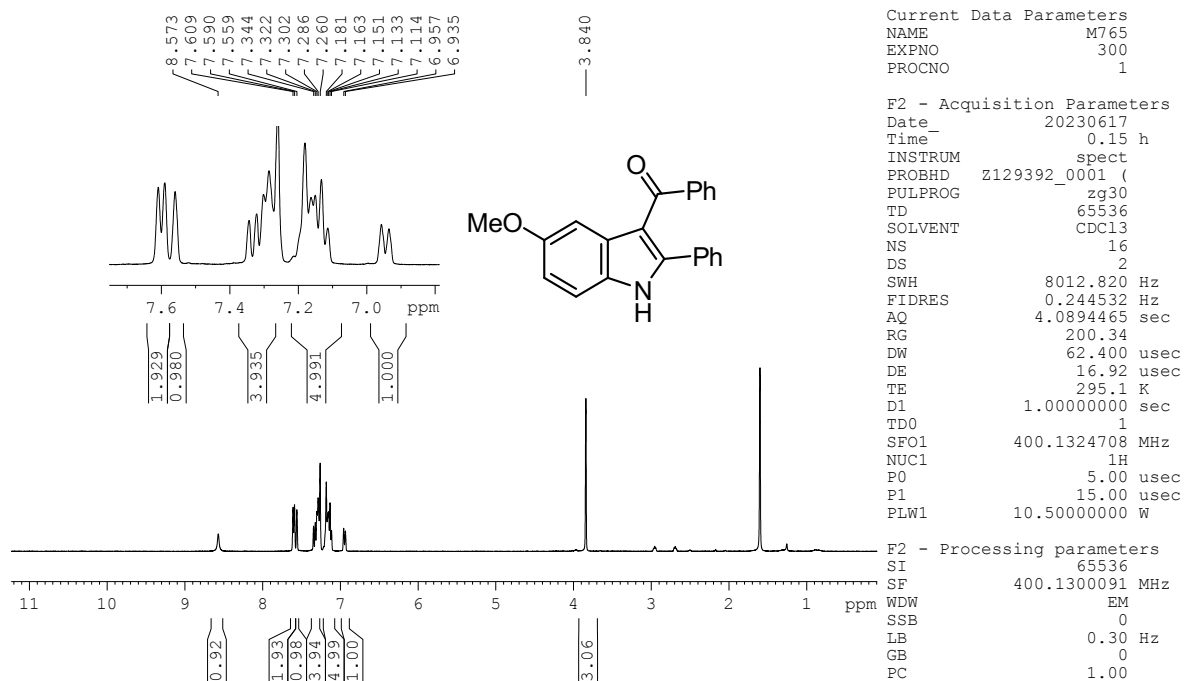
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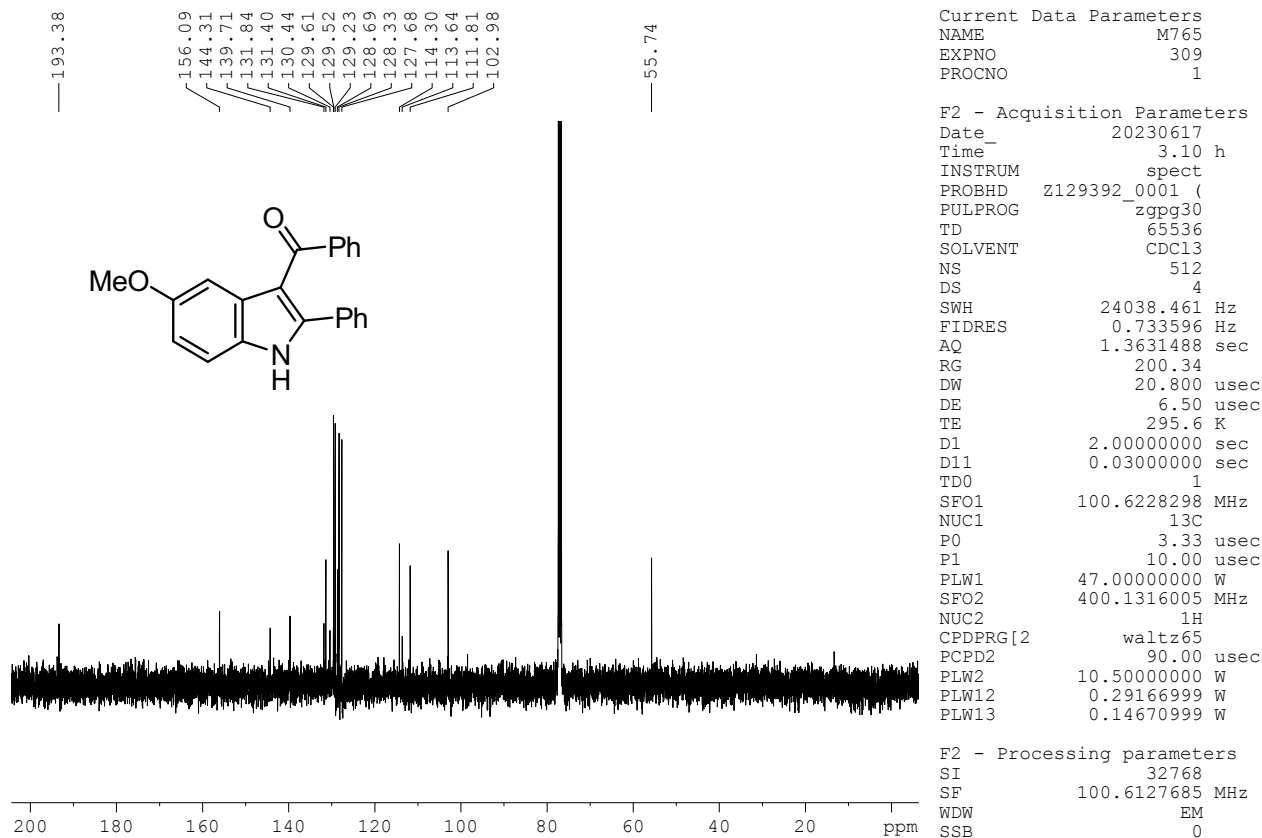
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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **6a**

(5-methoxy-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone: **6b**

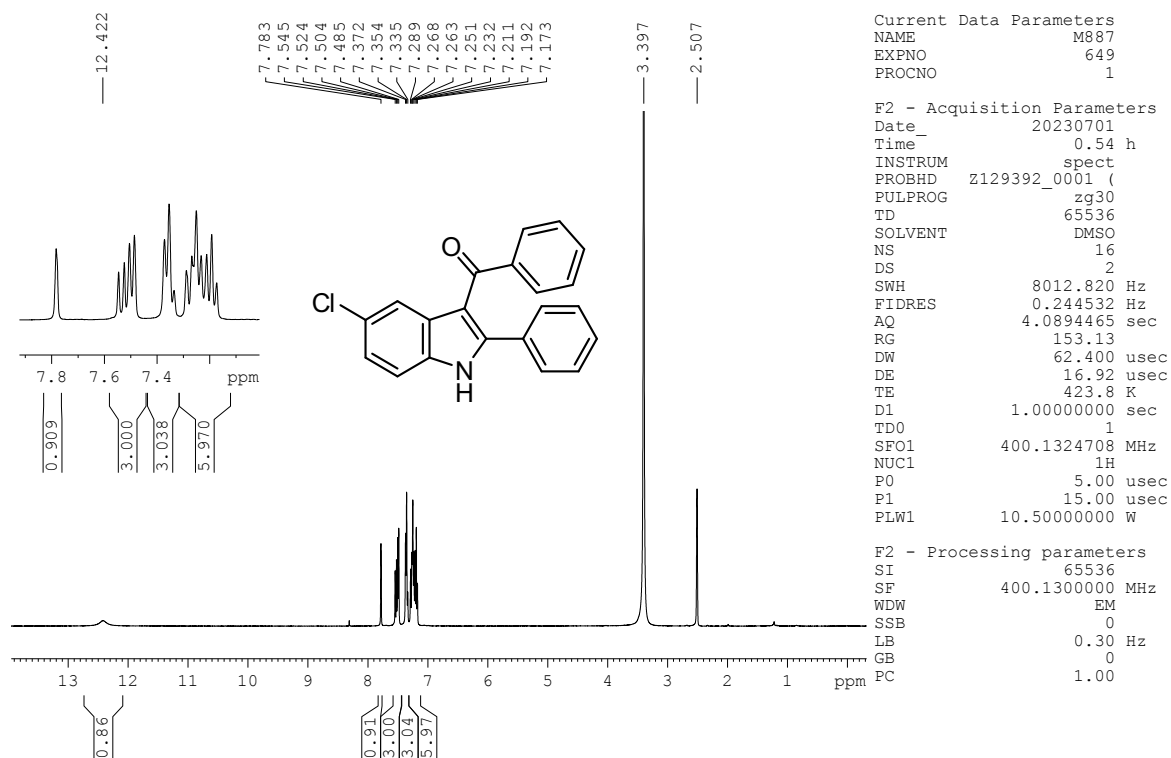


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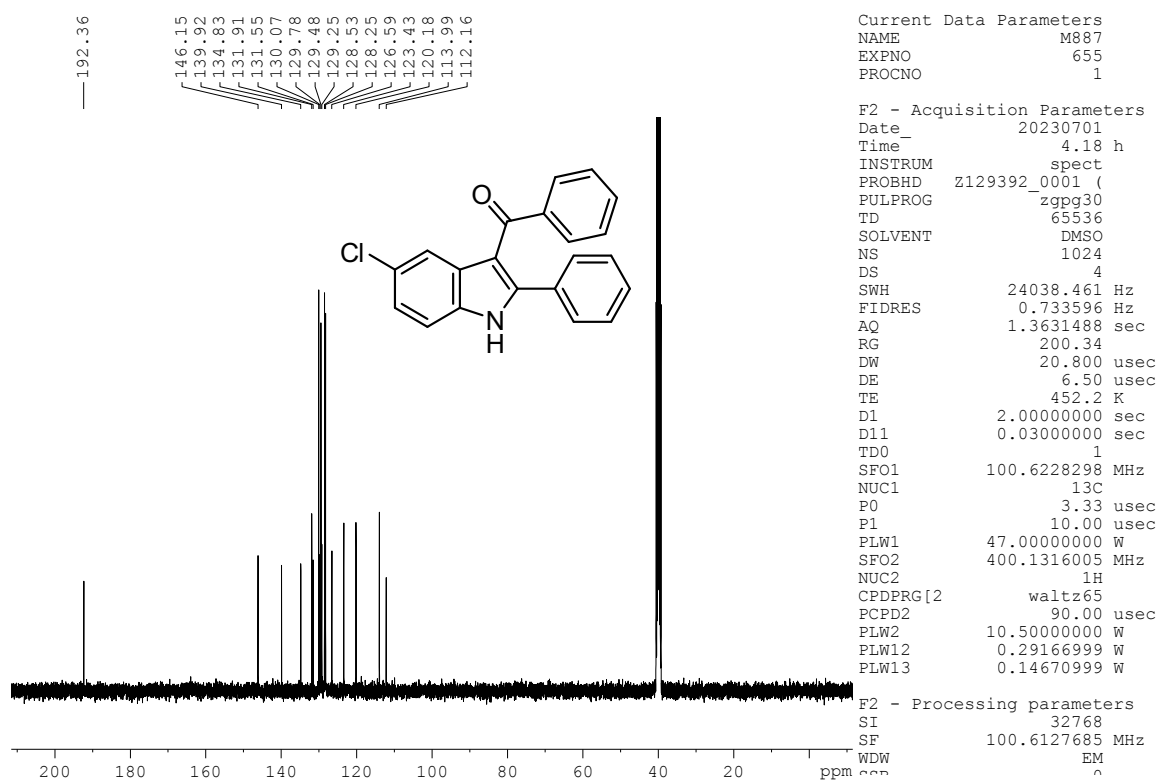


