

Supporting Information for

**Synthesis of Pyrroloindolines and Furoindolines via Cascade Dearomatization of
Indole Derivatives with Carbenium Ion**

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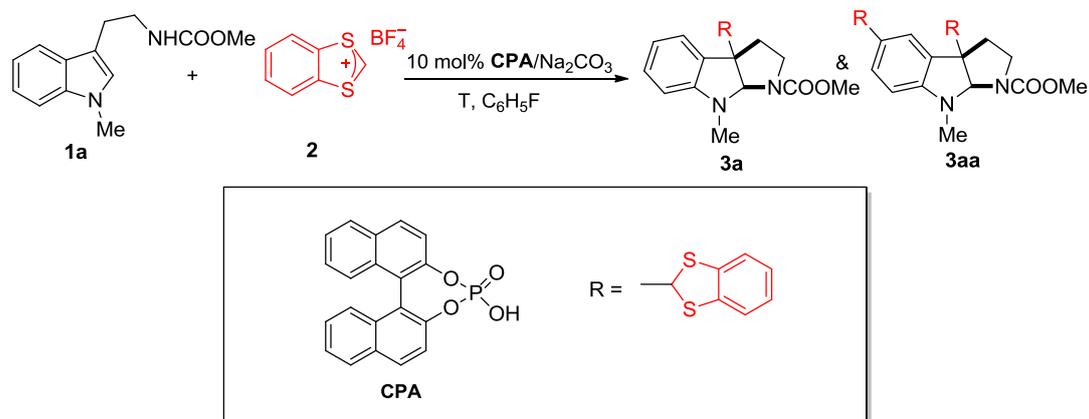
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General methods. Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian instruments (300 MHz and 75 MHz or 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals. Data for ^1H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet or unresolved, coupling constant in Hz, integration). Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm).

Optimization of reaction conditions

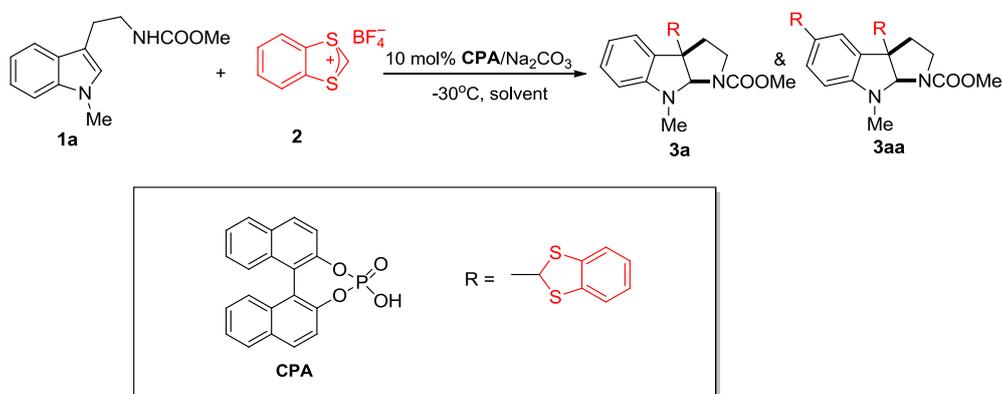
(a) Temperature effect^a



entry	T (°C)	3a , yield (%) ^b	3aa , yield (%) ^b
1	rt	20	39
2	0	35	37
3	-10	74	17
4	-20	87	11
5	-30	89	4
6	-40	68/63	18/12

^a Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out using **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Na₂CO₃ (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in C₆H₅F (1.5 mL) at noted temperature. ^b Determined by HPLC analysis.

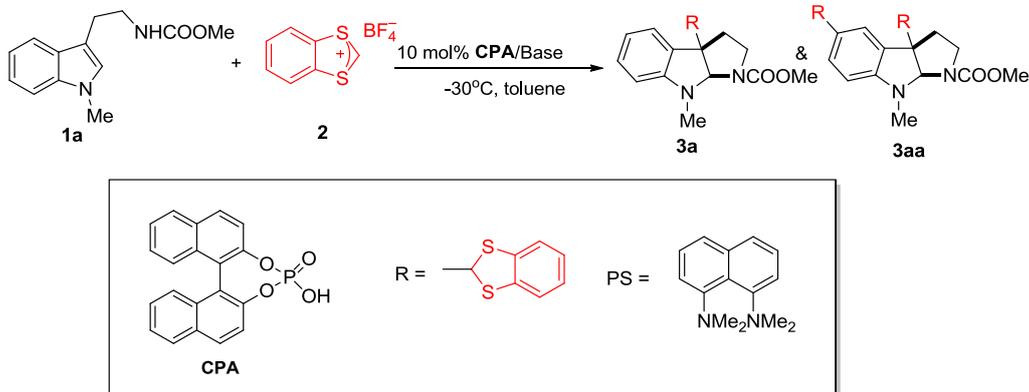
(b) Solvent effect^a



entry	solvent	3a , yield (%) ^b	3aa , yield (%) ^b
1	<i>n</i> -hexane	58	3
2	cyclohexane	69	5
3	toluene	98	0.5
4	C ₆ H ₅ F	89	4
5	C ₆ H ₅ Cl	86	2
6	DCM	36	26
7	EtOAc	91	6

^a Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out using **1a** (0.1mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Na₂CO₃ (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in different solvent (1.5 mL) at -30 °C. ^b Determined by HPLC analysis.

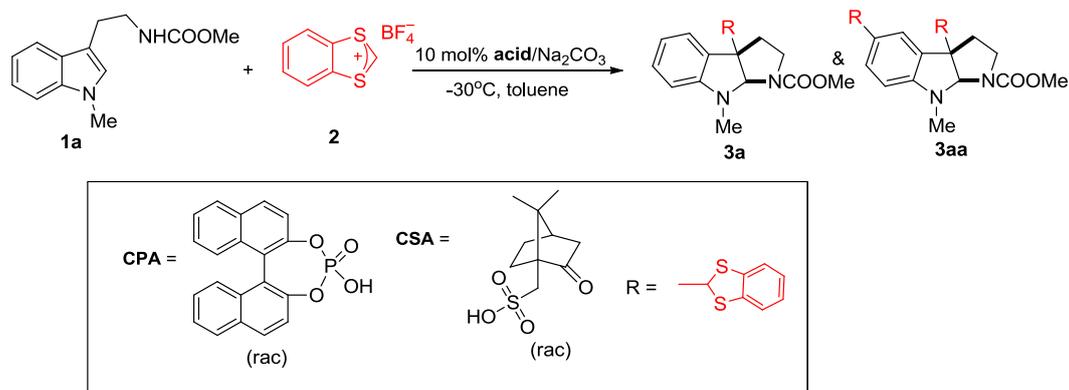
(c) Base effect^a



entry	Base	3a , yield (%) ^b	3aa , yield (%) ^b
1 ^c	-	3	7
2	NaHCO ₃	88	2
3	Na₂CO₃	98	0.5
4	K ₂ CO ₃	84	2
5	Na ₃ PO ₄	57	10
6	PS	39	7

^a Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out using **1a** (0.1mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and base (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in toluene (1.5 mL) at -30 °C. ^b Determined by HPLC analysis. ^c Without acid and Na₂CO₃.

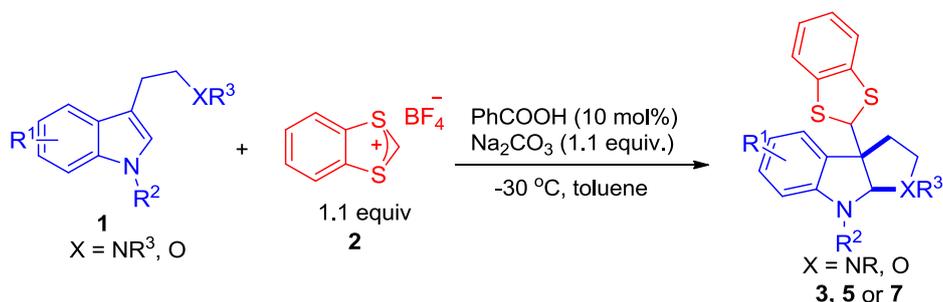
(d) Screening Brønsted acids^a



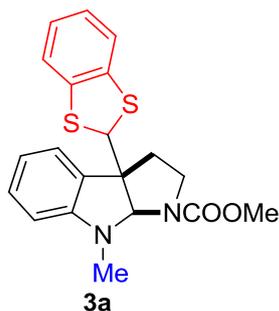
entry	Acid	3a , yield (%) ^b	3aa , yield (%) ^b
1	CPA	98(94 ^c)	0.5
2	TsOH·H ₂ O	77	12
3	CSA	90	6
4	PhCOOH	93	1.5
5^c	PhCOOH	99(99^d)	<0.5
6 ^e	PhCOOH	3	5
7 ^f	-	3	7
8 ^g	-	88	7

^a Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out using **1a** (0.1mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2** (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Na₂CO₃ (0.11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in toluene (1.5 mL) at -30 °C. ^b Determined by HPLC analysis. ^c **1a** (0.22mmol, 1.1 equiv), **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in toluene (3.0 mL) at -30 °C, ^d Isolated yield. ^e without Na₂CO₃. ^f Without acid and Na₂CO₃. ^g Without acid.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Pyrroloindolines and Furoindolines

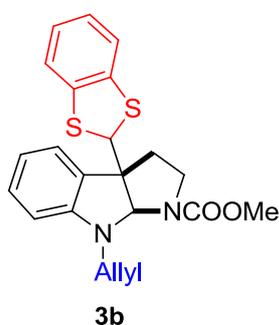


To a flame-dried Schlenk tube under argon were added indole derivative **1** (0.22 mmol, 110 mol%), benzoic acid (2.4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), sodium carbonate (23.3 mg, 0.22 mmol, 110 mol%) and toluene (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 20 min and then cooled to $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Then 1,3-benzodithiolium tetrafluoroborate (48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%) and toluene (1 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 6-24 h (monitored by TLC). After the reaction was complete, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL), filtered, and washed with EtOAc. The collected organic filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. Then the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 10/1-5/1) to afford compound **3, 5 or 7**.

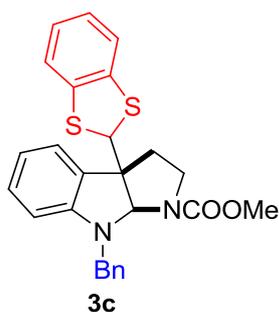


White solid, 76.1 mg, 99% yield, M.p. $128\text{-}130\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.26-7.10 (m, 4H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.70-6.59 (m, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.46 and 5.41 (s, 1H), 5.25 and 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.92 and 3.76 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 and 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.97 and 2.85 (s, 3 H), 2.97-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 155.6, 154.9, 151.5, 151.3, 137.14, 137.09, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 125.3, 123.7, 123.5, 121.62, 121.57, 121.47, 117.4, 117.2, 106.2, 106.1,

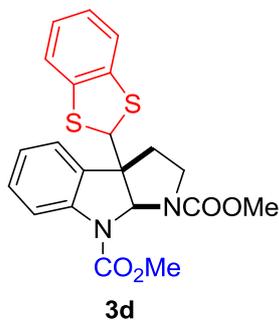
84.0, 83.5, 63.6, 62.6, 59.3, 59.0, 52.3, 45.6, 45.5, 33.5, 33.1, 32.8, 32.3; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 80 °C) δ 7.24-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.60 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.80 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.91-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.27-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.08 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 80 °C) δ 154.1, 151.2, 136.45, 136.42, 128.9, 128.8, 125.1, 125.0, 122.9, 121.2, 121.1, 116.9, 105.9, 83.3, 62.3, 58.6, 51.6, 44.6, 34.6, 32.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3672, 2986, 2902, 1689, 1605, 1492, 1445, 1390, 1319, 1251, 1228, 1155, 1054, 938, 888, 771, 743, 684; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 385.1039. Found: 385.1040.



Light yellow oil, 83.8 mg, 99% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.68-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.40 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.83-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.58 and 5.51 (s, 1H), 5.29 and 5.24 (s, 1H), 5.24-5.05 (m, 2H), 4.07-3.85 (m, 3H), 3.67 and 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.02-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.07 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.4, 154.7, 150.4, 137.1, 134.2, 133.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 125.4, 125.3, 123.8, 123.4, 121.67, 121.63, 121.56, 117.4, 117.2, 115.9, 106.6, 106.3, 82.8, 82.1, 63.7, 62.8, 59.8, 59.4, 52.4, 48.7, 48.6, 45.2, 34.4, 33.8; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3675, 2987, 2901, 1695, 1604, 1489, 1445, 1384, 1311, 1211, 1156, 1066, 908, 880, 737, 675, 646; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 411.1195. Found: 411.1196.

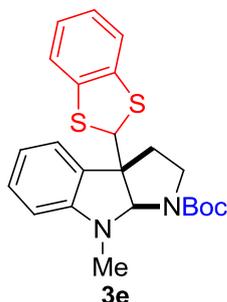


White solid, 92.0 mg, 97% yield, M.p. 75-77 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30-7.19 (m, 6H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.67-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.33-6.30 (m, 1H), 5.66 and 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.24 and 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.75 and 4.57 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.94 and 3.81-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.63 and 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.12-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.12 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.5, 154.6, 150.9, 150.6, 138.9, 137.2, 137.1, 129.7, 129.7, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.0, 126.6, 126.3, 125.5, 125.4, 124.0, 123.6, 121.6, 121.5, 117.7, 117.4, 106.8, 106.5, 82.9, 82.9, 64.0, 62.9, 59.7, 59.1, 52.4, 52.2, 50.4, 50.0, 45.2, 34.3, 33.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3675, 2987, 2901, 1695, 1603, 1491, 1445, 1383, 1318, 1213, 1147, 1066, 978, 937, 881, 738, 696, 675, 666, 630; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 461.1352. Found: 461.1351.

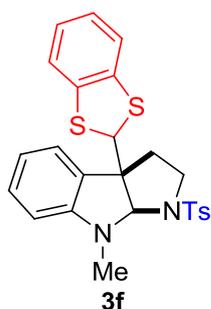


White foam, 78.8 mg, 92% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.47 and 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.27 and 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.93 and 3.77 (dd, $J = 10.4, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 and 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.98 and 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.07 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.7, 155.0, 151.6, 151.4, 137.22, 137.17, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 125.5, 125.4, 123.8, 123.6, 121.71, 121.66, 121.56, 117.5, 117.3, 106.26, 106.20, 84.1, 83.6, 63.6, 62.7, 59.4, 59.1, 52.4, 45.7, 45.6, 33.6, 33.2, 32.9, 32.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 2972, 2902, 1695, 1604, 1491, 1443,

1381, 1300, 1225, 1199, 1061, 1022, 999, 938, 880, 788, 738, 674, 624; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}N_2O_2S_2([M+H]^+)$: 385.1039. Found: 385.1047.

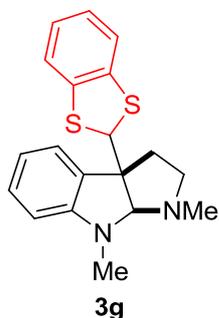


White foam, 86.5 mg, 99% yield. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.26-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.60 (m, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.45 and 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 3.95-3.91 and 3.75-3.70 (m, 1H), 2.96 and 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.96-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.75 and 1.44 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 154.5, 153.6, 151.6, 137.3, 137.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 125.43, 125.35, 123.8, 123.4, 121.7, 121.6, 121.5, 117.4, 117.3, 106.0, 83.9, 83.2, 80.1, 79.6, 63.9, 62.7, 59.5, 59.2, 45.9, 44.7, 34.1, 33.4, 32.8, 32.5, 29.6, 28.3; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3675, 2972, 2901, 1692, 1605, 1492, 1446, 1429, 1391, 1365, 1321, 1301, 1232, 1153, 1117, 1057, 990, 938, 891, 737, 675; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{27}N_2O_2S_2([M+H]^+)$: 427.1508. Found: 427.1508.

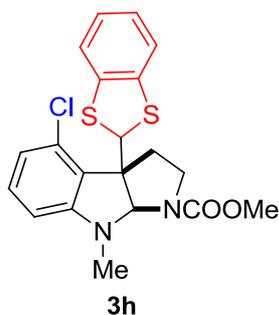


White solid, 92.3 mg, 96% yield, M.p. 142-144 $^{\circ}C$. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 3H), 6.65 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 12.0, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.97-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.93 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.73-1.64 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 151.1, 143.3, 137.1, 137.0, 136.4, 129.9, 129.6, 127.8, 127.6, 125.5, 125.3, 123.9, 121.6, 121.3, 117.6, 106.5, 86.8, 64.4, 57.9, 48.2, 32.6,

31.5, 21.6; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3674, 2971, 2901, 1681, 1604, 1489, 1445, 1432, 1382, 1343, 1302, 1232, 1154, 1118, 1089, 1008, 924, 868, 810, 782, 739, 708, 662; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₂₅N₂O₂S₃([M+H]⁺): 481.1073. Found: 481.1072.

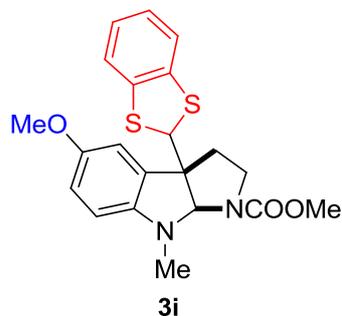


White solid, 26.4 mg, 39% yield, M.p. 82-84 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.81-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.98 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 137.7, 137.4, 131.6, 129.1, 125.3, 125.2, 123.3, 121.8, 121.5, 117.6, 107.1, 91.5, 63.2, 61.1, 52.9, 37.5, 36.5, 36.1; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3675, 2971, 2901, 1602, 1490, 1446, 1431, 1394, 1381, 1339, 1235, 1153, 1118, 1066, 1020, 926, 907, 868, 811, 740, 708, 663; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₂S₂([M+H]⁺): 341.1141. Found: 341.1140.

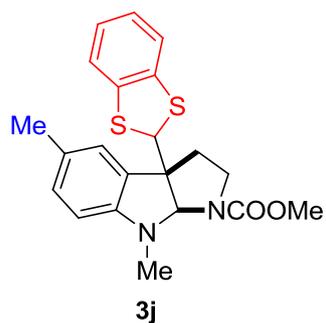


Vigorous oil, 72.3 mg, 86% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01-8.95 (m, 3H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32-6.26 (m, 1H), 6.11 and 6.08 (s, 1H), 5.60 and 5.58 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.02 and 3.88-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.69 and 3.64 (m, 3H), 3.05-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.88 and 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.62-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.18 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.1, 154.67, 153.9, 153.5, 137.1, 136.8, 131.0, 129.6, 125.6, 125.55, 125.3, 124.6, 124.5, 122.0, 121.8, 121.7, 118.14, 118.12, 104.9, 104.5, 82.4, 82.0, 64.6, 63.6, 57.1, 57.0, 52.4, 45.0, 44.8, 33.7, 33.6,

33.4, 32.5; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 3672, 2986, 2902, 1698, 1598, 1445, 1383, 1345, 1262, 1229, 1190, 1158, 1076, 1006, 936, 881, 854, 811, 741, 665, 628; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 419.0649. Found: 419.0648.

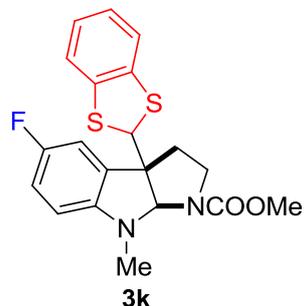


White solid, 80.9 mg, 98% yield, M.p. 152-154 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.91 and 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.73 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.41 and 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.23 and 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.94-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.72 and 3.69 (s, 6H), 3.00-2.96 (m, 1H), 2.95 and 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.08 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8, 155.1, 152.6, 152.5, 146.2, 146.0, 137.2, 137.1, 133.3, 130.1, 130.0, 128.3, 125.4, 121.7, 121.64, 121.55, 114.2, 111.3, 111.0, 107.1, 85.1, 84.4, 63.9, 63.1, 59.2, 59.0, 56.0, 52.4, 45.7, 45.6, 33.9, 33.6, 33.4, 33.2; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 2950, 1695, 1595, 1496, 1444, 1381, 1277, 1217, 1197, 1117, 1057, 1029, 999, 951, 861, 801, 741, 675; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 415.1145. Found: 415.1145.

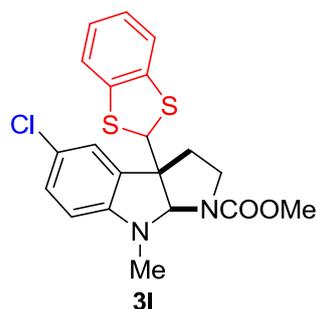


White foam, 78.1 mg, 98% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.06-6.95 (m, 4H), 6.31 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 and 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.26 and 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.94-3.90 and 3.78-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.71 and 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.00-2.84 (m, 4H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.7, 155.0, 149.6, 149.4, 137.3, 137.2, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 126.9, 126.6, 125.4, 125.3, 124.5, 124.3, 121.7, 121.6, 121.5, 106.4, 84.6, 84.0, 63.7, 62.8, 59.5, 59.2, 52.4, 45.6,

45.5, 33.7, 33.3, 32.9, 20.7; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3672, 2985, 2903, 1695, 1601, 1493, 1446, 1407, 1381, 1254, 1230, 1204, 1152, 1054, 938, 895, 866, 802, 744, 672, 613; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₂S₂([M+H]⁺): 399.1195. Found: 399.1195.

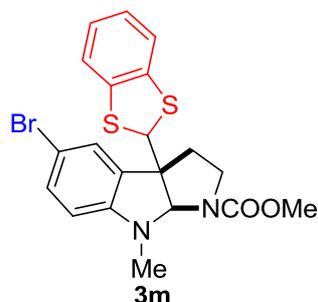


Light yellow oid, 78.4 mg, 97% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.85 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.43 and 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.18 and 5.15 (s, 1H), , 3.95-3.91 and 3.80-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.72 and 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.99-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.95 and 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.04 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.24, 157.21, 155.7, 155.0, 154.9, 148.0, 147.8, 137.1, 136.9, 129.9-129.7 (m), 125.6, 121.8, 121.7, 121.6, 115.8, 115.5, 111.8, 111.6, 111.5, 111.3, 106.6, 106.5, 84.9, 84.4, 63.8, 62.9, 58.9, 58.6, 52.5, 45.7, 45.6, 33.5, 33.3, 33.1, 33.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -127.0, -127.3; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3672, 2972, 2902, 1693, 1609, 1494, 1444, 1382, 1227, 1192, 1053, 957, 906, 870, 804, 768, 728, 675, 647, 625; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀FN₂O₂S₂([M+H]⁺): 403.0945. Found: 403.0944.

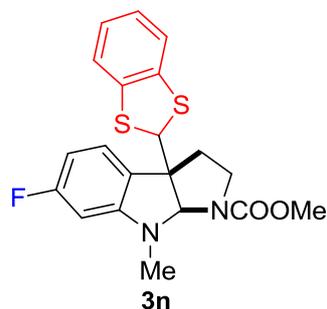


White foam, 82.5 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 and 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.44 and 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.16 and 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.96-3.91 and 3.80-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.72 and 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.94 and 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.05 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 154.8, 150.2, 150.1, 137.0,

136.8, 130.3, 130.1, 129.4, 125.5, 124.2, 124.0, 121.8, 121.7, 121.6, 106.9, 84.4, 83.9, 63.8, 62.9, 58.9, 58.7, 52.5, 45.7, 45.6, 33.5, 33.2, 32.9, 32.4; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 3672, 2972, 2902, 1694, 1602, 1491, 1444, 1382, 1312, 1266, 1226, 1199, 1079, 1000, 945, 880, 804, 740, 673, 618; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 419.0649. Found: 419.0646.

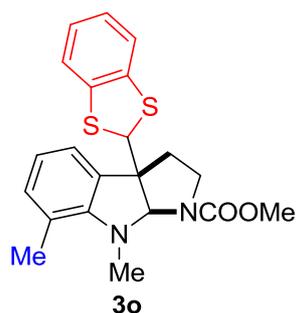


White solid, 84.6 mg, 91% yield, M.p. 115-117 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 and 7.32 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.42 and 5.36 (s, 1H), 5.15 and 5.11 (s, 1H), 3.96-3.91 and 3.80-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.72 and 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.77 (m, 4H), 2.23-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.05 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.6, 154.8, 150.7, 150.5, 137.0, 136.8, 132.3, 130.7, 130.5, 128.7, 127.0, 126.7, 125.5, 121.8, 121.7, 121.6, 118.9, 118.8, 109.6, 108.7, 108.5, 107.4, 84.4, 83.8, 63.8, 62.9, 58.9, 58.7, 52.5, 45.7, 45.5, 33.5, 33.2, 32.7, 32.3; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 3664, 2972, 2902, 1690, 1601, 1490, 1446, 1381, 1344, 1250, 1156, 1069, 1052, 918, 869, 806, 770, 744, 683, 656; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 463.0144. Found: 463.0142.

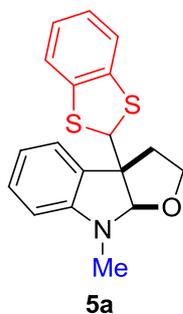


Light yellow foam, 75.6 mg, 93% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.04-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.34-6.26 (m, 1H), 6.07 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.47 and 5.42 (s, 1H), 5.20 and 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.96-3.91 and 3.80-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.72 and 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.00-2.84 (m, 4H), 2.24-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.04 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 163.6, 155.6, 154.8, 153.2, 153.1, 153.0, 152.9, 137.1, 137.0, 125.52, 125.47, 125.3, 124.6, 124.4, 124.3, 124.0, 123.8, 122.3, 121.7, 121.6, 121.5, 103.4, 103.2, 102.9, 94.2, 93.8, 84.5, 83.9, 63.2, 62.3, 59.3, 58.9, 52.5, 45.6, 45.5, 33.6, 33.2, 32.5, 32.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -112.1 and -112.2 (m); IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3675, 2987, 2901, 1695, 1614, 1600, 1496, 1444, 1382, 1326, 1230, 1201, 1172, 1078, 1056, 1001, 948, 881, 821, 739, 675, 618; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₀FN₂O₂S₂([M+H]⁺): 403.0945. Found: 403.0943.



White foam, 78.0 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1H), 7.01-6.95 (m, 4H), 6.75-6.70 (m, 1H), 5.31 and 5.27 (s, 1H), 5.19 and 5.14 (s, 1H), 3.83-3.75 and 3.71-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.69 and 3.66 (s, 1H), 3.13 and 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.97-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.19 (m, 4H), 2.09-2.04 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.2, 154.9, 151.1, 151.0, 137.1, 137.0, 136.9, 136.8, 132.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.5, 126.8, 125.44, 125.37, 121.8, 121.7, 121.6, 121.1, 121.0, 120.9, 120.1, 119.8, 86.5, 86.0, 63.5, 62.5, 60.0, 59.8, 52.4, 52.2, 44.7, 44.6, 39.1, 38.9, 34.2, 19.0; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3663, 2972, 2902, 1696, 1594, 1444, 1409, 1382, 1262, 1192, 1118, 1070, 994, 957, 896, 872, 789, 740, 674; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₂S₂([M+H]⁺): 399.1195. Found: 399.1194.



Vigorous oil, 62.7 mg, 96% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.57 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 7.6

Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.88 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.31 (m, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.25 (m, 1H), 2.03 (dd, $J = 11.6, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.4, 137.32, 137.29, 129.4, 129.3, 125.4, 125.3, 123.8, 121.7, 121.5, 117.2, 105.3, 100.7, 67.2, 63.1, 58.7, 36.7, 30.9; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3674, 2972, 2901, 1696, 1605, 1492, 1445, 1384, 1302, 1251, 1230, 1155, 1118, 1055, 1012, 943, 906, 872, 790, 730, 675, 646; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NOS}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 328.0824. Found: 328.0819.

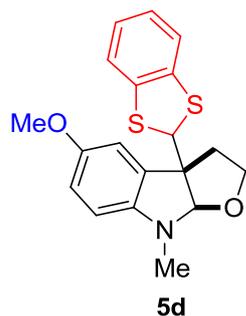


Vigorous oil, 72.2 mg, 90% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.65 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 3.99 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.54-3.48 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.13 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.0, 137.9, 137.2, 137.1, 129.31, 129.26, 128.4, 127.1, 126.9, 125.4, 125.3, 123.7, 121.64, 121.57, 117.5, 105.6, 99.0, 66.9, 63.4, 58.7, 48.4, 37.5; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3675, 2972, 2901, 1603, 1490, 1463, 1445, 1394, 1356, 1316, 1258, 1226, 1158, 1118, 1055, 1026, 1012, 941, 907, 872, 790, 733, 696, 675; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{NOS}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 404.1137. Found: 404.1137.

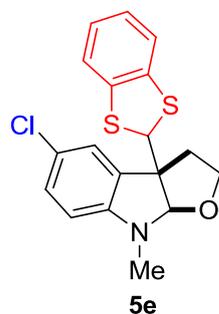


White solid, 66.8 mg, 94% yield, M.p. 76-78 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.65 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.80-5.73 (m, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H),

5.20 (dd, $J = 17.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, $J = 10.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.49-3.43 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 1H), 2.11 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.6, 137.3, 137.2, 133.5, 129.3, 129.2, 125.4, 125.3, 123.7, 121.7, 121.6, 117.3, 116.6, 105.6, 98.9, 66.8, 63.2, 58.9, 47.1, 37.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 2972, 2902, 1604, 1490, 1445, 1405, 1312, 1256, 1159, 1054, 939, 907, 793, 737, 697, 674; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NOS}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 354.0981. Found: 354.0981.

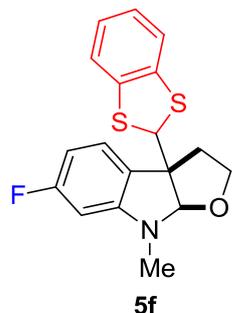


White foam, 71.1 mg, 98% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.95 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.4, 146.0, 137.3, 130.5, 125.4, 125.3, 125.2, 121.7, 121.5, 114.0, 111.4, 105.9, 101.6, 67.2, 63.4, 58.5, 56.0, 36.4, 31.7; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 3518, 2986, 2903, 1732, 1617, 1487, 1444, 1406, 1225, 1189, 1173, 1150, 1114, 1043, 917, 883, 836, 795, 743, 673, 634; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2\text{S}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 358.0930. Found: 358.0929.

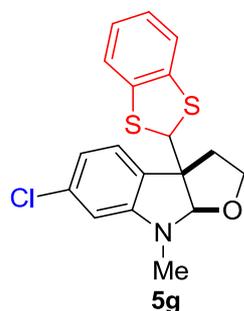


Vigorous oil, 72.6 mg, 99% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.27 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.44-3.38 (m, 1H), 2.85 (s,

3H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.1, 137.1, 137.0, 130.8, 129.1, 125.5, 125.4, 124.2, 121.73, 121.68, 121.6, 105.9, 101.0, 67.2, 63.3, 58.3, 36.6, 30.9; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 2972, 2903, 1603, 1565, 1477, 1444, 1421, 1380, 1246, 1048, 905, 866, 839, 790, 738, 675, 649, 622; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNOS}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 362.0435. Found: 362.0431

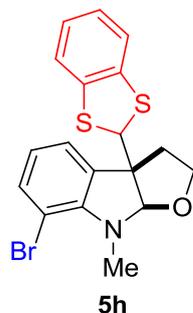


Vigorous oil, 67.0 mg, 97% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.30-6.25 (m, 1H), 6.07 (dd, $J = 10.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 3.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.46-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.08 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.7 (d, $J = 242.2$ Hz), 153.1 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz), 137.2 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 125.5, 125.4, 124.6 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 124.6, 124.4, 127.7, 121.6, 103.0 (d, $J = 22.8$ Hz), 101.2, 93.2 (d, $J = 27.0$ Hz), 67.3, 62.7, 58.8, 36.9, 30.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -112.51 (m); IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3673, 2972, 2903, 1614, 1601, 1496, 1444, 1379, 1328, 1239, 1176, 1054, 1005, 950, 902, 820, 739, 674; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNOS}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 346.0730. Found: 346.0718

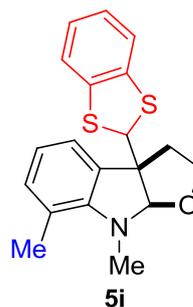


Light yellow oil, 72.4 mg, 98% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.14-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.58 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 3.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.38 (m, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.08 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

152.5, 137.13, 137.10, 135.2, 127.8, 125.5, 125.4 124.6, 121.7, 121.6, 116.9, 105.5, 100.9, 67.2, 62.9, 58.5, 36.8, 30.6; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 2972, 2903, 1680, 1603, 1495, 1476, 1444, 1412, 1323, 1232, 1117, 1052, 944, 906, 839, 801, 738, 675, 637; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNOS}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 362.0435. Found: 362.0432.

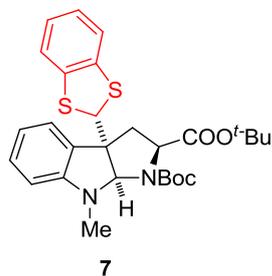


Vigorous oil, 83.9 mg, 99% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.54 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.97 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.50-3.43 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.08 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.4, 137.1, 136.8, 134.6, 133.2, 125.5, 125.4, 122.8, 121.8, 121.6, 119.6, 102.7 101.3, 66.7, 62.5, 58.7, 37.3, 35.6; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 2973, 2902, 1603, 1565, 1483, 1444, 1407, 1302, 1254, 1224, 1117, 1044, 947, 906, 809, 776, 730, 674, 647, 610; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrNOS}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 405.9929. Found: 405.9927.



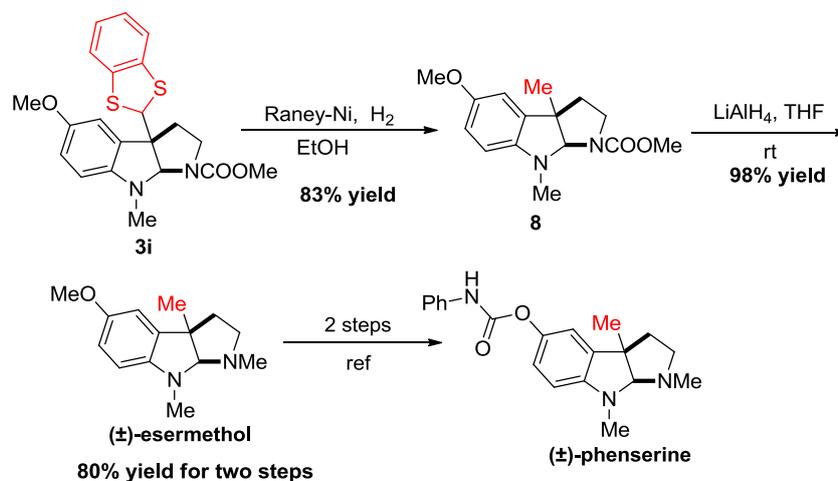
White solid, 67.8 mg, 99% yield, M.p. 86-88°C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.96 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.08 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.3, 137.4, 137.1, 132.5, 131.0, 125.45, 125.38, 121.9, 121.6, 121.4, 119.31, 119.29, 103.3, 66.6, 62.7, 59.2,

37.3, 36.7, 19.2; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 2972, 2903, 1734, 1590, 1470, 1445, 1410, 1372, 1320, 1227, 1068, 953, 909, 895, 866, 791, 738, 675, 647; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NOS}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 342.0981. Found: 342.0983.



White foam, 102.7 mg, 97% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, 100 °C, d_6 -DMSO) δ 7.19-7.00 (m, 6H), 6.57 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 2.54-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dd, $J = 13.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 170.7, 154.3, 153.6, 150.9, 137.2, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 125.4, 125.3, 123.5, 121.8, 121.6, 121.4, 117.9, 117.5, 107.4, 107.3, 87.2, 85.8, 81.4, 81.0, 80.9, 805, 62.7, 61.8, 60.6, 60.0, 59.0, 58.20, 37.4, 37.3, 35.6, 35.4, 31.5, 28.3, 28.1, 27.9, 27.8, 27.4, 22.6, 14.1; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm^{-1}) = 2975, 2930, 1736, 1701, 1605, 1491, 1446, 1391, 1366, 1252, 1150, 981, 845, 739, 674; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 527.2033. Found: 527.2017.

Synthesis of esermethol

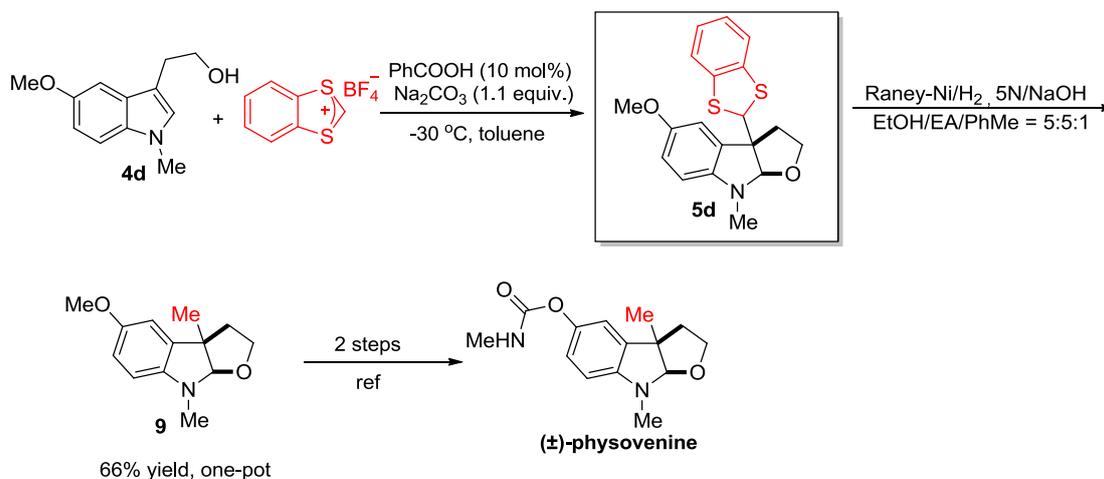


To a solution of **3i** (48.0 mg, 0.116 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL), Raney-Ni (0.5 g, slurry in water) was added and the reaction was kept under H_2 atmosphere (1 atm) for

6 h. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and washed with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL) carefully. The collected organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1) to afford compound **8**.¹ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.69-6.66 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 and 5.03 (s, 1H), 3.86-3.68 (m, 7H), 3.24-3.13 (s, 1H), 2.95 and 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.11-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H).

To a stirred solution of **8** (33.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) in THF (8 mL) at 0 °C was added LiAlH₄ portion wise (22.8 mg, 0.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hour at rt and then quenched with H₂O. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 10/1) to afford esermethol as a vigorous oil.¹ 27.2 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.59-6.54 (m, 2H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.67-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.87 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 146.5, 138.2, 112.1, 109.7, 107.4, 98.2, 56.0, 53.1, 52.7, 40.8, 38.1, 38.0, 27.4.

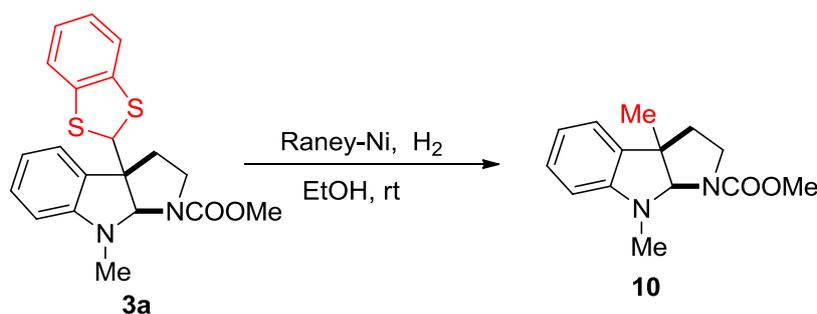
Formal synthesis of physovenine



1 R. Tsuji, M. Nakagawa and A. Nishida, *Heterocycles* 2002, **58**, 587-594.

To a flame-dried Schlenk tube under argon were added **4d** (47.1 mg, 0.22 mmol, 110 mol%), benzoic acid (2.4 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), sodium carbonate (23.3 mg, 0.22 mmol, 110 mol%) and toluene (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 20 min and then cooled to -30 °C. Then 1,3-benzodithiolylium tetrafluoroborate (48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%) and toluene (1 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 10 h (monitored by TLC). Then the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL), filtered, and washed with EtOAc (10 mL). To this mixture were added 0.2 mL 5N/NaOH, Raney-Ni (0.5 g, slurry in water) and 15 mL EtOH. After that the reaction was kept under H₂ atmosphere (1 atm) for 6 h. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and washed with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL) carefully. The collected organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 5/1) to afford compound **9** as a light yellow oil,² 29.1 mg, 66% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.65-6.60 (m, 2H), 6.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 3.90 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.45-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.10-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H).

