

## **Supporting Information**

# **ZnO nanoparticles catalyzed C–N bond-forming reactions: A highly efficient protocol to convert electron-deficient anilines to formanilides**

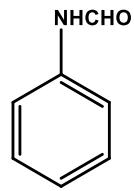
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### **Contents:**

1. Relevant  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of different products.



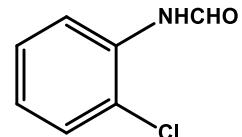
**N-Phenylformamid (Table 2, Entry 1)**

Brown solid; MP: 46-48 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  9.18 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.13 (d, 2H,  $J= 9$  Hz), 7.29-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.58 (d, 2H,  $J=9$ Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  163.12, 159.70, 136.72, 129.20, 125.43, 120.03, 118.63).

**N-(2-chlorophenyl) formamide (Table 2, Entry 2)**

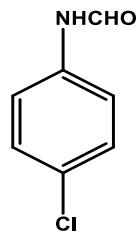


White solid; MP: 76-78 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.72 (d, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, 1H,  $j=9$  Hz), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.41 (m, 1H,  $j=9$  Hz), 7.27 (m, 1H,  $j=6$  Hz), 7.15 (m, 1H,  $j=6$  Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  161.52, 158.90, 133.54, 130.20, 129.03, 127.71, 125.87, 125.05, 121.86, 118.57).

**N-(4-chlorophenyl) formamide (Table 2, Entry 3)**

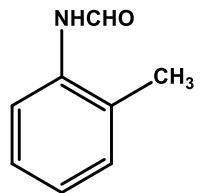


White solid; MP: 98-100 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.66 (d, 1H,  $j= 12$ Hz), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.27 (m, 4H,  $j=12$ Hz).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  162.43, 158.94, 135.24, 130.62, 129.74, 129.03, 121.29, 119.95.

*N-(2-methylphenyl)formamide (Table 2, Entry 4)*

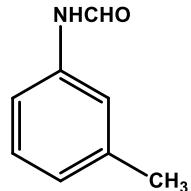


White solid; MP: 56-58 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.54 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, 1H,  $J=12$  Hz), 7.18 (m, 4H,  $J=12$  Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  163.69, 159.36, 135.01, 131.23, 130.56, 129.81, 126.97, 125.43, 123.00, 120.66.

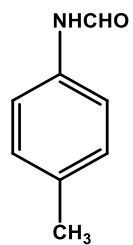
*N-(3-methylphenyl)formamide (Table 2, Entry 5)*



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.56 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H) 7.03-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.77-6.86 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  162.92, 140.02, 136.56, 129.52, 125.94, 119.35, 115.83, 21.94.

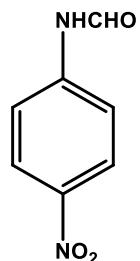
*N-(4-methylphenyl)formamide (Table 2, Entry 6)*



MP: 54 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.64 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.45 (s, 2H,  $J=9$ ), 7.11-7.17 (t, 2H), 6.99-7.01 (d, 1H, 6Hz), 2.34 (s, 3H)

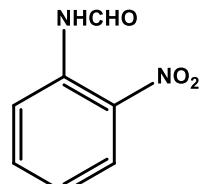
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  159.09, 135.23, 134.29, 130.01, 119.06, 20.98.



*N-(4-nitrophenyl)formamide (Table 2, Entry 8)*

Green solid; MP: 175-178 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  8.90 (d, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.26 (t, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 7.75 (d, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 7.27 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 1H).

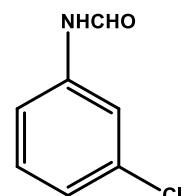


*N-(2-nitrophenyl)formamide (Table 2, Entry 9)*

Yellow solid; MP: 110-116 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  10.35 (s, 1H), 8.82 (d, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 7.69 (t, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 7.27 (s, 1H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  159.39, 136.05, 133.57, 125.78, 123.80, 122.63.



