

Microwave-assisted copper-catalyzed hydroxylation of aryl halides in water

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Supplementary Information

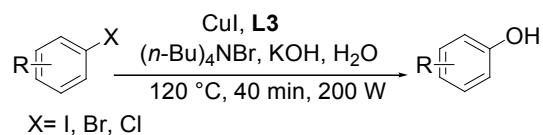
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1. General information

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. A CEM Discover microwave synthesizer was used in the standard configuration as delivered, including proprietary software. All experiments were carried out in sealed microwave process vials (10 mL). The temperature of the reaction mixture inside the vessel was monitored using a calibrated infrared temperature control under the reaction vessel. After completion of the reaction, the vial was cooled down to 25 °C via air jet cooling before opening. Column chromatography was carried out with silica gel (200-300 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was carried out using Merck silica gel GF254 plates. All products were characterized by NMR. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz (Bruker DPX) with CDCl₃, DMSO-d₆ and D₂O as solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm using TMS as internal standard. Gas chromatography - mass spectra (GC/MS) were recorded on an Agilent Technologies 6890 N instrument with an Agilent 5973N mass detector (EI) and a HP5-MS 30 m x 0.25 mm capillary apolar column (Stationary phase: 5% diphenyldimethylpolysiloxane film, 0.25 µm). GC/MS method: Initial temperature: 150 °C; Initial time: 1 min; Ramp: about 15°C/min until 250 °C then 20 min.

2. General procedure for the catalytic reactions



In a 10 mL glass tube aryl halide (1.0 mmol), CuCl₂ (0.1 mmol), L3 (0.1 mmol), (n-Bu)₄NBr (0.1 mmol) and KOH (2.0 equiv) and 3.0 mL water were placed. The vessel was then sealed with a septum and placed into the microwave cavity. Initial microwave irradiation of 200 W by using a CEM Discover microwave synthesiser was used and the temperature being ramped from rt to the desired temperature of 120 °C. Once this was reached, the reaction mixture was held at this temperature for 40 min. The reaction mixture was stirred continuously during the reaction. After allowing the mixture to cool to rt, the reaction vessel was opened and the contents were acidified with 2 M hydrochloric acid to pH 5–7. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3X15 mL). The organic washings were combined, dried over MgSO₄, and then ethyl acetate was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography to afford the corresponding product. All the products were confirmed by NMR and MS spectroscopic analysis.

MTT ASSAY METHODS

Yellow-coloured MTT (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) is reduced by the mitochondria of living cells to form a purple-coloured (formazan) crystalline derivative. These crystals can be solubilised by the addition of dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) and their concentration determined spectrophotometrically, as detailed below.

The human erythroleukemic cell line, K562, and the human nasopharyngeal carcinoma cell line, CNE2, were employed to determine the anticancer ability of synthesized chemicals. Each cell line was seeded in 96-well plates at a density of 9000 cells per well in RPMI 1640 medium for 24 h. The next day, 2,3-dihydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone solutions, ranging in concentrations from 10⁻¹⁰ to 10⁻⁴ M were added to the culture medium. MTT reagent (5 mg/ml) was added to each sample after 48 hrs of treatment. The cells were incubated for 4 h and the absorbance of samples (A₅₅₀) was determined using a plate reader. Experiments were repeated 6 times in 8 replicates.

3. Experimental procedures and characterization data

Phenol¹



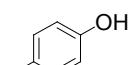
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.99-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 155.3, 129.8, 121.0, 115.5.

MS (EI, m/z): 94 [M⁺].

p-Cresol¹



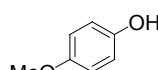
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.09 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 153.1, 130.2, 115.3, 115.2, 20.5.

MS (EI, m/z): 108 [M⁺].

4-Methoxyphenol¹



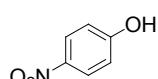
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 6.81 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 4H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 153.6, 149.5, 116.2, 115.0, 55.9.

MS (EI, m/z): 124 [M⁺].

4-Nitrophenol¹



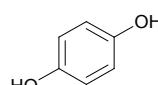
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¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 8.20 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 161.6, 139.9, 126.3, 115.8.

MS (EI, m/z): 139 [M⁺].

Hydroquinone²



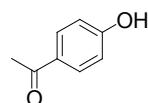
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¹**H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆)** δ = 8.62 (s, 2H), 6.59 (s, 4H).

¹³**C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆)** δ = 150.2, 116.1.

MS (EI, m/z): 110 [M⁺].

4-Hydroxyacetophenone¹



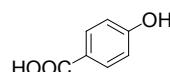
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 10.32 (s, 1H), 7.83-7.84 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 196.4, 162.5, 131.2, 129.1, 115.6, 26.7.

MS (EI, m/z): 136 [M⁺].

4-Hydroxybenzoic acid¹



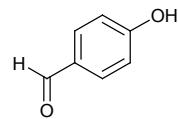
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 3:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 12.42 (br, 1H), 10.21 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 167.6, 162.1, 132.0, 121.9, 115.6.

MS (EI, m/z): 138 [M⁺].

4-Hydroxybenzaldehyde¹



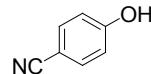
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1). White yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 10.59 (s, 1H), 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 191.4, 163.7, 132.6, 128.9, 116.3.

MS (EI, M/Z): 122 [M⁺].

4-Hydroxybenzonitrile³



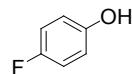
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.4, 134.4, 119.3, 116.5, 102.8.

MS (EI, m/z): 119 [M⁺].

4-Fluorophenol⁴



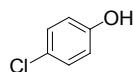
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 6:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.93-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.20 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 158.7, 156.3, 151.1, 116.5, 116.4, 116.3, 116.0.

MS (EI, m/z): 112 [M⁺].

4-Chlorophenol¹



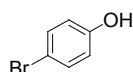
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 154.0, 129.6, 125.8, 116.7.

MS (EI, m/z): 128 [M⁺].

4-Bromophenol¹



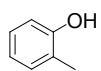
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 154.5, 132.5, 117.2, 113.0.

MS (EI, m/z): 173 [M⁺].

***o*-Cresol⁴**



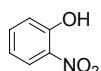
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 5:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.12-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.83 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.93 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.7, 131.2, 127.2, 123.9, 120.9, 115.1, 15.8.

MS (EI, m/z): 108 [M⁺].

***o*-Nitrophenol⁵**



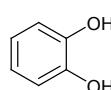
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.60 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 155.1, 137.5, 130.3, 125.1, 120.2, 120.0.

MS (EI, m/z): 139 [M⁺].

Catechol¹



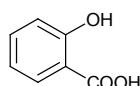
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.89-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.86 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 143.5 121.3, 115.5.

MS (EI, M/Z): 110 [M⁺].

2-Hydroxybenzoic acid



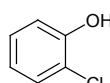
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 13.63 (br-s, 1H), 11.34 (br-s, 1H), 7.79-7.81 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.96 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 172.3, 161.6, 136.1, 130.7, 119.6, 117.5, 113.4.

MS (EI, m/z): 138 [M⁺].

2-Chlorophenol¹



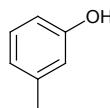
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 6:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.59-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.43-6.59 (m, 2H), 6.39-6.43 (m, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.5, 137.0, 120.0, 117.0, 114.9, 114.8.

MS (EI, m/z): 128 [M⁺].

m-Methylphenol⁴



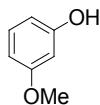
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.16-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.67-6.83 (m, 3H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 155.3, 139.4, 129.5, 121.8, 116.2, 112.4, 21.4.

MS (EI, m/z): 108 [M⁺].

m-Methoxyphenol⁴



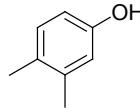
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.15-7.19 (m, 1H), 6.47-6.56 (m, 3H), 6.05 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 160.8, 156.7, 130.3, 108.1, 106.6, 101.7, 55.4.

MS (EI, m/z): 124 [M⁺].

3,4-Dimethylphenol⁶



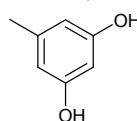
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.03 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34-6.71 (m, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 2.25 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.4, 138.0, 130.6, 128.8, 116.7, 112.5, 19.9, 18.8.

MS (EI, m/z): 122 [M⁺].

3, 5-Dihydroxytoluene⁷



Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 9.04 (s, 2H), 6.02-6.03 (m, 1H), 8.50 (s, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 158.7, 139.6, 107.5, 100.2, 21.7.

MS (EI, m/z): 124 [M⁺].

3-Hydroxypyridine⁸



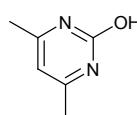
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 9.90 (s, 1H), 8.03-8.16 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.19 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 154.2, 140.7, 138.5, 124.6, 122.5.

MS (EI, m/z): 95 [M⁺].

4,6-Dimethylpyrimidin-2-ol



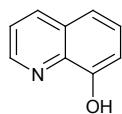
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O) δ = 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.45-2.48 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O) δ = 170.7, 148.9, 106.8, 19.7.

MS (EI, m/z): 124 [M⁺].

8-Hydroxyquinoline⁹



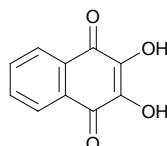
Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). White solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.82 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.1 (br s, 1H), 8.16-8.81 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.3, 147.9, 138.4, 136.2, 128.6, 127.8, 121.8, 117.9, 110.2.

MS (EI, m/z): 145 [M⁺].

2,3-Dihydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone¹⁰



Purification by flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 4:1). Yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.23 (s, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 179.4, 135.5, 133.7, 127.6, 127.0.

