

# Nickel-catalyzed *ortho*-halogenation of unactivated (hetero)aryl C–H bonds with lithium halides using a removable auxiliary

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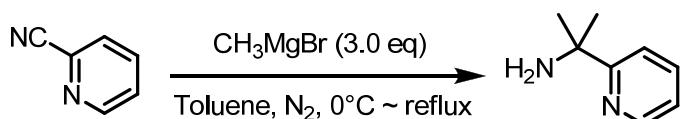
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## 1. General Information

*t*-BuCN was dried by CaH<sub>2</sub>, distilled under reduced pressure and stored under nitrogen. Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub> and LiI were obtained from Energy<sup>®</sup>. LiBr, LiCl and tetrahydropyran were obtained from aladdin. NiCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was obtained from SINOCOMPOUND. Dibutyl ether was obtained from Adamas. The other materials and solvents were purchased from Aladdin and other commercial suppliers and used without additional purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruke Avance operating for <sup>1</sup>H NMR at 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR at 100 MHz, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR at 376 MHz, using TMS as internal standard. The peaks were internally referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm) or residual undeuterated solvent signal (77.20 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, b = broad. Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an HRMS-TOF instrument or a low-resolution MS instrument using EI ionization.

## 2. Experimental Section

### 2.1 Preparation of 2-(Pyridin-2-yl)isopropyl (PIP) Amine

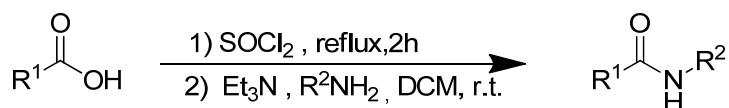


An improvement of the work-up procedure to the literature<sup>[1]</sup> was used: To a solution of 2-cyanopyridine (33.0 g, 0.32 mol) in 500 ml of toluene was added CH<sub>3</sub>MgBr (3.2M in 2-methyl tetrahydrofuran, 300ml, 0.96mol) dropwise at 0°C in a nitrogen atmosphere by vigorous magnetometric stirring. Upon completion of addition, the mixture was refluxed overnight. The reaction was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl dropwise at 0°C until the dark mixture changed to yellow. The suspension was filtrated through a pad of celite<sup>®</sup> and the filtration was acidified by aqueous HCl (6 M, 10 ml). The resulting water phase combined with the filter residue was basified by saturated aqueous NaOH until the yellow colored mixture turned dark brown with slurry sticky to the bottom. The mixture was washed with dichloromethane (500 ml×4) carefully and

the organic phase was combined and concentrated using a rotary evaporator. The crude product was further purified by distillation under reduced pressure. The target product was obtained as a light yellow liquid (>98% purity. 24g, 55%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.55 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.4, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.87 (s, 2 H), 1.50 (s, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.32, 148.78, 136.55, 121.41, 118.53, 54.14, 31.35.

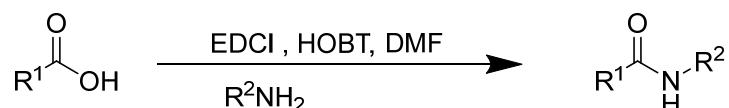
## 2.2 General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials

### General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials (Method A):



A solution of an acid (5 mmol) was refluxed in 5 mL  $\text{SOCl}_2$  for 2h and cooled to RT. The excess of  $\text{SOCl}_2$  was removed under vacuum to give corresponding acid choloride. The acid choloride was then re-dissolved in 5 mL dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and added dropwise to a 20 mL dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution containing amine (5 mmol) and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (10mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 6h at ambient temperature, the resulting mixture was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product.

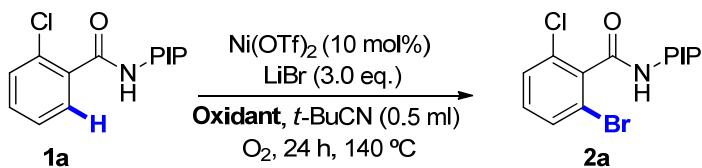
### General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials (Method B):



A mixture of amine (5 mmol), 6-bromohexanoic acid (5 mmol), EDCI (5.5 mmol) and HOBT (5.5 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight. Water was added and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product.

## 2.3 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

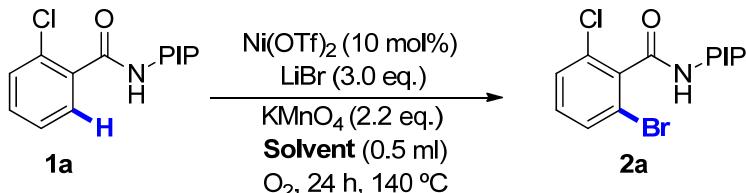
### Screening of Oxidants



Entry <sup>a</sup>	Oxidant (2.0 eq.)	Yield <sup>b</sup> of 2a
1	PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	decomposed
2	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	decomposed
3	Selectfluor	decomposed
4	KMnO <sub>4</sub> (2.2 eq.)	58%
5	BQ	N.R.
6	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	trace
7	TBHP	trace

<sup>a</sup> The reactions were carried out **1a** (0.1 mmol), Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol), LiBr (0.3 mmol), oxidant (0.2 mmol), *t*-BuCN (0.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub>, 140 °C. <sup>b</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard.

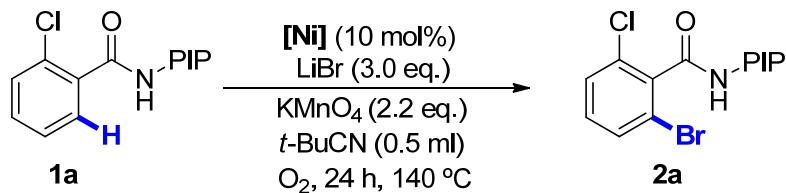
### Screening of Solvents



Entry <sup>a</sup>	Solvent	Yield <sup>b</sup> of 2a
1	dioxane	trace
2	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	N.R.
3	DCE	40%
4	<i>t</i> -BuCN	58%
5	toluene	18%

<sup>a</sup> The reactions were carried out **1a** (0.1 mmol), Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol), LiBr (0.3 mmol), KMnO<sub>4</sub> (0.22 mmol), solvent (0.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub>, 140 °C. <sup>b</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard.

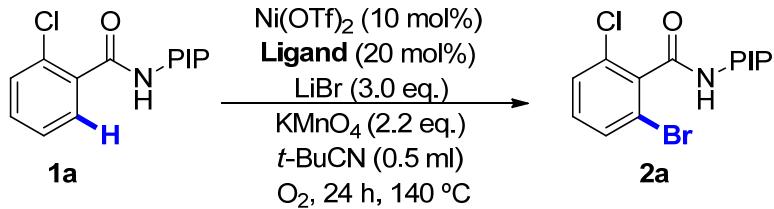
## *Screening of Nickel Catalysts*



Entry <sup>a</sup>	[Ni]	Yield <sup>b</sup> of 2a
1	/	N.R.
2	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	29%
3	Ni(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	60%
4	Ni(acac) <sub>2</sub>	22%
5	NiBr <sub>2</sub>	trace

<sup>a</sup> The reactions were carried out **1a** (0.1 mmol), [Ni] (0.01 mmol), LiBr (0.3 mmol), KMnO<sub>4</sub> (0.22 mmol), *t*-BuCN (0.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub>, 140 °C. <sup>b</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard.

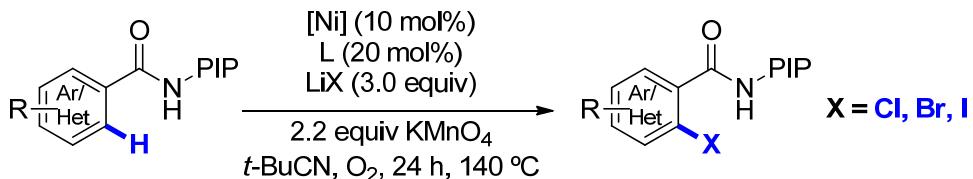
## *Screening of Ligands*



Entry <sup>a</sup>	Ligand	Yield <sup>b</sup> of 2a
1	PPh <sub>3</sub>	trace
2	PCy <sub>3</sub>	60%
3	DME	20%
4	THP	92% <sup>c</sup>
5	DBE	47%

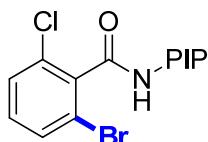
<sup>a</sup> The reactions were carried out **1a** (0.1 mmol), Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mmol), LiBr (0.3 mmol), KMnO<sub>4</sub> (0.22 mmol), *t*-BuCN (0.5 mL), O<sub>2</sub>, 140 °C. <sup>b</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR yield using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yield. DME = glycol dimethyl ether, THP = tetrahydropyrane, DBE = dibutylether.

## 2.4 General Procedure for the Halogenations



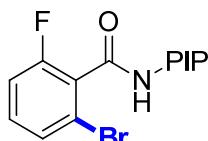
To a 50 mL sealed tube was added substrate (0.1mmol), nickel catalyst (3.7 mg, 0.01mmol), L (0.02mmol), LiX (0.3mmol),  $\text{KMnO}_4$  (36mg, 0.22mmol), and *t*-BuCN (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 140°C oil bath for 24 hour. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate and quenched with saturated ammonia solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, the resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product.

### 2-Bromo-6-chloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2a)



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.25 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (m, 2H), 1.92 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.3, 163.9, 147.5, 138.9, 137.4, 132.3, 131.3, 130.6, 128.7, 122.1, 120.8, 119.7, 57.7, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 351.9978, found: 351.9980.

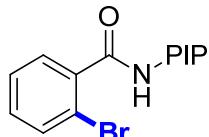
### 2-Bromo-6-fluoro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2b)



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.46 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.26 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.08 (td,  $J = 8.4, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.0,

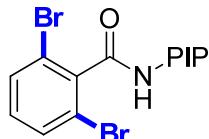
162.4, 160.8, 158.3, 147.6, 137.4, 131.0(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 128.97 – 128.46 (m), 122.2, 120.9 (d,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 119.6, 115.2, 115.0, 57.8, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrFN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 336.0274, found: 336.0275.

**2-Bromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2c)**



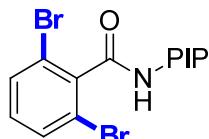
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48 – 8.46 (m, 1H), 8.24 (brs, 1H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt,  $J = 8.0, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 (ddd,  $J = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.90 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.1, 164.3, 147.7, 139.5, 137.3, 133.4, 130.9, 129.3, 127.6, 122.1, 119.6, 57.6, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 318.0368, found: 318.0367.

**2,6-dibromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2c')**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.28 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.2, 164.0, 147.6, 140.8, 137.4, 132.0, 131.0, 122.2, 120.8, 119.7, 57.7, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 395.9473, found: 395.9479.

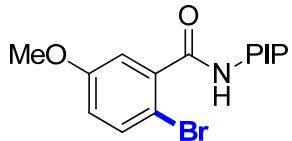
**2,6-Dibromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2d)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.28 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.2, 164.0, 147.6, 140.8, 137.4, 132.0, 131.0, 122.2, 120.8, 119.7, 57.7, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF)

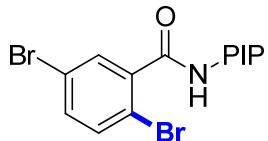
calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 395.9473, found: 395.9479.

**2-Bromo-5-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2e)**



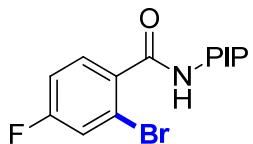
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (brs, 1H), 7.78 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.8, 164.2, 159.1, 147.8, 140.1, 137.3, 134.2, 122.1, 119.7, 117.5, 114.5, 109.8, 57.6, 55.8, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 348.0473, found: 348.0475.

**2,5-Dibromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2f)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.52 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.35 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 164.0, 147.7, 141.2, 137.5, 134.9, 133.8, 132.2, 122.3, 121.6, 119.7, 118.4, 57.7, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 395.9473, found: 395.9468.

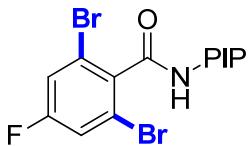
**2-Bromo-4-fluoro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2g)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H),

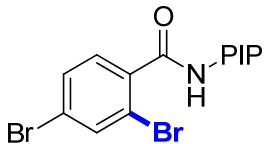
1.89 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.2, 164.1(d,  $J = 13.0$  Hz), 161.5, 147.7, 137.4, 135.8 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 130.9(d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 122.2, 120.8, 120.6, 120.3 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz), 119.7, 115.0, 114.8, 57.6, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrFN}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 336.0274, found: 336.0276.

### **2,6-Dibromo-4-fluoro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2g')**



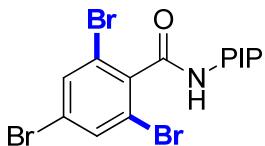
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.46 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.32 (brs, 1H), 7.75 (td,  $J = 7.6$ , 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 1.92 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.6, 163.9, 163.0, 160.5, 147.5, 137.5 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 122.3, 121.1 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz), 119.7 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz), 119.5, 57.7, 27.3; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}_2\text{FN}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 413.9379, found: 413.9375.

### **2,4-Dibromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2h)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.47 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.35 (brs, 1H), 7.80 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 7.2$ , 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.2, 164.0, 147.7, 138.3, 137.5, 135.8, 130.8, 130.5, 123.9, 122.2, 120.4, 119.7, 57.6, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 395.9473, found: 395.9469.

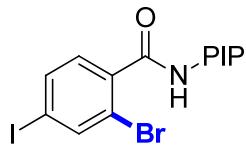
### **2,4,6-Tribromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2h')**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.36 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H);

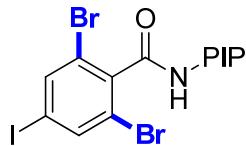
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.5, 163.8, 147.5, 139.8, 137.5, 134.4, 123.2, 122.3, 121.2, 119.7, 57.7, 27.3; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 473.8578, found: 473.8573.

### 2-Bromo-4-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2i)



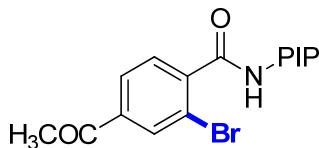
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (brs, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 1.89 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.2, 164.1, 147.7, 141.4, 139.0, 137.4, 136.7, 130.5, 122.2, 120.4, 119.6, 95.6, 57.6, 27.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrIN<sub>2</sub>O [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 466.9226, found: 466.9222.

### 2,6-Dibromo-4-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2i')



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (brs, 1H), 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.5, 163.9, 147.5, 140.4, 139.9, 137.5, 122.3, 121.2, 119.7, 94.4, 57.7, 27.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 522.8512, found: 522.8525.

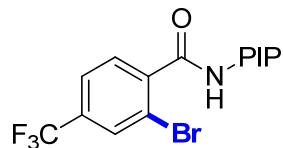
### 4-acetyl-2-bromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (2j)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (brs, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 6.8 Hz, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

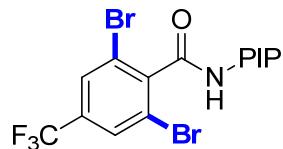
$\delta$  196.3, 166.5, 163.4, 146.6, 142.7, 139.0, 133.3, 129.6, 127.5, 122.8, 120.3, 120.1, 57.3, 27.5, 26.9. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}BrN_2O_2$   $[M^+H]^+$ : 360.0473, found: 360.0472.

**2-bromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (2k)**



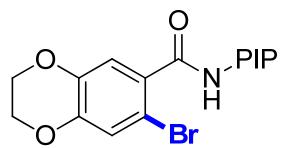
$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.50 – 8.43 (m, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.76 (td,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 163.9, 147.6, 142.9, 137.5, 133.0, 132.7, 130.5 (d,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 129.6, 124.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 122.3, 120.1, 119.7, 57.7, 27.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{14}BrF_3N_2O$   $[M+H]^+$ : 387.0314, found: 387.0306.

**2,6-dibromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (2k')**



$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.48 (brs, 1H), 8.46 – 8.42 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 1.93 (s, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  164.1, 163.6, 147.5, 143.9, 137.6, 134.1, 133.3, 132.9, 129.0 (q,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 123.6, 122.3, 121.2, 120.9, 119.6, 57.8, 27.3. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{13}BrF_3N_2O$  ( $M^+$ ): 463.9347, found: 463.9349.

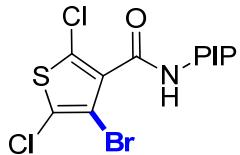
**7-bromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine-6-carboxamide (2l)**



$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (brs, 1H), 7.73 (td,  $J$  = 8.0,

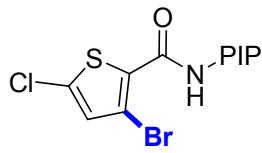
1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 4H), 1.86 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.1, 164.1, 147.5, 145.1, 142.8, 137.2, 132.0, 121.9, 121.6, 119.6, 118.4, 110.0, 64.5, 64.2, 57.3, 27.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}^+\text{H}]^+$ : 376.0423, found: 376.0428.

**4-Bromo-2,5-dichloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-3-carboxamide (2p)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 (dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (brs, 1H), 7.75 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.8, 159.9, 147.6, 137.5, 136.3, 126.0, 124.6, 122.3, 119.6, 109.4, 57.7, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrCl}_2\text{N}_2\text{OS}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 391.9153, found: 391.9148.

**3-Bromo-5-chloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (2q)**



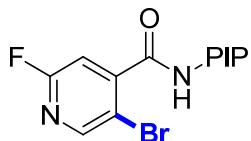
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.17 (brs, 1H), 8.54 (d,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 1.85 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.1, 158.9, 147.8, 137.3, 136.1, 135.1, 131.0, 122.2, 119.5, 107.2, 58.3, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrClN}_2\text{OS}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 357.9542, found: 357.9545.

**3-Bromo-5-nitro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide (2r)**



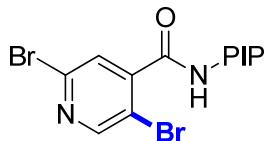
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.63 (brs, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.78 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.6, 157.9, 152.4, 147.7, 143.6, 137.6, 132.0, 122.5, 119.6, 107.1, 58.6, 27.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (M<sup>+</sup>): 368.9783, found: 368.9785.

### 5-Bromo-2-fluoro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide (2s)



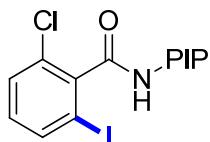
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.70 (brs, 1H), 8.47 (m, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3, 163.5 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 161.8, 150.8 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 150.6 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 147.6, 137.7, 122.5, 119.6, 113.6 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 110.1, 109.7, 57.8, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFN<sub>3</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 337.0226, found: 337.0230.

### 2,5-Dibromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide (2t)



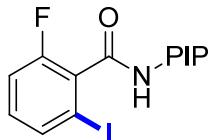
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.64 (brs, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.4, 163.1, 152.8, 148.1, 147.5, 141.0, 137.7, 127.6, 122.4, 119.6, 116.9, 57.8, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 396.9425, found: 396.9427.

### 2-Chloro-6-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3a)



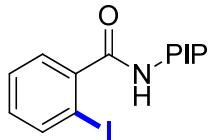
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (brs, 1H), 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.0, 164.0, 147.5, 142.7, 137.8, 137.4, 131.4, 130.9, 129.6, 122.2, 119.7, 93.8, 57.7, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClIN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 399.9839, found: 399.9842.

### 2-Fluoro-6-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3b)



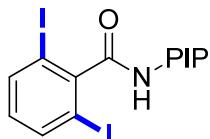
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (brs, 1H), 7.78 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 1.92 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.0 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 160.0, 157.5, 147.6, 137.4, 135.2 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 132.5, 132.3, 131.5 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 122.2, 119.7, 116.0, 115.8, 93.9 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 57.8, 27.5. HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FIN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 384.0135, found: 384.0133.

### 2-Iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3c)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (m, 1H), 8.18 (brs, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.7, 164.2, 147.7, 143.6, 139.9, 137.4, 130.8, 128.3, 128.2, 122.1, 119.7, 92.8, 57.5, 27.6; The analytical data above were matched with literature.<sup>[2]</sup>

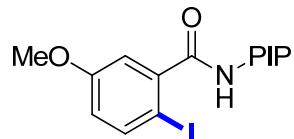
### 2,6-Diiodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3c')



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (brs, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0

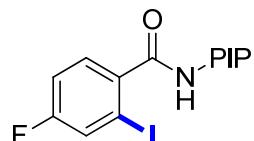
Hz, 2H), 7.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.72 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.6, 164.1, 147.9, 147.5, 139.3, 137.4, 131.4, 122.2, 119.8, 92.6, 57.6, 27.2; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{I}_2\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 491.9195, found: 491.9199.

**2-Iodo-5-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3e)**



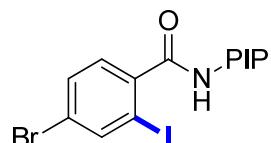
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.50 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.18 (brs, 1H), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.4, 164.2, 159.9, 147.7, 144.3, 140.6, 137.4, 122.1, 119.7, 117.5, 114.1, 81.0, 57.5, 55.7, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{IN}_2\text{O}_2(\text{M}^+)$ : 396.0335, found: 396.0338.

**4-Fluoro-2-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3g)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.47 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (brs, 1H), 7.74 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.09 (td,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.9, 164.13 (s), 163.6, 161.1, 147.7, 139.8 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 137.4, 129.5 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 127.2, 126.9, 122.2, 119.7, 115.5, 115.3, 92.6 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz) 57.5, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{FIN}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 384.0135, found: 384.0137.

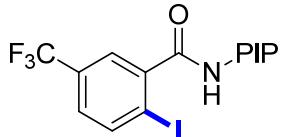
**4-Bromo-2-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (3h)**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 – 8.43 (m, 1H), 8.29 (brs, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.8, 164.0, 147.6, 142.4, 141.9, 137.5, 131.4, 129.2, 123.8,

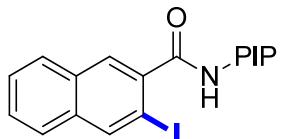
122.2, 119.7, 93.4, 57.5, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrIN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 443.9334, found: 443.9331.

