

Supplementary Data

Mechanistic Considerations in the Synthesis of 2-Aryl-Indole Analogues under Bischler-Mohlau Conditions

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Experimental Procedures

CH₂Cl₂, THF, EtOH, and Et₂O were used in their anhydrous forms as obtained from the chemical suppliers. Reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere using nitrogen gas, unless specified otherwise. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates (precoated glass plates with silica gel 60 F254, 0.25 mm thickness) were used to monitor reactions. Purification of intermediates and products was carried out with a flash purification system (Biotage Isolera 1 or 4) using silica gel (200-400 mesh, 60 Å) prepacked columns. Intermediates and products synthesized were characterized on the basis of their ¹H NMR (500 MHz), ¹³C NMR (125 MHz), and DEPT ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectroscopic data using a Varian VNMRS 500 MHz instrument. Spectra were recorded in CDCl₃. All of the chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ), coupling constants (J) are presented in Hz, and peak patterns are reported as broad (br), singlet (s), doublet (d), double doublet (dd), quartet of doublets (qd) quartet (q), and multiplet (m). ¹³C-labeled atoms have their ¹³C-NMR chemical shift values denoted with bold text in each appropriate experimental write-up.

3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde **11**

To a clean dry round bottom flask 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde **10** (5.02 g, 32.9 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and Et₃N (5.04 mL, 36.2 mmol) was added followed by the addition of *N,N*-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (0.402 g, 3.29 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl) (5.29 g, 36.2 mmol) was added

gradually. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 12 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (50 mL), transferred to a separatory funnel, and was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extracts were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The TBS benzaldehyde product **11** (9.24 g, 34.7 mmol) was isolated quantitatively as a yellow oil and was taken to the next step without further purification.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.80 (s, 1H, CHO), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 0.99 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.16 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 190.2, 156.2, 145.2, 130.0, 126.0, 119.4, 110.9, 55.1, 25.3, 18.0, -5.0.

*3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-1-(1'-hydroxyethyl)-4-methoxybenzene **12***

To a solution of magnesium turnings (0.40 g, 17 mmol) in diethyl ether (Et₂O) was added ¹³C-labeled methyl iodide (1.00 mL, 16.0 mmol). The solution was refluxed for 30 minutes until the turnings were dissolved. The solution was cooled to room temperature and TBS benzaldehyde **11** (1.92 g, 7.20 mmol) in Et₂O was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 hours. Upon completion the reaction mixture was slowly quenched with 0.1 M HCl and extracted with Et₂O. The organic extracts were washed sequentially with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and water. The organic layer was further dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column

[solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B → 60%A / 40%B (10 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow rate, 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to yield ¹³C-labeled alcohol **12** (1.54 g, 5.45 mmol, 75%, R_f = 0.47 (70:30 hexanes:EtOAc)) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.90 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.88 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.79 (qd, J = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.79 (s, 1H, OH), 1.45 (dd, J = 6.4 Hz, J_{C-H} = 126.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.00 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.16 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 150.30, 145.02, 138.64, 118.50 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 118.27 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 111.96, 69.96 (d, J = 38.6 Hz), 55.56, 25.73, **24.96**, 18.45, -4.59 (d, J = 1.4 Hz).

HRMS [M+Na]⁺: 306.1578 (calcd for [C₁₄¹³CH₂₆NaO₃Si]⁺, 306.1577).

*3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxyacetophenone **13***

The crude alcohol **12** (1.76 g, 6.23 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). Celite (1.5 g) was added and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) (1.48 g, 6.86 mmol) was added in small increments allowing 10 minutes of stirring between each addition. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through a 50/50 mixture of silica

gel/celite rinsing well with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure providing the desired ¹³C-labeled acetophenone **13** (1.48 g, 5.28 mmol, 85%) as a pale yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.53 (d, *J* = 127.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.01 (s, 9H, , C(CH₃)₃), 0.17 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 196.71 (d, *J* = 42.7 Hz), 155.31 , 144.83 , 130.59 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 123.50 , 120.47 , 110.78 , 55.48 , **26.30** , 25.68 , 18.44 , -4.63 .

HRMS [M+H]⁺: 282.1603 (calcd for [C₁₄¹³CH₂₅O₃Si]⁺, 282.1601).

*I-(3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-I-trimethylsilyl ethene **14***

To a solution of diisopropylamine (1.1 mL, 7.0 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at 0 °C was added *n*-butyllithium (3.2 mL, 7.9 mmol) dropwise. The LDA solution was allowed to stir for 15 minutes and a solution of TBS acetophenone **13** (1.48 g, 5.26 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred for 10 min and TMSCl (1.0 mL, 7.9 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The solution was stirred for 12 hours and was quenched using 10% NaHCO₃ (100 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure resulting in ¹³C-labeled TMS enol ether **14**.

(1.95 g, 5.51 mmol) quantitatively as a dark yellow oil which was taken to the next step without purification.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H ArH), 7.18 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 1.5 Hz, *J_{C-H}* = 159.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 1.5 Hz, *J_{C-H}* = 159.0 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.08 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.32 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.23 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 155.4 (d, *J* = 82.0 Hz), 151.3, 144.6, 130.8 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 118.9 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 118.2 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 111.3 (d, *J* = 42.6 Hz), **89.6**, 55.5, 25.9, 18.6, 0.2, -4.5.

3'-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4'-methoxy-2-bromoacetophenone 15

A solution of crude **14** (1.95 g, 5.51 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and K₂CO₃ (0.033 g, 0.239 mmol) was cooled to 0 °C. Bromine (0.17 mL, 3.3 mmol) was added dropwise and the solution was allowed to stir for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched with 10 % sodium thiosulfate solution, transferred to a separatory funnel, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 2%A / 98%B (4 CV), 2%A / 98%B → 20%A / 80%B (10 CV), 20%A / 80%B (2 CV); flow rate, 50

mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to yield ^{13}C -labeled bromoacetophenone **15** as a tan solid (1.16 g, 3.22 mmol, 58%, $R_f = 0.29$ (80:20 hexanes:EtOAc)).

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.49 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.38 (d, $J_{C-H} = 150.9$ Hz, 2H, CH2), 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH3), 1.01 (s, 9H, C(CH3)₃), 0.18 (s, 6H, Si(CH3)₂).

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ 189.89 (d, $J = 43.8$ Hz), 156.10, 145.13, 127.12 (d, $J = 17.2$ Hz), 124.21, 121.10, 111.00, 55.55, **30.69**, 25.65, 18.43, -4.61.

HRMS [M+Na]⁺: 382.0533 (calcd for [C₁₄ $^{13}\text{CH}_{23}\text{BrNaO}_3\text{Si}]^+$, 382.0526).

*2-(3'-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-6-methoxyindole **16***

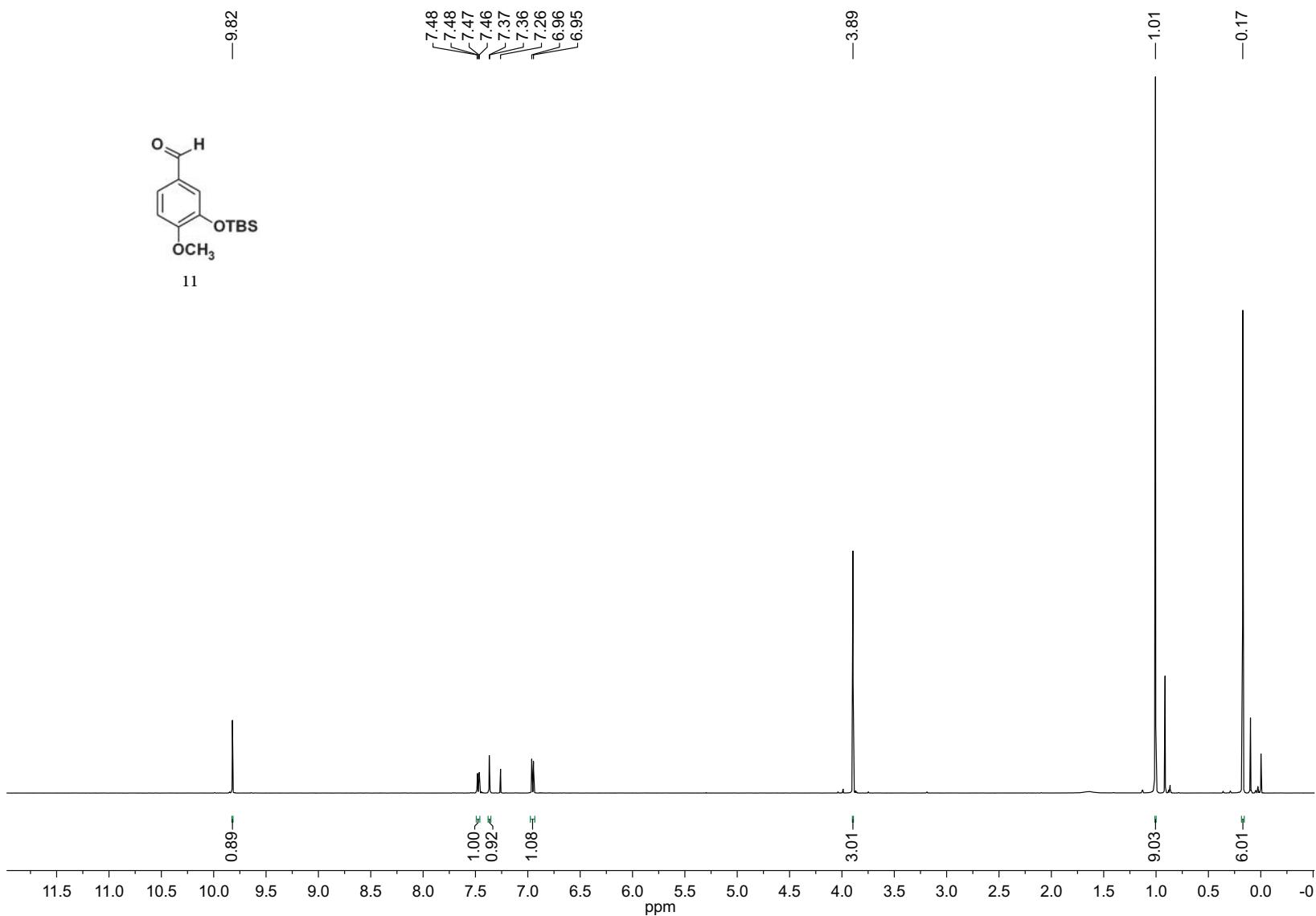
A solution of *m*-anisidine (0.41 mL, 3.7 mmol) was dissolved in *N,N*-dimethylaniline (10 mL) and was heated to reflux at 170 °C. A solution of **15** (0.40 g, 1.1 mmol) in EtOAc (1 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 170° C for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 2%A / 98%B (1 CV), 2%A / 98%B → 25%A / 75%B (10 CV), 25%A / 75%B (2 CV); flow rate, 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the desired ^{13}C -labeled phenylindole **16** (0.312 g, 0.81 mmol, 73%, $R_f = 0.48$ (50:50 hexanes:EtOAc)) as a light

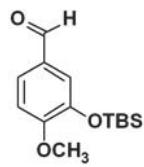
tan solid. A portion of compound **16** was recrystallized from hexane and dichloromethane to obtain the analytical data.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.14 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.83 – 6.40 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.06 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.22 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

