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IBX-I₂ Redox Couple for Facile Generation of IOH and I⁺: Expedient Protocol for Iodohydroxylation of Olefins and Iodination of Aromatics

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Aspects. The melting points were determined with a Melting Point apparatus and are uncorrected. Column chromatography was conducted with silica-gel of 100-200 mesh particle size. NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz and 500 MHz spectrometers. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrophotometer. Mass spectral analyses were carried out with Waters ESI-Q^{TOF} instrument.

General Procedure for Iodohydroxylation of Olefins. In a typical experimental procedure, 0.5-1.5 mmol of the olefin, 1.5 equiv of I₂ and 1.5 equiv of IBX in 2.0- 3.0 mL of DMSO were stirred at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC analysis. After completion of the reaction as judged by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10% aq. sodium thiosulfate solution (5 mL), water (10 mL), brine (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography over silica gel.

For e-rich olefins, the reagent was prepared first by stirring I₂ and IBX for 30 min in DMSO and then olefin was added to it. While the duration of reaction was typically 30 min for e-rich olefins, it varied from 1-12 h for e-deficient olefins such as α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds.

General Procedure for One-pot Epoxidation of Olefins. After the disappearance of the olefin in the iodohydroxylation reaction described above, 1.5 equiv of 10% aq. NaOH solution was added to the reaction mixture in the same pot at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC analysis. After the iodohydrin was consumed in the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 10% aq. sodium thiosulfate solution (5 mL), water (10 mL), brine (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous

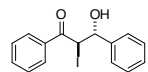
Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel.

General Procedure for the Iodination of Aromatics. In a typical experimental procedure, the iodinating reagent was prepared by adding 2.2 equivalents of molecular iodine to IBX in 2.0-3.0 mL of DMSO/CH₃CN-TFA (9:1) at room temperature for 30 min. Subsequently, the 1-2 mmol of the substrate was added to the above prepared reagent and stirring was continued. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC analysis. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched with 10% aq. sodium thiosulfate solution (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (10 mL × 2), brine (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel. It should be noted that for phenols, the aqueous reaction mixture was neutralized with NH₄Cl before extraction.

For phenol and aniline derivatives, the reagent was first made by stirring I₂ and IBX for 30 min and then the substrate was added. The same procedure as mentioned above was followed for iodination of *p*-nitrotoluene except that 5 equiv of Conc. H₂SO₄ was used in place of TFA in AcOH medium.

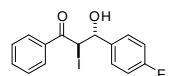
The Spectral Data of the Products

(2R*,3R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one¹



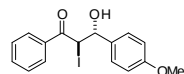
White solid; mp 120-122 °C (lit. mp 122-124 °C)¹; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3481, 1660; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.36 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H).

(2R*,3R*)-3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-iodo-1-phenylpropan-1-one



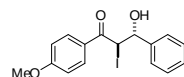
White solid; mp 57-58 °C; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3442, 1672; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.83 (br s, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 29.3, 75.3, 115.3 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 128.7, 128.8, 129.0 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 134.0, 134.1, 135.7 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 162.6 (d, J = 245.6 Hz), 196.0; ESI-MS⁺ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{FO}_2$ 368.9787 [M-H], found 368.9789.

(2R*,3R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one



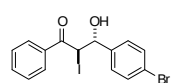
Colorless semisolid; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3467, 1673; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 5.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 29.7, 55.2, 75.5, 113.8, 128.4, 128.7, 128.8, 132.1, 133.9, 134.2, 159.6, 196.1; ESI-MS⁺ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{IO}_3$ 404.9963 [M+Na], found 404.9965.

(2R*,3R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one



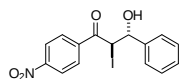
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(2R*,3R*)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-iodo-1-phenylpropan-1-one



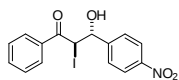
White solid; mp 92-94 °C; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3495, 1671; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.7, 75.4, 122.5, 128.9, 129.0, 131.5, 131.7, 134.0, 134.3, 138.8, 195.9; ESI- MS^+ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrIO}_2$ 428.8987 [M-H], found 428.8987.

(2R*,3R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one



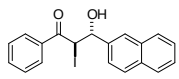
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(2R*,3R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one



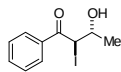
White solid; mp 109-110 °C; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3408, 1655; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.46 (s, 2H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 27.9, 75.1, 123.6, 128.4, 128.8, 128.9, 133.7, 134.4, 146.8, 147.9, 195.6; ESI- MS^+ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{INO}_4$ 395.9732 [M-H], found 395.9736.

(2R*,3S*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one



White solid; mp 124-125 °C; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3484, 1666; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.94 (br s, H), 5.54 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 28.9, 76.3, 124.4, 126.3, 126.9, 127.7, 128.2, 128.5, 128.80, 128.83, 133.0, 133.3, 134.1, 134.2, 137.2, 196.1; ESI- MS^+ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{IO}_2$ 425.0014 [M+Na], found 425.0014.

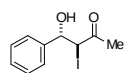
(2R*,3R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-1-phenylbutan-1-one



White solid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.58 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 4.43-4.48 (m, 1H), 5.22

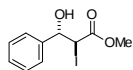
(d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.9, 30.1, 69.4, 128.85, 128.88, 133.9, 134.2, 195.9; ESI- MS^+ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{IO}_2$ 290.9882 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$, found 290.9887.

(3R*,4R*)-4-Hydroxy-3-iodo-4-phenylbutan-2-one¹



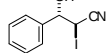
White solid; mp 63-64 °C (lit. mp 63.7-65.5 °C)¹; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.62 (br s, 1H), 4.72 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 5H).

Methyl (2R*,3R*)-3-hydroxy-2-iodo-3-phenylpropanoate¹



White solid; mp 59-60 °C (lit. mp 60-62 °C)¹; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3423, 1709; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.43 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 4.57 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 5H).

3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-3-phenylpropanenitrile¹



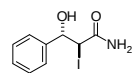
White solid; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3416, 2249; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.89 (br s, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.47 (m, 5H).

Methyl 3-hydroxy-2-iodo-3-propanoate



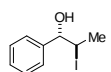
Colorless liquid; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3397, 1730; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.84 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.81 (dd, $J_1 = 12.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, $J_1 = 12.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, $J_1 = 8.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 19.2, 53.1, 64.9, 171.4; ESI- MS^+ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{IO}_3$ 252.9337 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]$, found 252.9339.

(2R*,3R*)-3-Hydroxy-2-iodo-3-phenylpropanamide



White solid; mp 131-132 °C; IR (KBr) cm^{-1} 3326, 3187, 1688, 1630; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 4.40 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.84 (dd, $J_1 = 9.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.63 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 31.2, 74.7, 127.4, 127.7, 127.9, 142.5, 171.3; ESI- MS^+ m/z Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{INO}_2$ 291.9834 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]$, found 291.9834.

(1R*,2S*)-2-Iodo-1-phenylpropan-1-ol²



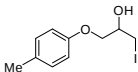
Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.74 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.52 (dq, *J*₁ = 7.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.39 (m, 5H).

2-Iodo-1-phenylethanol³



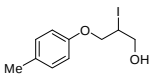
Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.25 (br s, 1H), 3.40 (dd, *J*₁ = 10.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J*₁ = 10.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 5H).

1-Iodo-3-(*p*-tolylloxy)propan-2-ol⁴



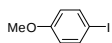
Pale yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.55 (br s, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J*₁ = 10.3 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J*₁ = 10.3 Hz, *J*₂ = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.95-3.99 (m, 1H), 4.01-4.07 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H).

2-Iodo-3-(*p*-tolylloxy)propan-1-ol⁵



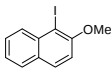
Pale yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 3.95 (dd, *J*₁ = 5.1 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (dd, *J*₁ = 10.3 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.33 (m, 1H), 4.42-4.46 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H).

4-Iodoanisole⁶



White solid; mp 50-51 °C (lit. mp 51-52 °C)⁶; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H).

1-Iodo-2-methoxynaphthalene^{7a}



White solid; mp 87-88 °C (lit. mp 87-88 °C)^{7b}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.03 (s, 3H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H).

2-Iodo-1-methoxynaphthalene⁶



White solid; mp 53-54 °C (lit. mp 53-55 °C)^{7b}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.99 (s, 3H), 6.60

(d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, $J_1 = 6.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H).

2,4,6-Triiodophenol^{8a}



Brown solid; mp 152-153 °C (lit. mp 156-159 °C)^{8a}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.76 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 2H).

4-Iodoaniline^{9a}



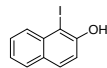
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2,4,6-Triiodoaniline^{10a}



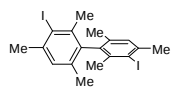
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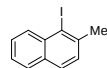
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3,3'-Diiodobimesityl¹²



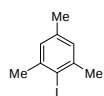
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1-Iodo-2-methylnaphthalene¹³



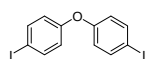
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2-Iodo-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene⁶



White solid; mp 30-31 °C (lit. mp 92-94 °C)⁶; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 6.89 (s, 2H).

4,4'-Diiododiphenylether^{14a}



White solid; mp 135-136 °C (lit. mp 139-141 °C)^{14b}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H).

Monoiodotoluene (inseparable mixture of *o* & *p*)¹⁵

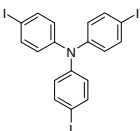


(*o*-iodotoluene) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 6.85-6.88 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H).



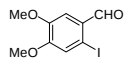
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Tris(4-iodophenyl)amine¹⁶



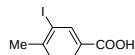
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2-Iodo-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde^{17a}



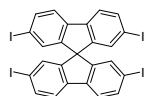
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3-Iodo-4-methylbenzoic acid¹⁸



White solid; mp 209-210 °C (lit. mp 208-209 °C)¹⁸; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.51 (s, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd *J*₁ = 7.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H).

2,2',7,7'-Tetraiodo-9,9'-spirobifluorene¹⁹



White solid; mp >300 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.99 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 4H), 7.56 (d, *J*

= 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.73 (dd, $J_1 = 8.3$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.4$ Hz, 4H).

Iodobromobenzene (inseparable mixture of *ortho* and *para* isomers)²⁰

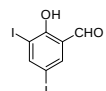


(*o*-iodobromobenzene) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.99 (td $J_1 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, $J_1 = 7.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J_1 = 8.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, $J_1 = 7.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.7$ Hz, 1H).



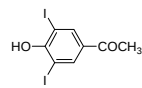
(*p*-iodobromobenzene) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H).

2-Hydroxy-3,5-diiodobenzaldehyde²¹



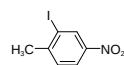
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1-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenyl)ethanone²²



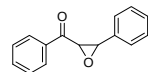
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2-Iodo-4-nitrotoluene²³



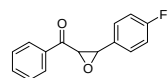
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***trans*-Epoxy-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one**^{24a}



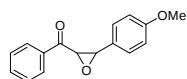
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***trans*-Epoxy-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one**^{24a}



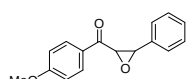
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***trans*-Epoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one^{24a}**



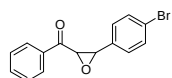
Colorless liquid; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

***trans*-Epoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one²⁵**



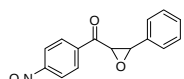
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***trans*-Epoxy-3-(4-bromophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one^{24a}**



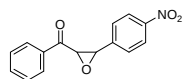
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***trans*-Epoxy-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one²⁵**



White solid; mp 118-120 °C (lit. mp 142-144 °C)^{24d}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.10 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.43 (m, 3H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

***trans*-Epoxy-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one²⁴**



White solid; mp 140-141 °C (lit. mp 139-141 °C)^{24d}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.20 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 1H), 8.01 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.6, *J*₂ = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

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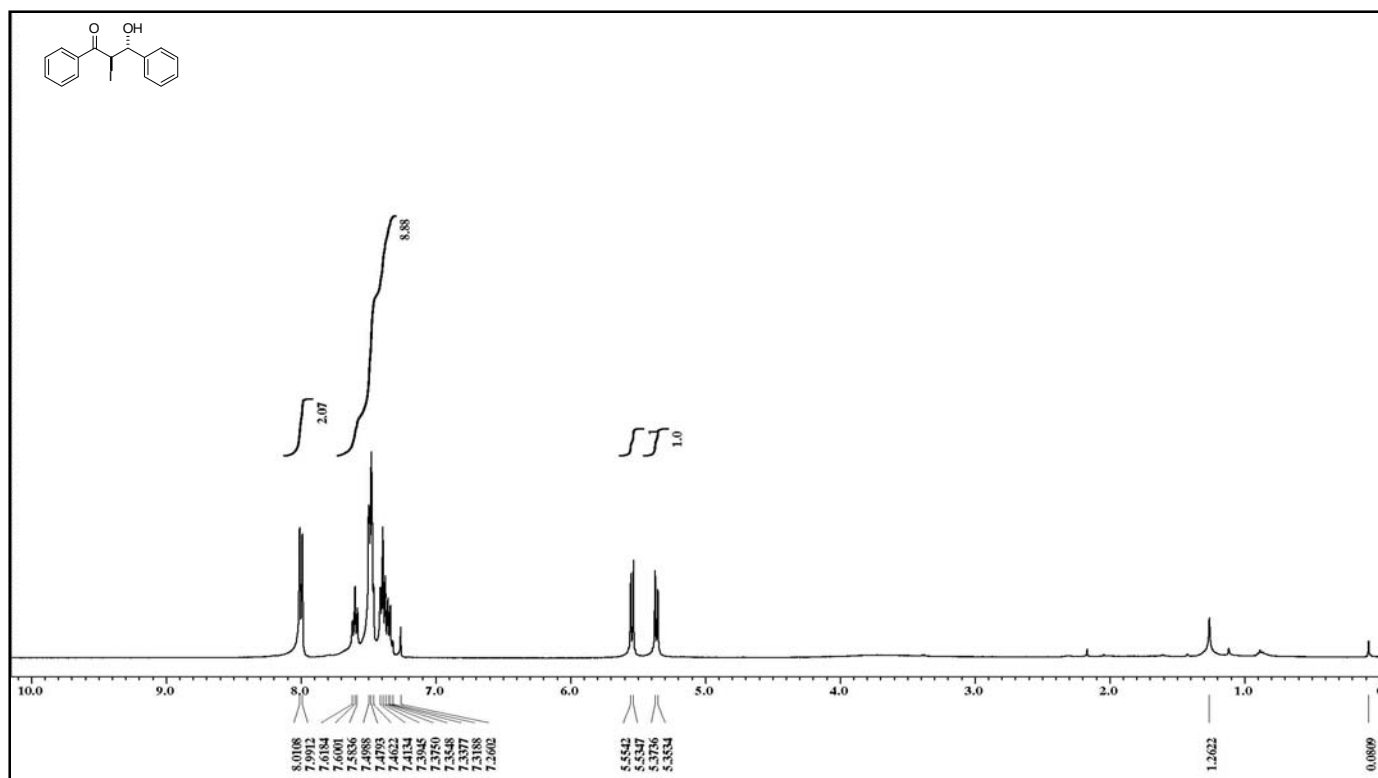


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of 3-hydroxy-2-iodo-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one.

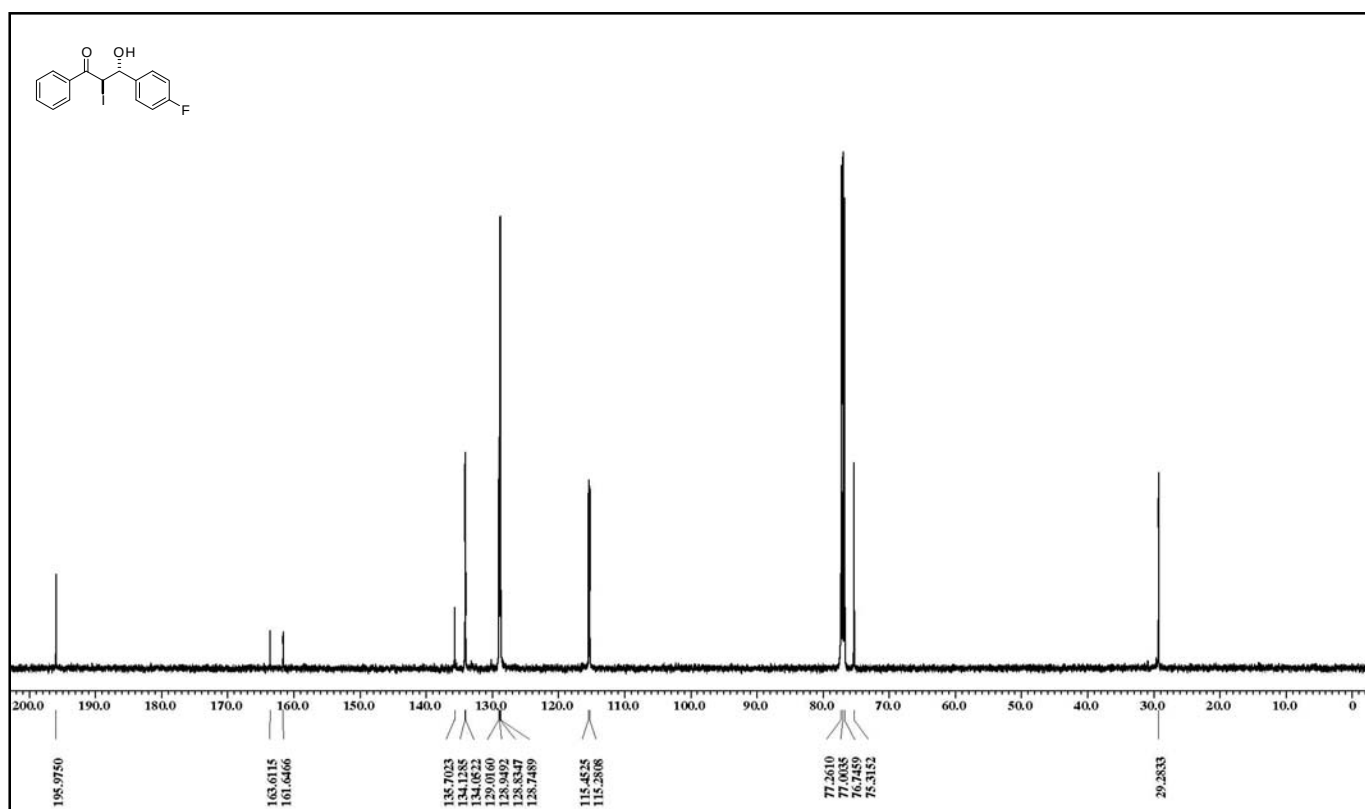
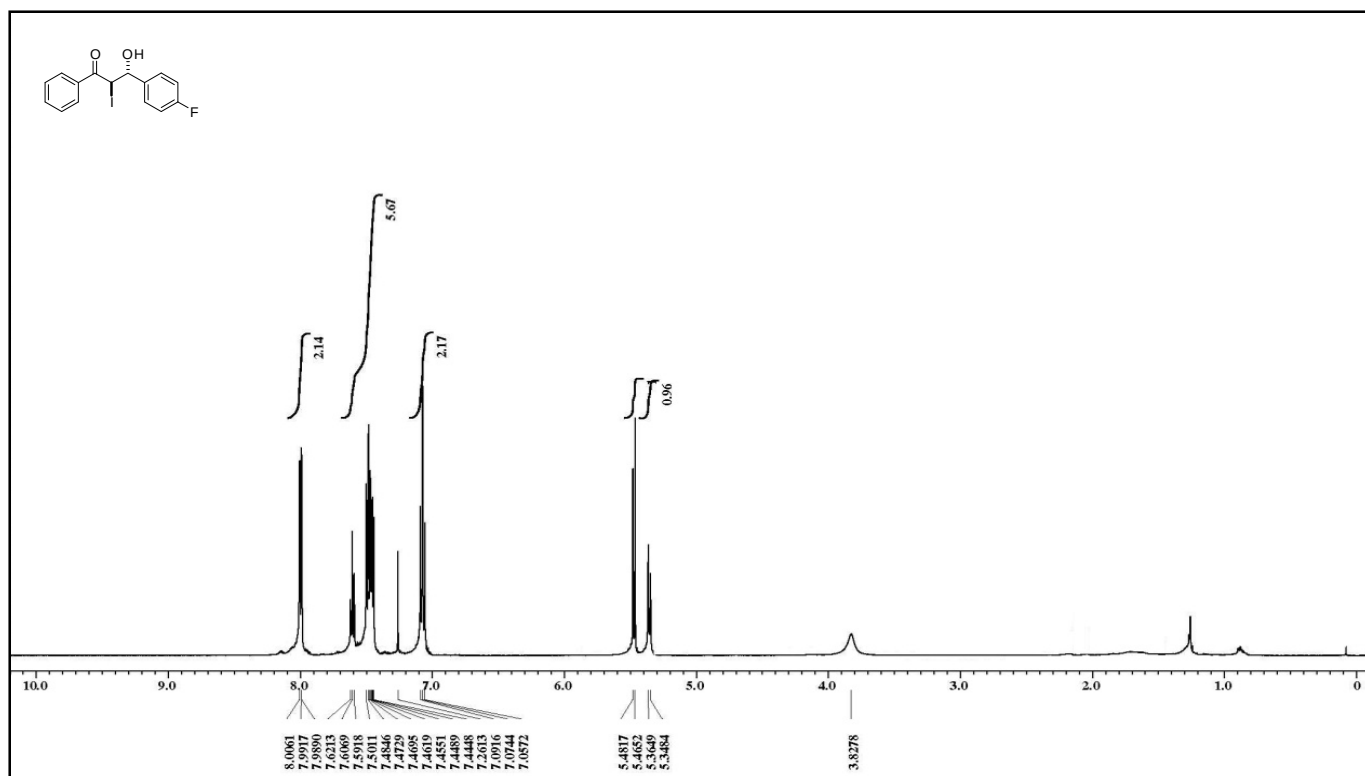


Figure S2. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-iodo-1-phenylpropan-1-one.

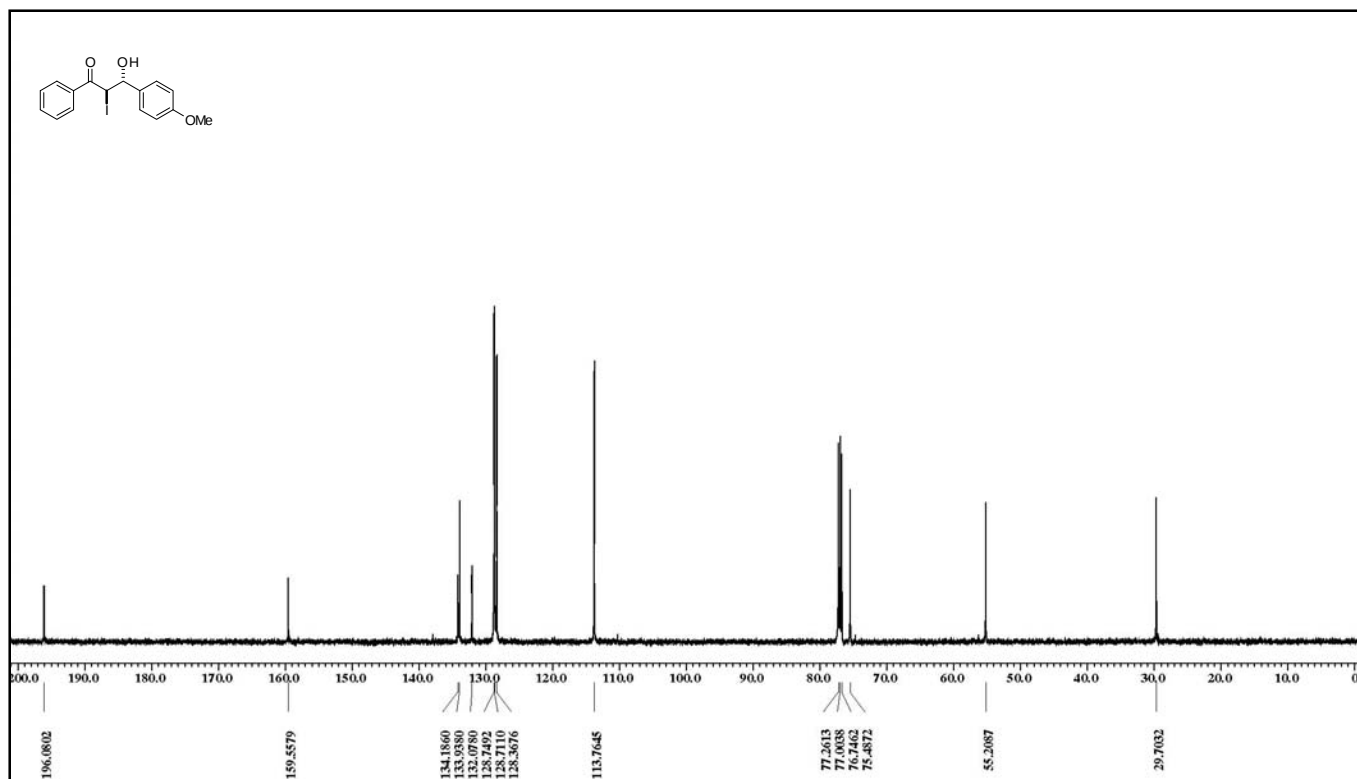
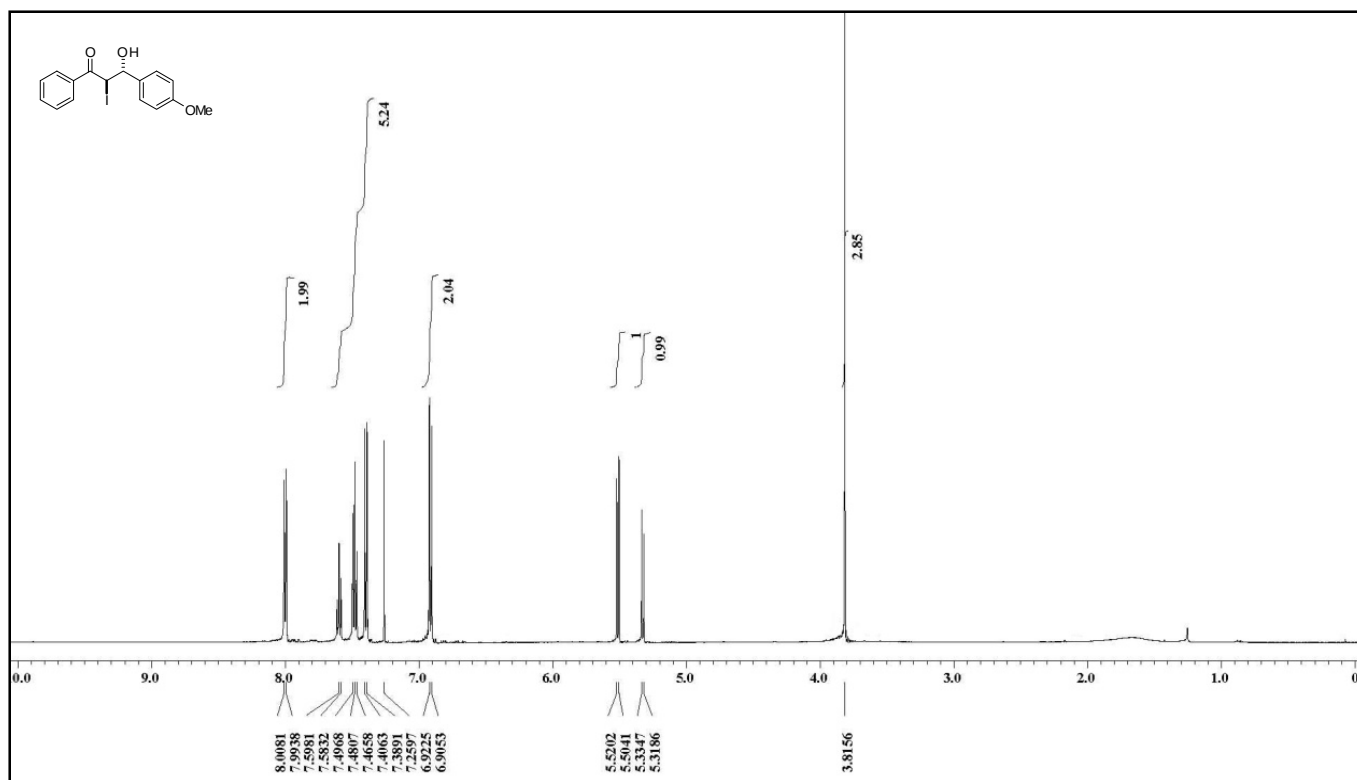


Figure S3. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3-hydroxy-2-iodo-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one.

