

## Supporting Information

### **A reusable FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/cationic 2,2'-bipyridyl catalytic system for reduction of nitroarenes in water**

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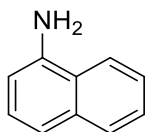
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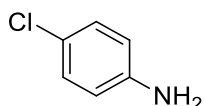
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## **<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data for the reduction products**



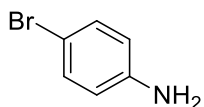
### **Naphthalen-1-amine (2a)<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.82–7.78 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 6.79–6.76 (m, 1H), 4.12 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.0, 134.4, 128.5, 126.3, 125.8, 124.8, 123.6, 120.8, 119.0, 109.7.



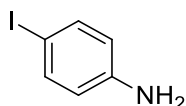
### **4-Chloroaniline (2b)<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.9, 129.1, 123.1, 116.2.



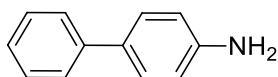
### **4-Bromoaniline (2c)<sup>2</sup>**

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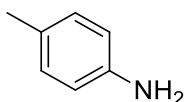
### **4-Iodoaniline (2d)<sup>3</sup>**

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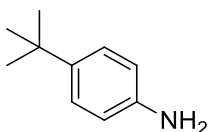
**[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-amine (2e)<sup>4</sup>**

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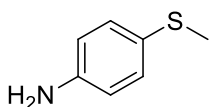
***p*-Toluidine (2f)<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (br, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.7, 129.7, 127.7, 115.2, 20.4.



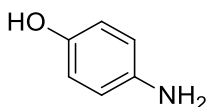
**4-(*tert*-Butyl)aniline (2g)<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (br, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.7, 141.4, 126.0, 114.9, 33.9, 31.5.



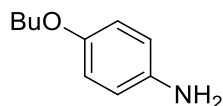
**4-(Methylthio)aniline (2h)<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (br, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.1, 131.0, 125.8, 115.7, 18.8.



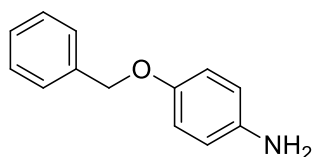
#### 4-Aminophenol (2i)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  148.2, 140.7, 115.5, 115.2.



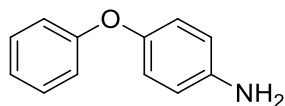
#### 4-Butoxyaniline (2j)<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.72 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.17 (br, 2H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.42 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.4, 139.8, 116.4, 115.7, 68.4, 31.5, 19.2, 13.8.



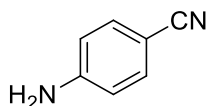
#### 4-(Benzyloxy)aniline (2k)<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42–7.26 (m, 5H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.40 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.0, 140.2, 137.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.5, 116.4, 116.1, 70.8.



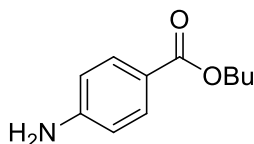
#### 4-Phenoxyaniline (2l)<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27–7.21 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9, 148.6, 142.6, 129.5, 122.0, 121.1, 117.2, 116.2.



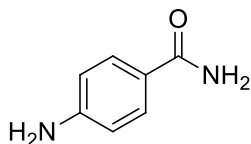
**4-Aminobenzonitrile (2m)<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.3, 133.8, 120.1, 114.4, 100.1.



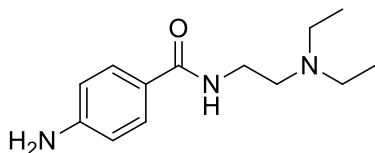
**Butyl 4-aminobenzoate (2n)<sup>11</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (br, 2H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.38 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.8, 150.7, 131.5, 120.0, 113.7, 64.2, 30.8, 19.3, 13.8.



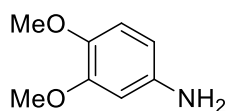
**4-Aminobenzamide (2o)<sup>10</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (br, 1H), 6.80 (br, 1H), 6.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.57 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  168.1, 151.7, 129.2, 120.9, 112.5.



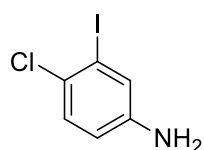
**Procainamide (2p)<sup>12</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (br, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (br, 2H), 3.45–3.39 (m, 2H), 2.61–2.57 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.49 (m, 4H), 1.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 149.4, 128.5, 124.2, 114.1, 51.4, 46.7, 37.1, 11.9.



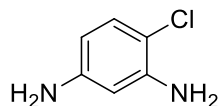
**3,4-Dimethoxyaniline (2q)**<sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.11 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.8, 142.1, 140.5, 112.9, 106.3, 100.6, 56.5, 55.7.



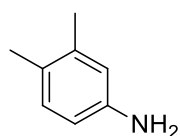
**4-Chloro-3-iodoaniline (2r)**<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.16–7.13 (m, 2H), 6.57 (dd,  $J$  = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.8, 129.3, 127.3, 125.8, 116.2, 98.3.



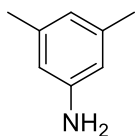
**4-Chlorobenzene-1,3-diamine (2s)**<sup>15</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.07–6.02 (m, 2H), 3.87 (br, 2H), 3.58 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.1, 143.4, 129.8, 109.2, 106.7, 102.2.



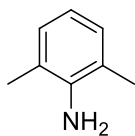
**3,4-Dimethylaniline (2t)**<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (br, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 137.3, 130.2, 126.5, 116.8, 112.6, 19.8, 18.7.



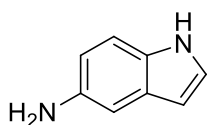
**3,5-Dimethylaniline (2u)**<sup>17</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.41 (s, 1H), 6.33 (s, 2H), 3.54 (br, 2H), 2.22 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.3, 139.0, 120.5, 113.1, 21.3.



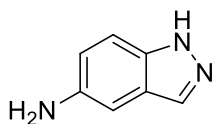
**2,6-Dimethylaniline (2v)**<sup>18</sup>

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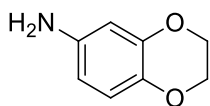
**1H-indol-5-amine (2w)**<sup>19</sup>

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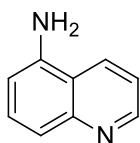
**1H-indazol-5-amine (2x)**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  12.55 (br, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.73 (m, 2H), 4.74 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  142.3, 134.5, 131.5, 123.9, 118.1, 110.2, 100.4.



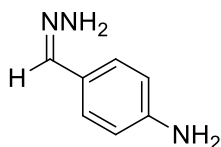
**1,4-Benzodioxan-6-amine (2y)**<sup>20</sup>

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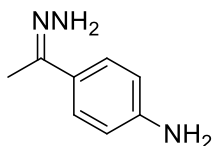
**Quinolin-5-amine (2z)**<sup>21</sup>

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**4-(hydrazonomethyl)aniline (4a)**<sup>22</sup>

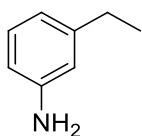
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  8.44 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (br, 2H), 2.88 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  160.9, 152.3, 130.7, 124.1, 114.8.



**4-(1-hydrazonoethyl)aniline (4b)**<sup>22</sup>

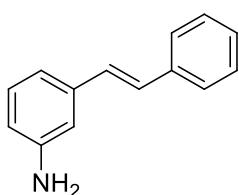
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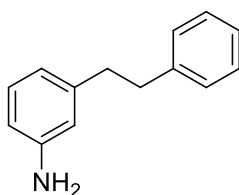
**3-Ethylaniline (4c')<sup>23</sup>**

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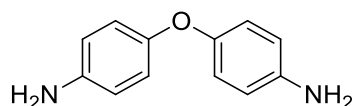
**(*E*)-3-Styrylaniline (4d)<sup>24</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.93–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.84–6.83 (m, 1H), 6.61–6.57 (m, 1H), 3.67 (br, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.6, 138.2, 137.2, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.4, 126.4, 117.2, 114.6, 112.8.



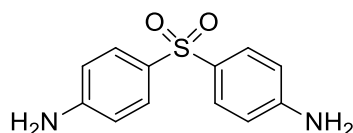
**3-Phenethylaniline (4d')<sup>25</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.08 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56–6.54 (m, 2H), 3.60 (br, 2H), 2.96–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.88–2.82 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.3, 143.0, 141.9, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 125.8, 118.7, 115.2, 112.7, 37.9, 37.7.



#### 4,4'-Oxydianiline (6a)<sup>24</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.49 (br, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.6, 141.7, 119.5, 116.2.



#### 4,4'-Sulfonyldianiline / 4,4'-Dapsone (6b)<sup>26</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 5.43 (br, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  153.4, 131.2, 129.8, 114.2.

