

Supporting Information
for

**Eco-friendly Chemoselective N-Functionalization of Isatines mediated
by Supported KF in 2-MeTHF**

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Instrumentation and General Analytical Methods

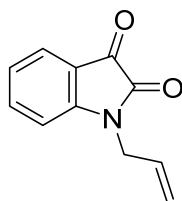
Melting points were determined on a Reichert–Kofler hot-stage microscope and are uncorrected. Mass spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu QP 1000 instrument (EI, 70 eV) and on a Bruker maXis 4G instrument (ESI-TOF, HRMS). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FTIR 1605 spectrophotometer. ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{15}N and ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance III 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ^1H , 100 MHz for ^{13}C , 40 MHz for ^{15}N , 376 MHz for ^{19}F) at 297 K using a “directly” detecting broadband observe (BBFO) probe. The center of the solvent signal was used as an internal standard which was related to TMS with δ 7.26 ppm (^1H in CDCl_3), δ 2.49 ppm (^1H in DMSO-d_6), δ 77.0 ppm (^{13}C in CDCl_3) and δ 39.5 ppm (^{13}C in DMSO-d_6). ^{15}N NMR spectra (gs-HMBC) were referenced against neat, external nitromethane, ^{19}F NMR spectra by absolute referencing via $\mathcal{E}$ ratio. Spin-spin coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. In nearly all cases, full and unambiguous assignment of all resonances was performed by combined application of standard NMR techniques, such as APT, HSQC, HMBC, COSY and NOESY experiments.

2-MeTHF was distilled over Na / benzophenone. Chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Acros, Alfa Aesar and TCI Europe. Solutions were evaporated under reduced pressure with a rotary evaporator. TLC was carried out on aluminium sheets precoated with silica gel 60F254 (Macherey-Nagel, Merk); the spots were visualised under UV light ($\lambda = 254$ nm) and/or KMnO_4 (aq.) was used as revealing system.

General Procedure for the preparation of *N*-substituted isatins (General Procedure 1)

To a solution of the *N*-unsubstituted isatin derivative (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 2-MeTHF was added KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) and, the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min at rt. Then, the electrophilic agent (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added dropwise and, the mixture refluxed for the appropriate time as reported in the manuscript. Subsequently, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to rt and then, filtered, washed thoroughly with 2-MeTHF and the filtrate evaporated under vacuum. Analytical pure sample were recrystallized from CPME.

1-allyl-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (2)



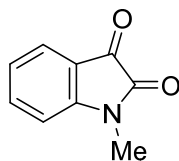
By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3-bromo-1-propene (0.242 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 2h), compound **2** was obtained in 95% yield (0.355 g) as a red solid; mp 71-72 °C (lit.,¹ 81-83°C).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.56 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.11 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Indole H-7), 5.83 (m, 1H, CH=CH₂), 5.31 (m, 1H, CH=CH₂), 5.28 (m, 1H, CH=CH₂), 4.35 (s, 2H, NCH₂). ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.2 (Indole C-3), 157.8 (Indole C-2), 150.8 (Indole C-7a), 138.3 (Indole C-6), 130.3 (CH=CH₂), 125.3 (Indole C-4), 123.7 (Indole C-5), 118.6

(CH=C $\underline{\text{H}}$ H $\underline{2}$), 117.5 (Indole C-3a), 110.9 (Indole C-7), 42.4 (NCH $\underline{2}$). ^{15}N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl $\underline{3}$): δ -245.6 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), m/z : calcd. for C $\underline{11}$ H $\underline{9}$ NO $\underline{2}$ H $\underline{+}$ 188.0706 [M+H] $\underline{+}$; found 188.0709.

1-methyl-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (3a)

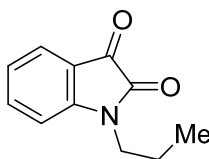


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), iodomethane (0.312 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 1h), compound **3a** was obtained in 94% yield (0.303 g) as a red solid; mp 131-133 °C (lit.,² 127-129°C).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $\underline{3}$): δ 7.60 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.57 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.11 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.89 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 3.24 (s, 3H, NCH $\underline{3}$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $\underline{3}$): δ 183.3 (Indole C-3), 158.2 (Indole C-2), 151.4 (Indole C-7a), 138.4 (Indole C-6), 125.2 (Indole C-4), 123.8 (Indole C-5), 117.4 (Indole C-3a), 109.9 (Indole C-7), 26.2 (NCH $\underline{3}$). ^{15}N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl $\underline{3}$): δ -253.8 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), m/z : calcd. for C $\underline{9}$ H $\underline{7}$ NO $\underline{2}$ H $\underline{+}$ 162.0550 [M+H] $\underline{+}$; found 162.0552.

1-propyl-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (3b)



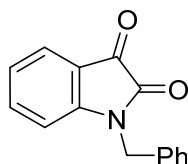
By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1-bromopropane (0.270 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite

(1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 1h), compound **3b** was obtained in 92% yield (0.348 g) as a red solid; mp 71-72 °C (lit.,³ 66-68 °C).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.57 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.09 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Indole H-7), 3.68 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 1.73 (m, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.6 (Indole C-3), 158.1 (Indole C-2), 151.0 (Indole C-7a), 138.3 (Indole C-6), 125.4 (Indole C-4), 123.5 (Indole C-5), 117.5 (Indole C-3a), 110.1 (Indole C-7), 41.7 (NCH₂), 20.6 (CH₂CH₃), 11.3 (CH₂CH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -242.2 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₁H₁₁NO₂H⁺ 190.0862 [M+H]⁺; found 190.0865.

1-benzyl-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (**3c**)



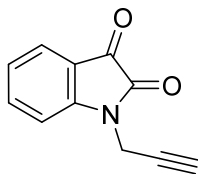
By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (bromomethyl)benzene (0.376 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 1h), compound **3c** was obtained in 95% yield (0.449 g) as an orange solid; mp 121-123 °C (lit.,³ 122-123°C).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.48 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.33 (m, 4H, Ph H-2,3,5,6), 7.29 (m, 1H, Ph H-4), 7.08 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Indole H-7), 4.92 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.2 (Indole C-3), 158.2 (Indole C-2), 150.6 (Indole C-7a), 138.3 (Indole C-6), 134.4 (Ph C-1), 129.0 (Ph C-3,5), 128.1 (Ph C-4), 127.4 (Ph C-2,6), 125.3 (Indole C-4), 123.8

(Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 111.0 (Indole C-7), 44.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{H}_2\text{Ph}$). ^{15}N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -242.2 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{H}^+$ 238.0862 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found 238.0866.

1-(2-propyn-1-yl)-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (**3d**)

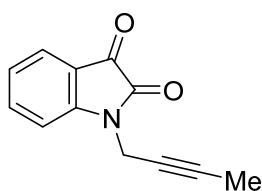


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 3-bromo-propyne (0.261 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 3h), compound **3d** was obtained in 95% yield (0.352 g) as an orange solid; mp 138-140°C (lit.,⁴ 147-149°C).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ 7.71 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.58 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.23 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 7.17 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 4.54 (d, $^4J = 2.5$ Hz, 2H, NCH_2), 3.34 (t, $^4J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H, $\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ 182.5 (Indole C-3), 157.3 (Indole C-2), 149.4 (Indole C-7a), 138.1 (Indole C-6), 124.5 (Indole C-4), 123.6 (Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 111.2 (Indole C-7), 77.3 ($\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$), 74.9 ($\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$), 29.0 (NCH_2). ^{15}N NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ -247.7 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{NO}_2\text{H}^+$ 186.0550 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found 186.0553.

1-(2-butyn-1-yl)-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (**3e**)

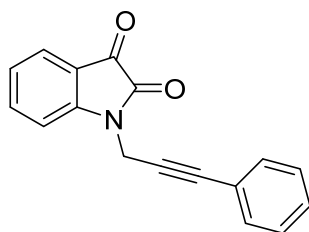


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1-bromo-2-butyne (0.293 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 3h), compound **3e** was obtained in 95% yield (0.378 g) as an orange solid; mp 112-113 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.62 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.15 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 7.11 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 4.47 (q, ⁴*J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 1.79 (t, ⁴*J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ≡C-CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.0 (Indole C-3), 157.2 (Indole C-2), 150.0 (Indole C-7a), 138.3 (Indole C-6), 125.3 (Indole C-4), 123.9 (Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 111.2 (Indole C-7), 81.1 (C≡C-CH₃), 71.0 (C≡C-CH₃), 29.9 (NCH₂), 3.4 (CH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -246.2 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₂H₉NO₂H⁺ 200.0706 [M+H]⁺; found 200.0709.

1-(3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-yl)-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (**3f**)



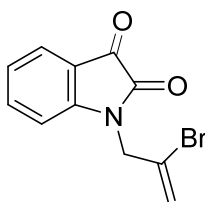
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 (m, 2H, Indole H-4,6), 7.40 (m, 2H, Ph H-2,6), 7.32 (m, 1H, Ph H-4), 7.30 (m, 2H, Ph H-3,5), 7.21 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 7.17 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 4.76 (s, 2H, NCH₂). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.8 (Indole C-3), 157.2 (Indole C-2), 149.9 (Indole C-7a), 138.4 (Indole C-6), 131.8 (Ph C-2,6), 128.9

(Ph C-4), 128.3 (Ph C-3,5), 125.4 (Indole C-4), 124.1 (Indole C-5), 121.8 (Ph C-1), 117.7 (Indole C-3a), 111.2 (Indole C-7), 84.8 (C≡CPh), 80.8 (C≡CPh), 30.3 (NCH₂). ¹⁵N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -247.6 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₇H₁₁NNaO₂ 284.0682 [M+Na]⁺; found 284.0686.

1-(2-bromo-2-propen-1-yl)-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (3g)

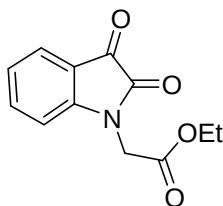


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2,3dibromo-1-propene (0.506 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 12 h), compound **3g** was obtained in 90% yield (0.477 g) as an orange solid; mp 58-60°C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.60 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.16 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.93 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 5.89 (dt, ²*J*_{Hcis,Htrans} = 2.6 Hz, ⁴*J*_{Htrans,CH2} = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂=CBr trans to Br), 5.70 (dt, ²*J*_{Hcis,Htrans} = 2.6 Hz, ⁴*J*_{Hcis,CH2} = 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂=CBr cis to Br), 4.59 (dd, ⁴*J*_{Htrans,CH2} = 1.5 Hz, ⁴*J*_{Hcis,CH2} = 1.1 Hz, 2H, NCH₂). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.4 (Indole C-3), 157.7 (Indole C-2), 150.1 (Indole C-7a), 138.5 (Indole C-6), 125.5 (Indole C-4), 125.1 (CBr=CH₂), 124.2 (Indole C-5), 119.4 (CBr=CH₂), 117.5 (Indole C-3a), 110.9 (Indole C-7), 47.7 (NCH₂). ¹⁵N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -246.4 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₁H₈BrNO₂H⁺ 265.9811 [M+H]⁺; found 265.9814.

ethyl (2,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetate (3h)

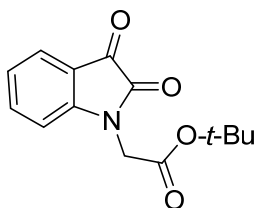


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), ethyl bromoacetate (0.367 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 4 h), compound **3h** was obtained in 93% yield (0.433 g) as an orange solid; mp 91-92 °C (lit.,⁴ 105-110°C).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.58 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.14 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.78 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 4.47 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 4.23 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.4 (Indole C-3), 166.7 (O=C=O), 158.0 (Indole C-2), 150.3 (Indole C-7a), 138.4 (Indole C-6), 125.5 (Indole C-4), 124.1 (Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 110.1 (Indole C-7), 62.1 (CH₂CH₃), 41.2 (NCH₂), 14.0 (CH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ-251.5 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁NO₄H⁺ 234.0761 [M+H]⁺; found 234.0764.

2-methyl-2-propanyl (2,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)acetate (3i)



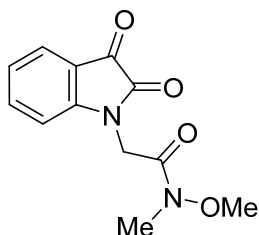
By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-methyl-2-propanyl bromoacetate (0.429 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv)

and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 6h), compound **3i** was obtained in 94% yield (0.496 g) as a yellow solid; mp 115-116 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.58 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.14 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.77 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 4.38 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 1.45 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.6 (Indole C-3), 165.7 (O=C=O), 158.0 (Indole C-2), 150.5 (Indole C-7a), 138.3 (Indole C-6), 125.5 (Indole C-4), 124.0 (Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 110.1 (Indole C-7), 83.4 (C(CH₃)₃), 42.0 (NCH₂), 27.9 (C(CH₃)₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -250.5 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅NO₄H⁺ 262.1074 [M+H]⁺; found 262.1077.

2-(2,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indol-1-yl)-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methylacetamide (**3j**)



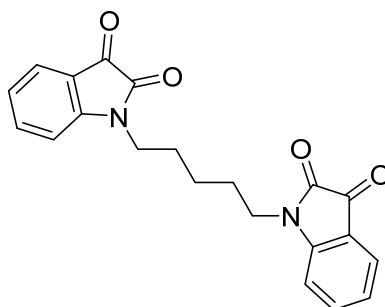
By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-chloro-*N*-methoxy-*N*-methylacetamide (0.302 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 6h), compound **3j** was obtained in 89% yield (0.442 g) as a red solid; mp 130-131 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.55 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.11 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 6.80 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 4.66 (s, 2H, NCH₂), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.22 (s, 3H, NCH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 186.5 (O=C=N), 182.8 (Indole C-3), 166.5 (CH₂C=O), 158.4 (Indole C-2), 150.9 (Indole C-7a), 138.3 (Indole C-6), 125.3 (Indole C-4), 123.8 (Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 110.5 (Indole C-7),

61.7 (OCH₃), 40.9 (NCH₂), 32.4 (NCH₃). ¹⁵N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -251.8 (Indole N-1), -195.3 (O=CN).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂KN₂O₄ 287.0432 [M+K]⁺; found 287.0429.

1,1'-(1,5-pentanediy)bis(1*H*-indole-2,3-dione) (3k)



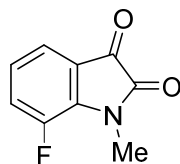
By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1,5-dibromopentane (0.506 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 12h), compound **3l** was obtained in 86% yield (0.624 g) as an orange solid; mp 145-147 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (m, 2H, Indole H-6,6'), 7.58 (d, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Indole H-4,4'), 7.10 (m, 2H, Indole H-5,5'), 6.92 (d, ³*J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Indole H-7,7'), 3.71 (t, ³*J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H, NCH₂), 1.78 (m, 4H, NCH₂CH₂), 1.46 (m, 2H, NCH₂CH₂CH₂).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.4 (Indole C-3,3'), 158.2 (Indole C-2, 2'), 150.7 (Indole C-7a, 7a'), 138.5 (Indole C-4,4'), 125.4 (Indole C-6,6'), 123.7 (Indole C-5,5'), 117.5 (Indole C-3a,3a'), 110.1 (Indole C-7,7'), 39.7 (NCH₂), 26.6 (NCH₂CH₂), 23.8 (NCH₂CH₂CH₂). ¹⁵N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -242.7 (2N, Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₁H₁₈N₂NaO₄ 385.1159 [M+Na]⁺; found 385.1157.

7-fluoro-1-methyl-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (3l)

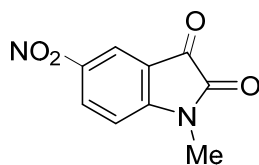


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 7-fluoro-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.330 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), iodomethane (0.312 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 6h), compound **3l** was obtained in 89% yield (0.412 g) as a red solid; mp 120-122 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.34 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.07 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 3.46 (d, *J*_{H,F through-space} = 2.9 Hz, 3H, NCH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.4 (⁴*J*_{C,F} = 3.7 Hz, Indole C-3), 157.9 (Indole C-2), 148.2 (¹*J*_{C,F} = 248.0 Hz, Indole C-7), 137.5 (d, ²*J*_{C,F} = 8.7 Hz, Indole C-7a), 126.4 (d, ²*J*_{C,F} = 19.6 Hz, Indole C-6), 124.6 (d, ³*J*_{C,F} = 5.8 Hz, Indole C-5), 121.2 (d, ⁴*J*_{C,F} = 3.4 Hz, Indole C-4), 120.0 (d, ³*J*_{C,F} = 2.7 Hz, Indole C-3a), 29.1 (d, *J*_{C,F} = 5.5 Hz, NCH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -256.9 (Indole N-1). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -134.0 (7-F).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₉H₆FN₂O₂H⁺ 180.0455 [M+H]⁺; found 180.0457.

