

An open-source approach to automation in organic synthesis: the flow chemical formation of benzamides using an inline liquid-liquid extraction system and a homemade 3-axis autosampling/product-collection device.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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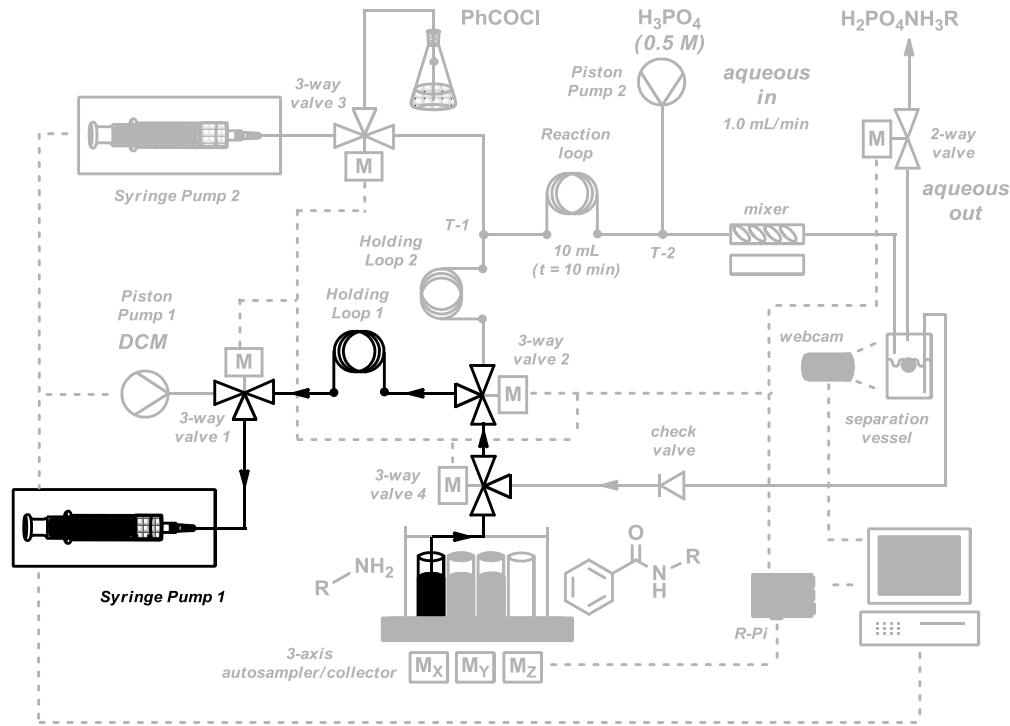
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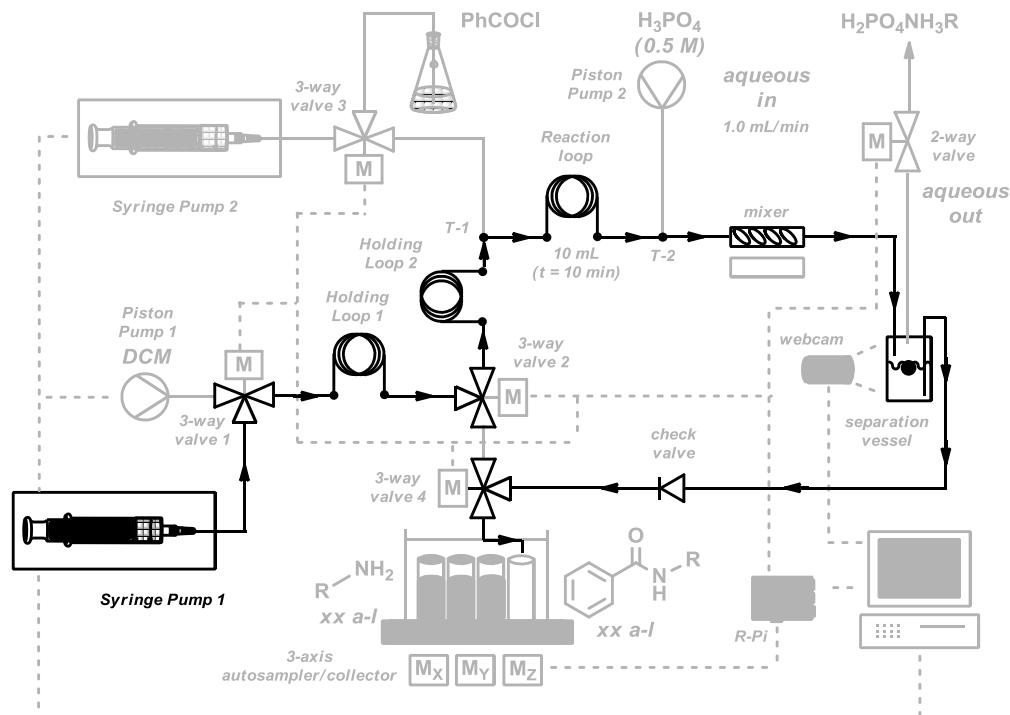
Overview of the Stages of the Flow Sequence

(NB: aqueous in pump also runs continually from the start)

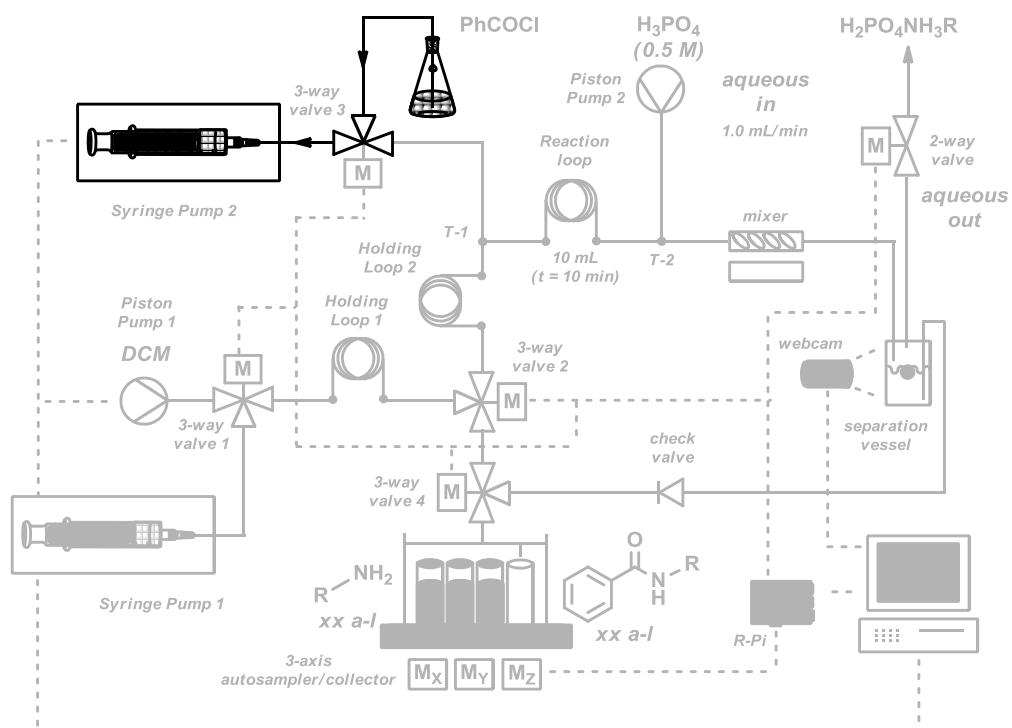
Step 1: Take in 5 mL of DCM to Syringe Pump 1, part filling holding loop 1 (with ca. 4 mL of starting material solution). Aqueous out tap is held open during this step.



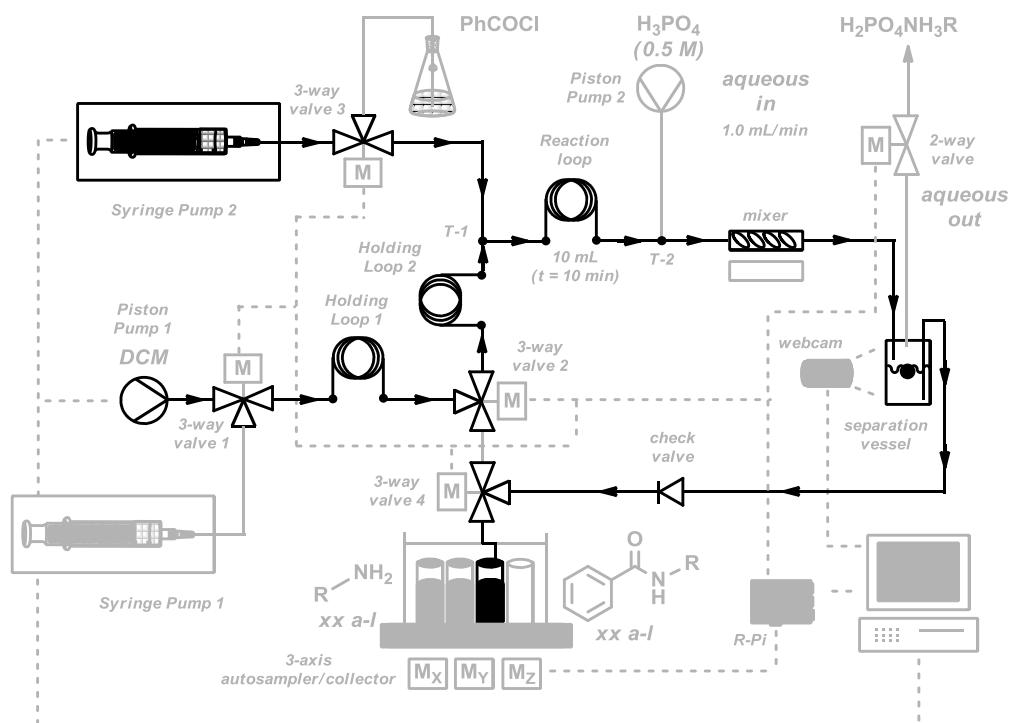
Step 2: Switch Valves. Push out 5 mL of DCM from Syringe Pump 1, transferring starting material in Holding Loop 1 to Holding Loop 2 and flushing residual starting material from take up needle line.



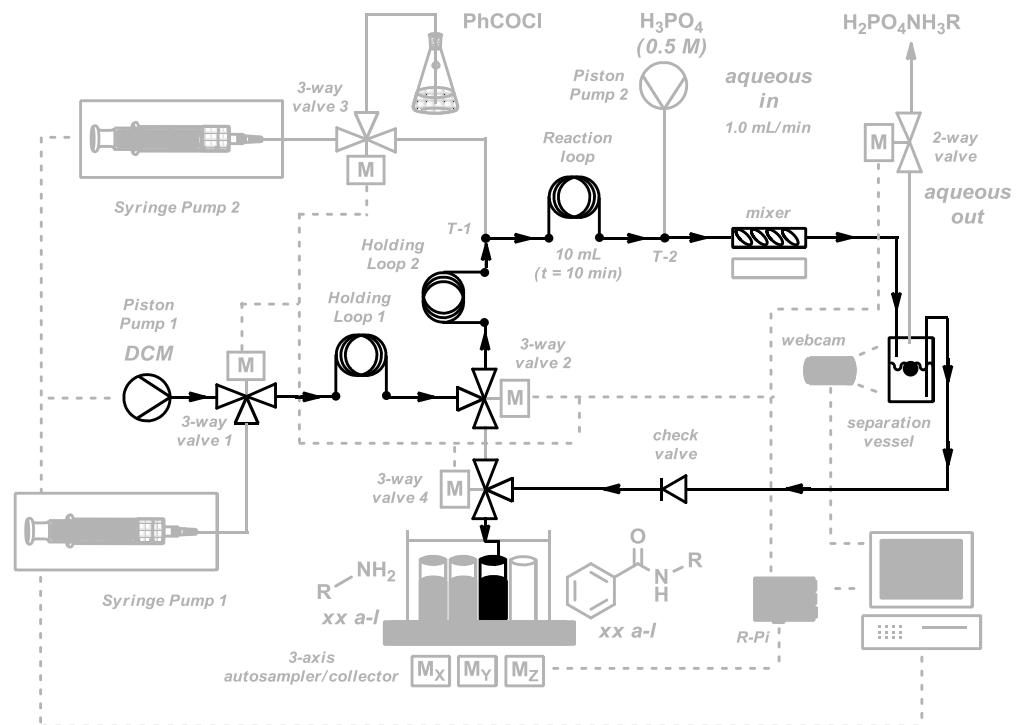
Step 3: Take in 3 mL of acid chloride solution into Syringe Pump 2.