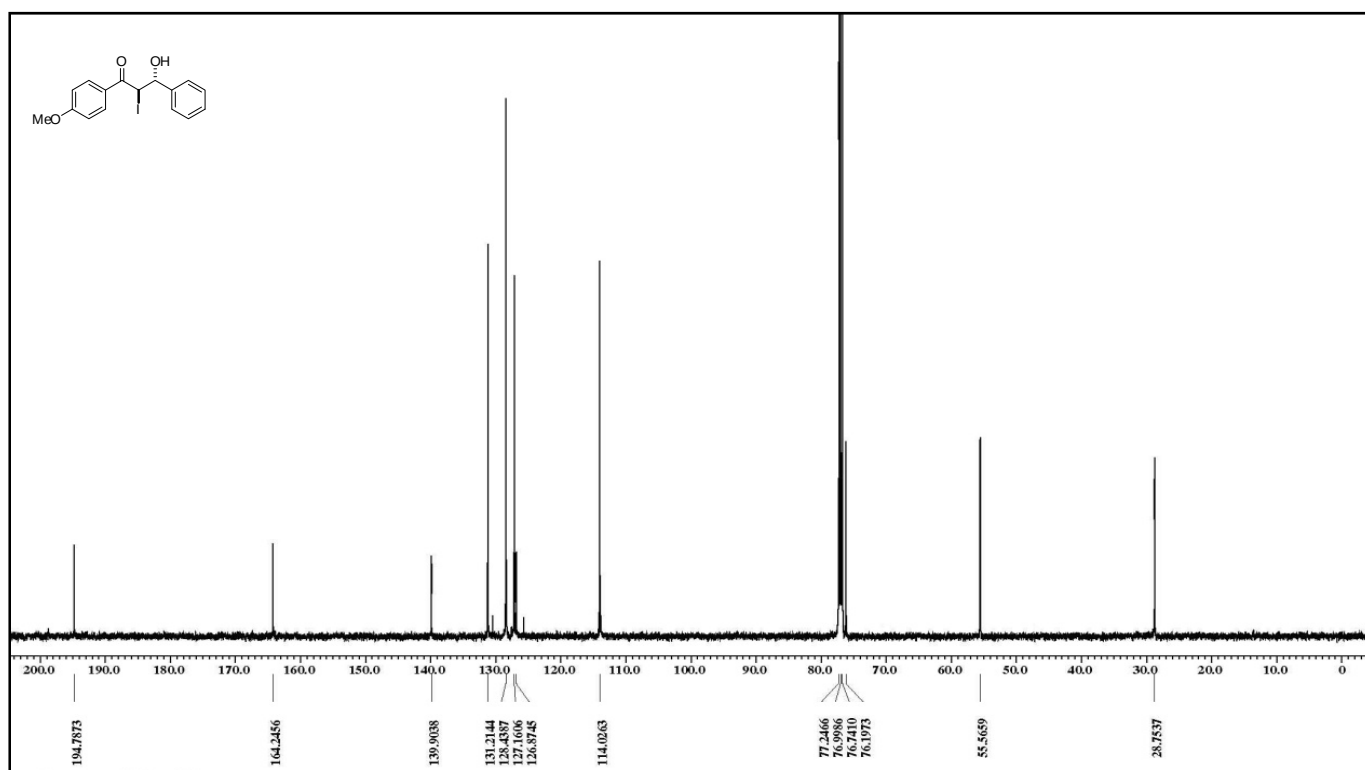
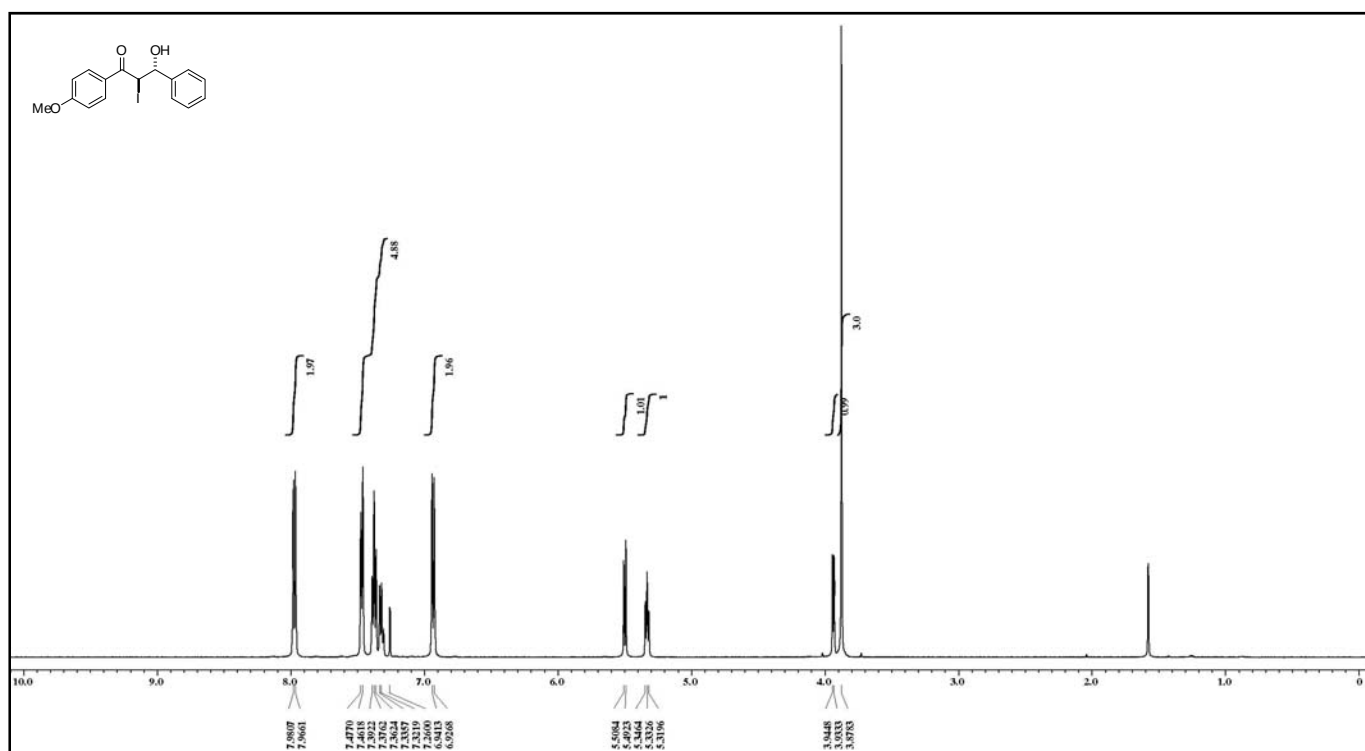


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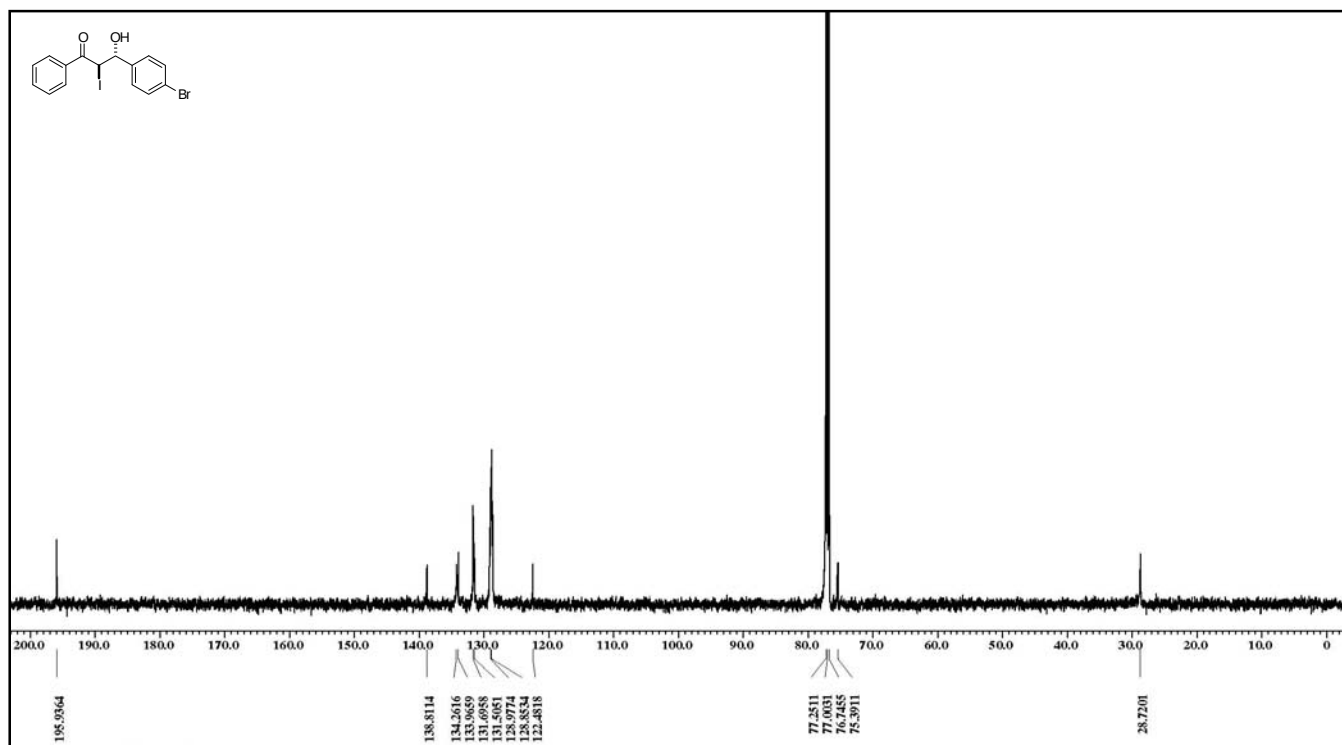
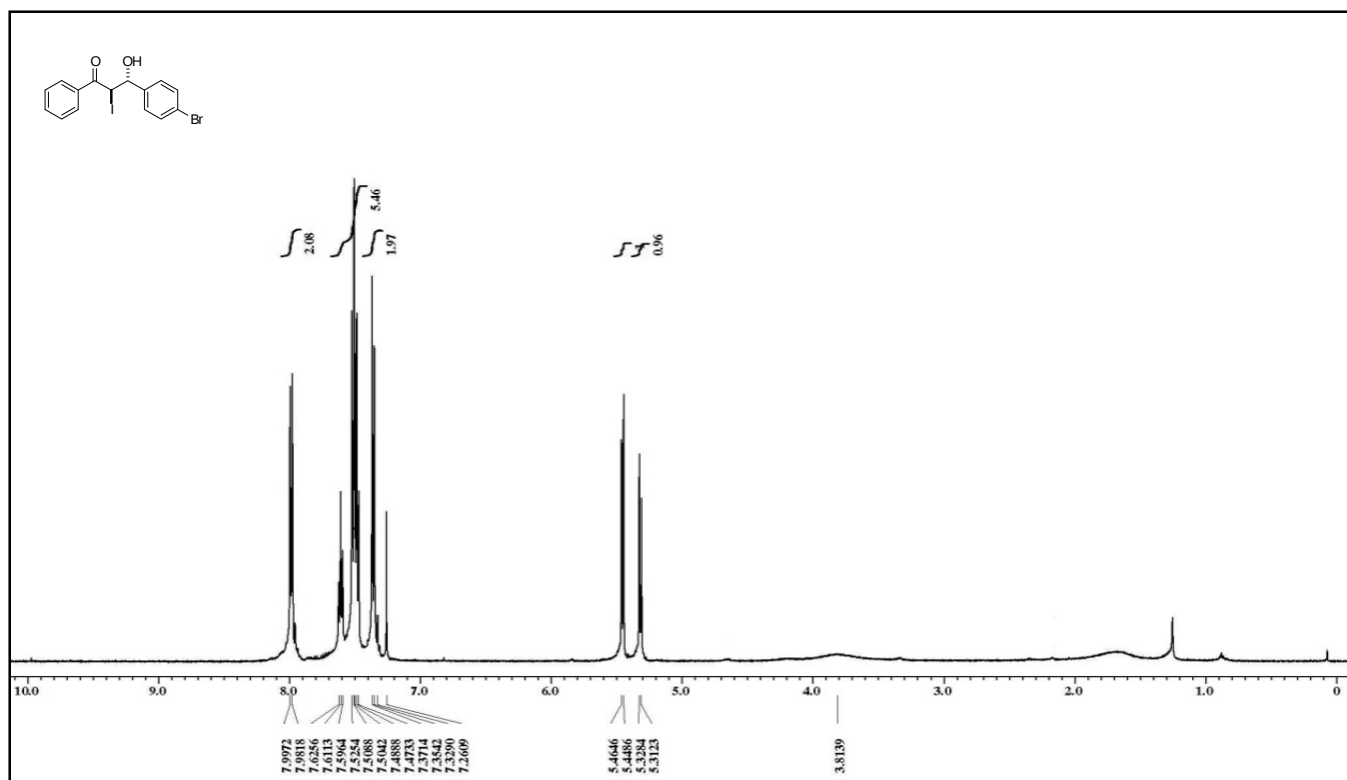


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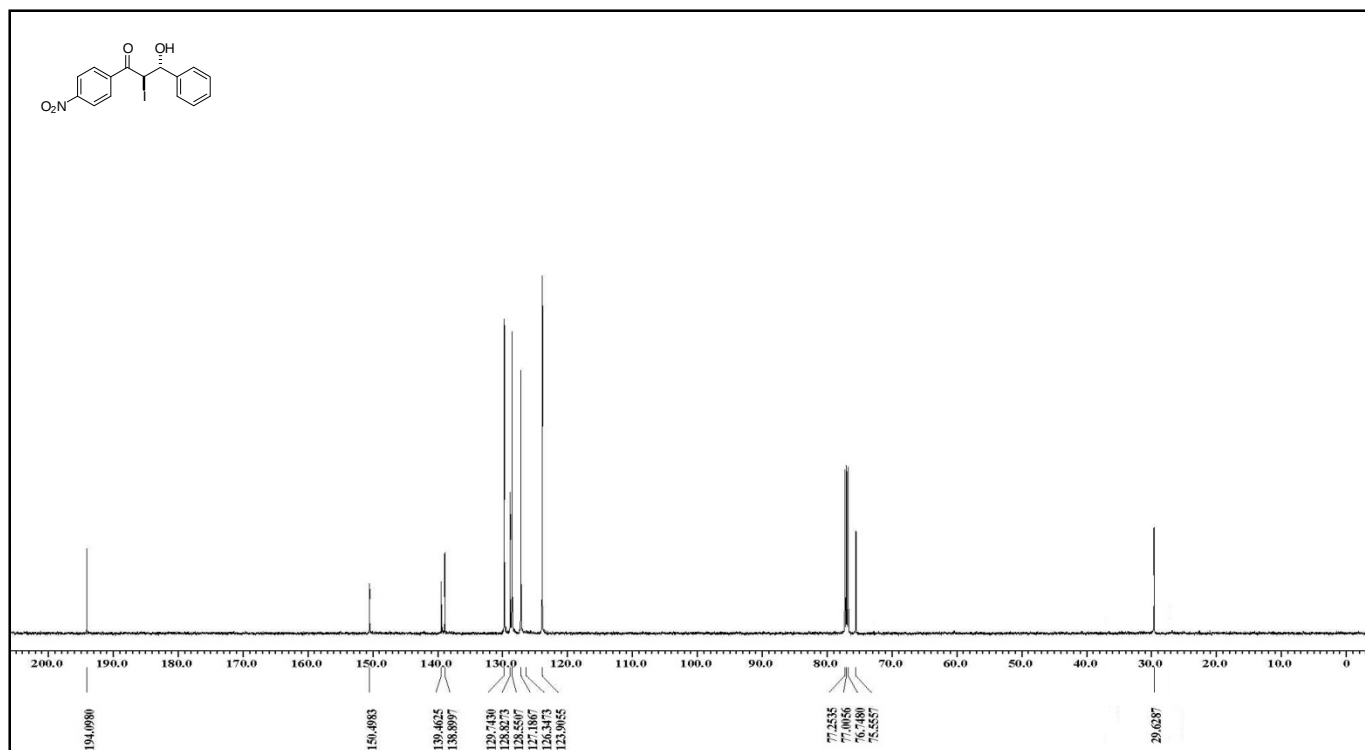
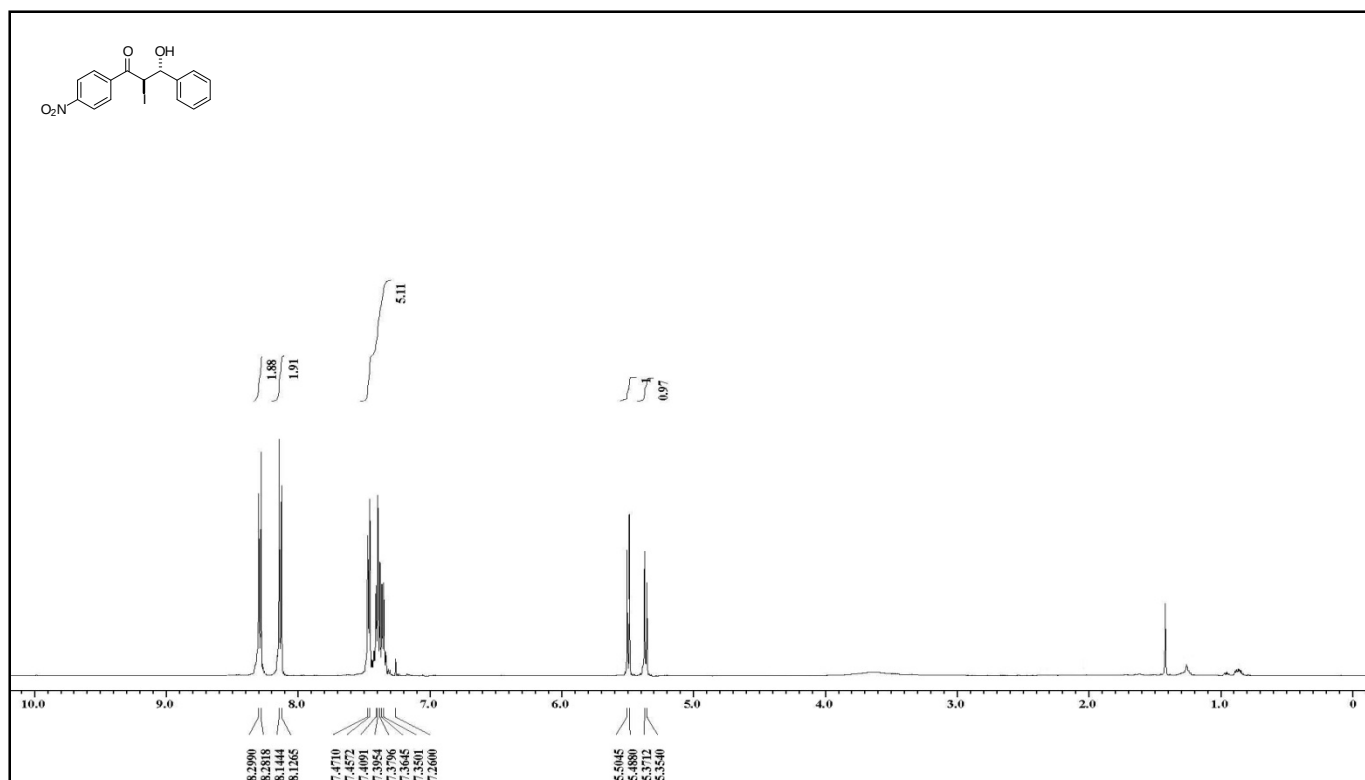


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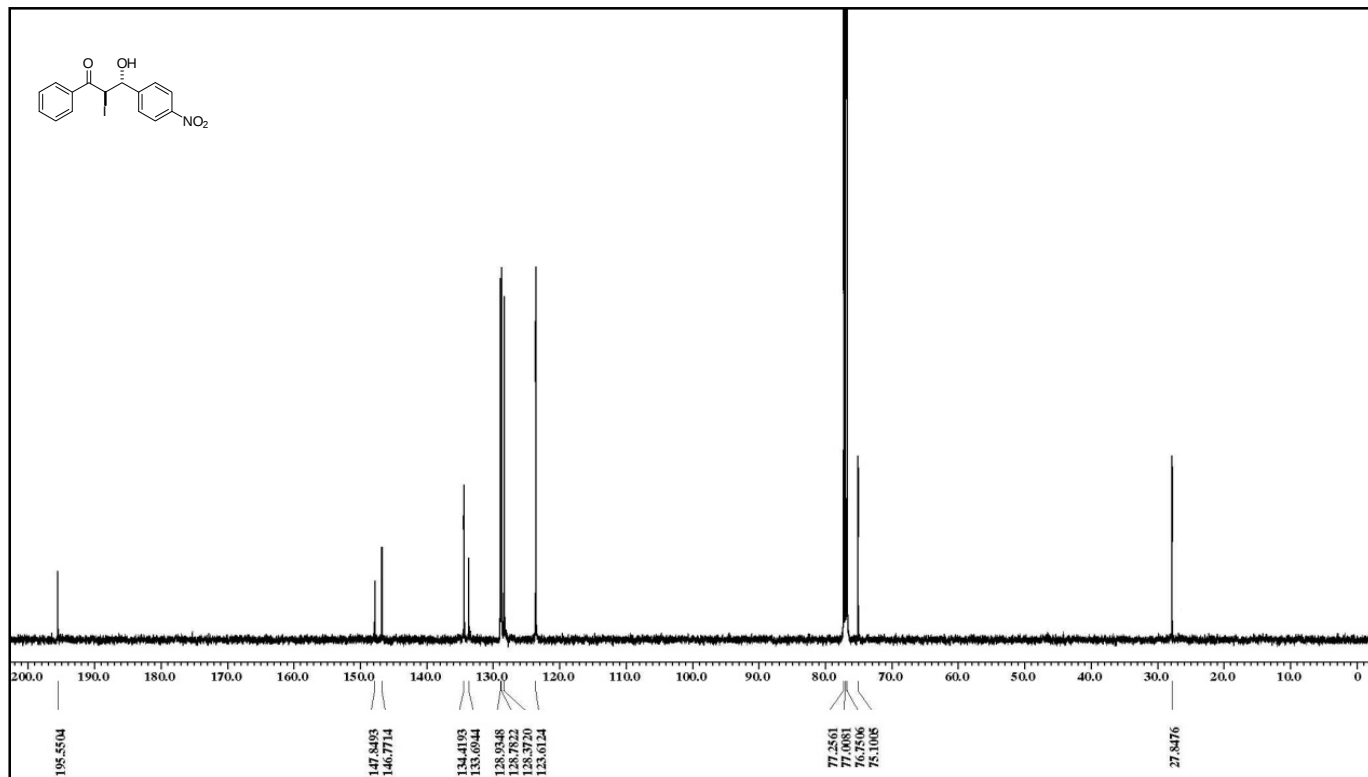
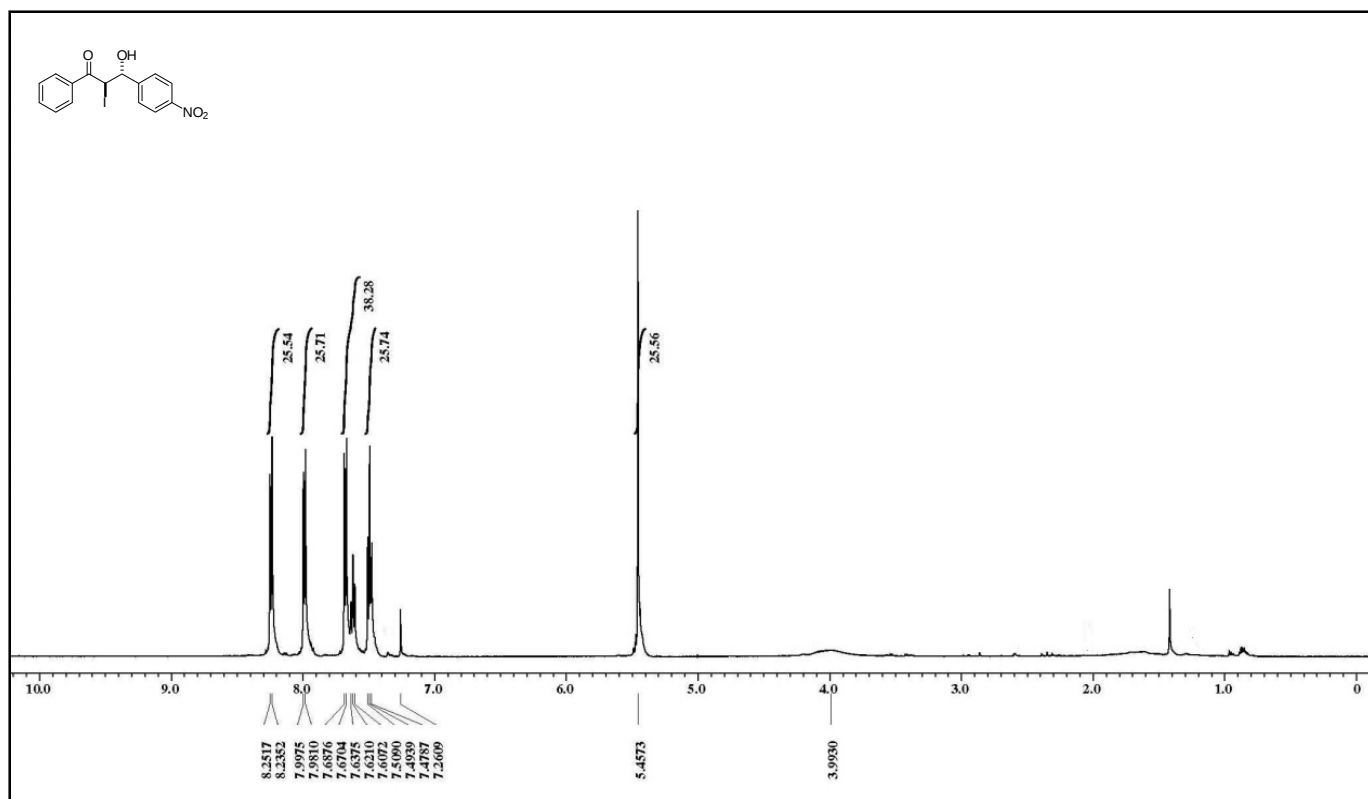


