

Supporting Information

FeCl₃-Catalyzed Synthesis of Pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline Derivatives from 1-(2-Aminophenyl)pyrroles through Annulation and Cleavage of Cyclic Ethers

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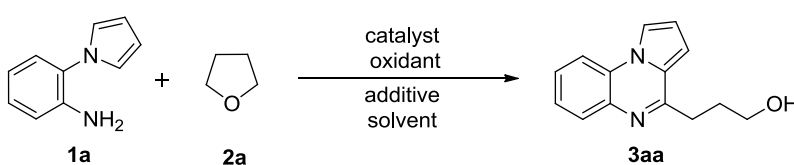
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General remark

^1H NMR, and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400M and Mercury 300M in CDCl_3 or DMSO. All ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts were given as δ value (ppm) with reference to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. All compounds were further characterized by HRMS; copies of their ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were provided. Products were purified by flash chromatography on 200–300 mesh silica gels. All melting points were determined without correction. All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere in oven-dried glassware, unless otherwise noted. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled prior to use and stored over activated molecular sieves. All reagents were purchased commercially and used as received, unless otherwise noted.

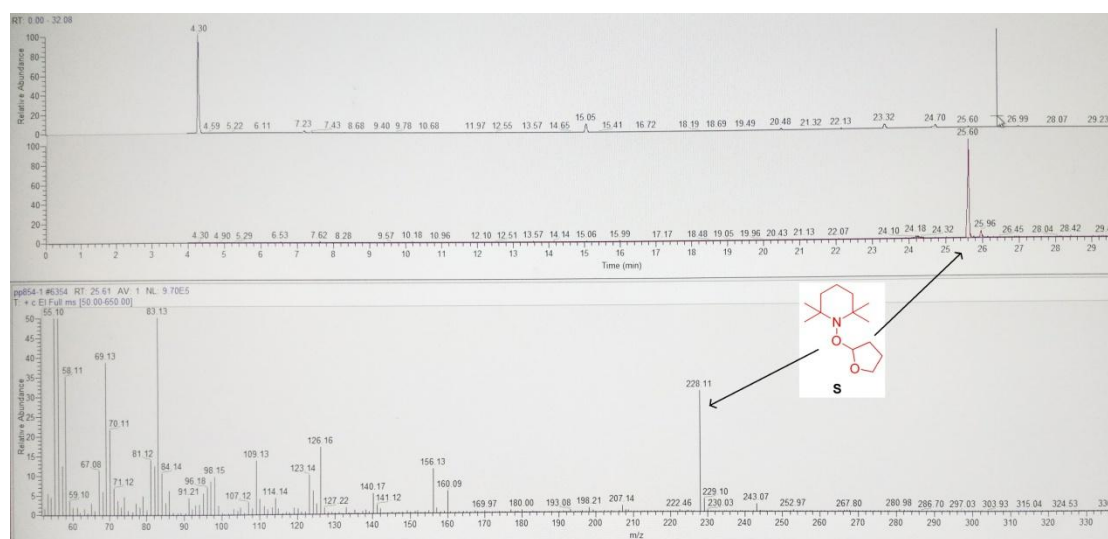
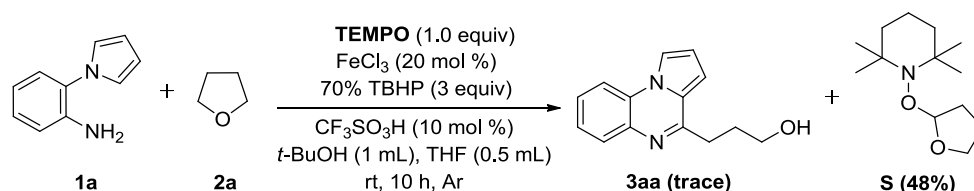
Table S1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions ^a

						
entry	catalyst (mol %)	oxidant (equiv)	additive (mol %)	solvent	T/ °C	yield (%) ^b
1	FeCl_3 (10)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	60	46
2	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (10)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	60	0
3	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (10)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	60	0
4	FeCl_2 (10)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	60	38
5	FeBr_3 (10)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	60	34
6	$\text{Fe}(\text{OTf})_3$ (10)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	60	30
7	FeCl_3 (20)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	60	50
8	FeCl_3 (20)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	100	32
9	FeCl_3 (20)	TBHP (2) ^c	-	THF	25	58
10	FeCl_3 (20)	DTBP (2) ^d	-	THF	25	38
11	FeCl_3 (20)	$\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (2)	-	THF	25	trace
12	FeCl_3 (20)	DDQ (2) ^d	-	THF	25	0
13	FeCl_3 (20)	TBHP (2) ^e	-	THF	25	72
14	FeCl_3 (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	-	THF	25	80

15	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	-	MeCN/THF (1:1)	25	35
16	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	-	CH ₃ NO ₂ /THF(1:1)	25	50
17	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	-	<i>t</i> BuOH/THF (1:1)	25	84
18	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	-	<i>i</i> PrOH/THF (1:1)	25	70
19	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	-	<i>t</i> BuOH ^f	25	31
20	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	-	<i>t</i> BuOH/THF (2:1)	25	89
21	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	CF ₃ COOH (10)	<i>t</i> BuOH/THF (2:1)	25	84
22	FeCl₃ (20)	TBHP (3)^e	CF₃SO₃H (10)	<i>t</i>BuOH/THF (2:1)	25	94
	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	CF ₃ SO ₃ H (10)	<i>t</i> BuOH/THF (2:1)	25	78 ^g
23	FeCl ₃ (20)	TBHP (3) ^e	CF ₃ SO ₃ H (20)	<i>t</i> BuOH/THF (2:1)	25	80
24	-	TBHP (3) ^e	CF ₃ SO ₃ H (10)	<i>t</i> BuOH/THF (2:1)	25	0
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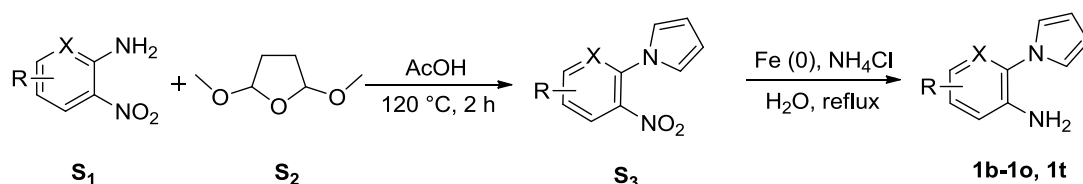
^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.3 mmol), catalyst (20 mol %), oxidant (3 equiv), additive (10 mol %), solvent (1.5 mL), rt, 10 h, Ar. ^b Yields of isolated products. ^c 5.5 M TBHP in decane. ^d DTBP = di-*tert*-butyl peroxide, DDQ = dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone. ^e 70% TBHP in water. ^f THF (5 equiv). ^g Under O₂. Entry in bold highlights optimized reaction conditions, and the reaction time was monitored by TLC.

General procedure radical trapping experiment.



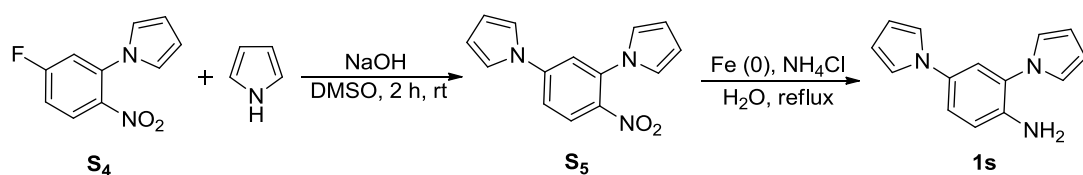
A mixture of 1-(2-aminophenyl)pyrrole **1a** (1 equiv, 0.3 mmol), 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy TEMPO (1.0 equiv, 0.3 mmol), FeCl₃ (20 mol %, 0.06 mmol), TBHP (3.0 equiv, 0.9 mmol, 70% in water), CF₃SO₃H (10 mol %, 0.03 mmol), tetrahydrofuran **2a** (0.5 mL), *tert*-butyl alcohol (1 mL) were stirred at ambient temperature under argon atmosphere for 10 h (TLC monitored). Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and saturated brine. All organic phase obtained were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The resulting was analyzed by GC-MS. Then the intermediate **S** was isolated in 48% (based on TEMPO) by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/EtOAc as eluent (100:1), which was identified by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR.

General procedure for the synthesis of **1b-1r** and **1t**.^[1]



Compound **1a** was purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Substituted 2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)anilines **1b-1r** and **1t** were prepared in the following method. A mixture of substituted **S**₁ (5 mmol) and **S**₂ (5 mmol) in acetic acid (25 mL) was refluxed for 2 h with vigorous stirring. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate three times (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo to afford **S**₃. Then, the residue **S**₃ was added to iron powder (20 mmol) and NH₄Cl (2 mmol) in water (20 mL) and refluxed for 4 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate three times (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo to afford a residue. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether/EtOAc as eluent to provide the desired product **1b-1r** and **1t**.

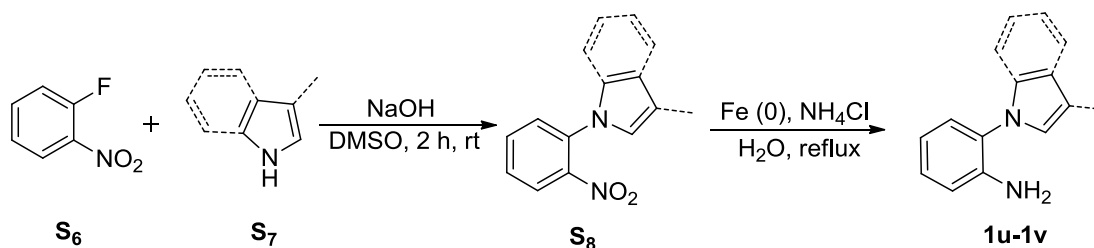
General procedure for the synthesis of **1s**.^[2]



S₄ was prepared from the method of synthesizing **S**₃. Then, a mixture of **S**₄ (5 mmol), pyrrole (5 mmol) and NaOH (5 mmol) in DMSO (15 mL) was stirred vigorously for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was poured into water (60 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate three times (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo to afford a residue **S**₅.

The residue **S**₅ was added to iron powder (20 mmol) and NH₄Cl (2 mmol) in water (60 mL) and refluxed for 4 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate three times (3×60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo to afford a residue. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **1s**.

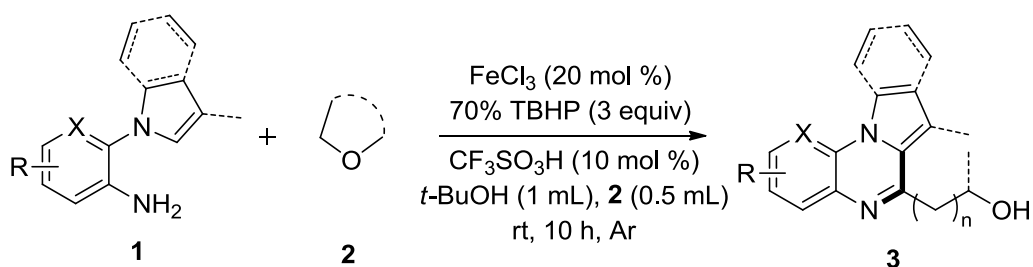
General procedure for the synthesis of **1u-1v**.^[2]



To a well-stirred solution of *N*-heterocycle **S**₇ (5.0 mmol) in DMSO (5.0 mL), NaOH (5.0 mmol) and 1-fluoro-2-nitrobenzene **S**₆ (5.0 mmol) were added slowly. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 2 h at room temperature until no more starting material was detected by TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and saturated brine. Then the organic phase was combined and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated to obtain desired products **S**₈ which were directly used for next step without further purification.

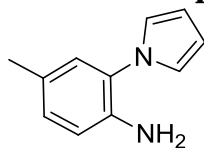
The residue **S**₈ was added to iron powder (20 mmol) and NH₄Cl (2 mmol) in water (60 mL) and refluxed for 4 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate three times (3×60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo to afford the residue. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired products **1u** and **1v**.

General procedure for the synthesis of Pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline Derivatives.



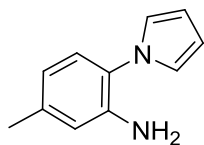
A mixture of 2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline **1a** (1 equiv, 0.3 mmol), FeCl₃ (20 mol %, 0.06 mmol), 70% TBHP (3.0 equiv, 0.9 mmol), CF₃SO₃H (10 mol %, 0.03mmol), cyclic ethers **2a** (0.5 mL), *tert*-butyl alcohol (1 mL) were stirred at ambient temperature under argon atmosphere for 10 h (TLC monitored). Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was then extracted with ethyl acetate and saturated brine. The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (1:1) to afford the desired **3aa**.

The data of products



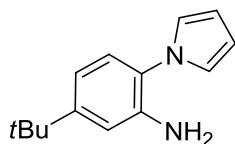
4-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (**1b**)

White solid (610.6 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 6.97-6.96 (m, 2 H), 6.83-6.82 (m, 2 H), 6.71-6.69 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.33-6.32 (m, 2 H), 3.57 (br s, 2 H), 2.26 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 139.3, 129.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 121.6, 116.2, 109.2, 20.2.



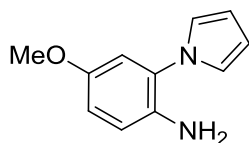
5-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (**1c**)

White solid (627.8 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.03-7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.80-6.79 (m, 2 H), 6.60-6.56 (m, 2 H), 6.32-6.31 (m, 2 H), 3.62 (br s, 2 H), 2.30 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 141.9, 138.6, 127.0, 125.2, 121.9, 119.2, 116.6, 109.2, 21.2.



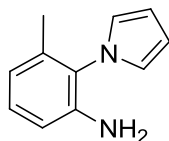
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White solid (727.6 mg, 68% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.07-7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 4 H), 6.31-6.30 (m, 2 H), 3.62 (br s, 2 H), 1.31 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 151.8, 141.4, 126.6, 125.1, 121.7, 115.6, 113.2, 109.1, 34.5, 31.2.



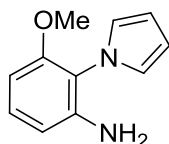
4-methoxy-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1e)

White solid (695.6 mg, 74% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 6.85-6.84 (m, 2 H), 6.79-6.73 (m, 3 H), 6.34-6.33 (m, 2 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.44 (br s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 152.5, 135.5, 128.1, 121.7, 117.3, 114.8, 112.5, 109.5, 55.9.



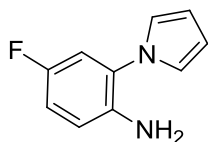
3-methyl-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1f)

White solid (626.9 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.09-7.05 (m, 2 H), 6.65-6.64 (m, 4 H), 6.36-6.35 (m, 2 H), 3.43 (br s, 2 H), 2.00 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 143.8, 136.9, 128.7, 126.7, 121.4, 119.6, 113.1, 109.3, 17.1.



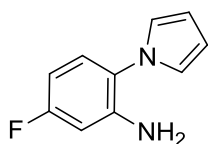
3-methoxy-2-(1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1g)

White solid (694.6 mg, 73% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.11-7.07 (m, 1 H), 6.68-6.67 (m, 2 H), 6.39-6.33 (m, 4 H), 3.69 (s, 3 H), 3.56 (br s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 156.2, 144.7, 129.0, 122.0, 116.1, 108.9, 108.2, 100.9, 55.7.



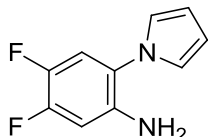
4-fluoro-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1h)

White solid (589.6 mg, 67% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 6.91-6.87 (m, 2 H), 6.83-6.82 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.74-6.70 (m, 1 H), 6.35-6.34 (m, 2 H), 3.59 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.7-154.3 (d, J = 236.3 Hz, 1 C), 138.1-138.1 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 C), 127.7-127.6 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 C), 121.5, 116.7-116.7 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 C), 115.3-115.0 (d, J = 21.9 Hz, 1 C), 114.1-113.8 (d, J = 23.6 Hz, 1 C), 109.8.



5-fluoro-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1i)

White solid (589.4 mg, 68% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.09-7.05 (m, 1 H), 6.77-6.76 (m, 2 H), 6.48-6.42 (m, 2 H), 6.33-6.32 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.77 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 164.0-161.5 (d, J = 243.1 Hz, 1 C), 144.0-143.9 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1 C), 128.6-128.5 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1 C), 123.6, 121.9, 109.6, 104.9-104.7 (d, J = 22.9 Hz, 1 C), 102.5-102.3 (d, J = 25.9 Hz, 1 C).



4,5-difluoro-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1j)

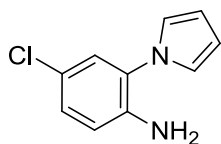
White solid (611.1 mg, 63% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.03-6.99 (m, 1 H), 6.77 (s, 2 H), 6.61-6.55 (m, 1 H), 6.34 (s, 2 H), 3.64 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 151.9-148.7 (d, J = 170.1 Hz, 1 C), 144.3-141.1 (d, J = 238.1 Hz, 1 C), 139.2-139.0 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 C), 122.4-122.3 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1 C), 121.6, 116.0-115.8 (d, J = 18.9 Hz, 1 C), 109.8, 104.1-103.8 (d, J = 21.1 Hz, 1 C).



2-chloro-6-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1k)

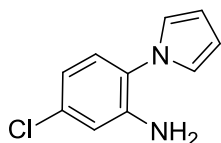
White solid (723.6 mg, 74% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.29-7.25

(m, 1 H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.83-6.82 (m, 2 H), 6.73-6.69 (m, 1 H), 6.36-6.35 (m, 2 H), 4.12 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 139.4, 128.5, 127.9, 125.5, 121.5, 119.6, 117.5, 109.7,.



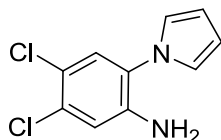
4-chloro-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1l)

White solid (729.6 mg, 76% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.14-7.09 (m, 2 H), 6.81-6.80 (m, 2 H), 6.71-6.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.34-6.33 (m, 2 H), 3.72 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 140.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.0, 122.6, 121.5, 116.9, 109.9.



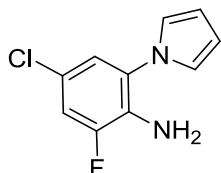
5-chloro-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1m)

White solid (720.0 mg, 75% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.06-7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.79-7.77 (m, 3 H), 6.75-6.72 (m, 1 H), 6.34-6.33 (m, 2 H), 3.77 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 143.2, 134.0, 128.2, 125.9, 121.6, 118.2, 115.6, 109.8.



4,5-dichloro-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1n)

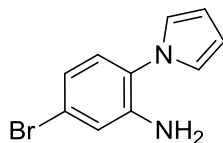
White solid (757.1 mg, 67% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.22 (s, 1 H), 6.88 (s, 1 H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 2 H), 6.35-6.33 (m, 2 H), 3.79 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 141.8, 132.2, 128.6, 126.9, 121.7, 120.8, 117.1, 110.4.



4-chloro-2-fluoro-6-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1o)

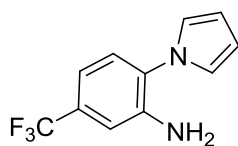
White solid (630.0 mg, 60% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.05-7.02 (m, 1 H), 6.99-6.98 (m, 1 H), 6.83-6.82 (m, 2 H), 6.36-6.35 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 152.5-150.1 (d, J = 241.2 Hz, 1 C),

130.0-129.8 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 1 C), 129.0-128.9 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1 C), 124.5, 122.4-122.4 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1 C), 121.3, 115.0-114.8 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz, 1 C), 110.2.



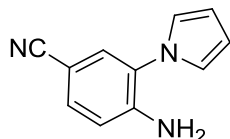
5-bromo-2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1p)

White solid (810.8 mg, 69% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.00$ -6.97 (m, 1 H), 6.94-6.93 (m, 1 H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1 H), 6.80-6.78 (m, 2 H), 6.34-6.33 (m, 2 H), 3.77 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 143.6$, 128.6, 126.6, 122.1, 121.8, 121.4, 118.7, 110.0.



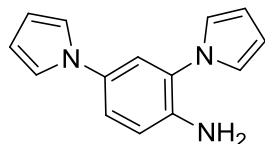
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)aniline (1q)

White solid (723.2 mg, 64% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.25$ -7.21 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2 H), 6.85-6.83 (m, 2 H), 6.38-6.36 (m, 2 H), 3.93 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 142.4$, 131.4-130.1 (q, $J = 32.2$ Hz, 1 C), 130.0, 127.6, 126.0-122.3 (d, $J = 270.6$ Hz, 1 C), 121.6, 115.2-115.1 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1 C), 113.0-112.9 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1 C), 110.3.



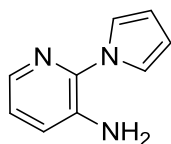
4-amino-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)benzonitrile (1r)

White solid (539.8 mg, 59% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.43$ -7.41 (m, 2 H), 6.81-6.78 (m, 3 H), 6.38-6.36 (m, 2 H), 4.31 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 146.5$, 132.7, 131.2, 126.8, 121.4, 119.2, 115.7, 110.4, 100.2.



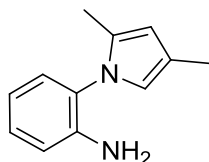
2,4-di(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1s)

White solid (691.3 mg, 62% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 7.22$ -7.19 (m, 2 H), 6.98-6.97 (m, 2 H), 6.87-6.86 (m, 2 H), 6.85-6.82 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1 H), 6.37-6.36 (m, 2 H), 6.31-6.30 (m, 2 H), 3.74 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): $\delta = 140.0$, 132.7, 127.7, 121.6, 121.2, 120.0, 119.6, 116.7, 109.9, 109.8.



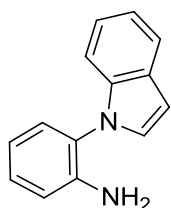
2-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyridin-3-amine (1t)

White solid (667.8 mg, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.92-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.14 (m, 2 H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 2 H), 6.36-6.35 (m, 2 H), 3.87 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 139.8, 138.6, 136.1, 124.4, 123.1, 120.4, 110.2.



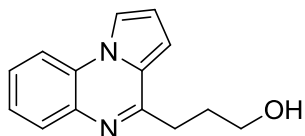
2-(2,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (1u)

White solid (734.7 mg, 79% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.19-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 1 H), 6.77-6.72 (m, 2 H), 6.37 (s, 1 H), 5.88 (s, 1 H), 3.53 (br s, 2 H), 2.10 (d, J = 0.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.99 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 143.8, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 126.3, 119.0, 118.6, 118.1, 115.7, 108.9, 12.0, 11.9.



2-(1H-indol-1-yl)aniline (1v)

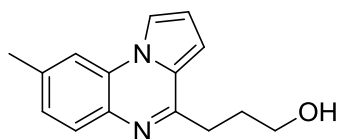
White solid (884.0 mg, 85% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.70-7.68 (m, 1 H), 7.26-7.13 (m, 6 H), 6.87-6.82 (m, 2 H), 6.69-6.68 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.56 (br s, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 143.2, 136.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.6, 124.9, 122.2, 121.0, 120.2, 118.6, 116.3, 110.8, 103.2.



3-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3aa).

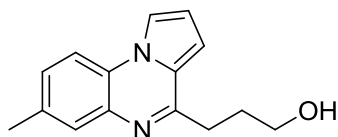
Yellow oil (61.0 mg, 90% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.92-7.87 (m, 2 H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1 H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 1 H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 1 H), 6.86-6.85 (m, 1 H), 4.75 (br s, 1 H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.26-3.23 (m, 2 H), 2.21-2.14 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.7, 135.1, 129.0, 127.2, 127.1,

125.8, 125.2, 114.7, 113.7, 113.6, 106.8, 62.7, 32.8, 29.6; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₂O [M+H]⁺ 227.1179; found: 227.1182.



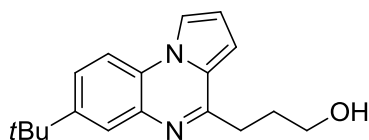
3-(8-methylpyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ba).

Yellow oil (51.1 mg, 71% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.89-7.88 (m, 1 H), 7.78-7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.62 (s, 1 H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1 H), 6.93-6.92 (m, 1 H), 6.85-6.84 (m, 1 H), 3.82-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.25-3.22 (m, 2 H), 2.53 (s, 3 H), 2.20-2.14 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 155.6, 137.7, 133.0, 128.7, 126.9, 126.5, 125.9, 114.4, 113.7, 133.6, 106.5, 62.7, 32.8, 29.5, 21.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 241.1336; found: 241.1330.



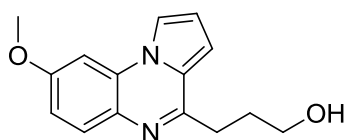
3-(7-methylpyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ca)

Light yellow solid (47.5 mg, 66% yield), melting point: 108-110 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.87-7.86 (m, 1 H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 2 H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1 H), 6.93-6.92 (m, 1 H), 6.83-6.82 (m, 1 H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.25-3.22 (m, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 2.20-2.13 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 156.5, 135.1, 134.8, 128.7, 128.4, 125.7, 125.0, 114.6, 113.5, 113.4, 106.7, 62.7, 32.8, 29.6, 21.0; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 241.1336; found: 241.1141.



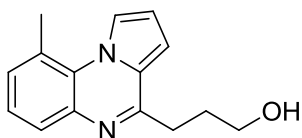
3-(7-(tert-butyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3da)

Yellow oil (46.5 mg, 55% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.91-7.89 (m, 2 H), 7.78-7.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.56-7.53 (m, 1 H), 6.94-6.93 (m, 1 H), 6.85-6.83 (m, 1 H), 4.59 (br s, 1 H), 3.84-3.81 (m, 2 H), 3.26-3.23 (m, 2 H), 2.21-2.15 (m, 2 H), 1.40 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 156.5, 148.6, 134.9, 125.8, 125.4, 124.9, 114.4, 113.5, 113.3, 106.5, 62.7, 34.7, 32.8, 31.4, 29.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₃N₂O [M+H]⁺ 283.1805; found: 283.1811.



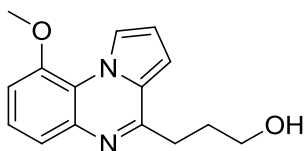
3-(8-methoxypyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ea)

Light yellow solid (50.7 mg, 66% yield), melting point: 105-108 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.82-7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1 H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 1 H), 6.86-6.85 (m, 1 H), 3.94 (s, 3 H), 3.82-3.79 (m, 2 H), 3.24-3.20 (m, 2 H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 158.9, 153.9, 130.1, 129.4, 127.9, 125.8, 114.3, 113.8, 112.7, 106.4, 97.7, 62.7, 55.8, 32.7, 29.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 257.1285; found: 257.1280.



