

Supporting Information
For

A Mild and Facile Synthesis of Polyfunctionalized Pyridines: Merging
Three-Component Cyclization and Aerobic Oxidation by Amine/Metal
Catalysts

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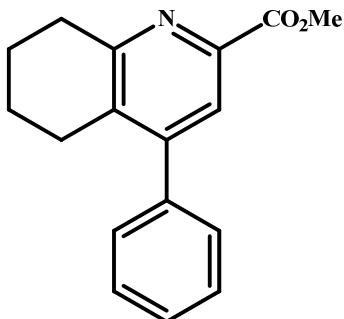
General Information

Column chromatography was generally performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh) and reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using UV light to visualize the course of the reactions. The ^1H (400MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100MHz) data were recorded on Bruker AVANCEII400MHz spectrometer using CDCl_3 as solvent. The chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants (J) in Hz. ^1H NMR spectra was recorded with tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm) as internal reference; ^{13}C NMR spectra was recorded with CDCl_3 ($\delta = 77.00$ ppm) as internal reference.

General procedures for reactions

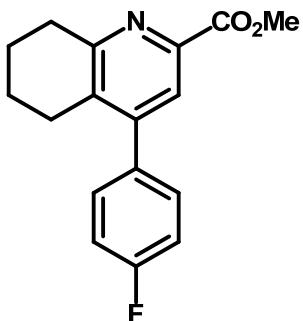
To a solution of β , γ -unsaturated α -ketoester (0.5 mmol) in 1.5 mL methanol was added ketone or aldehyde (0.6 mmol), ceric ammonium nitrate (0.05mmol), pyrrolidine (0.1 mmol) and ammonium acetate (0.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under air atmosphere (open flask). The reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). When the reaction was completed, it was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate 3 times. Removal of solvent followed by column chromatography afforded desired products.

Compound characterizations



Methyl 4-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3aa

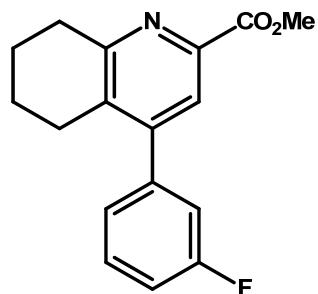
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 76% yield (215 mg), white solid, Mp 119-120 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.72 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 158.3, 150.2, 144.6, 138.3, 134.1, 128.3, 127.9, 123.4, 52.6, 33.1, 27.6, 22.5, 22.4. MS (ESI, m/z) 268.3 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), 290.3 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2947(s), 1711(vs), 1583(m), 1454(m), 1248(vs), 1130(s), 702(s). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$: C, 76.38; H, 6.41; N, 5.24. Found: C, 76.31; H, 6.34; N, 5.32.



Methyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ba

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 75% yield (270 mg), white solid, Mp 103-104 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08

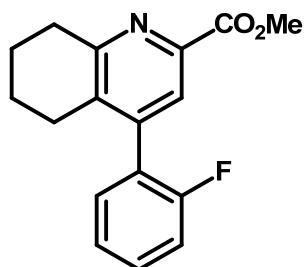
(t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.73 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 162.5 (d, J = 247.3 Hz), 158.6, 149.4, 144.8, 134.3(4) (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 134.2(8), 130.2 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 123.5, 115.5 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 52.8, 33.2, 27.8, 22.6, 22.5. MS (ESI, m/z) 286.3 (M + H $^+$), 308.3 (M + Na $^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2948(s), 1731(vs), 1609(m), 1508(s), 1254(vs), 1130(m), 846(s). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_2$: C, 71.56; H, 5.65; N, 4.91. Found: C, 71.64; H, 5.43; N, 4.99.



Methyl 4-(3-fluorophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ca

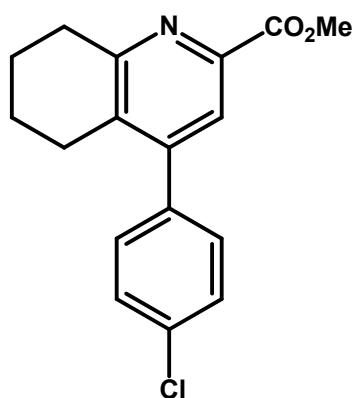
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 68% yield (164 mg), white solid, Mp 76-77 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.16 (m, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.79 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 162.5 (d, J = 245.2 Hz), 158.7, 149.1 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 144.8, 140.5 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 134.1, 130.1 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 124.2 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 123.3, 115.6 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 115.1 (d, J = 20.7 Hz), 52.8, 33.2, 27.7, 22.6, 22.5. MS (ESI, m/z) 286.2 (M + H $^+$), 308.2 (M + Na $^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2961(vs), 1723(vs), 1445(s), 1264(s), 1117(m), 788(s). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_2$: C, 71.56; H, 5.65; N,

4.91. Found: C, 71.43; H, 5.57; N, 5.11.



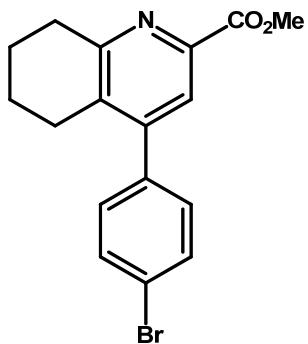
Methyl 4-(2-fluorophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3da

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 66% yield (144 mg), white solid, Mp 75-76 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.26 (m, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.70 (m, 2H) 1.92-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.78 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 158.9 (d, J = 246.0 Hz), 158.3, 144.7 (d, J = 14.5 Hz), 135.4, 130.5 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 125.8 (d, J = 15.8 Hz), 124.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 123.9, 115.7 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 52.7, 33.1, 26.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 22.6, 22.2. MS (ESI, m/z) 286.2 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), 308.2 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2934(vs), 1706(vs), 1584(m), 1264(s), 762(s), 615(w). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_2$: C, 71.56; H, 5.65; N, 4.91. Found: C, 71.48; H, 5.33; N, 4.76.



Methyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ea

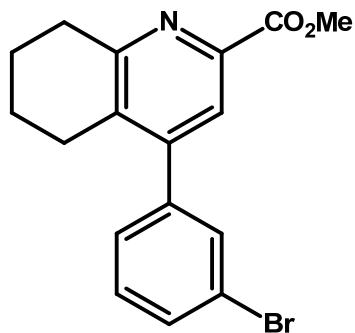
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, 85% yield (235 mg), white solid, Mp 128-129 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.71 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 158.6, 149.1, 144.8, 136.8, 134.3, 134.1, 129.8, 128.7, 123.3, 52.8, 33.2, 27.7, 22.6, 22.5. MS (ESI, m/z) 302.2 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 324.2 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2931(s), 1716(vs), 1609(m), 1500(s), 1446(s), 1354(s), 1246(vs), 1124(s), 839(s). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2$: C, 67.66; H, 5.34; N, 4.64. Found: C, 67.87; H, 5.44; N, 4.85.



Methyl 4-(4-bromophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3fa

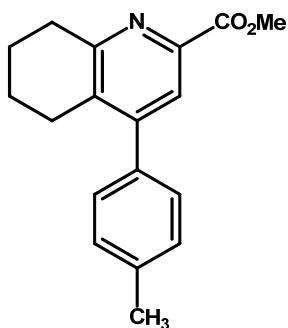
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 69% yield (168 mg), white solid, Mp 163-164 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.71 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 158.7, 149.2, 144.9, 137.3, 134.1, 131.7, 130.1, 123.3, 122.5, 52.8, 33.2, 27.7, 22.6, 22.5. MS (ESI, m/z) 346.2 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 368.2 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1}

2955(m), 1709(vs), 1585(m), 1455(m), 1239(vs), 1130(s), 823(s). Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₆BrNO₂: C, 58.97; H, 4.66; N, 4.05. Found: C, 59.12; H, 4.54; N, 4.23.



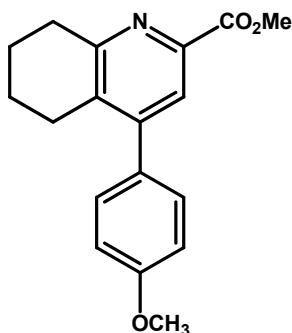
Methyl 4-(3-bromophenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ga

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 72% yield (150 mg), white solid, Mp 1086-107 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)δ 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.71 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 158.5, 148.6, 144.7, 140.3, 133.9, 131.2, 131.0, 129.9, 126.9, 123.1, 122.3, 52.7, 33.0, 27.5, 22.5, 22.3. MS (ESI, m/z) 346.1 (M + H⁺), 368.1 (M + Na⁺). IR (film) ν/cm⁻¹ 3055(m), 2948(s), 1731(vs), 1577(s), 1423(vs), 1355(s), 1231(vs), 1130(s), 1008(m), 793(s). Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₆BrNO₂: C, 58.97; H, 4.66; N, 4.05. Found: C, 58.88; H, 4.73; N, 3.92.



Methyl 4-(p-tolyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ha

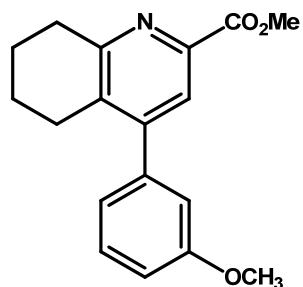
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 66% yield (280 mg), white solid, Mp 107-108 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.15 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, $J= 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J= 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.85-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.70 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 158.3, 150.4, 144.7, 137.9, 135.5, 134.3, 129.0, 128.3, 123.6, 52.7, 33.2, 27.8, 22.7, 22.6, 21.2. MS (ESI, m/z) 282.2 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), 304.2 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2940(vs), 1709(vs), 1594(s), 1517(s), 1446(vs), 1246(vs), 1124(vs), 808(vs). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 76.74; H, 6.76; N, 5.11.



Methyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ia

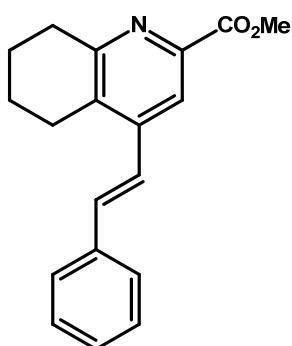
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 66% yield (336 mg), white solid, Mp 99-100 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.17(5)-7.18(0) (m, 2H),

6.90-6.92 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.04 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.69 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 159.4, 158.3, 150.0, 144.6, 134.4, 130.6, 129.7, 123.7, 113.8, 55.2, 52.7, 33.2, 27.9, 22.7, 22.6. MS (ESI, m/z) 298.2 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 320.2 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2940(s), 1716(vs), 1615(s), 1508(vs), 1239(vs), 1130(s), 1031(s), 831(m). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3$: C, 72.71; H, 6.44; N, 4.71. Found: C, 72.68; H, 6.58; N, 4.67.



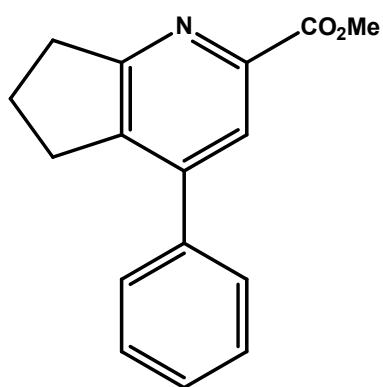
Methyl 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ja

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 75% yield (188 mg), white solid, Mp 58-59 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.86-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.82-6.83 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.11 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.92-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.77 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 159.5, 158.5, 150.3, 144.7, 139.9, 134.3, 129.6, 123.5, 120.8, 114.2, 113.5, 55.3, 52.8, 33.3, 27.8, 22.7, 22.6. MS (ESI, m/z) 298.2 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 320.2 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 3055(w), 2944(s), 1731(vs), 1584(s), 1255(s), 1038(s), 788(m). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3$: C, 72.71; H, 6.44; N, 4.71. Found: C, 72.92; H, 6.36; N, 4.87.



(E)-Methyl 4-styryl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ka

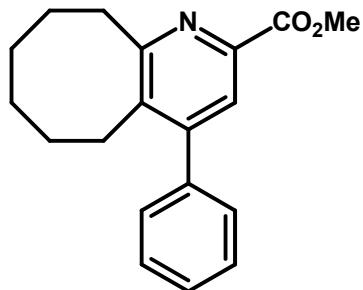
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 71% yield (217 mg), white solid, Mp 123-124 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J= 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.36 (m, 5H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.82-3.02 (m, 4H), 1.57-1.59 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 158.5, 144.7, 144.6, 136.3, 134.7, 133.3, 128.8, 128.7, 127.0, 122.7, 118.7, 52.8, 33.4, 26.2, 22.4(1), 22.3(6). MS (ESI, m/z) 294.3 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), 316.3 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2940(s), 1709(vs), 1585(m), 1455(s), 1224(vs), 970(m), 761(m). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 77.79; H, 6.53; N, 4.77. Found: C, 77.54; H, 6.45; N, 4.89.



Methyl 4-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-cyclopenta[b]pyridine-2-carboxylate 3ab

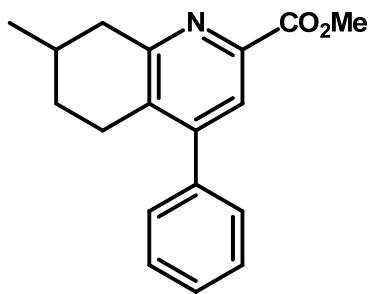
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 86% yield (125 mg), white solid, Mp 108-109 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.47 (m, 5H), 3.96

(s, 3H), 3.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.07-2.14 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.3, 166.2, 146.4, 145.8, 138.8, 137.6, 128.6, 128.1, 122.8, 52.7, 34.5, 31.0, 23.5. MS (ESI, m/z) 254.2 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 276.2 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2948(s), 1731(vs), 1585(s), 1361(m), 1239(vs), 993(m), 769(s). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$: C, 75.87; H, 5.97; N, 5.53. Found: C, 75.69; H, 6.11; N, 5.65.



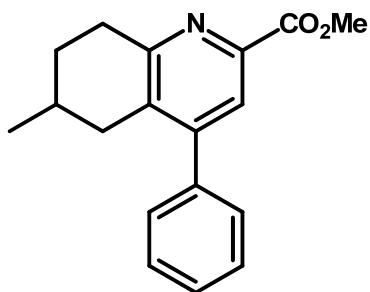
Methyl 4-phenyl-5,6,7,8,9,10-hexahydrocycloocta[b]pyridine-2-carboxylate
3ac

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 75% yield (180 mg), white solid, Mp 62-63 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.17 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.89-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.39 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.7, 150.5, 137.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 124.5, 52.7, 35.4, 31.0, 30.9, 27.4, 26.4, 25.6. MS (ESI, m/z) 296.2 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 318.2 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2935(m), 1713(vs), 1437(w), 1247(s), 701(m). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$: C, 77.26; H, 7.17; N, 4.74. Found: C, 77.45; H, 6.96; N, 4.57.



Methyl 7-methyl-4-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ad

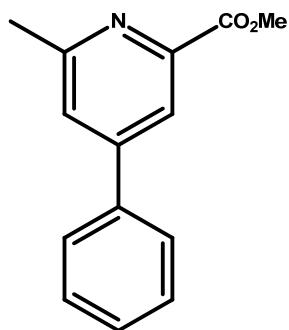
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 72% yield (205 mg), yellow solid, Mp 65-66 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.26 (q, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65-2.76 (m, 2H), 1.86-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 158.2, 150.2, 144.8, 138.4, 133.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 123.5, 52.7, 41.7, 30.6, 28.9, 27.2, 21.5. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 282.2 (M + H⁺), 304.2 (M + Na⁺). IR (film) ν /cm⁻¹ 3446(m), 2944(vs), 2216(s), 1740(vs), 1445(m), 1134(m), 926(m). Anal. calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 77.01; H, 7.02; N, 4.87.



Methyl 6-methyl-4-phenyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 3ae

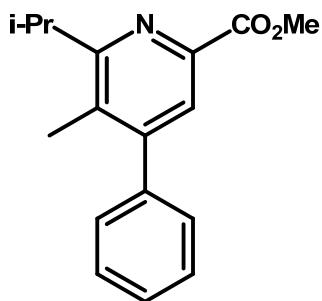
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 74% yield (211 mg), yellow solid, Mp 56-57 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.20-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.04-3.13 (m, 1H),

2.71-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.1, 158.2, 150.3, 144.7, 138.4, 133.8, 128.4(2), 128.4(0), 128.1, 123.6, 52.8, 36.1, 32.9, 30.9, 28.9, 21.5. MS (ESI, m/z) 282.2 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 304.2 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 3420(w), 2961(s), 1723(vs), 1454(m), 1238(vs), 779(m), 692(m). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 76.84; H, 6.81; N, 4.98. Found: C, 76.69; H, 7.08; N, 5.21.



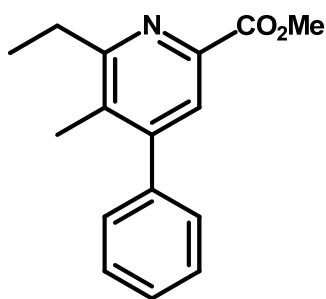
Methyl 6-methyl-4-phenylpicolinate 3af

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 84% yield (169 mg), yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 159.4, 149.7, 148.0, 137.3, 129.3, 129.1, 127.0, 124.4, 120.6, 52.9, 24.7. MS (ESI, m/z) 228.1 ($M + \text{H}^+$), 250.1 ($M + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2940(vs), 1724(vs), 1438(s), 1085(s), 1015(m), 769(vs), 692(s). calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$: C, 73.99; H, 5.77; N, 6.16. Found: C, 74.25; H, 5.47; N, 6.43.



Methyl 6-isopropyl-5-methyl-4-phenylpicolinate 3ag

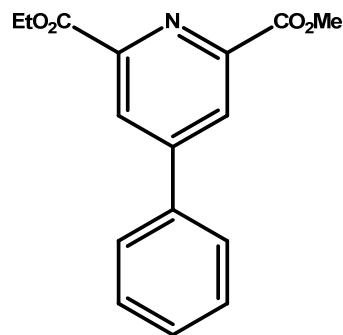
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 85% yield (313 mg), yellow solid, Mp 44-45 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.54 (m, 3H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 162.7, 149.4, 148.3, 137.6, 129.3, 129.2, 127.1, 124.5, 120.8, 53.0, 47.5, 29.2, 22.4. MS (ESI, m/z) 270.2 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2963(vs), 1716(vs), 1594(s), 1446(s), 1254(s), 769(m), 684(m). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$: C, 75.81; H, 7.11; N, 5.20. Found: C, 75.77; H, 6.86; N, 5.33.



Methyl 6-ethyl-5-methyl-4-phenylpicolinate 3ah

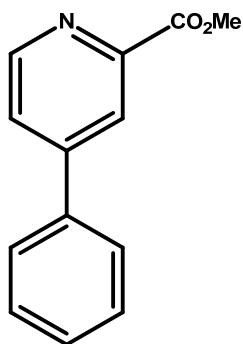
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, 65% yield (305 mg), yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.02 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 163.0, 150.7, 144.5, 139.1, 132.4, 128.6, 128.4,

128.0, 124.0, 52.7, 29.5, 16.0, 13.1. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 256.2 (M + H⁺), 278.2 (M + Na⁺). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2963(vs), 2239(w), 1747(vs), 1594(m), 1231(m), 778(s). Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₇NO₂: C, 75.27; H, 6.71; N, 5.49. Found: C, 75.10; H, 6.63; N, 5.61.



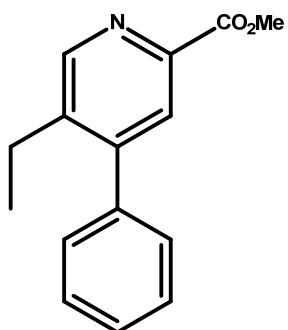
2-ethyl 6-methyl 4-phenylpyridine-2,6-dicarboxylate 3ai

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 74% yield (184 mg), white solid, Mp 42-43 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48-8.50 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 3H), 4.48 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3, 164.8, 151.1, 149.2, 148.9, 136.2, 130.1, 129.4, 127.2, 125.6(4), 125.5(7), 62.5, 53.2, 14.3. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 286.1 (M + H⁺). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2987(s), 2239 (m), 1716(vs), 1438(s), 1245(s), 1032(s), 908(s). Anal. calcd for C₁₆H₁₅NO₄: C, 67.36; H, 5.30; N, 4.91. Found: C, 67.49; H, 5.54; N, 5.12.



Methyl 4-phenylpicolinate 3aj

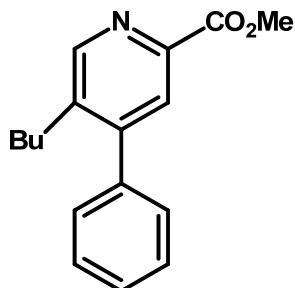
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 62% yield (347 mg), brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.80-8.81 (m, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H) 7.50-7.73 (m, 6H), 4.07 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 150.1, 149.5, 148.3, 136.9, 129.5, 129.1, 126.9, 124.5, 122.9, 52.8. MS (ESI, m/z) 214.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), 236.1 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 3064(w), 3032(w), 2948(m), 2239(w), 1739(vs), 1608(s), 1438(s), 1316(s), 961(m), 754(s). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$: C, 73.23; H, 5.20; N, 6.57. Found: C, 73.10; H, 5.45; N, 6.30.



Methyl 5-ethyl-4-phenylpicolinate 3ak

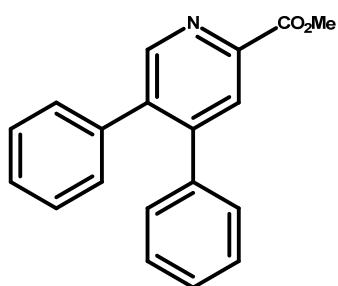
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 88% yield (446 mg), brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.73 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 150.5, 149.8, 145.3, 140.7, 138.0, 128.4, 128.3,

128.2, 125.9, 52.7, 23.6, 15.1. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 242.2 (M + H⁺), 264.2 (M + Na⁺). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 3425(w), 2963(s), 1724(vs), 1594(m), 1431(s), 1246(vs), 1124(s), 707(s). Anal. calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂: C, 74.67; H, 6.27; N, 5.81. Found: C, 74.39; H, 5.99; N, 6.02.



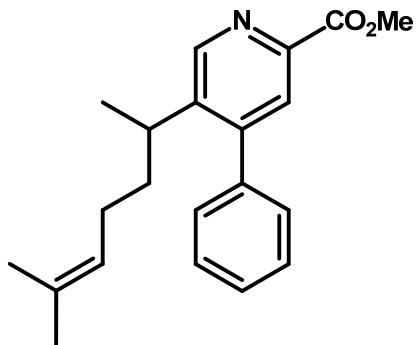
Methyl 5-butyl-4-phenylpicolinate 3al

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 81% yield (317 mg), brown oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.43-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.29 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 150.7, 149.8, 145.0, 139.3, 137.9, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 125.6, 52.3, 32.6, 29.7, 21.9, 13.3. MS (ESI, *m/z*) 270.2 (M + H⁺), 292.2 (M + Na⁺). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2961(vs), 1731(vs), 1454(m), 1108(m), 969(w), 701(w). Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NO₂: C, 75.81; H, 7.11; N, 5.20. Found: C, 75.70; H, 6.86; N, 5.44.



