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## Supplementary Material

### Direct C-O Bond Activation Mediated by AcOH: A New Metal-free way for $\alpha$ -Functionalization of Ferrocene Alcohols

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## Experimental Section

### General

Ferrocenyl alcohols were prepared by the known method.<sup>[10]</sup> Other chemicals were commercially available. Melting points were recorded on an Electrothermal digital melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Varian FT-1000 spectrophotometer using KBr optics.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian INOVA 400 MHz spectrometer using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  as solvent and TMS as internal standard. High resolution mass spectra were obtained using Micromass GCT-TOF instrument. Optical rotation was measured at 589 nm (Na D line) on a Autopol IV automatic polarimeter. The enantiomeric excesses of the product was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak AD-H column using 2-propanol/hexane as the eluent.

#### *Typical experimental procedure of C-C bond formation*

A mixture of ferrocenyl alcohol (0.6 mmol) and indole or other naphthalenes (0.5 mmol) in acetic acid (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for an appropriate time. Upon completion, monitored by TLC, the mixture was poured into water, then  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  was added to remove the acetic acid,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was used to extract the product (15 mL $\times$ 2), the organic layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , then the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as eluents to afford pure product. This procedure was followed for the synthesis of other ferrocenyl derivatives.

#### *Typical experimental procedure of C-N bond formation*

A mixture of ferrocenyl alcohol (0.6 mmol) and aromatic amines (0.5 mmol) in acetic acid (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for an appropriate time. Upon completion, monitored by TLC, the mixture was poured into water, then  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  was added to remove the acetic acid,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was used to extract the product (15 mL $\times$ 2), the organic layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , then the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as eluents to afford pure product. This procedure was followed for the synthesis of other ferrocenyl derivatives.

#### *Typical experimental procedure of C-O bond formation*

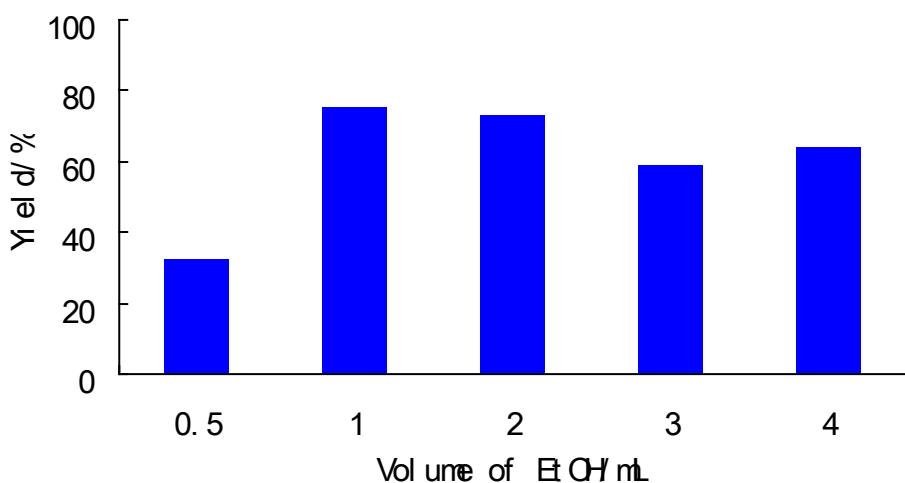
A mixture of ferrocenyl alcohol (0.6 mmol) and alcohol (1 mL) in acetic acid (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for an appropriate time. Upon completion, monitored by TLC, the mixture was poured into water, then  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  was added to remove the acetic acid,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was used to extract the product (15 mL $\times$ 2), the organic layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , then the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as eluents to afford pure product. This procedure was

followed for the synthesis of other ferrocenyl derivatives.

#### **Typical experimental procedure of C-S bond formation**

A mixture of ferrocenyl alcohol (0.6 mmol) and naphthalene-2-thiol (0.5 mmol) in acetic acid (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for an appropriate time. Upon completion, monitored by TLC, the mixture was poured into water, then  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  was added to remove the acetic acid,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was used to extract the product (15 mL $\times$ 2), the organic layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , then the solvent was evaporated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as eluents to afford pure product. This procedure was followed for the synthesis of other ferrocenyl derivatives.

#### **Screening the effect of volume of EtOH in C-O bond formation procedure**



**Figure 1**

#### **Characterization of compounds of $\alpha$ -Functionalized Ferrocene**

##### ***3-(Ferrocenylethyl)-1*H*-indole (**3a**)*** <sup>[a]</sup>

82% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 1.70 (d,  $J$  5.2, 3H), 4.18 (s, 9H, FcH), 4.28 (s, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  2.0, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  2.8, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  6.0, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H, NH).  $m/z$  (HRMS) 329.0881( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{NFe}$ : 329.0867.

##### ***4-Methyl-3-(ferrocenylethyl)-1*H*-indole (**3b**)*** <sup>[a]</sup>

56% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 1.67 (d,  $J$  4.4, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 4.13–4.18 (m, 9H), 4.37 (q,  $J$  6.0, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  6.4, 1H), 7.05 (t,  $J$  7.2, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  7.6, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H, NH).  $m/z$  (HRMS) 343.1025 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NFe}$ : 343.1023.

##### ***4-Benzylxy-3-(ferrocenylethyl)-1*H*-indole (**3c**)*** <sup>[a]</sup>

65% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 1.62 (d,  $J$  6.8, 3H), 4.01 (s, 7H), 4.15 (s, 1H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 4.57 (q,  $J$  6.8, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  8.0, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J$  8.0, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J$  8.0, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  7.2, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J$  7.6, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  7.6, 2H), 7.76 (br, s, 1H, NH).  $m/z$  (HRMS) 435.1284 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{NOFe}$ : 435.1286.

*5-Methyl-3-(ferrocenylethyl)-1H-indole (3d)*<sup>[a]</sup>

66% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.69 (d, *J* 7.2, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 4.07–4.15 (m, 9H), 4.24 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* 8.4, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.75 (br s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 343.1029 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NFe: 343.1023.

*5-Bromol-3-(ferrocenylethyl)-1H-indole (3e)*<sup>[a]</sup>

61% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.67 (d, *J* 6.8, 3H), 4.05–4.23 (m, 9H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 406.9974 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NBrFe: 406.9972.

*6-Methyl-3-(ferrocenylethyl)-1H-indole (3f)*<sup>[a]</sup>

67% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.67 (d, *J* 7.2, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 4.06–4.14 (m, 9H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* 8.4, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H), 7.73 (br s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 343.1021 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NFe: 343.1023.

*7-Methyl-3-(ferrocenylethyl)-1H-indole (3g)*<sup>[a]</sup>

76% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.70 (d, *J* 7.2, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.07–4.16 (m, 9H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* 7.2, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* 7.6, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* 7.6, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 343.1020 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NFe: 343.1023.

*2-Phenyl-3-(ferrocenylethyl)-1H-indole (3h)*<sup>[a]</sup>

68% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.70 (d, *J* 7.2, 3H), 3.96–4.16 (m, 9H), 4.48 (q, *J* 7.2, 1H), 6.96 (t, *J* 7.5, 1H), 7.07–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.58 (m, 5H), 7.95 (br s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 405.1180 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FeN: 405.1180.

*3-(phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl)-1H-indole (3i)*<sup>[a]</sup>

90% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.98 (m, 9H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.93 (t, *J* 7.2, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* 7.2, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* 7.6, 1H), 7.25–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* 7.6, 2H), 7.86 (br s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 391.1021 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NFe: 391.1023.

*4-Benzylxylo-3-(phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl)-1H-indole (3j)*<sup>a</sup>

69% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.80–4.28 (m, 9H), 4.97–5.16 (m, 2H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* 8.0, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* 7.2, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* 7.6, 3H), 7.32–7.52 (m, 5H), 7.83 (s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 497.1142 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NOFe: 497.1442.

*5-Bromo-3-(phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl)-1H-indole (3k)*<sup>[a]</sup>

72% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.04–4.27 (m, 9H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 7.20–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.93 (br s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 469.0132 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NBrFe: 469.0129.

*7-Methyl-3-(phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl)-1H-indole (3l)*<sup>[a]</sup>

80% yield;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.05–4.29 (m, 9H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* 7.6, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* 6.8, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* 7.2, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* 7.2, 2H), 7.35 (d,

*J* 7.6, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H, NH). *m/z* (HRMS) 405.1169 ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{26}H_{23}NFe$ : 405.1180.

**6-Methyl-3-(phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl)-1*H*-indole (**3m**)<sup>[a]</sup>**

94% yield;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.96–4.21 (m, 9H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.11–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.21 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.76 (br s, 1H, NH). *m/z* 405.1180 (HRMS) ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{26}H_{23}NFe$ : 405.1180.

**1-Phenyl-2-[phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl]butane-1, 3-dione (**3n**)<sup>[b]</sup>**

38% yield;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 1.91 (s, 3H), 3.91–3.99 (m, 9H), 4.77 (d, *J* 10.8, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* 10.8, 1H), 7.28–7.95 (m, 10H). *m/z* 436. 1138 (HRMS) ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{27}H_{24}O_2Fe$ : 436. 1126.

**1, 3-diphenyl-2-[phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl]propane-1,3-dione (**3o**)<sup>[b]</sup>**

78% yield;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.82–4.01 (m, 9H), 4.95 (d, *J* 10.2, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* 10.2, 1H), 7.16–7.84 (m, 15H). *m/z* 498.1289 (HRMS) ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{32}H_{26}O_2Fe$ : 498.1282.

**4-[Ferrocenyl(phenyl)methyl]benzene-1,3-diol (**3p**)<sup>[b]</sup>**

75% yield;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 3.90 (t, *J* 8.4, 1H), 4.00–4.20 (m, 9H), 5.20–5.21 (d, *J* 6.0, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 6.20–6.38 (m, 2H), 6.68–7.04 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.27 (m, 5H). *m/z* 384.0825 (HRMS) ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{23}H_{20}O_2Fe$ : 384.0813.

**1- [Phenyl(ferrocenyl)methyl]-naphthalen-2-ol (**3q**)<sup>[b]</sup>**

75% yield;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 3.98–4.30 (m, 9H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* 8.4, 1H), 7.22–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* 8.8, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* 8.0, 1H). *m/z* 418. 1026 (HRMS) ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{27}H_{22}OFe$ : 418. 1020.

***N*-(ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methylbenzenamine (**5a**)**

94% yield; brown solid. Mp 38–40 °C.  $\nu_{max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3411, 3056, 1605.  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 4.03–4.20 (m, 9H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* 7.7, 1H), 6.67 (t, *J* 6.9, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* 7.6, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* 6.1, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* 7.2, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* 7.4, 2H).  $\delta_C$  (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 147.6, 143.1, 129.4, 128.6, 127.2, 126.8, 117.6, 113.5, 94.3, 68.8, 68.1, 67.9, 67.5, 66.8, 57.6. *m/z* 367.1010 (HRMS) ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{23}H_{21}FeN$ : 367.102.

***N*-(ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methyl-4-chlorobenzenamine (**5b**)**

96% yield; orange solid. Mp 85–86 °C.  $\nu_{max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3411, 3025, 1597.  $\delta_H$  ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz):  $\delta$  4.07–4.28 (m, 9H) 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* 8.0, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* 8.0, 2H), 7.24–7.42 (m, 5H).  $\delta_C$  (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 146.3, 142.8, 129.4, 128.9, 127.6, 127.1, 122.4, 114.8, 94.1, 69.1, 68.5, 68.3, 67.7, 67.1, 57.9. *m/z* 401.0634 (HRMS) ( $M^+$ ), calc. for  $C_{23}H_{20}ClFeN$ : 401.0634.

***N*-(ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methyl-4-bromobenzenamine (**5c**)**

97% yield; yellow solid. Mp 78–79 °C.  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  3372, 3087, 1589.  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 4.02–4.18 (m, 9H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J$  7.9, 2H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  7.8, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t,  $J$  7.3, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  7.7, 2H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 146.4, 142.4, 132.0, 128.7, 127.4, 126.8, 115.1, 109.2, 93.8, 68.8, 68.2, 68.0, 67.4, 66.9, 57.52.  $m/z$  445.0115 (HRMS) ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrFeN}$ : 445.0129.

#### *N-((ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methylbenzenamine (5d)*

67% yield; yellow solid. Mp 46–48 °C.  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  3411, 3087, 1613.  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 2.20 (s, 3H), 4.05–4.19 (m, 9H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  6.6, 2H), 6.59 (d,  $J$  6.7, 2H), 7.25–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  6.3, 2H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 145.4, 143.4, 129.9, 128.6, 127.2, 126.8, 113.6, 94.5, 68.8, 68.1, 67.8, 67.5, 66.7, 57.9, 20.6.  $m/z$  381.1187 (HRMS) ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{FeN}$ : 381.1180.

#### *N-((ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-methoxybenzenamine (5e)*

66% yield; yellow solid. Mp 45–46 °C.  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  3449, 3025, 1636.  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.01–4.21 (m, 10H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  9.0, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  9.0, 2H), 7.24–7.48 (m, 5H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 152.2, 143.6, 142.0, 128.6, 127.2, 126.9, 115.0, 114.7, 94.6, 68.8, 68.1, 67.8, 67.5, 66.6, 58.5, 55.9.  $m/z$  397.1127 (HRMS) ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{FeNO}$ : 397.1129.

#### *N-((ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-nitrobenzenamine (5f)*

97% yield; yellow liquid.  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  3401, 2986, 1593, 1455, 1307.  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3.98–4.20 (m, 9H), 5.20 (d,  $J$  4.8, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d,  $J$  9.1, 2H), 7.29–7.39 (m, 5H), 8.03 (d,  $J$  9.1, 2H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 152.1, 141.0, 138.5, 128.9, 127.9, 126.8, 126.5, 112.1, 92.5, 69.0, 68.5, 68.5, 67.5, 67.3, 57.0.  $m/z$  412.0876 (HRMS) ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{FeN}_2\text{O}_2$ : 412.0873.

#### *N-((Ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-2-nitrobenzenamine (5g)*

95% yield; orange solid. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  3381, 3091, 2840, 1617.  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 3.80–4.28 (m, 9H), 5.33 (d,  $J$  4.5, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J$  8.2, 2H), 7.26–7.42 (m, 5H), 8.23 (d,  $J$  8.1, 1H), 9.06 (s, 1H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 144.2, 142.0, 136.3, 132.4, 128.8, 127.8, 127.0, 126.8, 115.9, 115.5, 92.1, 69.2, 68.5, 68.2, 67.4, 66.2, 56.6.  $m/z$  412.0873 (HRMS) ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{FeN}_2\text{O}_2$ : 412.0873.

#### *N-(1-ferrocenylethyl)benzenamine (5h)*

61% yield; orange oil. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{KBr})/\text{cm}^{-1}$  3409, 3092, 2971, 1602, 1504, 1313, 1105, 1000, 819, 748, 692.  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 1.53 (d,  $J$  6.6, 3H), 4.16–4.22 (m, 10H), 4.31–4.38 (m, 1H), 6.66–6.75 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.27 (m, 2H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 147.9, 129.8, 117.6, 113.7, 94.0, 68.9, 68.2, 68.0, 67.5, 66.6, 47.5, 21.2.  $m/z$  305.0876 (HRMS) ( $\text{M}^+$ ), calc. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{FeN}$ : 305.0867.

#### *4-Chloro-N-(1-ferrocenylethyl)benzenamine (5i)*

78% yield; orange solid. Mp 96–97°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3403, 3086, 2972, 2870, 1595, 1500, 1398, 1308, 1132, 1028, 998, 815.  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.48 (d, *J* 6.0, 3H), 3.90 (br s, 1H), 4.18–4.23 (m, 10H), 6.56 (d, *J* 8.4z, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* 8.4, 2H).  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 146.5, 129.6, 122.0, 114.7, 93.6, 69.1, 68.9, 68.3, 68.1, 67.5, 66.5, 47.8, 21.2. *m/z* 339.0478 (HRMS) (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClFeN: 339.0477.

#### *N-(1-ferrocenylethyl)-4-methoxybenzenamine (5j)*

54% yield; orange oil.  $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3405, 3089, 2980, 1597, 1510, 1308, 1100, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.49 (d, *J* 6.3, 3H), 3.76–4.27 (m, 10H), 6.23 (s, 3H), 6.23 (d, *J* 8.7, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* 8.7, 2H).  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 152.4, 142.0, 115.4, 115.3, 93.9, 68.8, 68.1, 67.9, 67.5, 66.5, 56.2, 48.8, 21.5. *m/z* 335.0981 (HRMS) (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FeNO: 335.0973.

#### *N-(1-ferrocenylethyl)-4-nitrobenzenamine (5k)*

80% yield; orange solid. Mp 110–112°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3400, 3084, 2986, 1593, 1509, 1455, 1307, 1101, 821.  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.53 (d, *J* 6.6, 3H), 4.06–4.19 (m, 9H), 4.40–4.44 (m, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* 6.0, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* 6.0, 2H).  $\delta_C$  (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  152.7, 137.7, 126.9, 111.5, 91.8, 68.9, 68.5, 68.2, 67.4, 66.3, 47.3, 20.7. *m/z* 350.0715 (HRMS) (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FeN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 350.0718.

#### *2-(1-Ferrocenylethylthio)-naphthalene (7a)*

85% yield; orange oil.  $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3087, 2971, 1656, 1581, 1364, 1221, 1002, 813.  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.67 (d, *J* 6.9, 3H), 4.06–4.29 (m, 10H), 7.42–7.48 (m, 3H), 7.73–7.83 (m, 4H).  $\delta_C$  (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 134.0, 133.2, 132.8, 132.1, 130.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 126.8, 126.5, 91.2, 69.1, 68.4, 68.2, 68.1, 66.6, 44.0, 21.6. *m/z* 372.0635 (HRMS) (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FeS: 372.0635.

#### *2-((Ferrocenyl)(phenyl)methylthio)-naphthalene (7b)*

83% yield; orange solid. Mp 140–141°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3051, 2922, 1581, 1494, 1194, 1028, 815, 742.  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.11–4.19 (m, 9H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 7.18–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.63–7.68 (m, 3H), 7.72–7.76 (m, 1H).  $\delta_C$  (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 142.4, 133.9, 133.6, 132.6, 131.5, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 126.4, 90.0, 69.4, 69.0, 68.6, 68.2, 68.1, 54.7. *m/z* 434.0792 (HRMS) (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FeS: 434.0792.

#### *Ferrocenyl (phenyl) (methoxyl)methane (8a)*<sup>[c]</sup>

40% yield; orange solid. Mp 112–113°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3091, 2981, 2870, 1494, 1453, 1397, 1194.  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.28 (s, 3H), 3.98–4.30 (m, 9H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 7.30–7.42 (m, 5H). *m/z* 306.0707 (HRMS) (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FeO: 306.0707.

#### *Ferrocenyl (phenyl) (ethoxyl)methane (8b)*

75% yield; orange solid. Mp 54–55°C.  $\nu_{\max}$ (KBr)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3085, 3027, 2869, 2840, 1491, 1452, 1104.  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.19 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, *J* 3.6, 2H), 4.00–4.32 (m, 9H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 7.29–7.41 (m, 5H).  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  148.0, 133.7, 132.9, 132.5, 96.3, 85.2, 74.2, 73.0, 73.0, 72.8, 72.4, 69.2, 21.0. *m/z* (HRMS) 320.0864 (M<sup>+</sup>), calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FeO: 320.0864.

