

Photochemical synthesis of 3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-diones from 2-formylaryl acrylates

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S1. Reagents and methods.

NMR spectra ¹H, ¹³C, C-H HSQC, C-H HMBC were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 800 and Bruker Fourier 300 instruments. Chemical shifts were reported relative to solvents residue peaks (2.50 ppm for ¹H and 39.52 ppm for ¹³C in DMSO-*d*₆ and 7.26 ppm for ¹H and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C in CDCl₃).

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) spectra were recorded on TripleTOF 5600+ system using electrospray ionization (ESI).

Melting points were measured on a SMP 30 apparatus.

Photoinduced processes were performed on EvoluChem™ PhotoRedOx box. 365 nm (LG, HCK1012-01-006, 25 mW/cm²), 380 nm (LG, HCK1012-01-013, 8 mW/cm²), 405 nm (LG, HCK1012-01-010, 28 mW/cm²) and 425 nm (EPILED, HCK1012-01-012, 33 mW/cm²) light-emitting diode (LED) lamps from EvoluChem™ were used.

Absorption spectrum of 2-formylphenylacrylate **1a** was recorded on a Cary 100 Bio spectrophotometer (Varian, United States) using a 200 μM solution in dry DMSO. Spectrum processing was performed using OriginPro 8.6 software (<https://www.originlab.com/>).

Commercially available reagents were used without additional purification. E. Merck Kieselgel 60 was used for column chromatography. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60 F254 aluminium plates (MERCK).

2-Formylphenylacrylate **1a**,^{S1} and 2-formylphenyl-(E)-but-2-enoate **1f**,^{S2} were obtained according to previously proposed protocols and their spectral data correspond to those described.

S2. Experiments with radical quenching reagents.

Compound **1a** (15 mg, 0.09 mmol) was dissolved in 3 mL of DMSO-*d*₆ in a Schlenk vessel. The mixture was degassed under vacuum and filled with argon three times. Next, parts of the solution (0.65 mL) were transferred to three argon-filled NMR tubes and sealed. (2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxidanyl (TEMPO, 6 mg, 0.04 mmol) was added to one tube, butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT, 8 mg, 0.04 mmol) was added to the second, and the last tube was used without additives. NMR tubes with

these solutions were sealed and irradiated with 365 nm LED lamp in EvoluChem™ PhotoRedOx box. The mixtures were analyzed by ¹H NMR.

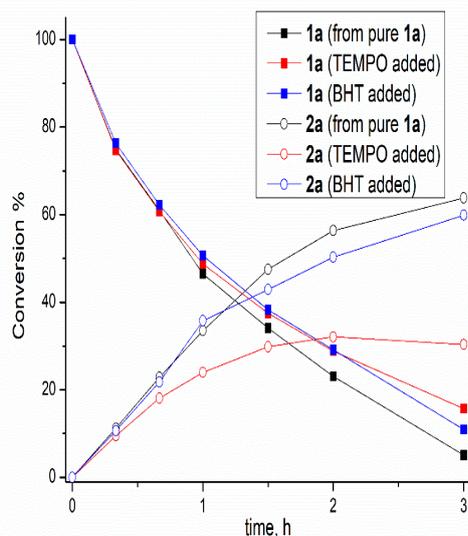
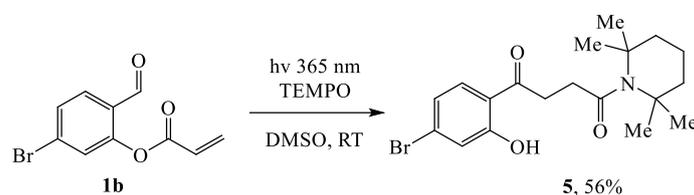


Figure S1. Kinetic study of **1a** phototransformation with BHT and TEMPO.



Compound **1b** (100 mg, 0.39 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of DMSO under inert atmosphere and TEMPO (244 mg, 1.56 mmol, 5 eq.) was added. The obtained solution was irradiated with 365 nm LED lamp with stirring for 24 hours. After the reaction completion, the mixture was dissolved in 100 mL of EtOAc, washed with saturated KCl solution (5×50 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (eluent hexane–EtOAc 3:1 v/v).

1-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-4-(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)butane-1,4-dione 5: Yield 69 mg (56%), colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆), δ : 11.70 (1H, s, OH), 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, Ar), 7.22 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, Ar), 7.15 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, Ar), 3.36 – 3.40 (2H, m, CO-CH₂-CH₂), 2.7 (2H, t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, CO-CH₂-CH₂), 1.35 – 1.55 (6H, m, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 1.06 (6H, s, CH₃), 0.95 (6H, s, CH₃).

S3. Optimization of wavelength.

Compound **1a** (20 mg, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in 4 mL of DMSO-*d*₆ in a Schlenk vessel. The mixture was degassed under vacuum and filled with argon three times. Next, 0.65 mL portions of the solution were transferred to four argon flushed NMR tube and sealed. The mixtures were analyzed by ¹H NMR (initial point). The NMR tubes with this solution were irradiated with different LED lamps (365, 380, 405, and 425 nm separately) in EvoluChem™ PhotoRedOx box for an hour. The mixtures were analyzed by ¹H NMR.

Table S1. Yield of **2a** at different wavelengths

Wavelength, nm	Yield 2a , %	Remained 1a , %
365	33	46
380	20	69
405	0	98
425	0	100

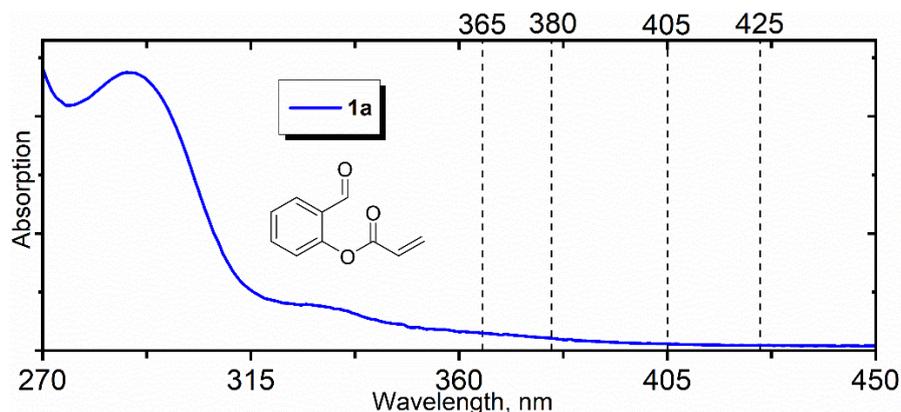
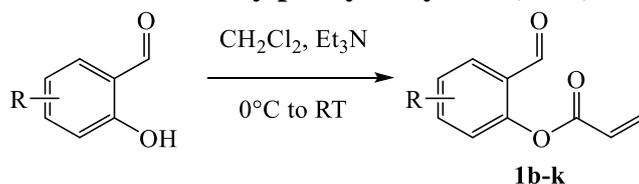


Figure S2. The absorption spectrum of compound **1a**. Irradiation wavelengths are marked with dashed lines.

S4. General synthetic procedure for 2-formylphenyl acrylates (**1b-k**).^{S1}



The corresponding 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (2.5 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL), and cooled to 0°C . Triethylamine (0.38 g, 3.75 mmol, 0.52 mL) and acryloyl chloride (0.34 g, 3.75 mmol, 0.31 mL) were added subsequently. The resulted mixture was stirred at room temperature for two hours. Next, the reaction mixtures were diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL), washed with water (100 mL) and dried over Na_2SO_4 . All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (eluent hexane and EtOAc mixtures, 9:1 for compounds **1b-d**, **1f-k**, and 3:1 for compound **1e**).

5-Bromo-2-formylphenyl acrylate 1b: Yield 592 mg (93%), white solid, m.p. $69\text{--}71^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (800 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ : 10.00 (1H, s, CHO), 7.86 (1H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 7.75 (1H, dd, $J = 8.2$, 1.7 Hz, H-4 Ar), 7.73 (1H, d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, H-6 Ar), 6.57 (1H, dd, $J = 17.3$, 1.0 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.44 (1H, dd, $J = 17.3$, 10.5 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.21 (1H, $J = 10.5$, 1.0 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ : 189.0 (CHO), 163.7 (COOAr), 151.0 (Ar), 134.5 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 132.6 (Ar), 130.0 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 127.0 (Ar), 126.9 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$). HRMS (ESI), m/z : 308.9737 [$\text{M}+\text{Na}+\text{MeOH}$] $^+$, (calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrNaO}_4^+$, m/z : 308.9733).

4-Ethyl-2-formylphenyl acrylate 1c: Yield 475 mg (93%), colorless oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ : 10.02 (1H, s, CHO), 7.77 (1H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 7.62 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$, 2.2 Hz, H-5 Ar), 7.27 (1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H-6 Ar), 6.57 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2$, 1.7 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.46 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2$, 9.9 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.19 (1H, dd, $J = 9.9$, 1.7 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 2.71 (2H, q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.22 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH_2CH_3). NMR ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ : 189.7 (CHO), 164.2 (COOAr), 148.7 (Ar), 142.4 (Ar), 135.0 (Ar), 133.9 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 130.2 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 127.3 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 123.5 (Ar), 27.3 (CH_2CH_3), 15.3 (CH_2CH_3). HRMS (ESI), m/z : 219.1019 [$\text{M}+\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$] $^+$, (calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3^+$, m/z : 219.1016).

4-Bromo-2-formyl-6-methoxyphenyl acrylate 1d: Yield 600 mg (84%), yellow solid, m.p. $85\text{--}87^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (800 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ : 10.01 (1H, s, CHO), 7.72 (1H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 7.63 (1H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, H-5 Ar), 6.59 (1H, dd, $J = 17.3$, 1.0 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.47 (1H, dd, $J = 17.3$, 10.5 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.23 (1H, dd, $J = 10.5$, 1.0 Hz, $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 3.88 (3H, s, CH_3). NMR ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 187.1 (CHO), 163.5 (COOAr), 152.7 (Ar), 141.3 (Ar), 134.2 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 130.2 (Ar), 126.6 ($\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 123.1 (Ar), 121.0 (Ar), 120.2 (Ar), 56.8 (OCH_3). HRMS (ESI), m/z : 284.9759 [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$, (calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrO}_4^+$, m/z : 284.9757).

2-Formyl-4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)phenyl acrylate 1e: Yield 407 mg (64%), yellow solid, m.p. $129\text{--}131^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (800 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ : 10.17 (1H, s, CHO), 8.98 (2H, d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, HetAr), 8.95 (1H, d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 8.74 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4$, 2.0 Hz, H-5 Ar), 7.56 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H-6 Ar), 7.54 (1H, t, J

= 4.8 Hz, HetAr), 6.63 (1H, d, $J = 17.3$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$), 6.51 (1H, dd, $J = 17.3, 10.5$ Hz, $\underline{\text{CH}}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.25 (1H, d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$). NMR ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 188.6 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 164.1 (HetAr), 163.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{OOAr}$), 157.5 (2C, HetAr), 153.3 (Ar), 136.3 (Ar), 134.8 ($\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$), 134.0 (Ar), 131.4 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 127.3 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 123.9 (Ar), 119.8 (Ar). HRMS (ESI), m/z : 255.0767 [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$, (calc. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$, m/z : 255.0764).

Methyl 4-(acryloyloxy)-3-formylbenzoate 1g: Yield 410 mg (70%), white solid, m.p. 110-112°C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 10.11 (1H, s, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 8.49 (2H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, H-2 Ar), 8.30 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4, 2.2$ Hz, H-6 Ar), 7.56 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H-5 Ar), 6.62 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.4$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$), 6.49 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 10.1$ Hz, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.25 (1H, dd, $J = 10.1, 1.4$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$), 3.91 (3H, s, COOCH_3). NMR ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 189.3 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 164.8 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{OOAr}$), 163.5 (COOCH_3), 153.8 (Ar), 135.8 (Ar), 134.7 ($\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$), 132.2 (Ar), 128.0 (2C, Ar), 127.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 124.6 (Ar), 52.6 (COOCH_3).

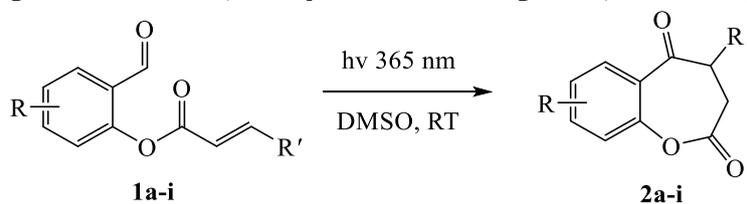
2-Formyl-4-iodophenyl acrylate 1h: Yield 468 mg (62%), light yellow solid, m.p. 70-72°C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 9.96 (1H, s, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 8.23 (1H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 8.10 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.2$ Hz, H-5 Ar), 7.21 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, H-6 Ar), 6.58 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.5$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$), 6.45 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 10.1$ Hz, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.21 (1H, dd, $J = 10.1, 1.5$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$). NMR ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 188.8 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 163.7 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{OOAr}$), 150.2 (Ar), 143.8 (Ar), 139.7 (Ar), 134.4 ($\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$), 129.6 (Ar), 127.1 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 126.1 (Ar), 91.5 (Ar).

1-Formylnaphthalen-2-yl acrylate 1i: Yield 407 mg (72%), light yellow solid, m.p. 60-62°C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 10.62 (1H, s, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 9.04 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H-9 Ar), 8.36 (1H, d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, H-4 Ar), 8.10 (1H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, H-6 Ar), 7.72 – 7.80 (1H, m, H-7 Ar), 7.62 – 7.70 (1H, m, H-8 Ar), 7.53 (1H, d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 6.66 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.1$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$), 6.54 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 9.9$ Hz, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.27 (1H, dd, $J = 10.0, 1.1$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$). NMR ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 190.7 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 164.2 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{OOAr}$), 153.7 (Ar), 136.7 (Ar), 134.7 ($\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$), 131.4 (Ar), 130.3 (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 128.8 (Ar), 127.1 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 126.7 (Ar), 124.3 (Ar), 122.2 (Ar), 121.0 (Ar).

2-Formyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)phenyl acrylate 1j: Yield 387 mg (60%), light yellow solid, m.p. 82-84°C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 10.08 (1H, s, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 8.17 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 8.05 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5, 2.4$ Hz, H-5 Ar), 7.62 – 7.68 (2H, m, HetAr), 7.43 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, H-6 Ar), 7.17 – 7.22 (1H, m, HetAr), 6.60 (1H, dd, $J = 17.2, 1.5$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{CH}}_2$), 6.48 (1H, dd, $J = 17.3, 10.0$ Hz, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 6.22 (1H, dd, $J = 10.1, 1.4$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 189.7 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 164.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{OOAr}$), 149.5 (Ar), 141.1 (HetAr), 134.2 ($\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$), 132.4 (Ar), 132.0 (Ar), 128.8 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 127.9 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 127.2 (HetAr), 126.8 (HetAr), 125.0 (Ar), 124.6 (HetAr).

5-(Diethylamino)-2-formylphenyl acrylate 1k: Yield 550 mg (89%), pink oil. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 9.62 (1H, s, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 7.64 (1H, d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, H-3 Ar), 6.68 (1H, dd, $J = 8.9, 2.3$ Hz, H-4 Ar), 6.35 – 6.57 (3H, m, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$ and H-6 Ar), 6.15 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 1.7$ Hz, $\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$), 3.43 (4H, q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.11 (6H, t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, CH_2CH_3). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ : 186.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{HO}$), 164.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{OOAr}$), 153.1 (Ar), 152.8 (Ar), 133.5 ($\text{CH}=\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2$), 133.4 (Ar), 127.7 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}=\text{CH}_2$), 115.5 (Ar), 108.6 (Ar), 104.4 (Ar), 44.1 (2C, $\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2\text{CH}_3$), 12.3 (2C, CH_2CH_3).

S5. General synthetic procedure for 3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-diones (2a-i).



The corresponding aldehyde **1a-i** (0.7 mmol) was dissolved in freshly distilled DMSO (8 mL) under inert atmosphere. The obtained solutions were irradiated with 365 nm LED lamp with stirring for 24 hours. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC (hexane and EtOAc mixtures, 3:1 for compounds **2a-d**, **2f-i** and 1:1 for compound **2e**). After the reaction completion, the mixtures were dissolved in 100 mL of EtOAc, washed with saturated KCl solution (5×50 mL) and dried over Na_2SO_4 . All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (abovementioned

eluent). For compound **2c** an acid **3** was also isolated. For compound **2d** a minor admixture of compound **4** was revealed.

3,4-Dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-dione 2a: Yield 71 mg (58%), yellow solid, m.p. 75-77°C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.67 – 7.75 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.42 (1H, td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, H-Ar), 7.24 – 7.31 (1H, m, H-Ar), 3.00 – 3.09 (2H, m, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.87 – 2.97 (2H, m, CH₂COO). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 198.9 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 169.9 (CH₂COO), 151.1 (Ar), 134.9 (Ar), 130.0 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 126.0 (Ar), 121.5 (Ar), 37.9 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 27.9 (CH₂COO). ¹³C-¹H HSQC (the most important cross-peaks): H(3.00 – 3.09)/C(37.9), H(2.87 – 2.97)/C(27.9). ¹³C-¹H HMBC (the most important cross-peaks): H(3.00 – 3.09)/C(198.9), H(2.87 – 2.97)/C(198.9). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 177.0546 [M+H]⁺, (calc. for C₁₀H₉O₃⁺, *m/z*: 177.0546).

8-Bromo-3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-dione 2b: Yield 98 mg (55%), yellow solid, m.p. 101-103°C. ¹H NMR (800 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.67 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, H-Ar), 7.65 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, H-Ar), 7.58 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, H-Ar), 3.05 – 3.07 (2H, m, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.95 – 2.98 (2H, m, CH₂COO). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 198.0 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 169.3 (CH₂COO), 151.5 (Ar), 131.7 (Ar), 129.0 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 126.9 (Ar), 124.6 (Ar), 37.7 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 27.6 (CH₂COO). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 254.9651 [M+H]⁺, (calc. for C₁₀H₈BrO₃⁺, *m/z*: 254.9651).

7-Ethyl-3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-dione 2c: Yield 70 mg (49%), white solid, m.p. 41-43°C. ¹H NMR (800 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.54 – 7.58 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.21 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-Ar), 3.03 – 3.06 (2H, m, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.91 – 2.95 (2H, m, CH₂COO), 2.70 (2H, q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.23 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 199.0 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 170.1 (CH₂COO), 149.3 (Ar), 141.5 (Ar), 134.3 (Ar), 128.6 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 121.5 (Ar), 37.9 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 27.9 (CH₂COO), 27.1 (CH₂CH₃), 15.3 (CH₂CH₃). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 205.0859 [M+H]⁺, (calc. for C₁₂H₁₃O₃⁺, *m/z*: 205.0859).

4-(5-Ethyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid 3: Yield 12 mg (8%), yellow solid, m.p. 132-134°C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 11.88 (1H, s, COOH), 7.58 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, H-6 Ar), 7.34 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, H-4 Ar), 6.93 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H-3 Ar), 3.39 (2H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.83 (2H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, CH₂COOH), 2.62 (2H, q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.27 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 203.7 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 178.1 (COOH), 160.5 (Ar), 136.6 (Ar), 134.9 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 118.9 (Ar), 118.5 (Ar), 33.0 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 28.1 (CH₂COOH), 27.8 (CH₂CH₃), 15.9 (CH₂CH₃). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 245.0787 [M+Na]⁺, (calc. for C₁₂H₁₄NaO₄⁺, *m/z*: 245.0784).

7-Bromo-9-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-dione 2d: Yield 50 mg (25%), yellow solid, m.p. 178-180°C. ¹H NMR (800 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.60 (1H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, H-Ar), 7.29 (1H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, H-Ar), 3.92 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.06 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 5.0 Hz, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.95 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.3 Hz, CH₂COO). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 198.1 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 169.4 (CH₂COO), 151.2 (Ar), 139.8 (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 122.3 (Ar), 119.8 (Ar), 118.0 (Ar), 56.8 (OCH₃), 38.1 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 27.6 (CH₂COO). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 284.9757 [M+H]⁺, (calc. for C₁₁H₁₀BrO₄⁺, *m/z*: 284.9757).

5-Bromo-2-hydroxy-7-methoxy-2-vinylbenzofuran-3(2H)-one 4: detected as a minor impurity in product **2d**. ¹H NMR (800 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.55 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, H-Ar), 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, H-Ar), 5.92 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 10.6 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 0.9 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.42 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.6, 0.9 Hz, CH=CH₂), 3.95 (3H, s, OCH₃).

7-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-dione 2e: Yield 132 mg (74%), white solid, m.p. 217-219°C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 8.97 (2H, d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, HetAr), 8.78 (1H, d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, H-6 Ar), 8.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, H-4 Ar), 7.52 (1H, t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, HetAr), 7.43 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H-3 Ar), 3.07 – 3.14 (2H, m, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.96 – 3.04 (2H, m, CH₂COO). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 198.5 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 169.5 (CH₂COO), 161.6 (Ar), 157.9 (2C, HetAr), 152.7 (Ar), 134.6 (Ar), 133.4 (Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 127.9 (HetAr), 122.4 (Ar), 120.3 (Ar), 37.7 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 27.8 (CH₂COO). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 255.0767 [M+H]⁺, (calc. for C₁₄H₁₁N₂O₃⁺, *m/z*: 255.0764).

4-Methyl-3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-dione 2f: Yield 121 mg (91%), yellow oil. ¹H NMR (800 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.66 – 7.74 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.41 (1H, td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, H-Ar), 7.24 – 7.31 (1H, m, H-Ar), 2.80 – 3.19 (3H, m, CH(Me)CH₂COO), 1.25 (3H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 202.2 (CH(Me)C(O)Ar), 168.8 (CH₂COO), 150.7 (Ar), 134.7 (Ar), 130.0 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 126.0 (Ar), 121.2 (Ar), 42.5 (CH(Me)), 34.8 (CH(Me)CH₂COO), 16.4 (CH₃). HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: 191.0703 [M+H]⁺, (calc. for C₁₁H₁₁O₃⁺, *m/z*: 191.0703).

Methyl 2,5-dioxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1-benzoxepine-7-carboxylate 2g: Yield 105 mg (64%), white solid, m.p. >200°C (with decomposition). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 8.27 (1H, d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, H-Ar), 8.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.39 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H-Ar), 3.89 (3H, s, COOCH₃), 3.03 – 3.11 (2H, m, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.92 – 3.00 (2H, m, CH₂COO). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 198.0 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 169.1 (COOCH₃), 164.8 (CH₂COO), 154.1 (Ar), 135.0 (Ar), 131.5 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 127.0 (Ar), 122.6 (Ar), 52.5 (COOCH₃), 37.6 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 27.7 (CH₂COO).

7-Iodo-3,4-dihydro-1-benzoxepine-2,5-dione 2h: detected as an inseparable mixture with product **2a** (1:1) in ¹H NMR. Yield 49 mg (23%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 7.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.91 (1H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, H-Ar), 7.07 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H-Ar), 2.98 – 3.07 (2H, m, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.87 – 2.97 (2H, m, CH₂COO).

*2,3-Dihydronaphtho[2,1-*b*]oxepine-1,4-dione 2i*: Yield 86 mg (54%), white solid, m.p. >200°C (with decomposition). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 8.20 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, H-Ar), 7.97 – 8.07 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.55 – 7.69 (2H, m, H-Ar), 7.40 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, H-Ar), 3.24 (2H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, CH₂C(O)Ar), 2.96 (2H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH₂COO). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 202.5 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 169.9 (CH₂COO), 149.4 (Ar), 133.7 (Ar), 131.3 (Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 128.3 (2C, Ar), 126.4 (Ar), 125.2 (Ar), 124.5 (Ar), 120.3 (Ar), 41.6 (CH₂C(O)Ar), 28.3 (CH₂COO).

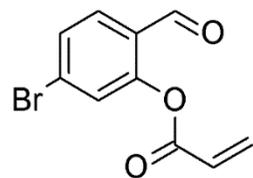
S6. Methodology for NMR monitoring of aldehydes (1a-k) photochemical transformations.

A corresponding compound **1a-k** (30 μmol) was dissolved in DMSO-*d*₆ (0.7 mL) under inert atmosphere in an NMR tube. The obtained solutions were irradiated with 365 nm LED lamp for five hours. NMR spectra were recorded before the irradiation and every hour during the process. NMR spectra for substrate **1d** are given as an example in the part S8.

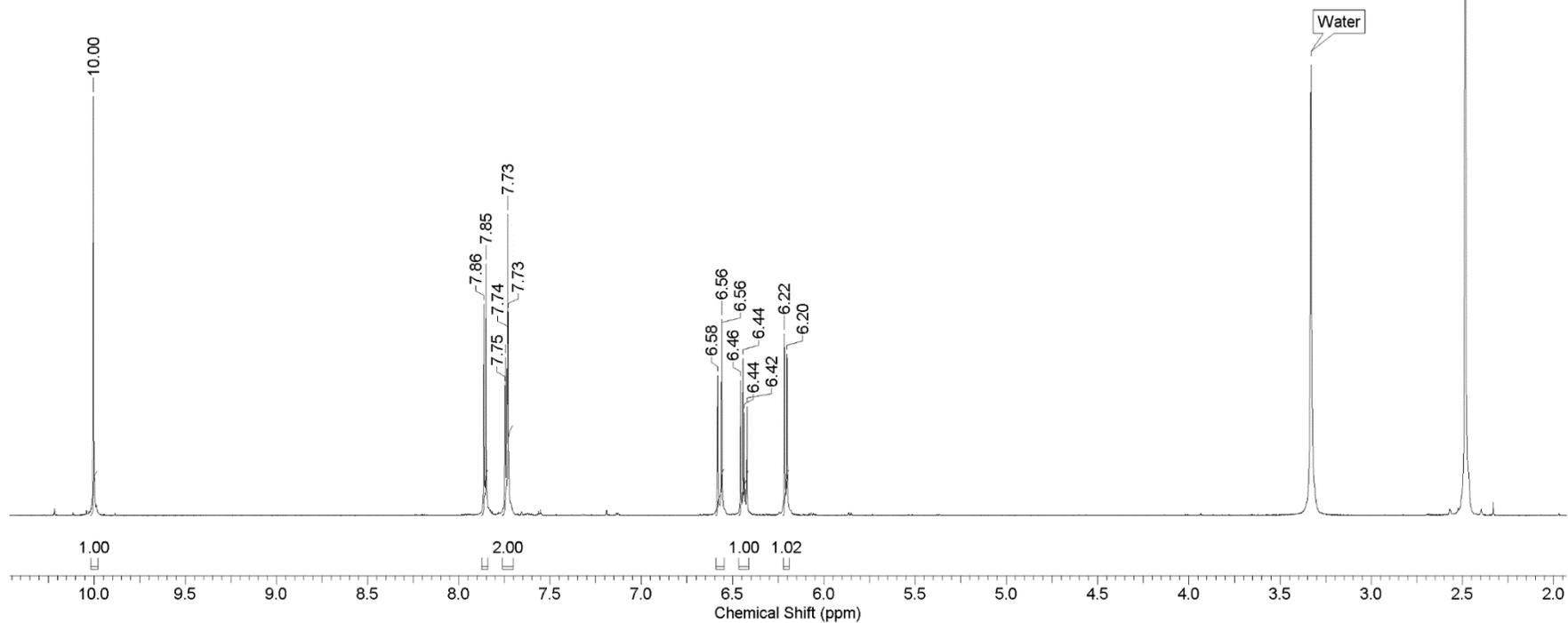
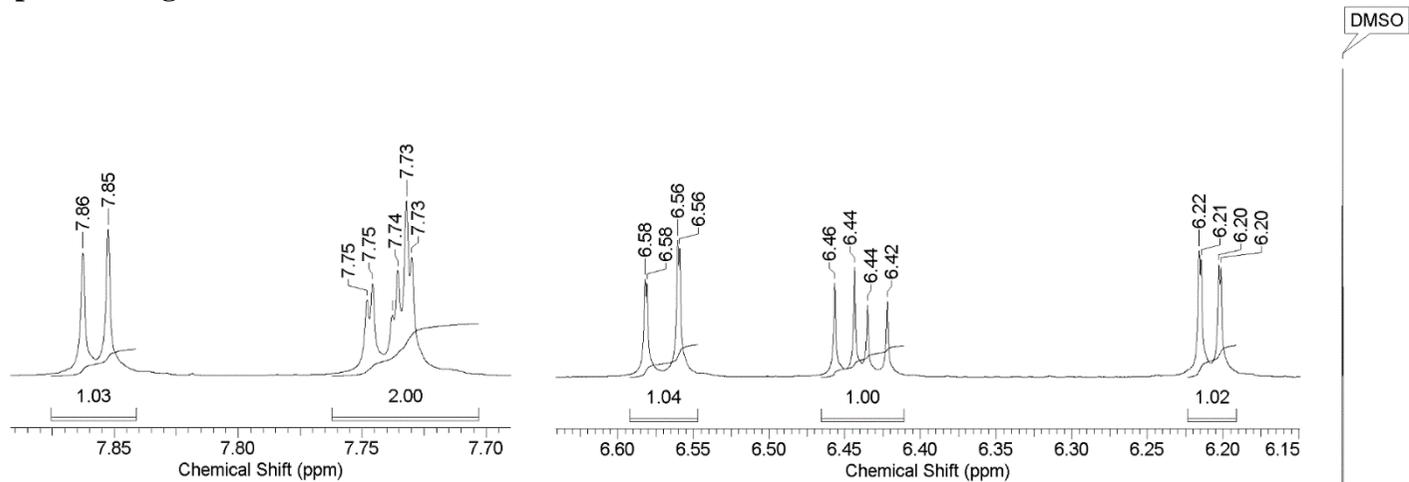
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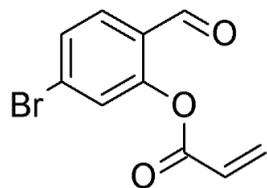
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S8. NMR and HRMS spectra images.



