

# N-Heterocyclic Carbene (NHC) Catalyzed Atom Economical Construction of 2,3-Disubstituted Indoles

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## 1. General information

Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions were performed in oven dried glassware with magnetic stirring and under an atmosphere of argon using Schlenk line technique. Reported temperatures are the oil bath surrounding temperature of the Schlenk tube or reaction vessel.

All the solvents which are used in the reactions were dried and freshly distilled solvents according to their standard procedures and transferred under argon. Dry DMF, DMSO, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, *t*-BuOH, DME and 1,4-dioxane were purchased from Finar scientifics, India. Which were stored over activated 4 Å molecular sieves.

All the reagents, aldehydes, anilines, acrylates and catalysts (NHCs) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, and TCI, used without further purification. DBU was used under argon atmosphere.

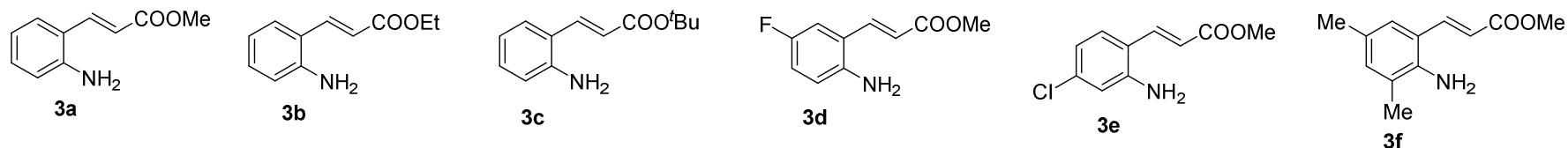
Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> plates. Eluted plates were visualised by ultraviolet light (254 nm) lamp, iodine; 2,4-DNP, *p*-anisaldehyde were used as a developing agents followed by heating. Purification of products was carried out by column chromatography using 60-120 mesh silica and hexane, ethyl acetate were used as eluents, concentration under reduced pressure was performed by rotary evaporator at 40-45 °C, under reduced pressure. The yields were mentioned to the purified products.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Bruker A V 300, A V 400 and 500 MHz instruments. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to TMS. The residual solvent signals were used as references like (CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$  H 7.26 ppm, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>  $\delta$  H 2.54 ppm). Multiplicity of the compounds in the data reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet). Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are represented in Hz. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 75, 100, and 125 MHz spectrometers. Mass spectra was analysed by Electro spray Ionization (ESI) method was obtained on a Shimadzu LCMS-2020 mass spectrometer. High Resolution Mass Spectra data were obtained on a Thermo scientific Exactive<sup>TM</sup> Orbitrap mass spectrometer or Q STAR XL Hybrid MS/MS. Infrared spectroscopy was performed neat on a BRUKER FT-IR spectrophotometer in chloroform, and IR [KBr] spectra were recorded on a THERMO NICOLER NEXUS 670 FT-IR instrument

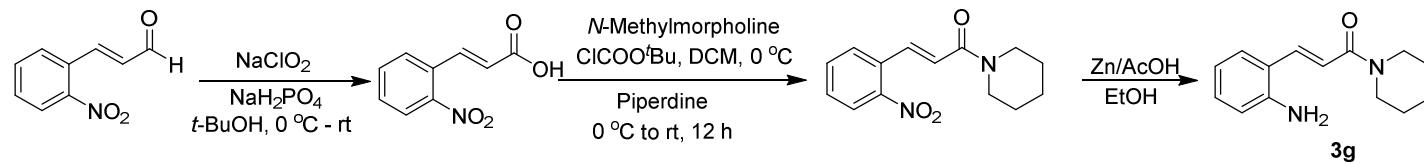
Melting points (MP) were determined using a Cintex – programmable melting point apparatus. MPs are uncorrected.

### Synthesis of substituted *ortho*-amino cinnamates / cinnamides / cinnamonitiles (**3a-h**)

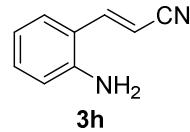
*ortho*-Amino cinnamates **3a-f** were synthesized by following literature reports.<sup>1</sup>



*ortho*-Amino cinnamide **3g** was synthesized by following literature reports.<sup>2</sup>

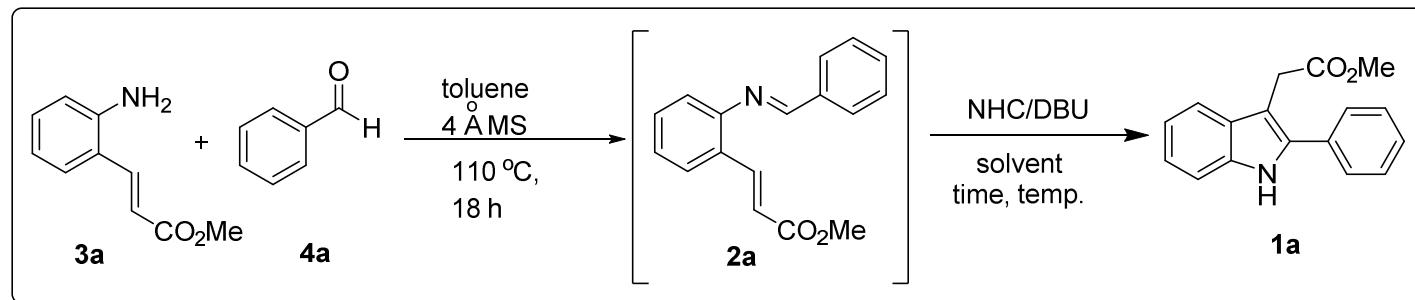


*ortho*-Aminocinnamonicitrile **3g** was synthesized by following literature reports.<sup>1</sup>



## 2. General experimental procedure for the optimization study

### Experimental procedure for the synthesis of **1a** via sequential aldimine formation—NHC catalysed reaction



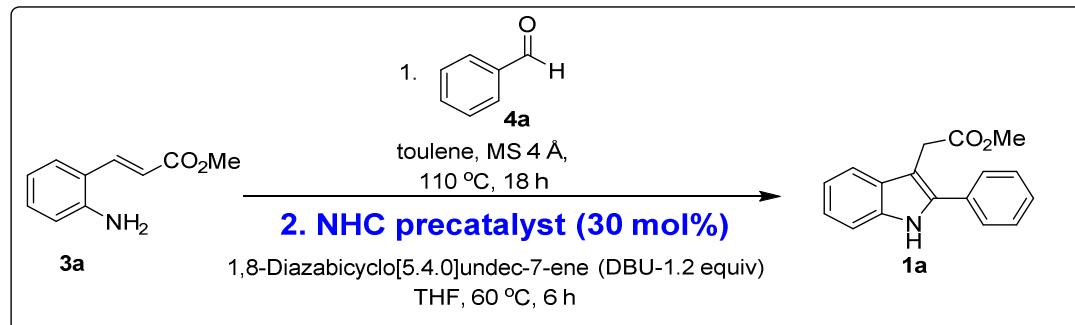
A clean and dry round bottom flask was charged with methyl (E)-3-(2-aminophenyl)acrylate **3a** (0.5 mmol, 88 mg), benzaldehyde **4a** (0.5 mmol, 53 mg) and added dry toluene (4 mL), 4 Å molecular sieves (1.5 g) (CAUTION: activated molecular sieves should be used, otherwise conversion to aldimine is not effective). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 18 h. After completion of the reaction molecular sieves were filtered and solvent was removed and evacuated to obtain the crude aldimine **2a**, which was used in the NHC catalysed transformation.

The crude aldimine **2a** and NHC were taken in a clean and dry Schlenk tube, it was evacuated and back filled with argon gas (3-5 cycles). Then added dry solvent (4 mL) followed by base (1.2 equiv) under positive pressure of argon. Then reaction mixture was stirred at the temperature and time as mentioned in optimisation tables S1-S4. Then the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and filtered off through a short pad of silica gel, by eluting with EtOAc (20 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography to afford methyl 2-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl) acetate **1a** as a pure product.

*Note: please see tables S1-S4, for various NHCs, bases, solvents and their ratios/quantities*

### 3. Optimisation survey

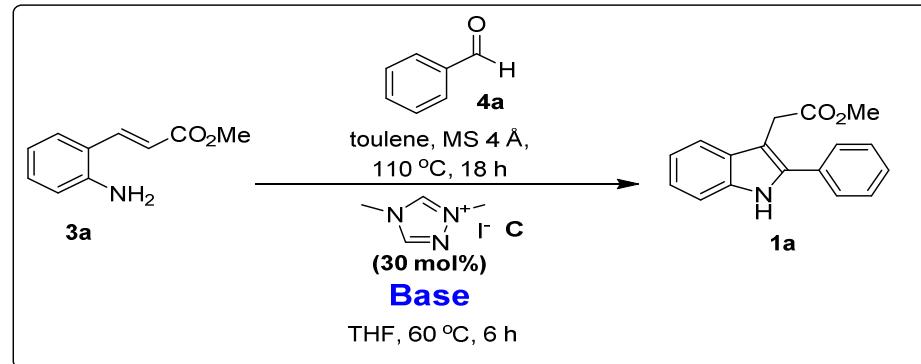
Table S1: Screening of various NHC precatalysts



| Entry | NHC precatalyst (30 mol %)                              | Structure of the NHC precatalyst | % Yield of 1a |
|-------|---|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.    | 5-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-3,4-dimethylthiazolium iodide        |                                  | —             |
| 2.    | 3-Benzyl-5-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methylthiazolium chloride |                                  | —             |
| 3.    | 3-Ethylbenzothiazolium bromide                          |                                  | —             |
| 4.    | 3-Methylbenzothiazolium iodide                          |                                  | —             |
| 5.    | 1,3-Bis-(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazolinium chloride   |                                  | —             |
| 6.    | 1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)imidazolinium chloride    |                                  | —             |

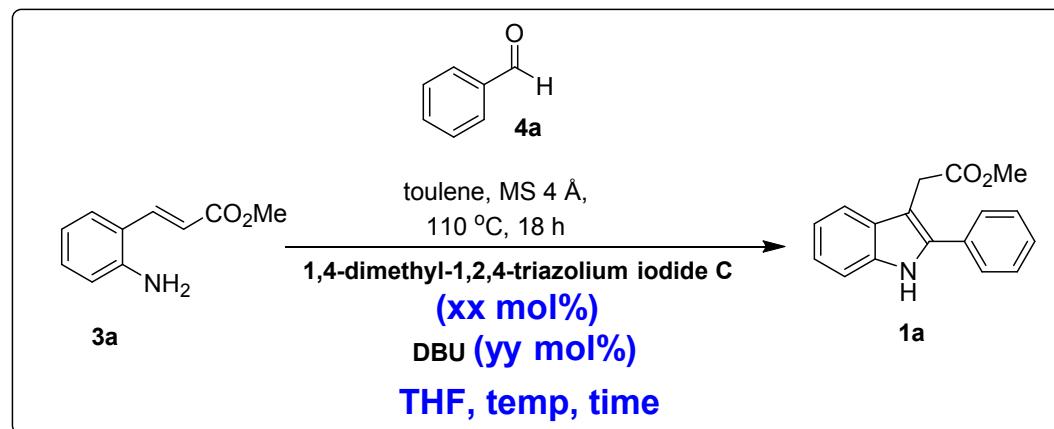
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|-----|--|--|-----------|
| 7.  | 1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)imidazolium chloride                                   |  | —         |
| 8.  | 1,3-Di-tert-butylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate                                       |  | —         |
| 9.  | 1,3-Diisopropylimidazolium chloride  |  | —         |
| 10. | 1,3-Bis(1-adamantyl)imidazolium tetrafluoroborate                                    |  | —         |
| 11. | 1,3-Dicyclohexylimidazolium chloride   |  | —         |
| 12. | 1,3-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazolium chloride                                   |  | —         |
| 13  | <b>1,4-Dimethyl-1,2,4-triazolium iodide (C)</b>                                      |  | <b>85</b> |
| 14. | 2-Mesityl-2,5,6,7-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,1- <i>c</i> ][1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride     |  | 82        |
| 15. | 6,7-Dihydro-2-pentafluorophenyl-5H-pyrrolo[2,1-c]-1,2,4-triazolium tetrafluoroborate |  | —         |

**Table S2: Screening of various bases**



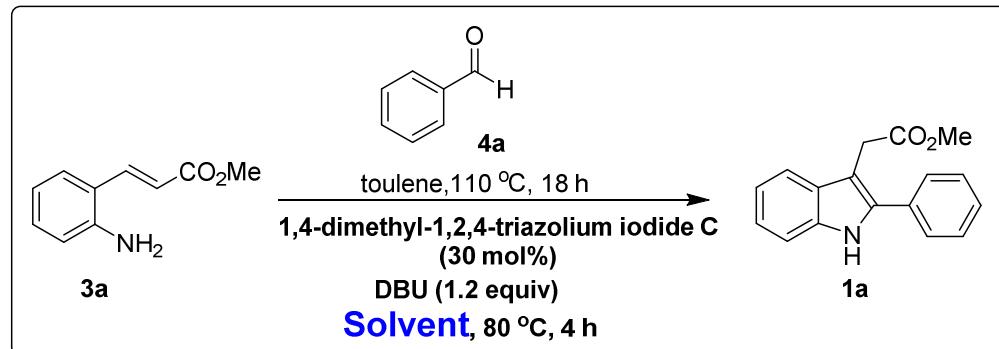
| Entry | Base (1.2 equiv)                          | % Yield of <b>1a</b> |
|-------|---|----------------------|
| 1.    | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>            | 60                   |
| 2.    | K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>            | 62                   |
| 3.    | Et <sub>3</sub> N                         | —                    |
| 4.    | 1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO)     | —                    |
| 5.    | NaH                                       | —                    |
| 6.    | 1,5,7-Triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD) | 65                   |
| 7.    | PPh <sub>3</sub>                          | —                    |
| 8.    | KOH                                       | 70                   |
| 9.    | K'OBu                                     | 56                   |
| 10.   | Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>           | 68                   |

**Table S3: Screening of molar equivalents of NHC F, DBU and reaction conditions**



| Entry      | NHC precatalyst C<br>(1,4-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazolium iodide)<br>(xx mol %) | DBU<br>(yy mol %) | Temp.<br>(°C) | Time<br>(h) | % Yield of <b>1a</b> |
|------------|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1.         | 30  | 120               | 60            | 6           | 85                   |
| 2.         | 20  | 120               | 60            | 6           | 76                   |
| 3.         | 10  | 120               | 60            | 6           | 64                   |
| 4.         | 30  | 30                | 60            | 6           | 42                   |
| 5.         | 30  | 60                | 60            | 6           | 62                   |
| 6.         | 30  | 100               | 60            | 6           | 80                   |
| 7.         | 30  | 120               | rt            | 6           | 40                   |
| 8.         | 30  | 120               | rt            | 24          | 65                   |
| 9.         | 30  | 120               | 40            | 6           | 68                   |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>30</b>   | <b>120</b>        | <b>80</b>     | <b>4</b>    | <b>90</b>            |

**Table S4: Screening of various solvents**



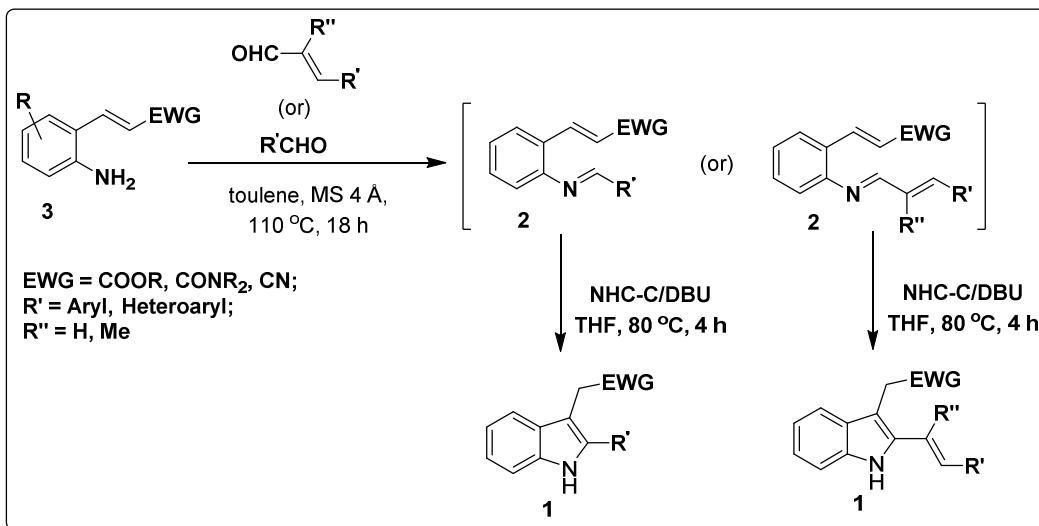
| Entry | Solvent                             | % Yield of <b>1a</b> |
|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.    | CH <sub>3</sub> CN                  | 72                   |
| 2.    | 1,4-Dioxane                         | 78                   |
| 3.    | Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)           | 82                   |
| 4.    | <i>N,N</i> -Dimethylformamide (DMF) | 70                   |
| 5.    | 1,2-Dimethoxyethane (DME)           | 64                   |
| 6.    | <i>t</i> -BuOH                      | 68                   |

**Table S5: Reaction without using NHC precatalyst (or) base**

(Optimized conditions mentioned entry 10, Table S3 were used)

| Entry | NHC precatalyst                      | Base    | Solvent | % Yield of <b>1a</b> |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| 1.    | 1,4-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazolium iodide | No base | THF     | —                    |
| 2.    | No catalyst                          | DBU     | THF     | —                    |

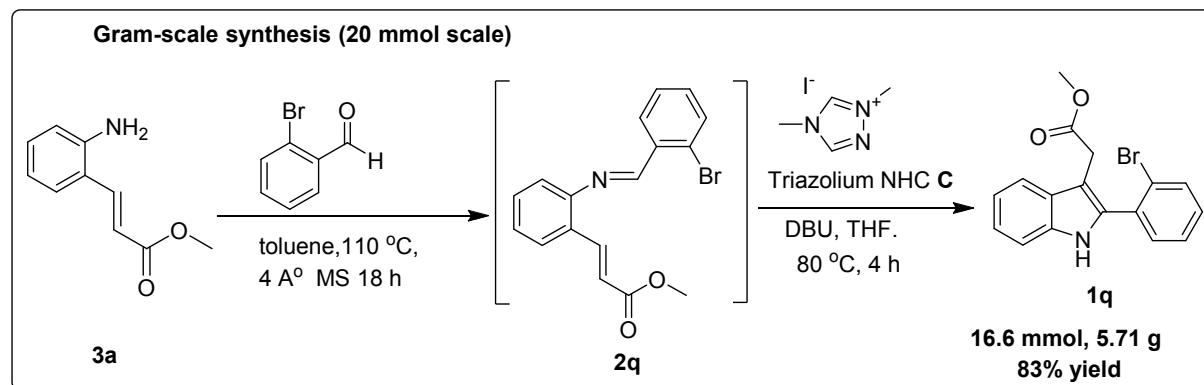
#### 4. General procedure for NHC catalysed synthesis of 2-substituted indole-3-acetic acid derivatives



A clean and dry round bottom flask was charged with *ortho*-amino cinnamate / *ortho*-amino cinnamide /*ortho*-amino cinnamonic nitrile (1 equiv, 0.5 mmol) and aromatic/heteroaromatic/vinyl aldehyde (1 equiv, 0.5 mmol) (solid aldehydes were weighed in atmospheric conditions and liquid aldehydes were transferred via syringe under the positive pressure of argon) and added dry toluene (4 mL) and activated 4 Å molecular sieves (1.5 g). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux temperature for 18-24 h to obtain for complete conversion of amine (reaction was monitored by TLC). After completion of the reaction molecular sieves were filtered off and solvent was removed and evacuated to obtain the crude aldimine, which was used in the NHC catalysed transformations.

The crude aldimine and NHC precatalyst C (30 mol%) were taken into a clean and dry Schlenk tube, and it was evacuated and back filled with argon gas (3-5 cycles). Then added dry freshly distilled THF (4 mL) via syringe followed by the addition of DBU (1.2 equiv) via syringe under positive pressure of argon. Then reaction mixture was stirred in a pre-heated oil bath at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (10 mL) and filtered of through a short pad of silica gel by eluting with EtOAc (20 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography to afford 2-substituted indole-3-acetic acid derivatives.

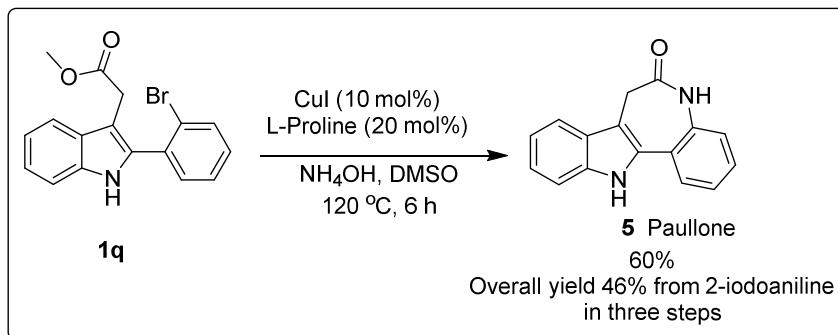
## 5. Experimental procedure for the NHC catalysed gram-scale synthesis of **1q**



A clean and oven dried two necked round bottom flask was charged with methyl (*E*)-3-(2-aminophenyl) acrylate **3a**, (20 mmol, 3.54 g), 2-bromobenzaldehyde (20 mmol, 2.32 mL) and dry toluene (160 mL). To this added activated 4 Å molecular sieves (10 g). The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux temperature for 18 h. Then molecular sieves were filtered off, solvent was removed and evacuated to obtain the crude aldimine **2q**. Which was used in the NHC catalysed transformation.

The crude aldiimine **2q** and 1,4-dimethyl-1,2,4-triazolium iodide **C** (30 mol%, 4.48 g) were taken into a clean and dry round bottom flask and it was evacuated and back filled with argon gas (3-5 cycles). Then dry freshly distilled THF (160 mL) was added *via* cannula under the positive pressure of argon gas followed by the addition of DBU (1.2 equiv, 3 mL, from a freshly opened bottle) under positive pressure of argon. Then reaction mixture was stirred in a pre-heated oil bath at 80 °C for 4 h. After completion of the reaction, it was brought to room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and filtered off through a short pad of silica gel, by eluting with EtOAc (200 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography to afford methyl 2-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl) acetate **1q** (5.71 g) as a yellow solid, with 83% yield.

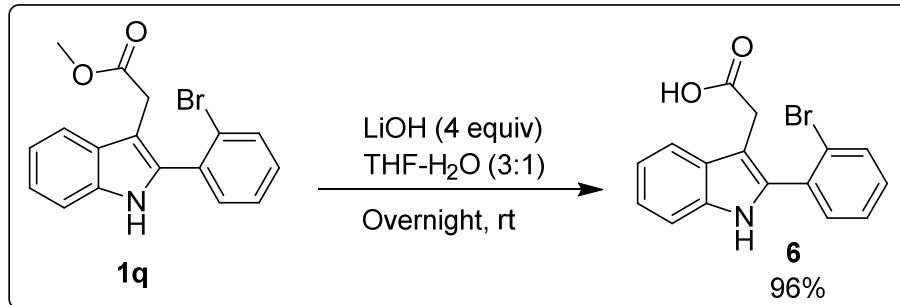
## 6. Experimental procedure for copper catalysed tandem-*N*-arylation followed by amide bond formation (Paullone synthesis)



Copper iodide (10 mol%, 0.2 mmol, 38 mg), L-proline (20 mol%, 0.4 mmol 46 mg), potassium carbonate (2 equiv, 4 mmol, 552 mg) and methyl 2-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl) acetate **1q**, (1 equiv, 2 mmol, 688 mg) were taken in a pressure tube under argon atmosphere. Then dry DMSO (8 mL), ammonium (2 mL, NH<sub>3</sub> in 25% aq. solution) were added under argon atmosphere. The tube was sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 6 h.

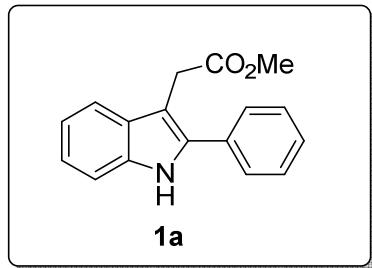
The reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and washed with ice cold water (3 x 20 mL). The organic phase was further diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and washed with water (100 mL). Then it was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to obtain paullone **5**.

## 7. Experimental procedure for base mediated ester hydrolysis

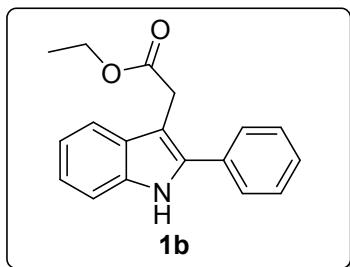


To a solution of methyl 2-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl) acetate **1q** (1 equiv, 1 mmol, 343 mg) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL/2 mL) was added LiOH (4 equiv, 1 mmol, 96 mg) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was diluted in ethyl acetate (30 mL) and neutralised using 1N HCl. The contents were extracted with ethyl acetate (2 × 50 mL). The organic phase was separated, dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated. The crude was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to obtain the product 2-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl) acetic acid **6** in 96% yield.

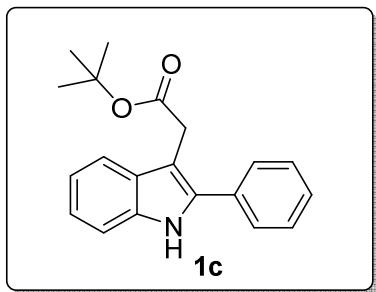
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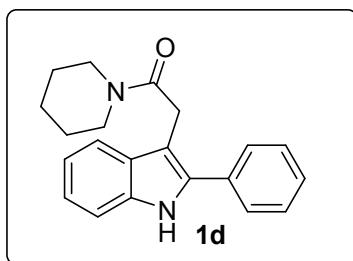
**methyl 2-(2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1a):-** white solid, 120 mg (0.45 mmol), 90%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 118-120 °C; **IR** 742, 1009, 1171, 1435, 1723, 2922, 3369  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.70 (m, 3H), 8.16 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 31.0, 51.8, 105.6, 110.9, 119.3, 120.1, 122.6, 128.1, 128.2, 129.0, 132.4, 135.7, 136.2, 172.7; **MS** (ESI) m/z 266 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 266.11756, found 266.11773. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>1</sup>



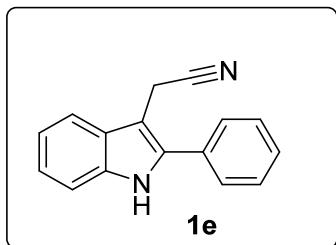
**ethyl 2-(2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1b):-** pale yellow solid, 110 mg (0.395 mmol), 79%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 102-104 °C; **IR** 740, 1026, 1156, 1453, 1712, 3363  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 1.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 4.15 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (br, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 14.3, 31.3, 61.0, 105.6, 111.1, 119.3, 120.0, 122.5, 128.0, 128.3, 129.0, 129.1, 132.5, 136.0, 136.3, 172.6; **MS** (ESI) m/z 280 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.13321, found 280.13403. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>2</sup>



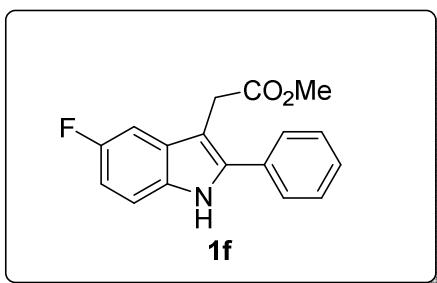
**tert-butyl 2-(2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1c):-** cream solid, 113 mg (0.366 mmol), 73%,  $R_f = 0.46$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 107-109 °C; **IR** 726, 906, 1138, 1454, 1714, 2927, 3393  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 1.44 (s, 9H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.72 (m, 3H), 8.15 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 28.3, 32.6, 80.9, 106.2, 110.9, 119.5, 119.9, 122.4, 127.9, 128.3, 128.9, 129.2, 132.6, 135.8, 136.1, 171.7; **MS (ESI)** m/z 308 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 308.16451, found 308.16452.



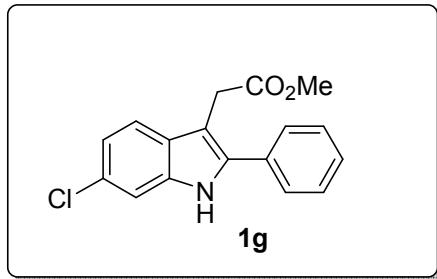
**2-(2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)ethan-1-one (1d):-** pale yellow solid, 105 mg (0.33 mmol), 66%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 30:70); **MP** 190-192°C; **IR** 697, 1224, 1455, 1627, 2933, 3251  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.51 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.19 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.53 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.16 (br, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 24.4, 25.6, 26.0, 31.3, 43.1, 46.9, 106.9, 110.7, 119.8, 120.0, 122.4, 128.0, 128.3, 128.9, 132.7, 135.2, 135.9, 169.4; **MS (ESI)** m/z 319 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>2</sup>



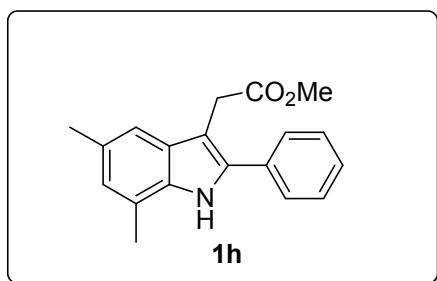
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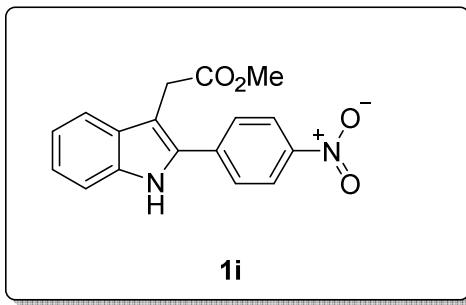
**methyl 2-(5-fluoro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1f):-** Yellow solid, 115 mg (0.405 mmol), 81%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 112-114 °C; **IR** 771, 1174, 1454, 1724, 2923, 3358  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 6.95 (td,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.65 (m, 2H), 8.27 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.8, 52.1, 104.2, 105.6, 110.8, 111.6, 128.2, 129.0, 129.4, 132.1, 137.9, 157.1, 159.0, 172.6; **MS** (ESI) m/z 284 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 284.10813, found 284.10833.



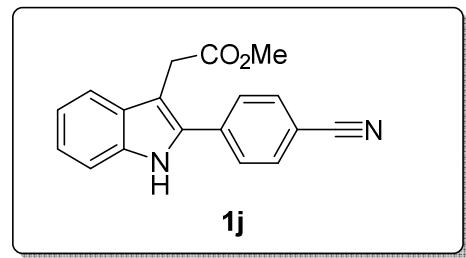
**methyl 2-(6-chloro-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1g):-** pale yellow solid, 90 mg (0.30 mmol), 60%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 104-106 °C; **IR** 769, 1456, 1722, 2922, 3352  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.8, 52.1, 105.7, 110.8, 120.1, 120.9, 127.6, 128.2, 128.4, 129.1, 131.9, 136.1, 136.9, 172.5; **MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  298 [M-H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClNO}_2$  [M-H]<sup>+</sup> 298.06293, found 298.06574.



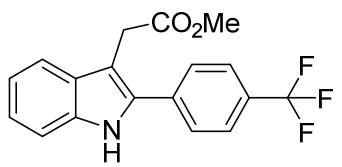
**methyl 2-(5,7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1h):-** White solid, 87 mg (0.295 mmol), 59%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 140-142 °C; **IR** 768, 1167, 1451, 1722, 2921, 3368  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 16.6, 21.5, 31.0, 52.1, 105.5, 116.5, 119.8, 125.0, 128.0, 128.3, 128.8, 128.9, 129.7, 132.7, 133.6, 136.1, 172.8; **MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  294 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>1</sup>



**methyl 2-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1i):-** Yellowish orange solid, 111 mg (0.355 mmol), 71%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 30:70); **MP** 164-166 °C; **IR** 772, 1017, 1451, 1859, 2944, 3318  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 7.08 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 11.68 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 30.0, 52.1, 107.4, 111.6, 119.3, 119.6, 123.1, 124.1, 128.5, 128.6, 133.3, 136.5, 138.9, 146.3, 171.9; **MS** (ESI) m/z 311 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 333.08458, found 333.08443.

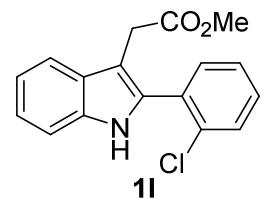


**methyl 2-(2-(4-cyanophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1j):-** cream colour solid, 128 mg (0.44 mmol), 88%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 130-132 °C; **IR** 746, 1174, 1725, 2226, 2923, 3355  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 7.17-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.82 (m, 5H), 8.29 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 30.9, 52.3, 107.7, 111.2, 111.3, 118.7, 119.6, 120.6, 123.7, 128.5, 128.8, 132.7, 133.9, 136.2, 136.8, 172.3; **MS** (ESI) m/z 291 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 313.09475, found 313.09457. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>1</sup>



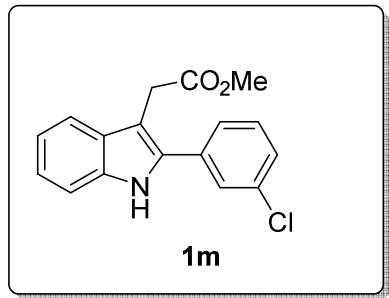
**1k**

**methyl 2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1k):-** off-white solid, 129 mg (0.385 mmol), 77%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 122-124 °C; **IR** 743, 1120, 1323, 1724, 2923, 3361  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 3.75$  (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 7.17-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.78 (m, 5H), 8.25 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 16.5, 21.5, 31.0, 52.0, 105.6, 116.5, 119.7, 125.0, 127.9, 128.2, 128.8, 128.9, 129.7, 132.7, 133.6, 136.0, 172.8; **MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  334 [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  334.10494, found 334.10529.$

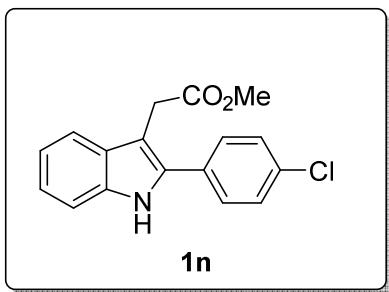


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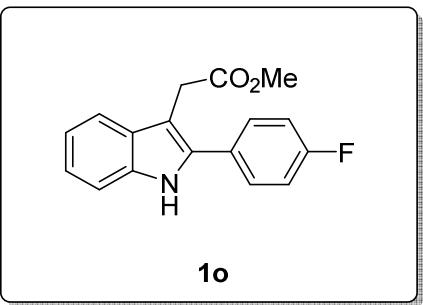
**methyl 2-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1l):-** pale Yellow solid, 103 mg (0.345 mmol), 69%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 102-104 °C; **IR** 723, 905, 1172, 1452, 1726, 2926, 3394  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 3.67$  (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 30.4, 52.0, 107.6, 111.1, 119.4, 120.0, 122.8, 127.0, 127.9, 130.0, 130.1, 131.0, 132.8, 133.24, 133.8, 135.6, 172.5; **MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  300 [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  300.07858, found 300.07872.$



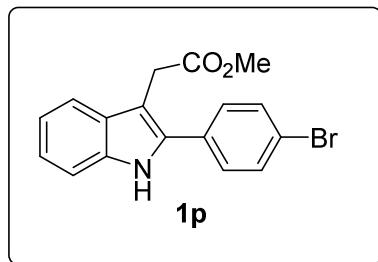
**methyl 2-(2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1m):-** cream colour solid, 112 mg (0.37 mmol), 74%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 130-132 °C; **IR** 772, 1218, 1443, 1608, 2926, 3395  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 7.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H) 7.64-7.69 (m, 2H), 8.16 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.8, 52.1, 106.4, 111.3, 119.4, 120.3, 123.0, 126.4, 128.1, 128.9, 130.2, 134.1, 134.6, 134.9, 135.8, 172.3; **MS** (ESI) m/z 300 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 300.07858, found 300.07867.



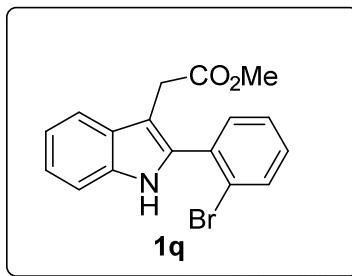
**methyl 2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1n):-** off-white solid, 114 mg (0.38 mmol), 76%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 104-106 °C; **IR** 739, 1092, 1453, 1721, 2924, 3367  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz 1H), 7.42-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.9, 52.1, 105.9, 111.0, 119.2, 120.2, 122.9, 128.9, 129.2, 129.4, 130.8, 134.1, 135.0, 135.8, 172.7; **MS** (ESI) m/z 300 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{Cl Na}$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 322.06053, found 322.05997.



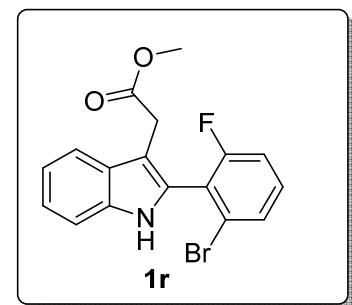
**methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-ylacetate (1o):-** Yellow solid, 114 mg (0.40 mmol), 80%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); MP 109-111 °C; IR 742, 1221, 1457, 1721, 2925, 3366  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.71 (m, 3H), 8.16 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.8, 52.1, 105.5, 110.9, 116.0, 119.7, 122.7, 128.5, 128.8, 130.0, 135.5, 161.4, 163.8, 172.7; **MS** (ESI) m/z 284 [M+H] $^+$  **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{F}$  [M+H] $^+$  284.10813, found 284.10896.



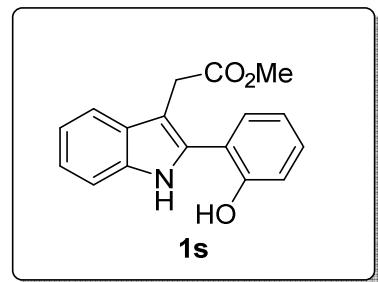
**methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-ylacetate (1p):-** light peach solid, 145 mg (0.42 mmol), 84%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); MP 120-122 °C; IR 744, 1172, 1436, 1726, 2923, 3387  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.7, 52.0, 106.1, 111.0, 119.3, 120.1, 122.3, 122.9, 128.9, 129.7, 131.2, 132.1, 135.0, 135.7, 172.6; **MS** (ESI) m/z 344 [M+H] $^+$  **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2\text{BrNa}$  [M+Na] $^+$  366.01001, found 366.00944. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>1</sup>



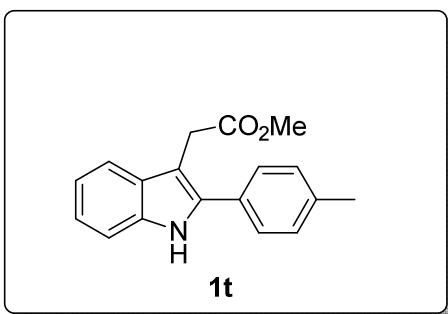
**methyl 2-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1q):-** pale yellow solid, 146 mg (0.425 mmol), 85%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 110-112 °C; **IR** 740, 1271, 1433, 1722, 3393  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 7.13-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dt,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.71 (m, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 31.0, 51.8, 107.2, 111.1, 119.4, 120.0, 122.7, 124.0, 127.4, 127.8, 130.2, 133.0, 133.2, 133.3, 134.7, 135.5, 172.4; **MS** (ESI) m/z 346 [M+2H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 344.02807, found 344.02845.



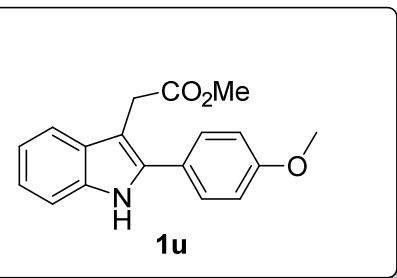
**methyl 2-(2-(2-bromo-6-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1r):-** cream colour solid, 131 mg (0.36 mmol), 72%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 130-132 °C; **IR** 743, 1246, 1438, 1723, 2924, 3393  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.8, 51.8, 109.0, 111.2, 115.0, 119.7, 122.0, 122.8, 125.9, 127.7, 128.7, 131.5, 136.0, 160.0, 162.5, 171.8; **MS** (ESI) m/z 362 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrFNO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 362.01865, found 362.01936.



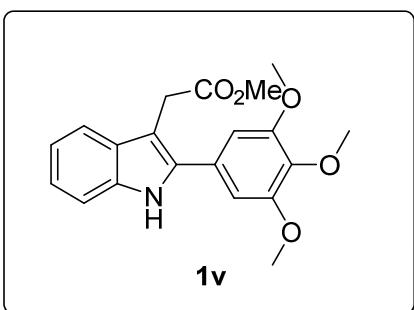
**methyl 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-ylacetate (1s):-** reddish brown colour liquid, 79 mg (0.28 mmol), 56%,  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **IR** 753, 1213, 1457, 1725, 2924, 3381  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.72 (s, 5H), 6.92-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.7, 52.5, 107.3, 111.1, 116.8, 118.5, 118.6, 120.1, 120.5, 122.8, 128.1, 130.5, 130.8, 131.8, 136.2, 154.4, 173.9; **MS** (ESI) m/z 282 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



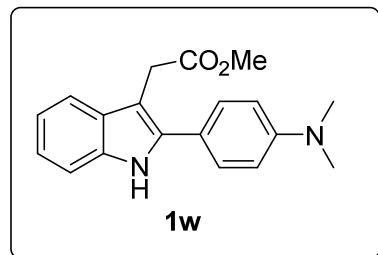
**methyl 2-(2-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-3-ylacetate (1t):-** brownish yellow colour liquid, 98 mg (0.35 mmol), 70%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **IR** 772, 1171, 1436, 1728, 2923, 3394  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 21.3, 31.1, 52.1, 105.0, 111.0, 119.1, 120.0, 122.4, 128.2, 129.1, 129.6, 129.5, 135.8, 136.4, 138.0, 173.1; **MS** (ESI) m/z 280 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 280.13321, found 280.13310.