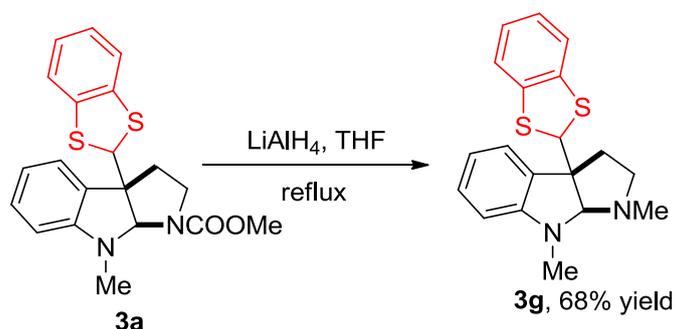
Transformations of product 3



To a solution of **3a** (38.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in ethanol (15 mL), Raney-Ni (0.5 g, slurry in water) was added and the reaction was kept under H₂ atmosphere (1 atm) overnight. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through a Celite pad and washed with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL) carefully. The collected organic layers were washed with

² S. Horne, N. Taylor, S. Collins and R. Russell, *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1* 2001, **12**, 3047–3052.

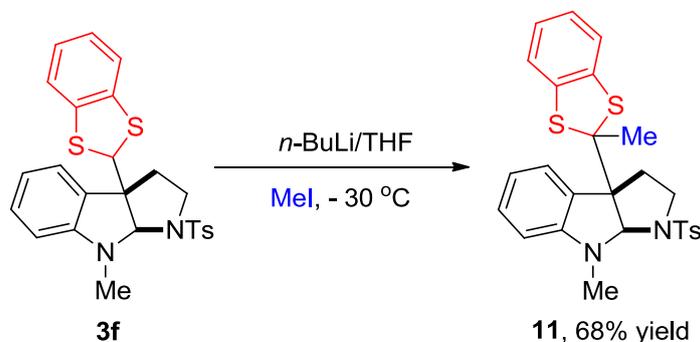
brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 8/1-3/1) to afford compound **10** as a light yellow oil,³ 19.4 mg, 79% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 and 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.86-3.72 (m, 4H), 3.20-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.98 and 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.16-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.96-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4, 150.3, 134.0, 128.2, 121.8, 117.6, 117.4, 106.0, 105.9, 89.0, 88.3, 52.8, 52.4, 51.7, 46.3, 46.1, 39.0, 38.5, 33.1, 32.5, 24.8, 24.4.



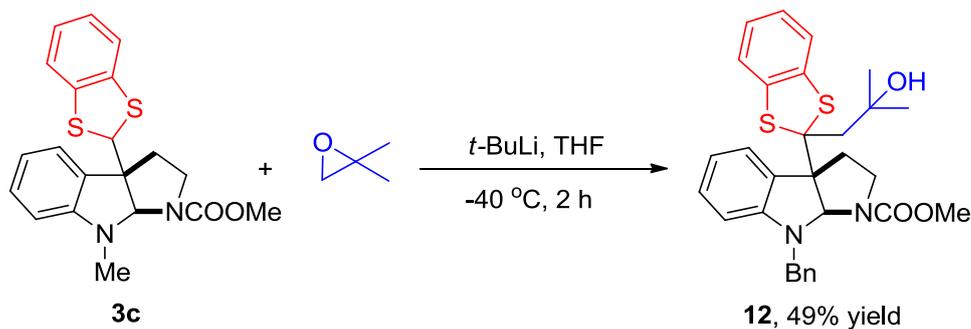
A flame-dried 25 mL round bottom flask was cooled to room temperature and filled with argon. To this flask was added LiAlH₄ (38.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), the atmosphere exchanged with argon three times before the addition of THF (6 mL) and the slow addition of **3a** (76.8 mg, 0.20 mmol). Then mixture was refluxed at 80 °C. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with water, extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA = 1/5) to afford compound **3g** as a white solid, 46.1 mg, 68% yield, M.p. 82-84°C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.81-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.98 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 137.7, 137.4, 131.6, 129.1, 125.3, 125.2, 123.3, 121.8, 121.5, 117.6, 107.1, 91.5, 63.2, 61.1, 52.9, 37.5, 36.5, 36.1; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3675,

³ M. Kawahara, A. Nishida and M. Nakagawa, *Org. Lett.* 2000, **2**, 675–678.

2971, 2901, 1602, 1490, 1446, 1431, 1381, 1339, 1235, 1153, 1118, 1066, 1020, 926, 907, 868, 811, 740, 708, 663; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{19}H_{21}N_2O_2S_2([M+H]^+)$: 341.1141. Found: 341.1140.



A solution of *n*-BuLi (0.15 mmol, 60 μ L, 2.5 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to a solution of **3f** (48.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2 mL) at $-30\text{ }^\circ C$ under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at $-30\text{ }^\circ C$ for 30 min. Then MeI (0.2 mmol, 10 μ L) was added via syringe under argon atmosphere. The solution was stirred for 30 min and then water (2 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 5 mL). The collected organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EA = 15/1) to afford compound **11** as a white foam, 33.6 mg, 68% yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.87 (m, 3H), 6.70 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 3.61-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H), 2.98-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.14-2.08 (m, 2H), 1.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 143.3, 137.9, 137.8, 136.8, 130.0, 129.6, 127.7, 127.2, 125.4, 125.2, 124.1, 121.8, 121.5, 117.5, 106.4, 87.2, 67.4, 48.2, 35.8, 31.4, 28.0, 21.6; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3663, 2972, 2902, 1602, 1490, 1445, 1380, 1343, 1300, 1251, 1156, 1118, 1078, 1013, 918, 868, 810, 739, 705, 684, 656; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{26}H_{27}N_2O_2S_3([M+H]^+)$: 495.1229. Found: 495.1230.



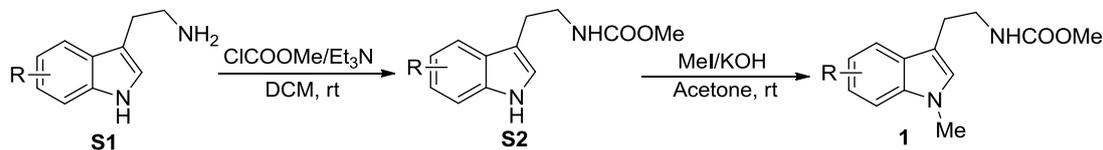
To a solution of **3c** (92.1 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (3 mL) at $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ was added a 1.5 M solution of *t*-BuLi (270 μL , 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) dropwise via syringe. The mixture was stirred for 0.5 h, then the epoxide (22 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ via syringe. The resultant solution was stirred for an additional 1 h at $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and EtOAc (5 mL) was added to quench the reaction. Then combined organic layers were washed with brine (5 mL), extracted with EtOAc (2 x 5 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 10/2-10/3) to afford compound **12** as a white foam, 52.3 mg, 49% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.2\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 7.25-7.13 (m, 6H), 7.03-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.62 (t, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.27 (d, $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.01-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.81 (t, $J = 9.2\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.06 (brs, 1H), 2.84-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) δ 159.5, 139.0, 138.0, 137.8, 129.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.0, 126.6, 125.2, 125.1, 124.5, 121.3, 120.8, 118.6, 118.3, 117.1, 105.8, 83.4, 74.3, 70.3, 52.1, 49.2, 48.8, 44.8, 35.6, 30.9; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3497, 2964, 1699, 1600, 1490, 1449, 1388, 1355, 1317, 1255, 1217, 1152, 1104, 944, 742, 698; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 533.1927. Found: 533.1924.

General Procedures for Synthesis of Substrates

All *N*-methyl tryptophols were prepared according to the previously reported

procedures⁴ and the *N*-protected tryptamine derivatives **1a-b**⁵, **1d**⁶, **1e**⁷, **1f**⁸, and **1g**⁹ were prepared according to the reported procedures.

General One-pot Procedure for Synthesis of Substrates⁵



To an oven-dried round-bottom flask were added appropriate tryptamine **S1** (5.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and DCM (30 ml), followed by triethylamine (0.85 mL, 6.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and methyl chloroformate (0.4 ml, 5.5 mmol, 1.10 equiv) was added slowly. Then the ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 3 h. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the mixture was quenched with water (20 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, separated, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was used directly for the next step without further purification.

To a solution of the above obtained **S2** in acetone (30 mL) was added powdered potassium hydroxide (1.4 g, 25 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After 10 min, methyl iodide (0.35 ml, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the acetone solution with vigorous stirring. Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature. The same amount of potassium hydroxide (1.4 g, 25 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and methyl iodide (0.35 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added again and stirred overnight. The mixture was filtered and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (30 mL) and

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5 Y. Yang, X. Jiang, F.-L. Qing, *J. Org. Chem.* 2012, **77**, 7538-7547.

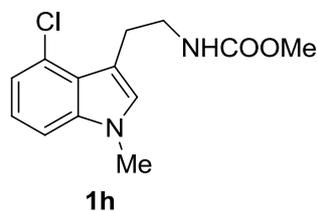
6 W.-H. Chiou, C.-L. Kao, J.-C. Tsai, Y.-M. Chang, *Chem. Commun.* 2013, **49**, 8232-8234.

7 H. Song, J. Yang, W. Chen, Y. Qin, *Org. Lett.* 2006, **8**, 6011-6014.

8 O. Lozano, G. Blessley, T. Martinez del Campo, A. L. Thompson, G. T. Giuffredi, M. Bettati, M. Walker, R. Borman, V. Gouverneur, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2011, **50**, 8105-8109

9 C.-L. Fang, S. Horne, N. Taylor, R. Rodrigo, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1994, **116**, 9480-9486.

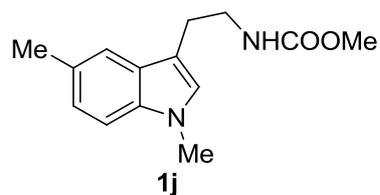
washed subsequently with water, sat. NaHCO₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using 20-40% EtOAc in hexane to provide the desired product **1**.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.56-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.17 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 138.3, 128.4, 126.0, 124.1, 121.8, 119.7, 111.5, 107.9, 51.8, 42.4, 32.6, 26.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3335, 2923, 1687, 1612, 1534, 1479, 1459, 1420, 1371, 1342, 1321, 1281, 1252, 1188, 1140, 1075, 1026, 1000, 927, 865, 816, 772, 739, 699, 680, 657, 627; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆ClN₂O₂([M+H]⁺): 267.0895. Found: 267.0897.

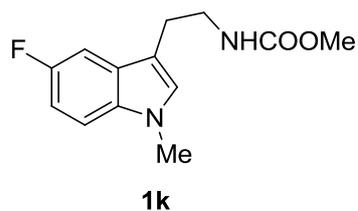


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.47-3.33 (m, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 153.6, 132.3, 127.8, 127.2, 111.7, 110.6, 109.9, 100.4, 55.7, 51.7, 41.3, 32.5, 25.5; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3341, 2941, 1699, 1621, 1578, 1520, 1490, 1454, 1424, 1378, 1298, 1249, 1224, 1176, 1137, 1068, 1034, 899, 878, 833, 791, 751, 665, 650, 631; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₂O₂([M+H]⁺): 263.1390. Found: 263.1392.

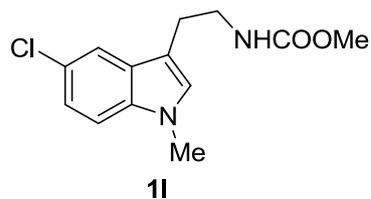


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.4

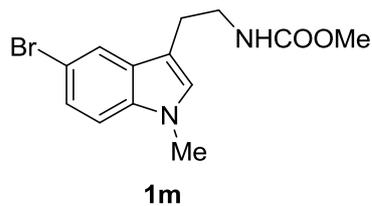
Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.47 (dt, $J = 12.4, 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.0, 135.5, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 123.2, 118.4, 110.6, 108.9, 51.9, 41.3, 32.5, 25.5, 21.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3335, 2918, 1689, 1538, 1493, 1457, 1384, 1362, 1306, 1283, 1254, 1186, 1143, 1068, 1031, 1001, 927, 890, 858, 815, 797, 778, 694, 671, 653, 616; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 247.1441. Found: 247.1445.



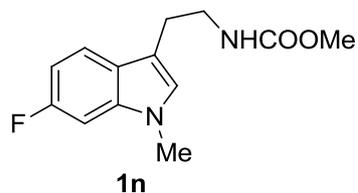
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.49-3.39 (m, 2H), 2.87 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.5 (d, $J = 232.8$ Hz), 157.0, 133.6, 128.4, 121.9, 118.2, 110.0, 109.8 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 103.5 (d, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 51.9, 41.2, 32.8, 25.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -125.9; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3321, 2972, 2902, 1686, 1540, 1490, 1458, 1425, 1305, 1283, 1258, 1242, 1210, 1180, 1066, 1030, 908, 838, 800, 712, 672, 655; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 251.1190. Found: 251.1193.



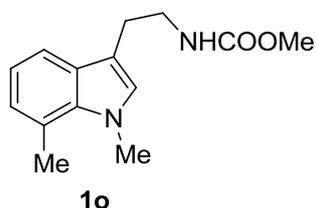
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.42 (m, 2H), 2.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.0, 135.4, 128.7, 128.1, 124.7, 121.8, 118.2, 111.0, 110.2, 51.9, 41.3, 32.7, 25.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3329, 2971, 2902, 1684, 1538, 1479, 1422, 1283, 1256, 1187, 1144, 1080, 1062, 1030, 908, 839, 798, 779, 699, 660, 623; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 267.0895. Found: 267.0895.



^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.46-3.42 (m, 2H), 2.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.9, 135.6, 129.3, 127.9, 124.4, 121.3, 112.2, 111.0, 110.7, 51.9, 41.3, 32.7, 25.4; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm^{-1}) = 3663, 3330, 2912, 1687, 1537, 1476, 1421, 1394, 1381, 1301, 1282, 1256, 1189, 1143, 1075, 1047, 1030, 996, 865, 850, 820, 794, 779, 696, 660, 614; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 311.0390. Found: 311.0388.



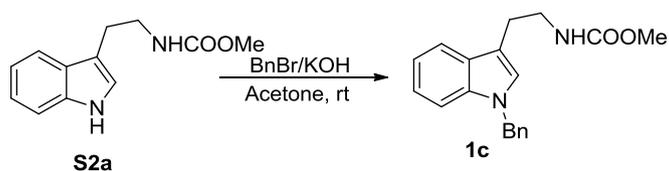
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.48-3.43 (m, 2H), 2.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.9,

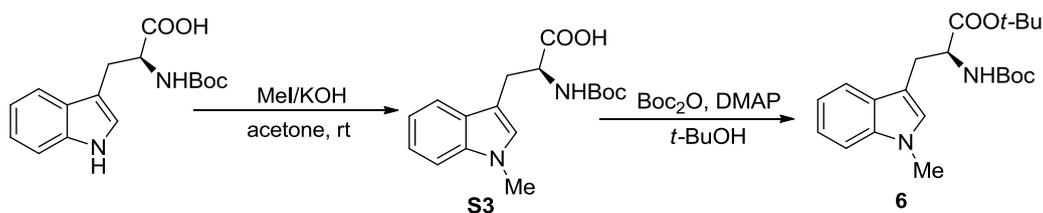
135.7, 128.6, 128.4, 124.2, 121.2, 119.1, 116.8, 110.8, 51.9, 41.2, 36.4, 25.4, 19.6; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3675, 3333, 2987, 2901, 1695, 1543, 1453, 1405, 1394, 1360, 1321, 1288, 1252, 1192, 1140, 1056, 891, 813, 779, 745, 690, 610; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₂O₂([M+H]⁺): 247.1441. Found: 247.1440.

General Procedure for Synthesis of Substrate 1c



To a solution of **S2a** (436 mg, 2.0 mmol) in acetone (20 mL) was added powdered potassium hydroxide (560 mg, 10 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After 10 min, benzyl bromide (223 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the acetone solution with vigorous stirring and the reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature. Then the same amount of potassium hydroxide (560 mg, 10 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and benzyl bromide (223 μ L, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added again and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The mixture was filtered and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL) and washed subsequently with water and sat. NaHCO₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using 20-40% EtOAc in hexane to provide **1c** as a white solid, 570 mg, 92% yield, M.p. 64-66°C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.51-3.46 (m, 2H), 2.95 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 137.4, 136.6, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 126.7, 126.1, 121.8, 119.1, 118.9, 112.0, 109.7, 51.9, 49.8, 41.3, 25.7; IR (thin film): ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) = 3672, 3359, 2986, 2903, 1689, 1532, 1438, 1407, 1381, 1323, 1251, 1174, 1138, 1065, 895, 806, 781, 734, 698, 660; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₂([M+H]⁺): 309.1598. Found: 309.1597.

General procedure for synthesis of 6



To a solution of *N*-Boc-L-tryptophan (608 mg, 2.0 mmol) in acetone (20 mL) was added powdered potassium hydroxide (560 mg, 10 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After 10 min, MeI (0.14 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to the acetone solution with vigorous stirring and the reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature. Then the same amount of potassium hydroxide (560 mg, 10 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and MeI (0.14 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added again and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The mixture was filtered and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL) and the organic layer was washed subsequently with water and sat. NaHCO₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was used directly for next step without further purification.

To a solution of **S3** in *t*-BuOH (20 mL) was added DMAP (72 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.3 equiv) and Boc₂O (1.85 mL, 8.0 mmol, 4.0 equiv) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred for 72 h at rt and then concentrated. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with sat. NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using 20% EtOAc in hexane to provide compound **6** as a white solid, 532.3 mg, 71% yield, M.p. 80-82 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.49 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.27-3.19 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3, 155.2, 136.7, 128.3, 127.3, 121.5, 119.1, 118.8, 109.0, 108.9, 81.6, 79.4, 54.6, 32.6, 28.3, 27.9, 27.8; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3357, 2977, 1702, 1513, 1472, 1364, 1324, 1274, 1236, 1151, 1066, 1015, 847, 769, 742; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₃₁N₂O₄([M+H]⁺): 375.2278. Found: 375.2277.

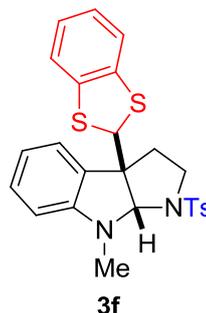
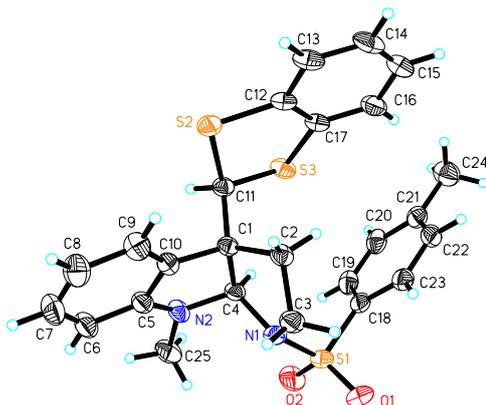


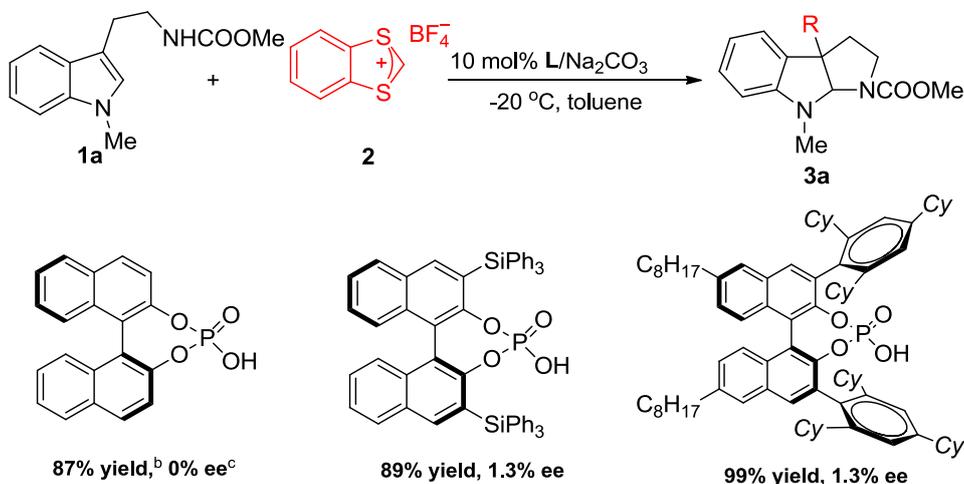
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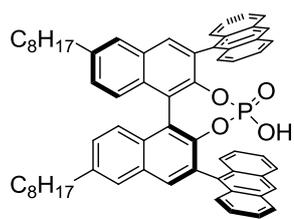
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Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P 2 ₁ /n
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Volume	2311.7(8) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.381 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	3.137 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1008
Crystal size	0.38 x 0.31 x 0.24 mm
Theta range for data collection	4.44 to 65.99 deg.
Limiting indices	-12 ≤ h ≤ 13, -15 ≤ k ≤ 14, -18 ≤ l ≤ 18
Reflections collected / unique	16134 / 3959 [R(int) = 0.0266]
Completeness to theta = 65.99	98.3 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7529 and 0.5484
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²

Data / restraints / parameters	3959 / 0 / 290
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.028
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0419, wR2 = 0.1136
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0426, wR2 = 0.1143
Extinction coefficient	0.0059(4)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.409 and -0.487 e.Å ⁻³

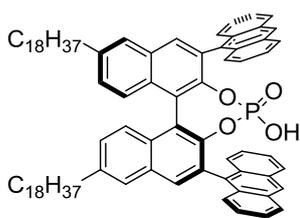
General procedure for chiral Brønsted acid catalyzed intermolecular enantioselective cascade dearomatization reaction of indole derivatives with carbenium ion^a

To a flame-dried Schlenk tube under argon were added indole derivative **1** (0.22 mmol, 110 mol%), chiral Brønsted acid (0.02 mmol, 10 mol%), sodium carbonate (23.3 mg, 0.22 mmol, 110 mol%) and toluene (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 20 min and then cooled to -20 °C. Then 1,3-benzodithiolium tetrafluoroborate (48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol%) and toluene (1 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 6-24 h (monitored by TLC). After the reaction was complete, the reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL), filtered, and washed with EtOAc. The collected organic filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude product. Then the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EA = 8/1) to afford compound **3a**. The preliminary results for the enantioselective synthesis are summarized below.

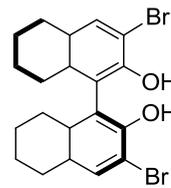




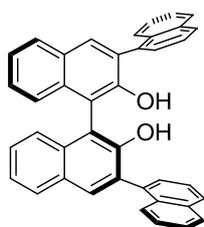
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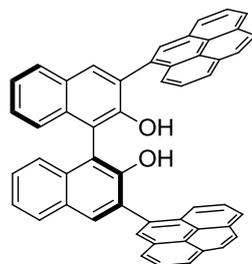
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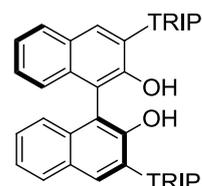
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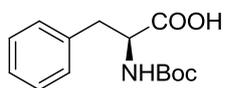
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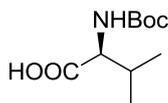
86% yield, 2.0 % ee



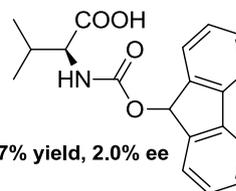
94% yield, 1.0 % ee



93% yield, 2.0% ee



99% yield, 2.0% ee



97% yield, 2.0% ee

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2mmol), **2** (0.22 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (0.22 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) at rt. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Determined by HPLC analysis.

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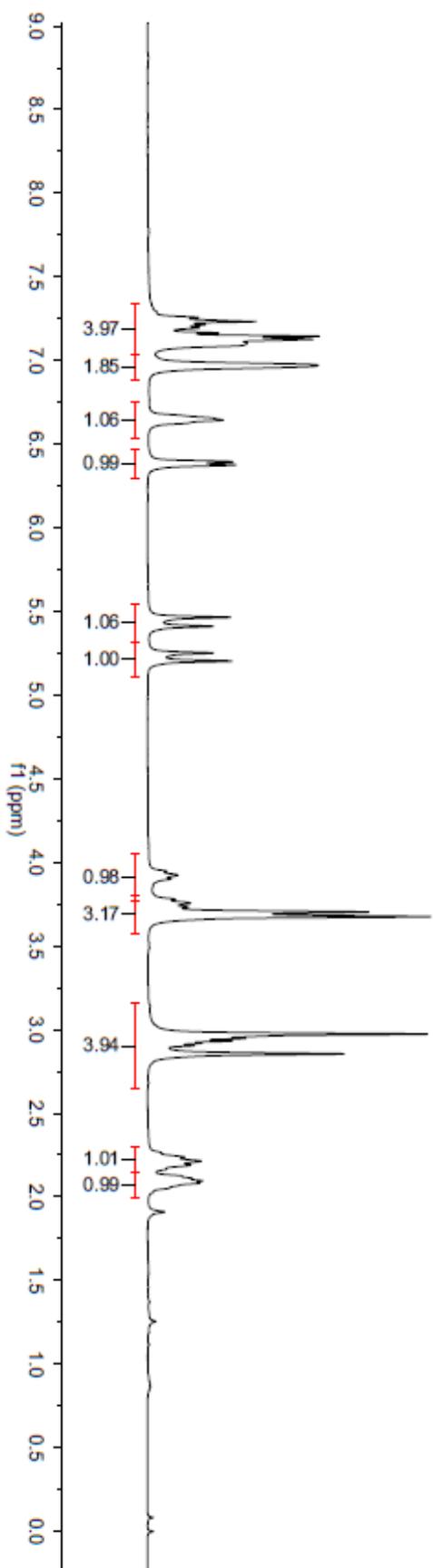
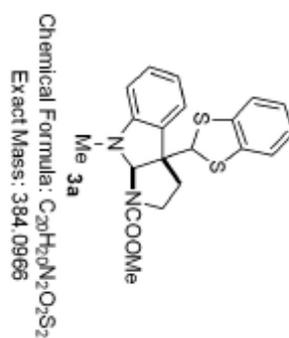
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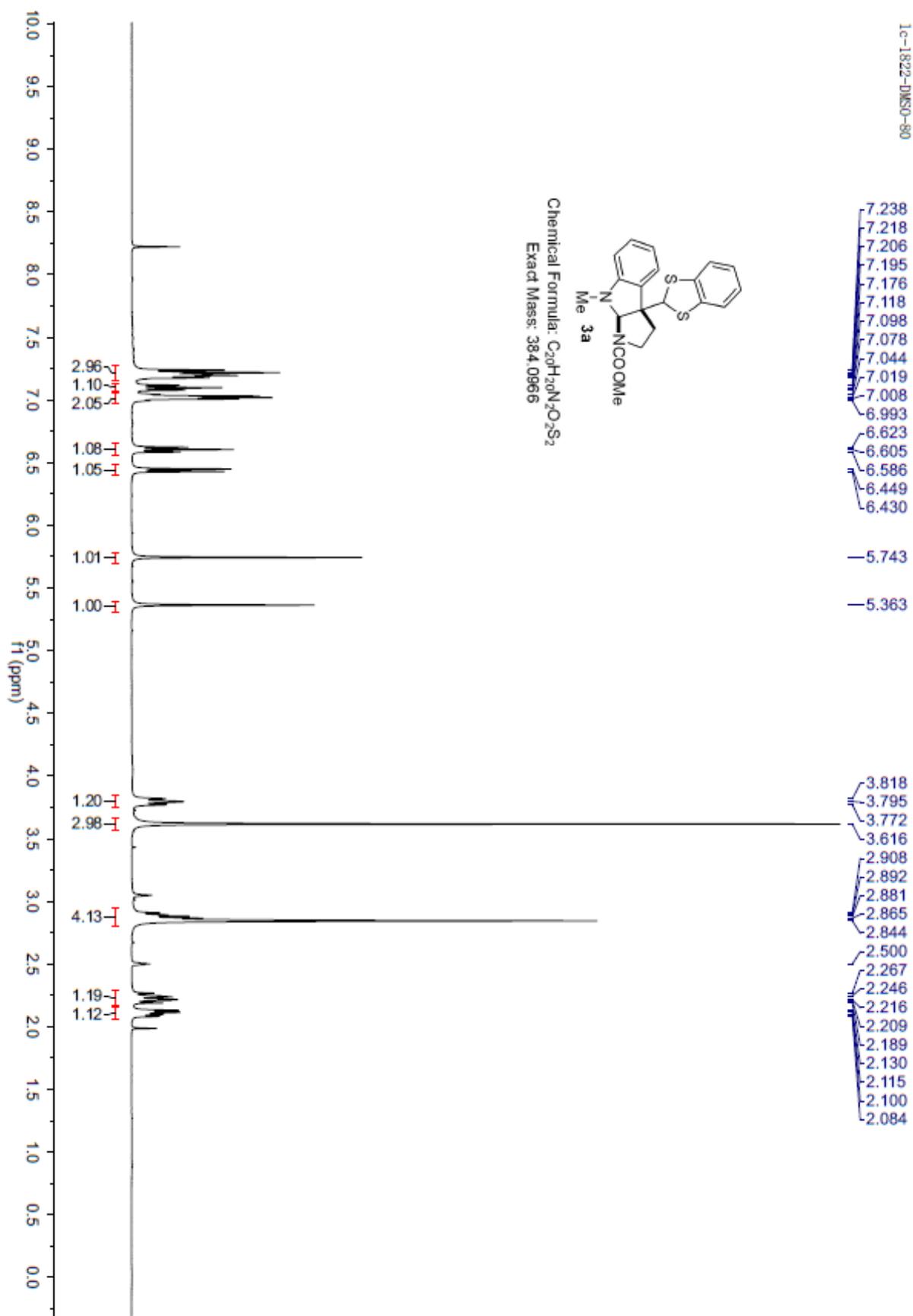
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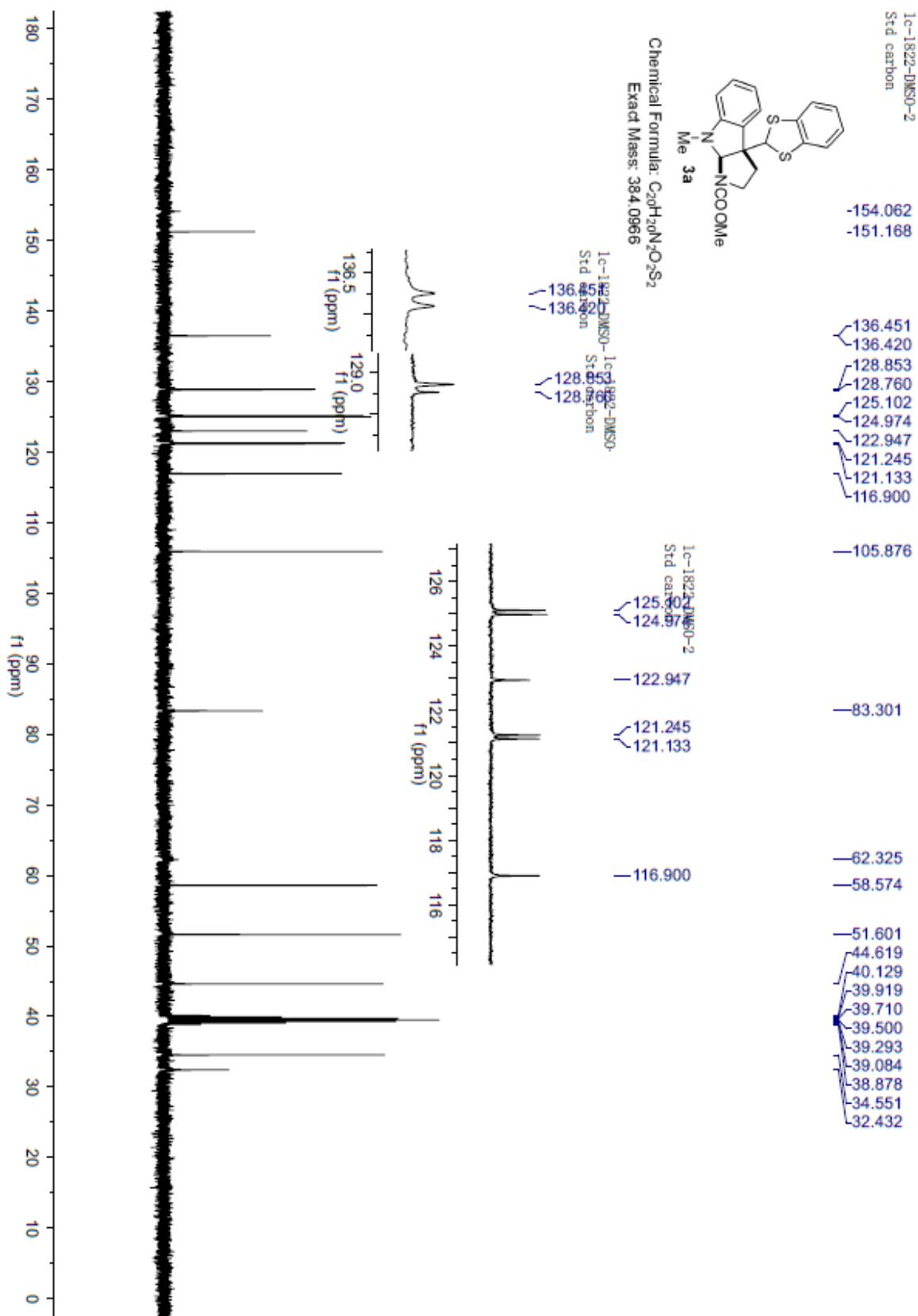
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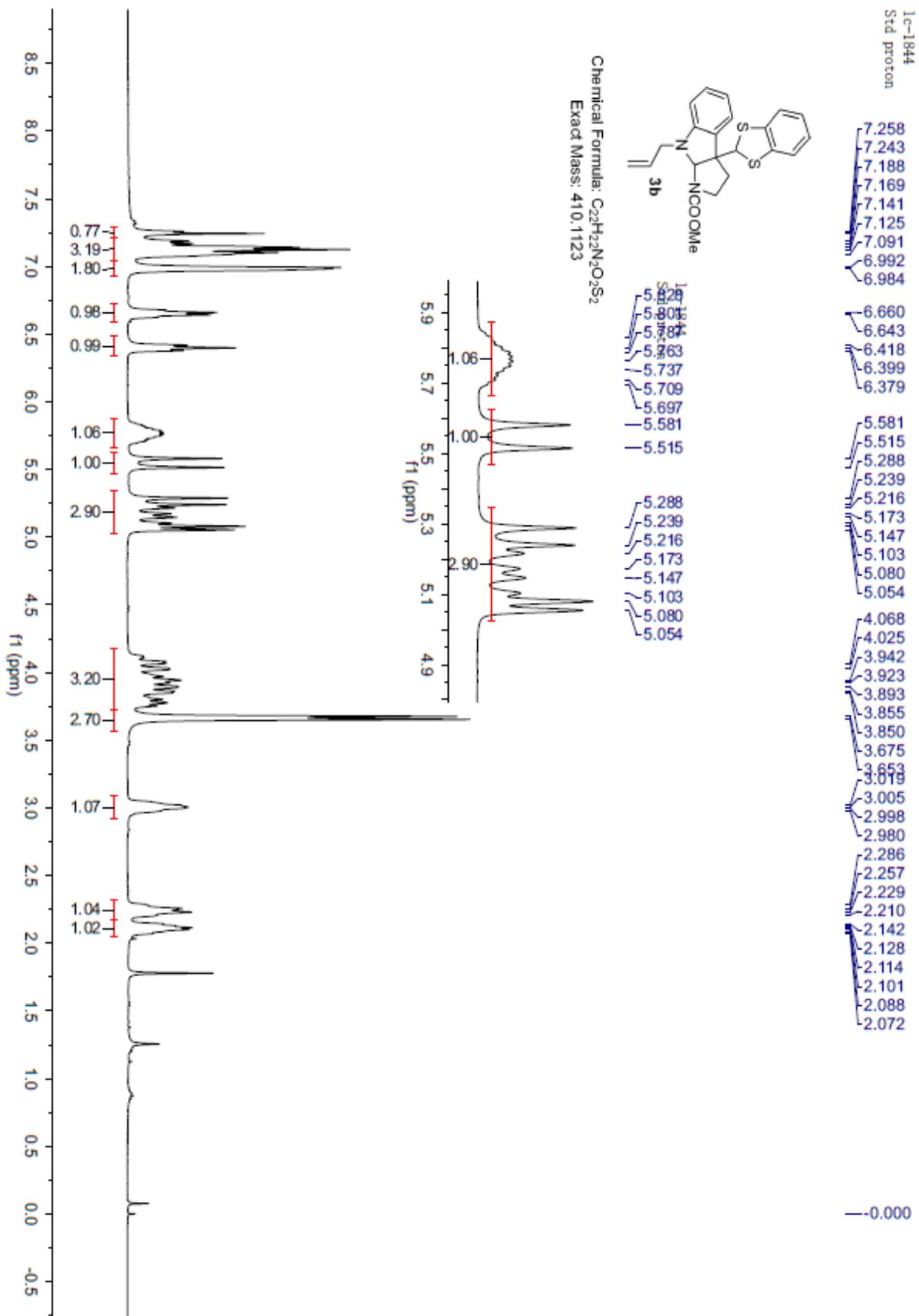