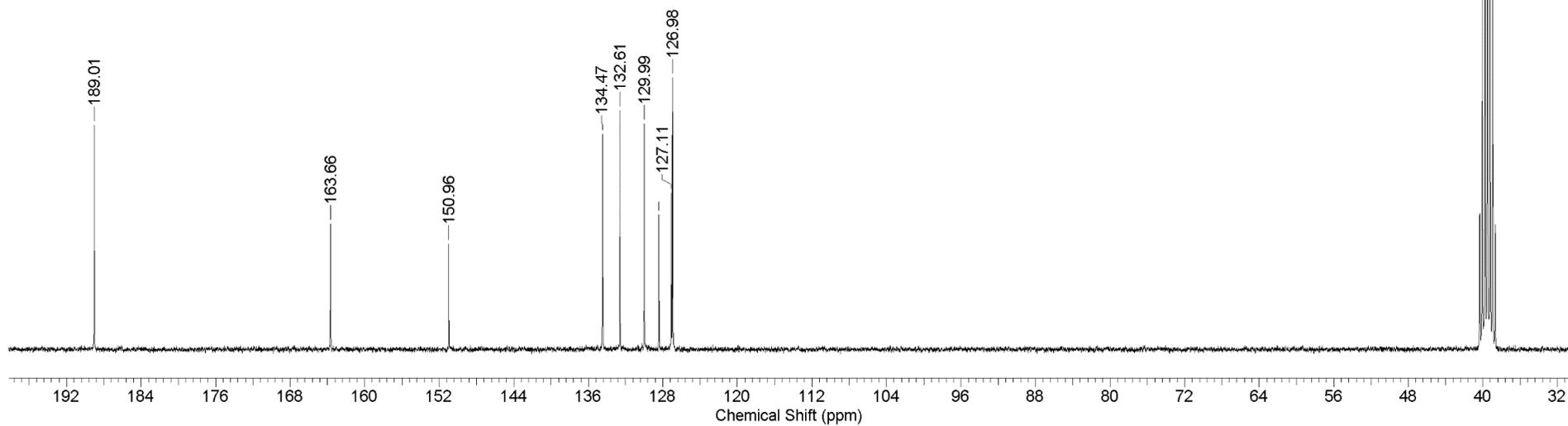
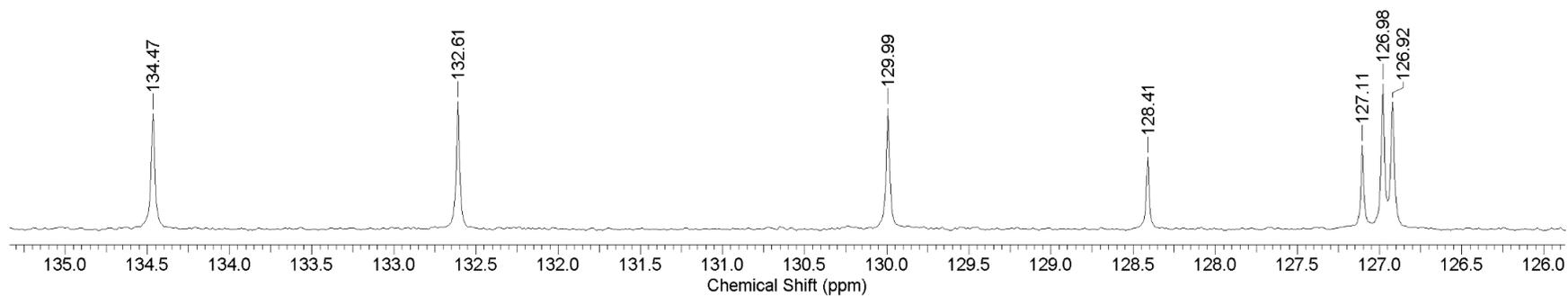
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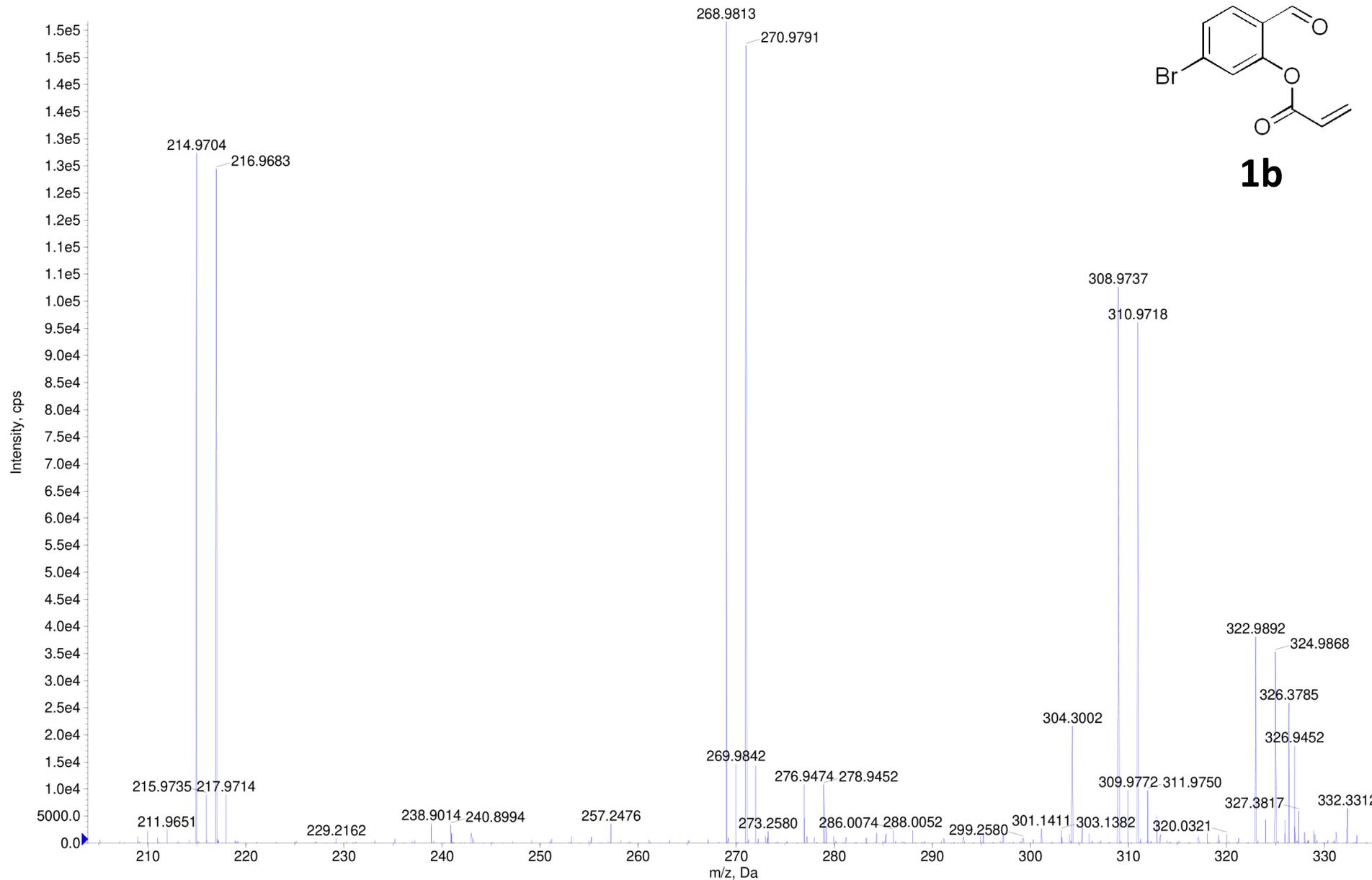
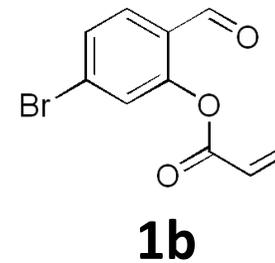


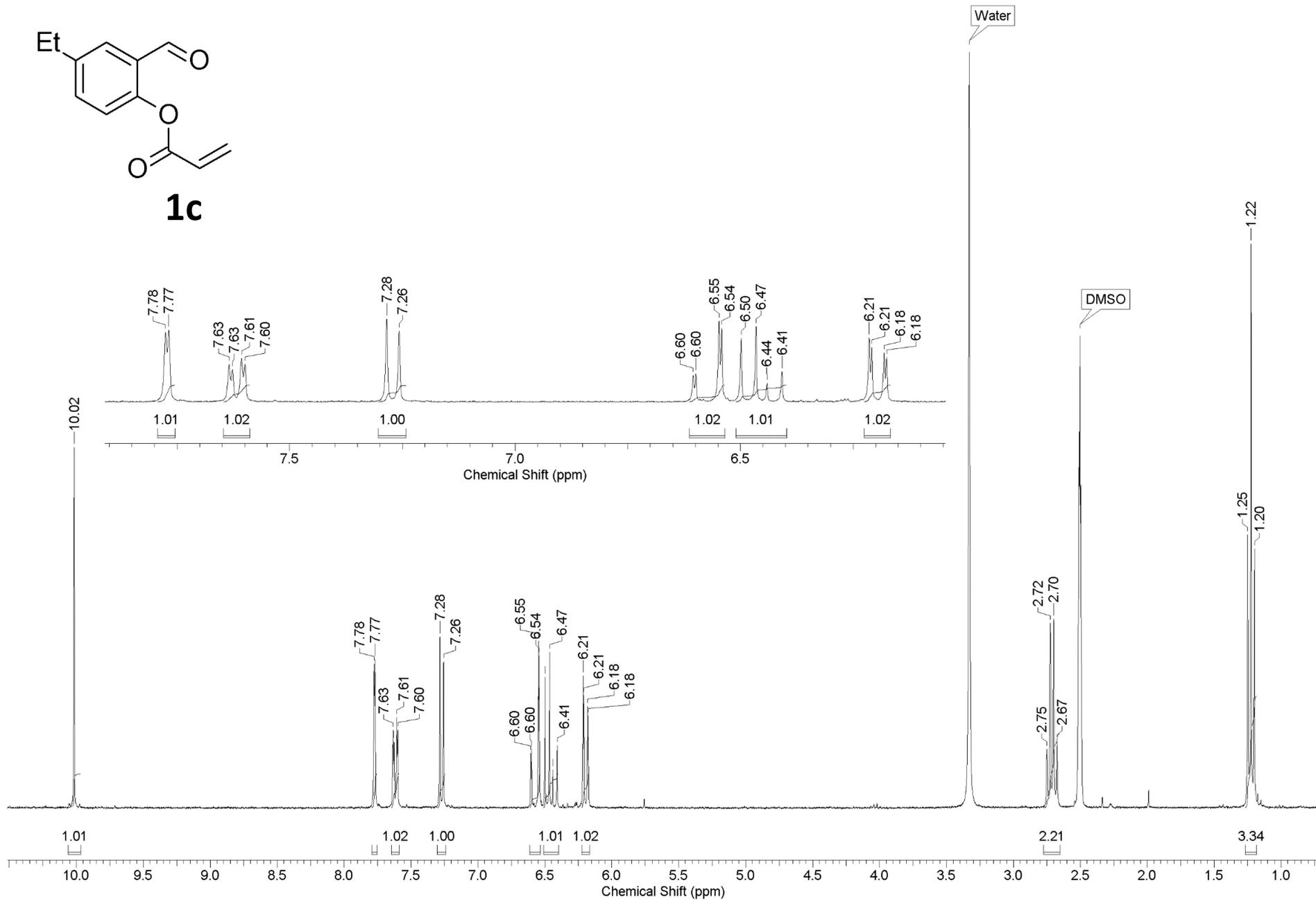
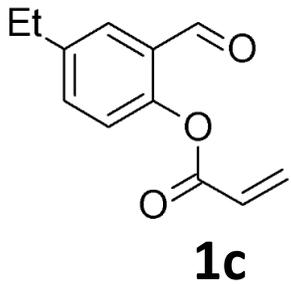
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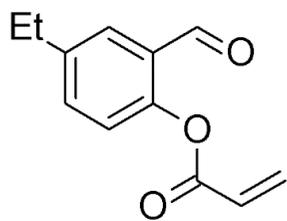
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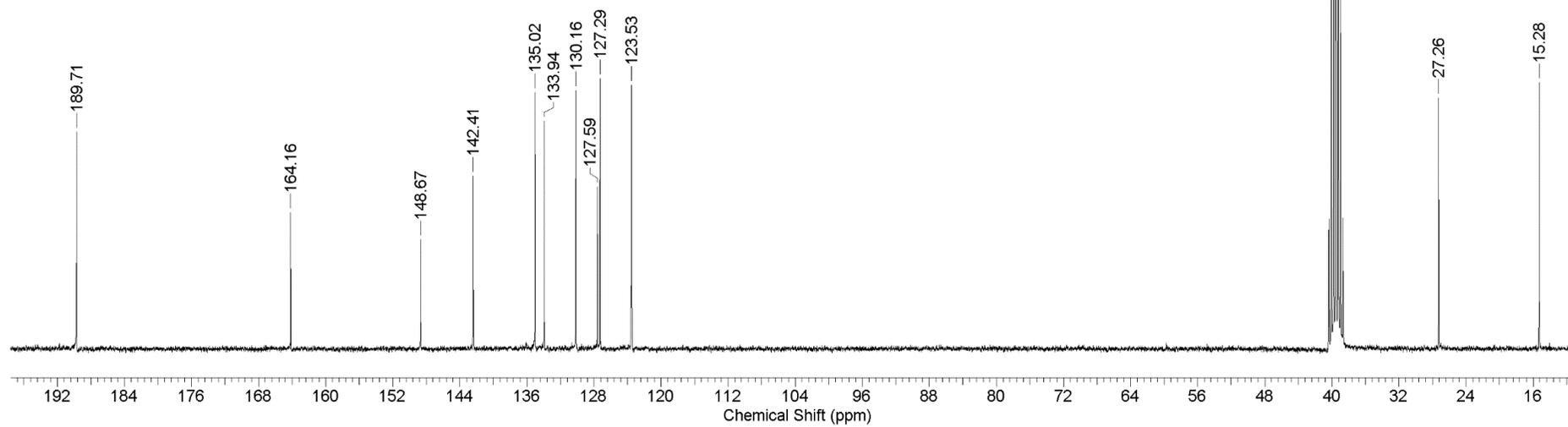
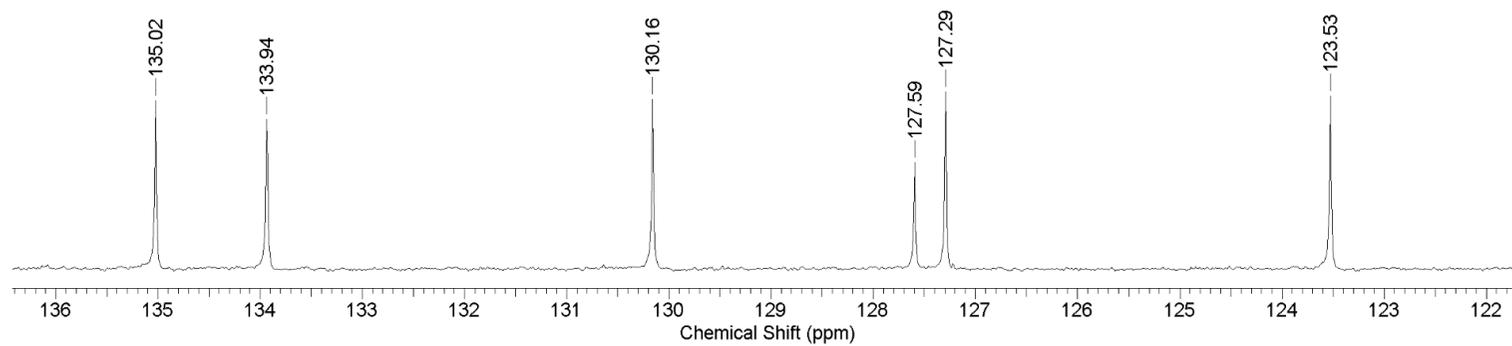


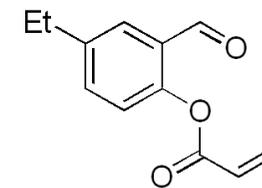




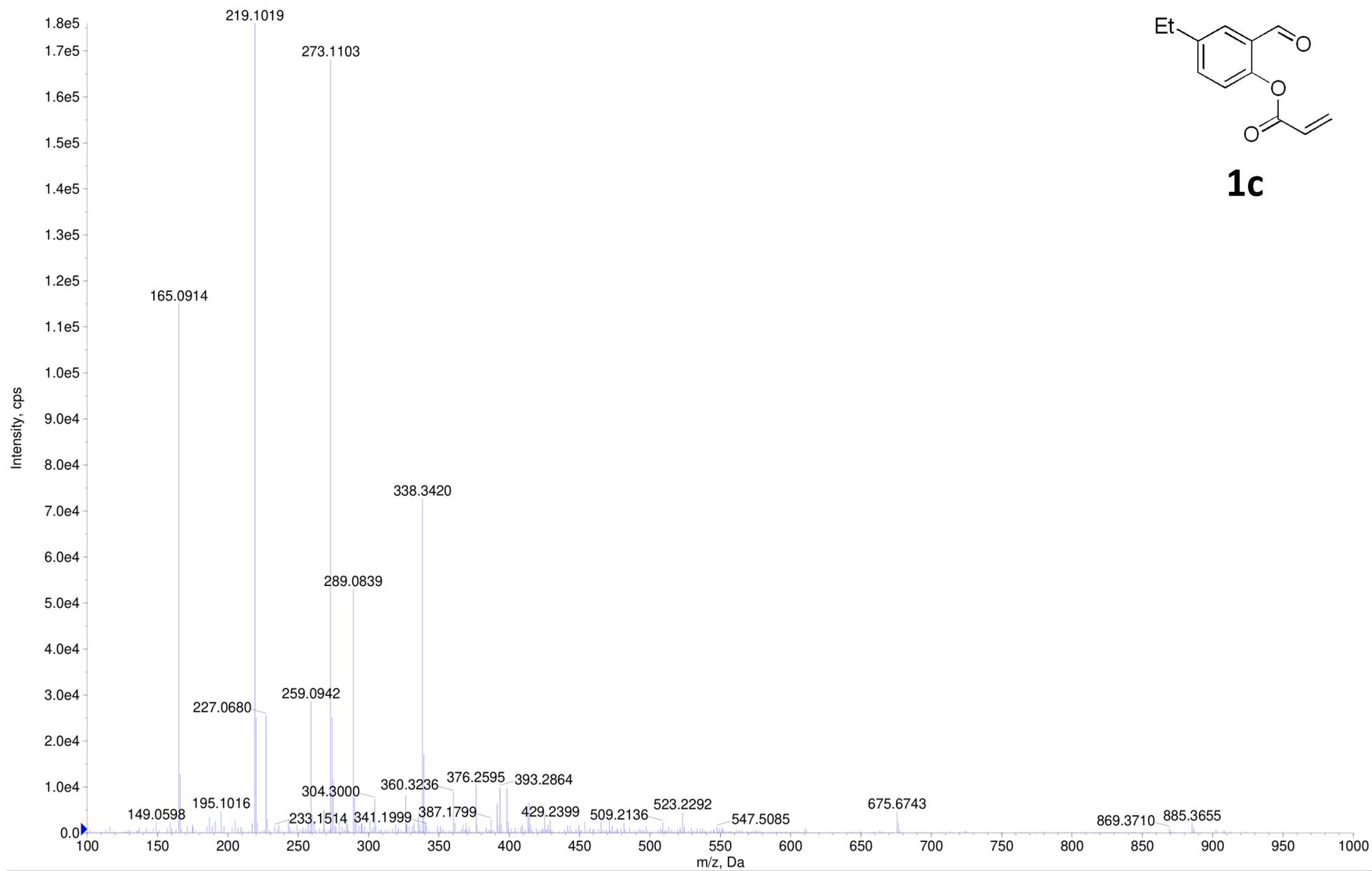
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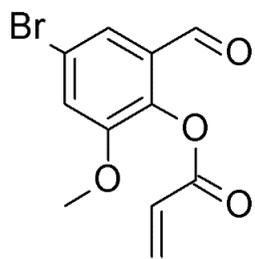
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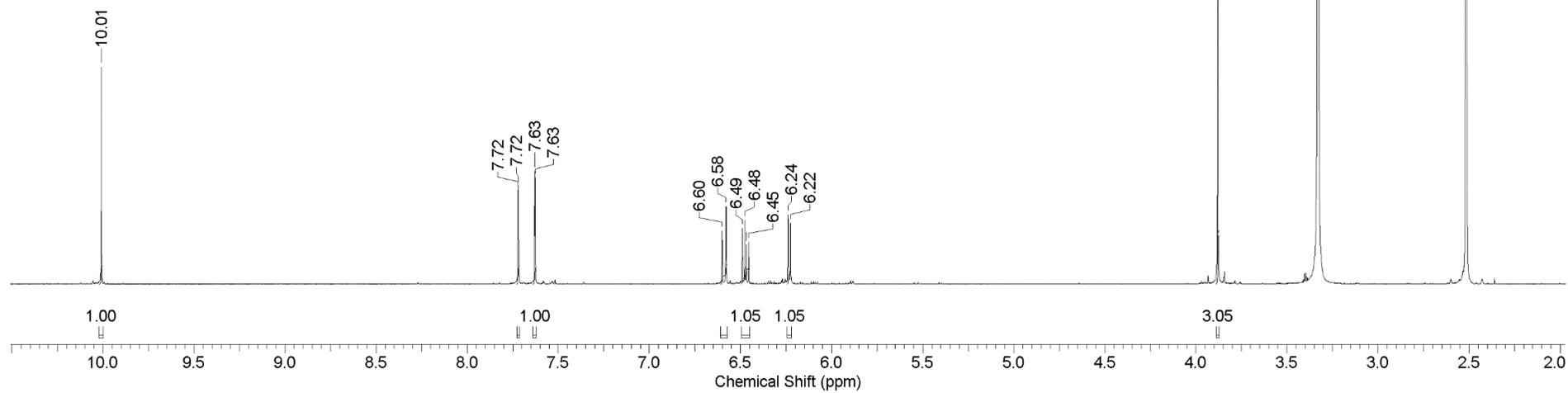
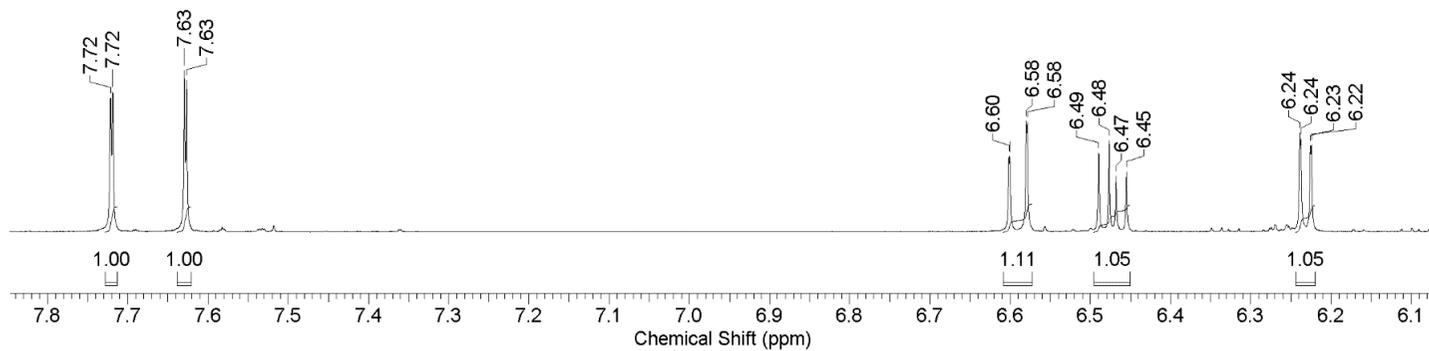


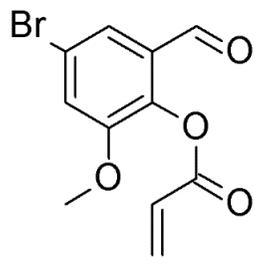
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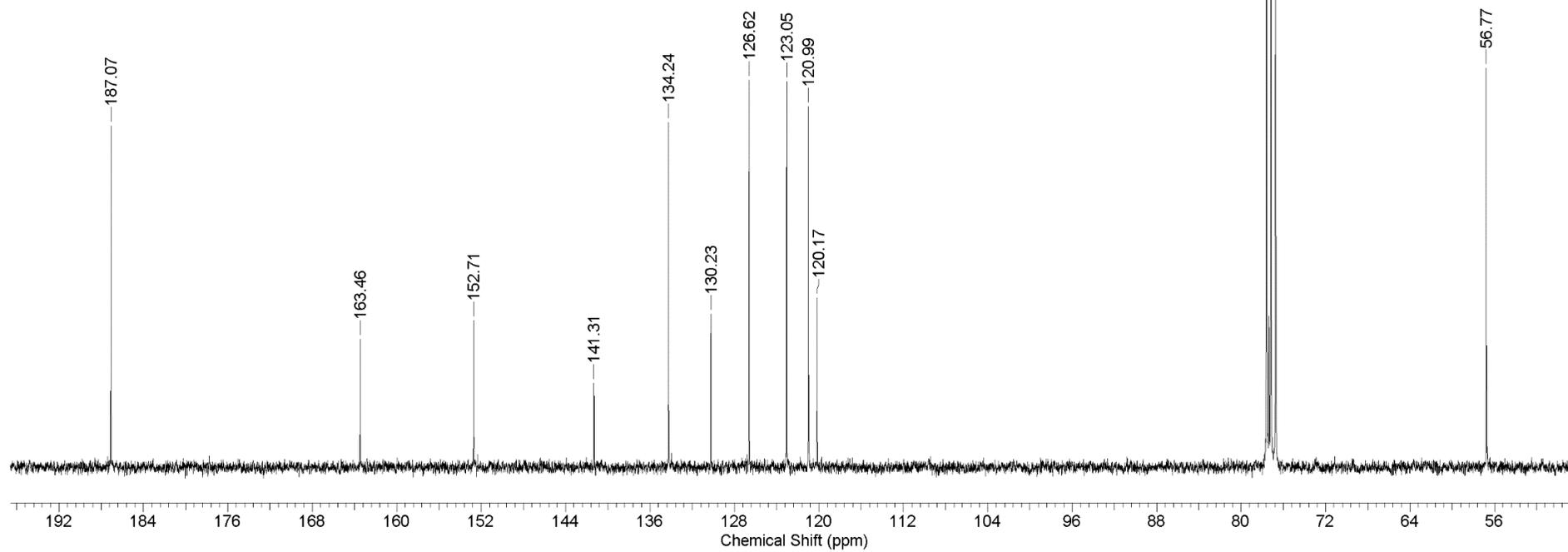
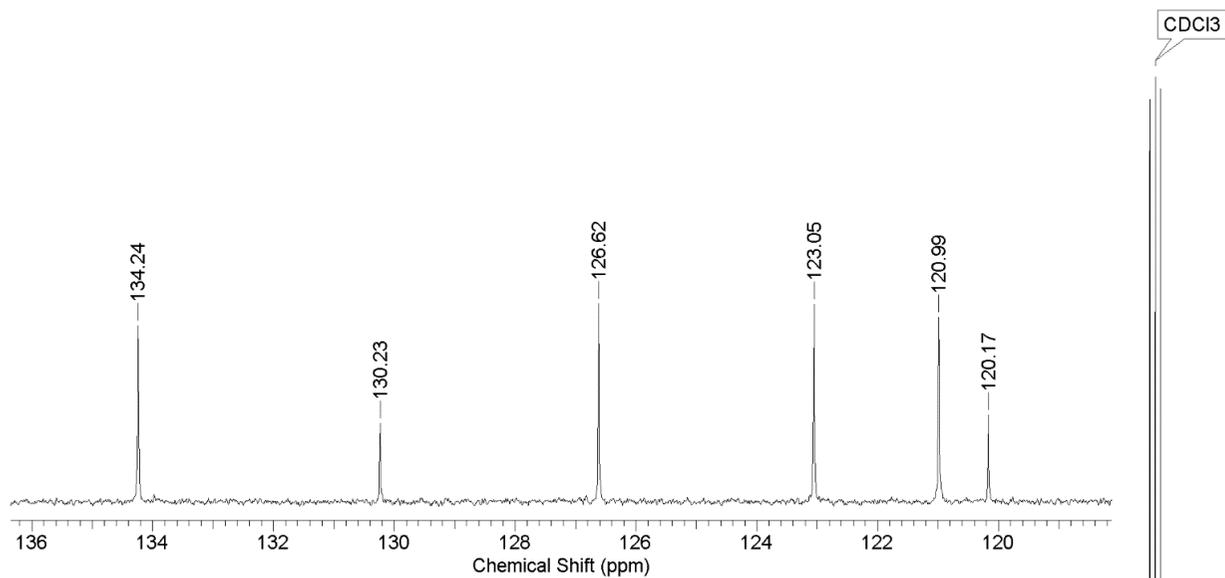


