

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Poly(ethylene) glycols and mechanochemistry for the preparation of bioactive 3,5-disubstituted hydantoins.

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### General Remarks and Experimental Procedures

All reagents were commercially available. All the starting  $\alpha$ -amino esters were in the *L*-form. 5-Phenyl hydantoin was prepared as previously described.<sup>1</sup> NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature with the appropriate deuterated solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub> or *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals (CHCl<sub>3</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  = 7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  = 77.04 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR); *J* values are given in Hz. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were registered at 300 MHz or 400 MHz, the samples were prepared by dissolving 15 mg of hydantoin in 0.7 mL of deuterated solvent. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded using 32 and 4096 scans respectively. The identity of analytically pure final products was assessed by comparison of their <sup>1</sup>H NMR data previously described in the literature and by their fragmentation in LC/MS. HRMS measurements were performed on a TOF mass analyser. Analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed with a UV-detector at 214 nm using a CHROMOLITH RP18 column (50 x 4.6 mm), flow 5 mL/min, linear gradient CH<sub>3</sub>CN in water 0-100% (+ 0.1% TFA) in 3 min. LC-MS analyses were performed by HPLC, column Onyx C<sub>18</sub>, (25 x 4.6 mm), flow 3 mL/min linear gradient CH<sub>3</sub>CN in water 0-100% (+ 0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H) in 2.5 min. Melting points were measured on a Büchi Melting Point 510 apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Nexus<sup>TM</sup> E.S.P. (Thermo Nicolet, USA) FT-IR spectrometer equipped with high pressure diamond cell. The ball-milling experiments were performed in a MM200 vibrational ball mill (Retsch GmbH, Haan, Germany) using 5 mL stainless steel jar (2 stainless steel balls, 5 mm Ø), a PM100 planetary mill (Retsch GmbH, Haan, Germany) using a 12 mL stainless steel jar (25 or 50 stainless steel balls, 5 mm Ø) or a Pulverisette 7 Premium (Fritsch GmbH, Idar-Oberstein, Germany) using a 20 mL stainless steel jar (40 stainless steel

balls, 5 mm Ø). All compounds displayed identical spectral data compared to literature. Enantiomeric excess (*e.e.*) and ratio (*e.r.*) were measured using a Beckman Coulter System Gold 126 Solvent Module HPLC machine and Beckman Coulter System Gold 168 Detector. Column: direct phase CHIRACEL OD-RH (0.46 x 25 cm) for compound **4**, using *n*-hexanes and 2-propanol as solvents (ratio 90:10 v/v, Flow: 1 mL/min,  $\lambda = 214$  nm).

**Table S1. Screening of mechanochemical parameters to prepare **2** by Method A.**

Ball-Mill	Jar Material	Frequency (Hz) / Rotation speed (rpm)	Time (min.)	Yield (%)
PBM	Stainless steel	450 rpm	120	76
VBM	Stainless steel	30 Hz	120	75
VBM	WC	30 Hz	120	74

**Table S2. Synthesis of hydantoins. Comparison between mechanochemical (BM) and solution methods.**

Product	Yield (%)	
	BM (A or B) <sup>a</sup>	In Solution <sup>b</sup>
<b>2</b>	84, B	82 <sup>2</sup>
<b>11</b>	79, A	94 <sup>3</sup>
<b>12</b>	40, B	70 <sup>4</sup> , 60 <sup>5</sup>
<b>13</b>	75, B	29 <sup>6</sup>
<b>14</b>	58, B	54 <sup>6</sup>
<b>16</b>	65, B	92 <sup>7</sup>
<b>17</b>	25, B	68 <sup>8</sup>
<b>18</b>	85, A	84 <sup>2</sup>

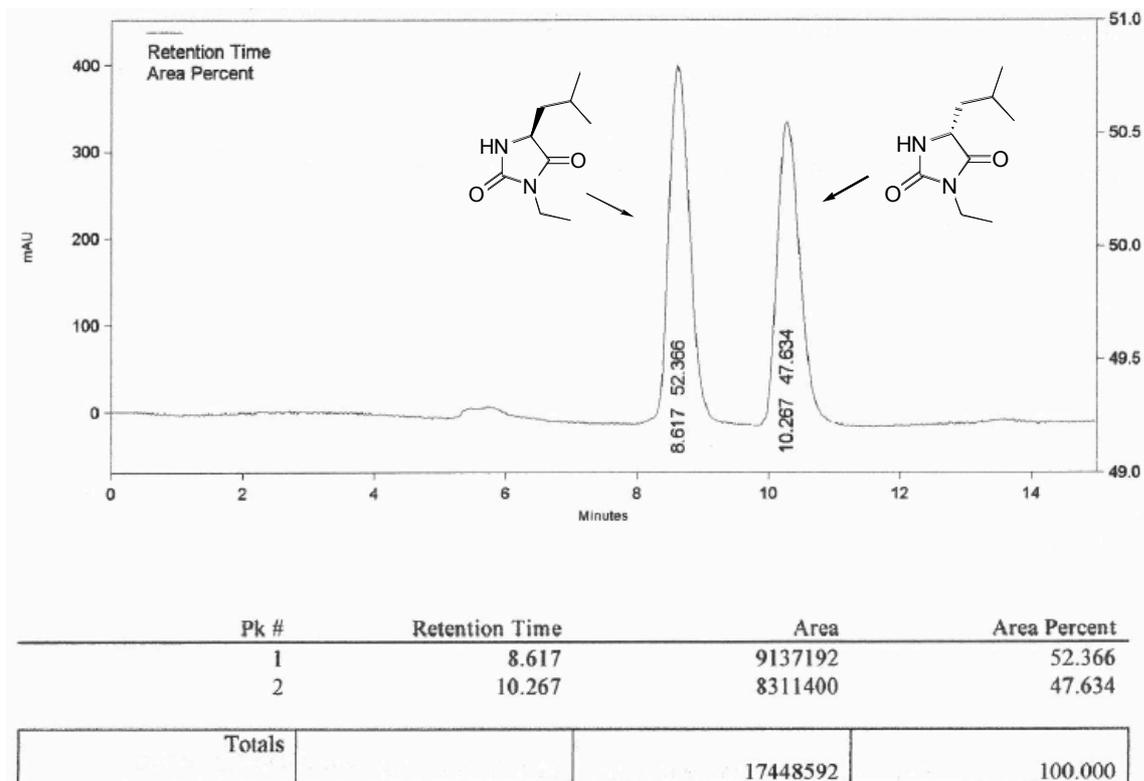
<sup>a</sup> For the same compound, the method giving the better yield was reported. Method A:  $\alpha$ -amino ester (1 equiv.), R<sup>2</sup>NCO (3 equiv.), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv.), 30 Hz, 120 min; Method B: (*step 1*)  $\alpha$ -amino ester (1 equiv.), CDI (1.3 equiv.), 450 rpm, 40 min.; (*step 2*) R<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> (1.6 equiv.), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.6 equiv.), 450 rpm, 120 min.; <sup>b</sup> For some compounds no comparison with solution procedure is possible: compounds **4-6**, **9** and **15** are hitherto unknown; compounds **7** and **8** are commercially available (509€/g) but the preparation in solution was never reported in the literature.

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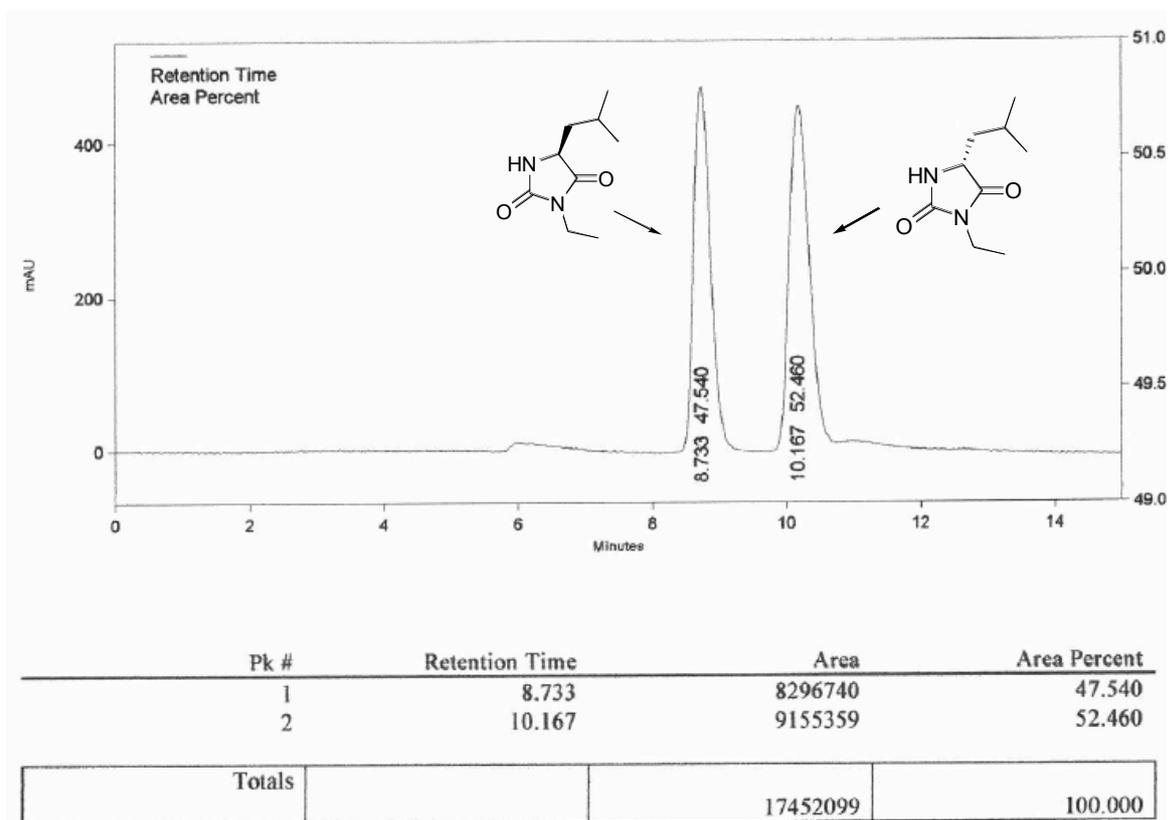
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### Chiral HPLC analyses of compound 4 prepared with Method B (Table 4):

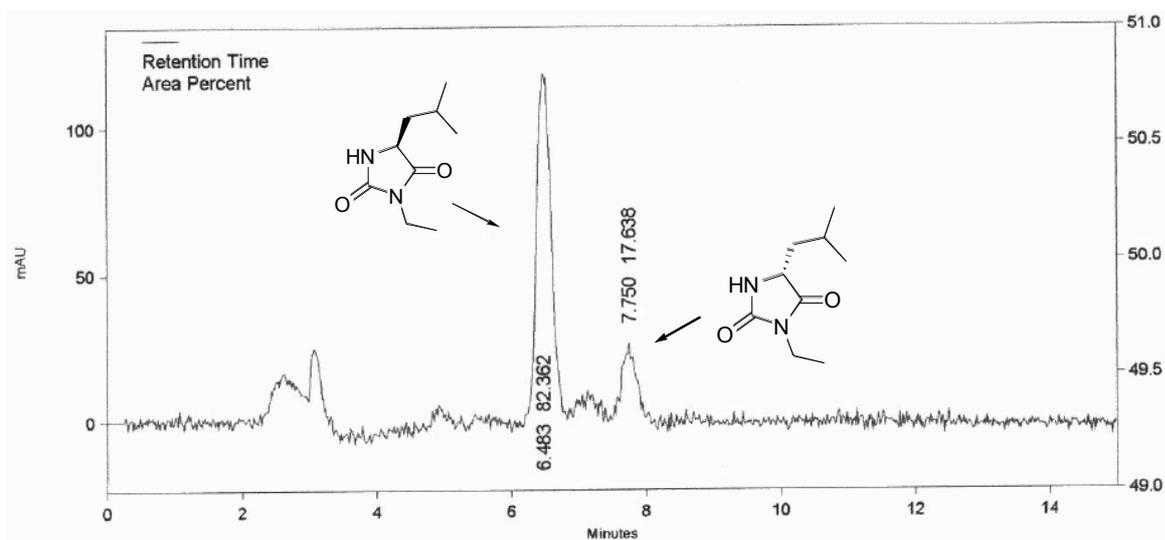
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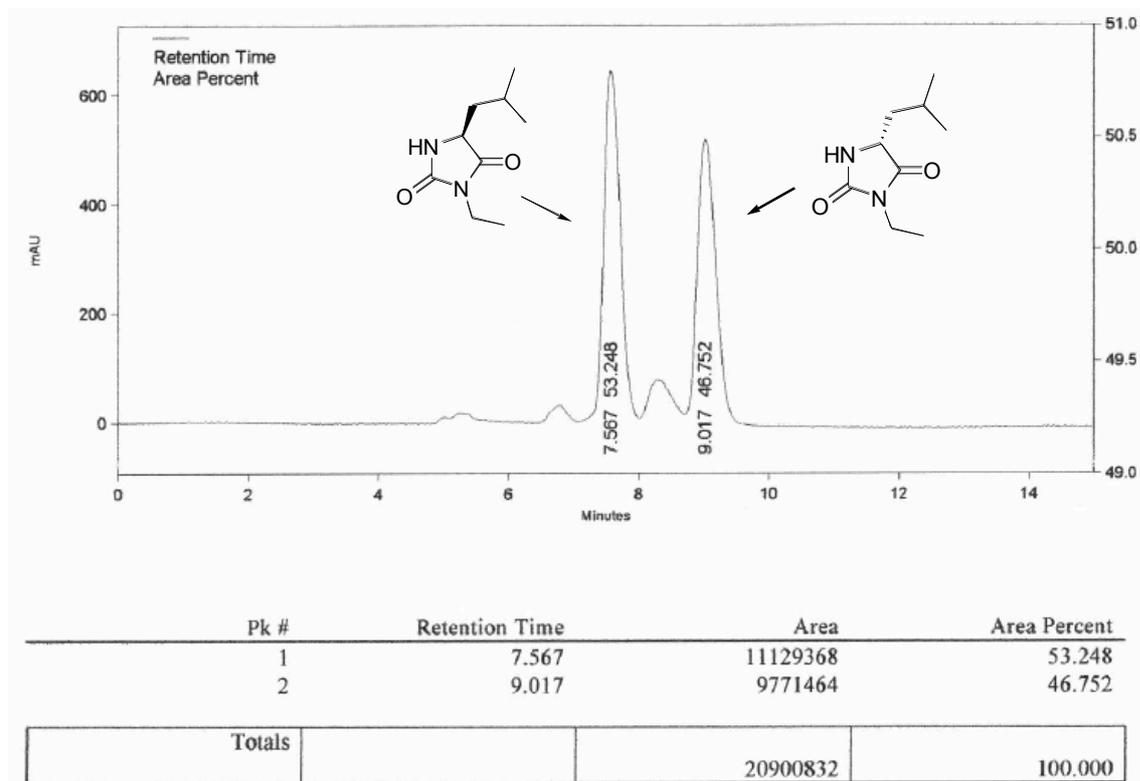
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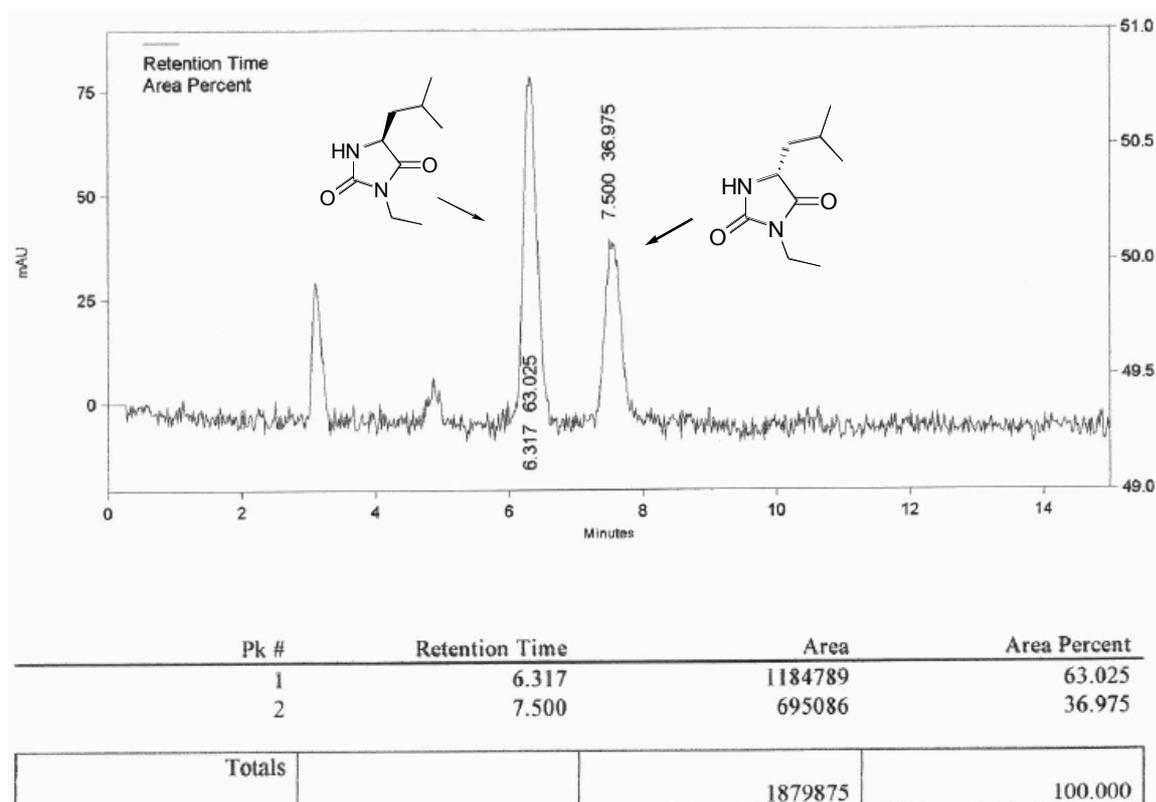
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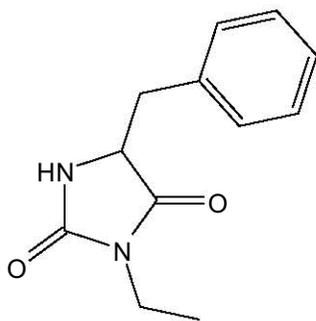
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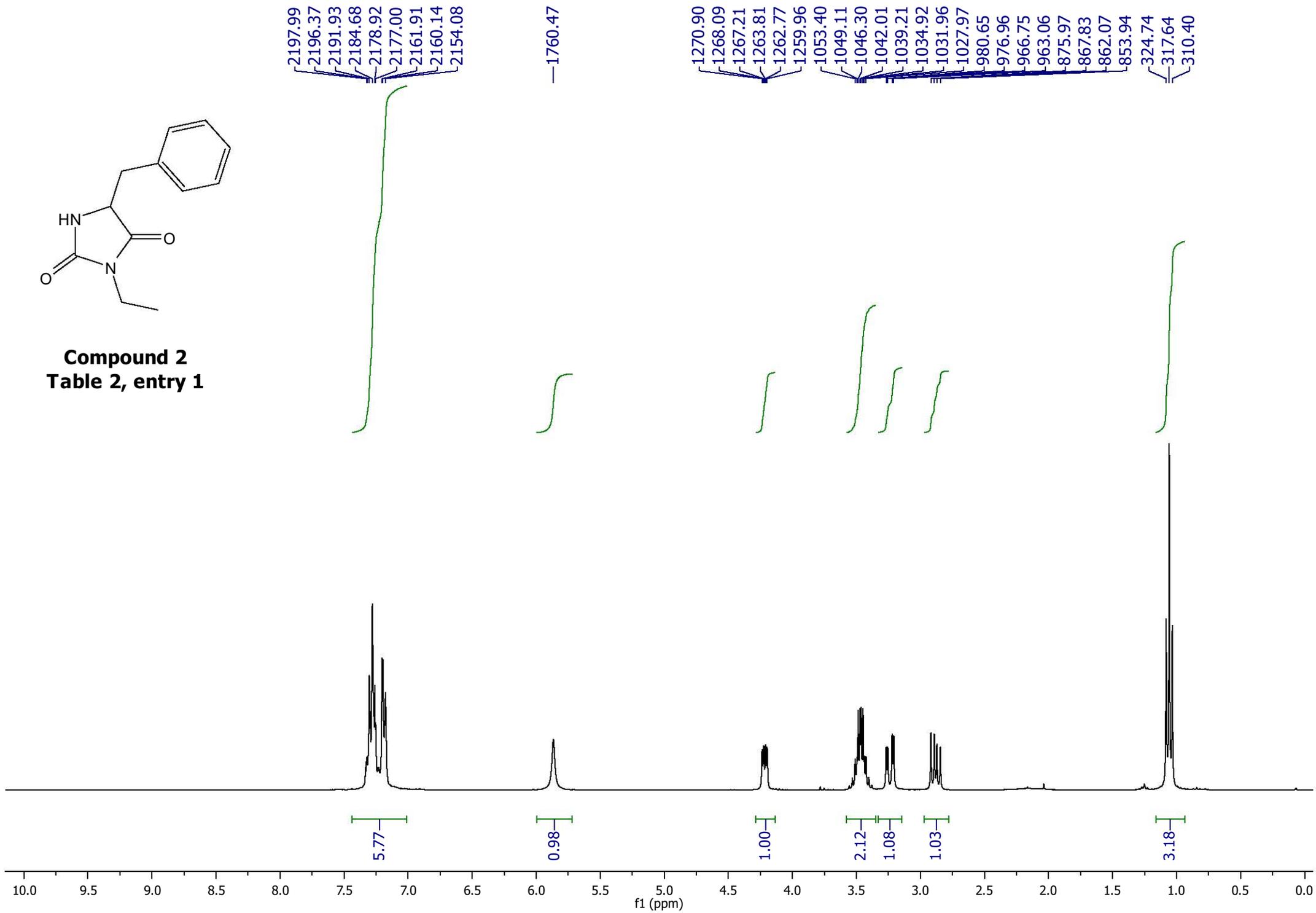


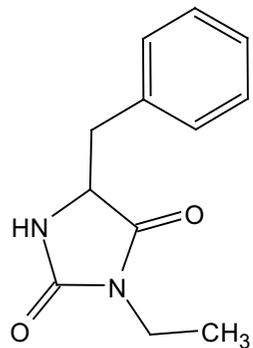
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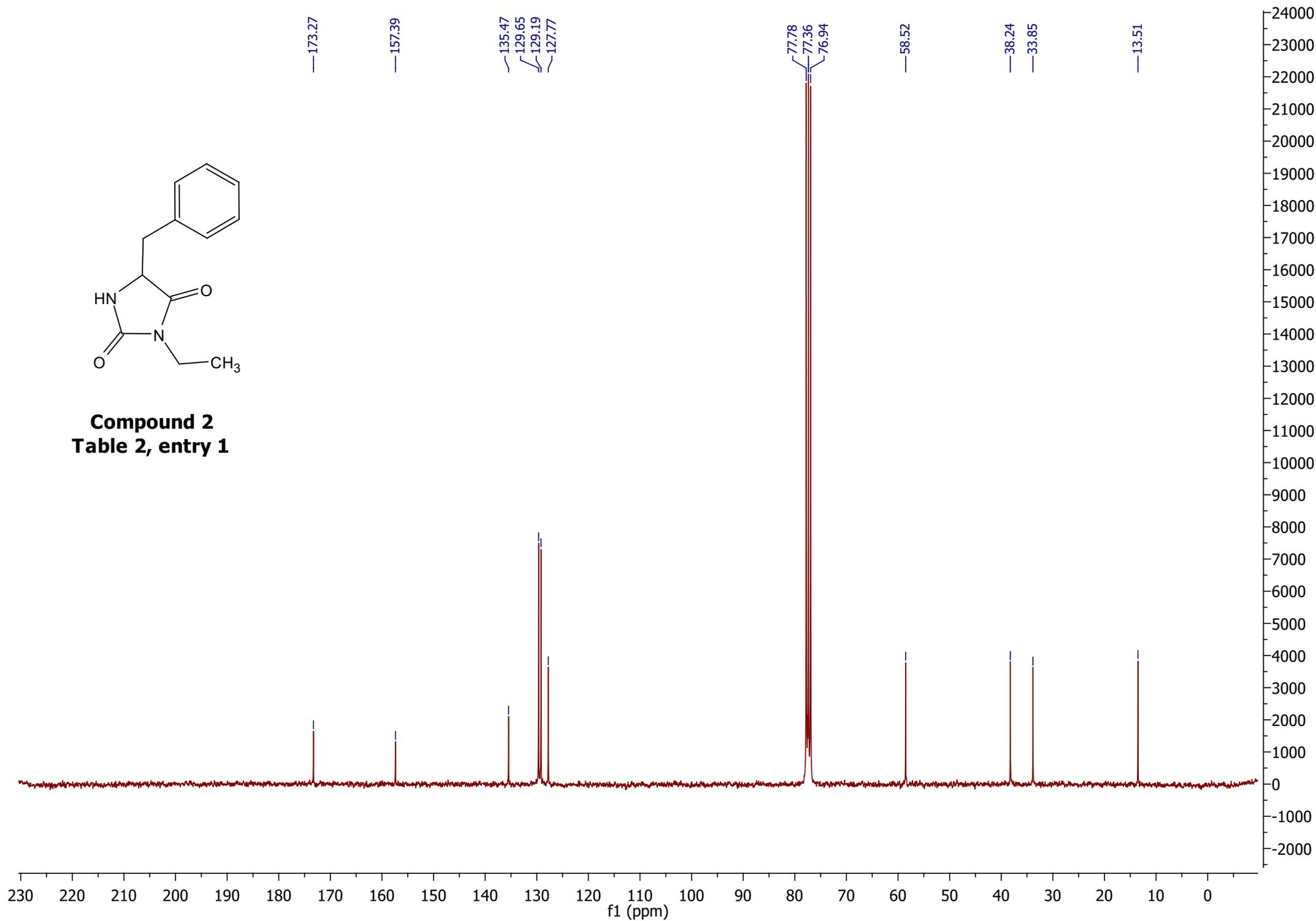


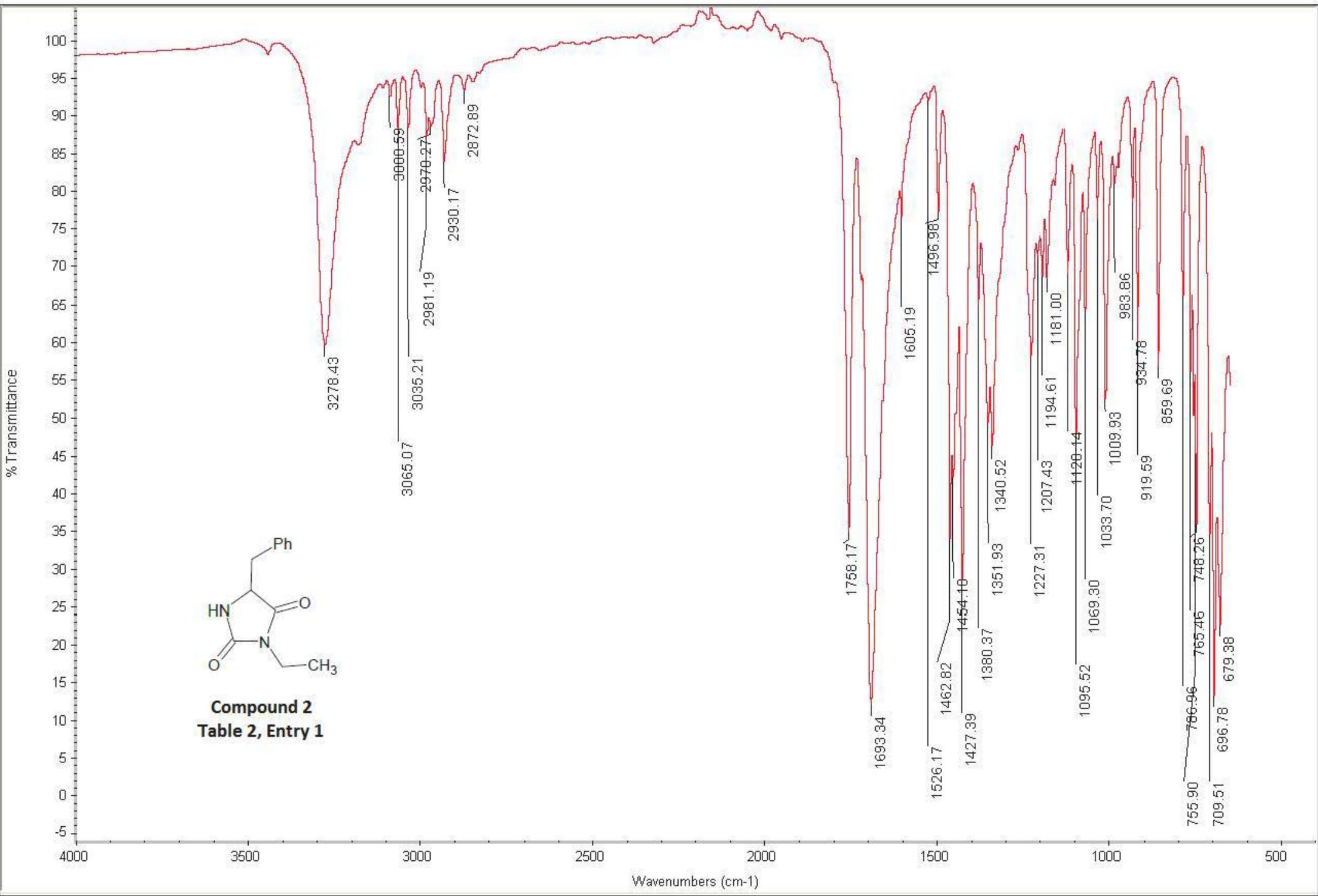
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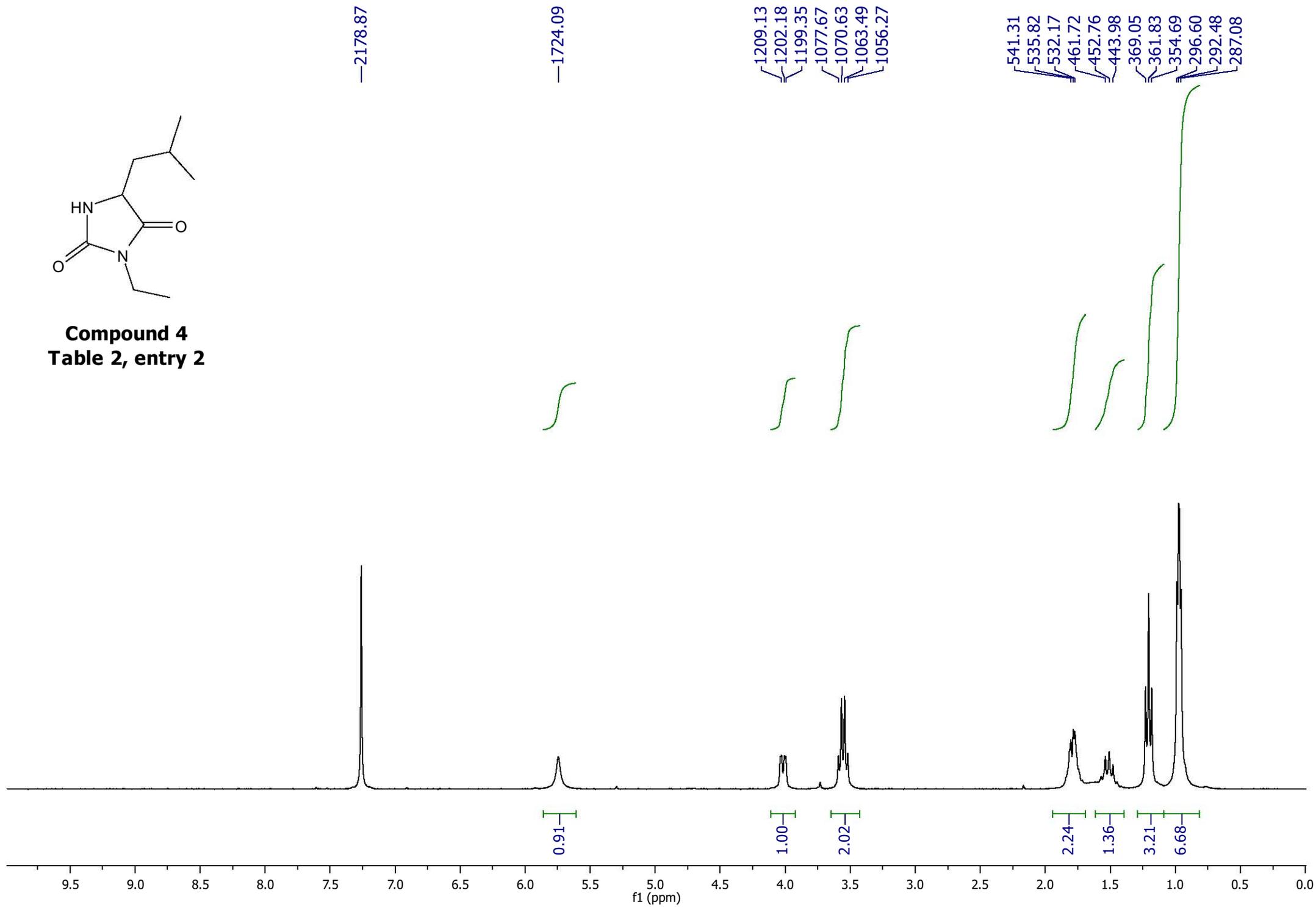
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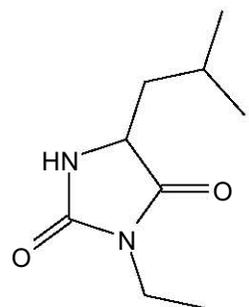




