

**Supporting Information
for
Copper-promoted hydration and annulation of
2-fluorophenylacetylene derivatives: from
alkynes to benzo[*b*]furans and
benzo[*b*]thiophenes**

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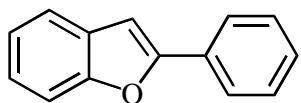
A. General methods

Unless otherwise noted, all commercial materials and solvents were used without further purification and all the reactions were carried out in a Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 at 400 MHz and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 at 100 MHz, respectively, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR were referenced to CDCl_3 at δ 7.26 and 77.0, respectively. GC–MS was obtained using electron ionization. HRMS was carried out on a MAT 95XP (Thermo). IR spectra were performed using potassium bromide pellets or liquid films between two potassium bromide pellets and a Brucker Vector 22 spectrometer. TLC was performed using commercially prepared 100–400 mesh silica gel plates (GF_{254}), and visualization was effected at 254 nm. All the other chemicals were purchased from Aldrich Chemicals. Commercial reagents were used without further purification.

B Typical procedure for the copper-promoted reaction of 2-fluorophenylacetylene derivatives synthesis of benzo[*b*]furans

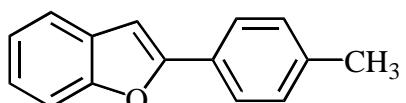
A mixture of 1-fluoro-2-(2-phenylethynyl)benzene (1 mmol), Cul (20 mg, 0.1 mmol), KOH (112 mg, 2 mmol), KI (33 mg, 0.2 mmol) and DMSO (3 mL), was added successively in a 20 mL Schlenk tube. After stirring for 4 h at 80 °C, the solution was filtered though a small amount of silica gel. Then the residue was concentrated in vacuo and the crude was purified by flash chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) to afford the 2-phenylbenzofuran as a pale-yellow solid. All spectral data correspond to those given in the literature.

2-Phenylbenzofuran (2a)^[1]



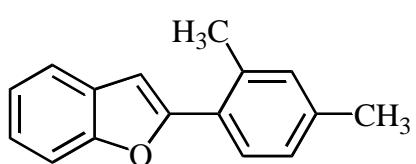
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 155.9, 154.9, 130.5, 129.2, 128.8 (2C), 128.5, 124.9 (2C), 124.2, 122.9, 120.9, 111.2, 101.3; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 194, 165, 139, 97, 82.

2-p-Tolylbenzofuran (2b)^[1]



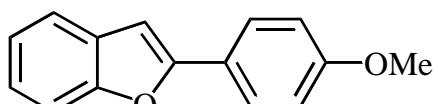
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, J = 7.2 Hz, 16.8, 2H), 7.17-7.10 (m, 4H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 156.2, 154.8, 138.5, 129.4 (2C), 129.3, 127.7, 124.9 (2C), 124.0, 122.8, 120.7, 111.1, 100.5, 21.3; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 208, 178, 165, 152, 104, 89.

2-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)benzofuran (2c)^[1]



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 155.6, 154.2, 138.4, 135.6, 132.0, 129.3, 128.0, 127.1, 126.8, 124.0, 122.7, 120.7, 111.0, 104.4, 21.8, 21.1; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 222, 207, 189, 178, 165, 152, 111; HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O, 222.1045; found, 222.1041.

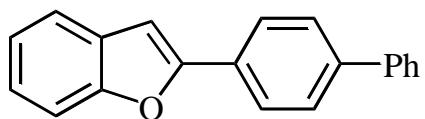
2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)benzofuran (2d)^[1]



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 160.0,

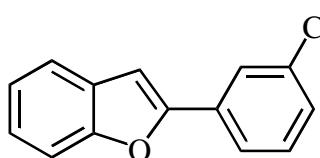
156.0, 154.7, 129.5, 126.4 (2C), 123.7, 123.3, 122.8, 120.5, 114.2 (2C), 111.0, 99.7, 55.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 224, 209, 181, 152, 112.

*2-(Biphenyl-4-yl)benzofuran (**2e**)^[1]*



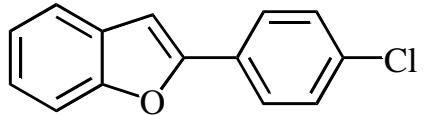
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 21.8, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 155.7, 155.0, 141.2, 140.4, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9 (2C), 127.6, 127.4 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 125.3 (2C), 124.3, 123.0, 120.9, 111.2, 101.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 270, 239, 165, 135, 96, 73.

*2-(3-Chlorophenyl)benzofuran (**2f**)^[1]*



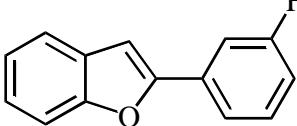
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.96 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 154.9, 154.2, 134.8, 132.1, 130.0, 128.9, 128.3, 124.8, 124.7, 123.1, 122.9, 121.1, 111.2, 102.3; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 228, 199, 165, 139, 114, 82.

*2-(4-Chlorophenyl)benzofuran (**2g**)^[1]*

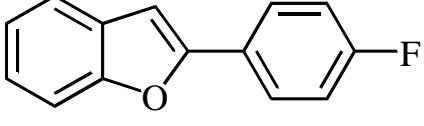


¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 154.9, 154.7, 134.2, 129.0, 129.0 (2C), 128.9, 126.1 (2C), 124.5, 123.1, 121.0, 111.2, 101.7; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 228, 199, 165, 139, 114.

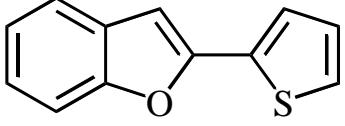
*2-(3-Fluorophenyl)benzofuran (**2h**)^[2]*

 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.34 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dt, J = 25.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 163.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 244.2 Hz), 154.9, 154.4 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 132.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 130.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 128.9, 124.7, 123.1, 121.1, 120.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 115.3 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 111.9, 111.5 (d, J_{C-F} = 23.5 Hz), 111.2, 102.3; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 212, 183, 157, 106, 91.

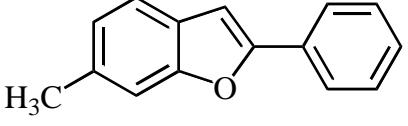
*2-(4-Fluorophenyl)benzofuran (**2i**)^[3]*

 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.84-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 162.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 247.3 Hz), 155.1, 154.9, 129.2, 126.8 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz, 2C), 126.7, 124.3, 123.0, 120.9, 115.9 (d, J_{C-F} = 22.9 Hz, 2C), 111.2, 101.0 (d, J_{C-F} = 1.5 Hz); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 212, 183, 157, 106, 91, 77.

*2-(Thiophen-2-yl)benzofuran (**2j**)^[4]*

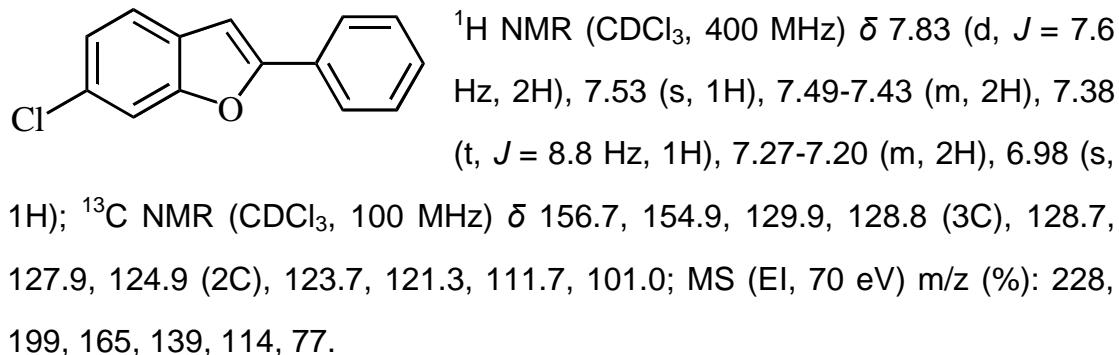
 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.23 (ddd, J = 19.6, 12.5, 6.1 Hz, 3H), 7.05 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 151.2, 133.2, 129.1, 127.8, 125.7, 124.6, 124.2, 123.1, 120.7, 111.0, 101.1; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 200, 171, 155, 145, 127, 100.

*6-Methyl-2-phenylbenzofuran (**2k**)^[5]*

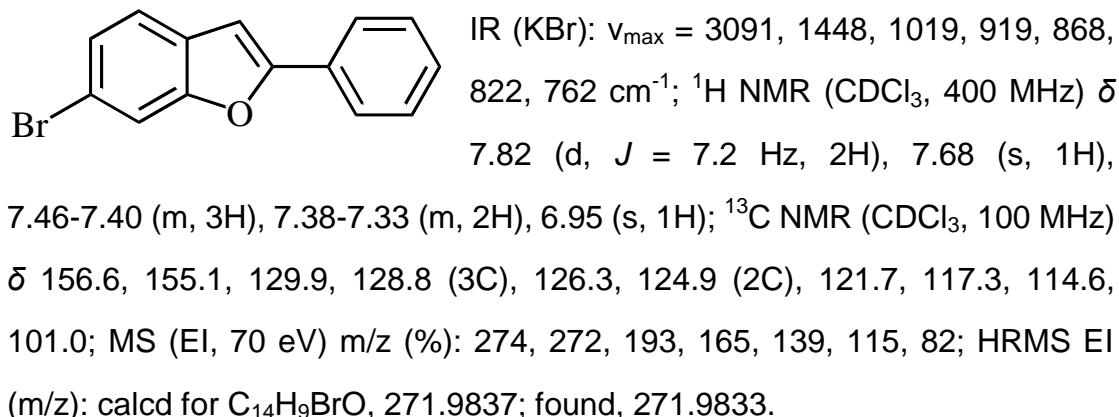
 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 2.4

(s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 155.3, 155.3, 134.5, 130.7, 128.7 (2C), 128.3, 126.7, 124.7 (2C), 124.3, 120.3, 111.4, 101.2, 21.7; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 208, 178, 165, 152, 104, 77.

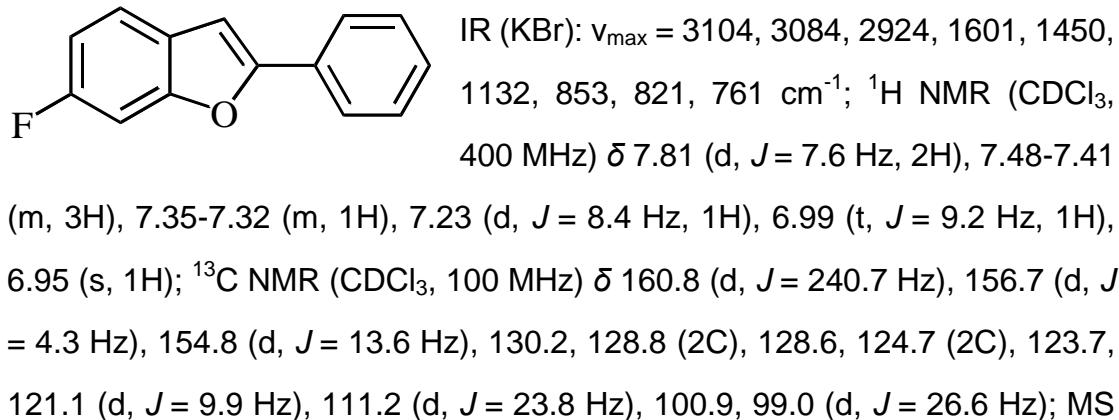
6-Chloro-2-phenylbenzofuran (2l)^[6]



6-Bromo-2-phenylbenzofuran (2m)

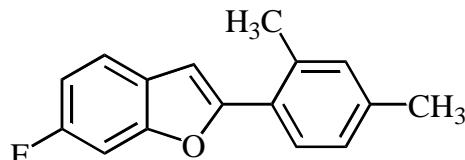


6-Fluoro-2-phenylbenzofuran (2n)



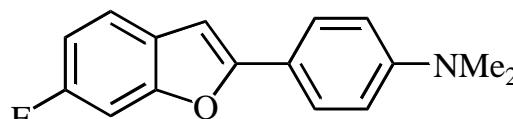
(EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 212, 183, 157, 106, 91; HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for C₁₄H₉FO, 212.0637; found, 212.0631.