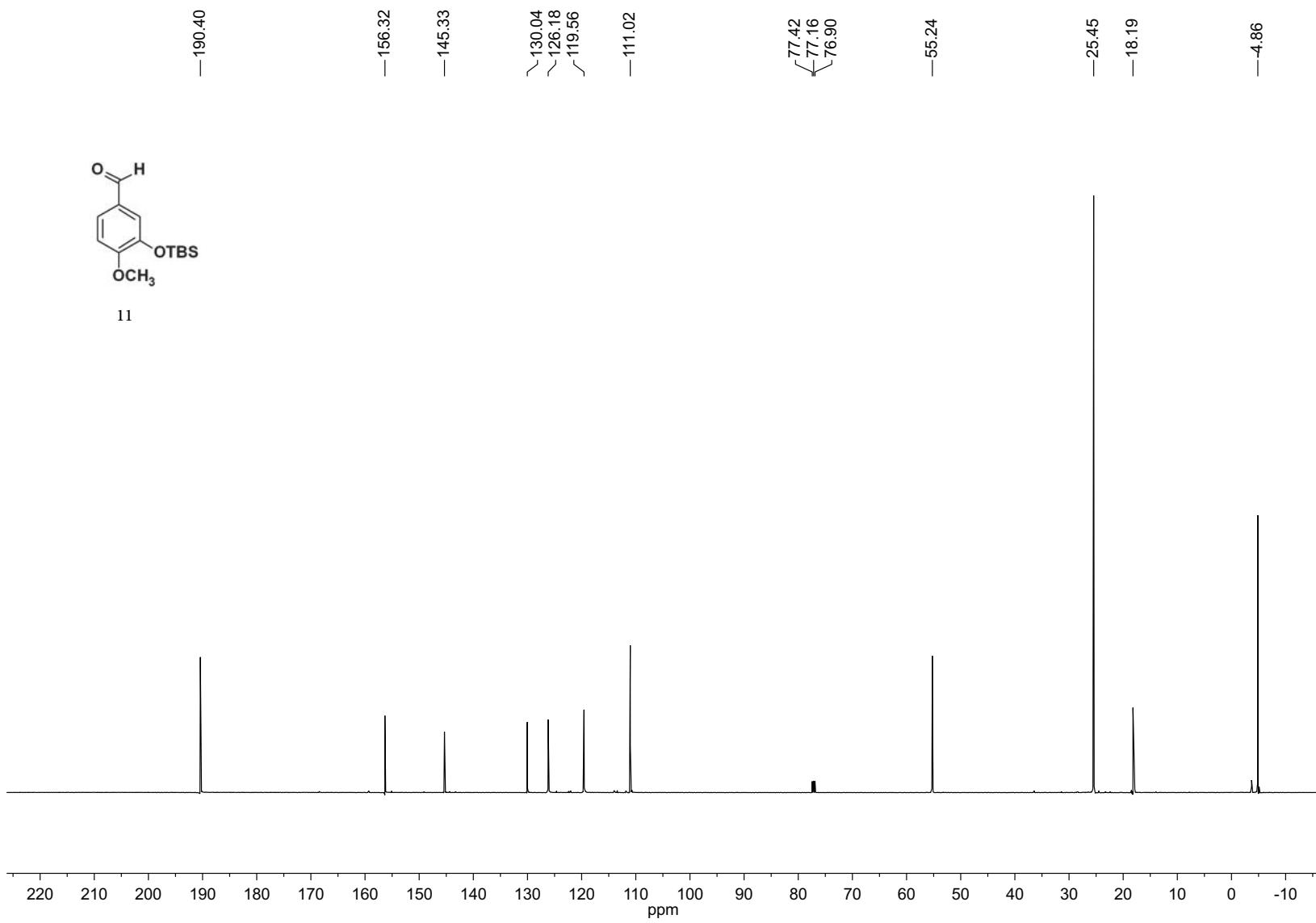
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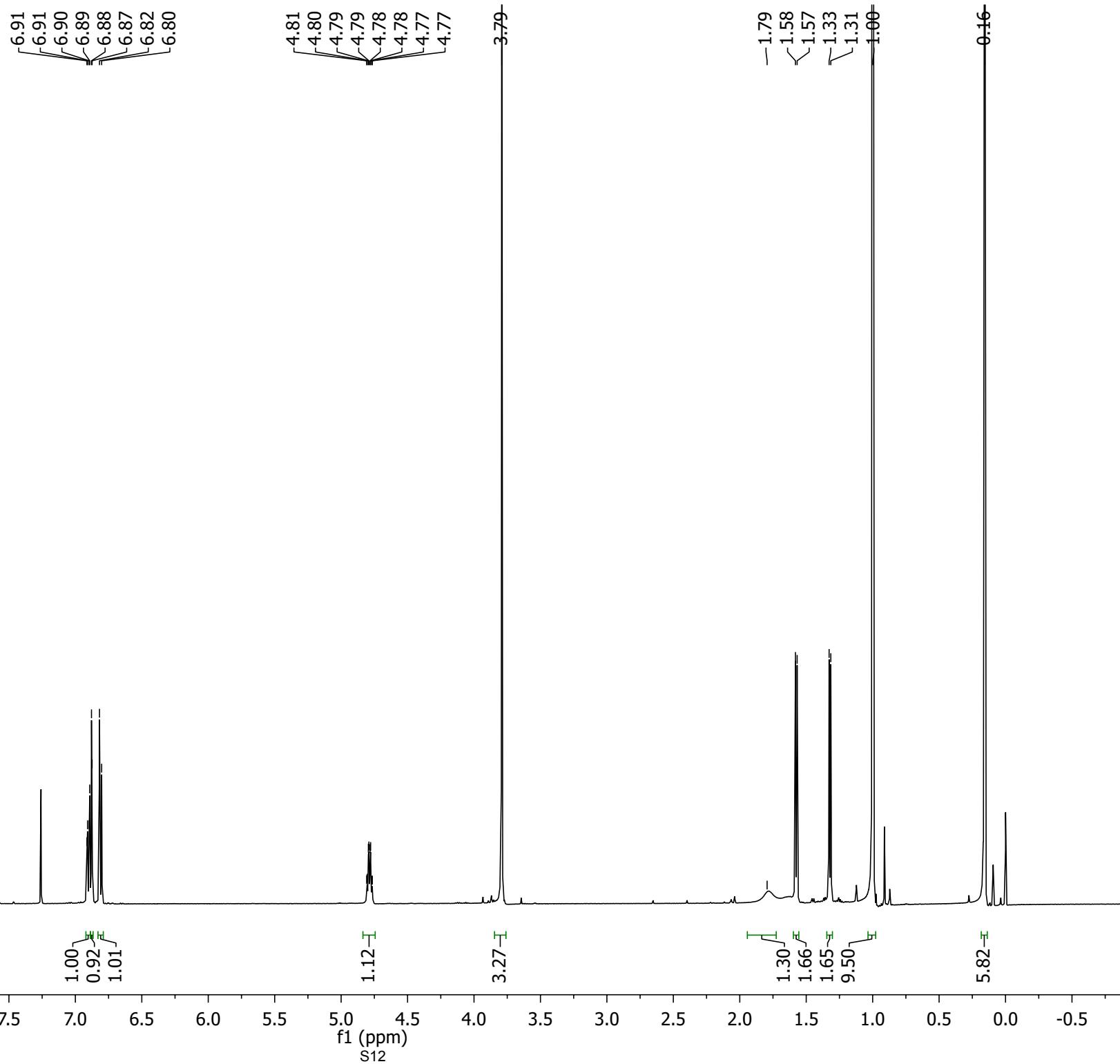
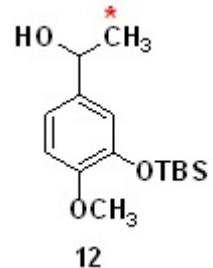
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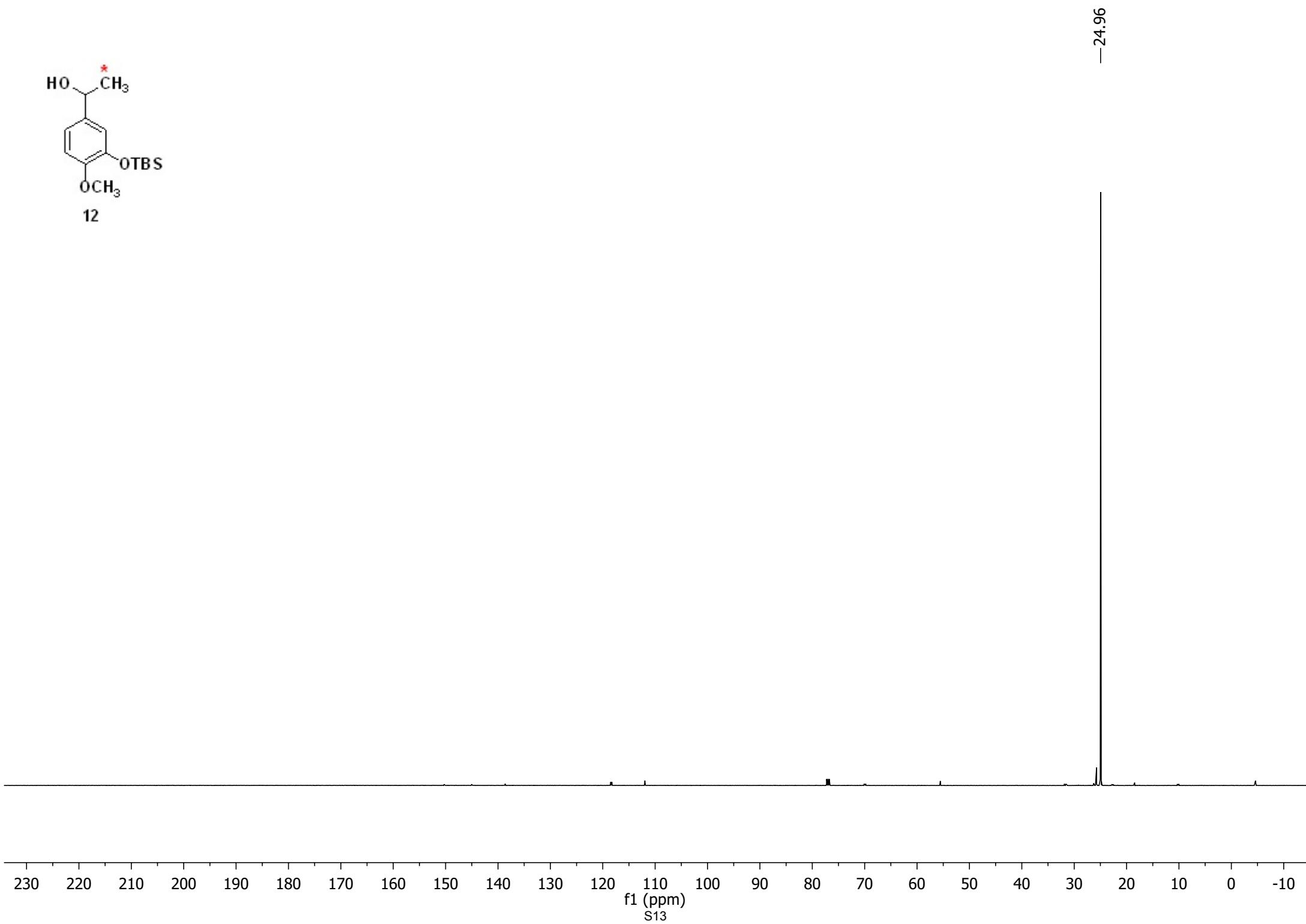
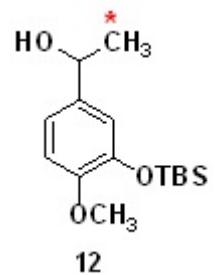


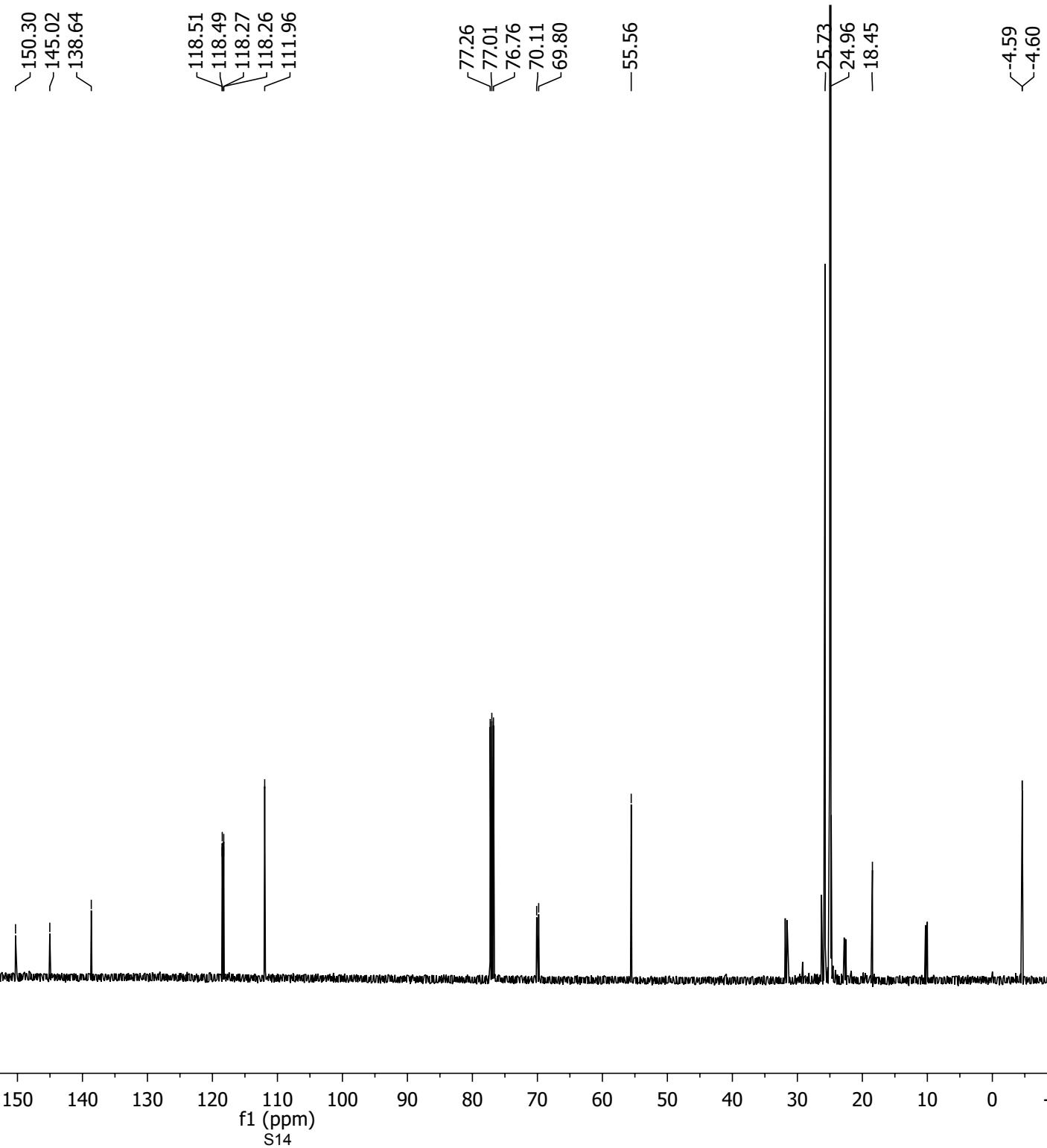
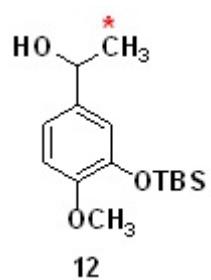
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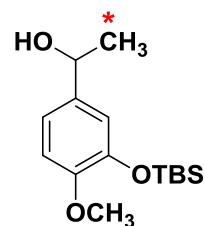