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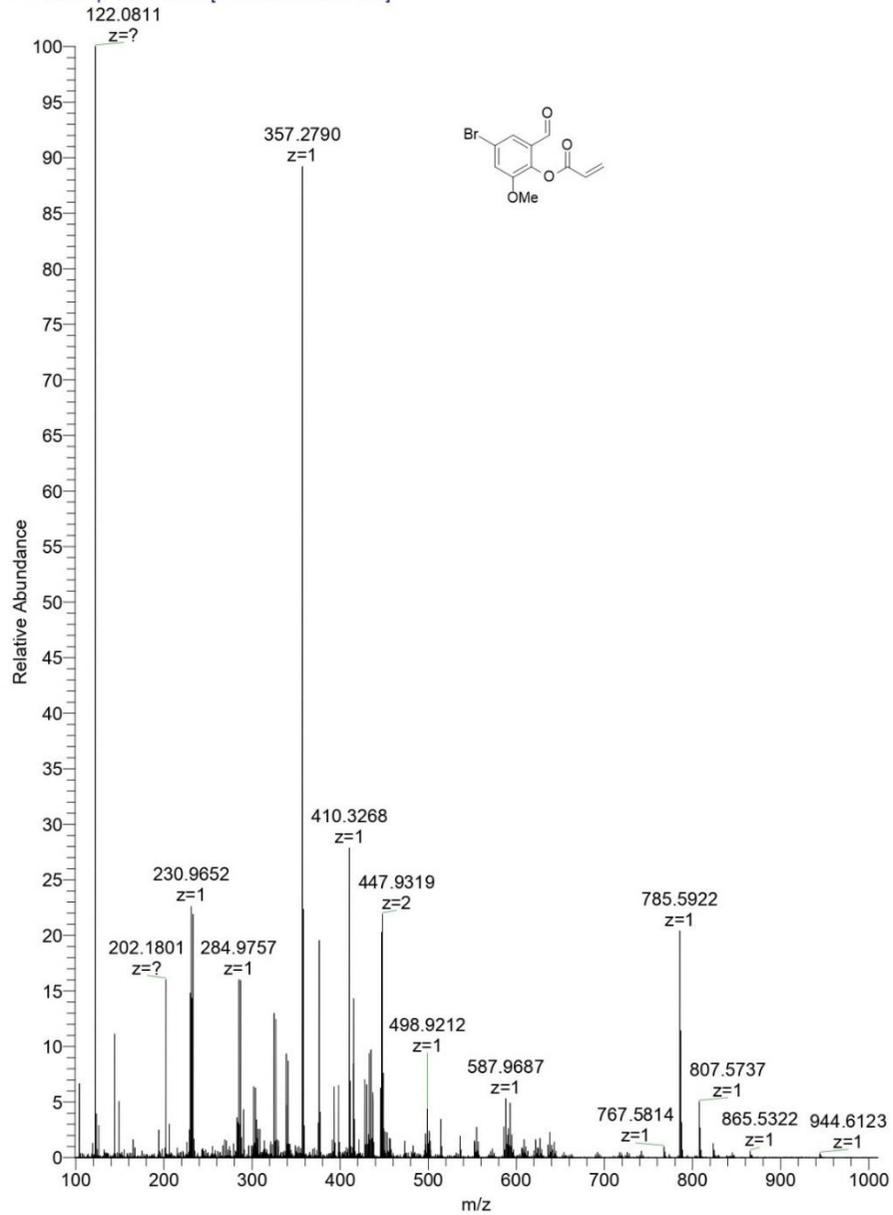
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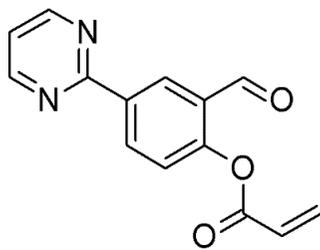


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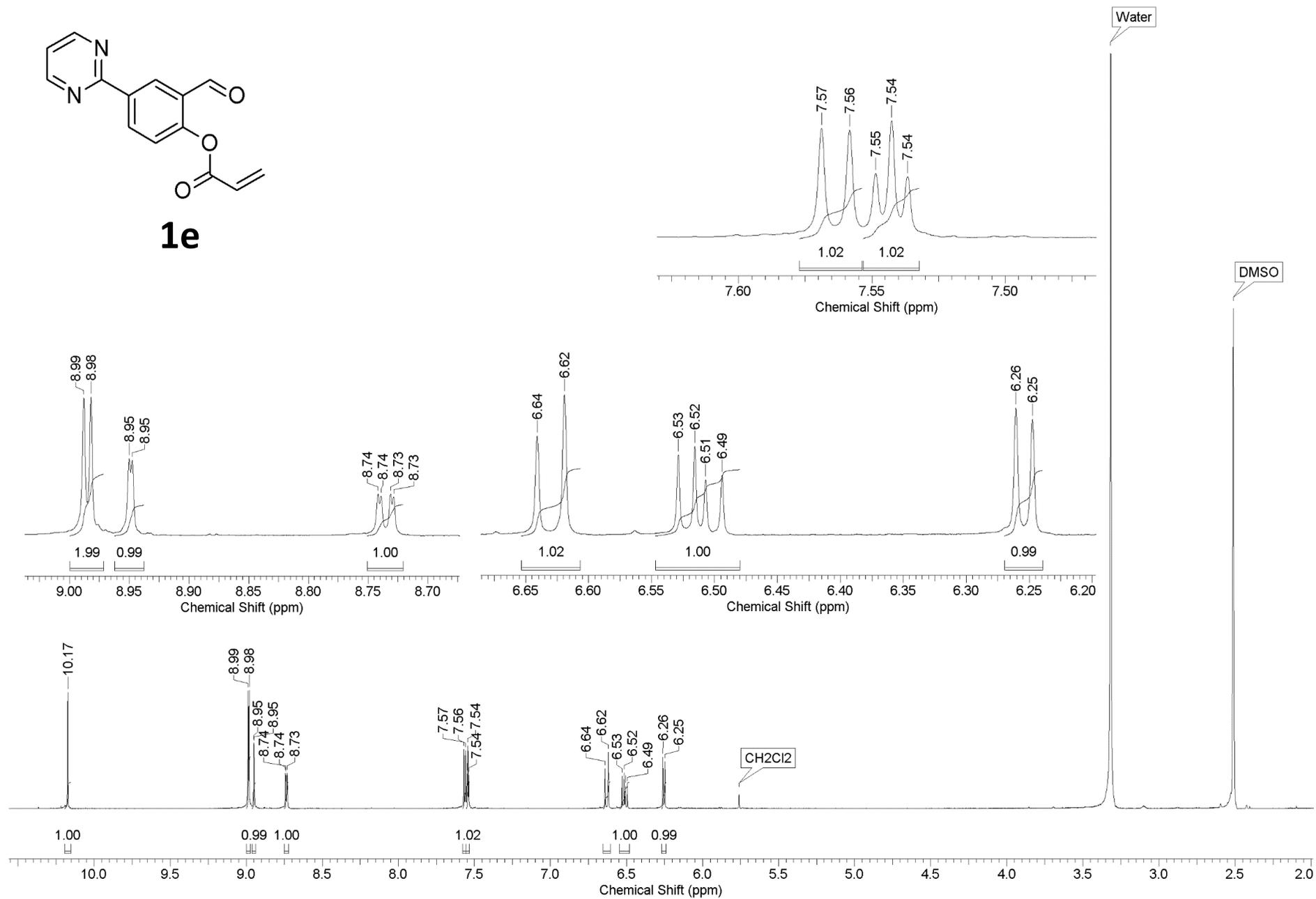
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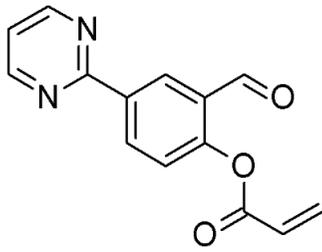
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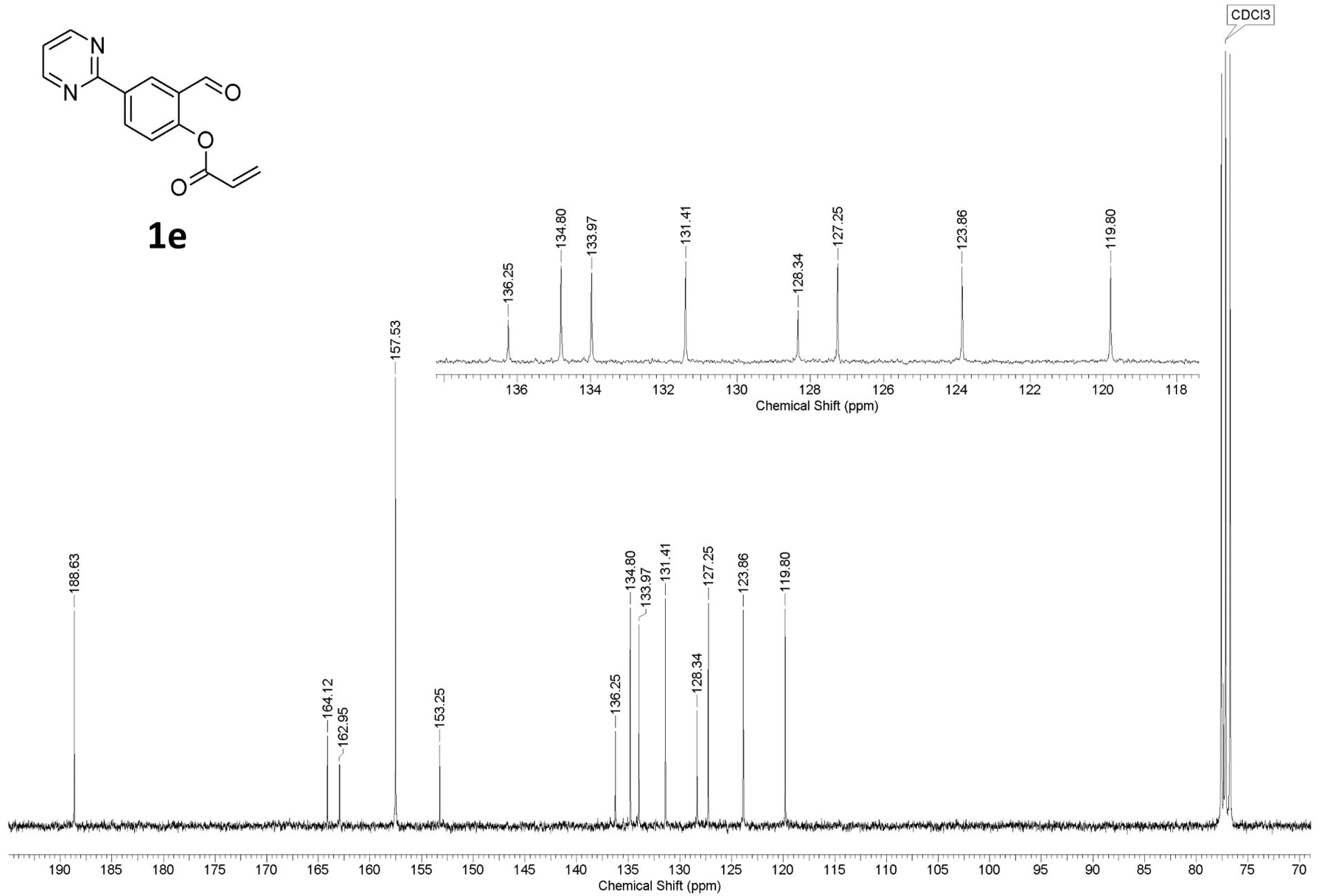


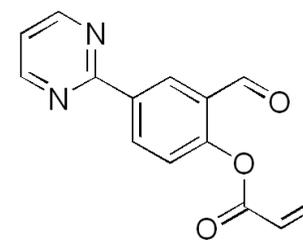
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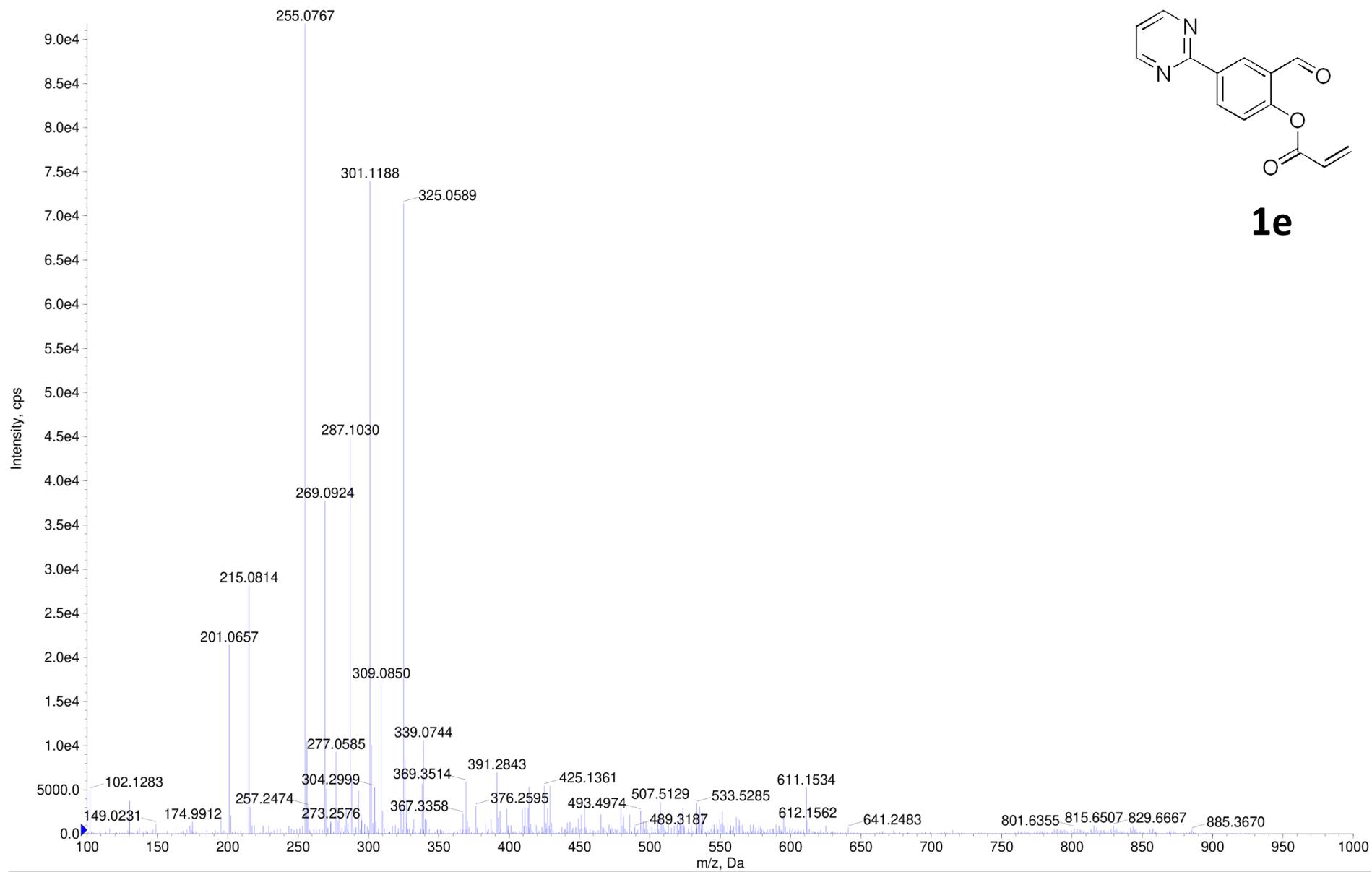


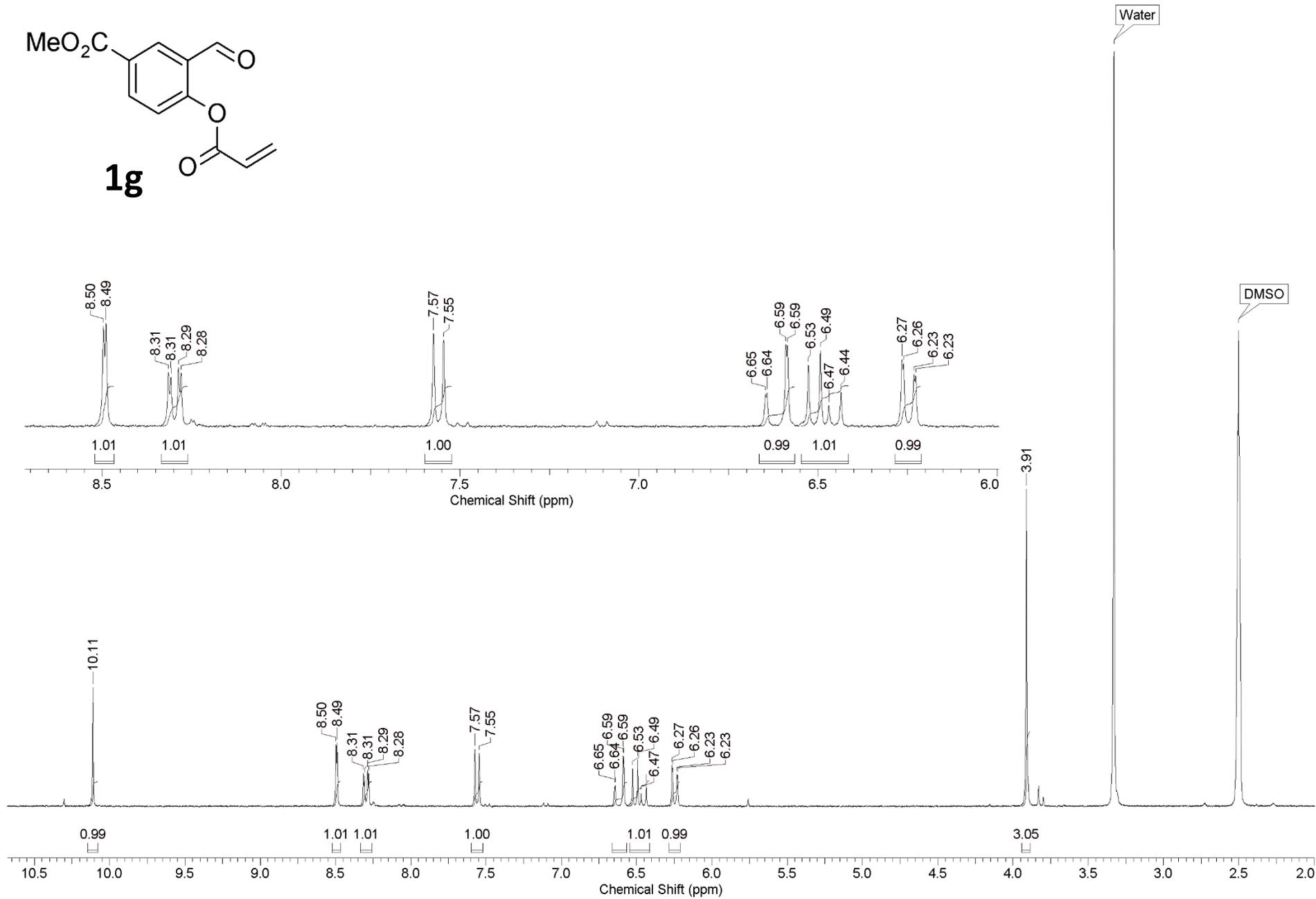
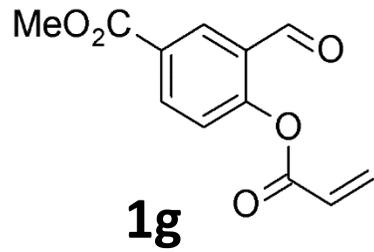
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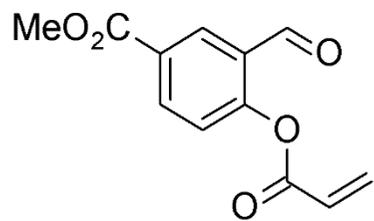




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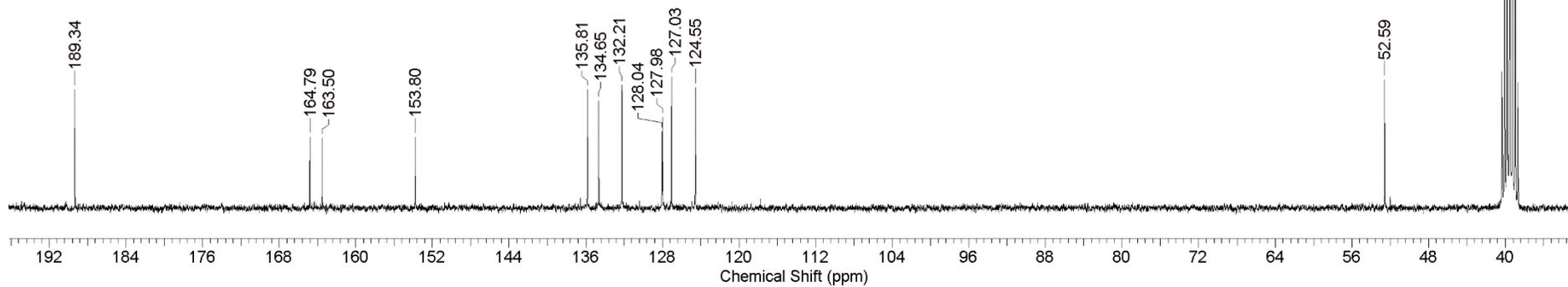
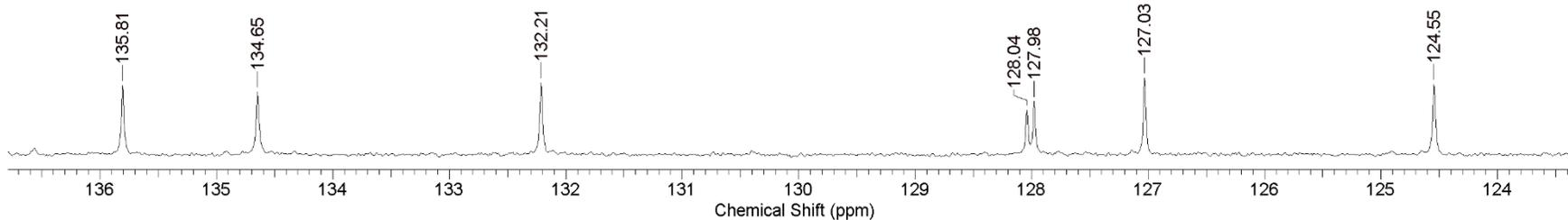




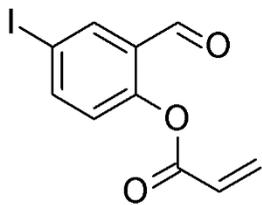


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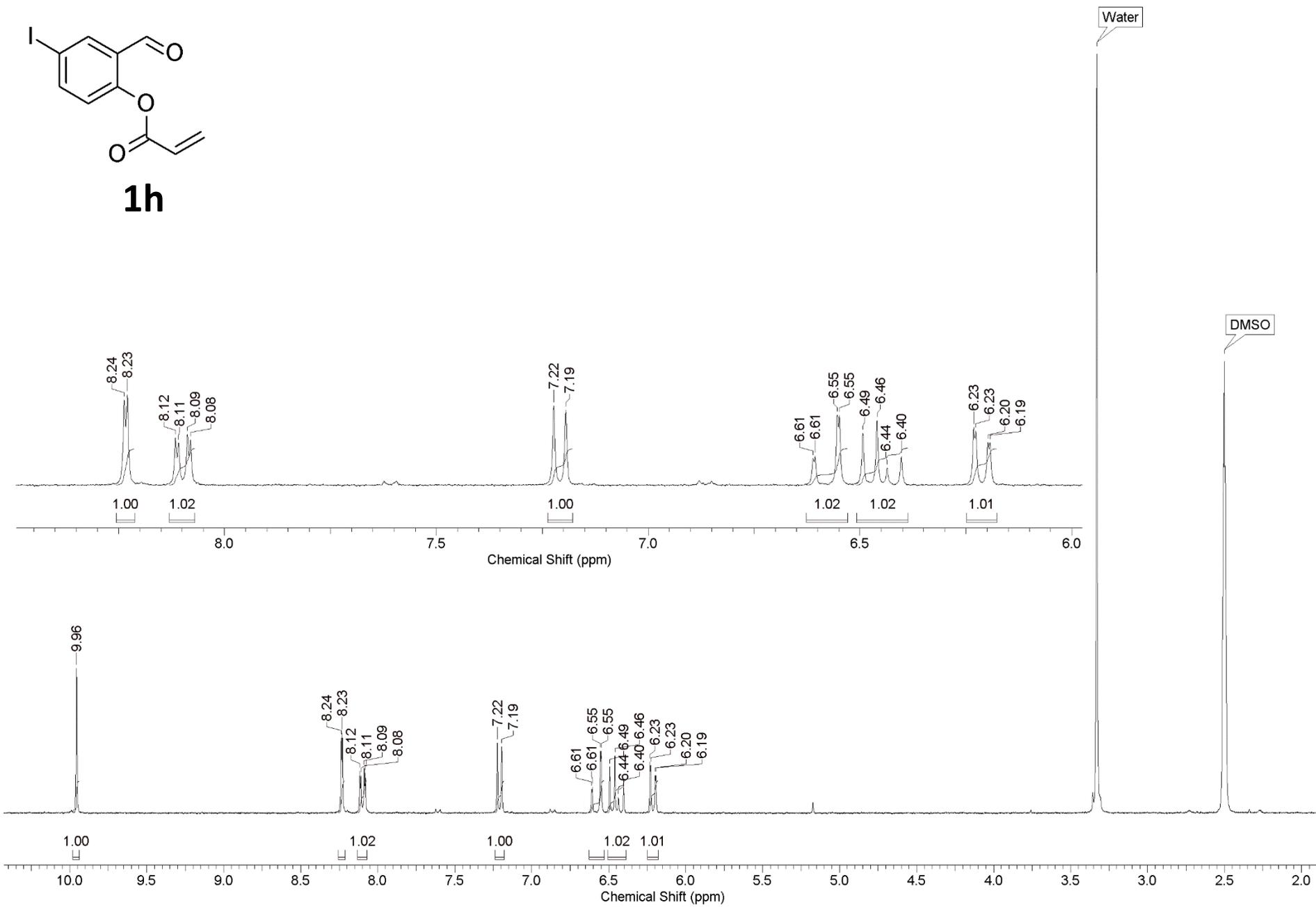
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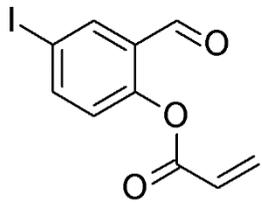
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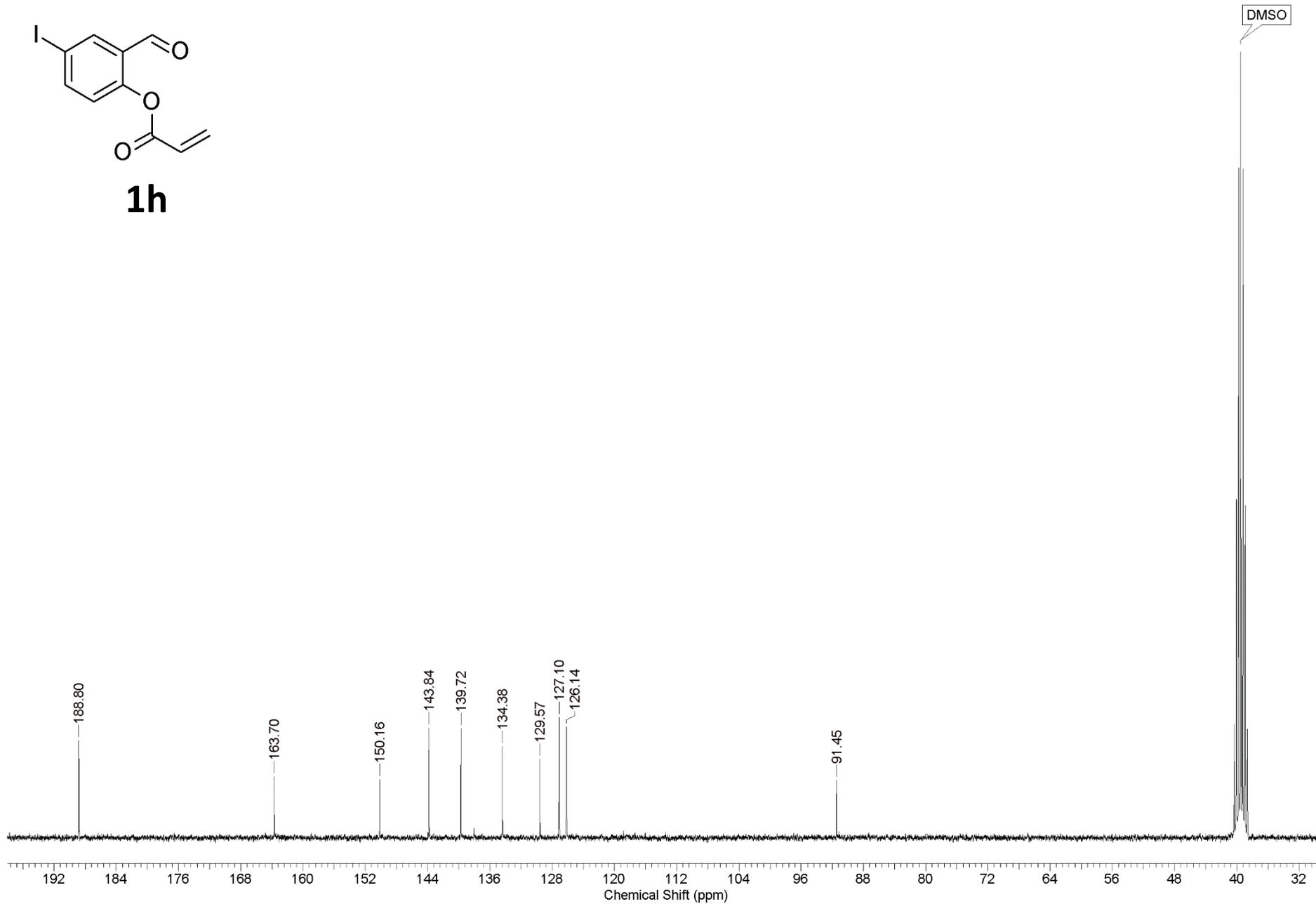
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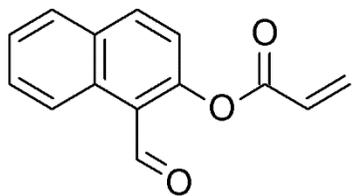