6-Fluoro-2-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)benzofuran (2o)



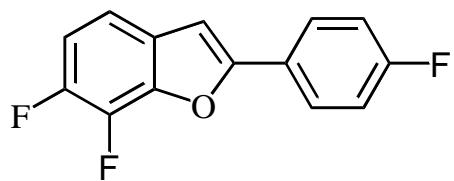
IR (KBr): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3037, 2959, 2924, 1599, 1486, 1267, 838, 810 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.03-6.93 (m, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 160.7 (d, $J = 240.3$ Hz), 156.7 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 154.2 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 138.5, 135.4, 132.0, 127.9, 126.9 (2C), 125.5, 120.9 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 111.2 (d, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 104.1, 98.7 (d, $J = 36.4$ Hz), 21.8, 21.1; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 240, 225, 196, 120, 98; HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FO, 240.0950; found, 240.0945.

2-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-6-fluorobenzofuran (2p)



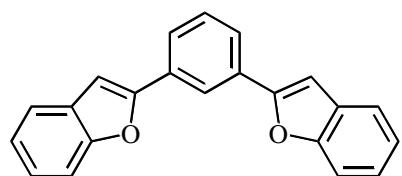
IR (KBr): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3105, 3036, 2921, 1614, 1495, 1453, 1256, 1170, 1019, 798, 749 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 2H), 2.93 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 160.2 (d, $J = 238.9$ Hz), 157.8 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 154.4 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 150.5, 126.0 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz), 125.9 (4C), 120.1 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz,), 112.2, 110.7 (d, $J = 23.7$ Hz), 98.7 (d, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 97.7, 40.3 (2C); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 255, 212, 239, 183, 127; HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for C₁₆H₁₄FNO, 255.1059; found, 255.1053.

6,7-Difluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)benzofuran (2q)



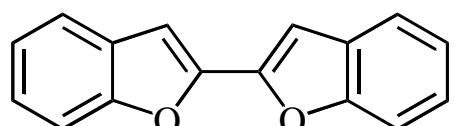
IR (KBr): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3116, 3056, 2921, 2849, 1609, 1499, 1306, 1229, 1036, 838, 815 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.82 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.4 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 8.6, 4.4 \text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 8.6 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 2.8 \text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 163.1 (d, $J = 248.1 \text{ Hz}$), 157.0 (d, $J = 4.1 \text{ Hz}$), 148.2 (dd, $J = 9.4 \text{ Hz}, 241.2 \text{ Hz}$), 142.4 (dd, $J = 4.8, 8.0 \text{ Hz}$), 140.0 (d, $J = 16.7, 251.1 \text{ Hz}$), 127.9, 126.8 (d, $J = 8.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2C), 125.9 (d, $J = 3.4 \text{ Hz}$), 116.0 (d, $J = 220.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2C), 115.1 (dd, $J = 8.1, 4.6 \text{ Hz}$), 112.6 (d, $J = 20.1 \text{ Hz}$), 100.8 (d, $J = 1.8 \text{ Hz}$); MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 248, 219, 201, 124; HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{O}$, 248.0449; found, 248.0442.

2-(3-(Benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)benzofuran (2r)



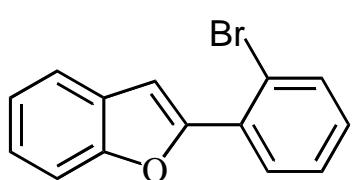
IR (KBr): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3031, 2922, 2851, 1704, 1450, 1367, 1257, 1212, 747 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.63-7.52 (m, 6H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.2 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz) δ 155.4, 155.0, 131.1, 129.3, 129.1, 124.9, 124.5, 123.0, 121.2, 121.0, 111.3, 102.0; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 310, 252, 191, 155, 126, 96, 73; HRMS EI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$, 310.0994; found, 310.0988.

2-(Benzofuran-2-yl)benzofuran (2s)^[7]



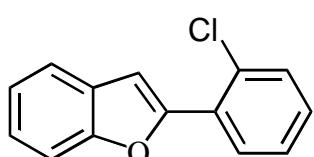
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.63 (d, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 155.1, 147.7, 128.5, 125.1, 123.3, 121.4, 111.3, 103.7; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 234, 205, 176, 152, 117.

2-(2-Bromophenyl)benzofuran (2t)^[8]



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.74–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 154.9, 154.1, 149.7, 132.4, 130.2, 128.9, 124.9, 123.2, 123.1, 121.2, 120.6, 117.3, 111.3, 102.6; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 274, 272, 165, 137, 83.

2-(2-Chlorophenyl)benzofuran (2v)^[9]

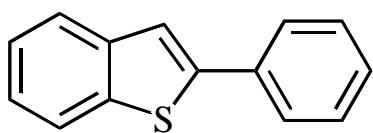


¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 154.1, 151.9, 131.3, 130.8, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 126.9, 124.9, 122.9, 121.4, 111.0, 107.3; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 228, 199, 165, 139, 114, 82.

C Typical procedure for the copper-promoted reaction of 2-fluorophenylacetylene derivatives synthesis of benzo[*b*]thiophenes

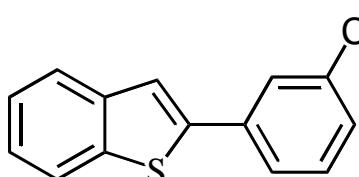
A mixture of 2-fluorophenylacetylenes (1 mmol), CuI (20 mg, 0.1 mmol), Na₂S·9H₂O (2 mmol) and DMSO (3 mL), was added successively in a 20 mL Schlenk tube. After stirring for 8 h at 60 °C, the solution was filtered through a small amount of silica gel. Then the residue was concentrated in vacuo and the crude was purified by flash chromatography with *n*-hexane/ethyl acetate (20/1, v/v) to afford the benzothiophenes **3a–c** as a pale-yellow solid. All spectral data correspond to those given in the literature.

2-phenylbenzo[b]thiophene (3a)^[10]



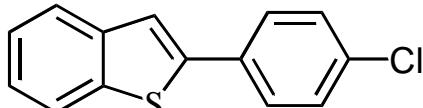
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.78 (dd, *J* = 23.0, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 144.2, 140.7, 139.5, 134.3, 128.9 (2C), 128.2, 126.5 (2C), 124.5, 124.3, 123.5, 122.2, 119.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 210, 202, 178, 165.

2-(3-chlorophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (3b)^[10]



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.76 (dd, *J* = 22.4, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.24 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 142.4, 140.4, 139.5, 136.0, 134.8, 130.1, 128.1, 126.4, 124.7, 124.6, 124.6, 123.7, 122.3, 120.3; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 246, 244.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)benzo[b]thiophene (3c)^[10]