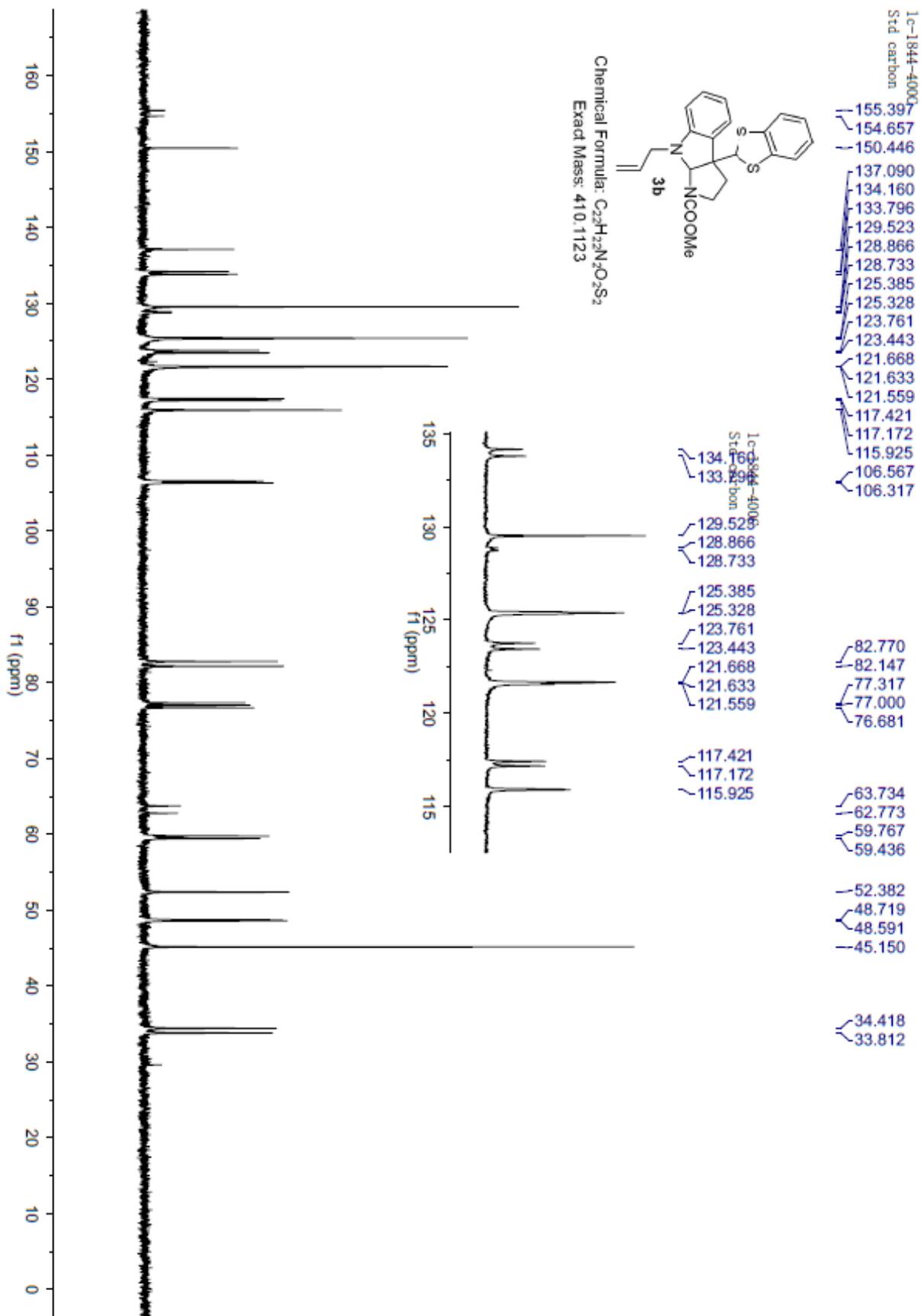
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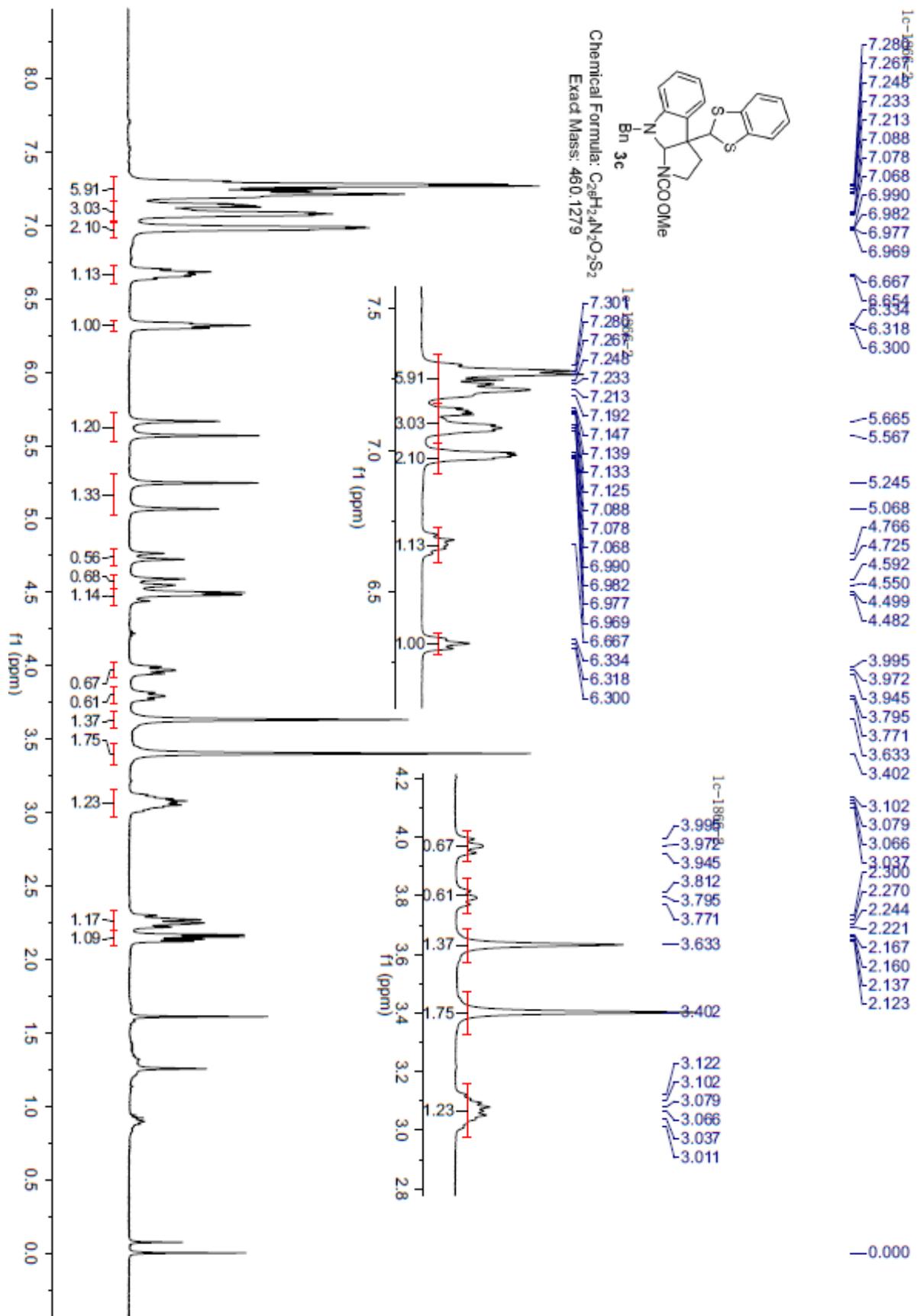


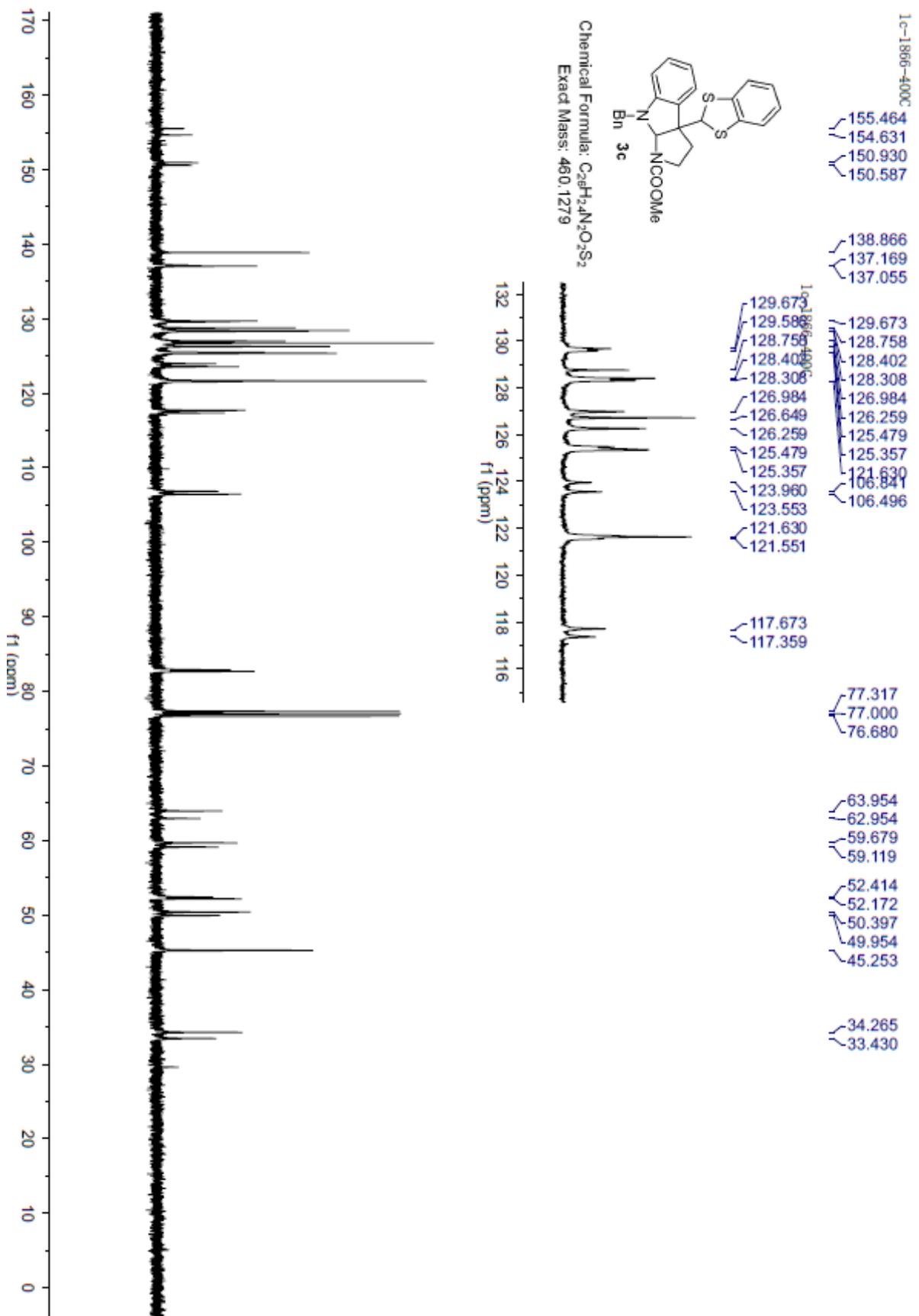
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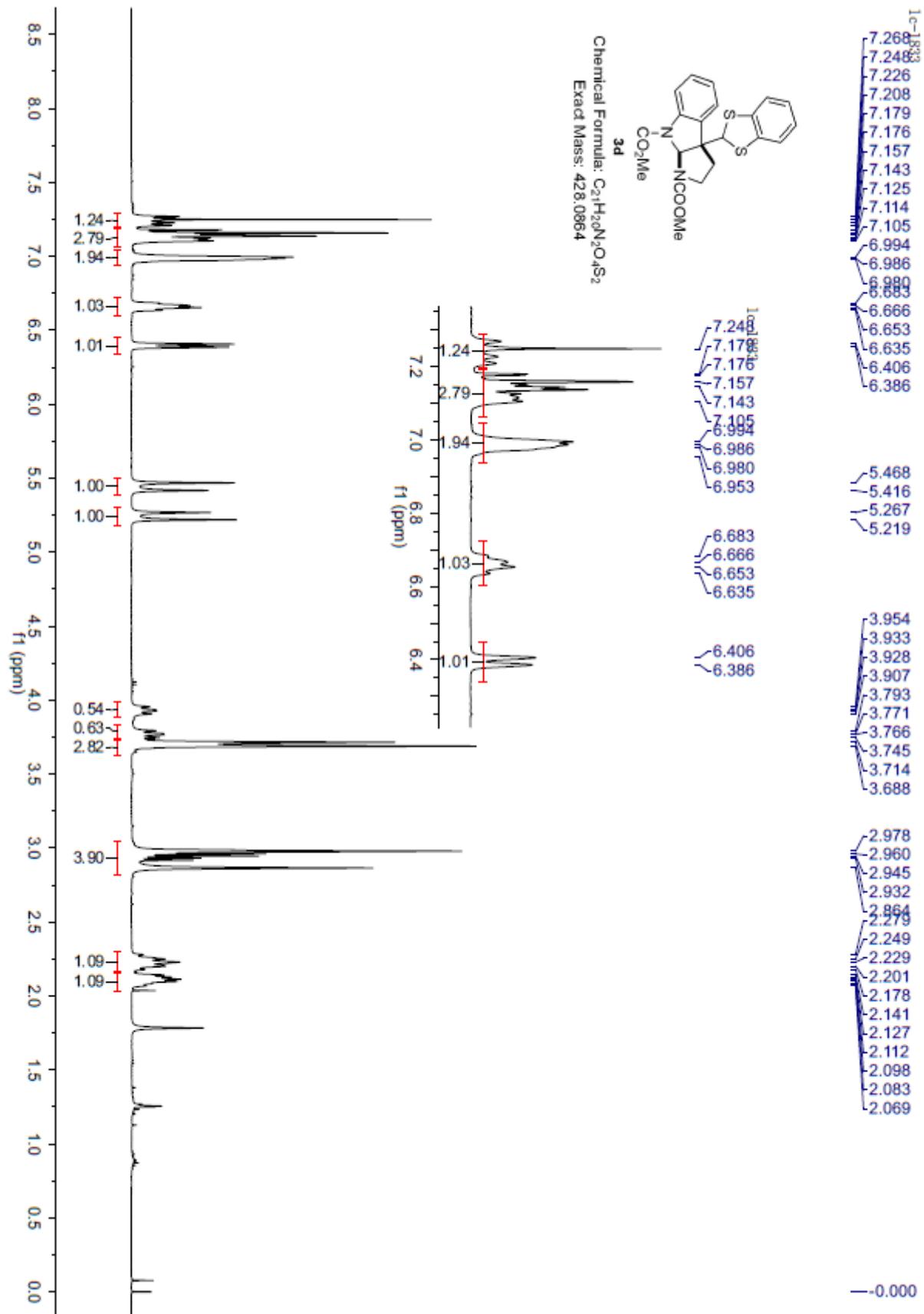


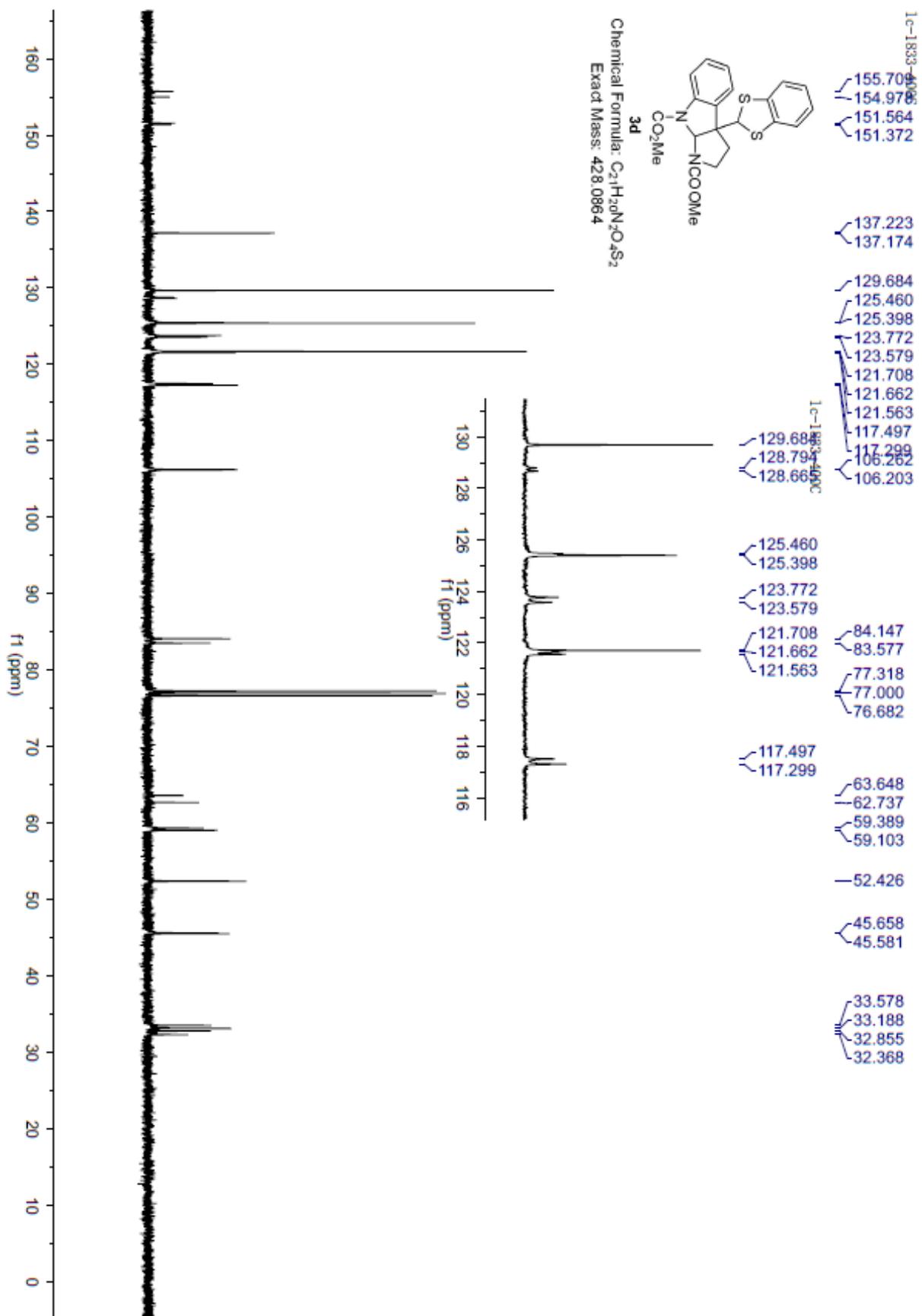


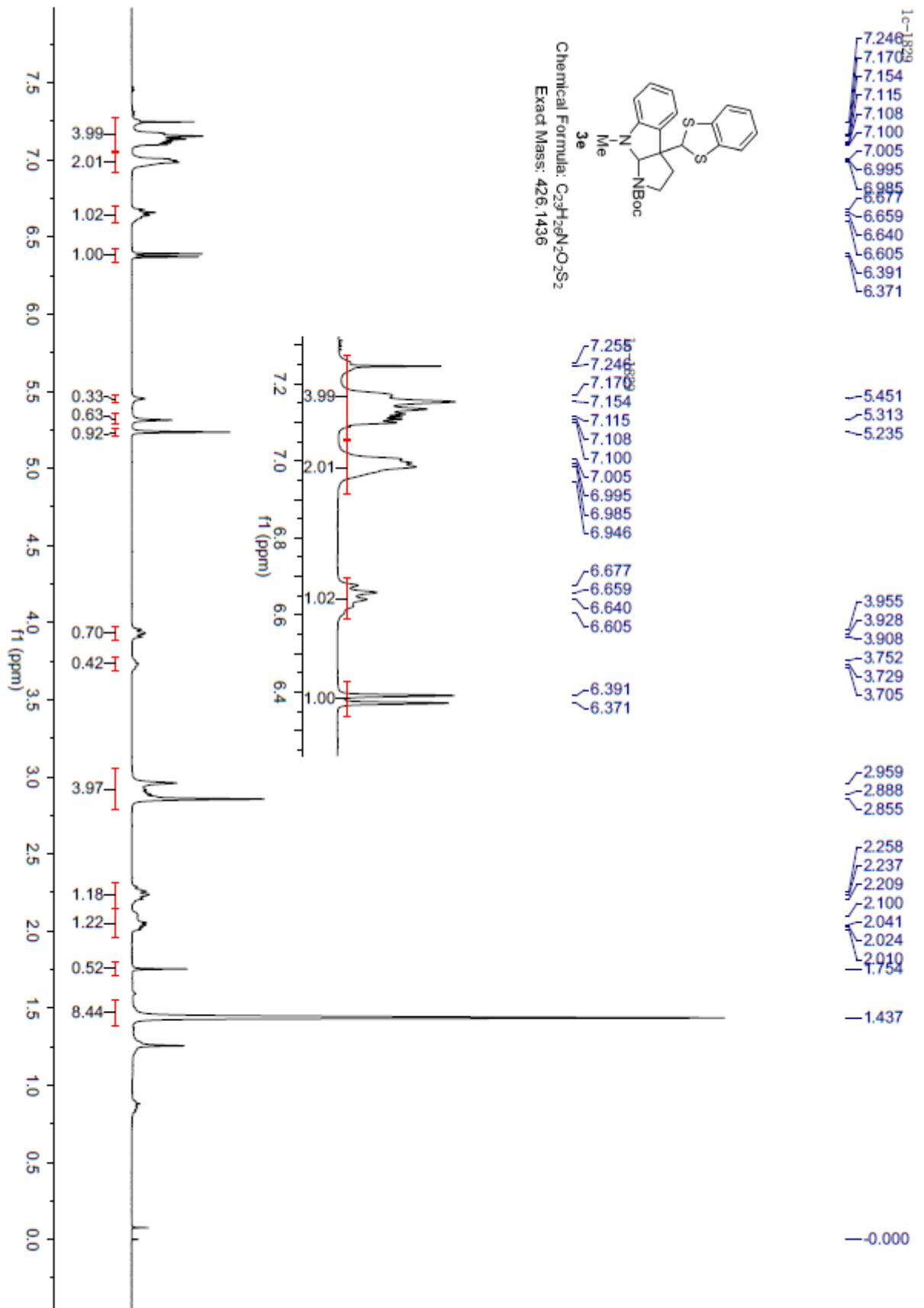


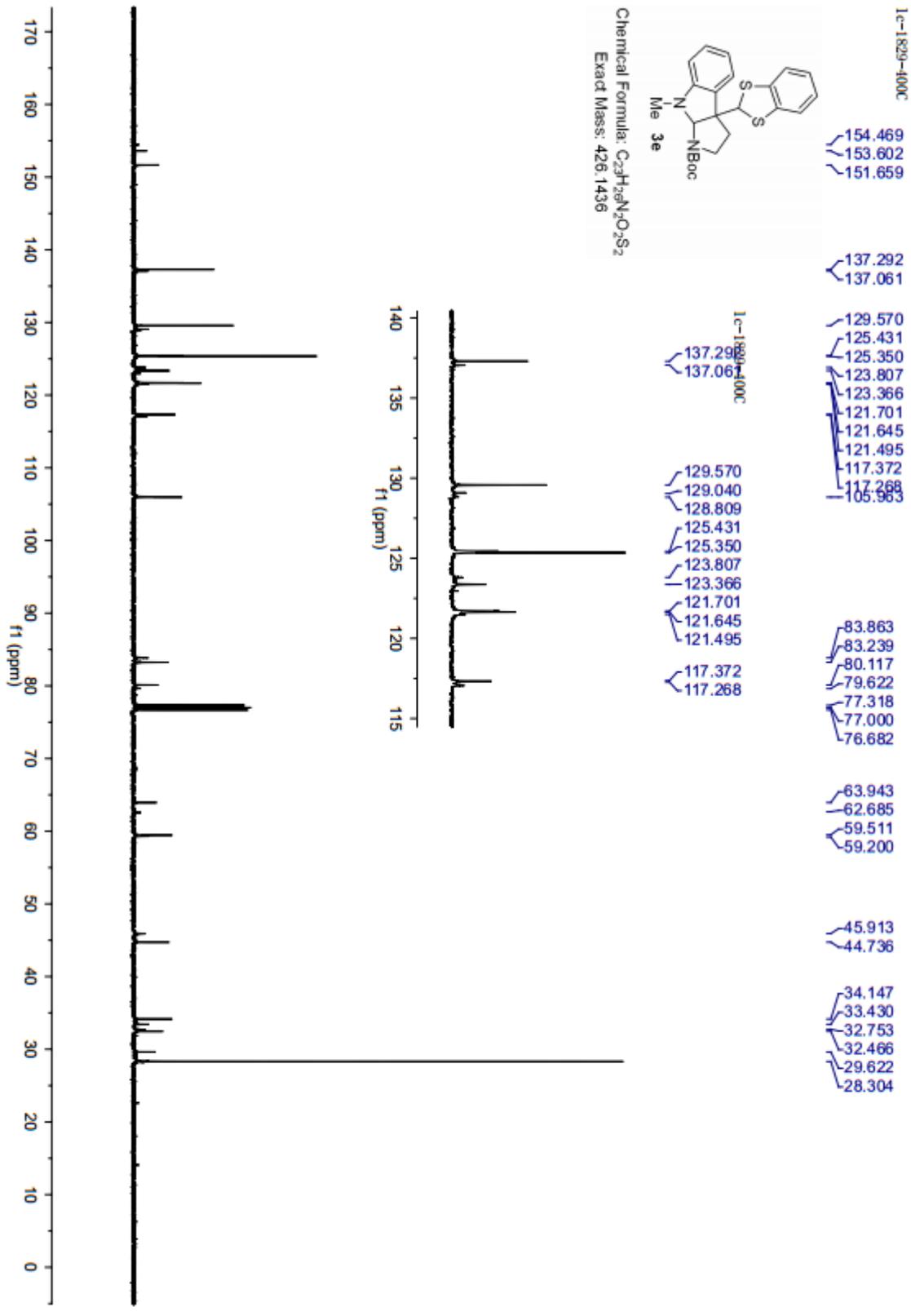


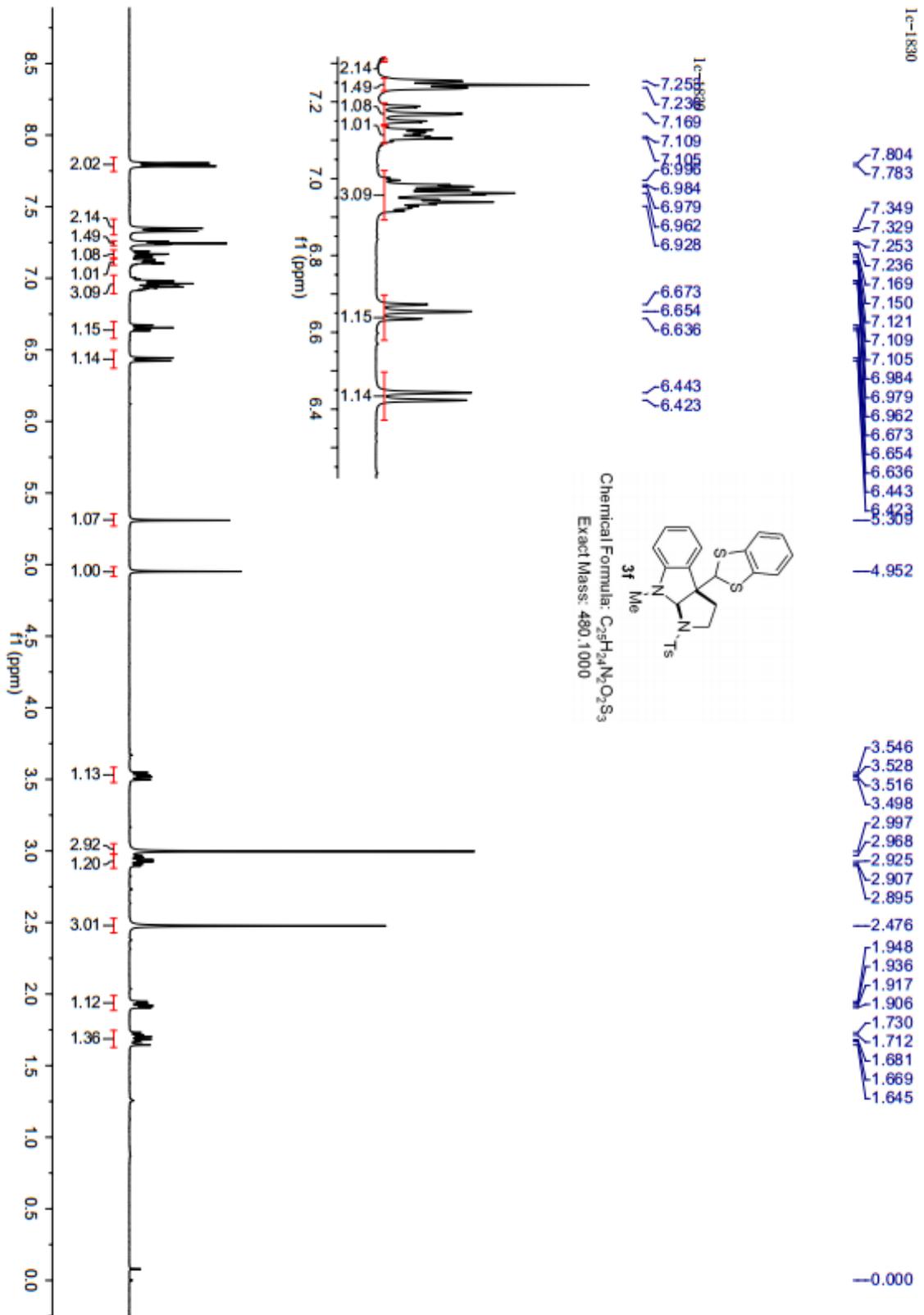


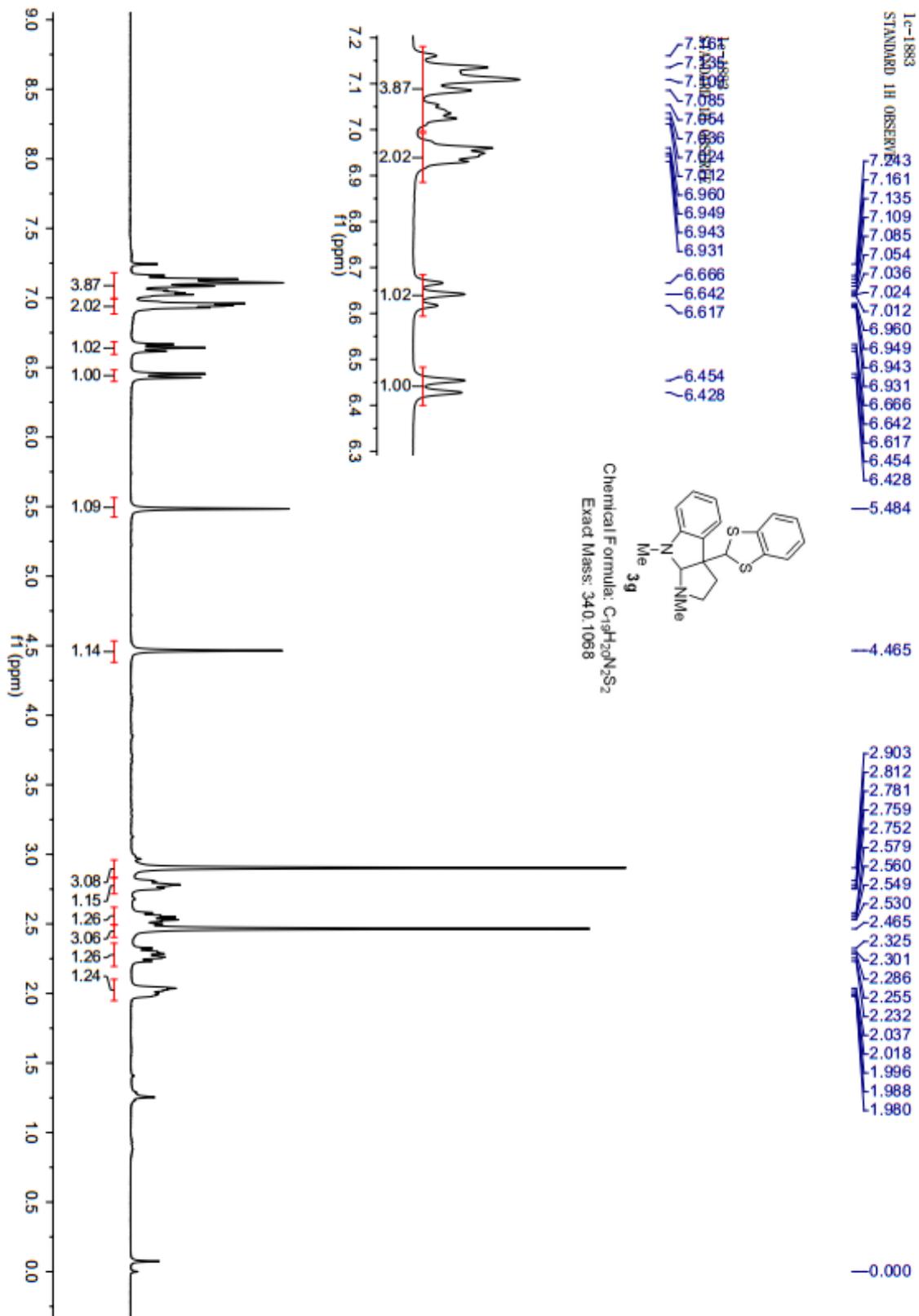






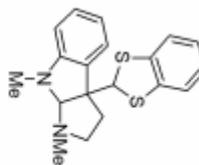




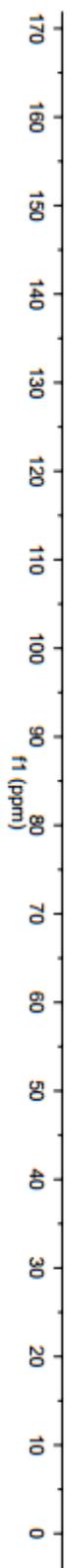


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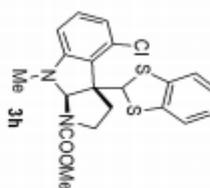
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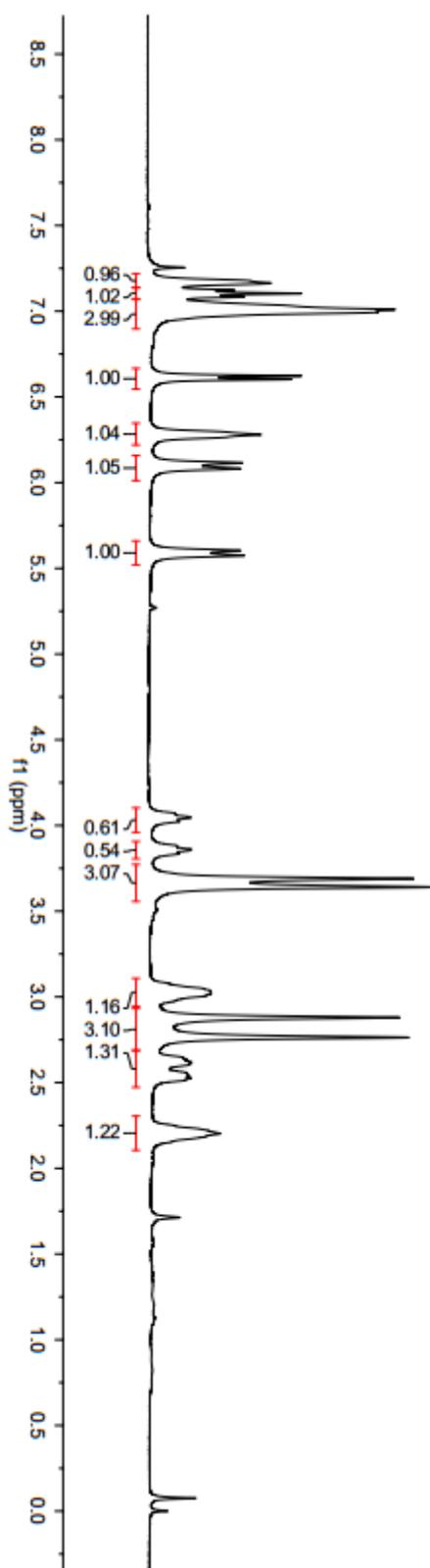
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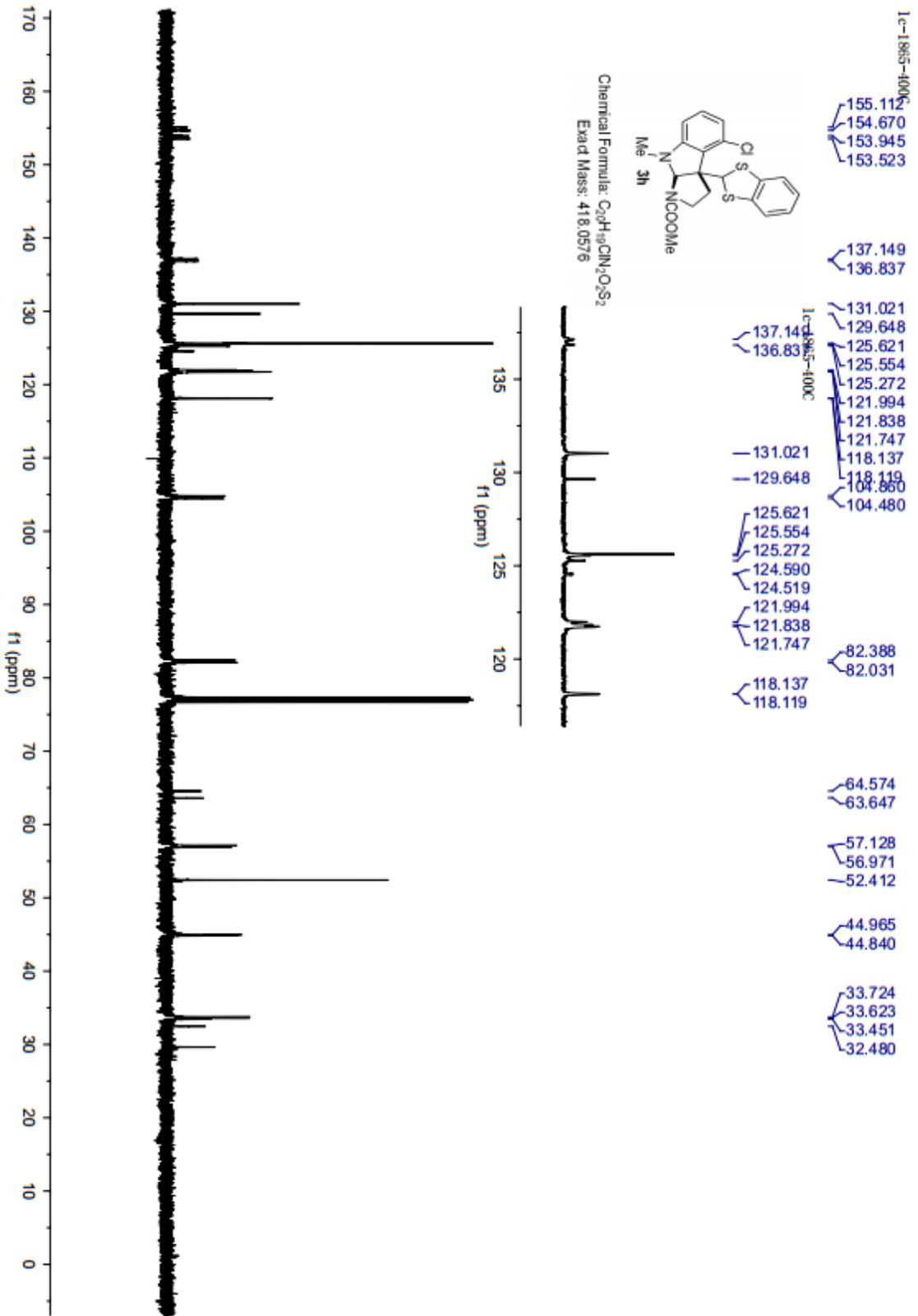
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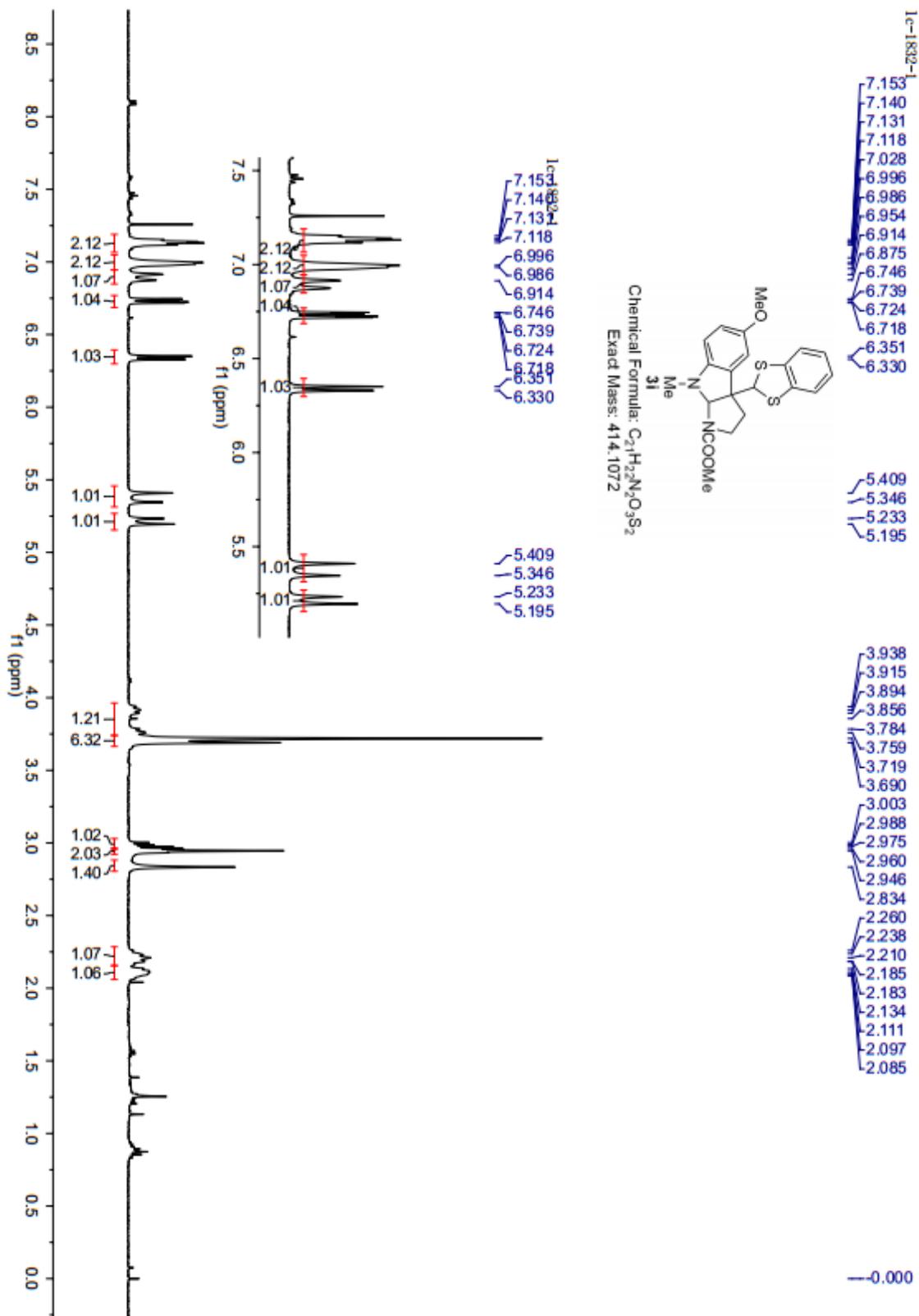
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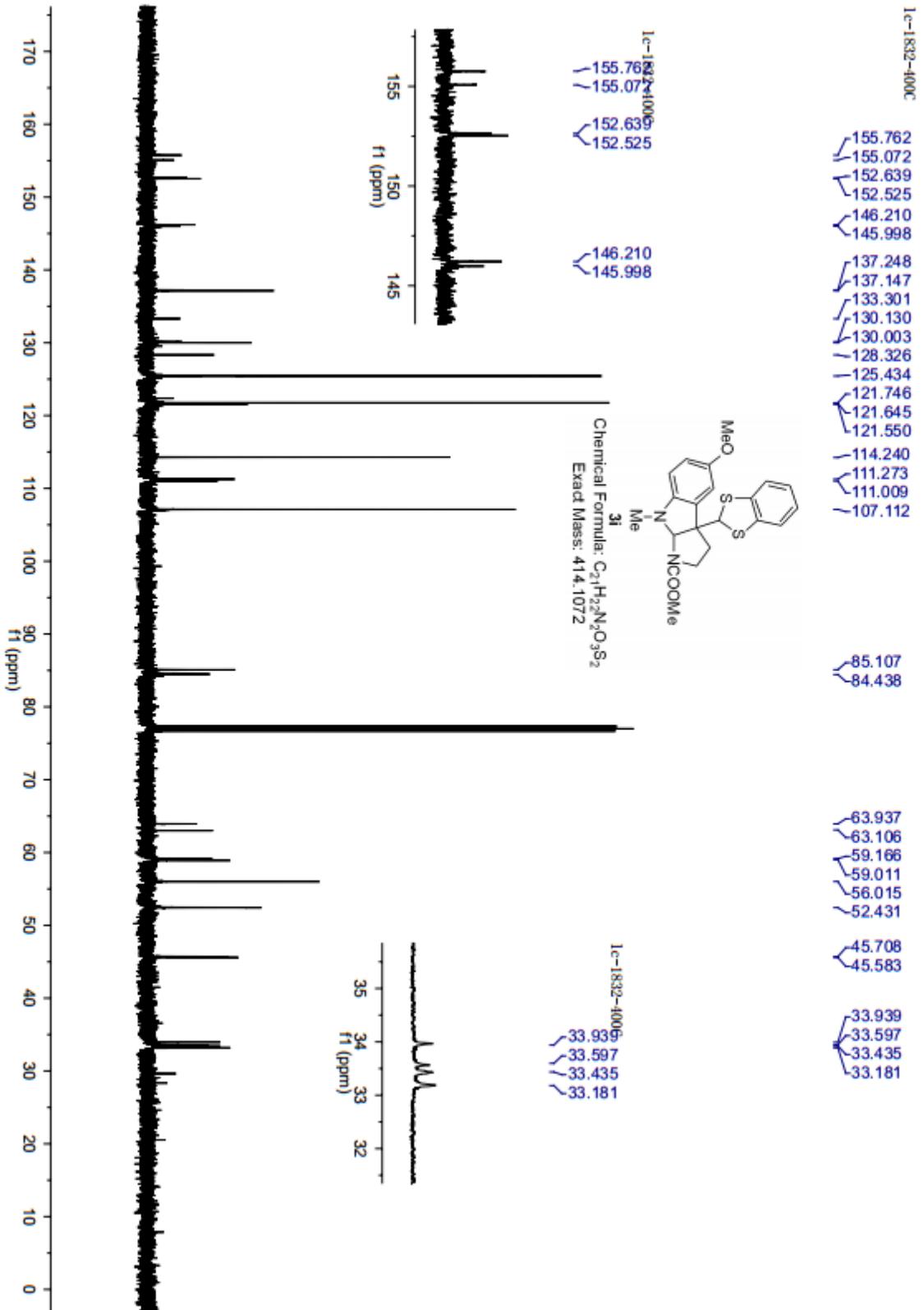