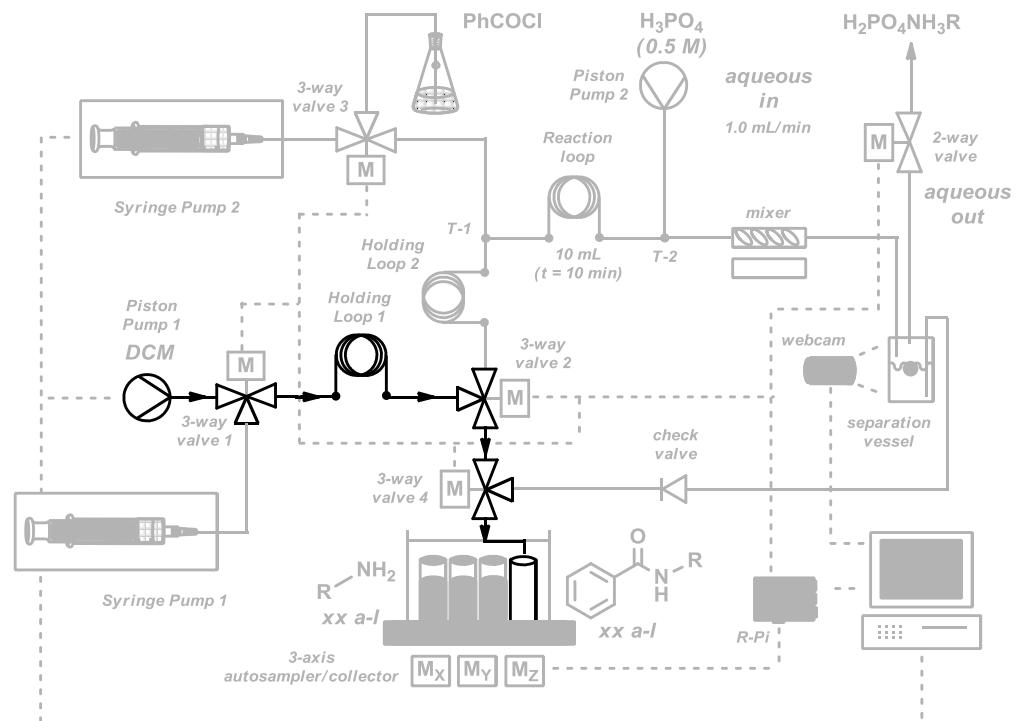
Step 4: Switch Valves, push starting material amine from Holding Loop 2 and acid chloride from Syringe Pump 2, to meet and react at T-1. (Syringe Pump 2 starts pumping only after 1.5 mL of DCM has been dispensed from Piston Pump 1, allowing an overlap of 0.5 mL at start and end of starting material pulse).



Step 5: Continue to pump from Piston Pump 1



Step 6: Switch Valves, pump DCM through Piston Pump 1 to flush residual starting material solution between 3-Way Valve 2 and 3-Way Valve 4.



Python Control Script (pycontrol.py):

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import cv2
import numpy as np
import time
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import serial
import threading
from Queue import Queue
import sys

aqhold = False

dim = 30
step = 0.0318

startpos = (1,1) #waste
currentpos = (1,1)

#positions of starting material vials
#change to suit arrangement
pickup = [(1,2), (1,3), (1,4)]

#positions of product collection vials
#change to suit arrangement
putdown = [(1,6), (2,2), (2,3)]

camport = 0

cam = cv2.VideoCapture(camport)

ramp_frames = 20

posflag = 'high'
tapflag = 'closed'

startflag = False

drag_start = None
drag_end = None
box = (0,0,0,0)

interface = 0.5

kernel = np.ones((5,5),np.uint8)
kernel2 = cv2.getStructuringElement(cv2.MORPH_ELLIPSE,(5,5))

huevar = 10

rpos = None

ser_rpi = serial.Serial() #to rpi
ser_rpi.port = 20
ser_rpi.baudrate = 9600
ser_rpi.open()

ser_sp1 = serial.Serial() #to syringe pump 1
ser_sp1.port = 57
ser_sp1.open()
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#NB: serials commands were sent to pumps multiple times
#this avoided rare occurrences of 'dropped' signals.
ser_sp1.write('00 rat 1\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 rat 1\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 rat 1\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 dir wrd\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 dir wrd\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 dir wrd\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)

ser_sp2 = serial.Serial() #to syringe pump 2
ser_sp2.port = 58
ser_sp2.open()
ser_sp2.write('01 rat 1\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 rat 1\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 rat 1\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 rat 1\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)

ser_p1 = serial.Serial() #to piston pump
ser_p1.port = 59
ser_p1.open()
ser_p1.write('flow 1000 \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('flow 1000 \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('flow 1000 \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)

print 'serials opened ok'

rpiq = Queue(maxsize=0)

def dostuff():
    global currentpos
    global pickup
    global putdown
    global aqhold
    global rpiq

    for i in range(len((pickup))):

        print 'current pos = ' + str(currentpos)

        #move to next pickup:
        deltax = pickup[i][0] - currentpos[0]
        deltay = pickup[i][1] - currentpos[1]

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xsteps = int(dim*deltax/step)
print 'xsteps = ' + str(xsteps)
ysteps = int(dim*deltay/step)
print 'ysteps = ' + str(ysteps)

if abs(xsteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvx%s' % str(xsteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving x'
    time.sleep((abs(xsteps))/400.0)

if abs(ysteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvy%s' % str(ysteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving y'
    time.sleep((abs(ysteps))/400.0)

rpiq.put('mvz-2000\n') #lower needle
print 'lowering needle'
time.sleep(5)

print 'deltax = ' + str(deltax)
print 'deltay = ' + str(deltay)
currentpos = pickup[i]
print 'pickup %d' %(i+1) + str(currentpos)

#do stuff with syringes
rpiq.put('twb-1600\n') #opens V2-V4
time.sleep(0.1)
rpiq.put('twd1600\n') #opens V2-V4
print 'opening t2-t4'
aqhold = True #flag to hold tpo open
print 'aqhold = True'
time.sleep(10)

ser_sp1.write('00 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 run\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 run\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 run\x0D')
print 'taking up into sp1'
time.sleep(300) #5 mins (5ml at 1ml/min) (load speed)

ser_sp1.write('00 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 stp\x0D')
print 'stopping sp1'
time.sleep(0.1)

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rpiq.put('twb1600\n') #closes v2-v4
time.sleep(0.1)
rpiq.put('twd-1600\n') #closes v2-v4
print 'closing t2-t4'
time.sleep(10)
aqhold = False #allows aq. out to open/close
print 'aqhold = False'

rpiq.put('mvz2000\n') #raise needle
print 'raising needle'
time.sleep(5)

#move to waste
print 'moving to waste'
deltax = startpos[0] - currentpos[0]
deltay = startpos[1] - currentpos[1]

xsteps = int(dim*deltax/step)
print 'xsteps = ' + str(xsteps)
ysteps = int(dim*deltay/step)
print 'ysteps = ' + str(ysteps)

if abs(xsteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvx%s' % str(xsteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving x'
    time.sleep((abs(xsteps))/400.0)

if abs(ysteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvy%s' % str(ysteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving y'
    time.sleep((abs(ysteps))/400.0)

print 'deltax = ' + str(deltax)
print 'deltay = ' + str(deltay)
currentpos = (currentpos[0]+deltax,currentpos[1]+deltay)
print 'wastepos = %d' %(i+1) + str(currentpos)

#do stuff with syringes:
print 'pushing from 1st loop to 2nd loop'
ser_sp1.write('00 dir inf\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 dir inf\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 dir inf\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 run\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 run\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 run\x0D')
time.sleep(300)
#5 mins, flush s.m. in needle to waste. (5ml at 1ml/min)
ser_sp1.write('00 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp1.write('00 stp\x0D')

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time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir wdr\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 run\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 run\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 run\x0D')
print 'taking up into sp2'
time.sleep(180) #3 mins, 3ml at 1ml/min
ser_sp2.write('01 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir inf\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir inf\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 dir inf\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)

rpiq.put('twa1600\n')
time.sleep(0.1)
rpiq.put('twc1600\n')
print 'connecting sp2 to t-piece'
print 'connecting p1 to 2nd loop'
time.sleep(10)
#move to putdown 1
print 'moving to putdown position'
deltax = putdown[i][0] - currentpos[0]
deltay = putdown[i][1] - currentpos[1]

xsteps = int(dim*deltax/step)
print 'xsteps = ' + str(xsteps)
ysteps = int(dim*deltay/step)
print 'ysteps = ' + str(ysteps)

if abs(xsteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvx%s' % str(xsteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving x'
    time.sleep((abs(xsteps))/400.0)

if abs(ysteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvy%s' % str(ysteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving y'
    time.sleep((abs(ysteps))/400.0)

print 'deltax = ' + str(deltax)
print 'deltay = ' + str(deltay)
currentpos = putdown[i]
print 'putdown %d' %(i+1) + str(currentpos)

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#do reaction:

ser_p1.write('flow 500 \x0D') #0.5 mL/min for amine
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('flow 500 \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('flow 500 \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
print 'setting p1 flow to 0.5 ml per min'
ser_p1.write('on \x0D') #start injecting amine s.m.
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('on \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('on \x0D')
print 'starting injecting amine'
print 'injecting for 5min30'
time.sleep(180) #p1 at 0.5 mL/min for 3 min
ser_sp2.write('01 rat 0.5\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 rat 0.5\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 rat 0.5\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
print 'starting injection acid chloride'
ser_sp2.write('01 run\x0D') #start injecting acid chloride
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 run\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 run\x0D')
time.sleep(360) #inject acic chloride
#for 6 min (3ml at 0.5 ml/min)
print 'stopping injecting common'
ser_sp2.write('01 stp\x0D') #stop injecting acid chloride
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_sp2.write('01 stp\x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
print 'increasing p1 flow to 1ml per min'
print 'flowing p1 for 30 mins'
ser_p1.write('flow 1000 \x0D') #increase flow rate of p1
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('flow 1000 \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('flow 1000 \x0D')
time.sleep(1800) #30 mins for p1 to pump at 1mL/min
print 'stopping p1'
ser_p1.write('off \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('off \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('off \x0D')
time.sleep(1)

aqhold = True #holds aq. out tap open
print 'aqhold = True'
time.sleep(1)
print 'opening t2-t4'
#open V2-V4 for flush:
rpiq.put('twd1600\n')

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time.sleep(0.1)
rpiq.put('twb-1600\n')
time.sleep(15)
#move to waste:
print 'moving to waste'

deltax = startpos[0] - currentpos[0]
deltay = startpos[1] - currentpos[1]

xsteps = int(dim*deltax/step)
print 'xsteps = ' + str(xsteps)
ysteps = int(dim*deltay/step)
print 'ysteps = ' + str(ysteps)

if abs(xsteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvx%s' % str(xsteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving x'
    time.sleep((abs(xsteps))/400.0)

if abs(ysteps)>0.1:
    t = ('mvy%s' % str(ysteps))
    t = t + '\n'
    rpiq.put(t)
    print 'moving y'
    time.sleep((abs(ysteps))/400.0)

print 'deltax = ' + str(deltax)
print 'deltay = ' + str(deltay)
currentpos = (currentpos[0]+deltax,currentpos[1]+deltay)
print 'wastepos = %d' %(i+1) + str(currentpos)

#flush residue in V2-V4:
print 'flushing t2-t4 tubing'
print 'starting p1 for 4 min'
ser_p1.write('on \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('on \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('on \x0D')
time.sleep(240) #flush for 4 min
ser_p1.write('off \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('off \x0D')
time.sleep(0.1)
ser_p1.write('off \x0D')
time.sleep(1)
print 'stopping p1'
print 'closing t2-t4 section'
print 'moving sp2 back to reservoir'
rpiq.put('twa-1600\n')
time.sleep(0.1)
rpiq.put('twc-1600\n')
time.sleep(0.1)
#close V2-V4:
rpiq.put('twb1600\n')
time.sleep(0.1)
rpiq.put('twd-1600\n')
time.sleep(10)
aqhold = False #allow aq. out to close/open

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        print 'aqhold = False'

listenflag = True

def listenfunc():
    global listenflag
    while listenflag:
        if startflag:
            print 'startflag'
            dostuff()
            listenflag = False

serflag = True

def myserial():
    #print 'myserial'
    global serflag
    global rpiq
    global ser_rpi
    while serflag:
        ser_rpi.write(rpiq.get())
        rpiq.task_done()
    #print 'returning myserial'
    return

mythread2 = threading.Thread(target = myserial)

listenthread = threading.Thread(target = listenfunc)

def poscalc(refpt1, refpt2, scanpt):
    percent = (float(scanpt[1])-float(refpt2[1]))/(float(refpt1[1])-float(refpt2[1]))
    return percent

def posdo(fract):
    global aqhold
    global ser_rpi
    global tapflag
    global posflag

    if aqhold:
        if tapflag == 'open':
            pass
        if tapflag == 'closed':
            tapflag = 'open'
            this = (str('tpo888')).zfill(1) + '\n'
            rpiq.put(this)
            print 'open tap'

    else:
        if posflag == 'high':
            if fract < 0:
                if tapflag == 'closed':

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        pass
    if tapflag == 'open':
        tapflag = 'closed'
        this = (str('tpo-888').zfill(1) + '\n')
        rpiq.put(this)
        print 'close tap'
    if fract > 1:
        posflag = 'low'
if posflag == 'low':
    if fract > 1:
        if tapflag == 'open':
            pass
        if tapflag == 'closed':
            tapflag = 'open'
            this = (str('tpo888').zfill(1) + '\n')
            rpiq.put(this)
            print 'open tap'
    if fract < 0:
        posflag = 'high'

def trackcam(cam, hueval):
    global huevar
    global startflag
    global serflag

    hue1 = hueval - huevar
    hue2 = hueval + huevar

    go = True
    while go:
        retval, f = cam.read()
        hsv = cv2.cvtColor(f, cv2.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
        lower = np.array([hue1, 50, 50])
        higher = np.array([hue2, 255, 255])

        mask = cv2.inRange(hsv, lower, higher)

        opened2 = cv2.morphologyEx(mask, cv2.MORPH_OPEN, kernel2)

        _, contours, hierarchy = cv2.findContours(opened2, cv2.RETR_TREE,
cv2.CHAIN_APPROX_SIMPLE)

        areas = [cv2.contourArea(c) for c in contours]

        if len(areas) > 0:

            max_index = np.argmax(areas)
            cnt = contours[max_index]

            M = cv2.moments(cnt)

            cx = int(M['m10']/M['m00'])
            cy = int(M['m01']/M['m00'])
            cv2.circle(f, (cx, cy), 10, (255,255,0), 3)

            cv2.imshow('mask', mask)

            fract = poscalc(refpos2, refpos1, (cx, cy))
            posdo(fract)