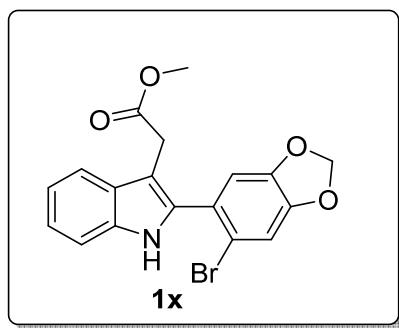
**methyl 2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (**1u**):-** cream colour solid, 101 mg (0.34 mmol), 68%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 102-104 °C; **IR** 728, 1248, 1459, 1726, 2839, 3393 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.98-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 31.0, 52.0, 55.3, 104.7, 110.8, 114.4, 119.0, 120.0, 122.2, 124.8, 129.0, 129.5, 135.6, 136.2, 159.5, 172.9; **MS** (ESI) m/z 296 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 296.12812, found 296.12805. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>1</sup>



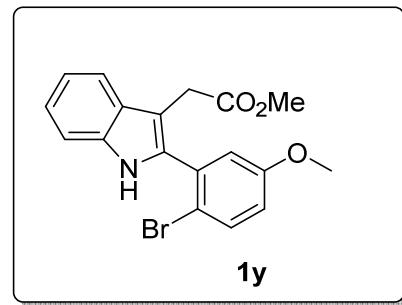
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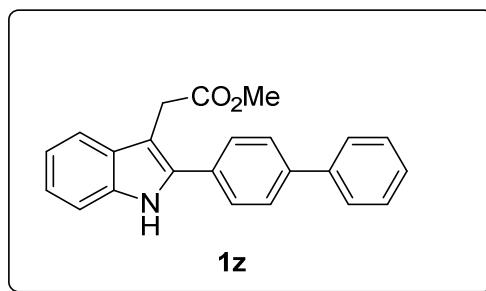
**methyl 2-(2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1w):-** yellow colour liquid, 20 mg (0.065 mmol), 13%, (46 mg (0.15 mmol), 30%, with isolated imine),  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); IR 746, 1167, 1515, 1610, 1730, 2923, 3374  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 3.00$  (s, 6H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.65 (m, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 31.1, 40.5, 52.0, 104.0, 110.6, 112.7, 118.8, 119.8, 121.9, 129.1, 135.5, 136.9, 150.0, 173.0$ ; **MS** (ESI) m/z 309 [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  309.15975, found 309.15860.



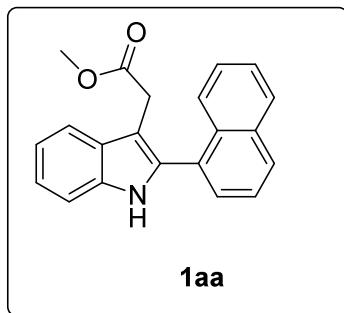
**methyl 2-(2-(6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1x):-** cream colour solid, 145 mg (0.375 mmol), 75%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 120-122 °C; **IR** 772, 1223, 1458, 1727, 2923, 3394  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 3.69$  (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 6.08 (s, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 30.8, 51.9, 102.2, 107.2, 111.0, 112.3, 113.1, 115.1, 119.3, 120.0, 122.7, 126.1, 127.7, 134.7, 135.3, 147.3, 149.0, 172.3$ ; **MS** (ESI) m/z 388 [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_4\text{Br}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  388.01790, found 388.01878.



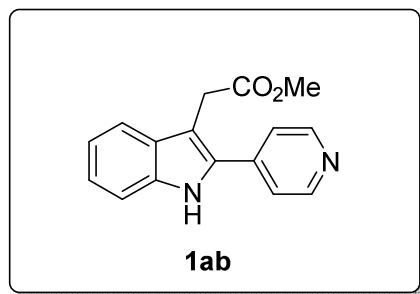
**methyl 2-(2-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1y):-** off-white solid, 129 mg (0.345 mmol), 69%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 128-130 °C; **IR** 745, 1014, 1223, 1458, 1728, 2924, 3387 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 6.87 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 30.9, 52.0, 55.6, 107.2, 111.0, 113.9, 116.7, 118.0, 119.4, 120.0, 122.8, 127.8, 133.7, 134.0, 134.7, 135.4, 158.8, 172.7; **MS** (ESI) m/z 374 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NBr [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 374.03863, found 374.03920.



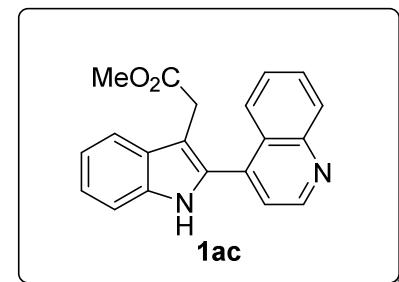
**methyl 2-(2-((1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1z):-** pale yellow solid, 137 mg (0.40 mmol), 80%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 156-158 °C; **IR** 789, 1172, 1435, 1727, 2923, 3372 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.76 (m, 4H), 8.19 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 31.0, 52.1, 105.8, 110.9, 119.3, 120.2, 122.7, 127.0, 127.6, 127.7, 128.6, 128.9, 129.1, 131.3, 135.8, 140.4, 140.8, 172.7; **MS** (ESI) m/z 342 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 342.14886, found 342.14892.



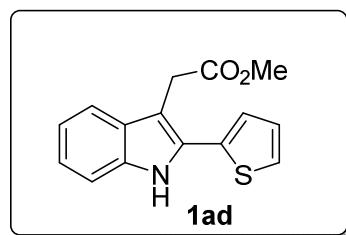
**methyl 2-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (1aa):-** light yellowish liquid, 98 mg (0.31 mmol), 62%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); IR 744, 1169, 1434, 1722, 2922, 3392  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 3.75$  (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 7.17-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.99 (m, 3H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 31.0, 52.1, 106.0, 110.9, 119.3, 120.2, 122.7, 125.9, 126.5, 126.7, 127.4, 127.8, 128.2, 128.7, 129.1, 129.7, 132.8, 133.5, 135.9, 136.2, 172.7$ ; **MS (ESI)** m/z 316 [M+H] $^+$  **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  316.13321, found 316.13321.



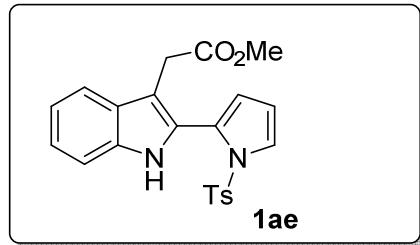
**methyl 2-(2-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (1ab):-** yellow solid, 104 mg (0.39 mmol), 78%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 40:60); **MP** 118-120 °C; **IR** 724, 906, 1217, 1414, 1603, 1728, 2928  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 3.73$  (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.71 (m, 1H), 8.62-8.66 (m, 2H), 9.23 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 31.3, 52.5, 108.0, 111.4, 119.6, 120.5, 122.3, 123.7, 128.9, 133.1, 136.5, 140.1, 150.4, 172.3$ ; **MS (ESI)** m/z 267 [M+H] $^+$  **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  267.11280, found 267.11210.



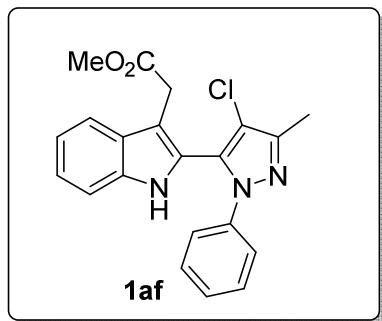
**methyl 2-(quinolin-4-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-ylacetate (1ac):-** cream colour solid, 130 mg (0.41 mmol), 82%,  $R_f$  = 0.5 (EtOAc/Hexane, 30:70); **MP** 138-140 °C; **IR** 745, 1167, 1435, 1732, 2923, 3345  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 7.24 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.85-8.87 (m, 1H), 9.06 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.8, 52.0, 108.8, 111.3, 119.5, 120.4, 122.8, 123.3, 125.9, 127.1, 127.2, 128.2, 129.7, 132.0, 136.4, 136.4, 138.6, 148.4, 149.8, 172.0; **MS (ESI)** m/z 317 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 317.12605, found 317.12802.



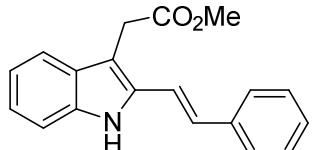
**methyl 2-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-ylacetate (1ad):-** pale yellow solid, 121 mg (0.45 mmol), 89%,  $R_f$  = 0.5 (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 110-112°C; **IR** 696, 1191, 1433, 1716, 2950, 3365  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.64 (m, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 31.0, 52.1, 106.2, 110.9, 119.1, 120.3, 123.0, 125.8, 125.9, 128.0, 129.0, 130.0, 133.9, 135.7, 172.4; **MS (ESI)** m/z 272 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NSO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 272.07398 found 272.07384.



**methyl 2-(2-(1-tosyl-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1ae):-** light brown solid, 165 mg (0.405 mmol), 81%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 118-120 °C; **IR** 745, 1170, 1451, 1731, 3399  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 2.29 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 6.38 (t,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.52-6.56 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.58 (m, 2H), 8.65 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 21.6, 30.6, 52.0, 109.9, 111.3, 112.0, 119.3, 119.6, 120.0, 123.2, 124.3, 124.7, 127.0, 129.5, 134.5, 135.7, 145.1, 172.2; **MS (ESI)** m/z 409 [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{SO}_4$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  409.12165, found 409.12151.

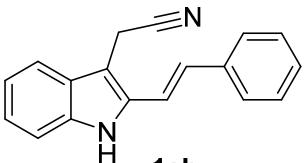


**methyl 2-(2-(4-chloro-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1af):-** cream colour solid, 165 mg (0.437 mmol), 87%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 20:80); **MP** 166-168 °C; **IR** 745, 1157, 1452, 1732, 2923, 3358  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 2.28 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 7.15-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.70 (m, 3H), 8.22 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 13.0, 31.0, 51.9, 108.5, 111.0, 119.3, 120.0, 122.7, 124.9, 128.1, 128.4, 129.1, 136.2, 138.1, 149.9, 172.1; **MS (ESI)** m/z 380 [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{ClO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  380.11603 found 380.11612.



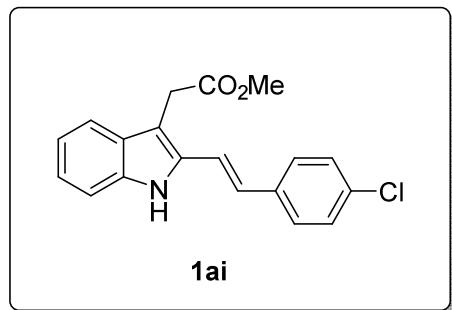
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**methyl (E)-2-(2-styryl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1ag):-** off-white solid, 124 mg (0.425 mmol), 85%,  $R_f$  = 0.5 (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); MP 104-106 °C; IR 748, 771, 1158, 1436, 1720, 2921, 3382 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 30.1, 52.2, 108.7, 110.6, 116.6, 119.0, 120.0, 123.4, 126.4 (2C), 127.5, 127.9, 128.8 (2C), 133.7, 136.4, 136.9, 171.7; MS (ESI) m/z 292 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 292.13080, found 292.13319. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with the reported data.<sup>3</sup>

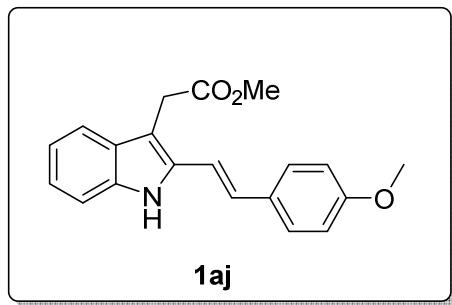


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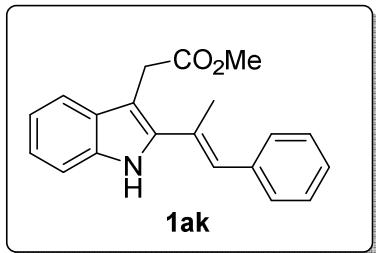
**(E)-2-(2-styryl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetonitrile (1ah):-** yellowish green solid, 73 mg (0.28 mmol), 56% (with isolated imine),  $R_f$  = 0.5 (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); MP 130-132 °C; IR 749, 950, 1322, 1451, 2249, 2924, 3356 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.93 (s, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 11.64 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 13.1, 103.5, 110.9, 115.3, 117.8, 118.2, 120.6, 123.8, 126.5, 127.7, 128.3, 128.9, 129.0, 133.5, 136.1, 136.3; MS (ESI) m/z 257 [M-H]<sup>+</sup>.



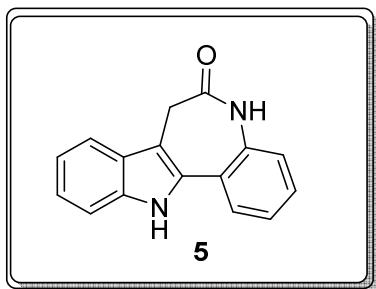
**methyl (E)-2-(2-(4-chlorostyryl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (1ai):-** yellow solid, 108 mg (0.33 mmol), 66%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 130-132 °C; **IR** 743, 1163, 1489, 1725, 2924, 3380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.3, 52.2, 110.7, 117.1, 119.0, 120.1, 123.5, 126.0, 127.5, 128.9, 130.0, 133.3, 135.4, 136.4, 172.1; **MS** (ESI) m/z 326 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{NClO}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 326.09423, found 326.09417.



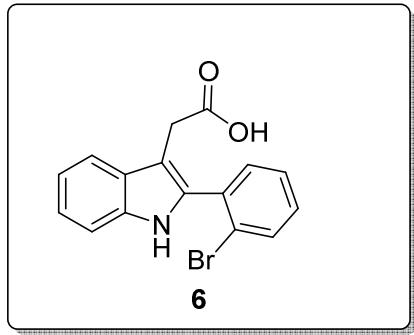
**methyl (E)-2-(2-(4-methoxystyryl)-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (1aj):-** pale yellow solid, 102 mg (0.315 mmol), 63%,  $R_f = 0.5$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **MP** 100-102 °C; **IR** 745, 1246, 1430, 1652, 1713, 2952, 3365  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; **<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 30.3, 52.1, 55.4, 108.0, 110.5, 114.3, 114.6, 118.8, 120.0, 123.1, 127.2, 127.7, 127.8, 128.9, 129.6, 134.0, 136.2, 159.5, 172.1; **MS** (ESI) m/z 322 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 322.14377, found 322.14362.



**methyl (E)-2-(2-(1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetate (1ak)**:- Brown colour liquid, 86 mg (0.28 mmol), 56%,  $R_f = 0.4$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 10:90); **IR** 772, 1171, 1435, 1725, 2923, 3390  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 18.1, 31.3, 52.0, 105.4, 110.7, 119.0, 120.0, 122.5, 127.0, 128.3(2C), 129.2, 131.2, 135.2, 137.3, 139.2, 172.7; **MS (ESI)** m/z 306 [M+H] $^+$  **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$  [M+H] $^+$  306.14886, found 306.14783.



**7,12-dihydrobenzo[2,3]azepino[4,5-b]indol-6(5*H*)-one (5)** :- pale yellow solid, 300 mg (1.2 mmol), 60%,  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc/Hexane, 50:50); **MP** 280-282 °C; **IR** (KBr) 3221, 1643  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  = 3.50 (s, 2H), 7.07-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.64-7.73 (m, 2H), 10.10 (s, 1H), 11.6 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  = 31.6, 107.5, 111.4, 117.9, 119.1, 122.1, 122.2, 122.8, 123.6, 126.8, 127.9, 128.7, 132.4, 135.4, 137.4, 171.5; **MS (ESI)** m/z 247 [M-H] $^+$  **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$  [M-H] $^+$  247.08659, found 247.08905. The spectroscopic data were in good agreement with literature report.<sup>1</sup>

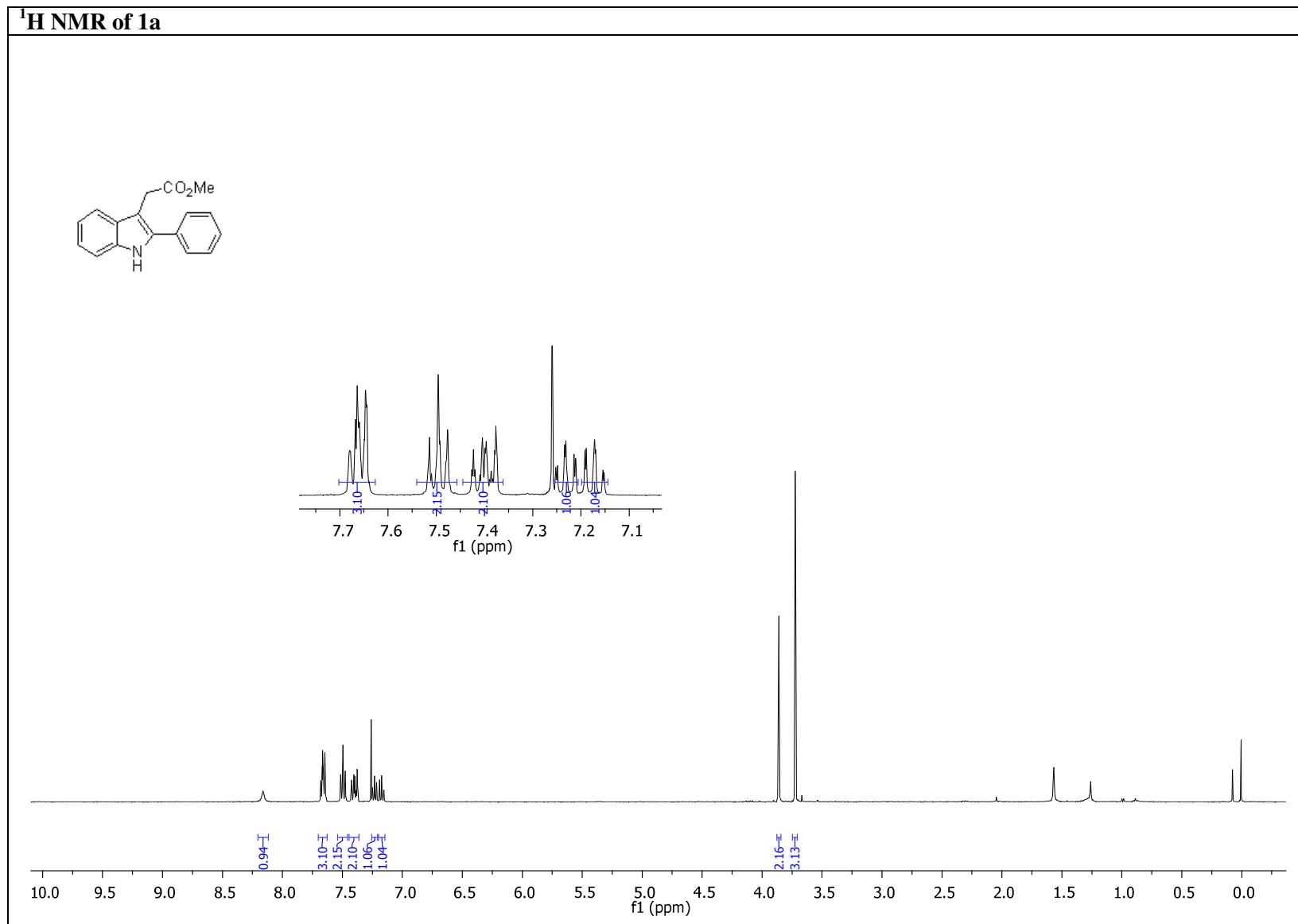


**2-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetic acid (6)** :- white solid, 316 mg (0.96 mmol), 96%,  $R_f$  = 0.5 (EtOAc/Hexane, 70:30); **MP** 192-194 °C; **IR** 745, 1452, 1705, 2923, 3403  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  **$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 3.48 (s, 2H), 7.03 (t,  $J$  = 7.1Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.1Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 7.9Hz, 1H), 11.25 (s, 1H), 12.16 (s, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  = 30.5, 106.3, 111.1, 118.7, 119.0, 121.5, 123.6, 127.5, 130.4, 132.8, 132.8, 133.5, 134.6, 135.5, 172.7; **MS** (ESI) m/z 330 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> **HRMS** (ESI, m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 330.01242, found 330.01260.