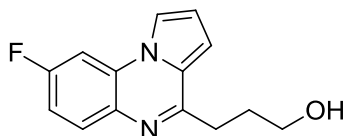
3-(9-methylpyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3fa).

Yellow oil (36.2 mg, 50% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.30-8.29 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.77-7.75 (m, 1 H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.97-6.96 (m, 1 H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 1 H), 4.93 (br s, 1 H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.24-3.21 (m, 2 H), 2.91 (s, 3 H), 2.20-2.14 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 155.8, 136.3, 130.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.5, 124.9, 124.1, 119.8, 112.6, 105.9, 61.8, 32.0, 29.9, 23.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 241.1336; found: 241.1330.



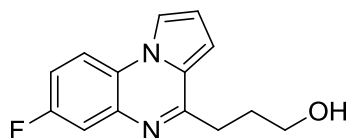
3-(9-methoxypyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ga)

Light yellow solid (48.6 mg, 63% yield), melting point: 101-103 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.68-8.67 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 1 H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 1 H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 2 H), 6.76-6.75 (m, 1 H), 5.19 (br s, 1 H), 3.99 (s, 3 H), 3.82-3.79 (m, 2 H), 3.22-3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.7, 149.6, 137.1, 126.1, 124.2, 122.3, 120.8, 118.3, 112.5, 108.5, 106.0, 62.4, 56.0, 32.5, 29.7; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 257.1285; found: 257.1279.



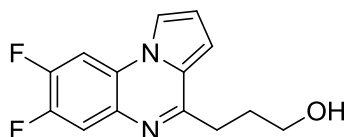
3-(8-fluoropyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ha)

Light yellow solid (60.0 mg, 82% yield), melting point: 108-111 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.86-7.83 (m, 1 H), 7.79-7.78 (m, 1 H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1 H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 1 H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 1 H), 4.47 (br s, 1 H), 3.82-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.23-3.19 (m, 2 H), 2.20-2.13 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 162.4-159.9 (d, *J* = 246 Hz, 1 C), 155.9-155.8 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 1 C), 131.7-131.7 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1 C), 130.8-130.7 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 1 C), 127.9-127.7 (d, *J* = 11 Hz, 1 C), 125.5, 114.8, 114.2, 113.2-112.9 (d, *J* = 23 Hz, 1 C), 107.0, 100.6-100.4 (d, *J* = 26 Hz, 1 C), 62.6, 32.6, 29.6; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₄FN₂O [M+H]⁺ 245.1085; found: 245.1081.



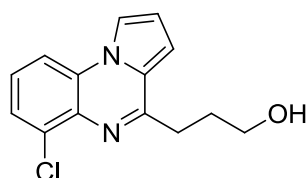
3-(7-fluoropyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ia)

Yellow oil (62.2 mg, 85% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.87-7.86 (m, 1 H), 7.78-7.75 (m, 1 H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 1 H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 1 H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 1 H), 4.25 (br s, 1 H), 3.82-3.79 (m, 2 H), 3.23-3.20 (m, 2 H), 2.20-2.13 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 161.0-158.6 (d, *J* = 269 Hz, 1 C), 158.0, 136.5-136.4 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1 C), 125.6, 123.9, 115.0, 114.9, 114.7, 114.5-114.3 (d, *J* = 22 Hz, 1 C), 113.9, 107.2, 62.5, 32.6, 29.7; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₄FN₂O [M+H]⁺ 245.1085; found: 245.1079.



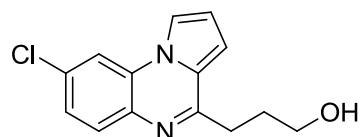
3-(7,8-difluoropyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ja)

Light yellow solid (70.7 mg, 90% yield), melting point: 134-136 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO, ppm): δ = 8.46-8.41 (m, 1 H), 8.36-8.35 (m, 1 H), 7.83-7.78 (m, 1 H), 7.05-7.04 (m, 1 H), 6.91-6.90 (m, 1 H), 4.57-4.54 (m, 1 H), 3.55-3.51 (m, 2 H), 3.01-2.97 (m, 2 H), 1.98-1.91 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO, ppm): δ = 158.3, 150.4-149.0 (dd, *J* = 127 Hz, *J* = 14 Hz, 1 C), 147.9-146.6 (dd, *J* = 124 Hz, *J* = 14 Hz, 1 C), 133.2-133.1 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 1 C), 125.6, 124.5-124.4 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1 C), 117.6, 117.1-117.0 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1 C), 114.9, 107.9, 104.7-104.5 (d, *J* = 23 Hz, 1 C), 61.3, 32.1, 31.6; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₃F₂N₂O [M+H]⁺ 263.0991; found: 263.0981.



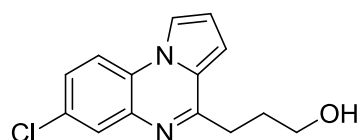
3-(6-chloropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ka)

Yellow solid (46.8 mg, 60% yield), melting point: 94-96 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.81-7.80 (m, 1 H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1 H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1 H), 6.91-6.90 (m, 1 H), 6.81-6.80 (m, 1 H), 5.03 (br s, 1 H), 3.84-3.81 (m, 2 H), 3.24-3.21 (m, 2 H), 2.20-2.14 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 157.3, 133.2, 132.0, 128.0, 126.6, 125.6, 125.5, 115.2, 114.2, 112.2, 107.3, 62.6, 32.6, 29.0; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 261.0789; found: 261.0794.



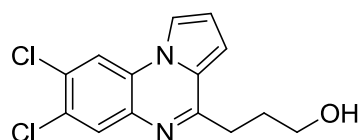
3-(8-chloropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3la)

Light yellow solid (51.7 mg, 66% yield), melting point: 88-90 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.84-7.83 (m, 1 H), 7.79-7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 1 H), 6.96-6.95 (m, 1 H), 6.87-6.86 (m, 1 H), 4.37 (br s, 1 H), 3.82-3.79 (m, 2 H), 3.23-3.19 (m, 2 H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.9, 133.7, 132.6, 130.2, 127.7, 125.7, 125.6, 114.9, 114.3, 113.8, 107.3, 62.6, 32.6, 29.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 261.0789; found: 261.0781.



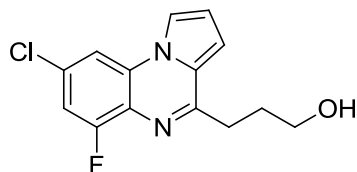
3-(7-chloropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ma)

Light yellow solid (71.0 mg, 91% yield), melting point: 115-118 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.87-7.86 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.75-7.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 1 H), 6.97-6.96 (m, 1 H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 1 H), 4.21 (br s, 1 H), 3.82-3.79 (m, 2 H), 3.24-3.20 (m, 2 H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 158.0, 136.1, 130.4, 128.5, 127.2, 125.8, 125.7, 115.0, 114.8, 114.1, 107.4, 62.6, 32.6, 29.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 261.0789; found: 261.0784.



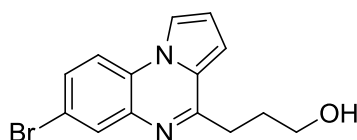
3-(7,8-dichloropyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3na)

Light yellow solid (66.2 mg, 75% yield), melting point: 130-133 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm): δ = 8.58 (s, 1 H), 8.46-8.45 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.94 (s, 1 H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 1 H), 4.57-4.54 (m, 1 H), 3.56-3.50 (m, 2 H), 3.01-2.96 (m, 2 H), 1.99-1.90 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO, ppm): δ = 158.5, 135.1, 129.4, 128.9, 126.9, 126.4, 124.9, 117.1, 116.5, 114.3, 107.6, 60.4, 31.2, 30.6; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₃Cl₂N₂O [M+H]⁺ 295.0400; found: 295.0392.



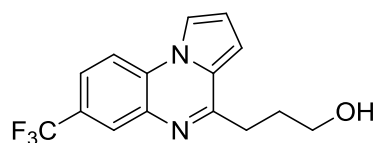
3-(8-chloro-6-fluoropyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3oa)

Yellow oil (61.7 mg, 74% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 7.77-7.75 (m, 1 H), 7.52-7.51 (m, 1 H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.98-6.97 (m, 1 H), 6.87-6.85 (m, 1 H), 4.57 (s, 1 H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.23-3.18 (m, 2 H), 2.20-2.12 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 159.6-156.2 (d, *J* = 256 Hz, 1 C), 157.1, 132.1-131.9 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1 C), 128.6-128.5 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1 C), 125.7, 123.9-123.7 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1 C), 115.2, 114.6, 112.3-112.0 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz, 1 C), 109.6-109.5 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1 C), 108.1, 62.4, 32.7, 29.7; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₃ClFN₂O [M+H]⁺ 279.0695; found: 279.0688.



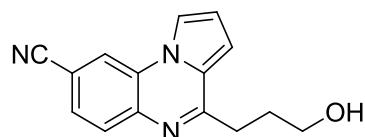
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Light yellow solid (61.1 mg, 67% yield), melting point: 130-133 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 8.06-8.05 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.90-7.89 (m, 1 H), 7.71-7.68 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1 H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 1 H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 1 H), 4.08 (br s, 1 H), 3.83-3.79 (m, 2 H), 3.25-3.21 (m, 2 H), 2.21-2.13 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 158.2, 134.6, 130.7, 130.0, 128.8, 126.3, 125.6, 115.3, 115.2, 114.5, 107.9, 62.5, 32.5, 29.5; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₄BrN₂O [M+H]⁺ 305.0284; found: 305.0278.



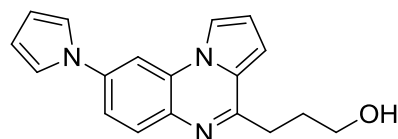
3-(7-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3qa)

Light yellow solid (85.6 mg, 97% yield), melting point: 110-113 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.18 (s, 1 H), 7.96-7.89 (m, 2 H), 7.72-7.69 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.02-7.01 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 1 H), 3.89 (br s, 1 H), 3.84-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.26-3.22 (m, 2 H), 2.23-2.15 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 158.4, 135.0, 129.3, 127.6-126.3 (q, J = 32.3 Hz, 1 C), 126.7-126.6 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1 C), 126.0, 125.7-122.1 (d, J = 269.3 Hz, 1 C), 123.6-123.5 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1 C), 115.3, 114.7, 114.4, 107.9, 62.5, 32.5, 29.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 295.1053; found: 295.1043.



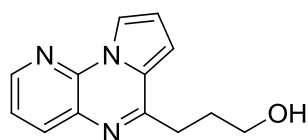
4-(3-hydroxypropyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxaline-8-carbonitrile (3ra)

Light yellow solid (62.7 mg, 83% yield), melting point: 147-149 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.13-8.12 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.96-7.93 (m, 2 H), 7.68-7.67 (m, 1 H), 7.07-7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.96-6.93 (m, 1 H), 3.84-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.65 (br s, 1 H), 3.27-3.23 (m, 2 H), 2.23-2.14 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 160.0, 138.1, 129.9, 128.0, 127.3, 125.8, 118.4, 118.1, 115.7, 114.9, 109.7, 108.6, 62.3, 32.5, 29.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 252.1132; found: 252.1139.



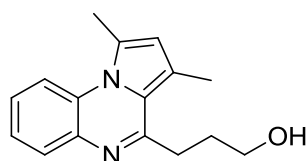
3-(8-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3sa)

Yellow oil (82.9 mg, 95% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.94-7.89 (m, 2 H), 7.77-7.76 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1 H), 7.21-7.19 (m, 1 H), 6.97-6.96 (m, 1 H), 6.90-6.89 (m, 1 H), 6.43-6.41 (m, 1 H), 4.39 (br s, 1 H), 3.84-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.27-3.22 (m, 2 H), 2.22-2.14 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.1, 139.2, 132.8, 130.1, 127.6, 125.7, 119.5, 117.5, 114.6, 114.1, 111.2, 107.1, 104.9, 62.5, 32.5, 29.7; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 292.1445; found: 292.1439.



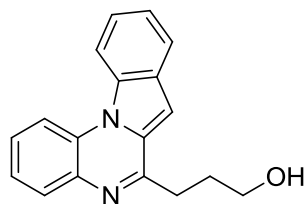
3-(pyrido[3,2-*e*]pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]pyrazin-6-yl)propan-1-ol (3ta)

Yellow oil (35.4 mg, 52% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.50-8.48 (m, 1 H), 8.38-8.37 (m, 1 H), 8.17-8.14 (m, 1 H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1 H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 1 H), 6.89-6.87 (m, 1 H), 4.17 (br s, 1 H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.25-3.21 (m, 2 H), 2.22-2.14 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 157.9, 146.3, 139.3, 136.3, 130.1, 127.2, 121.5, 115.9, 114.2, 108.3, 62.4, 32.4, 29.8; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 228.1132; found: 228.1127.



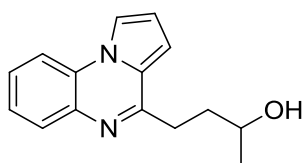
3-(1,3-dimethylpyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxalin-4-yl)propan-1-ol (3ua)

Light yellow solid (34.3 mg, 45% yield), melting point: 109-113 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.19-8.15 (m, 1 H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 1 H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 2 H), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 3.81-3.77 (m, 2 H), 3.35-3.31 (m, 2 H), 2.89 (s, 3 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 157.0, 135.9, 129.7, 128.3, 127.9, 125.9, 124.4, 123.5, 118.7, 117.5, 115.0, 62.5, 33.9, 29.6, 17.7, 14.9; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 255.1492; found: 255.1486.



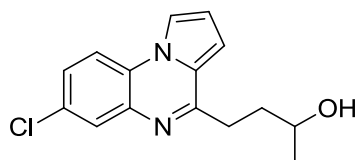
3-(indolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxalin-6-yl)propan-1-ol (3va)

Light yellow solid (39.7 mg, 48% yield), melting point: 84-86 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.41-8.36 (m, 2 H), 7.92-7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 2 H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 2 H), 7.17 (s, 1 H), 3.86-3.82 (m, 2 H), 3.30-3.25 (m, 2 H), 2.26-2.18 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 158.2, 134.9, 132.9, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.0, 124.4, 124.0, 122.7, 122.6, 114.6, 114.5, 100.2, 62.5, 32.7, 29.5; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 277.1336; found: 277.1330.



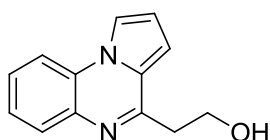
4-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)butan-2-ol (3ab)

Yellow oil (56.2 mg, 78% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.91-7.87 (m, 2 H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 1 H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2 H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 1 H), 6.86-6.83 (m, 1 H), 4.92 (br s, 1 H), 4.00-3.94 (m, 1 H), 3.28-3.17 (m, 2 H), 2.08-2.02 (m, 2 H), 1.29-1.26 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.9, 135.0, 128.9, 127.1, 125.7, 125.1, 114.6, 113.6, 113.5, 106.7, 67.5, 35.9, 31.8, 23.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 241.1336; found: 241.1329.



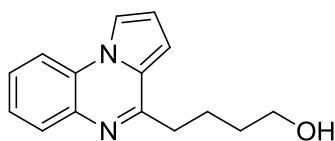
4-(7-chloropyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)butan-2-ol (3jb)

Yellow oil (60.0 mg, 73% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.89-7.88 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.76-7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.44-7.41 (m, 1 H), 7.00-6.97 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 1 H), 4.37 (br s, 1 H), 3.95 (m, 1 H), 3.32-3.13 (m, 2 H), 2.09-1.99 (m, 2 H), 1.28-1.27 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 158.1, 136.0, 130.2, 128.4, 127.1, 125.7, 125.6, 114.9, 114.7, 114.0, 107.3, 67.4, 35.9, 31.7, 23.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 275.0946; found: 275.0938.



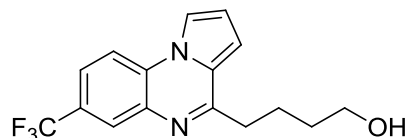
2-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)ethanol (3ac)

Light yellow solid (54.1 mg, 85% yield), melting point: 121-123 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.93-7.83 (m, 3 H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 2 H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 2 H), 4.67 (br s, 1 H), 4.21 (m, 2 H), 3.26-3.22 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.1, 135.0, 129.3, 129.1, 127.2, 125.7, 125.1, 114.6, 113.7, 113.6, 106.4, 60.3, 35.3; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 213.1023; found: 213.1016.



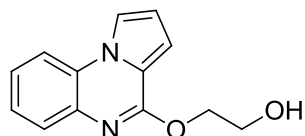
4-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)butan-1-ol (3ad)

Yellow oil (51.8 mg, 72% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.91-7.89 (m, 2 H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1 H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 2 H), 6.93-6.91 (m, 1 H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 1 H), 3.72-3.69 (m, 2 H), 3.11-3.07 (m, 2 H), 2.09-2.01 (m, 2 H), 1.79-1.72 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 157.0, 135.6, 129.2, 127.3, 127.1, 125.9, 125.2, 114.3, 113.7, 113.6, 106.4, 62.0, 34.5, 32.4, 23.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 241.1336; found: 241.1329.



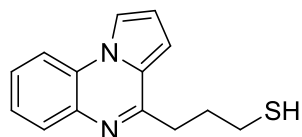
4-(7-(trifluoromethyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)butan-1-ol (3nd)

Light yellow solid (61.0 mg, 66% yield), melting point: 114-116 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.17 (s, 1 H), 7.92-7.86 (m, 2 H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 1 H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 1 H), 6.90-6.88 (m, 1 H), 3.74-3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.10-3.05 (m, 2 H), 2.78 (br s, 1 H), 2.08-1.98 (m, 2 H), 1.80-1.71 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 158.6, 135.3, 129.3, 127.0-126.7 (q, J = 33.0 Hz, 1 C), 126.7-126.6 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1 C), 125.9, 125.7-122.1 (d, J = 270.8 Hz, 1 C), 123.4-123.3 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1 C), 115.0, 114.5, 114.2, 107.5, 62.0, 34.5, 32.3, 23.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 309.1209; found: 309.1199.



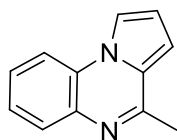
2-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yloxy)ethanol (3ae)

Colorless oil (30.9 mg, 45% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.04-8.02 (m, 1 H), 7.97-7.96 (m, 1 H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 1 H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1 H), 7.46-7.26 (m, 1 H), 7.12-7.11 (m, 1 H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 1 H), 6.11 (s, 1 H), 4.35-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.14 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 151.5, 135.2, 130.6, 128.2, 127.8, 125.2, 123.7, 114.4, 114.0, 113.6, 107.4, 103.4, 65.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 229.0972; found: 229.0980.



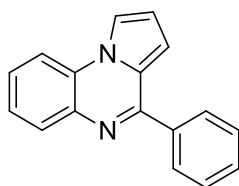
3-(pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoxalin-4-yl)propane-1-thiol (3ag)

Colorless oil (32.1 mg, 44% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.88 (s, 2 H), 7.82-7.79 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 2 H), 6.92-6.82 (m, 2 H), 3.14-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.84 (m, 2 H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 156.1, 135.8, 129.4, 127.2, 126.9, 125.9, 125.0, 114.2, 113.6, 113.5, 106.2, 38.5, 33.9, 27.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{BN}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 243.0951; found: 243.0945.



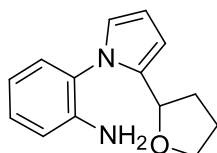
4-methylpyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline (4)

Light yellow solid (36.0 mg, 66% yield), melting point: 132-133 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.91-7.88 (m, 2 H), 7.82-7.78 (m, 1 H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2 H), 6.88-6.82 (m, 2 H), 2.72 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 153.6, 135.9, 129.2, 127.3, 126.8, 126.2, 125.1, 114.2, 113.6, 113.4, 106.4, 22.0; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 183.0917; found: 183.0910.



4-phenylpyrrolo[1,2-*a*]quinoxaline (5)

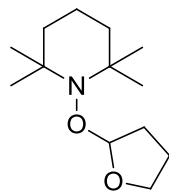
Light yellow solid (42.4 mg, 58% yield), melting point: 99-100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 8.05-7.97 (m, 4 H), 7.96-7.84 (m, 1 H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 5 H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 1 H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 1 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 154.4, 138.5, 136.2, 130.2, 129.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.1, 125.4, 125.2, 114.5, 113.9, 113.6, 108.6; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 245.1073; found: 245.1080.



2-(2-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)aniline (6)

White solid (20.5 mg, 30% yield), melting point: 88-90 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 7.28-7.25 (m, 1 H), 7.14-7.13 (m, 1 H), 6.96-6.91 (m, 1 H), 6.82-6.76 (m, 1 H), 6.73-6.70 (m, 1 H), 6.30-6.29 (m, 1 H), 5.98-5.97 (m, 1 H), 4.51-4.47 (m, 1 H), 3.68-3.64 (m, 2 H), 1.95-1.84 (m, 2 H), 1.82-1.69 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ = 135.7, 129.3, 125.4, 124.6, 119.0, 115.4, 114.6,

114.1, 109.9, 104.0, 62.7, 50.8, 31.9, 28.5; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺ 229.1336; found: 229.1333.



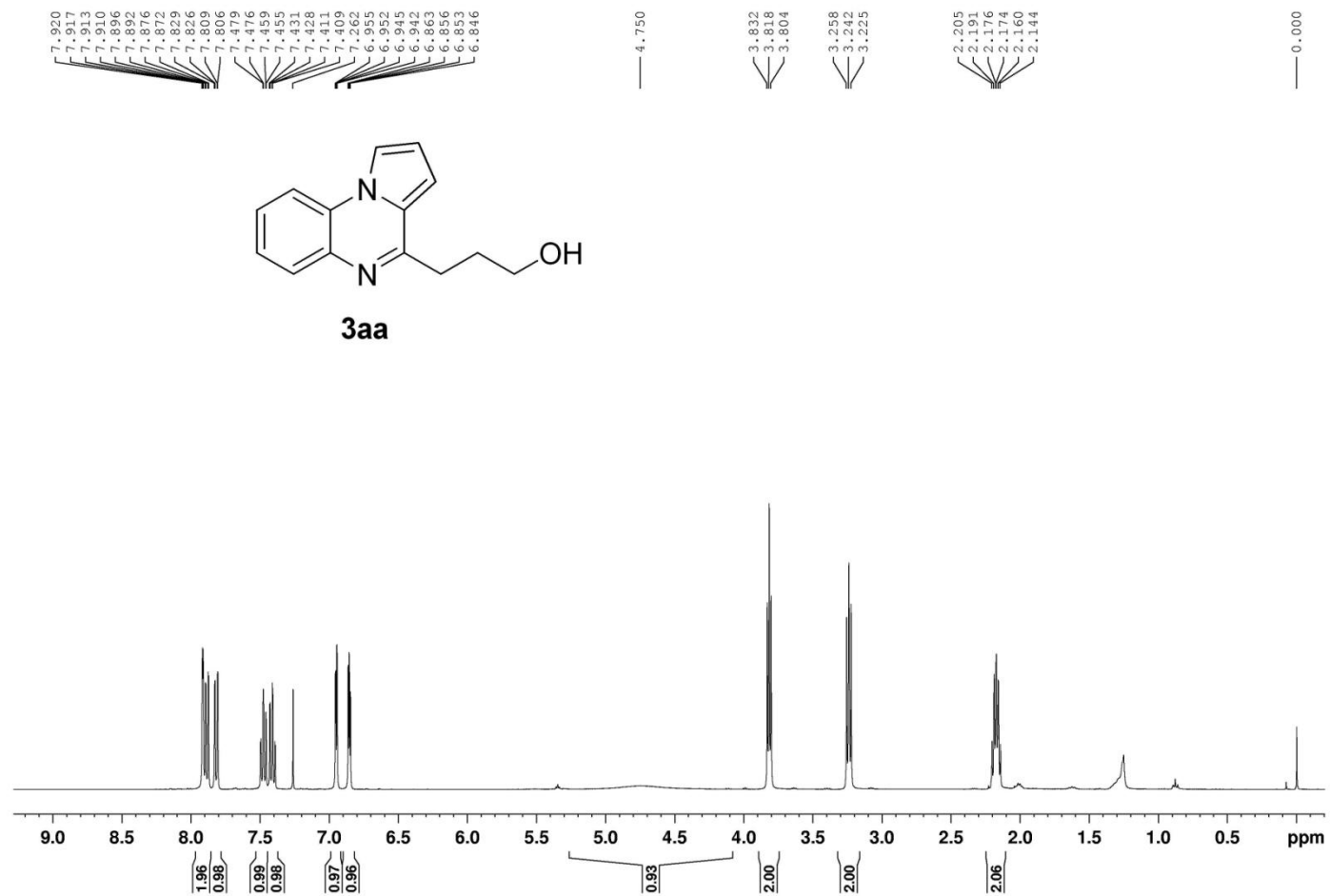
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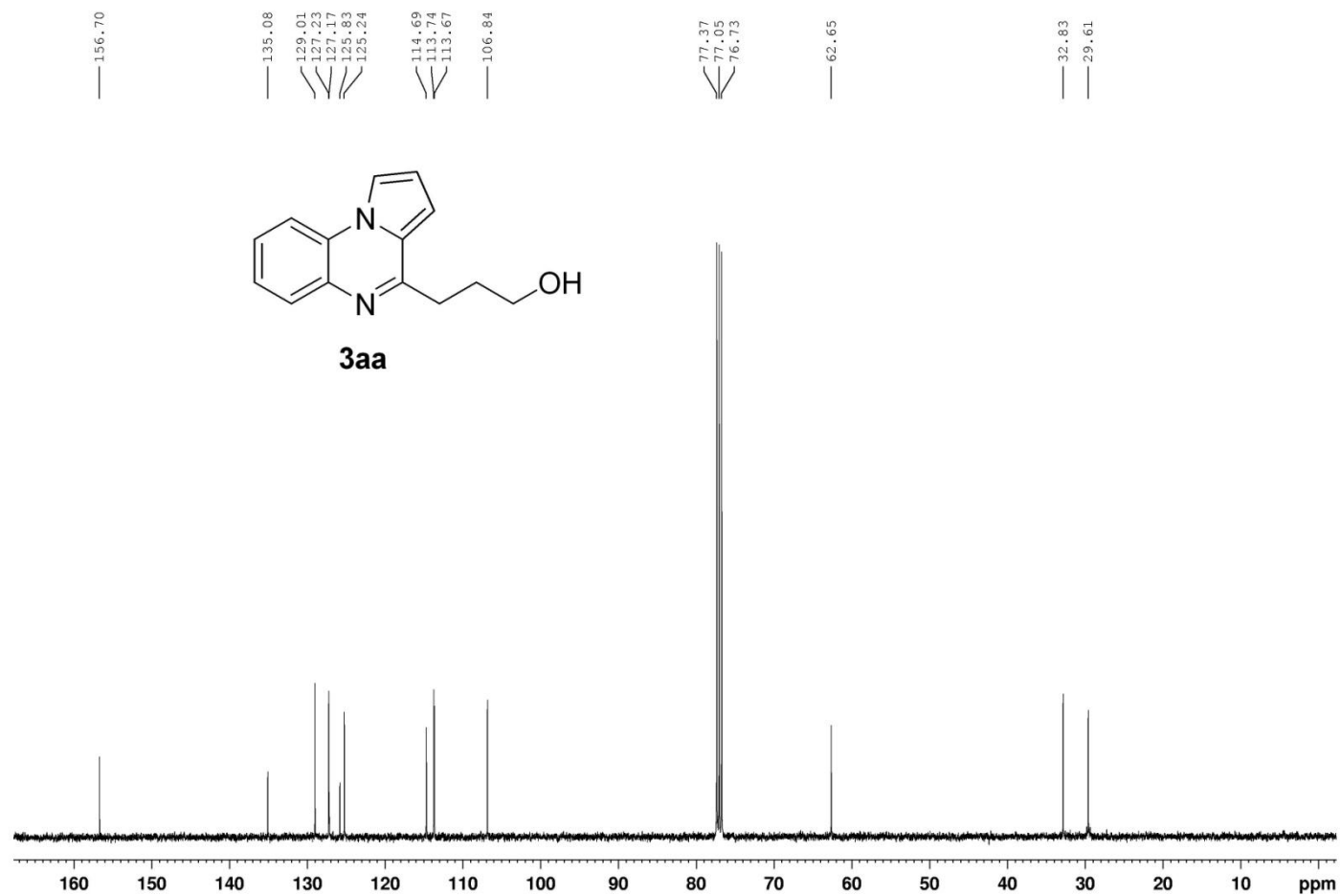
Colorless oil (32.7 mg, 48% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 5.37-5.34 (m, 1 H), 3.91-3.78 (m, 2 H), 2.04-1.88 (m, 3 H), 1.83-1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.60-1.42 (m, 5 H), 1.33-1.31 (m, 1 H), 1.22 (s, 3 H), 1.11 (s, 3 H), 1.07 (s, 3 H), 1.04 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = 109.5, 66.6, 60.1, 58.5, 40.0, 39.6, 33.8, 33.3, 31.2, 23.9, 20.4, 20.0, 17.2.