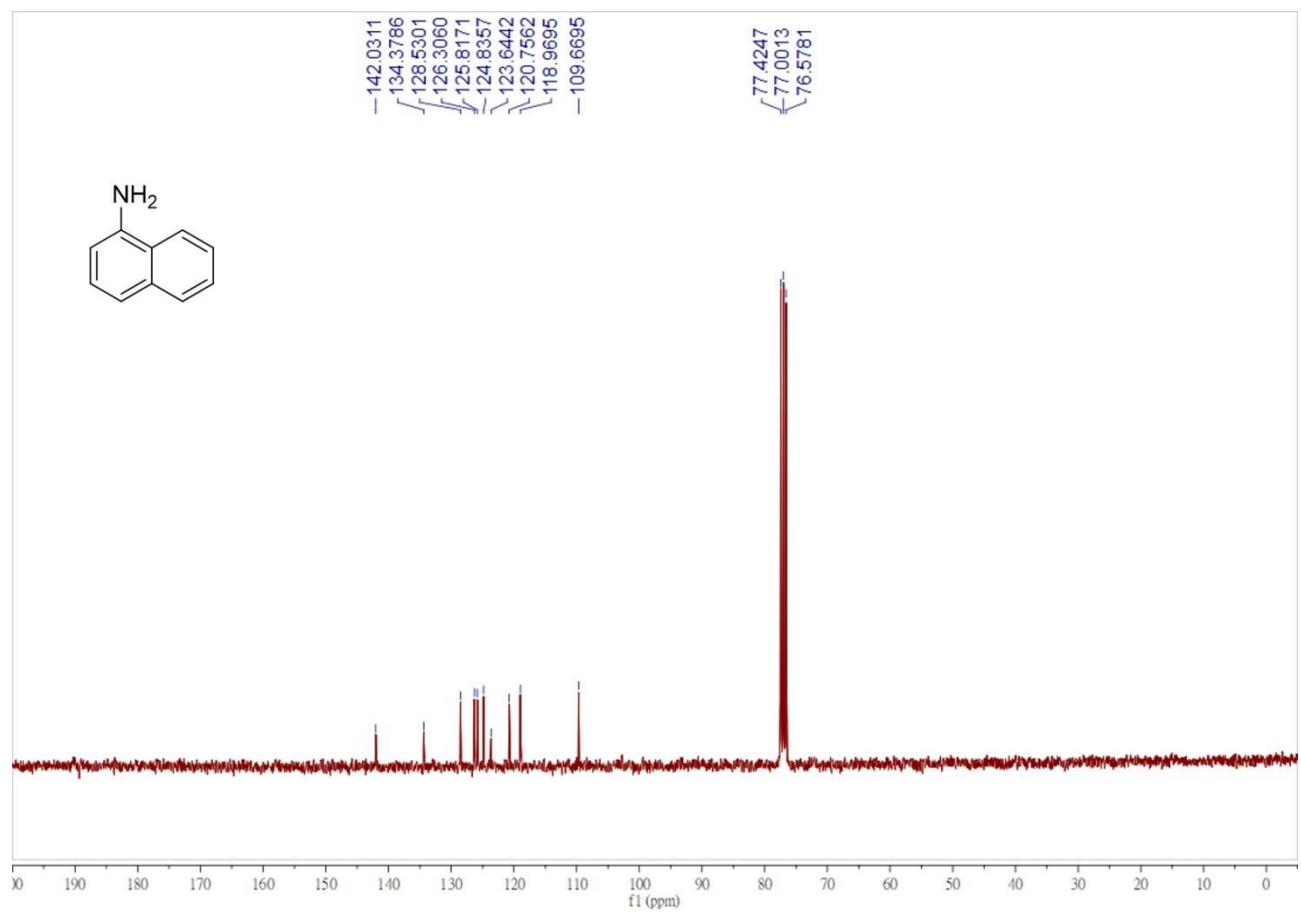
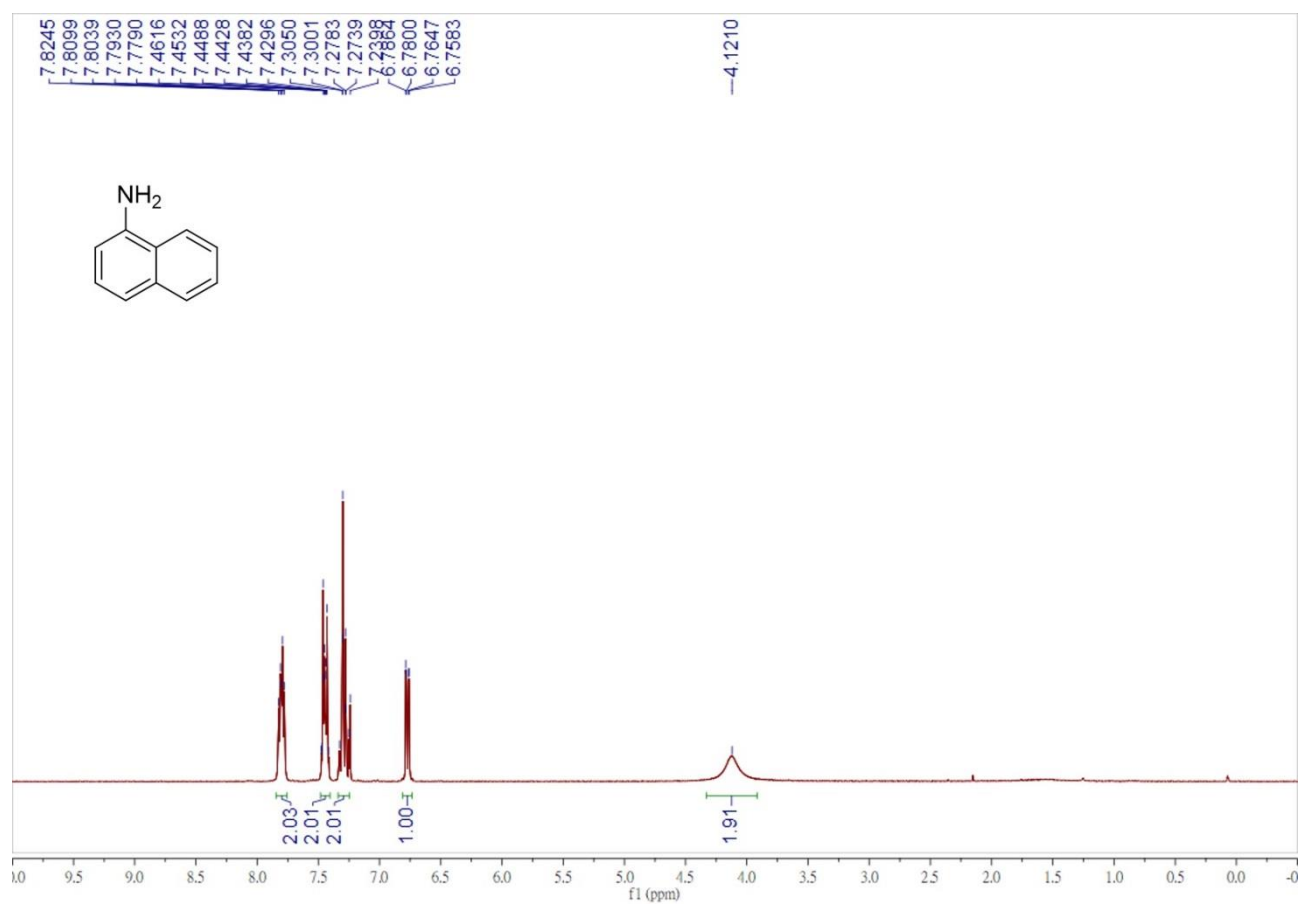
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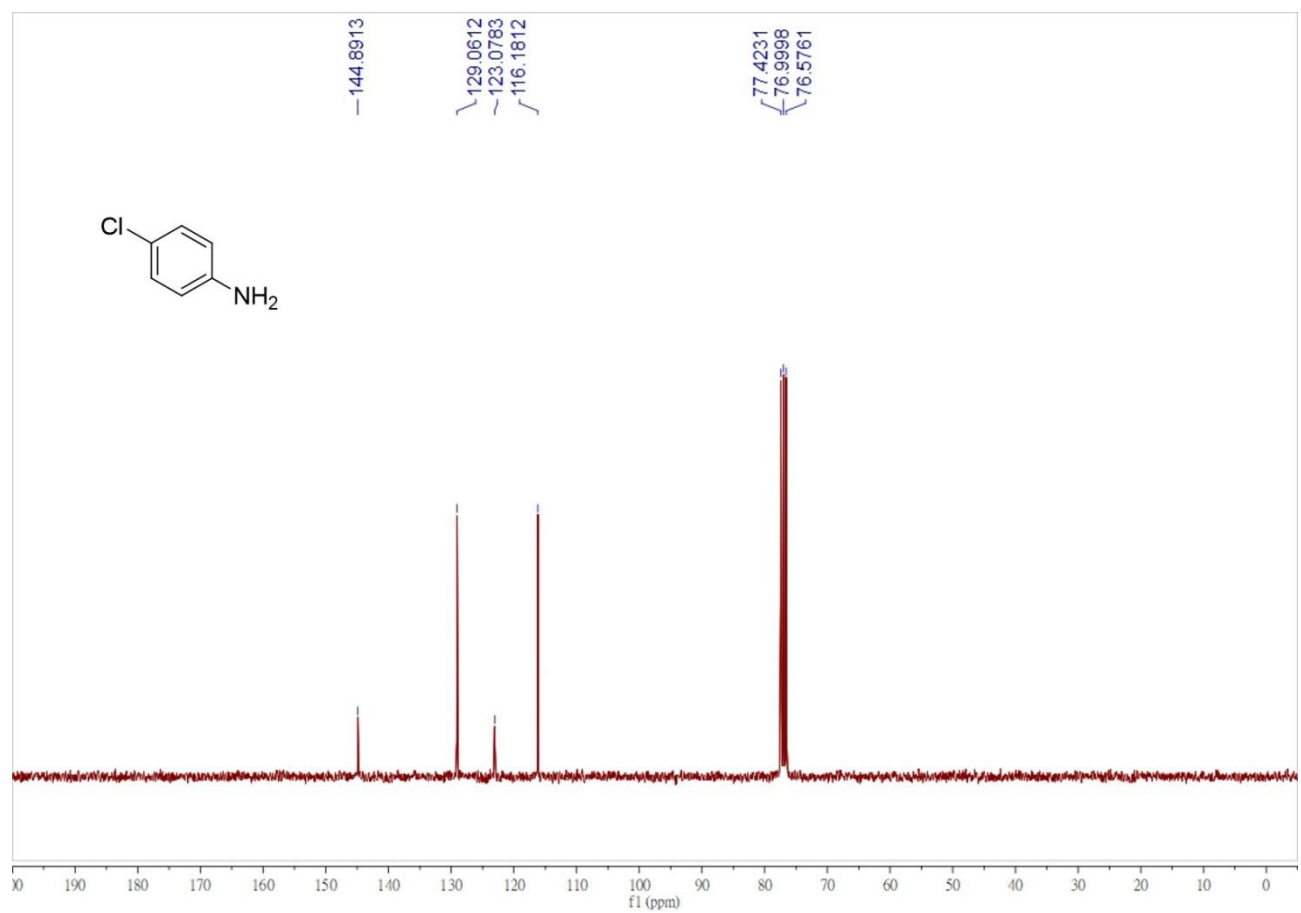
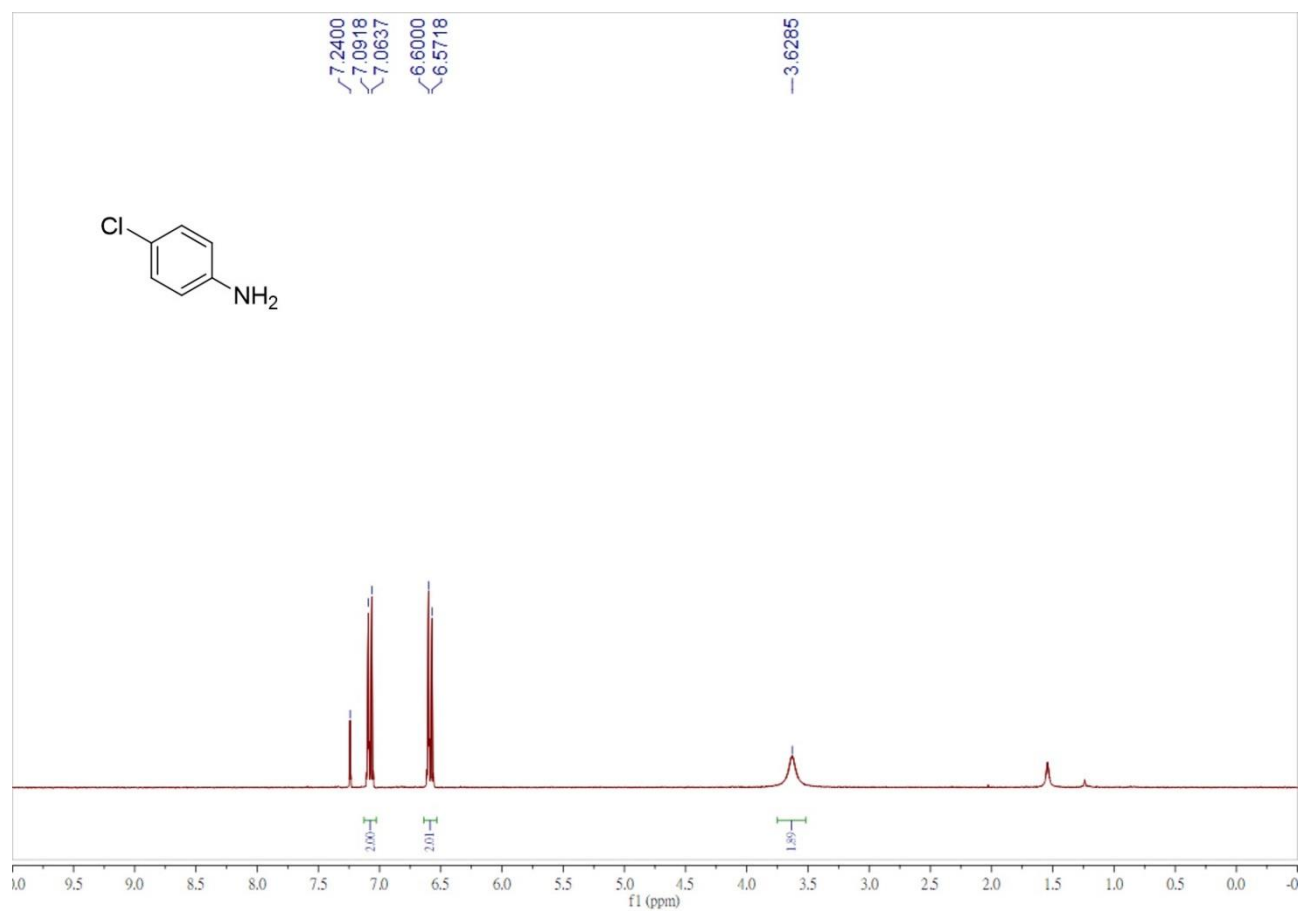
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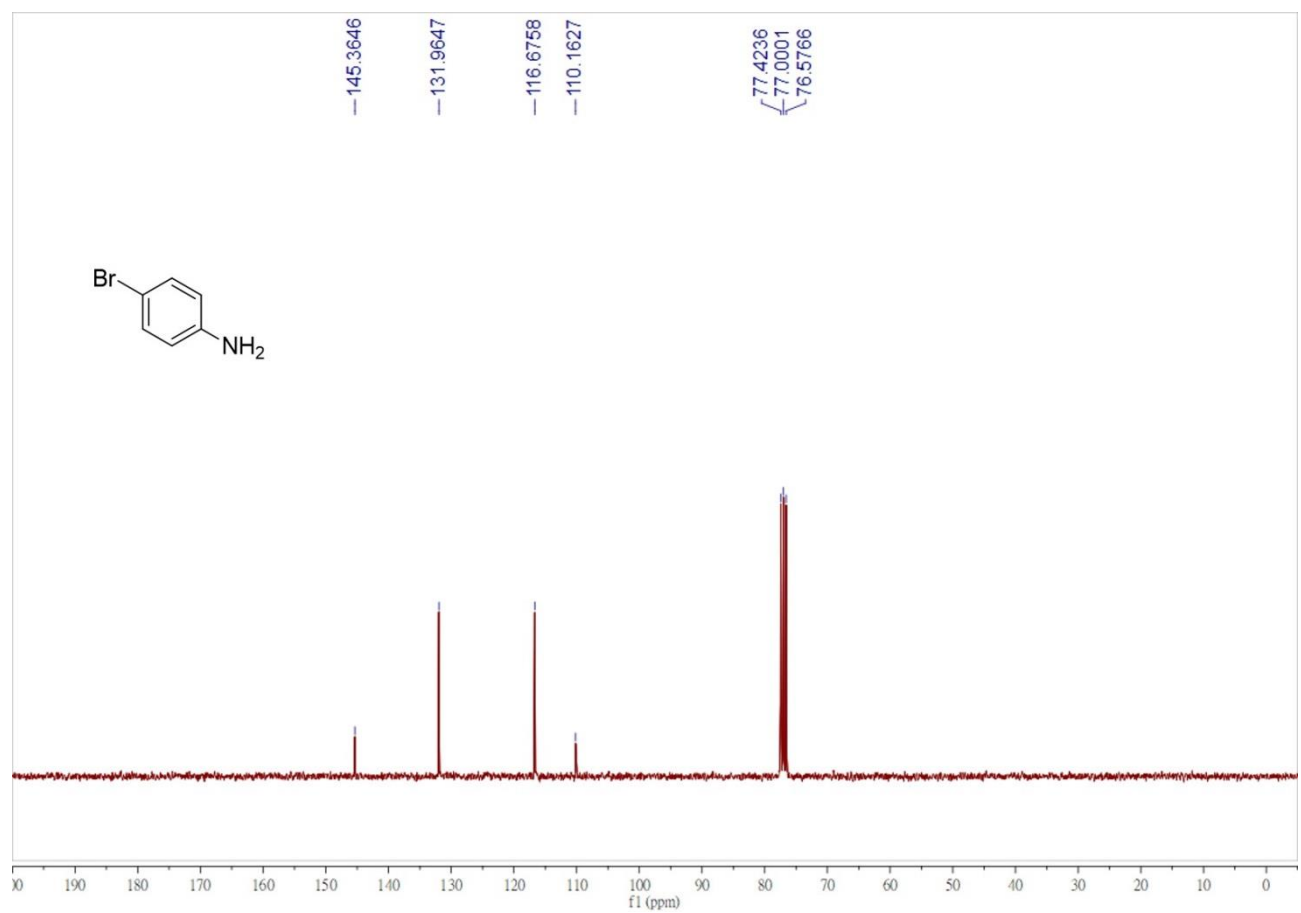
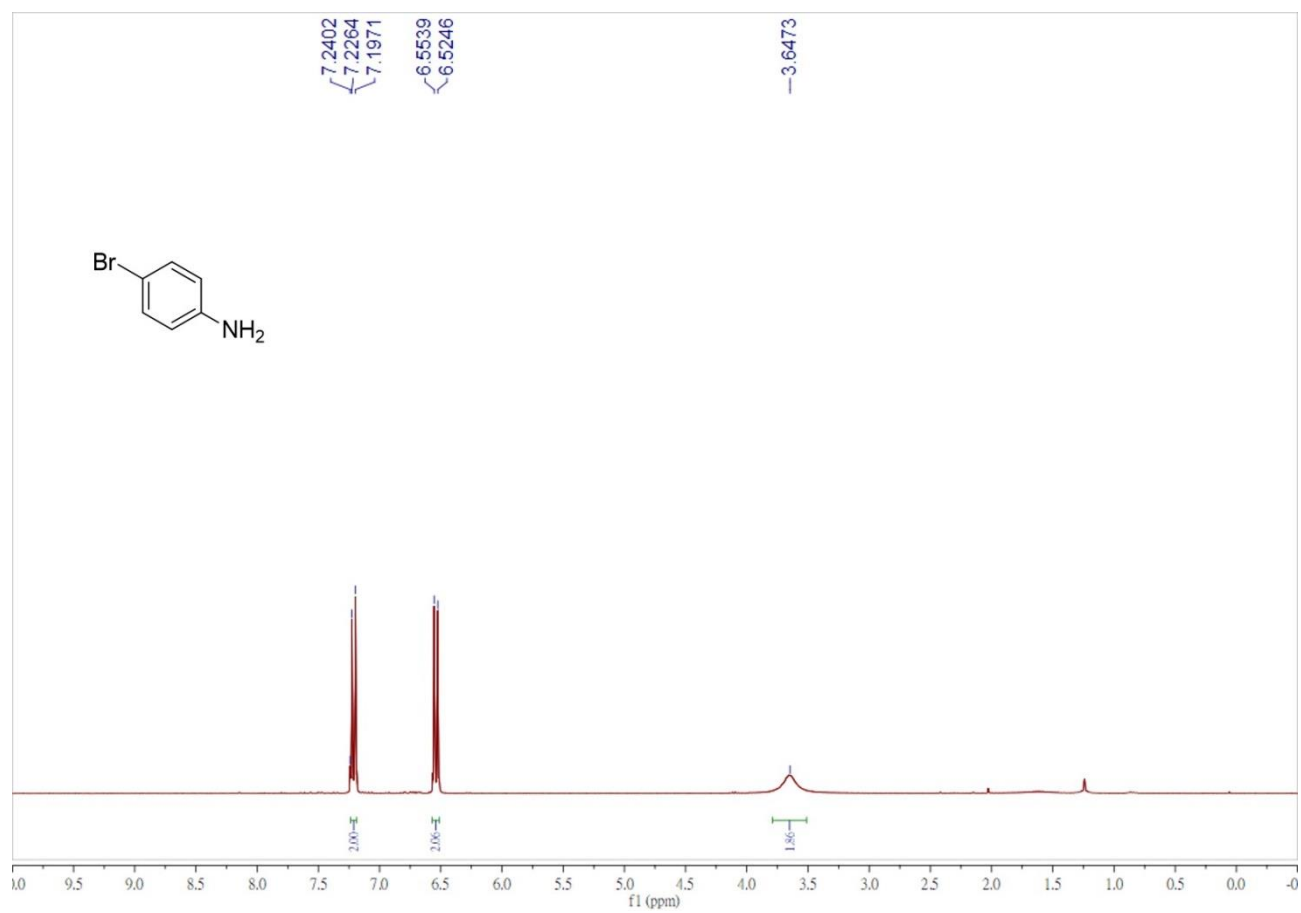
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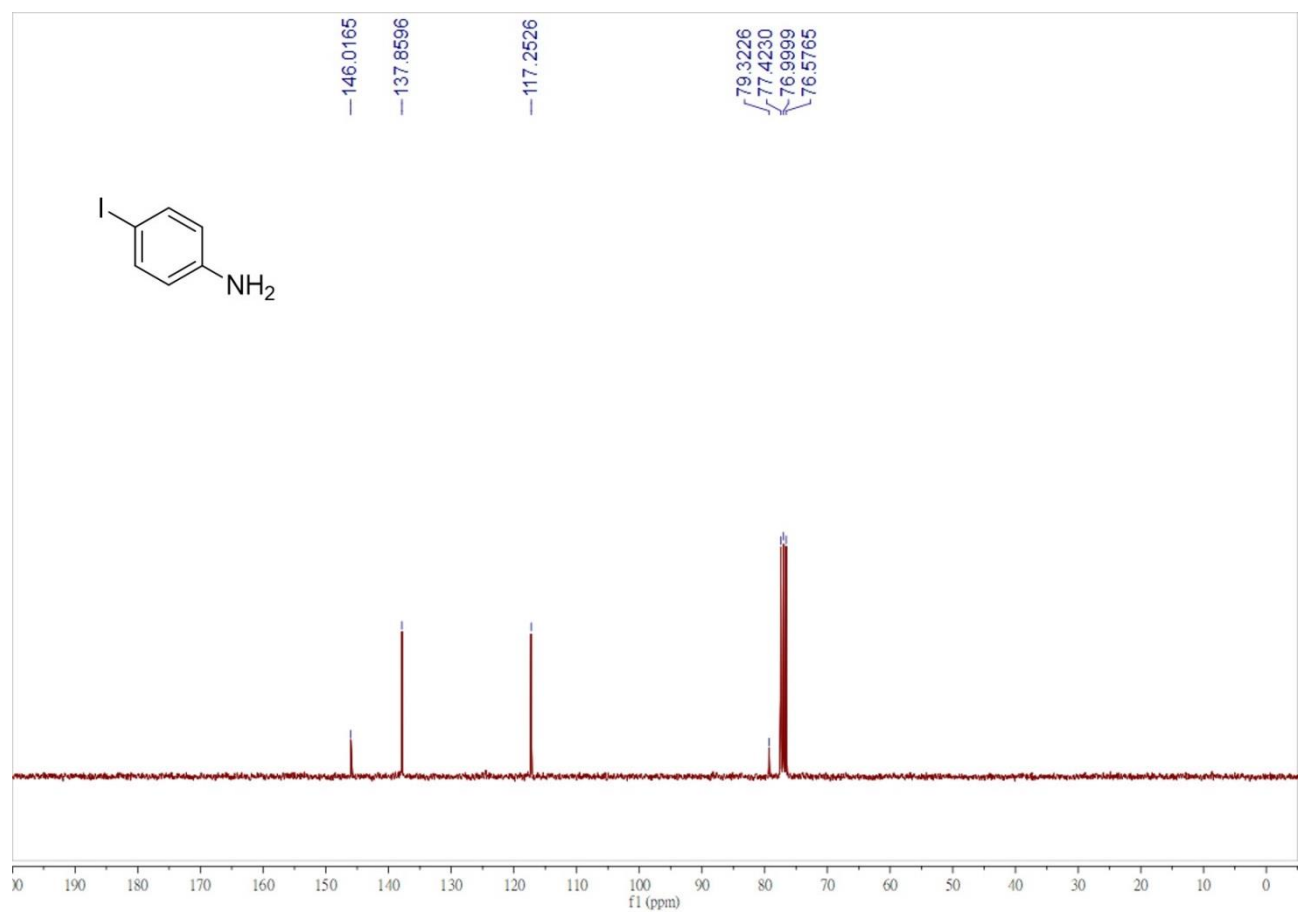
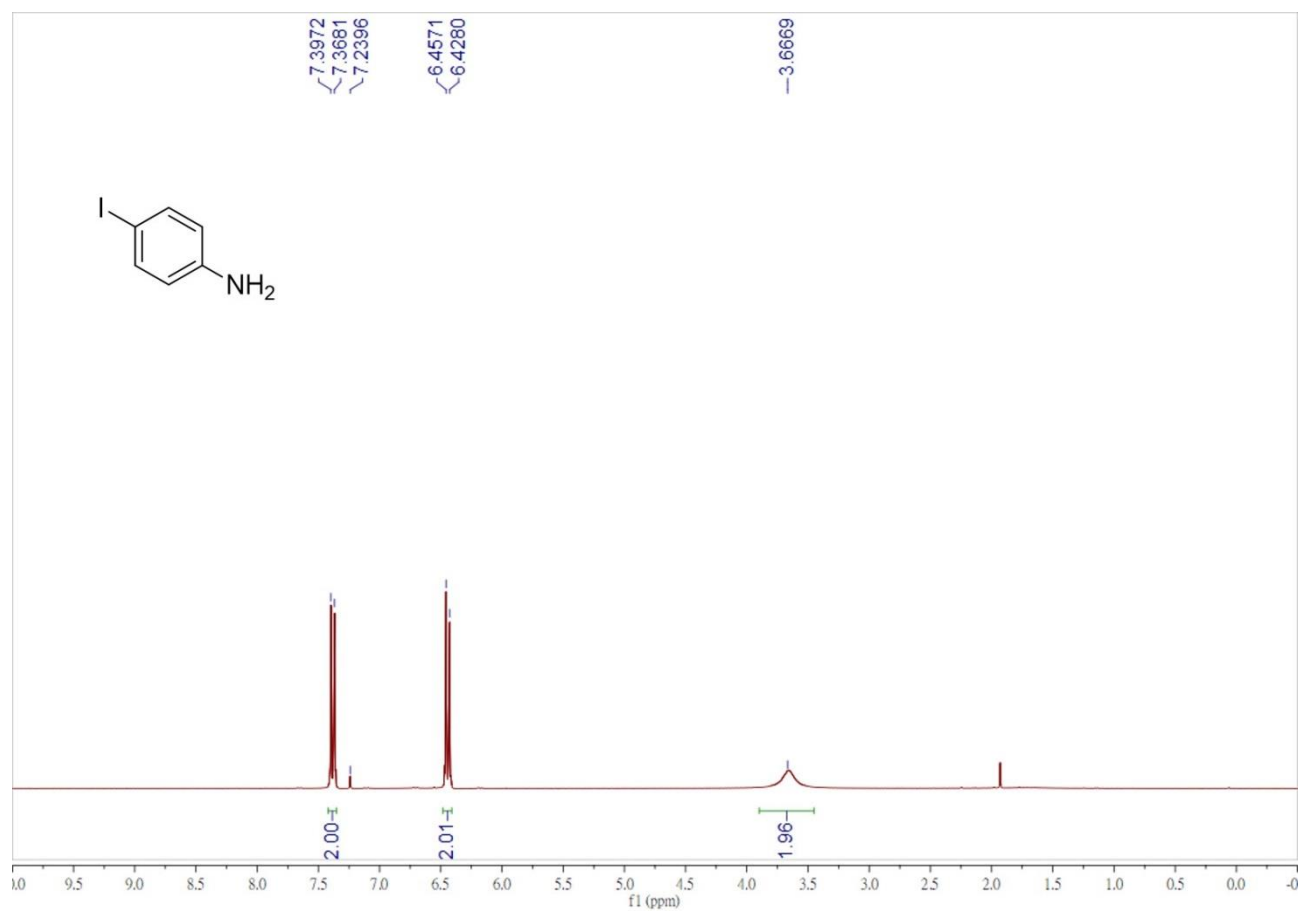
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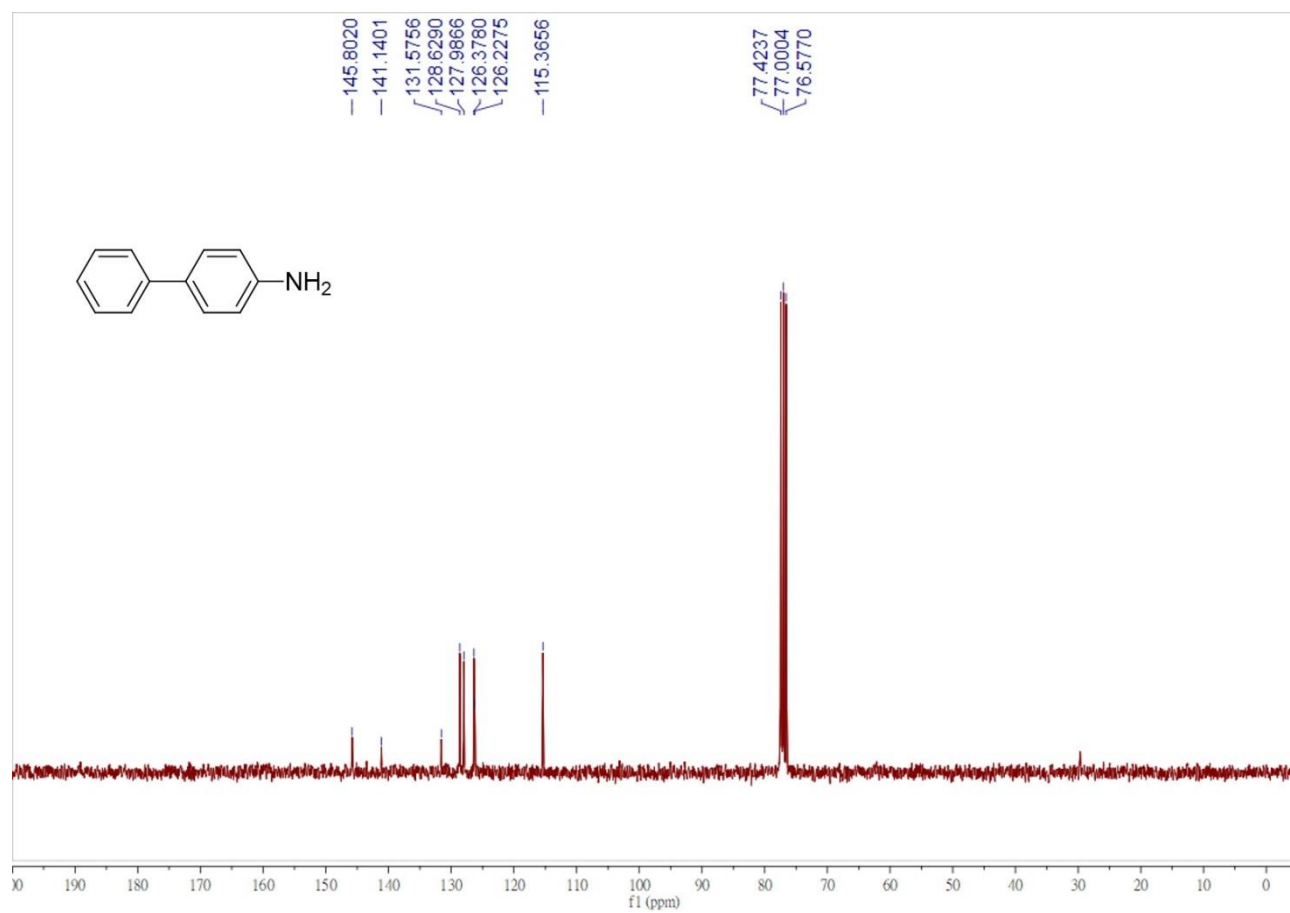
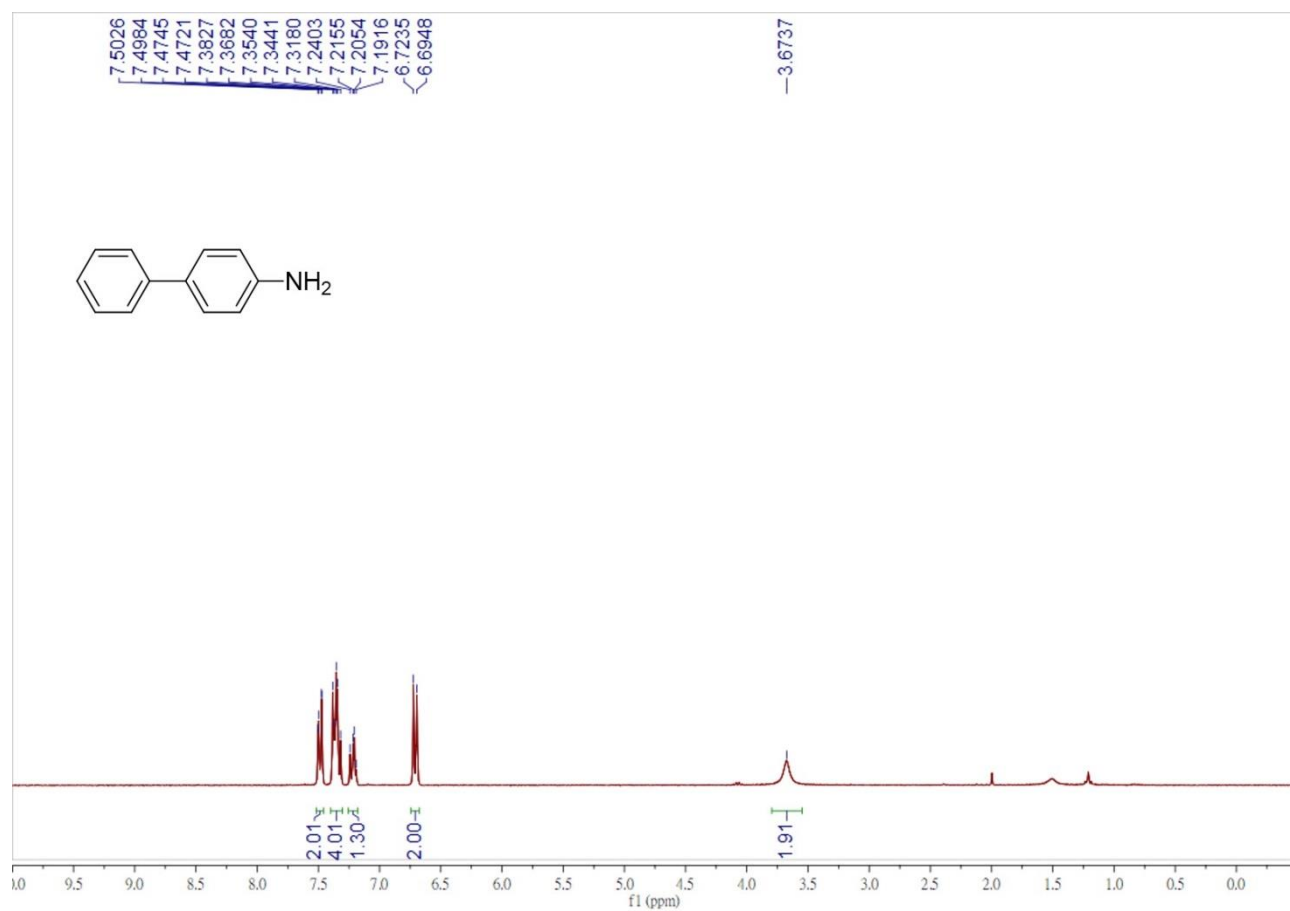
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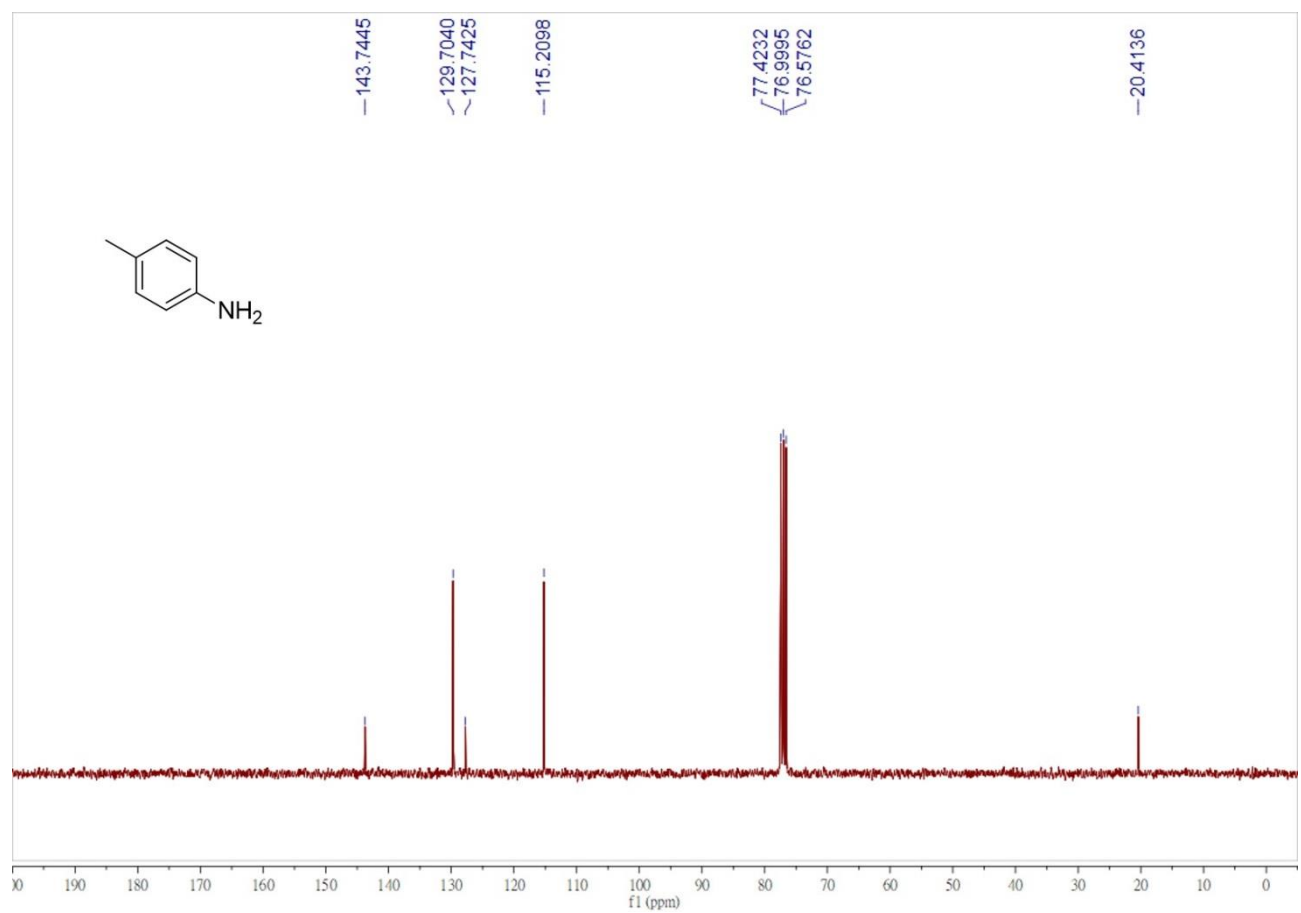
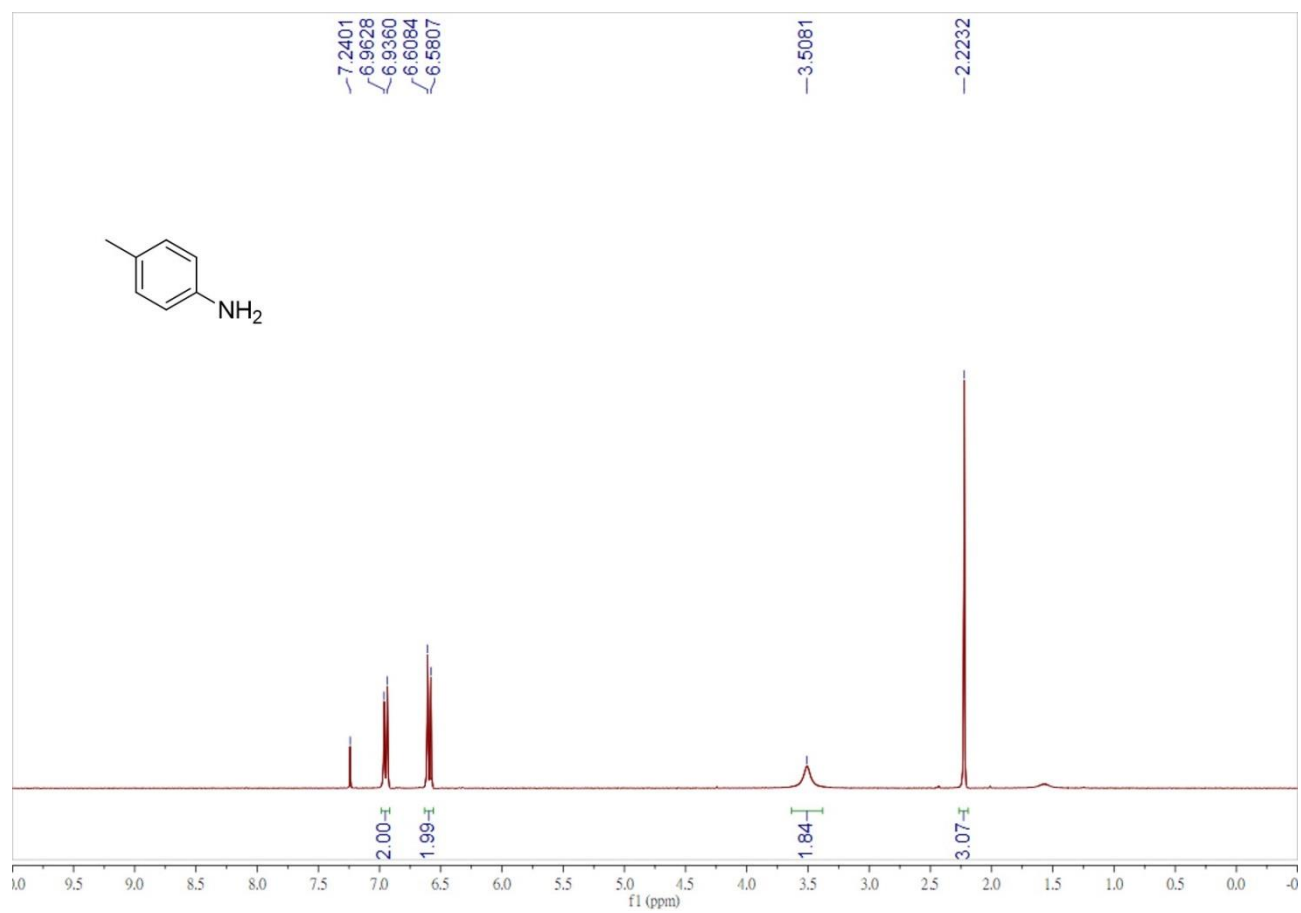


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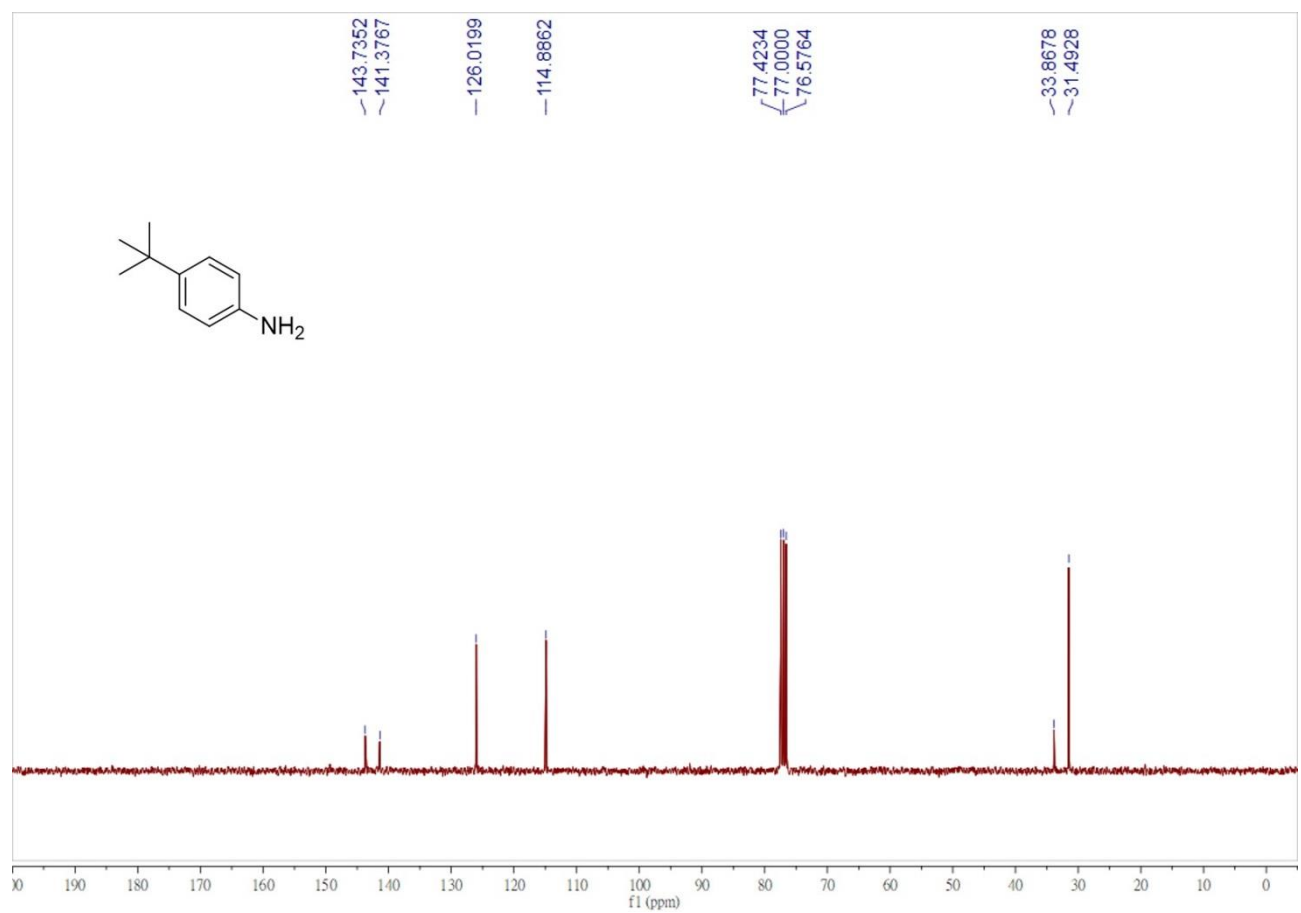
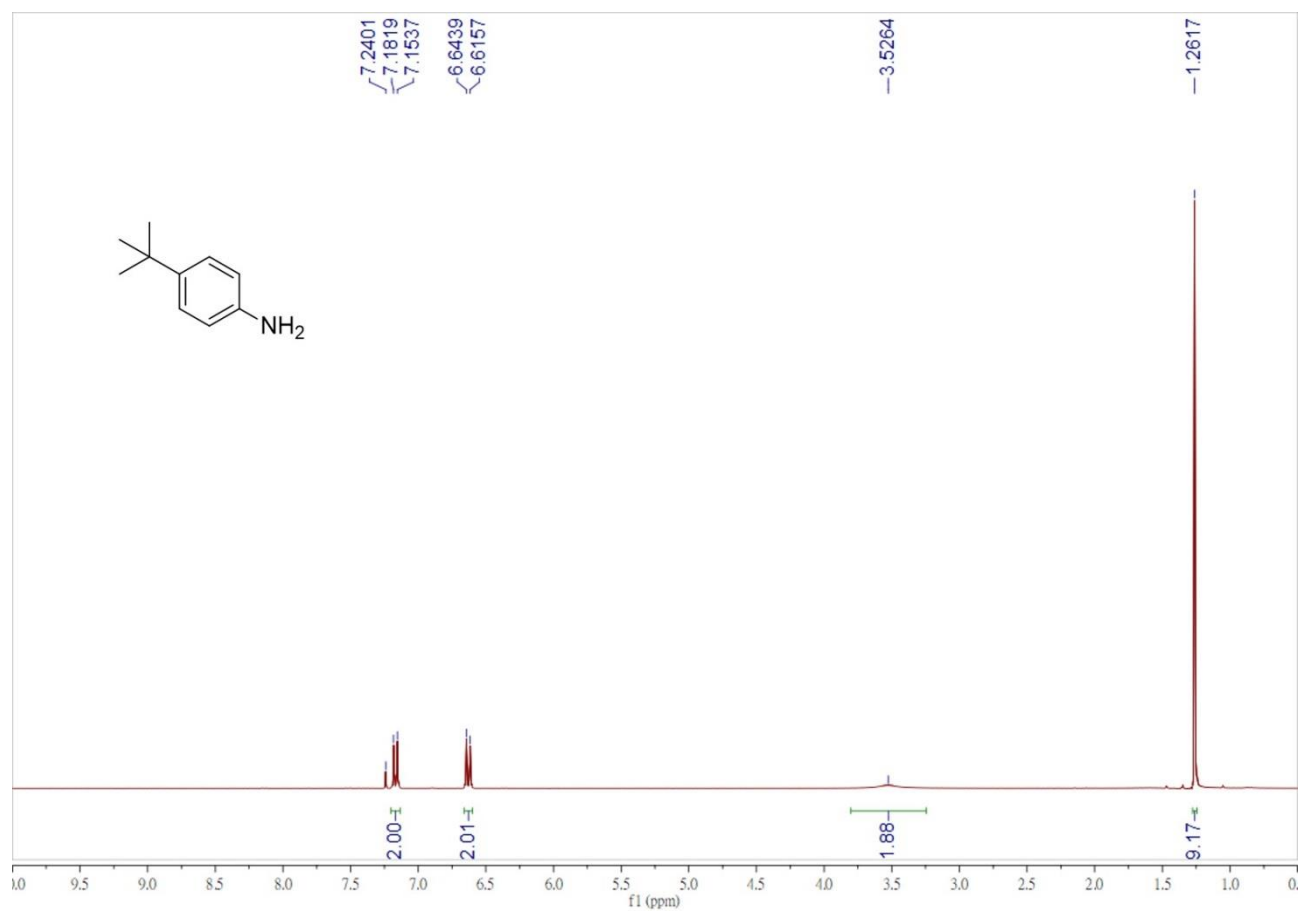