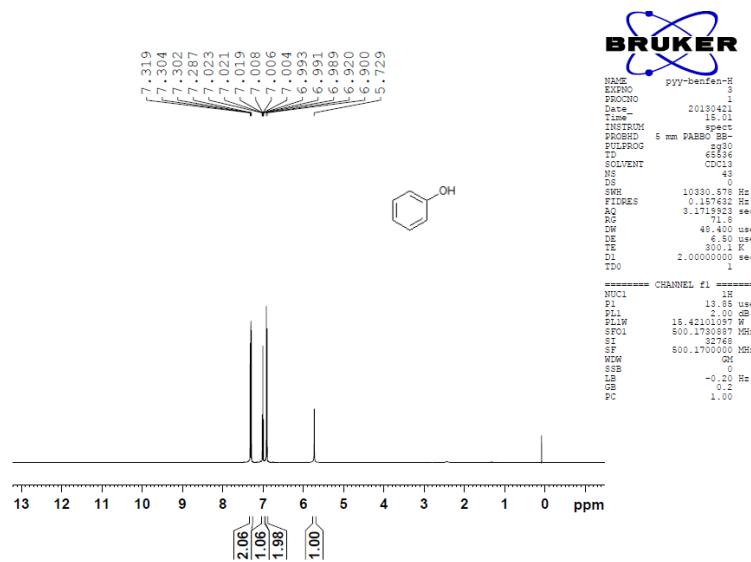
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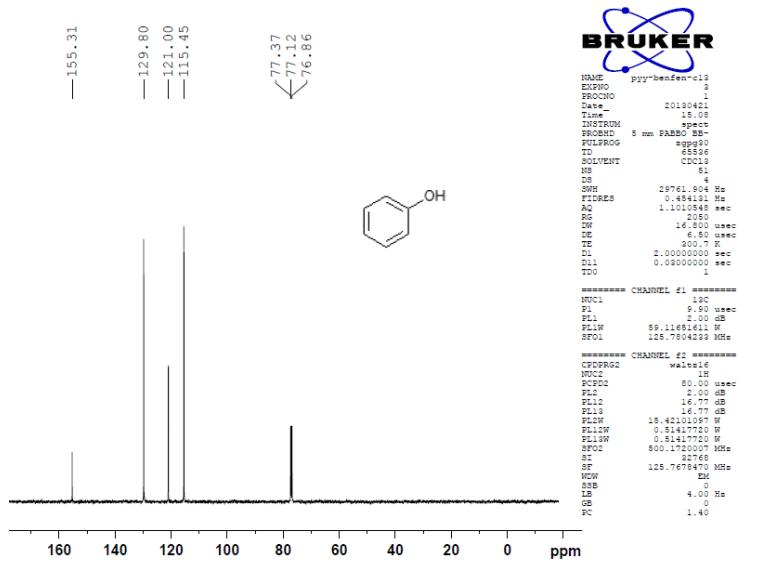
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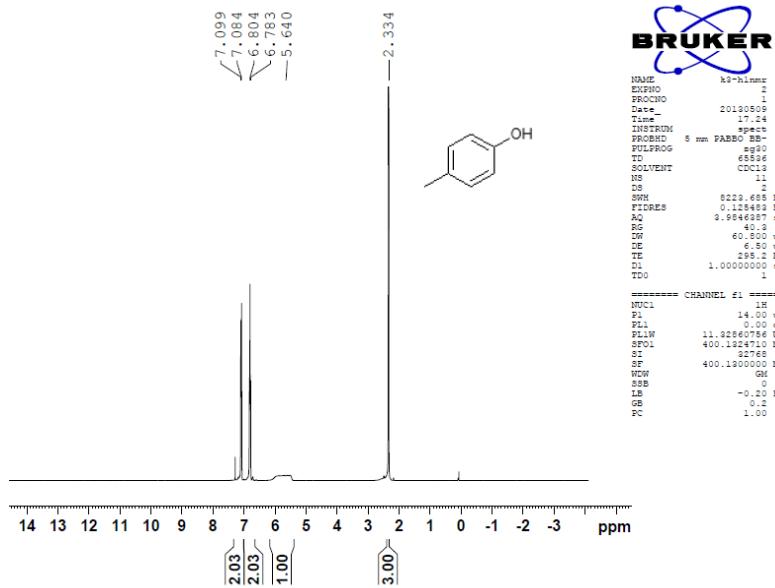
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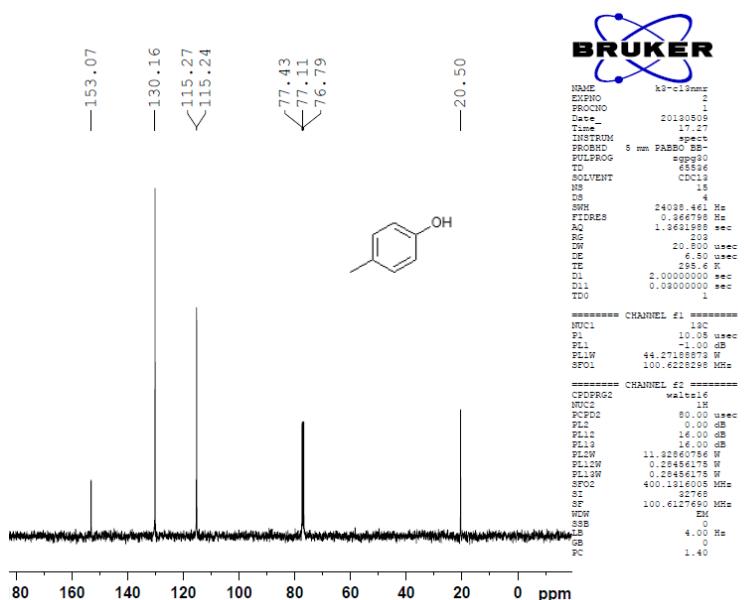
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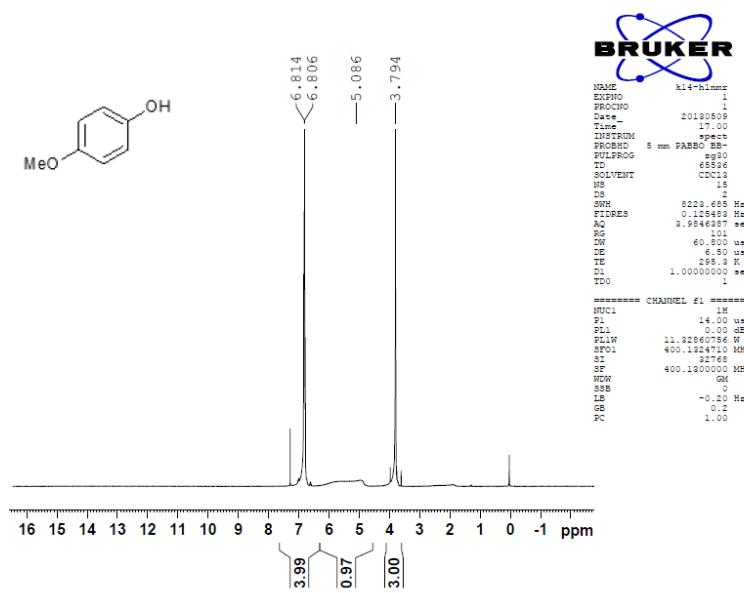


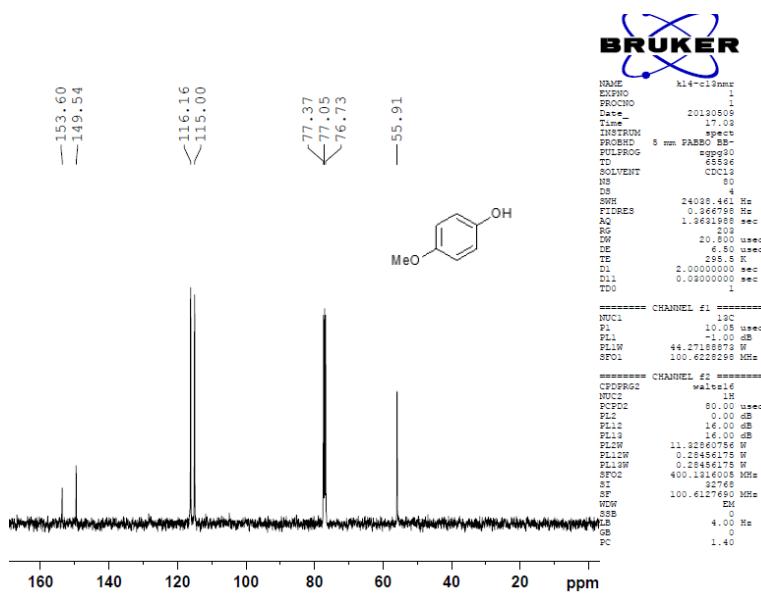
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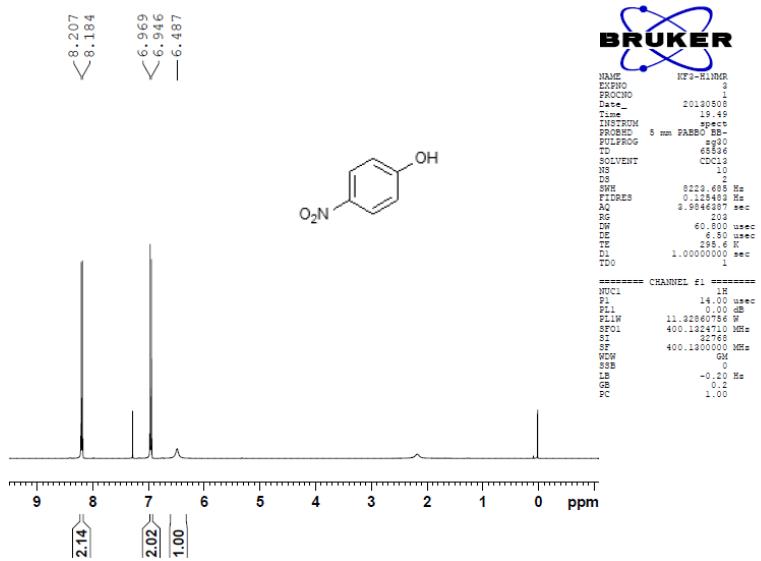