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(5-chloro-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone: **6c**



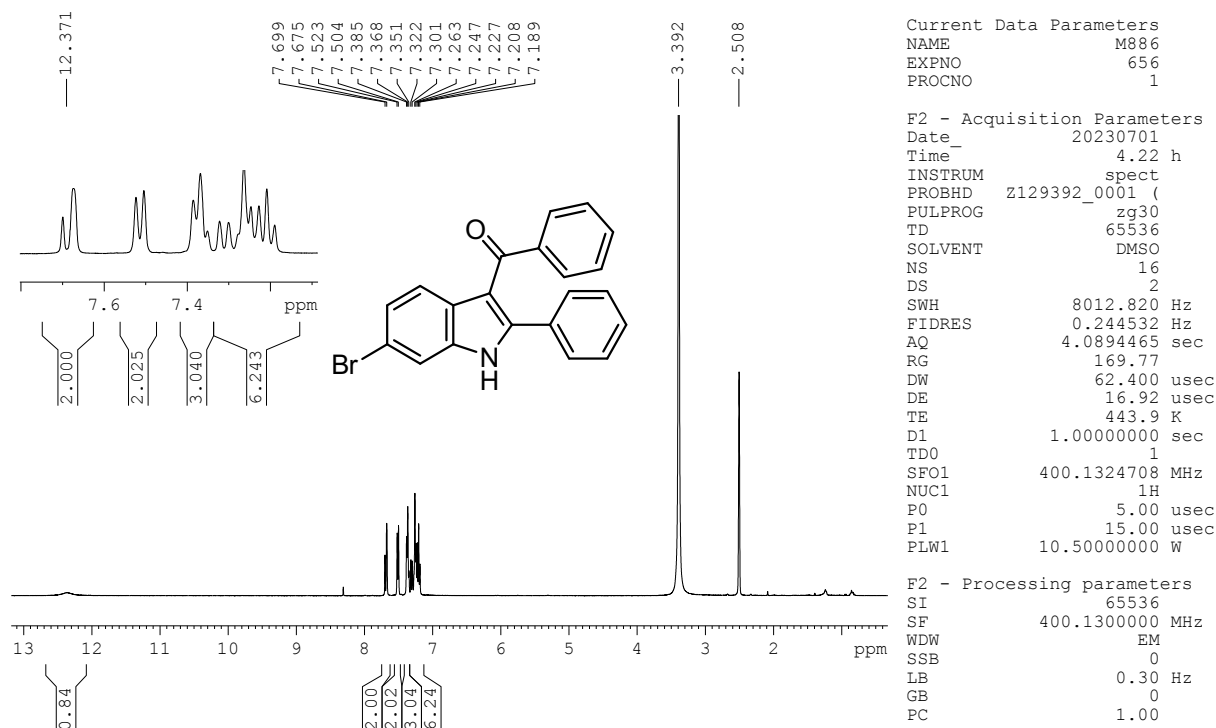
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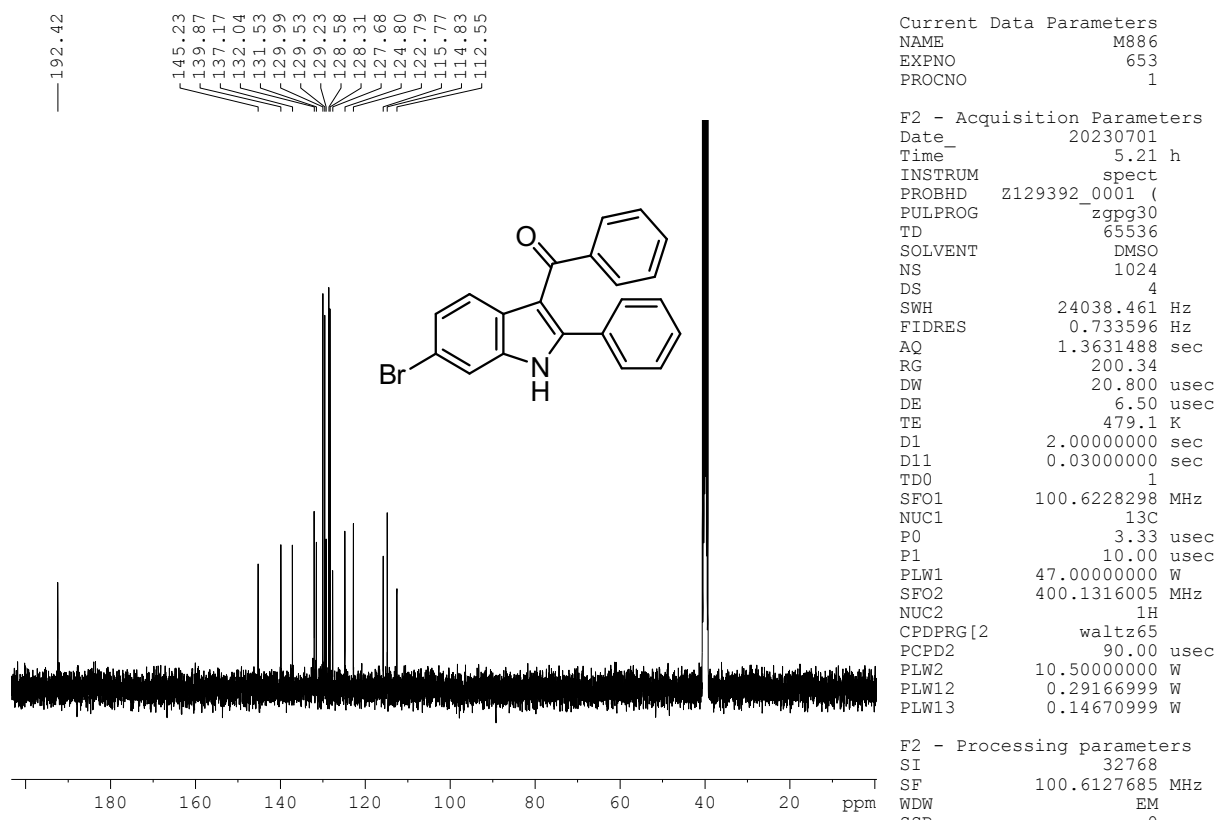
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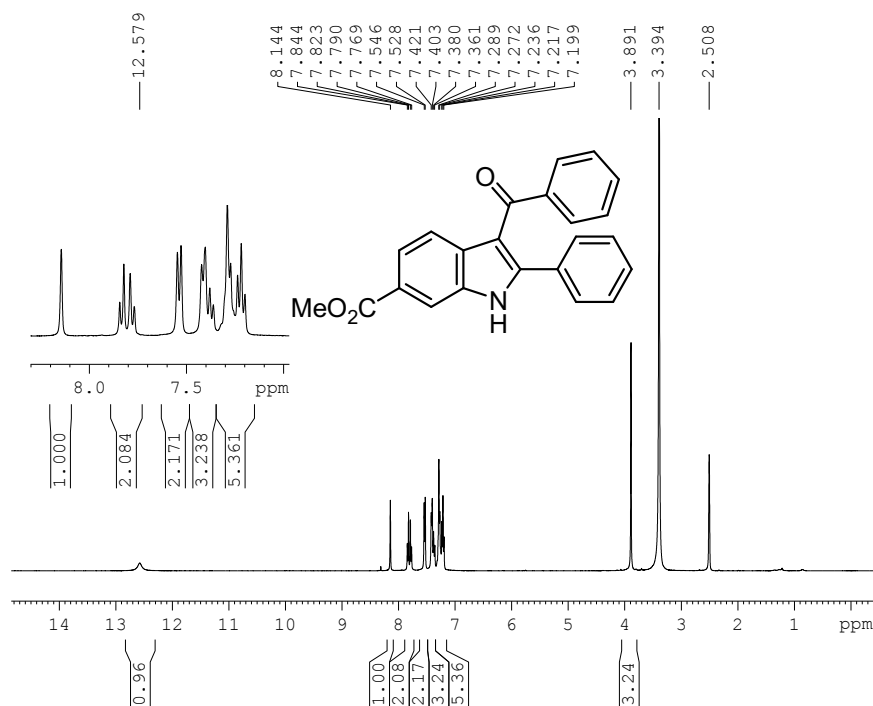


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<sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **6d**