*N-(3-chlorophenyl)formamide (Table 2, Entry 10)*

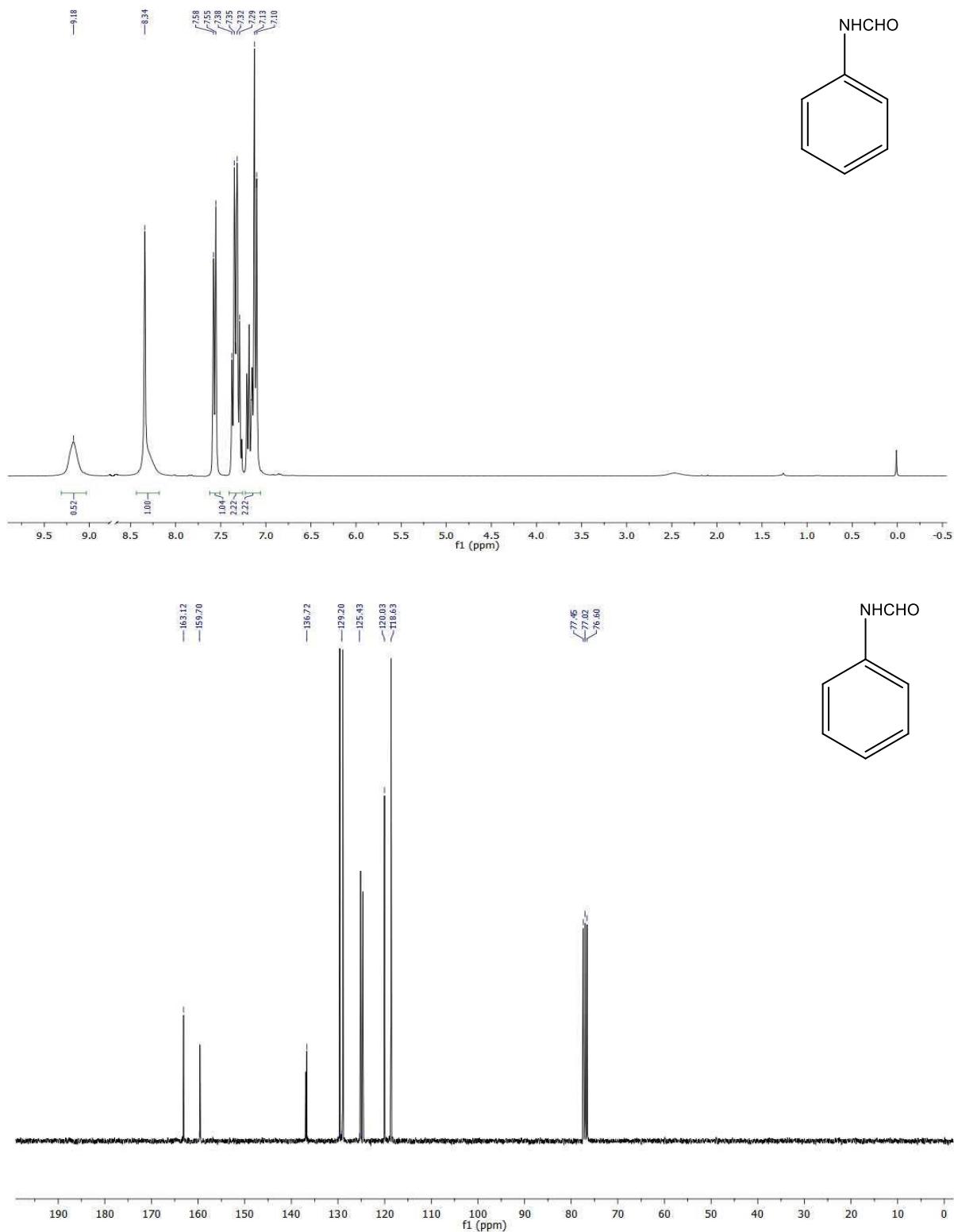
Yellow solid; MP: 50 °C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  9.06 (br. s, 1H), 8.70 (d, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.12 (m, 1H,  $j=12$  Hz), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.20 (m, 4H).

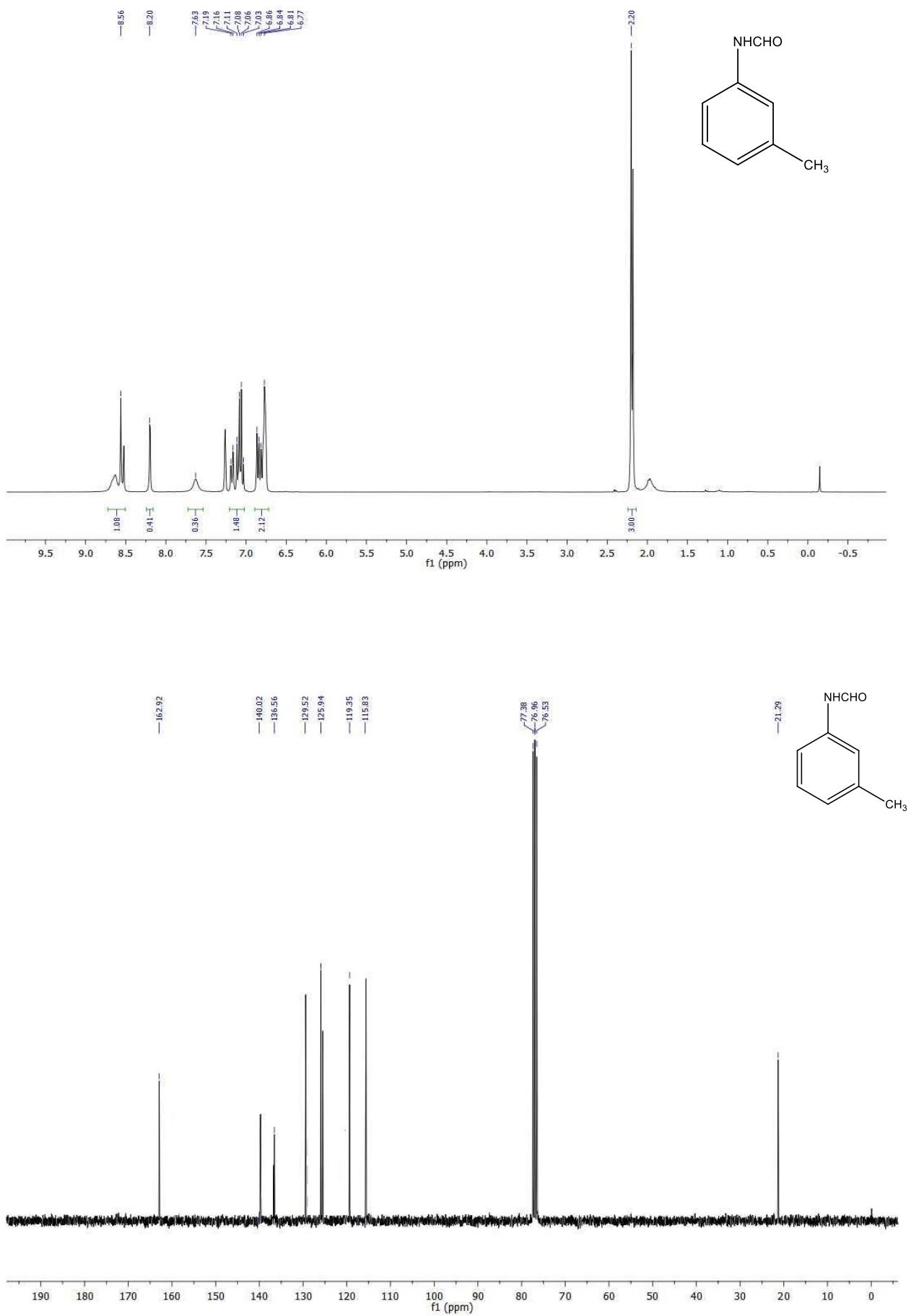
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C):  $\delta$  162.72, 159.47, 137.88, 135.27, 134.55, 130.72, 130.01, 125.21, 124.78, 120.04, 118.57, 117.85, 116.53.

