

## Supplementary Information

### One-pot, Two-step Synthesis and Photophysical Properties of 2-(5-Phenylindol-3-yl) benzoimidazole Derivatives

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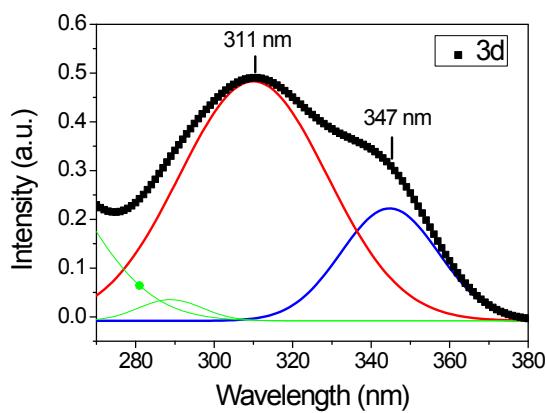
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**Fitted curve for the absorption spectrum of compound 3d**



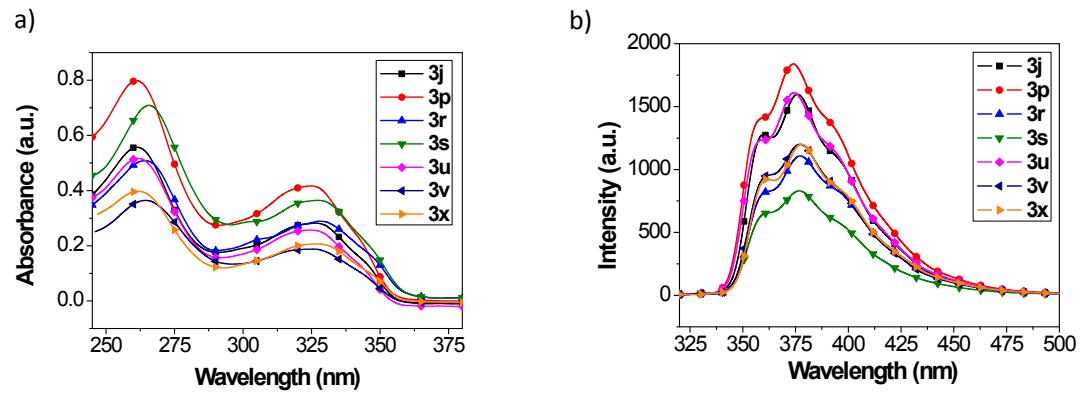
**Figure S1** Fitted curve for the absorption spectrum of 3d in ethanol solution.

**Table S1 UV-Vis absorption and fluorescence emission spectra of compounds **3b** and **3d** in different solvents.**

Compound <sup>a</sup>	Solvent	UV-visible Absorption			Emission $\lambda_{\text{em}}(\text{nm})^b$	Stoke's shift( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
		$\lambda^1_{\text{max}}(\text{nm})$	$\lambda^2_{\text{max}}(\text{nm})$	$\lambda^3_{\text{max}}(\text{nm})$		
3b	Ethanol	262	325		375	4103
3b	Dichloroethane	264	328		379	4103
3b	<i>n</i> -Hexane	325			373	3960
3d	Ethanol	248	311	347	398	3693
3d	Dichloroethane	256	312	352	410	4019
3d	<i>n</i> -Hexane	309	344		378	2615

*a*: c = 1.0 × 10<sup>-5</sup> mol/L, at 25 °C; *b*: The excitation wavelength of compound **3b** and **3d** were 330 nm and 350 nm respectively

## Spectra of selective samples of compounds 3 in ethanol solution



**Figure S2.** (a) UV-visible and (b) fluorescence spectra of selective samples of compounds 3 in ethanol solution.

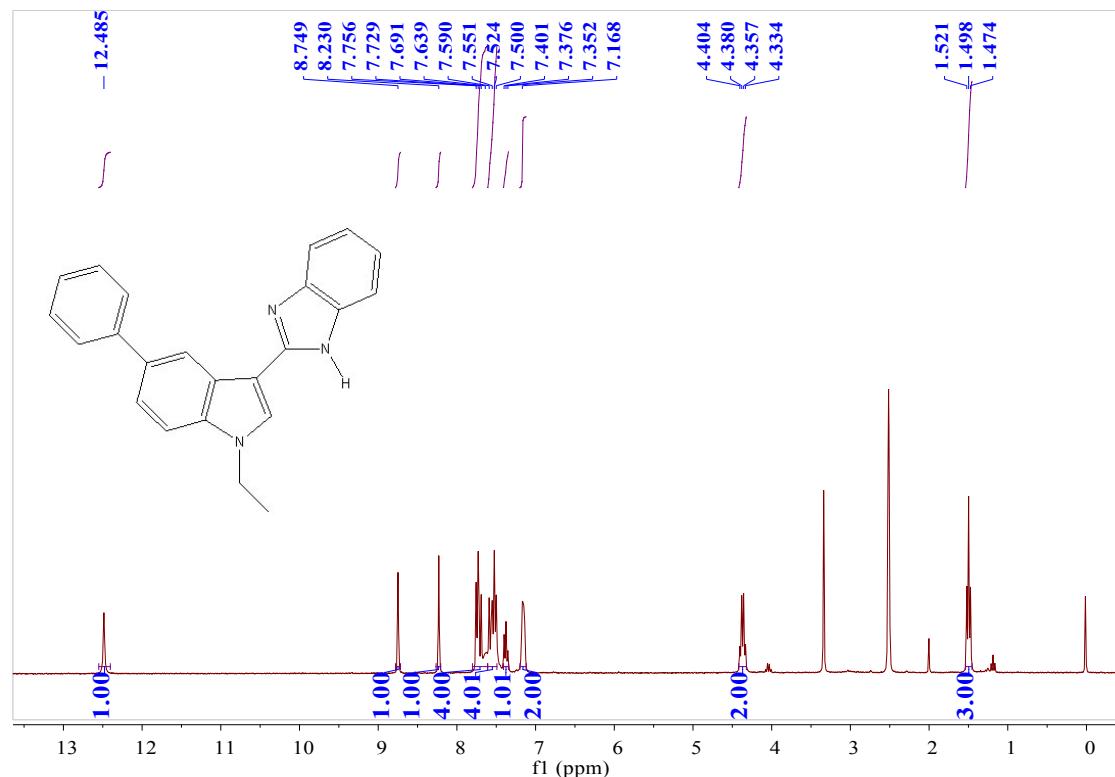
**Table S2. Photoluminescence quantum yields of selective sample compounds**

sample	Integrated emission intensity (I)	Abs. at 330 nm (A)	Refractive index of solvent	Quantum yield at 330 nm ( $\Phi$ )
Quinine sulfate	113969.8	0.0147	1.33	0.54
3b	255398.6	0.0514	1.36	0.36
3i	198298.9	0.0404	1.36	0.35
3o	203325.1	0.043	1.36	0.34
3t	241497.8	0.0557	1.36	0.31

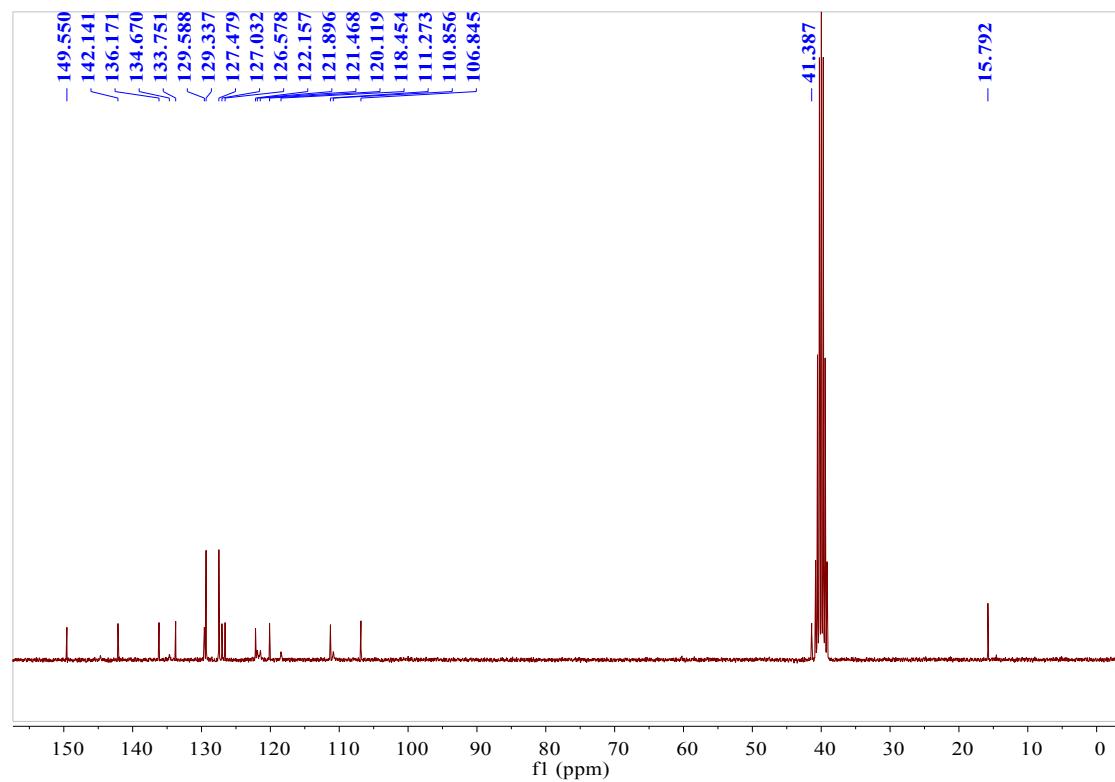
Quinolone sulfate (referenced dye) as a function of optical absorbance at 330 nm and relevant data