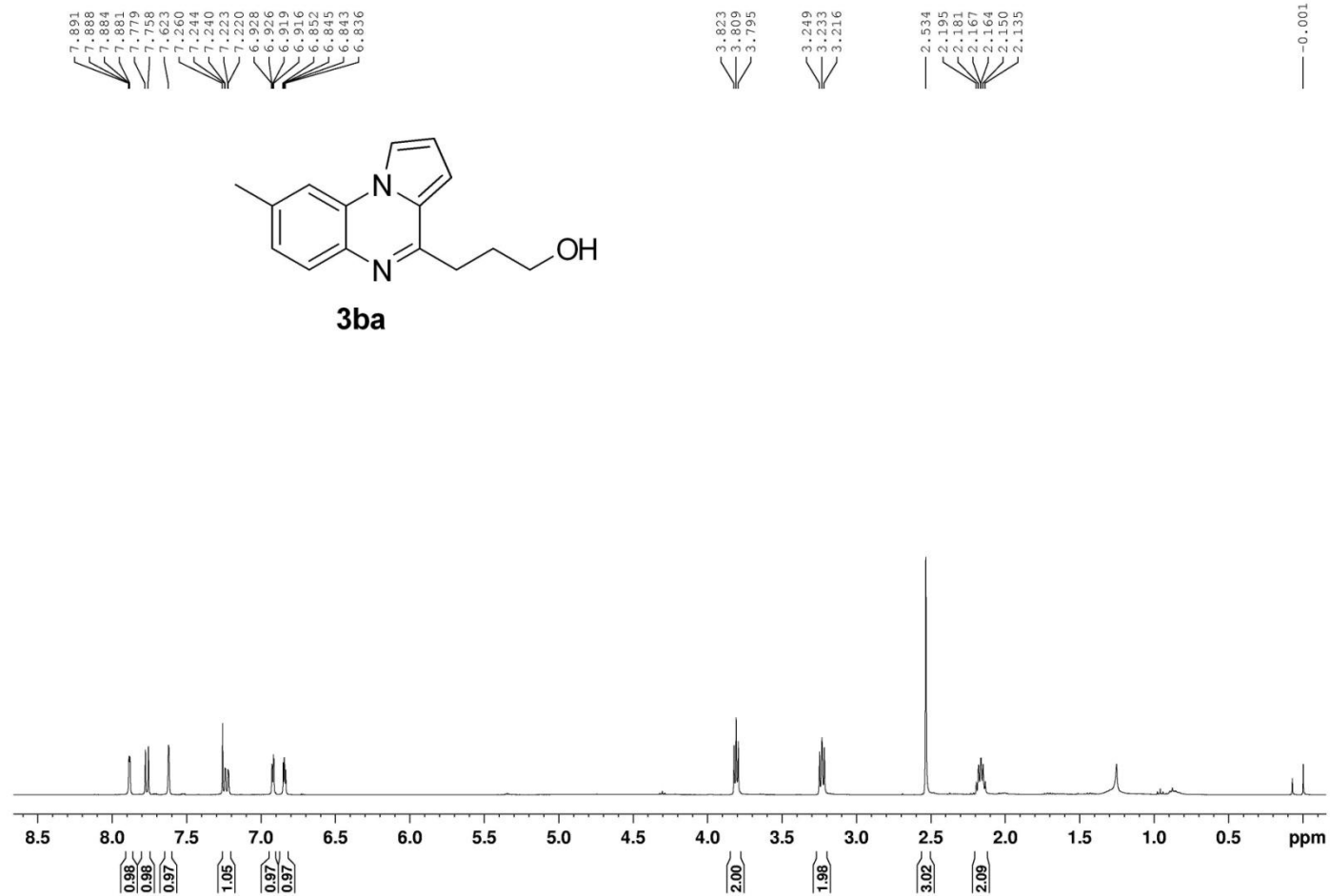
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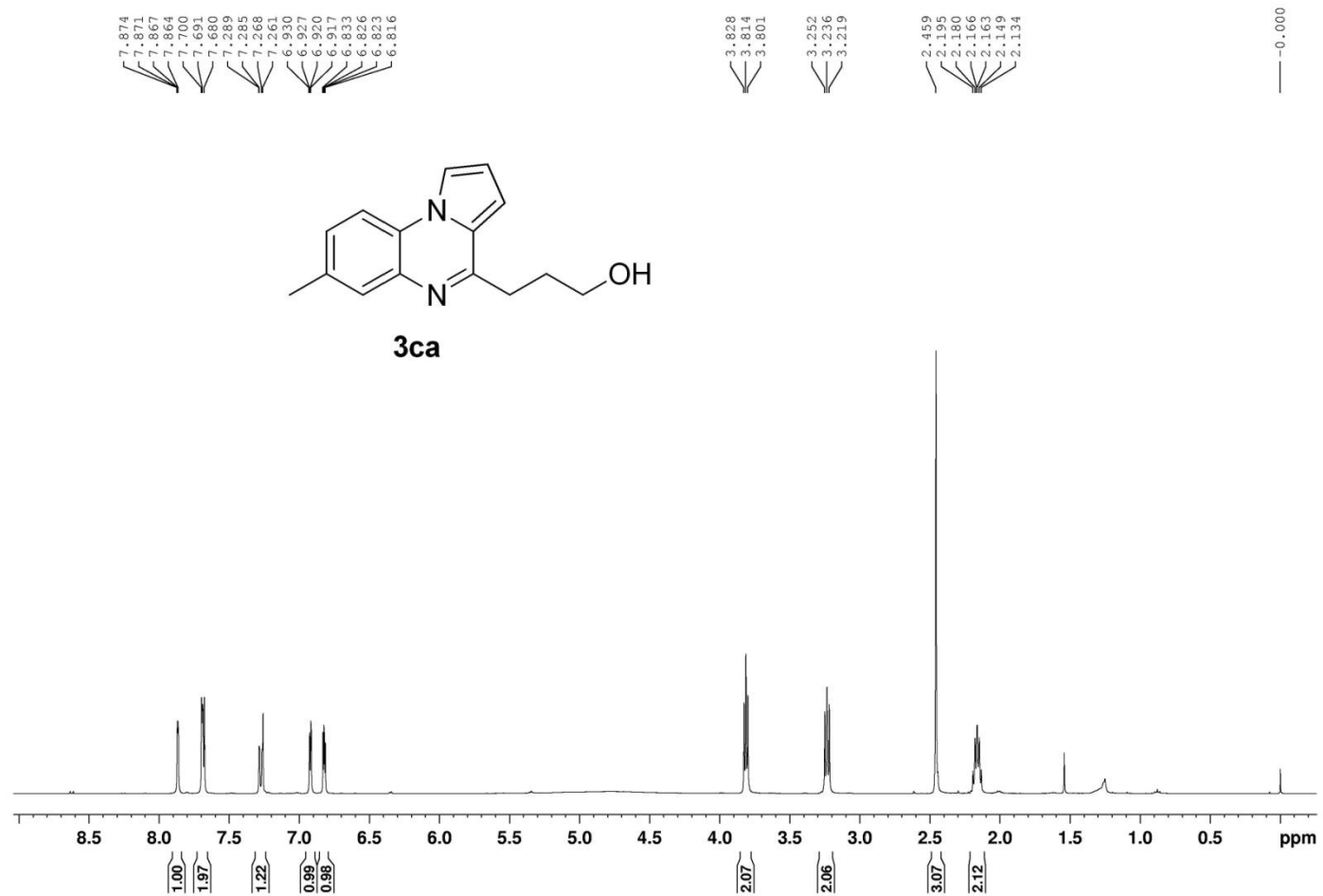
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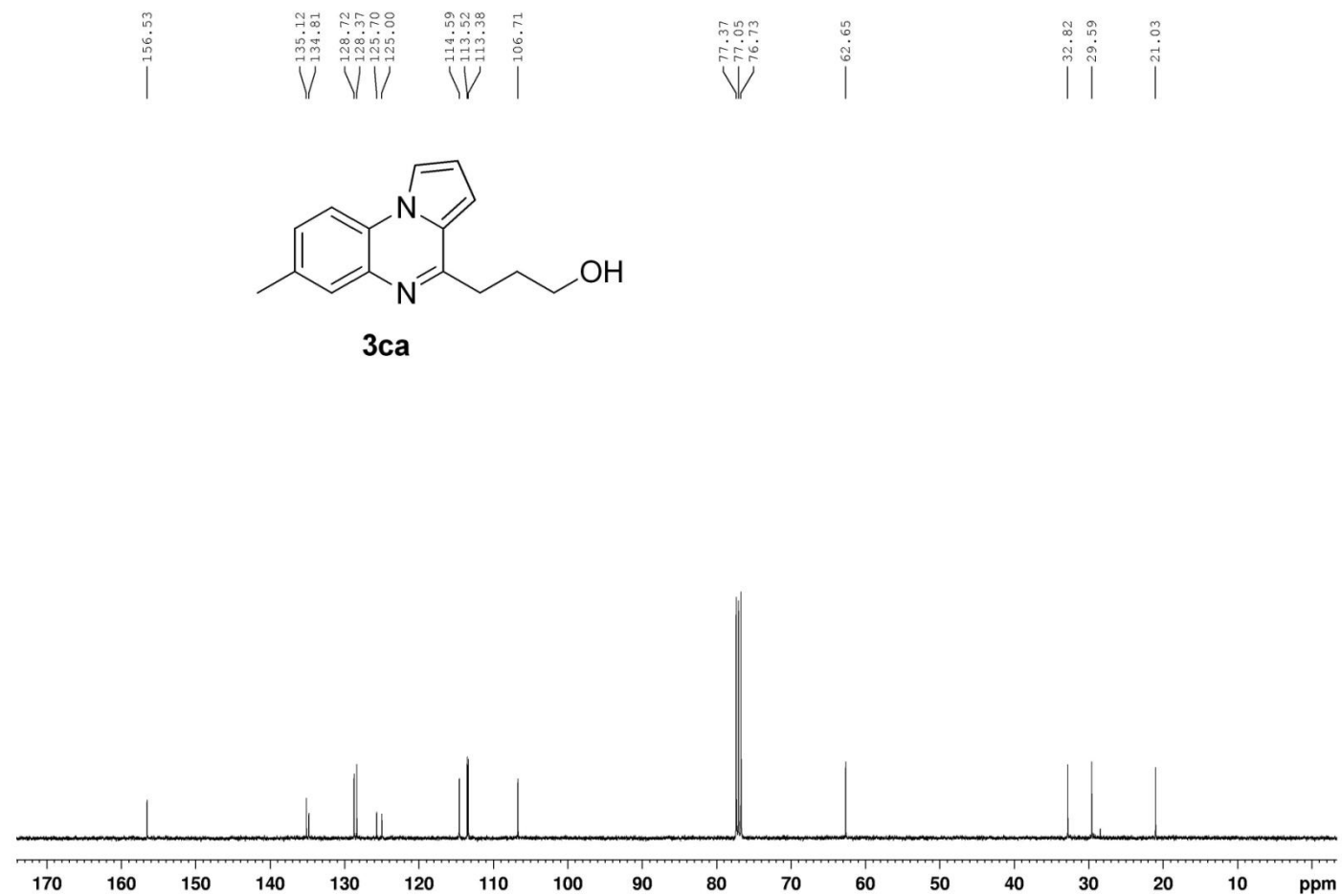