**2-Iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (3m)**



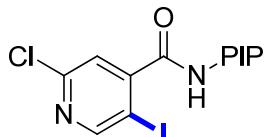
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (brs, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.4, 163.9, 147.6, 144.4, 140.7, 137.5, 131.1, 130.8, 127.2 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 124.9 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 122.3, 119.7, 97.3, 57.6, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O(M<sup>+</sup>): 434.0103, found: 434.0103.

**3-Iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2-naphthamide (3n)**



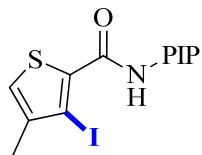
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.31 (brs, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.7, 164.3, 147.7, 140.0, 139.5, 137.4, 134.9, 132.2, 128.3, 127.7, 127.2, 126.8, 122.1, 119.7, 89.5, 57.5, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O(M<sup>+</sup>): 416.0386, found: 416.0385.

**2-Chloro-5-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide (3u)**



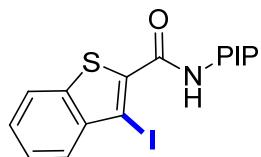
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.58 (brs, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 1.90 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.0, 163.4, 158.0, 152.4, 151.9, 147.5, 137.7, 123.5, 122.5, 119.65, 89.5, 57.7, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClIN<sub>3</sub>O(M<sup>+</sup>): 400.9792, found: 400.9788.

**4-Iodo-5-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-3-carboxamide (3v)**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.75 (brs, 1H), 8.57 – 8.51 (m, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J*=8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J*= 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J*= 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, *J*= 0.4 Hz, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.4, 160.6, 147.9, 142.1, 139.6, 137.2, 123.6, 122.1, 119.6, 85.9, 58.0, 27.8, 19.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>OS(M<sup>+</sup>): 385.9950, found: 385.9947.

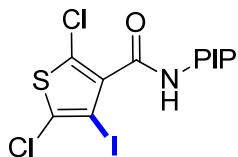
### 3-Iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzo[b]thiophene-2-carboxamide (3w)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.05 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.75 (ddd, *J*= 8.0, 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.22 (ddd, *J*= 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.1, 160.9, 147.8, 141.9, 139.2, 138.9, 137.4, 127.4, 127.1, 125.8, 122.6, 122.2, 119.6, 80.1, 58.2, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>OS(M<sup>+</sup>): 421.9950, found: 421.9948.

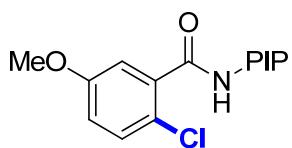
### 2,5-Dichloro-4-iodo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-3-carboxamide

#### (3p)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.52 – 8.47 (m, 1H), 8.43 (brs, 1H), 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.8, 160.8, 147.6, 139.4, 137.5, 129.1, 125.9, 122.3, 119.6, 81.9, 57.6, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>OS(M<sup>+</sup>): 439.9014, found: 439.9012.

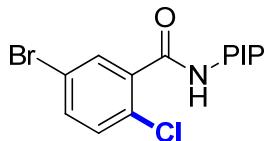
### 2-Chloro-5-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (4e)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.49 (d, *J*= 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (brs, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m,

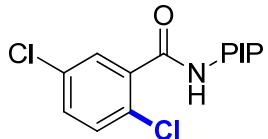
1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.8, 1H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.88 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 164.37, 158.57, 147.87, 137.5, 137.3, 131.1, 122.1, 122.1, 119.6, 117.5, 114.5, 57.7, 55.8, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 304.0979, found: 304.0976.

**5-Bromo-2-chloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (4f)**



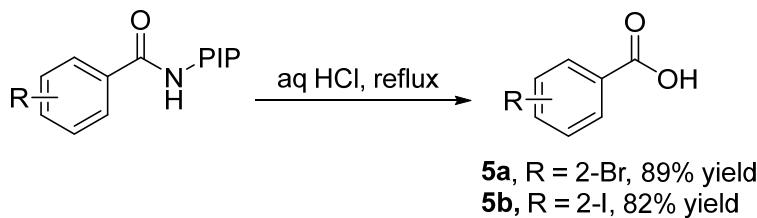
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.53 – 8.44 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.4, 163.9, 147.7, 138.6, 137.4, 133.7, 132.5, 131.7, 129.9, 122.2, 120.7, 119.6, 57.7, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 351.9978, found: 351.9975.

**2,5-Dichloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide (4o)**



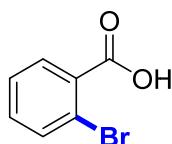
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.49 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.6, 164.06, 147.76, 138.36, 137.46, 133.16, 131.5, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 122.2, 119.6, 57.7, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 308.0483, found: 308.0486.

## 2.5 Removal of the Directing Group



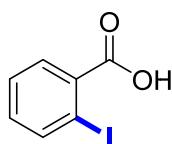
To a 50 mL Schlenk tube was added 2c (0.2 mmol) (or 3c) and conc. HCl (3 mL). The mixture was then heated at 145 °C for 48 hours. After cooling down to room temperature, aqueous NaOH (1 M) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (10 mL x 2). Then, conc. HCl was added slowly into the aqueous phase (pH = 2) and the aqueous phase was as extracted with DCM (10 mL x 3). The combined organic phase was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. After concentration, the desired product **5** was obtained as a white solid.

### 2-Bromobenzoic acid **5a**



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.23 (brs, 1H), 8.05 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H).

### 2-Iodobenzoic acid **5b**



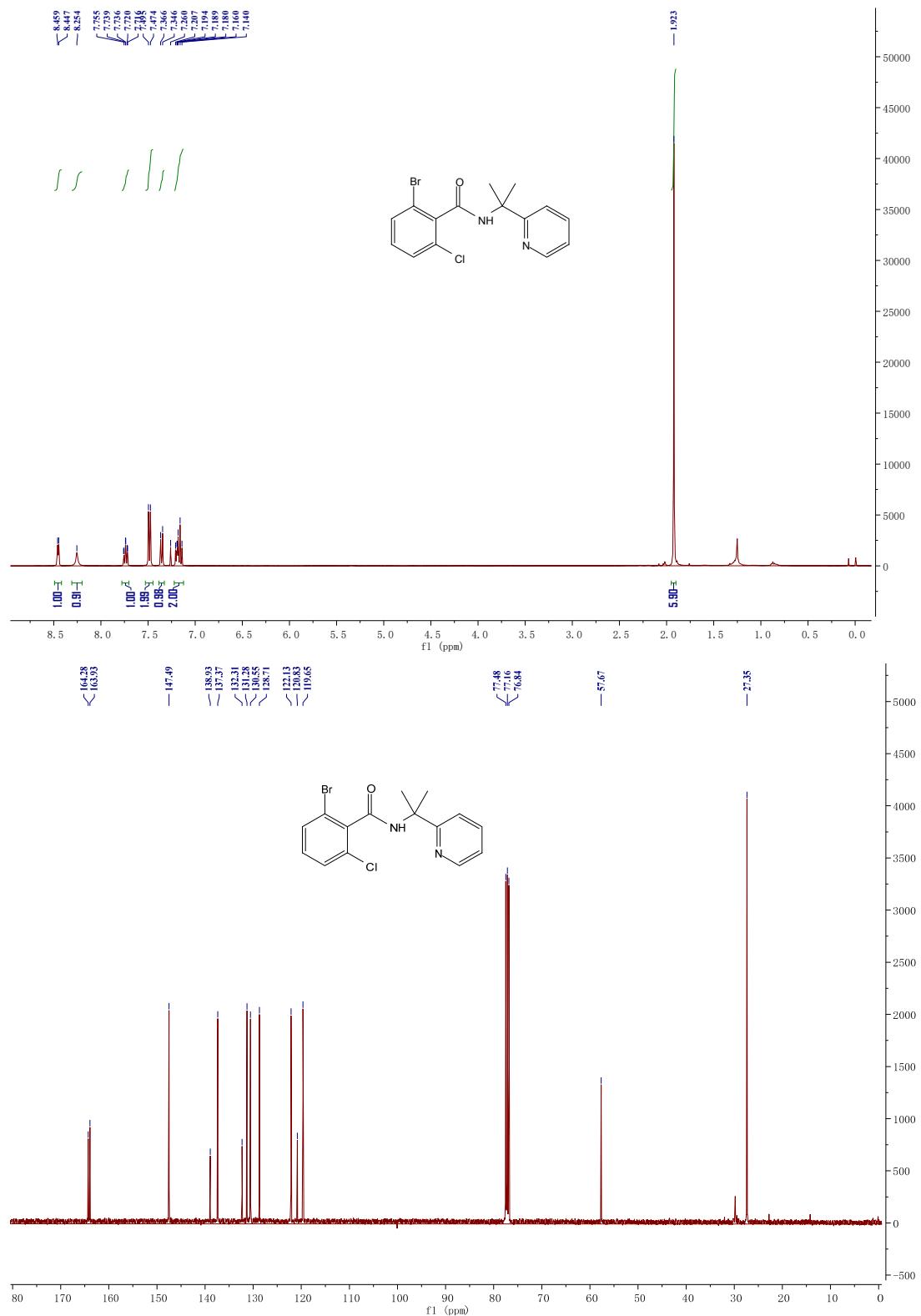
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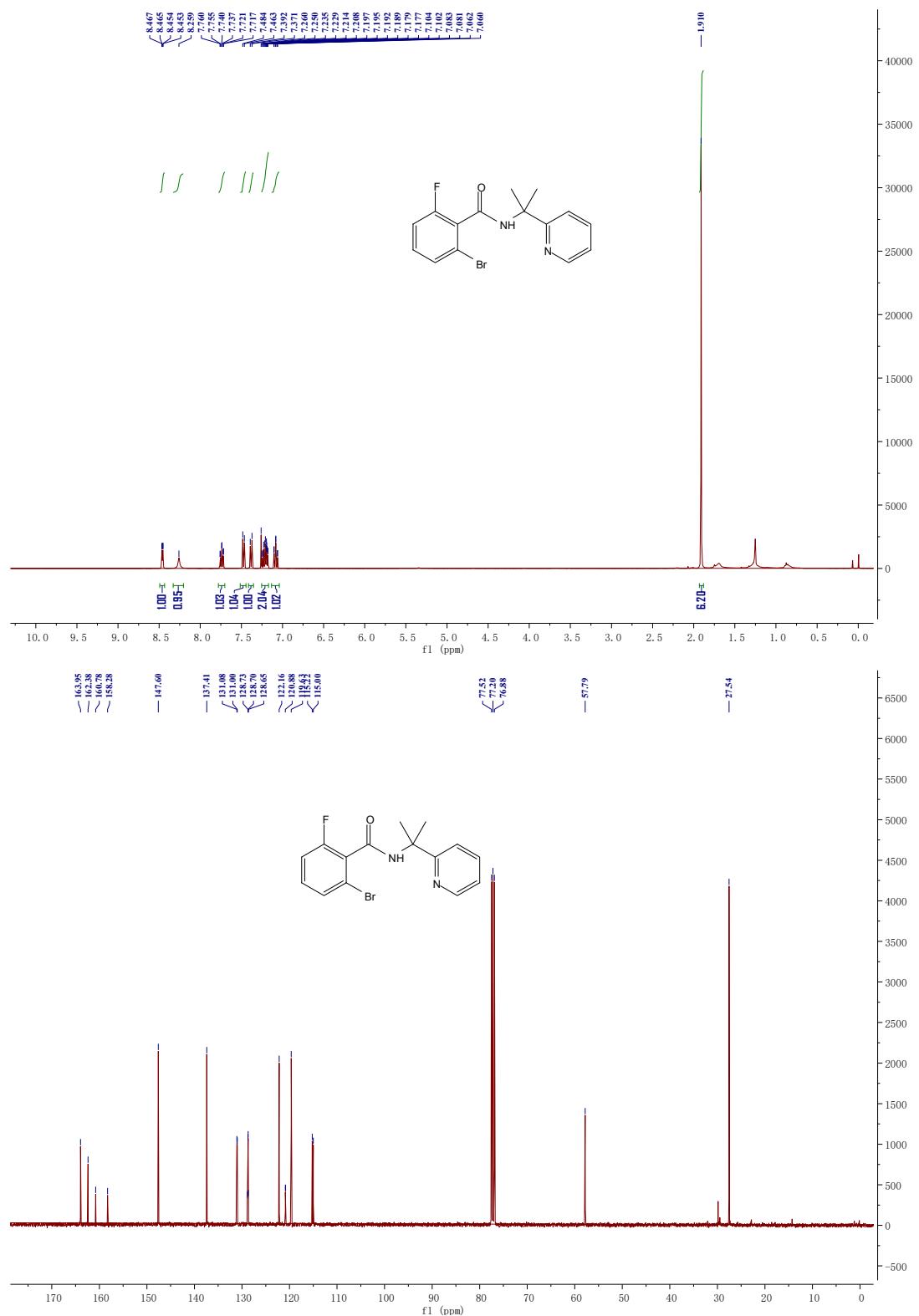
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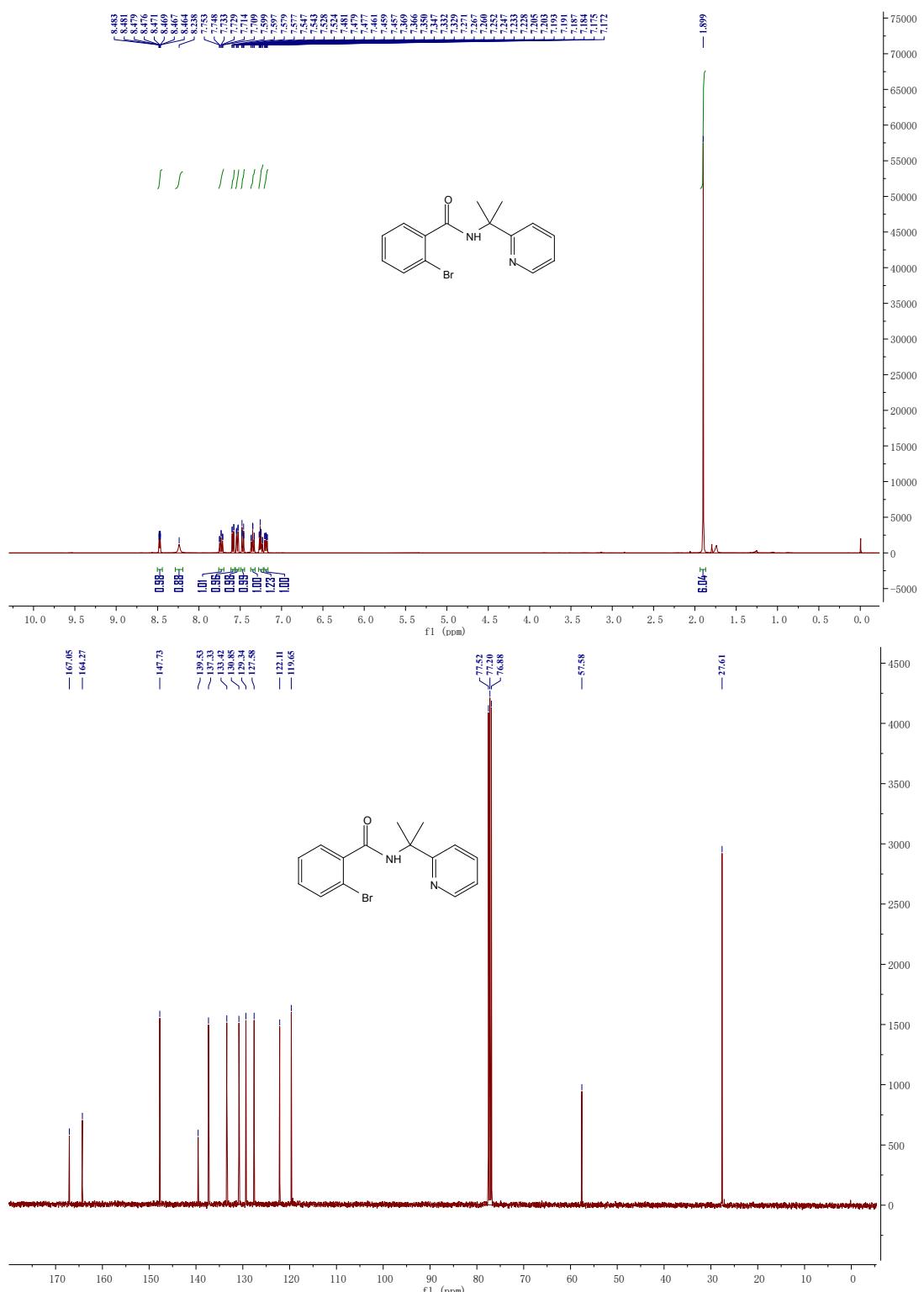
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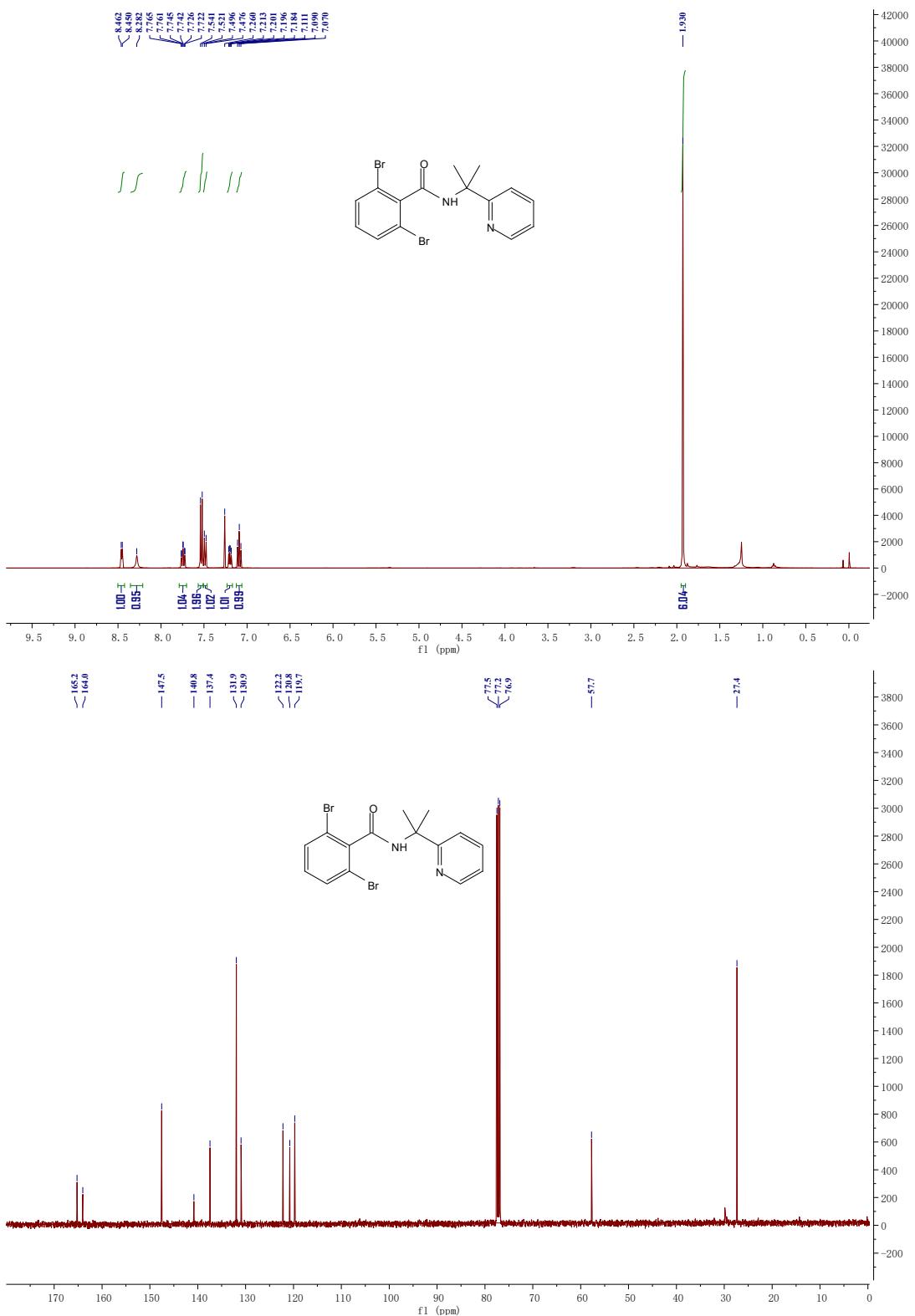
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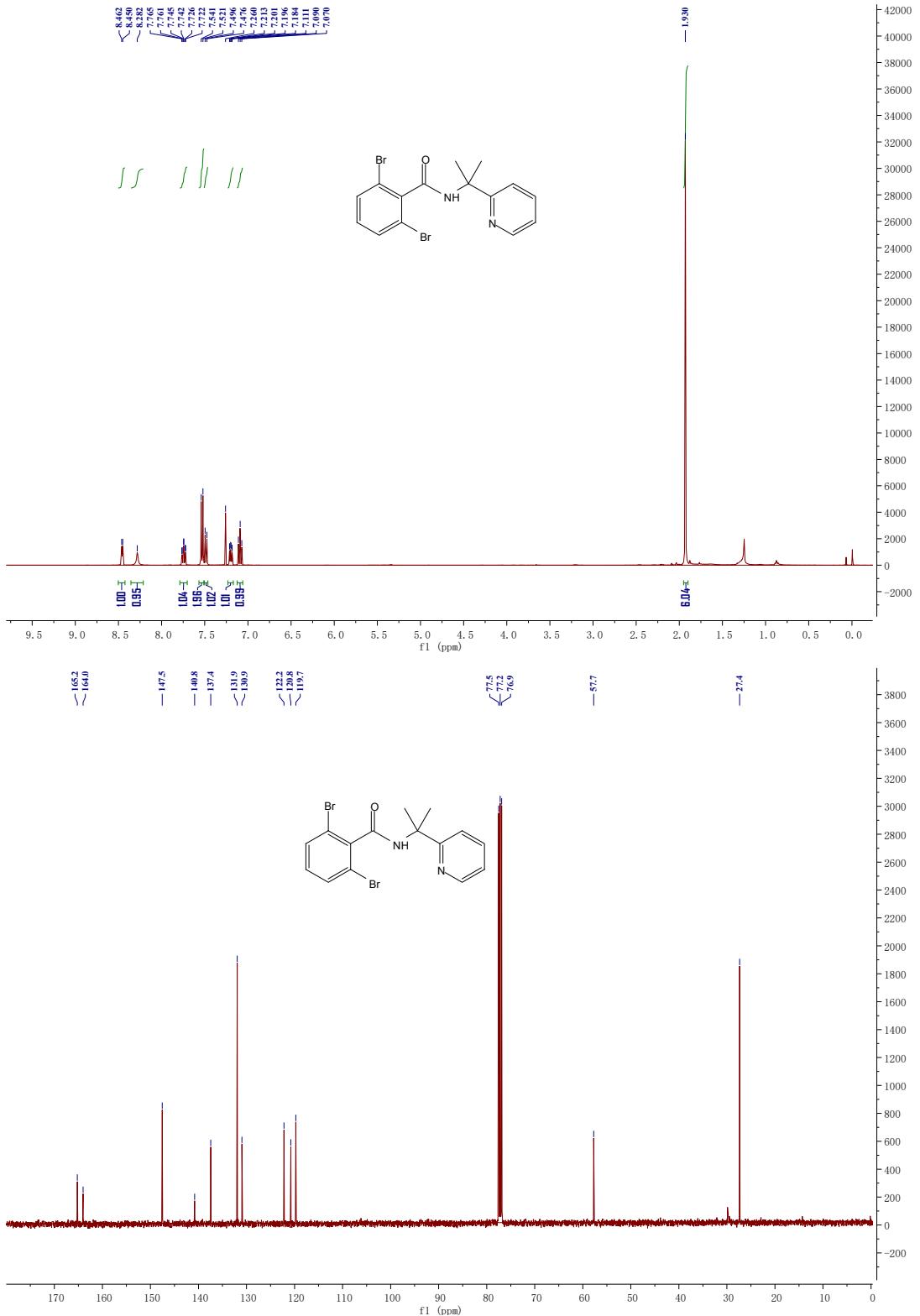
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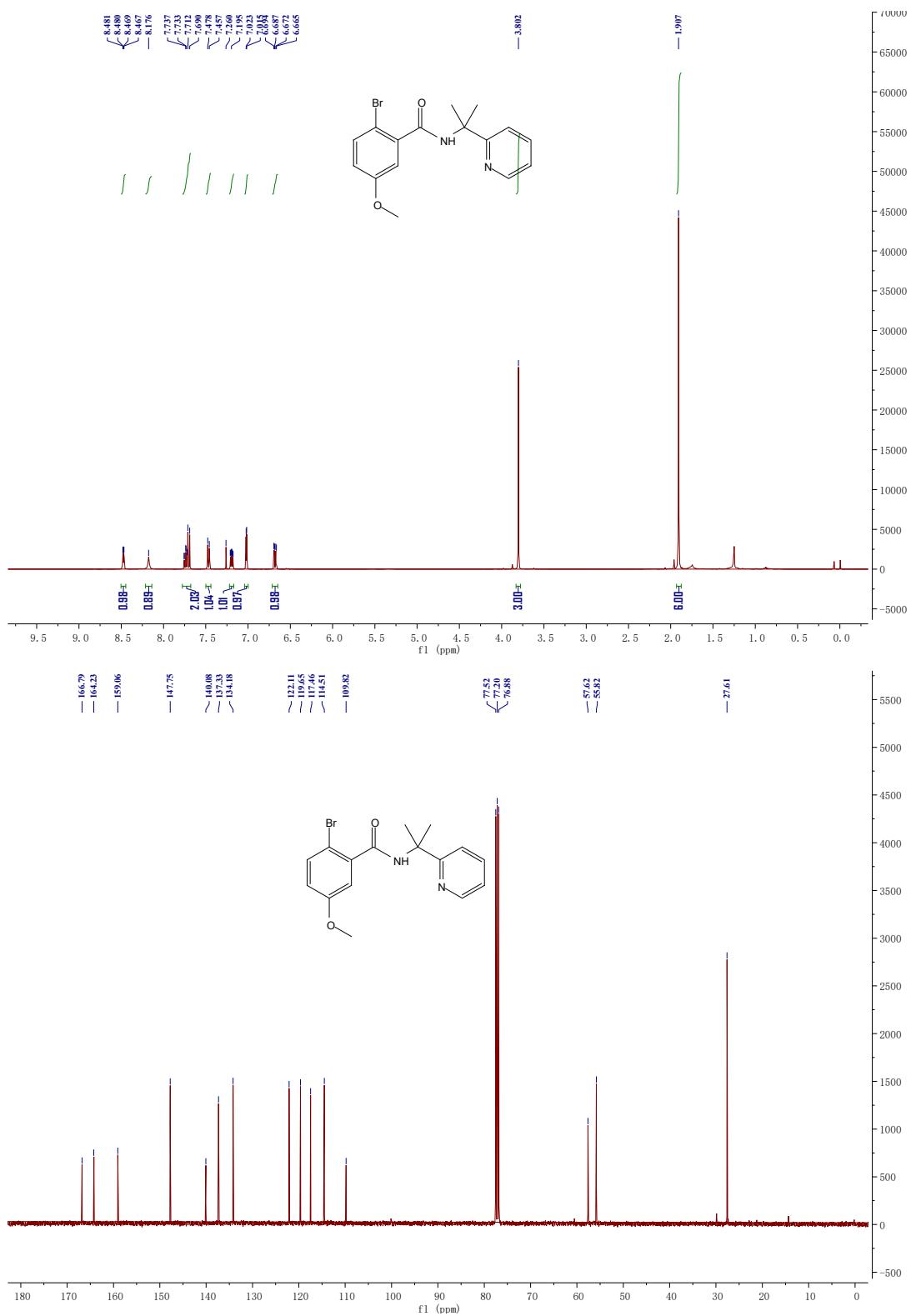
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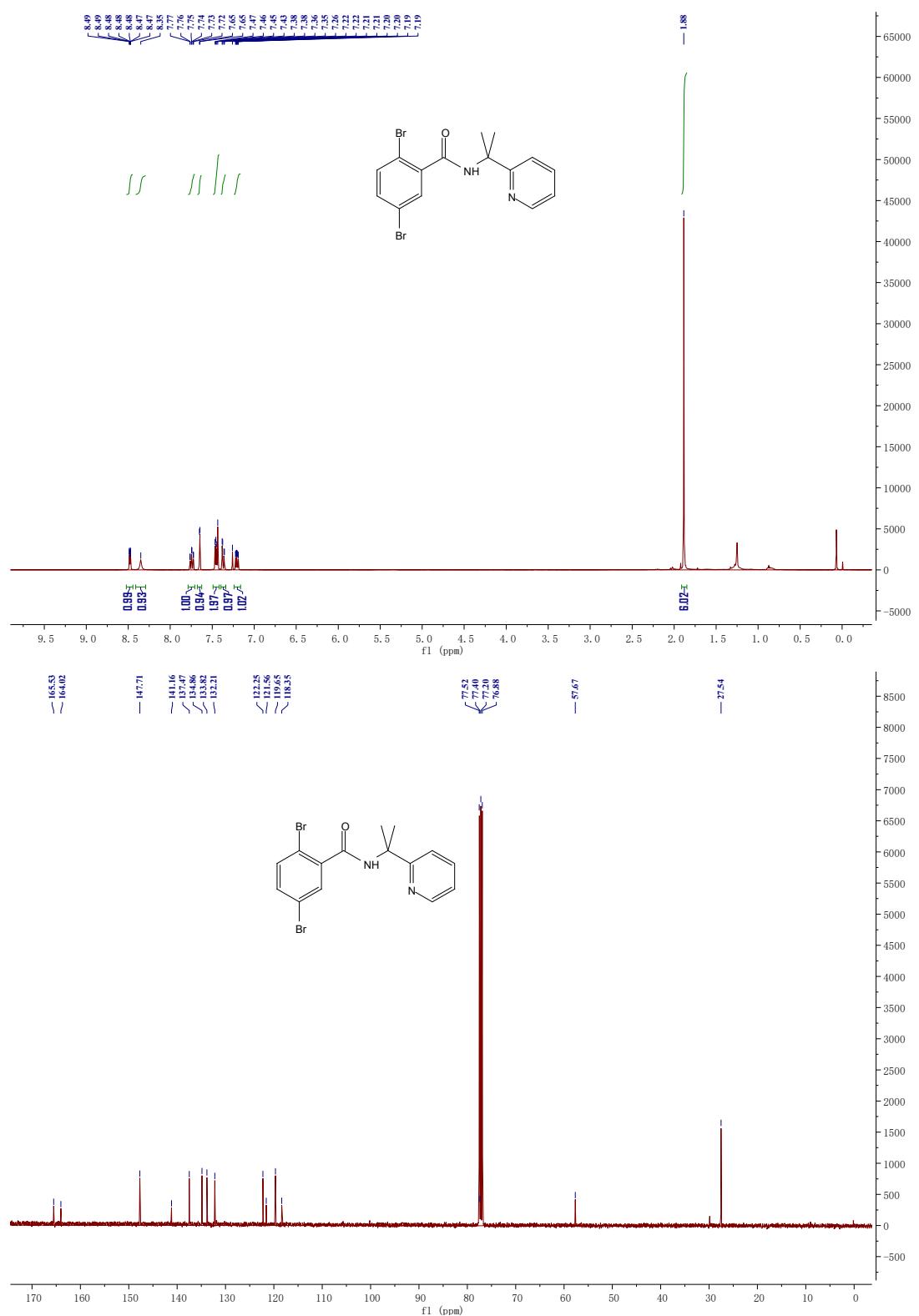