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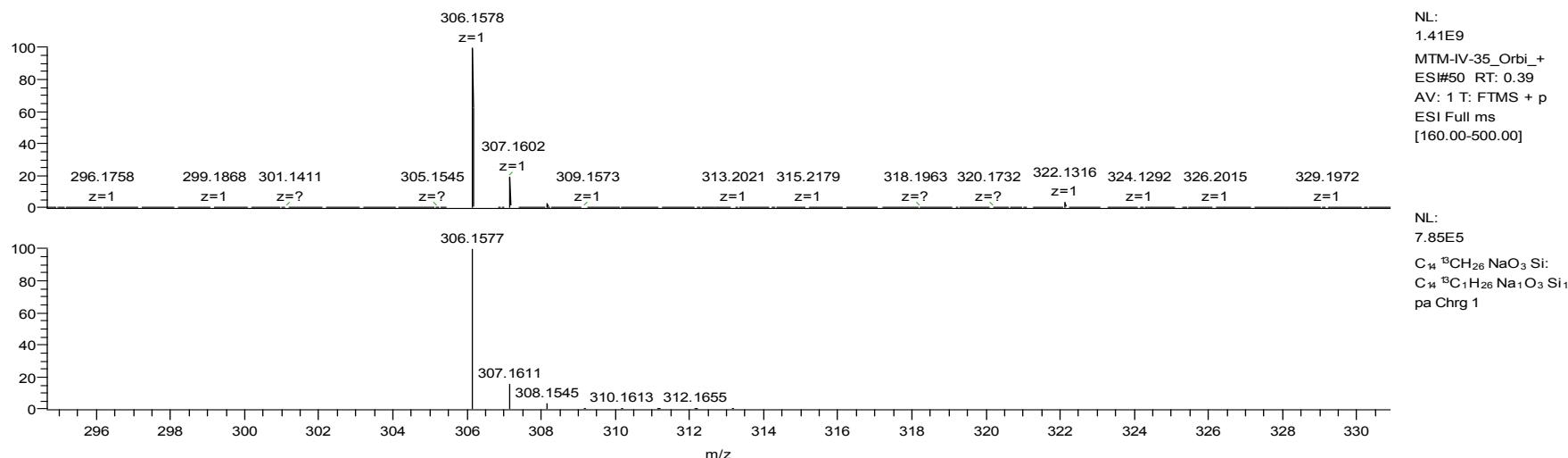
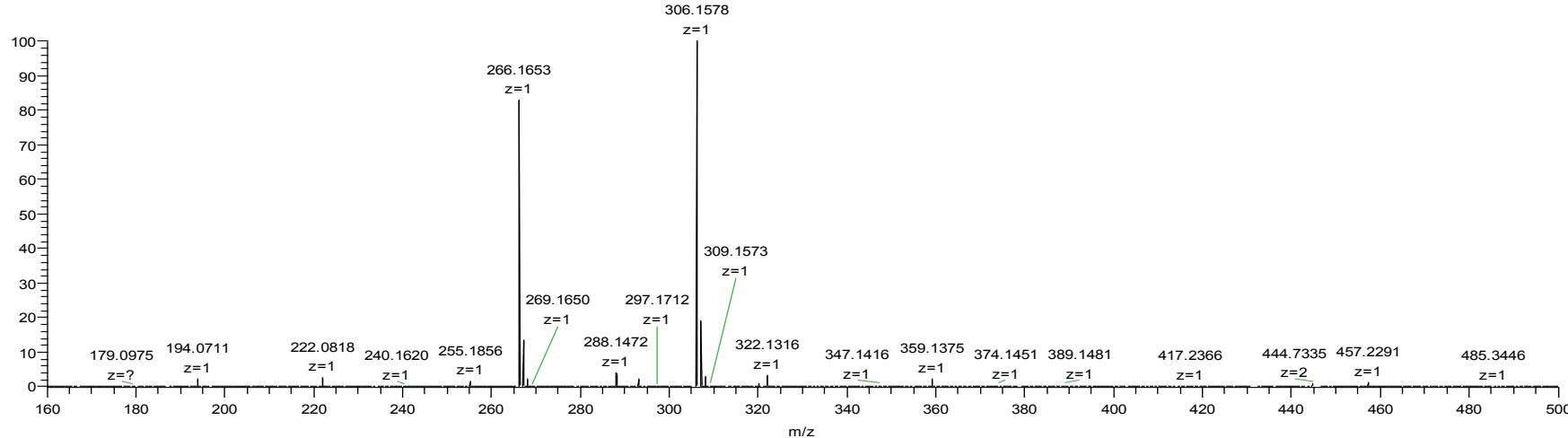


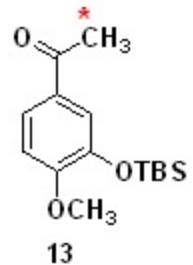
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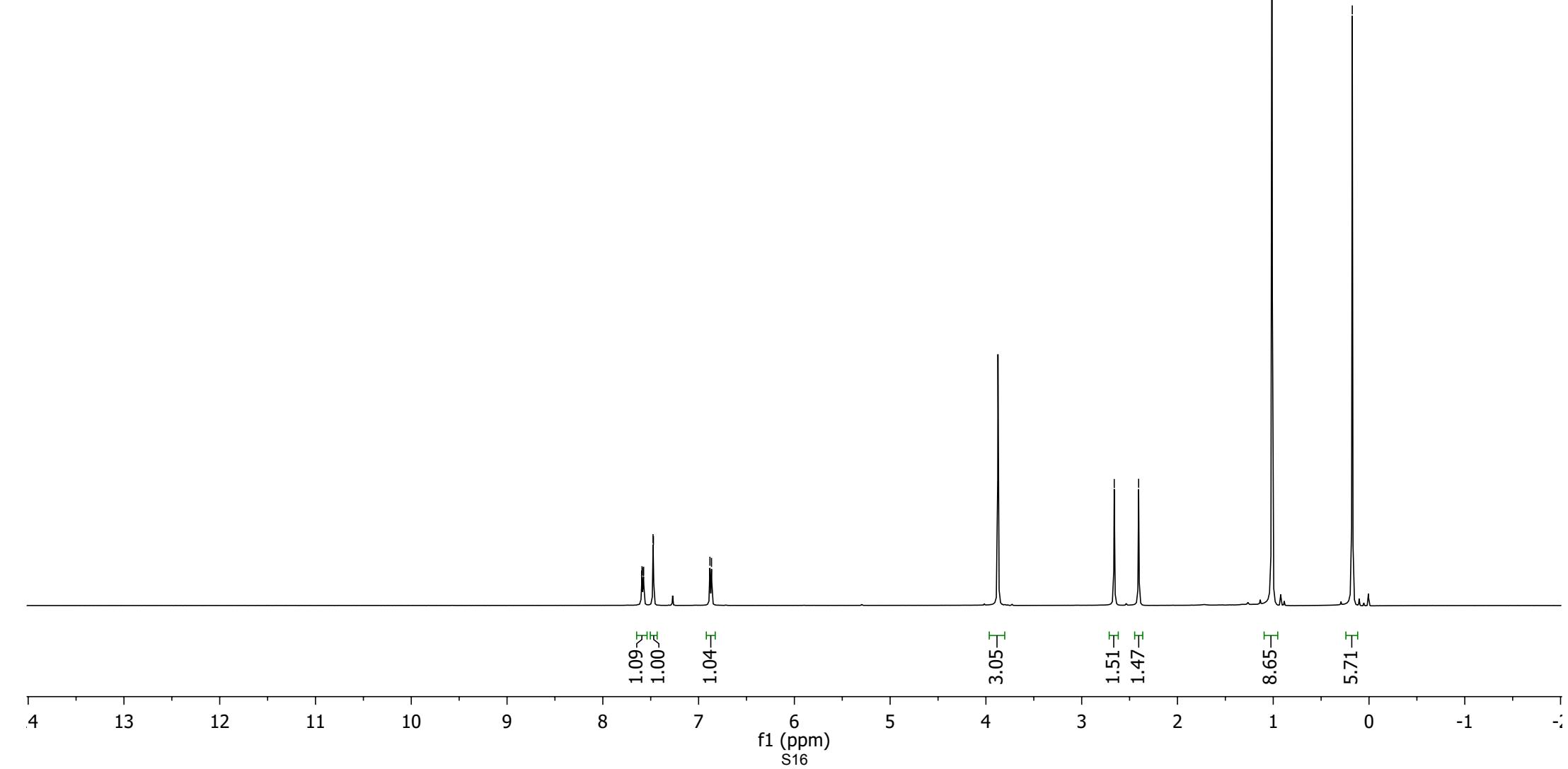


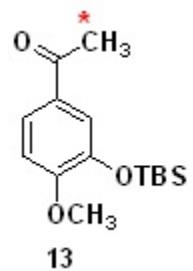
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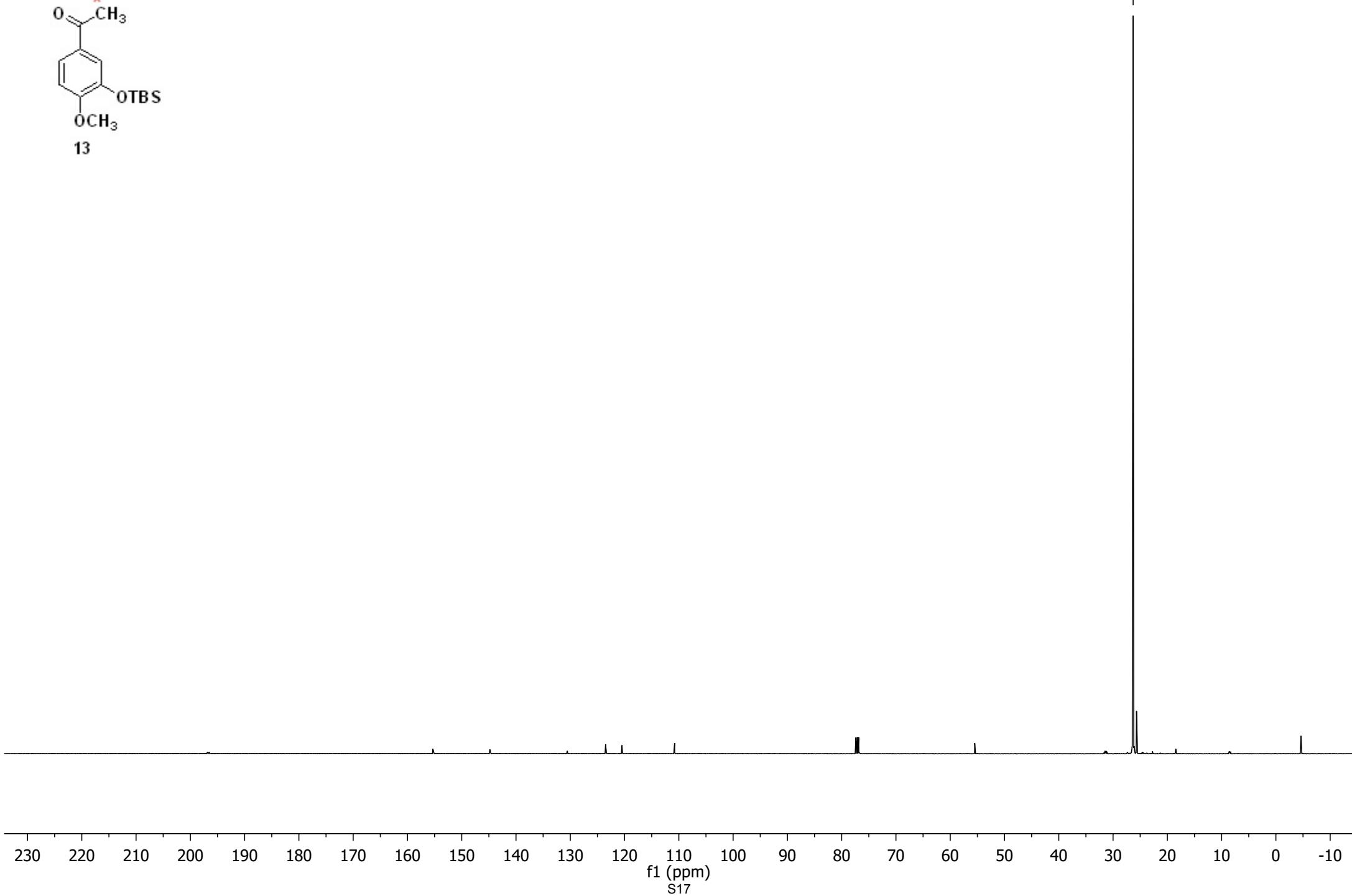
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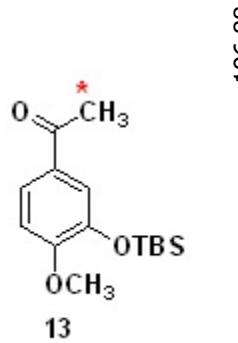
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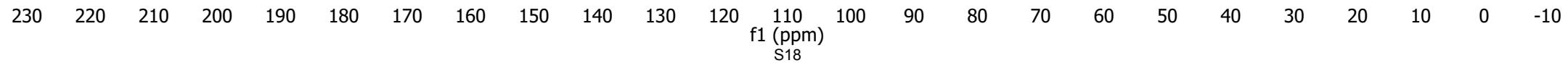
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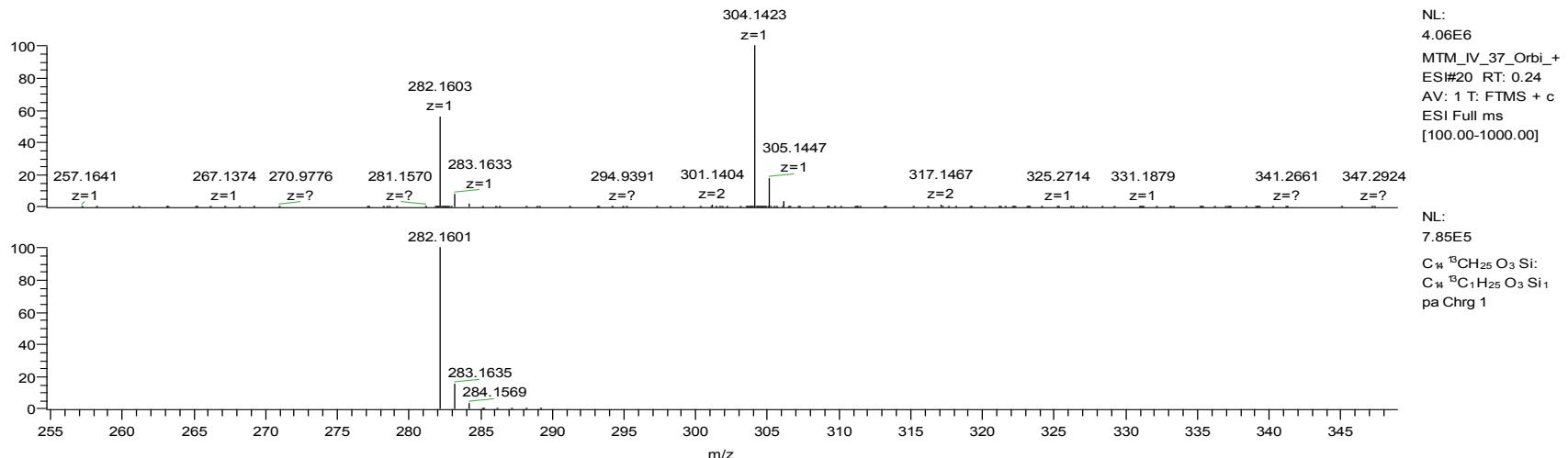
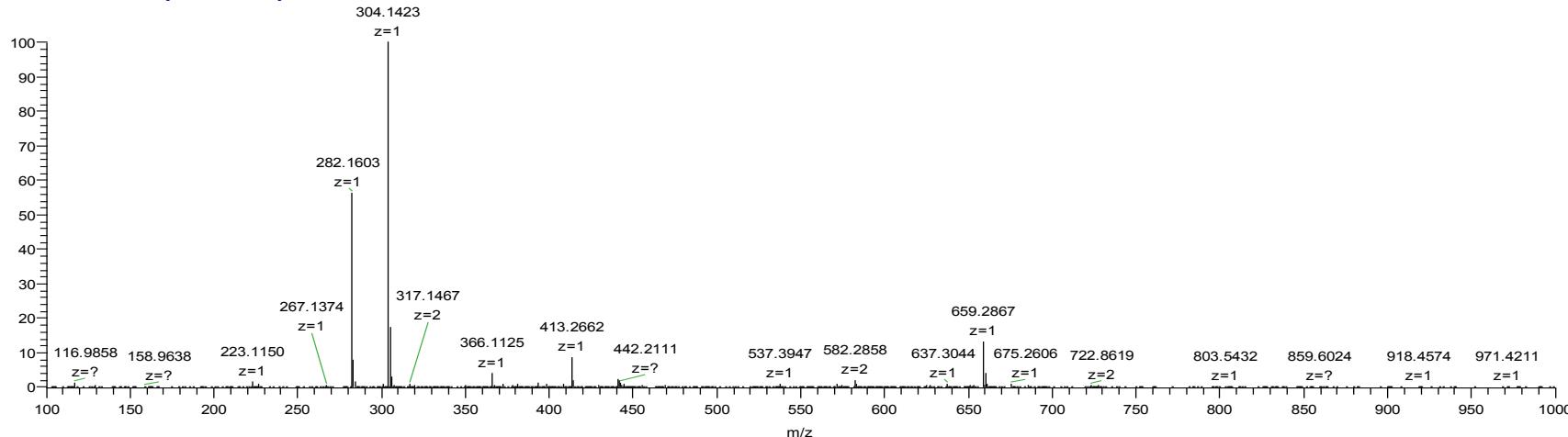