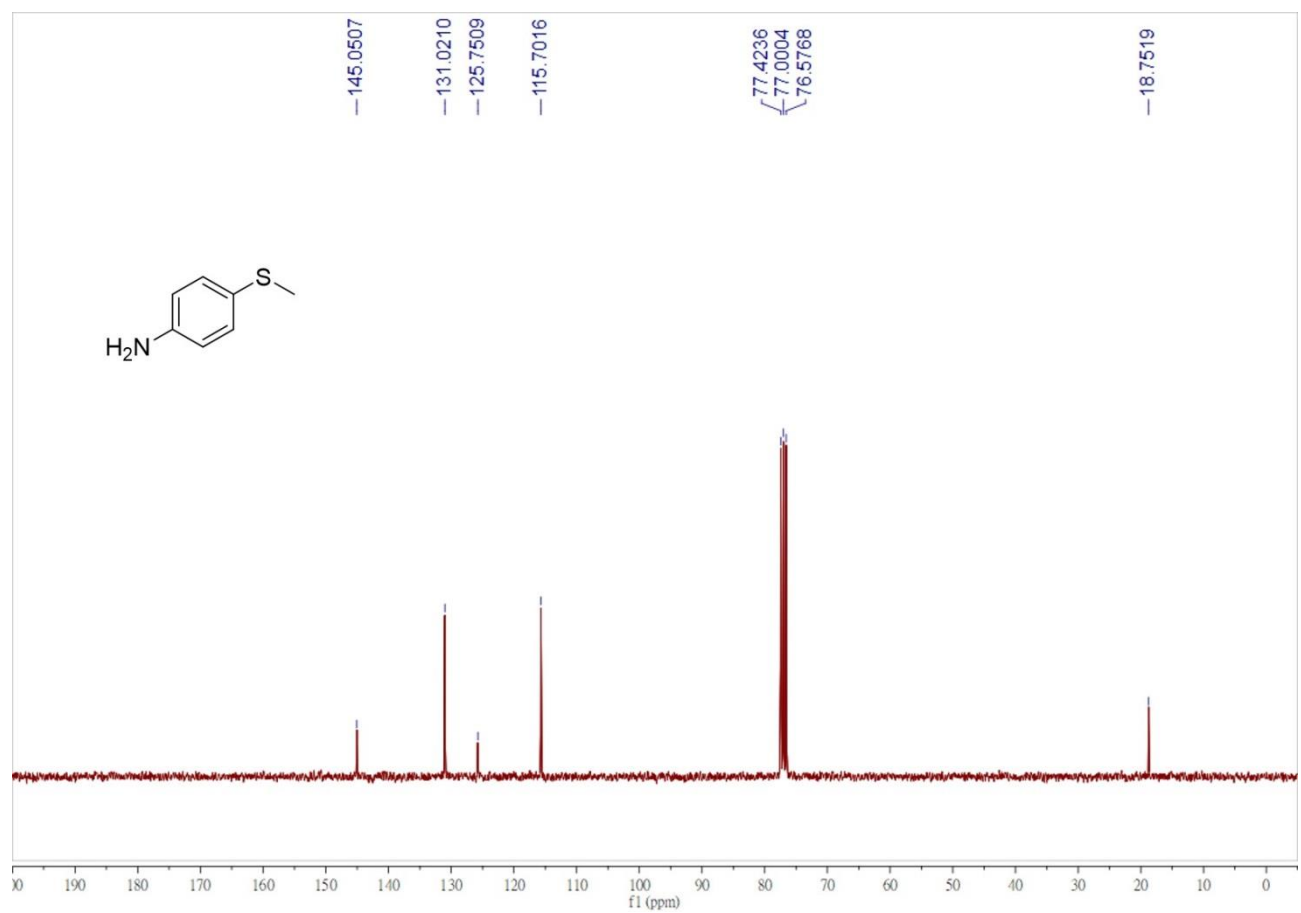
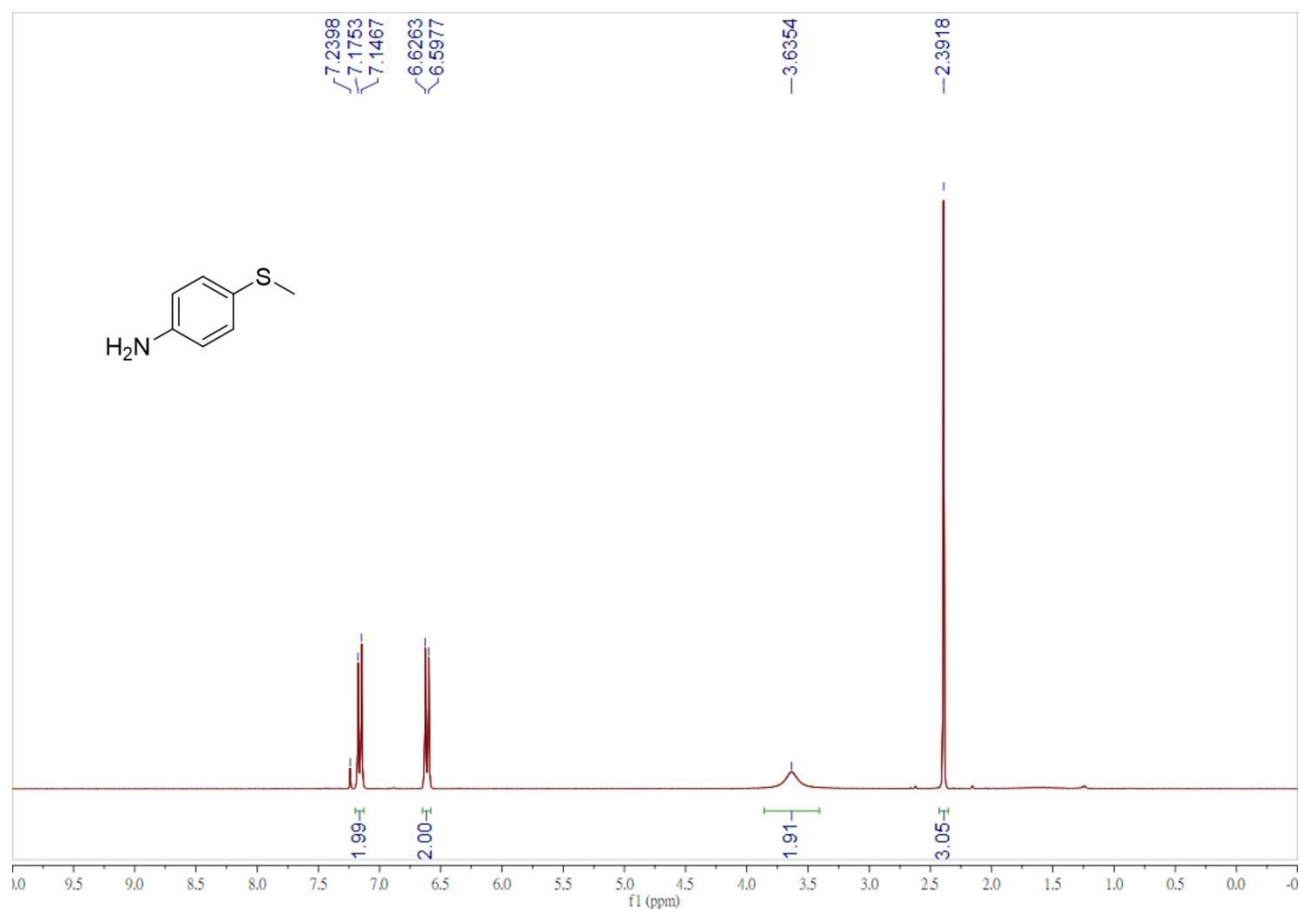
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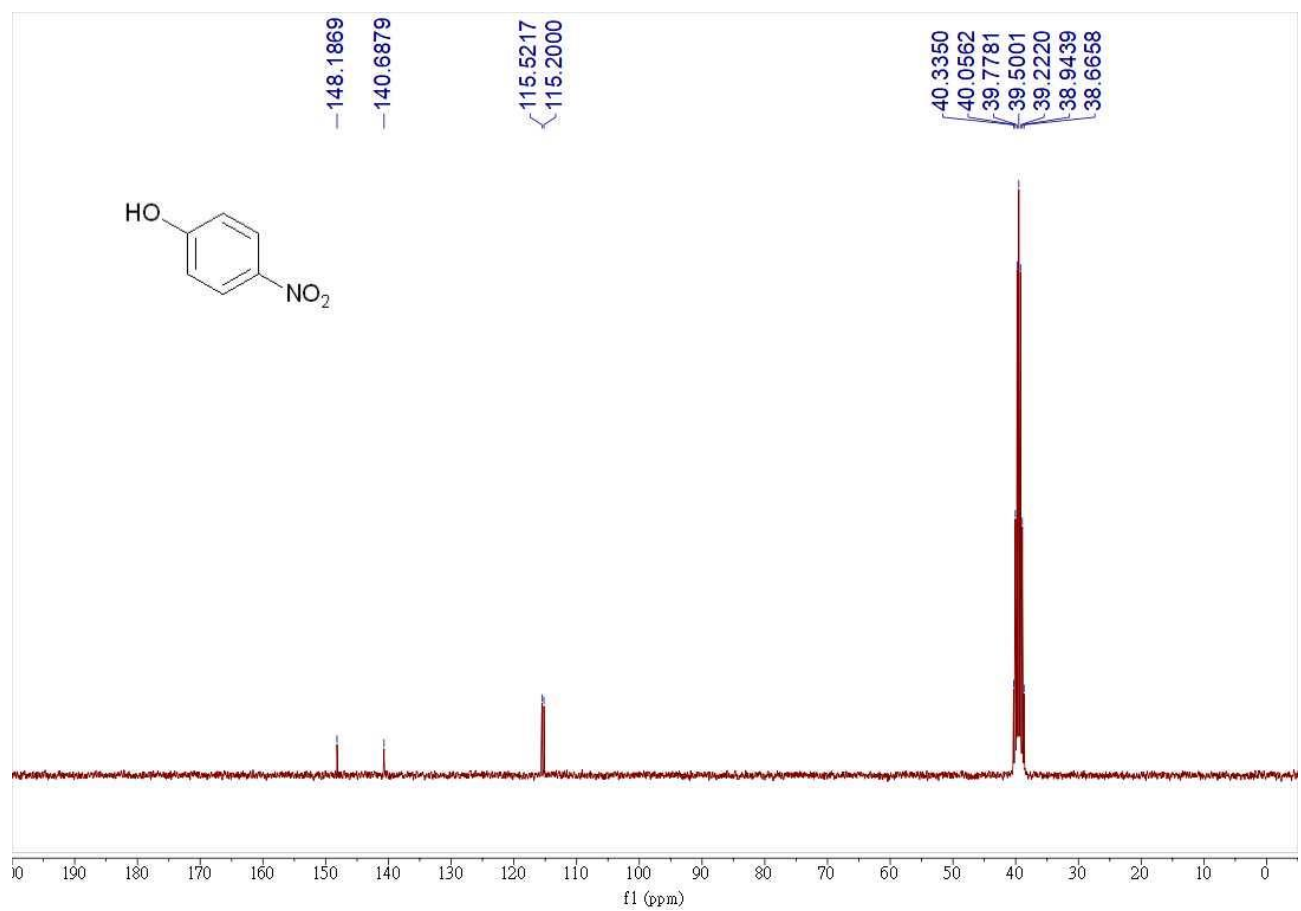
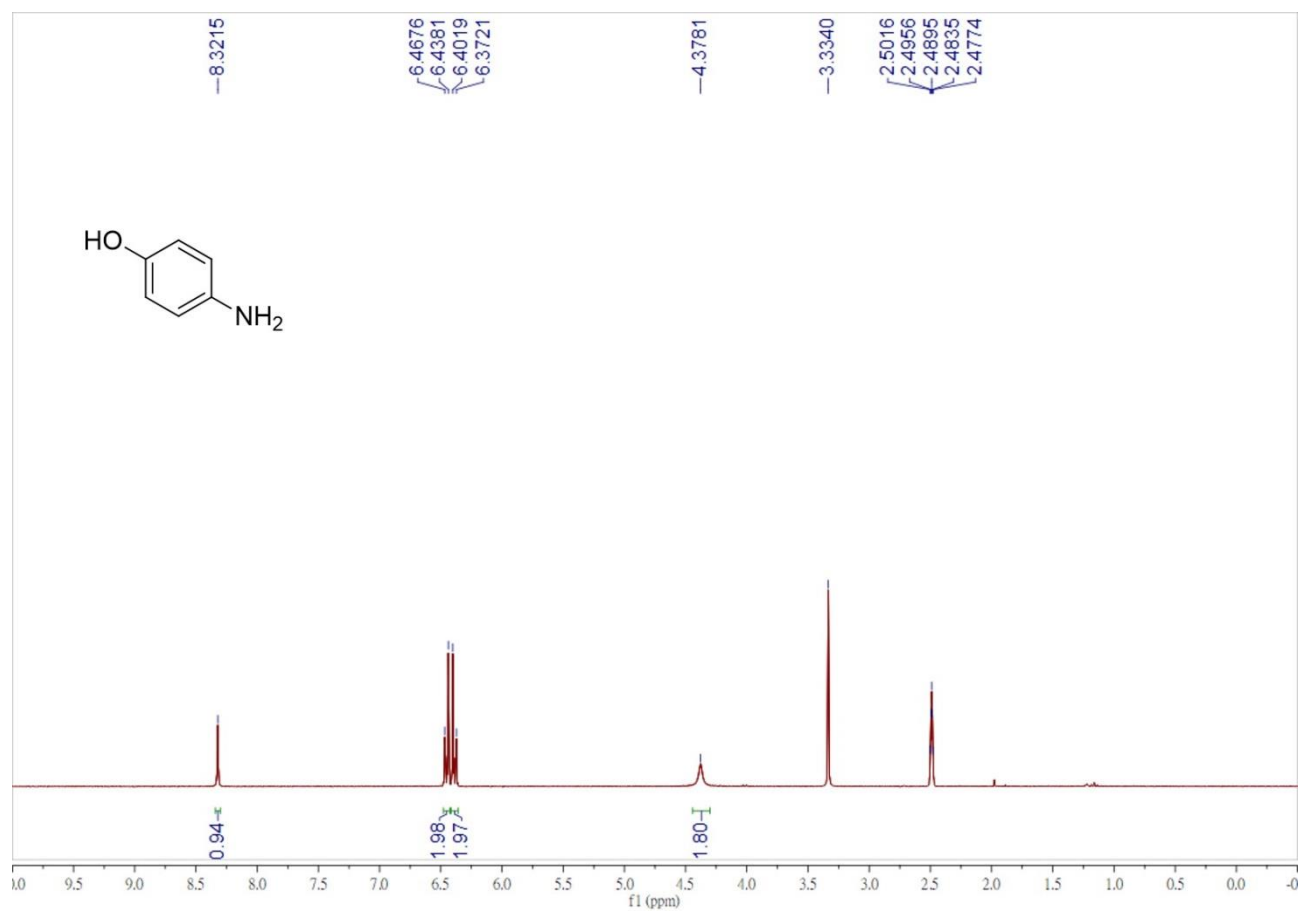
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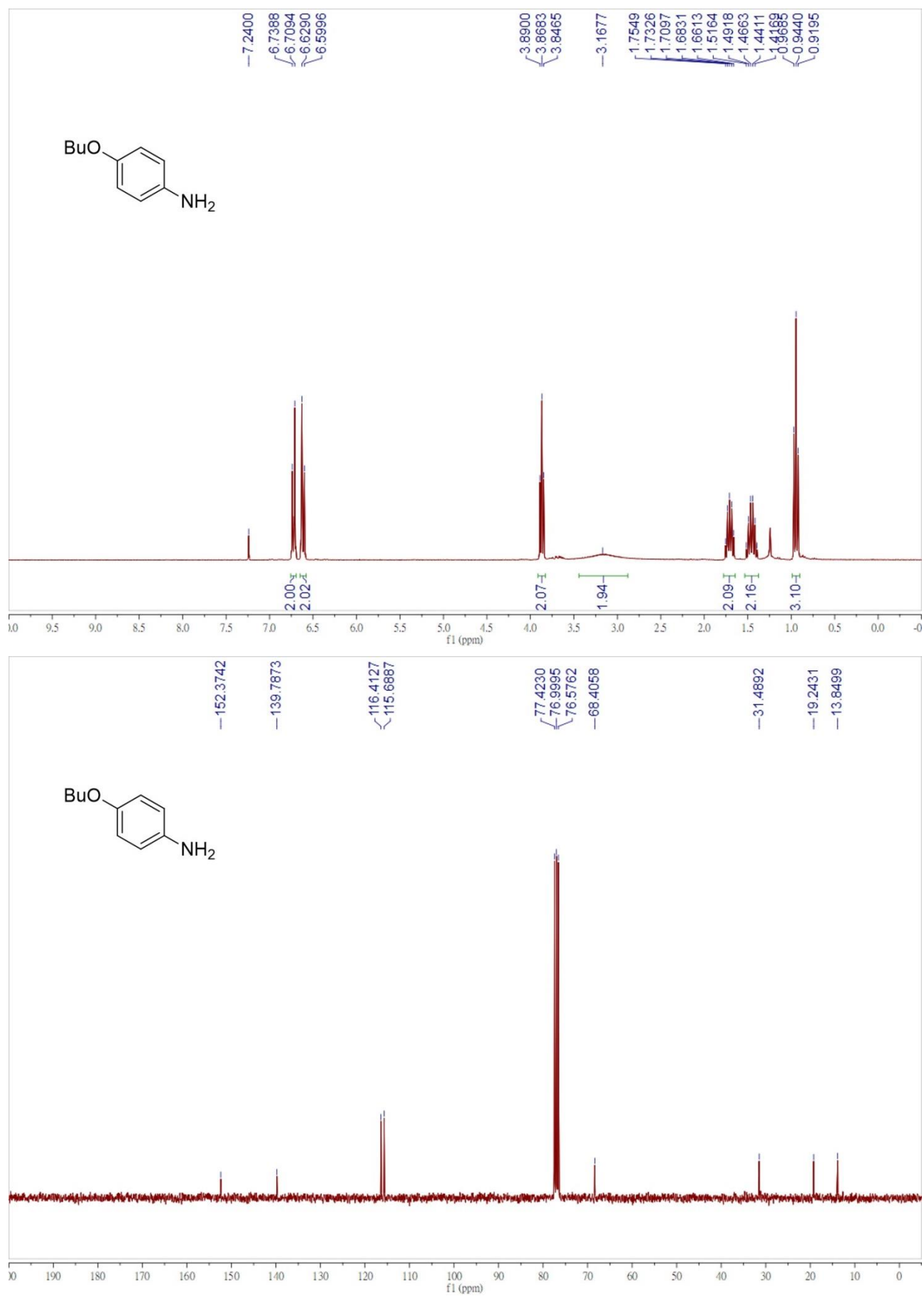
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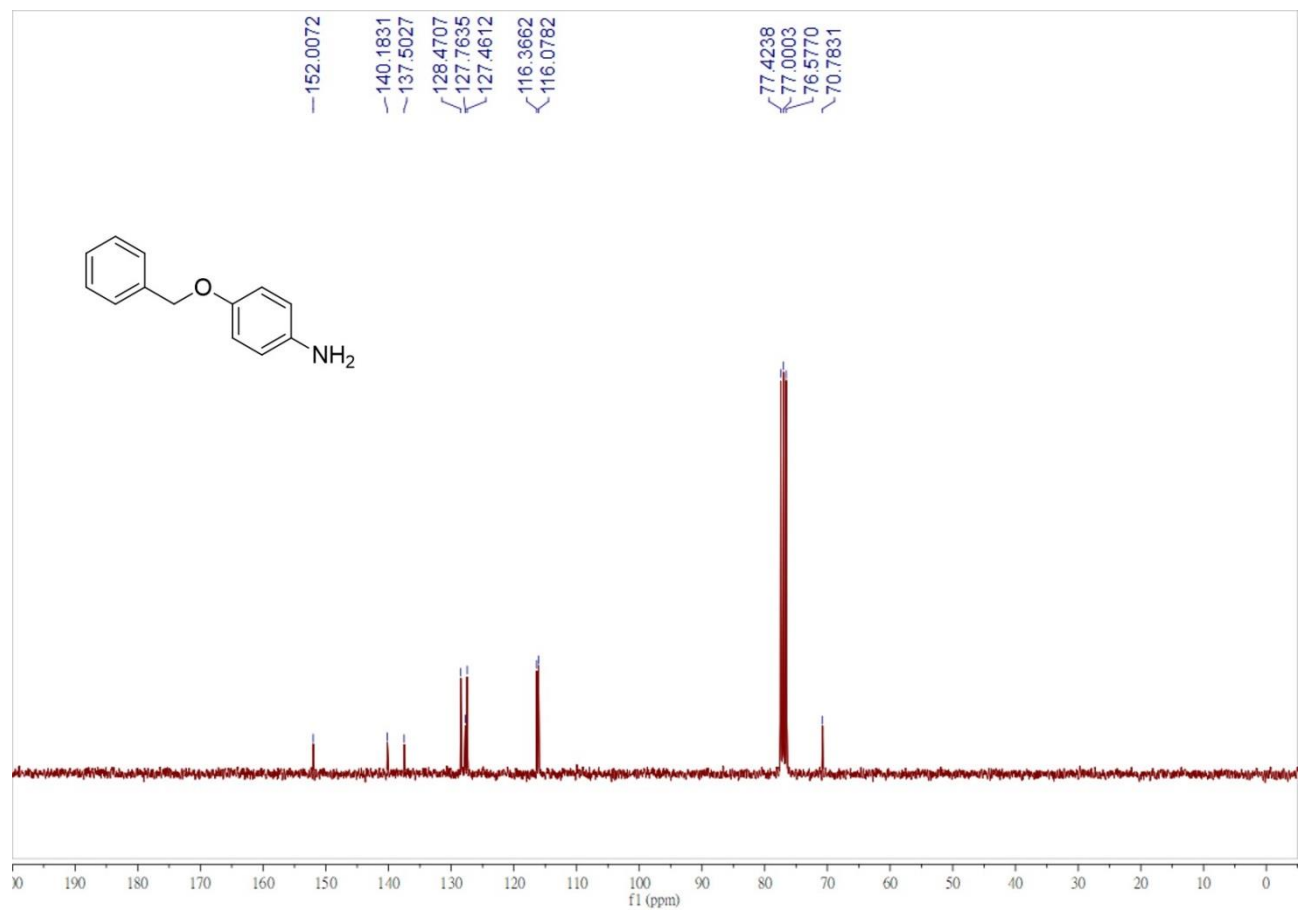
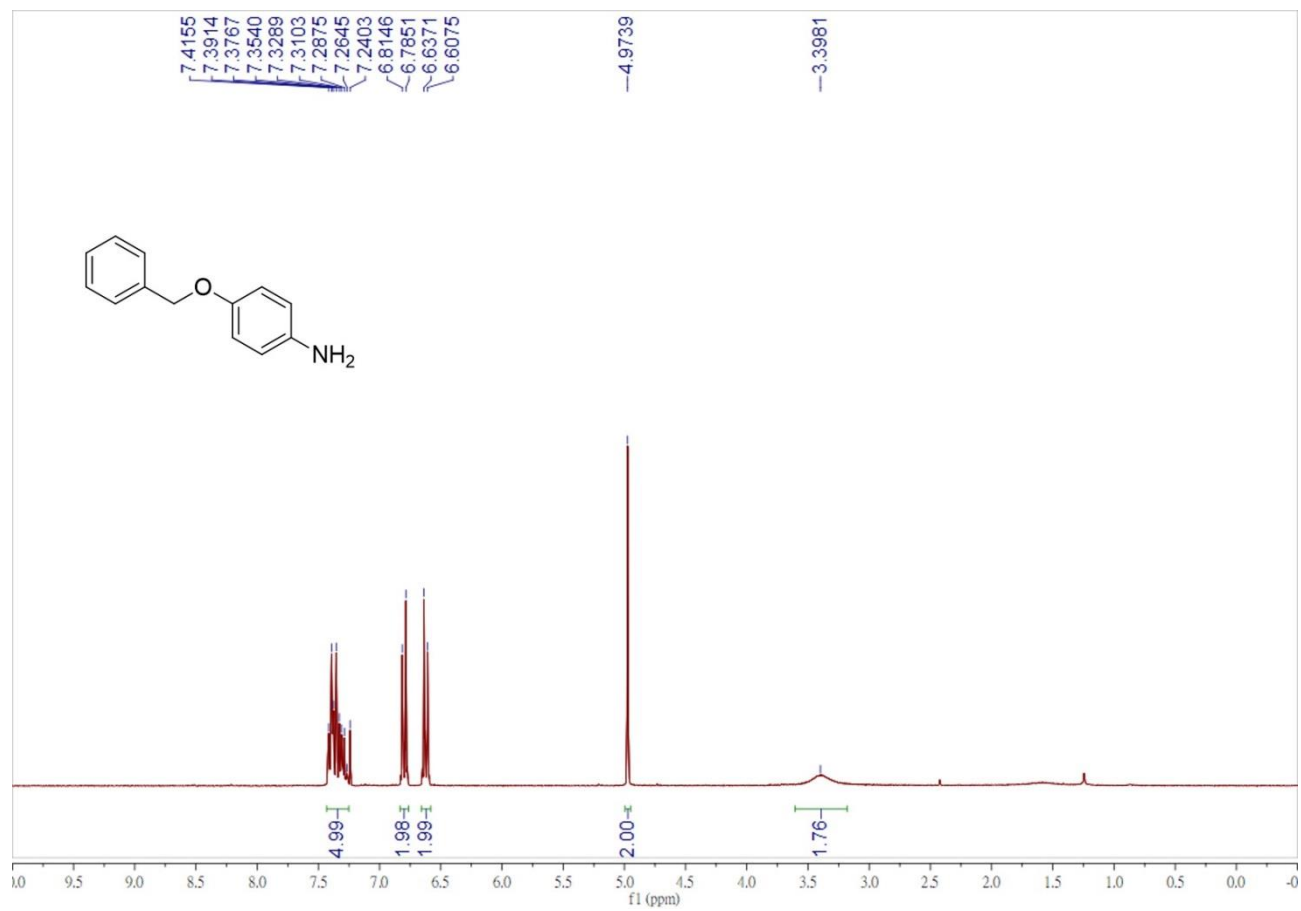
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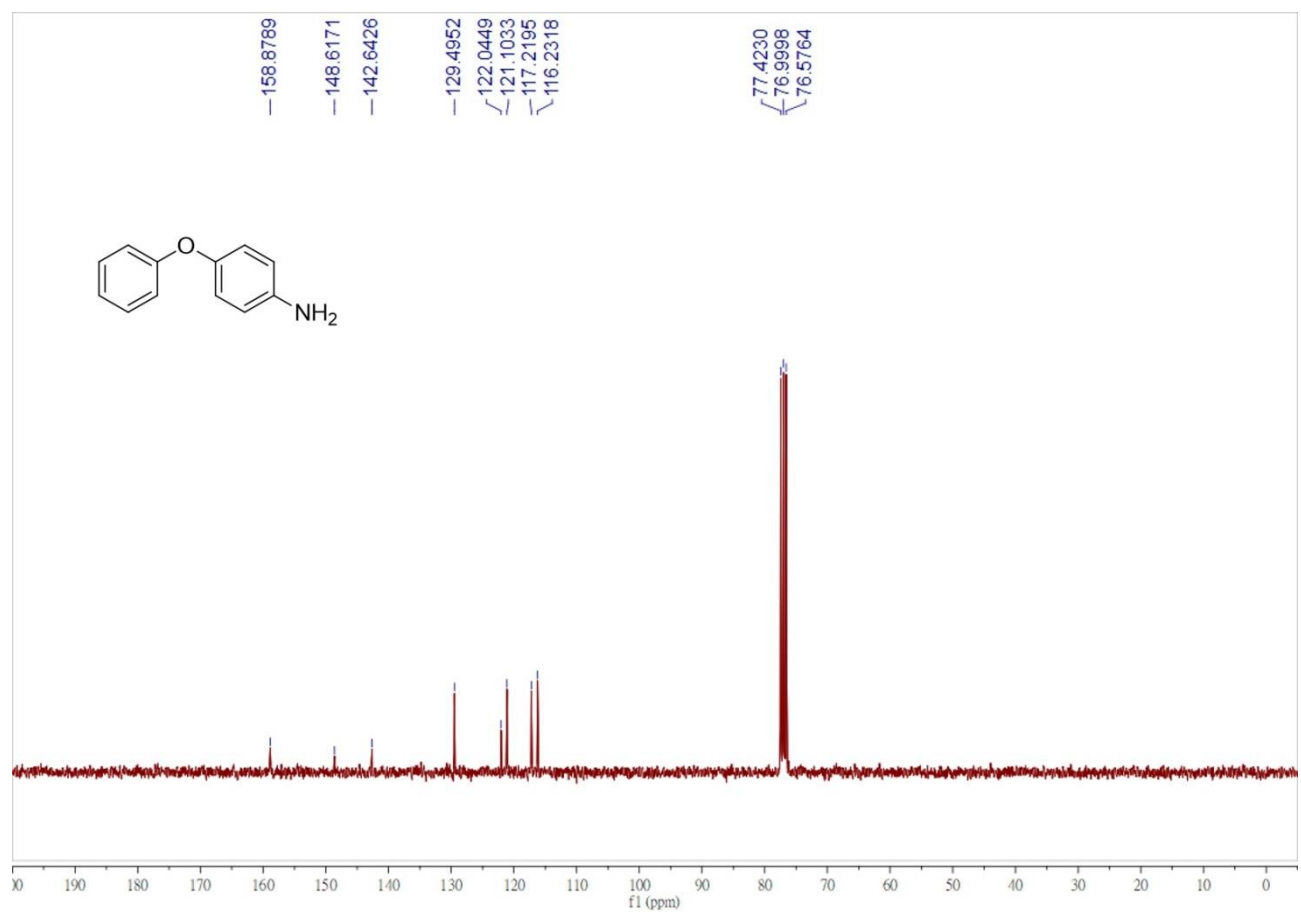
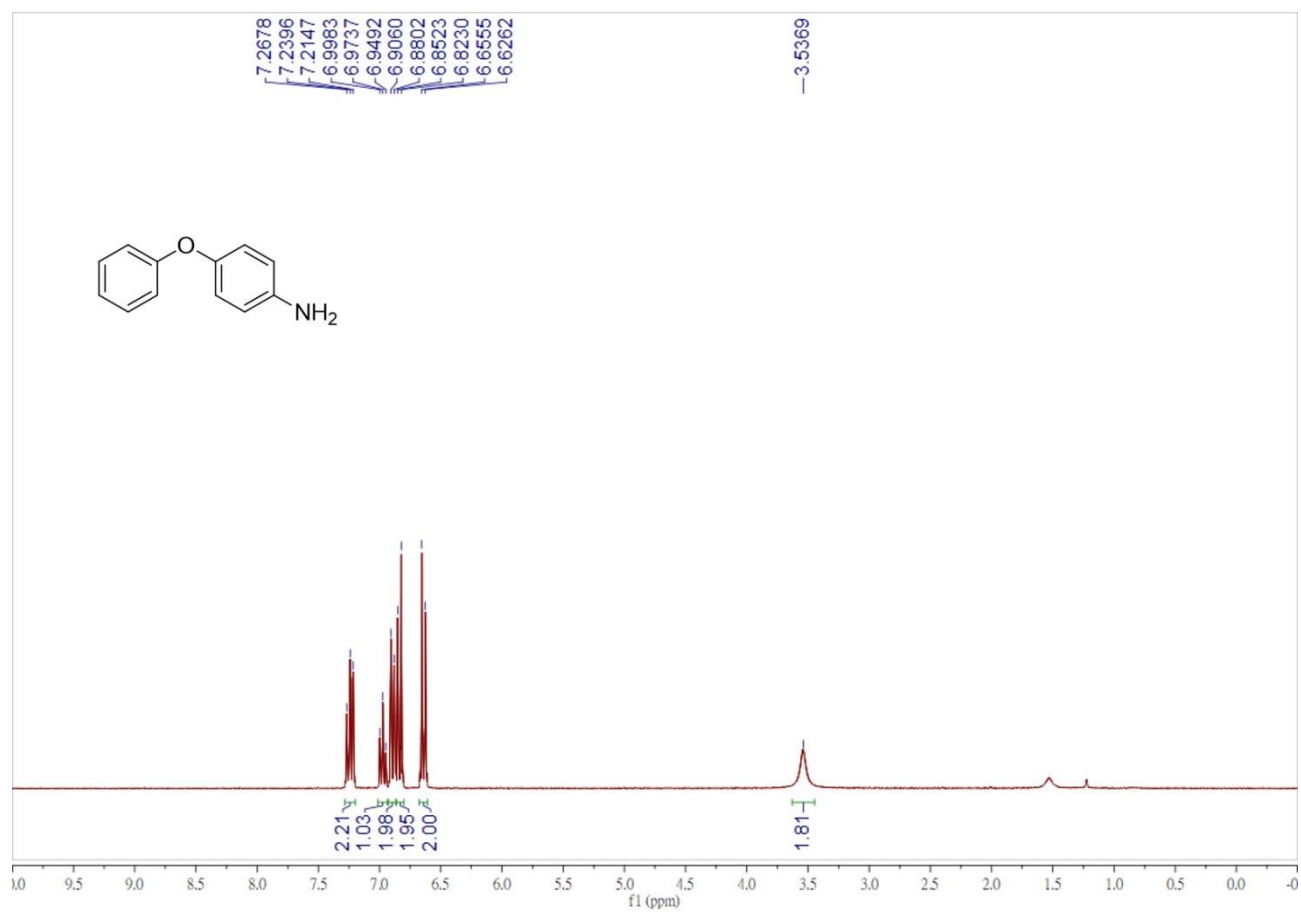
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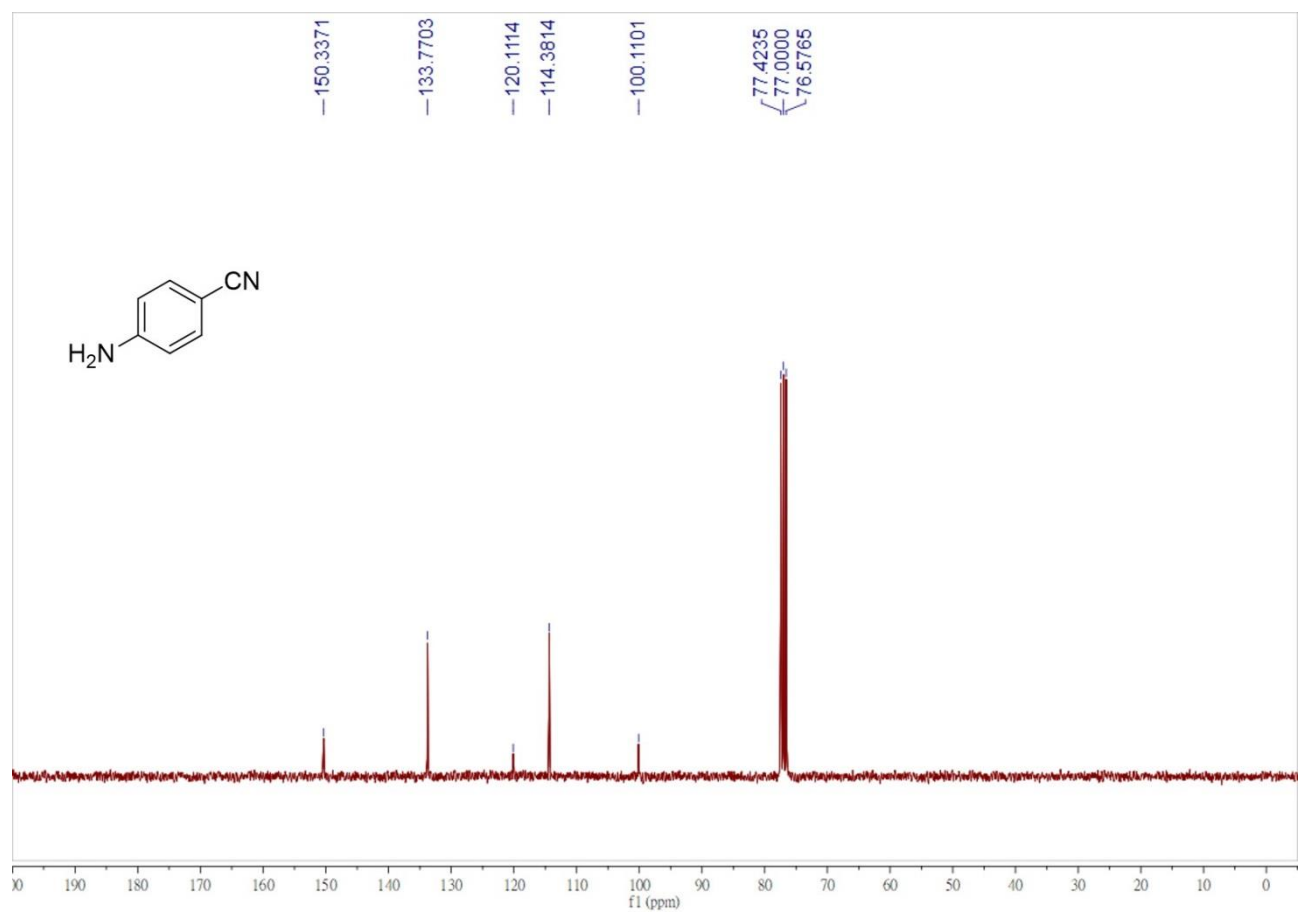
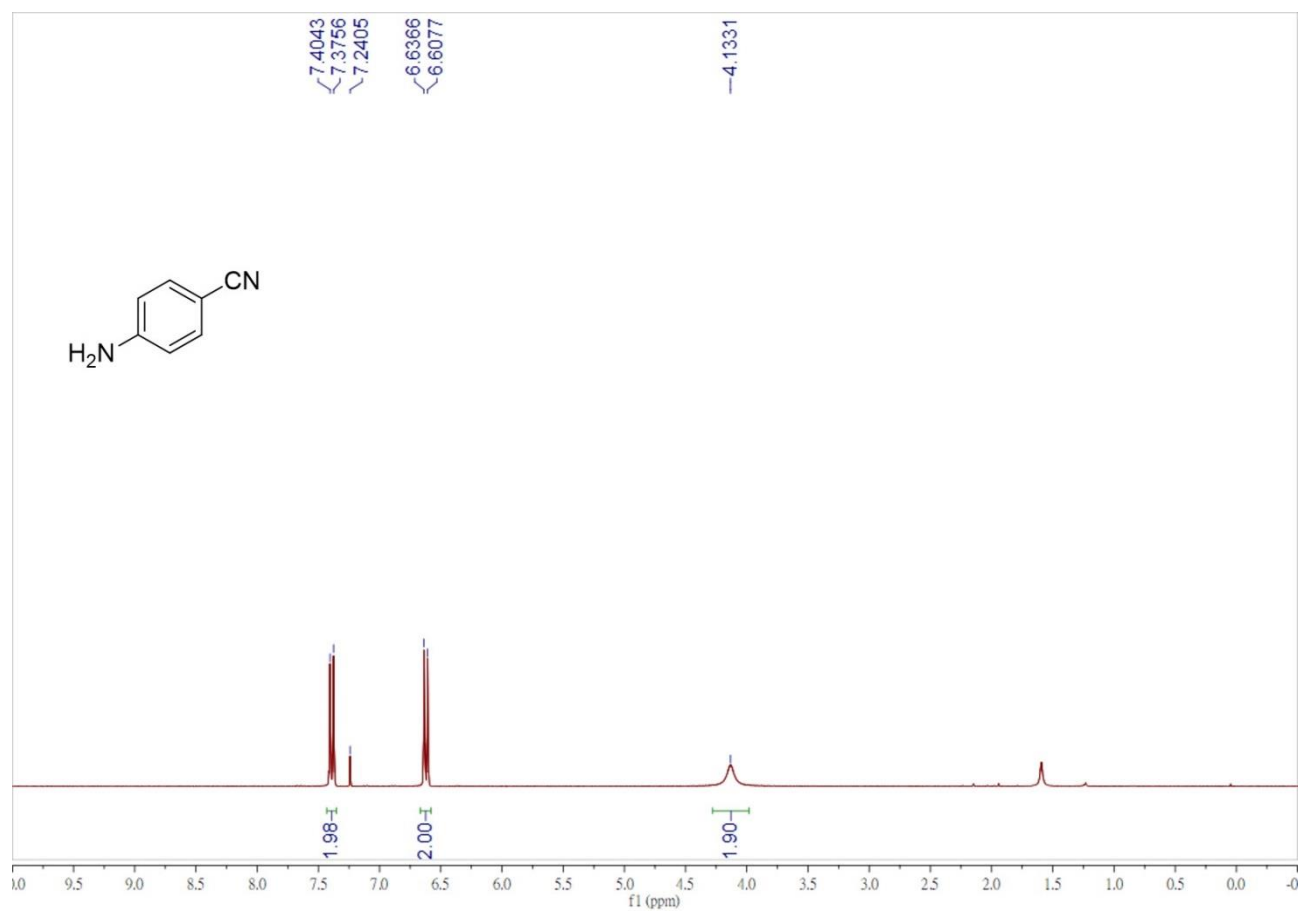
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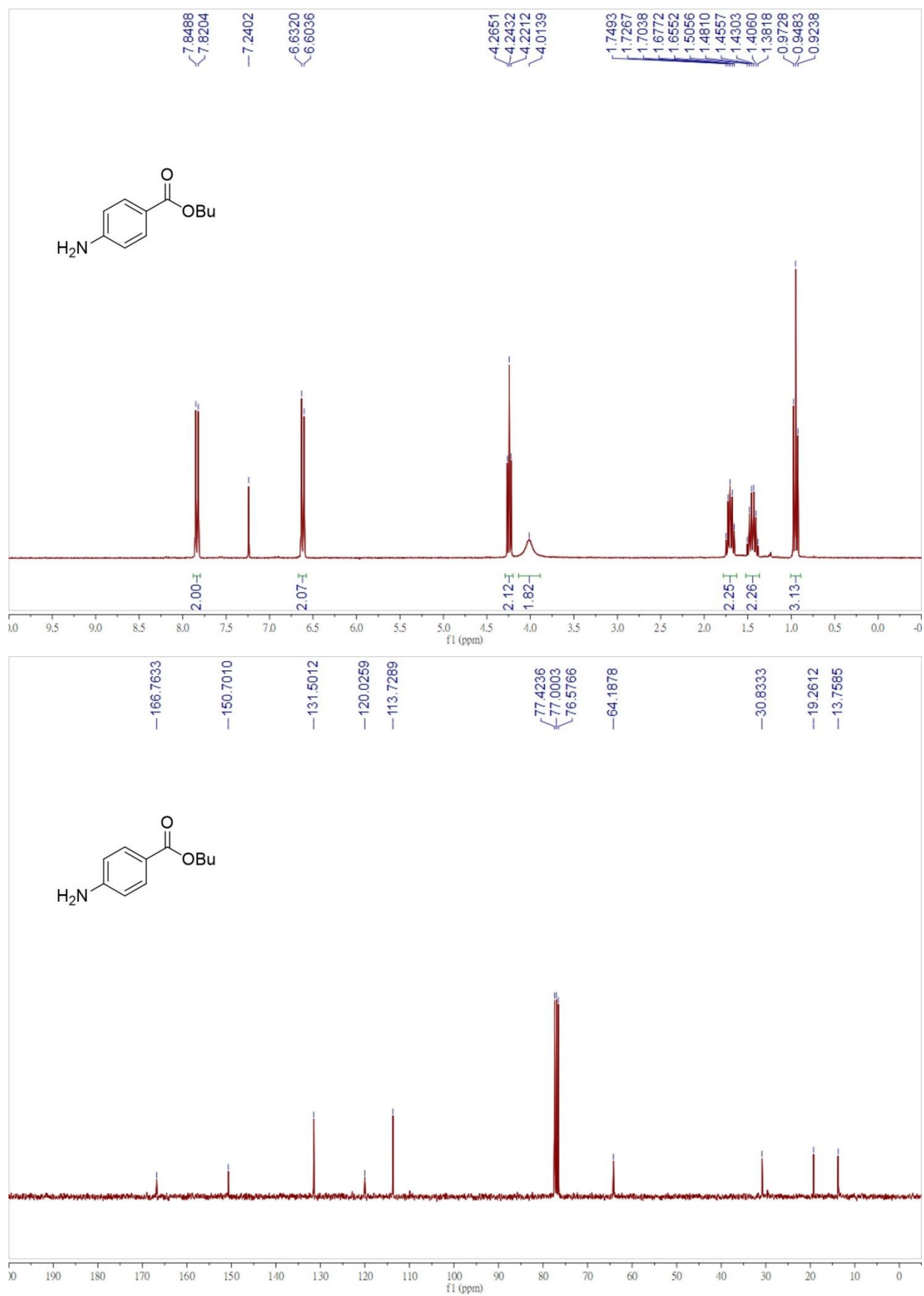