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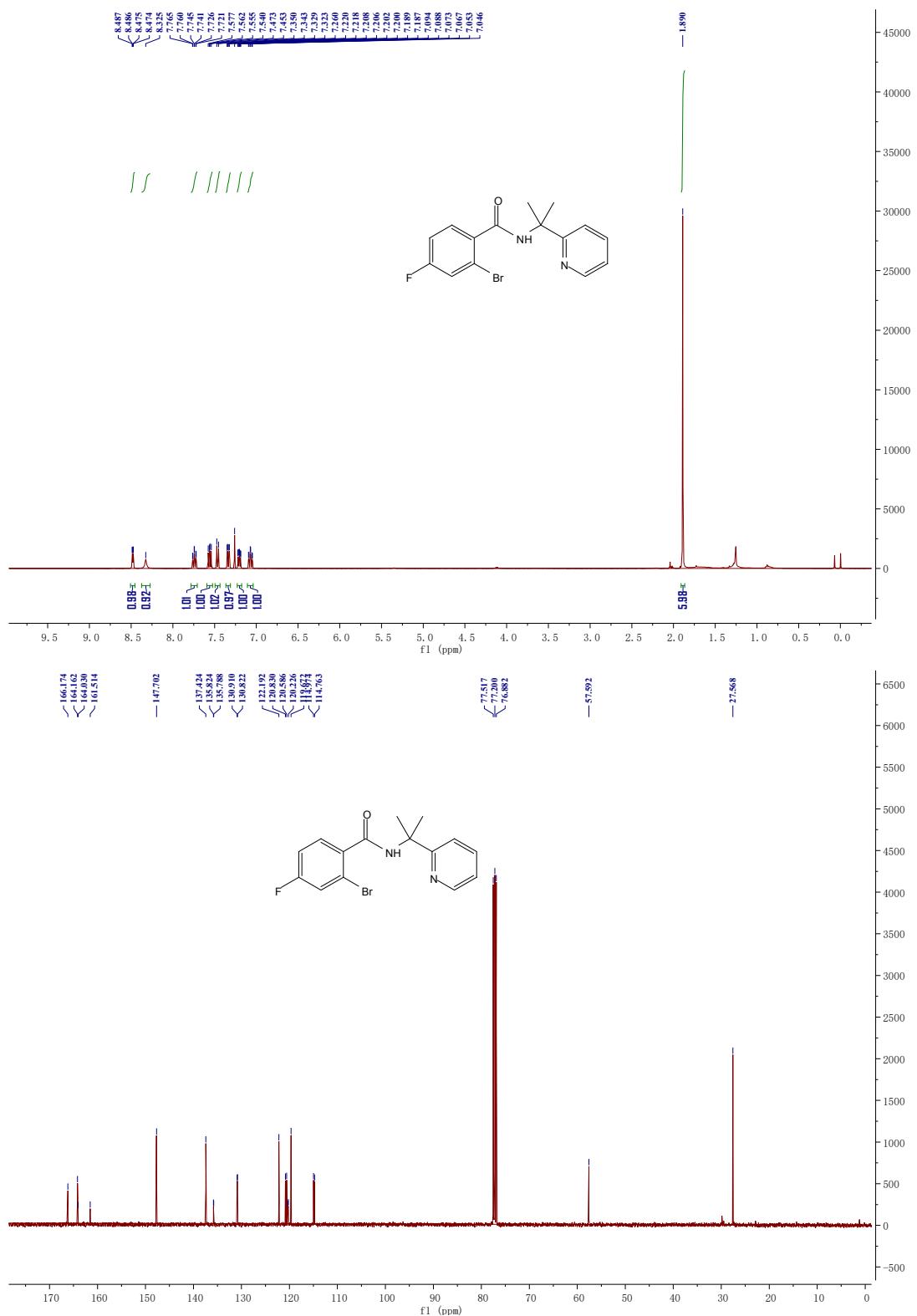


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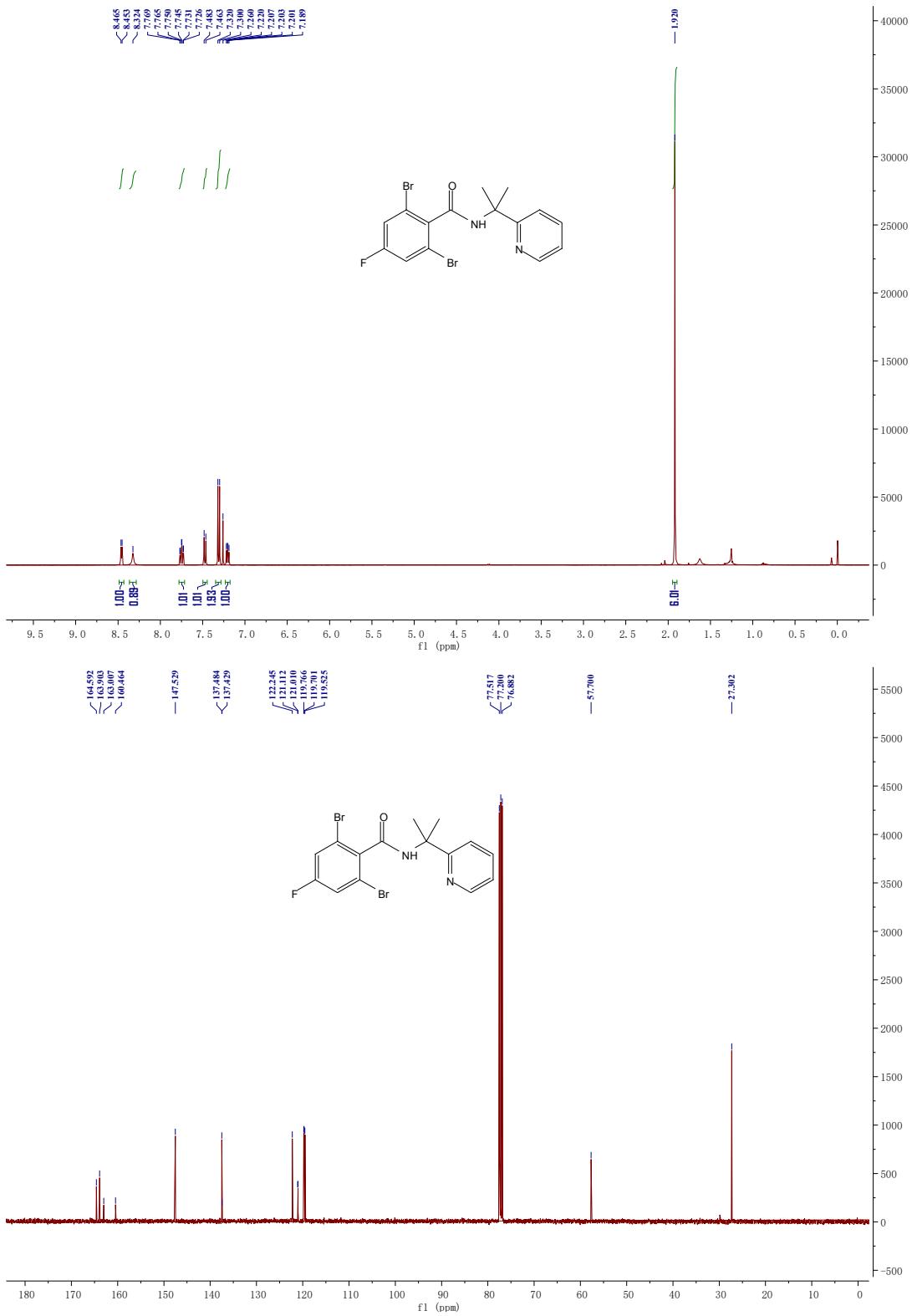


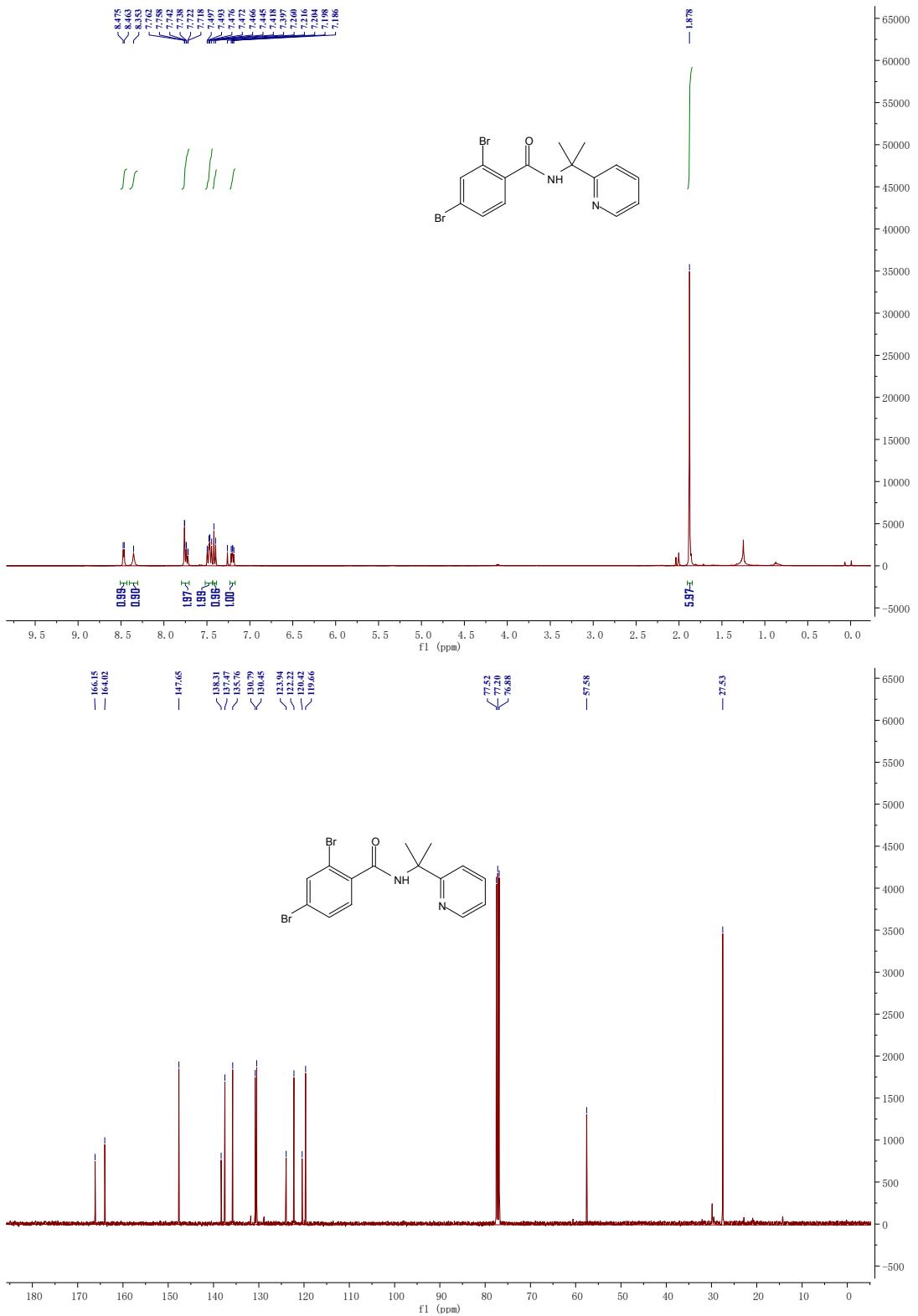
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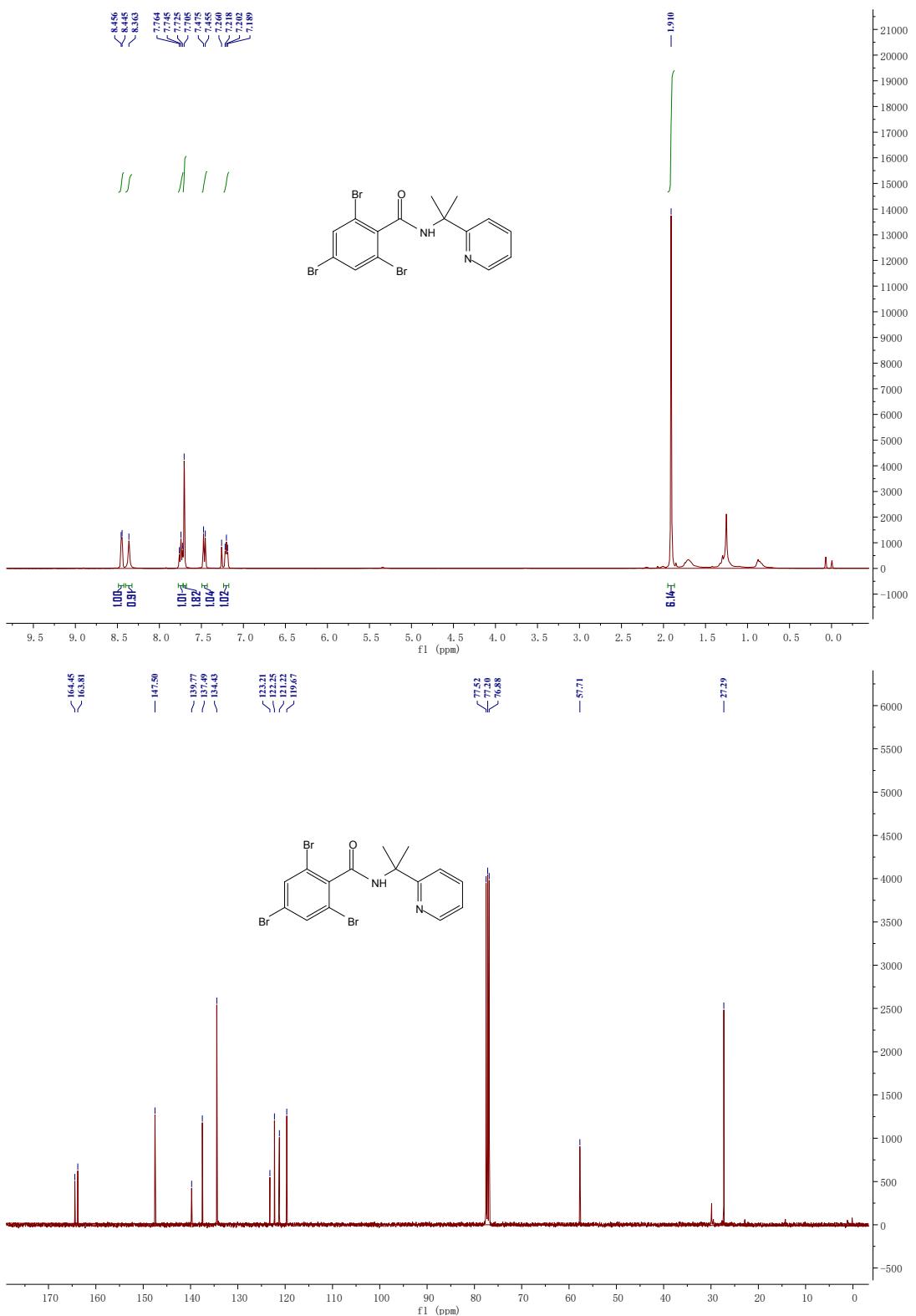