1-methyl-5-nitro-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (**3m**)

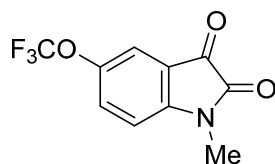


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 5-nitro-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.384 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), iodomethane (0.312 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 6h), compound **3m** was obtained in 88% yield (0.362 g) as a brown solid; mp 132-134 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.53 (dd, ³*J*_{IndoleH6,IndoleH7} = 8.8 Hz, ⁴*J*_{IndoleH6,IndoleH4} = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Indole H-6), 8.22 (d, ⁴*J*_{IndoleH4,IndoleH6} = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.35 (d, ³*J*_{IndoleH7,IndoleH6} = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Indole H-7), 3.21 (s, 3H, NCH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 181.2 (Indole C-3), 158.9 (Indole C-2), 155.6 (Indole C-7a), 142.0 (Indole C-5), 133.0 (Indole C-6), 118.9 (Indole C-4), 117.8 (Indole C-3a), 110.9 (Indole C-7), 26.5 (NCH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -248.2 (Indole N-1), -8.1 (NO₂).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₉H₆N₂O₄H⁺ 207.0400 [M+H]⁺; found 207.0403.

1-methyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (**3n**)⁵

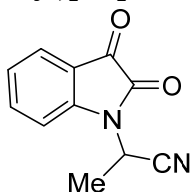


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.69 (dd, ³*J*_{IndoleH6,IndoleH7} = 8.6 Hz, ⁴*J*_{IndoleH6,IndoleH4} = 1.7 Hz, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.56 (d, ⁴*J*_{IndoleH4,IndoleH6} = 1.7 Hz, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.24 (d, ³*J*_{IndoleH7,IndoleH6} = 8.6 Hz, 1H, Indole H-7), 3.14 (s, 3H, NCH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 182.3 (Indole C-3), 158.3 (Indole C-2), 150.1 (Indole C-7a), 143.8 (q, ³*J*_{C,F} = 2.1 Hz, Indole C-5), 130.6 (Indole C-6), 119.8 (q, ¹*J*_{C,F} = 256.4 Hz, OCF₃), 118.4 (Indole C-3a), 117.5 (Indole C-4), 111.9 (Indole C-7), 26.2 (NCH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -253.0 (Indole N-1). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -57.6 (CF₃).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₀H₆F₃NO₃H⁺ 246.0372 [M+H]⁺; found 246.0375.

2-(2,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanenitrile (3o)

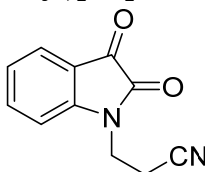


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1H-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2-bromopropanenitrile (0.294 g, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 24 h), compound **3p** was obtained in 43% yield (0.172 g) as a yellow solid; mp 125-127 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.28 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 7.70 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.25 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 5.58 (q, ³J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, CHCN), 1.80 (d, ³J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 181.0 (Indole C-3), 156.5 (Indole C-2), 147.1 (Indole C-7a), 138.7 (Indole C-6), 126.2 (Indole C-4), 124.8 (Indole C-5), 117.9 (Indole C-3a), 116.0 (C≡N), 111.4 (Indole C-7), 36.8 (CHCN), 17.3 (CH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -245.8 (Indole N-1), -117.9 (-C≡N).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₁H₈N₂NaO₂ 223.0478 [M+Na]⁺; found 223.0476.

3-(2,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanenitrile (4a)

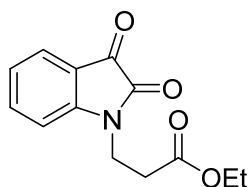


By following General Procedure1, starting from 1H-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), acrylonitrile (0.127 g, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 12h), compound **4a** was obtained in 71% yield (284 g) as a brown solid. mp 115-117 °C (lit.,⁶ 133° C).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 (m, 2H, Indole H-4,6), 7.18 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 7.04 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 4.05 (t, ³*J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 2.82 (t, ³*J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂CN). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 182.1 (Indole C-3), 158.2 (Indole C-2), 149.6 (Indole C-7a), 138.7 (Indole C-6), 126.0 (Indole C-4), 124.5 (Indole C-5), 117.7 (Indole C-3a), 116.9 (C≡N), 109.9 (Indole C-7), 36.3 (NCH₂), 16.6 (CH₂CN). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -247.6 (Indole N-1), -129.7 (-C≡N).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₁H₈N₂NaO₂ 223.0478 [M+Na]⁺; found 223.0481.

ethyl 3-(2,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indol-1-yl) (4b)

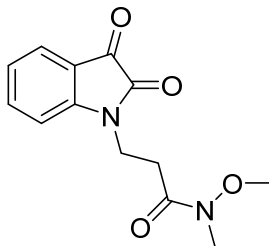


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), ethyl acrylate (0.240 g, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 12 h), compound **4b** was obtained in 86% yield (0.425 g) as a light brown solid. mp 48-51 °C.

¹H NMR (400M Hz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.58 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.11 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 7.02 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 4.11 (q, ³*J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, OCH₂), 4.01 (t, ³*J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 2.74 (t, ³*J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, NCH₂CH₂), 1.21 (t, ³*J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.1 (Indole C-3), 170.8 (OC=O), 158.3 (Indole C-2), 150.5 (Indole C-7a), 138.4 (Indole C-6), 125.5 (Indole C-4), 123.8 (Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 110.4 (Indole C-7), 61.1 (OCH₂), 36.2 (NCH₂), 32.2 (NCH₂CH₂), 14.0 (CH₂CH₃). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -245.2 (Indole N-1).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄NO₄H⁺ 248.0917 [M+H]⁺; found 248.0914.

3-(2,3-dioxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-methoxy-N-methylpropanamide (4c)

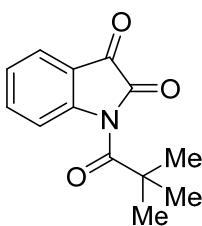


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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.58 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.10 (m, 2H, Indole H-5,7), 4.04 (t, ³J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.65 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.11 (s, 3H, NCH₃), 2.89 (t, ³J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂C=O). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 183.3 (Indole C-3), 171.4 (CH₂C=O), 158.6 (Indole C-2), 150.8 (Indole C-7a), 138.4 (Indole C-6), 125.3 (Indole C-4), 123.6 (Indole C-5), 117.6 (Indole C-3a), 110.5 (Indole C-7), 61.4 (OCH₃), 36.3 (NCH₂), 32.1 (NCH₃), 30.0 (CH₂C=O). **¹⁵N NMR** (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -244.5 (Indole N-1), -193.1 (NCH₃).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄N₂NaO₄ 285.0846 [M+Na]⁺; found 285.0851.

1-(2,2-dimethylpropanoyl)-1H-indole-2,3-dione (5a)

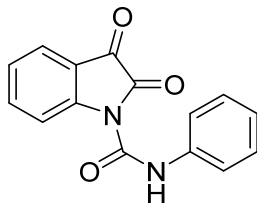


By following General Procedure 1, starting from 1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.294 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 2,2-dimethylpropanoyl chloride (0.289 g, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 12h), compound **5a** was obtained in 88% yield (0.407 g) as a yellow solid; mp 78-80°C

¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81 (m, 1H, Indole H-7), 7.74 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.66 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.28 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 1.44 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.5 (Indole C-3), 180.3 (O=C(CH₃)₃), 156.5 (Indole C-2), 149.8 (Indole C-7a), 138.6 (Indole C-6), 125.5 (Indole C-5), 125.3 (Indole C-4), 119.5 (Indole C-3a), 117.2 (Indole C-7), 43.2 (C(CH₃)₃), 26.5 (C(CH₃)₃).

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₃H₁₃NO₃H⁺ 232.0968 [M+H]⁺; found 232.0971.

2,3-dioxo-*N*-phenyl-1-indolinecarboxamide (**5b**)



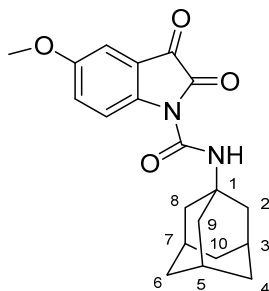
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.09 (s, 1H, NH), 8.48 (m, 1H, Indole H-7) 7.77 (m, 1H, Indole H-4), 7.73 (m, 1H, Indole H-6), 7.58 (m, 2H, Ph H-2,6), 7.39 (m, 2H, Ph H-3,5), 7.32 (m, 1H, Indole H-5), 7.19 (m, 1H, Ph H-4). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 180.0 (Indole C-3), 159.3 (Indole C-2), 148.6 (Indole C-7a), 148.0 (O=CNH), 139.2 (Indole C-6), 136.4 (Ph C-1), 129.2 (Ph C-3,5), 126.0 (Indole C-5), 125.5 (Indole C-4),

125.1 (Ph C-4), 118.5 (Indole C-3a), 118.2 (Indole C-7), 120.7 (Ph C-2,6). ¹⁵N NMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -267.3 (O=CNH), Indole N-1 not found *via* HMBC.

HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀N₂O₃H⁺ 267.0764 [M+H]⁺; found 267.0767.

***N*-(adamantan-1-yl)-5-methoxy-2,3-dioxo-1-indolinecarboxamide (5c)**



By following General Procedure 1, starting from 5-methoxy-1*H*-indole-2,3-dione (0.354 g, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 1-Adamantyl isocyanate (0.425 g, 2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and KF-Celite (1.5 equiv, 3.0 mmol, 0.349 g, 50% w/w) in 2-MeTHF (reaction time 12 h), compound **5c** was obtained in 92% yield (0.652 g) as a brown solid. mp 163-165 °C.

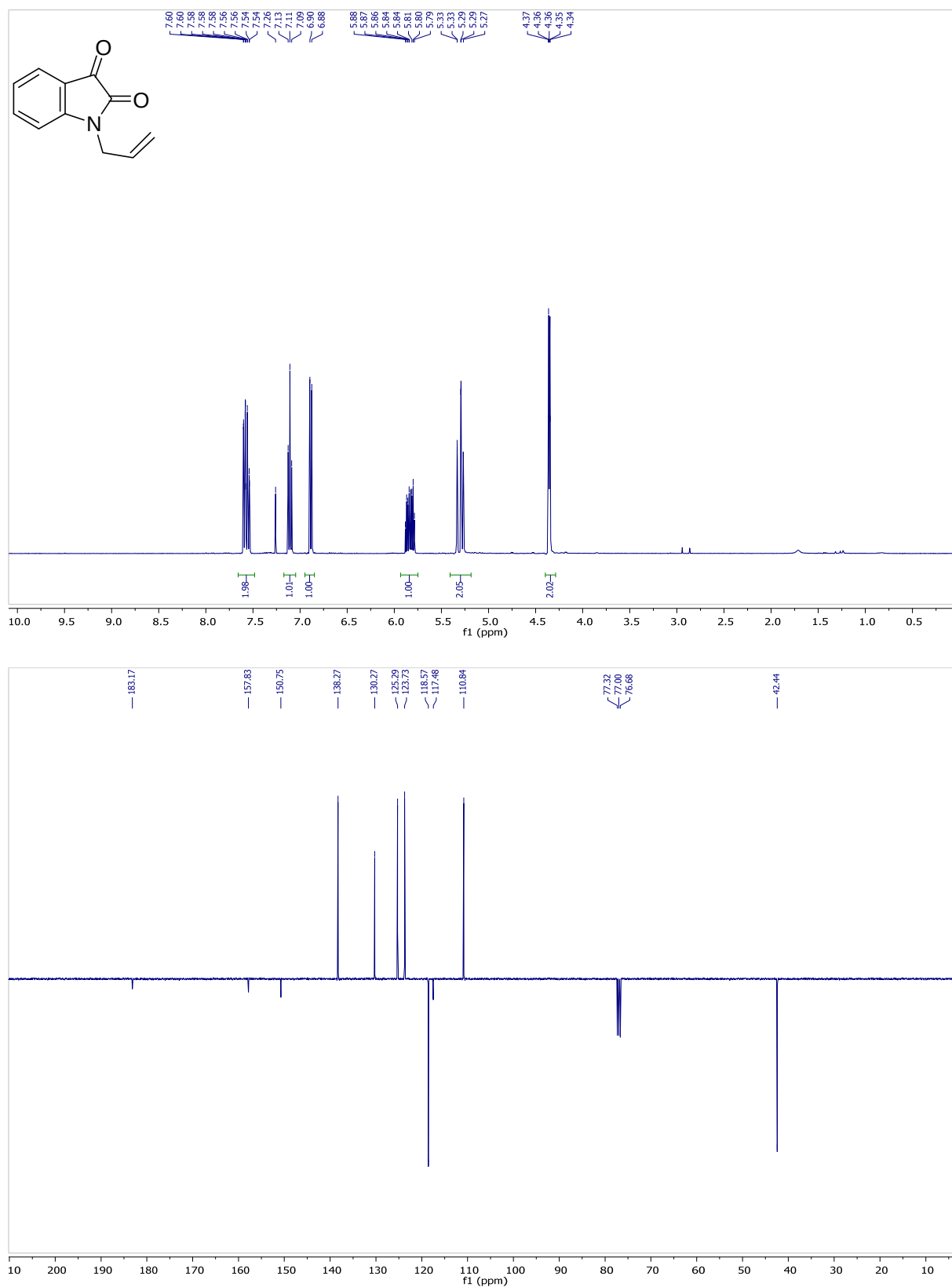
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HRMS (ESI), *m/z*: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂N₂NaO₄ 377.1472 [M+Na]⁺; found 377.1468.