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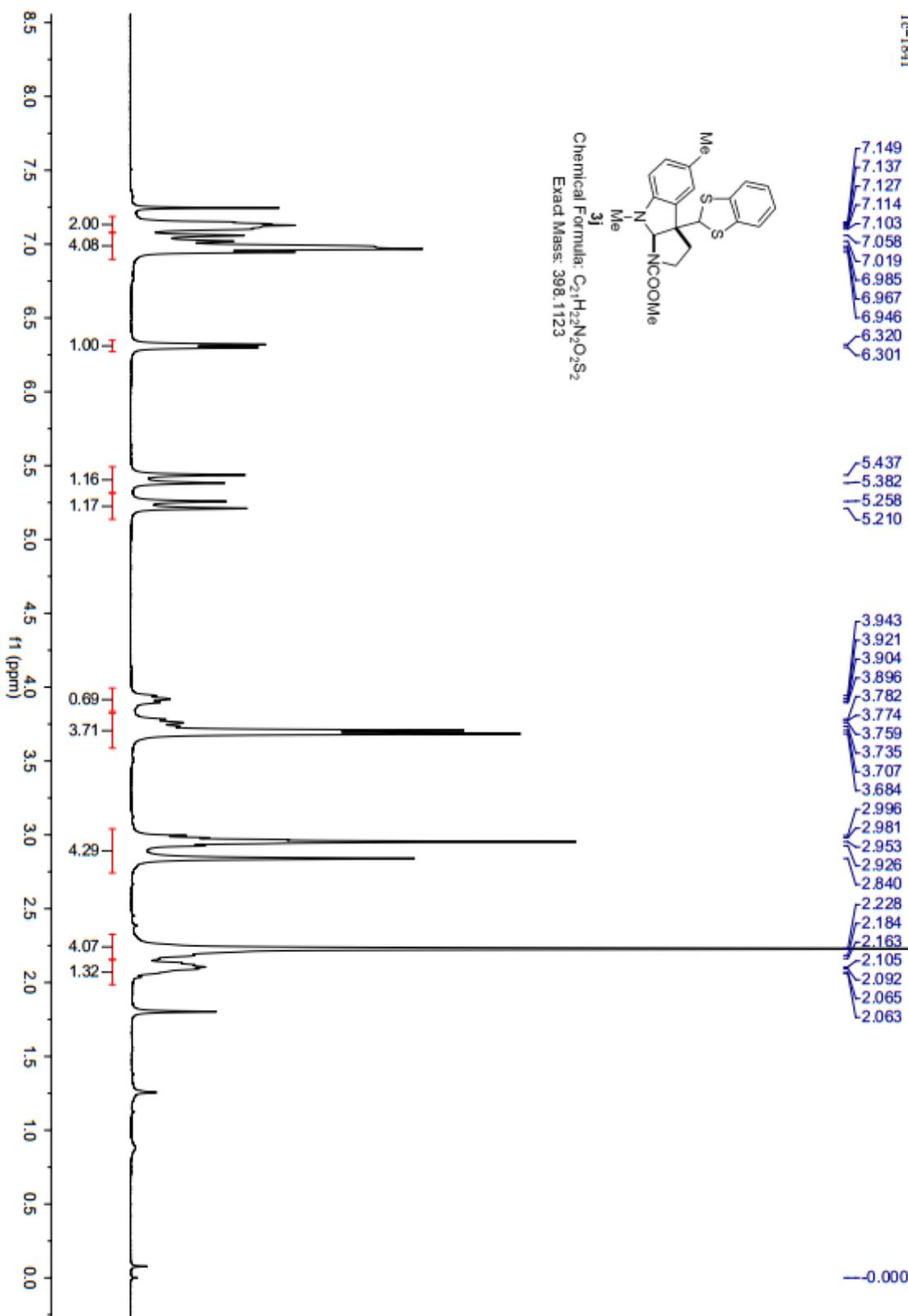


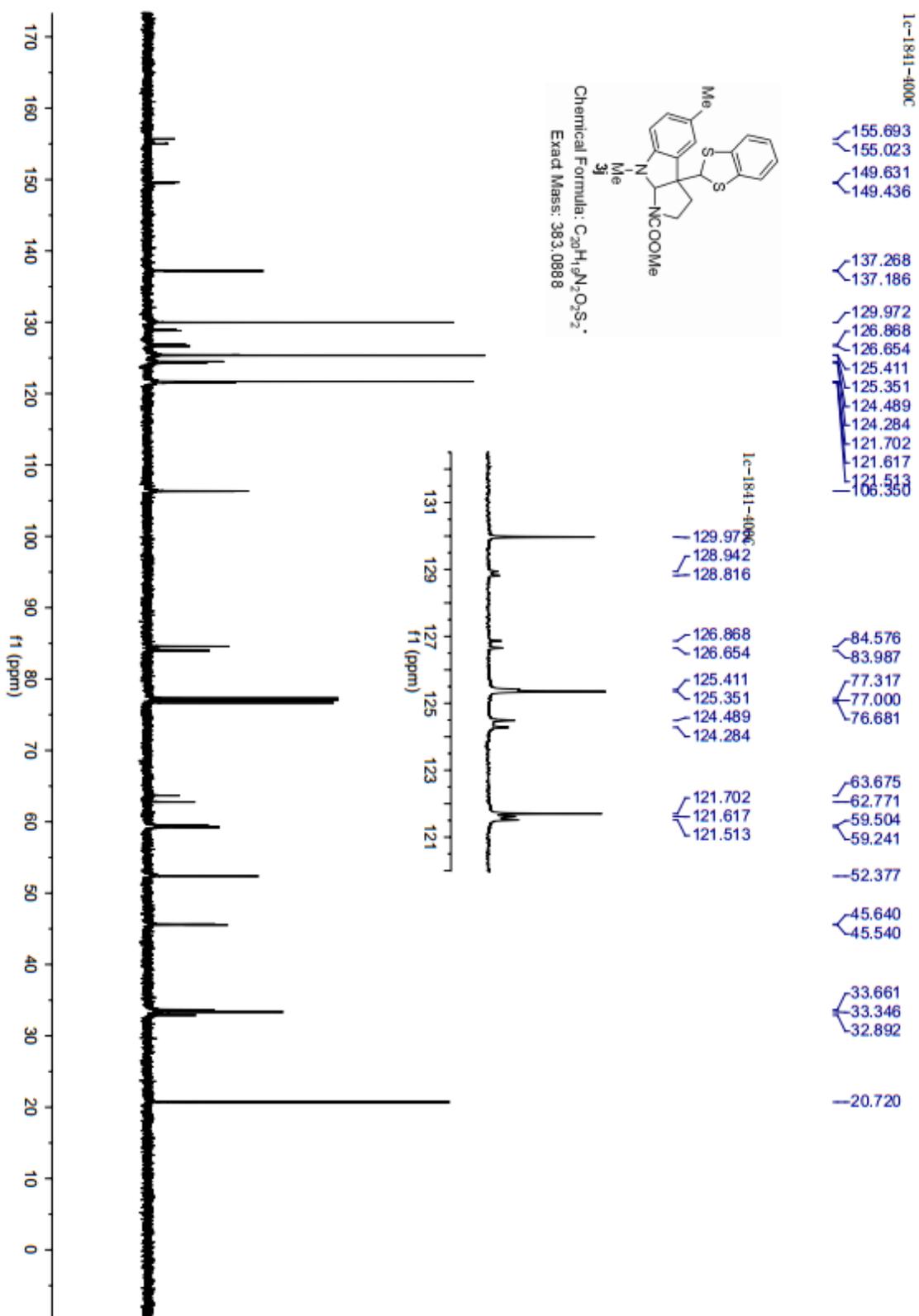






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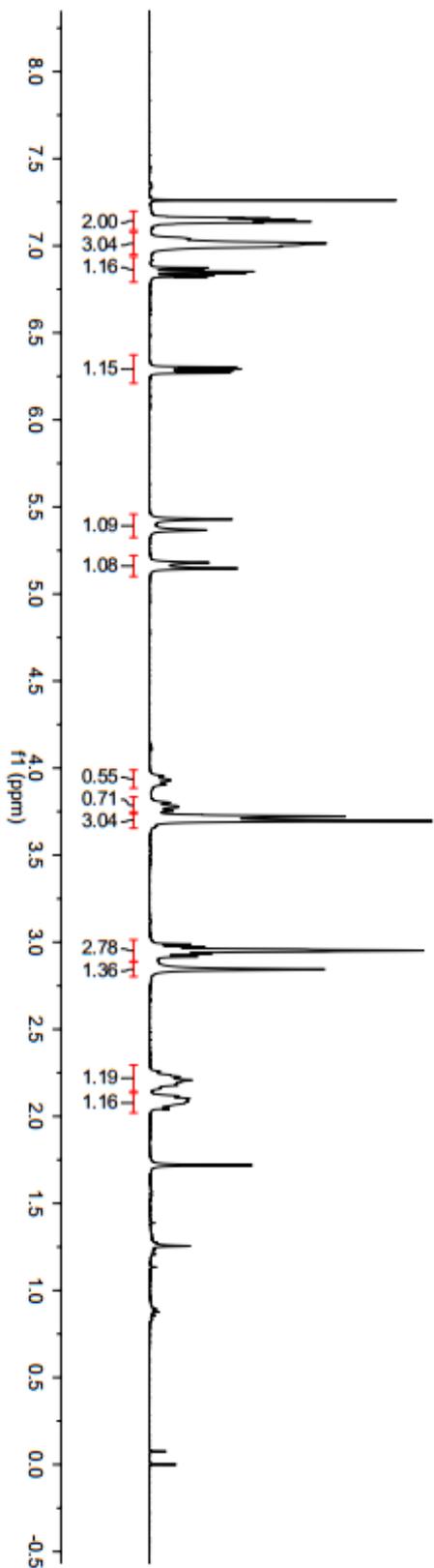
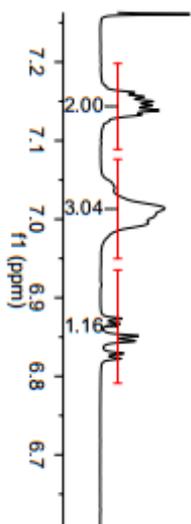
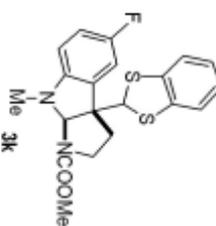




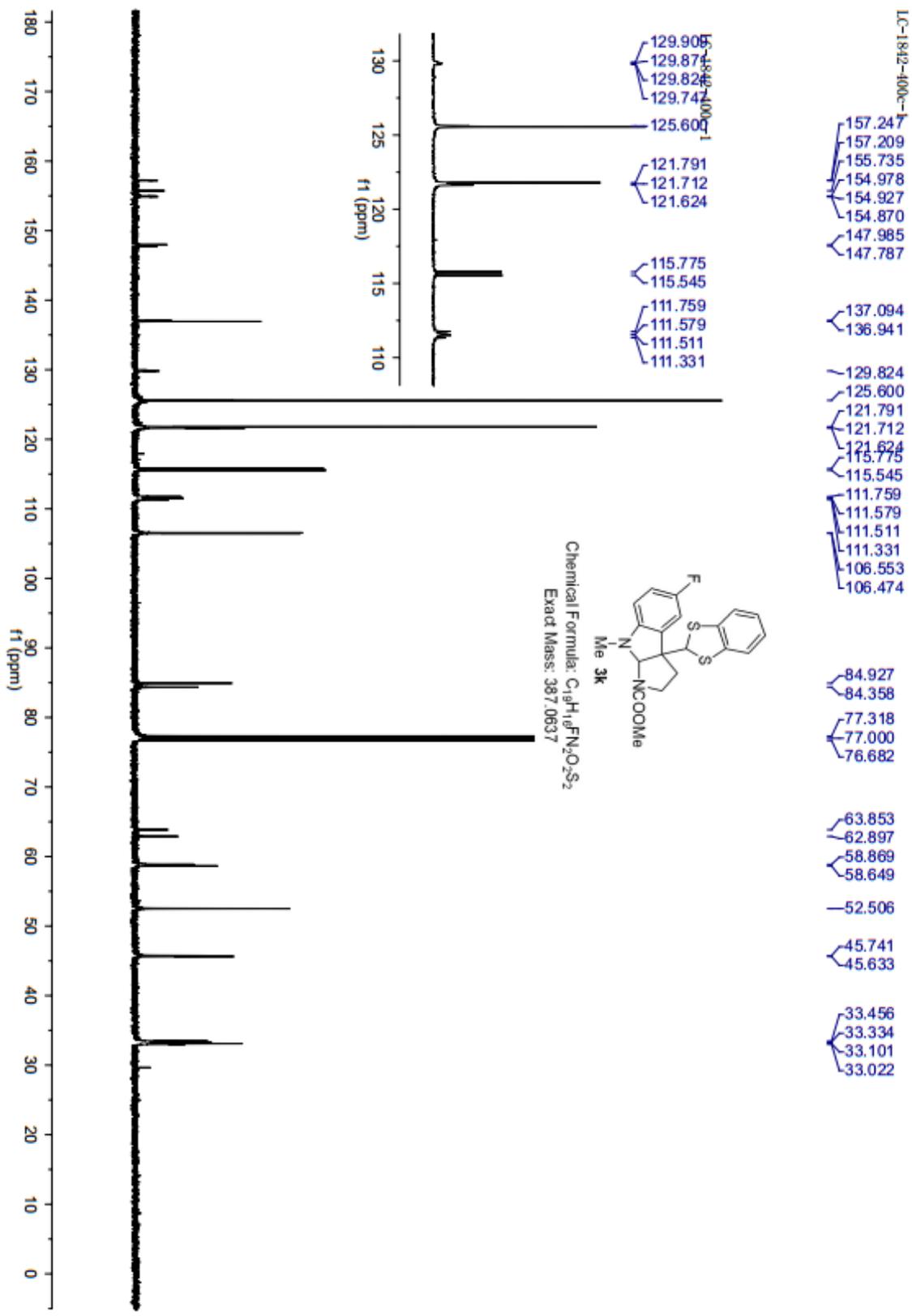
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Exact Mass: 402.0872

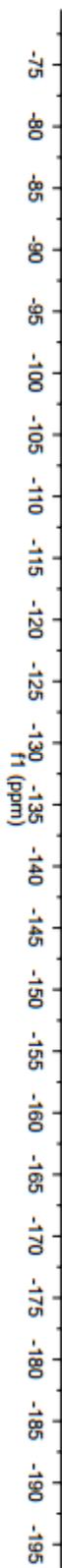
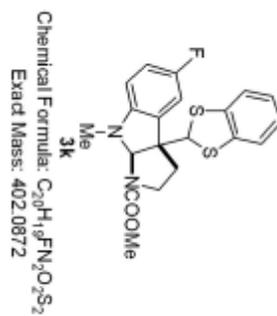
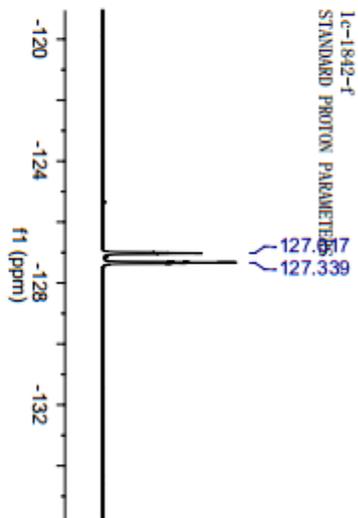


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1c-1842-f
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127.339



1c-1843
Std proton

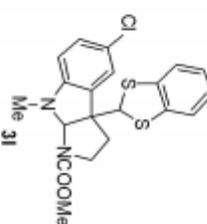
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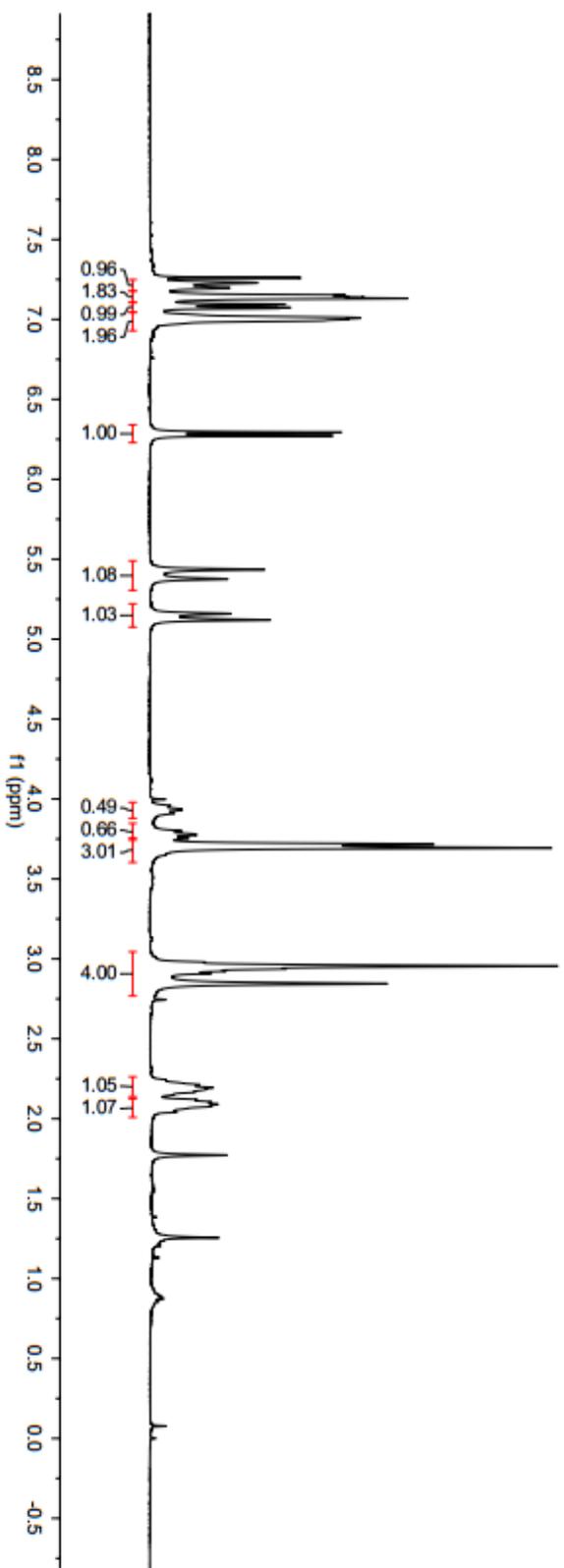
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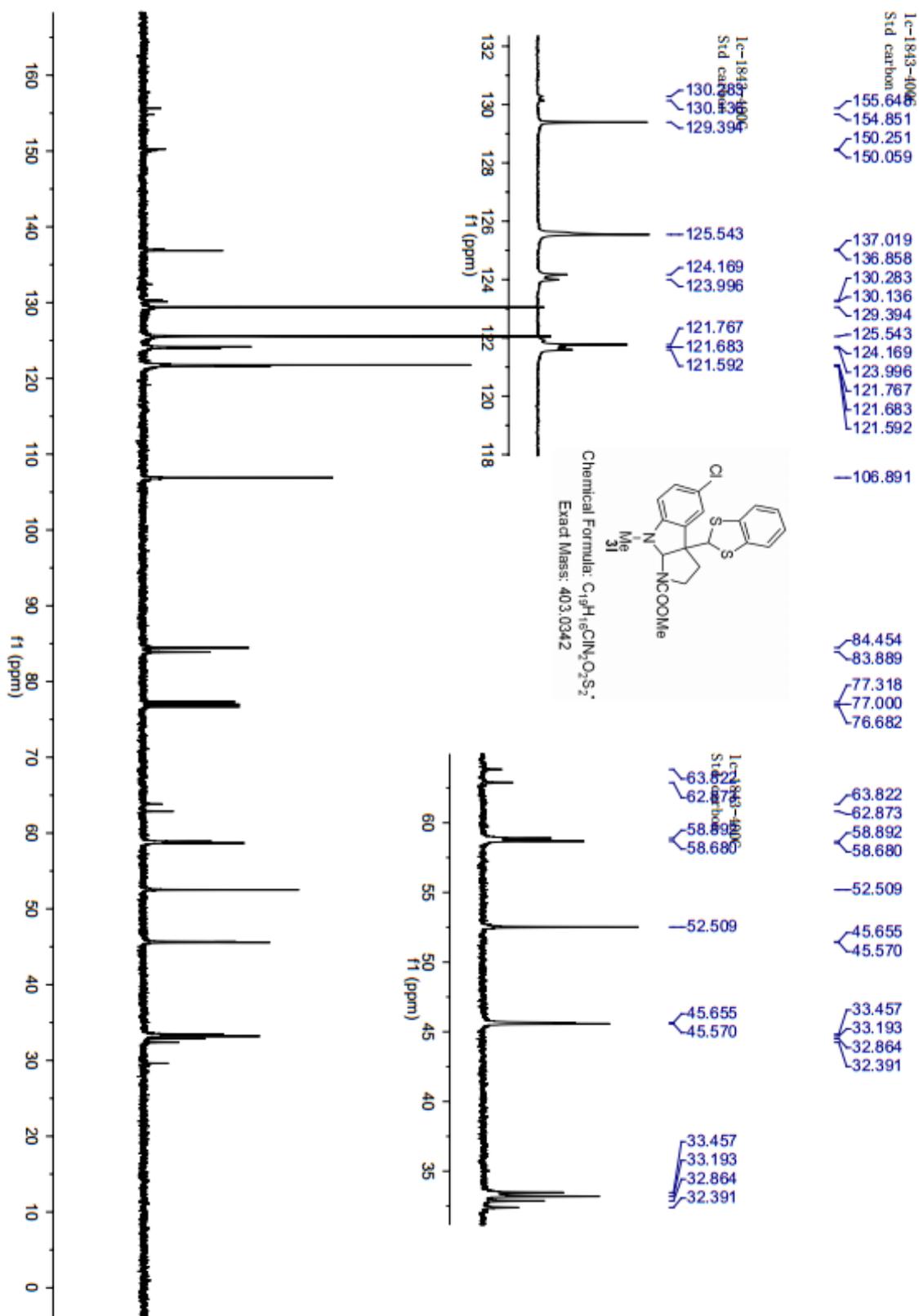
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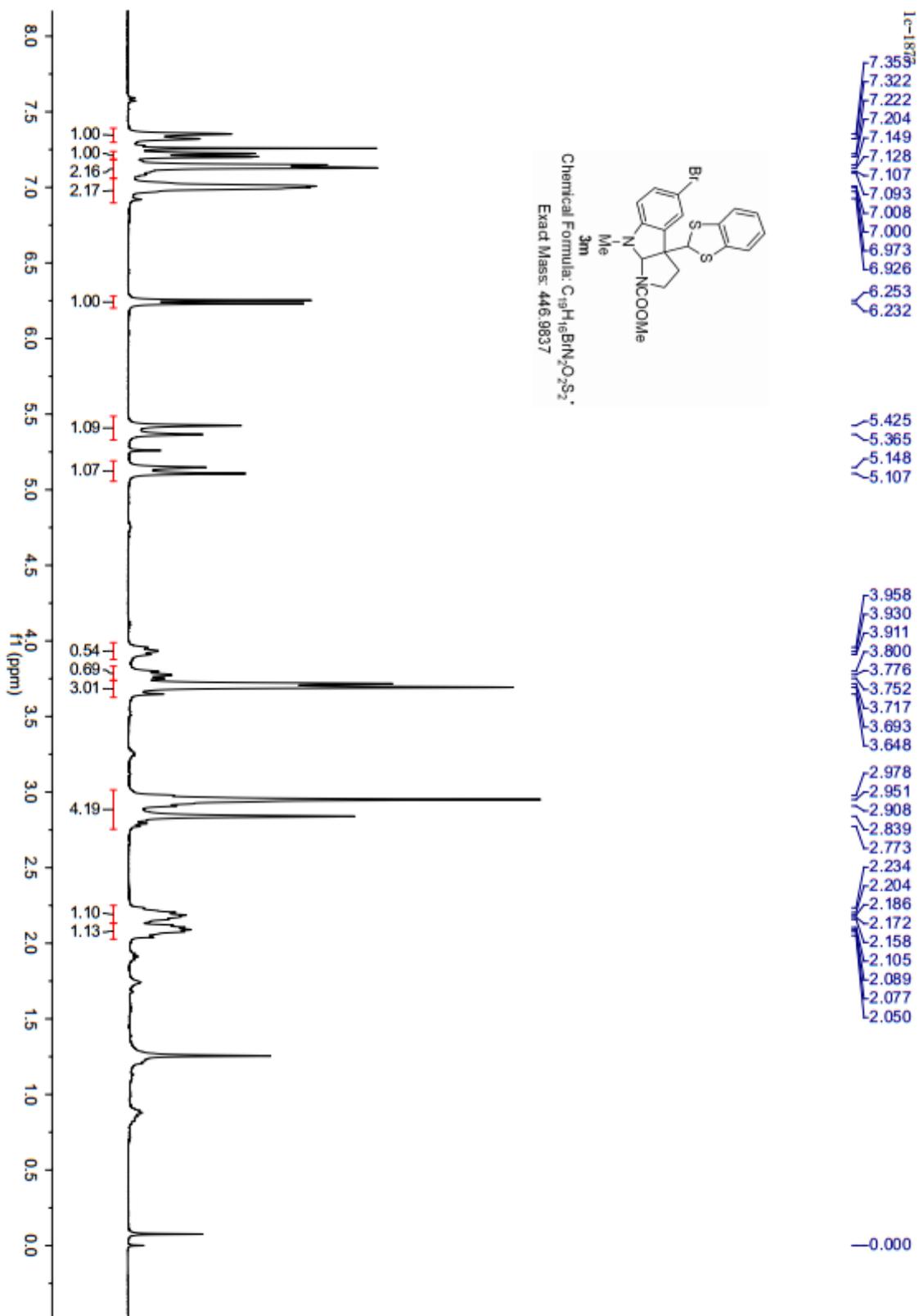
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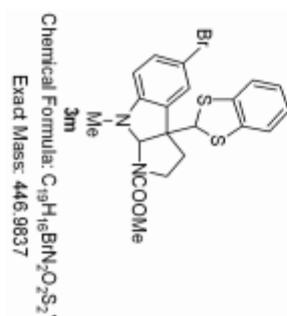


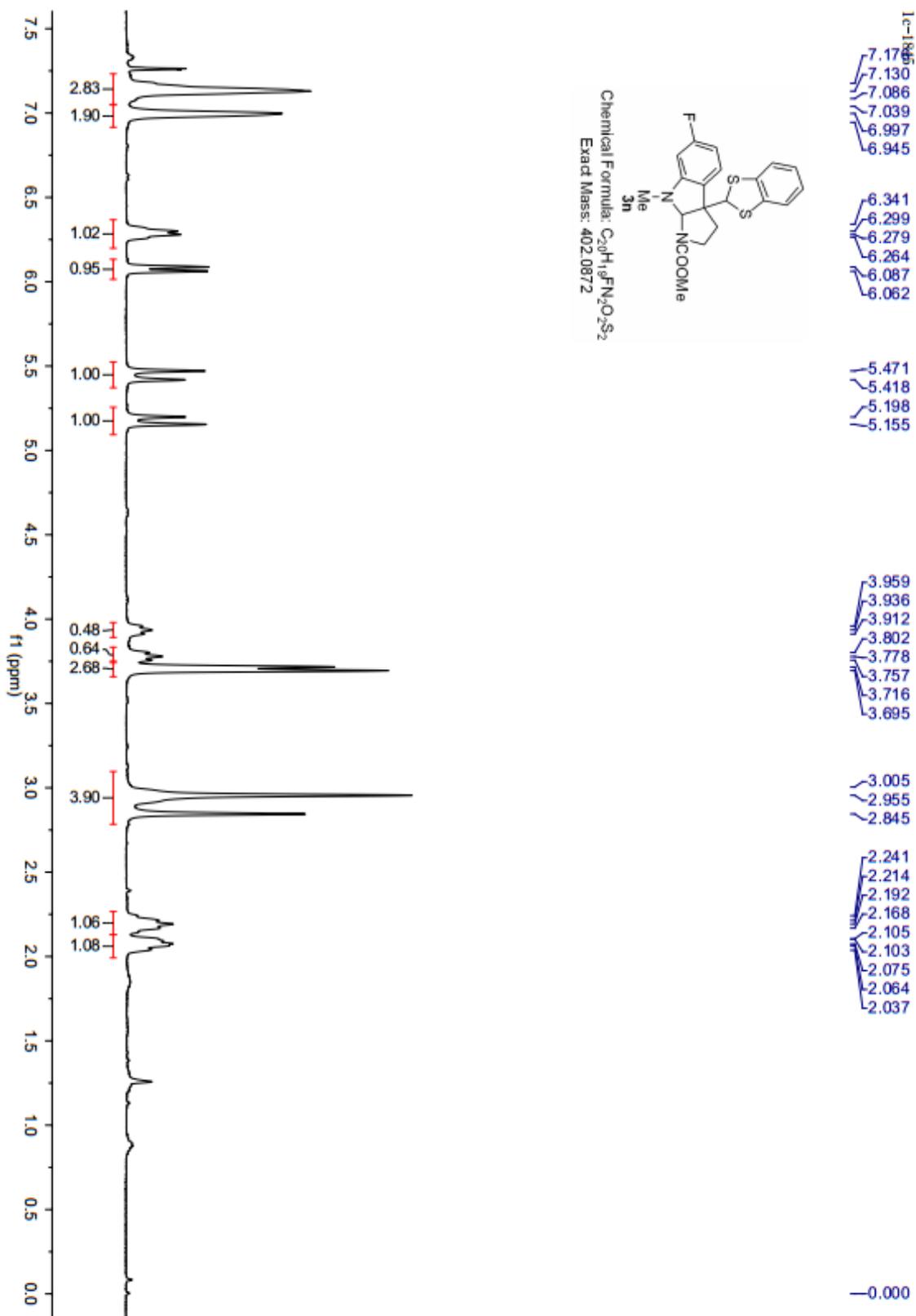


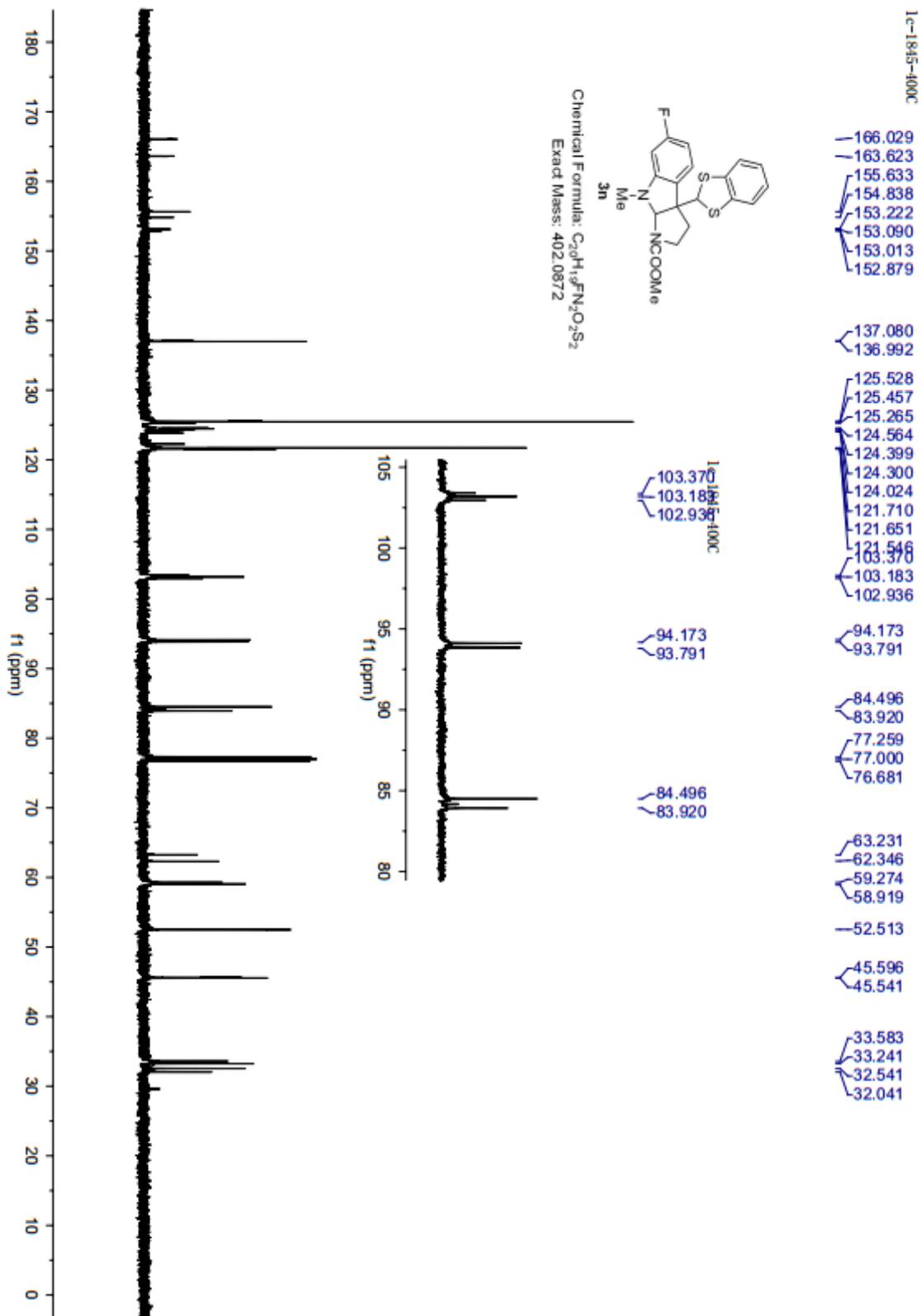


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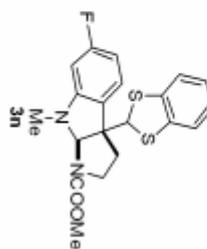
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- 150.658
- 150.455
- 136.995
- 136.838
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- 130.720
- 130.530
- 128.660
- 126.990
- 126.738
- 125.547
- 121.770
- 121.681
- 121.589
- 118.922
- 109.563
- 108.692
- 108.543
- 107.439
- 84.360
- 83.792
- 63.794
- 62.882
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- 58.713
- 52.513
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- 45.504
- 33.500
- 33.241
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- 32.287





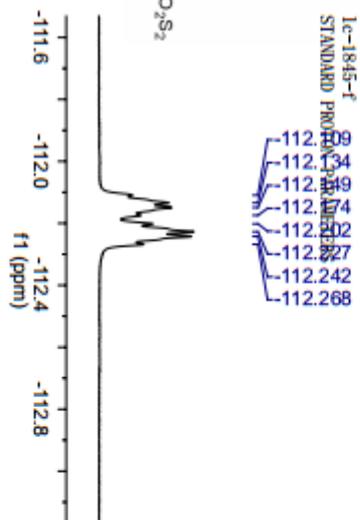


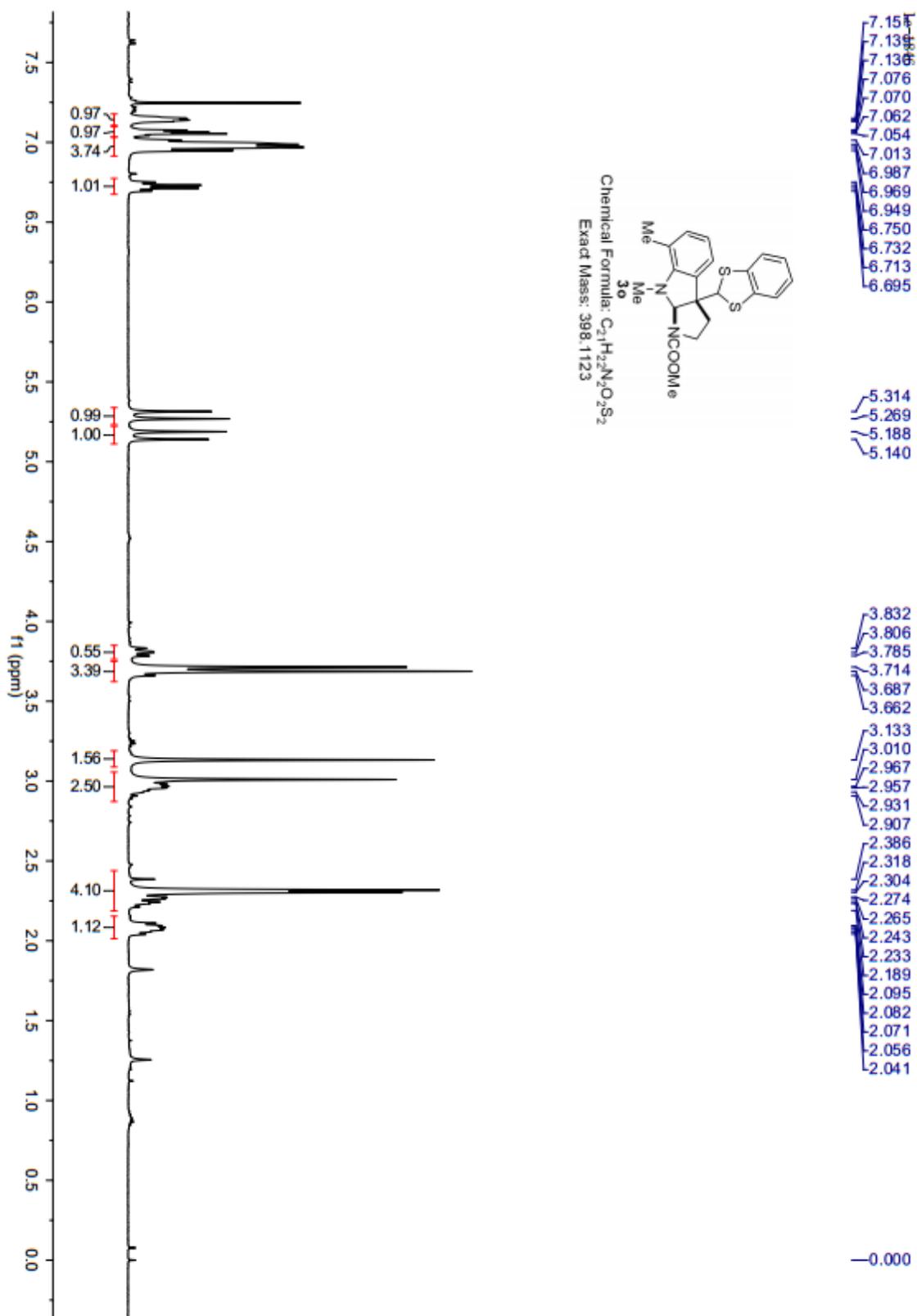
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Chemical Formula: $C_{20}H_{19}FN_2O_2S_2$
Exact Mass: 402.0872

