

# Mechanistic Investigations and Substrate Scope Evaluation of Ruthenium-Catalyzed Direct $sp^3$ Arylation of Benzylic Positions Directed by 3-Substituted Pyridines

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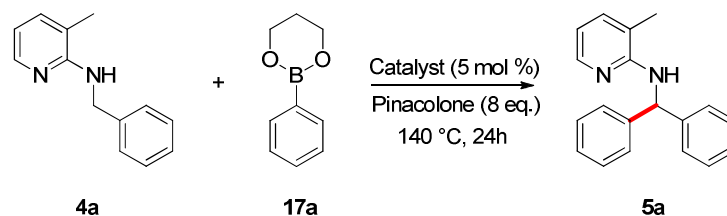
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### 1. Catalyst Screening



entry	catalyst	conv. <sup>b</sup>
1	Ru/C	0
2	Ru <sub>3</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub>	86
3	Ru(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (CO)	2
4	[Ru(p-cymene)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	0
5	Ru(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0
6	Ru(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>2</sub>	0

7	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> (cod)] <sub>n</sub>	0
8	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	0
9	RuCl <sub>3</sub>	0
10	Ru(acac) <sub>3</sub>	0
11	[Rh(cod)Cl] <sub>2</sub>	0
12	Rh <sub>4</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub>	0
13	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	0
14	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	0
15	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	0
16	Fe(CO) <sub>5</sub>	0
17	Fe <sub>3</sub> (CO) <sub>12</sub>	0
18	Fe(CO) <sub>3</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	0

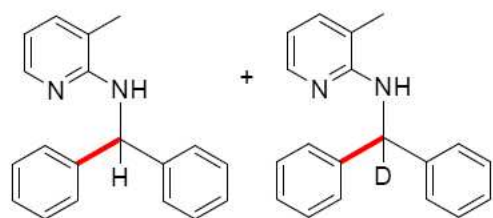
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **4a** (0.5 mmol), **17a** (0.75 mmol), catalyst (5 mol %) and pinacolone (0.5 mL). <sup>b</sup> Conversion based on GC analysis with respect to **4a** (dodecane as internal standard). <sup>c</sup> Yield determined by GC analysis with respect to **4a** (dodecane as internal standard).

## 2. DFT Calculations

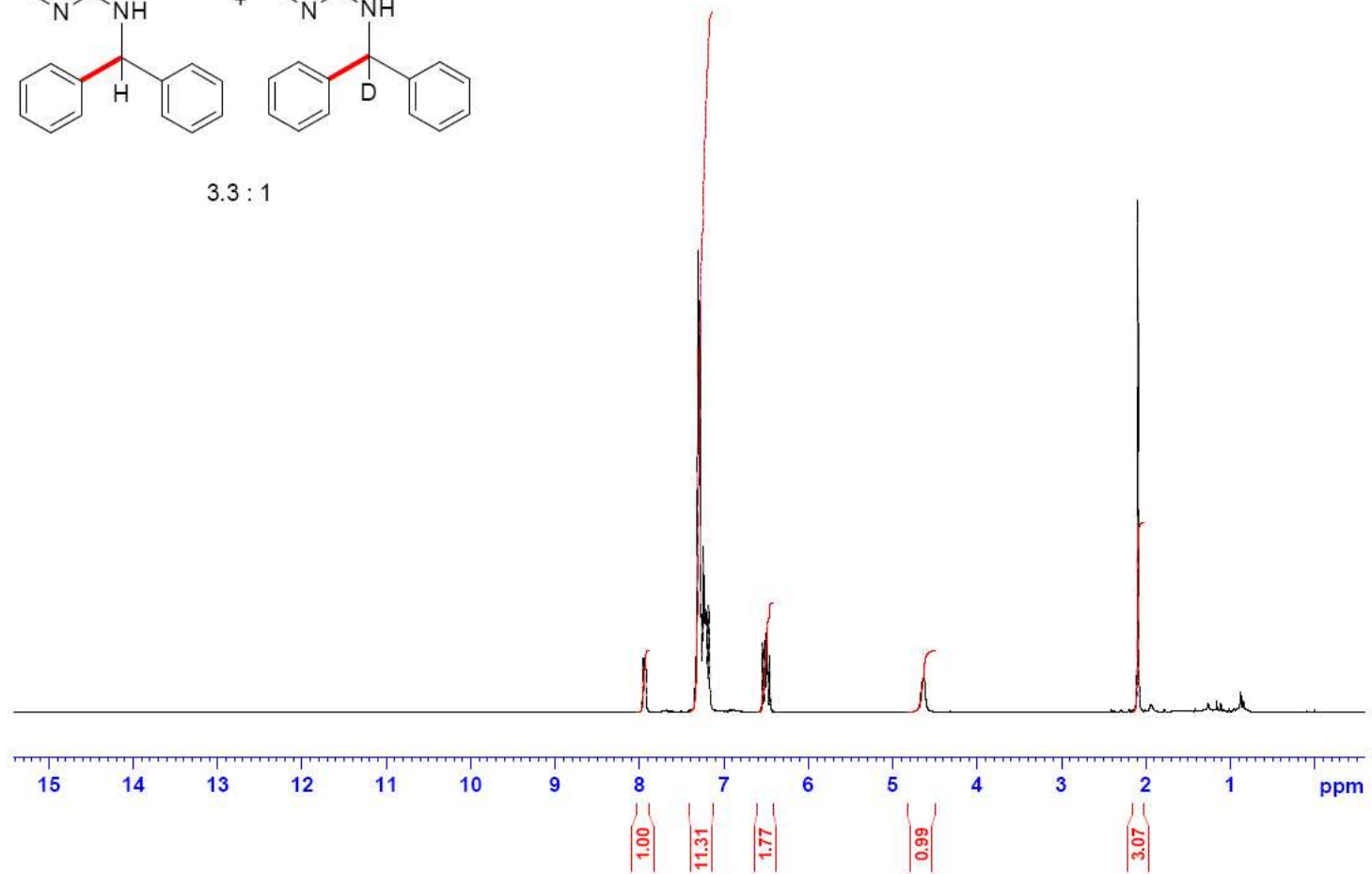
**Computational Details.** All calculations were performed using the Gaussian 03 software package,<sup>1</sup> and the PBE1PBE functional, without symmetry constraints. That functional uses a hybrid generalized gradient approximation (GGA), including 25 % mixture of Hartree-Fock<sup>2</sup> exchange with DFT exchange-correlation, given by Perdew, Burke and Ernzerhof functional (PBE).<sup>3</sup> The optimized geometries were obtained with the 6-31G(d,p) basis sets. Frequency calculations were performed to confirm the nature of the stationary points, yielding one imaginary frequency for the transition states and none for the minima. Each transition state was further confirmed by following its vibrational mode downhill on both sides and obtaining the minima presented on the energy profiles.

### 3. NMR Spectra

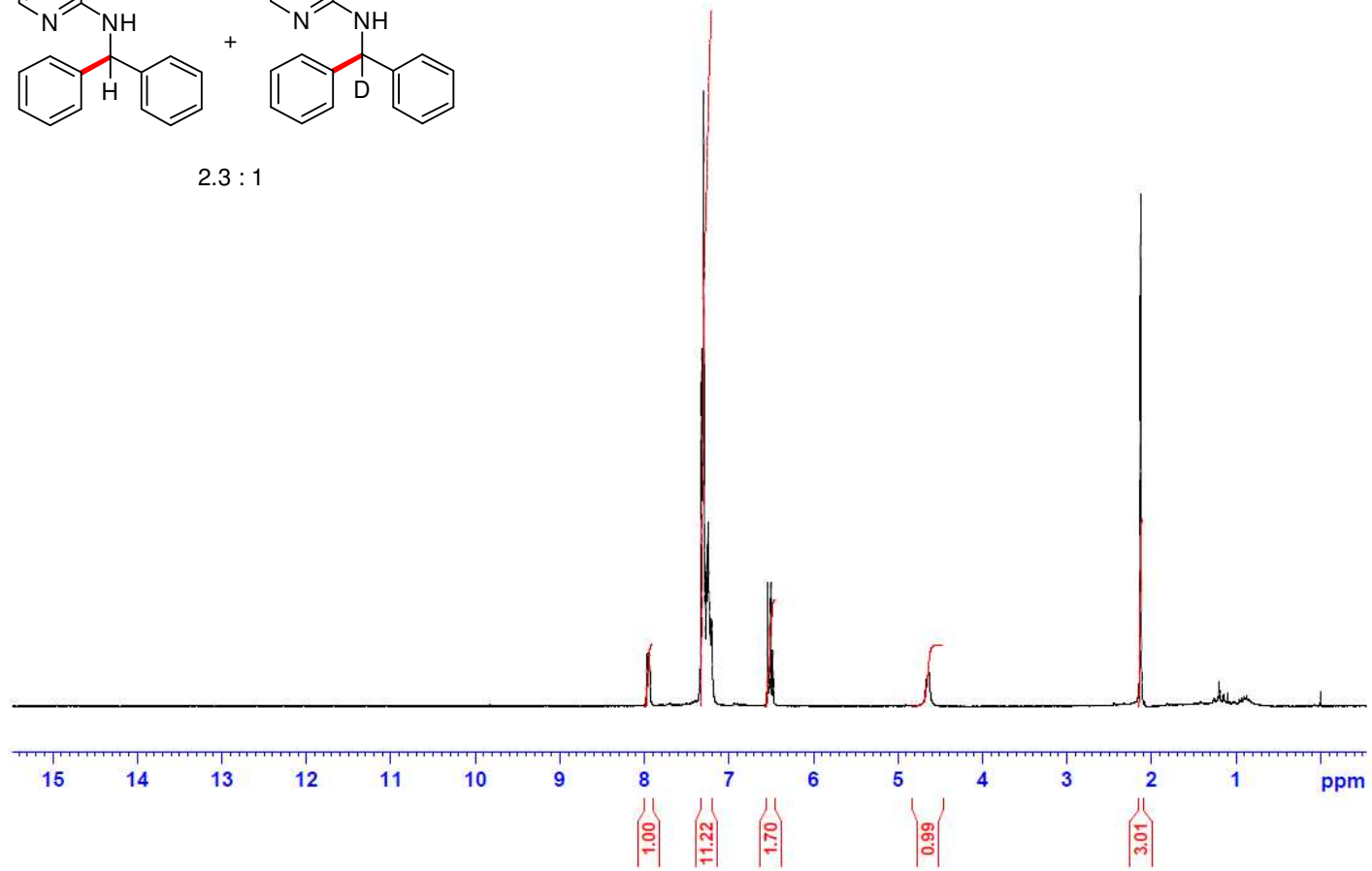
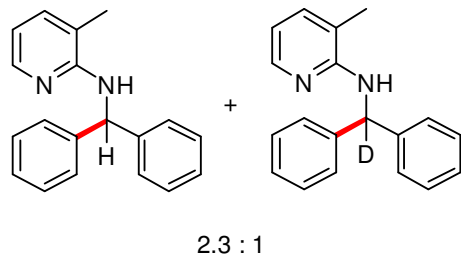
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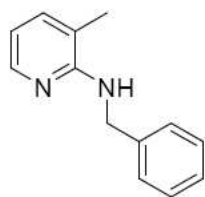


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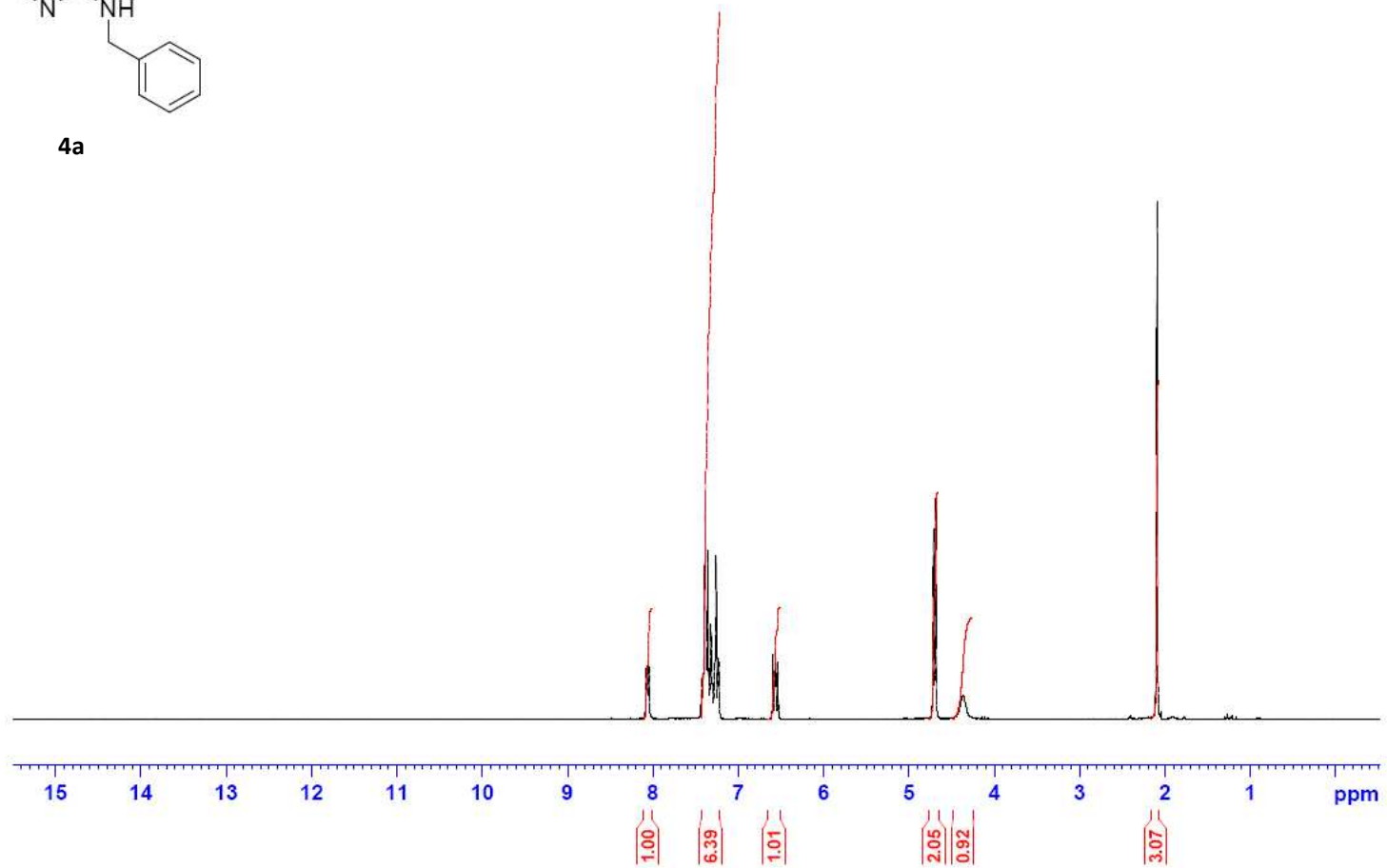


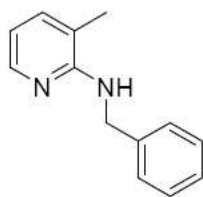
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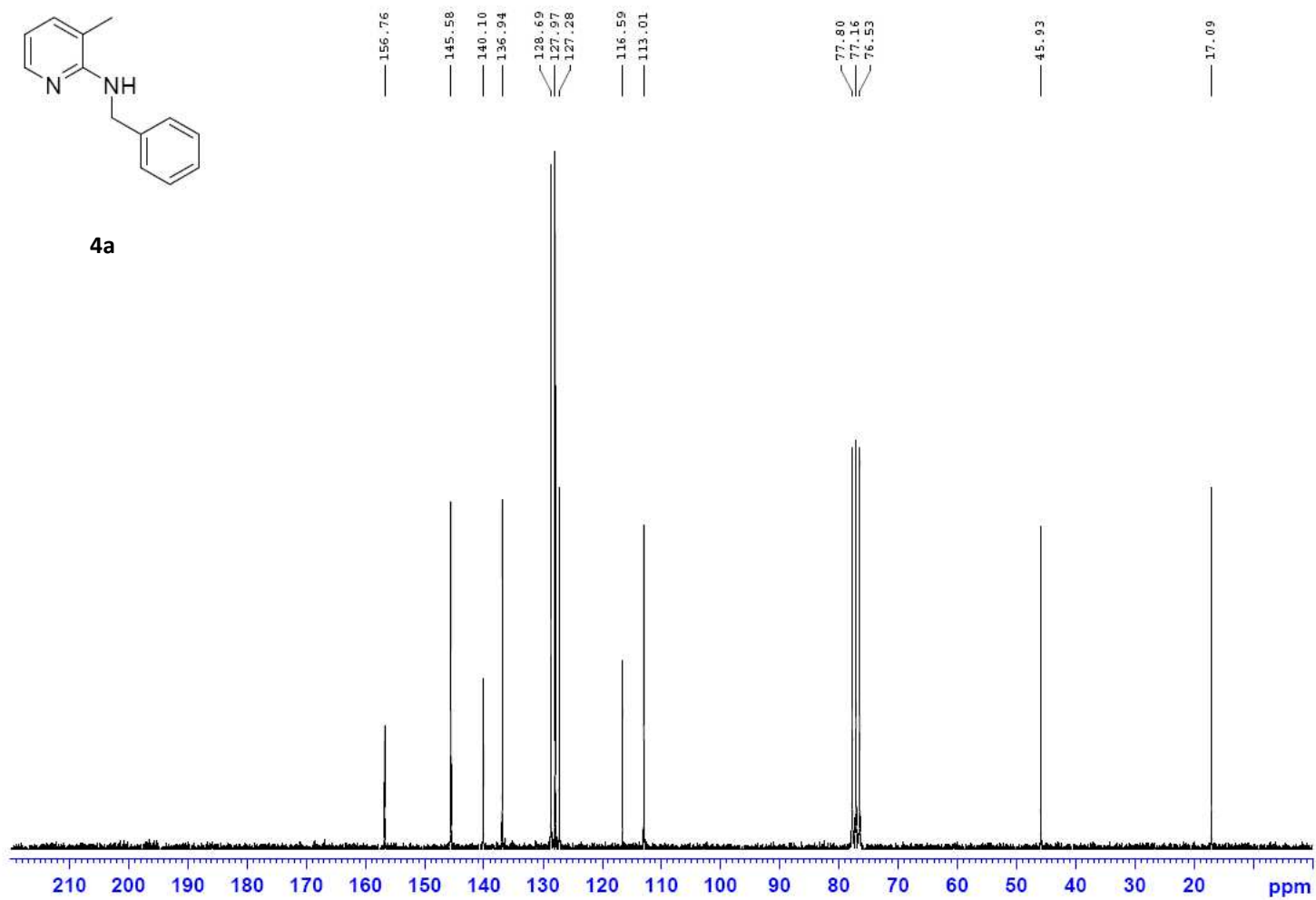


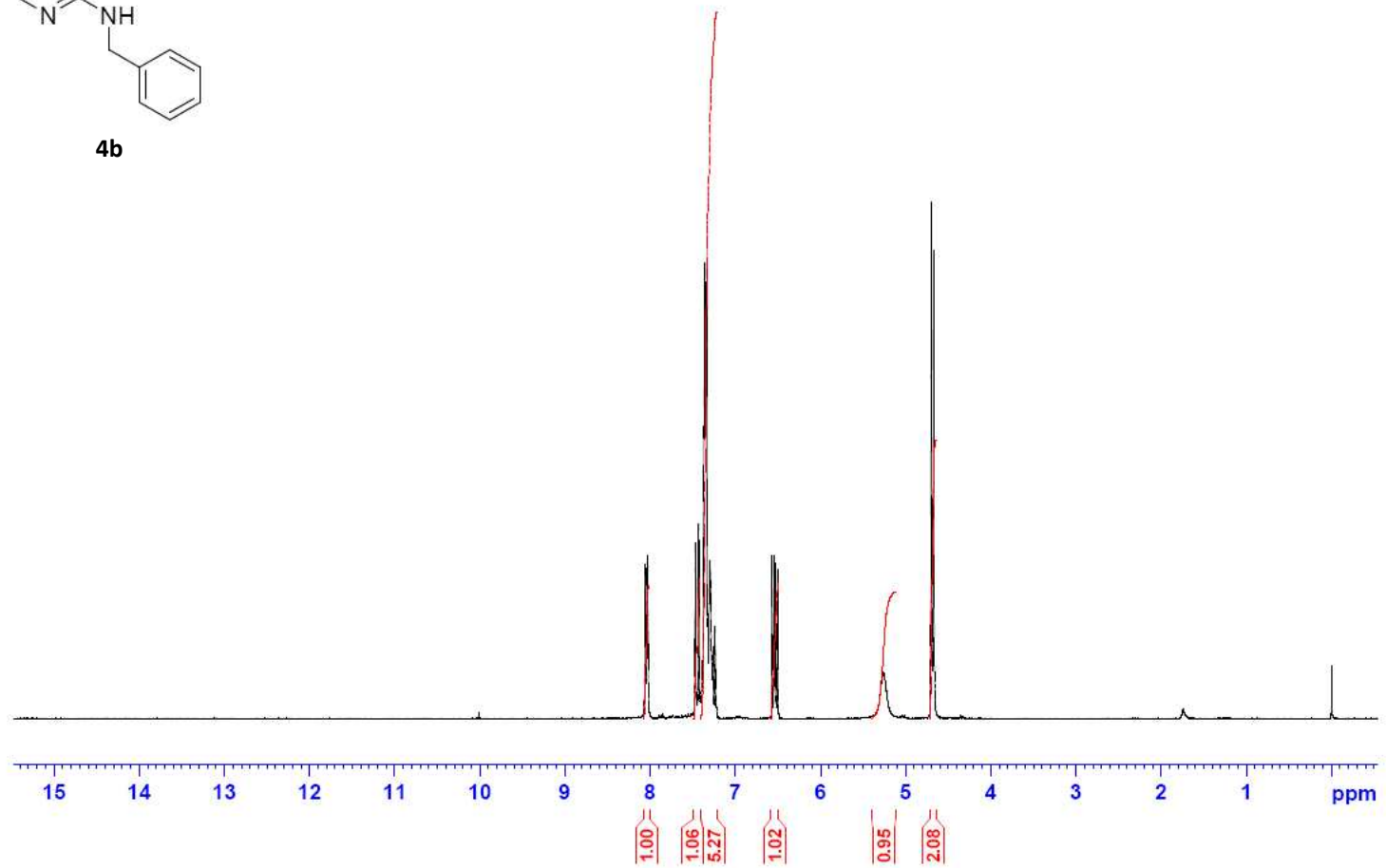
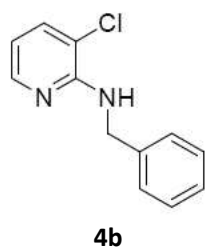
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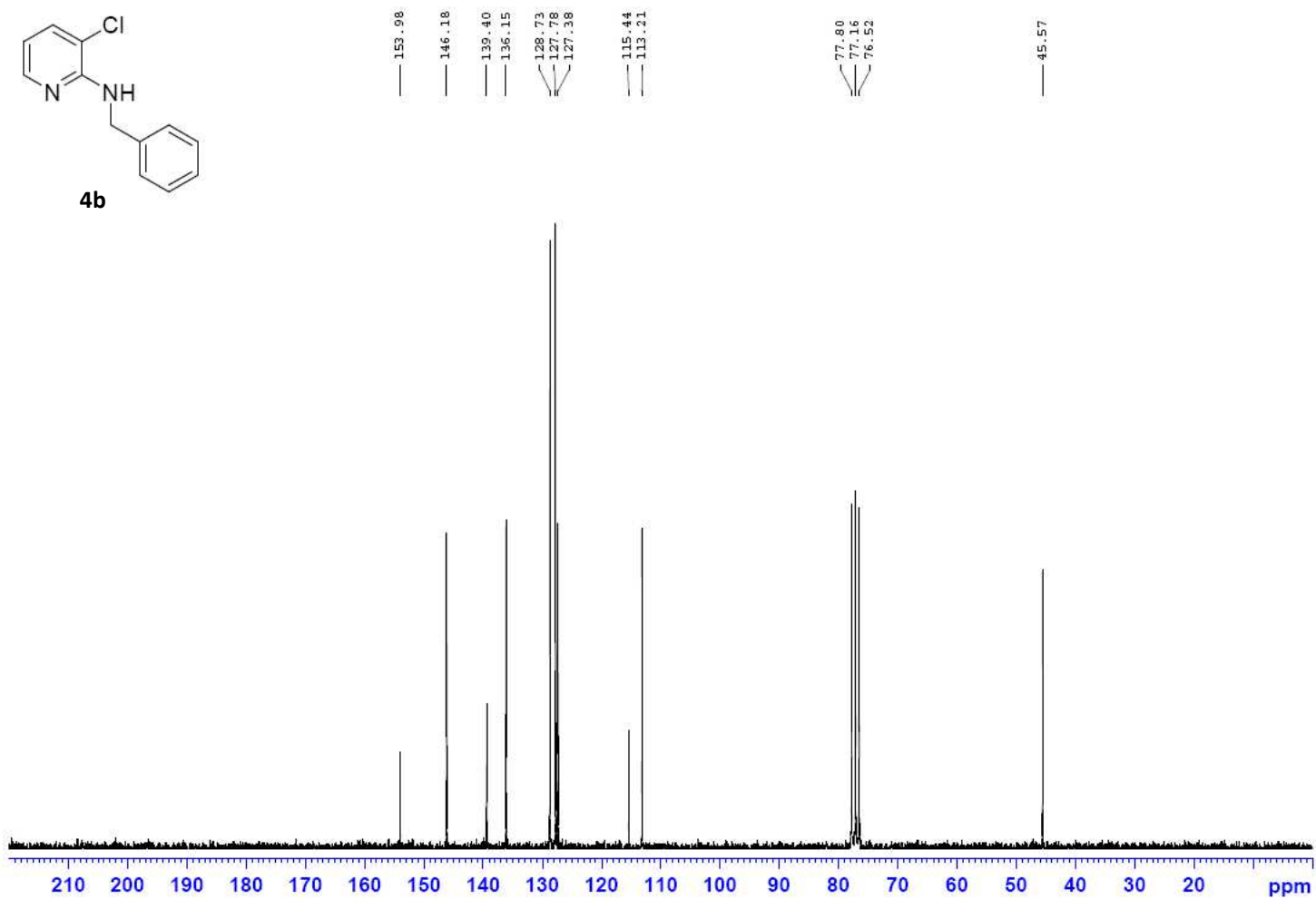
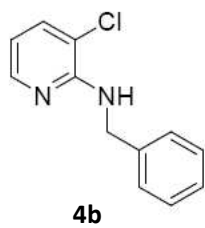




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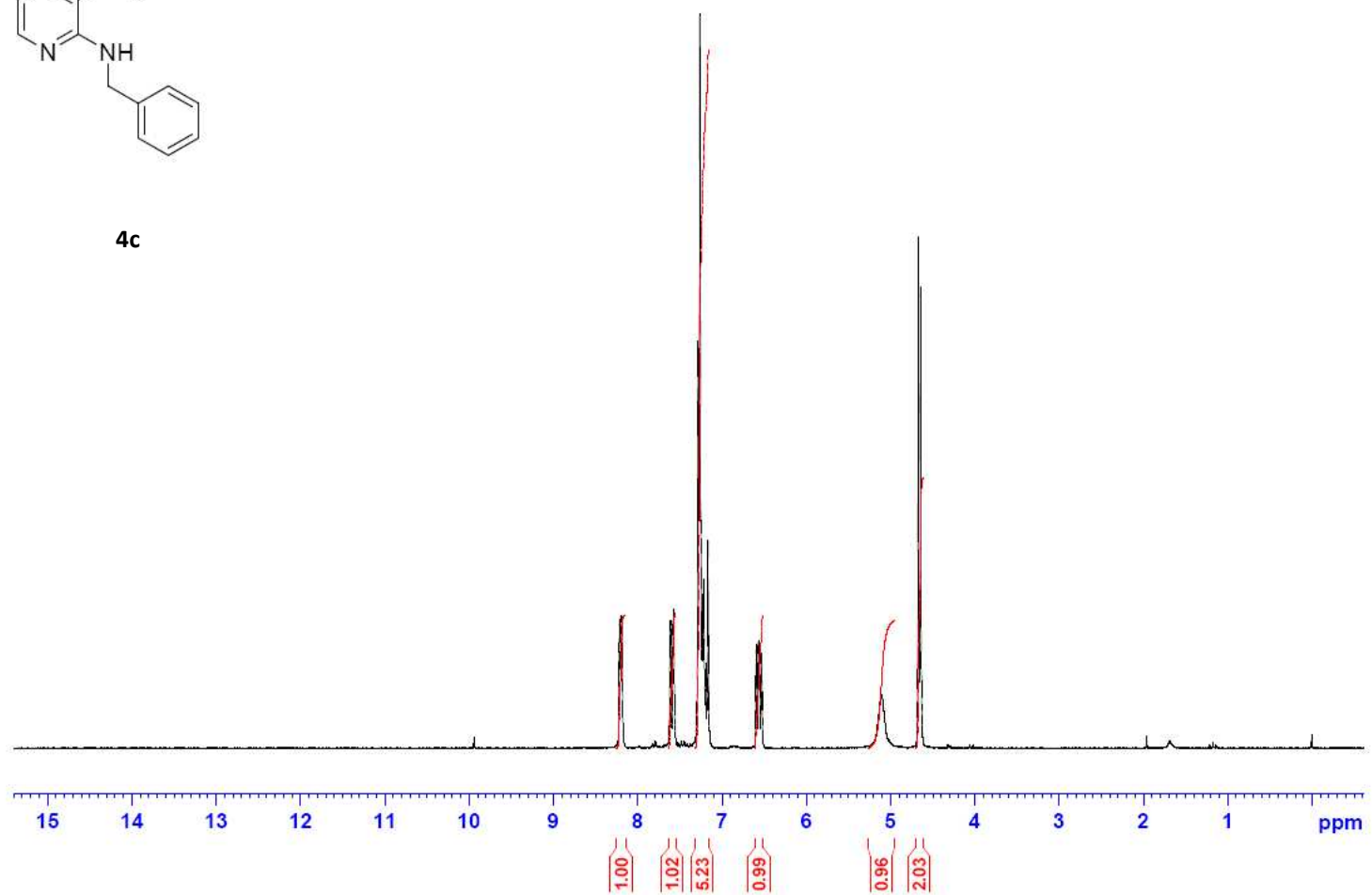






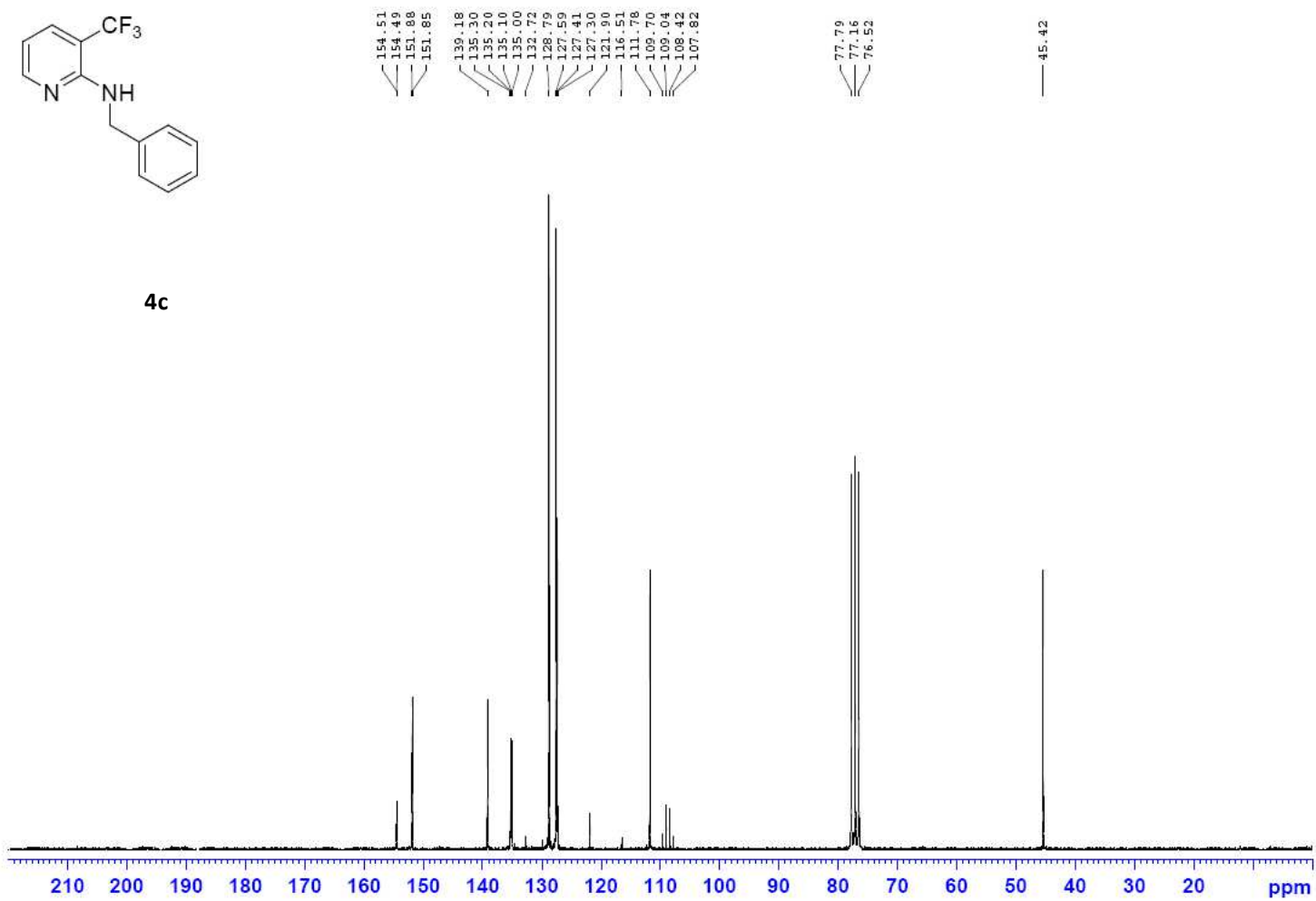


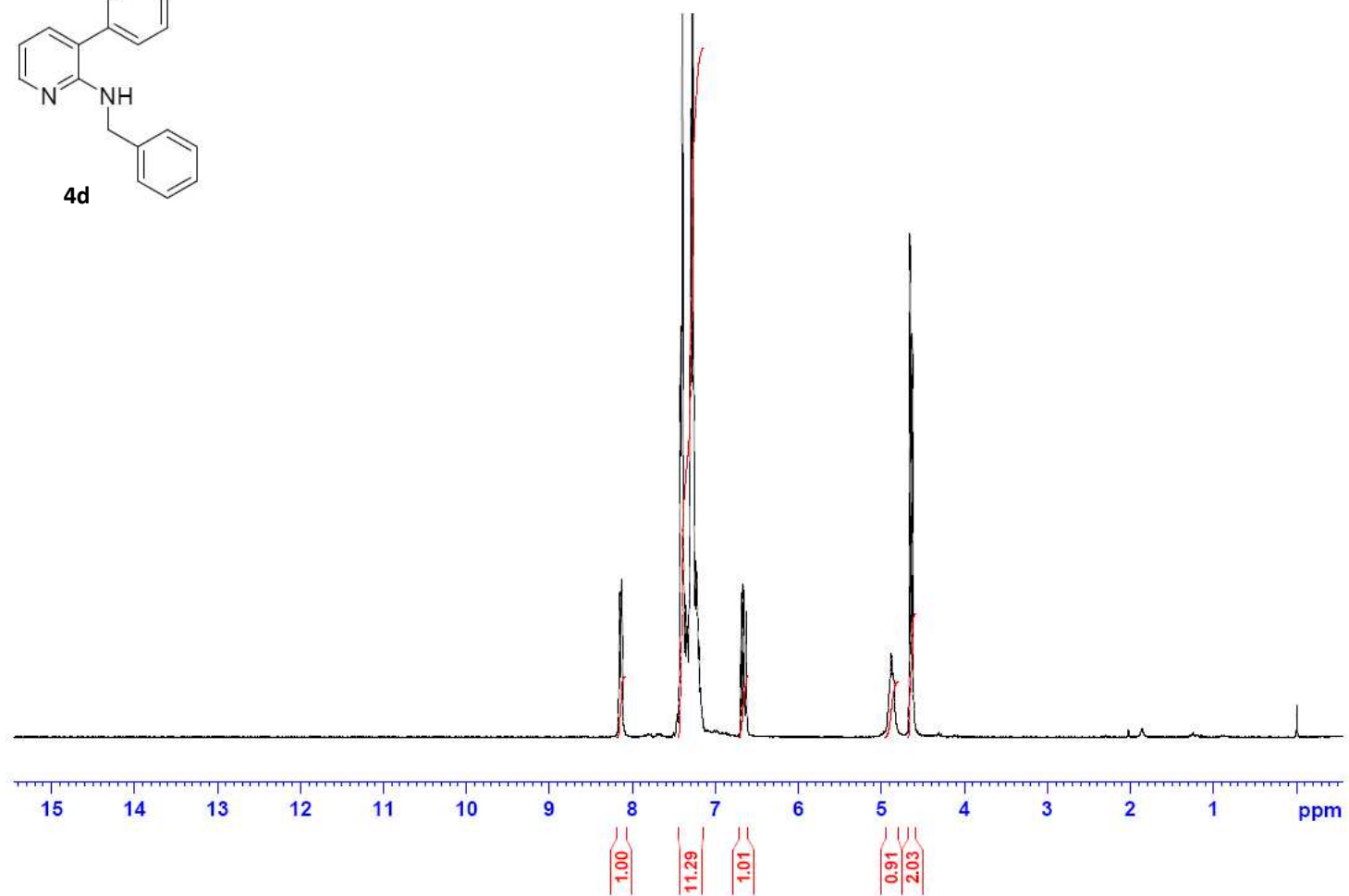
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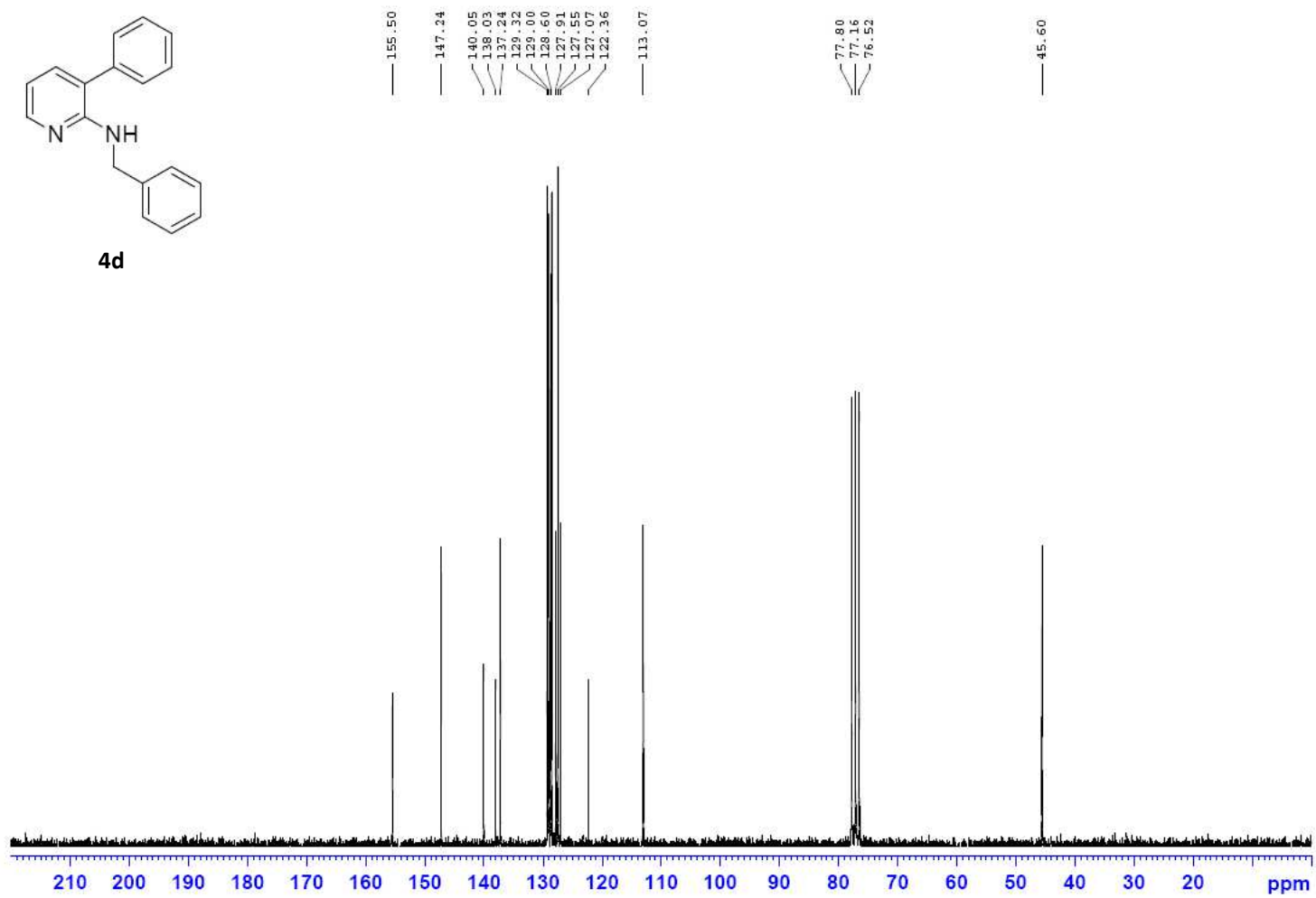
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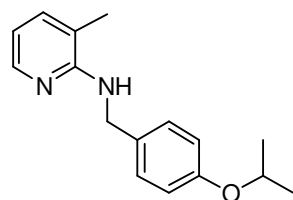




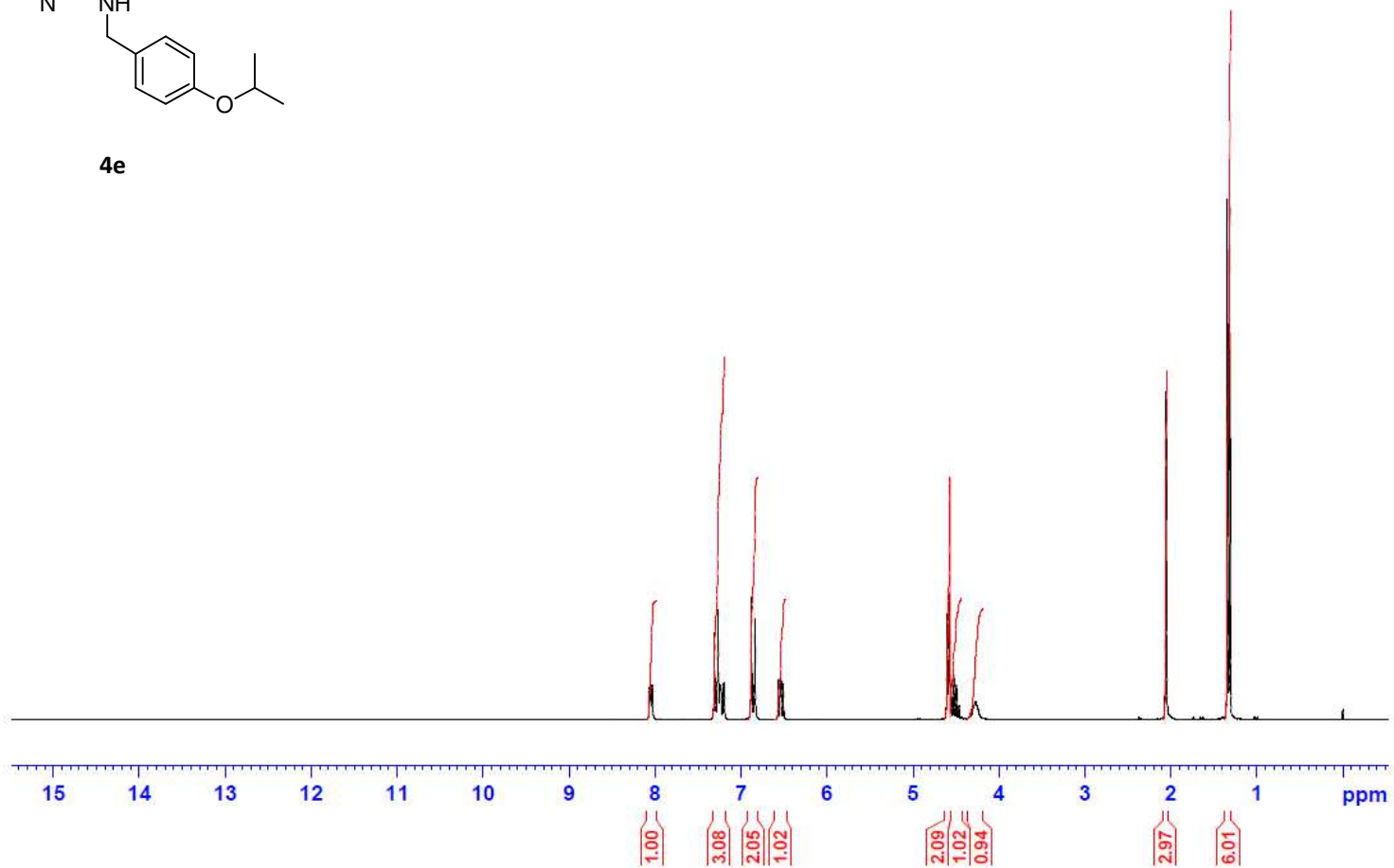


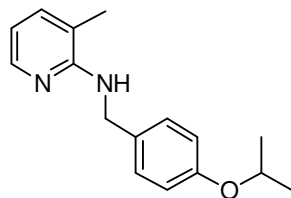
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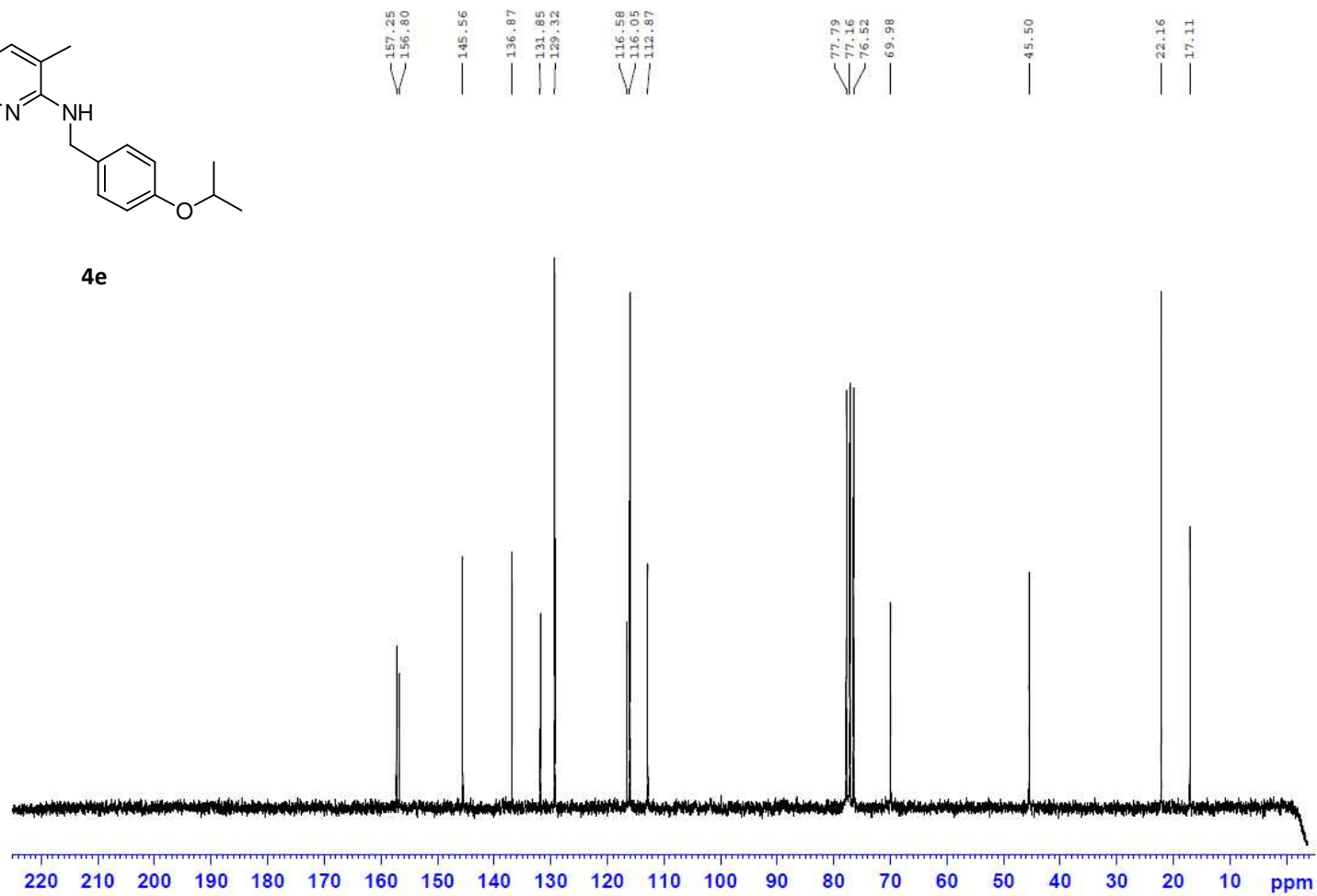


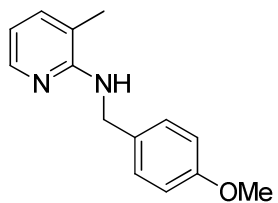
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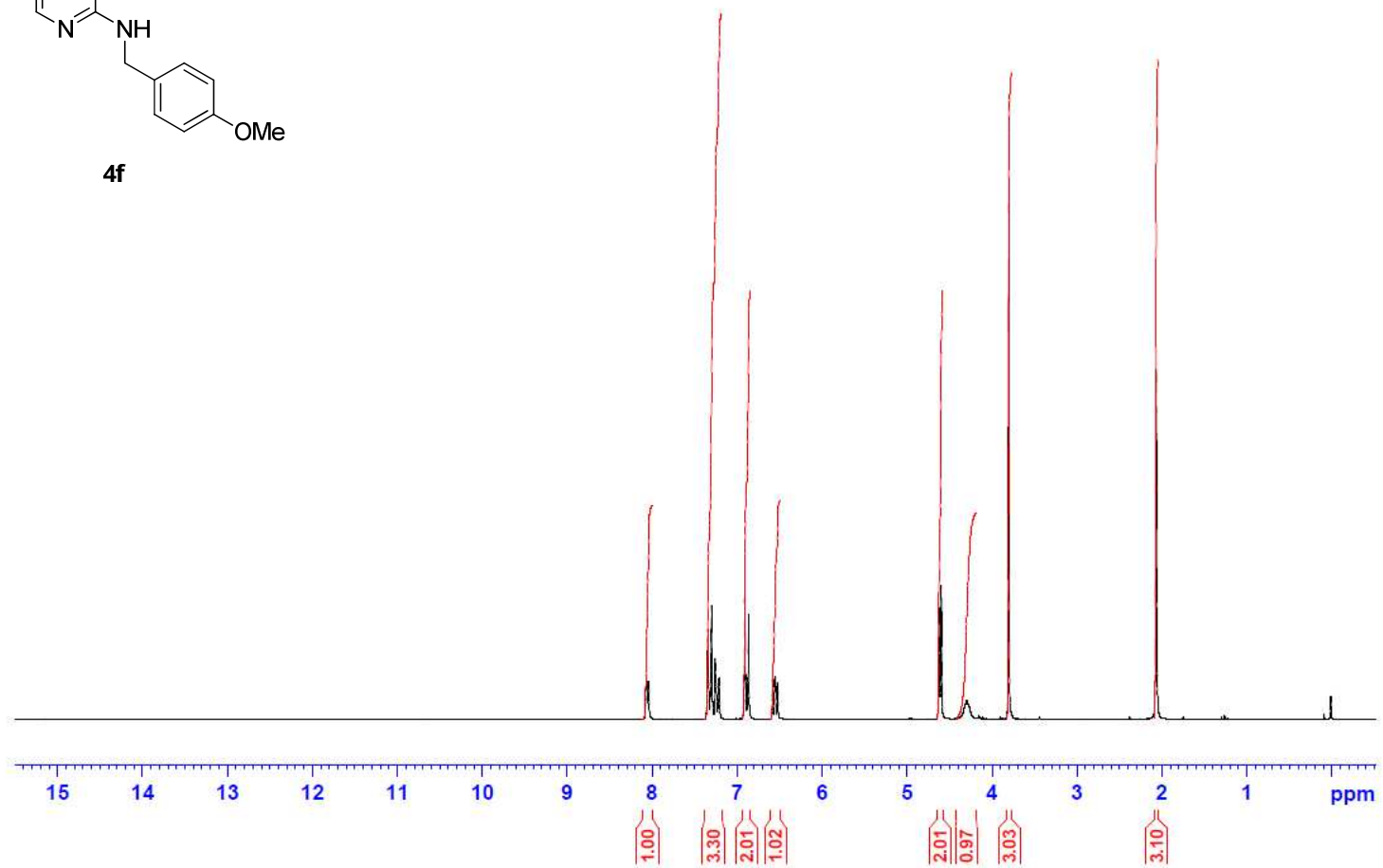


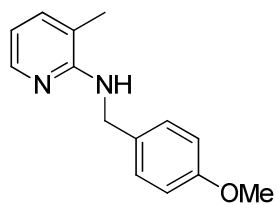
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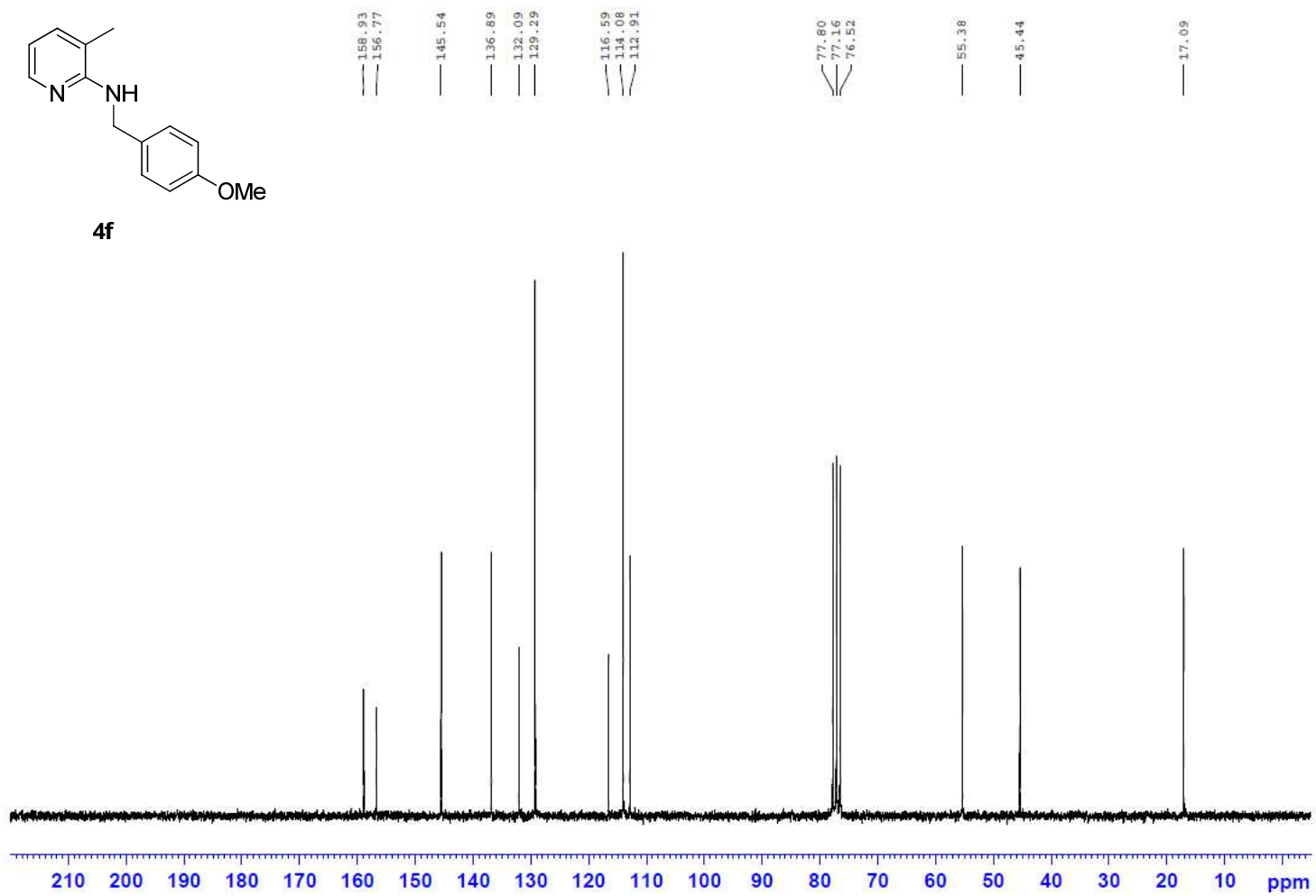


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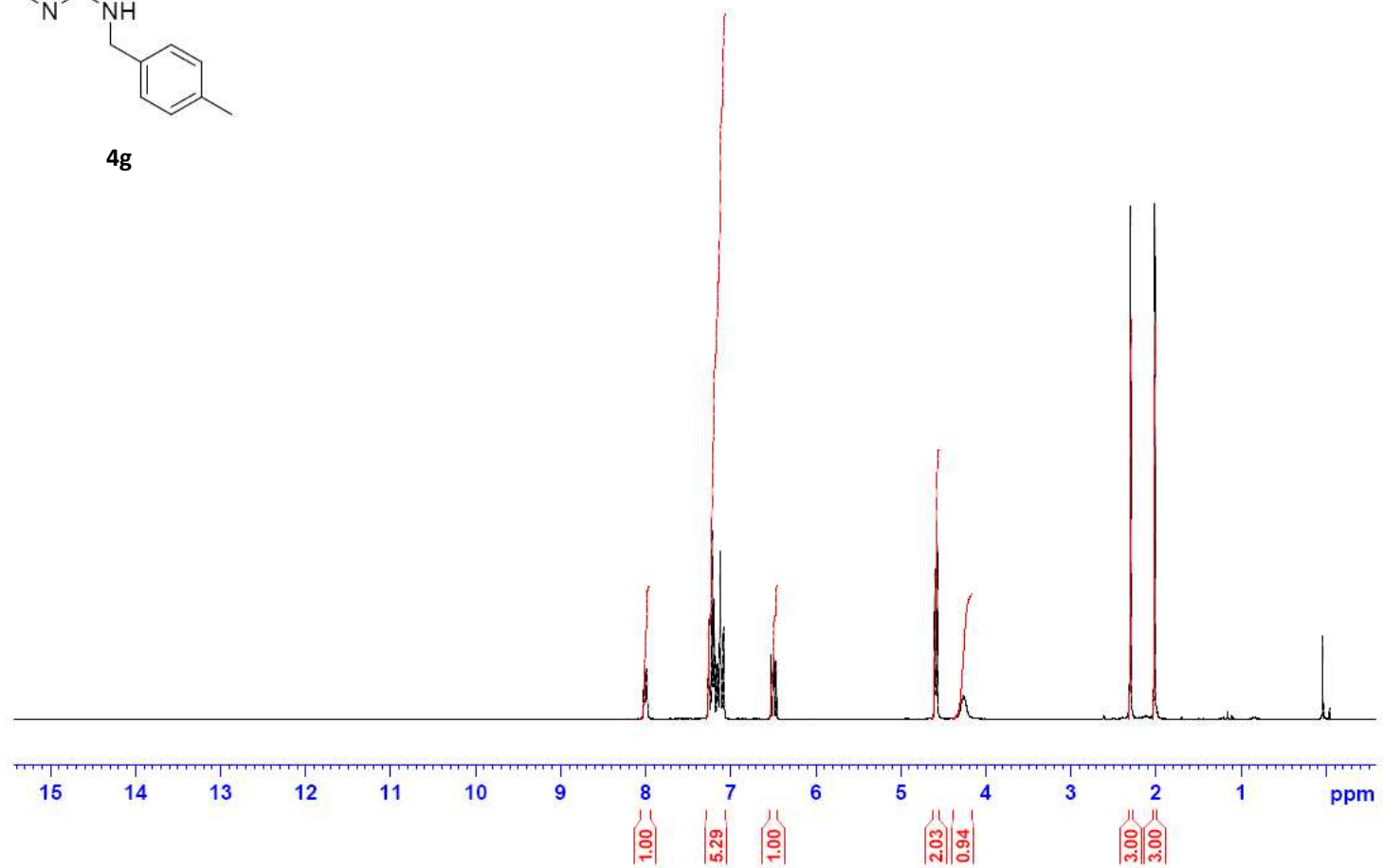
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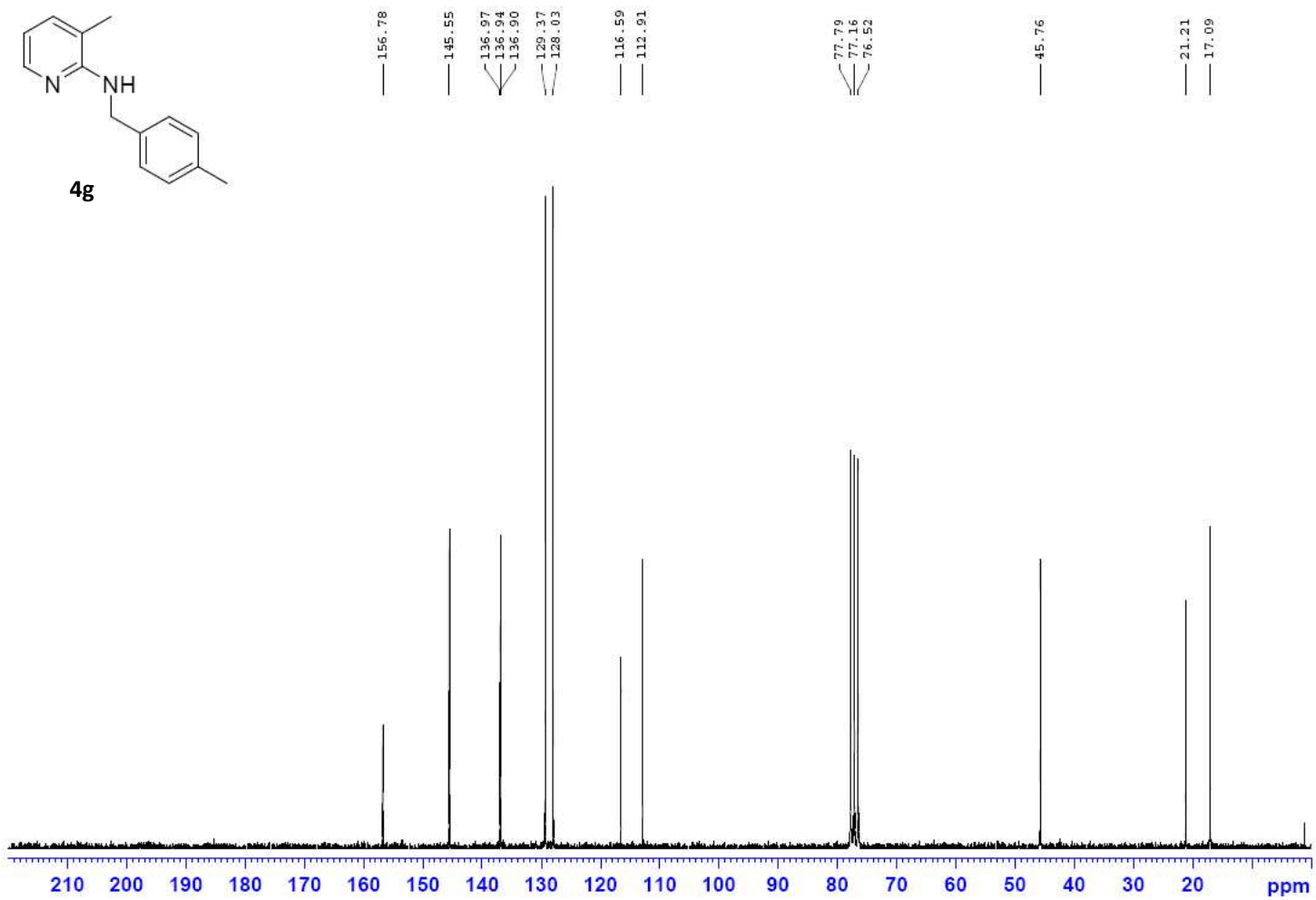
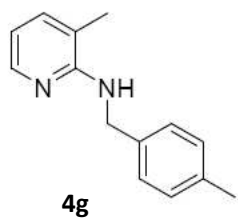