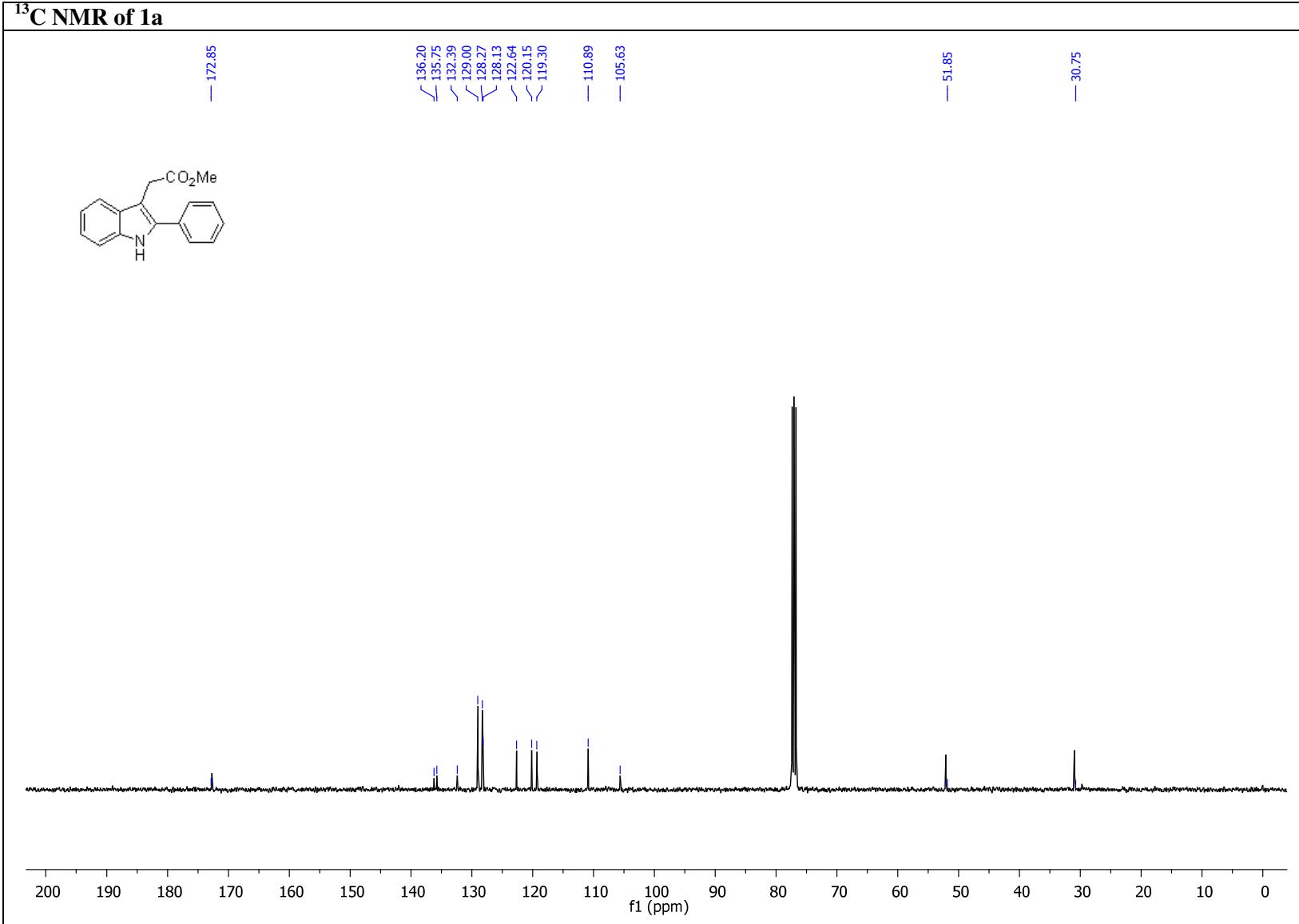
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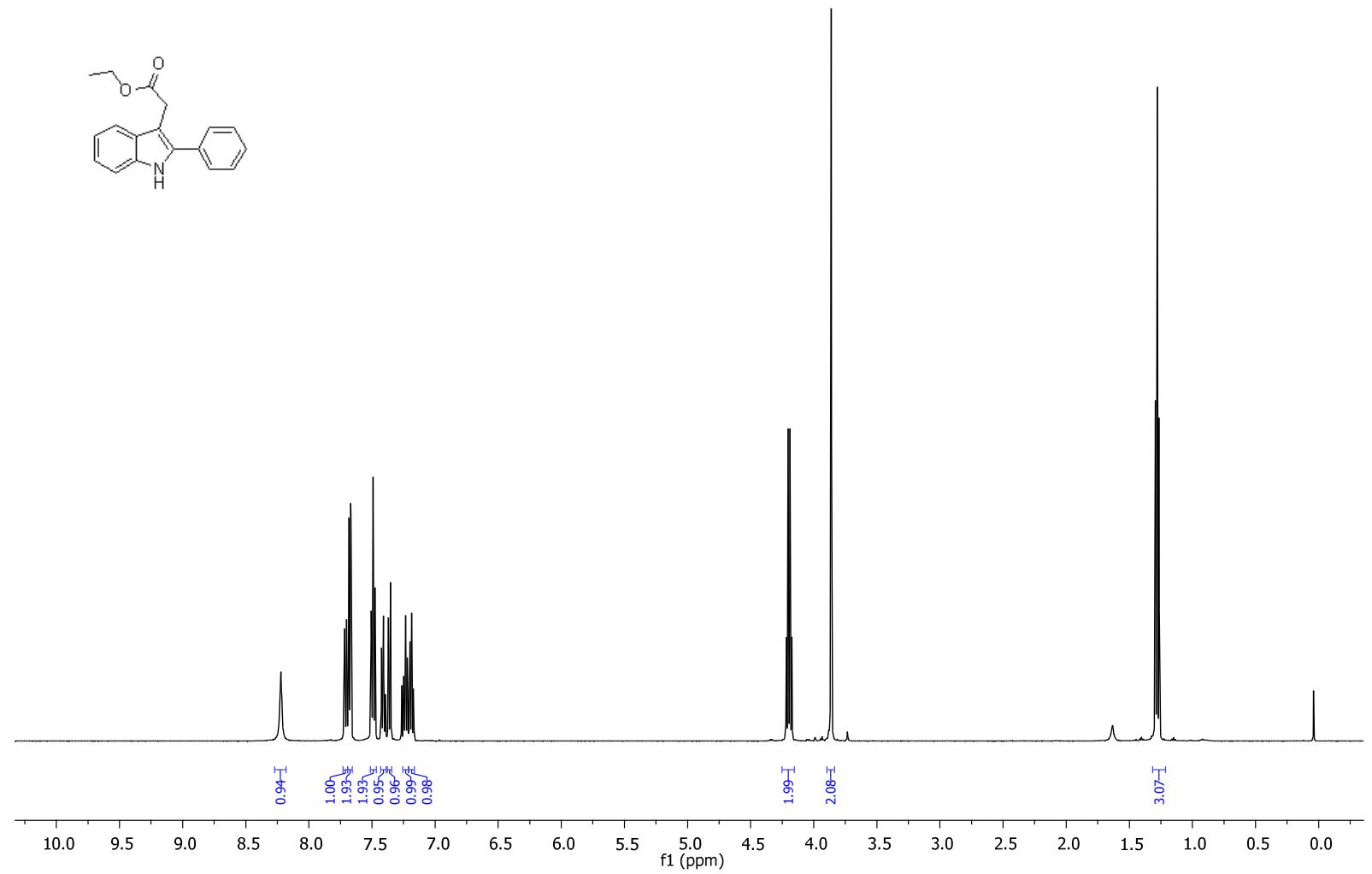
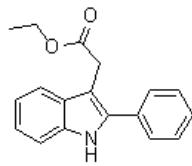
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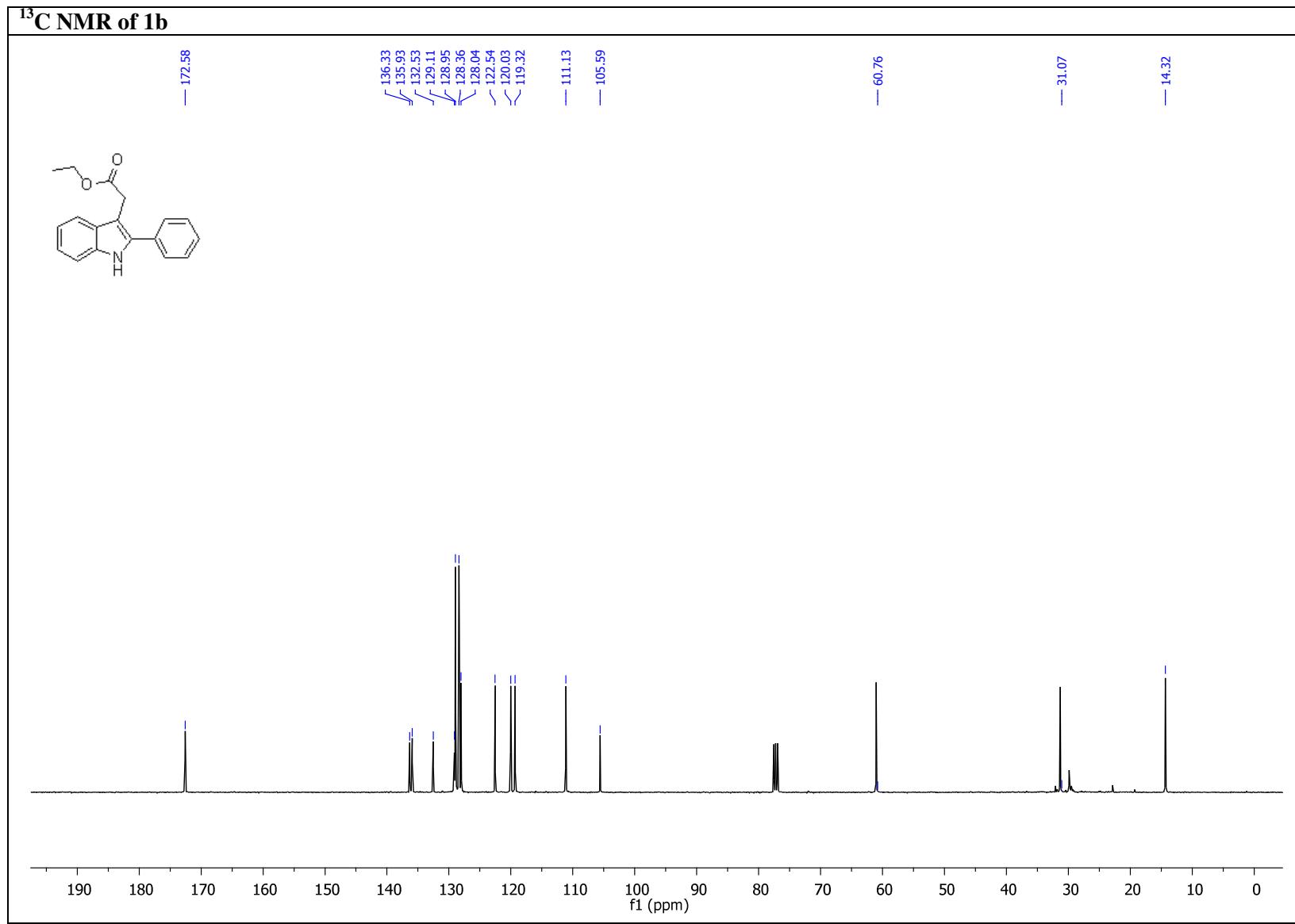
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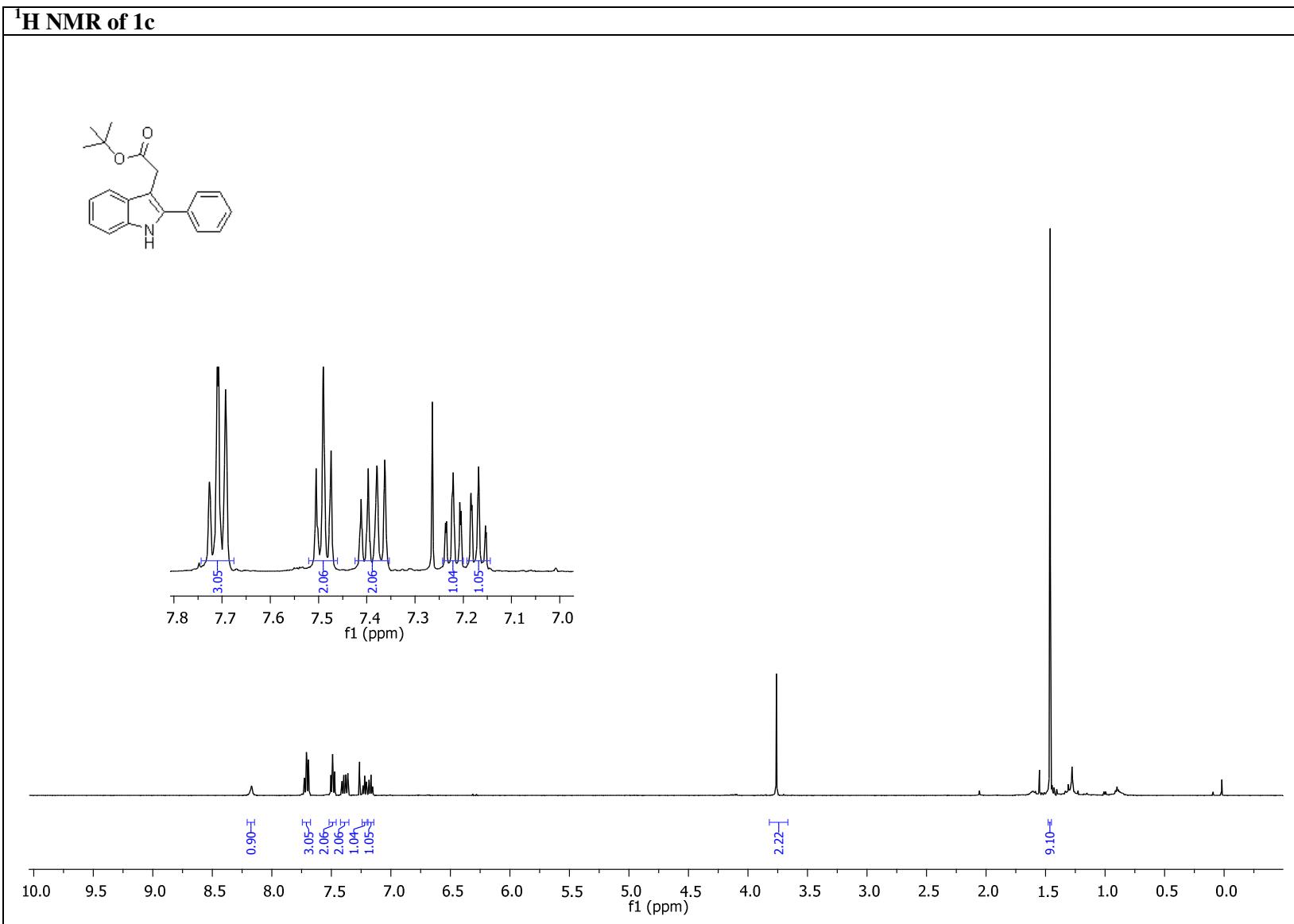
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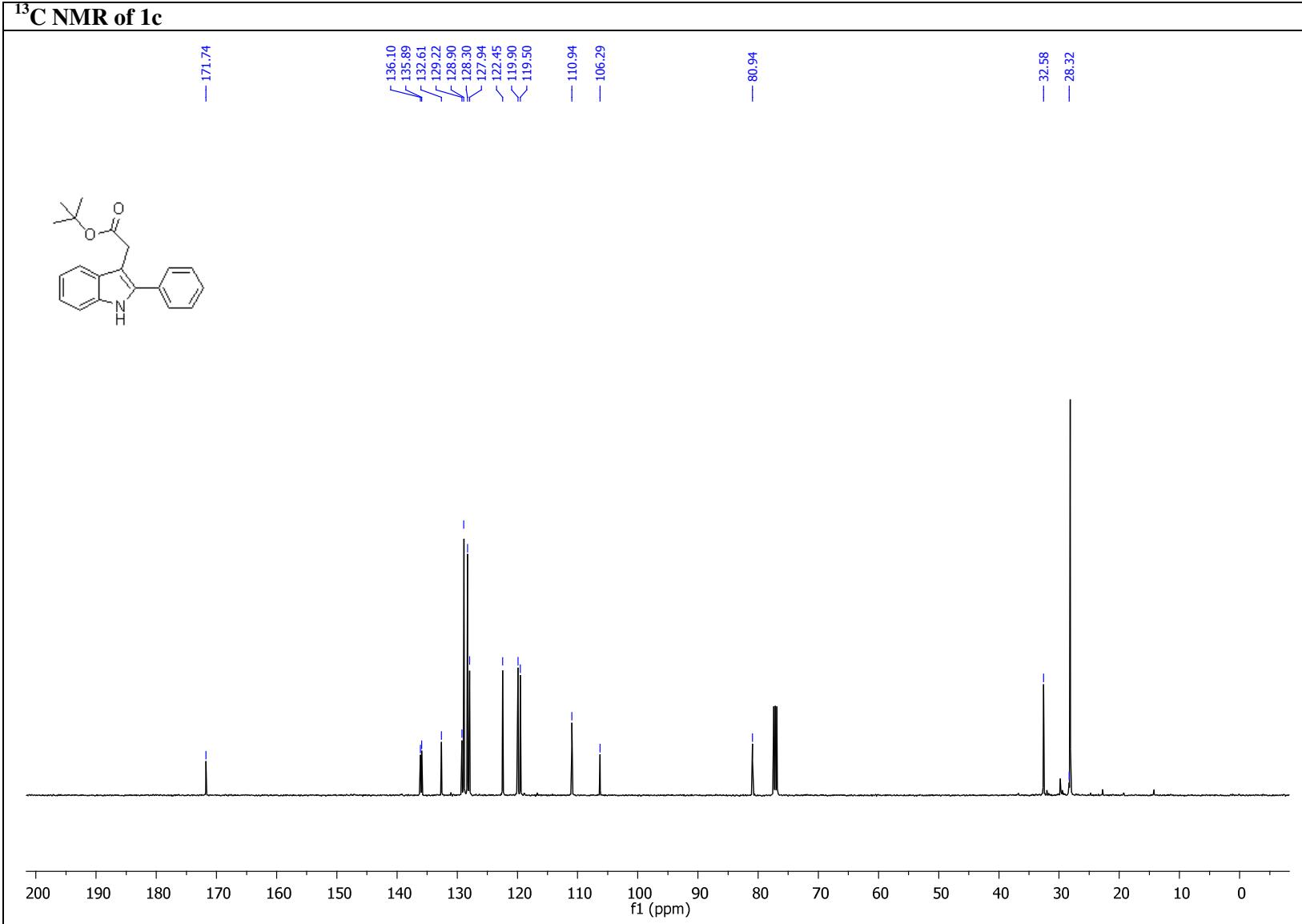
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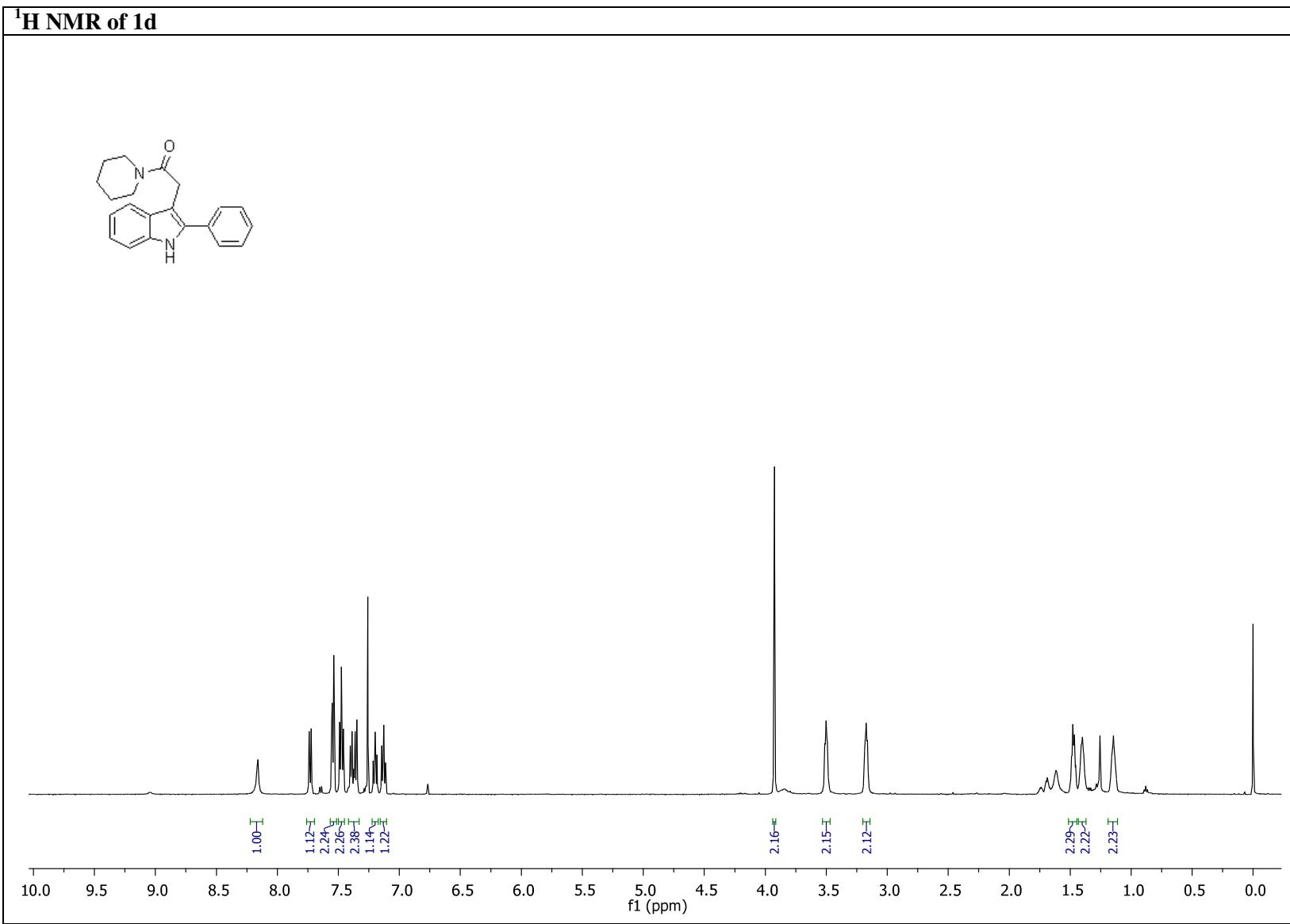
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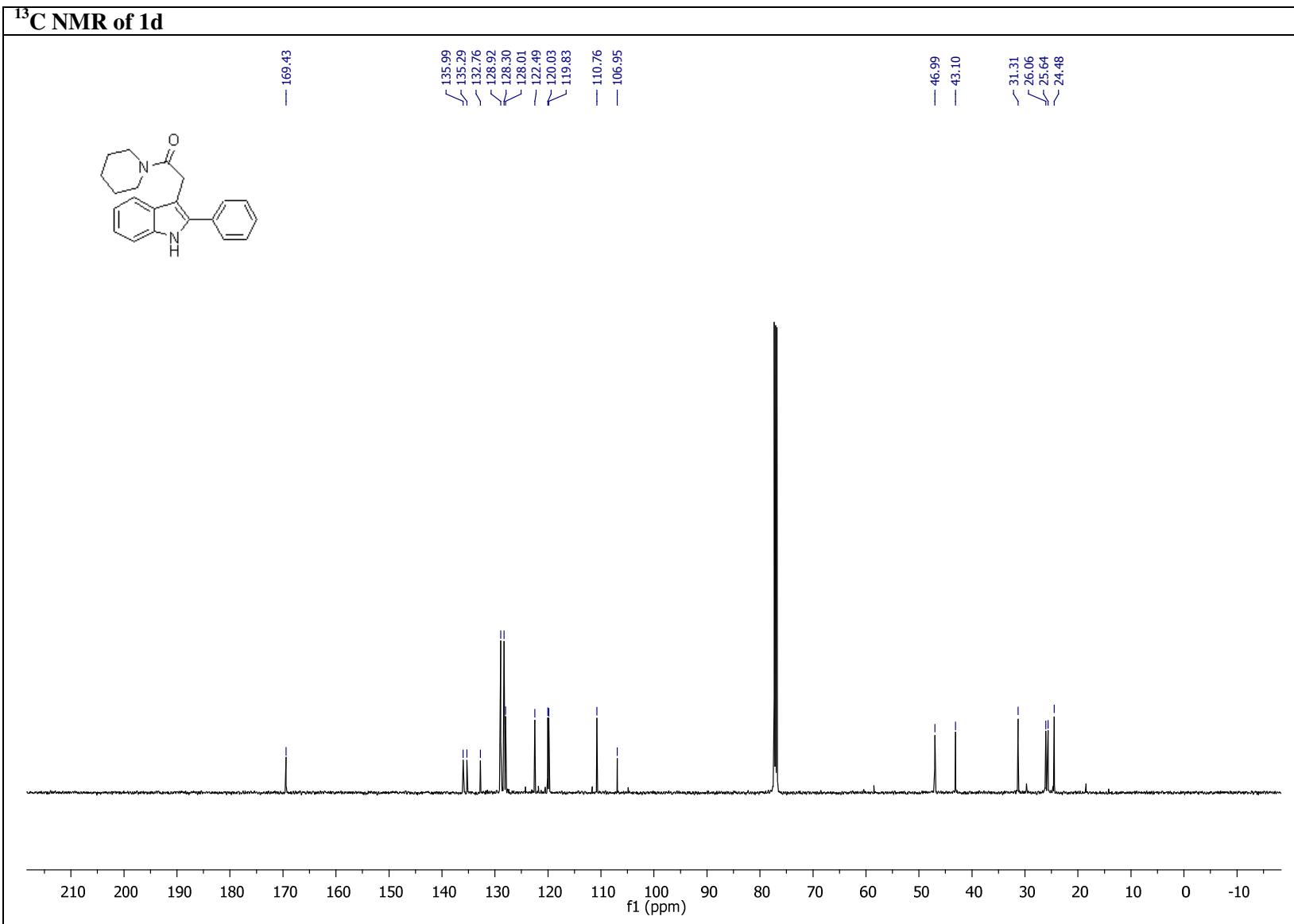
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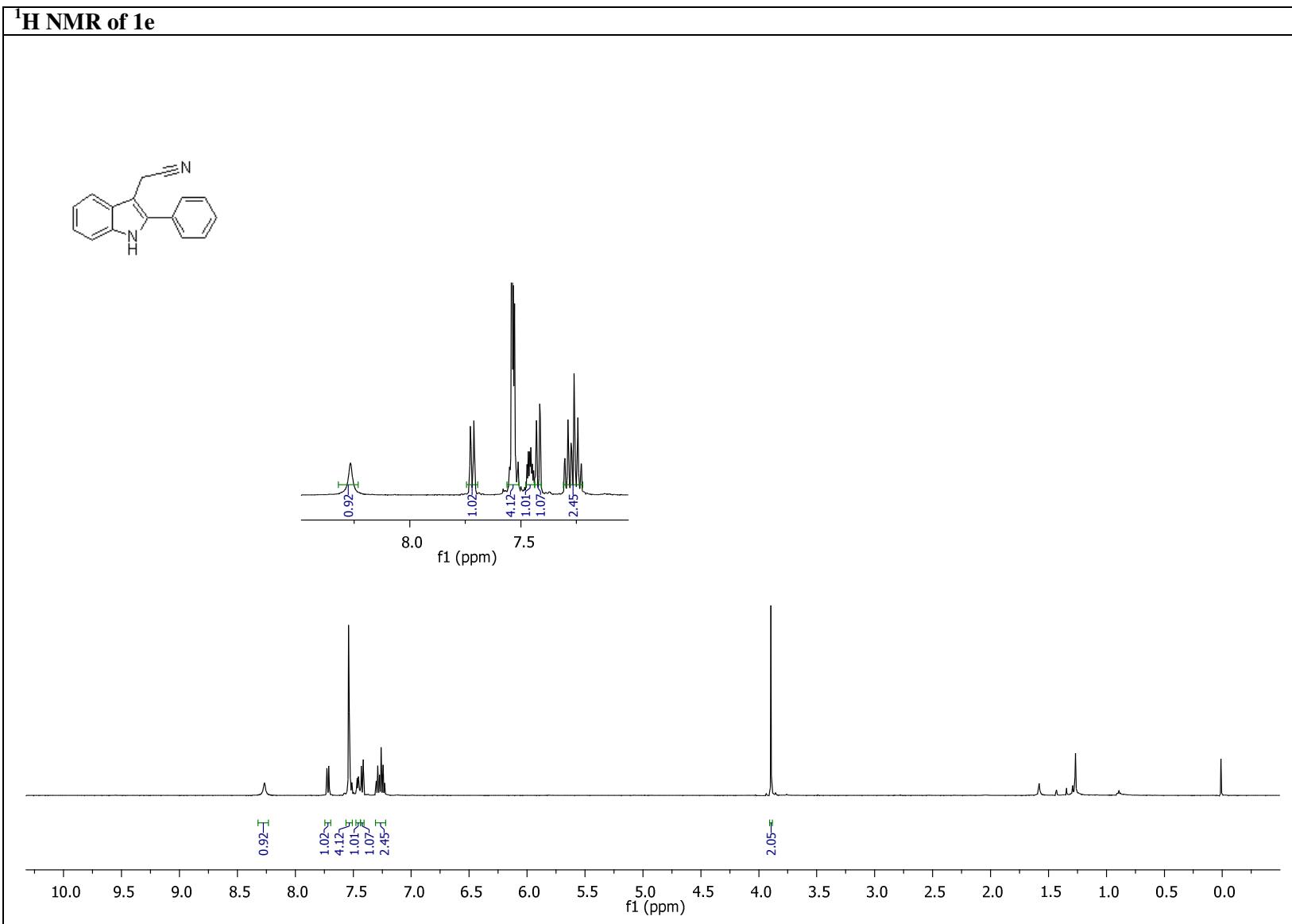
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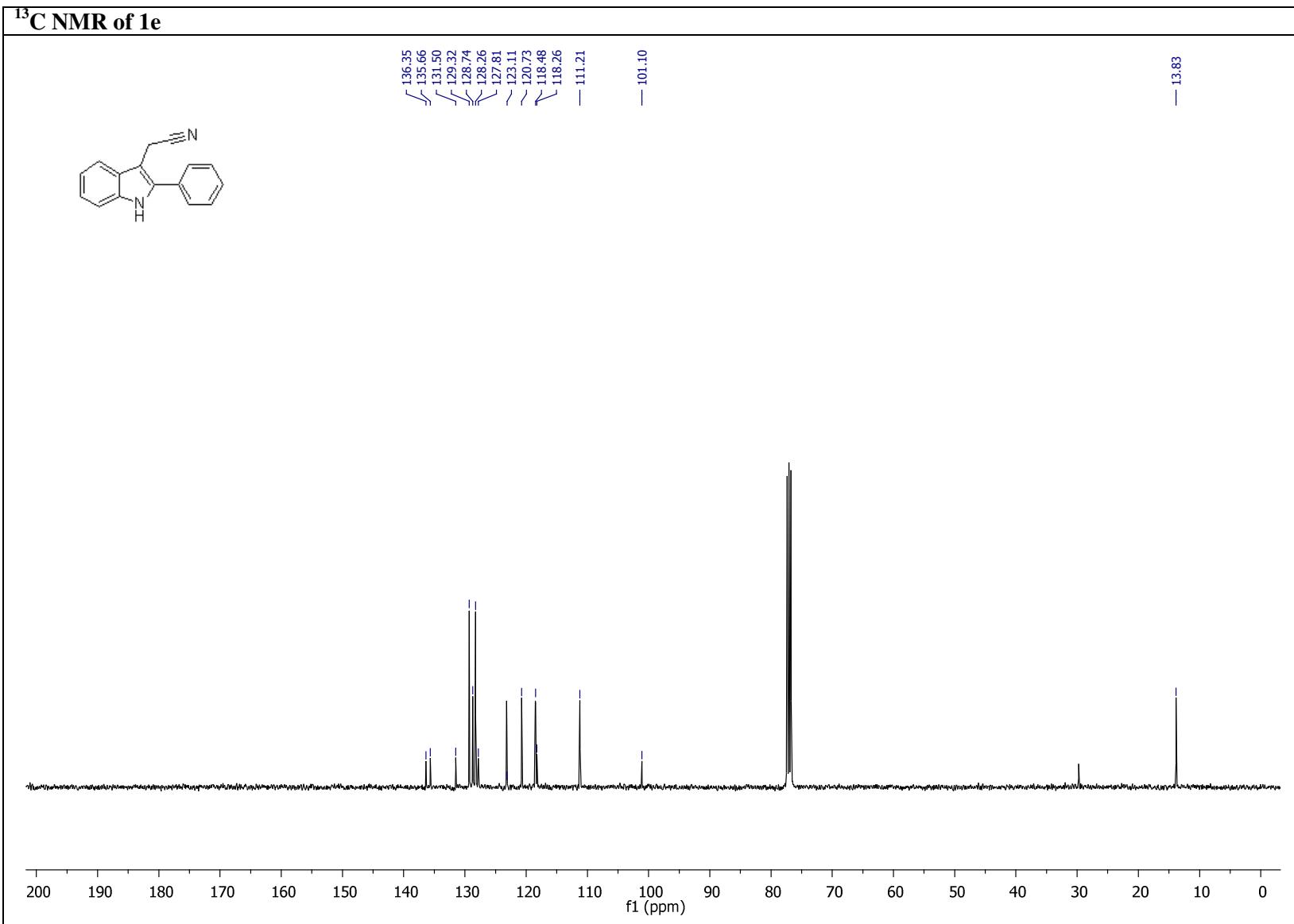
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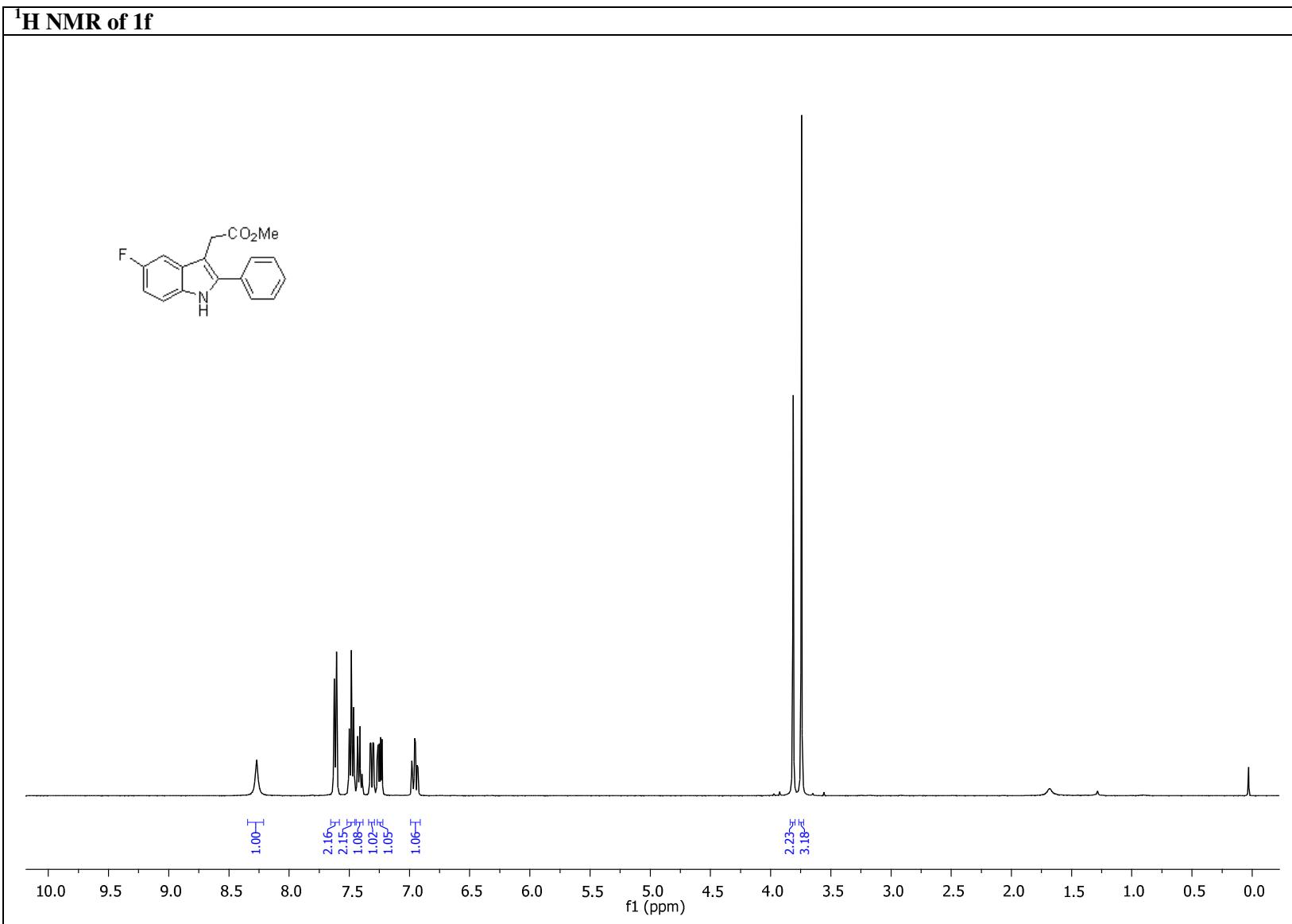
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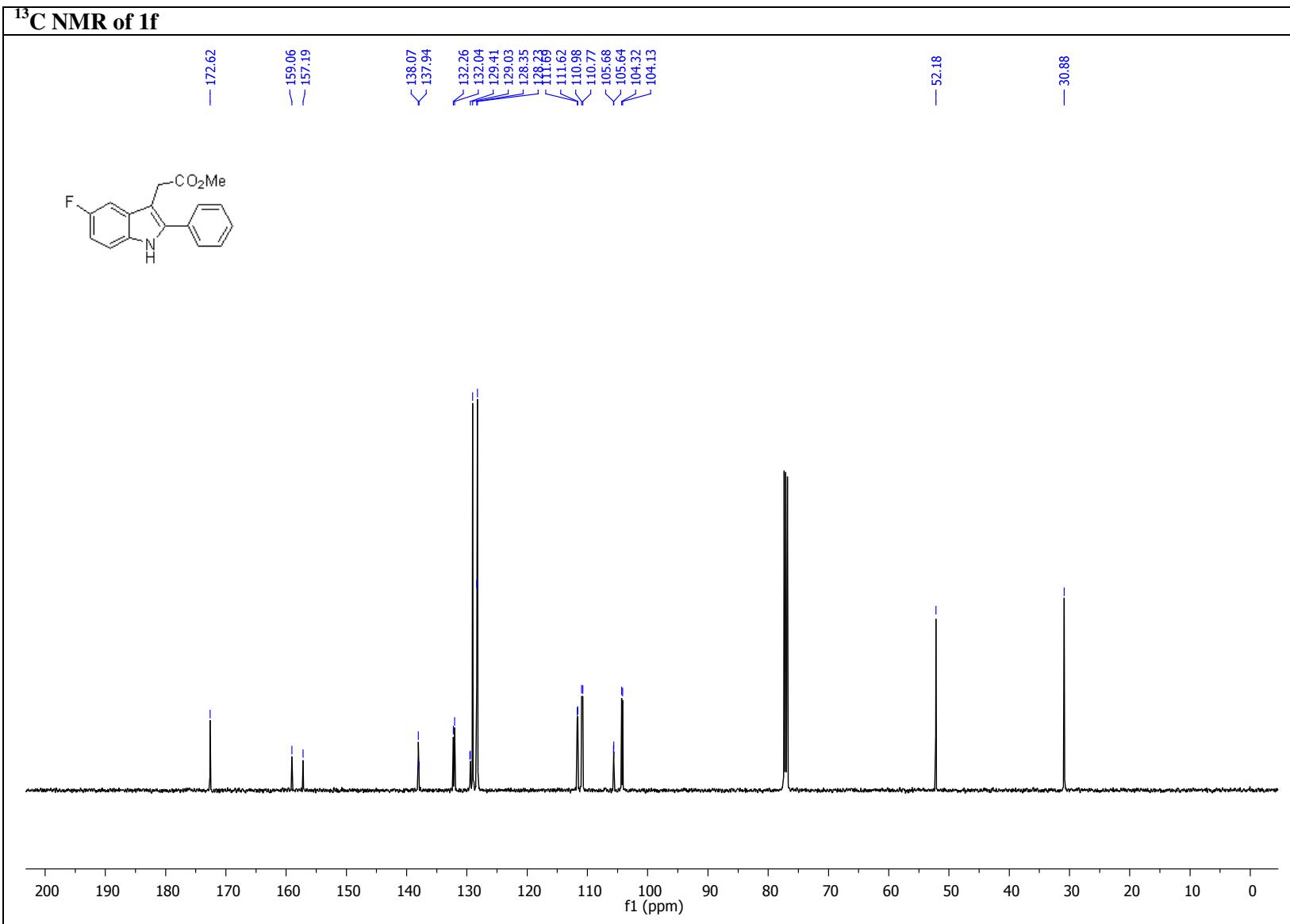
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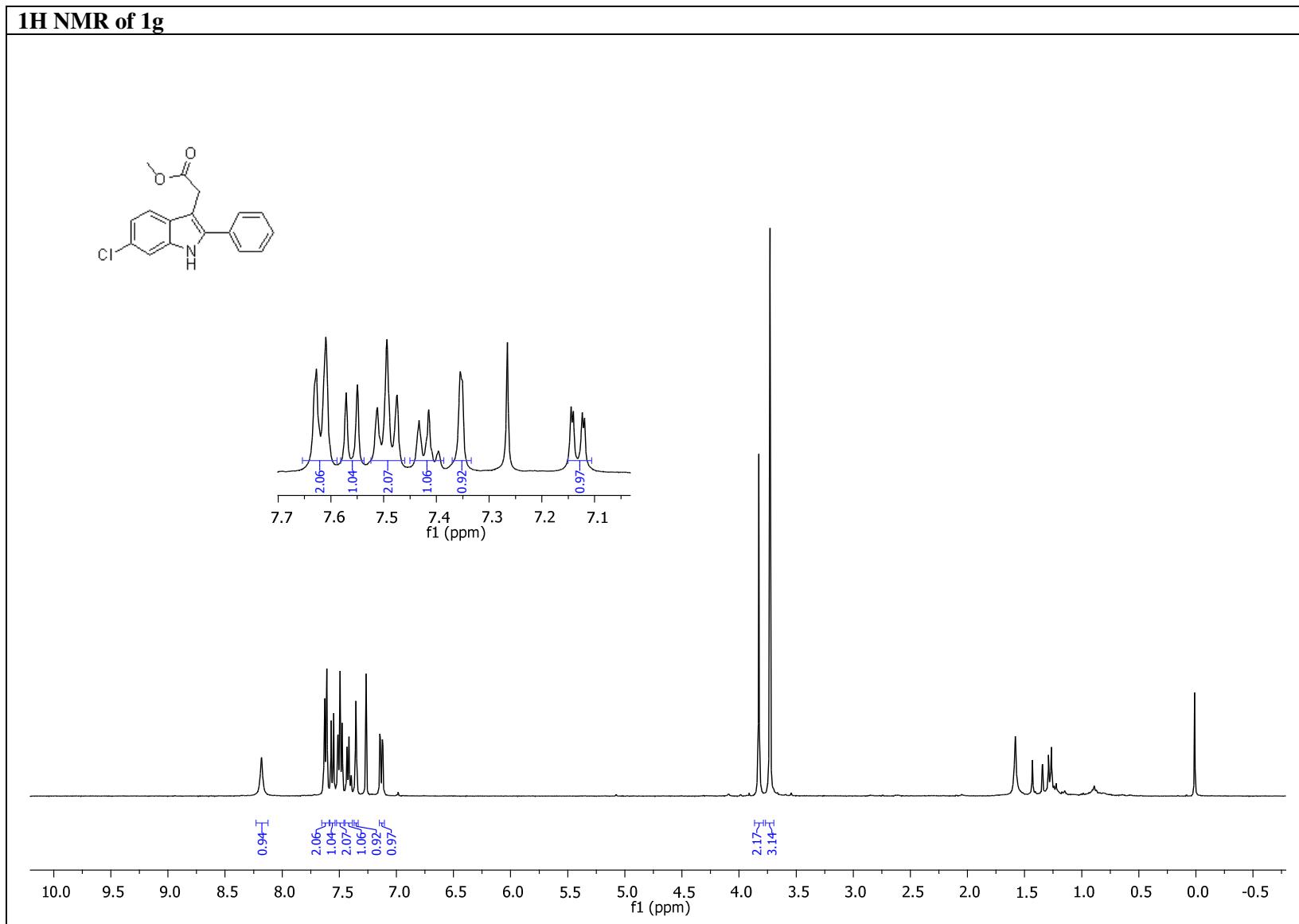
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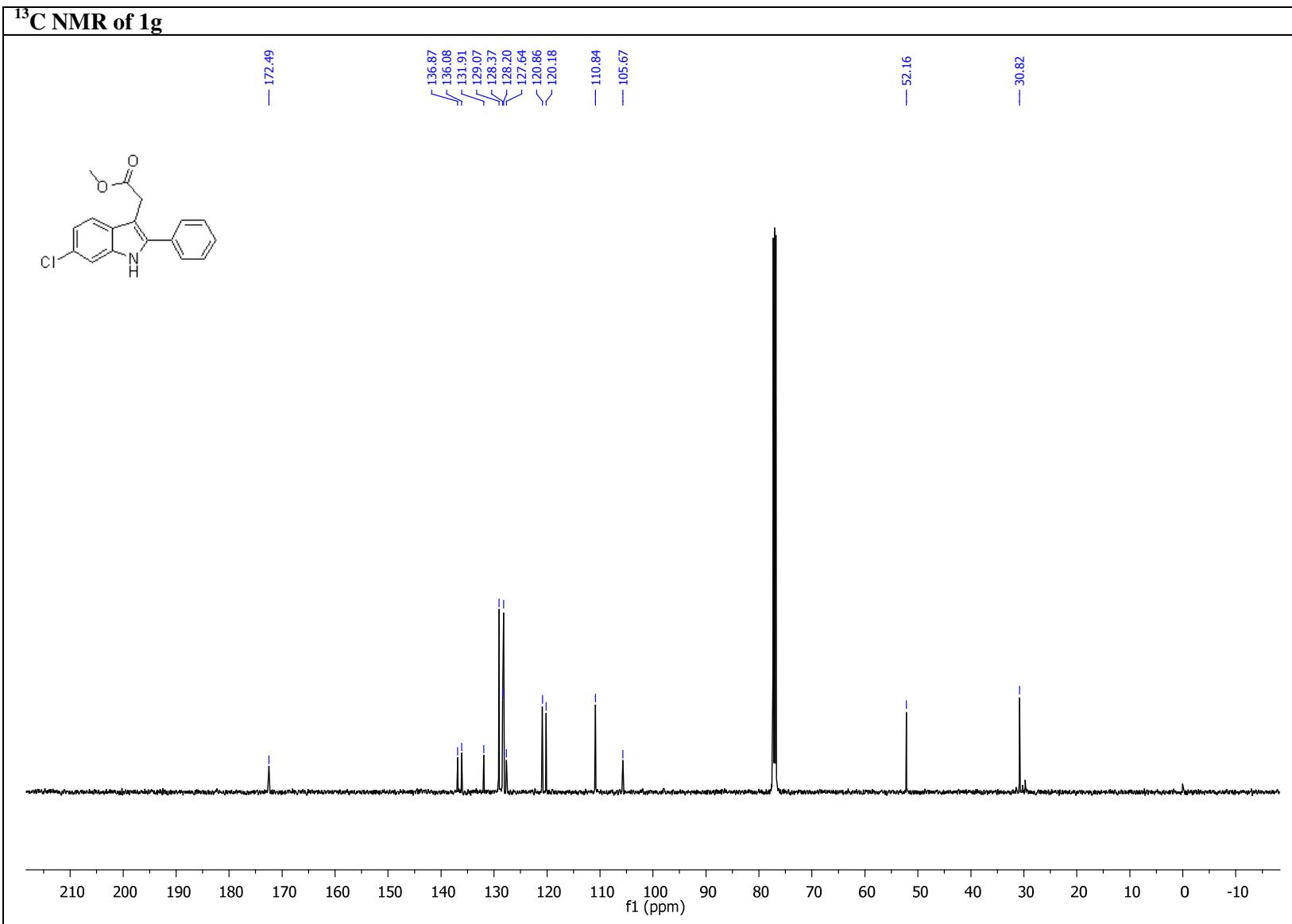