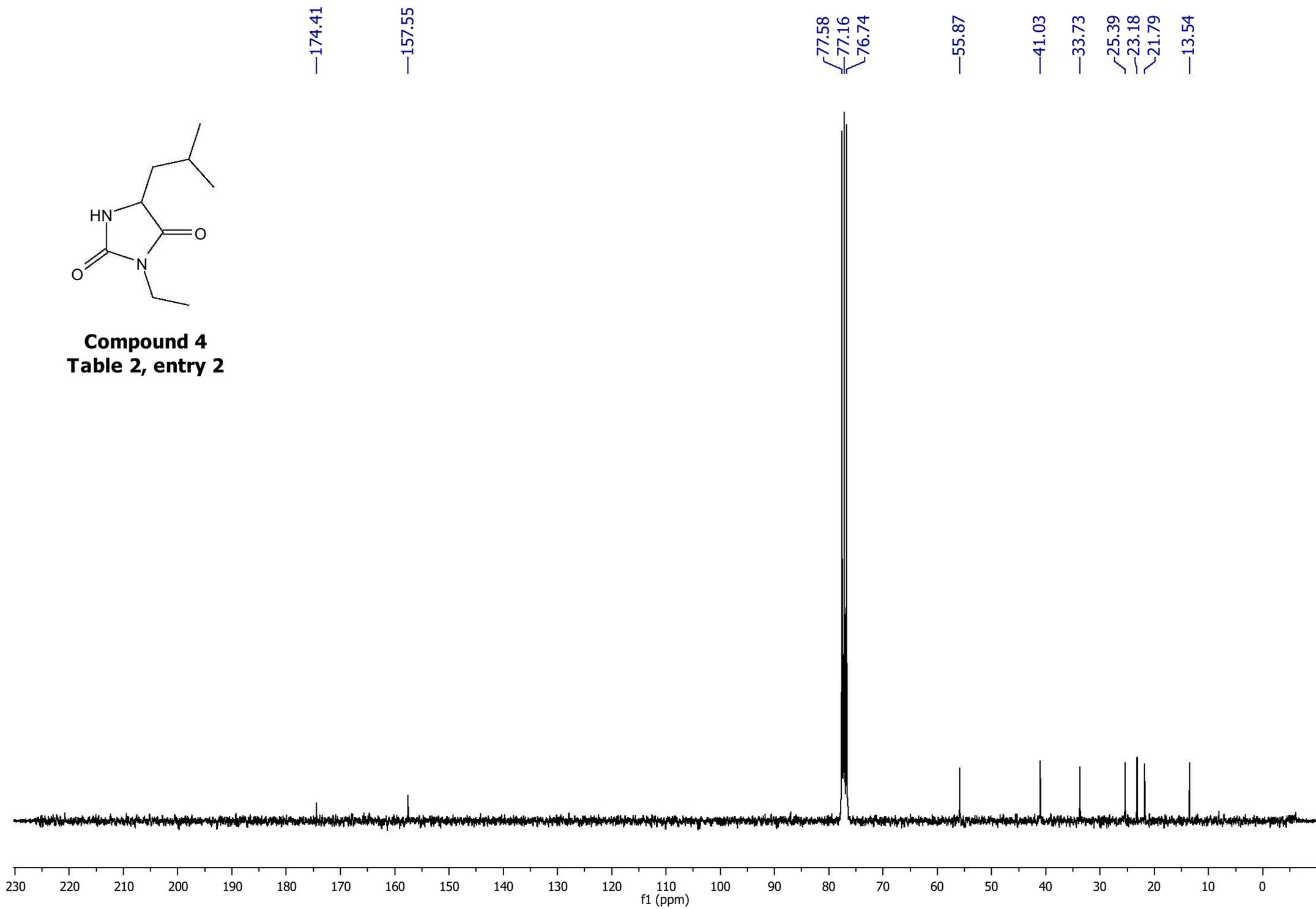


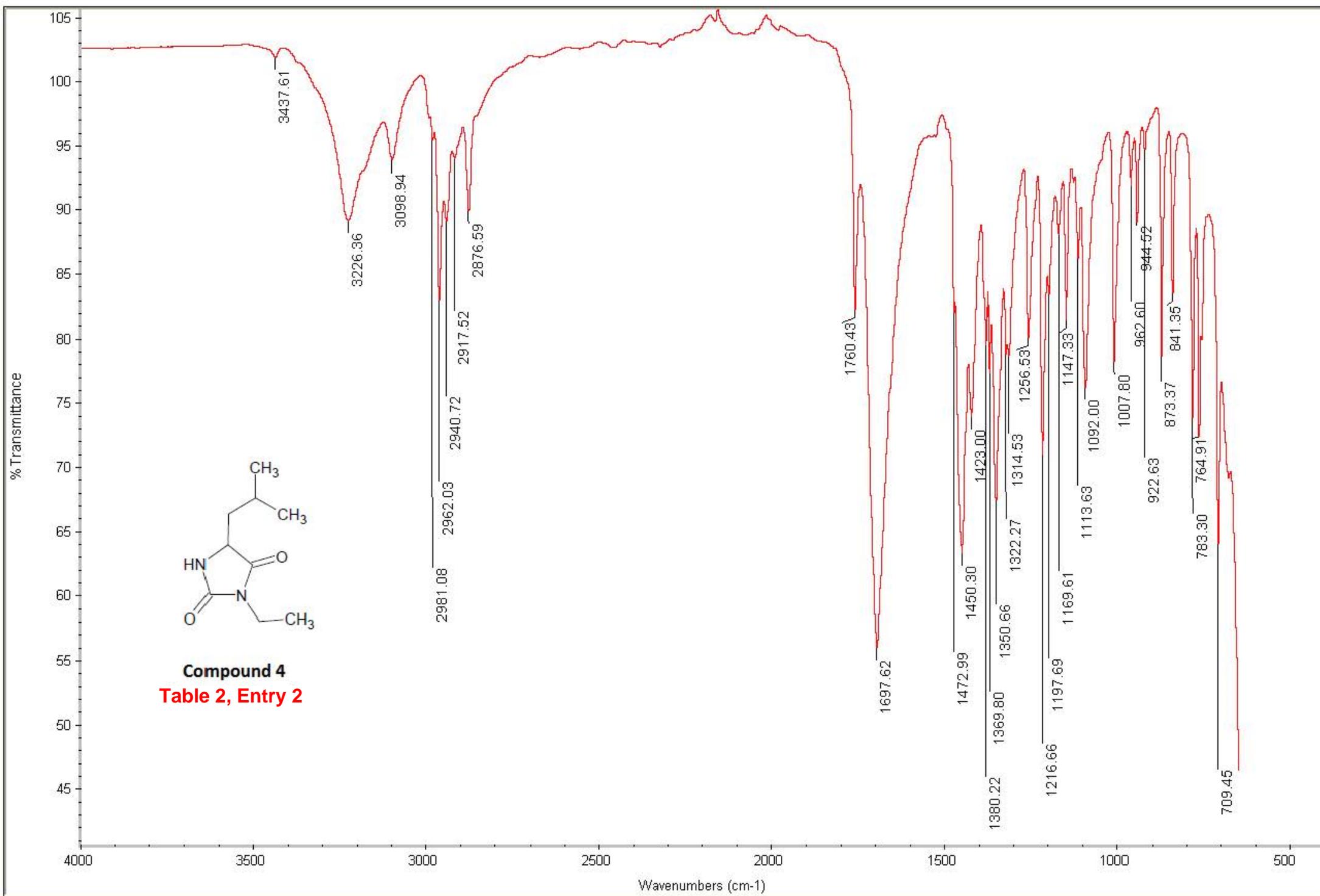
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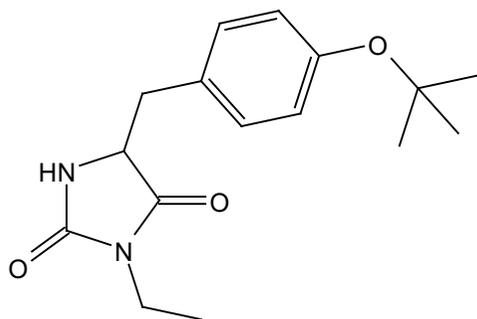




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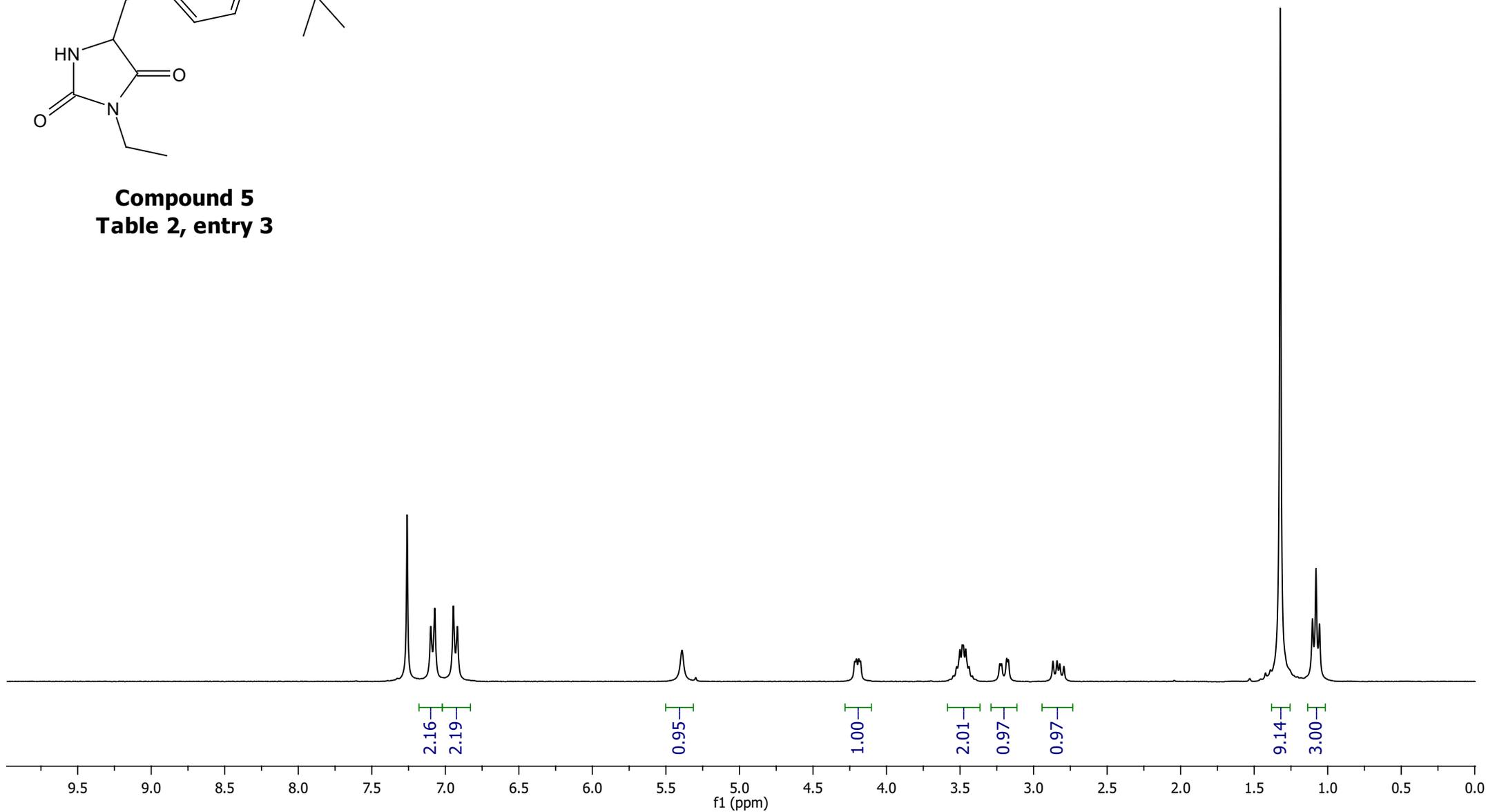
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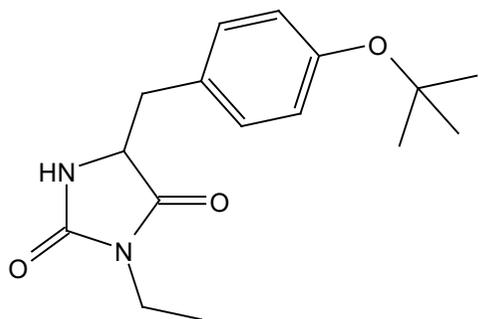
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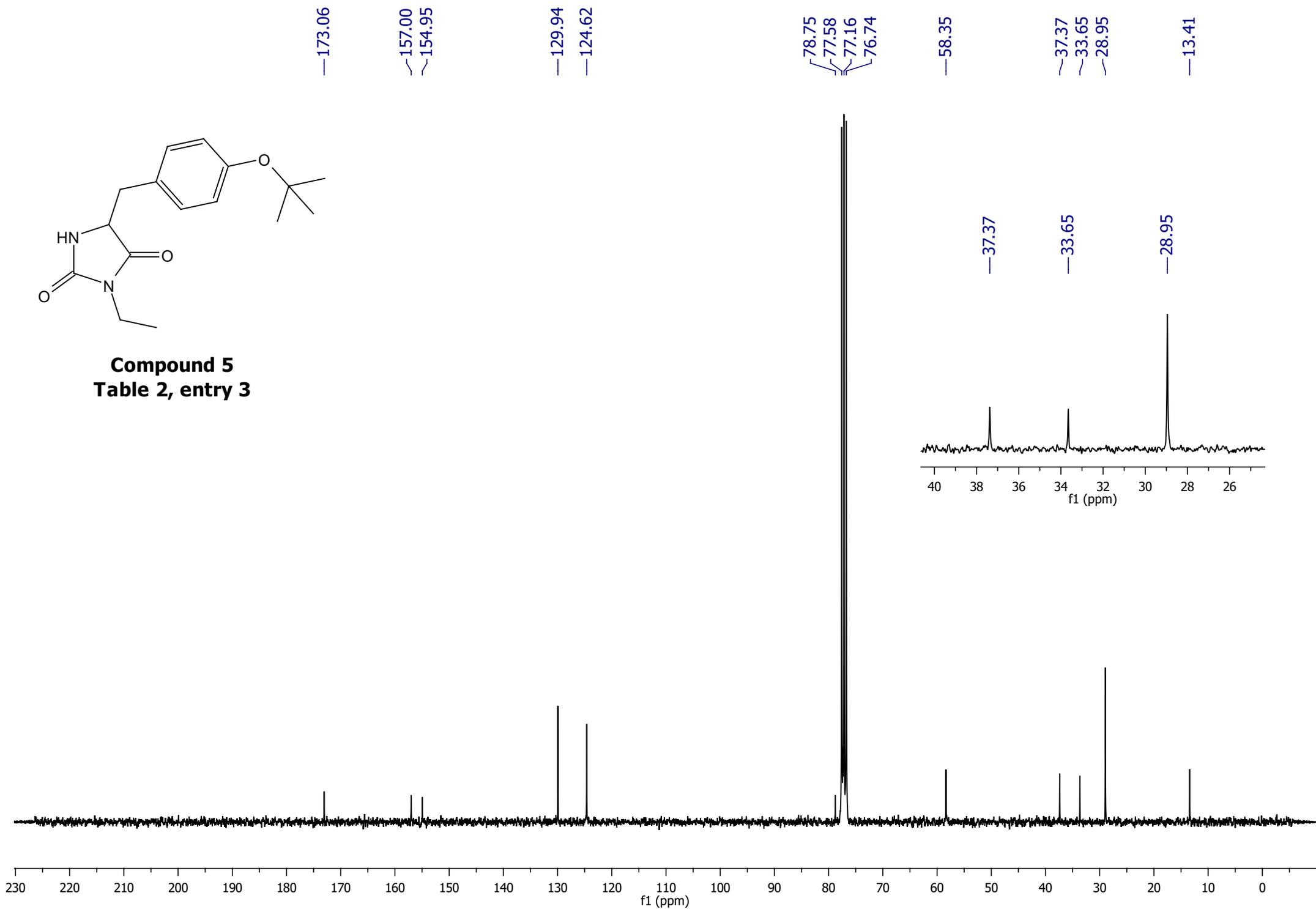
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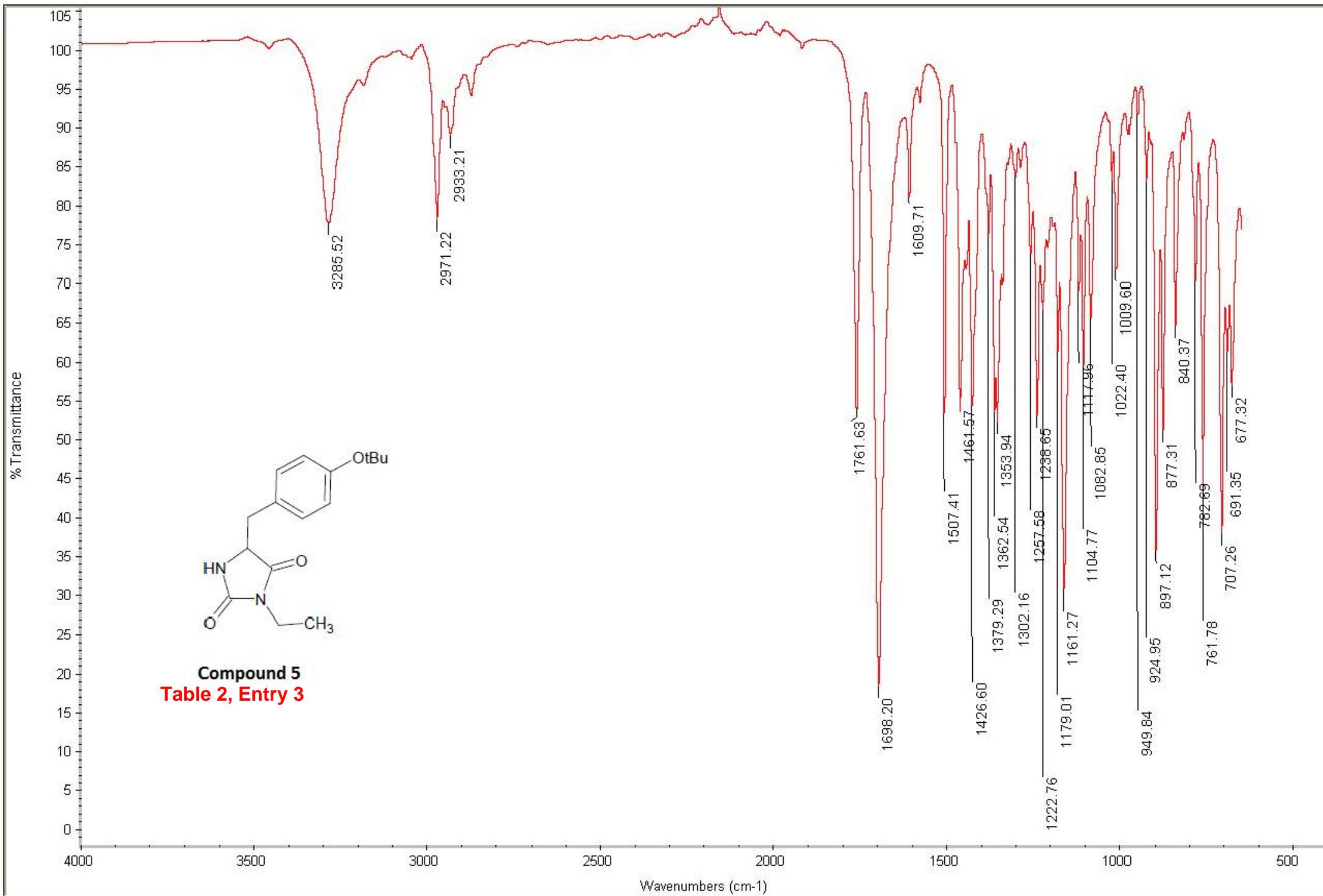
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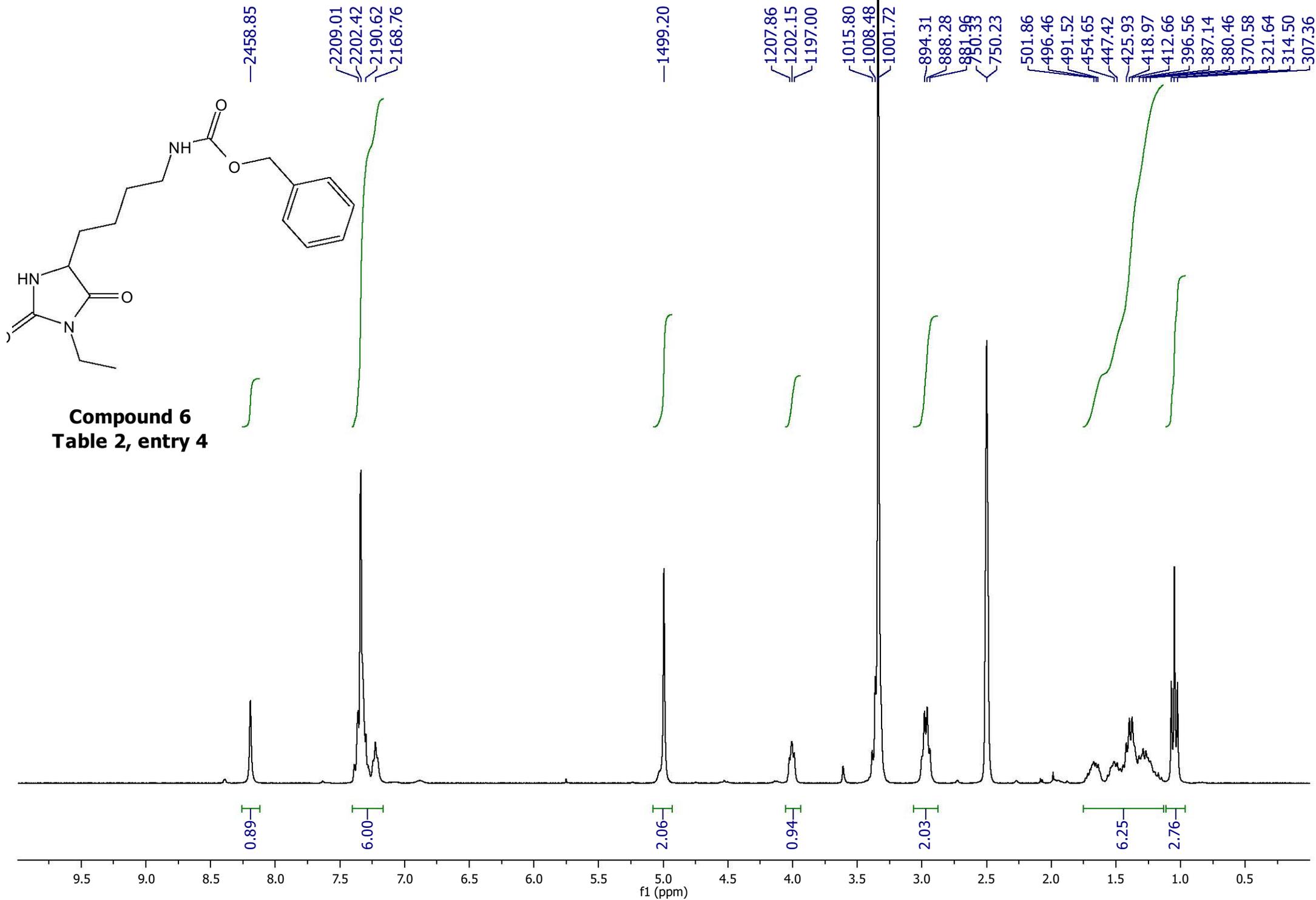


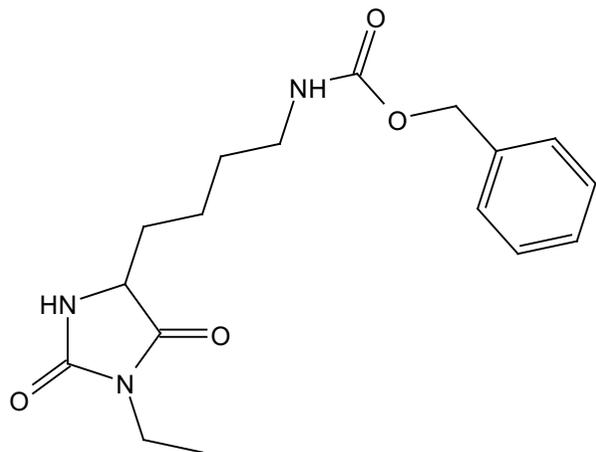


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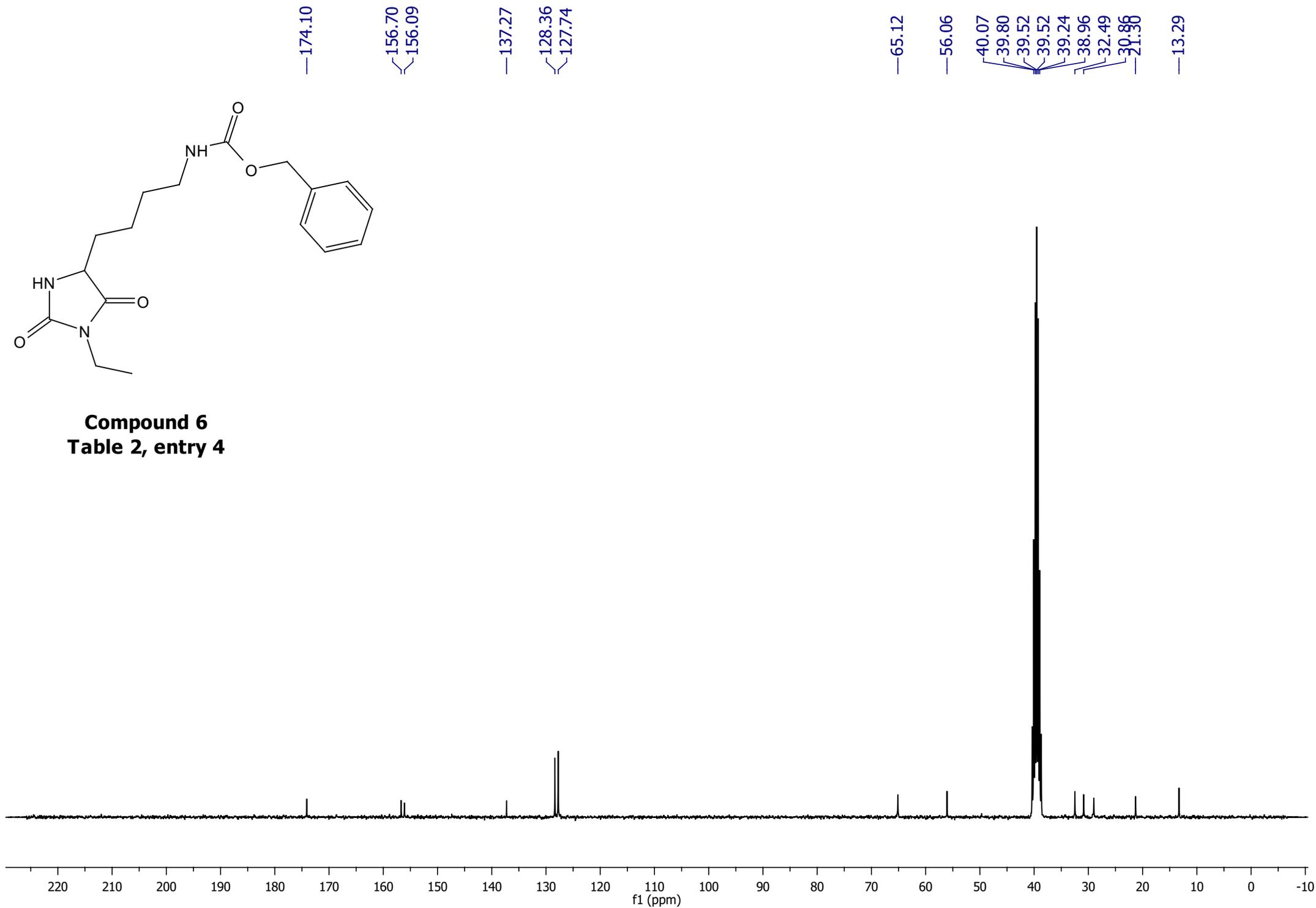