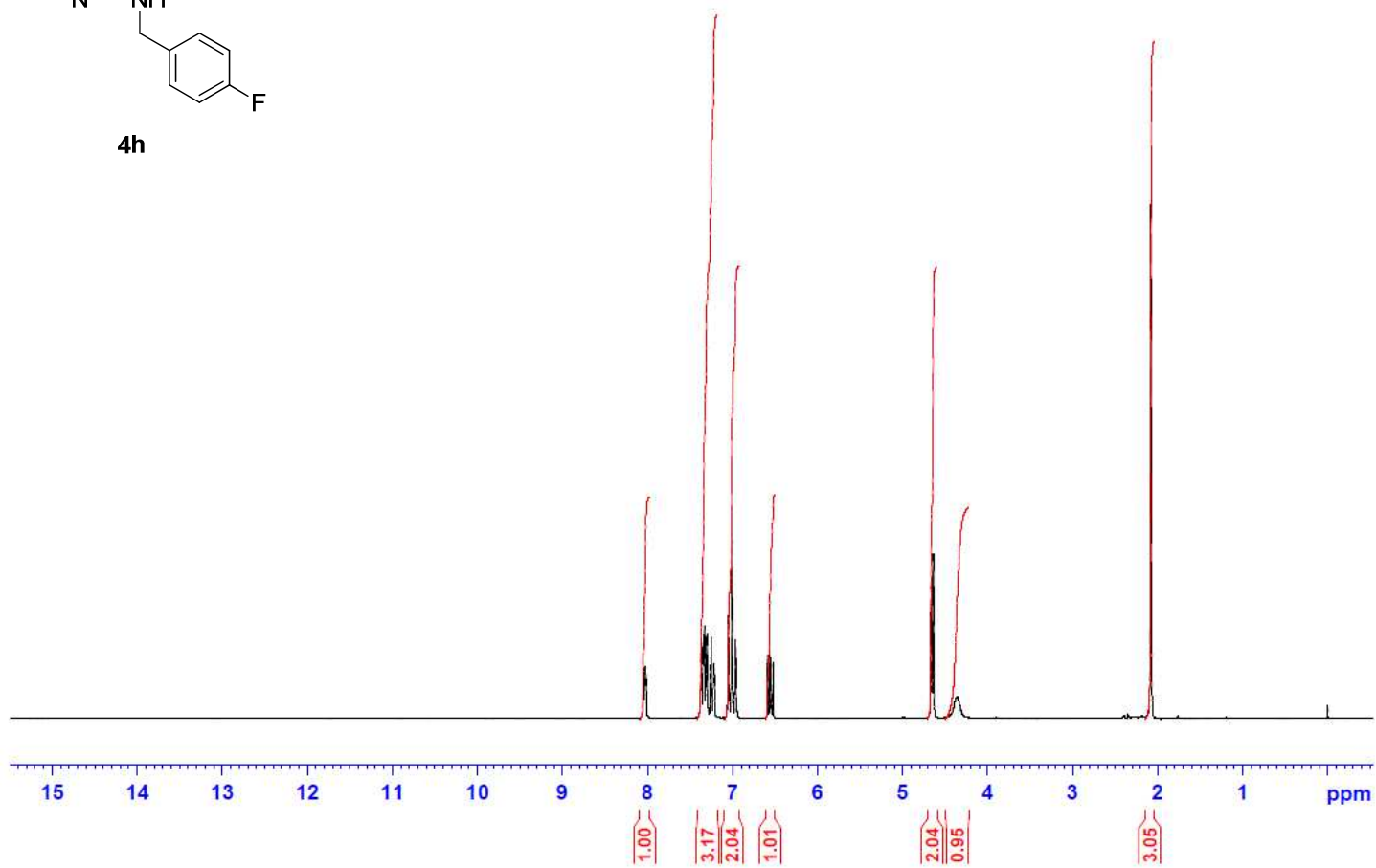
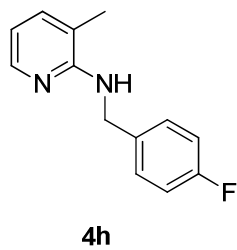


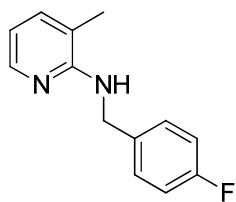


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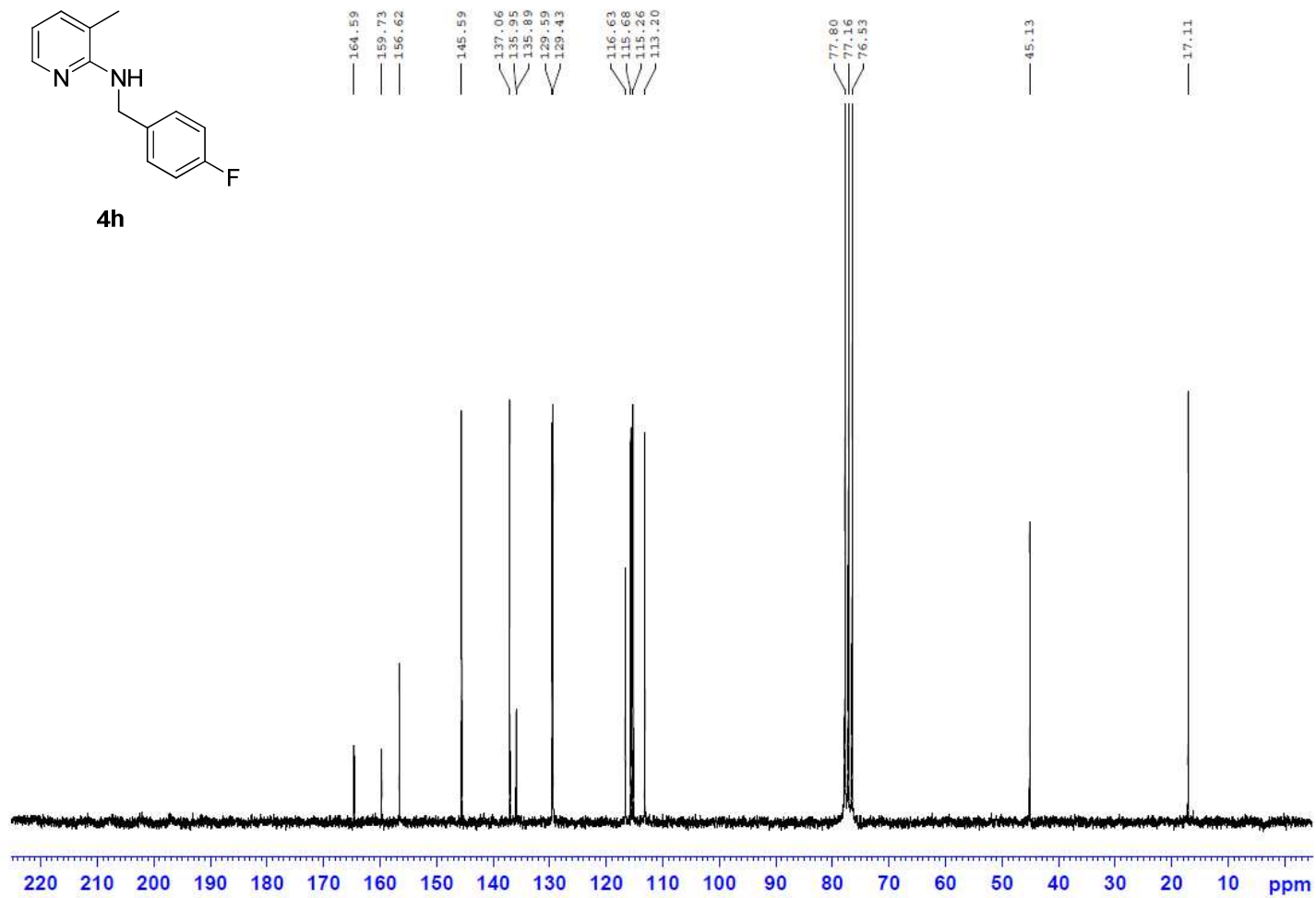


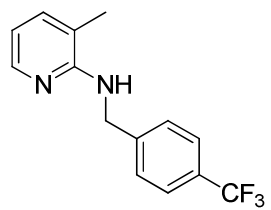




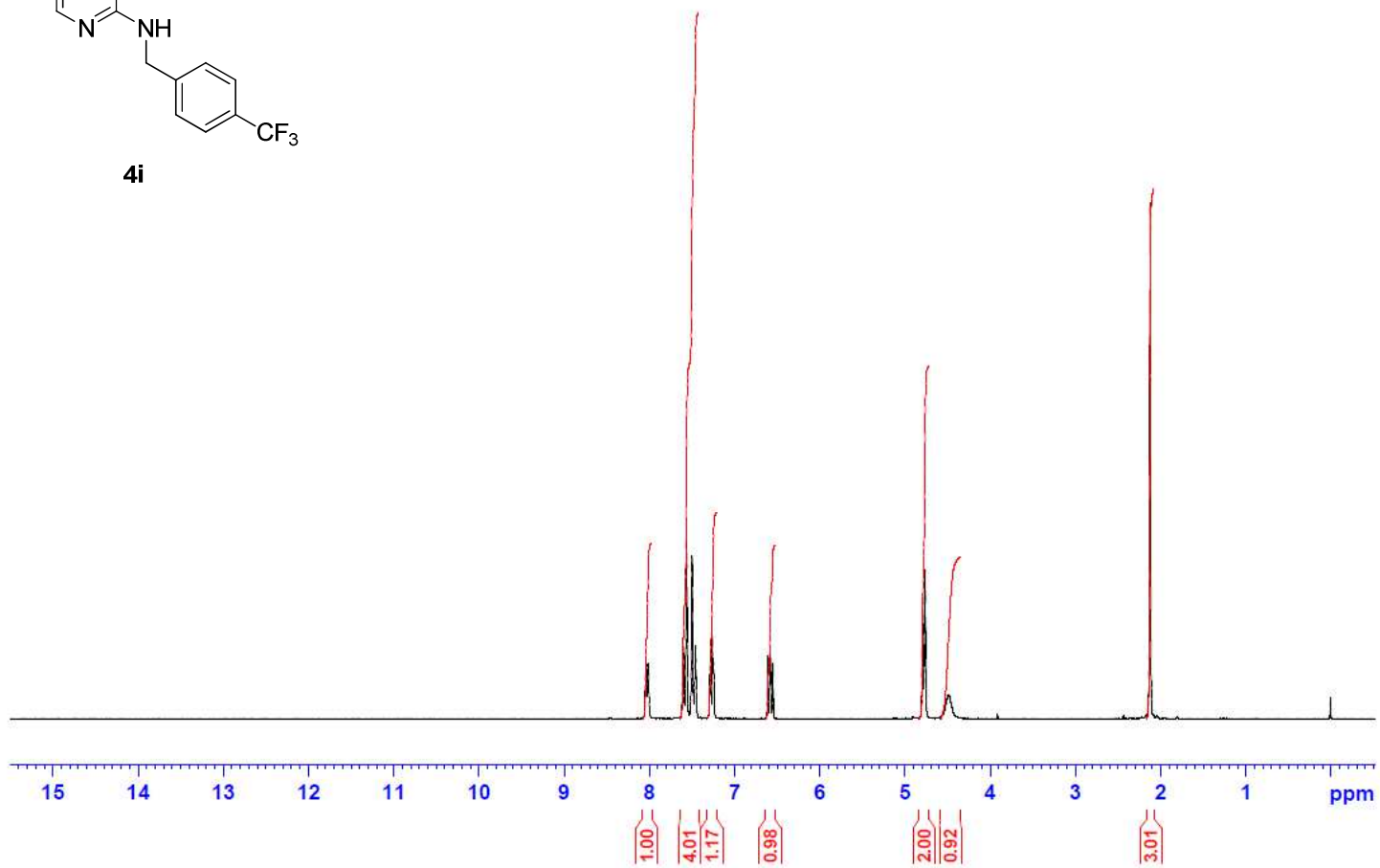


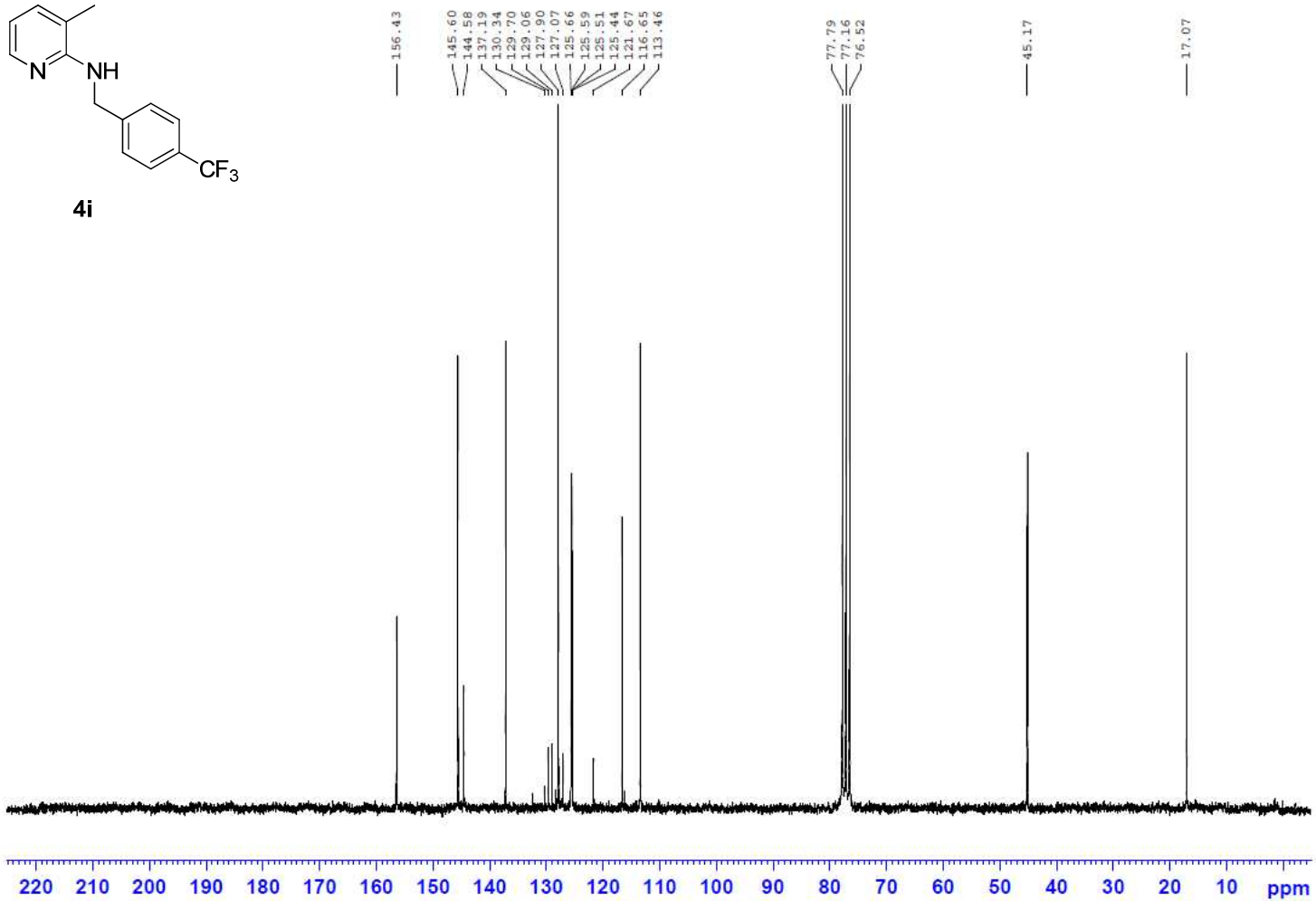
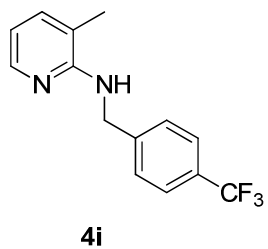
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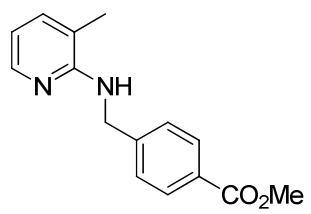




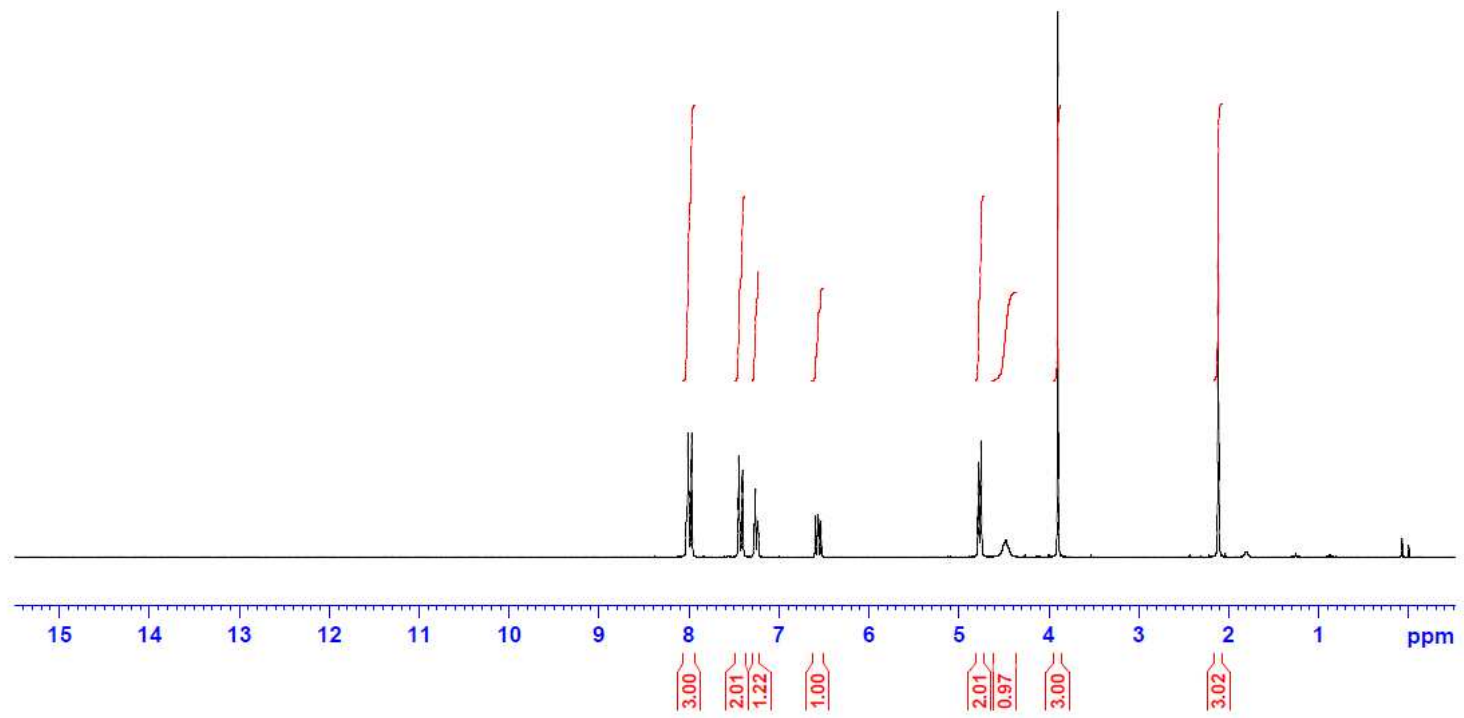
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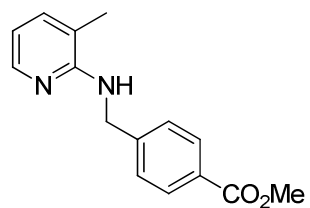




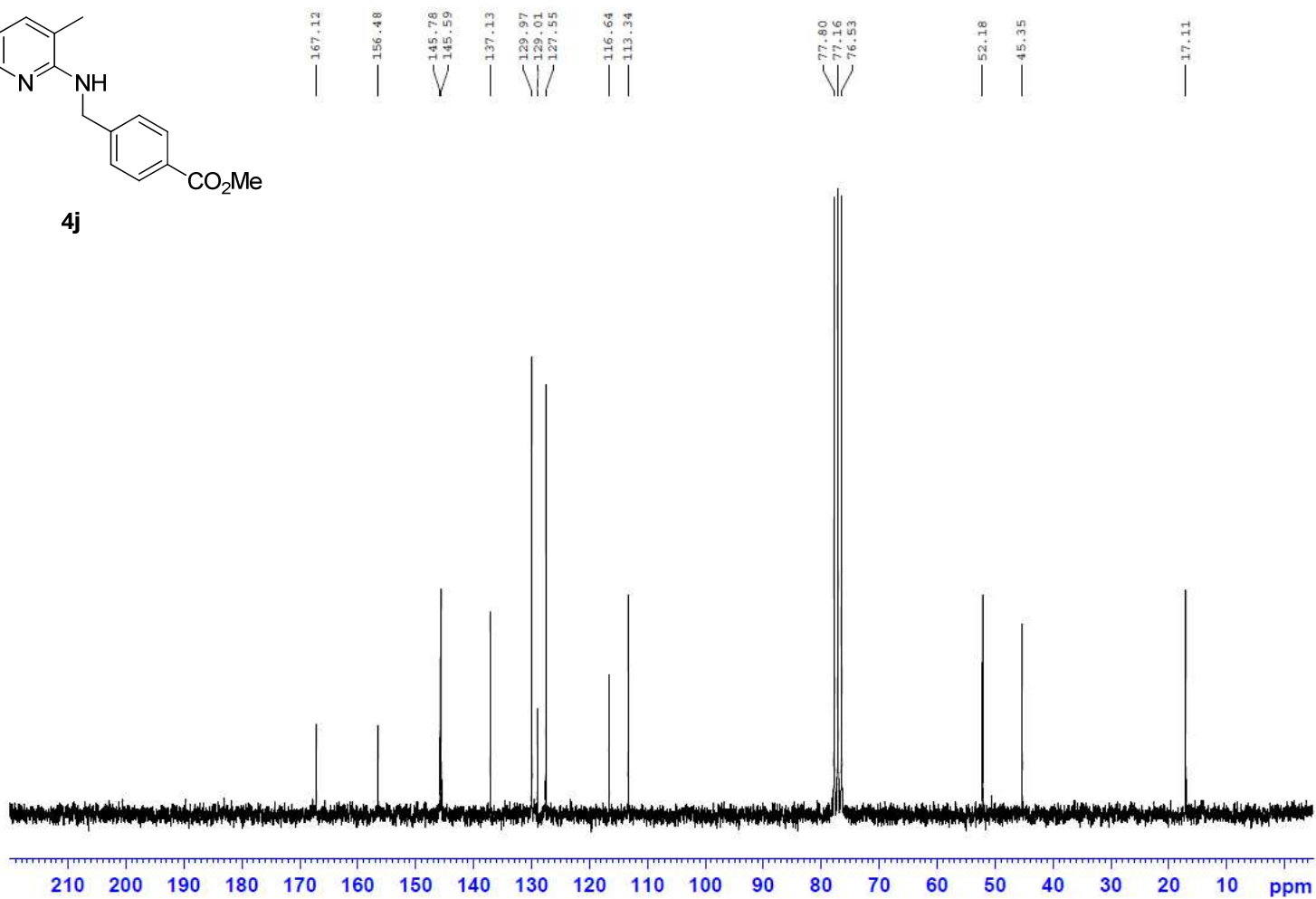


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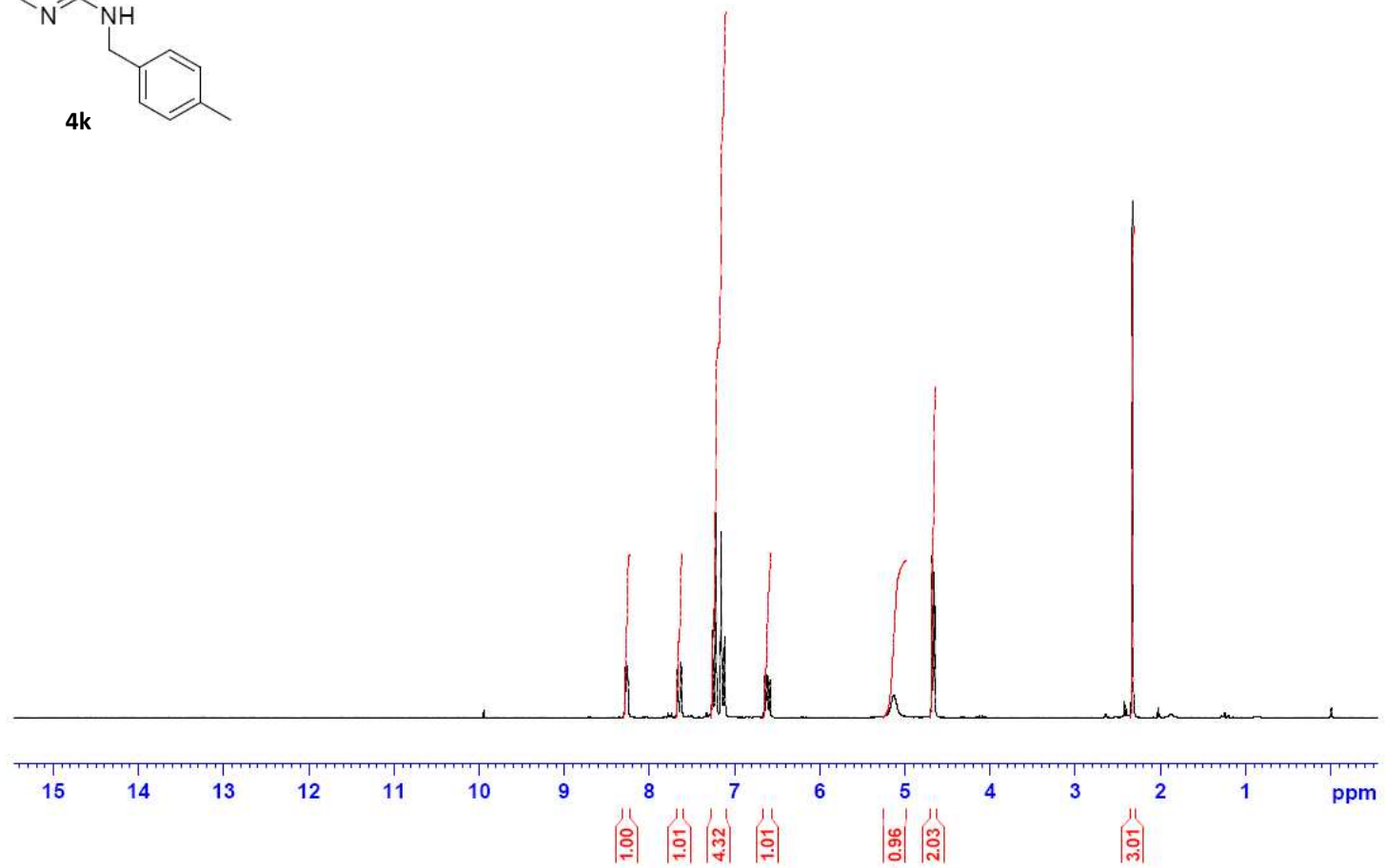
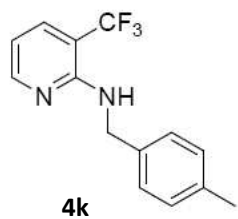


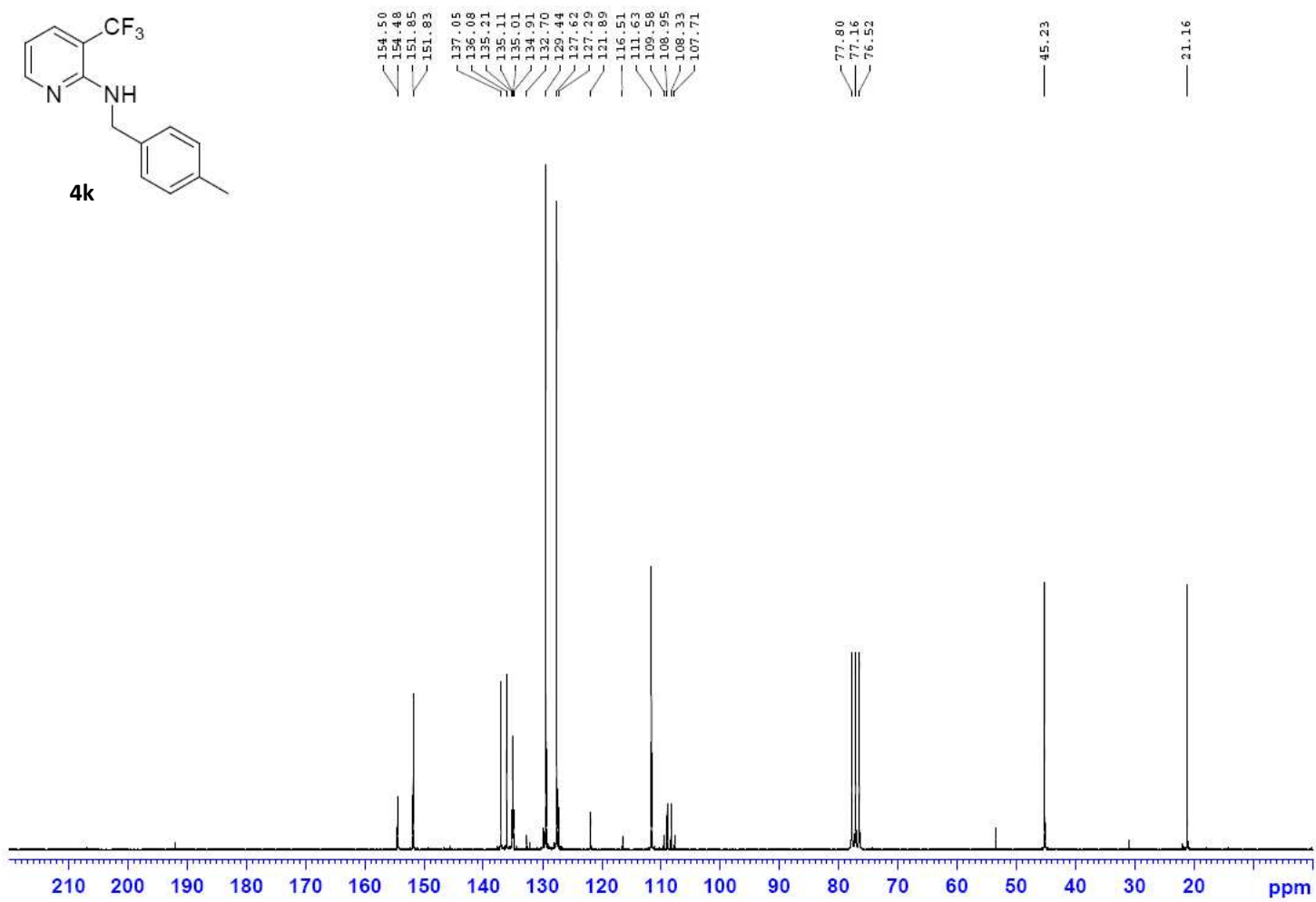
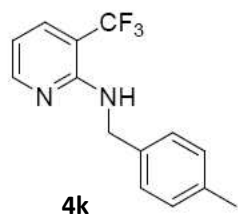


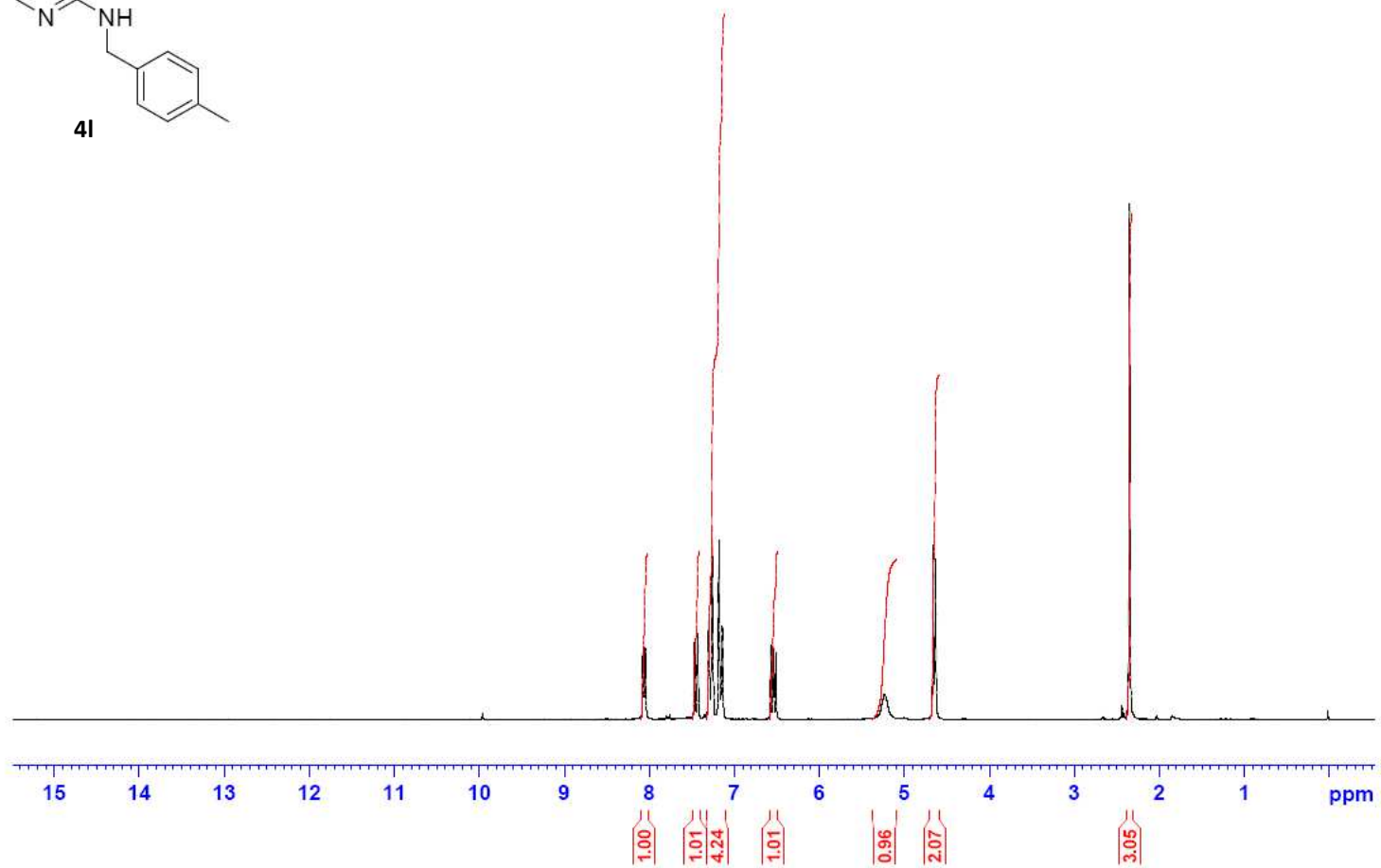
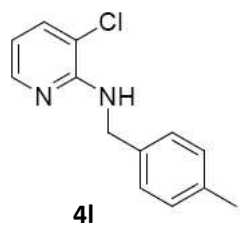
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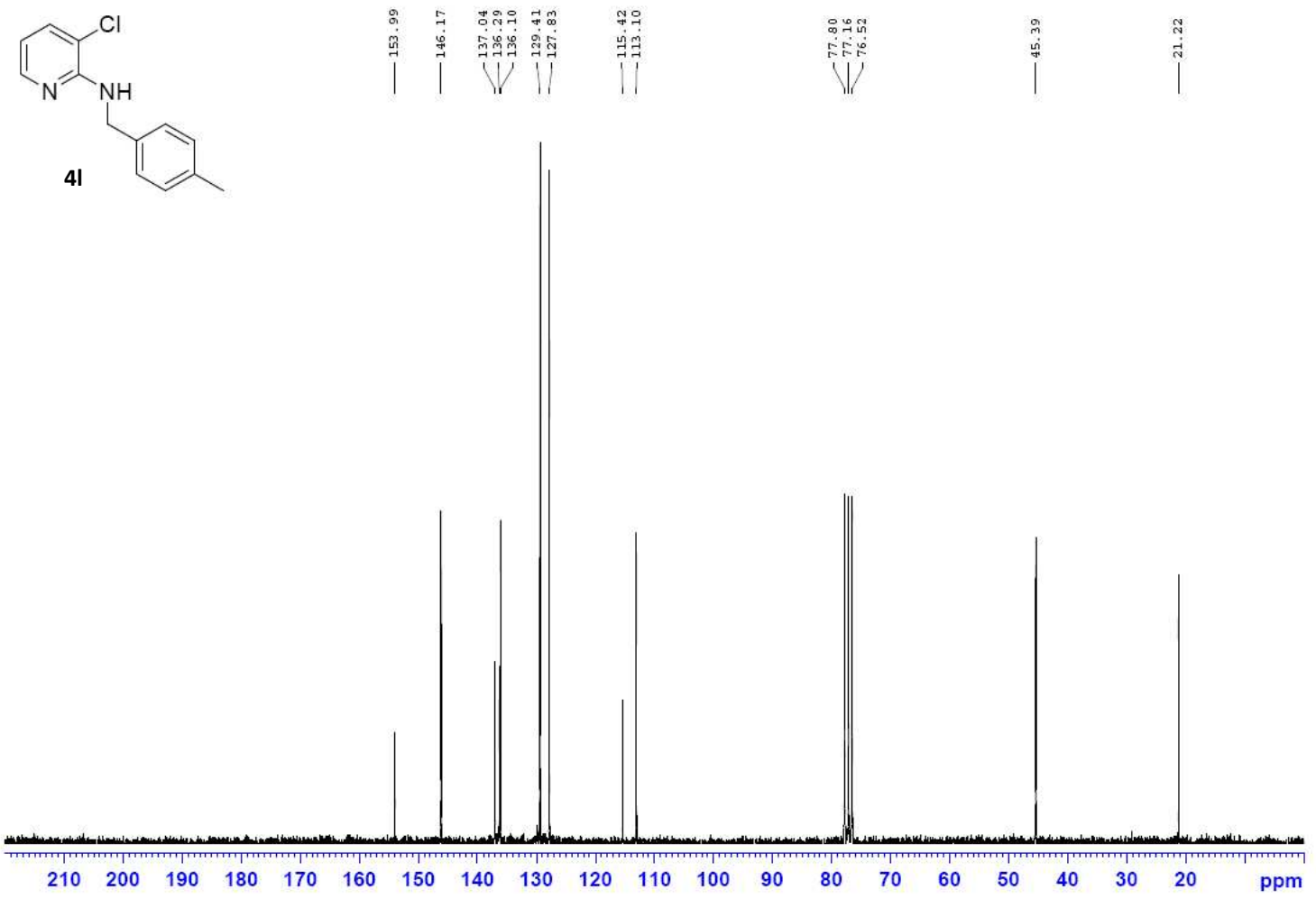






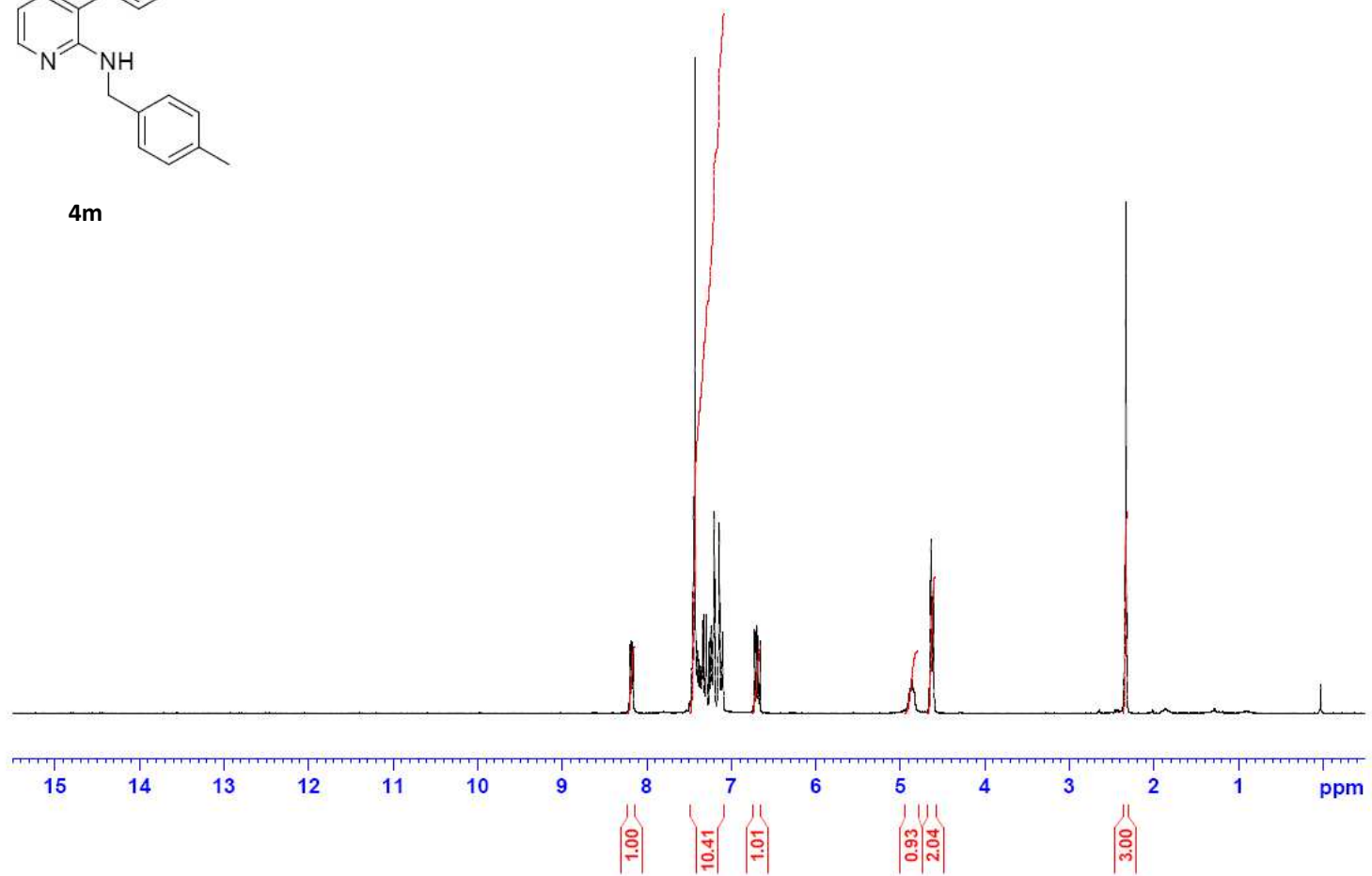


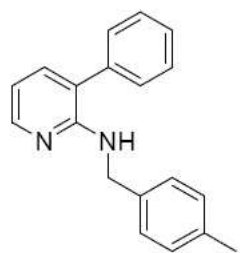




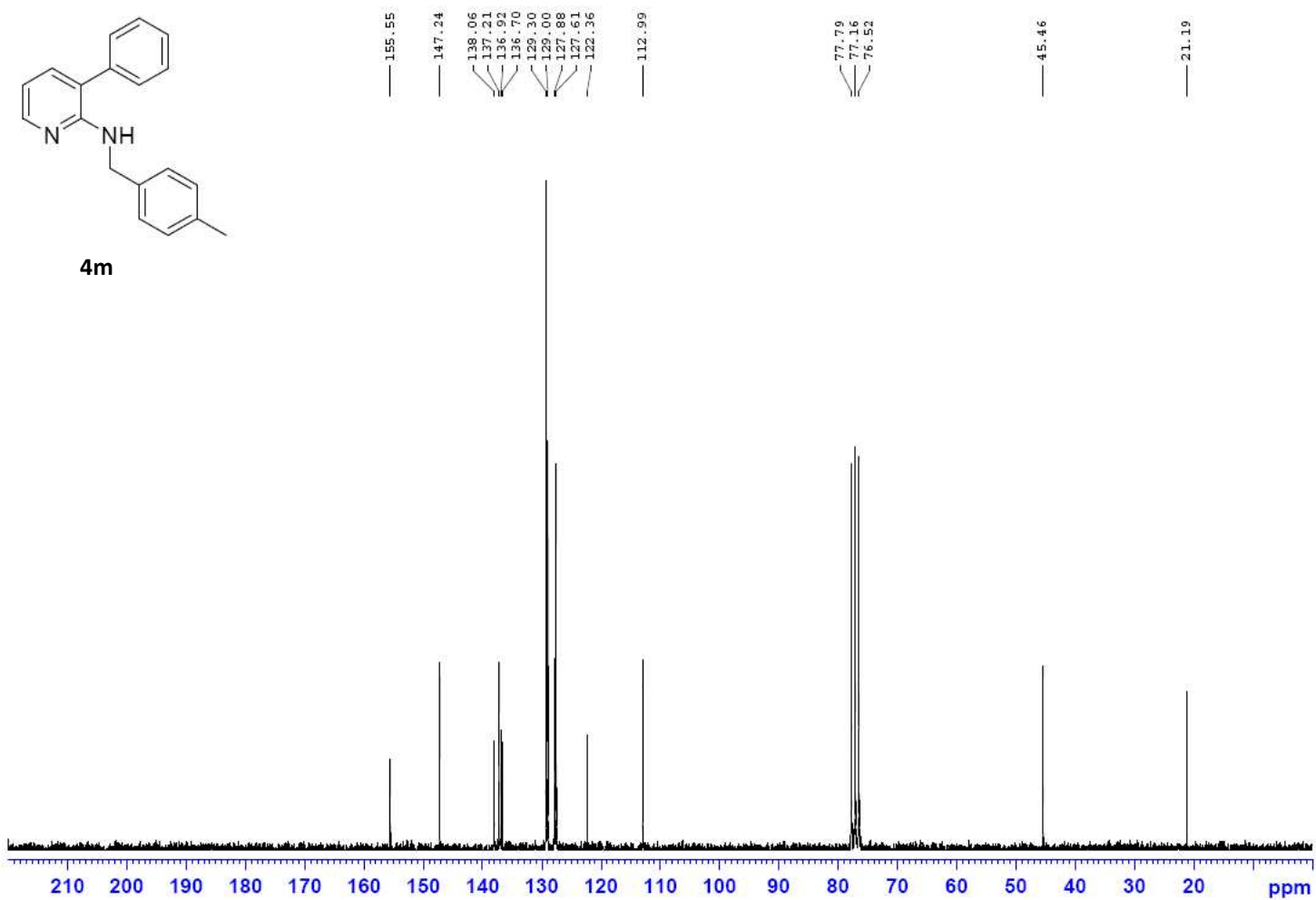


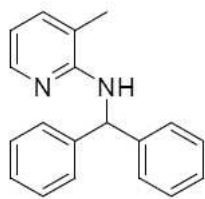
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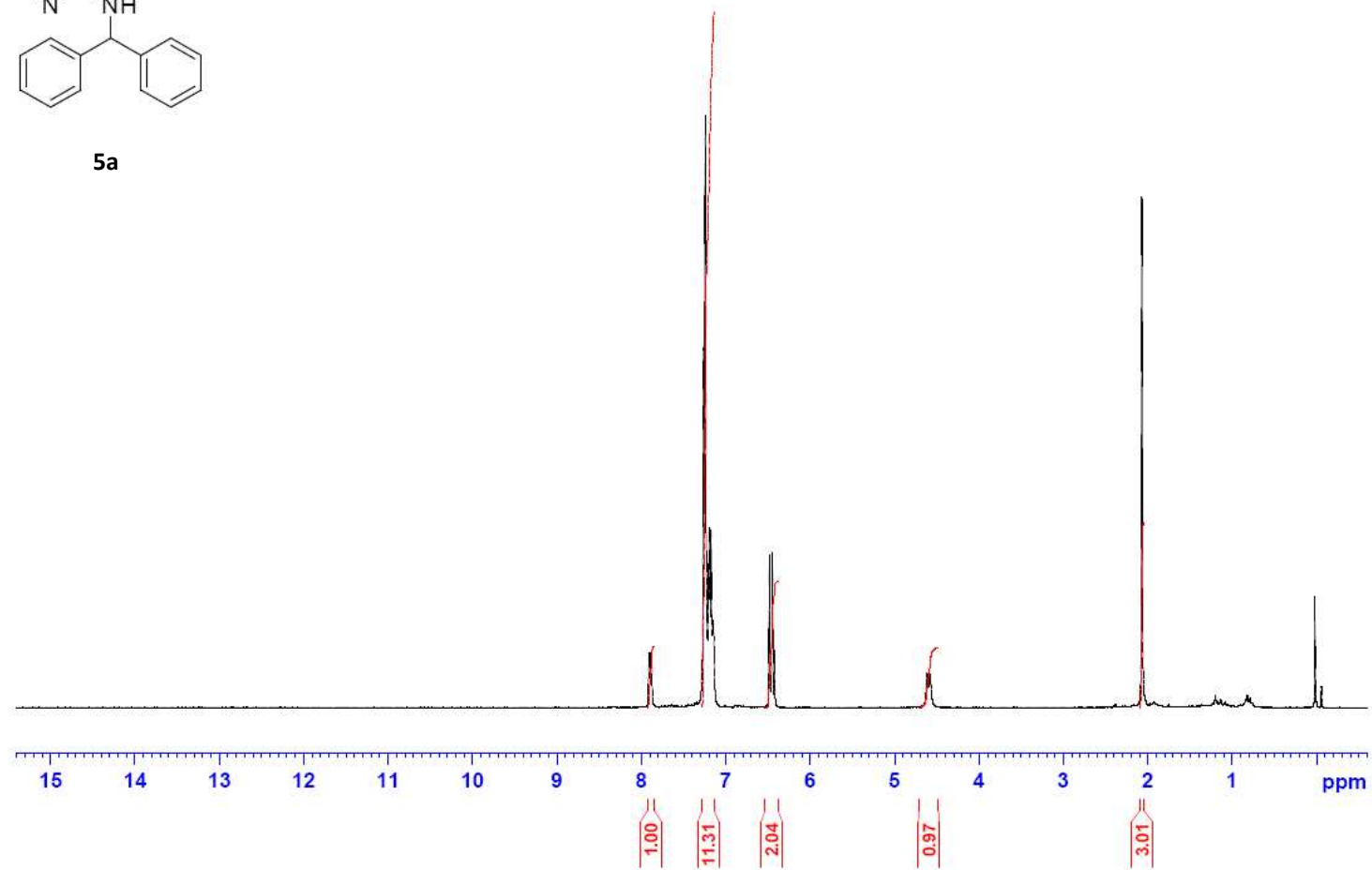


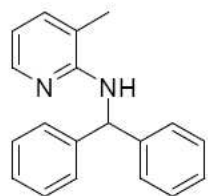
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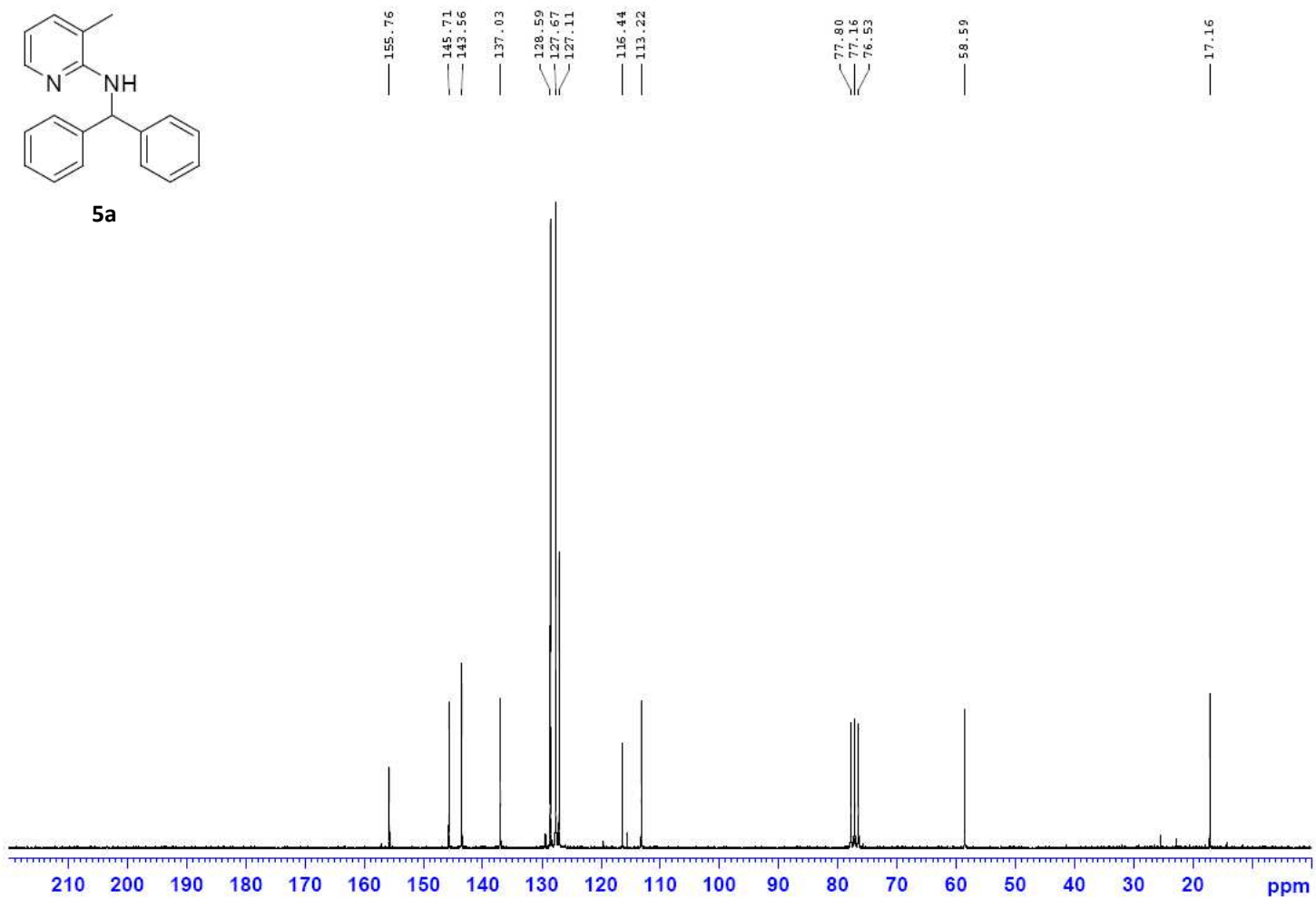


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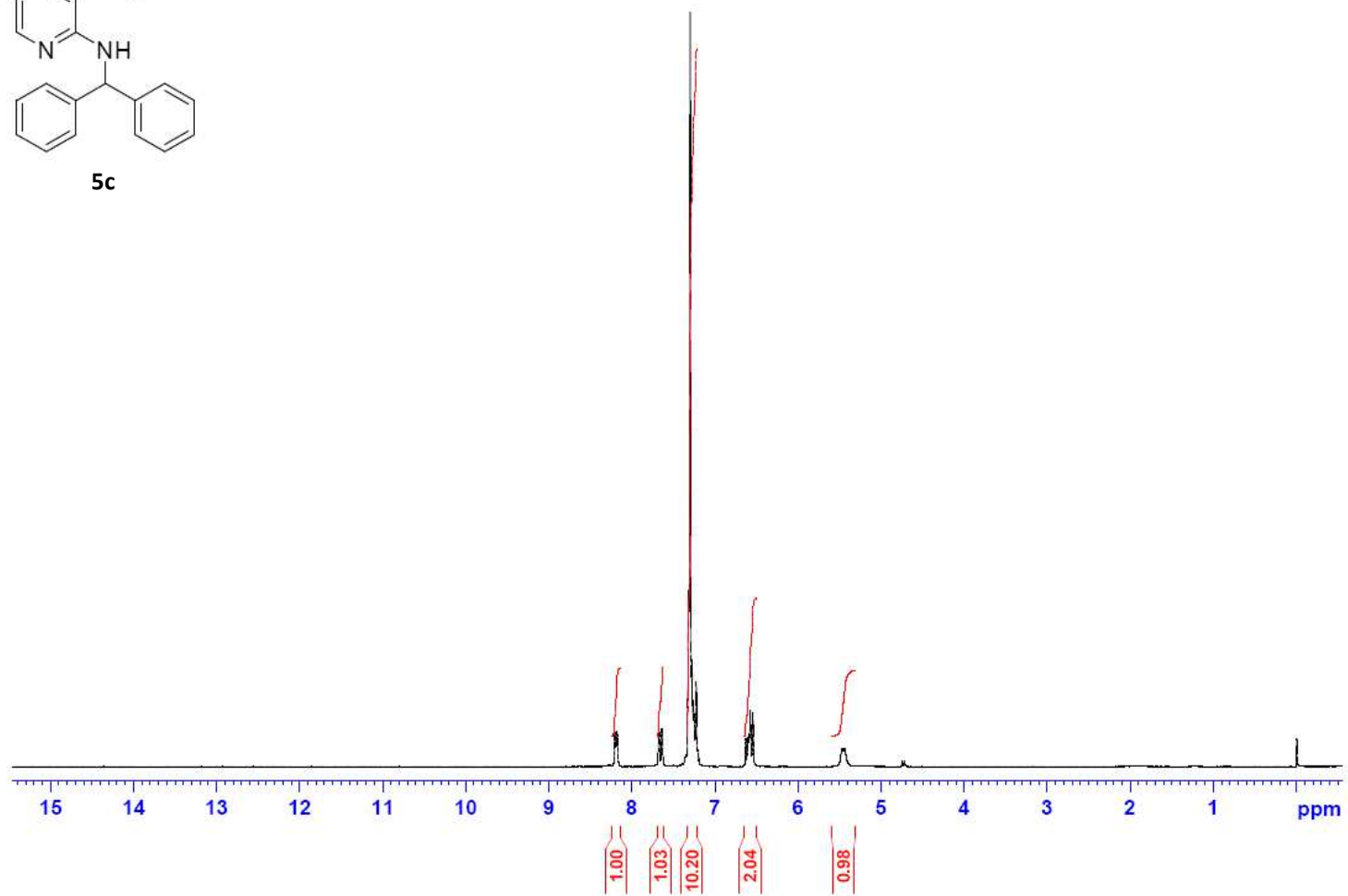
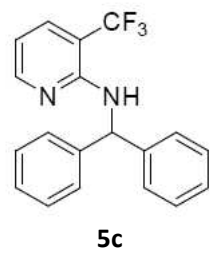