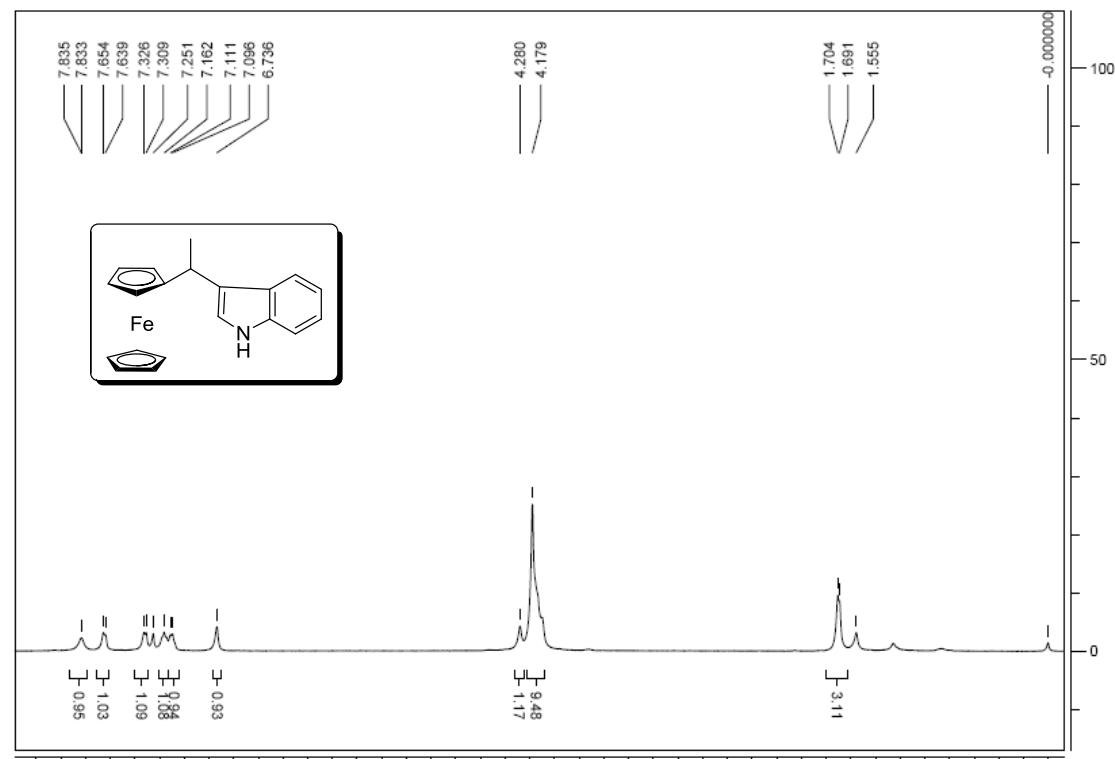
#### *Ferrocenyl (phenyl) (isopropoxyl)methane (8c)*