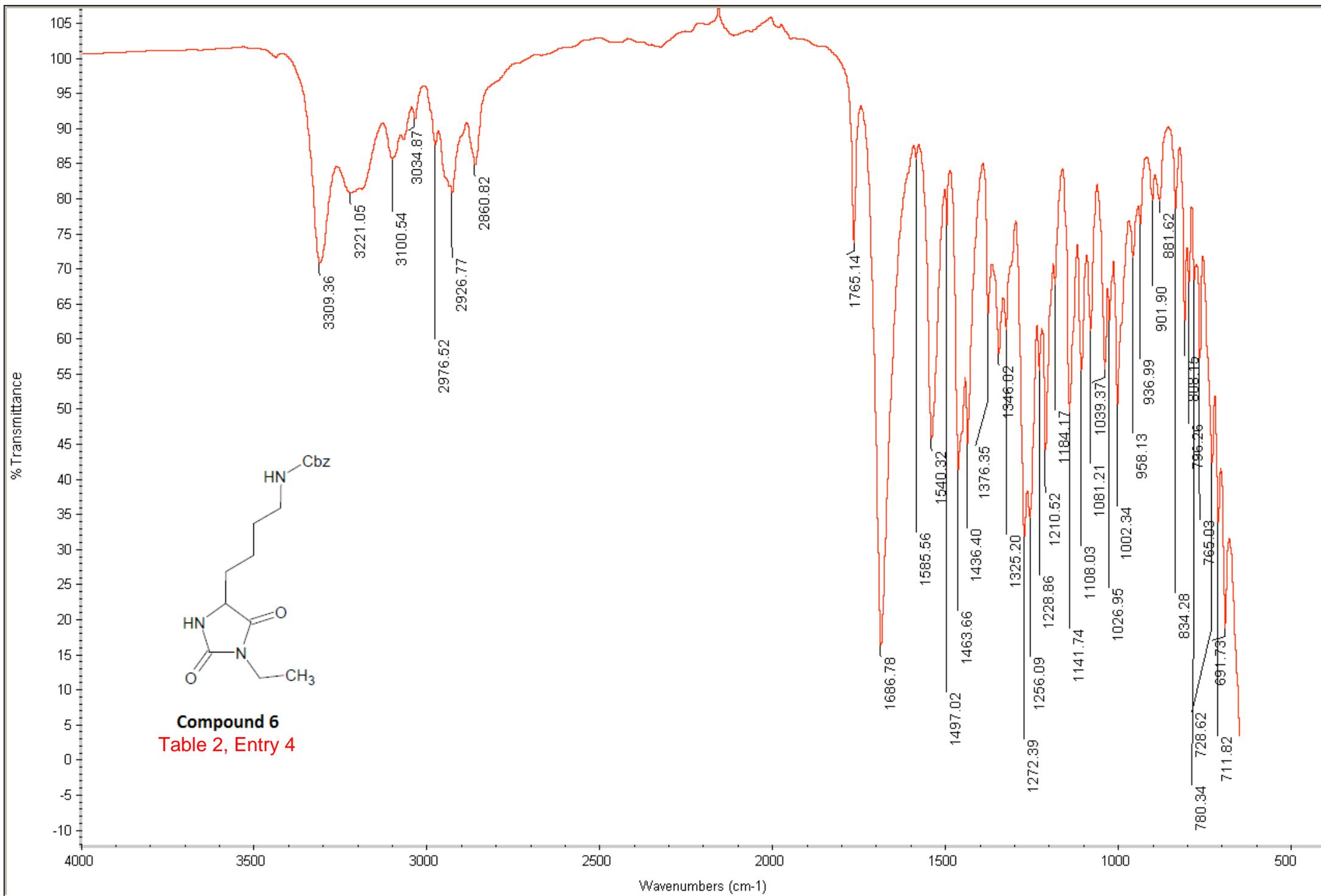


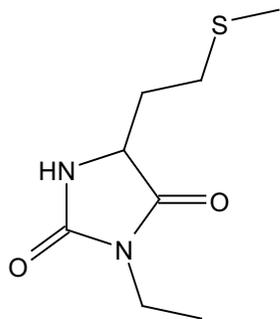




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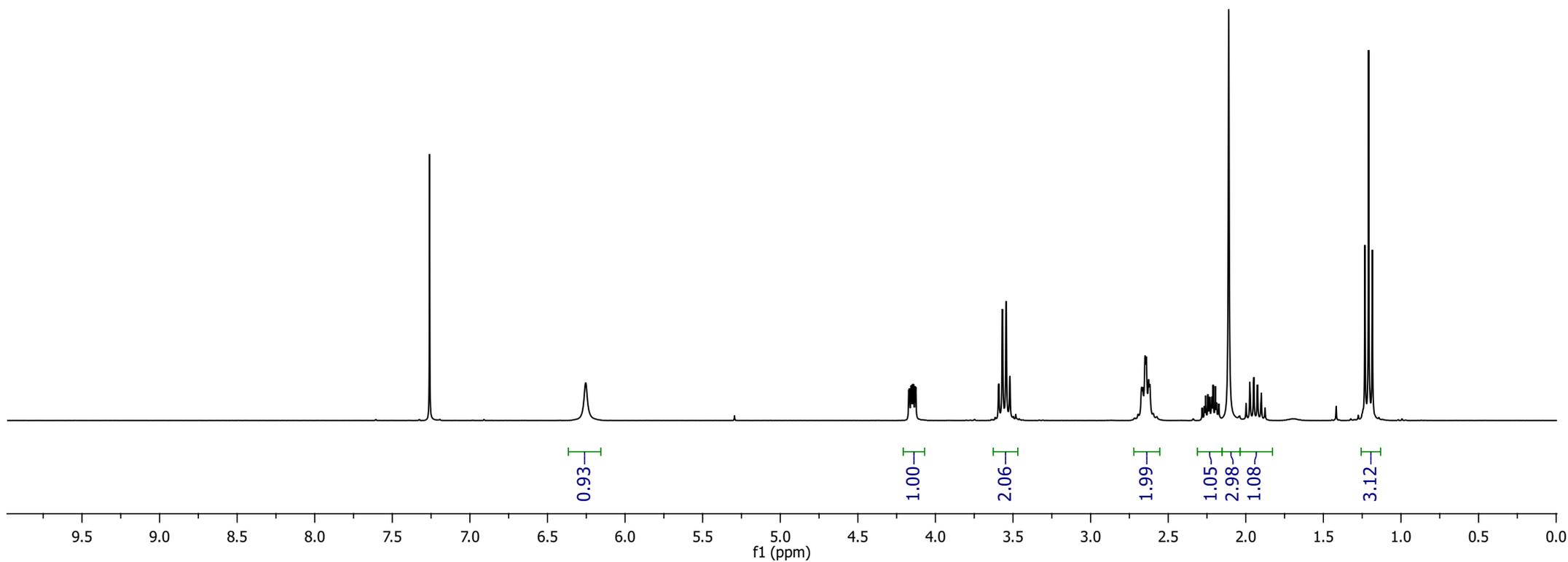
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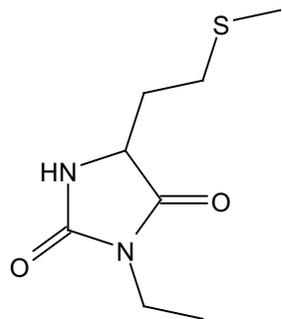
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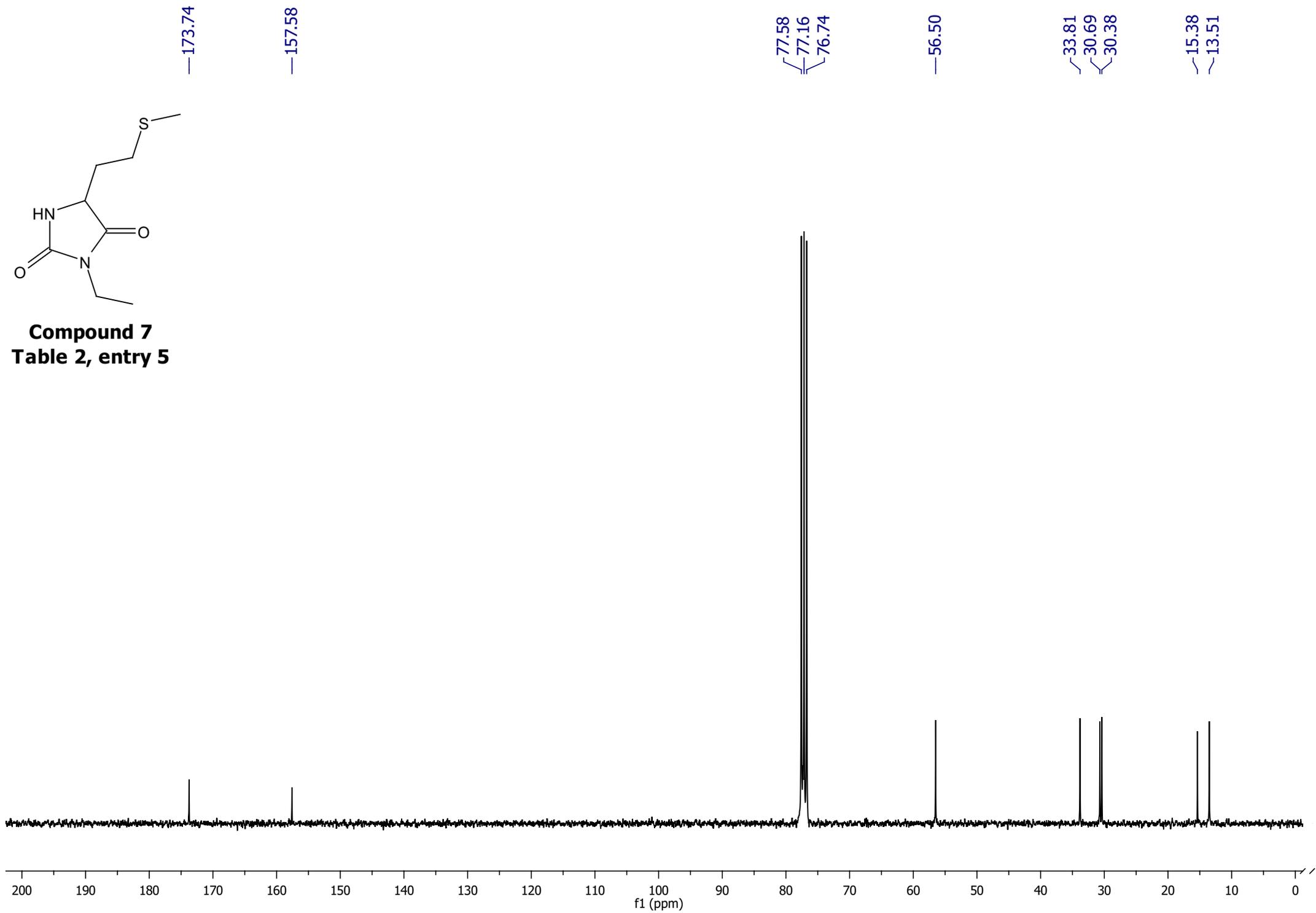
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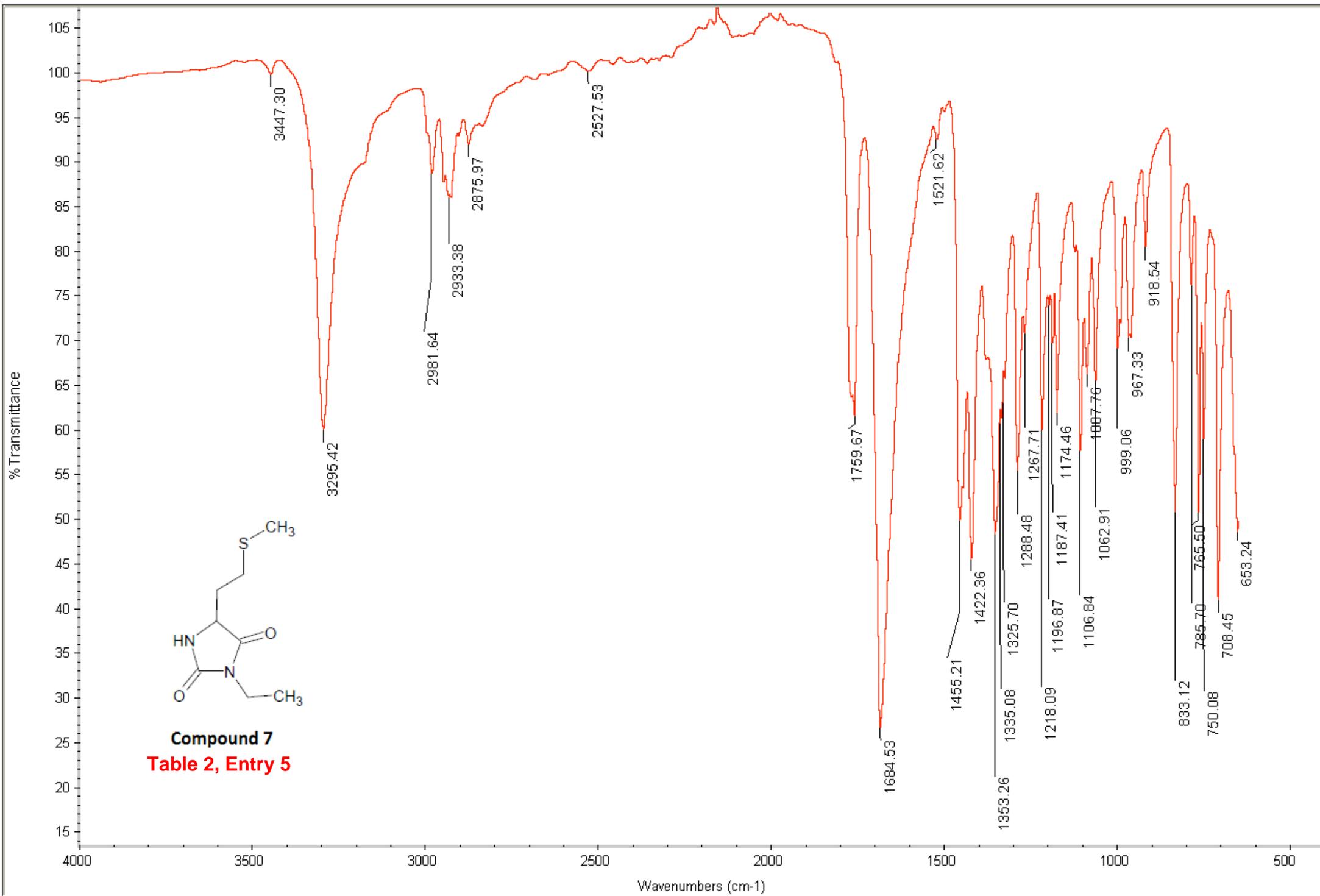
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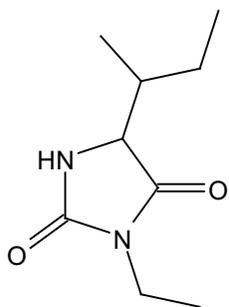


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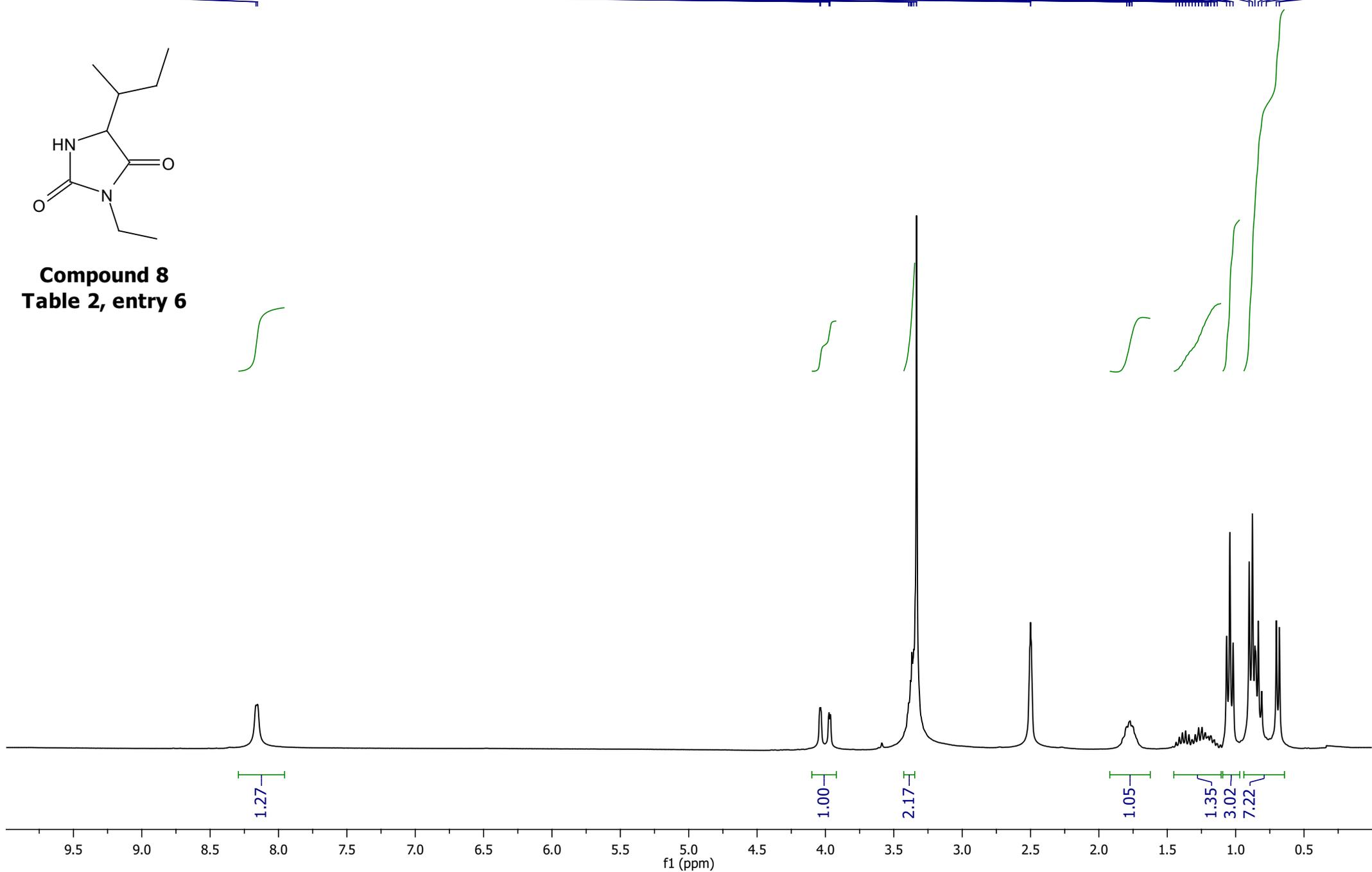


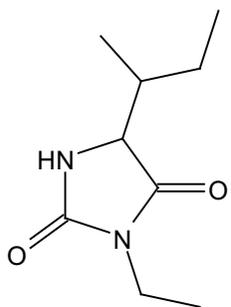


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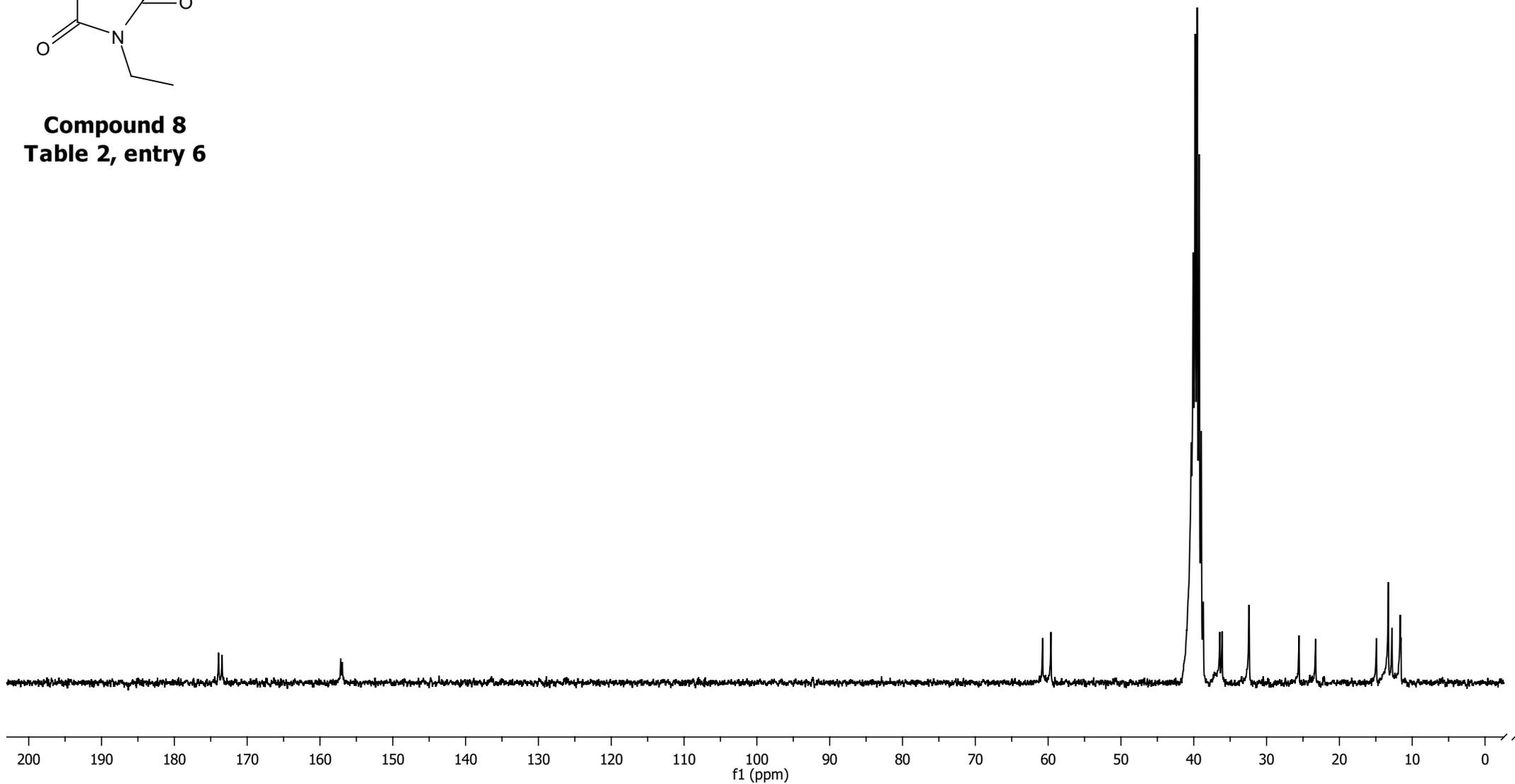


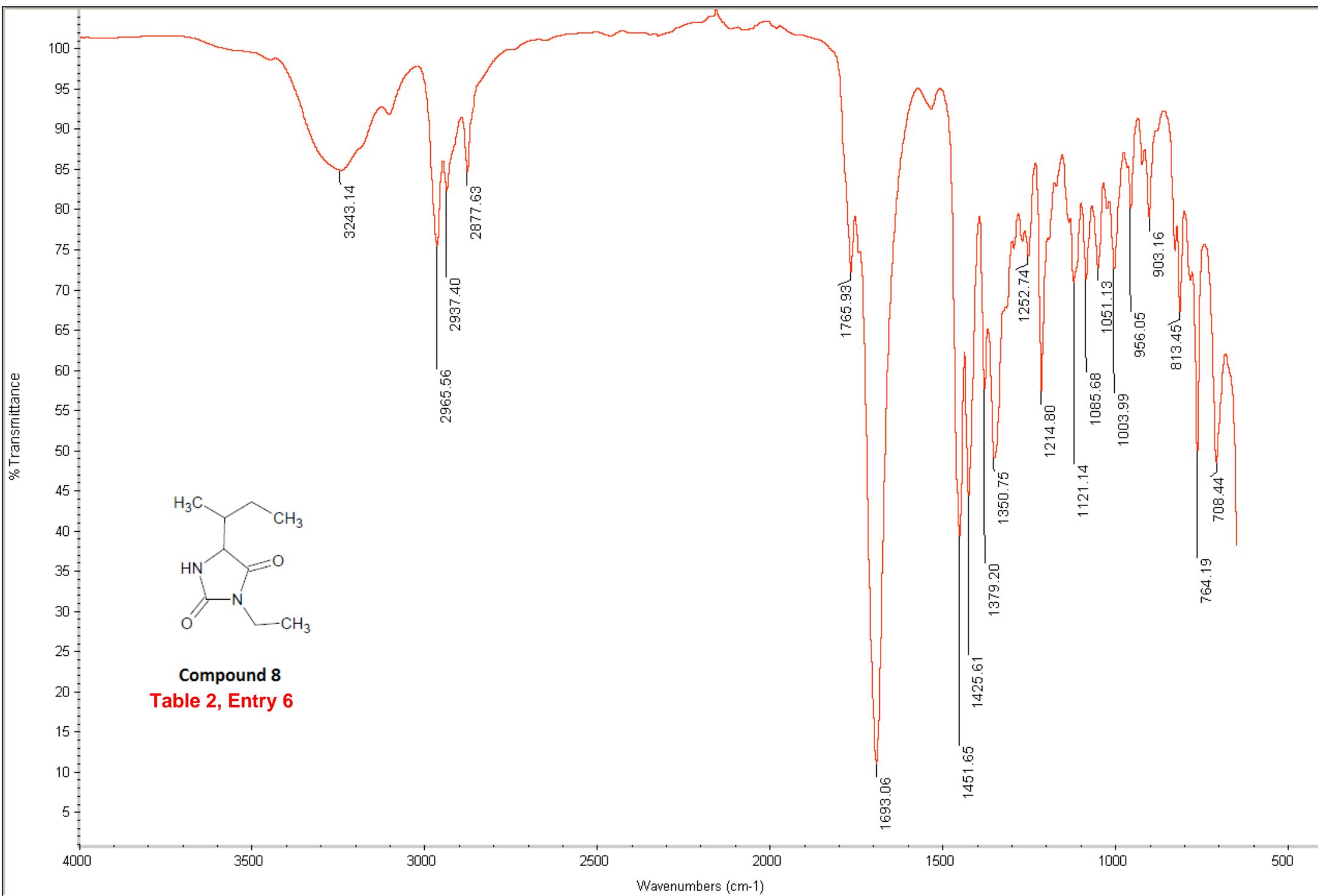
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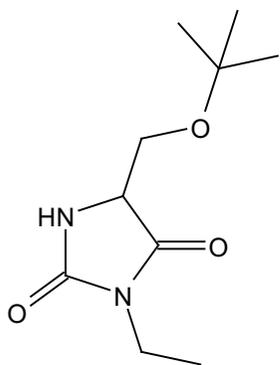
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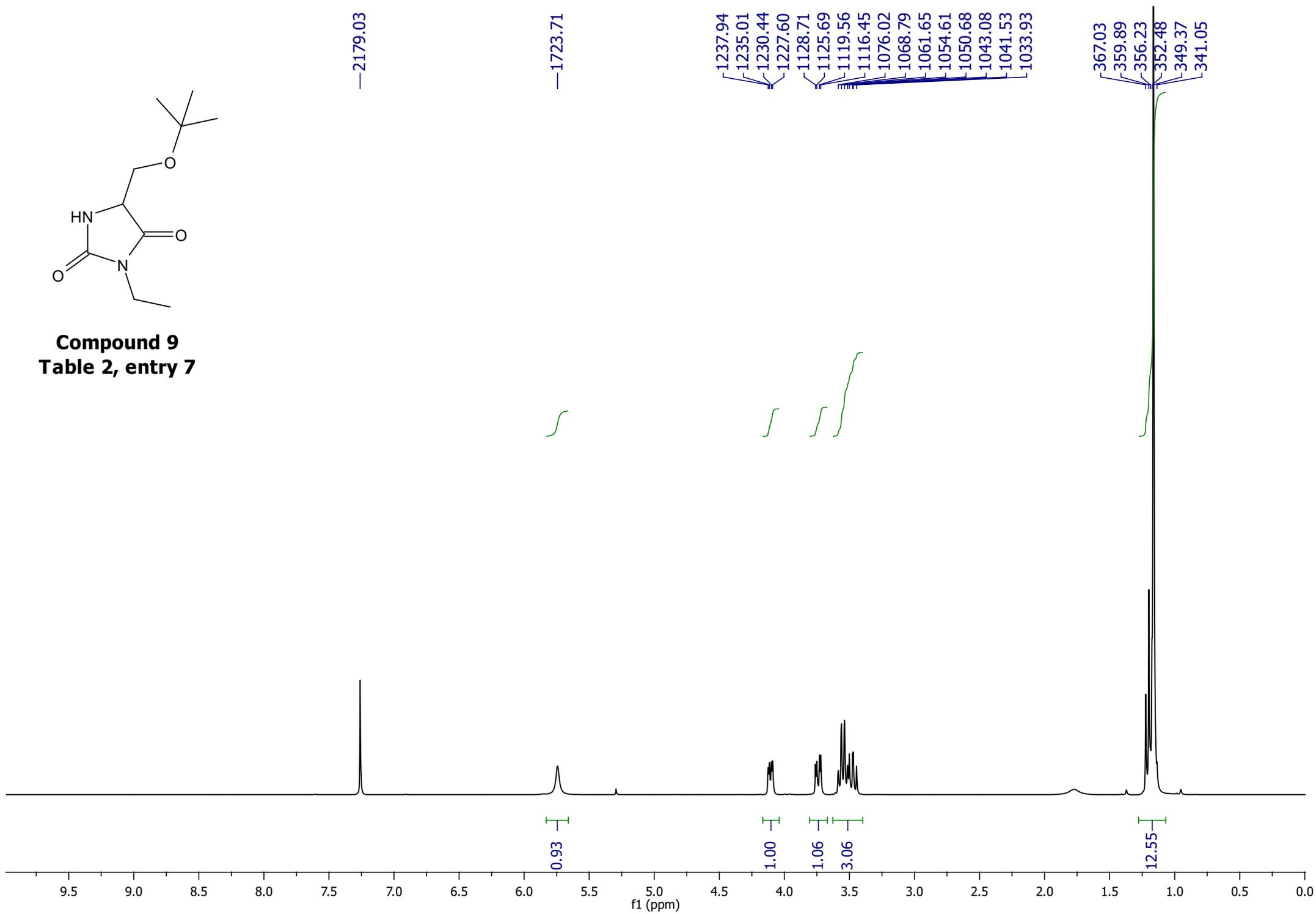
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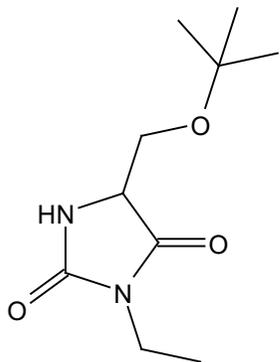