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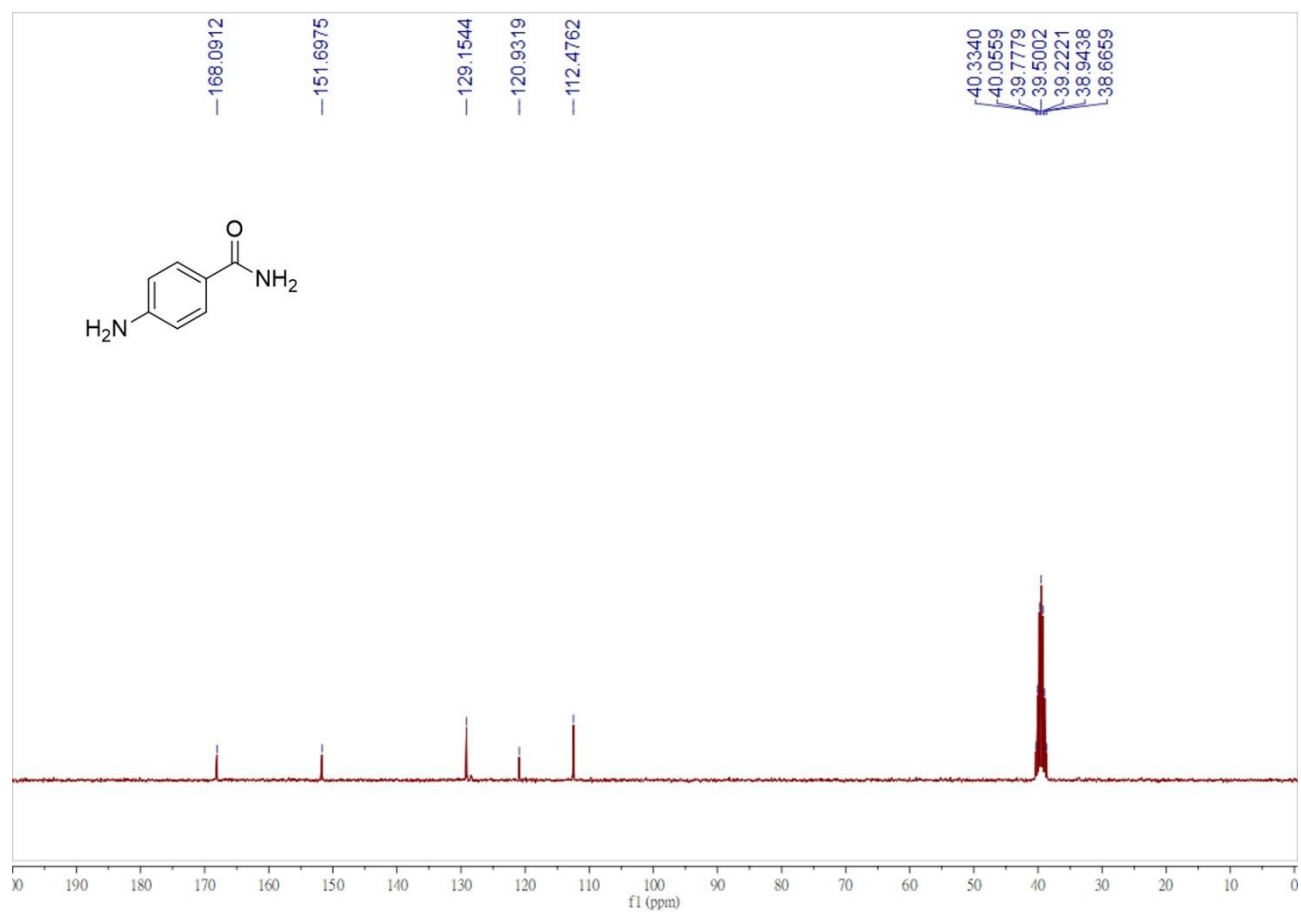
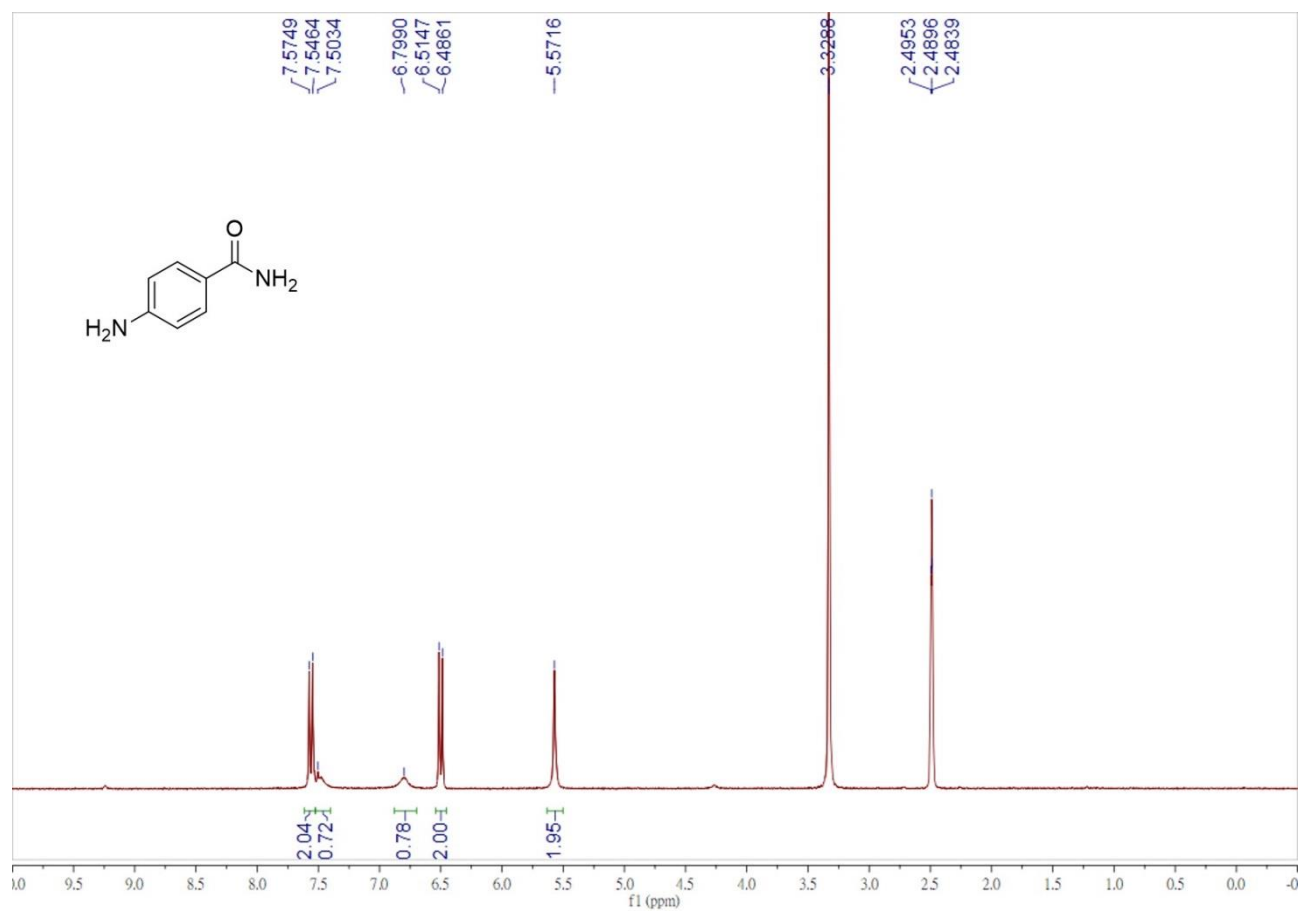