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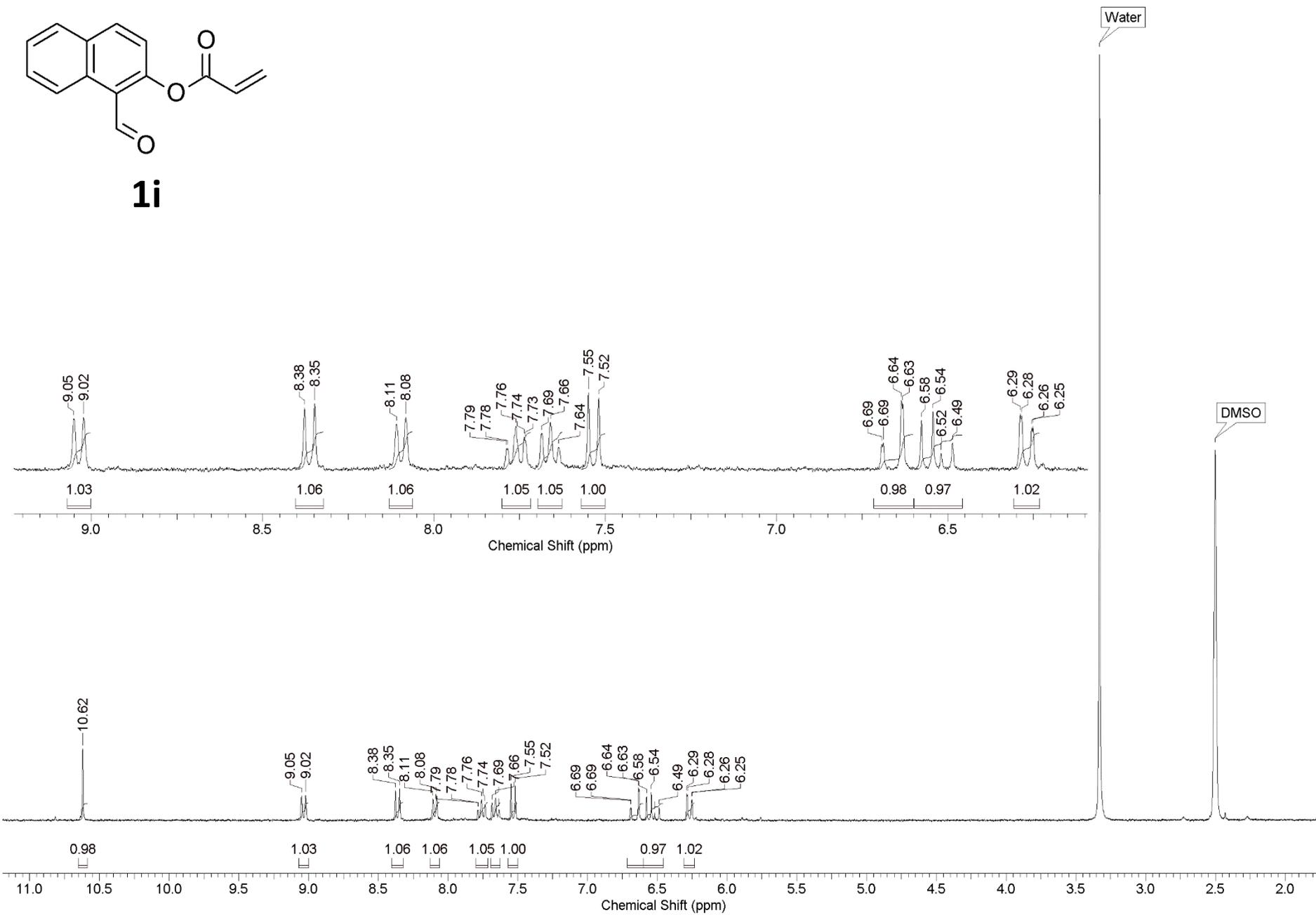


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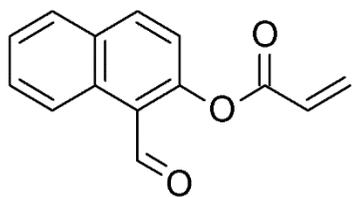




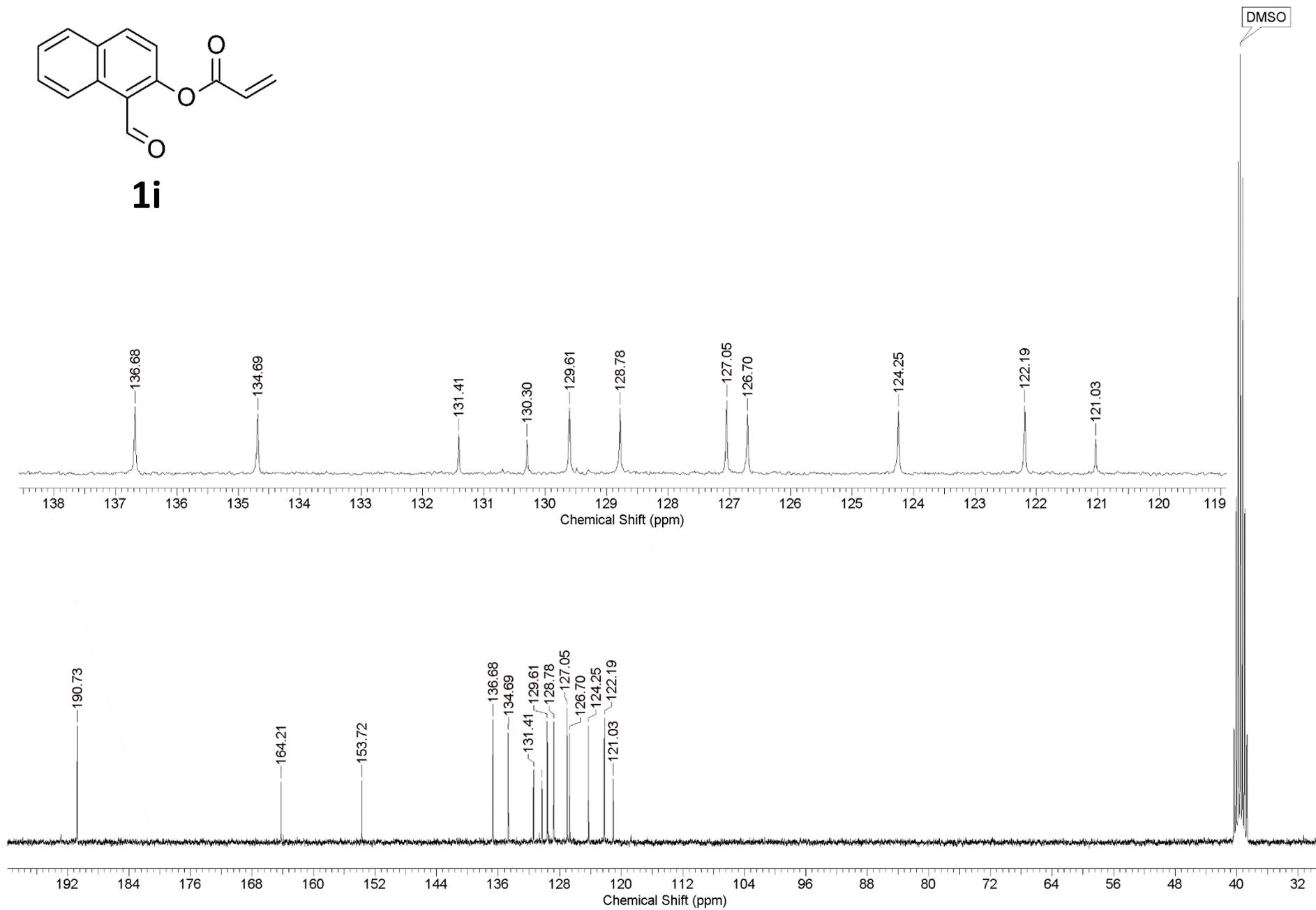
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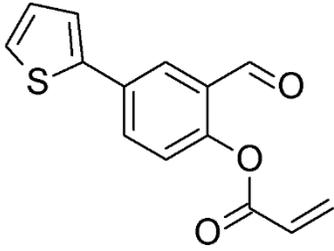


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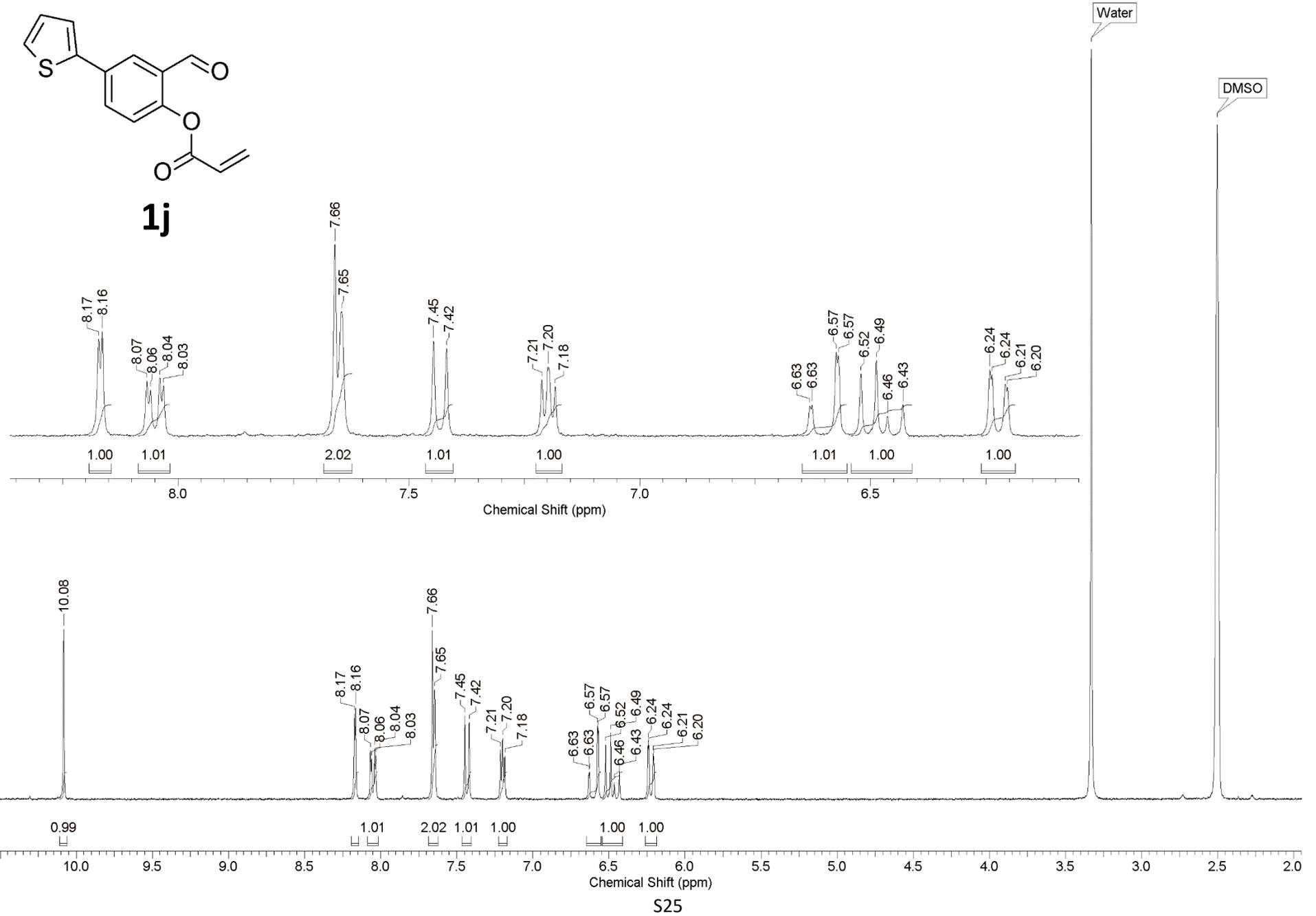


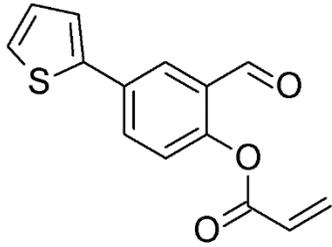
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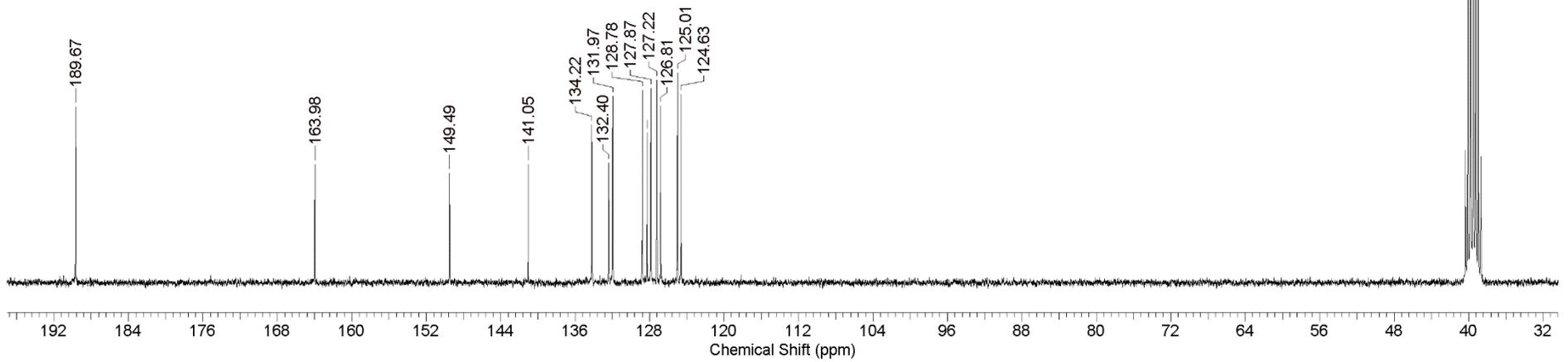
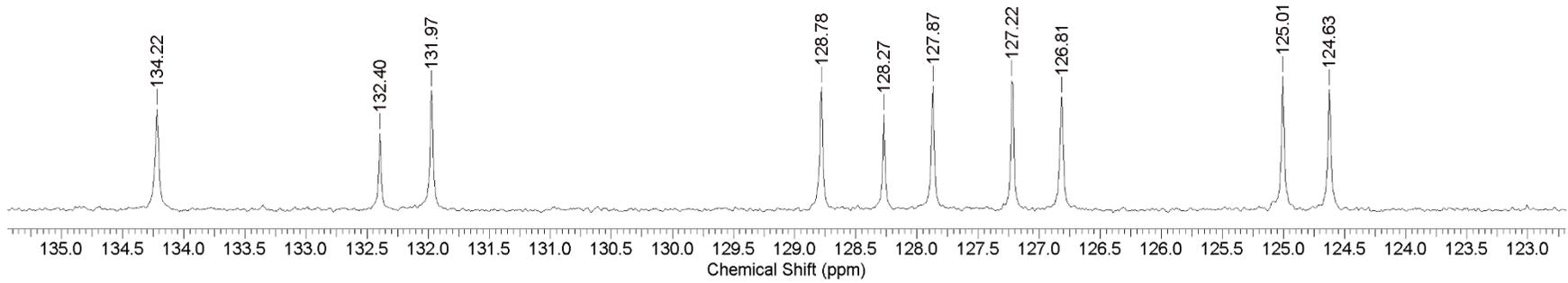
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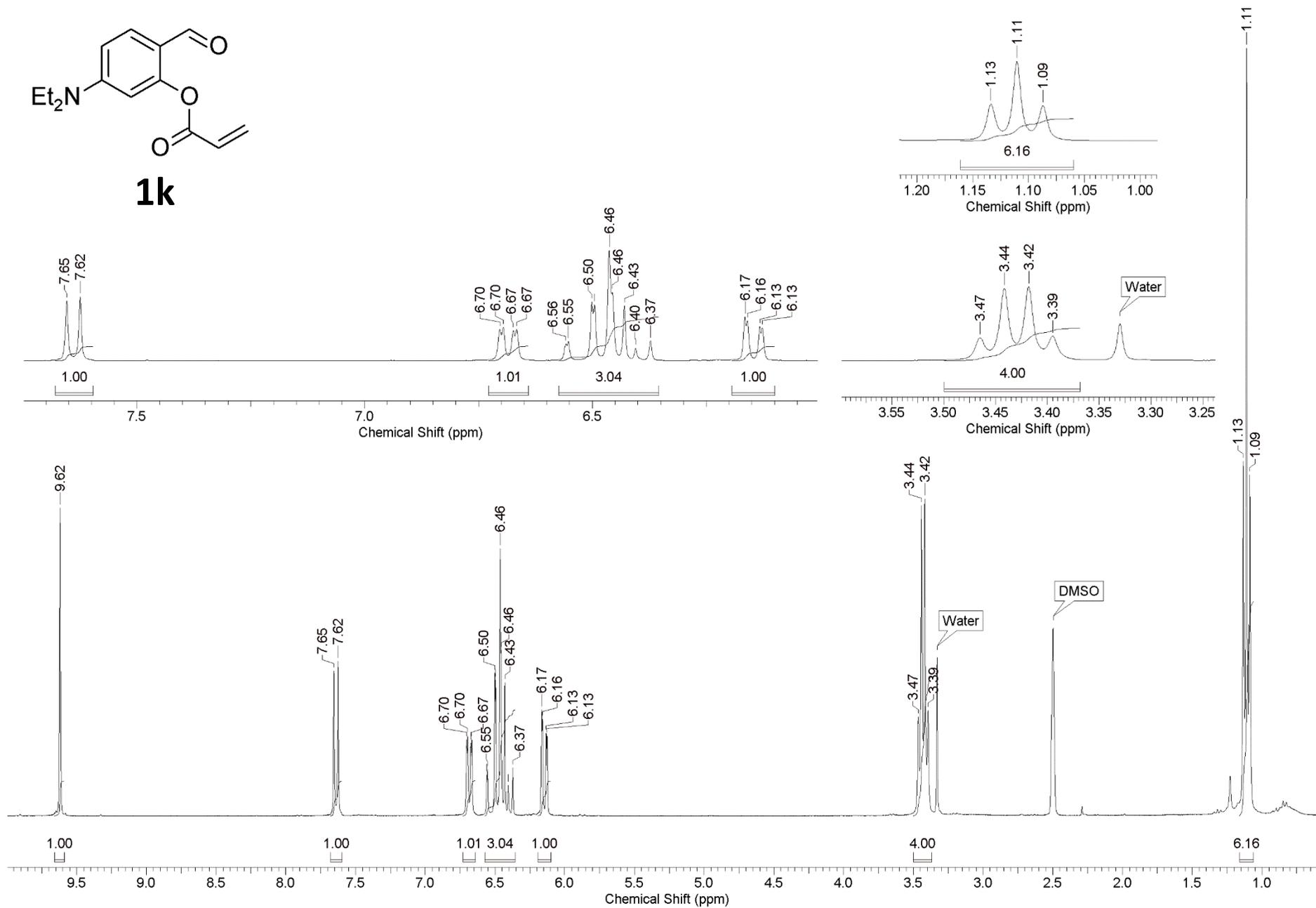
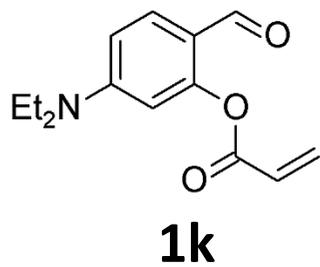


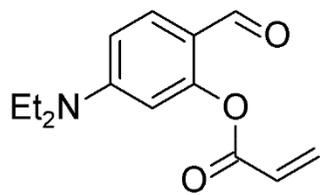


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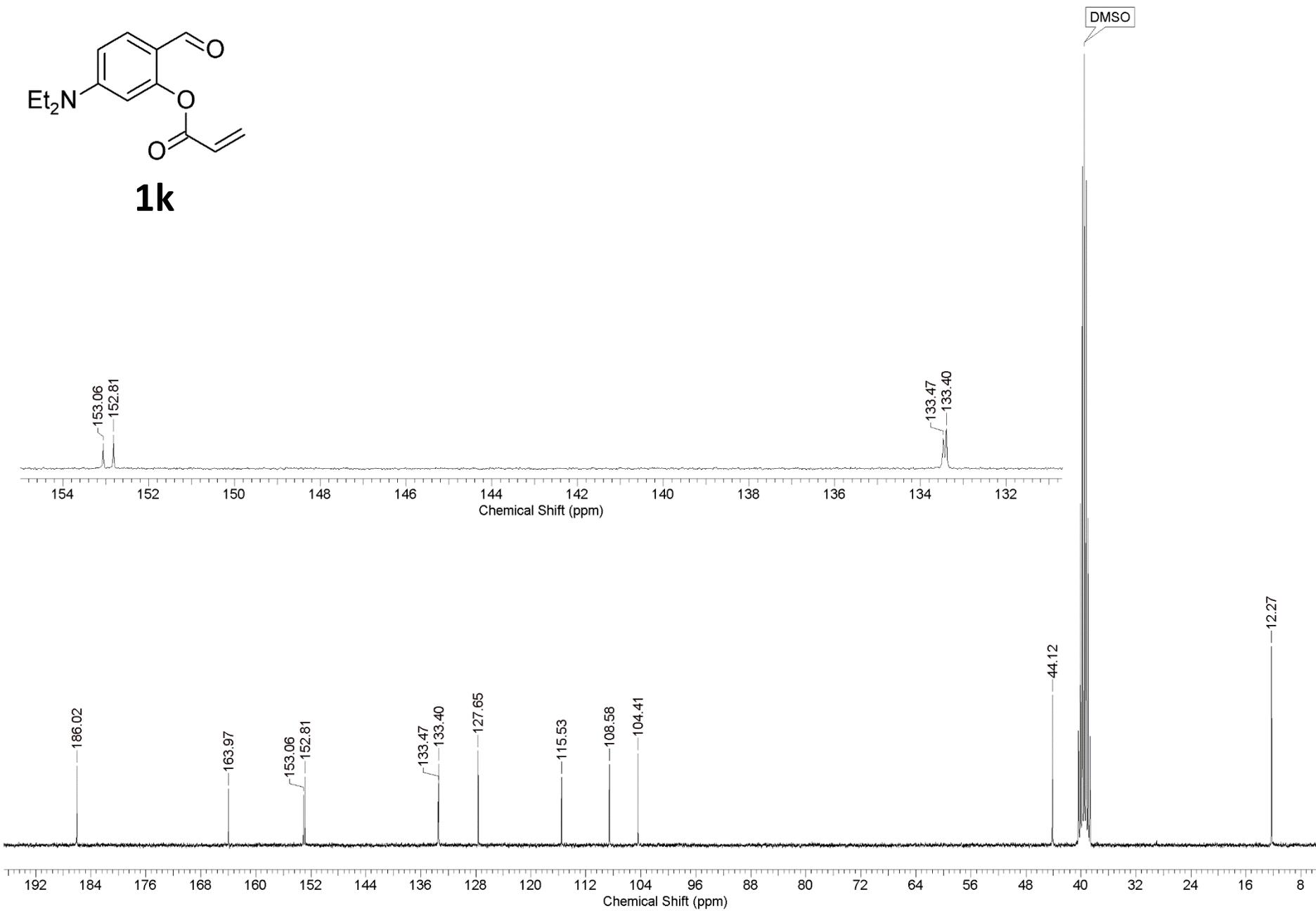
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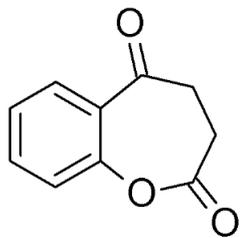




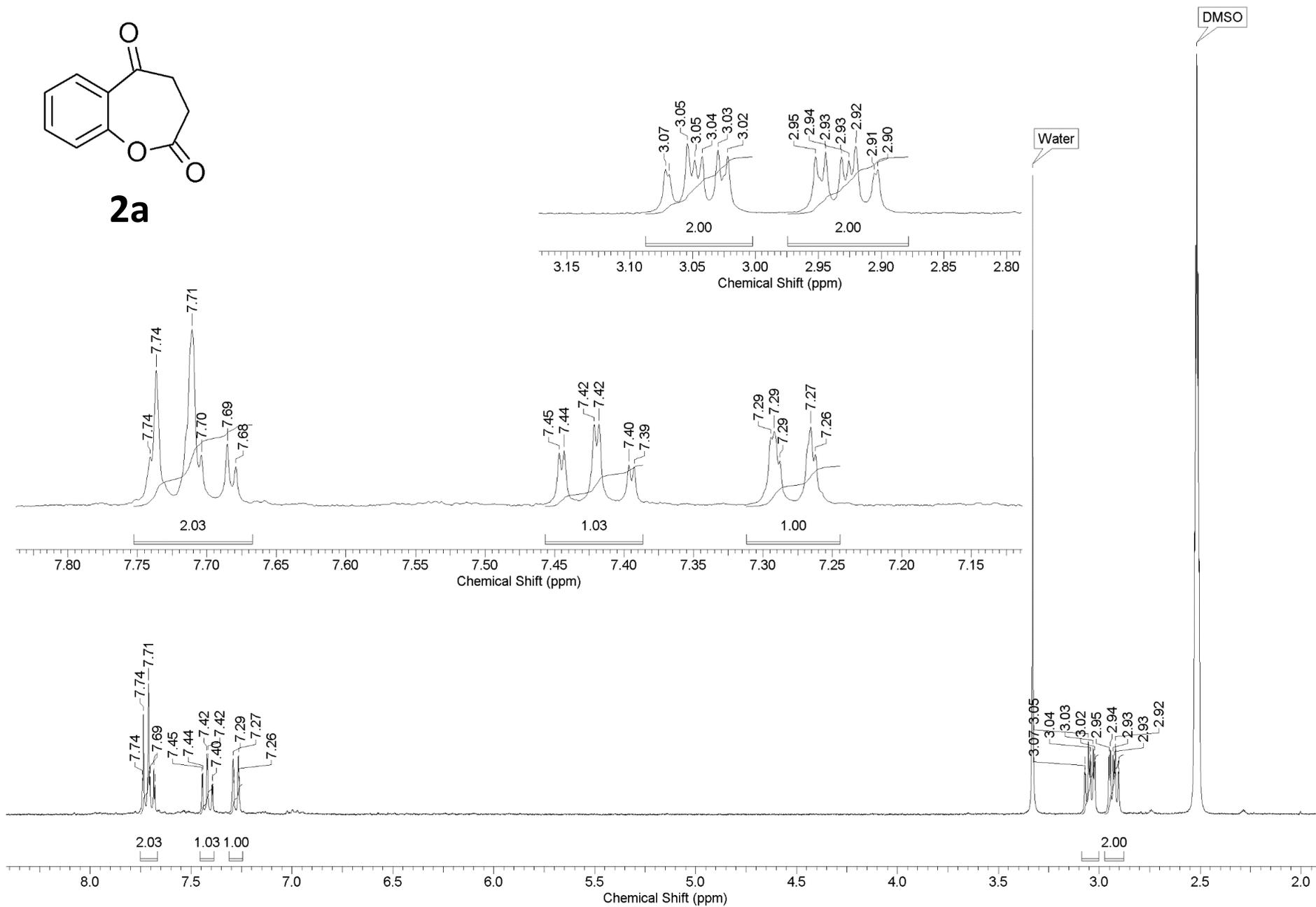


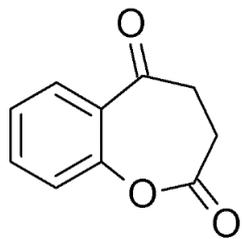
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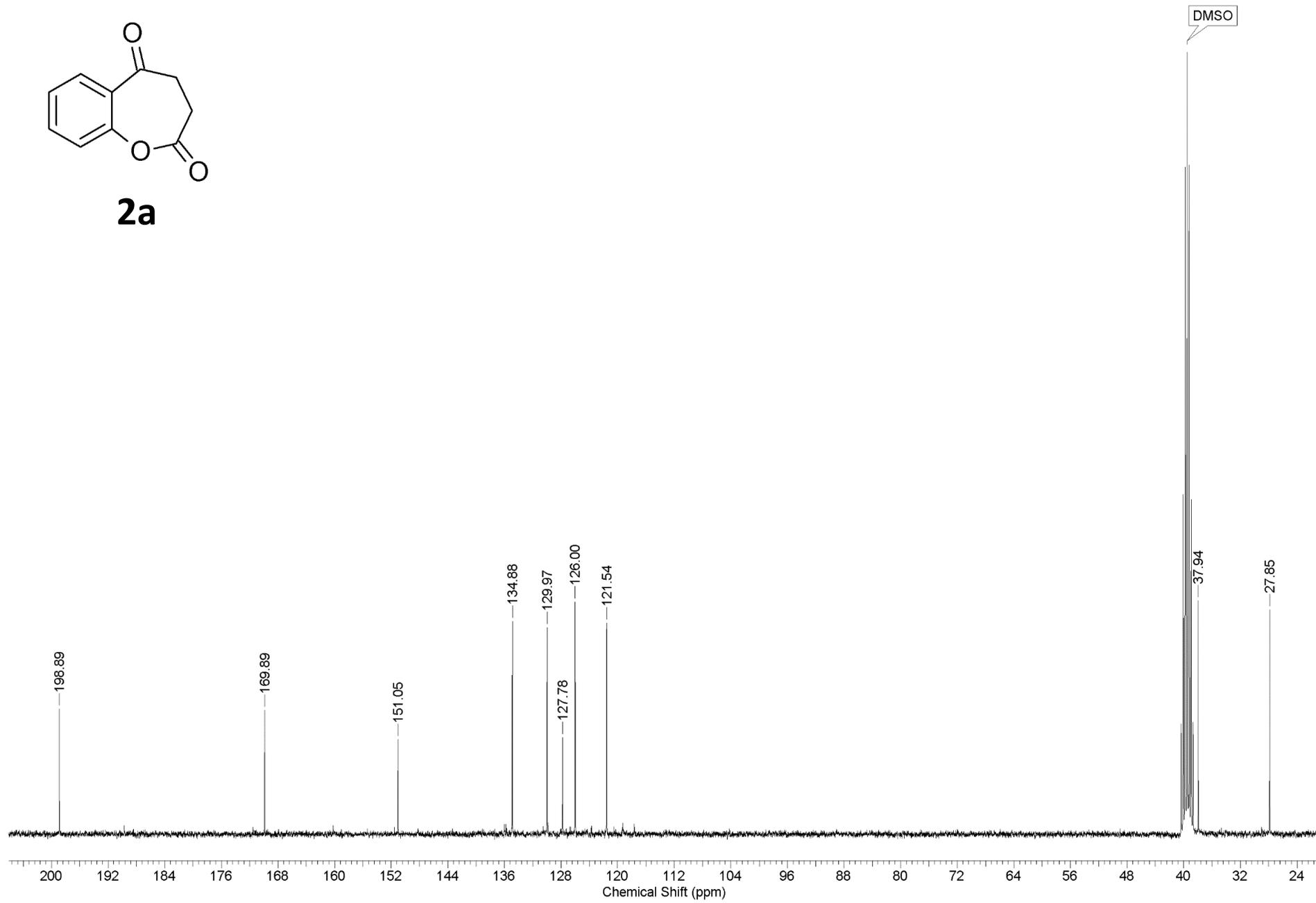