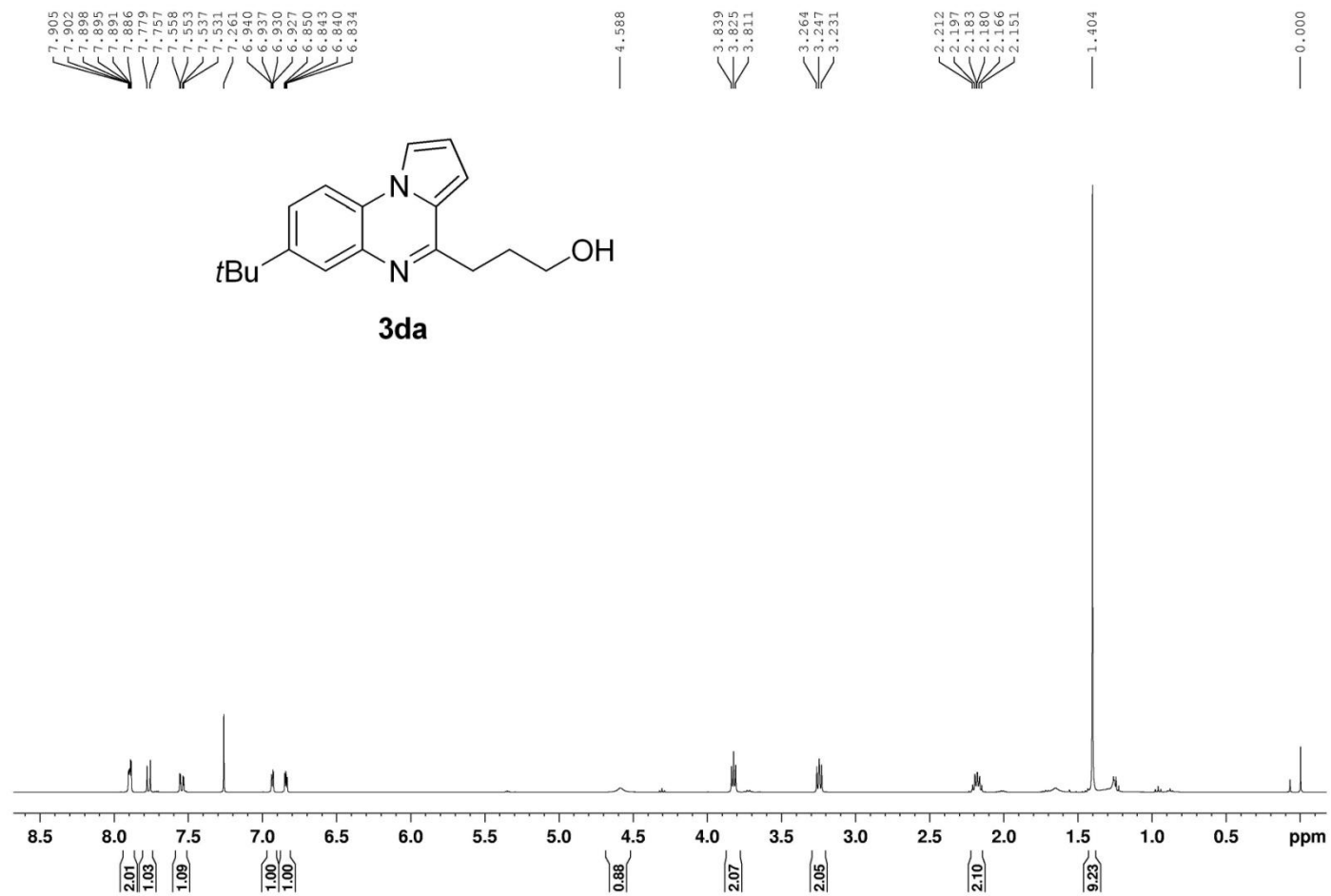


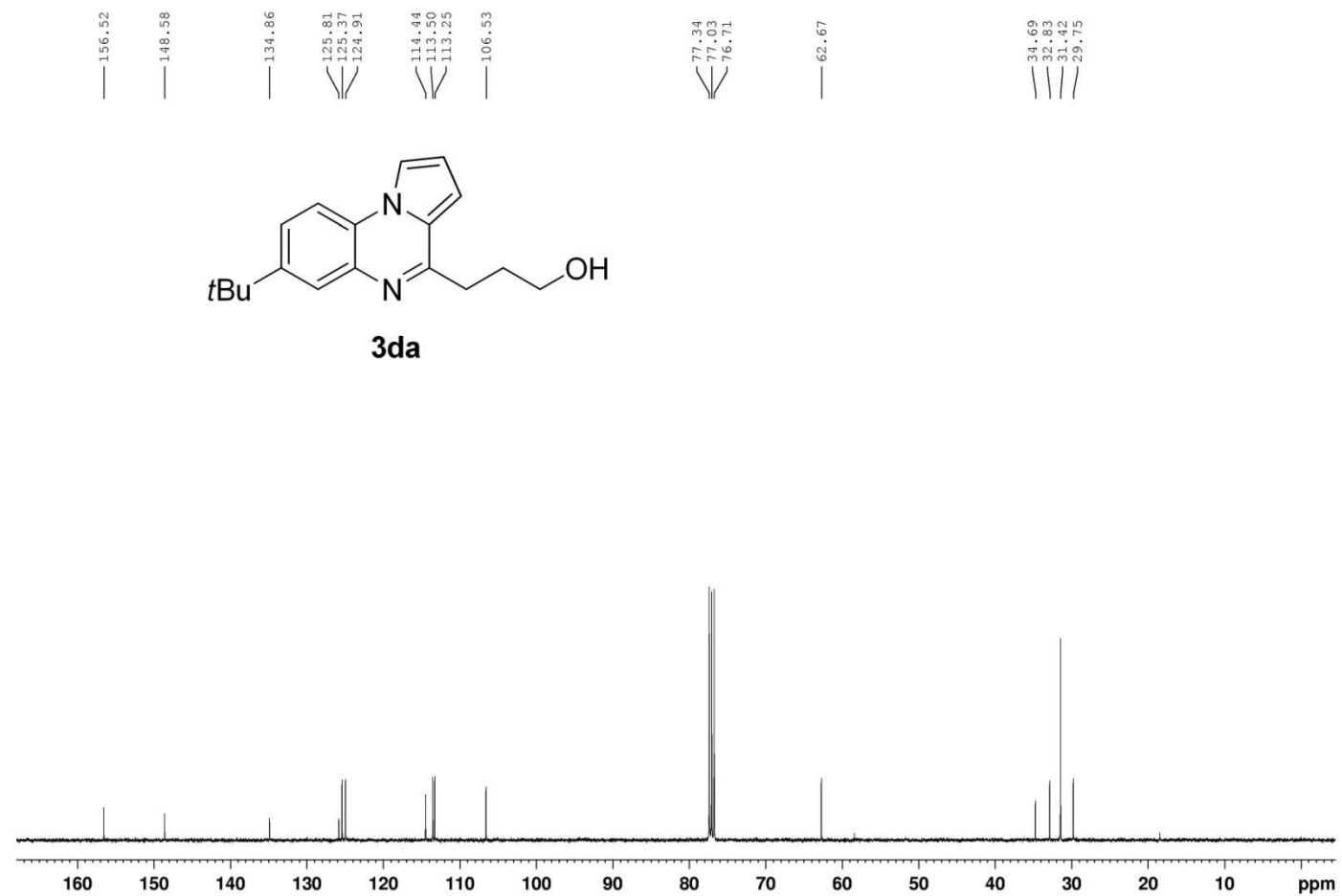


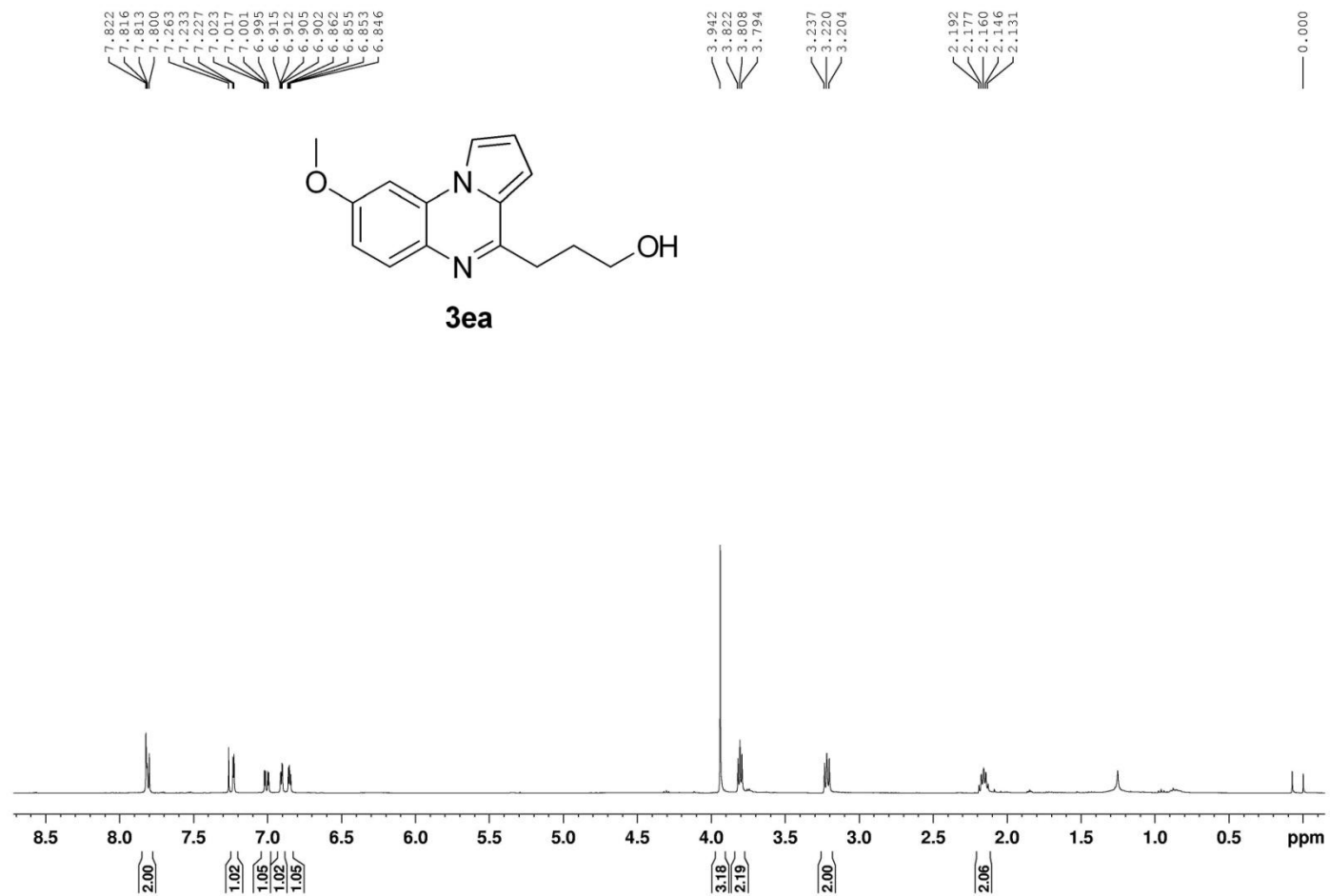


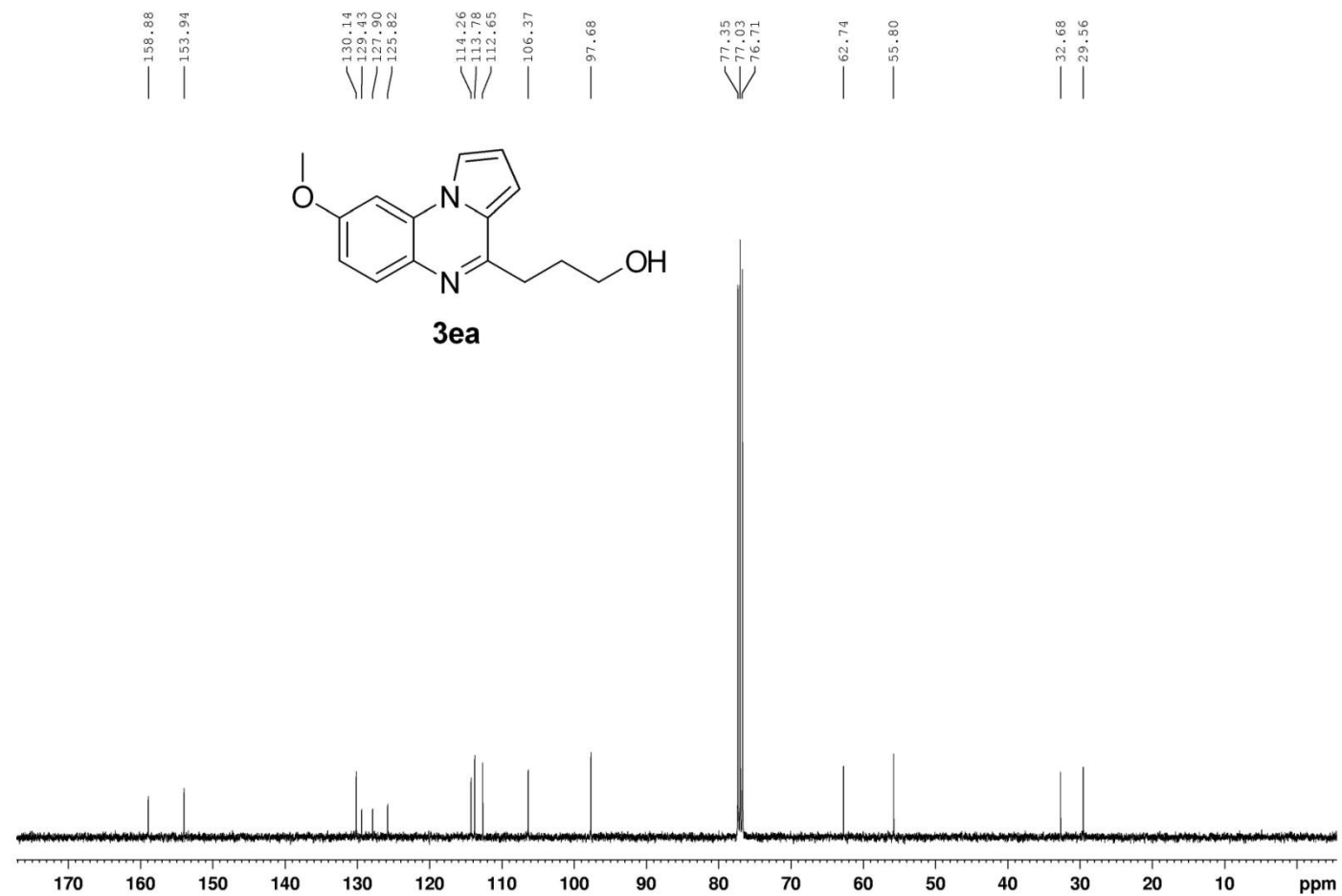


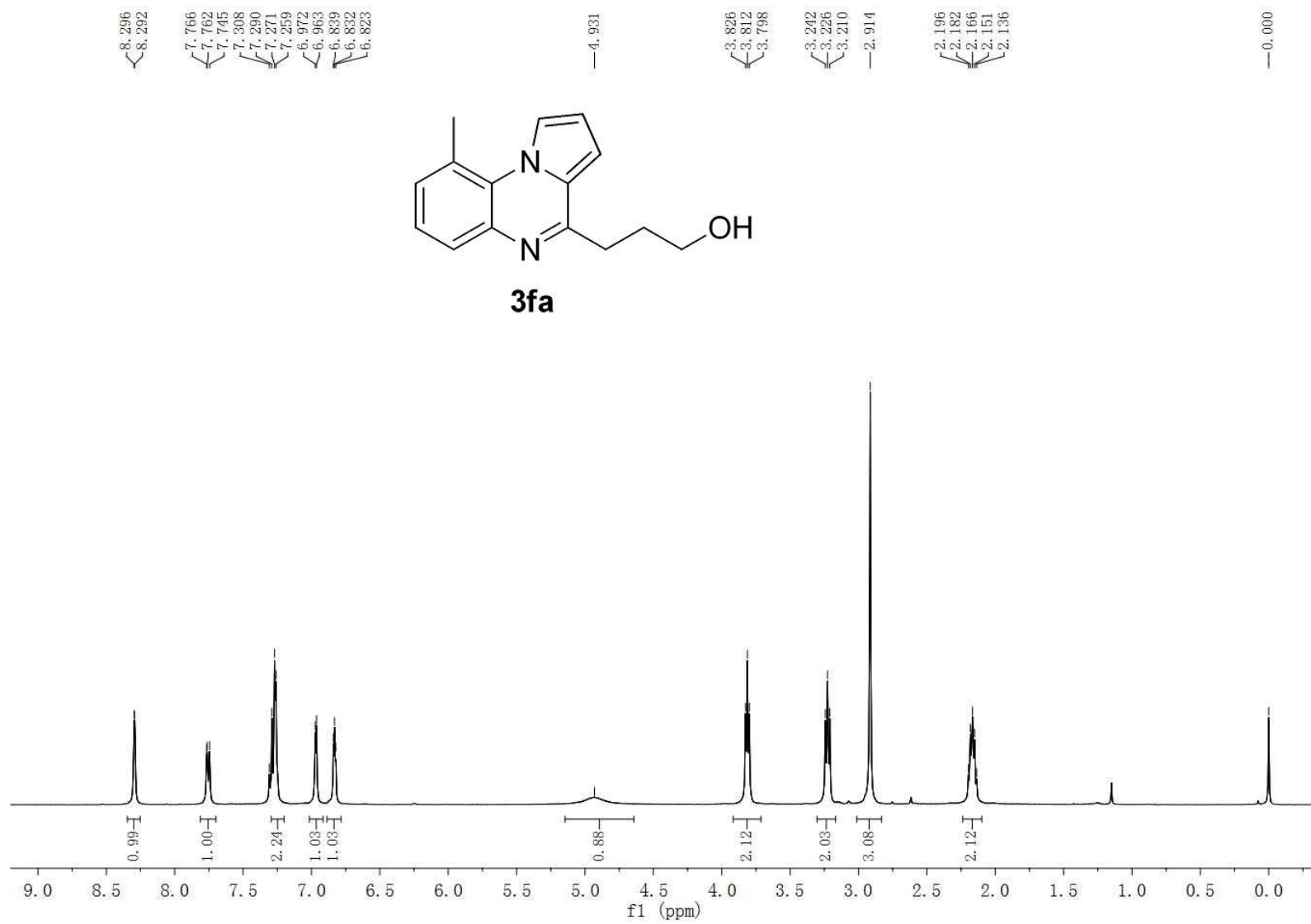


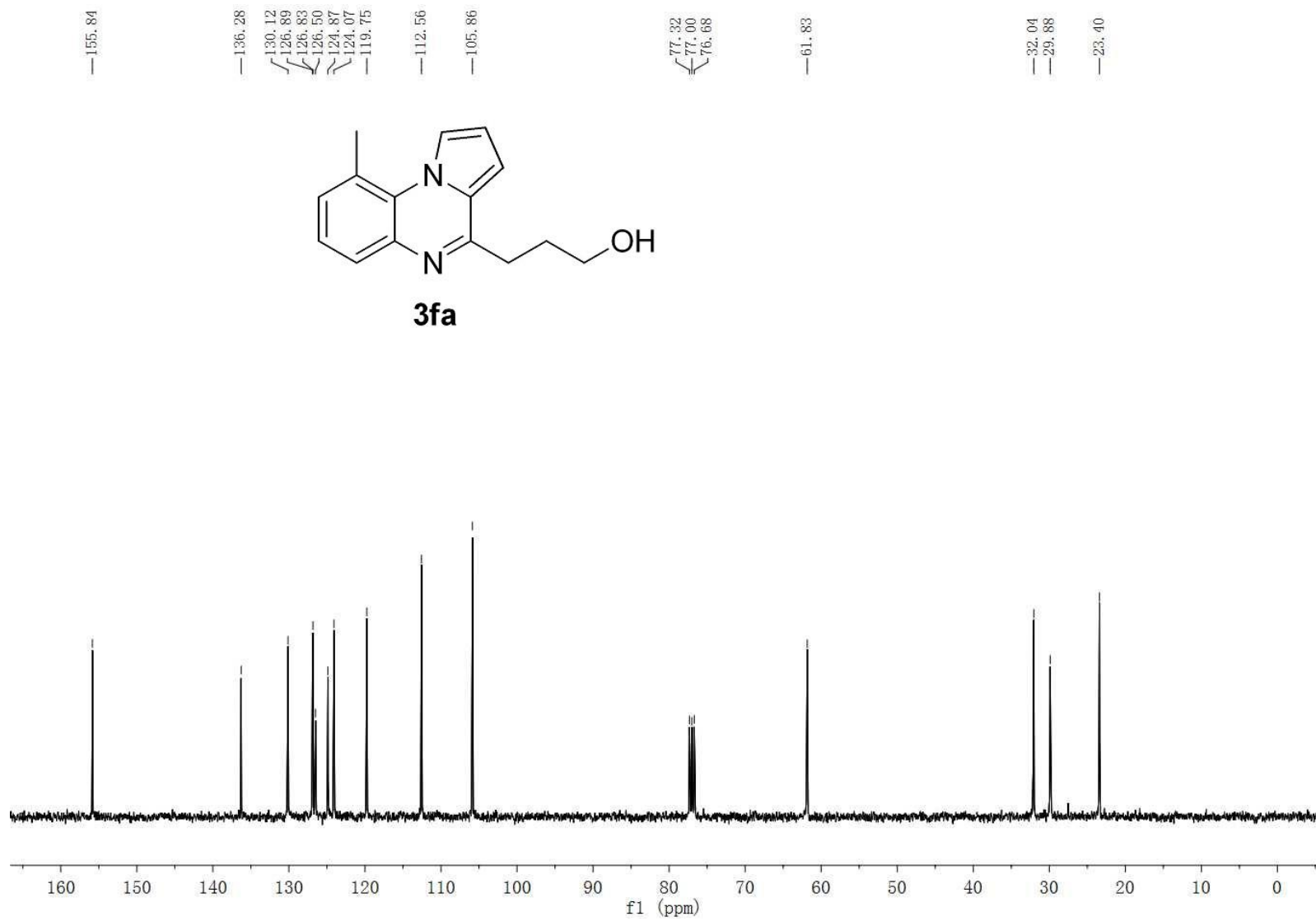


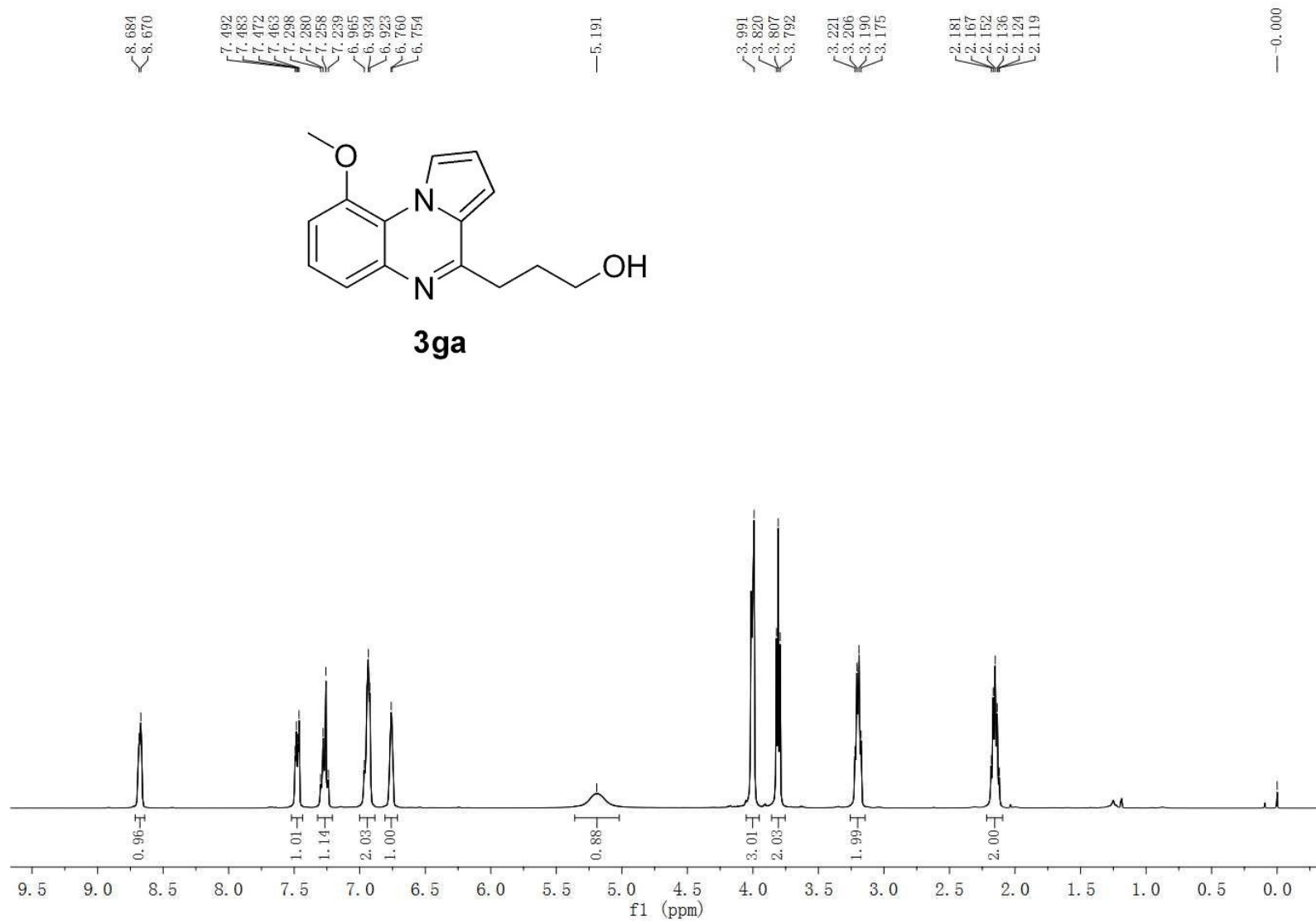




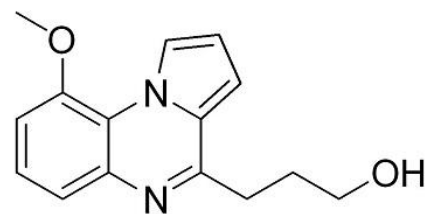




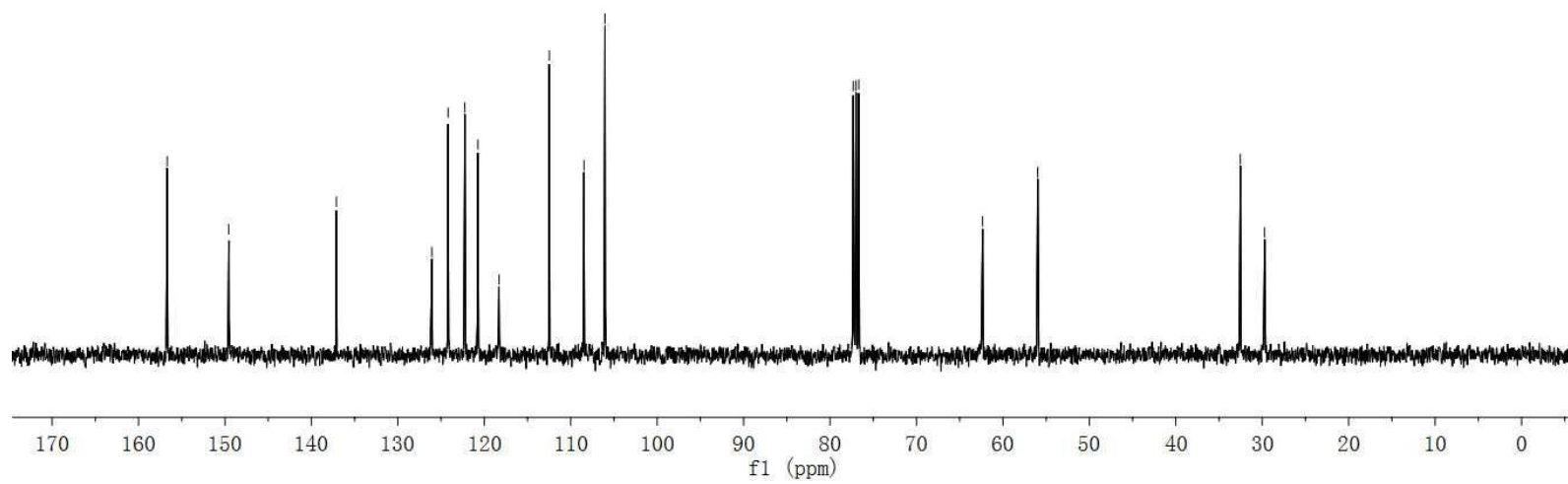


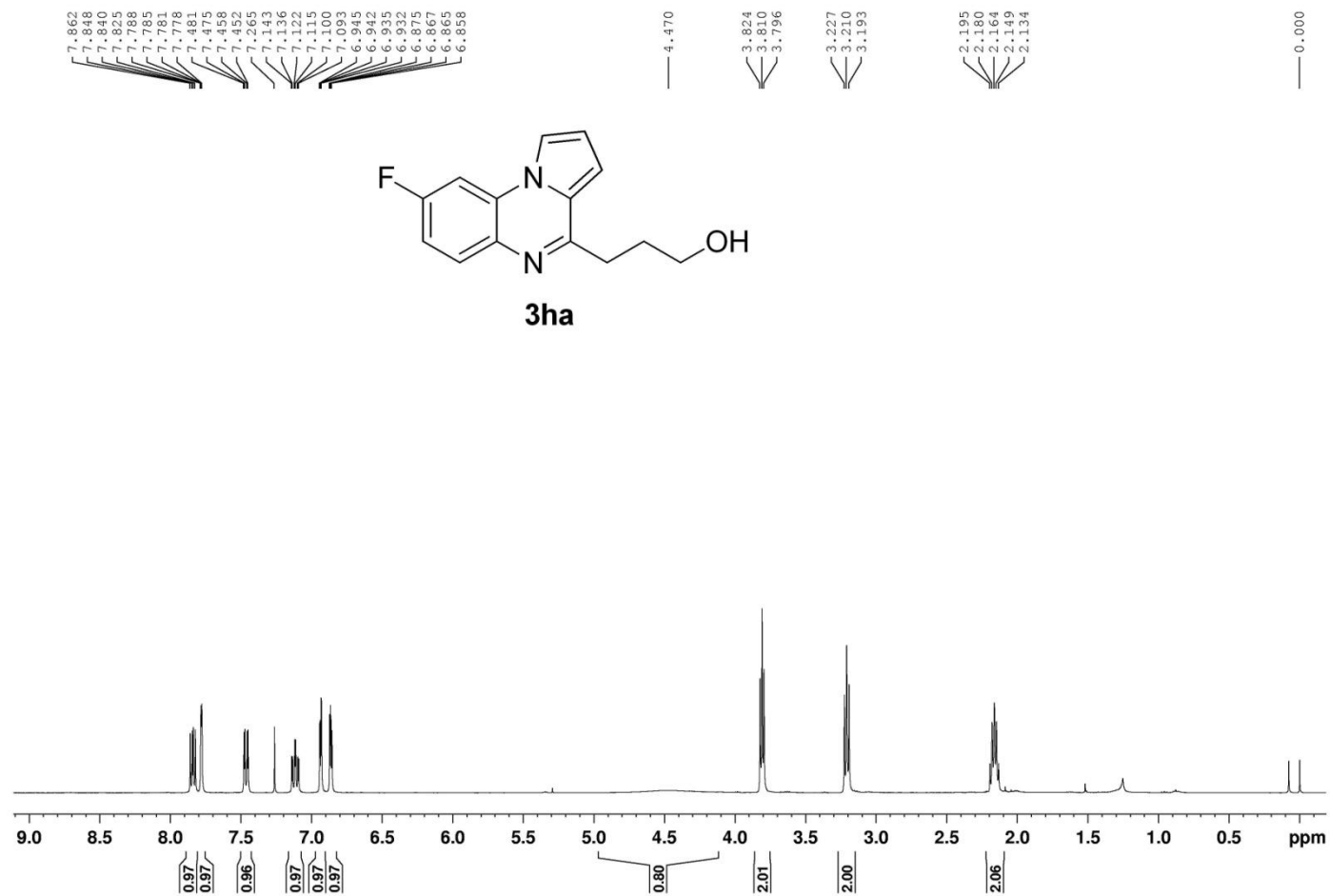


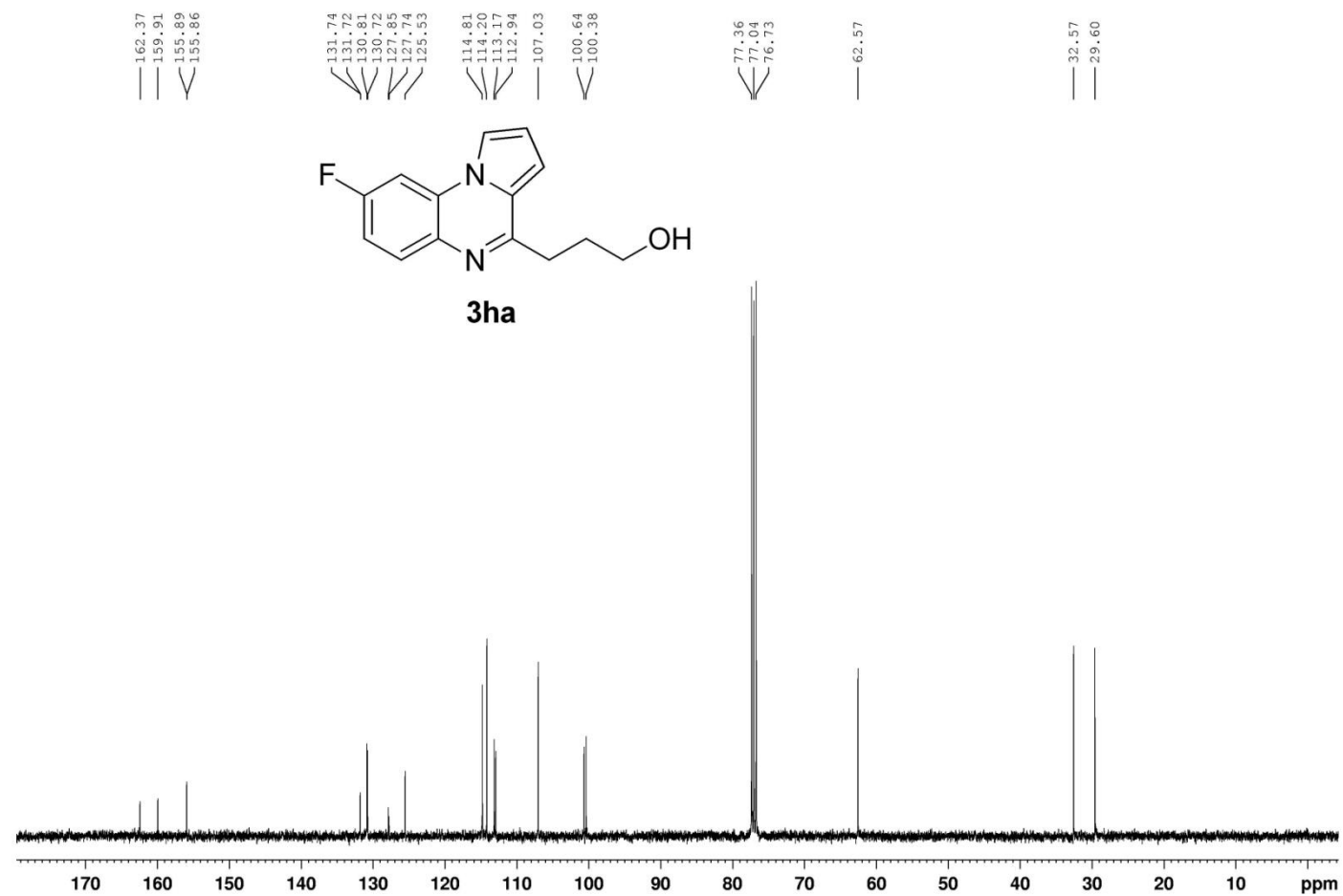
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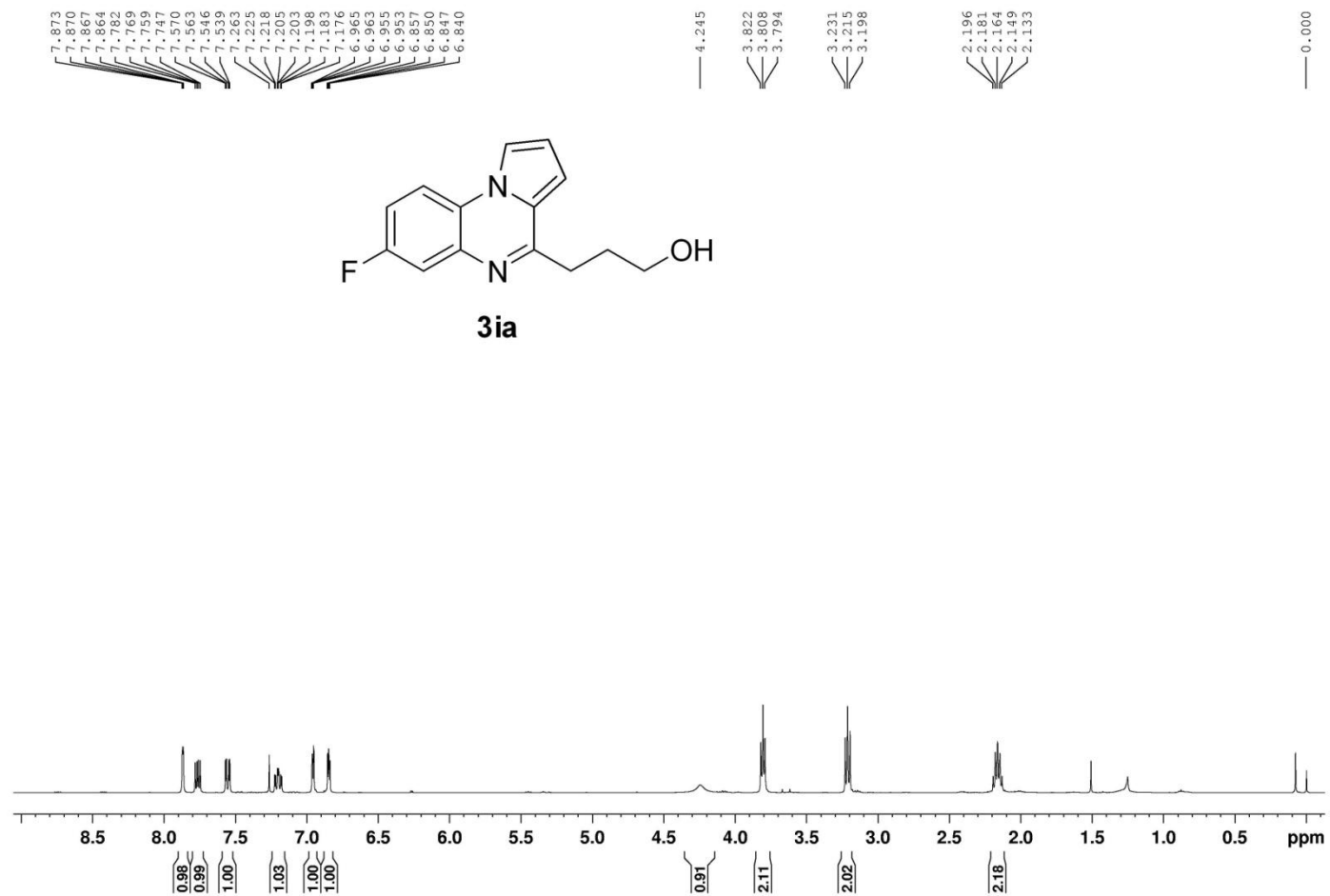