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cv2.circle(f, refpos1, 5, (255,100,100), thickness = 2)
cv2.circle(f, refpos2, 5, (255,100,100), thickness = 2)

cv2.imshow('frame', f)

l = cv2.waitKey(5)
if l == ord('s'):
    print 'pressed s'
    startflag = True
if l == 27:
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()
    serflag = False
    break

def takepic():
    retval, im = cam.read()
    return im

def on_mouse2(event, x, y, flags, param):
    global rpos
    if event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONDOWN:
        rpos = (x,y)

def getrefpos(image):
    global rpos
    rpos = None
    im = image
    cv2.namedWindow('select refpos', 1)
    cv2.setMouseCallback('select refpos', on_mouse2)
    a = True
    while a:
        if rpos:
            a = False
            cv2.destroyWindow('select refpos')
            return rpos
        cv2.imshow('select refpos', im)
        k = cv2.waitKey(7)
        if k == 27:
            cv2.destroyWindow('select refpos')
            return None

def on_mouse(event, x, y, flags, param):
    global drag_start
    global drag_end
    global box
    if event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONDOWN:
        drag_end = False
        drag_start = (x,y)
        print drag_start
        print 'left down'
    if event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONUP:
        drag_end = (x,y)
        print drag_end
        print 'left up'

    if drag_start and drag_end:

        xmin = min (drag_start[0], drag_end[0])
        ymin = min (drag_start[1], drag_end[1])
        xmax = max (drag_start[0], drag_end[0])

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        ymax = max (drag_start[1], drag_end[1])
        box = (xmin, ymin, xmax-xmin, ymax-ymin)
    if box:
        print box

def getbox(image):
    print getbox
    im = image
    cv2.namedWindow('select', 1)
    cv2.setMouseCallback('select', on_mouse)
    a = True
    while a:
        if box[2]>0 and box[3]>0:
            cv2.destroyWindow('select')
            return box
        cv2.imshow('select', im)
        k = cv2.waitKey(7)
        if k == 27:
            cv2.destroyWindow('select')
            return None

def gethist(image):
    global box
    im = image
    im2 = im[box[1]: (box[1] + box[3]), box[0]: (box[0]+box[2])]
    hsv = cv2.cvtColor(im2, cv2.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
    hist = cv2.calcHist([hsv], [0], None, [180], [0, 180])

    return hist


for i in range(ramp_frames):
    temp = takepic()

capture = takepic()

refpos1 = getrefpos(capture)
print refpos1
refpos2 = getrefpos(capture)
print refpos2

box1 = getbox(capture)
print box1

hist = gethist(capture)

m = np.argmax(hist)
print 'strongest hue is ' + str(m)

mythread2.start()
listenthread.start()

trackcam(cam, m)

serflag = False

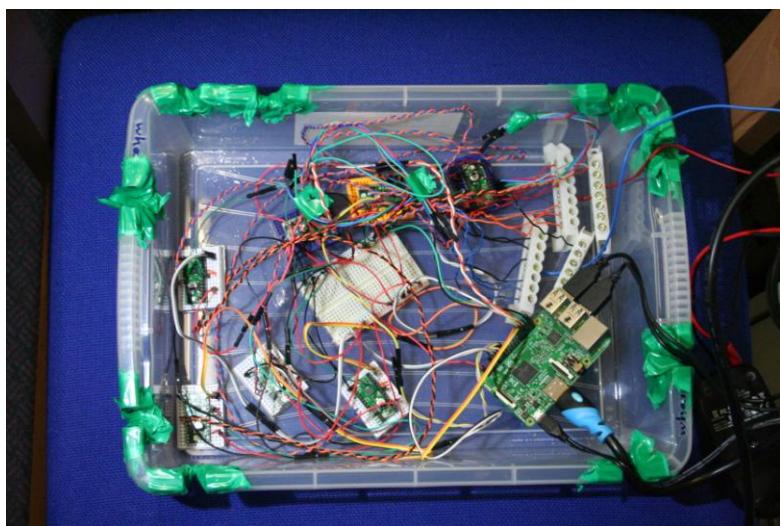
if mythread2.isAlive():
    print 'mythread2 is alive'
if listenthread.isAlive():


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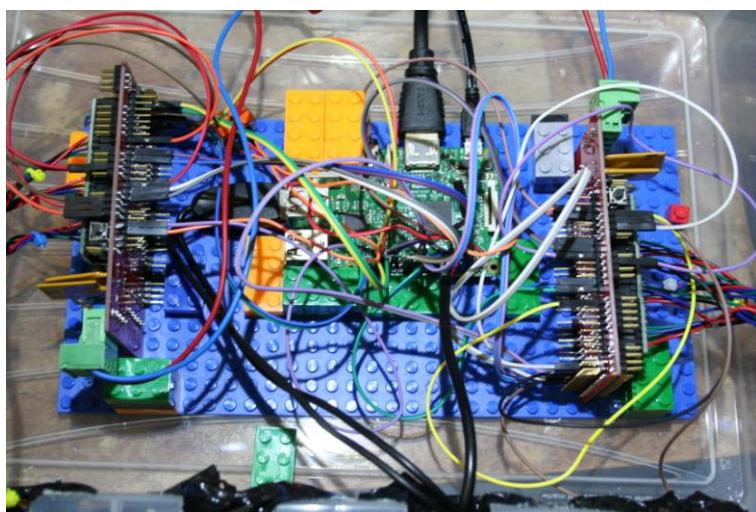
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print 'listenthread is alive'

del (cam)
ser_rpi.close()
del ser_rpi
ser_sp1.close()
del ser_sp1
ser_sp2.close()
del ser_sp2
ser_p1.close()
del ser_p1
sys.exit()
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Previous RasPi motor control circuitry using individual breadboards for Pololu A4988 motor drivers:



Current RasPi circuitry using 2 RAMPS boards with 8 x Pololu A4988 motor drivers:



Raspberry Pi Python Script (rpi.py):

```
import time
import serial
import threading
from Queue import Queue
import RPi.GPIO as gpio

import os

#microstepping on ALL motors set on RAMPS boards

gpio.setmode (gpio.BOARD)

xstep = 24
xdir = 26

ystep = 29
ydir = 31

zstep = 32
zdir = 36

t1step = 18
t1dir = 22

t2step = 12
t2dir = 16

t3step = 13
t3dir = 15

t4step = 7
t4dir = 11

tastep = 19
tadir = 21

steptime = 0.002

gpio.setup(xstep, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(xdir, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(ystep, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(ydir, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(zstep, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(zdir, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(t1step, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(t2step, gpio.OUT)
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gpio.setup(tastep, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(t1dir, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(t2dir, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(t3dir, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(t4dir, gpio.OUT)
gpio.setup(tadir, gpio.OUT)

gpio.output(xstep, False)
gpio.output(ystep, False)
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gpio.output(zstep, False)
gpio.output(xdir, False)
gpio.output(ydir, False)
gpio.output(zdir, False)
gpio.output(t1dir, False)
gpio.output(t2dir, False)
gpio.output(t3dir, False)
gpio.output(t4dir, False)
gpio.output(tadir, False)

#motors:
#x, y, z, four x 3-way valves, tap-outlet. 8 in total.
#8 functions/threads/queues.
#movex (xq), movey (yq), movez (zq),
#turn1 (t1q), turn2 (t2q), turn3 (t3q),
#turn4 (t4q), turna(taq)