## <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of compounds 3a - 3x

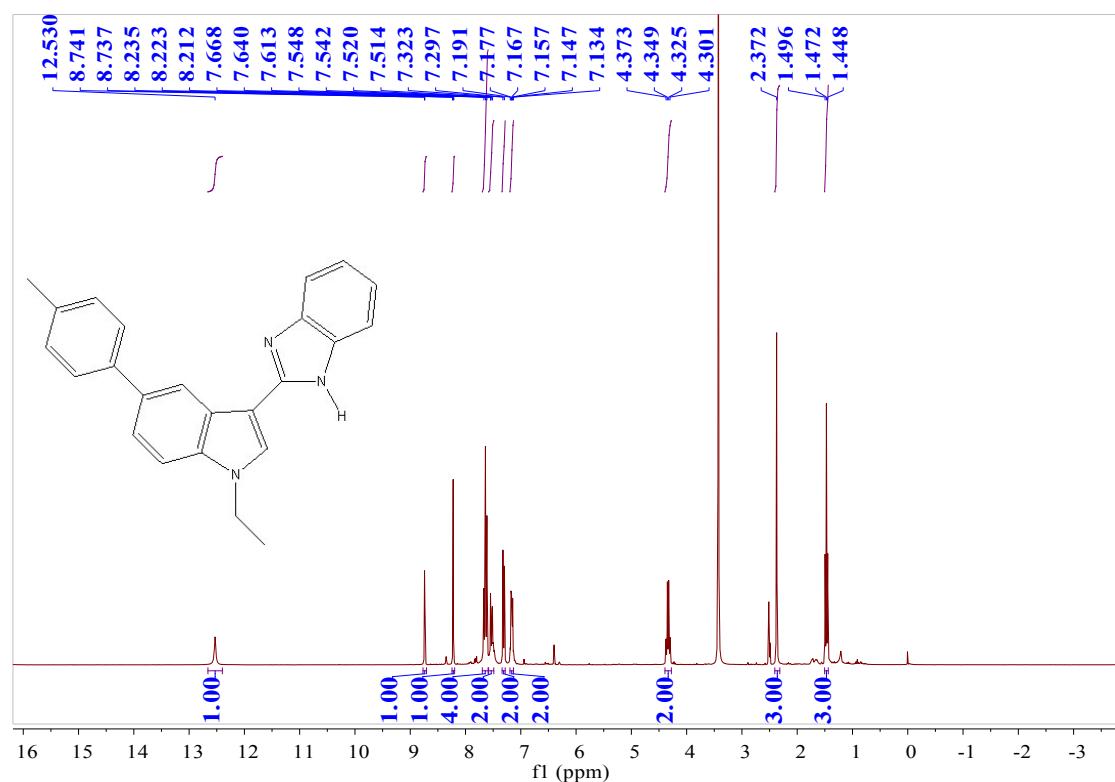
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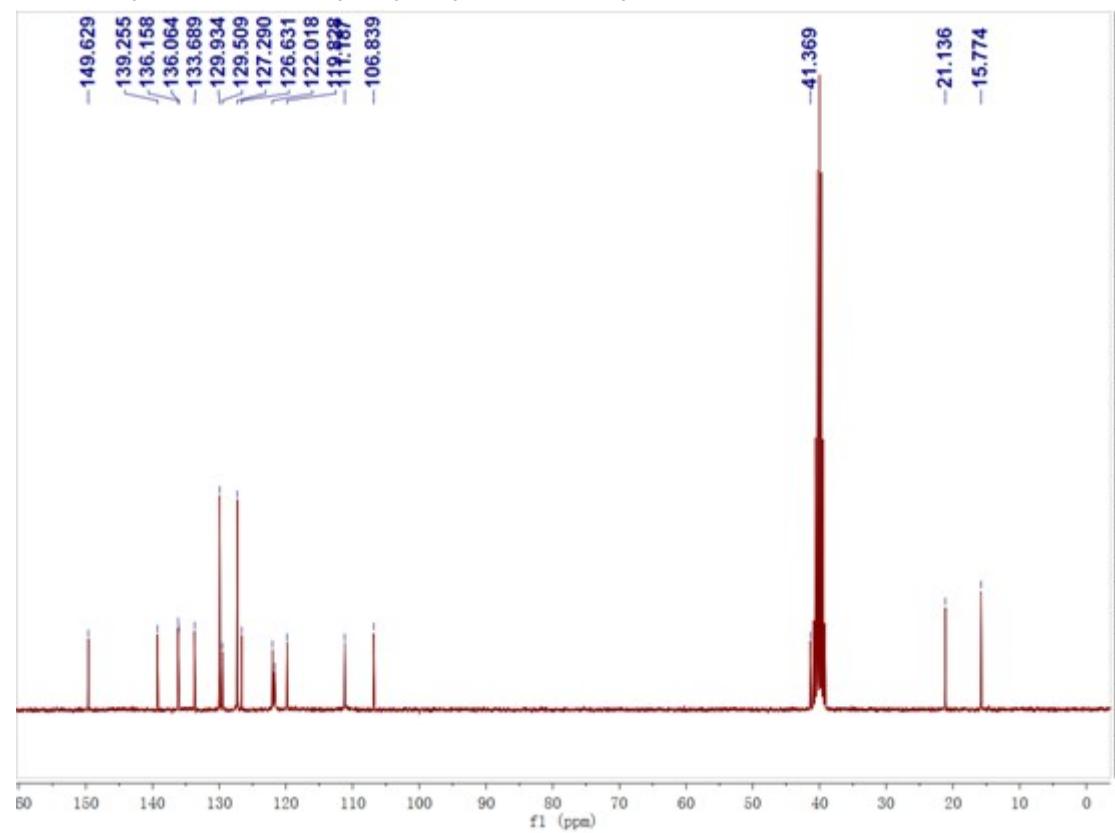
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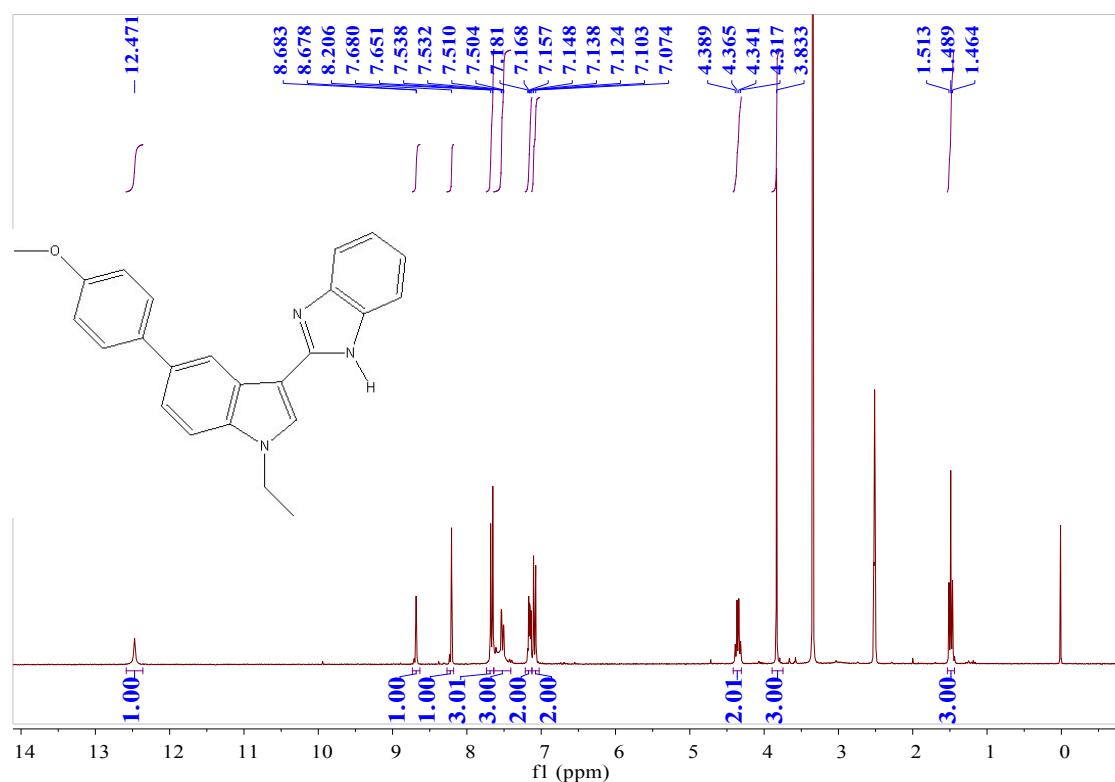
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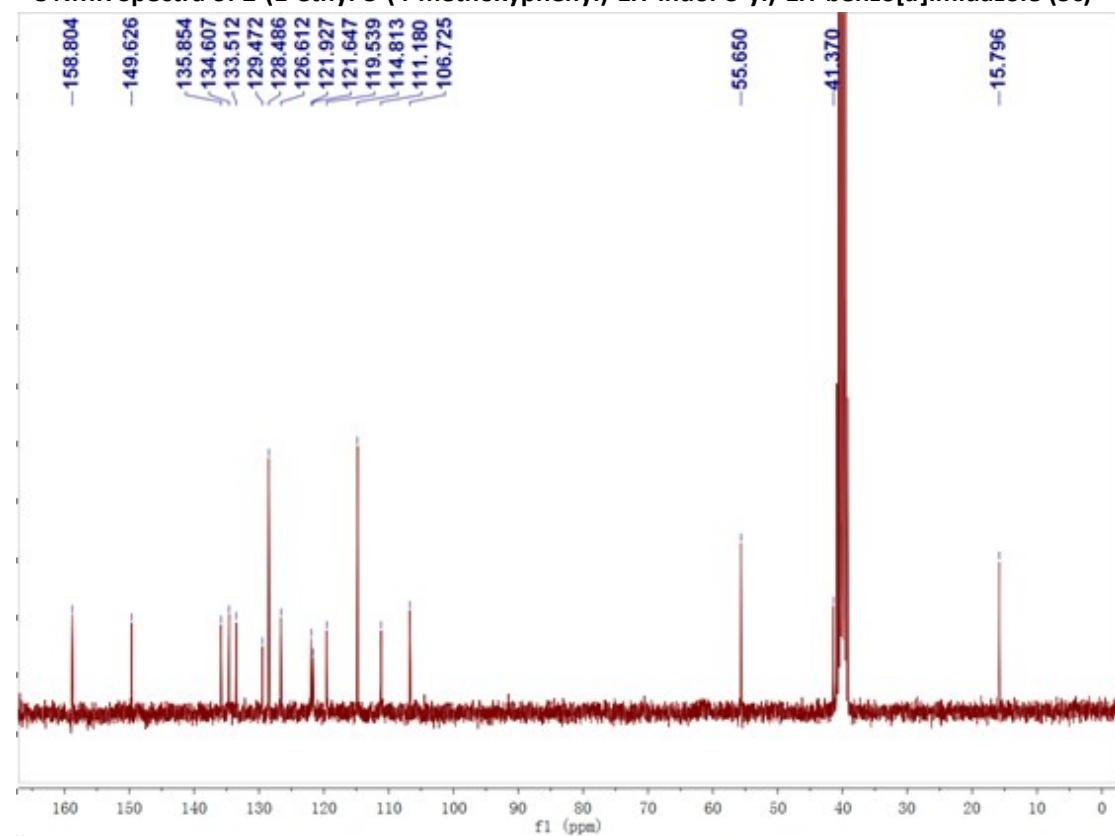
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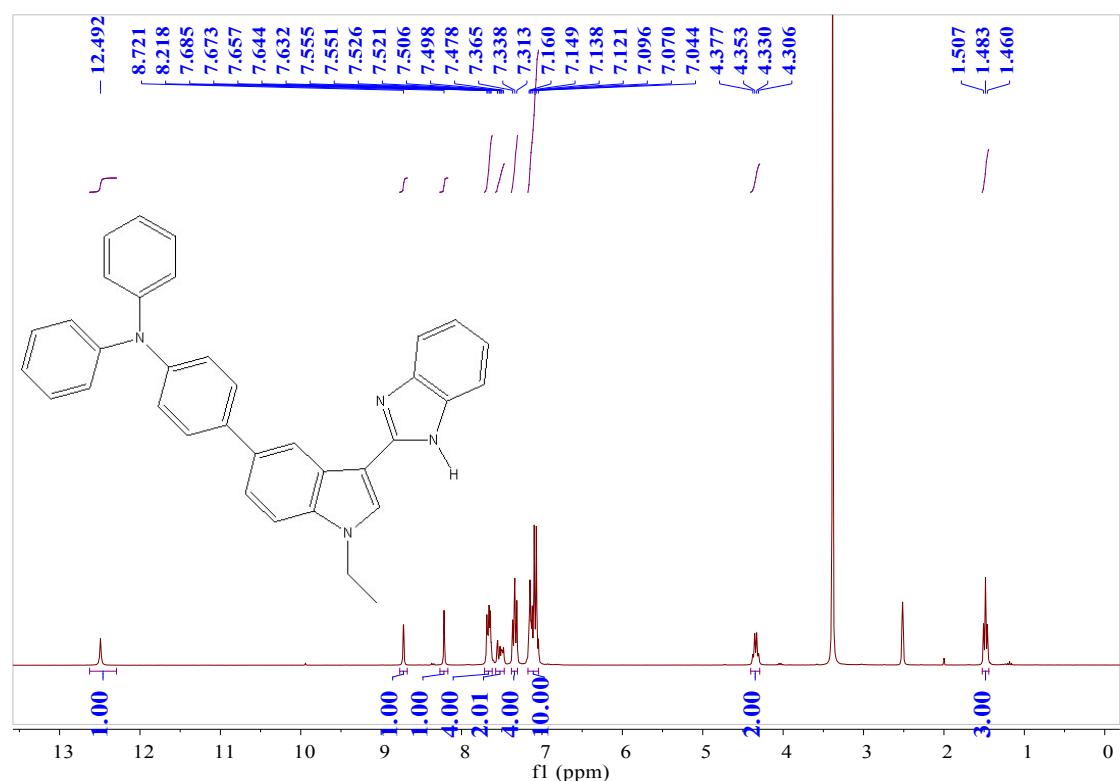
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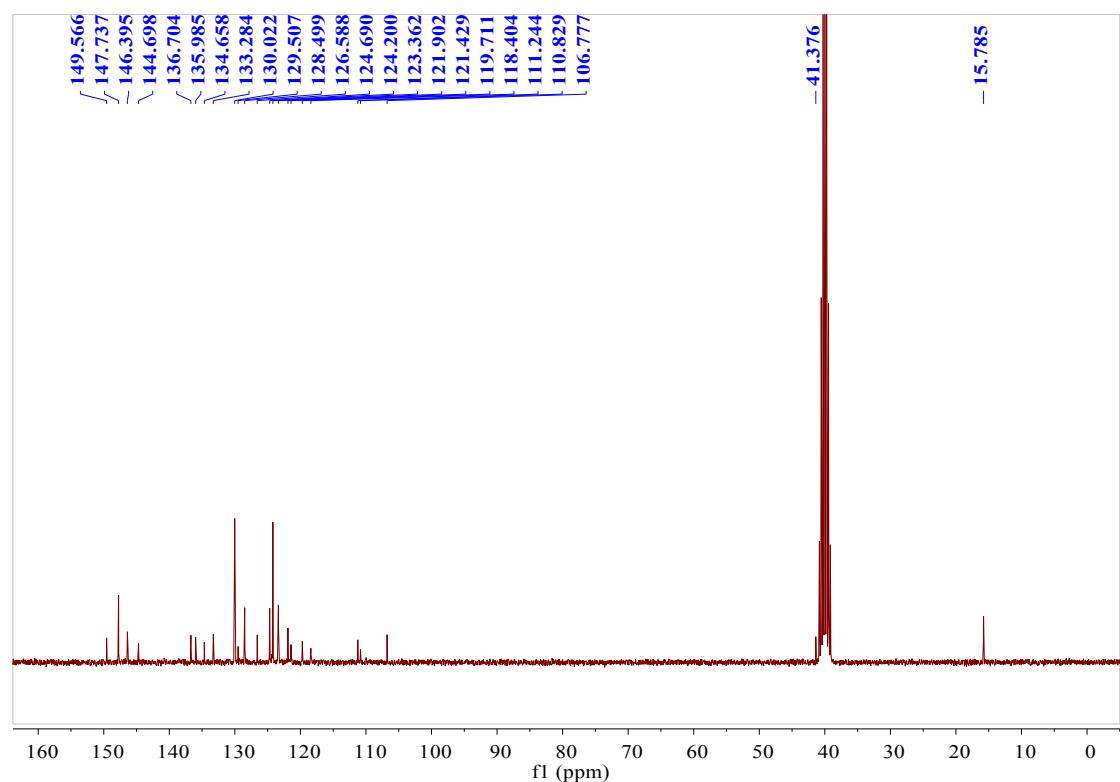
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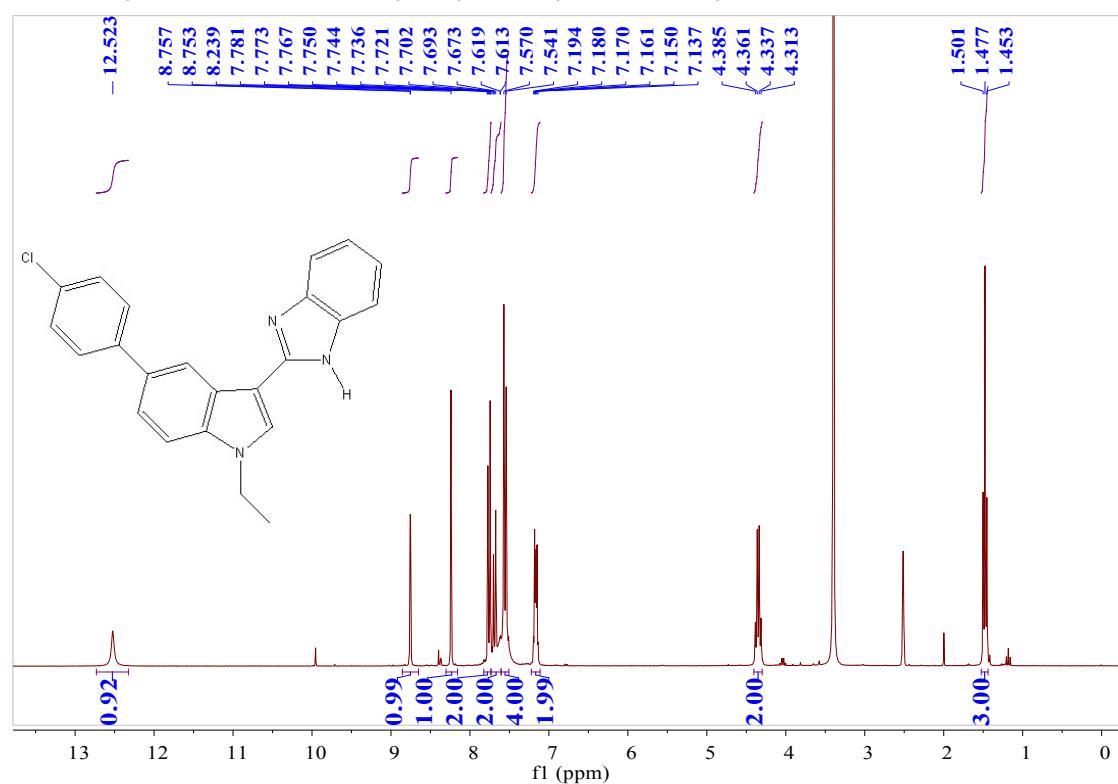
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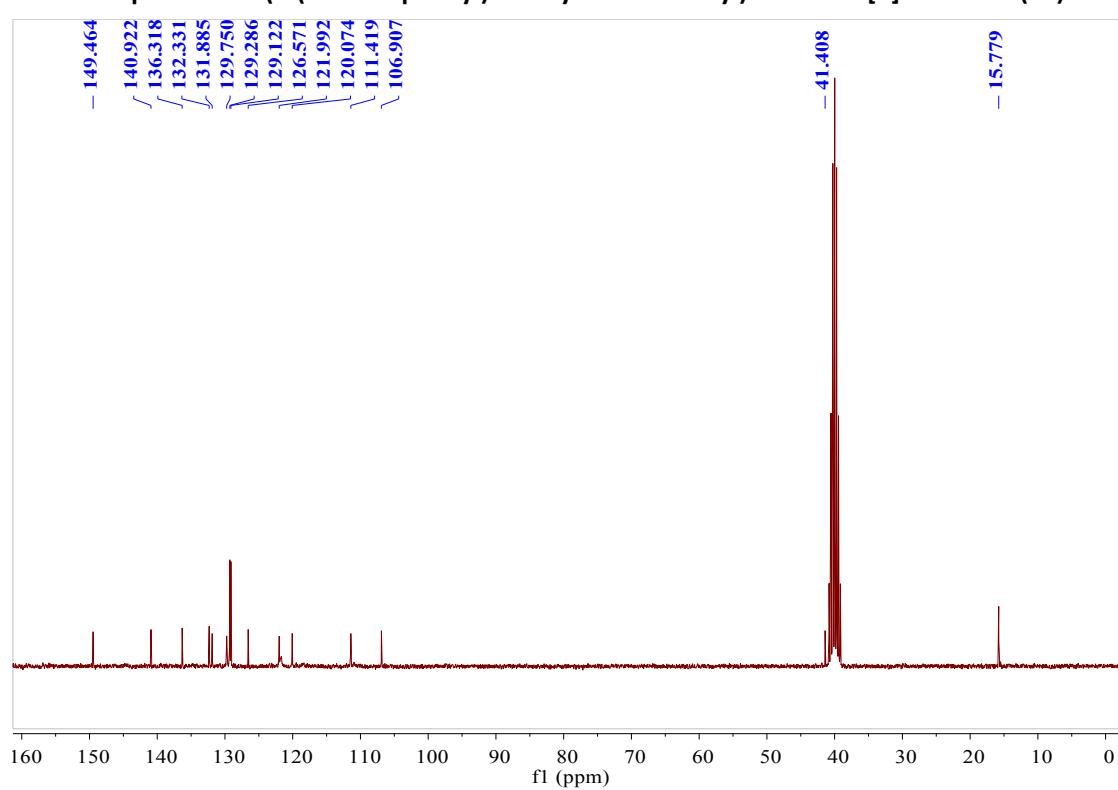
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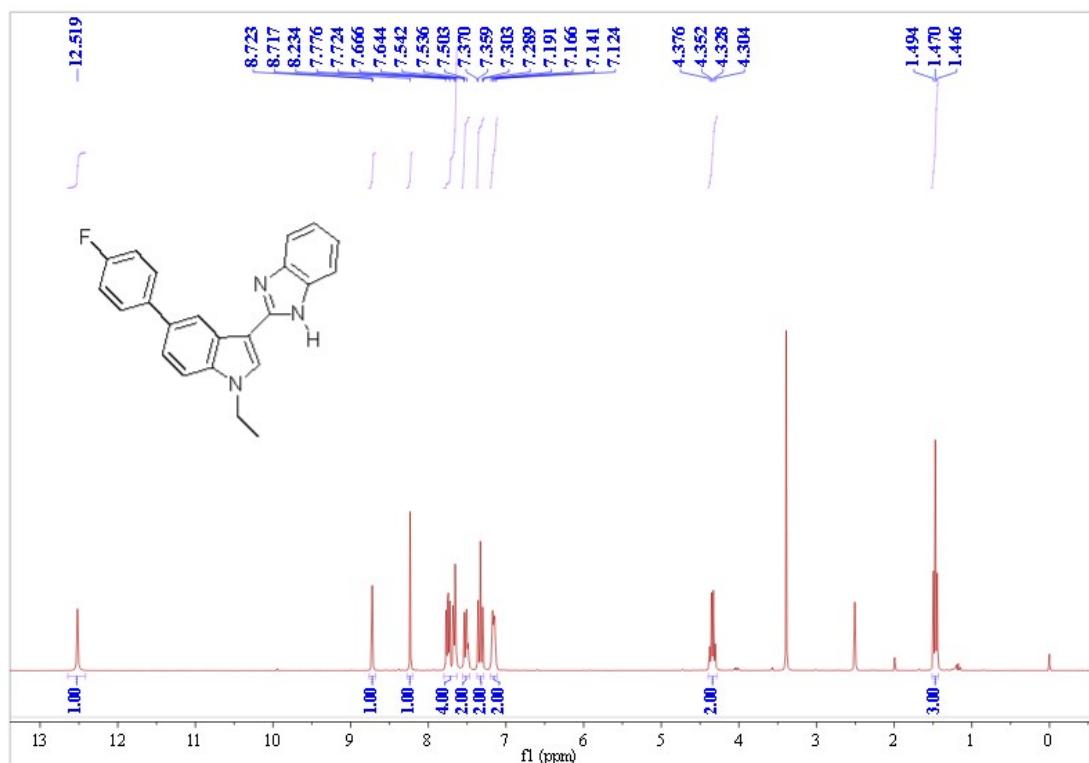