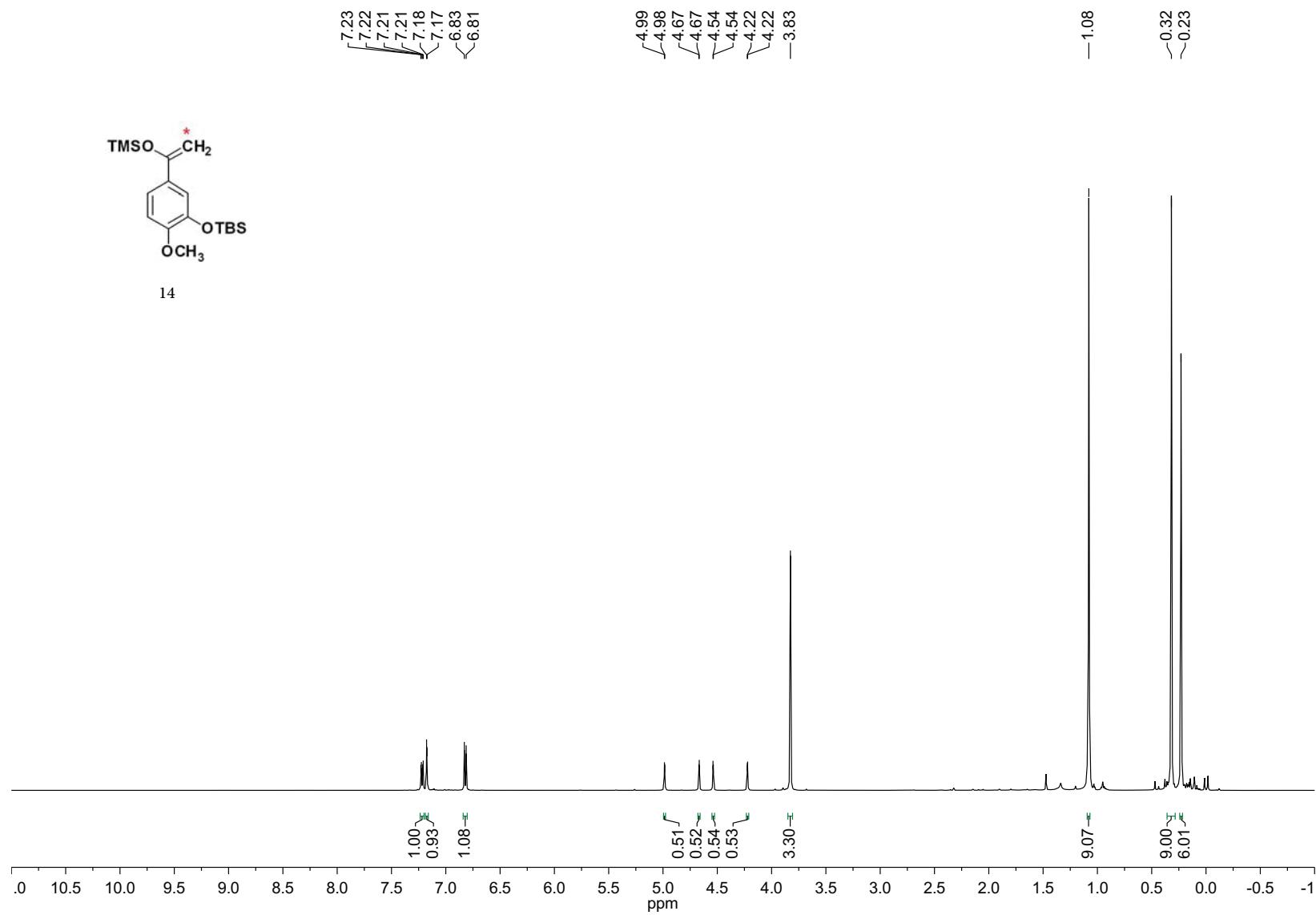
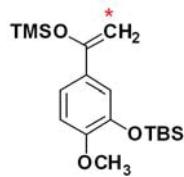
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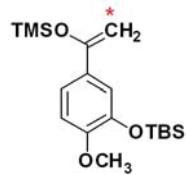
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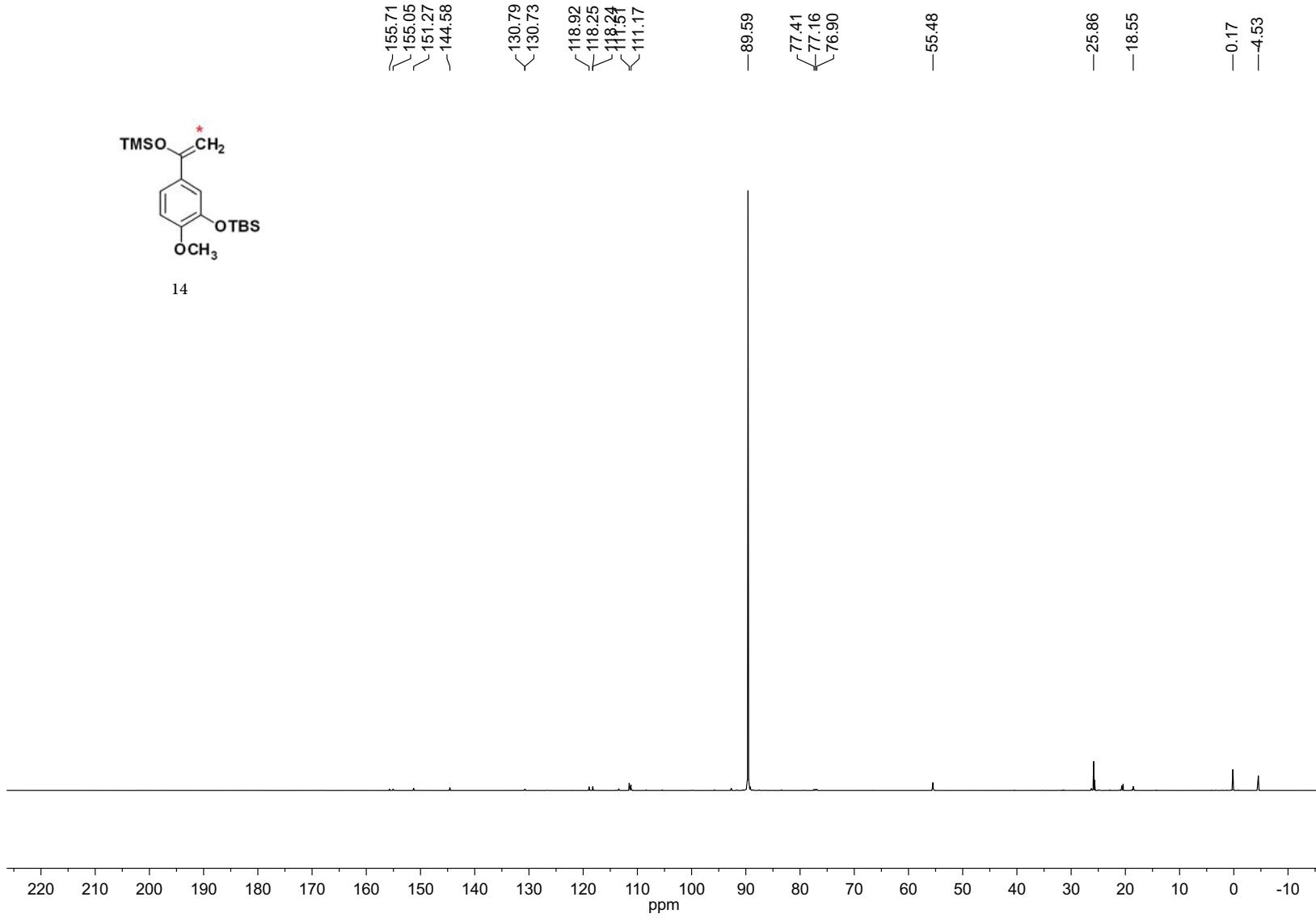
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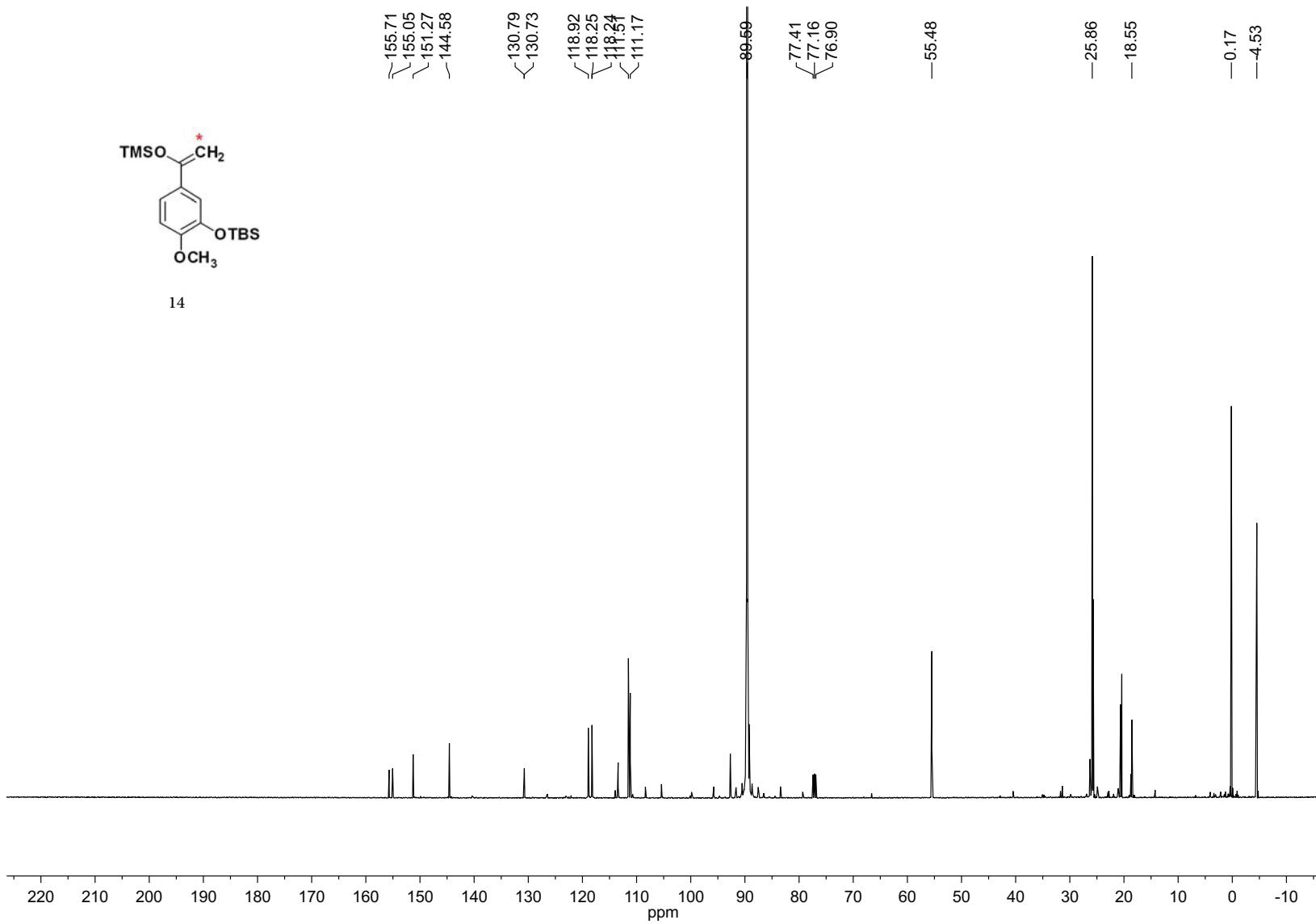
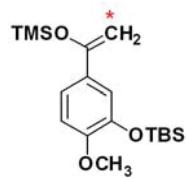