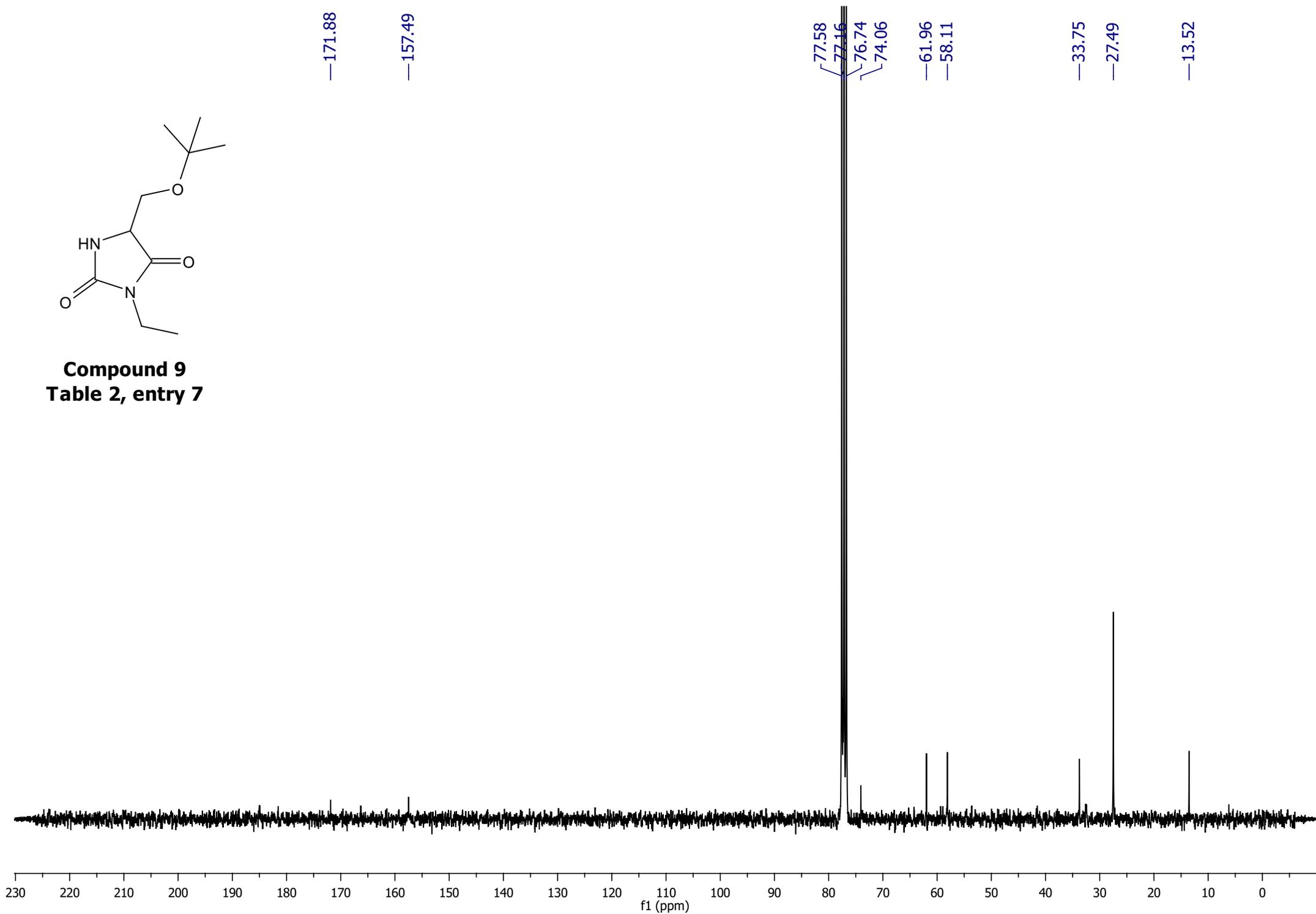


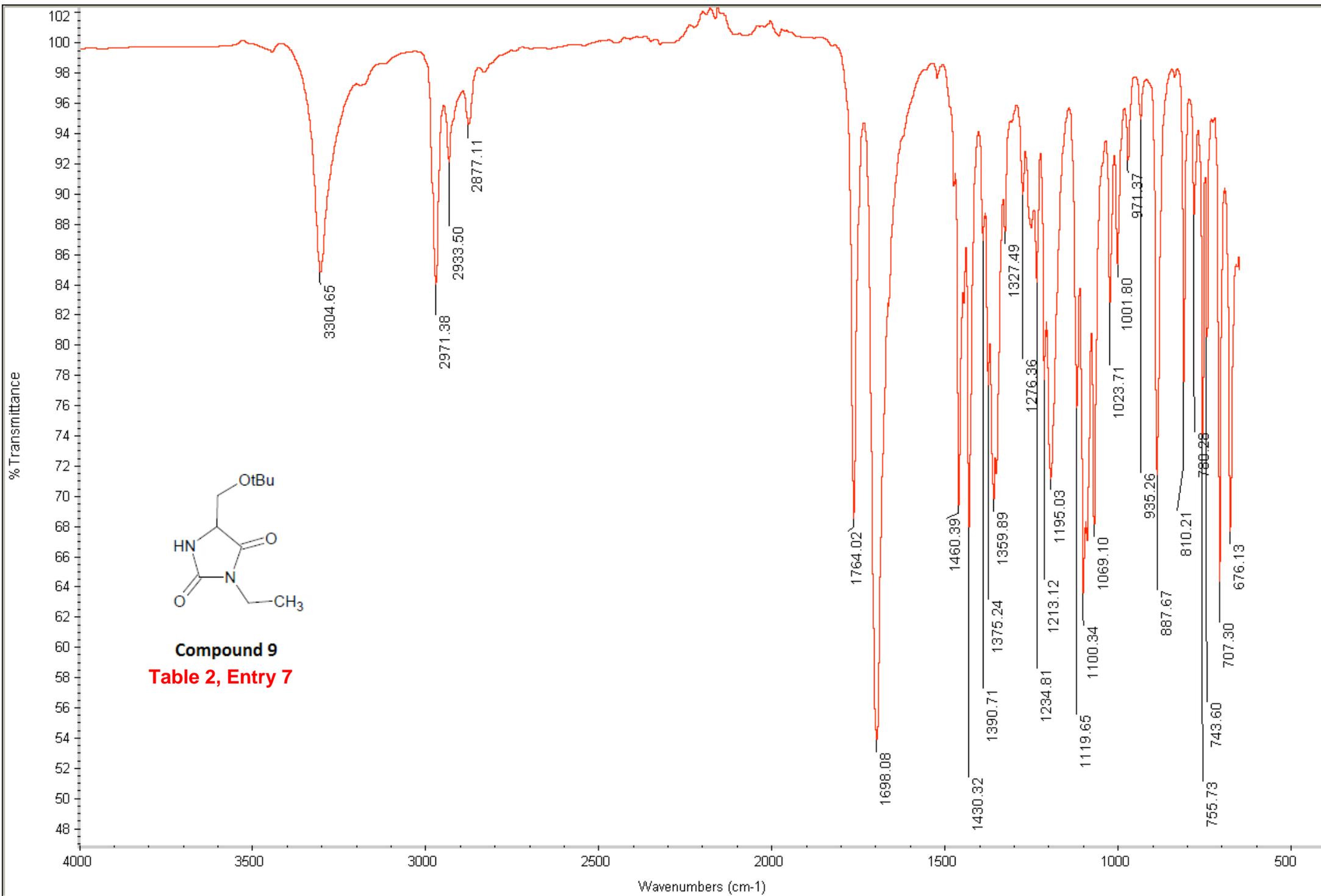
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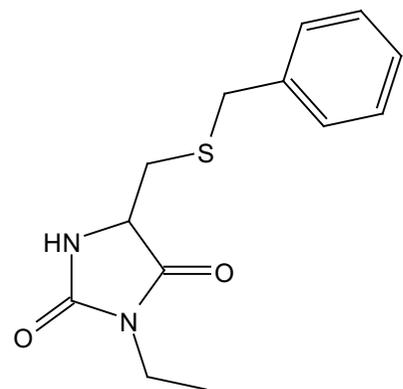




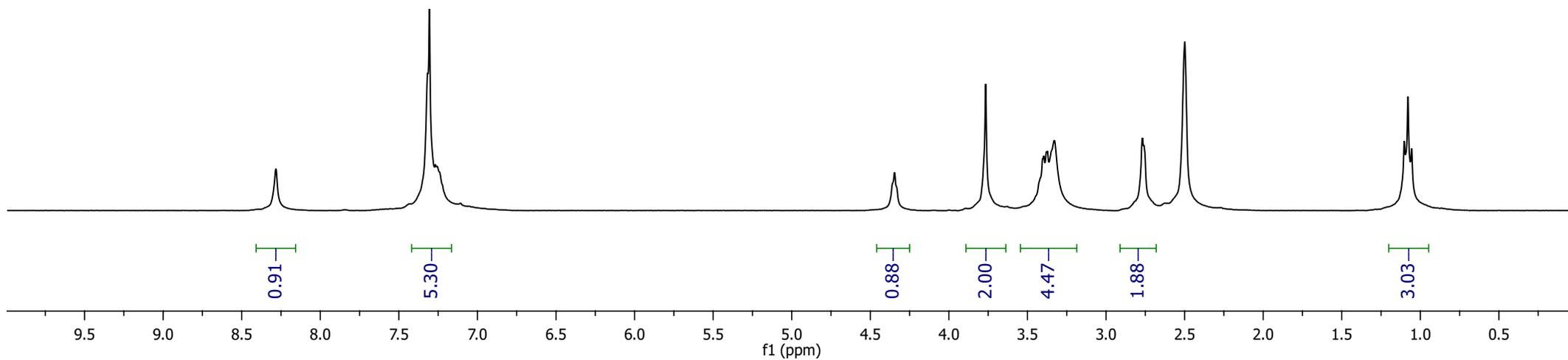
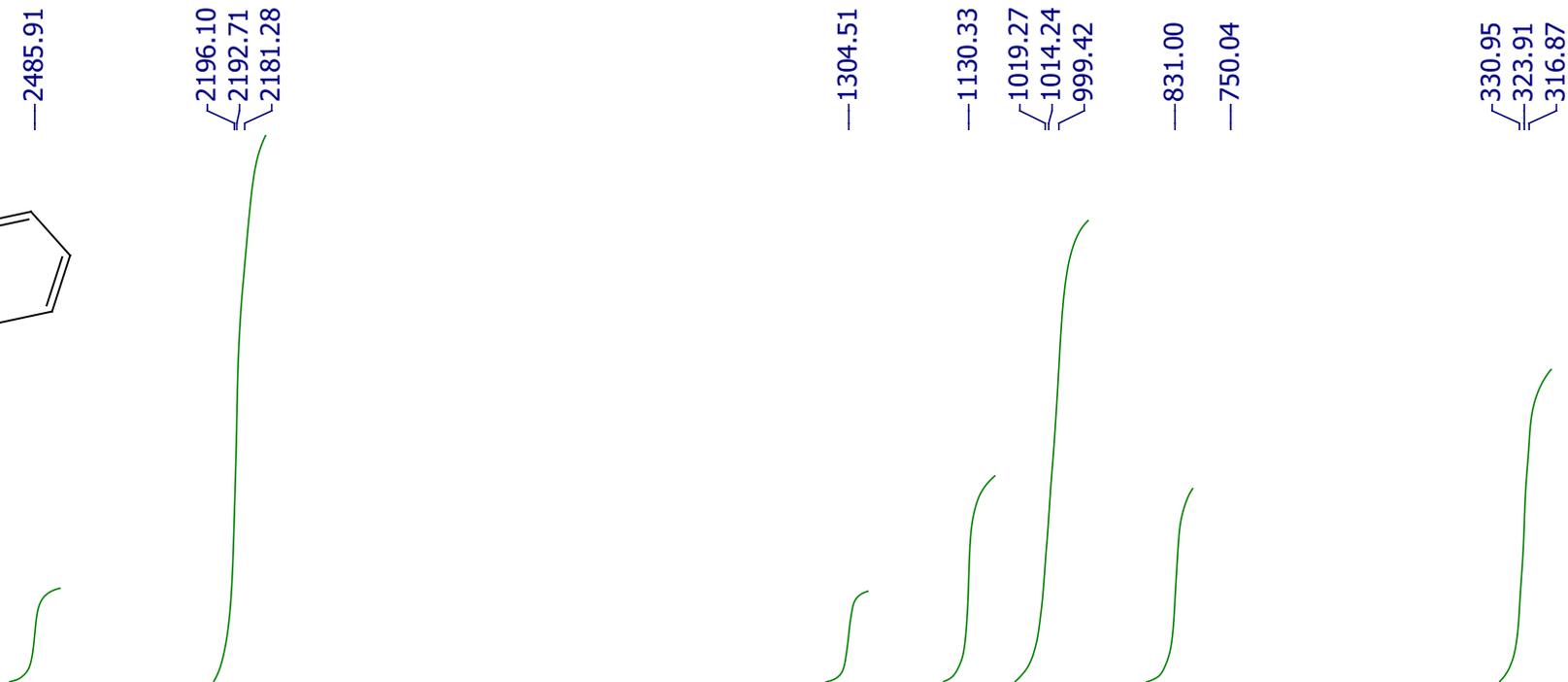
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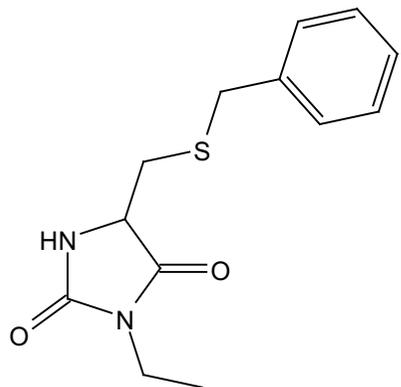




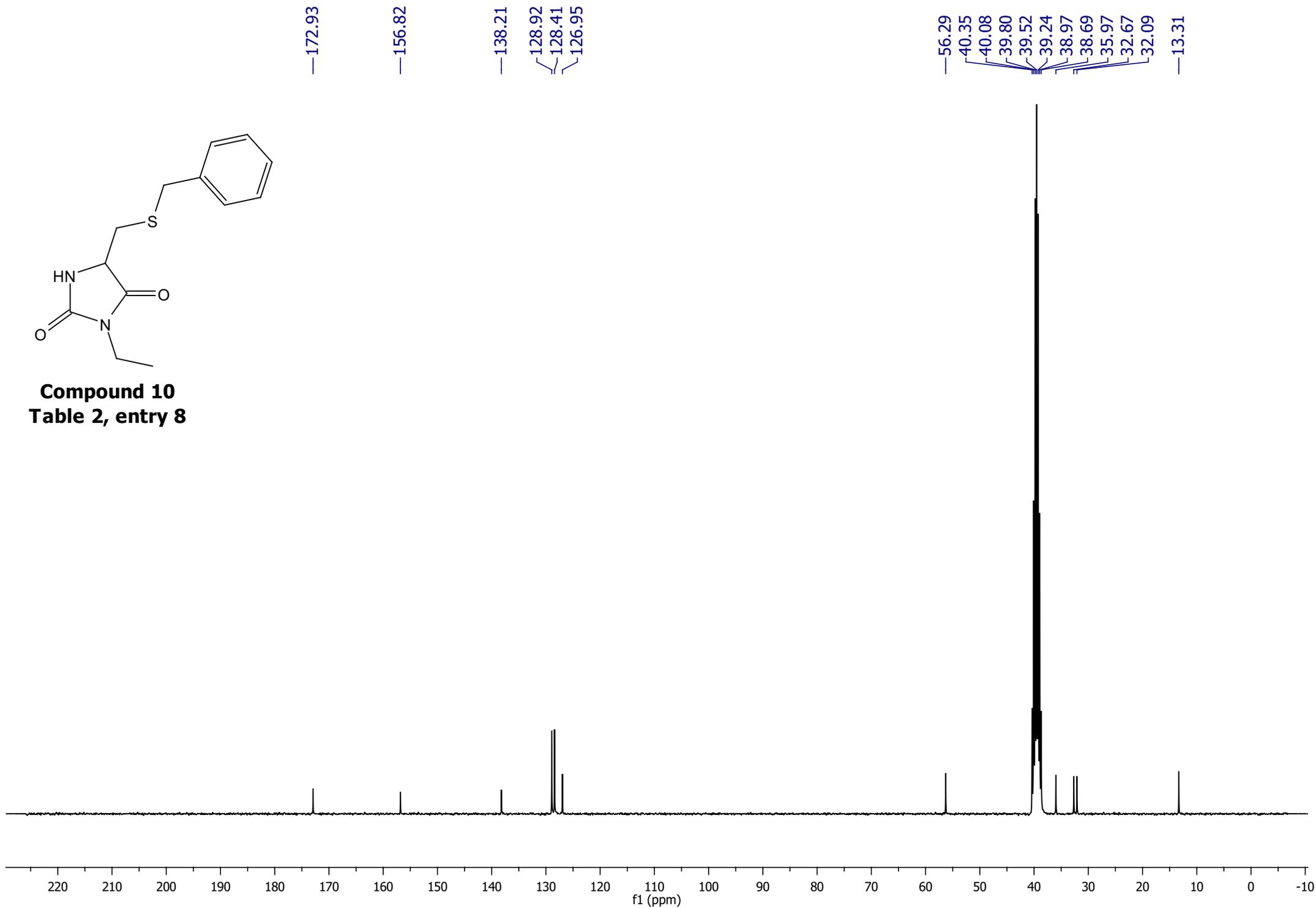


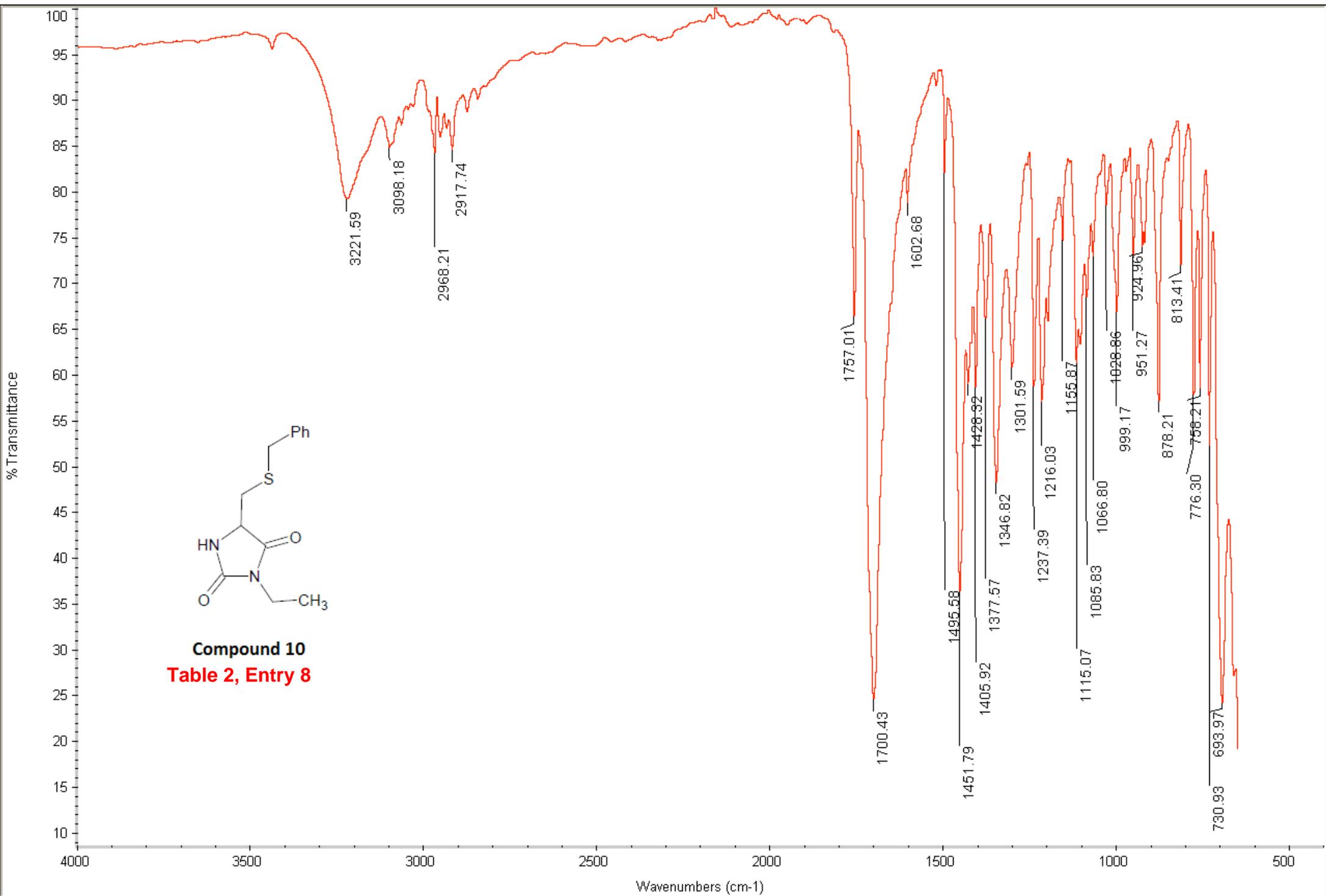
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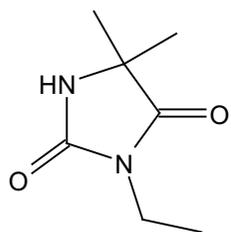




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**Compound 11**  
**Table 2, entry 9**

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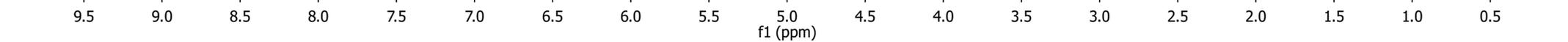
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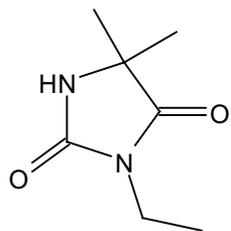


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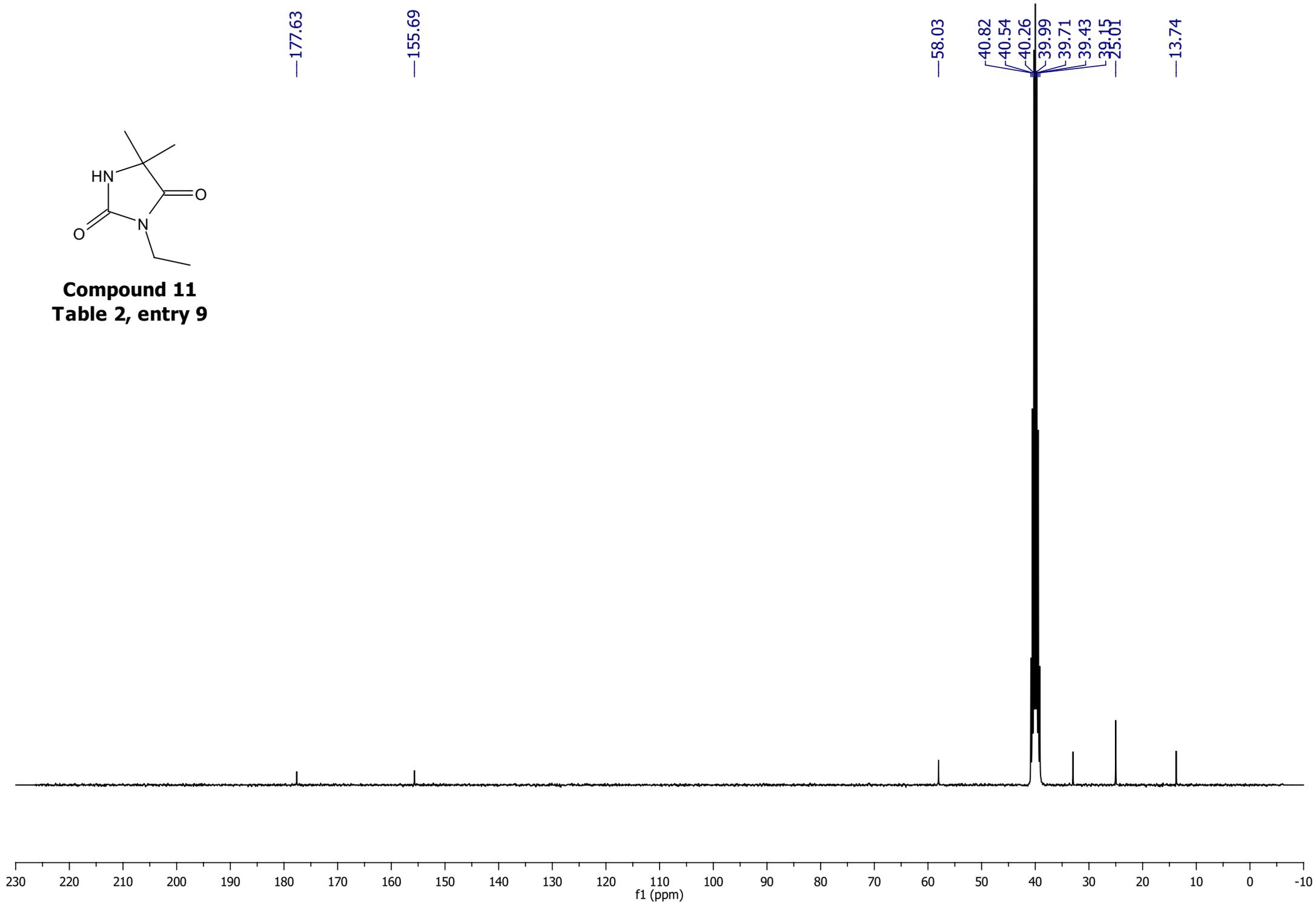


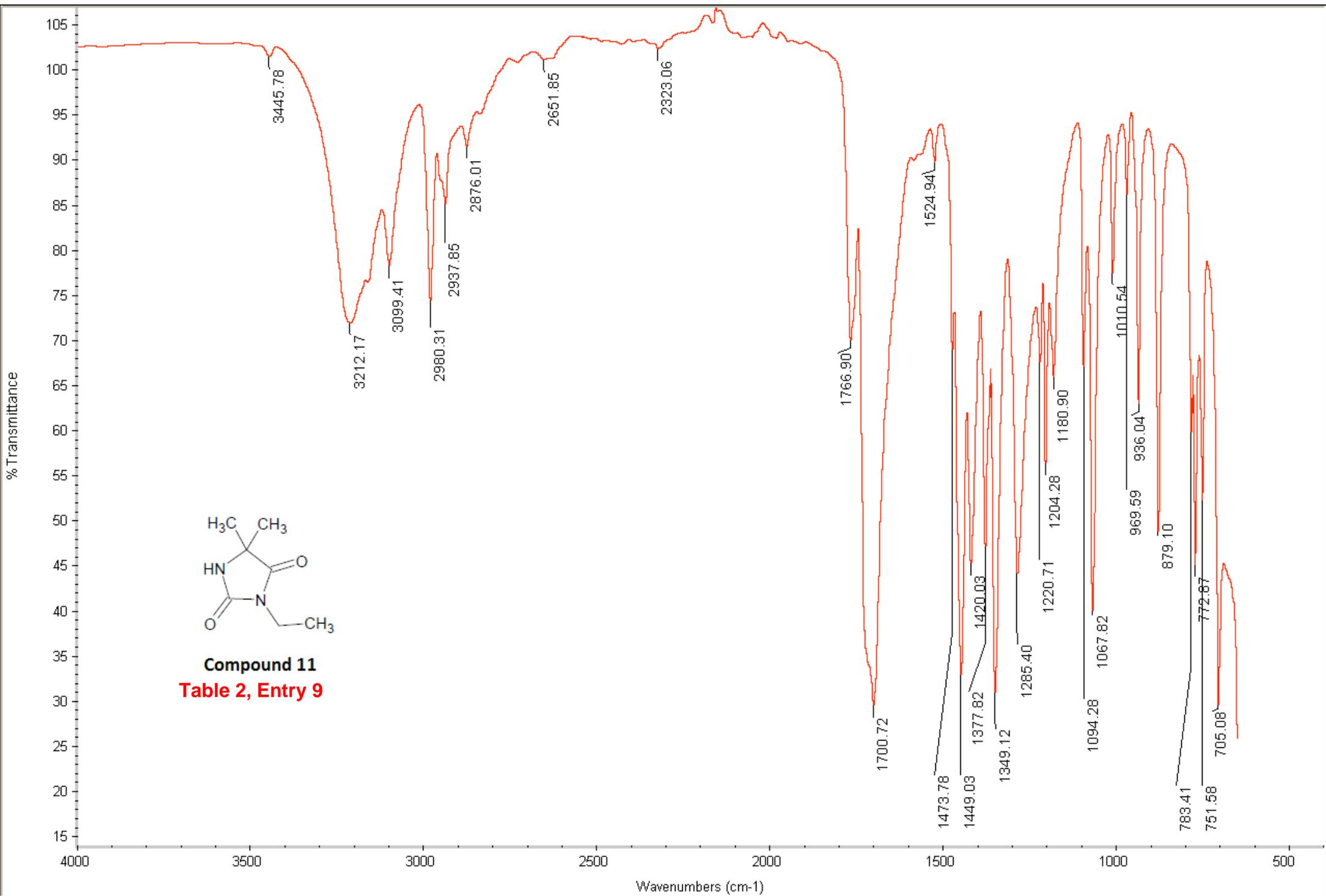
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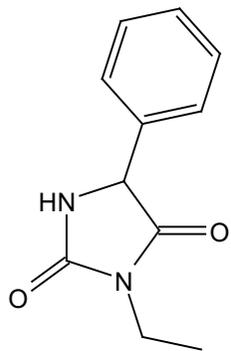