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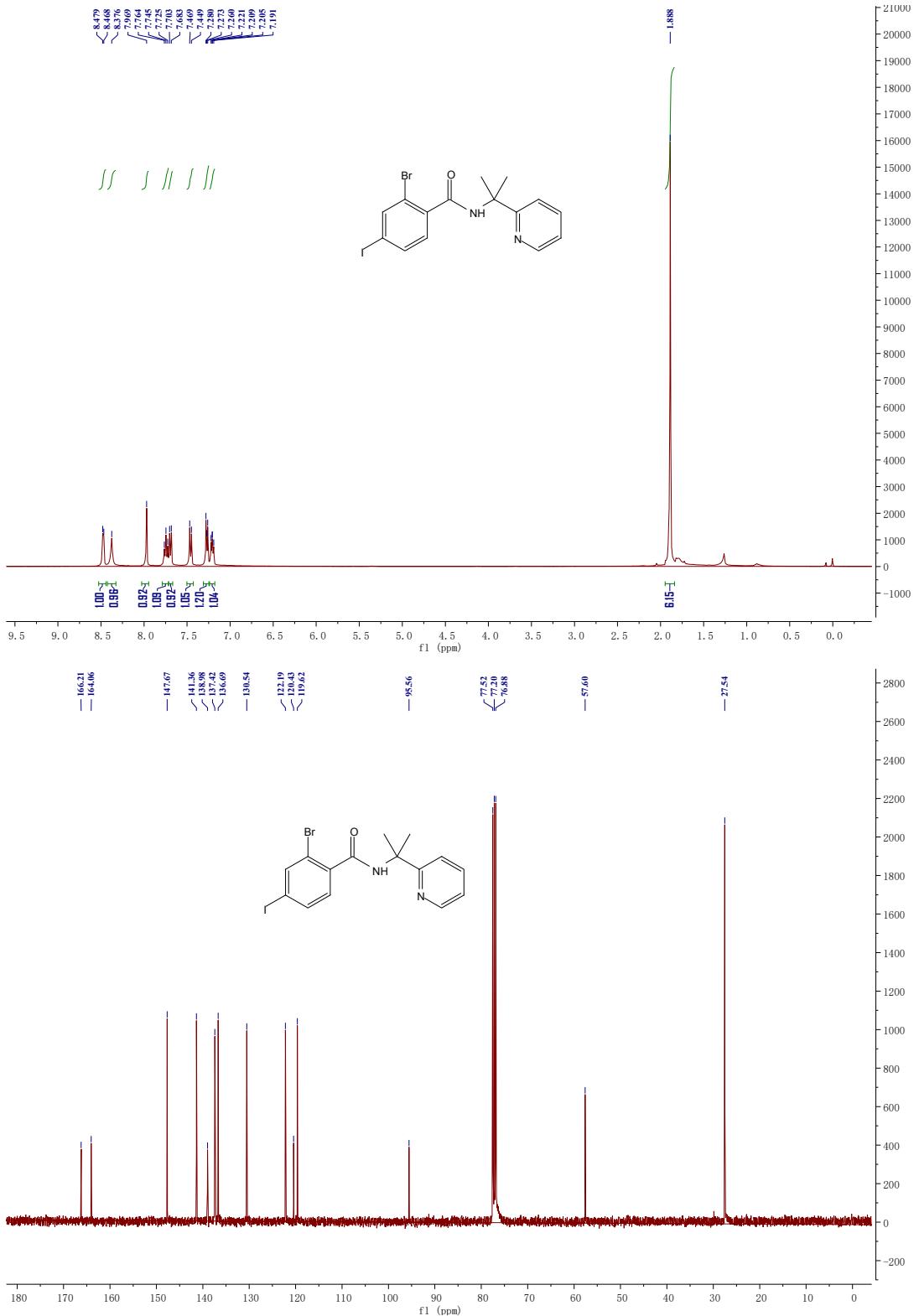