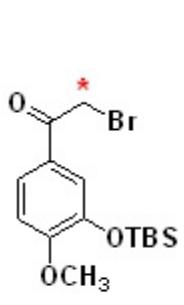




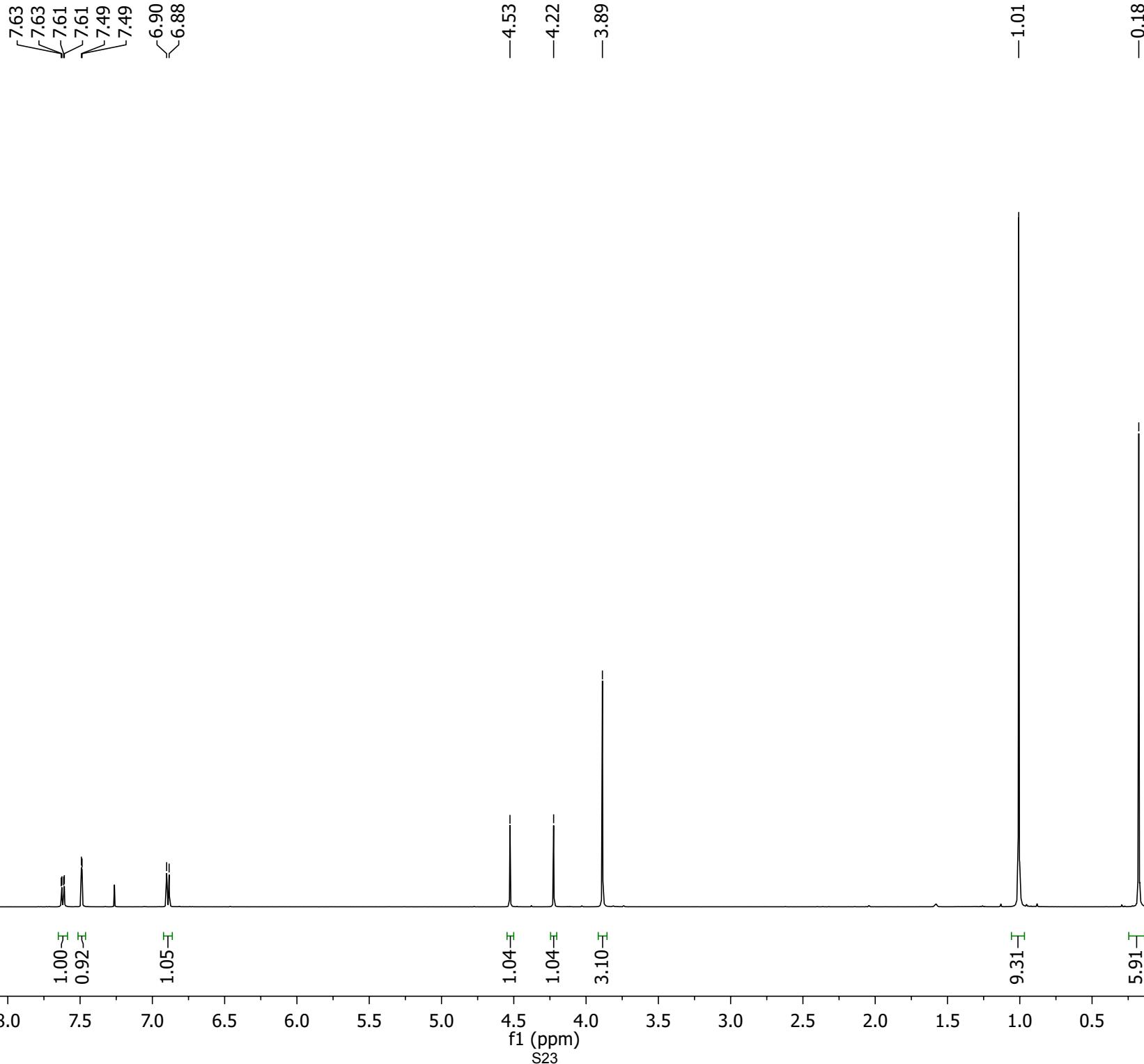
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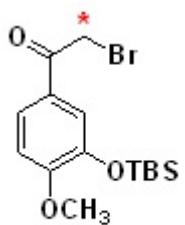






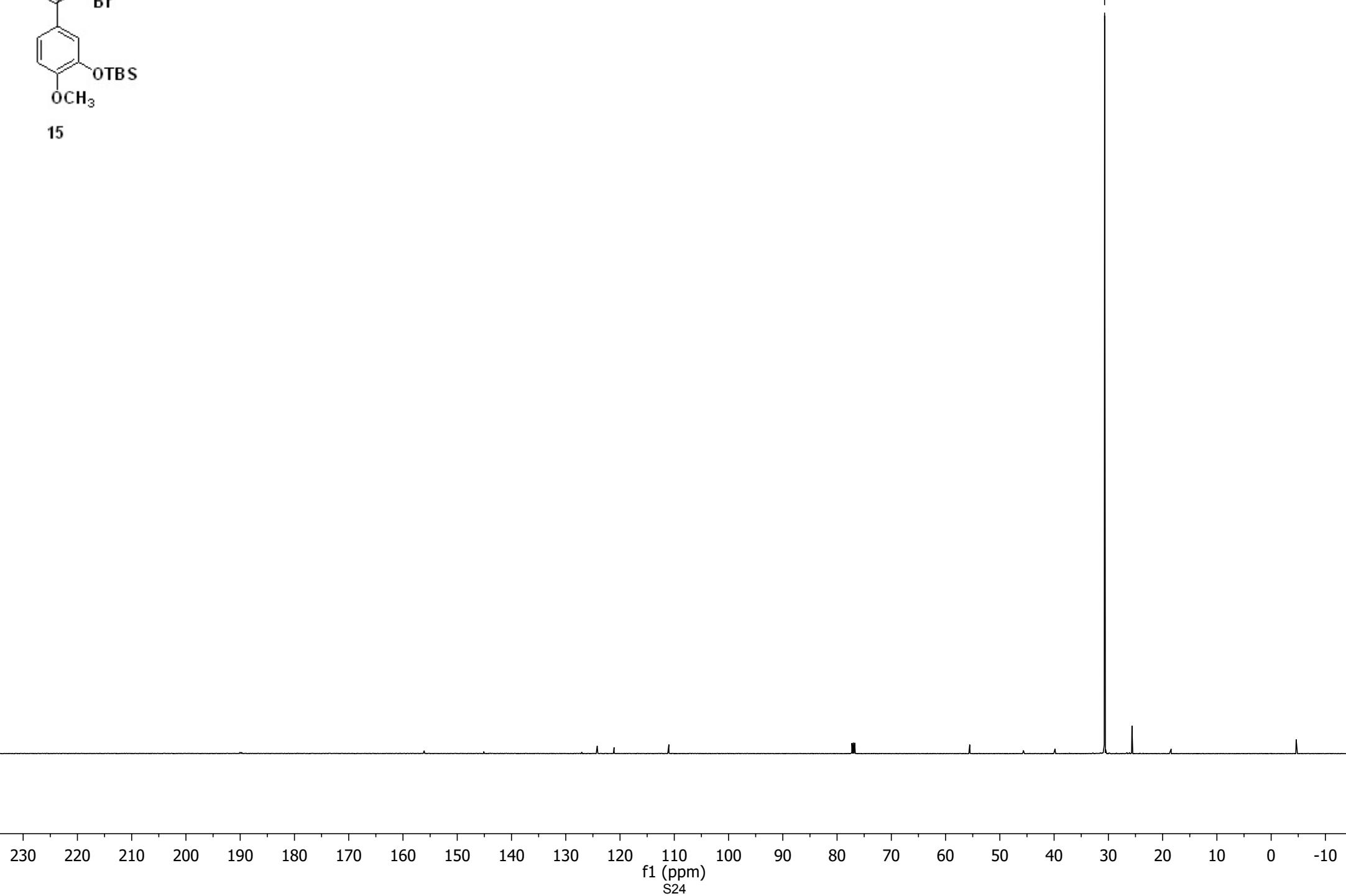
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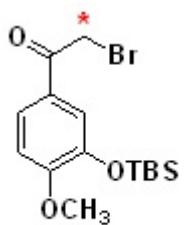
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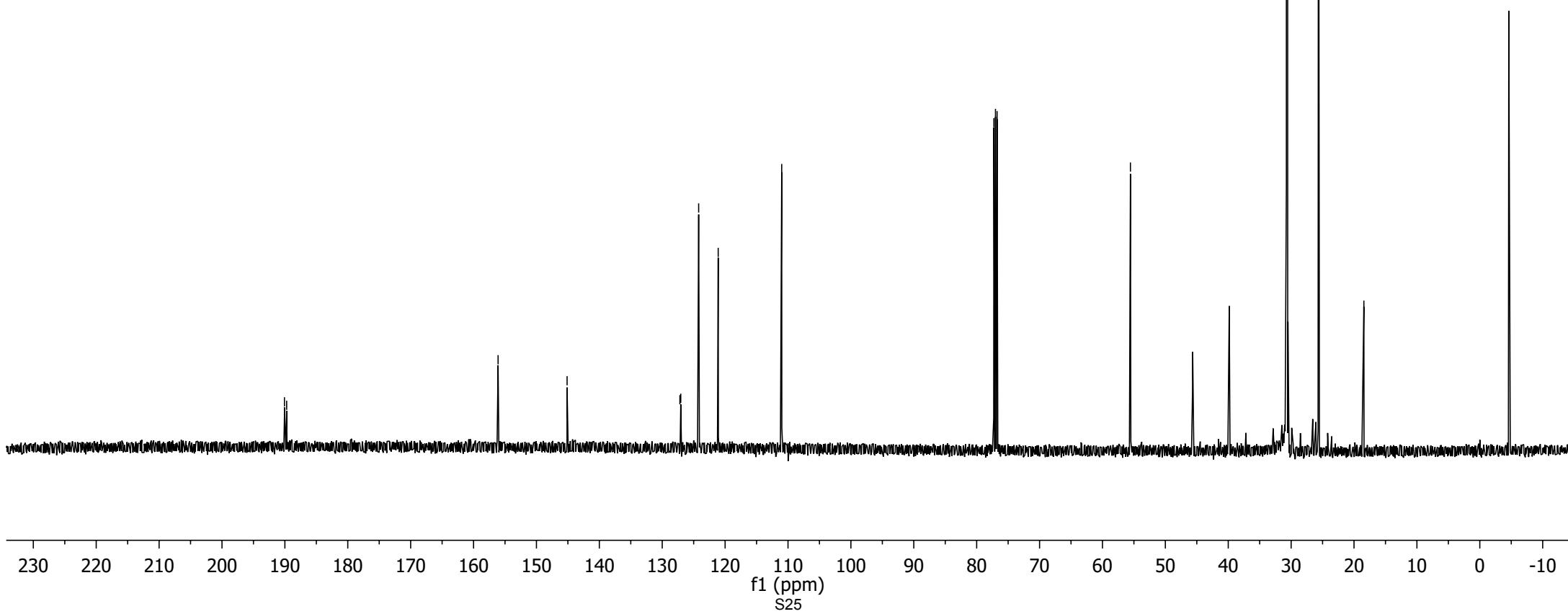


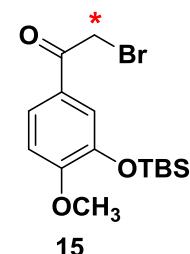
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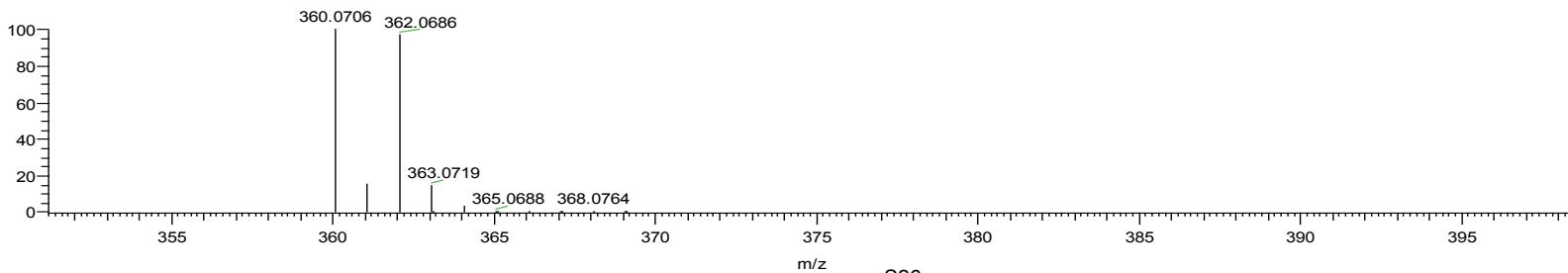
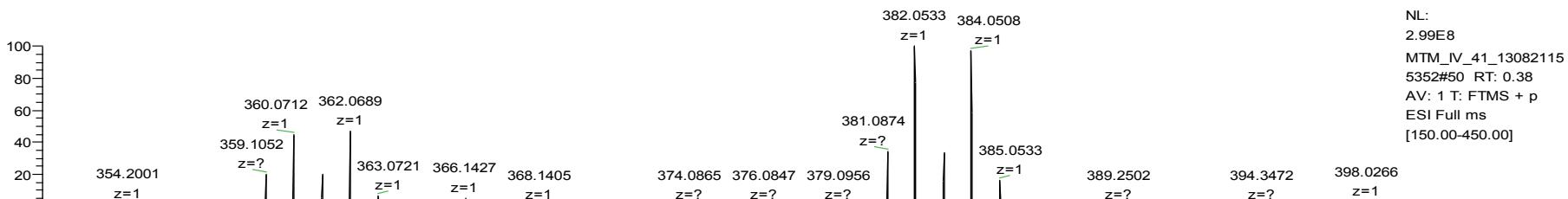
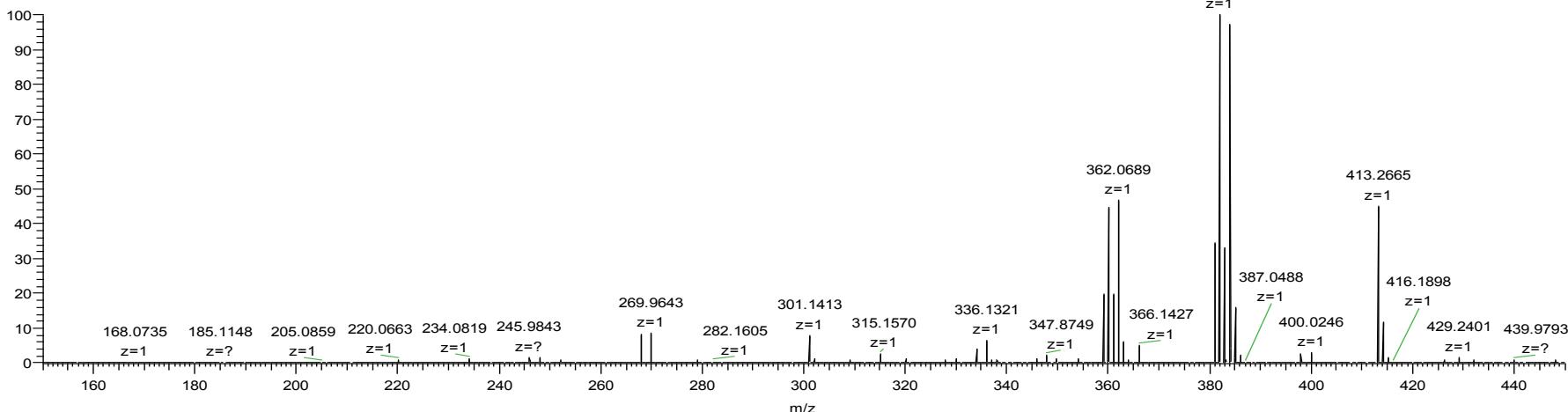