Methyl 4,5-diphenylpicolinate 3am

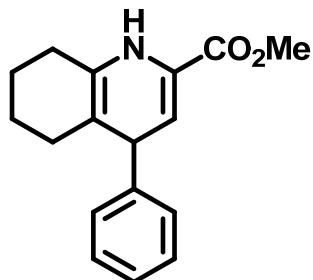
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 83% yield (269 mg), brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.25 (m, 10H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 151.0, 146.8, 146.6, 138.8, 137.6, 136.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3(2), 128.3(0), 128.1, 127.8, 126.2, 52.8. MS (ESI, m/z) 290.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 3055(s), 2940(s), 1955(w), 1878(w), 1739(s), 1115(w), 701(m). Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2$: C, 78.87; H, 5.23; N, 4.84. Found: C, 79.12; H, 5.45; N, 4.69.



Methyl 5-(6-methylhept-5-en-2-yl)-4-phenylpicolinate 3an

Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 2:1, 92% yield (453 mg), yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.02 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.77-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.27 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 149.8, 148.6, 144.6, 144.1, 137.9, 131.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 125.7, 123.3, 52.4, 37.5, 32.5, 25.6, 25.3, 21.7, 17.3. MS (ESI, m/z) 324.3 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$), 346.3 ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$). IR (film) ν/cm^{-1} 2935(vs), 2233(m), 1740(vs), 1573(m), 1428(s), 1307(w), 1247(w), 1125(m), 909(w), 709(m). Anal.

calcd for C₂₁H₂₅NO₂: C, 77.98; H, 7.79; N, 4.33. Found: C, 78.16; H, 7.87; N, 4.19.



Methyl 4-phenyl-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate 4aa

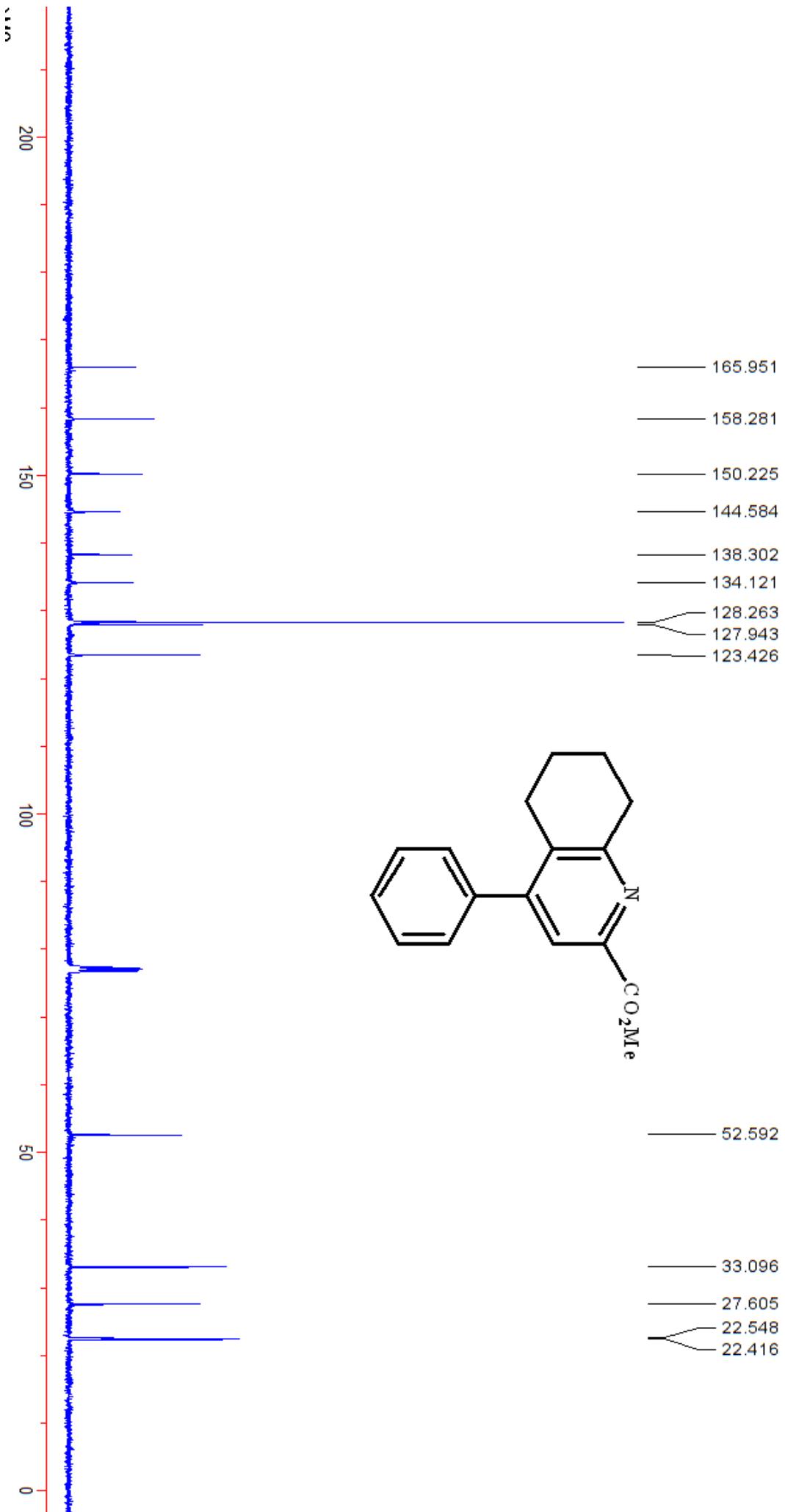
Petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =5:1, 95% yield (213 mg), yellow solid, Mp 40-41 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)δ 7.19-7.31 (m, 5H), 5.60-5.61 (m, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.08-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.59 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 146.3, 129.3, 128.2(3), 128.1(5), 127.7, 126.1, 108.9, 104.1, 51.8, 46.1, 26.8, 24.8, 22.9, 22.3. MS (ESI, m/z) 270.2 (M + H⁺), 292.2 (M + Na⁺). IR (film) v/cm⁻¹ 2938(vs), 1695(vs), 1439(m), 1259(s), 760(w), 696(s). Anal. calcd for C₁₇H₁₉NO₂: C, 75.81; H, 7.11; N, 5.20. Found: C, 75.67; H, 6.92; N, 5.04.

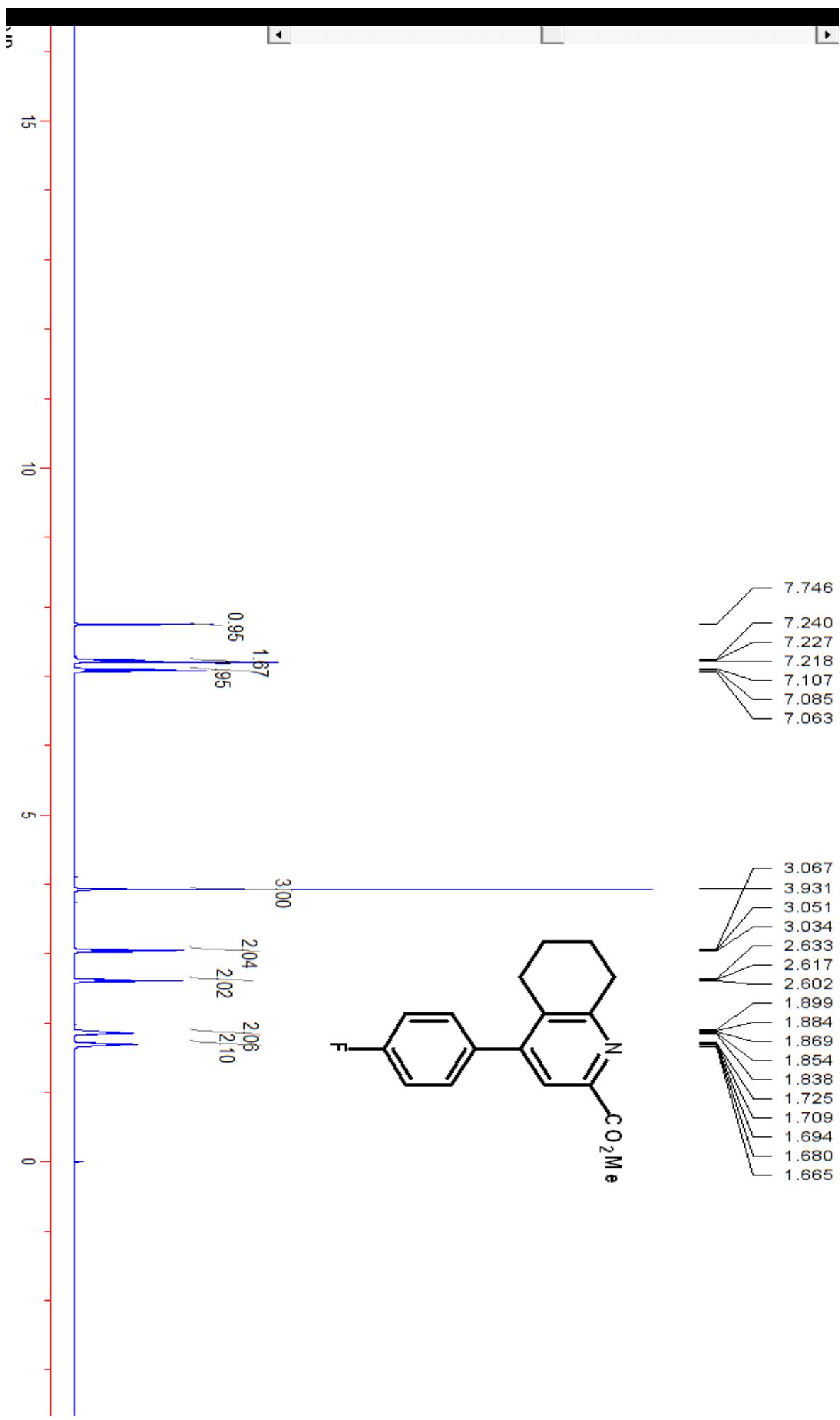
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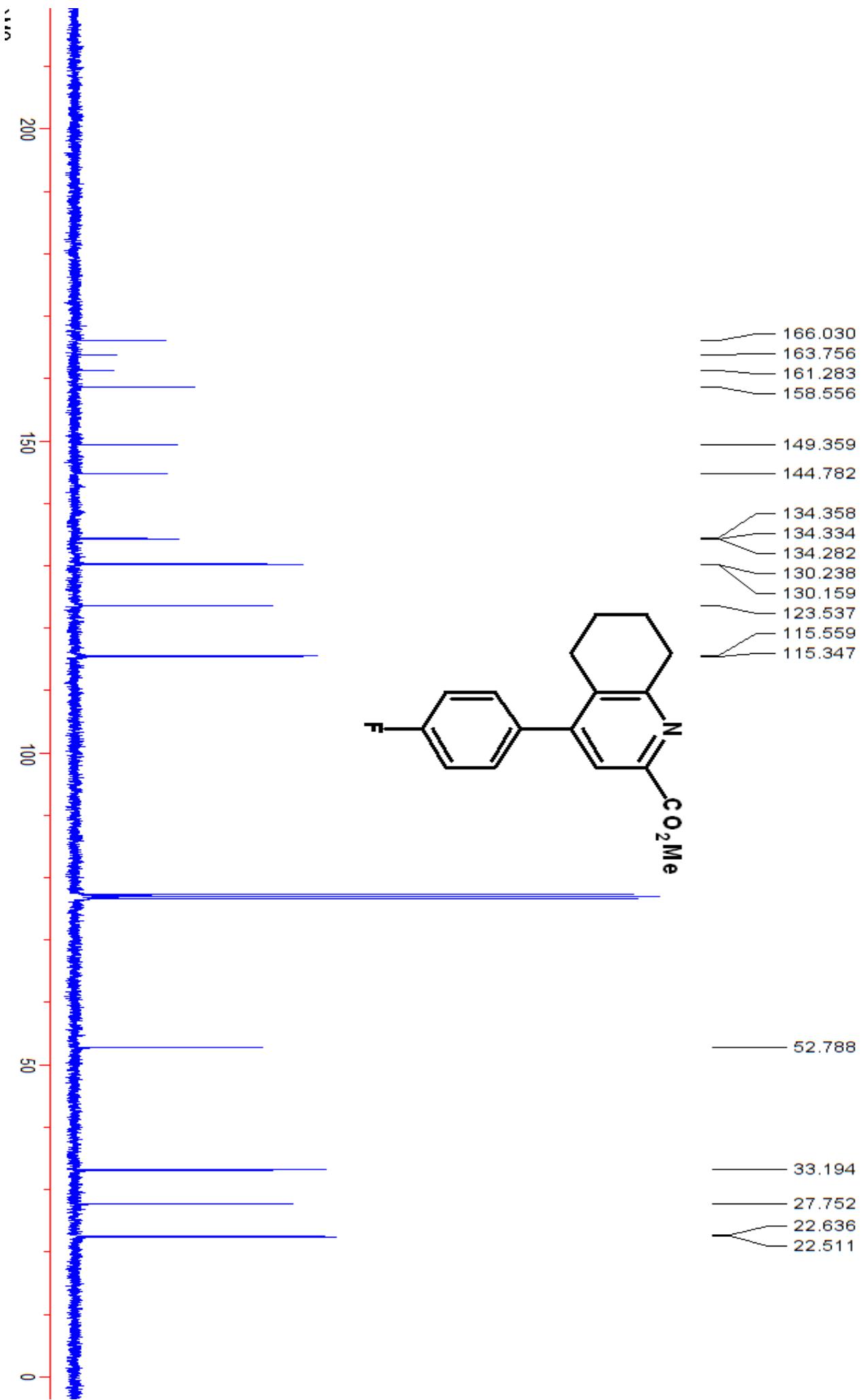
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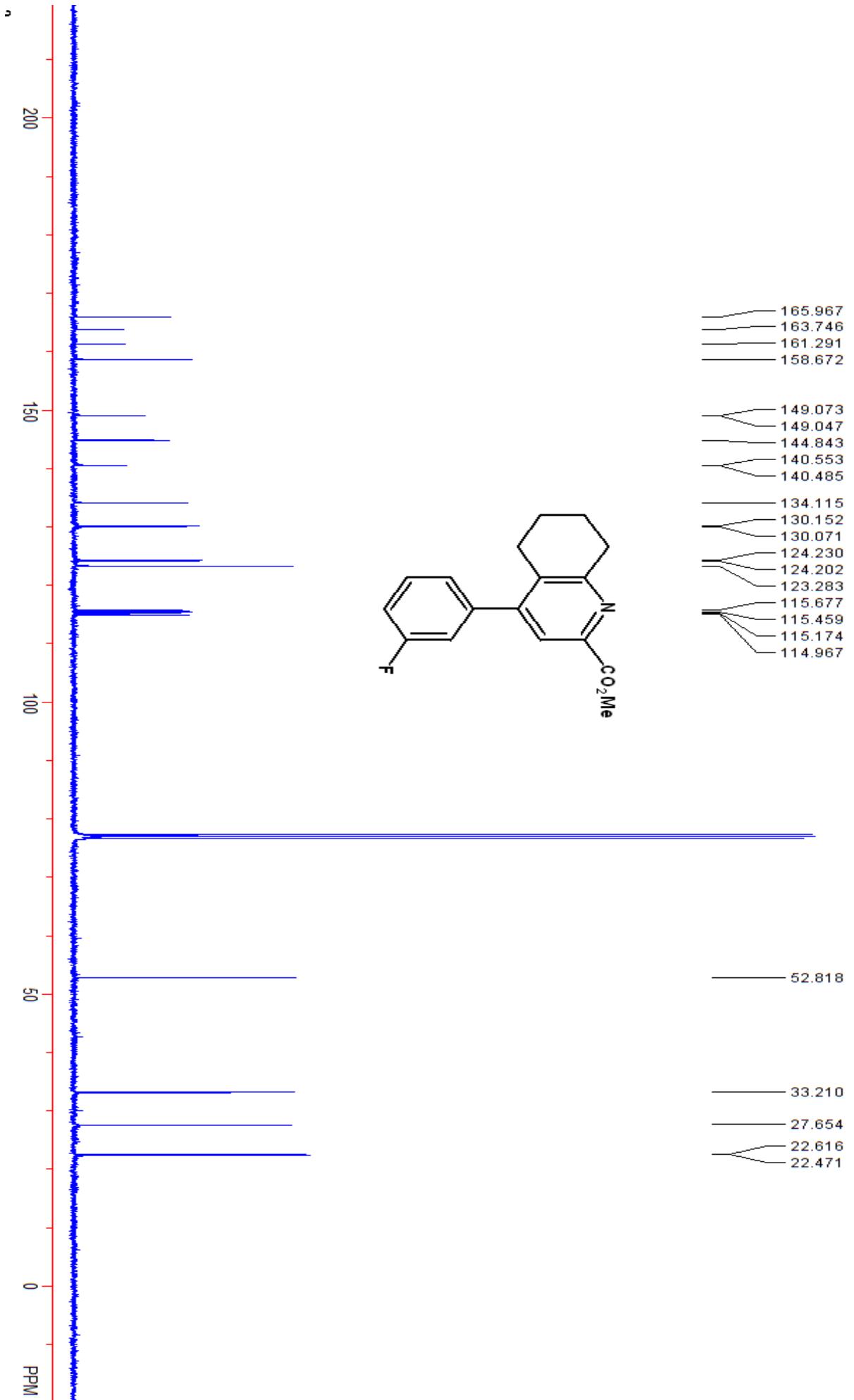