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- 112.134
- 112.149
- 112.174
- 112.202
- 112.227
- 112.242
- 112.268





1c-1846-400c

- 155.154
- 154.912
- 151.139
- 151.027
- 137.118
- 136.958
- 136.884
- 136.792
- 132.410
- 130.787
- 130.731
- 129.462
- 126.833
- 125.444
- 125.366
- 121.854
- 121.854
- 121.692
- 121.614
- 121.614
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- 120.145
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- 86.465
- 85.962

- 77.318
- 77.000
- 76.682

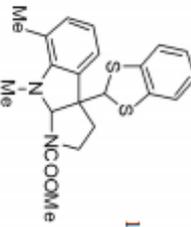
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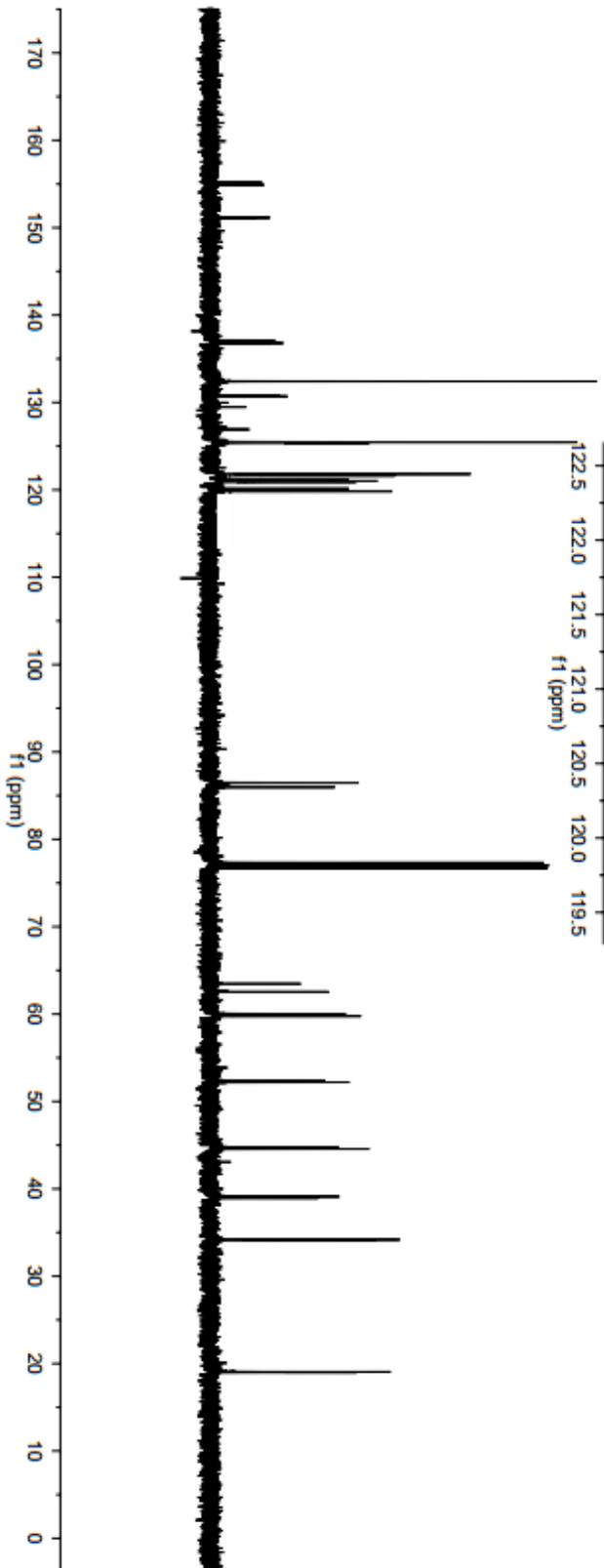
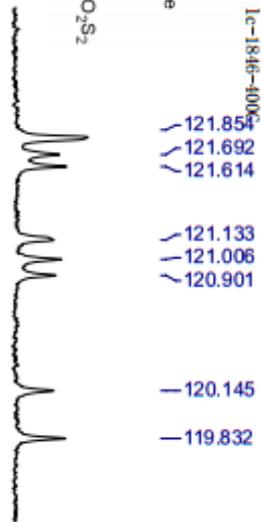
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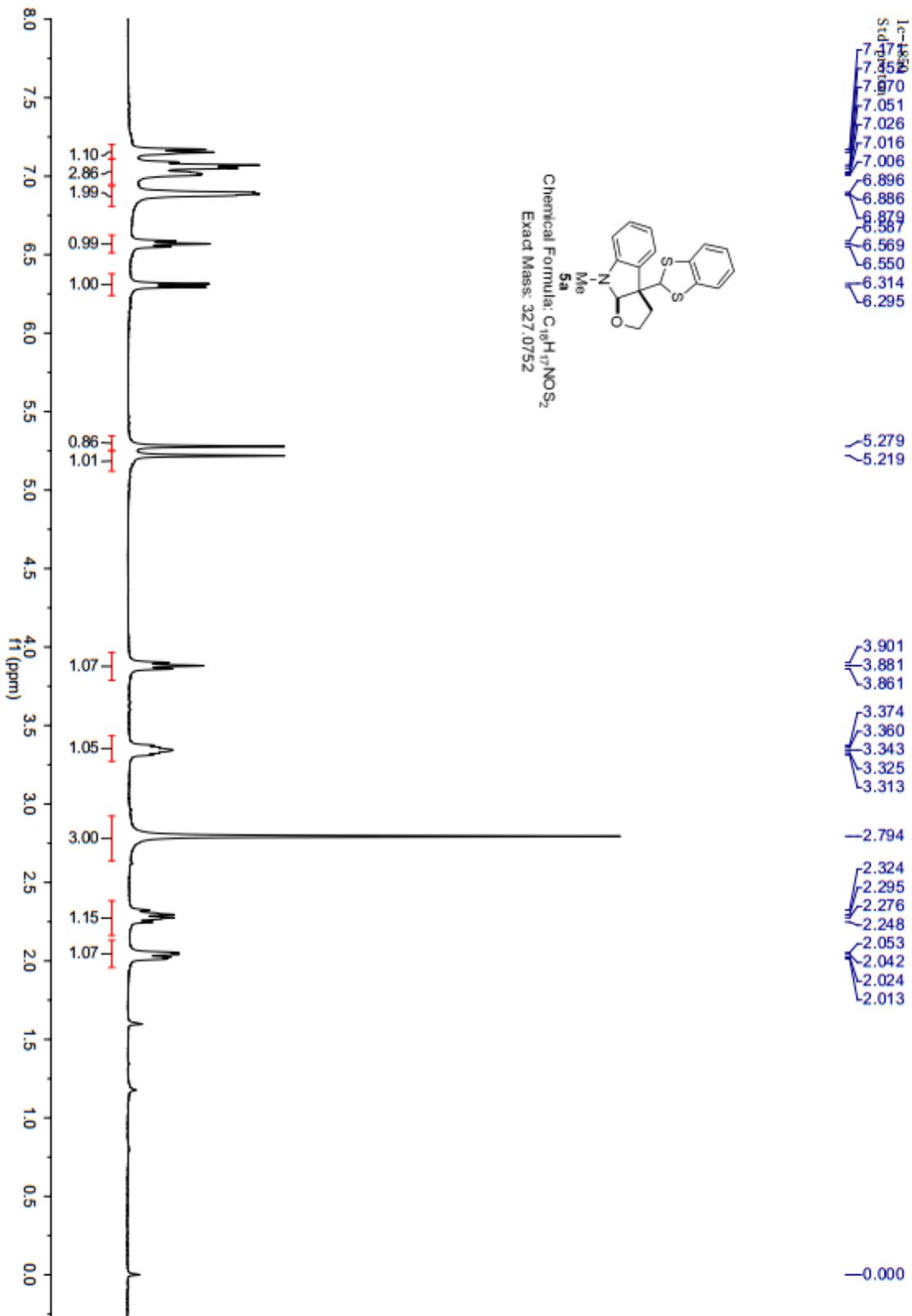
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- 19.047



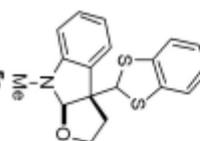
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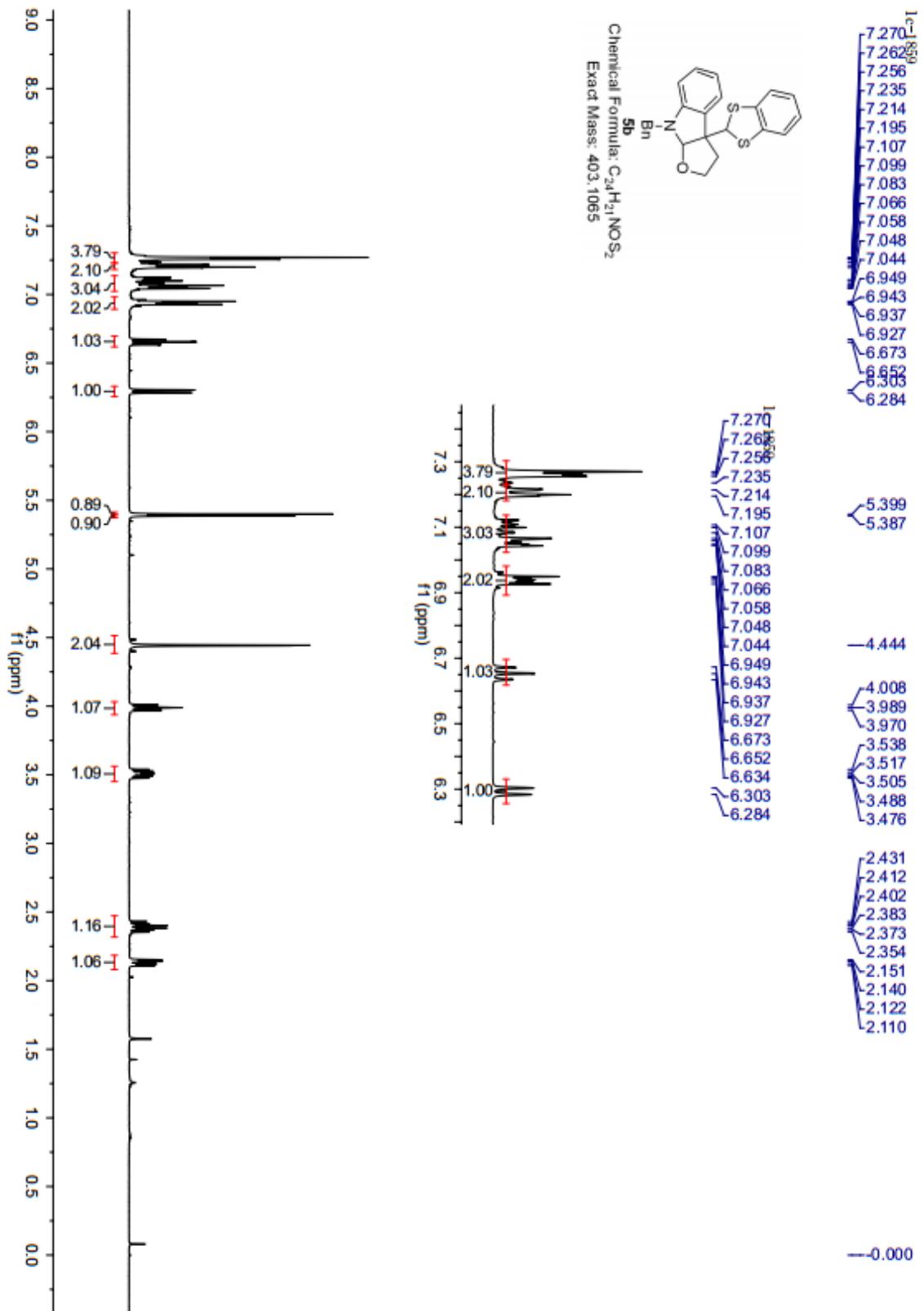
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Std carbon

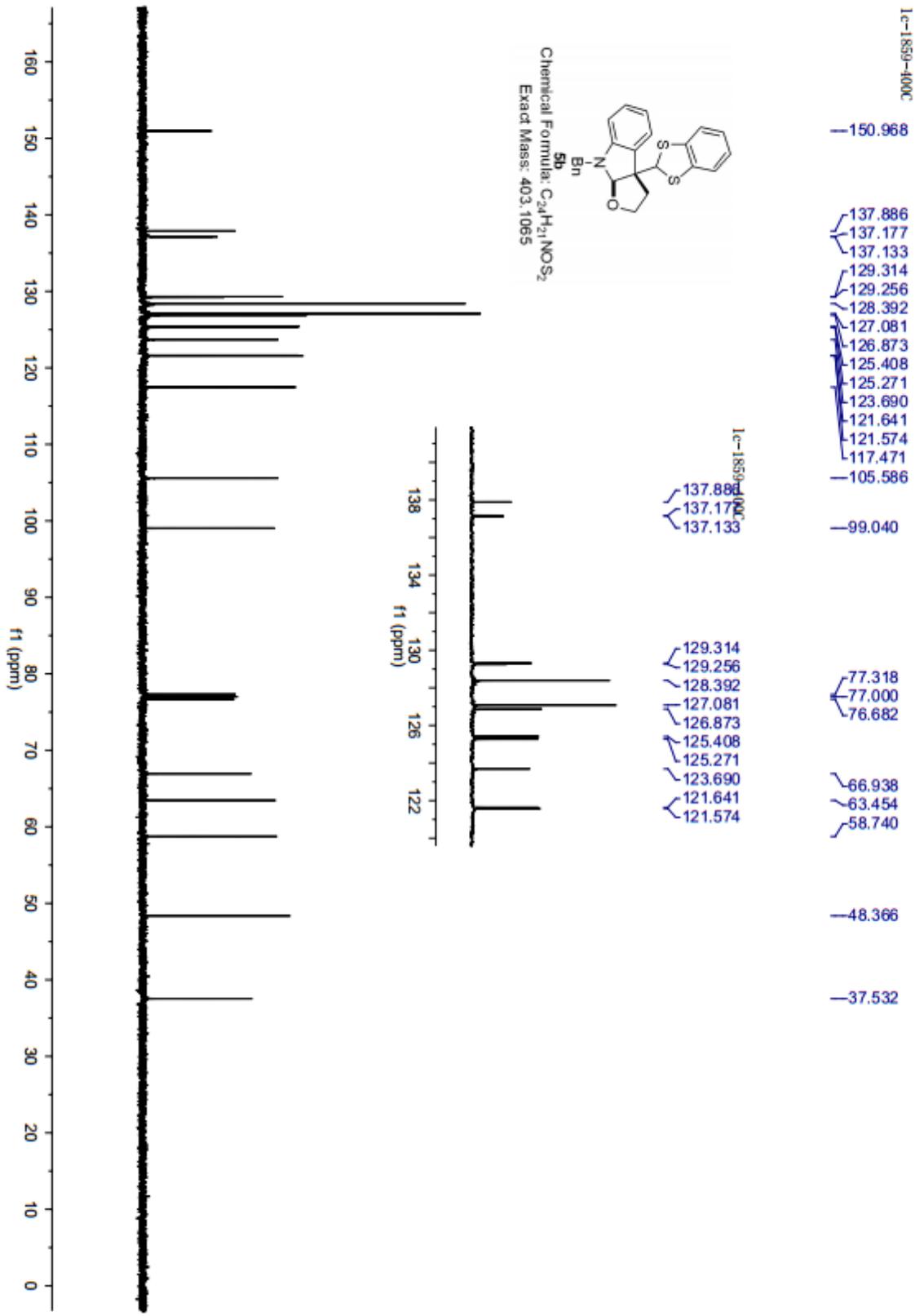
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- 125.360
- 125.289
- 123.792
- 121.670
- 121.532
- 117.233
- 105.259
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- 77.316
- 77.000
- 76.681
- 67.164
- 63.085
- 58.726
- 36.675
- 30.868

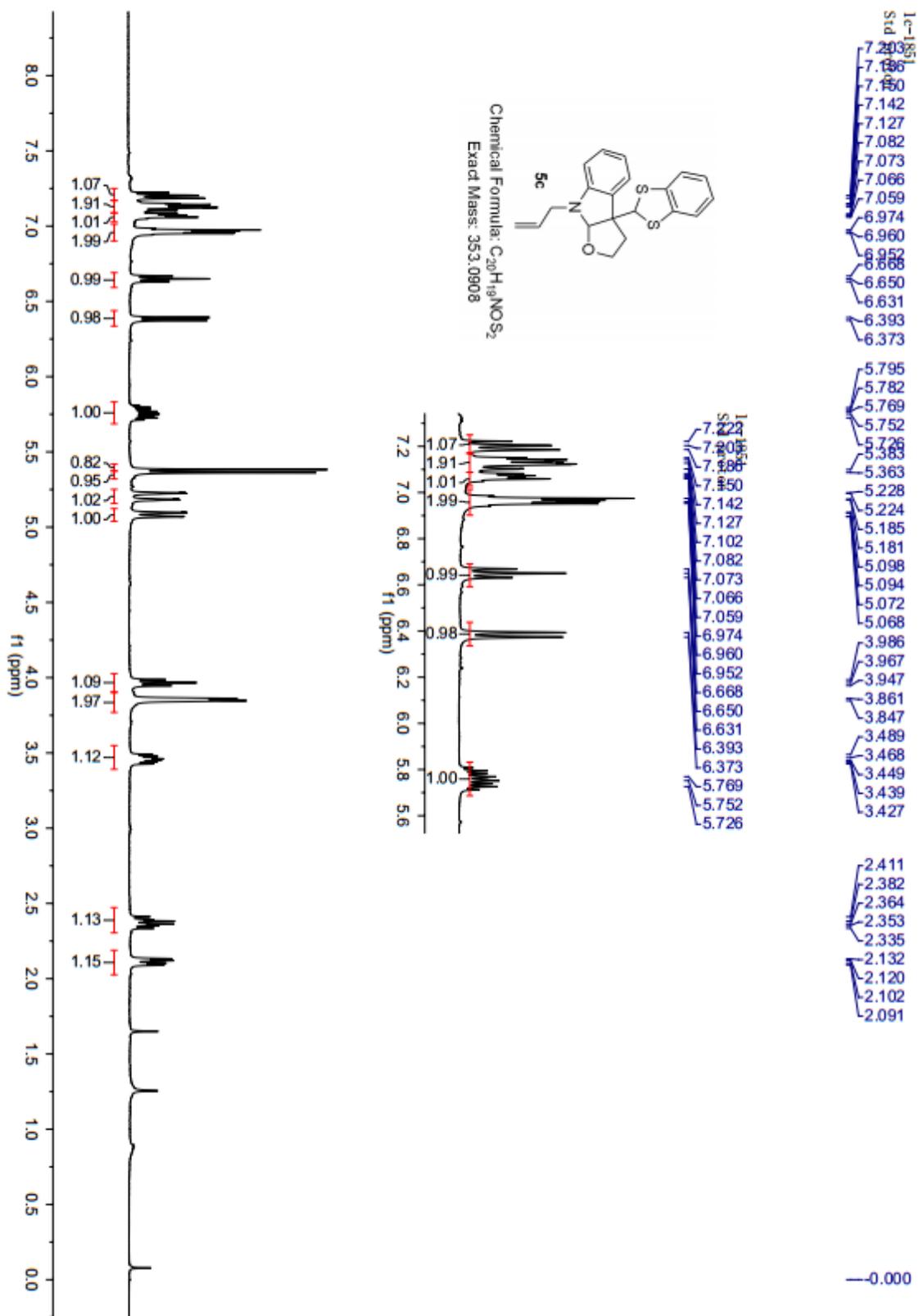


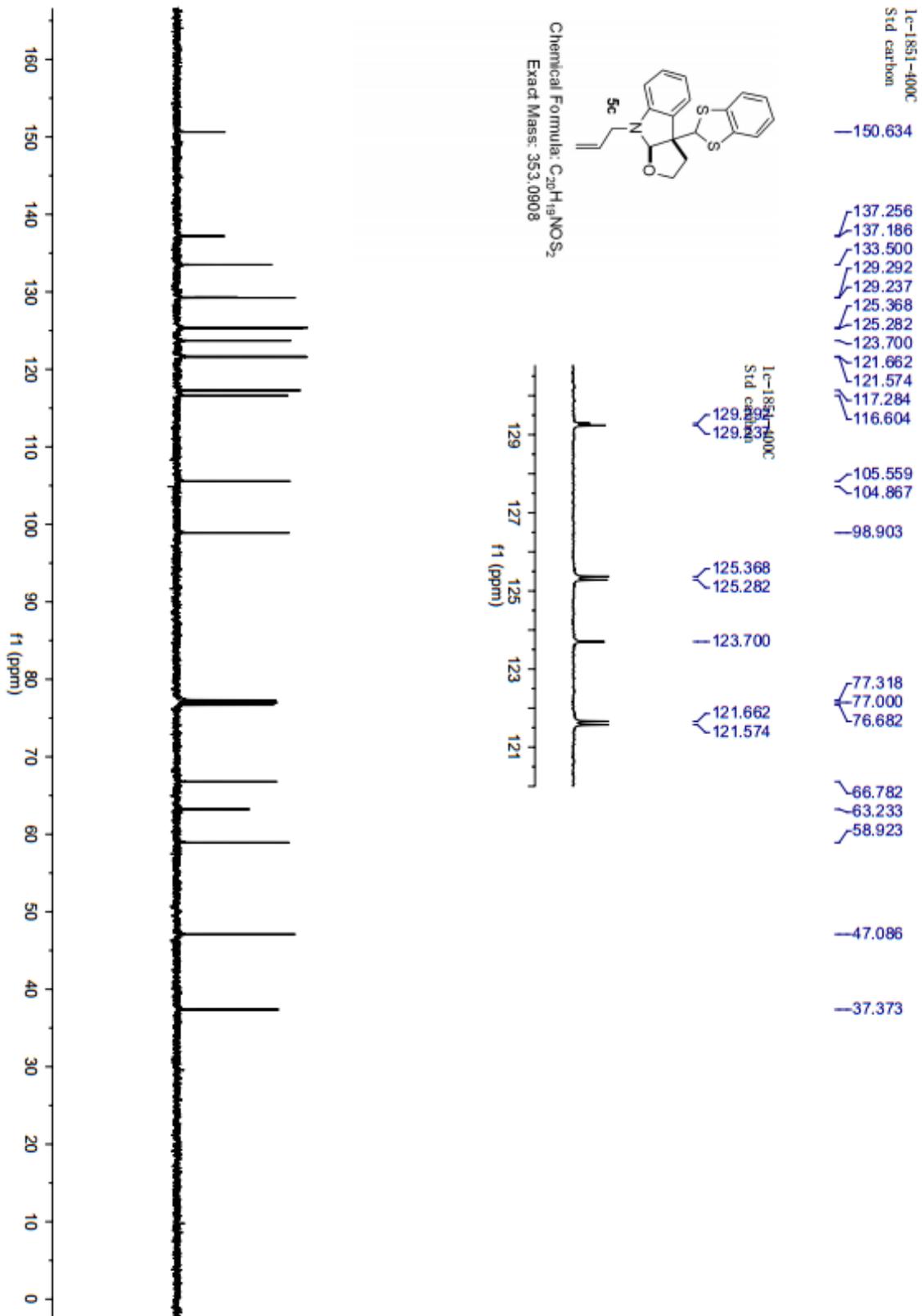
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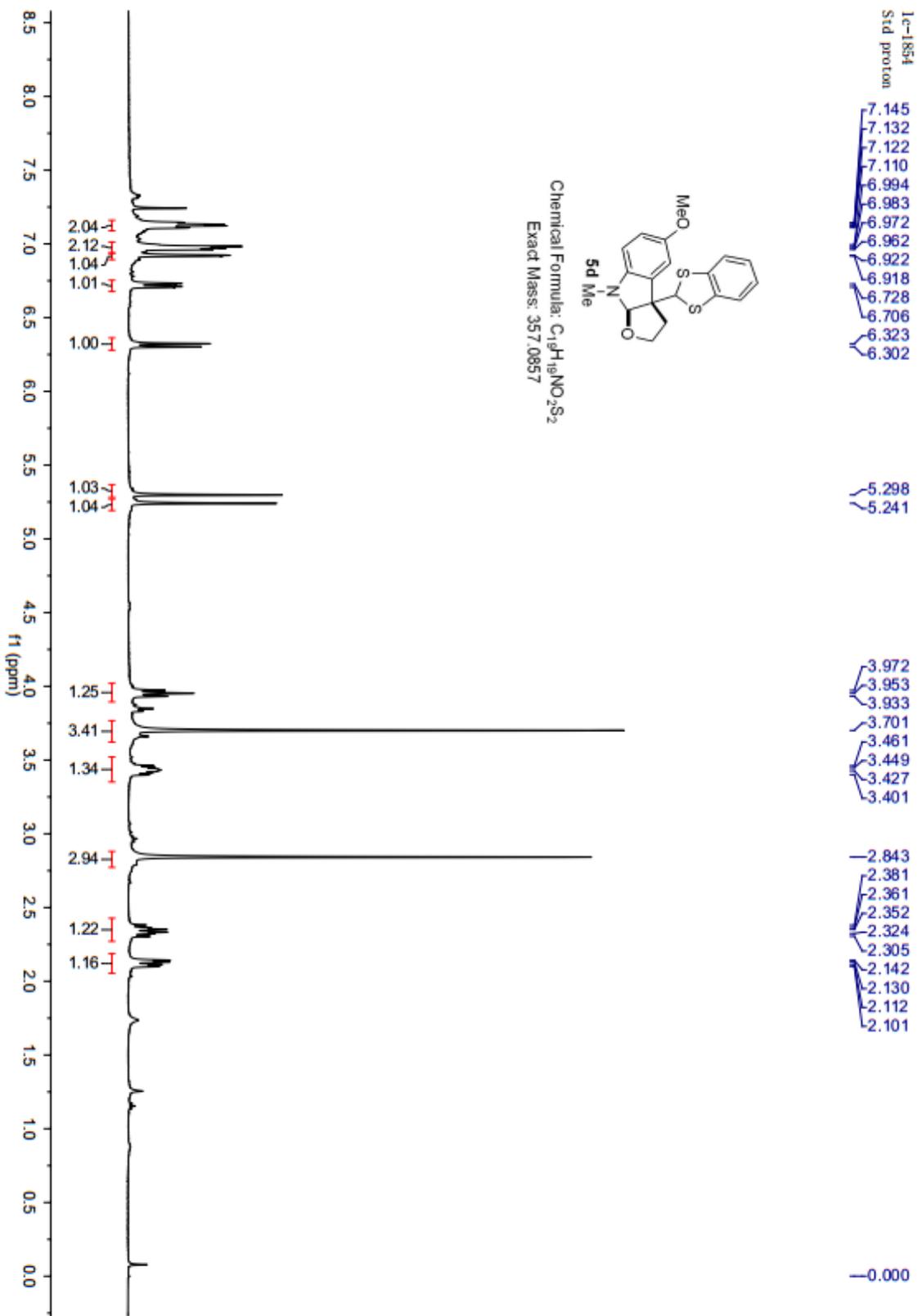


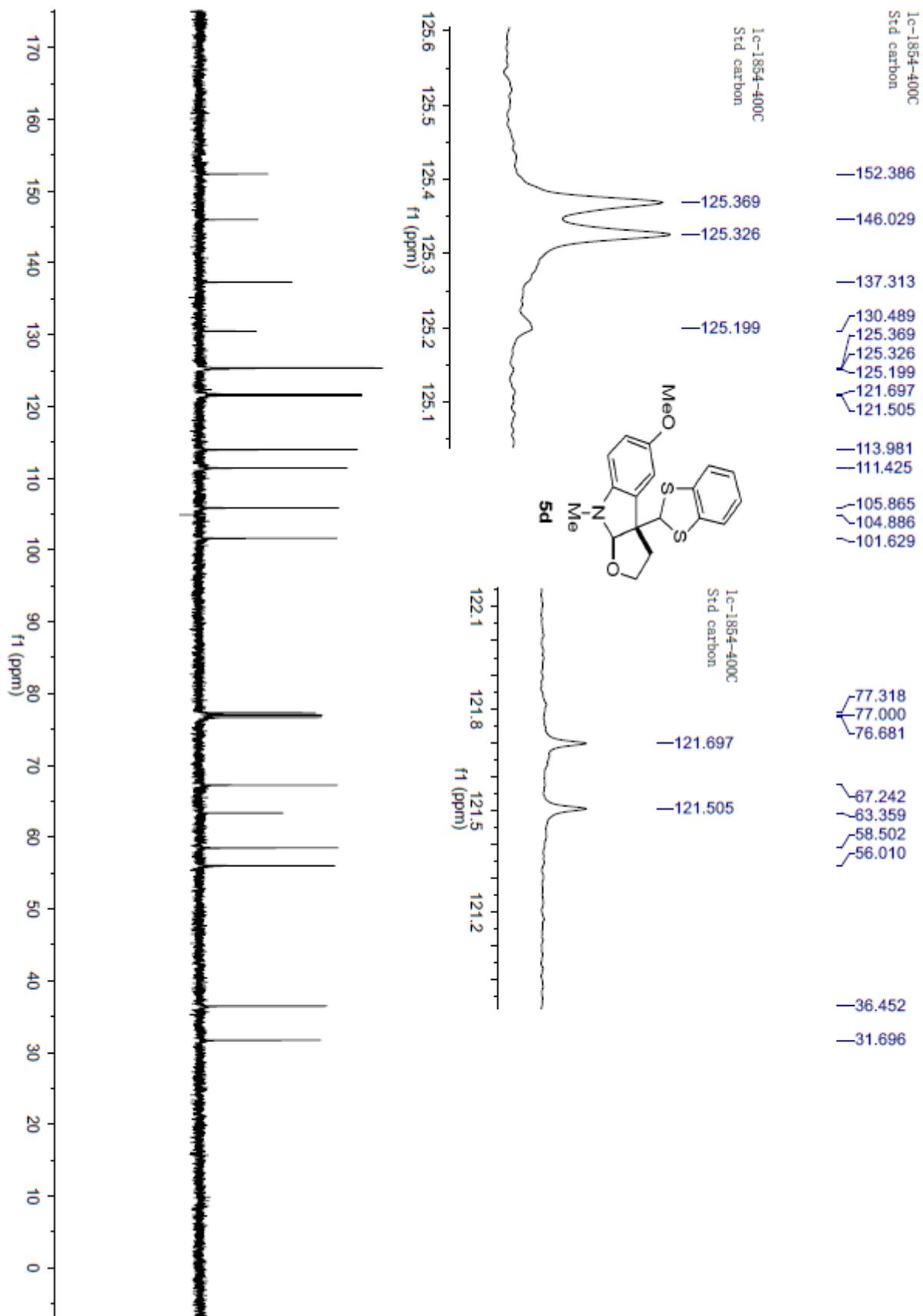


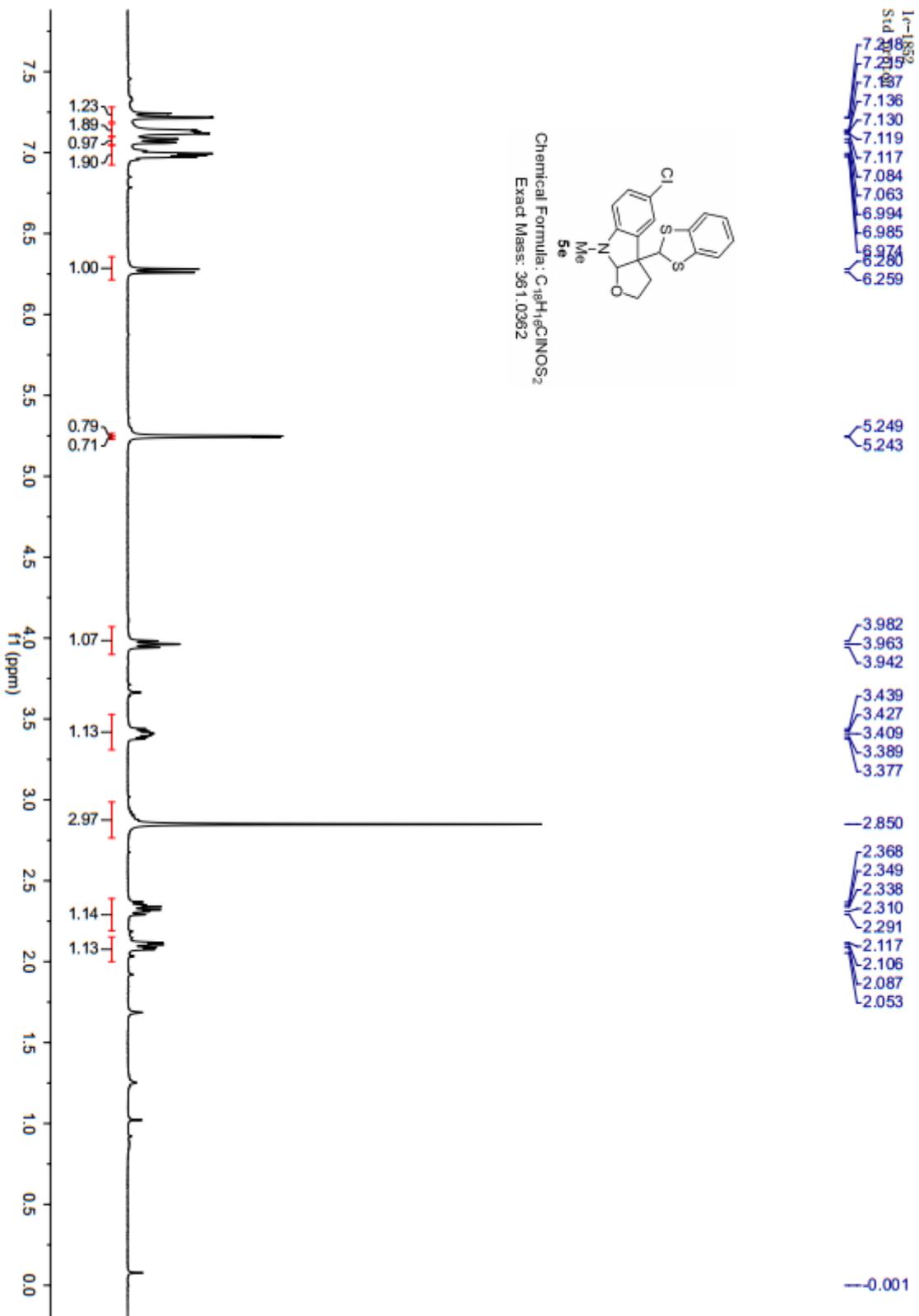












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Std carbon

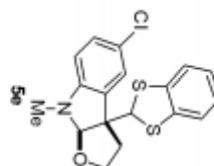
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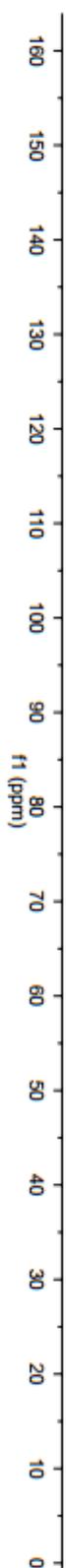
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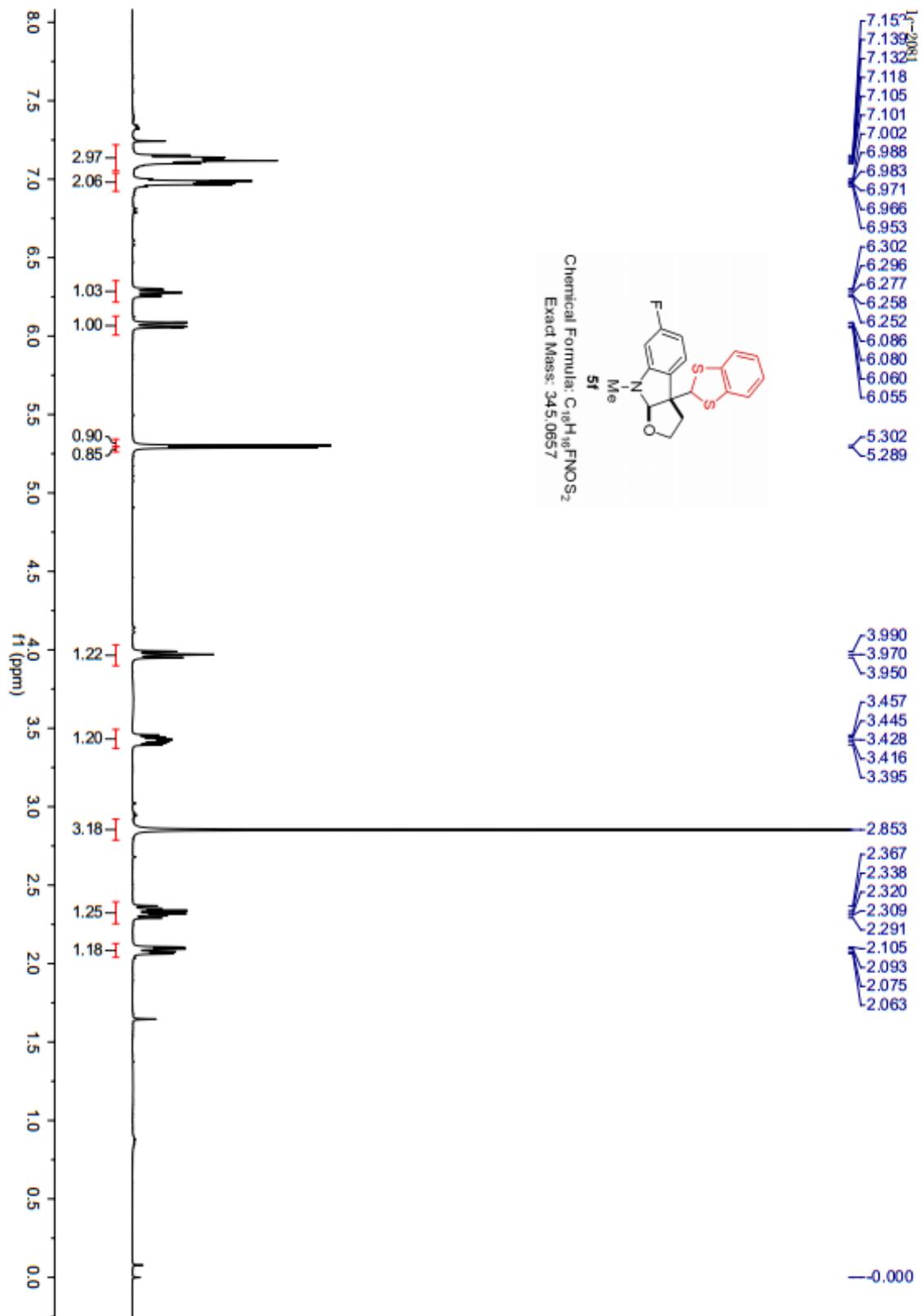
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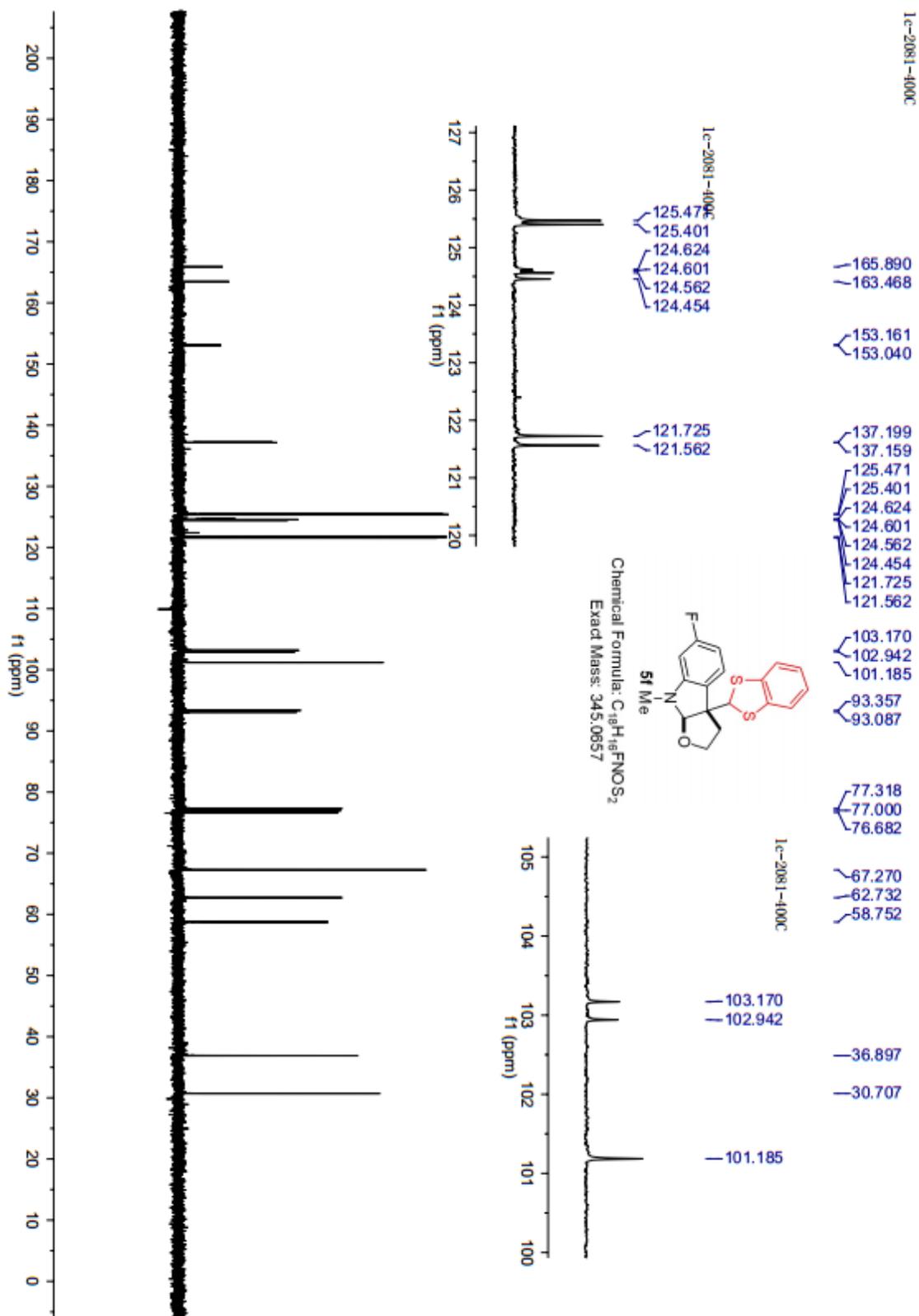
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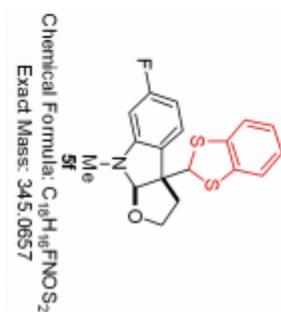
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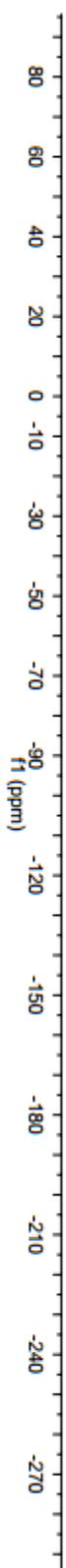
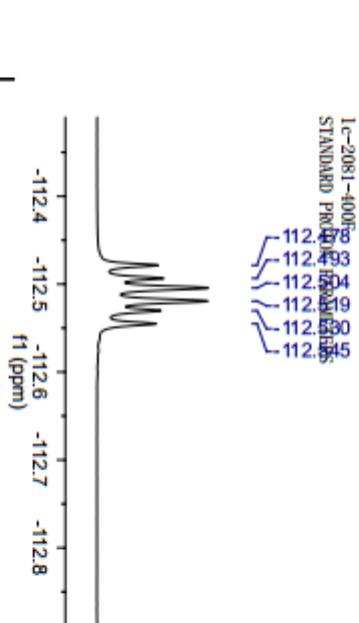