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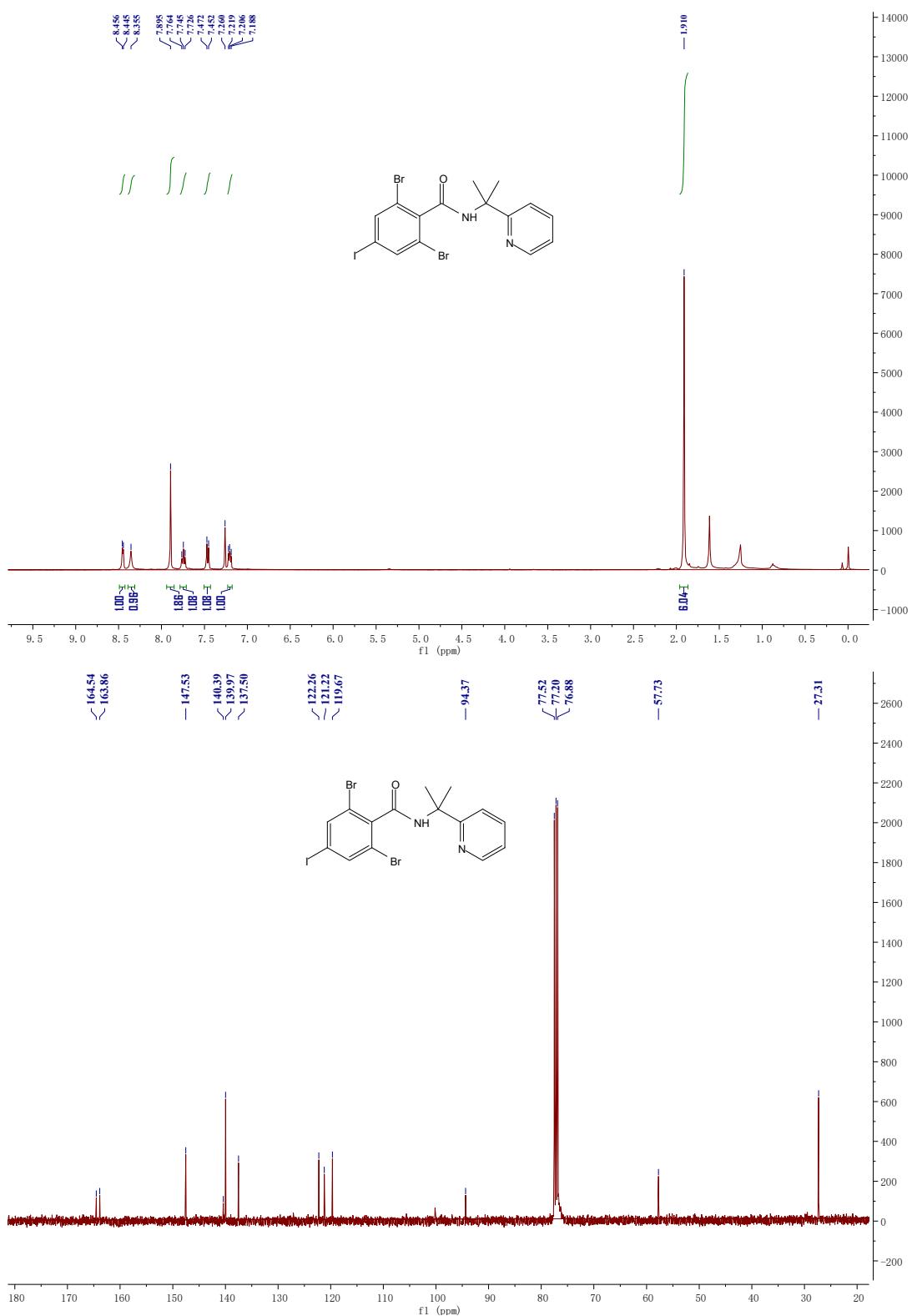
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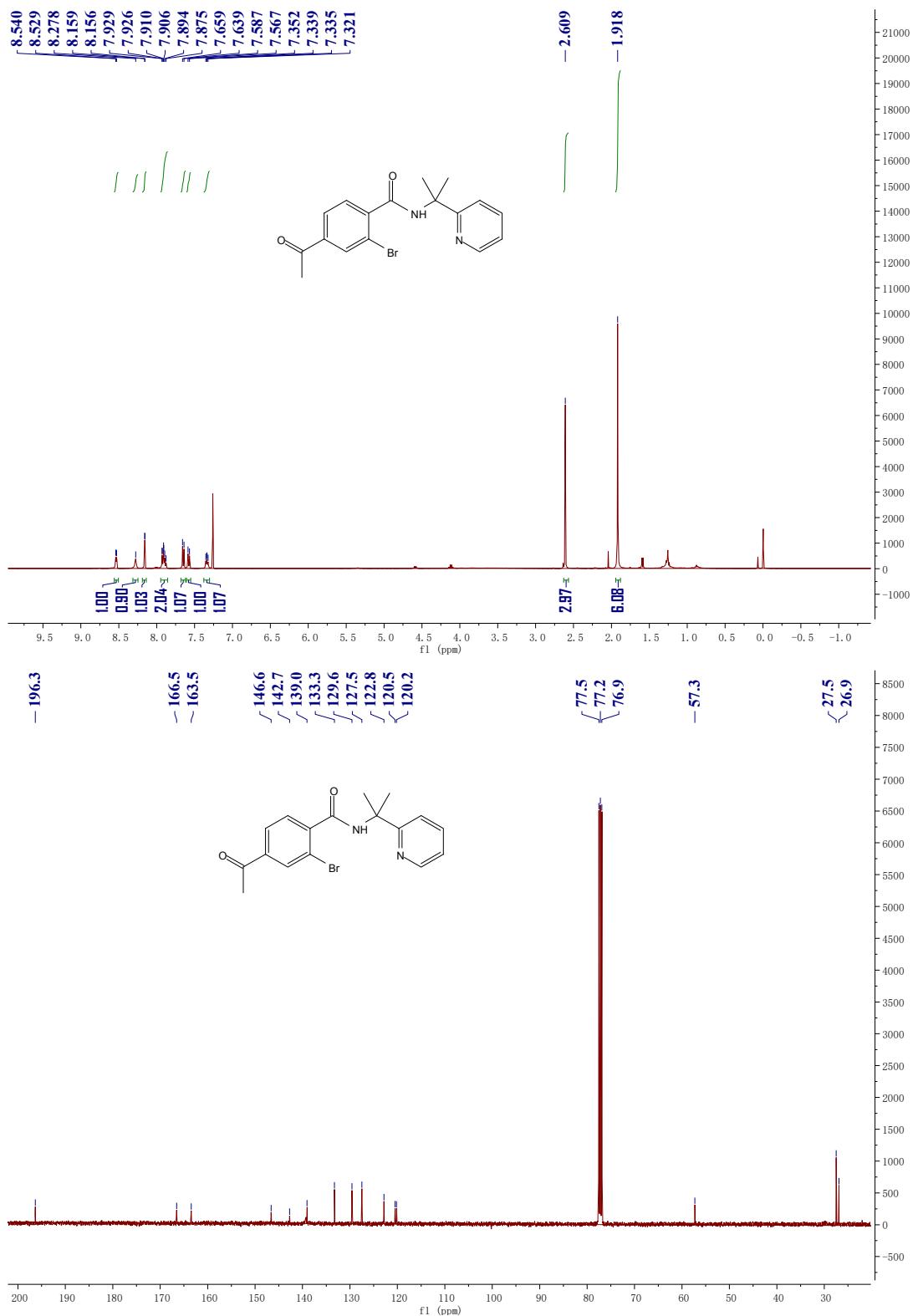
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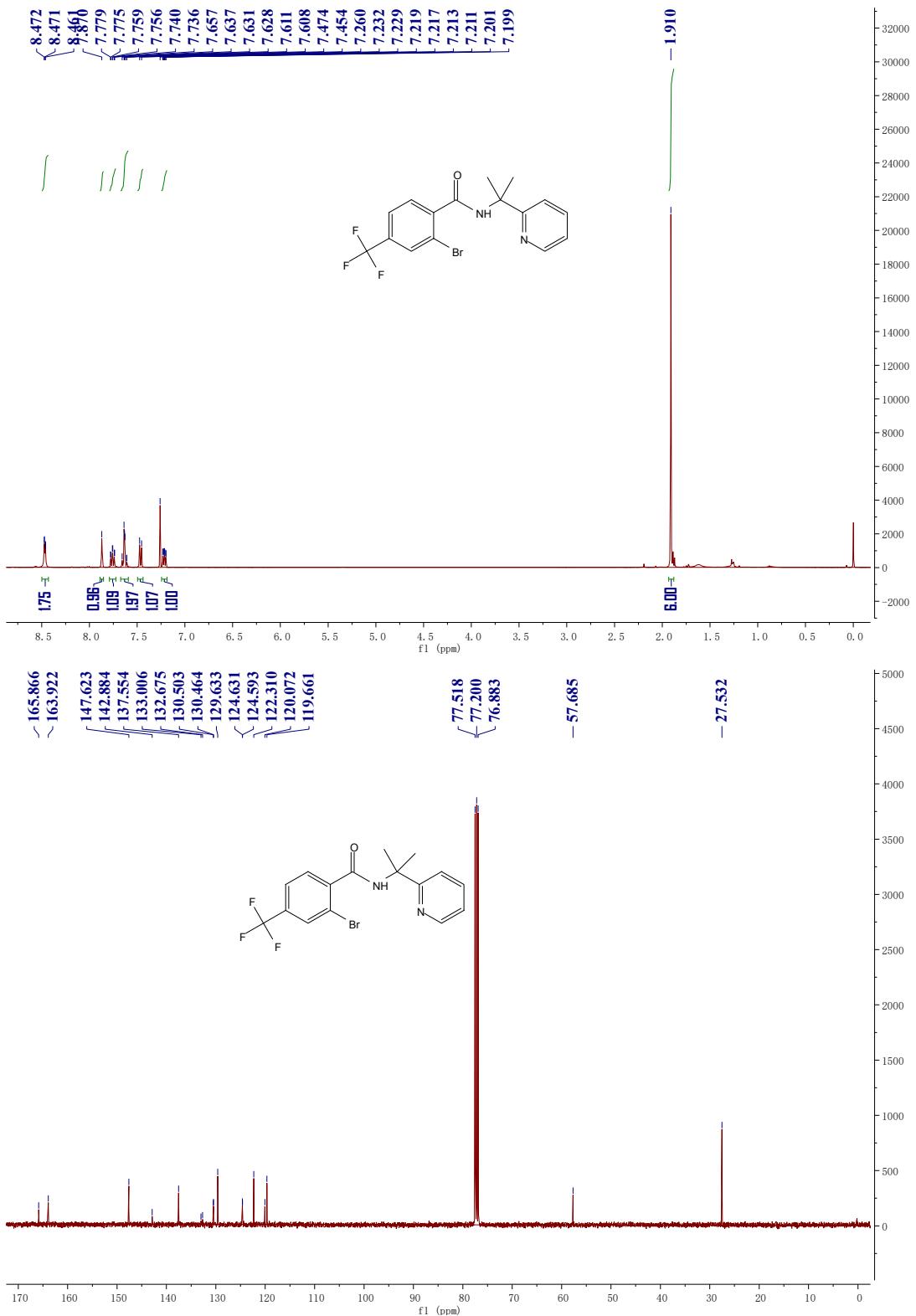
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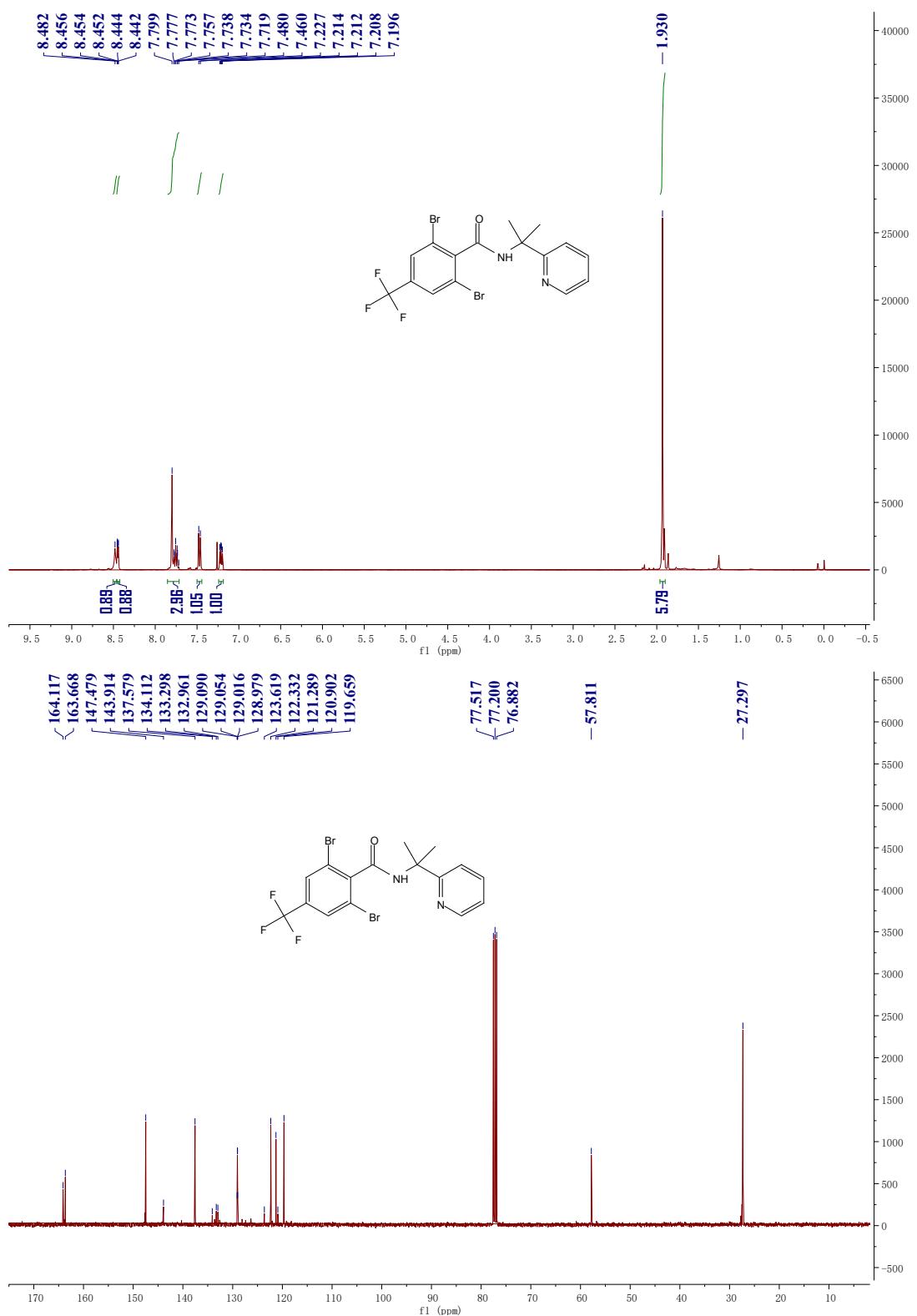
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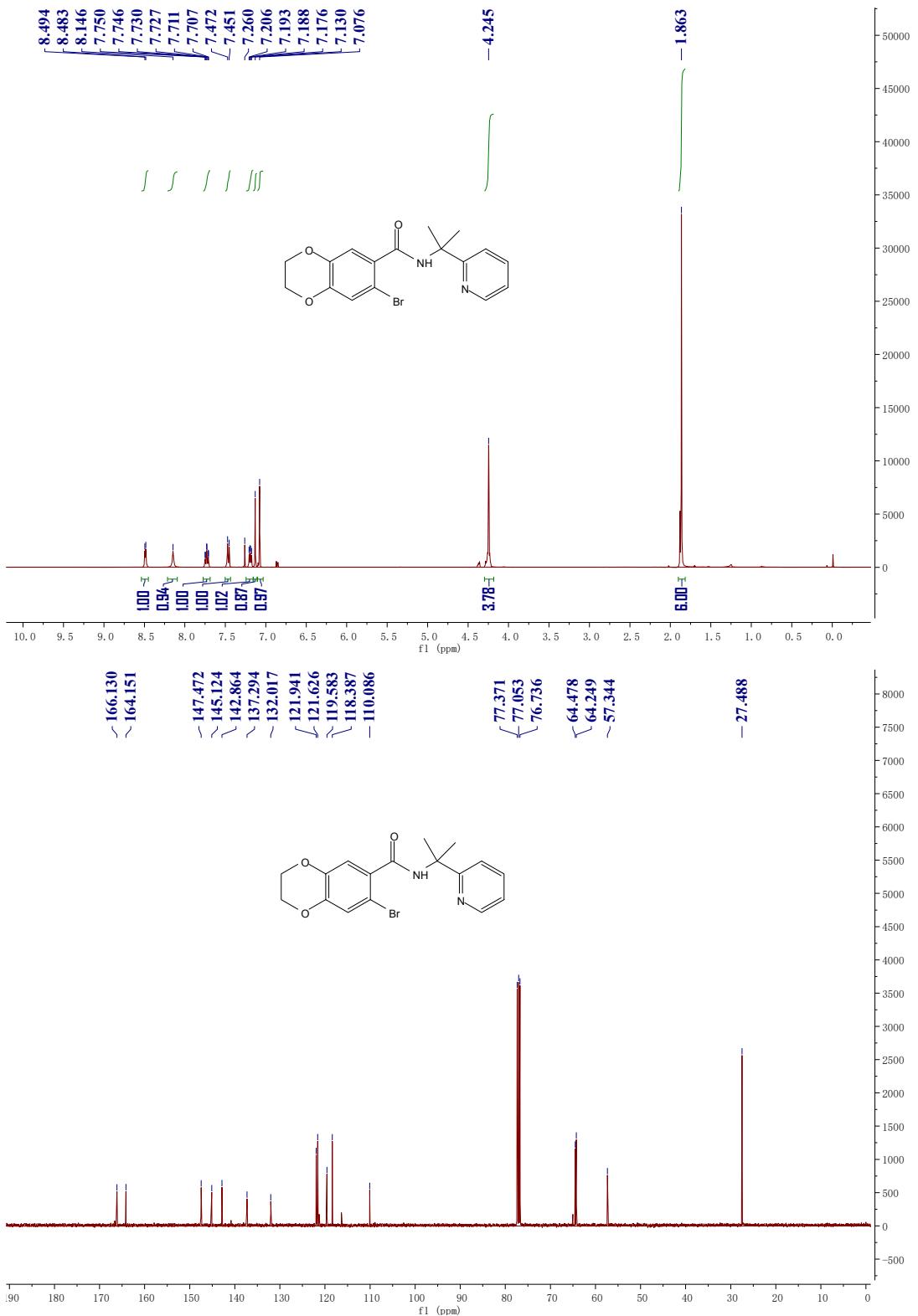
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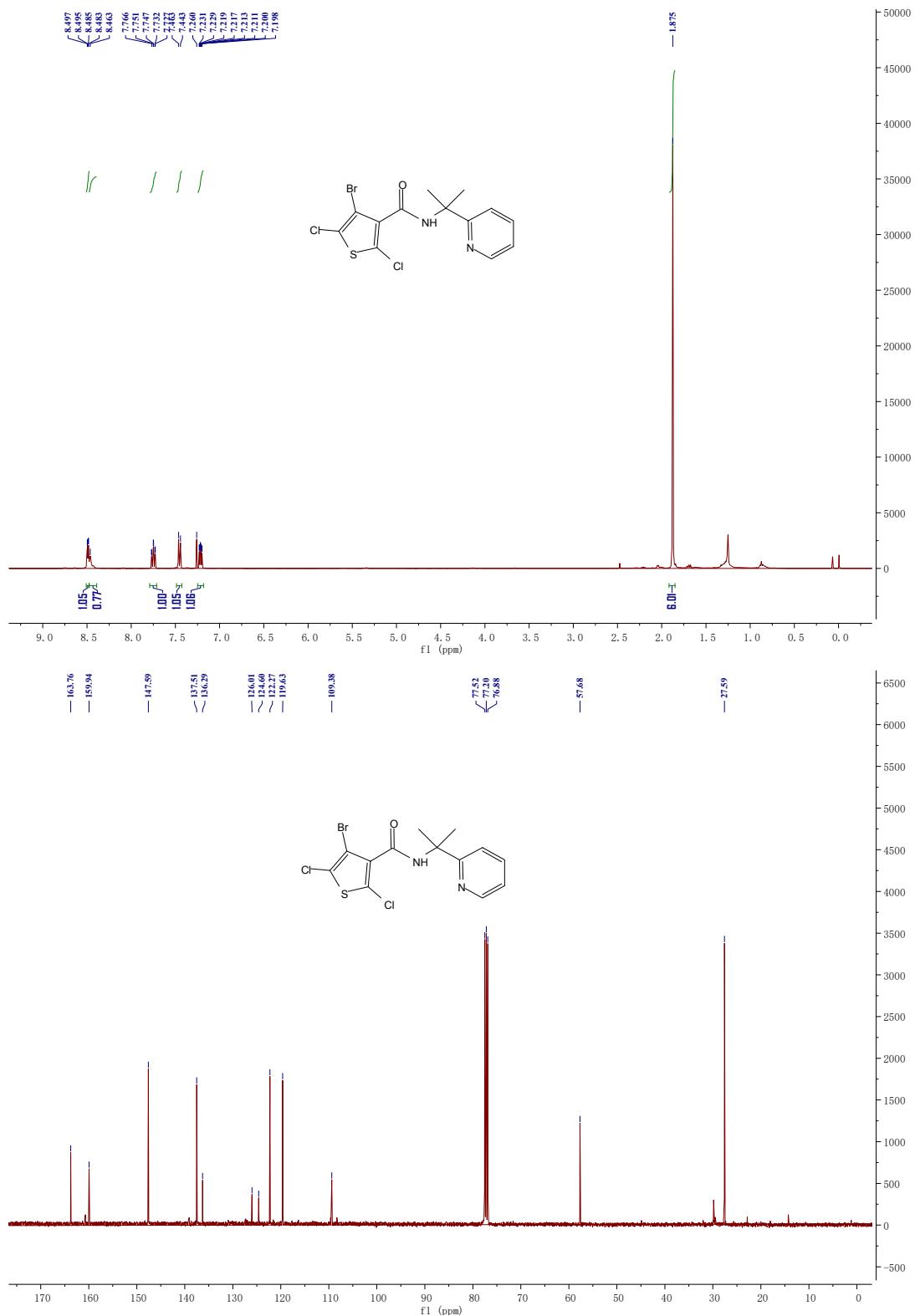
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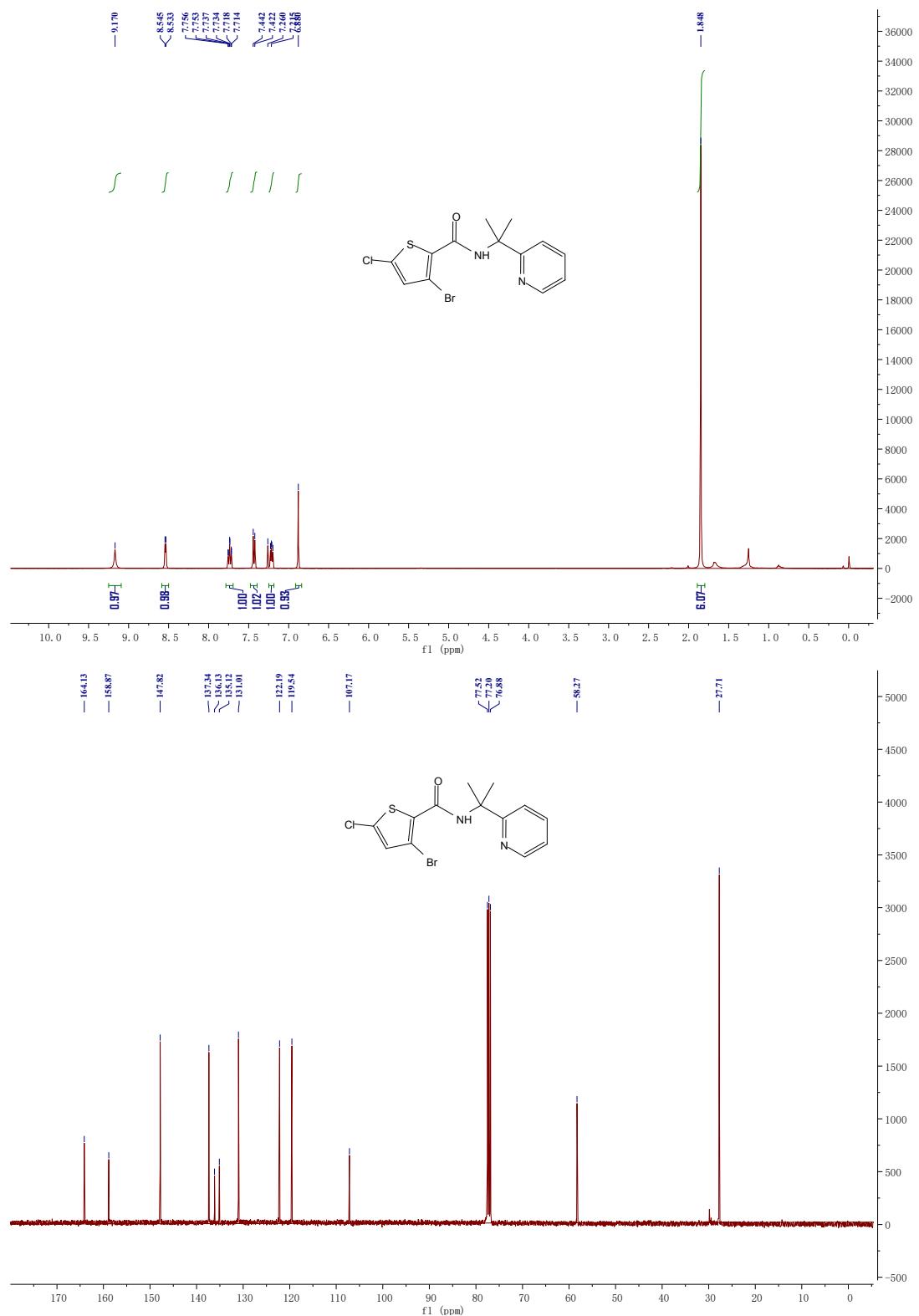
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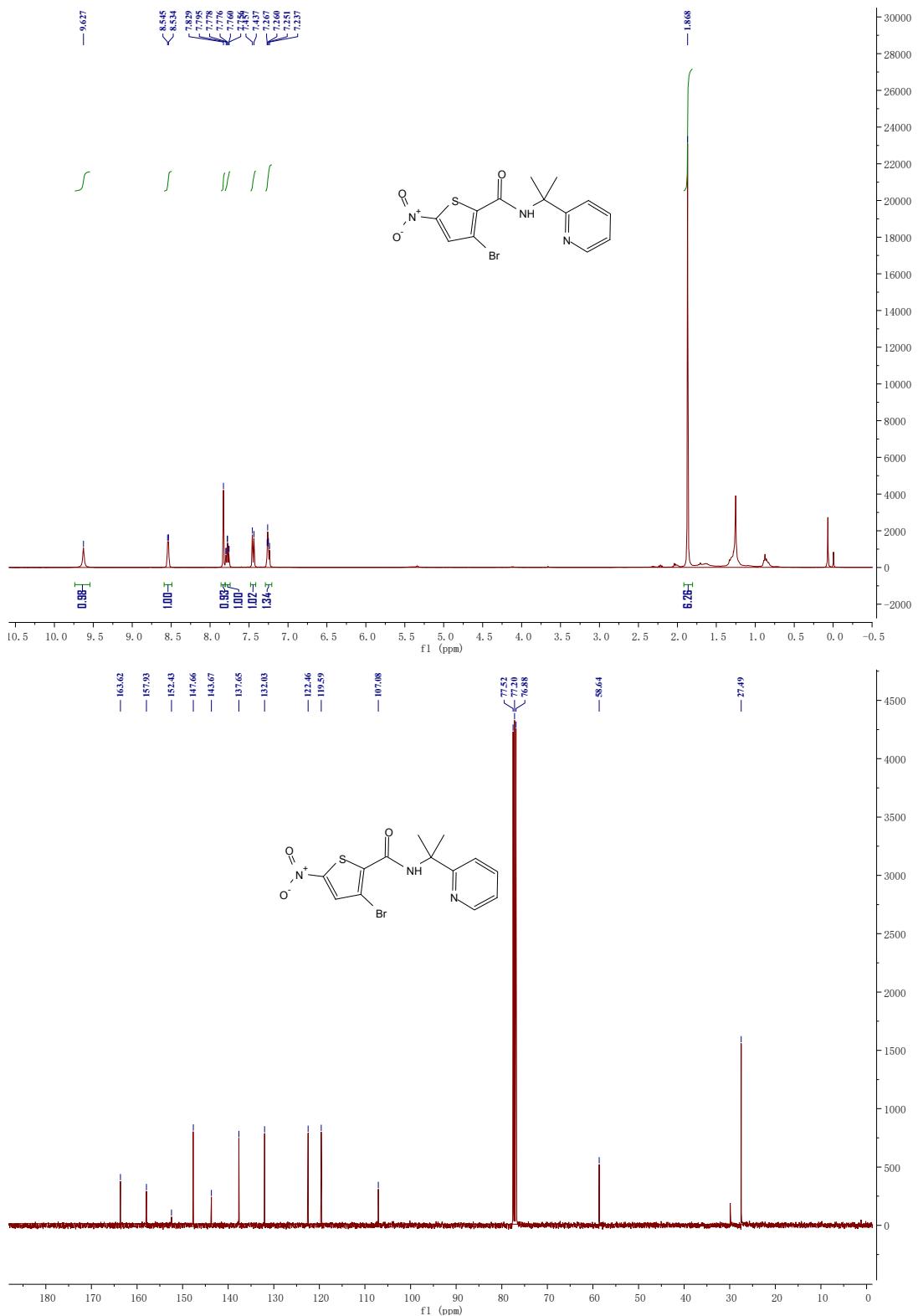
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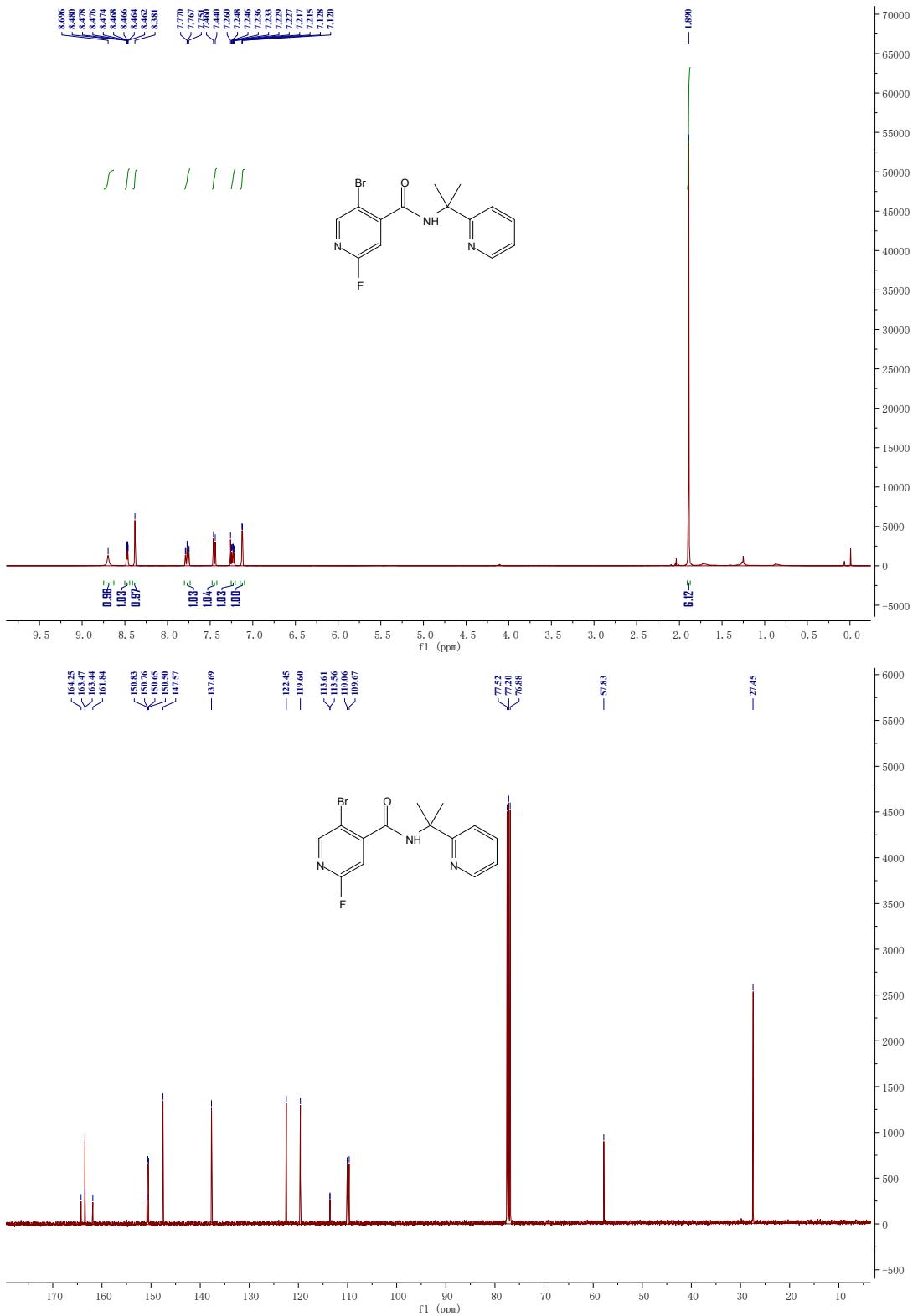
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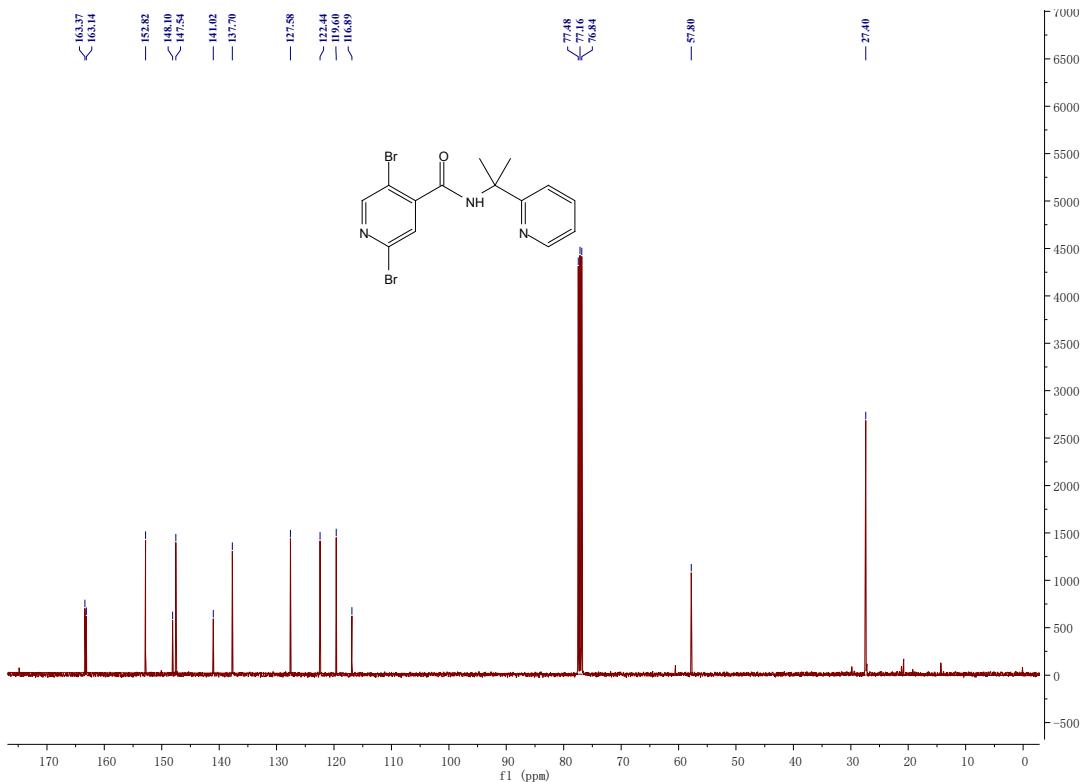
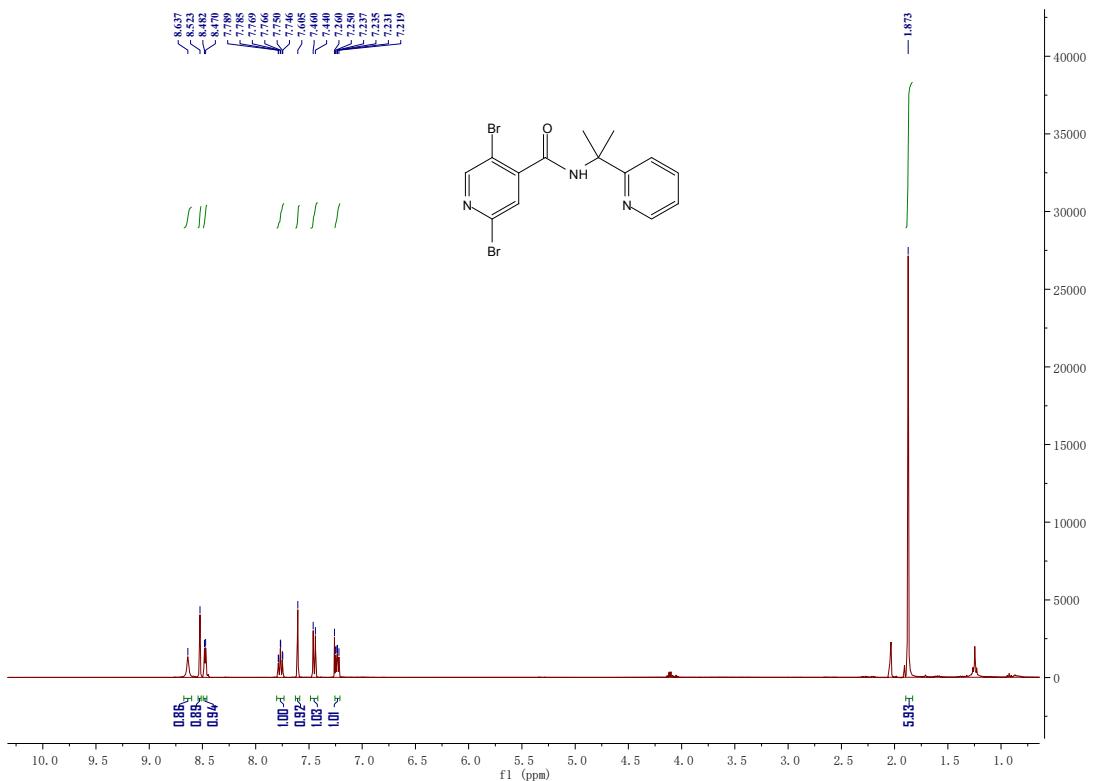
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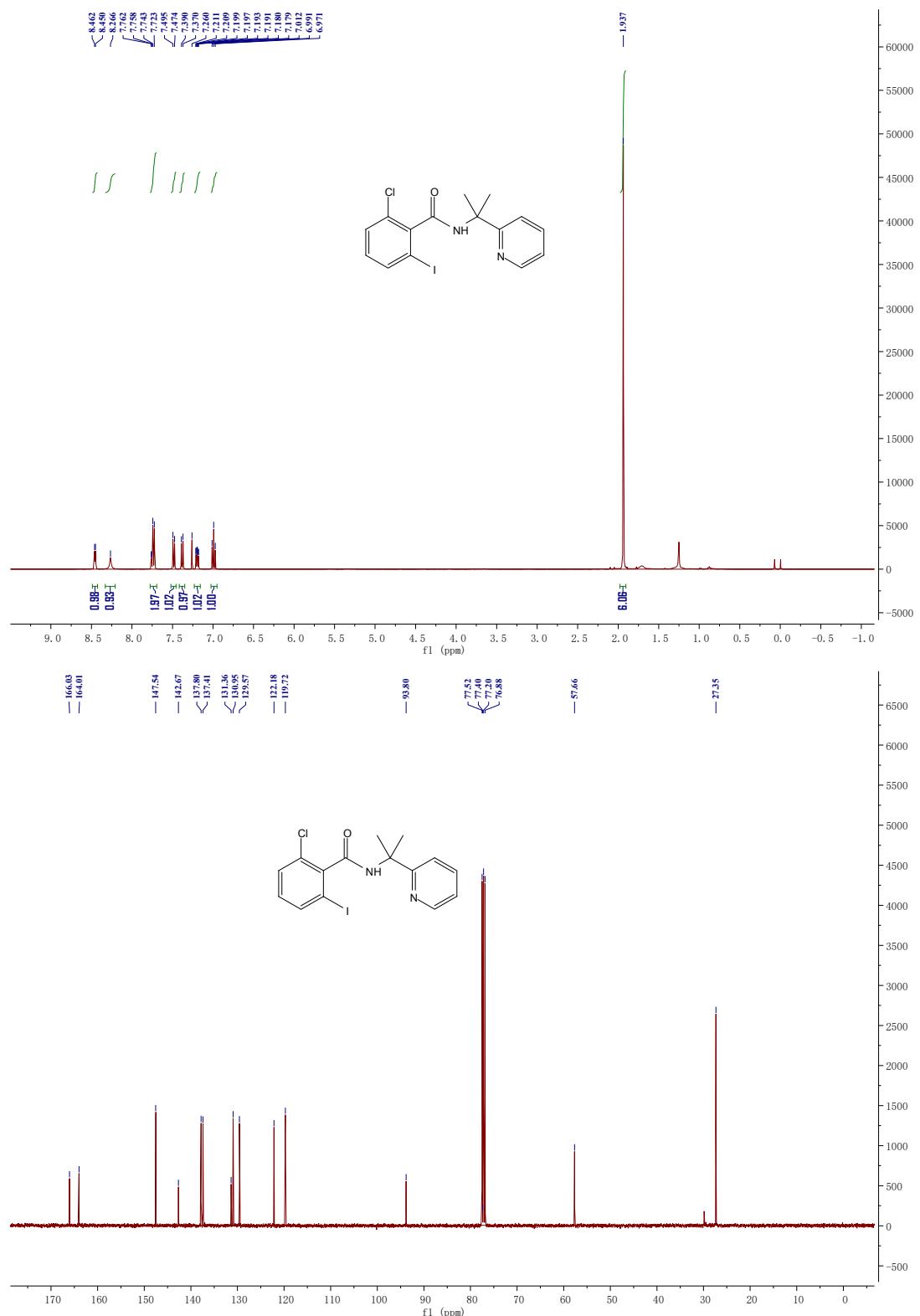
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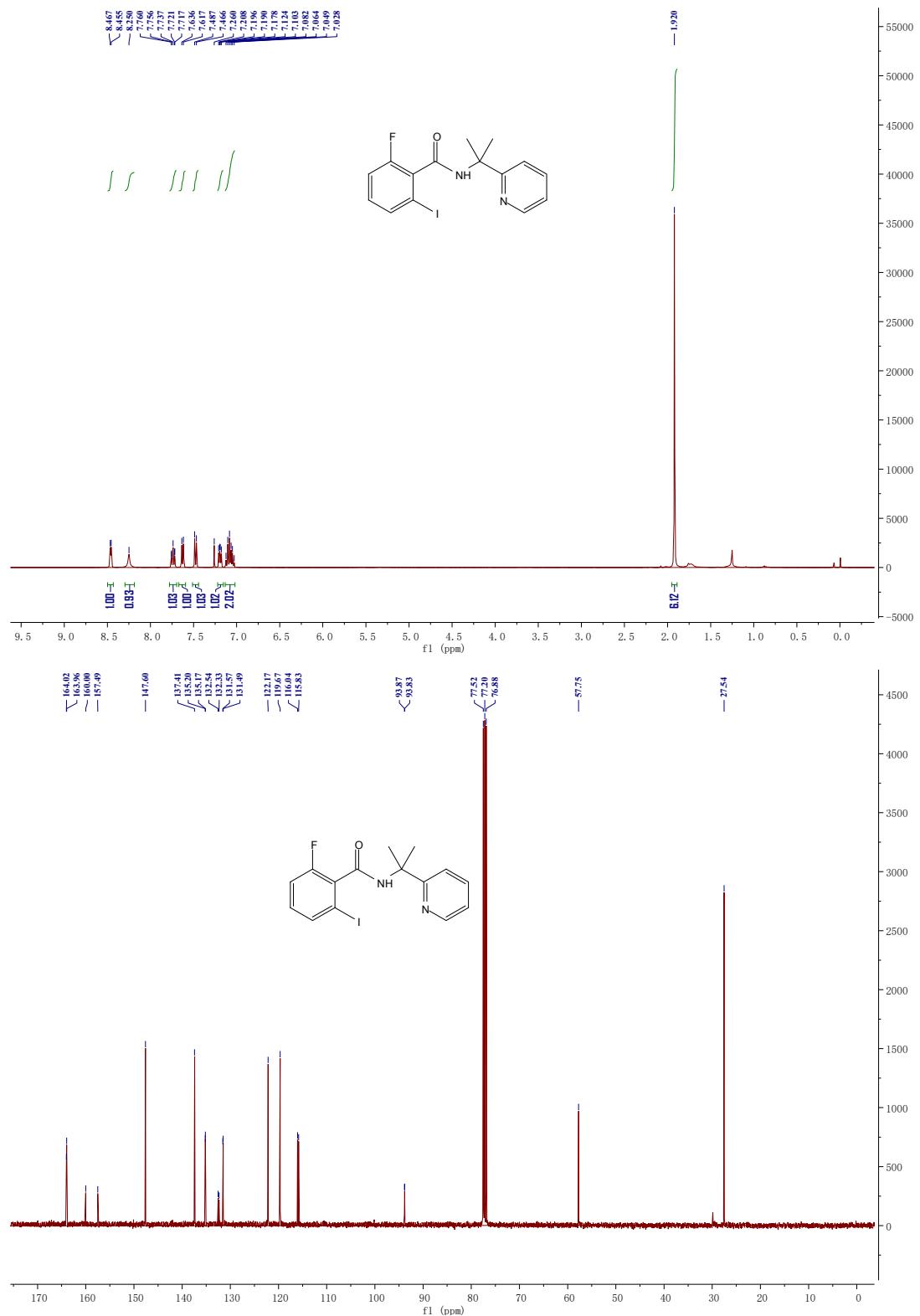
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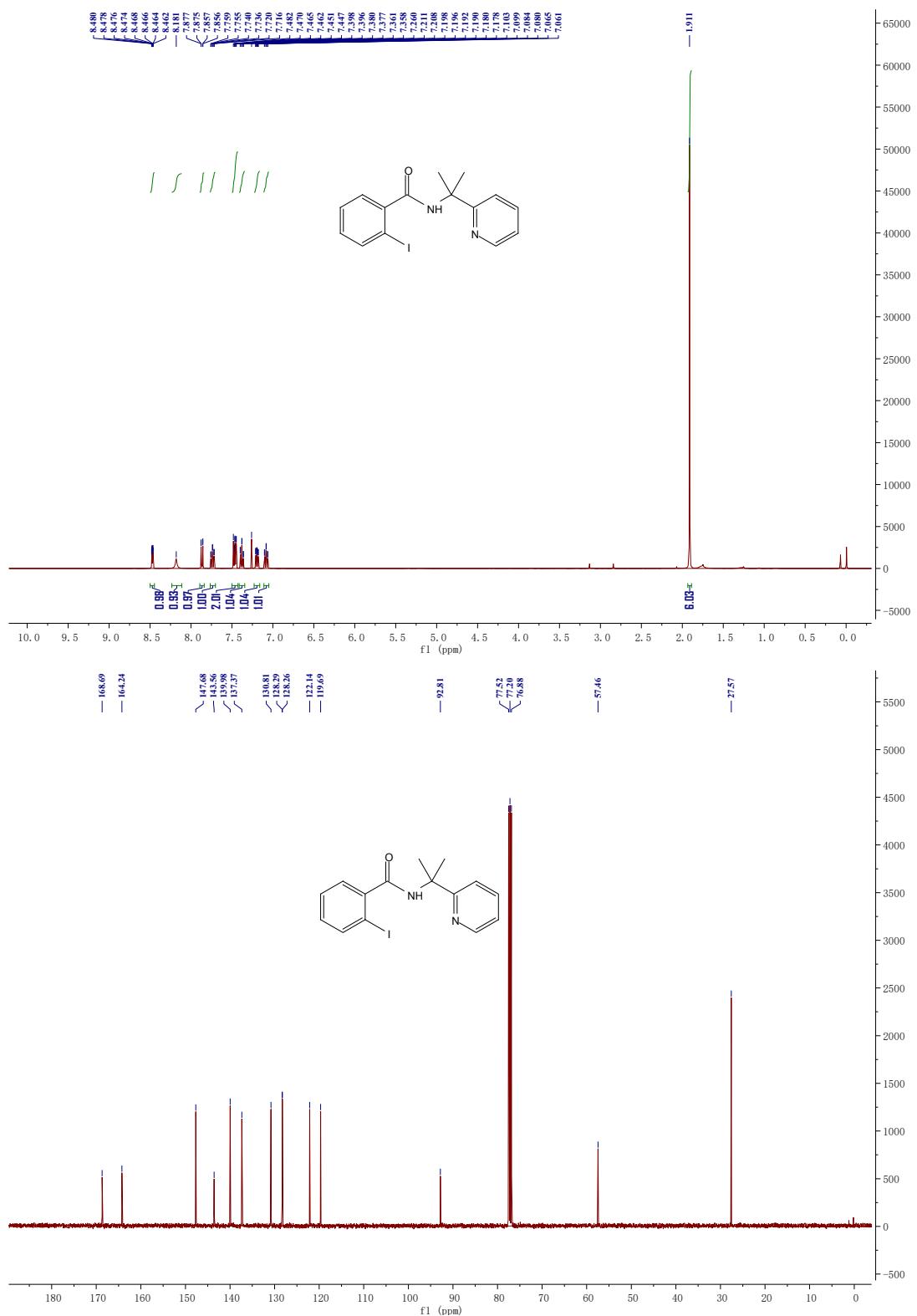
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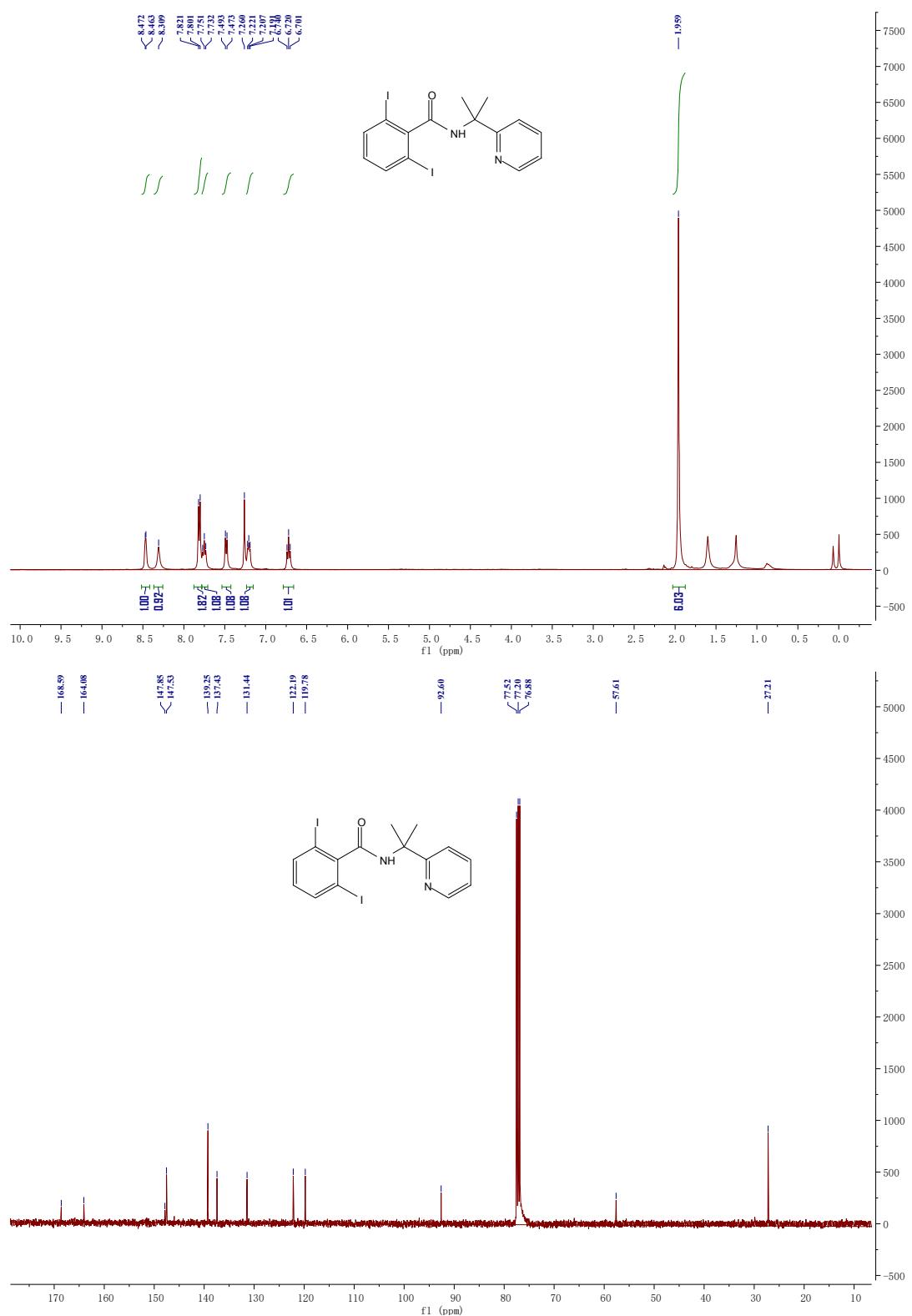
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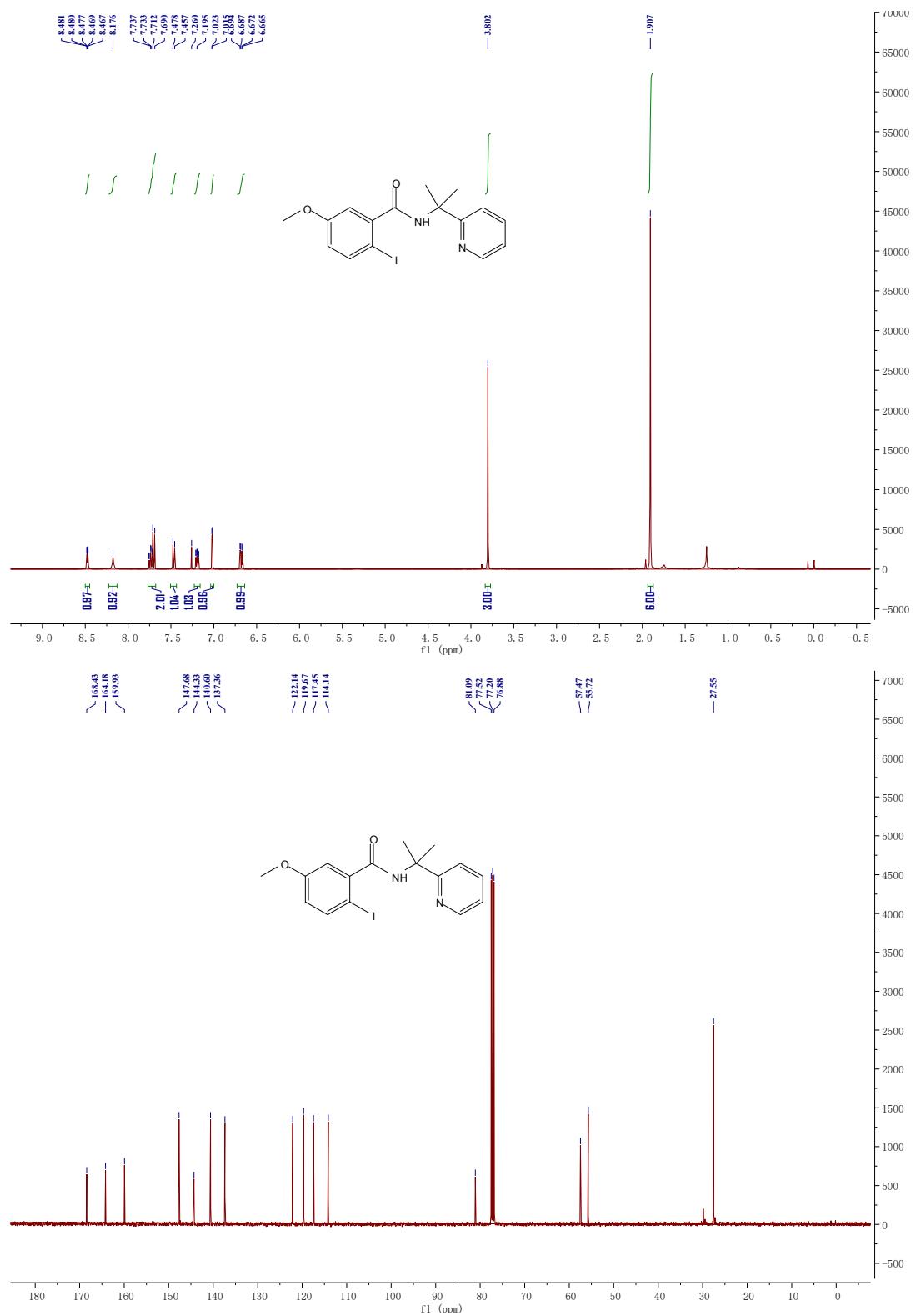
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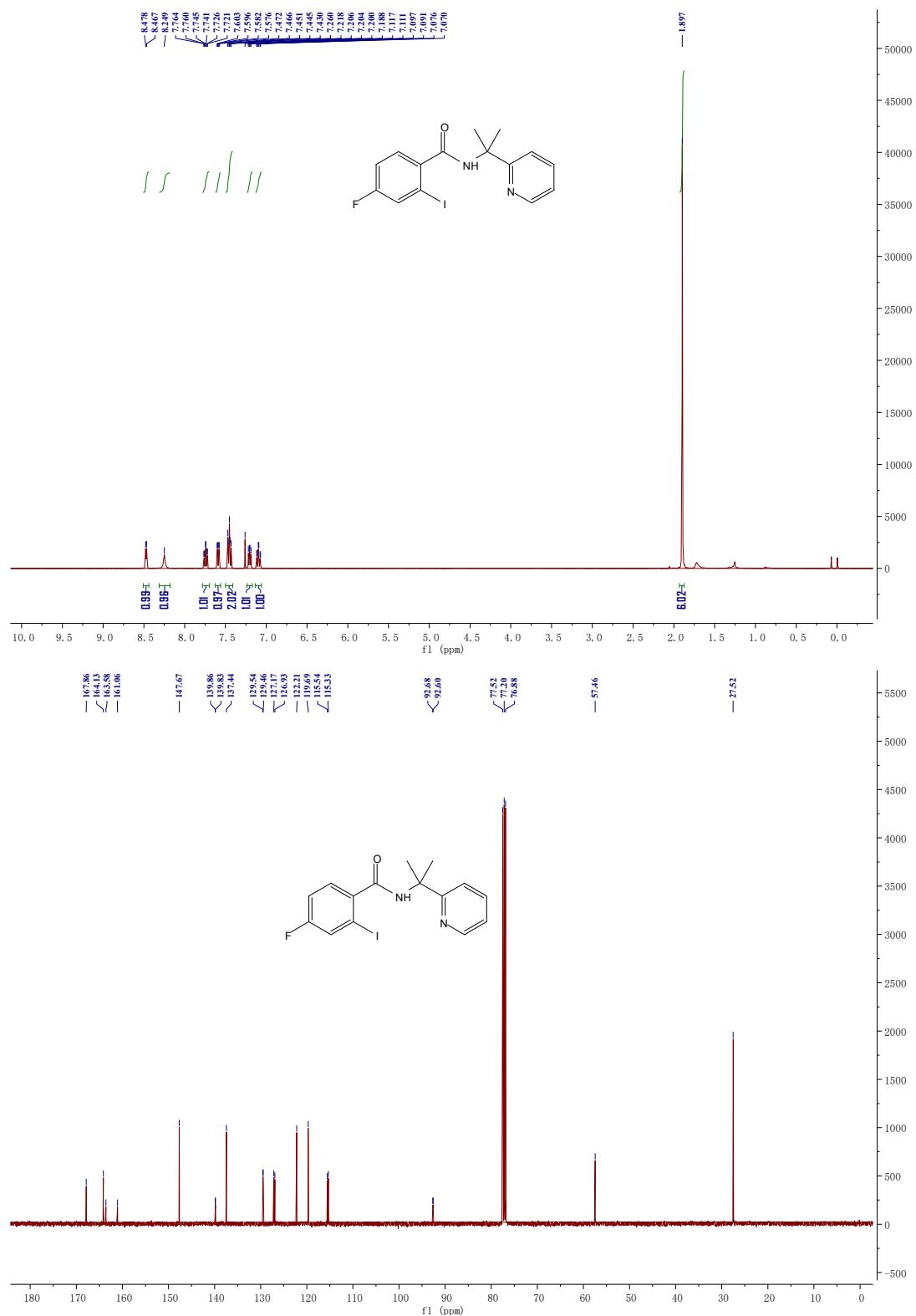
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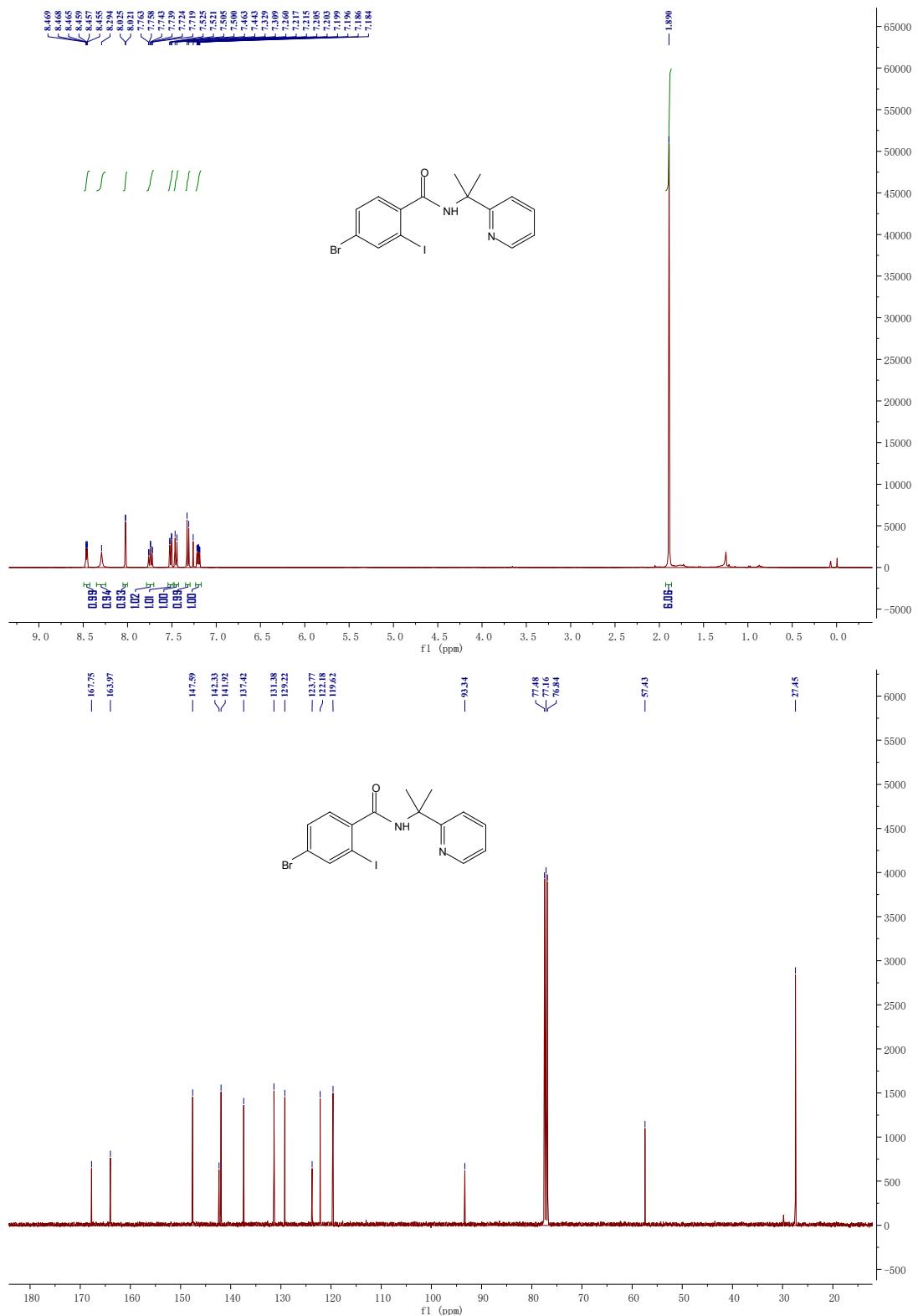
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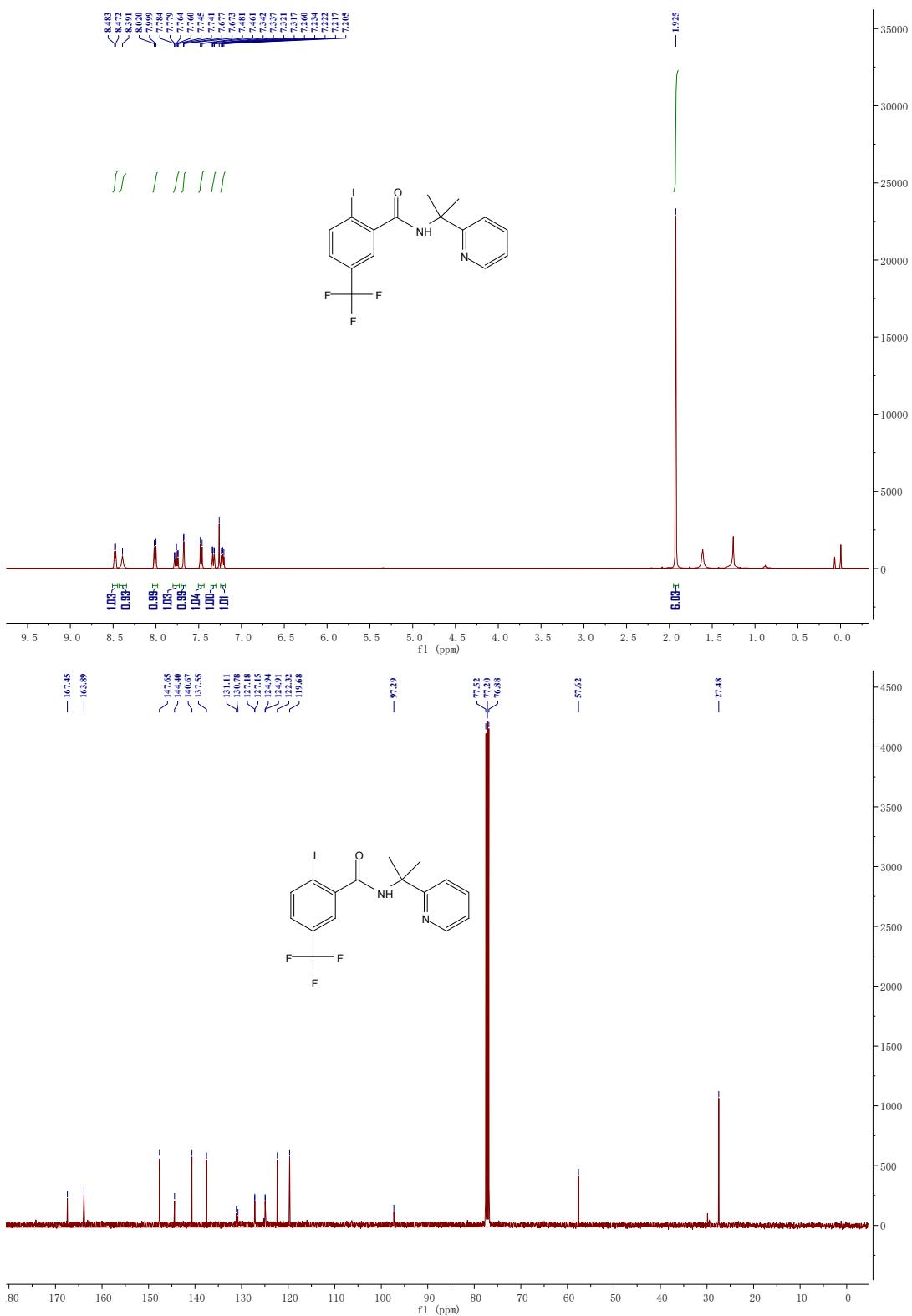
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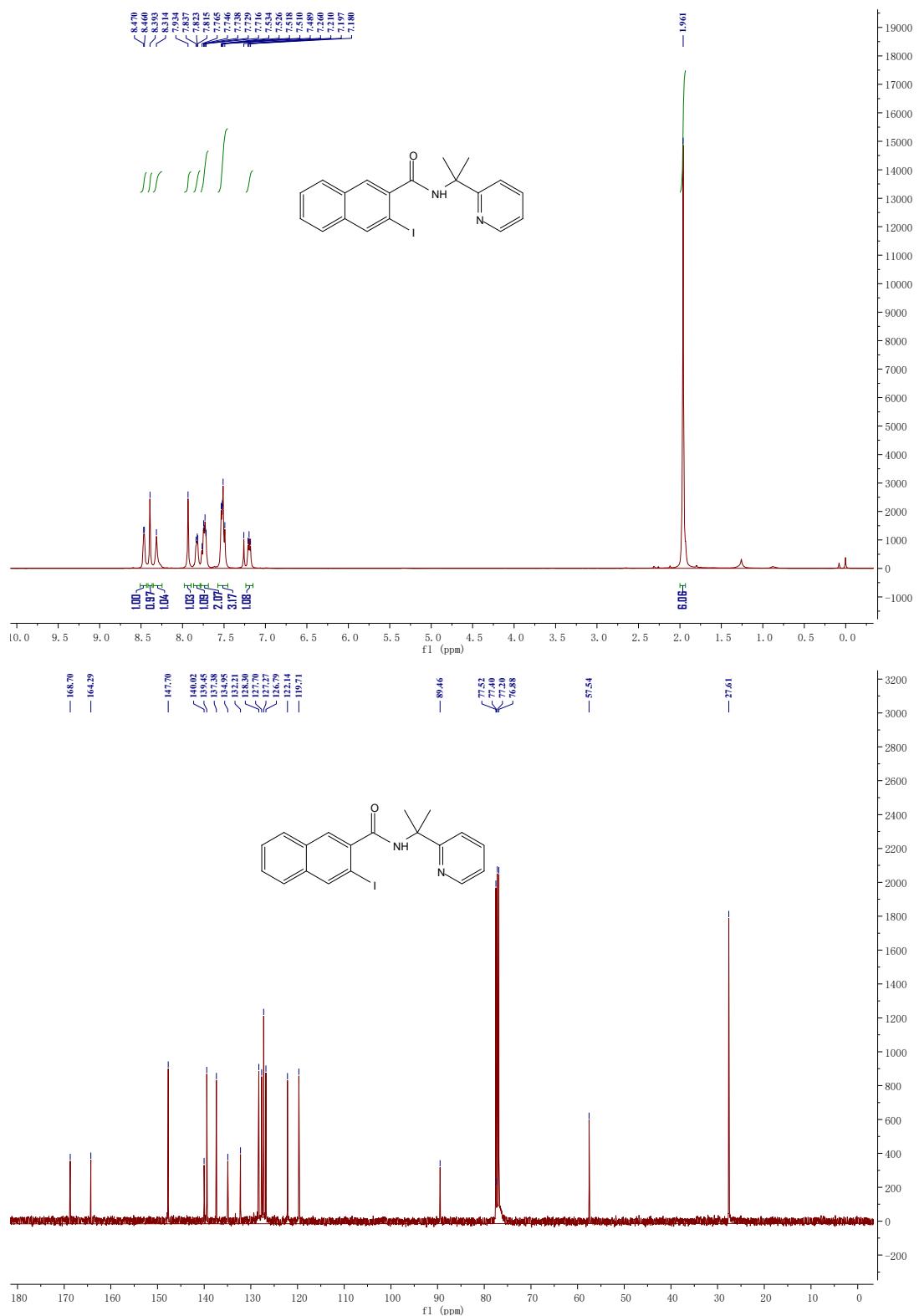
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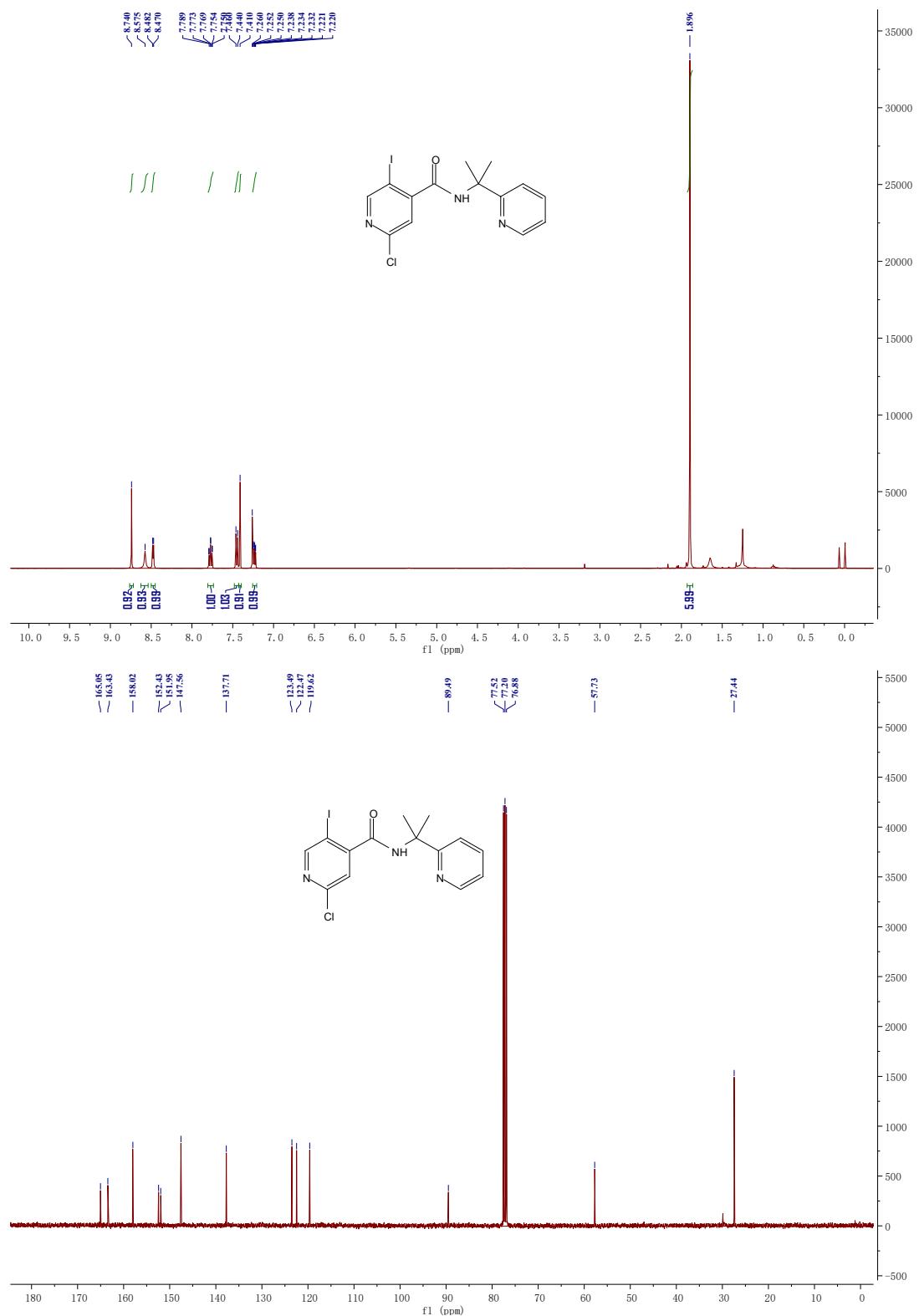