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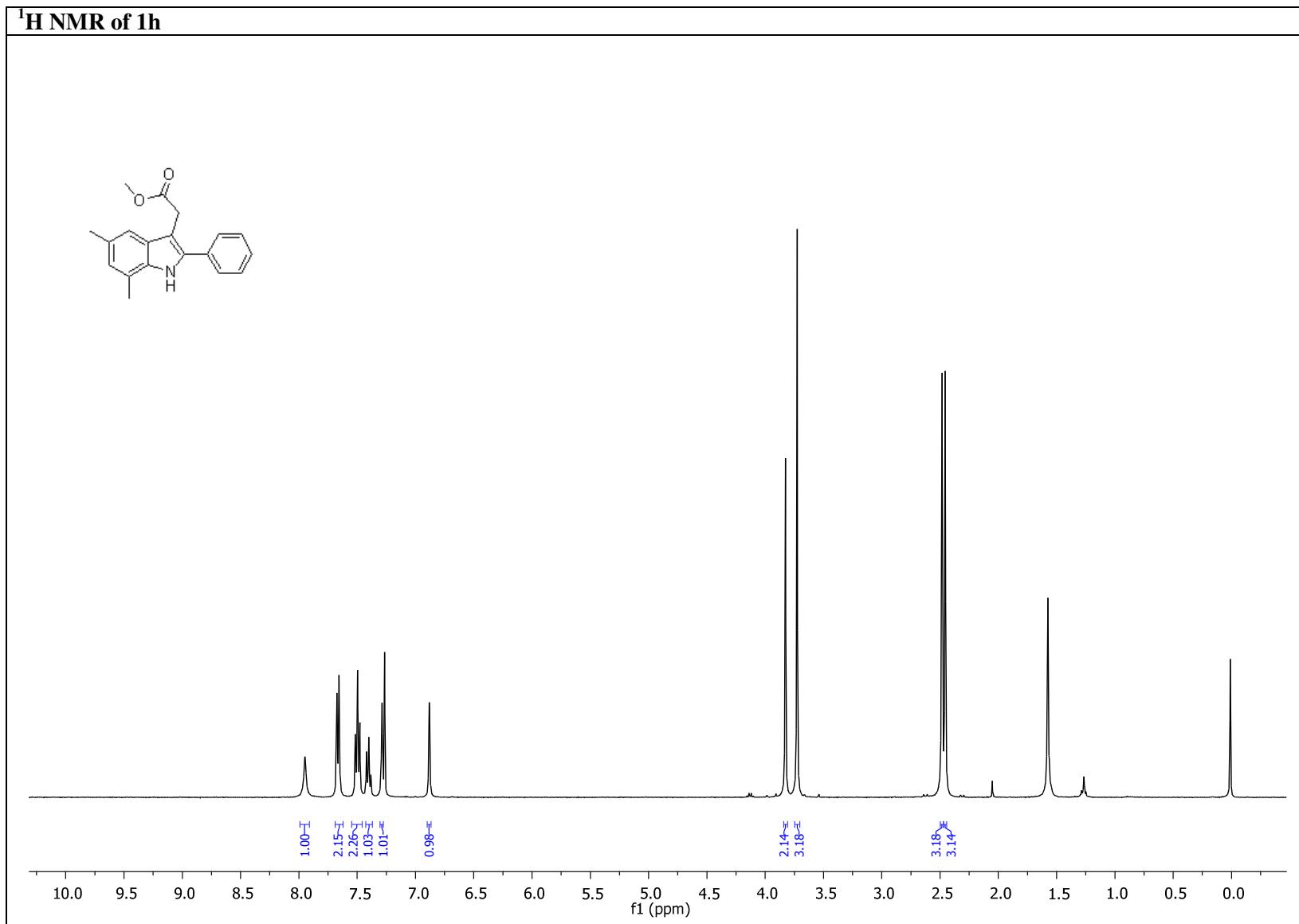
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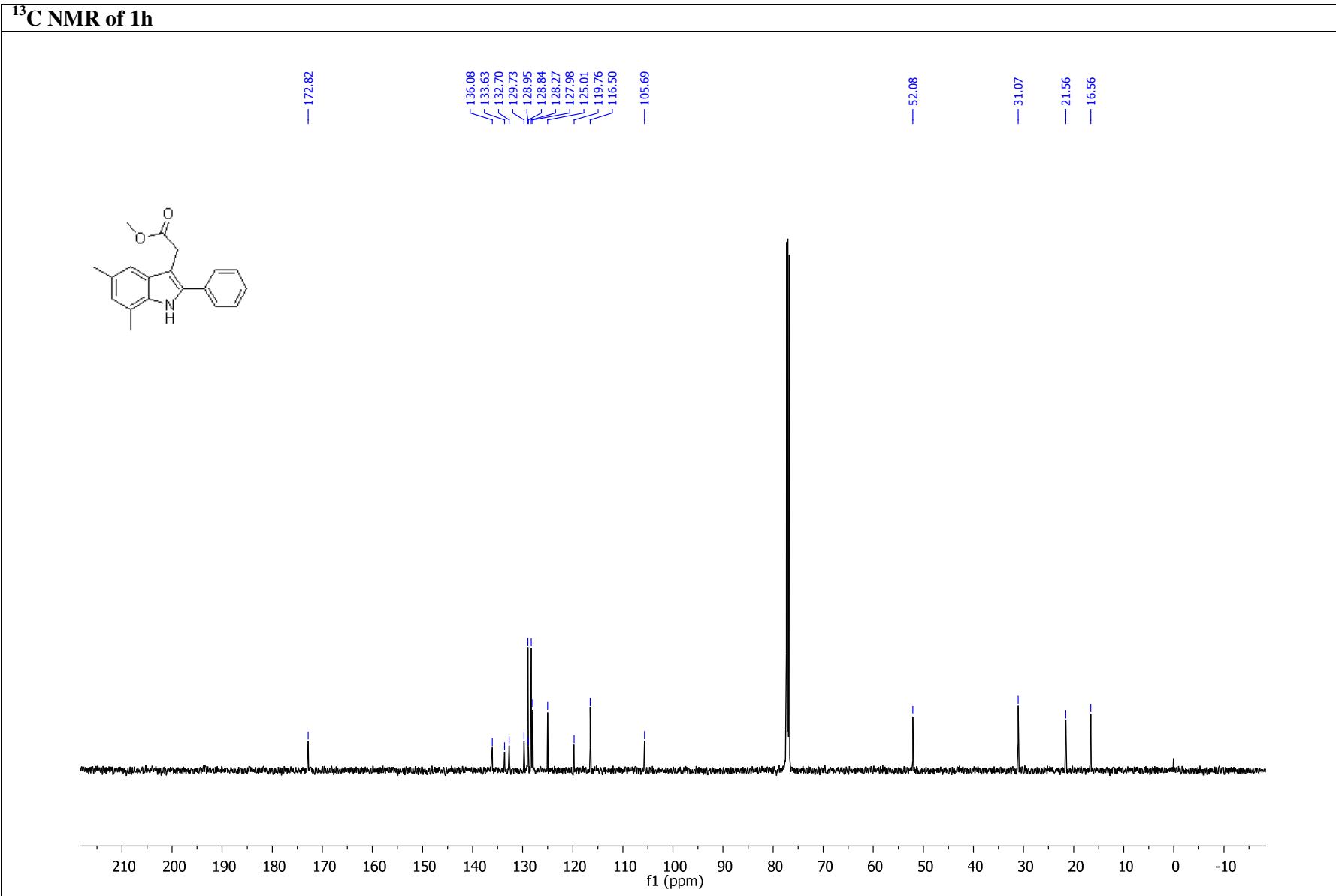
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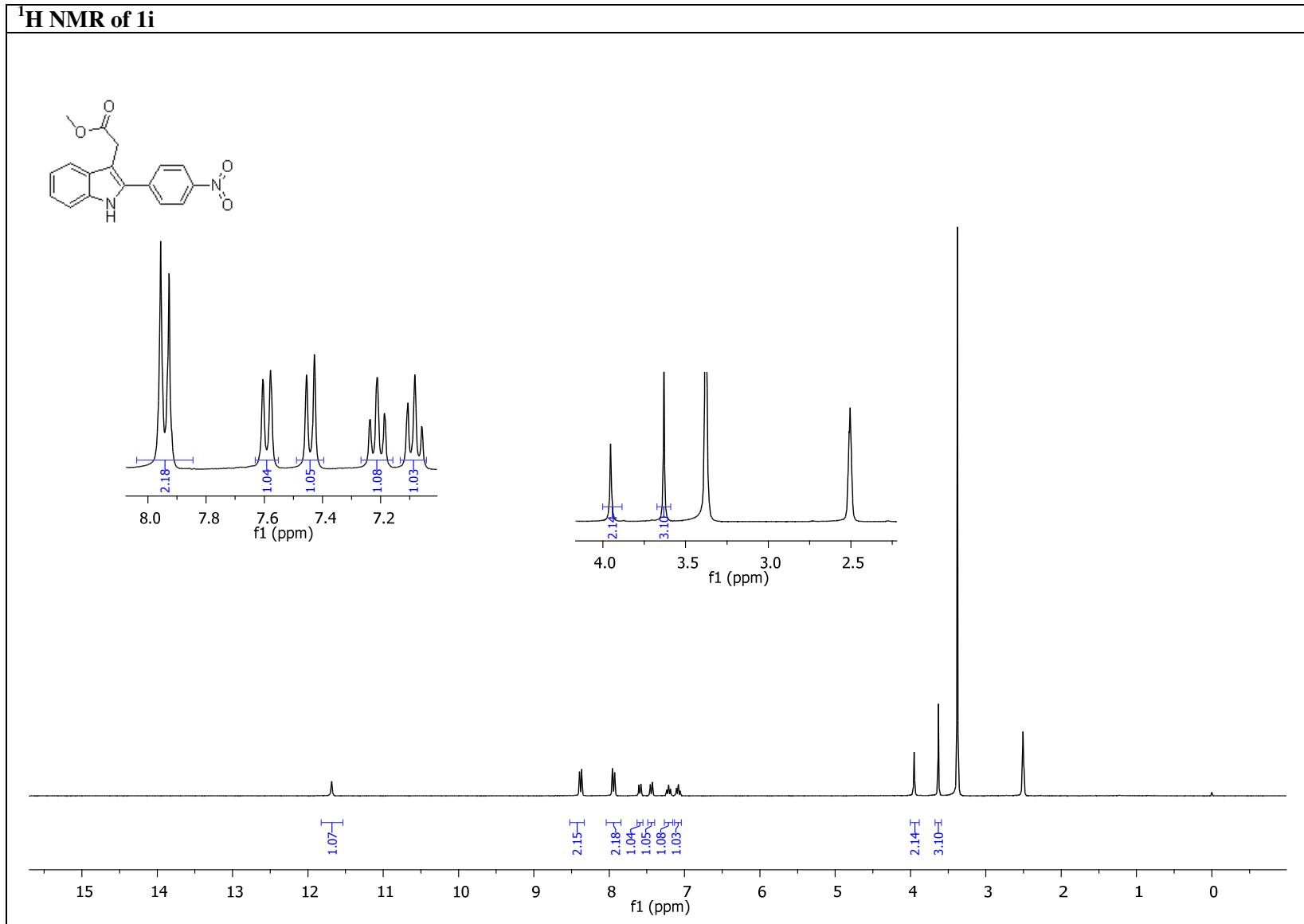
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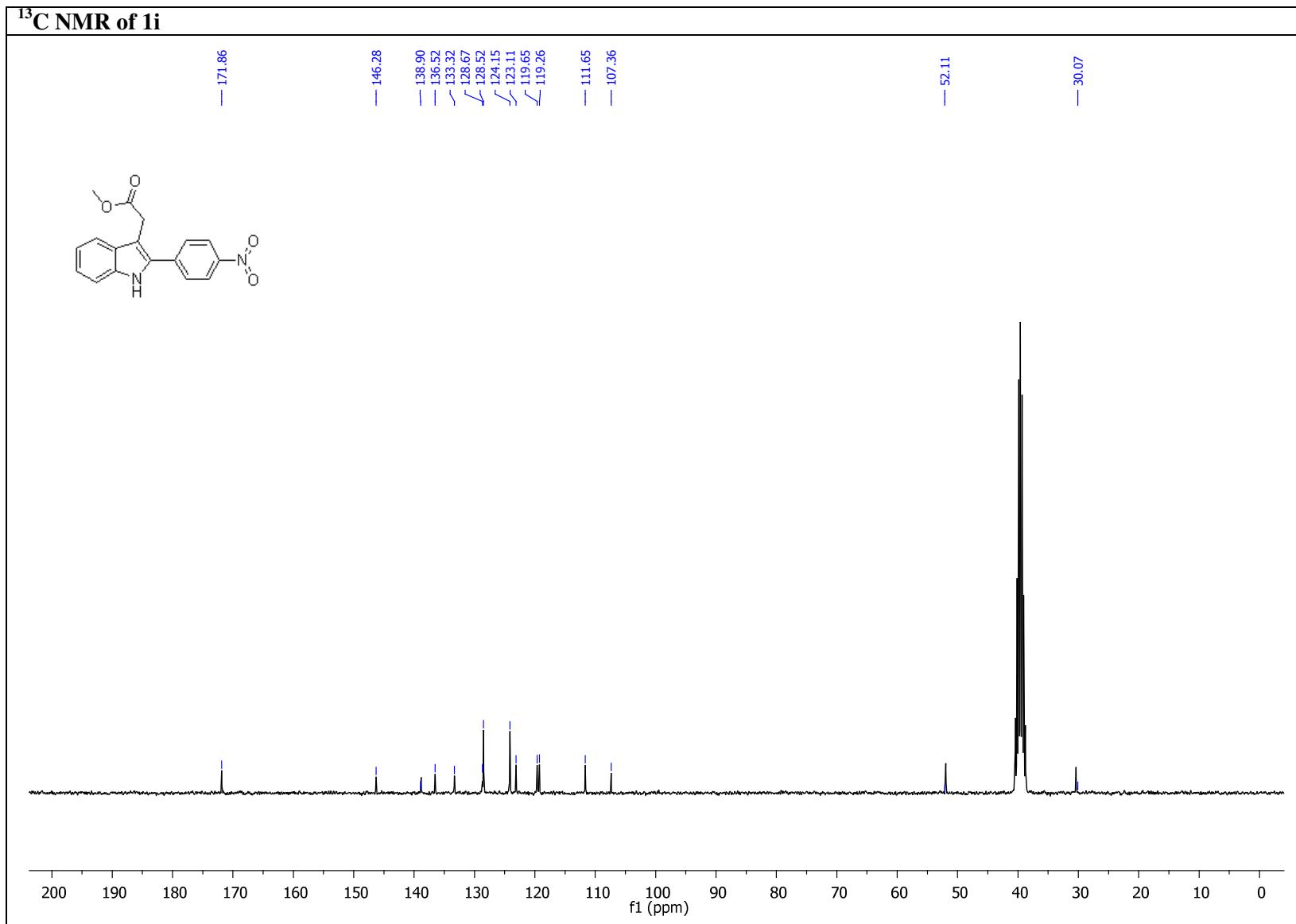
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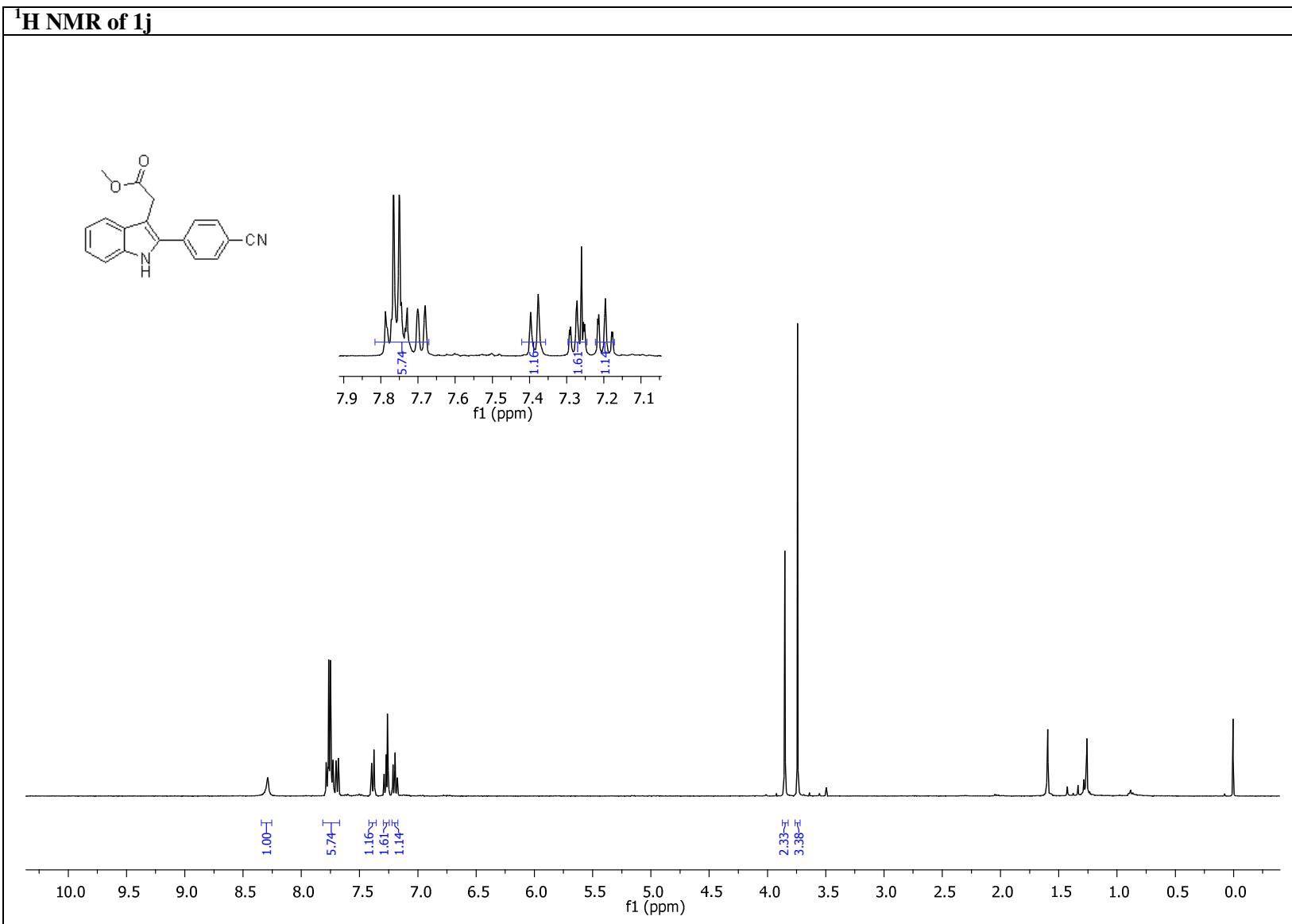
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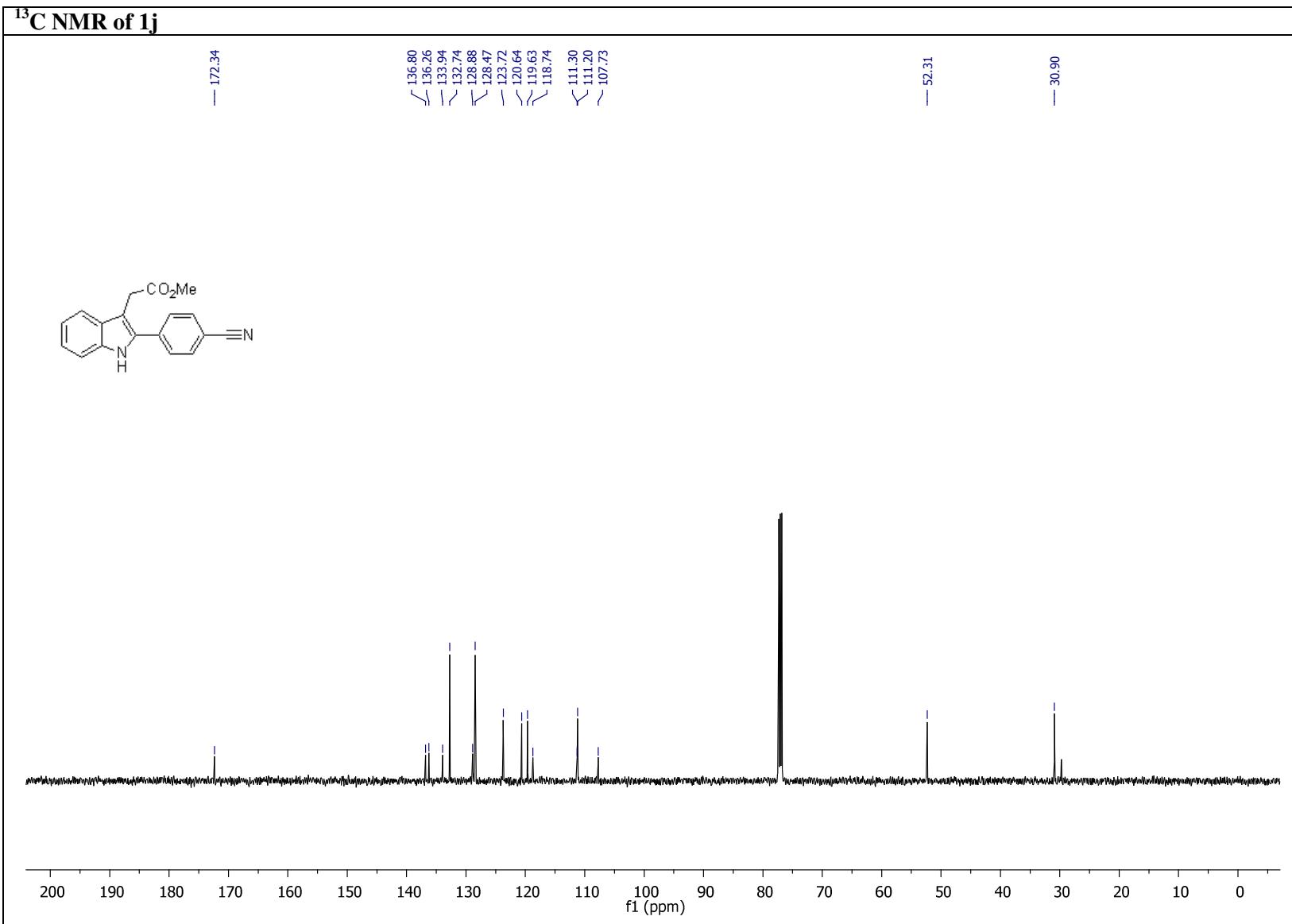
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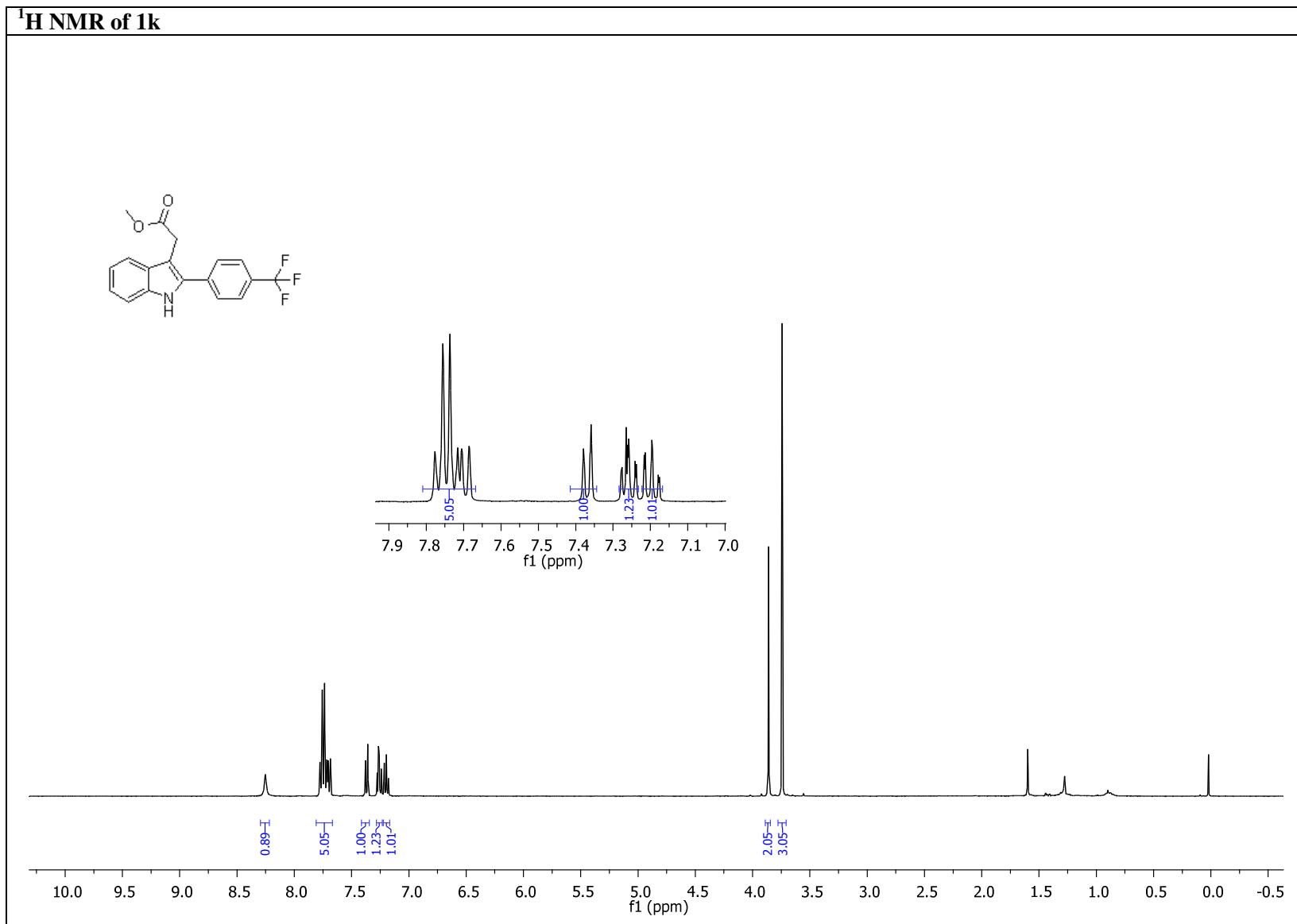
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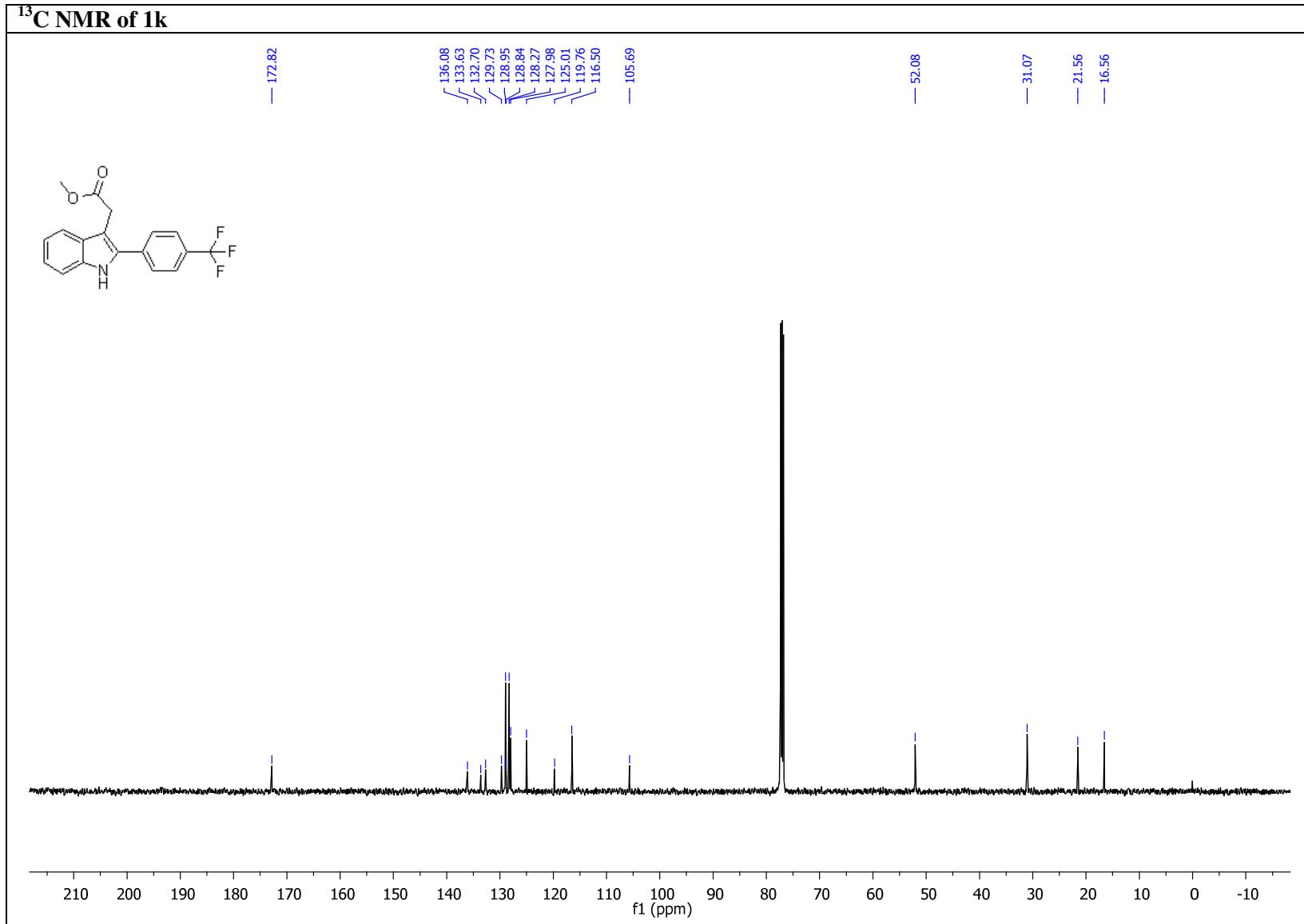
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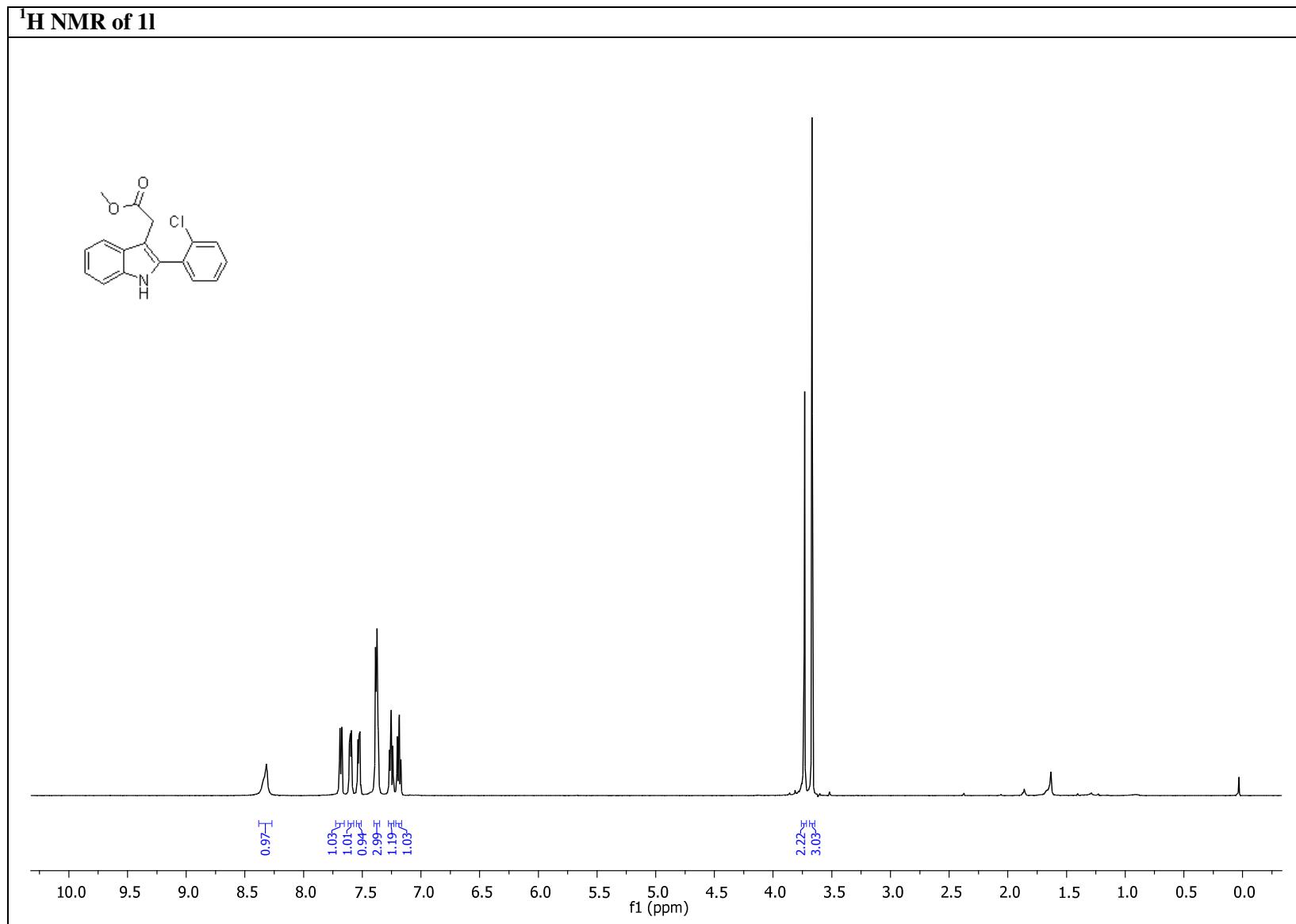
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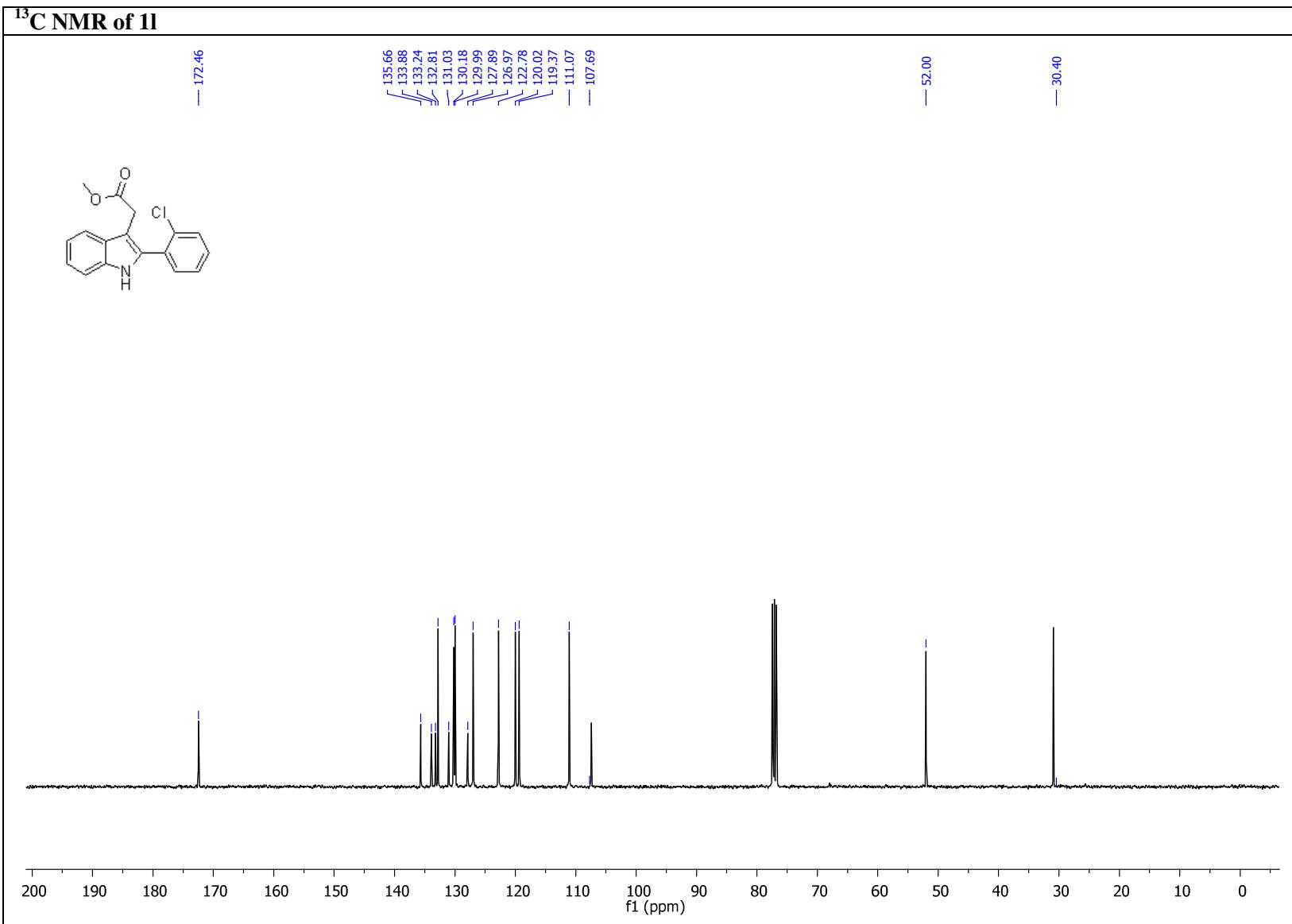
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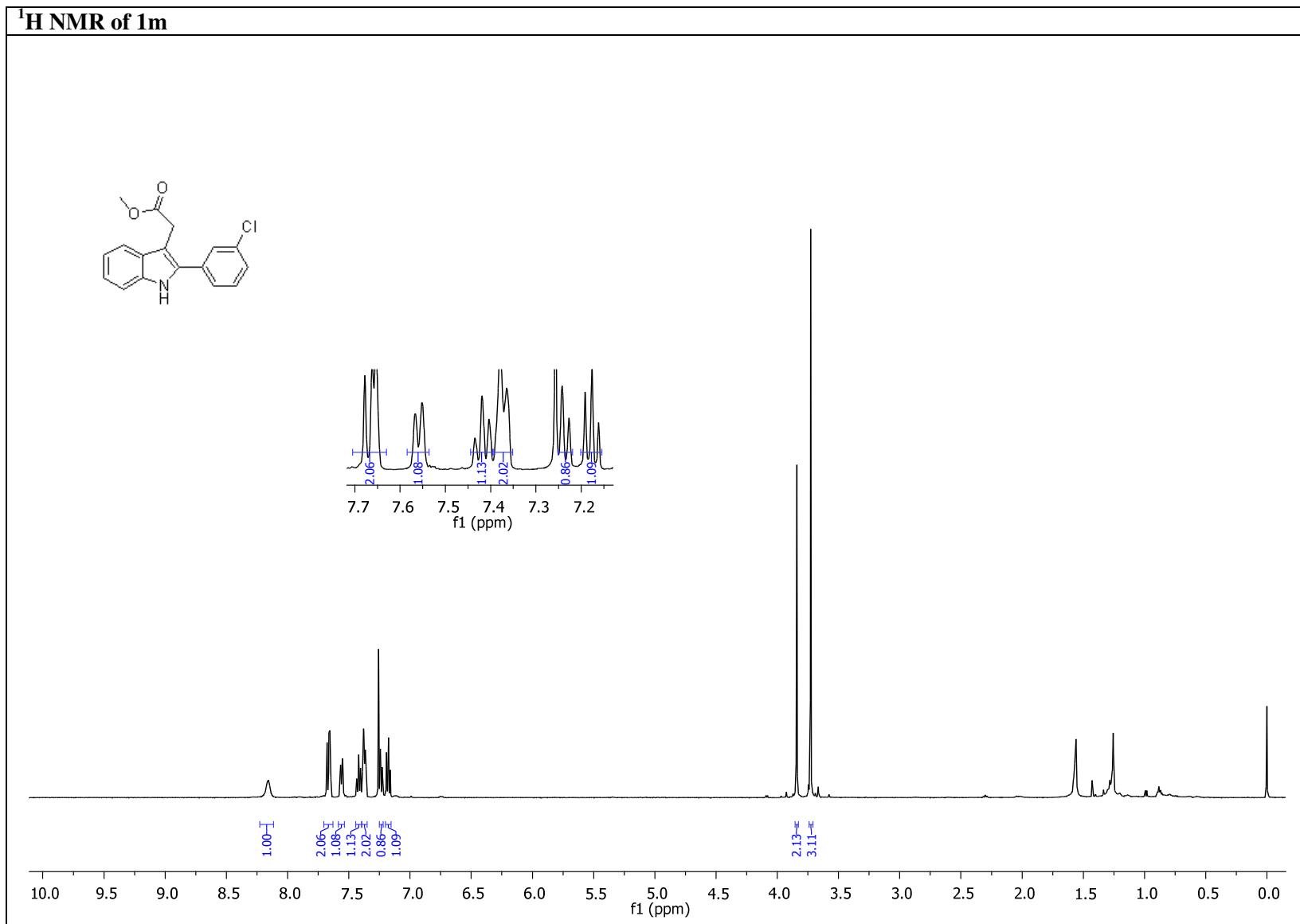
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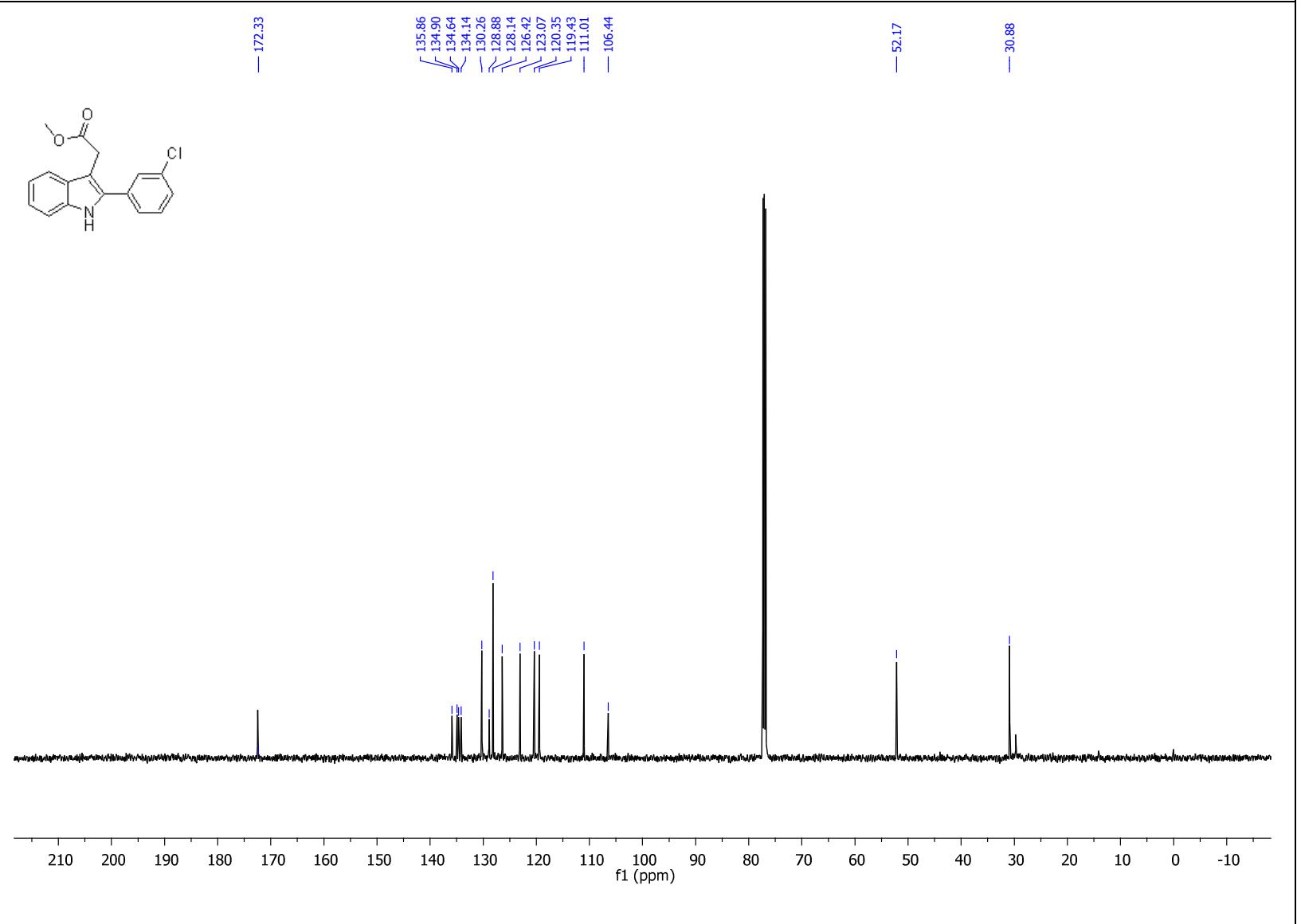
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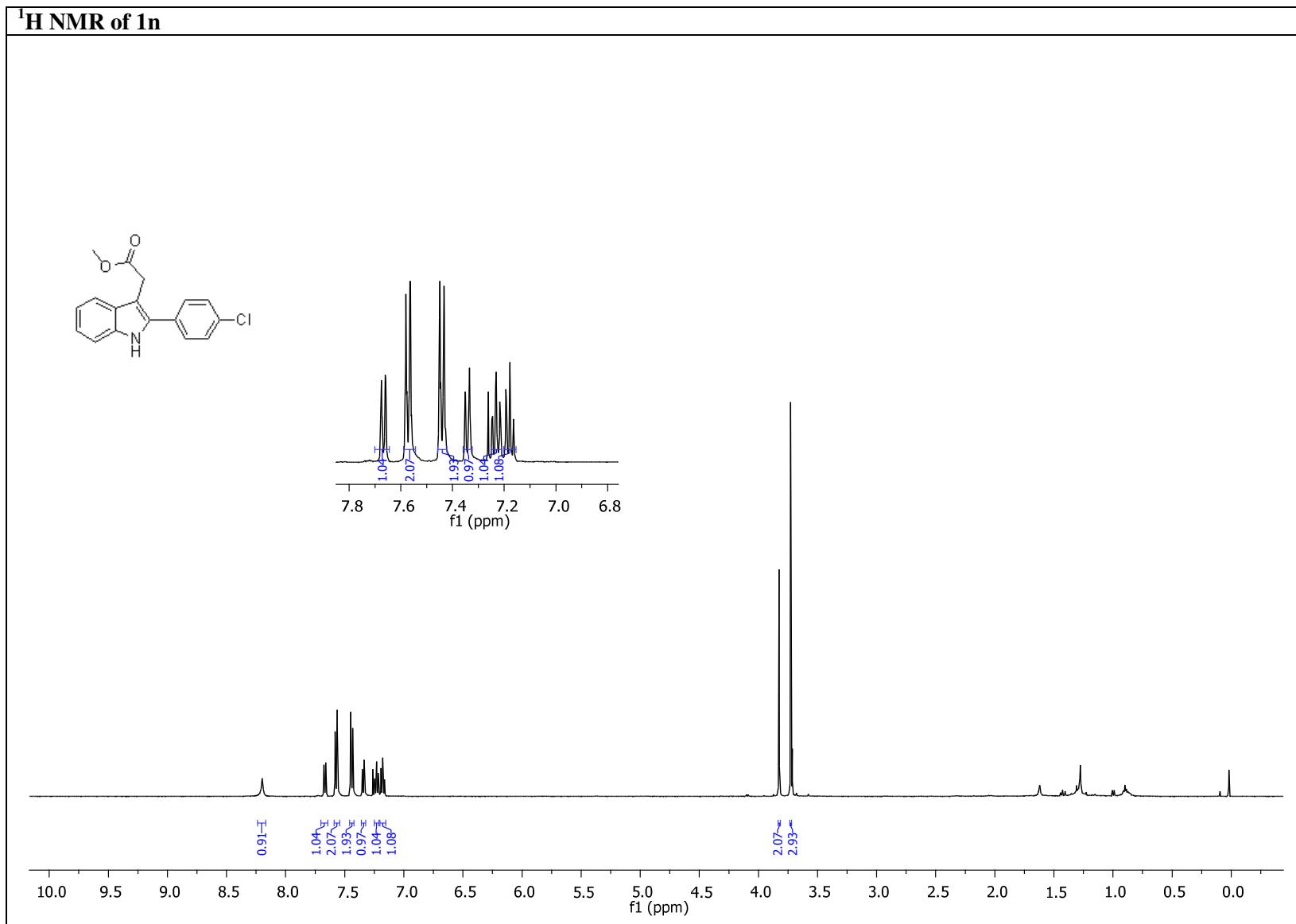