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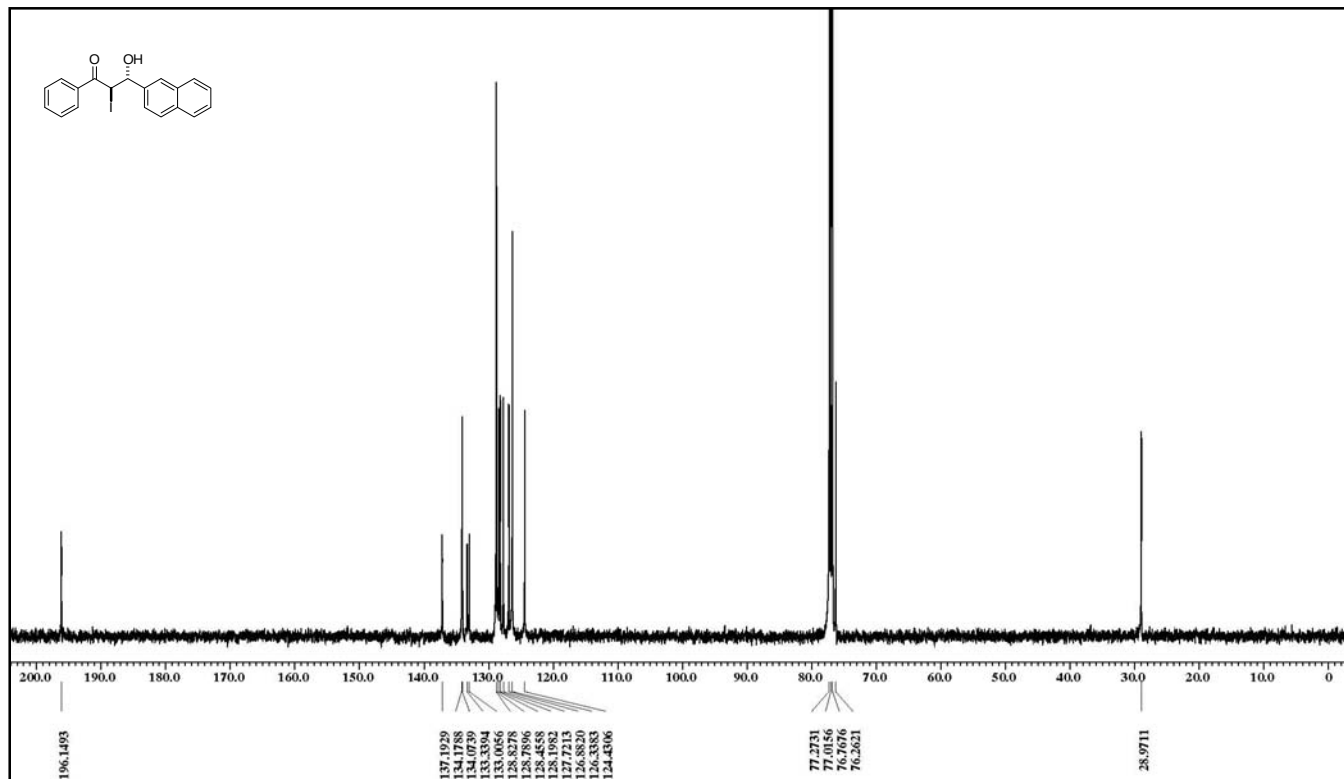
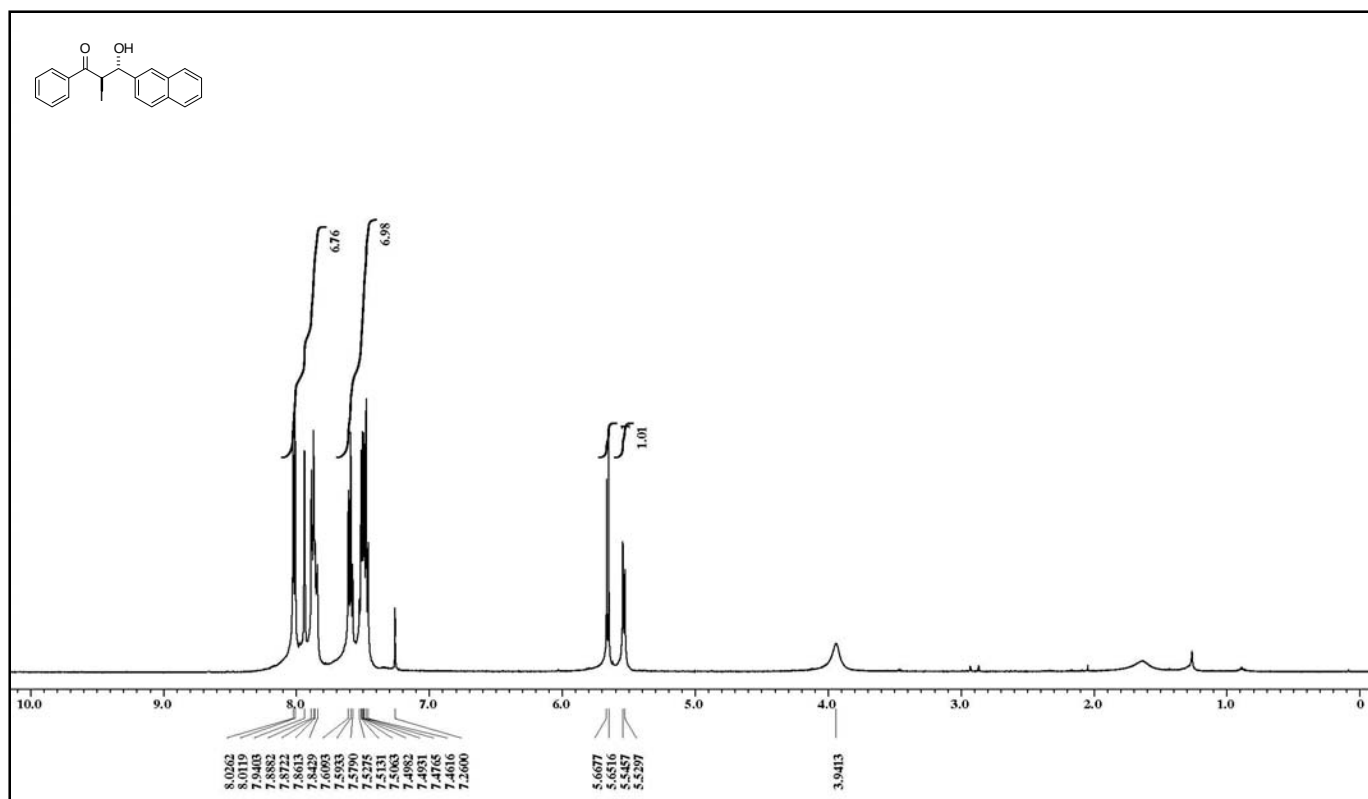


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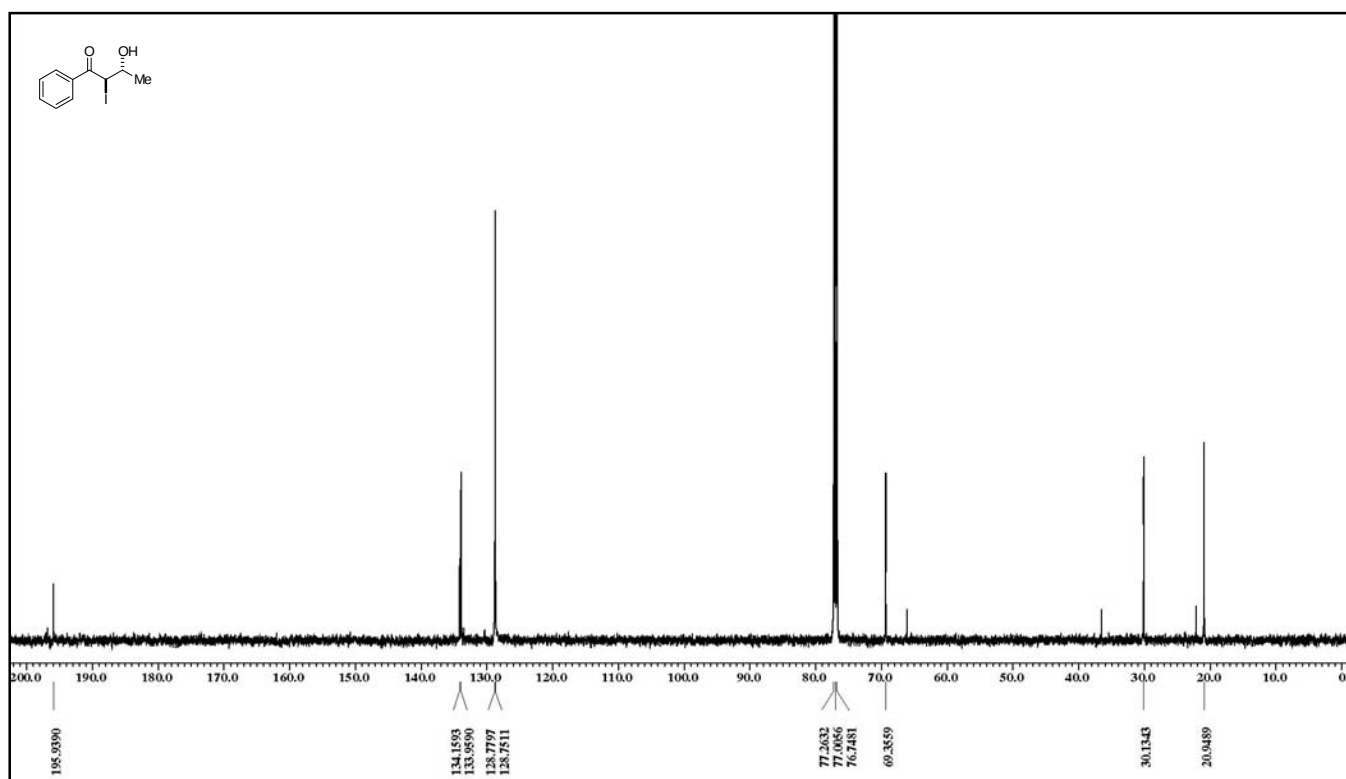
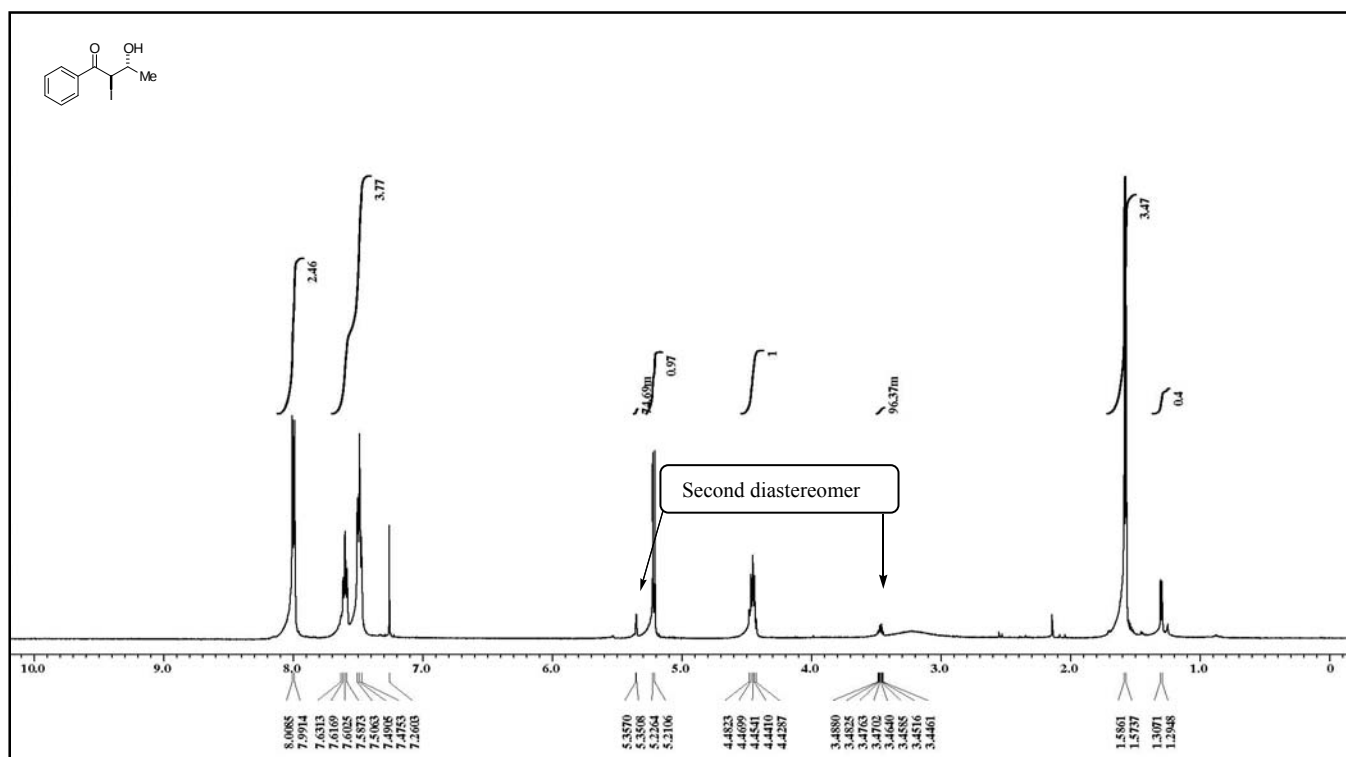


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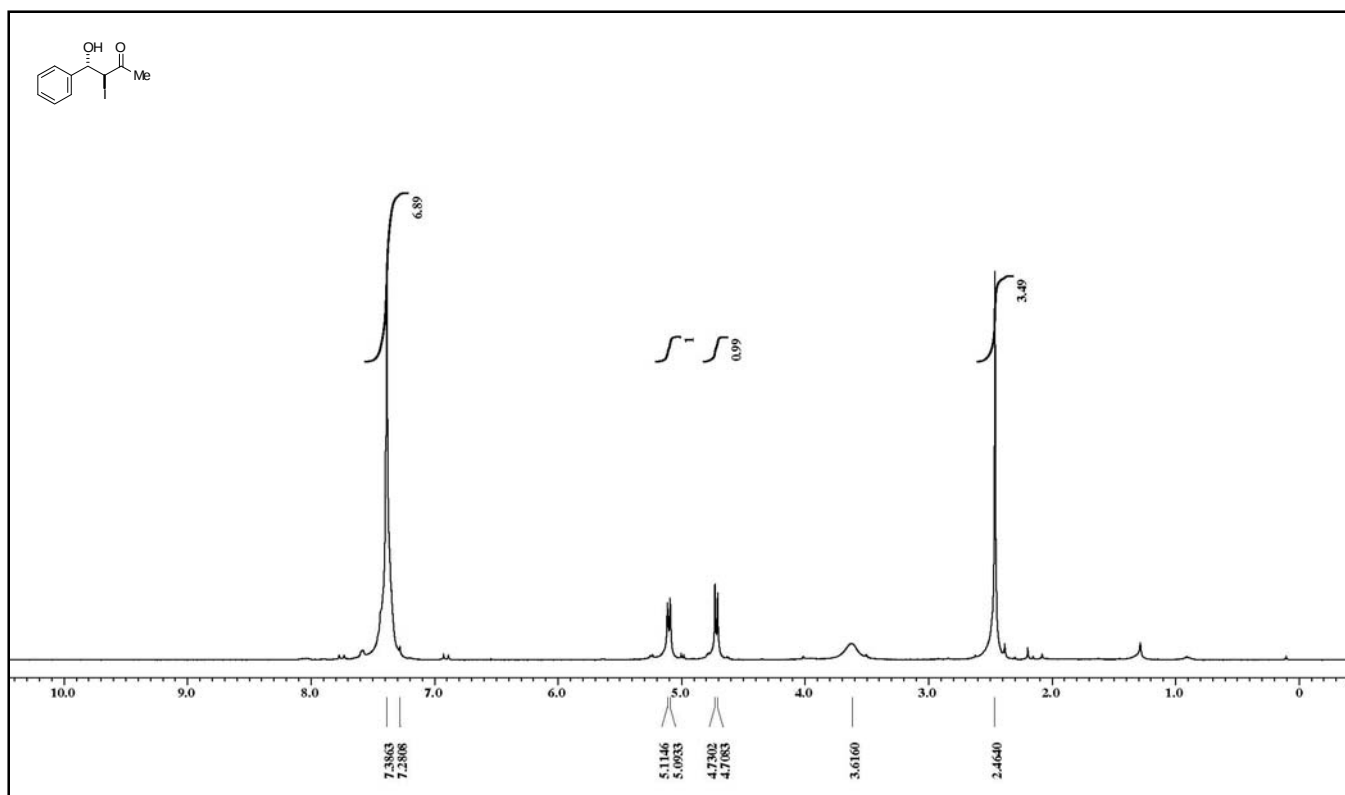


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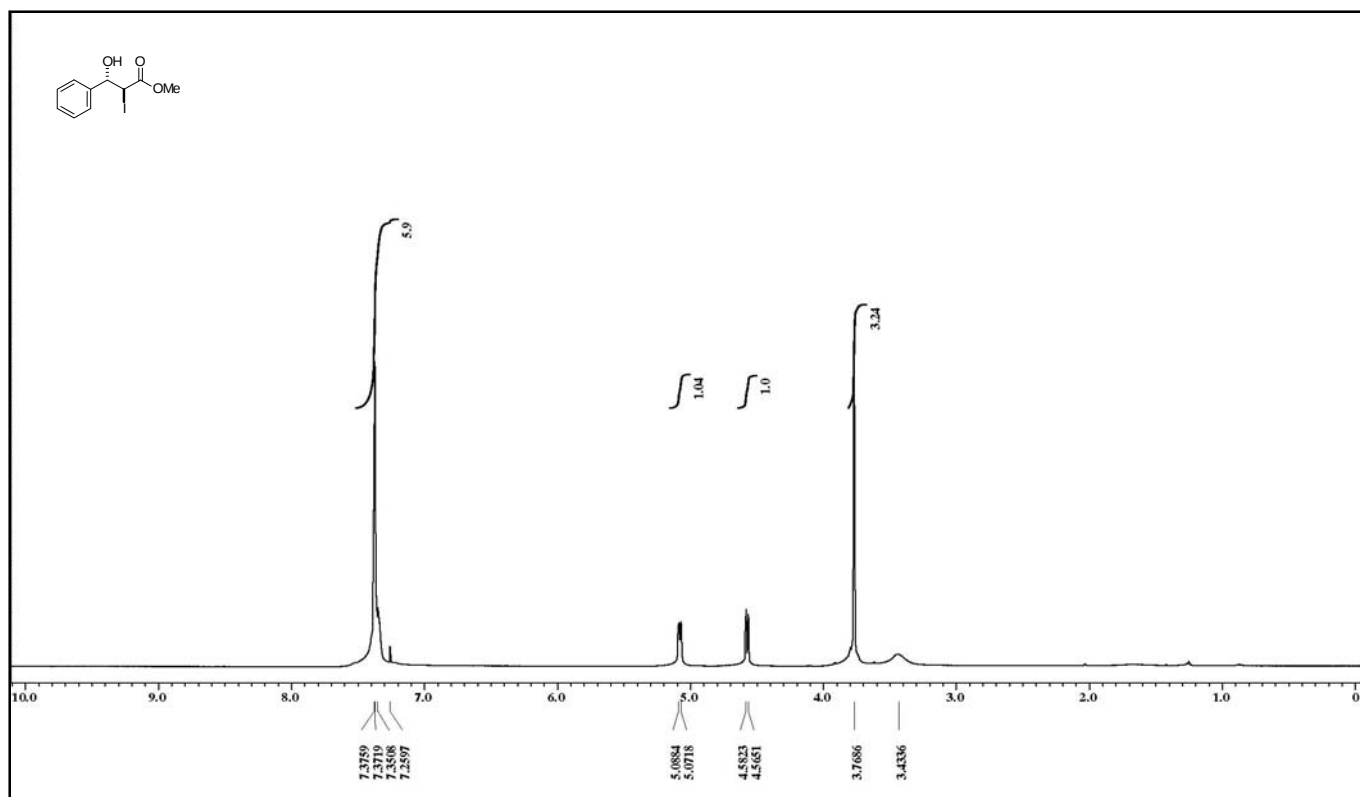


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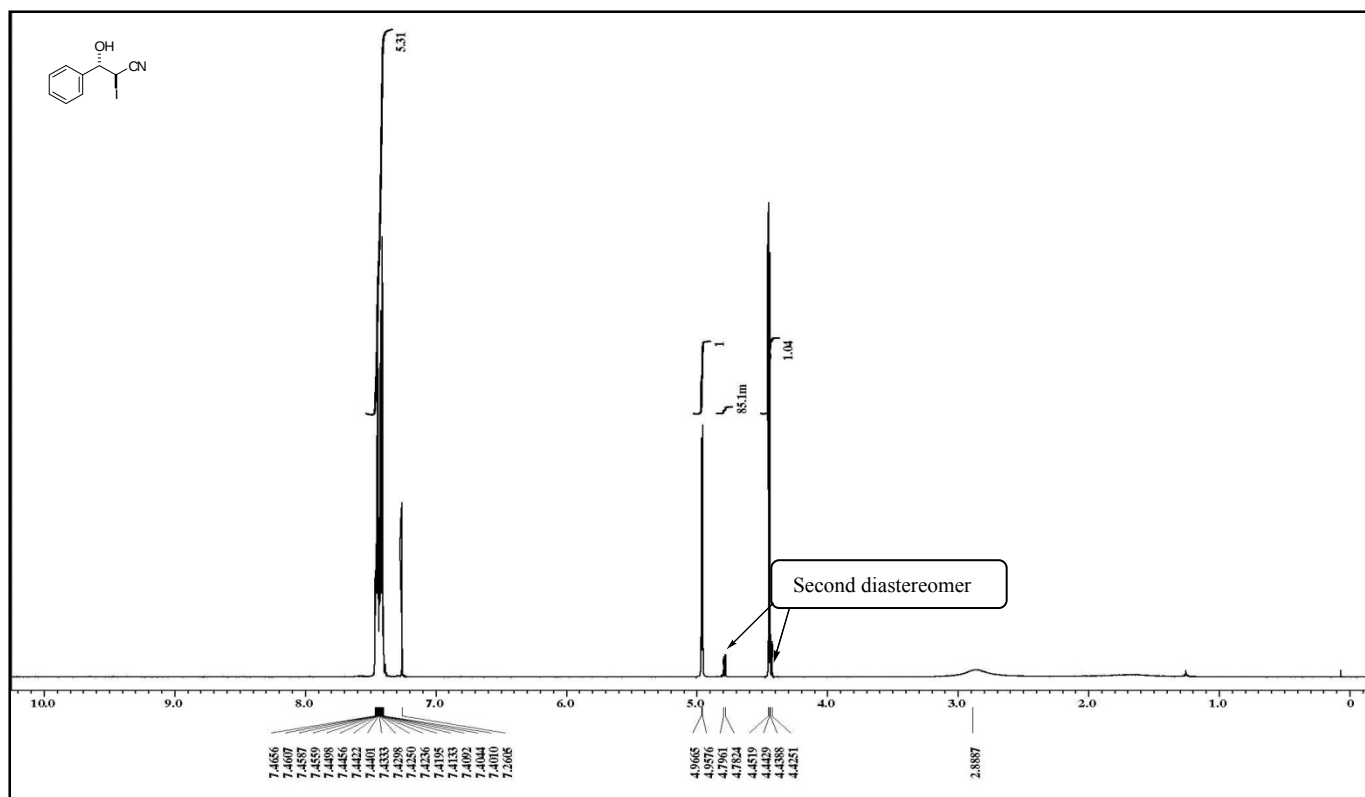