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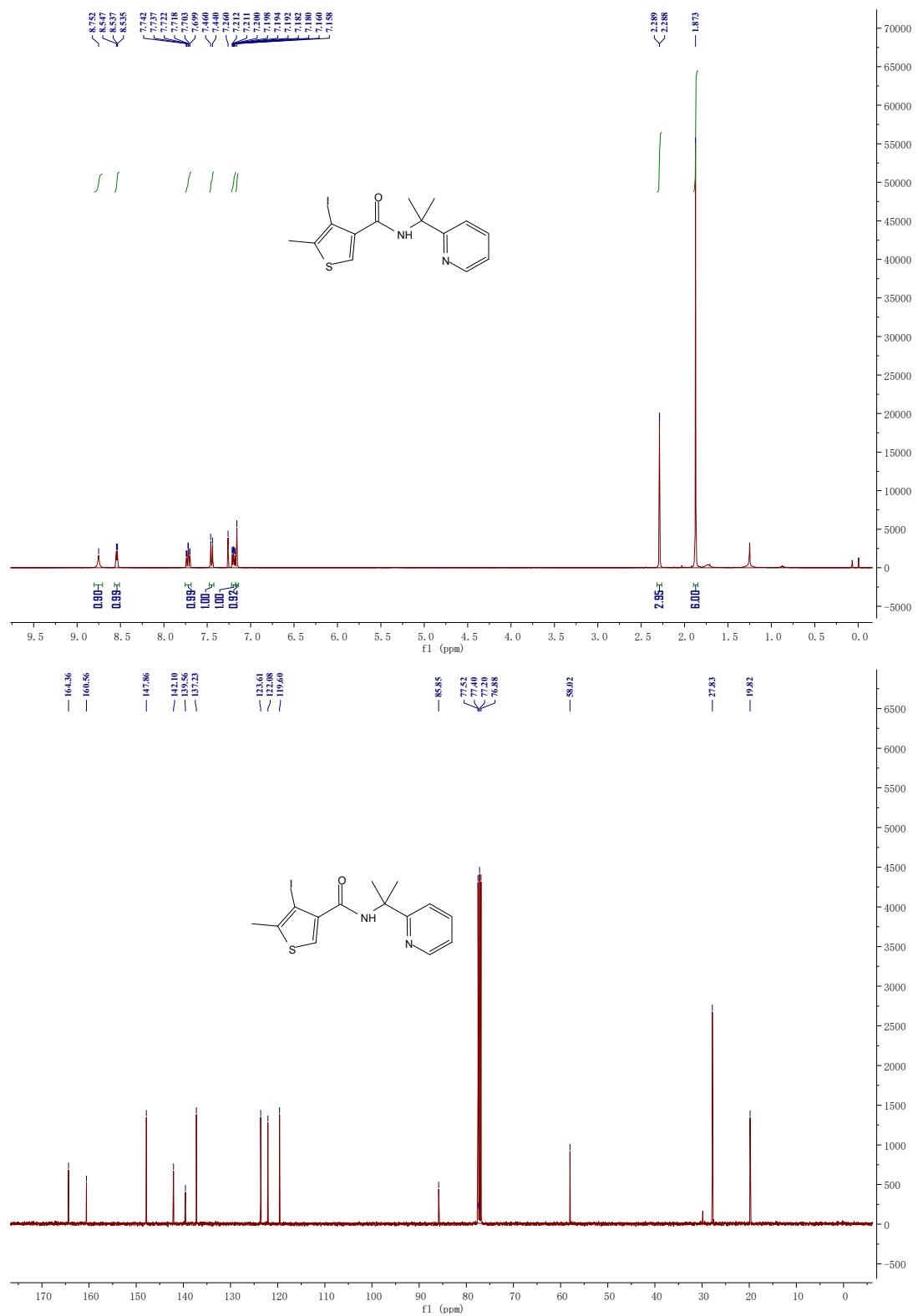