### **1H and 13C NMR of some synthesize product**

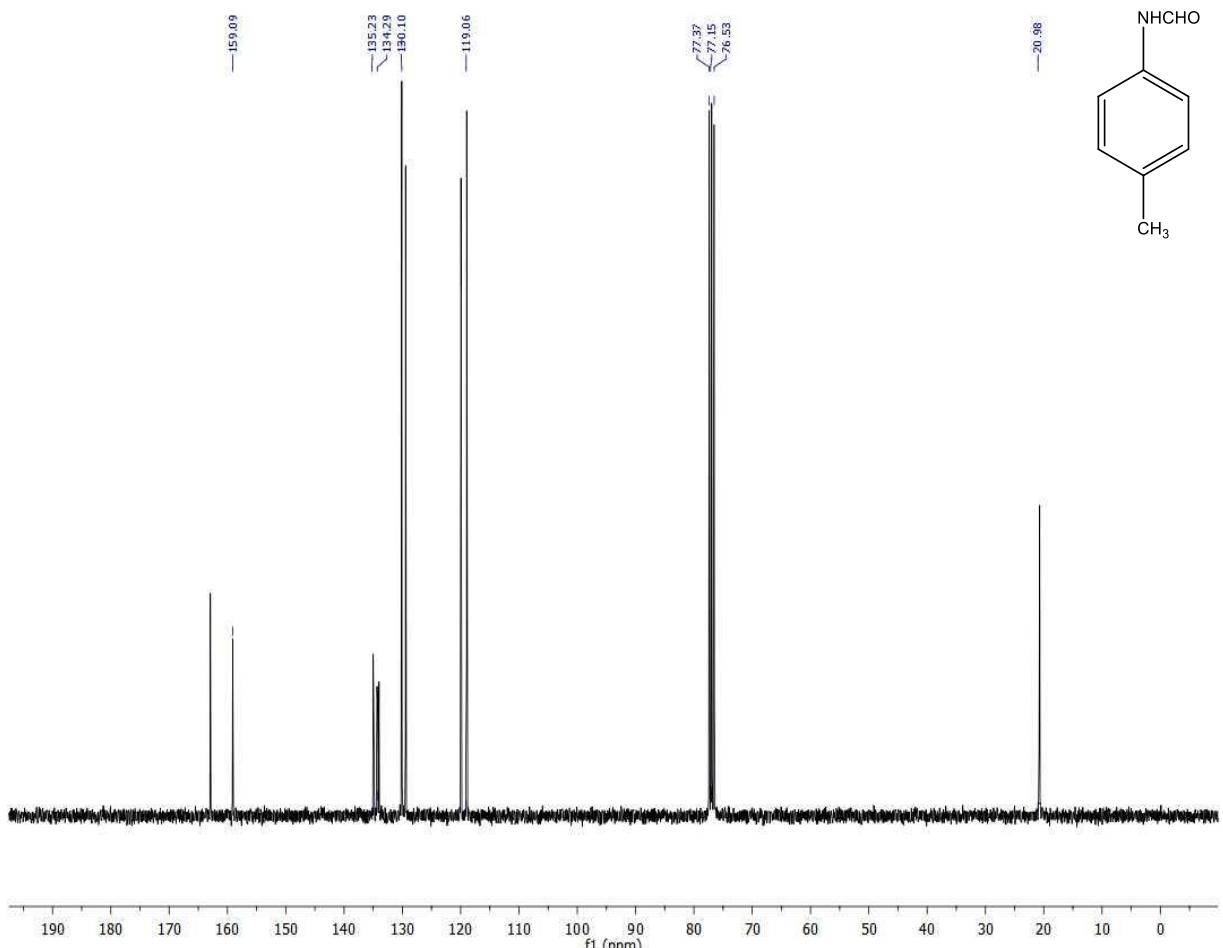
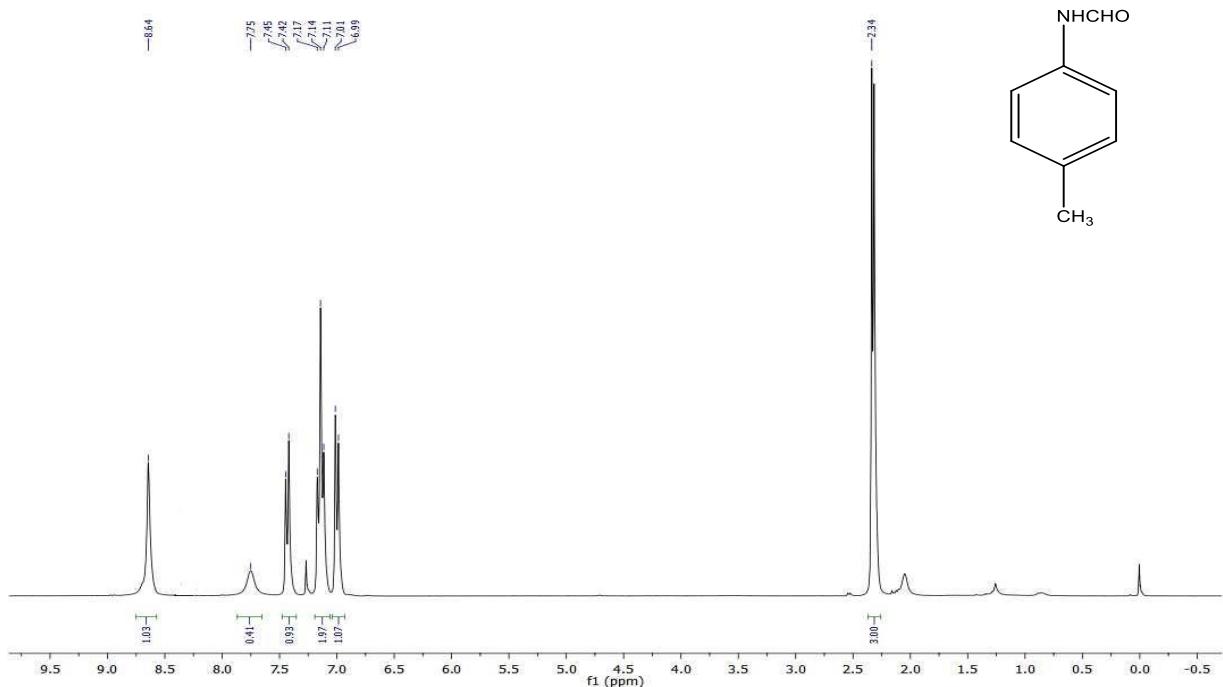
**FigureS1.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of N-Phenyl formamide