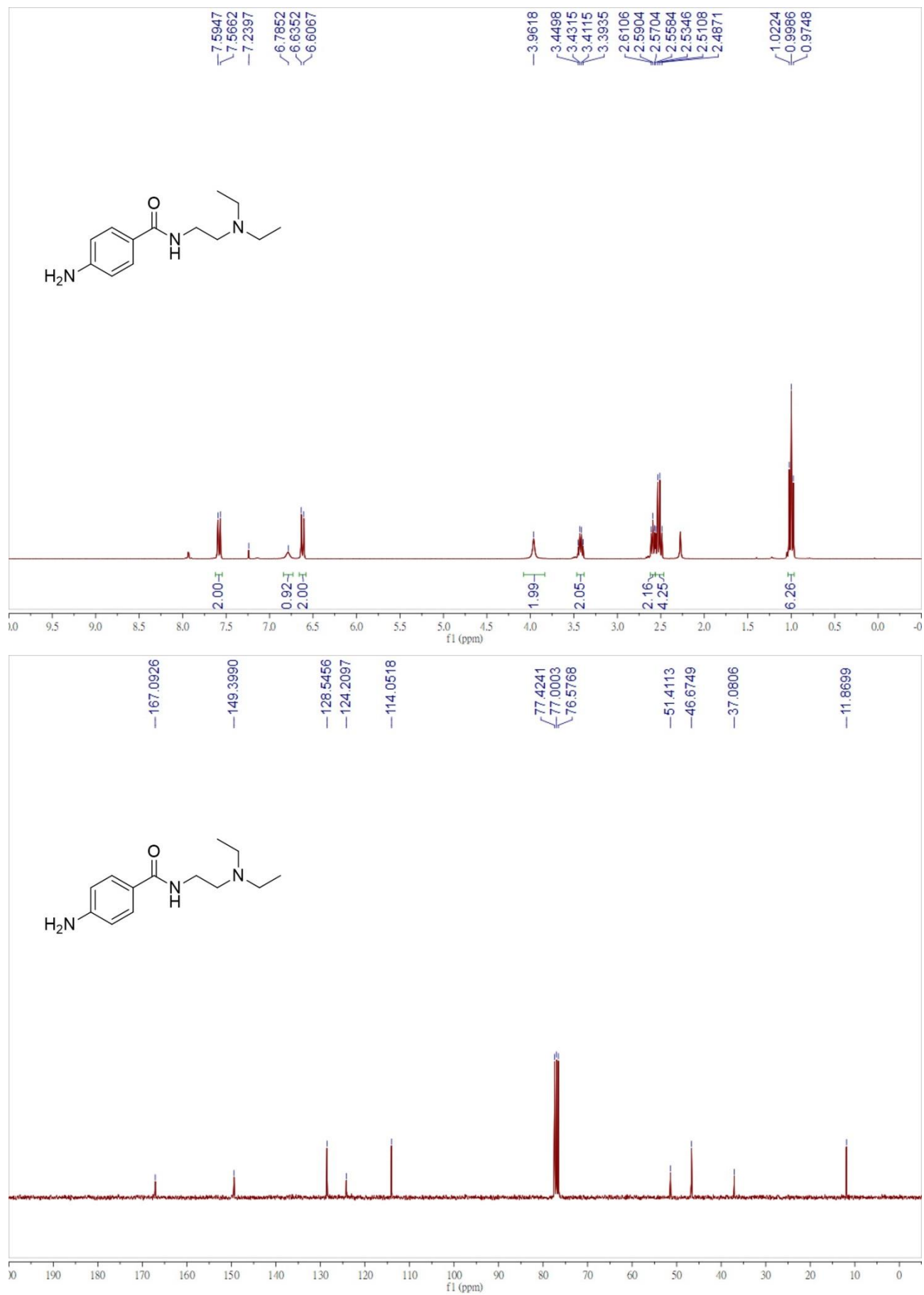
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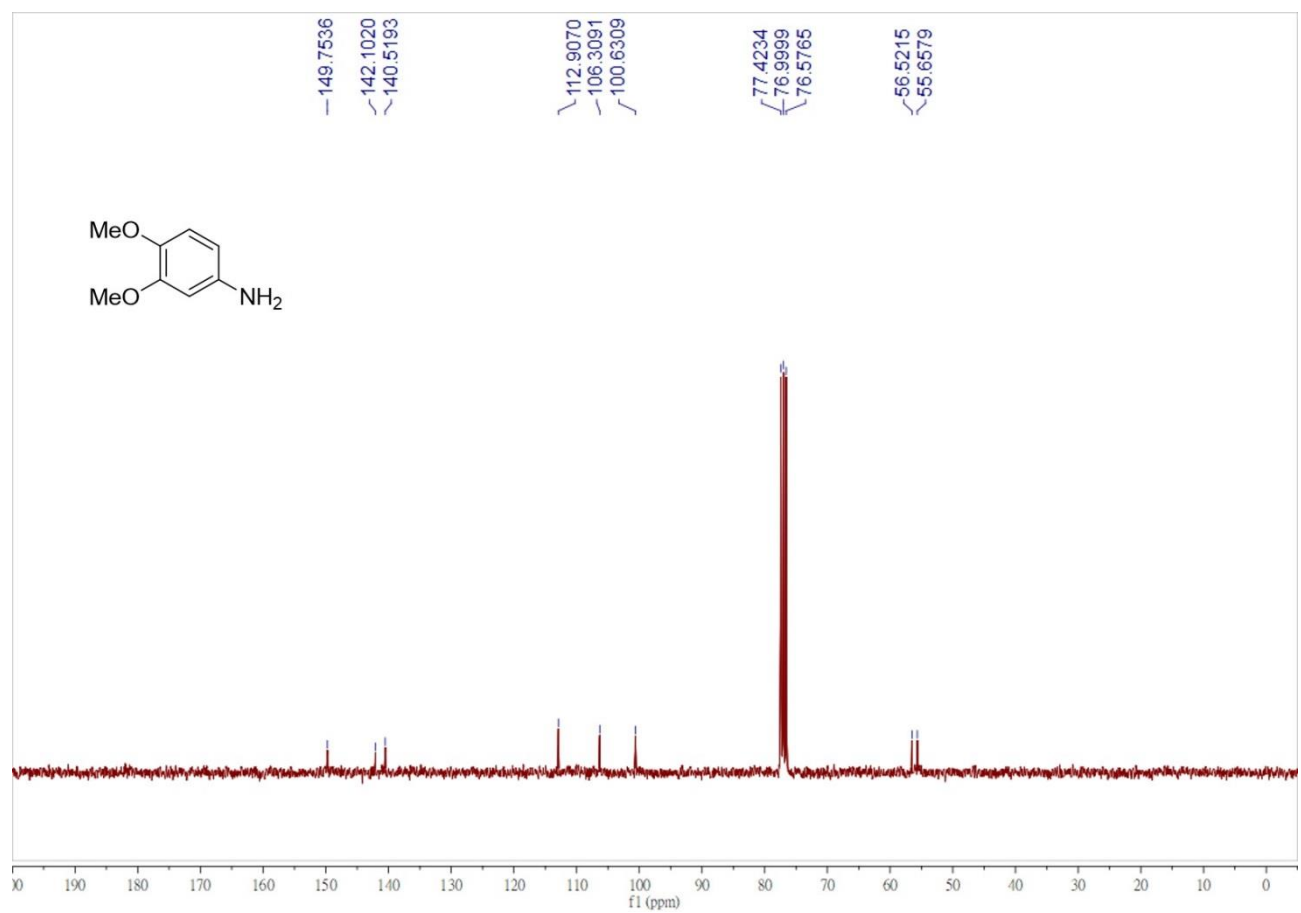
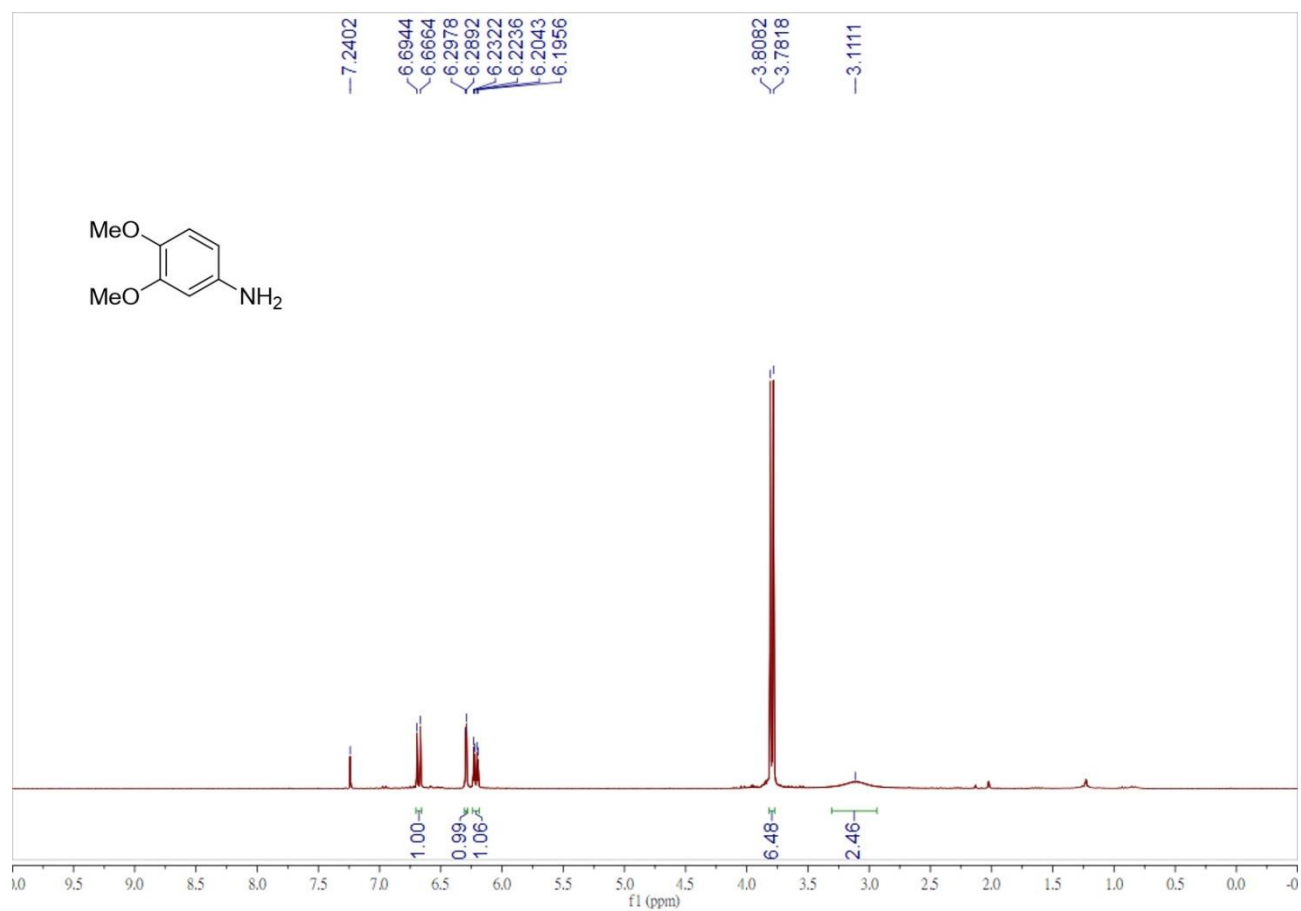
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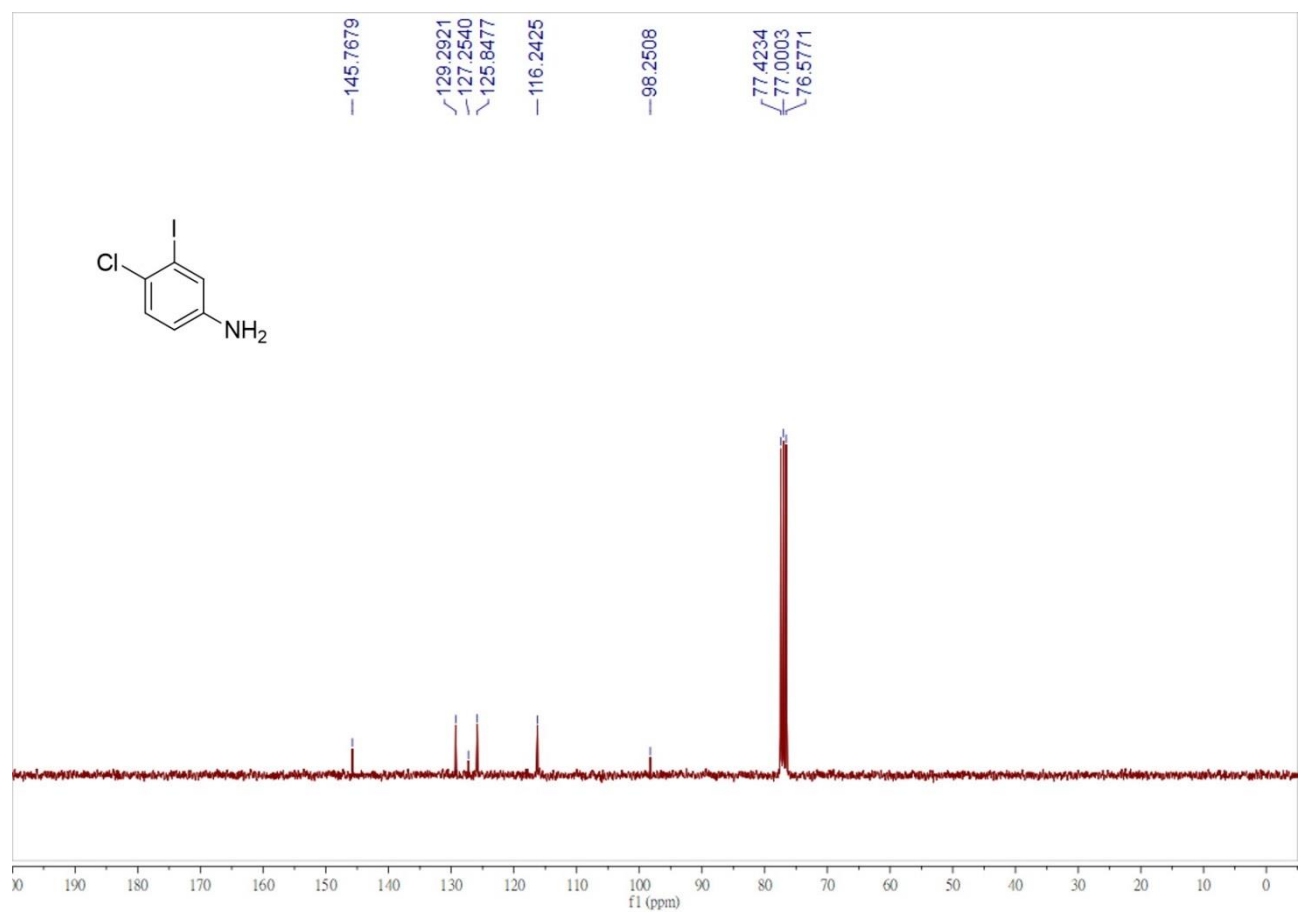
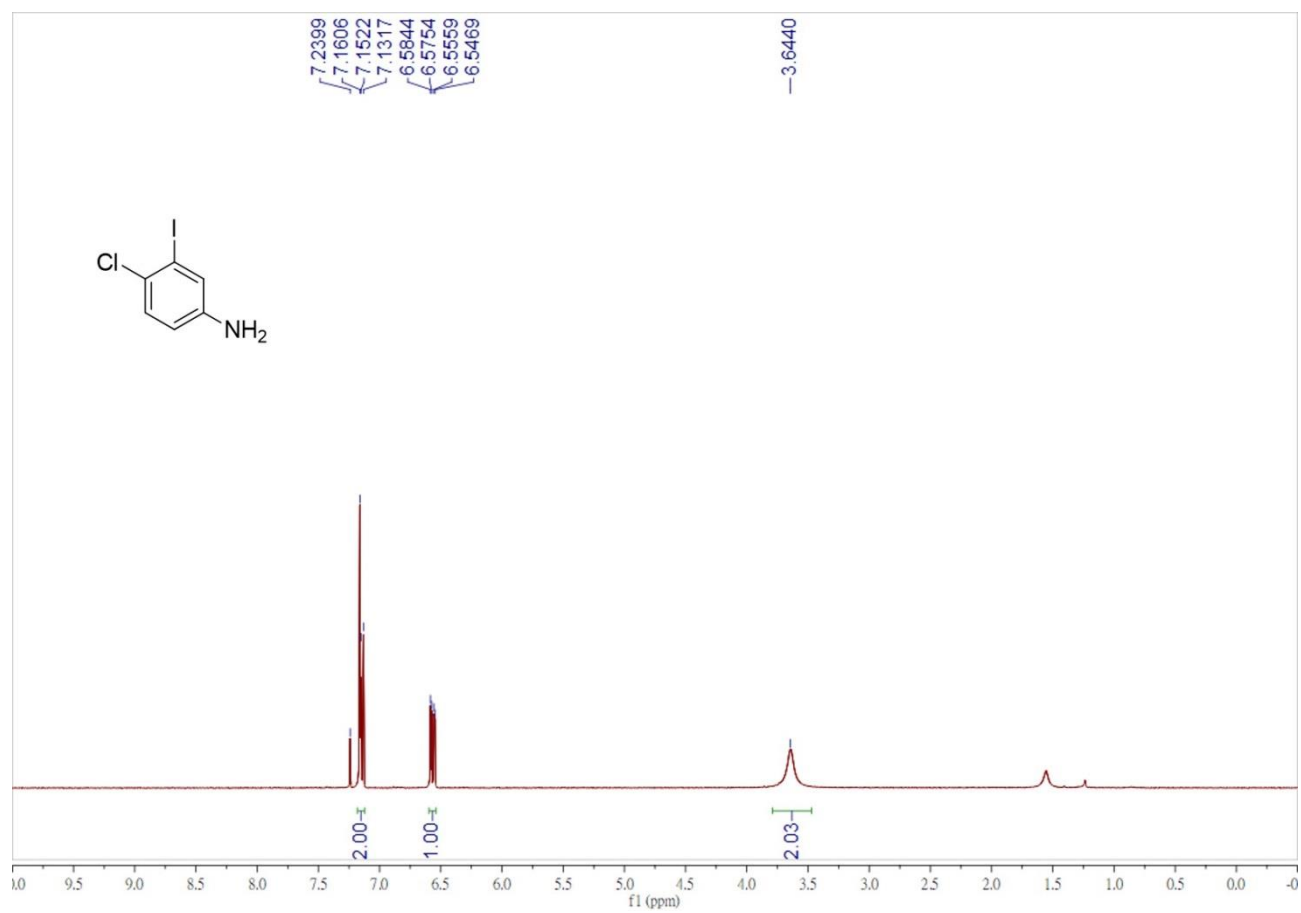
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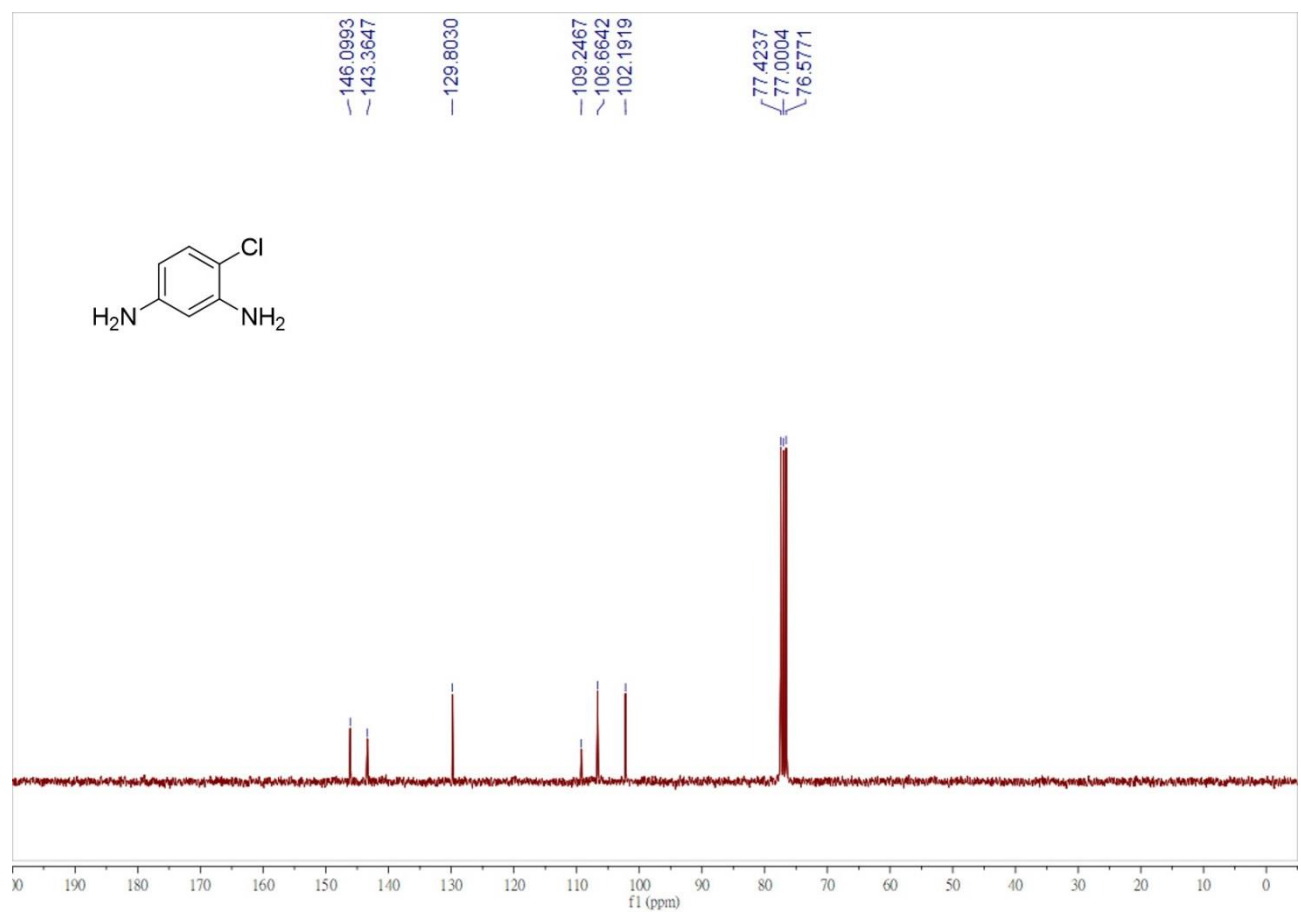
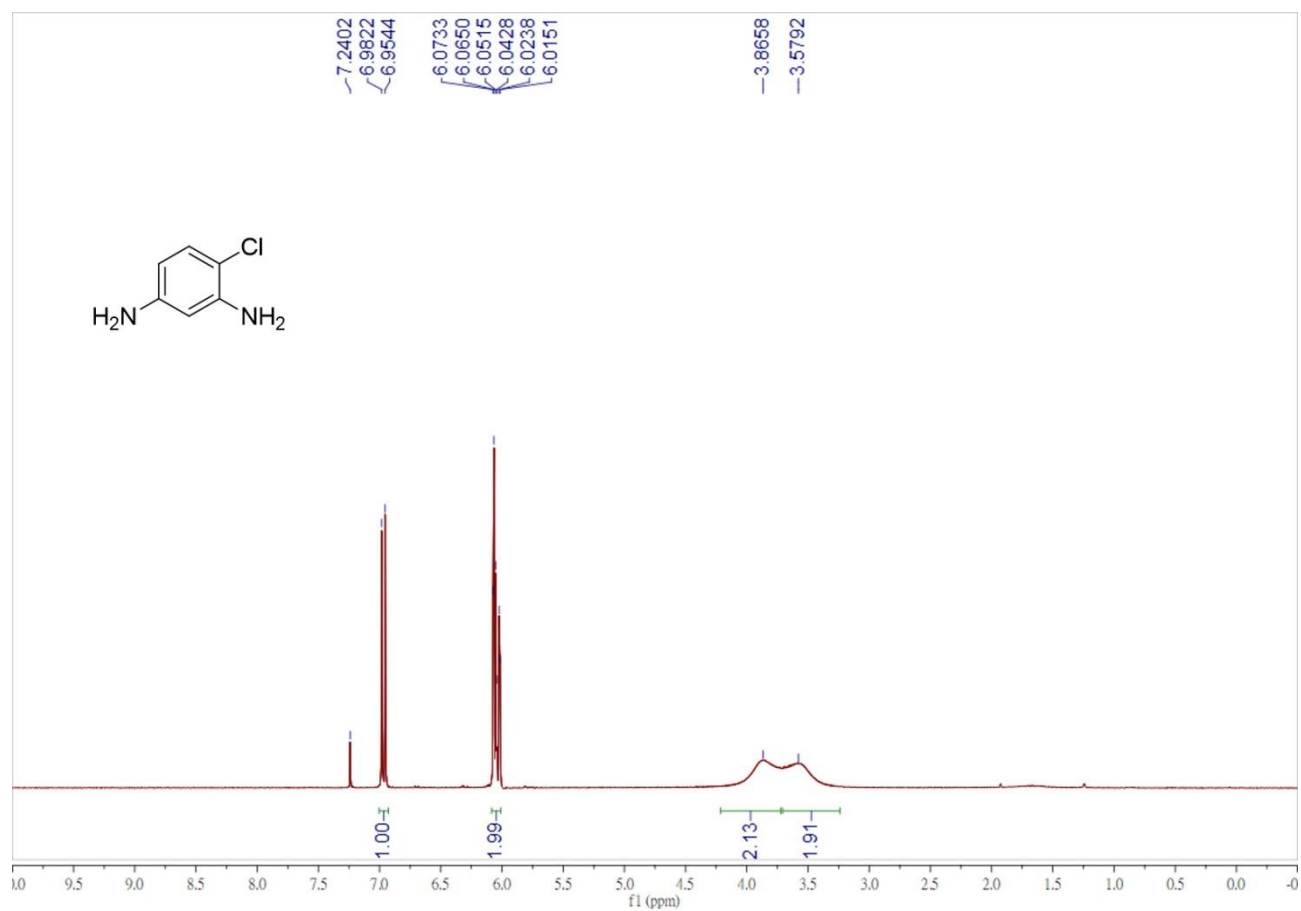
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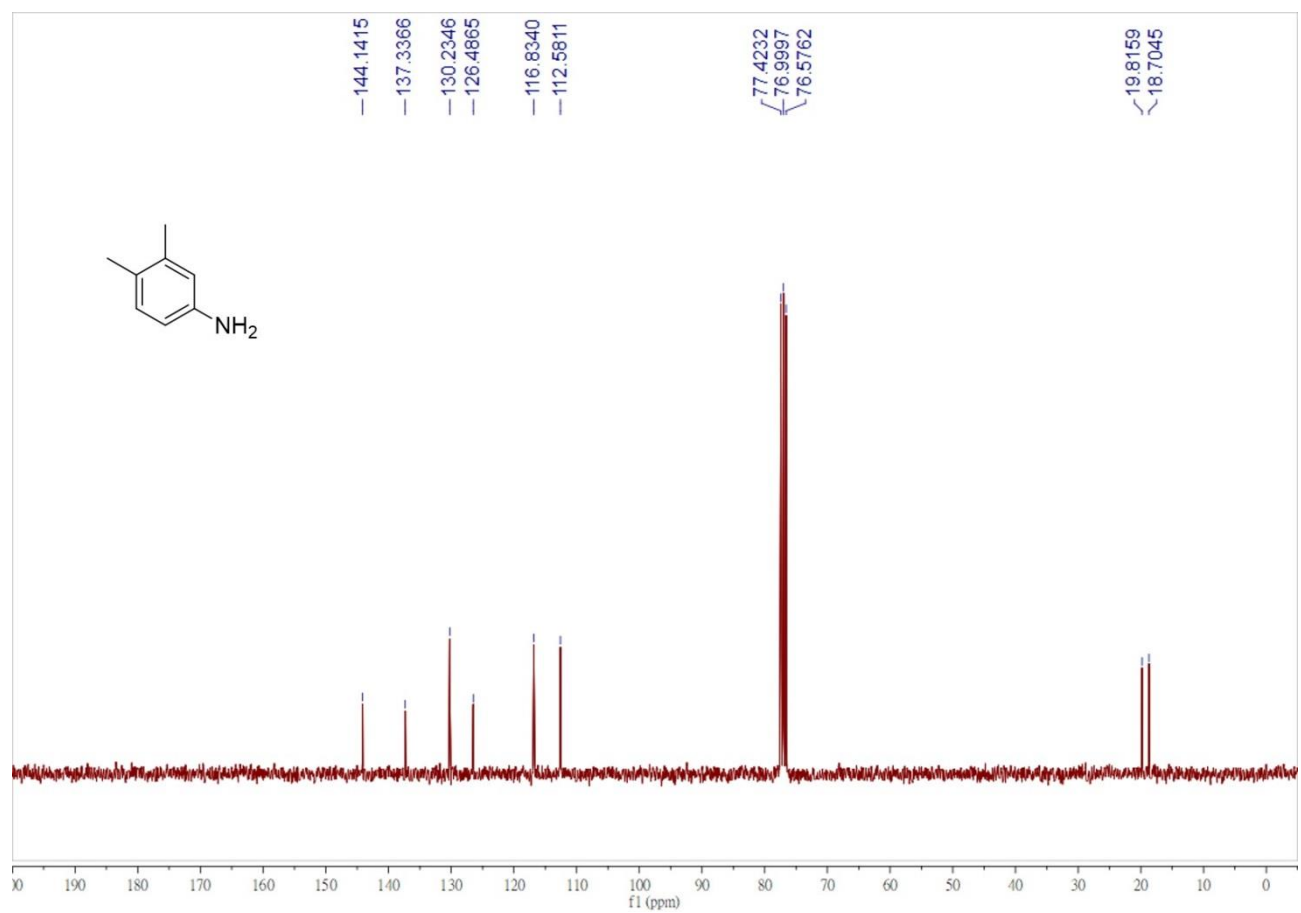
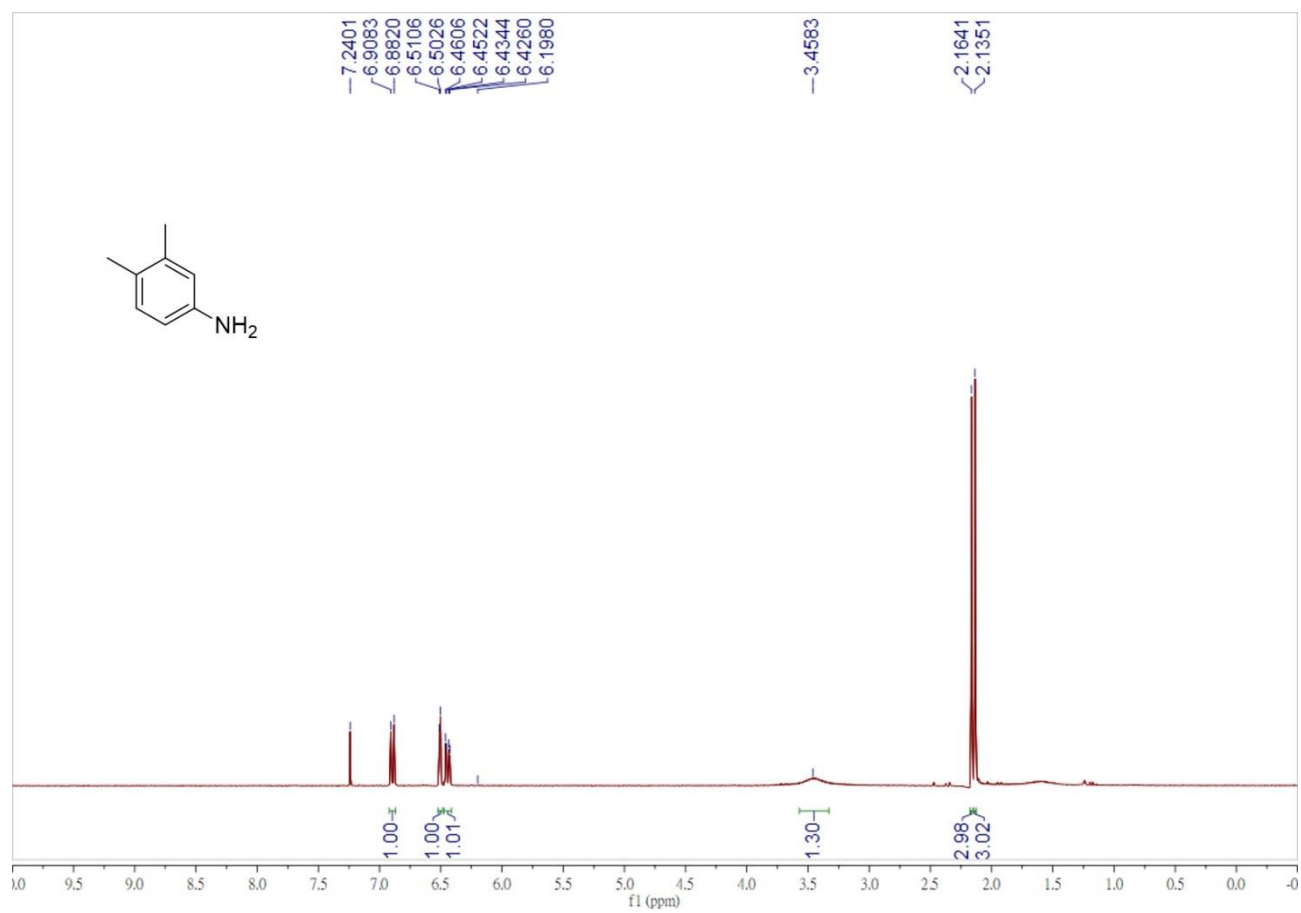
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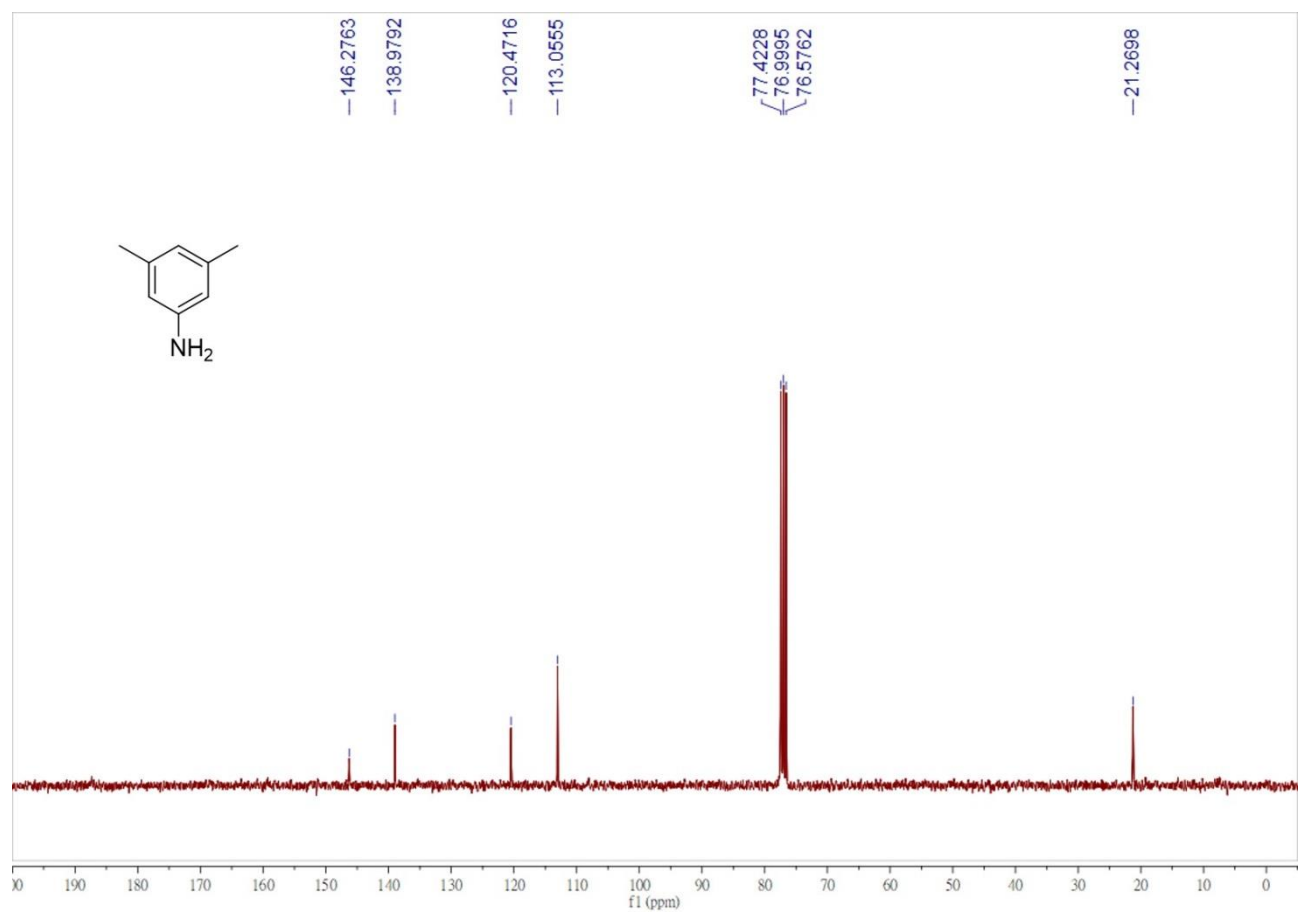
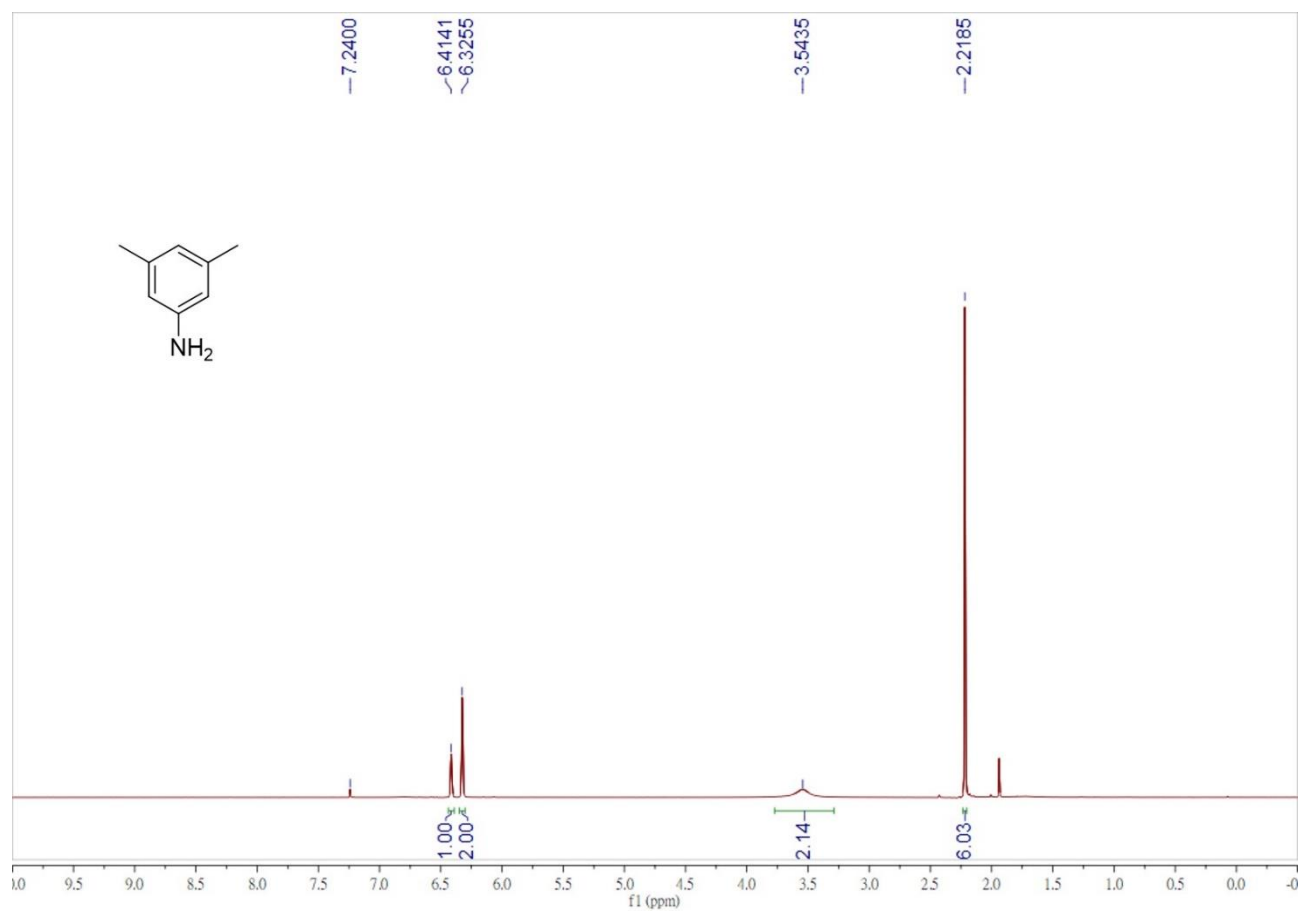
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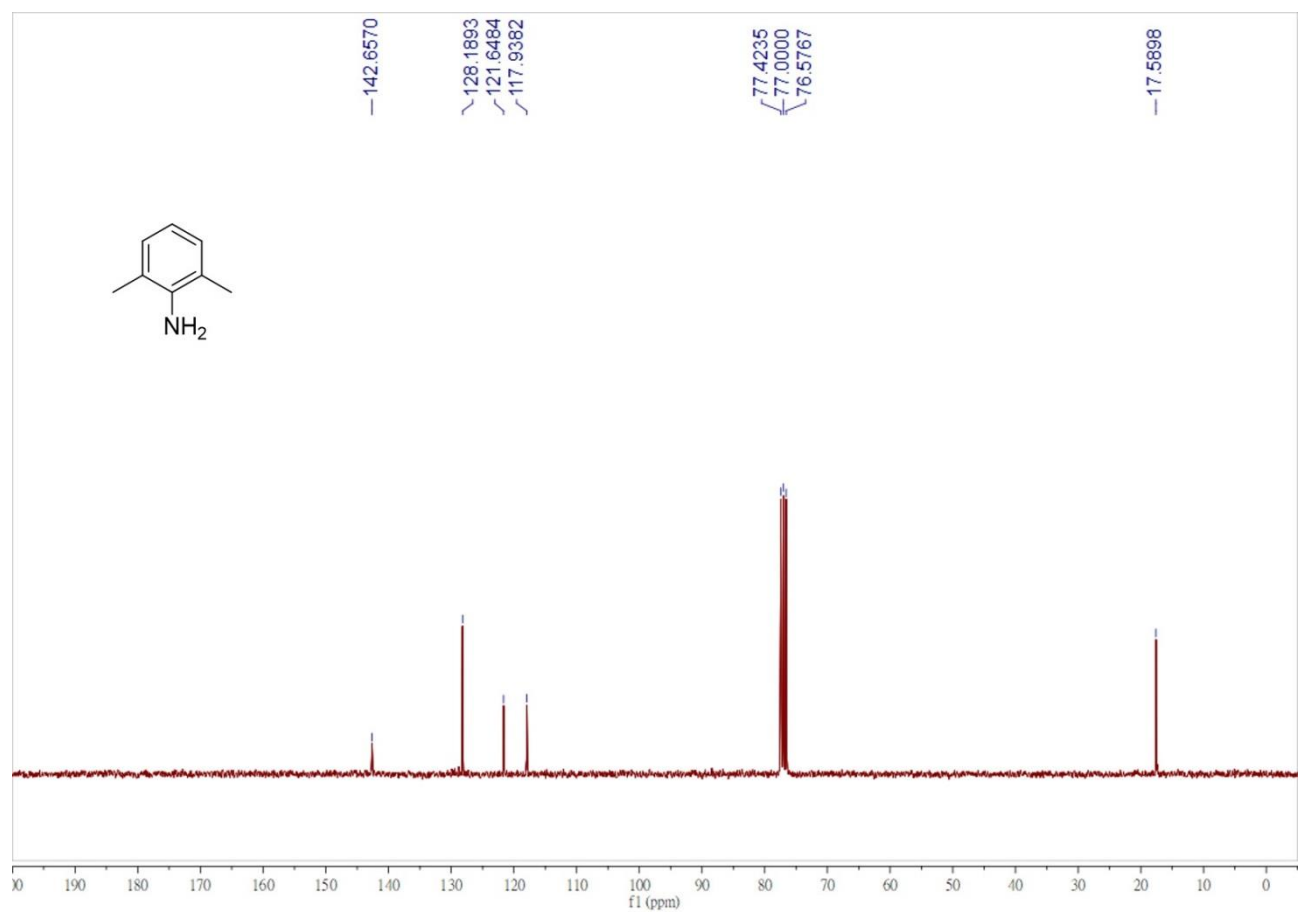
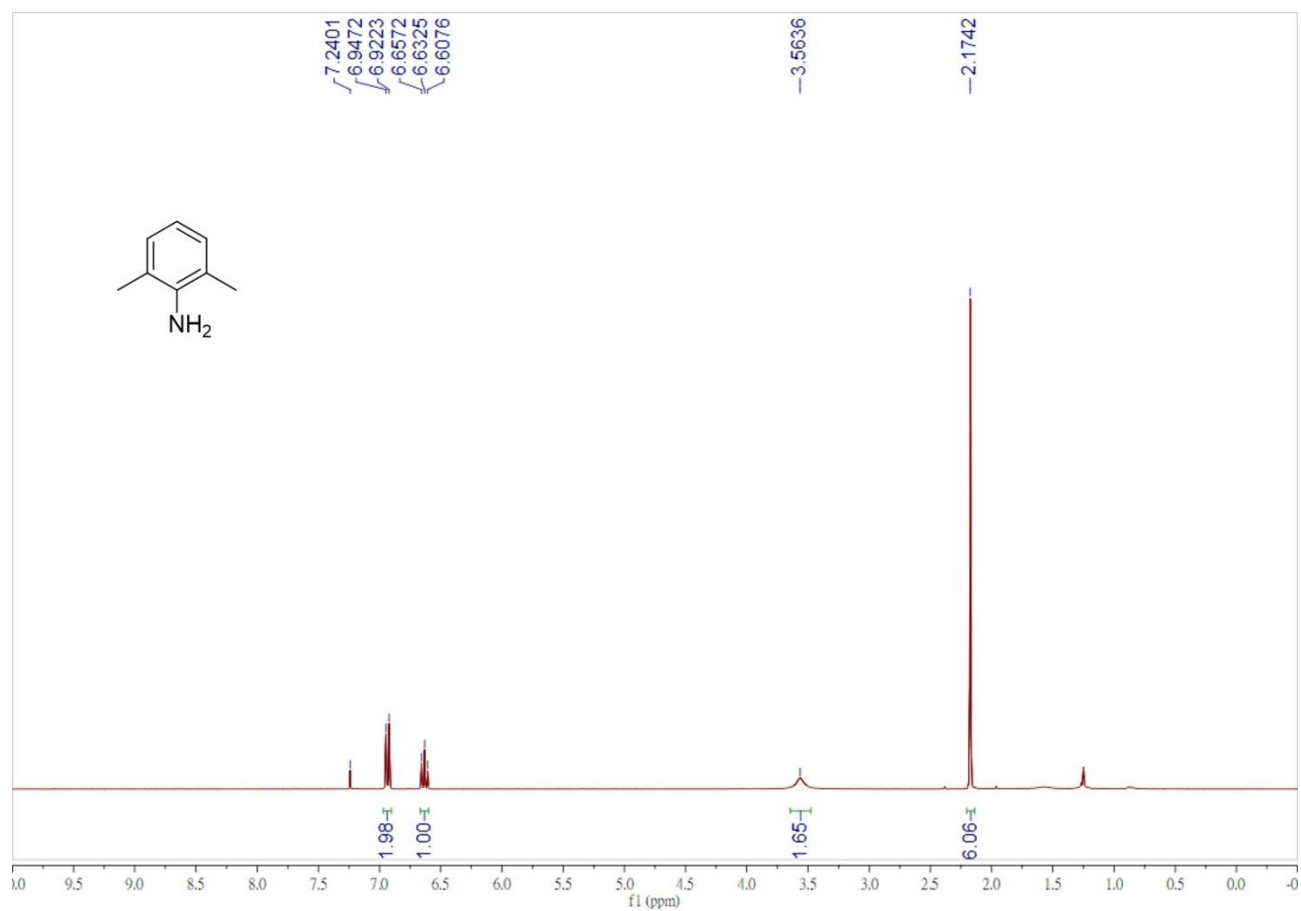