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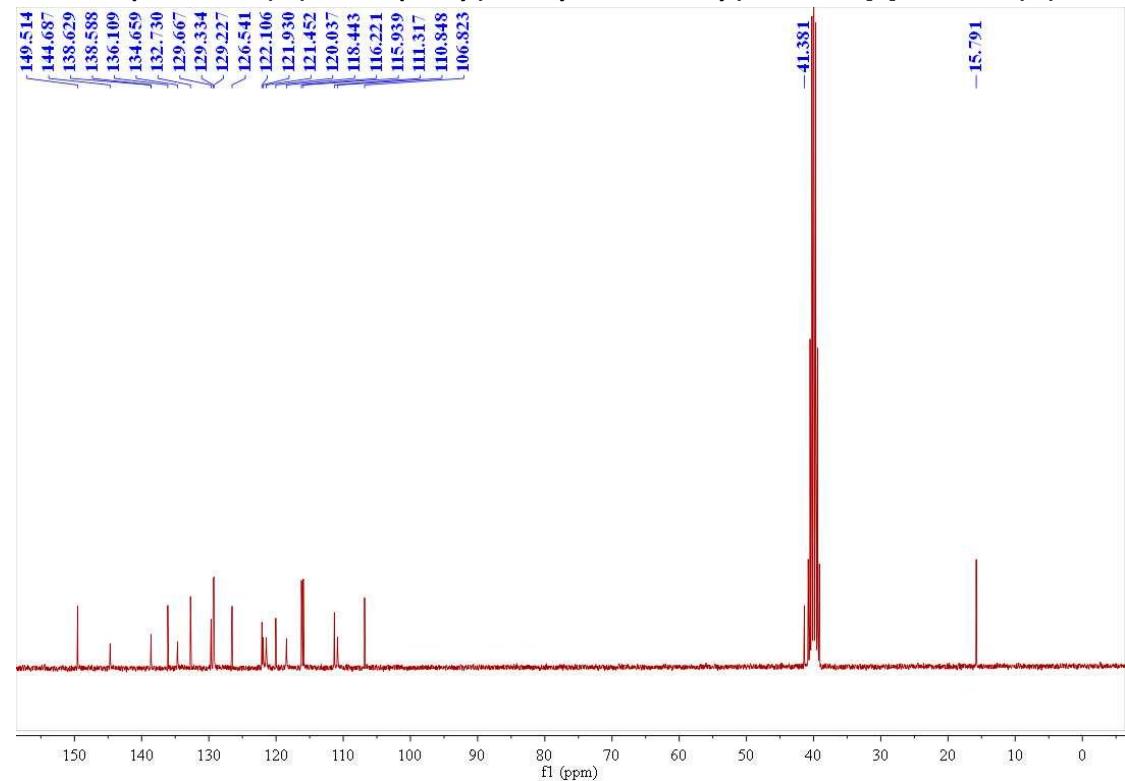
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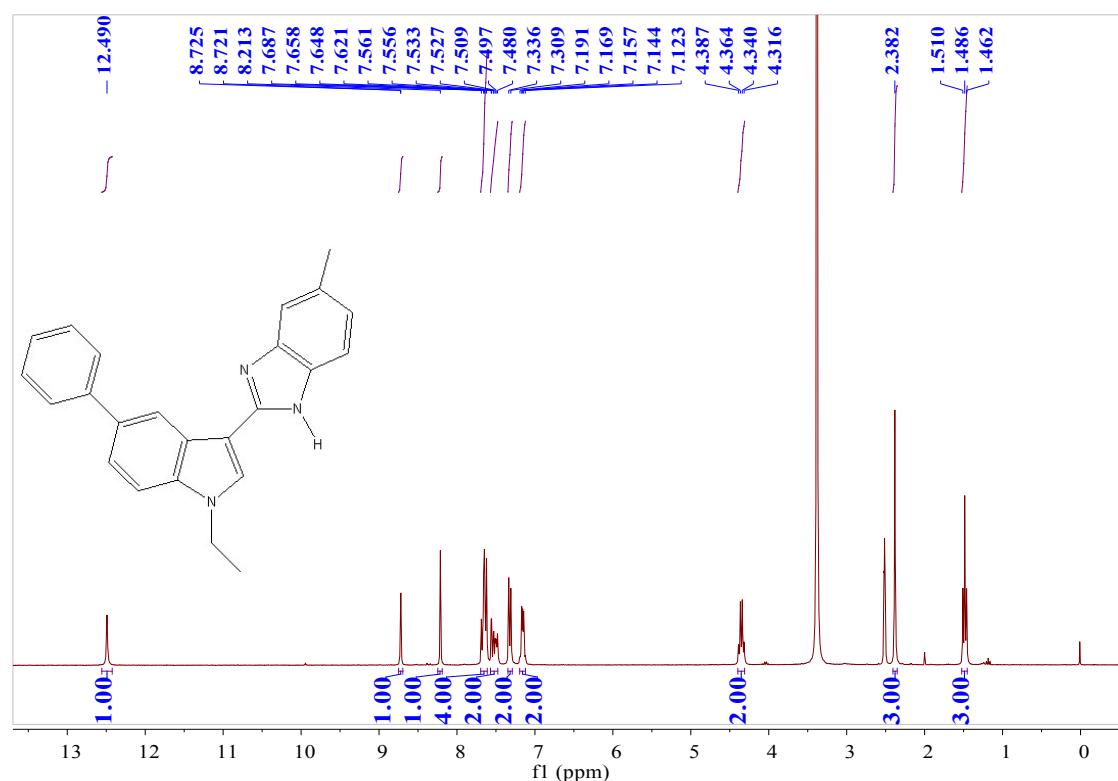
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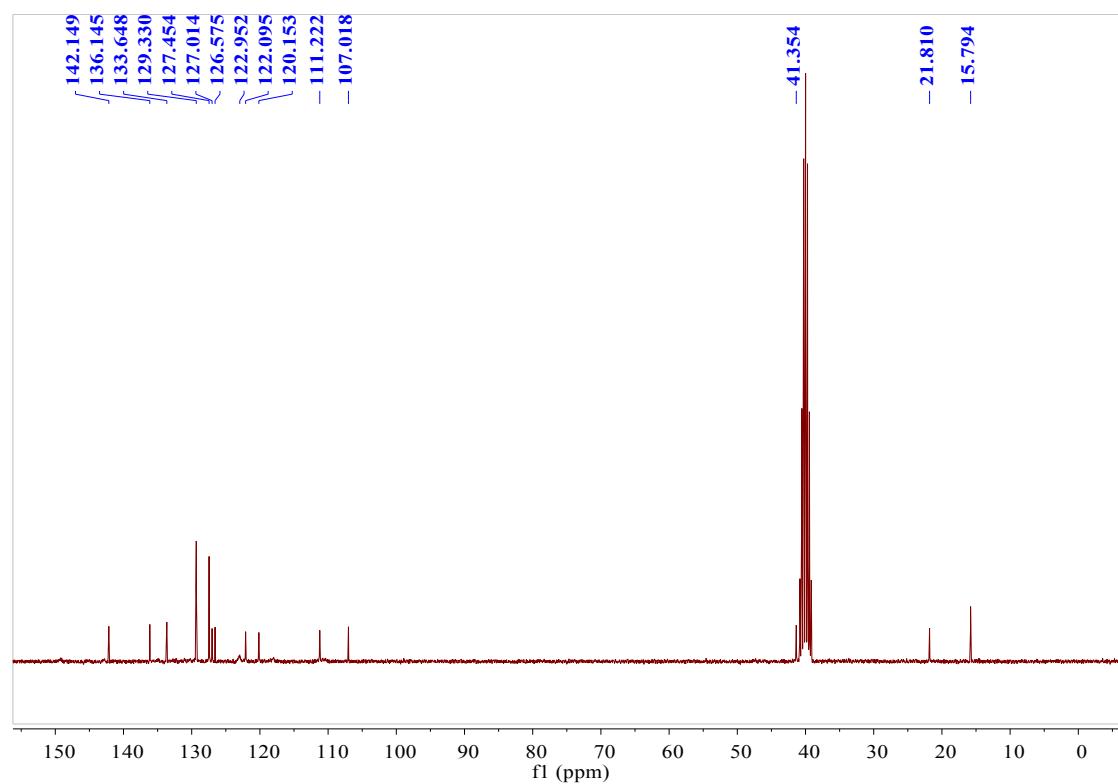
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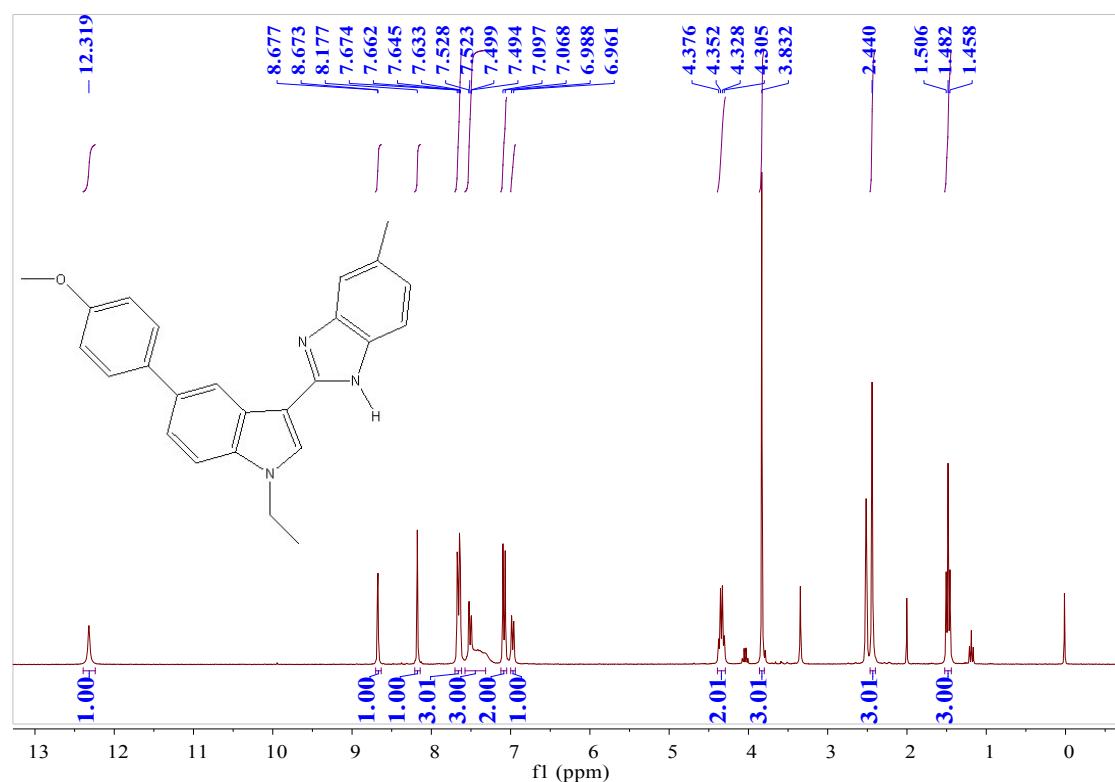
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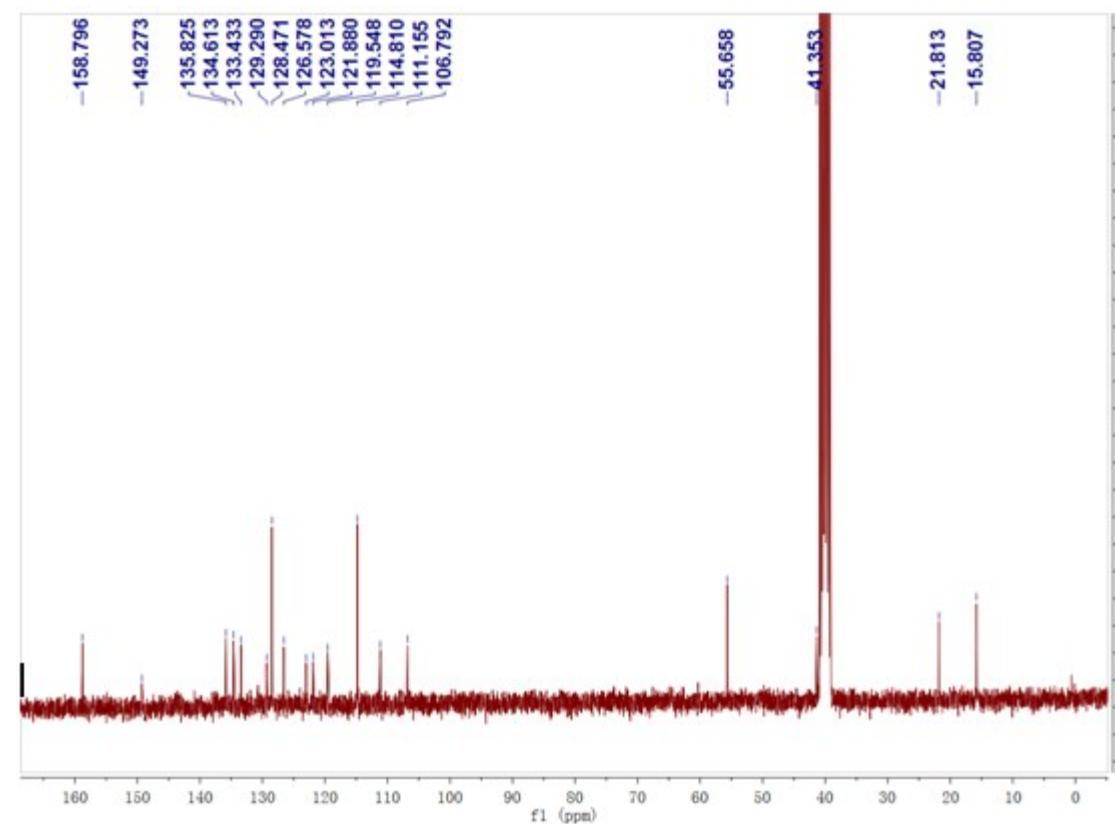
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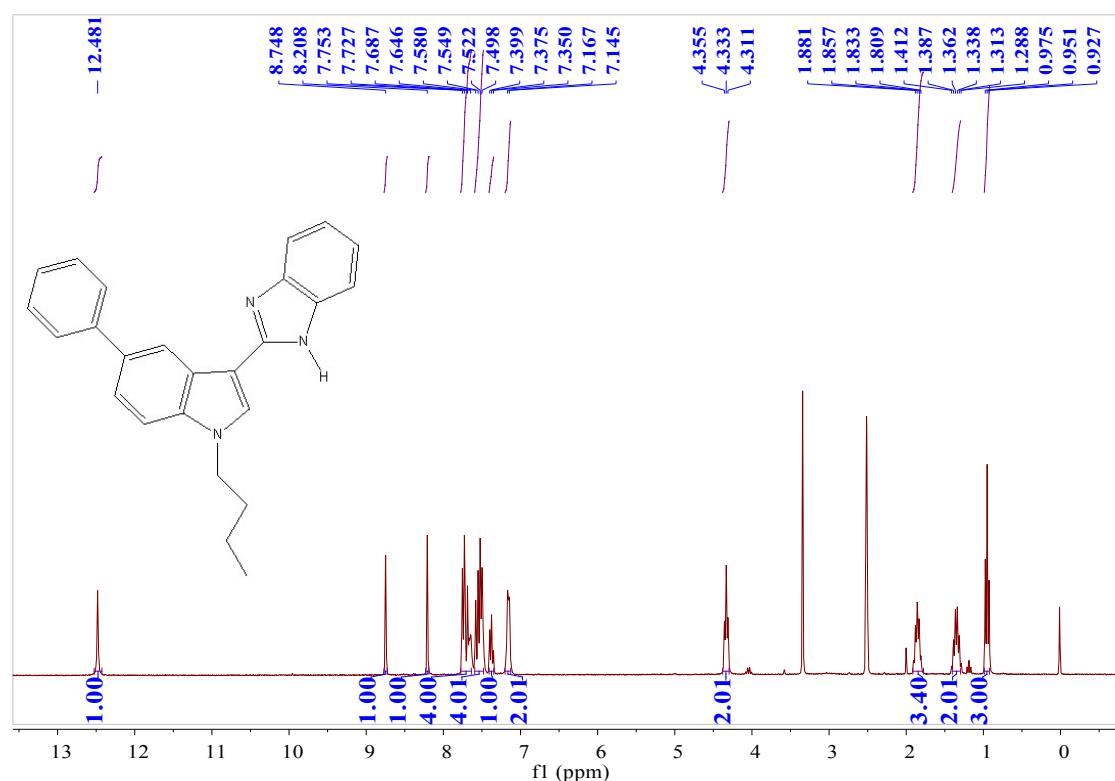
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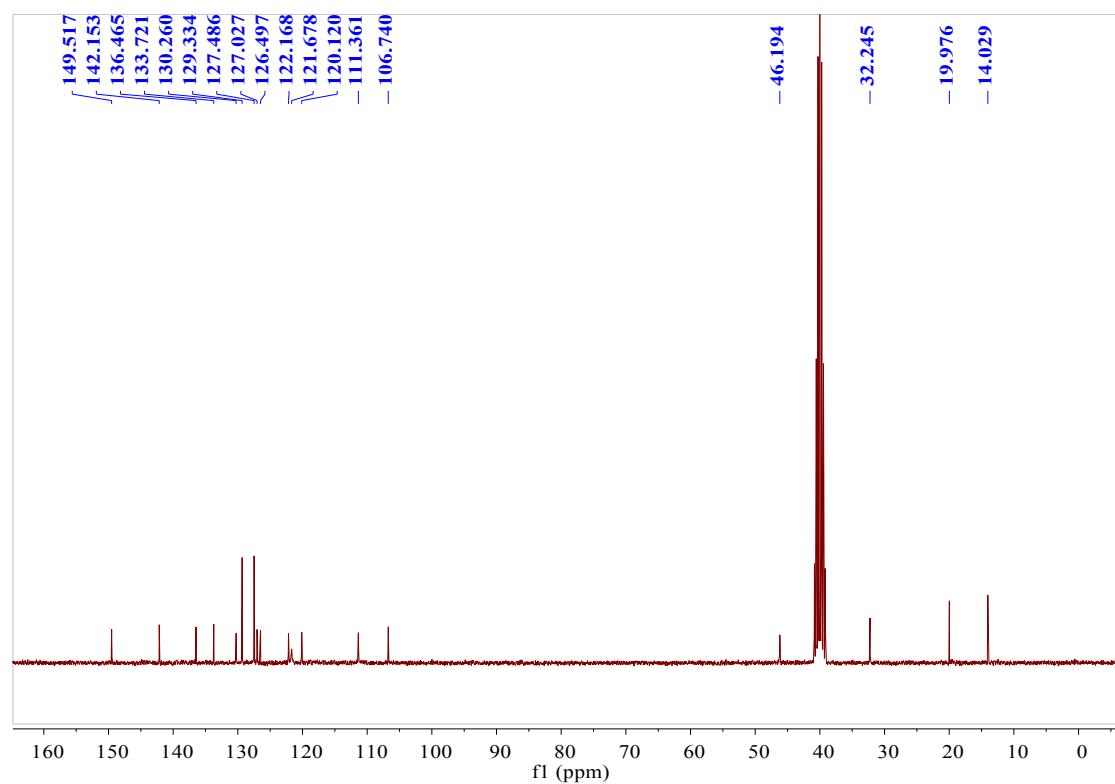
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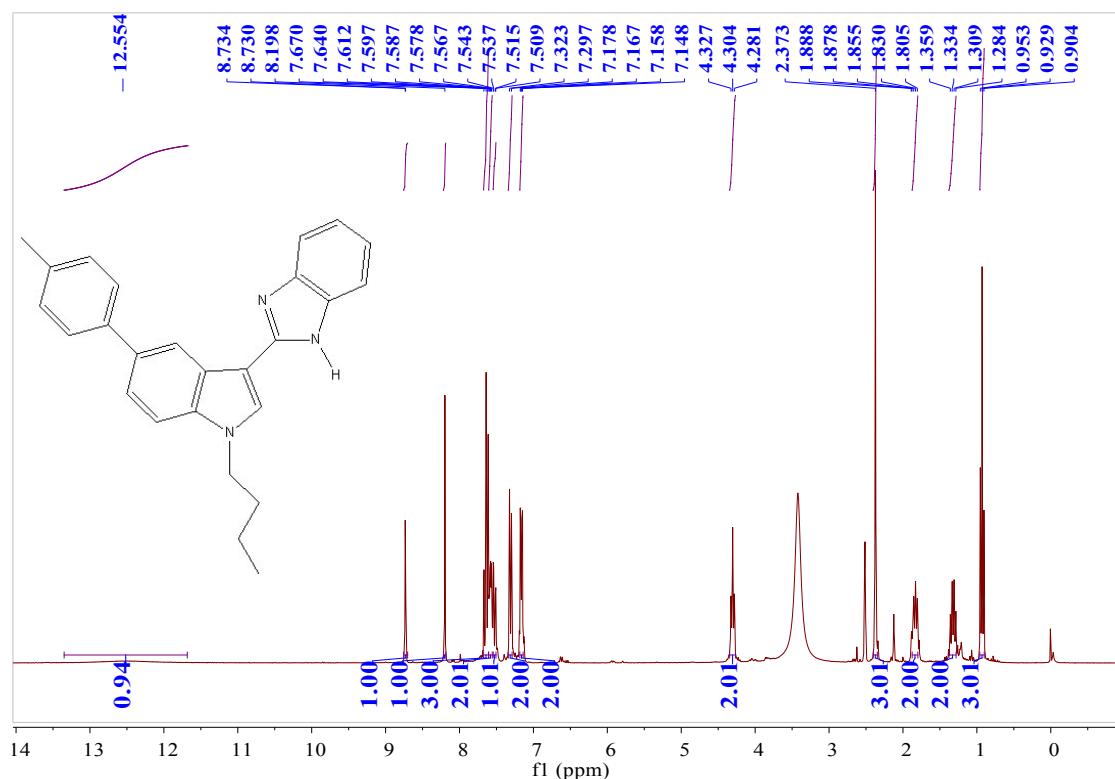
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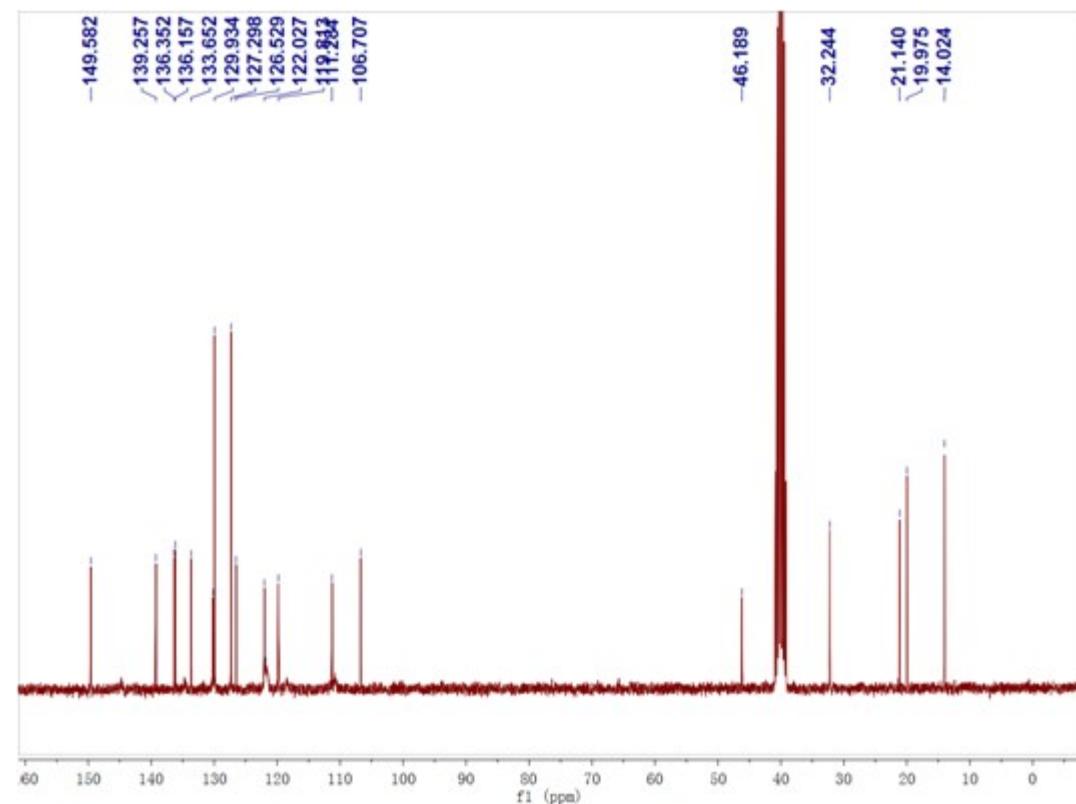