**methyl 3-benzoyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylate: 6e**

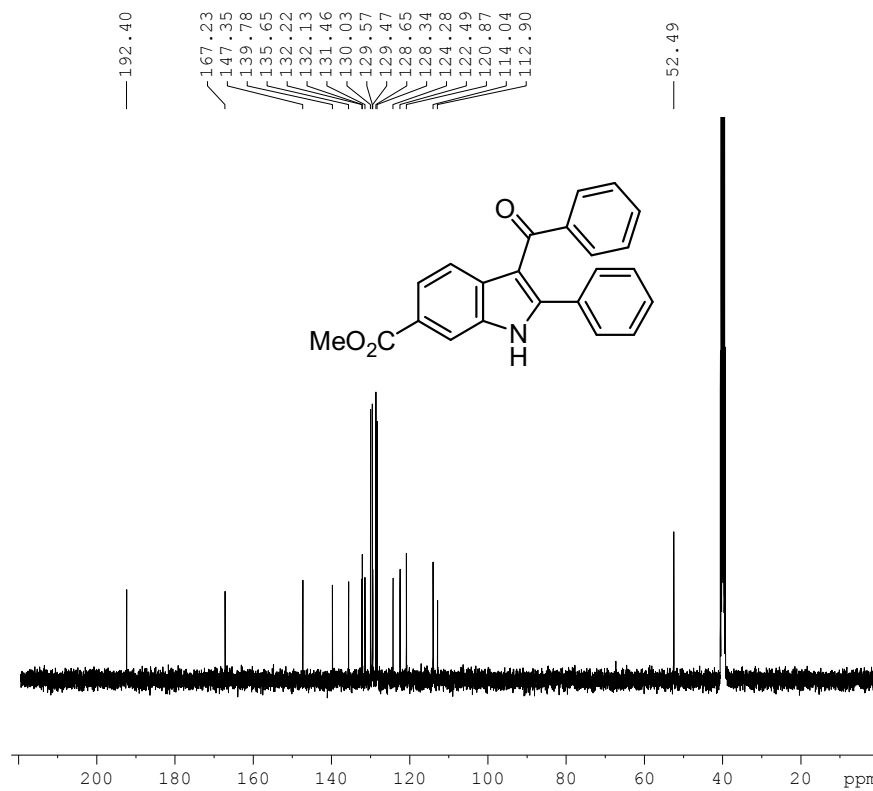


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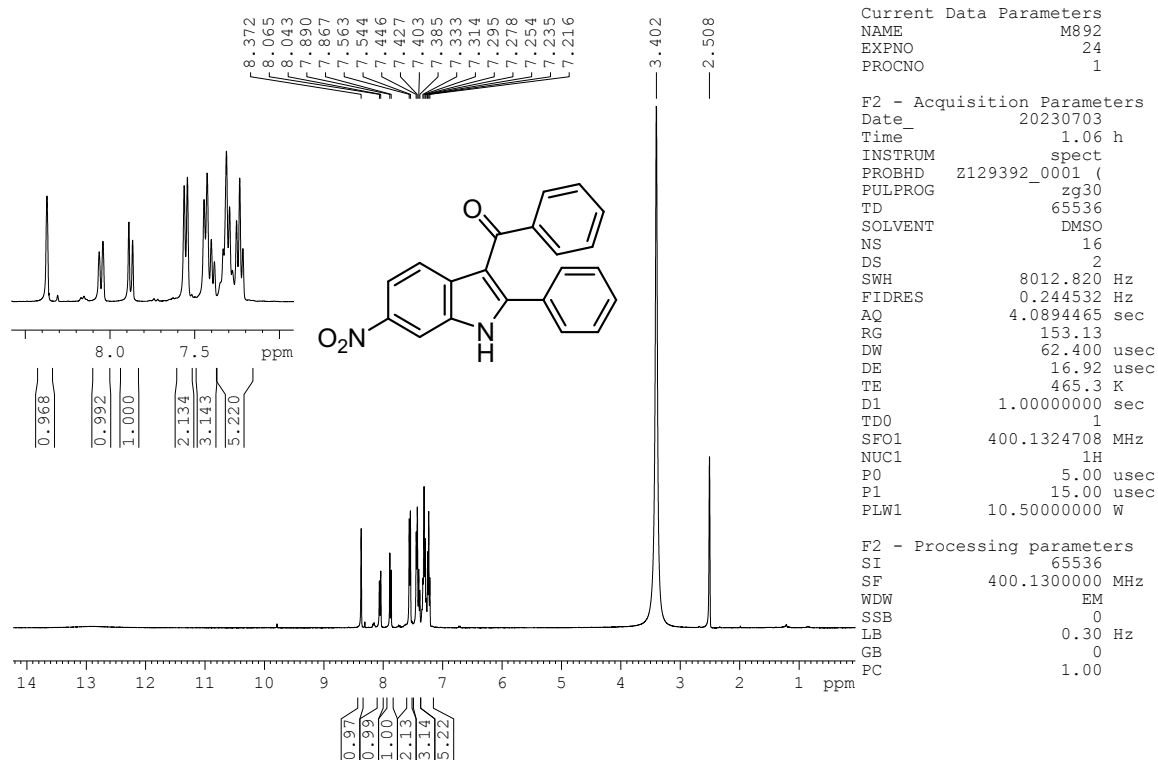
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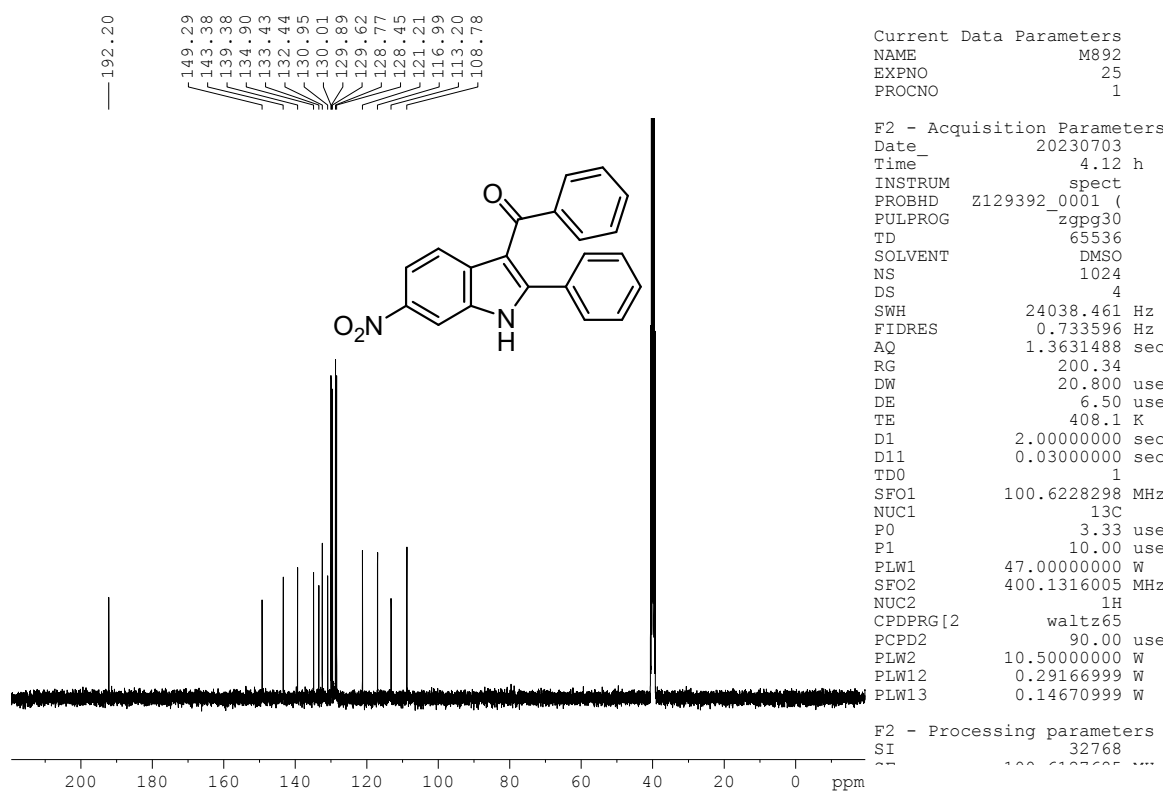
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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **6e**