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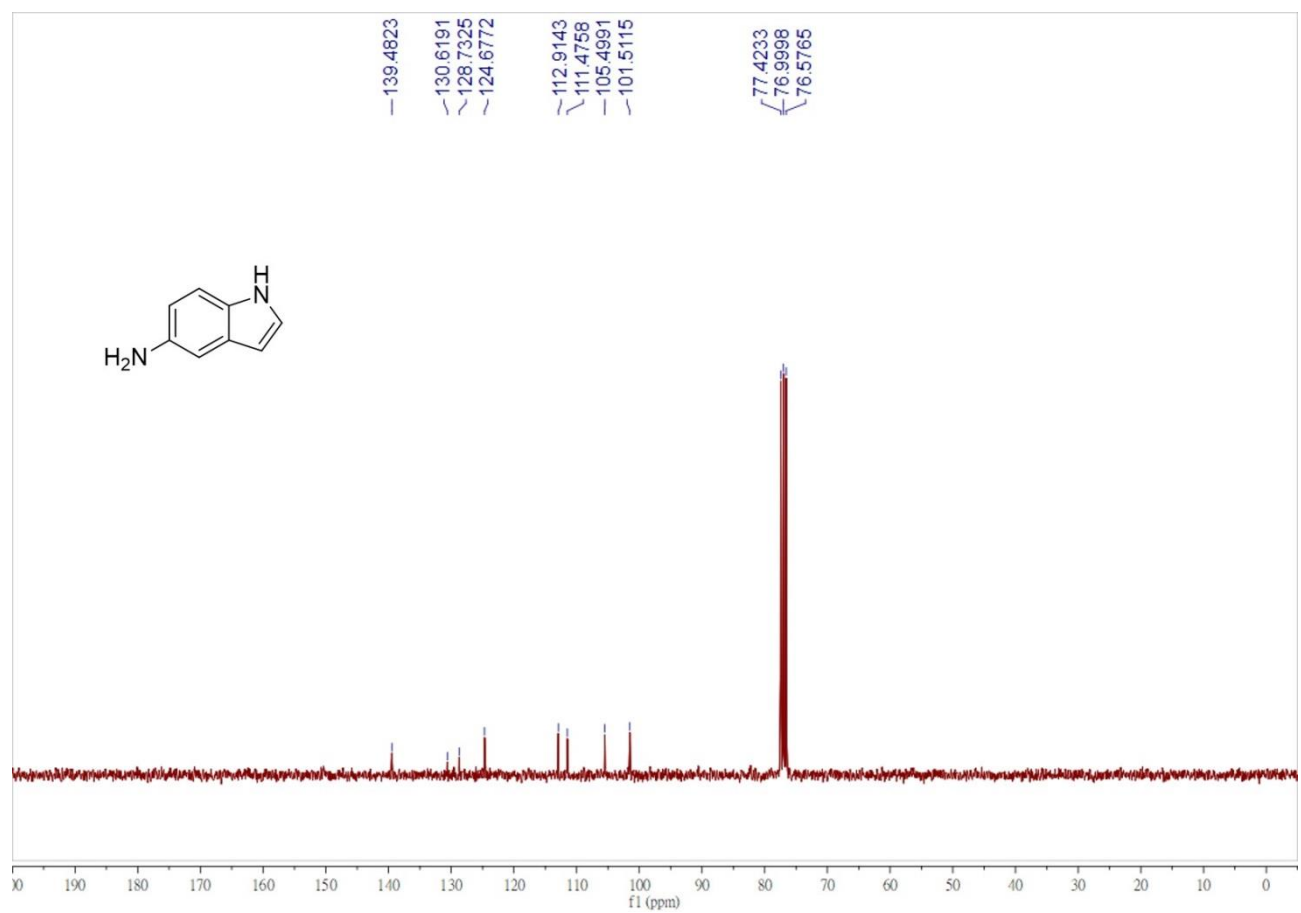
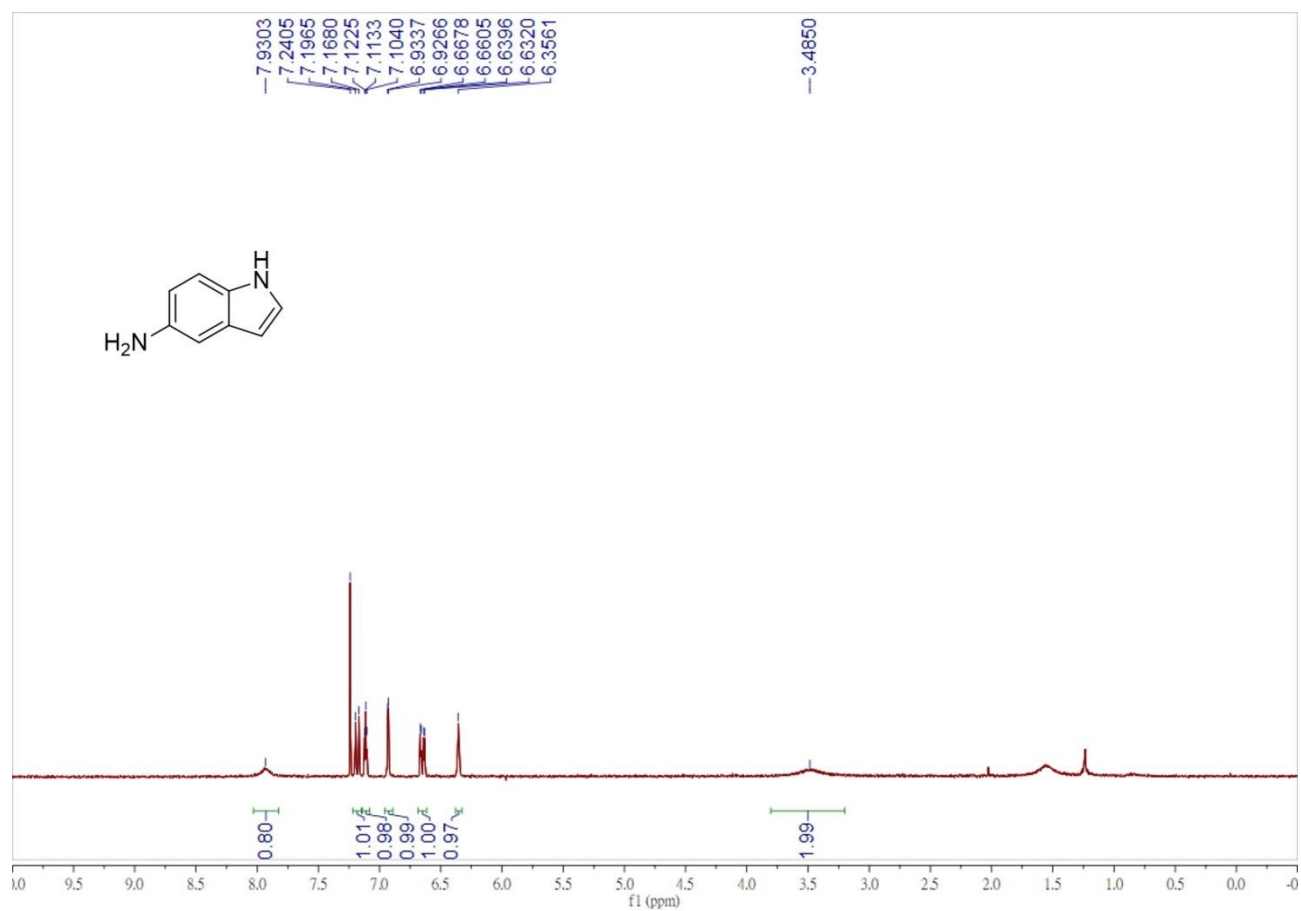