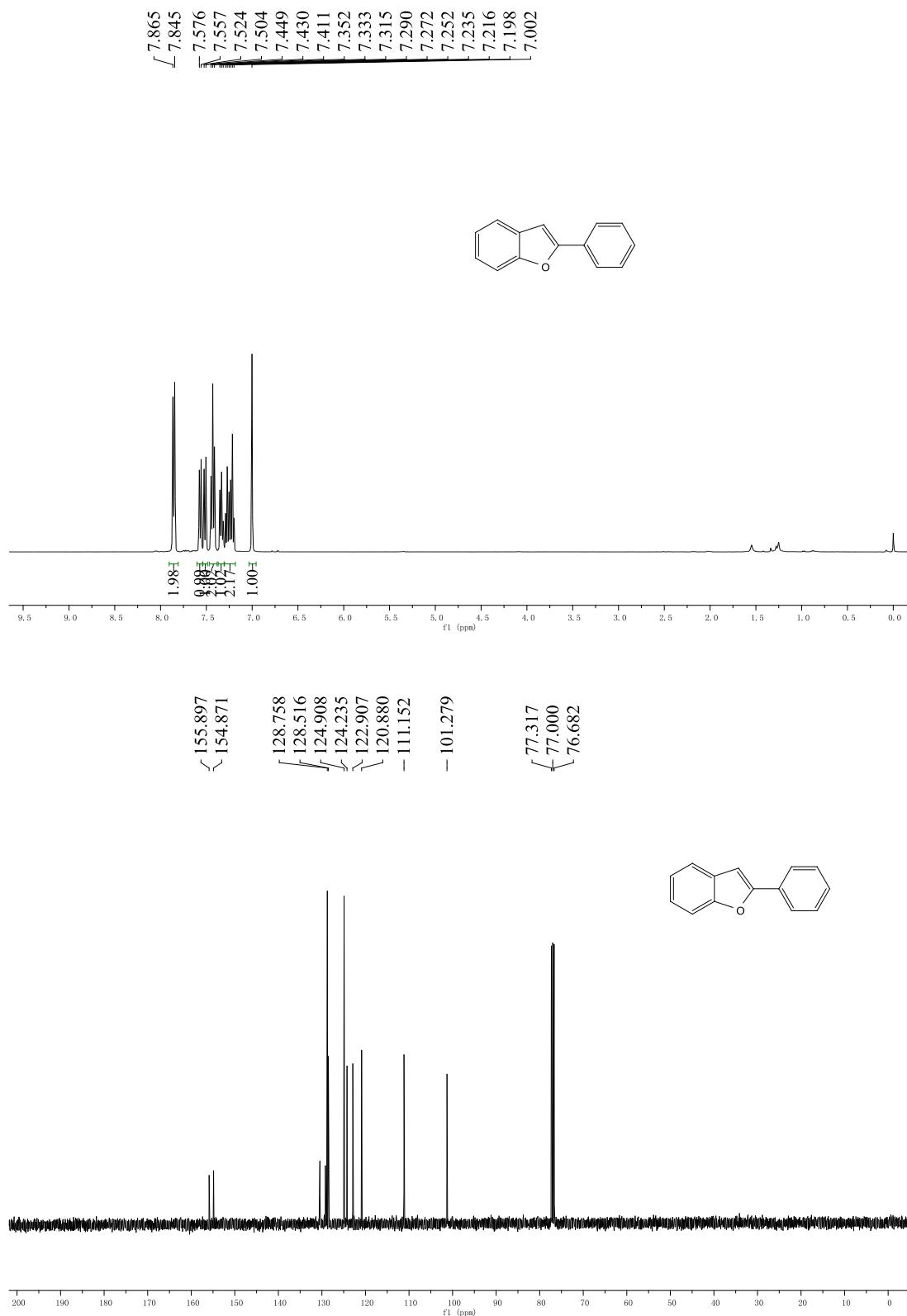
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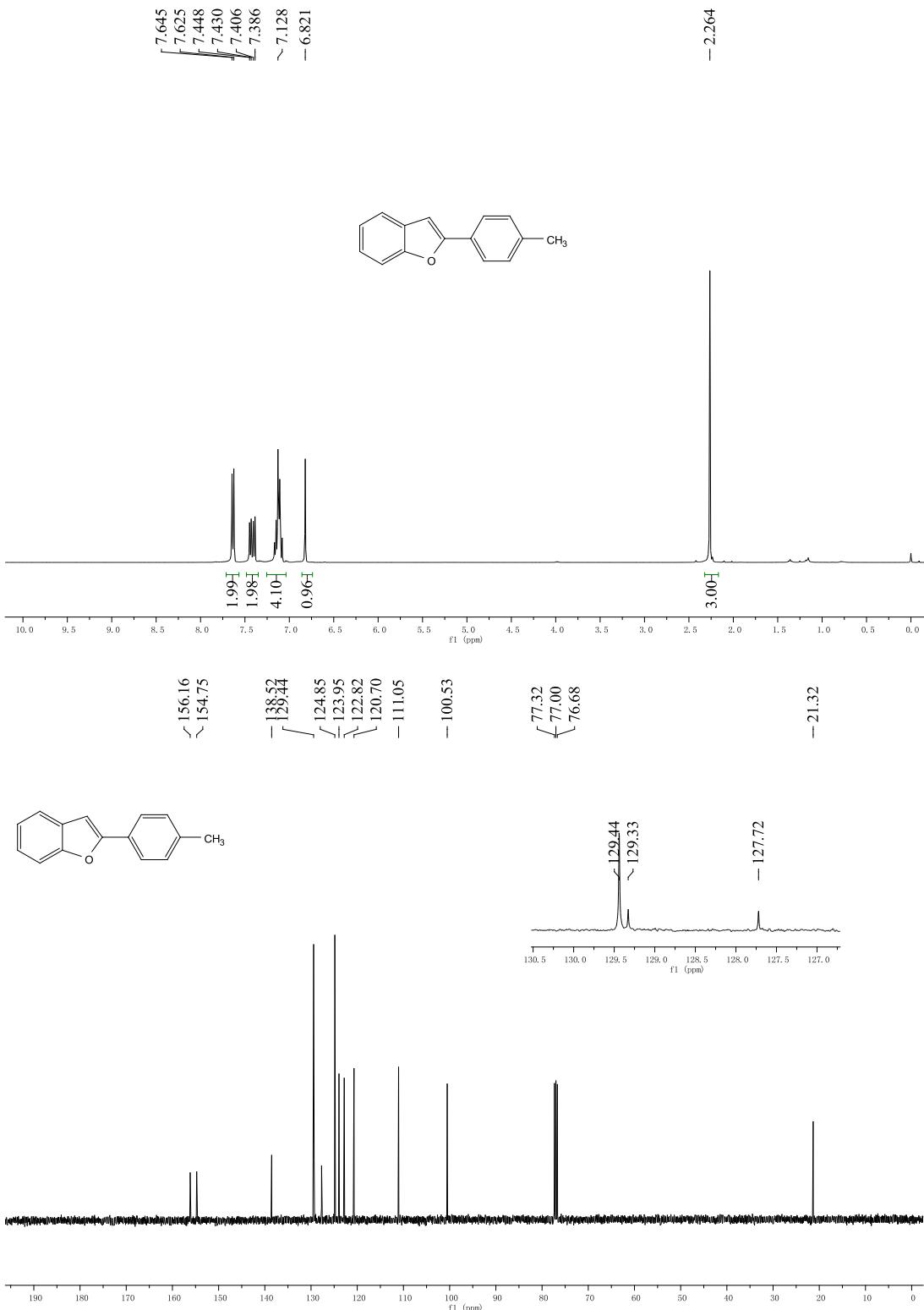
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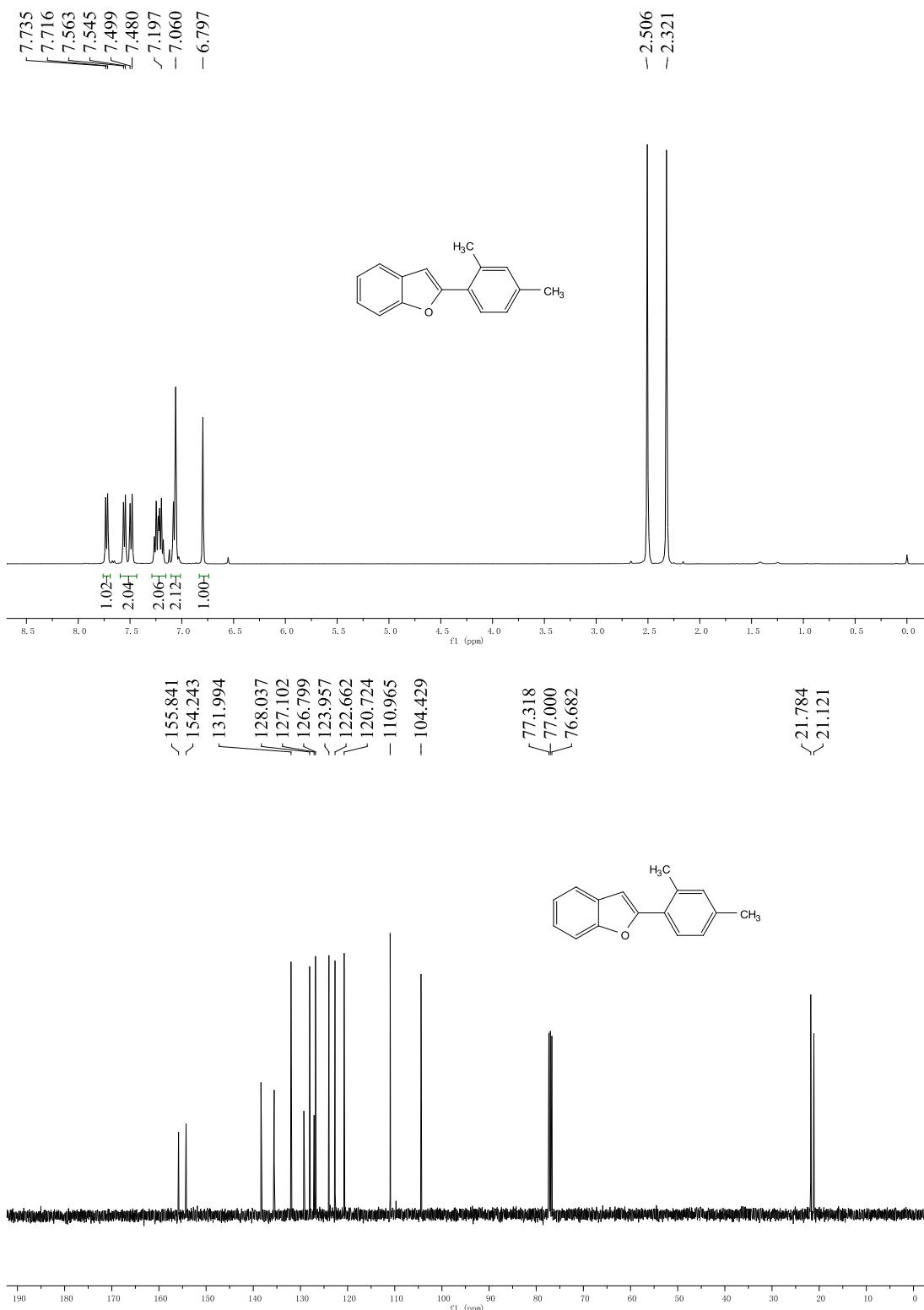
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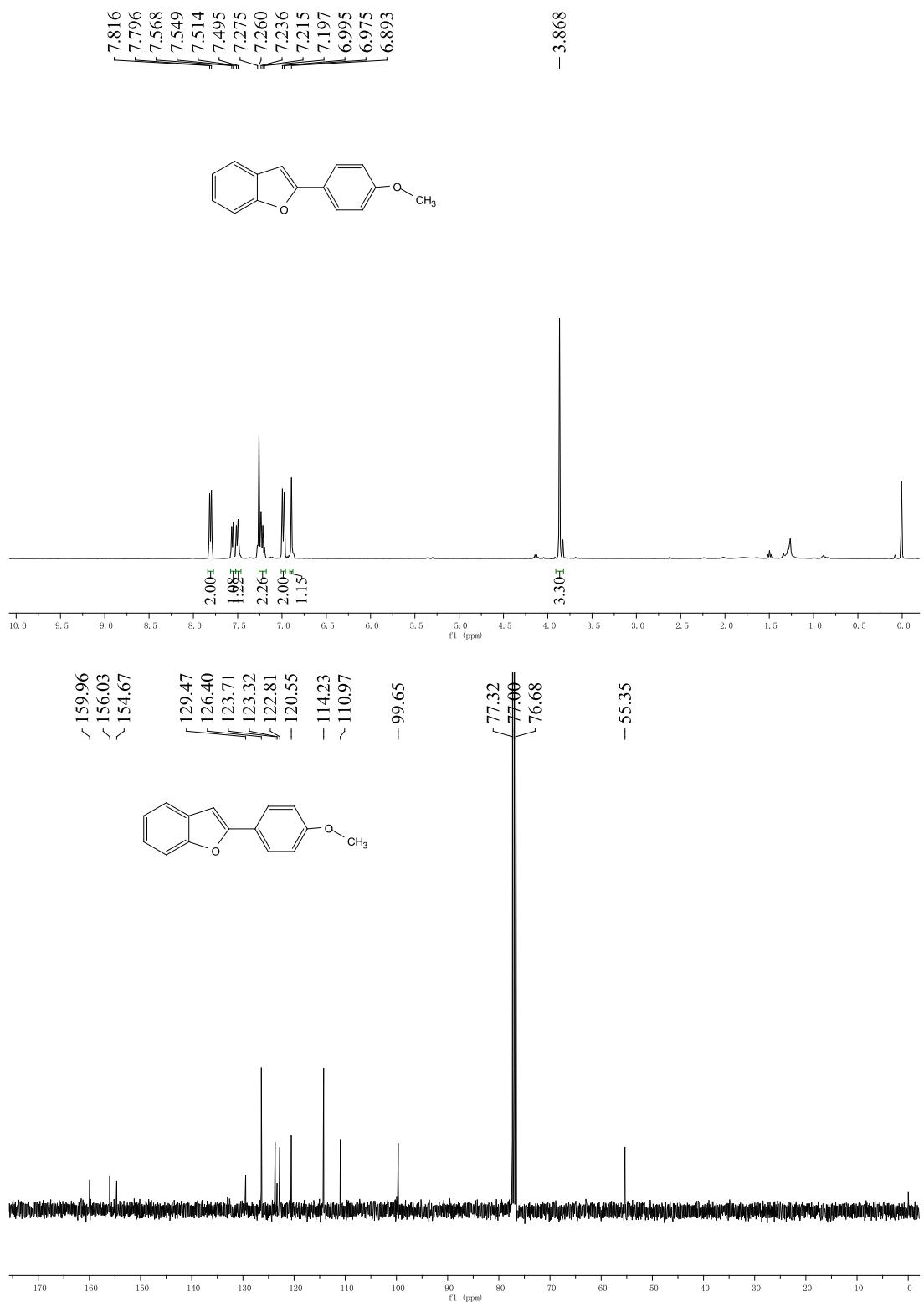
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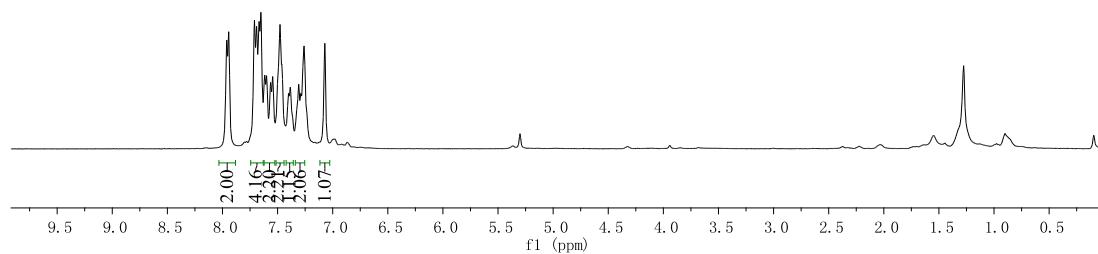
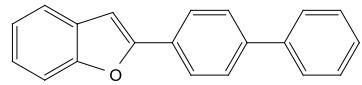




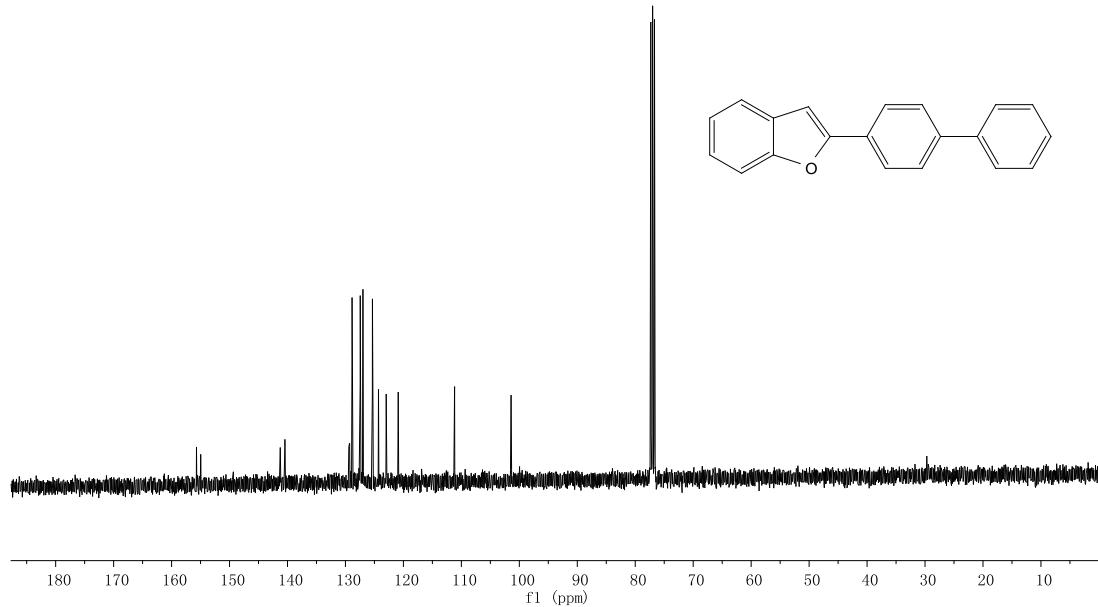
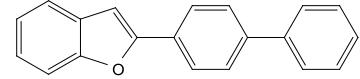