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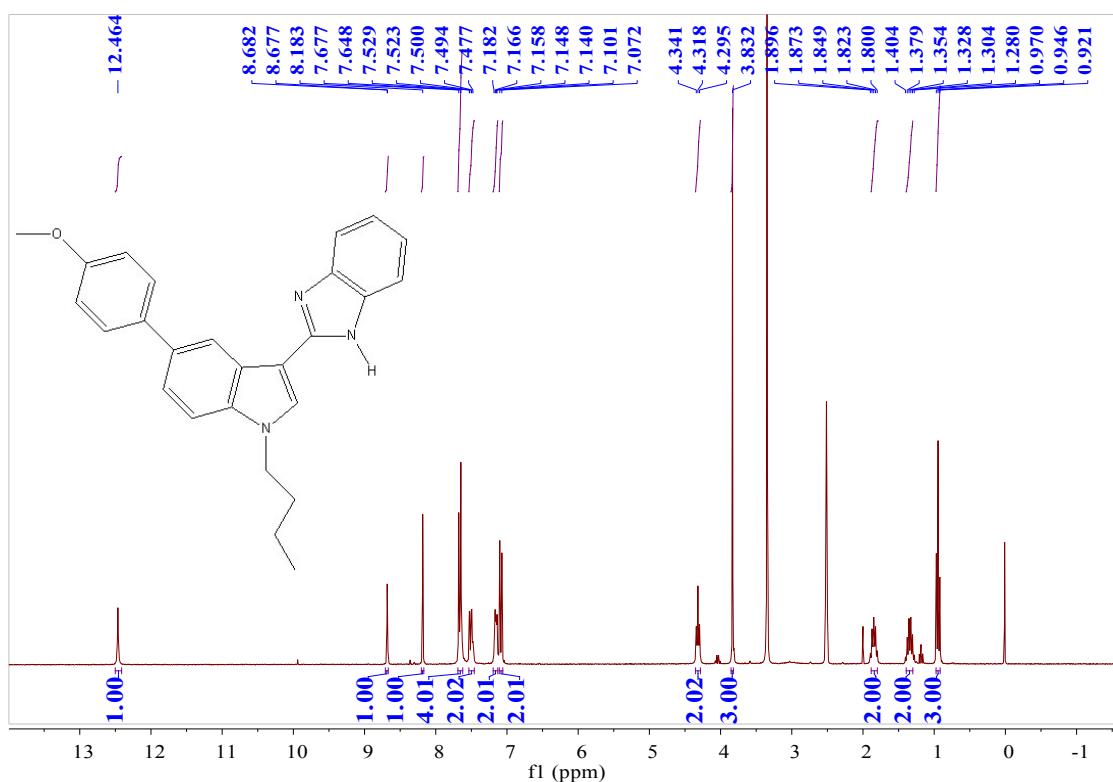
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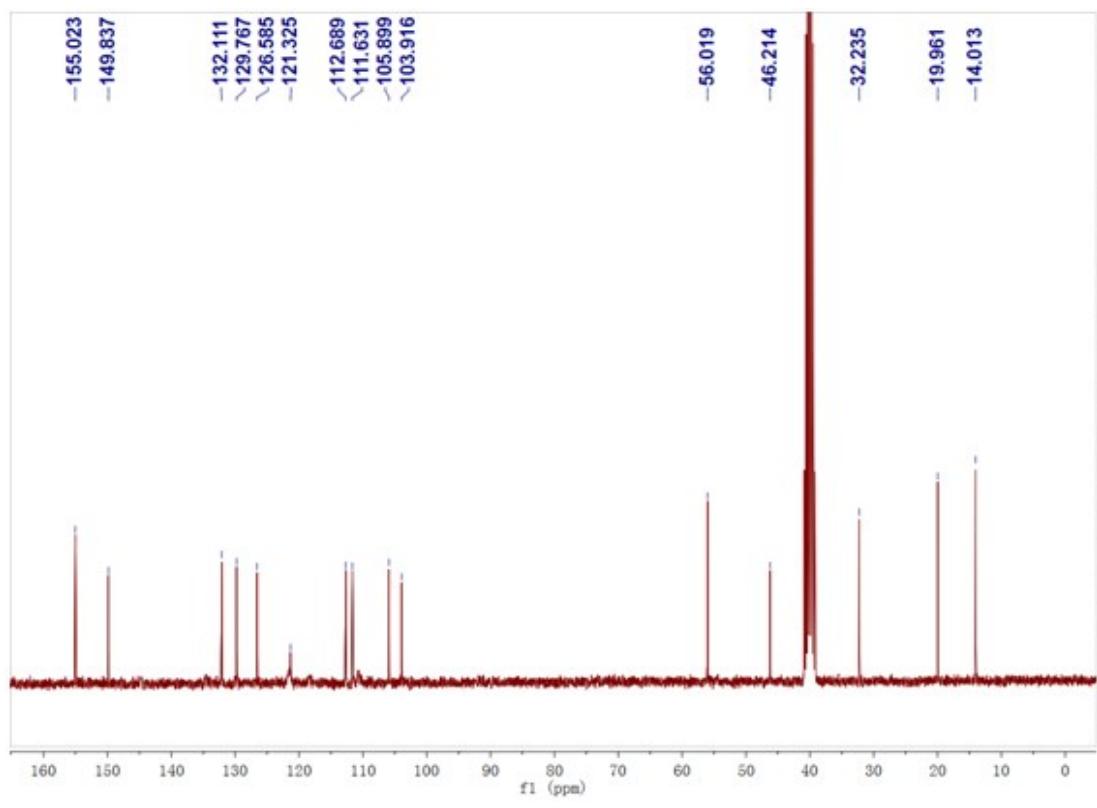
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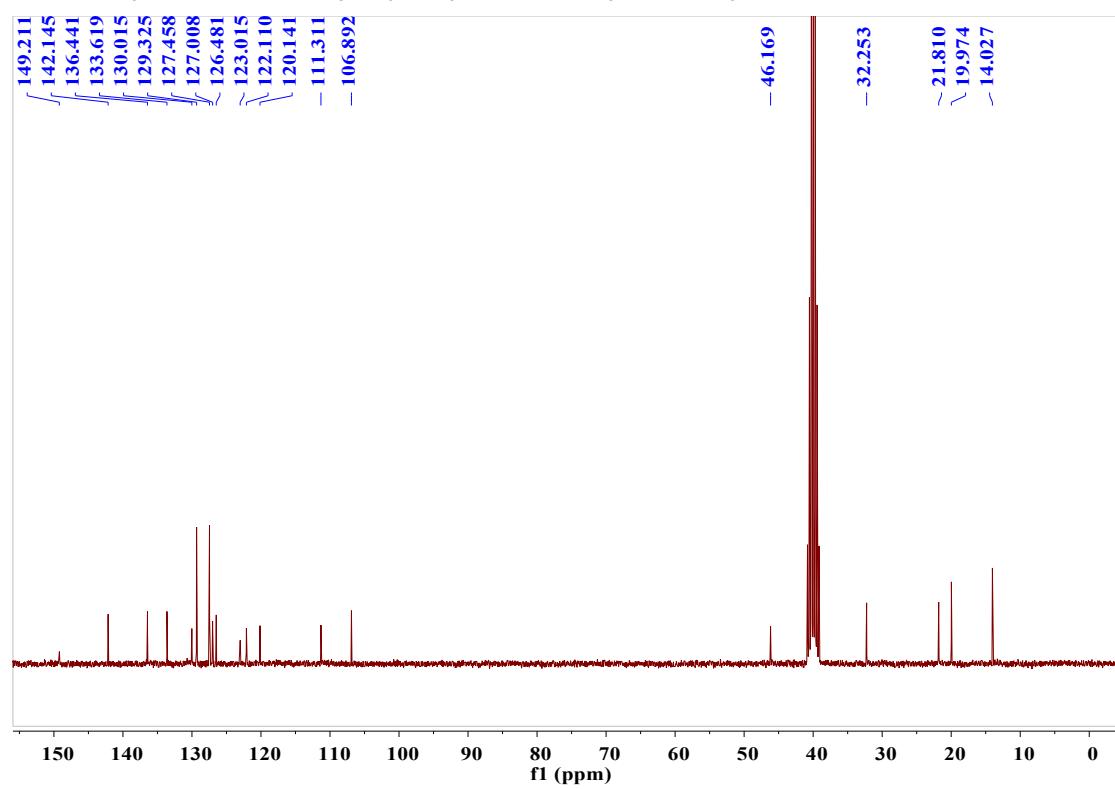
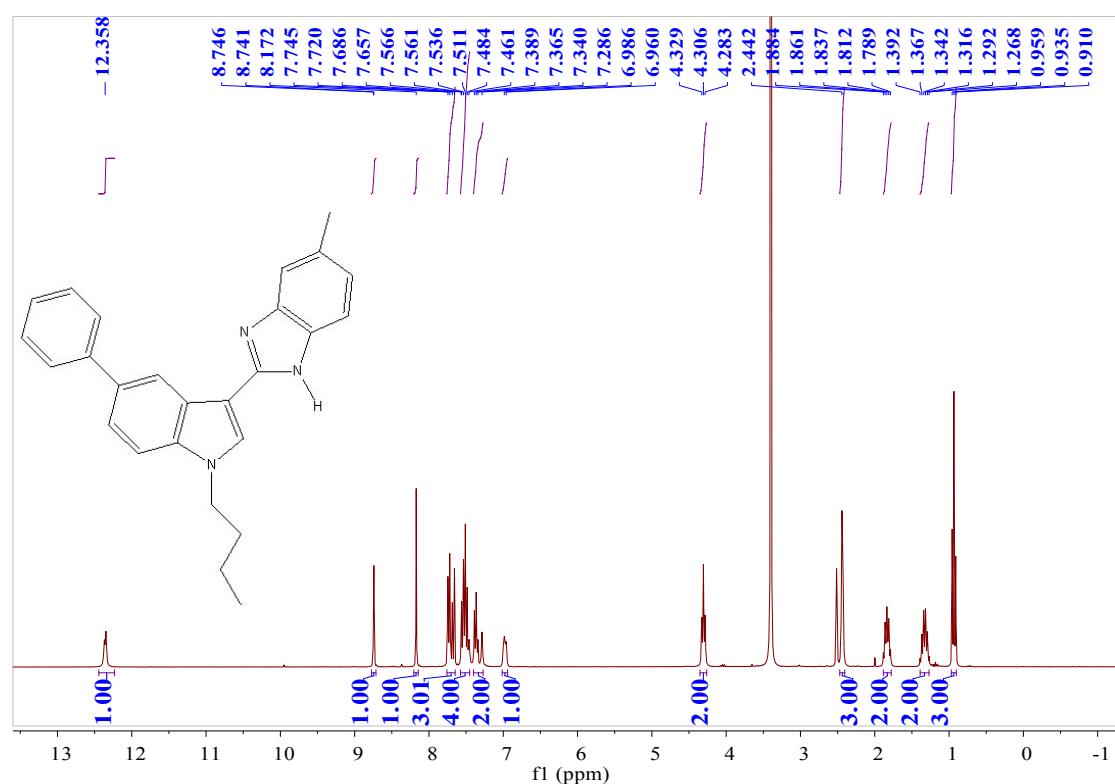
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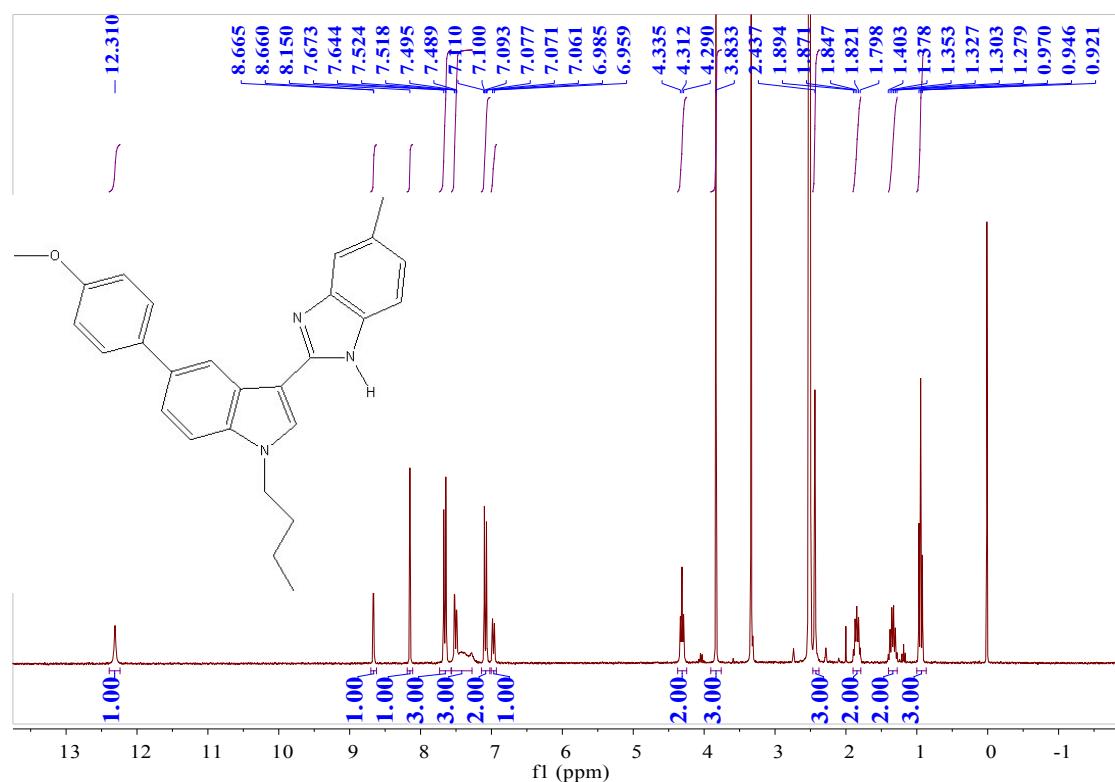
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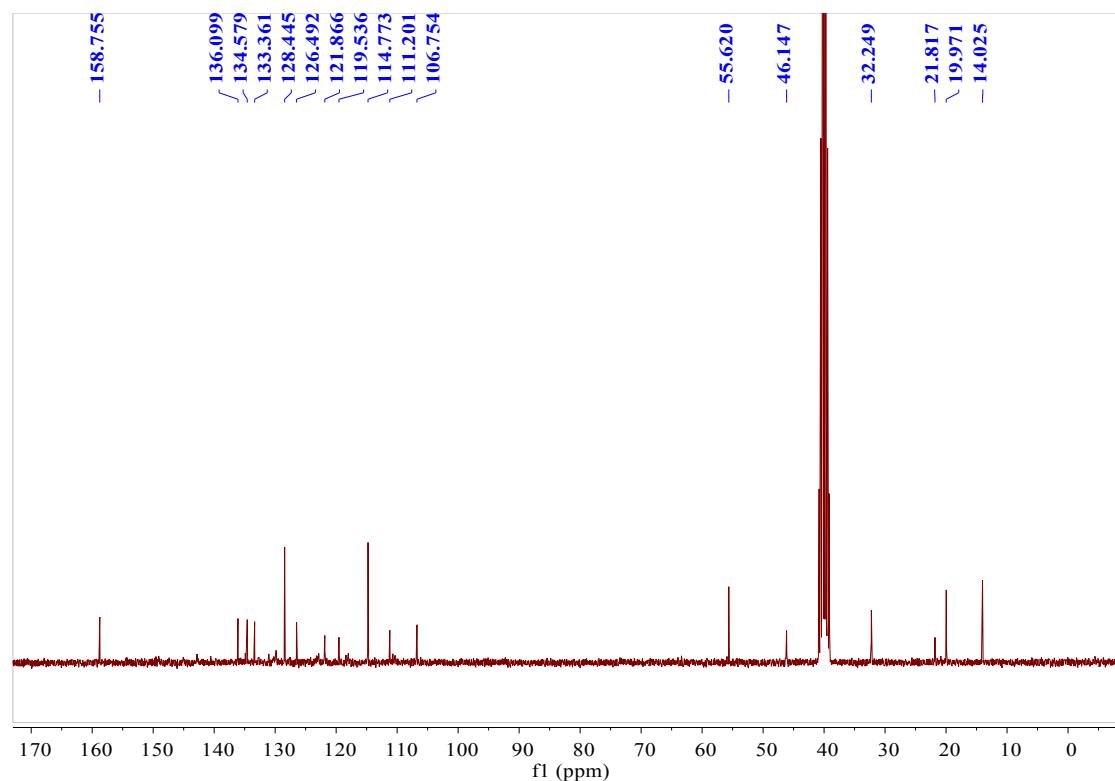
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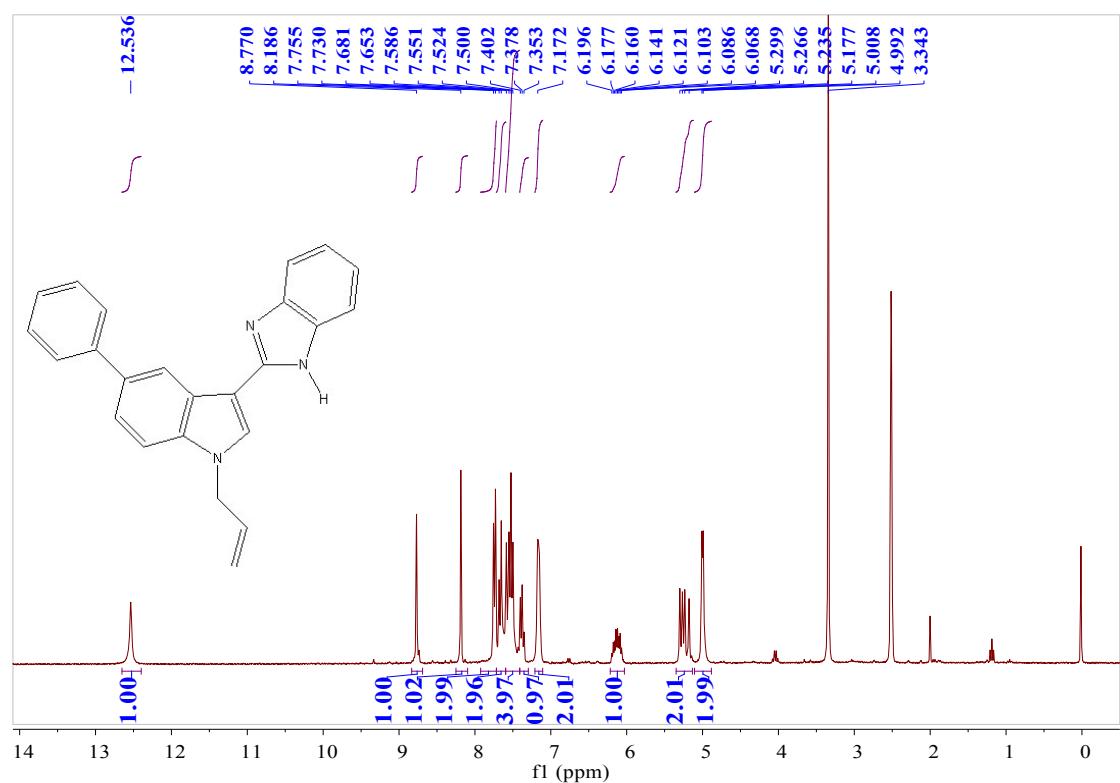
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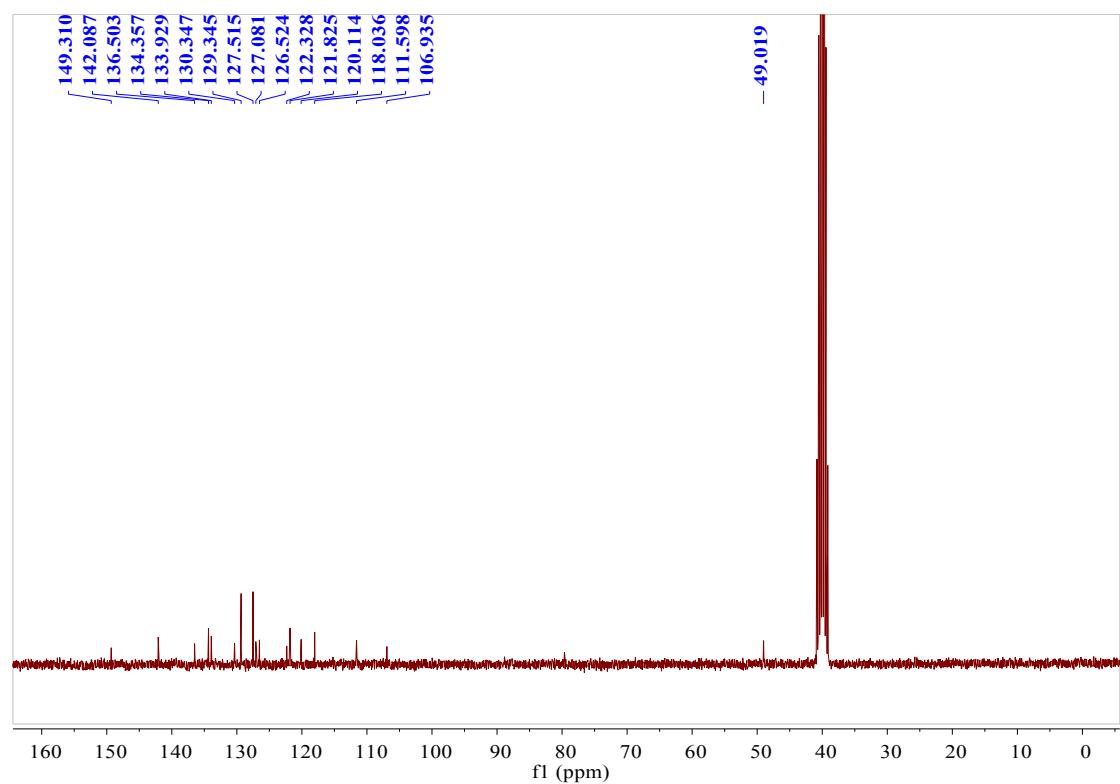
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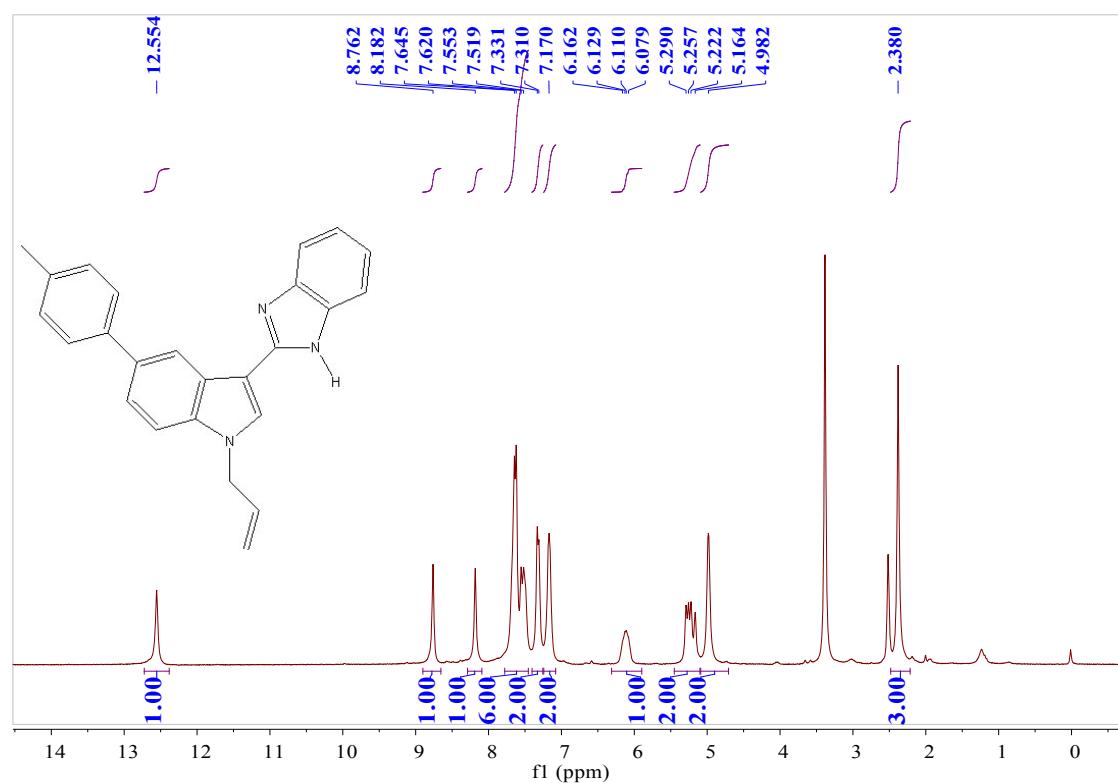
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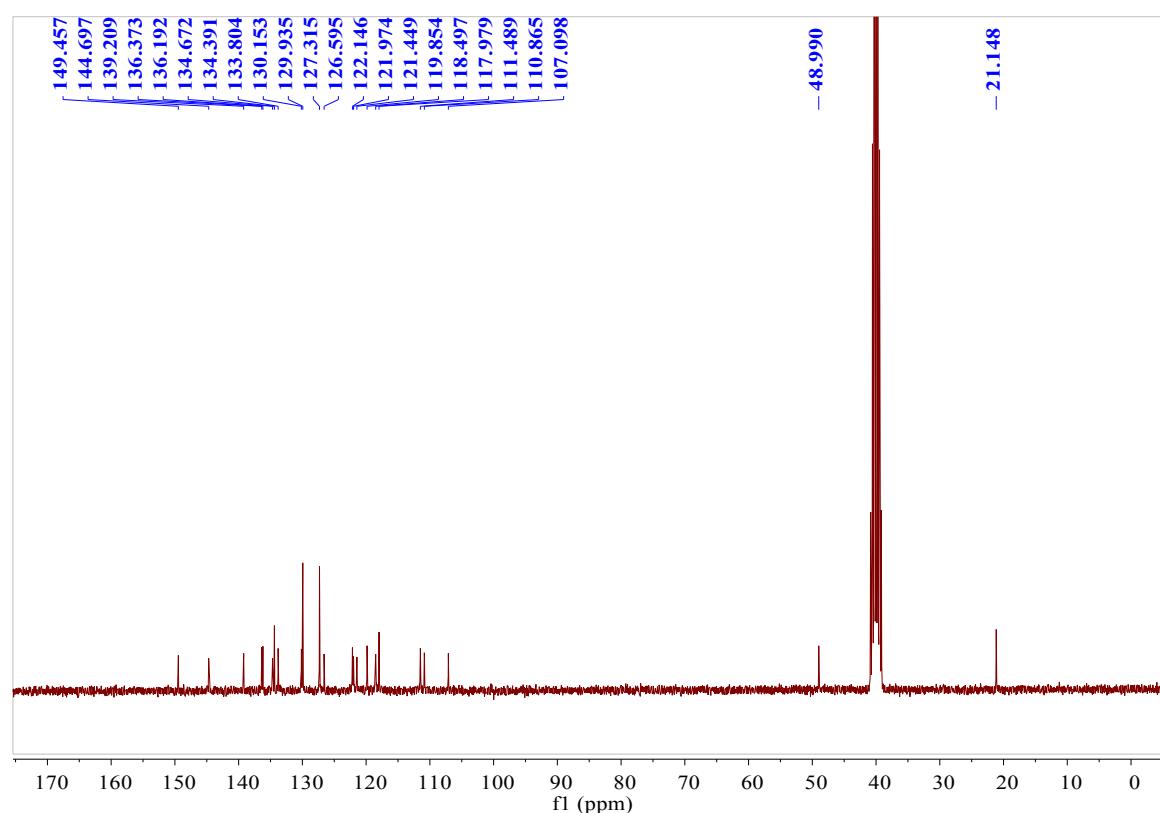