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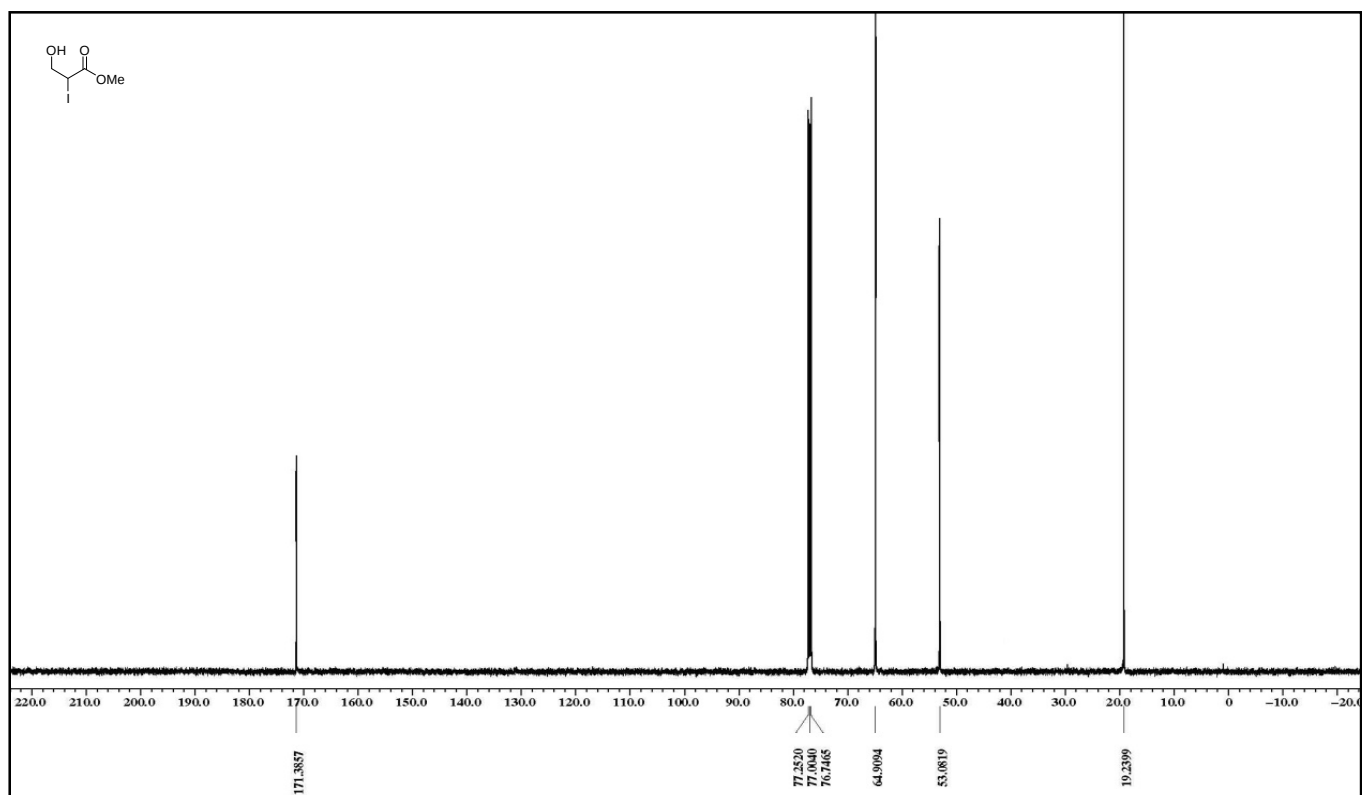
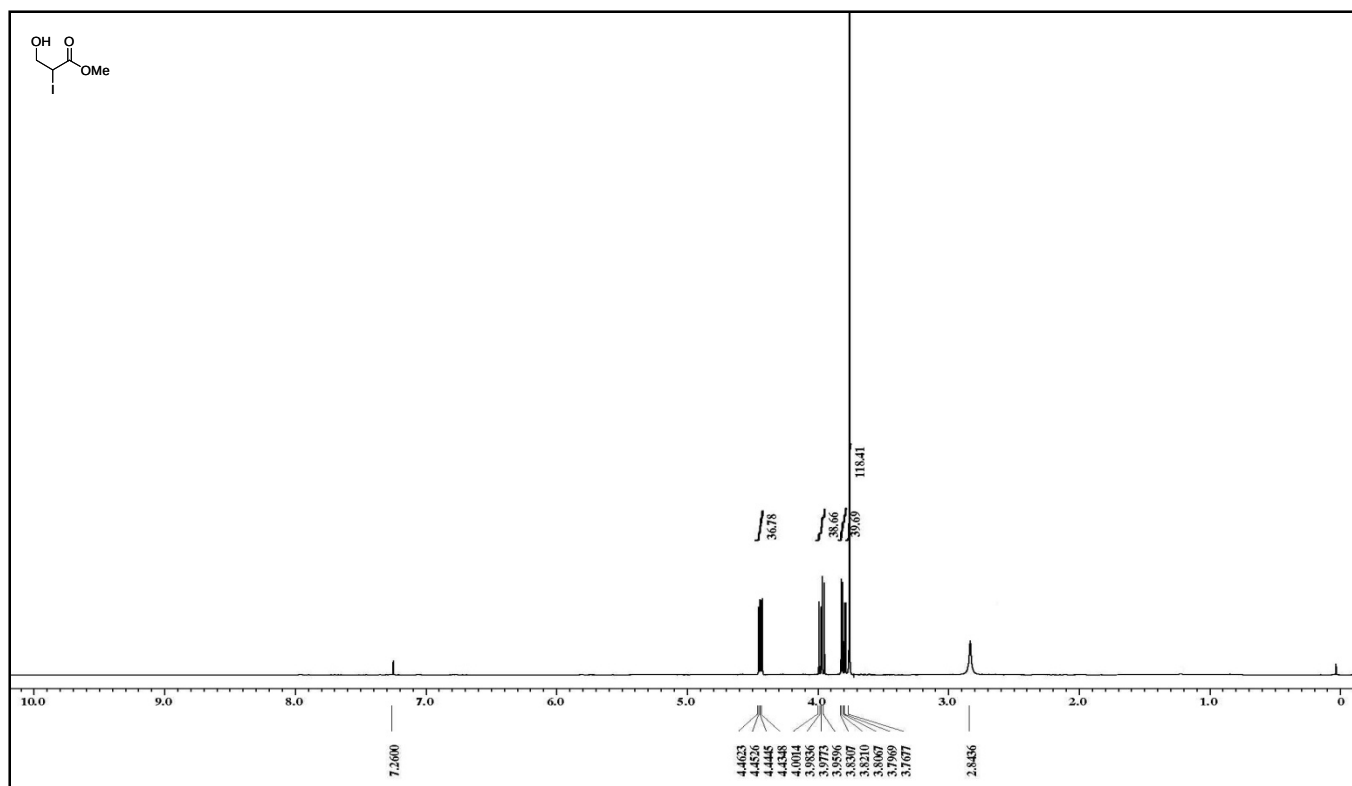


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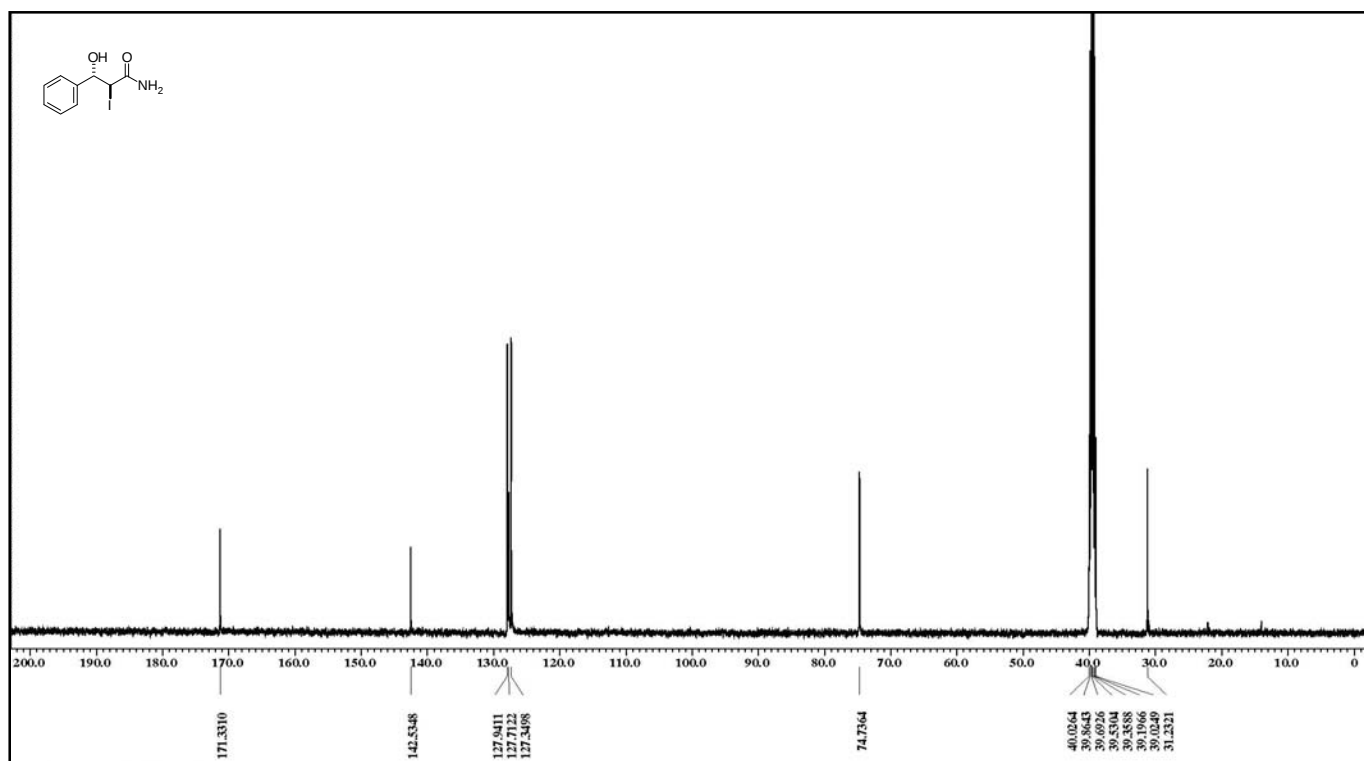
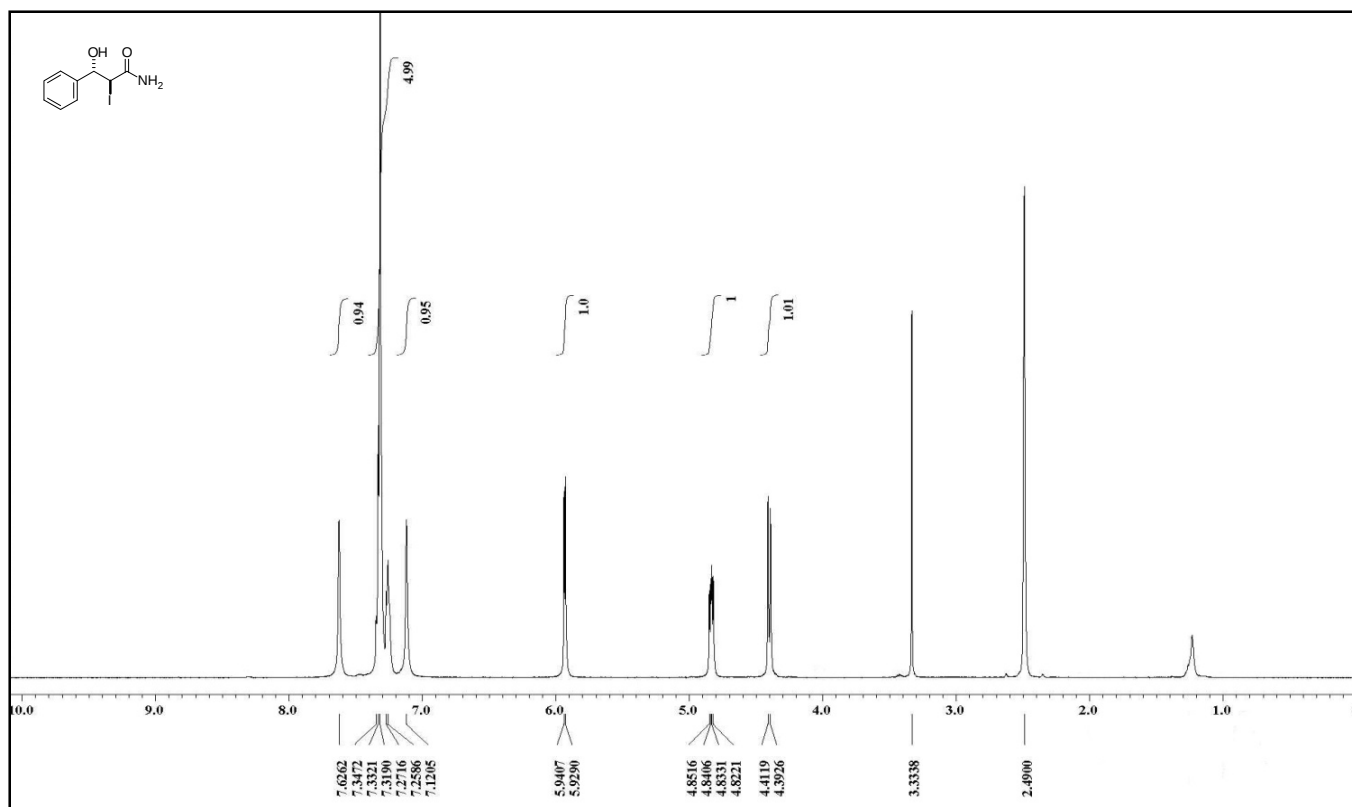


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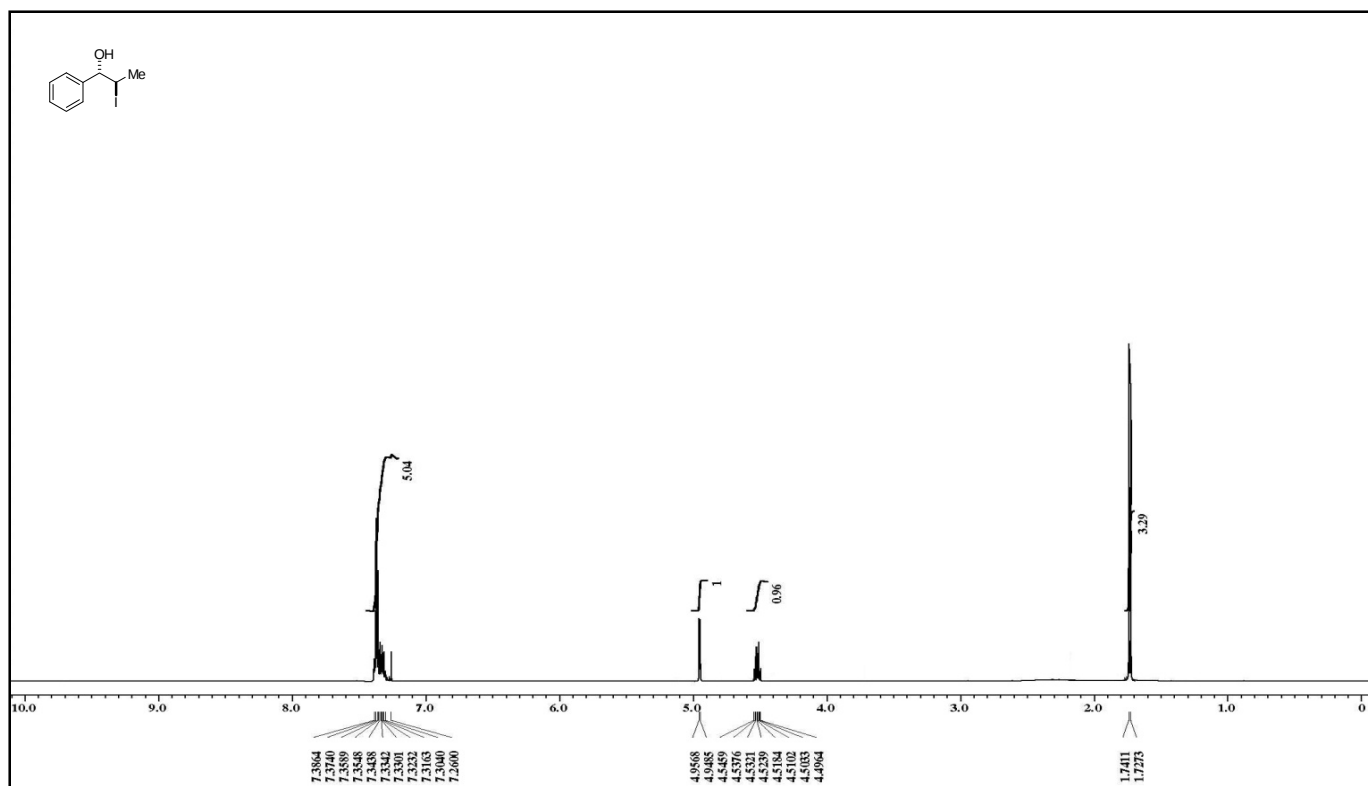


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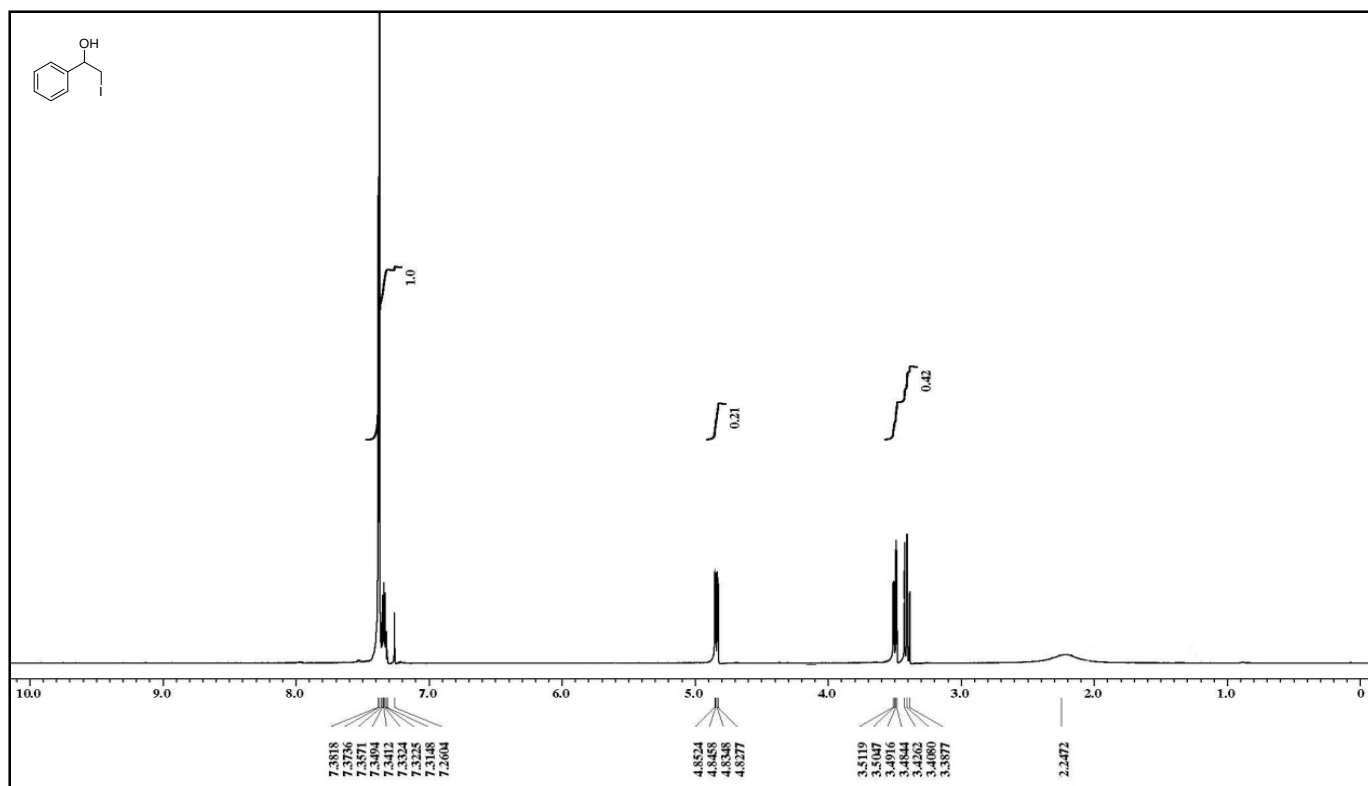


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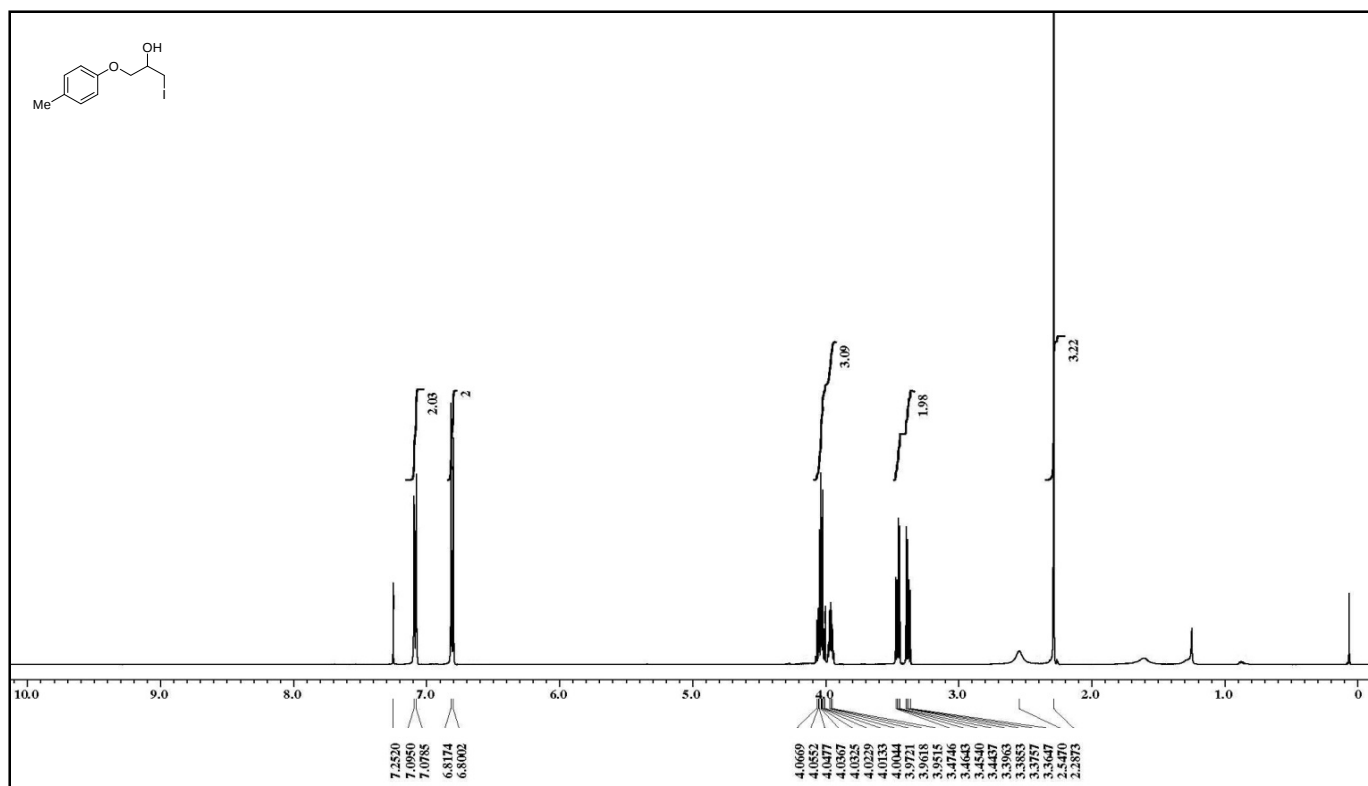