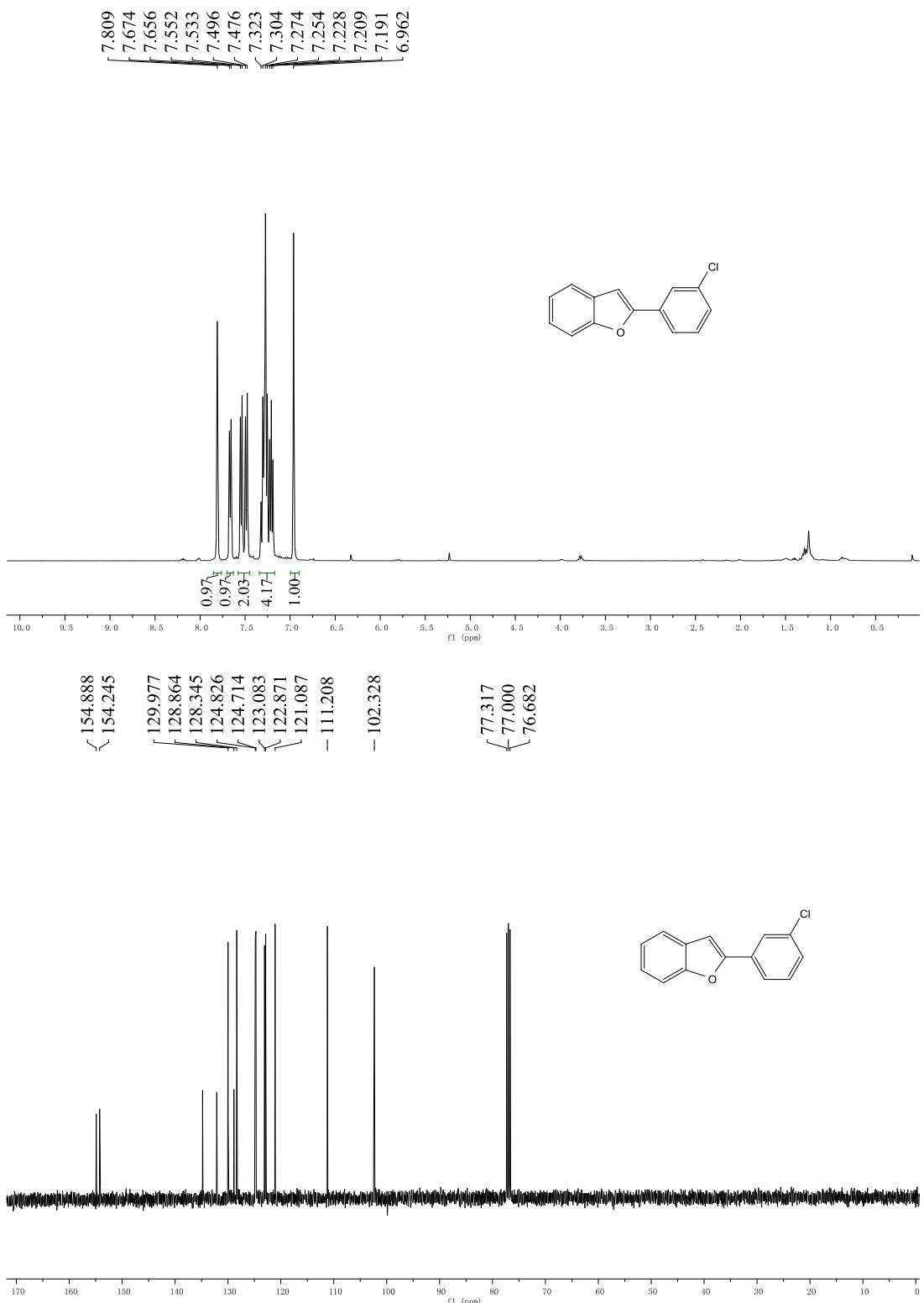


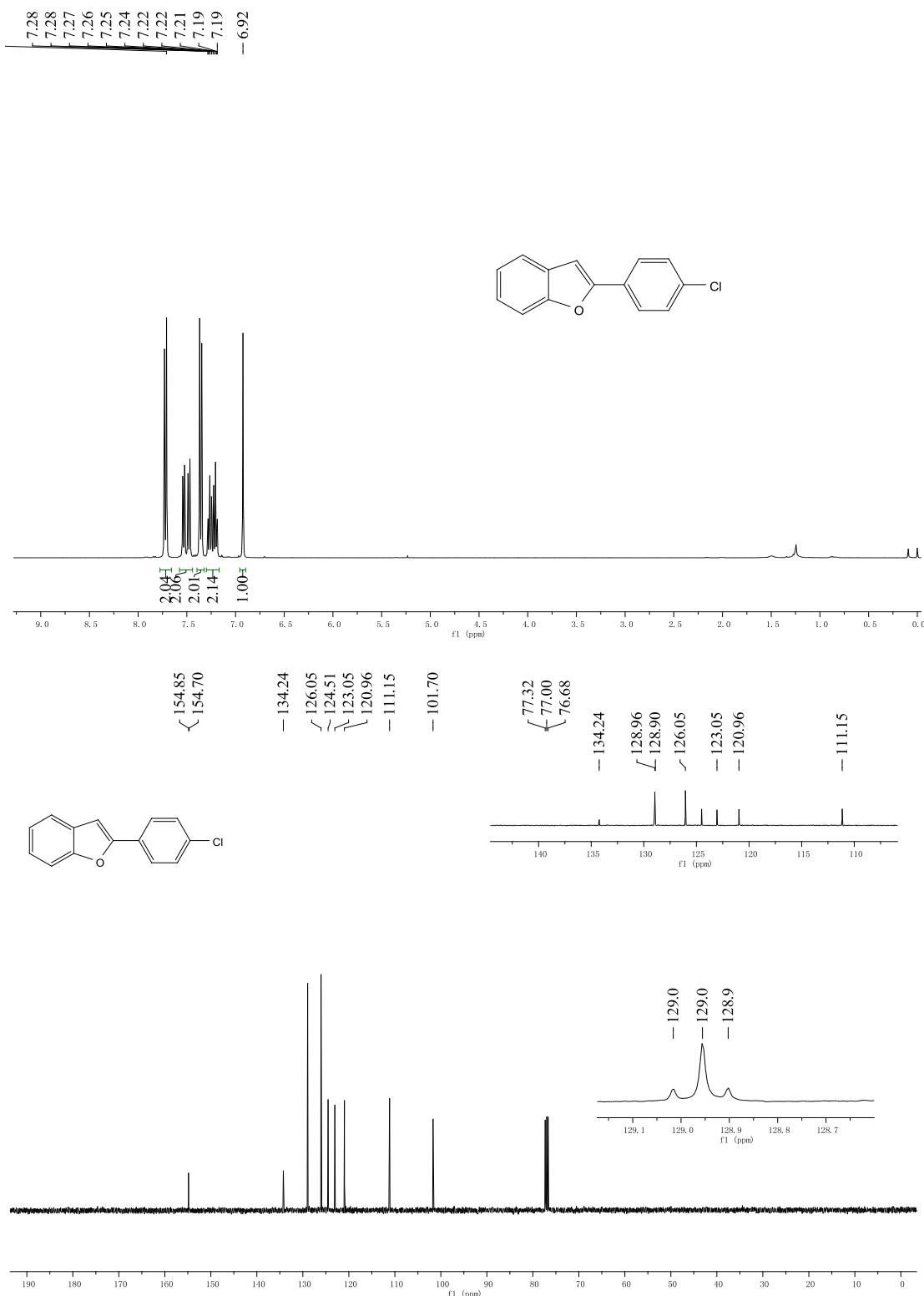
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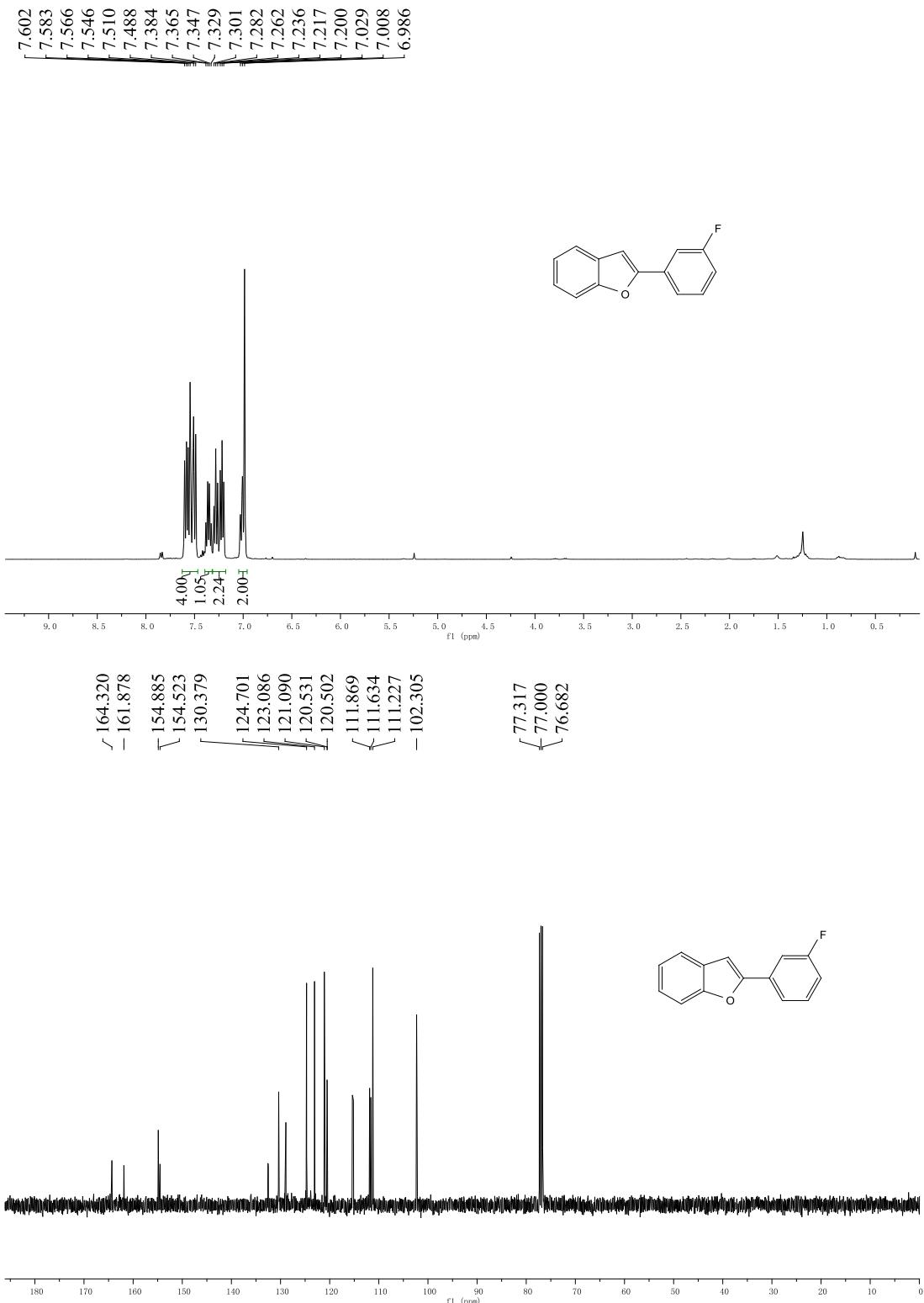


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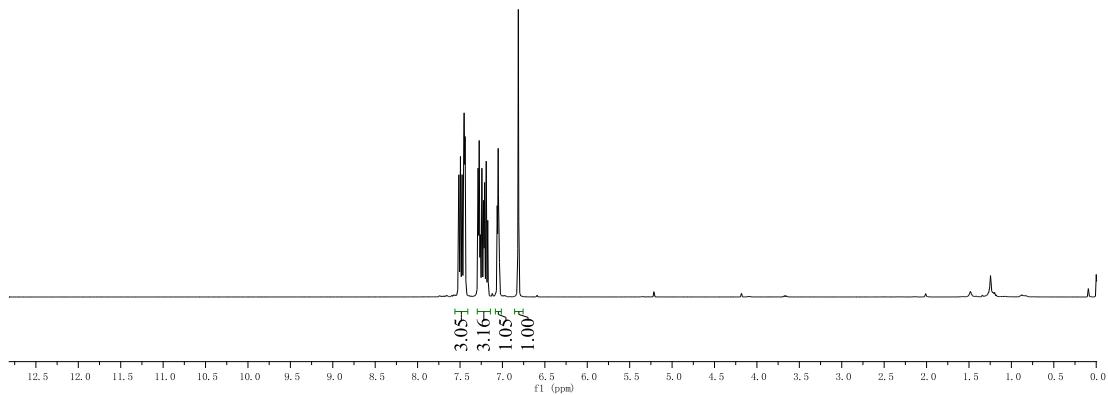
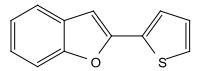