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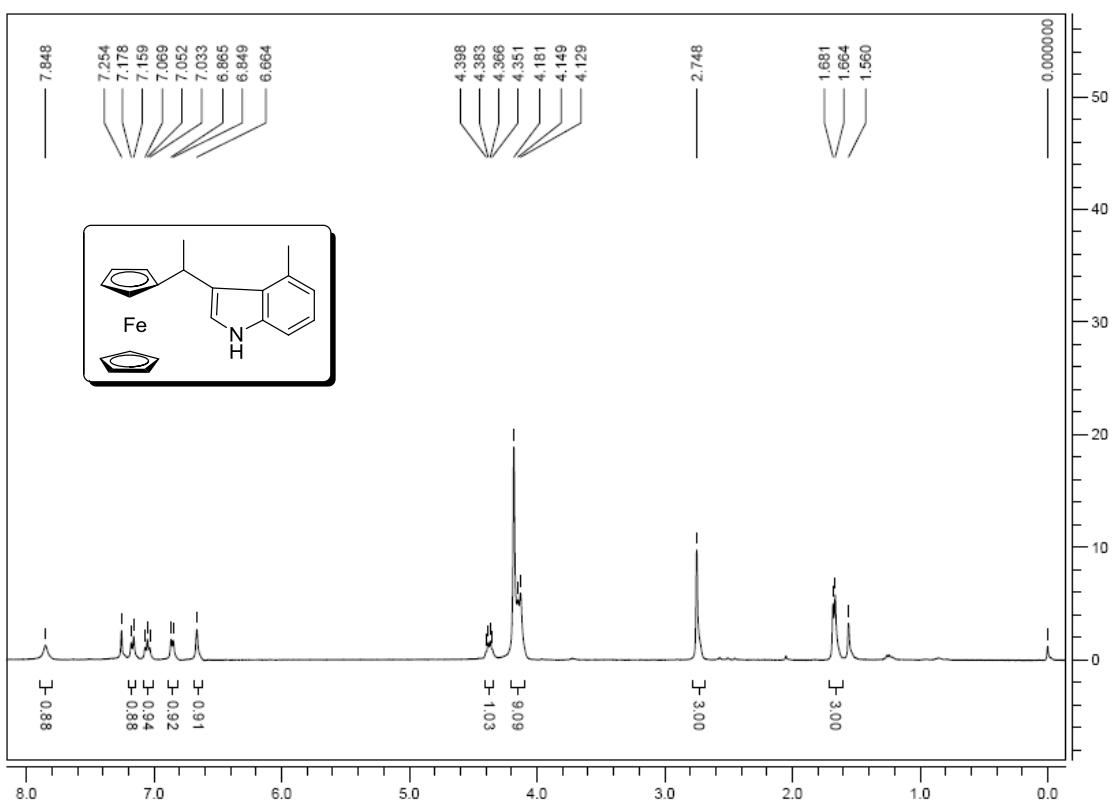
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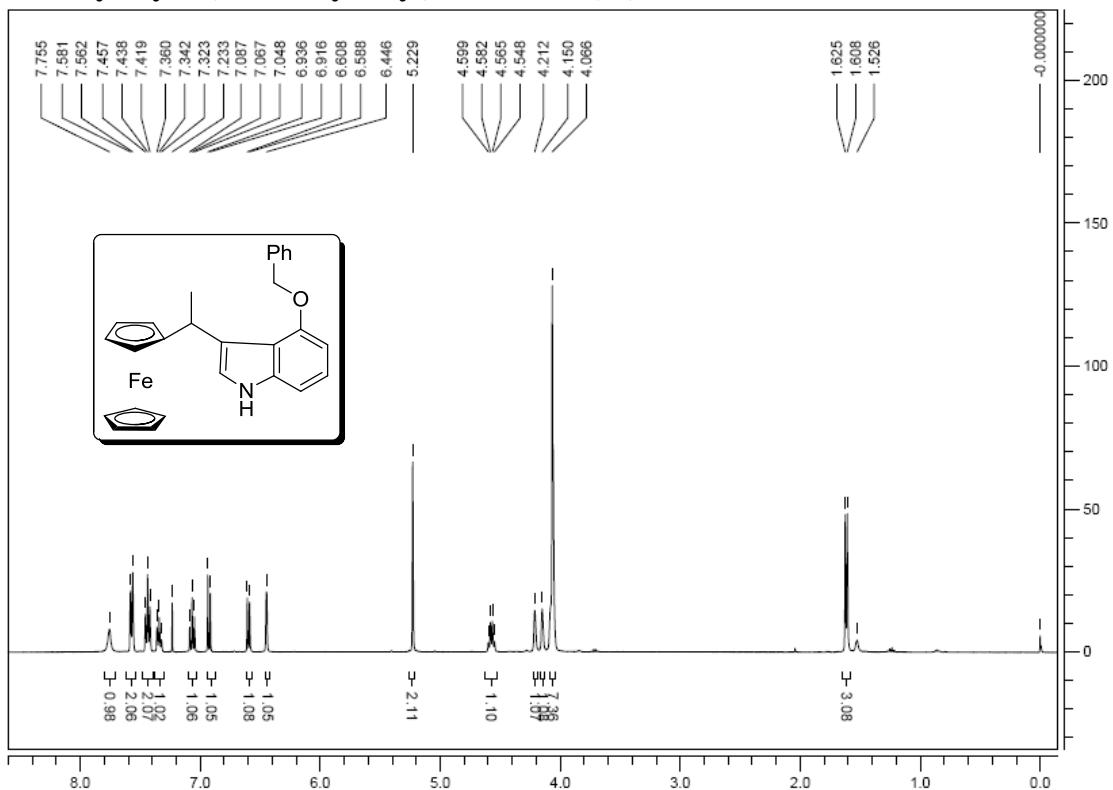
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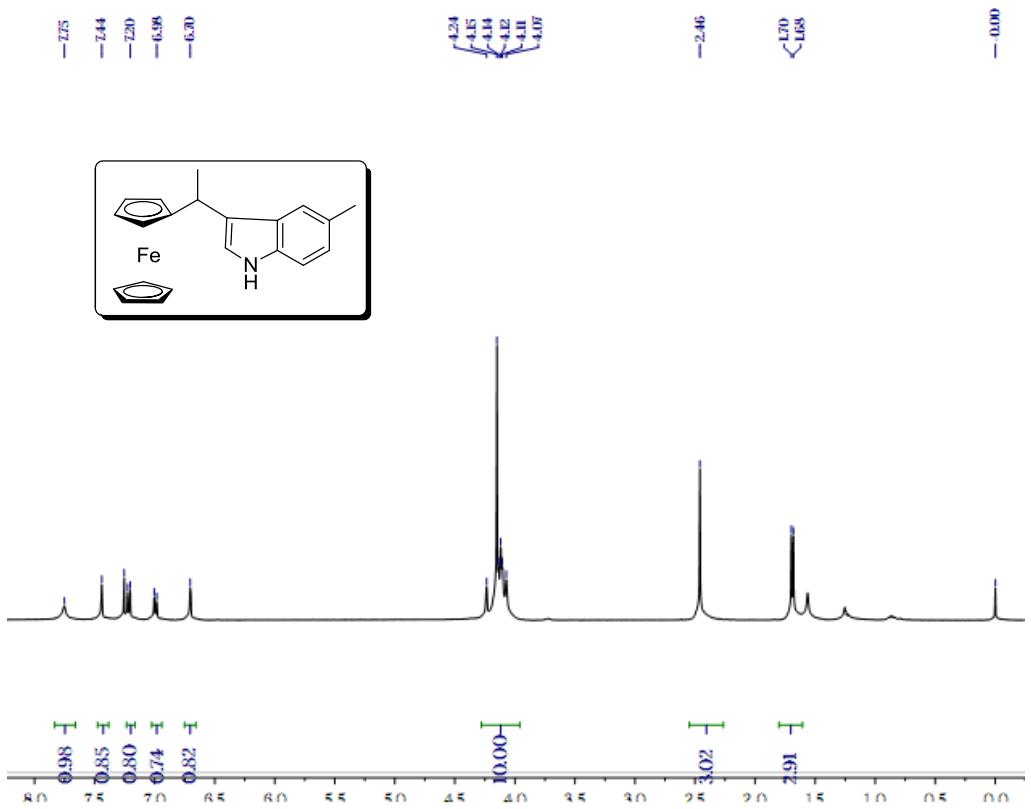
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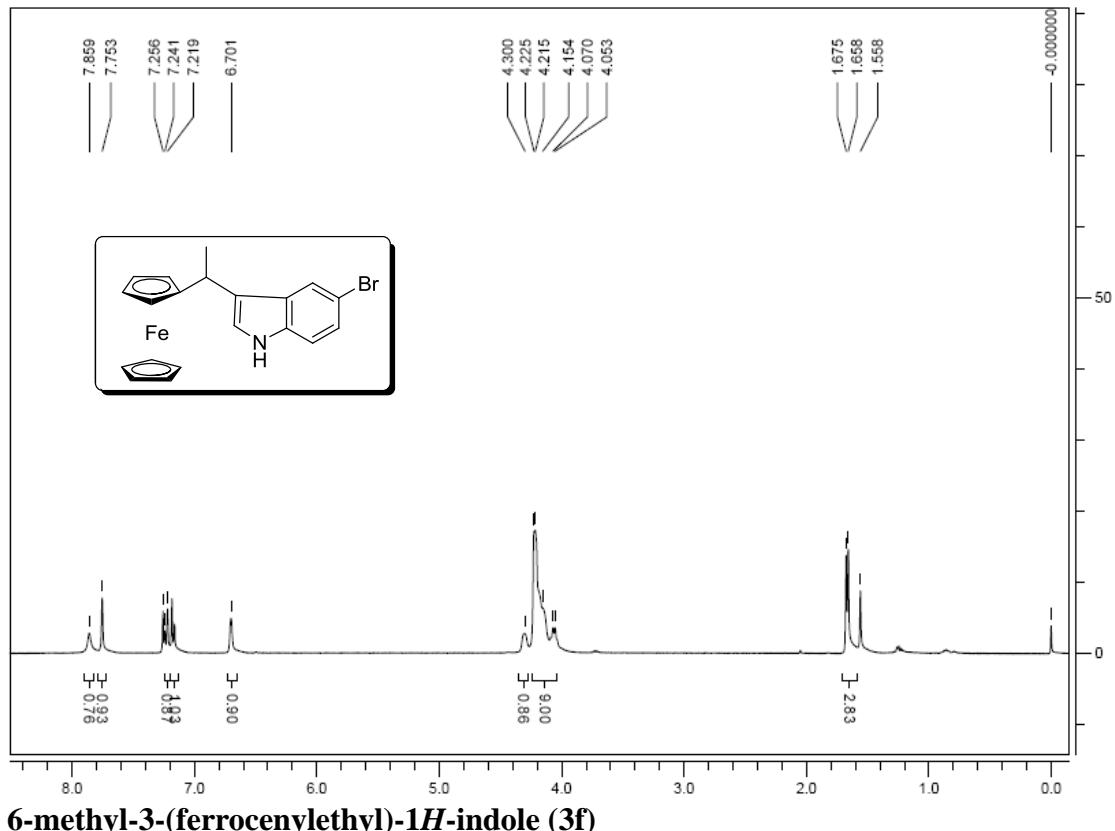
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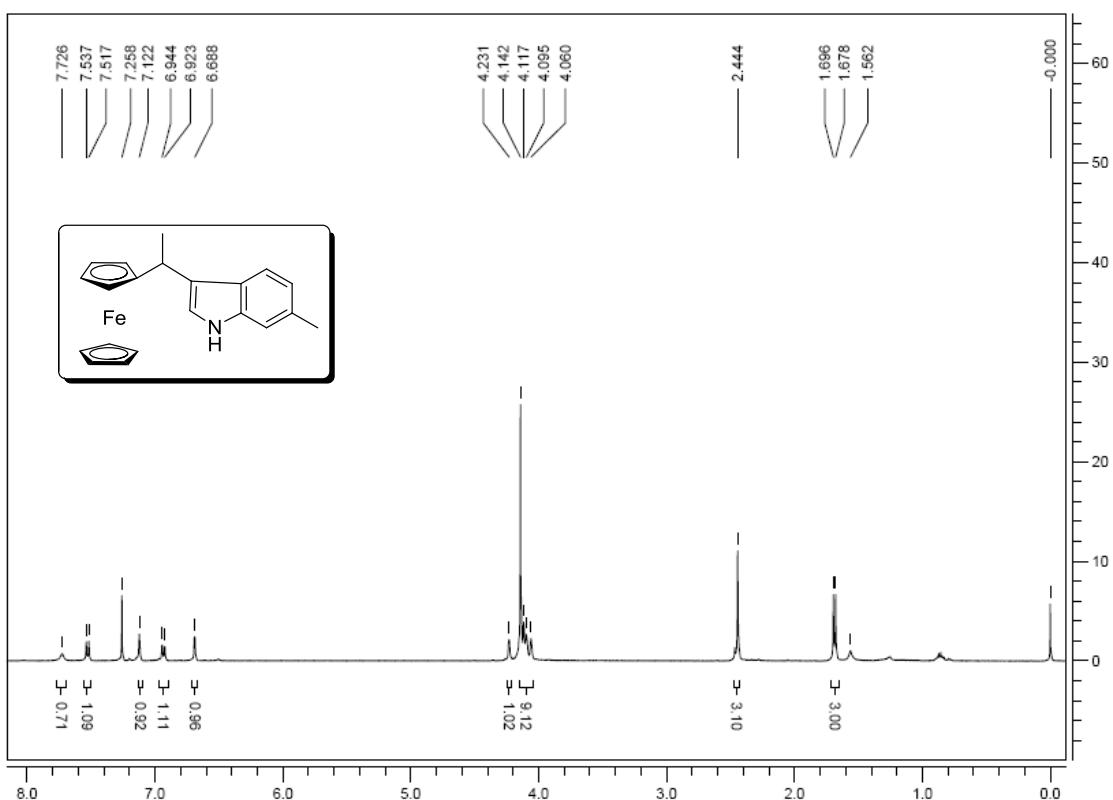
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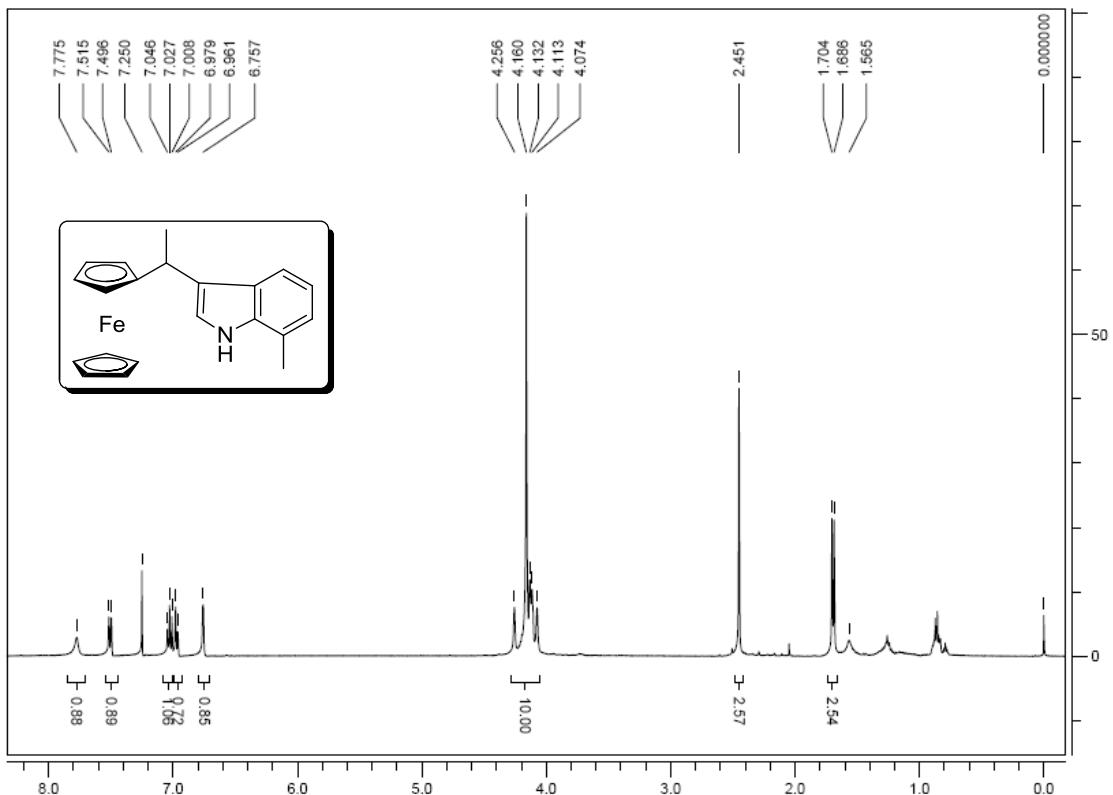
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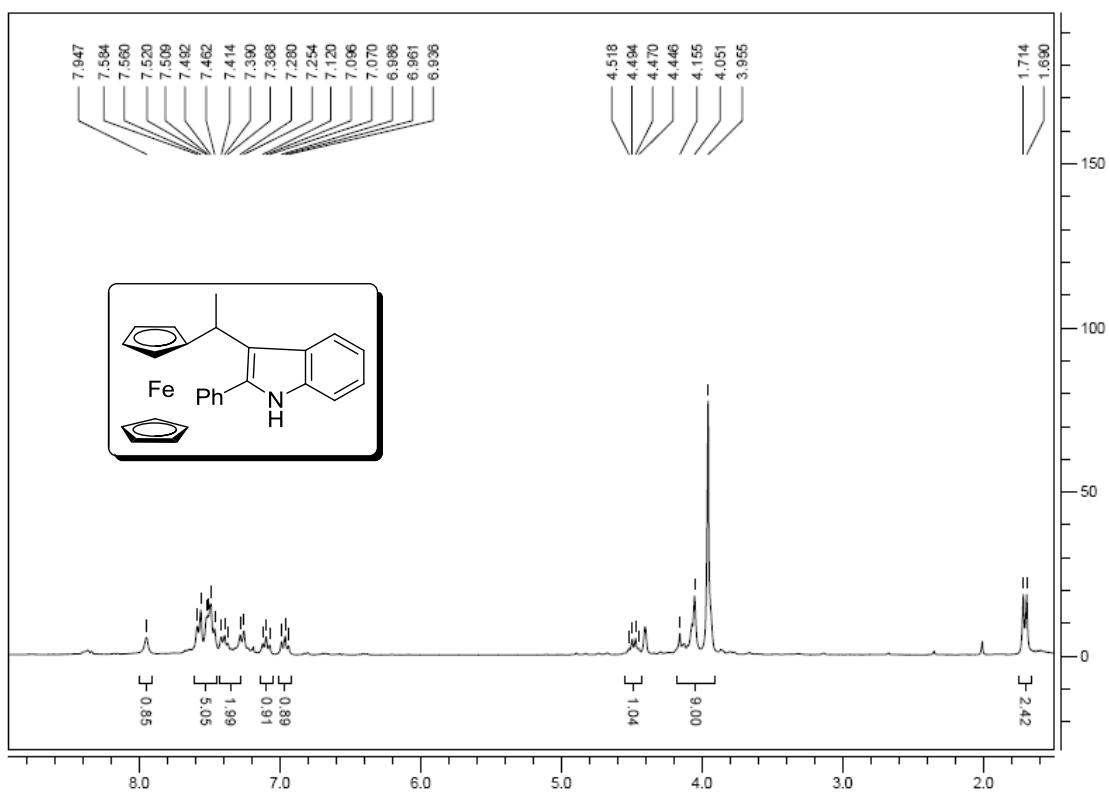
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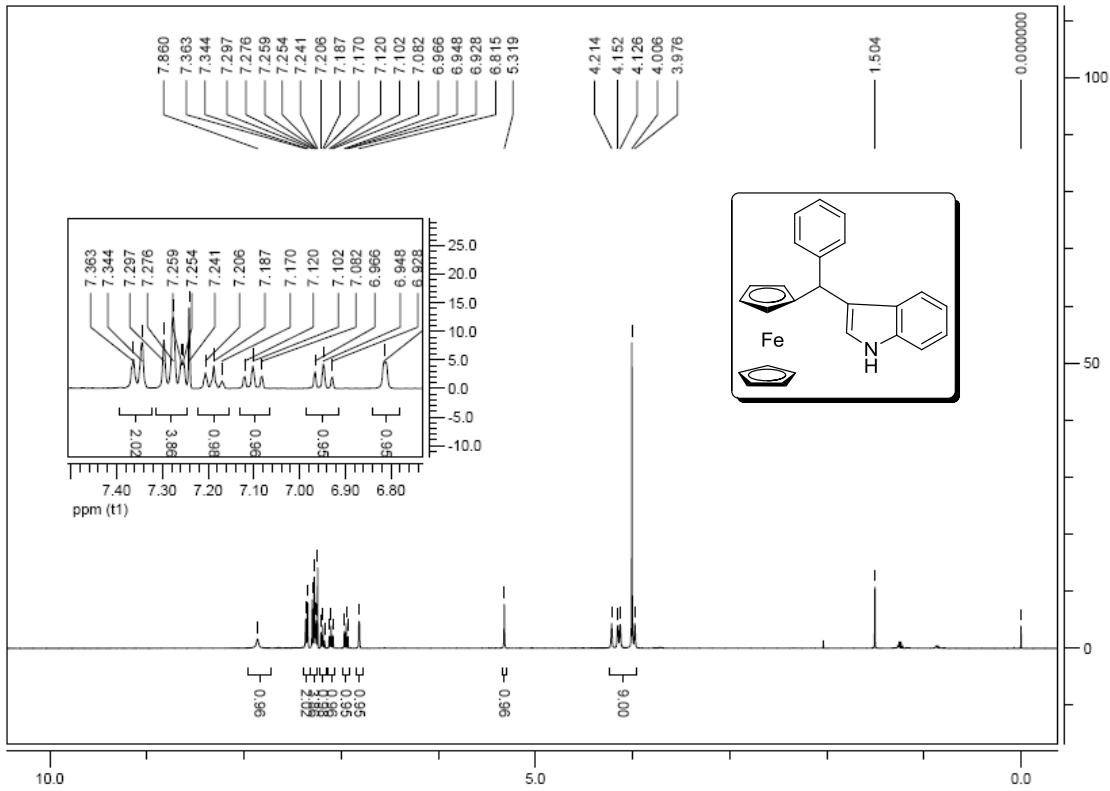
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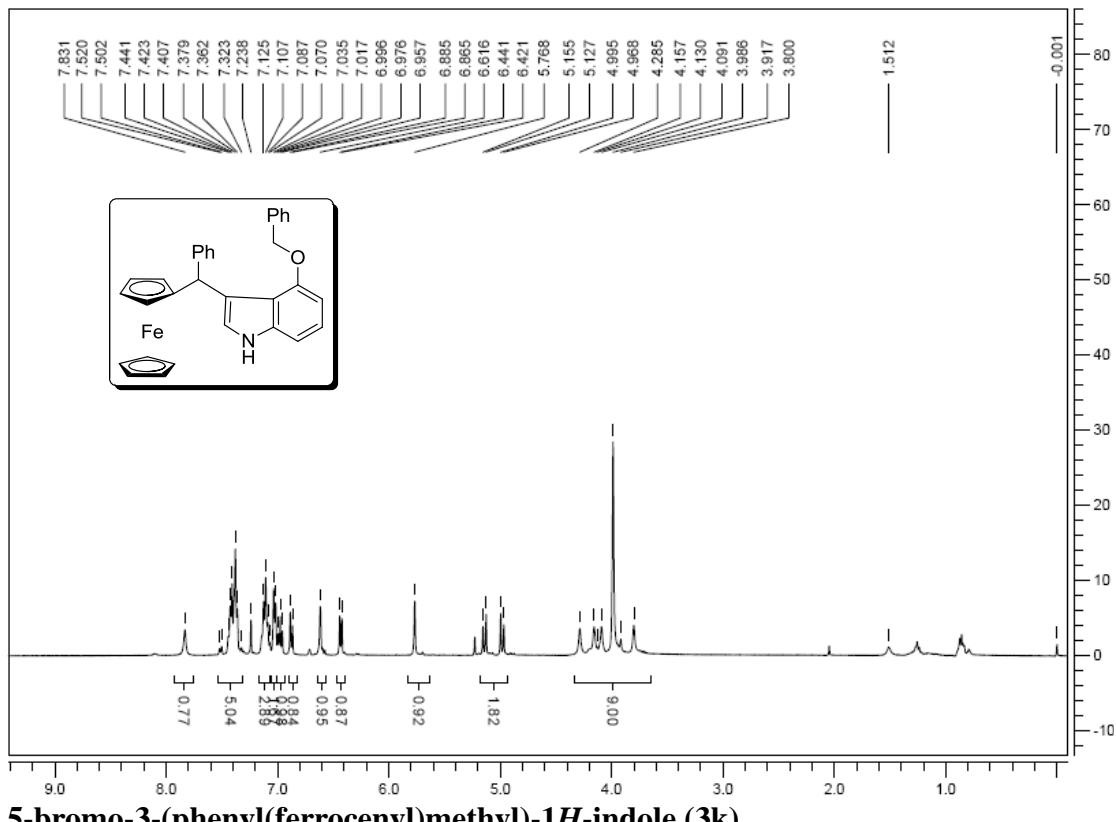
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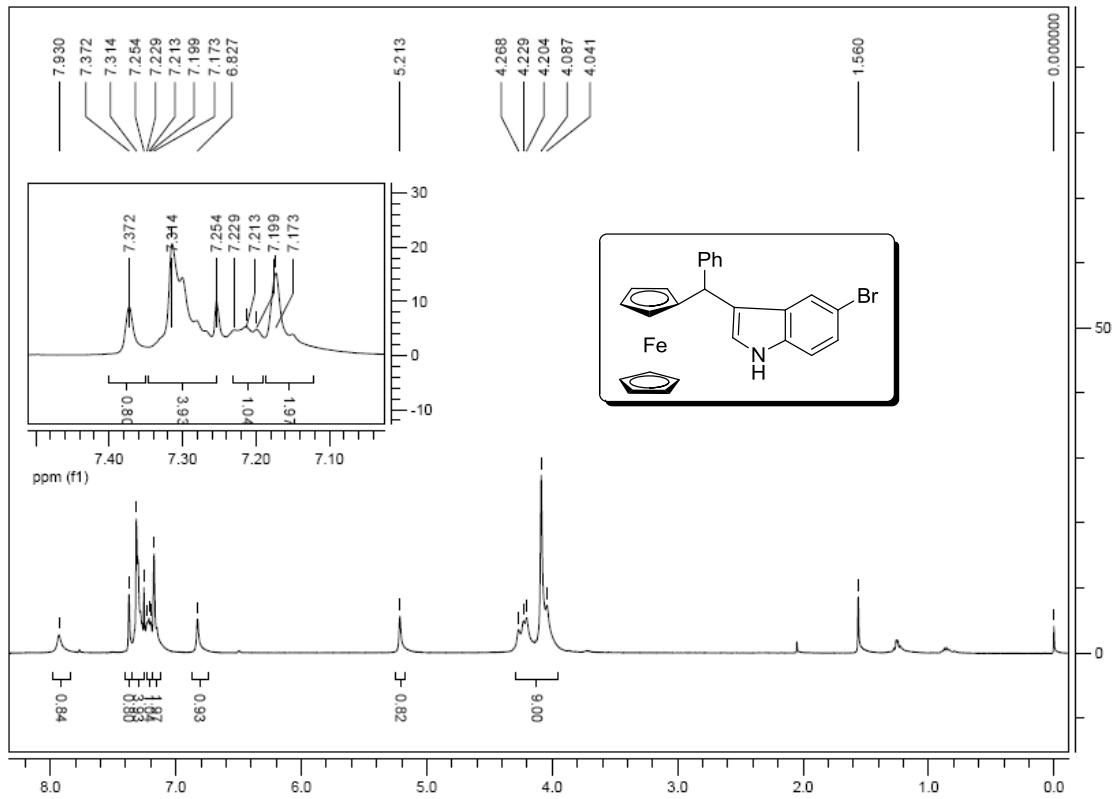
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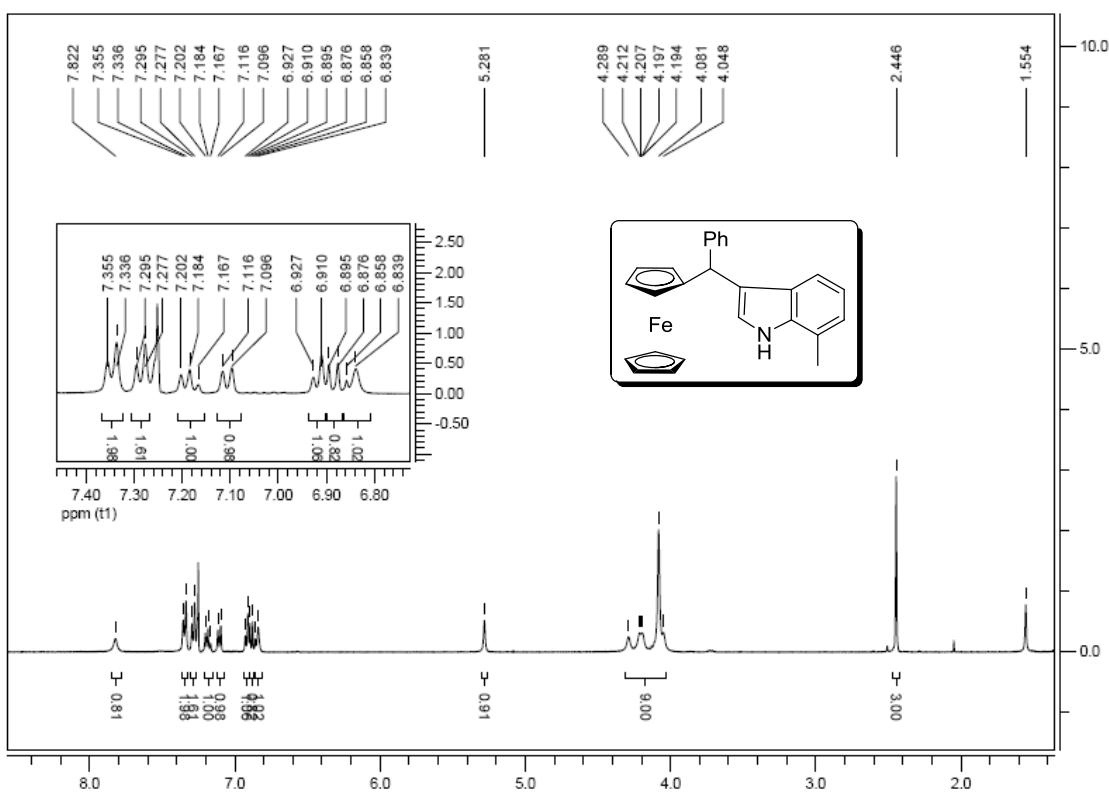
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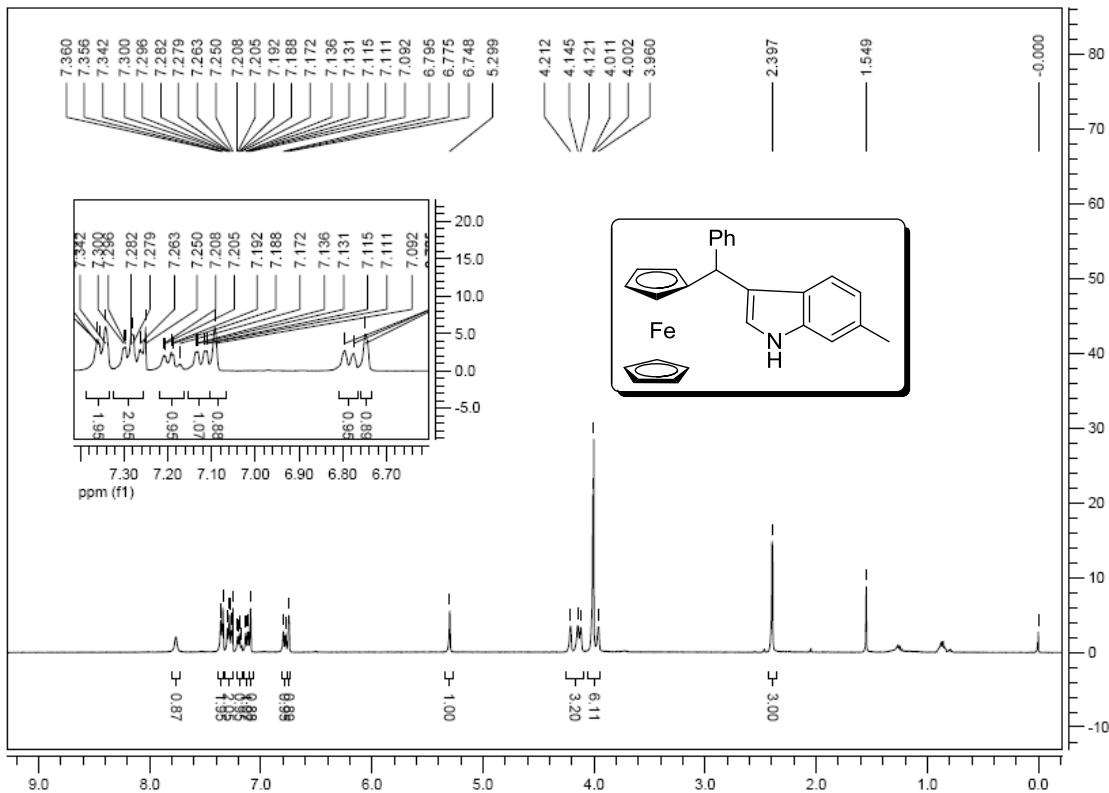
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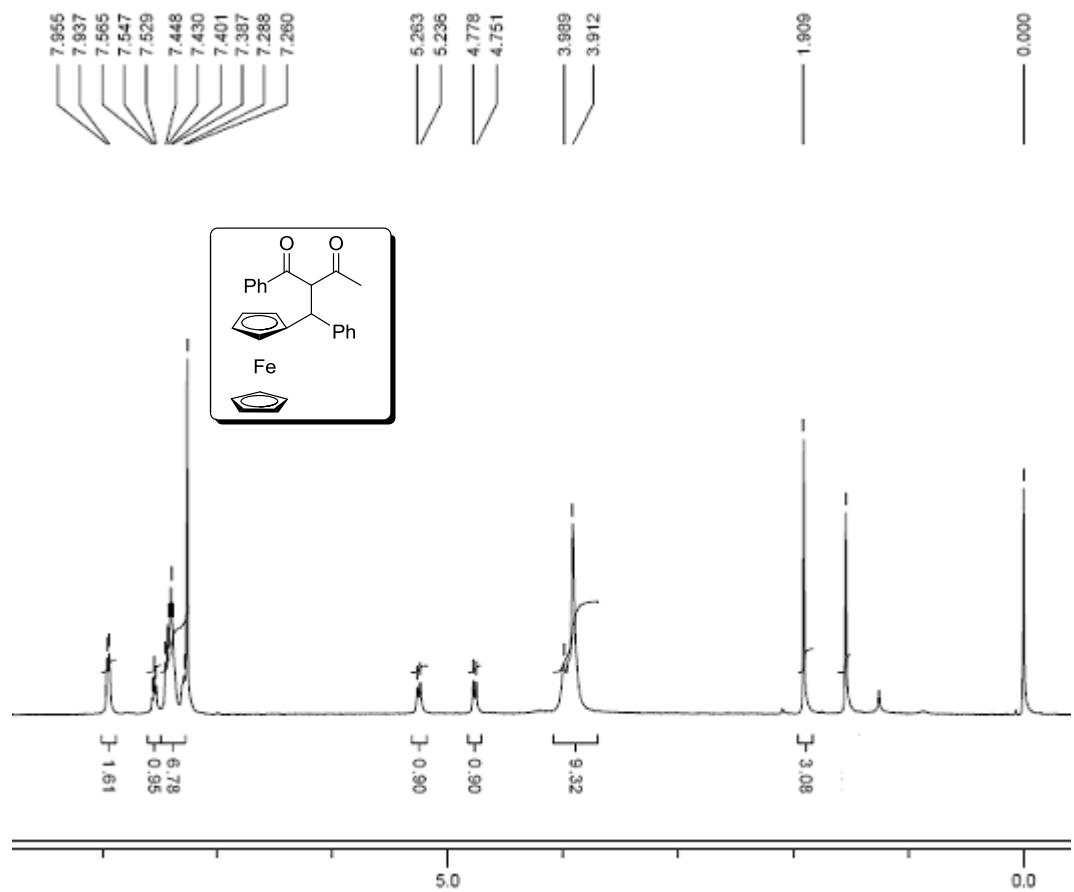
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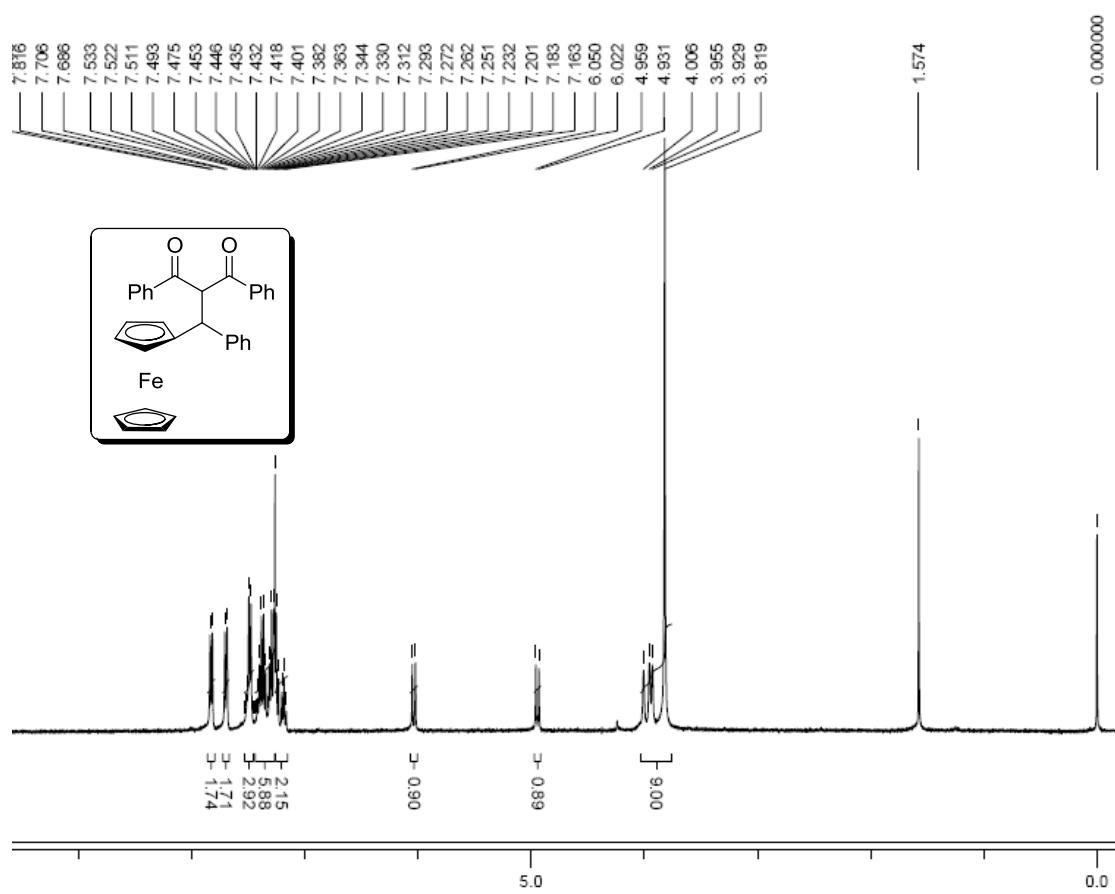
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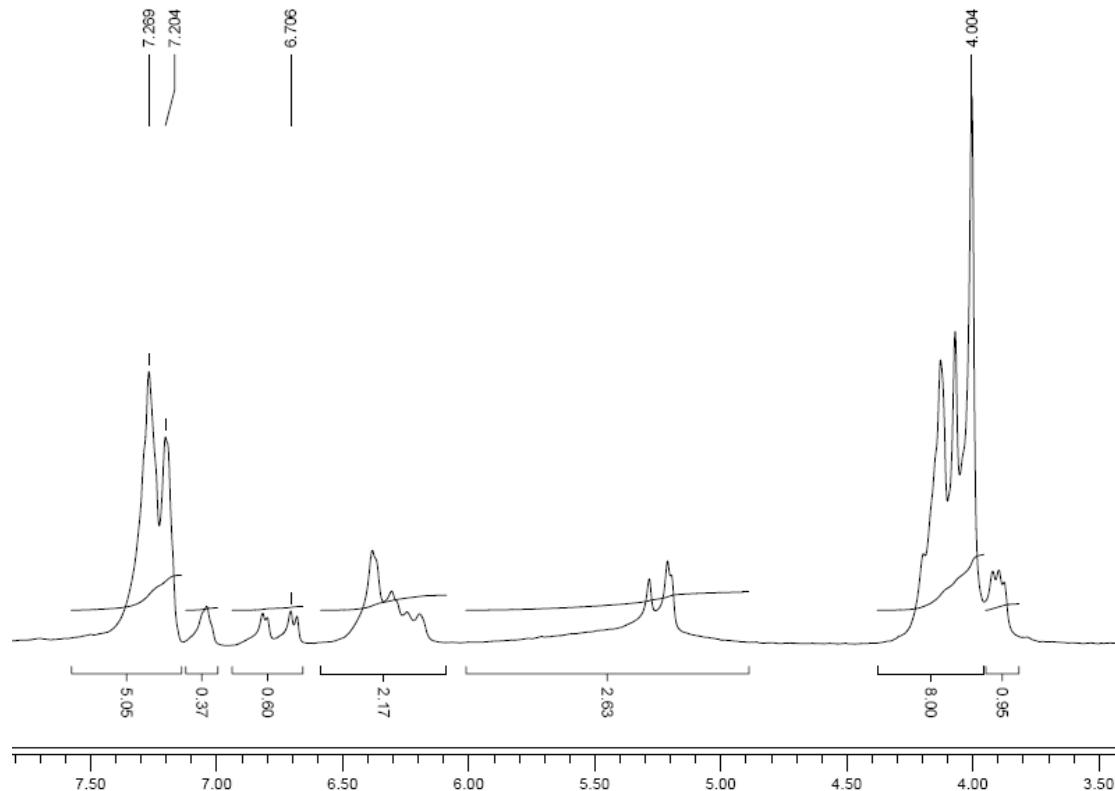
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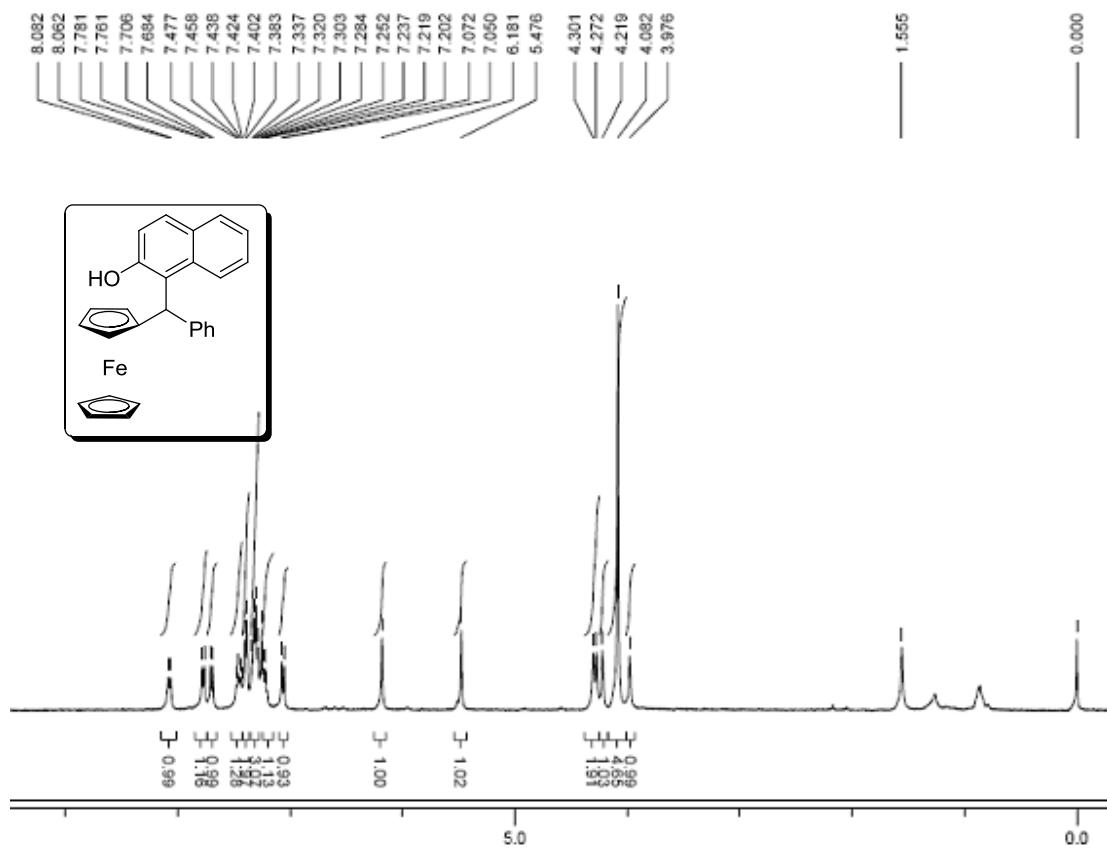
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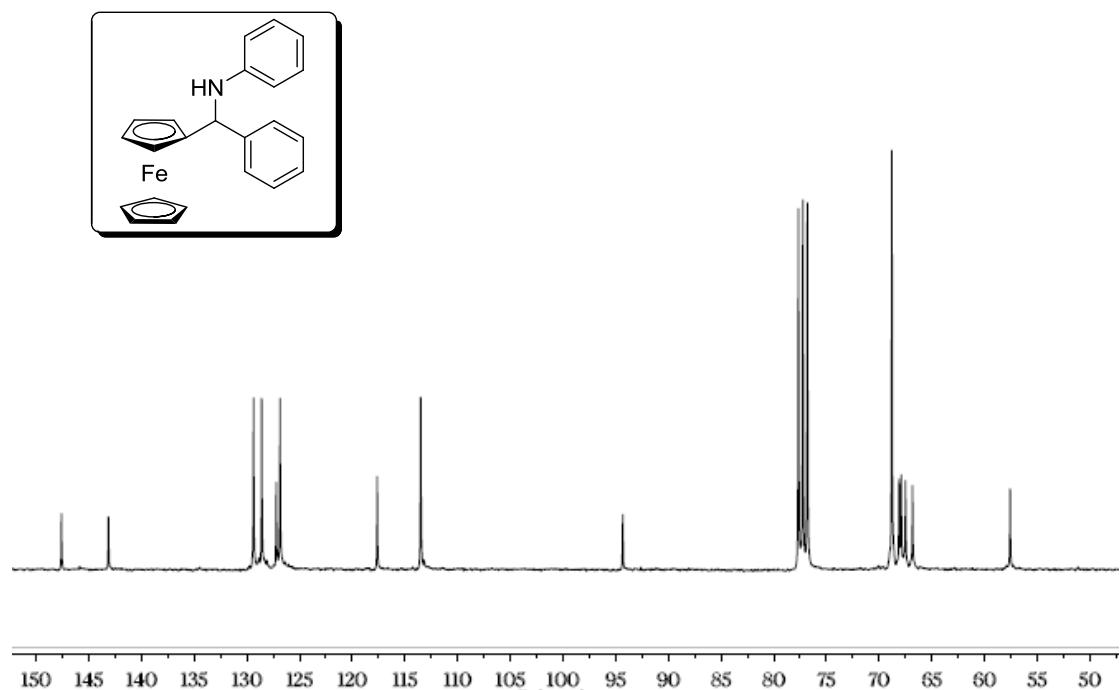
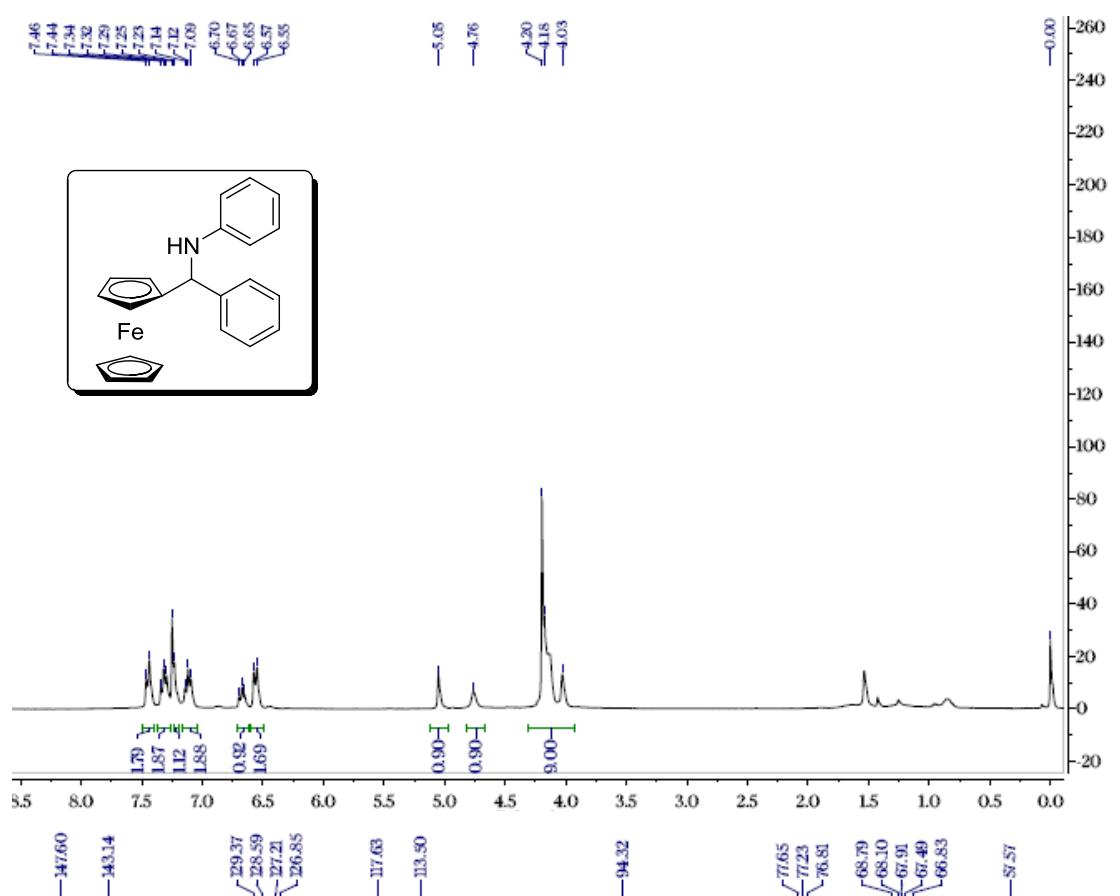
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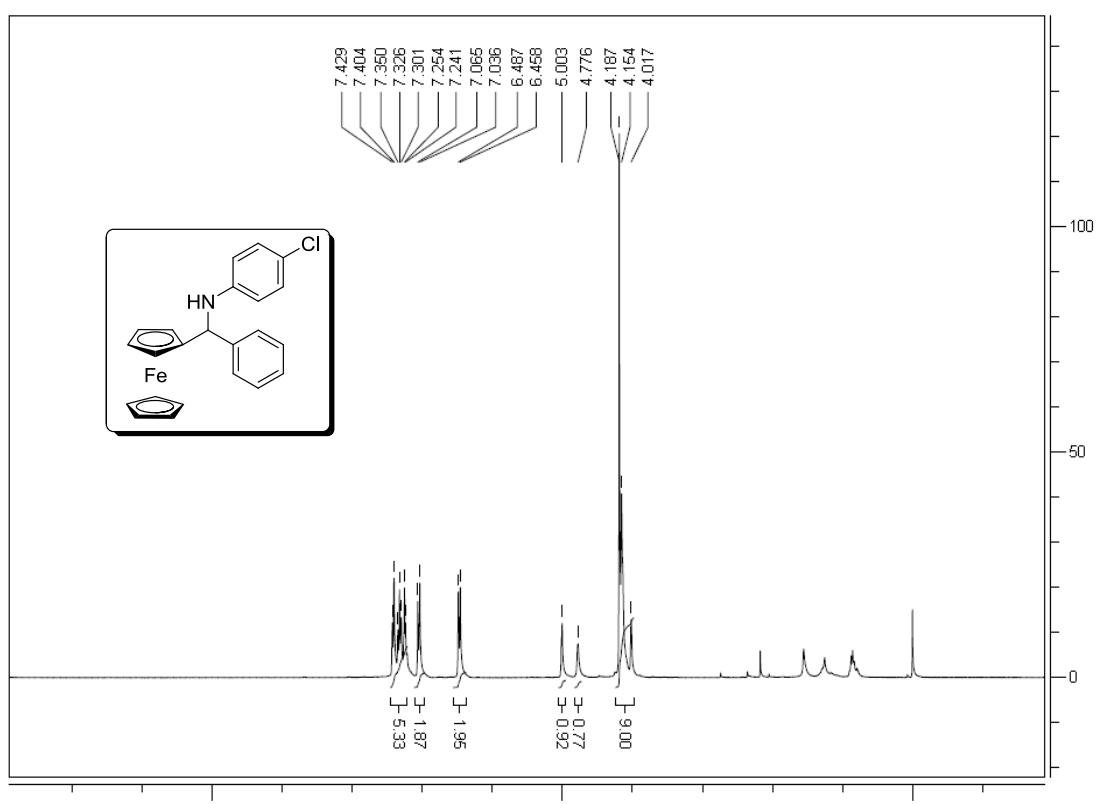