### (6-nitro-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone: 6f

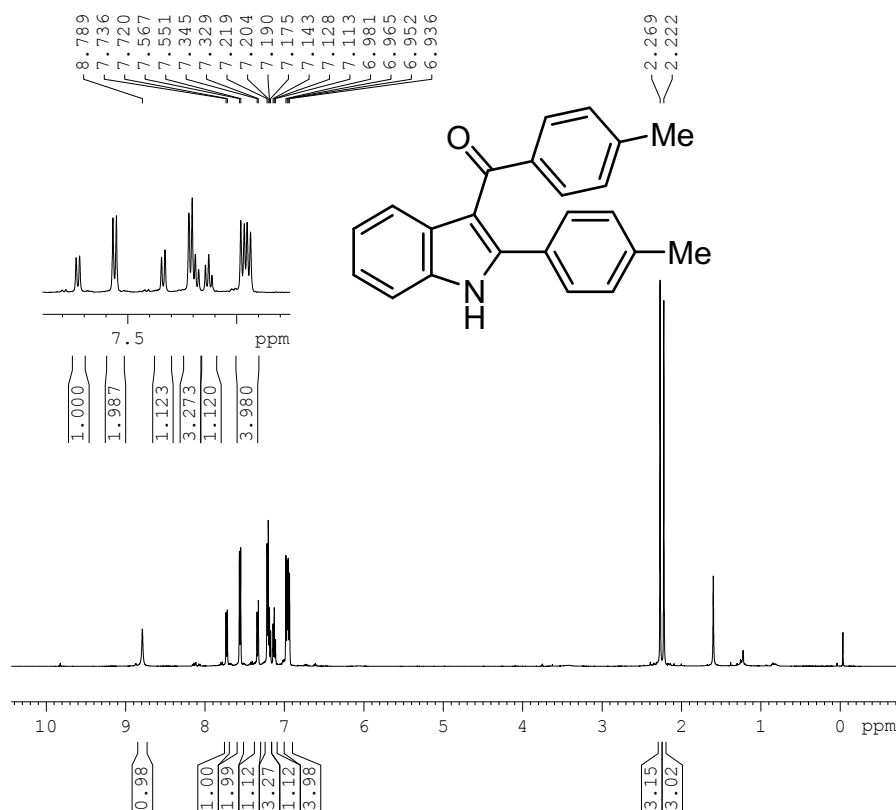


### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6f



### <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6f

**p-tolyl(2-(p-tolyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methanone: 6g**



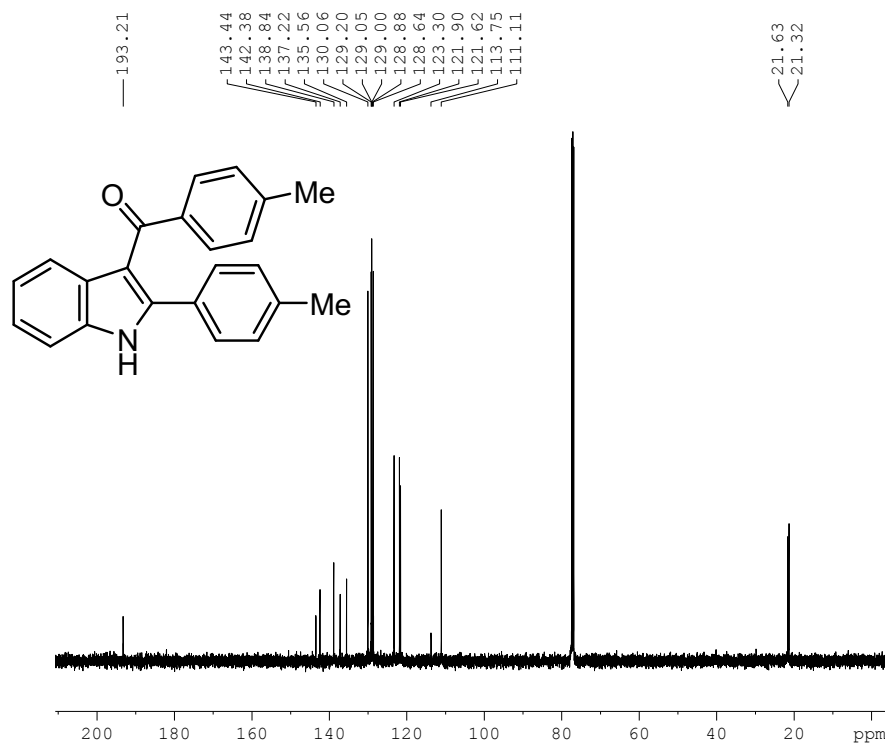
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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6g**



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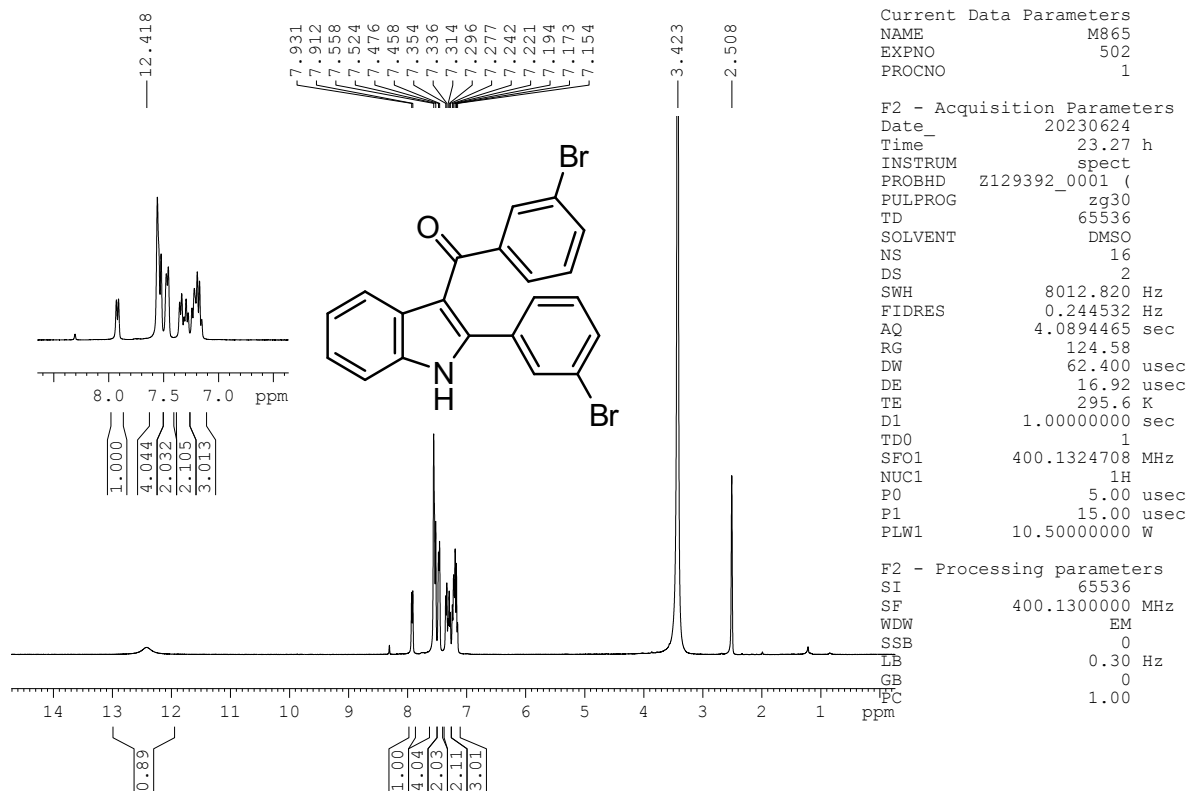
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 D11 0.03000000 sec  
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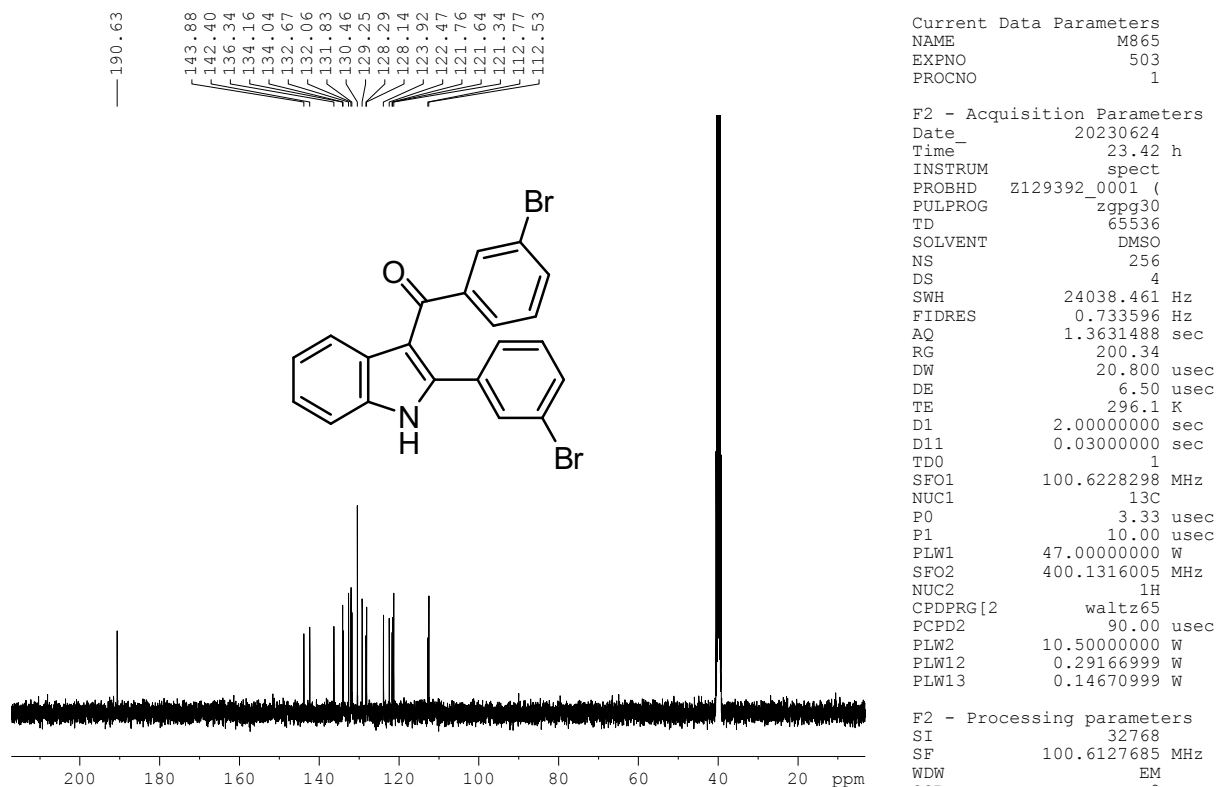
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**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6g**