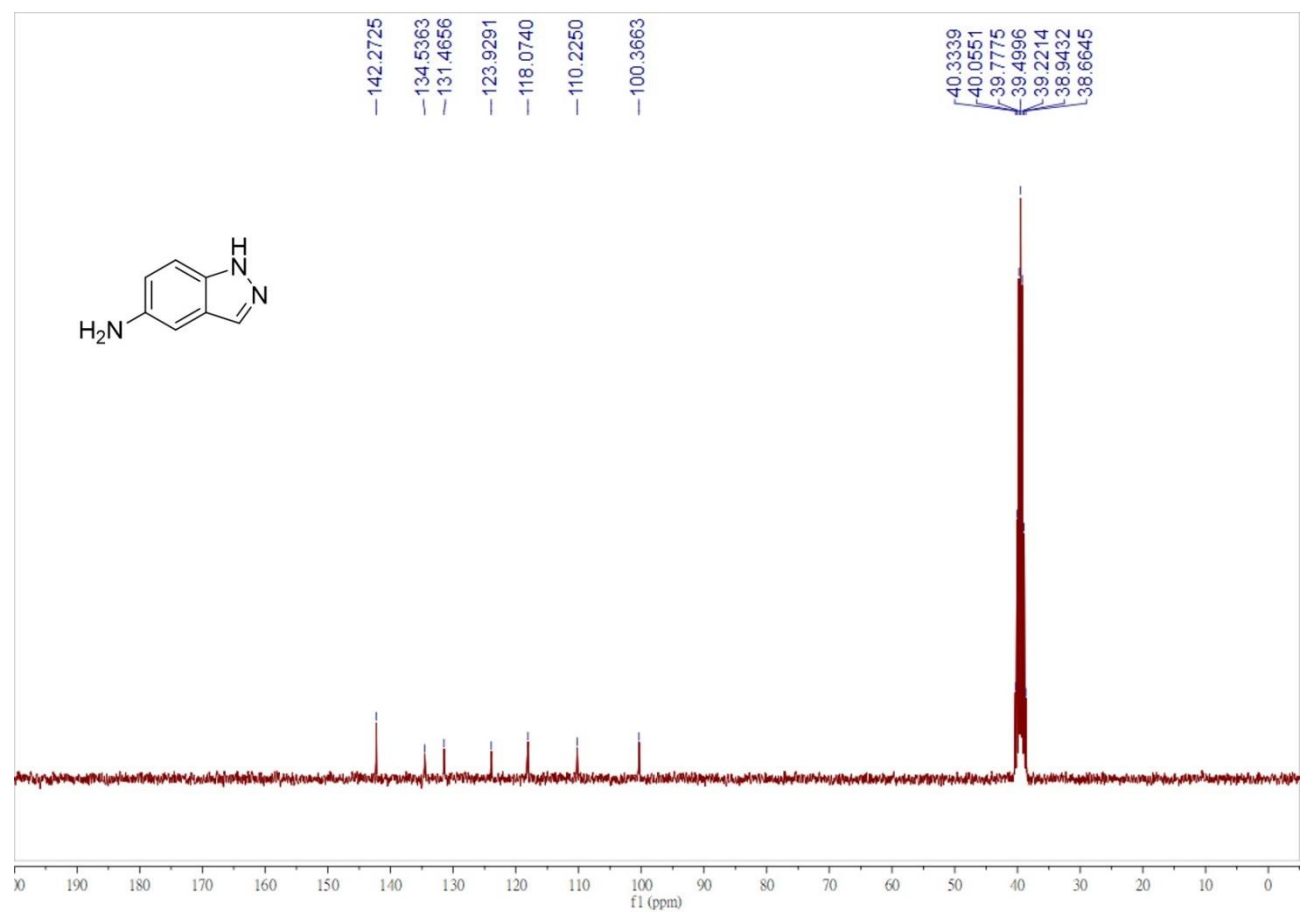
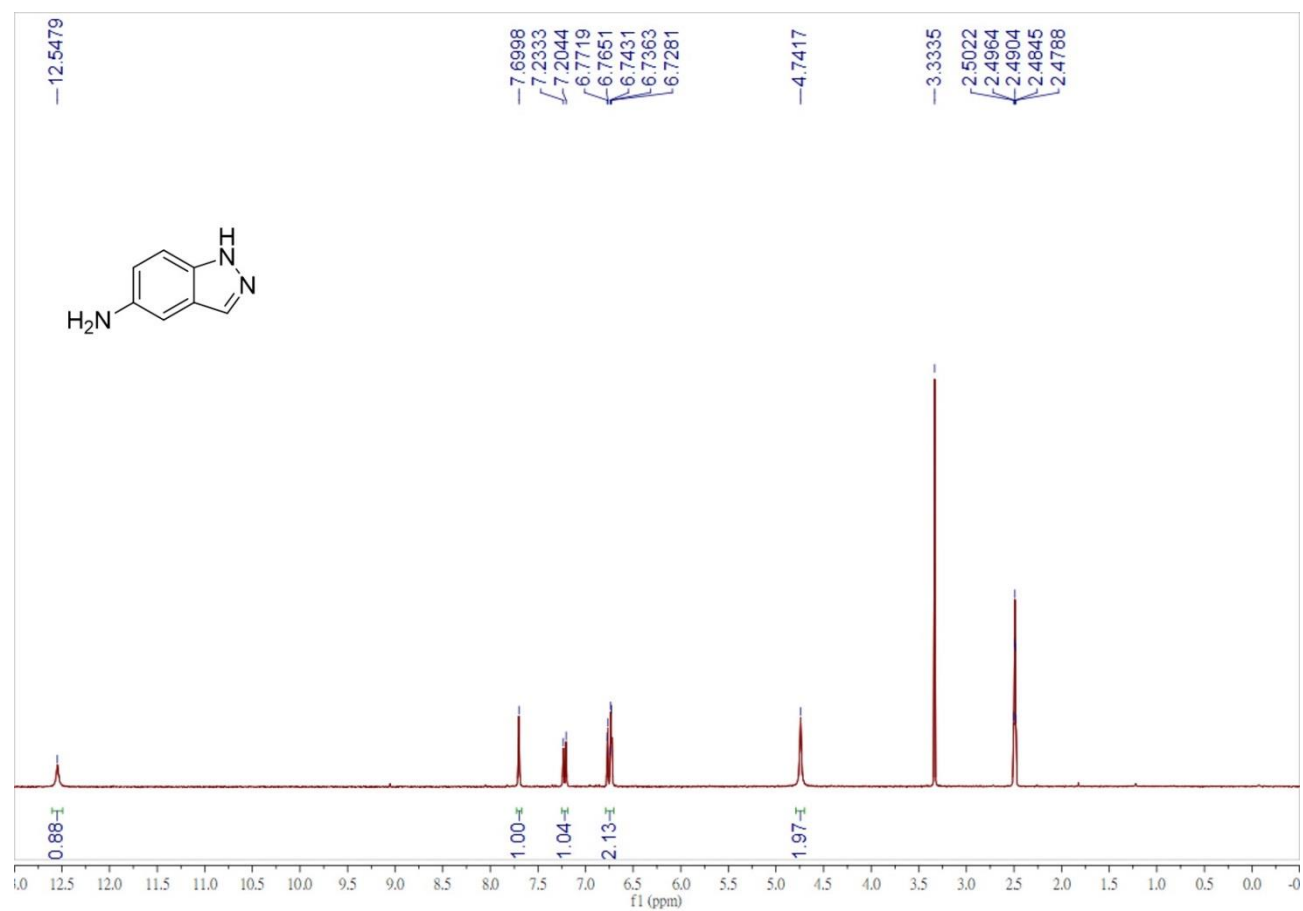
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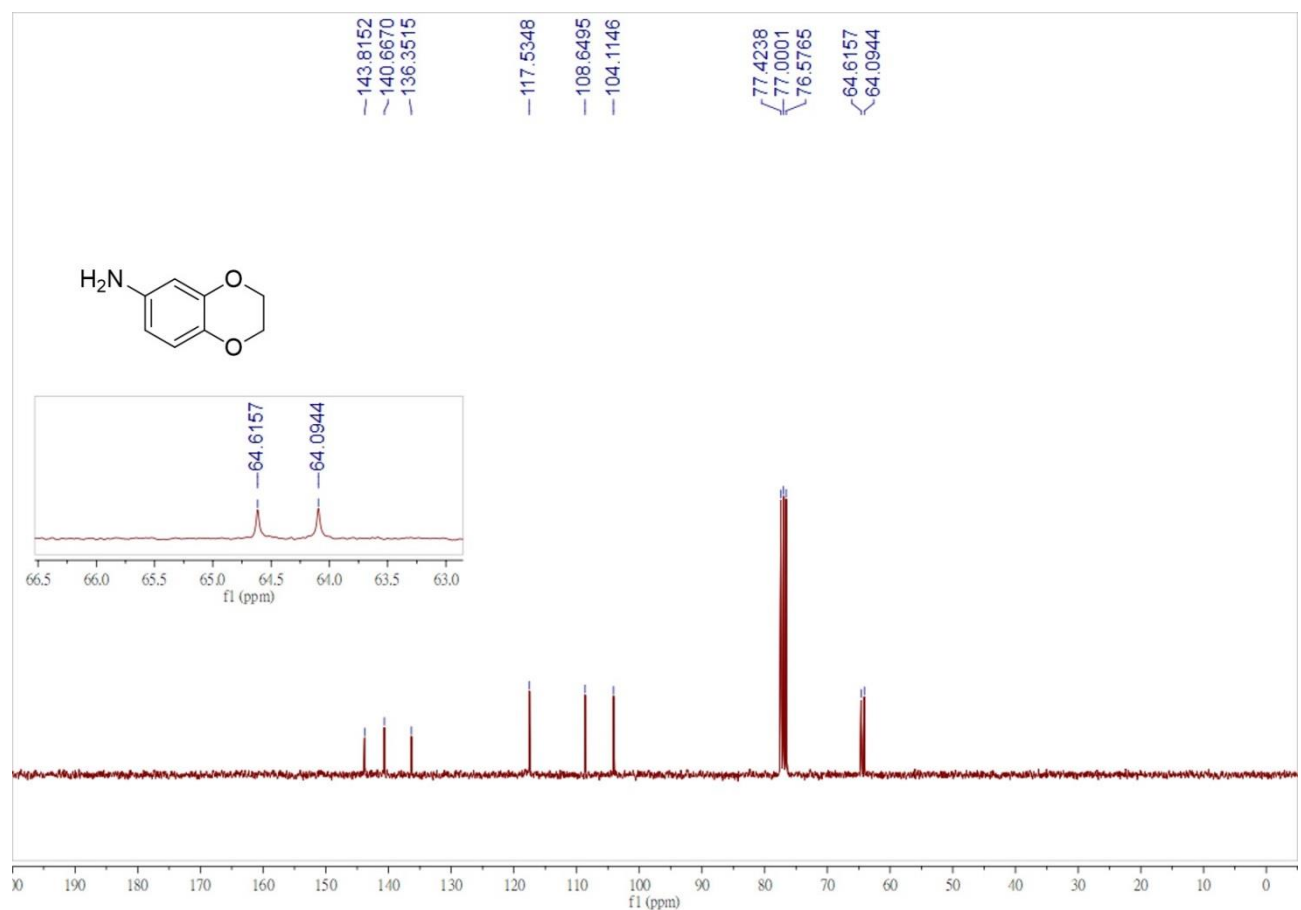
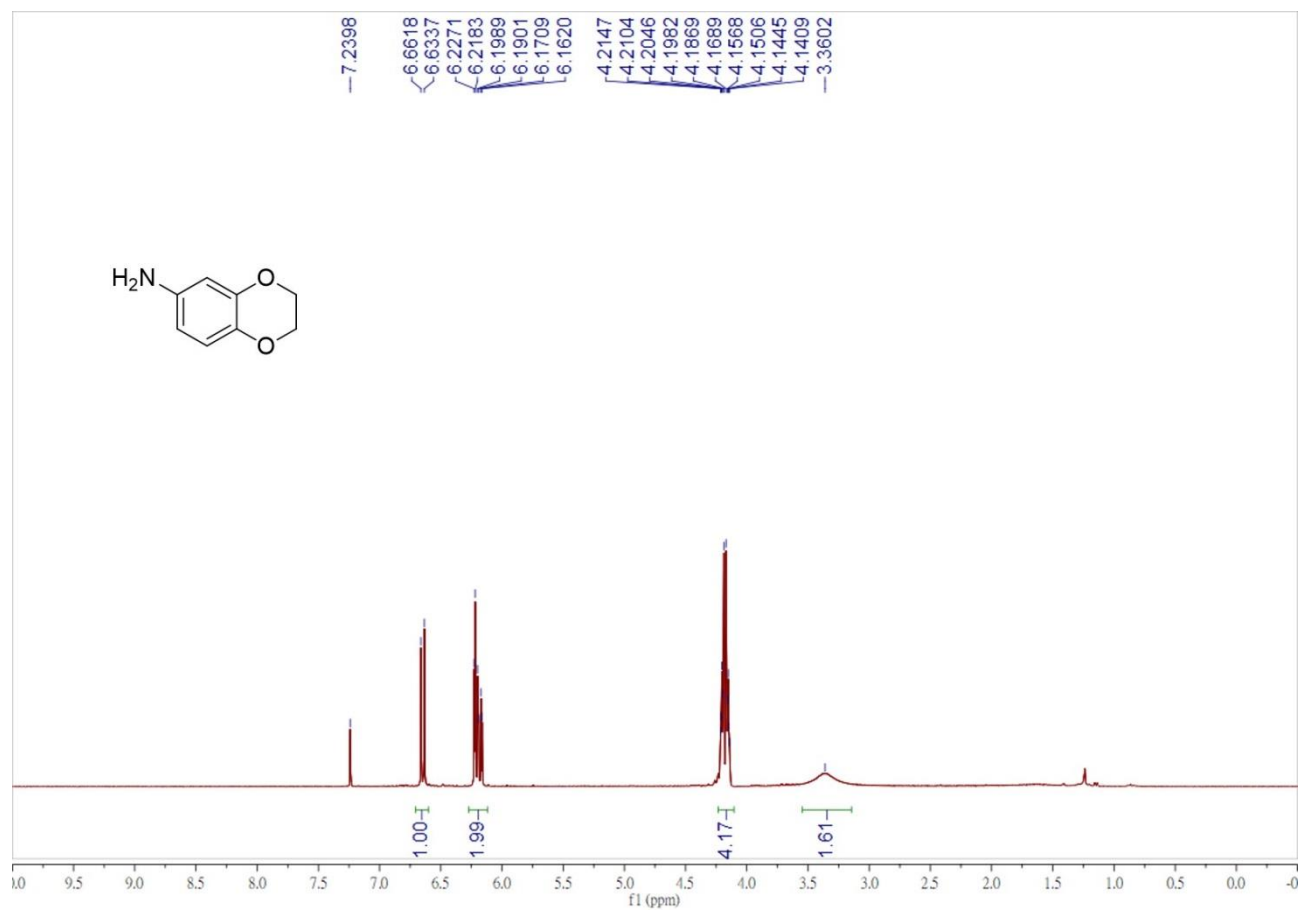
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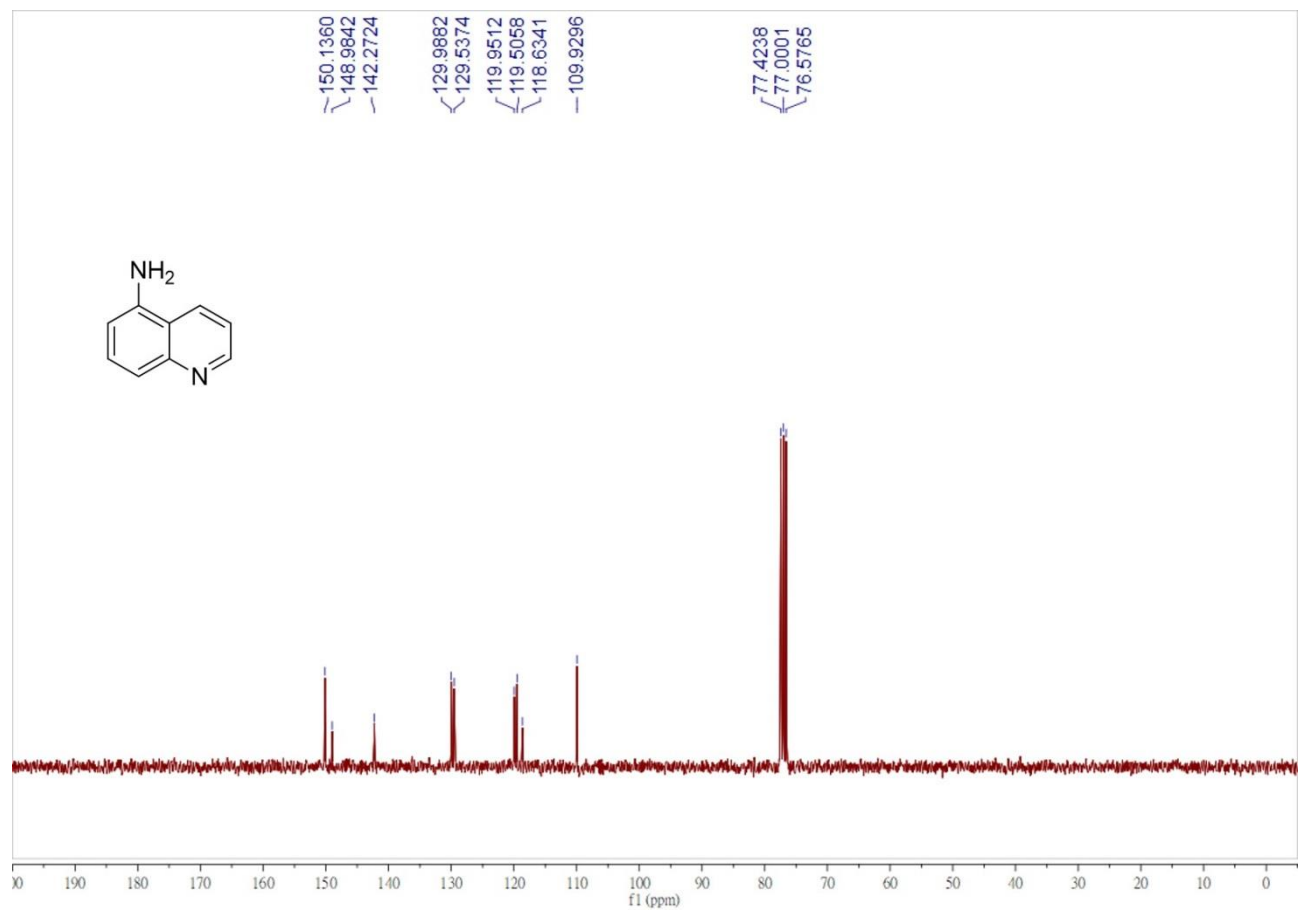
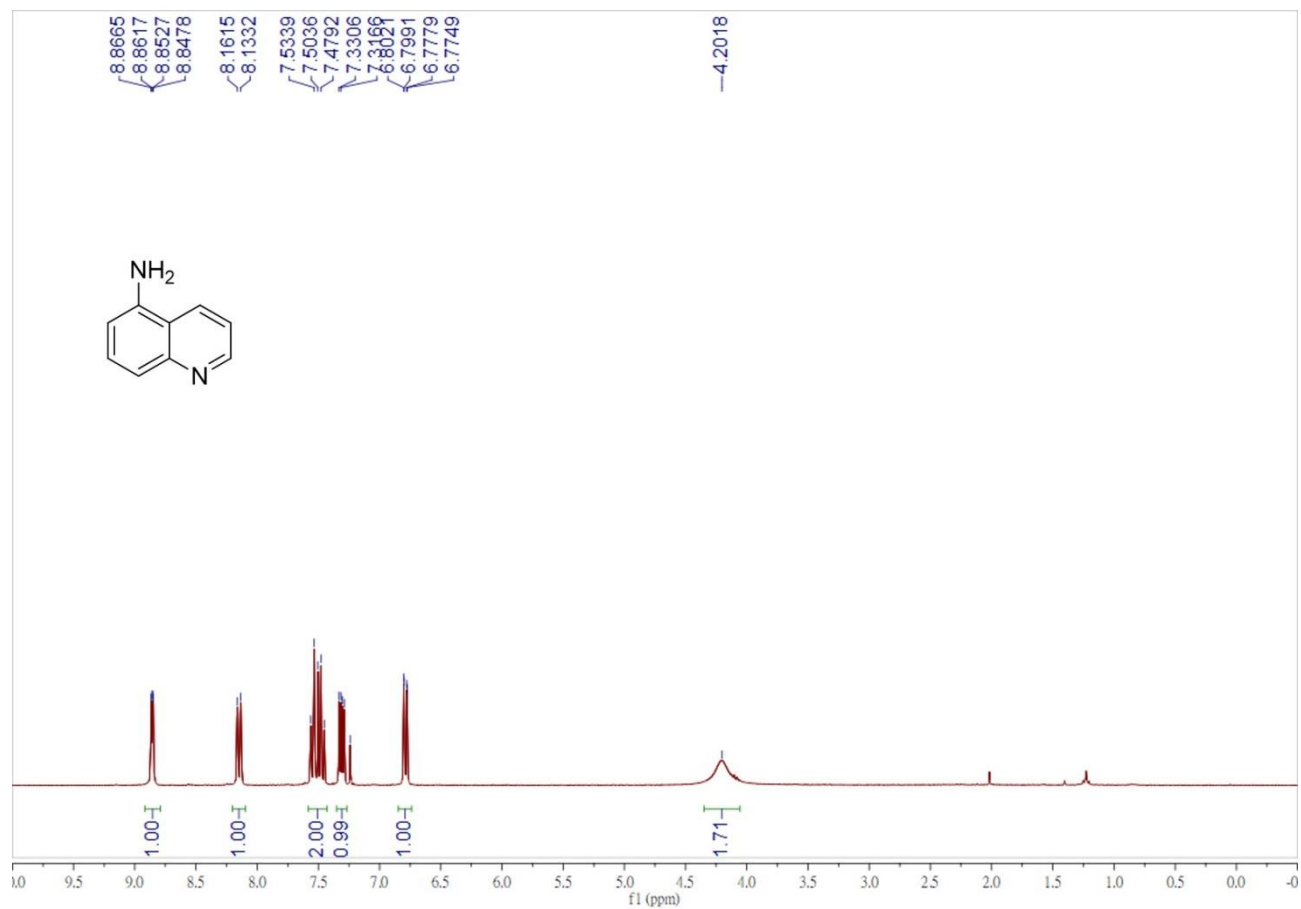
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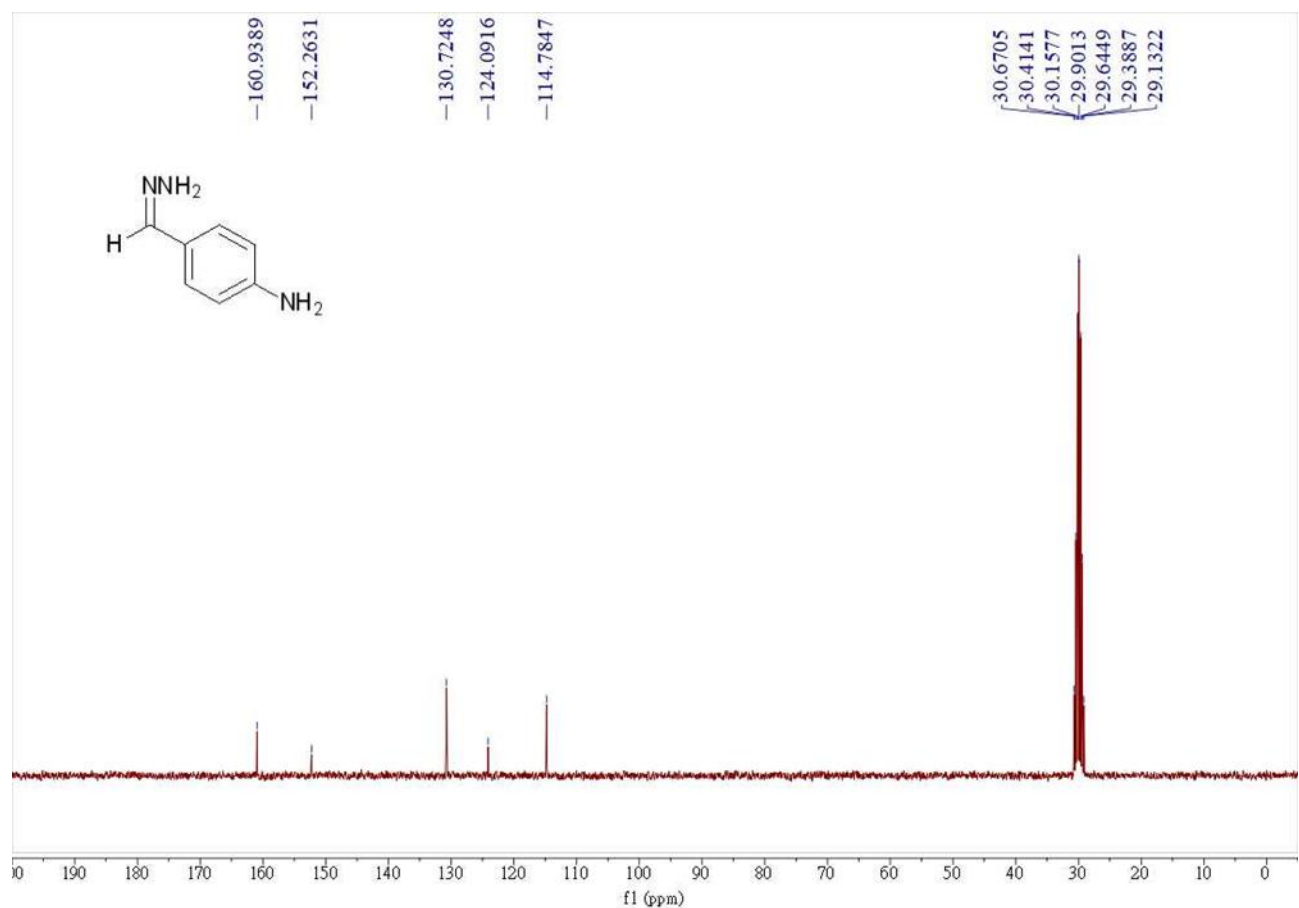
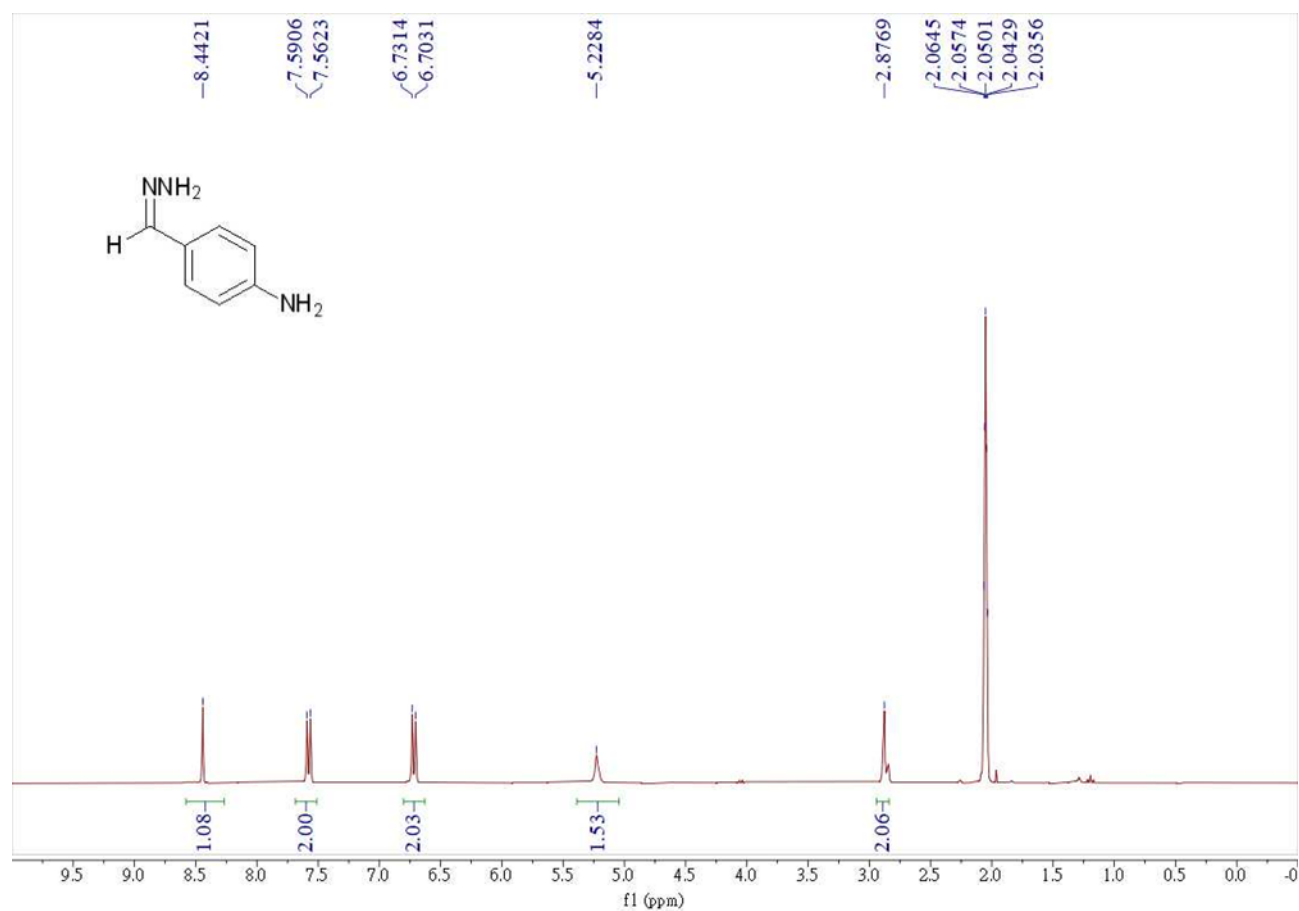
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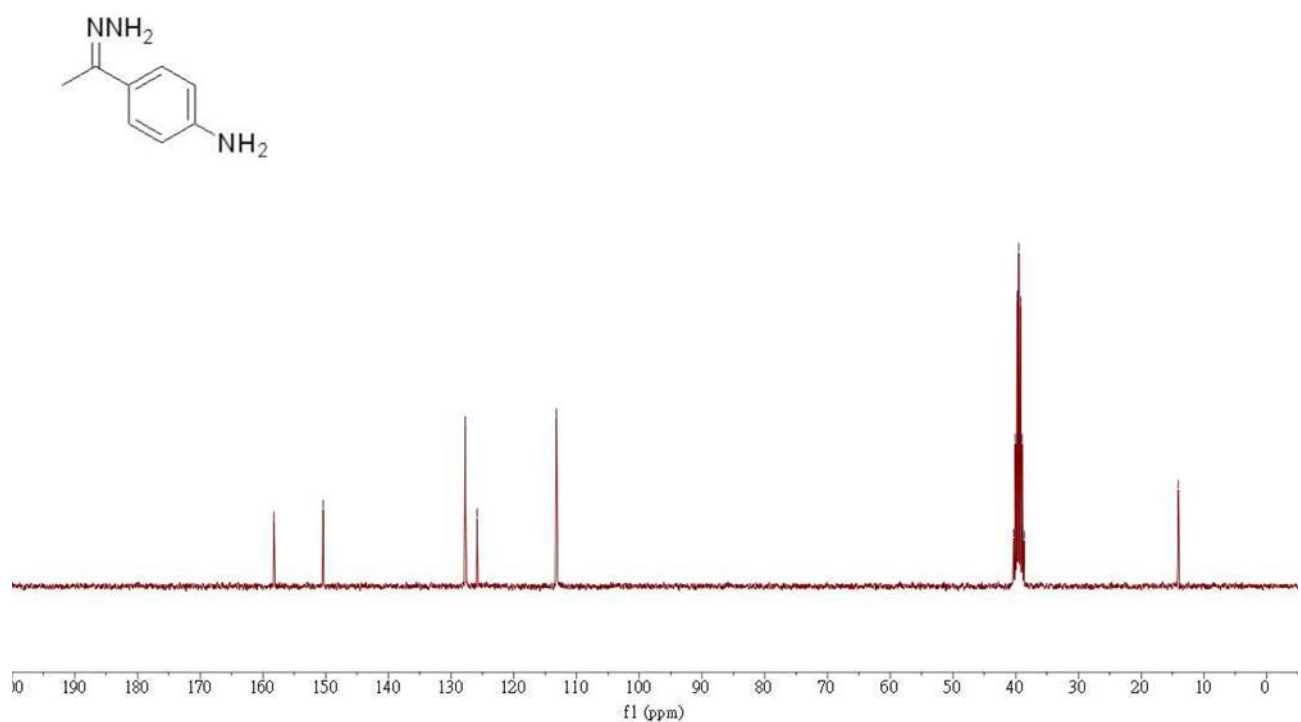
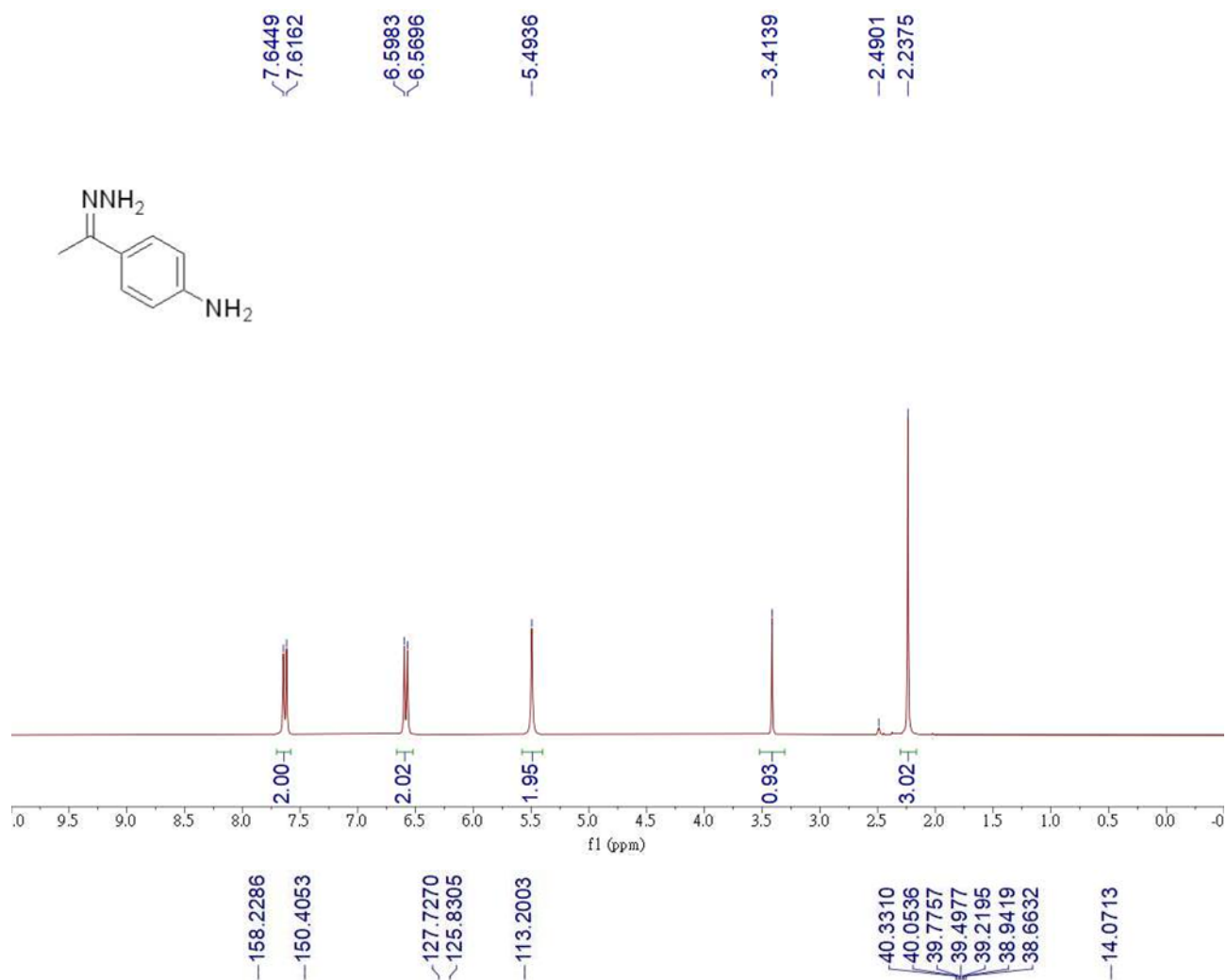
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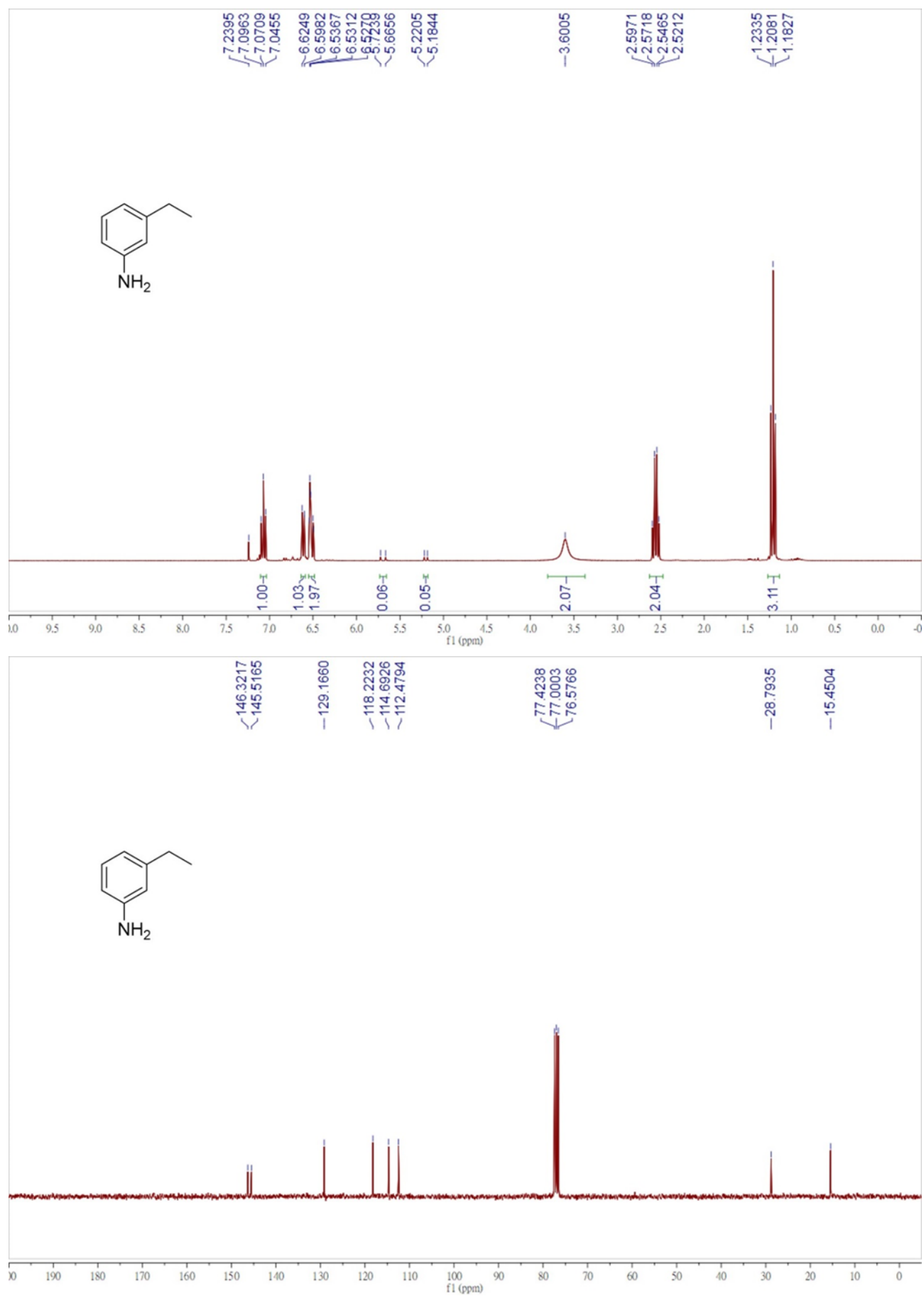
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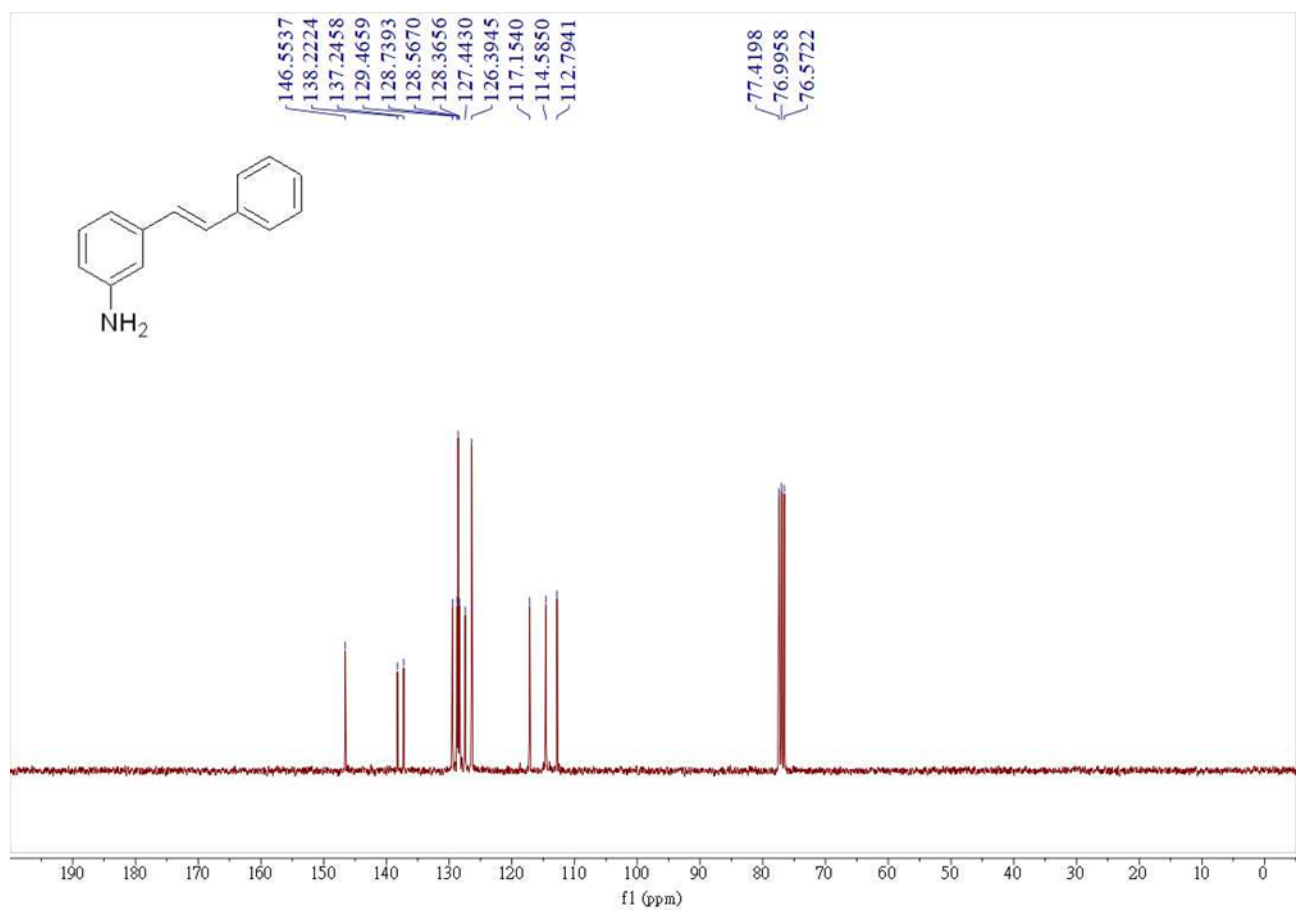
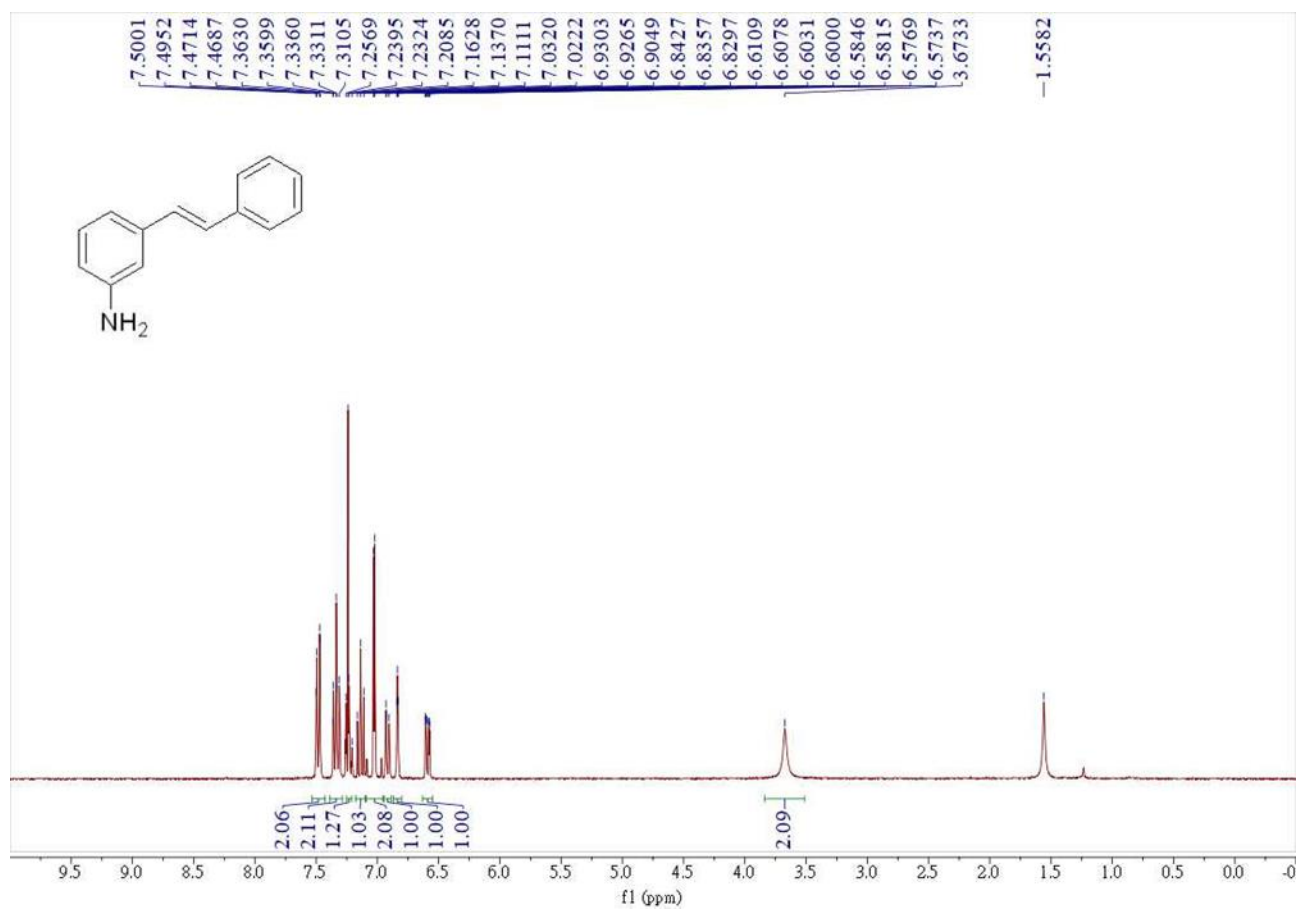