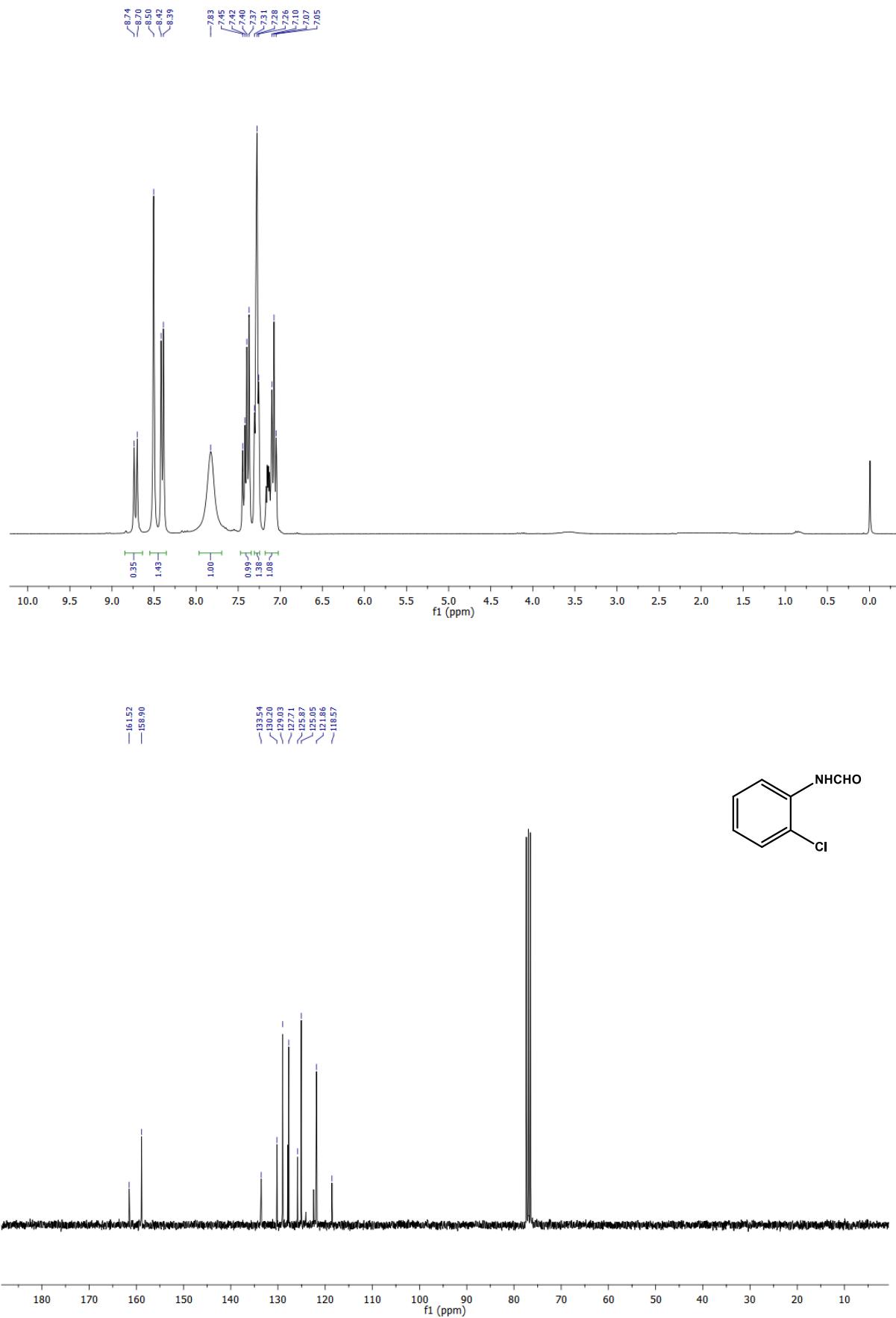
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-(3-methylphenyl) formamide.