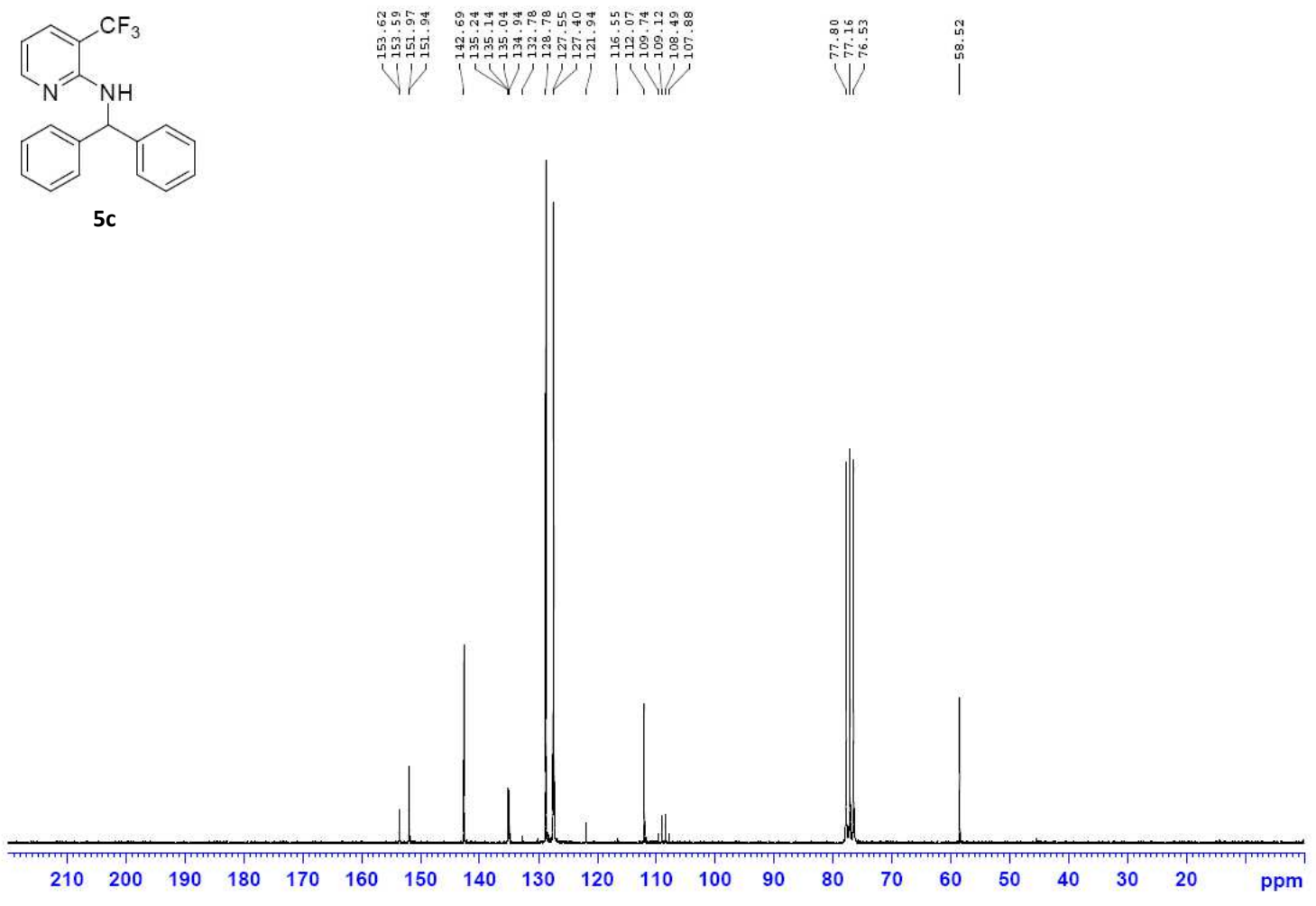


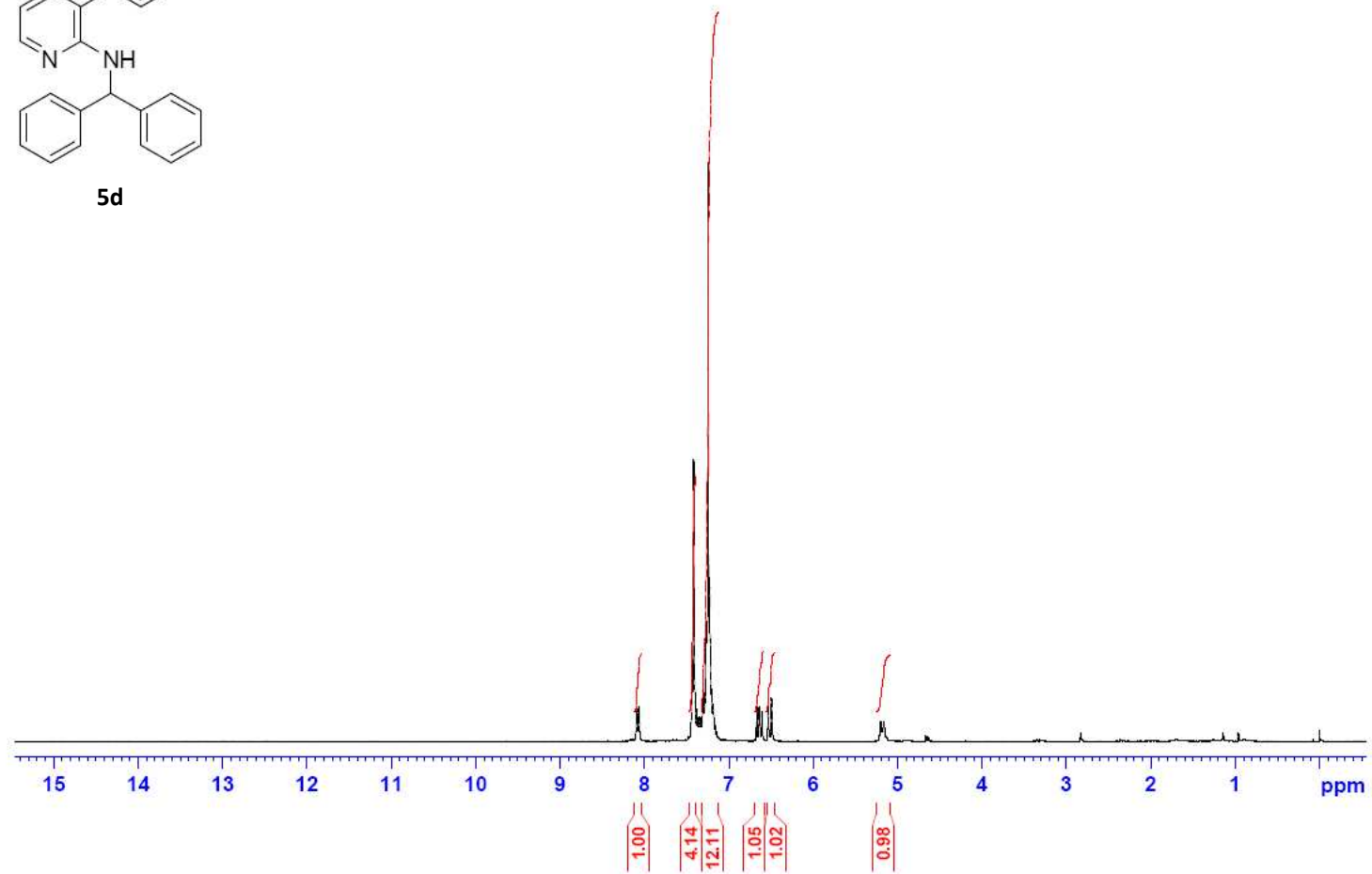
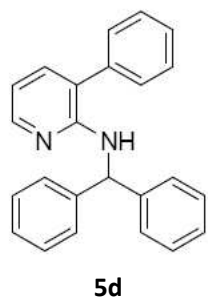
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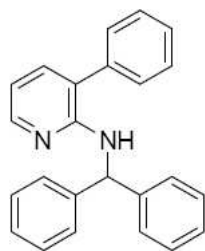




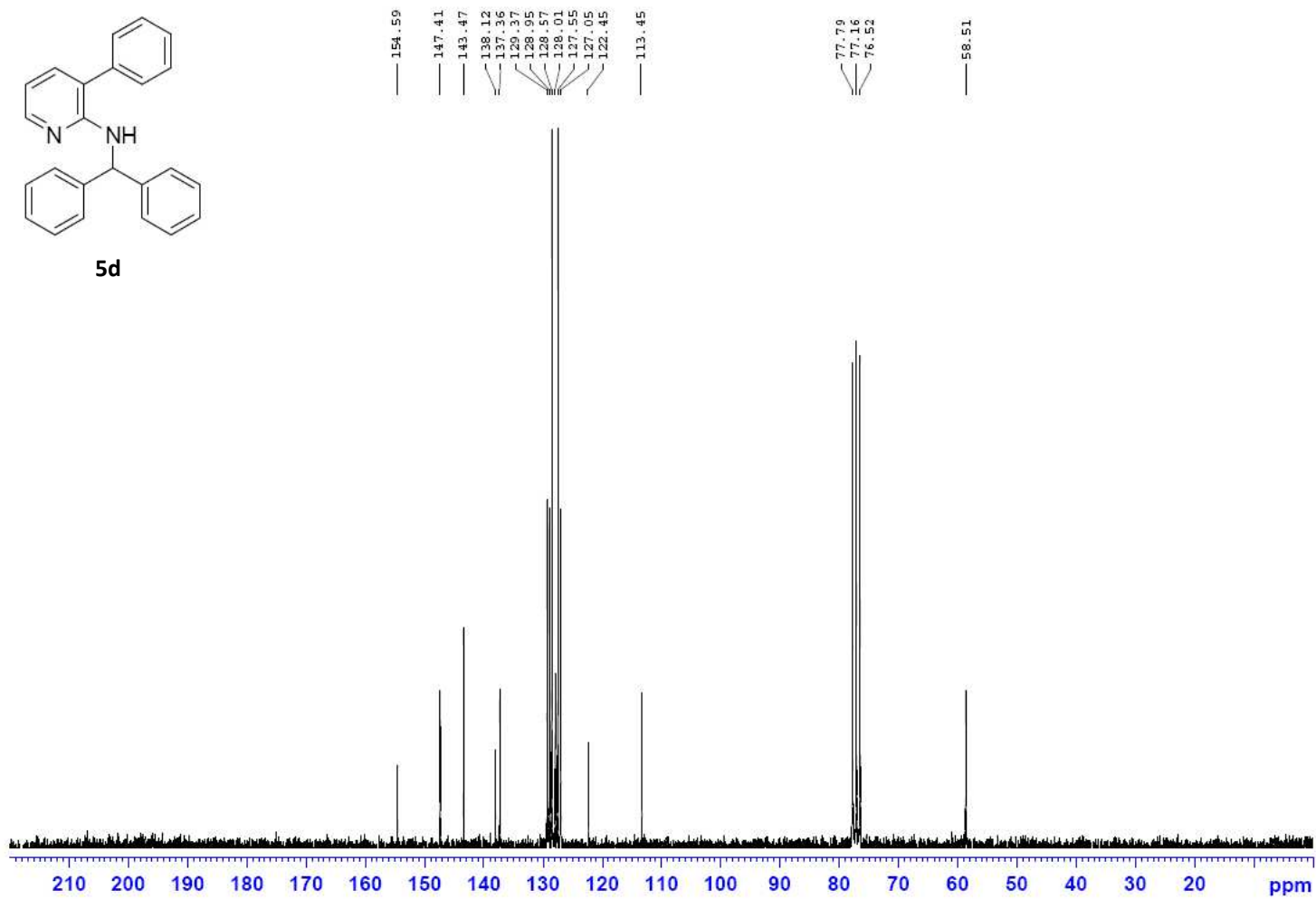


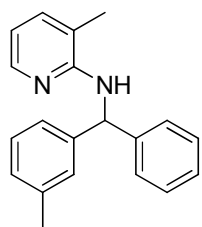




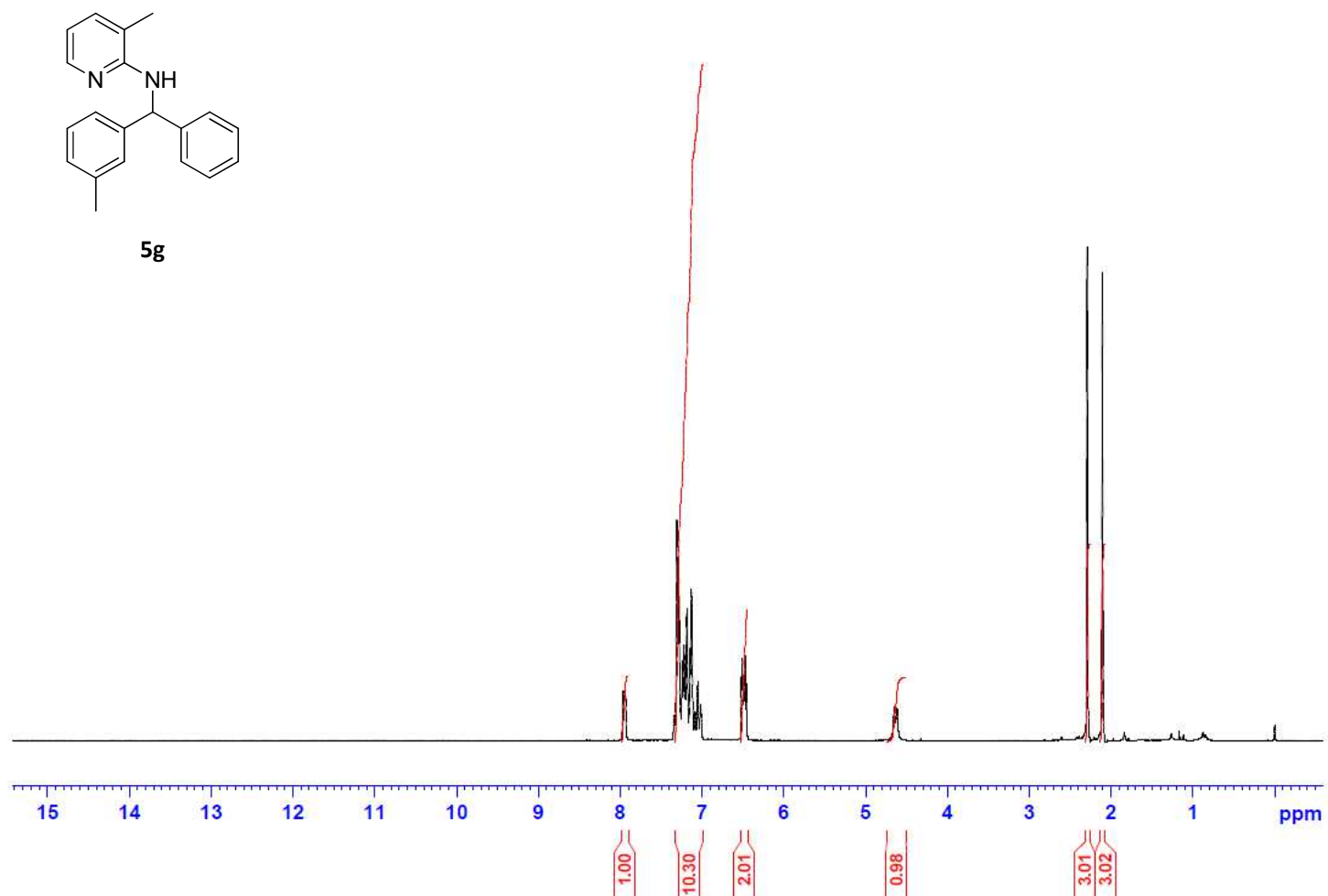


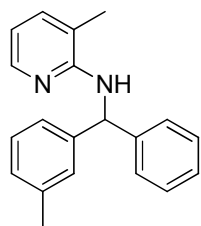
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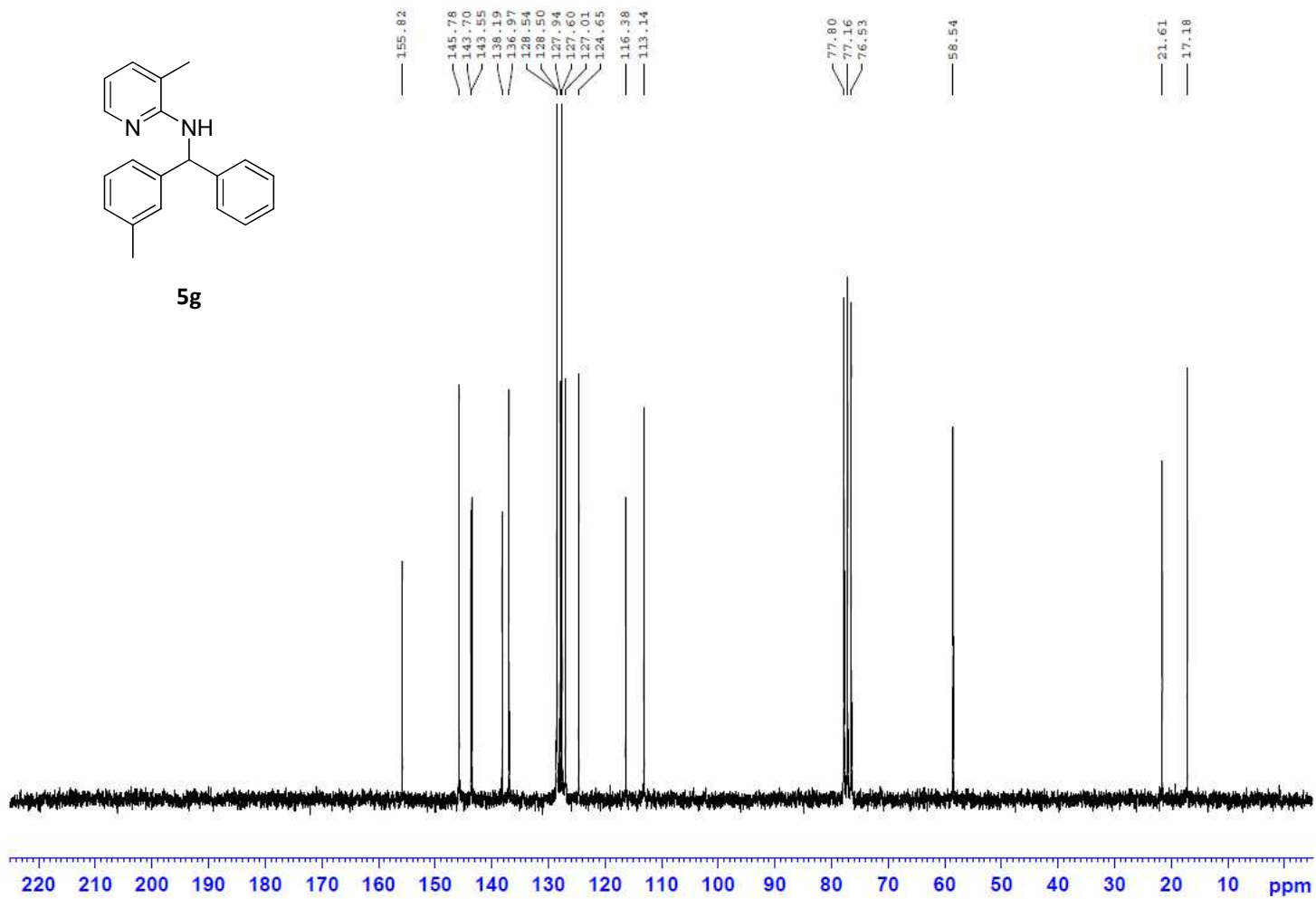


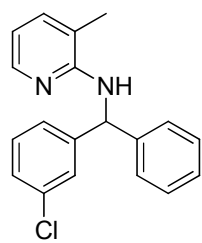
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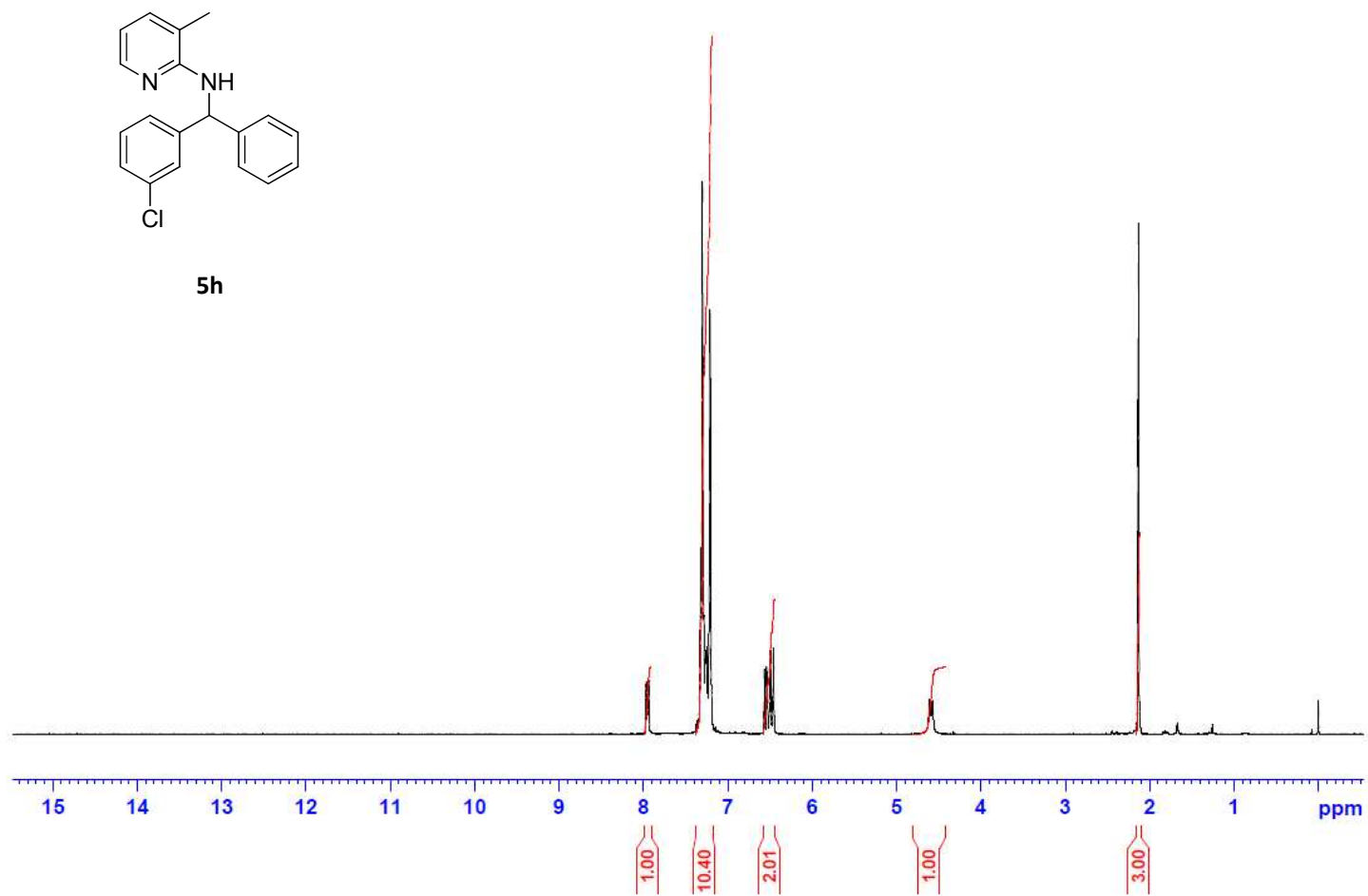


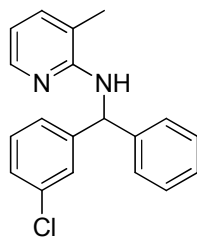
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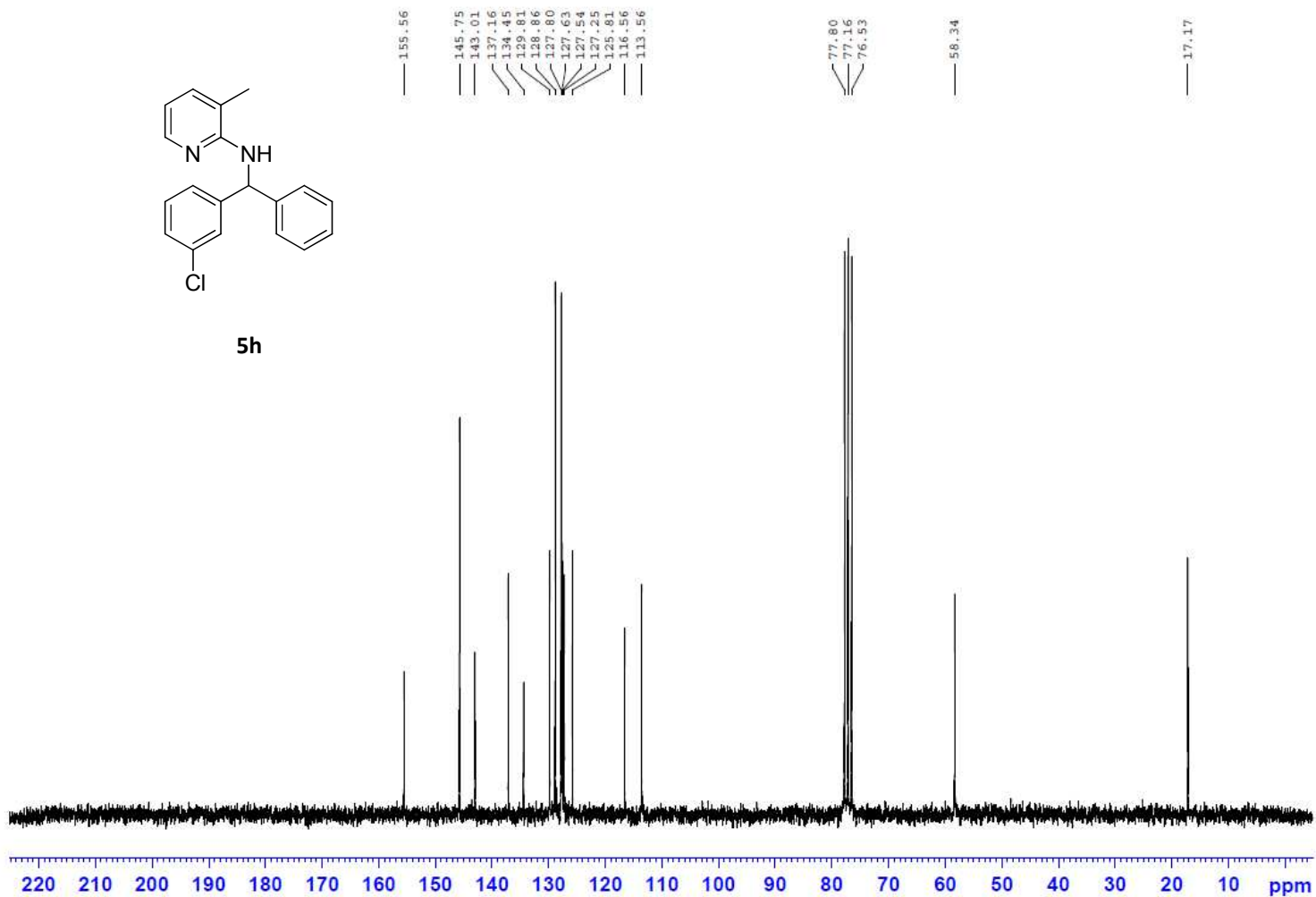


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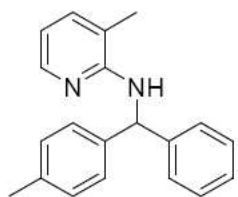




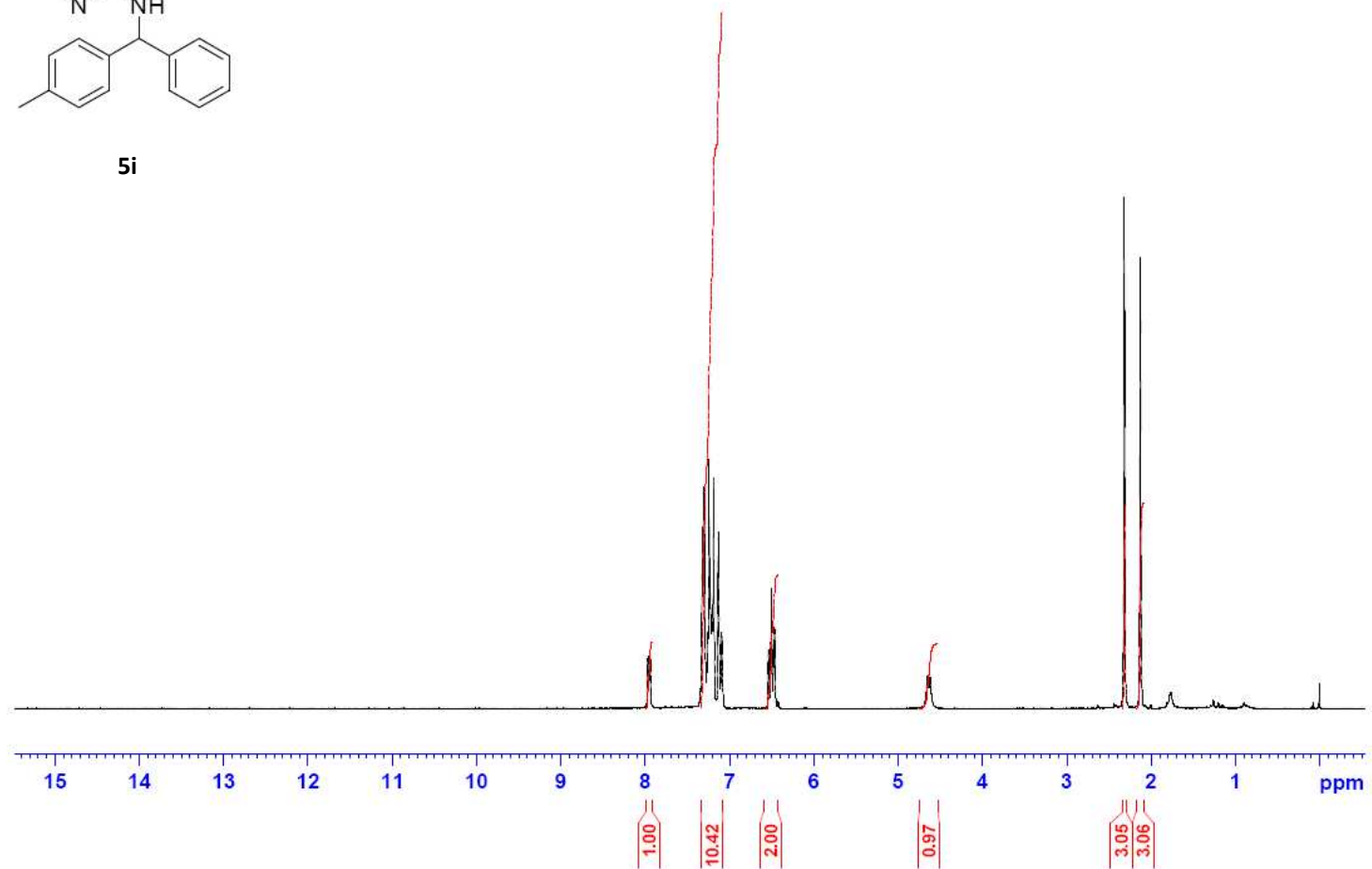
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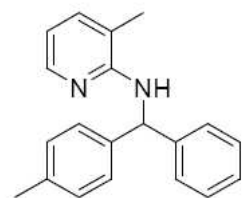




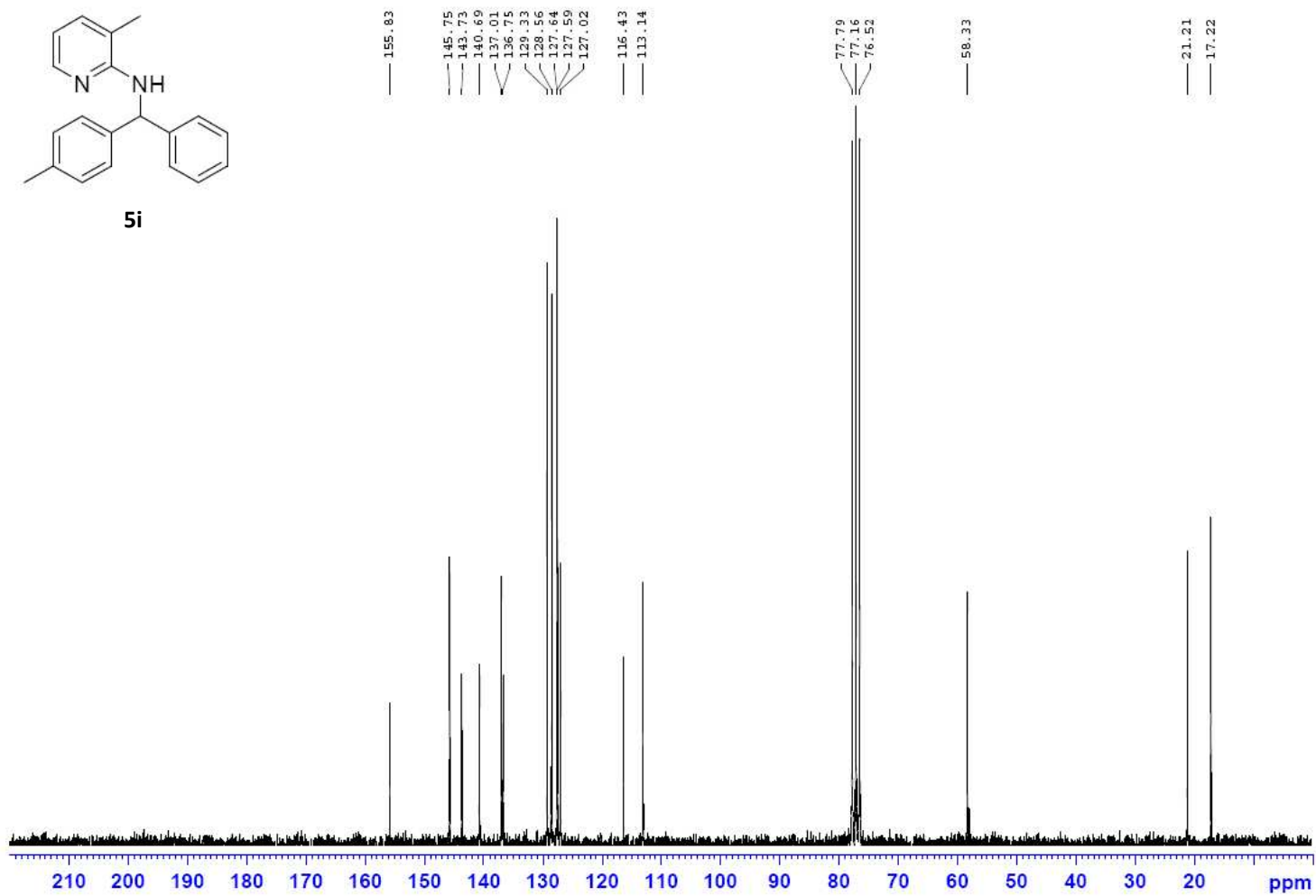


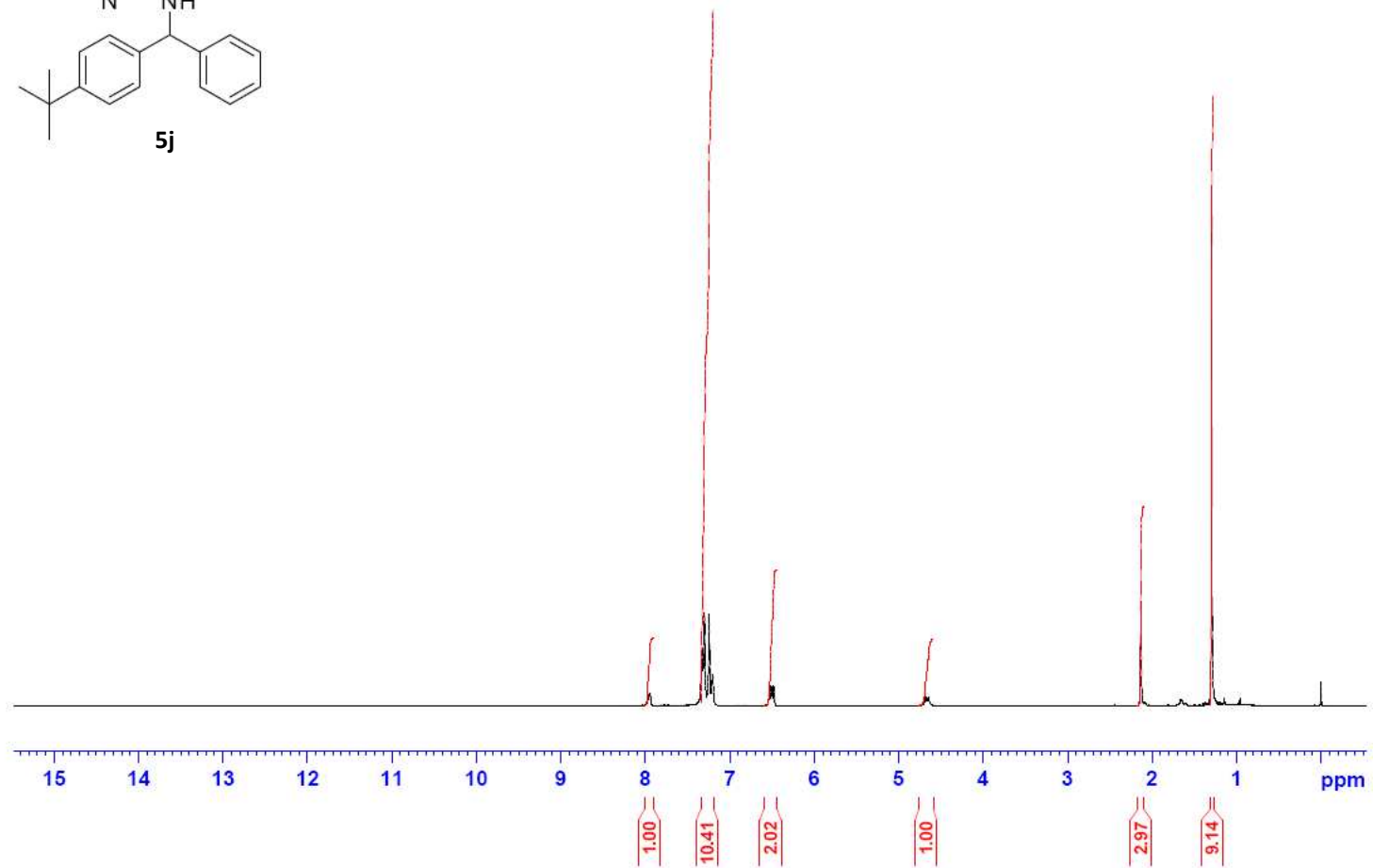
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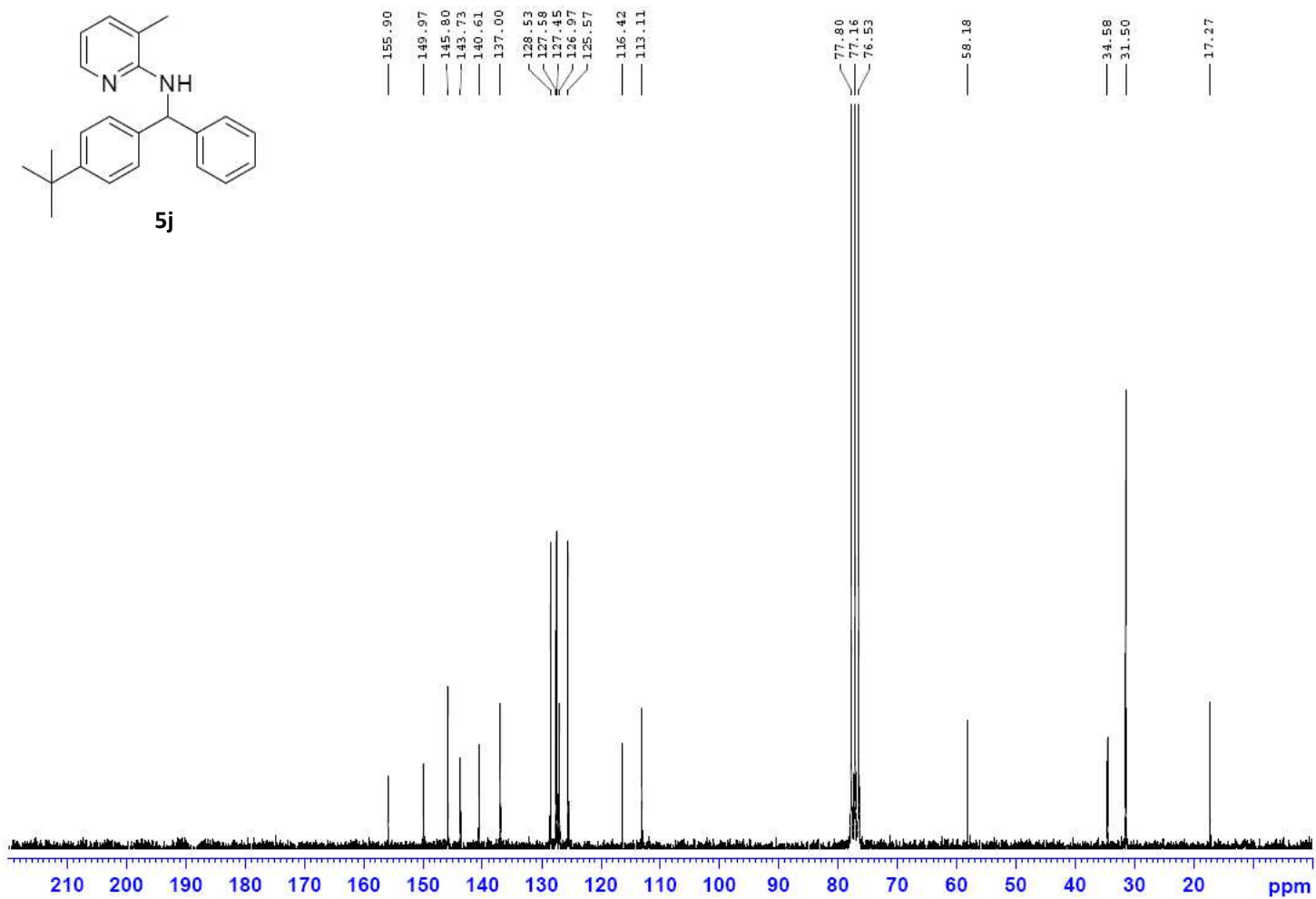


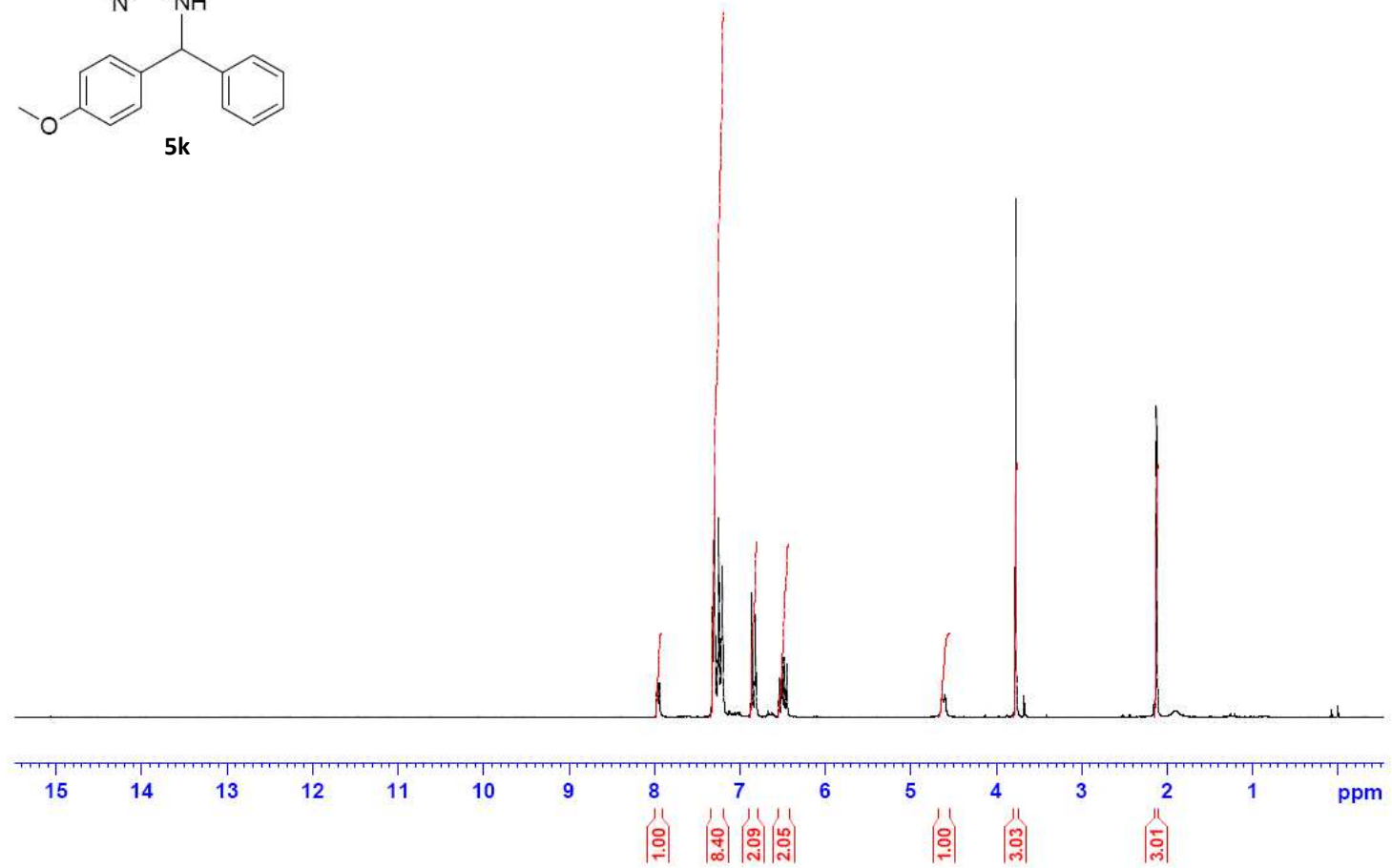


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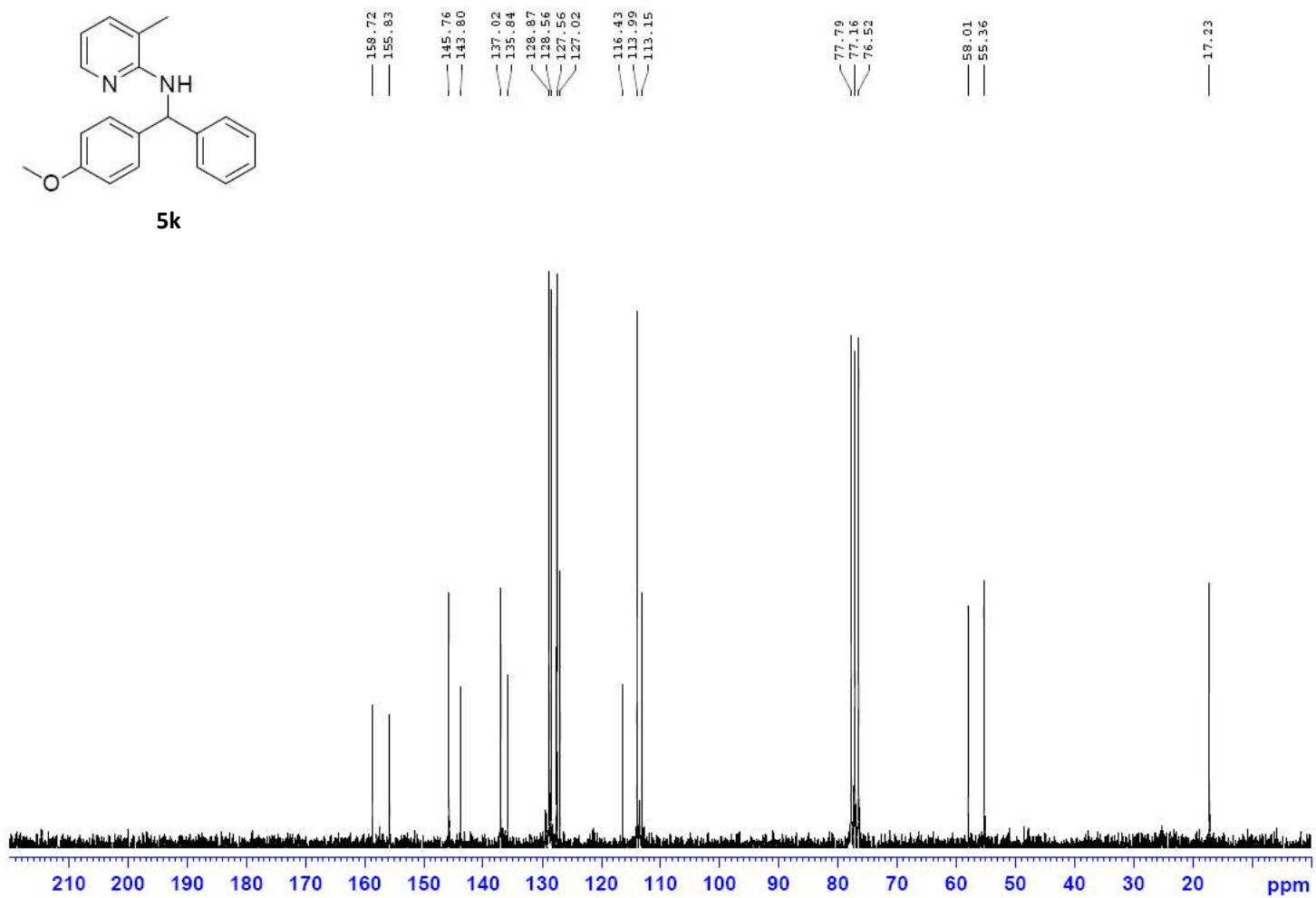


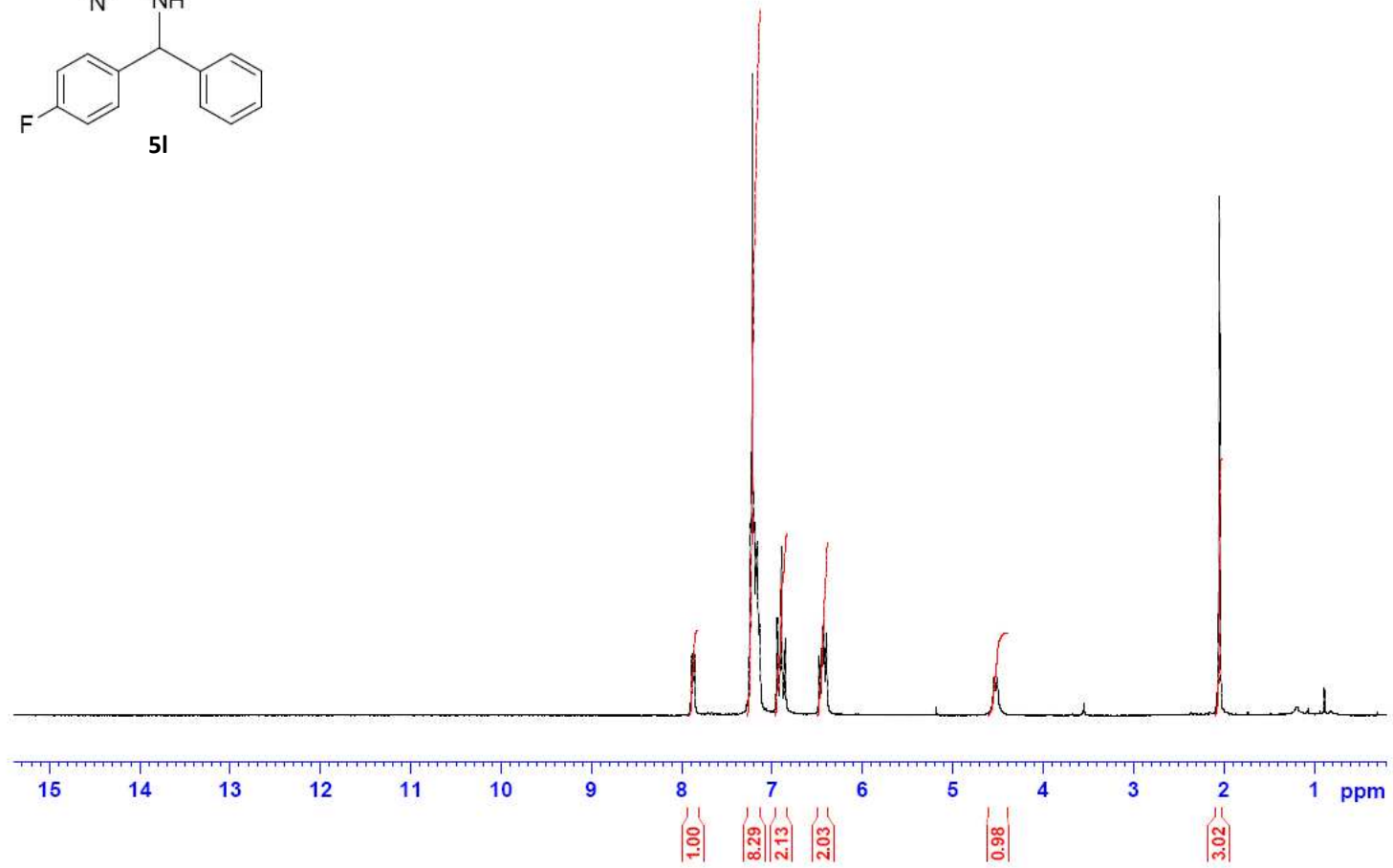
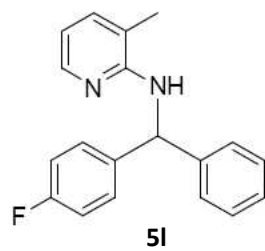


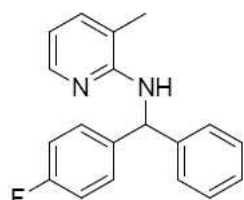




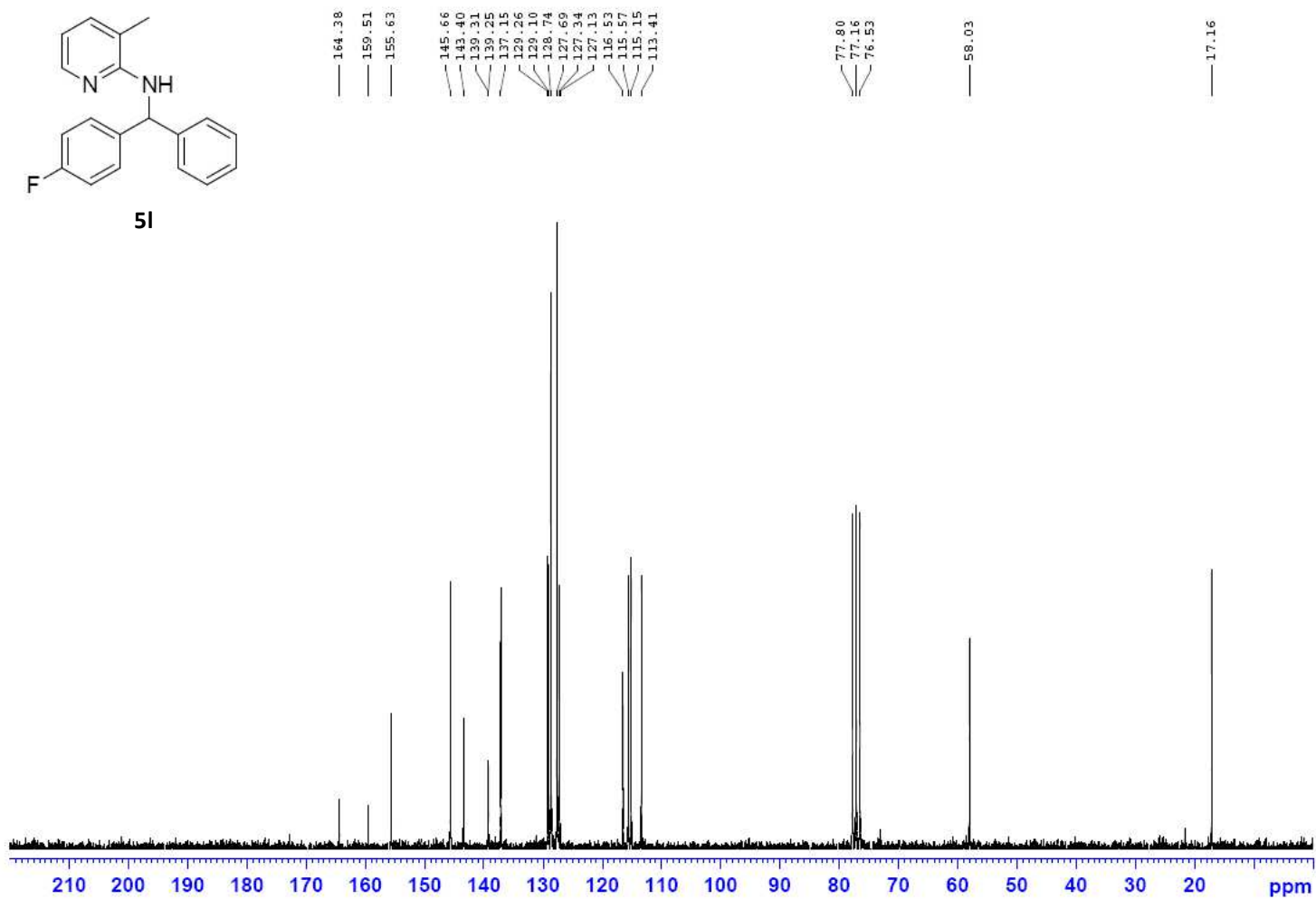
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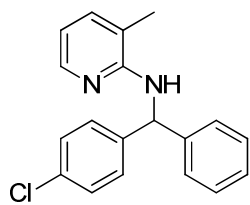




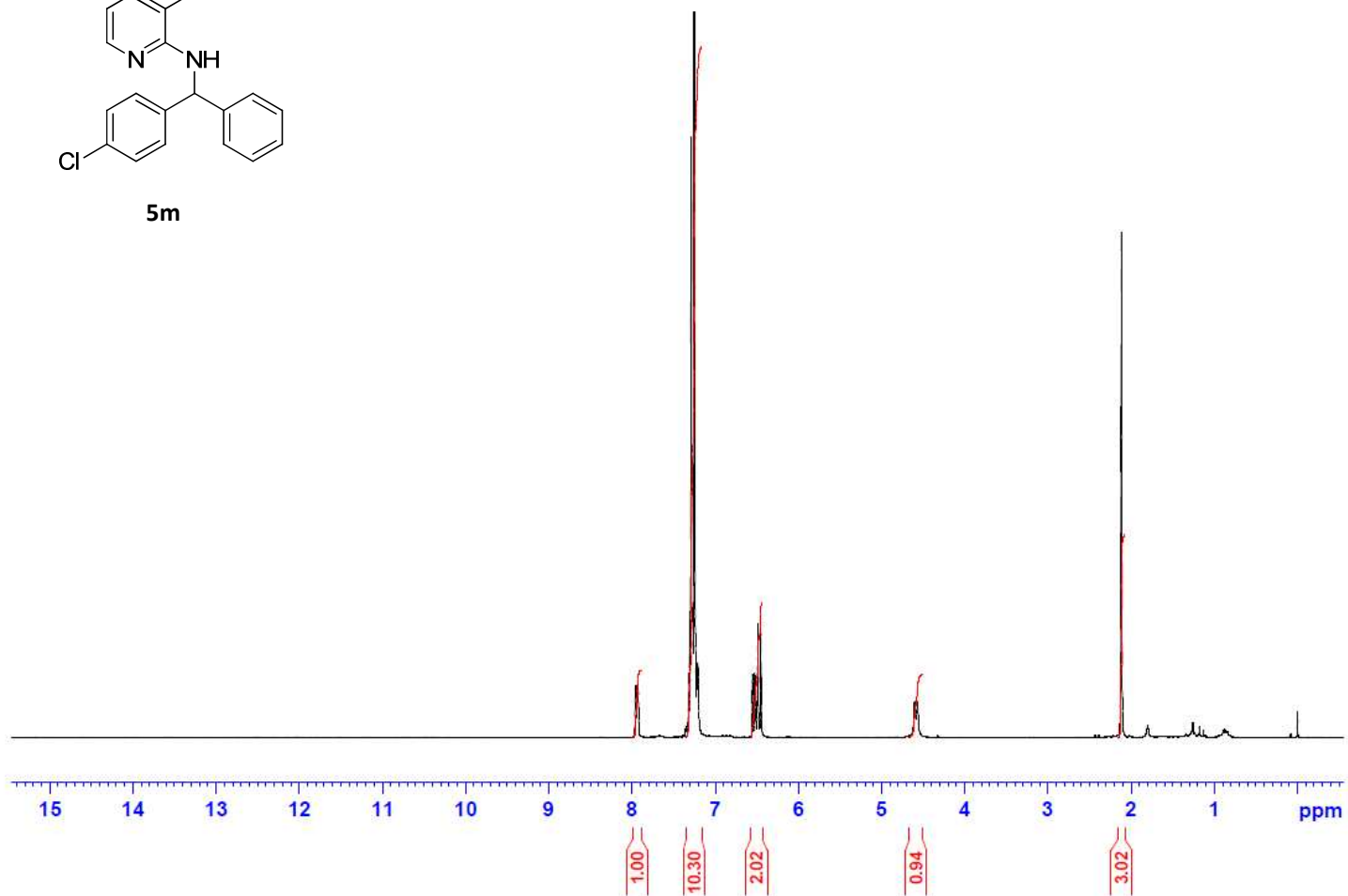
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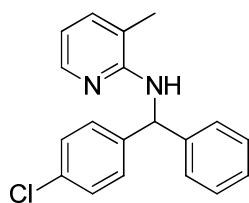