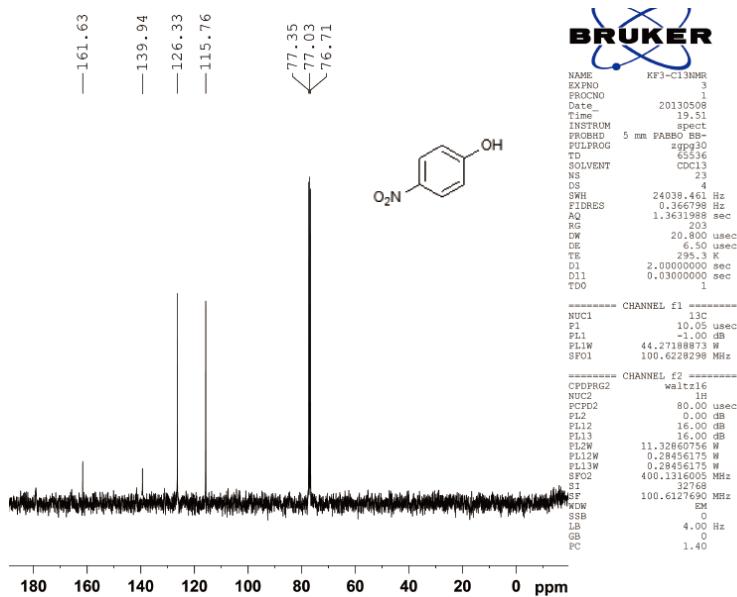
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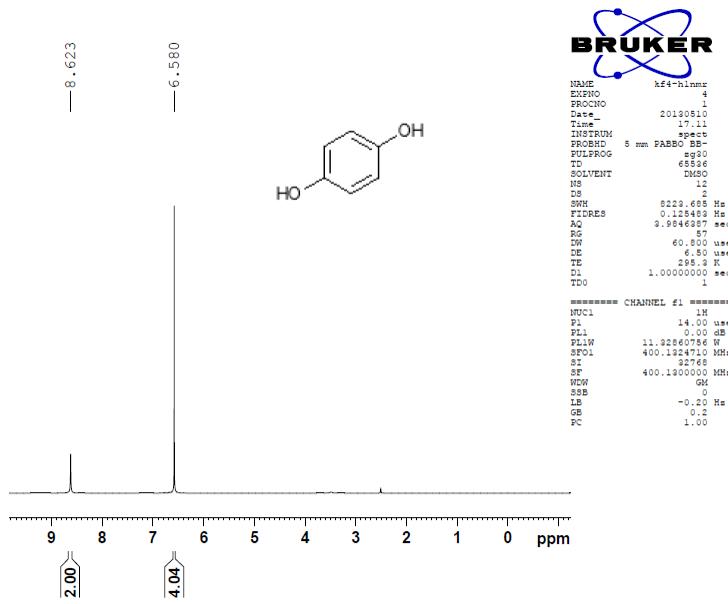


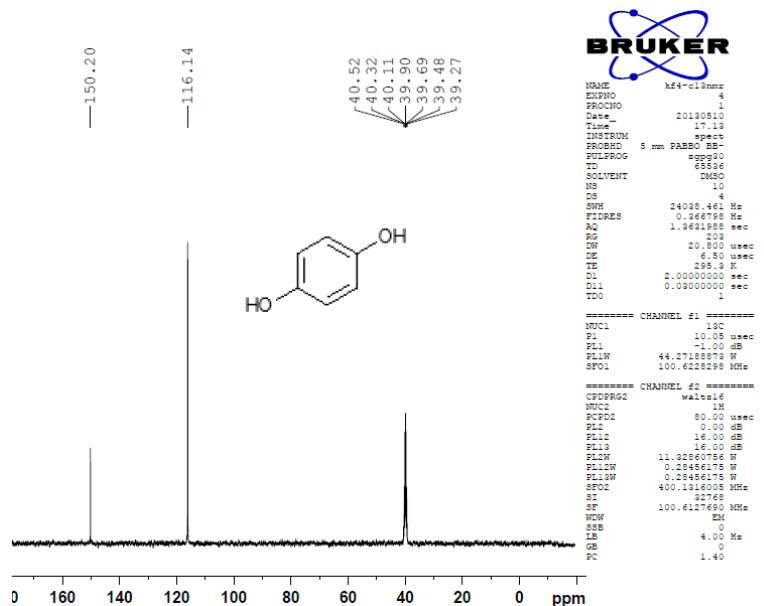
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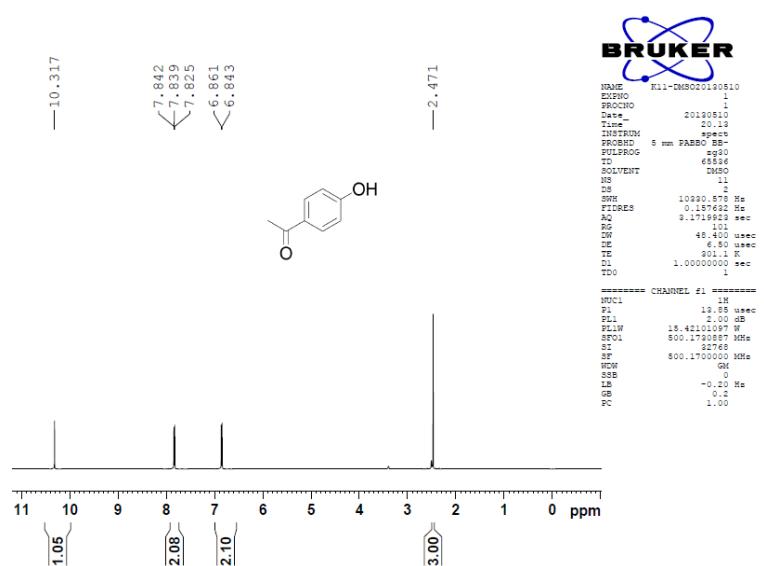


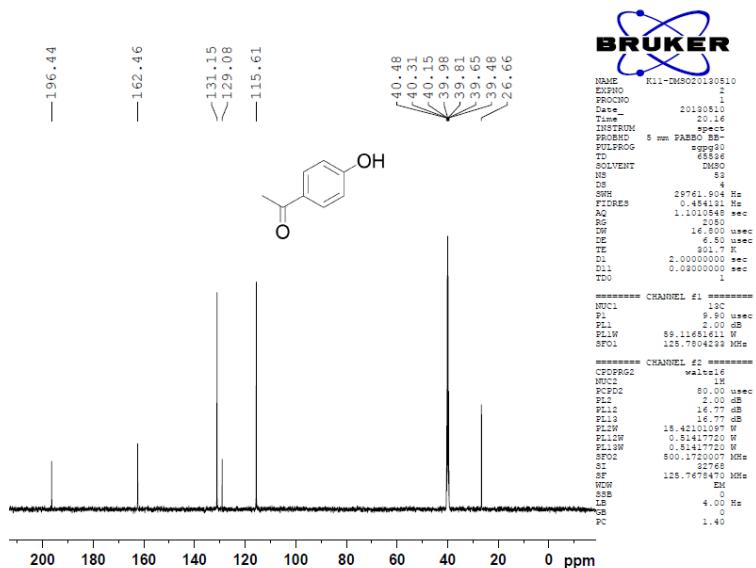
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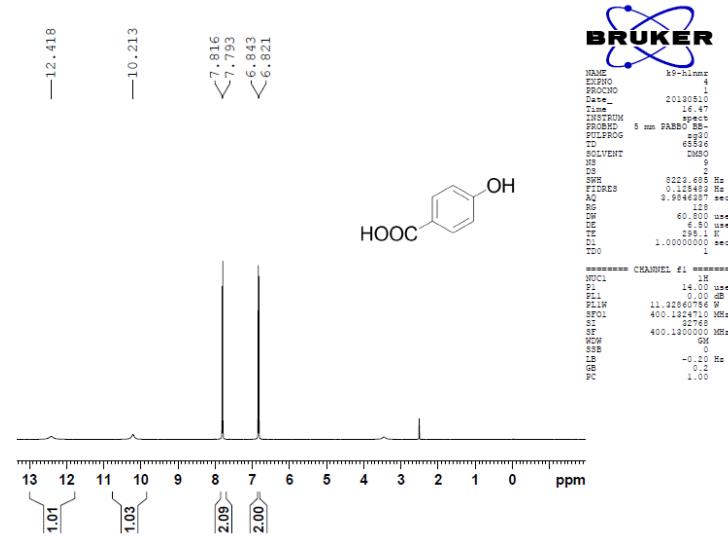