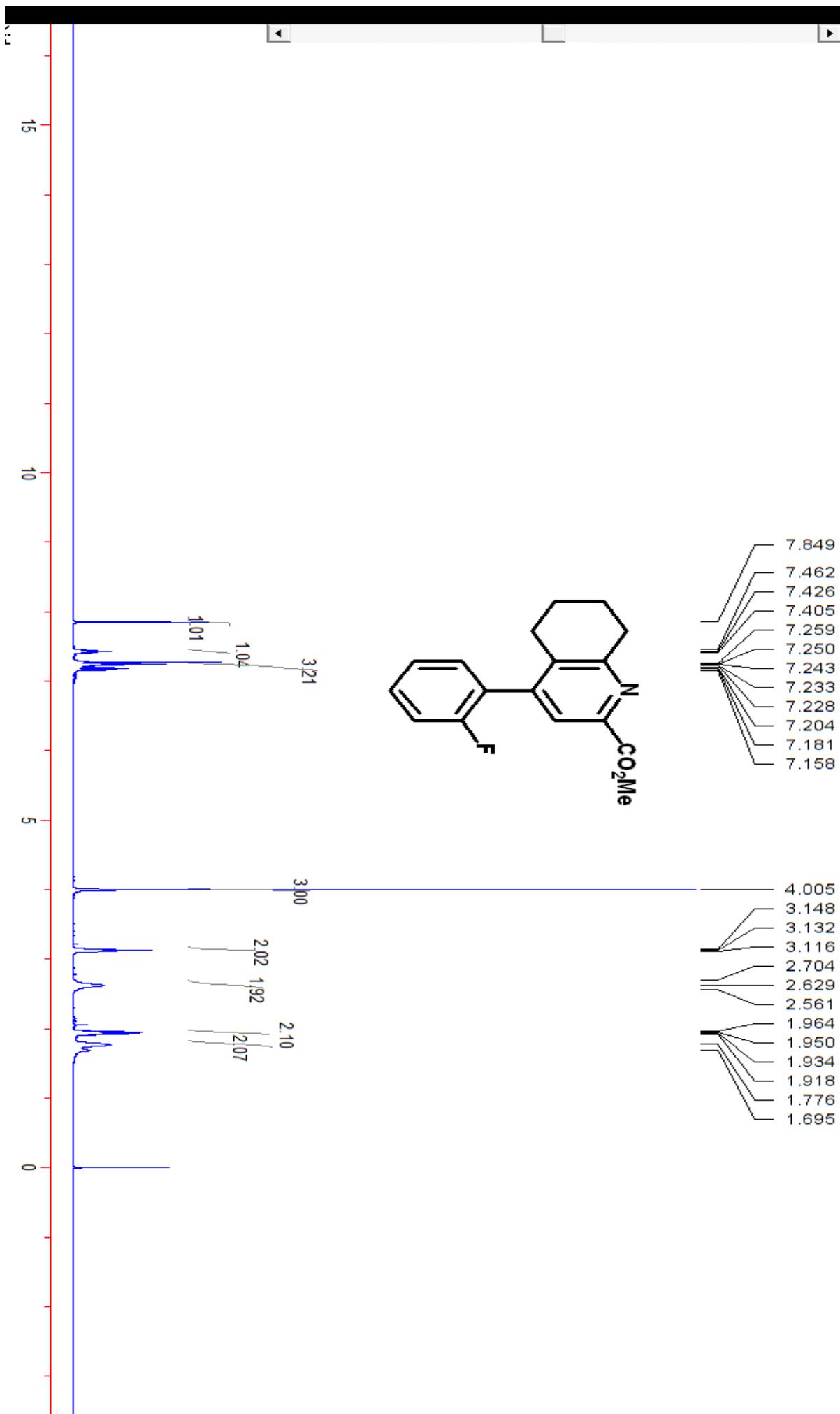


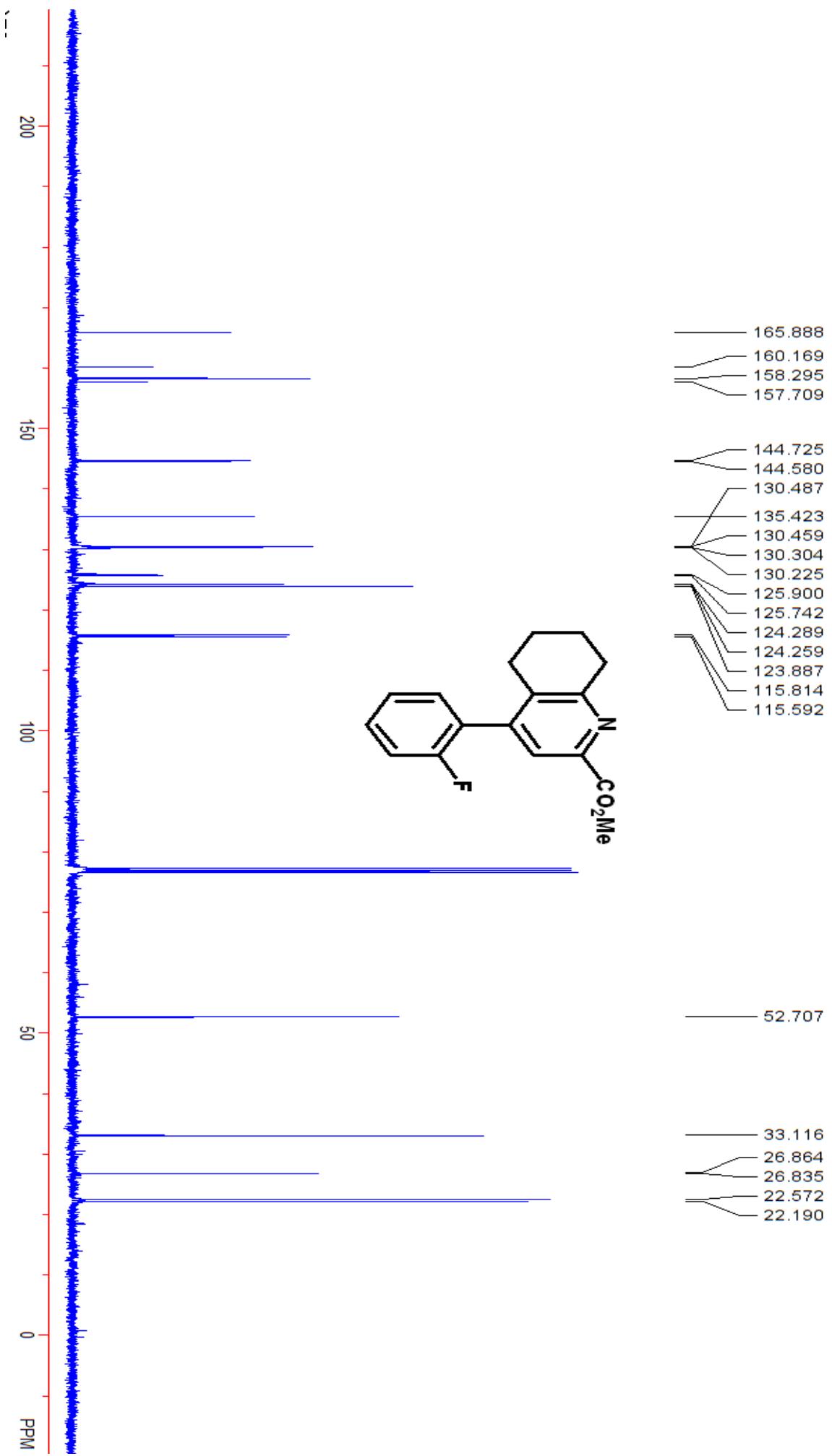


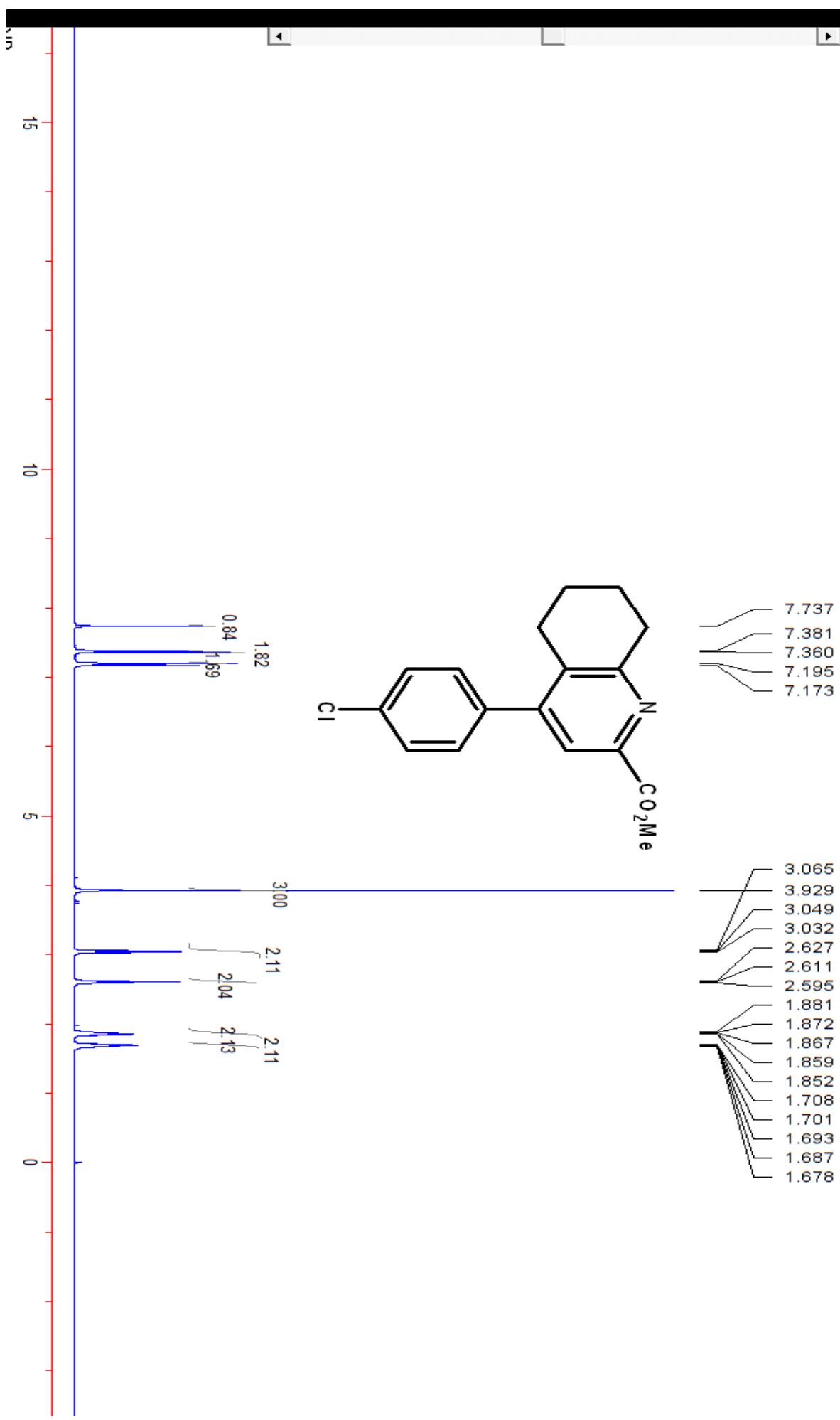


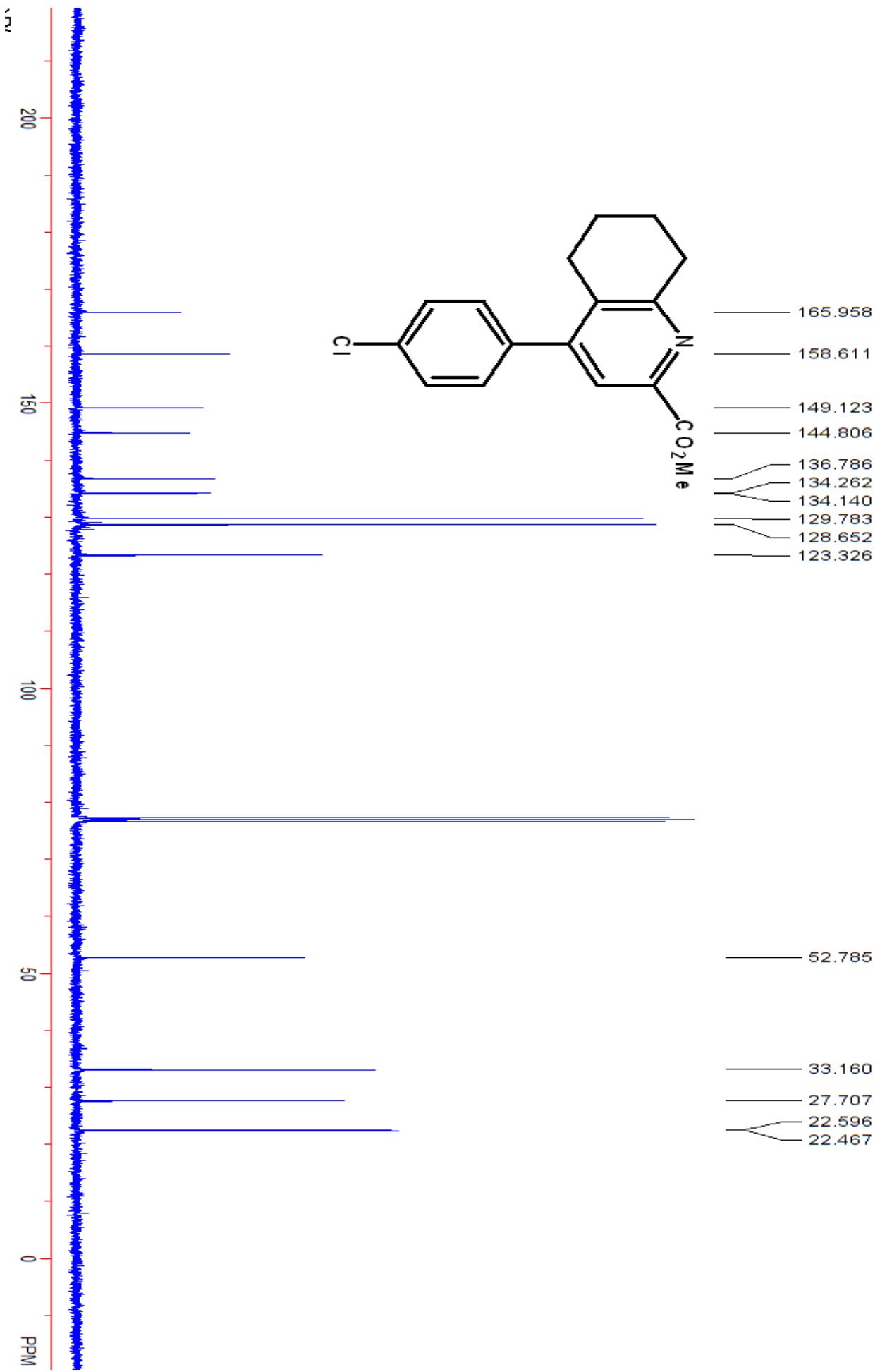


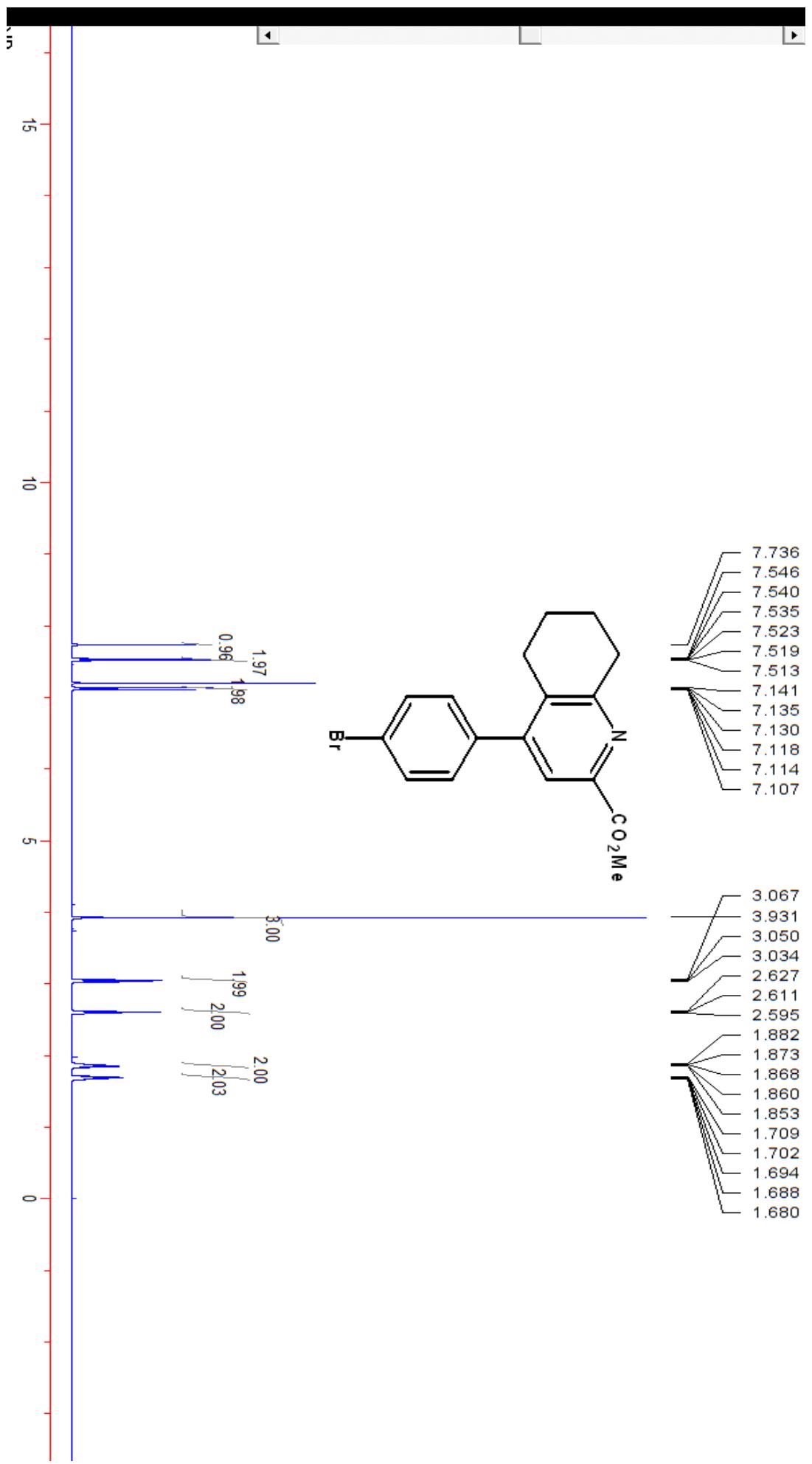


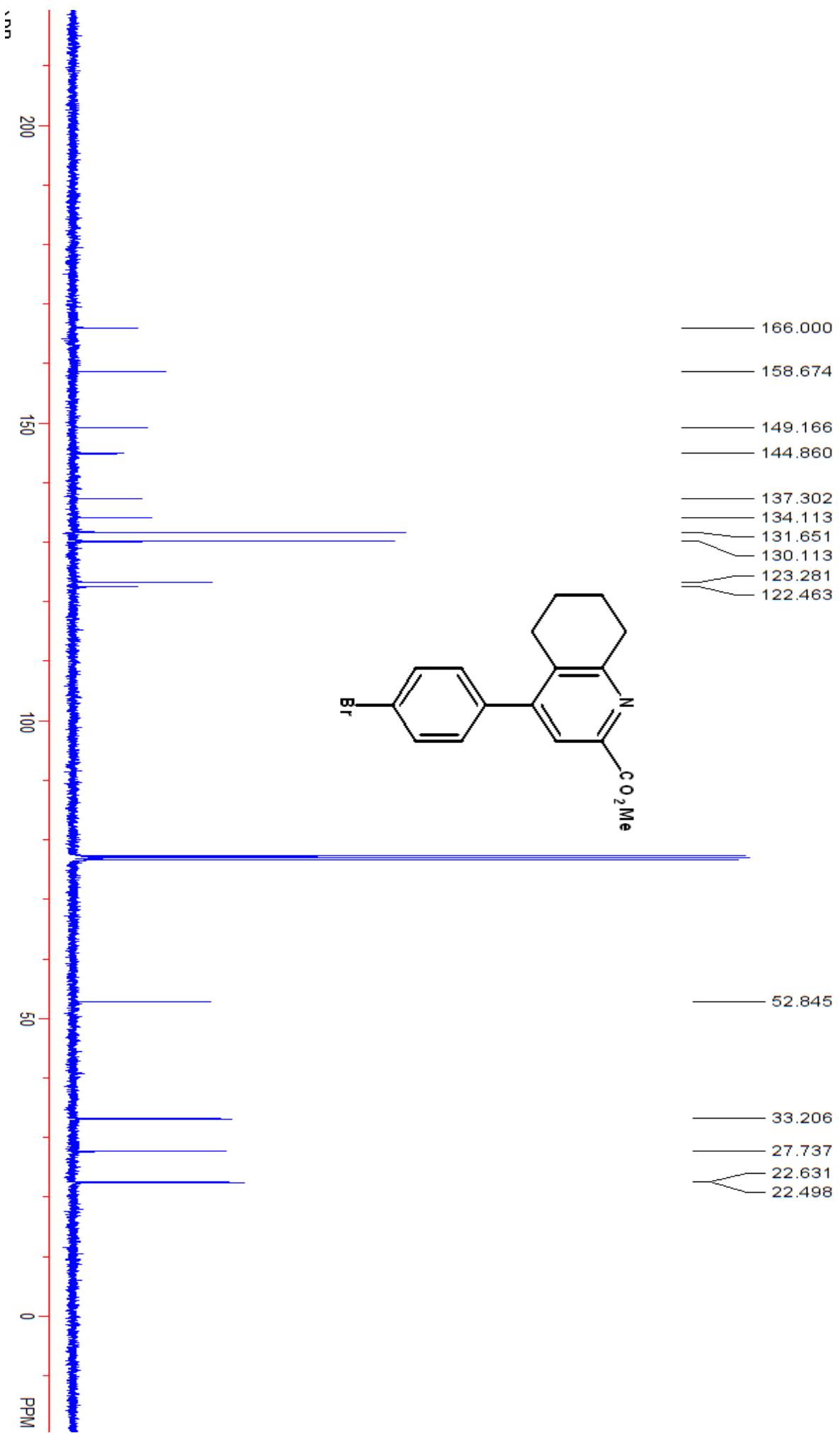