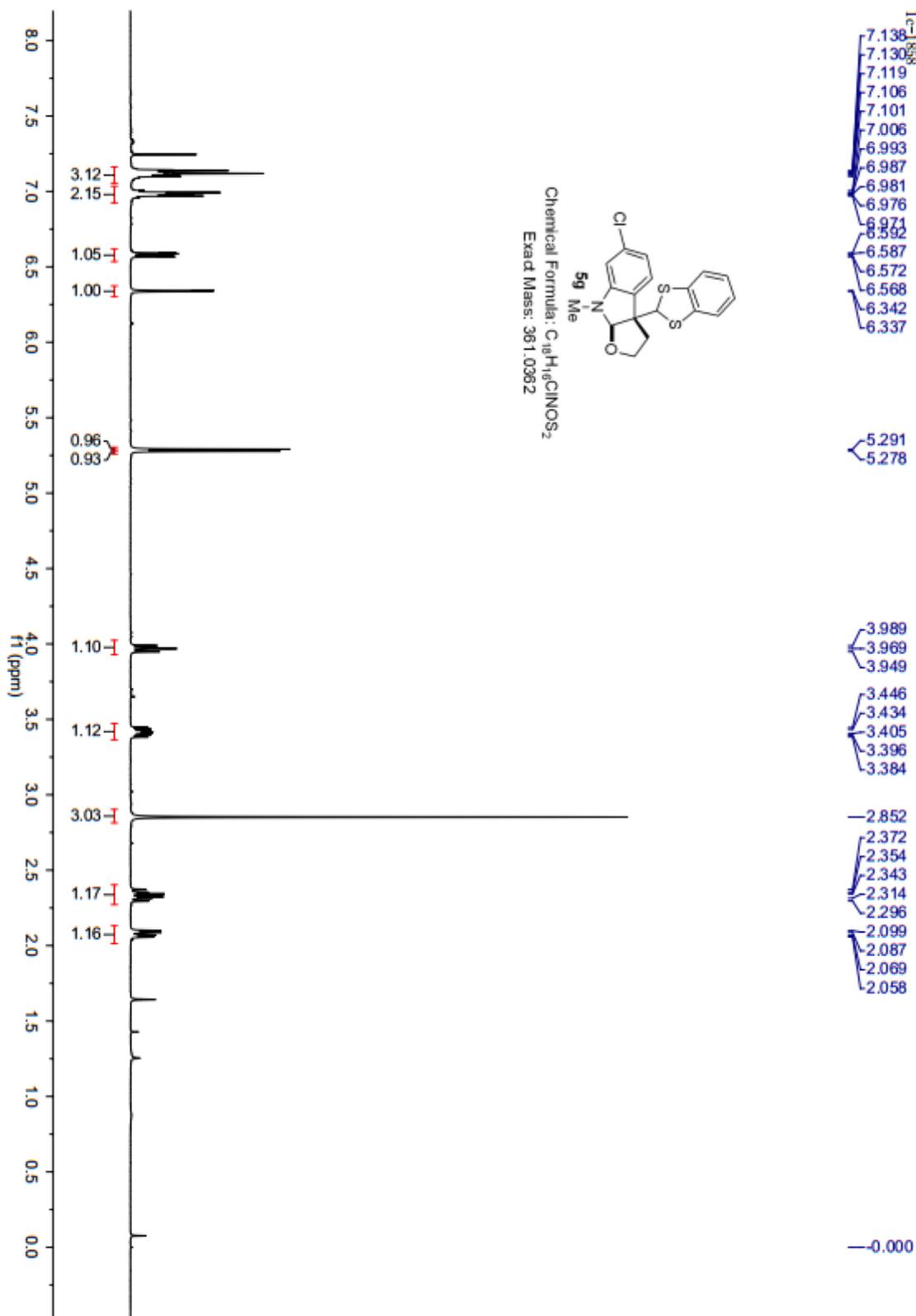


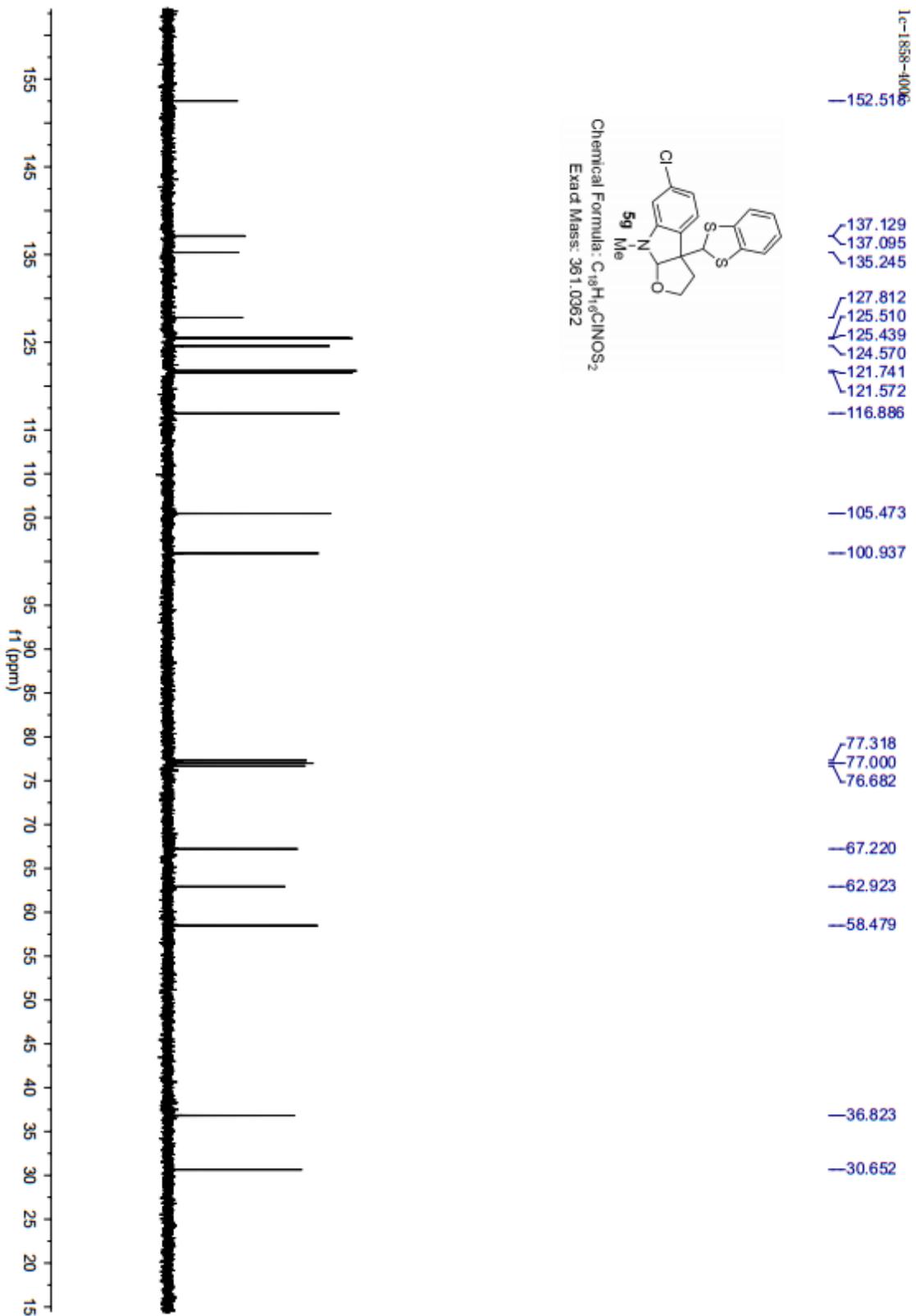
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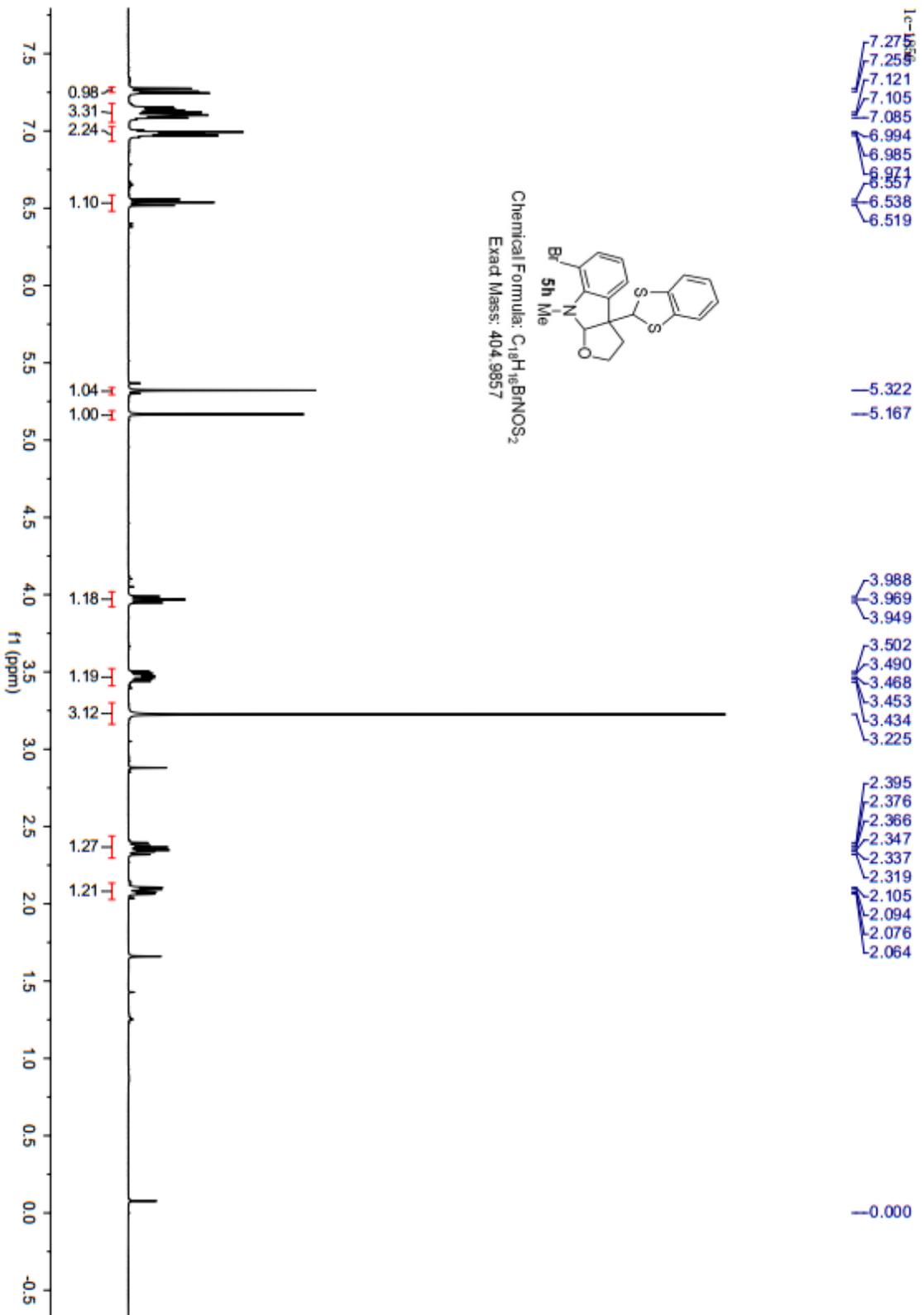


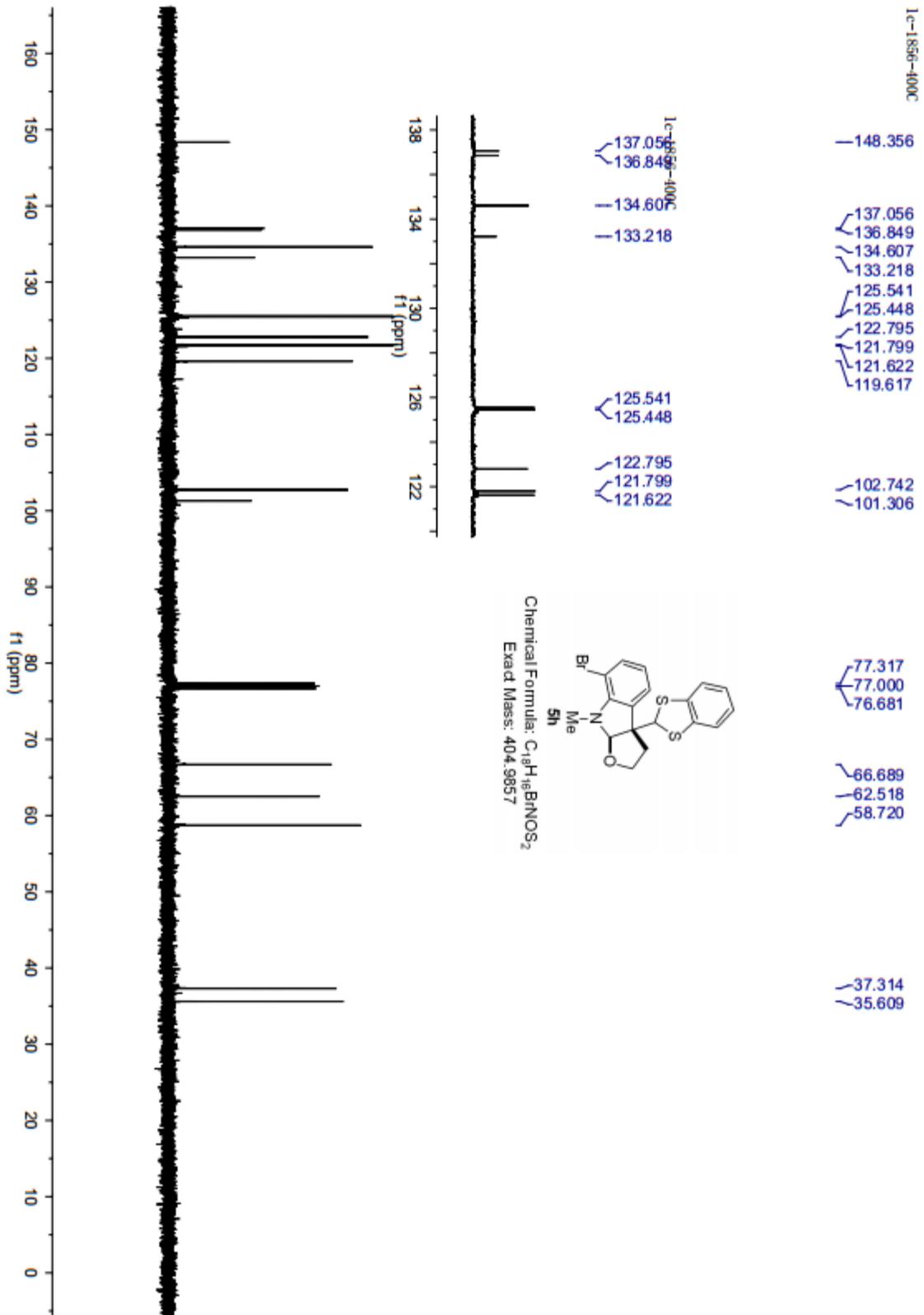
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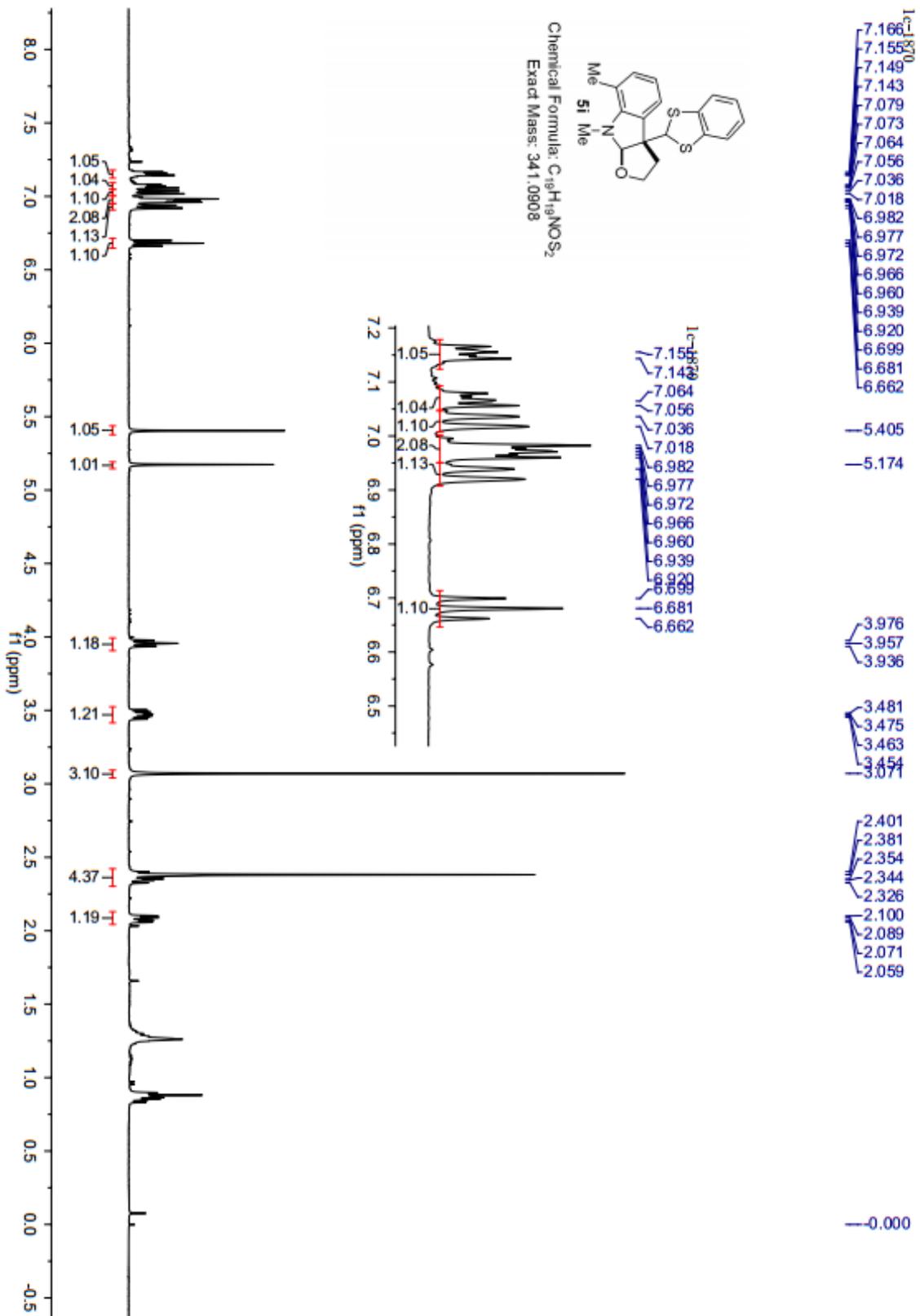