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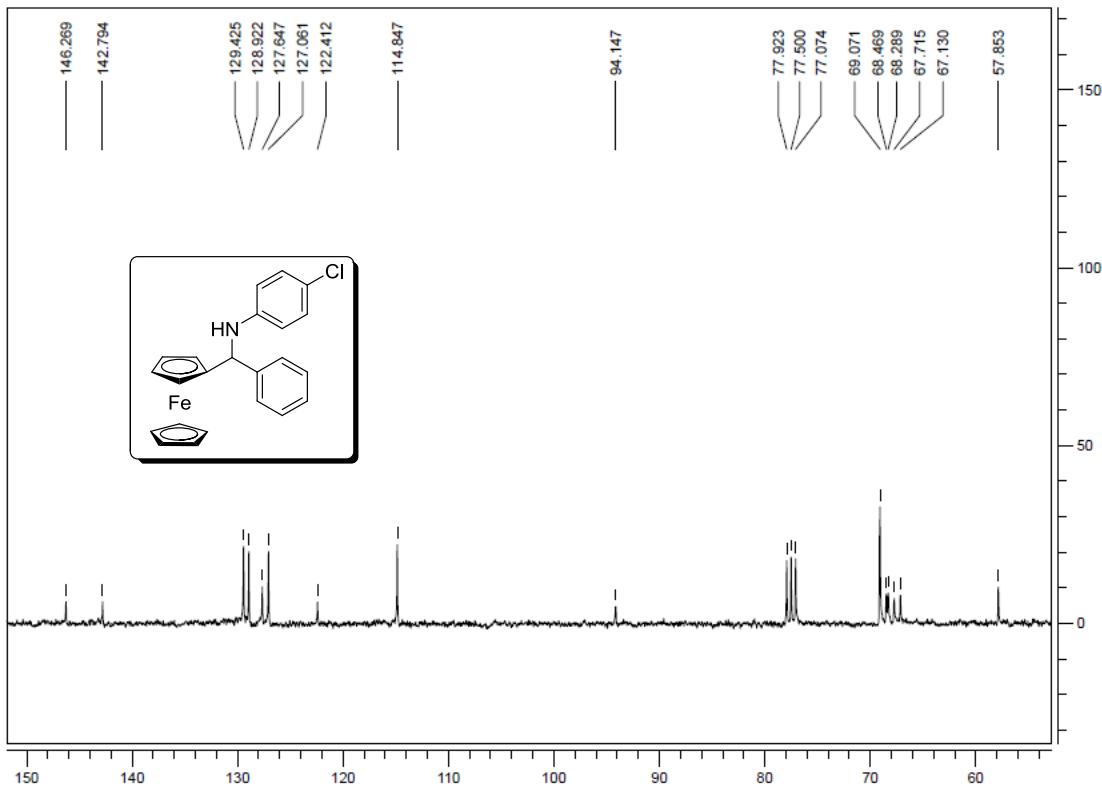