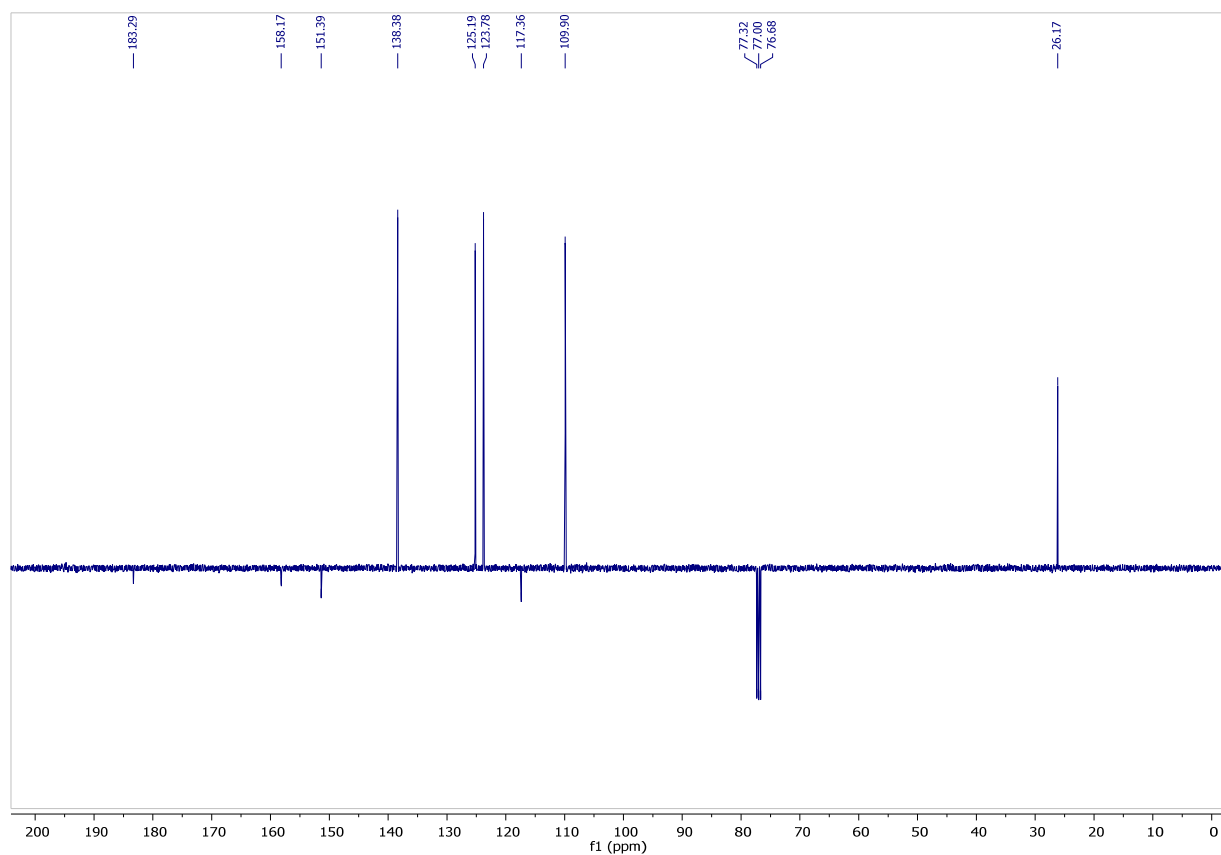
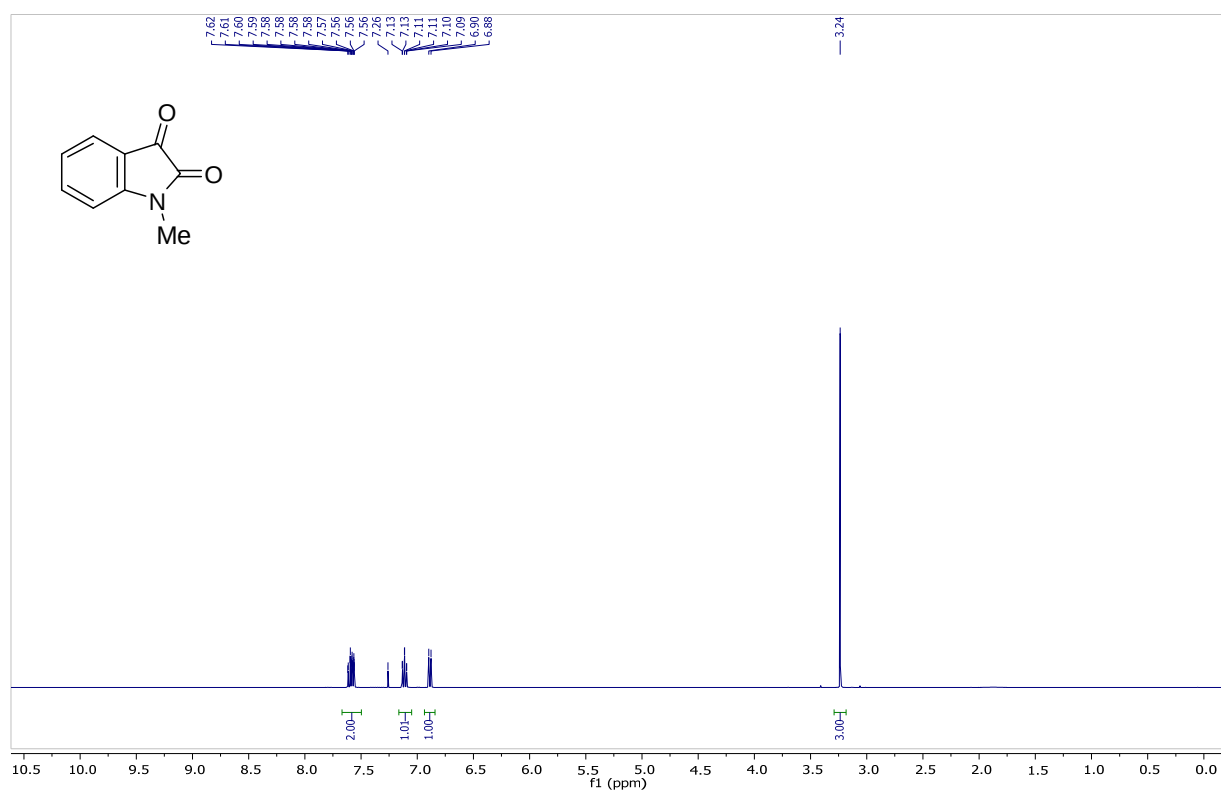
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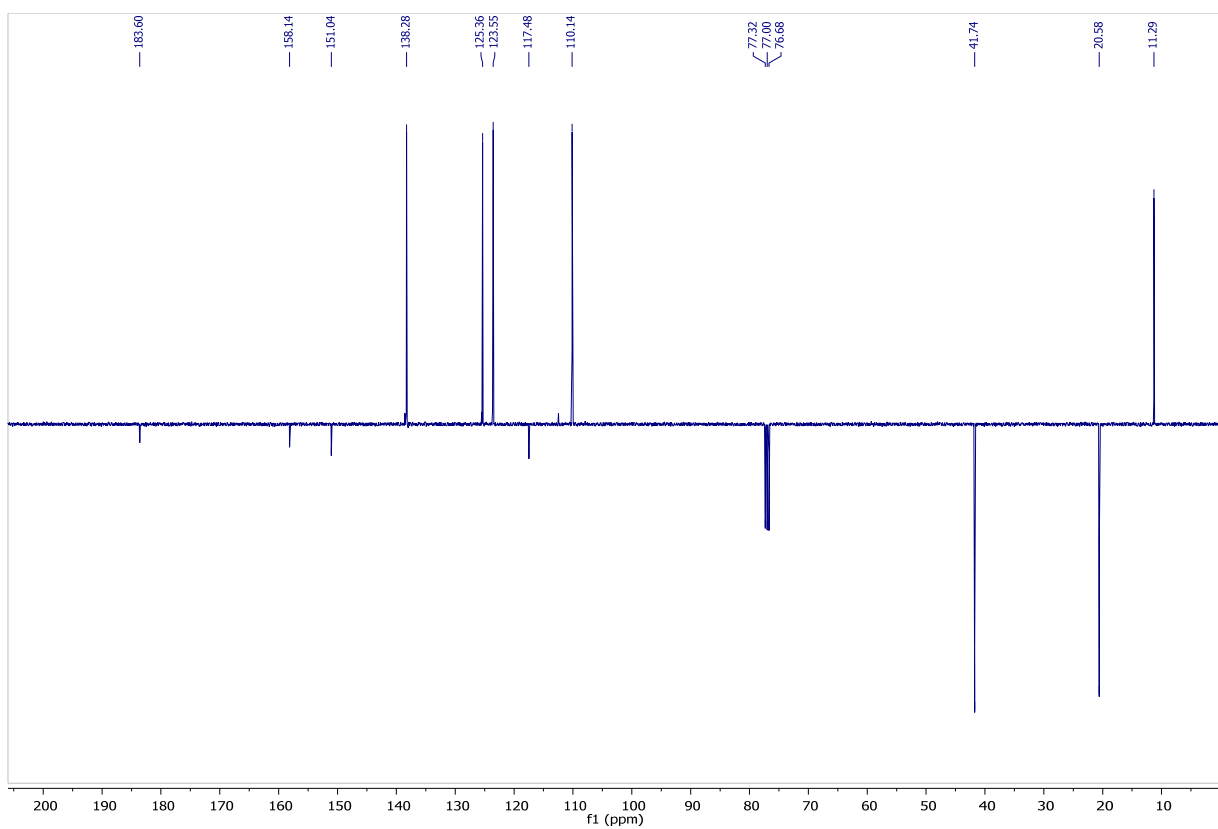
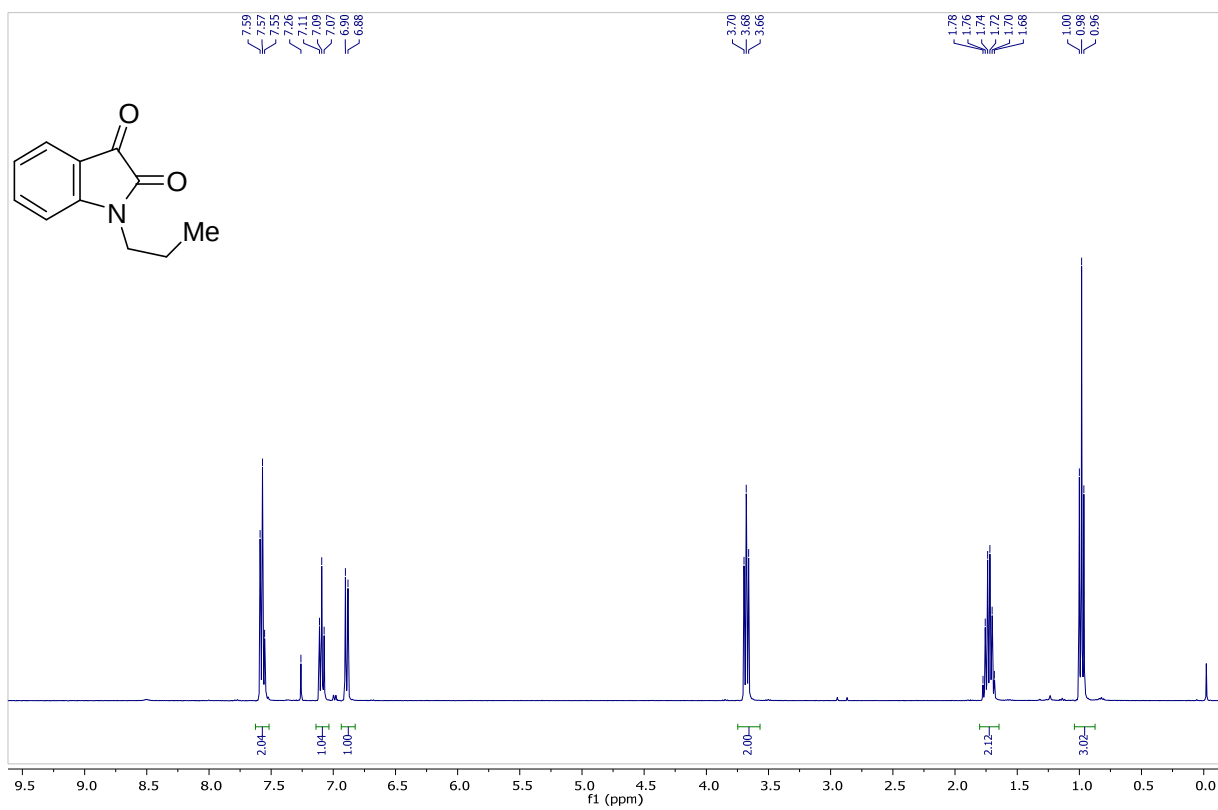
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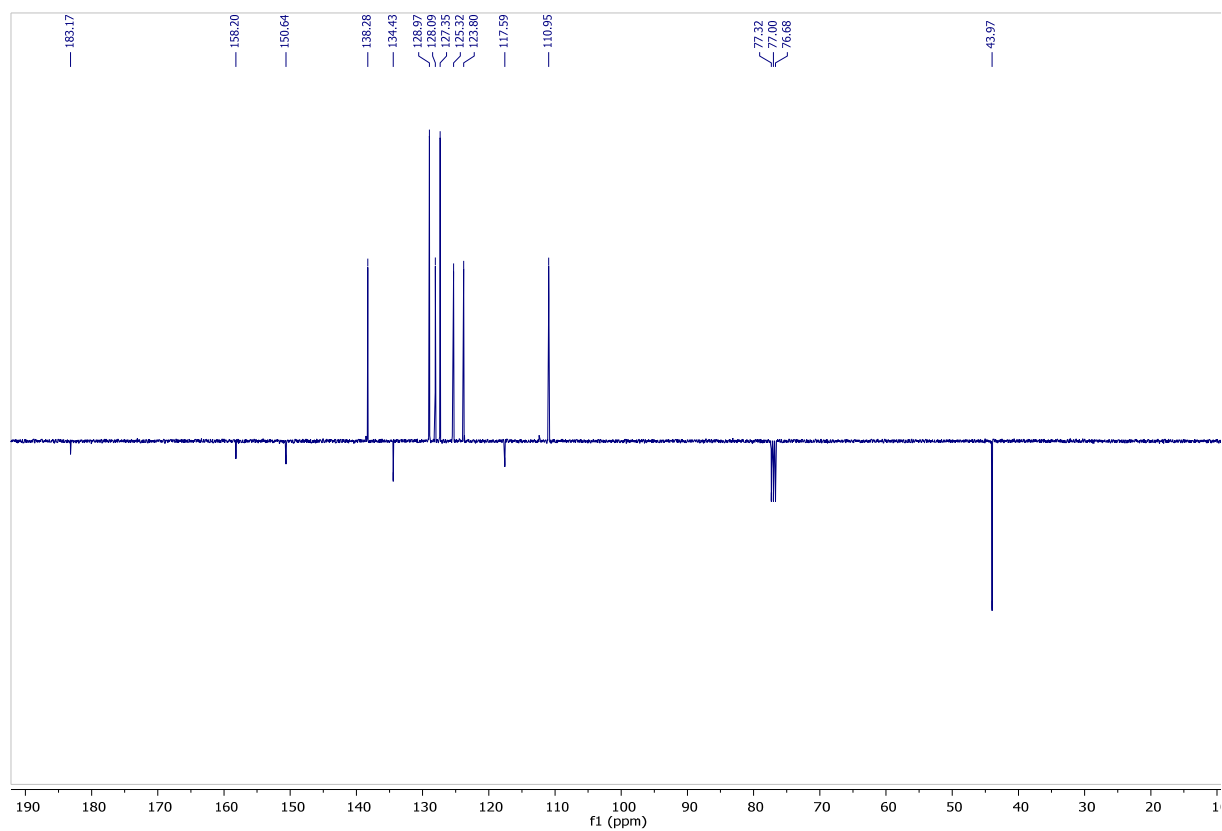
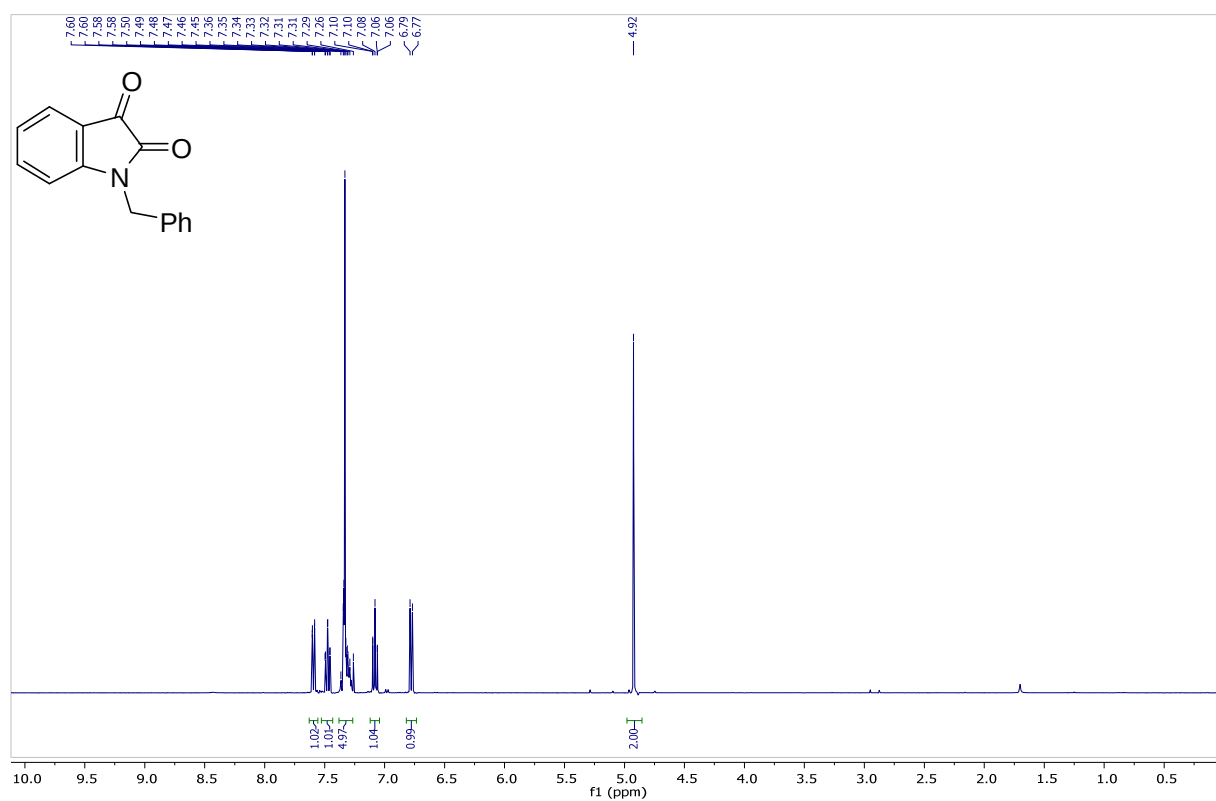