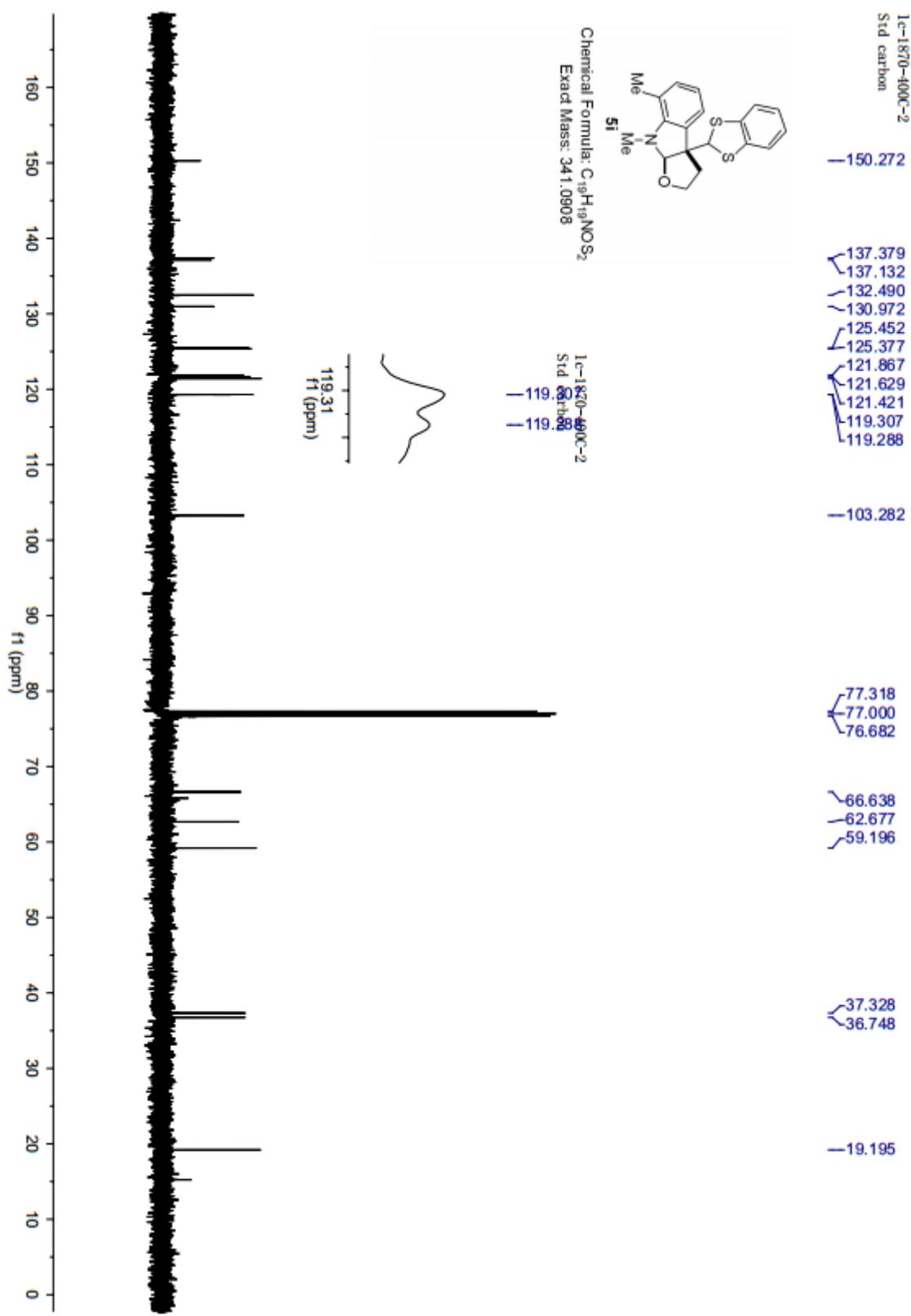


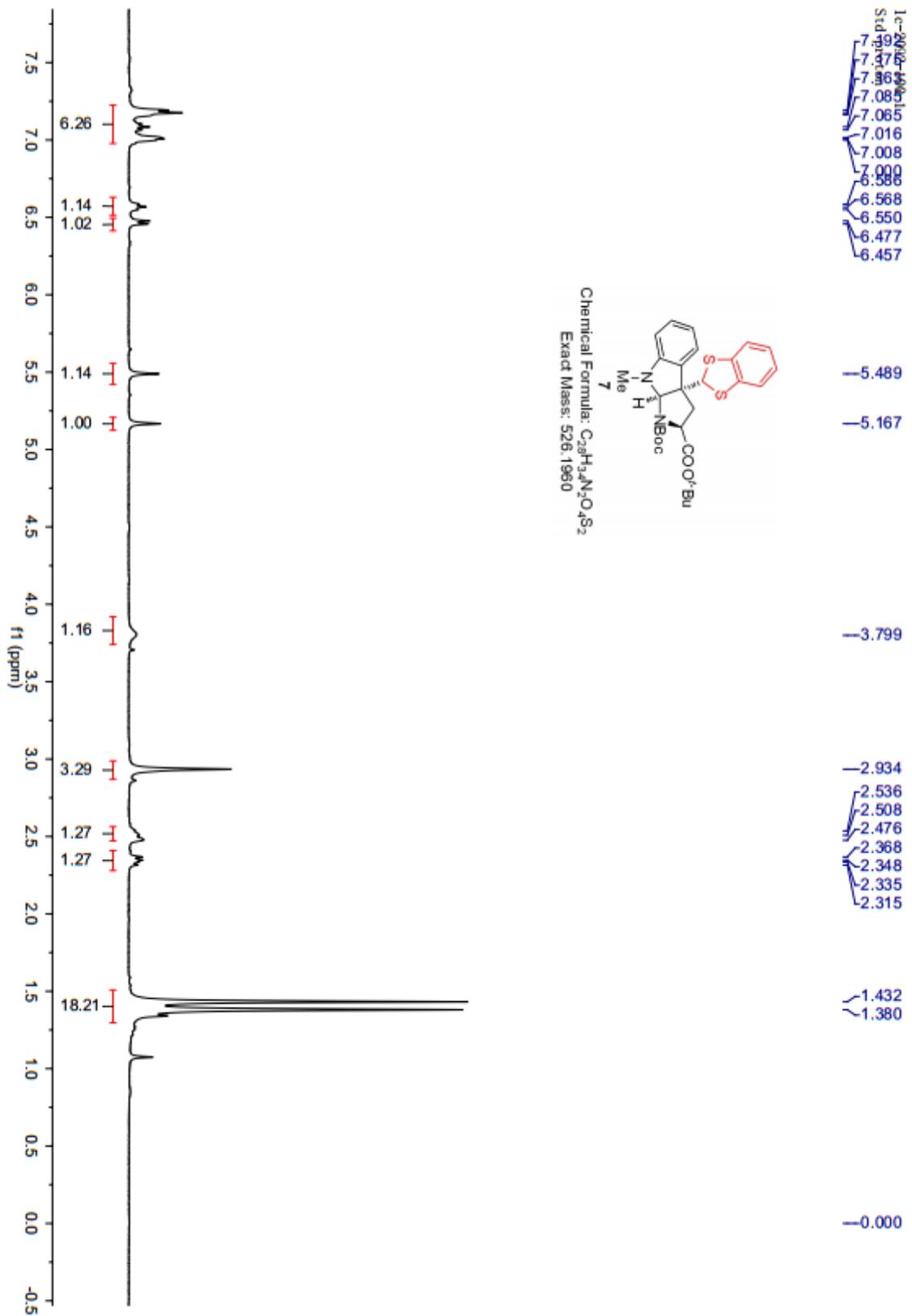


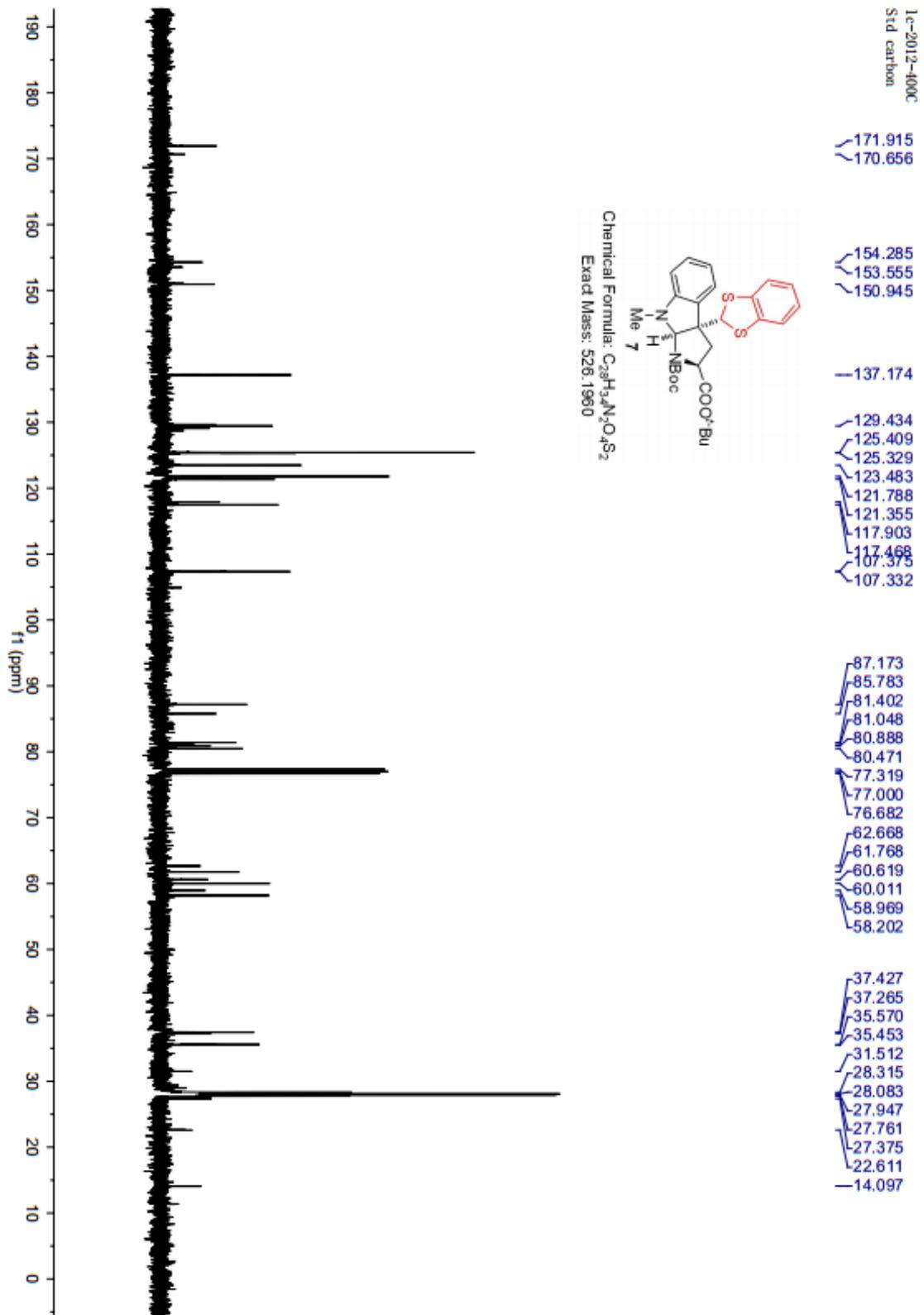












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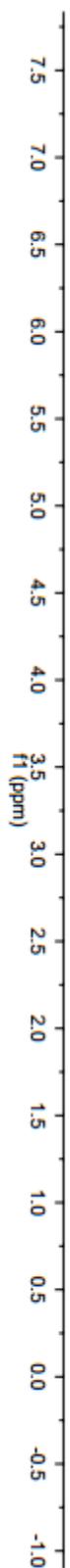
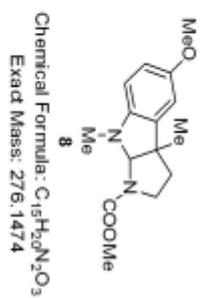
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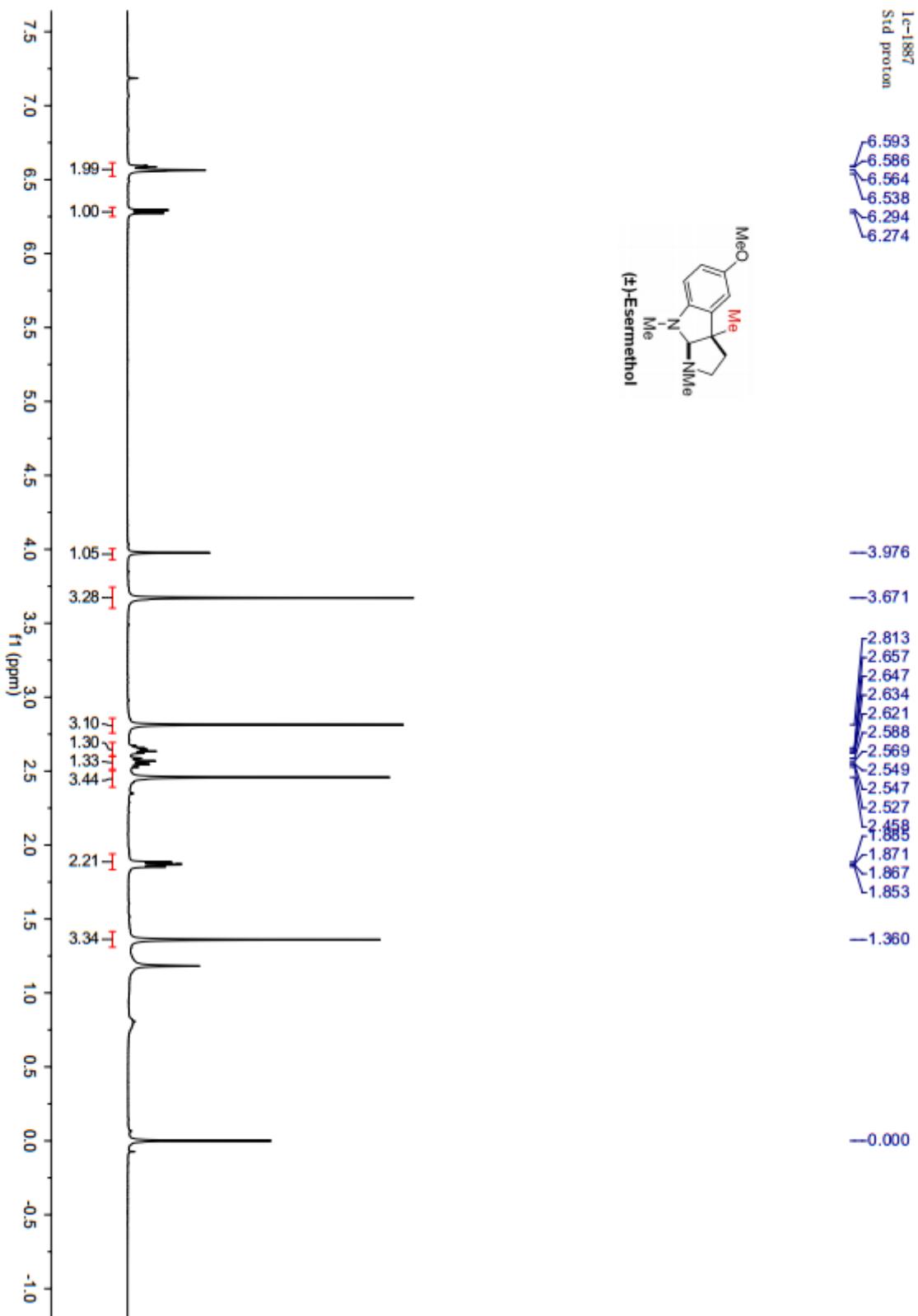
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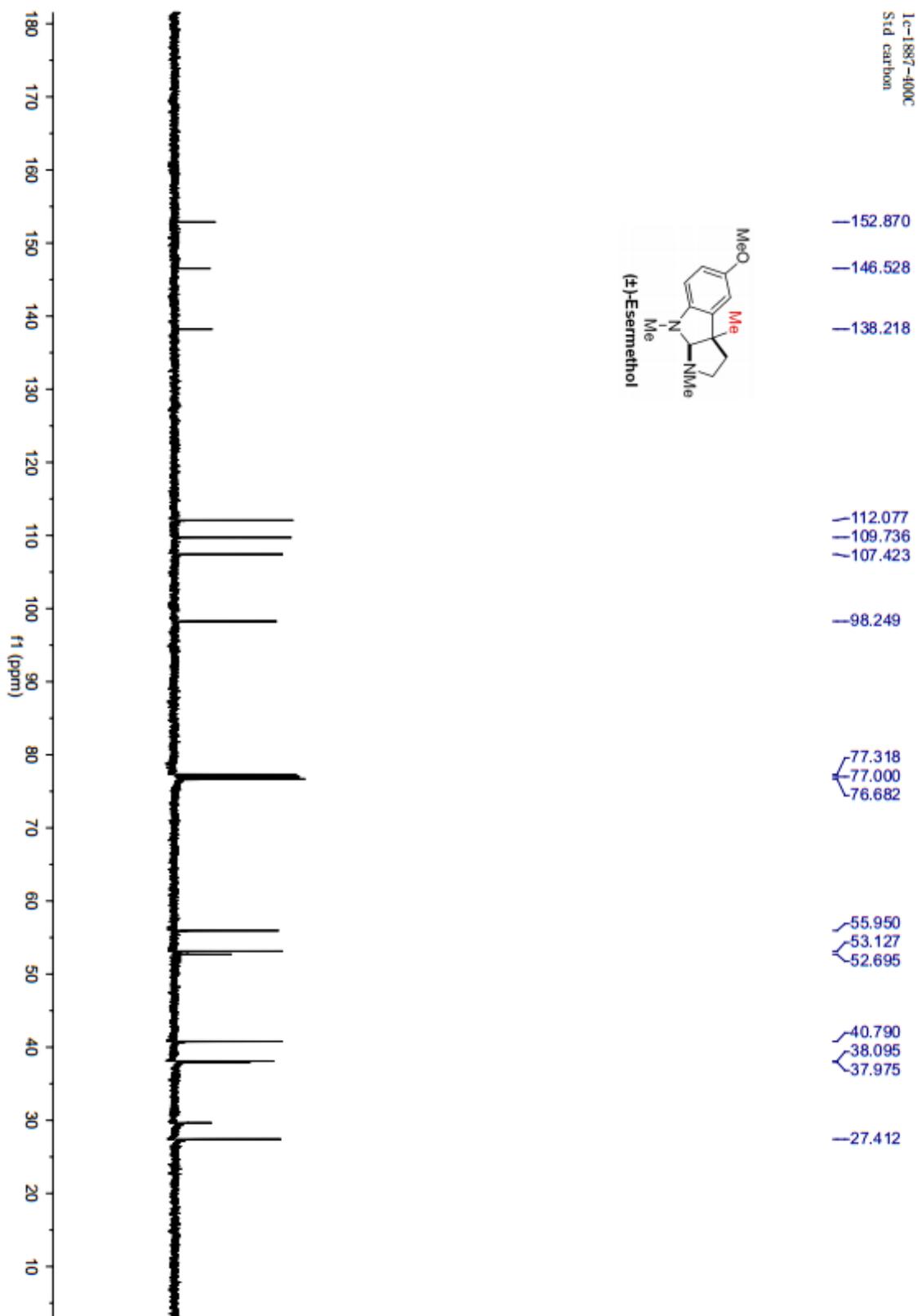
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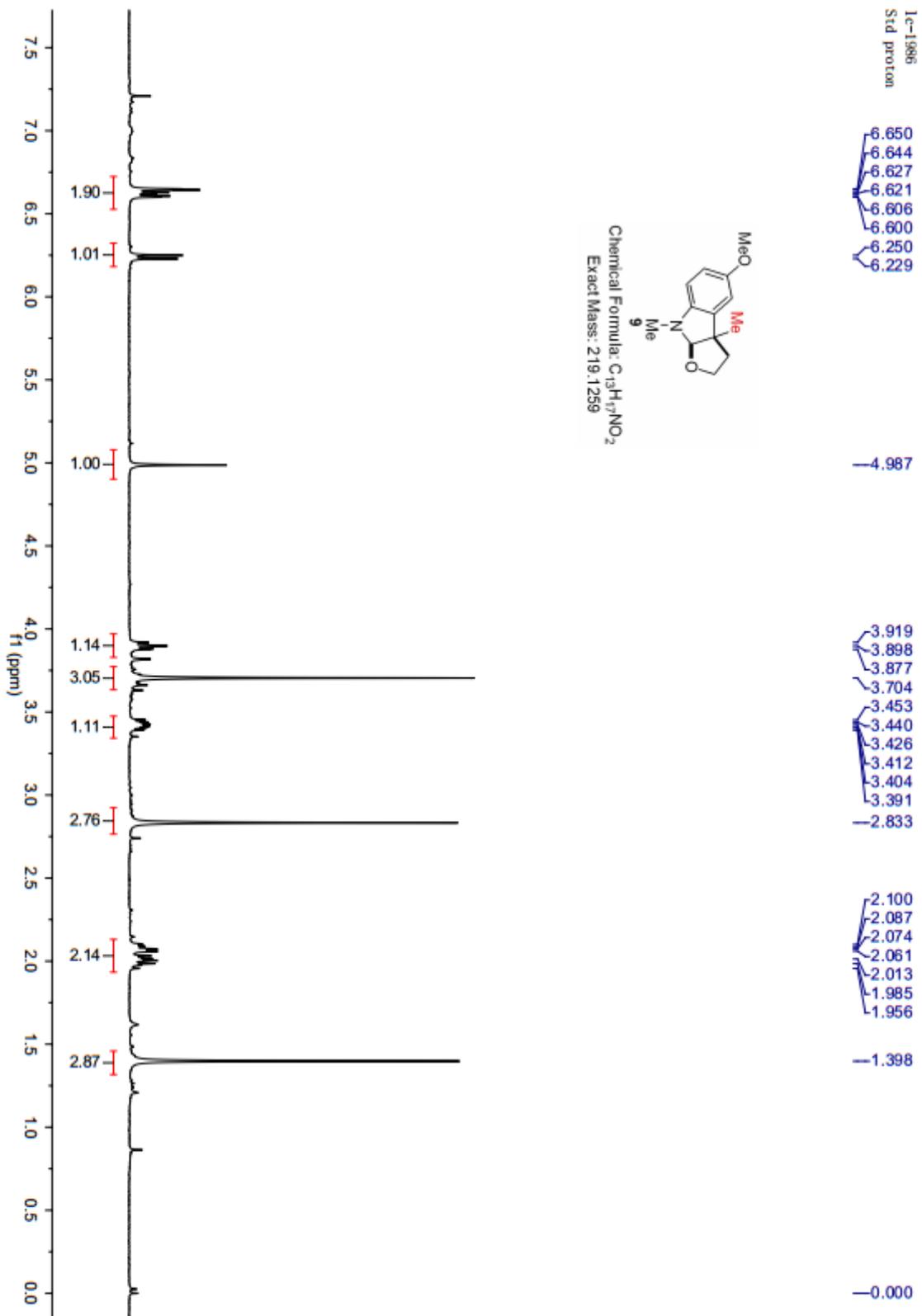
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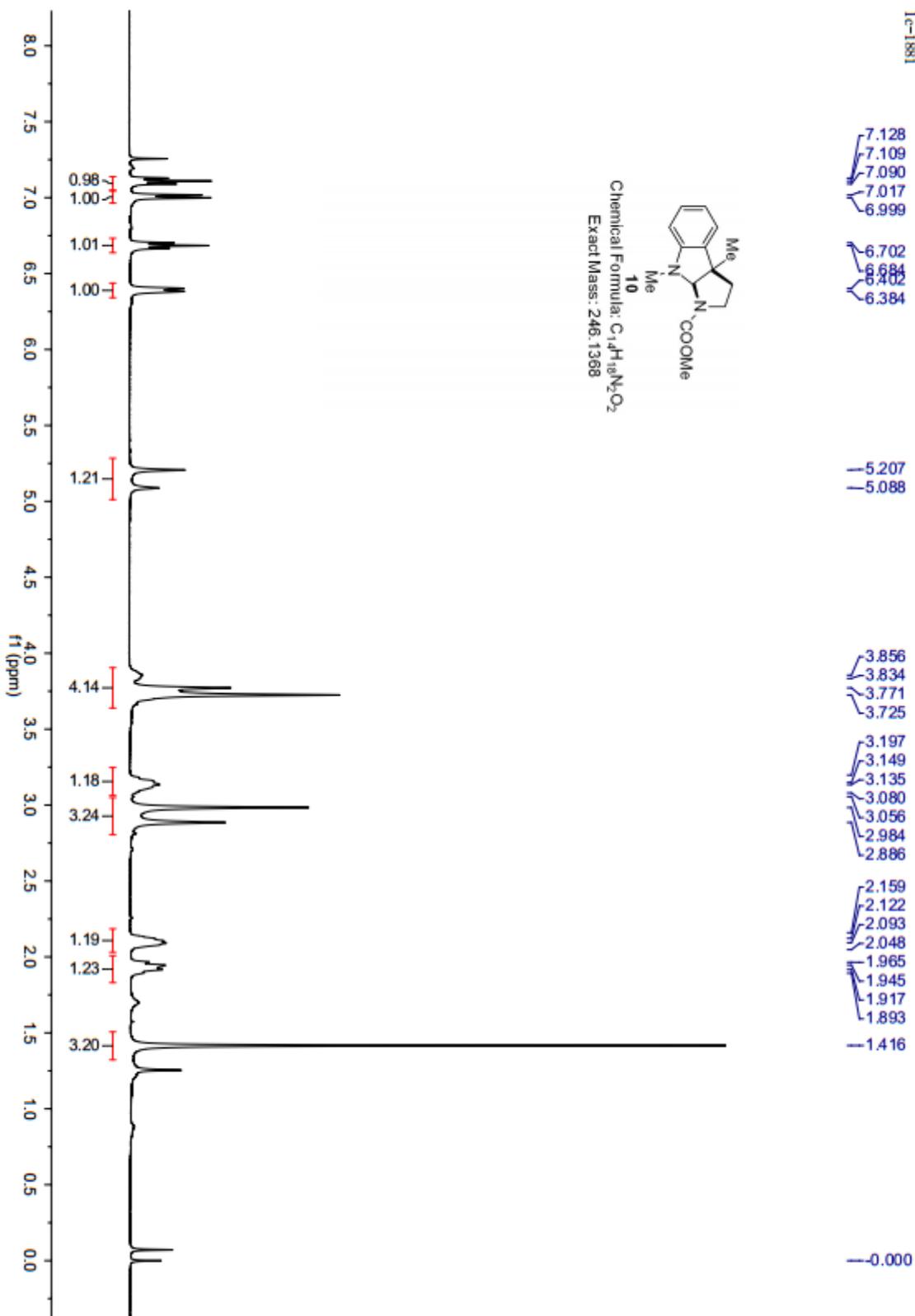
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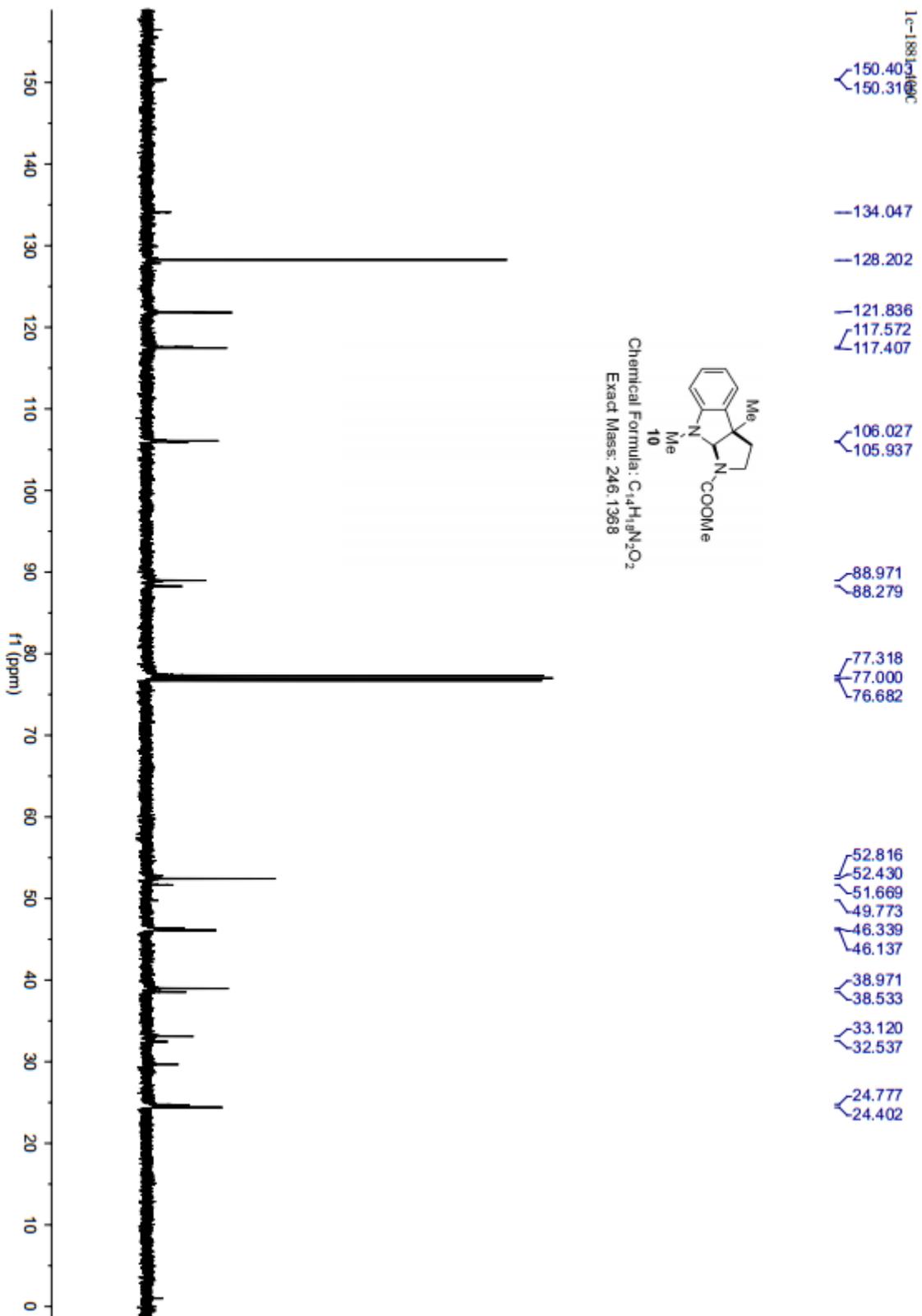








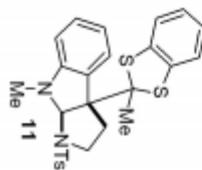




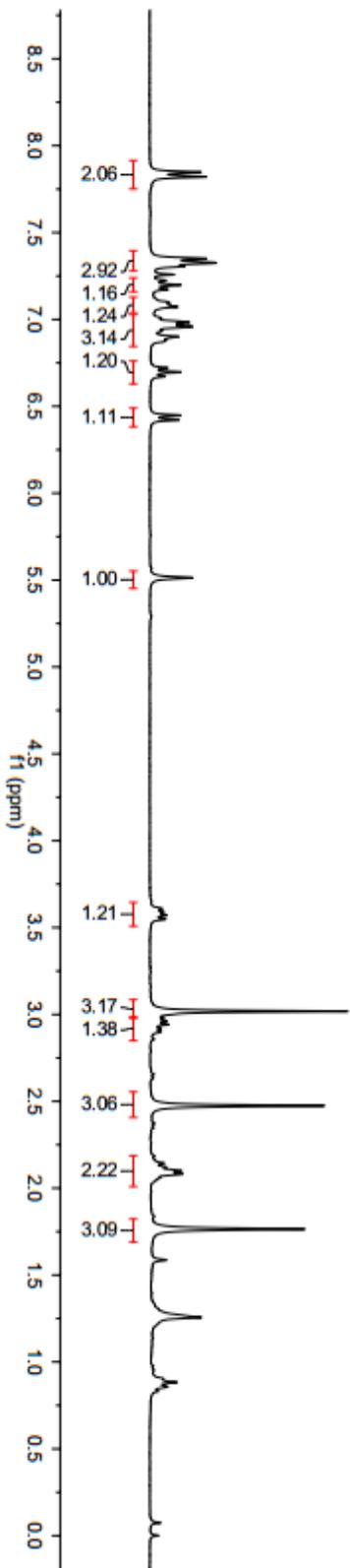
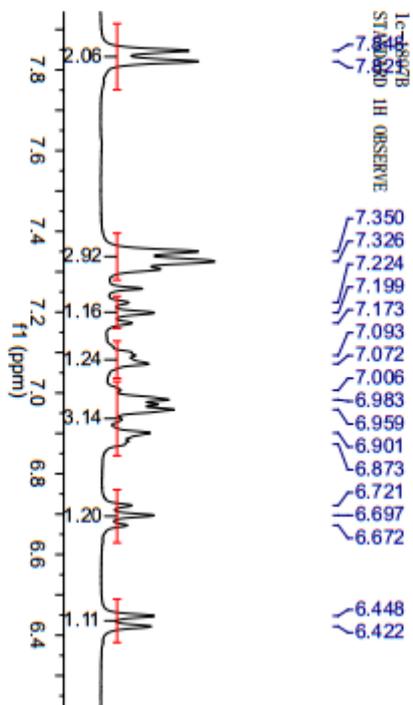
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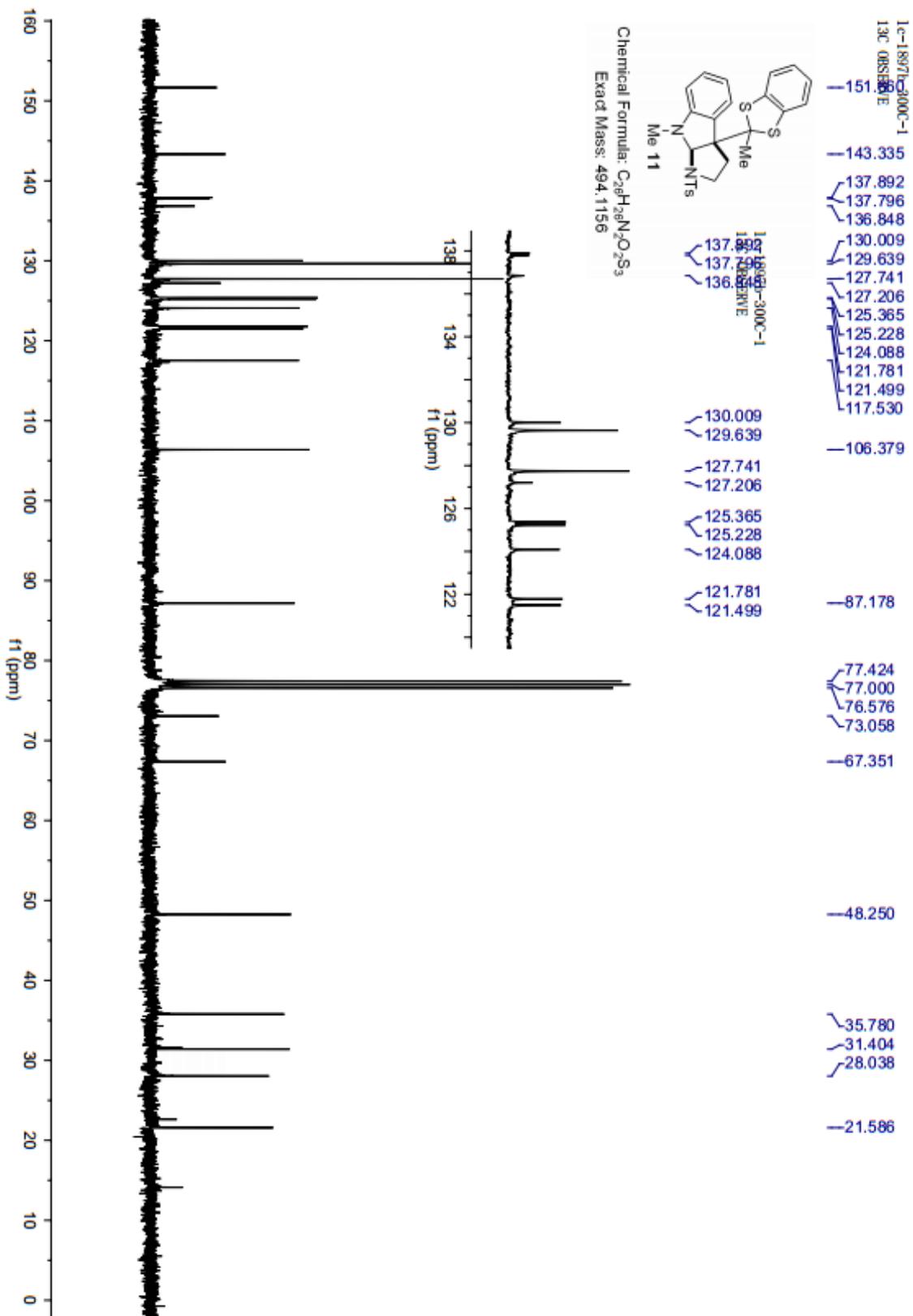
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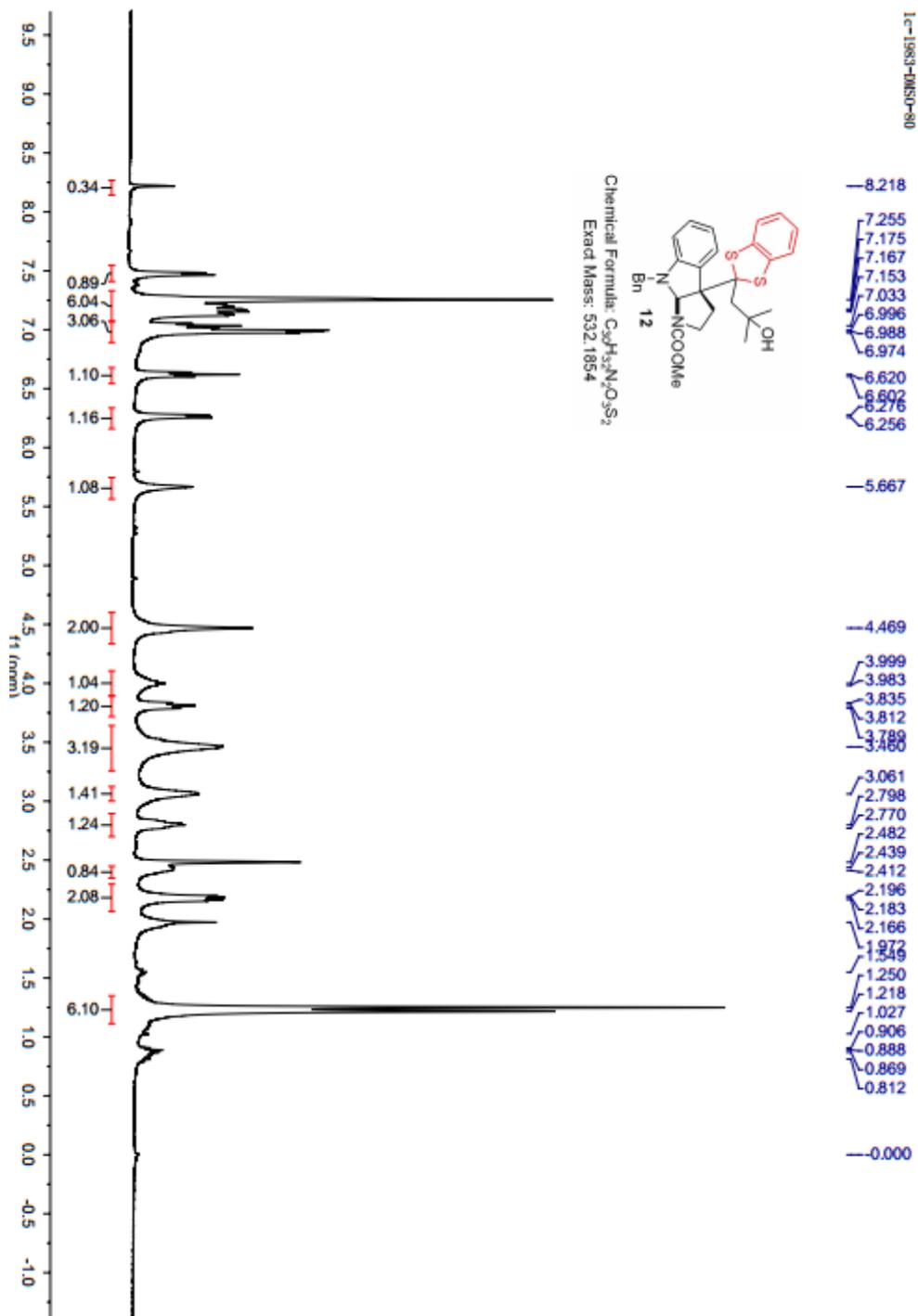
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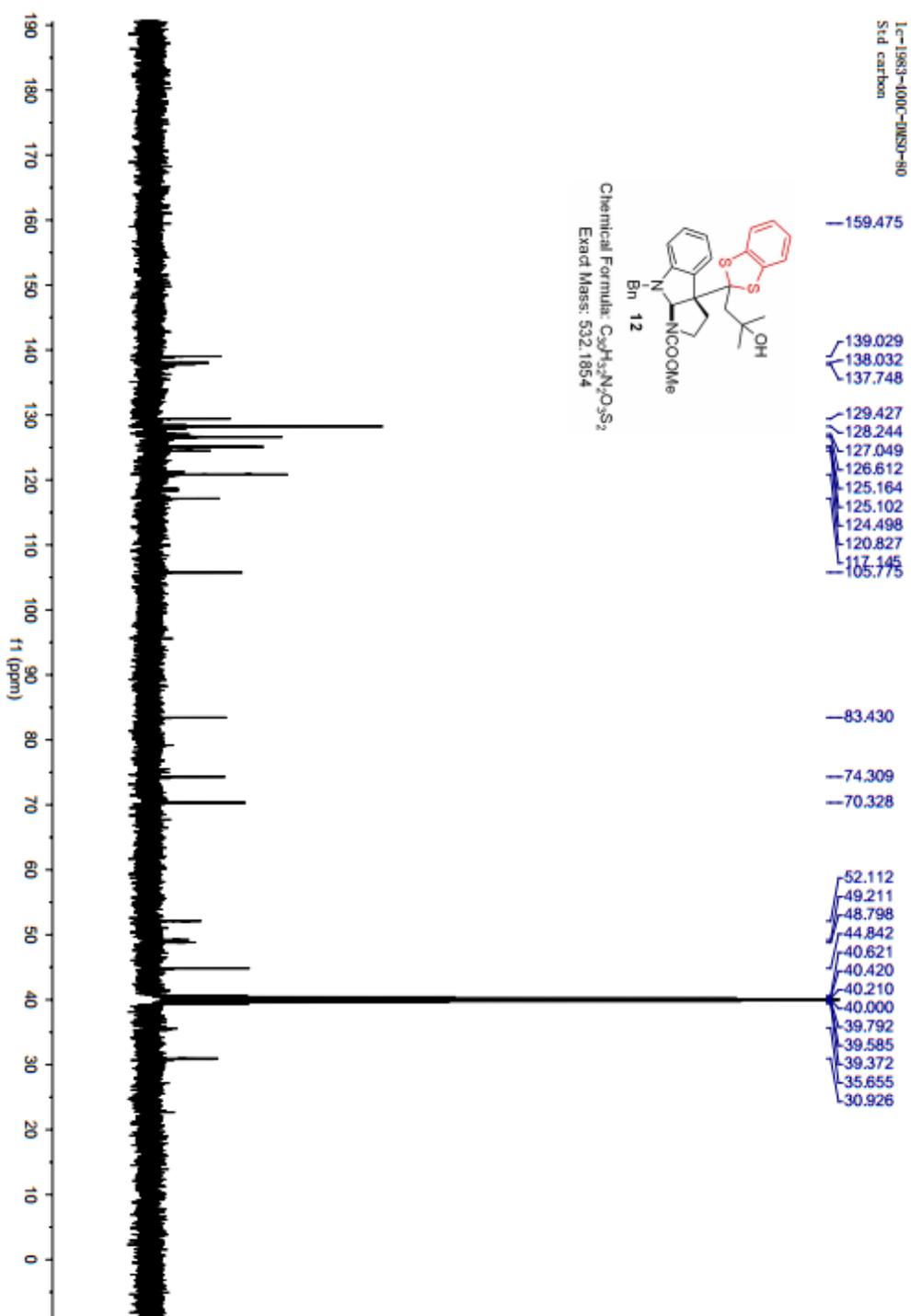


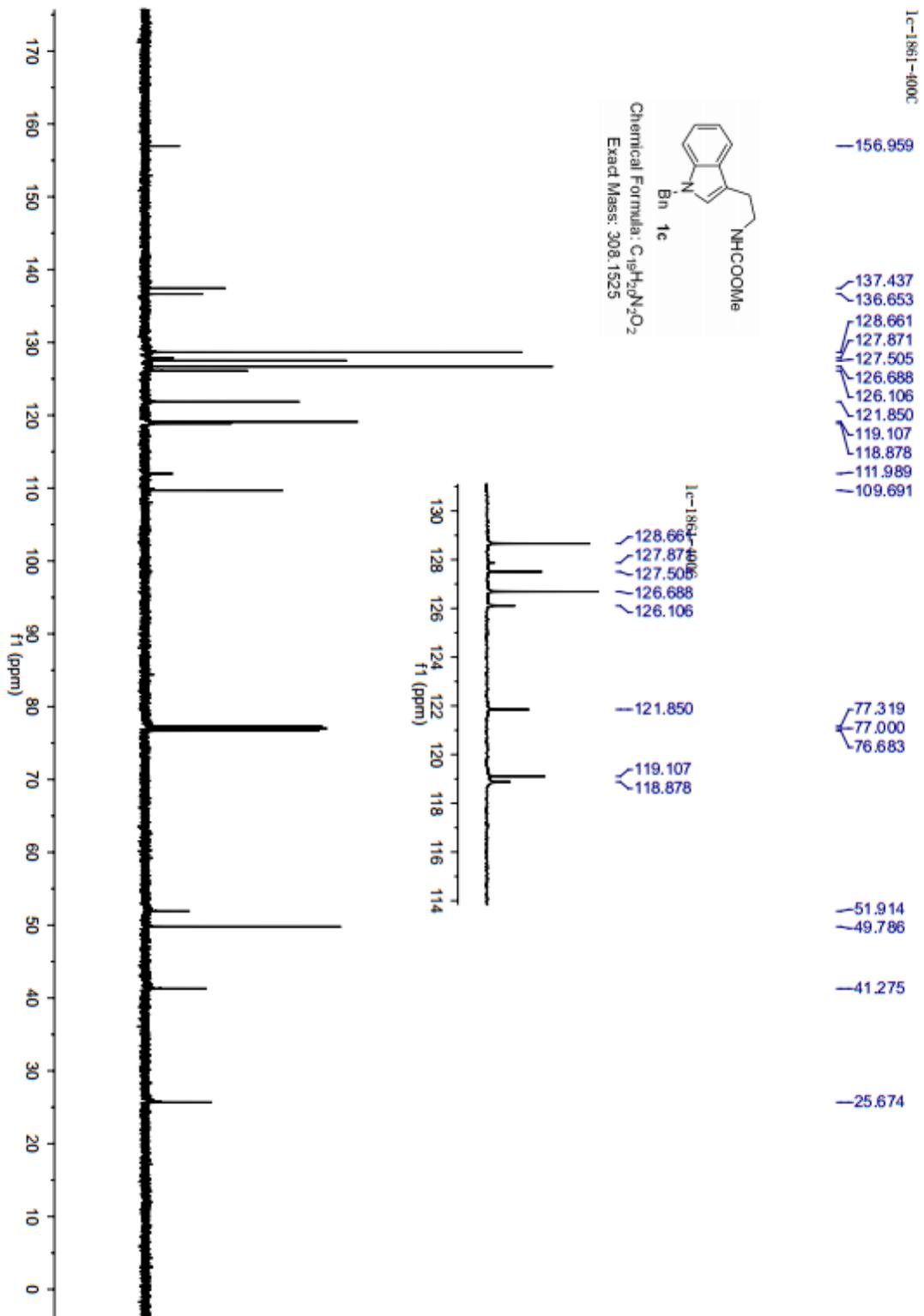
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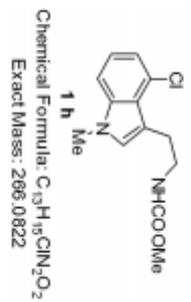








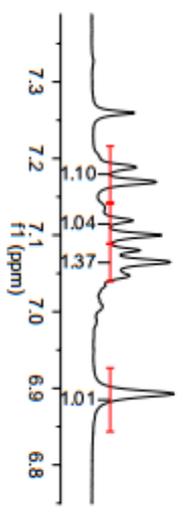
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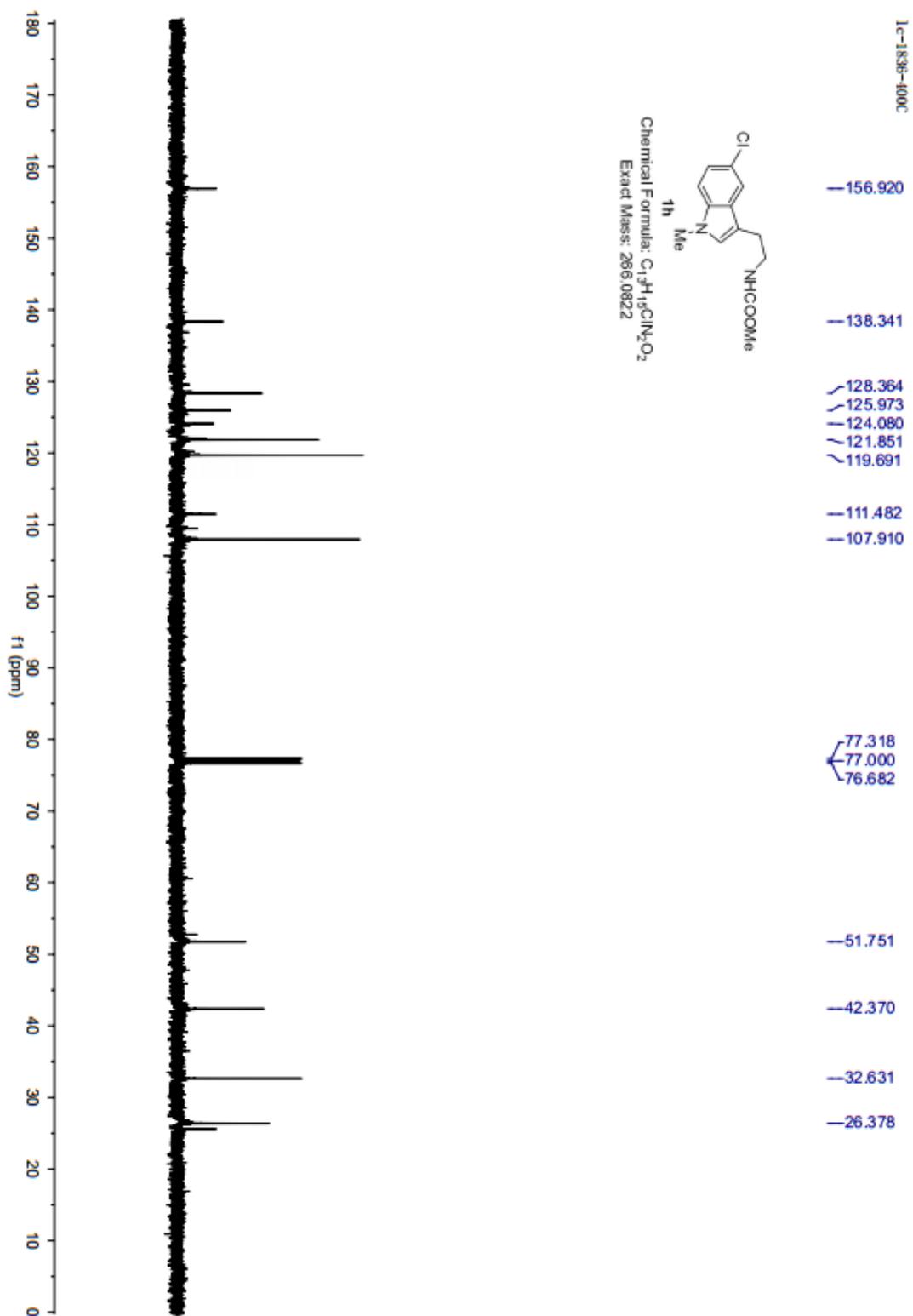
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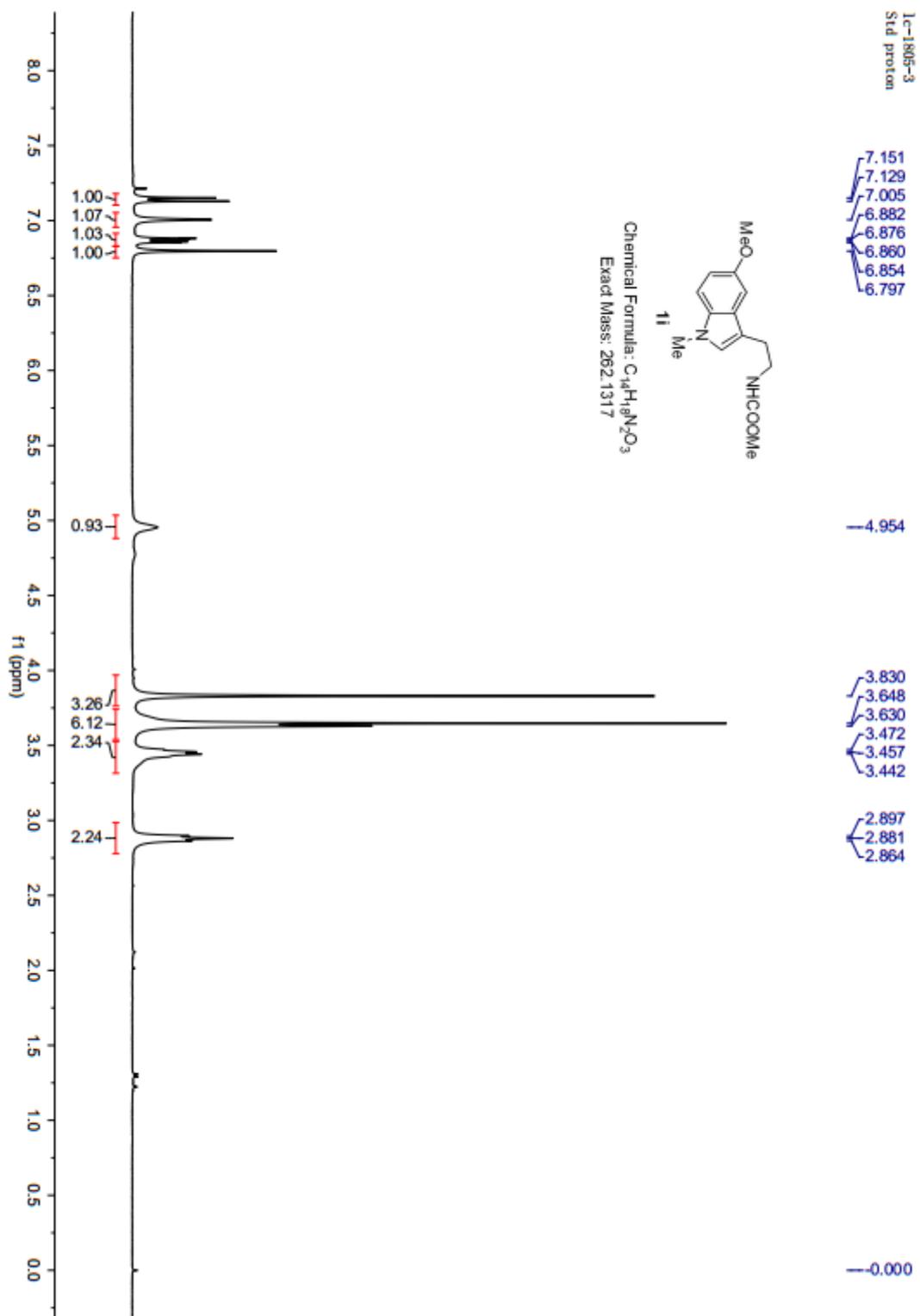
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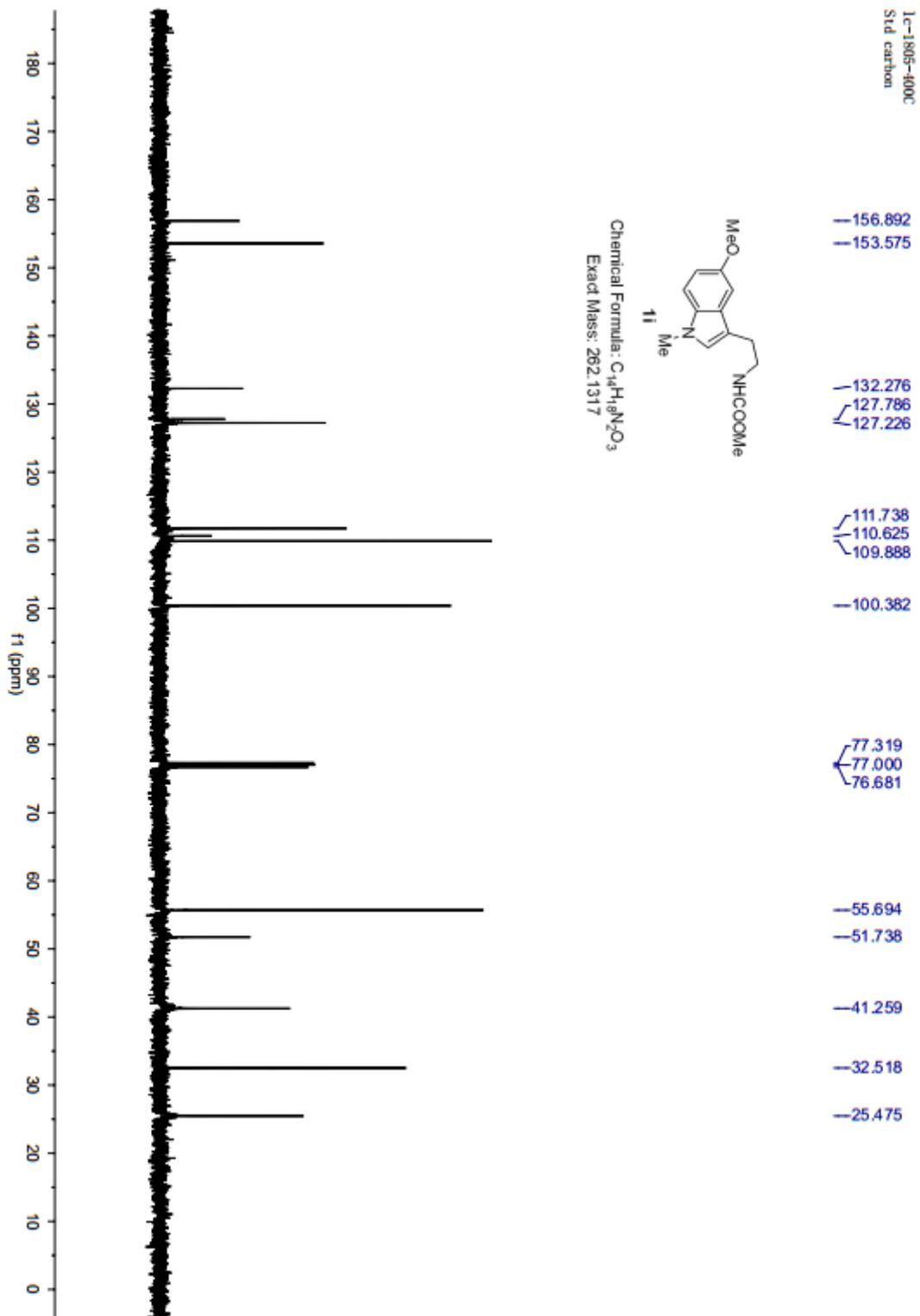
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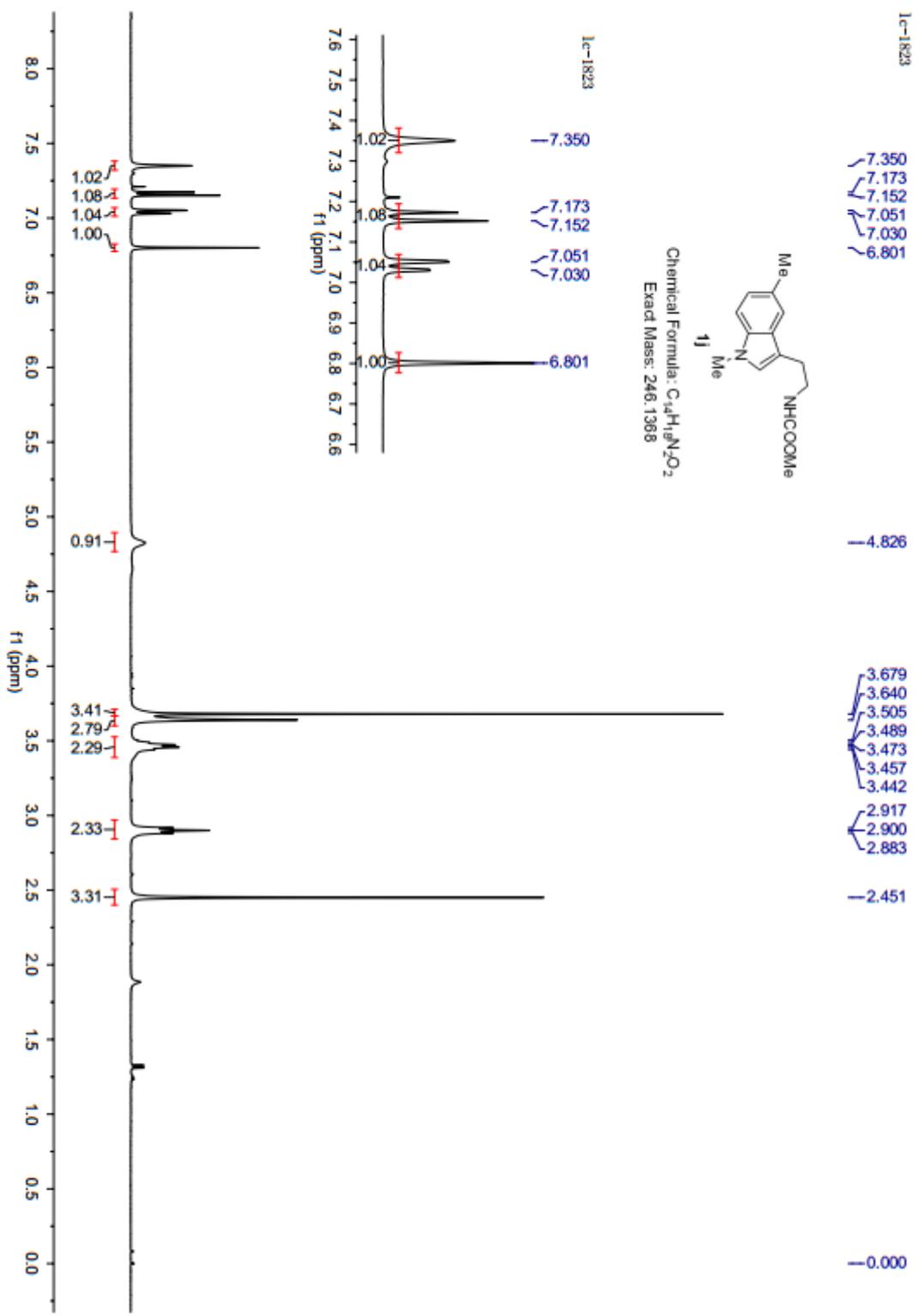