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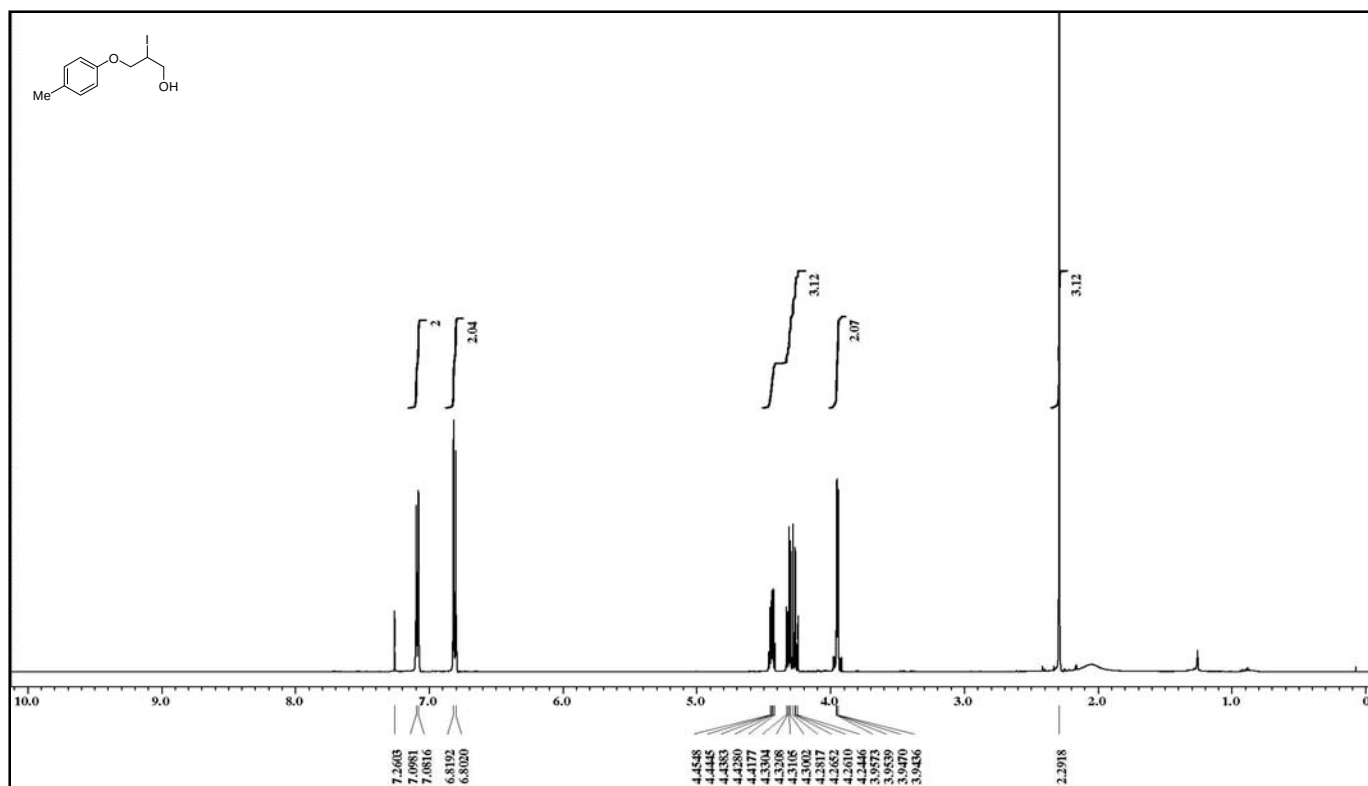


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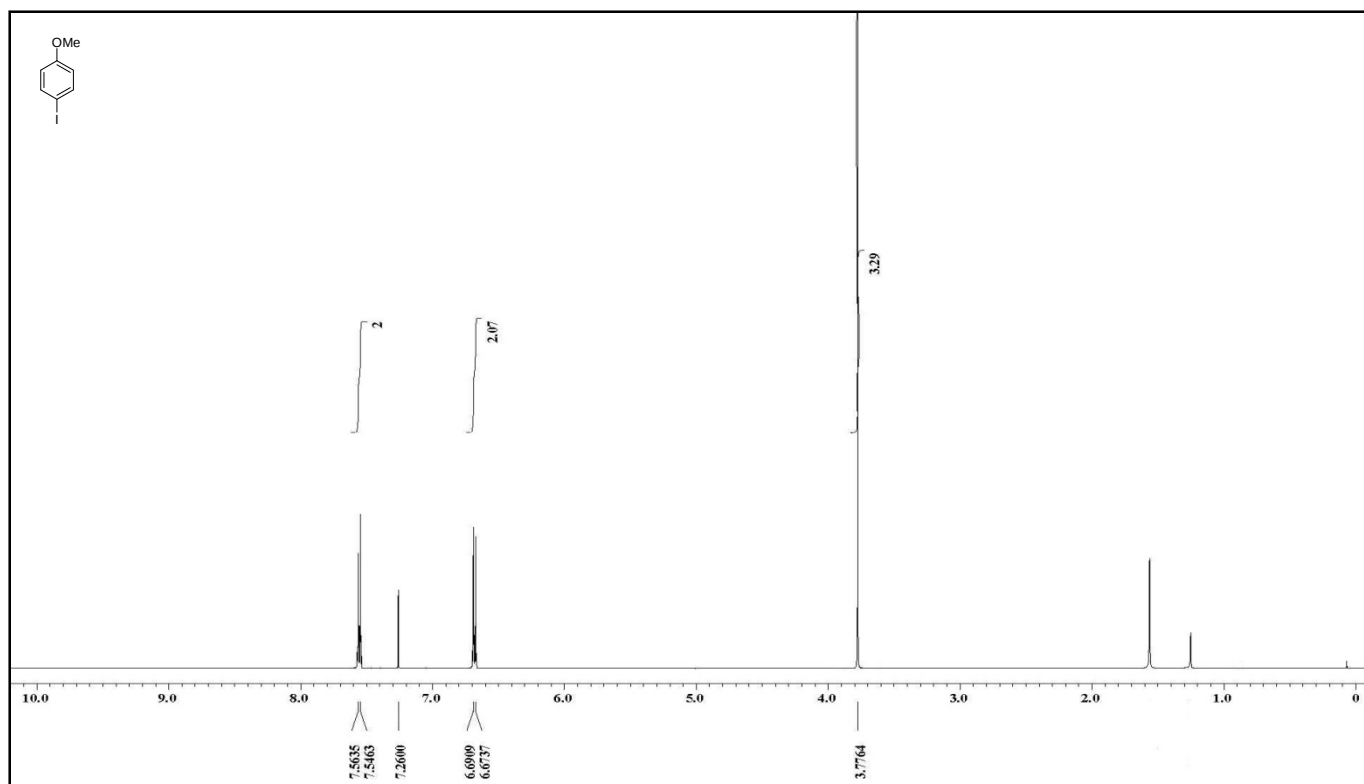


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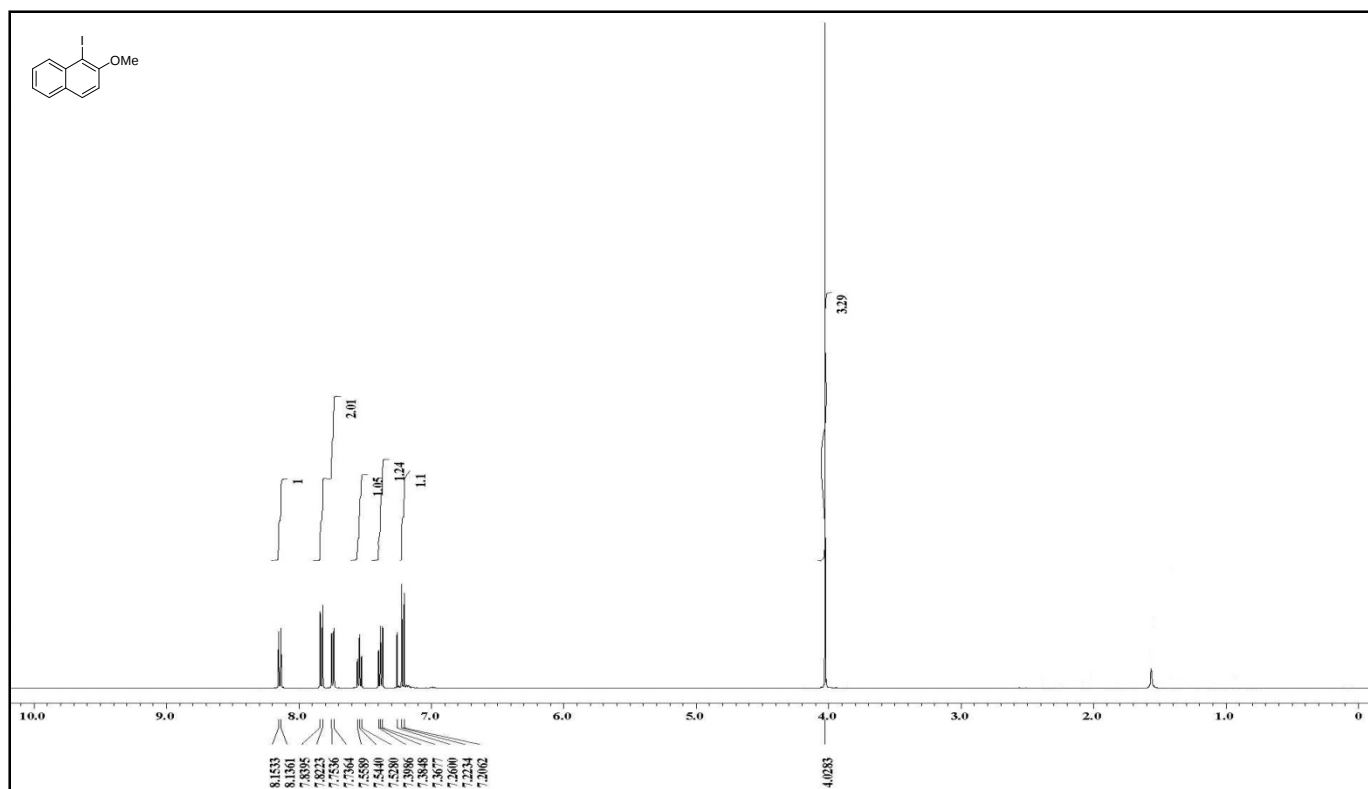


Figure S20. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-iodo-2-methoxynaphthalene.

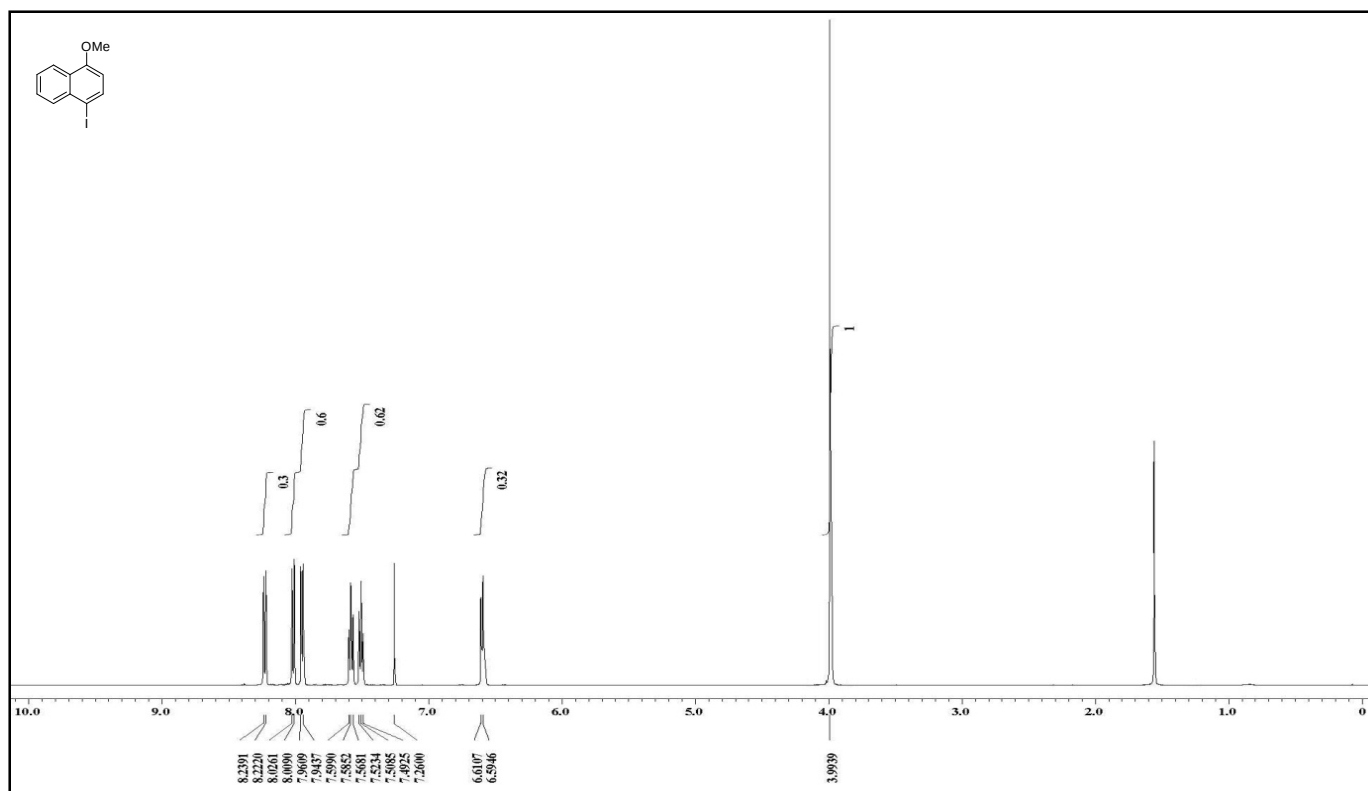


Figure S21. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-iodo-1-methoxynaphthalene.

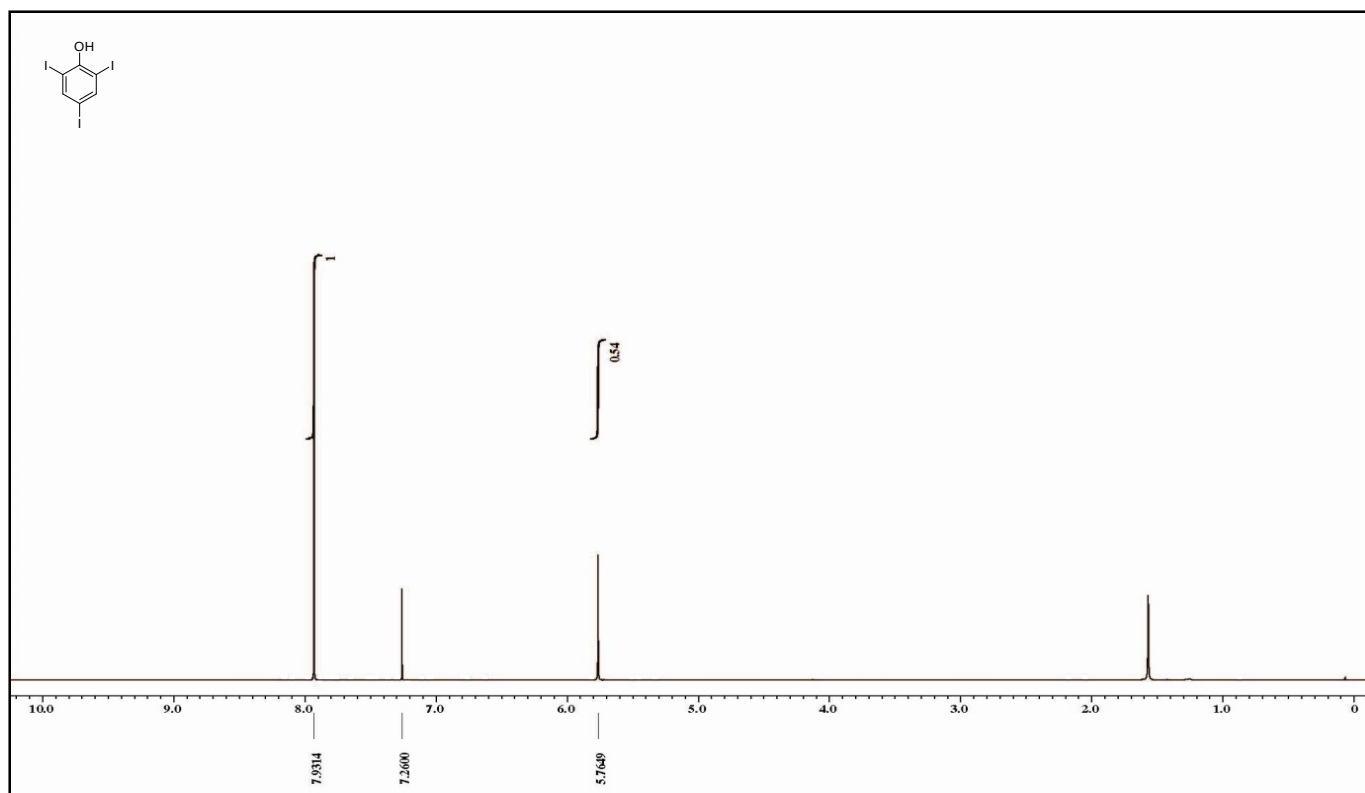


Figure S22. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2,4,6-triodophenol.

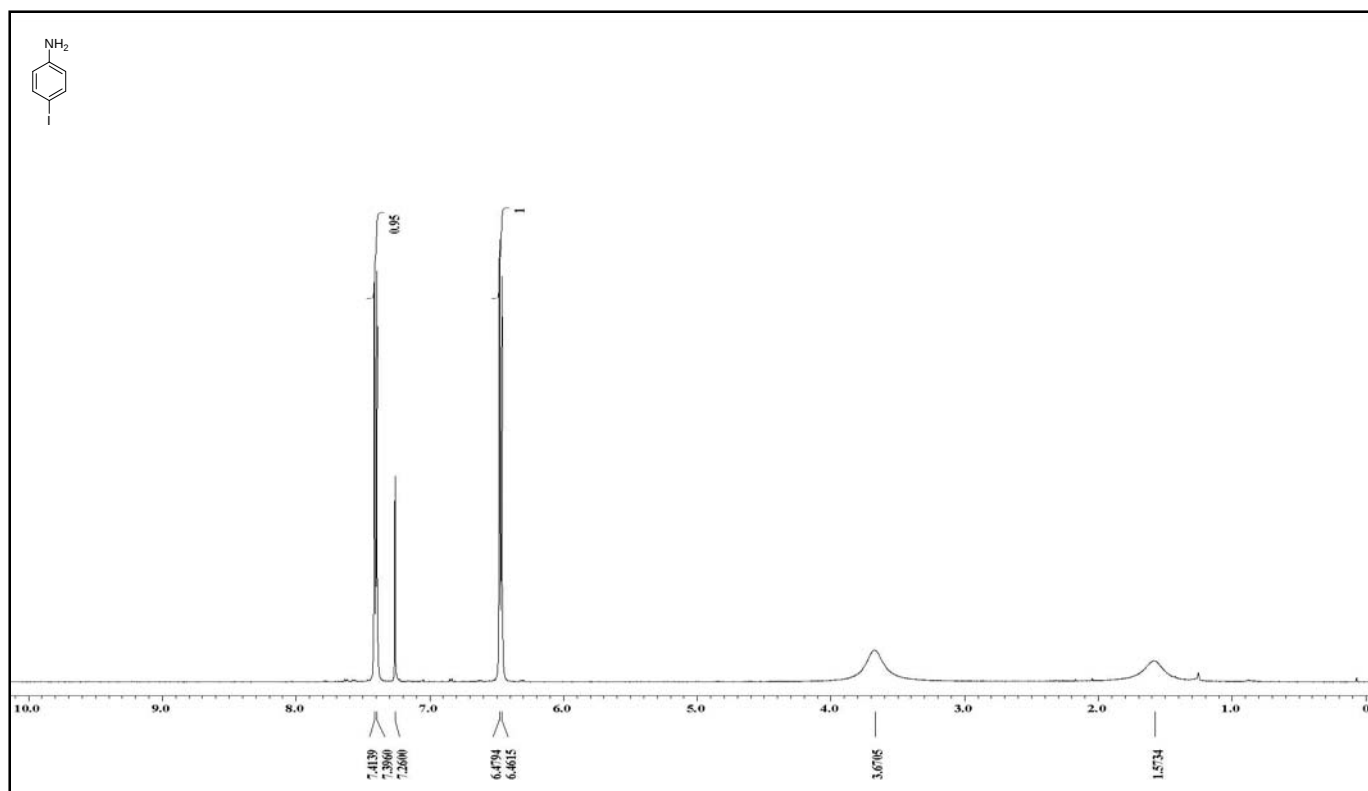


Figure S23. ¹H NMR spectrum of *p*-iodoaniline.

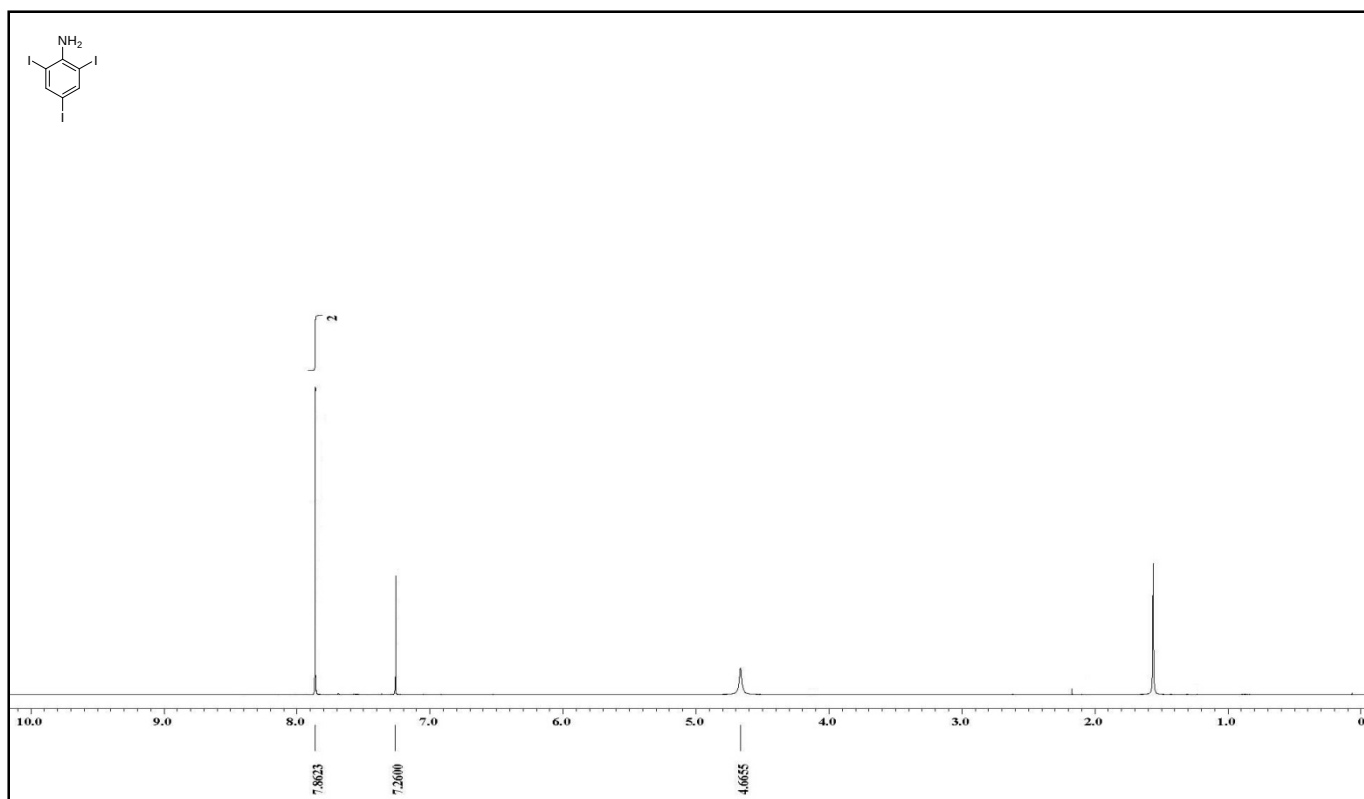


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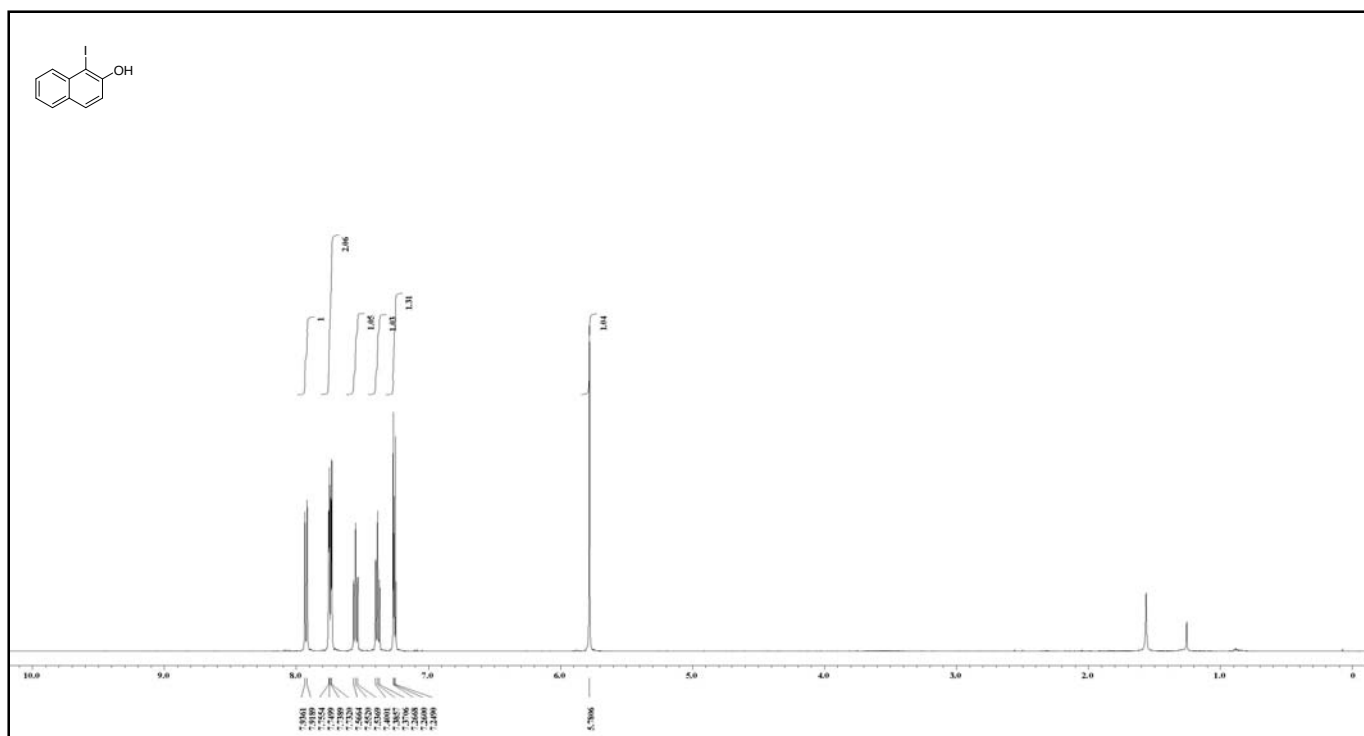


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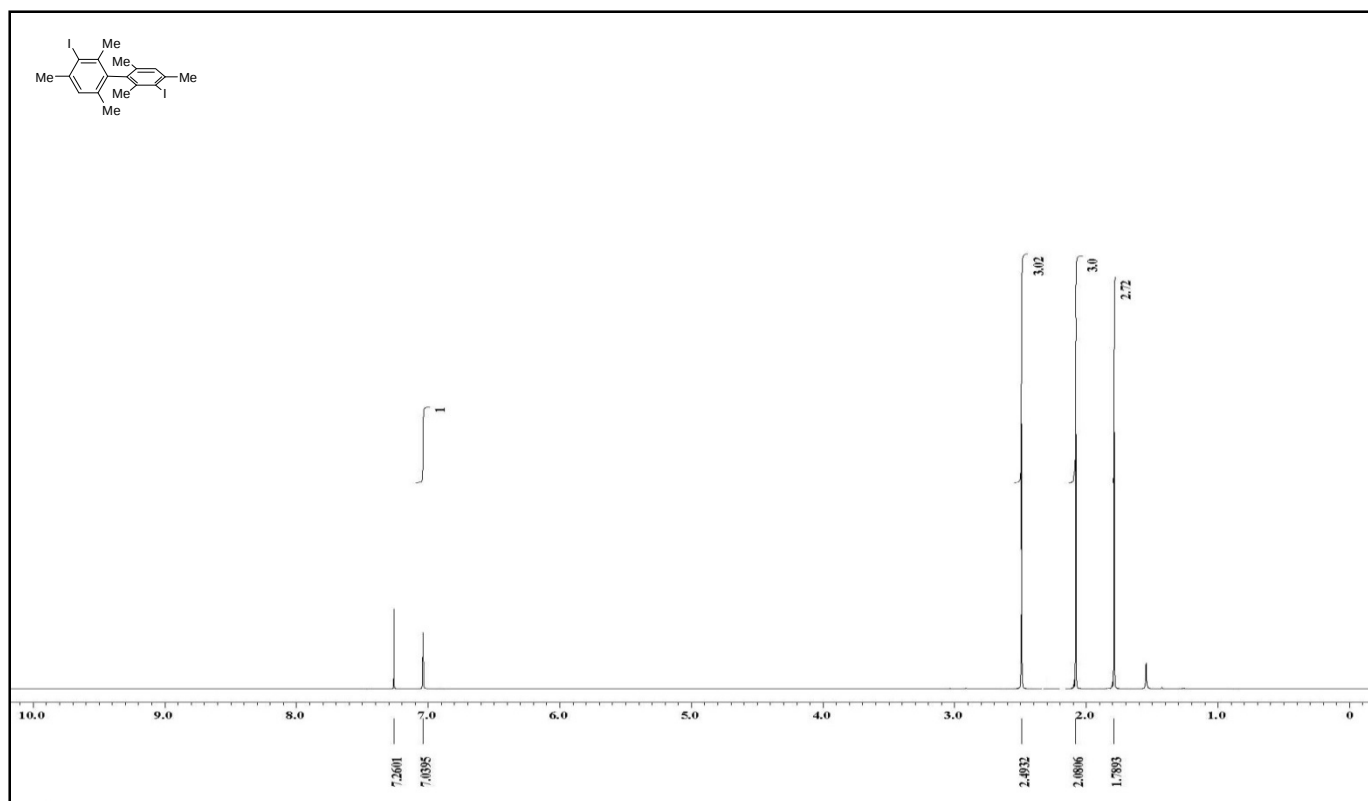


Figure S26. ¹H NMR spectrum of 3,3'-diiodobimesityl.