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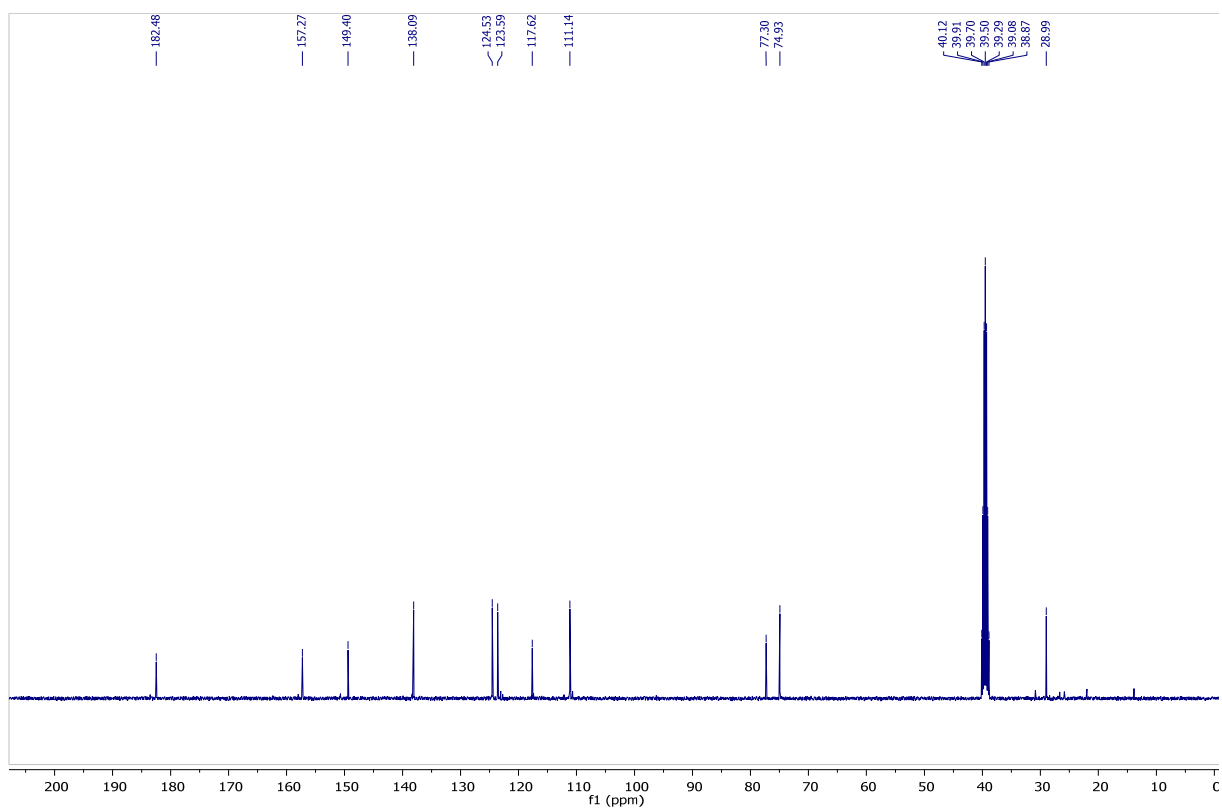
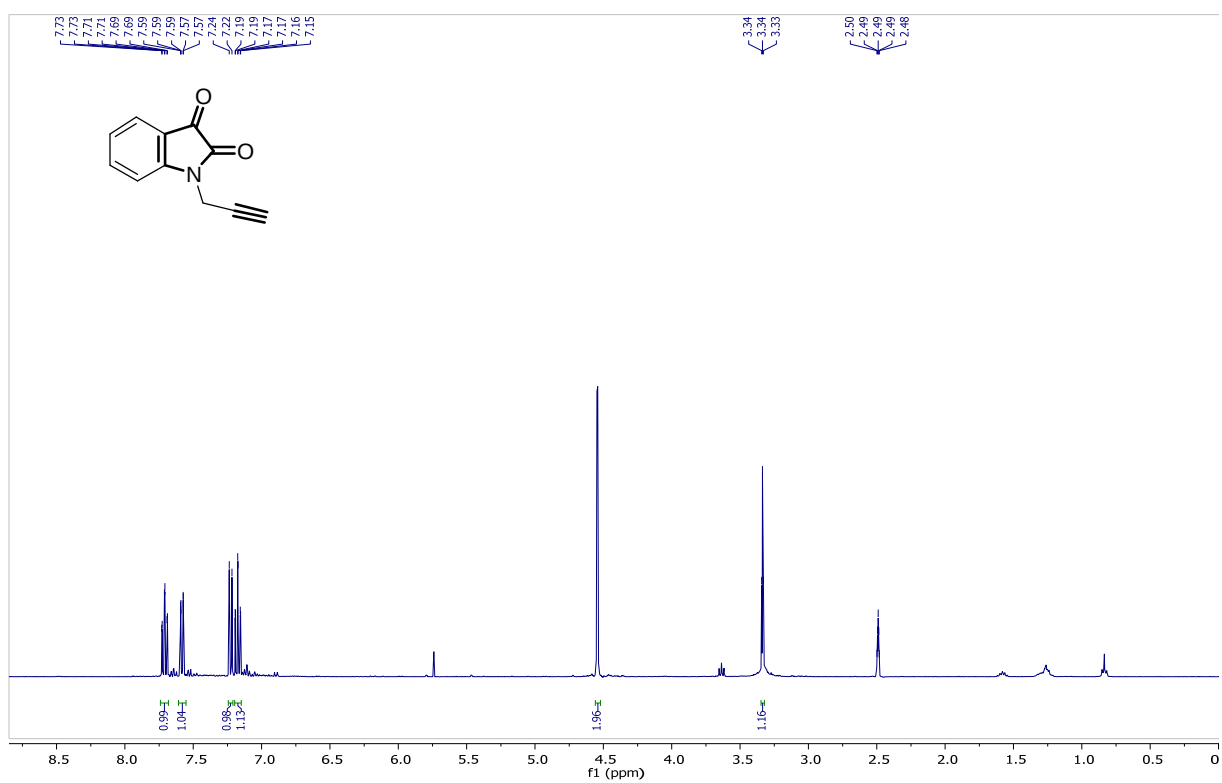
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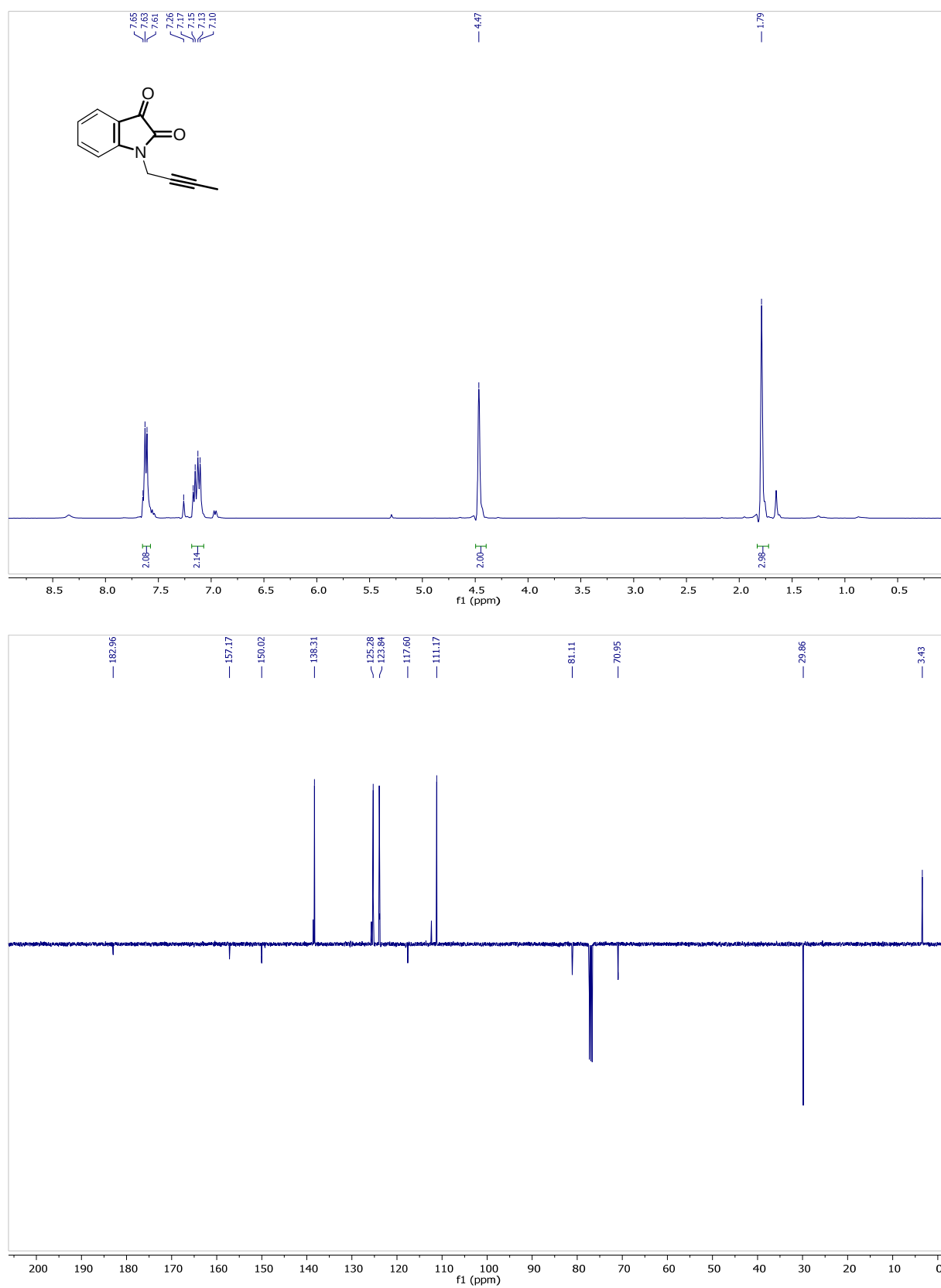
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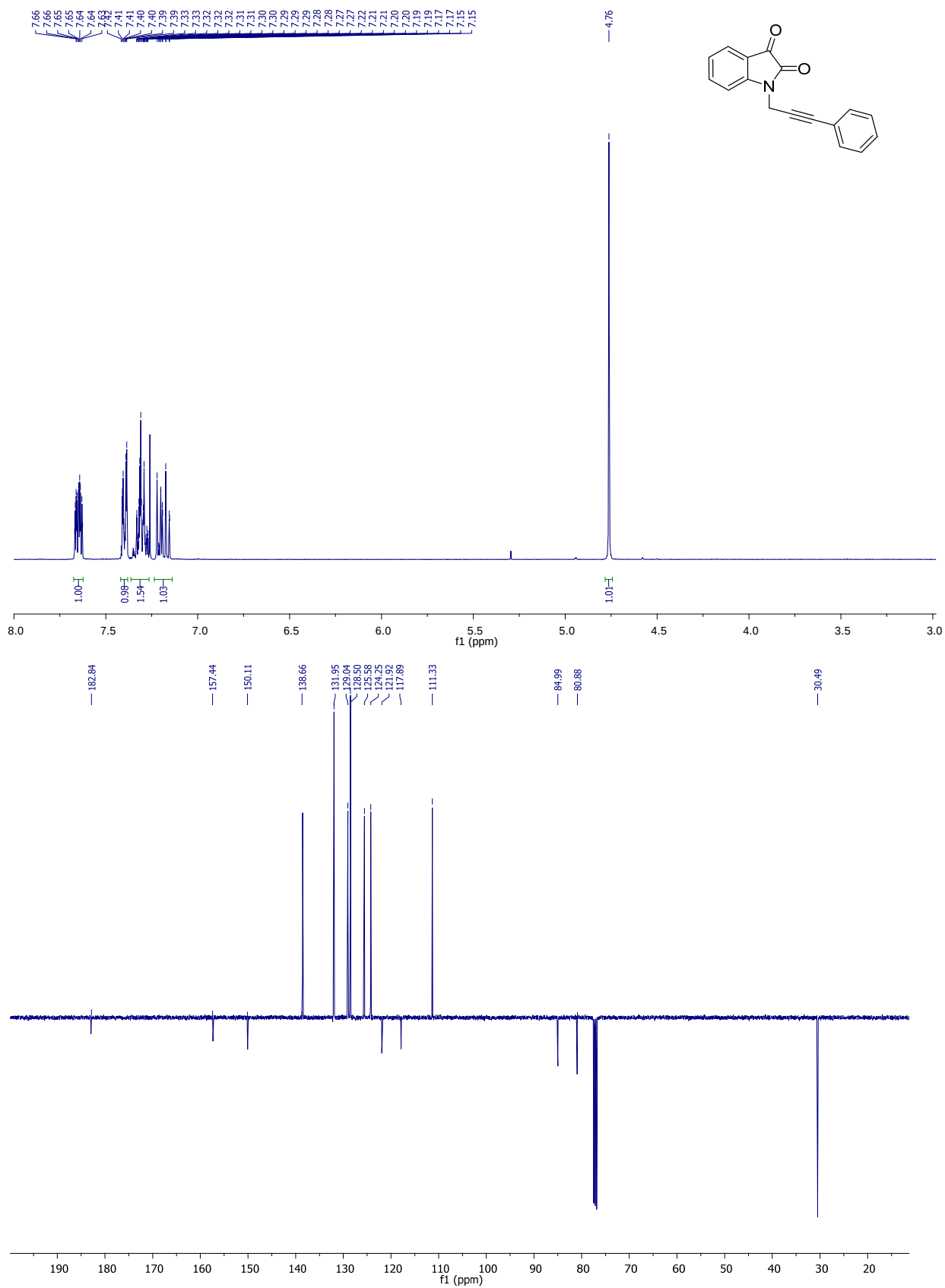
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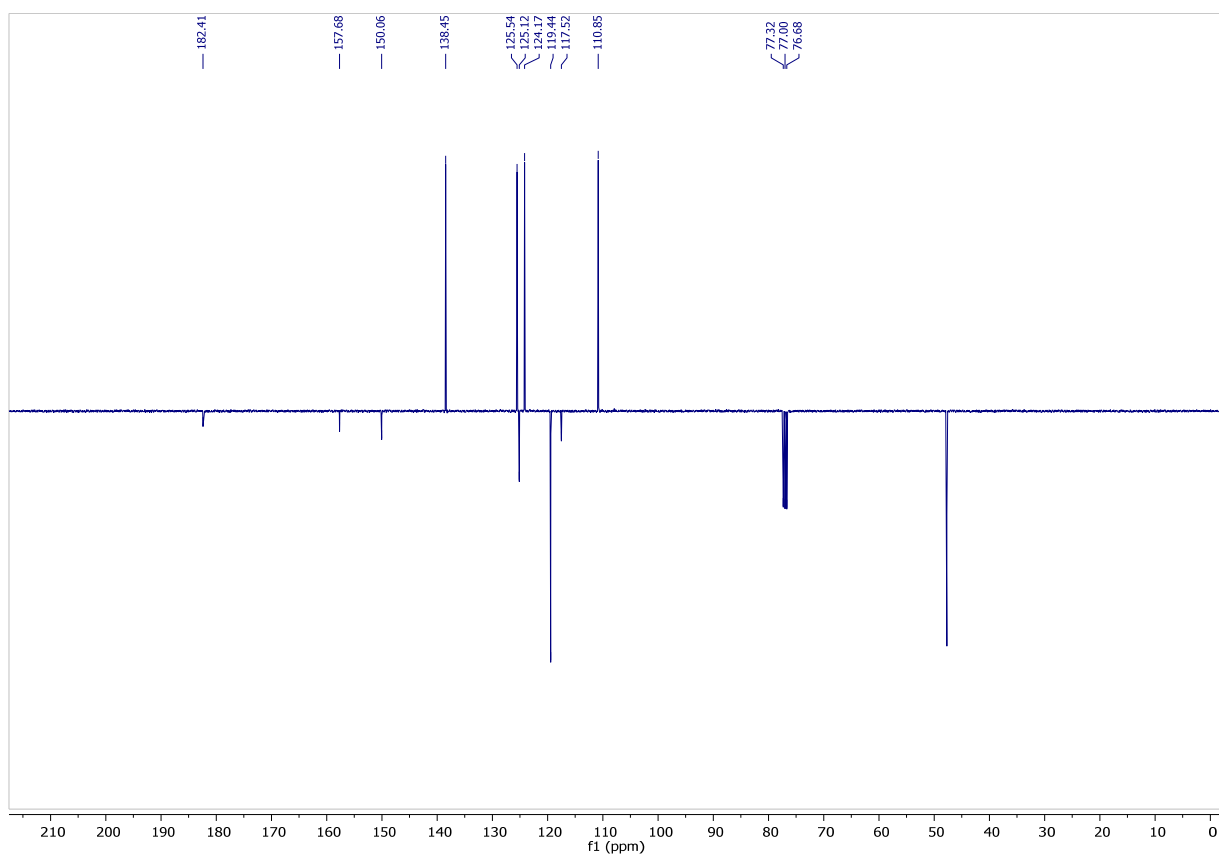