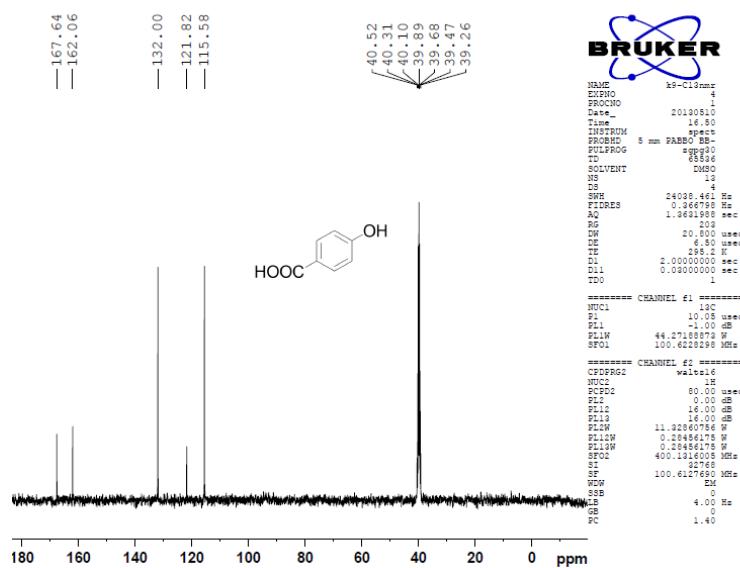
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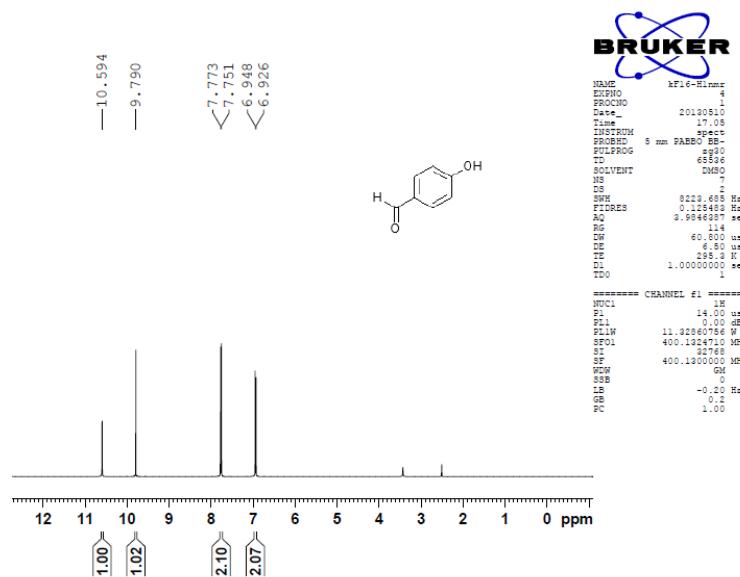


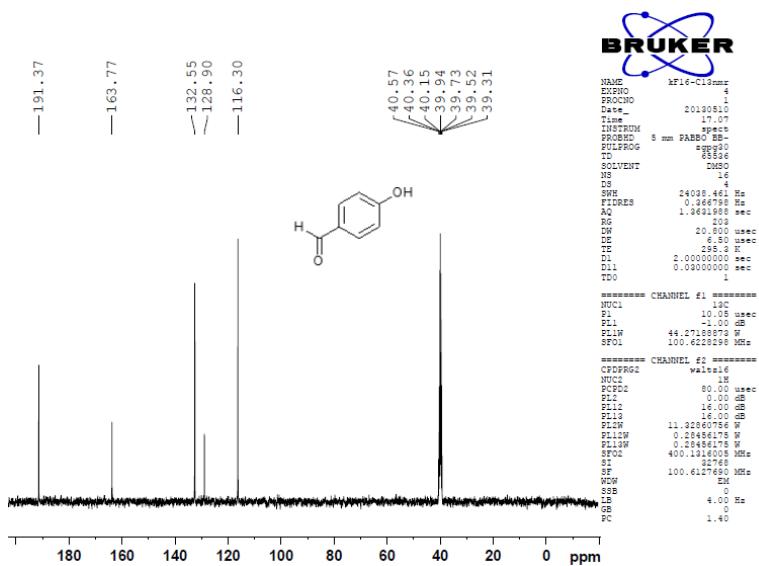
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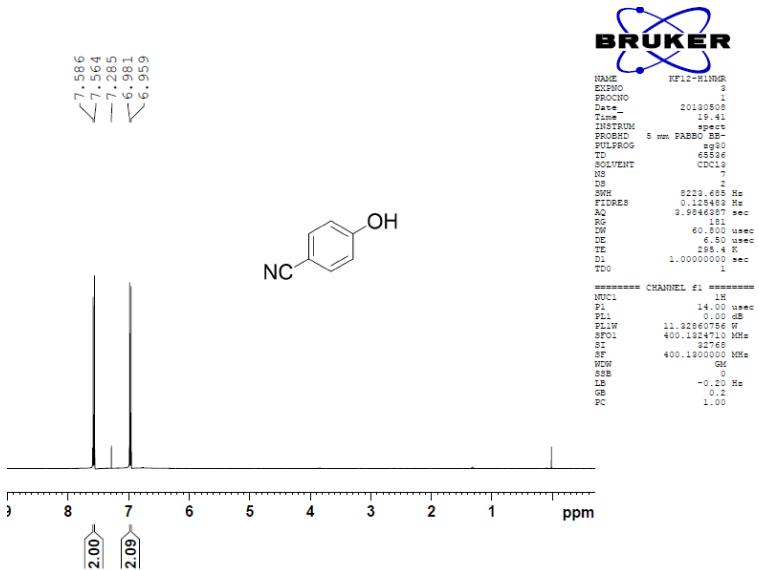


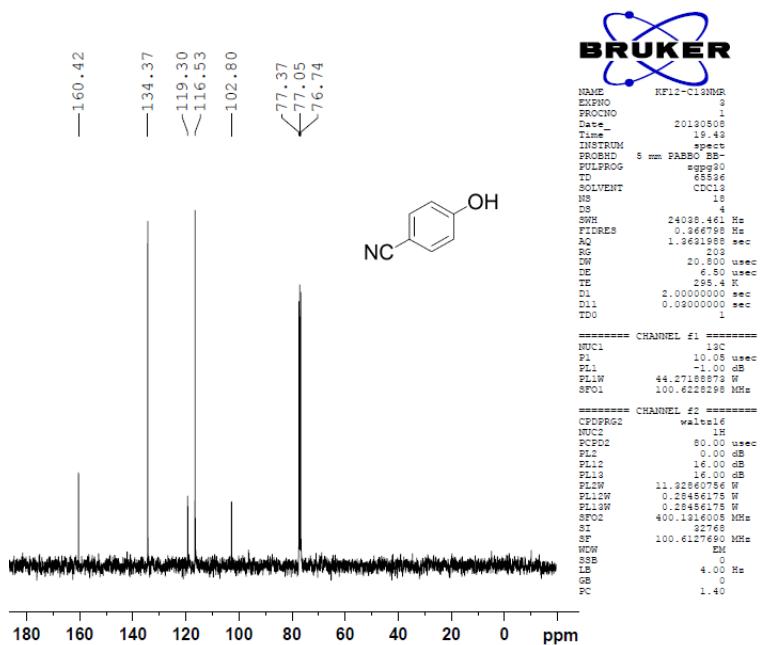
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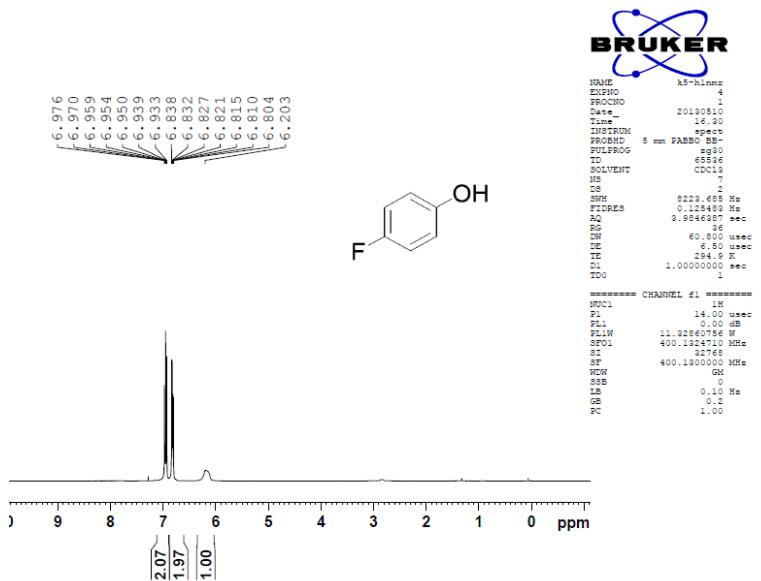


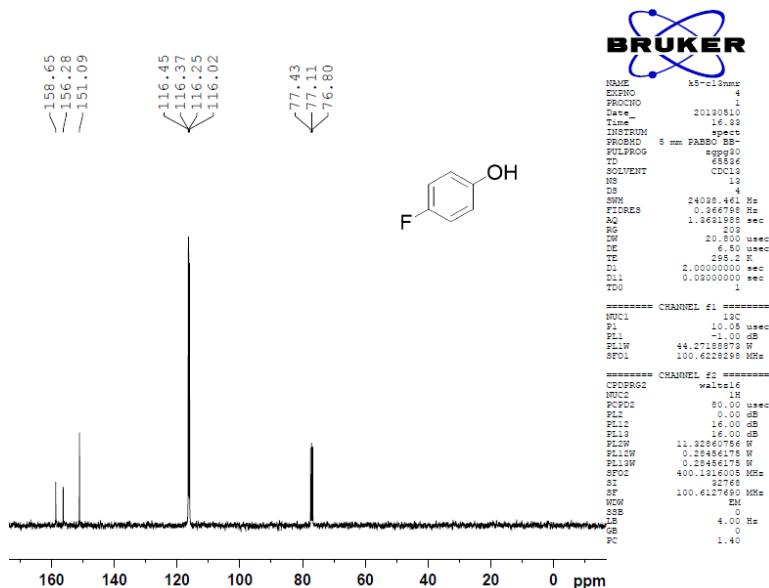
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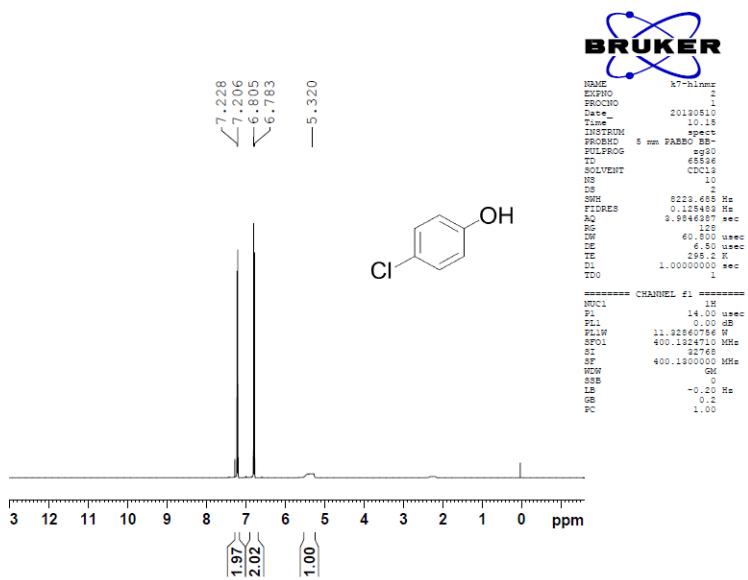