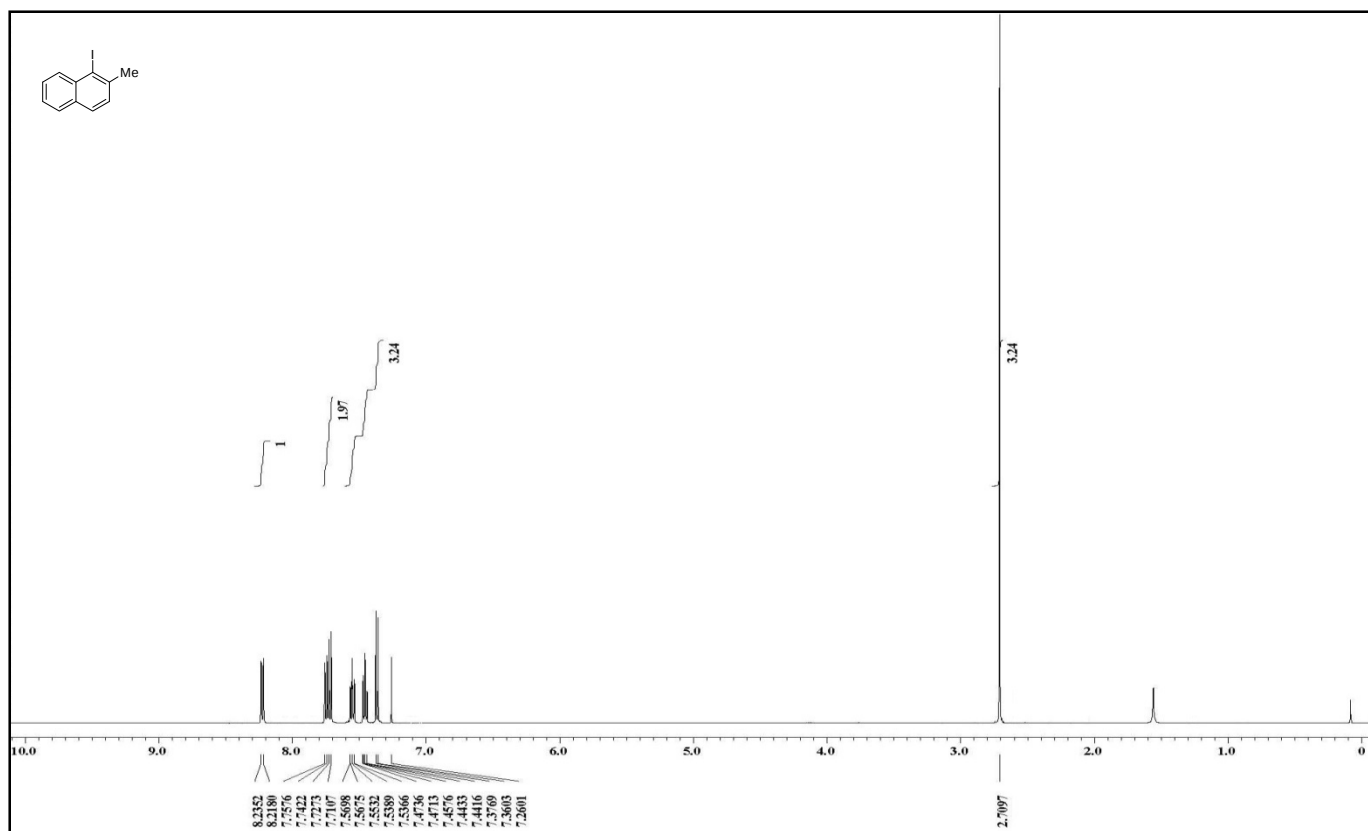


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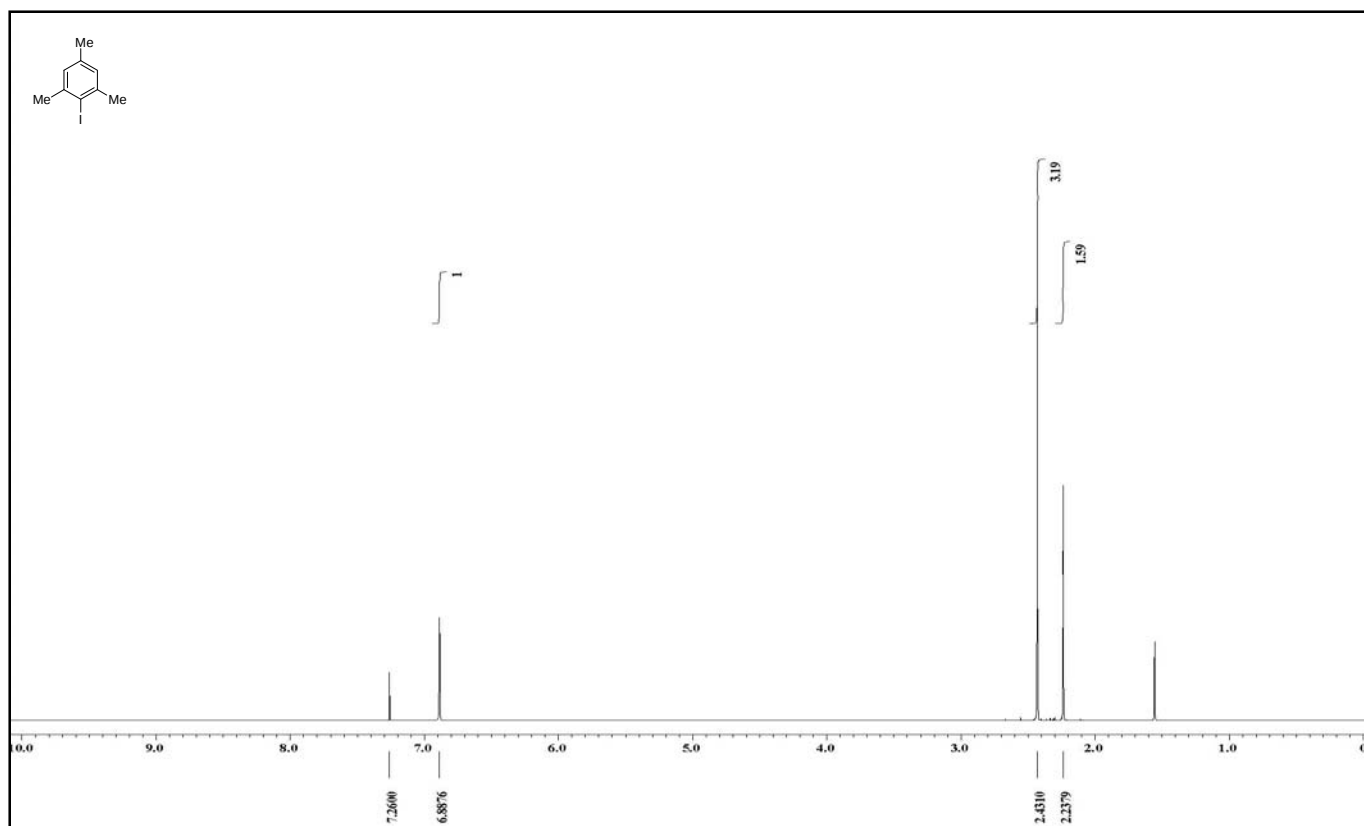


Figure S28. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-iodo-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene.

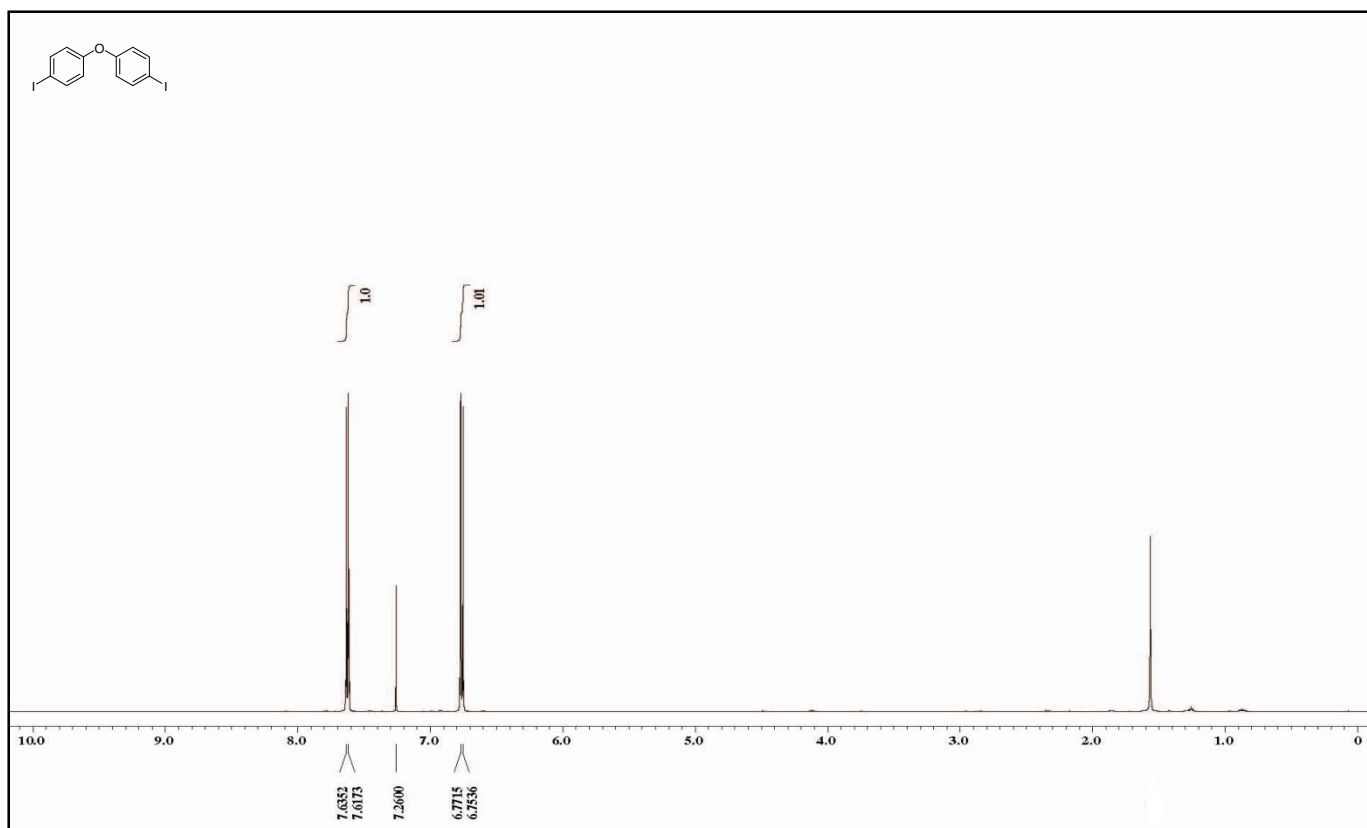


Figure S29. ^1H NMR spectrum of 4,4'-diiododiphenyl ether.

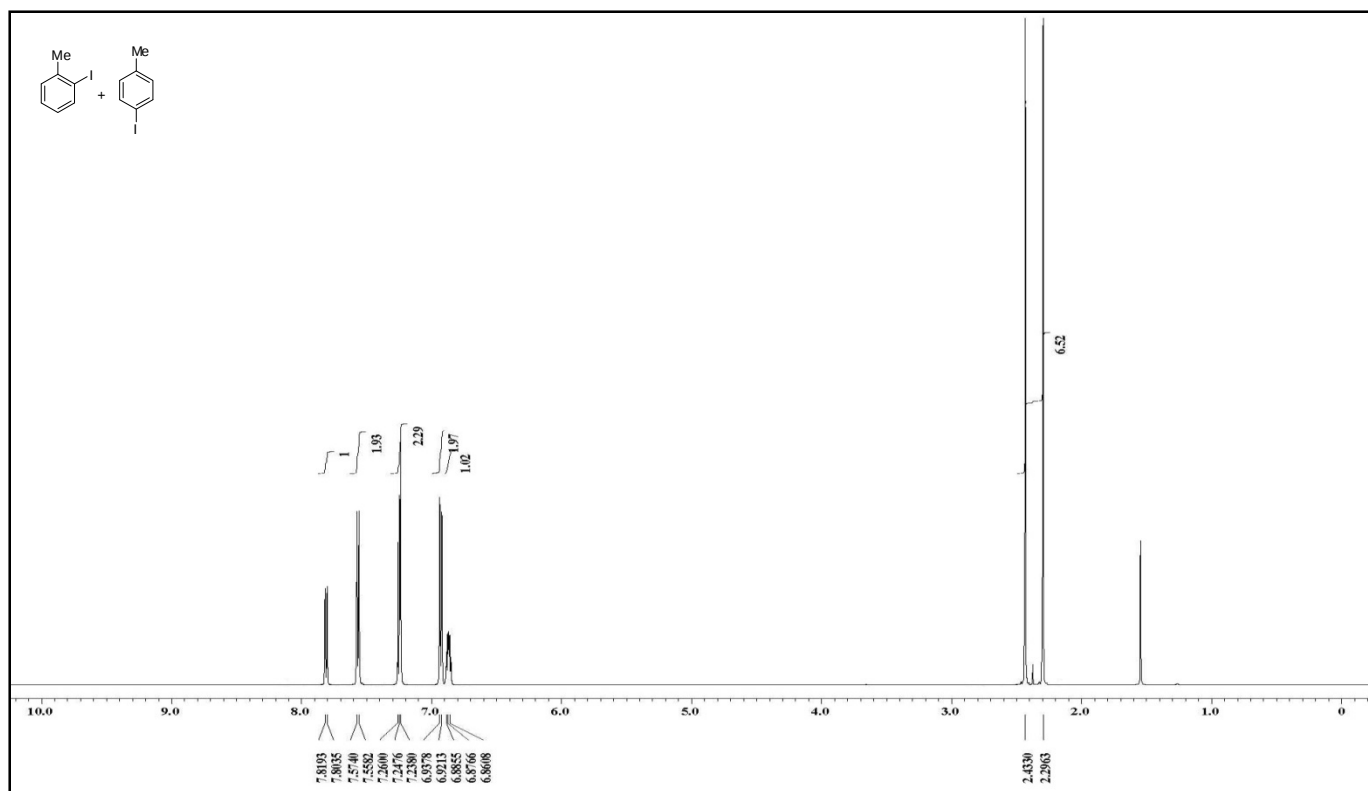


Figure S30. ^1H NMR spectrum of *o*- and *p*-iodotoluene (inseparable mixture).

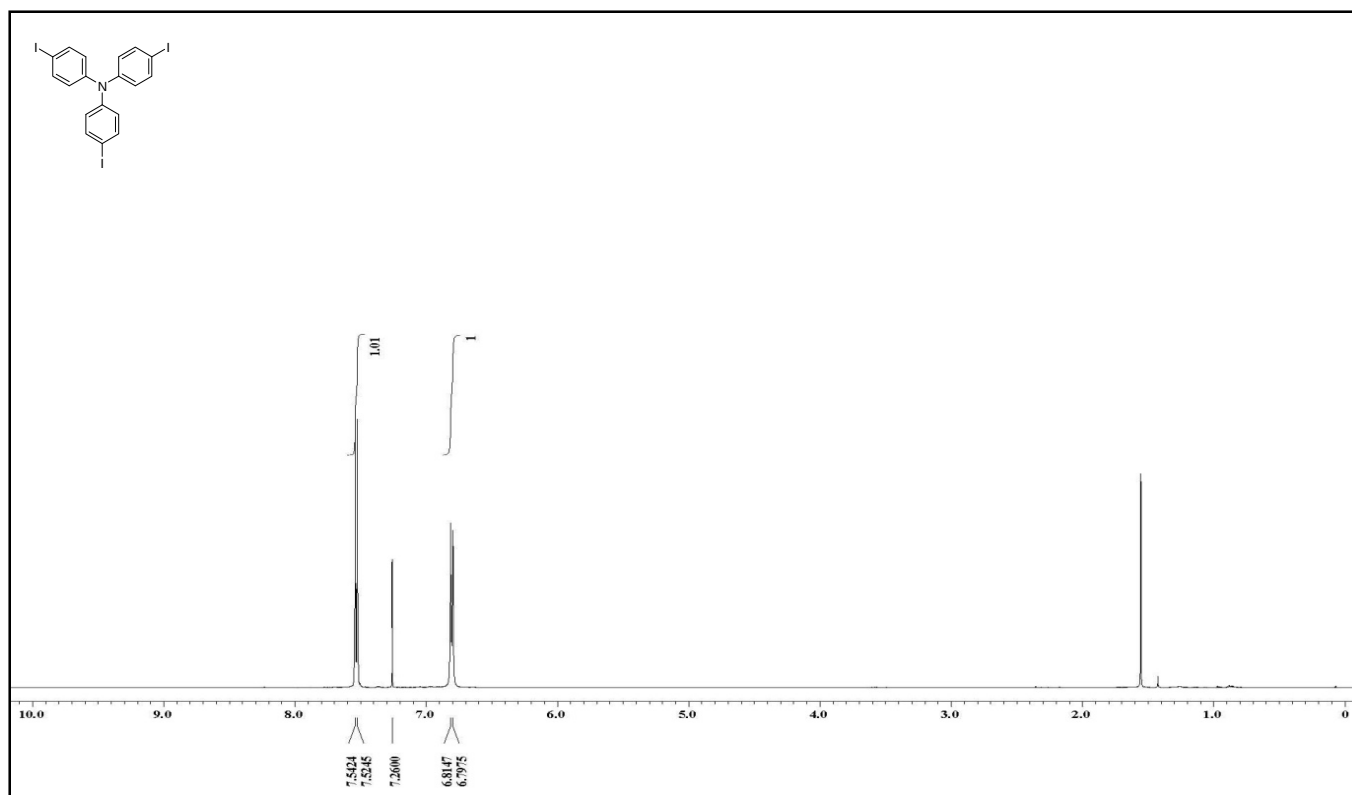


Figure S31. ¹H NMR spectrum of tris(4-iodophenyl)amine.

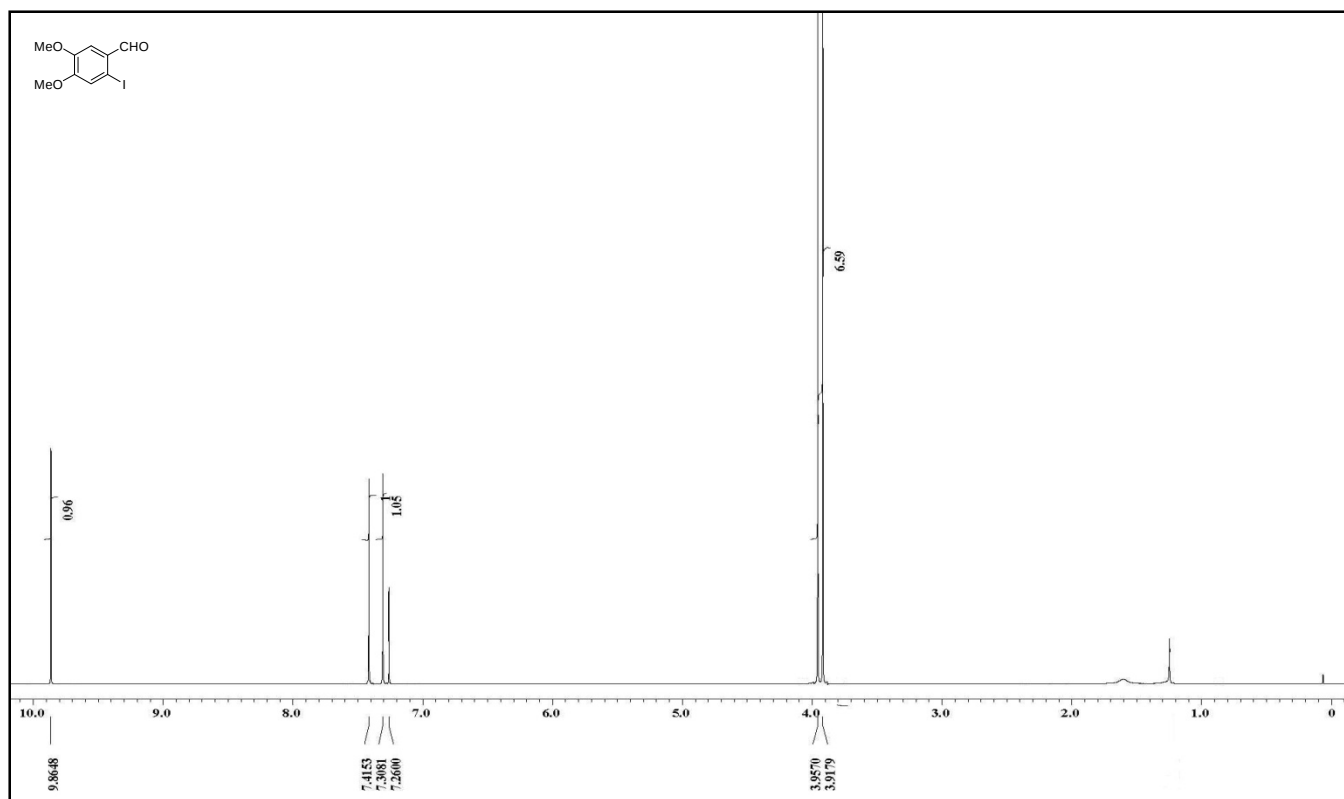


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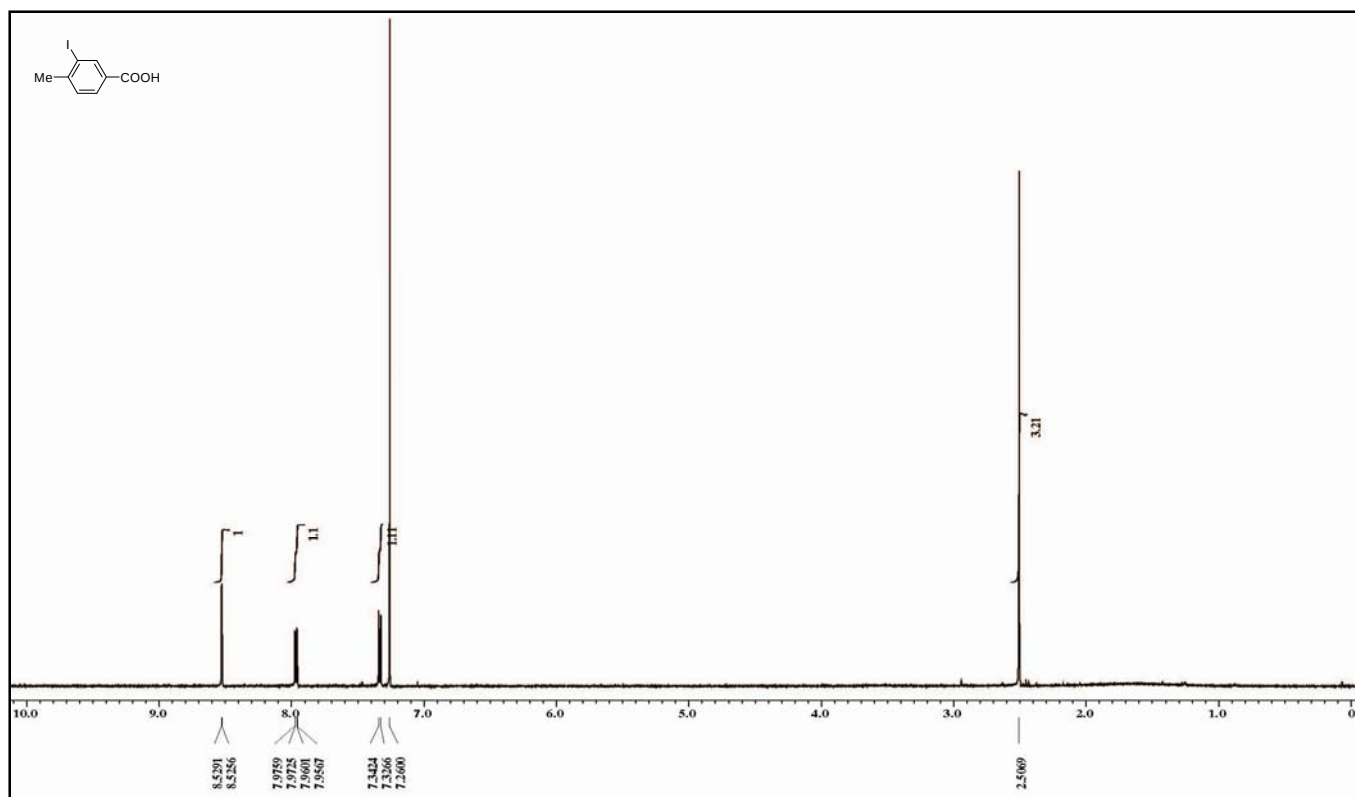