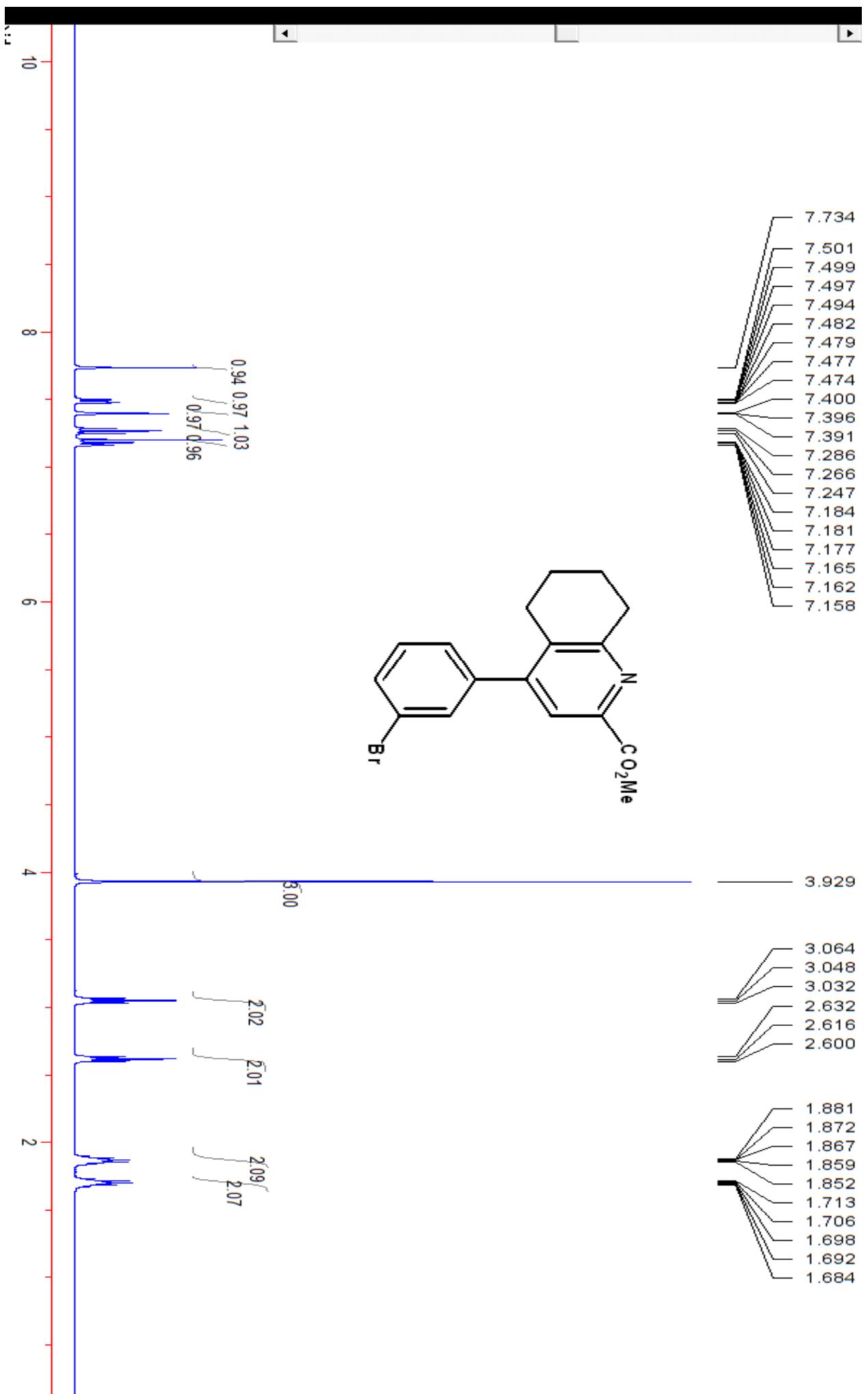


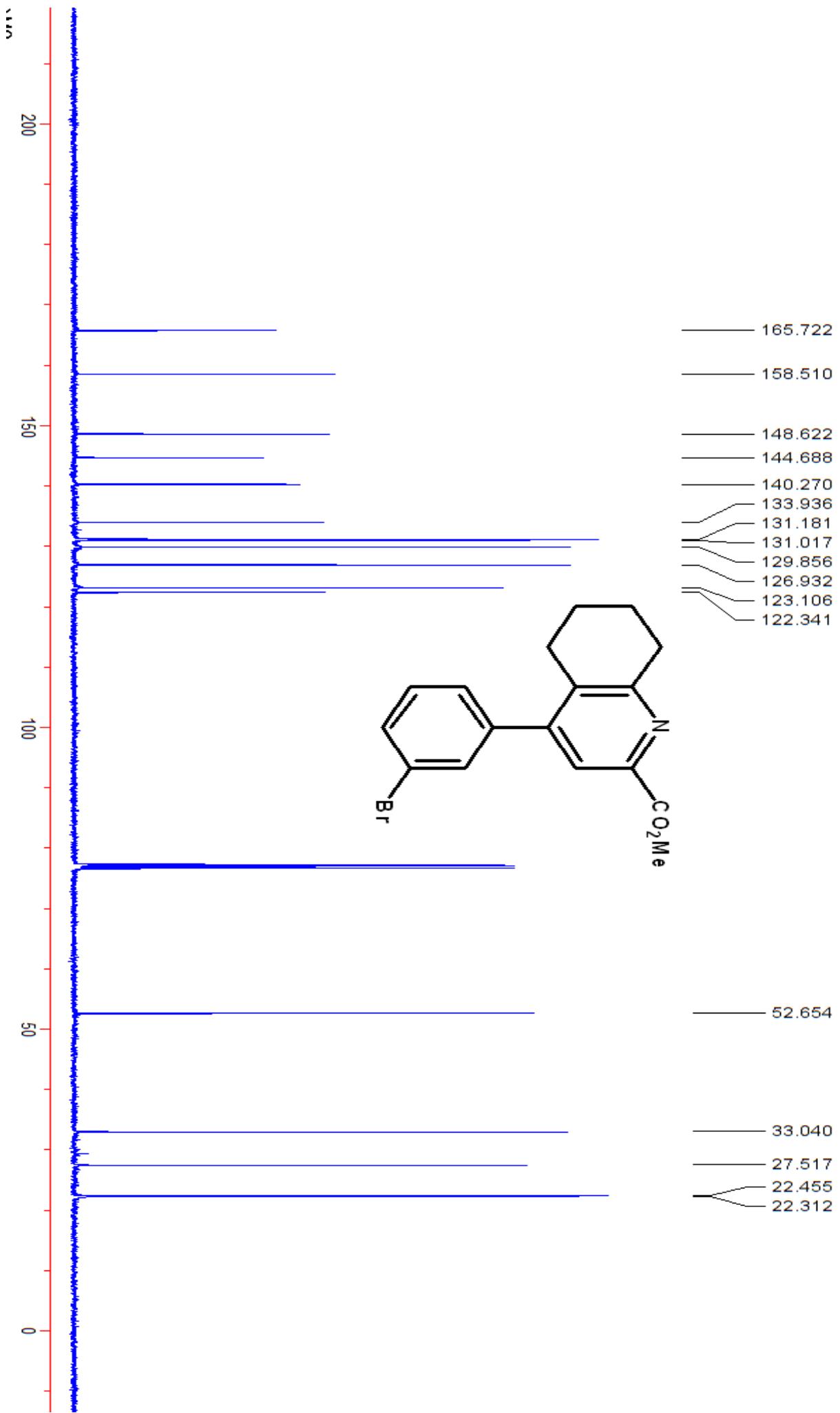




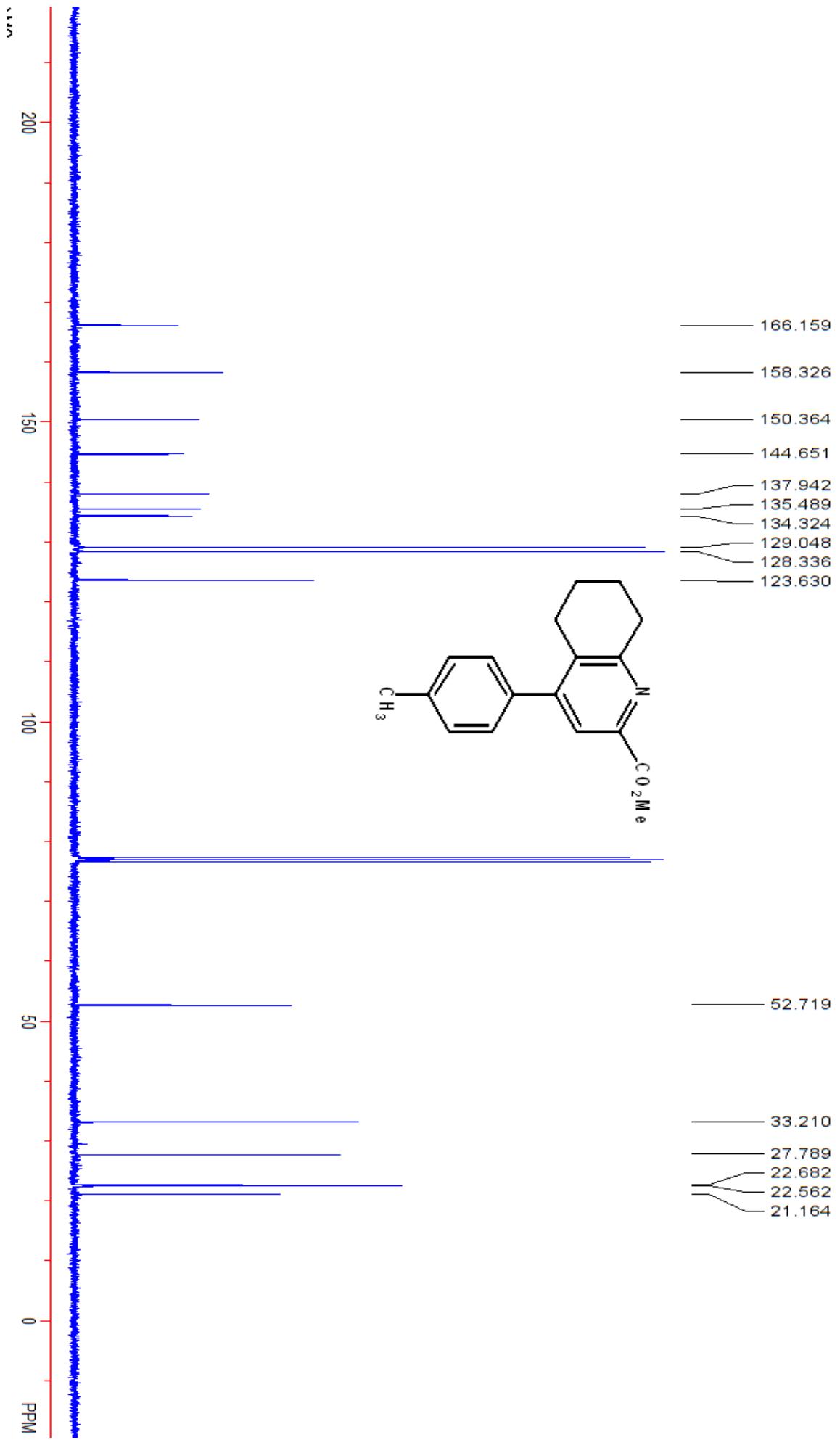


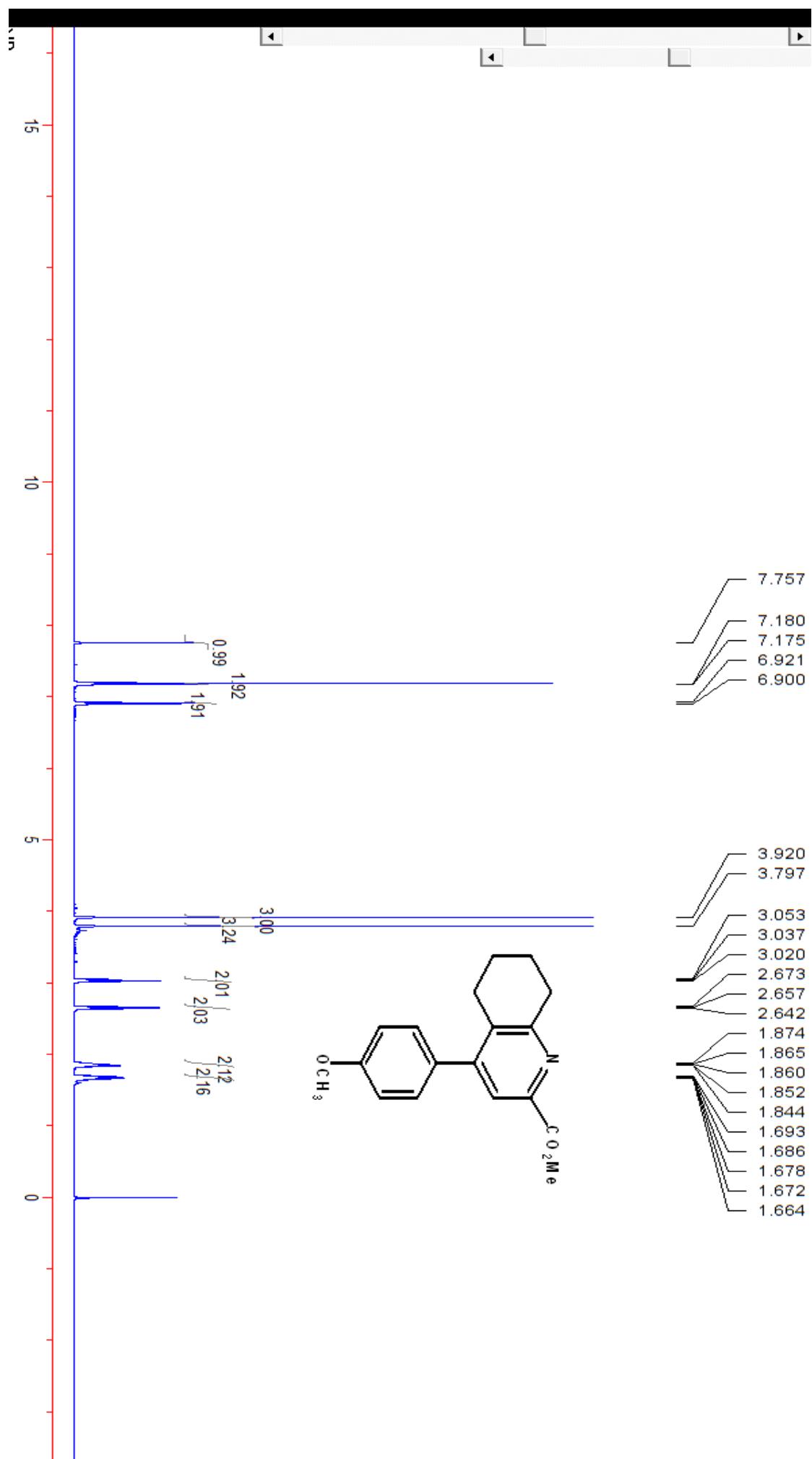


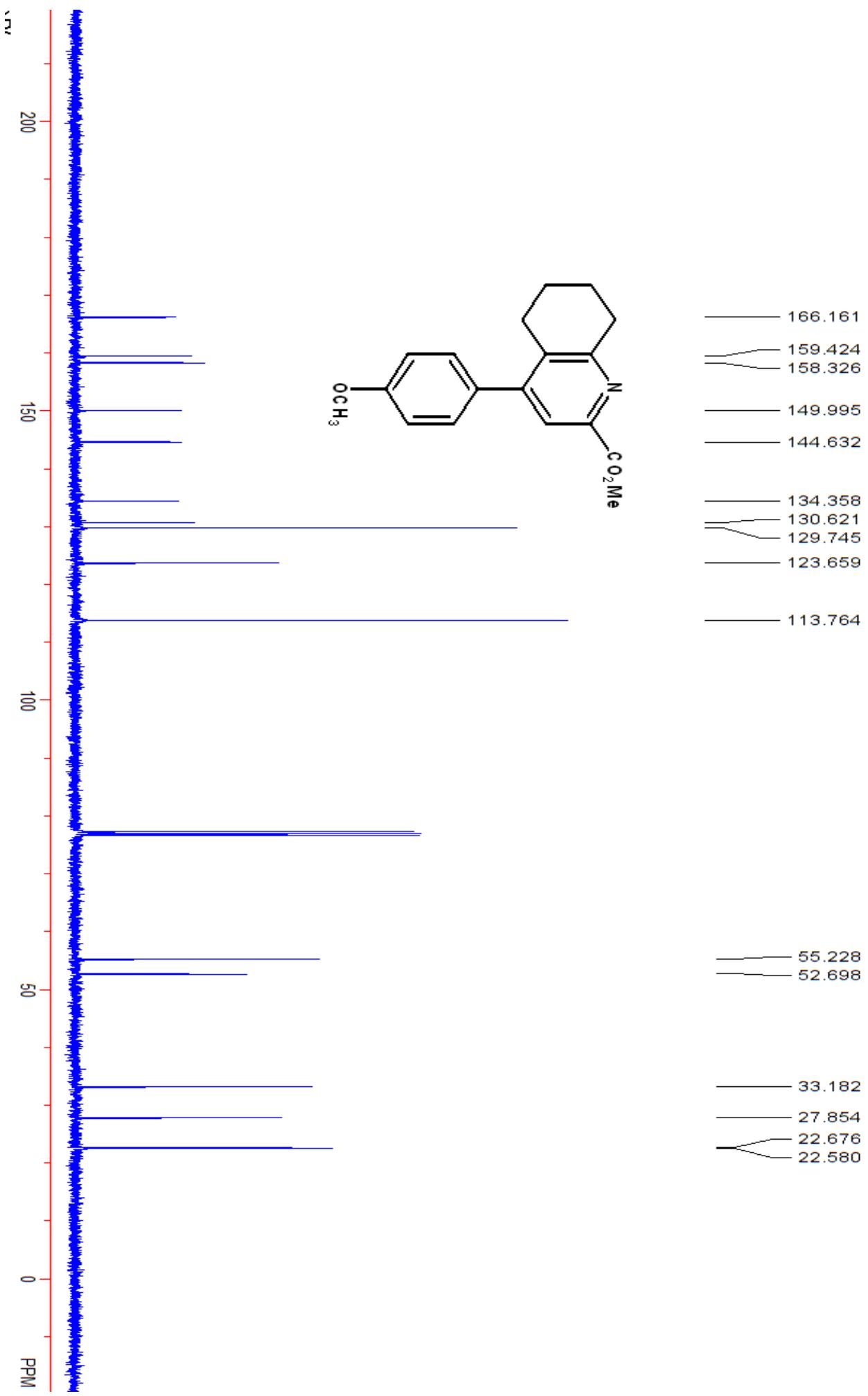


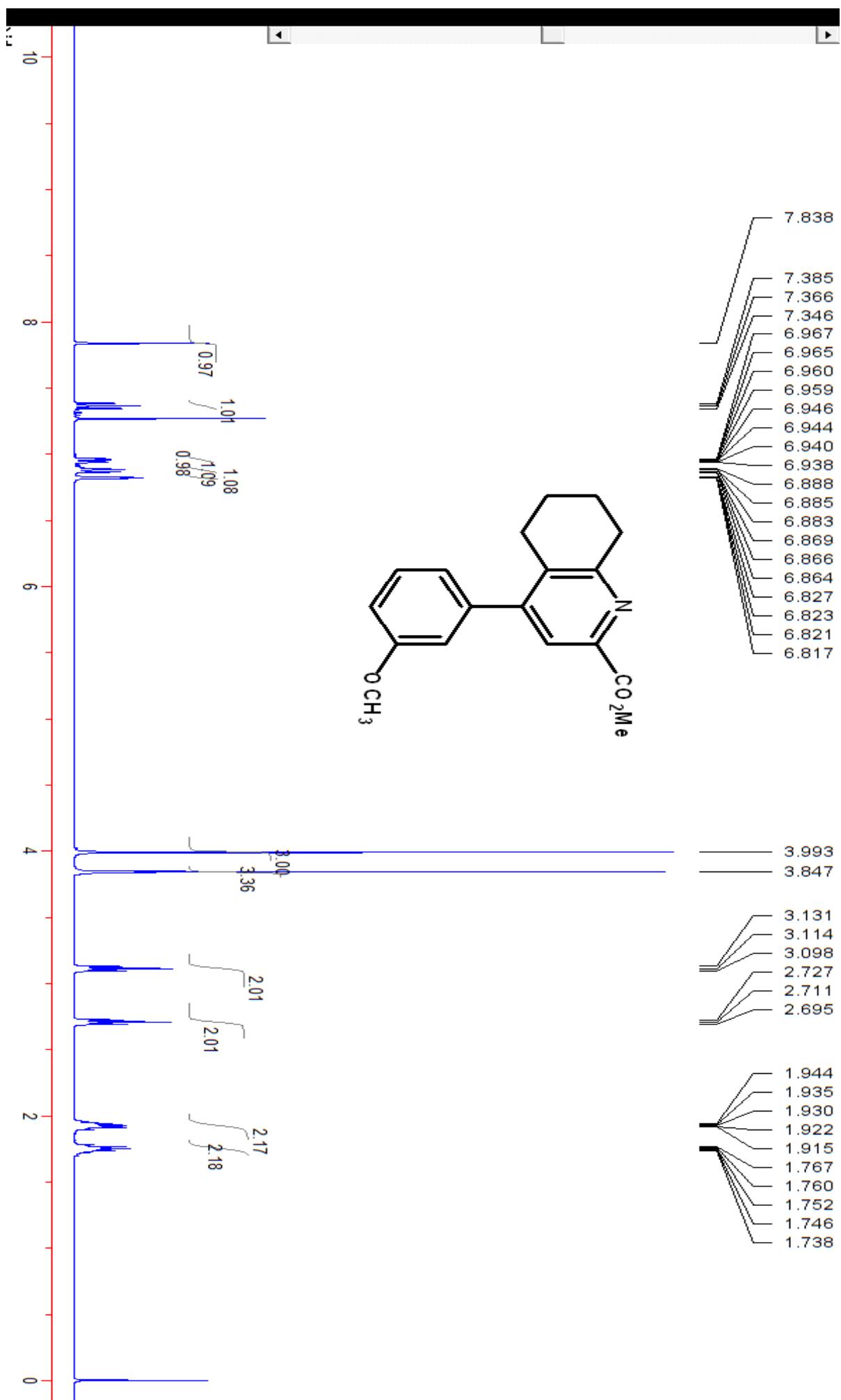