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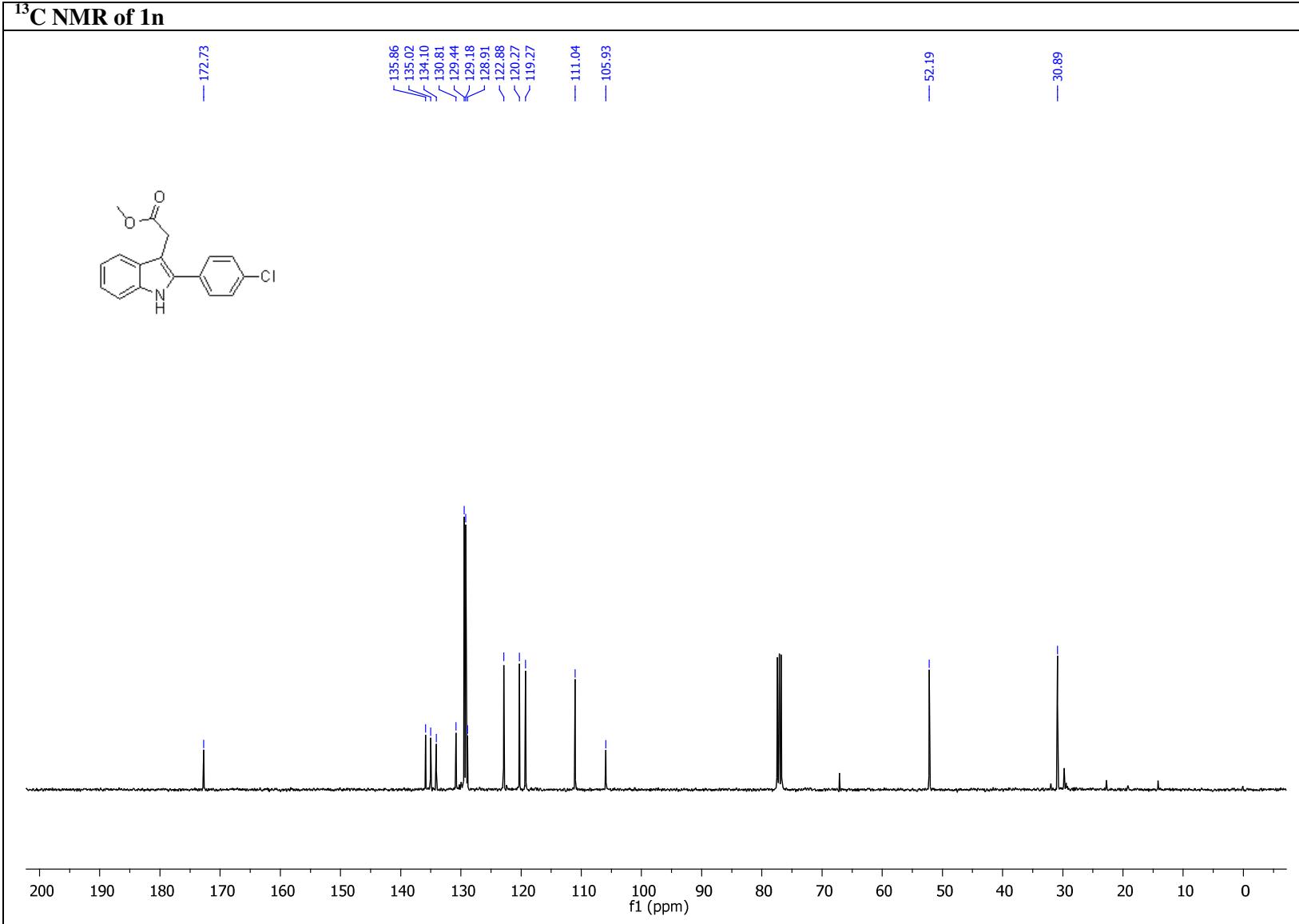
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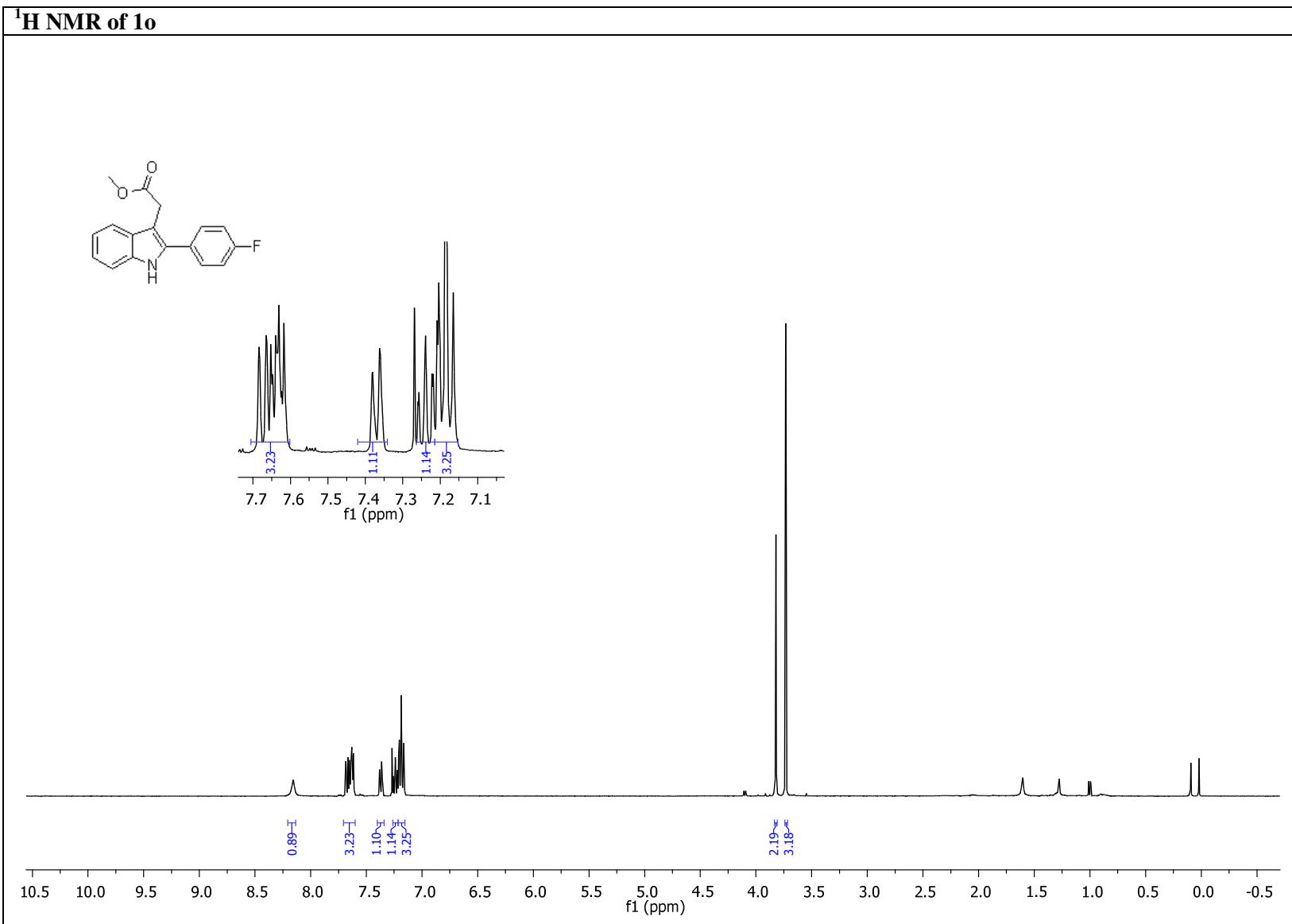
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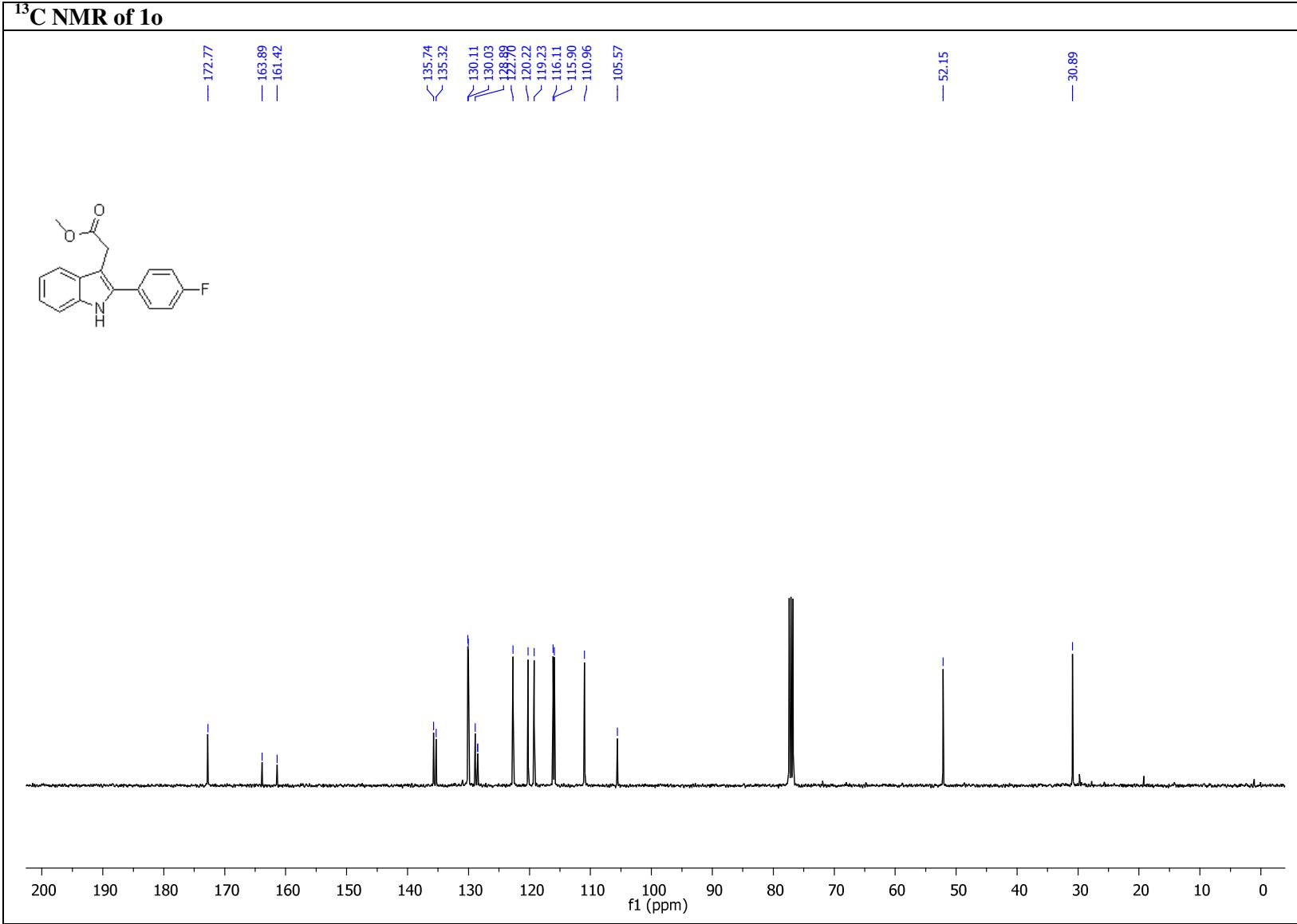
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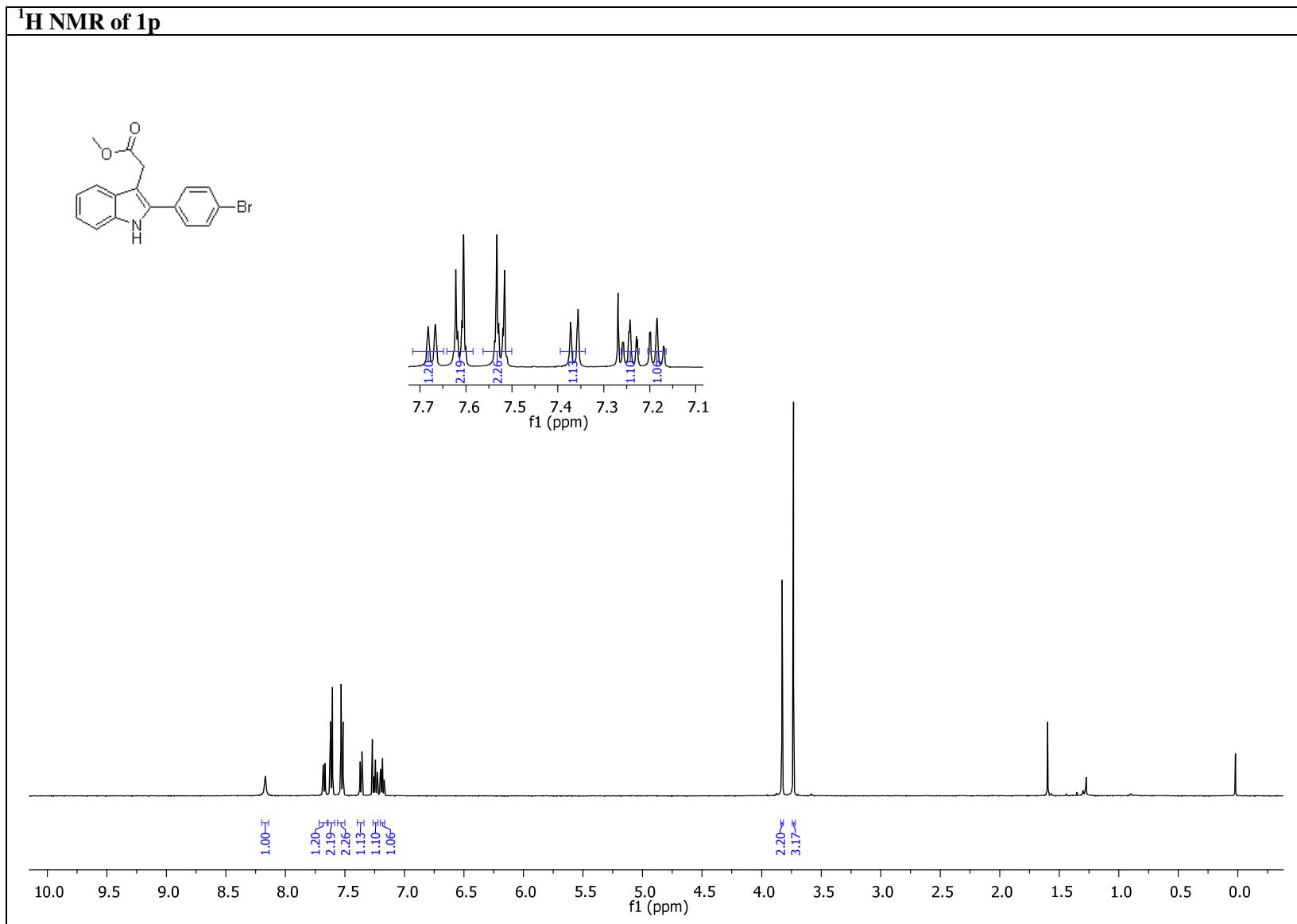
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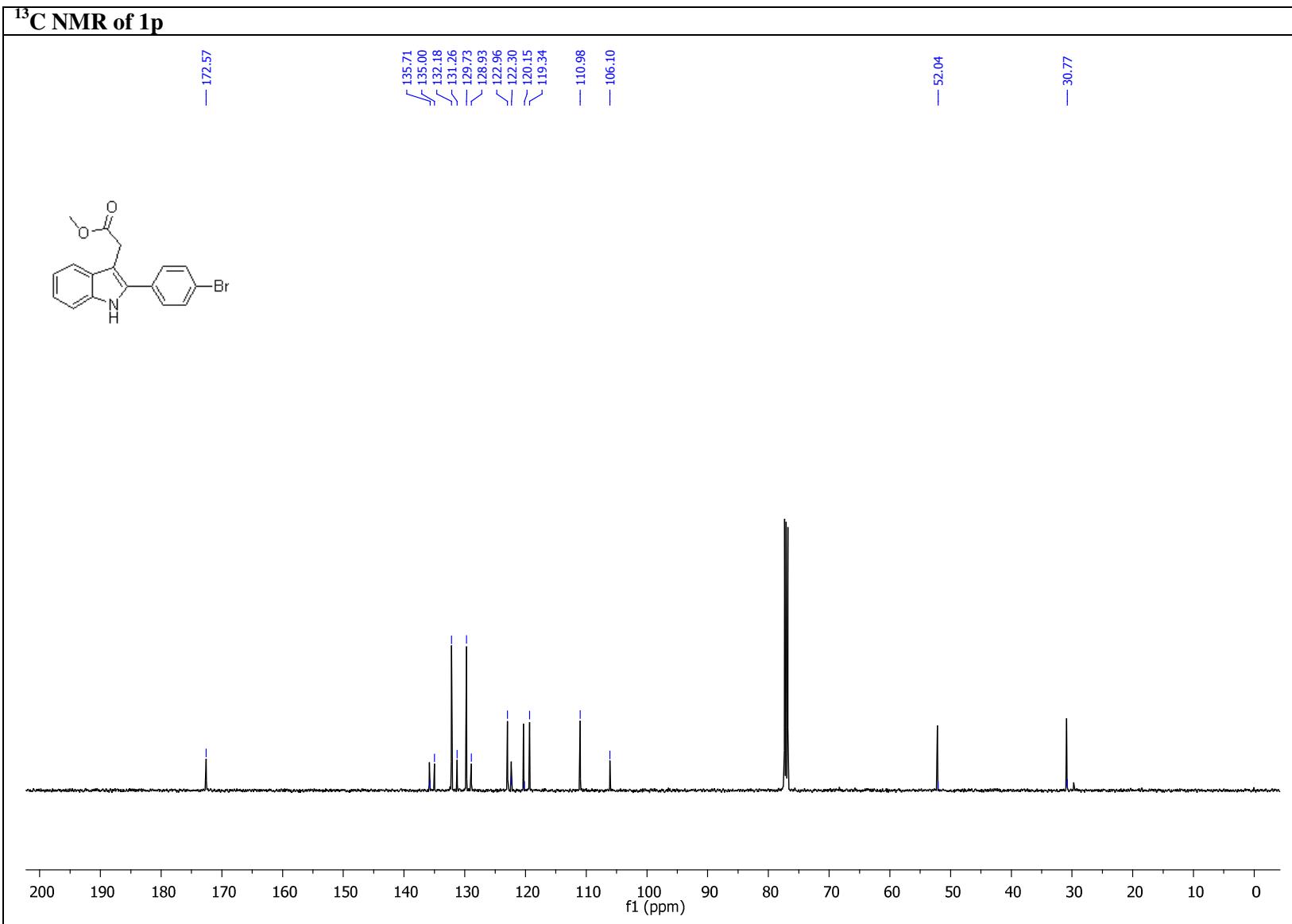
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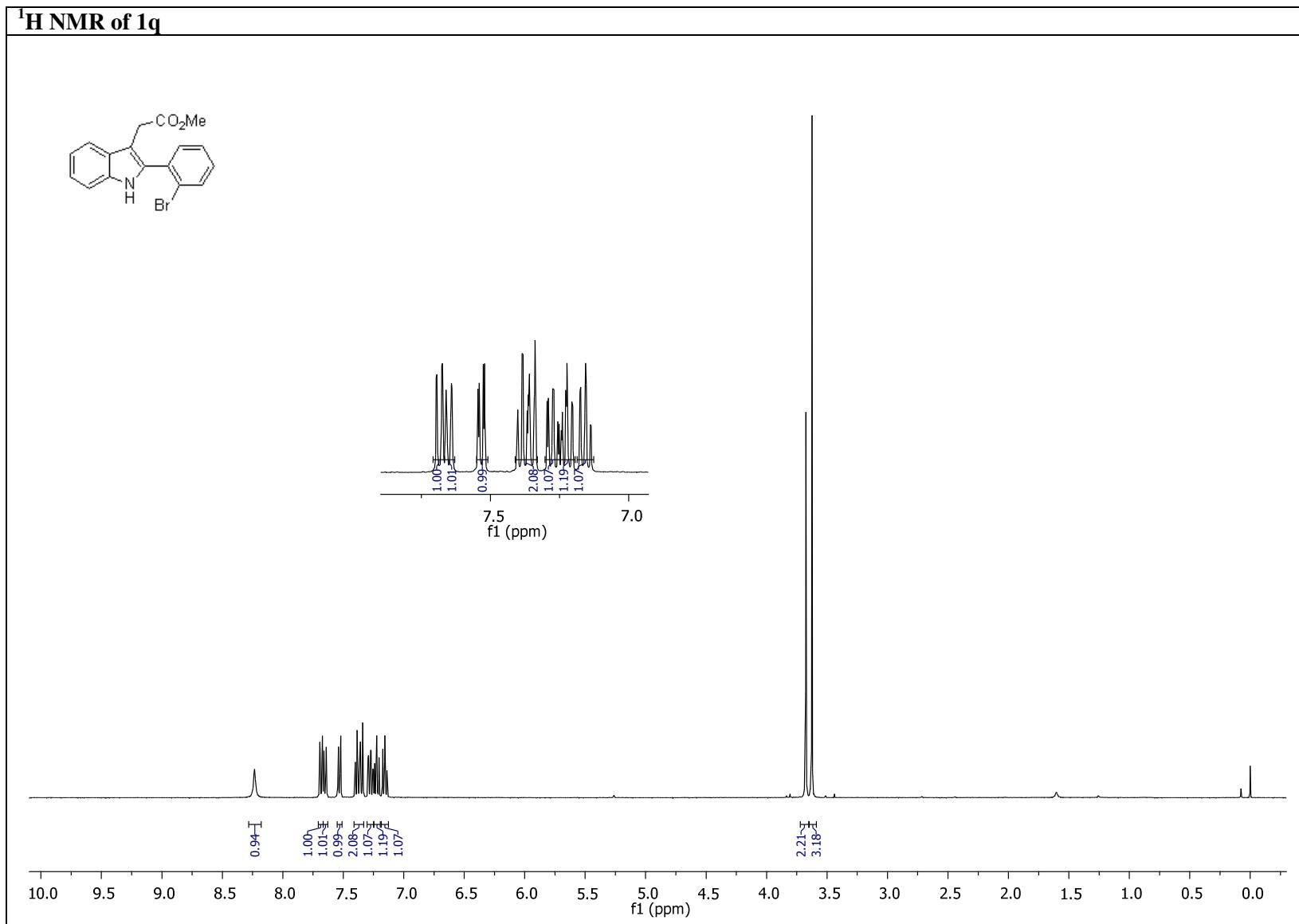
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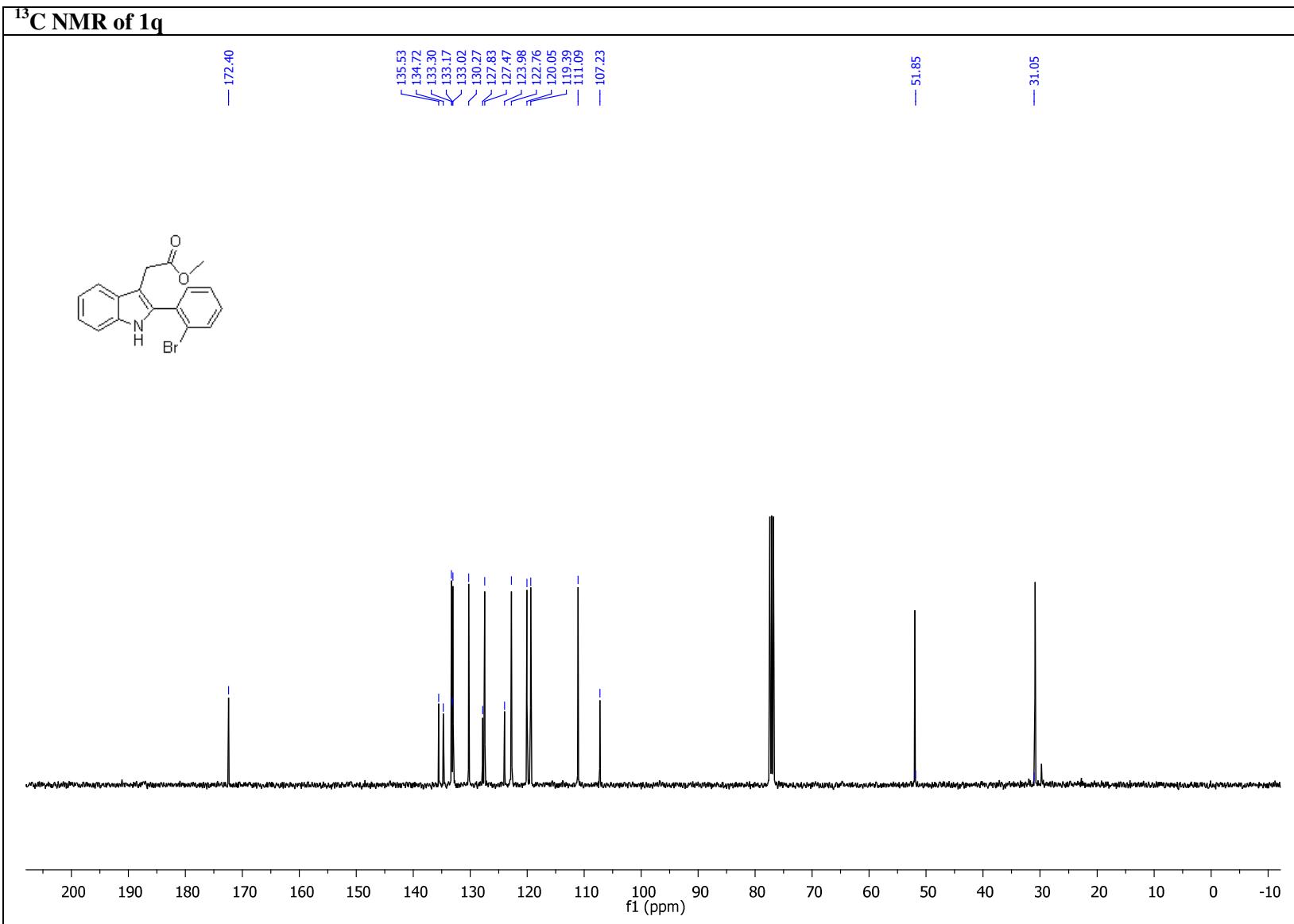
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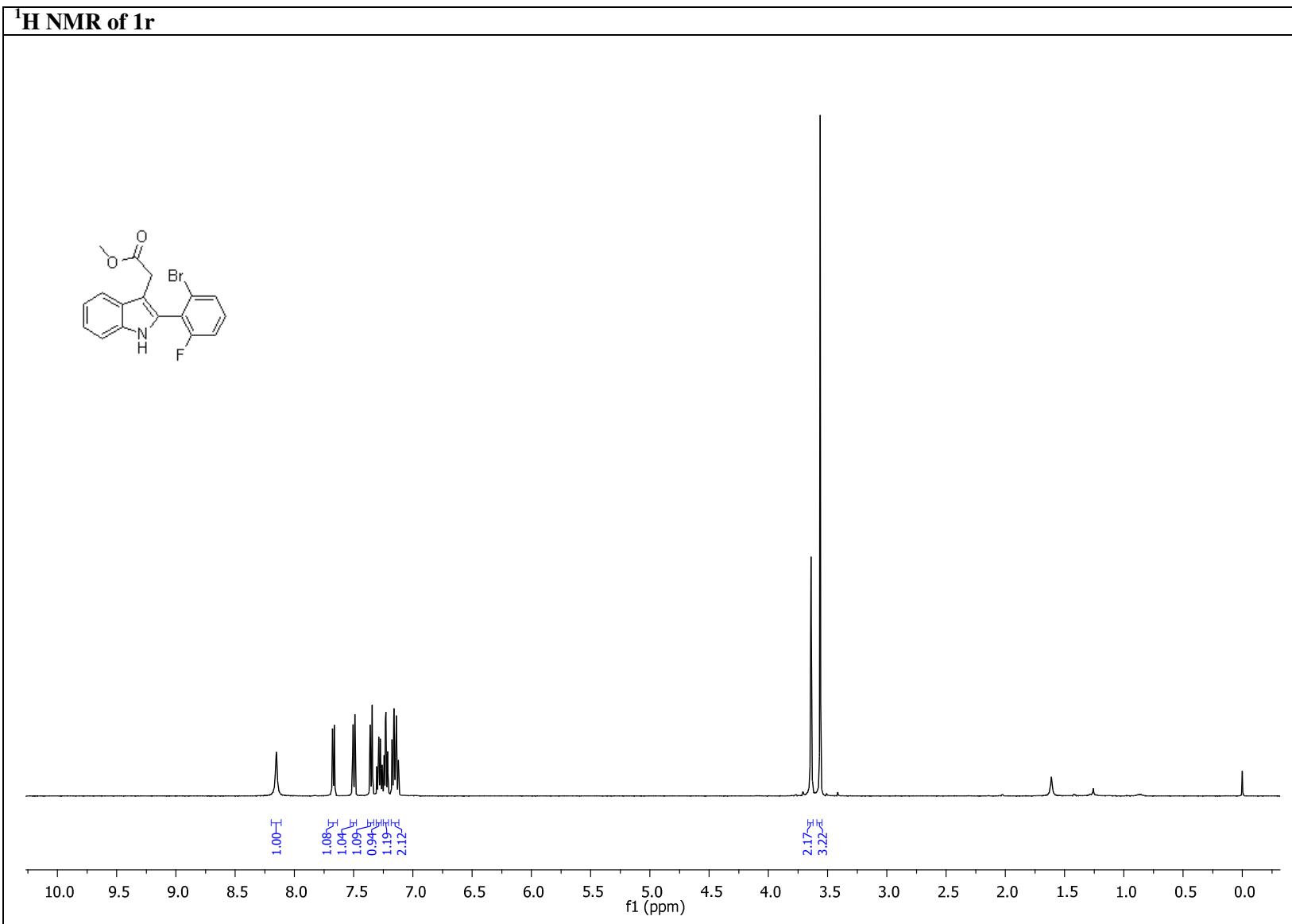
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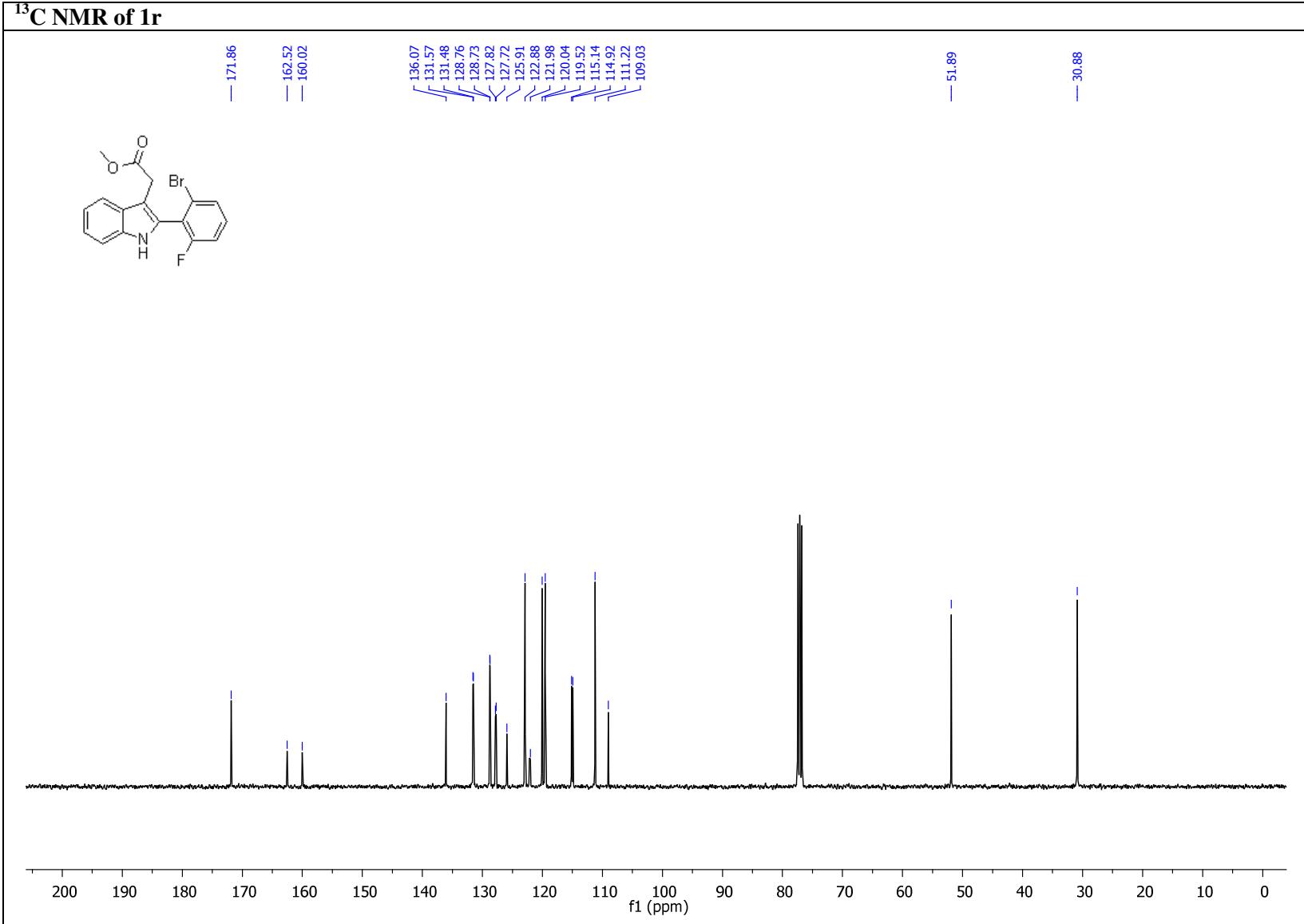
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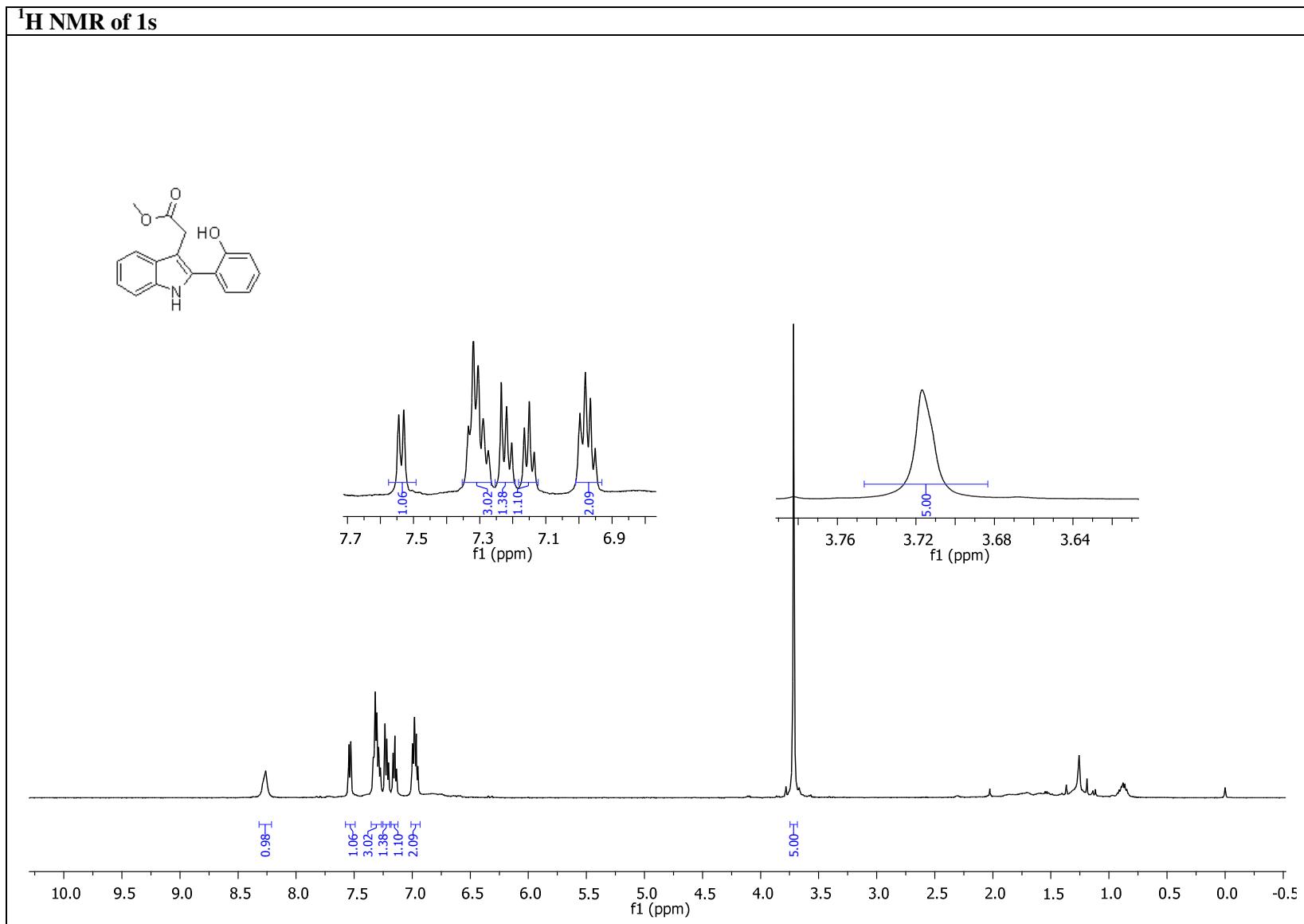
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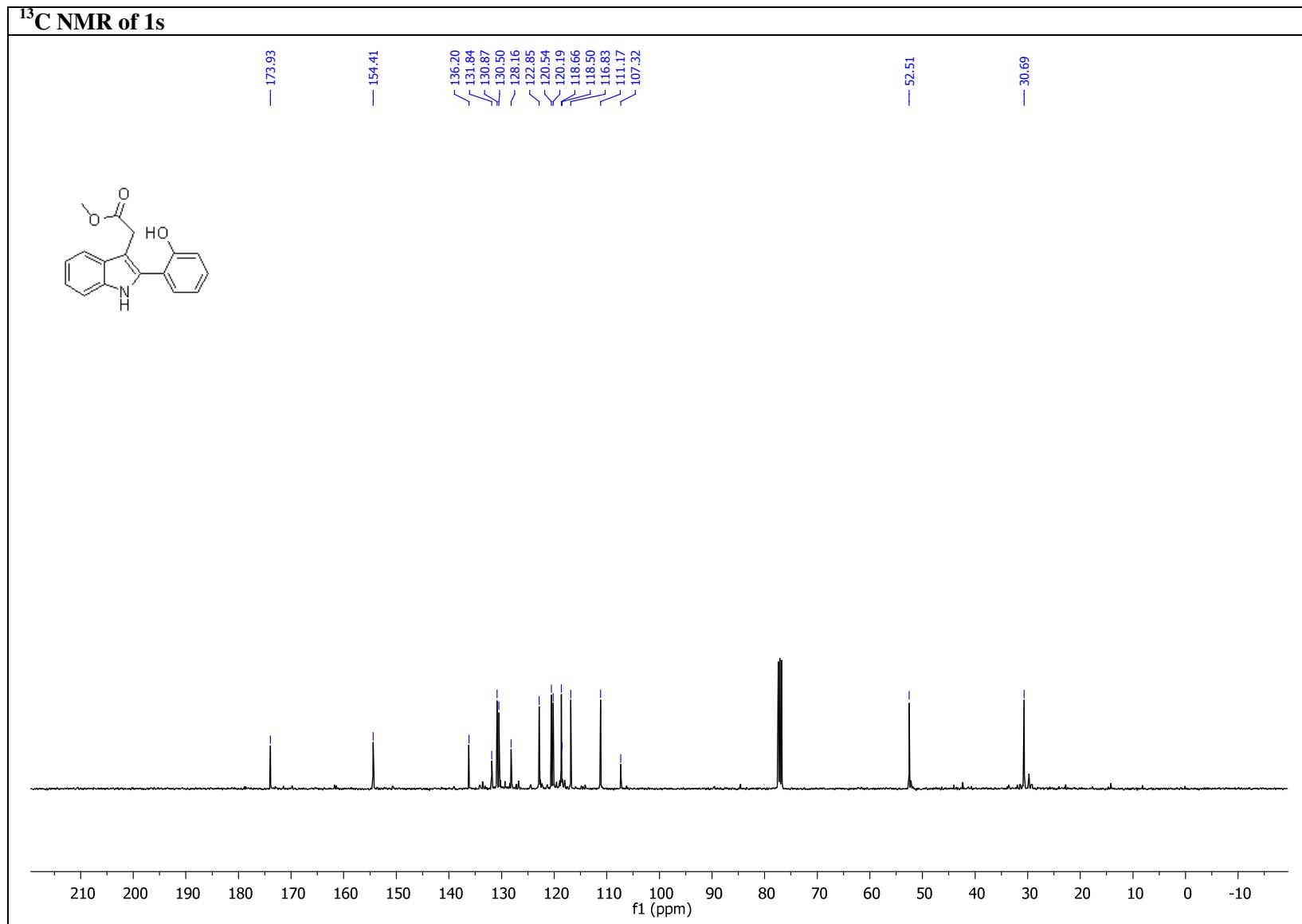
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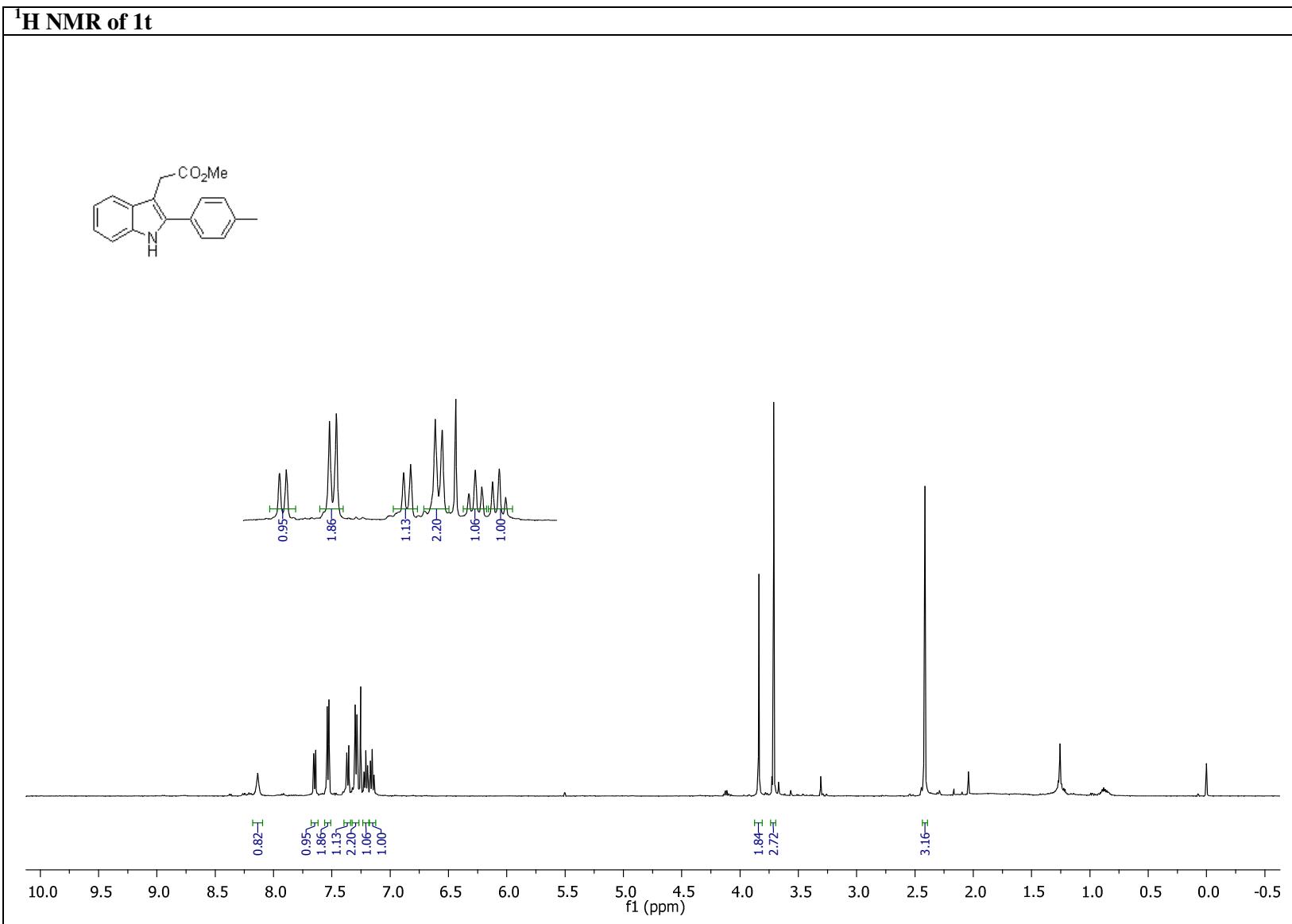
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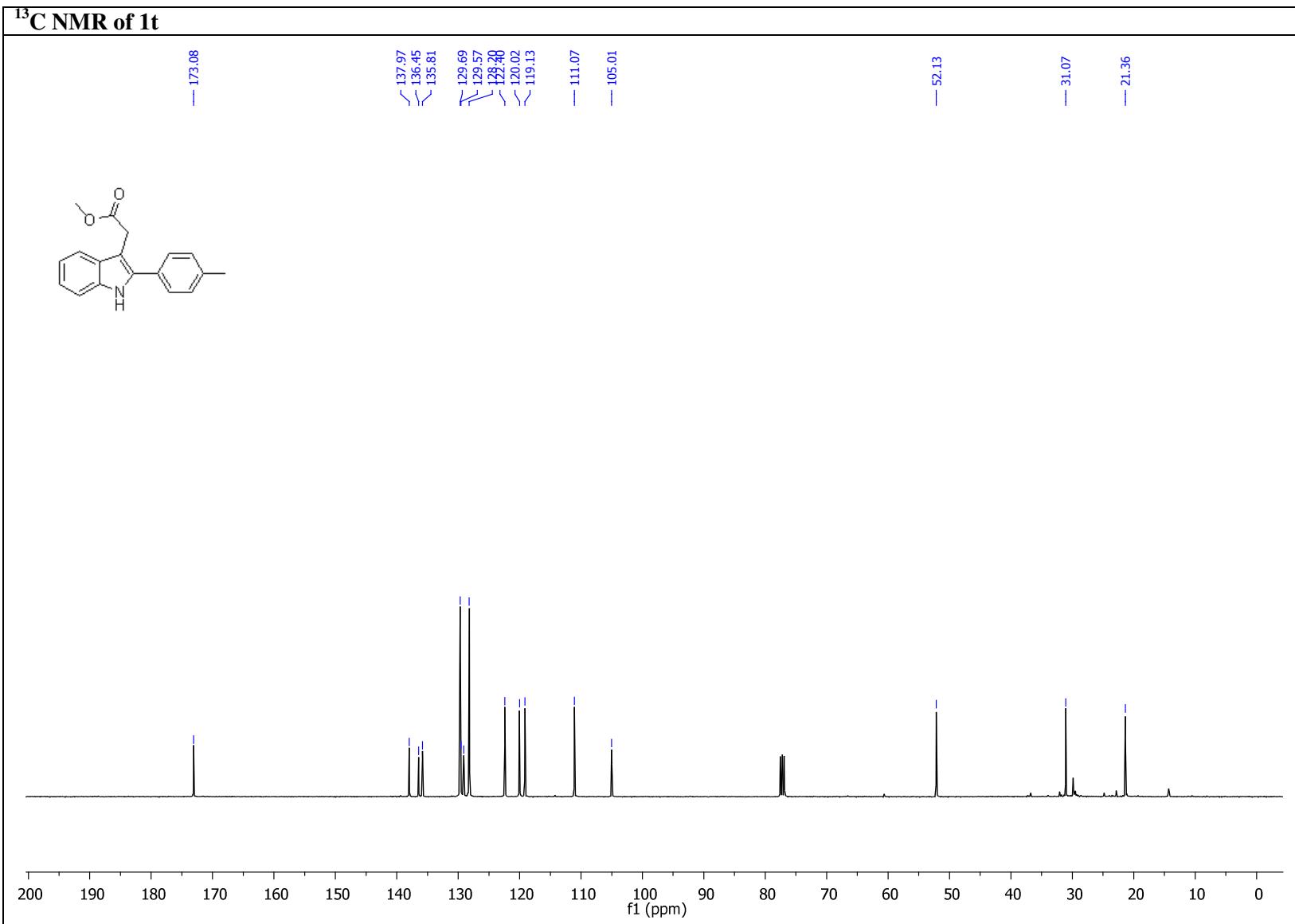