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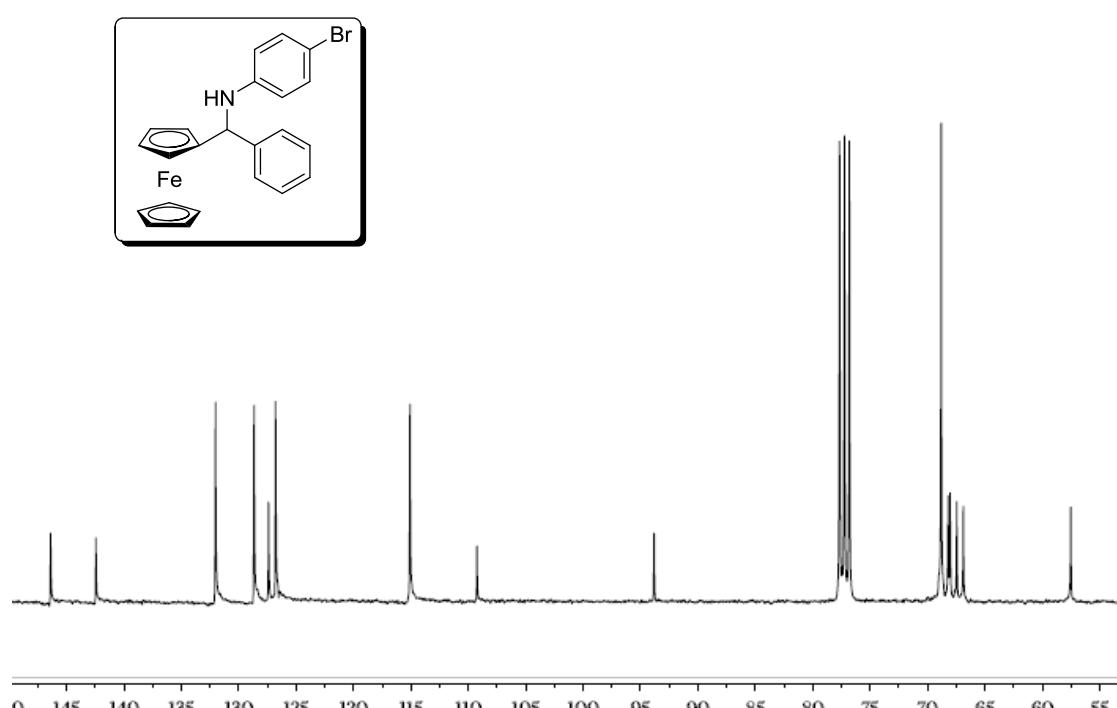
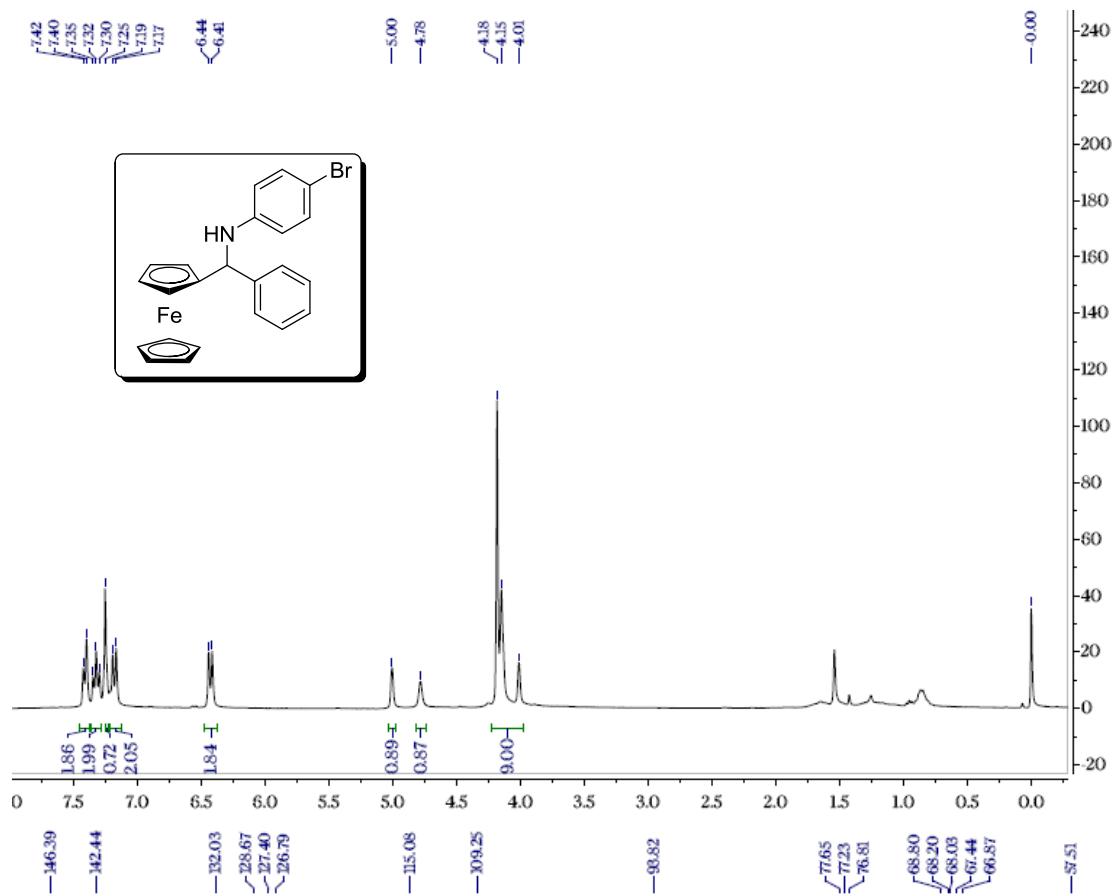
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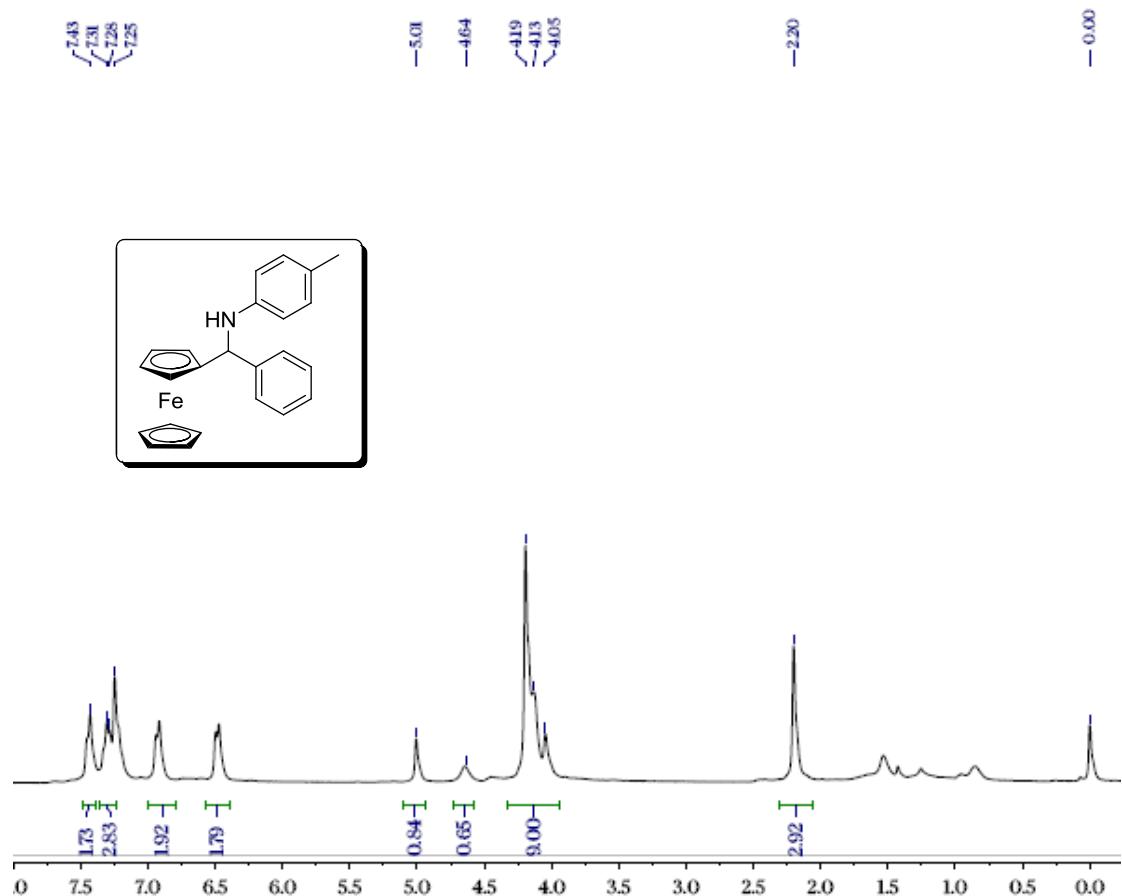
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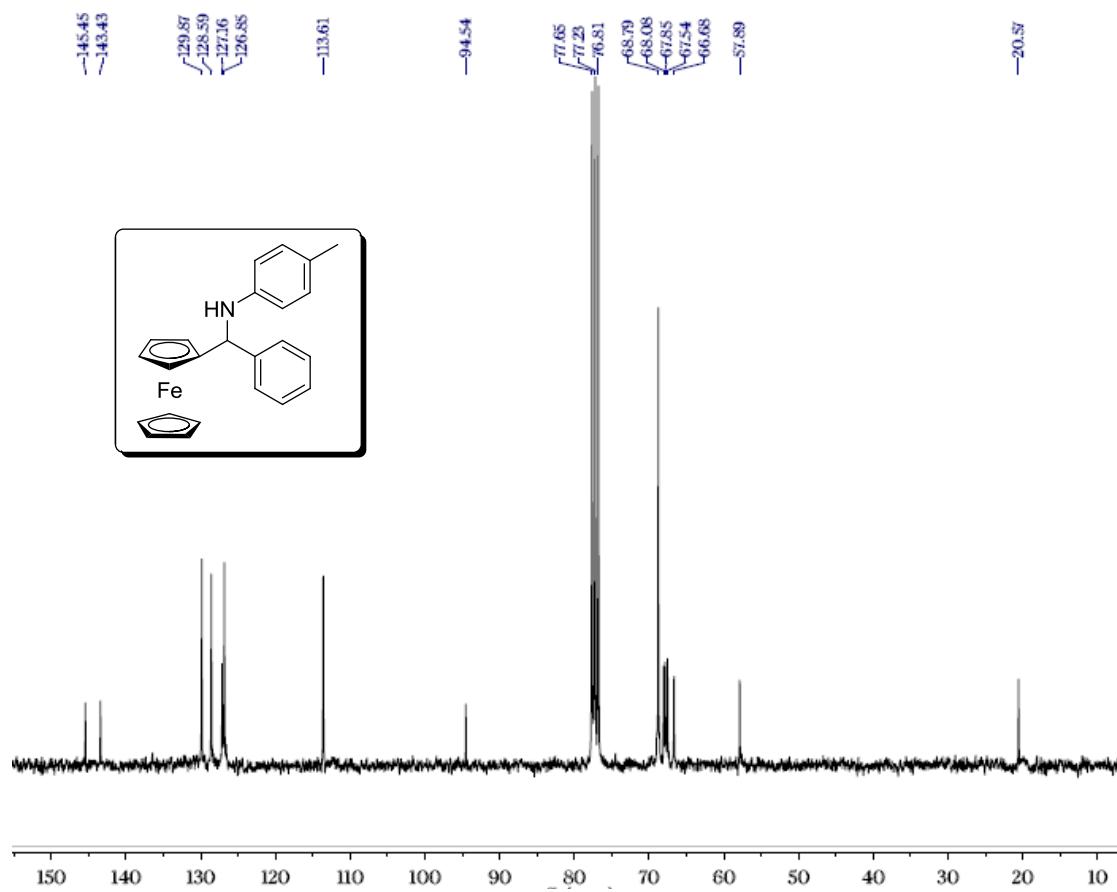


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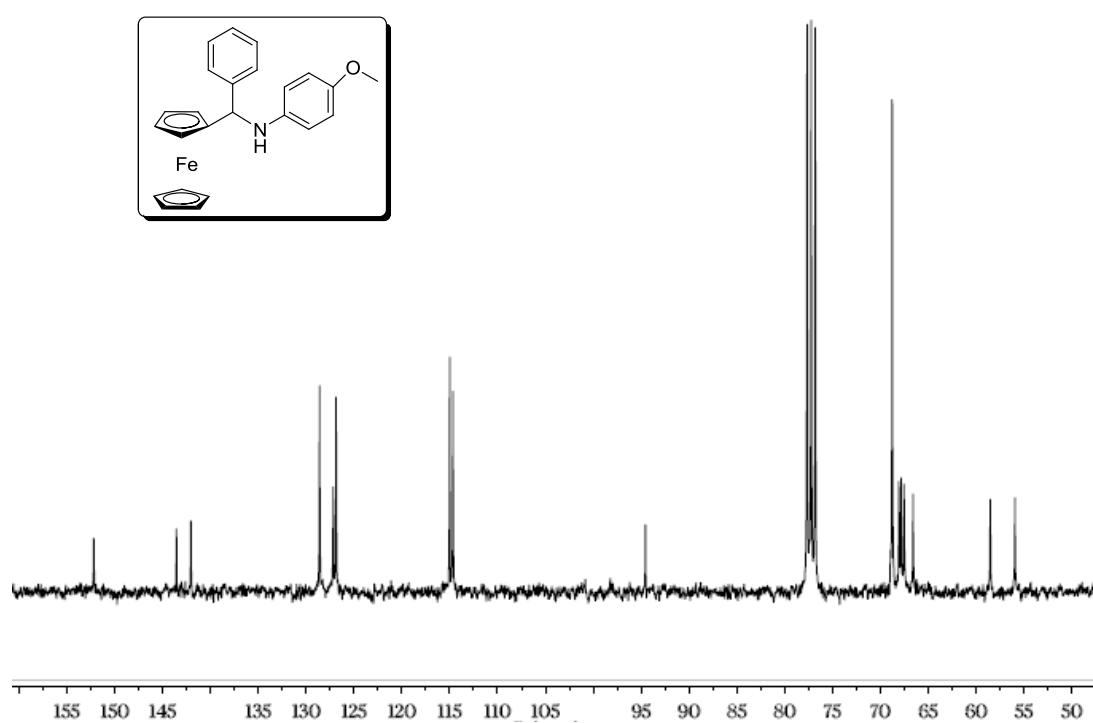
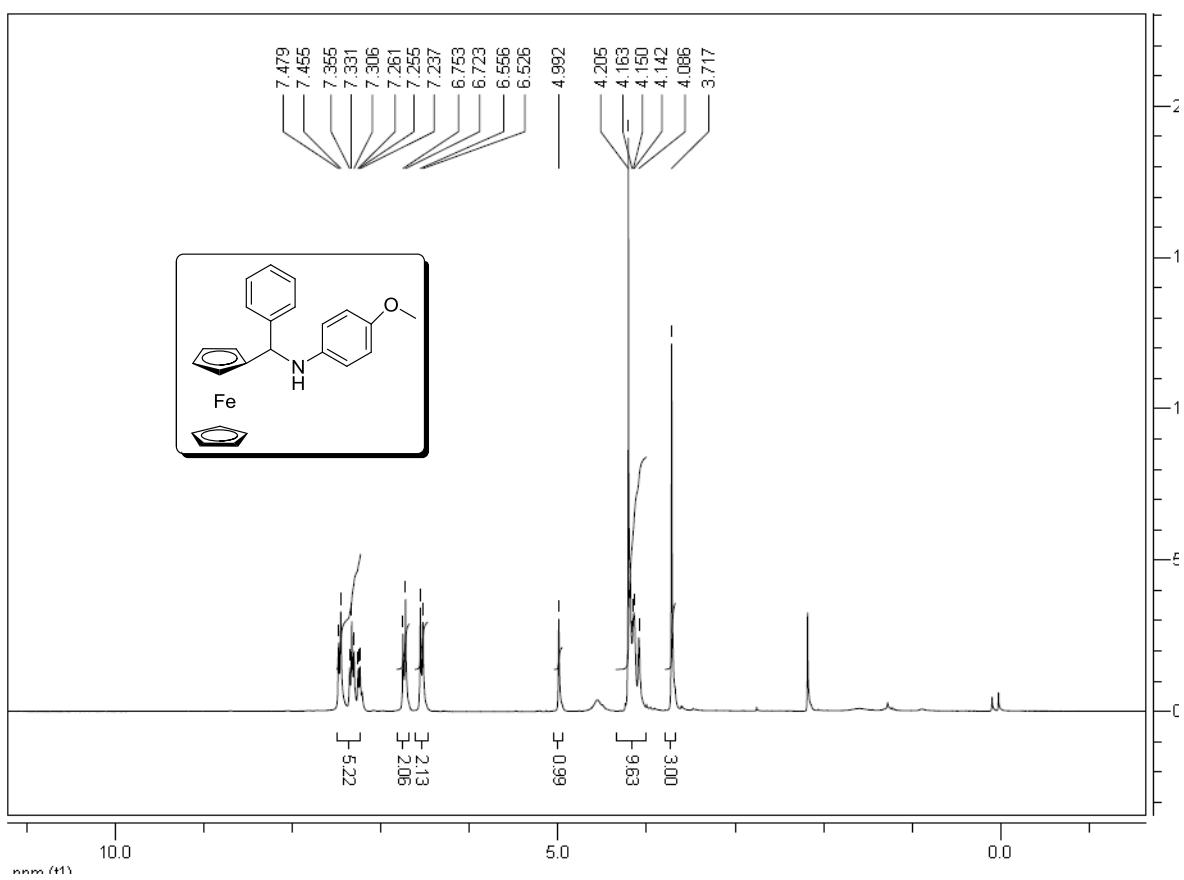


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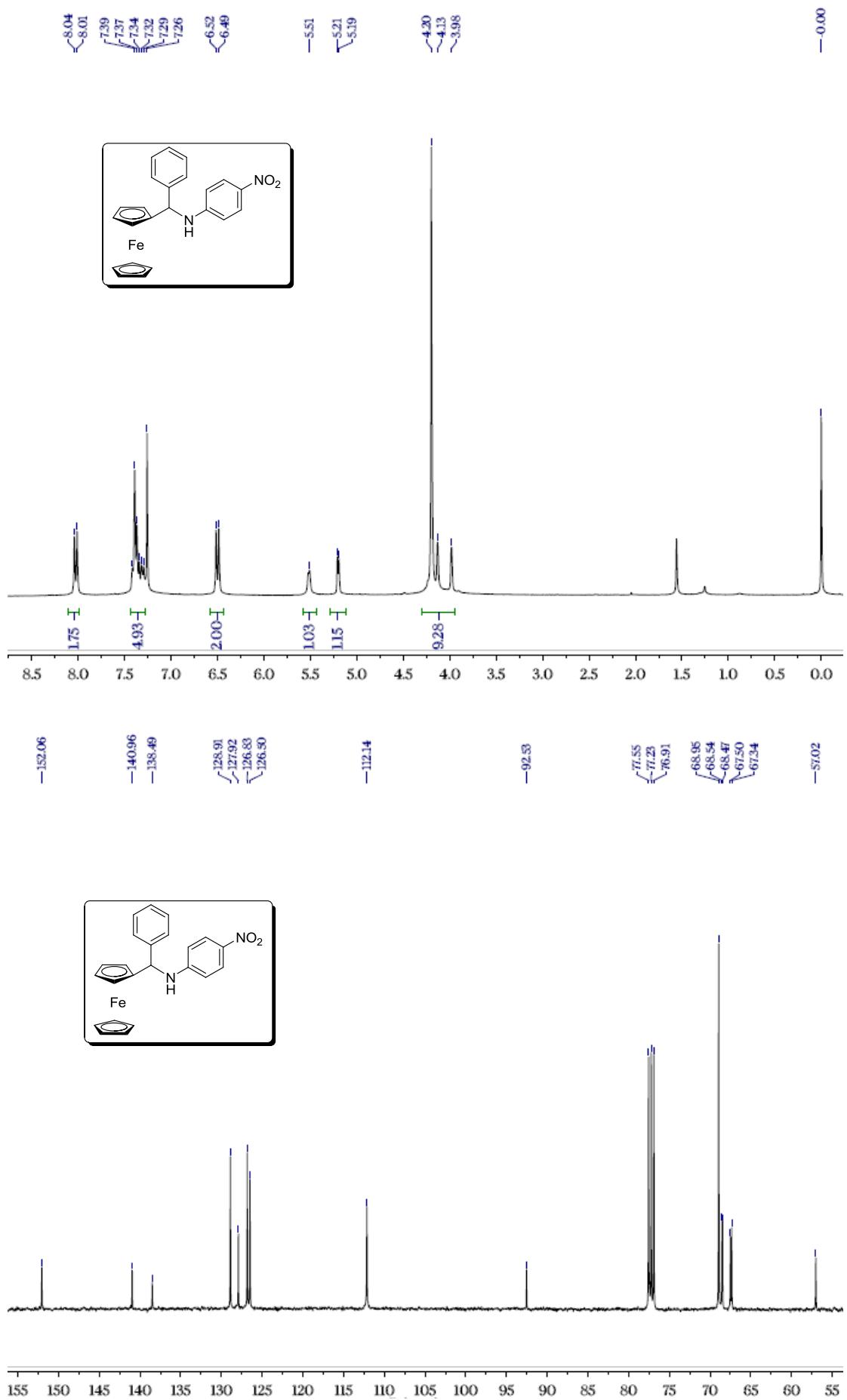