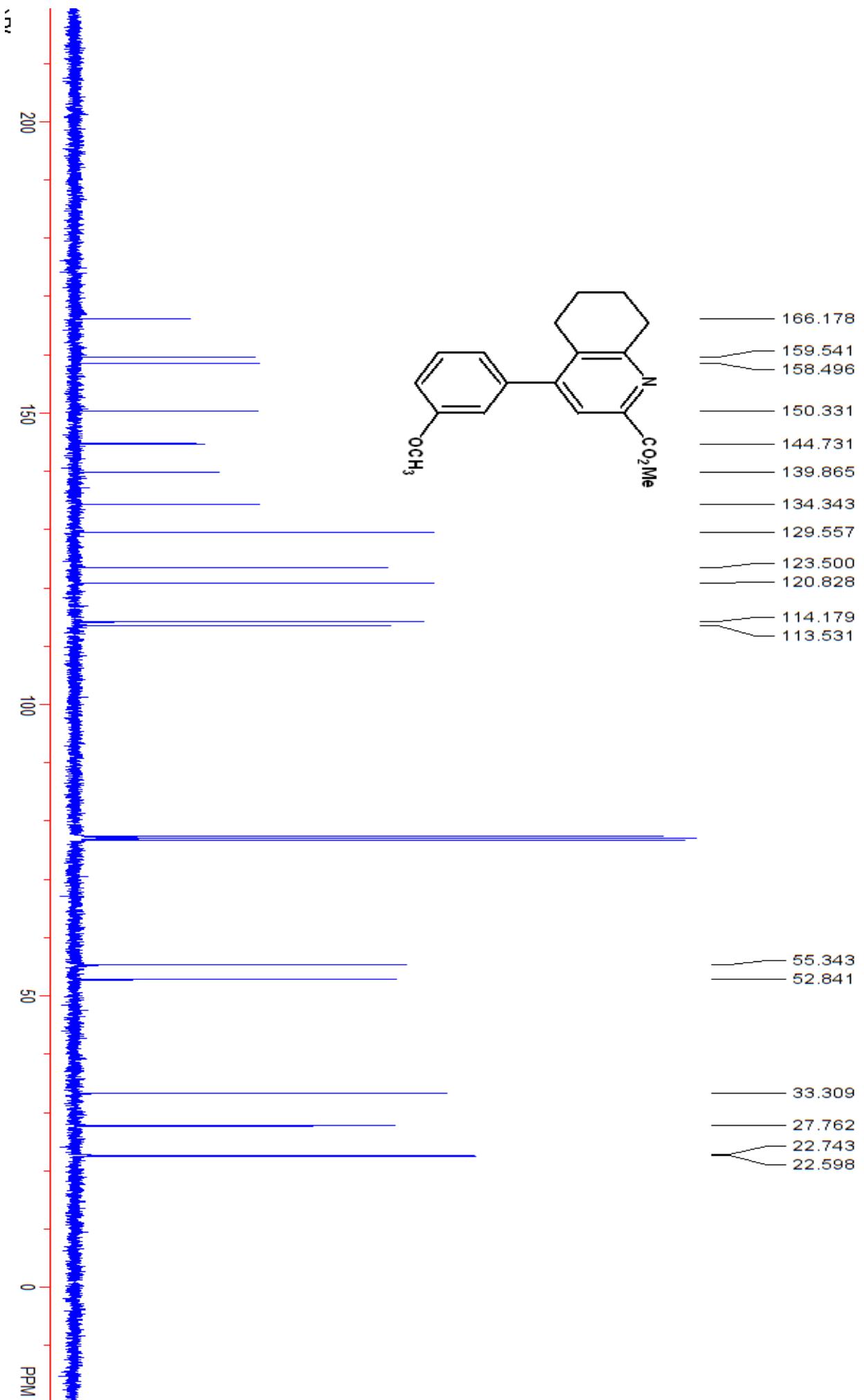


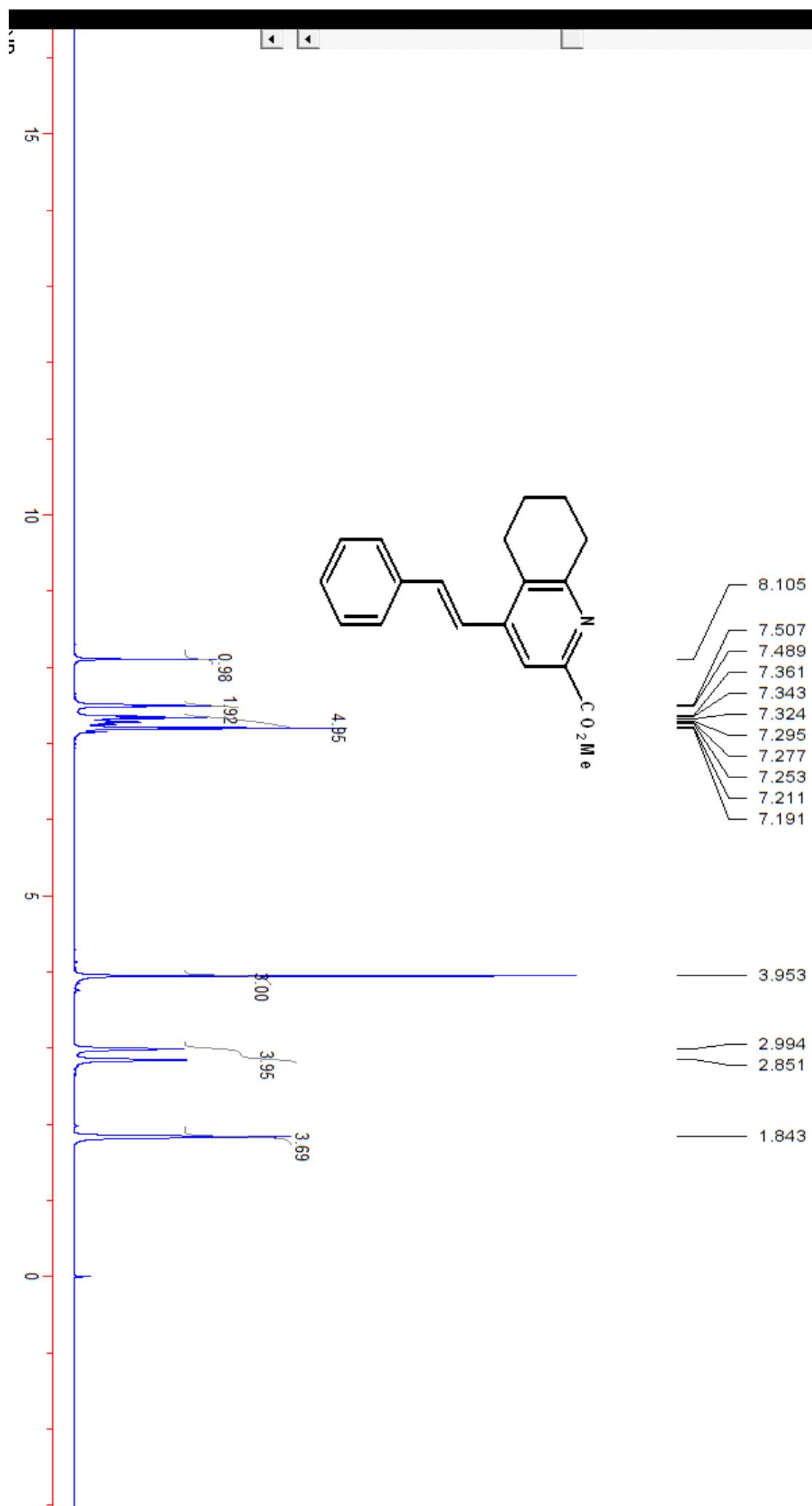


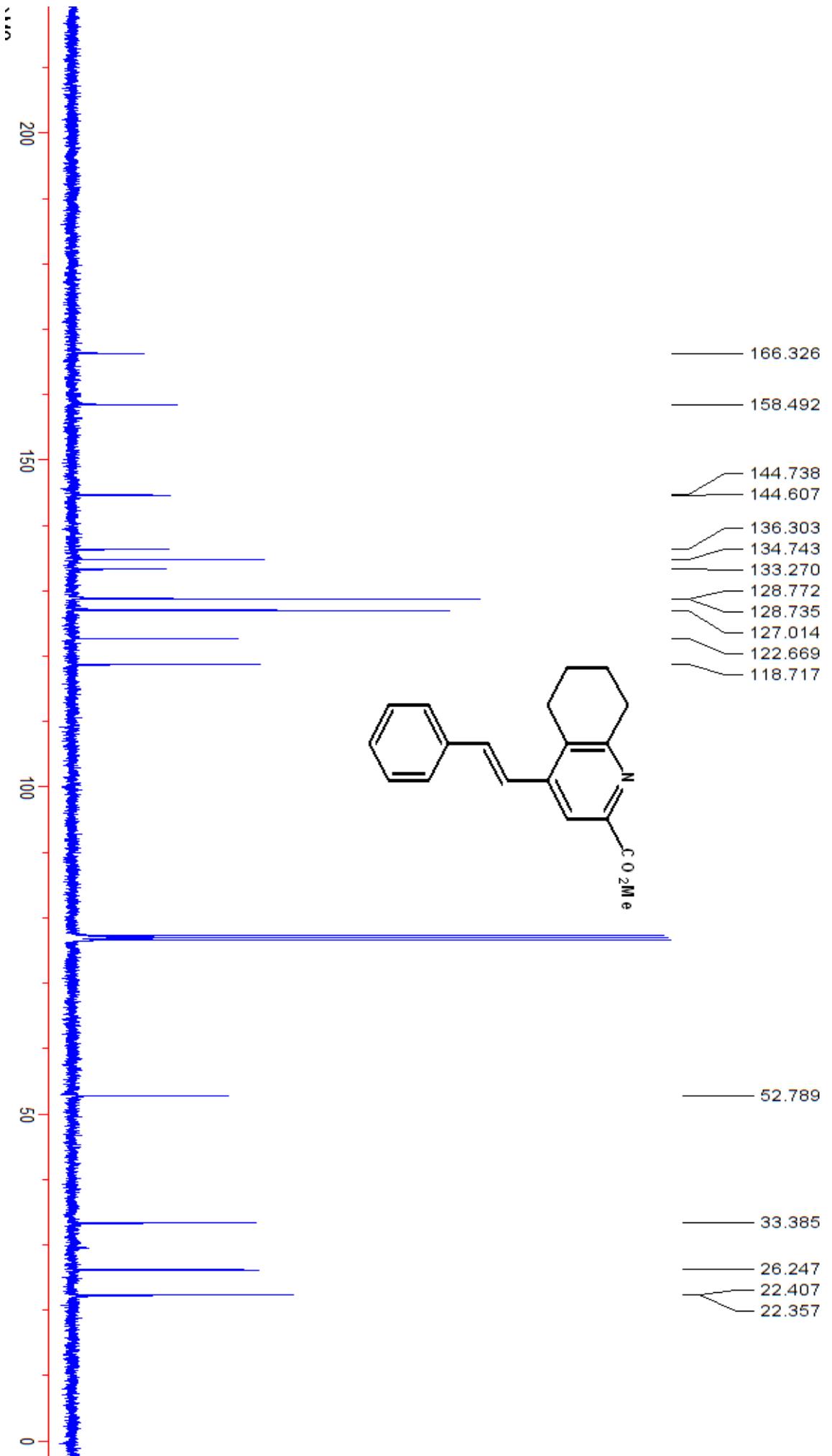




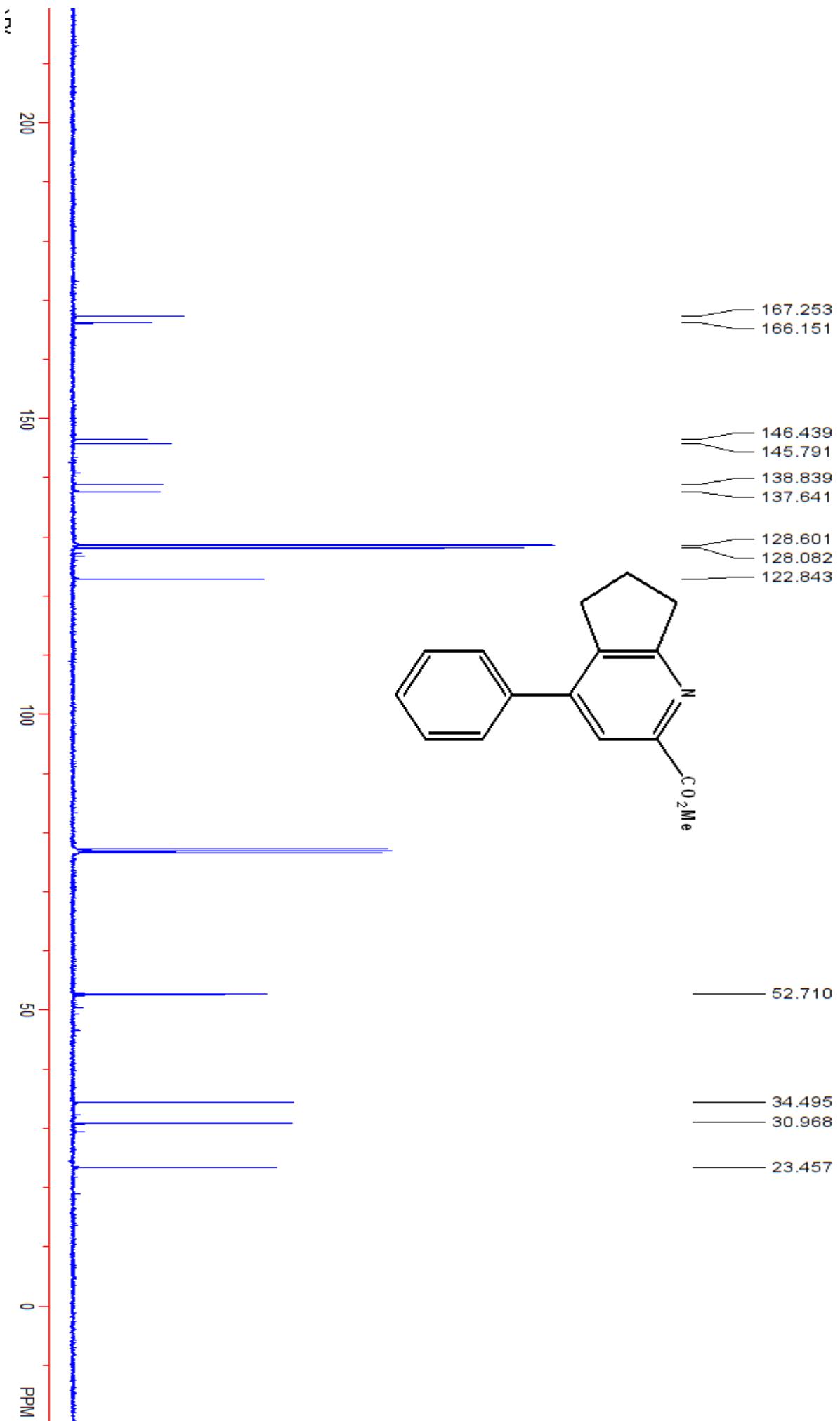


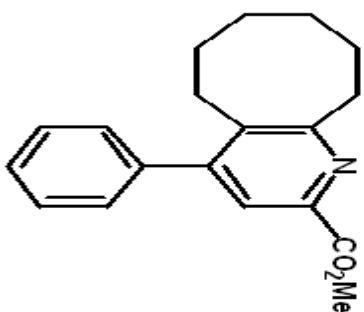
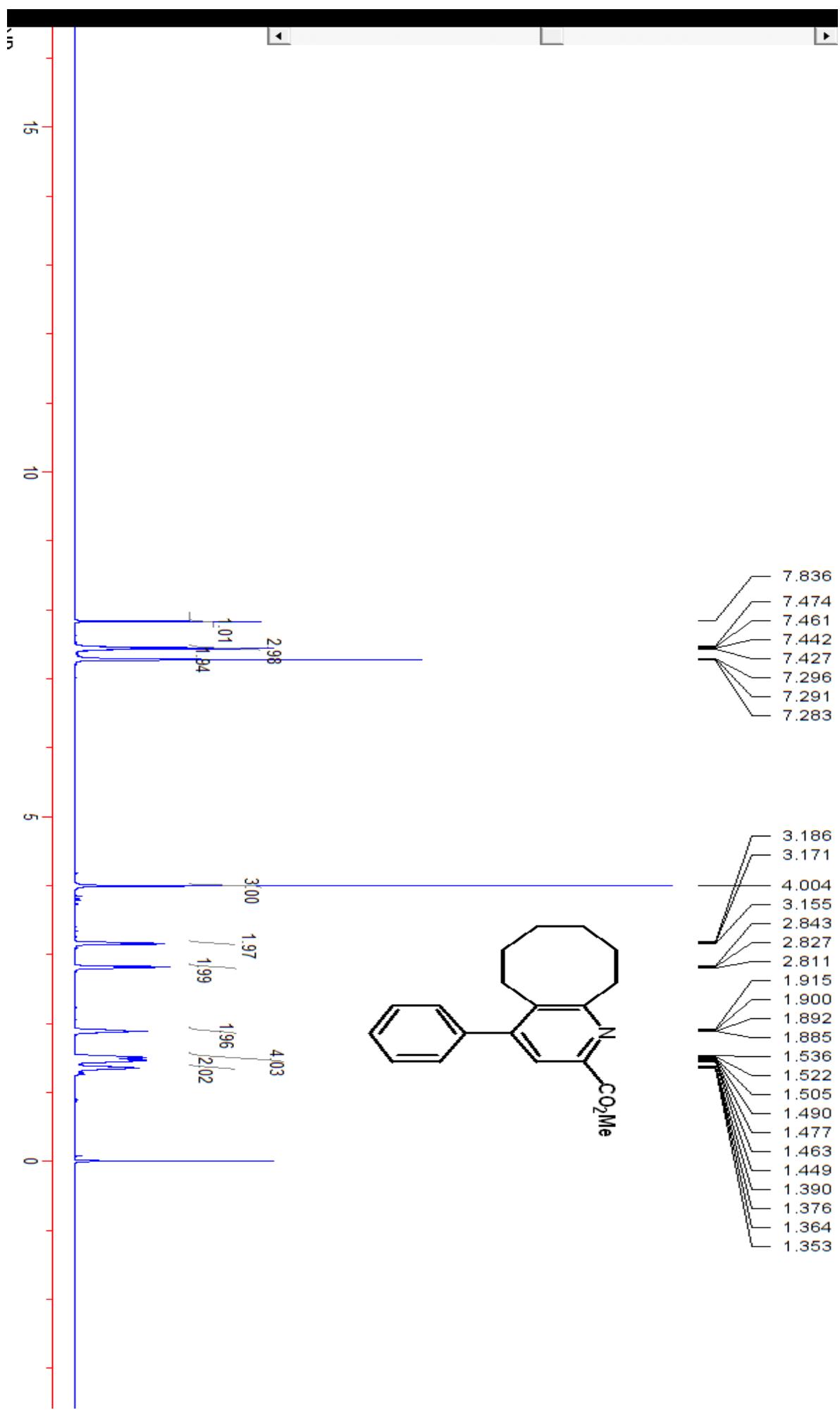