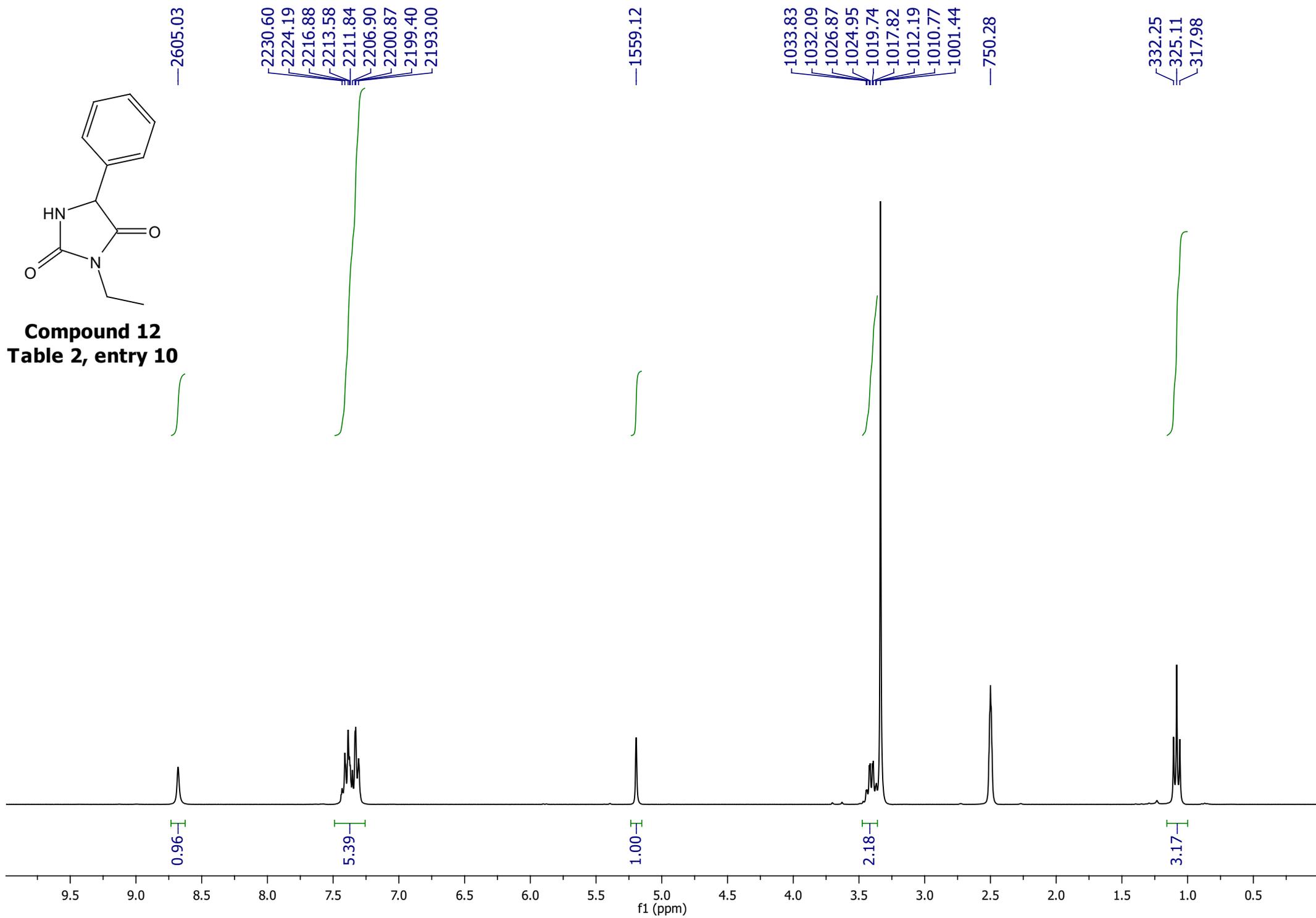
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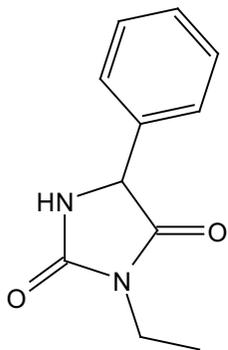




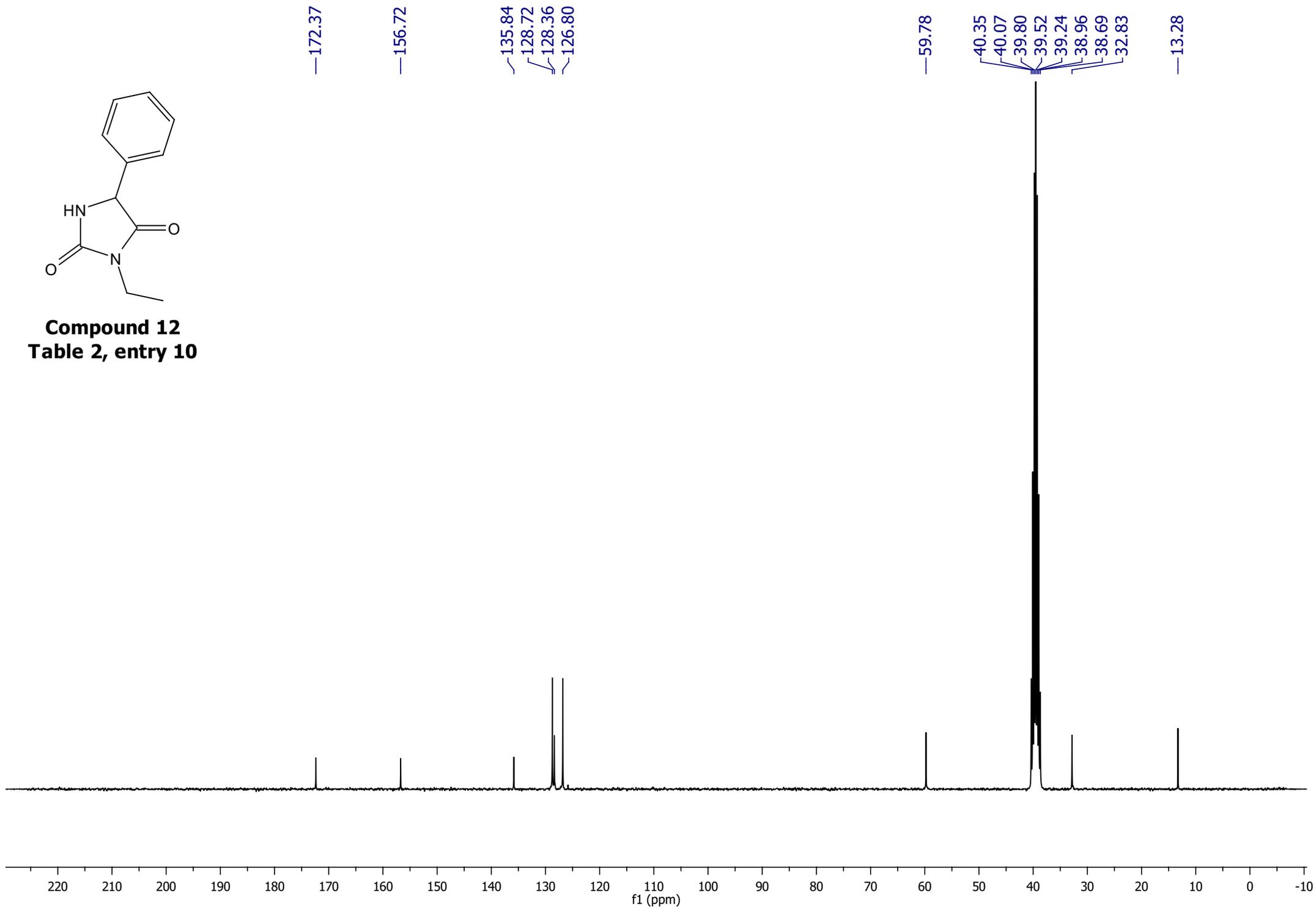


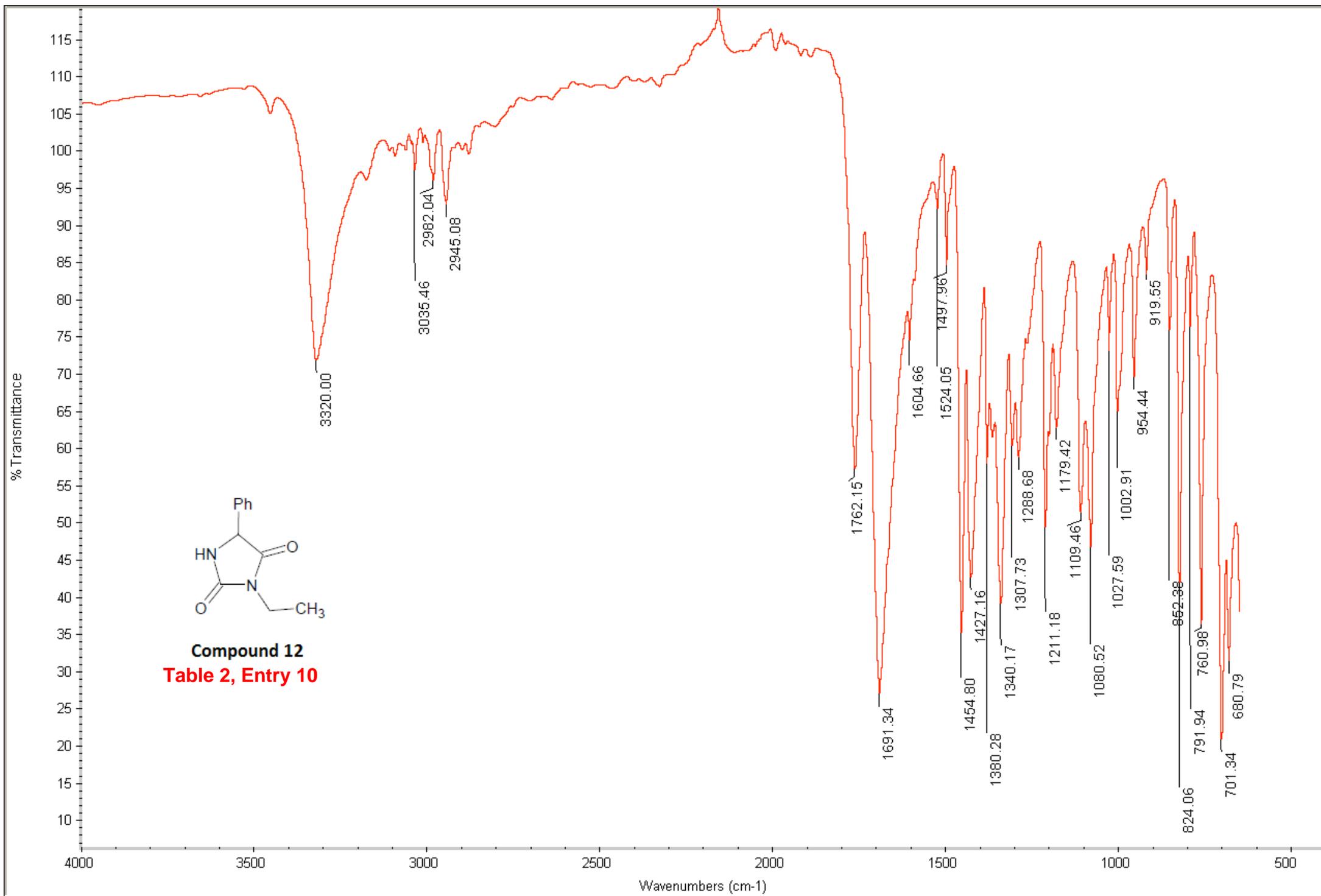
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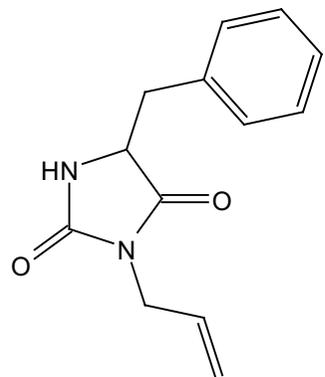




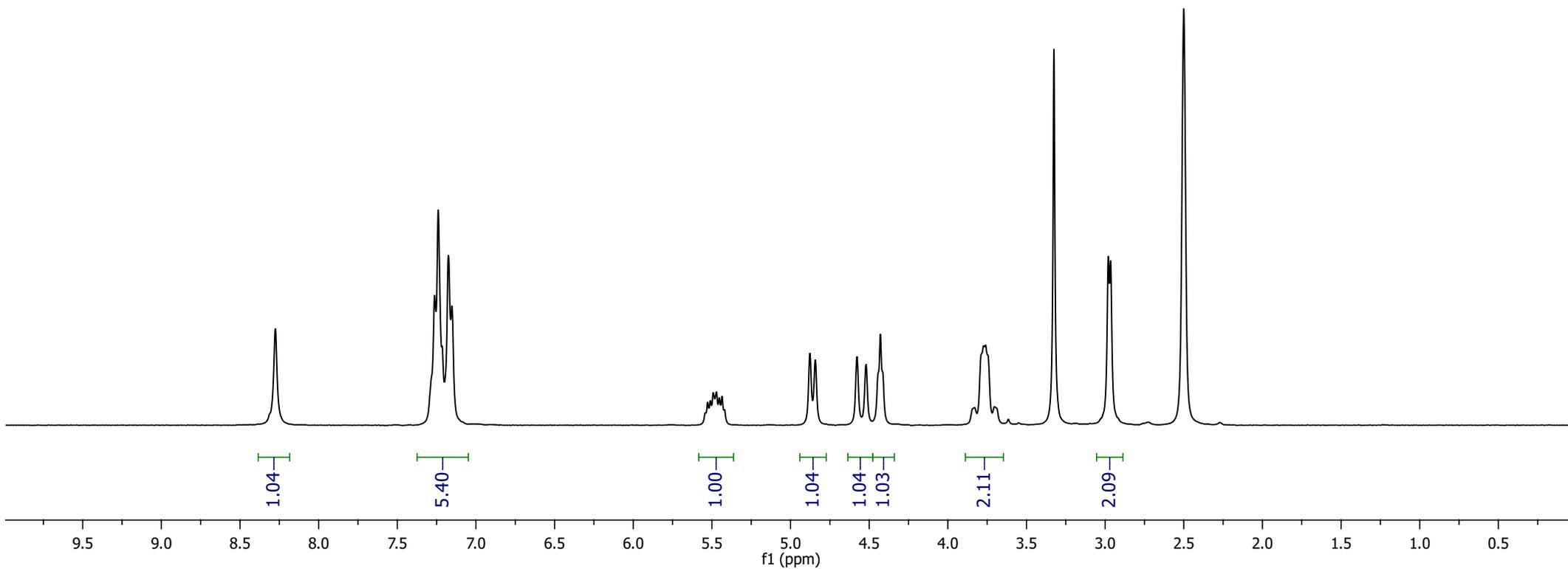
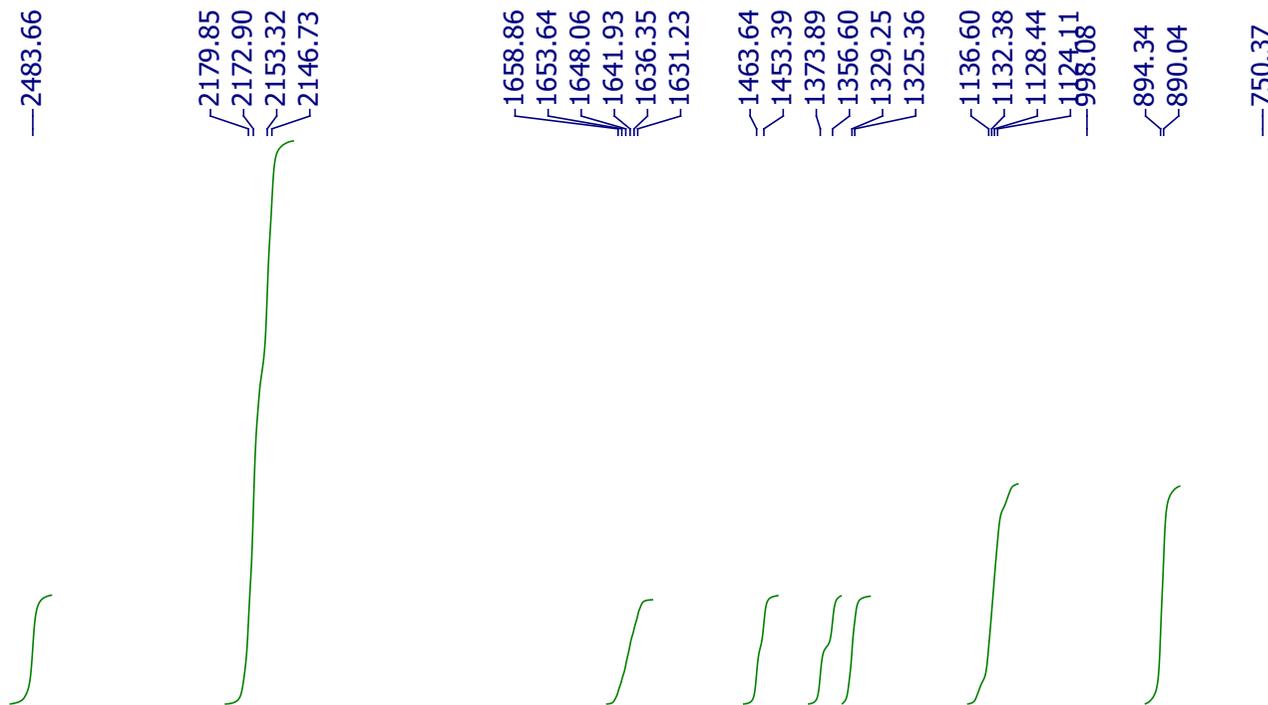
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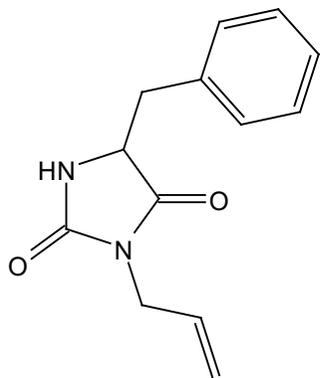




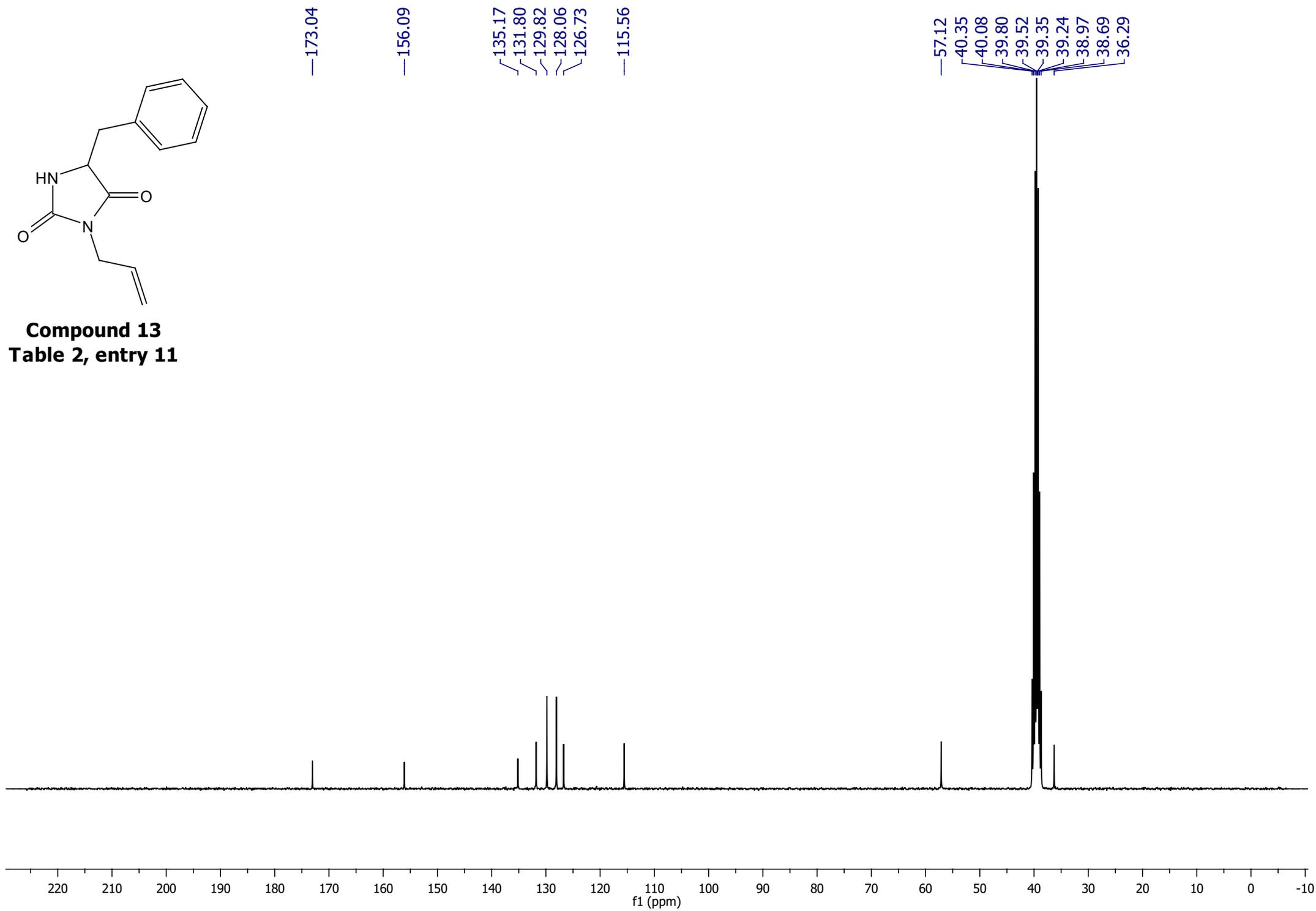


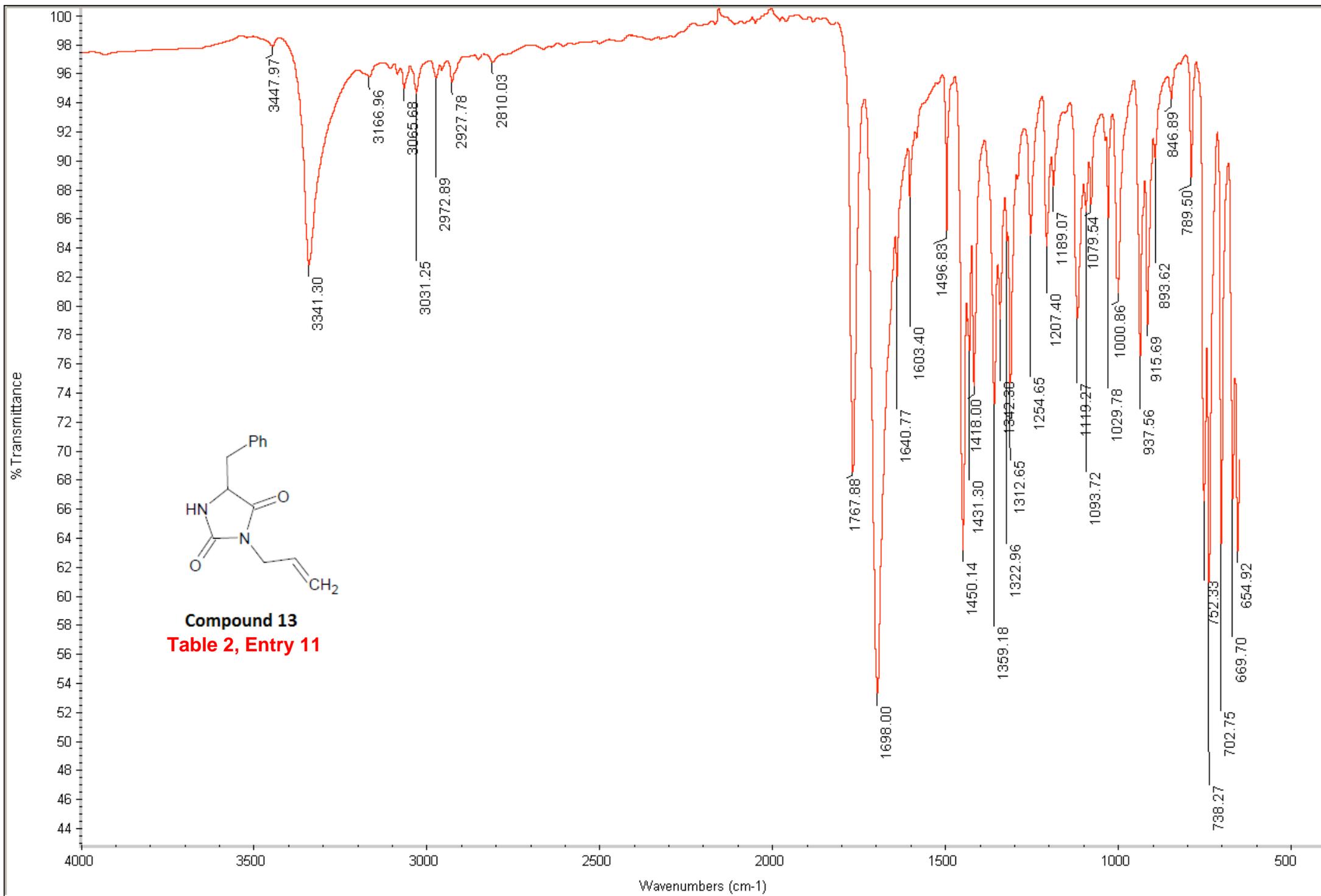
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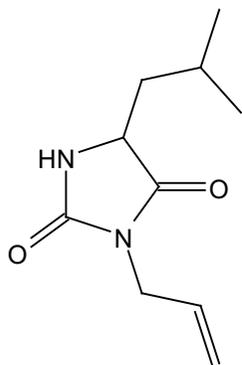




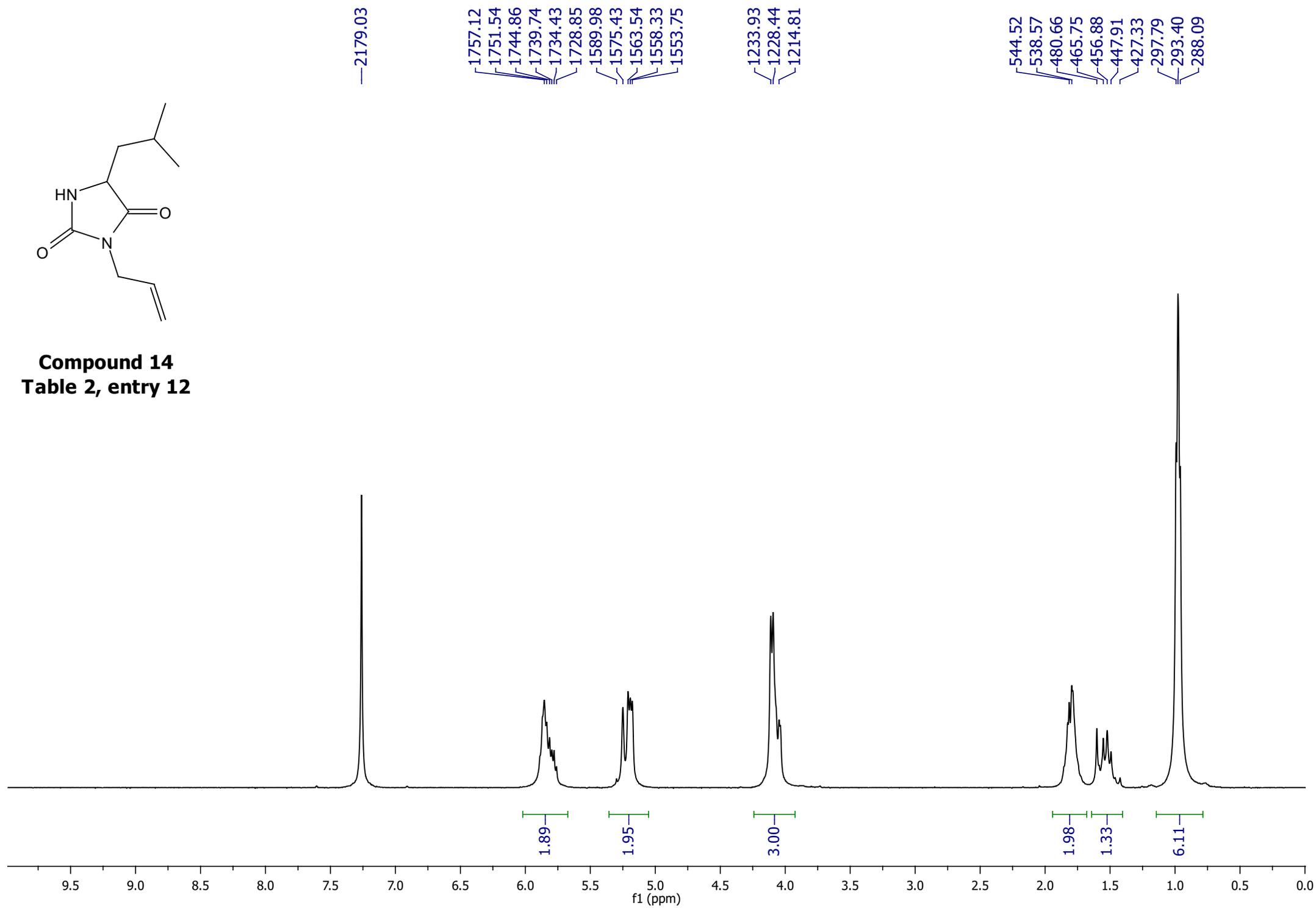
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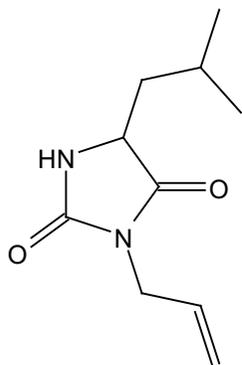