**(3-bromophenyl)(2-(3-bromophenyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methanone: 6h**

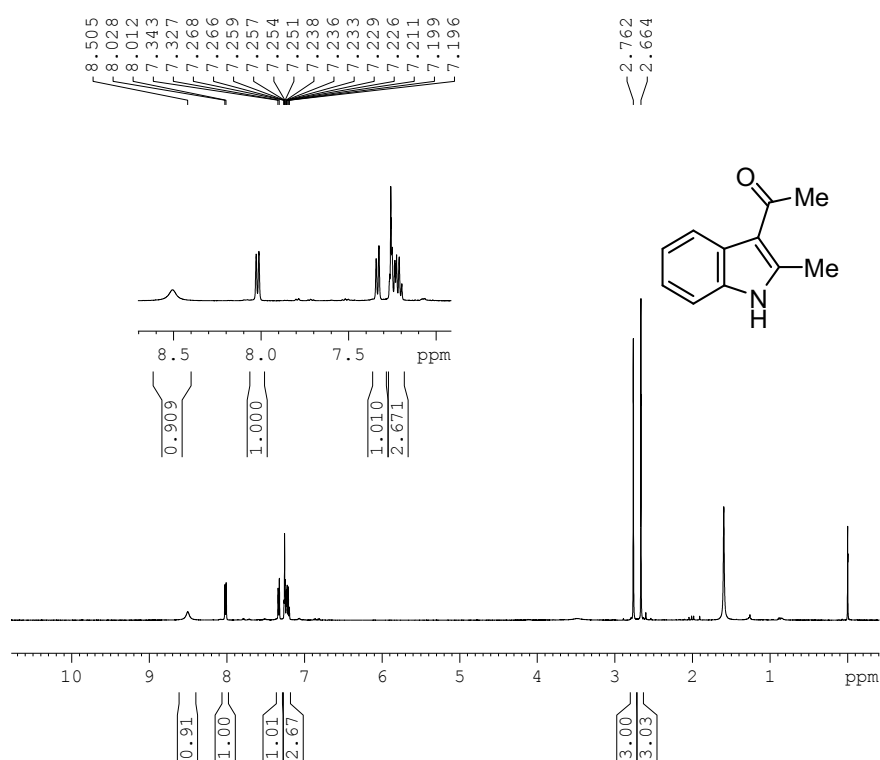


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6h**



**<sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6h**

**1-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one: 6i**



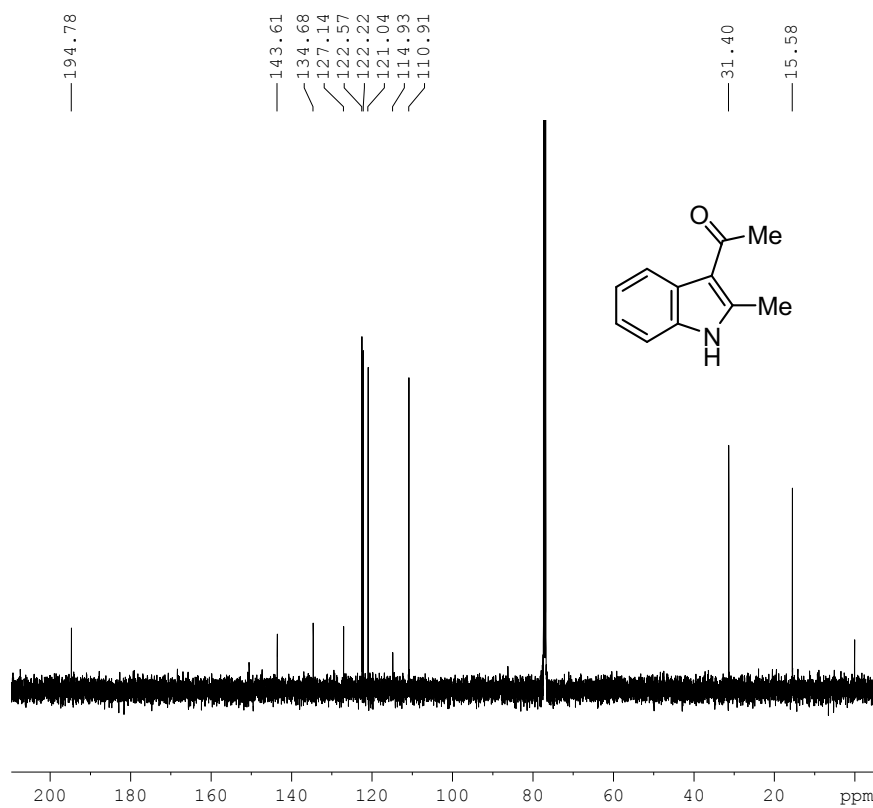
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 PLW1 15.30000019 W

F2 - Processing parameters  
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 PC 1.00

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **6i**



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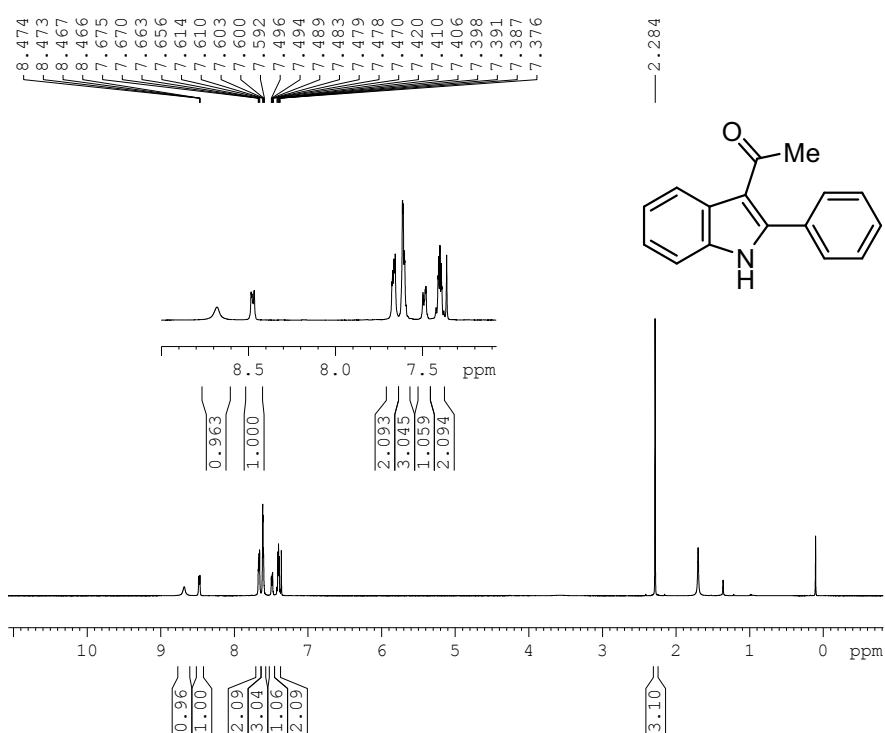
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 CPDPRG[2] waltz16  
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 PLW12 0.39658999 W  
 PLW13 0.19948000 W

F2 - Processing parameters  
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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound **6i**

**1-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one: 6j**



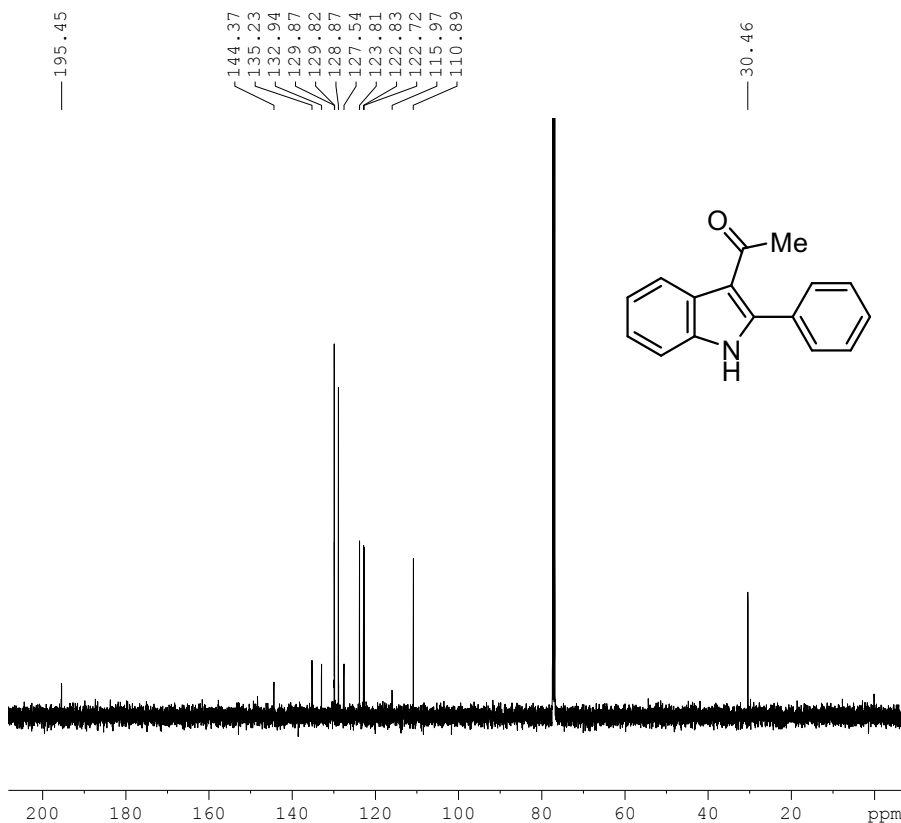
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 FIDRES 0.305176 Hz  
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 TE 303.2 K  
 D1 0.50000000 sec  
 TD0 1

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F2 - Processing parameters  
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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6j**



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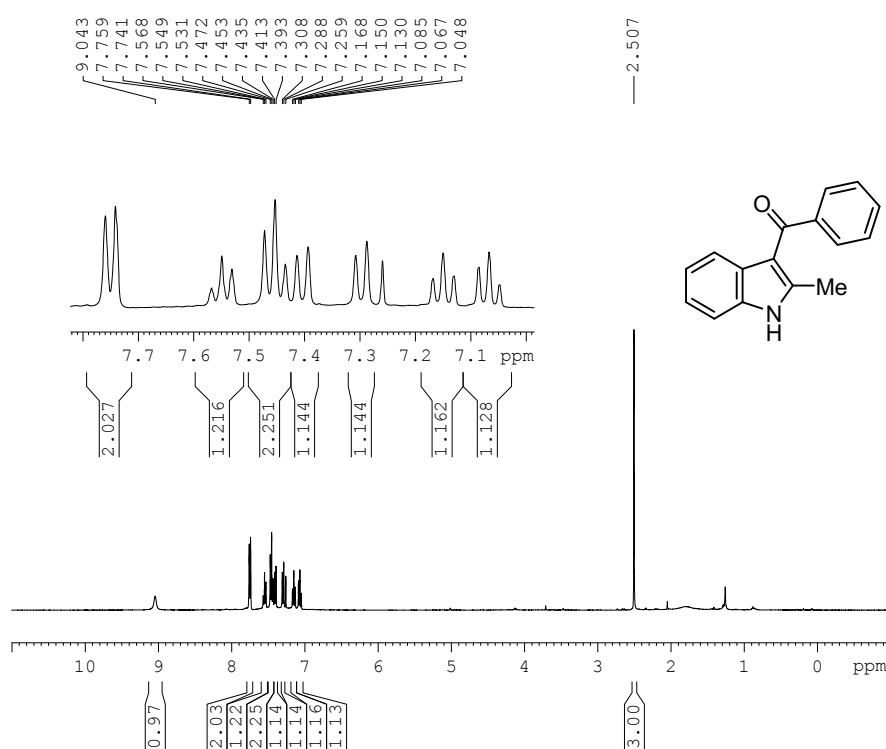
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 AQ 0.3440640 s  
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===== CHANNEL f2 =====  
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 CPDPRG[2] waltz16  
 PCPD2 80.00 u  
 PLW2 15.30000019 W  
 PLW12 0.39658999 W  
 PLW13 0.19948000 W

**<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6j**

(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methanone: 6j'