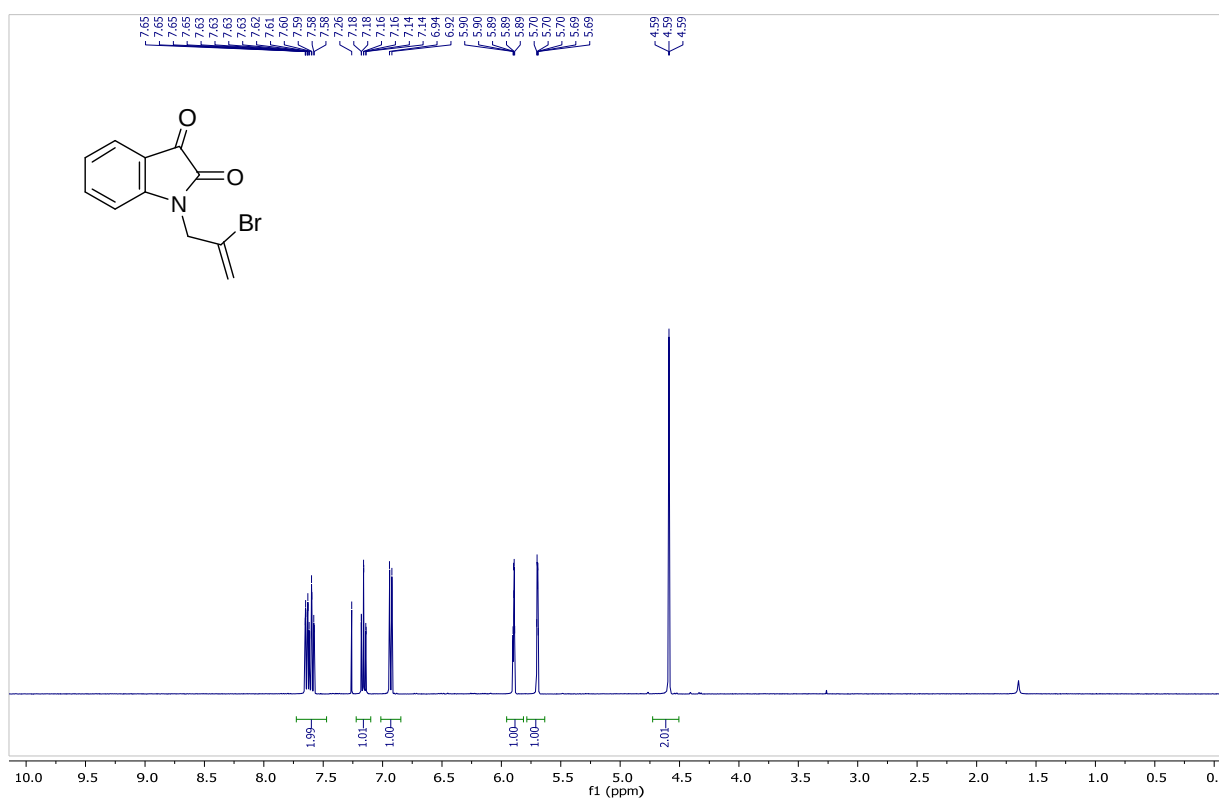
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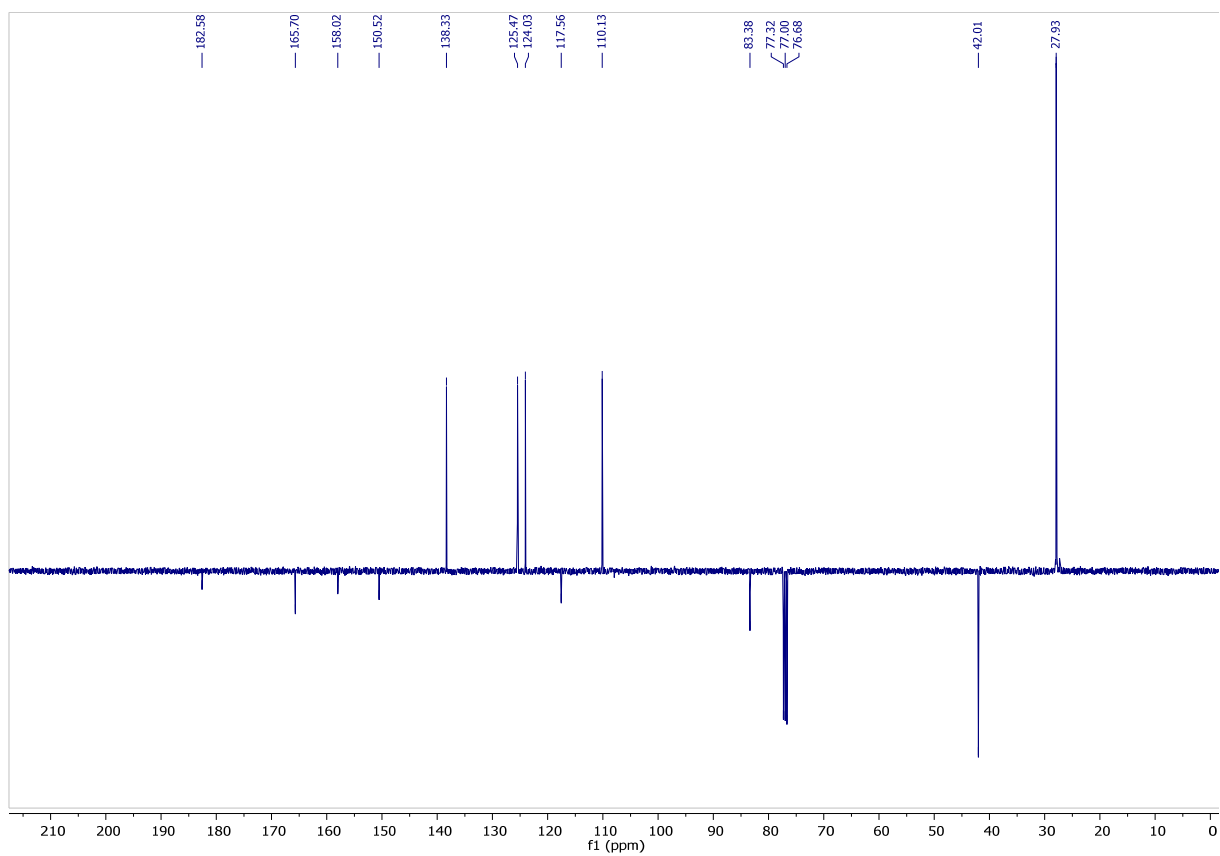
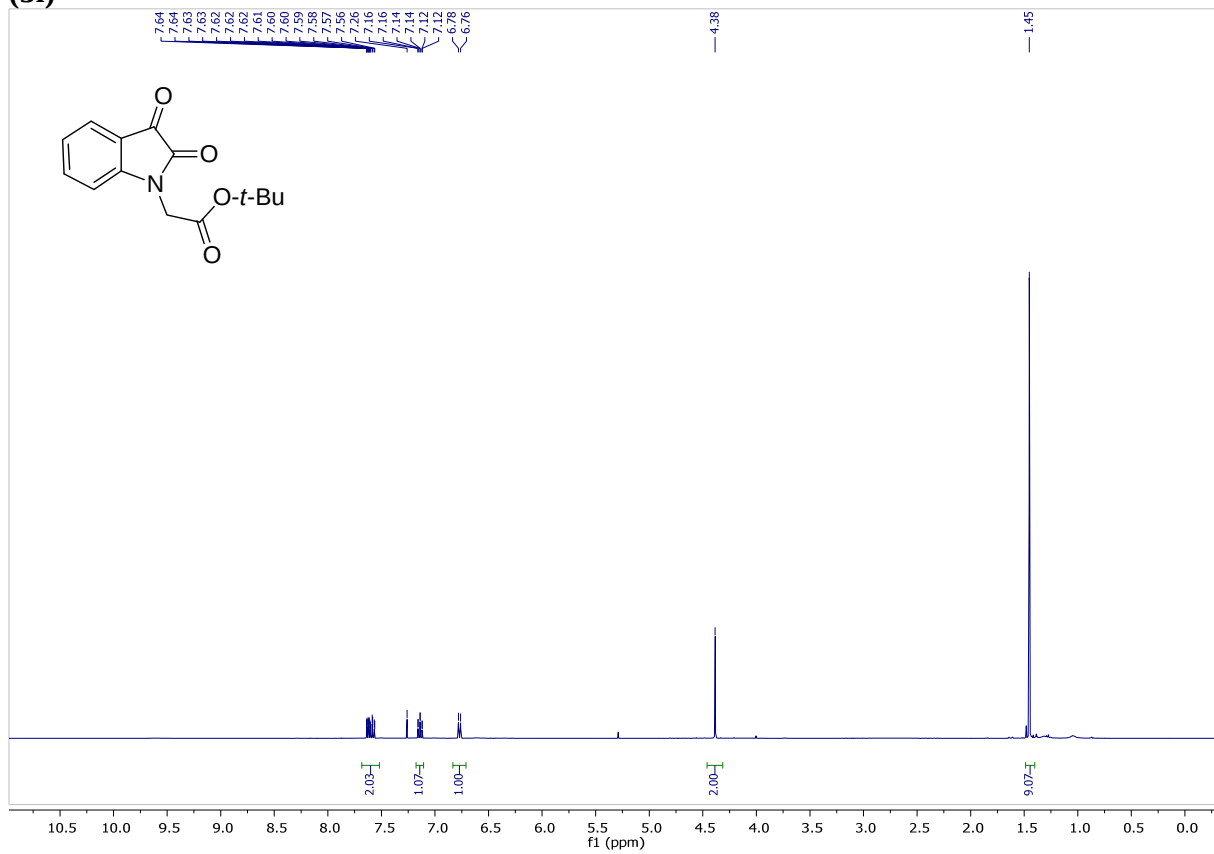
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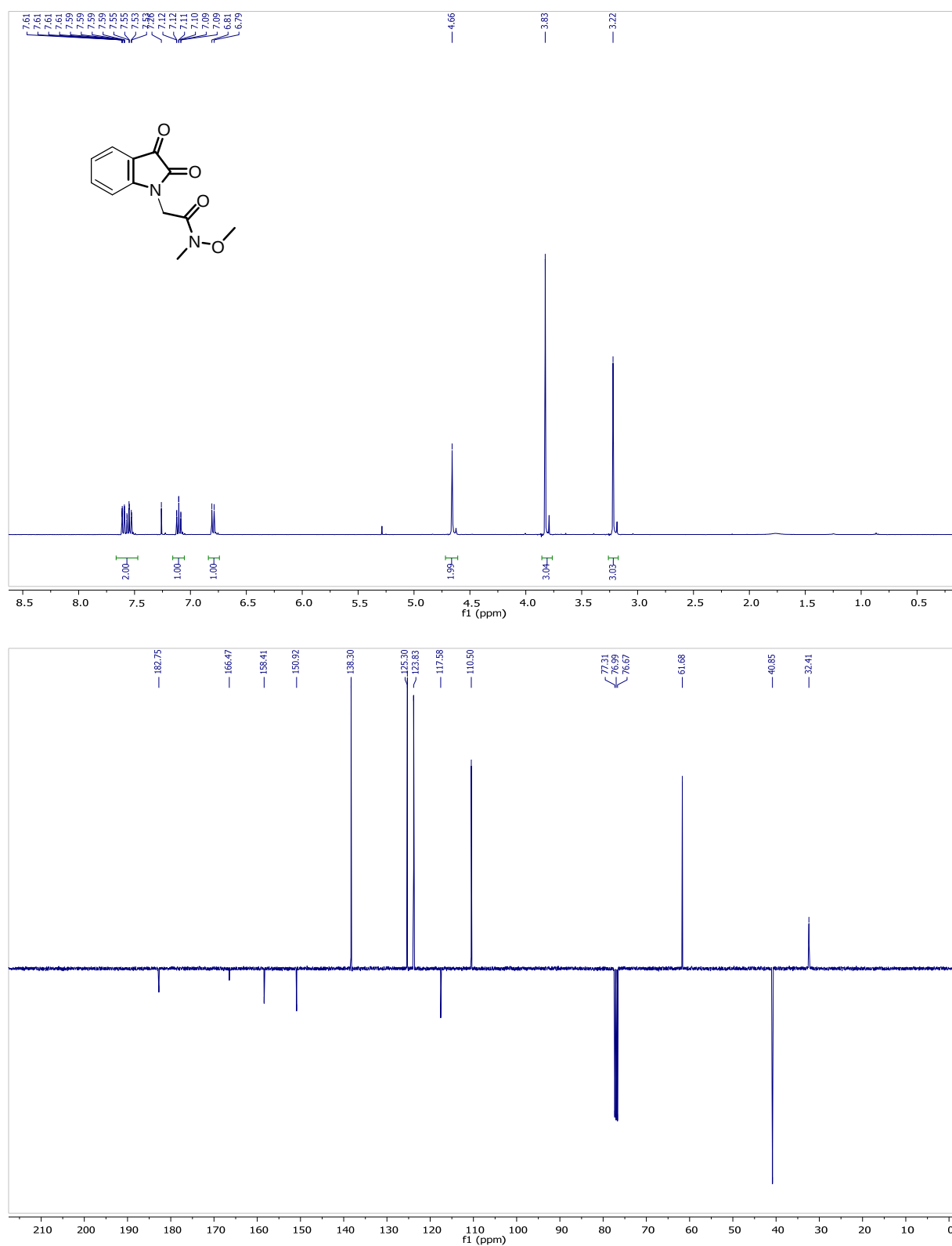
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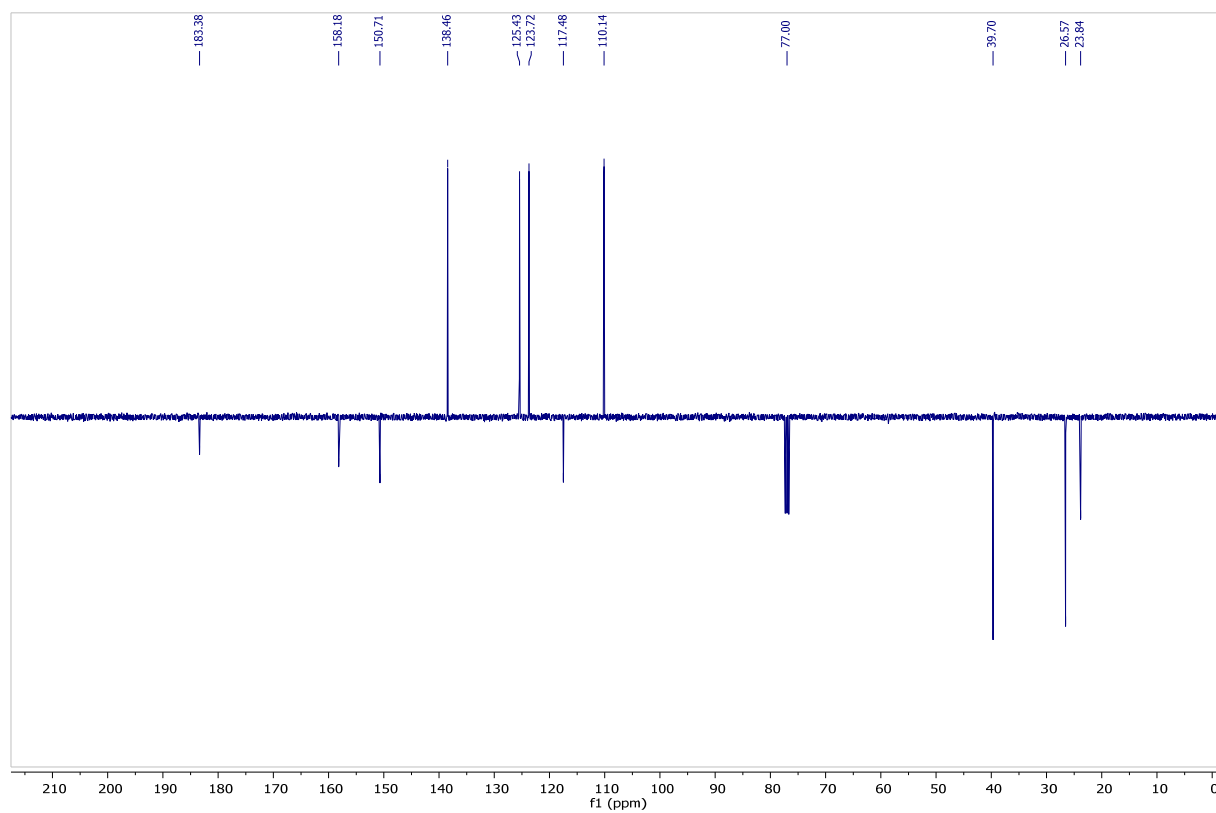
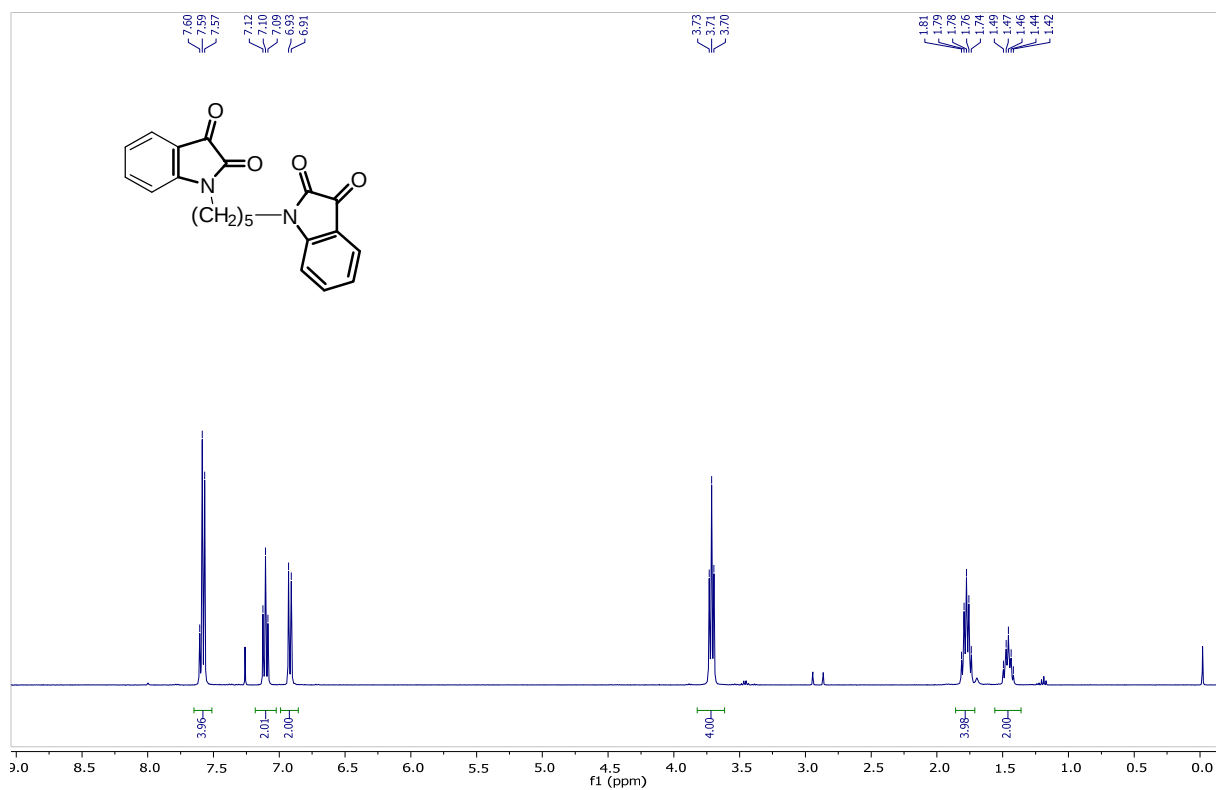