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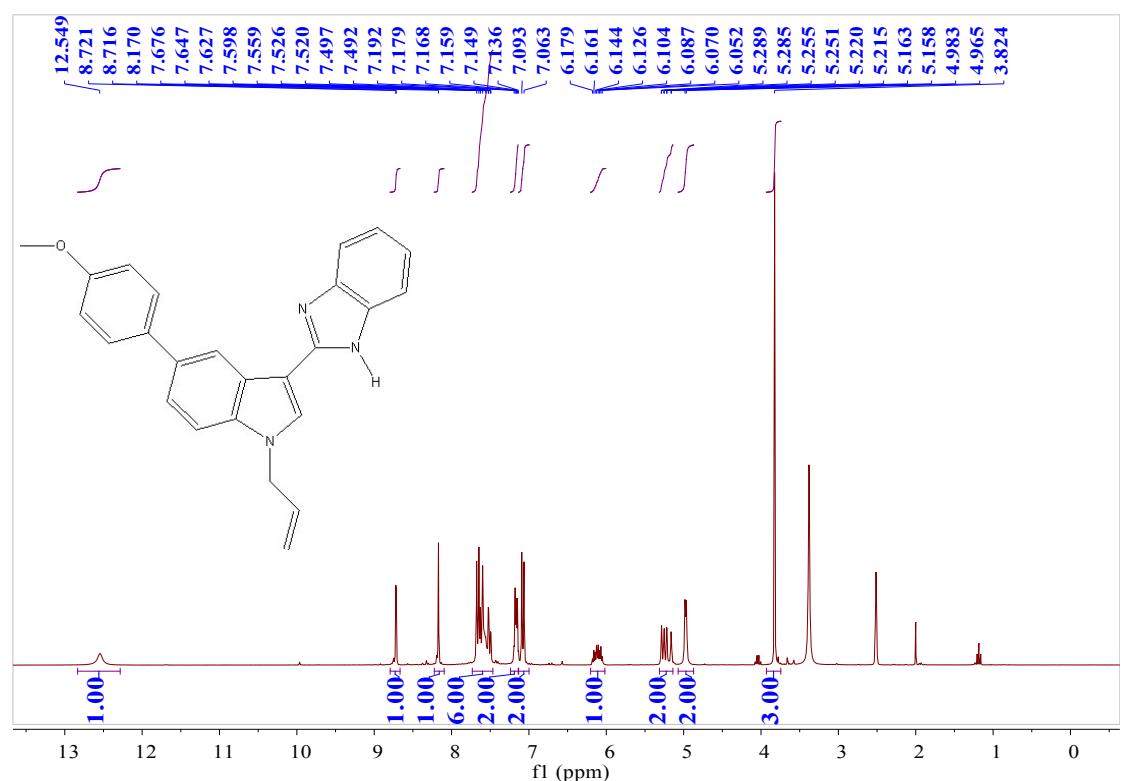
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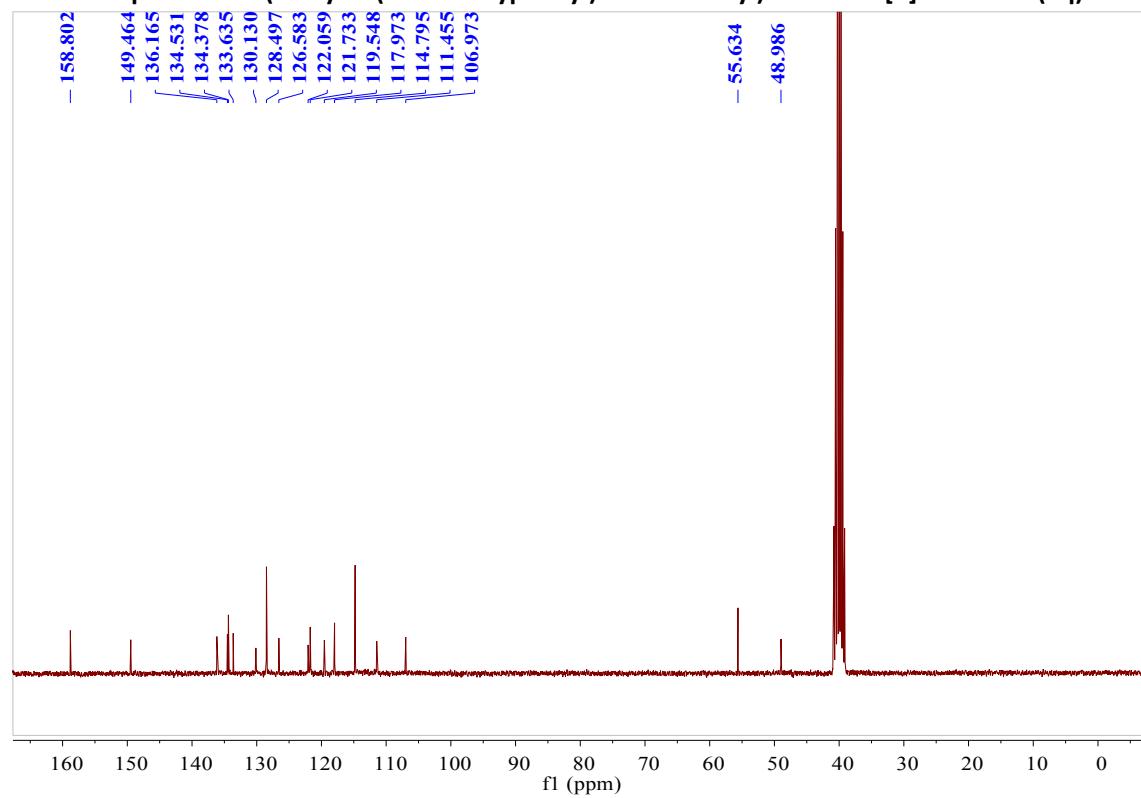
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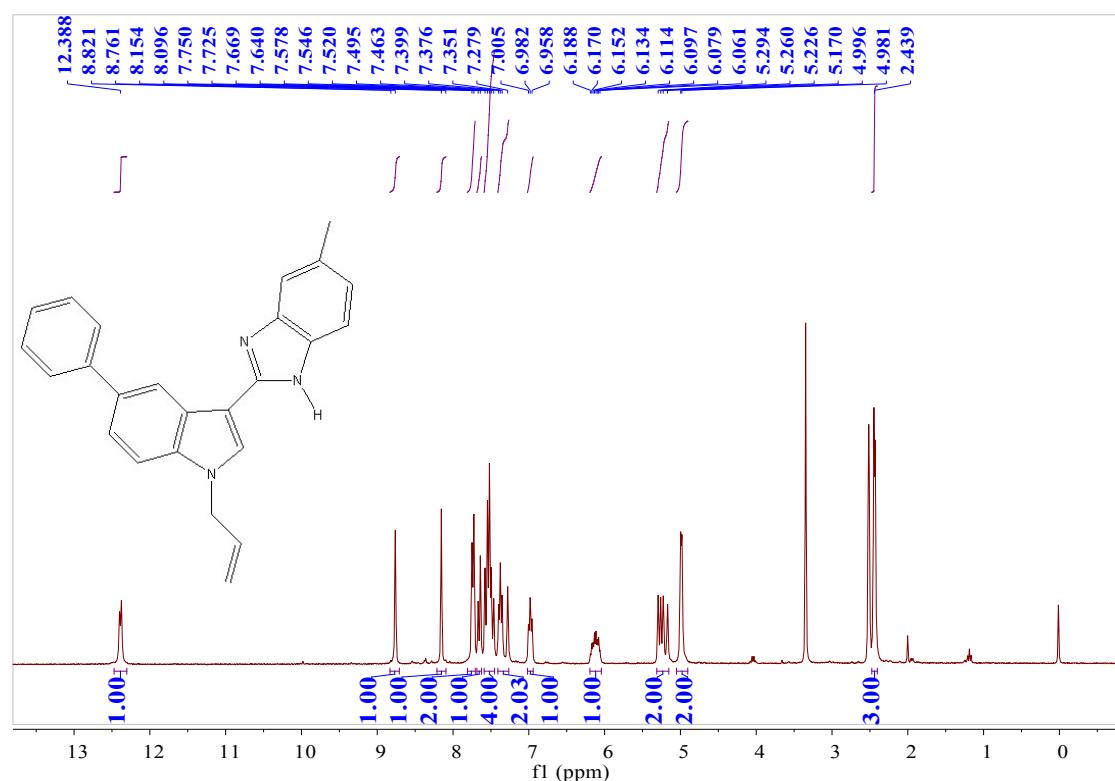
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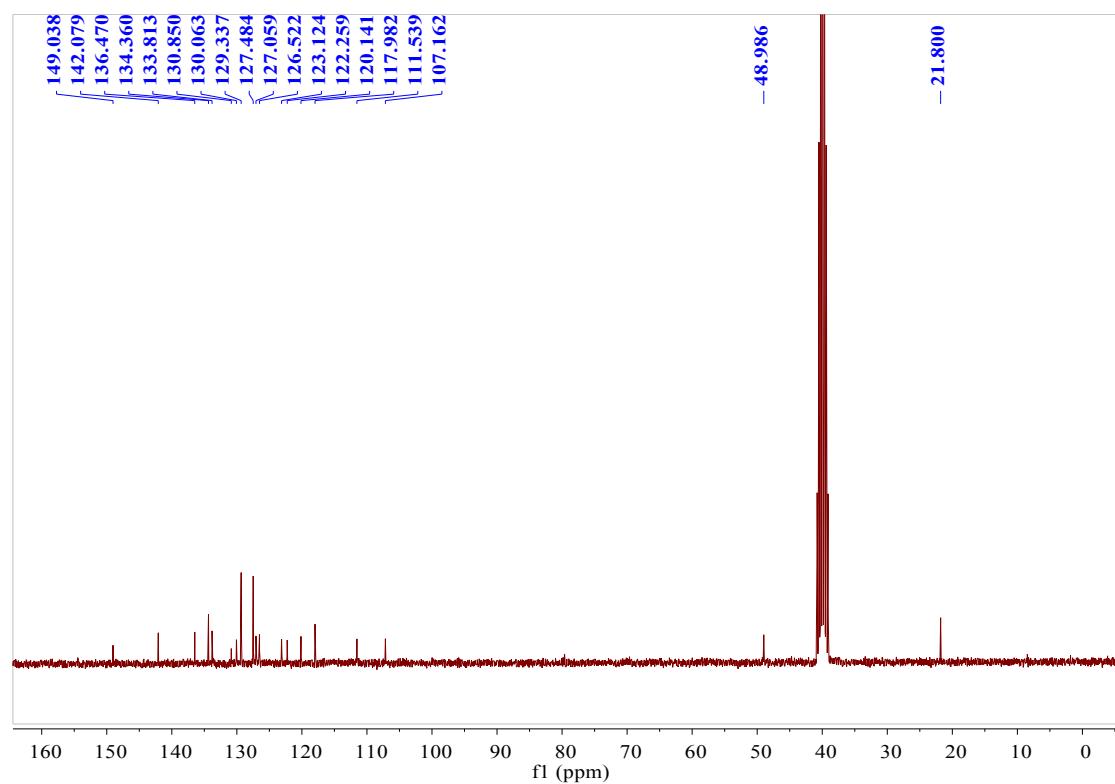
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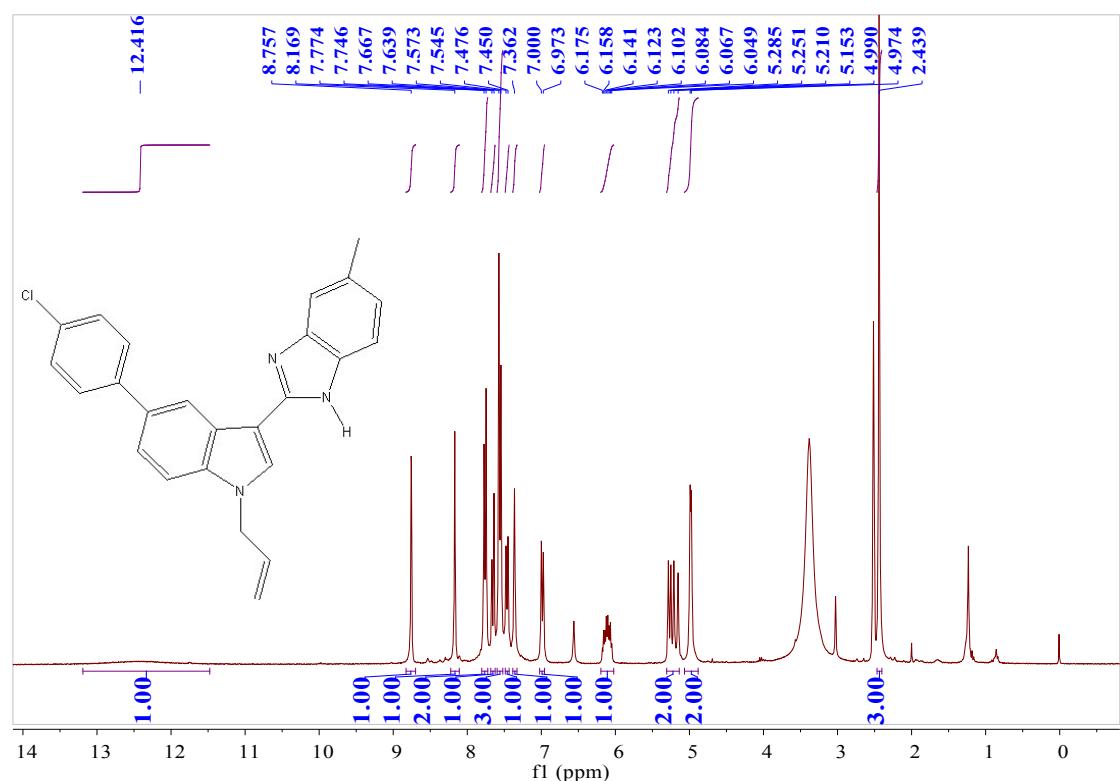
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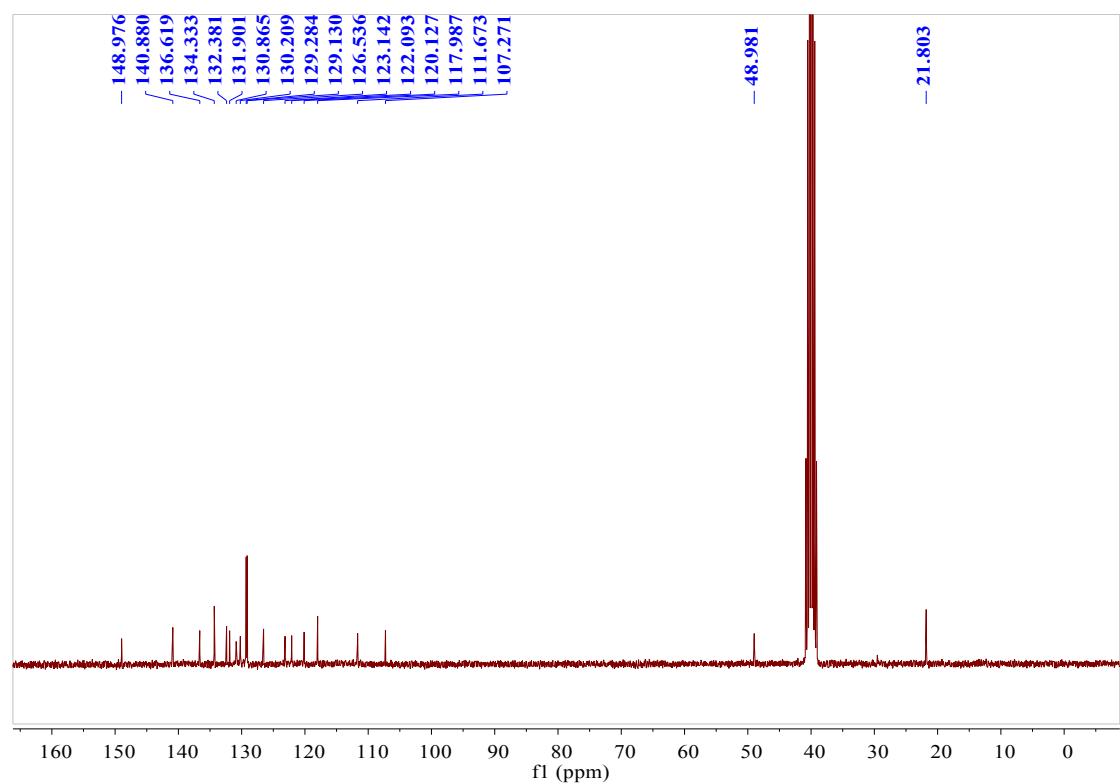
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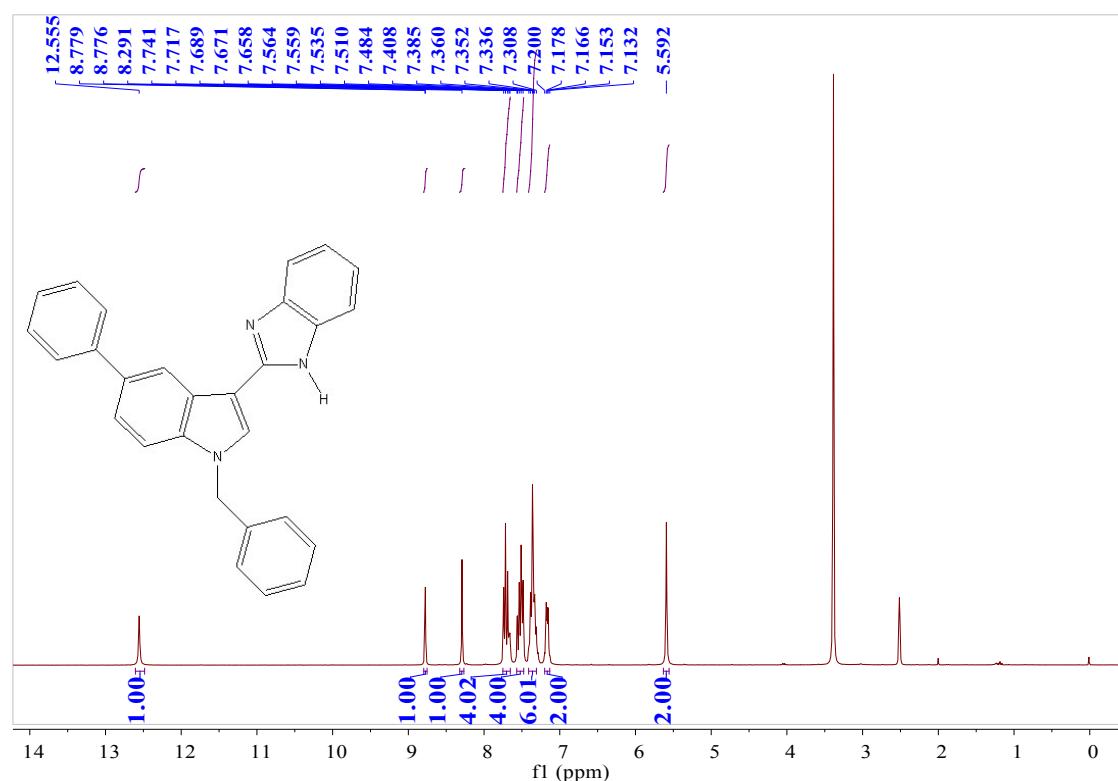
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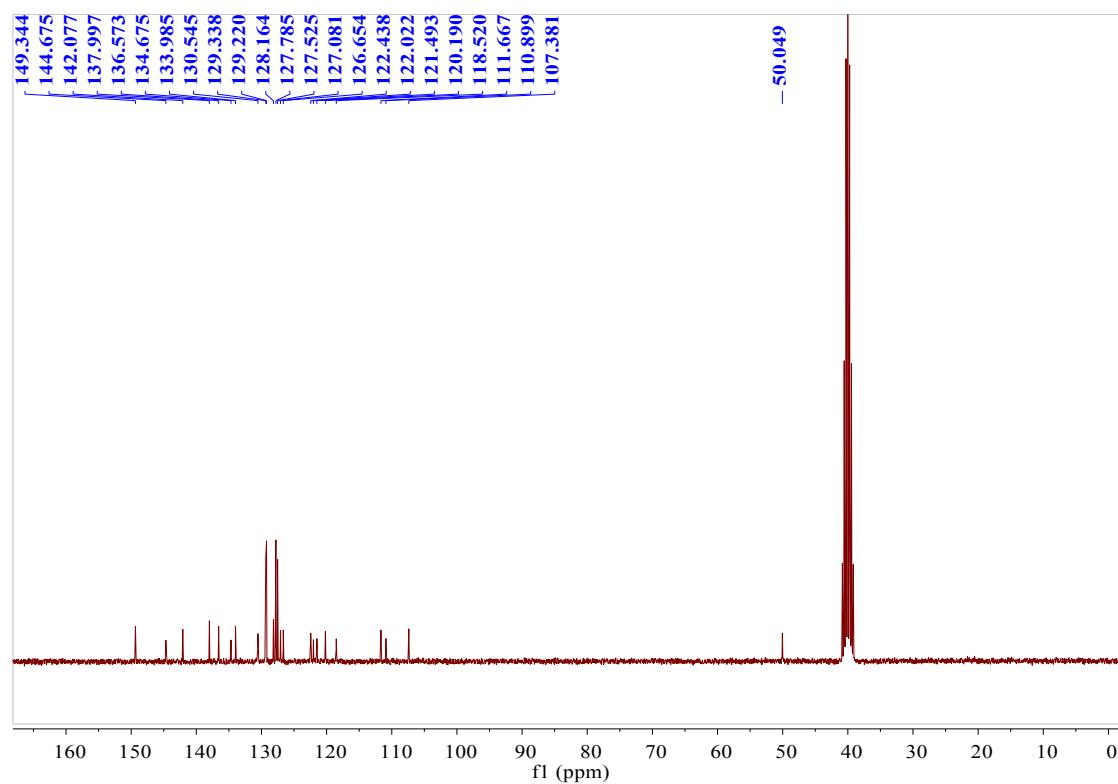
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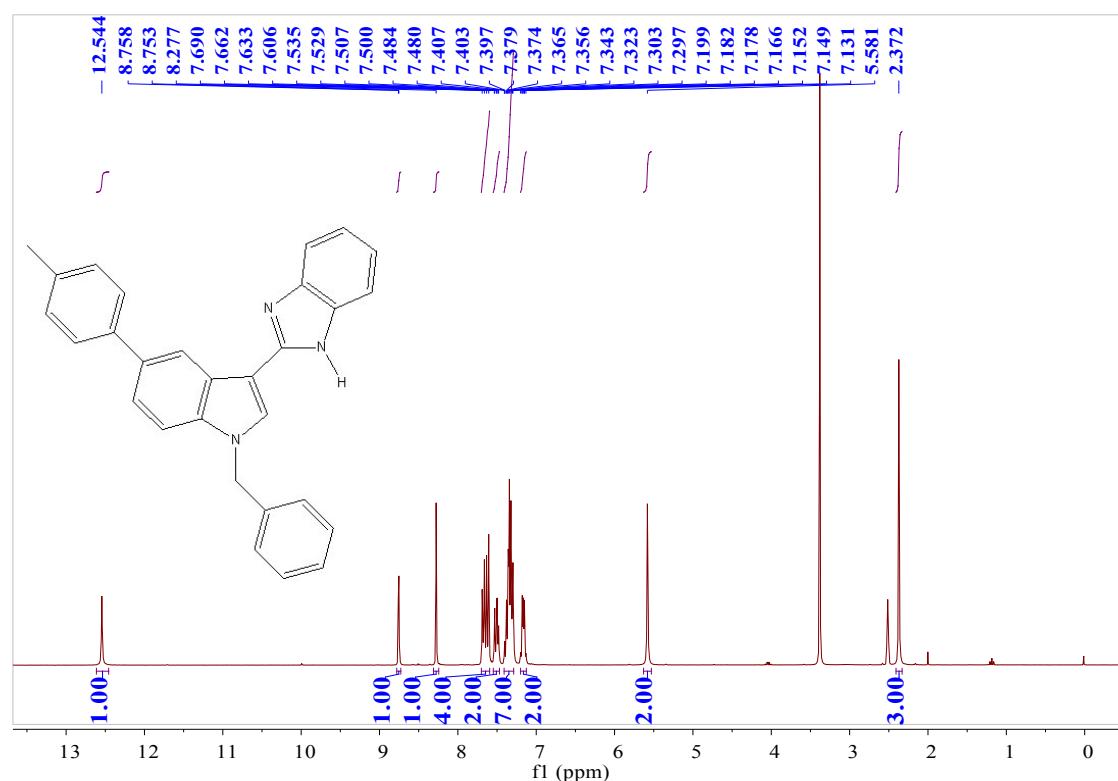
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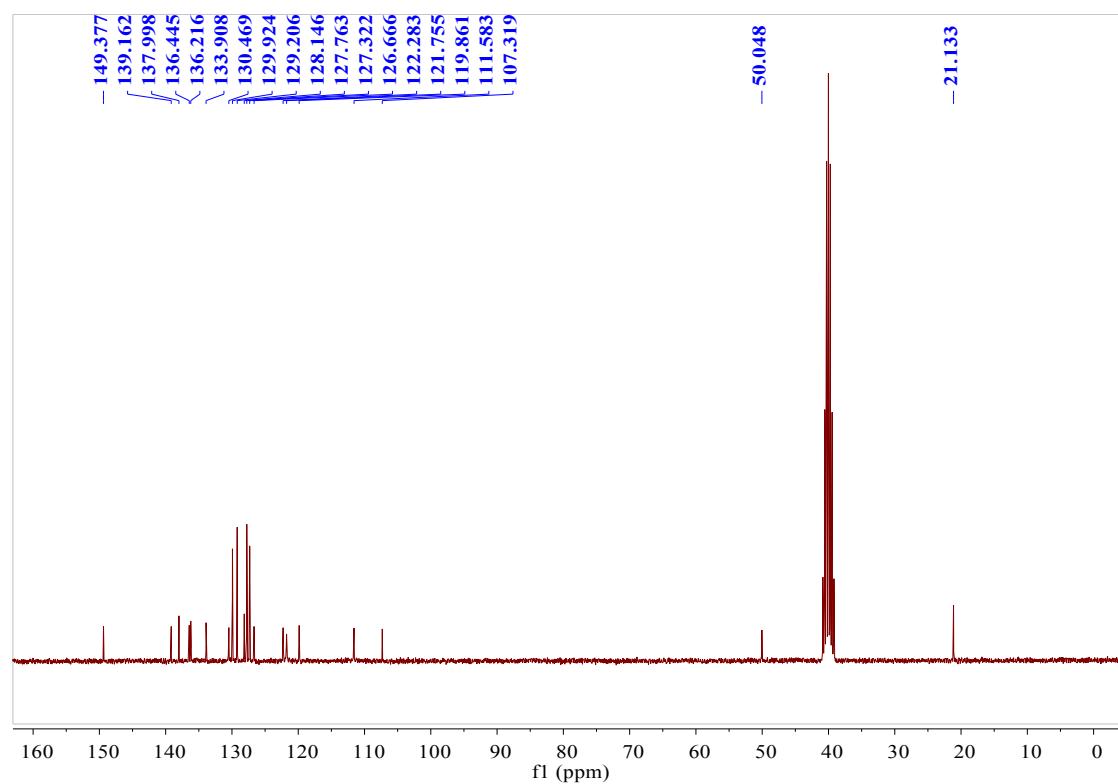