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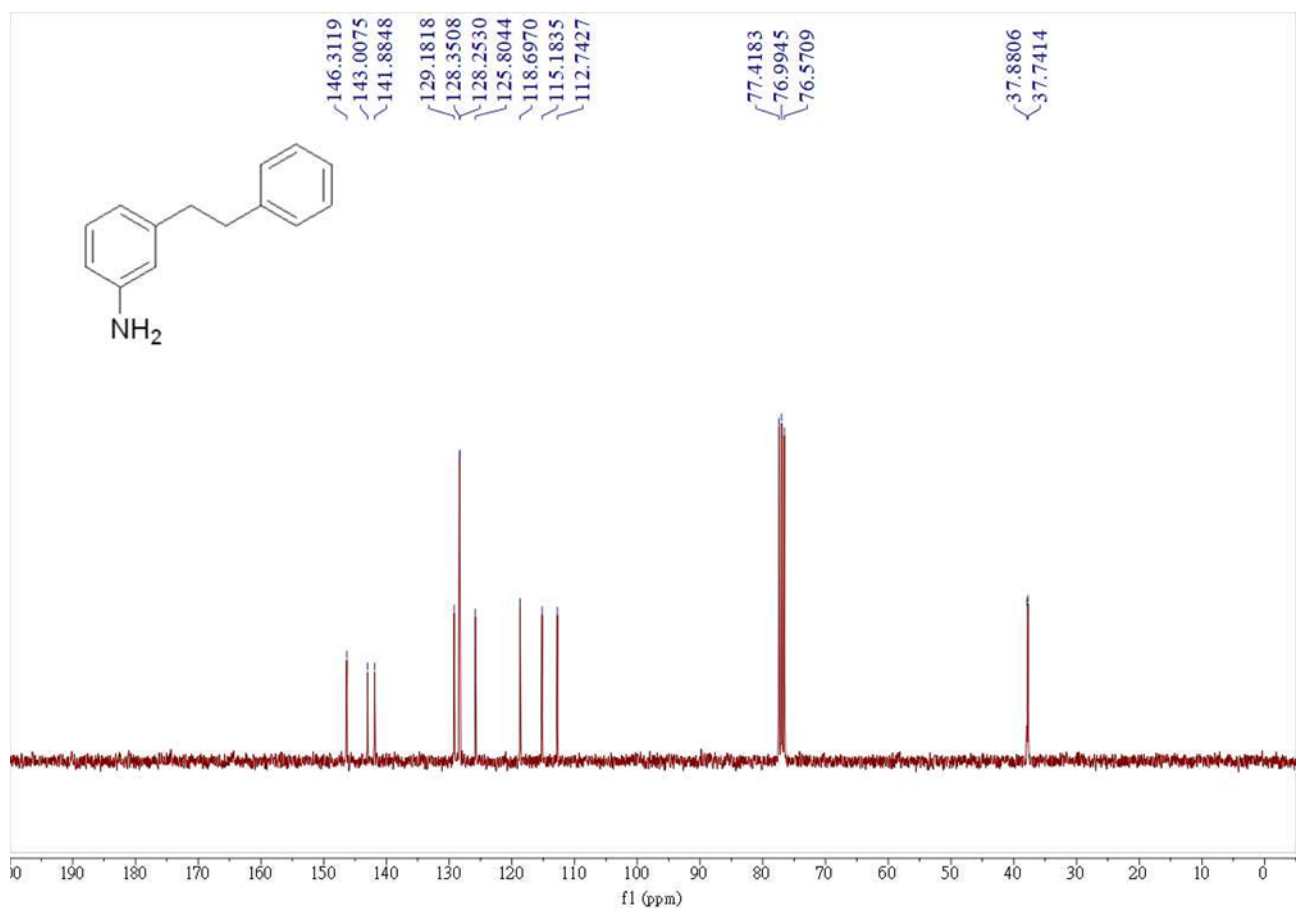
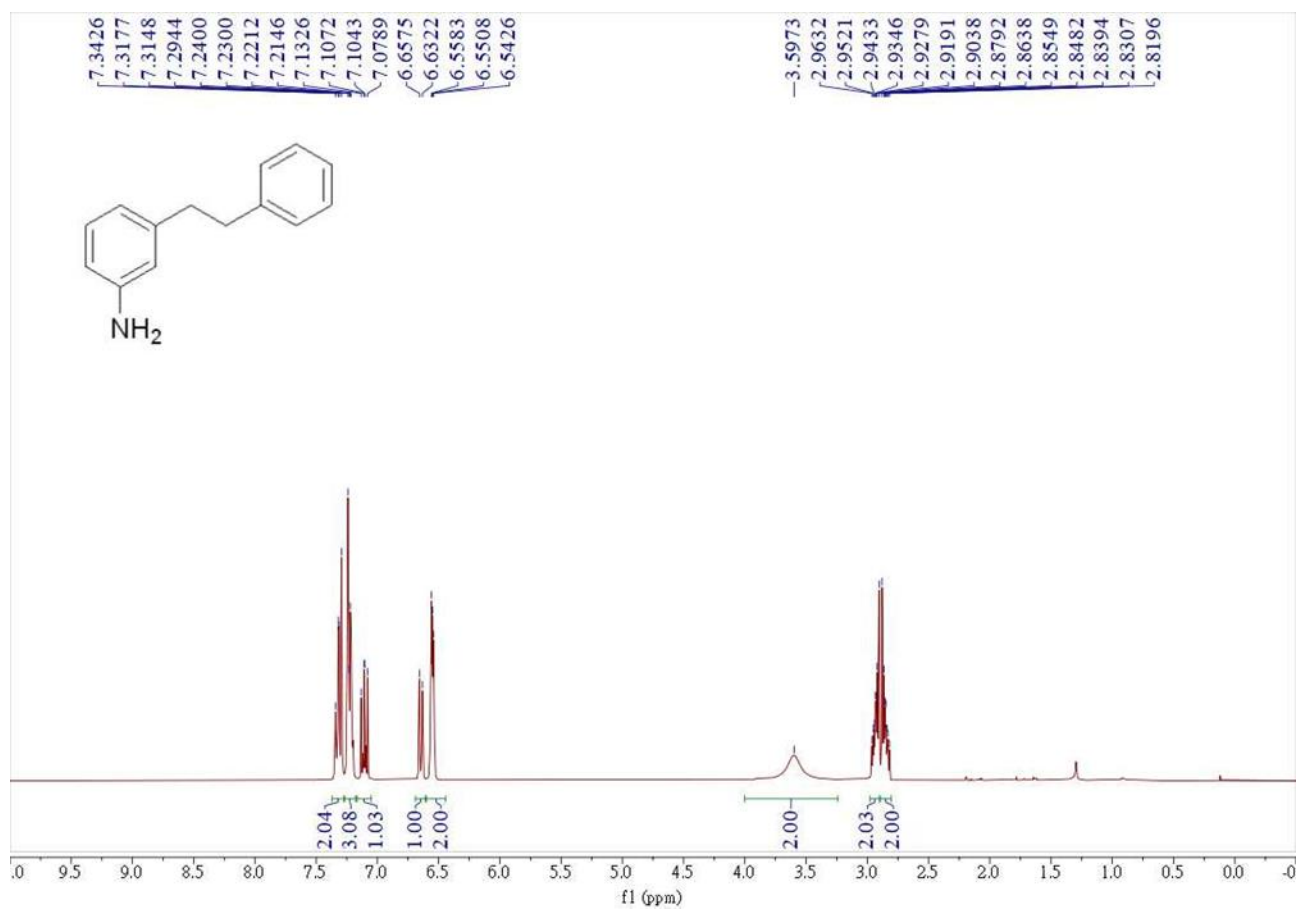




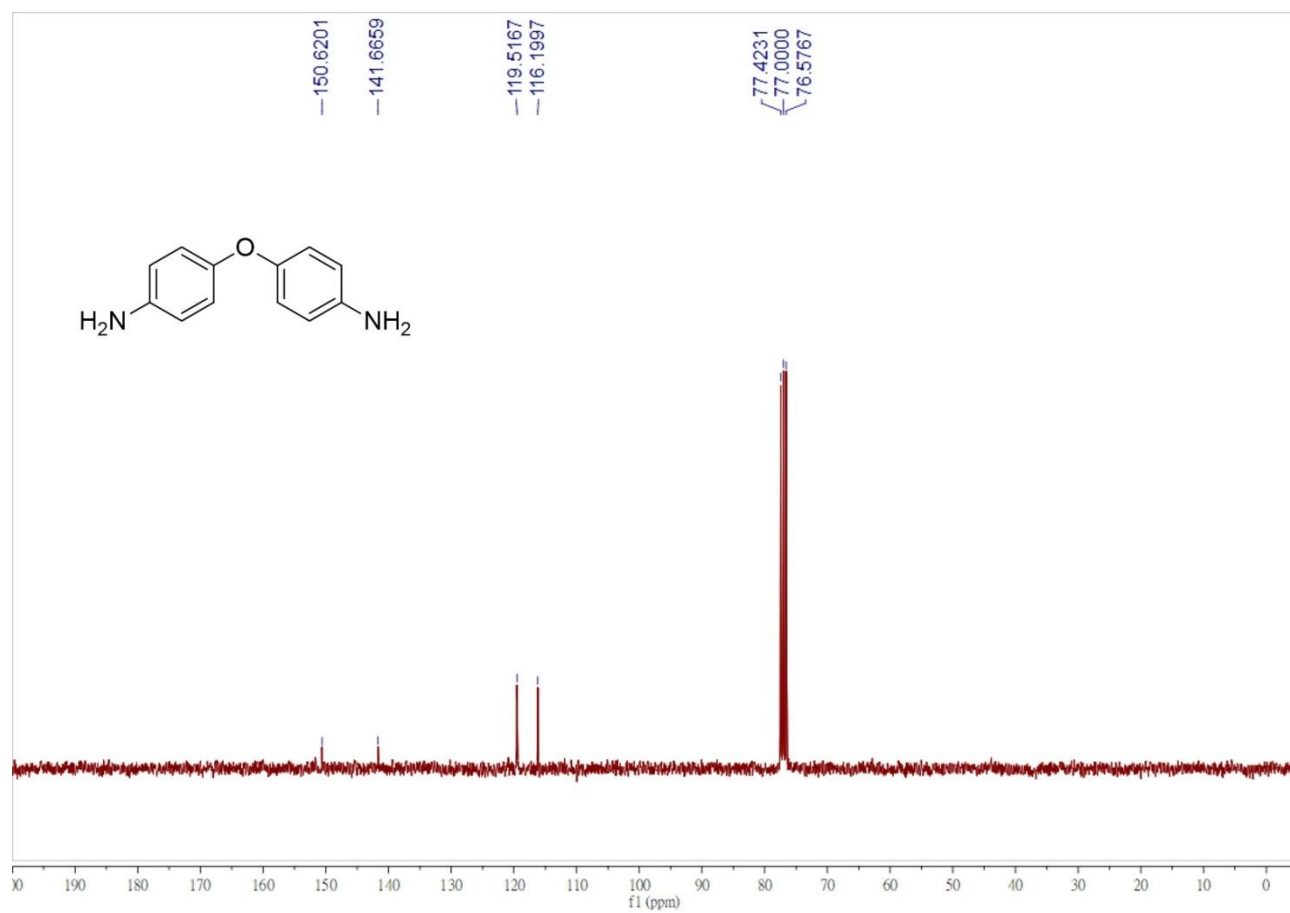
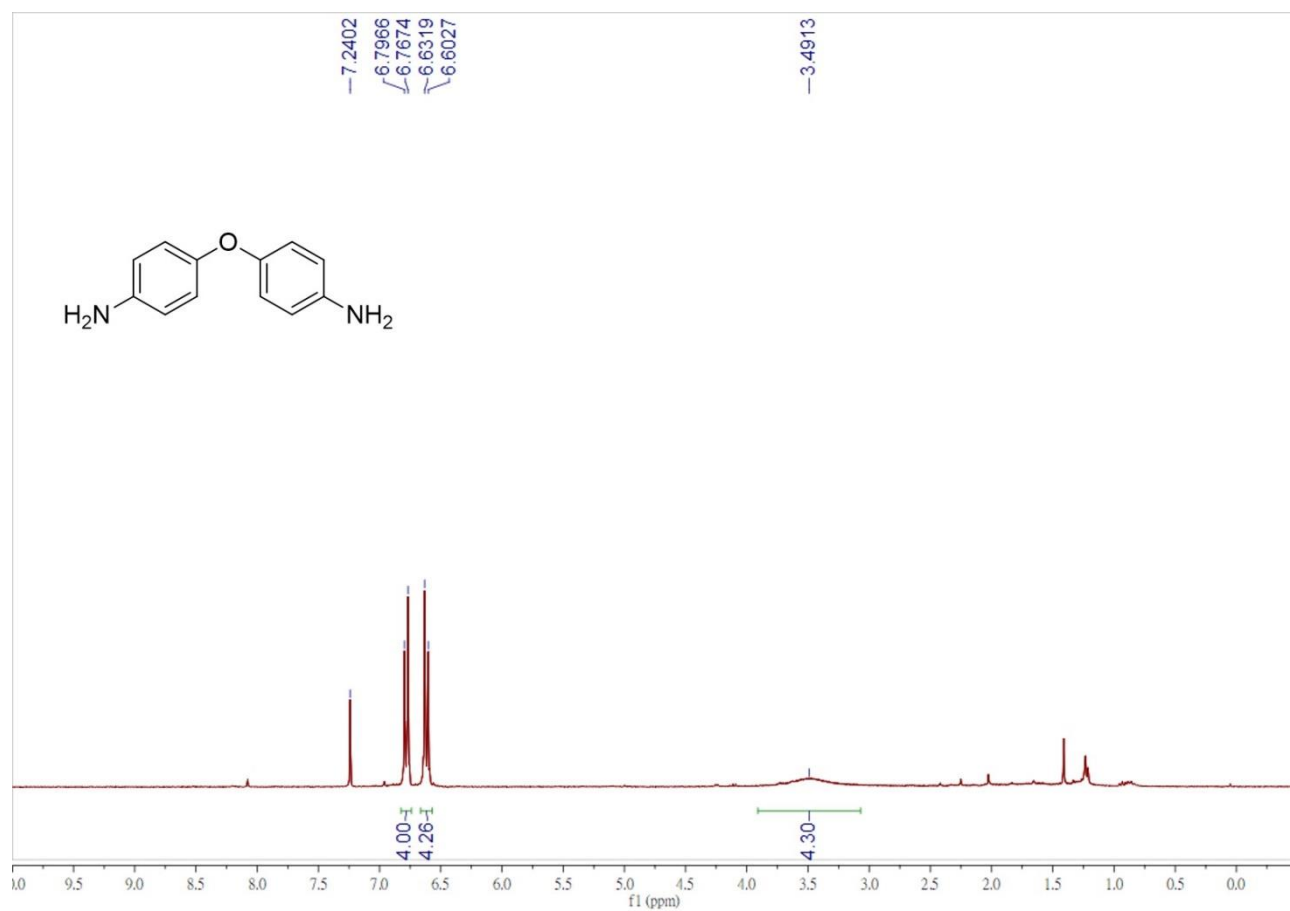
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