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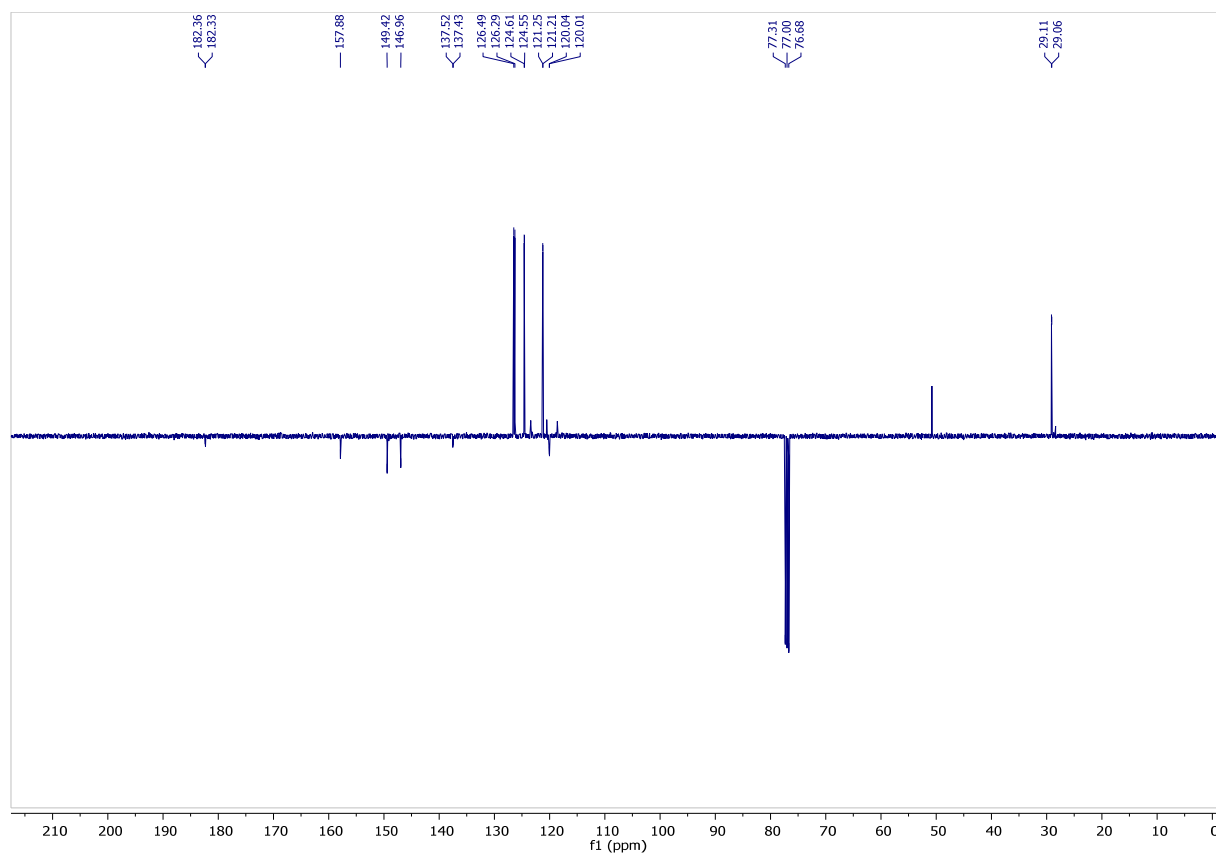
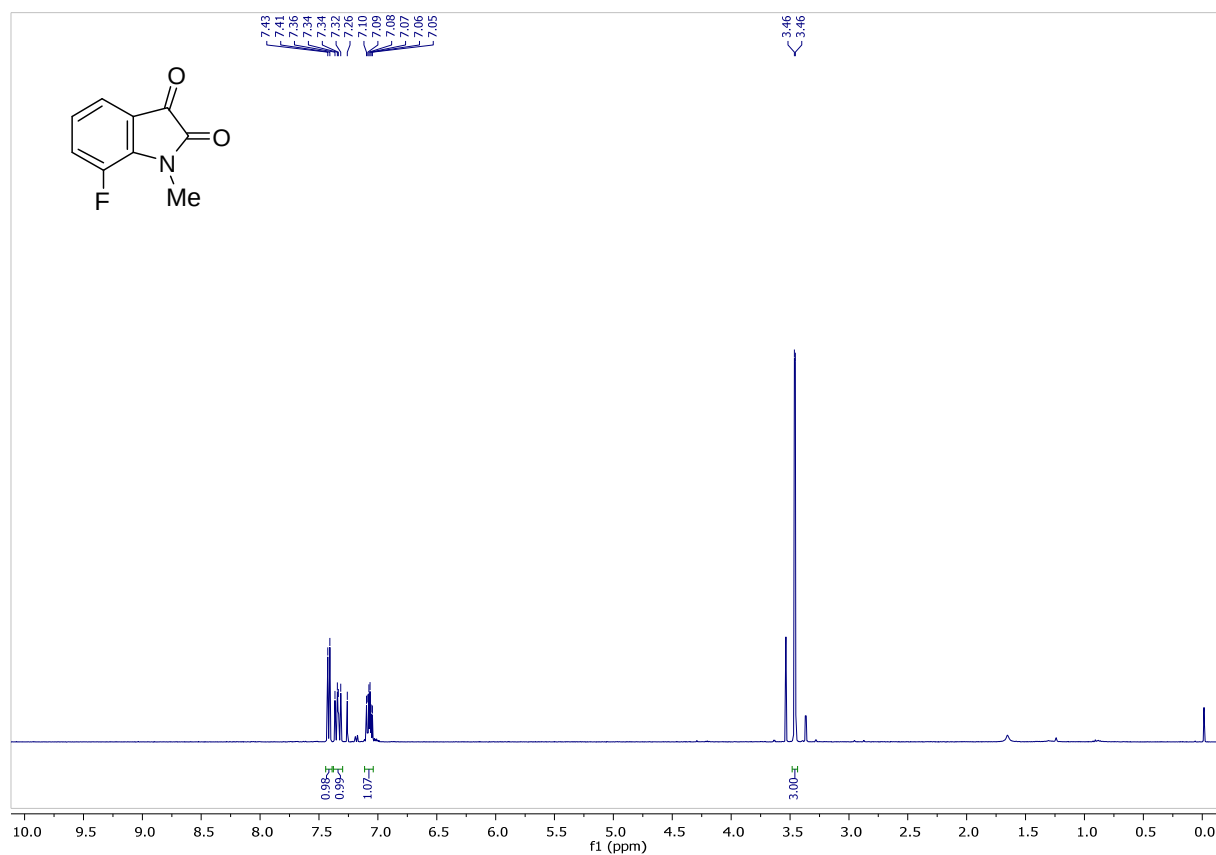
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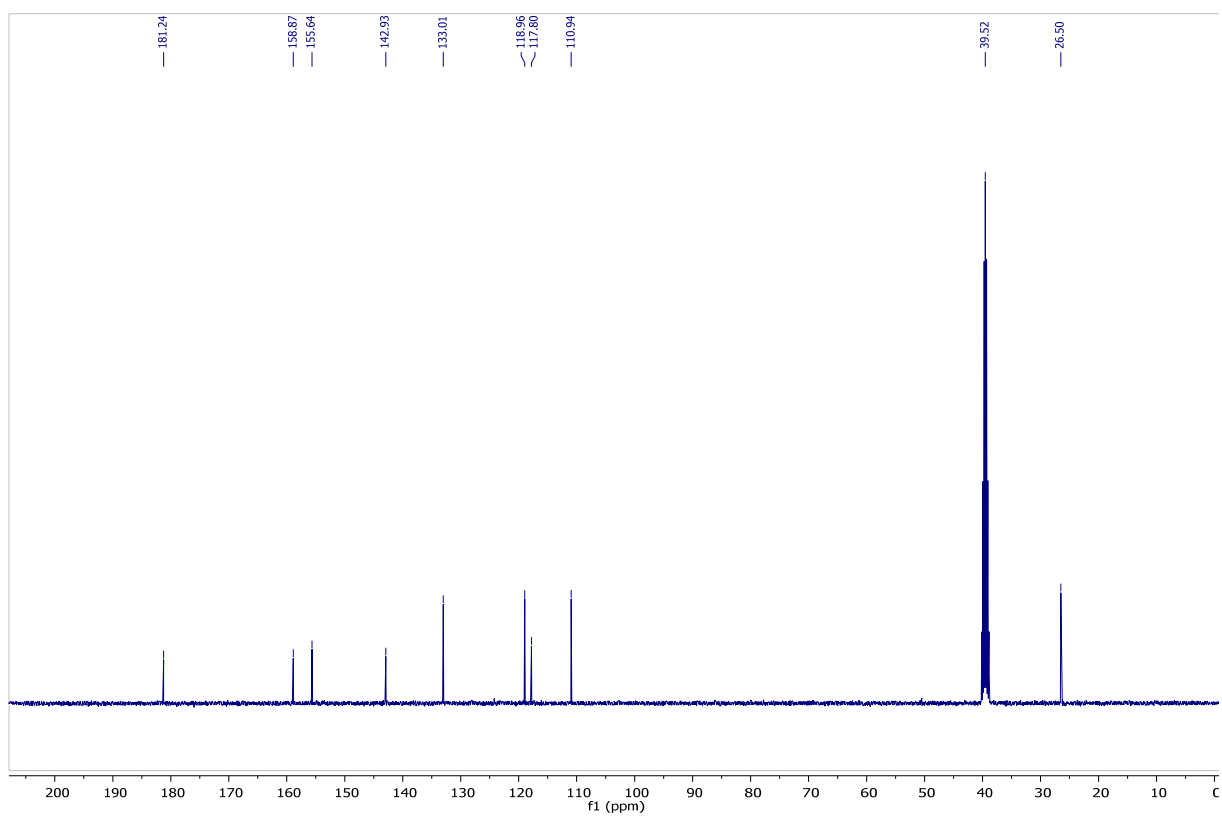
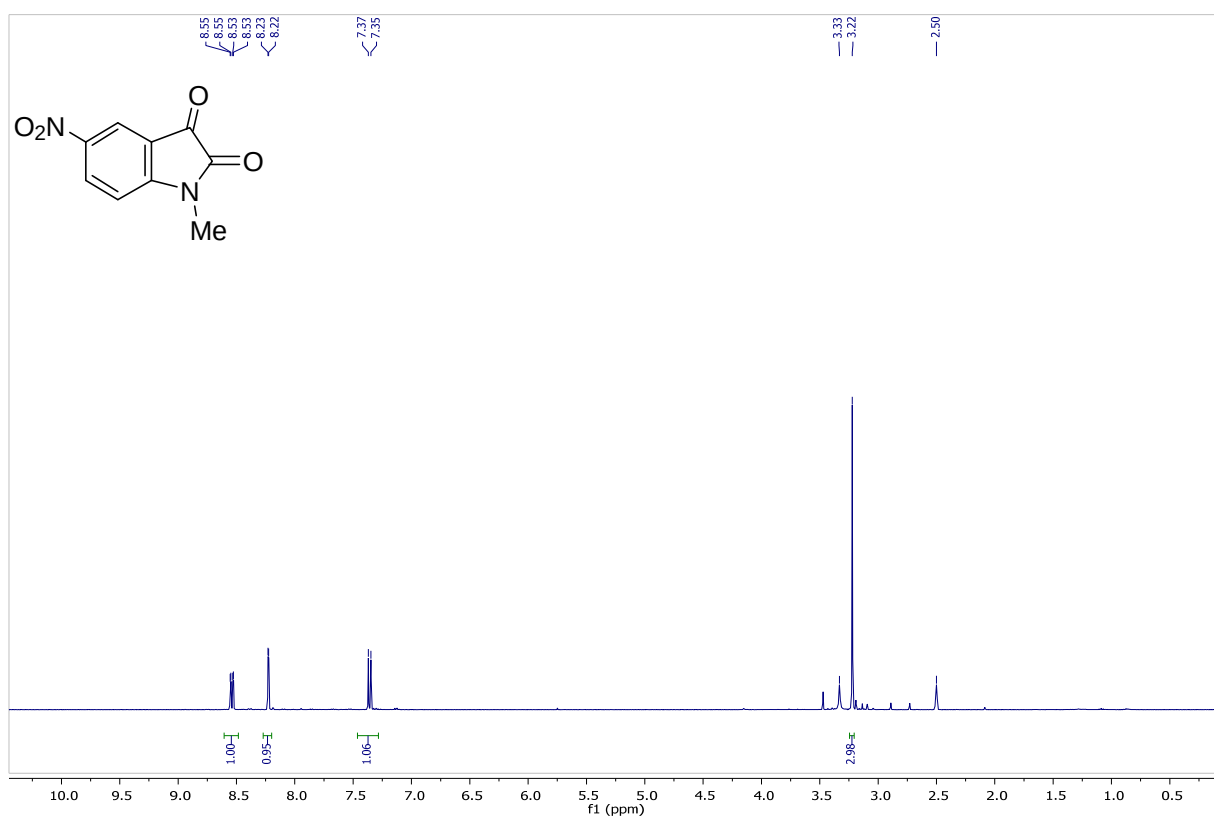
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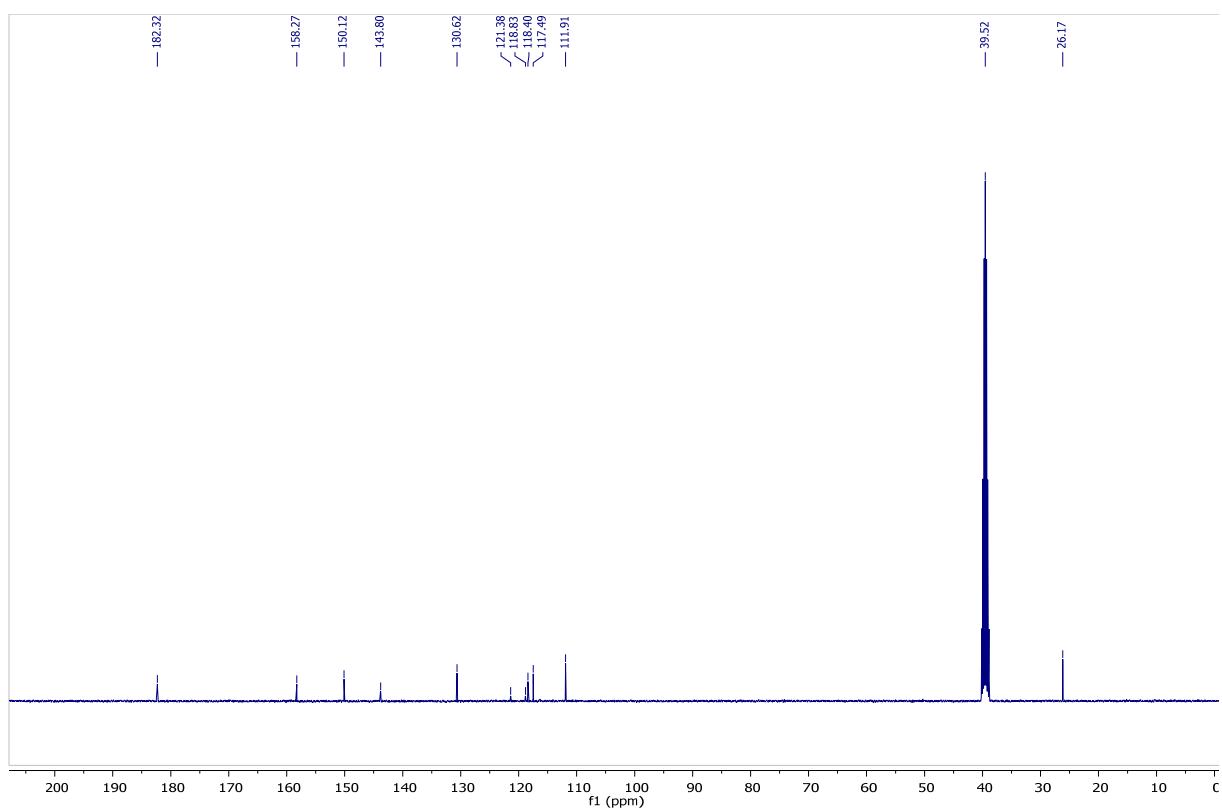
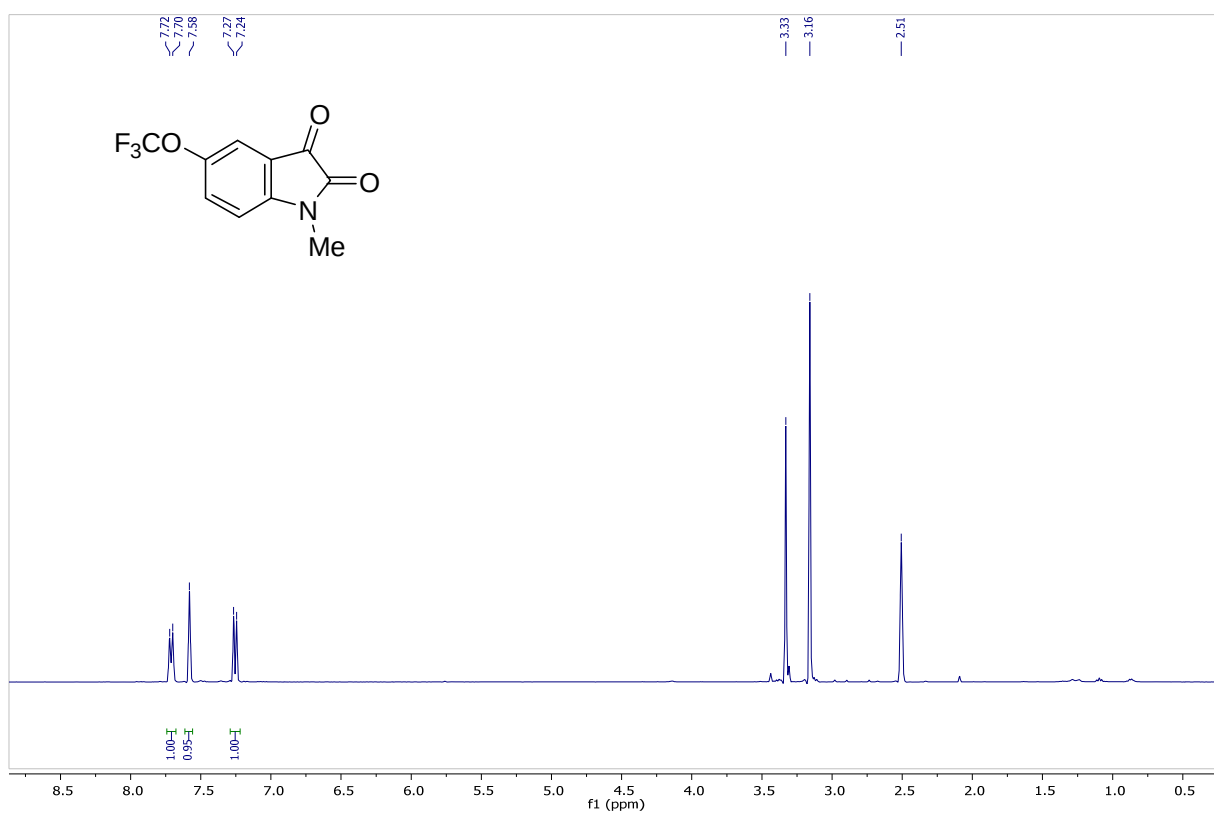