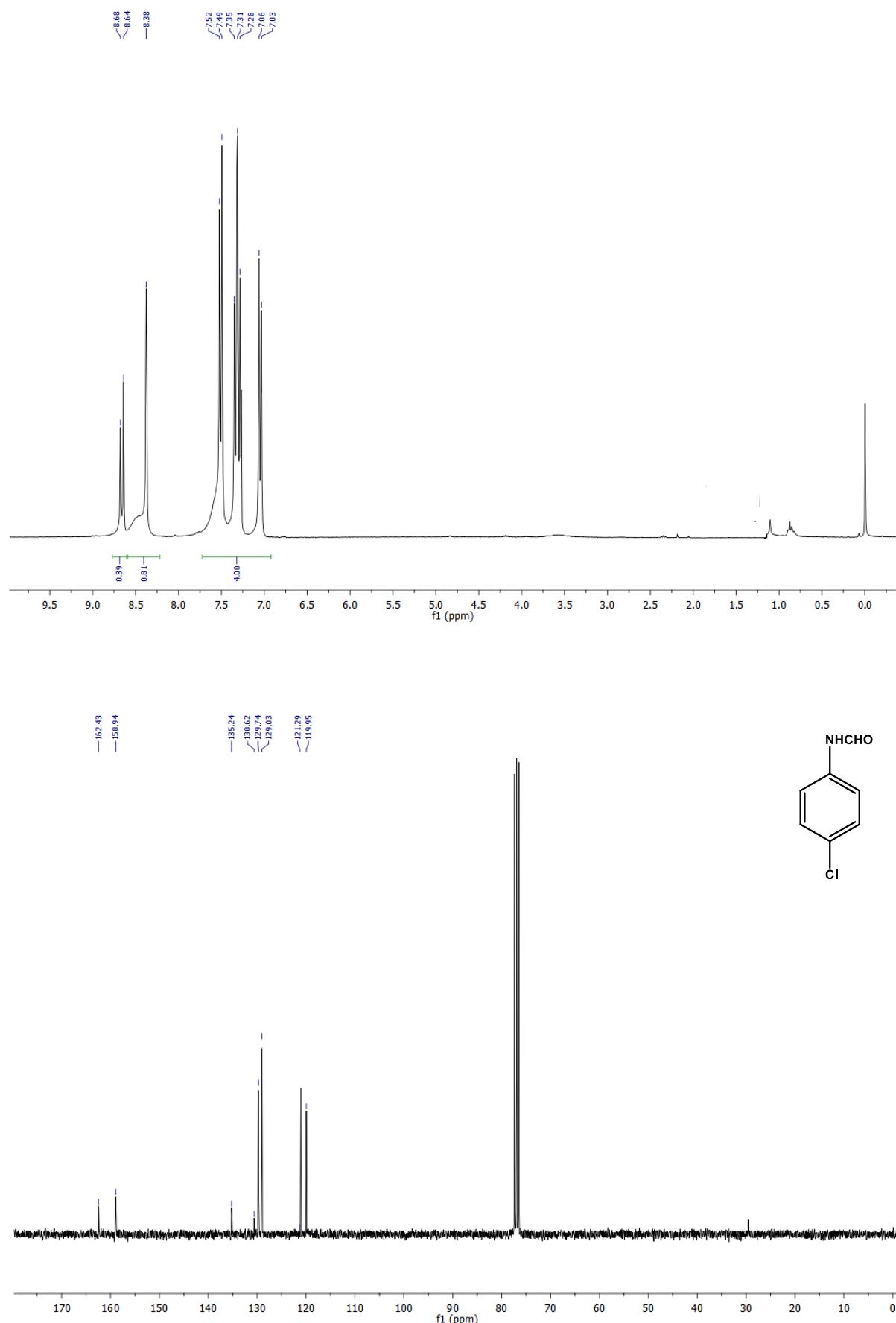
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-(4-methylphenyl) formamide