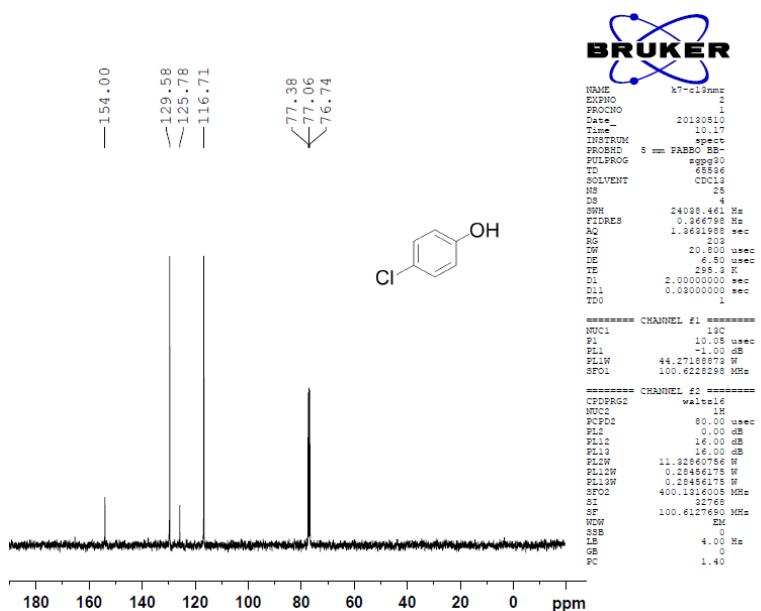
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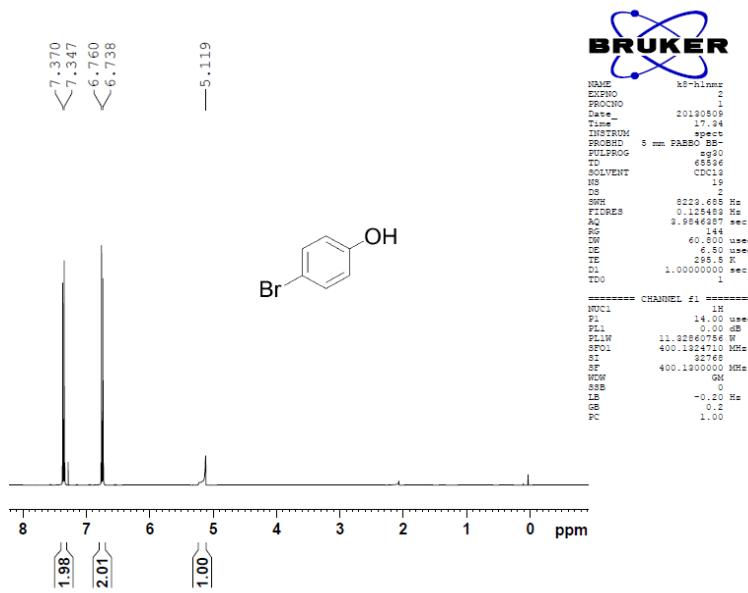


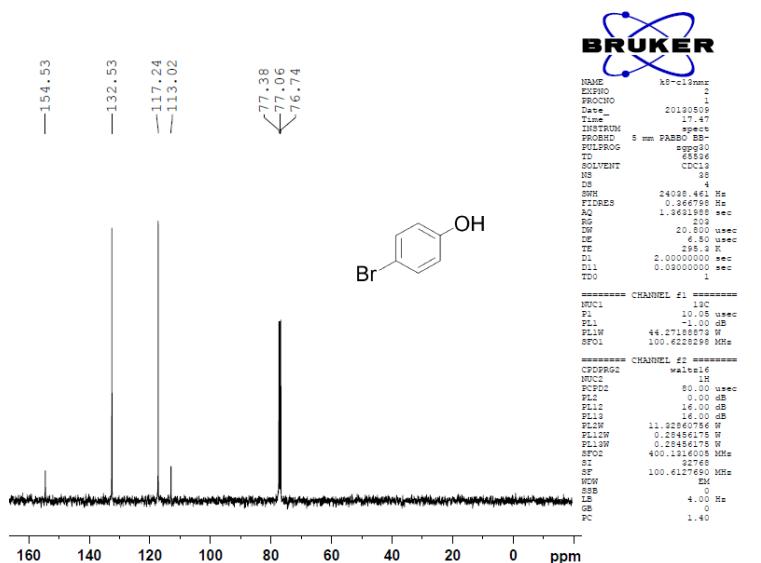
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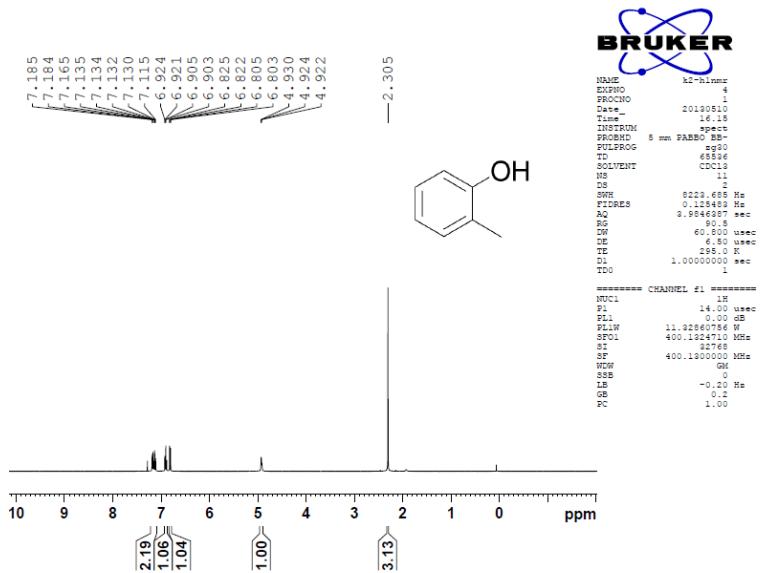


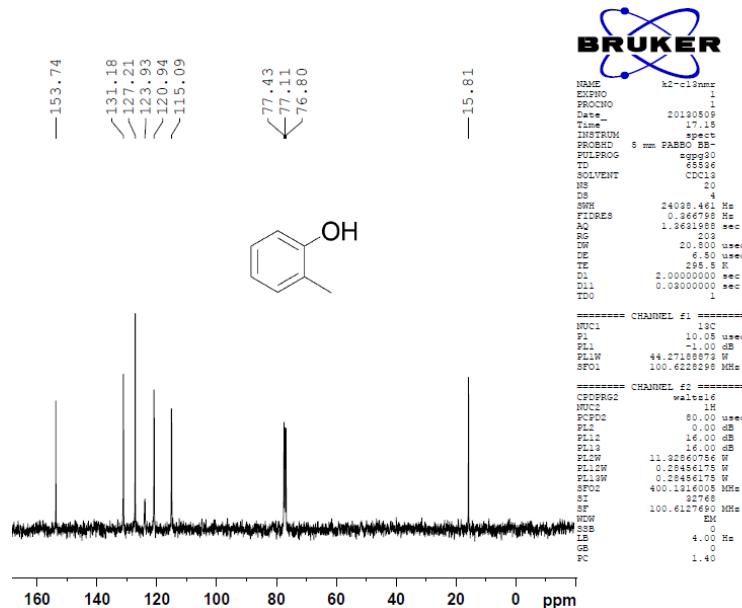
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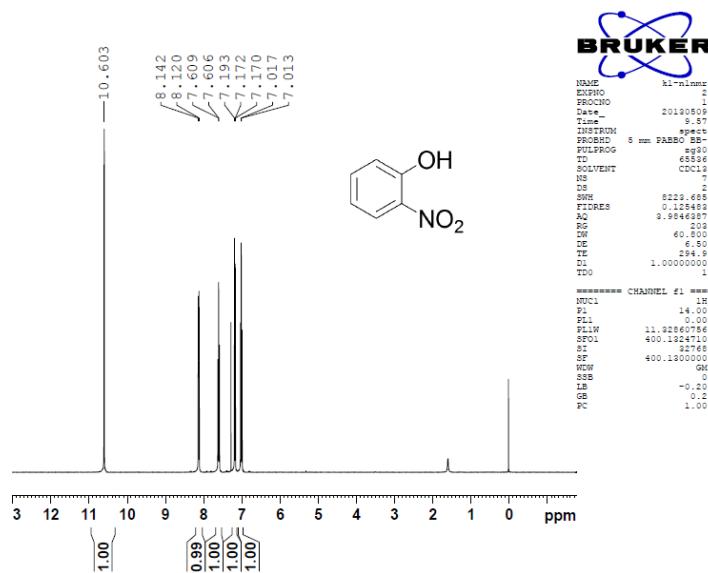