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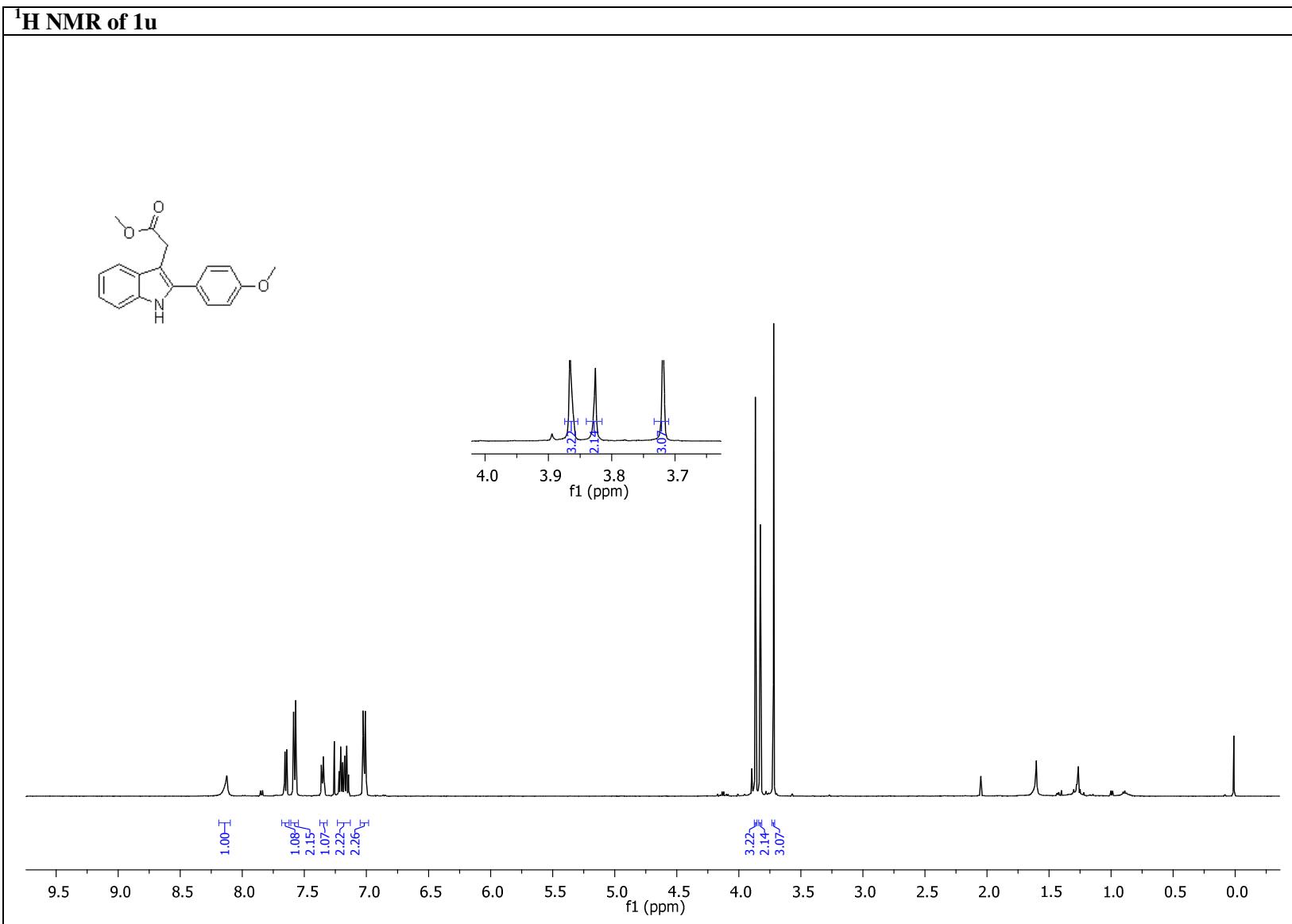
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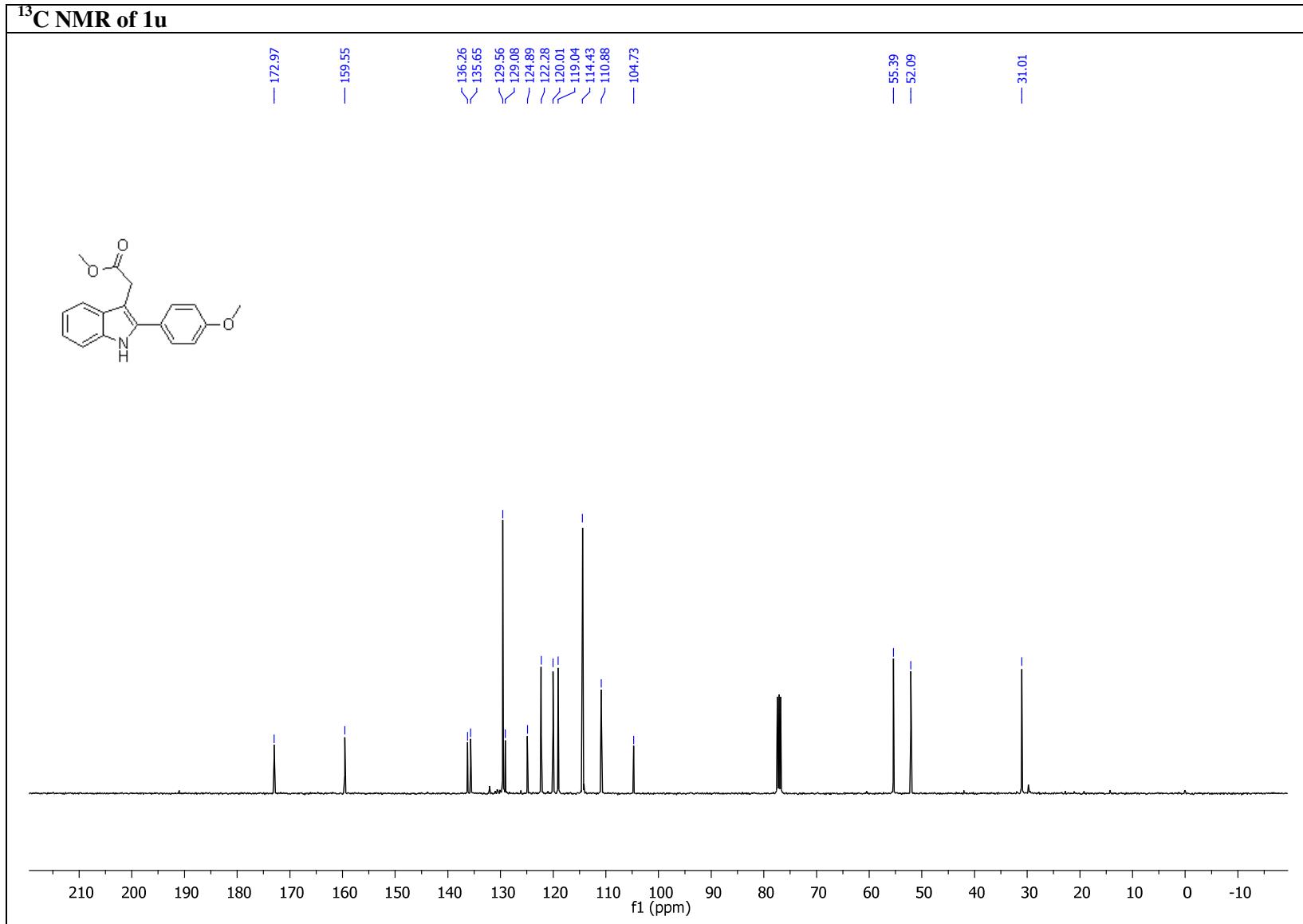
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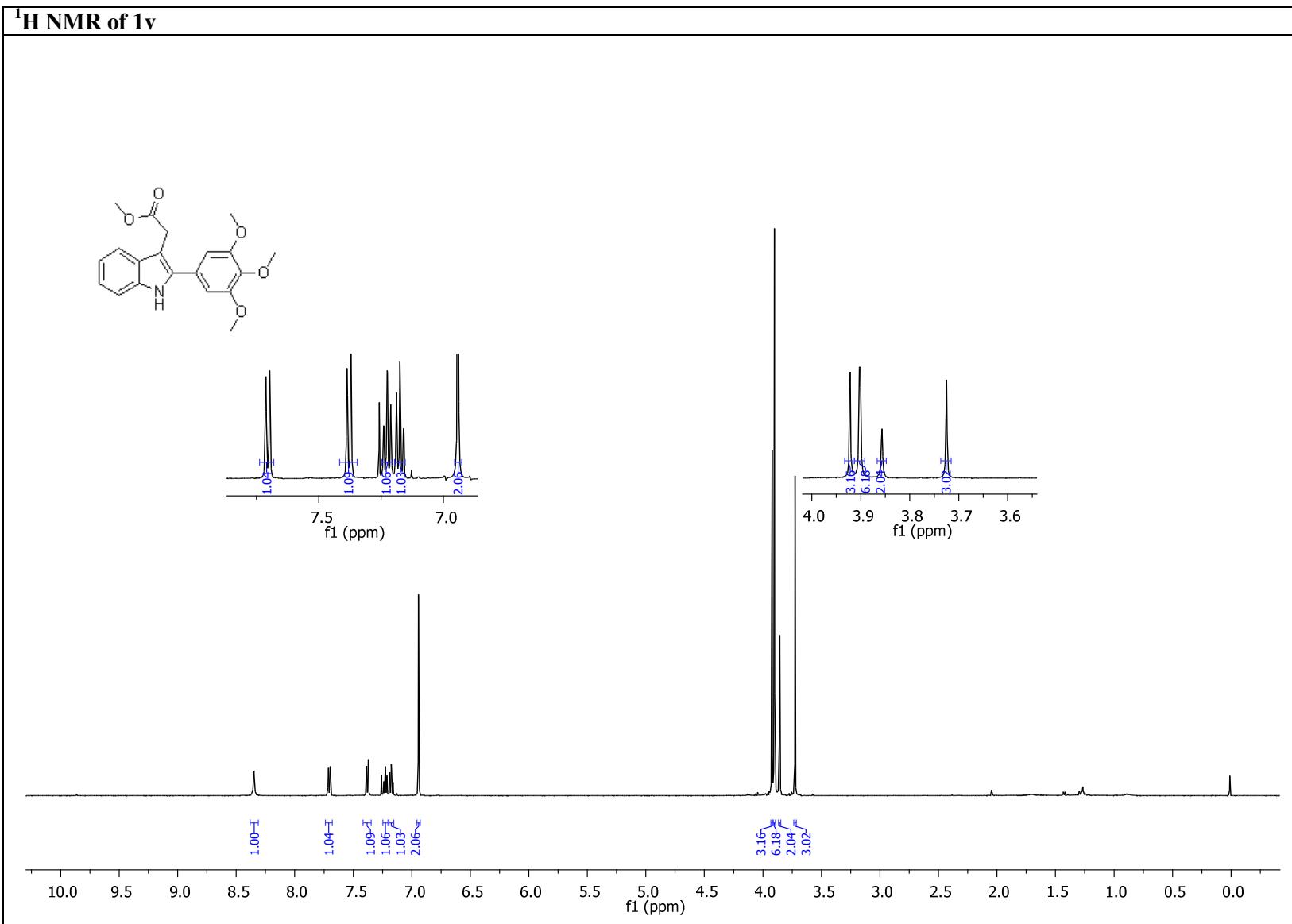
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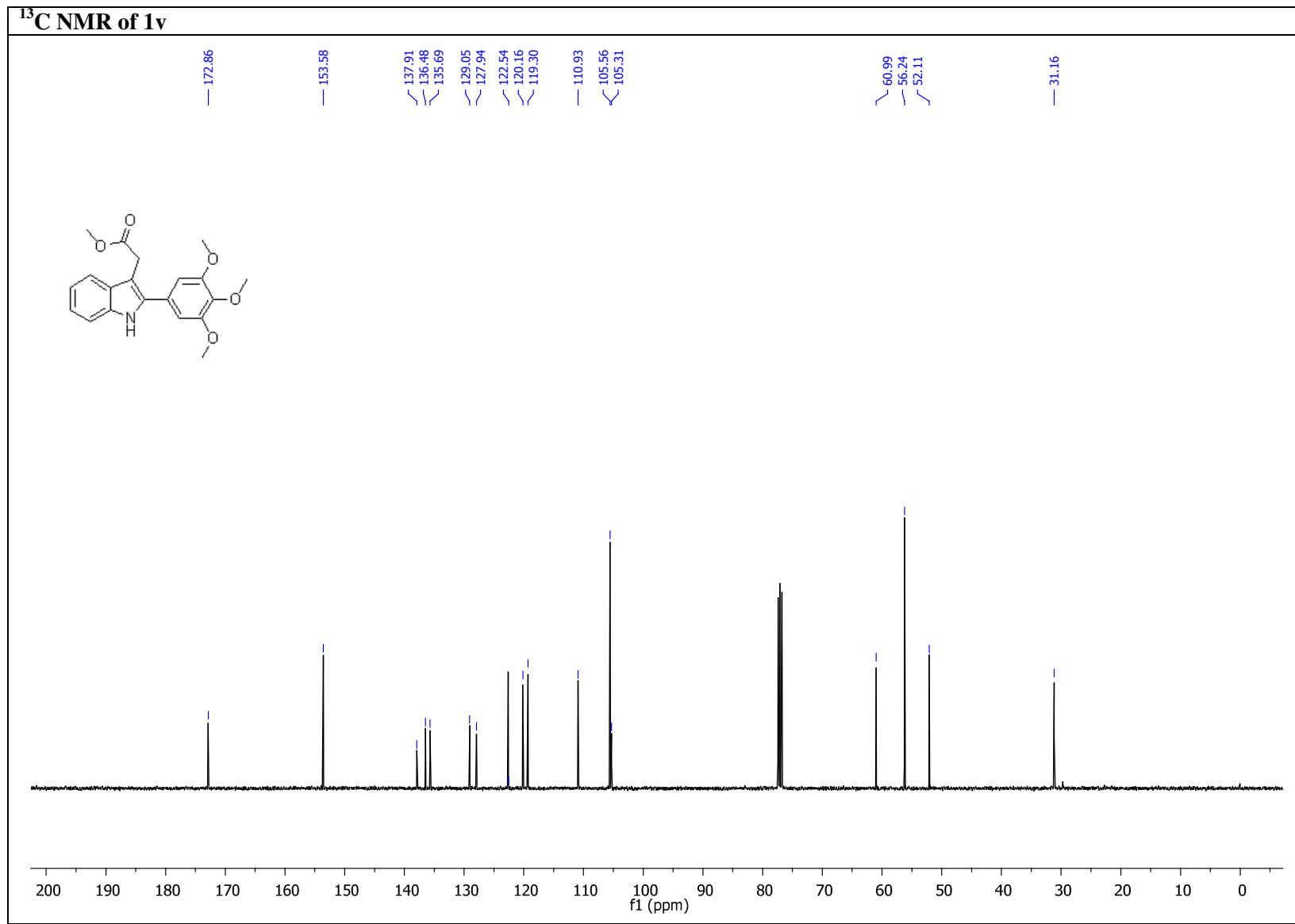
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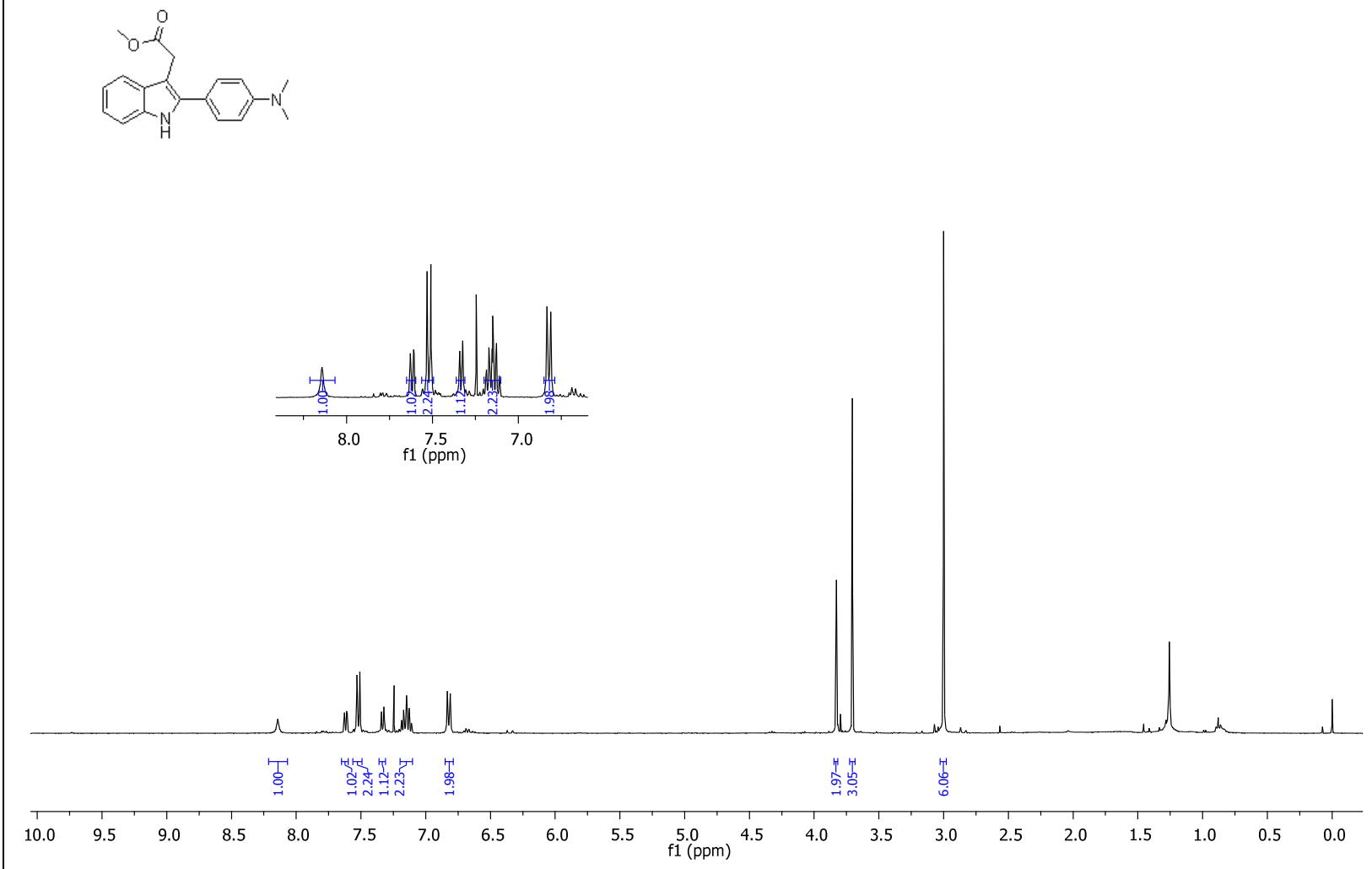
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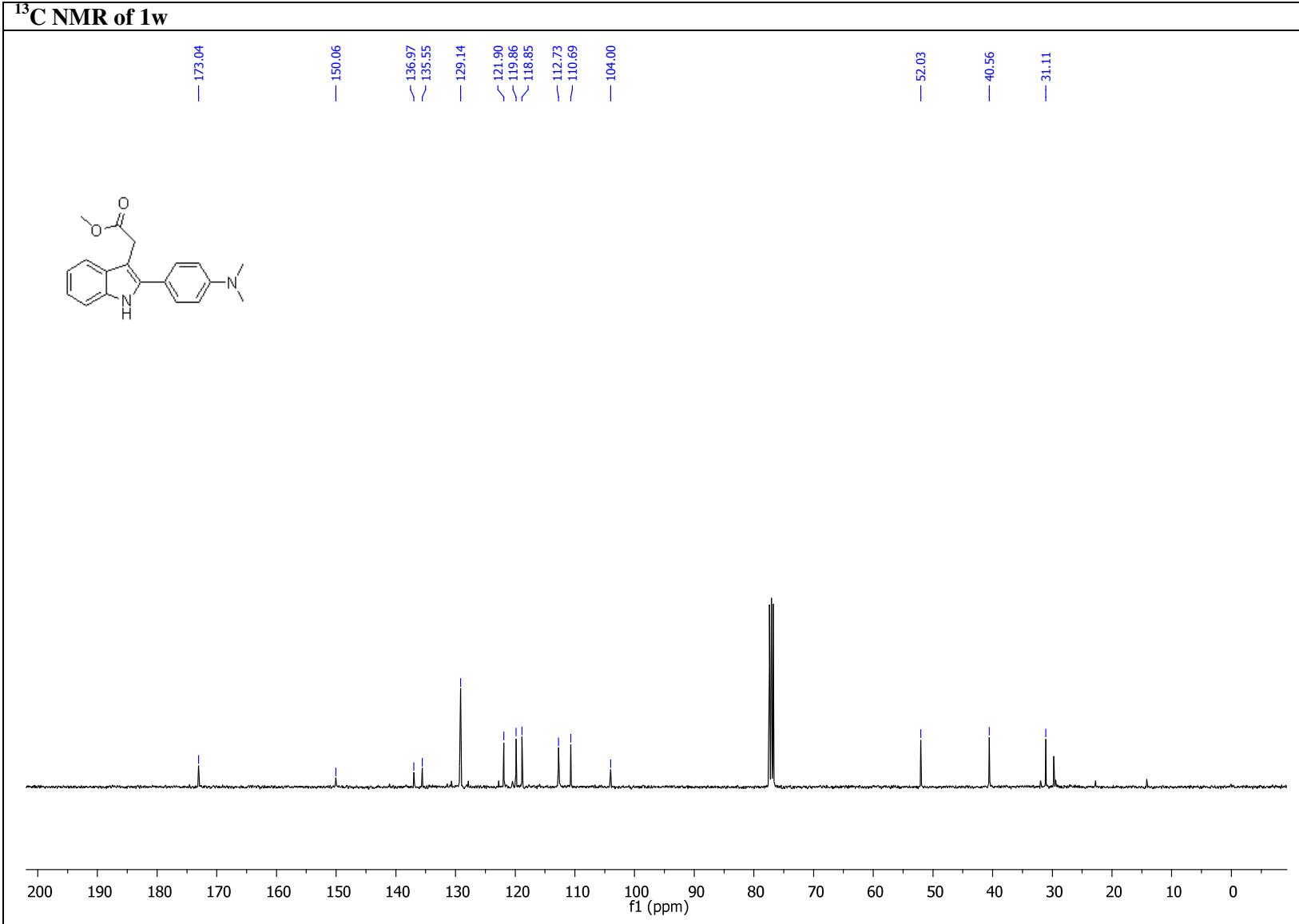
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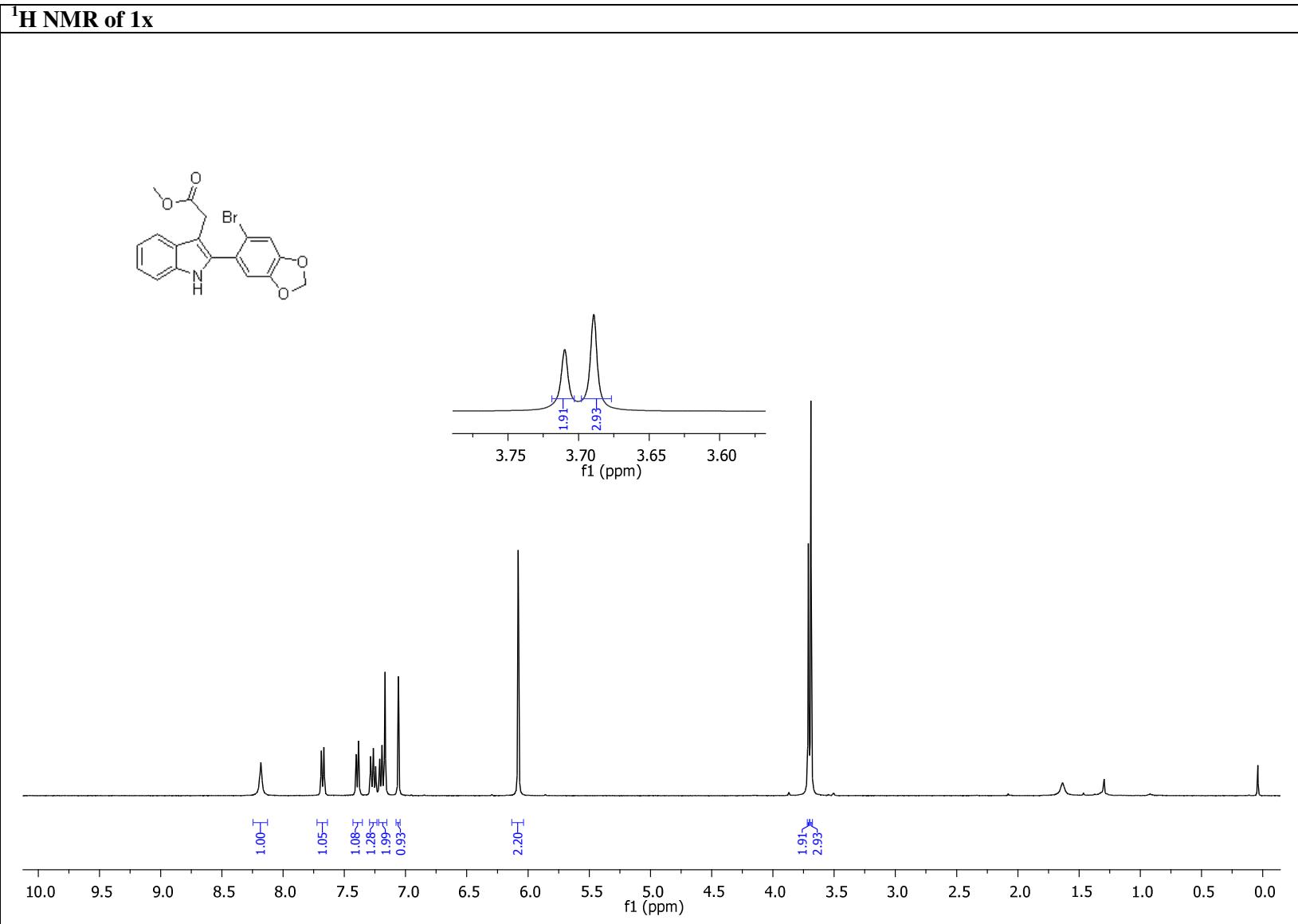
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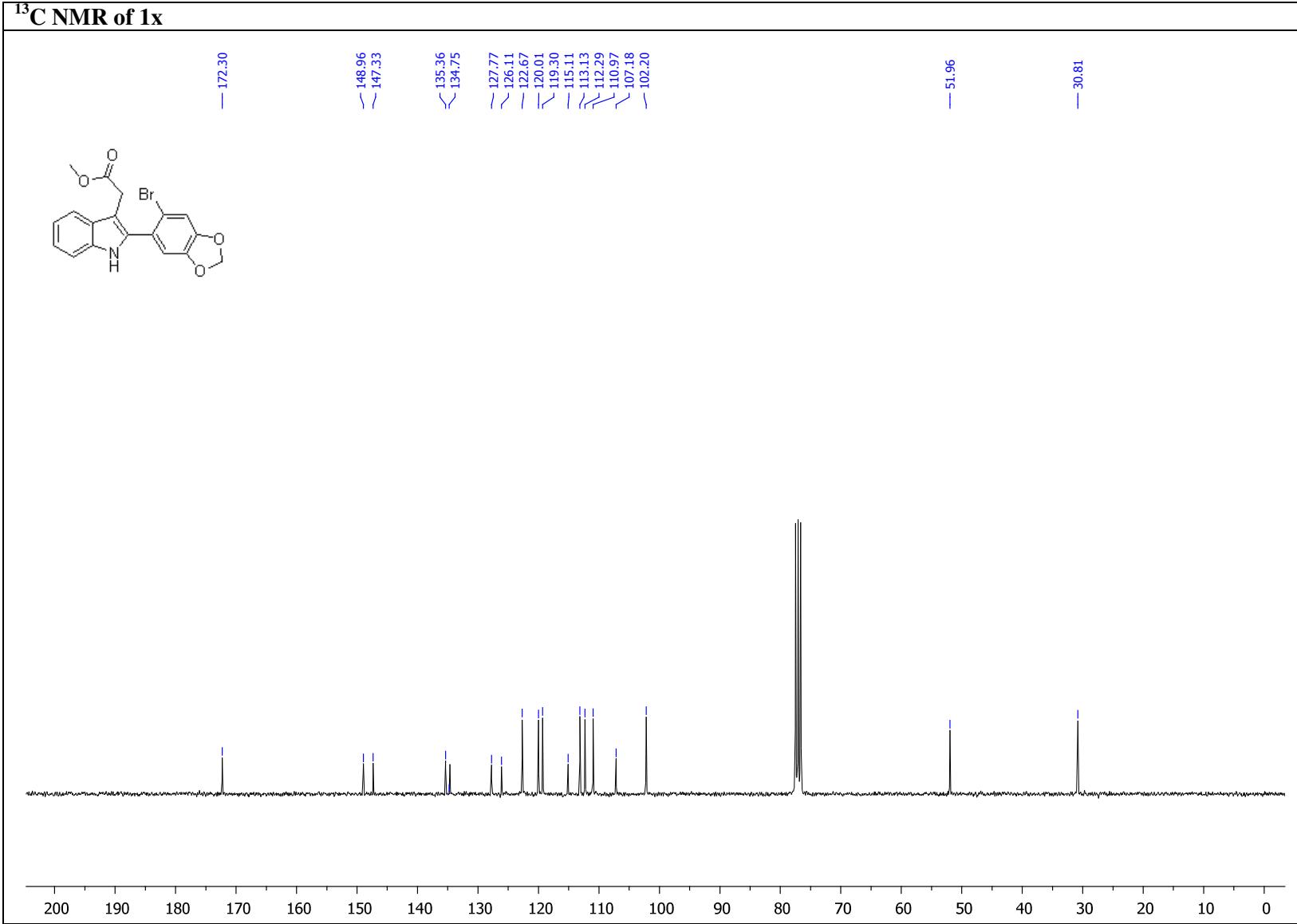
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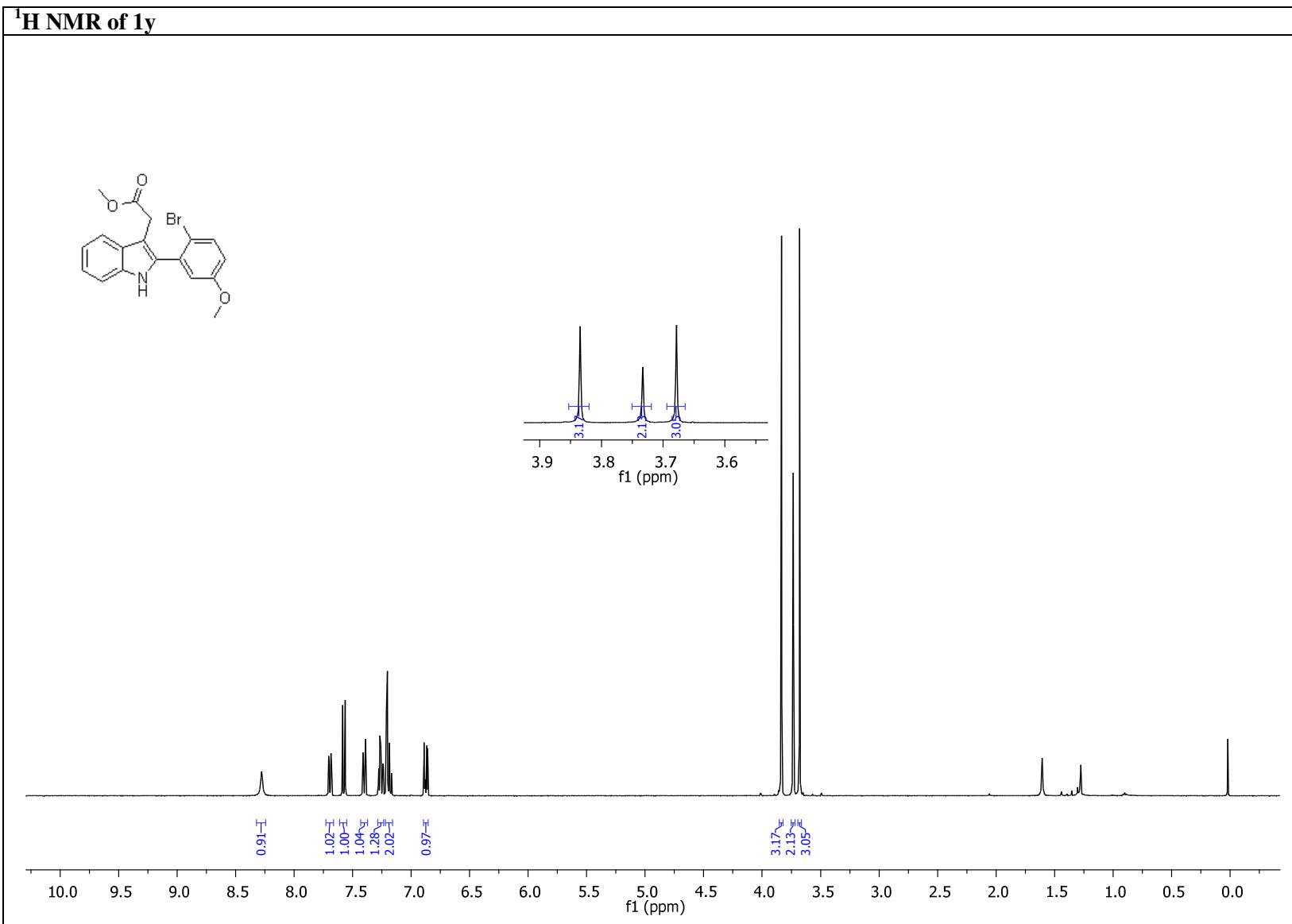
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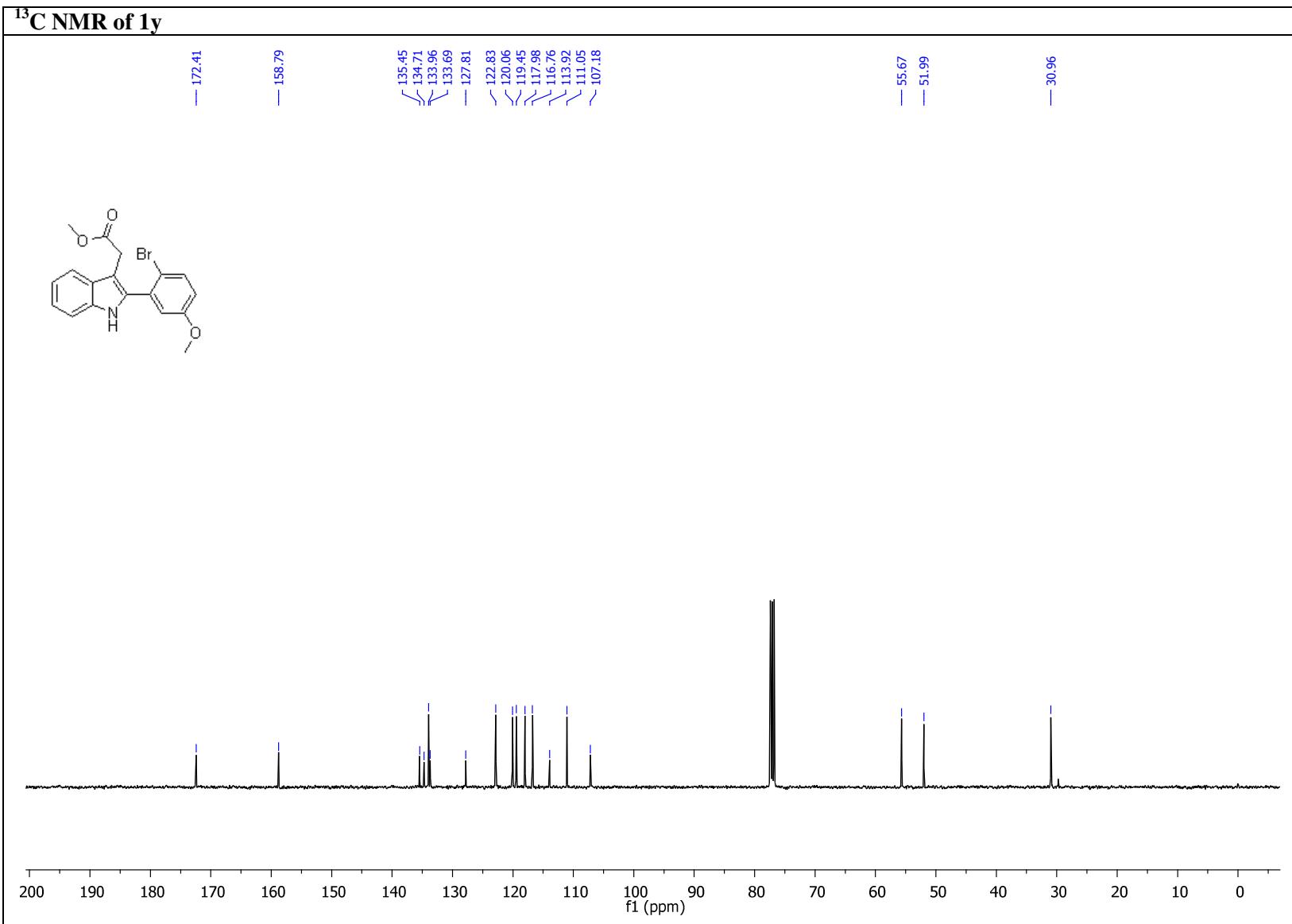
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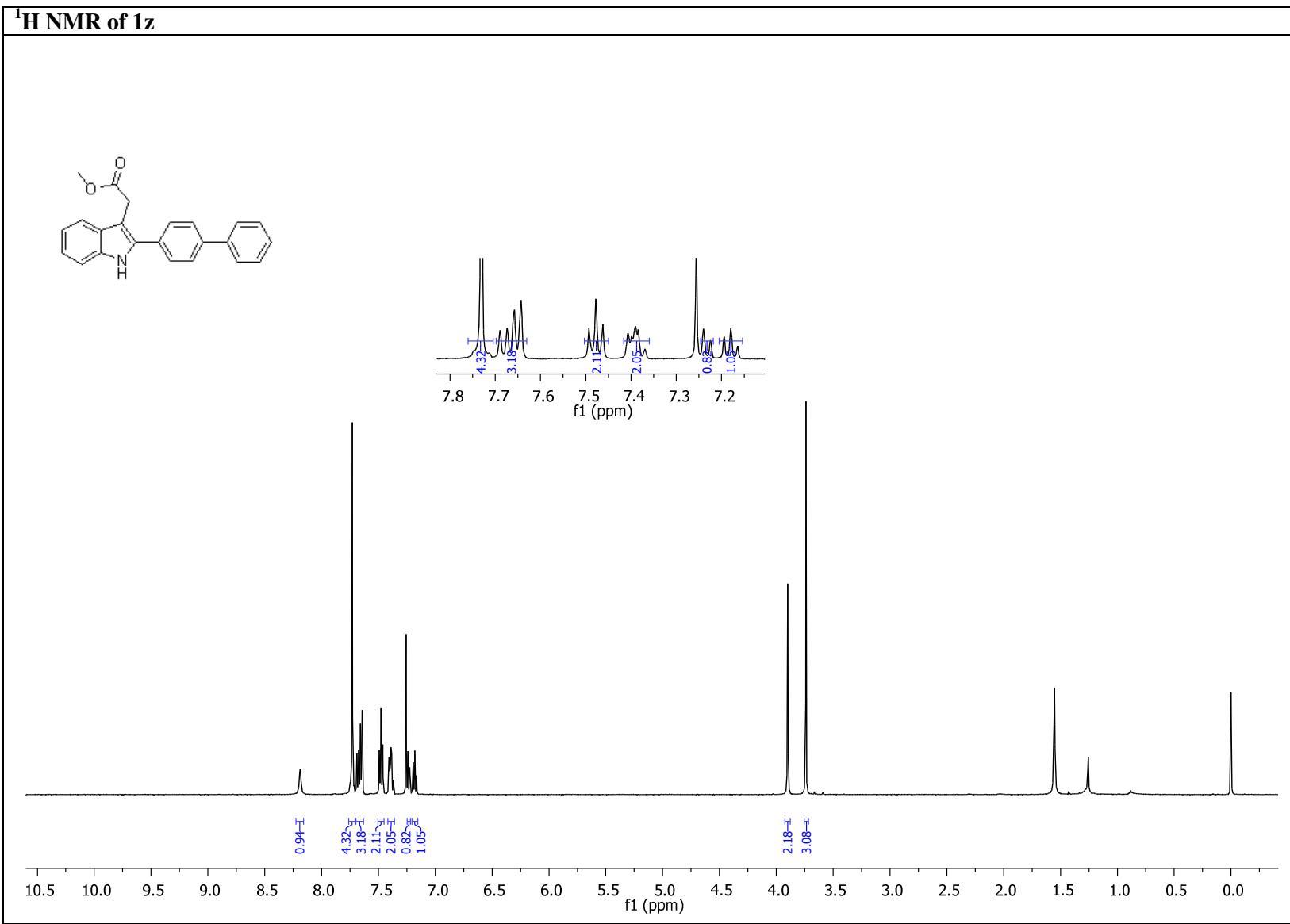
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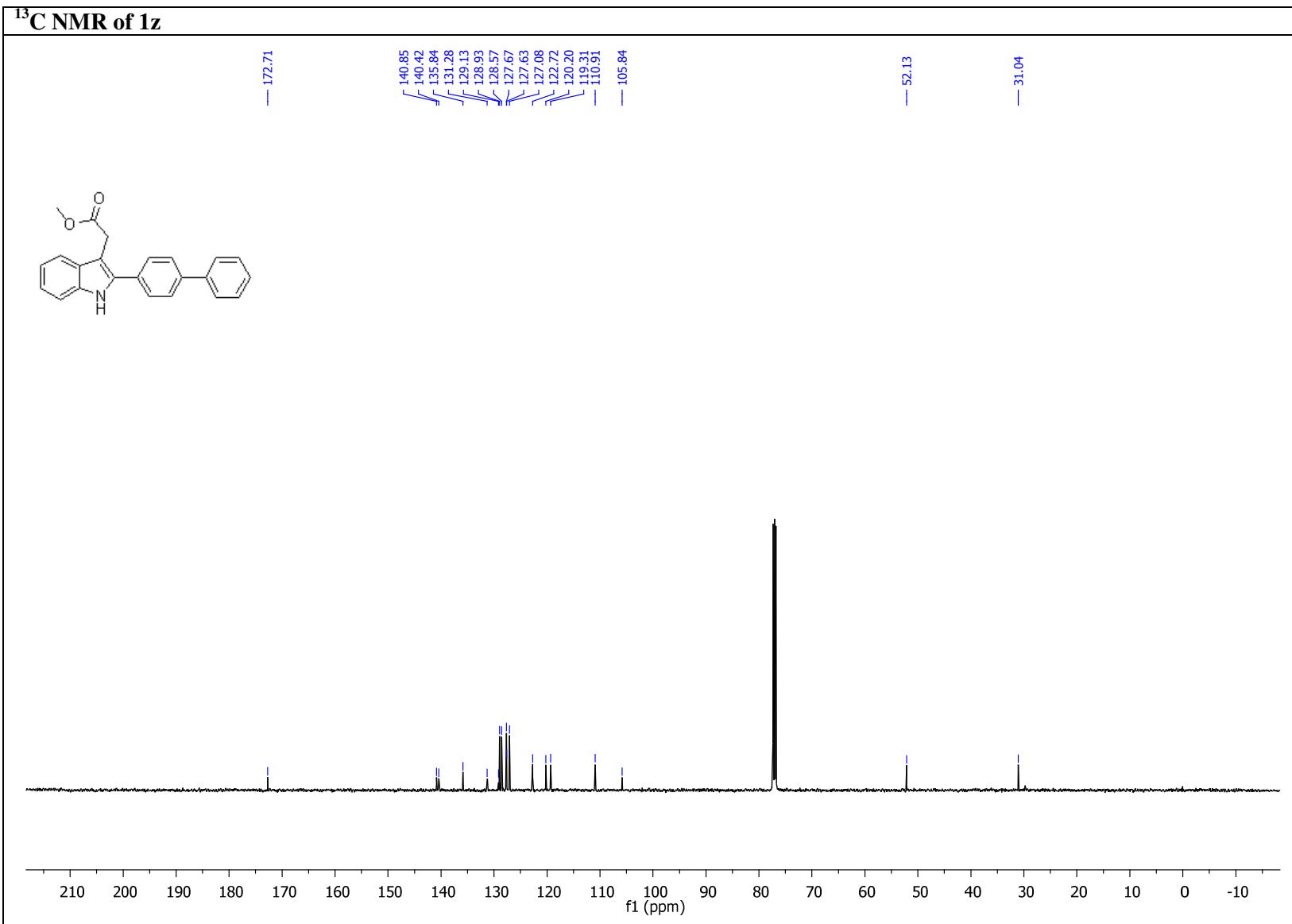