ser = serial.Serial('/dev/ttyAMA0', 9600, timeout = 0.01)

flag = True

xq = Queue(maxsize=0)
yq = Queue(maxsize=0)
zq = Queue(maxsize=0)
#aq = Queue(maxsize=0)
#bq = Queue(maxsize=0)
#cq = Queue(maxsize=0)
#tpoq = Queue(maxsize=0)
t1q = Queue(maxsize=0)
t2q = Queue(maxsize=0)
t3q = Queue(maxsize=0)
t4q = Queue(maxsize=0)
taq = Queue(maxsize=0)

def movex():
    global xq
    while flag:
        a = xq.get()
        print ('mvx ' + str(a)).strip()
        print ('yes')
        if int(a)<0:
            print 'less than 0'
            gpio.output(xdir, False)
        if int(a)>0:
            print 'greater than 0'
            gpio.output(xdir, True)
        for x in range(abs(int(a))):
            gpio.output(xstep, True)
            time.sleep(0.001)
            gpio.output(xstep, False)
            time.sleep(0.001)

def movey():
    global yq
    while flag:
        a = yq.get()
        print ('mvy ' + str(a)).strip()
        if int(a)<0:

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        gpio.output(ydir, False)
if int(a)>0:
    gpio.output(ydir, True)
for x in range(abs(int(a))):
    gpio.output(ystep, True)
    time.sleep(0.001)
    gpio.output(ystep, False)
    time.sleep(0.001)

def movez():
    global zq
    while flag:
        a = zq.get()
        print ('mvz ' + str(a)).strip()
        if int(a)<0:
            gpio.output(zdir, False)
        if int(a)>0:
            gpio.output(zdir, True)
        for x in range(abs(int(a))):
            gpio.output(zstep, True)
            time.sleep(0.001)
            gpio.output(zstep, False)
            time.sleep(0.001)

def turn1():
    global t1q
    while flag:
        a = t1q.get()
        print ('twa ' + str(a)).strip()
        if int(a)<0:
            gpio.output(t1dir, False)
        if int(a)>0:
            gpio.output(t1dir, True)
        for x in range(abs(int(a))):
            gpio.output(t1step, True)
            time.sleep(steptime)
            gpio.output(t1step, False)
            time.sleep(steptime)

def turn2():
    global t2q
    while flag:
        a = t2q.get()
        print ('twb ' + str(a)).strip()
        if int(a)<0:
            gpio.output(t2dir, False)
        if int(a)>0:
            gpio.output(t2dir, True)
        for x in range(abs(int(a))):
            gpio.output(t2step, True)
            time.sleep(steptime)
            gpio.output(t2step, False)
            time.sleep(steptime)

def turn3():

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global t3q
while flag:
    a = t3q.get()
    print ('twc ' + str(a)).strip()
    if int(a)<0:
        gpio.output(t3dir, False)
    if int(a)>0:
        gpio.output(t3dir, True)
    for x in range(abs(int(a))):
        gpio.output(t3step, True)
        time.sleep(steptime)
        gpio.output(t3step, False)
        time.sleep(steptime)

def turn4():
    global t4q
    while flag:
        a = t4q.get()
        print ('twd ' + str(a)).strip()
        if int(a)<0:
            gpio.output(t4dir, False)
        if int(a)>0:
            gpio.output(t4dir, True)
        for x in range(abs(int(a))):
            gpio.output(t4step, True)
            time.sleep(steptime)
            gpio.output(t4step, False)
            time.sleep(steptime)

def turna():
    global taq
    while flag:
        a = taq.get()
        print ('tpo ' + str(a)).strip()
        if int(a)<0:
            gpio.output(tadir, False)
        if int(a)>0:
            gpio.output(tadir, True)
        for x in range(abs(int(a))):
            gpio.output(tastep, True)
            time.sleep(steptime)