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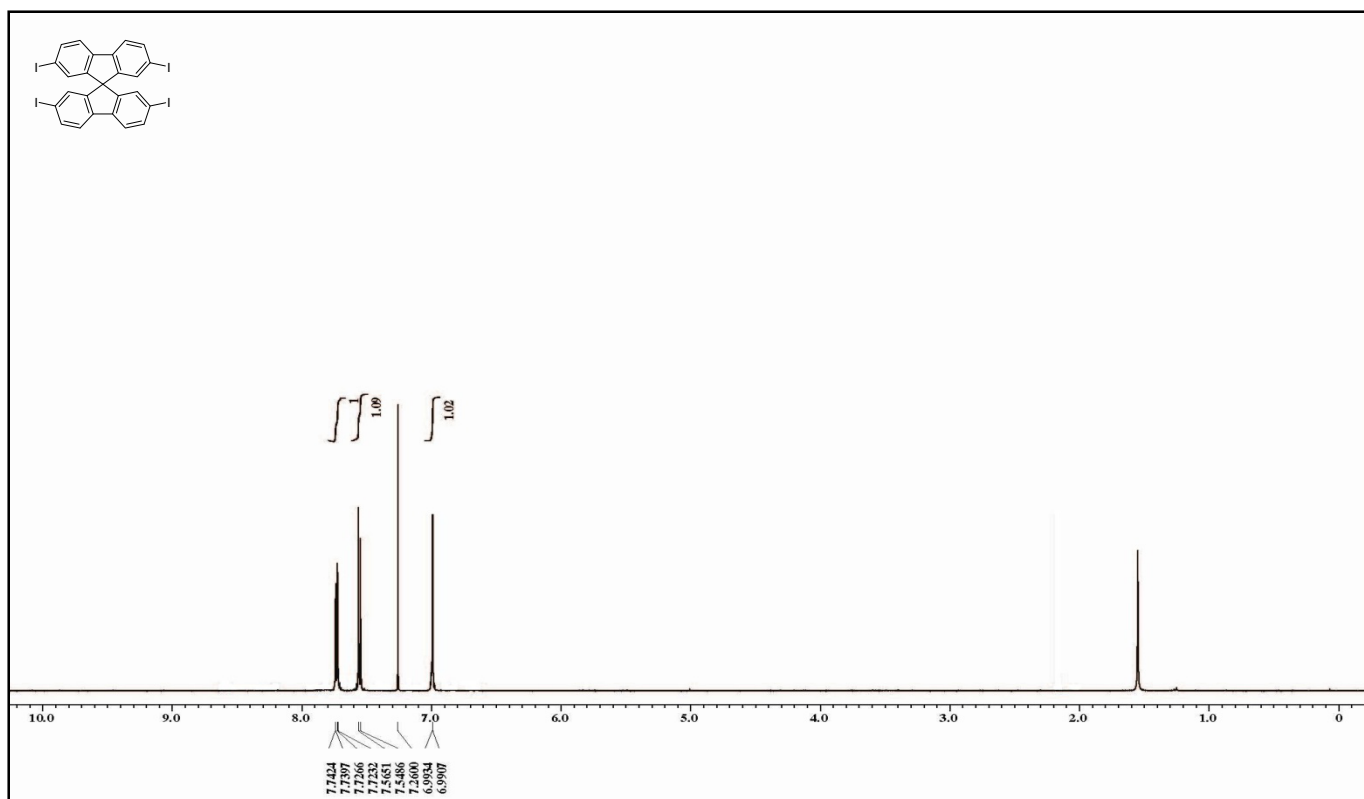


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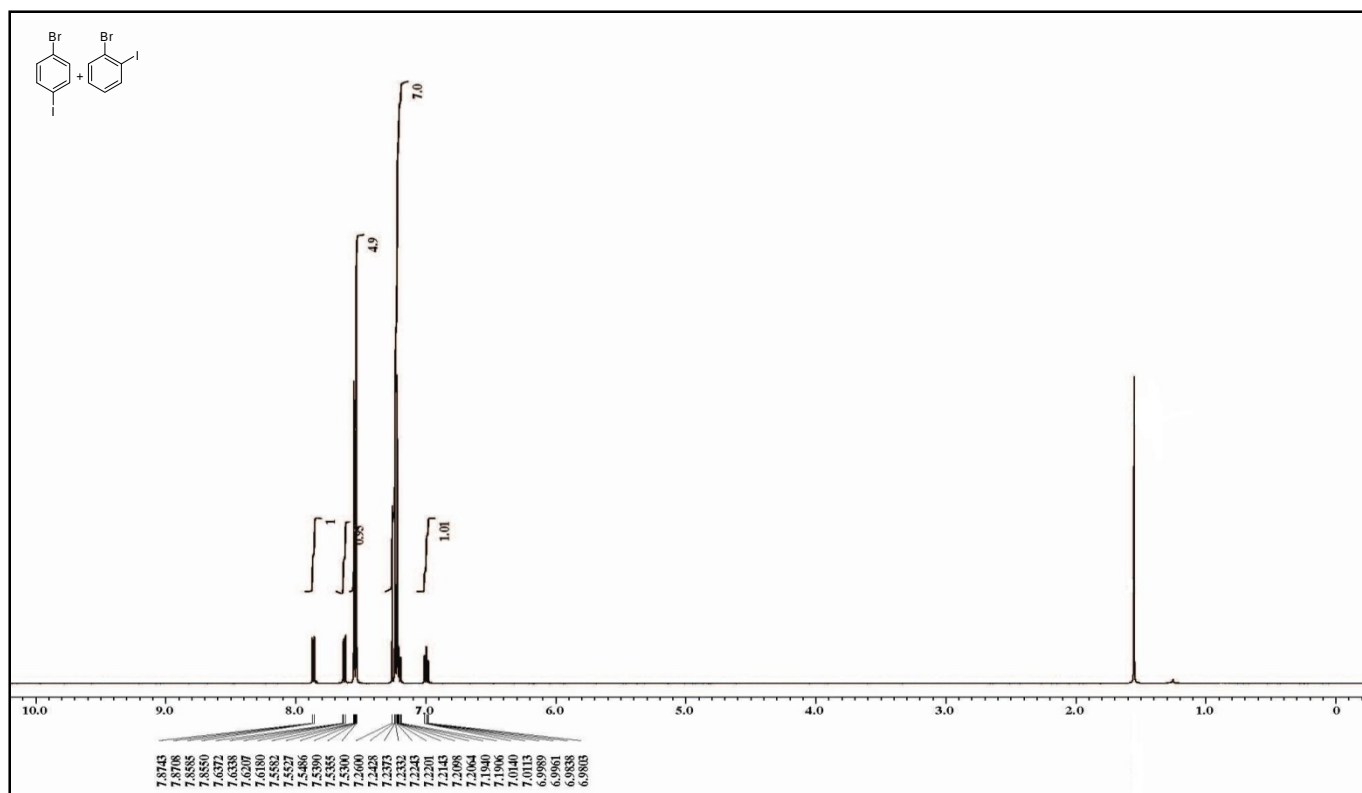


Figure S35. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-iodobromobenzene and 4-iodobromobenzene (inseparable mixture).

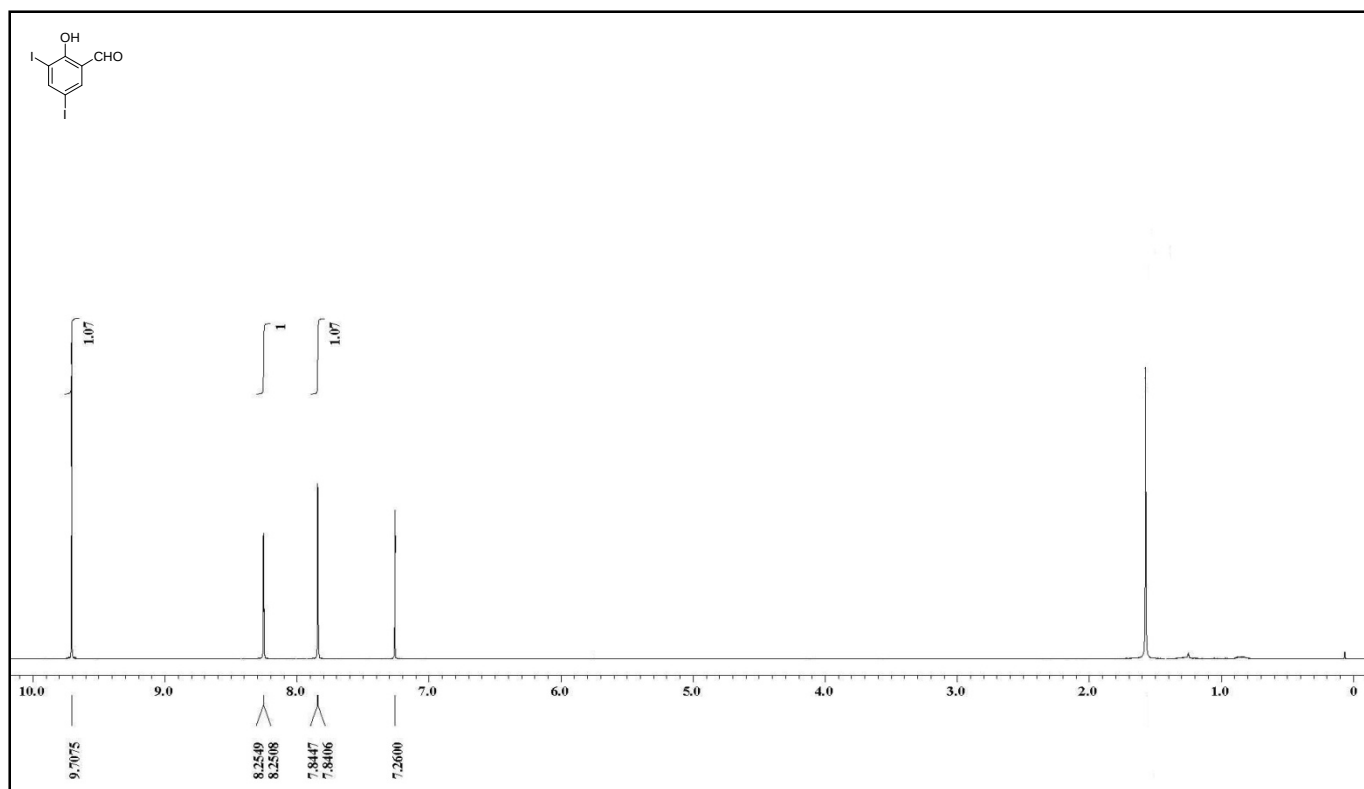


Figure S36. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-hydroxy-3,5-diiodobenzaldehyde.

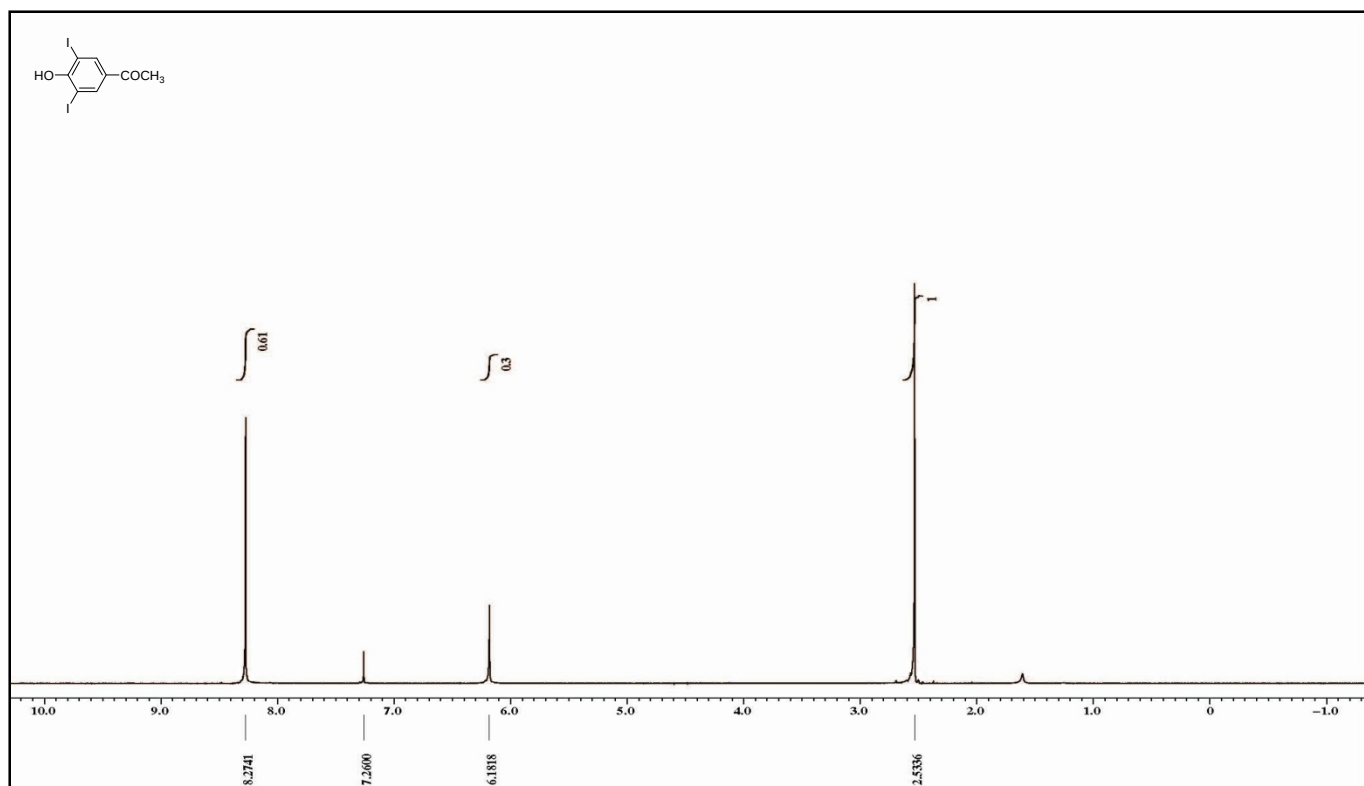


Figure S37. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenyl)ethanone.

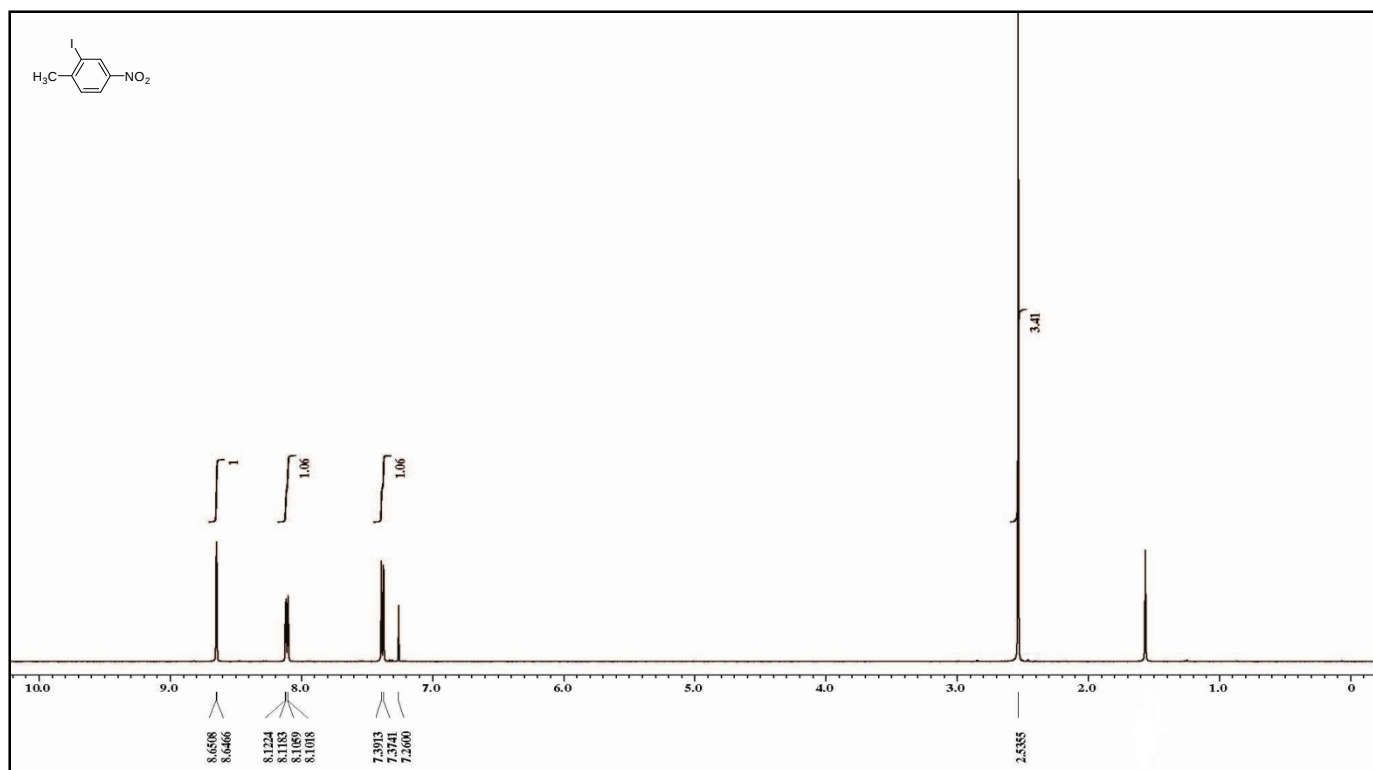


Figure S38. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-iodo-4-nitrotoluene.

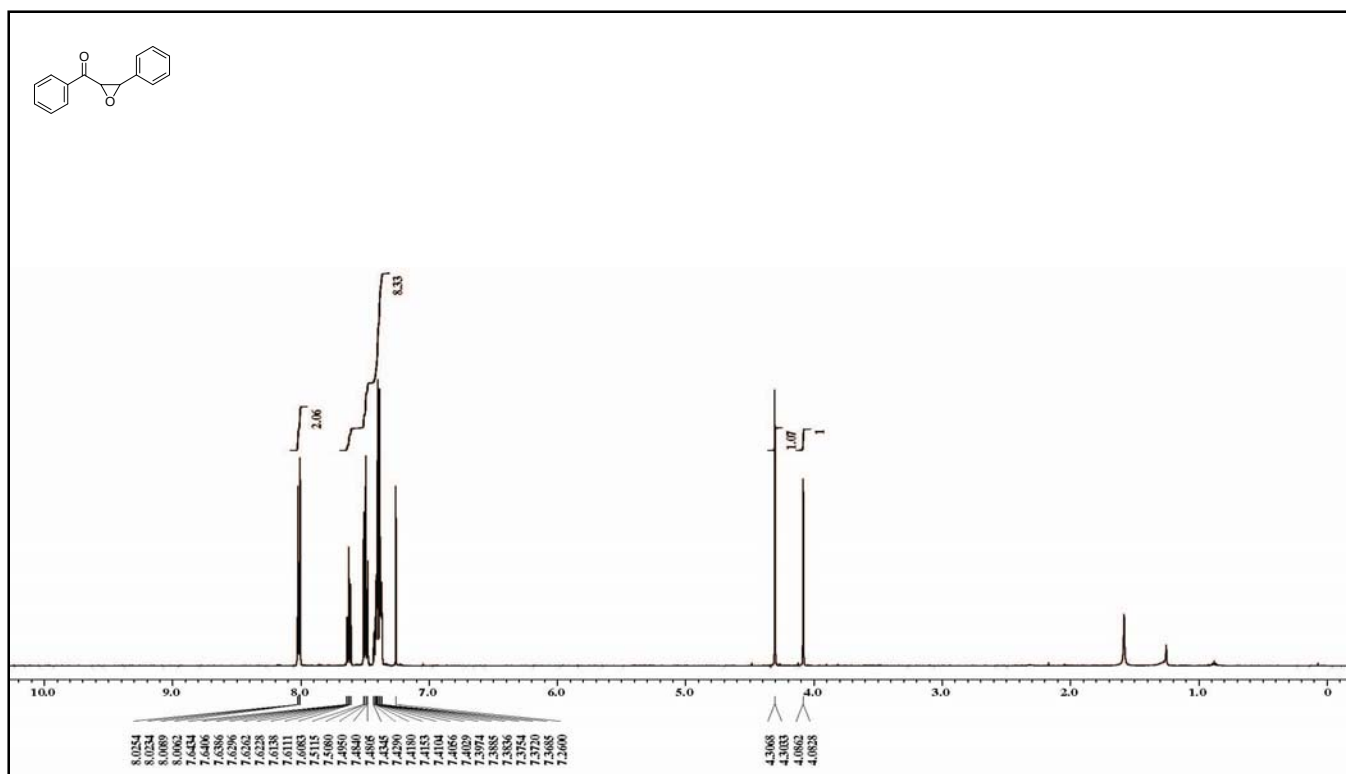


Figure S39. ¹H NMR spectrum of *trans*-epoxy-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one.