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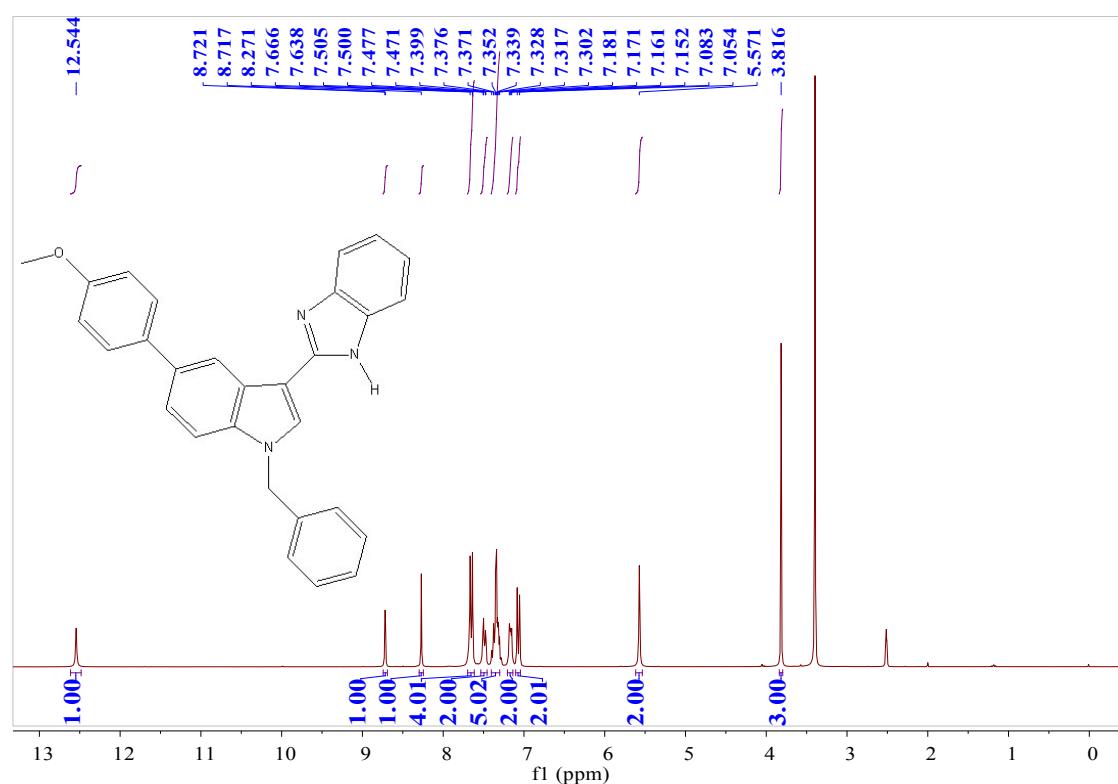
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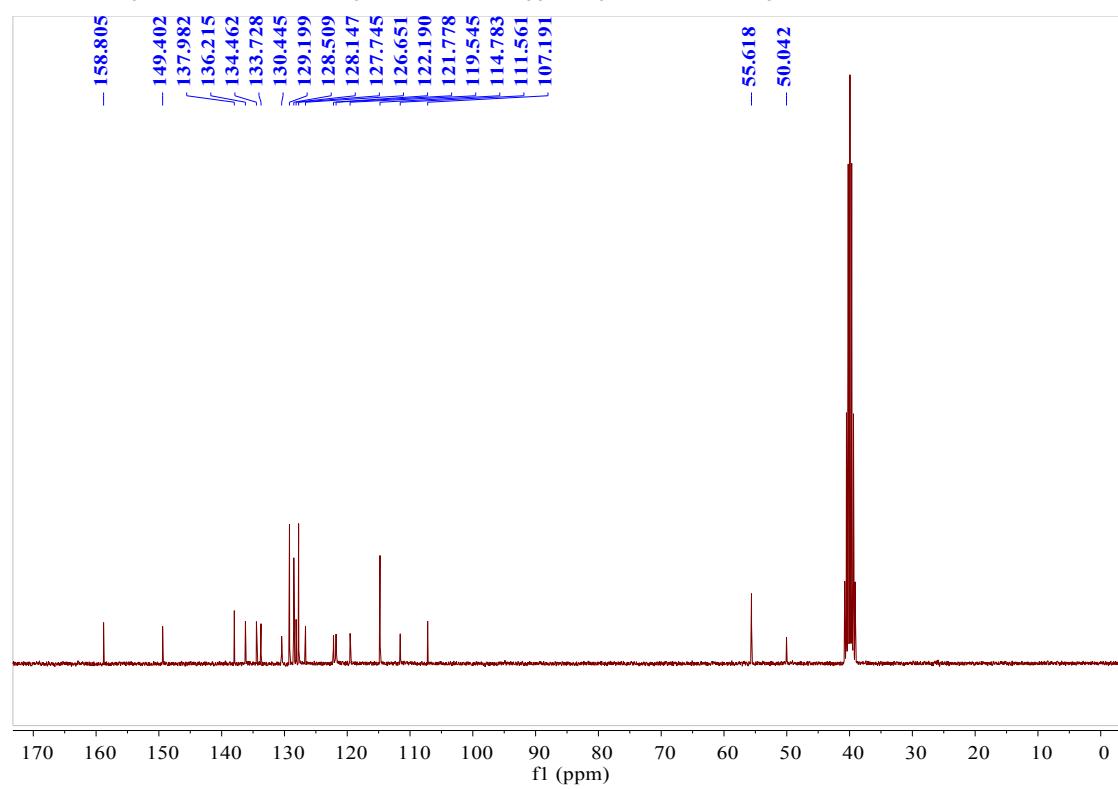
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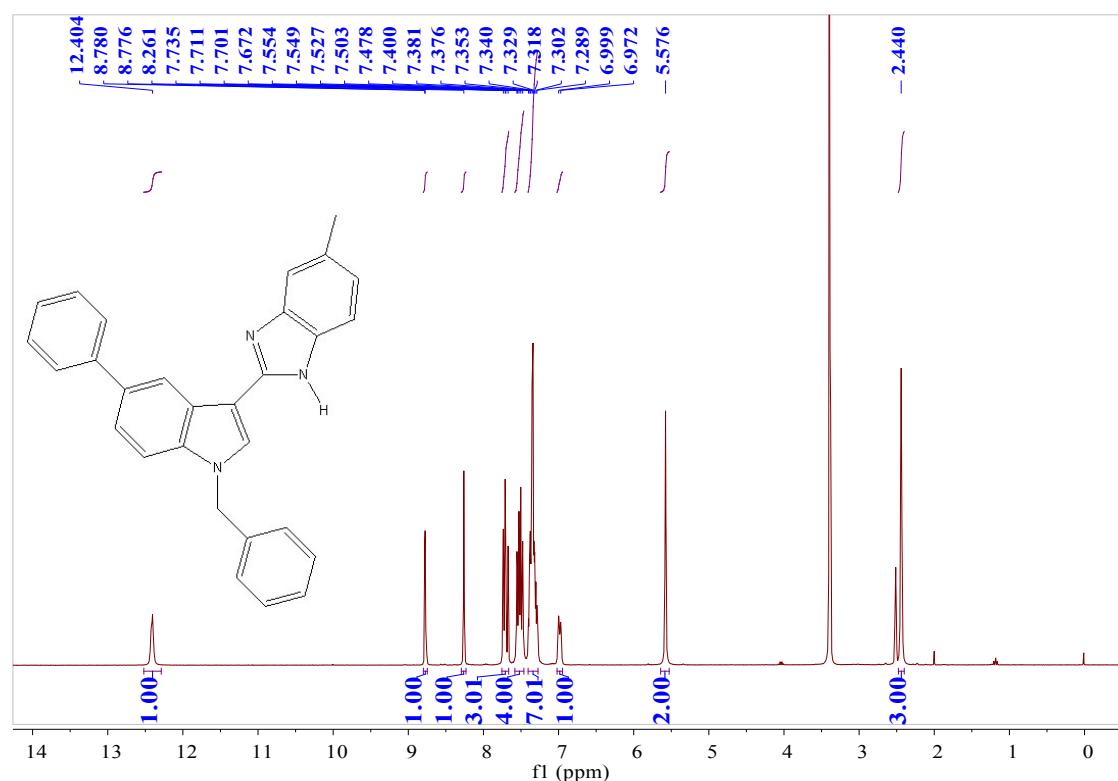
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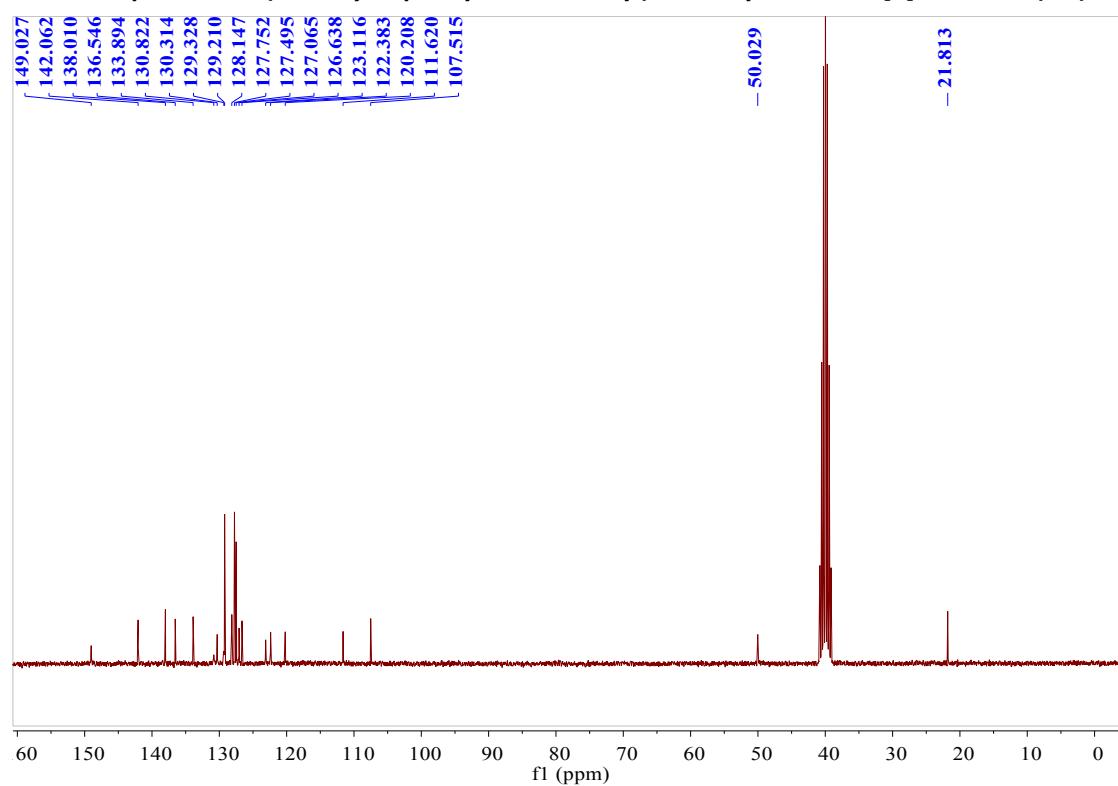
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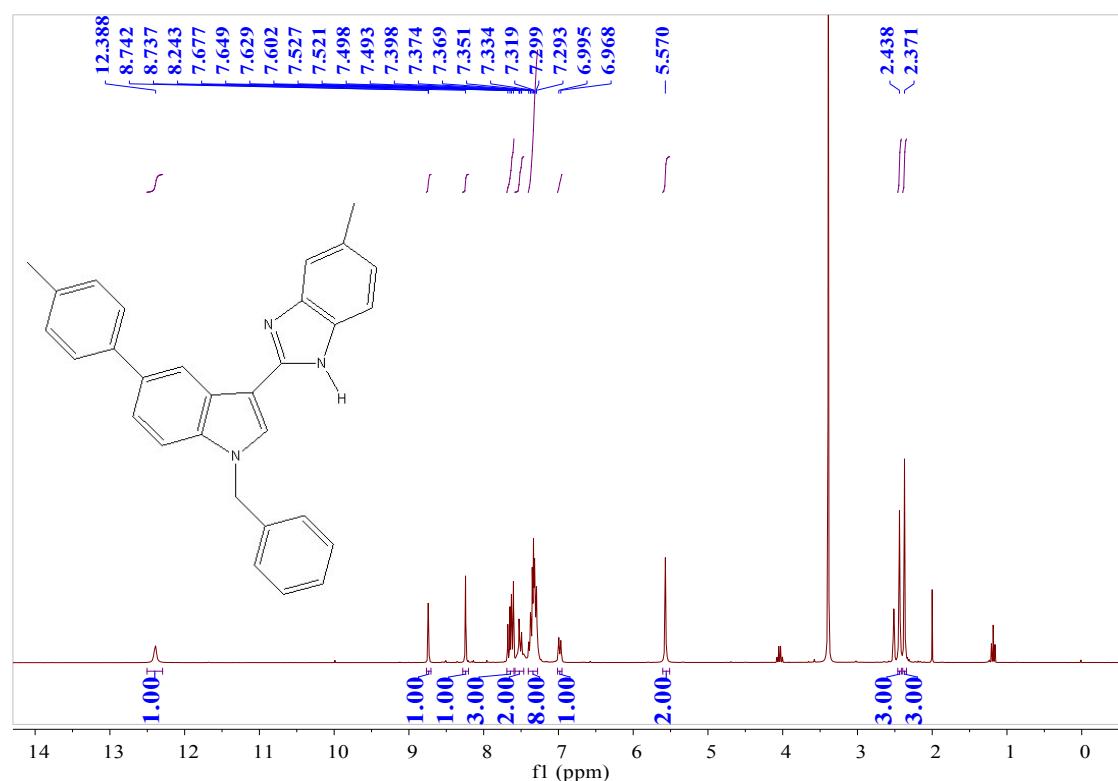
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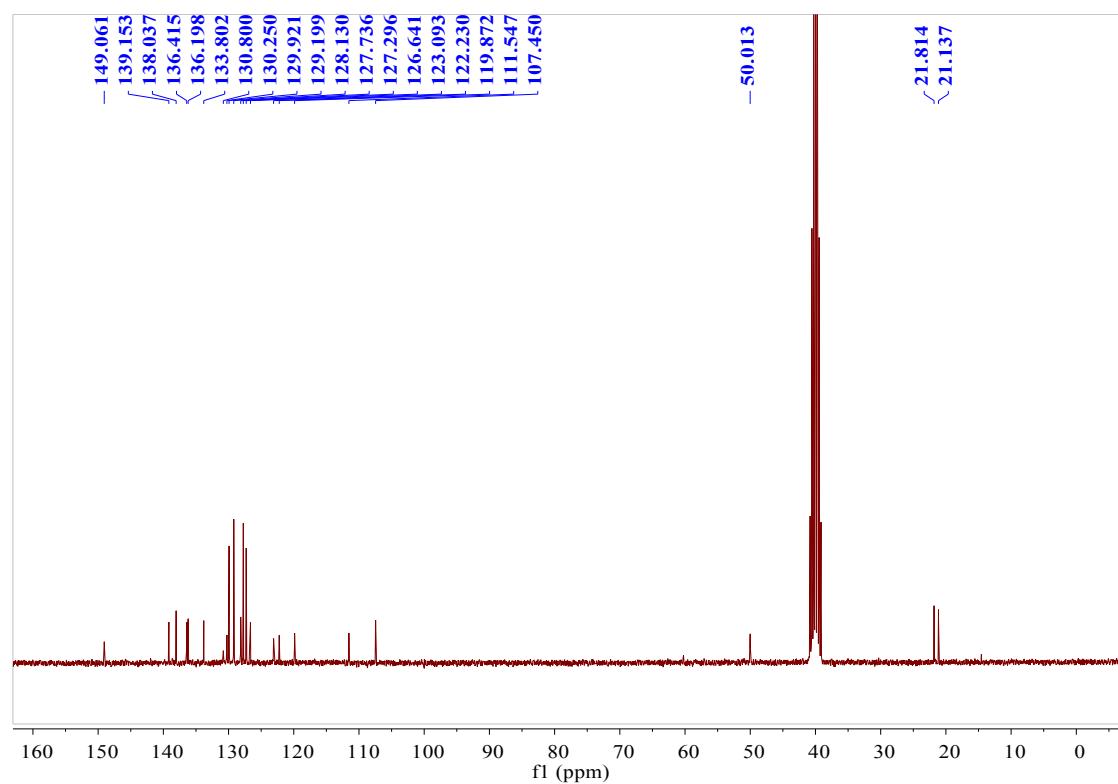
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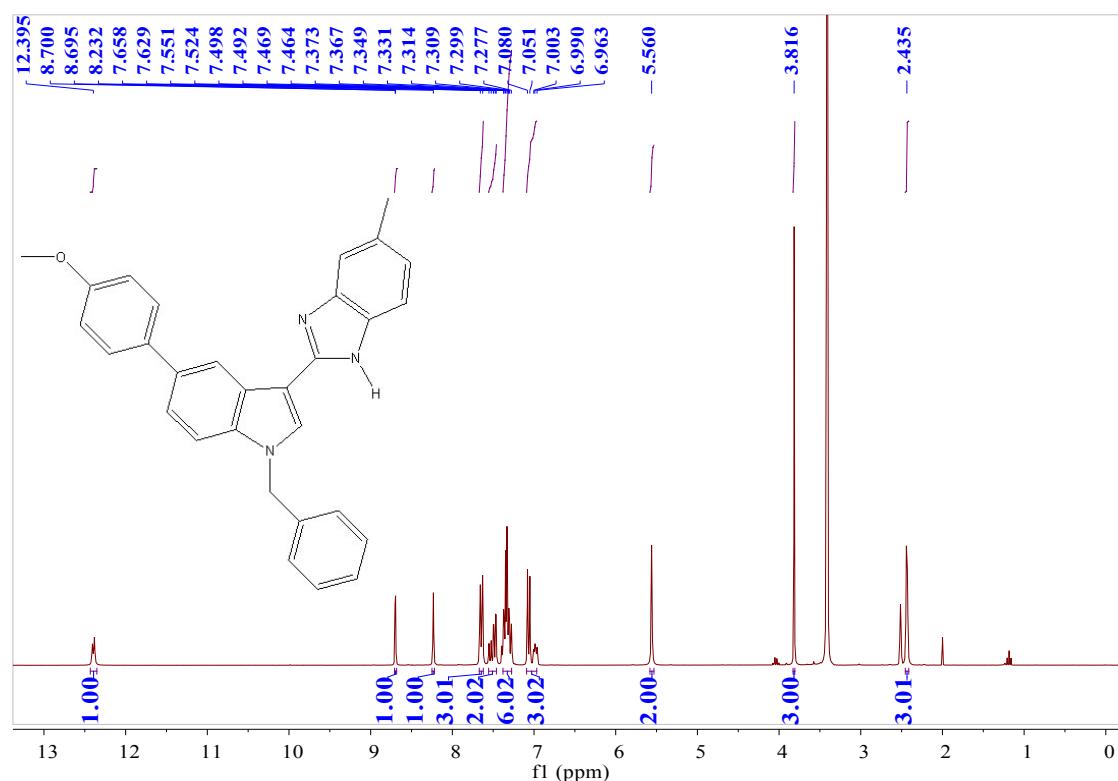
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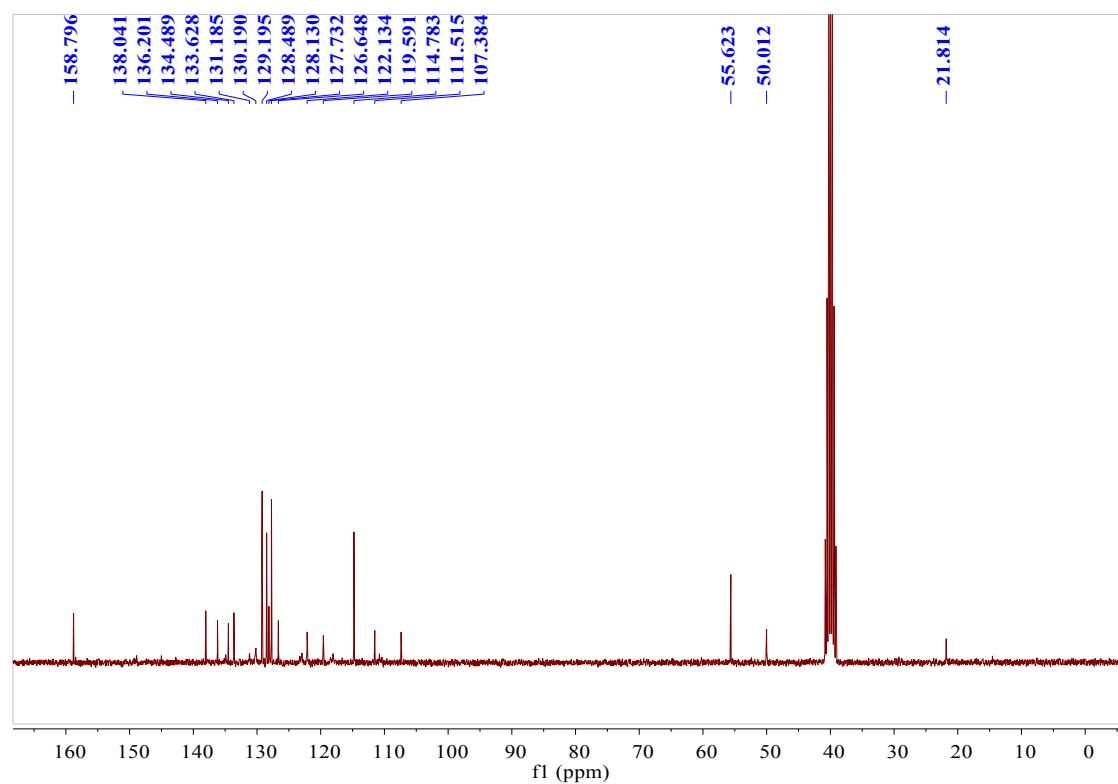
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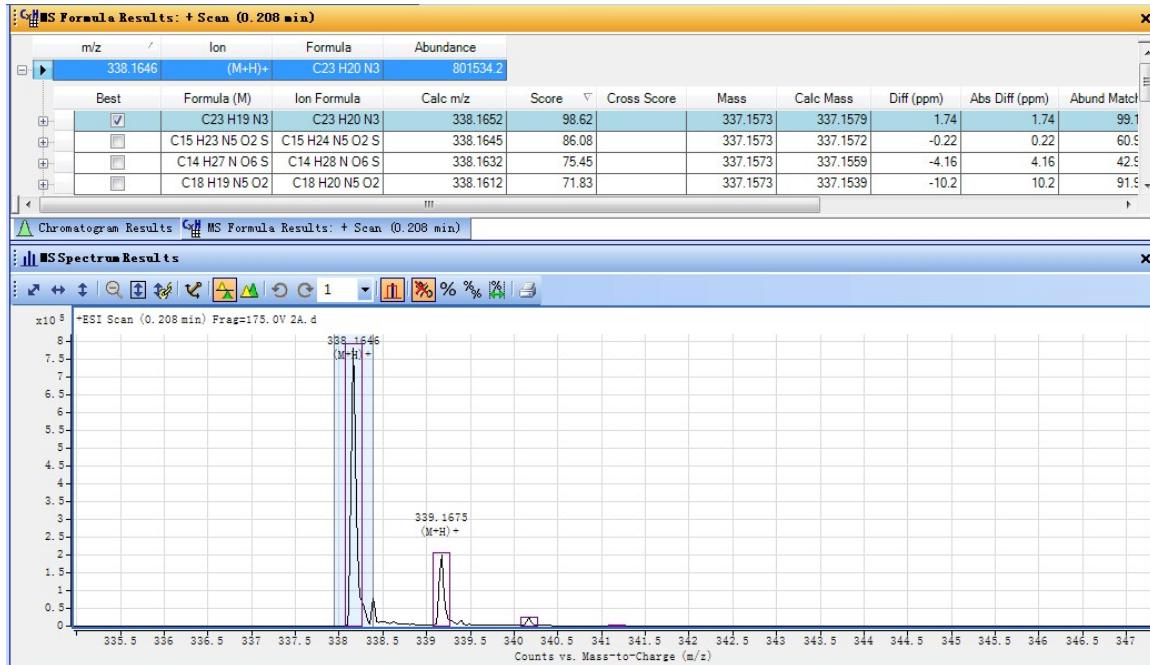