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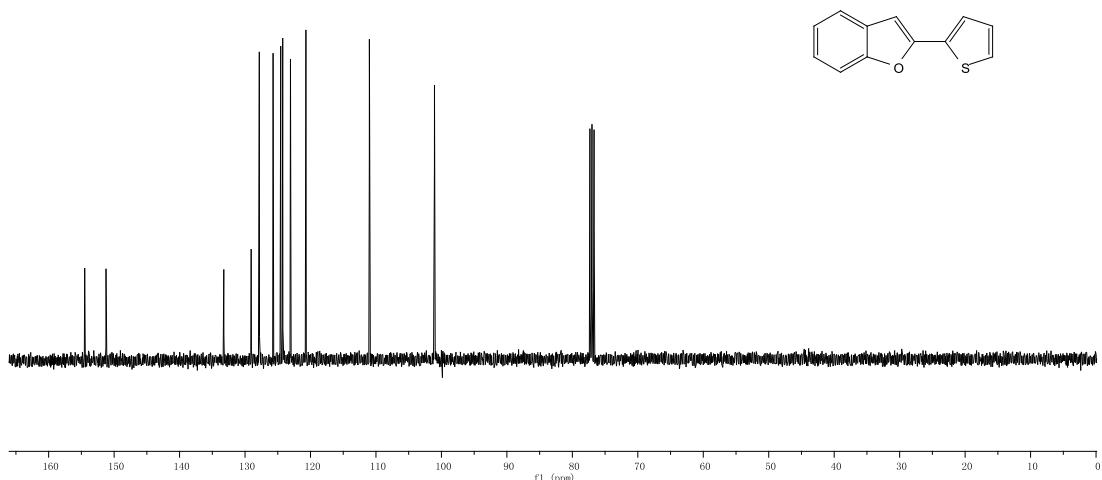


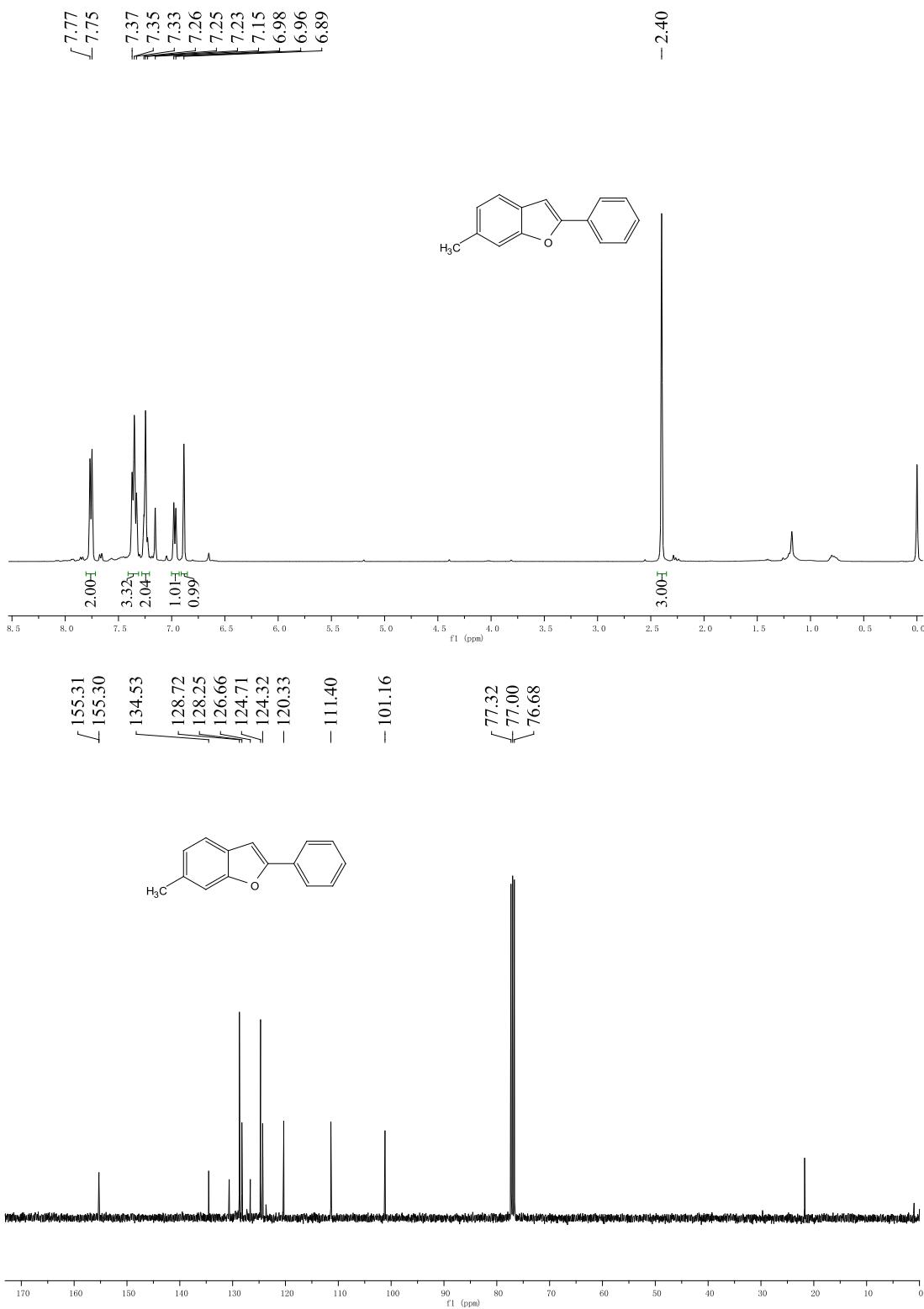
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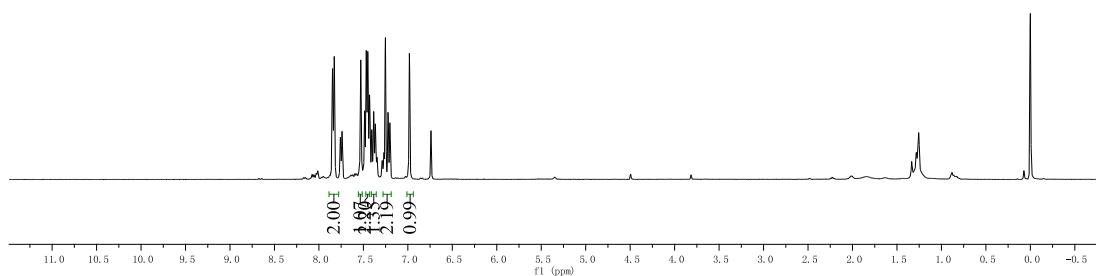
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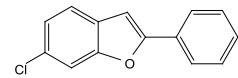
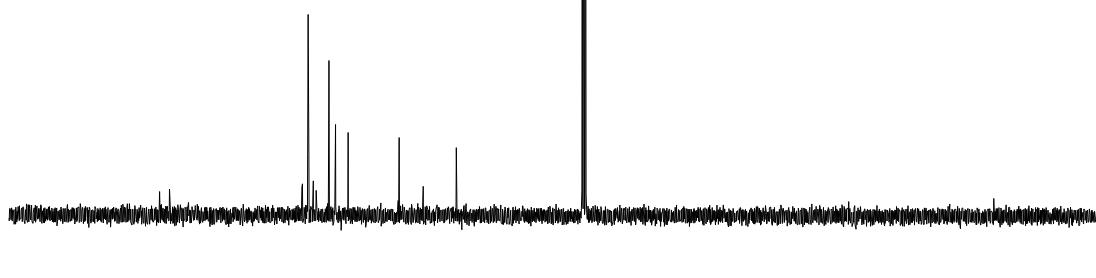
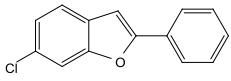