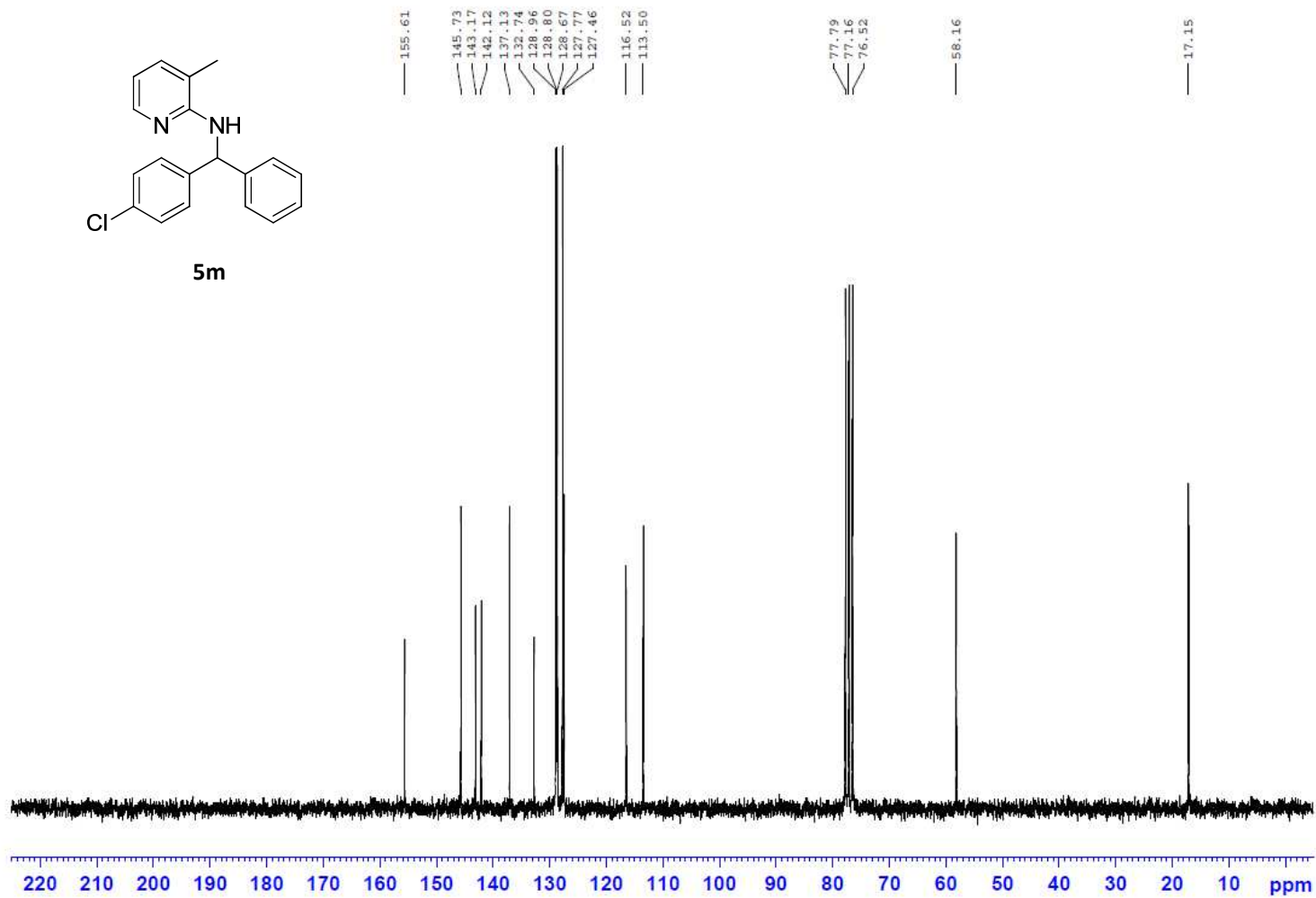


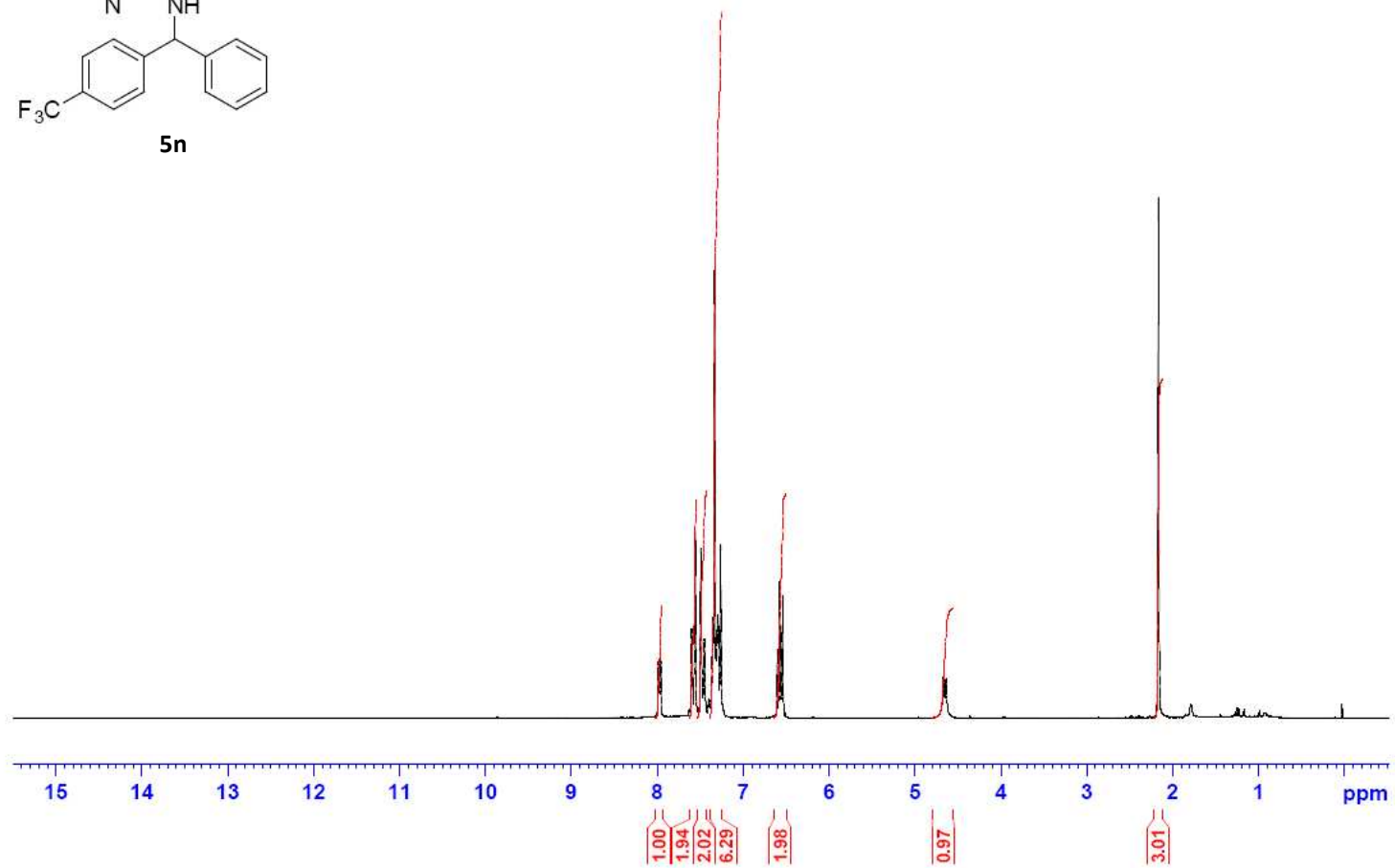
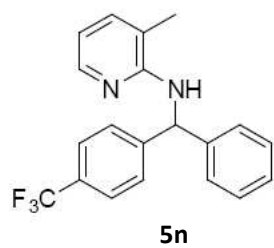
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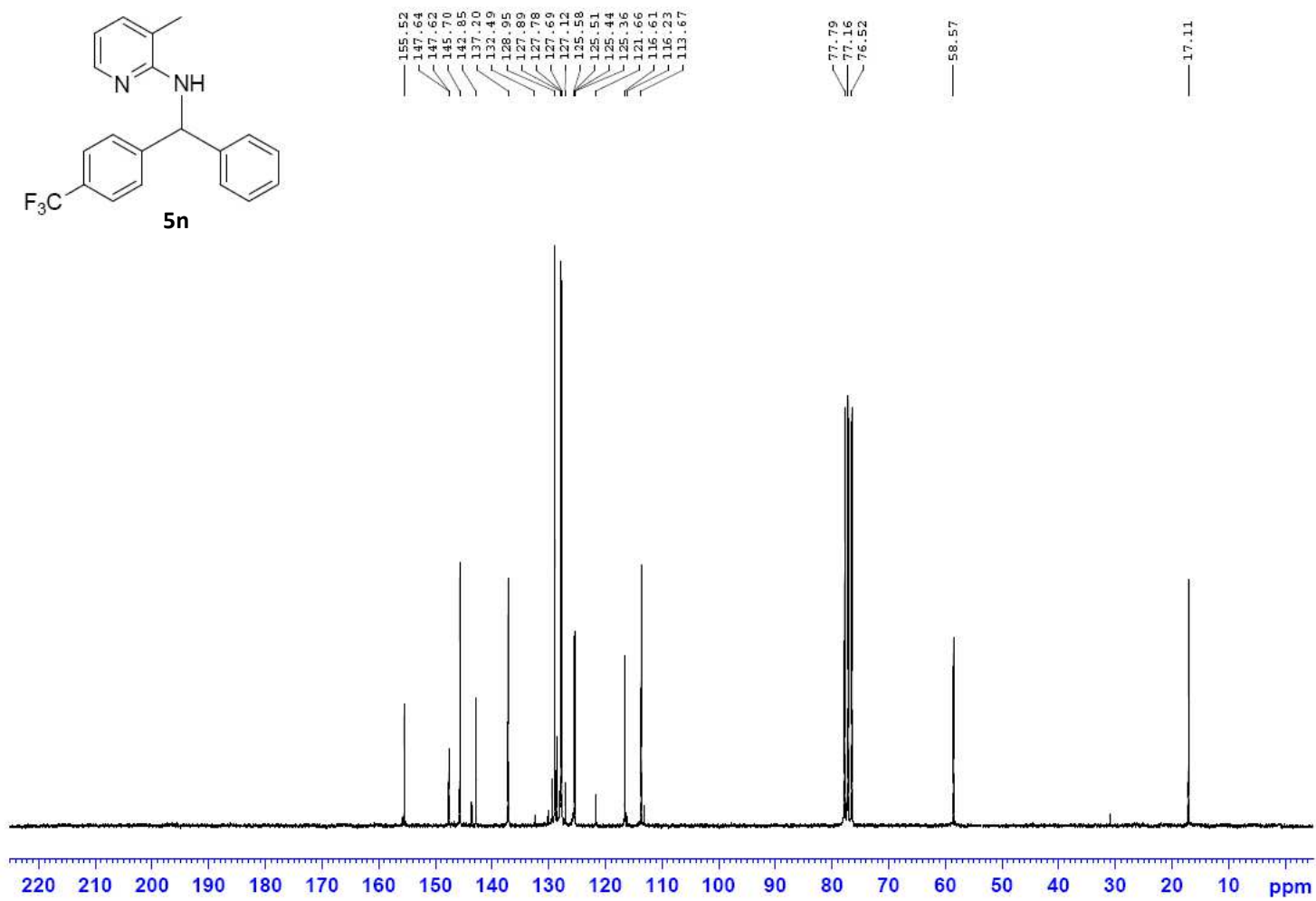
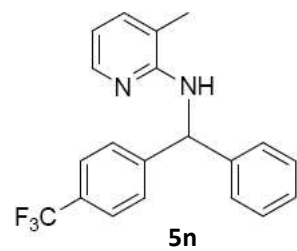


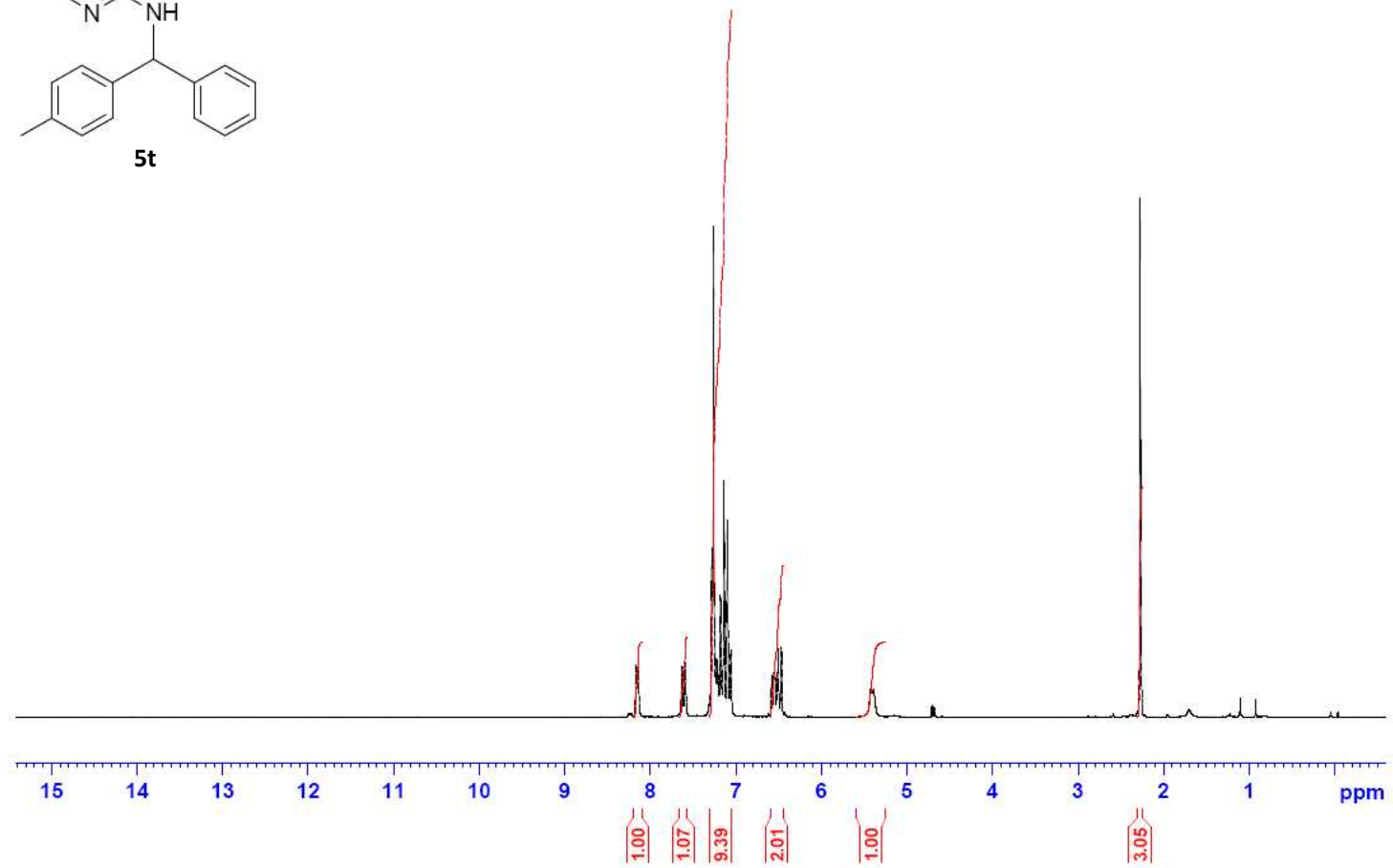
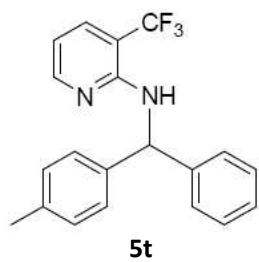


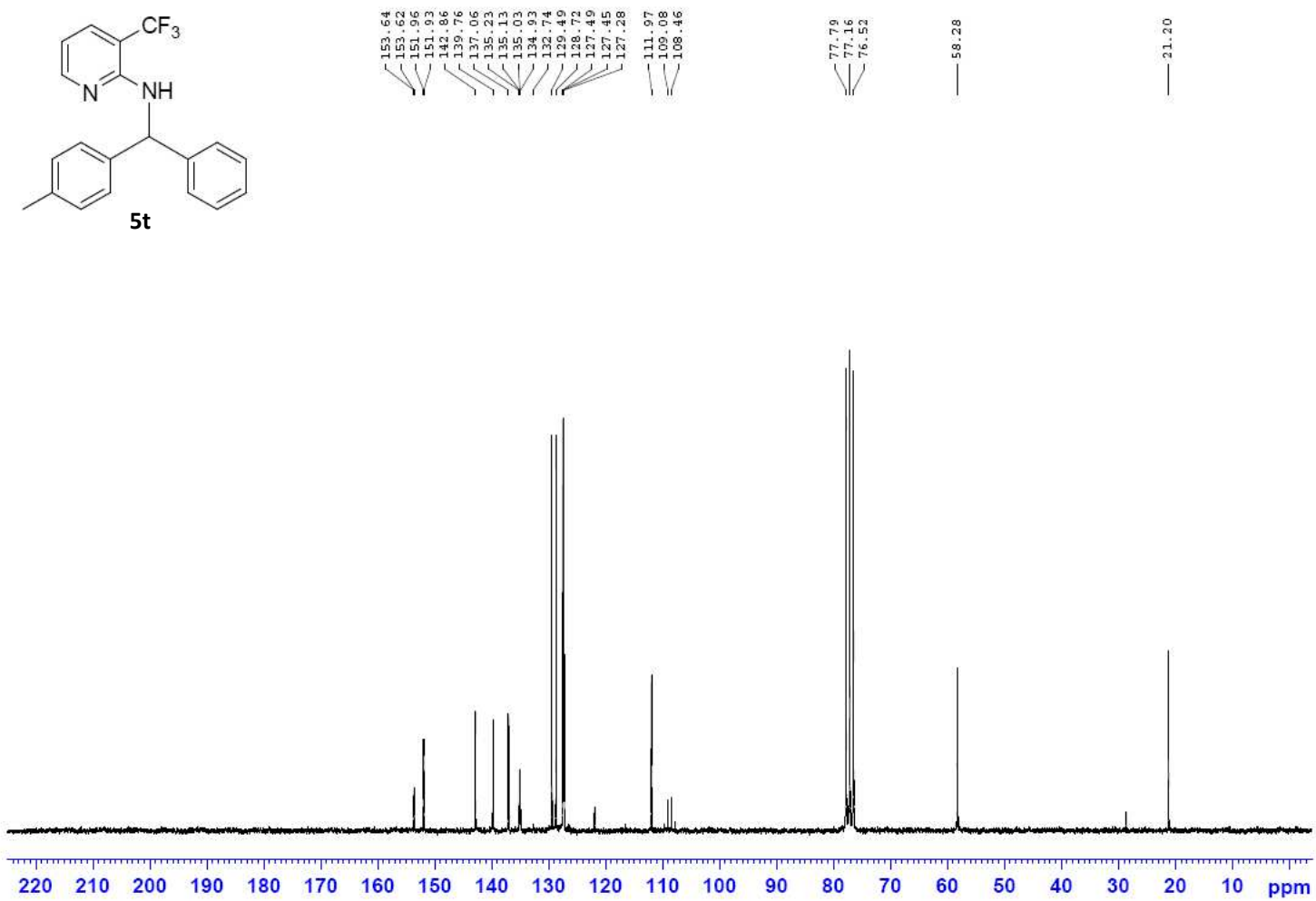
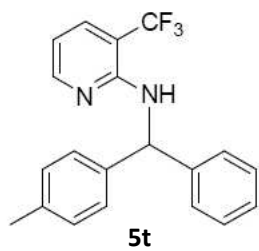
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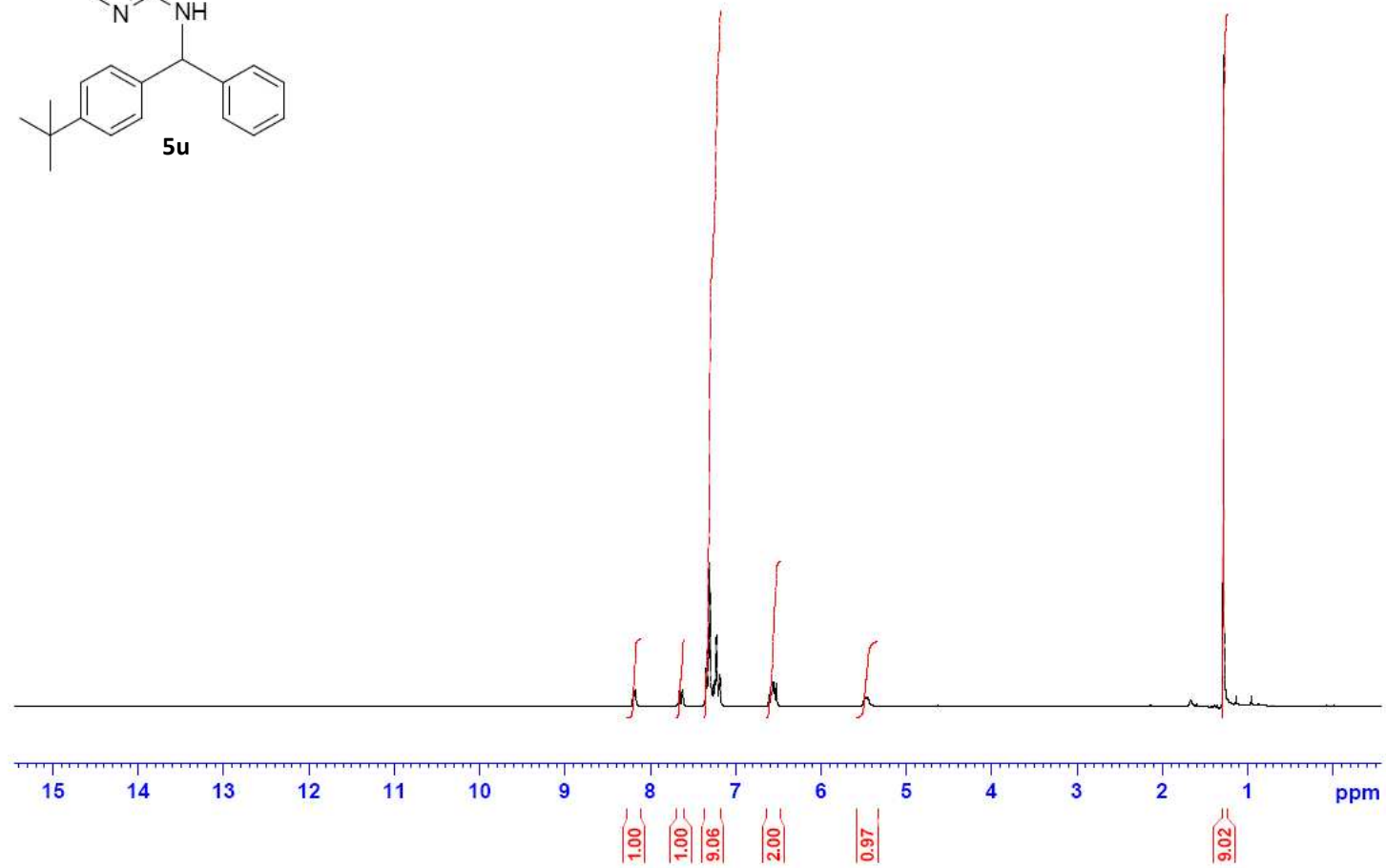
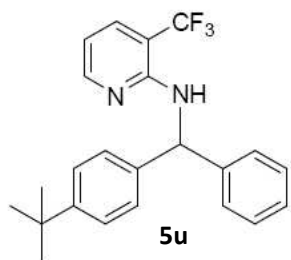


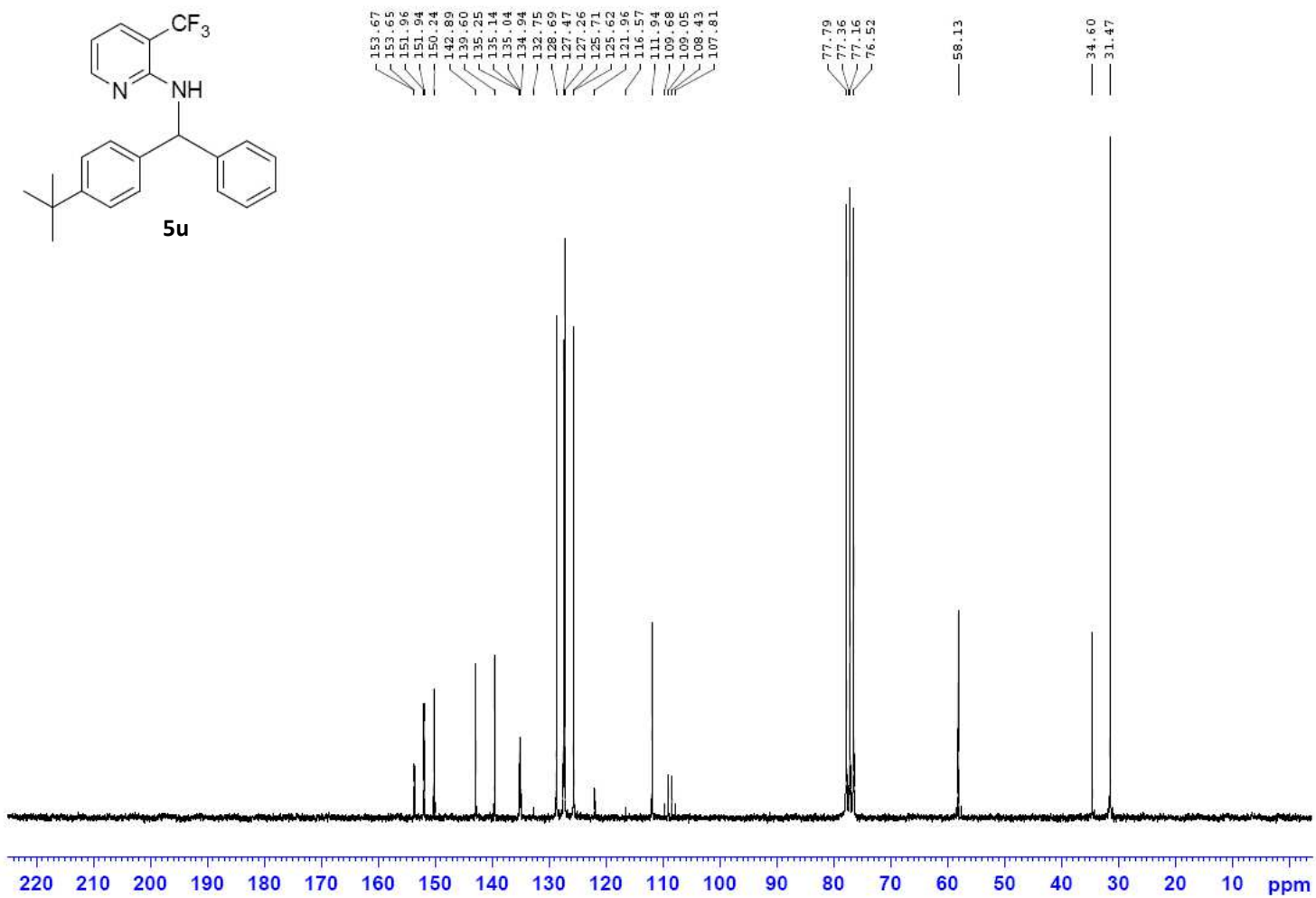
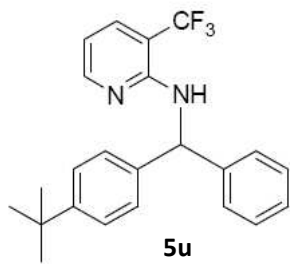




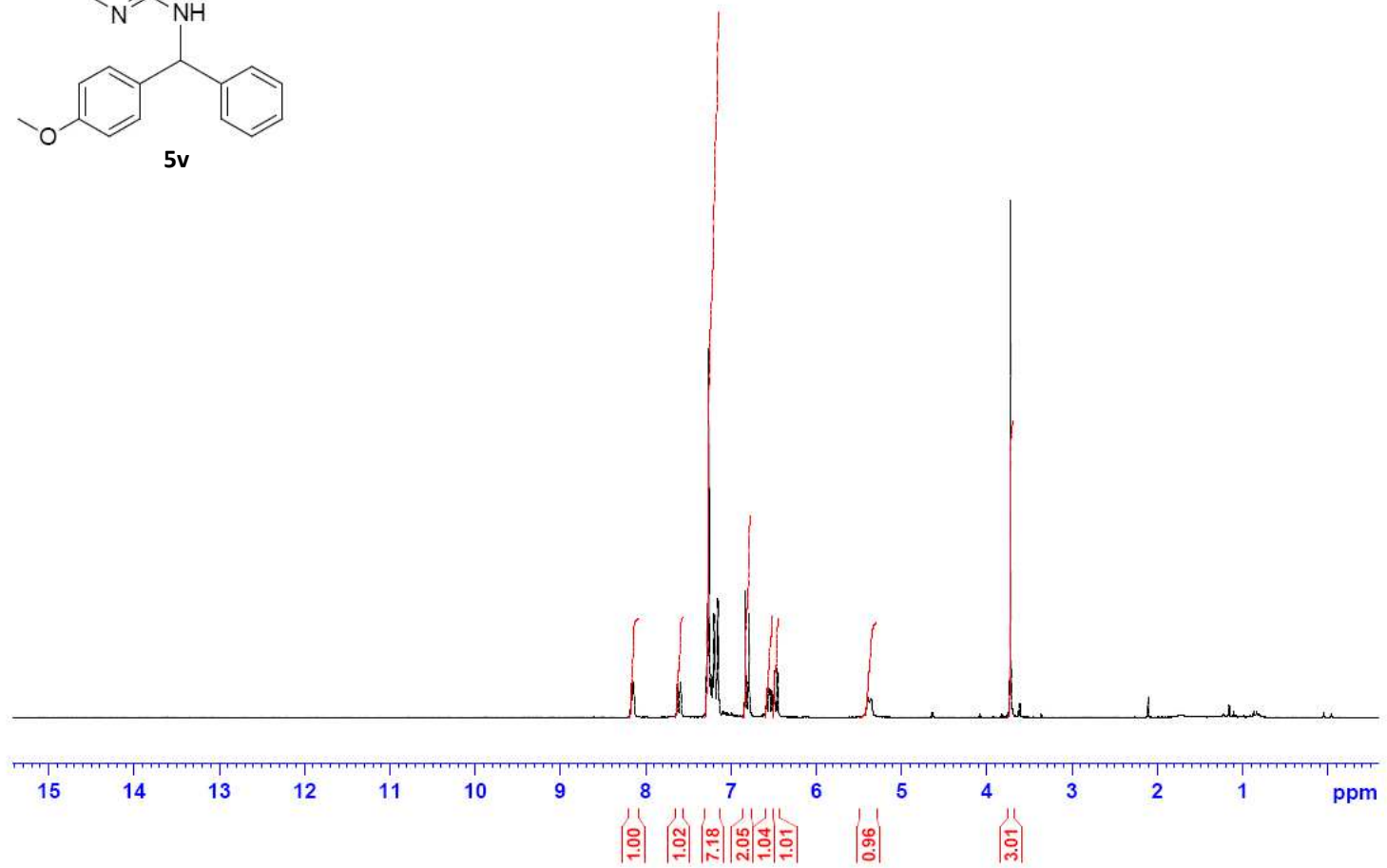
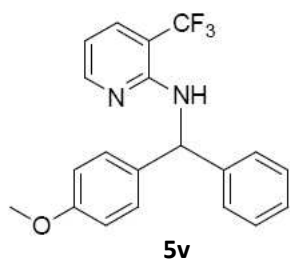


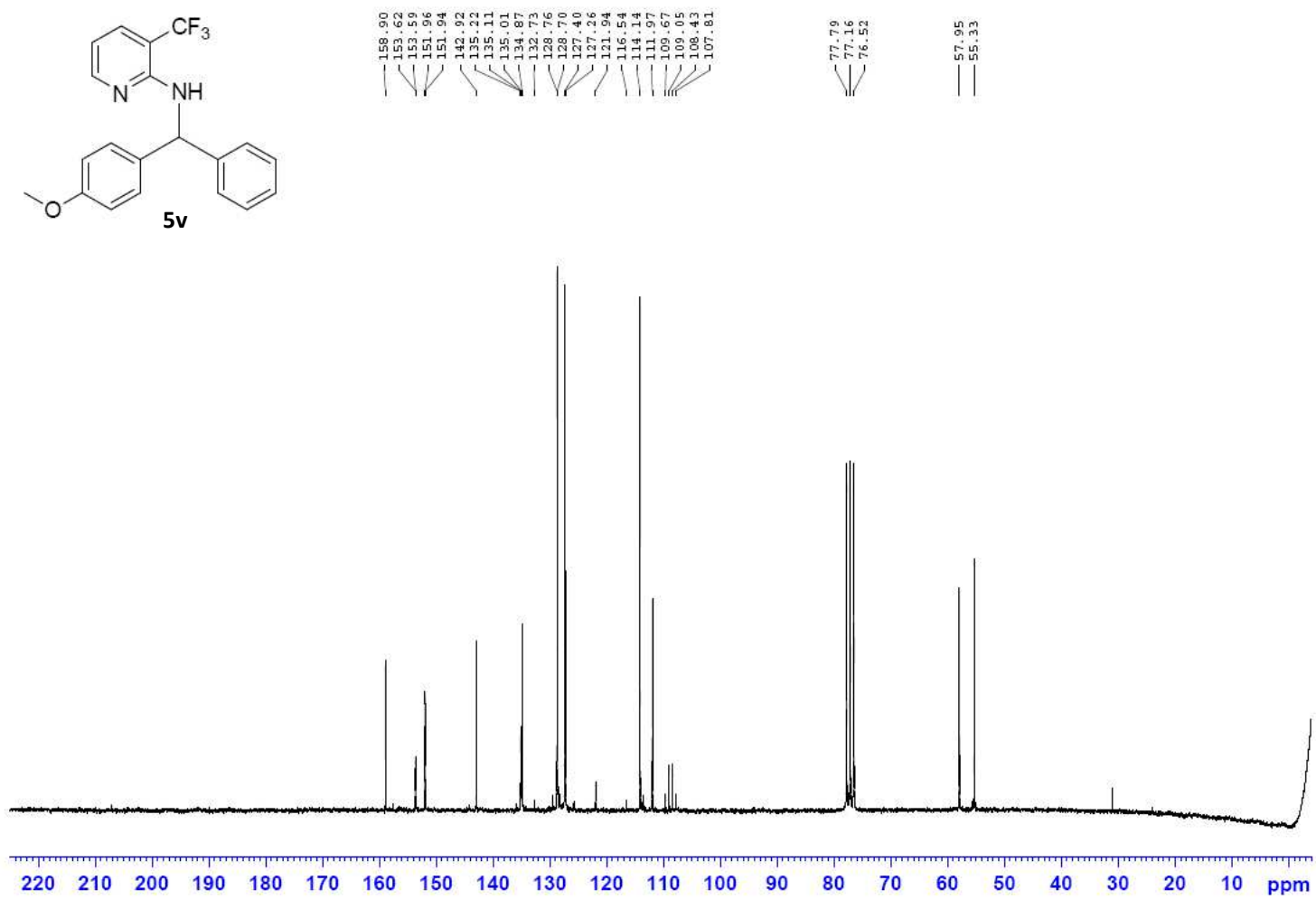
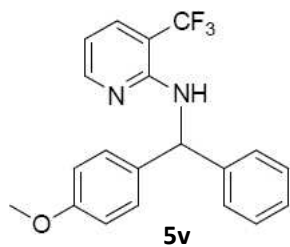


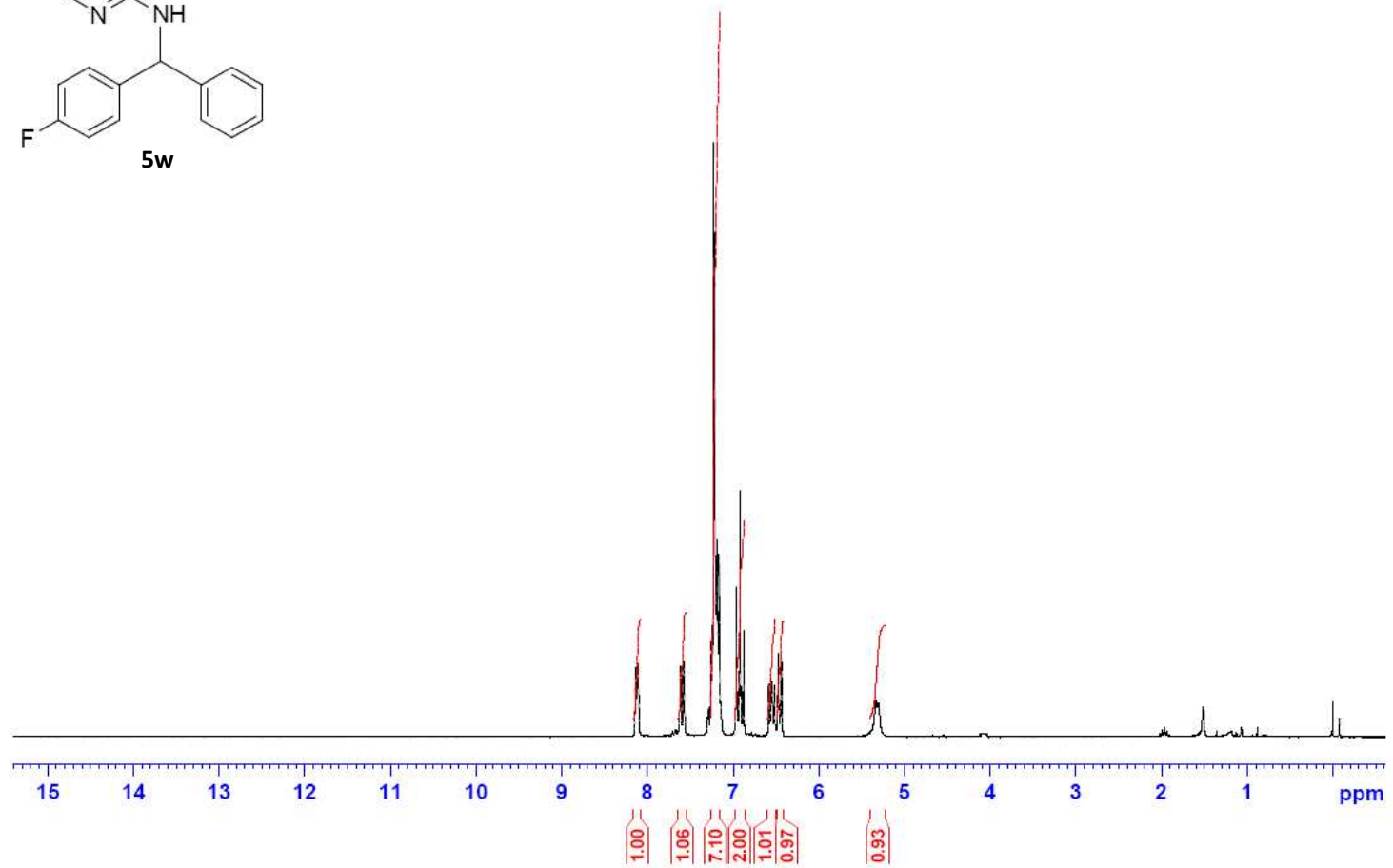


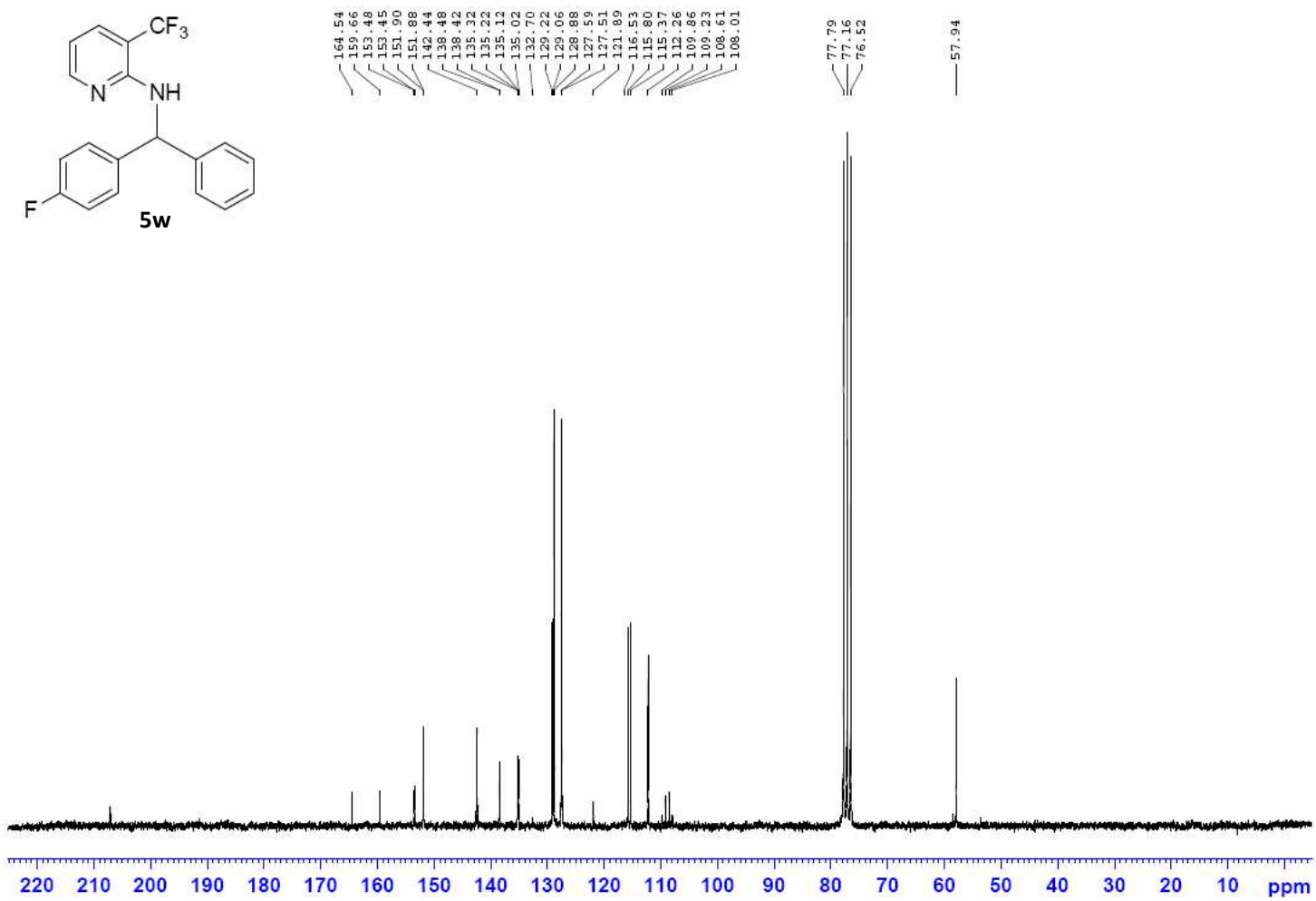
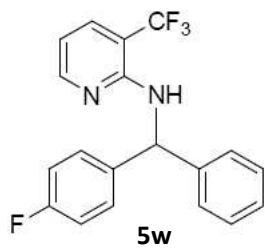


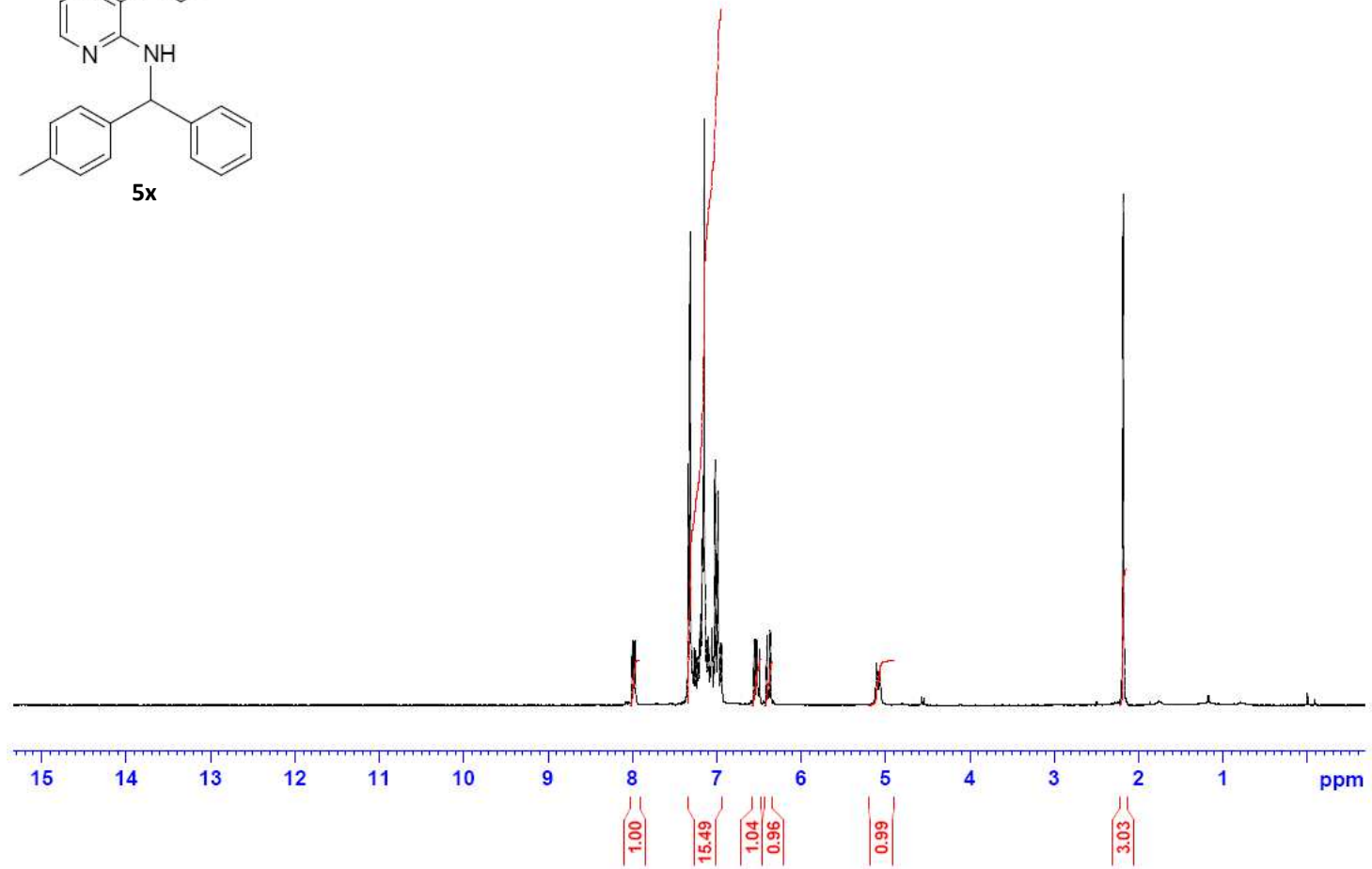
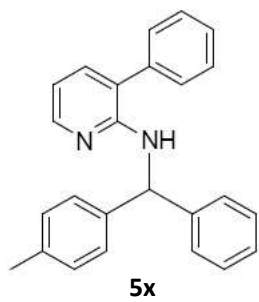


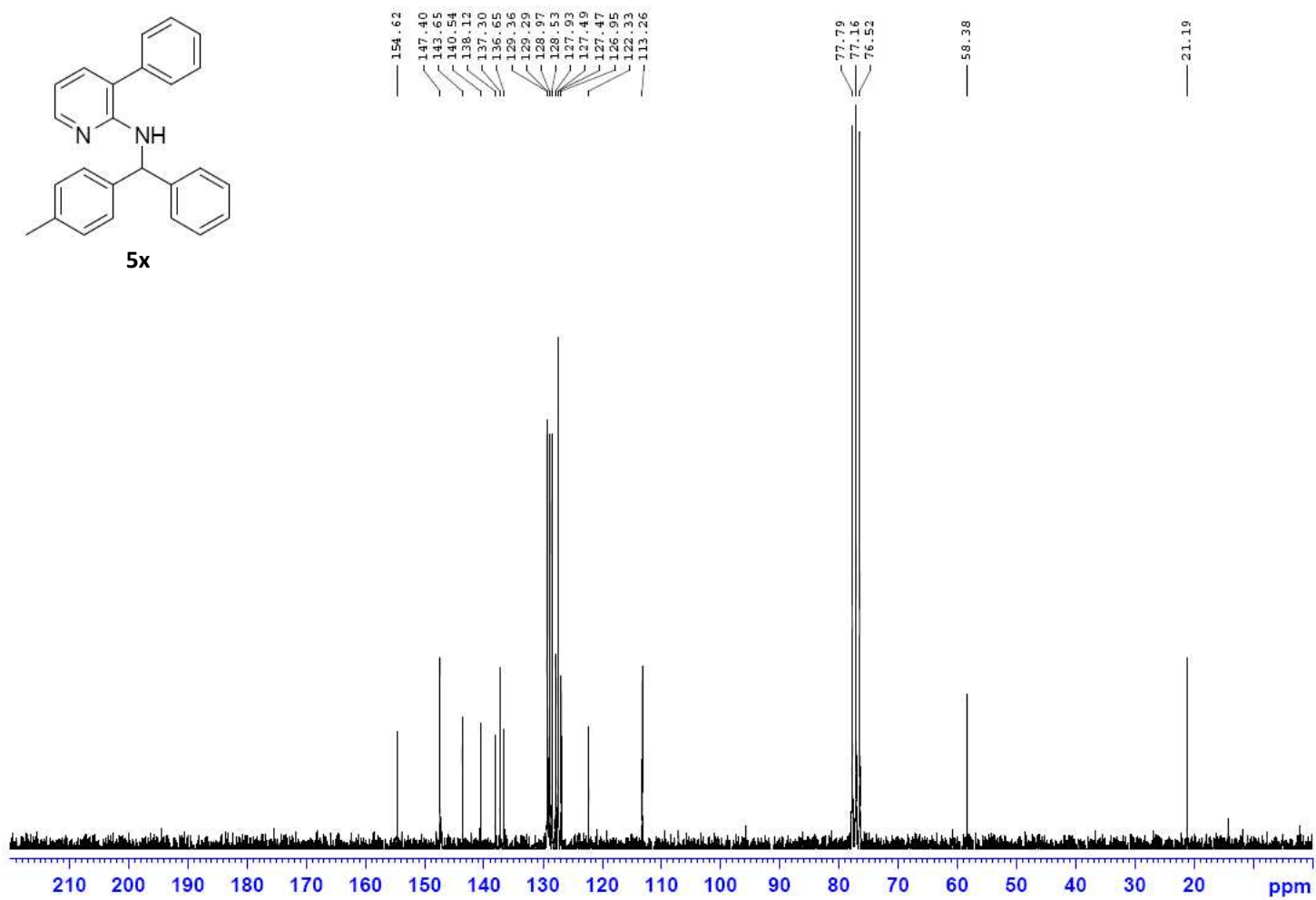
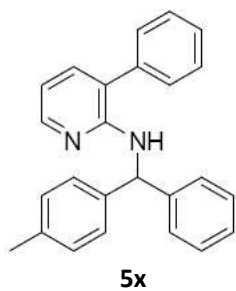


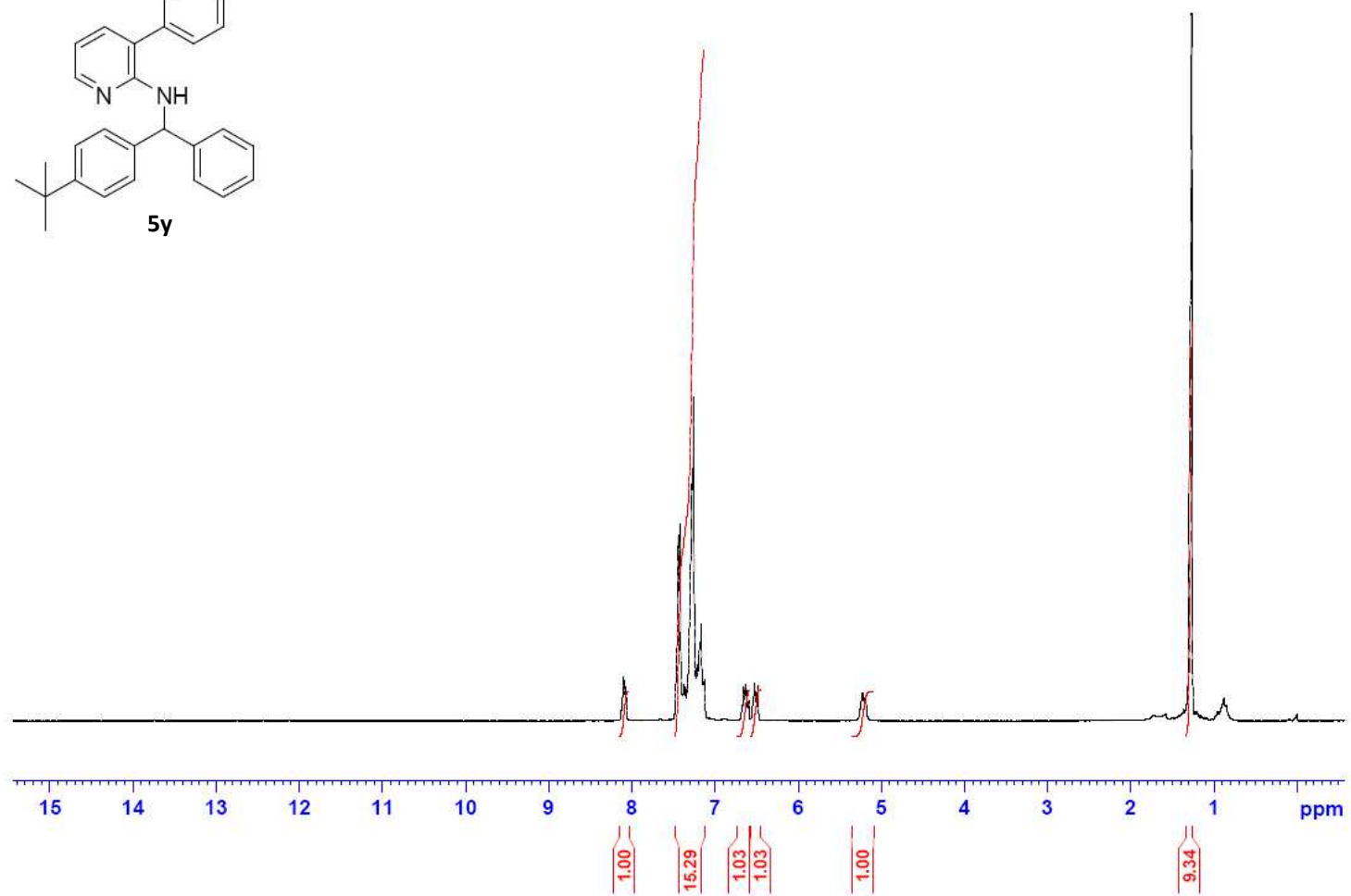
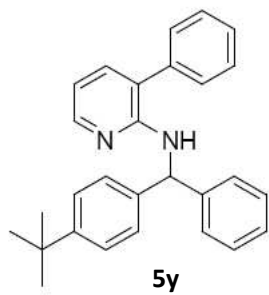


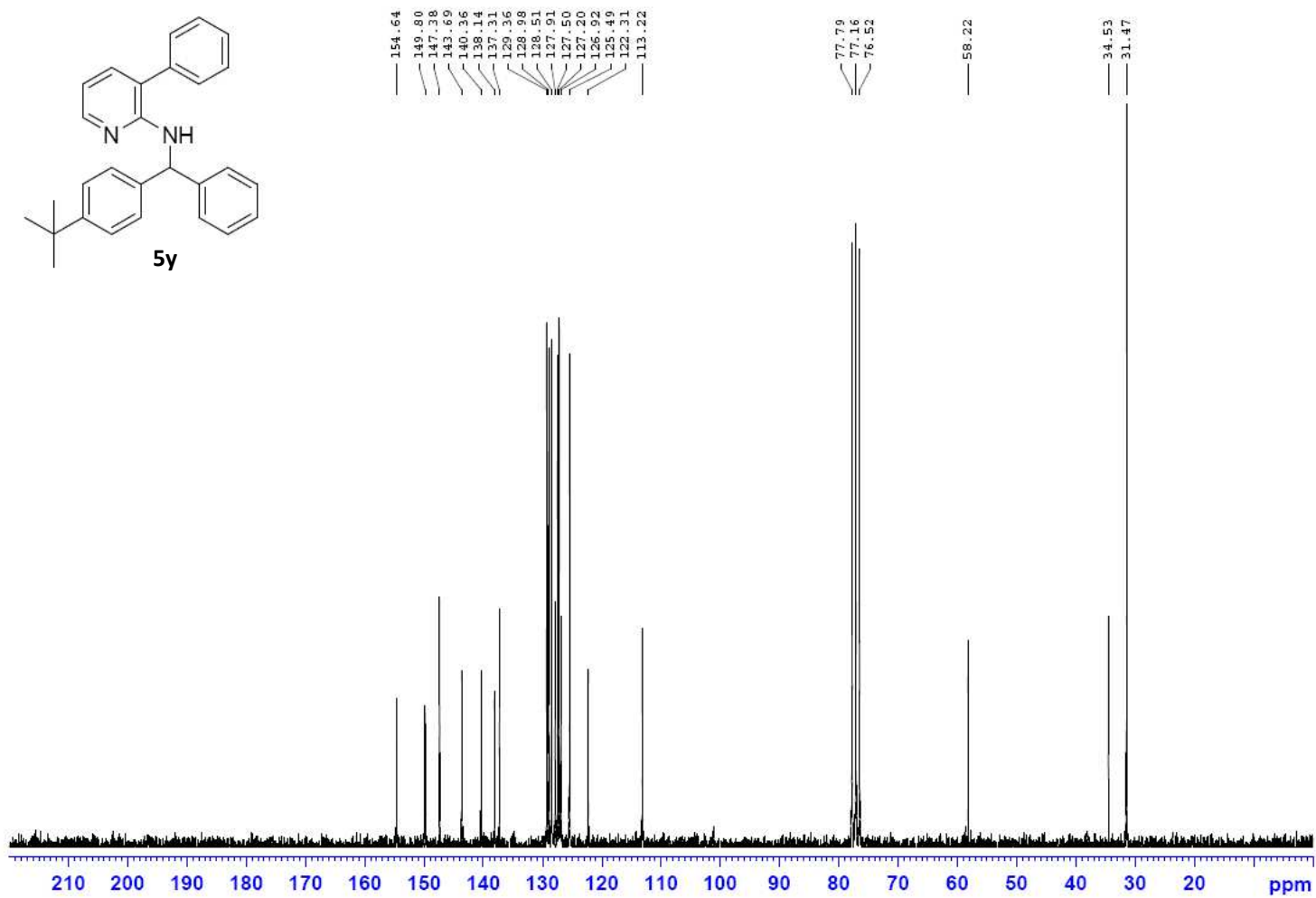
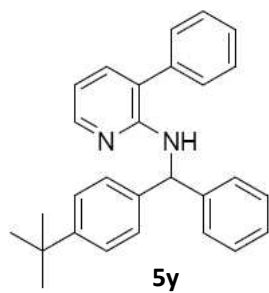




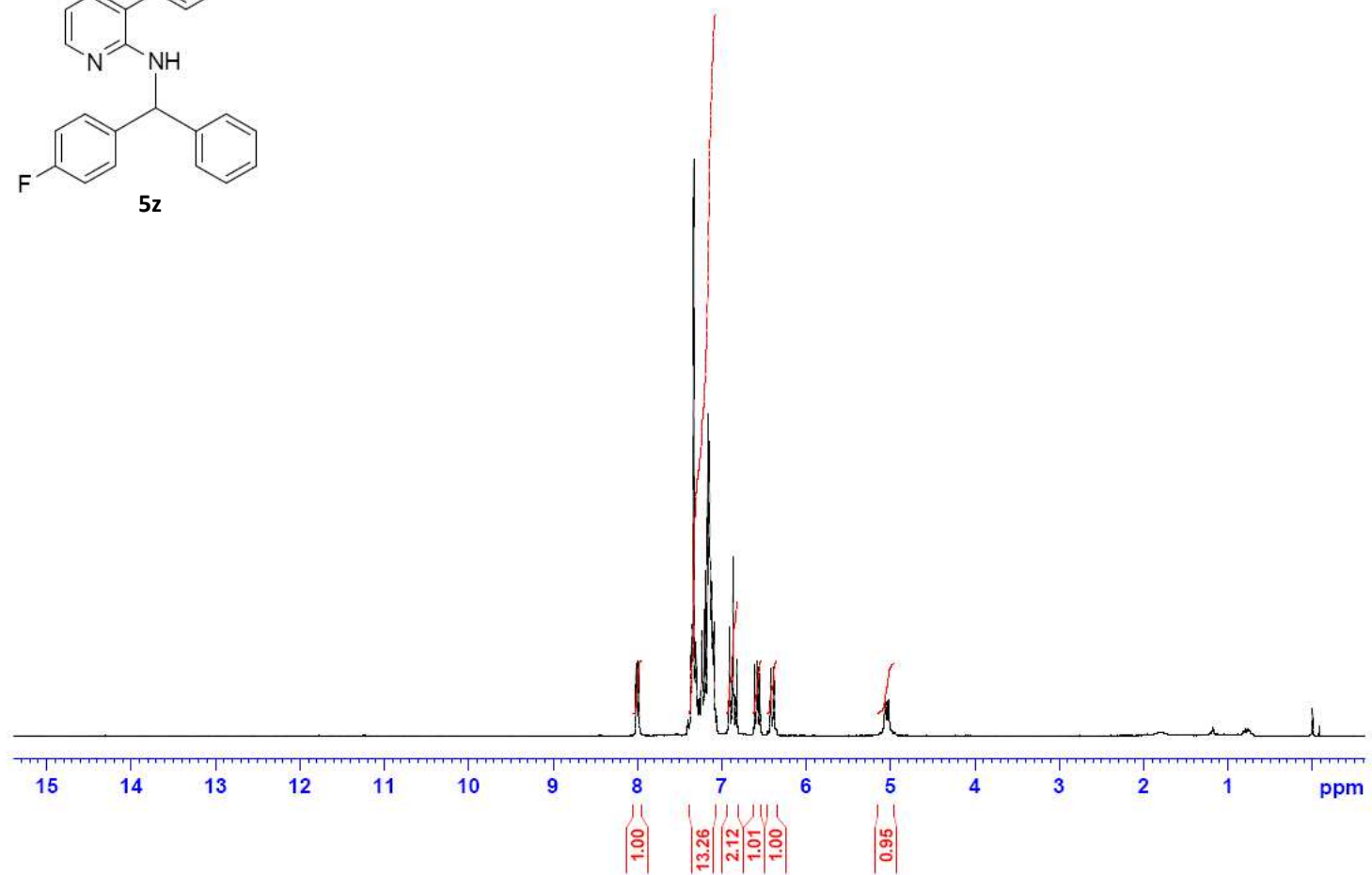
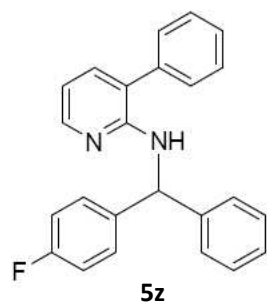