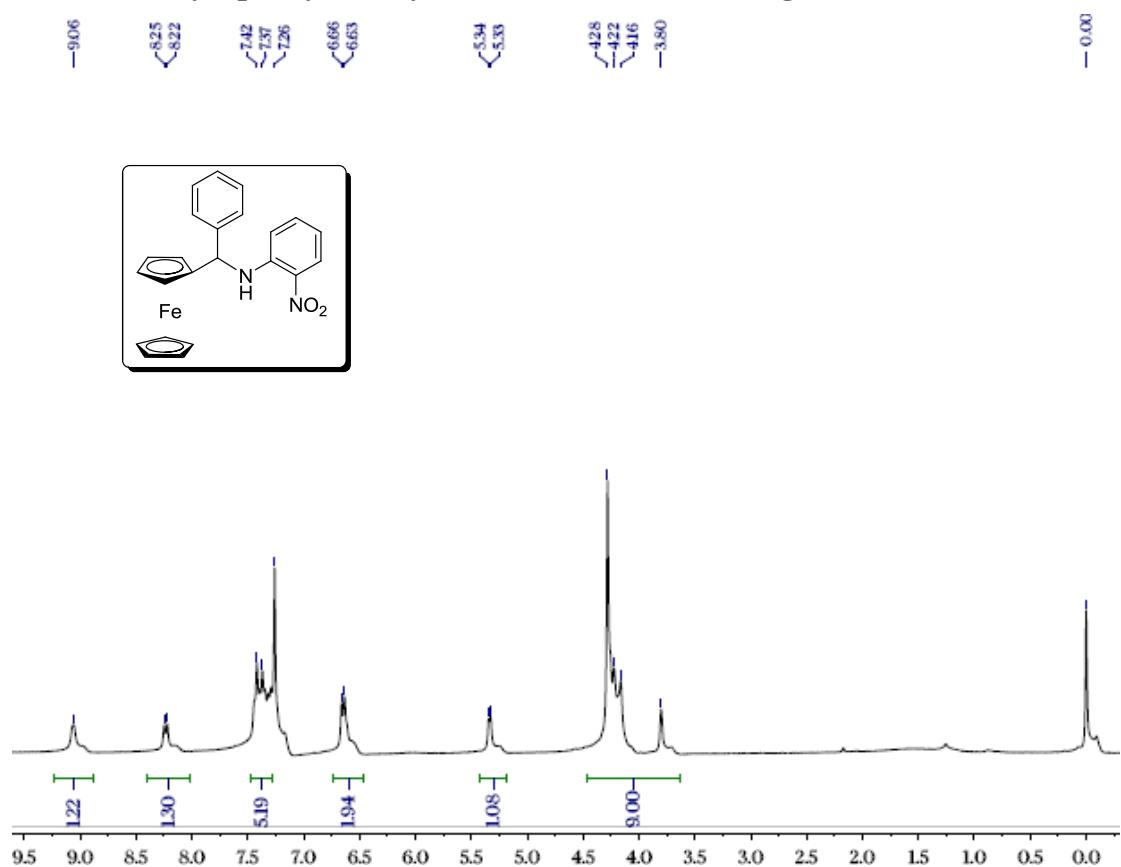
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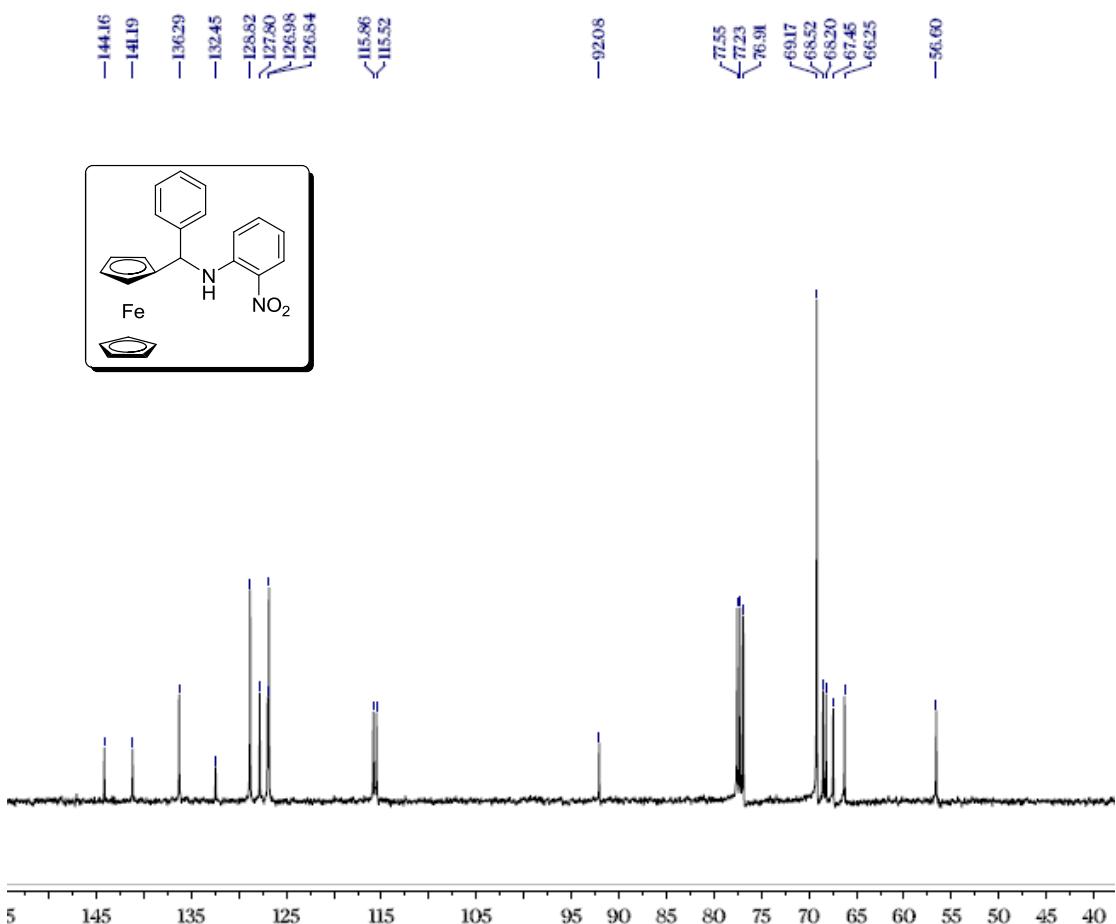


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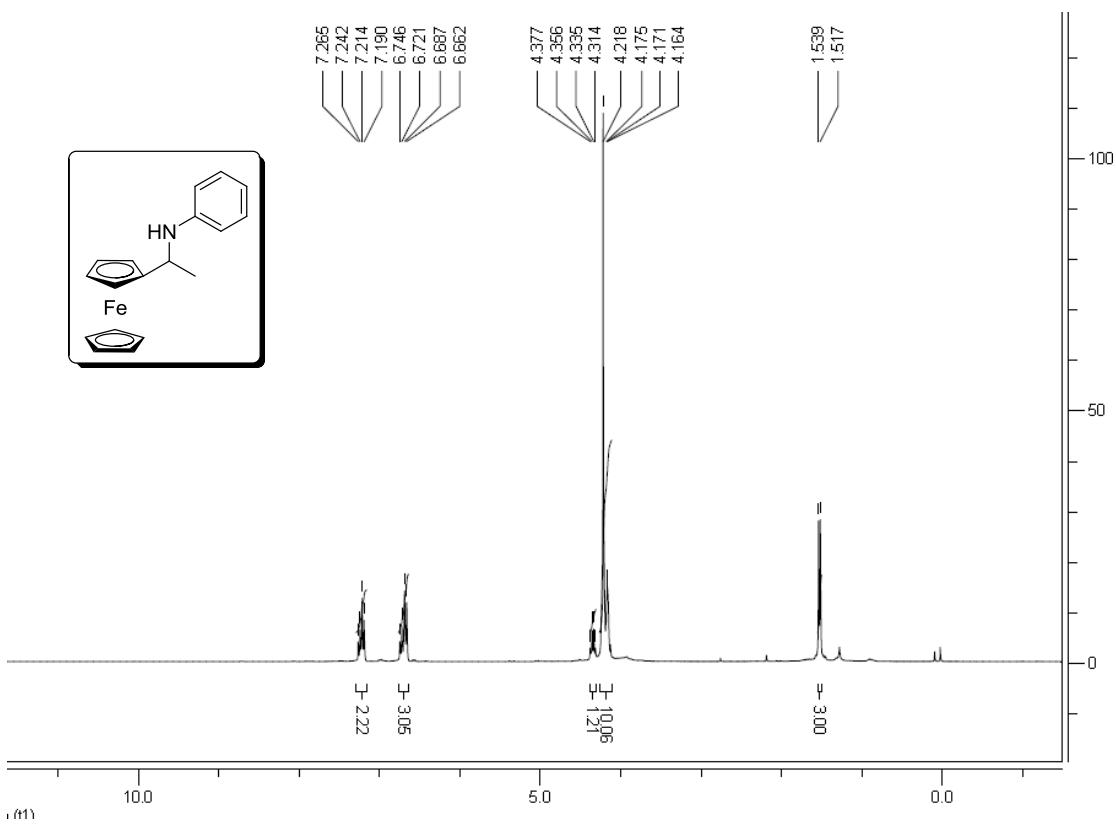


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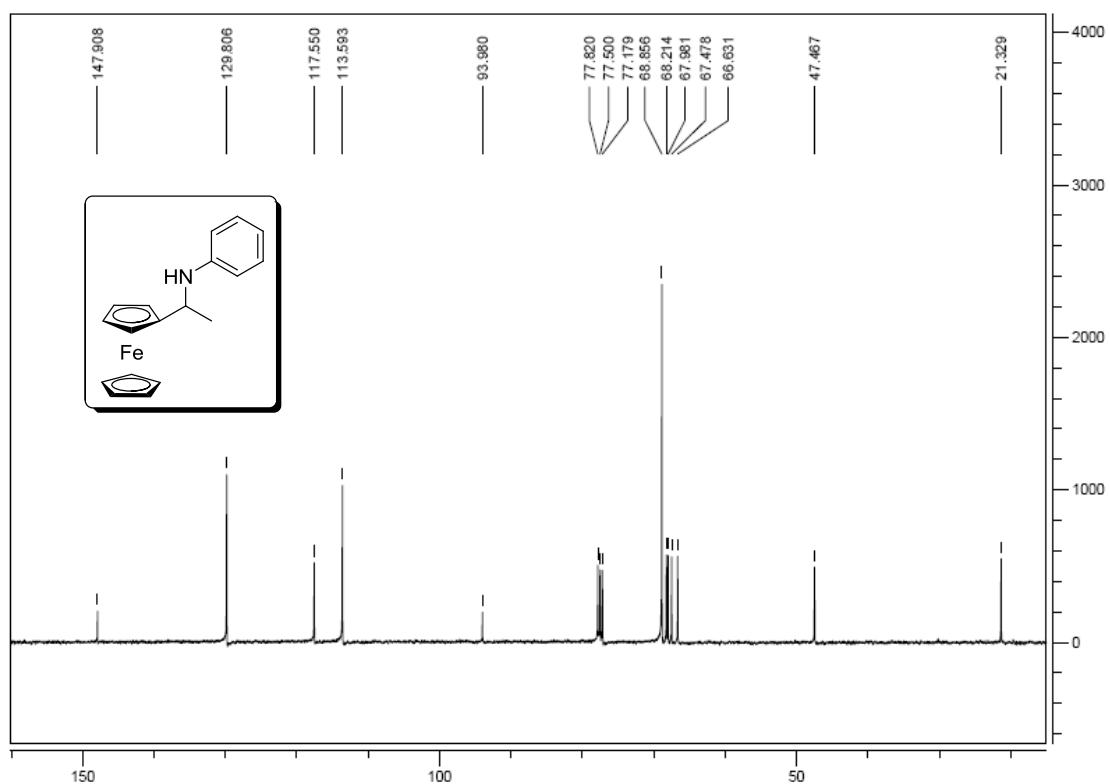




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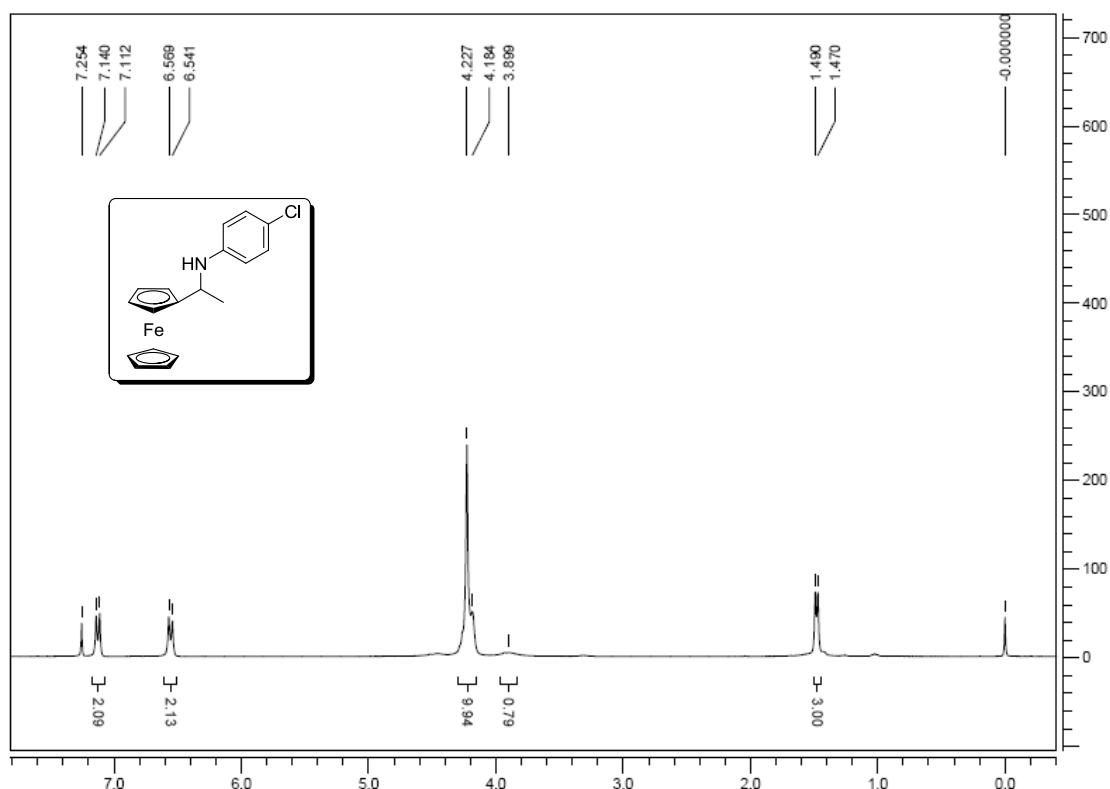


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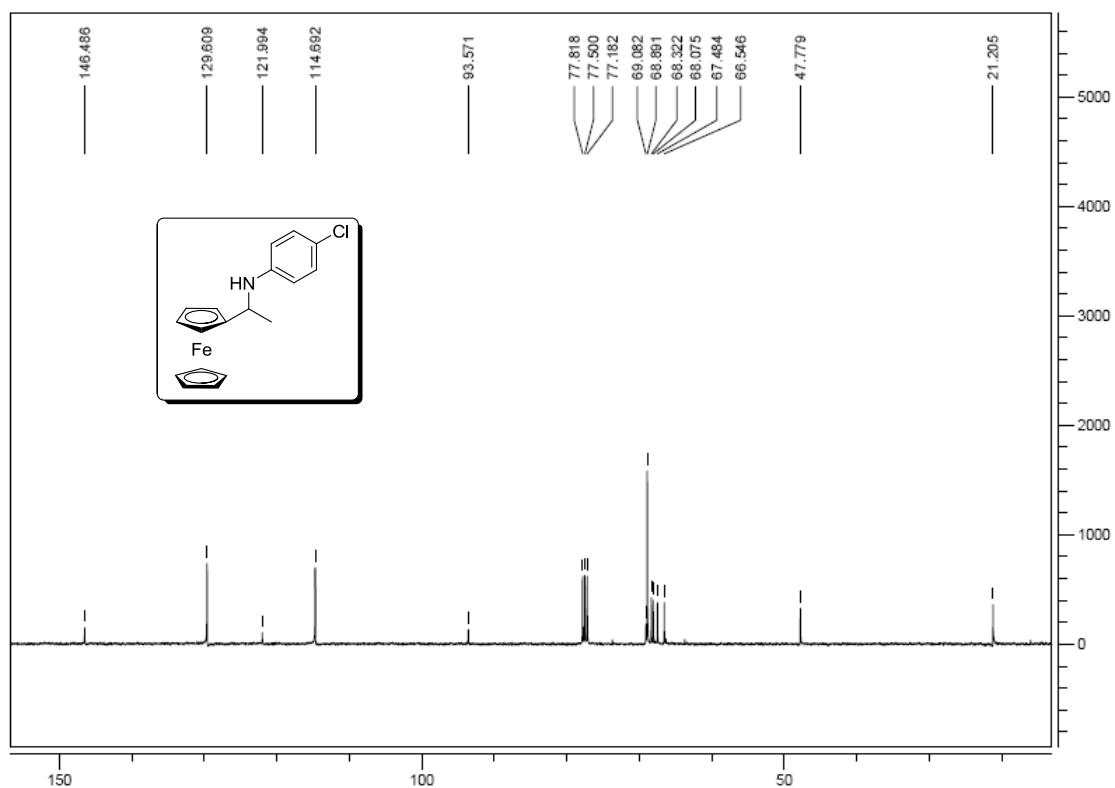