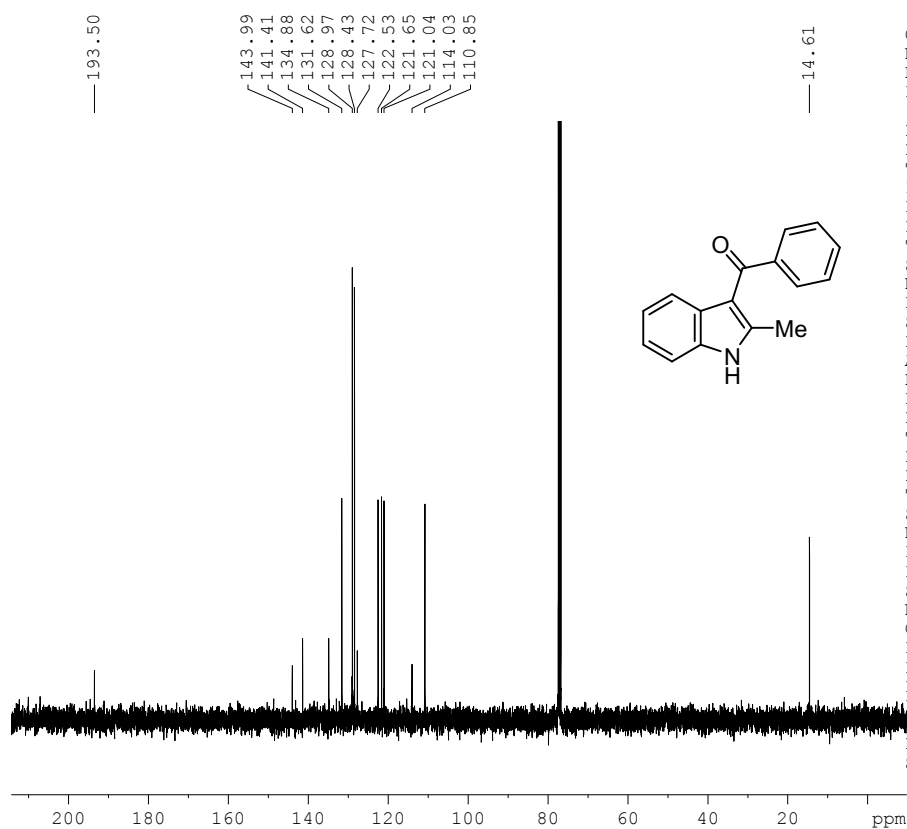


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TE 297.8 K  
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P1 15.00 usec  
PLW1 10.50000000 W

F2 - Processing parameters  
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SF 400.1300099 MHz  
WDW EM  
SSB 0  
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GB 0  
PC 1.00

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6j'



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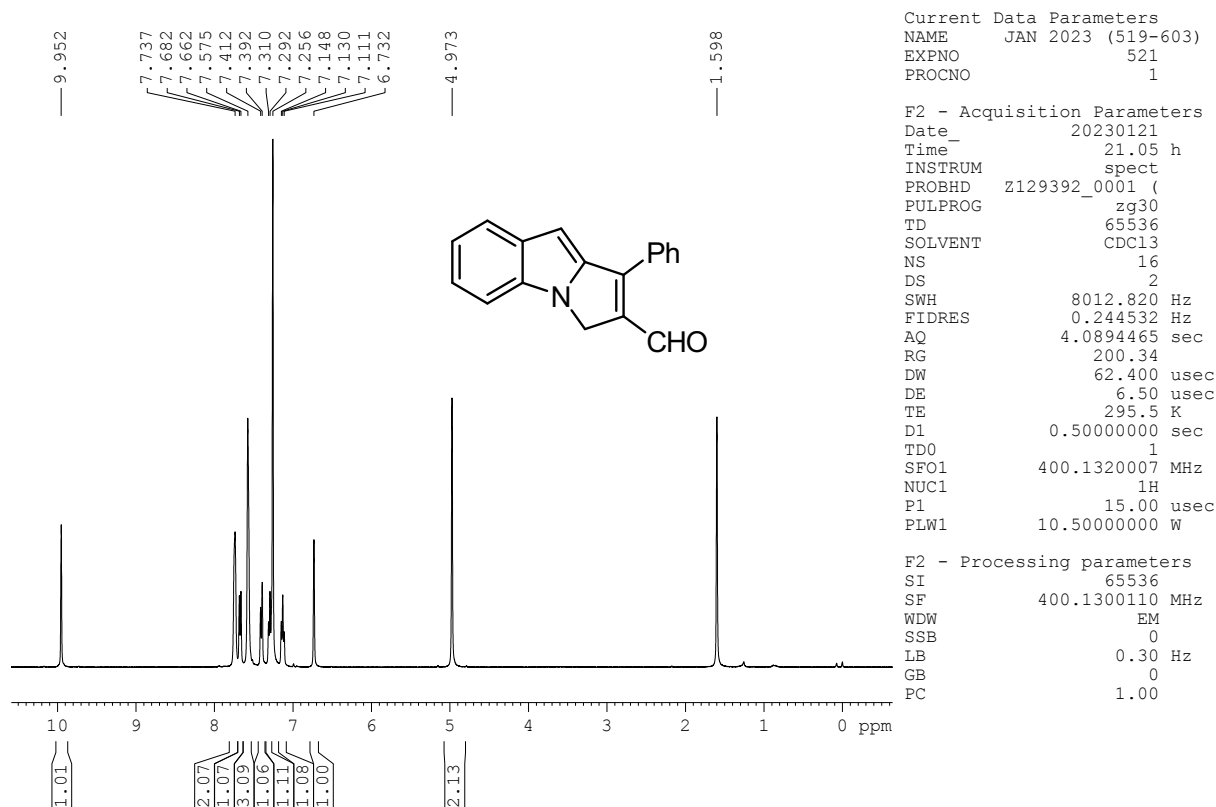
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RG 200.34  
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NUC1 13C  
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PLW1 47.00000000 W  
SFO2 400.1316005 MHz  
NUC2 1H  
CPDPRG[2] waltz16  
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PLW13 0.14670999 W

F2 - Processing parameters  
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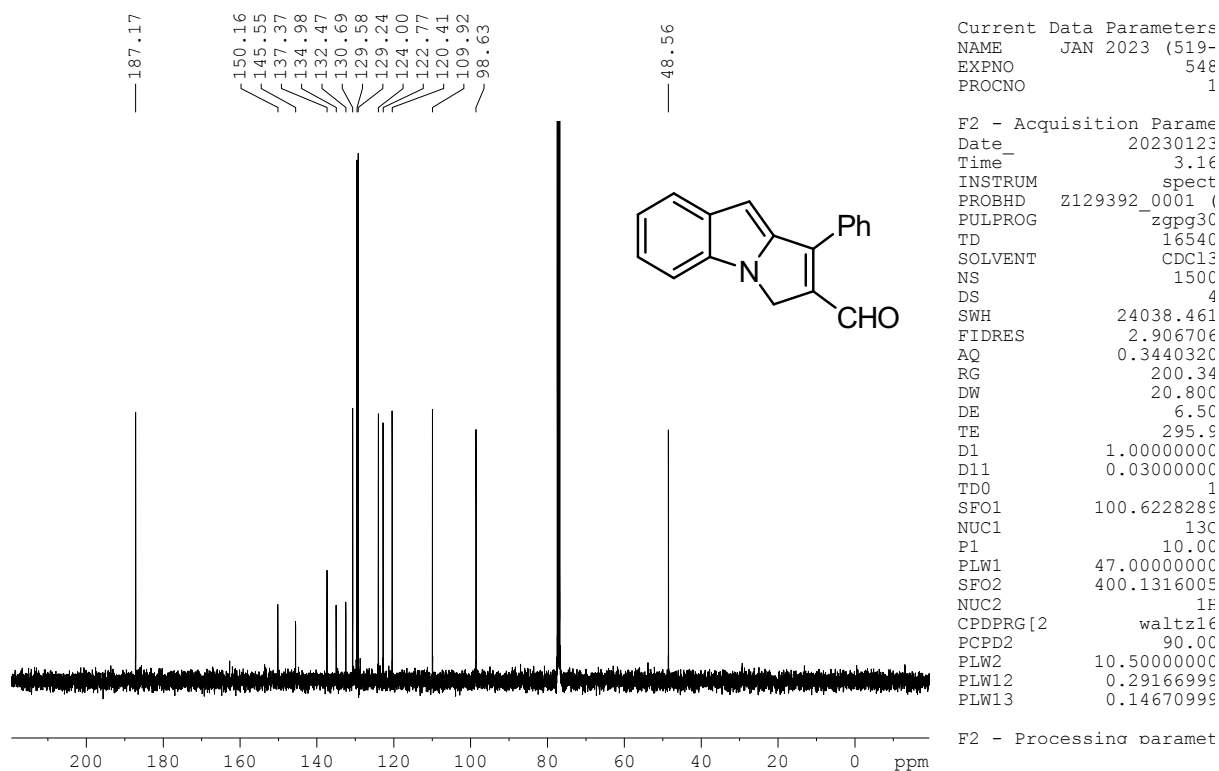
<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 6j'