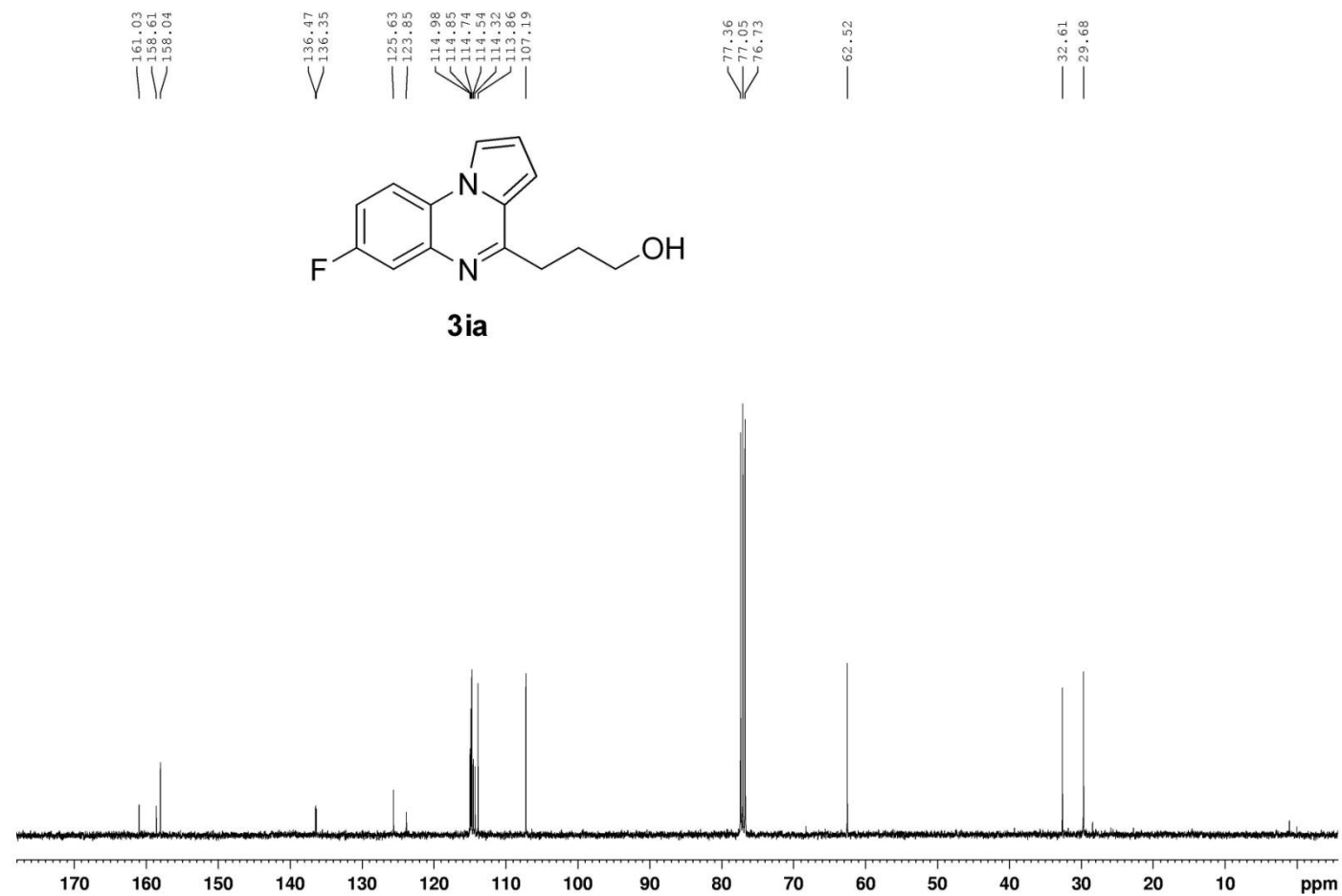
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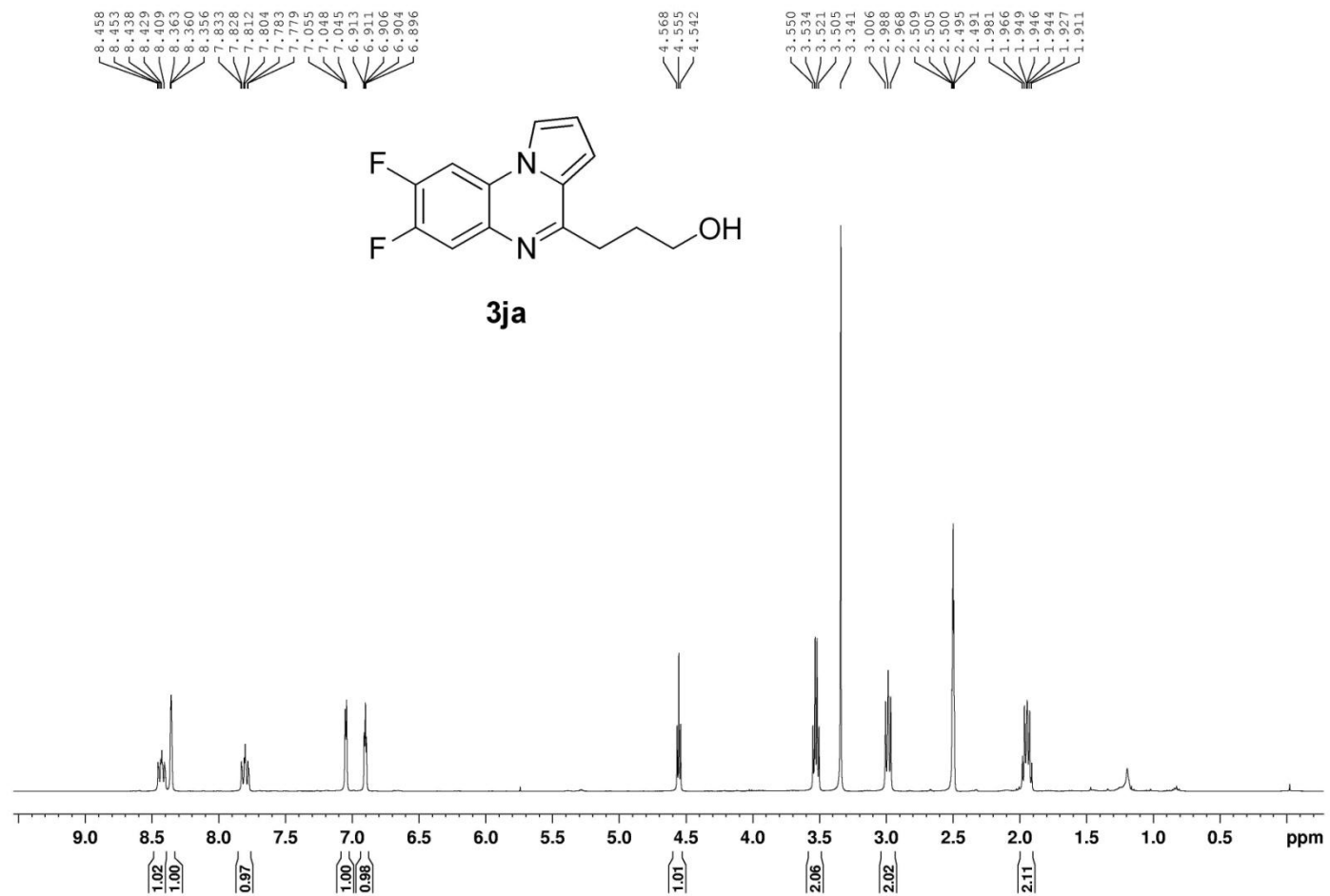