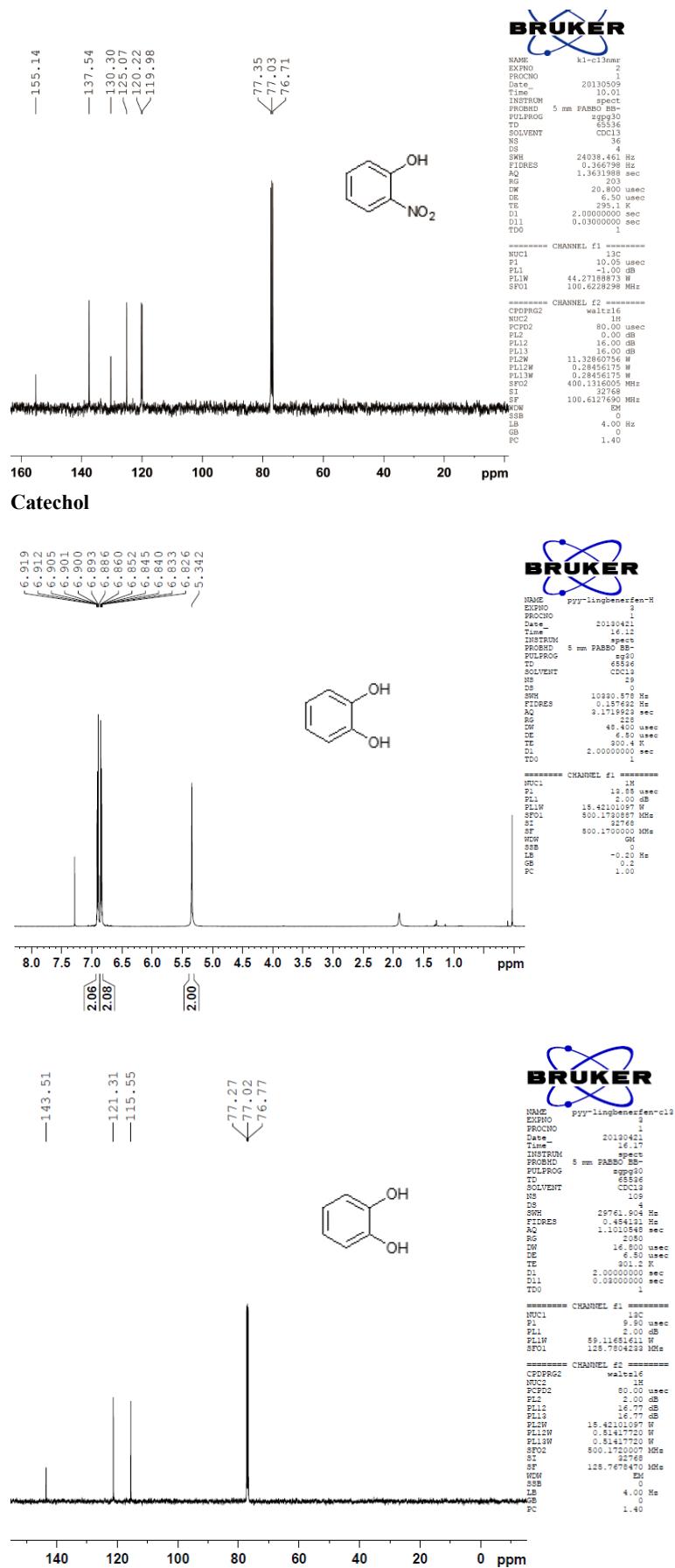
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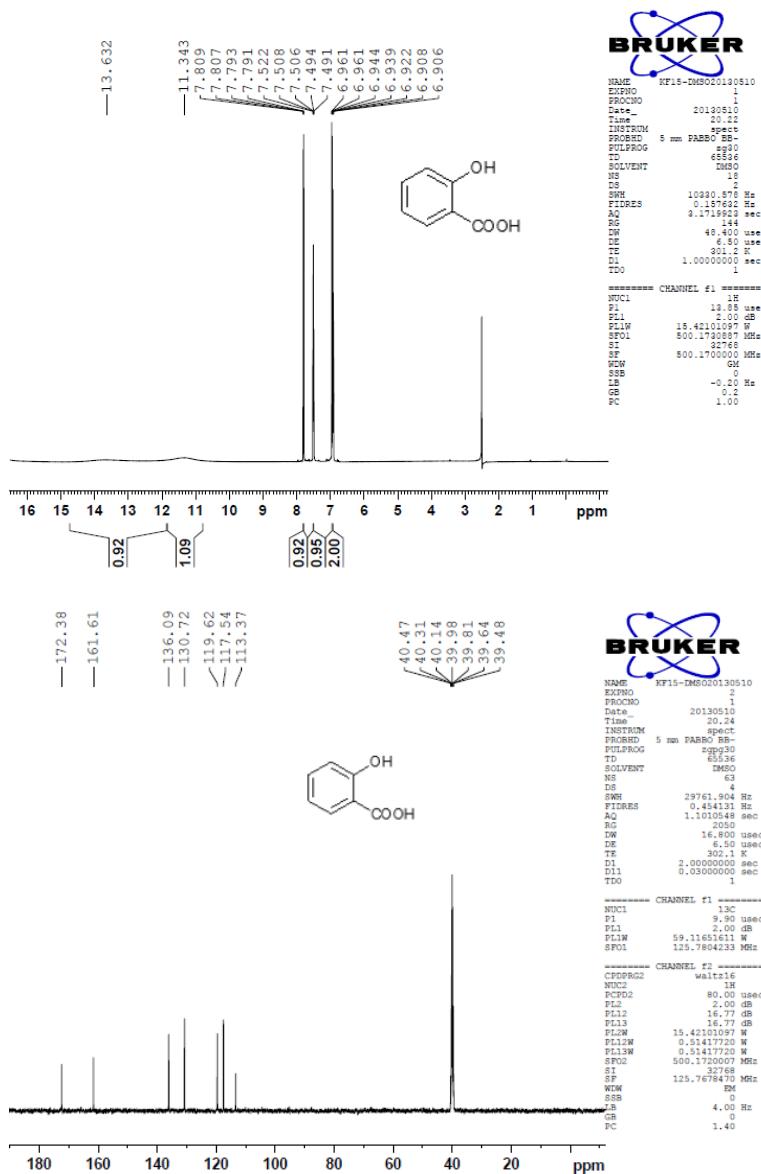


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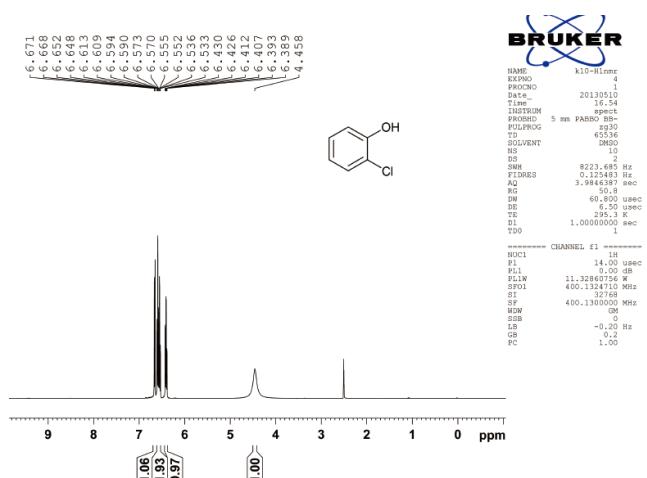


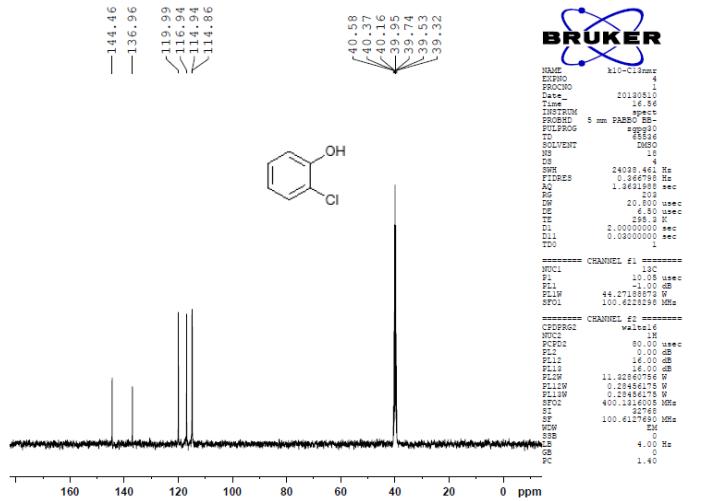


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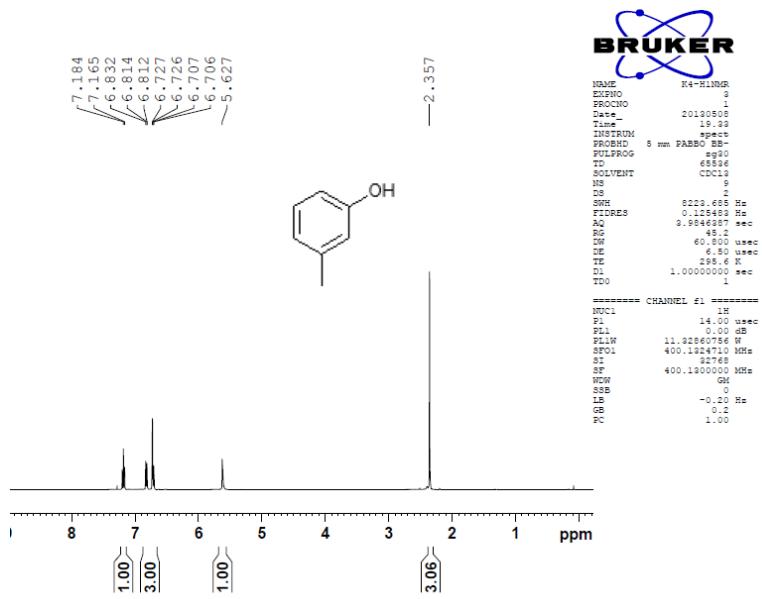