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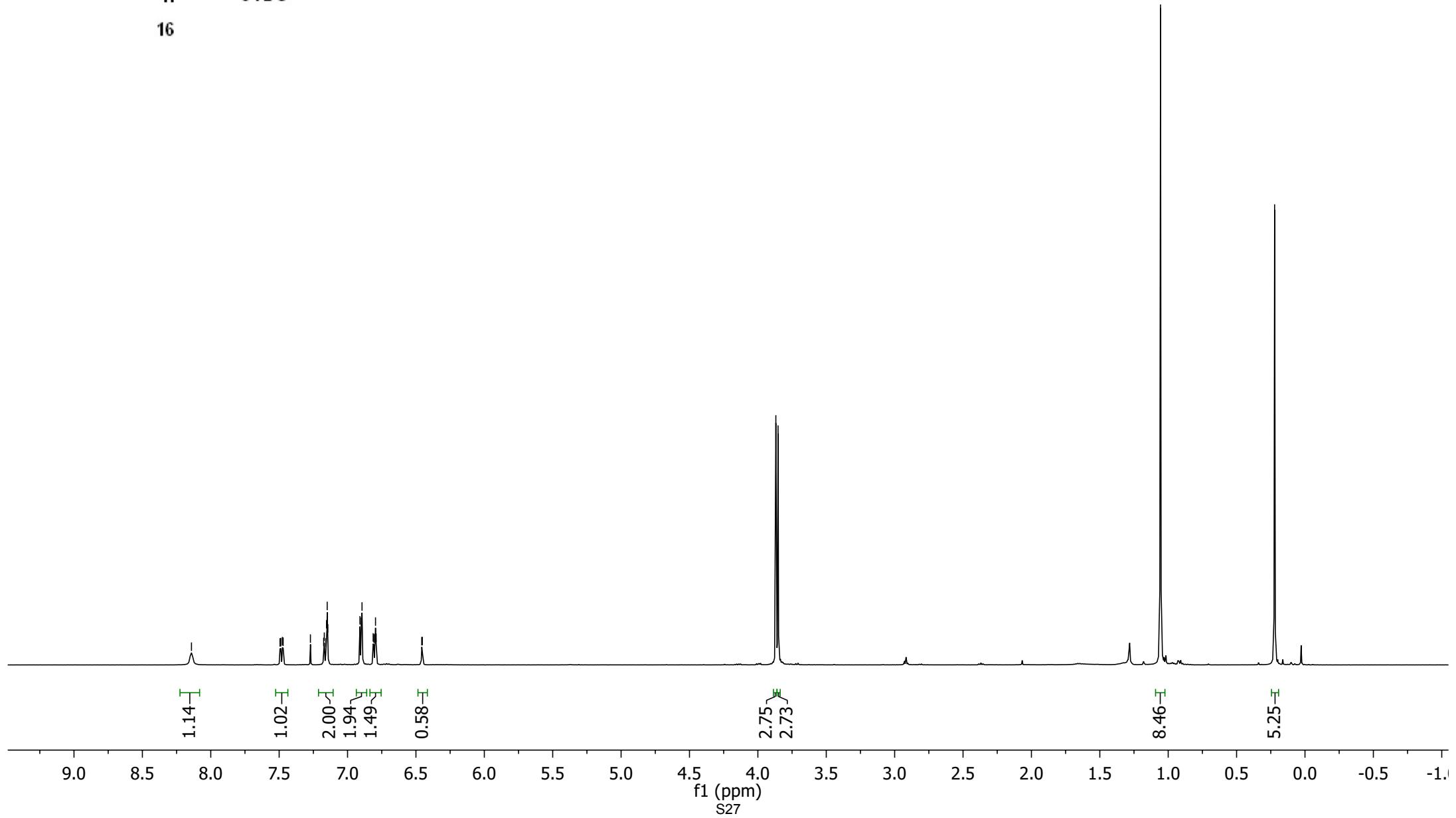
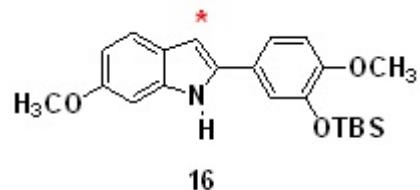
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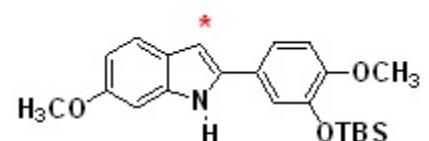
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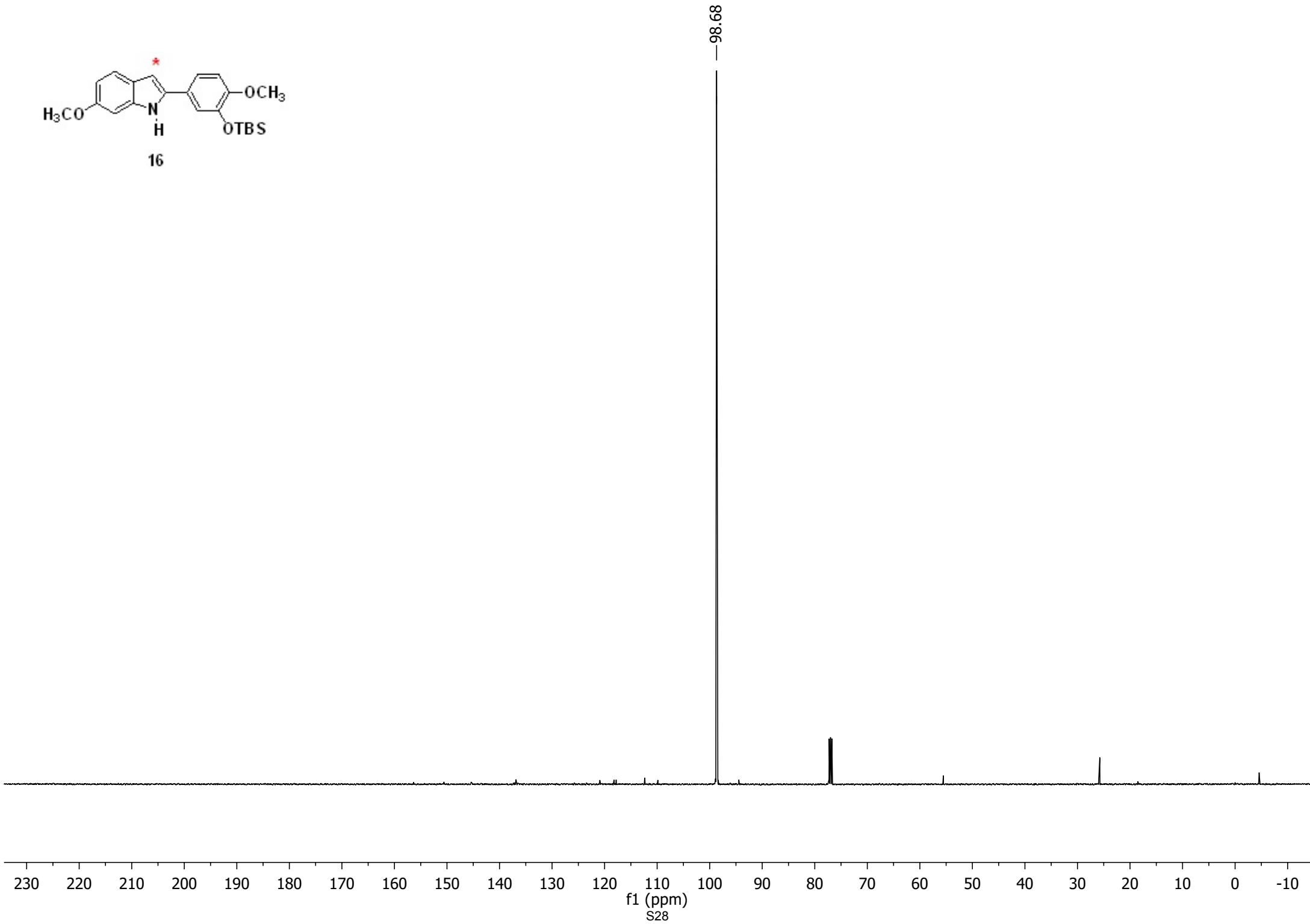
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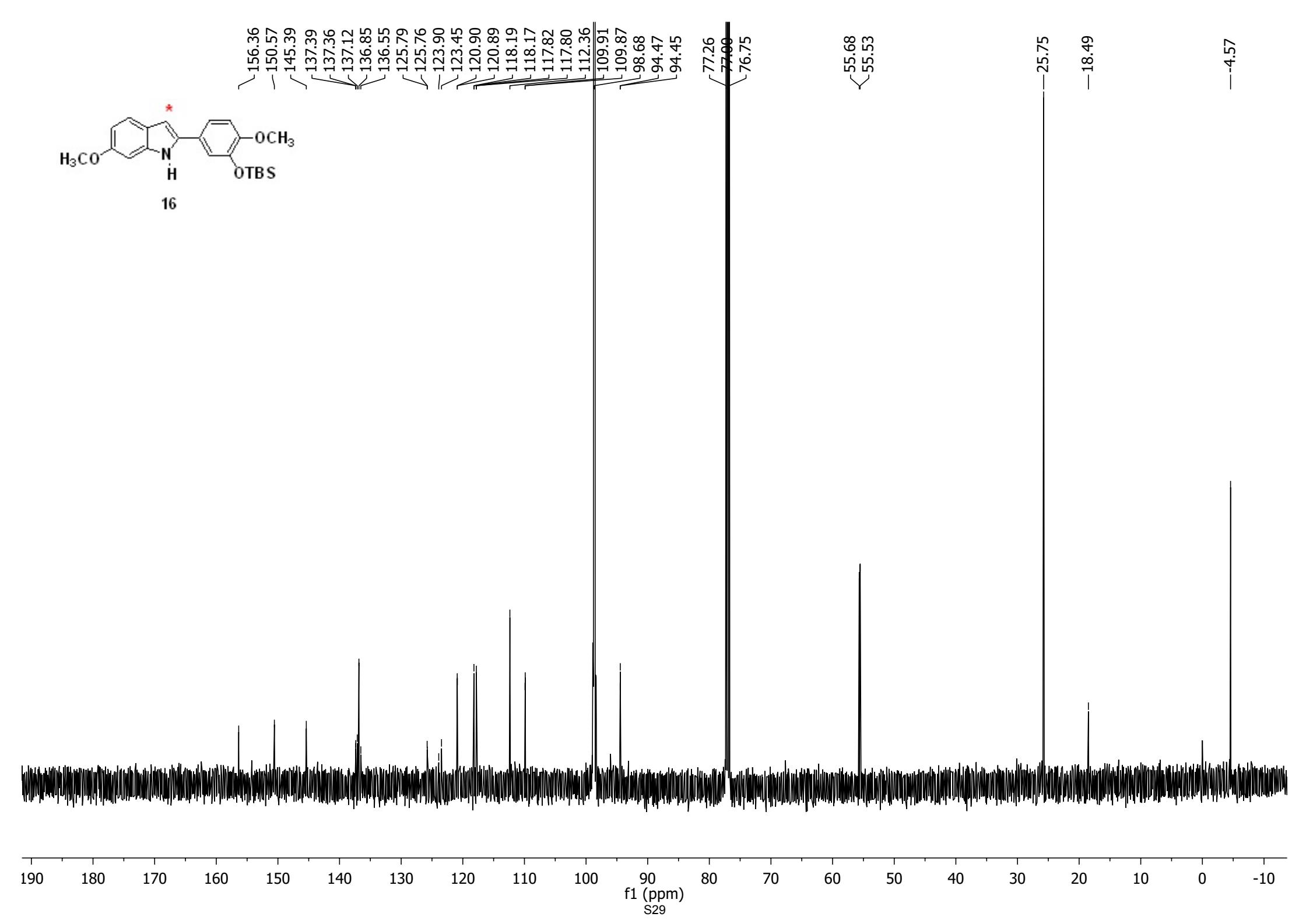