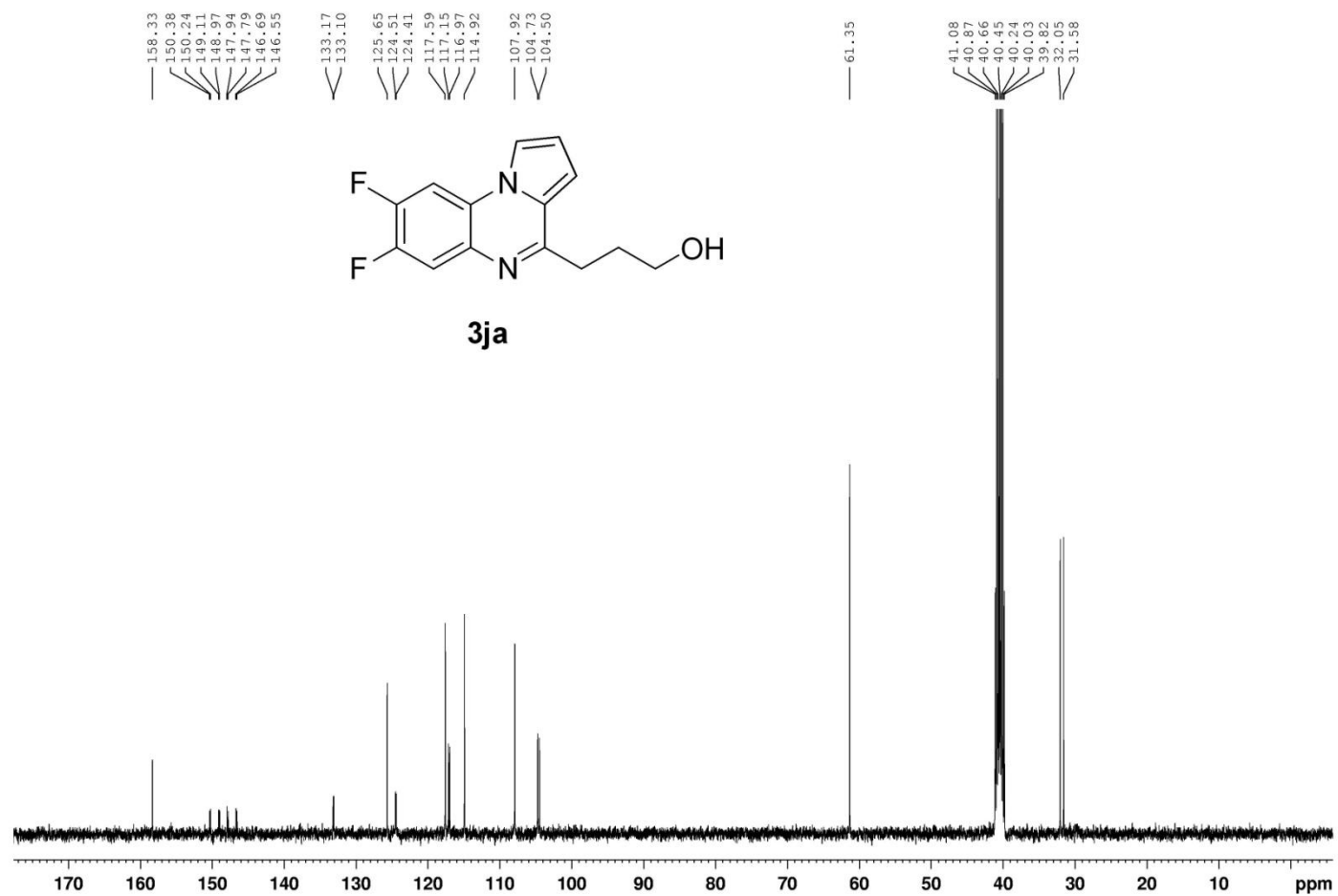


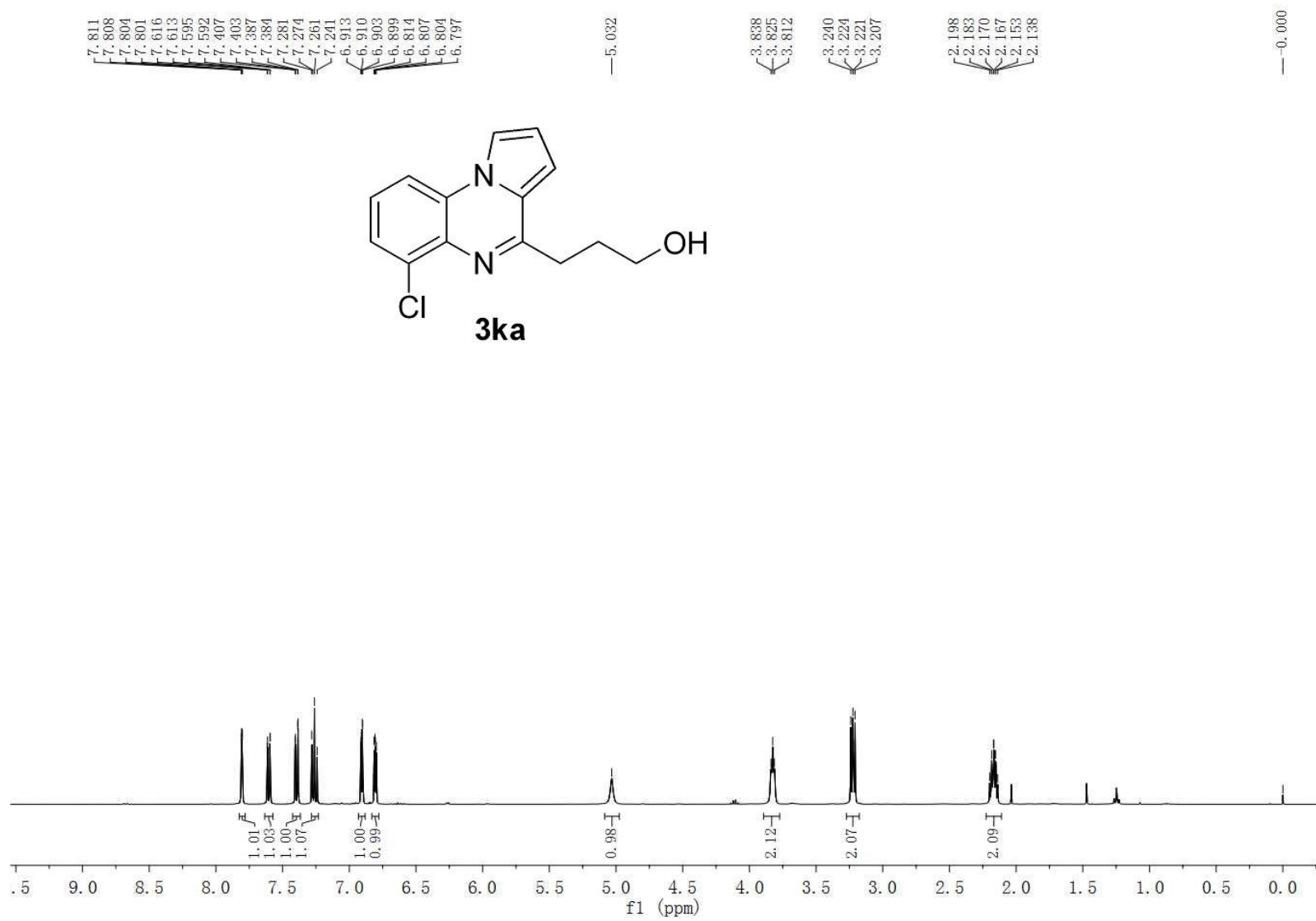


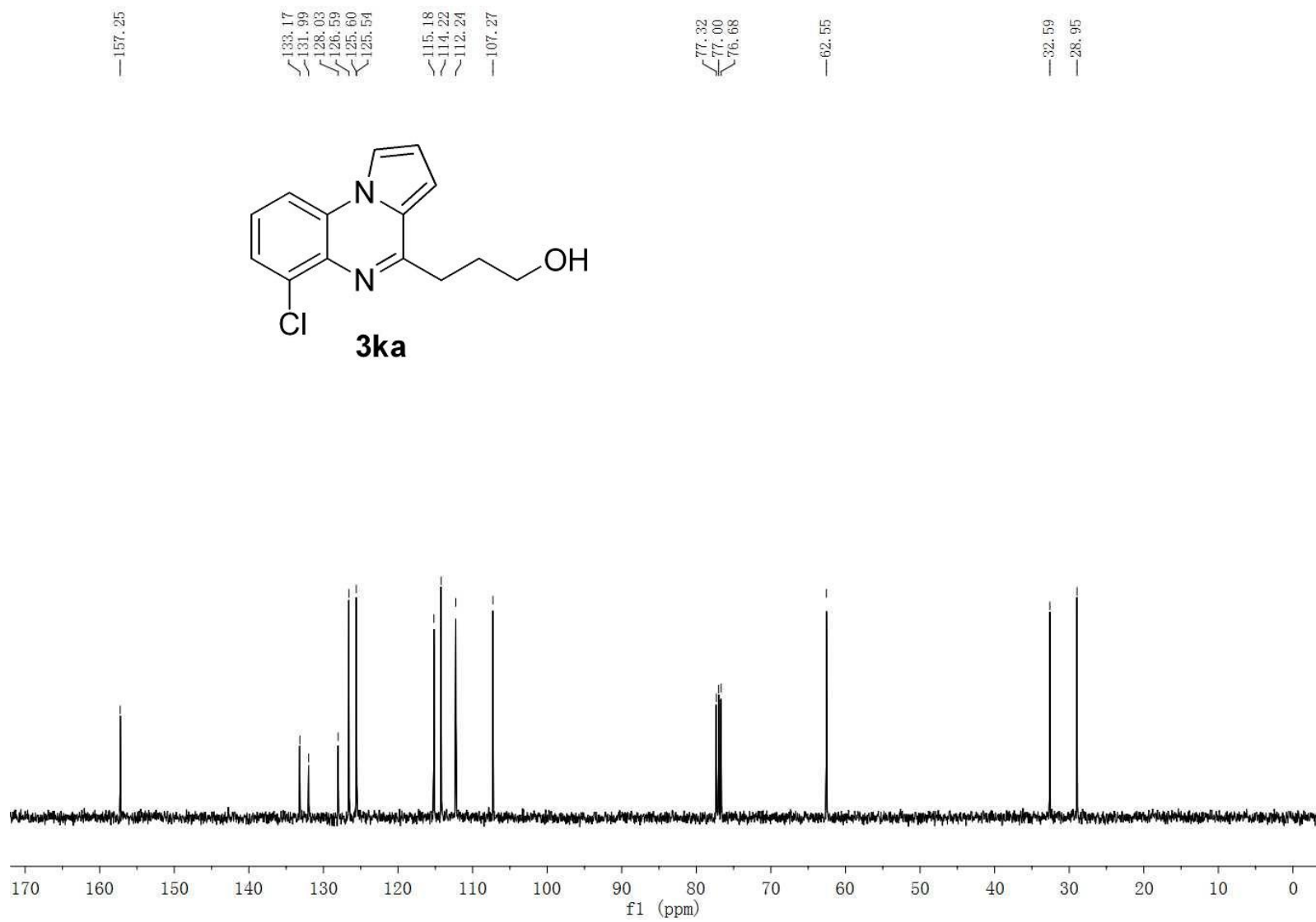


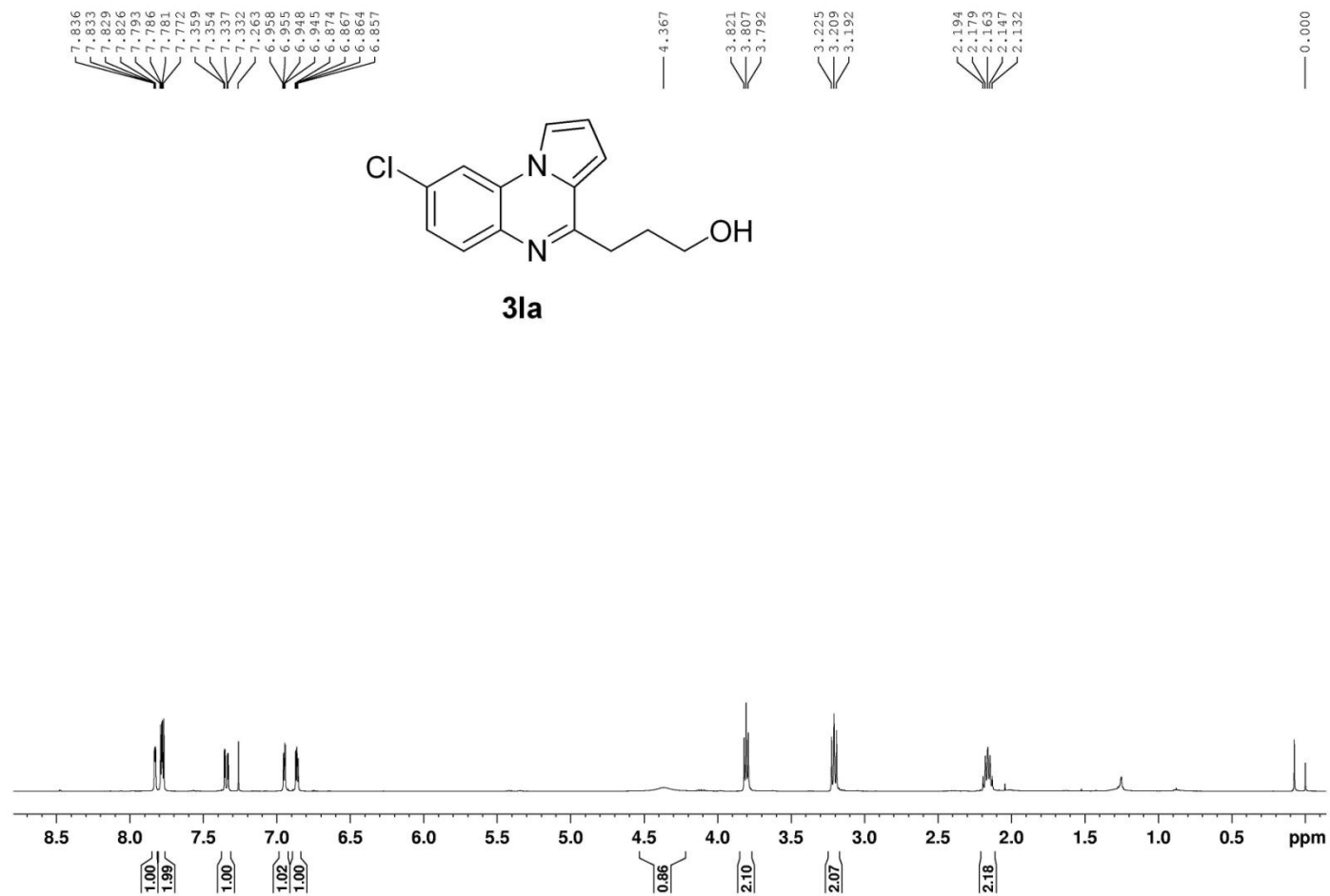


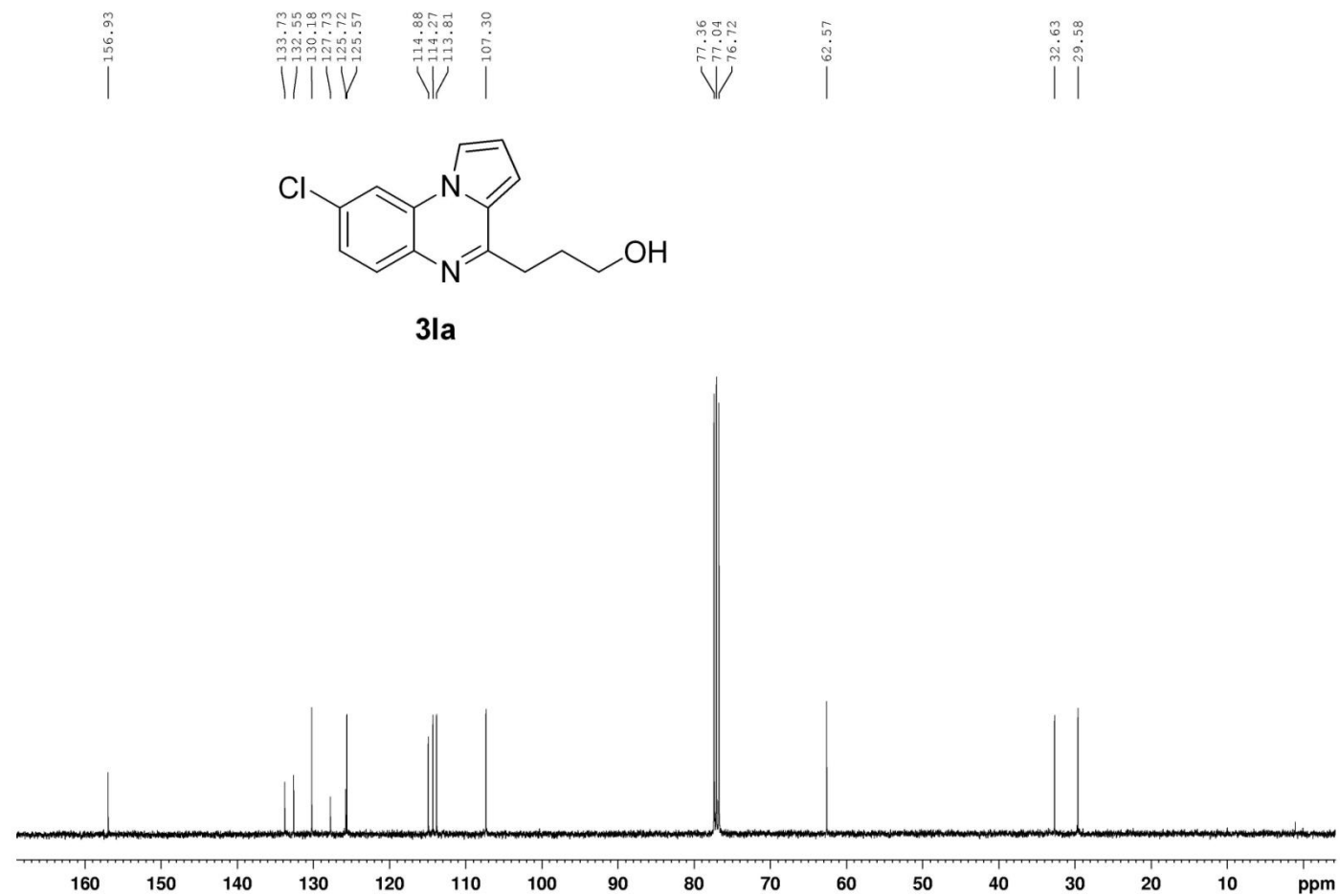


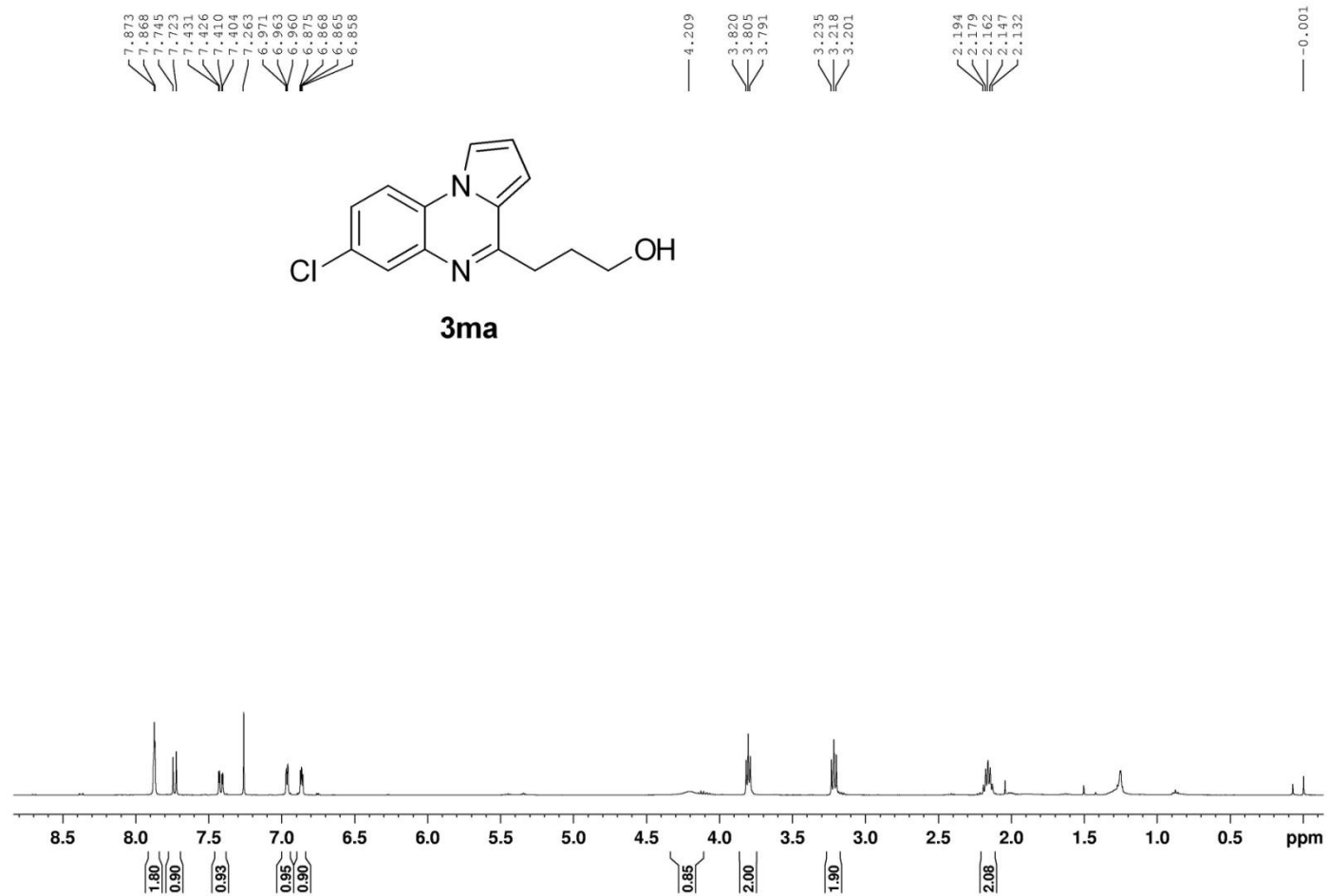


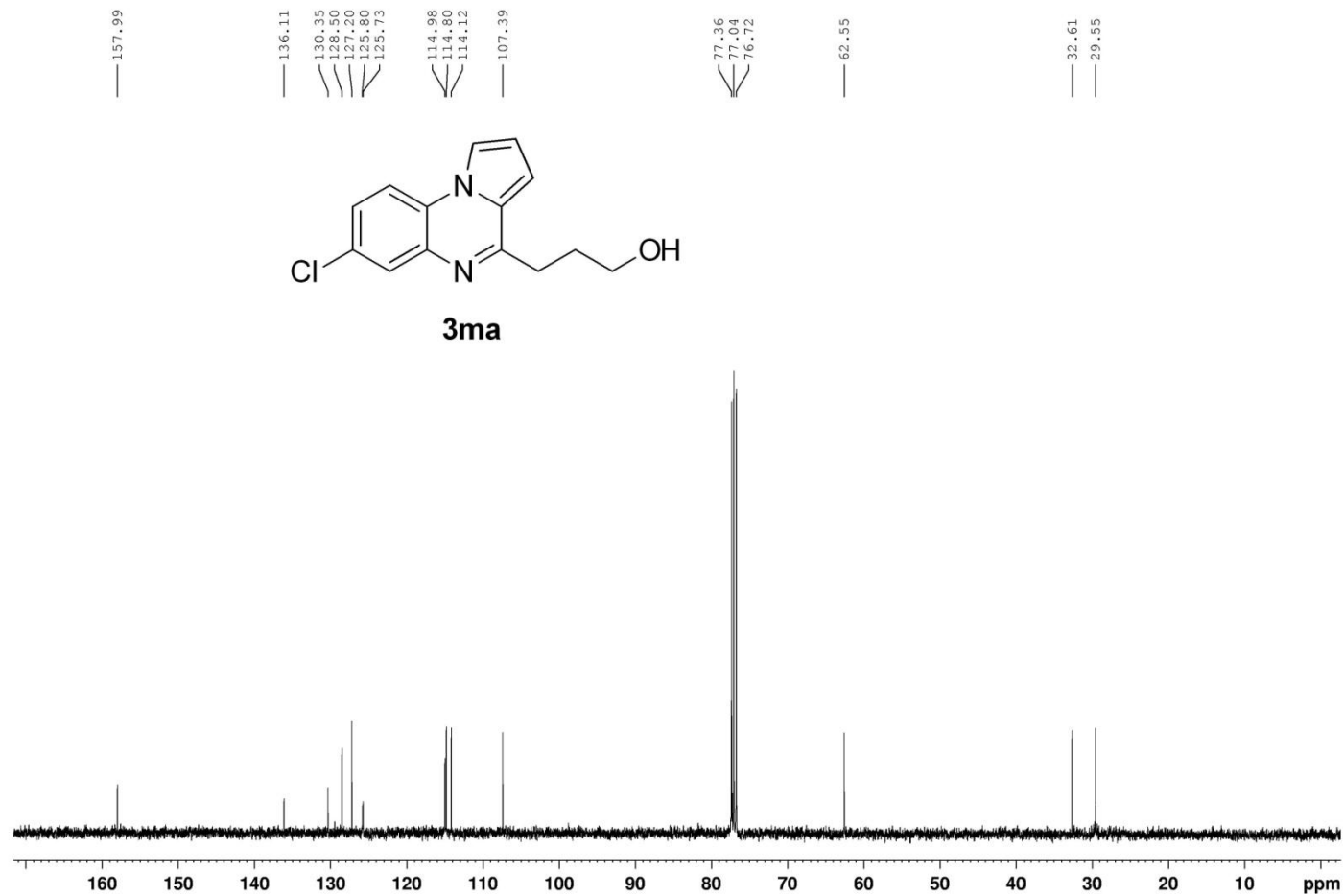


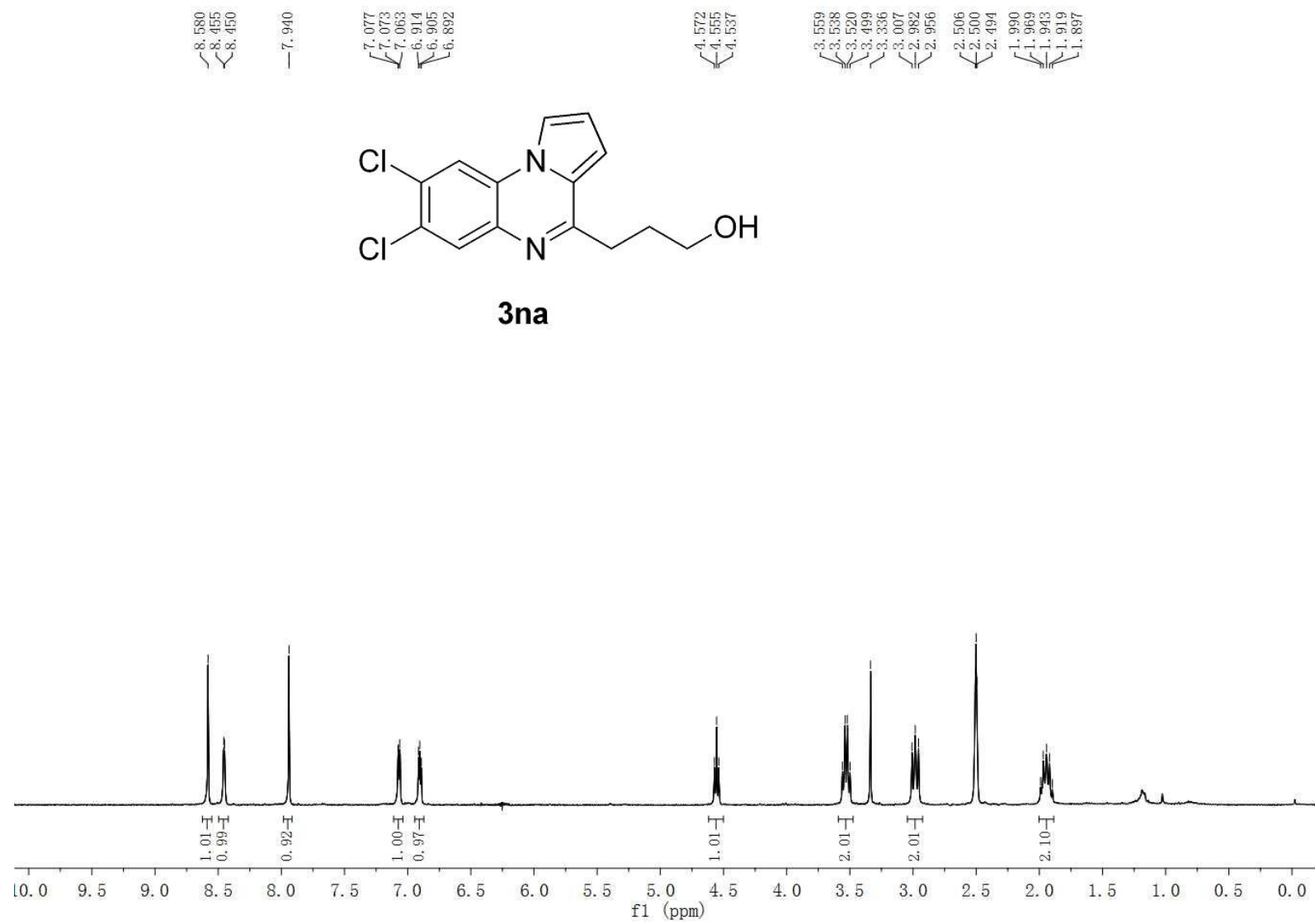


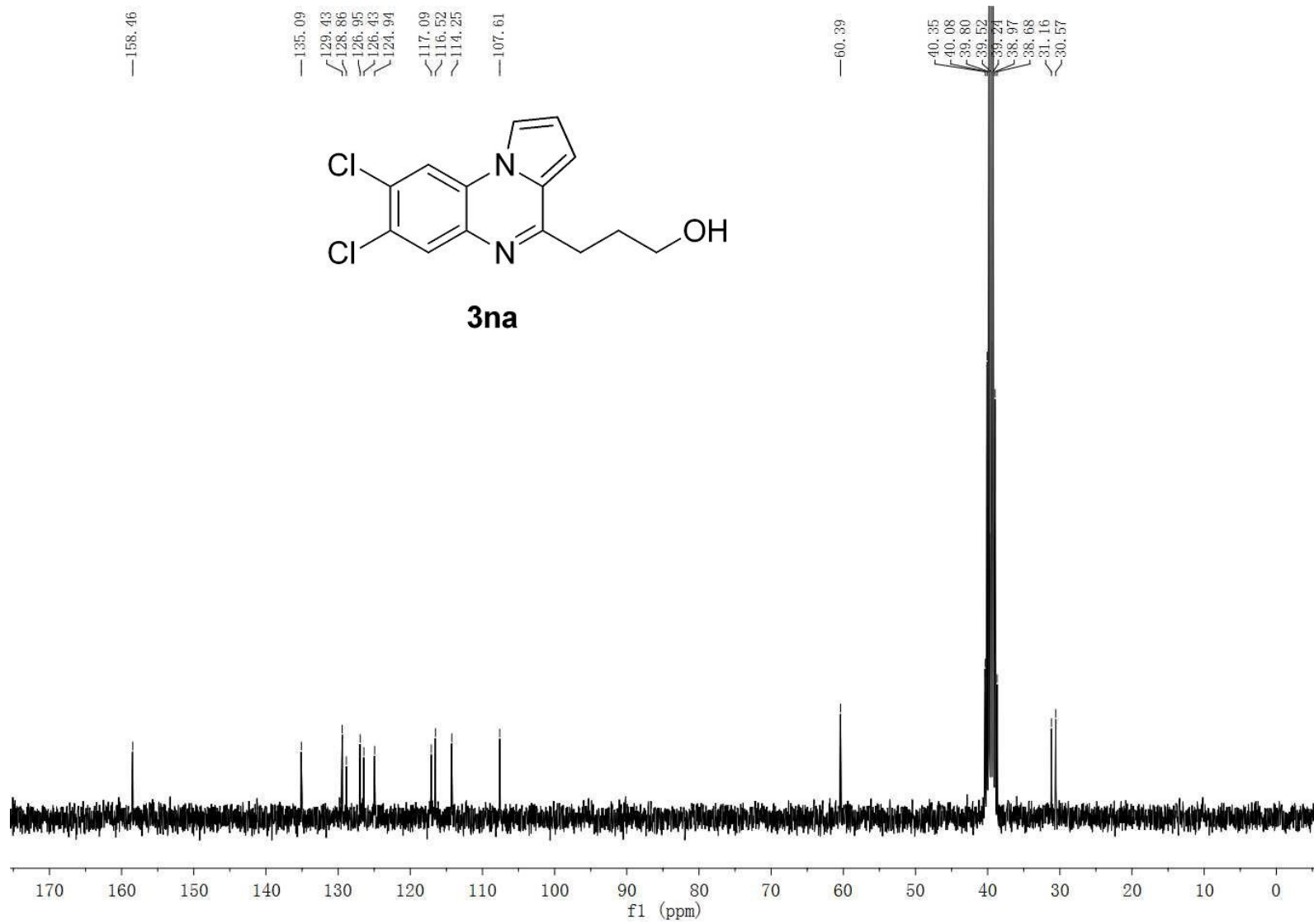


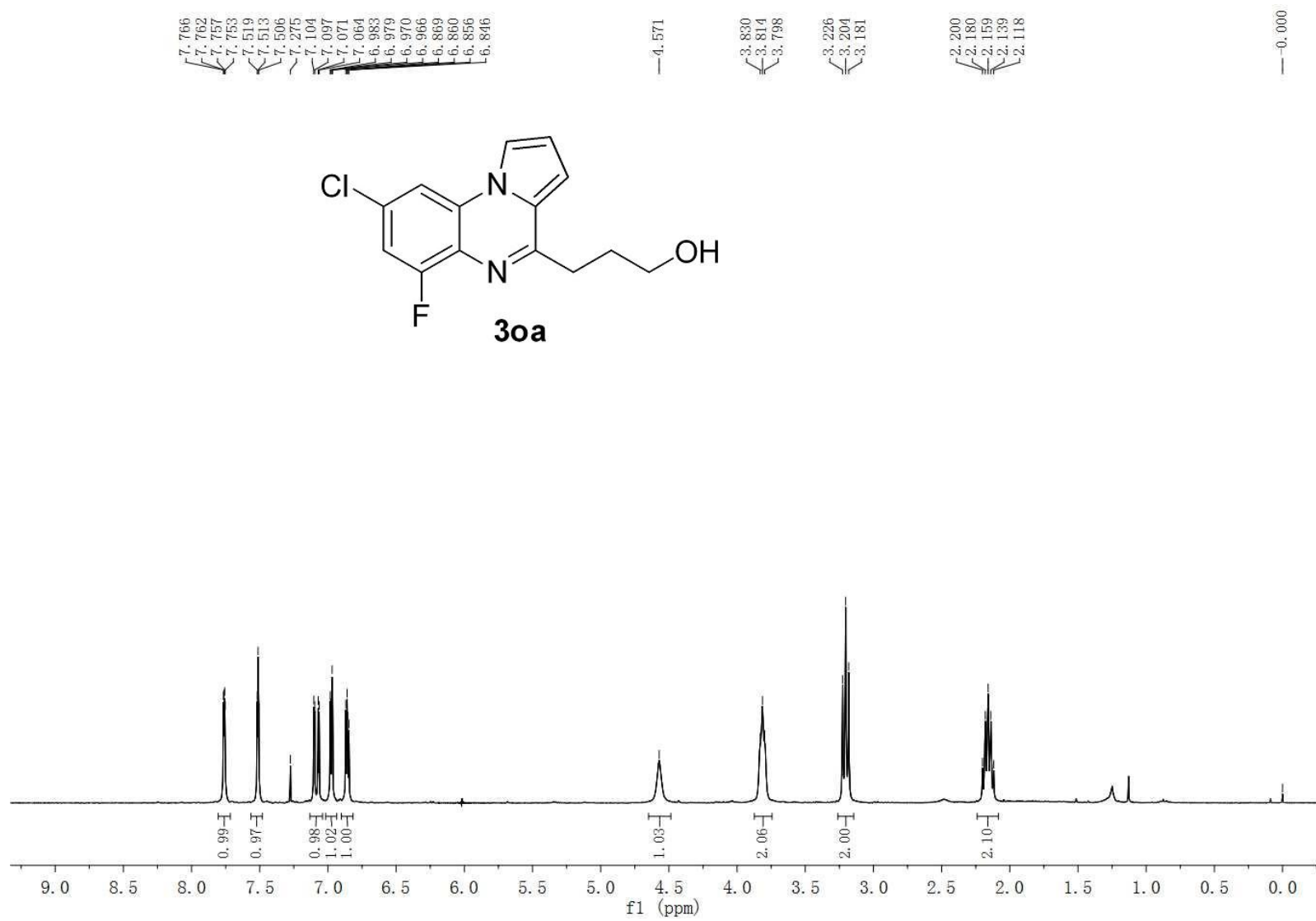