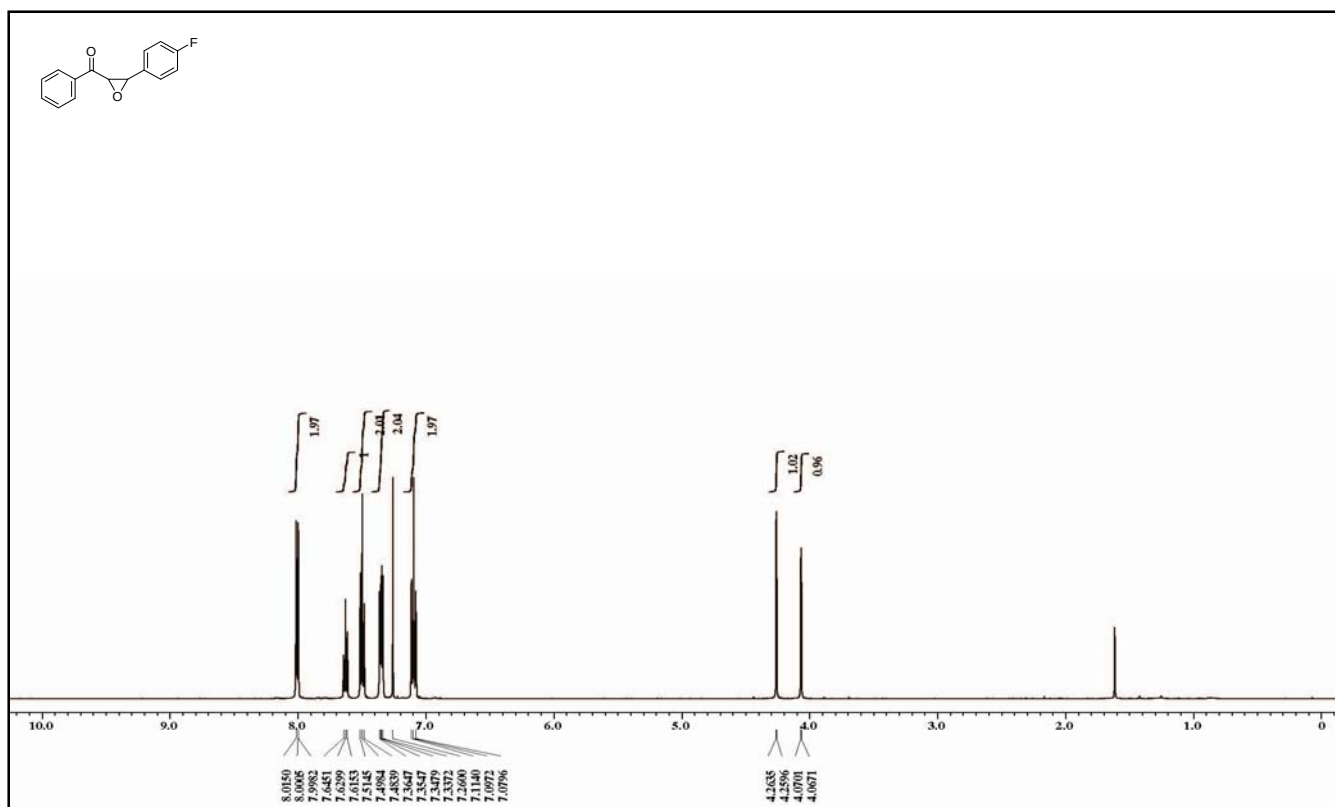


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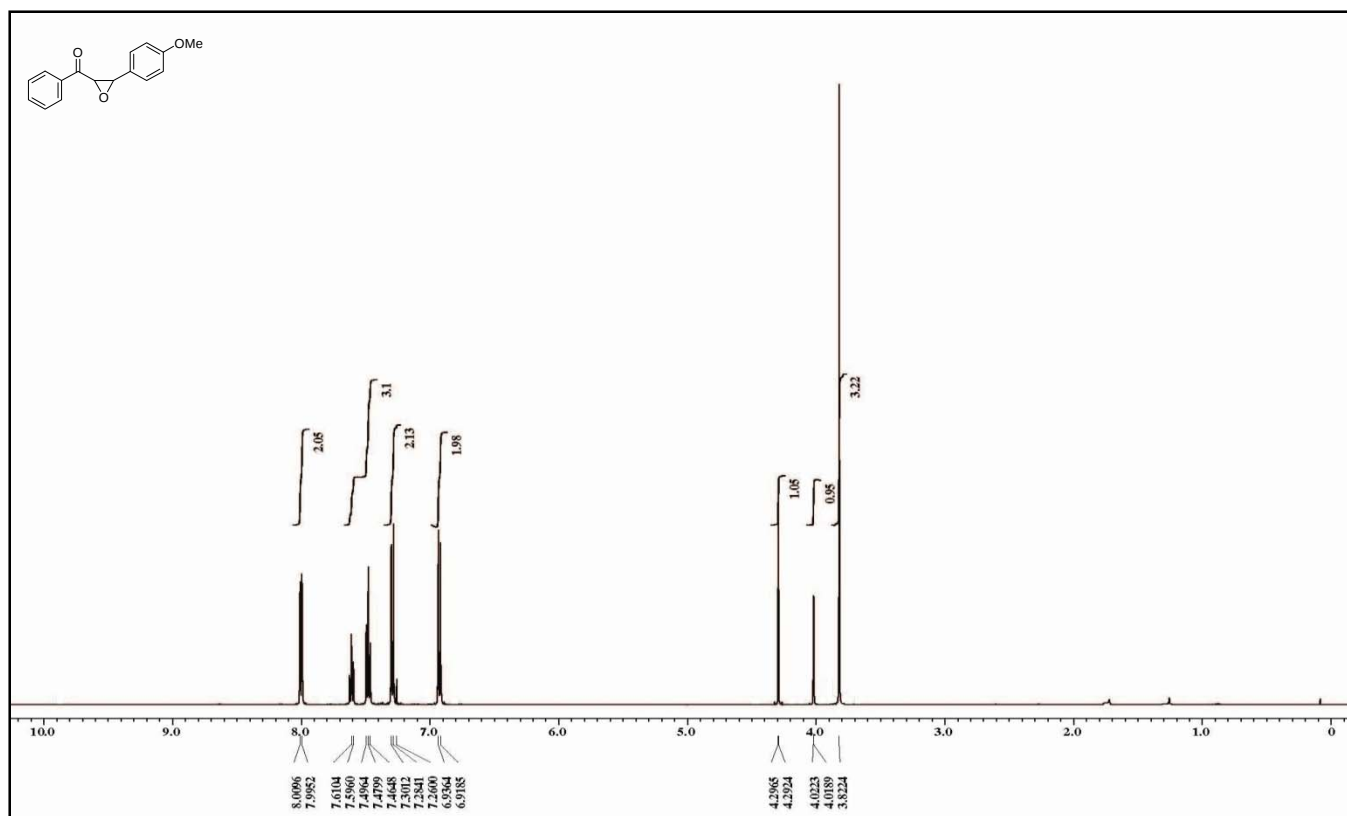


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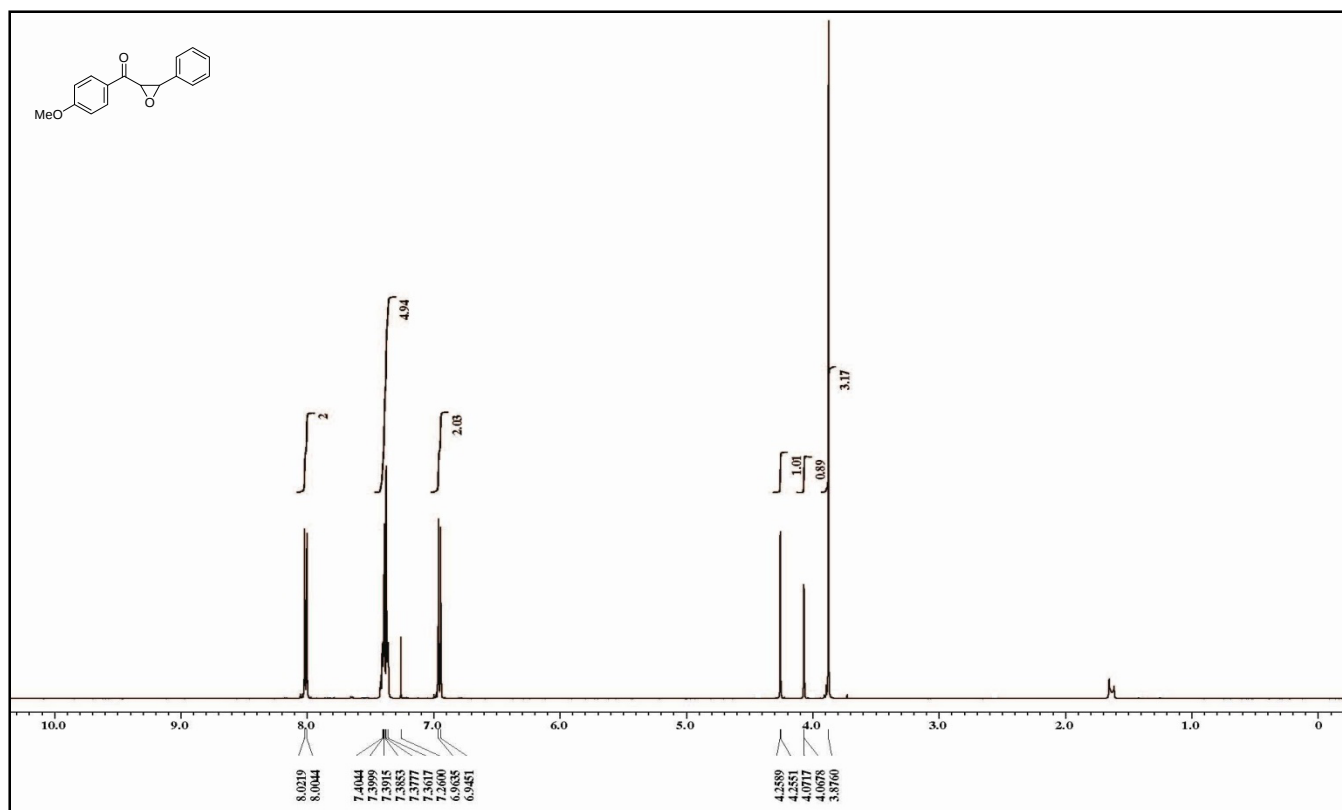


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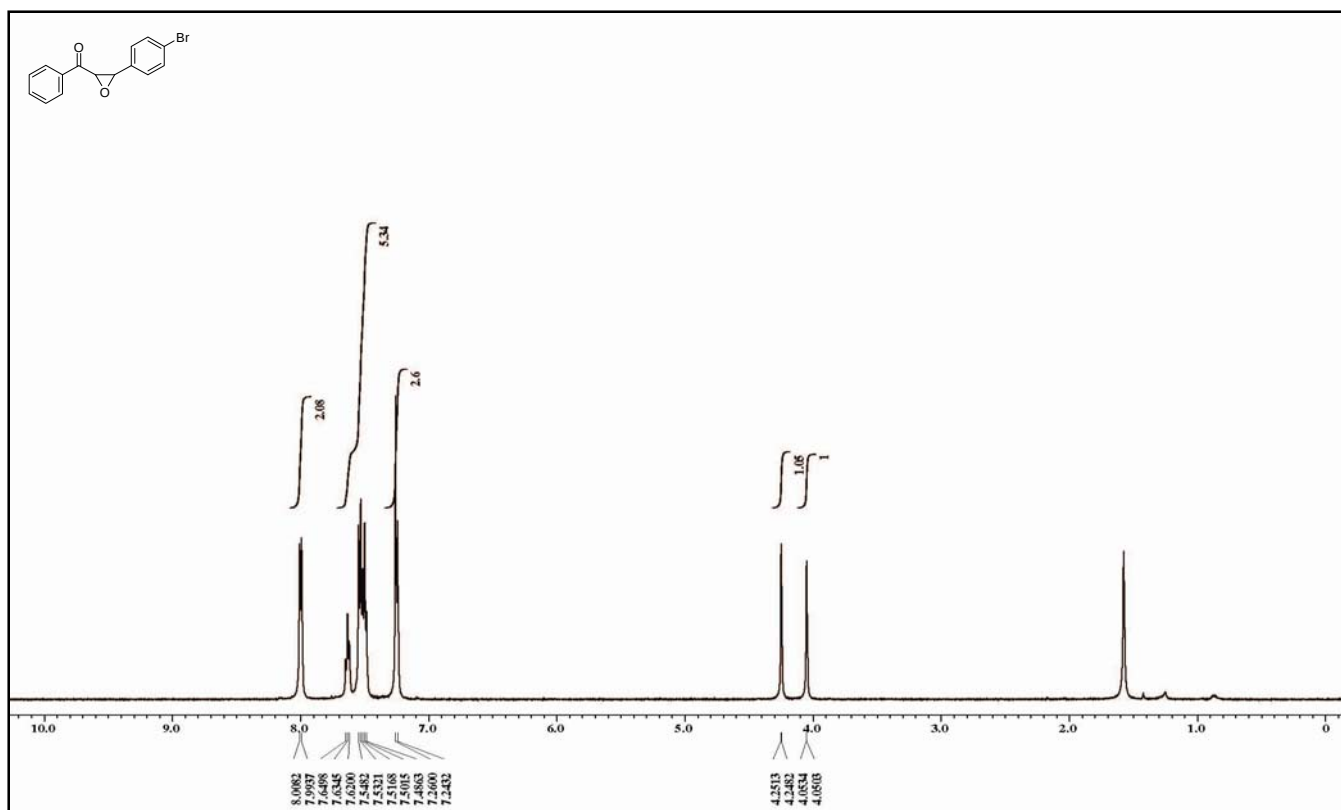


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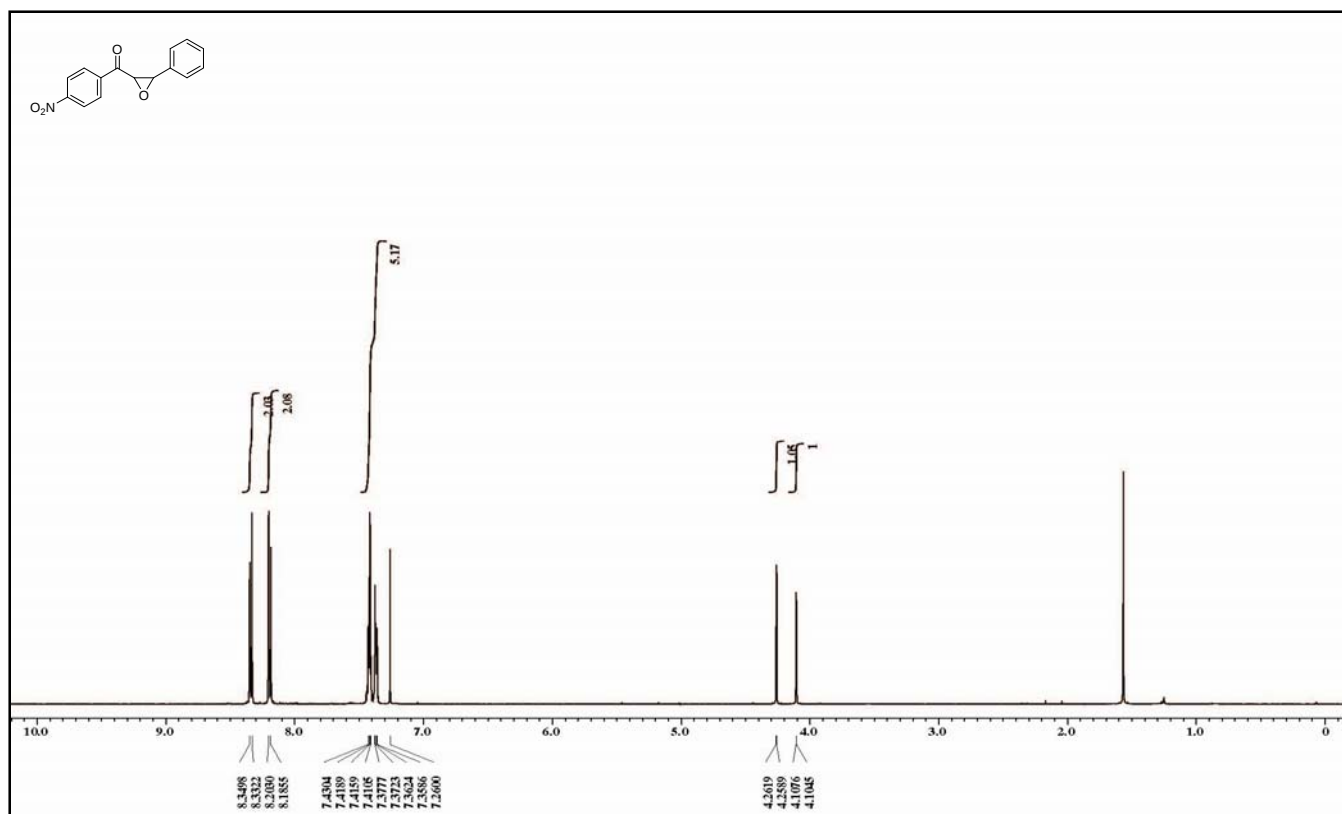


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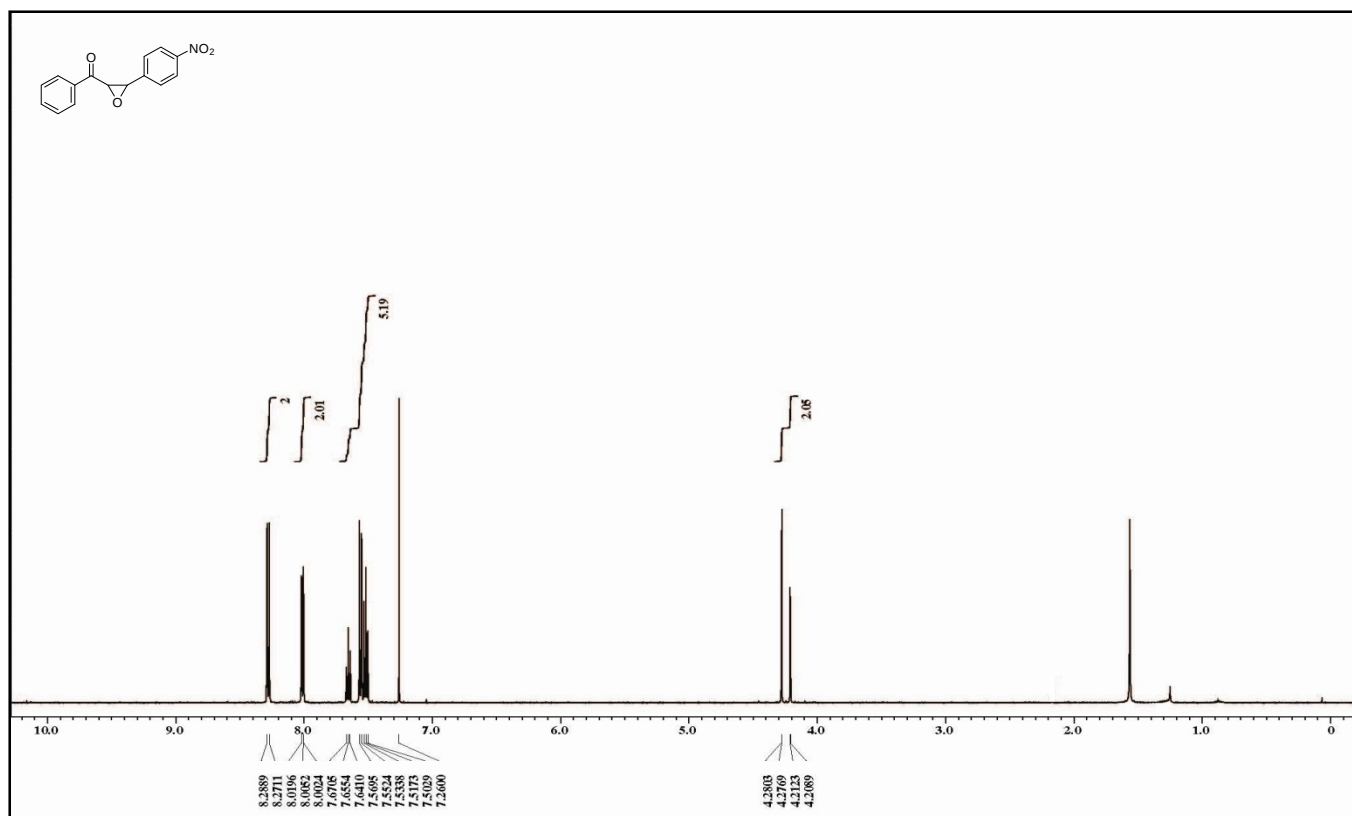


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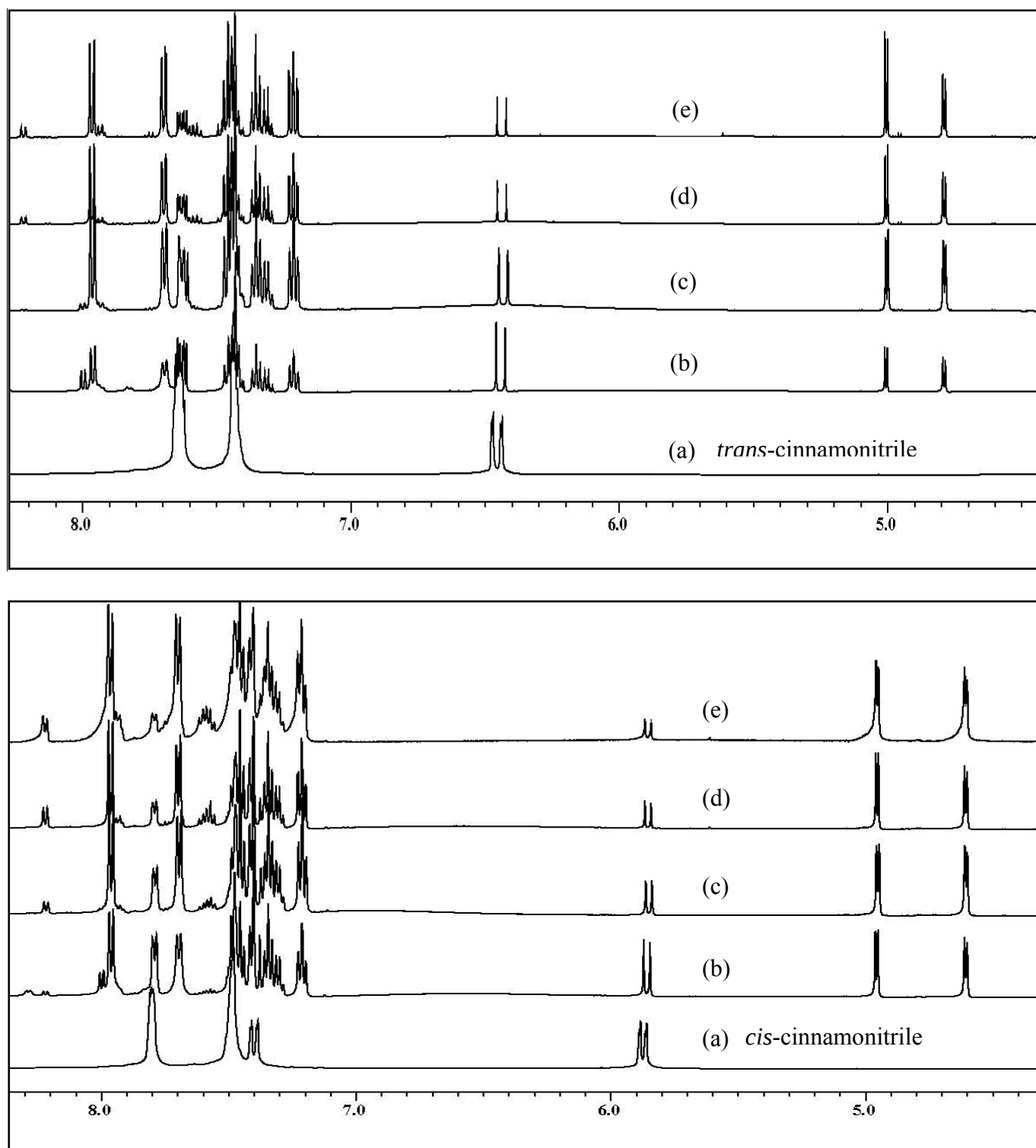


Figure S46. ^1H NMR monitoring of the reactions of pure *trans* (top) and *cis* (bottom) isomers of cinnamonnitrile with IBX (1.0 equiv) and I_2 (2.2 equiv) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$; (a) pure isomer; (b-e) 12, 20, 36 and 60 h after the commencement of the reaction, respectively.

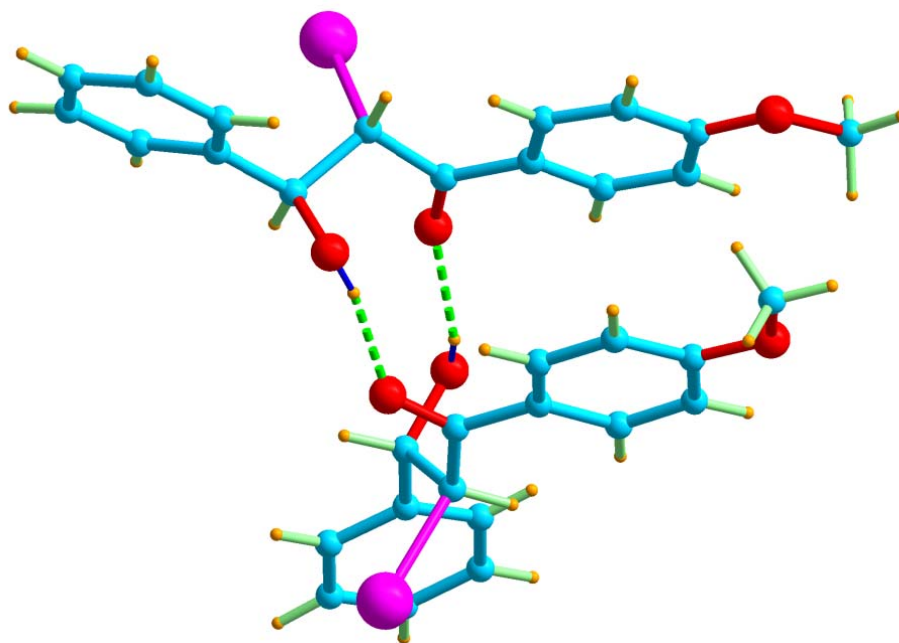
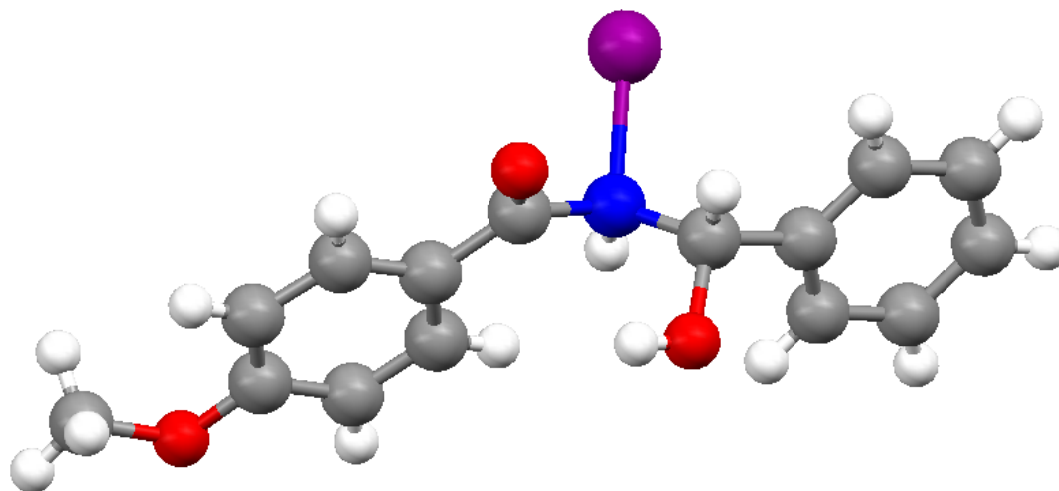


Figure S47. Molecular structure of 3-hydroxy-2-iodo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one (top) and its typical H-bonded association in the solid state (bottom). Note that there are two molecules in the asymmetric unit cell.

Details of X-Ray Crystal Structure Determination of 3-hydroxy-2-iodo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one

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Radiation used, Wavelength MoK α ,	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, Space group	Triclinic, P-1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.650(3) Å α = 68.357(5)°. b = 11.728(4) Å β = 89.698(5)°. c = 13.762(4) Å γ = 66.069(5)°.
Volume	1439.2(8) Å ³
Z, Calculated Density	4, 1.764 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	2.229 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	752
Crystal size	0.1 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm
Reflections collected	7401
Independent reflections	4057
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.164
Final R indices, 1196 reflections [I>2s(I)]	R1 = 0.0417, wR2 = 0.1111
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0533, wR2 = 0.1375