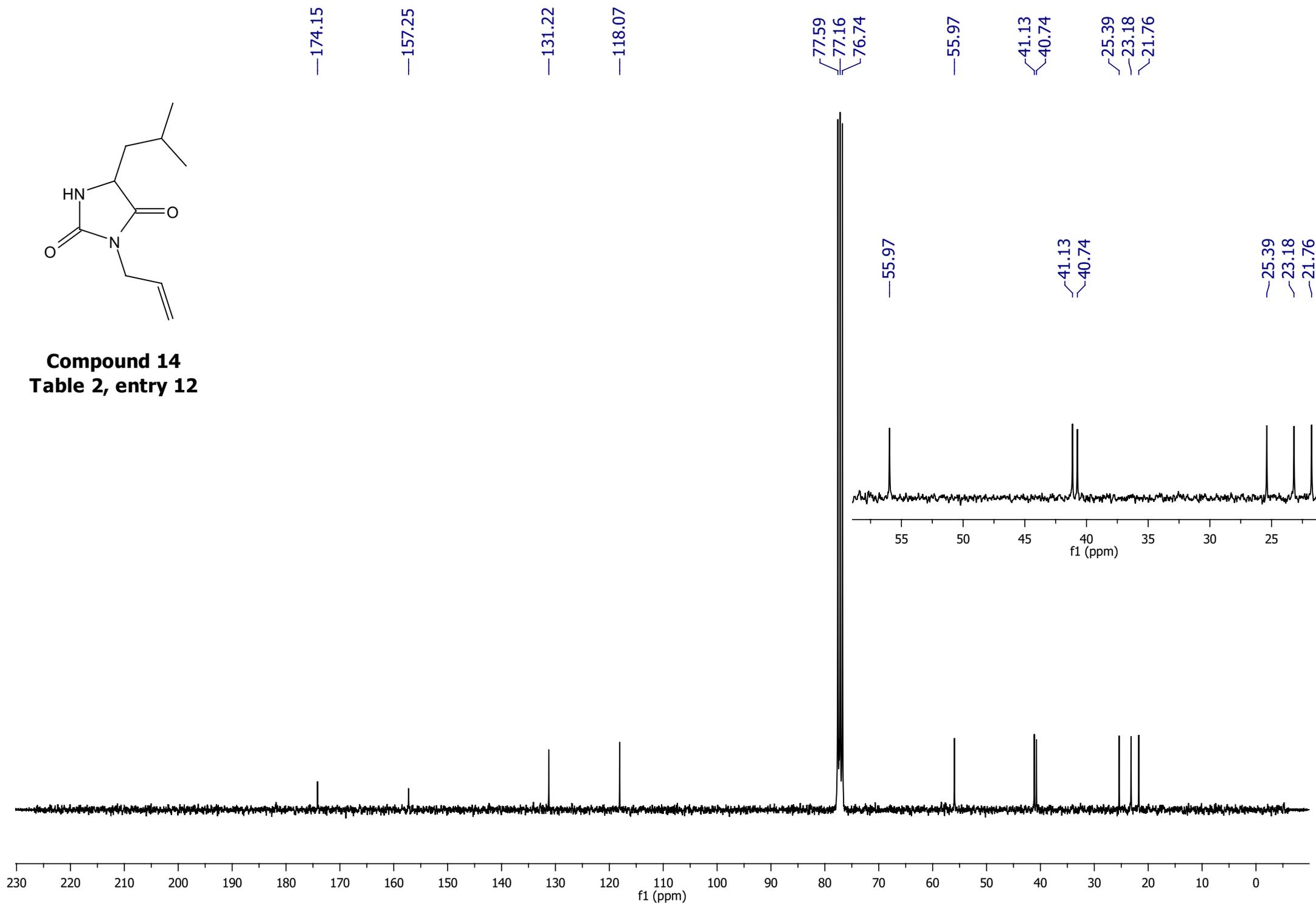


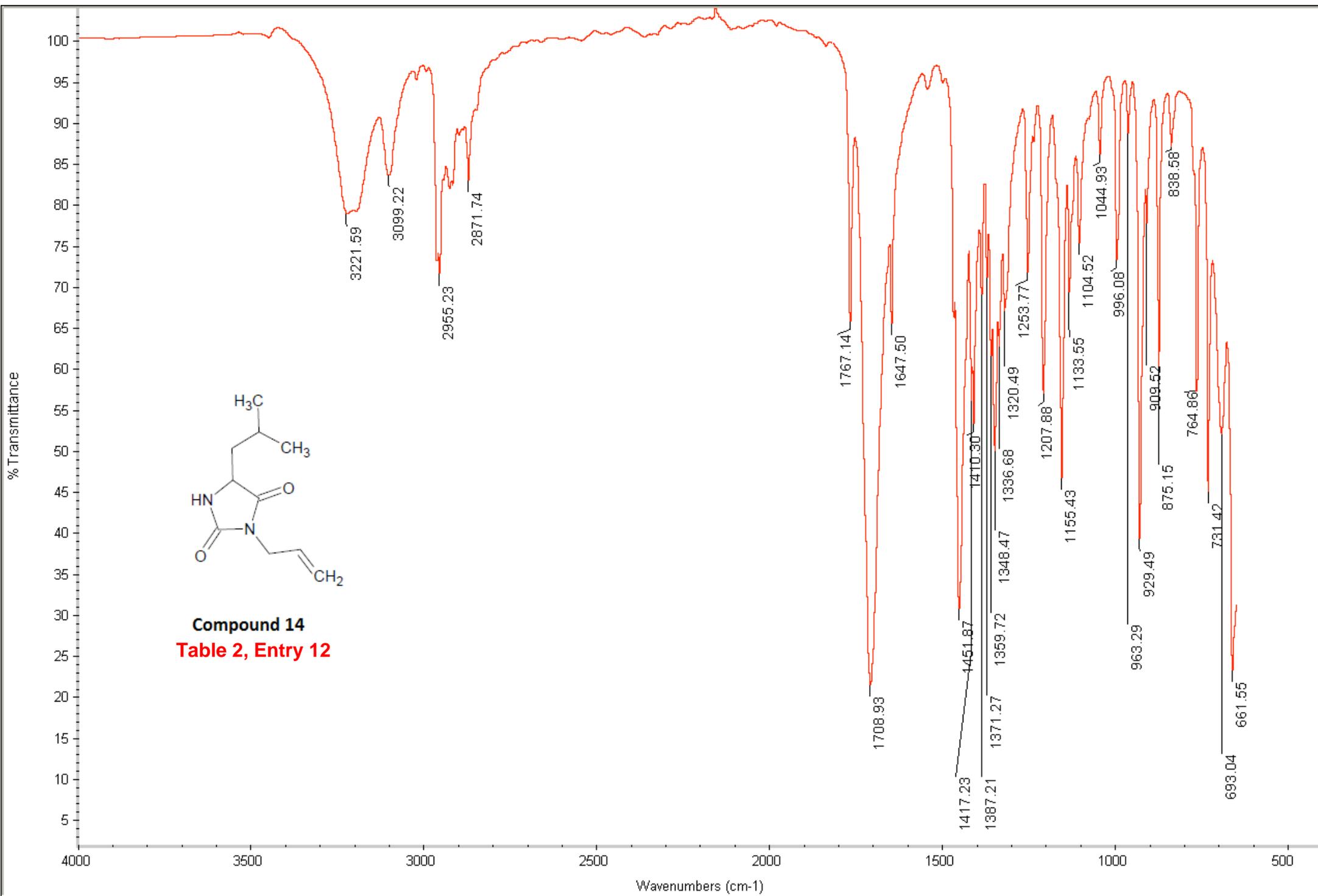
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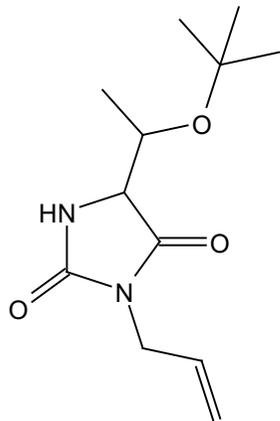




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**Table 2, entry 13**

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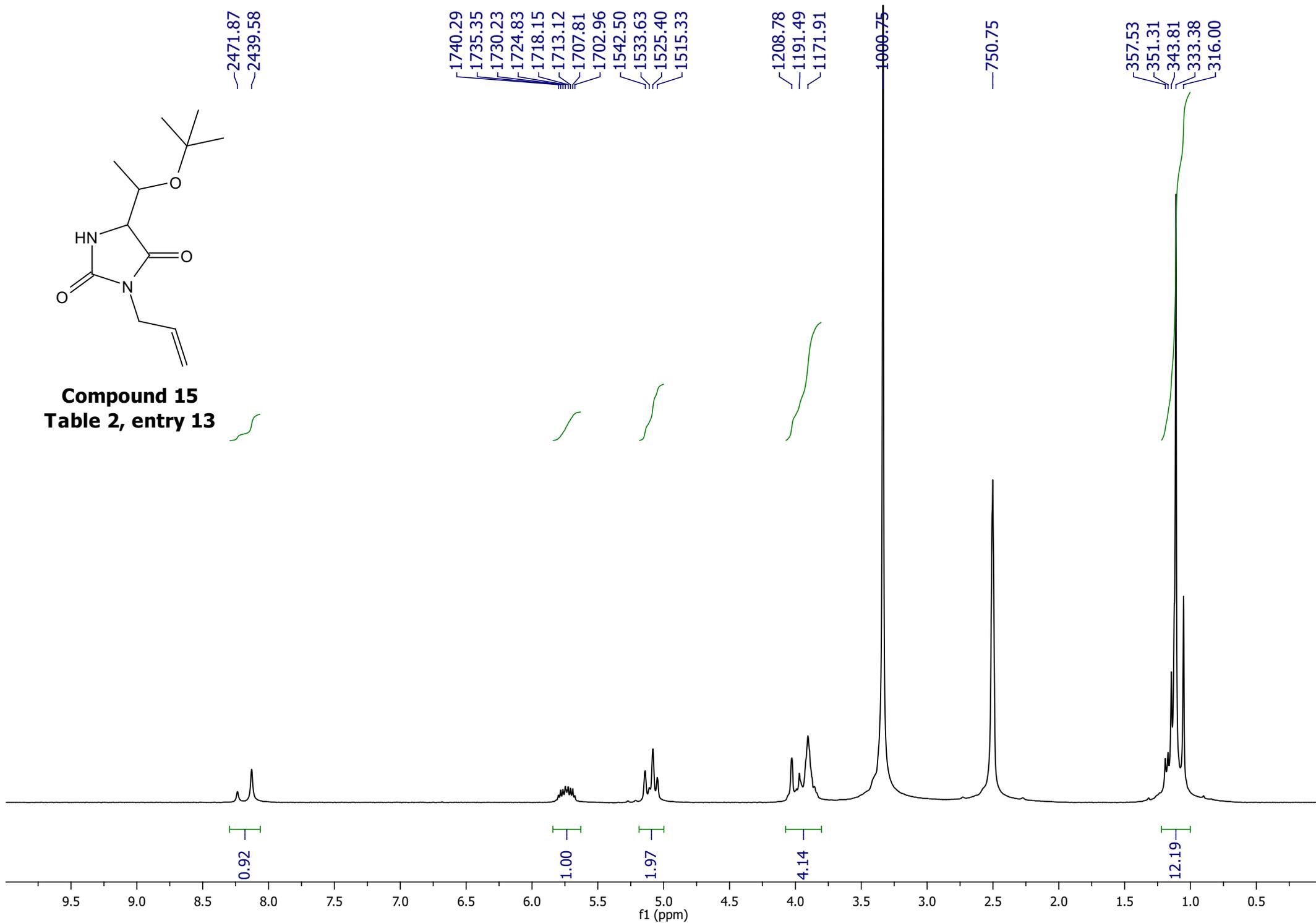
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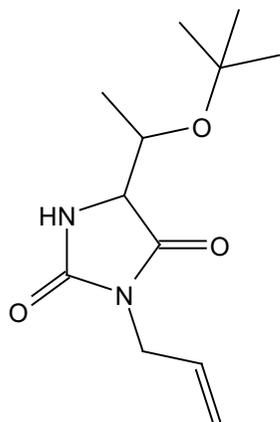
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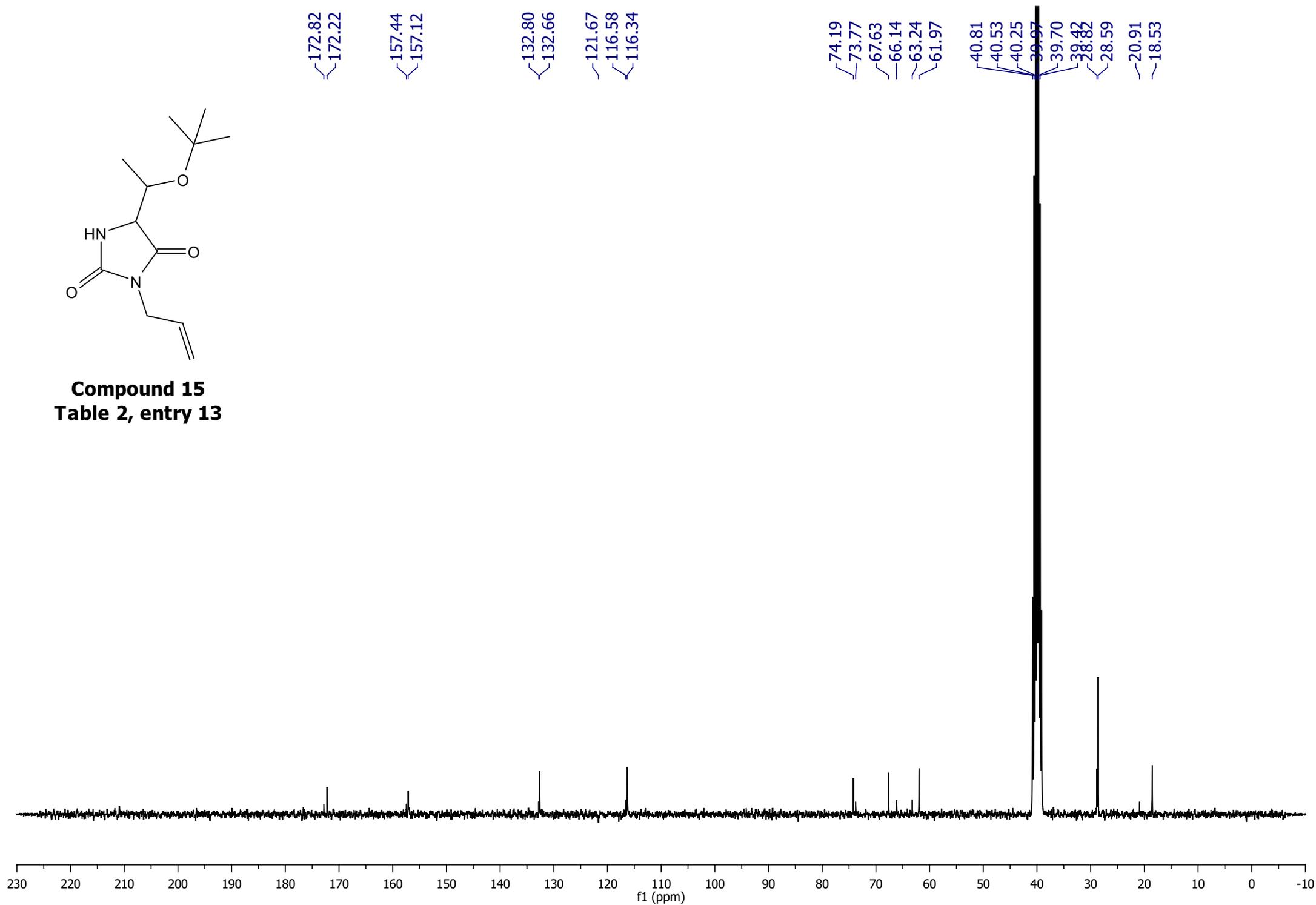
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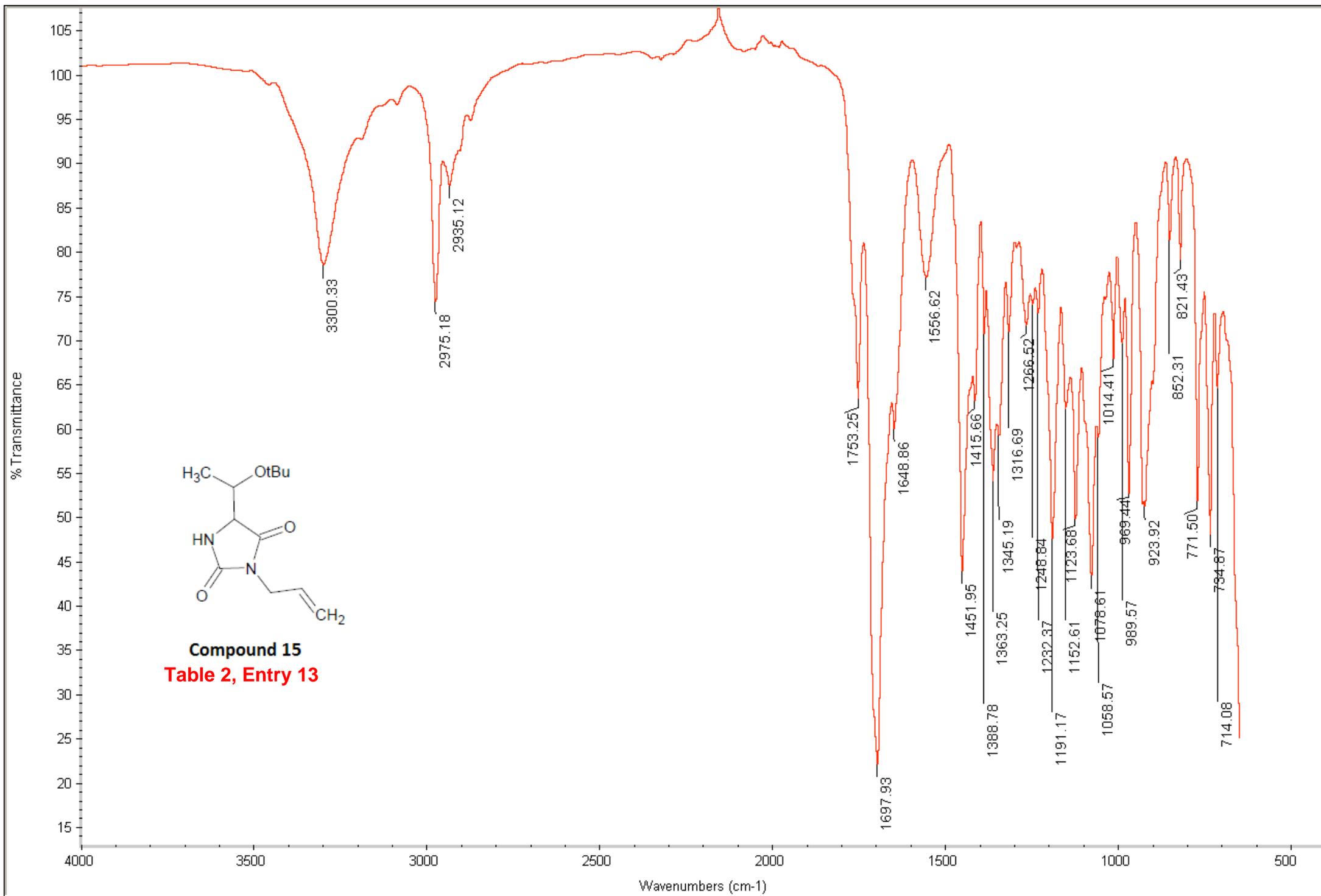
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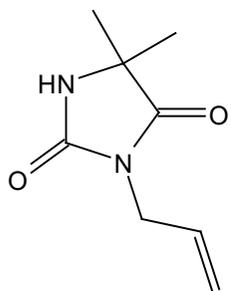




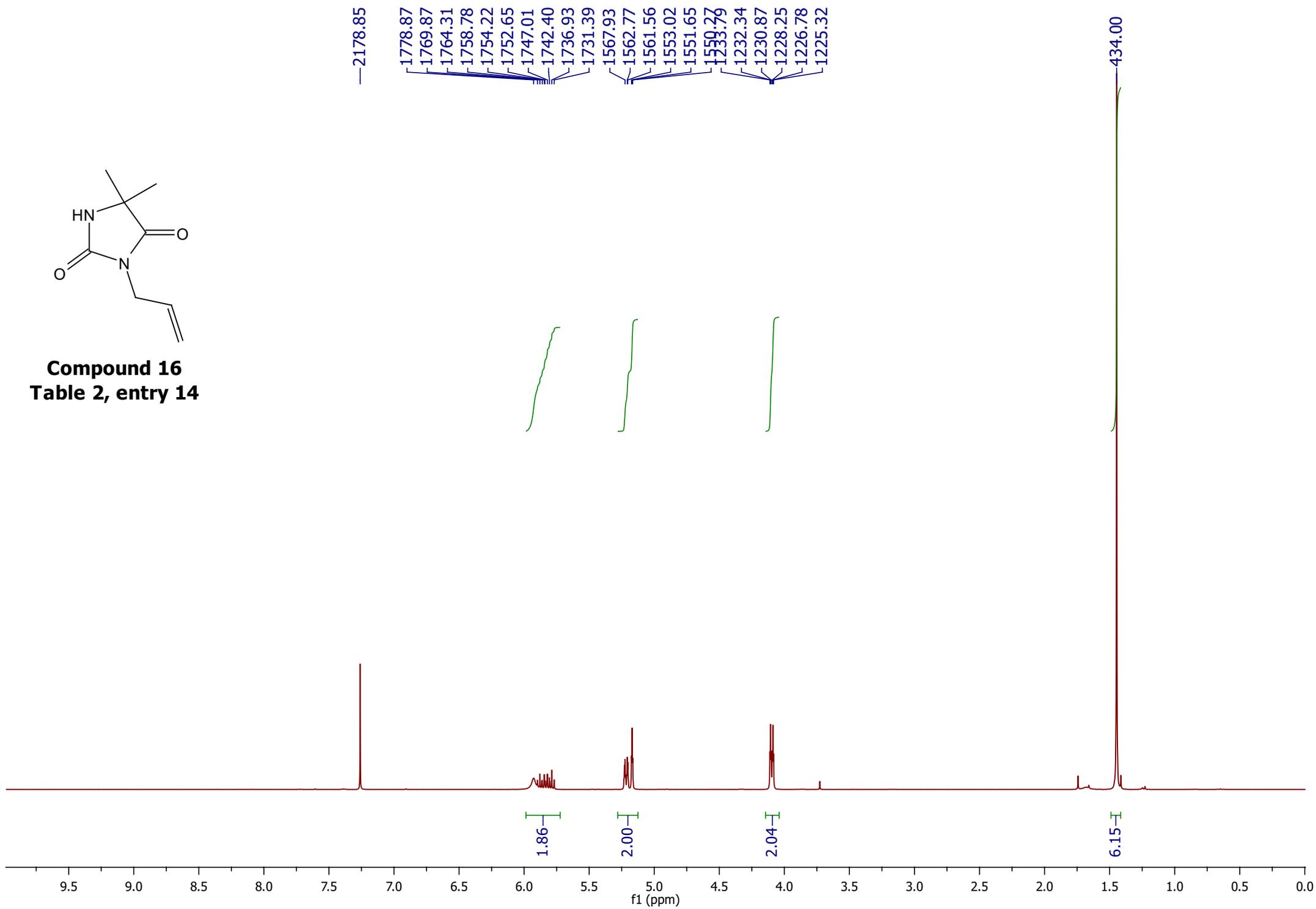
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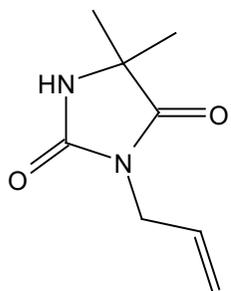




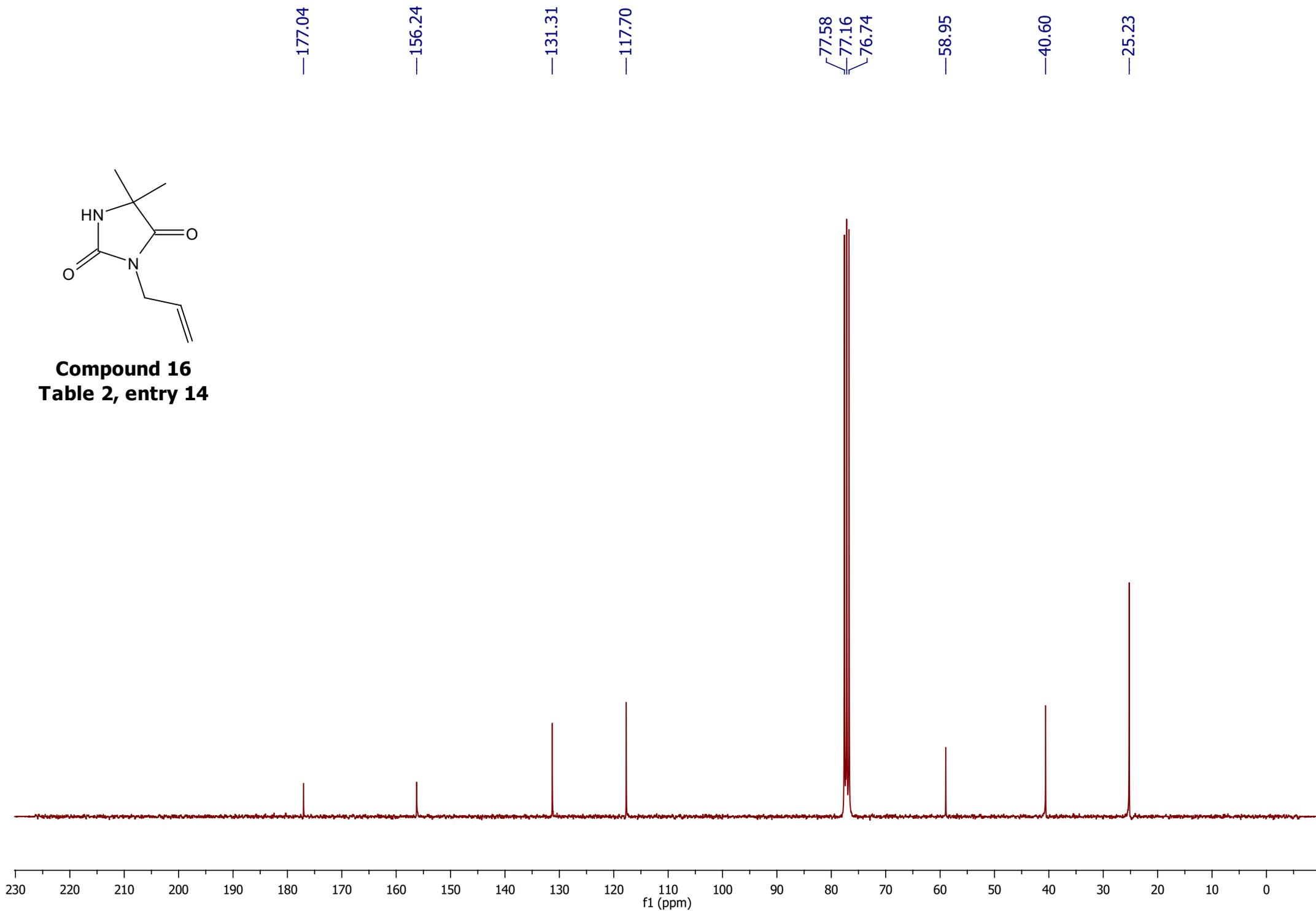


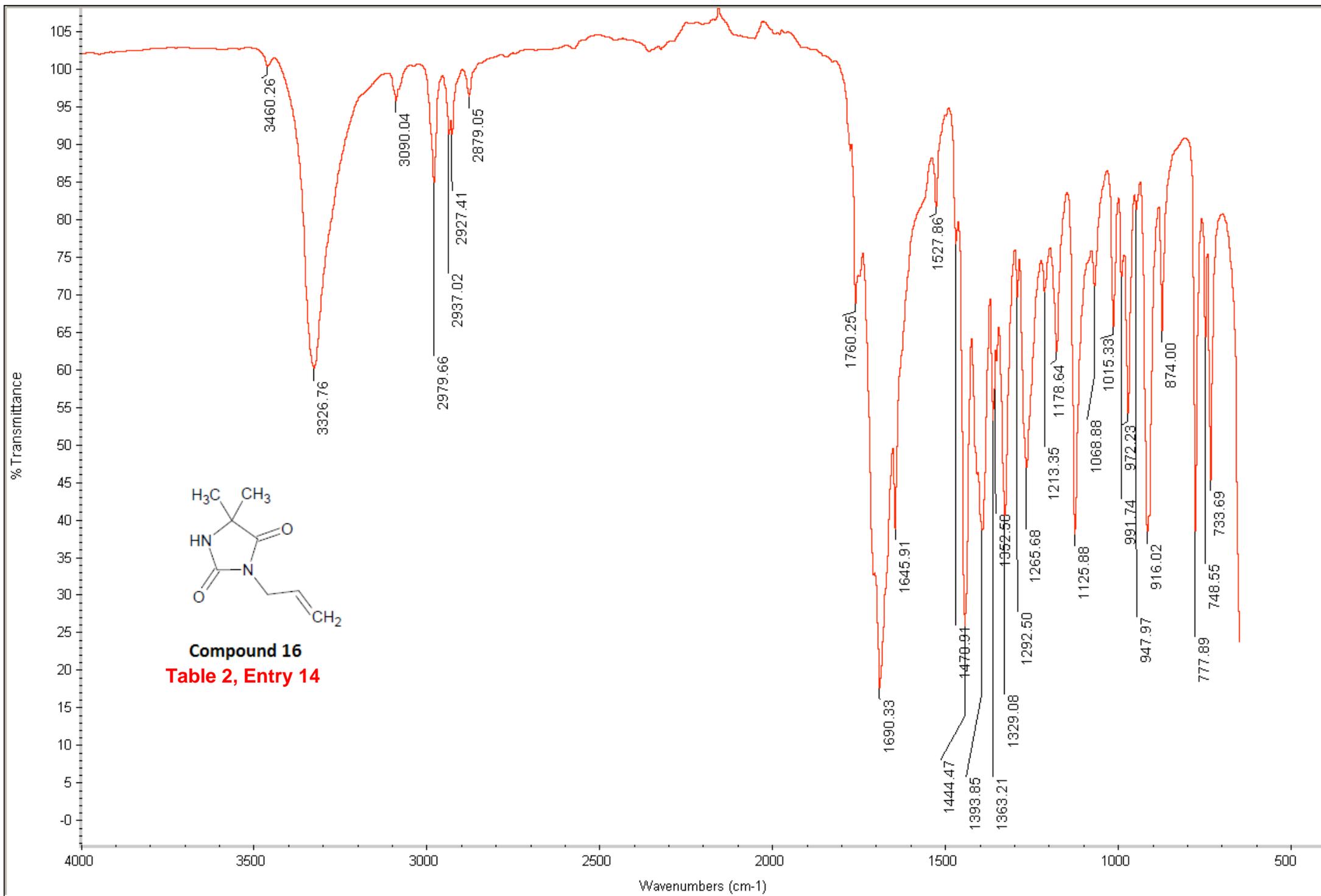
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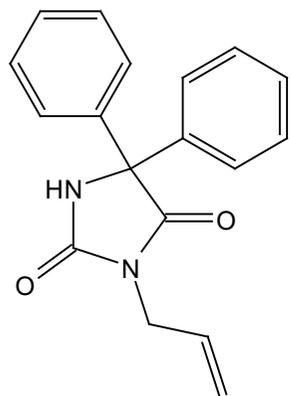