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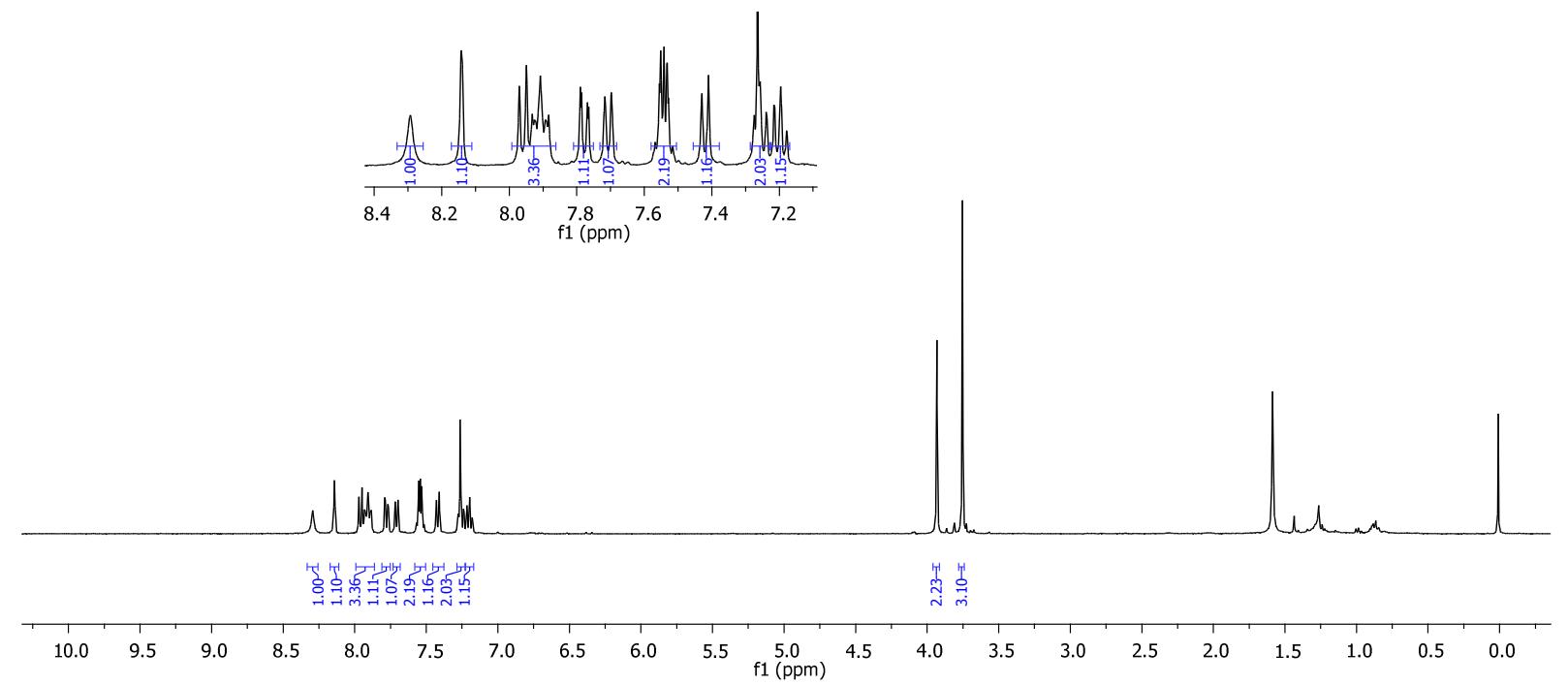
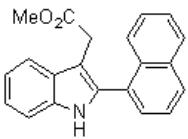
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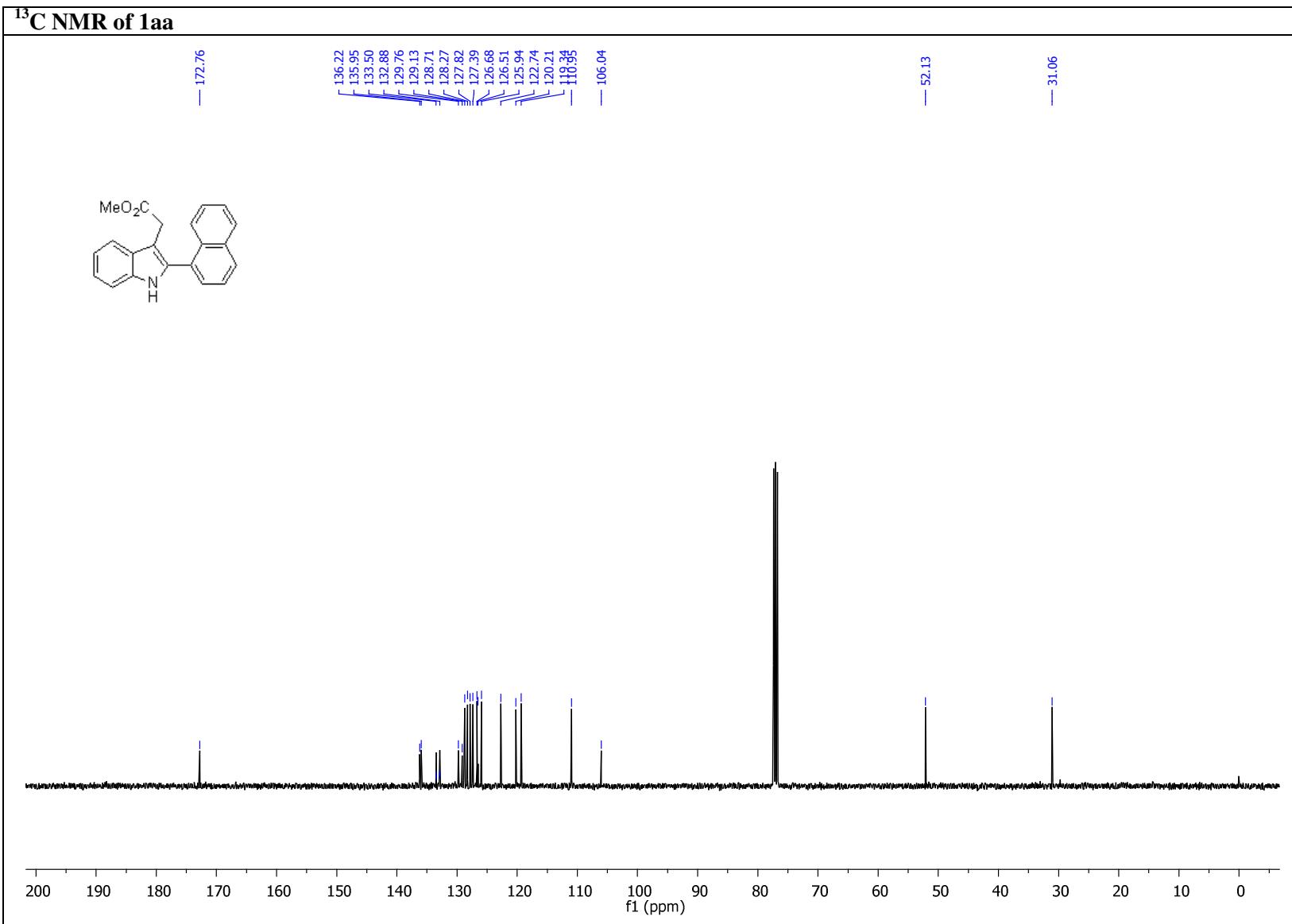
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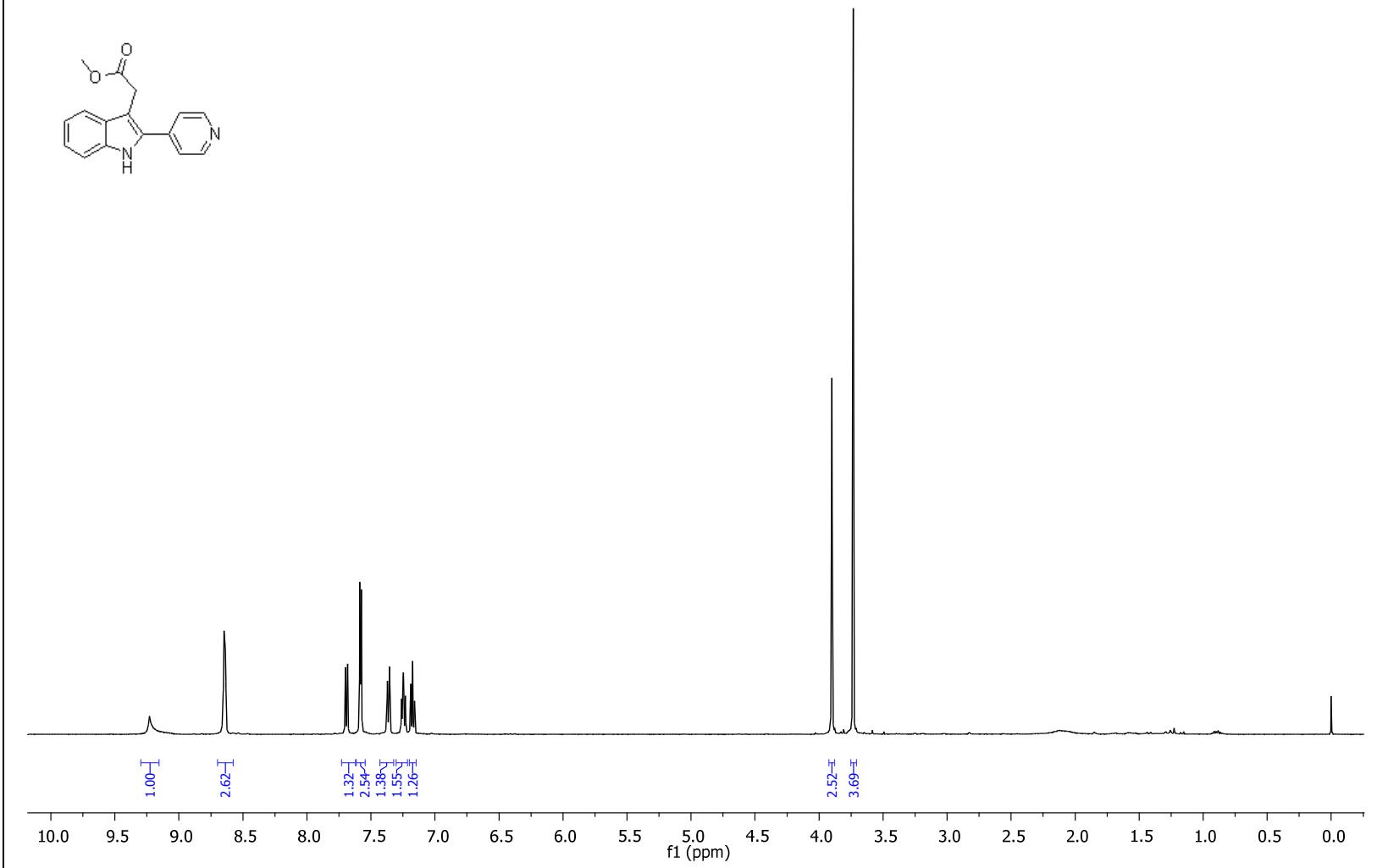
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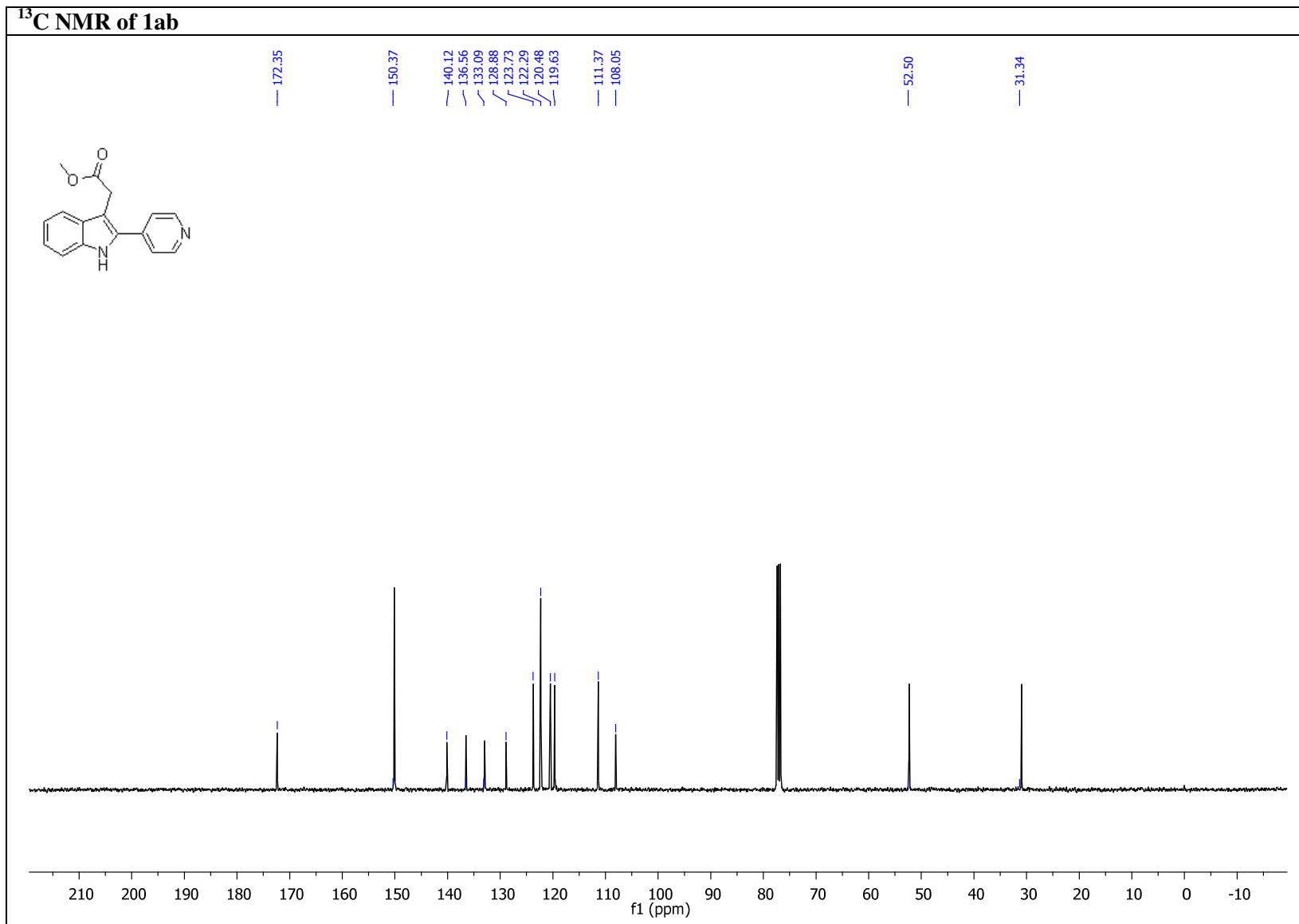
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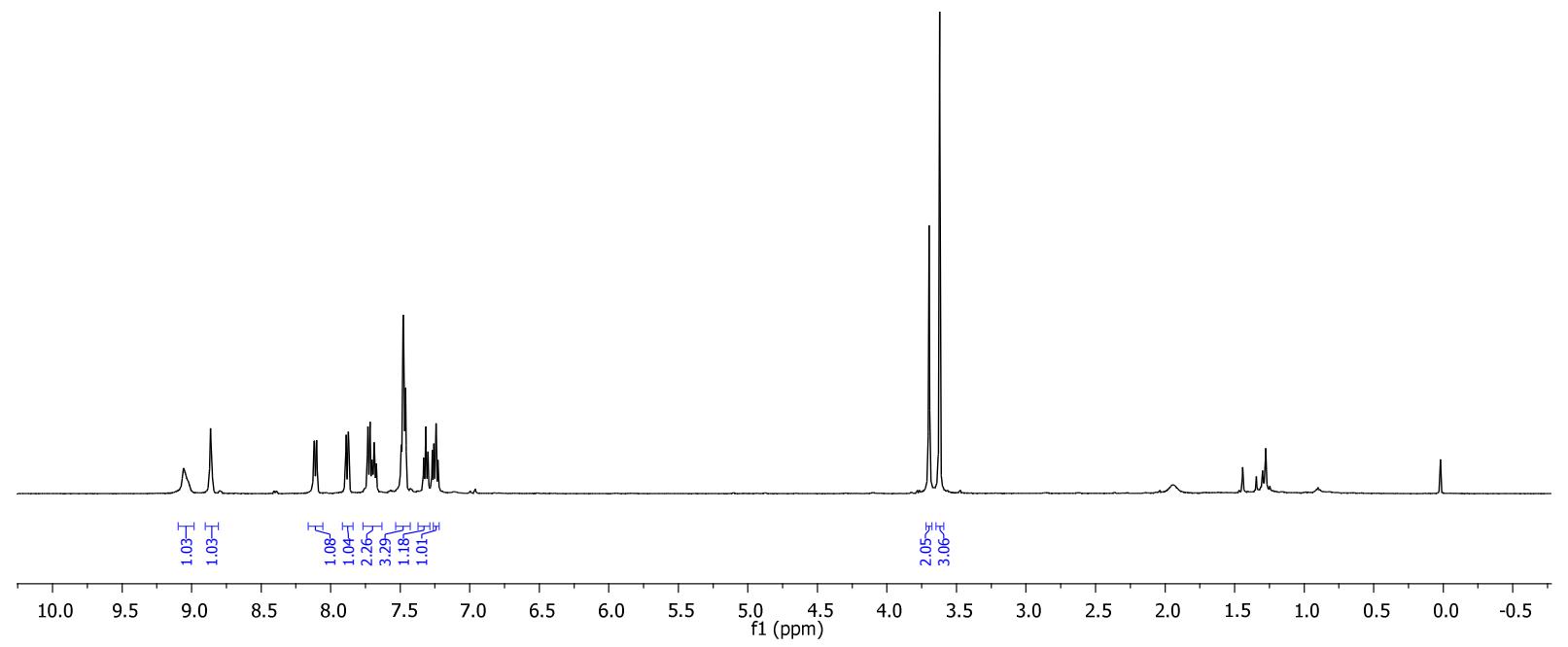
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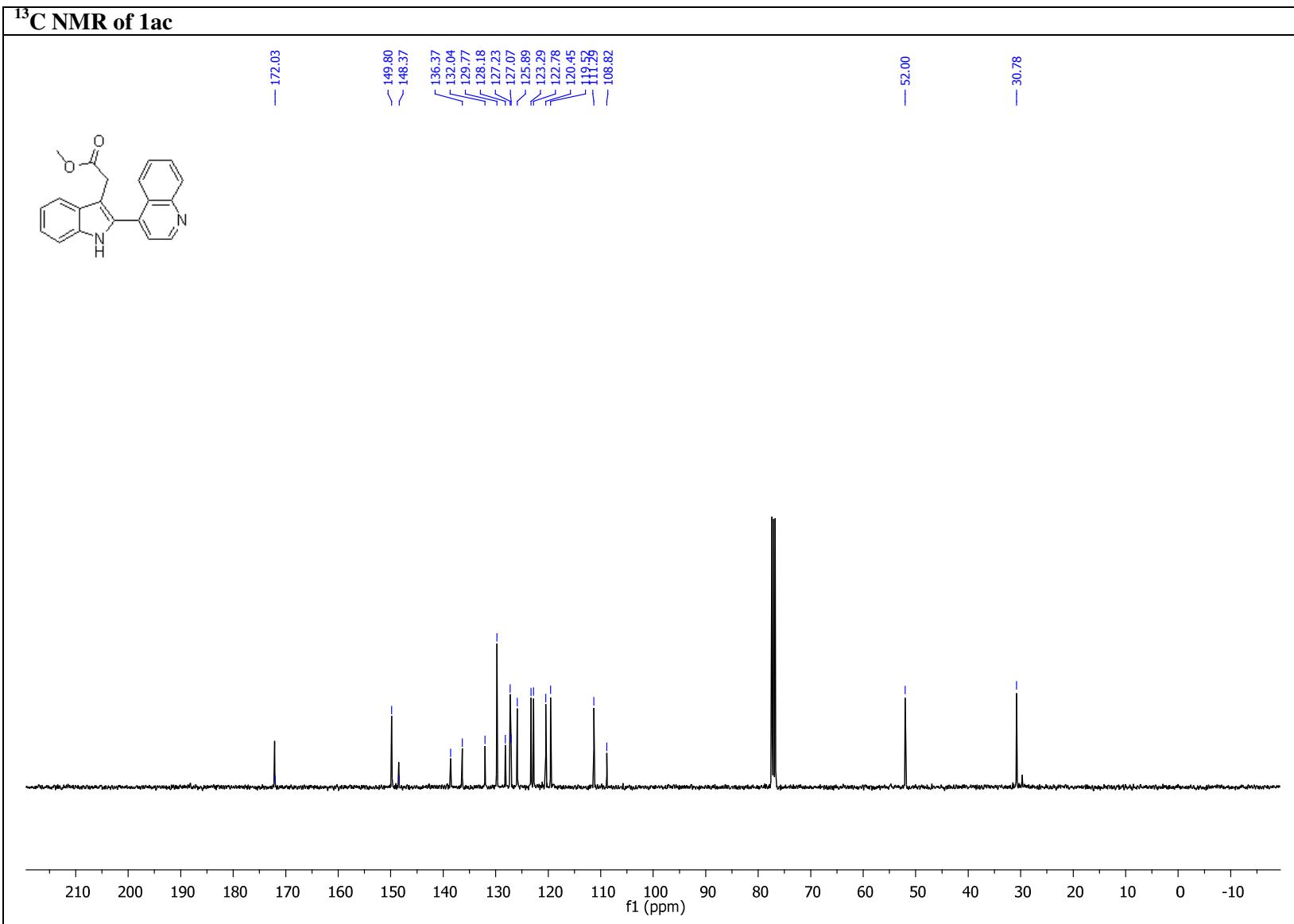
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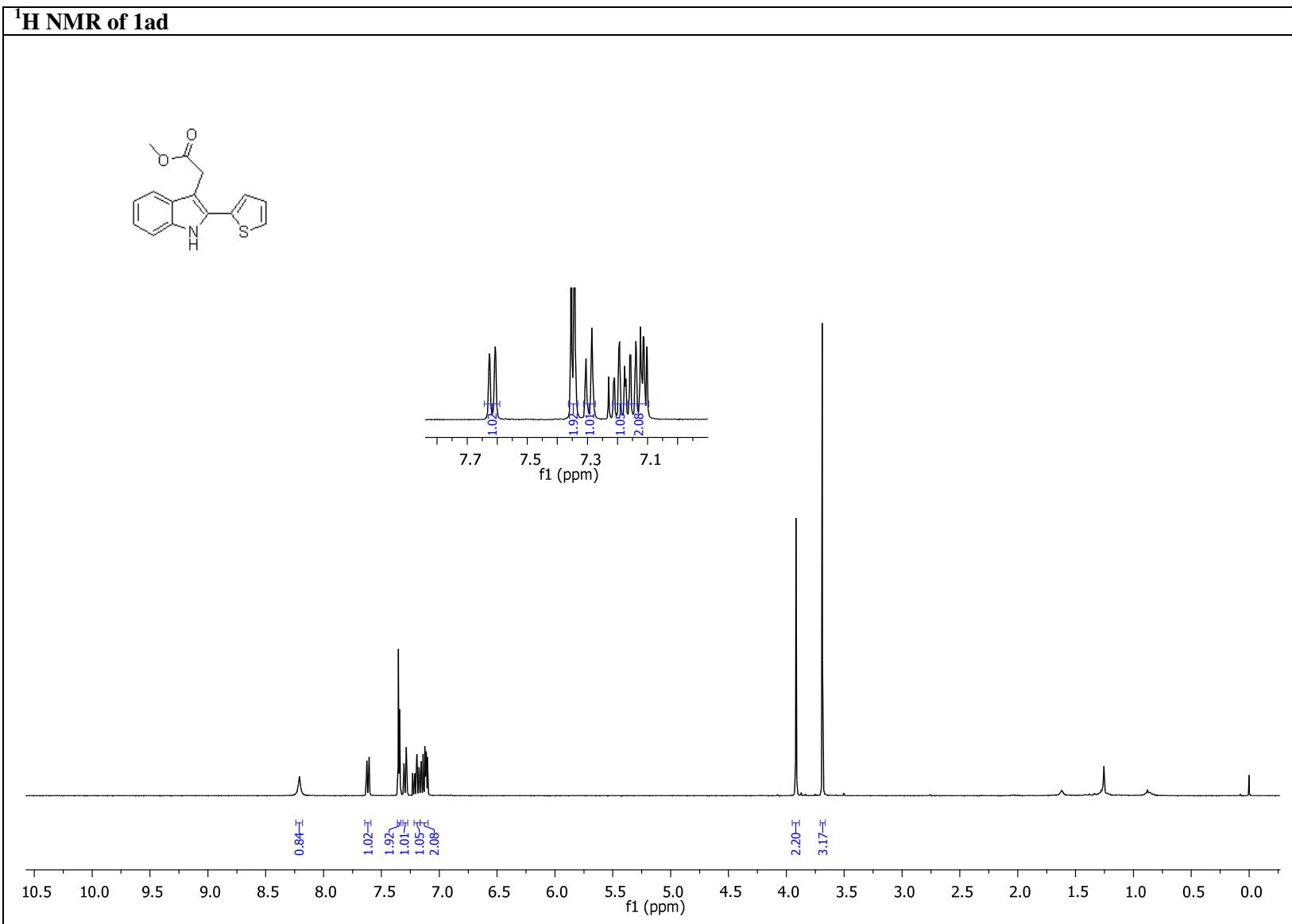
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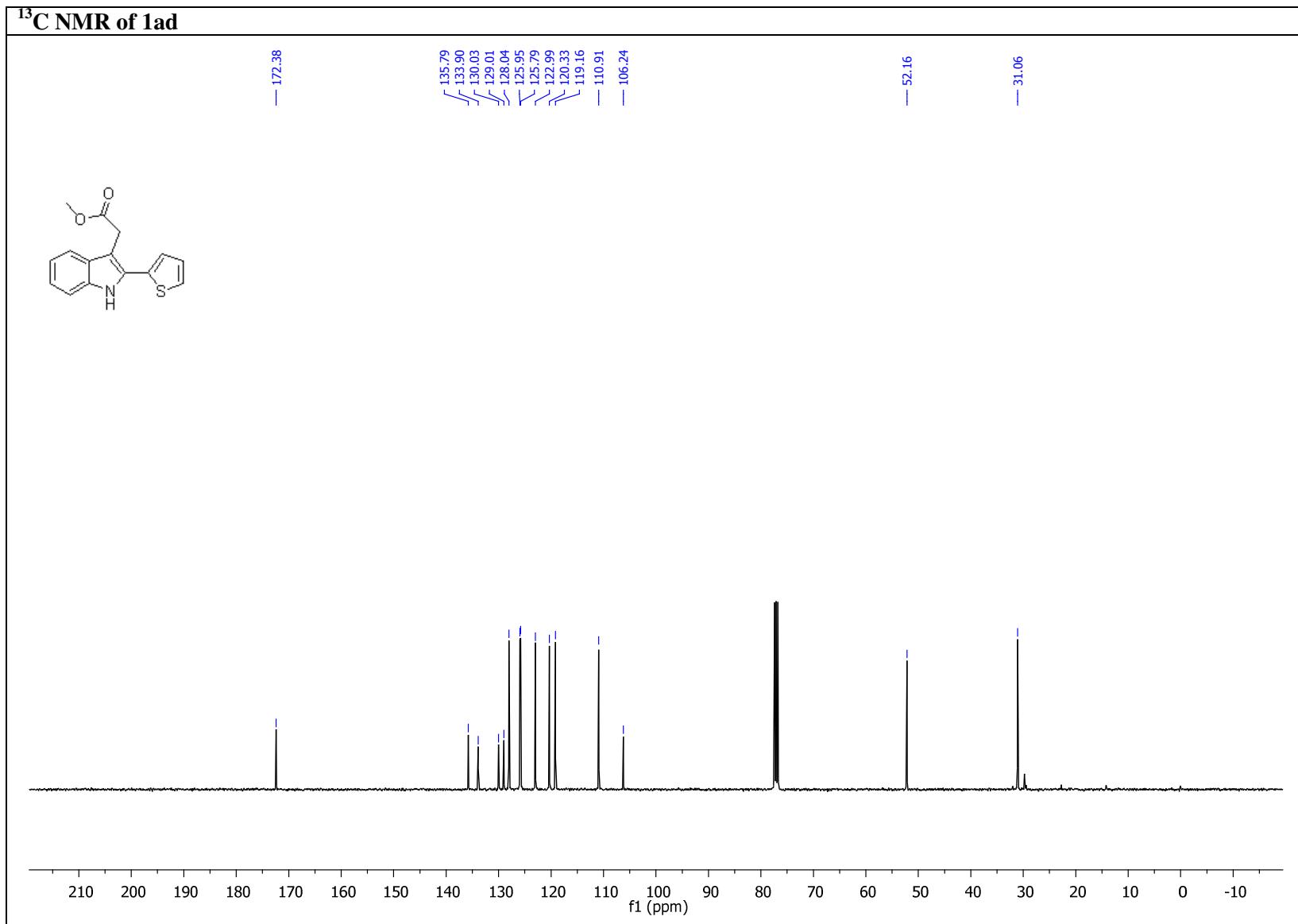
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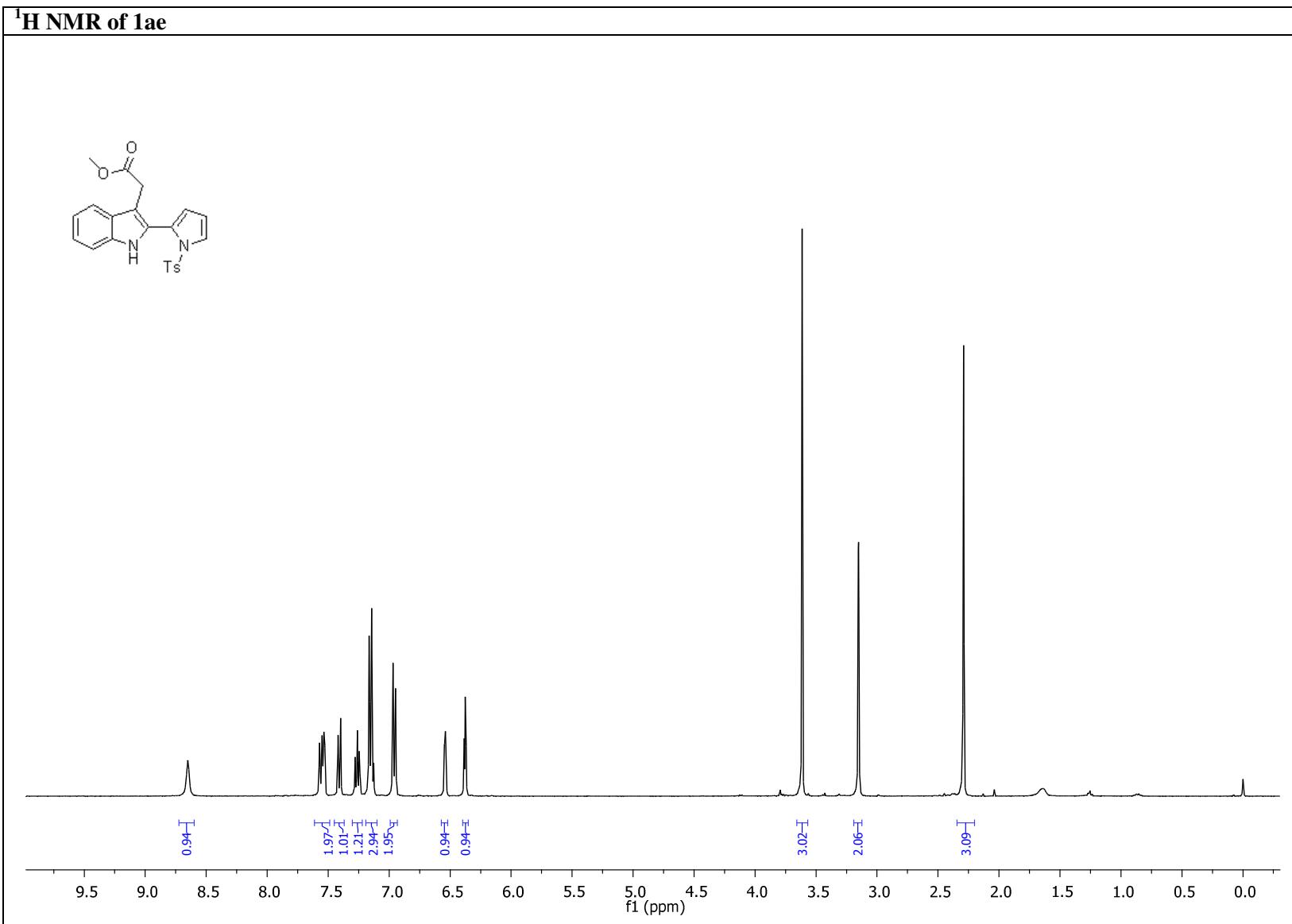
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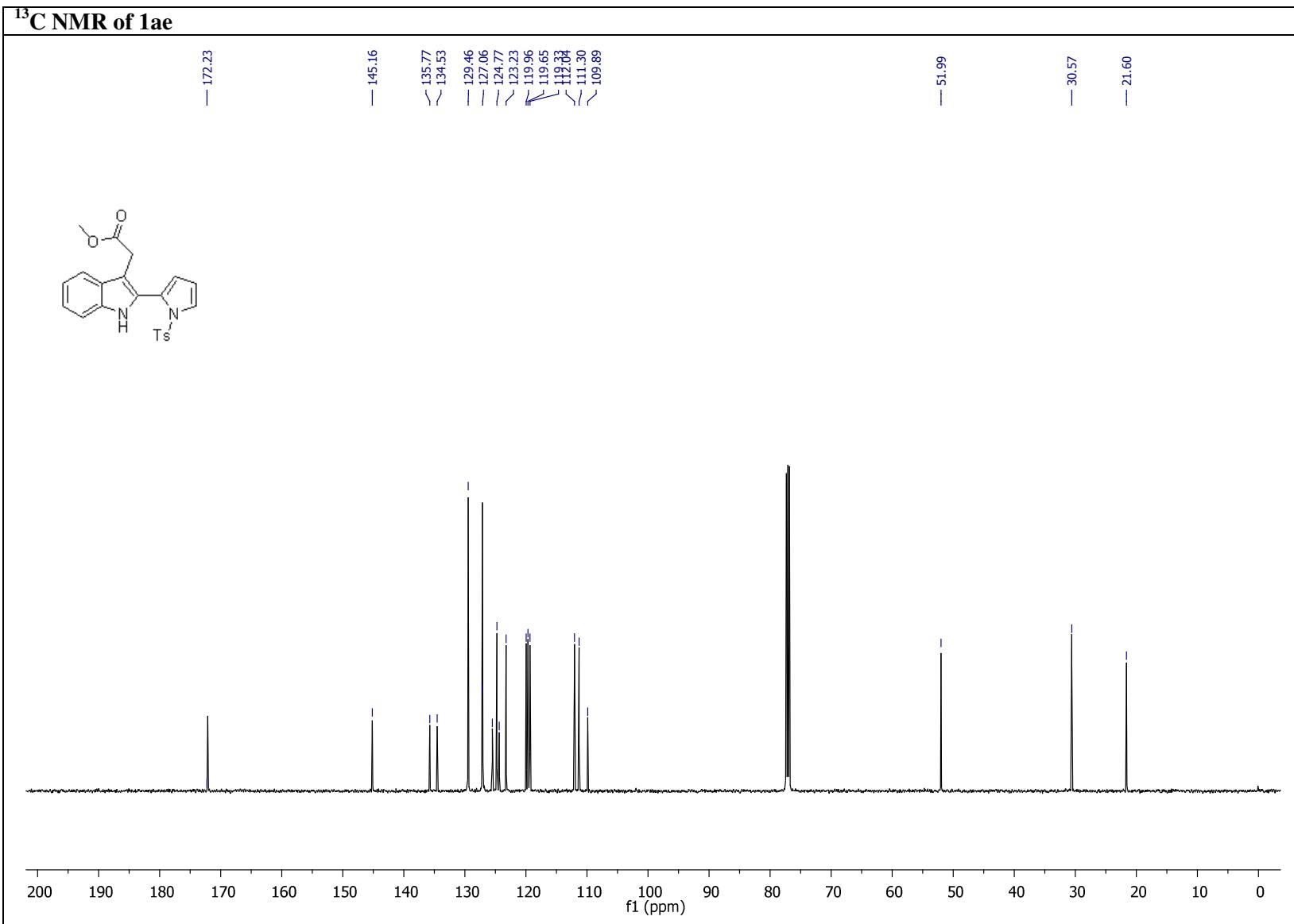
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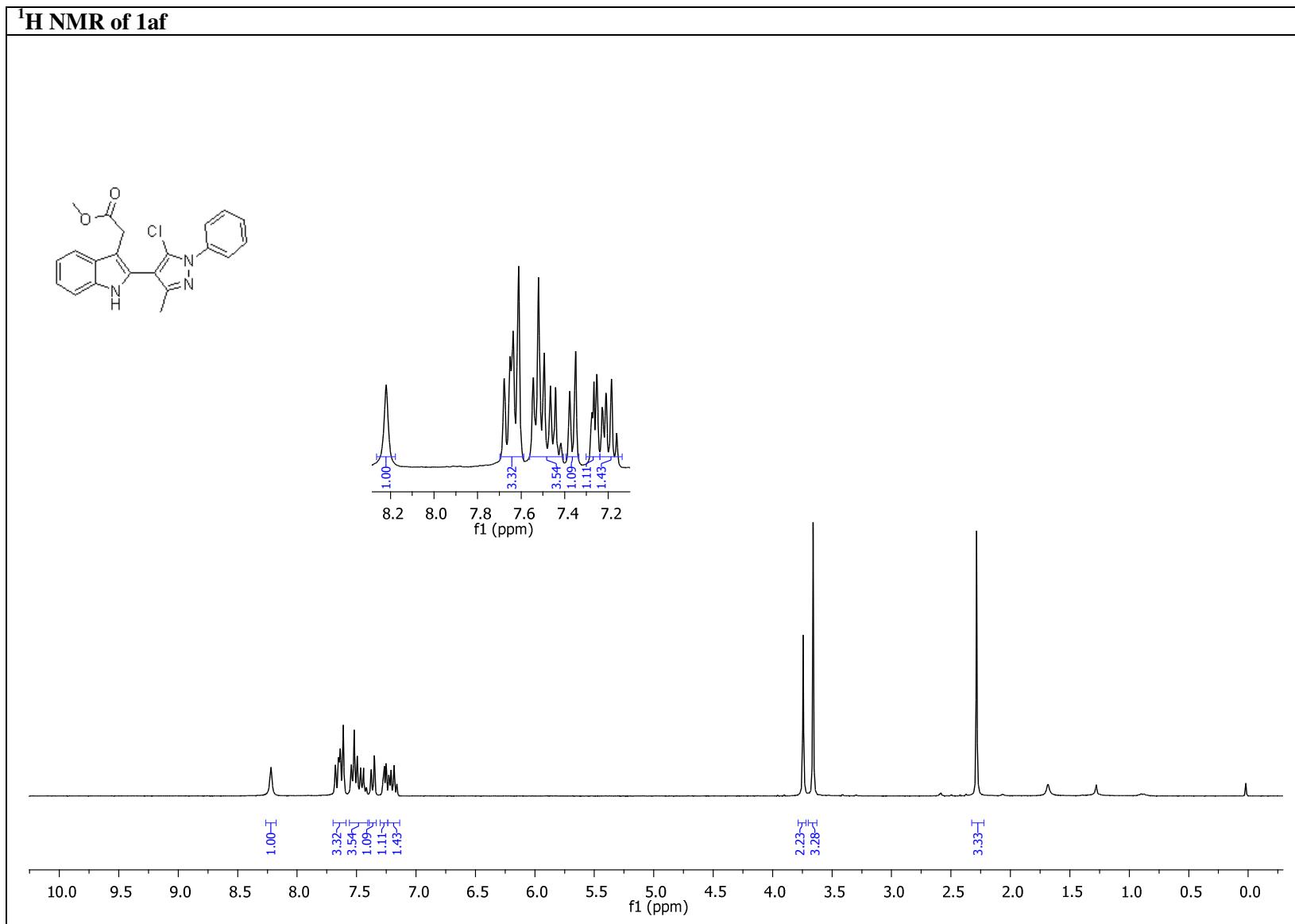
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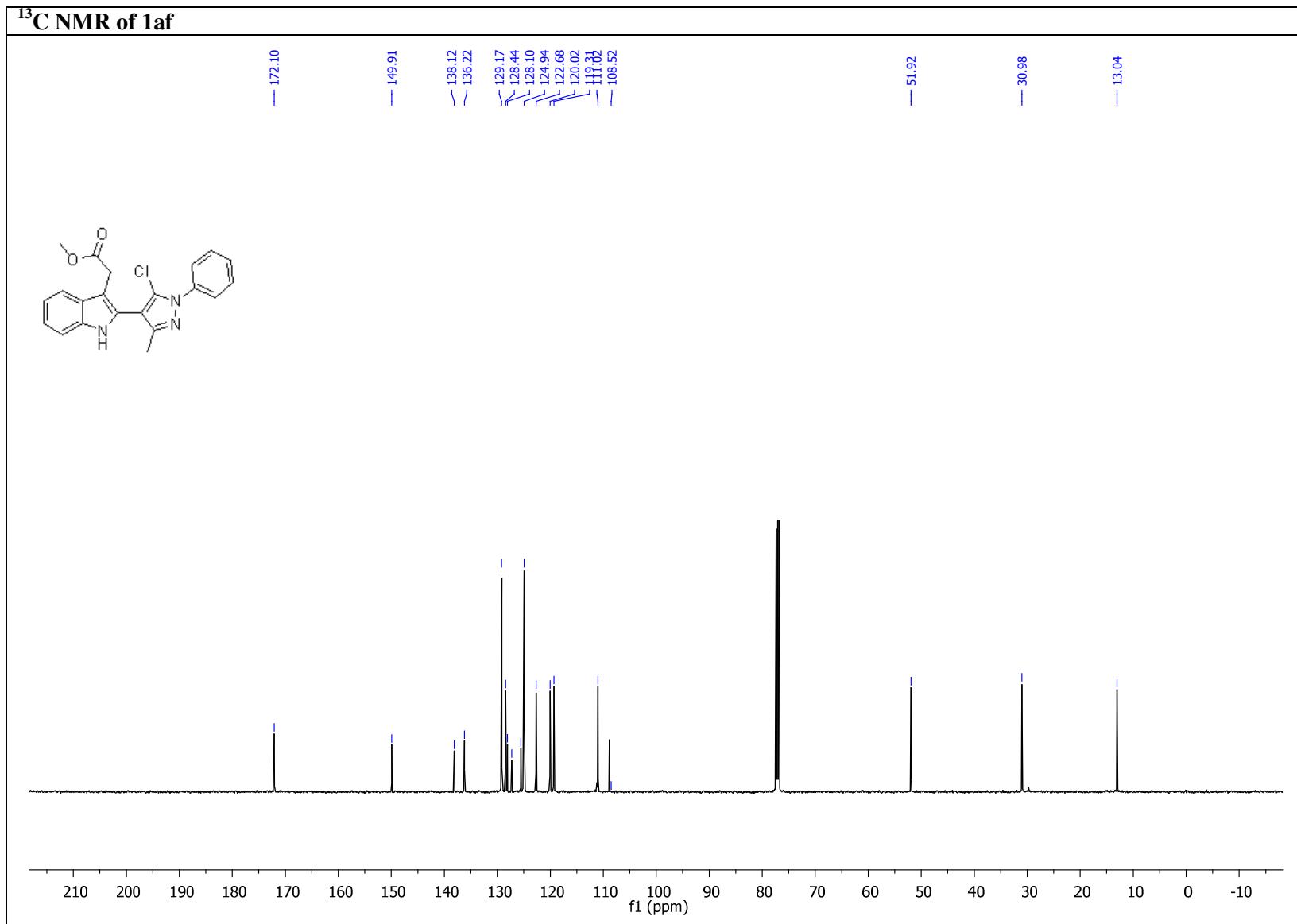
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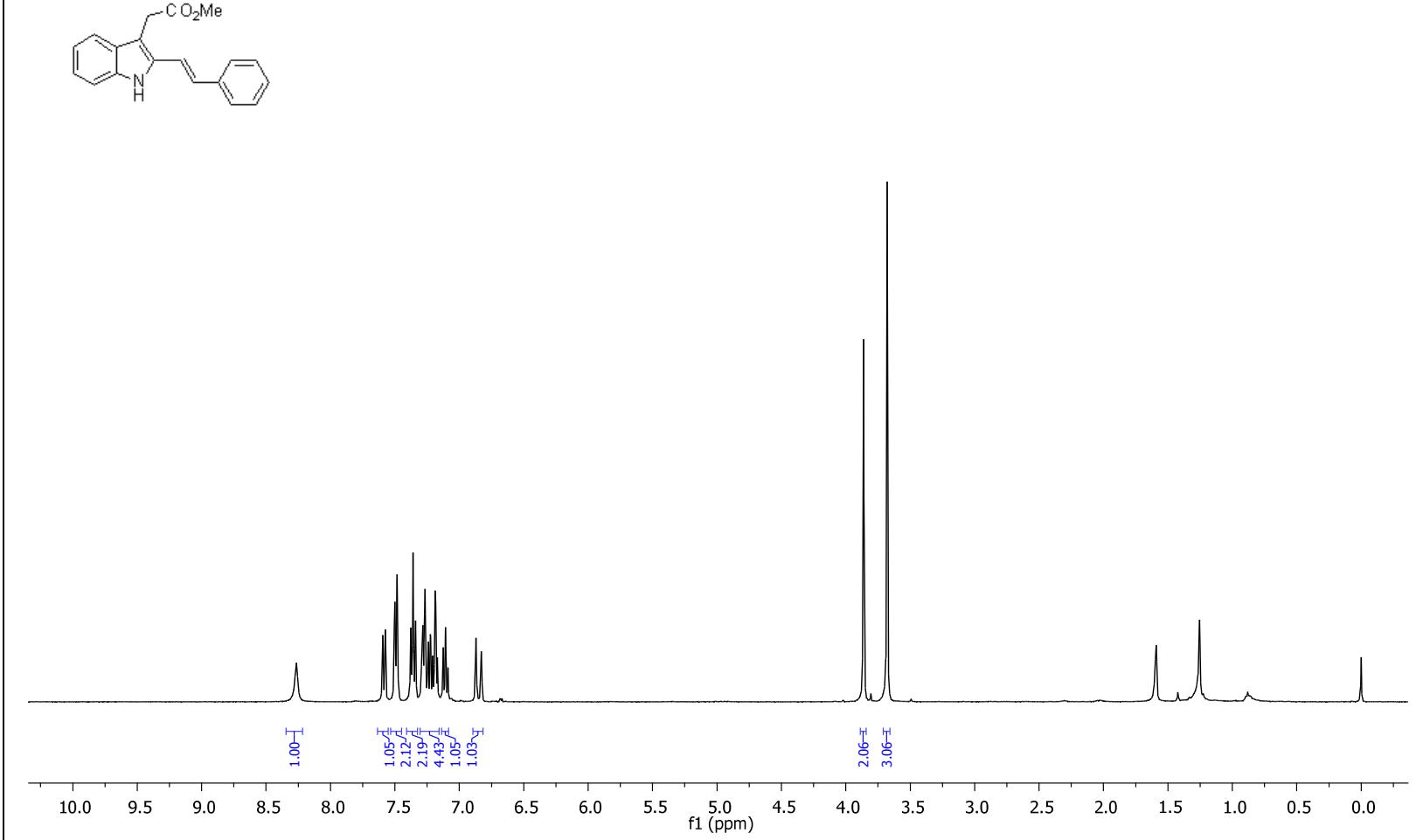