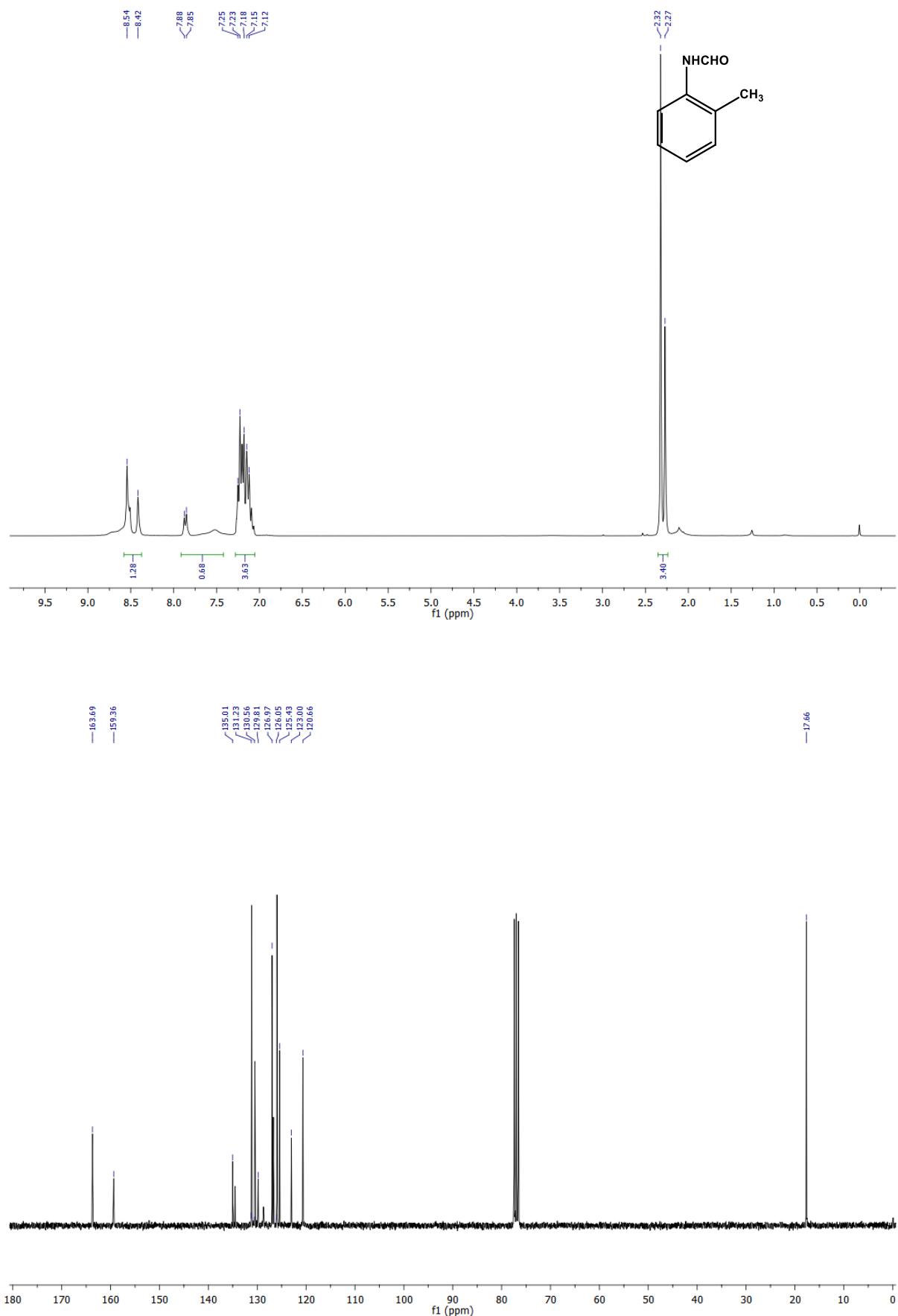
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-(2-chlorophenyl) formamide