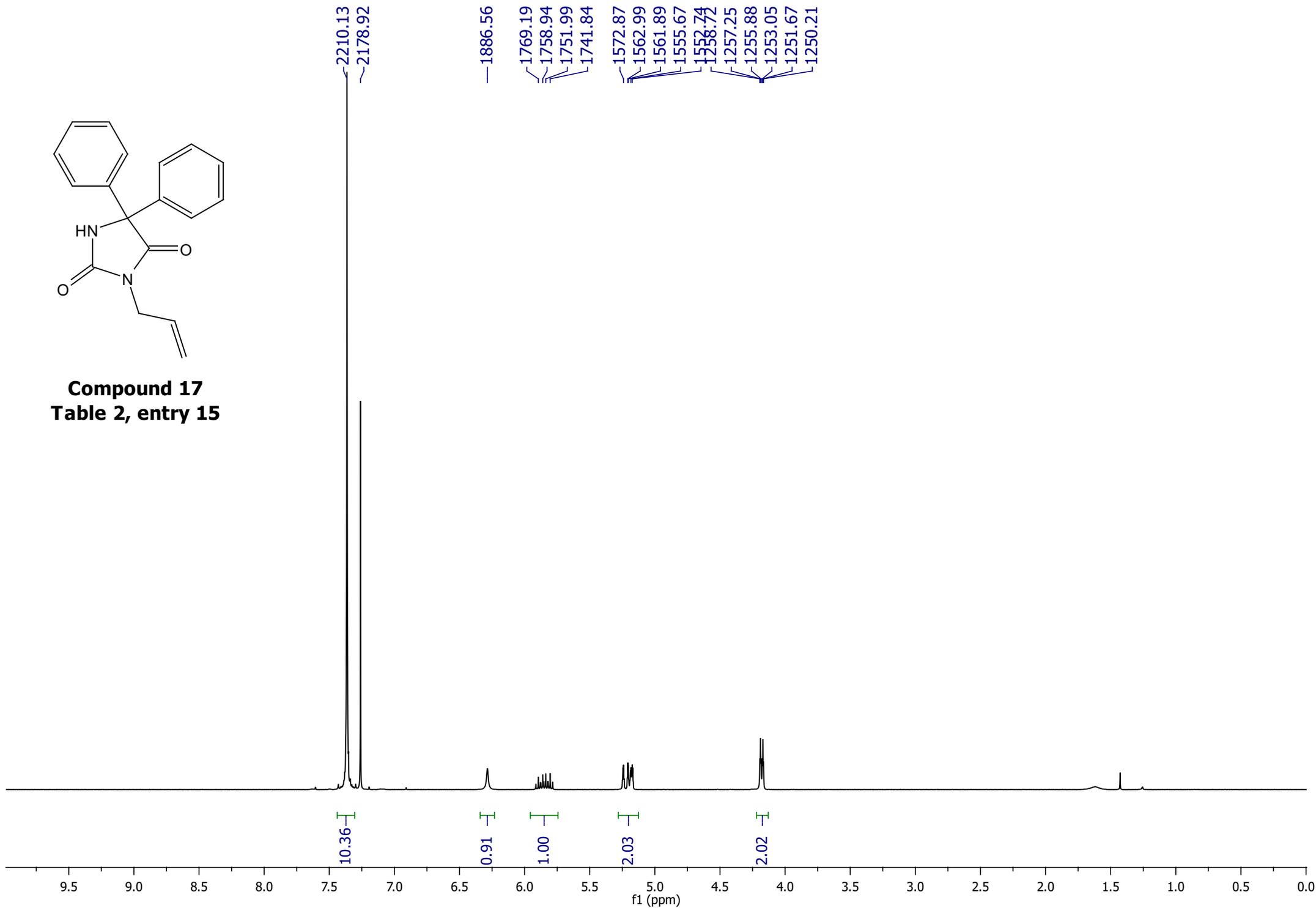
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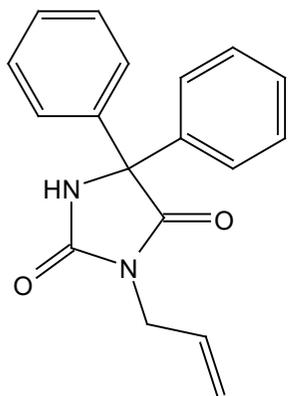




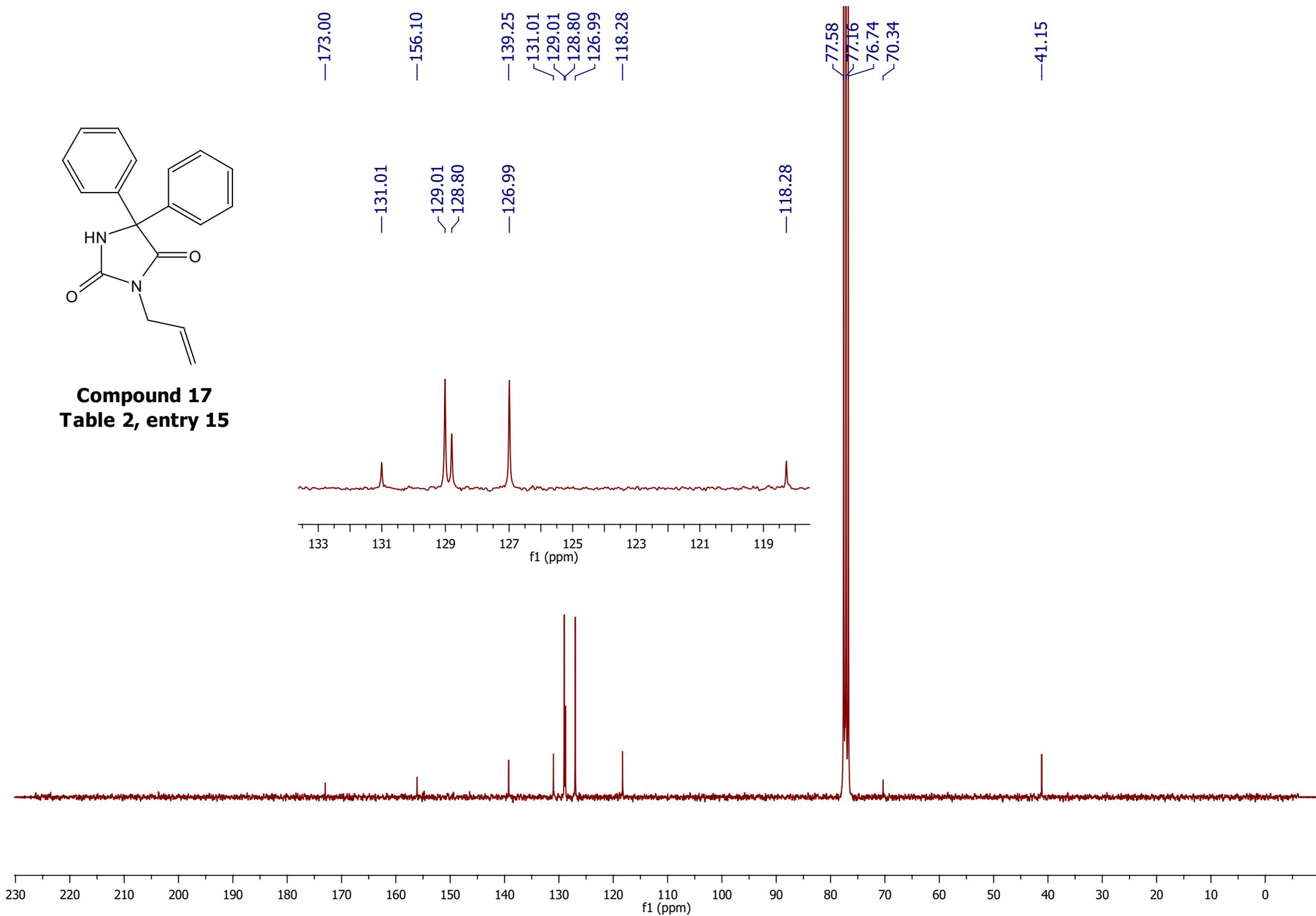


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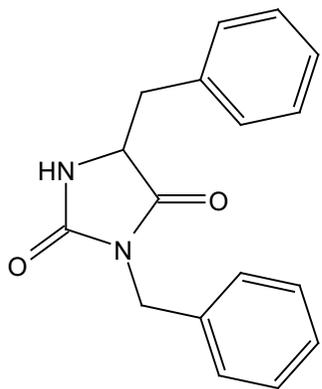




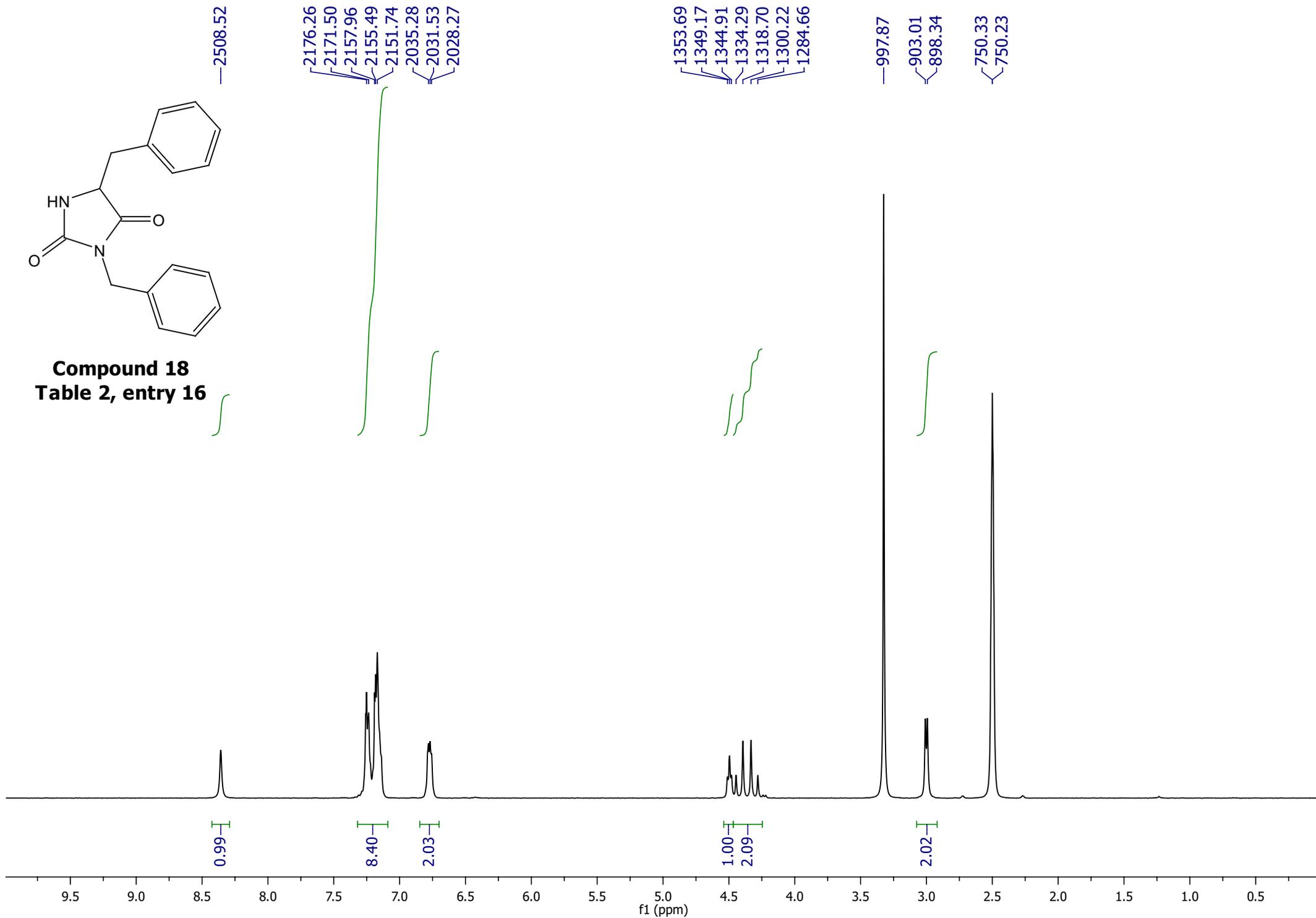
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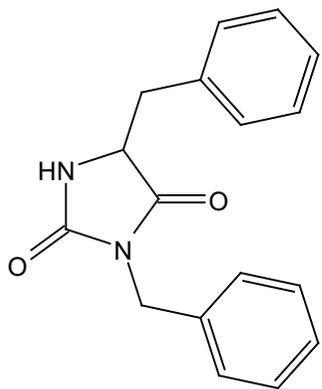




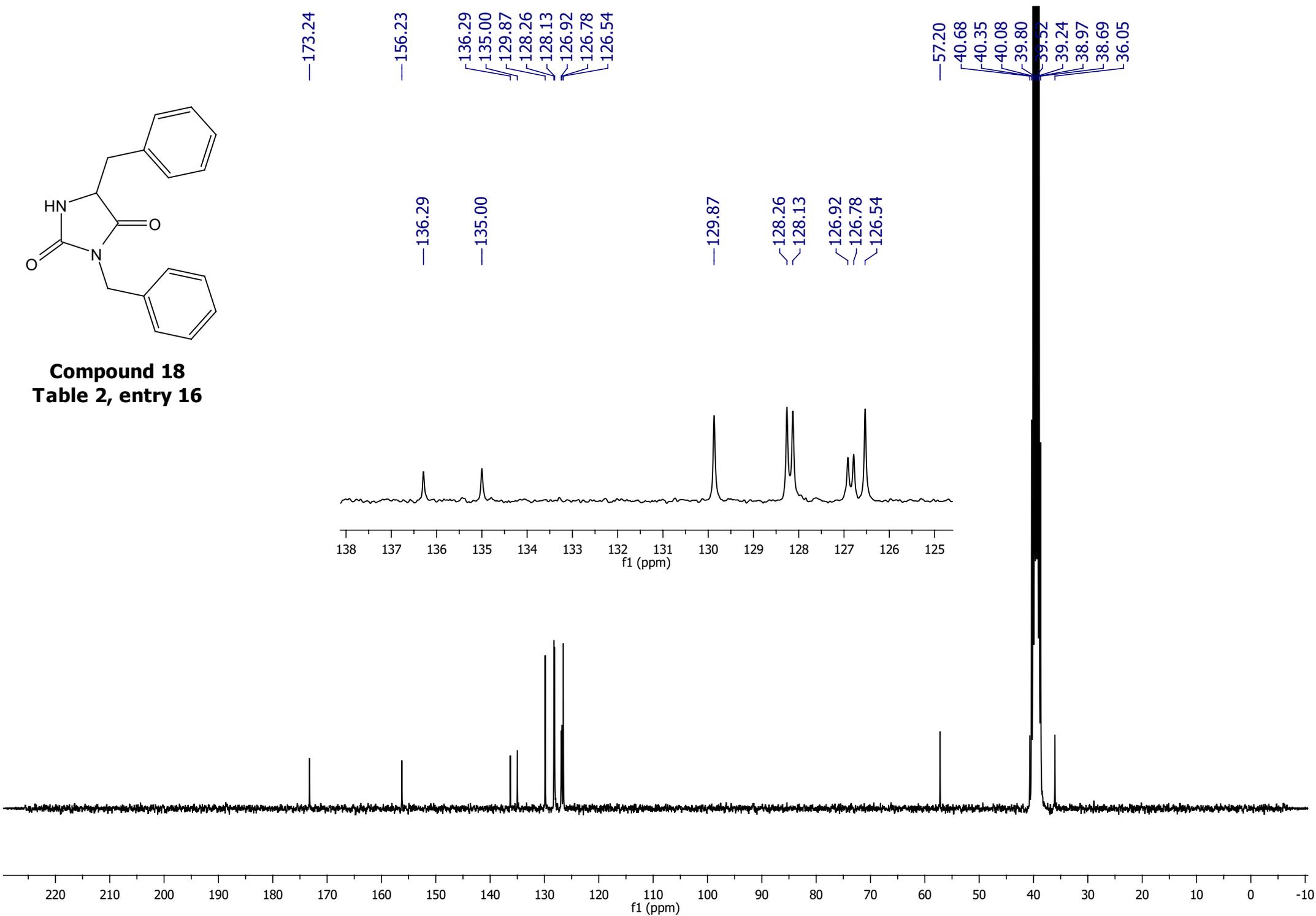


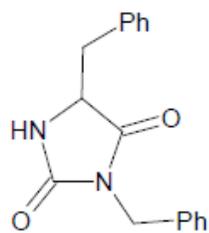
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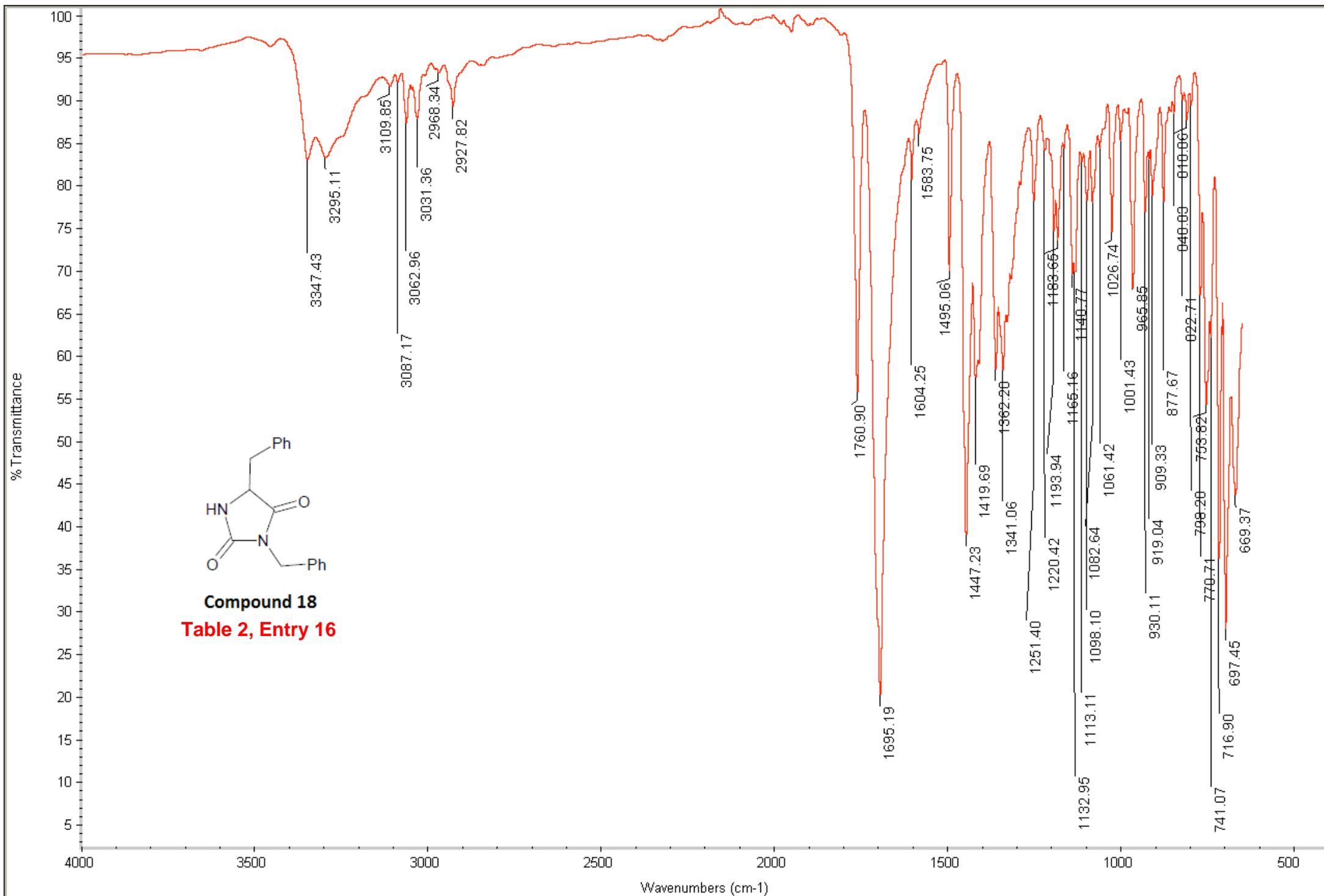
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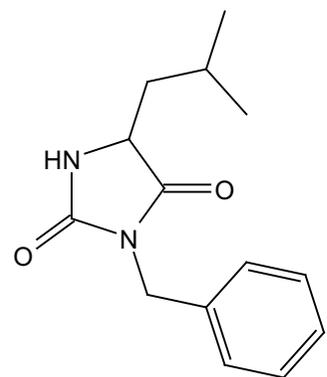




**Compound 18**

**Table 2, Entry 16**





**Compound 19**  
**Table 2, entry 17**

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2175.16  
2168.21

—1354.65  
1252.29  
1248.17  
1243.05  
1239.29

1000.34

750.33  
750.23

461.42  
457.03  
452.36  
432.24  
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0.94

5.01

1.99

1.00

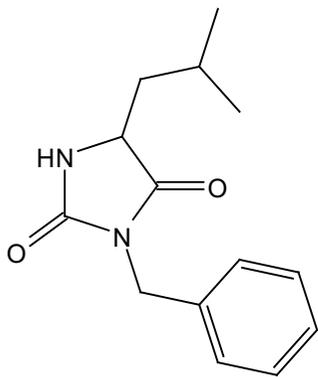
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2.00

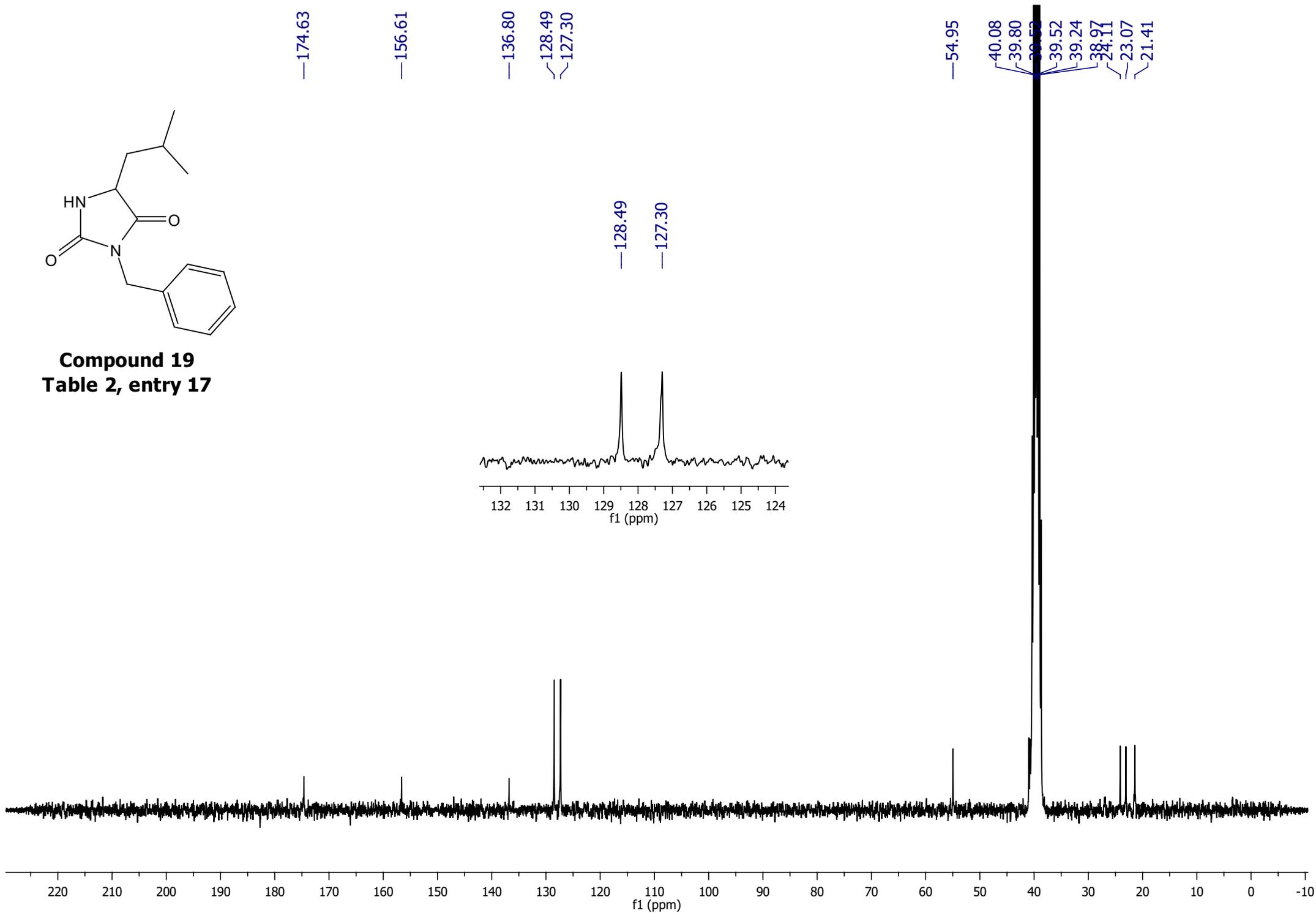
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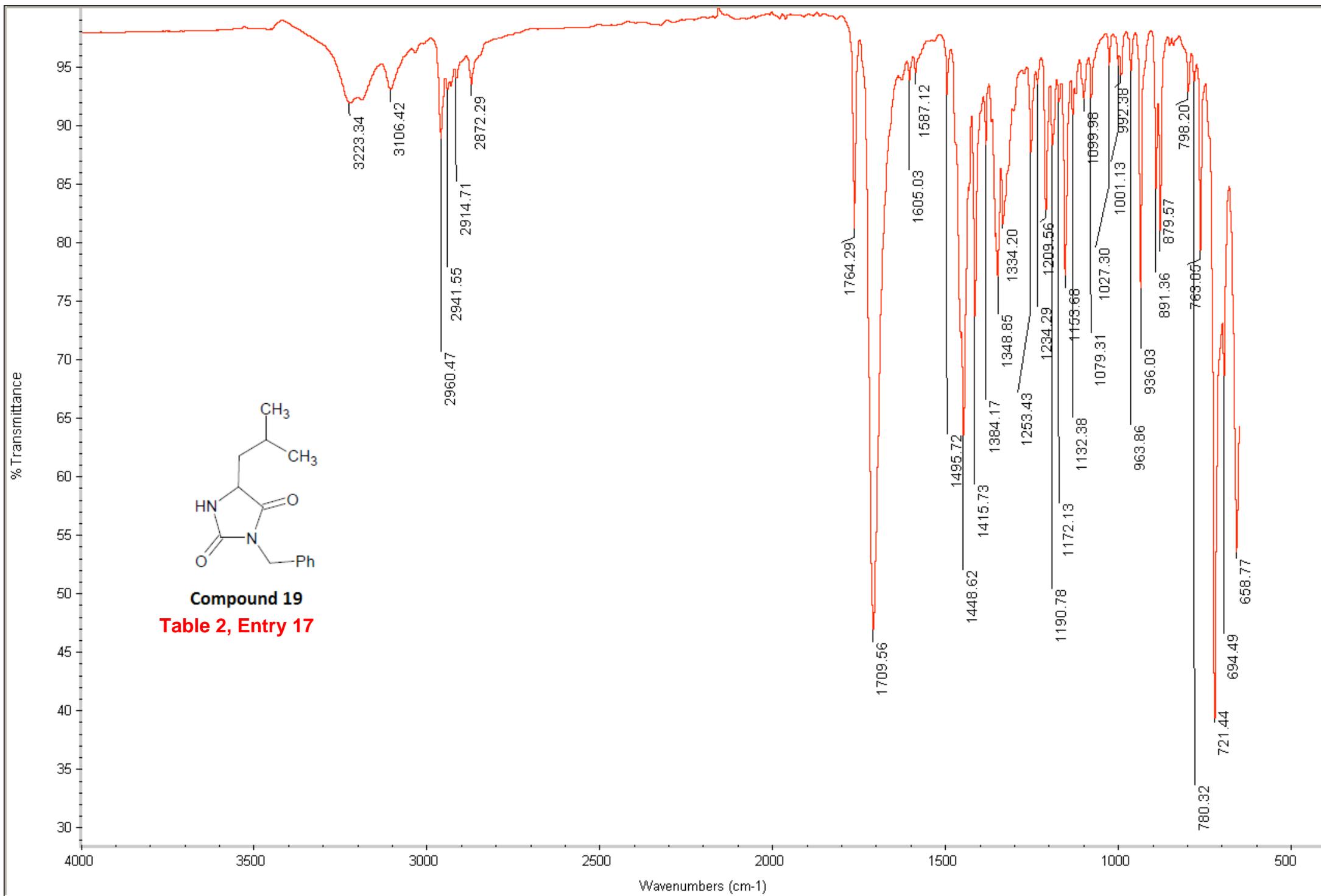
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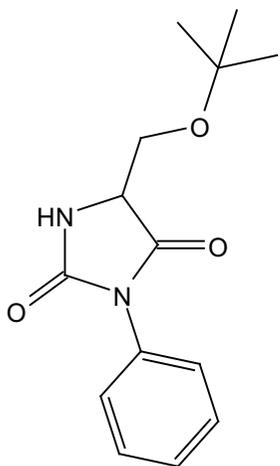
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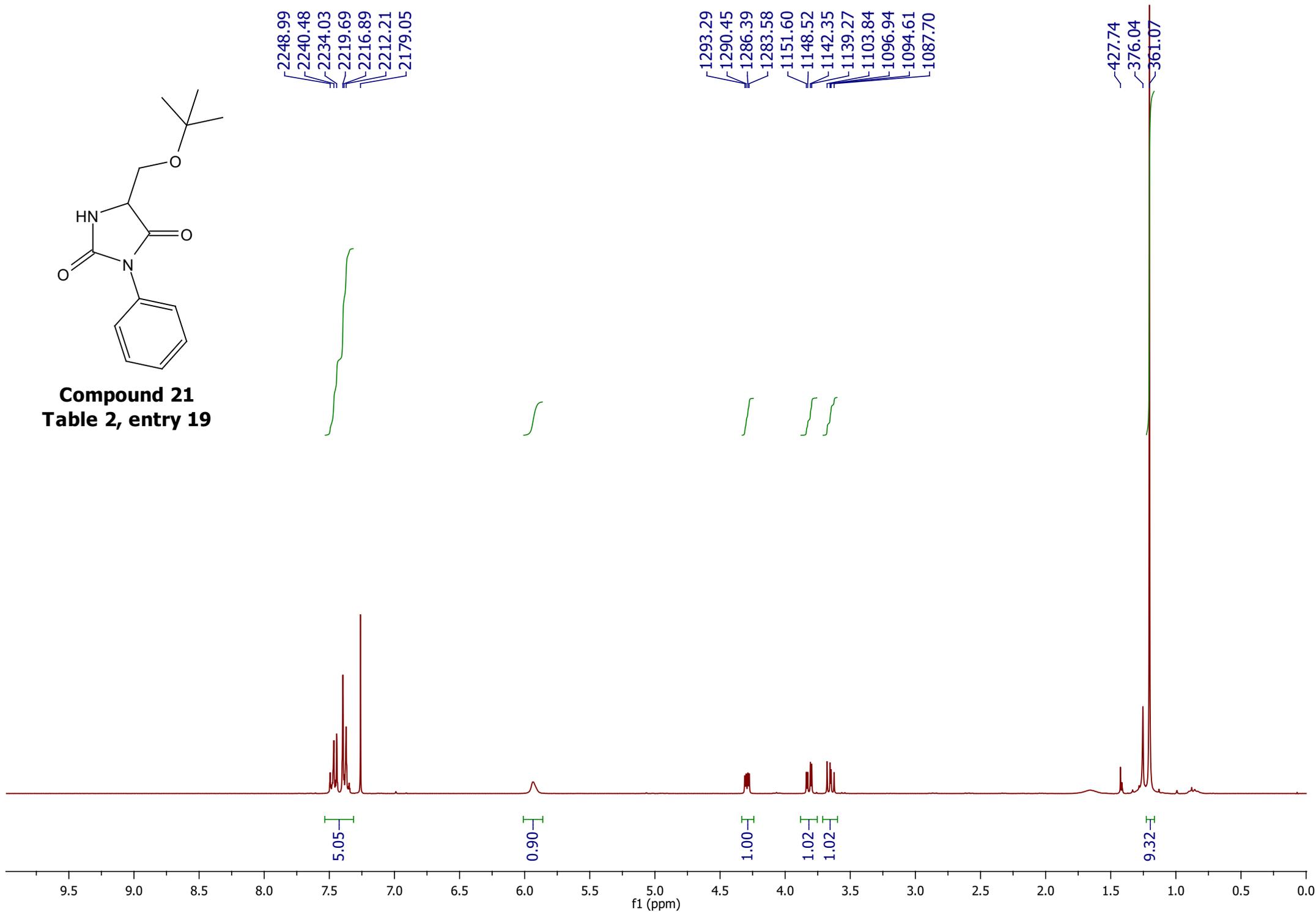
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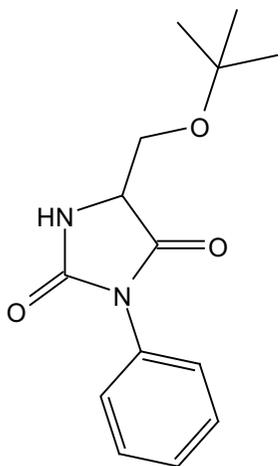