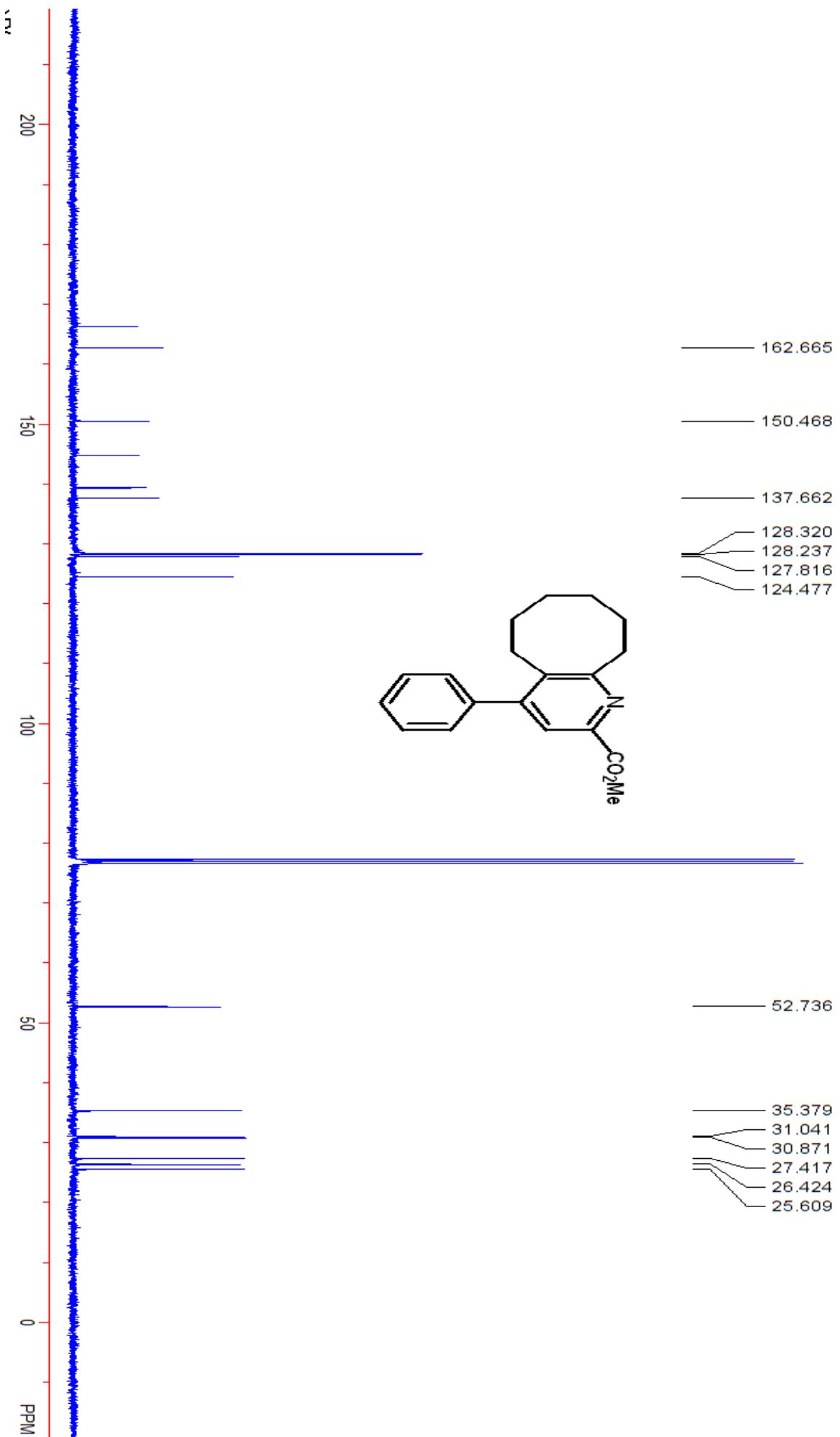


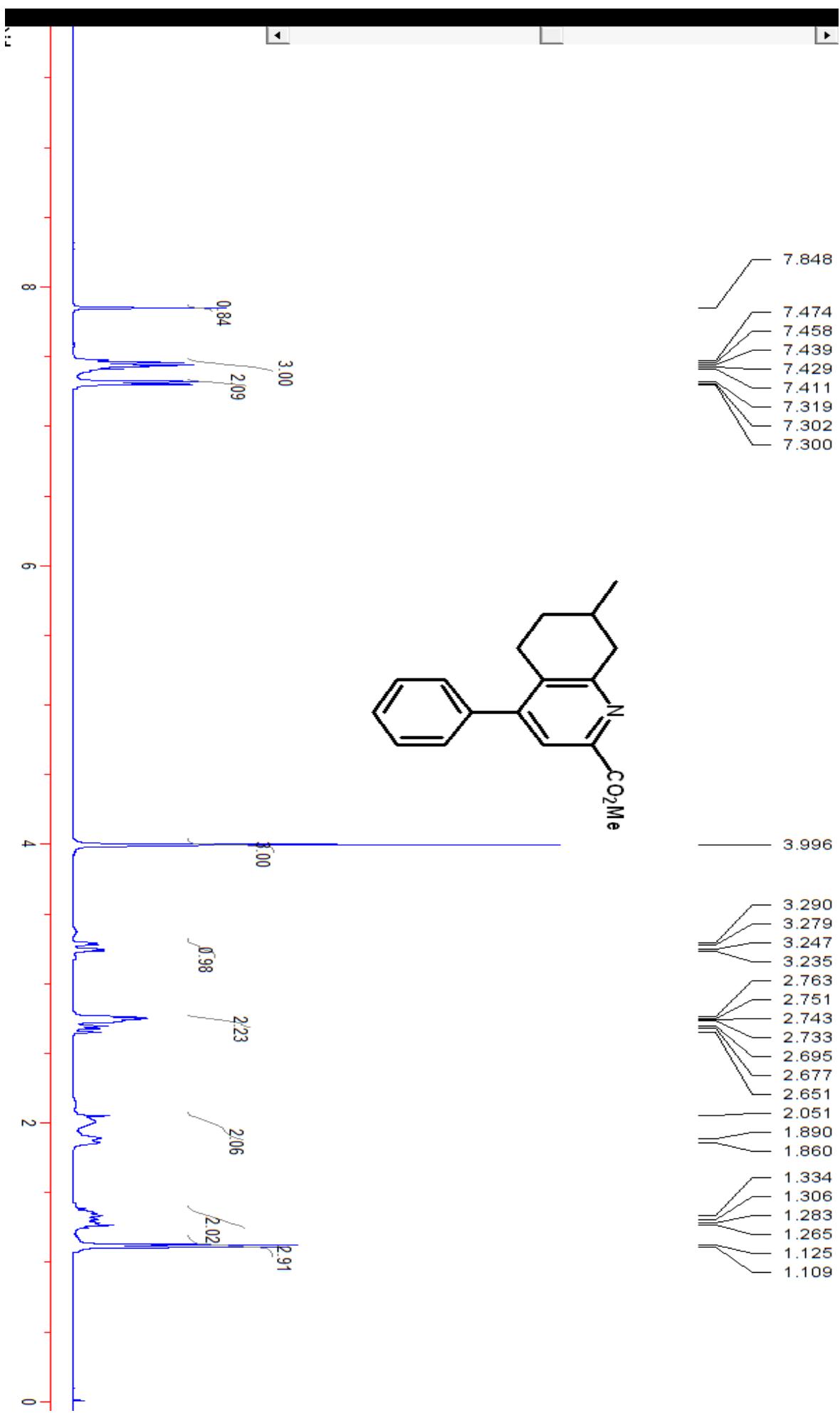


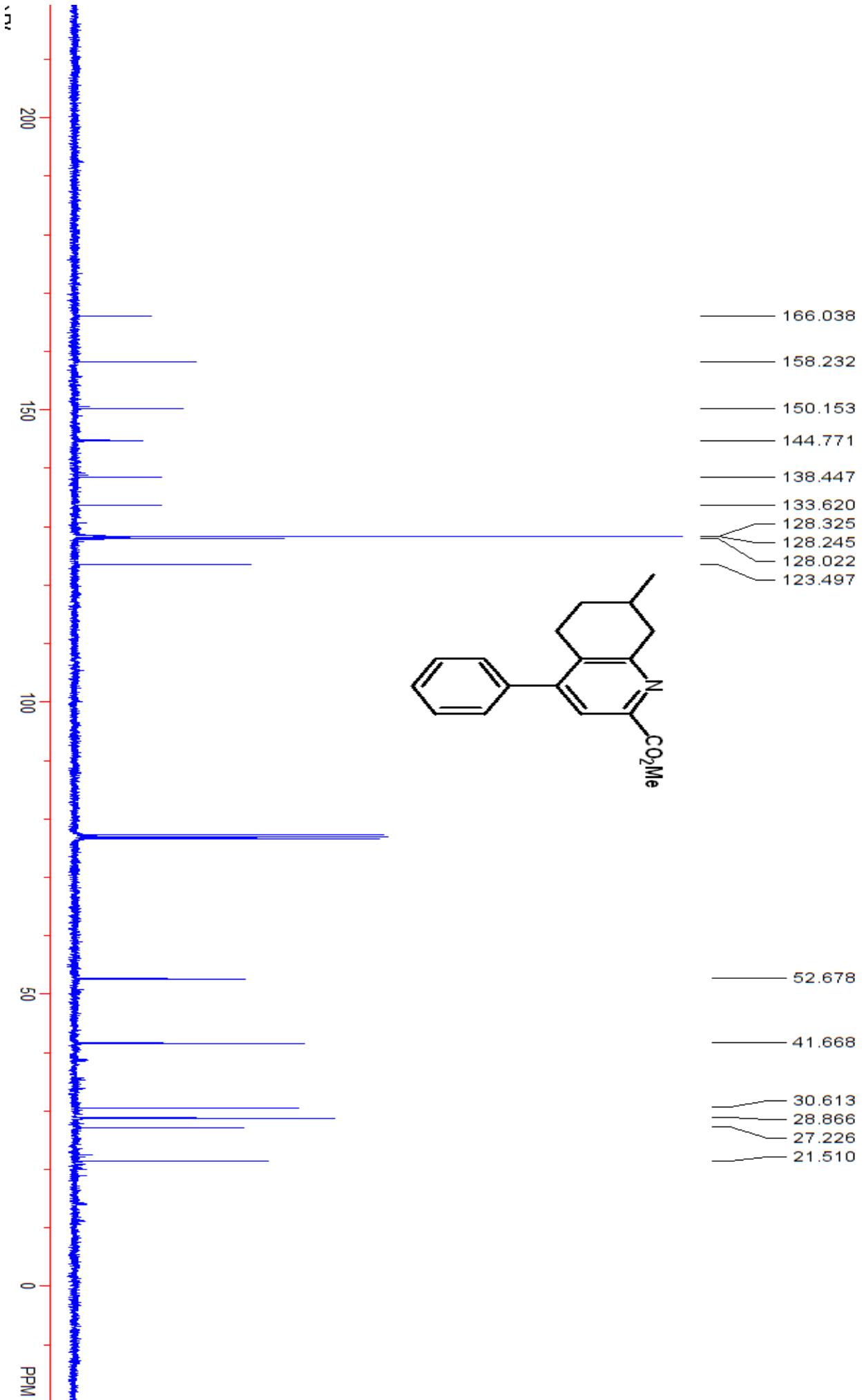


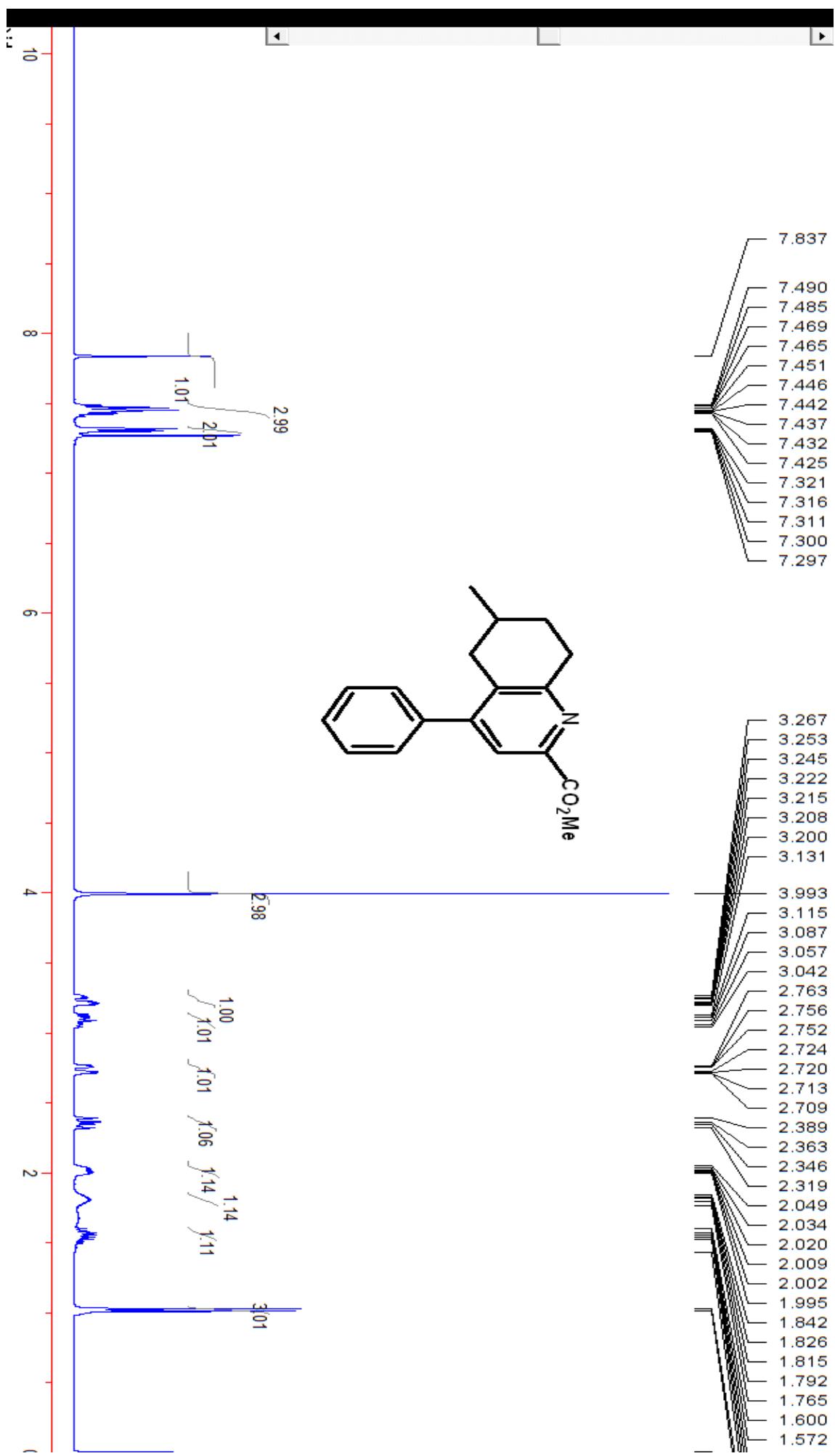


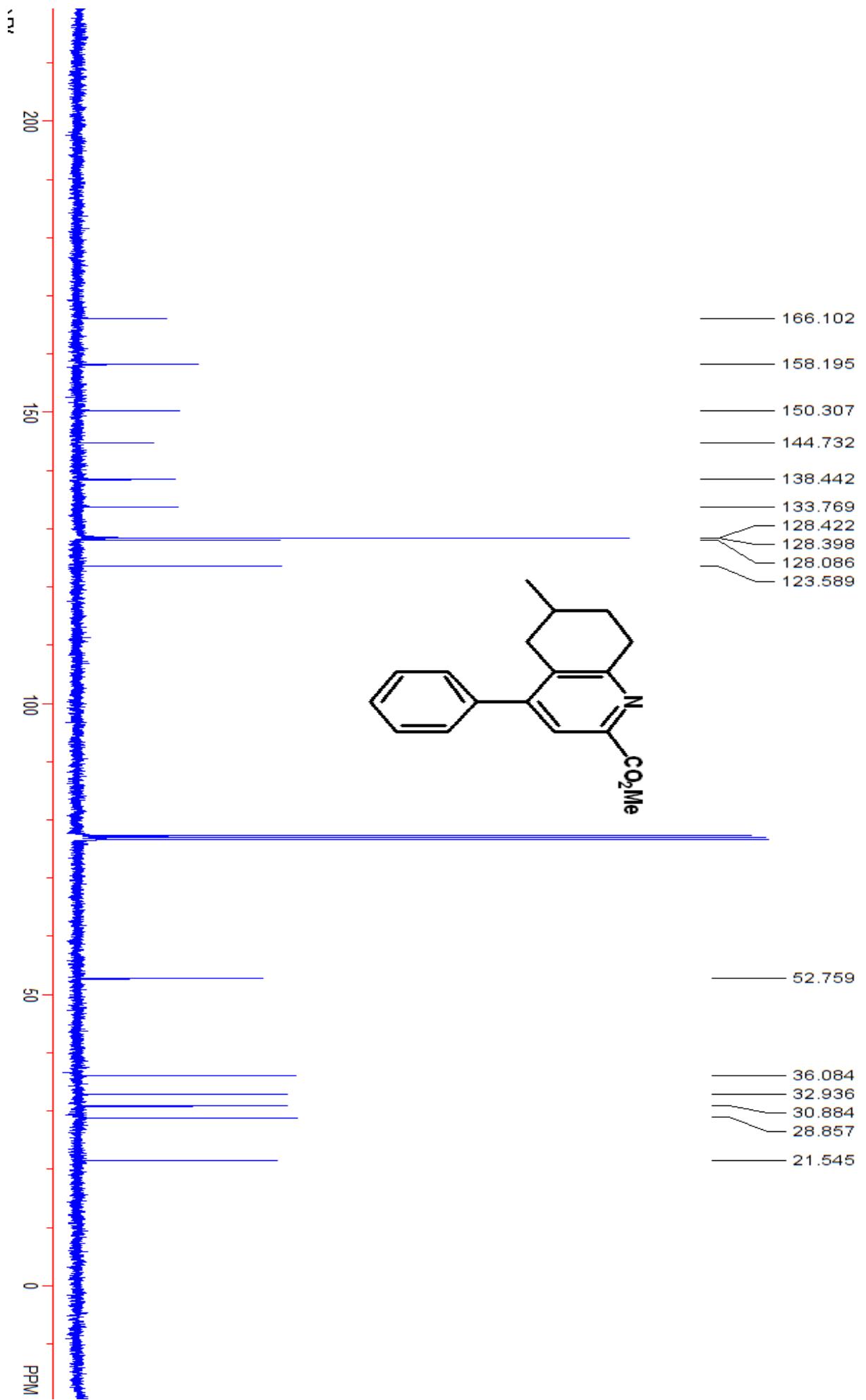


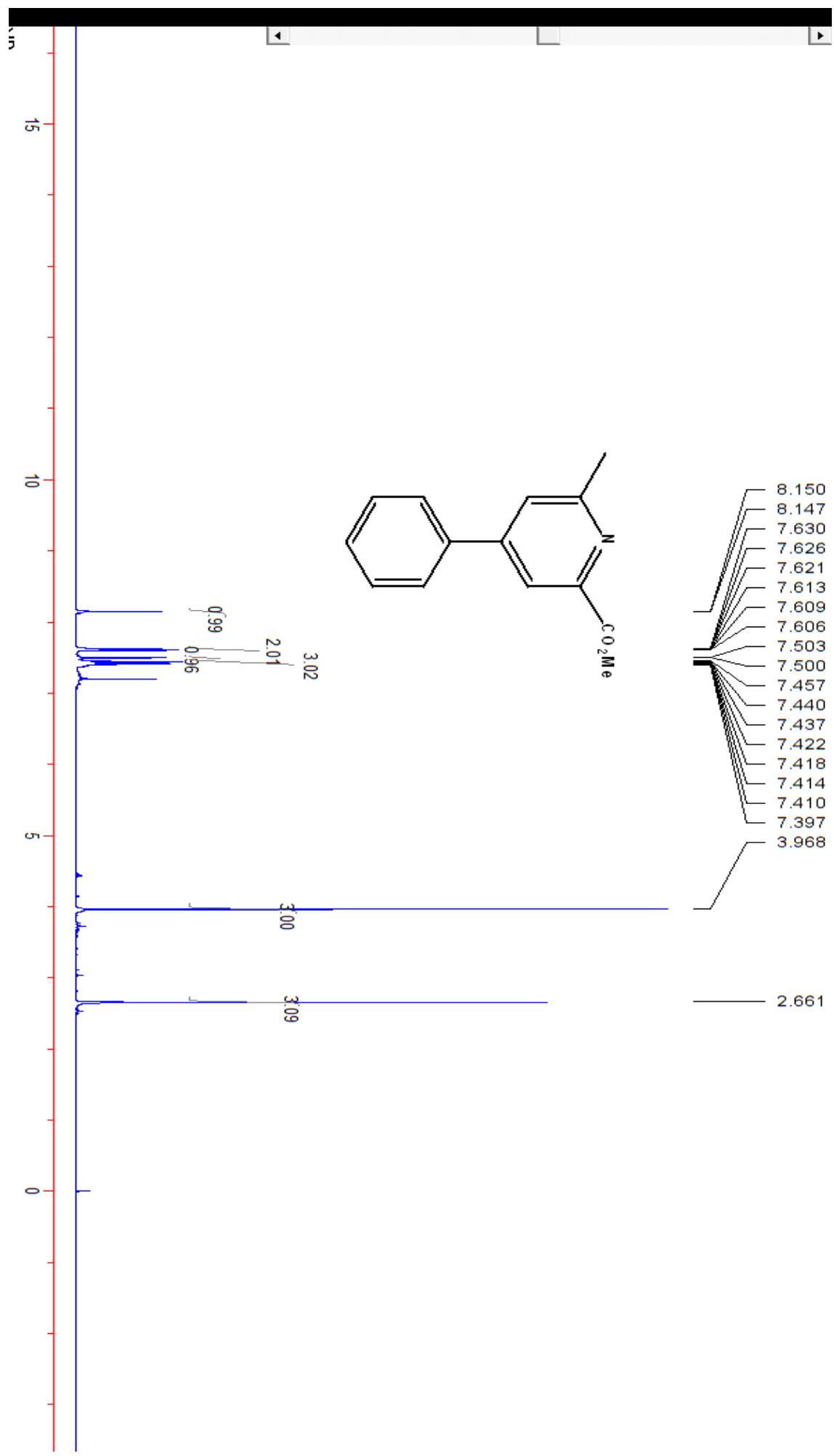


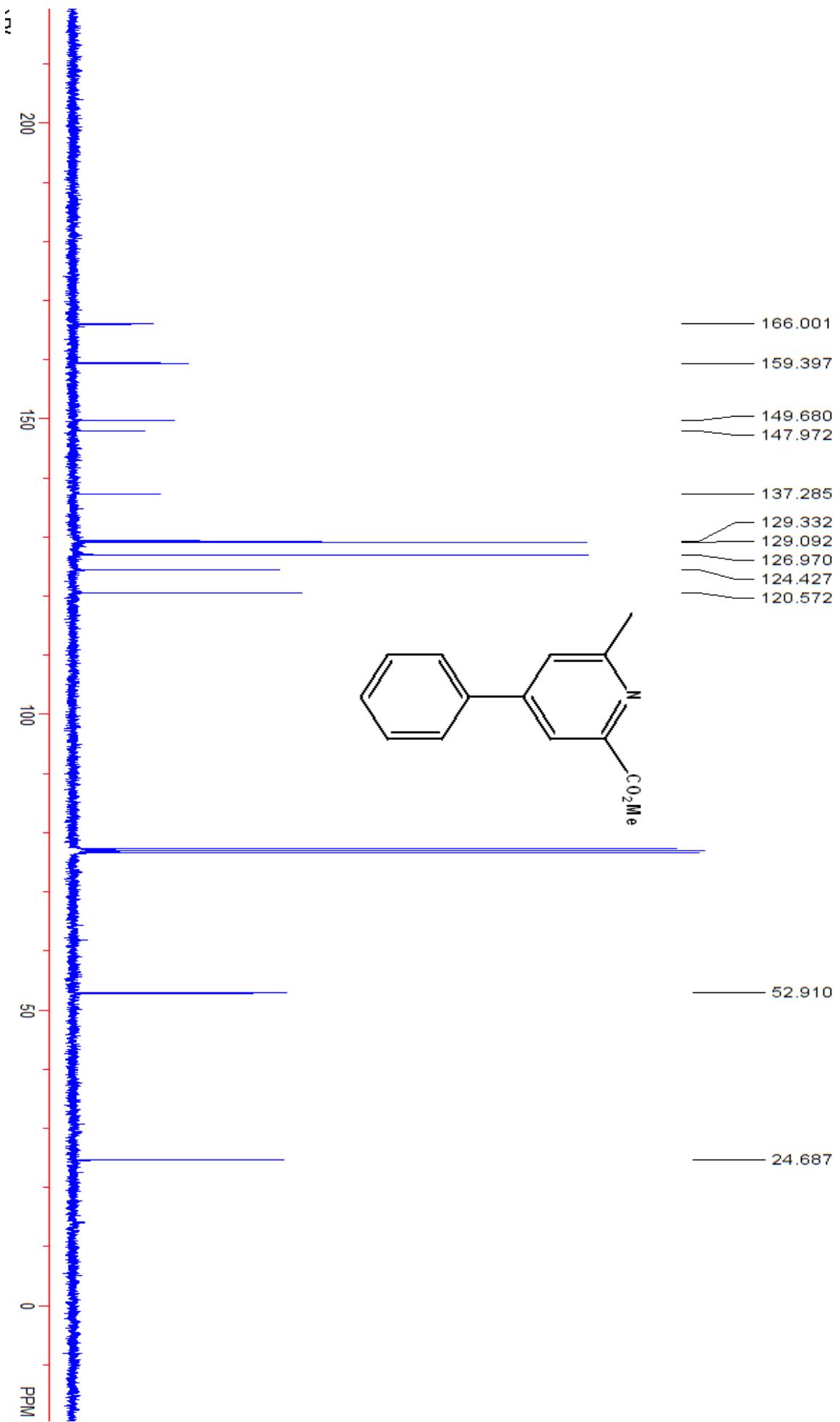


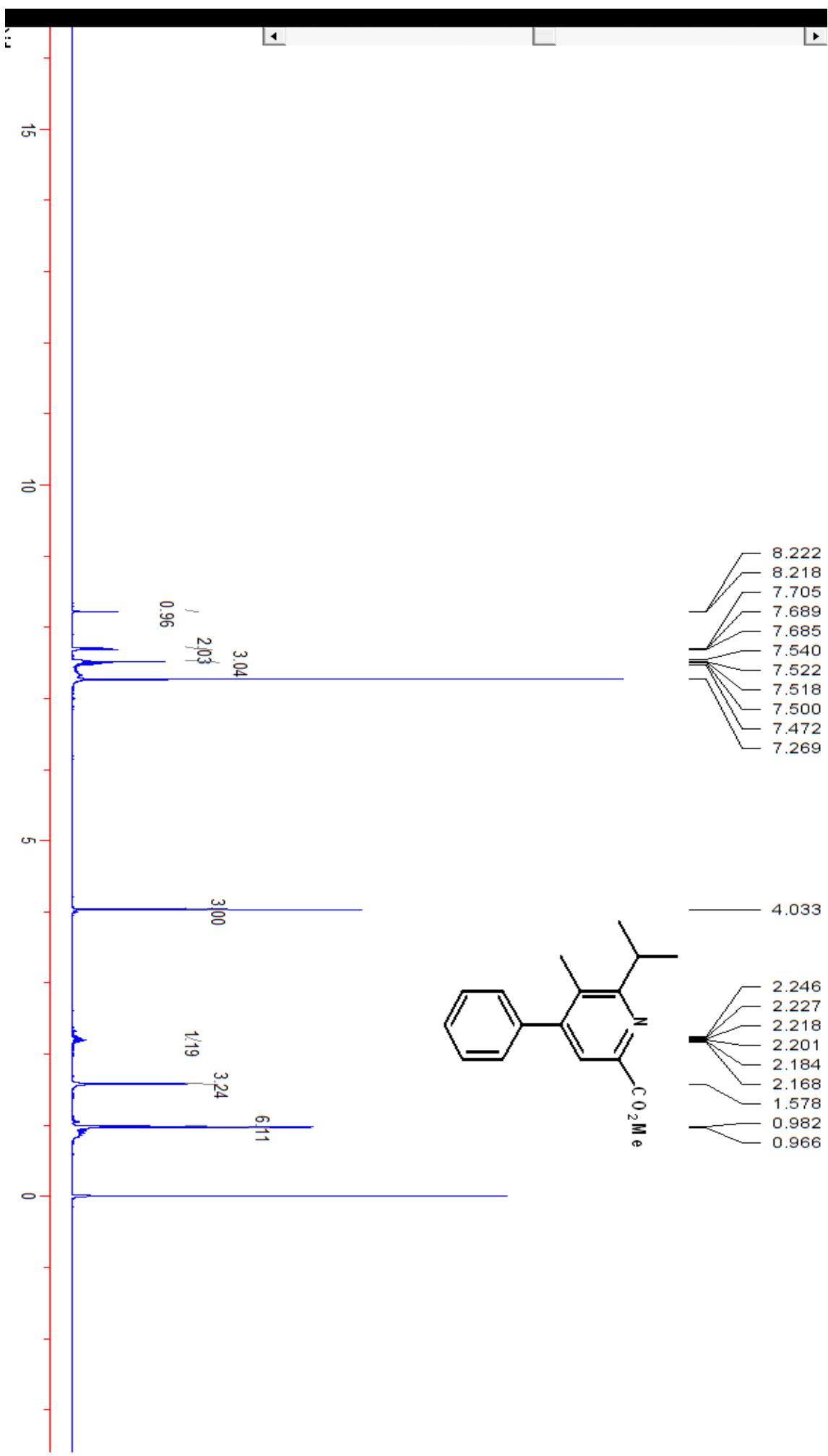