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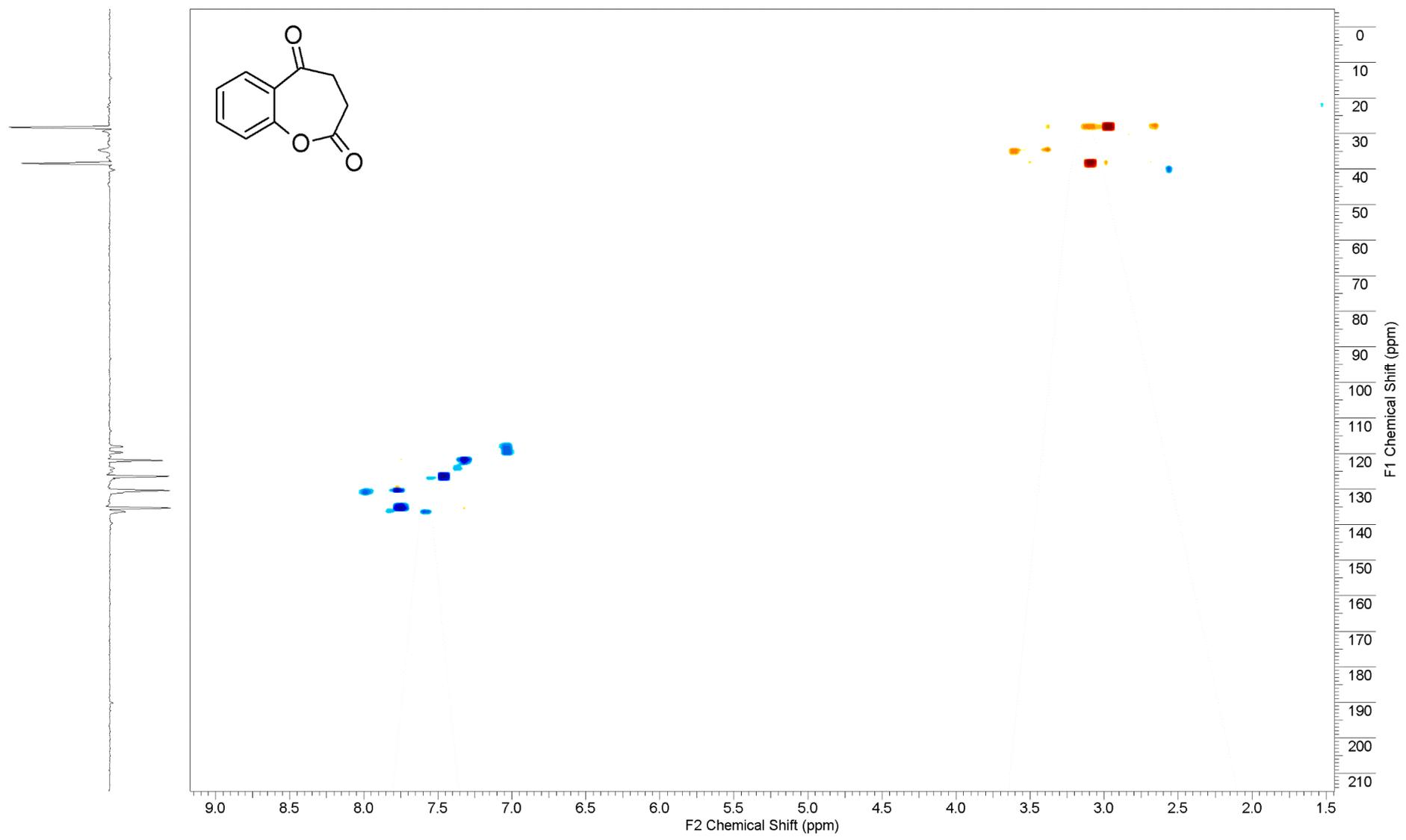


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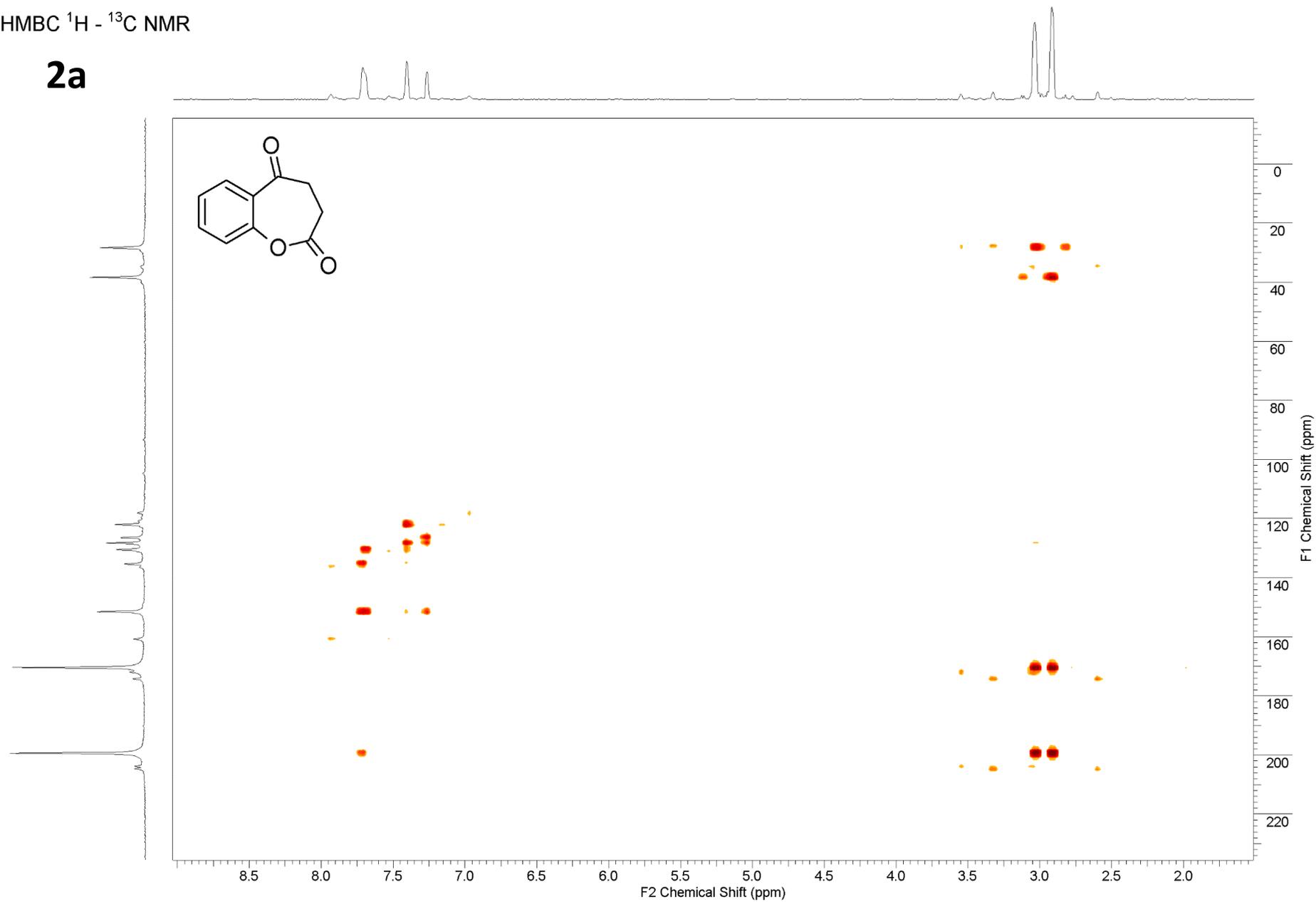
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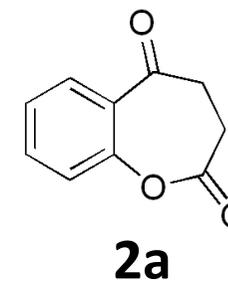
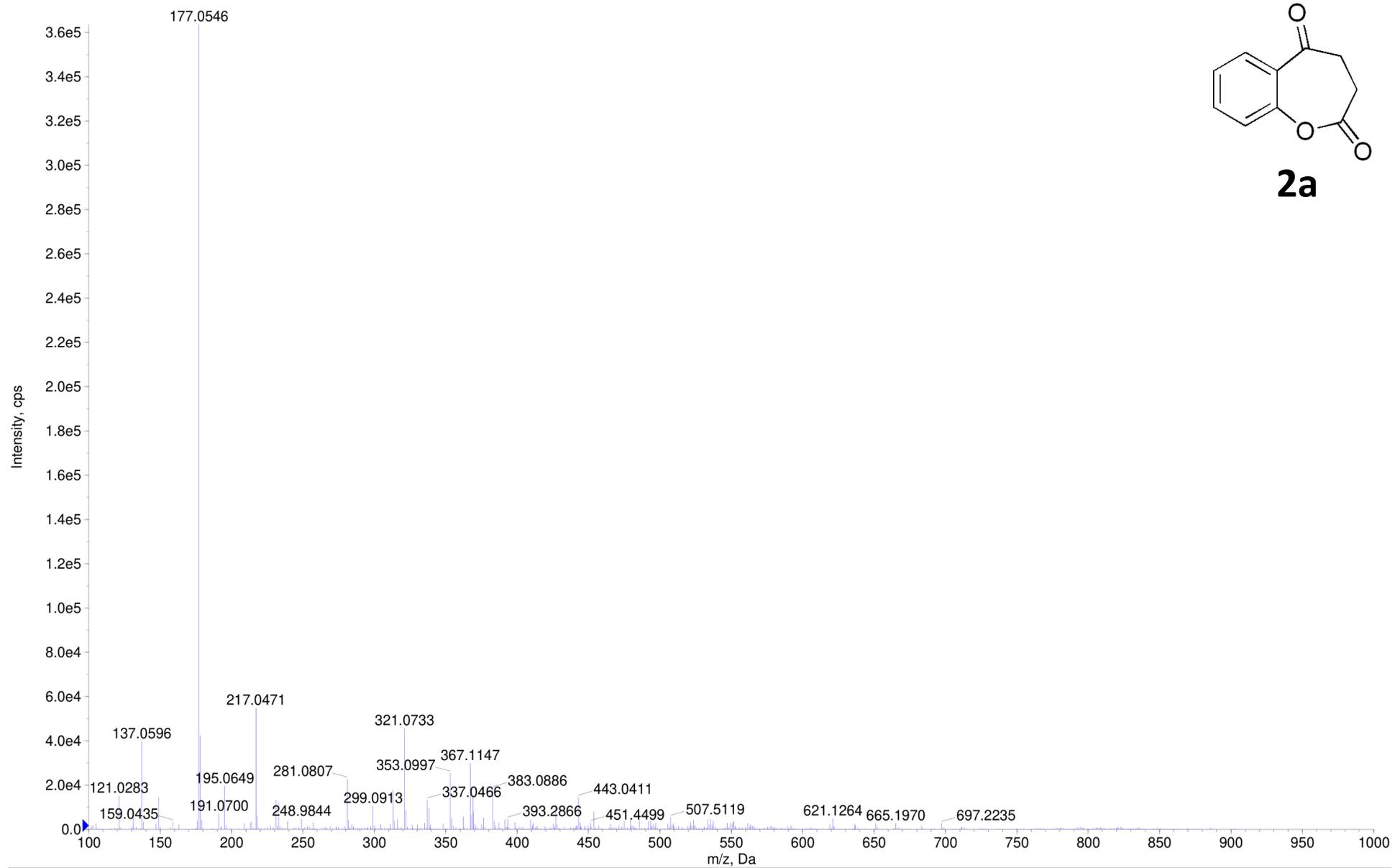
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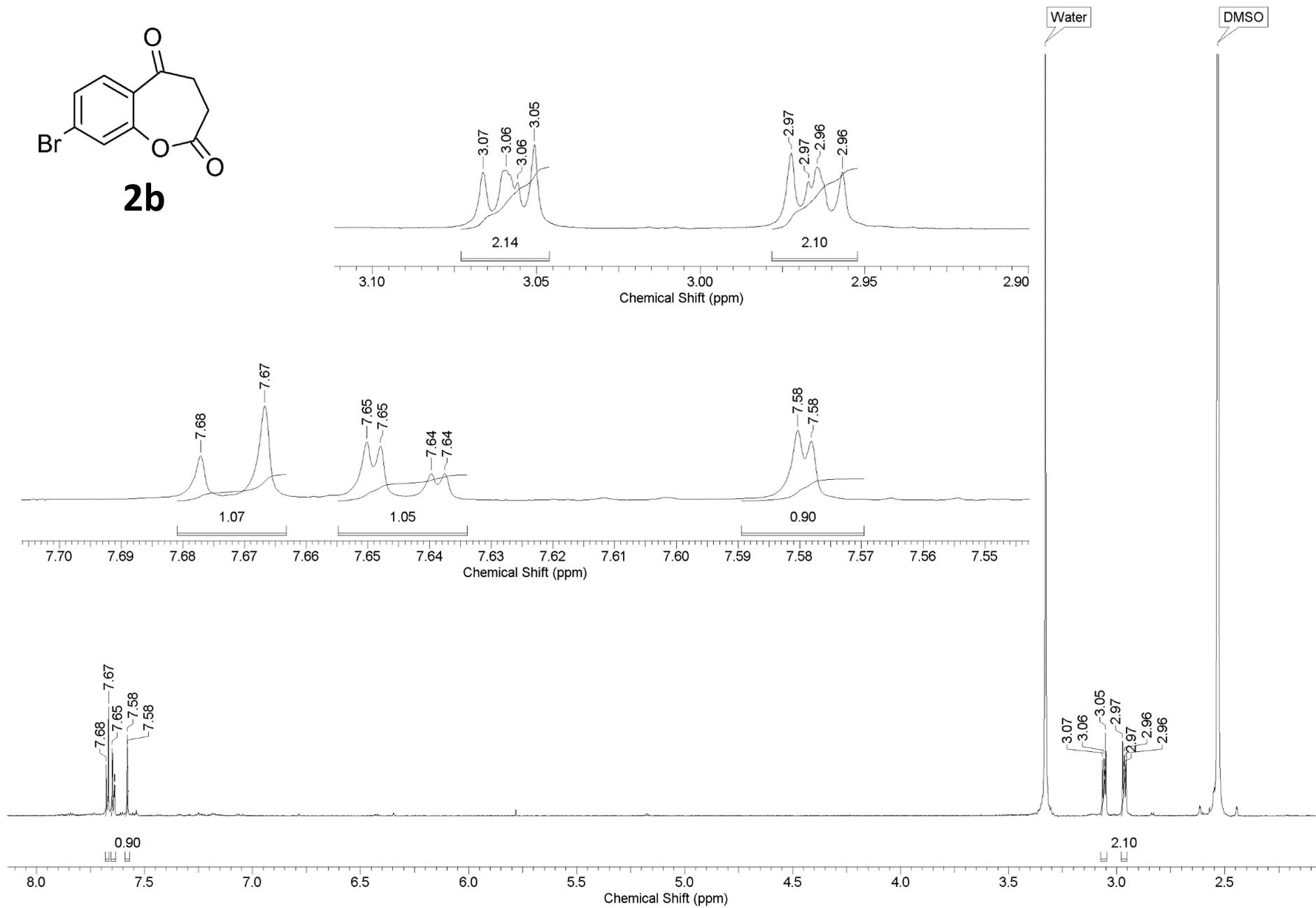
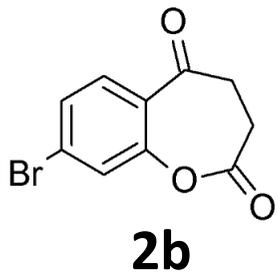
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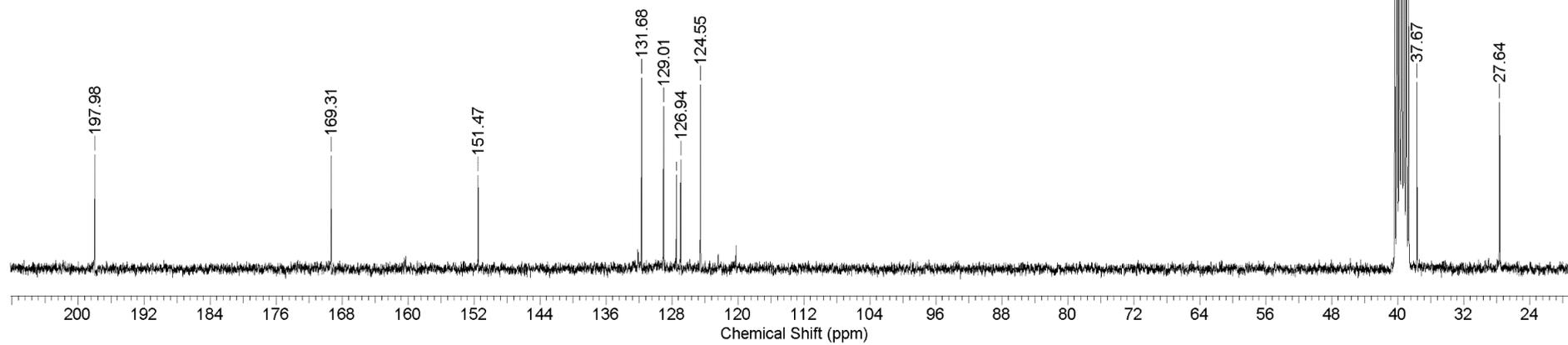
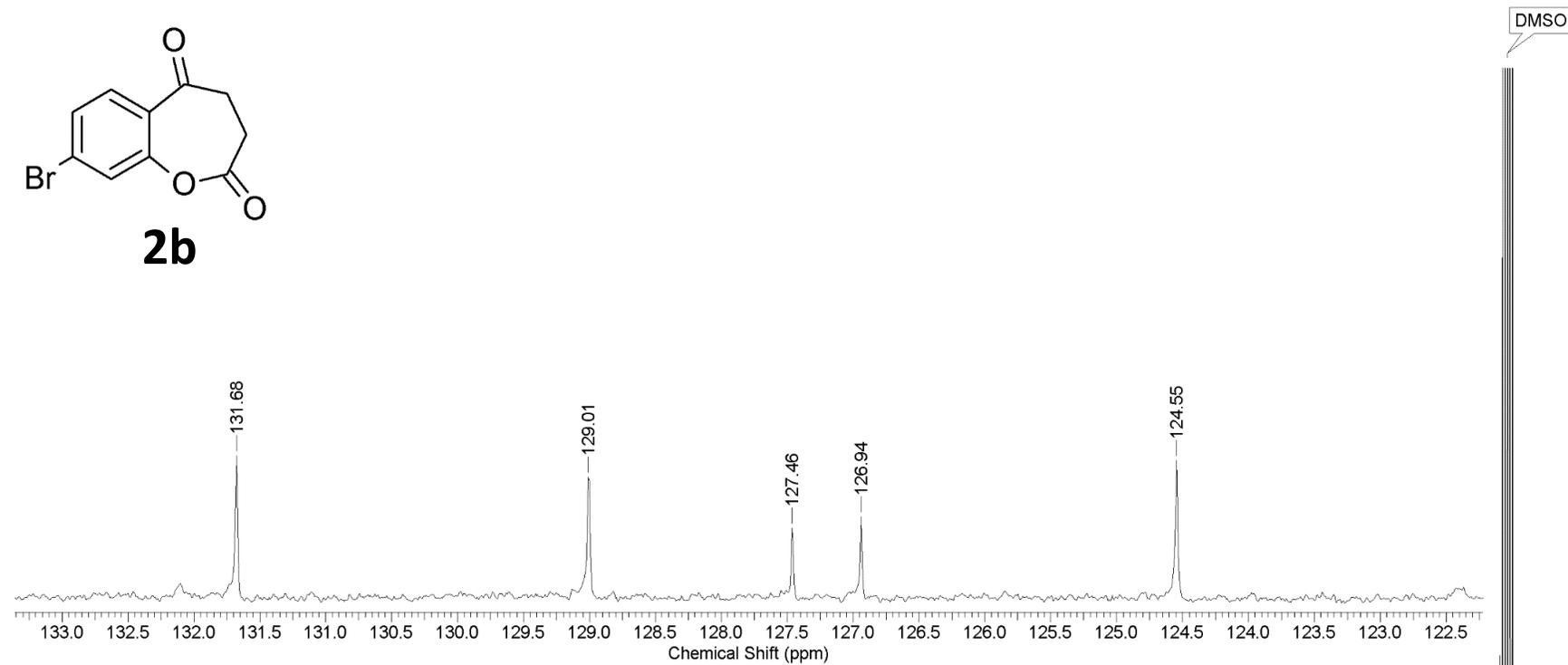
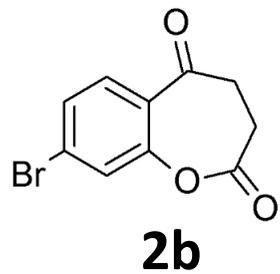
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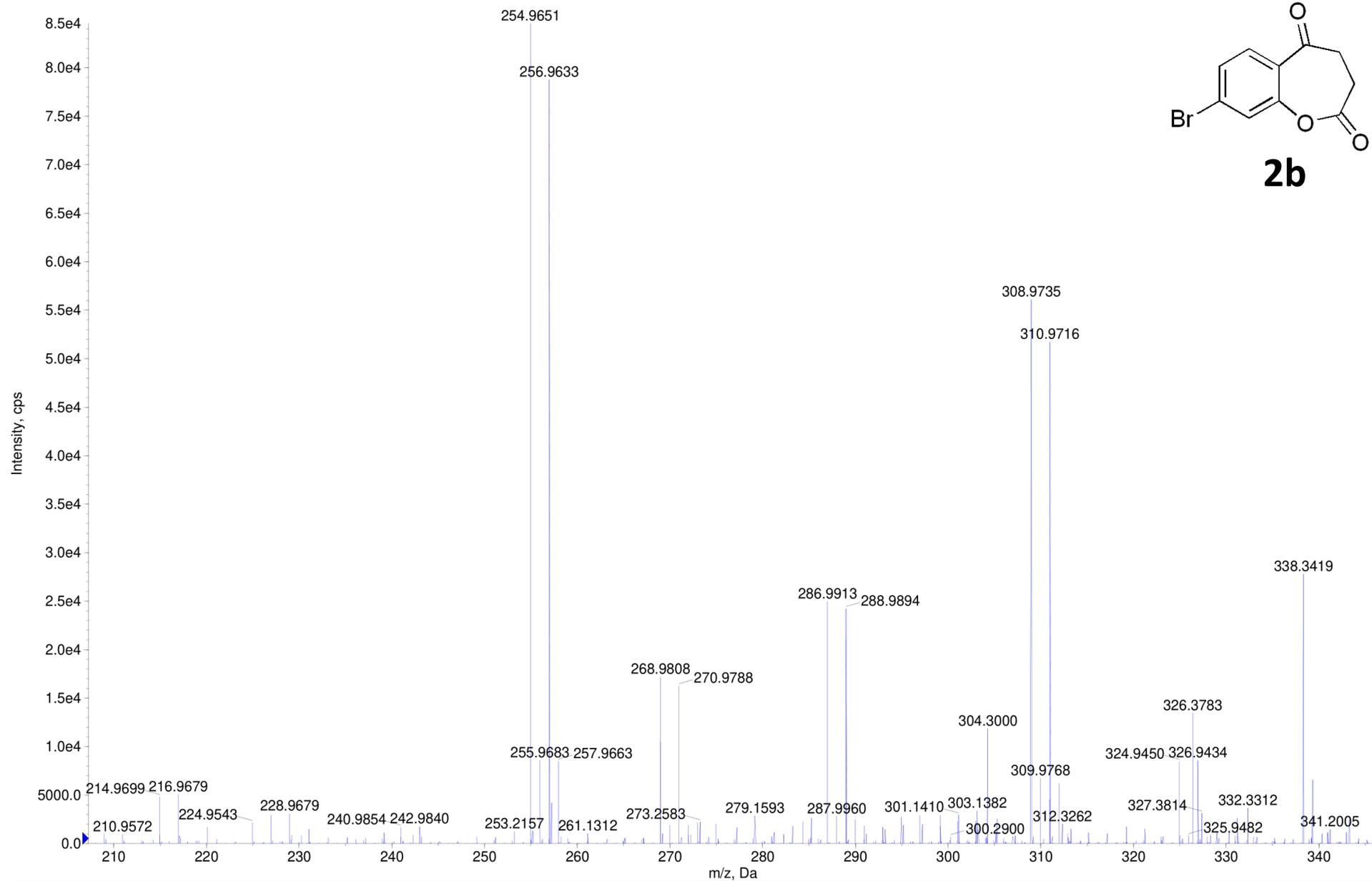
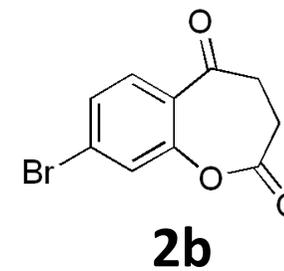
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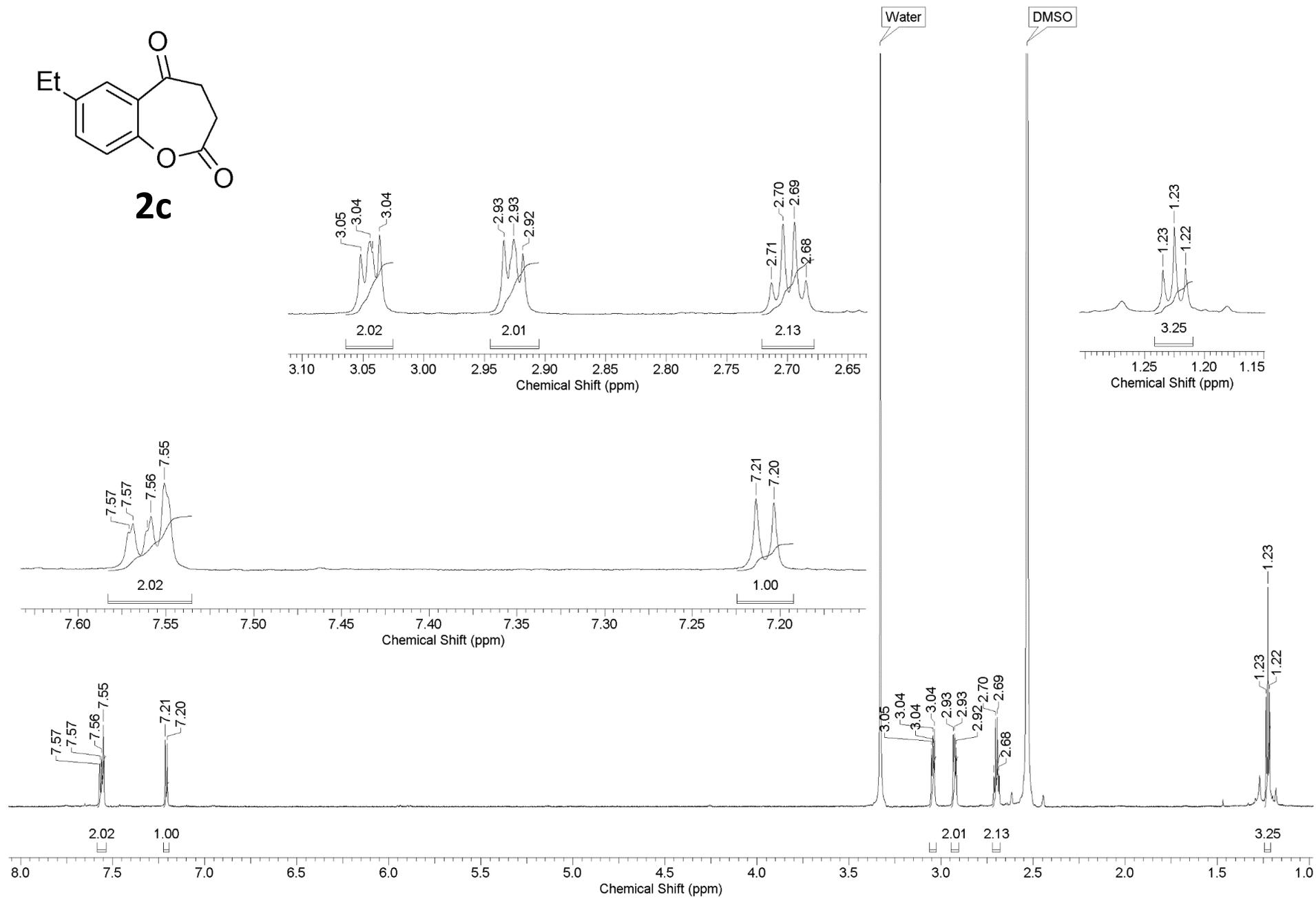
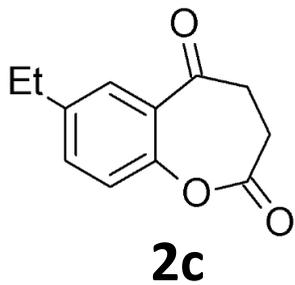