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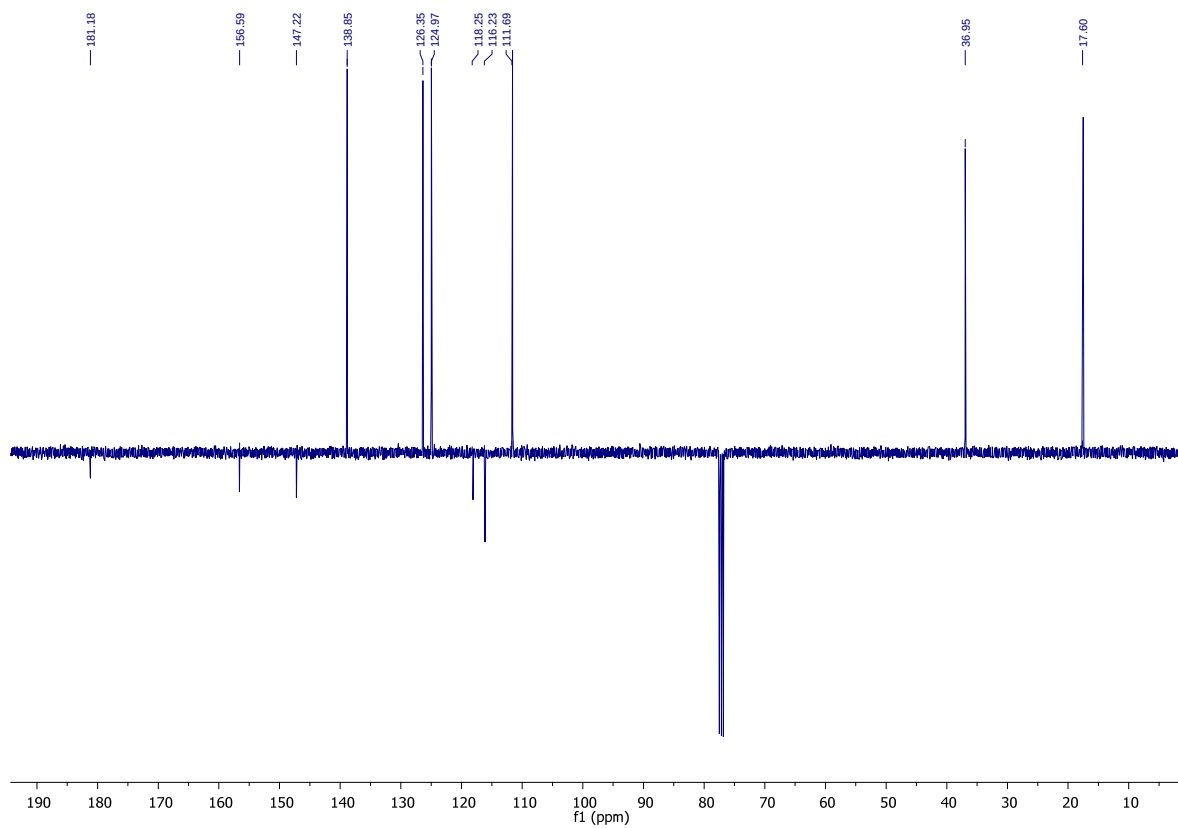
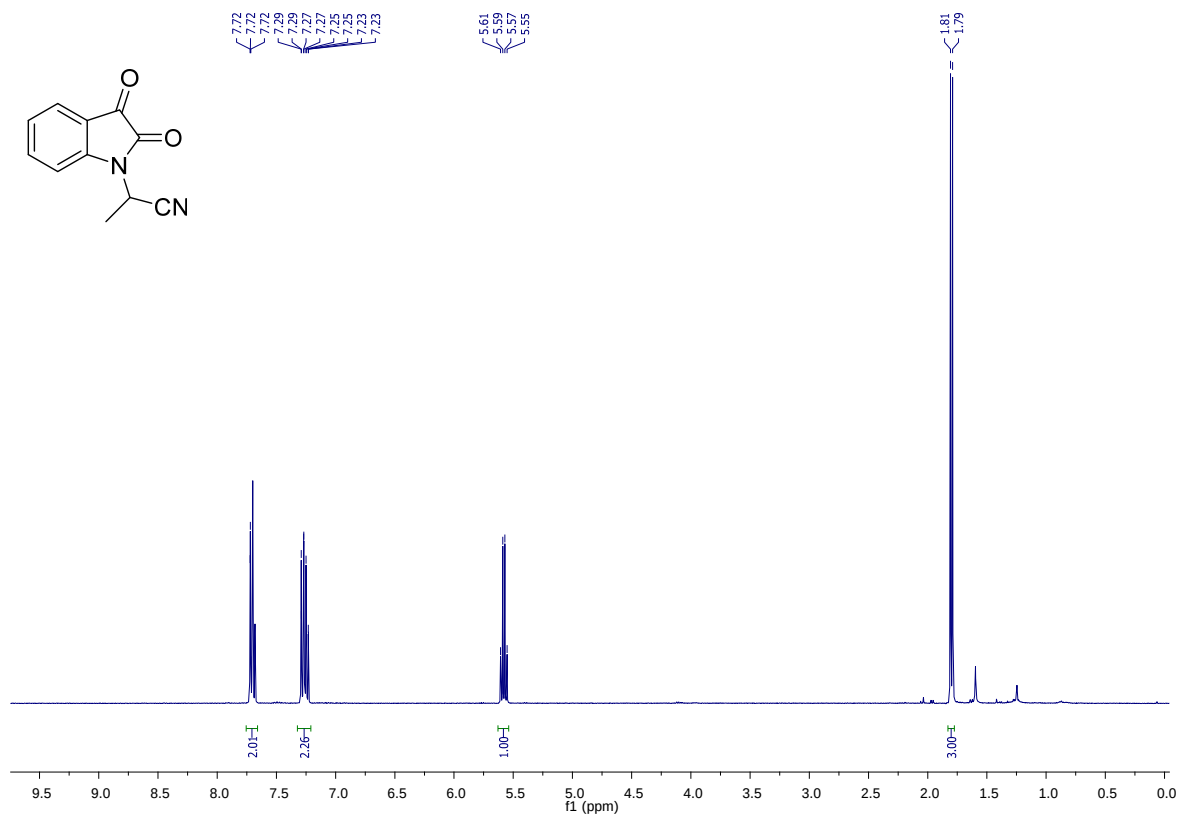
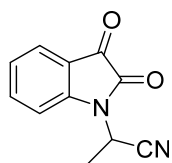
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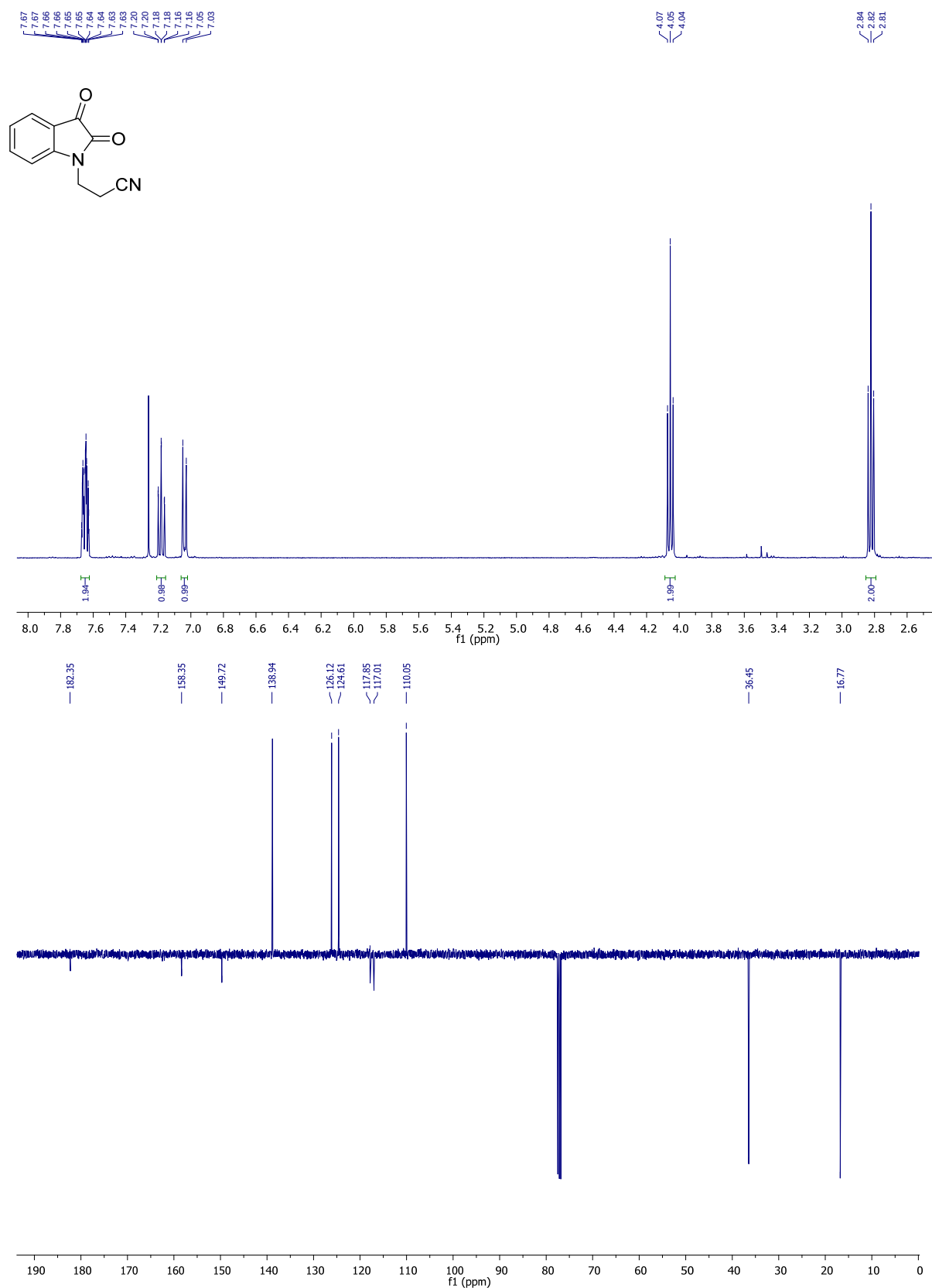
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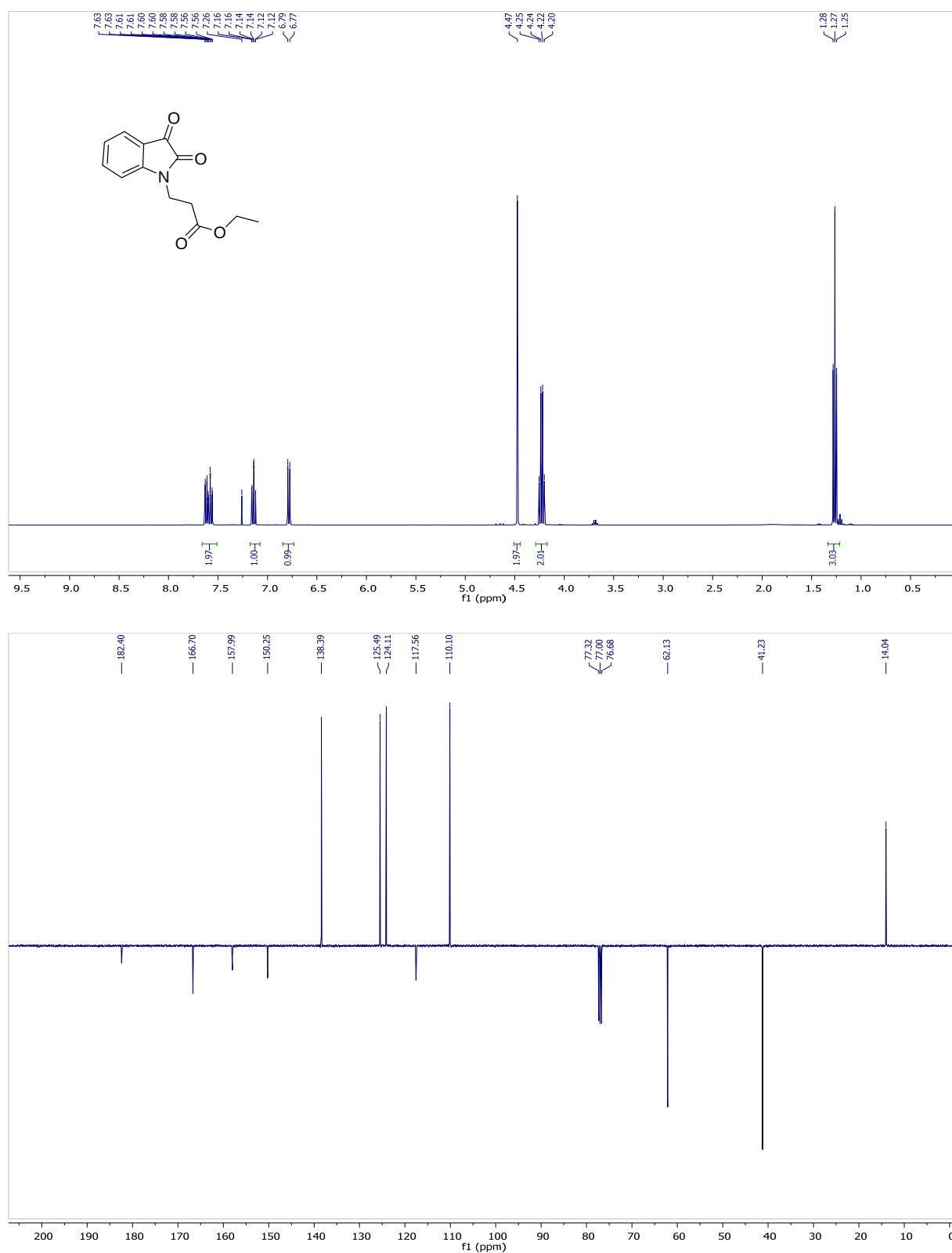