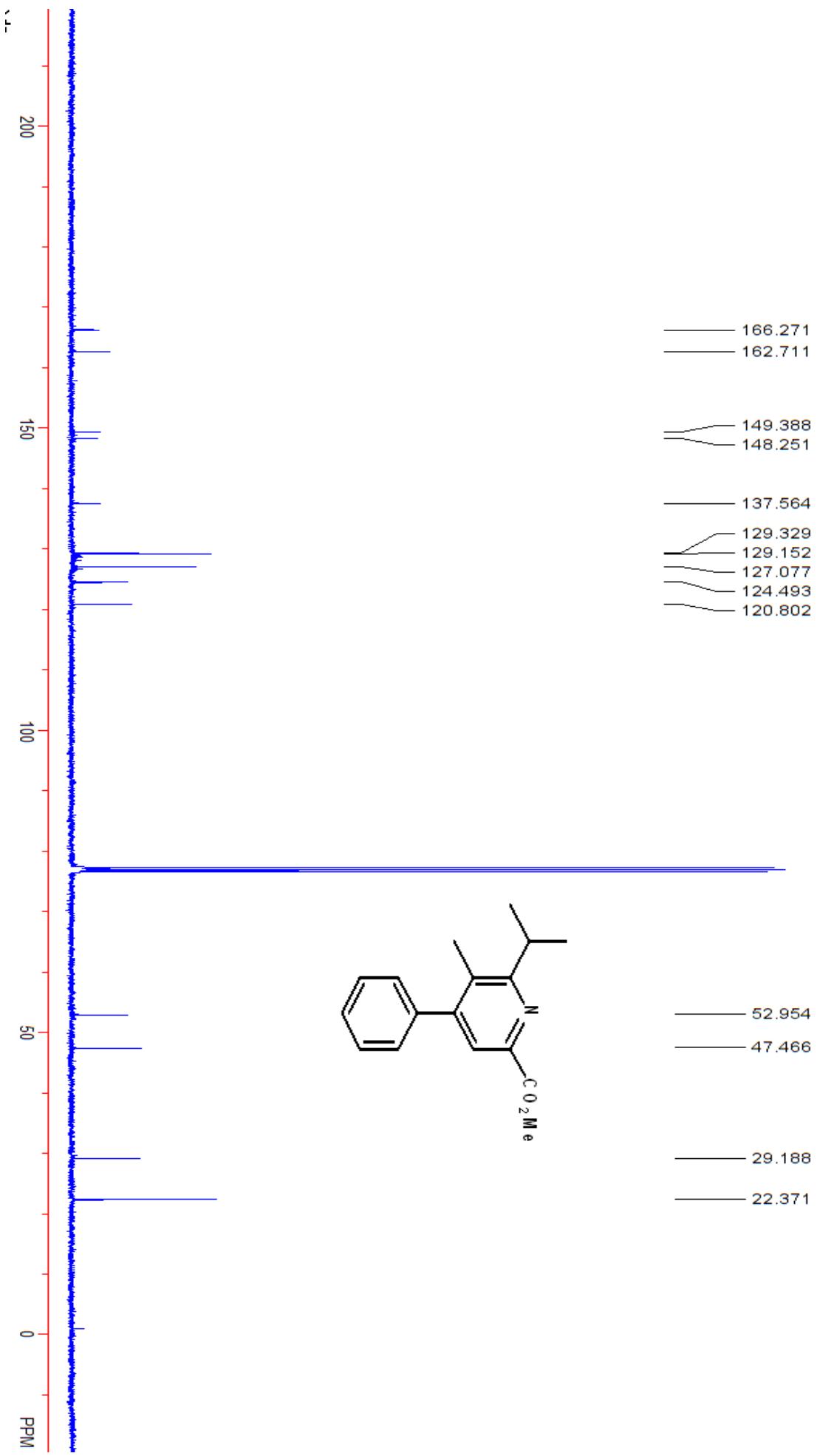


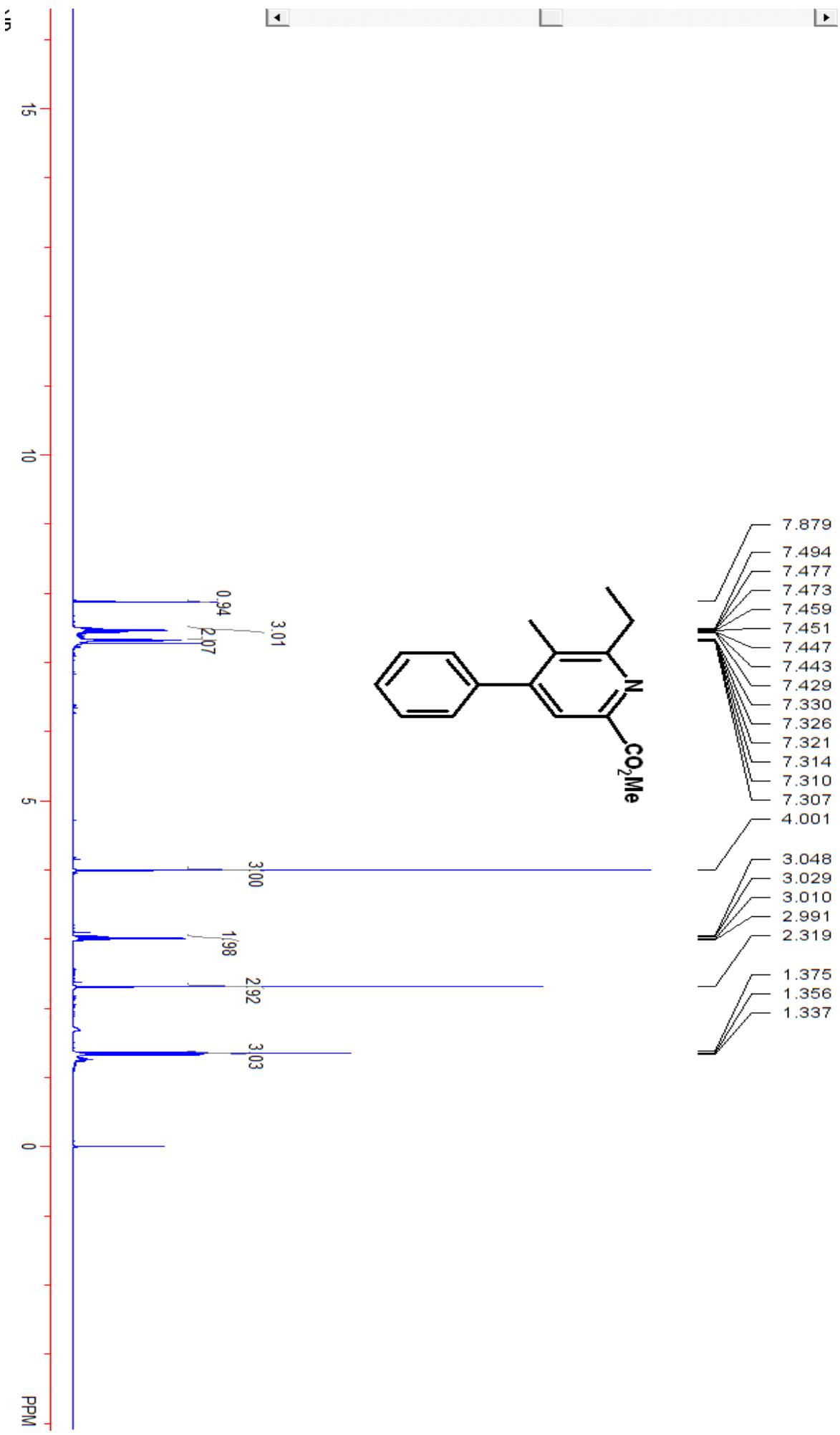


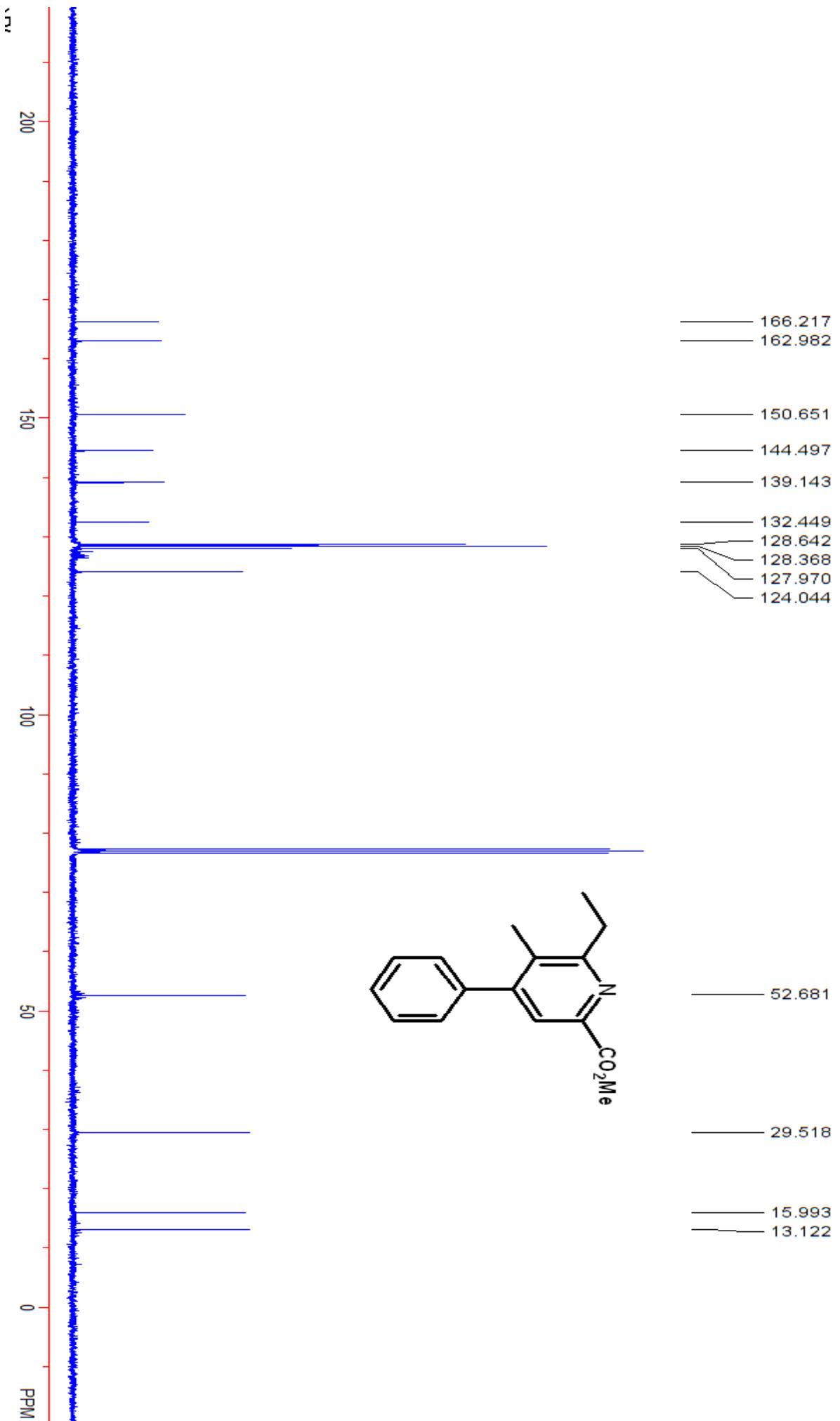




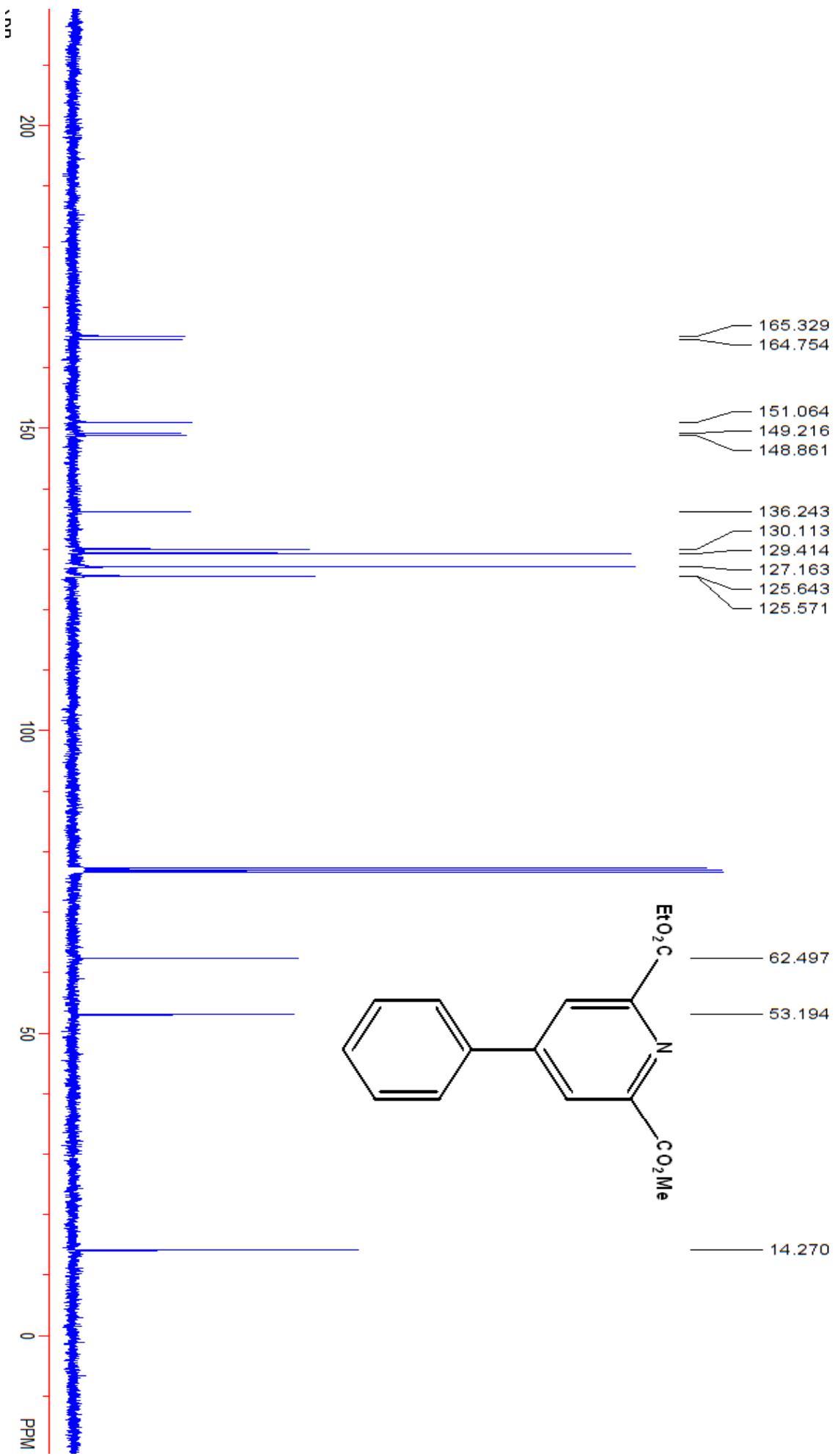


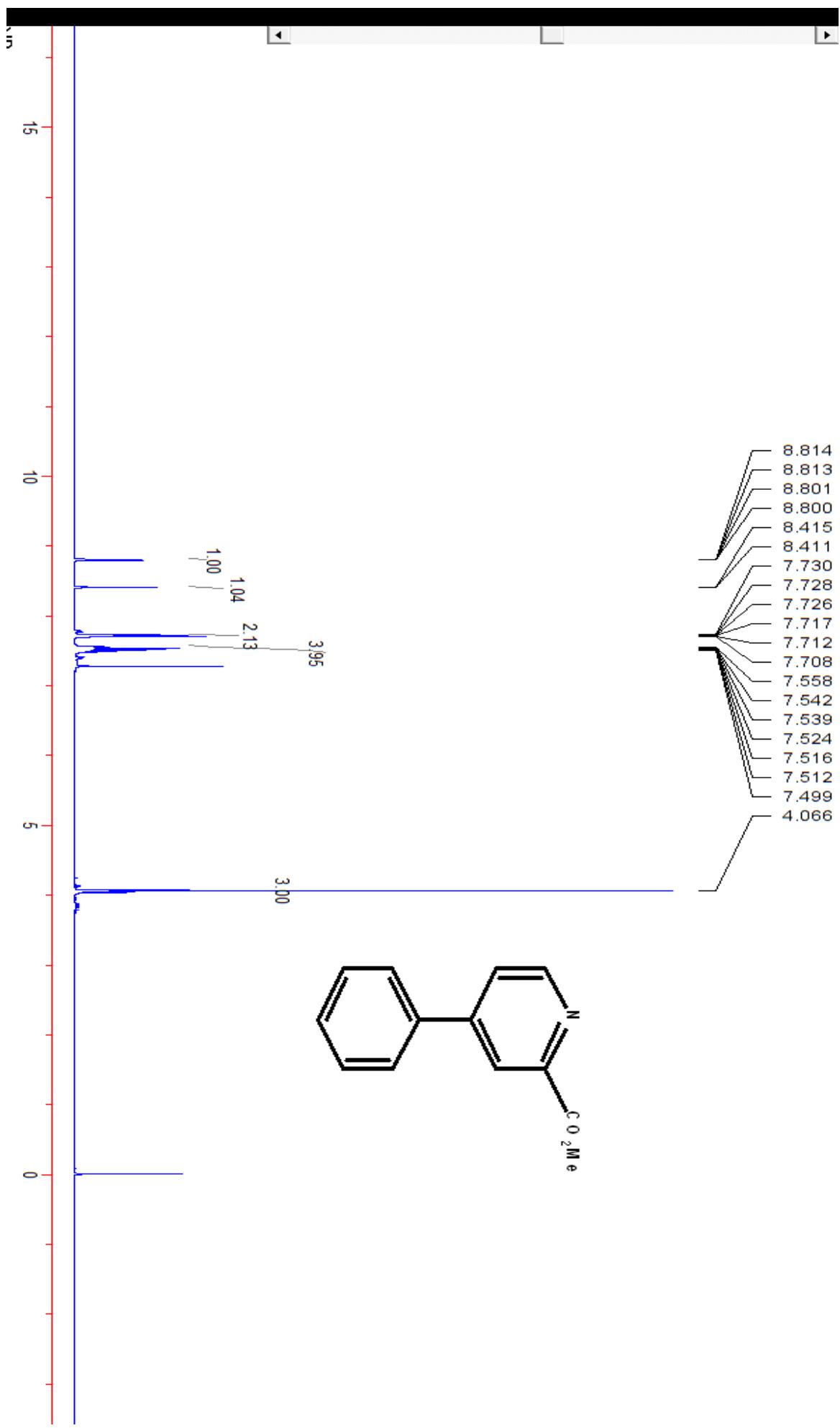


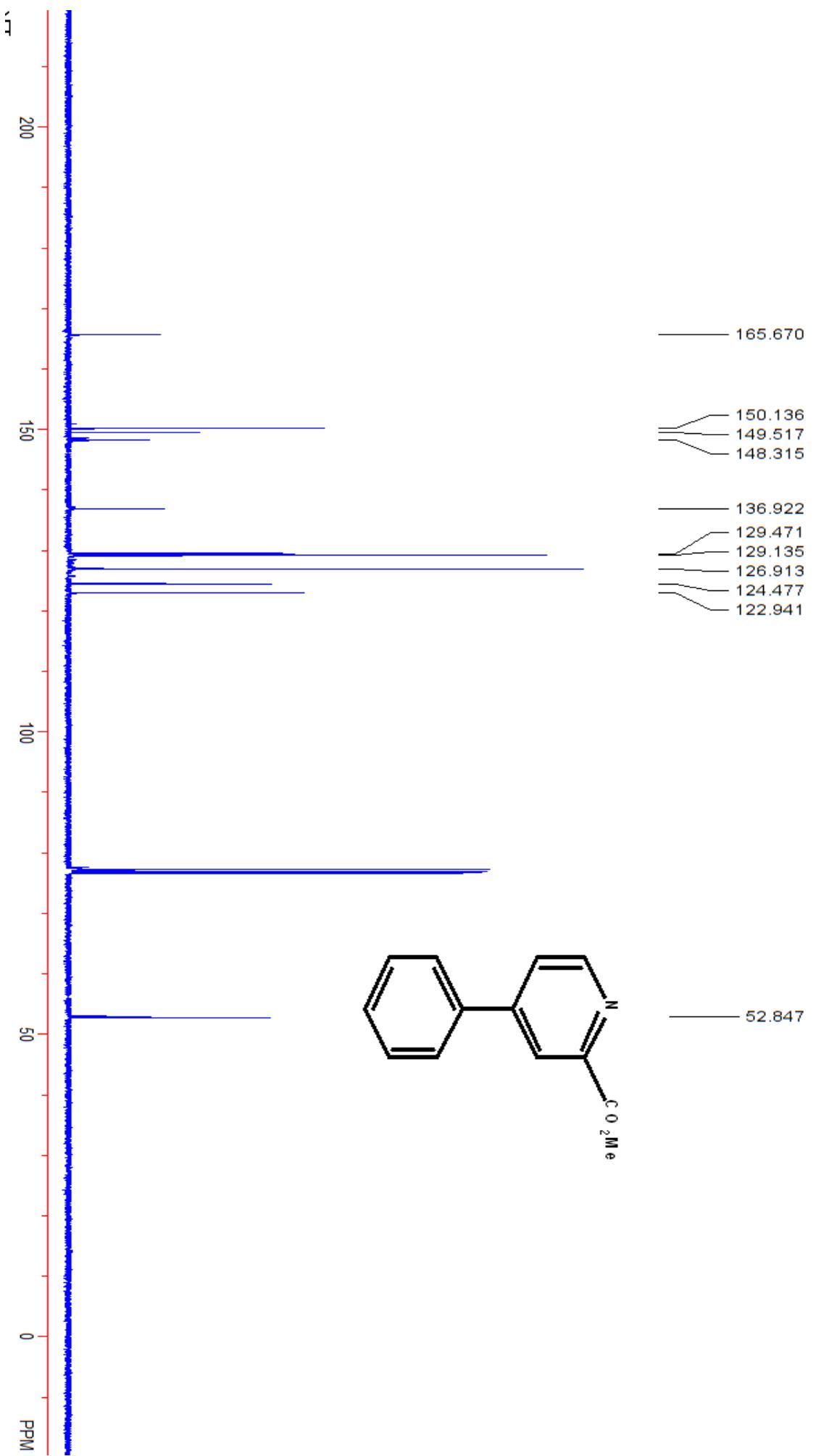




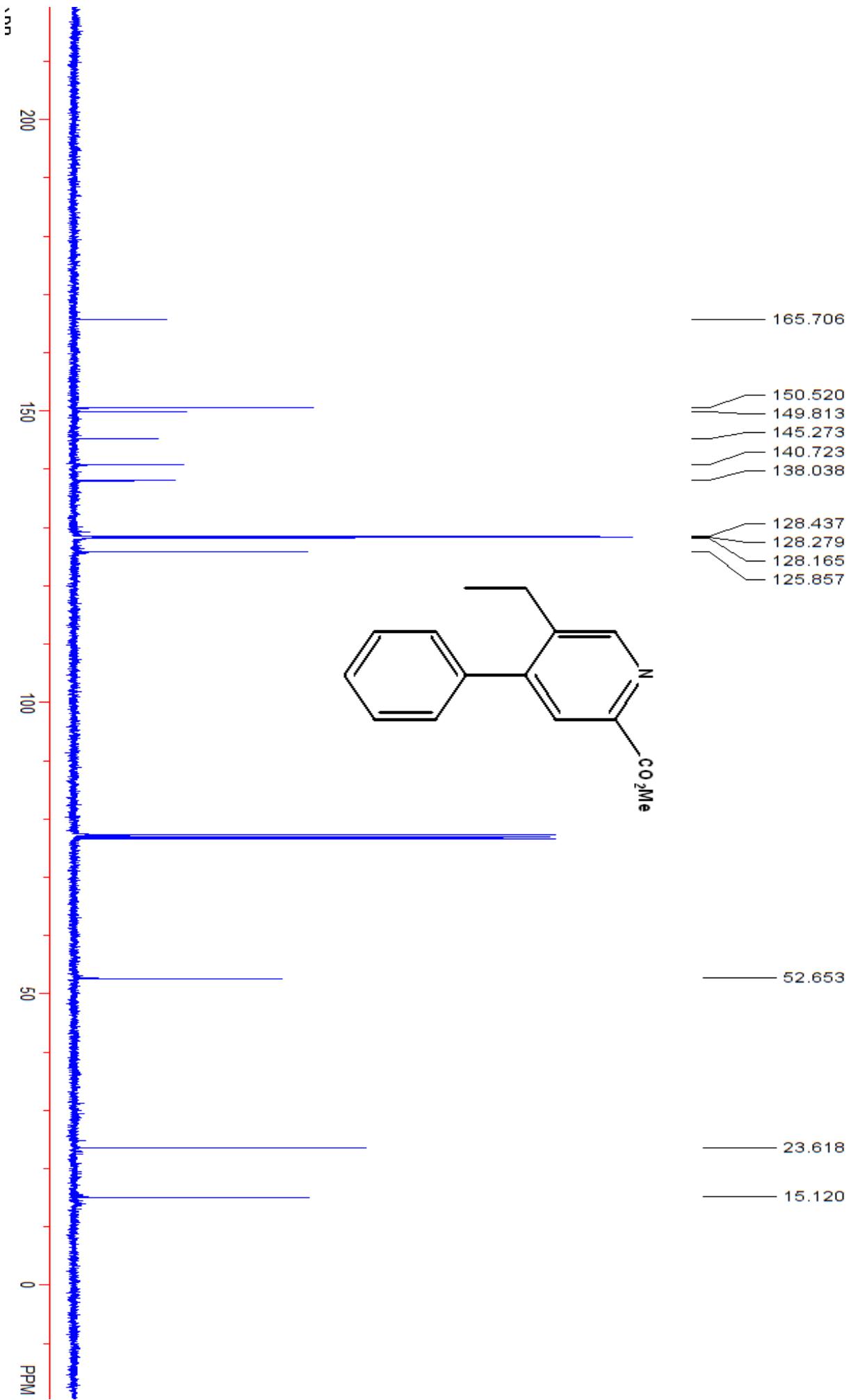




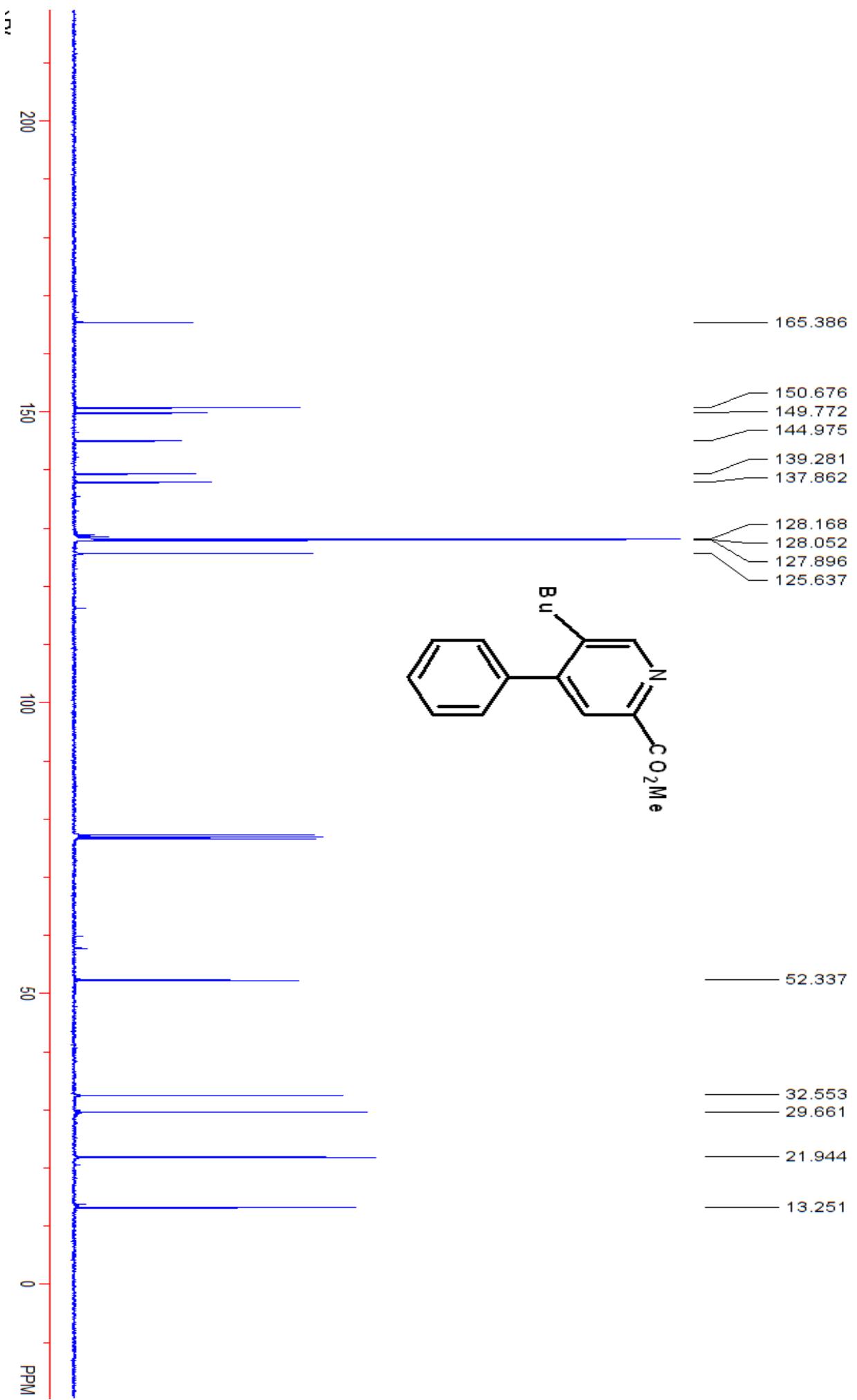