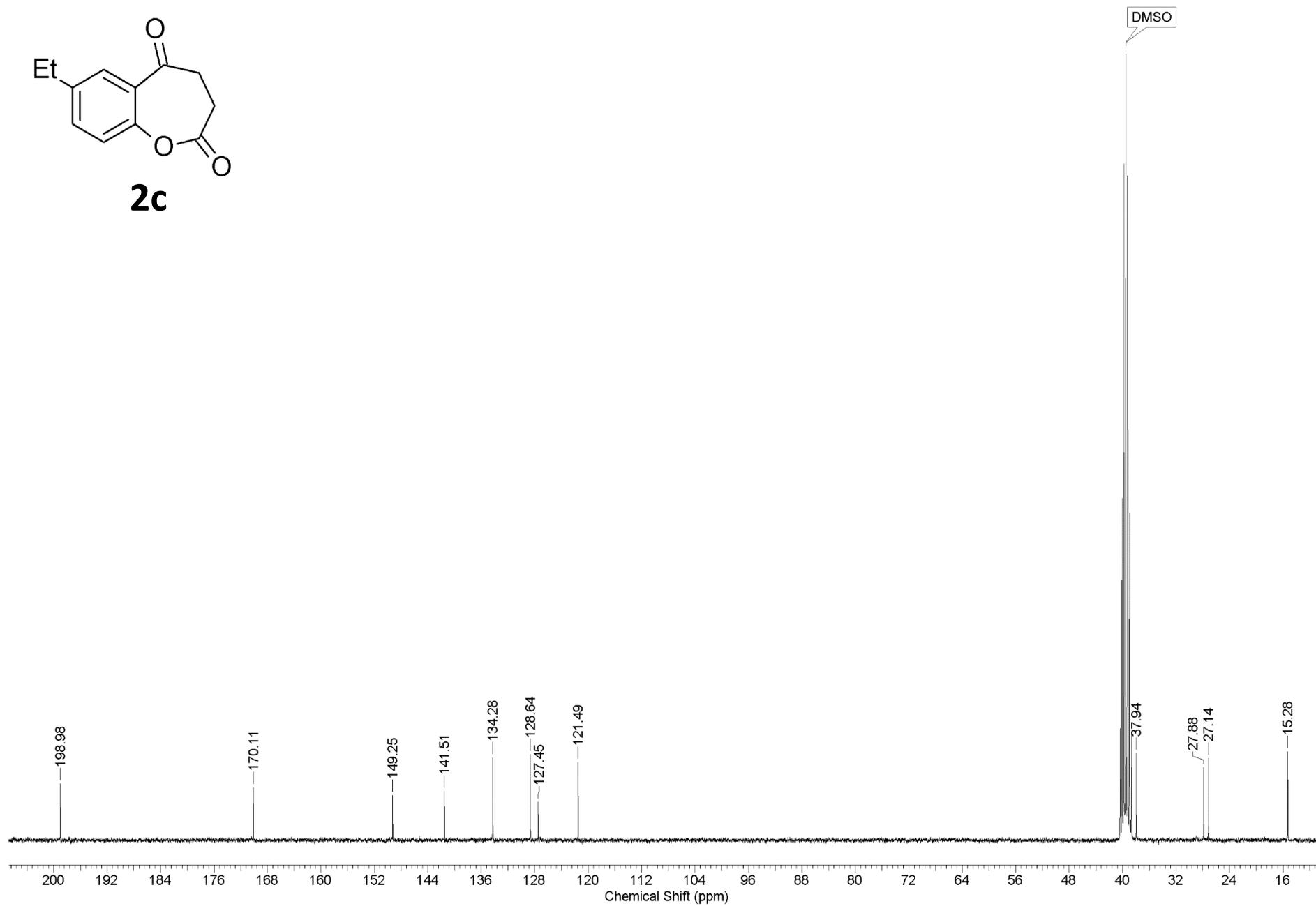
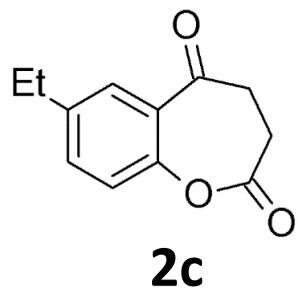




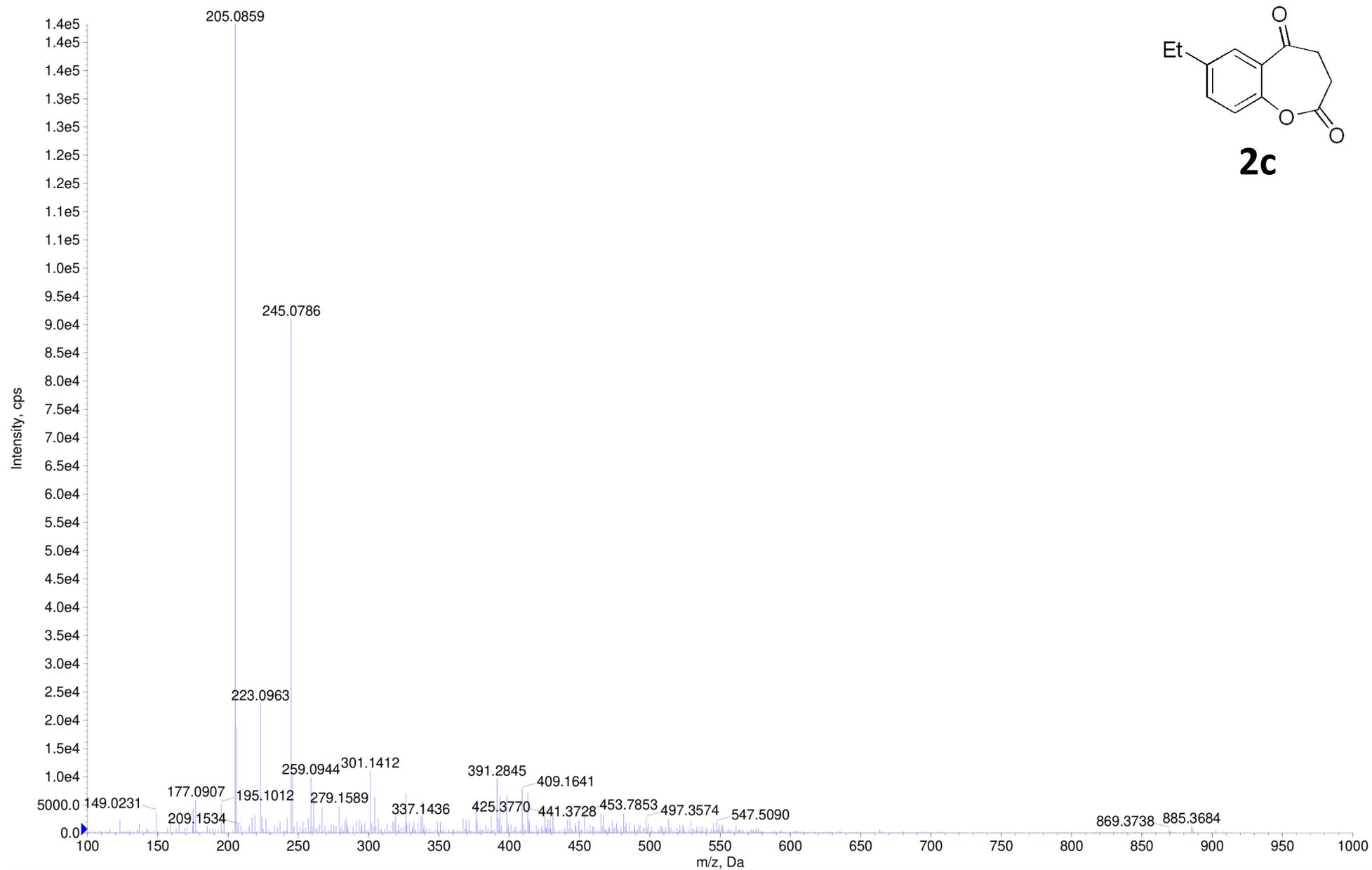
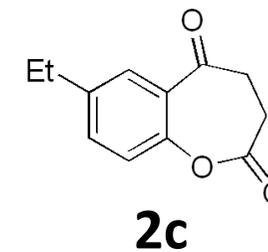
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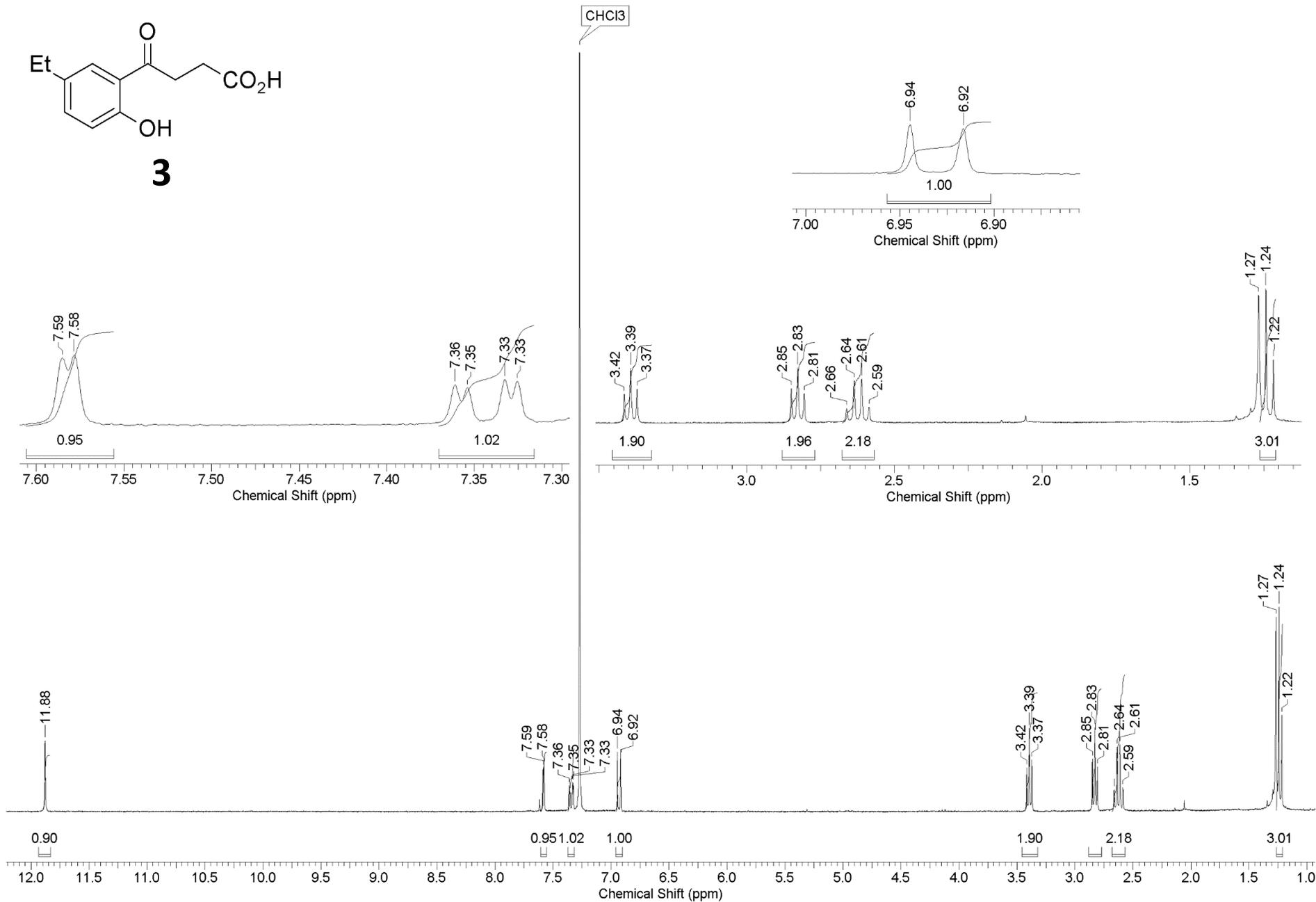
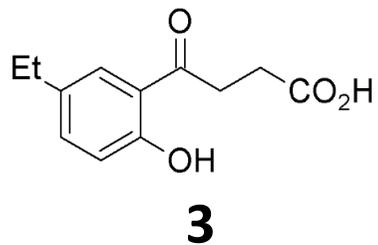


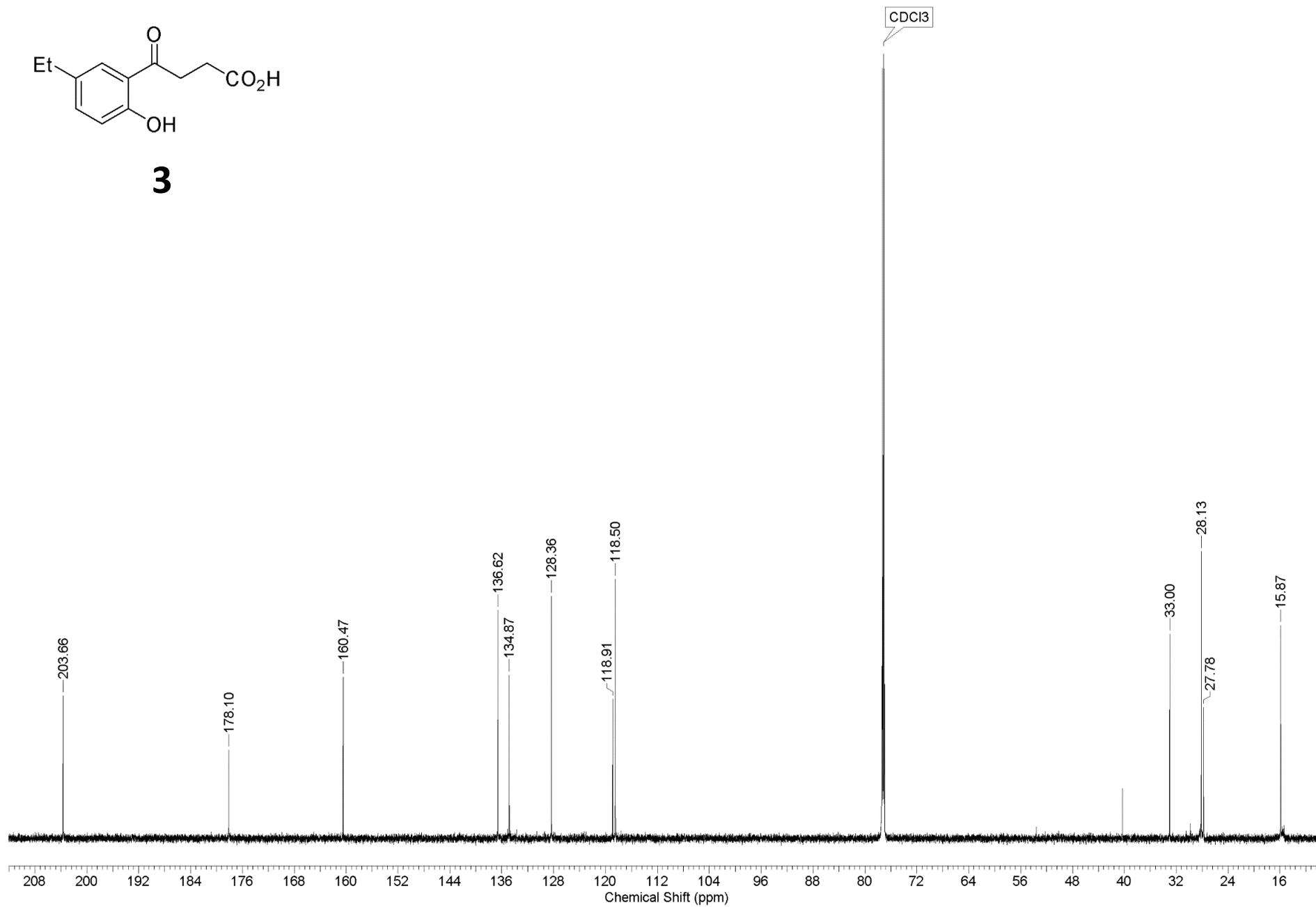
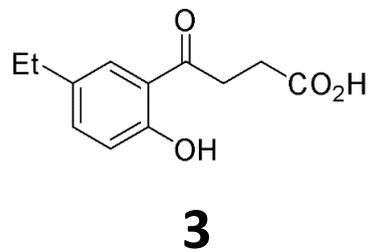




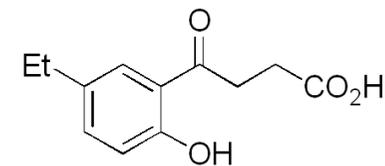
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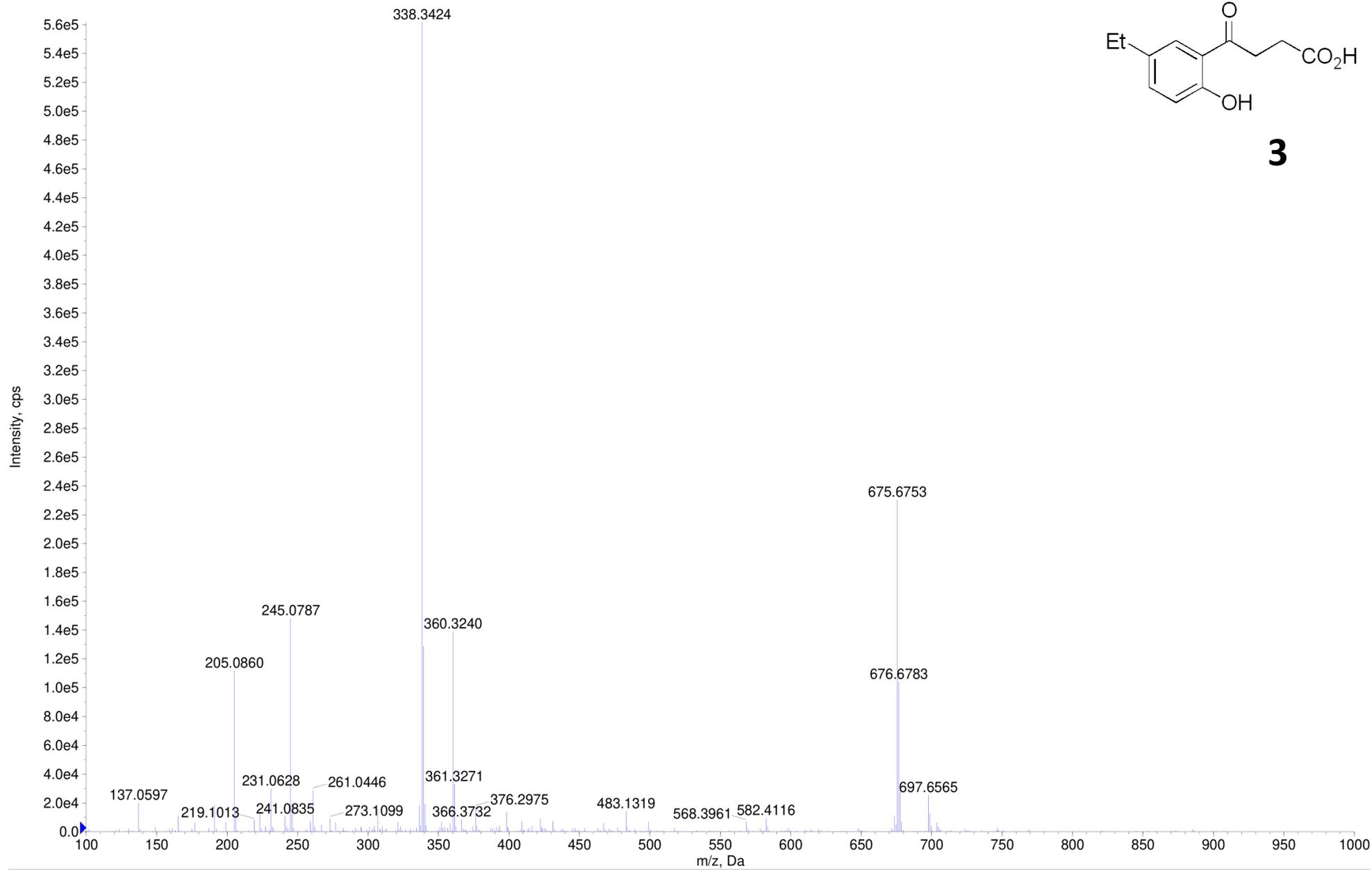


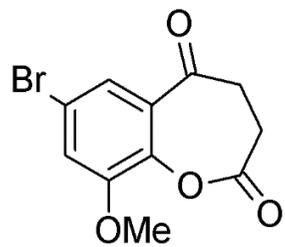


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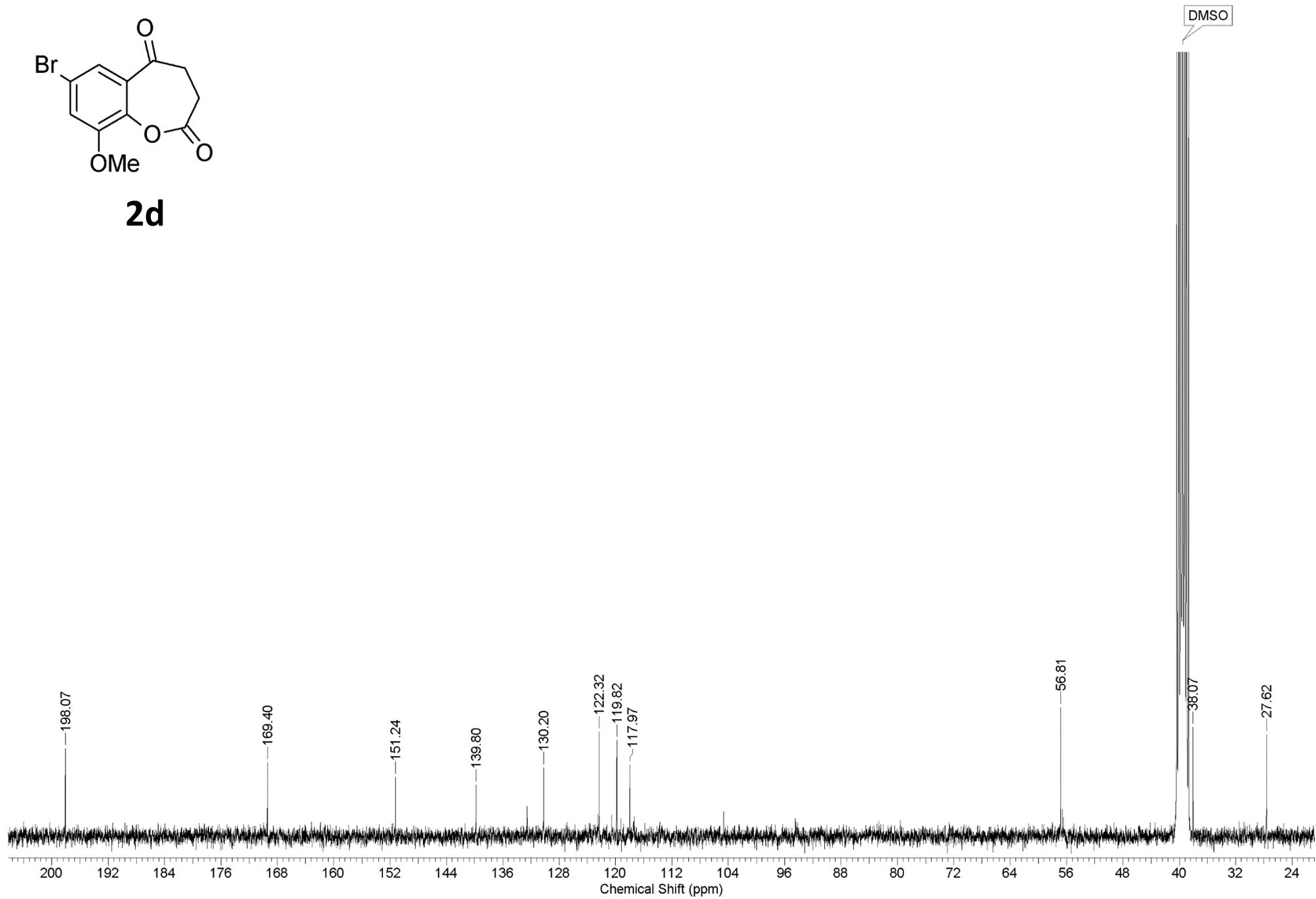


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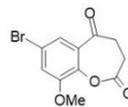
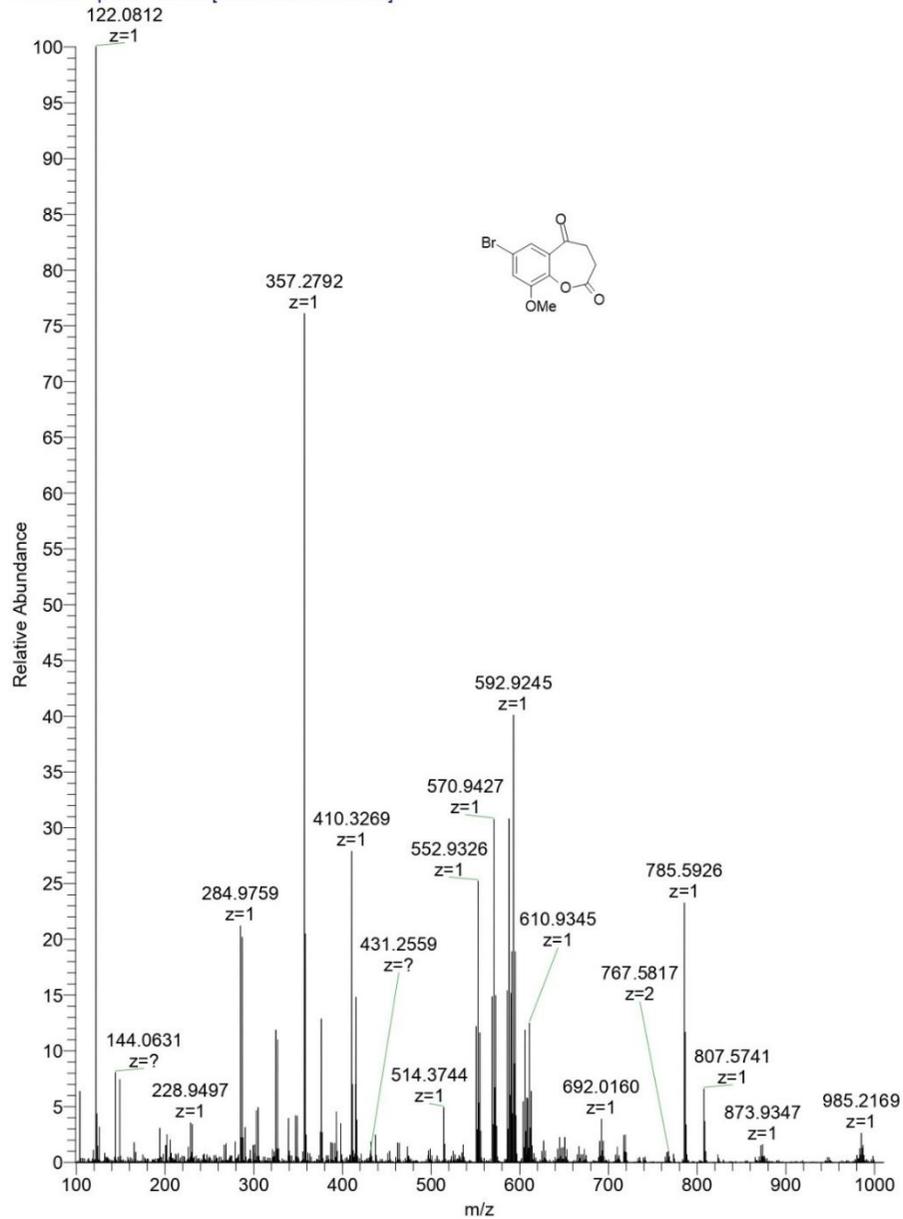


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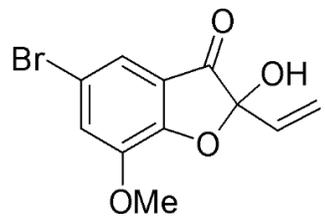