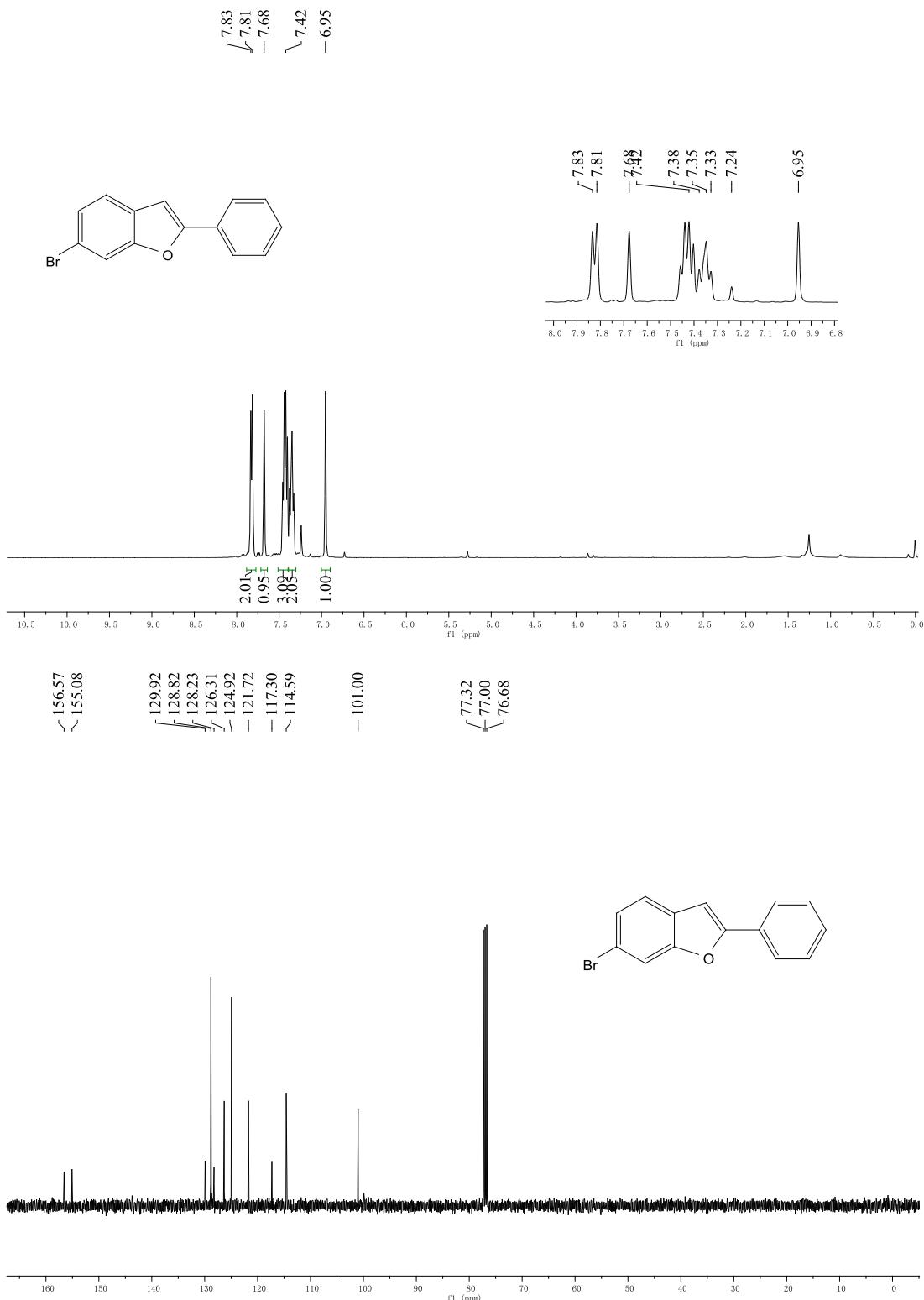
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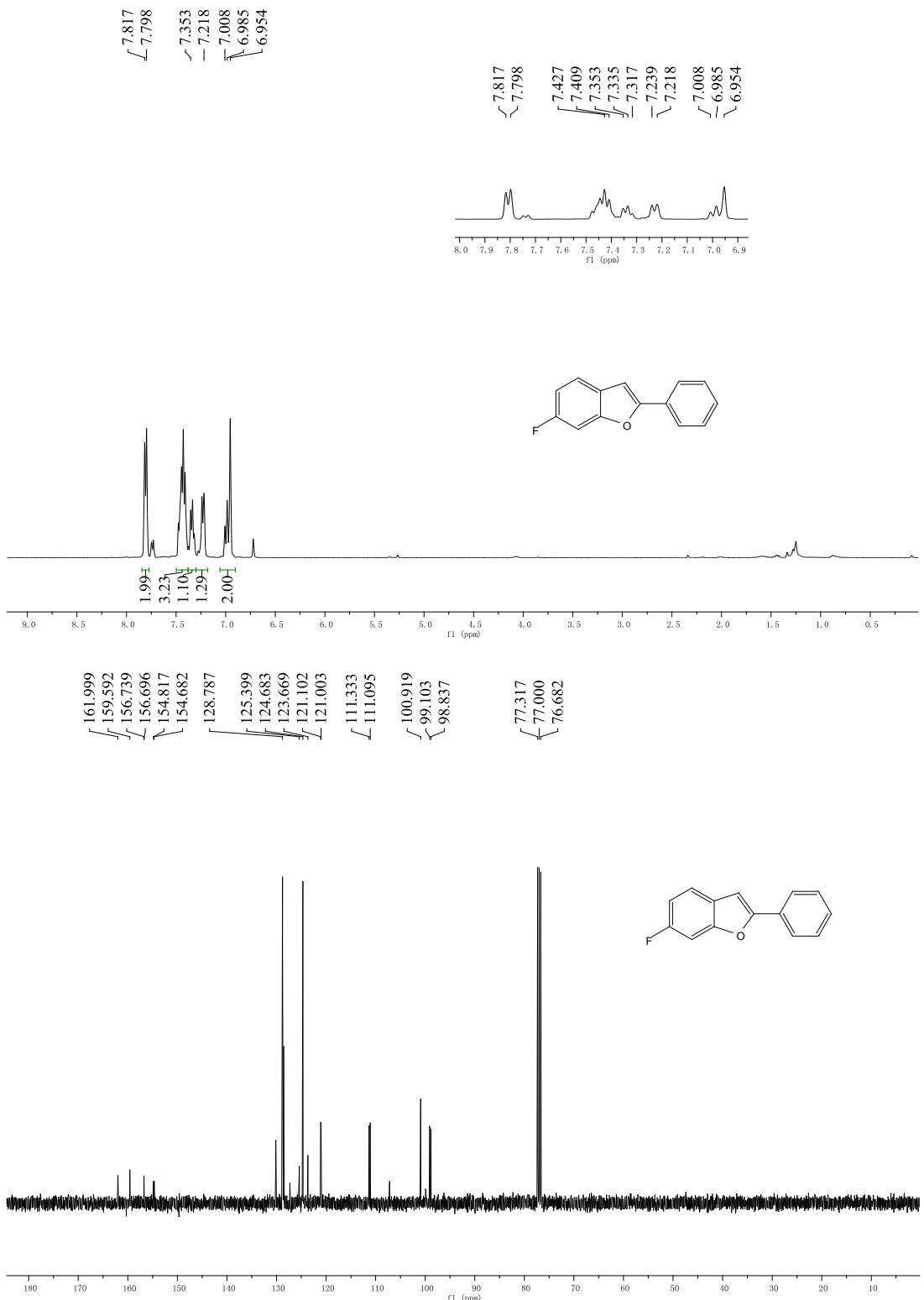
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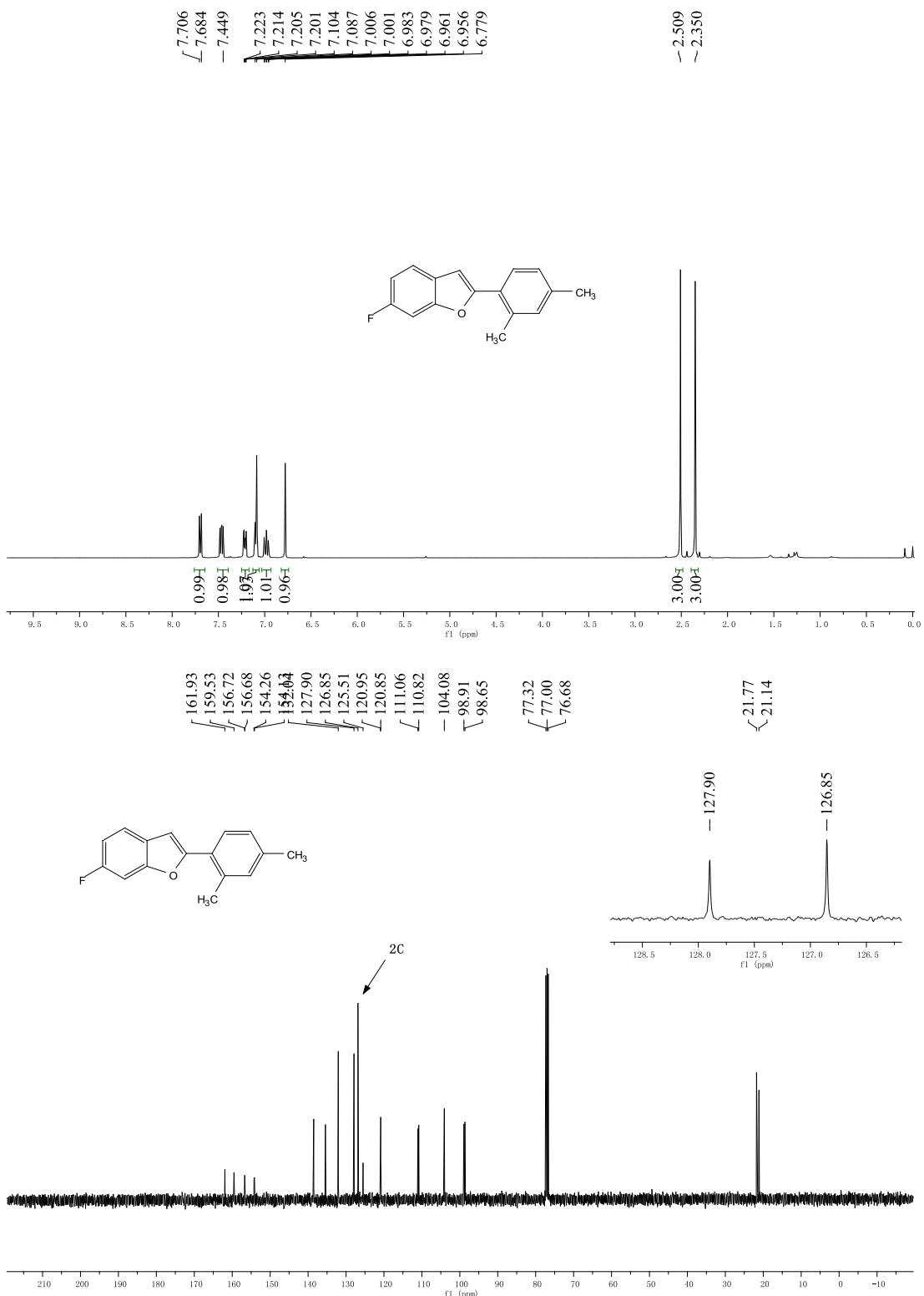
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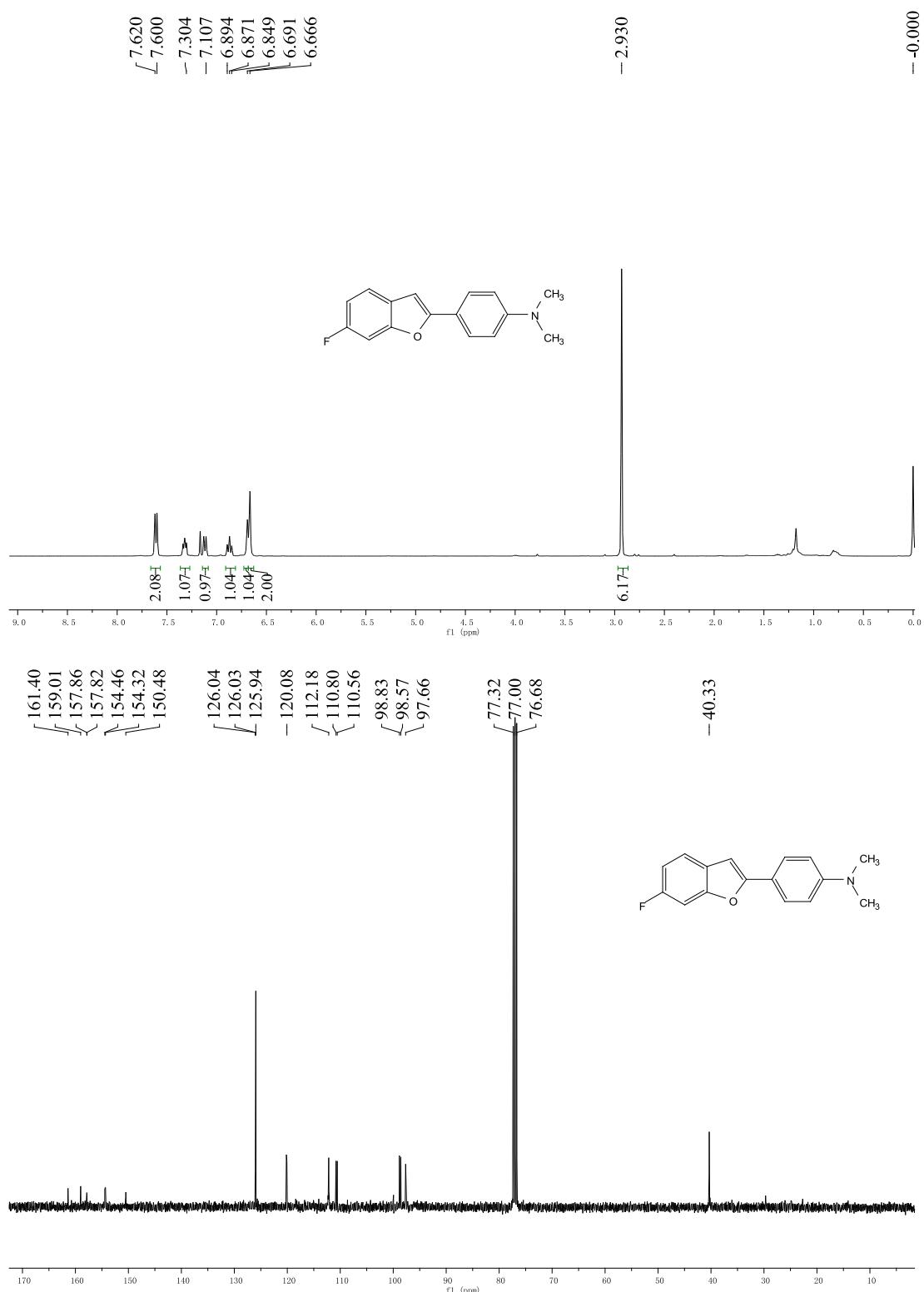
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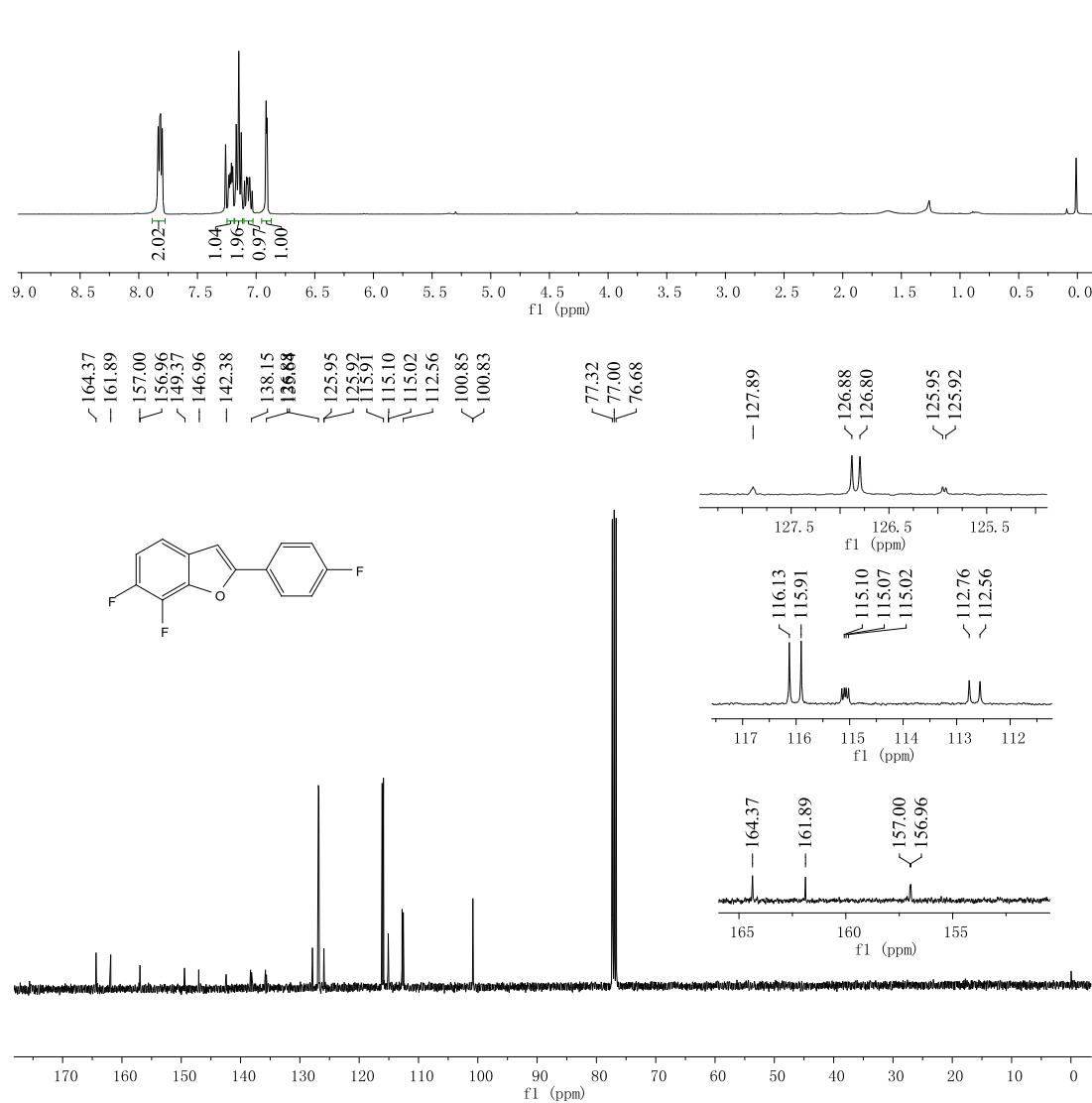