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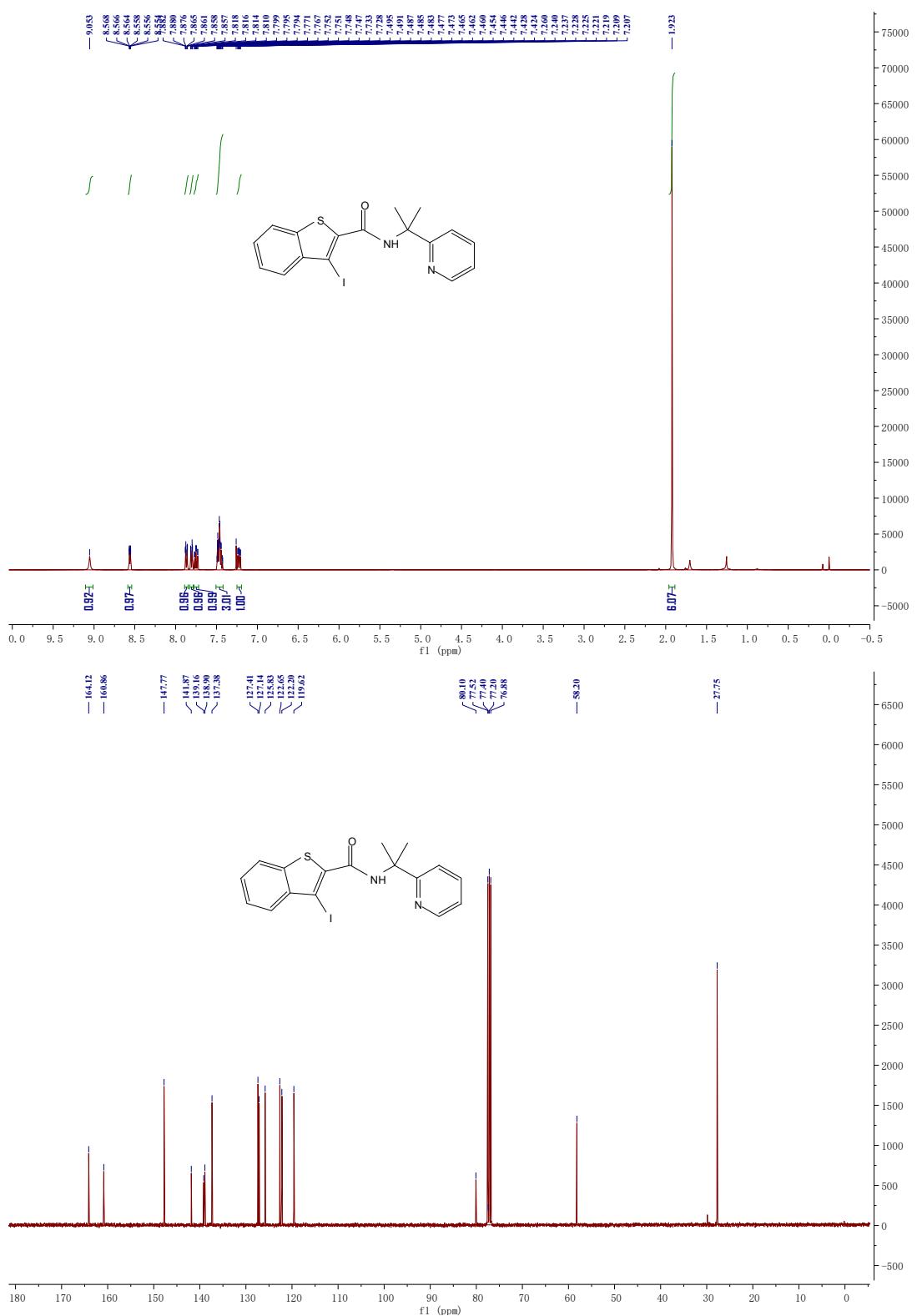