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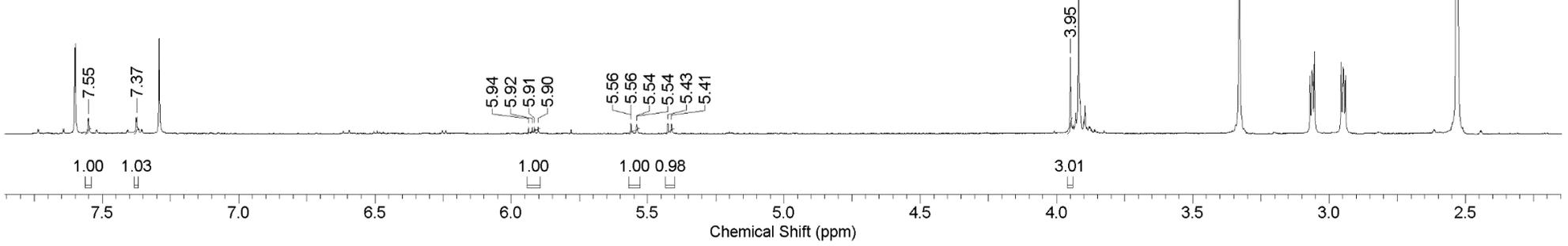
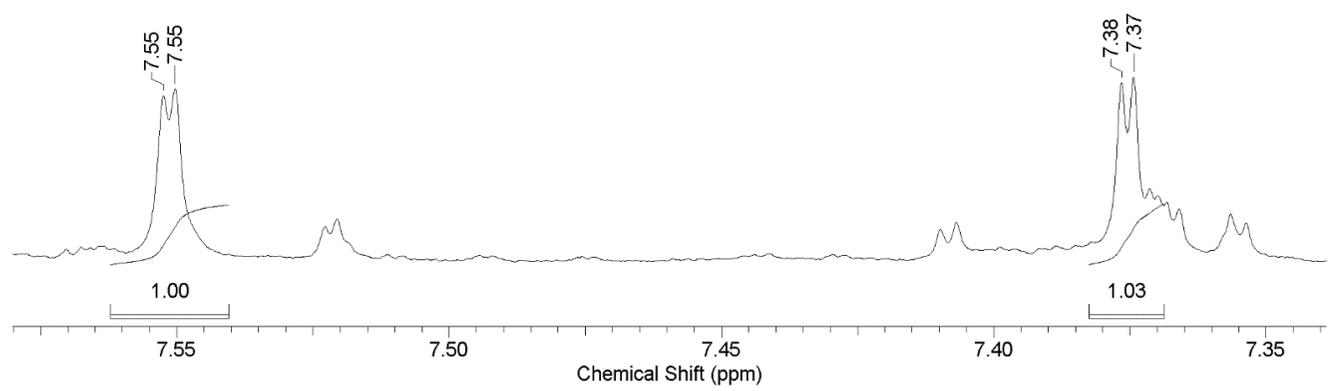
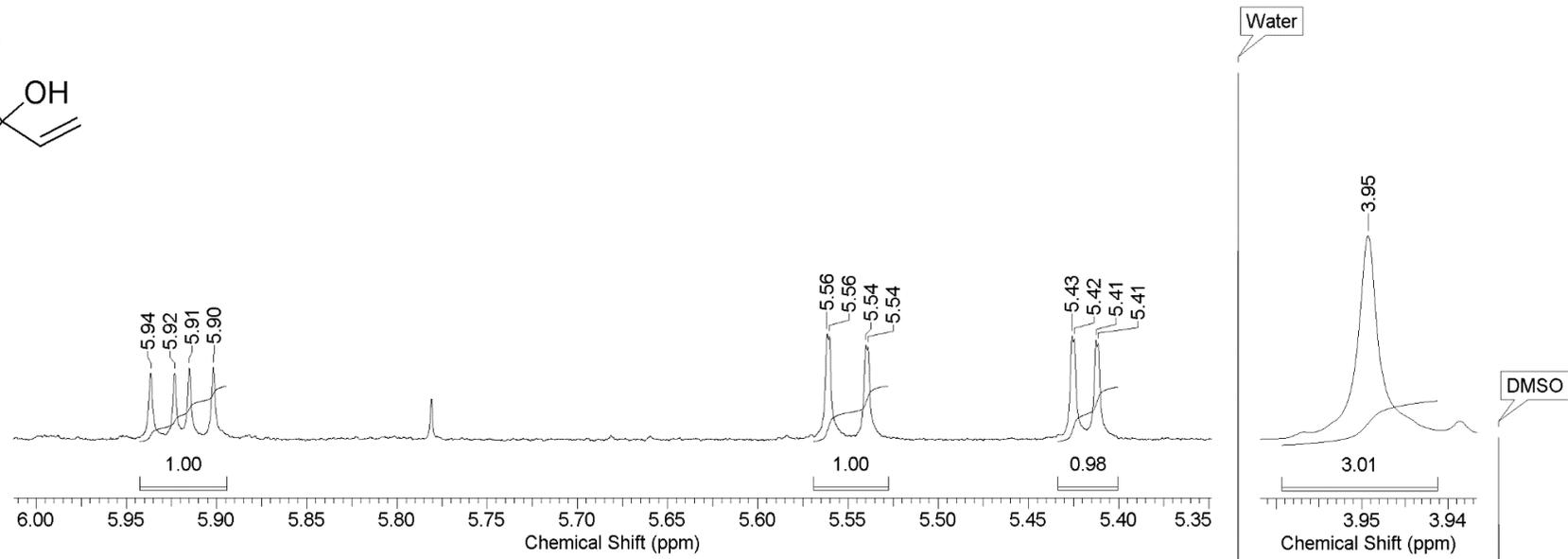
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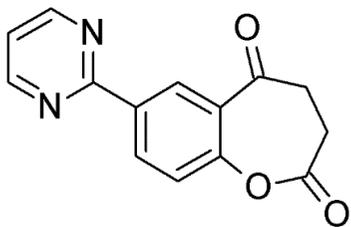


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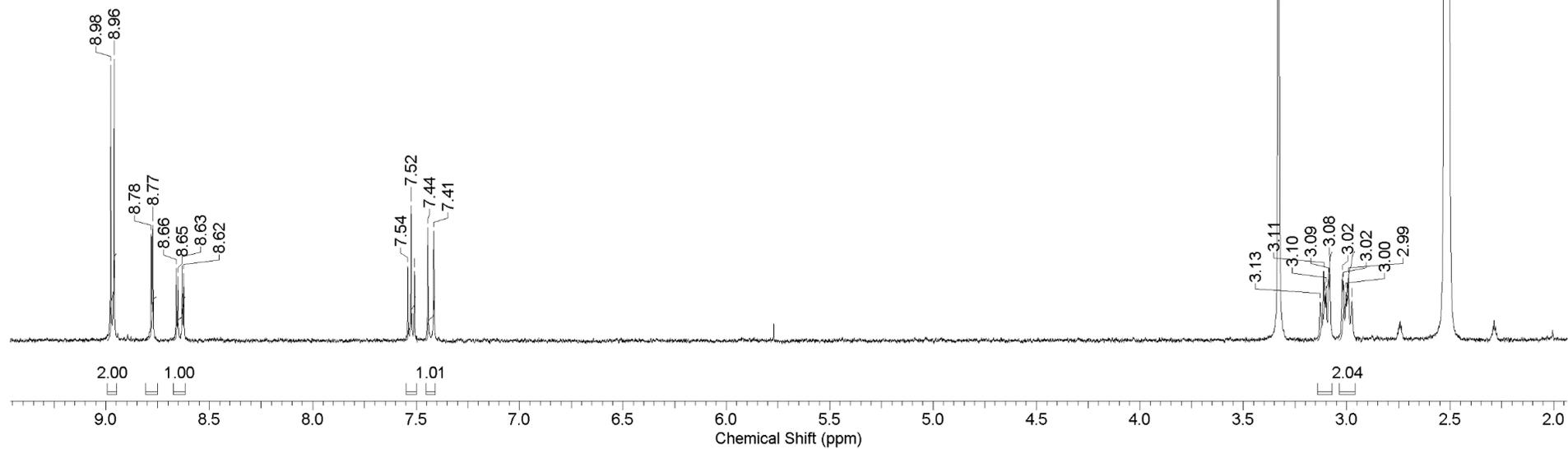
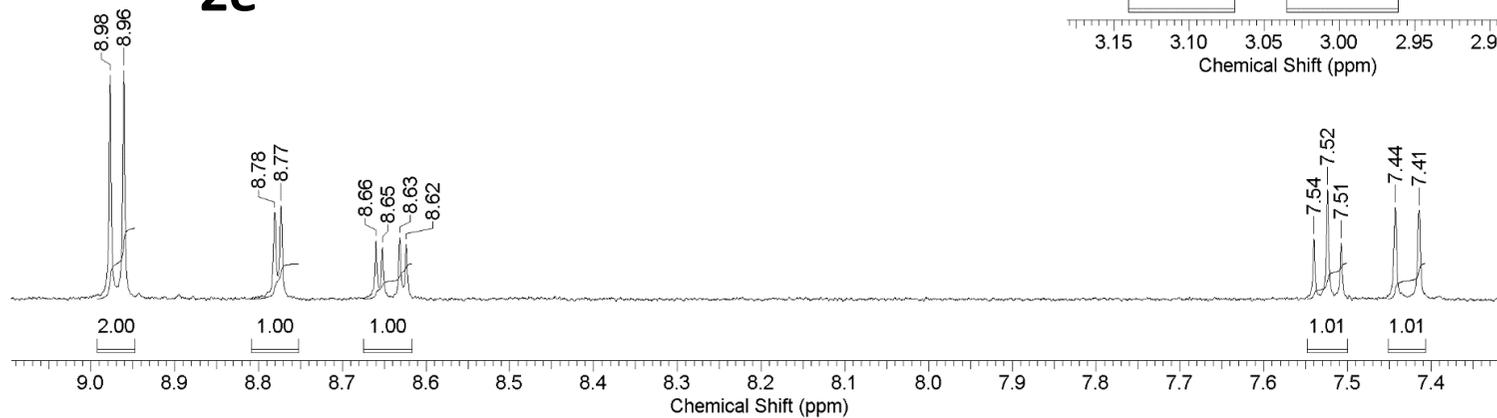


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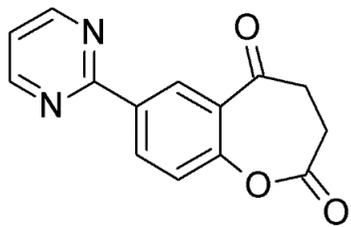




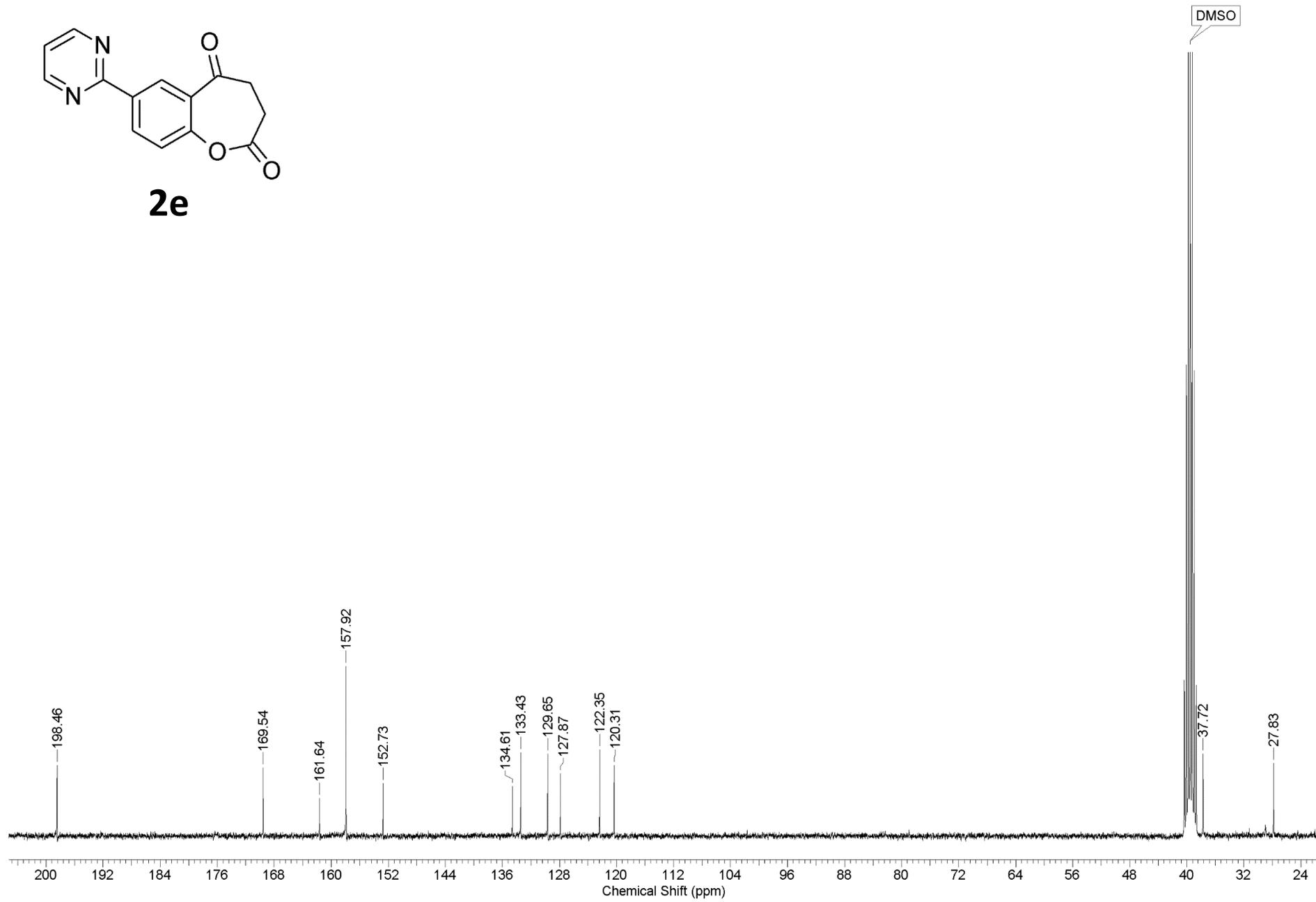
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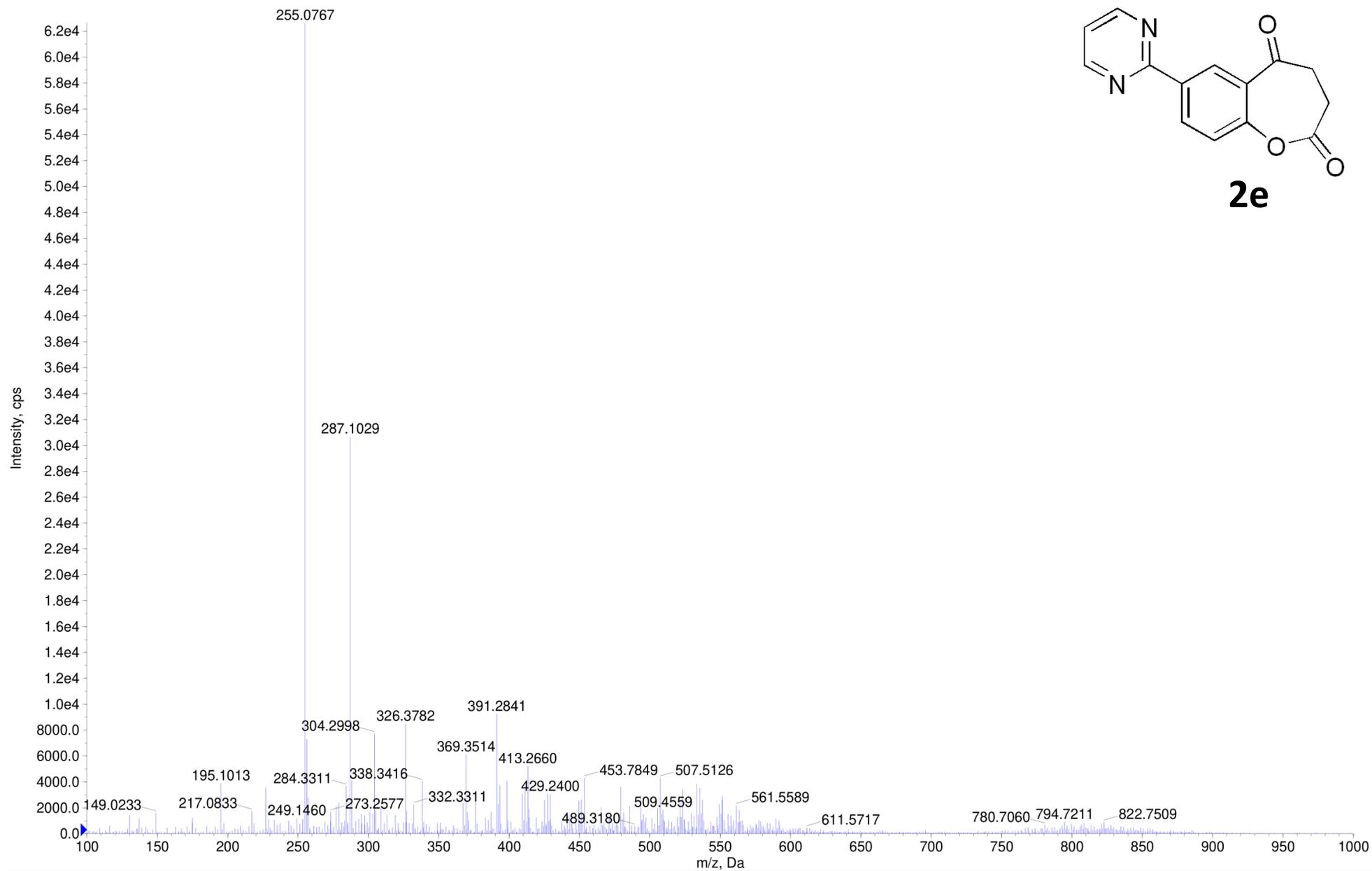
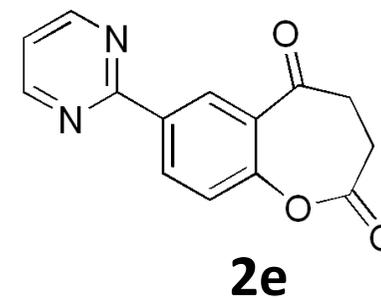


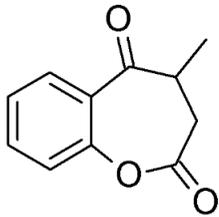
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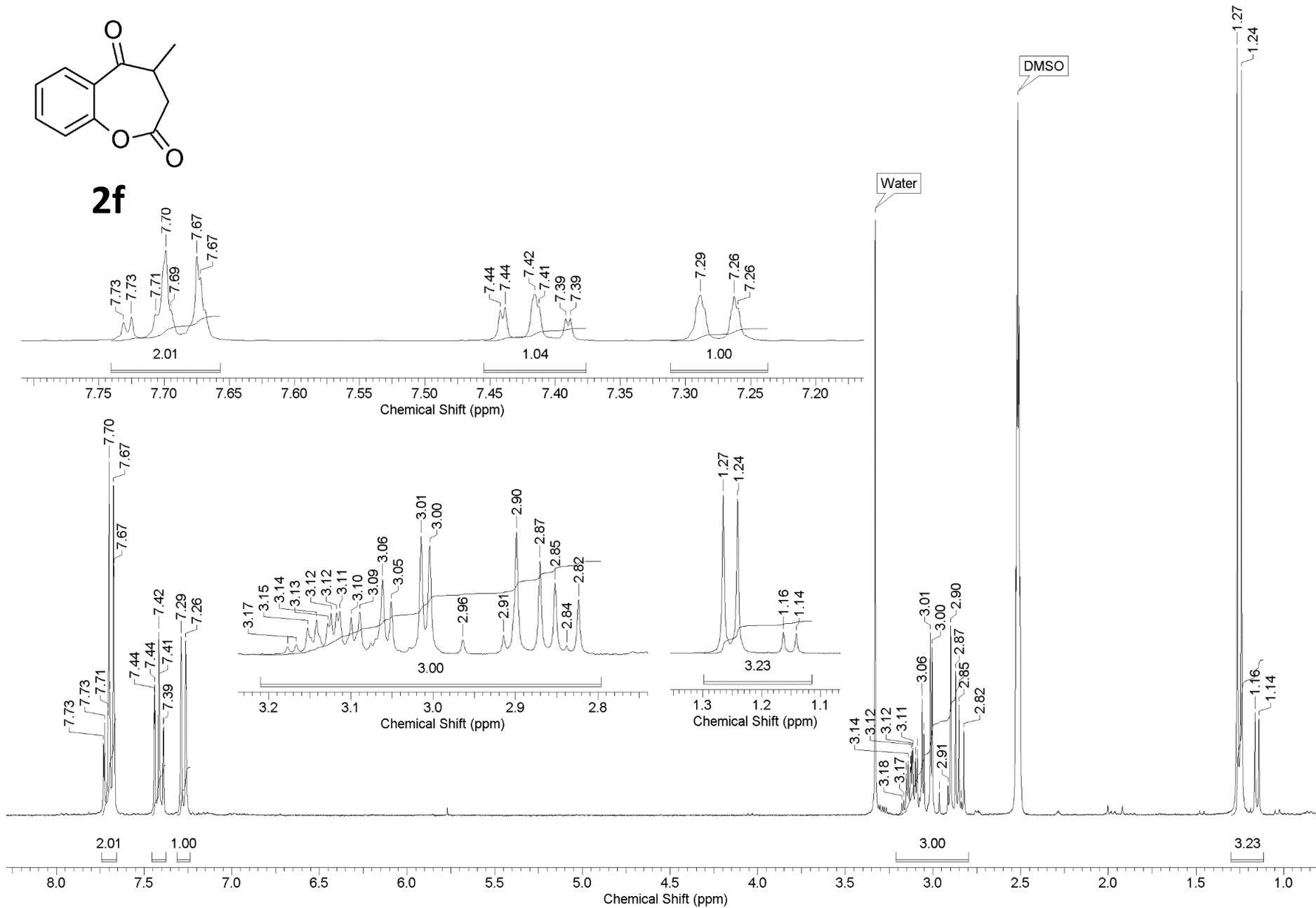
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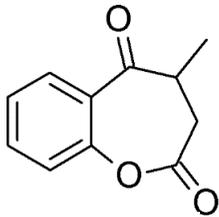






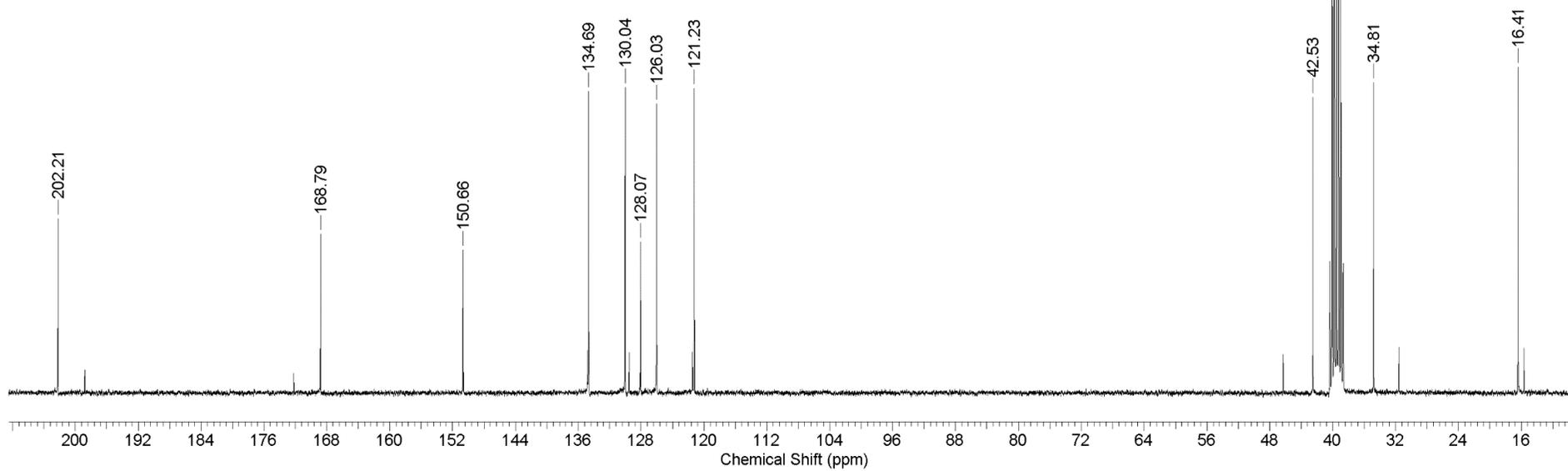
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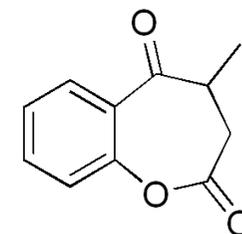


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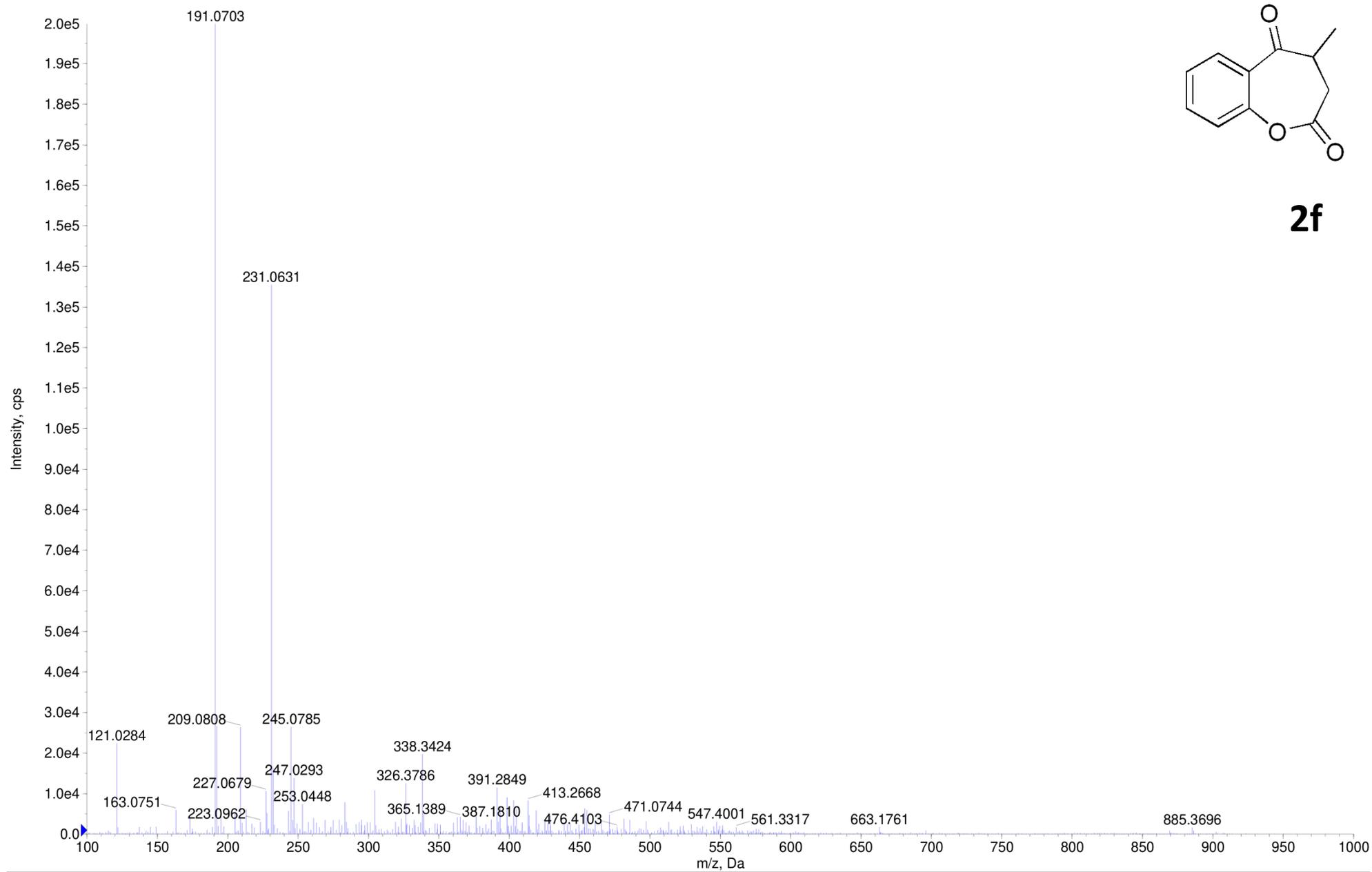
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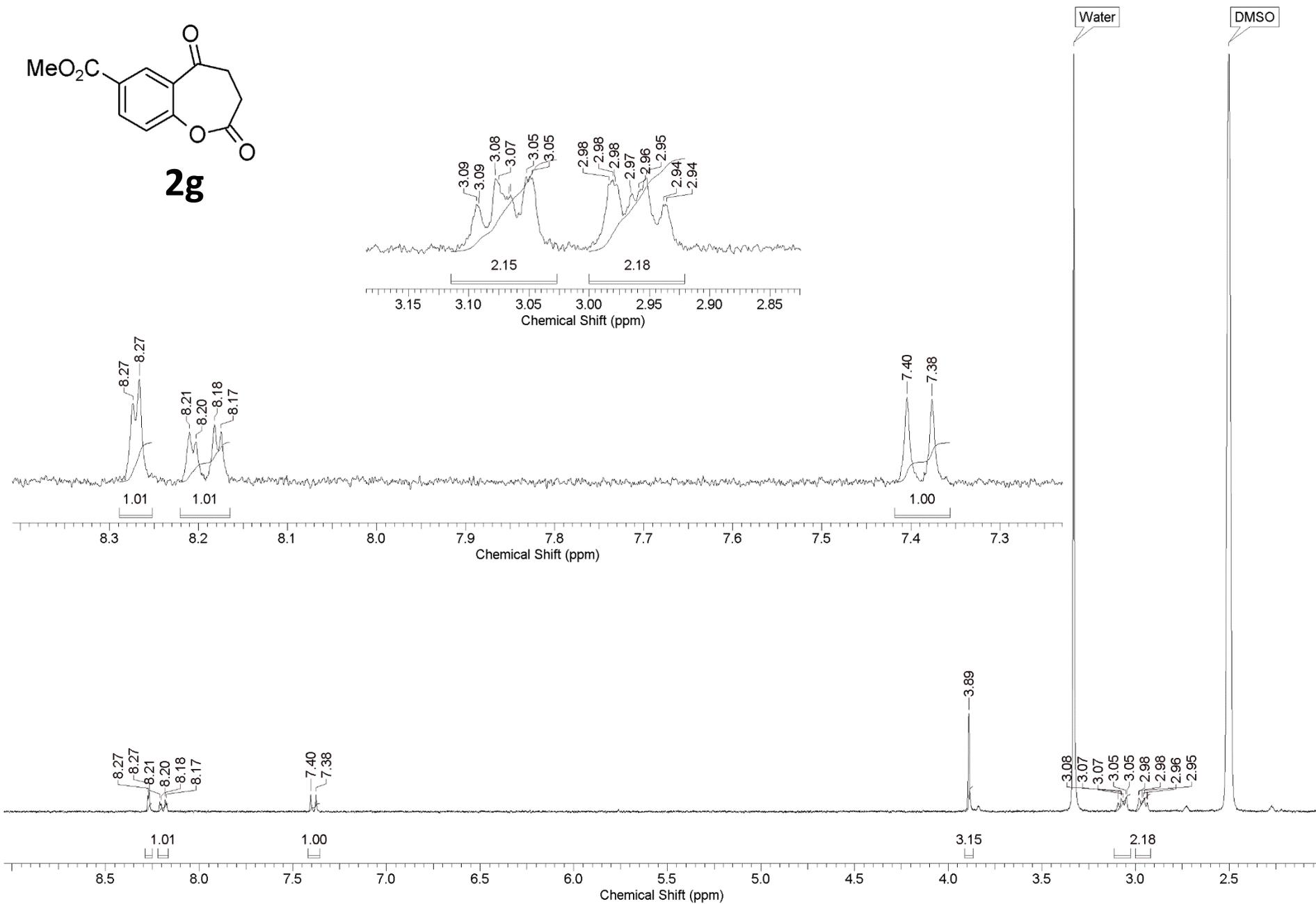
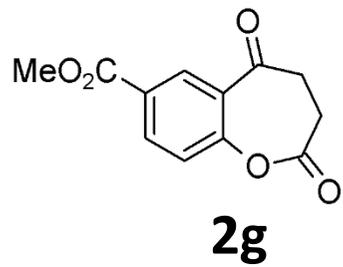