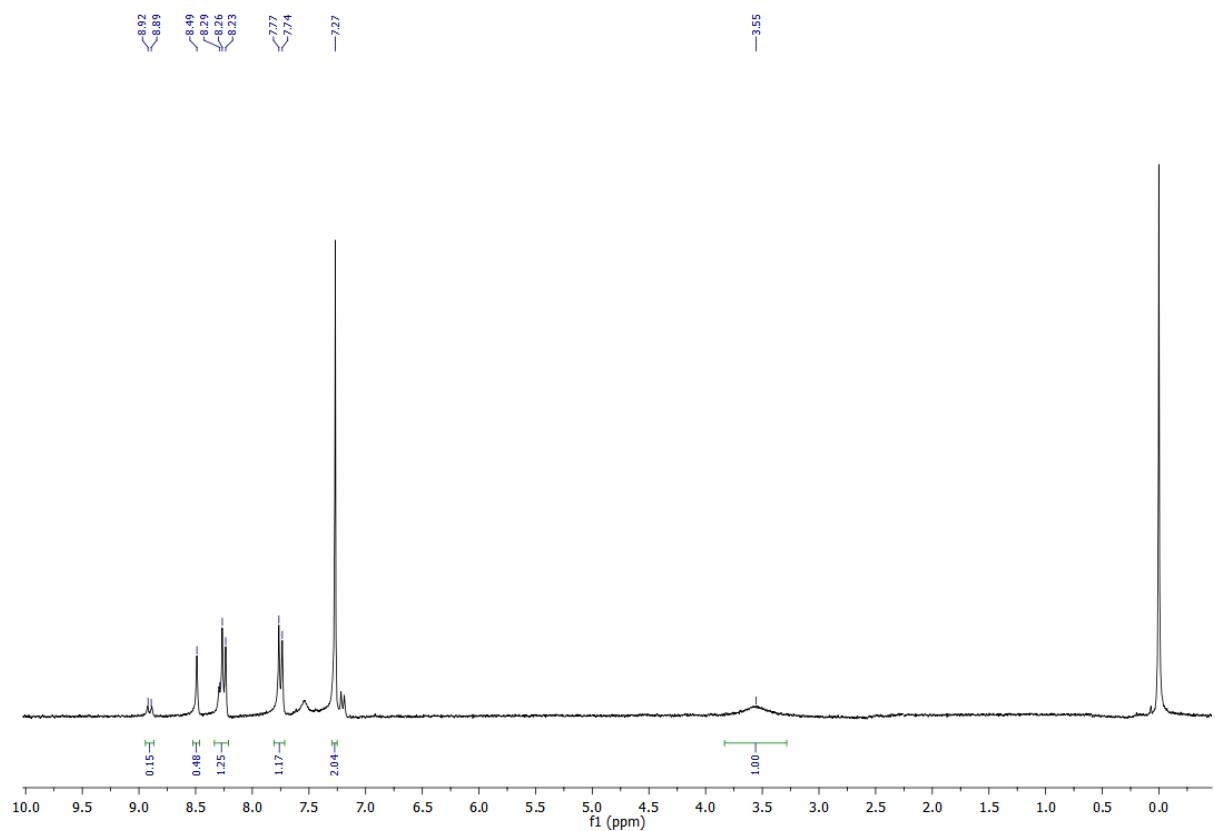
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-(4-chlorophenyl) formamide



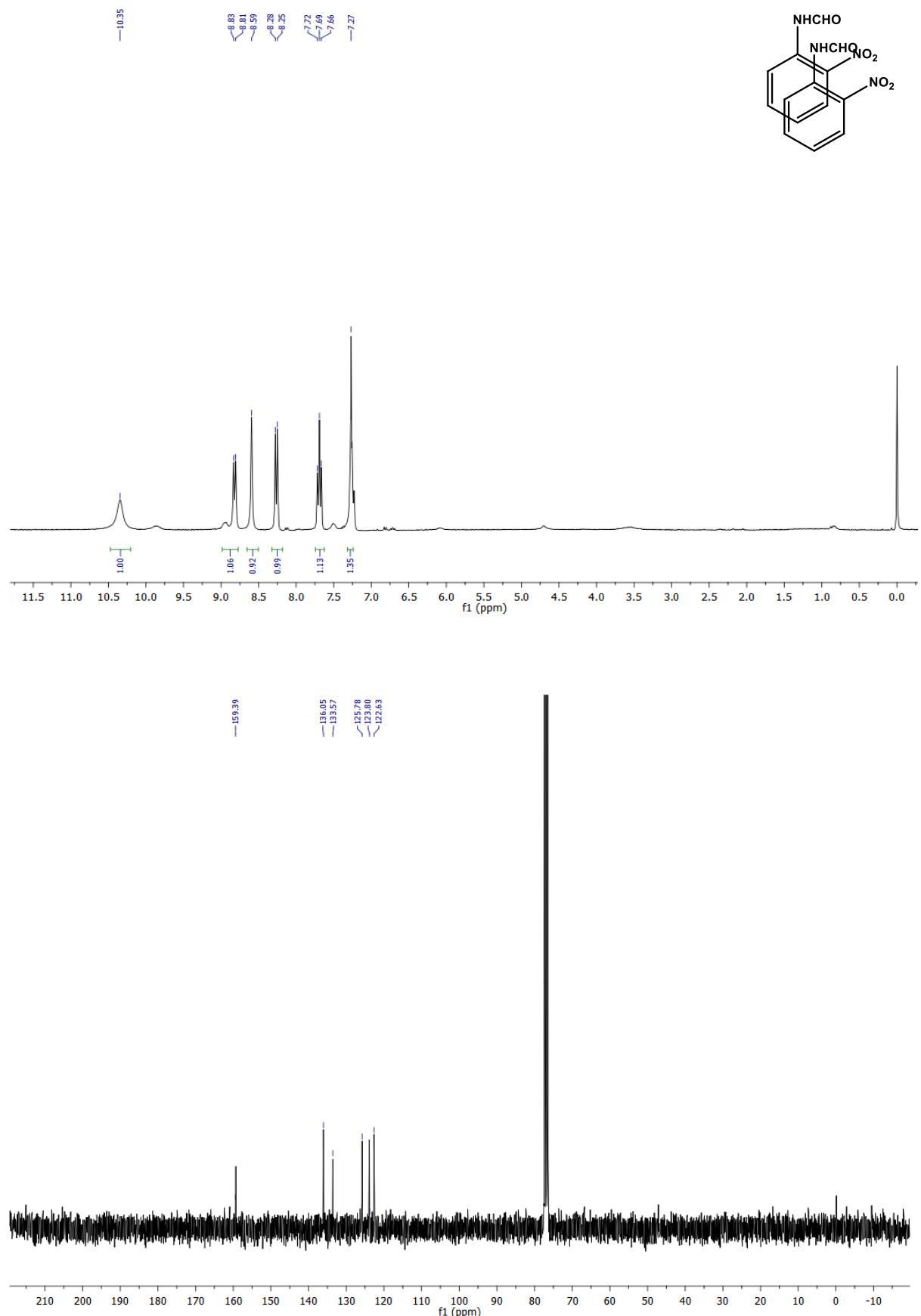
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-(2-methylphenyl) formamide