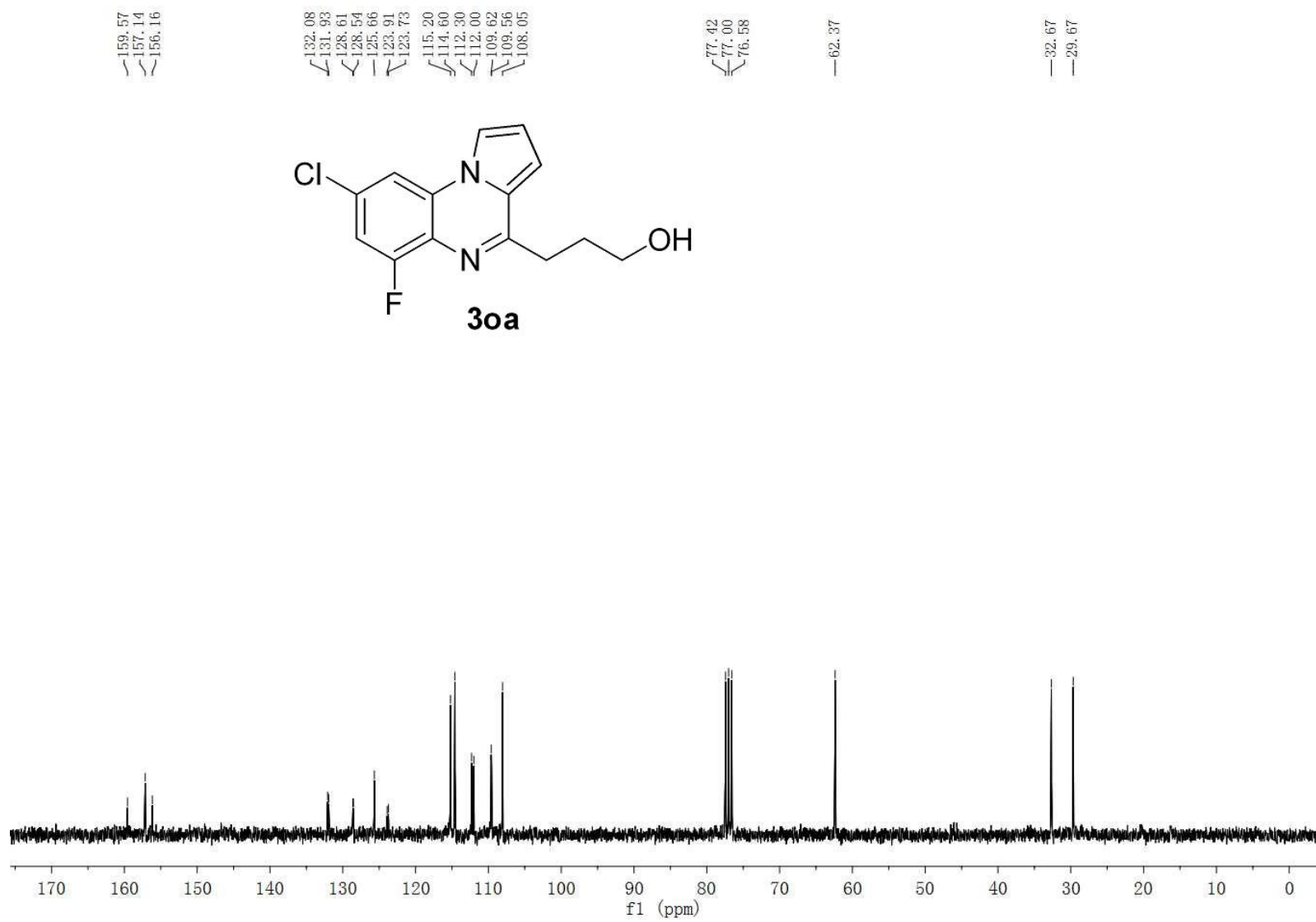


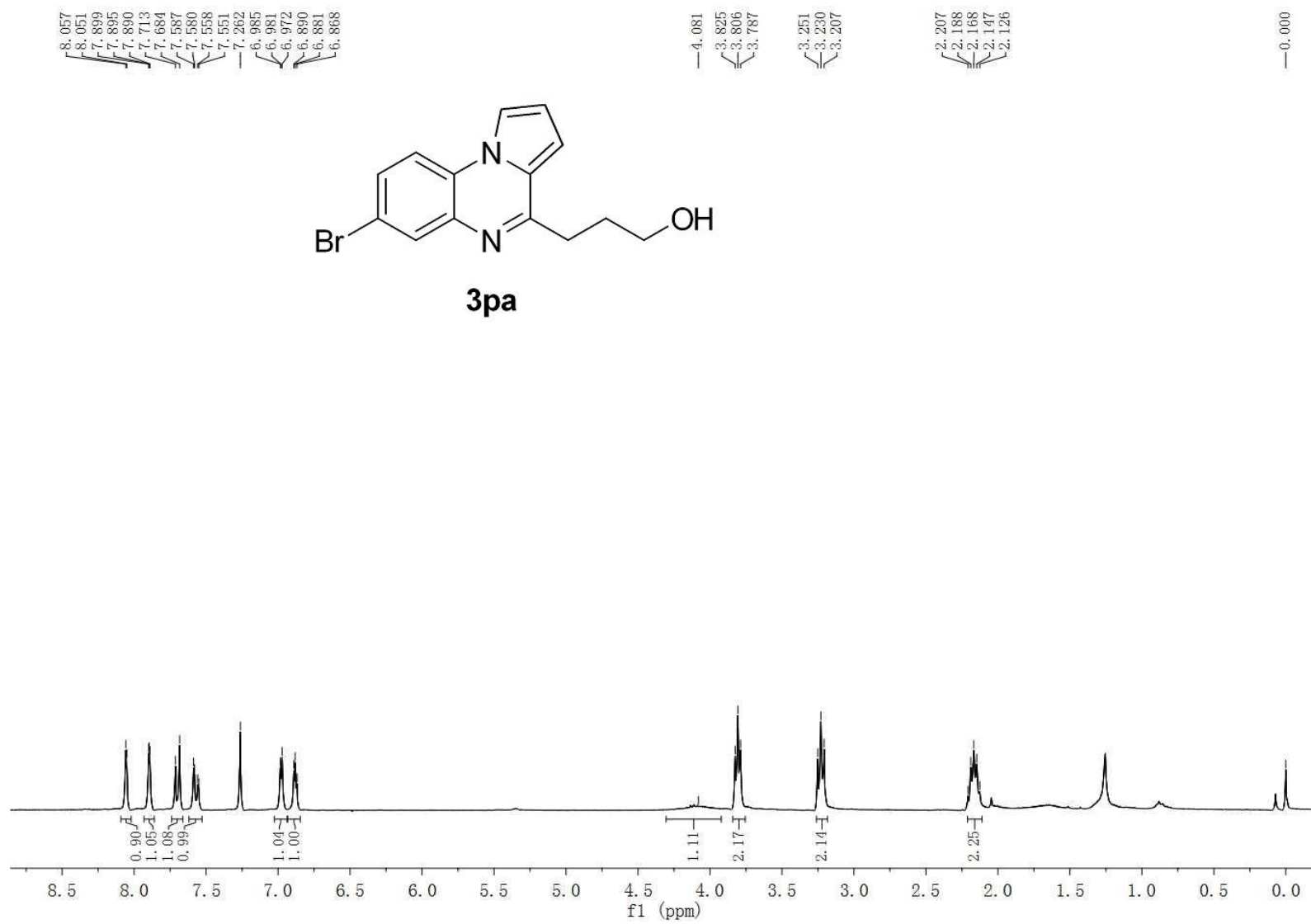


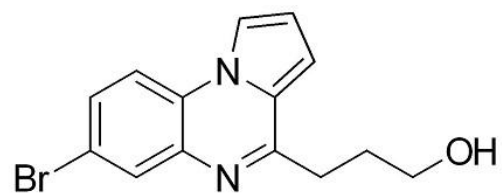




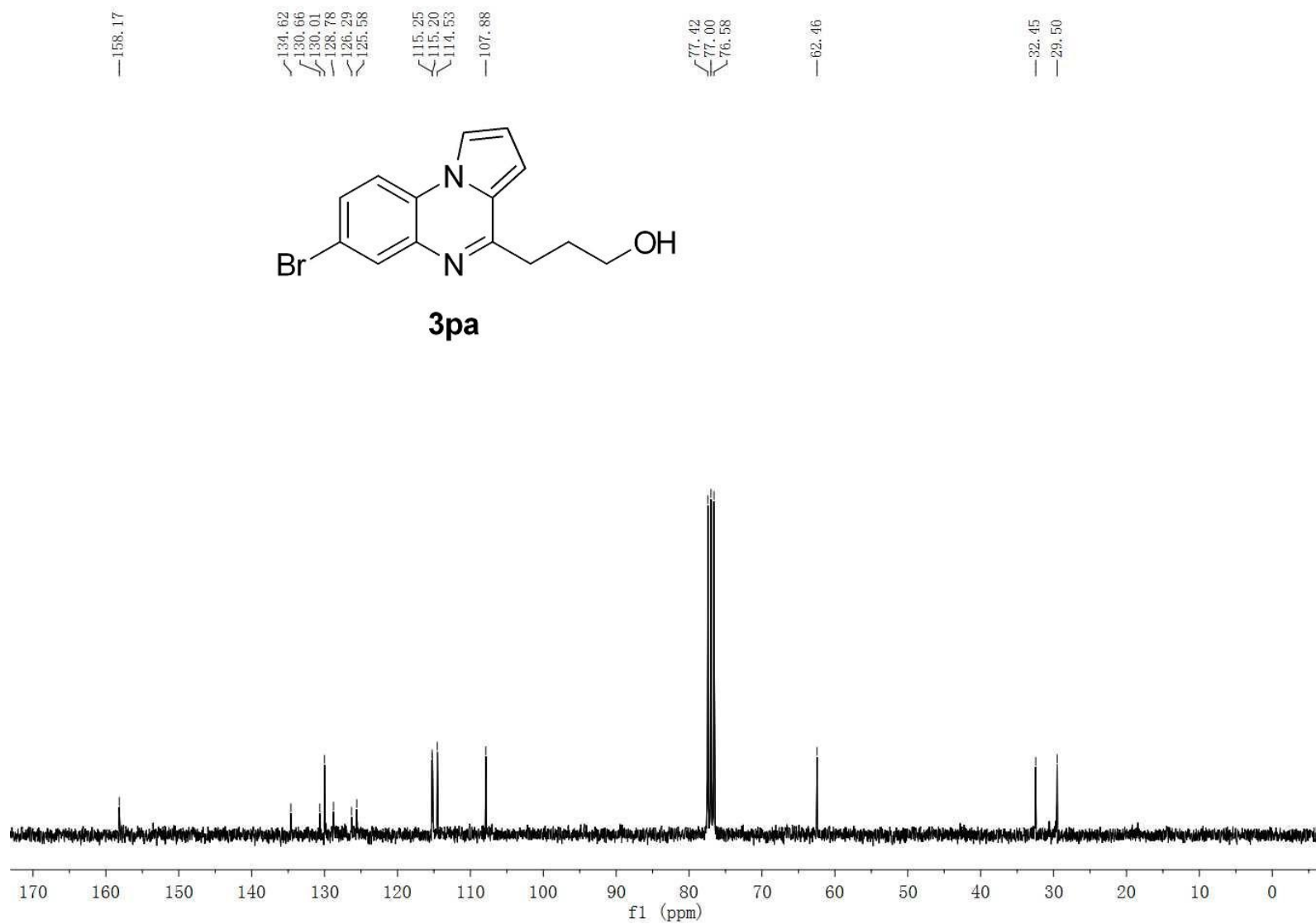


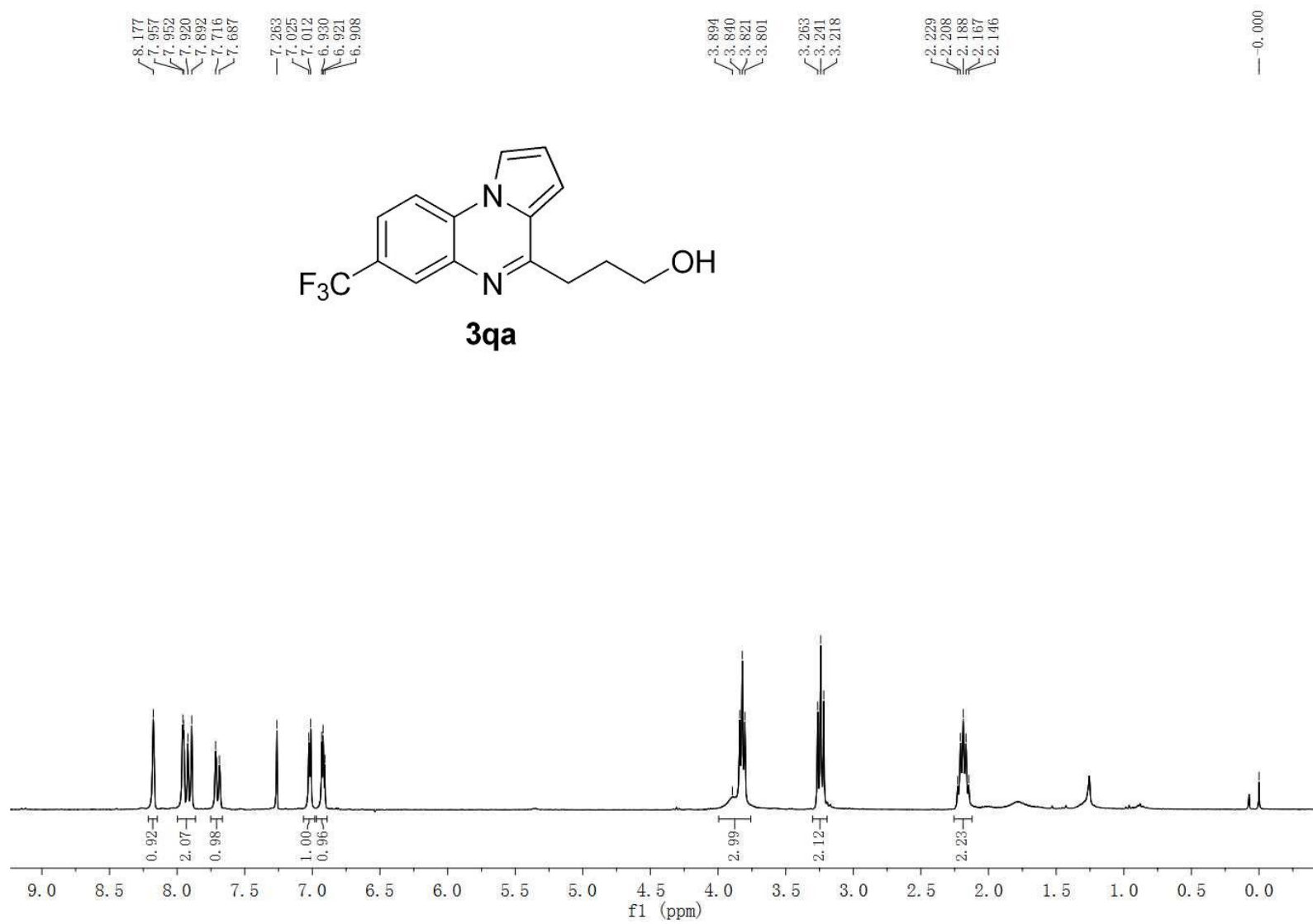


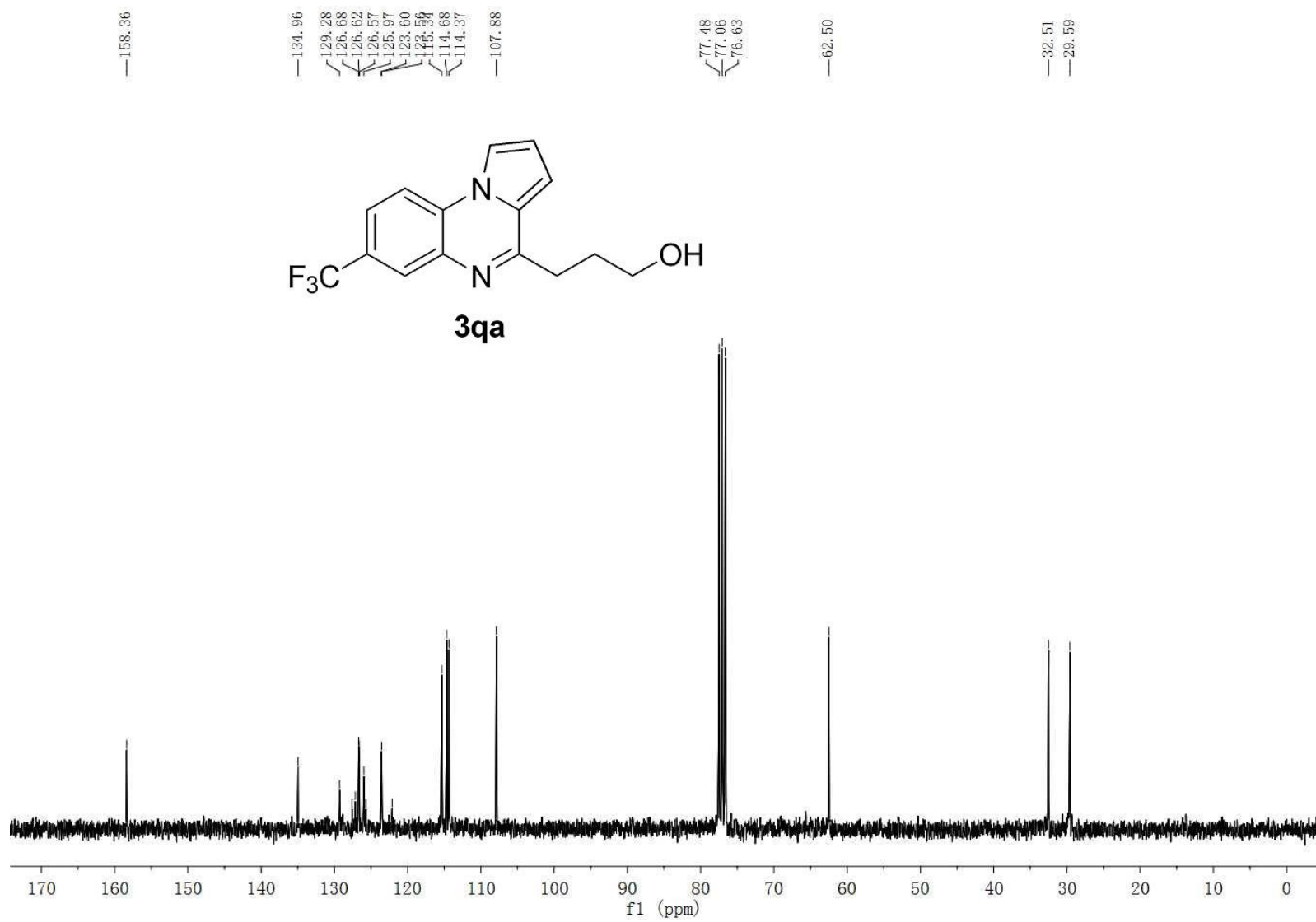


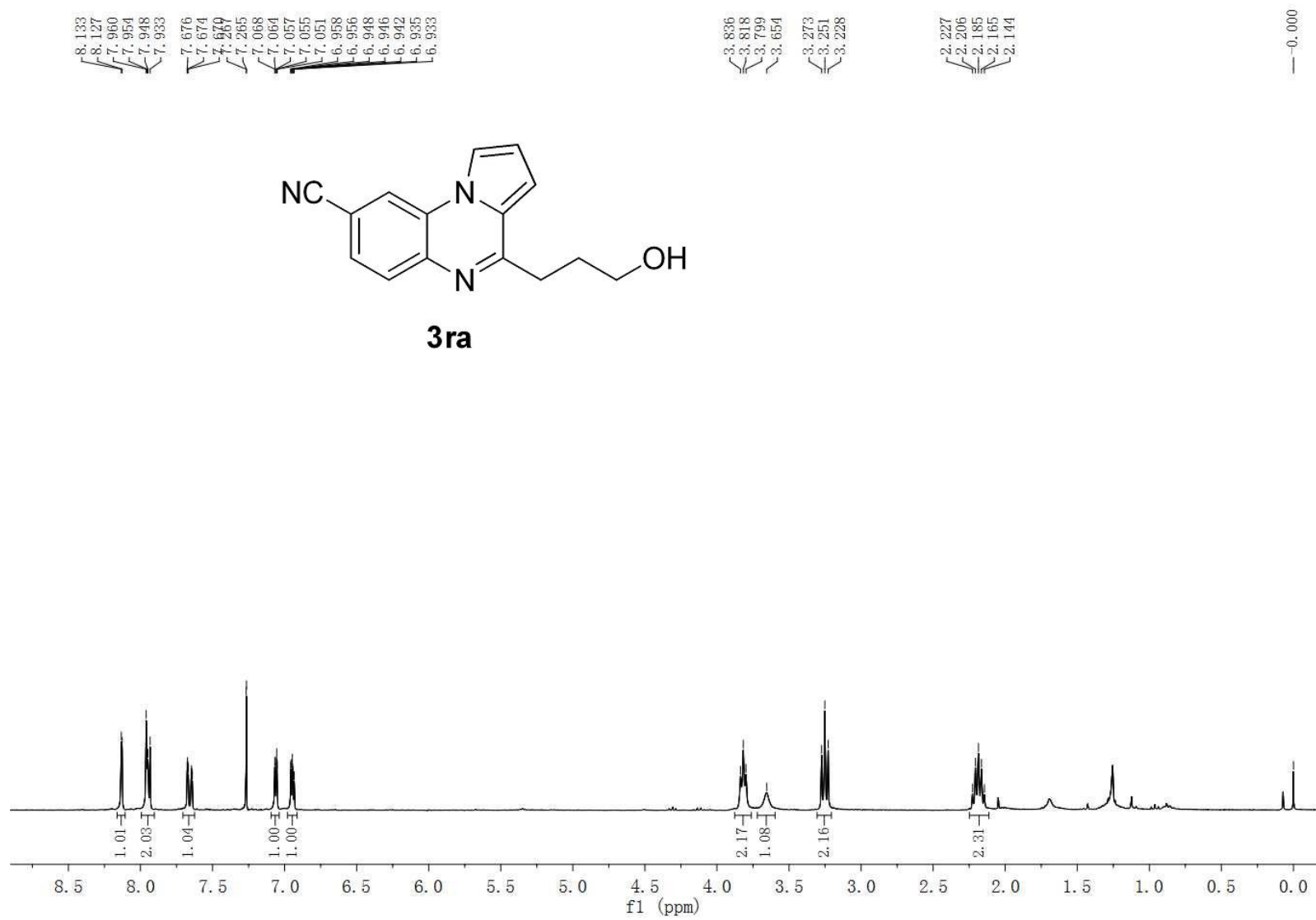


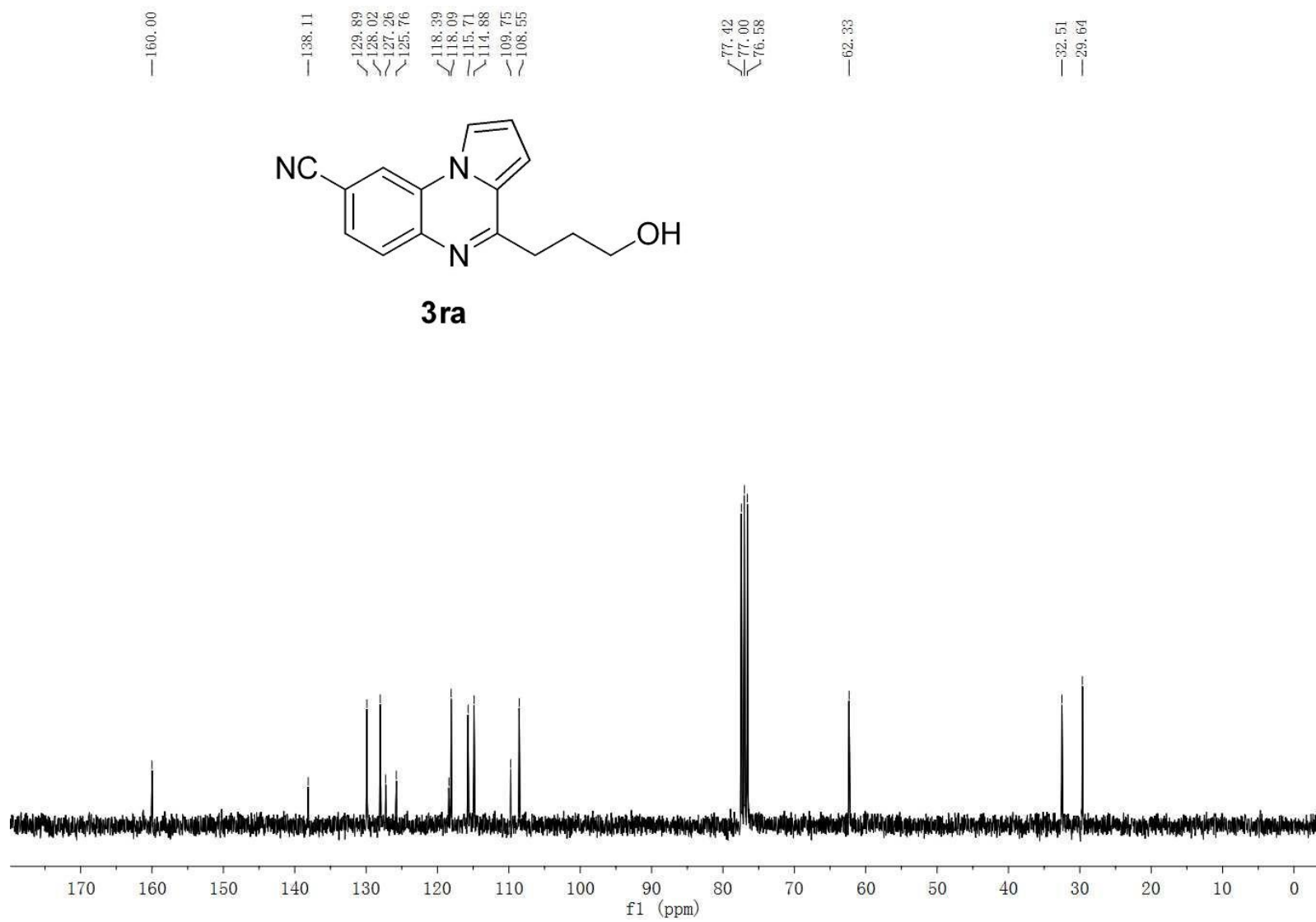
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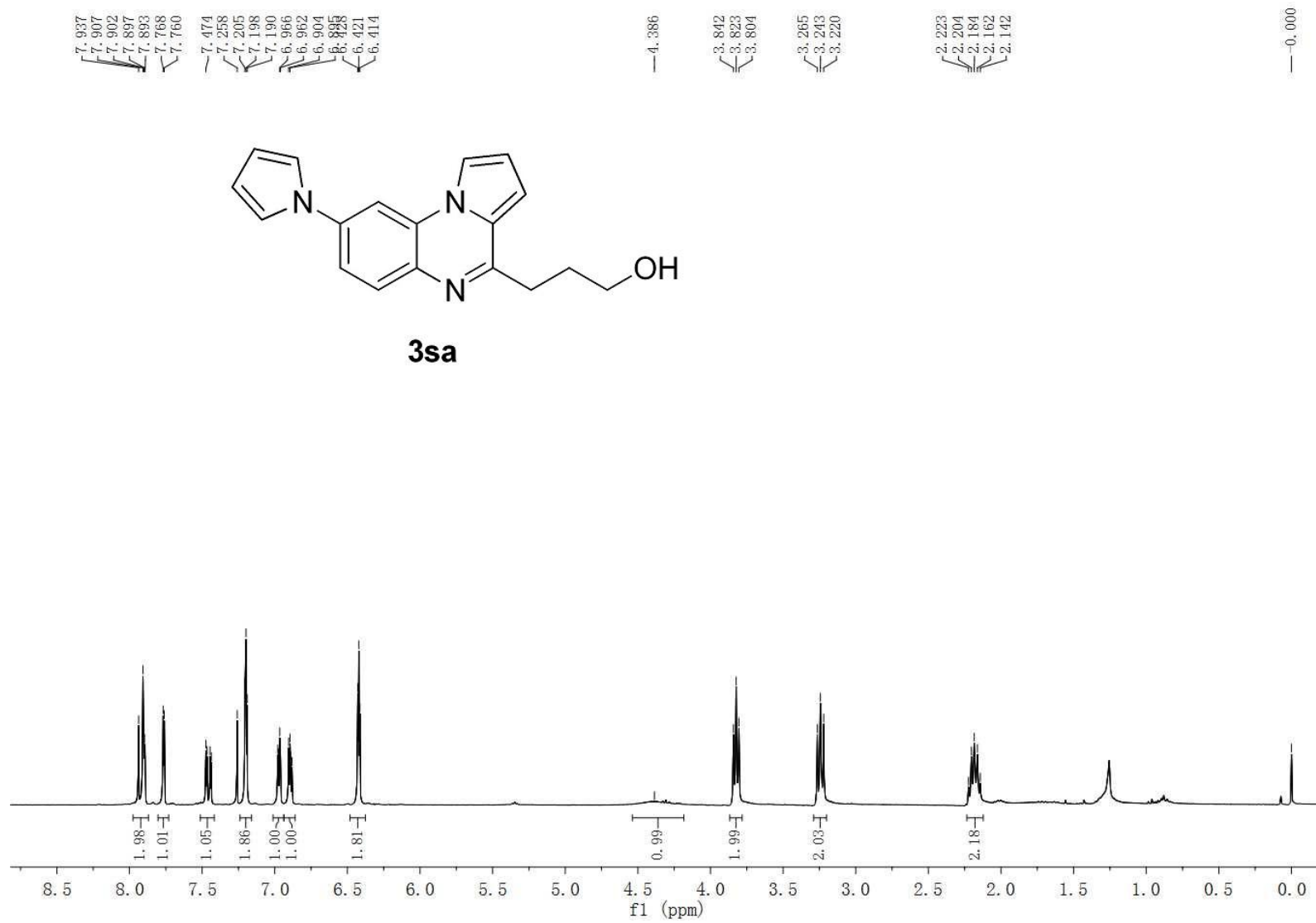