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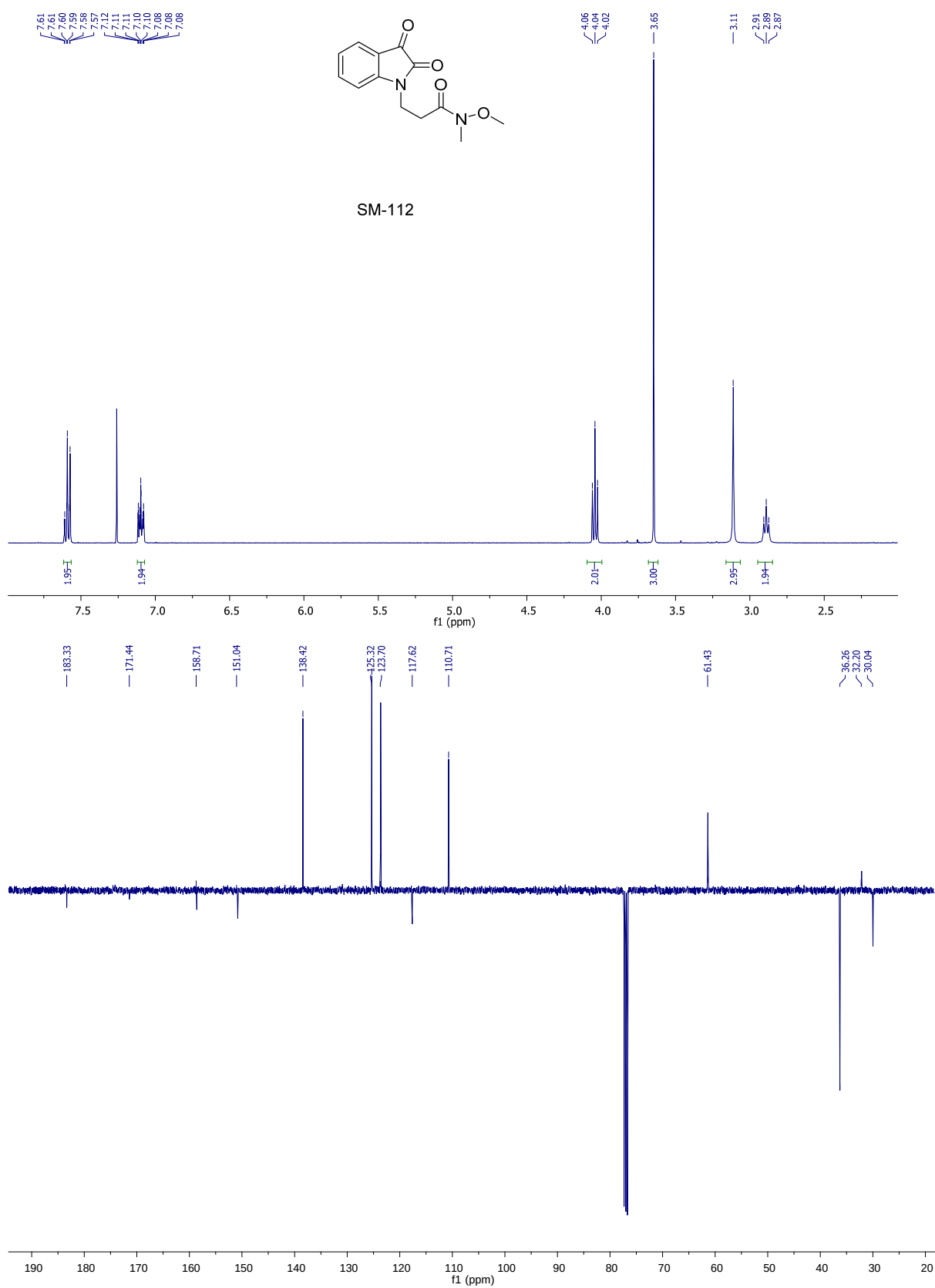
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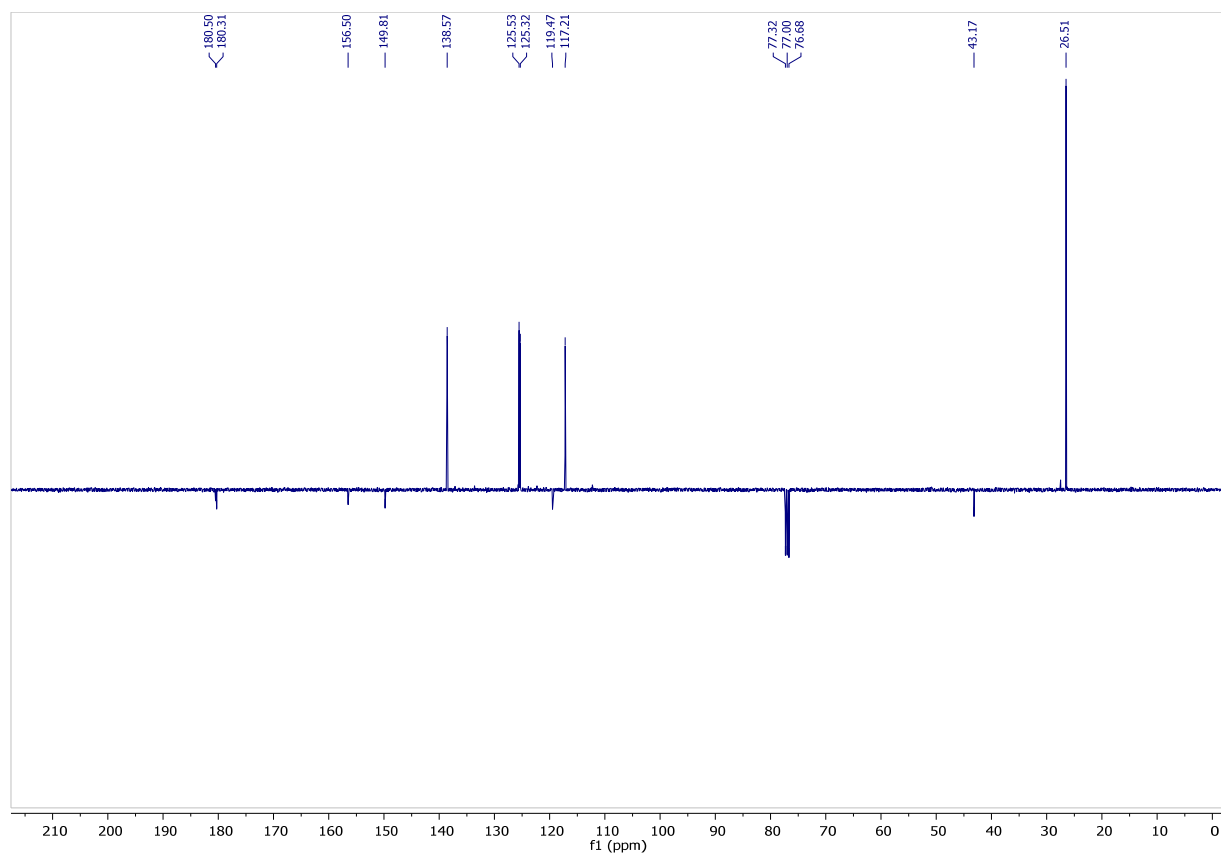
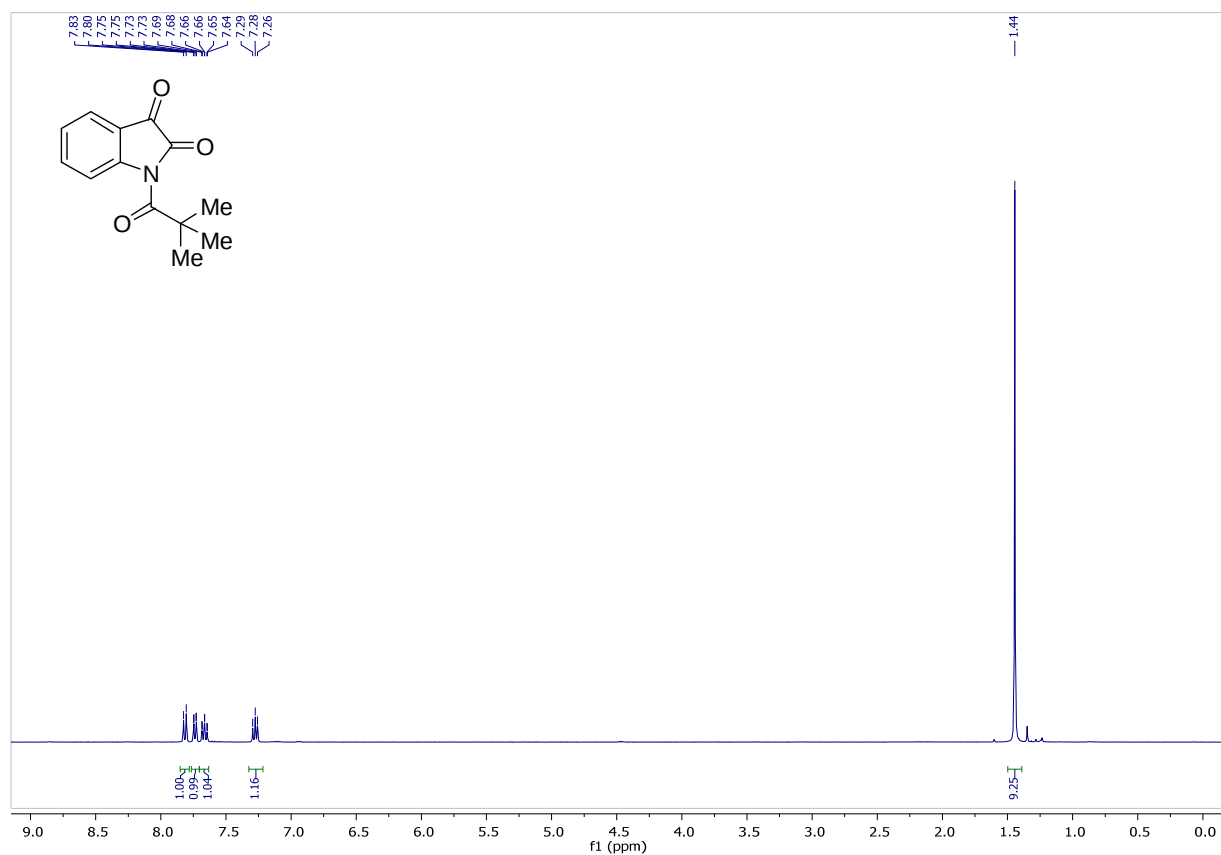
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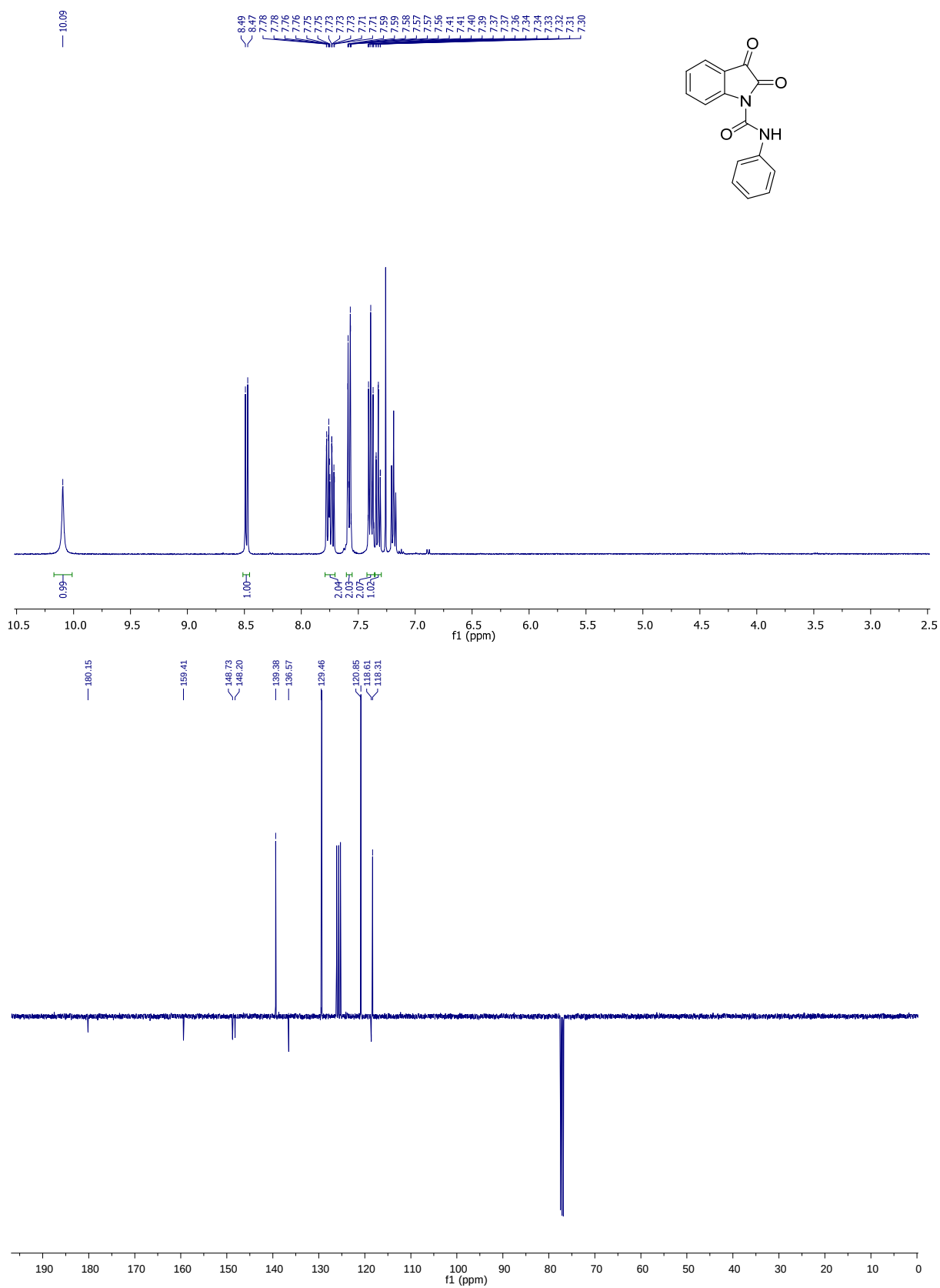
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(5a)



(5b)



(5c)