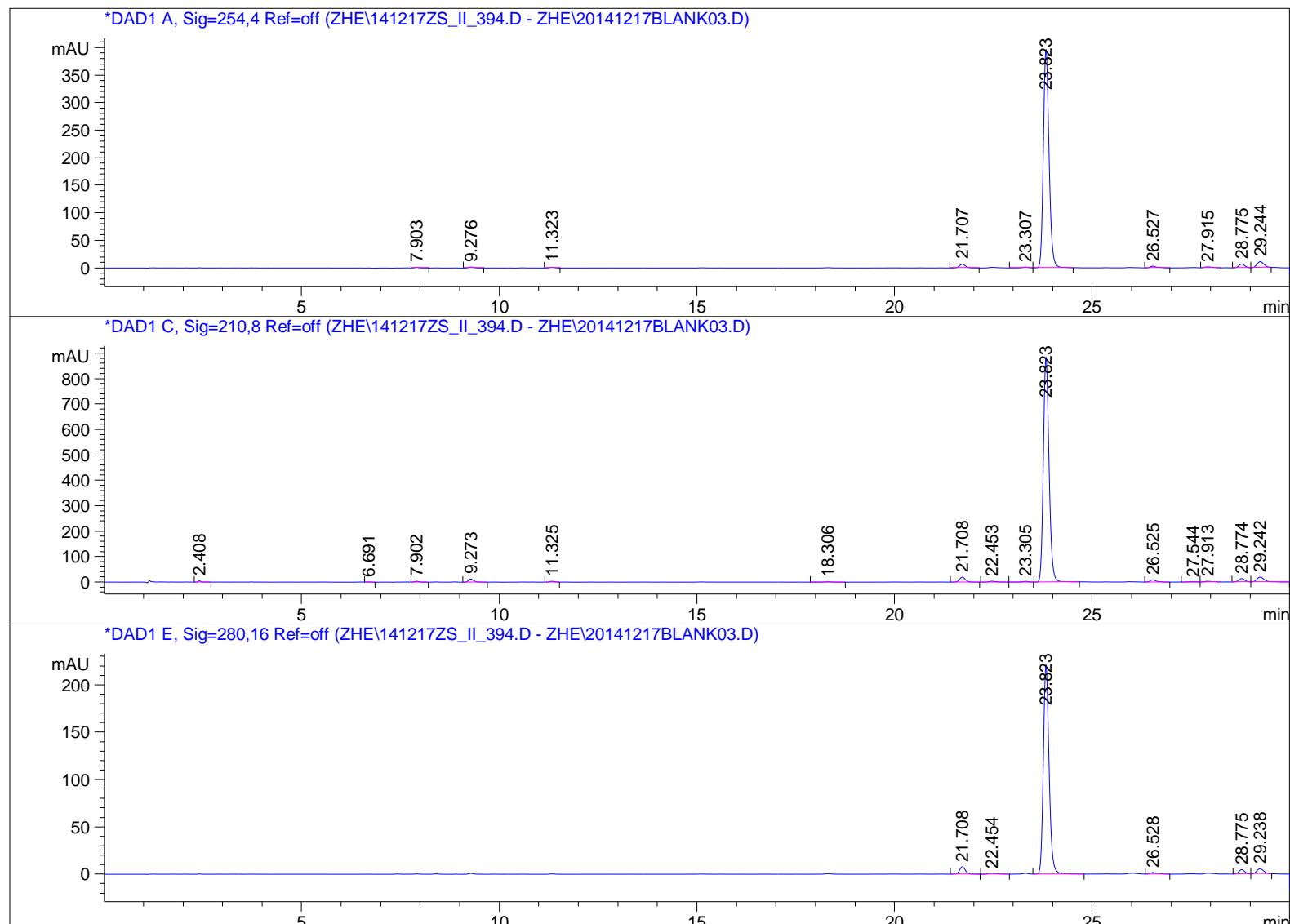
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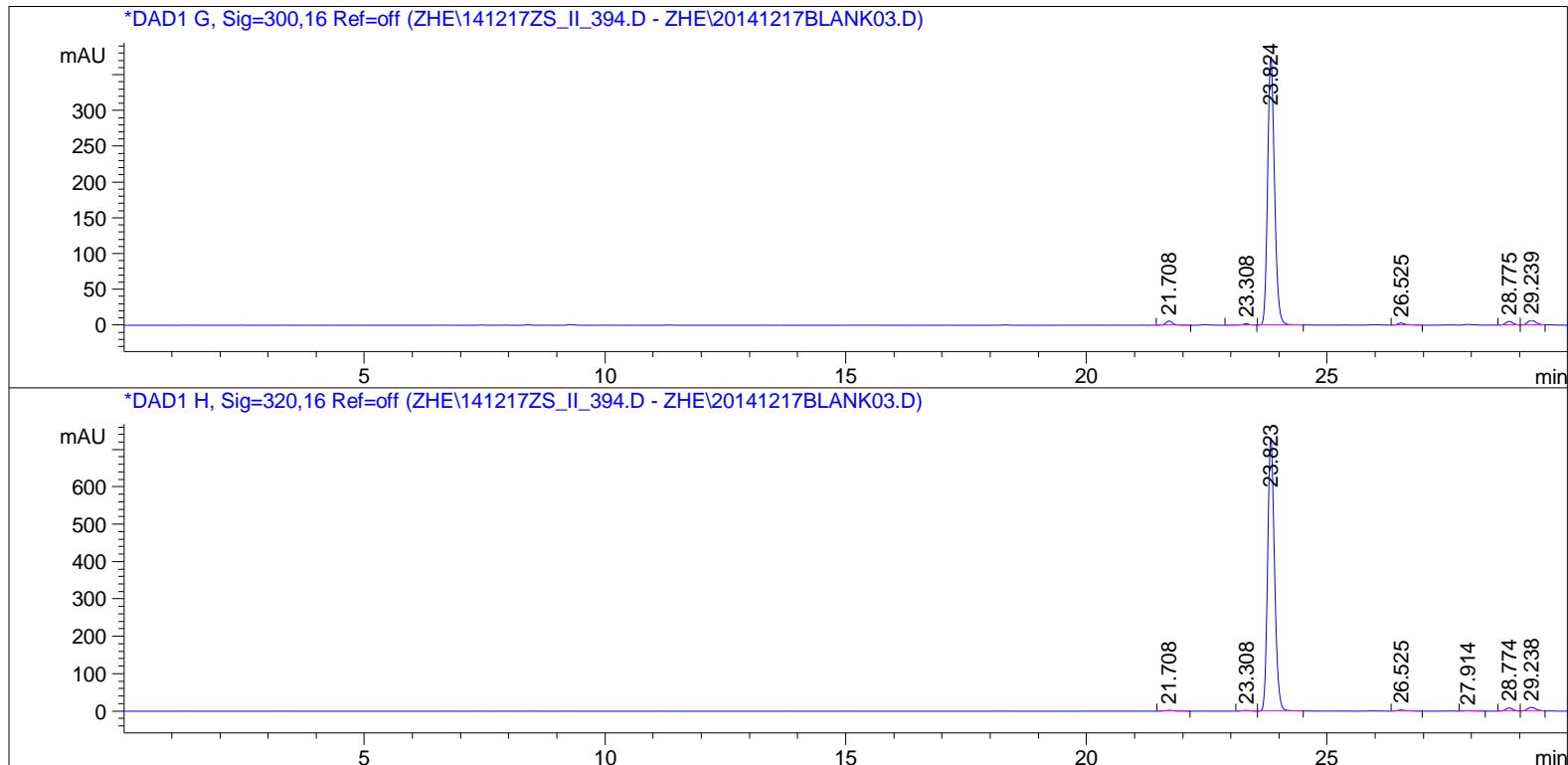




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4	26.528	BB	0.1712	19.06033	1.62073	0.7795
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2	23.308	BB	0.1493	18.53098	1.90773	0.4666
3	23.824	BB	0.1539	3725.80444	375.04620	93.8063

Sample Name: C13indole

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4	26.525	BB	0.1657	34.37233	3.04487	0.8654
5	28.775	BB	0.1619	55.19741	5.28453	1.3897
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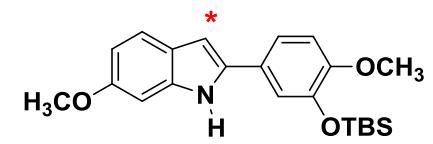
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5	27.914	BB	0.1906	13.79213	1.09783	0.1828
6	28.774	BB	0.1616	87.57129	8.40103	1.1605
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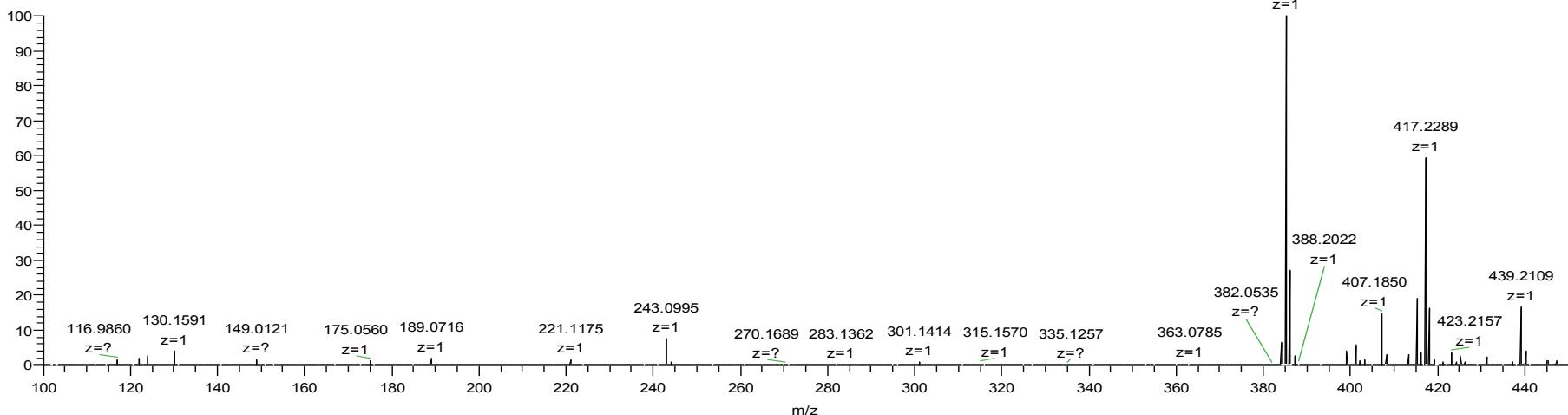
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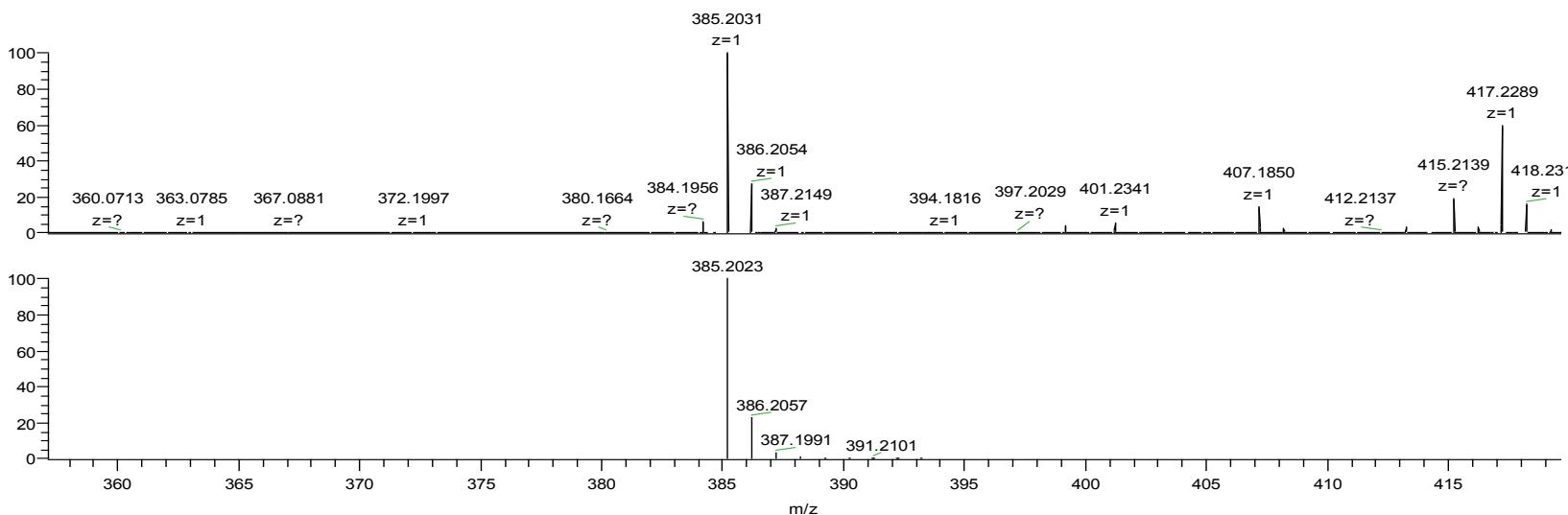
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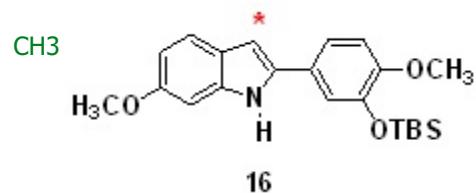


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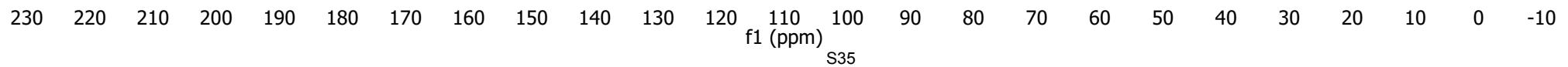


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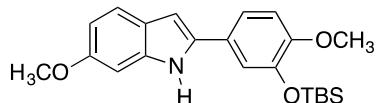
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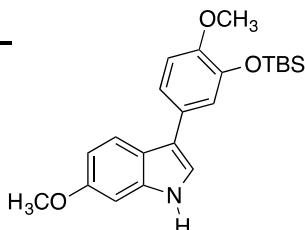
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Values for Possible Indole Regioisomers**

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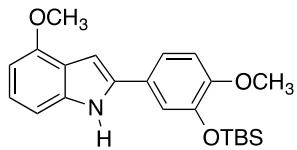


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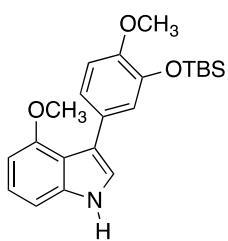