# 1-phenyl-3H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-2-carbaldehyde 7

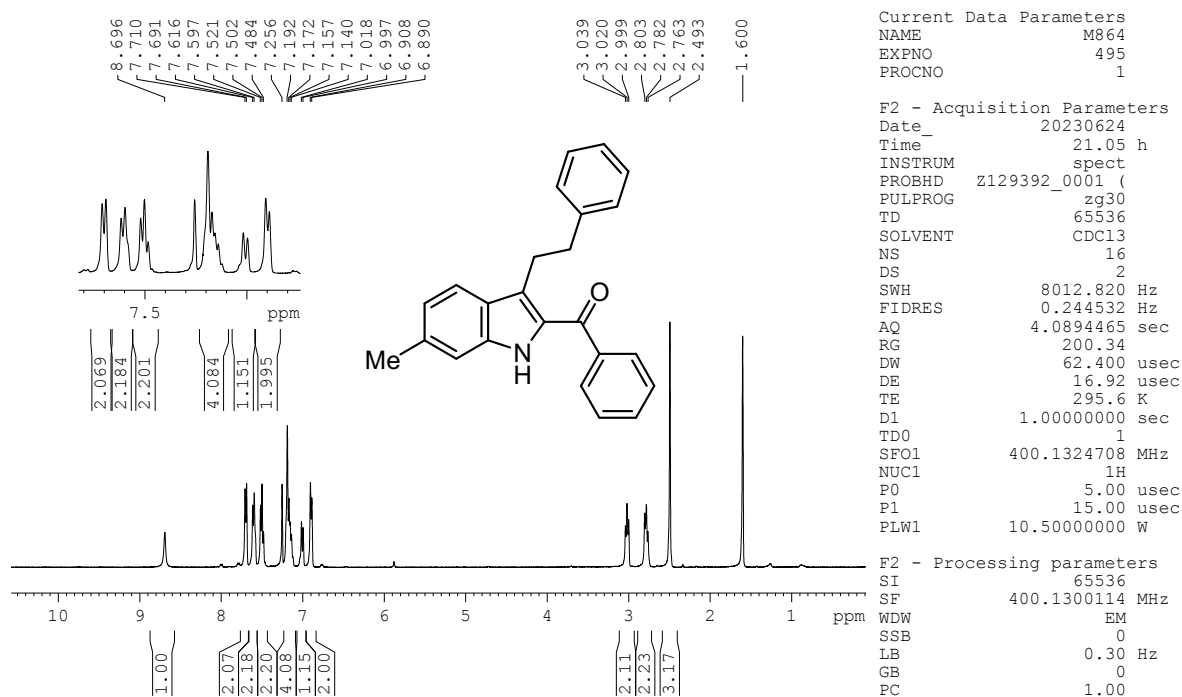


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 7

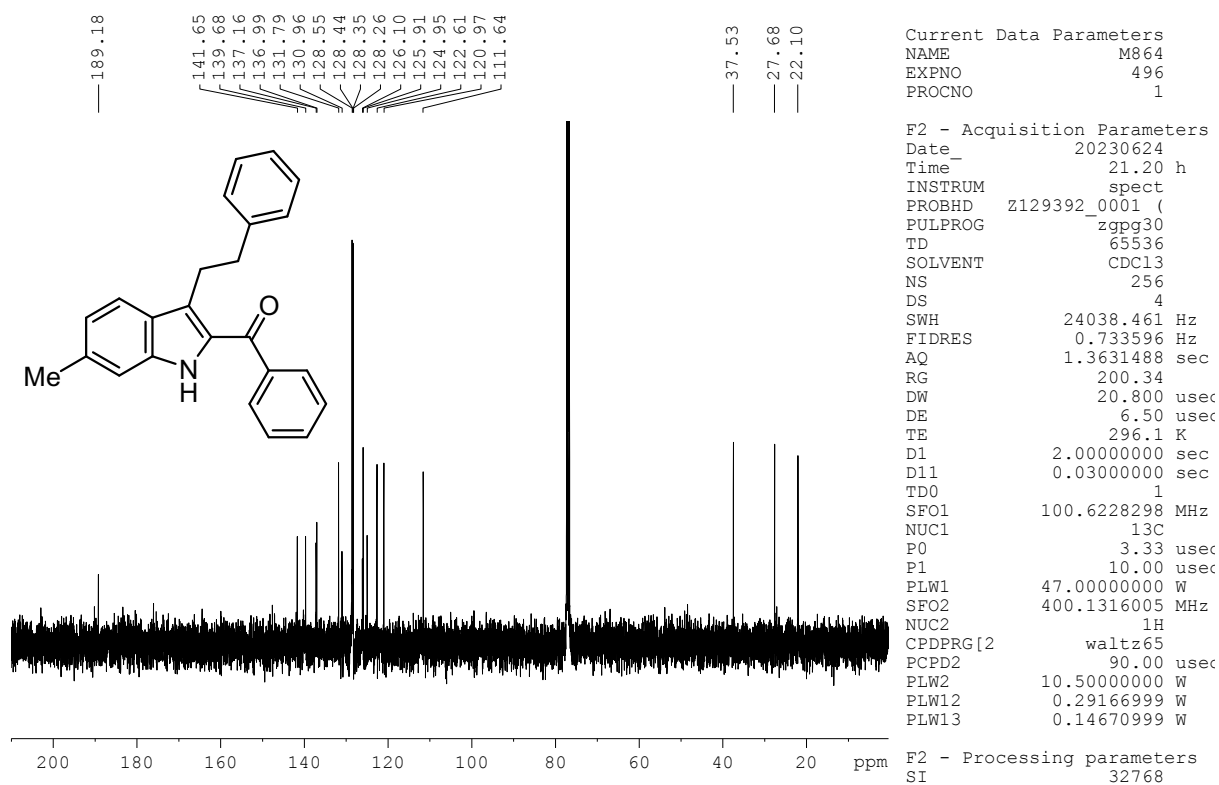


<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 7

(6-methyl-3-phenethyl-1H-indol-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone: 3x

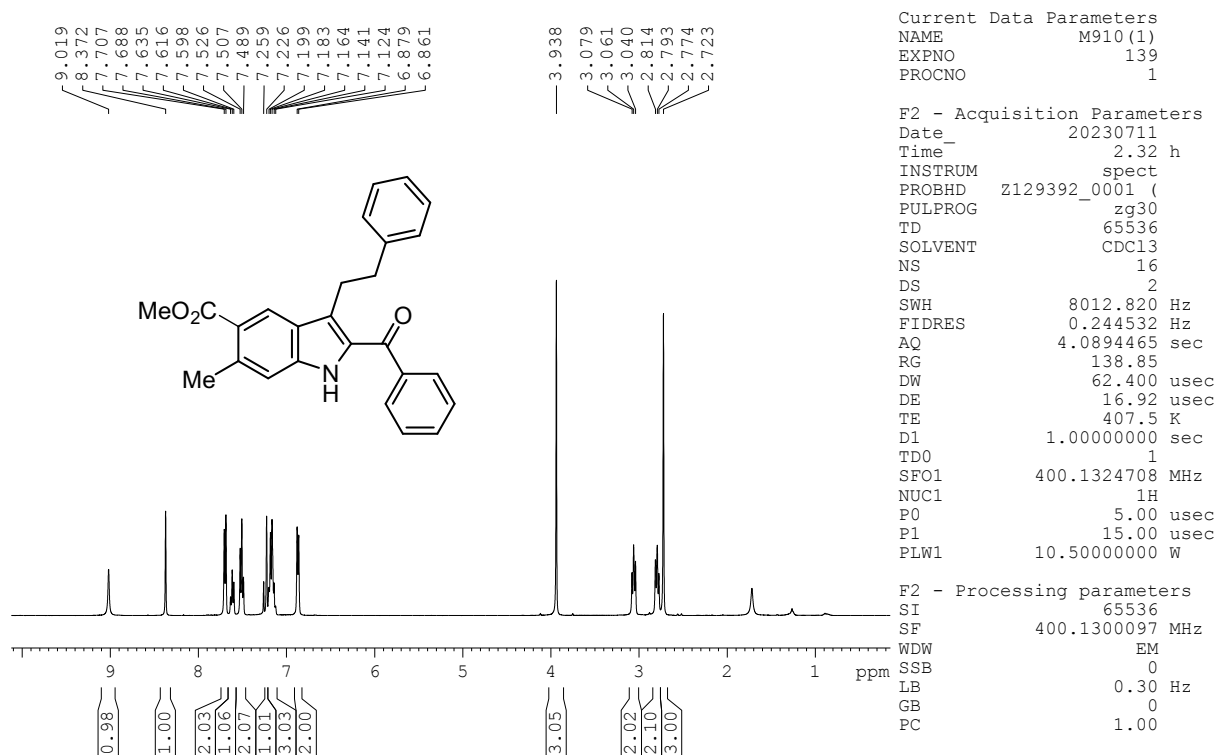


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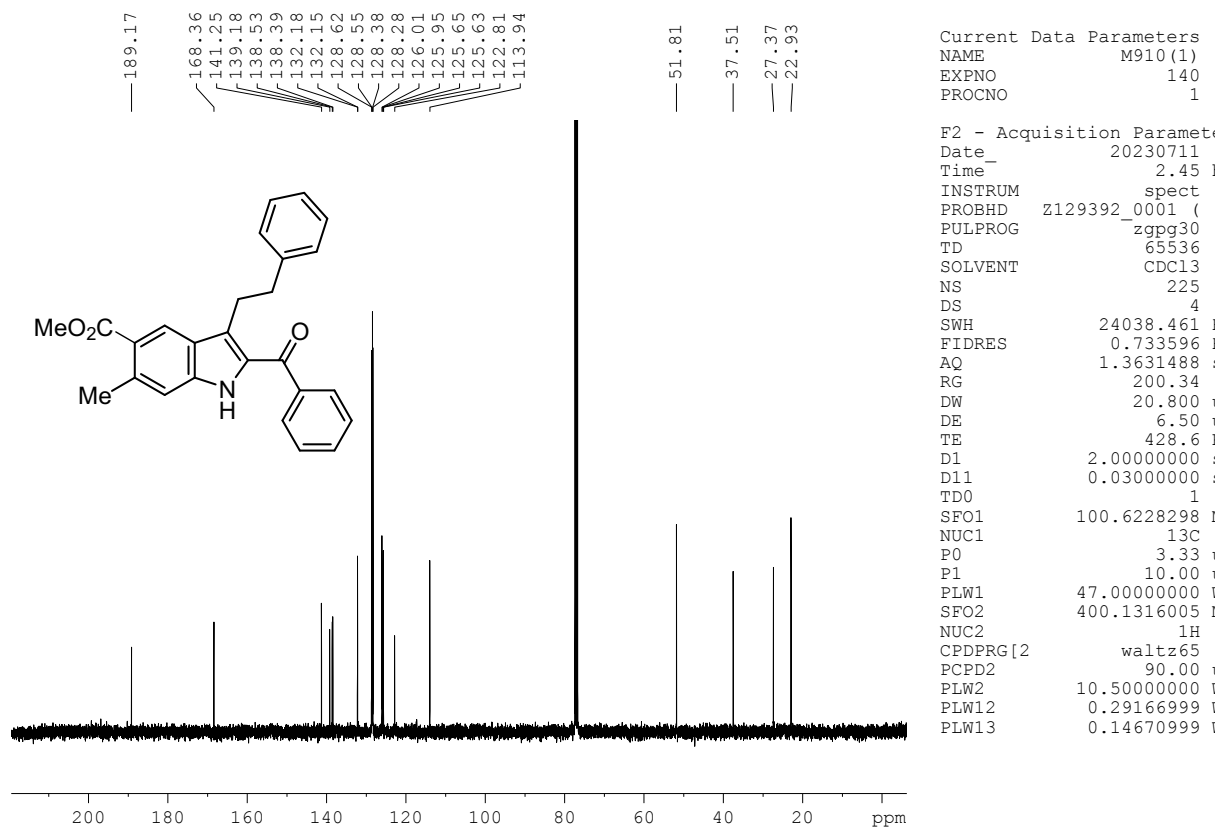