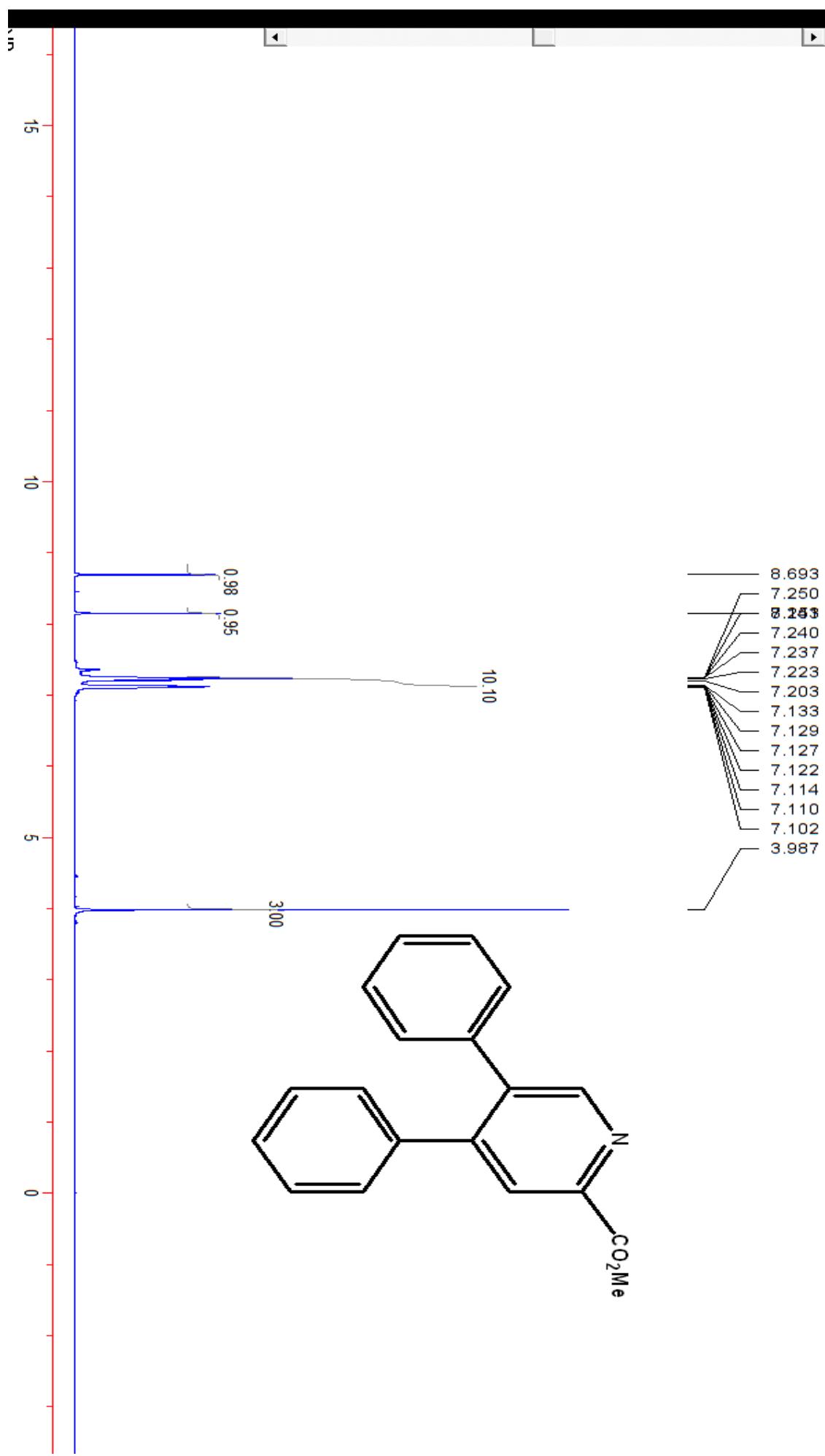


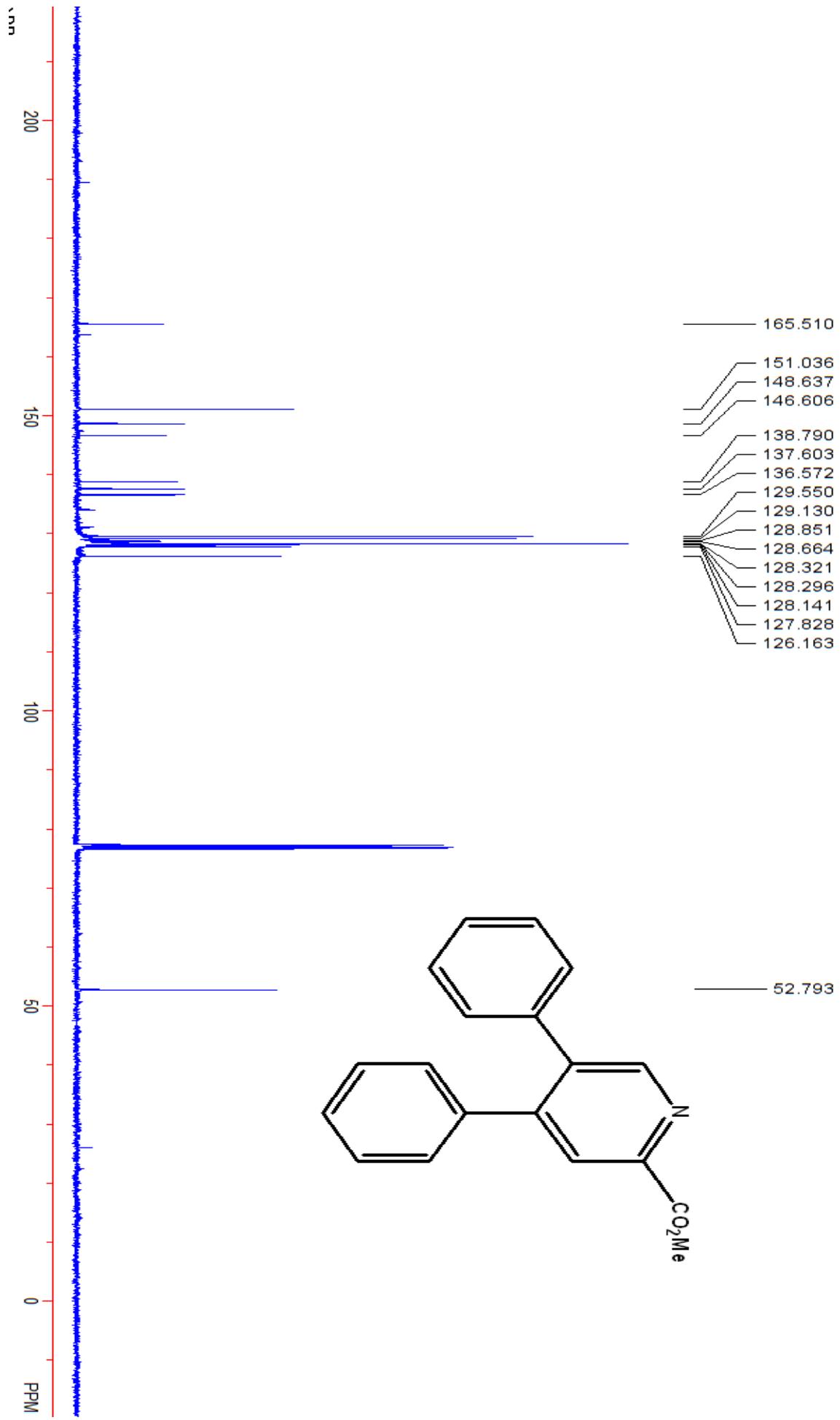


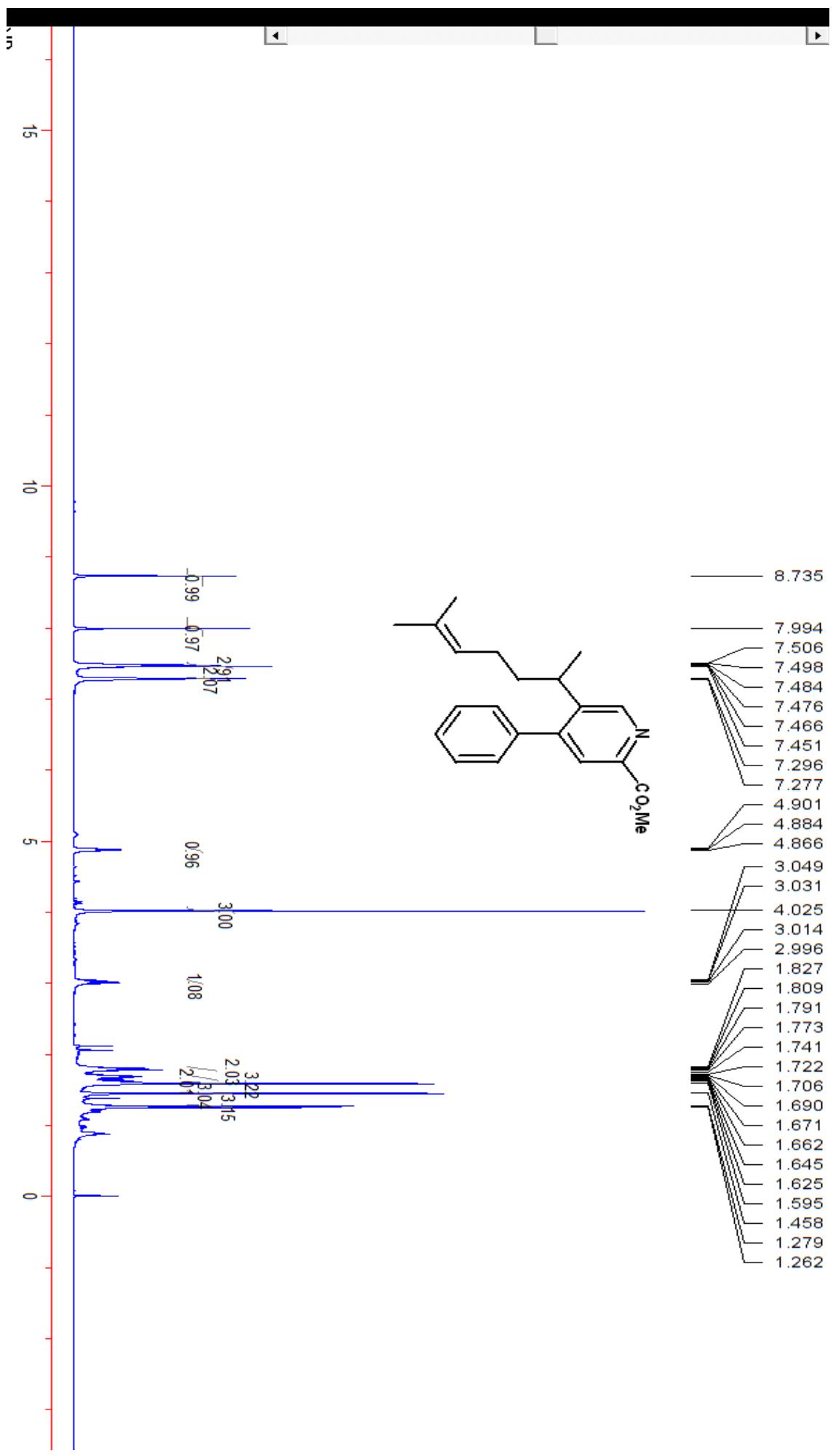


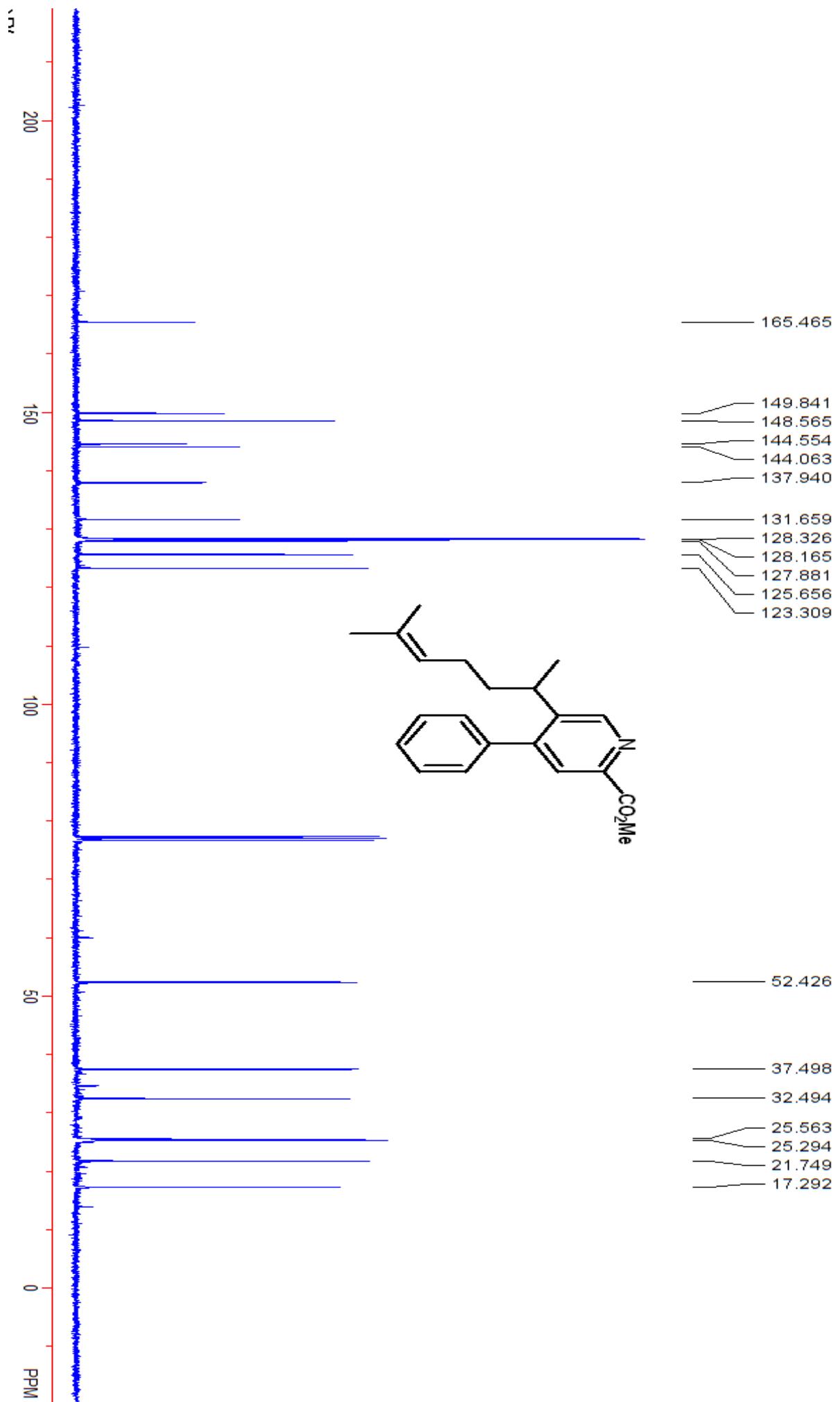


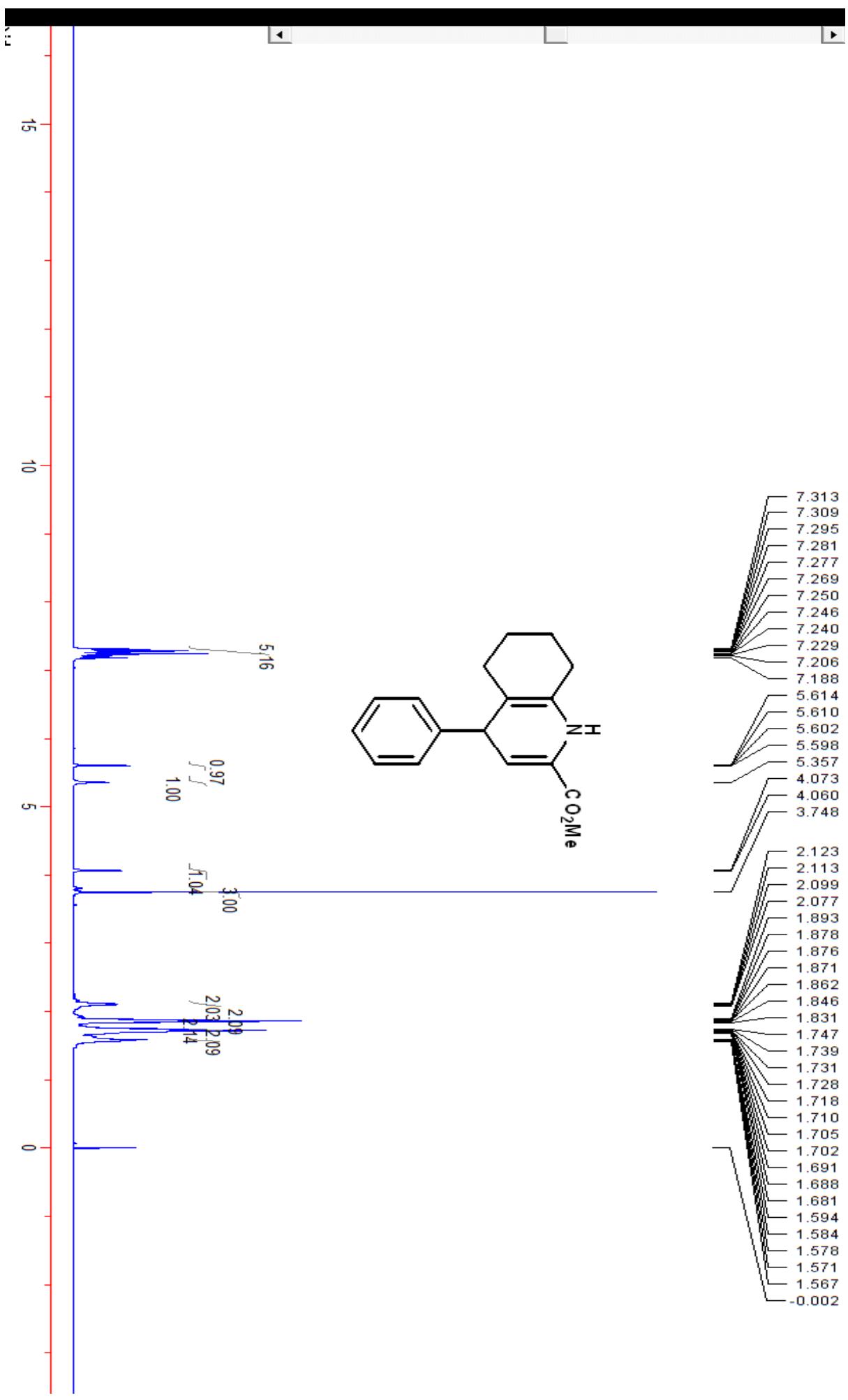


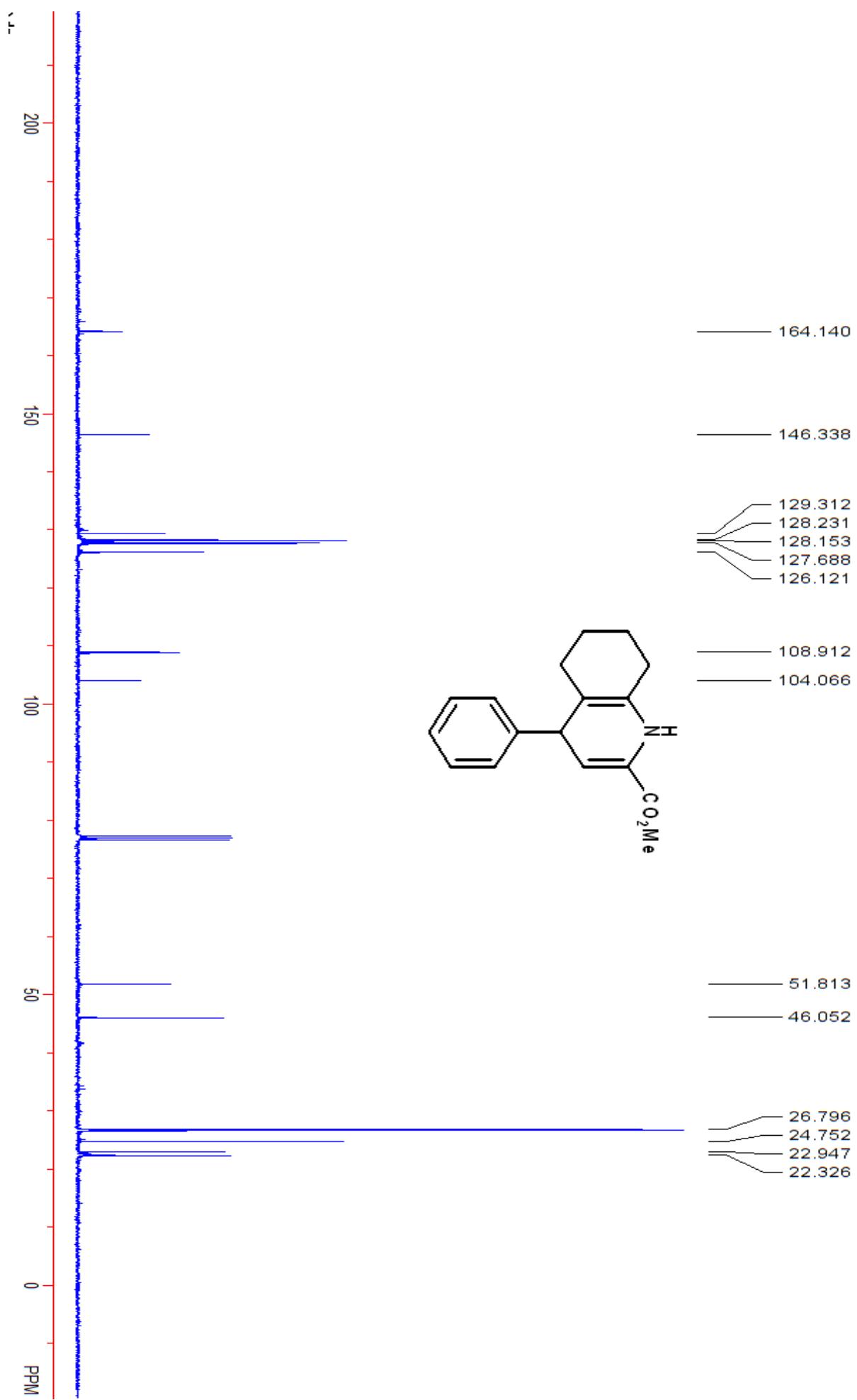












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