            gpio.output(tastep, False)
            time.sleep(steptime)

def listen():
    global xq
    global yq
    global zq
    print 'listen'
    global flag
    while flag:
        time.sleep(0.001) # reduces cpu load
        if (ser.inWaiting()>0):
            x = ser.readline()
            print x

        if x.rstrip() == 'x':
            flag = False

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    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'mvx':
        xq.put(x[3:])

    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'mvy':
        yq.put(x[3:])

    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'mvz':
        zq.put(x[3:])

    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'twa':
        t1q.put(x[3:])

    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'twb':
        t2q.put(x[3:])

    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'twc':
        t3q.put(x[3:])

    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'twd':
        t4q.put(x[3:])

    if x.rstrip()[:3] == 'tpo':
        taq.put(x[3:])

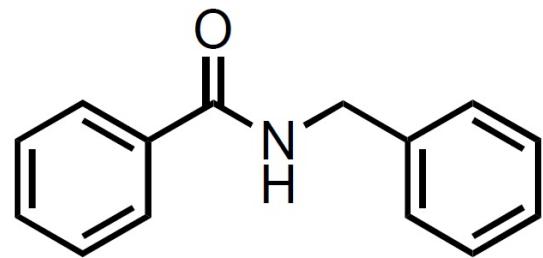

listenthread = threading.Thread(target = listen)
xthread = threading.Thread(target = movex)
ythread = threading.Thread(target = movey)
zthread = threading.Thread(target = movez)
t1thread = threading.Thread(target = turn1)
t2thread = threading.Thread(target = turn2)
t3thread = threading.Thread(target = turn3)
t4thread = threading.Thread(target = turn4)
tathread = threading.Thread(target = turna)

xthread.start()
ythread.start()
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t4thread.start()
tathread.start()

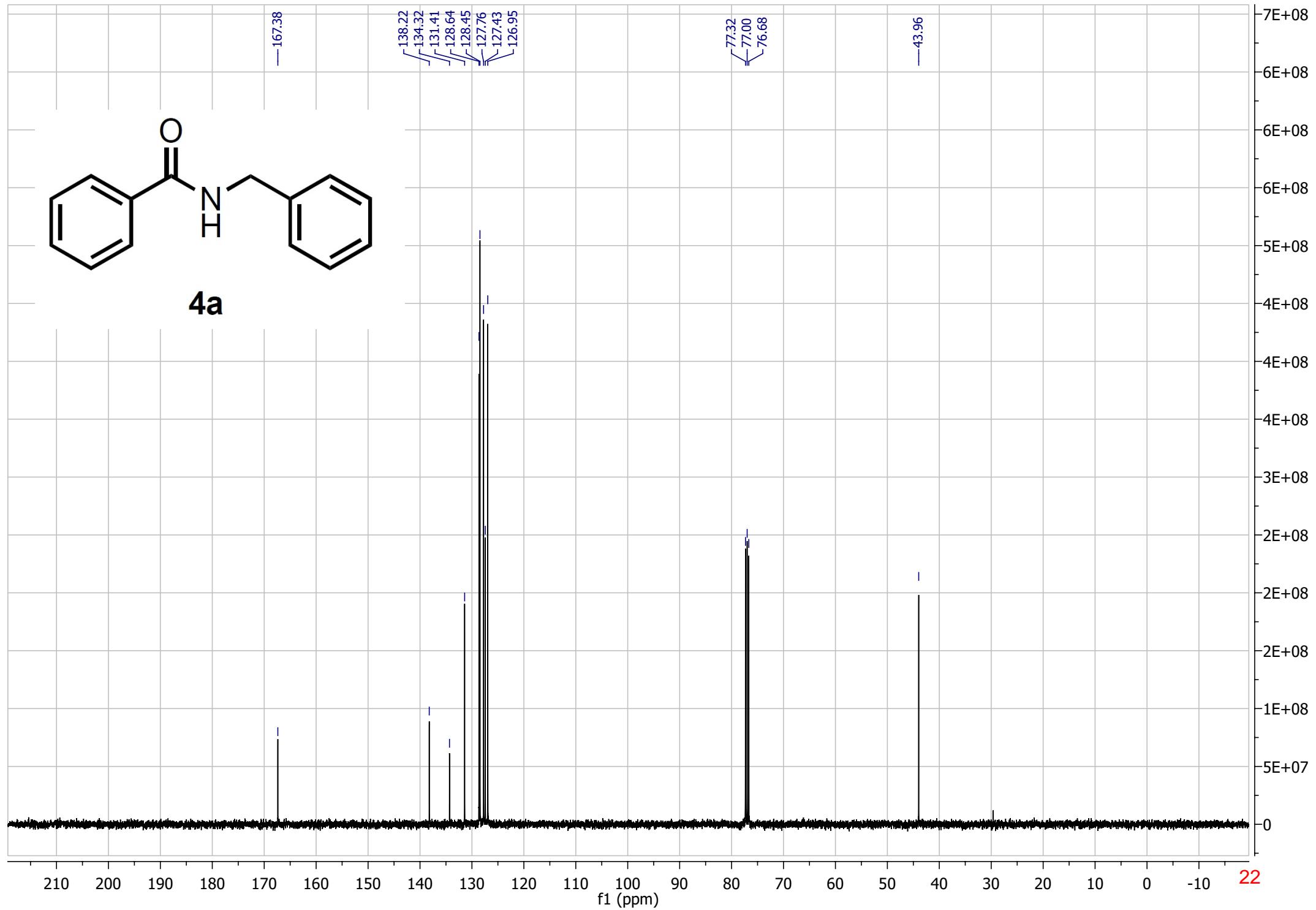
listenthread.setDaemon(True)
listenthread.start()
listenthread.join()