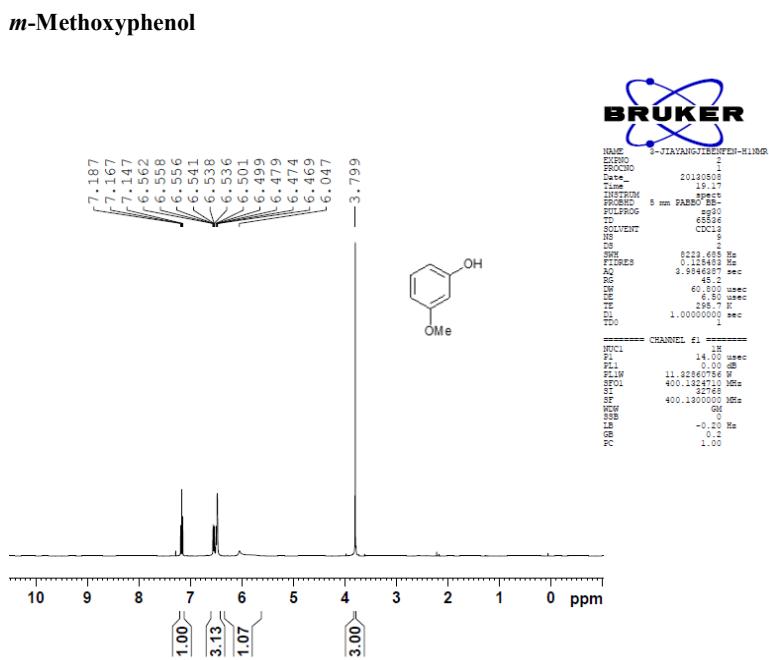
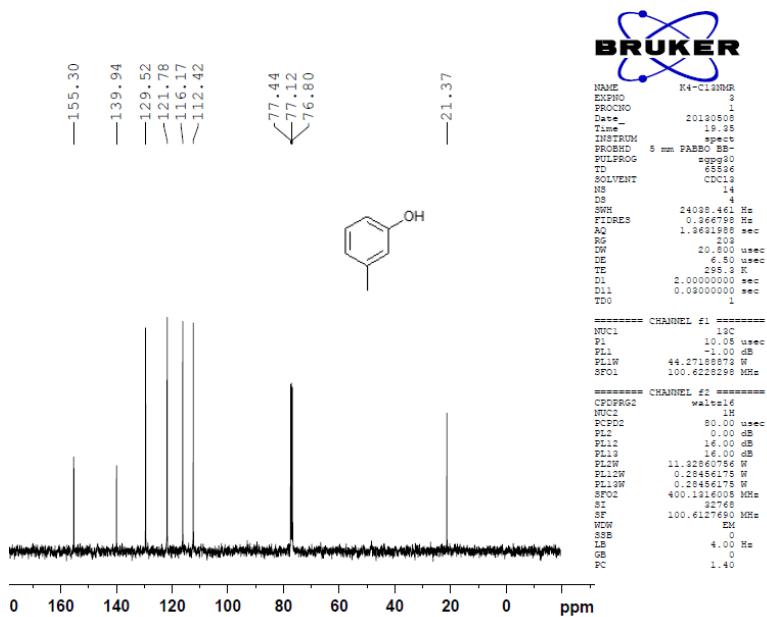
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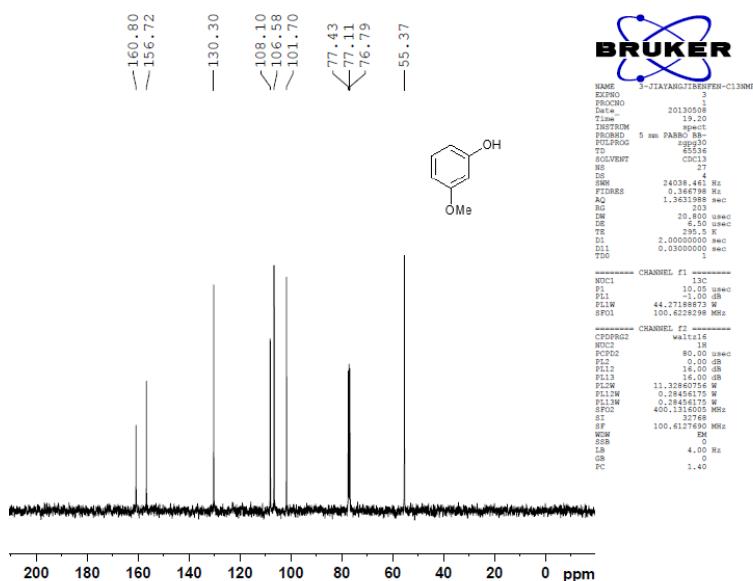




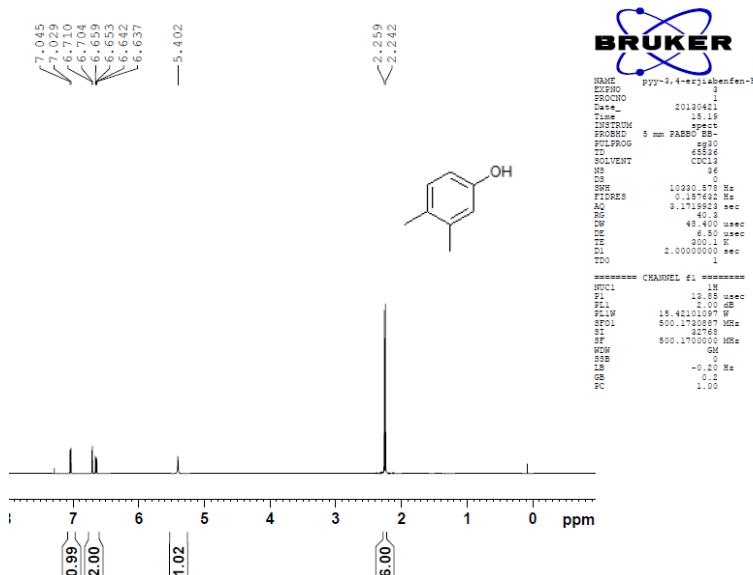
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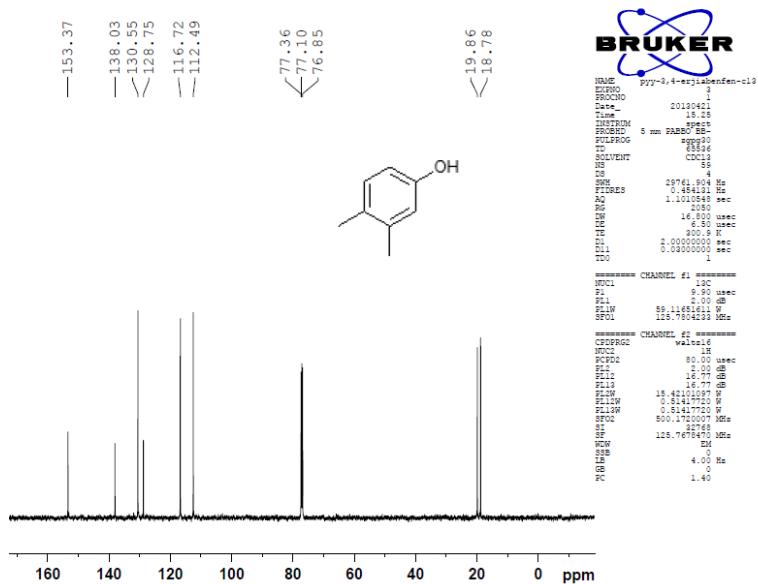