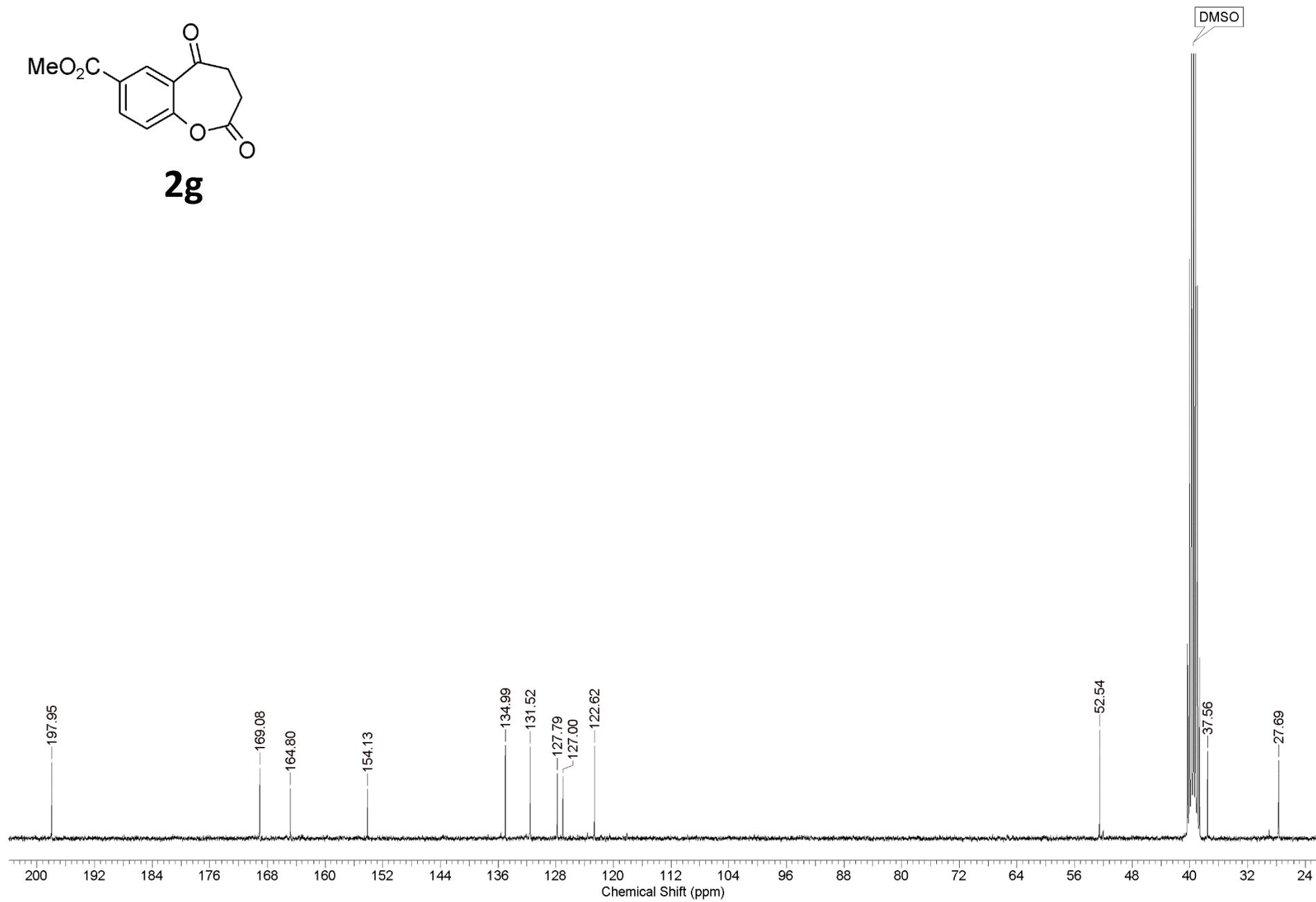
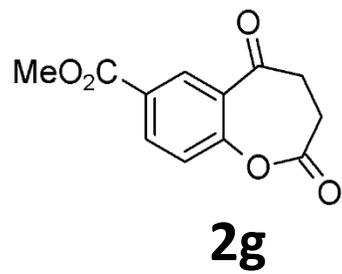
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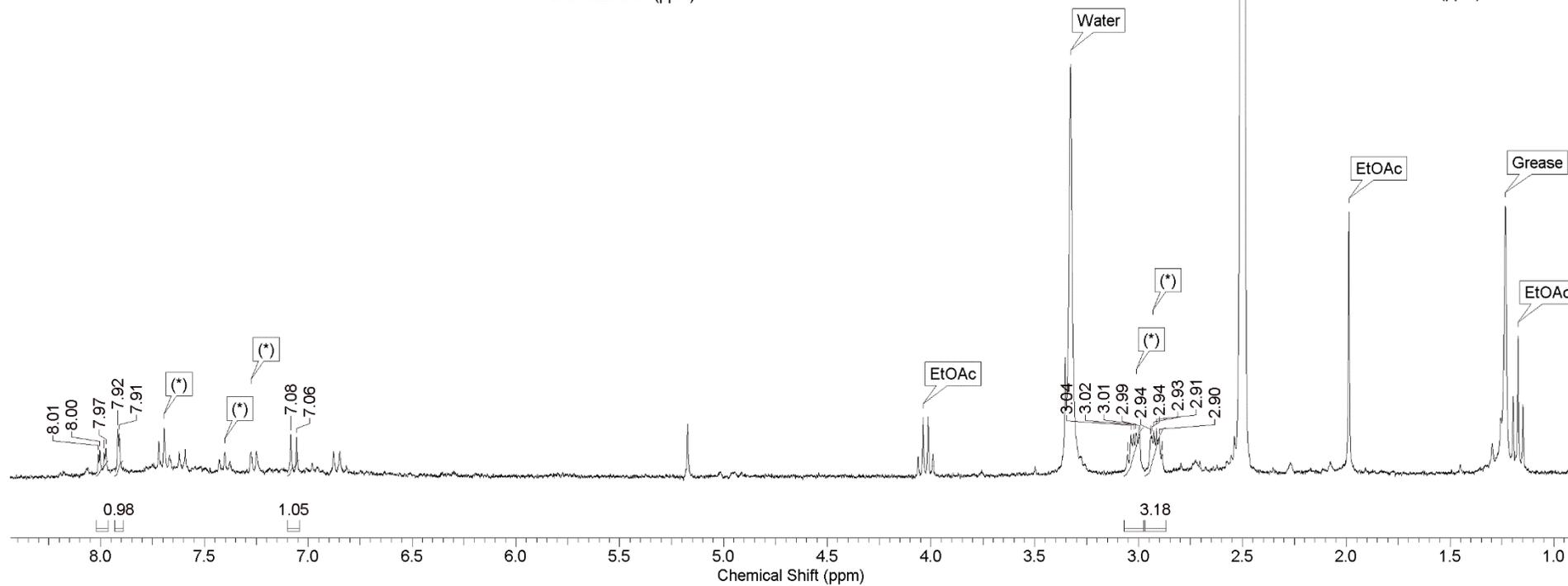
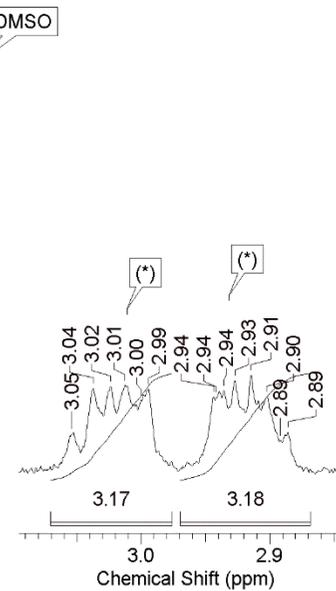
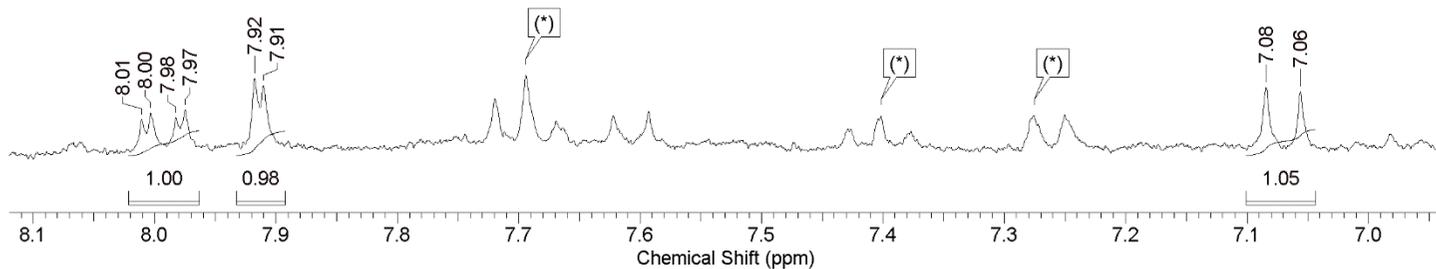
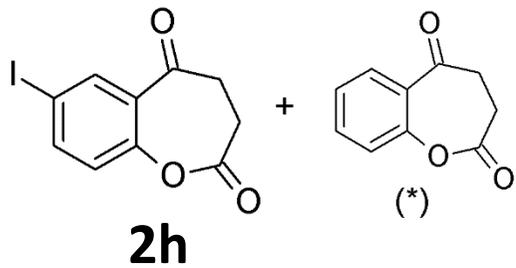
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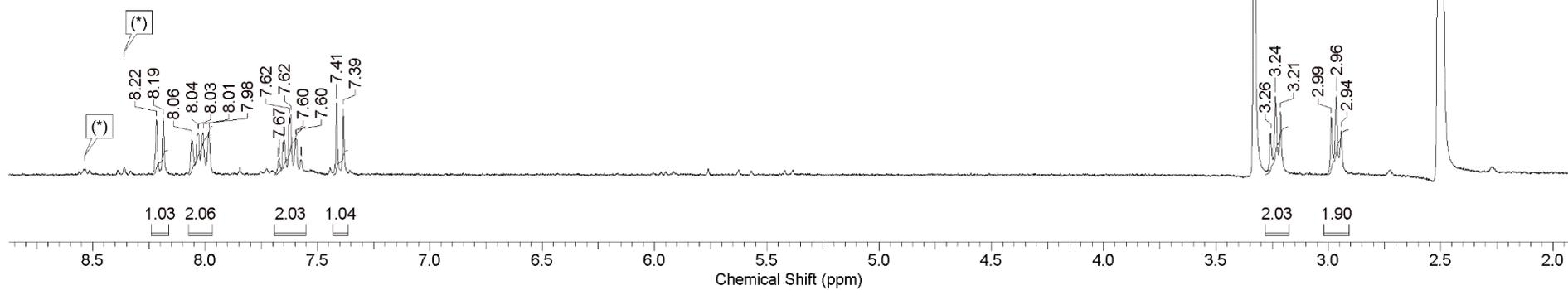
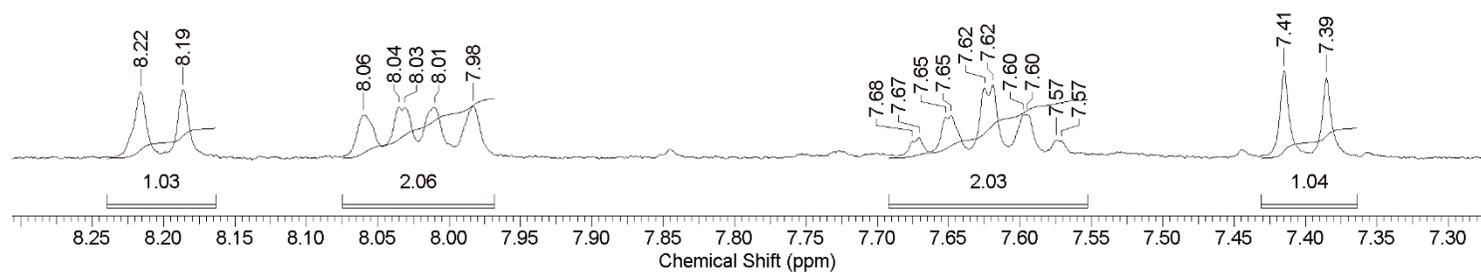
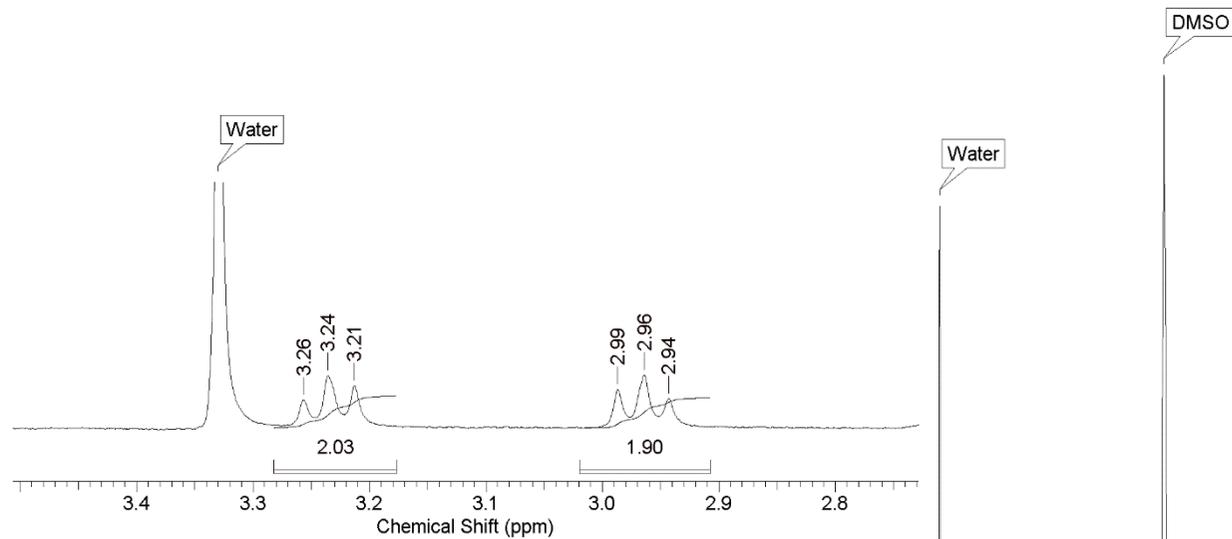
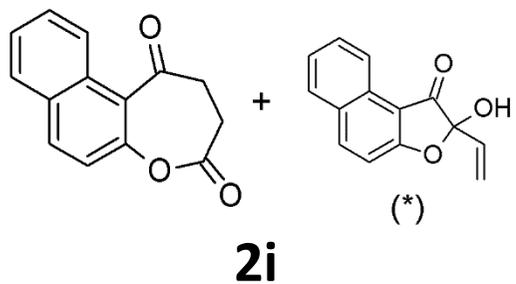


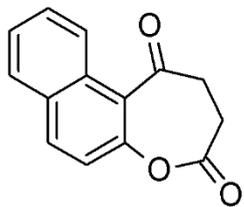




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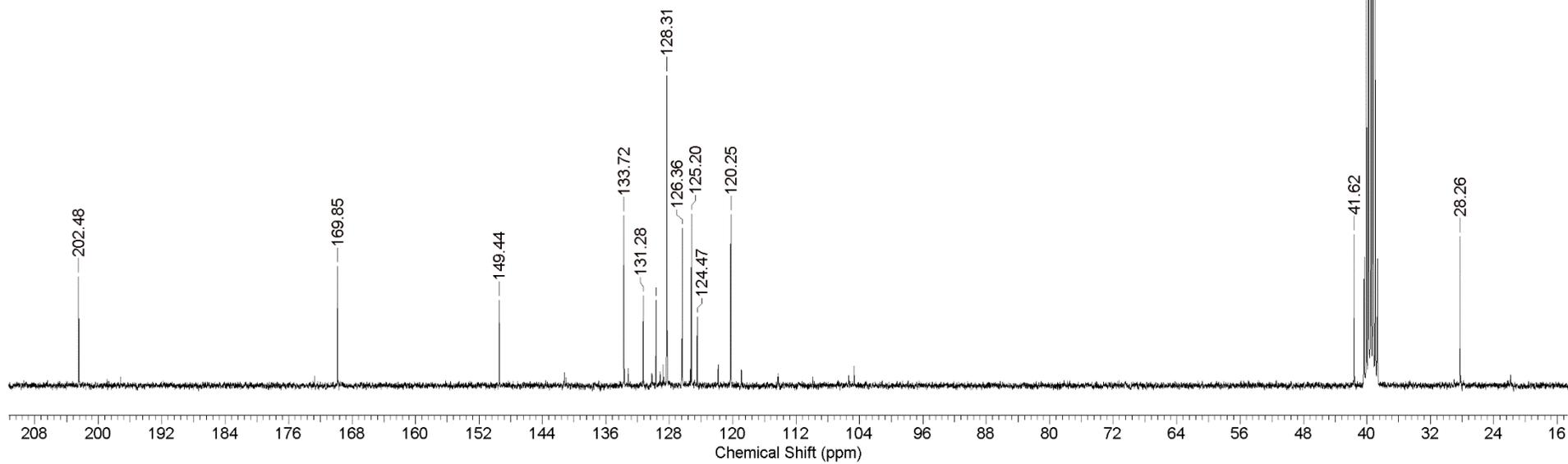
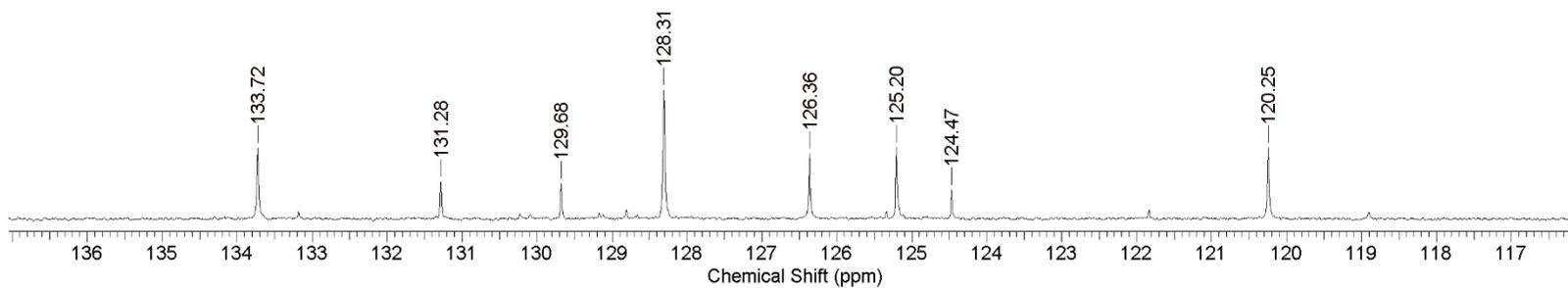






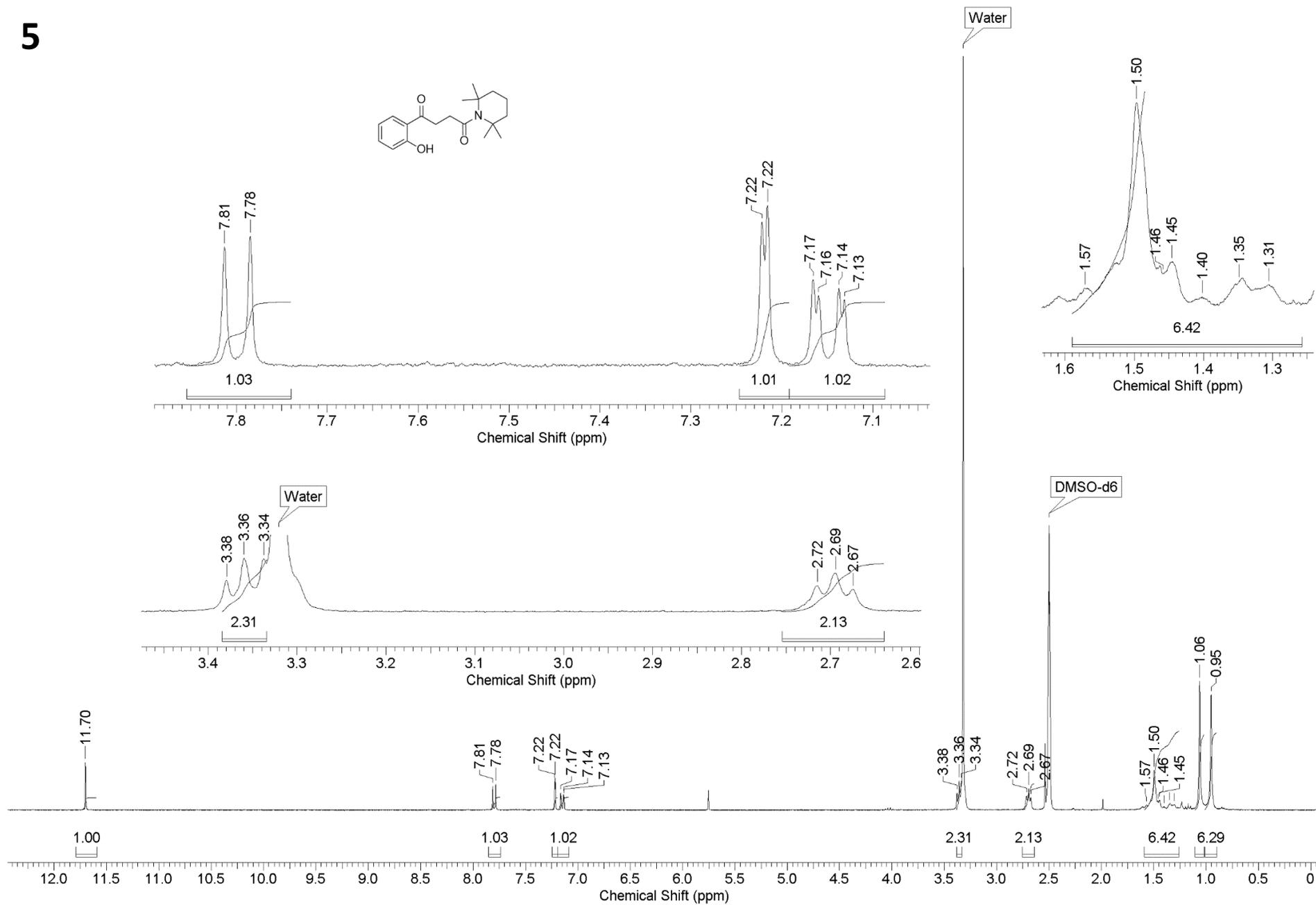
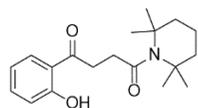
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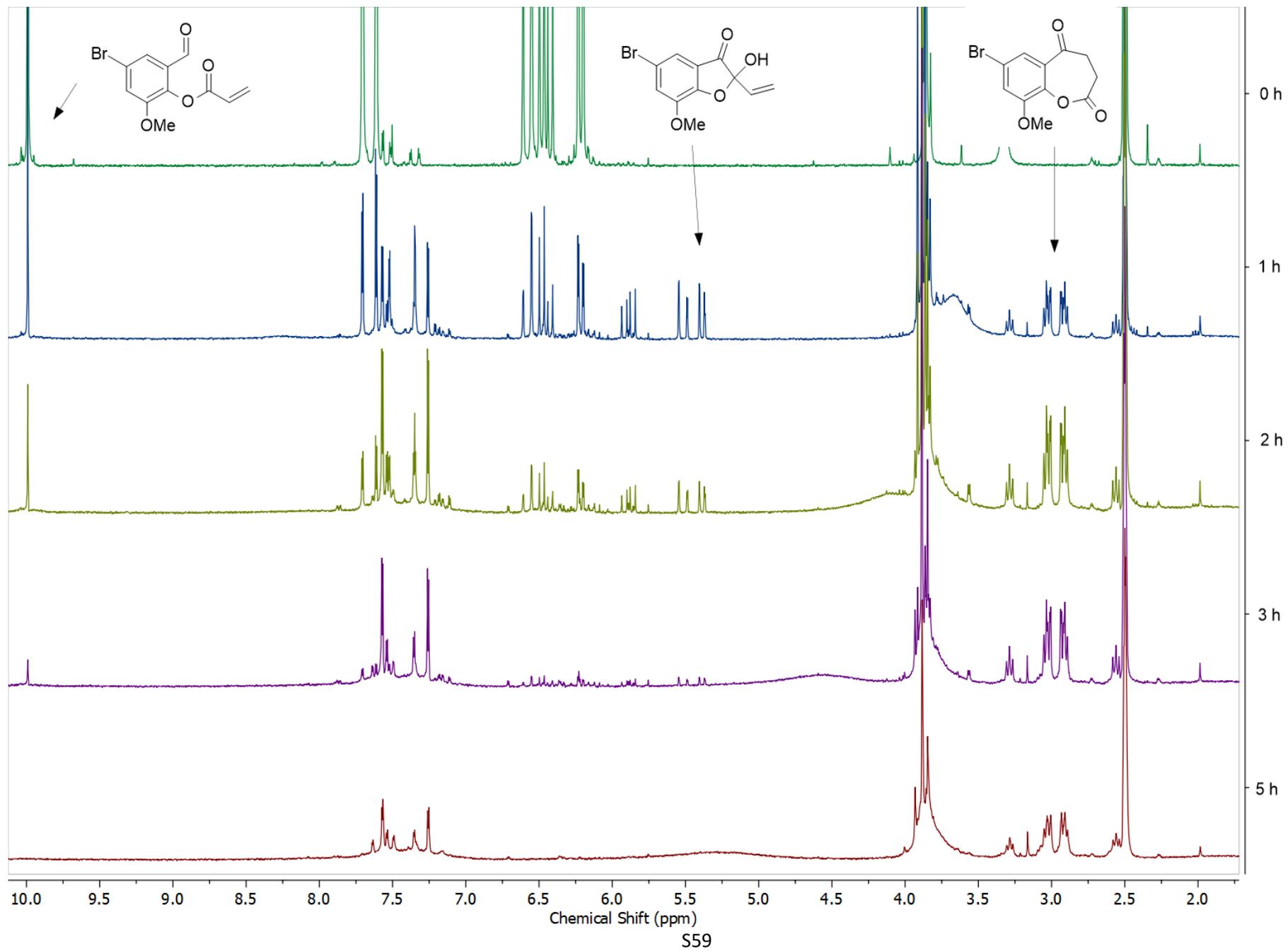
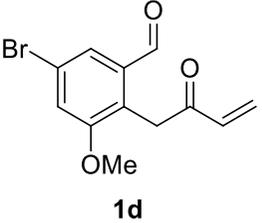
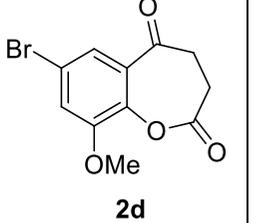
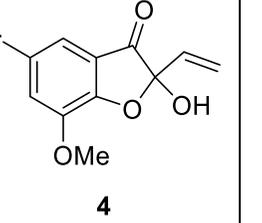


Table S2. Monitoring of photochemical transformations of the substrate **1d**.

Time, hours	Mole fraction relative to the starting content of substrate 1d in the reaction mixture, %		
	 1d	 2d	 4
0	100	0	0
1	36	25	19
2	10	35	8
3	3	38	4
5	0	35	0