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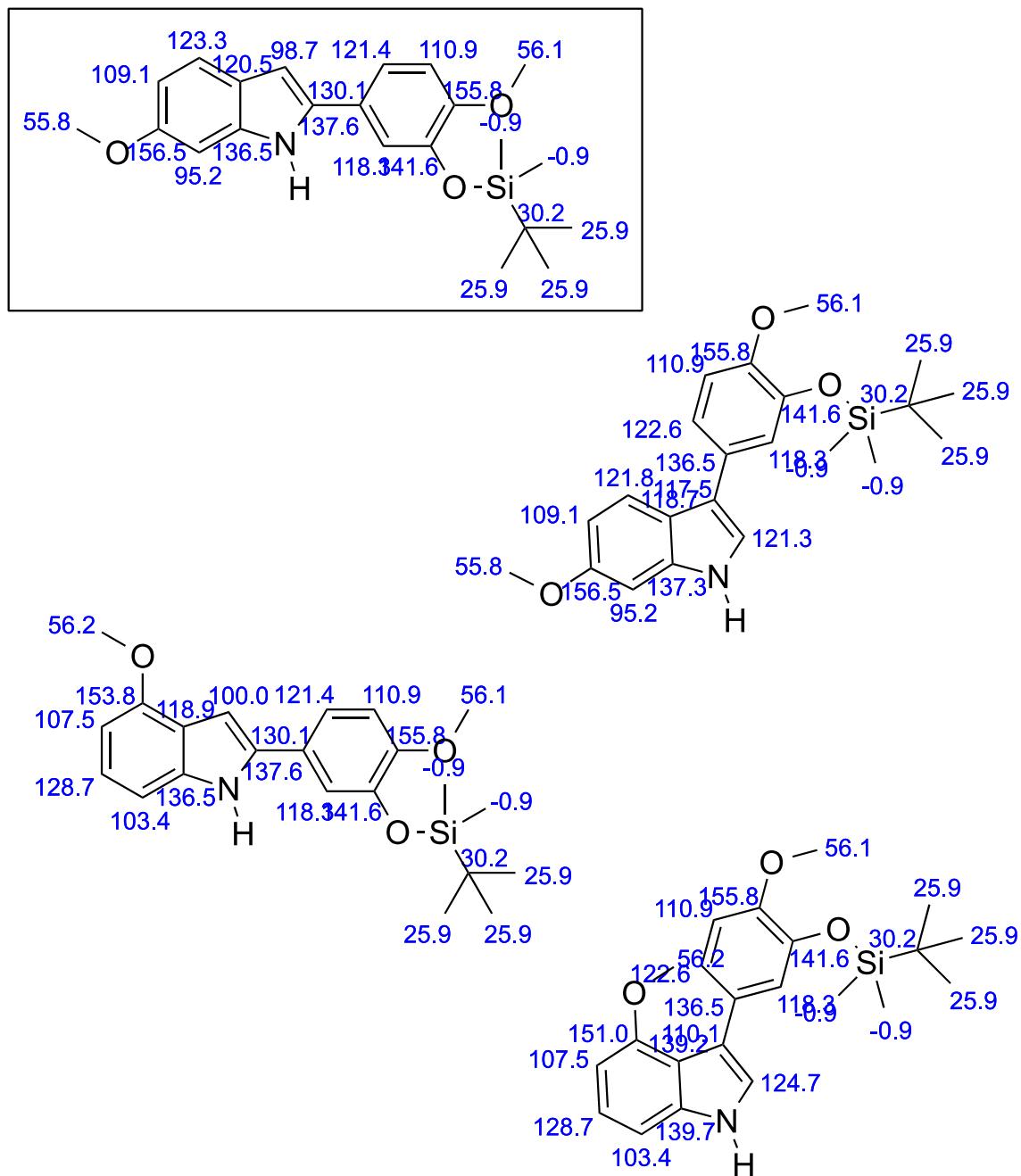


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¹³C-NMR Predicted (ChemBioDraw, Version 13.0.2.3020) Chemical Shifts for Possible Indole Regioisomers



X-ray Crystallographic Data for ^{13}C Labeled Indole 16

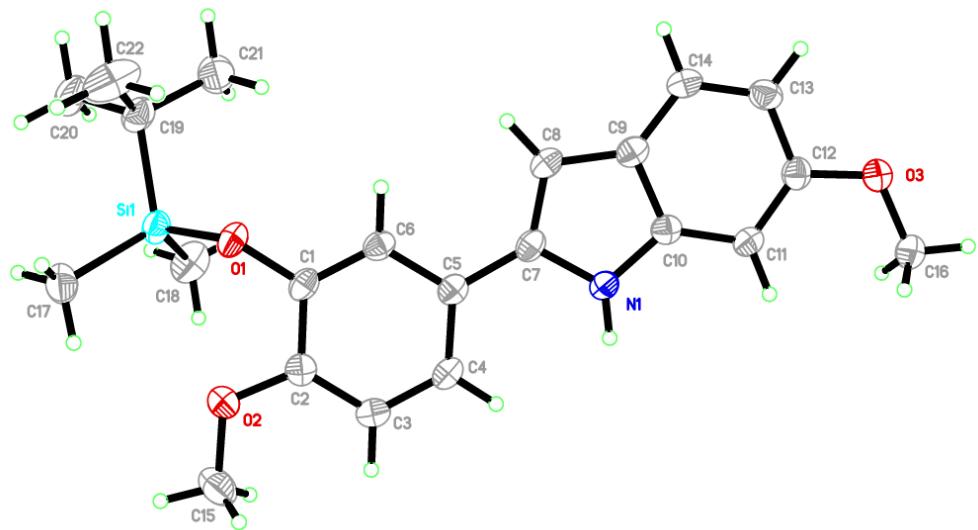
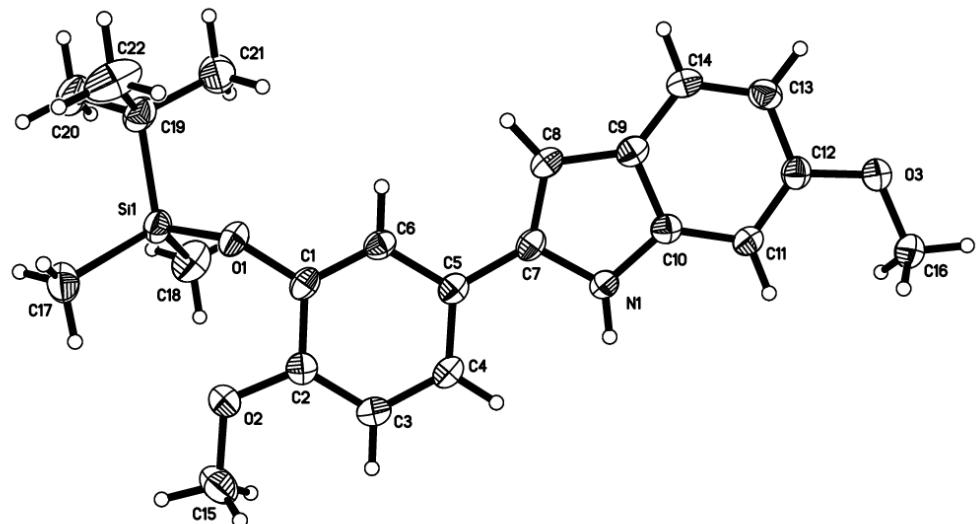


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for Indole **16**.

Identification code	kp66		
Empirical formula	C22 H29 N O3 Si		
Formula weight	383.55		
Temperature	150(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P2(1)/c		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 12.5182(6)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.	
	$b = 23.1476(10)$ Å	$\beta = 100.7843(17)^\circ$.	
	$c = 7.5208(3)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.	
Volume	$2140.79(16)$ Å ³		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.190 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.130 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	824		
Crystal size	0.38 x 0.16 x 0.12 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	2.42 to 26.85°.		
Index ranges	-15≤h≤15, -29≤k≤25, -9≤l≤9		
Reflections collected	25973		
Independent reflections	4565 [R(int) = 0.0410]		
Completeness to theta = 26.85°	99.4 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.9843 and 0.9526		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	4565 / 0 / 251		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.569		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0419, wR2 = 0.1071		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0590, wR2 = 0.1115		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.307 and -0.225 e.Å ⁻³		

Table S2. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for indole **16**. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
Si(1)	-2359(1)	615(1)	10812(1)	28(1)
O(1)	-1718(1)	1161(1)	9999(1)	29(1)
O(2)	-1373(1)	1655(1)	13280(1)	33(1)
O(3)	5990(1)	2021(1)	6358(1)	33(1)
N(1)	2891(1)	1943(1)	9526(2)	25(1)
C(1)	-729(1)	1406(1)	10656(2)	25(1)
C(2)	-534(1)	1682(1)	12347(2)	25(1)
C(3)	451(1)	1958(1)	12936(2)	27(1)
C(4)	1238(1)	1962(1)	11862(2)	27(1)
C(5)	1069(1)	1687(1)	10190(2)	23(1)
C(6)	65(1)	1405(1)	9622(2)	25(1)
C(7)	1881(1)	1681(1)	9018(2)	24(1)
C(8)	1838(1)	1437(1)	7346(2)	26(1)
C(9)	2848(1)	1544(1)	6794(2)	25(1)
C(10)	3495(1)	1863(1)	8189(2)	24(1)
C(11)	4555(1)	2038(1)	8135(2)	25(1)
C(12)	4965(1)	1880(1)	6621(2)	26(1)
C(13)	4339(1)	1563(1)	5201(2)	29(1)
C(14)	3297(1)	1398(1)	5277(2)	29(1)
C(15)	-1193(1)	1901(1)	15046(2)	45(1)
C(16)	6666(1)	2332(1)	7773(2)	38(1)
C(17)	-3537(1)	901(1)	11724(2)	45(1)
C(18)	-1395(1)	230(1)	12588(2)	45(1)
C(19)	-2826(1)	149(1)	8766(2)	34(1)
C(20)	-3455(1)	-377(1)	9276(2)	43(1)
C(21)	-1833(2)	-63(1)	8029(3)	57(1)
C(22)	-3569(2)	496(1)	7300(3)	59(1)

Table S3. Bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$] for indole **16**.

Si(1)-O(1)	1.6721(10)
Si(1)-C(18)	1.8536(16)
Si(1)-C(17)	1.8602(16)
Si(1)-C(19)	1.8804(16)
O(1)-C(1)	1.3674(16)
O(2)-C(2)	1.3690(17)
O(2)-C(15)	1.4236(18)
O(3)-C(12)	1.3744(17)
O(3)-C(16)	1.4253(17)
N(1)-C(10)	1.3785(17)
N(1)-C(7)	1.3892(17)
C(1)-C(6)	1.3717(19)
C(1)-C(2)	1.403(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.386(2)
C(3)-C(4)	1.385(2)
C(4)-C(5)	1.3909(19)
C(5)-C(6)	1.4090(19)
C(5)-C(7)	1.4651(19)
C(7)-C(8)	1.3703(19)
C(8)-C(9)	1.4244(19)
C(9)-C(14)	1.404(2)
C(9)-C(10)	1.4078(19)
C(10)-C(11)	1.3953(19)
C(11)-C(12)	1.382(2)
C(12)-C(13)	1.4077(19)
C(13)-C(14)	1.371(2)
C(19)-C(22)	1.531(2)
C(19)-C(21)	1.533(2)
C(19)-C(20)	1.538(2)
O(1)-Si(1)-C(18)	109.52(6)
O(1)-Si(1)-C(17)	109.55(7)
C(18)-Si(1)-C(17)	111.09(8)
O(1)-Si(1)-C(19)	103.37(6)

C(18)-Si(1)-C(19)	111.97(8)
C(17)-Si(1)-C(19)	111.05(7)
C(1)-O(1)-Si(1)	130.24(9)
C(2)-O(2)-C(15)	117.18(12)
C(12)-O(3)-C(16)	116.89(11)
C(10)-N(1)-C(7)	109.62(12)
O(1)-C(1)-C(6)	119.82(12)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	120.58(13)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	119.54(13)
O(2)-C(2)-C(3)	125.42(13)
O(2)-C(2)-C(1)	115.06(12)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	119.52(14)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	120.28(14)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	121.31(13)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	117.51(13)
C(4)-C(5)-C(7)	122.88(13)
C(6)-C(5)-C(7)	119.61(12)
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	121.83(13)
C(8)-C(7)-N(1)	108.04(12)
C(8)-C(7)-C(5)	130.01(13)
N(1)-C(7)-C(5)	121.95(12)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	108.10(12)
C(14)-C(9)-C(10)	118.06(13)
C(14)-C(9)-C(8)	134.94(13)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	106.99(12)
N(1)-C(10)-C(11)	129.53(13)
N(1)-C(10)-C(9)	107.25(12)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	123.21(13)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	116.66(13)
O(3)-C(12)-C(11)	123.82(13)
O(3)-C(12)-C(13)	114.63(12)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	121.54(13)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	120.84(13)
C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	119.67(13)
C(22)-C(19)-C(21)	109.39(15)
C(22)-C(19)-C(20)	108.96(13)

C(21)-C(19)-C(20)	108.91(13)
C(22)-C(19)-Si(1)	110.02(11)
C(21)-C(19)-Si(1)	109.30(11)
C(20)-C(19)-Si(1)	110.23(11)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Table S4. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for indole **16**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{23}	U^{13}	U^{12}
Si(1)	24(1)	25(1)	35(1)	0(1)	7(1)	-4(1)
O(1)	25(1)	29(1)	32(1)	1(1)	2(1)	-7(1)
O(2)	31(1)	35(1)	35(1)	-7(1)	12(1)	-2(1)
O(3)	28(1)	38(1)	33(1)	-6(1)	10(1)	-6(1)
N(1)	26(1)	25(1)	24(1)	-2(1)	4(1)	-4(1)
C(1)	24(1)	18(1)	30(1)	3(1)	1(1)	-3(1)
C(2)	27(1)	22(1)	28(1)	2(1)	6(1)	1(1)
C(3)	30(1)	26(1)	25(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	0(1)
C(4)	24(1)	24(1)	30(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	-4(1)
C(5)	25(1)	19(1)	25(1)	4(1)	2(1)	-1(1)
C(6)	29(1)	20(1)	24(1)	1(1)	2(1)	-3(1)
C(7)	23(1)	19(1)	28(1)	3(1)	1(1)	-2(1)
C(8)	25(1)	21(1)	29(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)
C(9)	28(1)	19(1)	26(1)	1(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(10)	29(1)	18(1)	24(1)	2(1)	4(1)	0(1)
C(11)	26(1)	22(1)	27(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	-2(1)
C(12)	28(1)	23(1)	29(1)	3(1)	6(1)	0(1)
C(13)	34(1)	26(1)	28(1)	-3(1)	9(1)	2(1)
C(14)	32(1)	25(1)	28(1)	-5(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(15)	38(1)	67(1)	32(1)	-5(1)	10(1)	9(1)
C(16)	30(1)	45(1)	42(1)	-10(1)	12(1)	-10(1)
C(17)	36(1)	46(1)	58(1)	-10(1)	19(1)	-9(1)
C(18)	47(1)	36(1)	48(1)	10(1)	0(1)	-4(1)
C(19)	32(1)	26(1)	42(1)	-3(1)	6(1)	-7(1)
C(20)	35(1)	32(1)	60(1)	-4(1)	6(1)	-8(1)
C(21)	54(1)	50(1)	75(1)	-29(1)	29(1)	-18(1)
C(22)	77(2)	43(1)	48(1)	0(1)	-14(1)	-12(1)

NOTE:

Crystallographic data for ^{13}C labeled indole regioisomer **16** presented in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC deposition number 1041417). Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK, (fax: +44-(0)1223-336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.Uk).