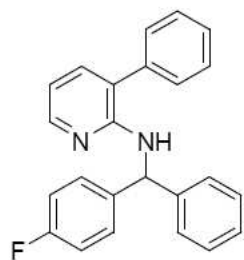




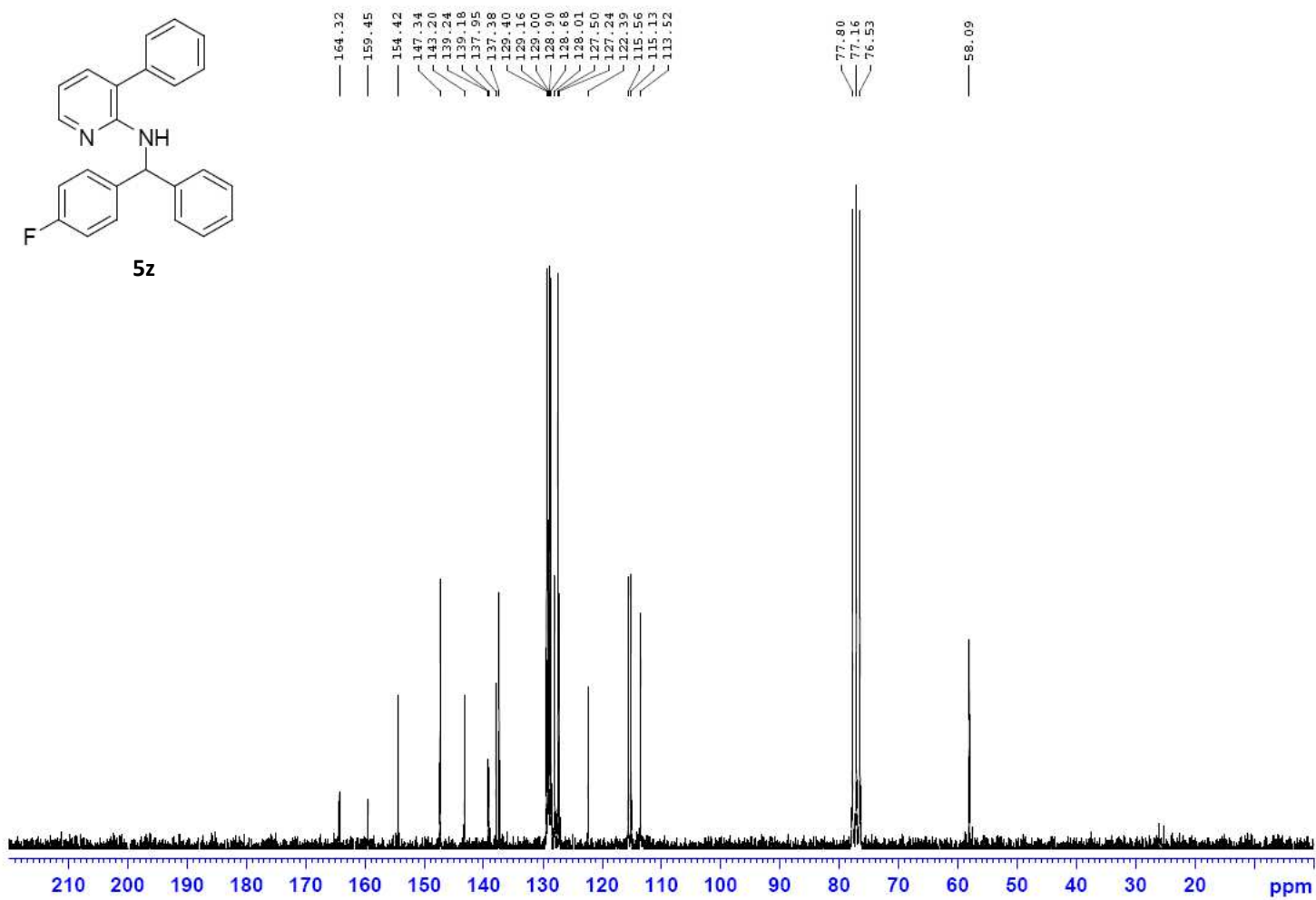


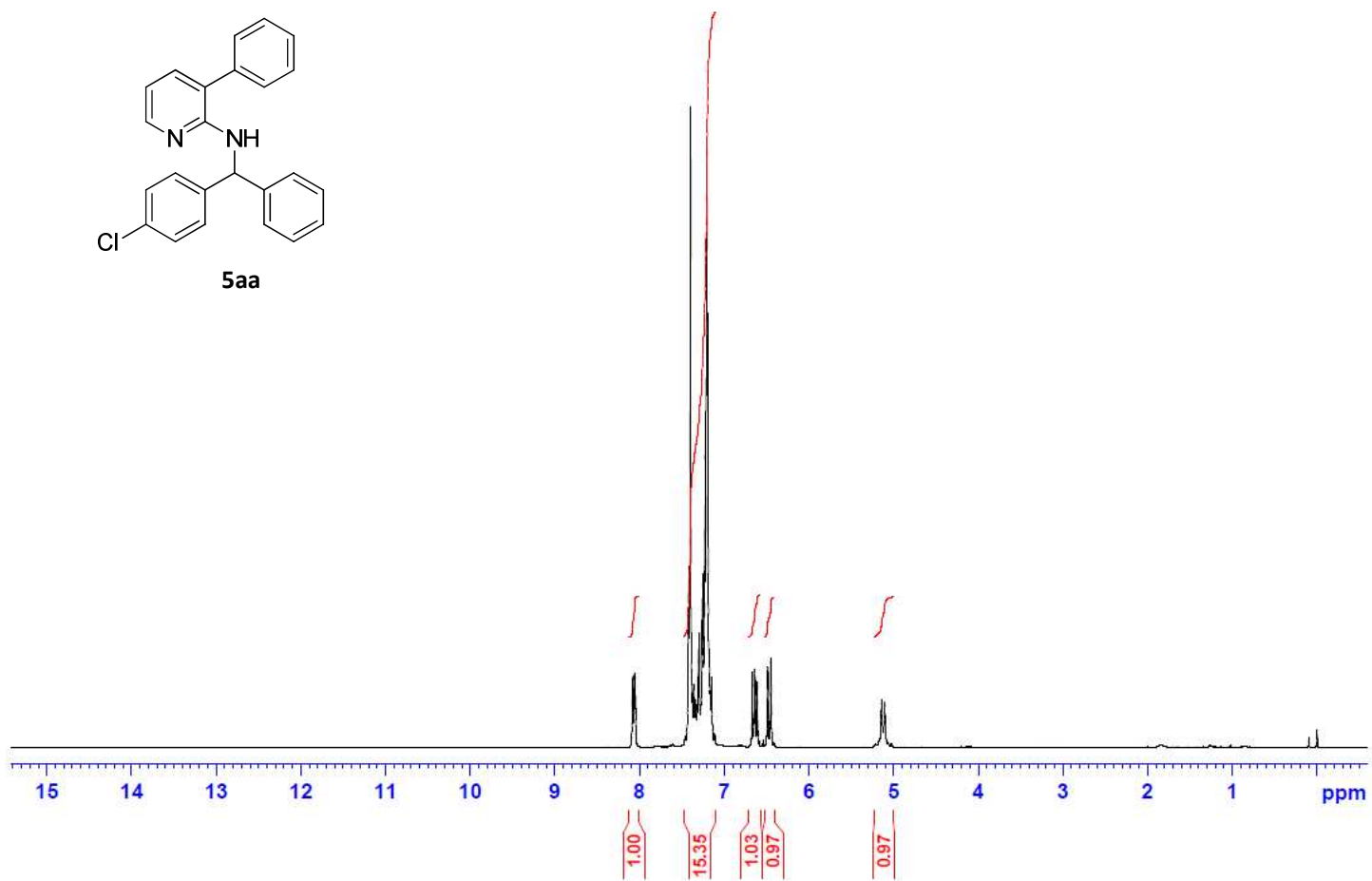
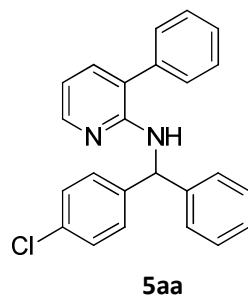


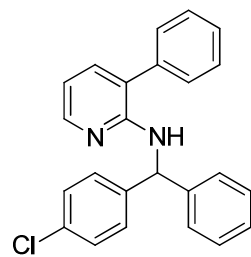




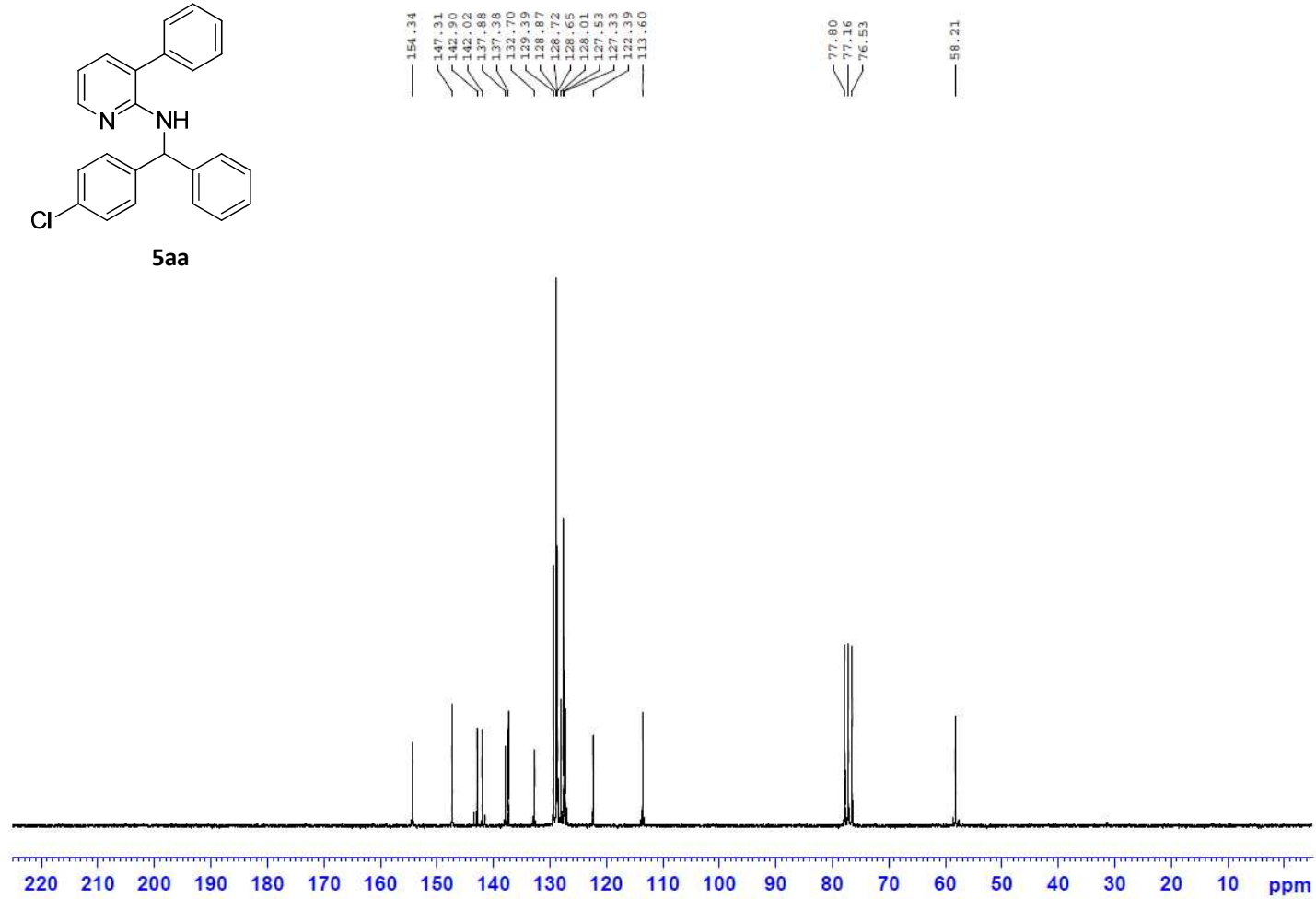
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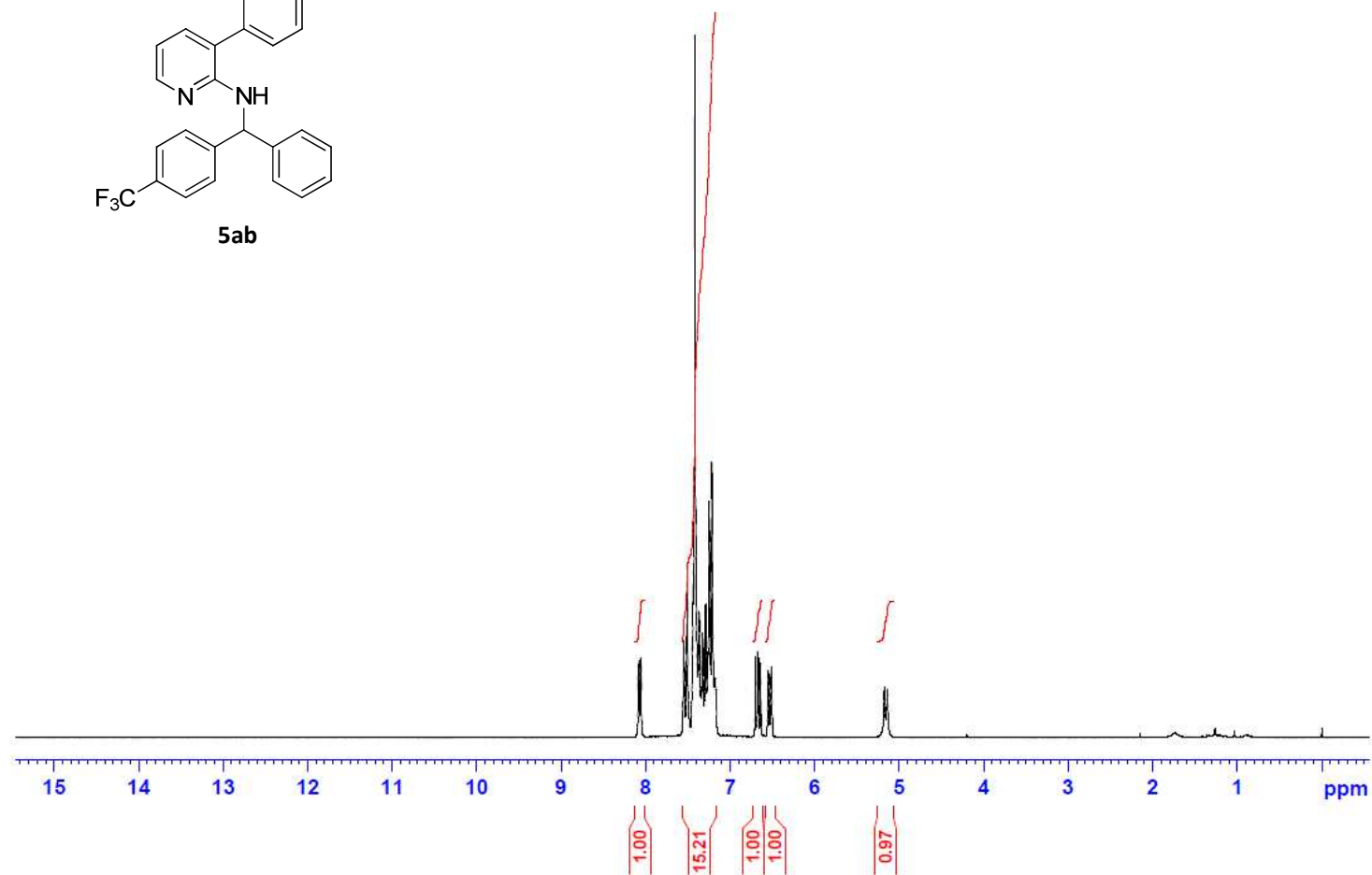
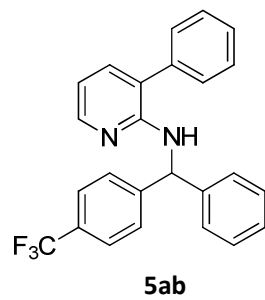


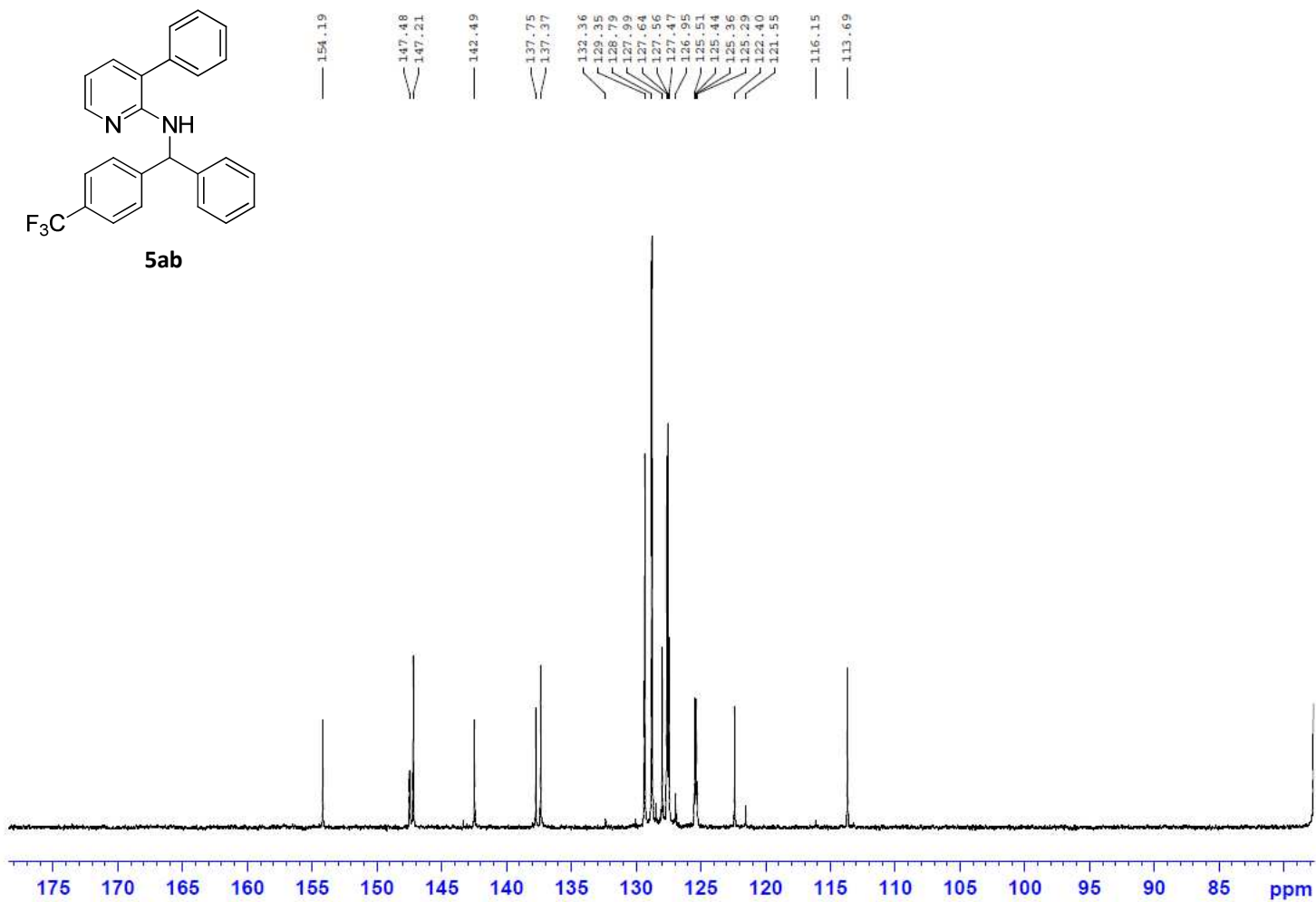
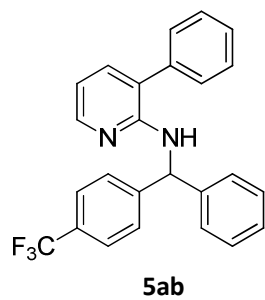


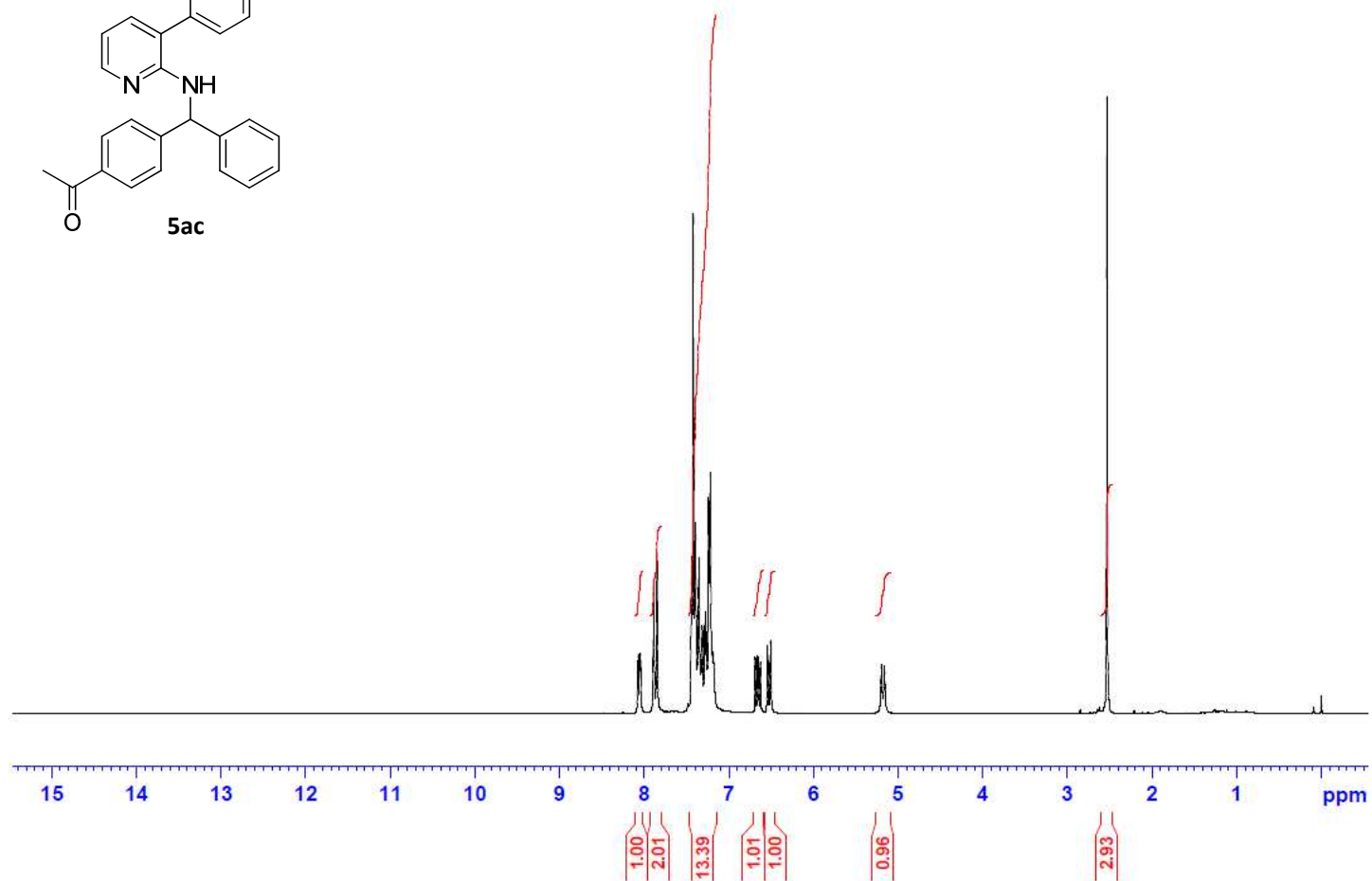
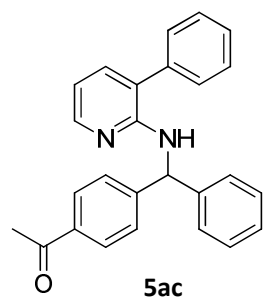


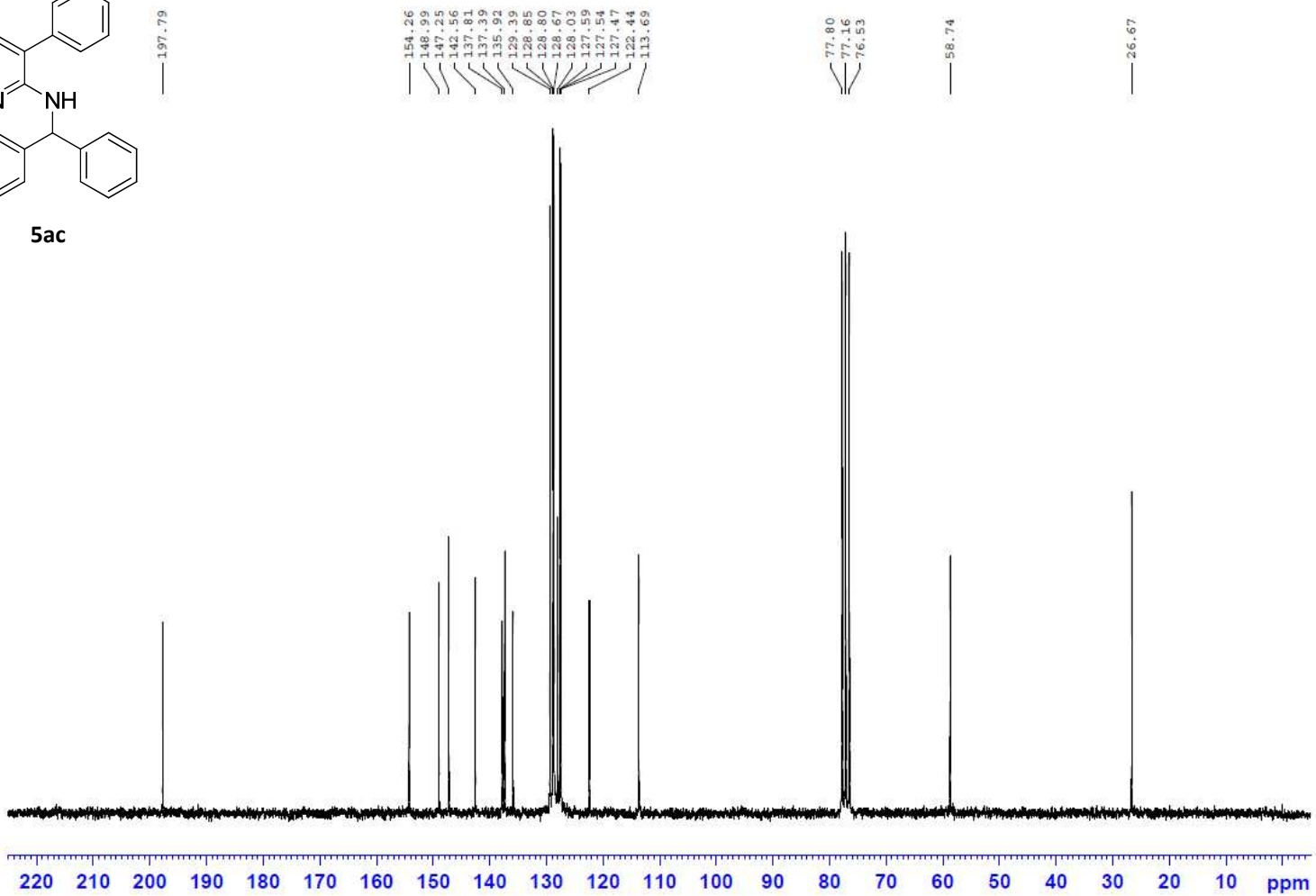
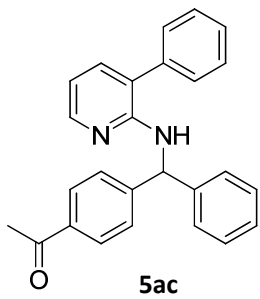
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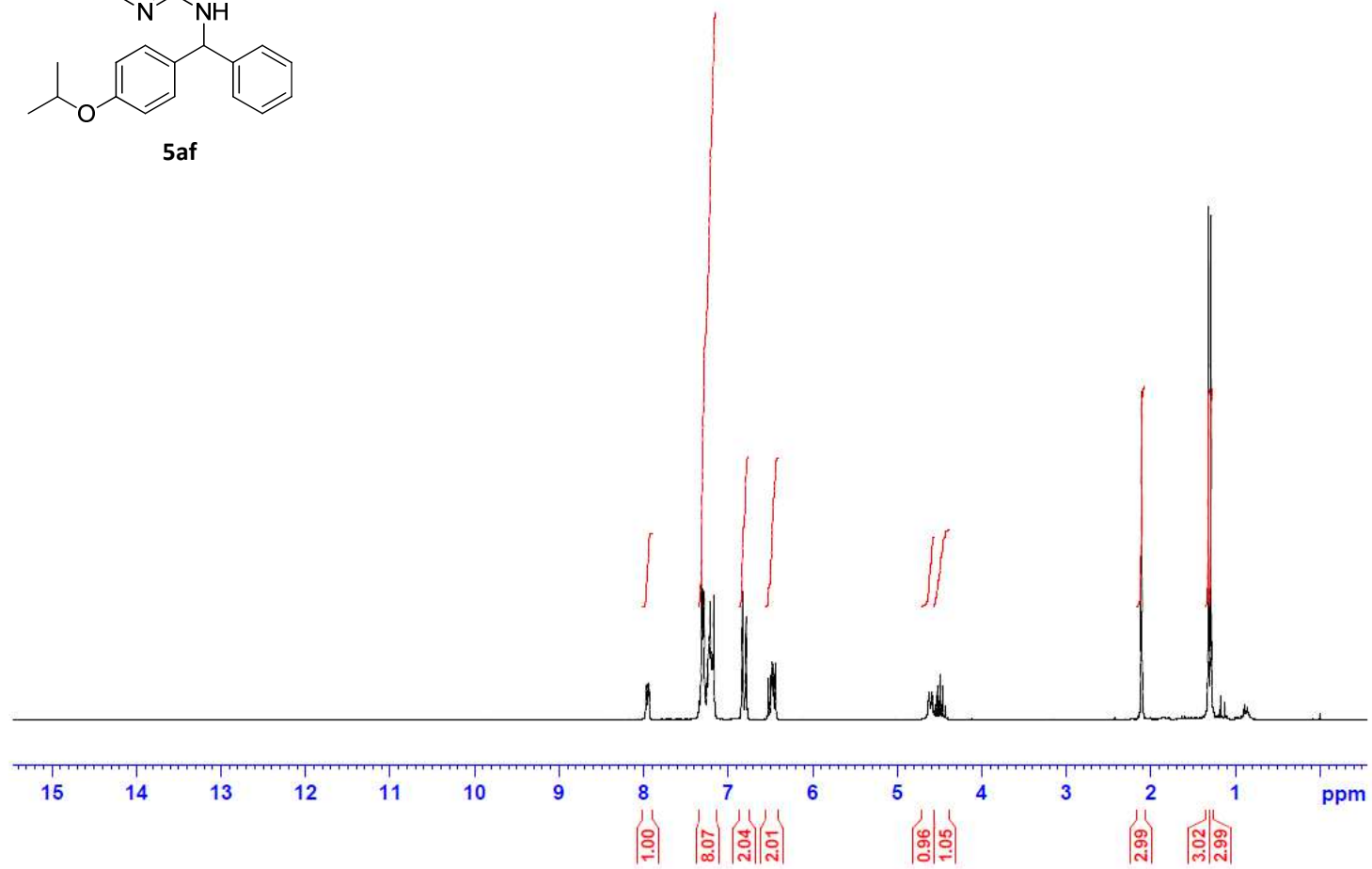
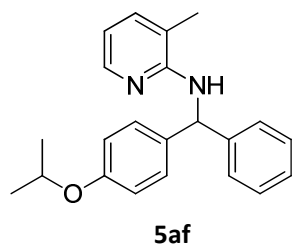


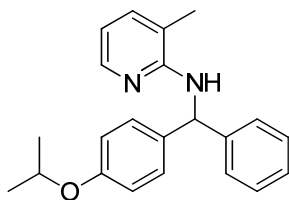




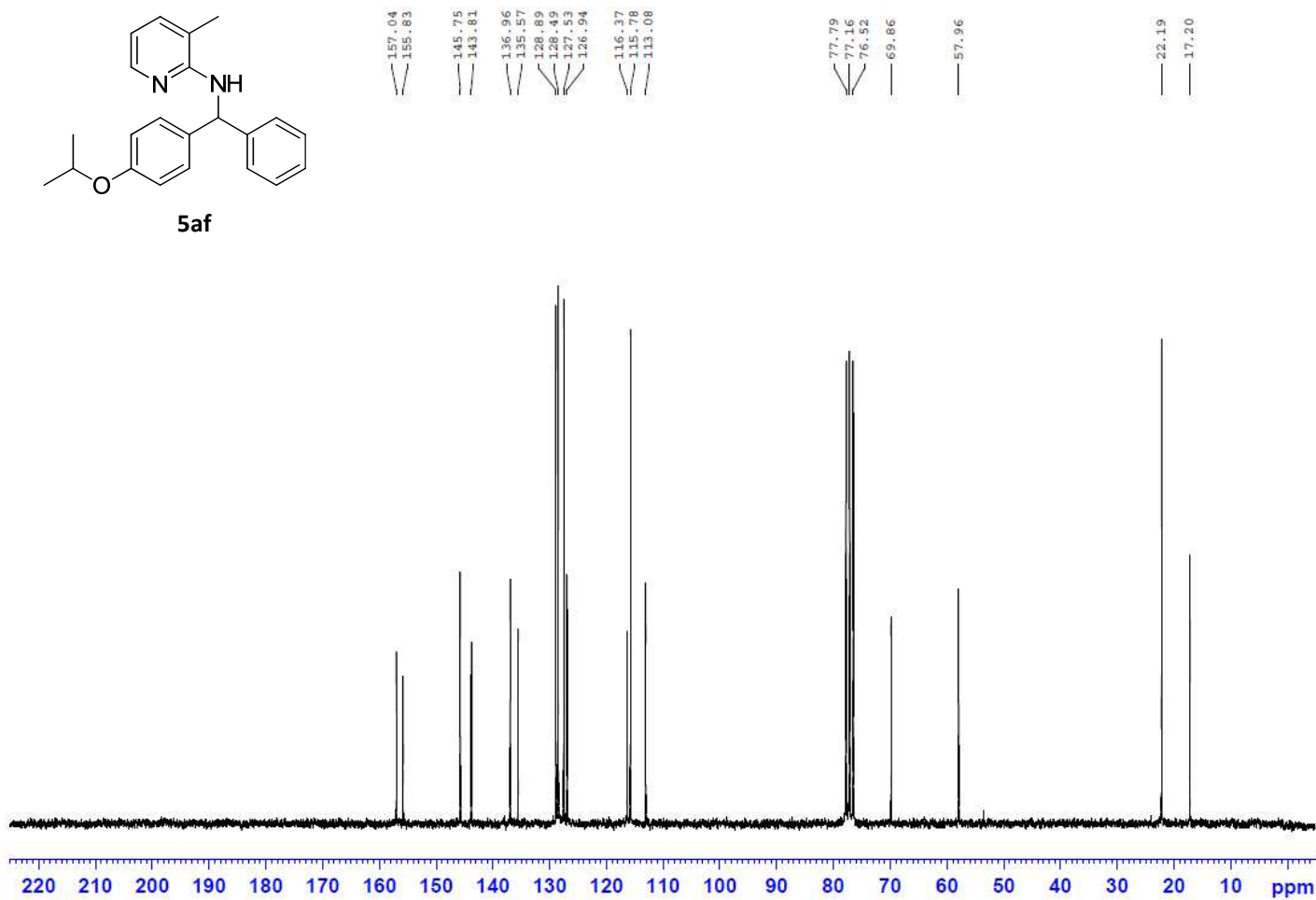


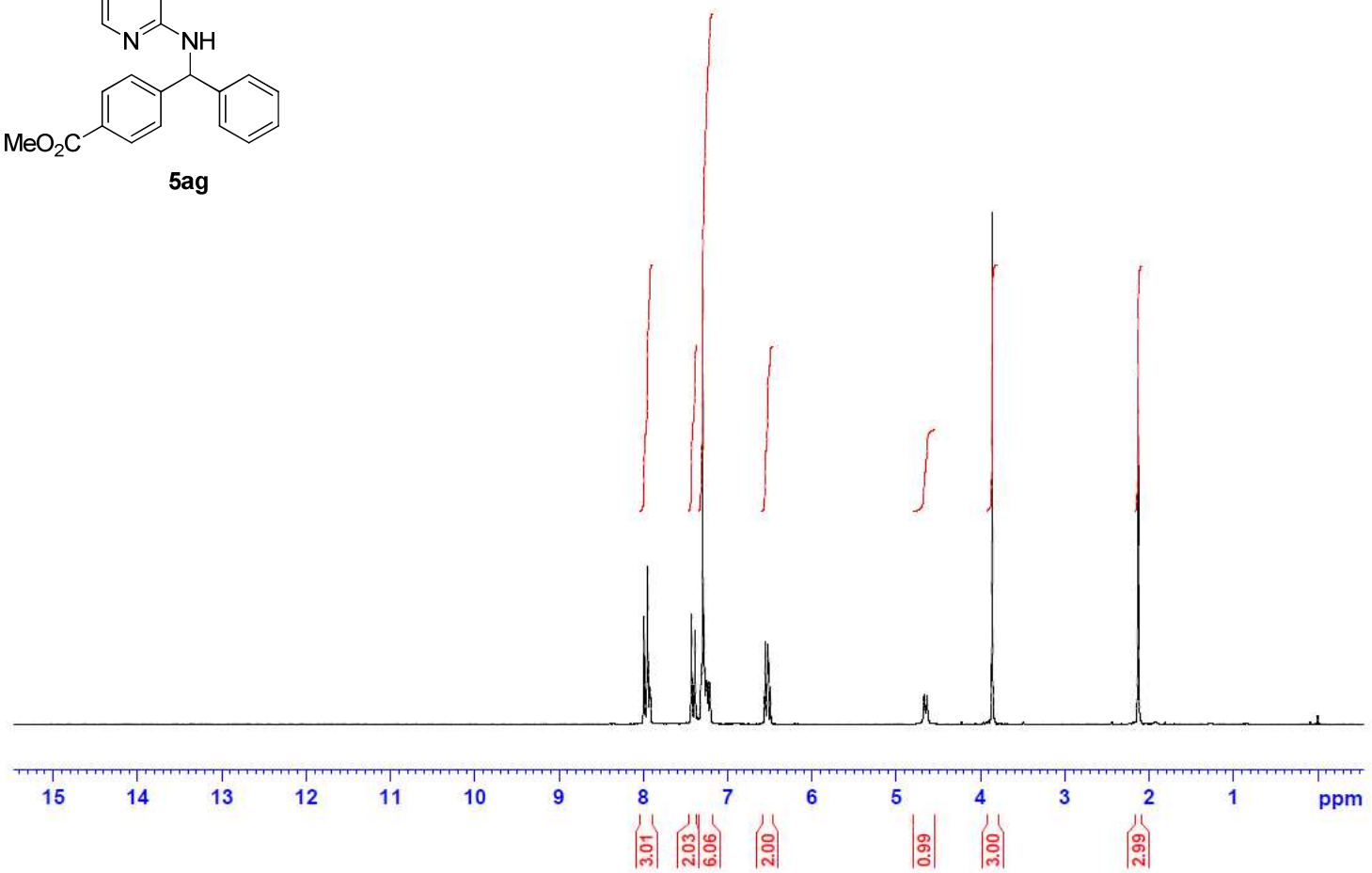
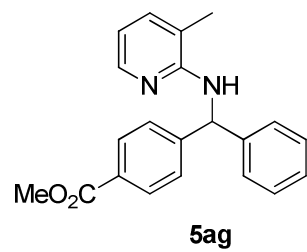


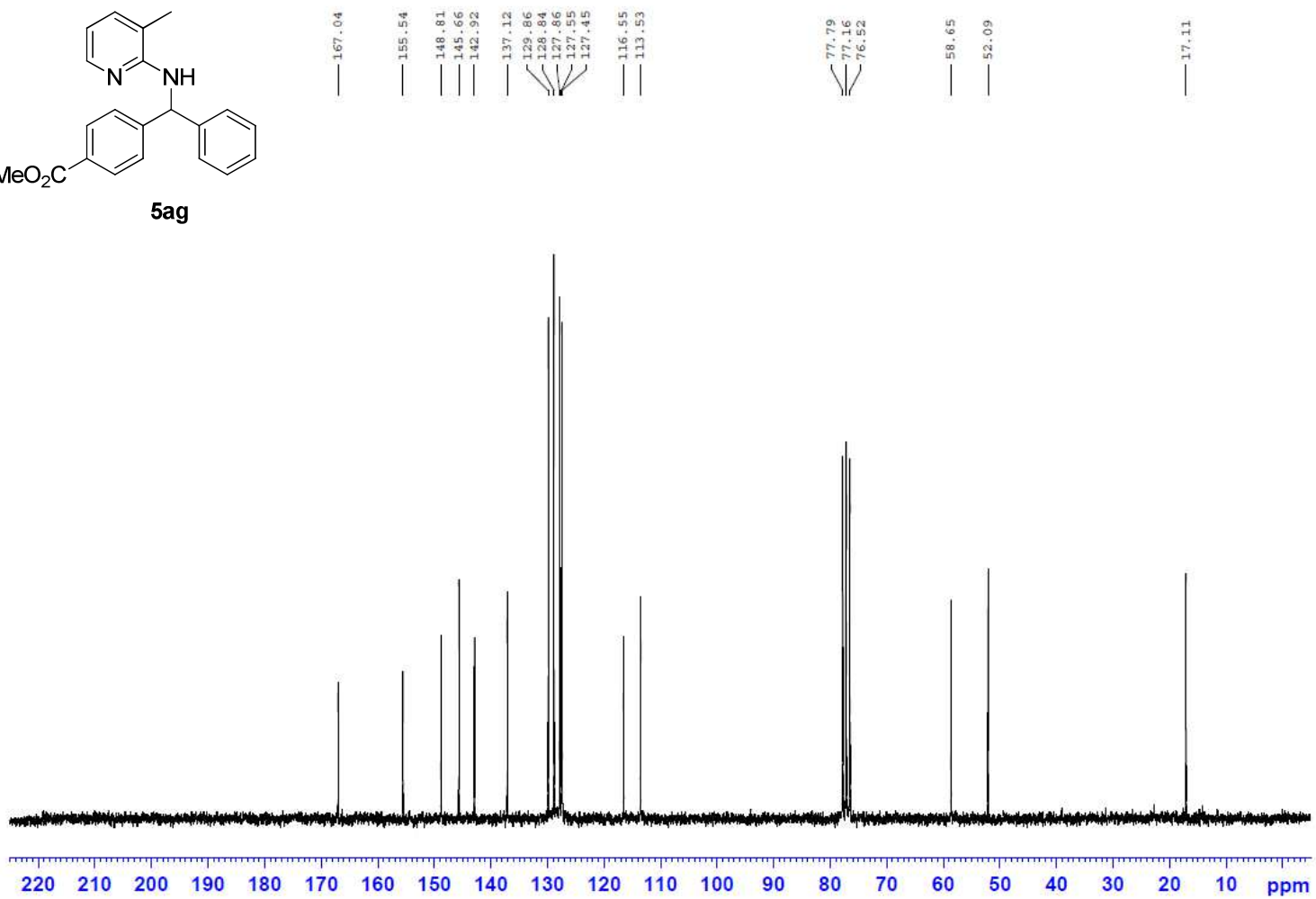
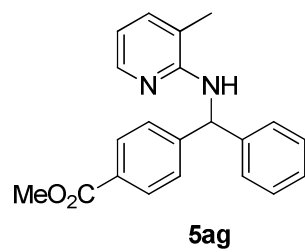


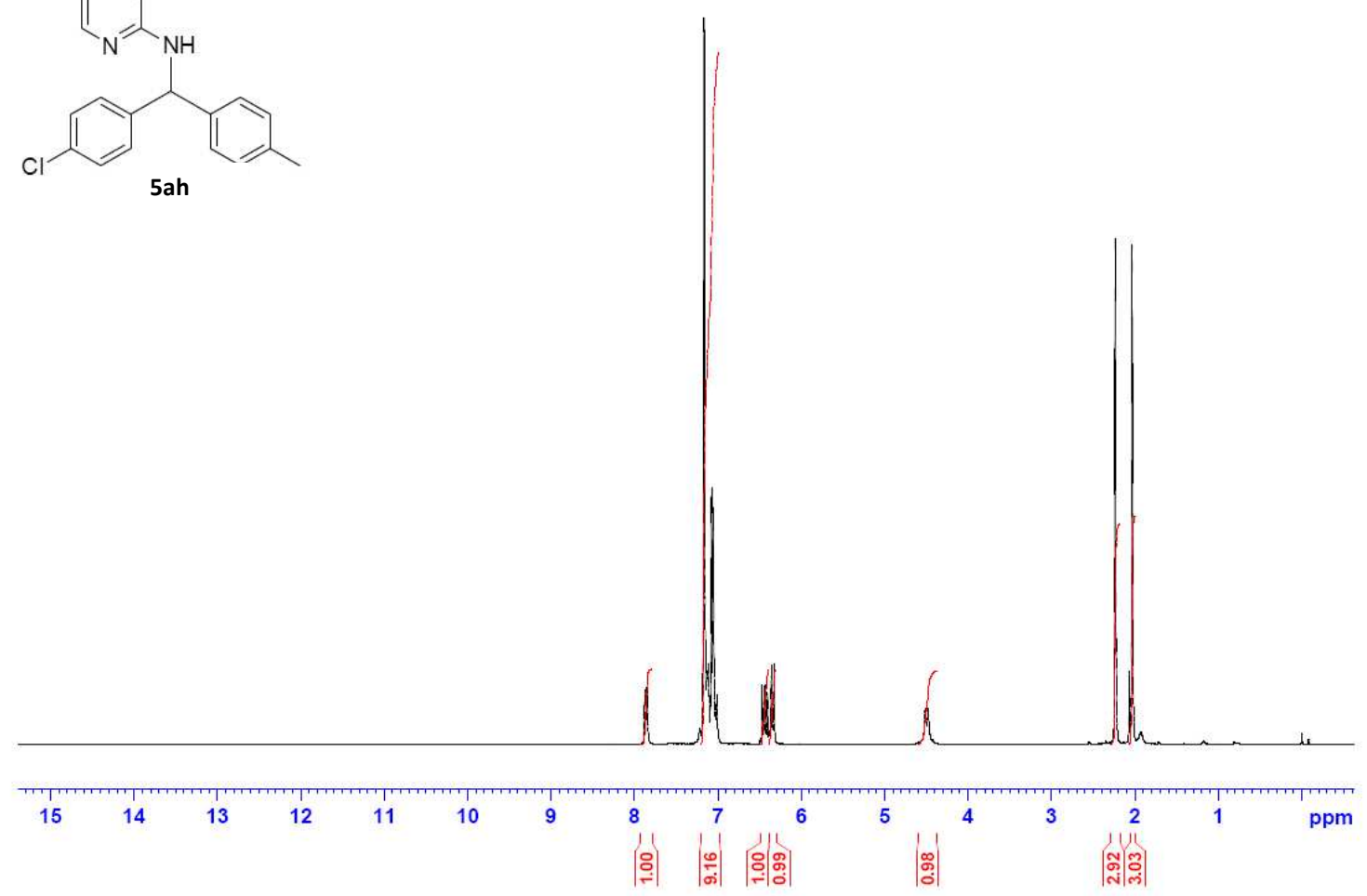
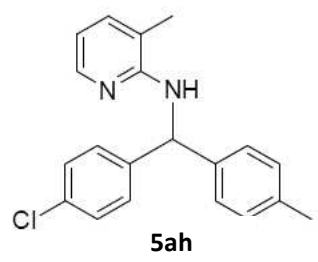


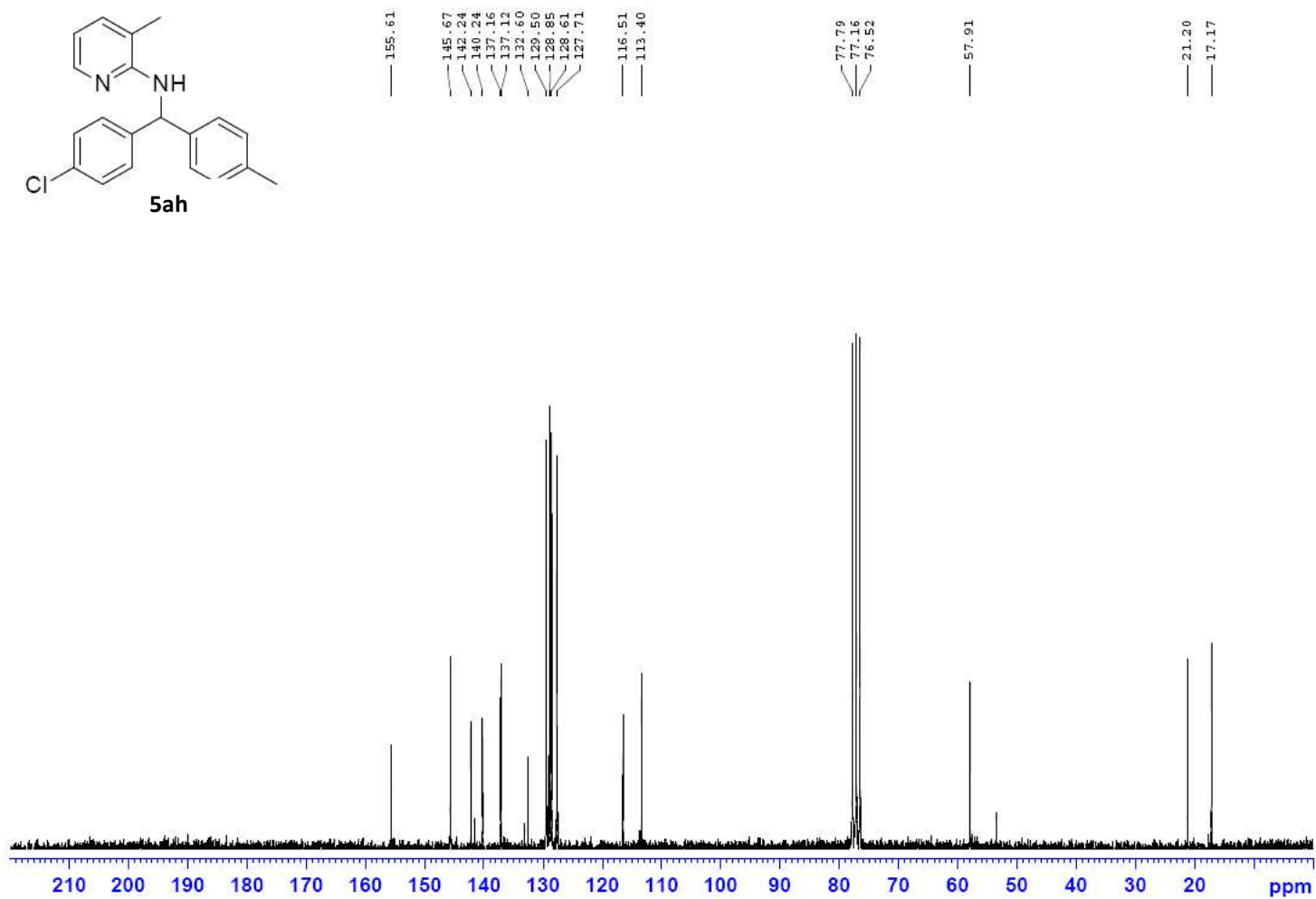
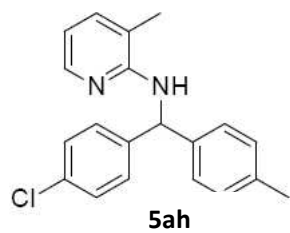
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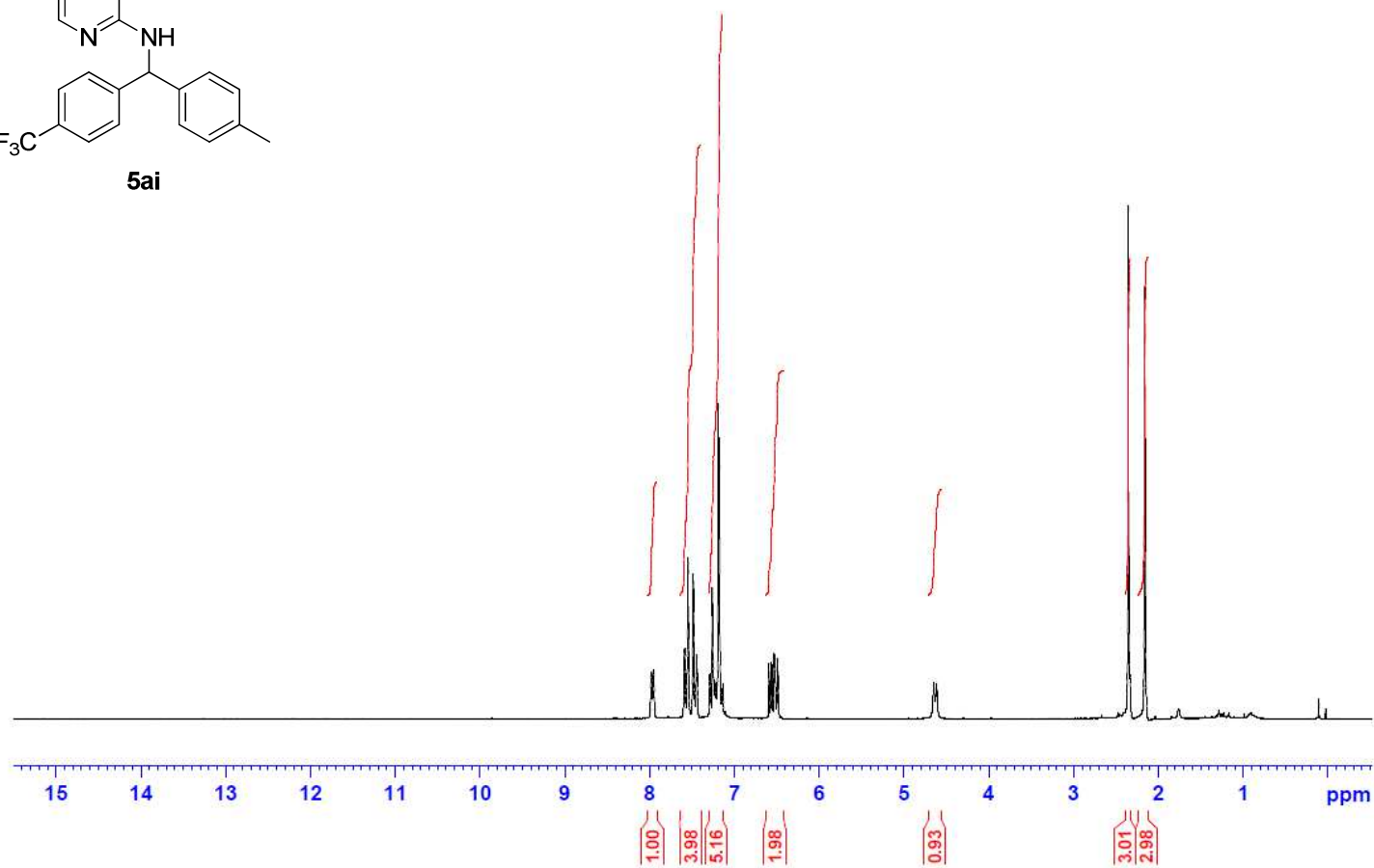
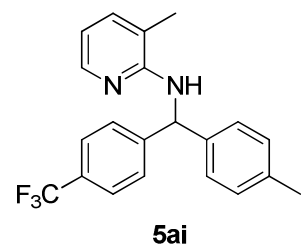


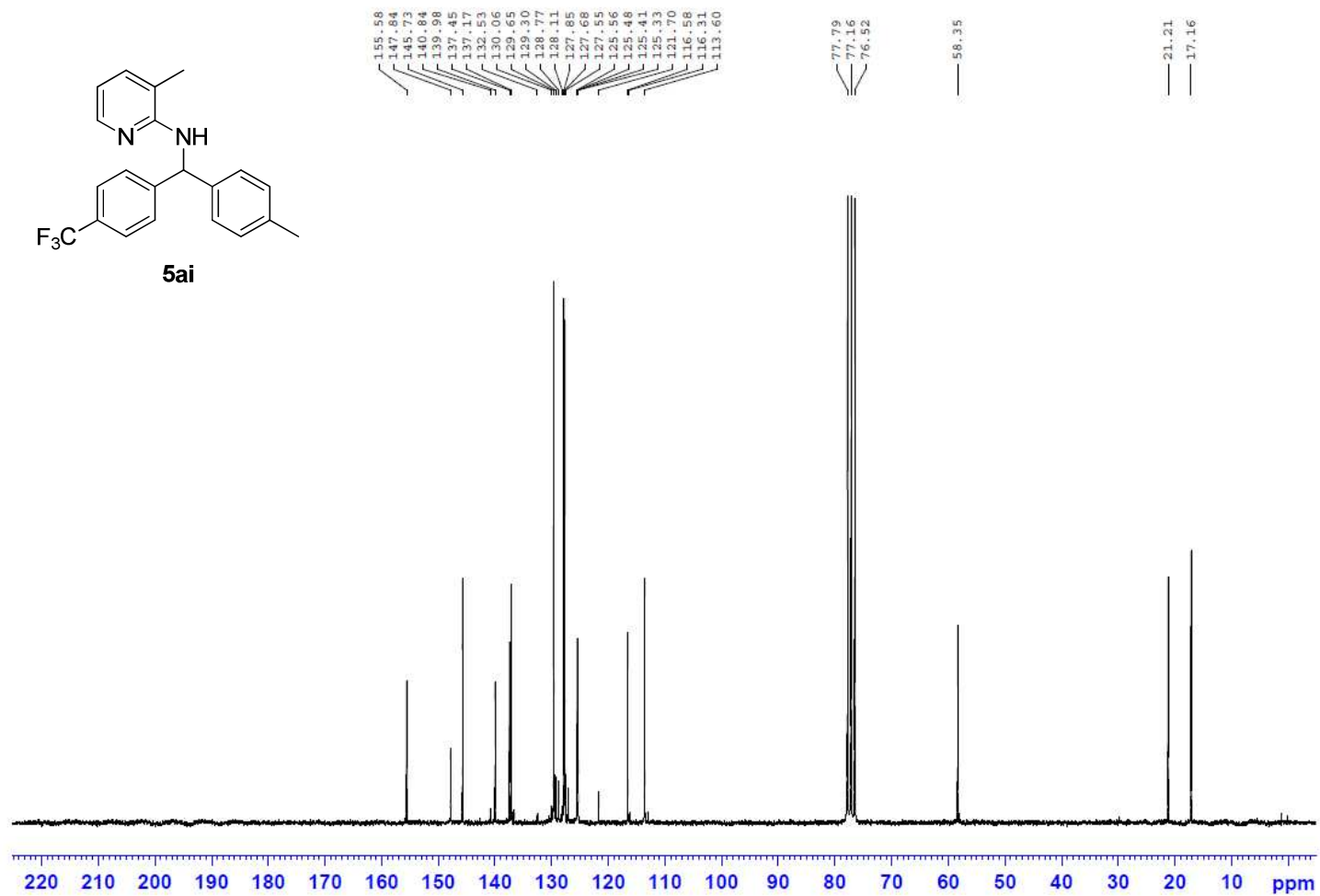
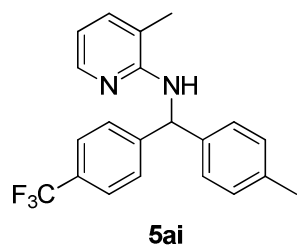




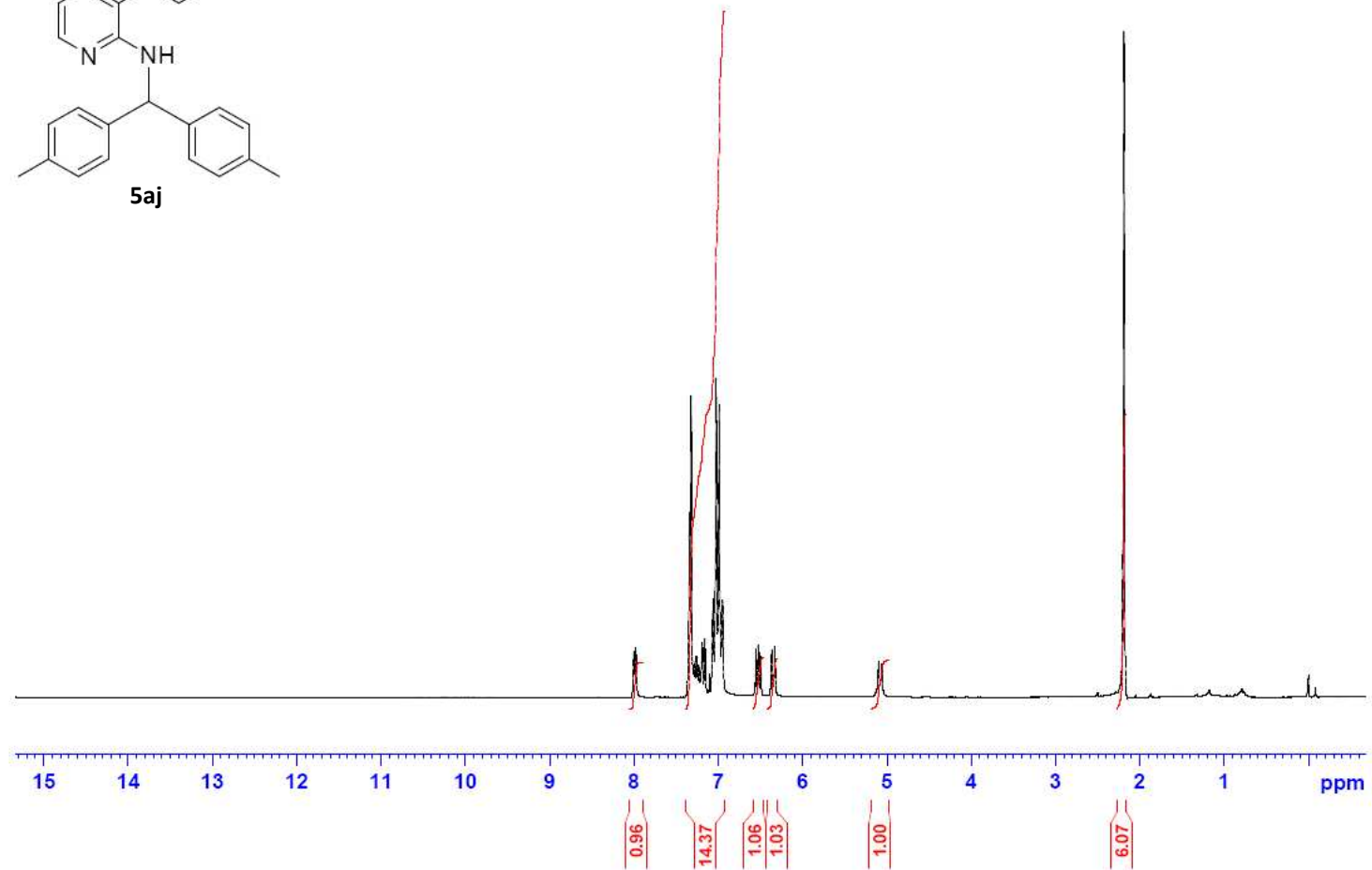
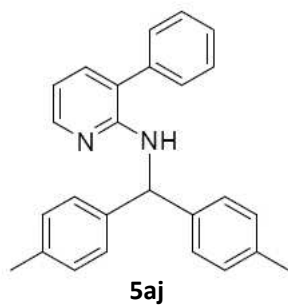