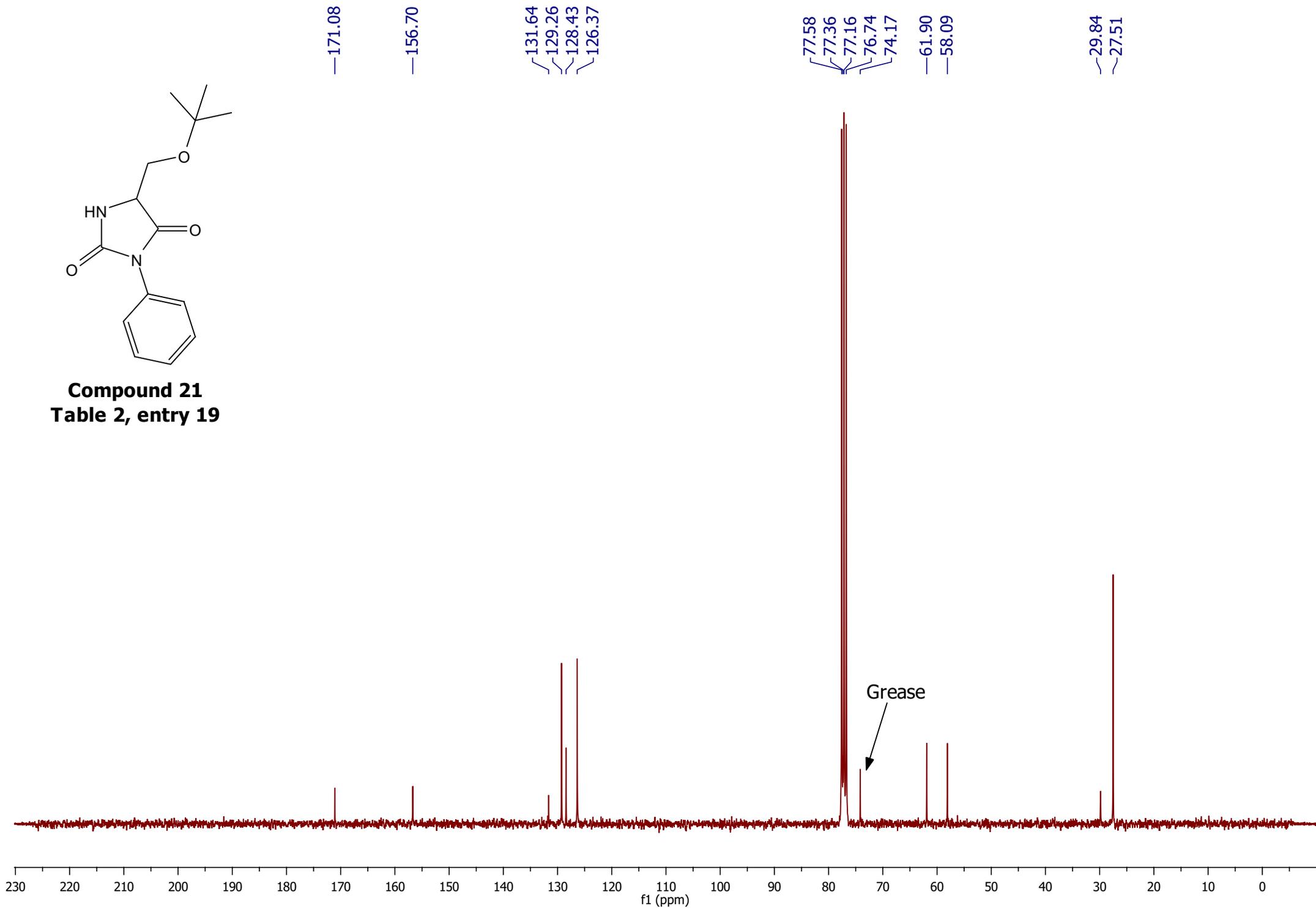


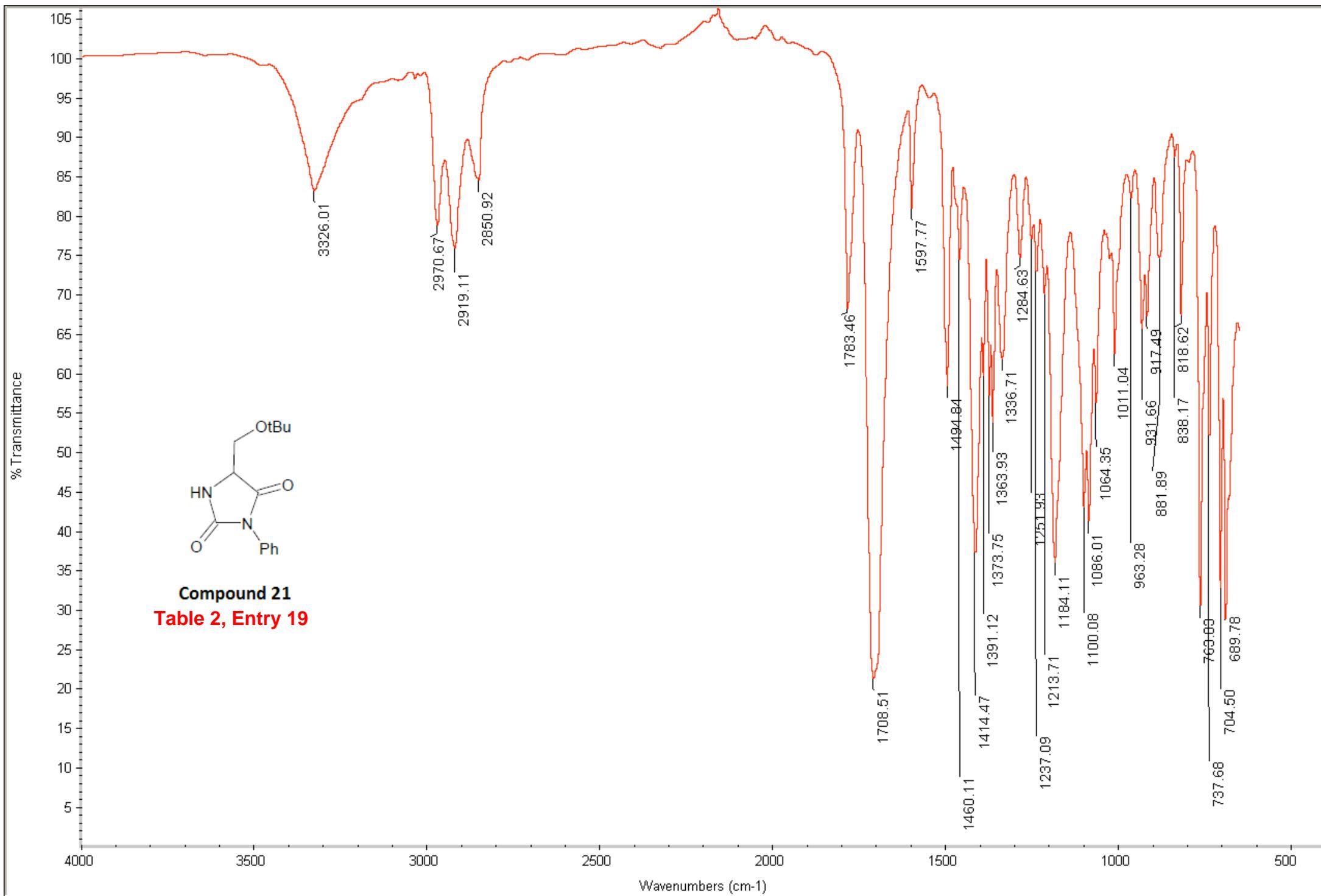
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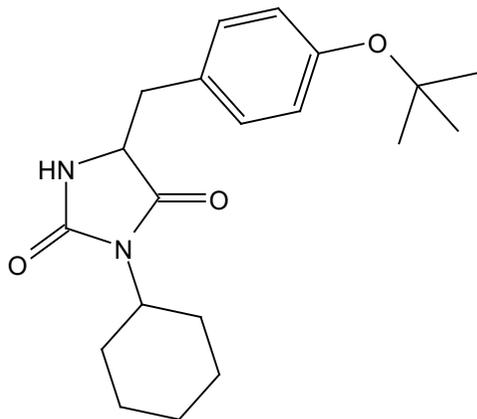


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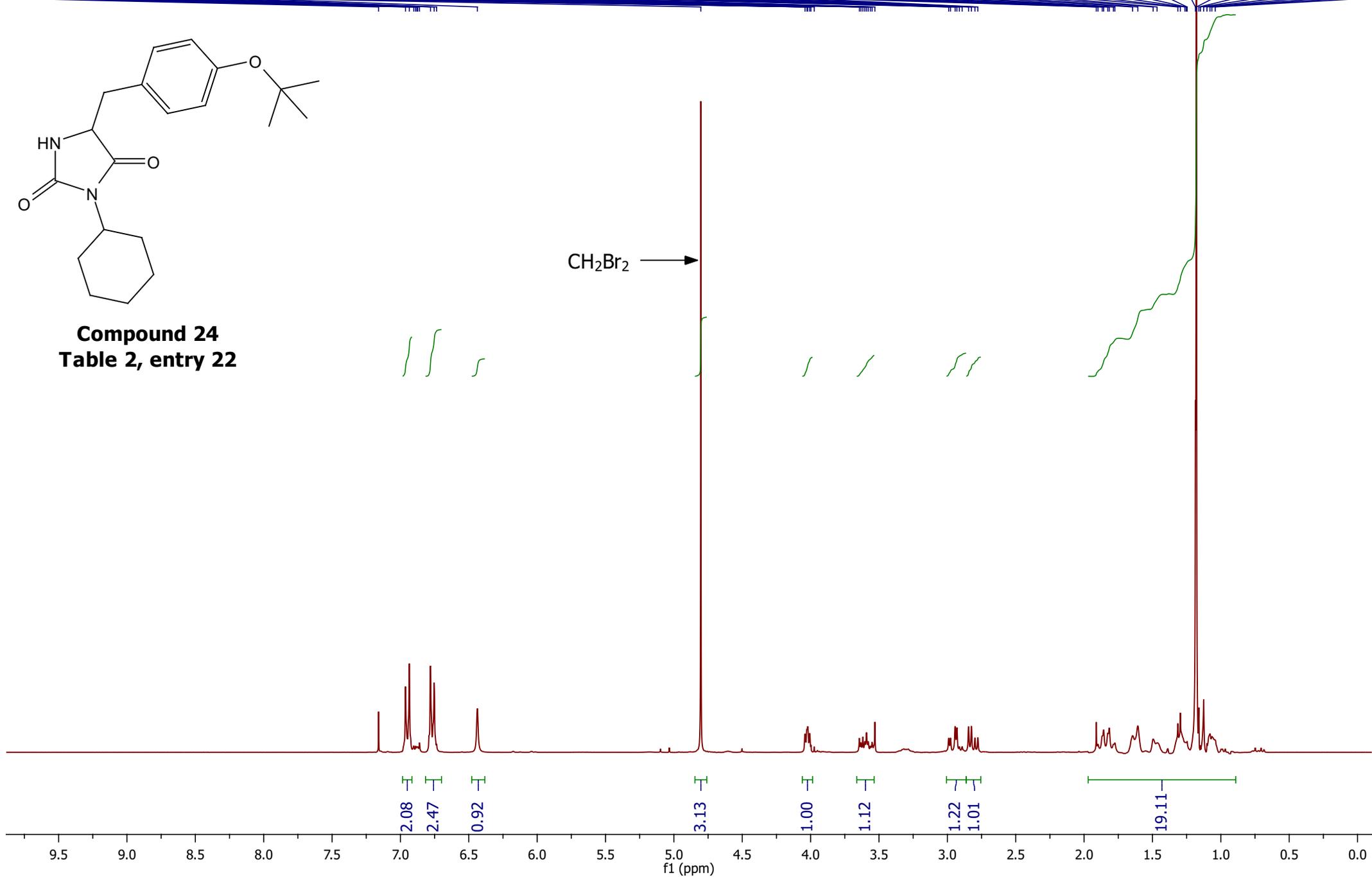


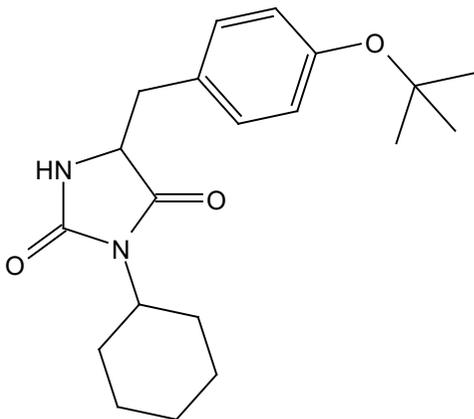


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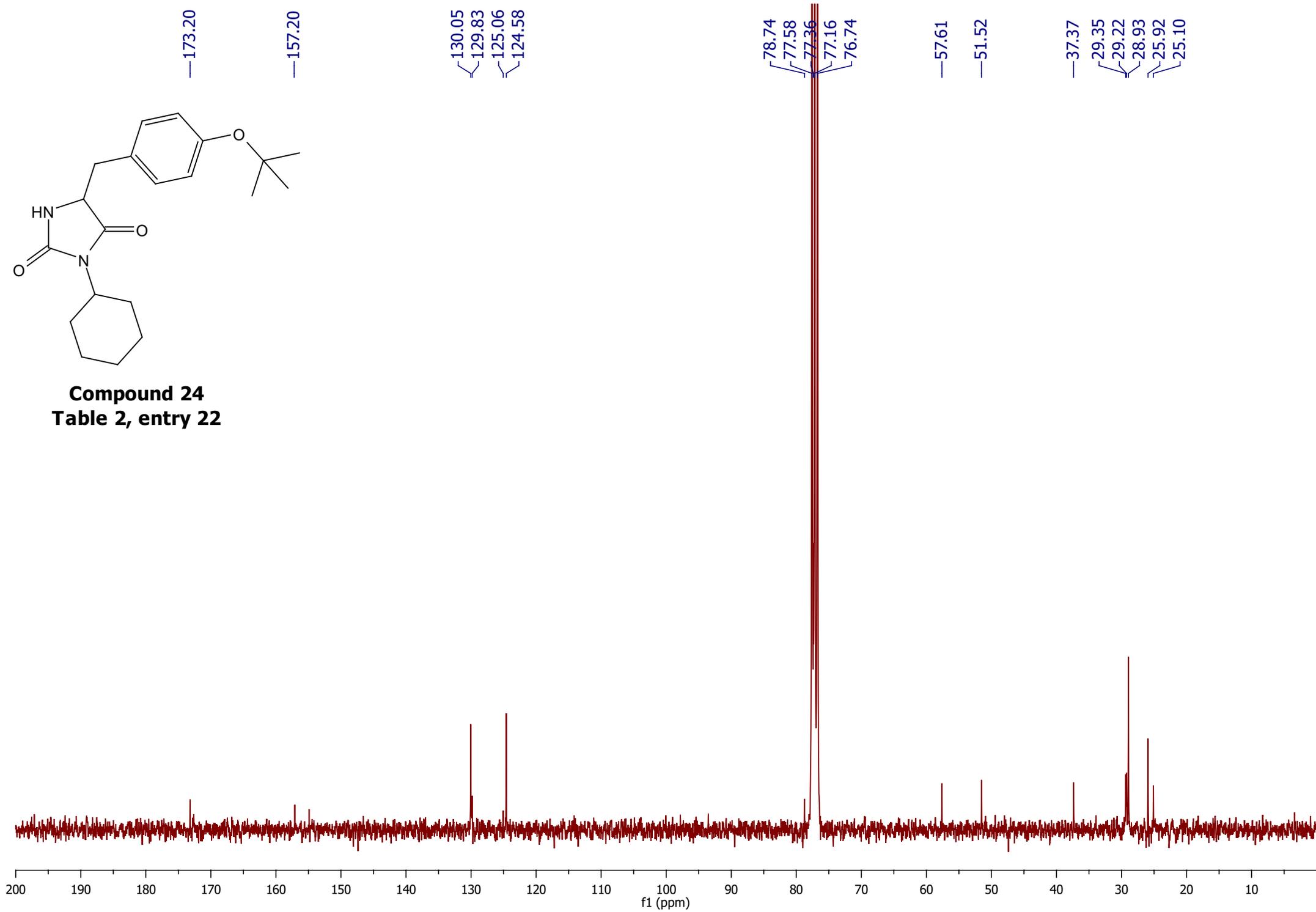


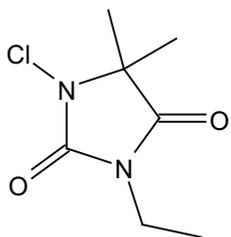
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**Table 2, entry 22**





**Compound 24**  
**Table 2, entry 22**



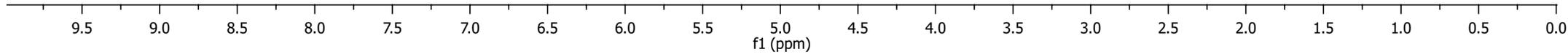


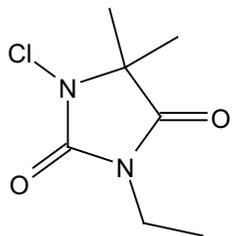
**Compound 25**  
**Scheme 2**

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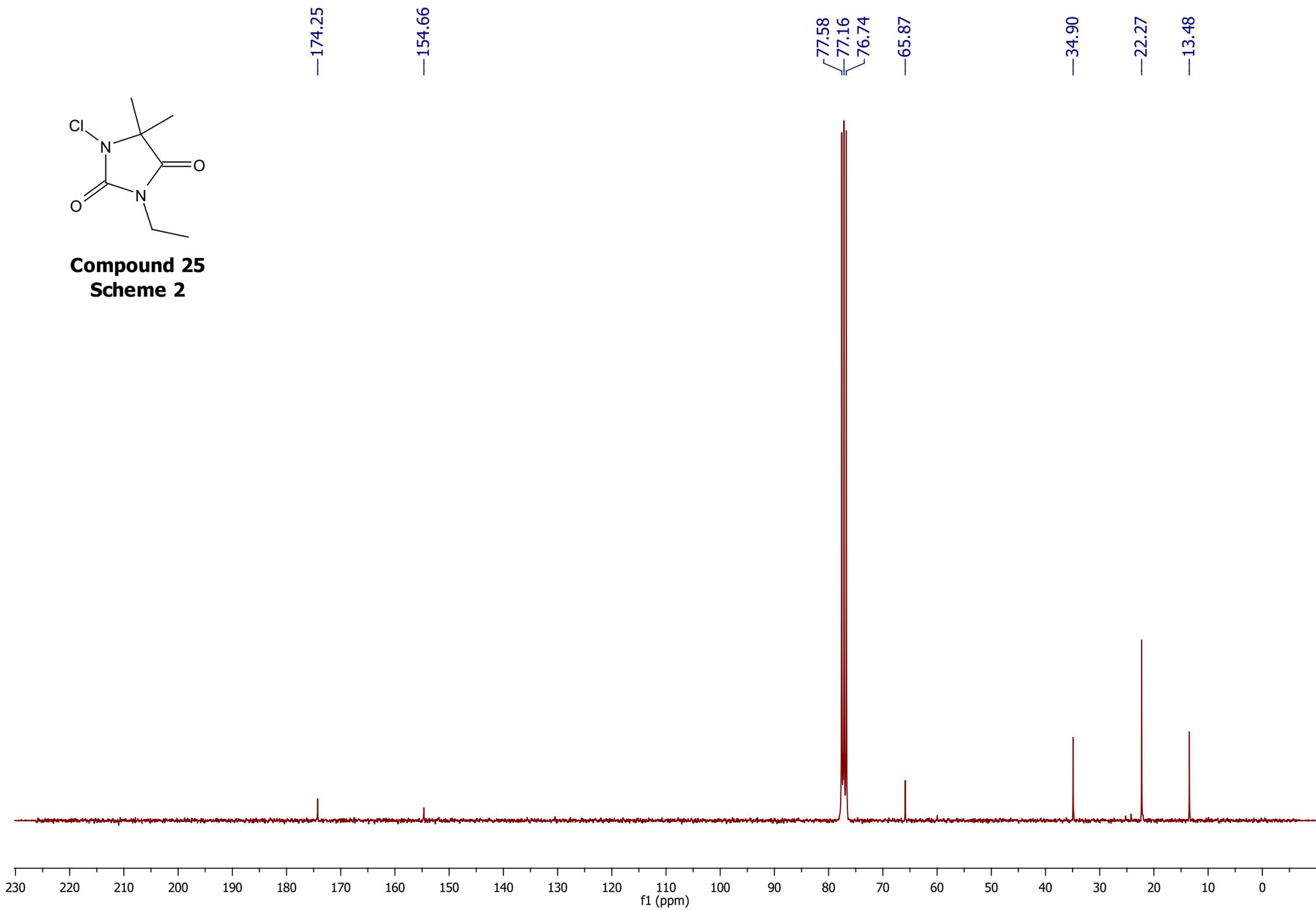
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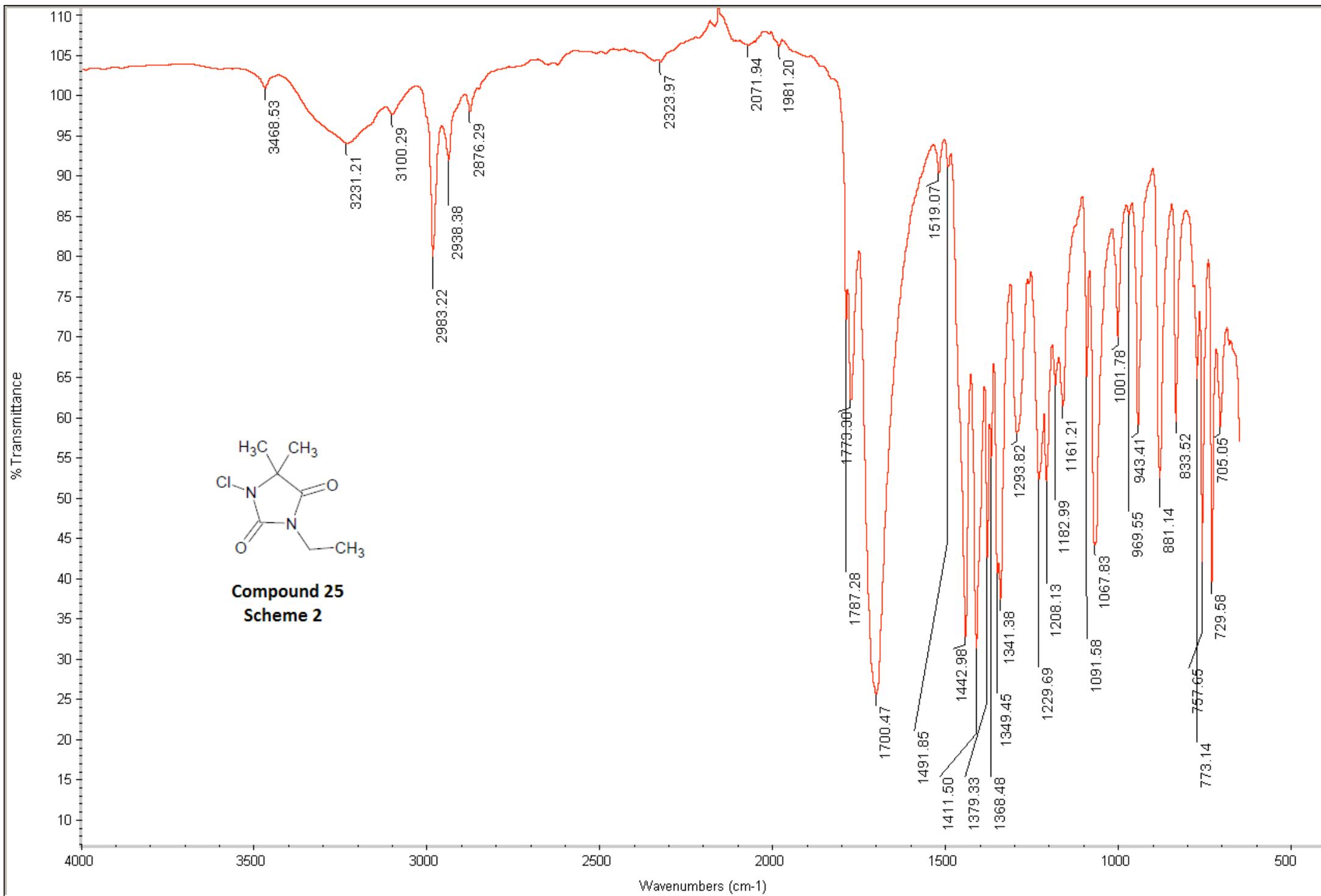
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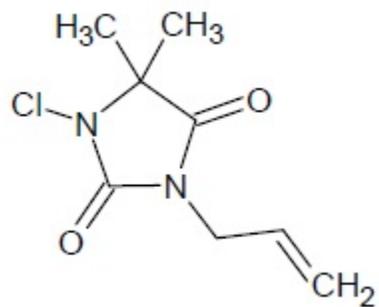




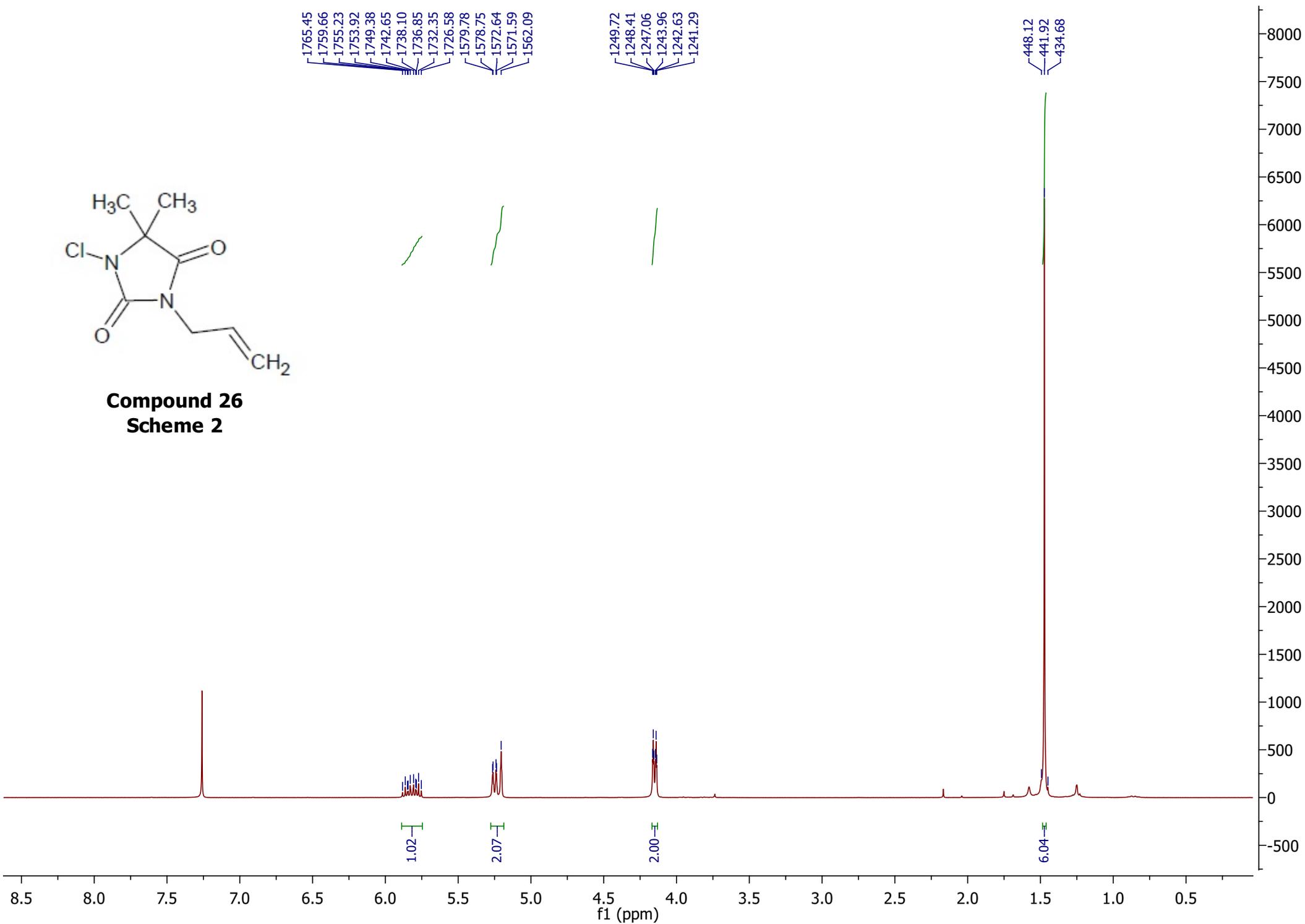
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**Scheme 2**

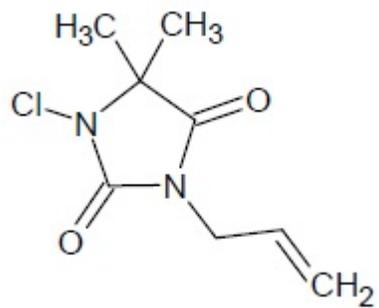






**Compound 26**  
**Scheme 2**





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**Scheme 2**