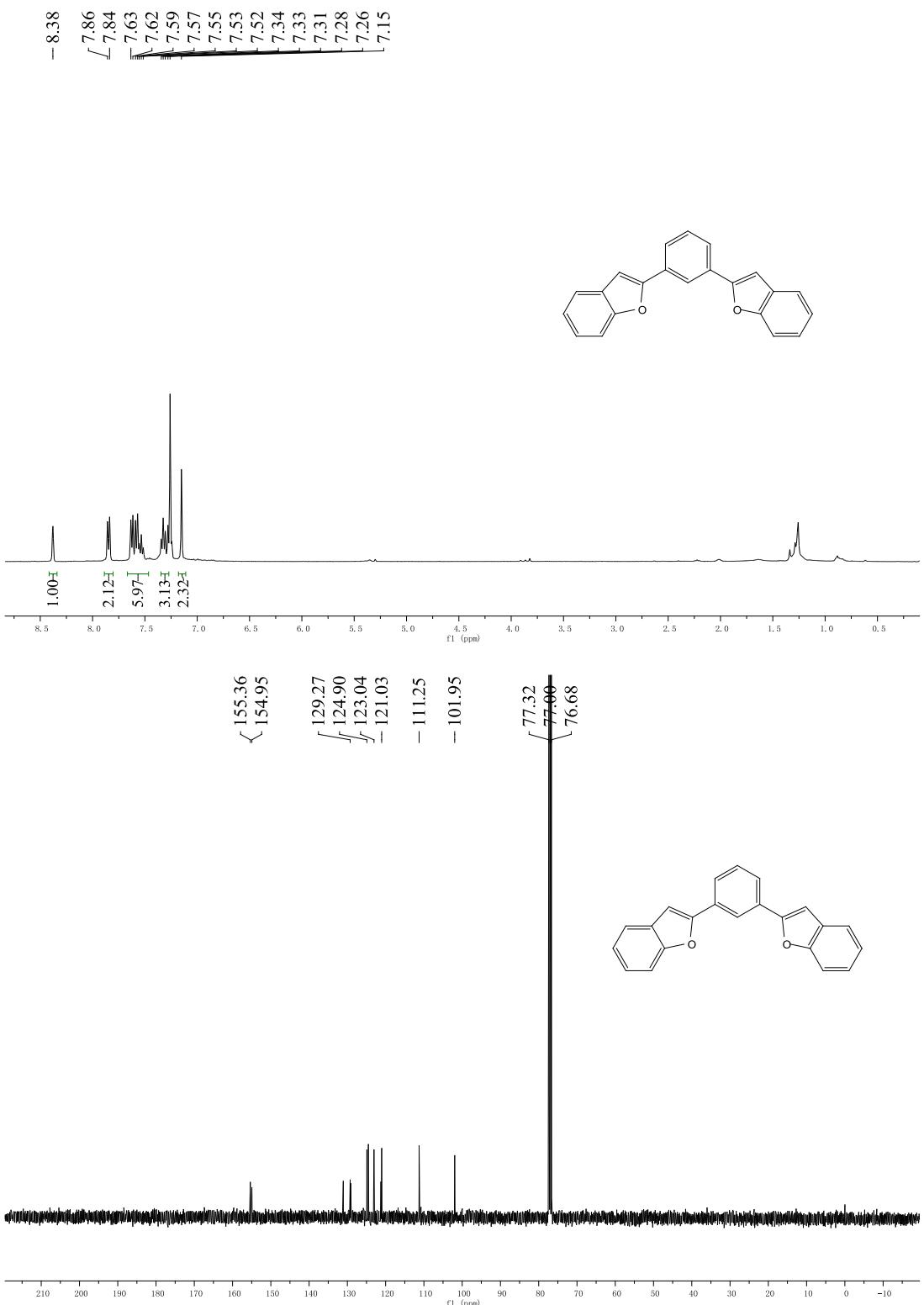


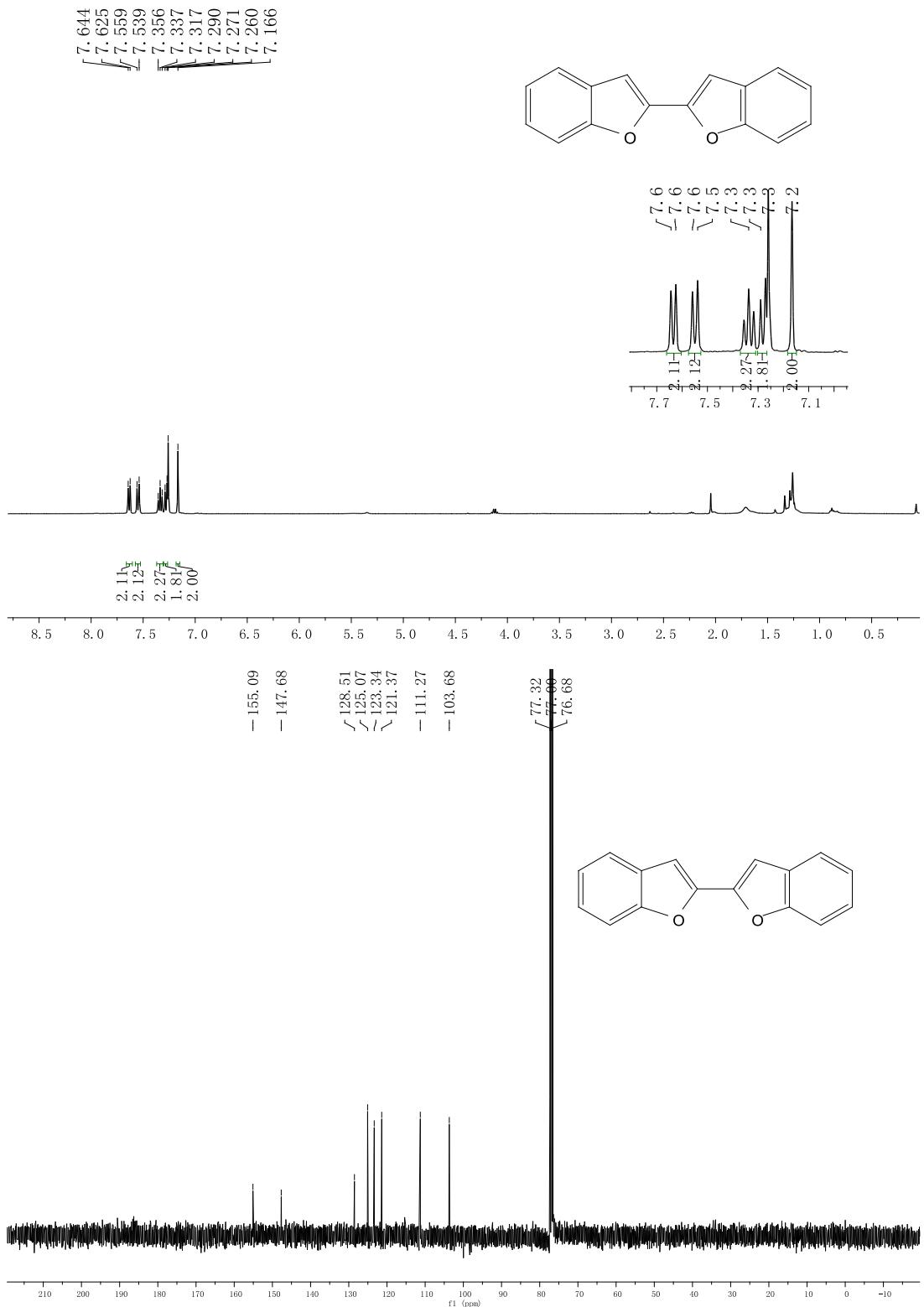




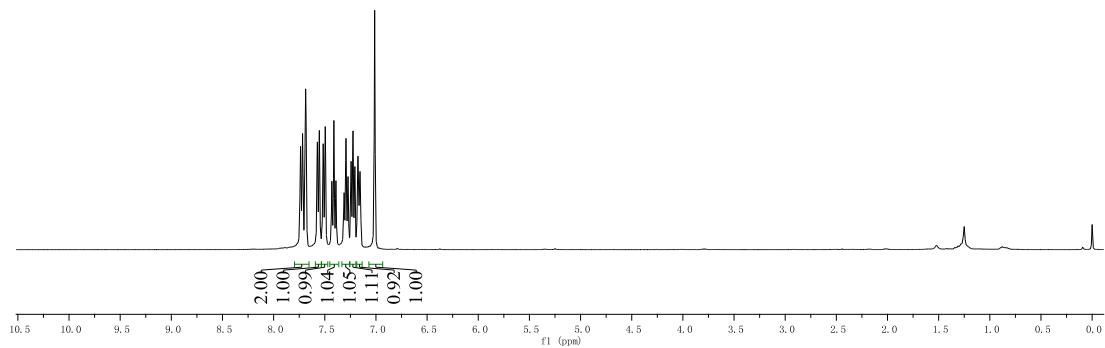
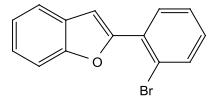






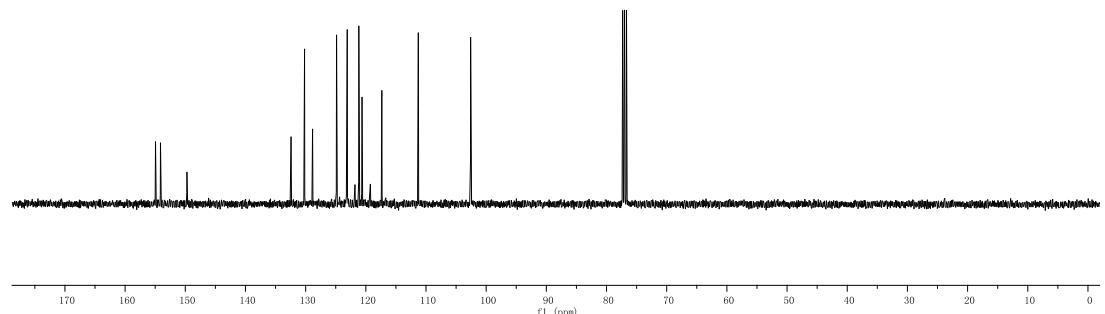
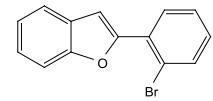