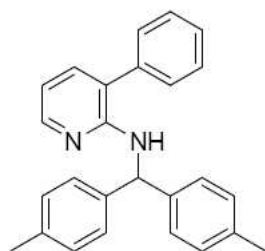




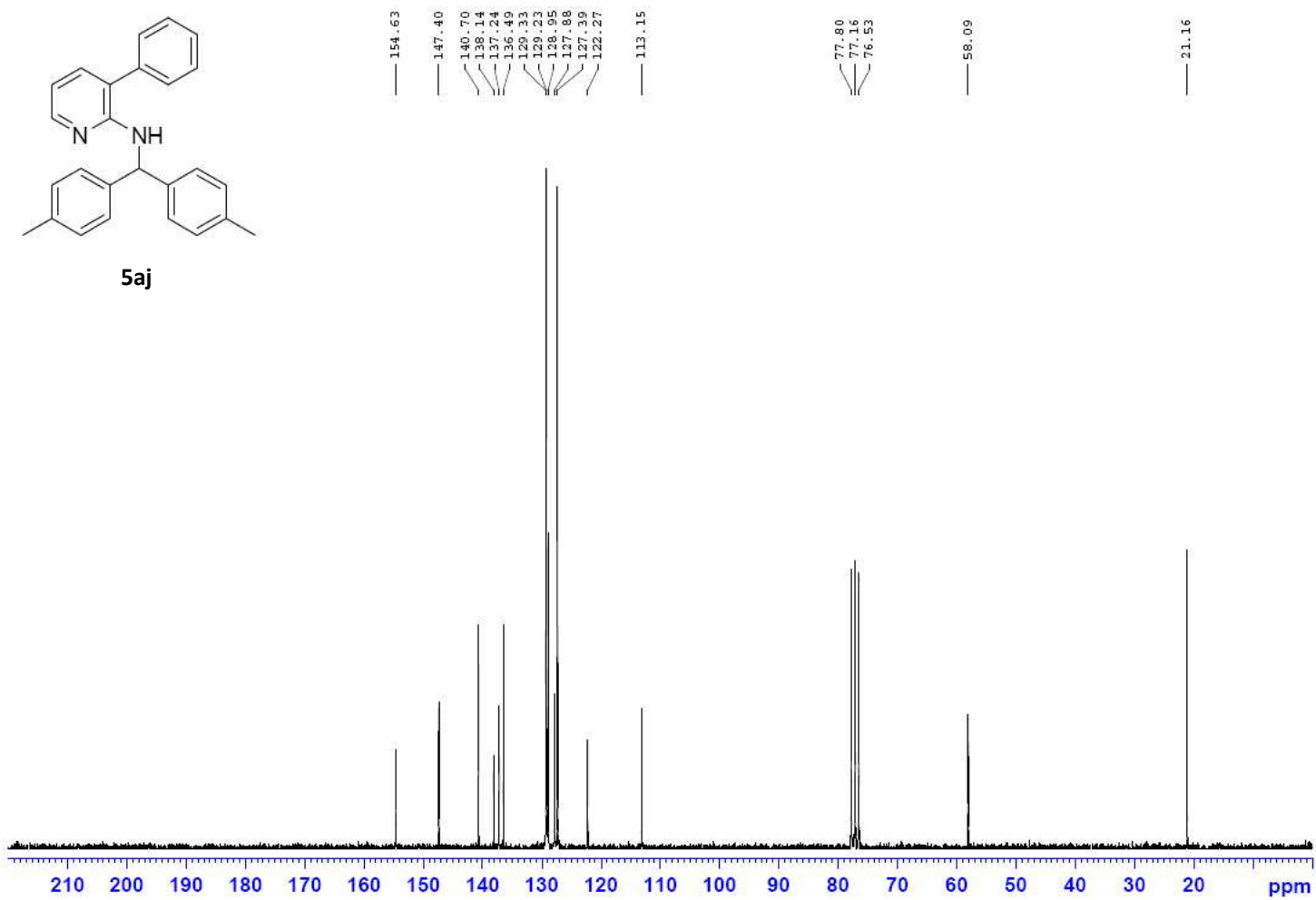


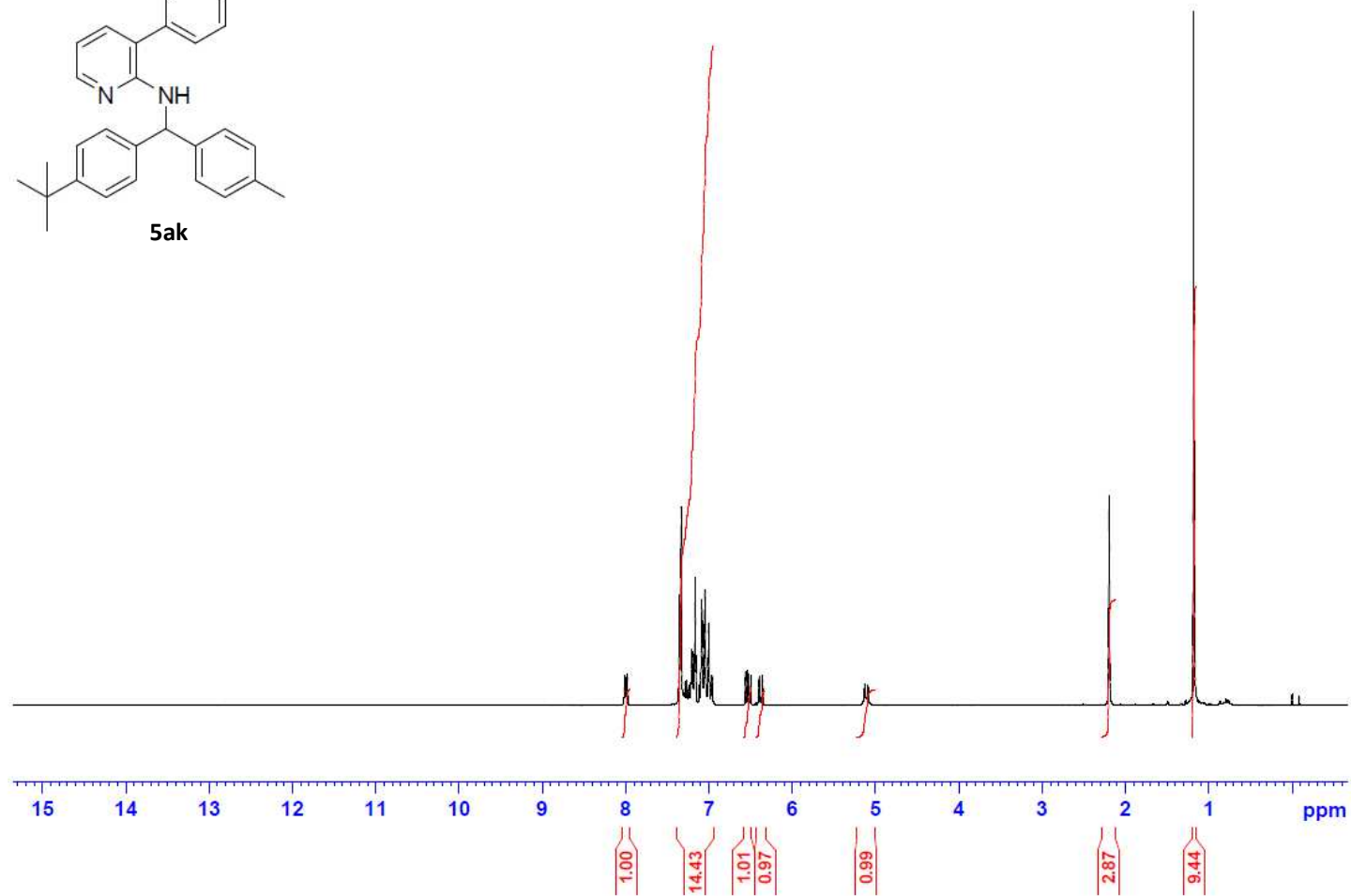


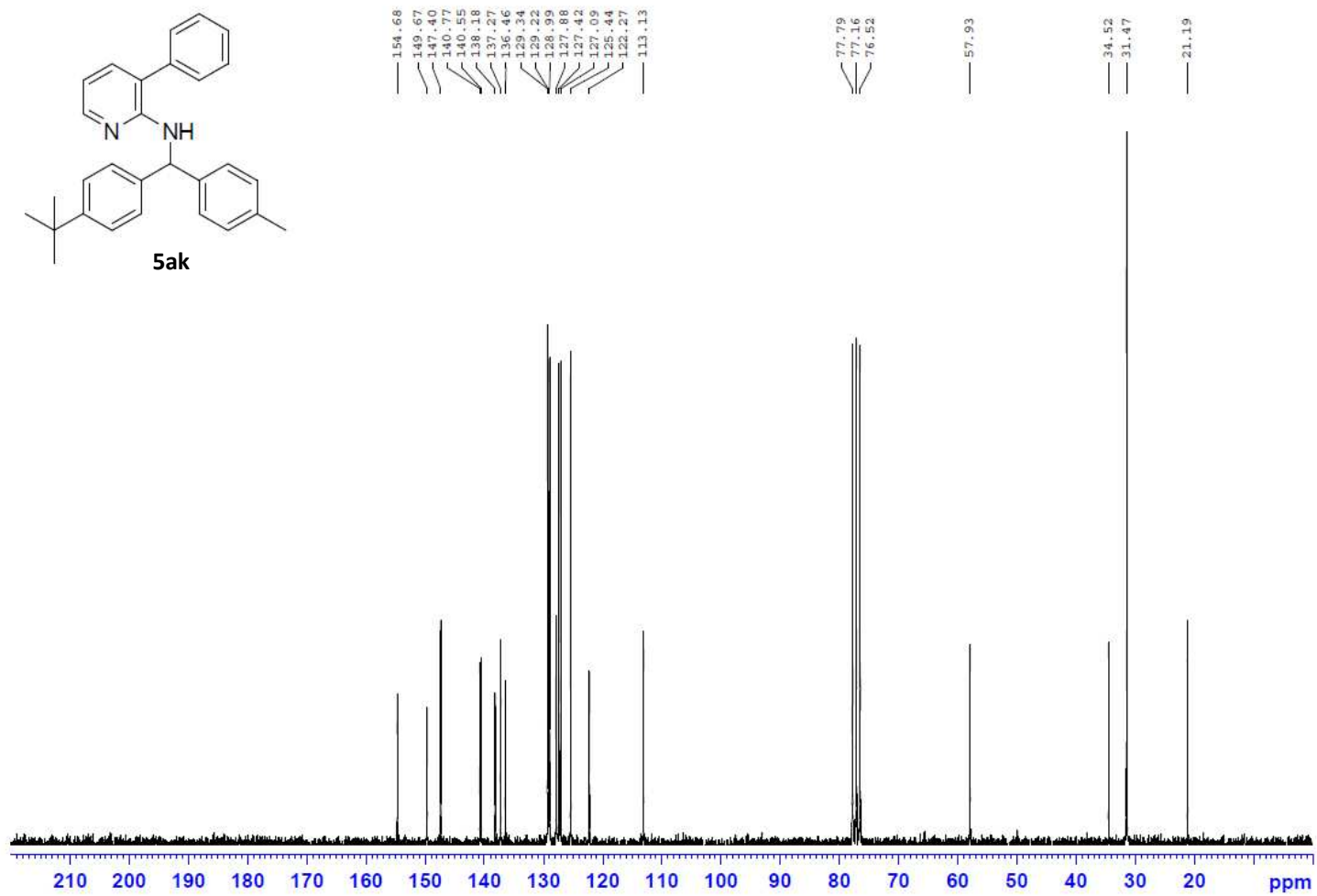
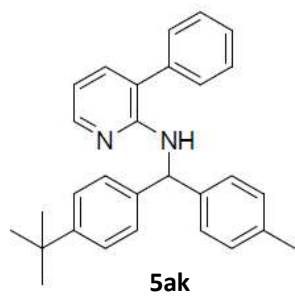


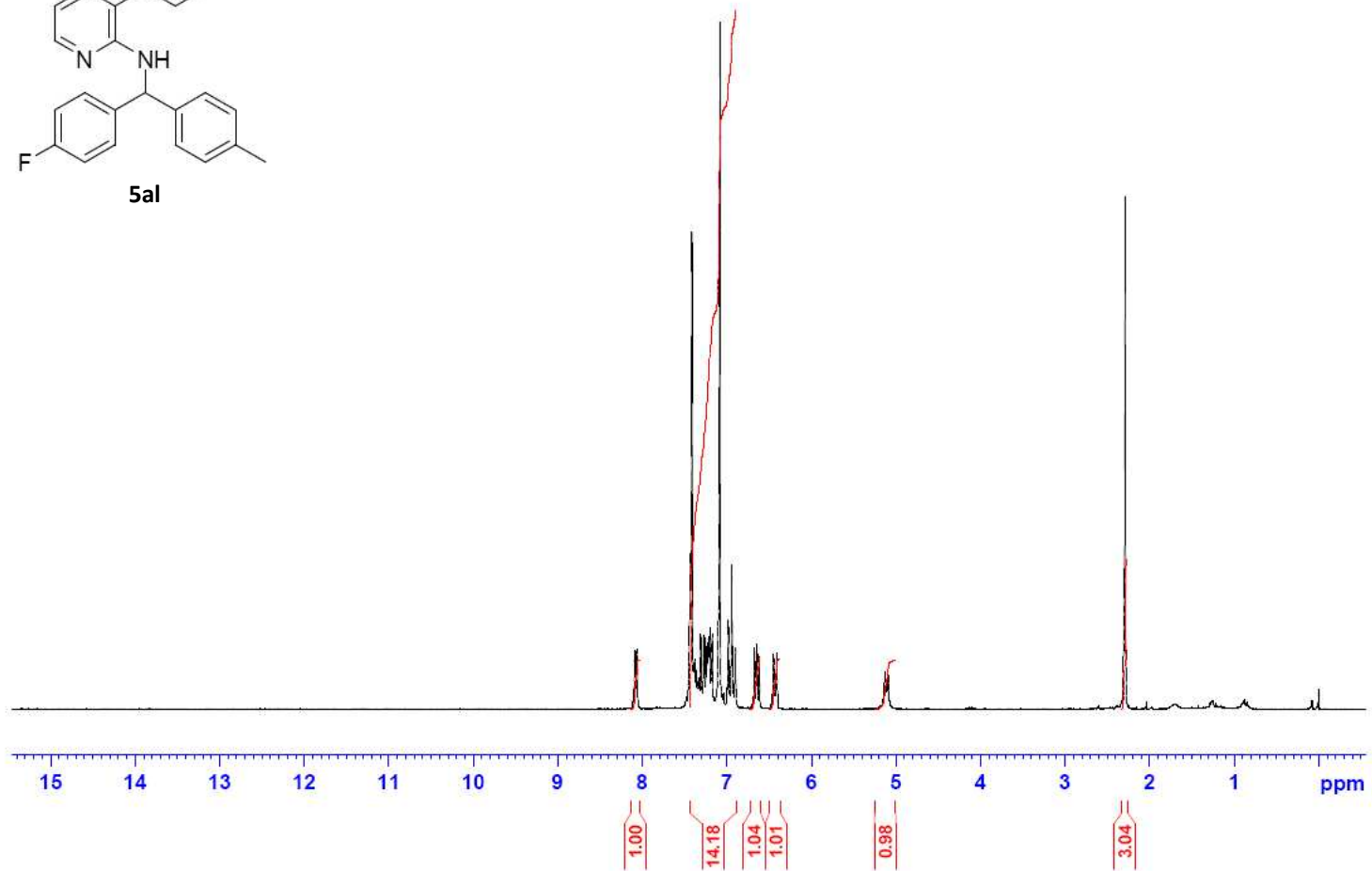
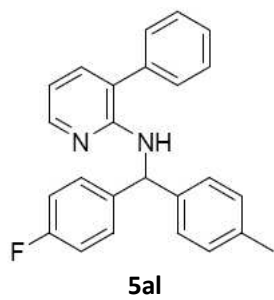


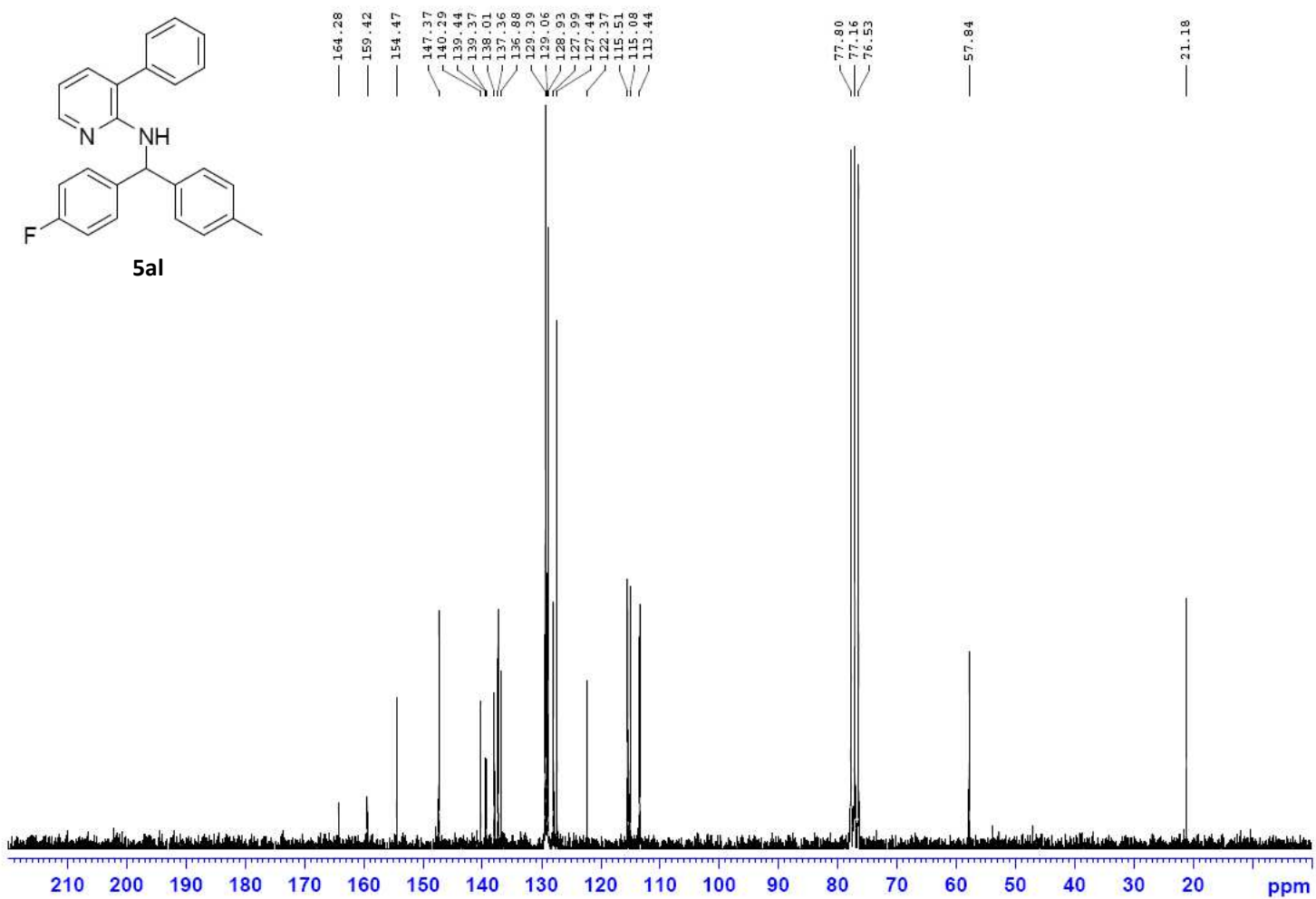
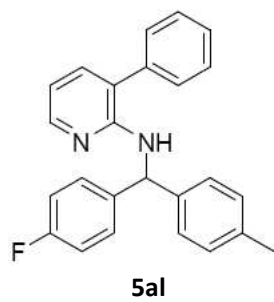
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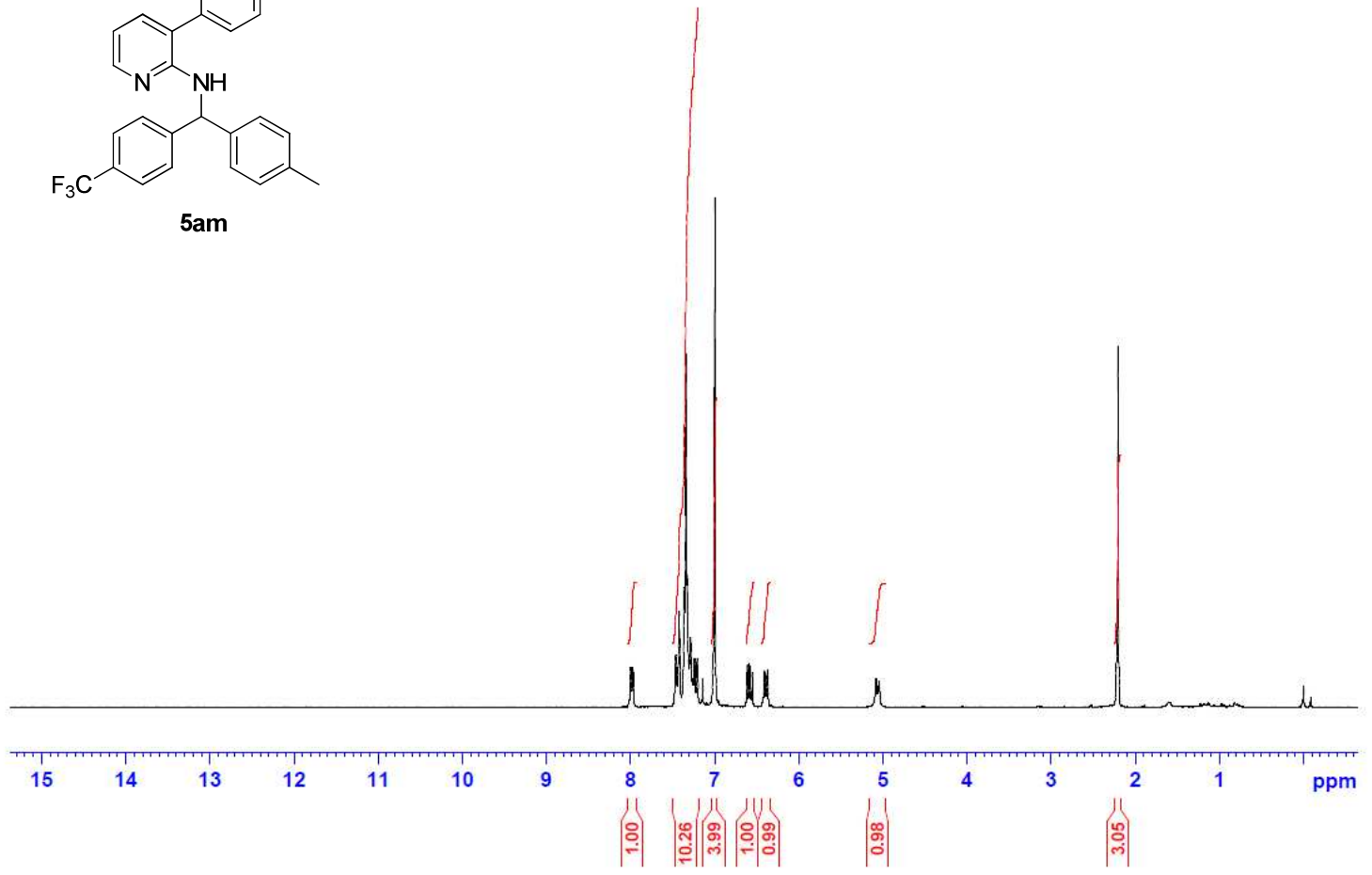
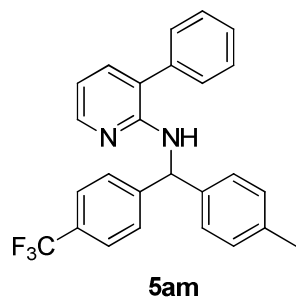


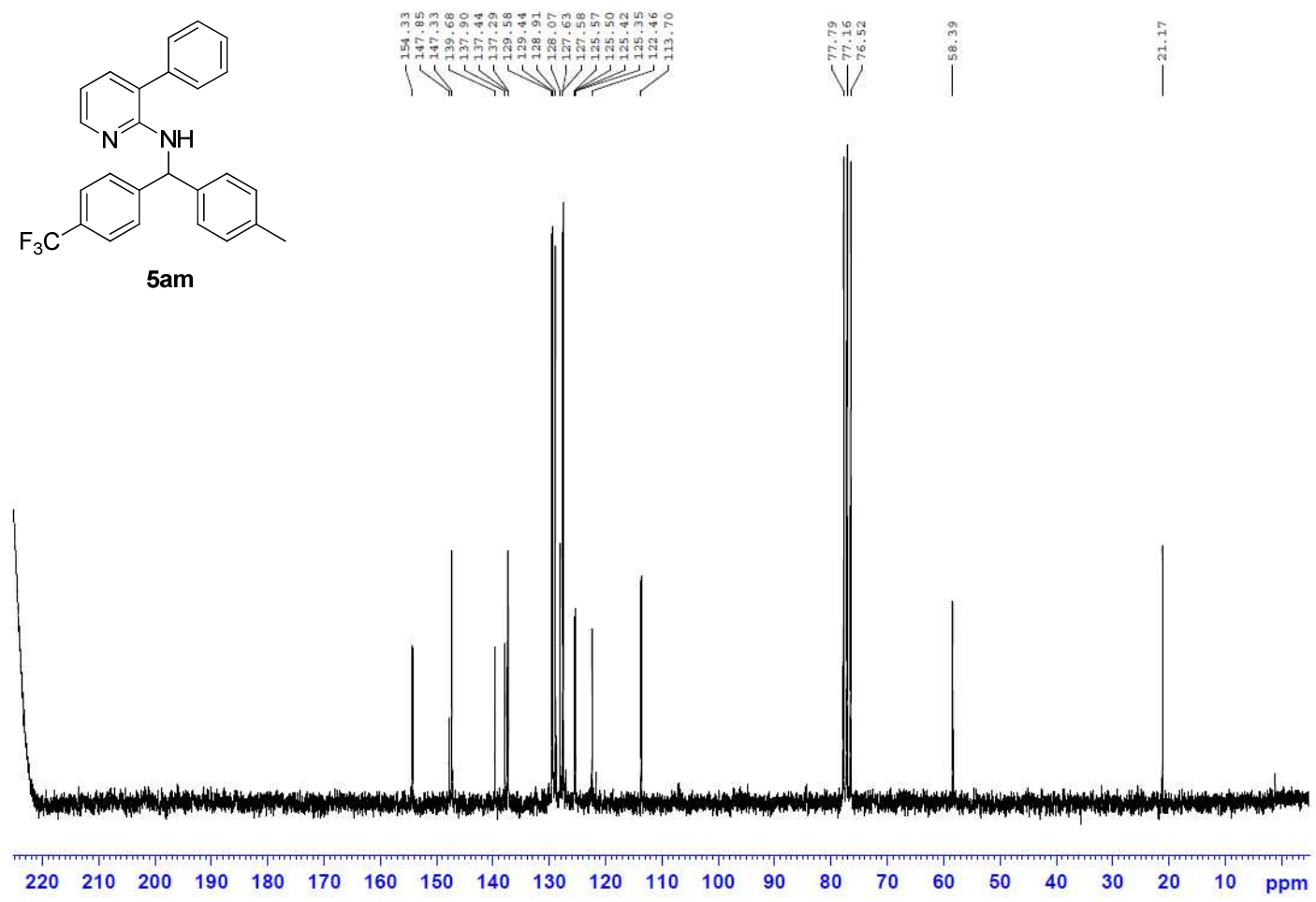
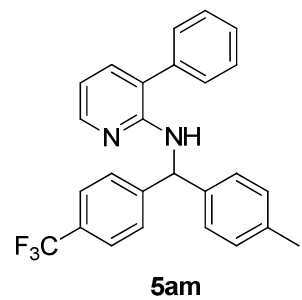




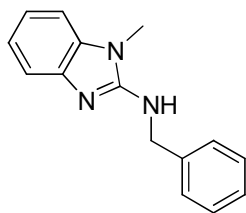




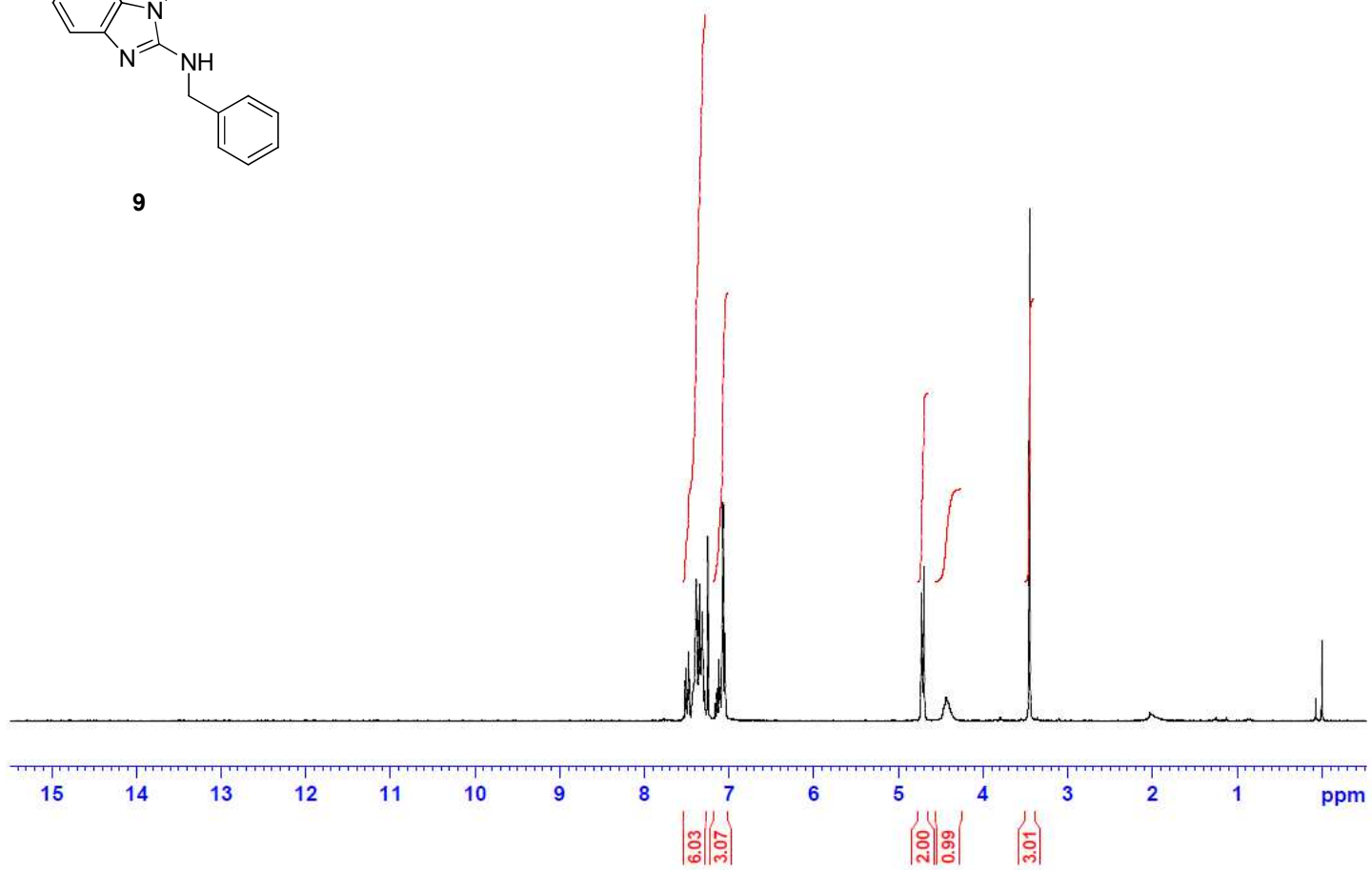


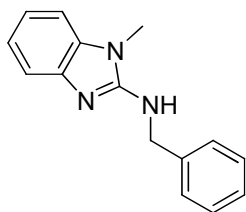




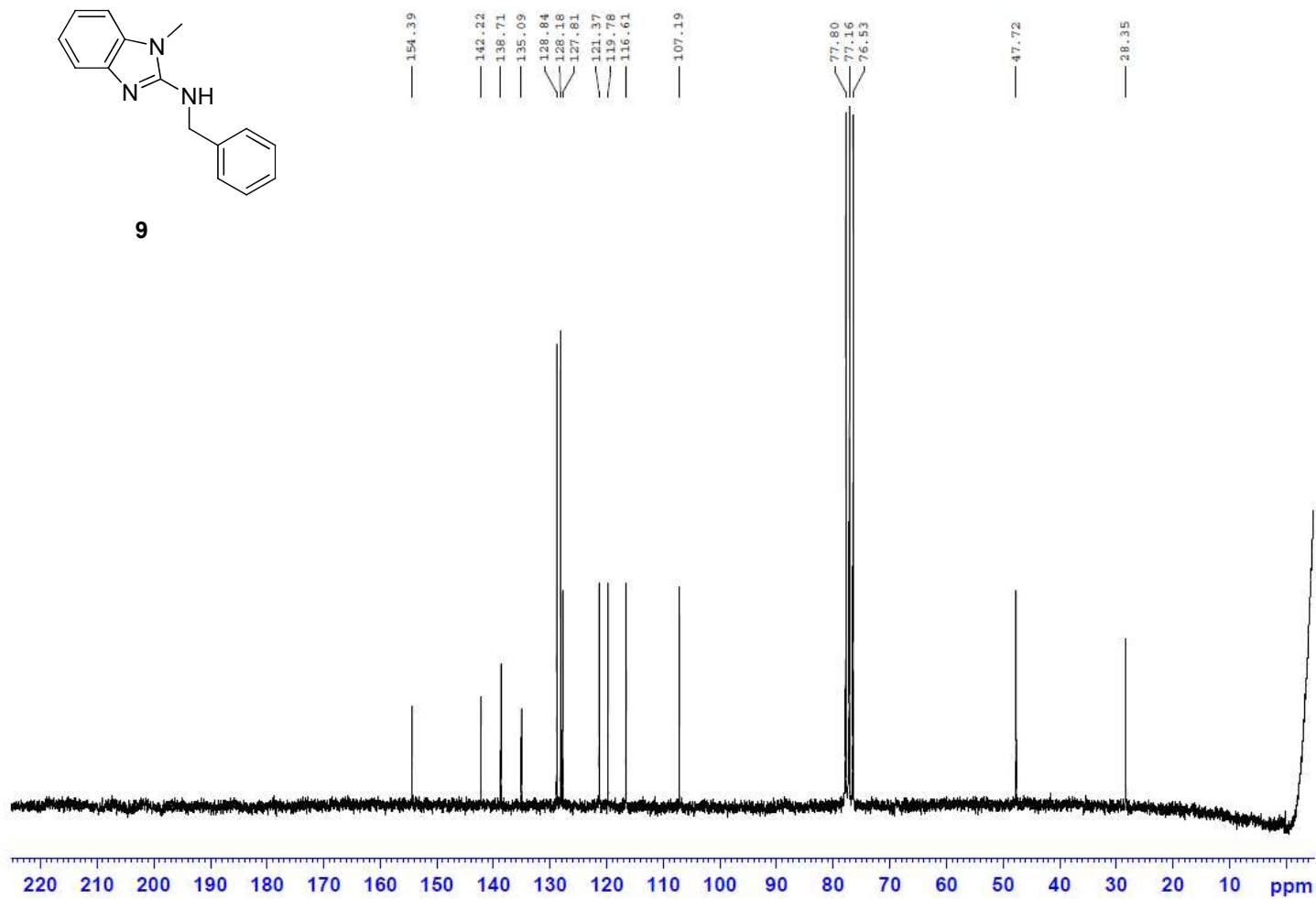


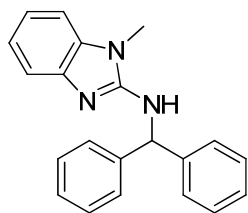
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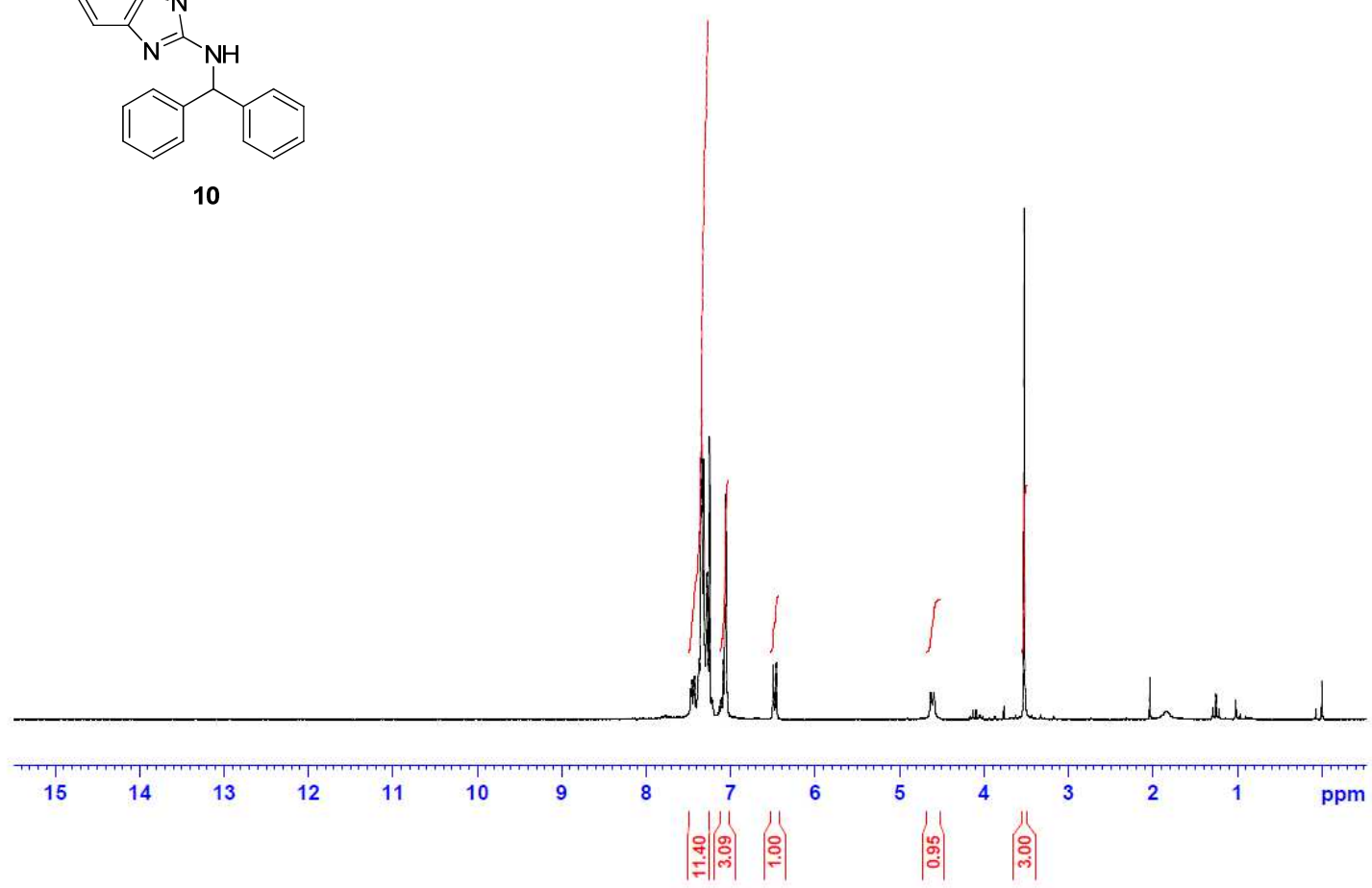


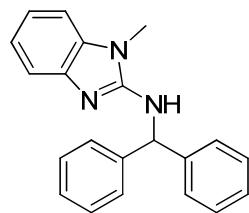
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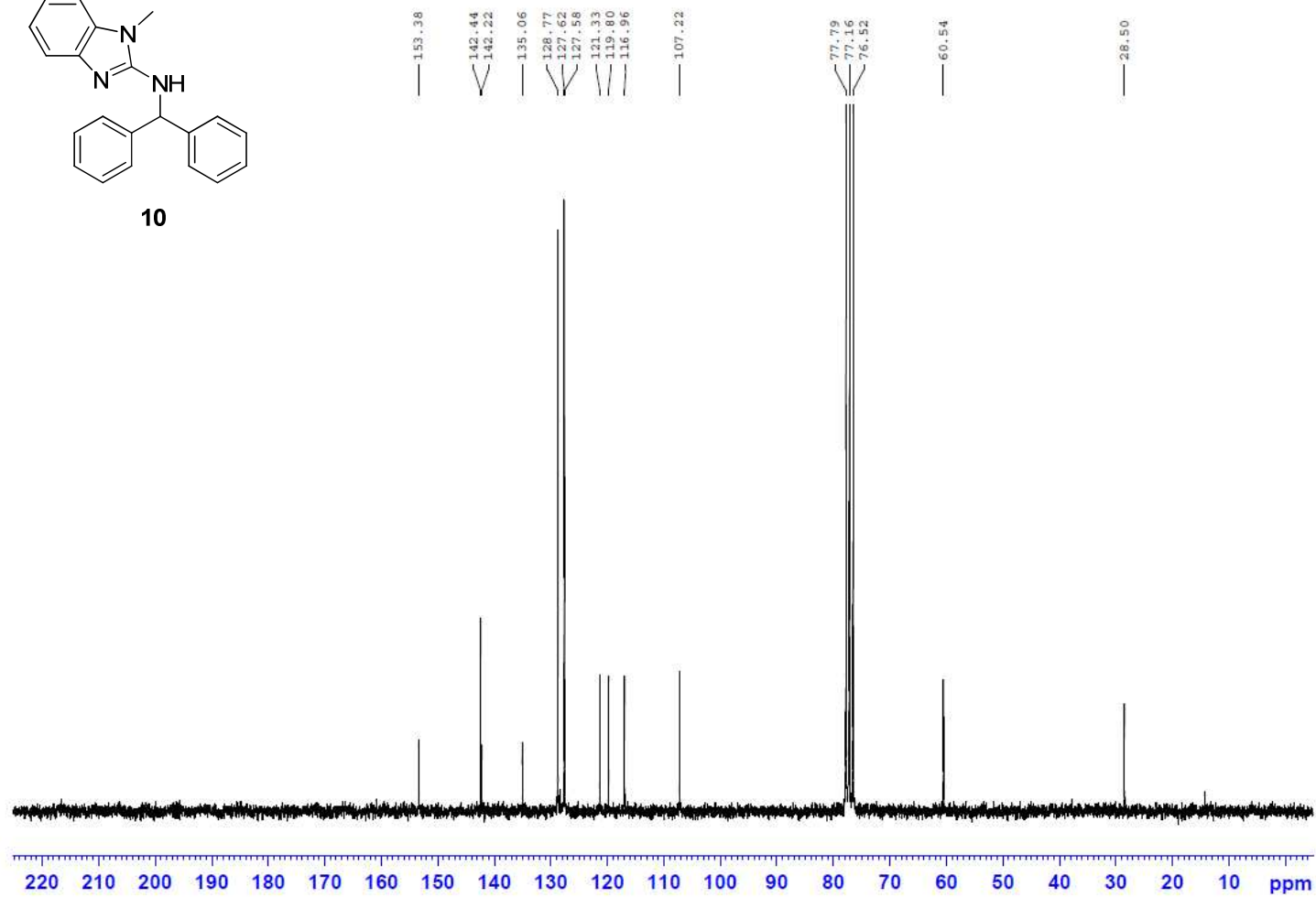


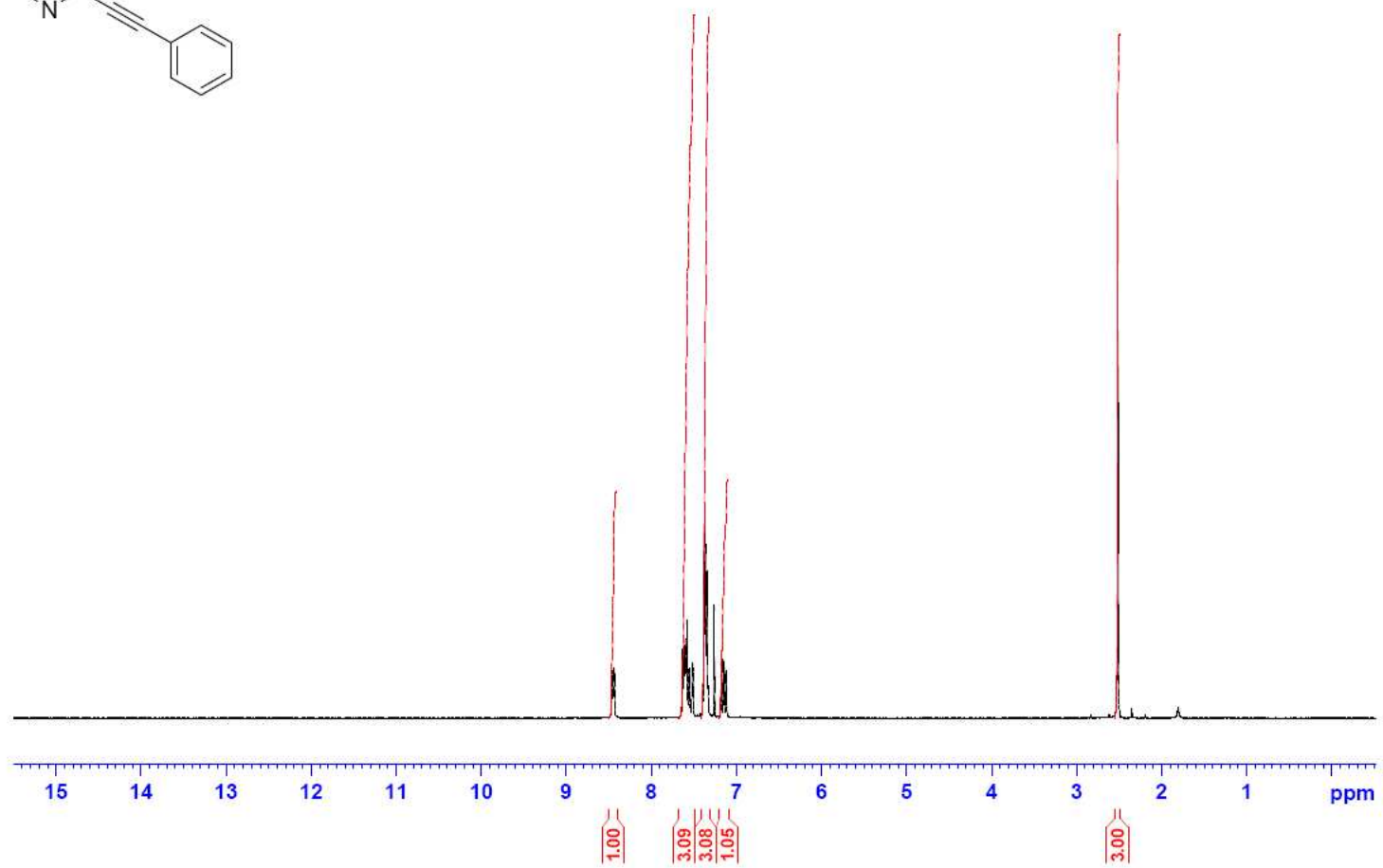
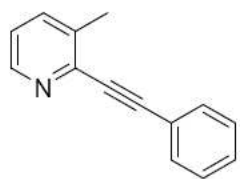
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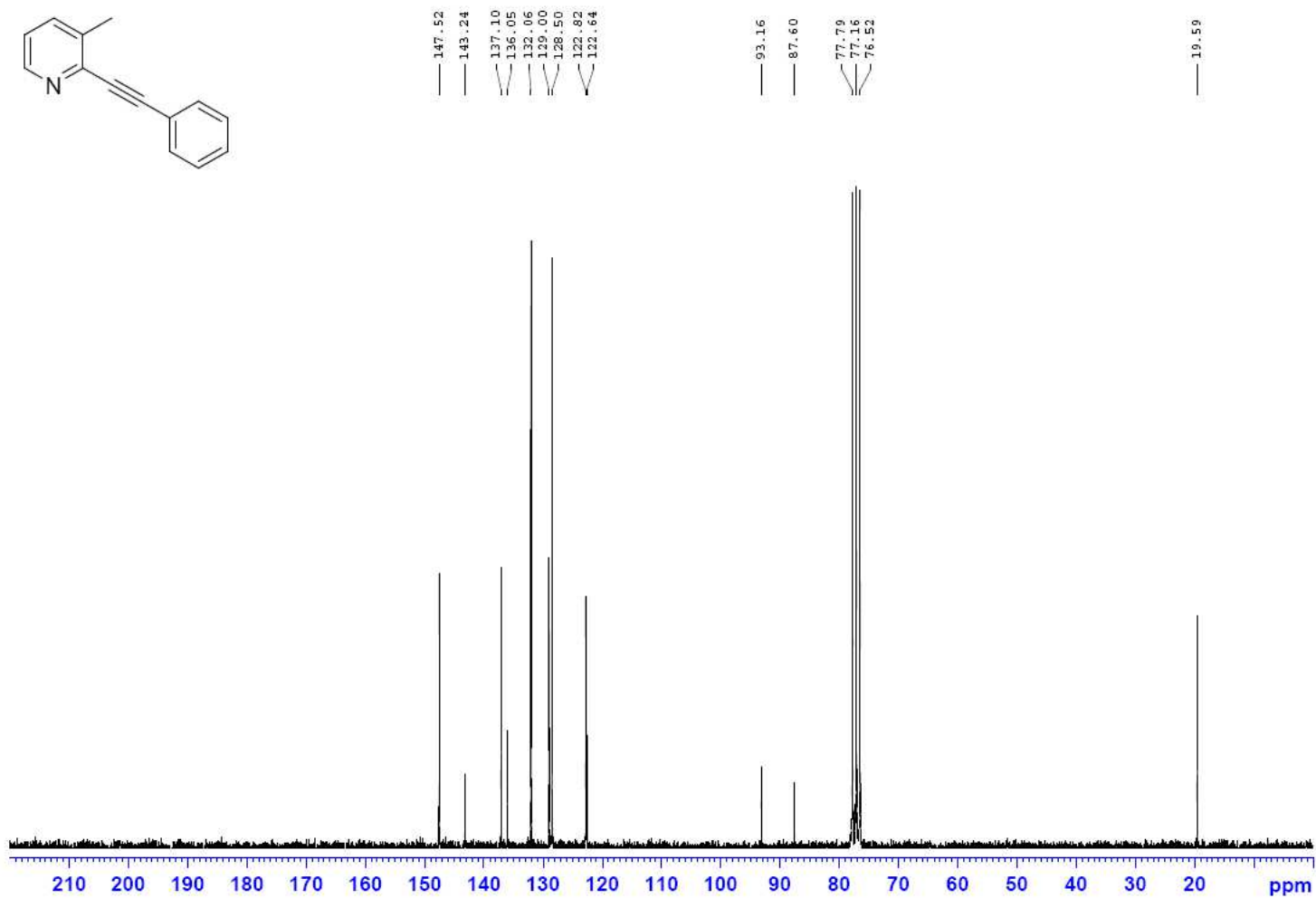
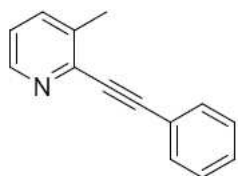


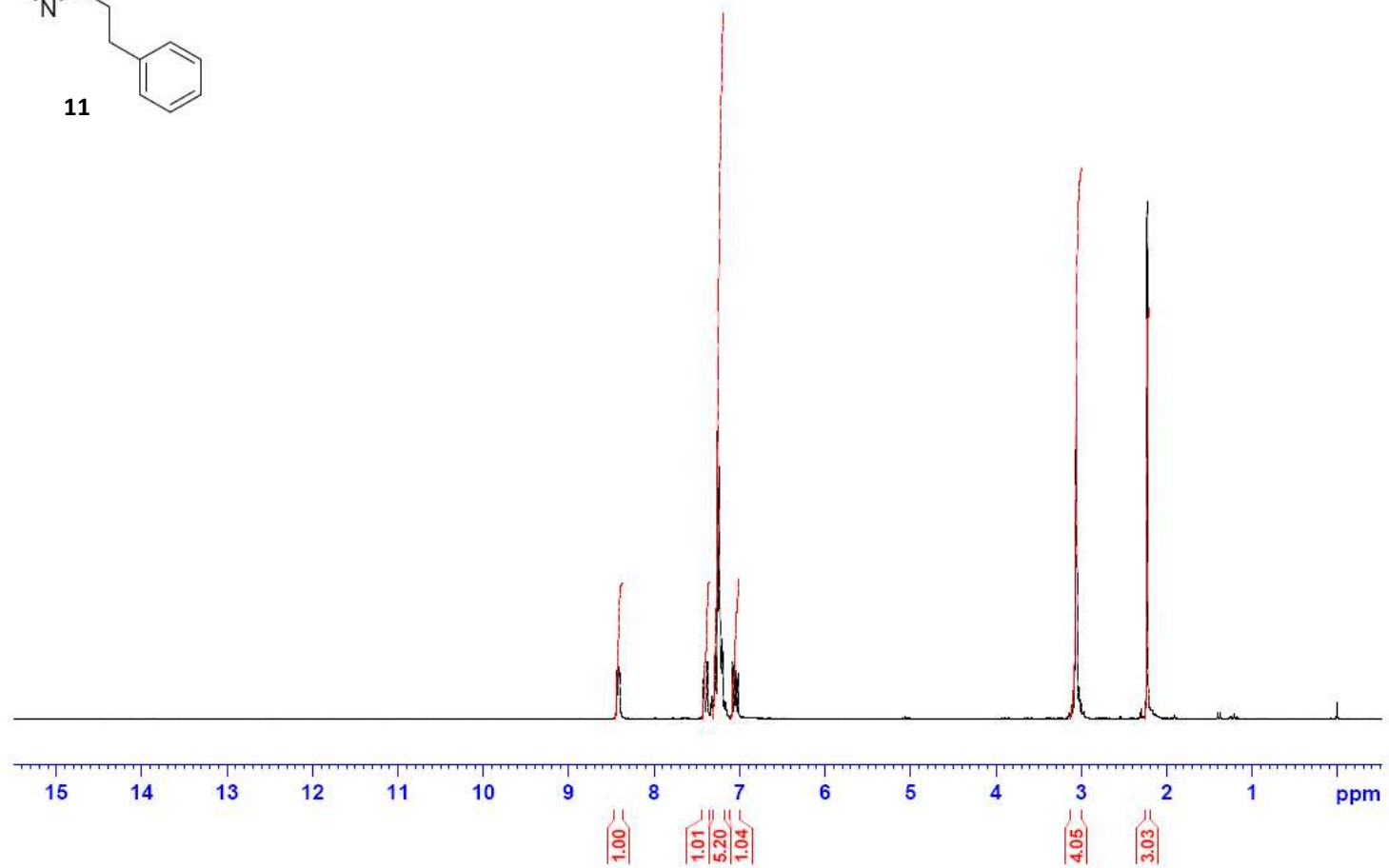
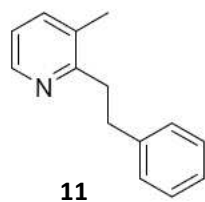


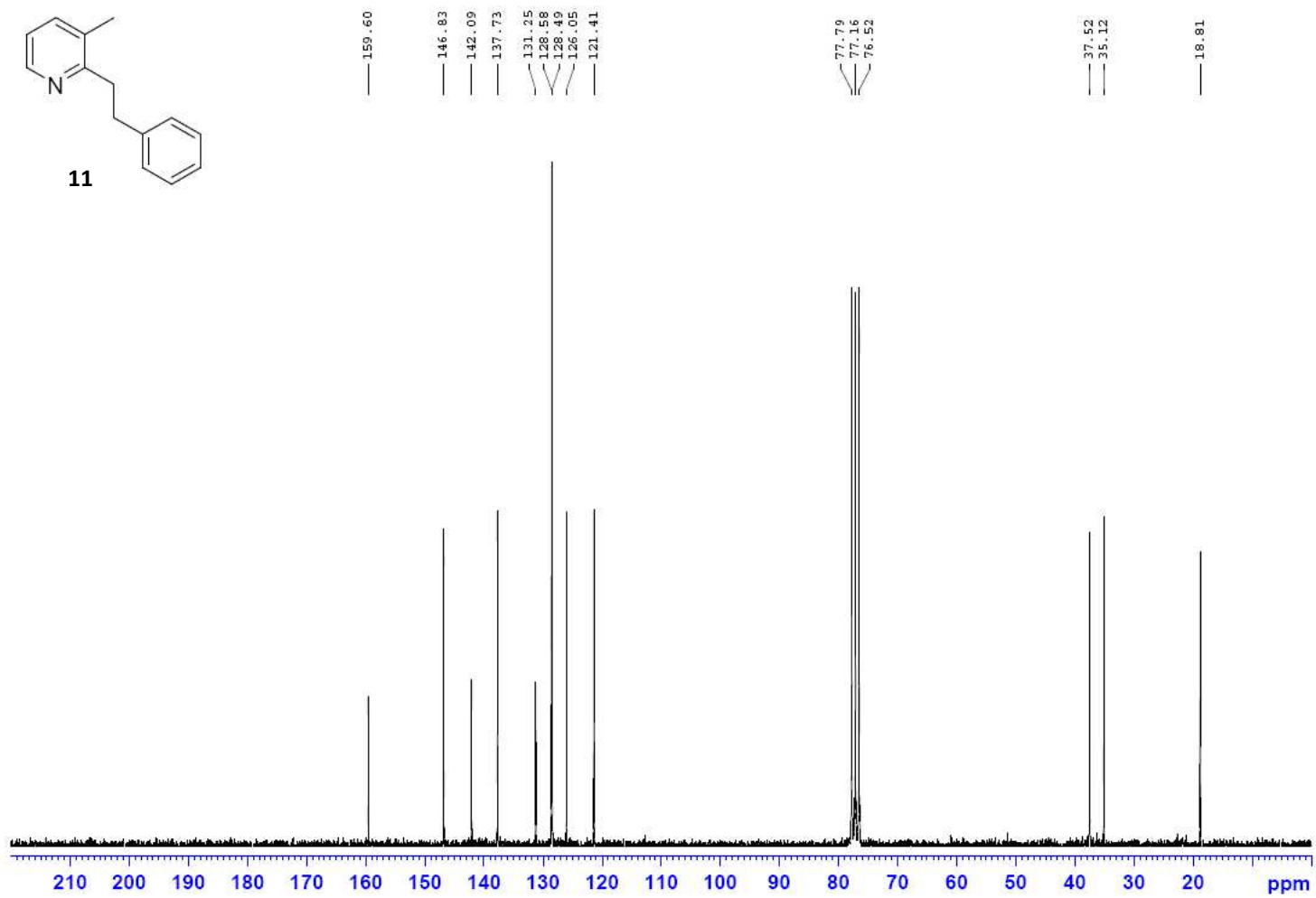
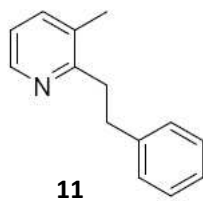
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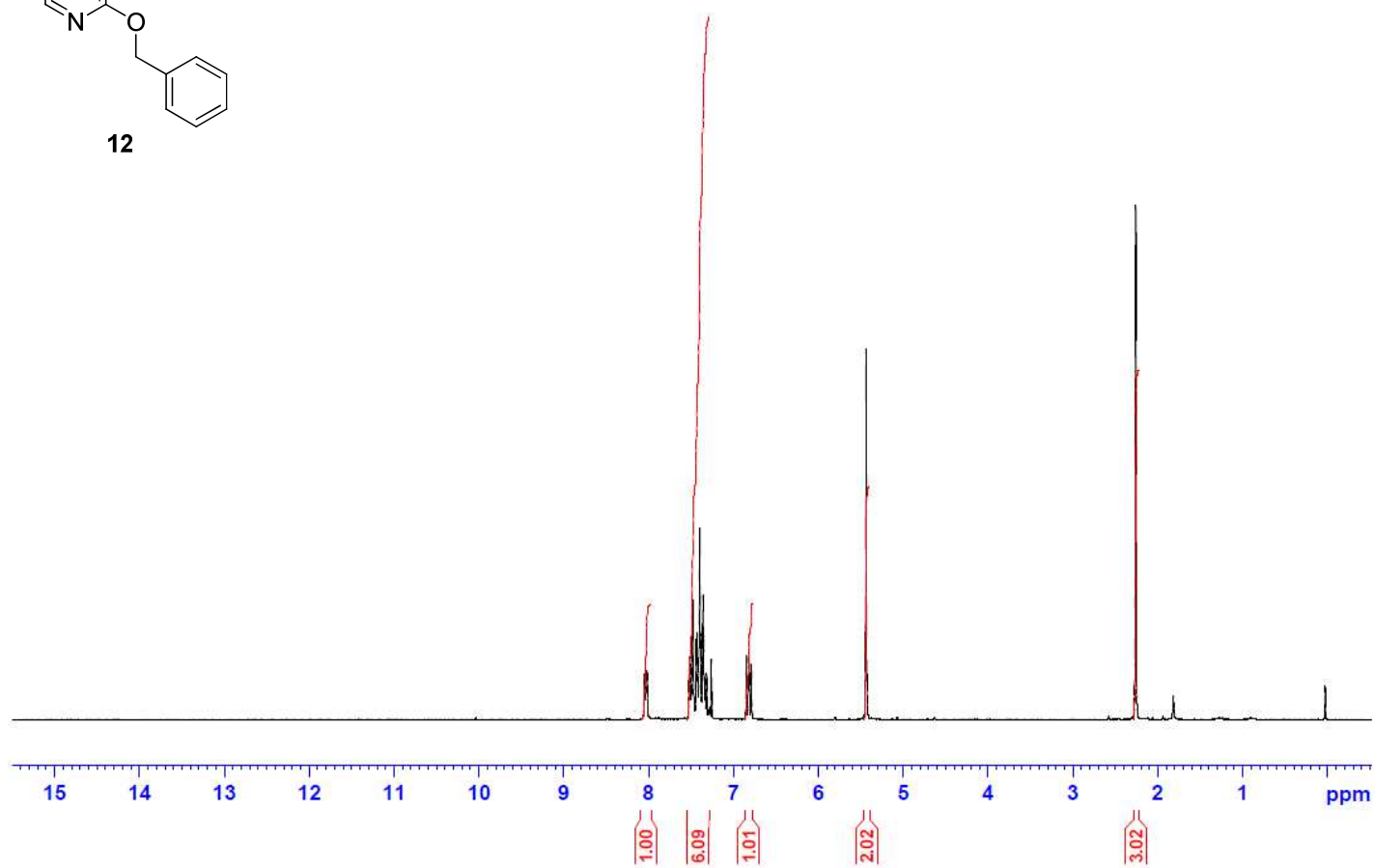
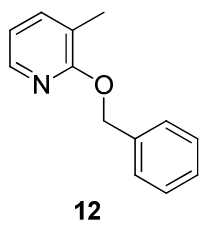