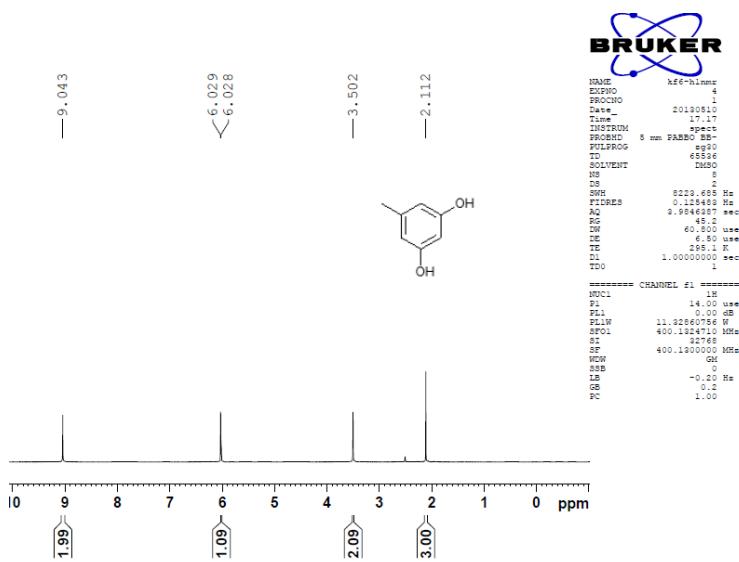


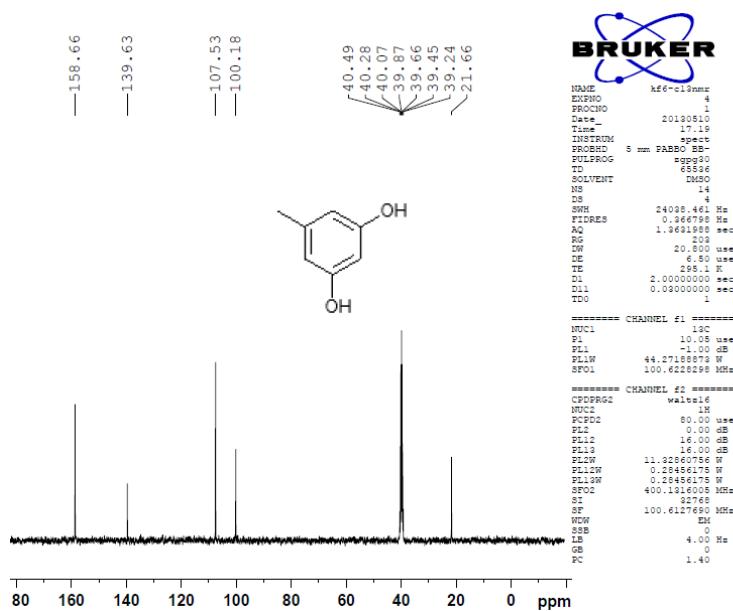
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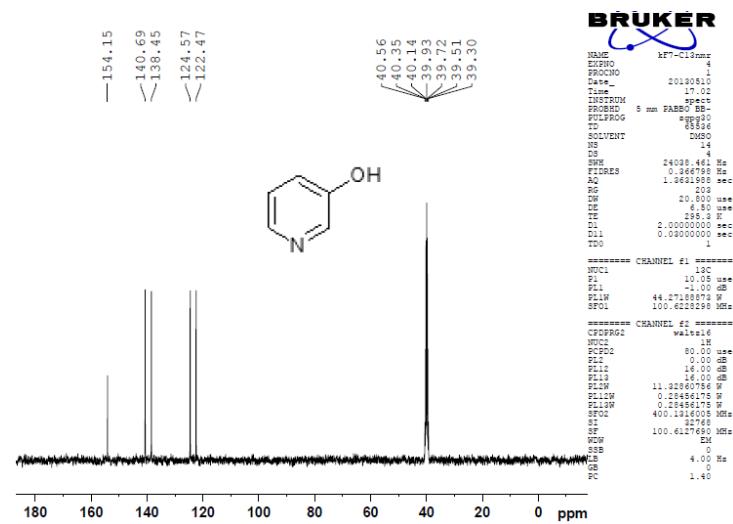
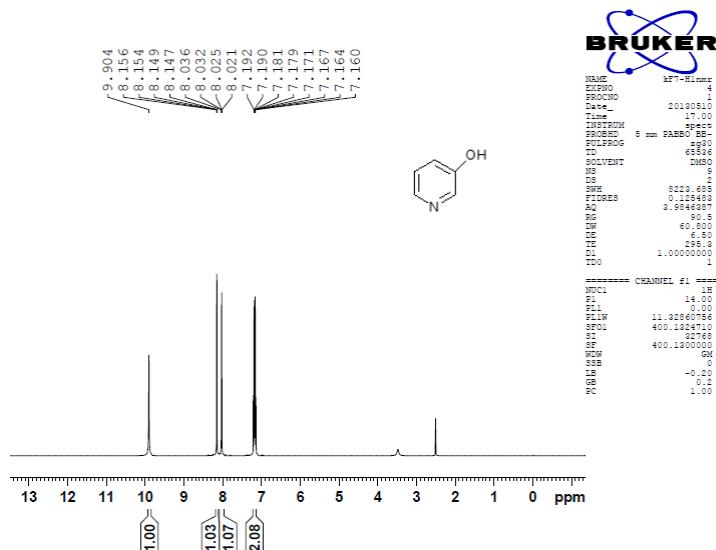


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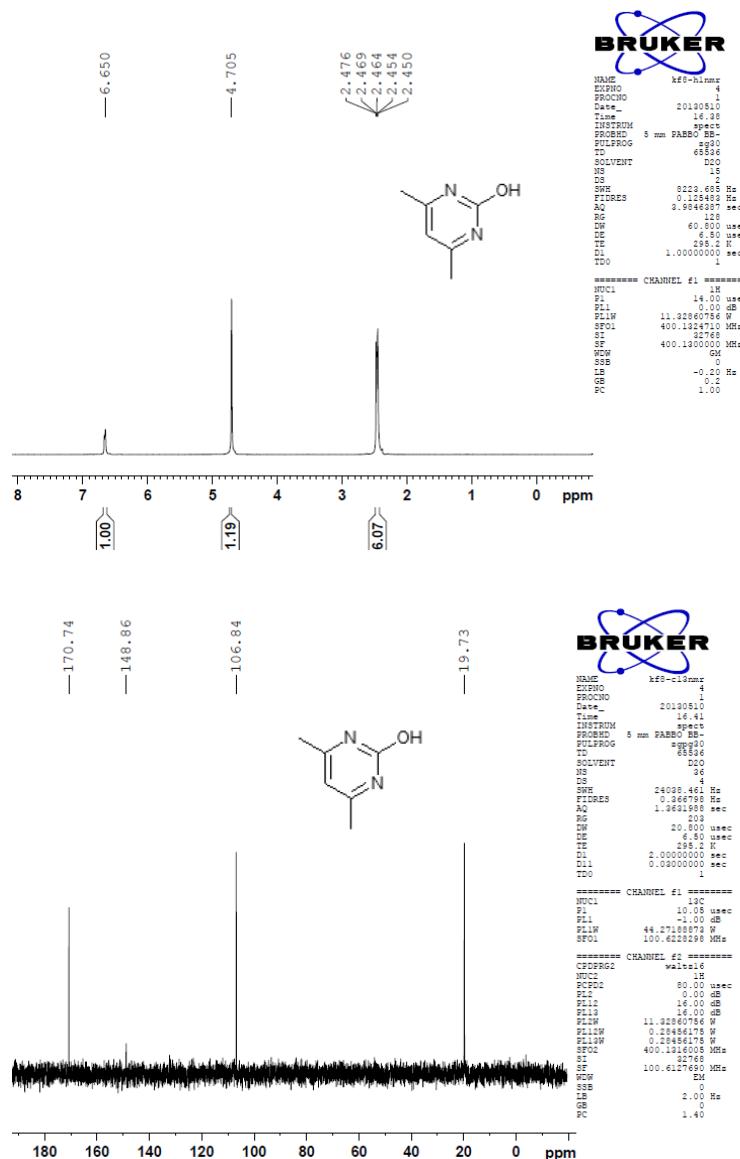




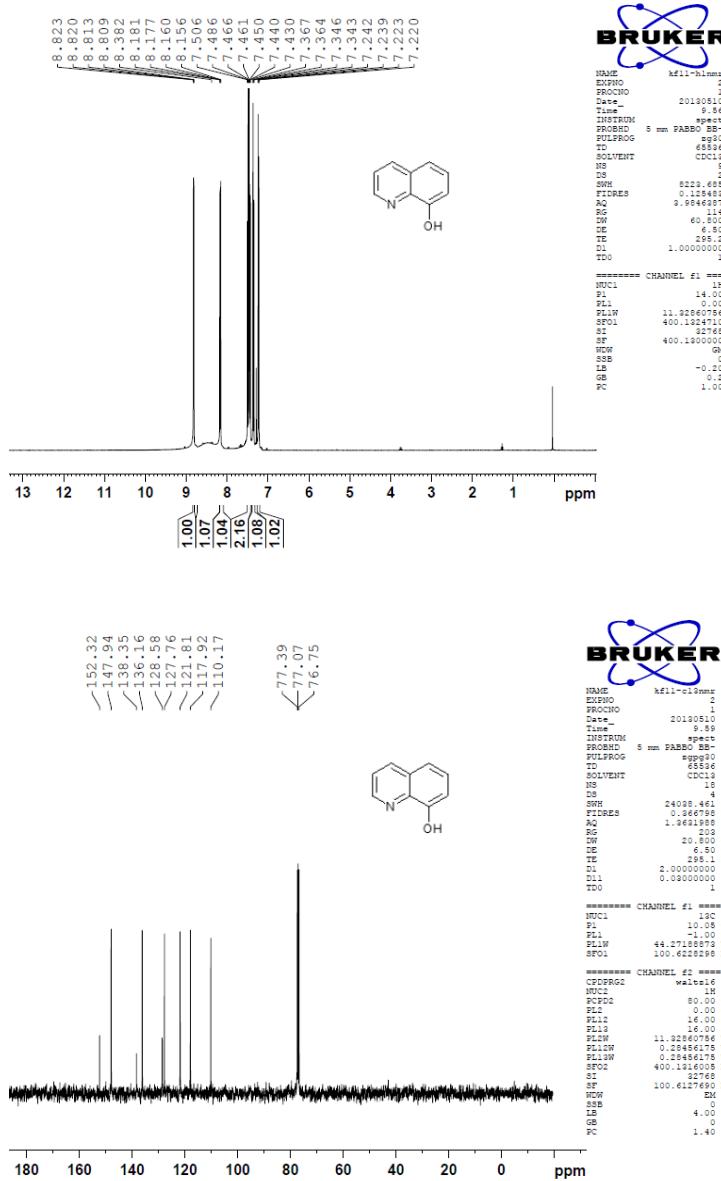
3-Hydroxypyridine



4,6-Dimethylpyrimidin-2-ol



8-Hydroxyquinoline



2,3-Dihydroxy-1,4-naphthoquinone