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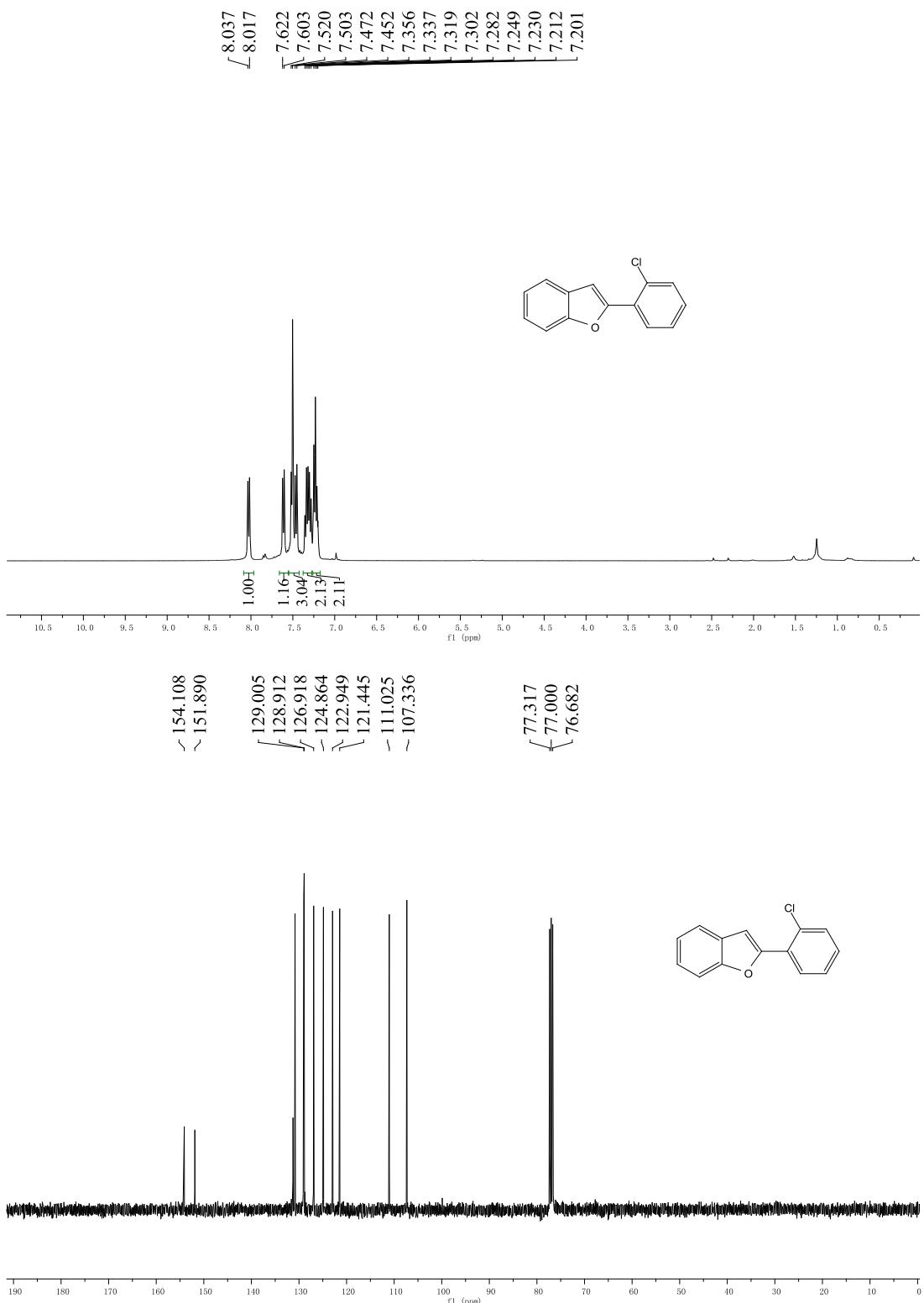


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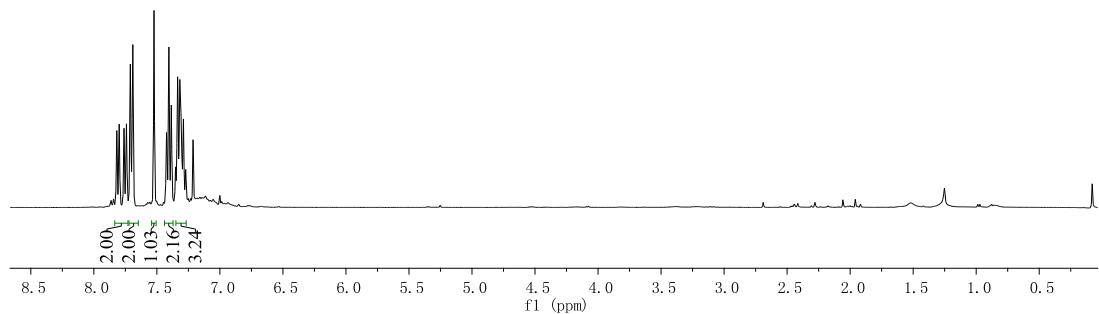
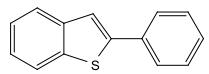
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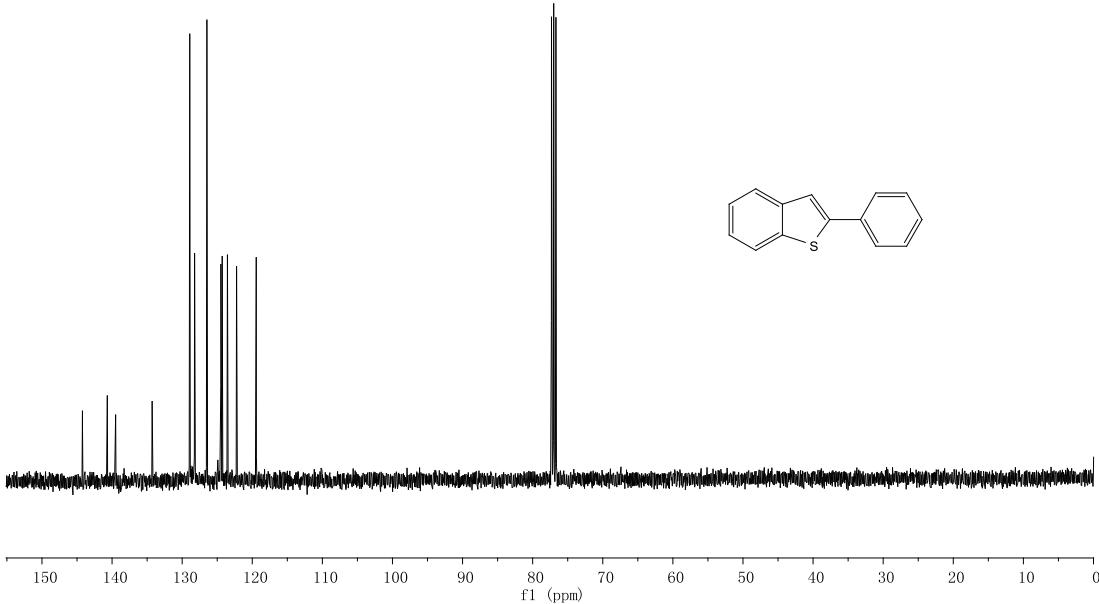


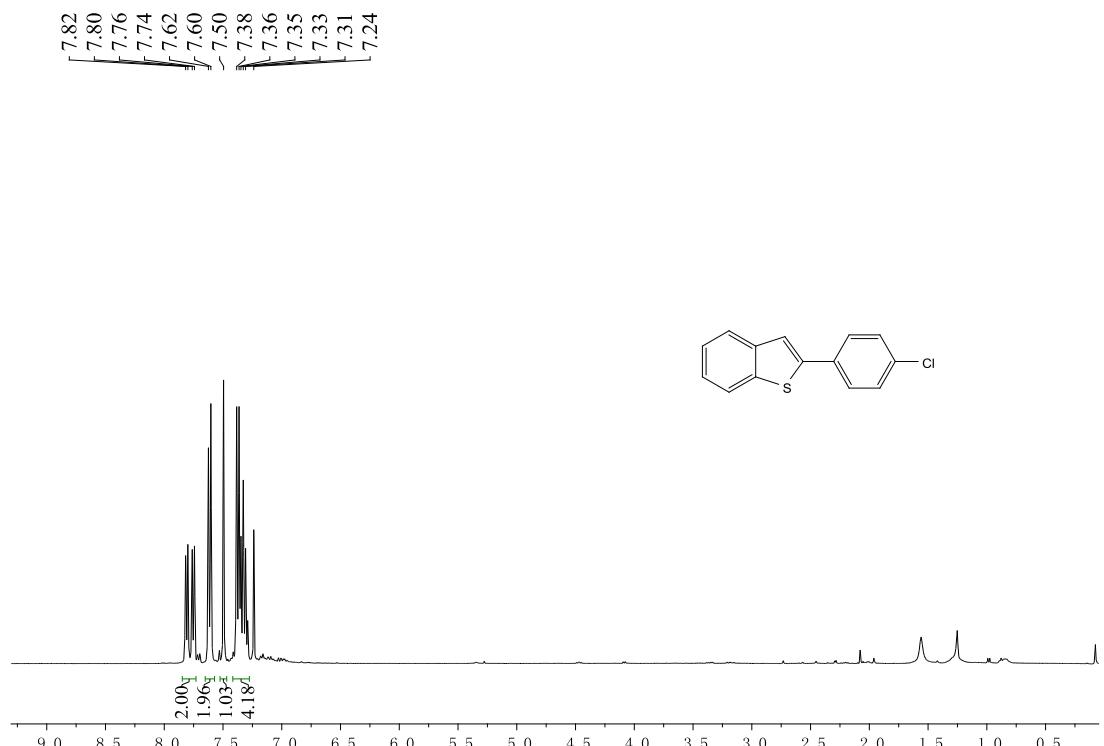
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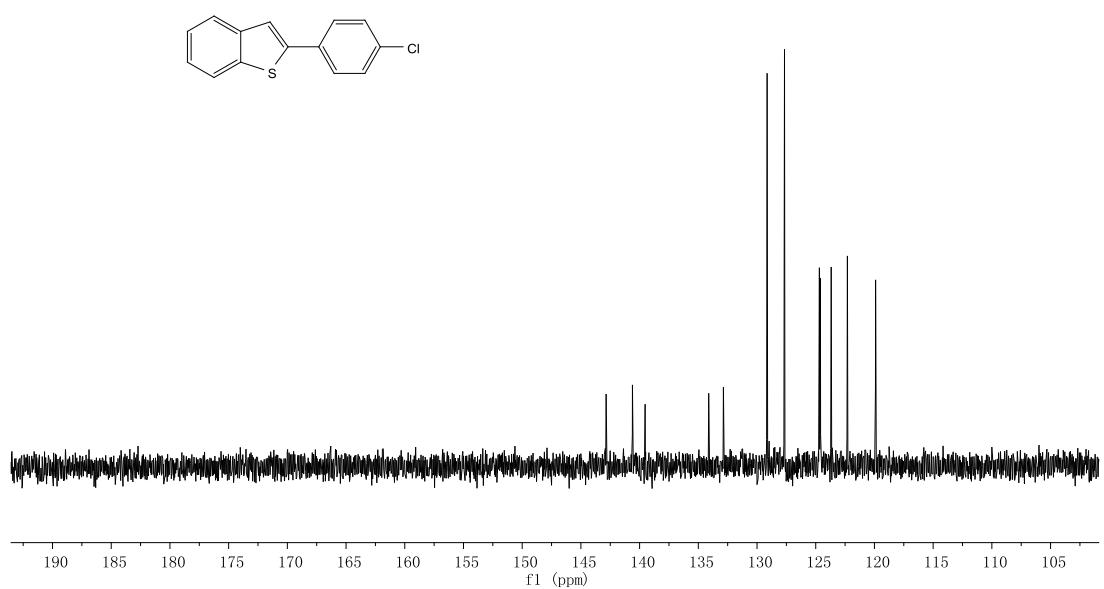
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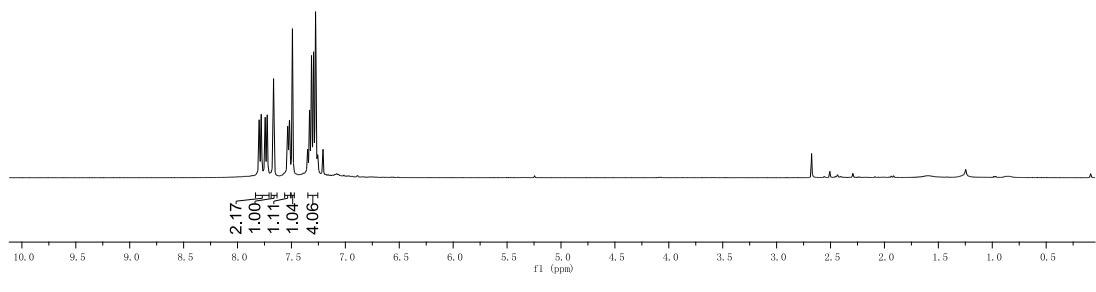
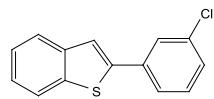




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