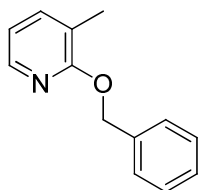




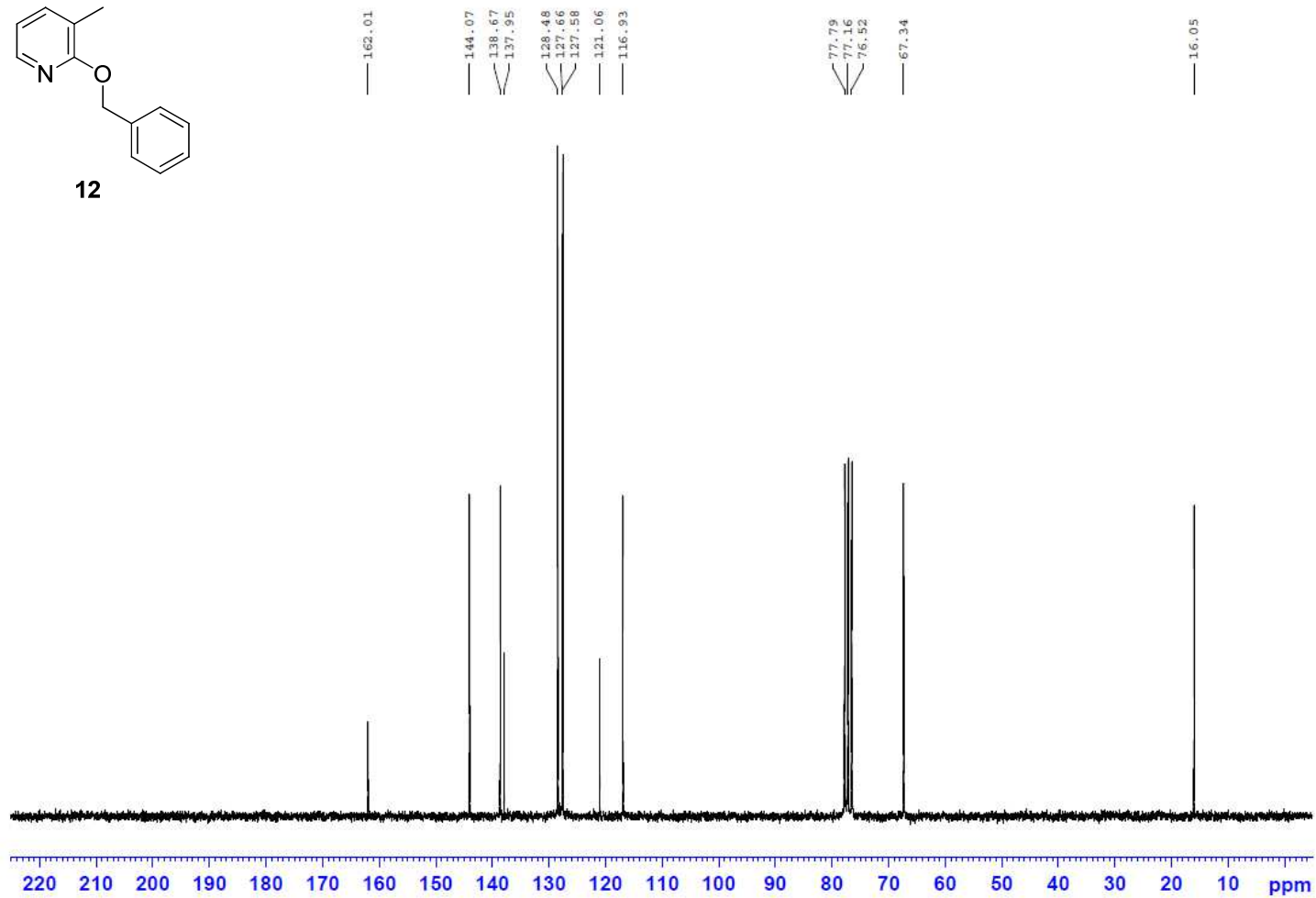


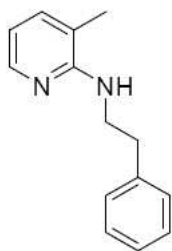




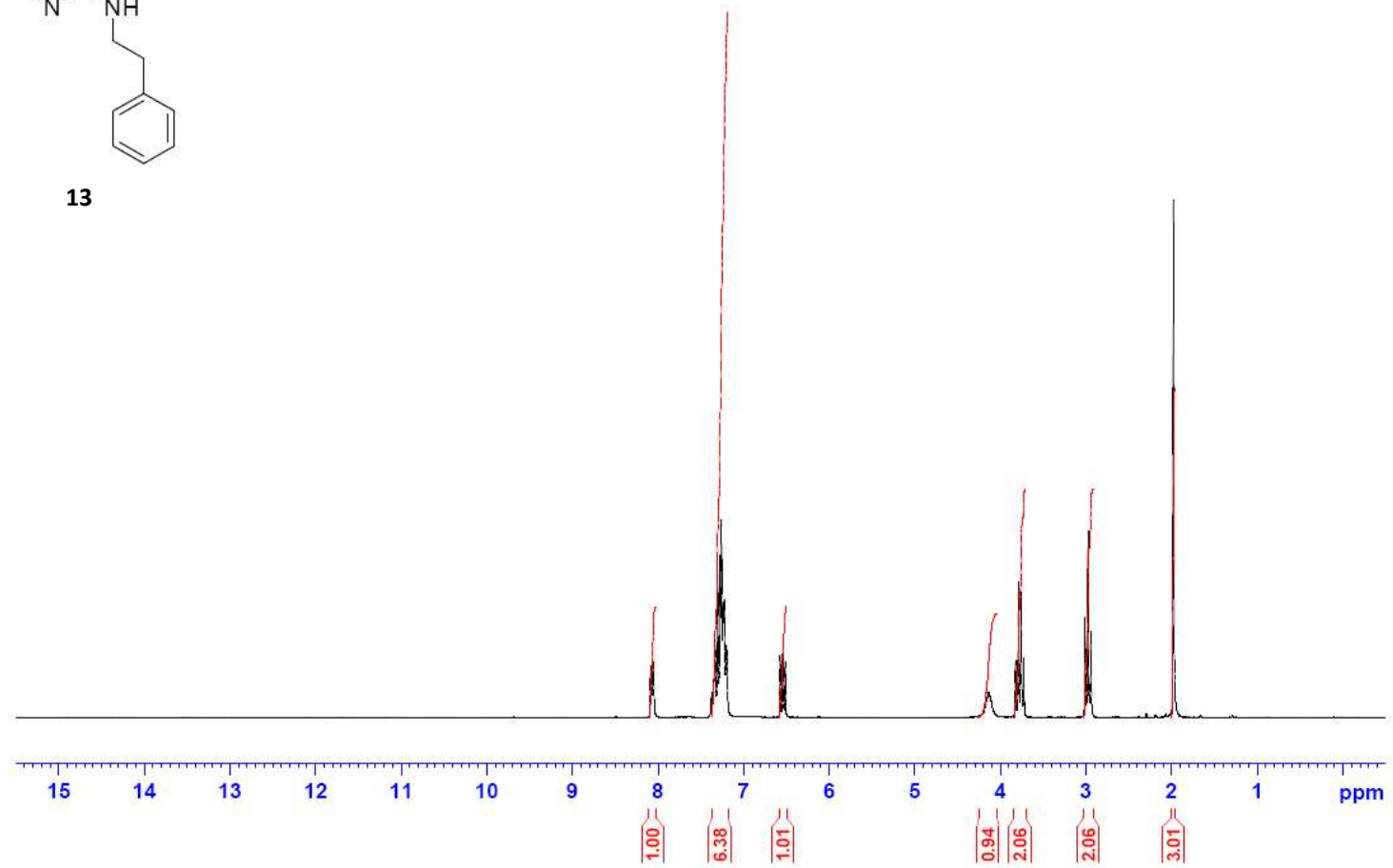


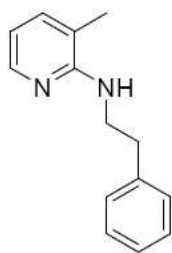
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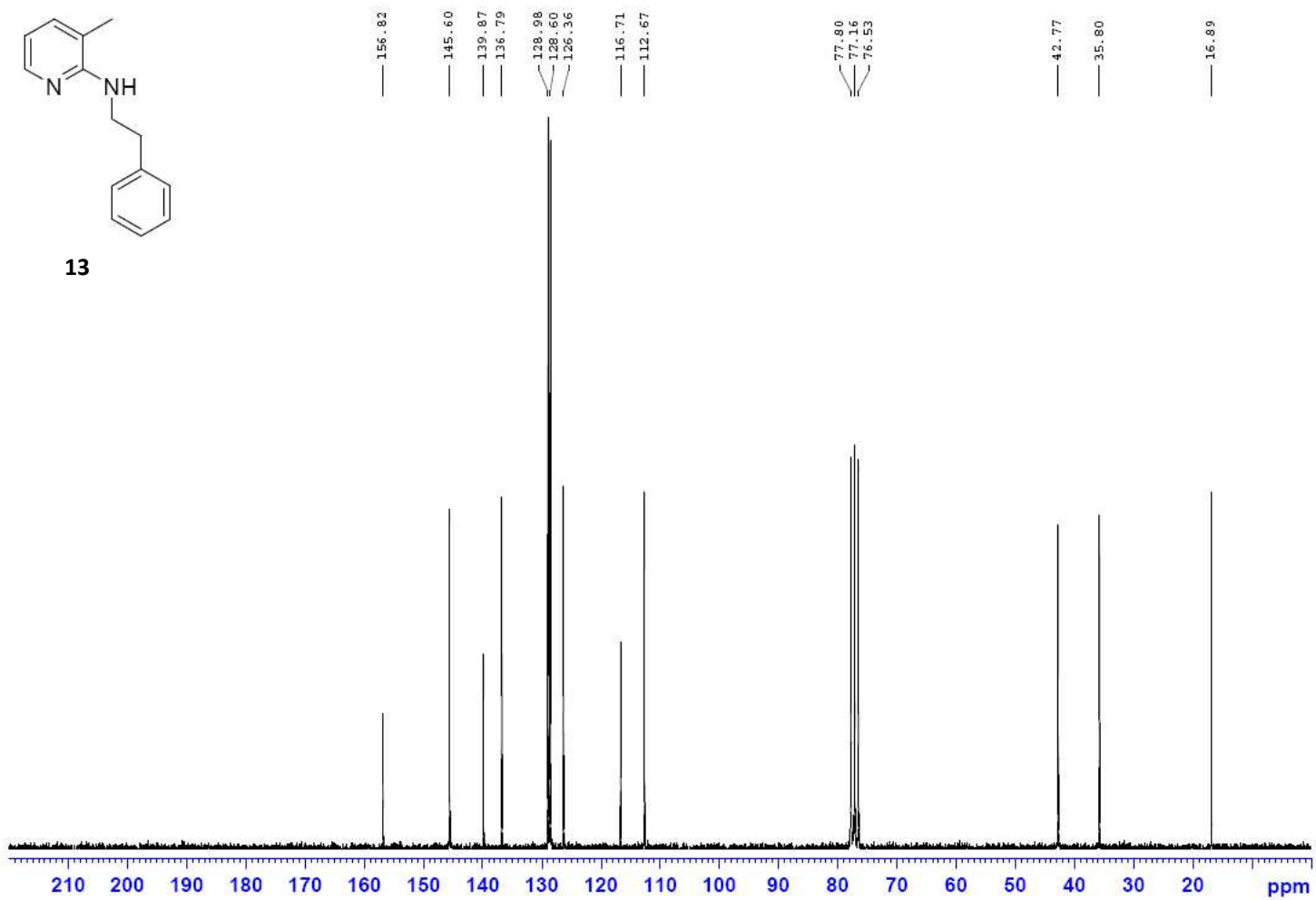


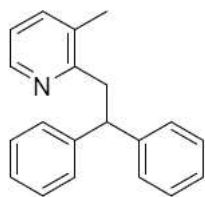
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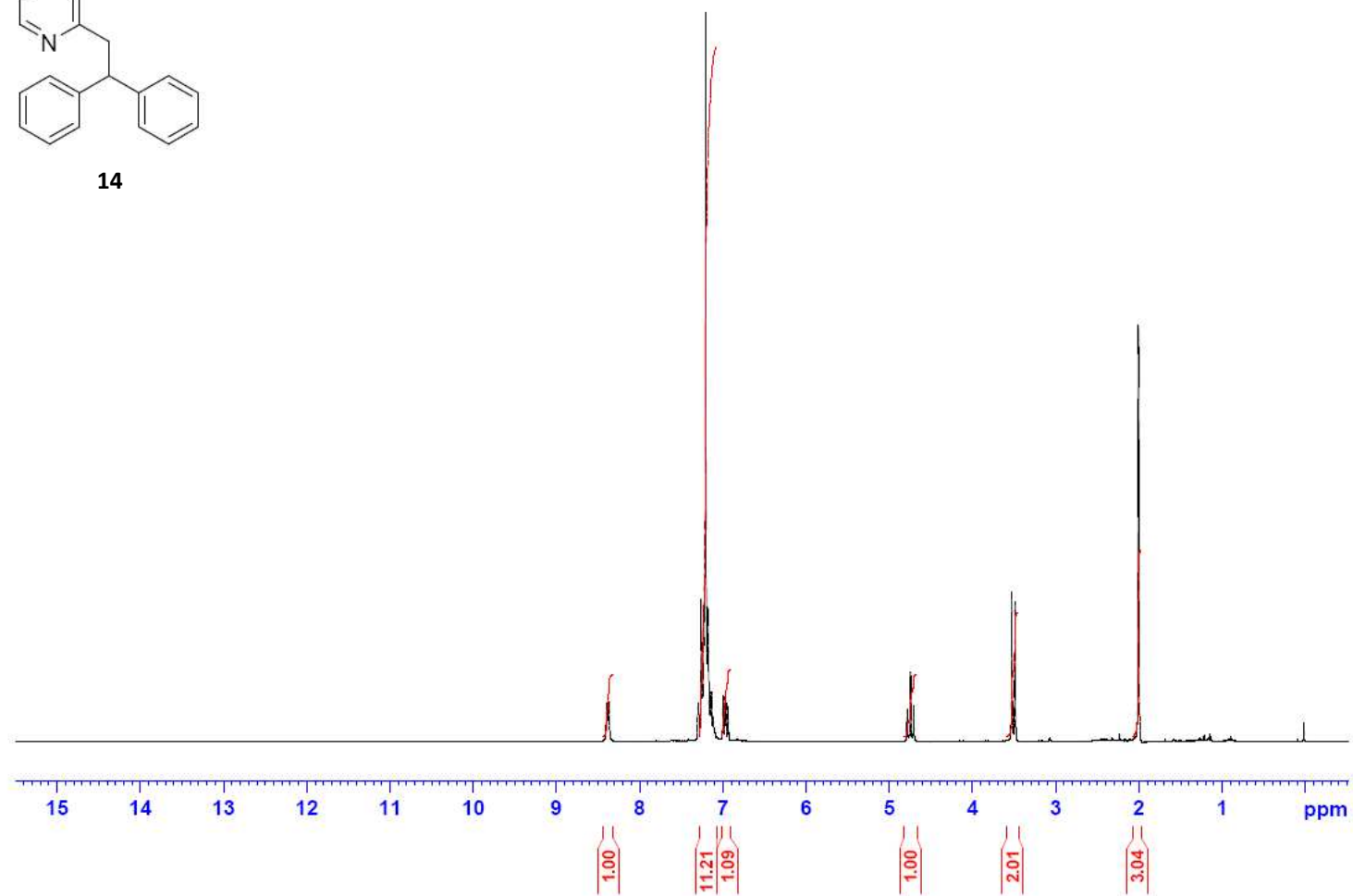


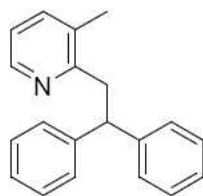
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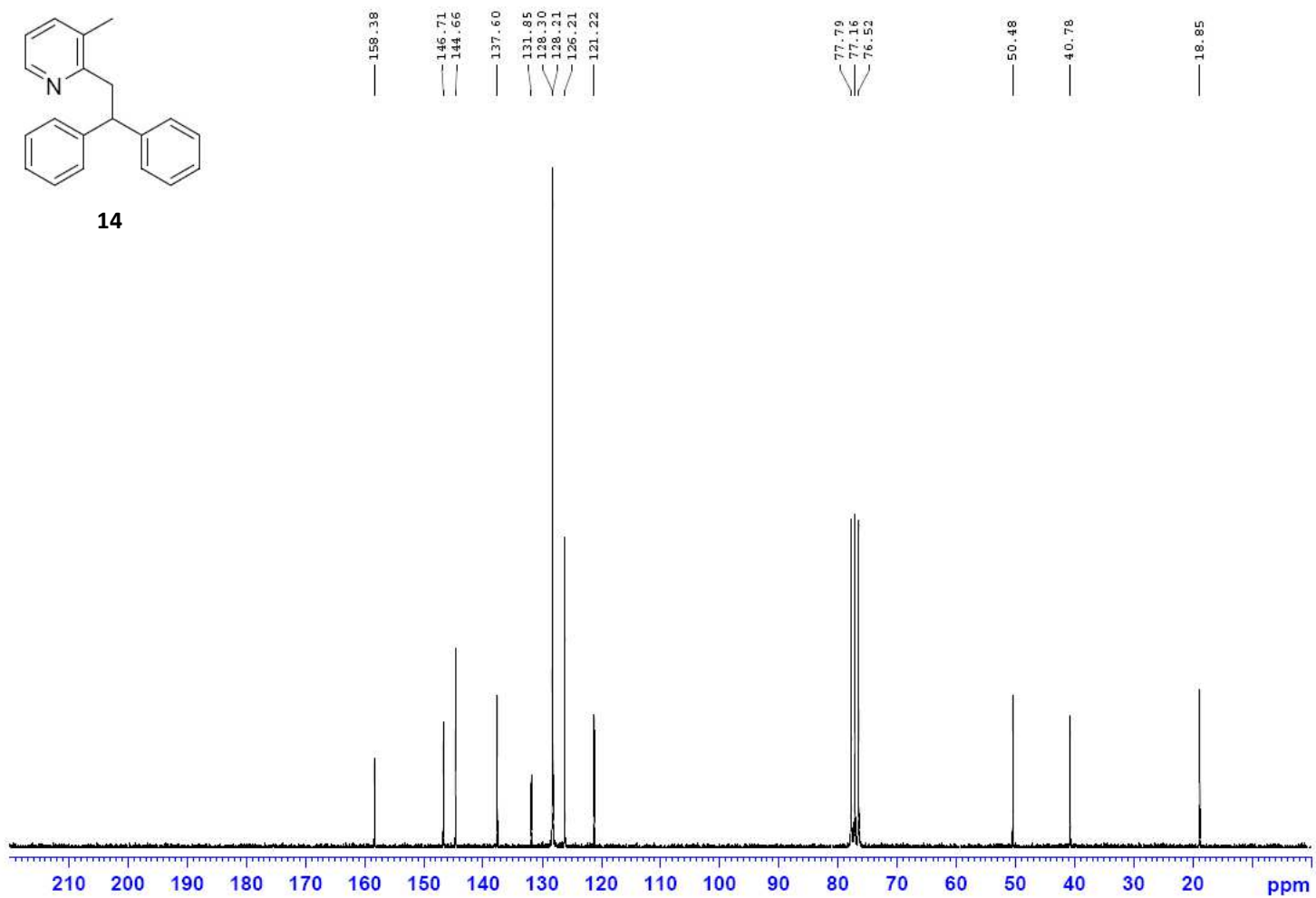


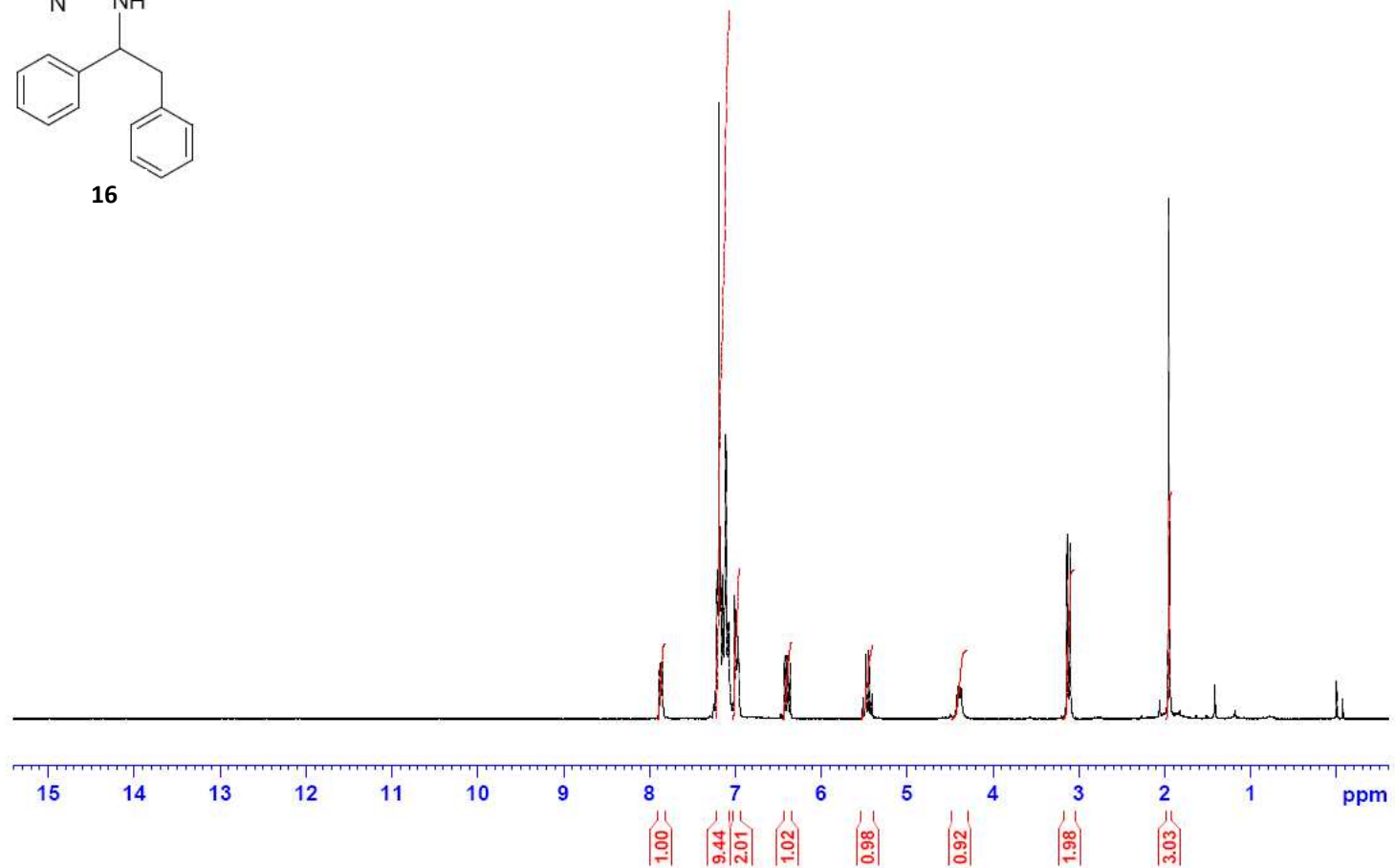
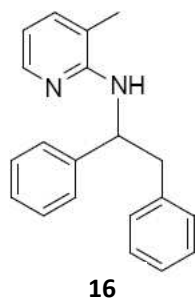
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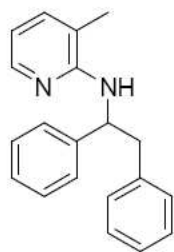




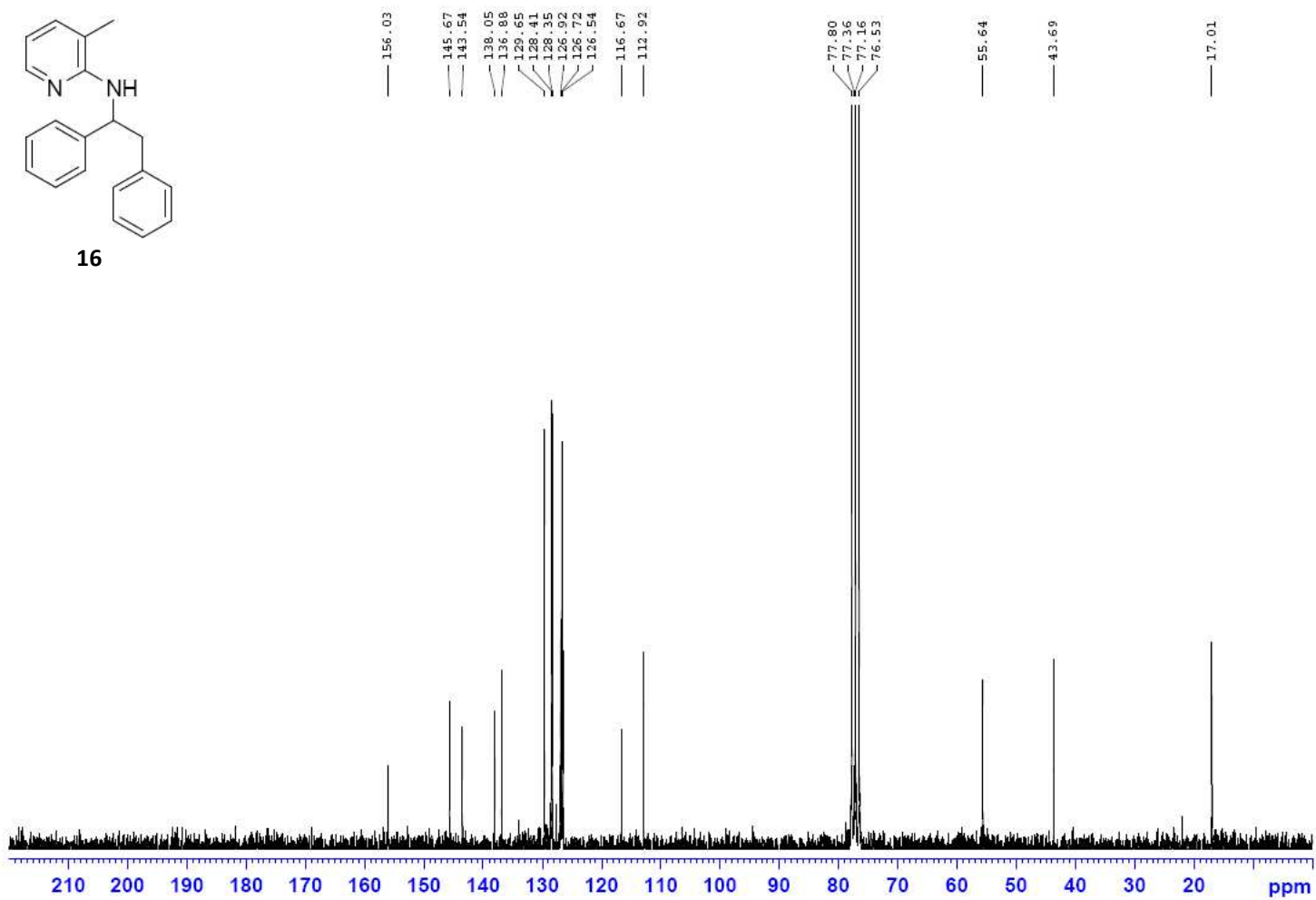
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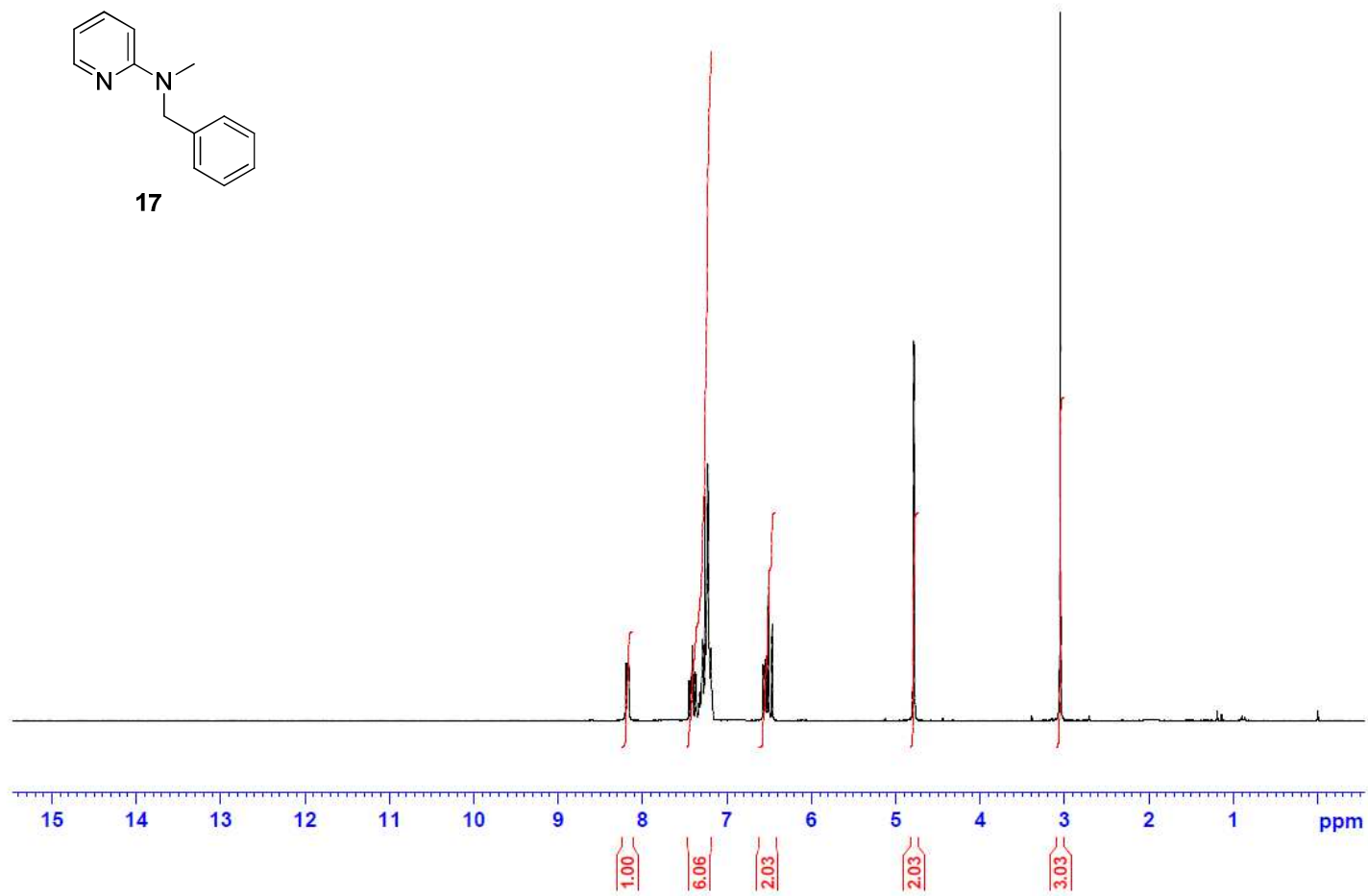
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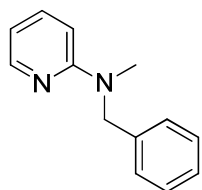




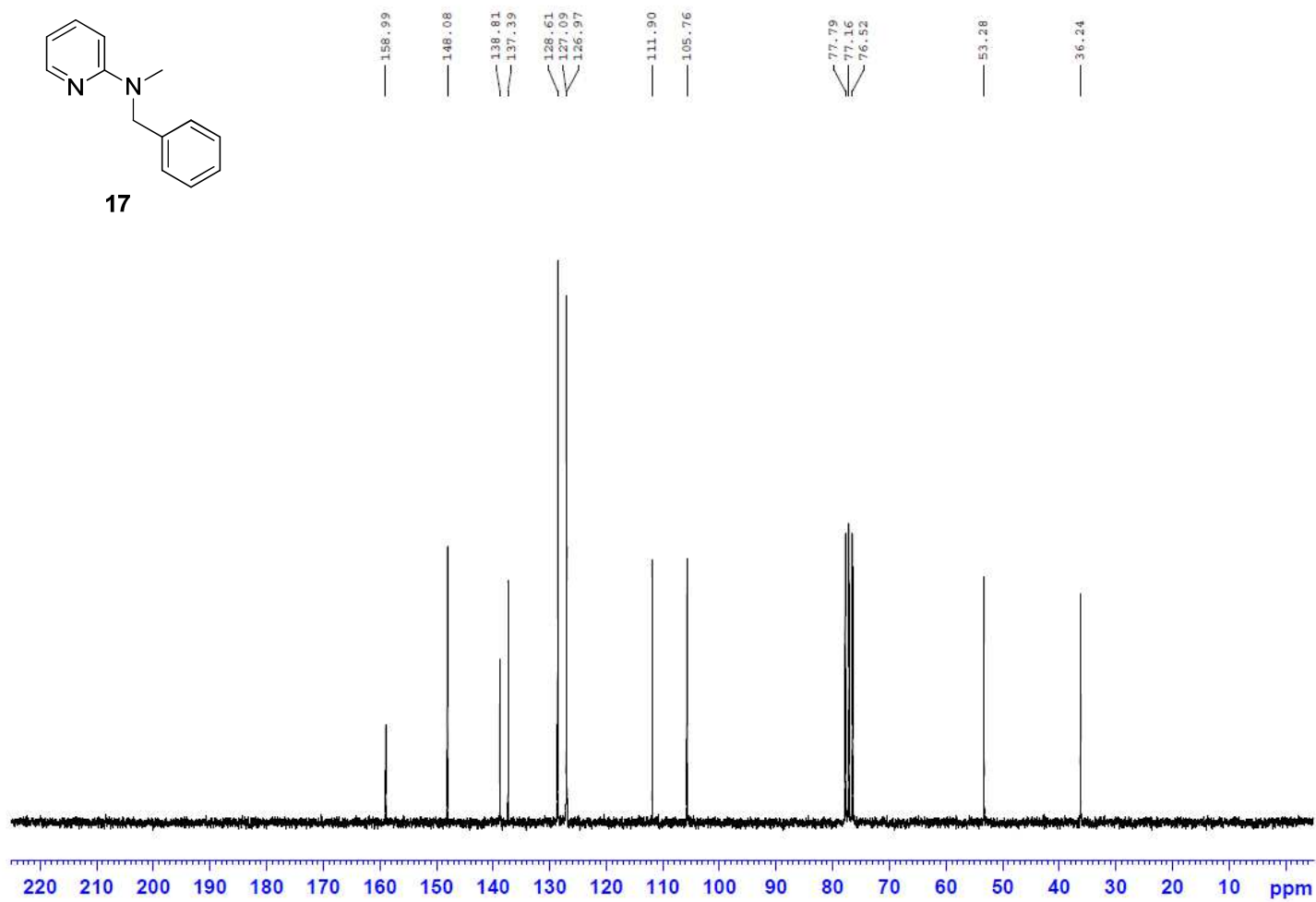


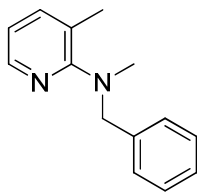
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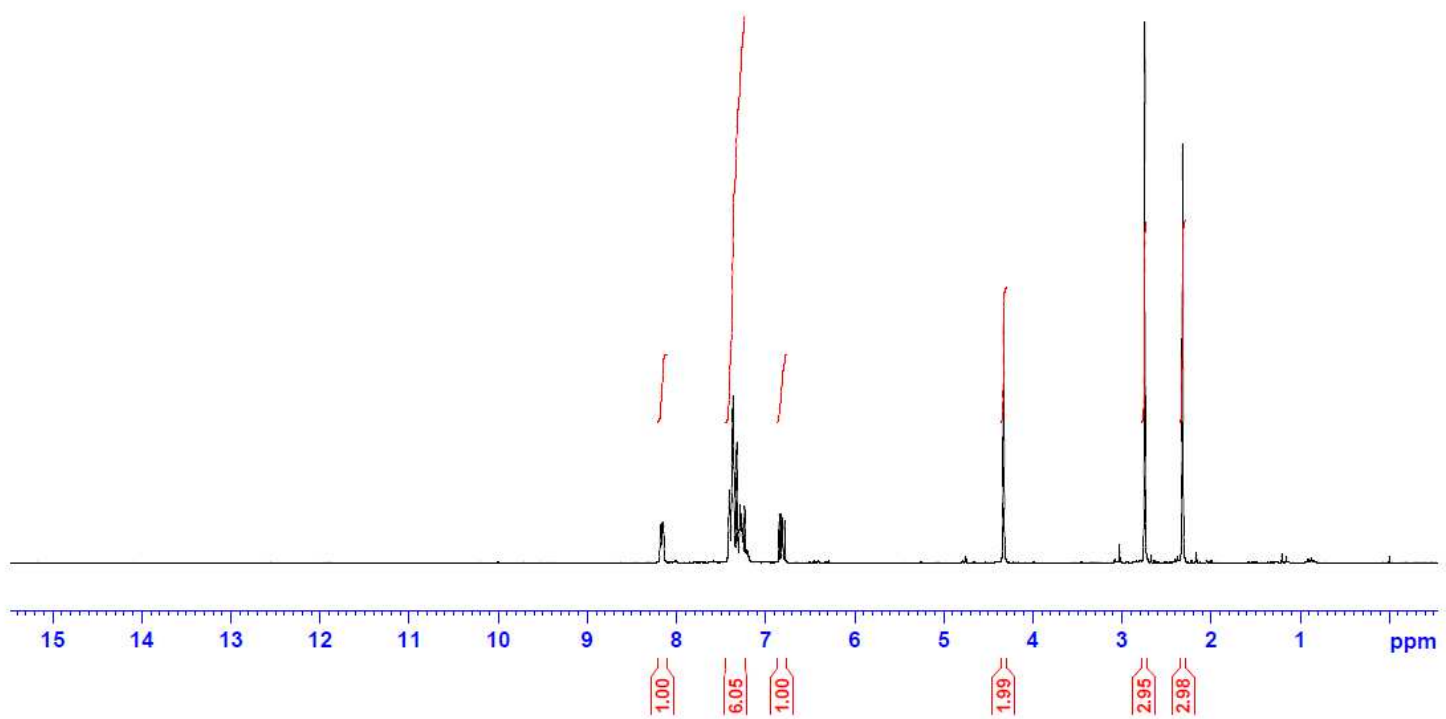


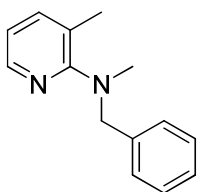
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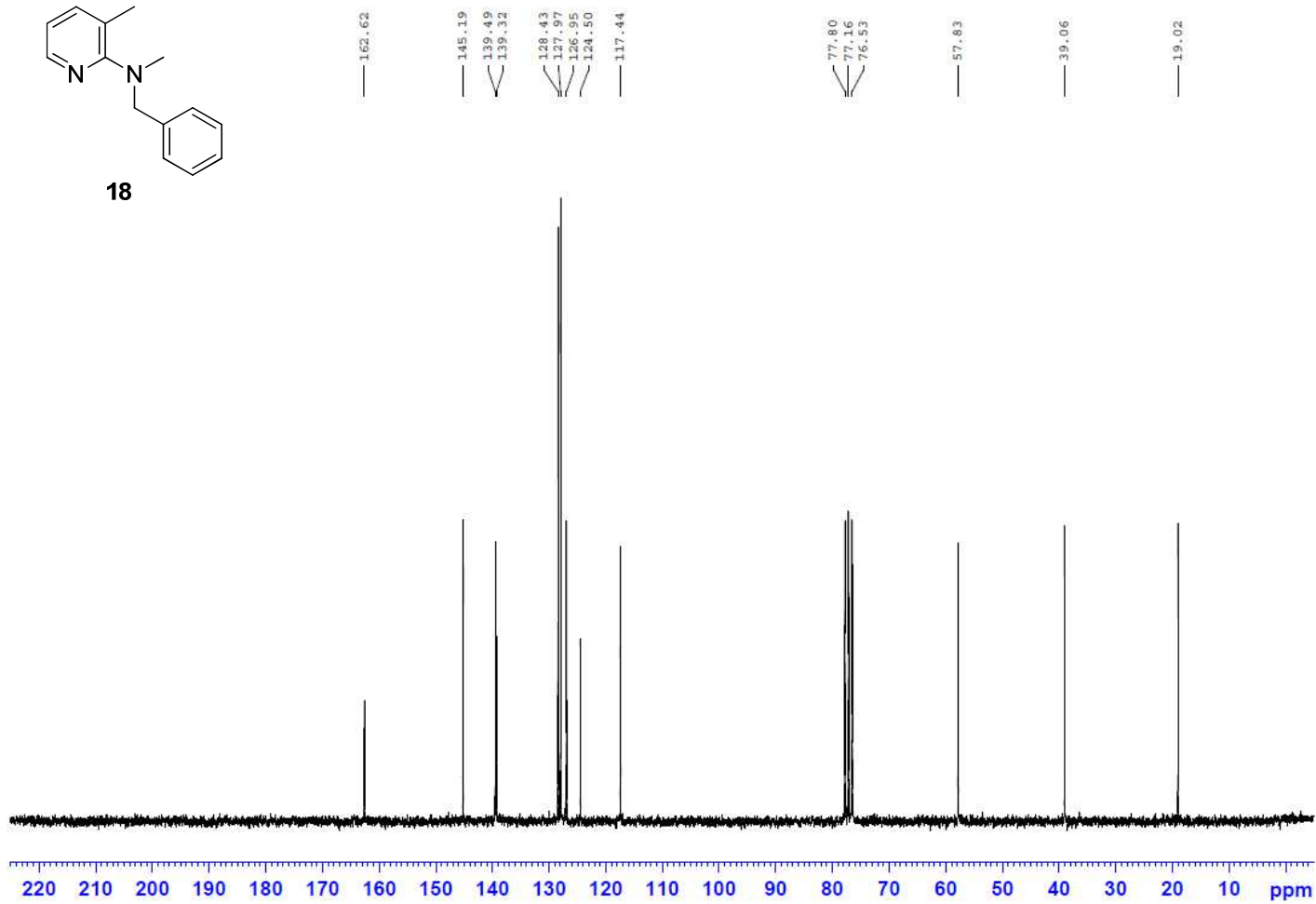


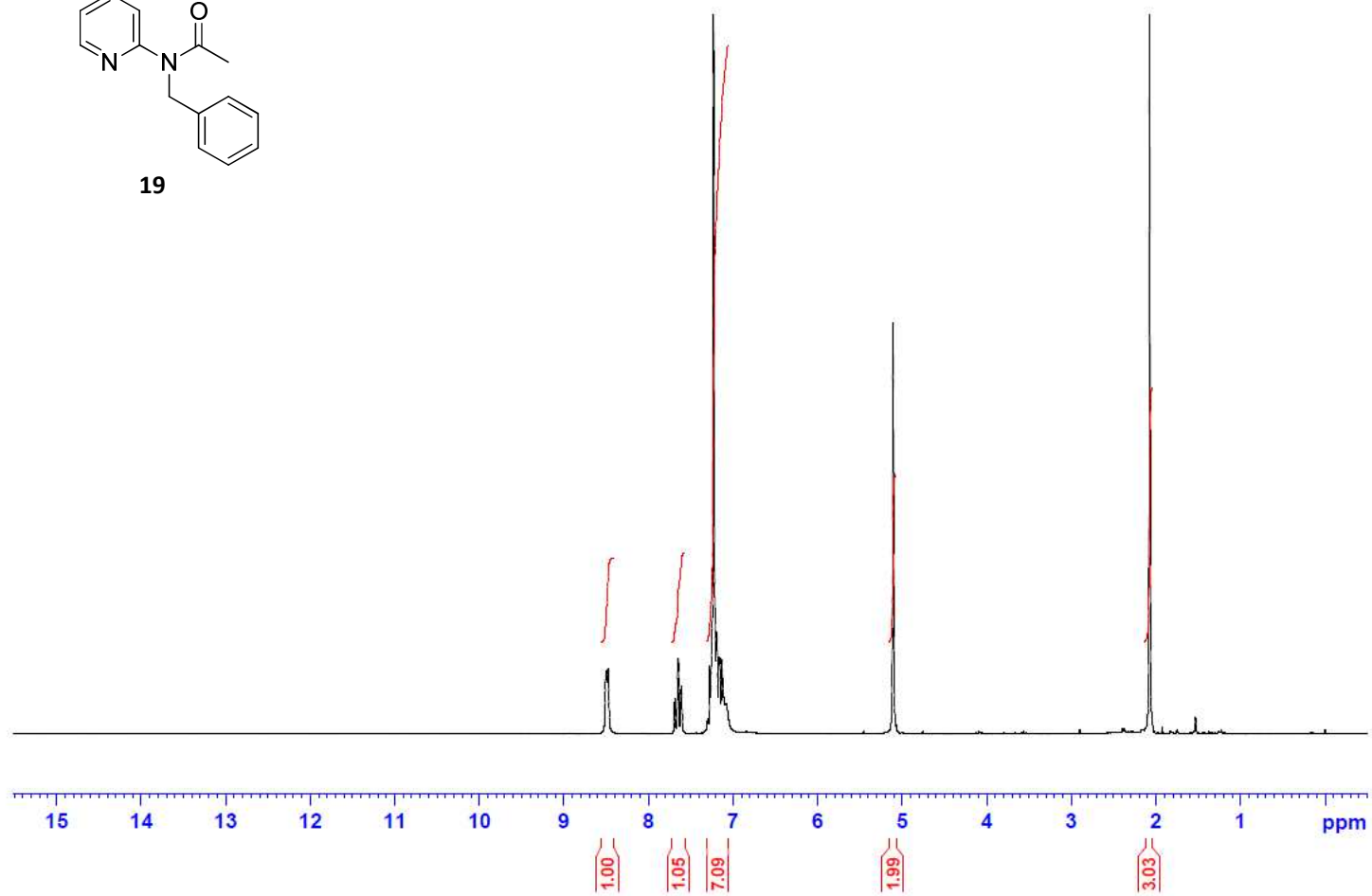
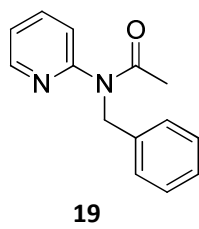
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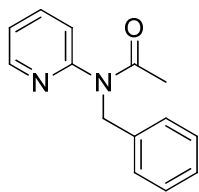




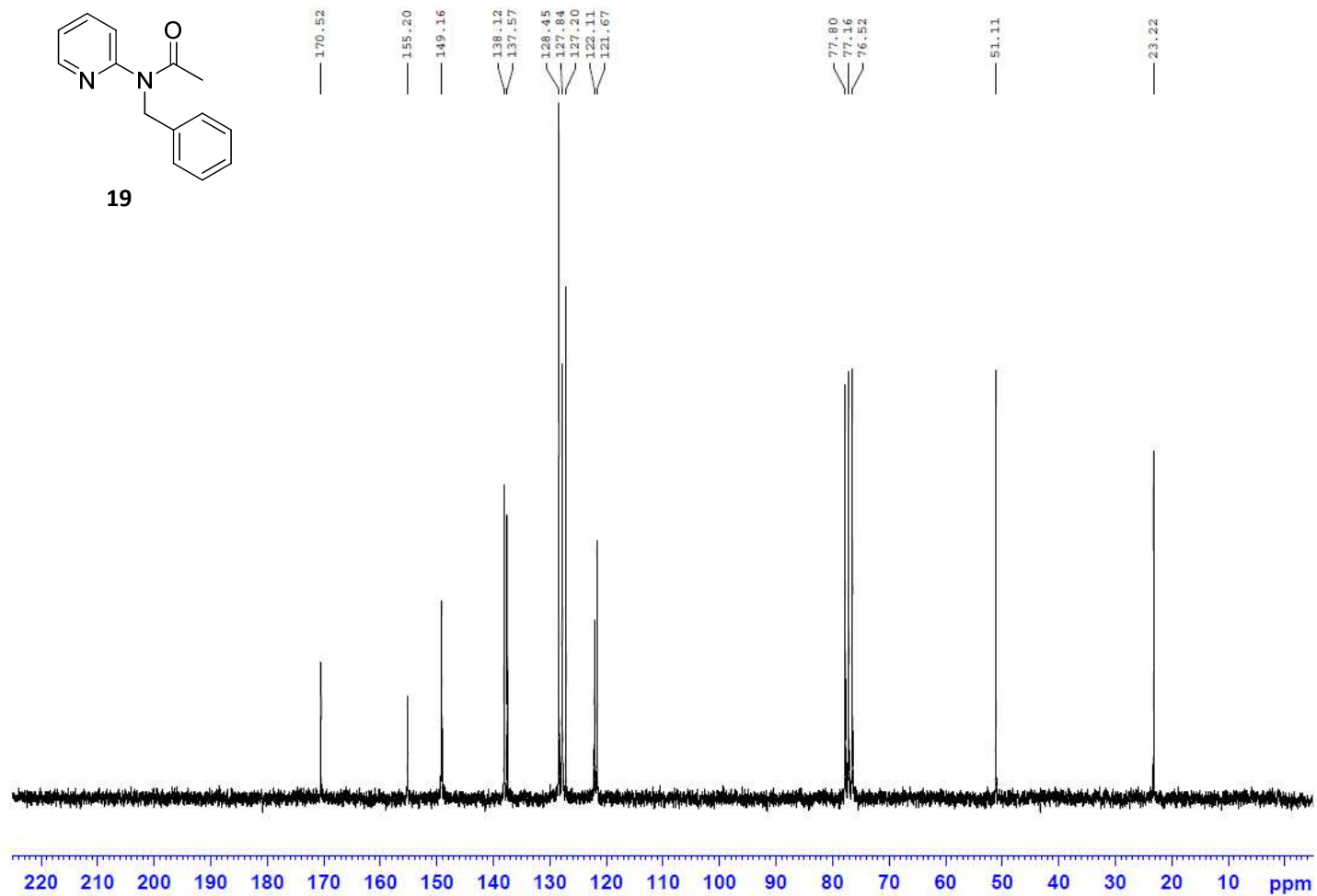
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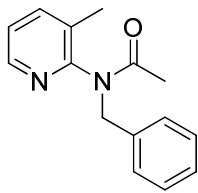




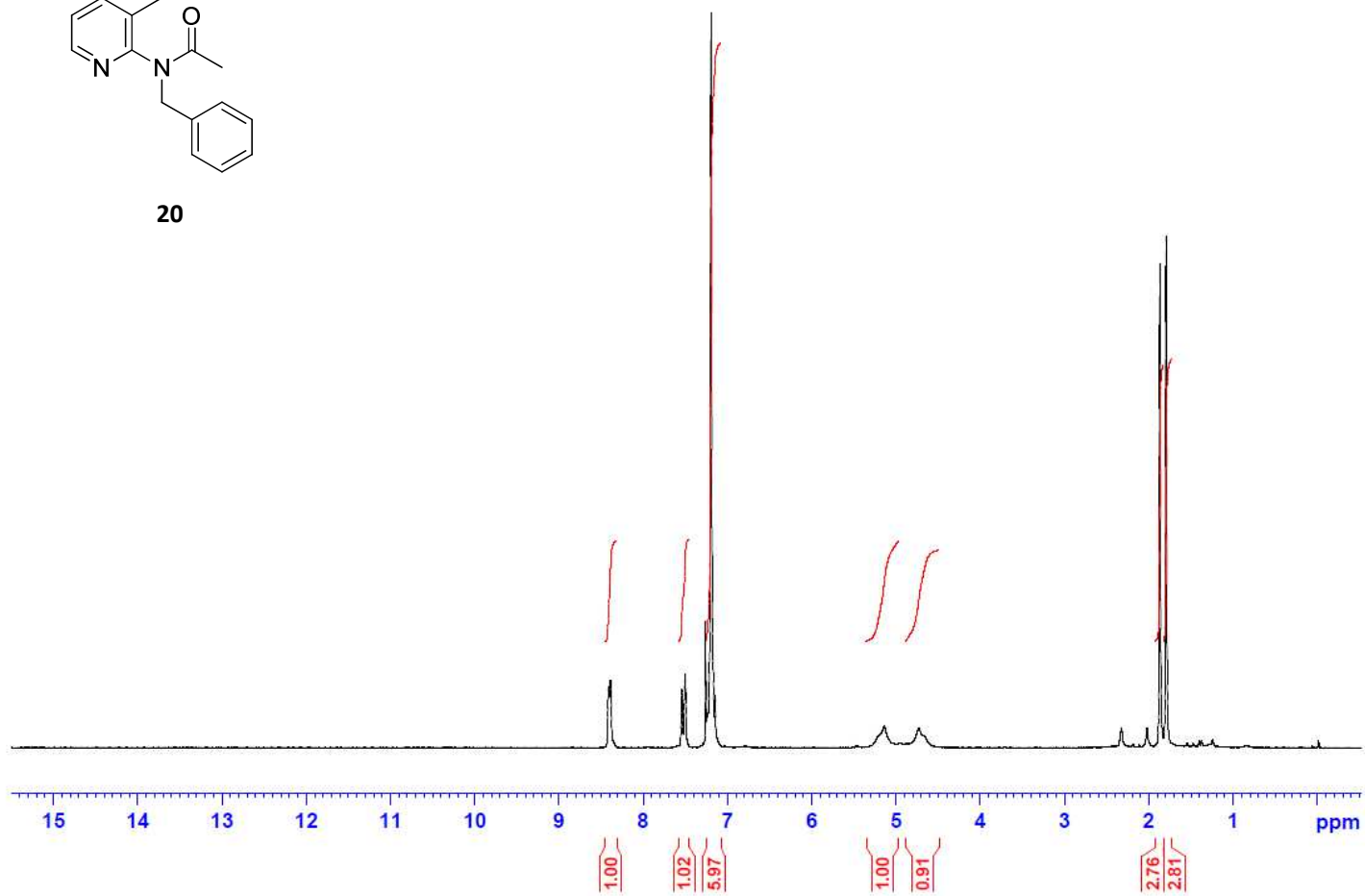


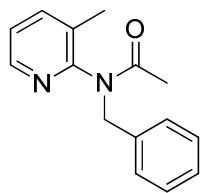
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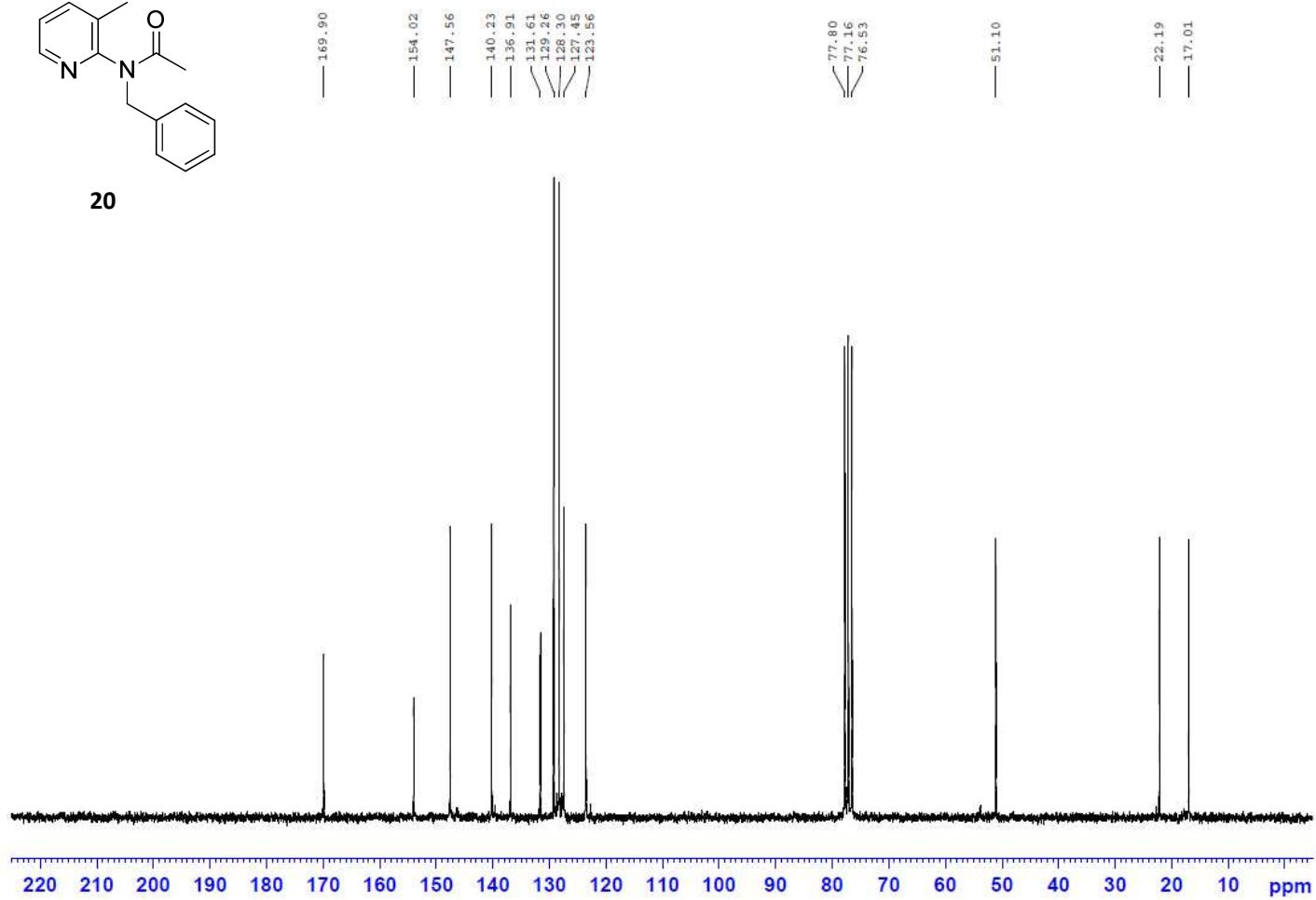


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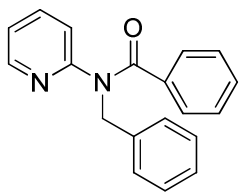




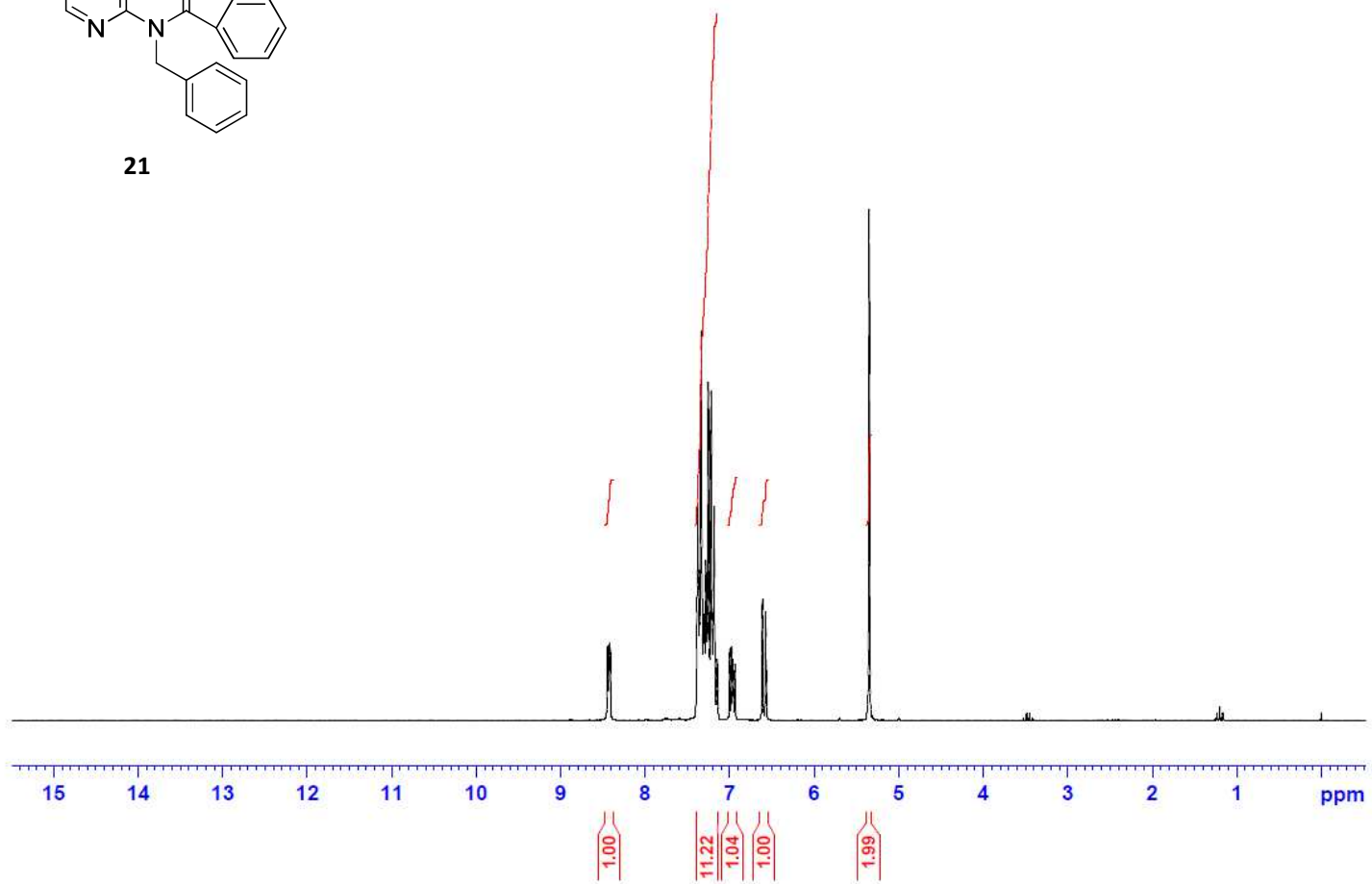
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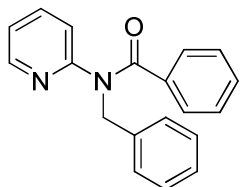