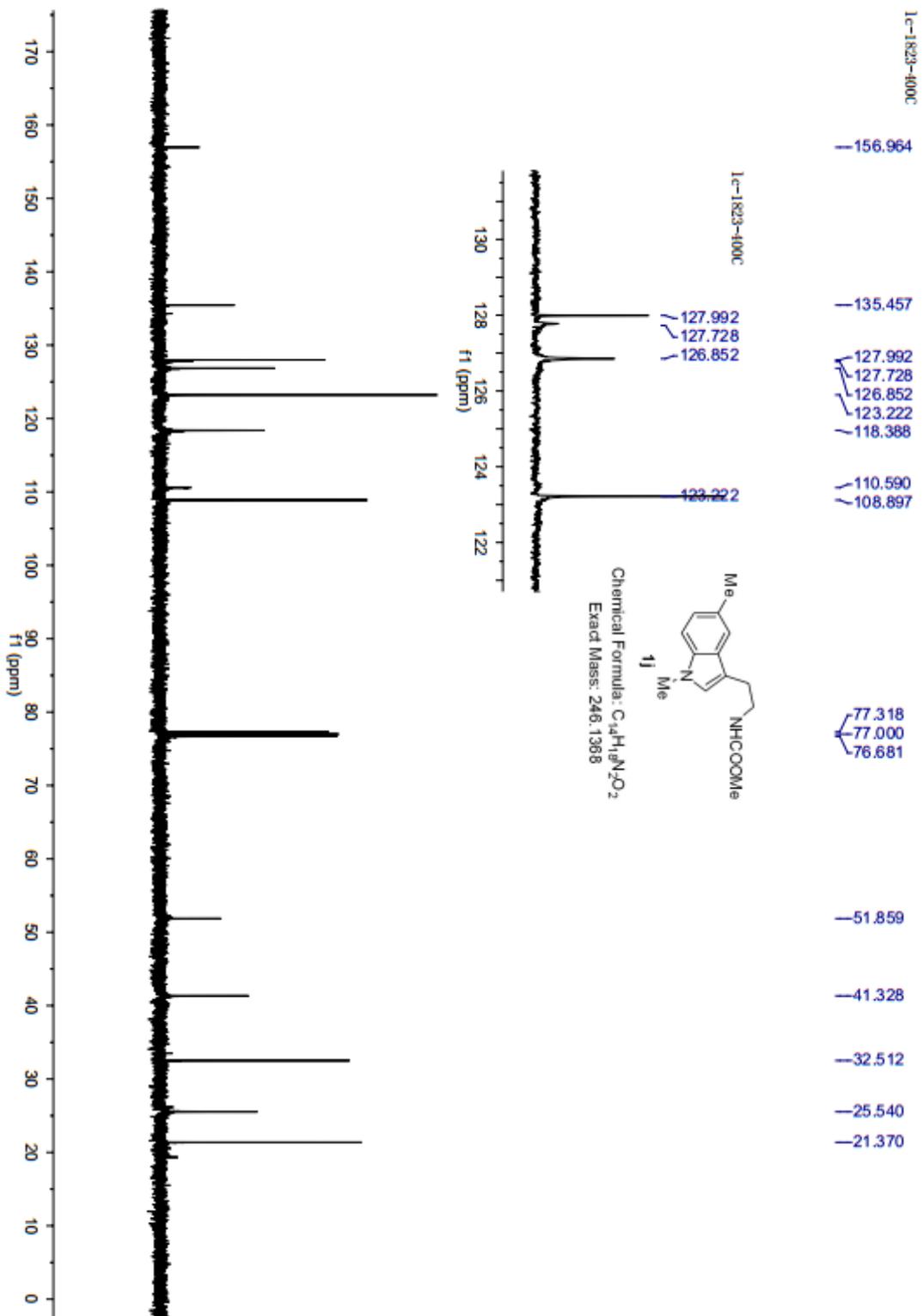
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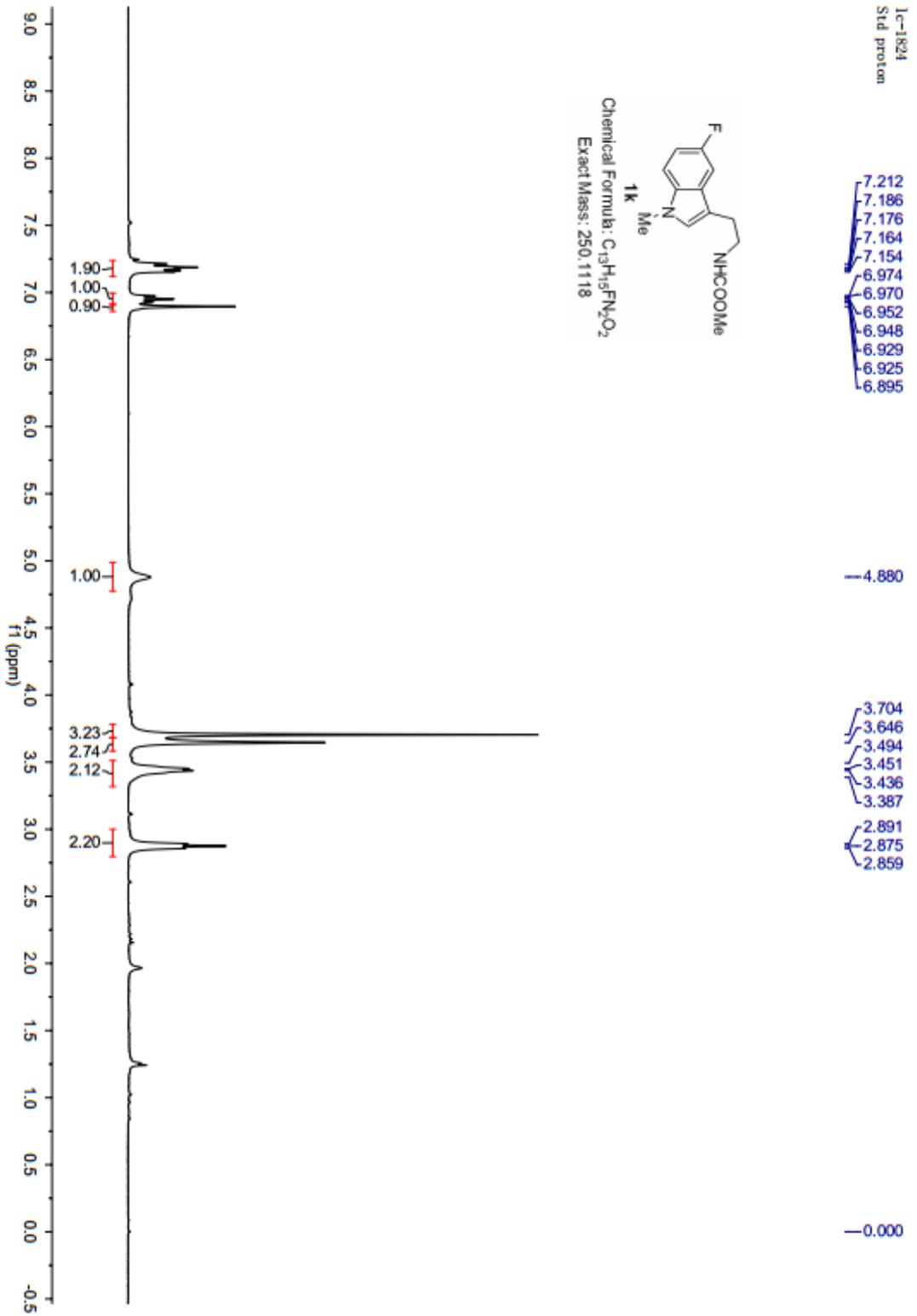


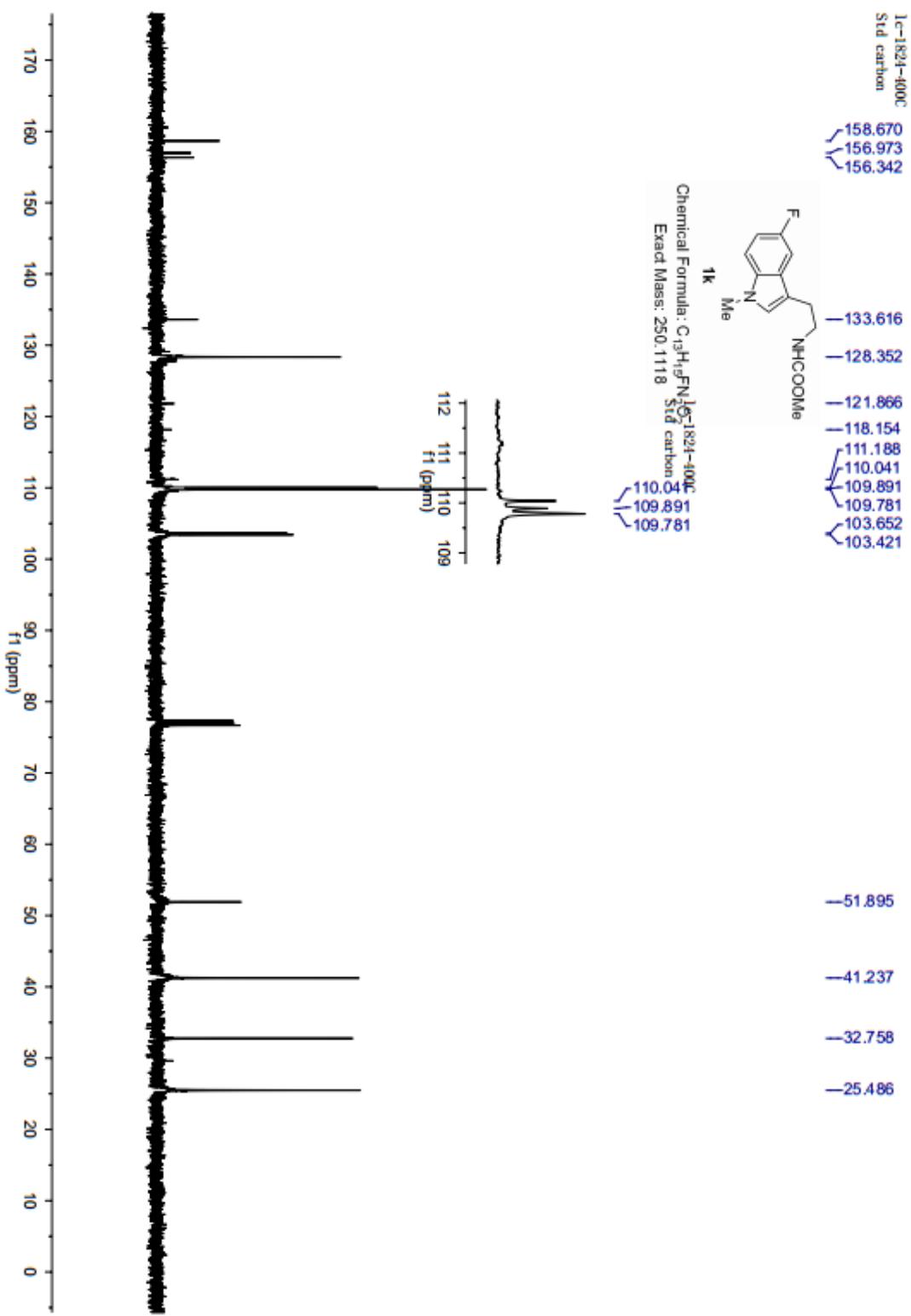




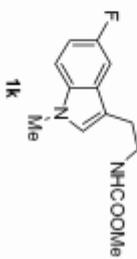






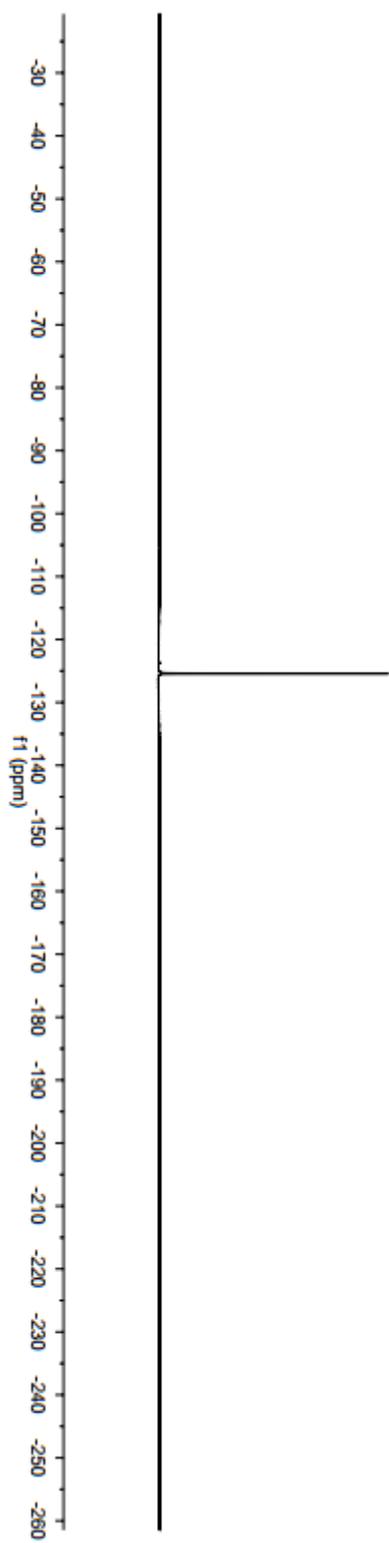


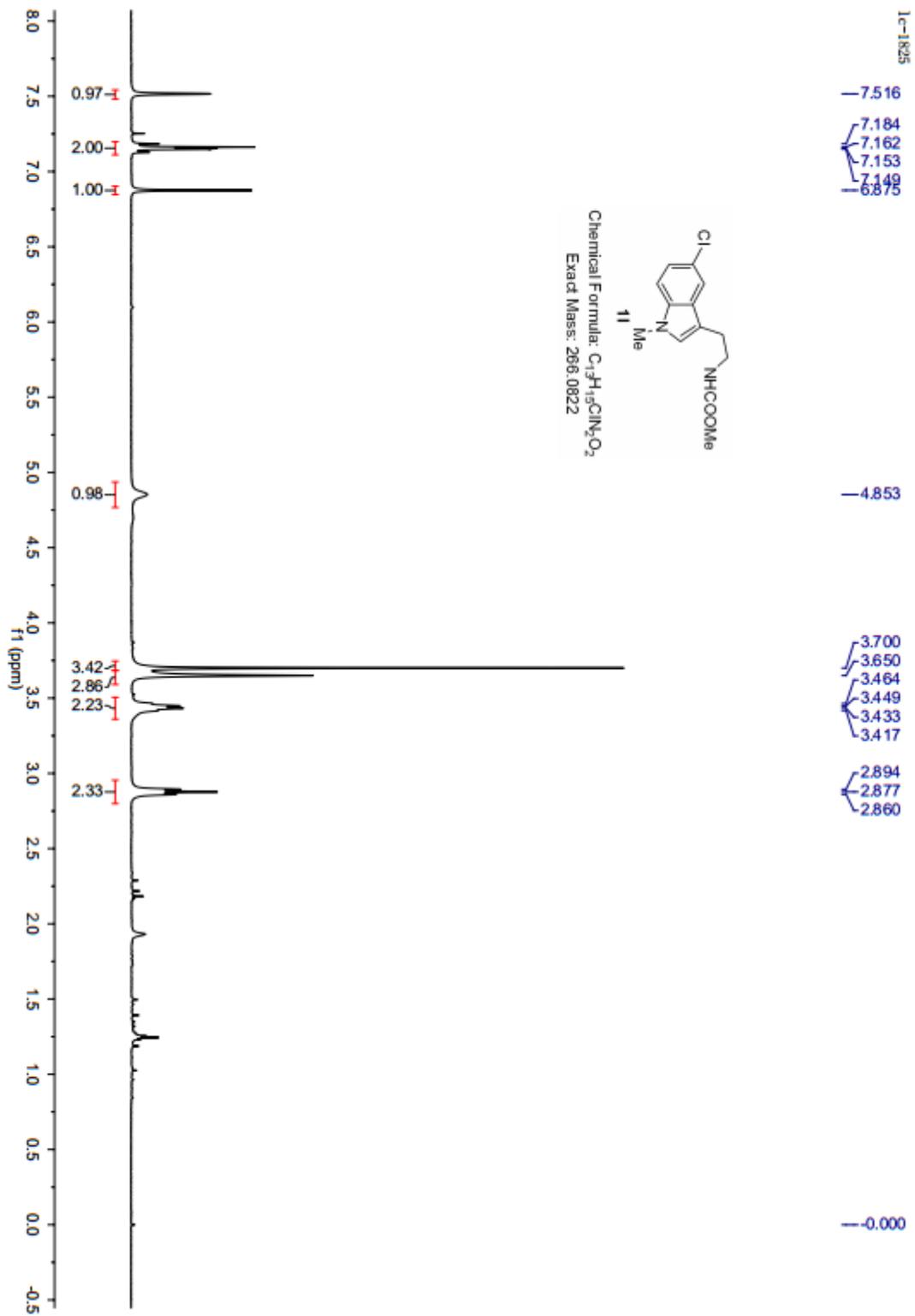
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Std Fluorine

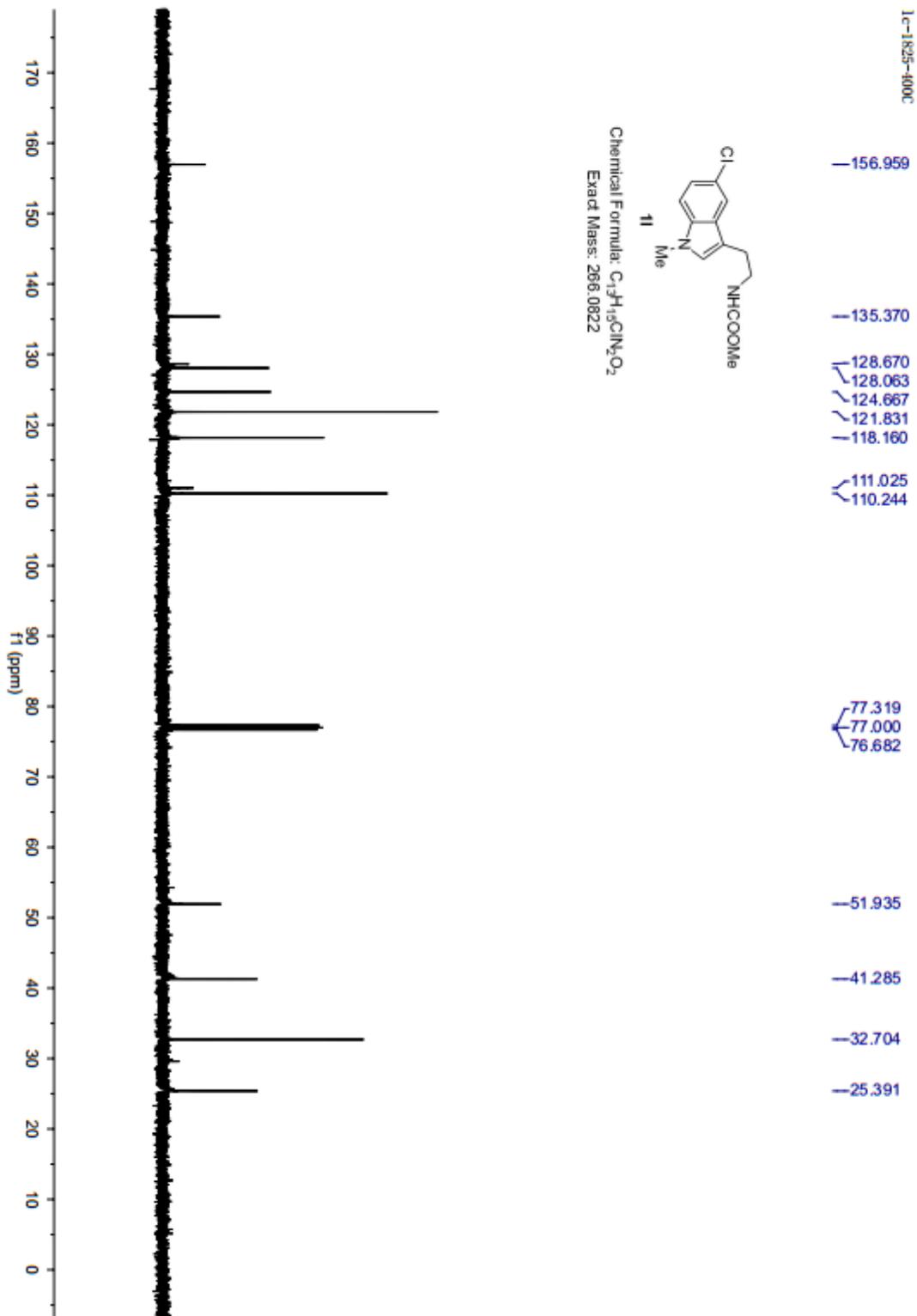


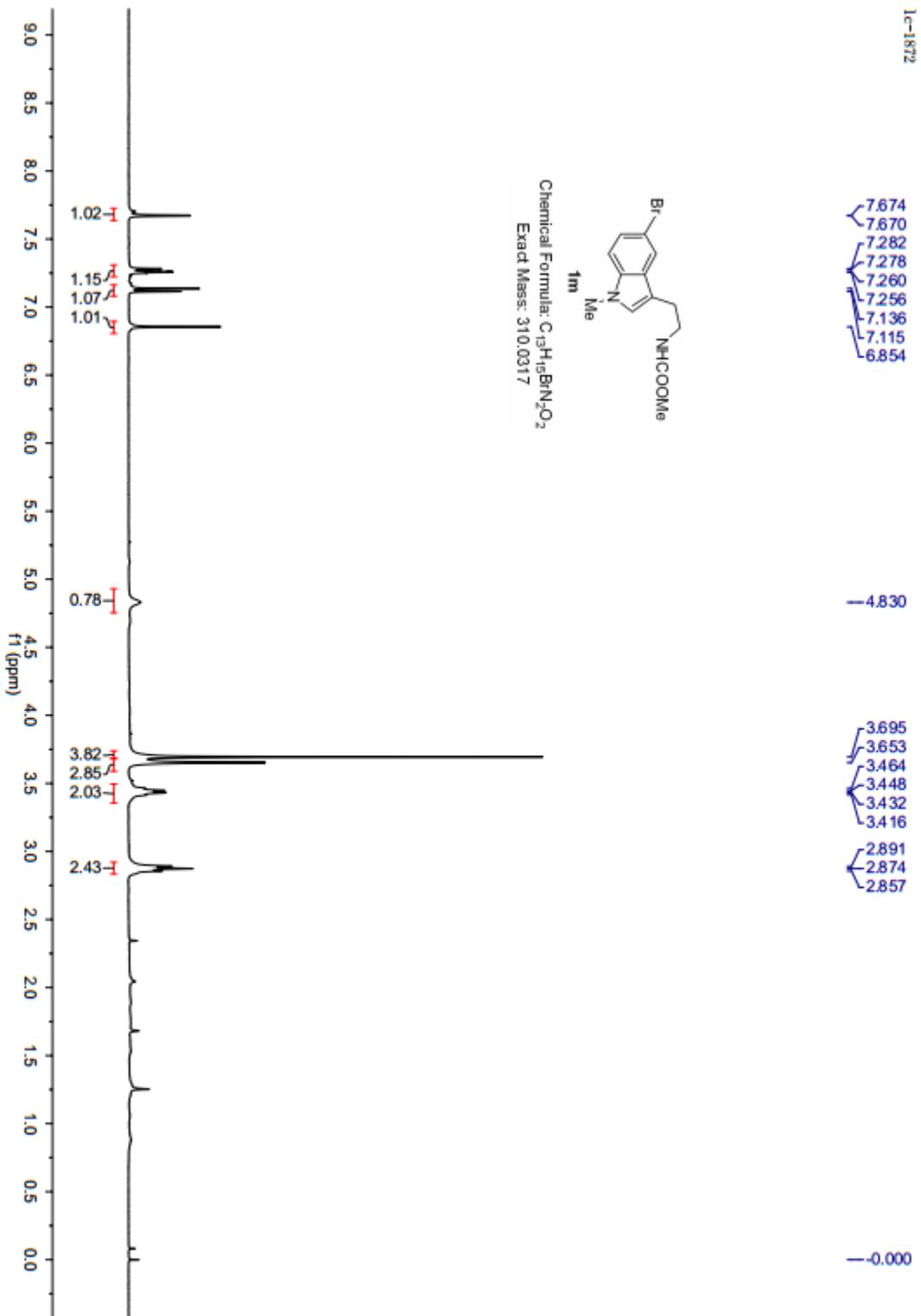
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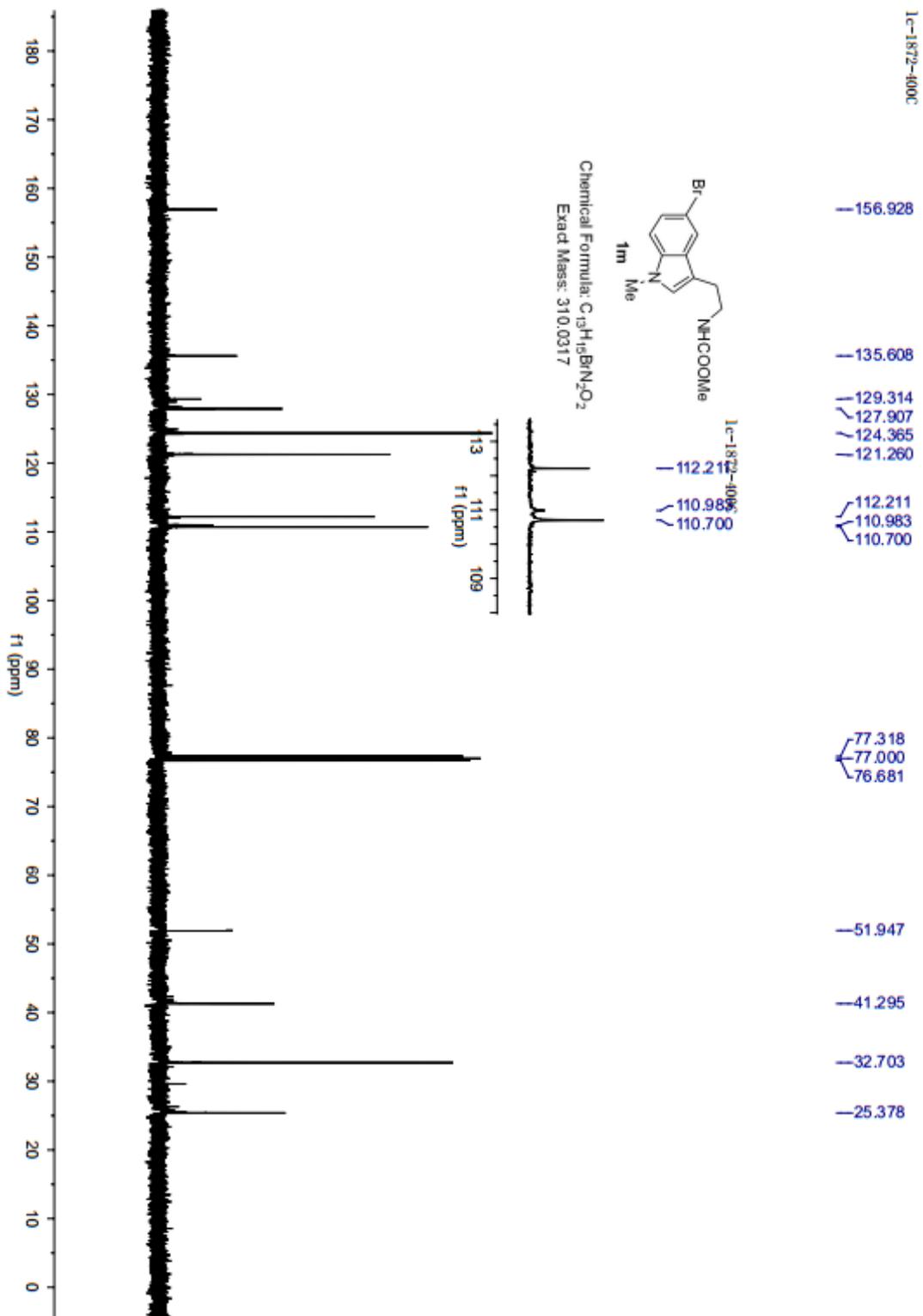
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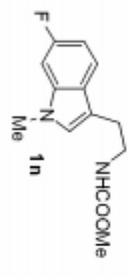
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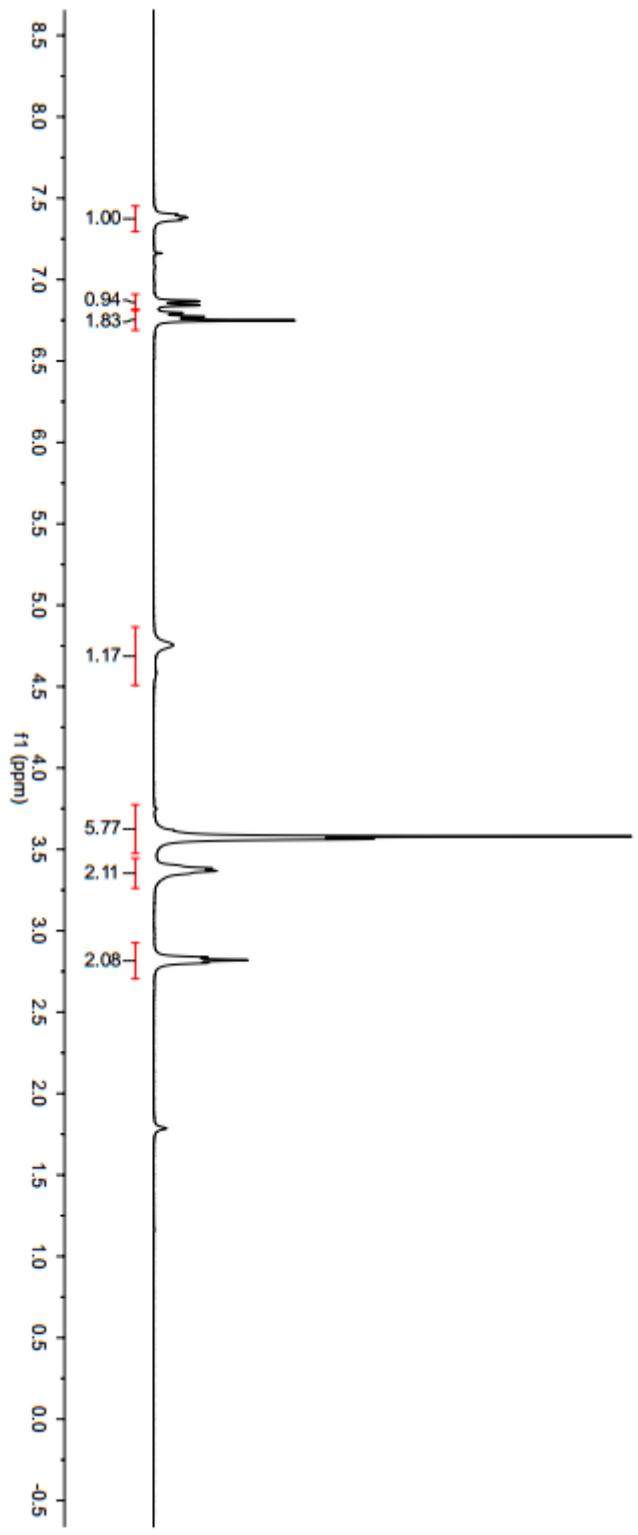
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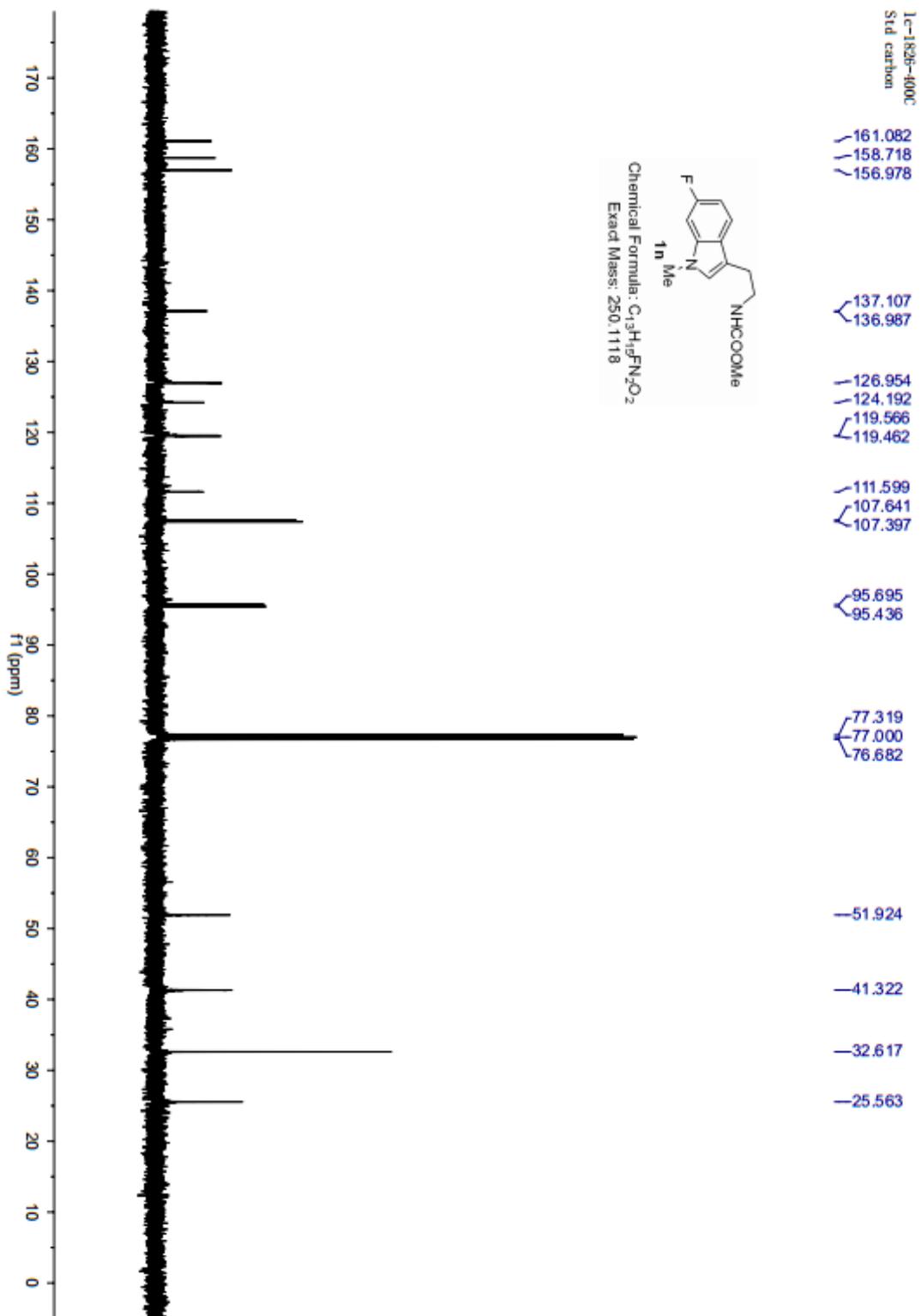
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Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₀FN₂O₂
Exact Mass: 250.1118





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