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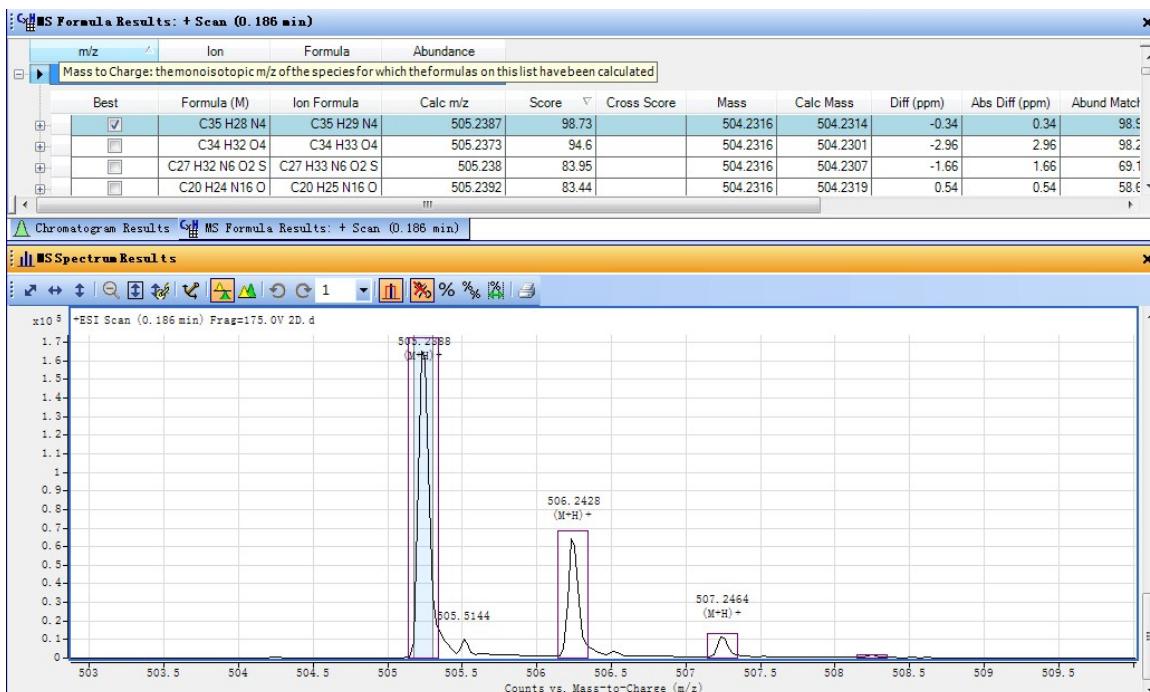