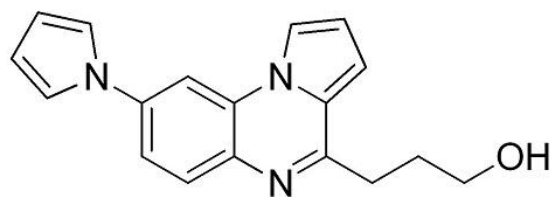




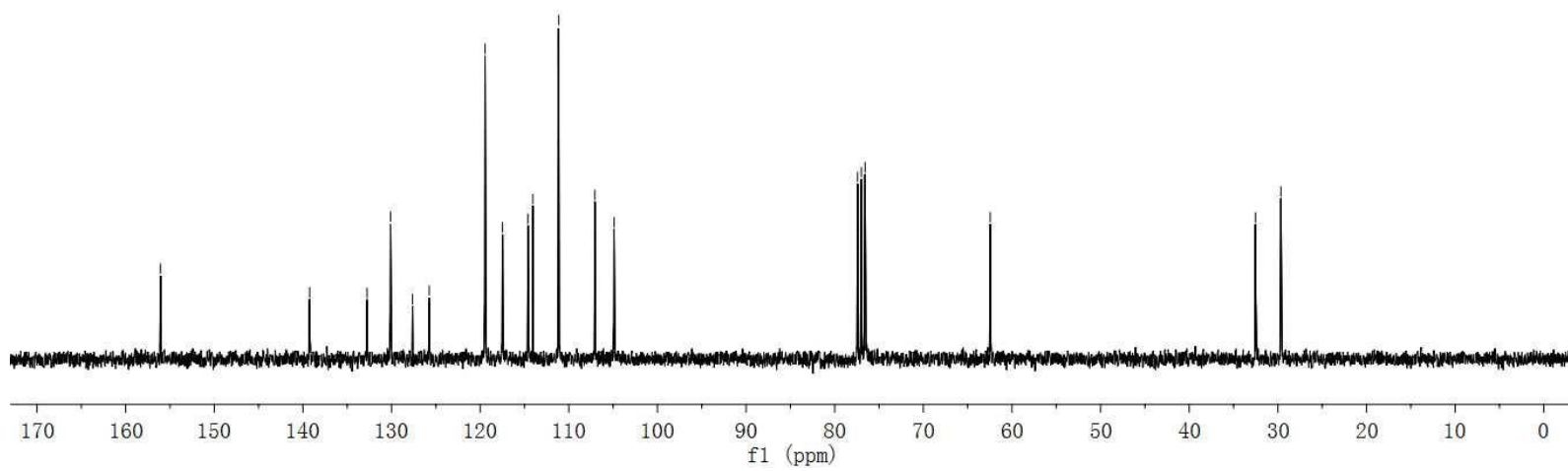


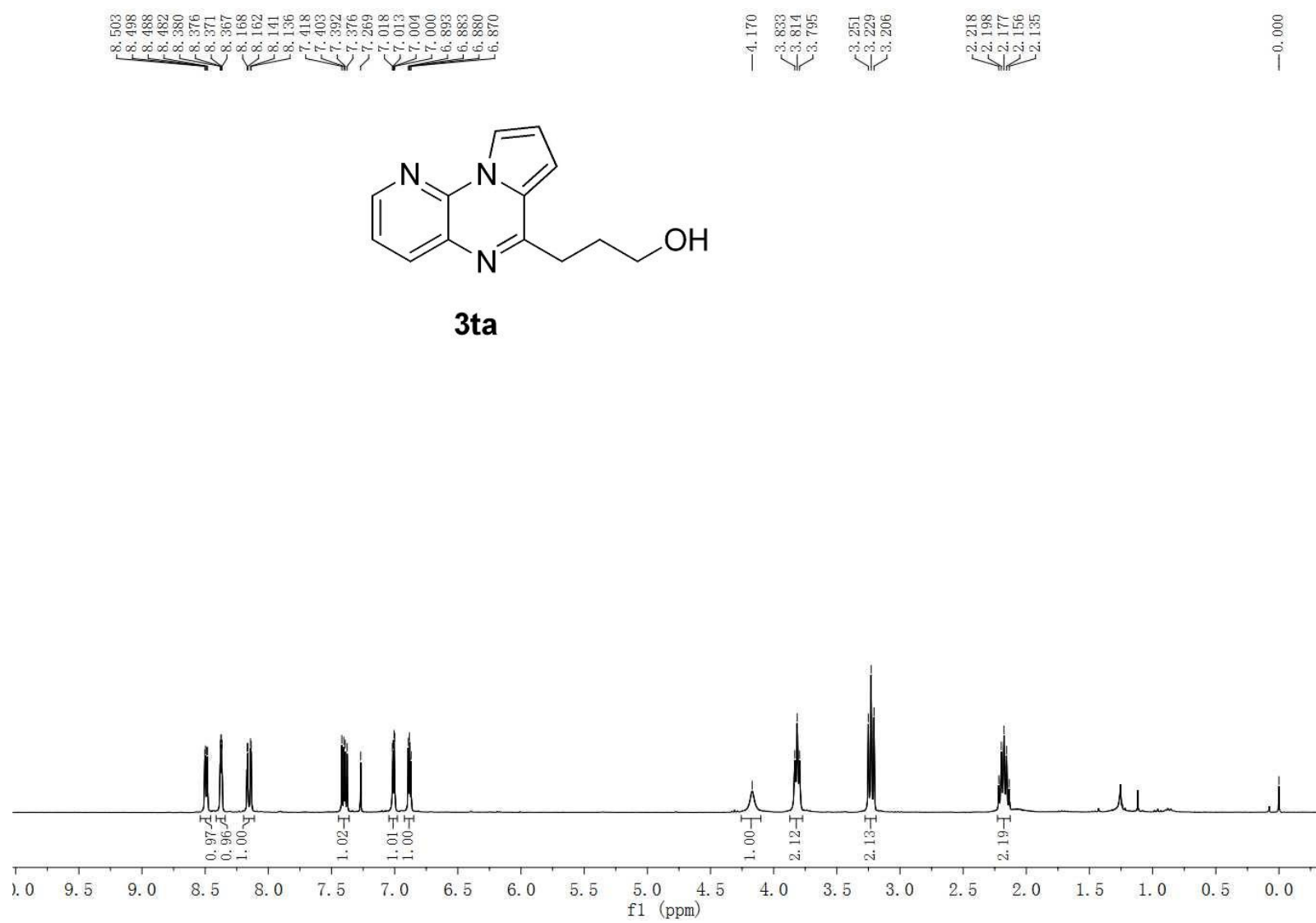


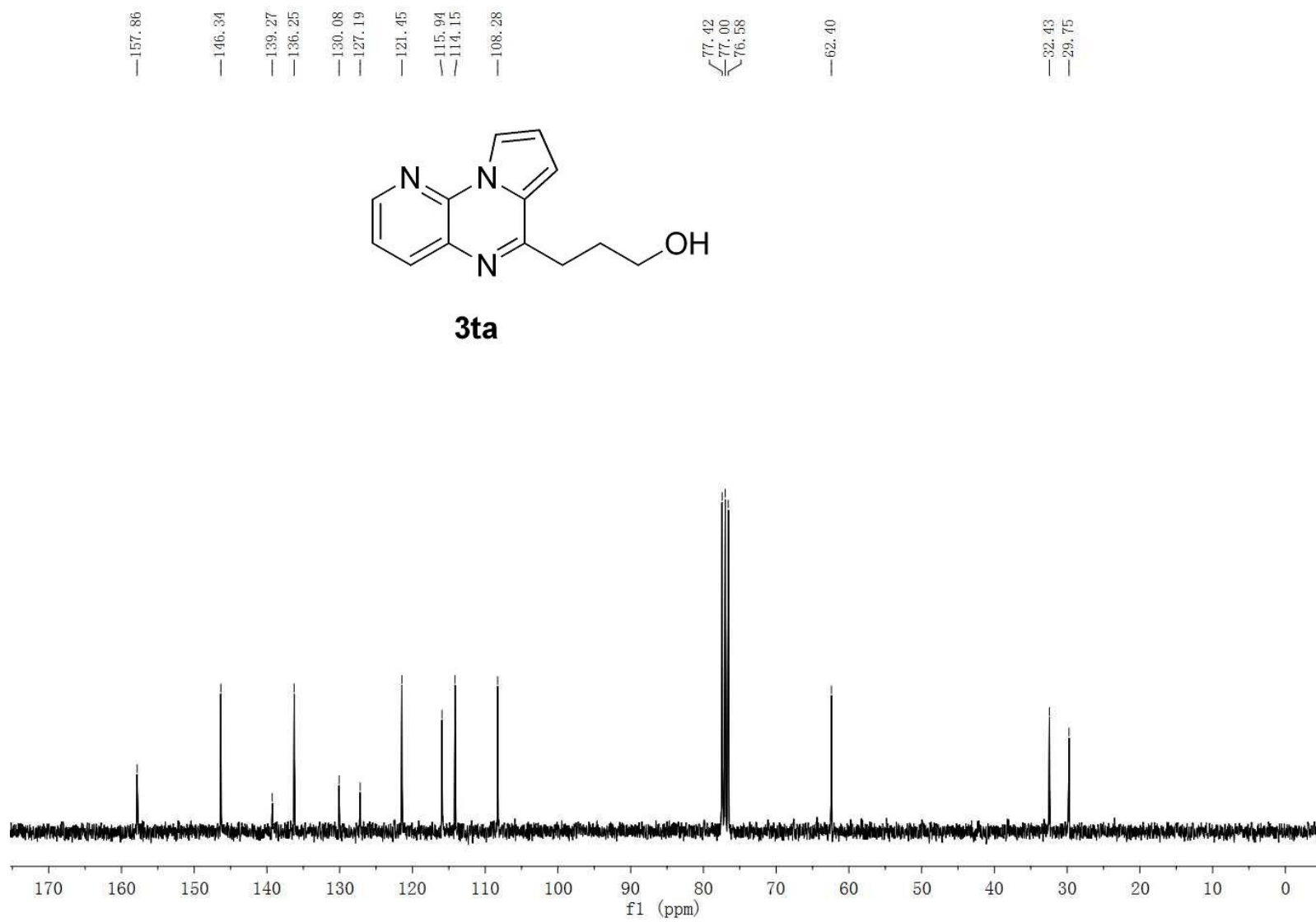
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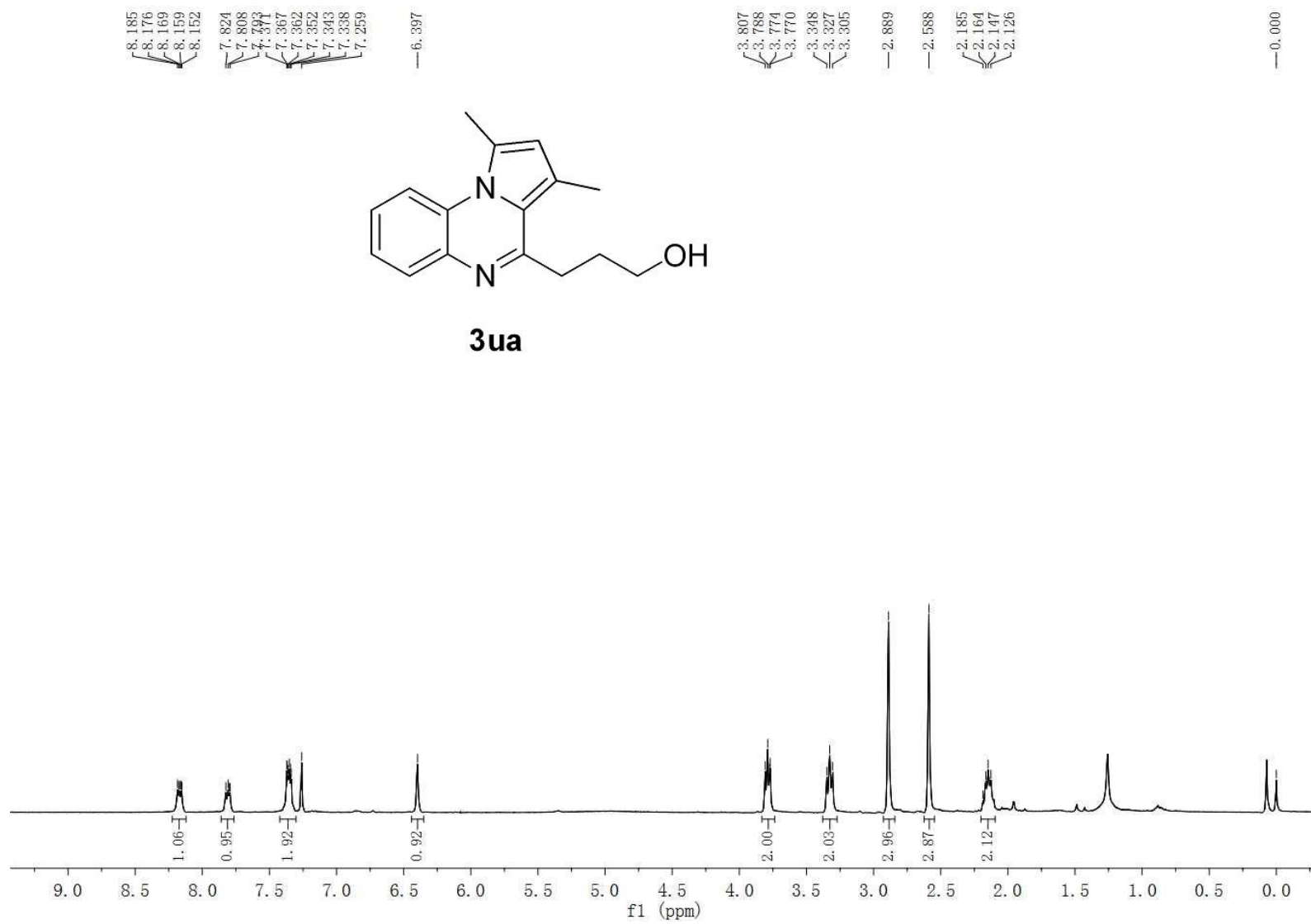


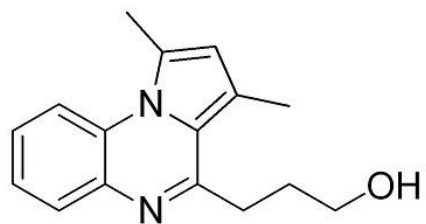
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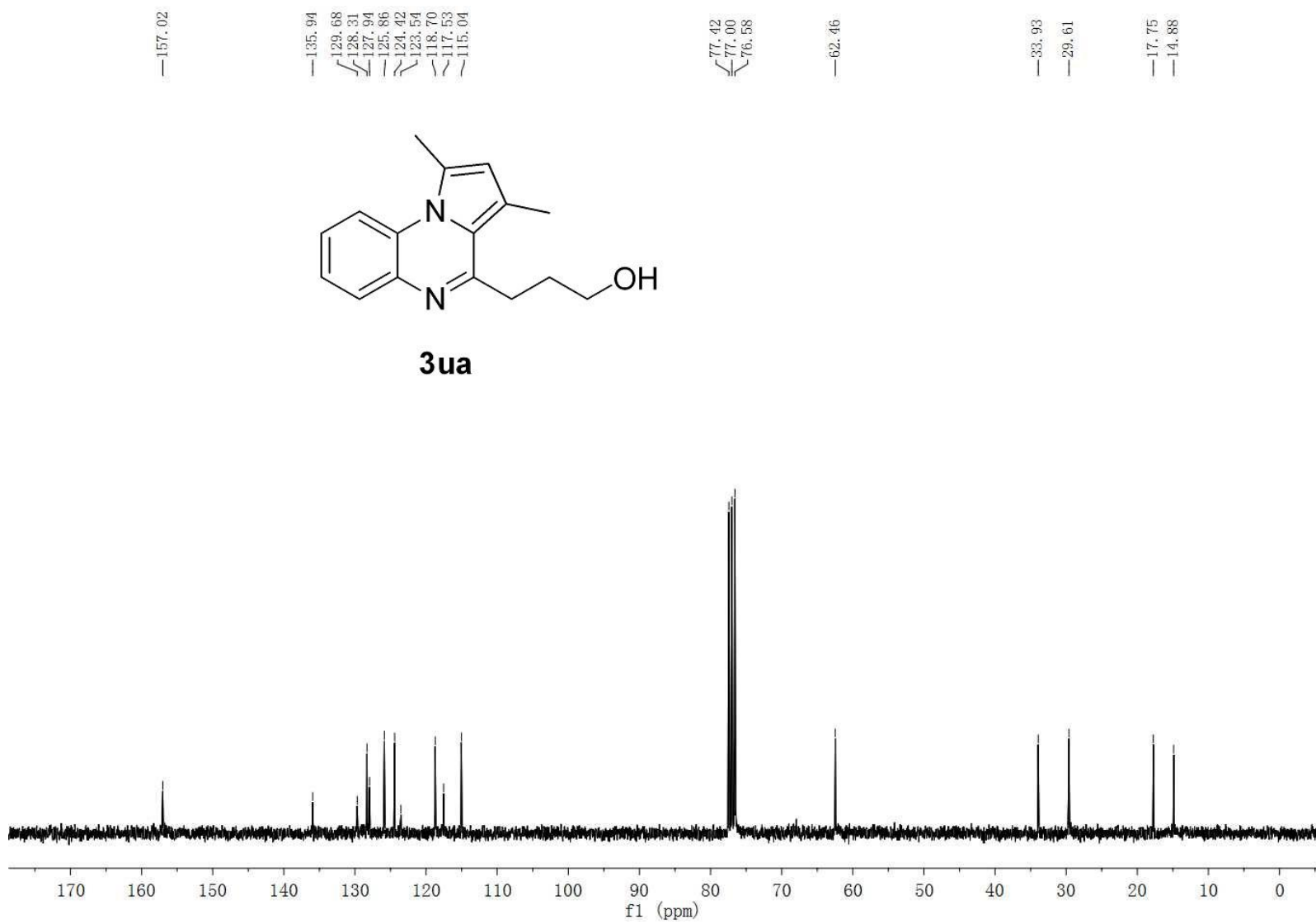


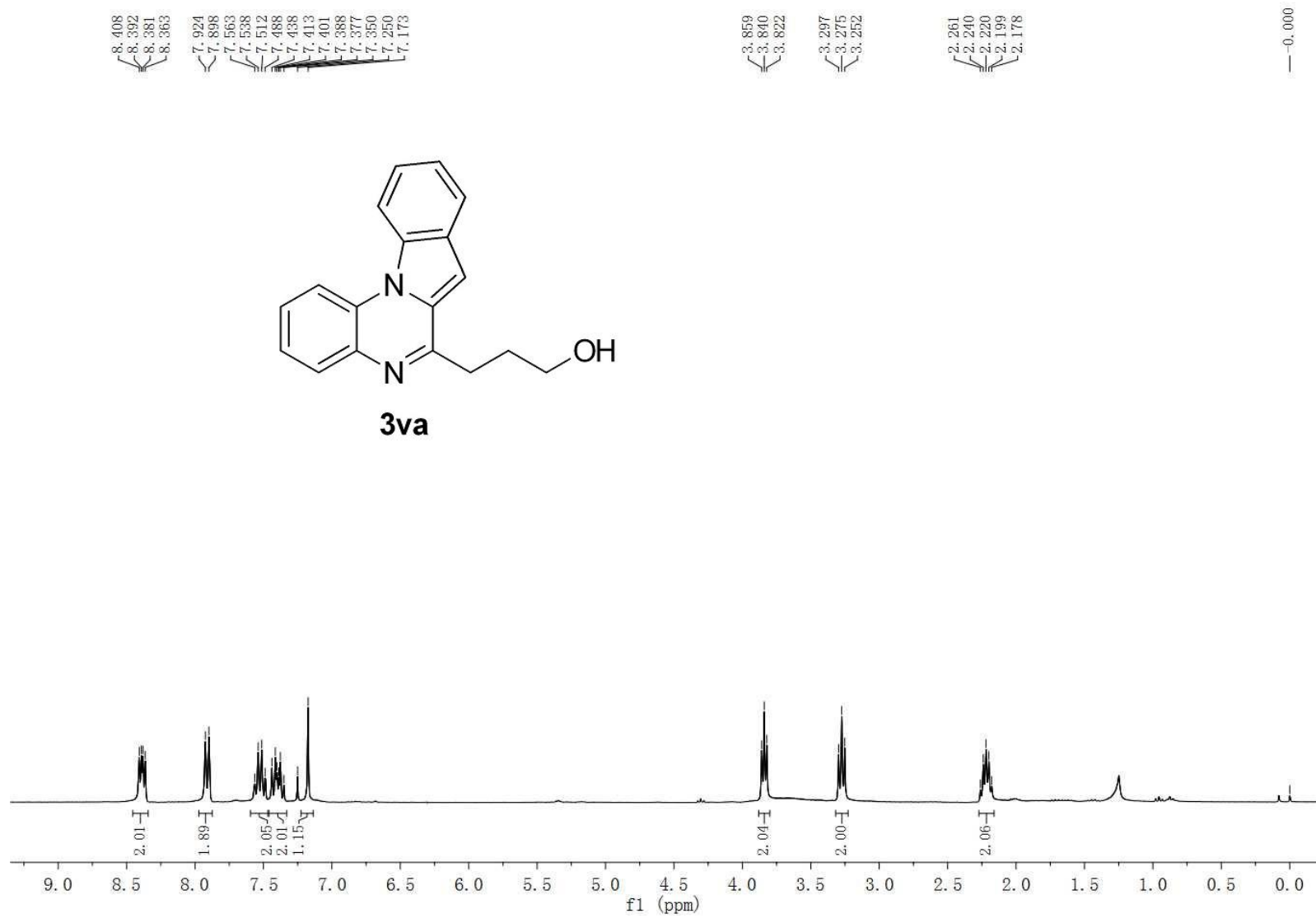


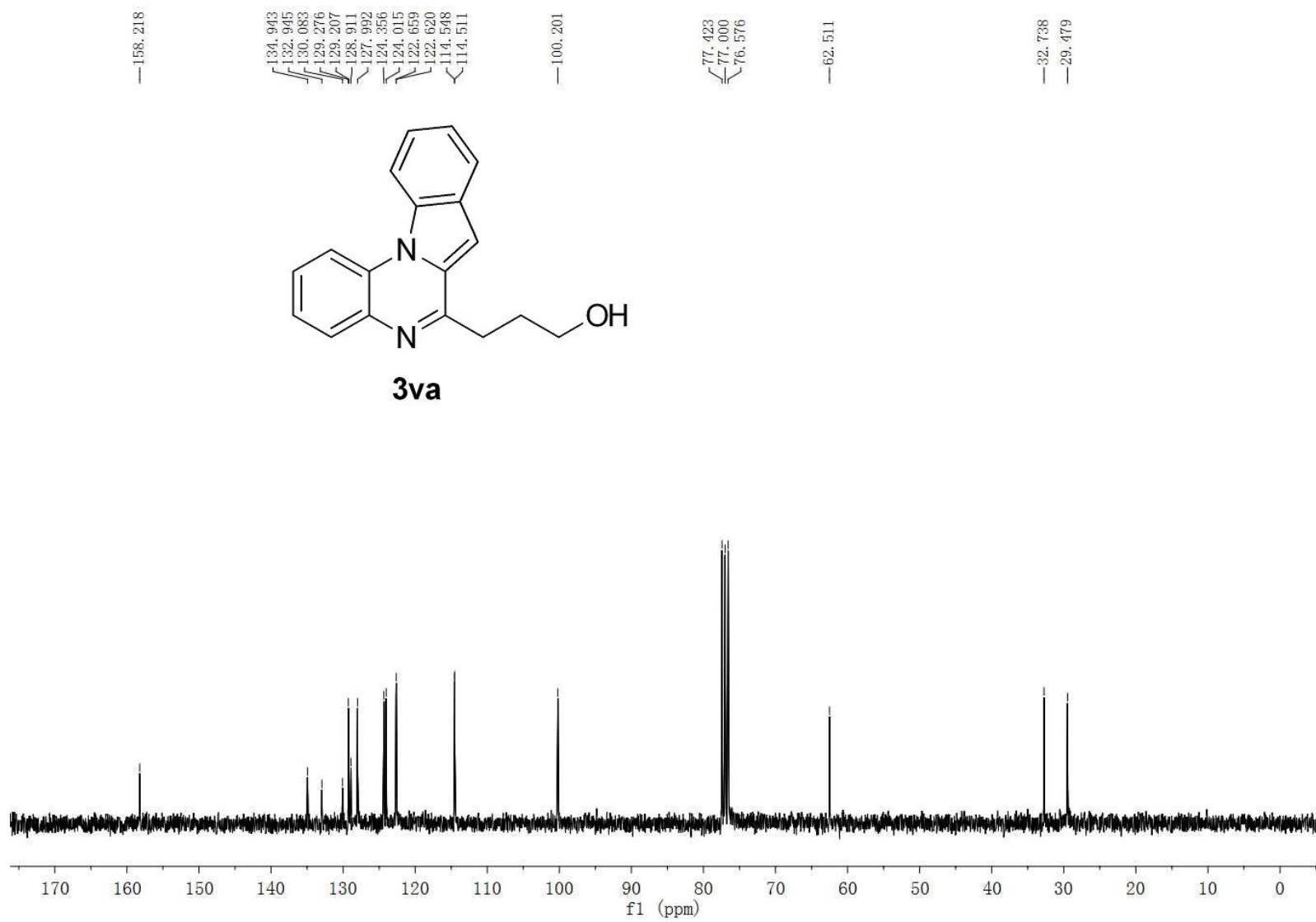


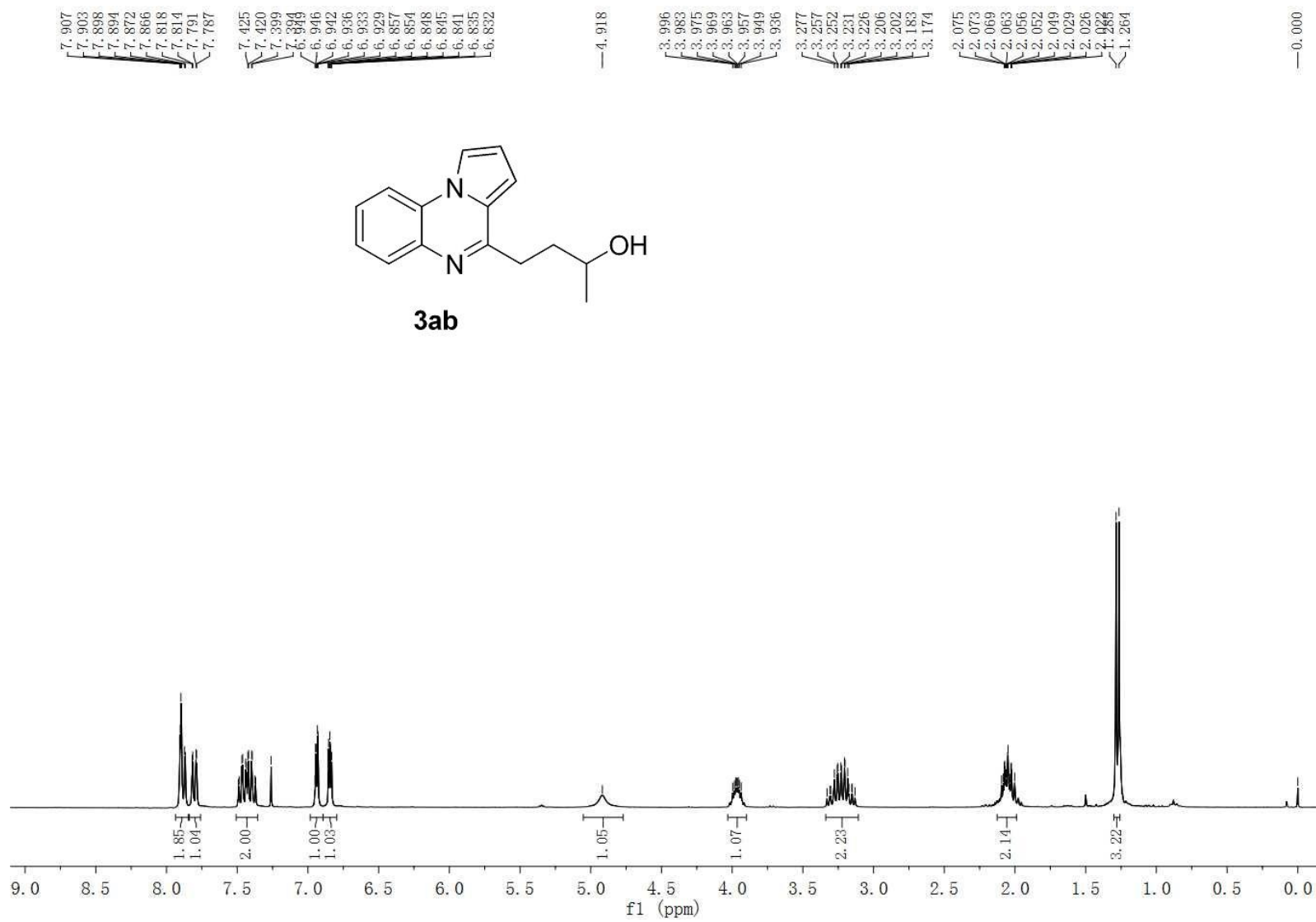


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