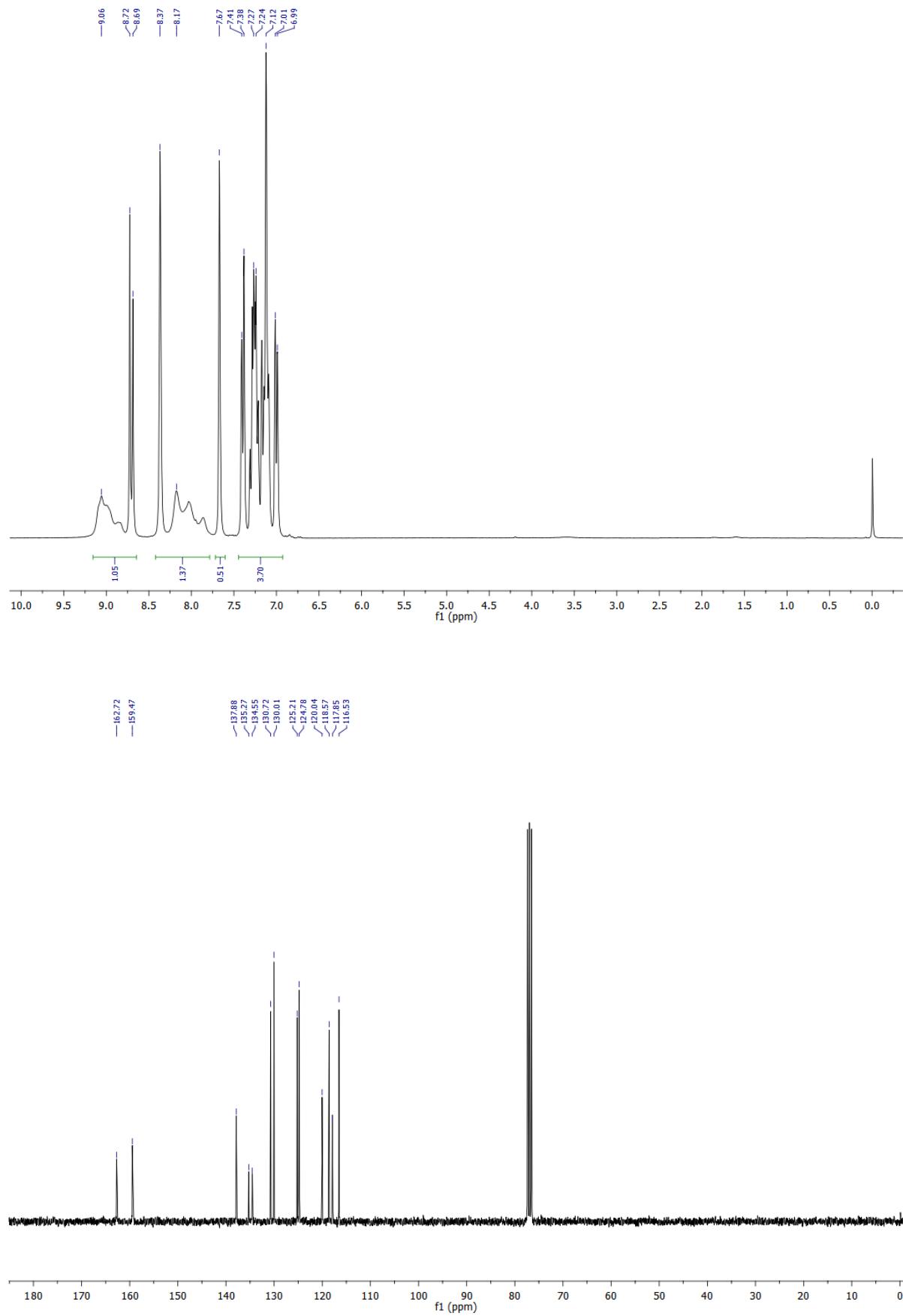
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  spectrum of *N*-(4-nitrophenyl) formamide



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-(2-nitrophenyl) formamide



**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *N*-(3-chlorophenyl)formamide



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