**4-chloro-N-(1-ferrocenylethyl)benzenamine (5i)**

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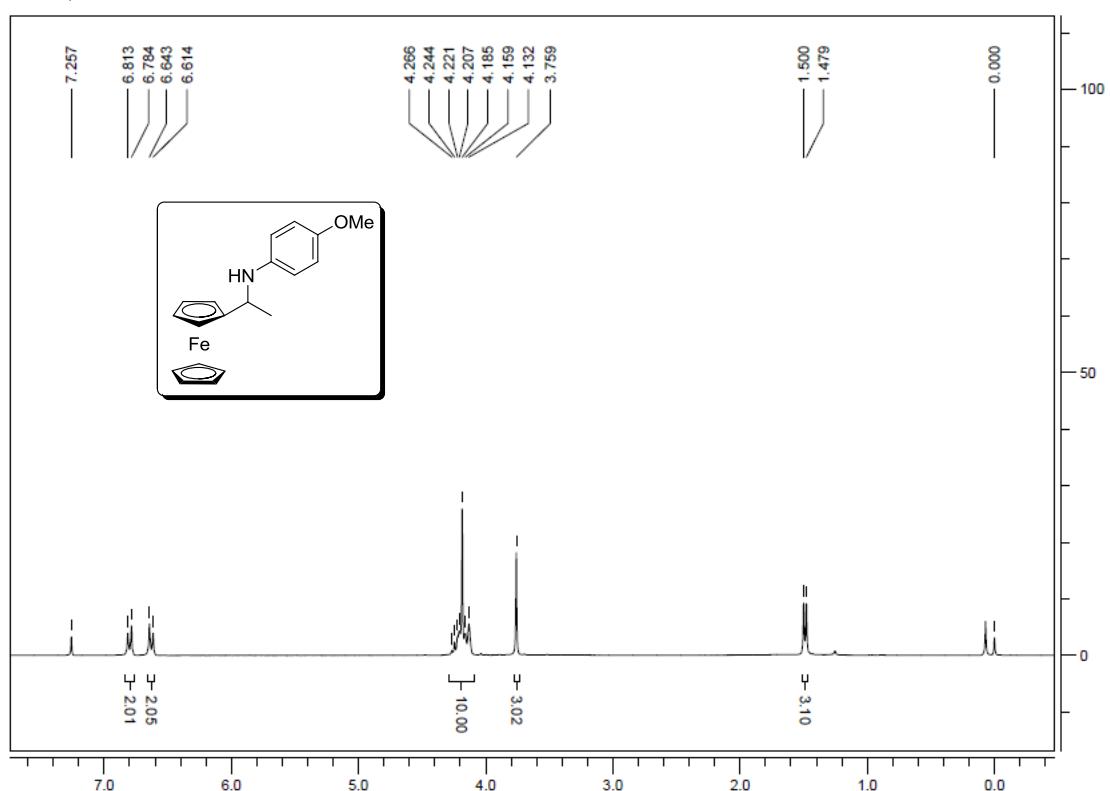


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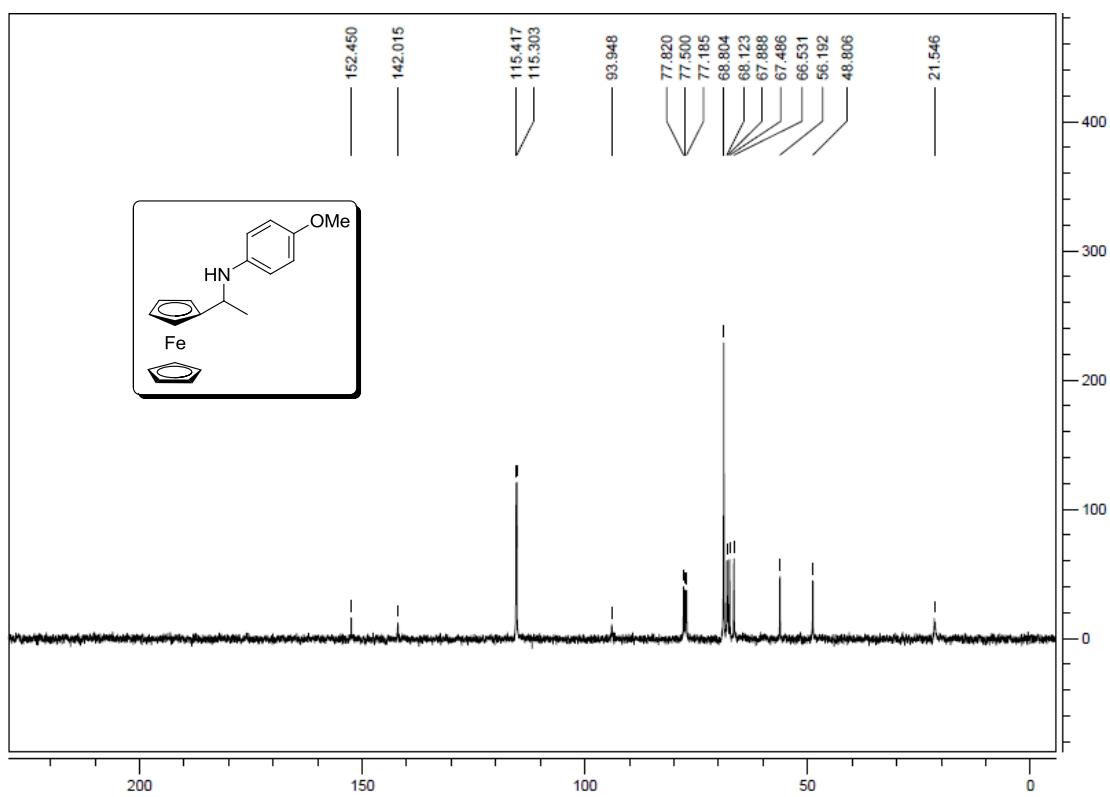


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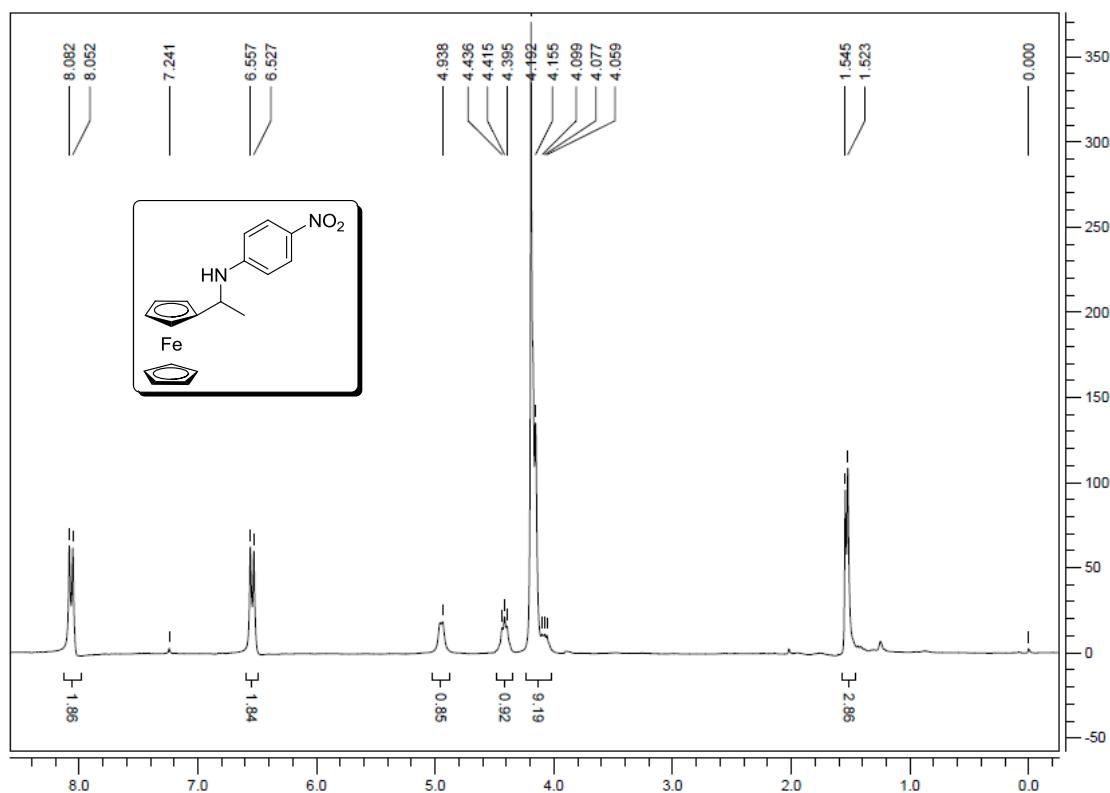


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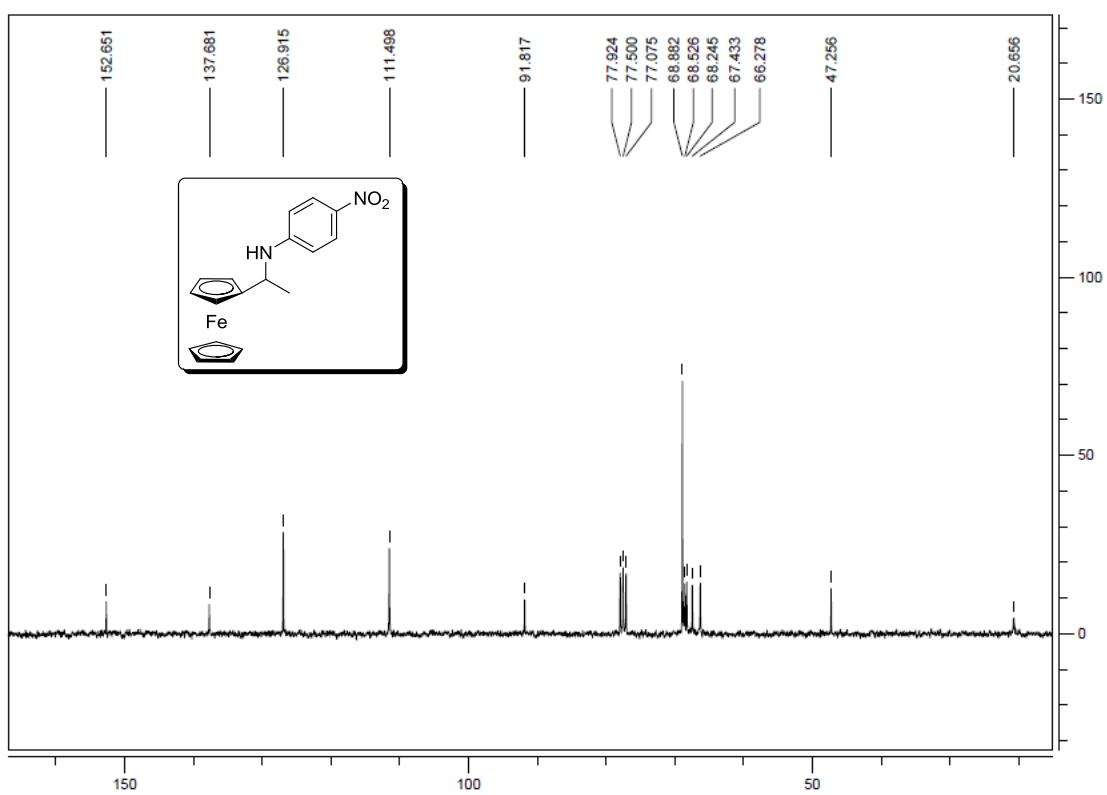