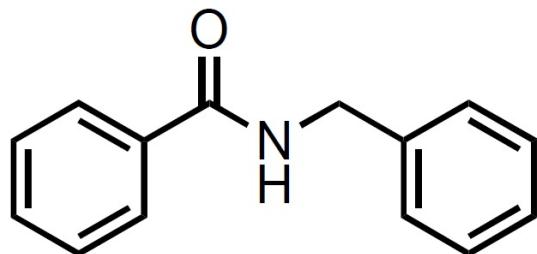
ser.close()
del ser
gpio.cleanup()
os._exit(0)

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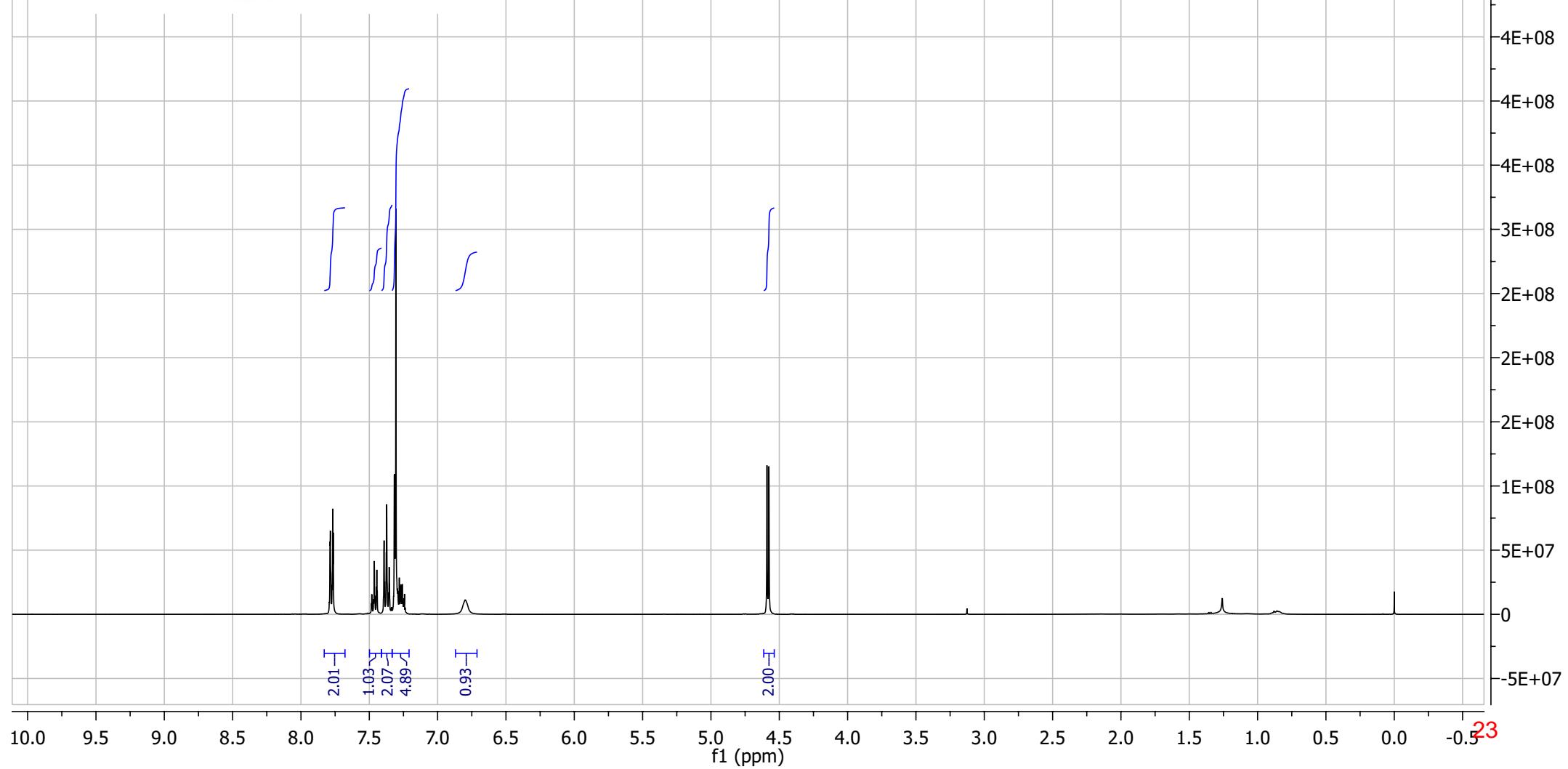


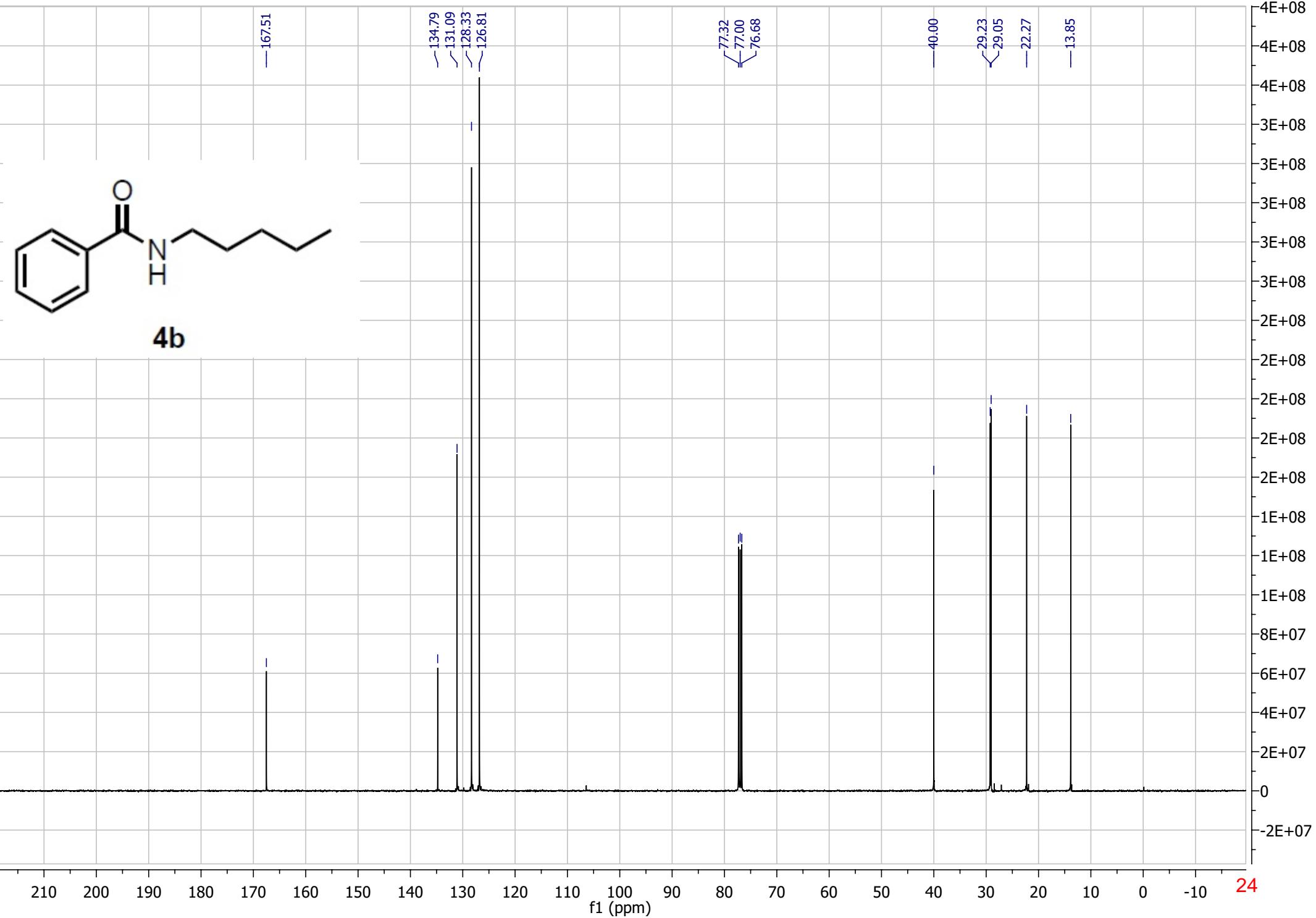
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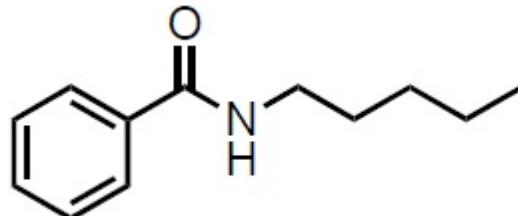




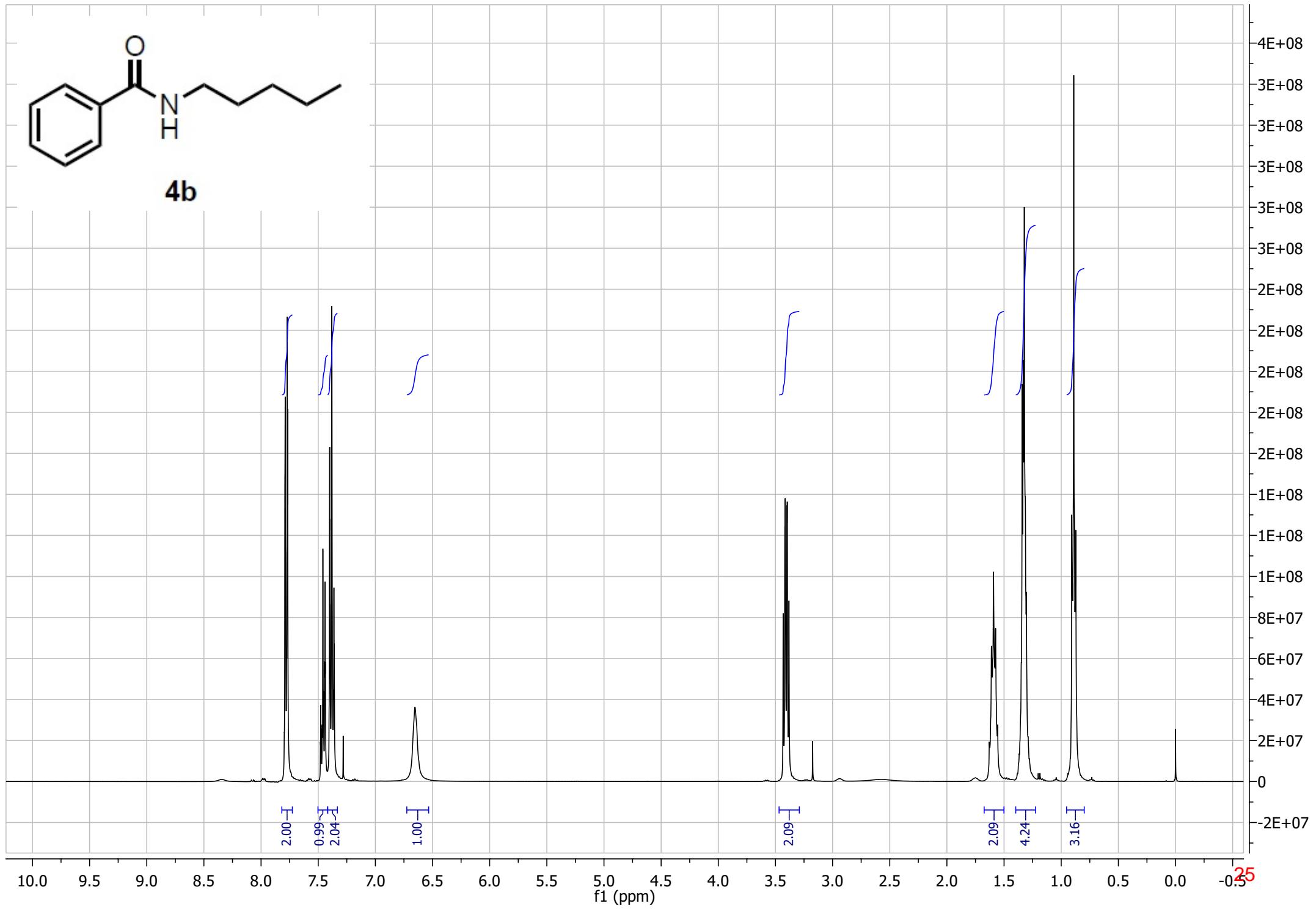
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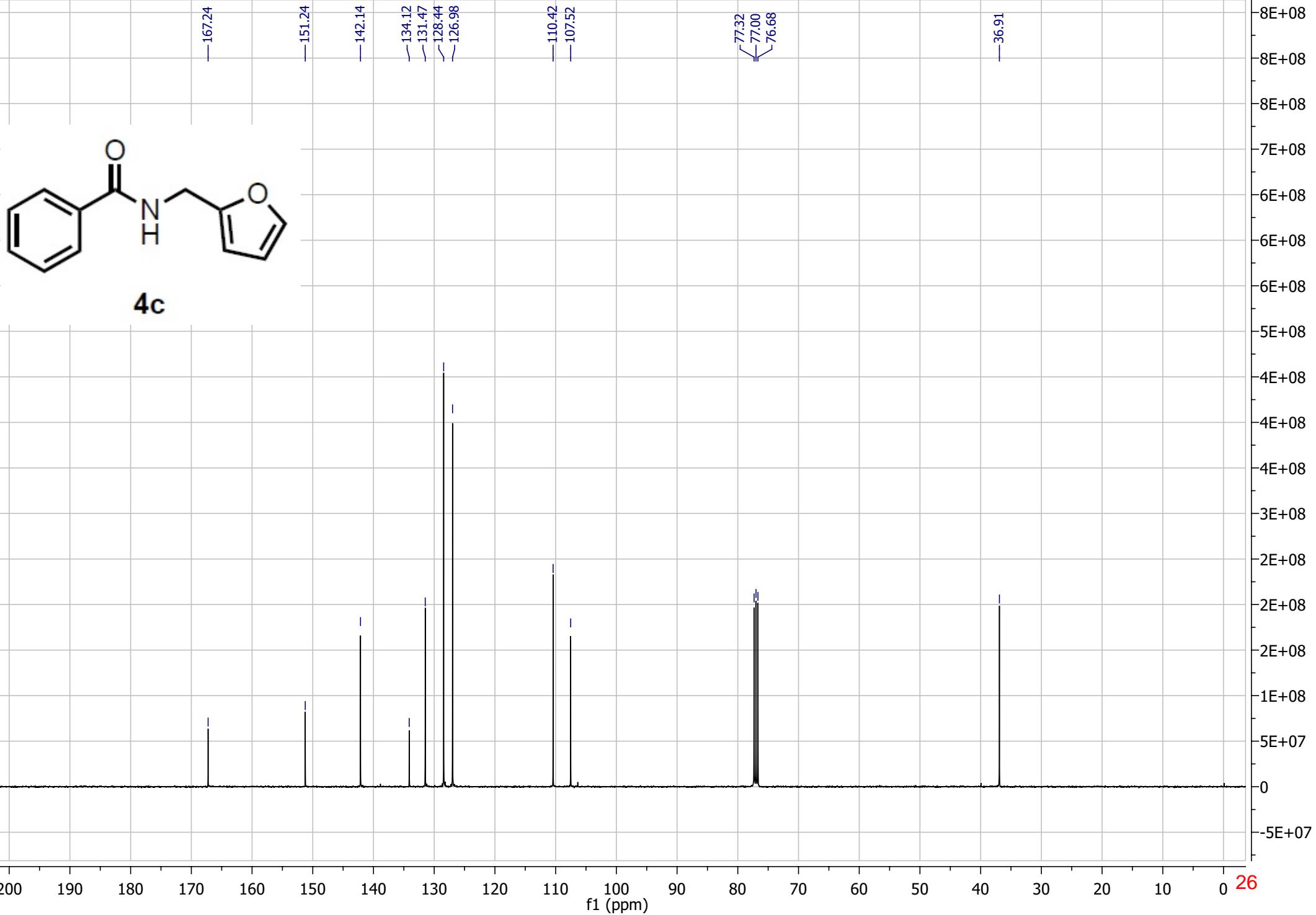


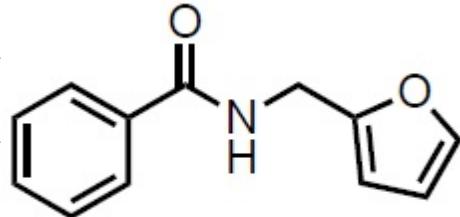




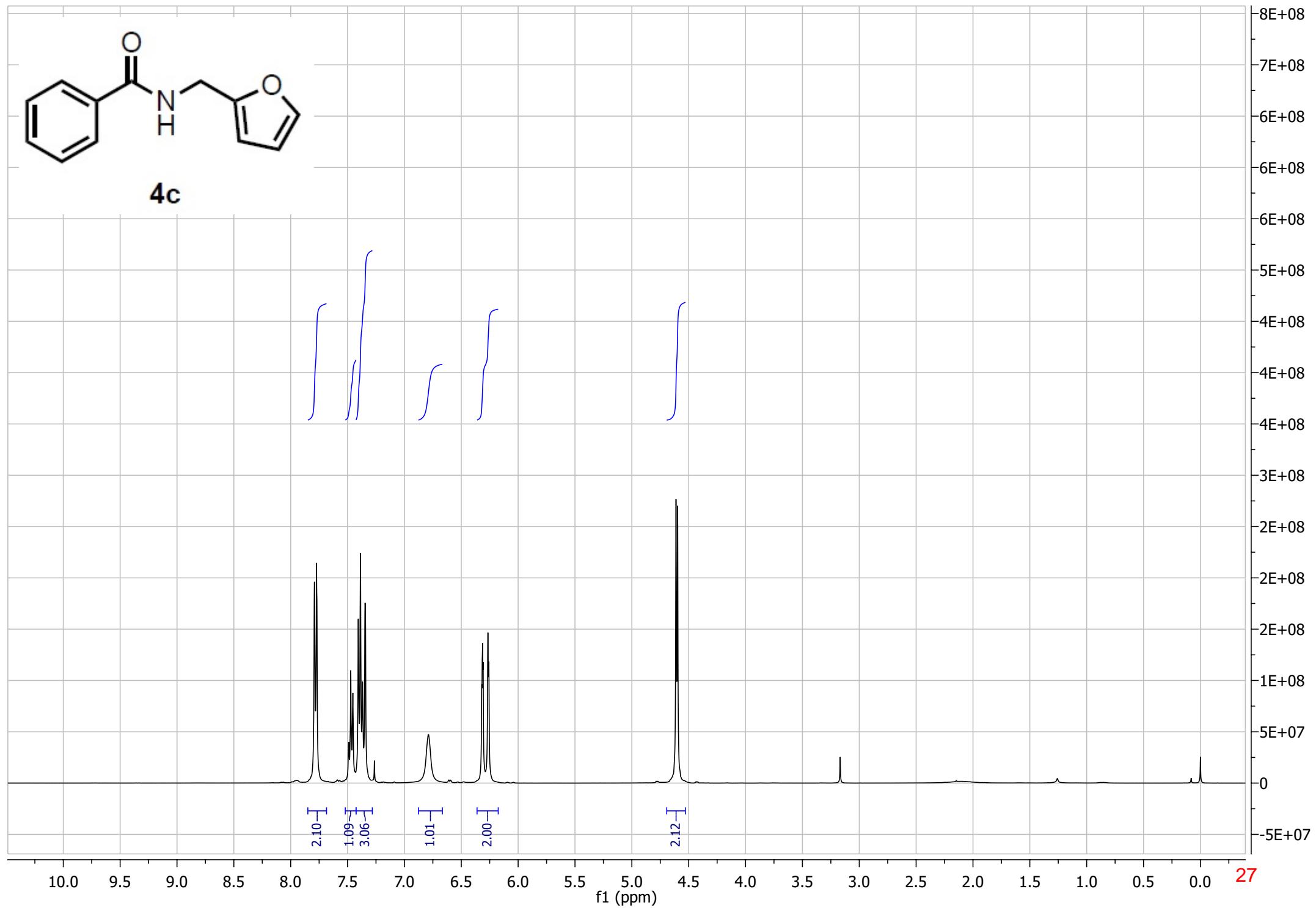
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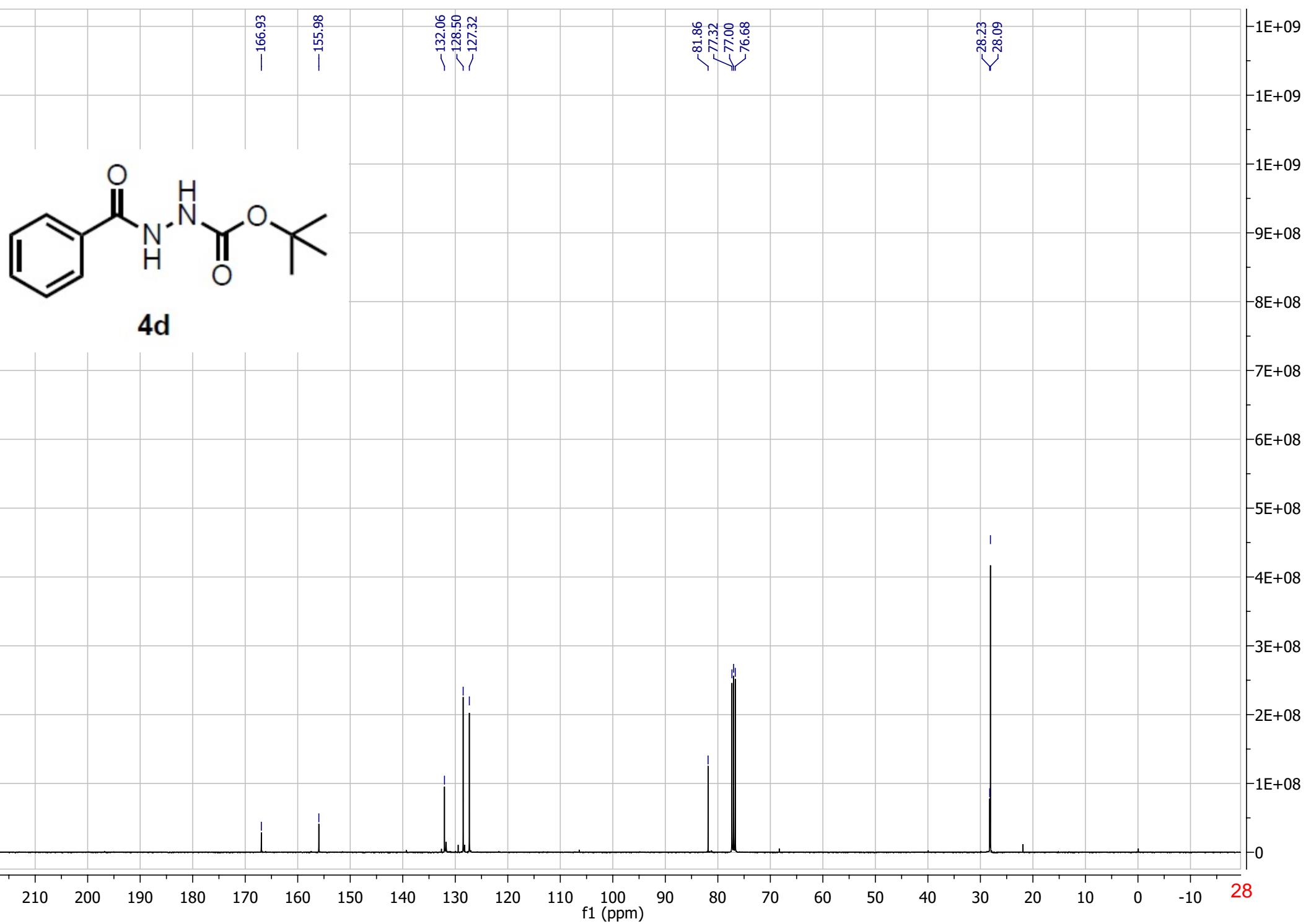


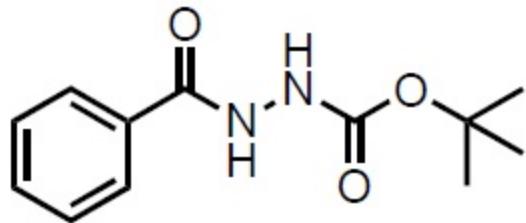




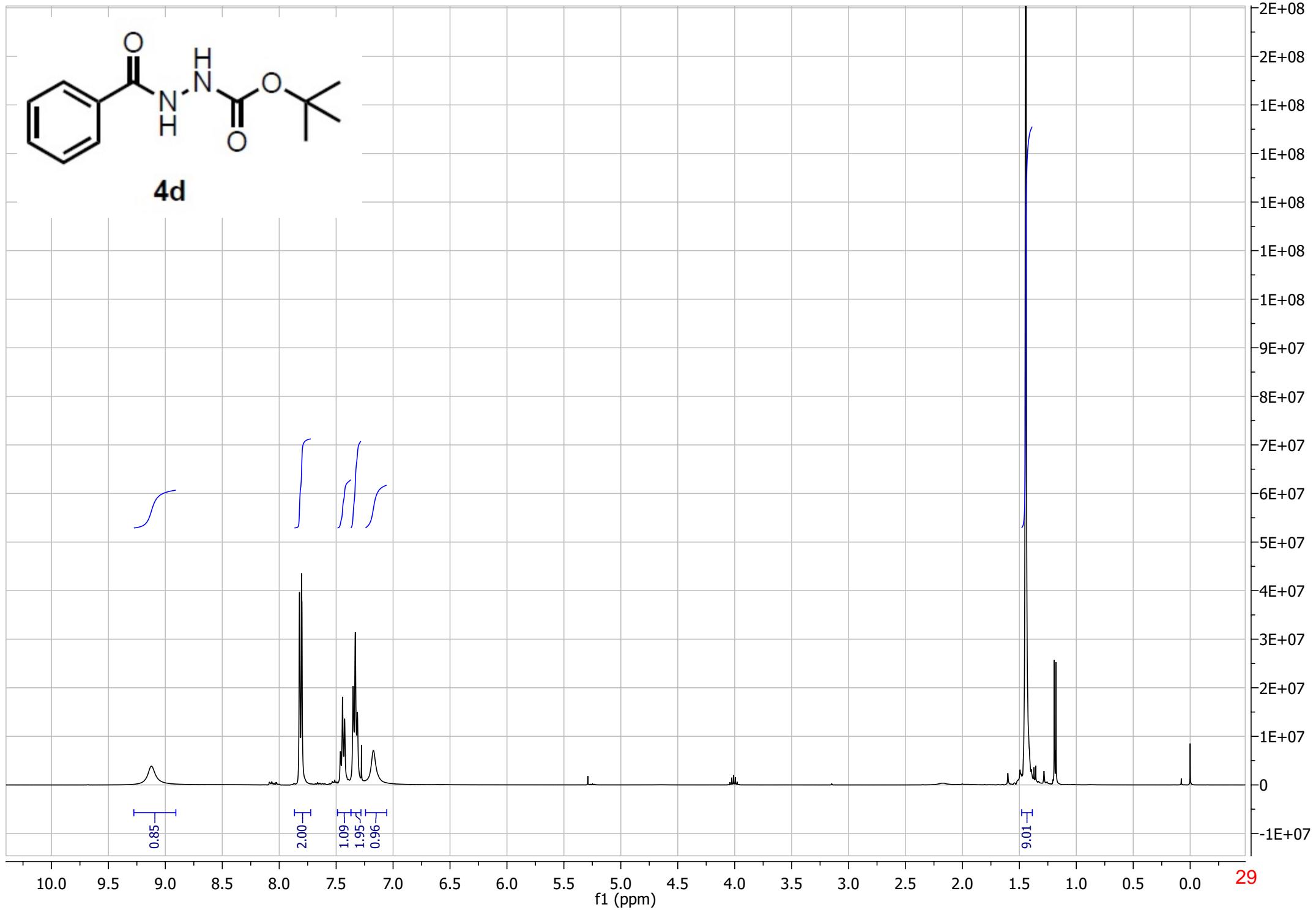
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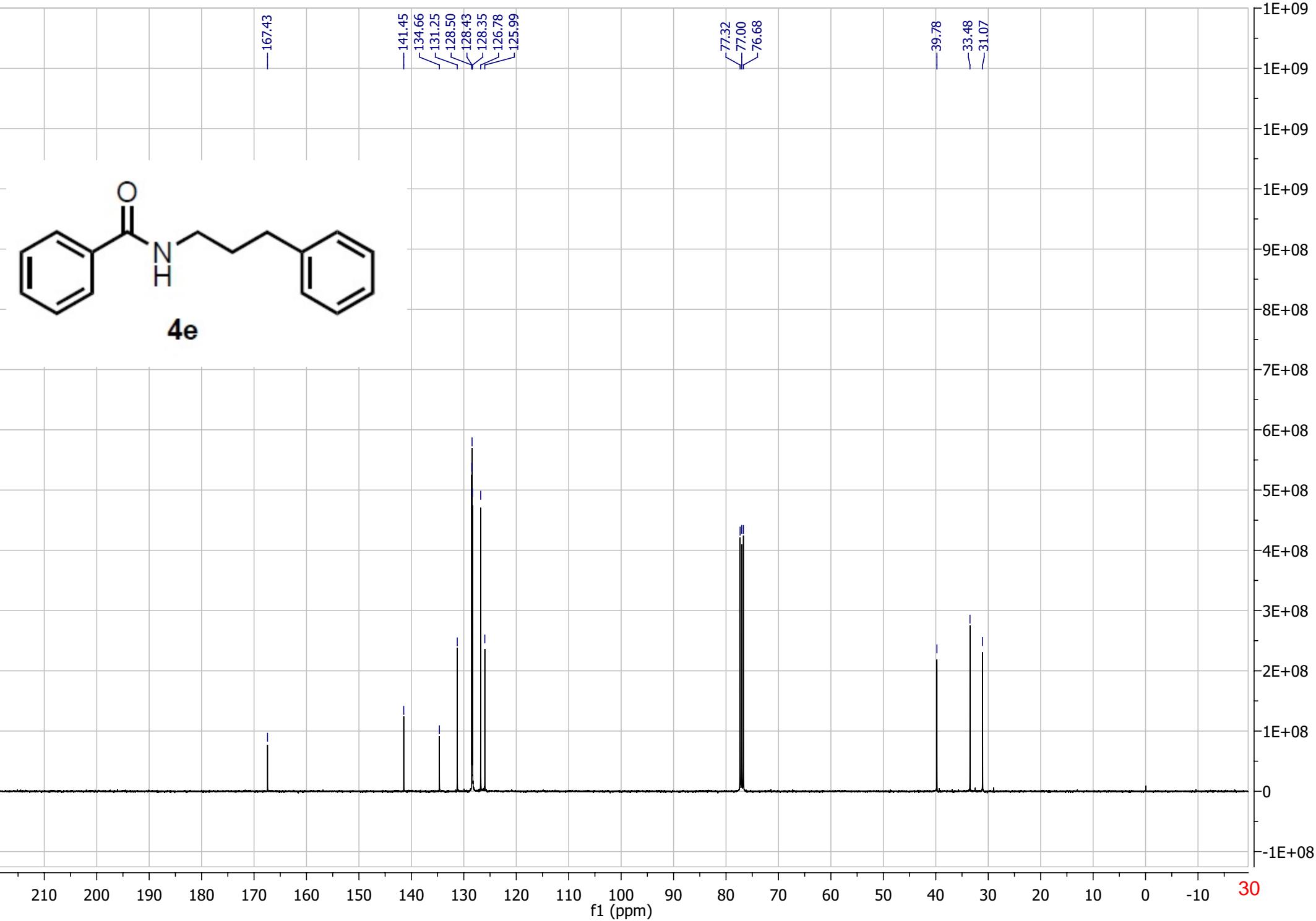


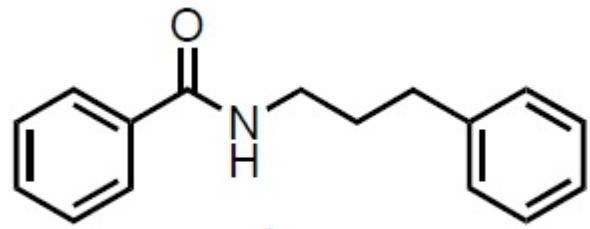




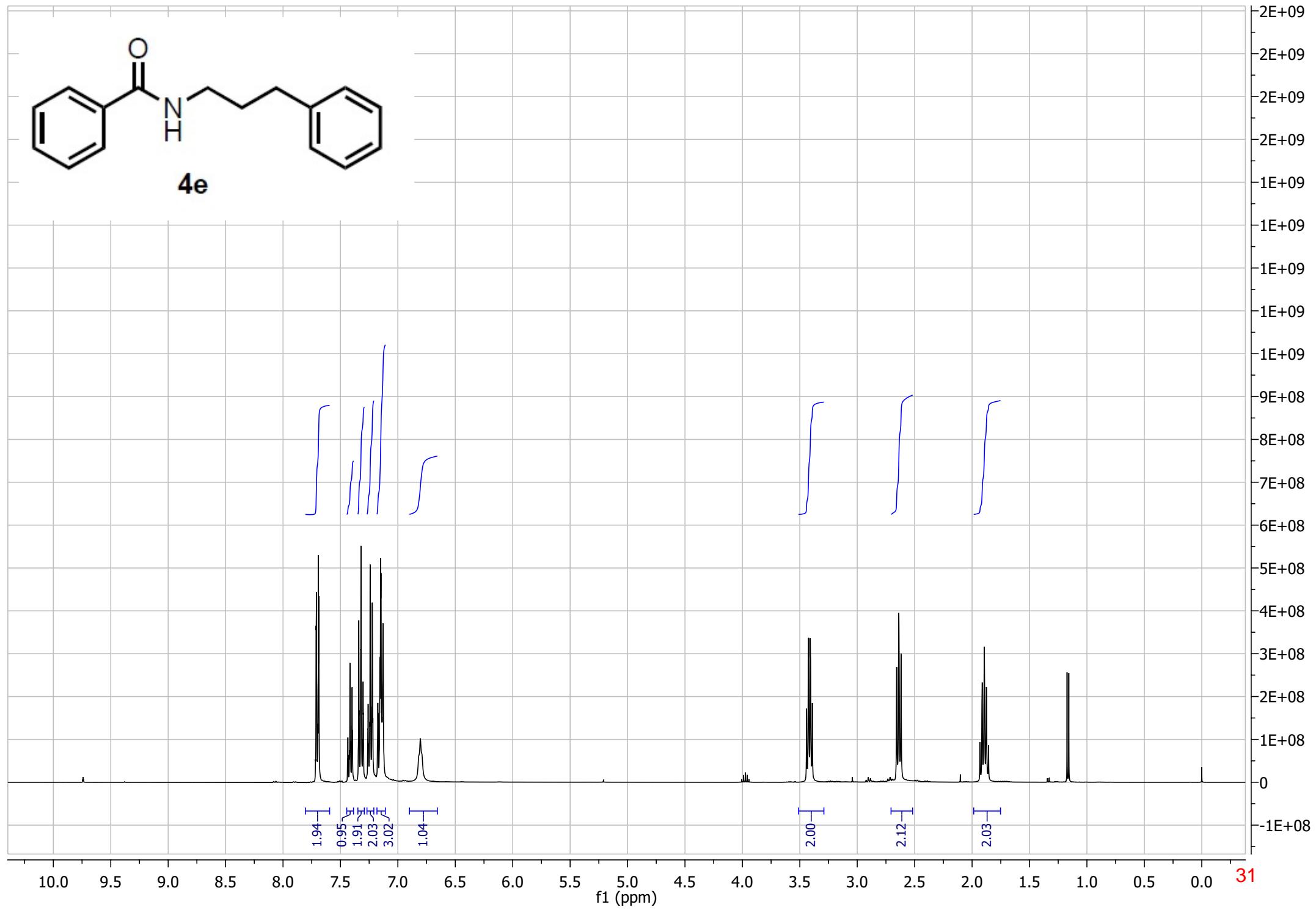
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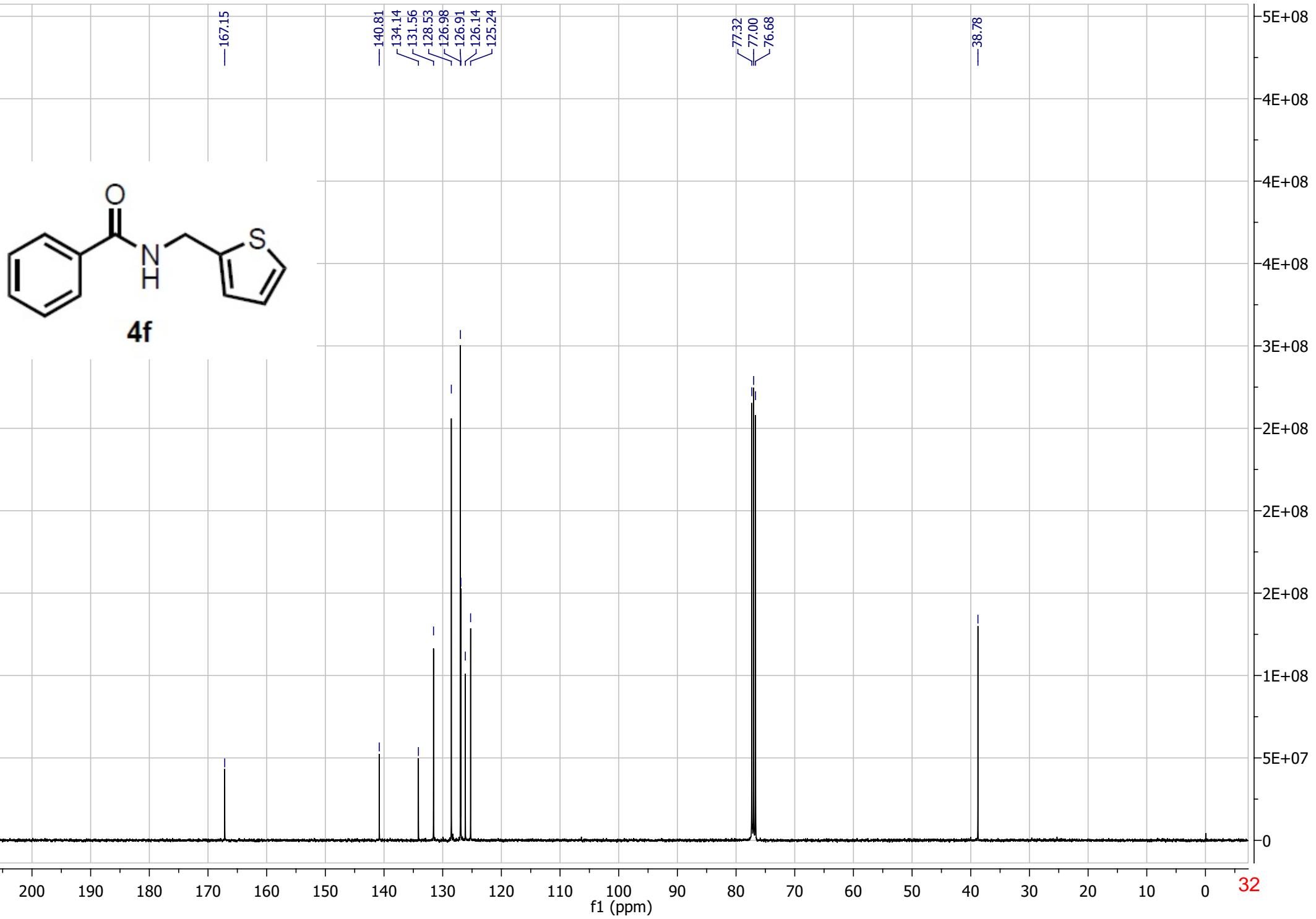


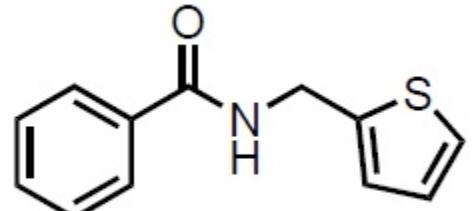




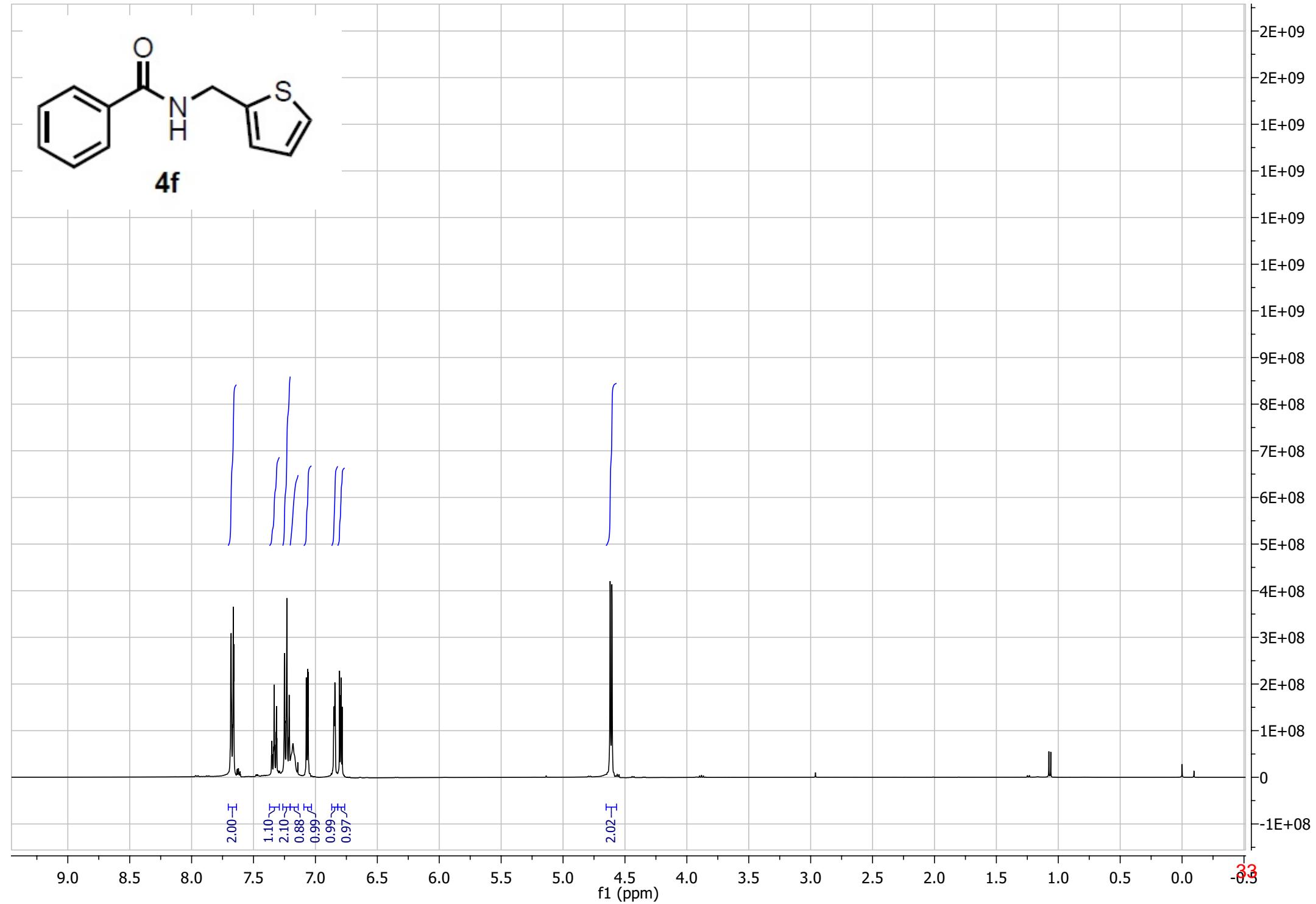
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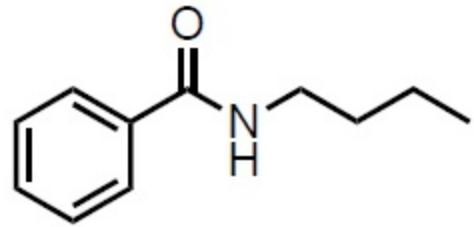




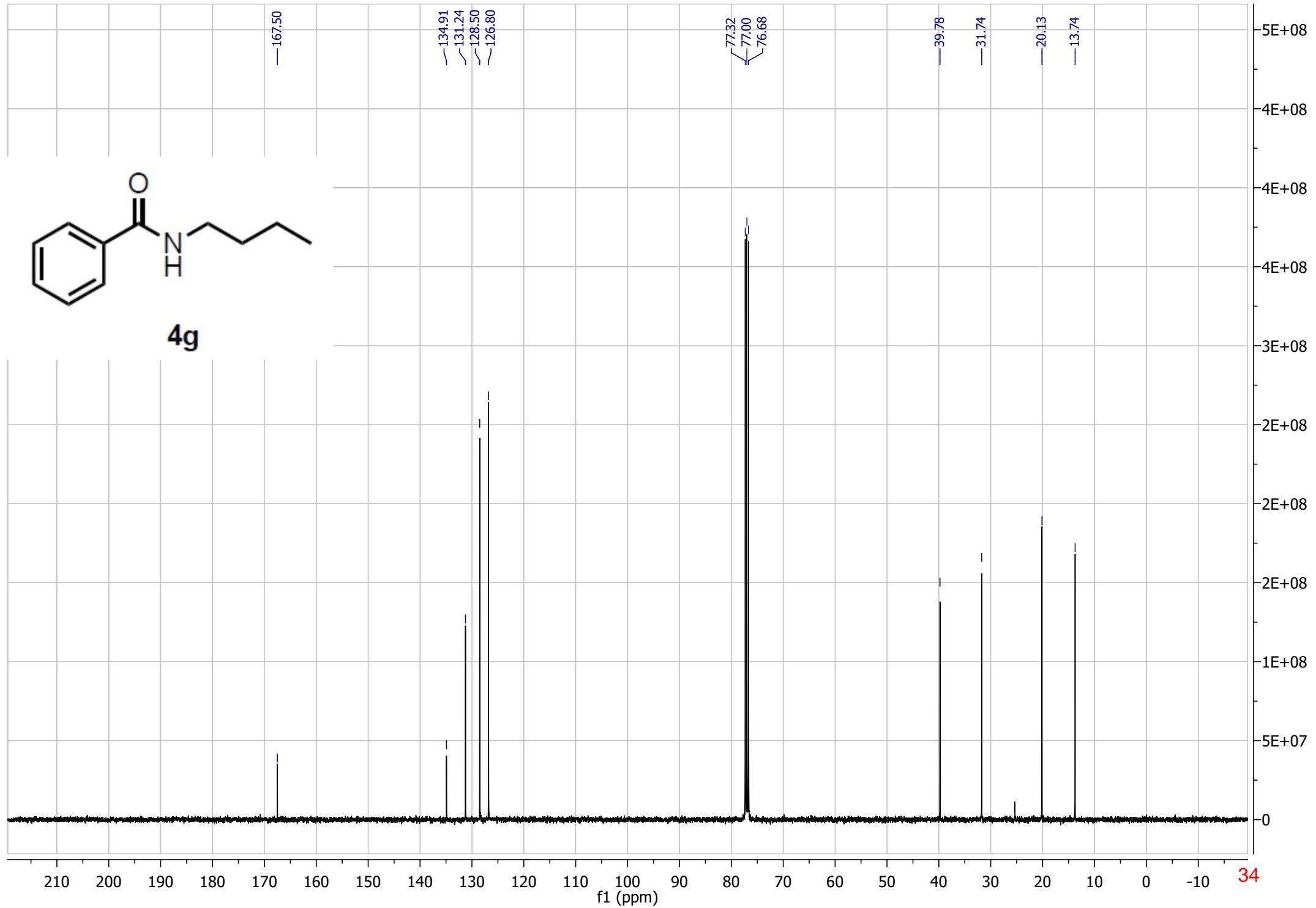


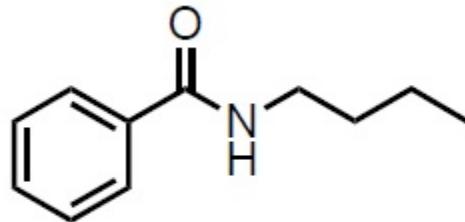
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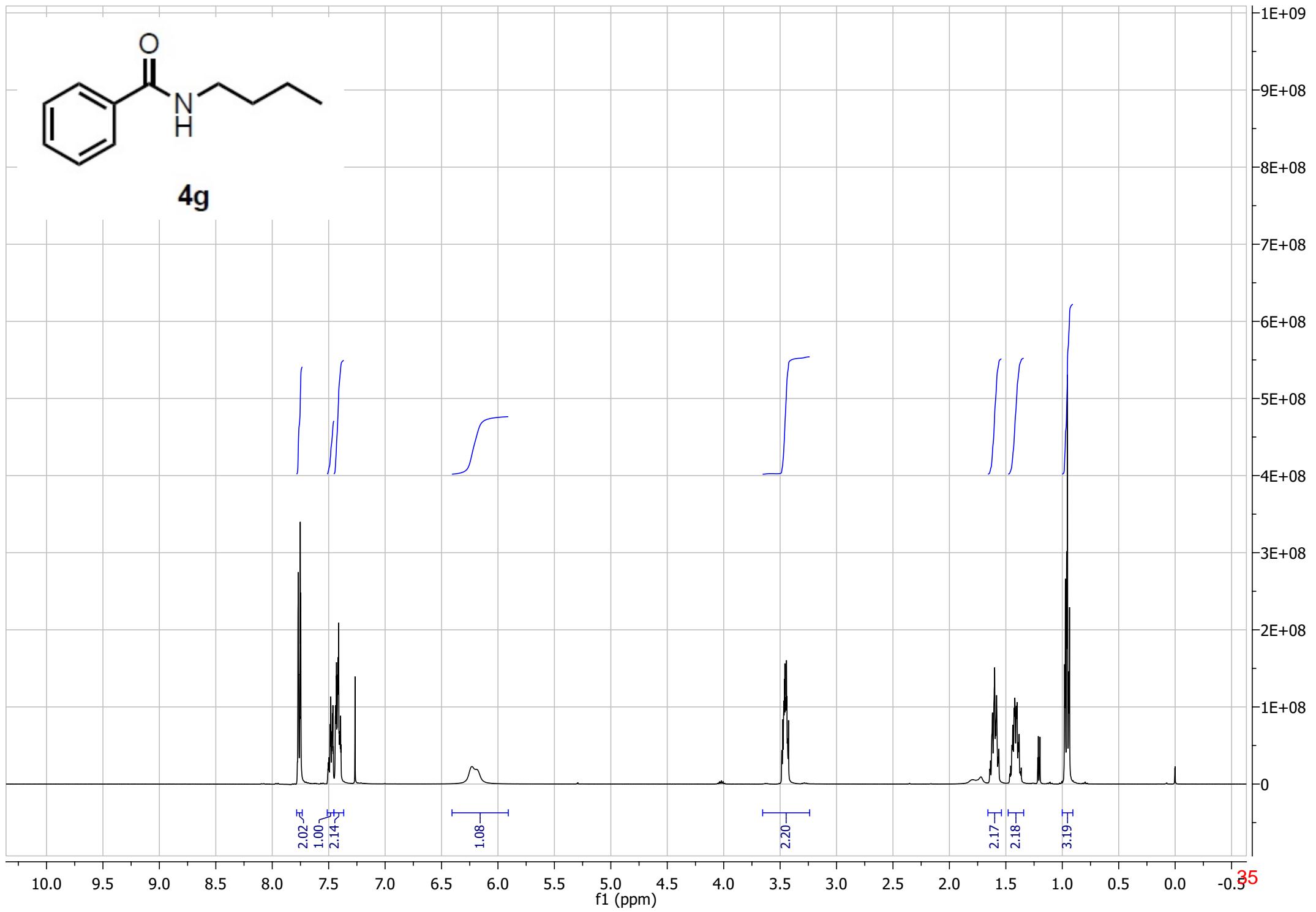


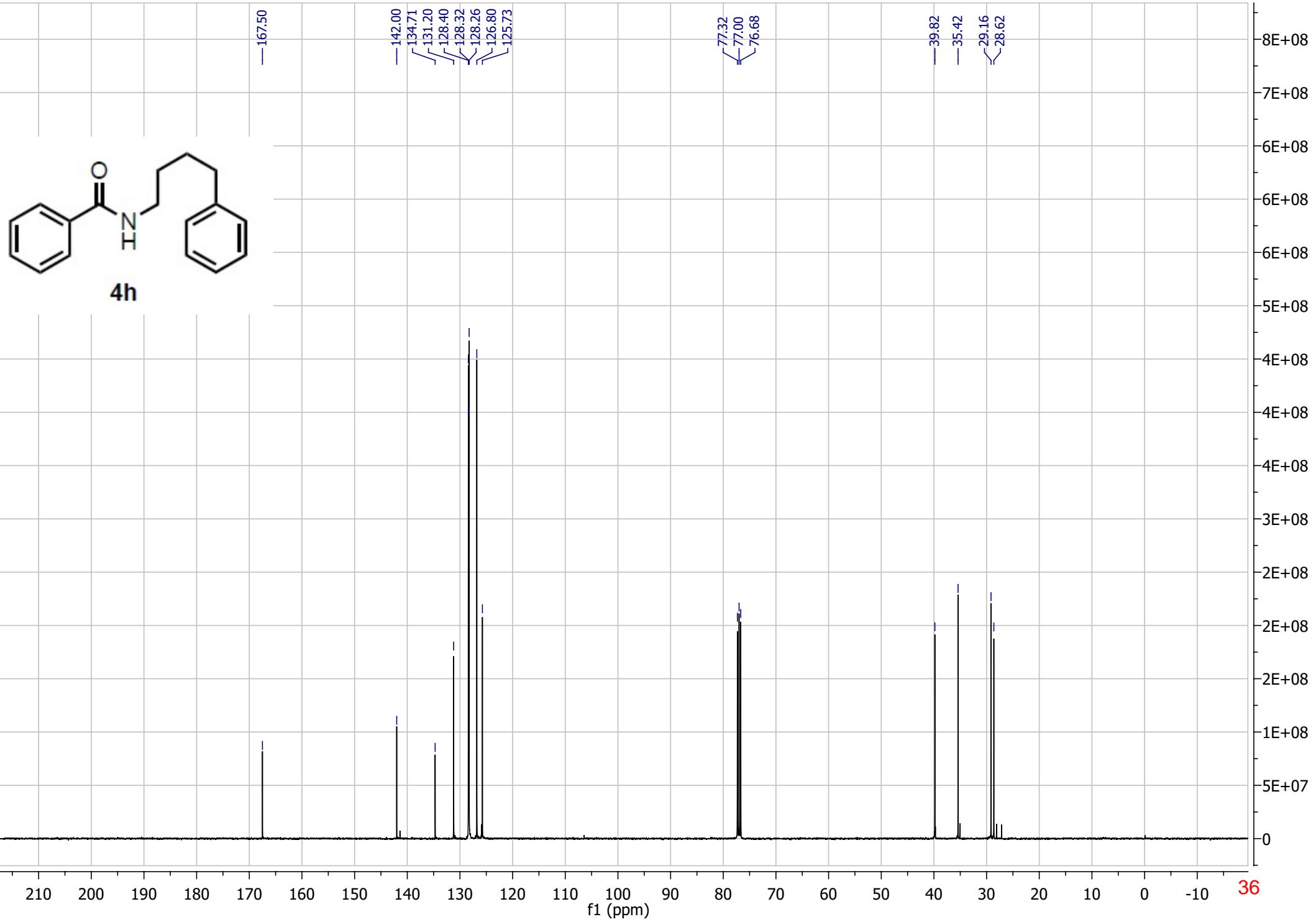
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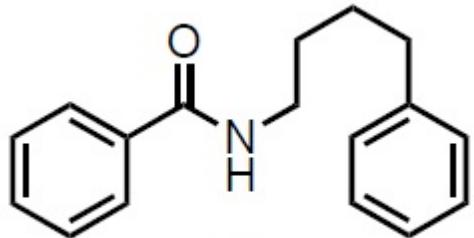




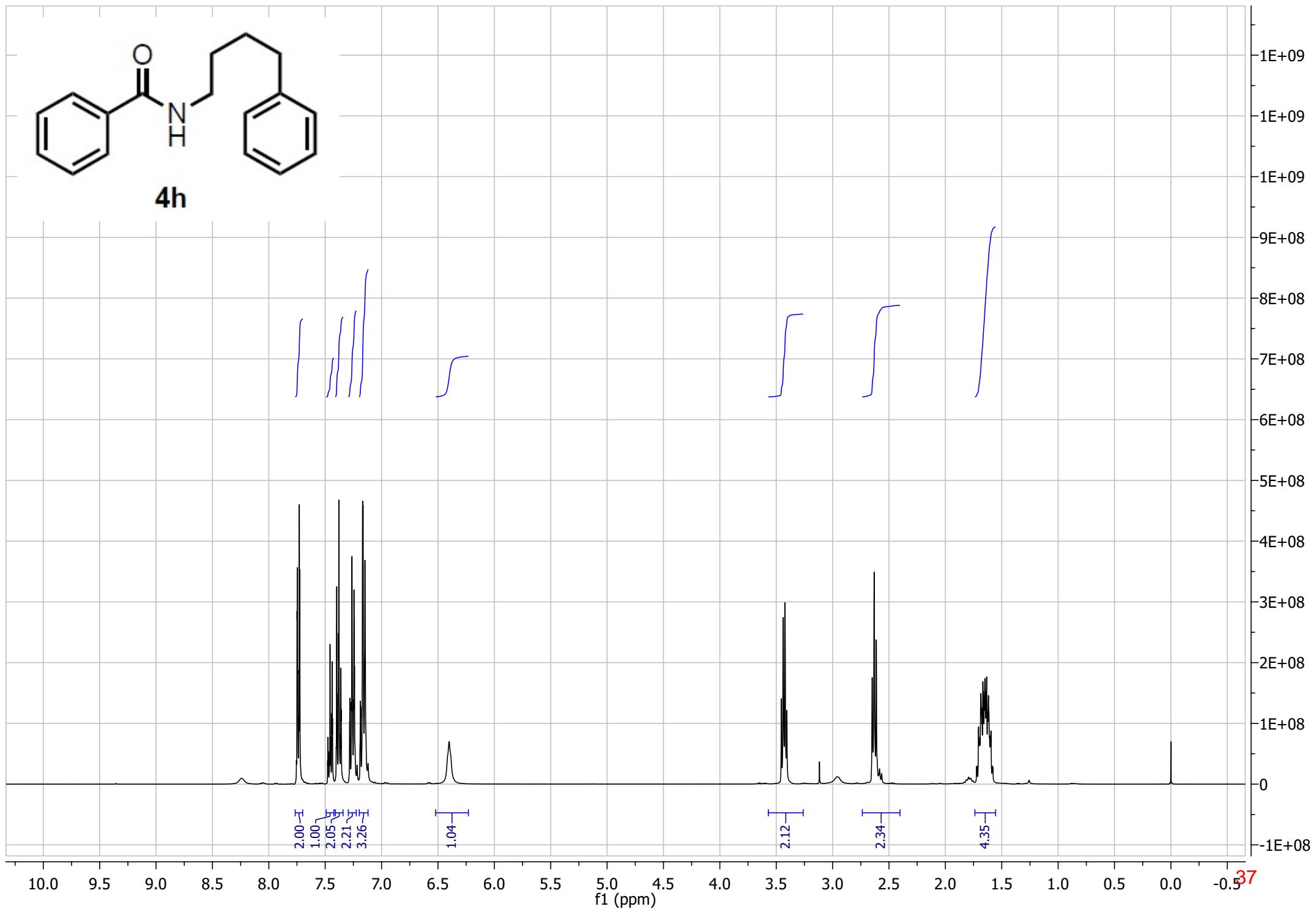
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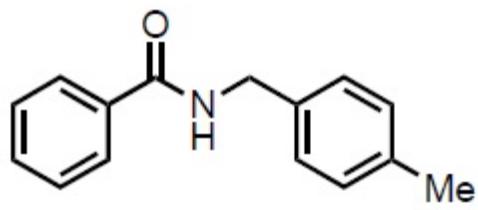




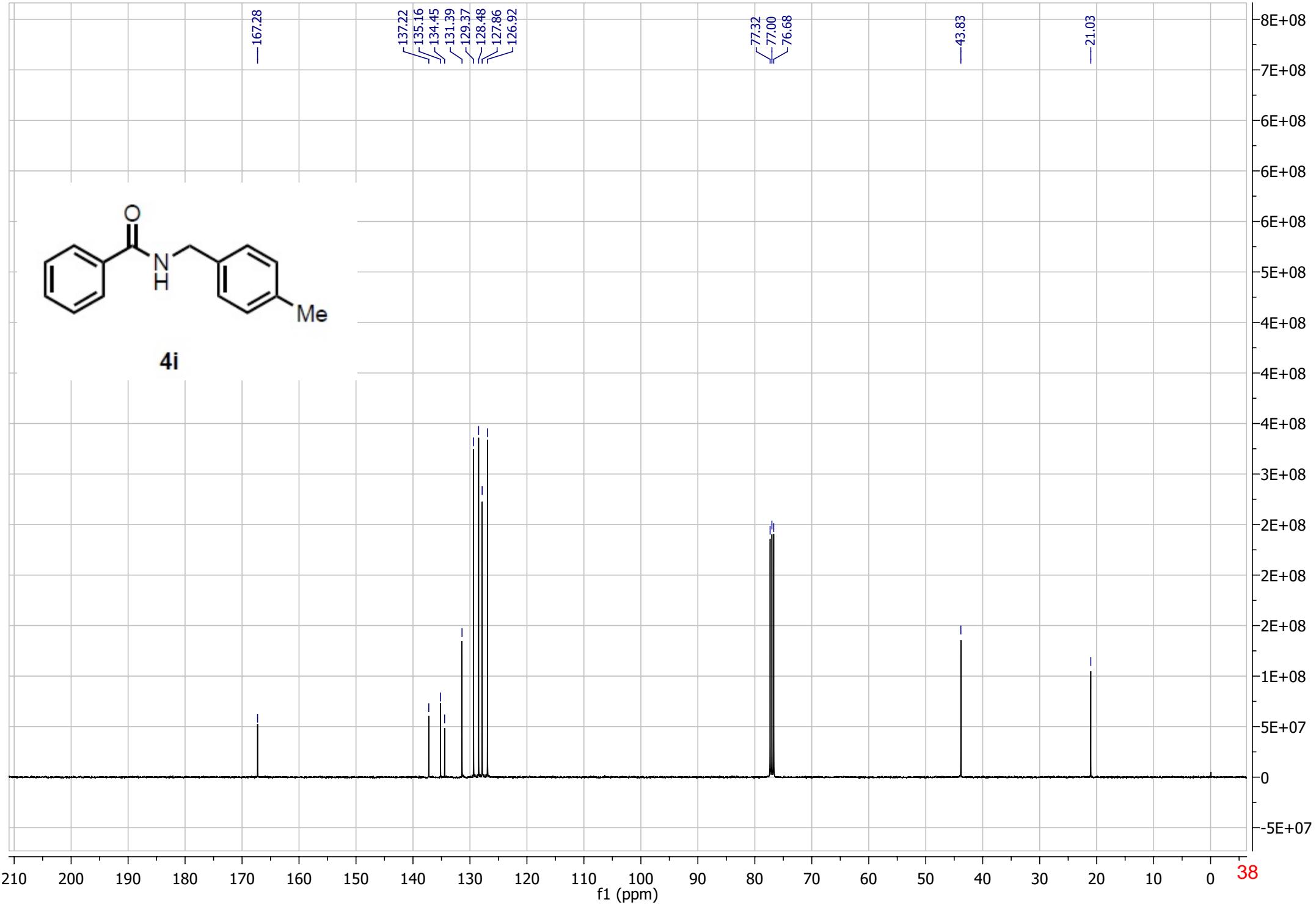


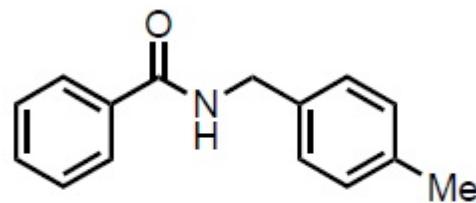
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