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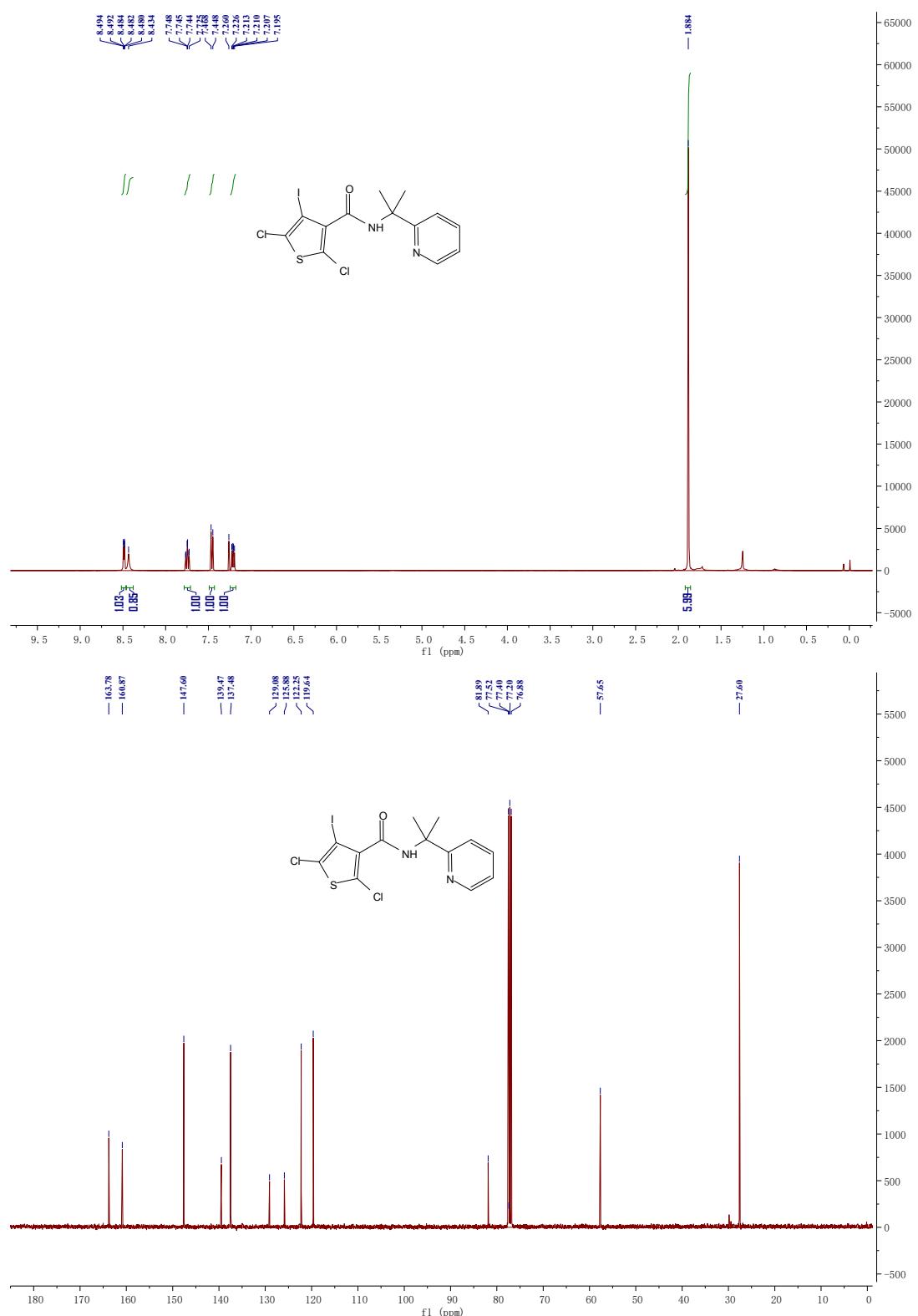
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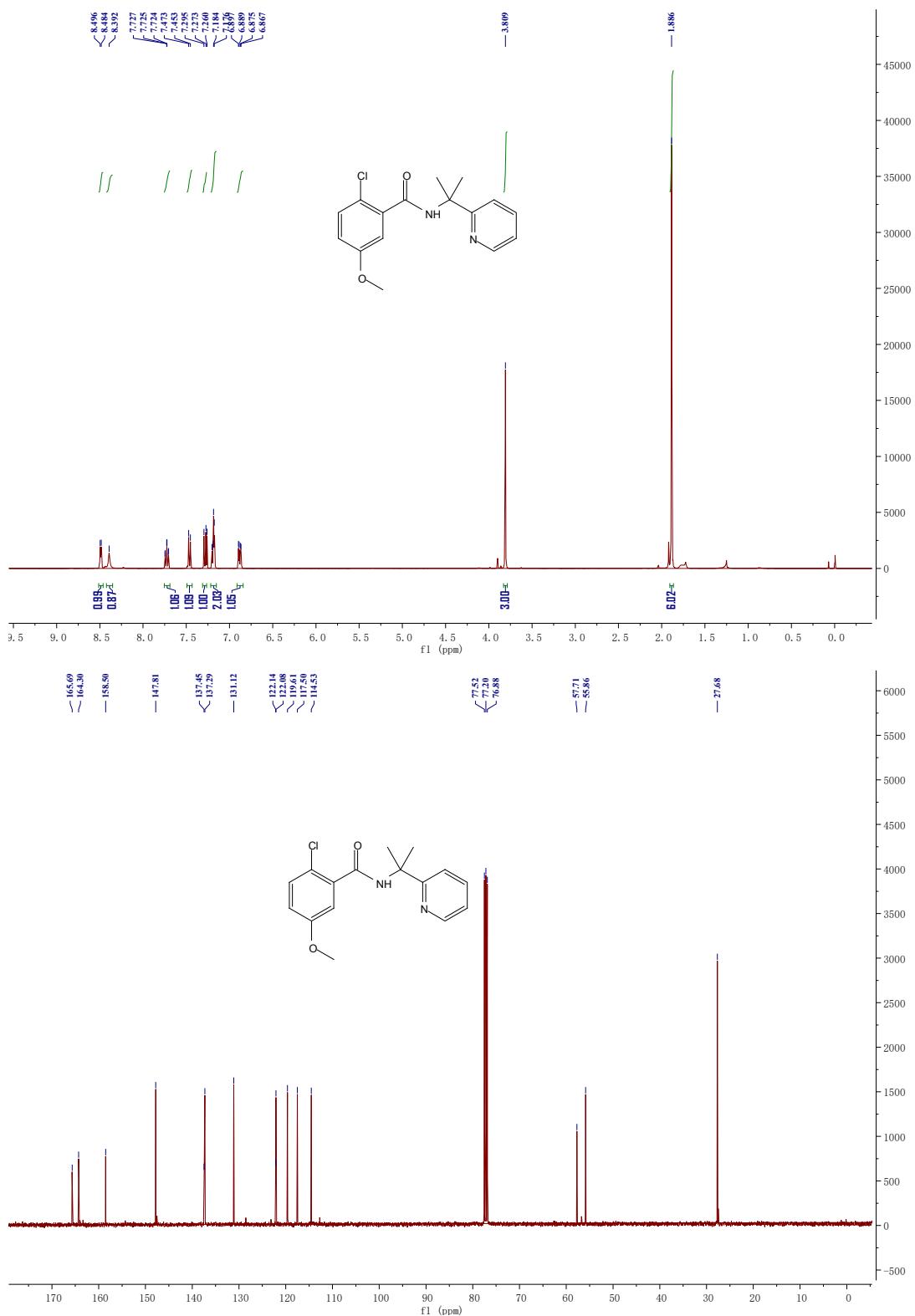
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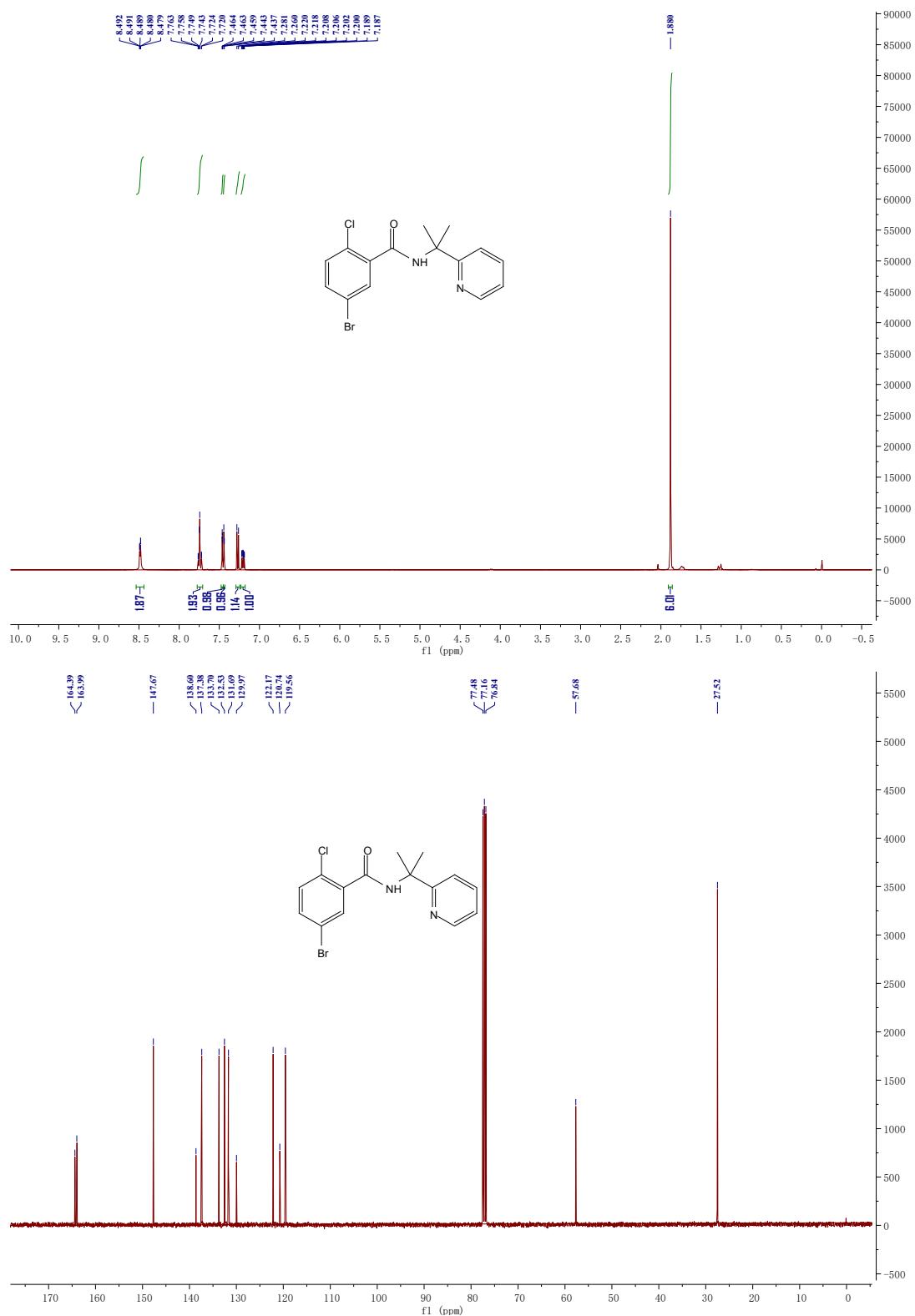
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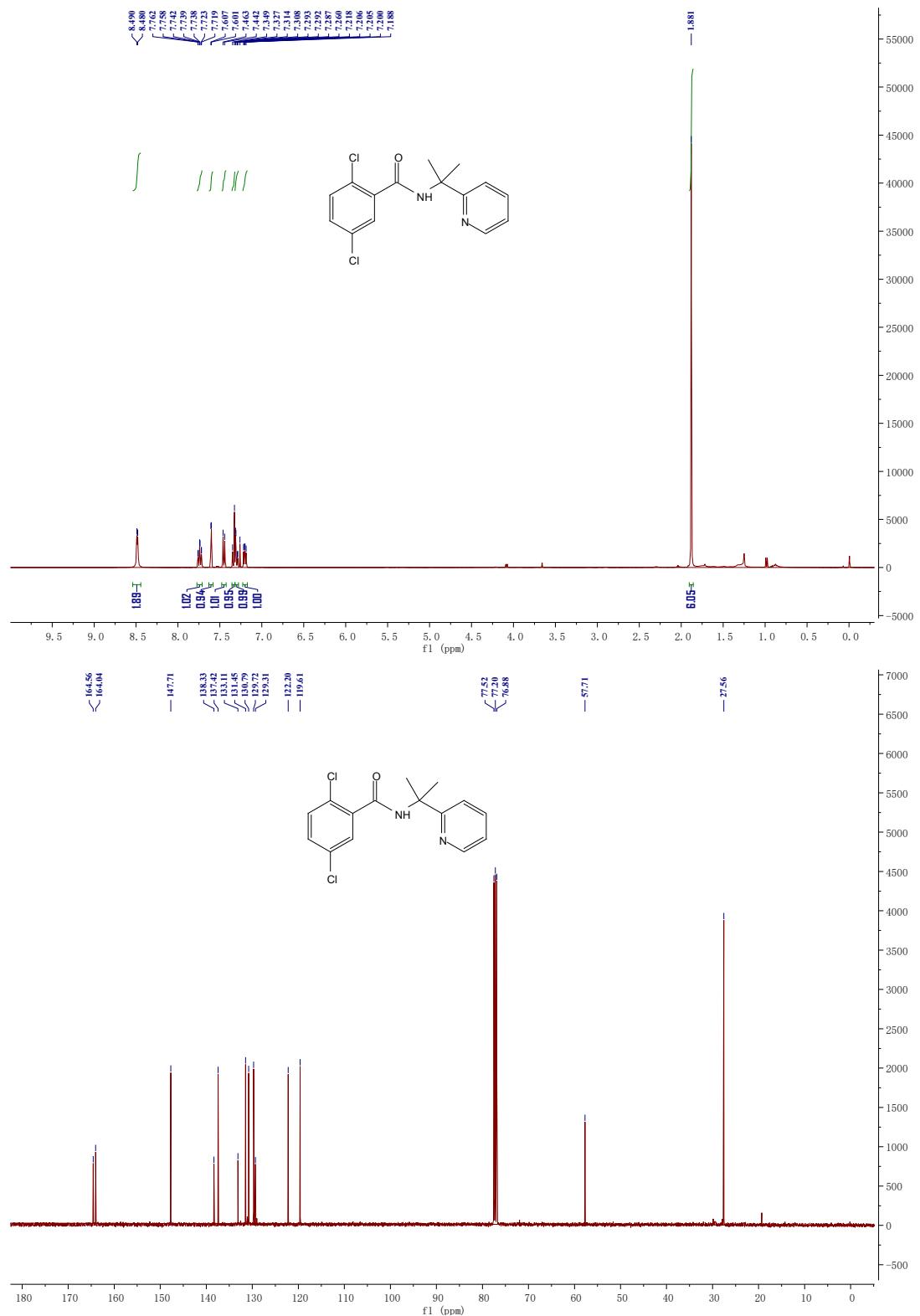
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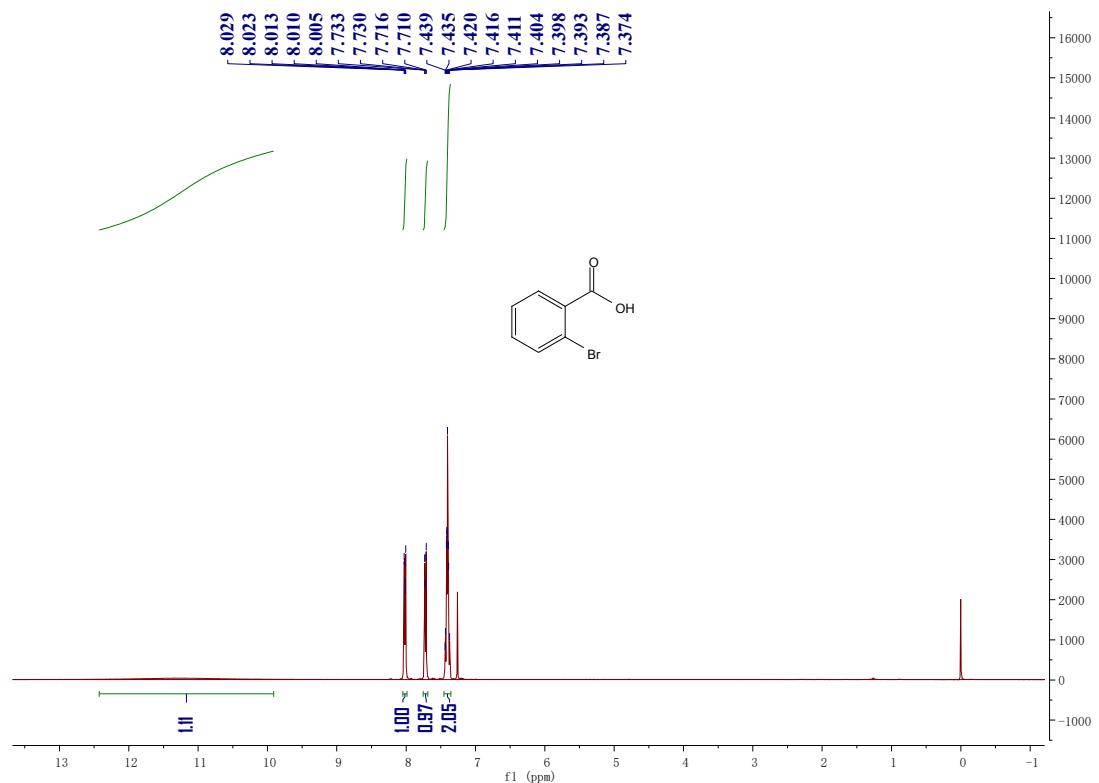
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**40**



**5a**



**5b**