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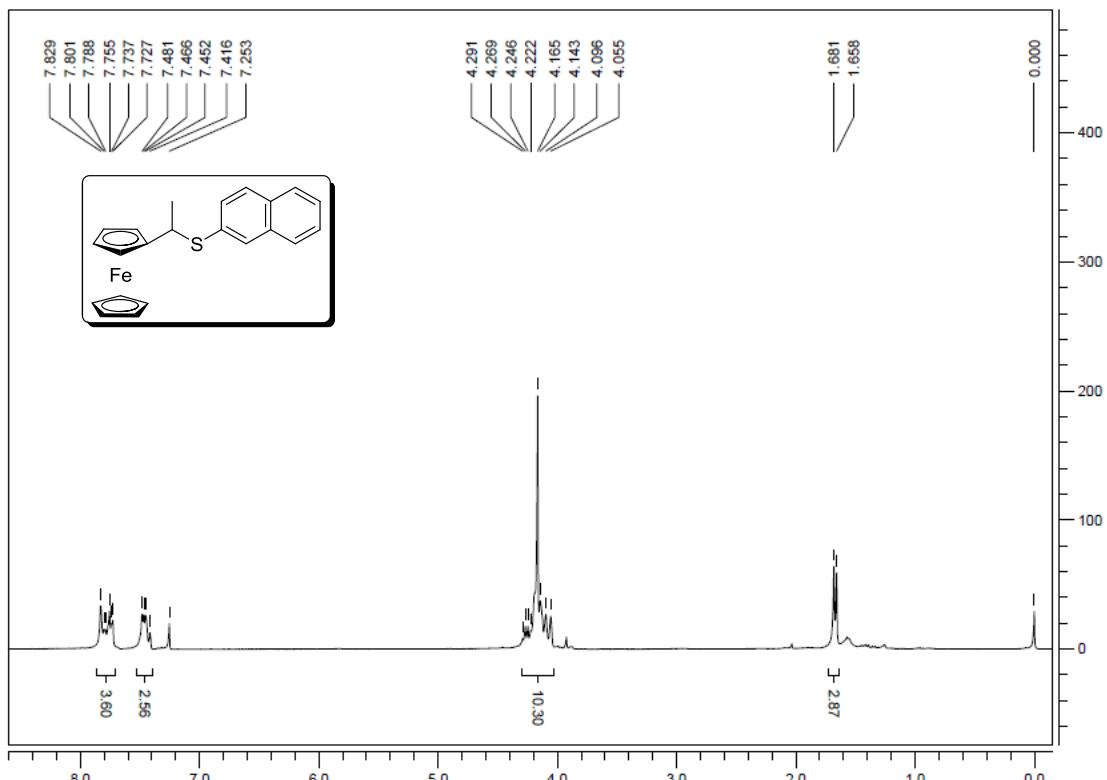
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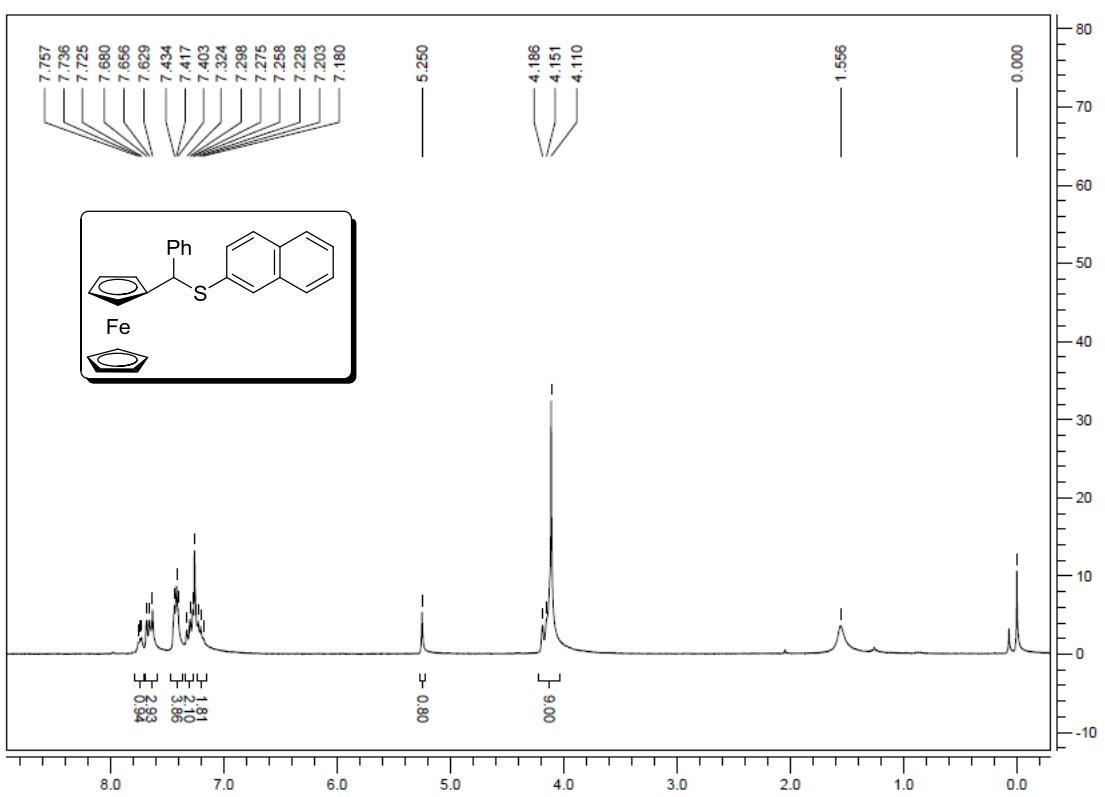
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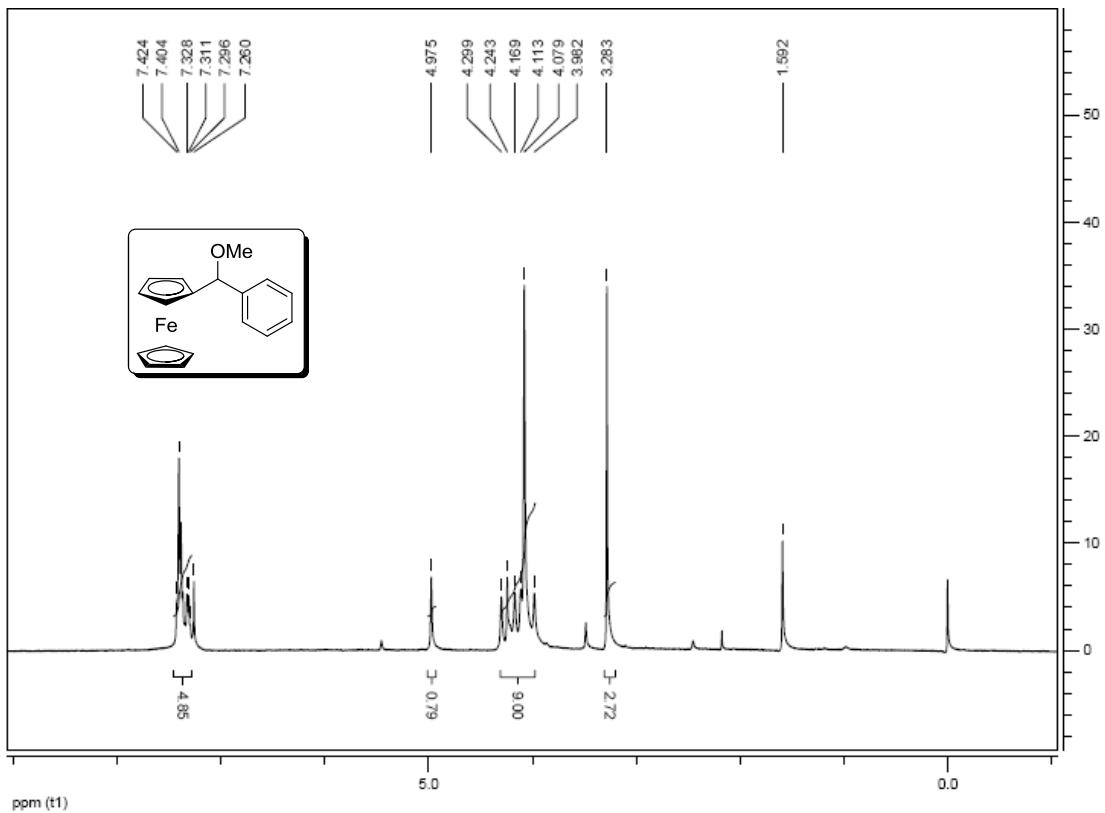
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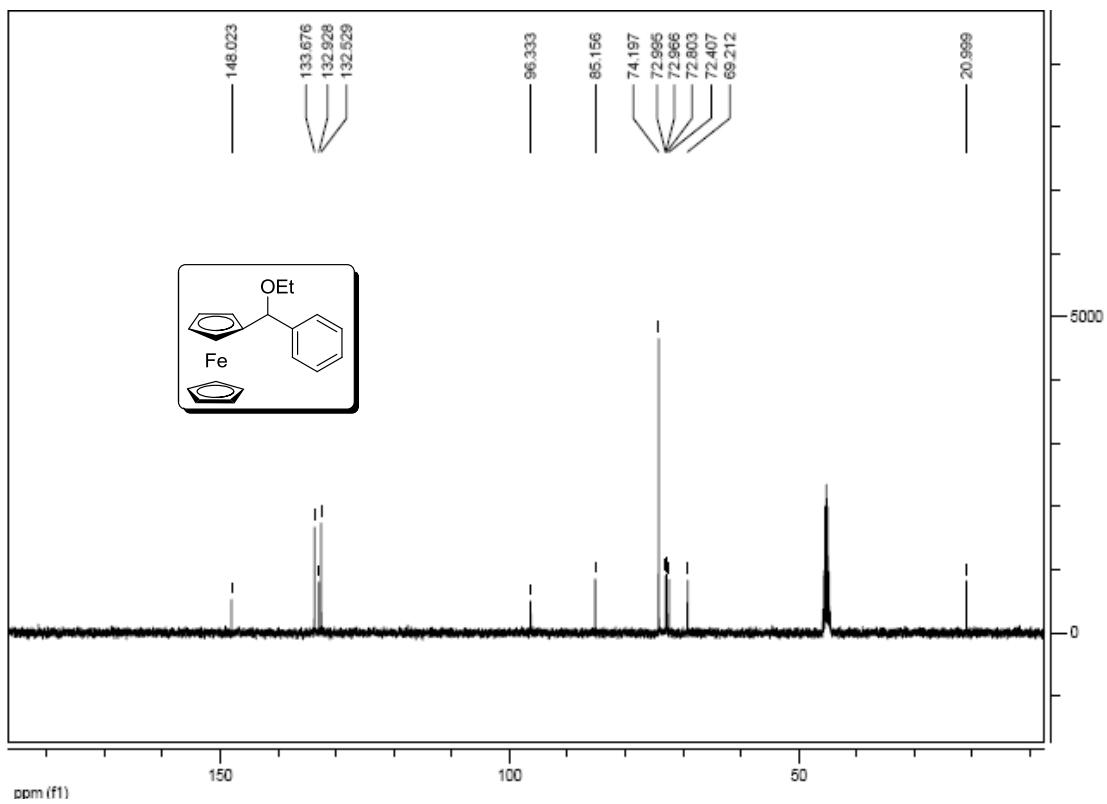
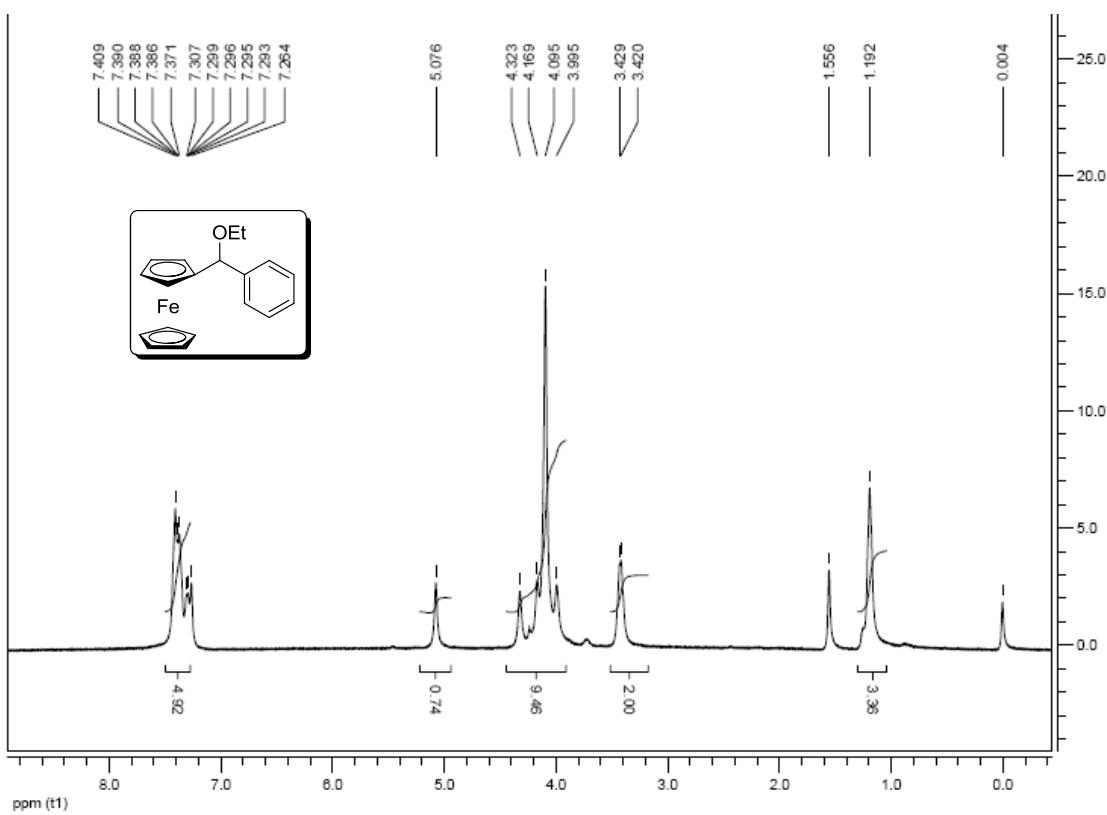
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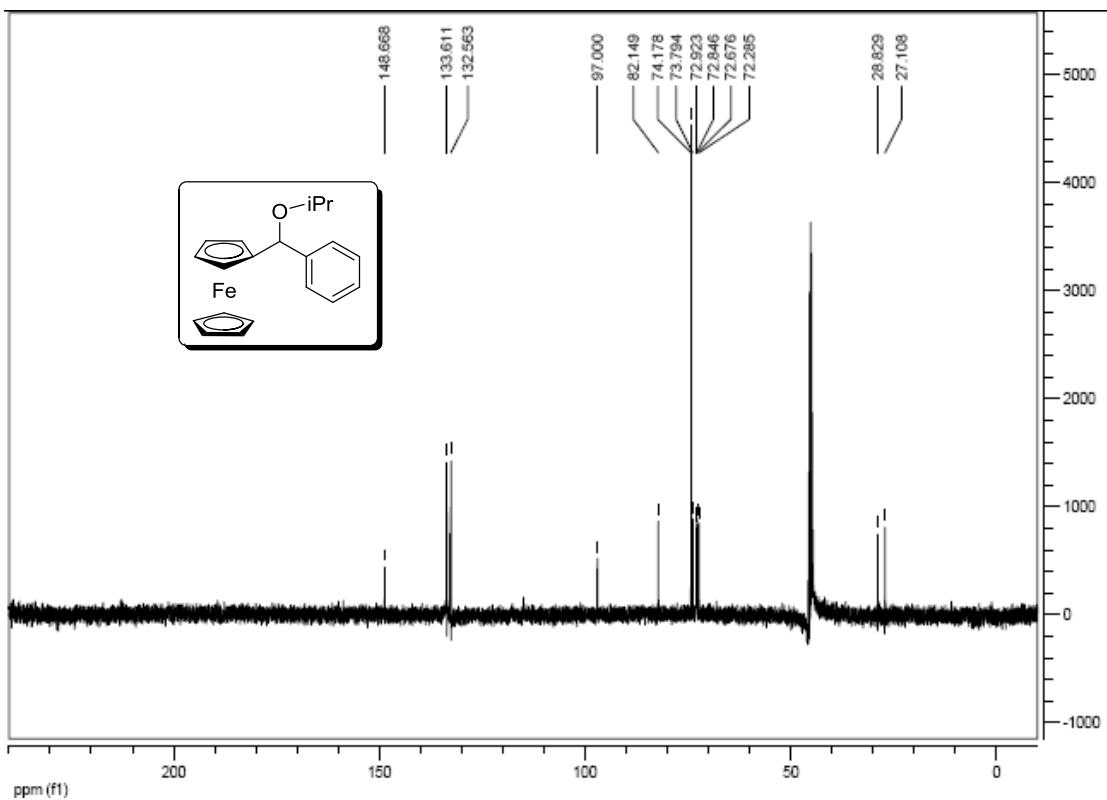
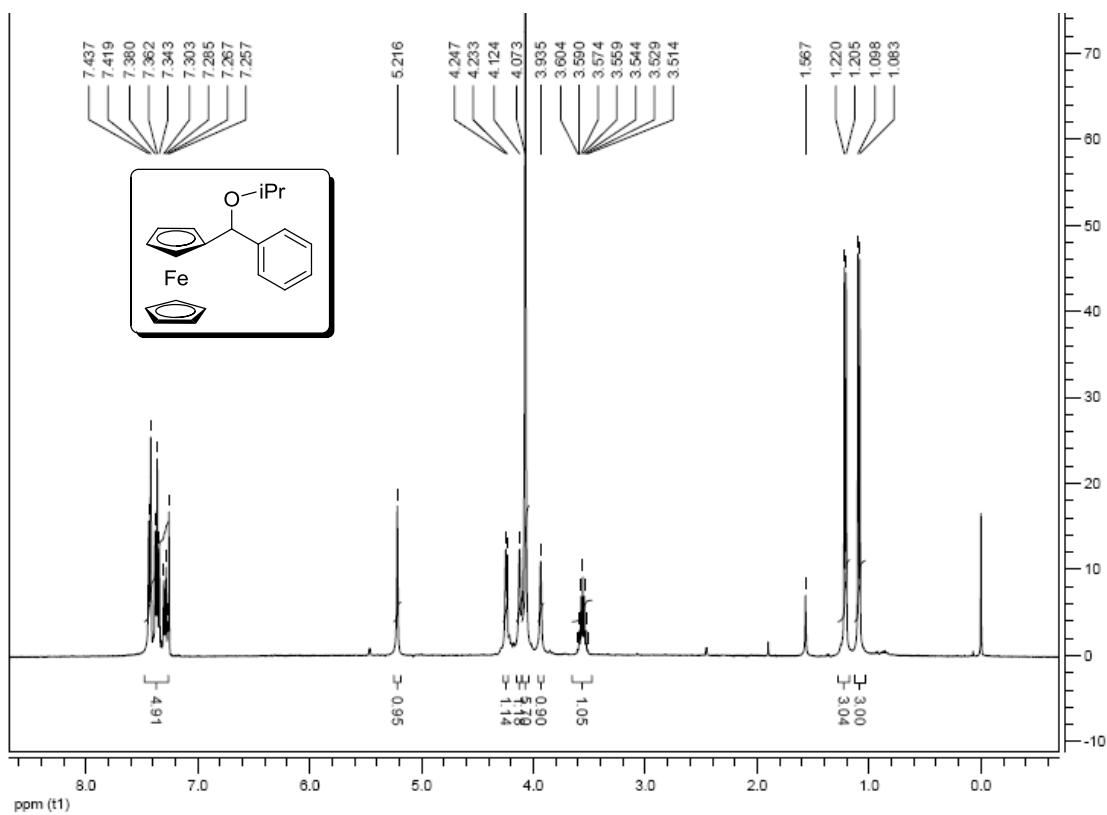
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**Ferrocenyl (phenyl) (ethoxymethyl) methane (8b)**



**Ferrocenyl(phenyl)(isopropoxy)methane (8c)**



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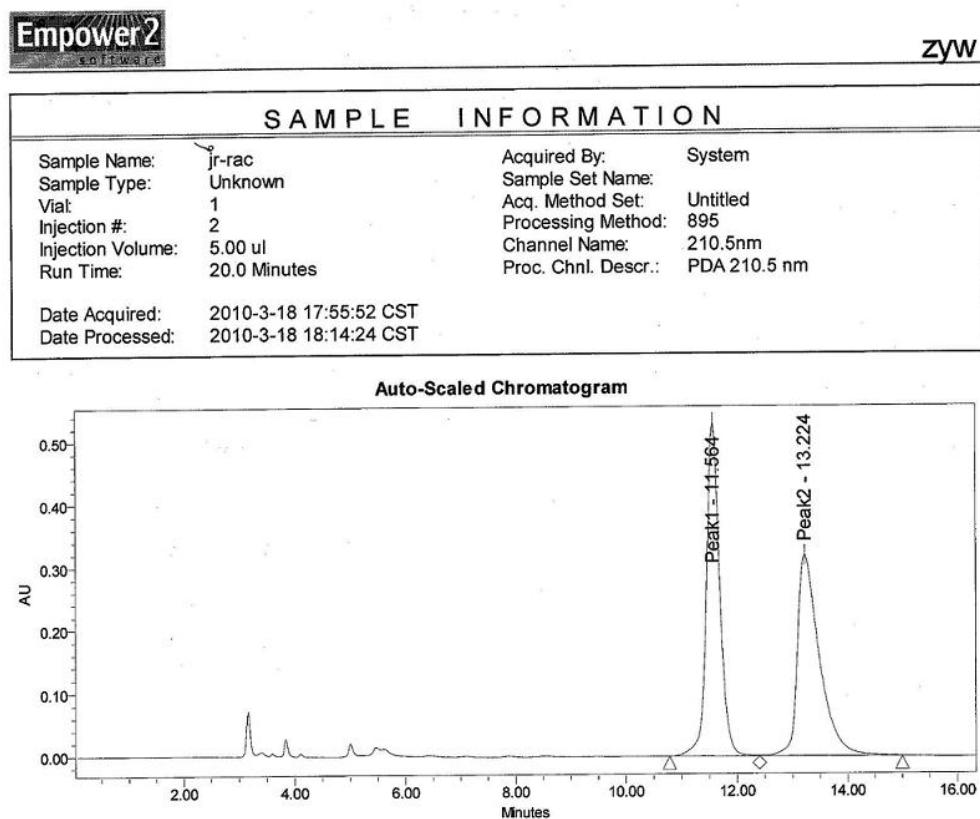
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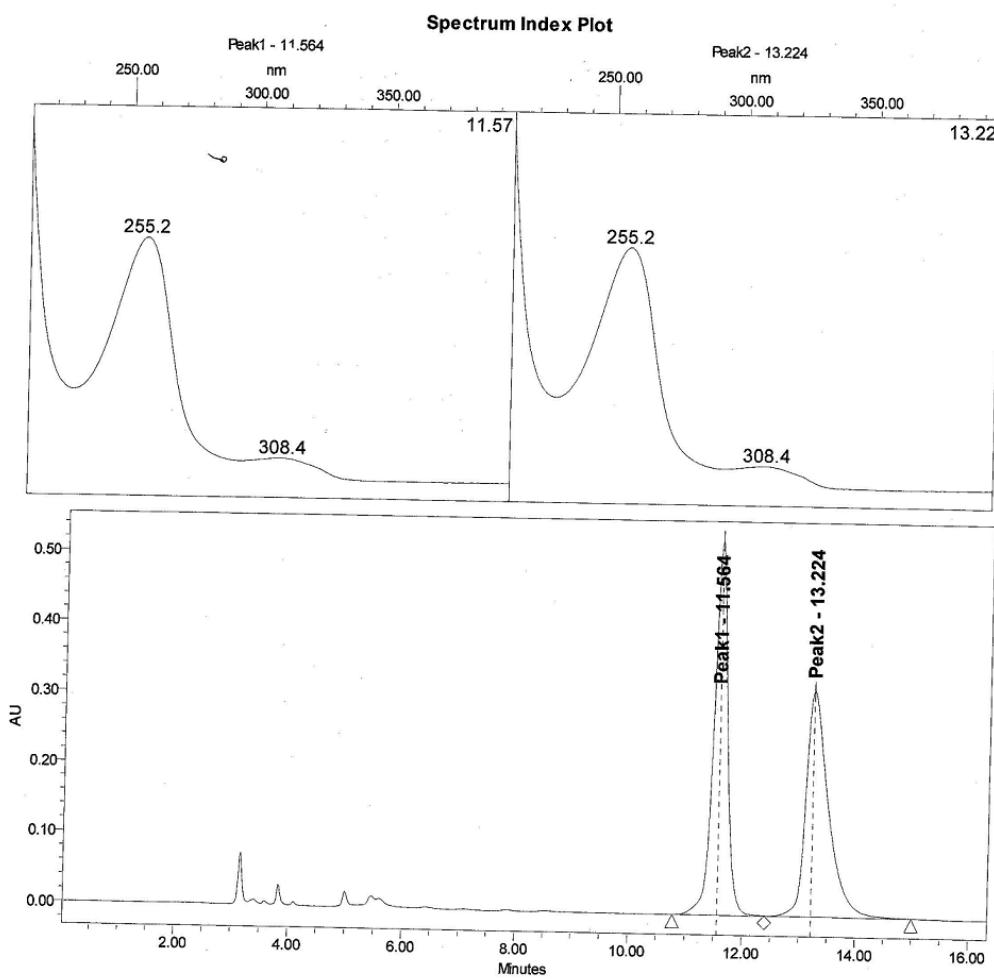
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**race-5b**



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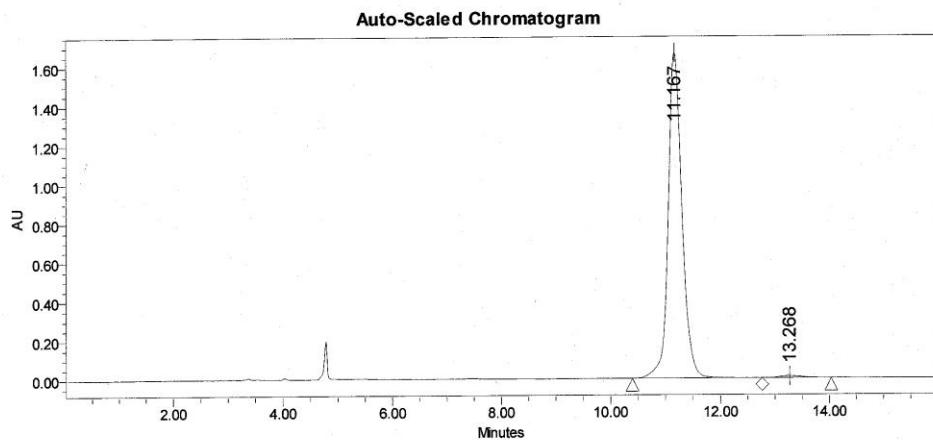


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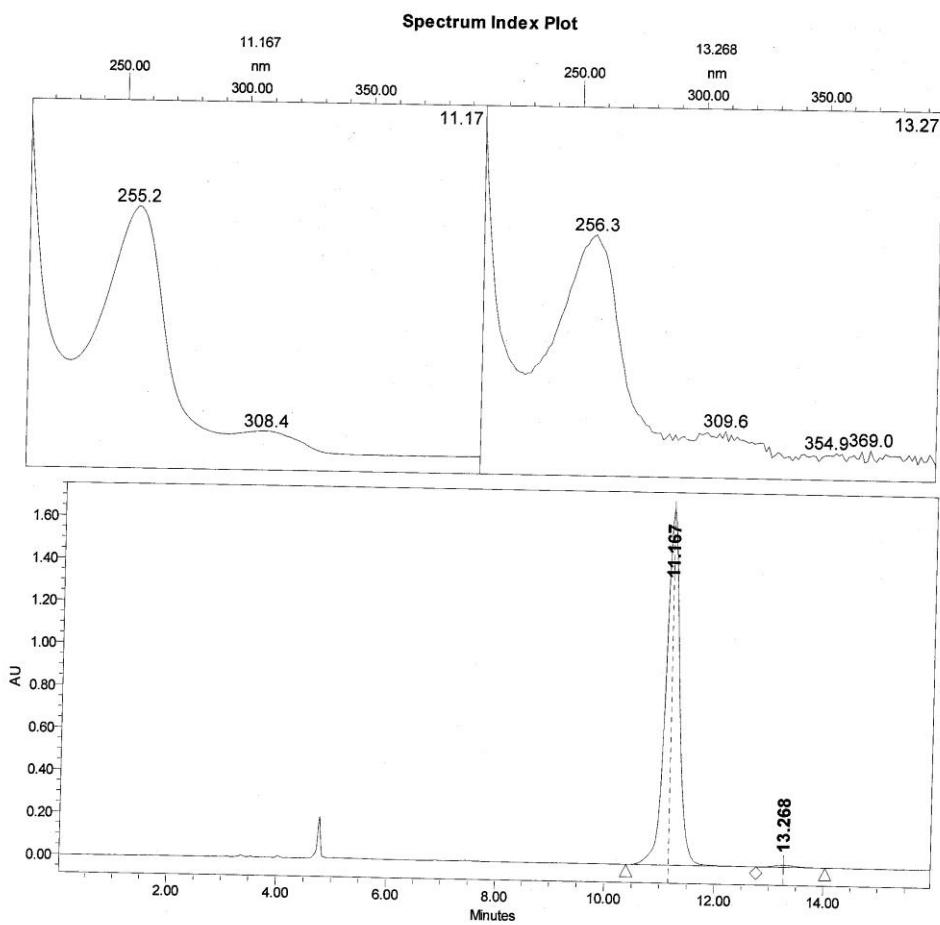
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