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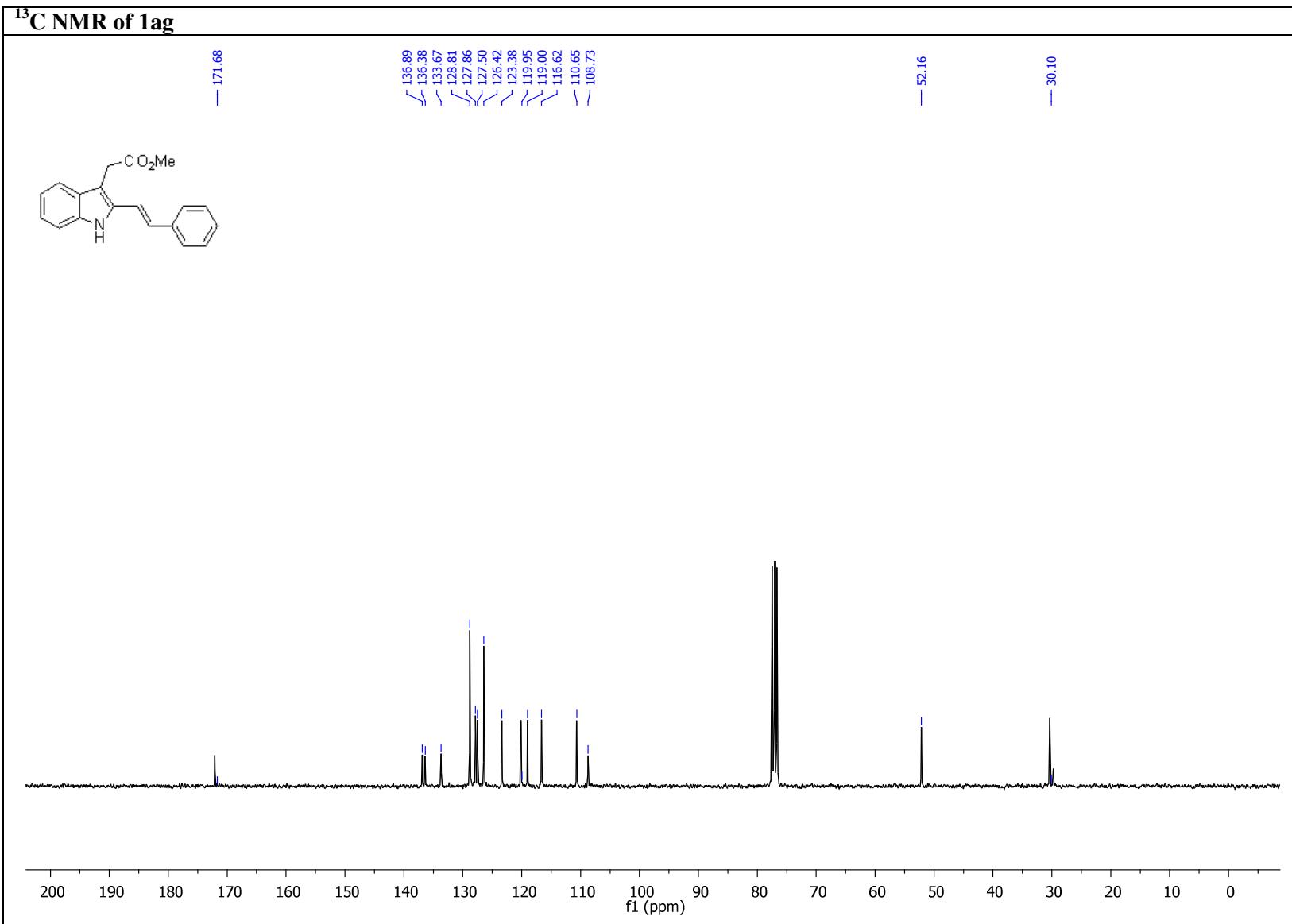
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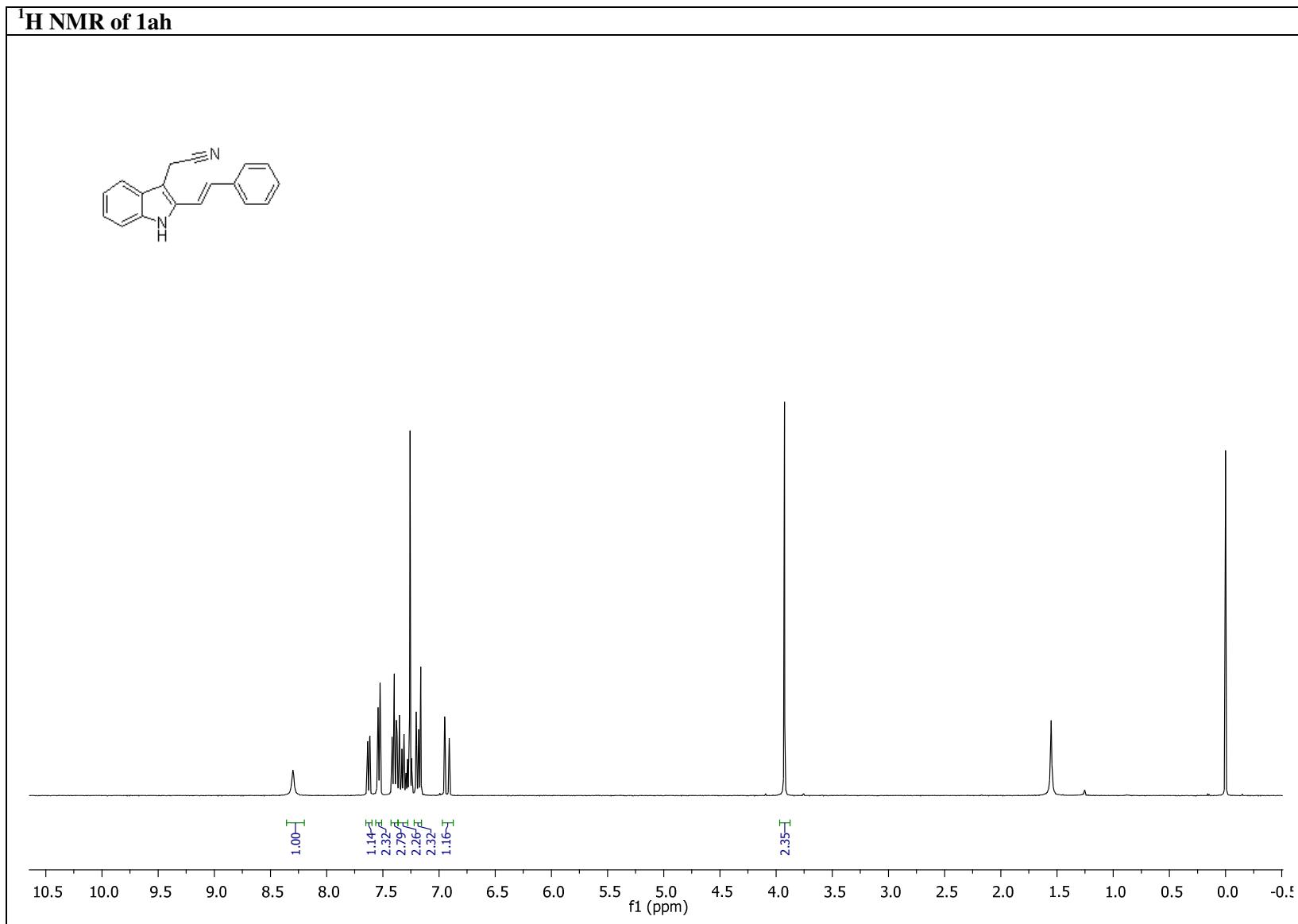
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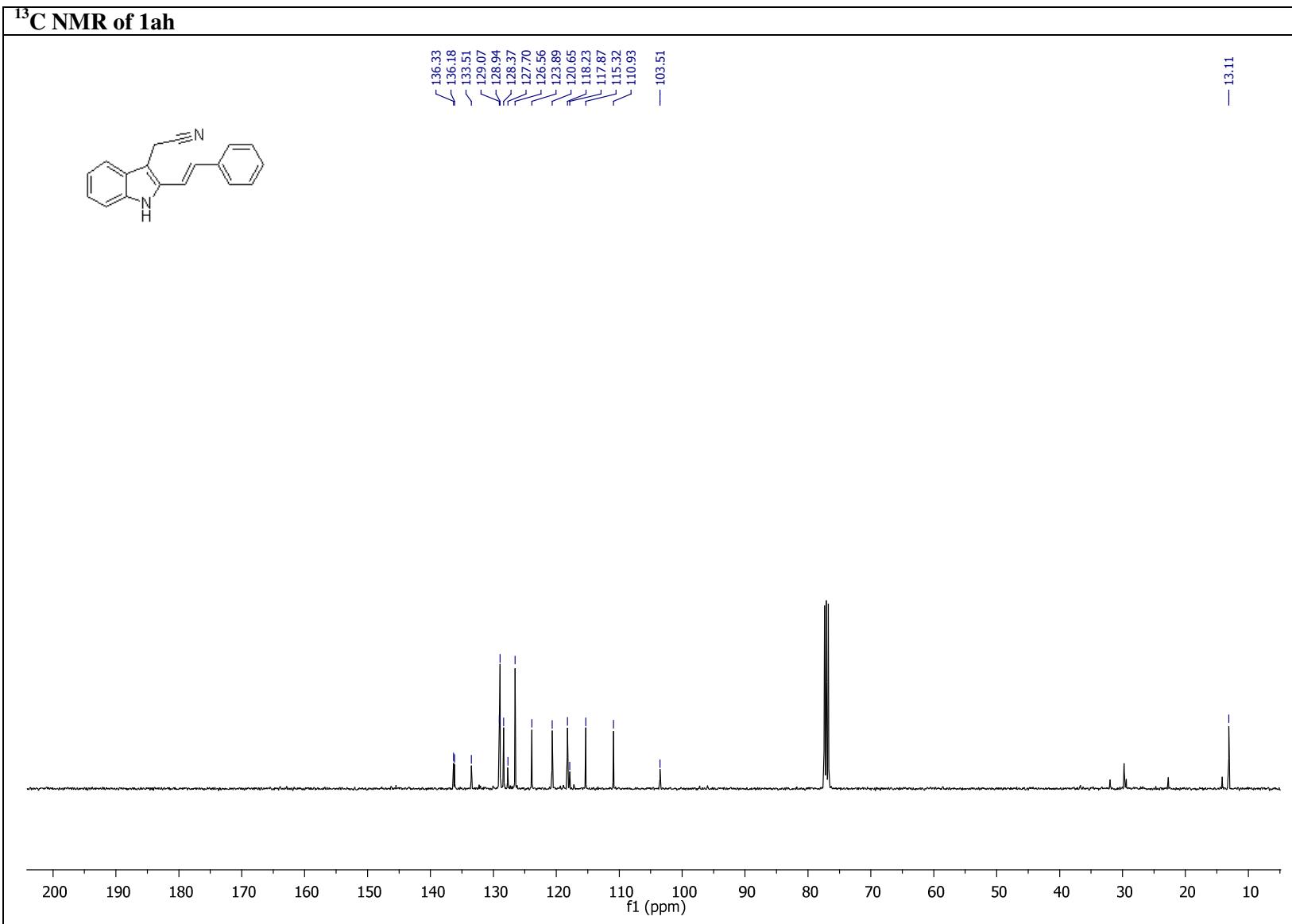
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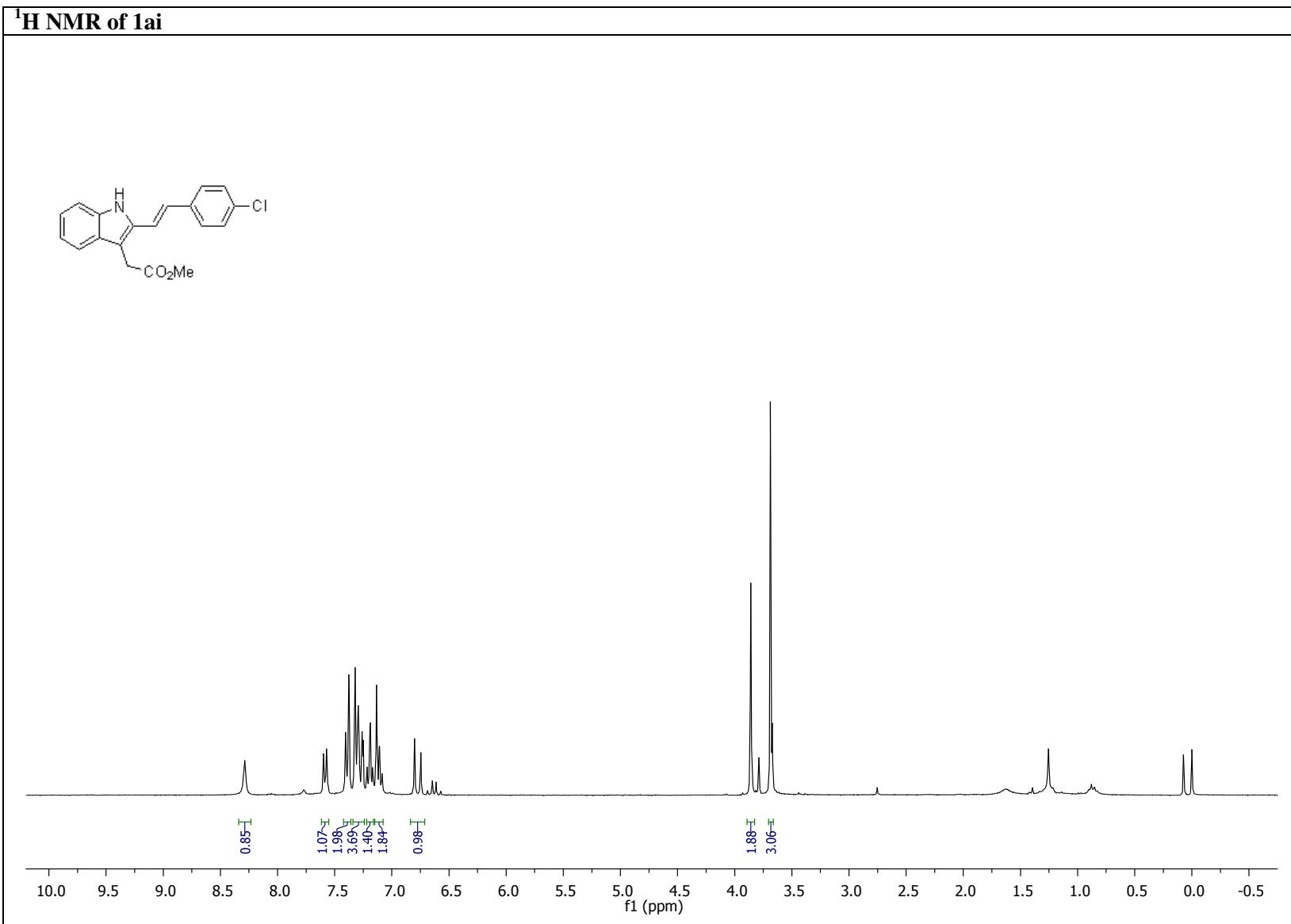
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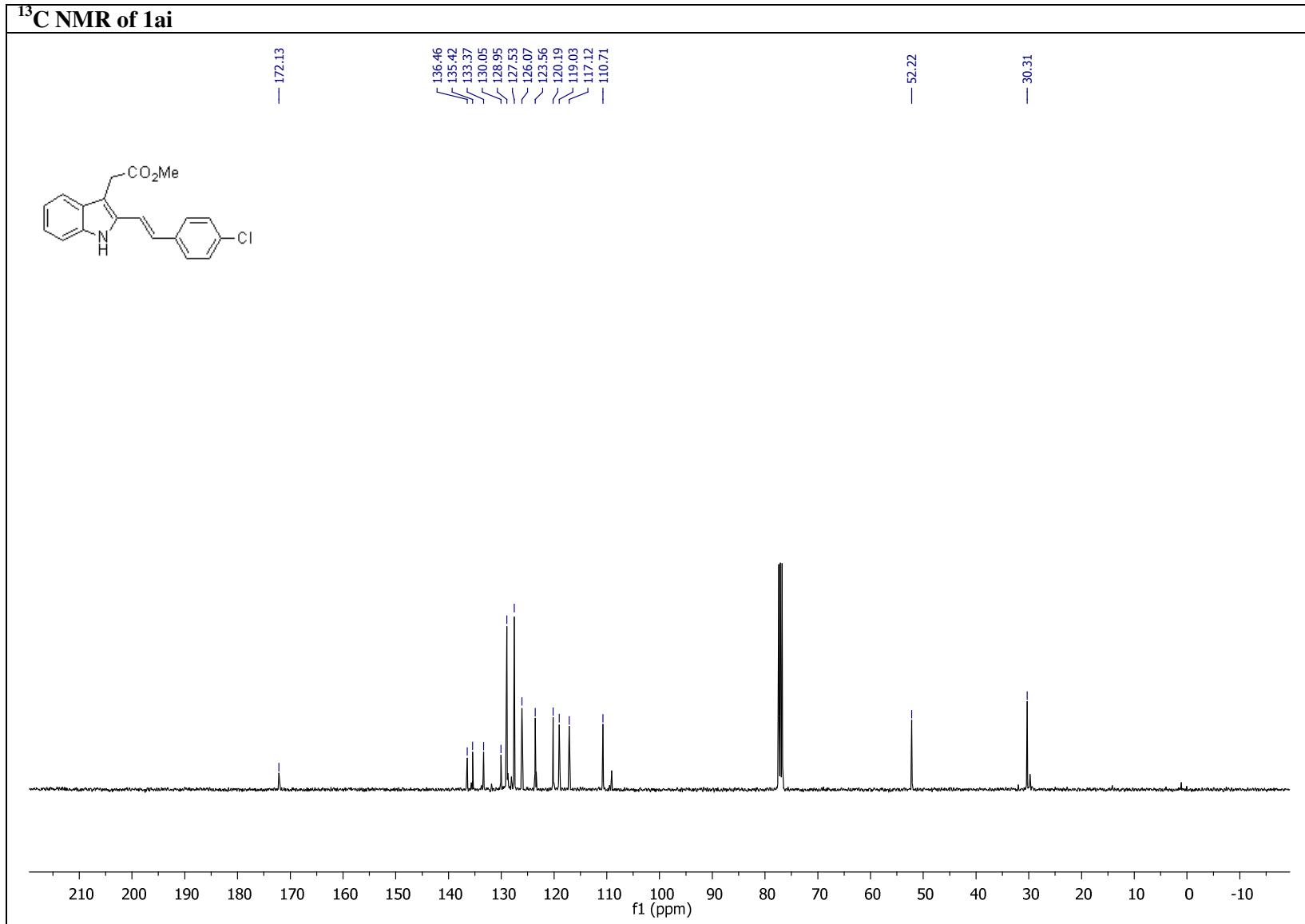
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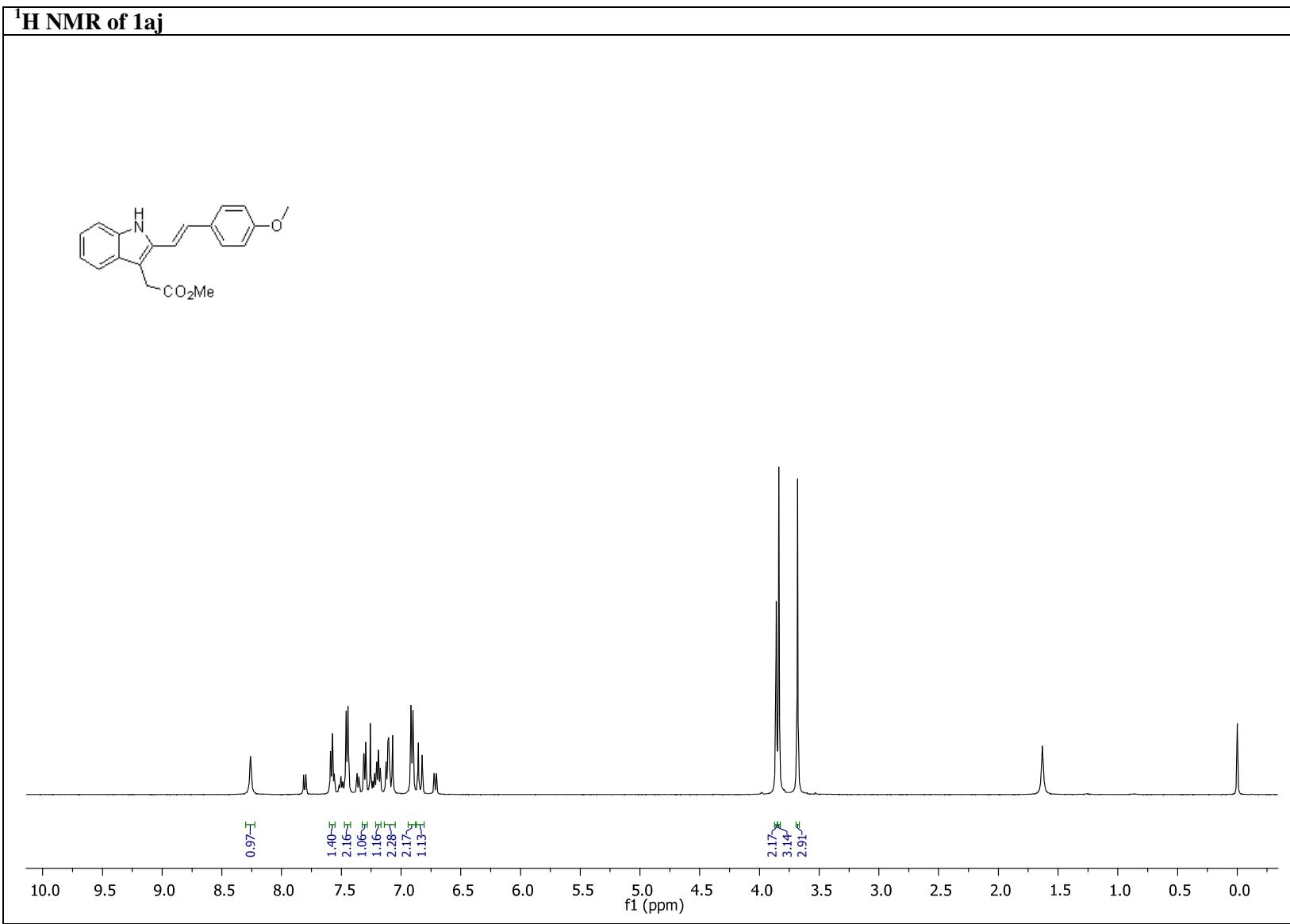
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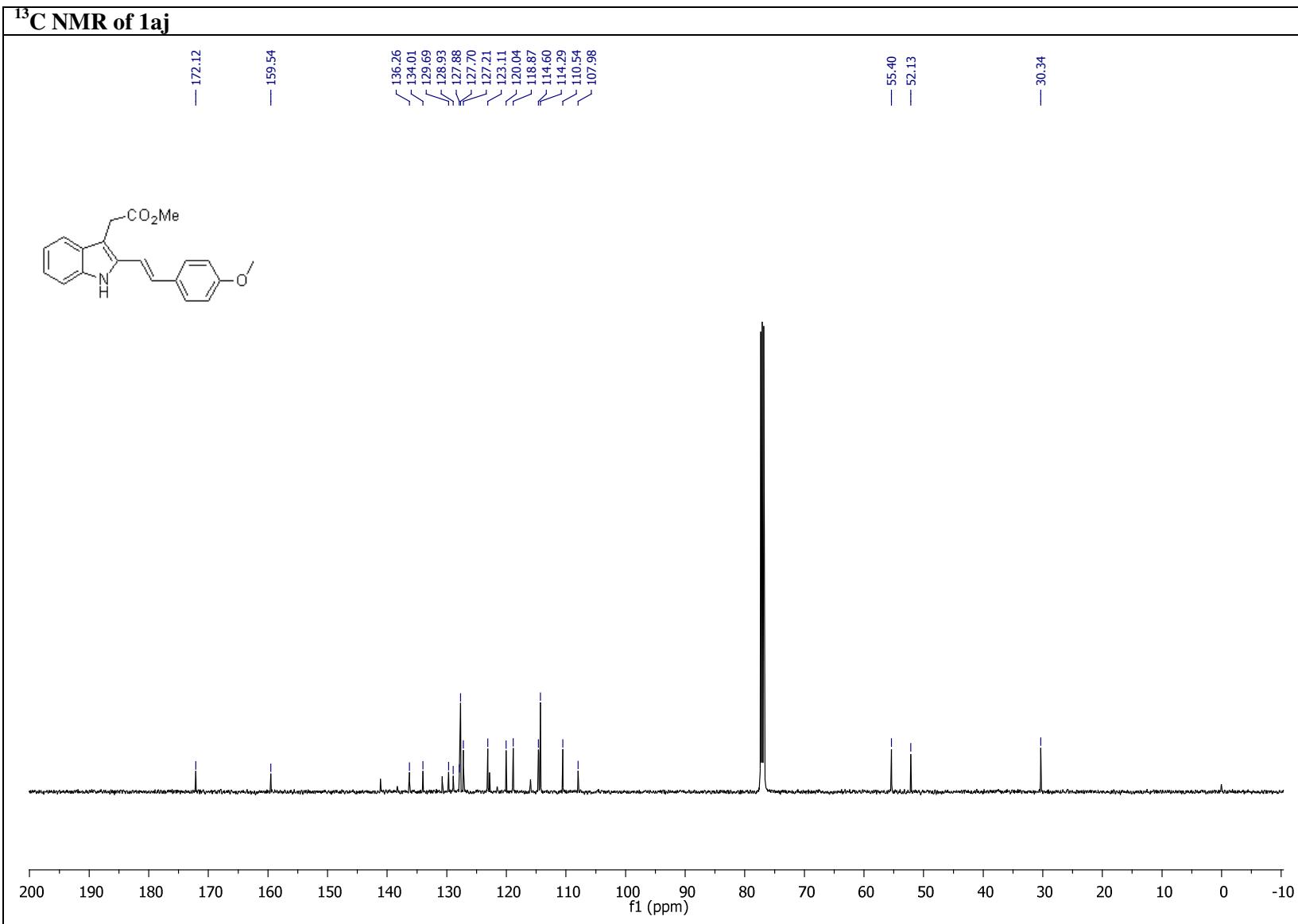
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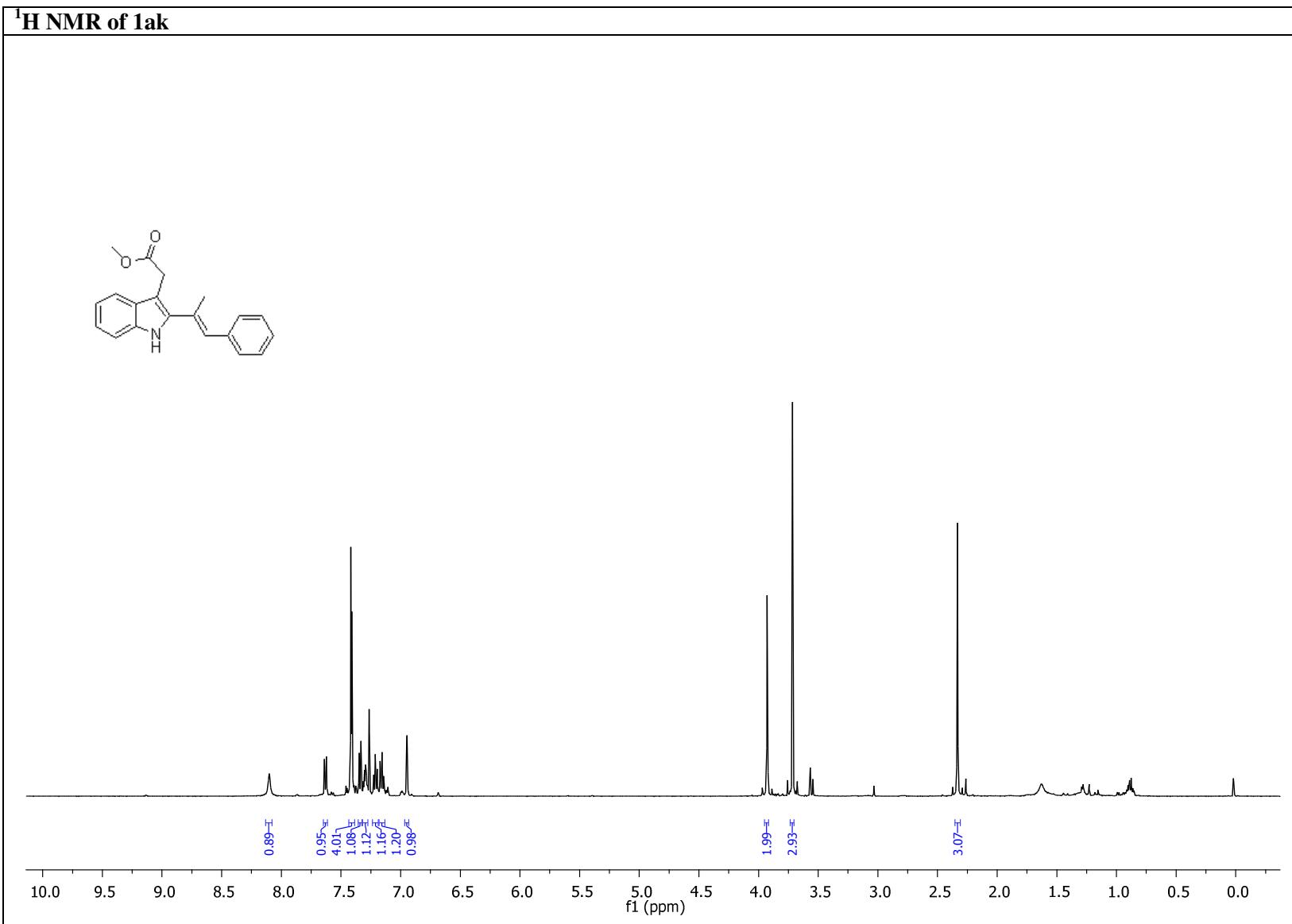
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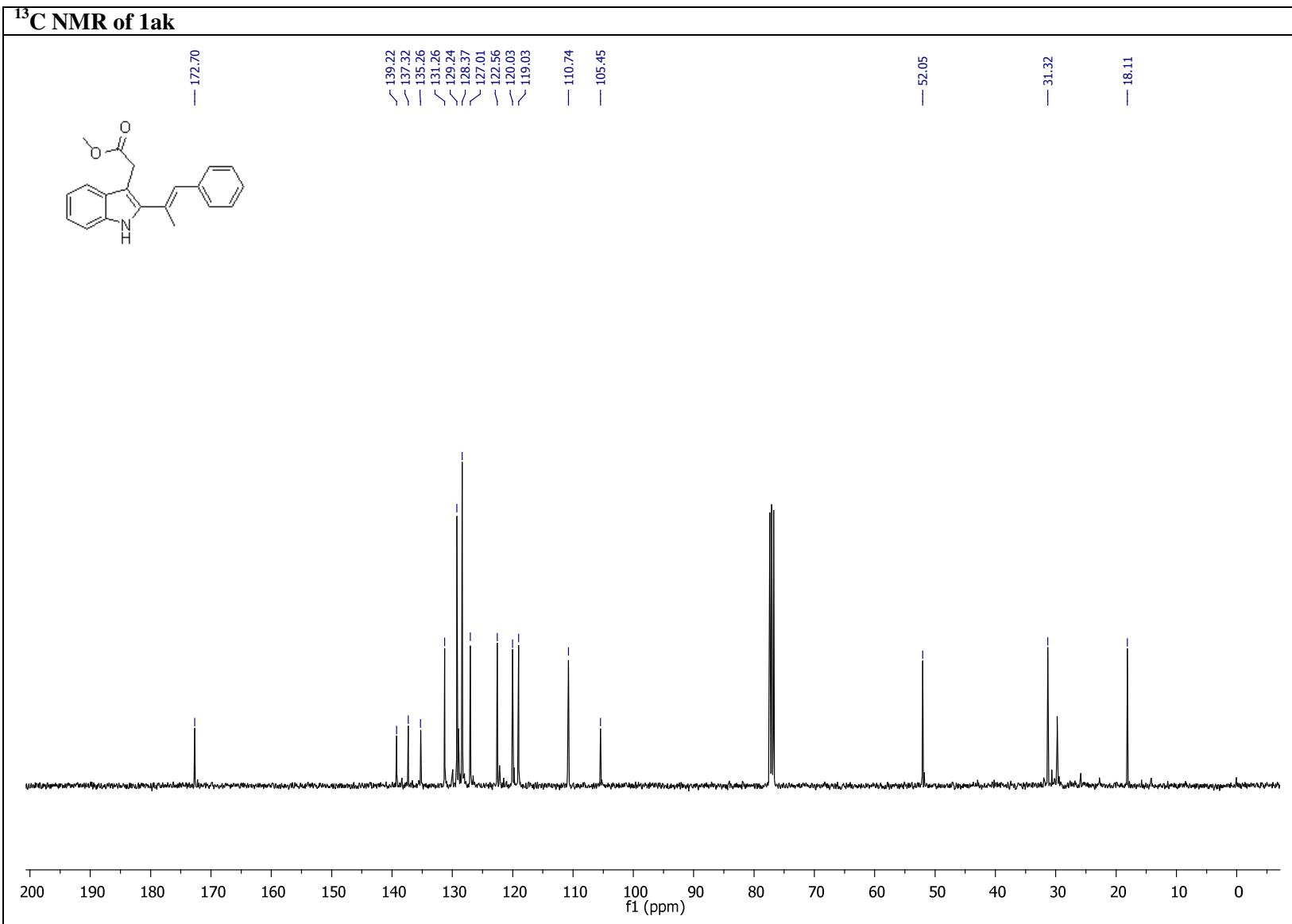
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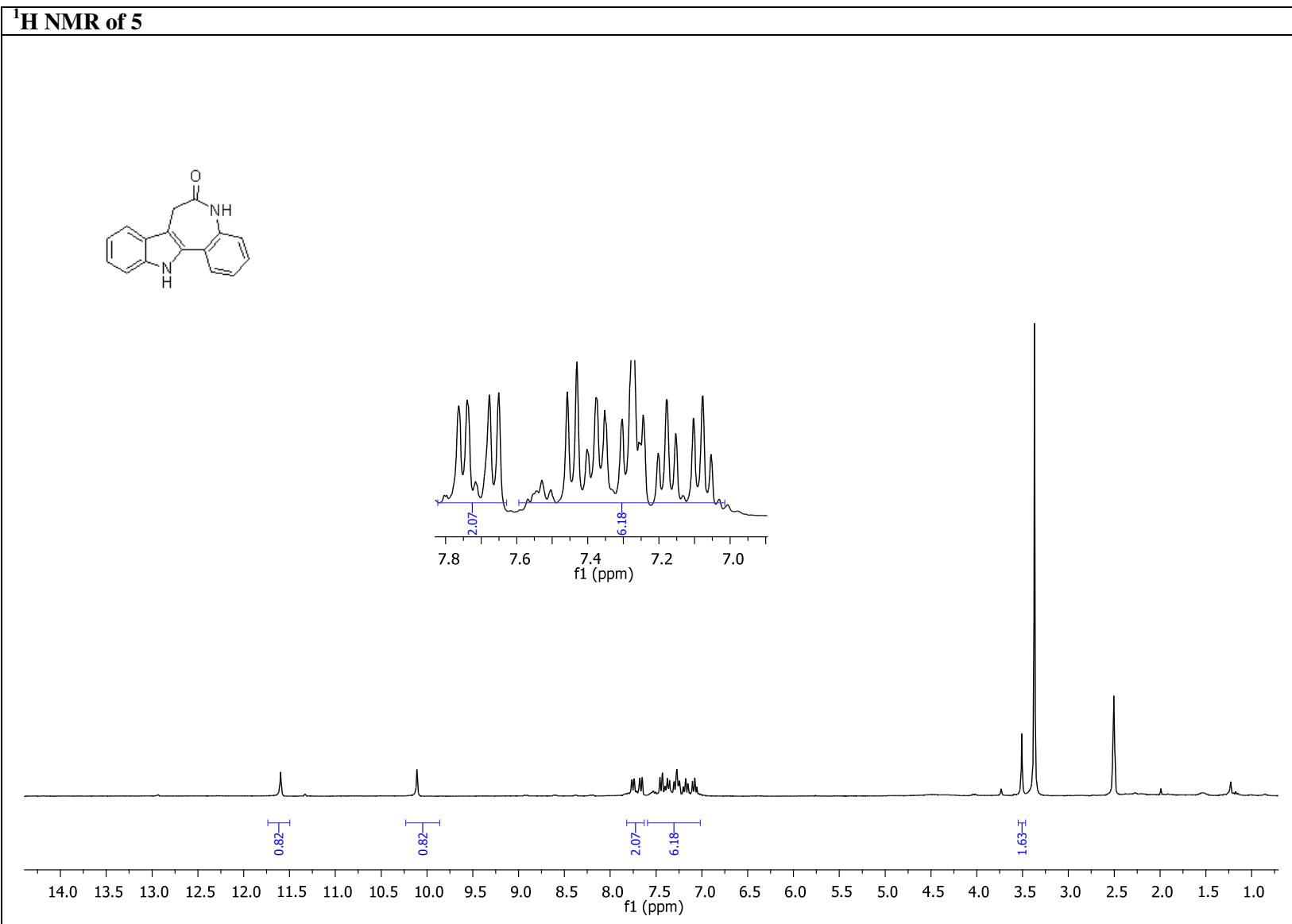
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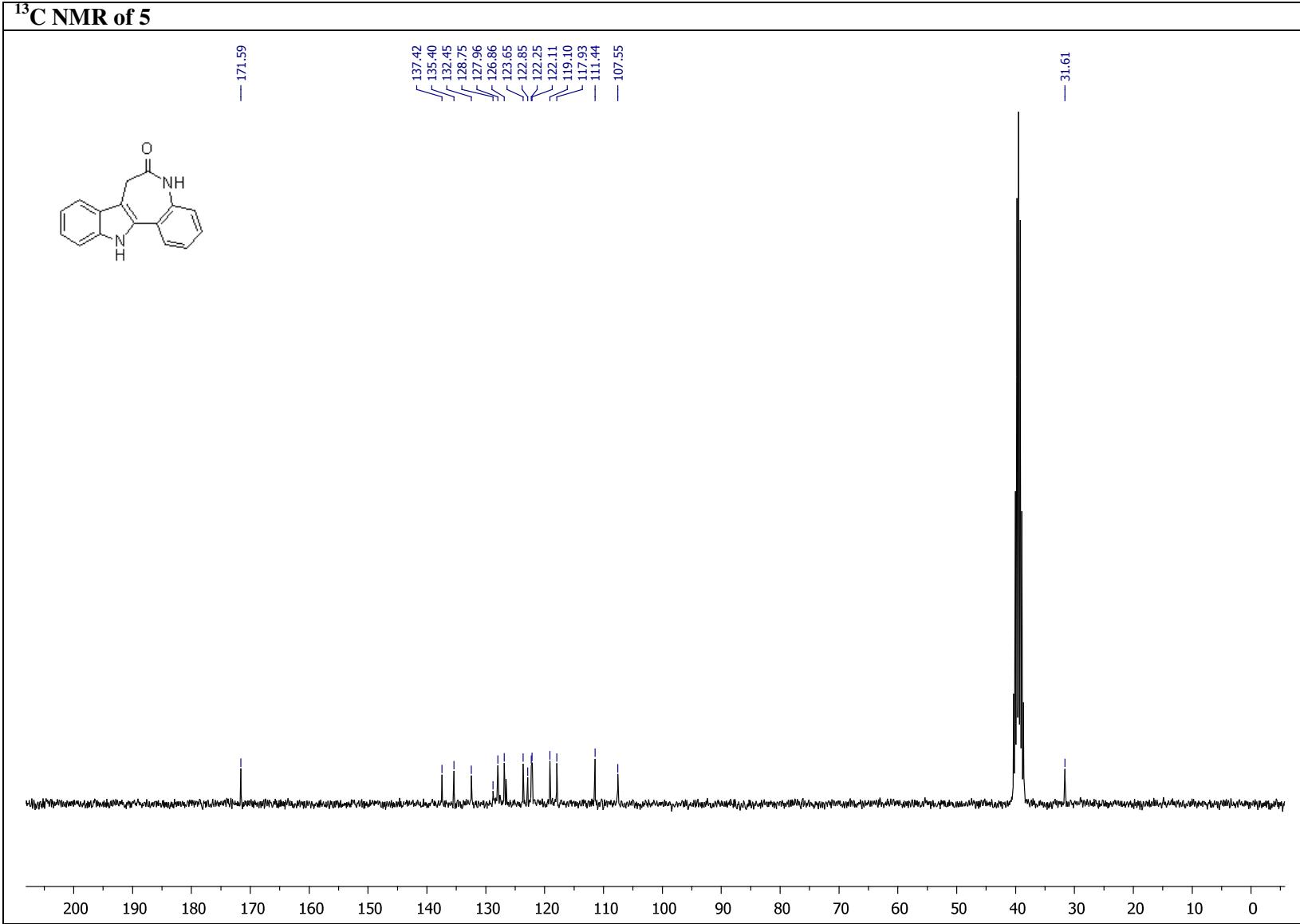
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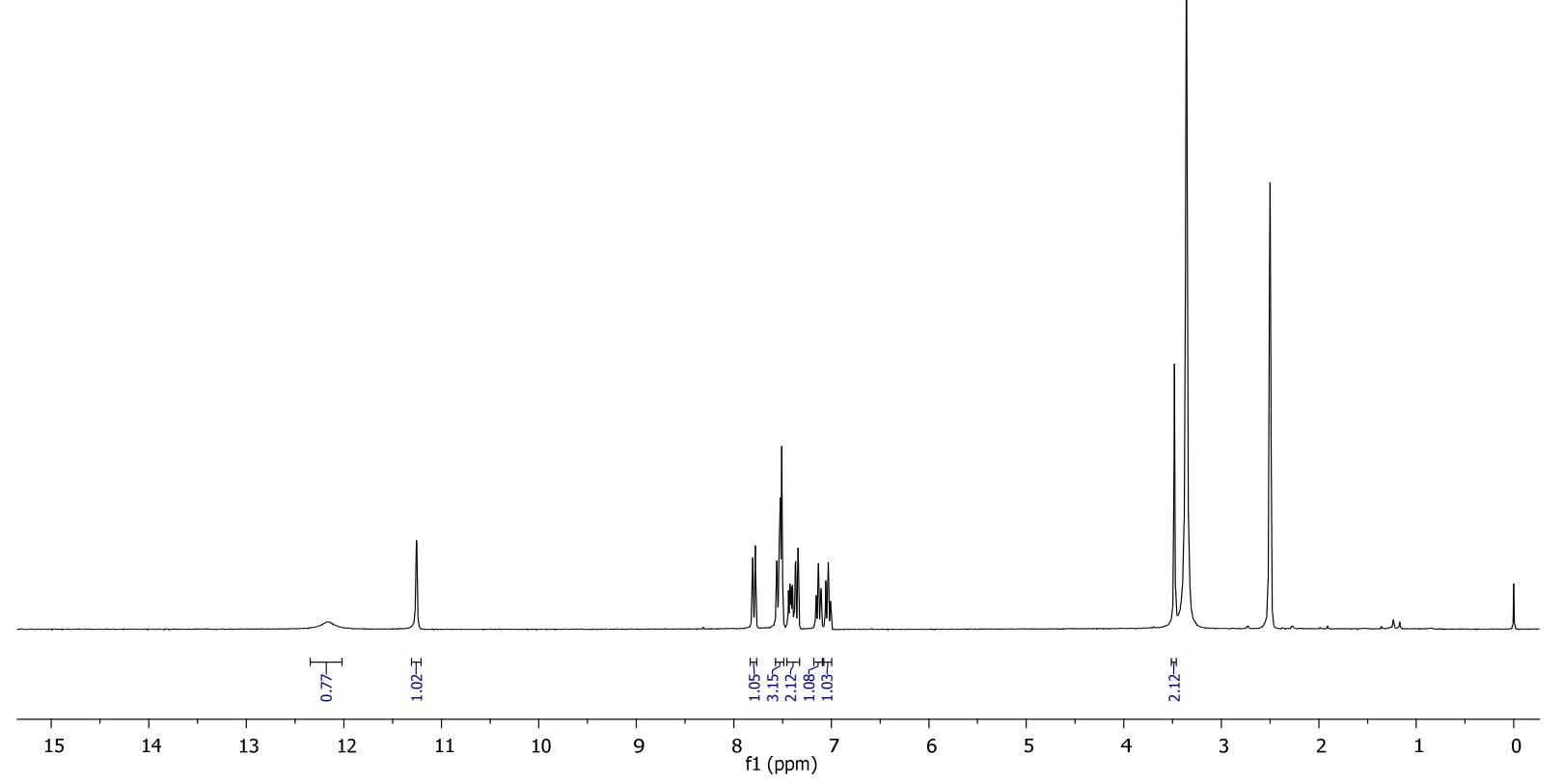
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