<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 3x

**methyl 2-benzoyl-6-methyl-3-phenethyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylate: 9**

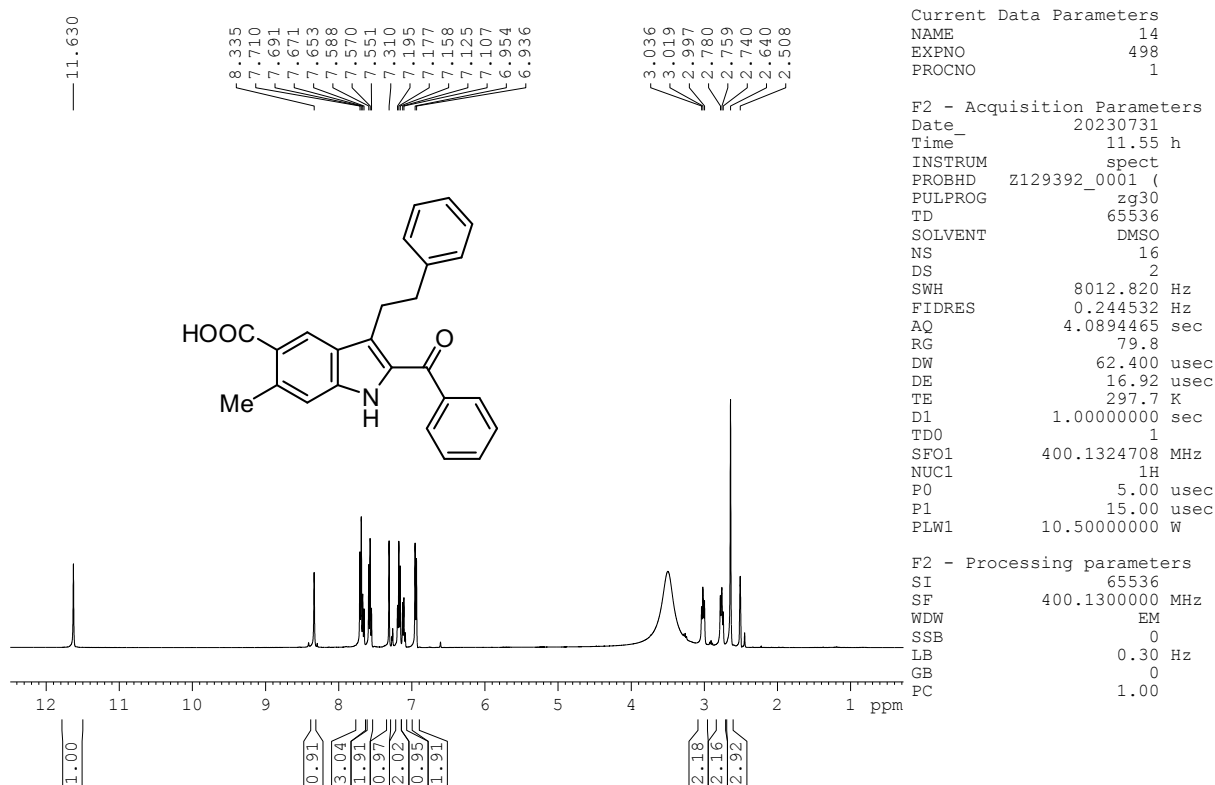


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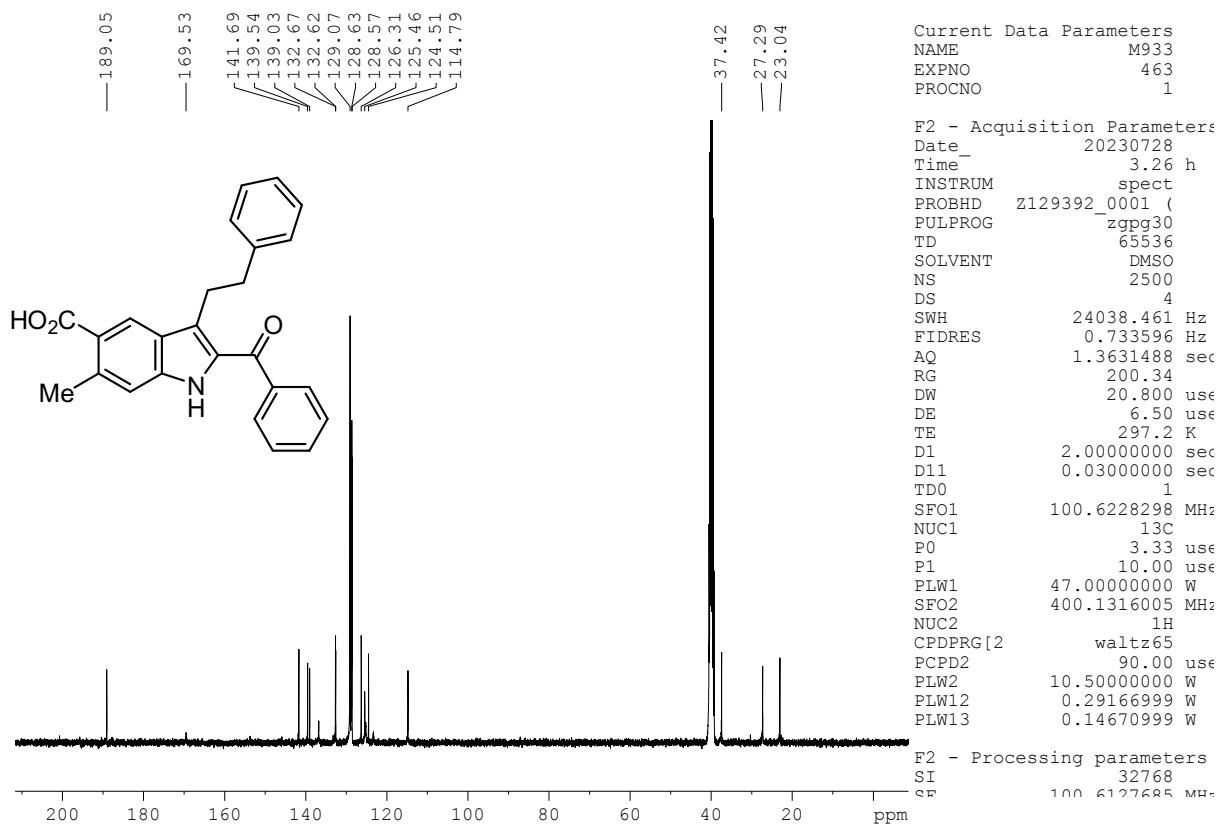


<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 9

## 2-benzoyl-6-methyl-3-phenethyl-1H-indole-5-carboxylic acid: 10



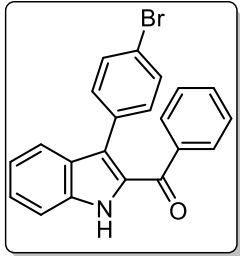
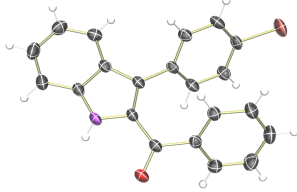
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 10



<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 24 °C) of the compound 10

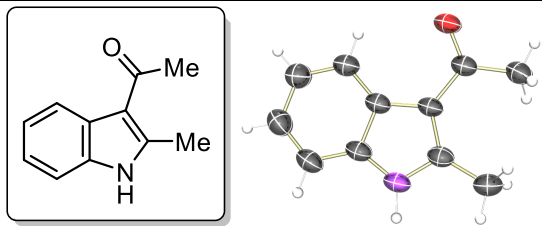
## 10. XRD data of 3g, 6i, and 6j

### a. Single crystal XRD data of 3g:

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Molecular Structure (ORTEP Structure)	 
Formula	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>14</sub> BrNO
Formula weight	376.24
Color	Brownish white
Temperature/K	296(2)
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$
Wavelength/Å	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.6408(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	9.9341(5)
<i>c</i> (Å)	10.3685(5)
$\alpha$ (°)	98.203(2)
$\beta$ (°)	101.166(2)
$\gamma$ (°)	103.107(2)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	834.05(8)
<i>Z</i>	2
Density (g/mL)	1.498

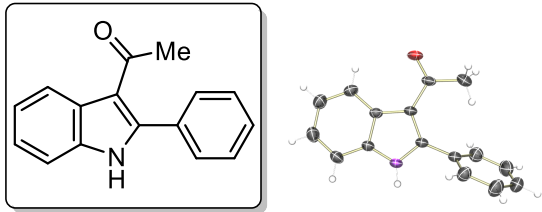
$\mu$ (1/mm)	2.470
$F$ (000)	380
$\theta$ (min, max)	2.49 to 26.21
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$R_{\text{obs}}$ , $wR_{2_{\text{obs}}}$	0.0302, 0.0727
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ )	0.0390, 0.0769
Goof	1.040

**b. Single crystal XRD data of 6i:**

DATA	6i
Molecular Structure (ORTEP Structure)	
Formula	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$
Formula weight	173.21
Color	Yellowish white
Temperature/K	296(2)
Radiation	Mo $K\alpha$
Wavelength/ $\text{\AA}$	1.54178
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$C 2/c$
$a$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	13.5293(7)
$b$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	7.3263(3)
$c$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	19.0986(9)
$\alpha$ ( $^\circ$ )	90

$\beta$ (°)	99.741(3)
$\gamma$ (°)	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1865.75(15)
Z	8
Density (g/mL)	1.233
$\mu$ (1/mm)	0.632
F (000)	736
$\theta$ (min, max)	4.70 to 71.47
No. of unique reflns	13865
No. of parameters	124
R <sub>obs</sub> , wR <sub>2_obs</sub>	0.0568, 0.1576
$\Delta\rho_{\min}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\max}$ (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.0693, 0.1763
Goof	1.065

**c. Single crystal XRD data of 6j:**

DATA	6j
Molecular Structure (ORTEP Structure)	
Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO
Formula weight	235.27
Color	Yellowish white
Temperature/K	296(2)
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$
Wavelength/Å	0.71073
Crystal system	triclinic

Space group	P -1
$a$ (Å)	7.4062(4)
$b$ (Å)	7.8098(5)
$c$ (Å)	10.9025(6)
$\alpha$ (°)	101.137(2)
$\beta$ (°)	93.235(2)
$\gamma$ (°)	96.394(2)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	612.92(6)
$Z$	2
Density (g/mL)	1.275
$\mu$ (1/mm)	0.080
$F(000)$	248
$\theta$ (min, max)	3.242 to 33.143
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$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.0832, 0.2091
Goof	1.013