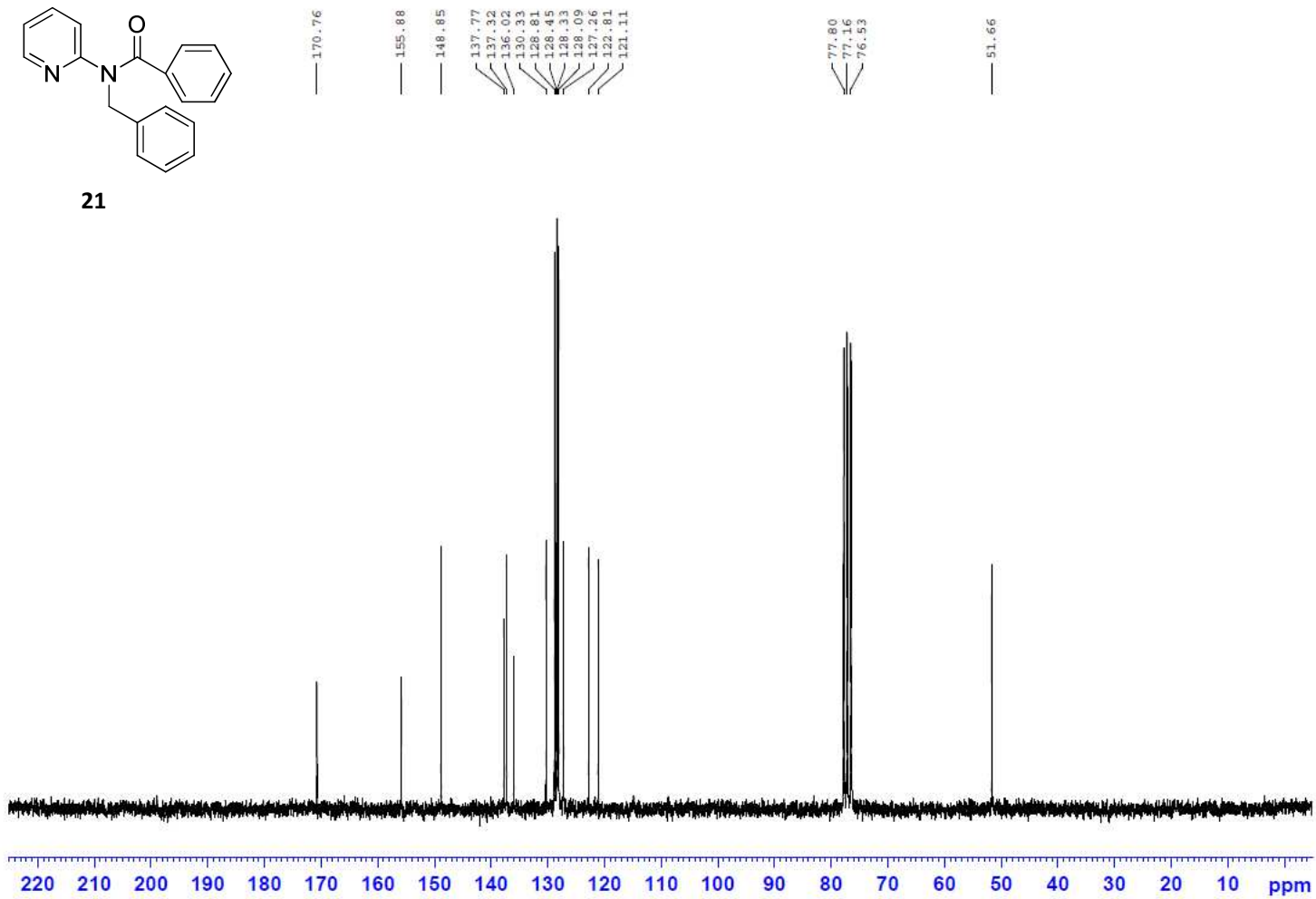


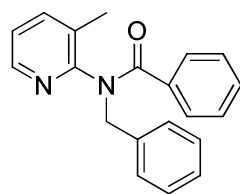
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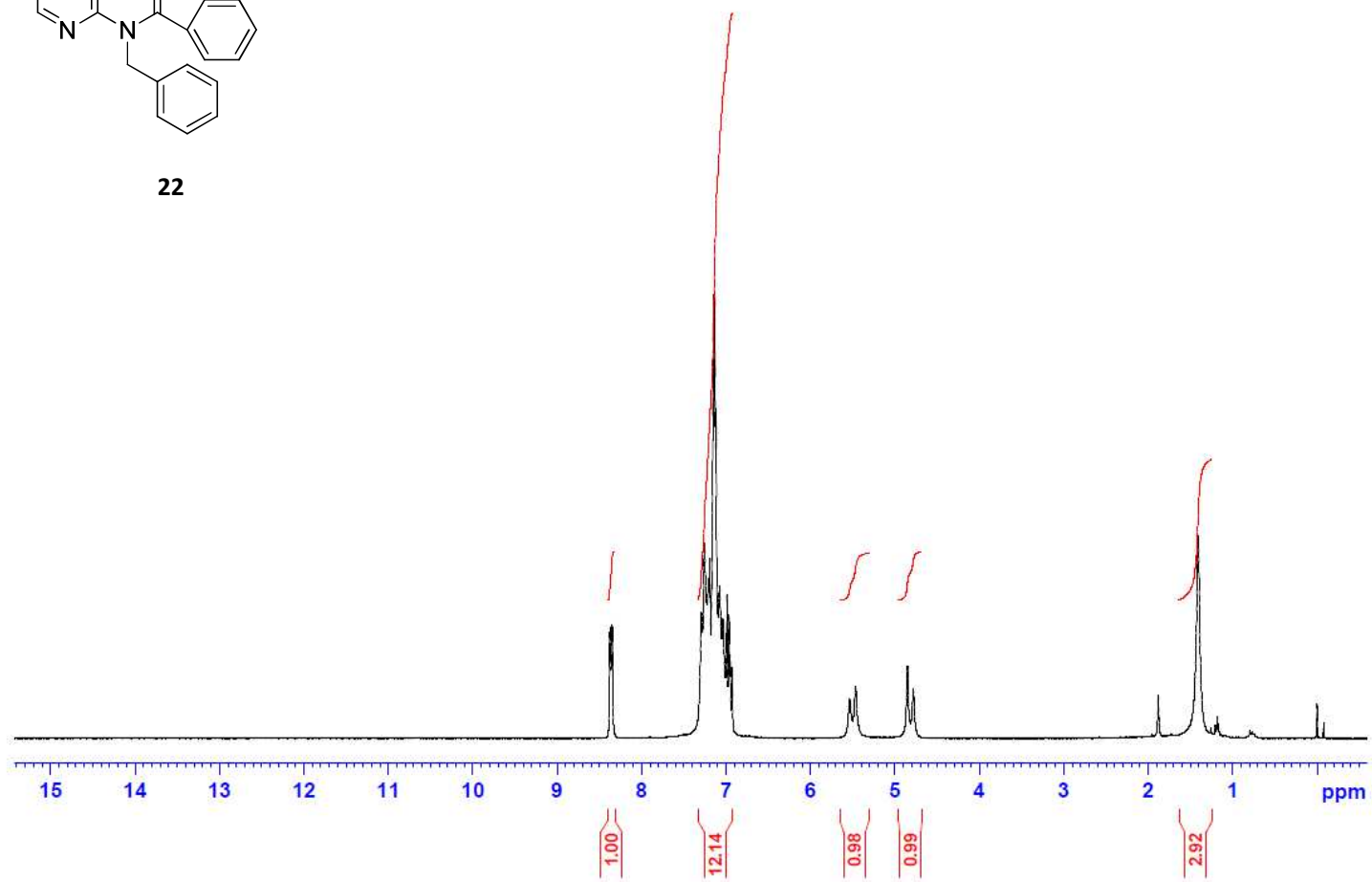


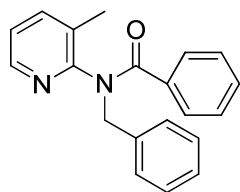
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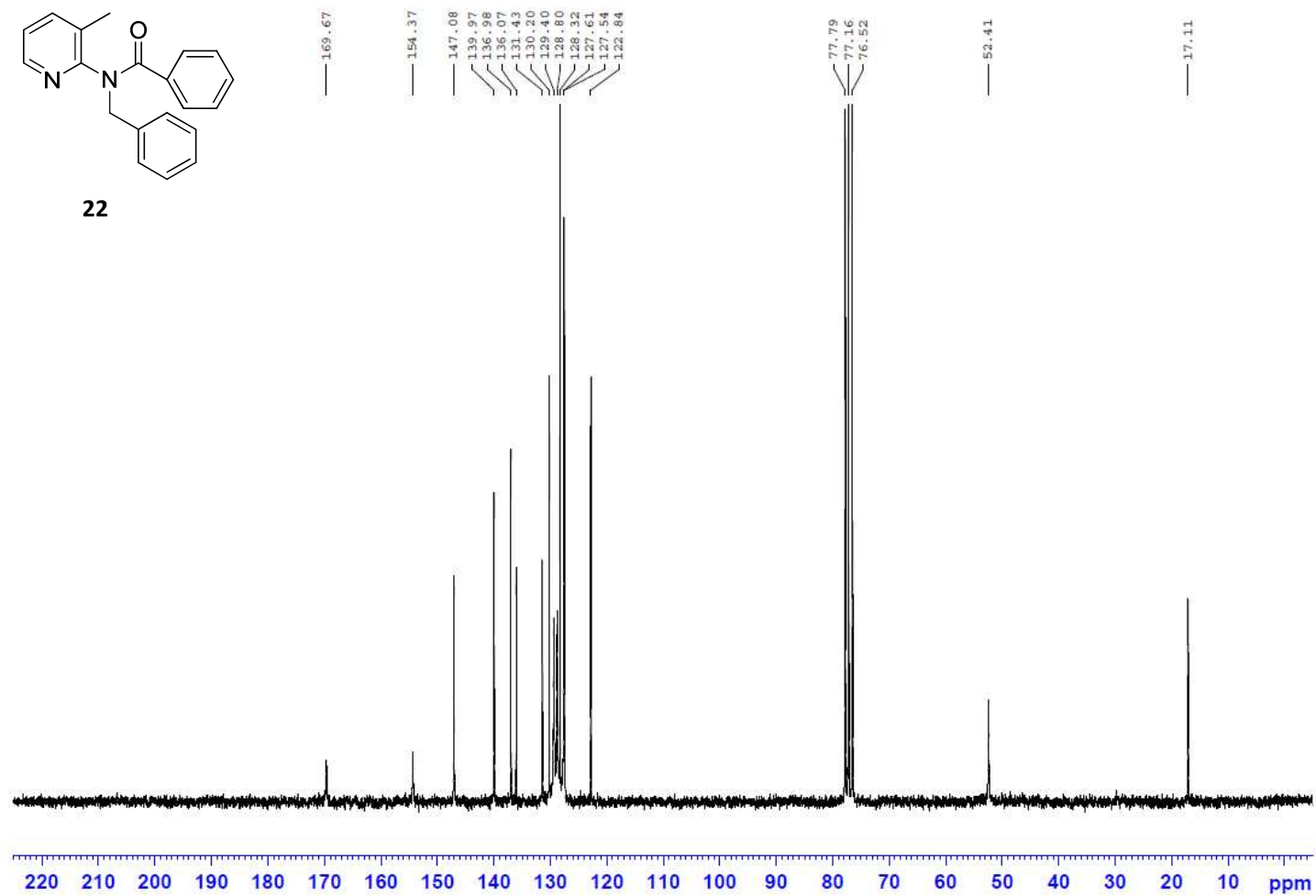


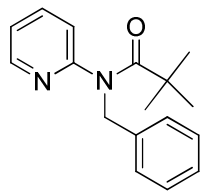
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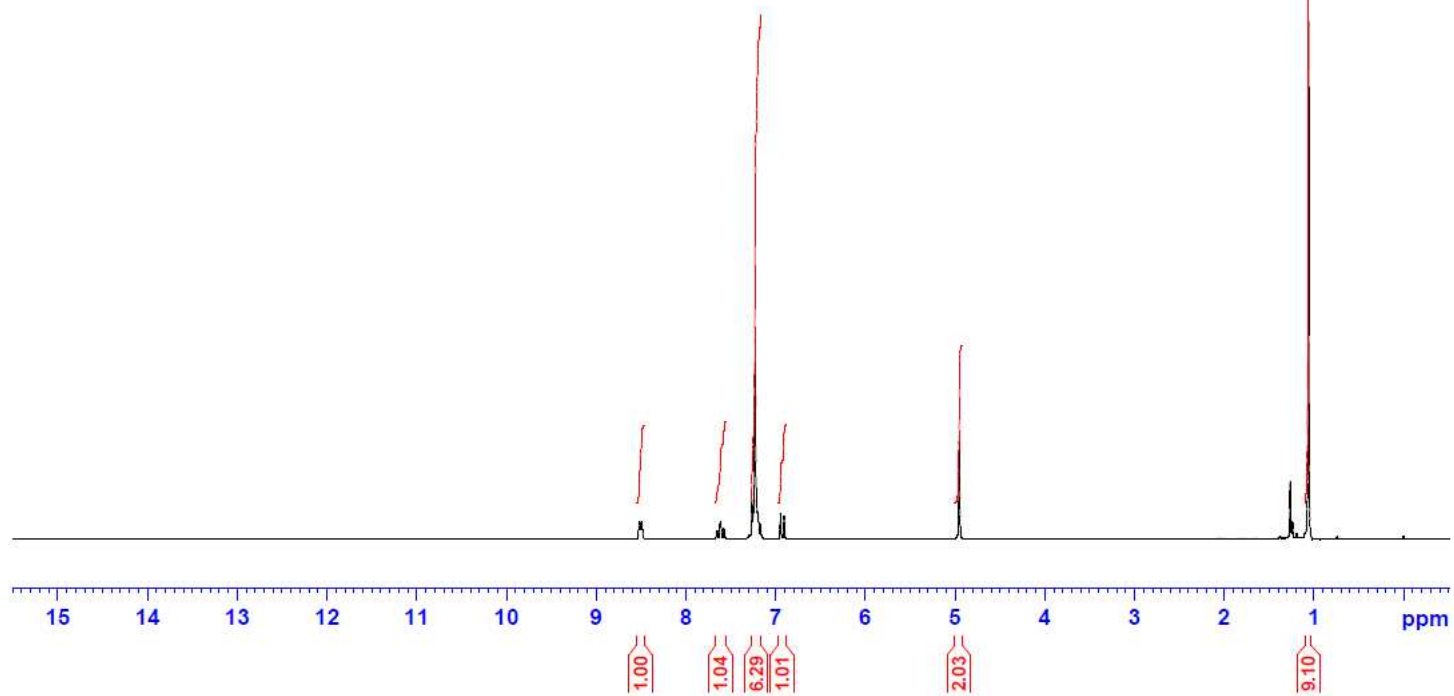


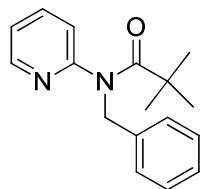
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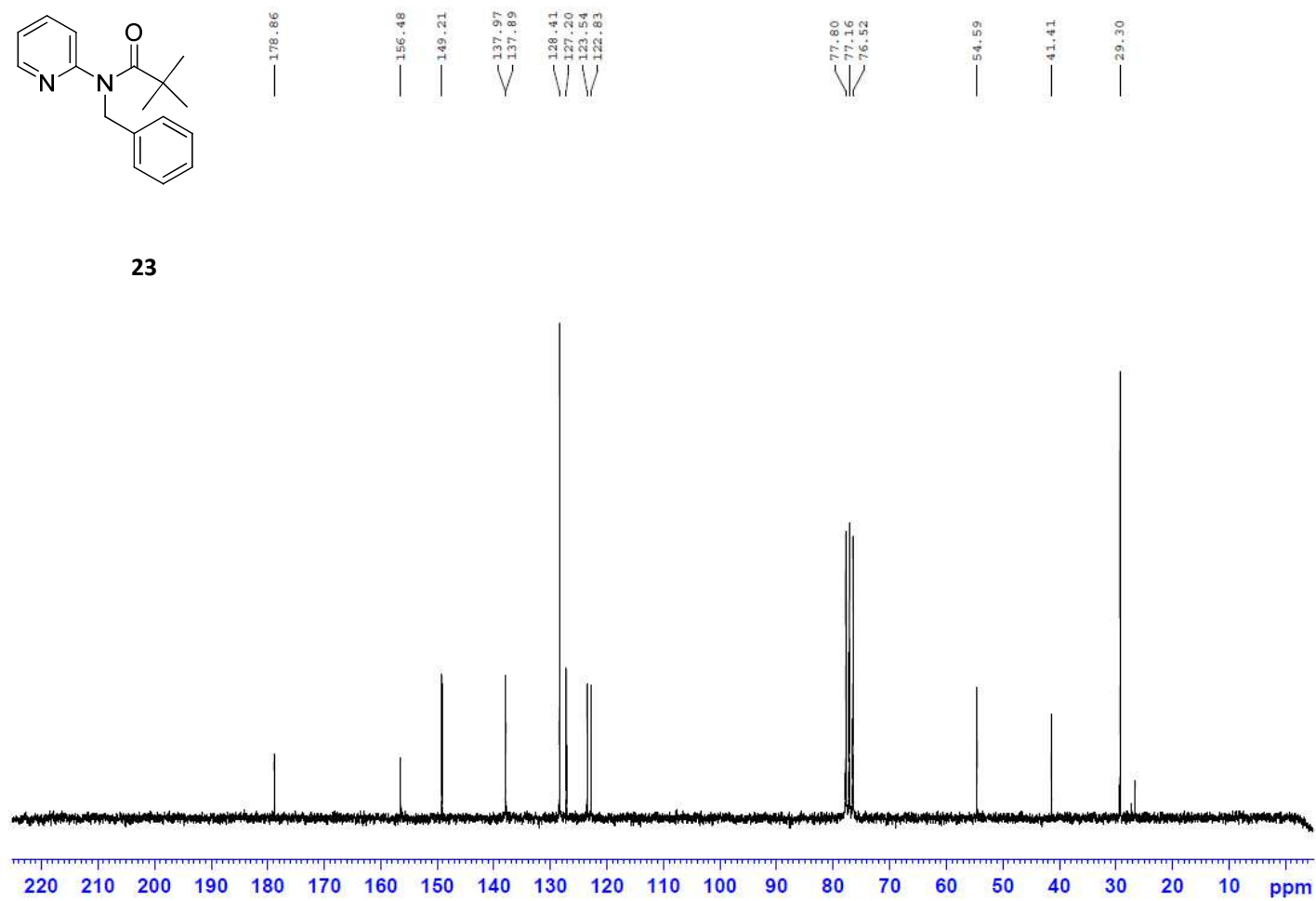


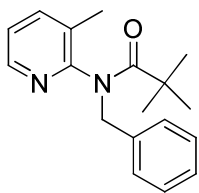
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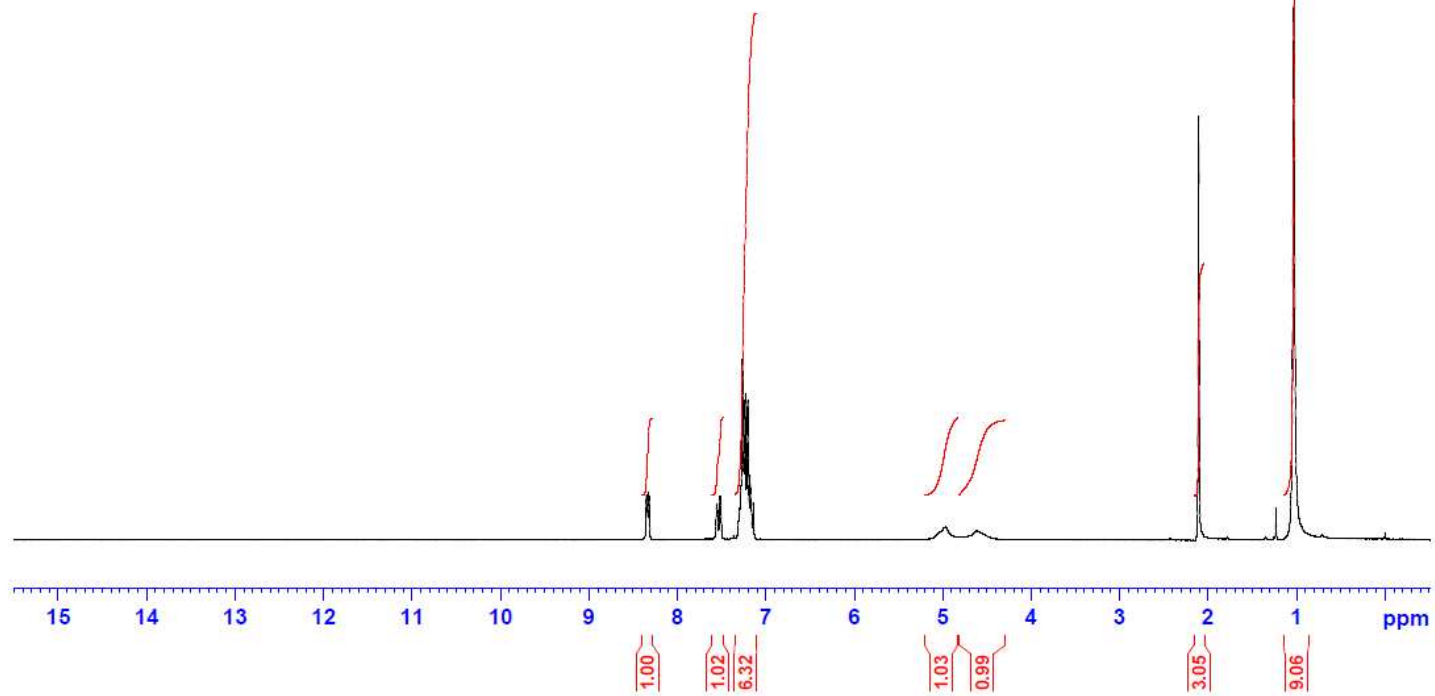


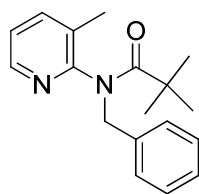
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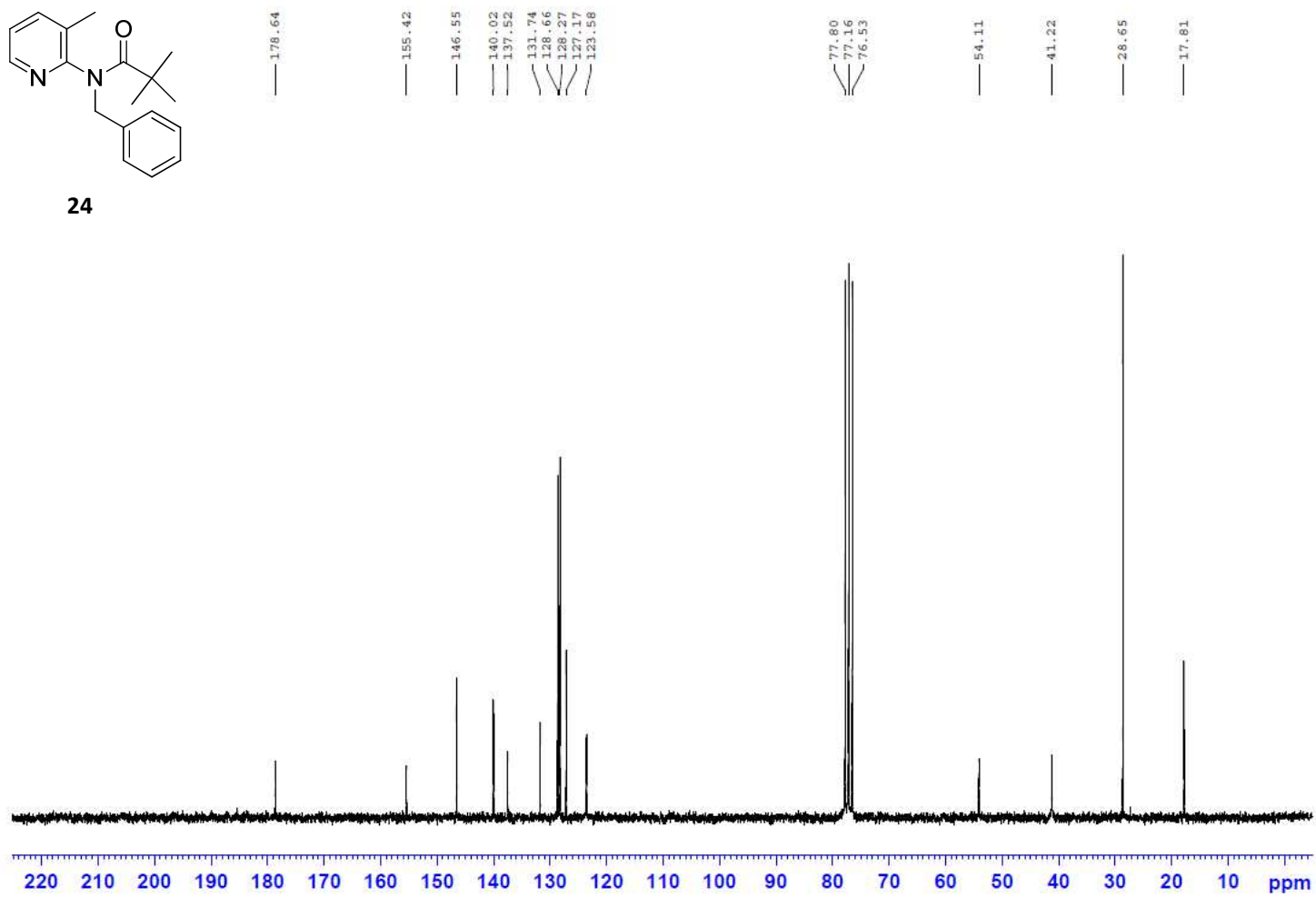


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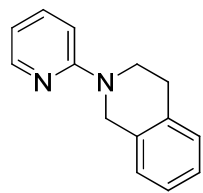




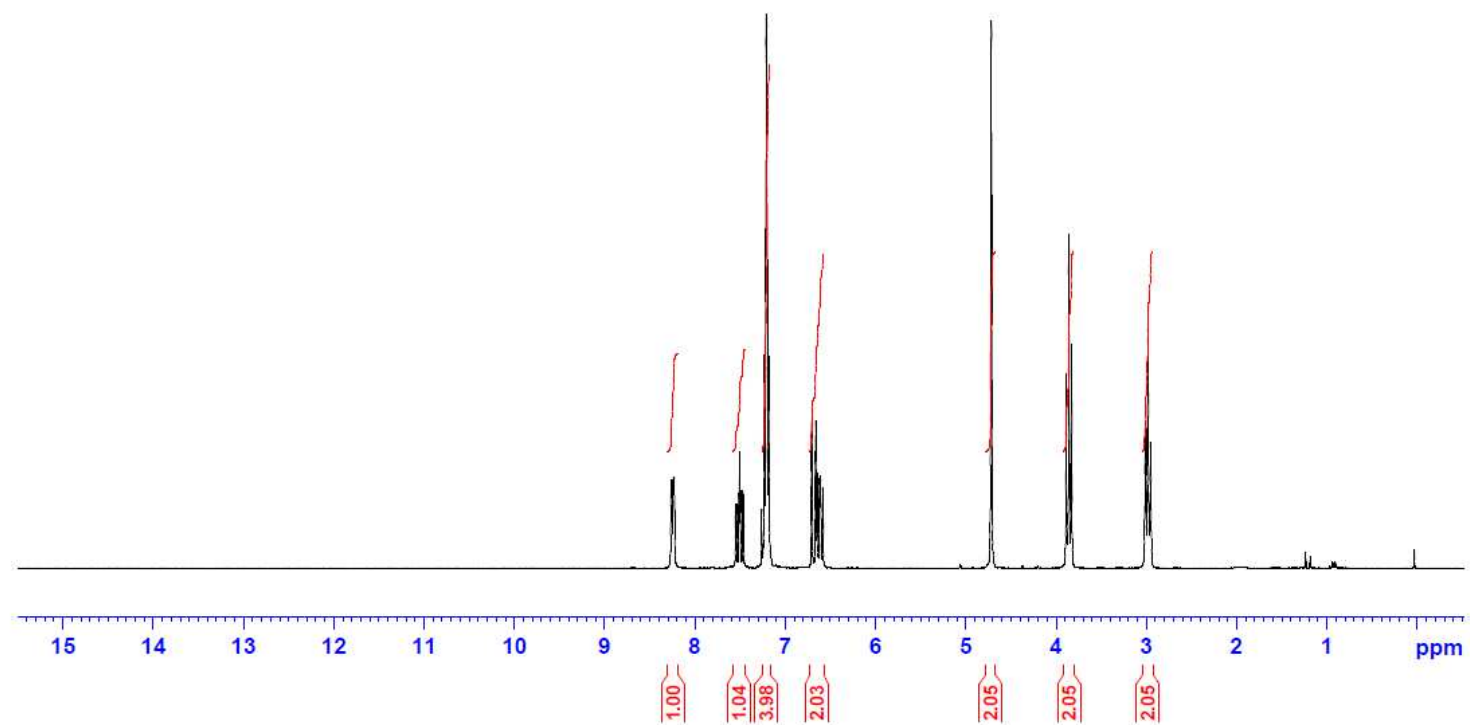
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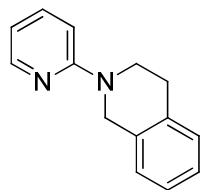




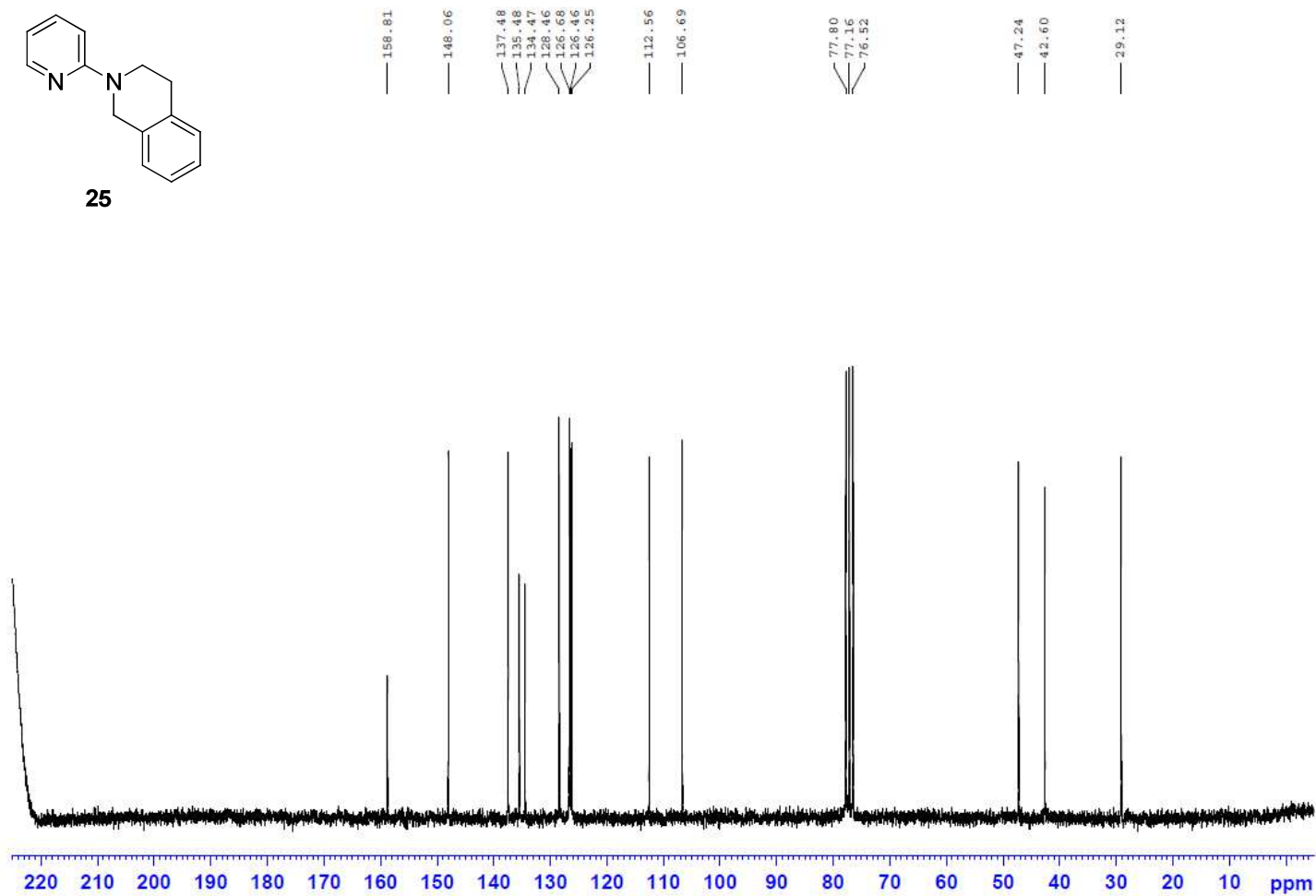


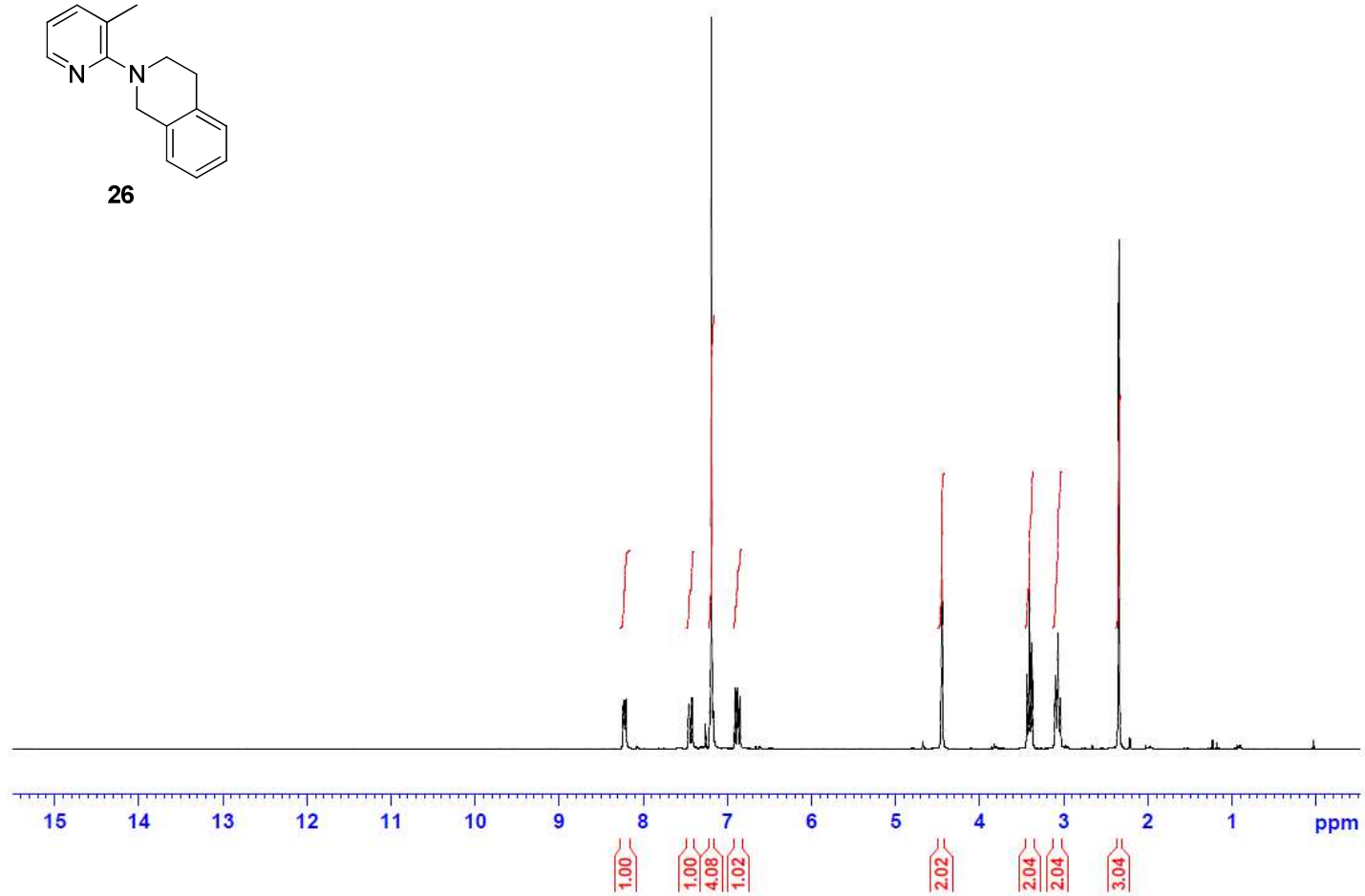
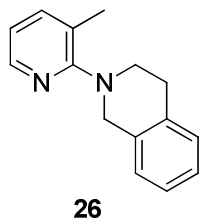
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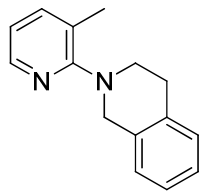




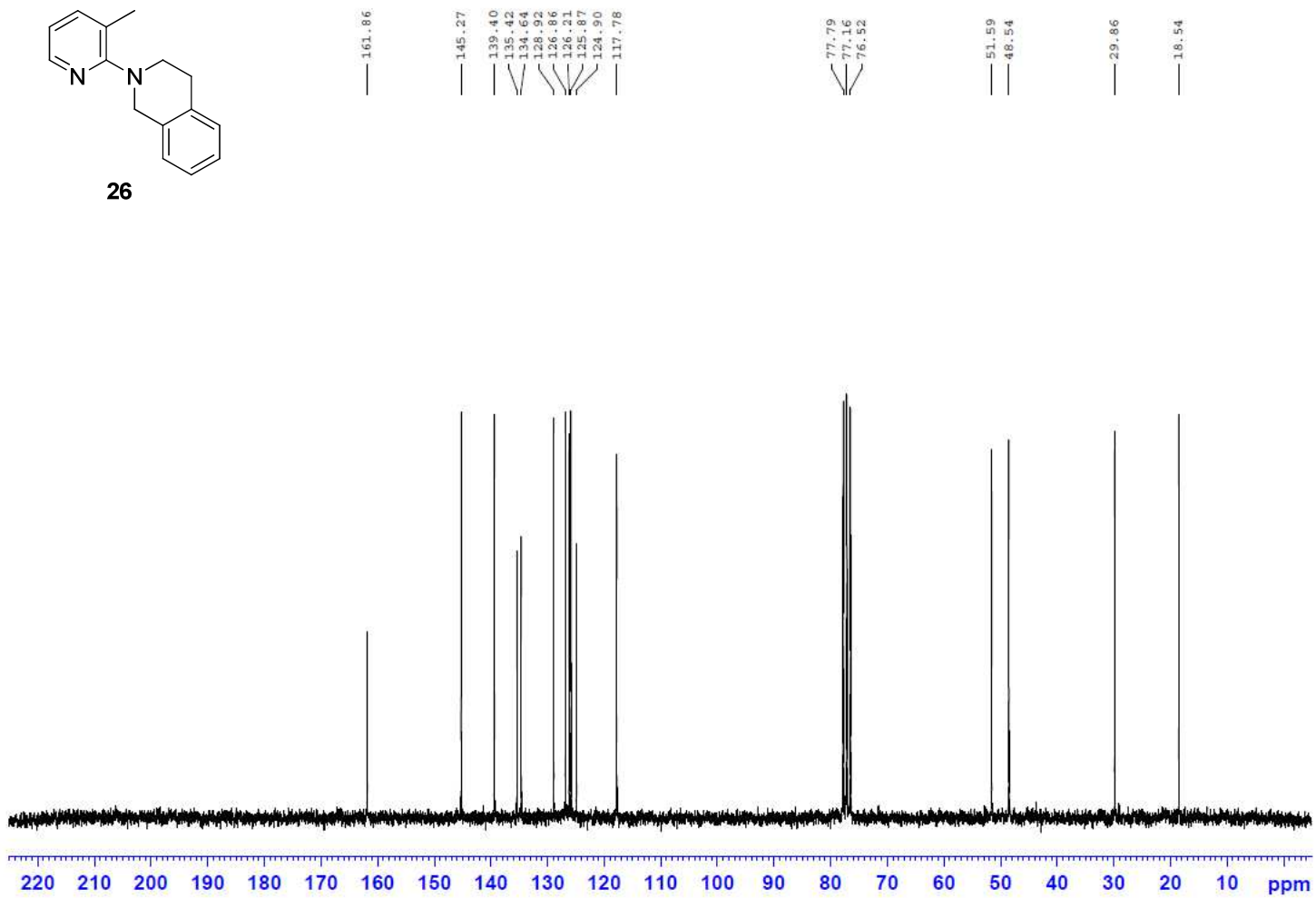
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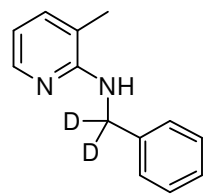




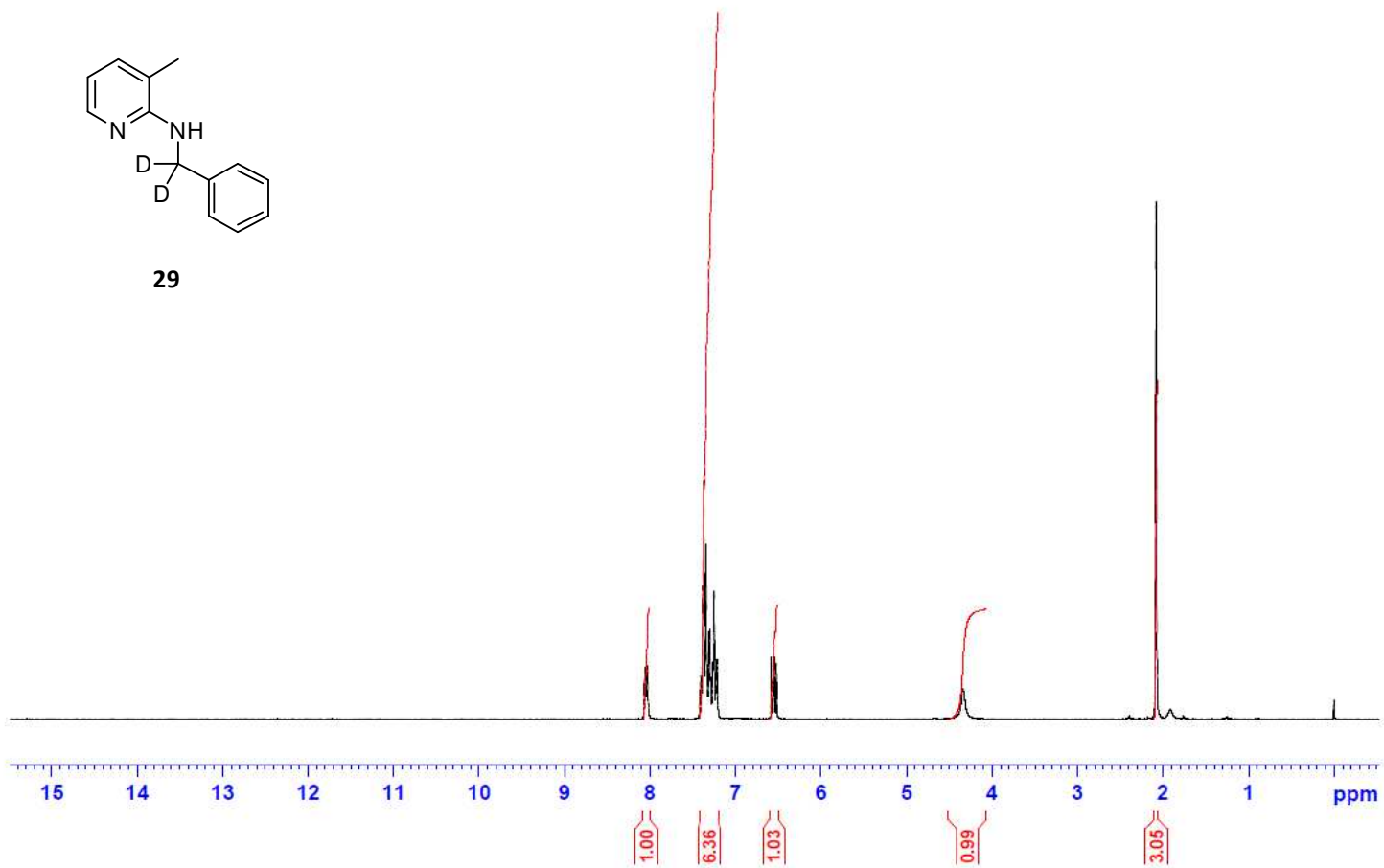


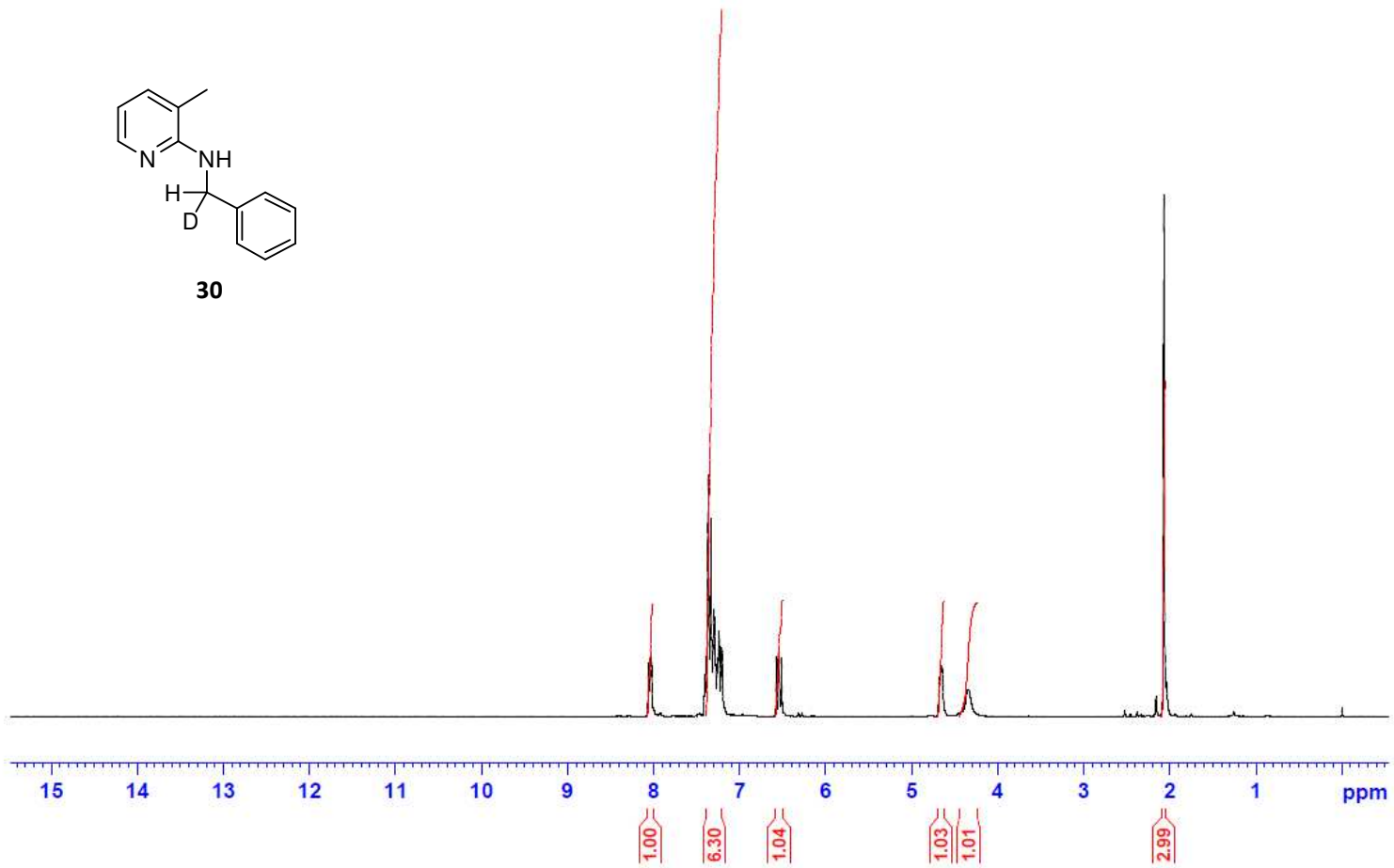
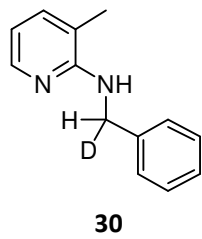
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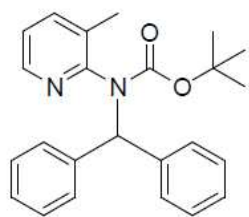




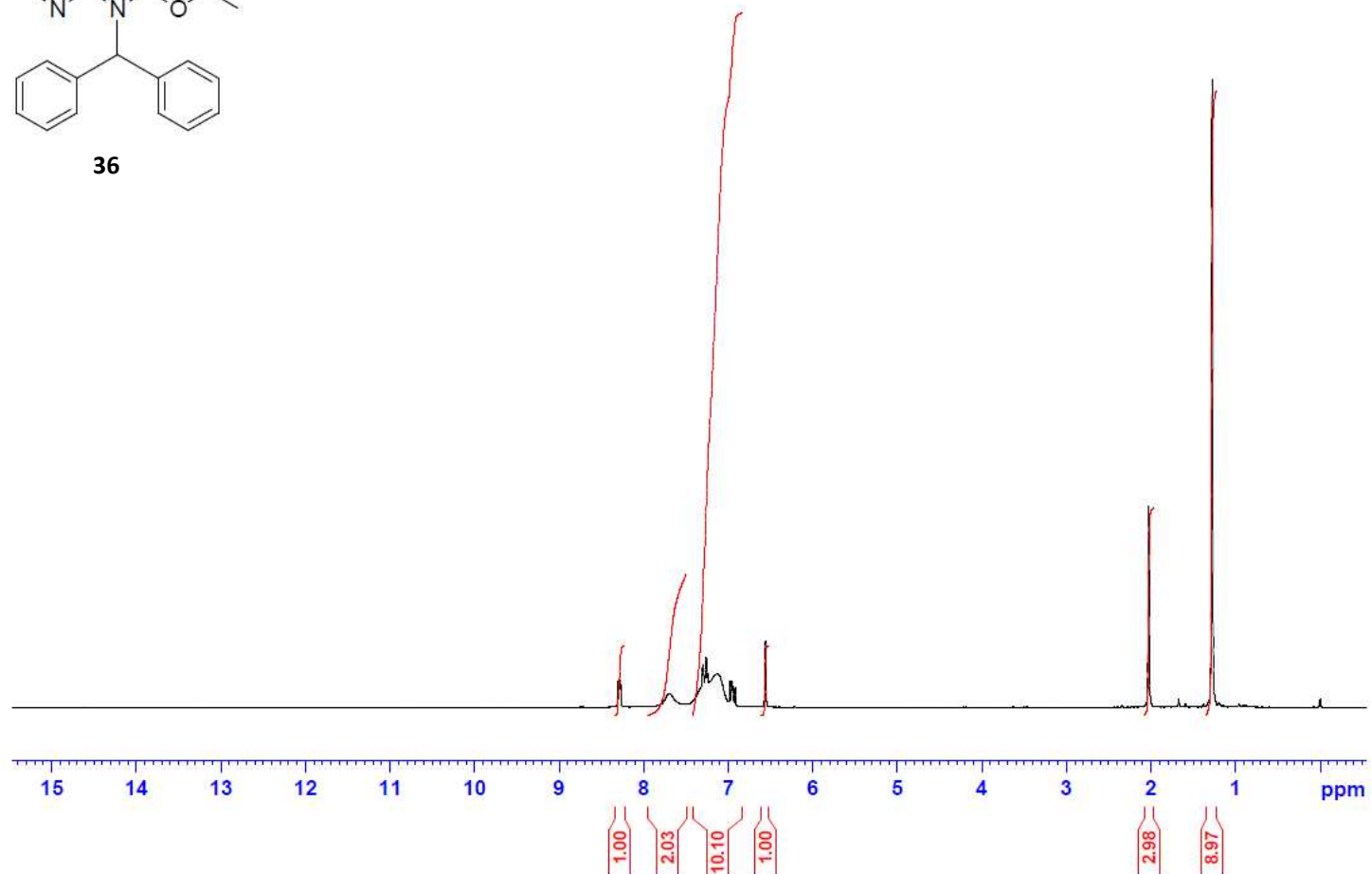
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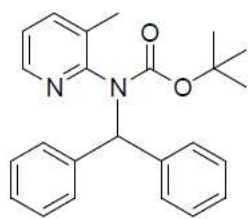




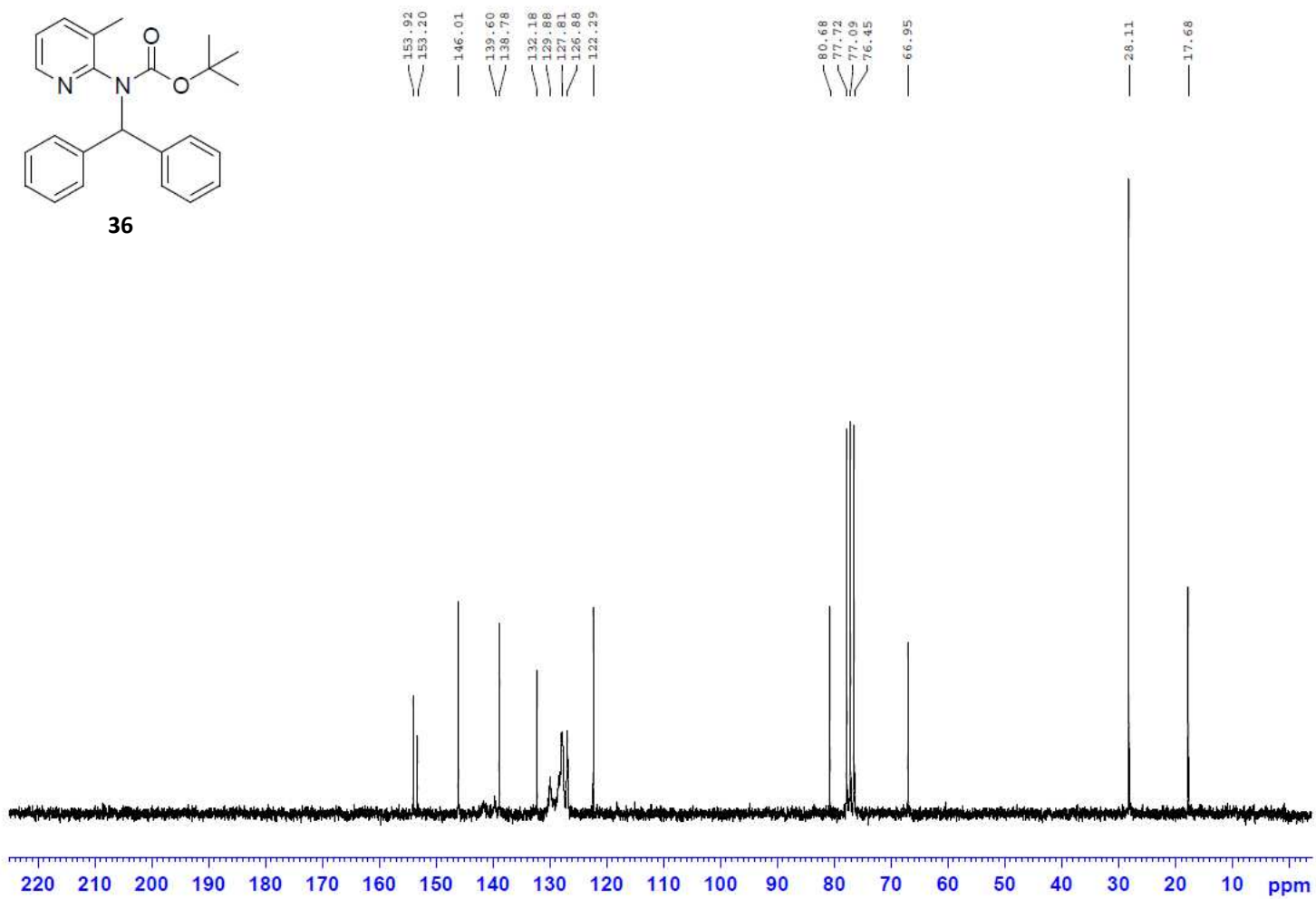


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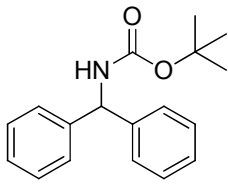




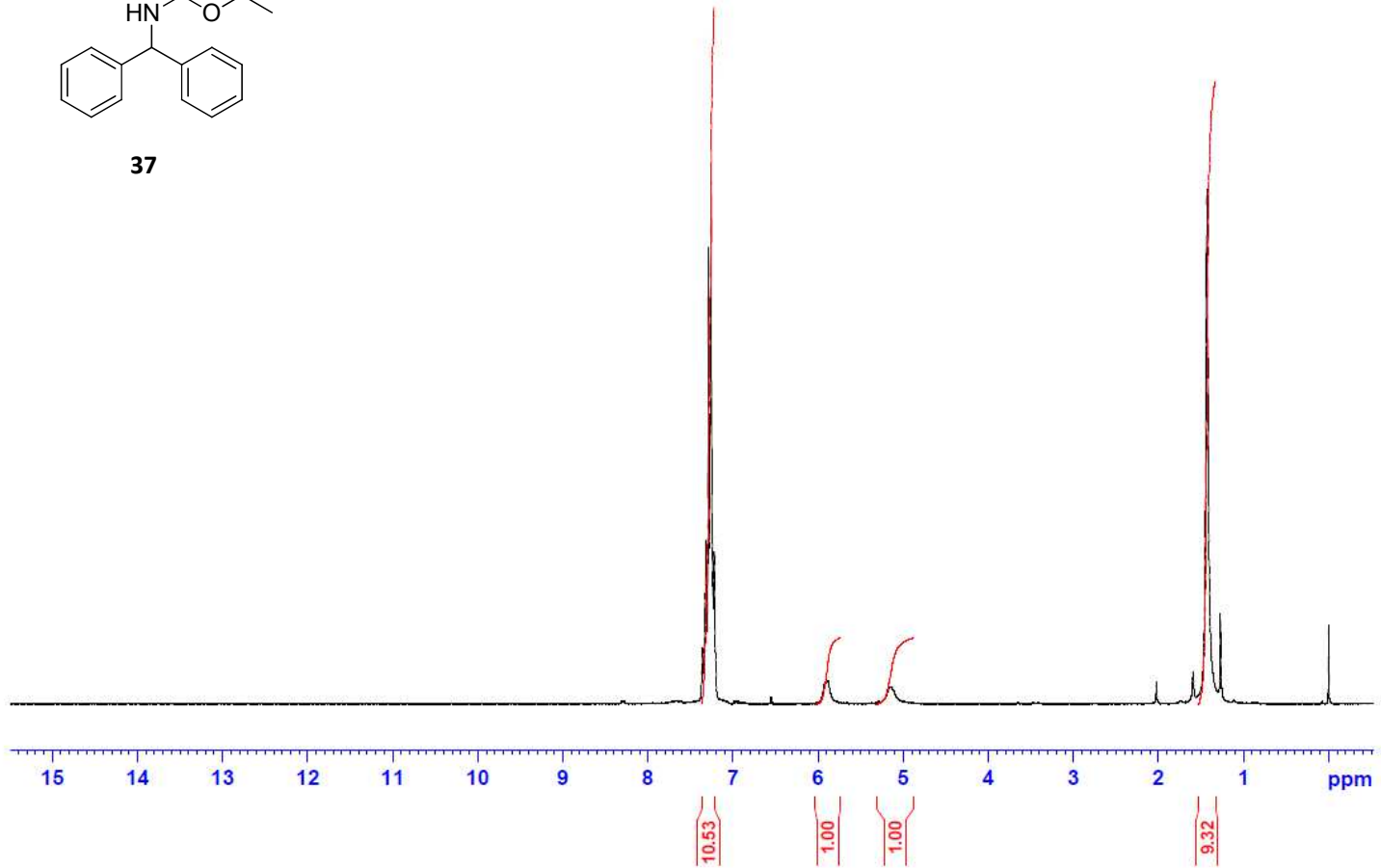
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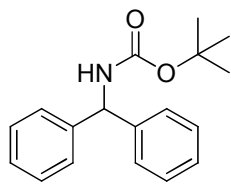




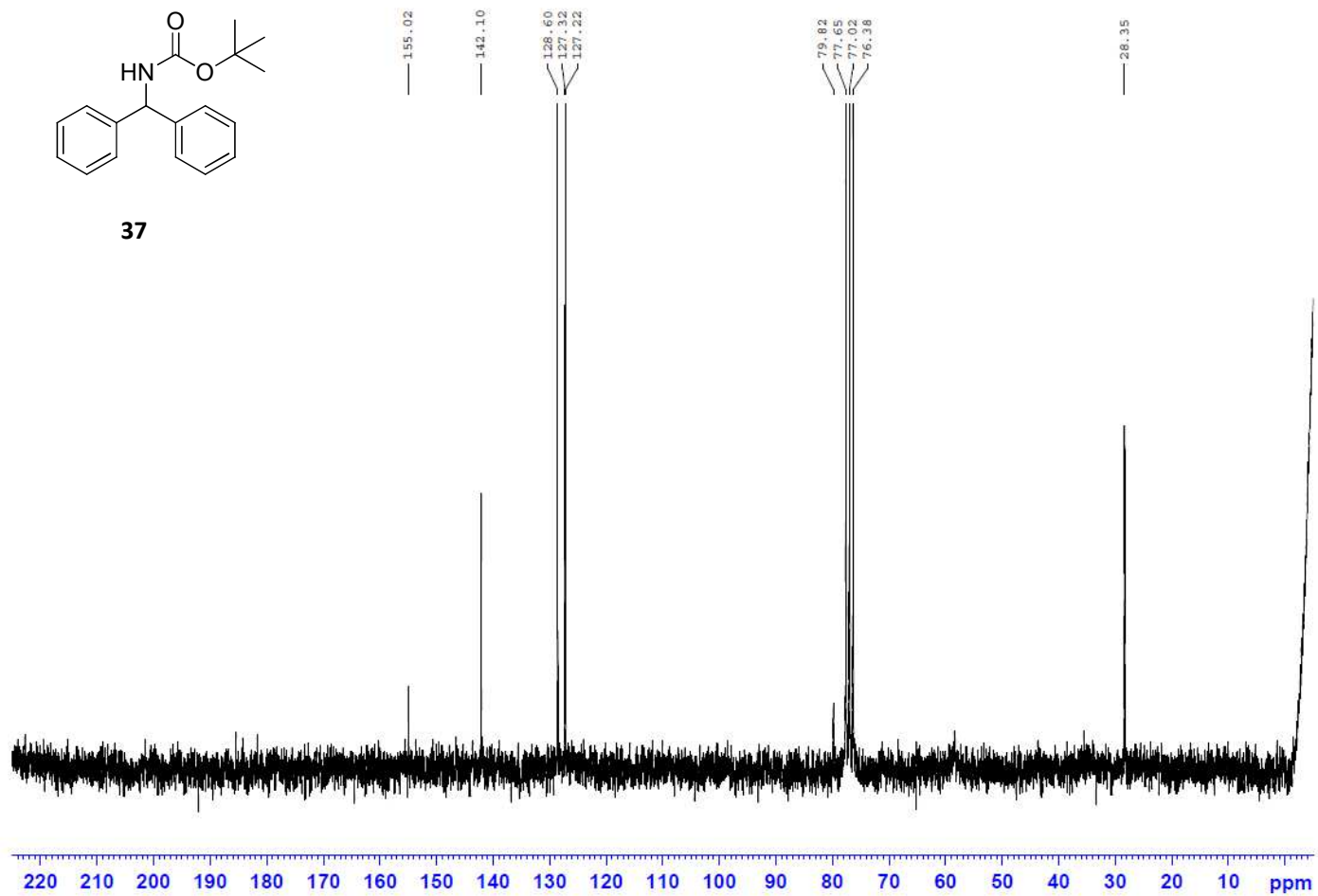


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