## HR-ESI-MS Spectra of compounds 3

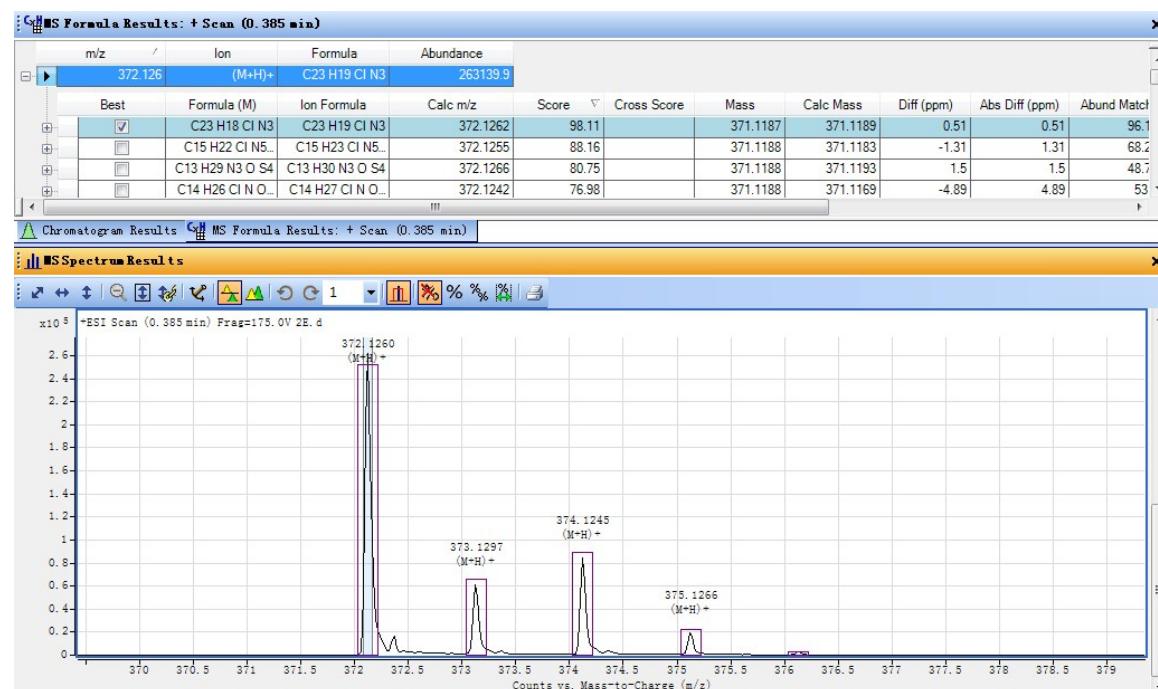
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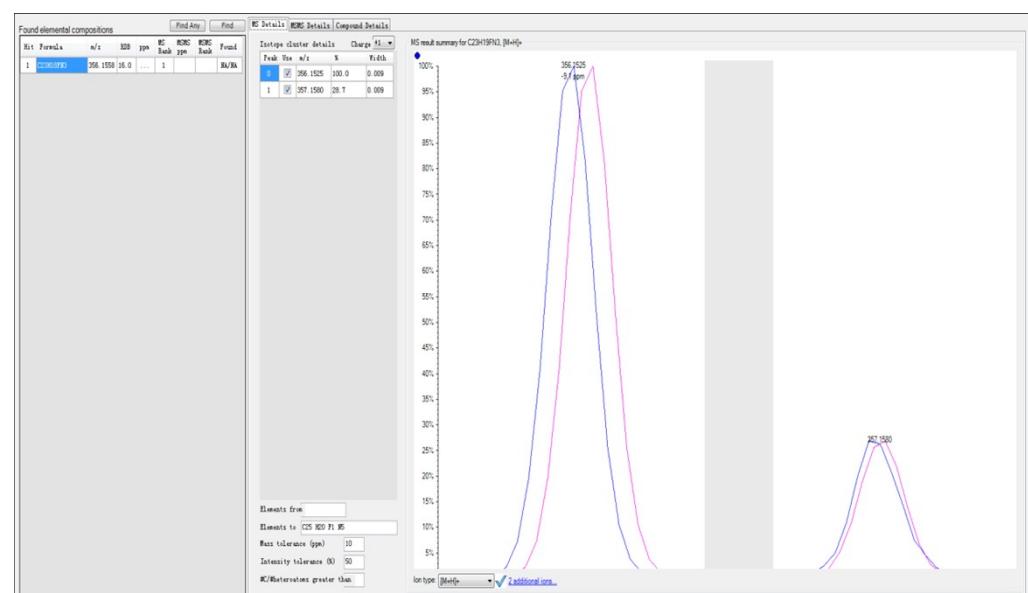
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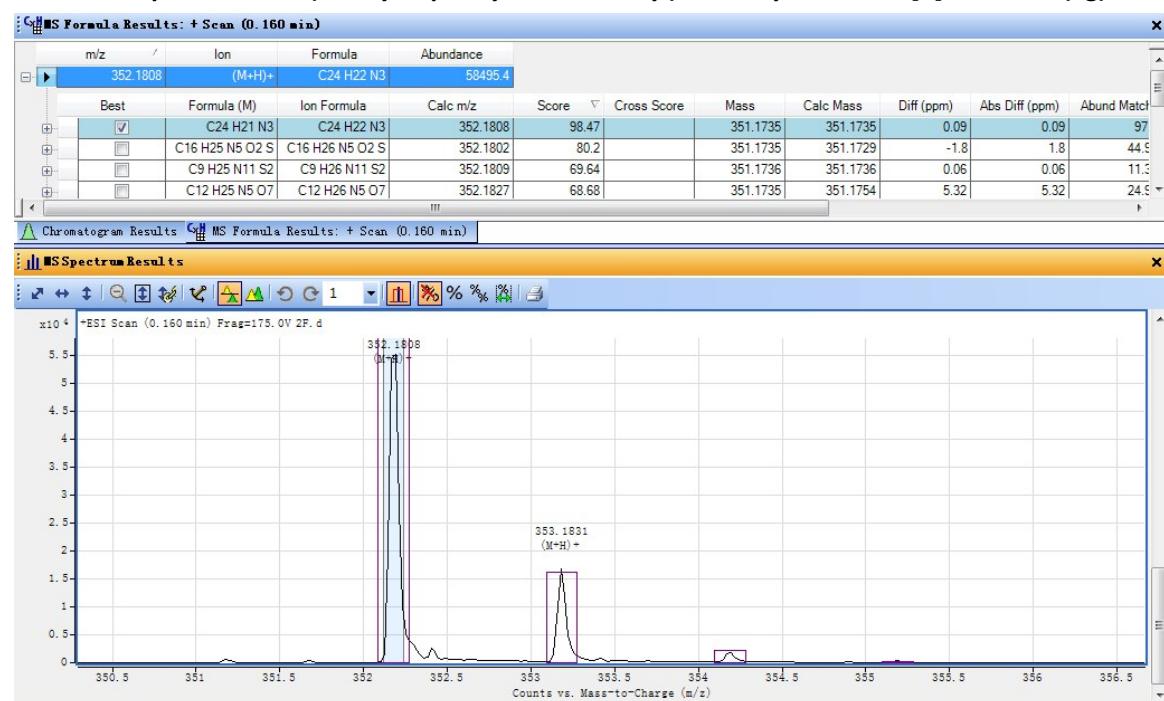
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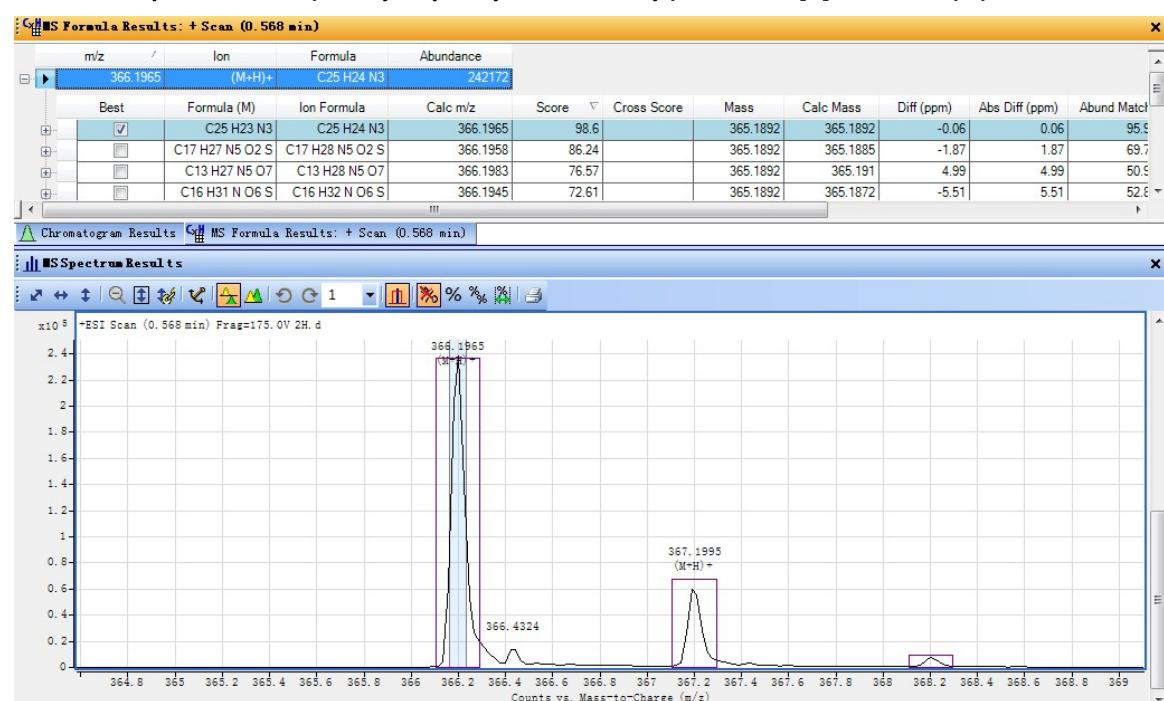
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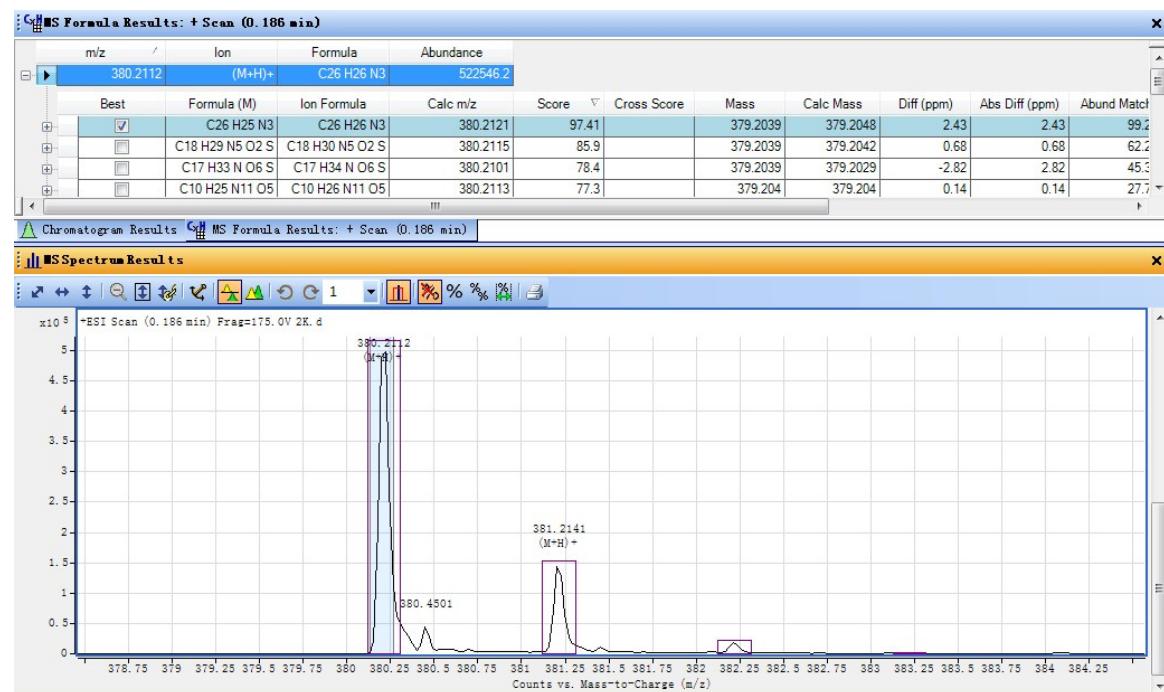
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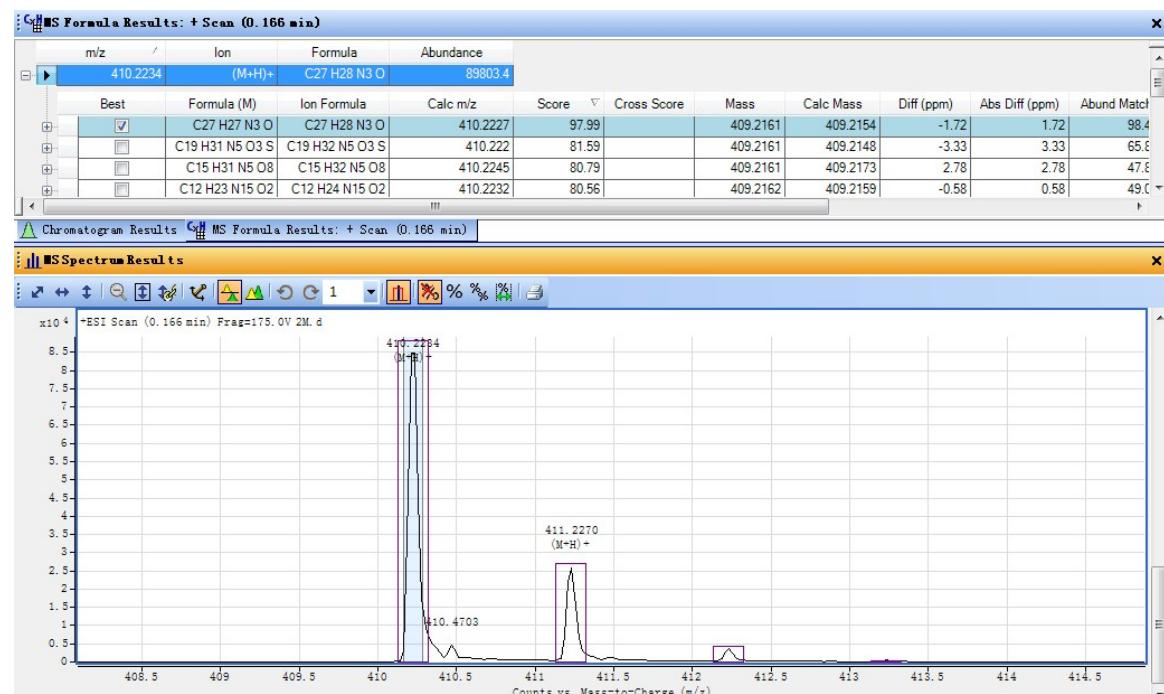
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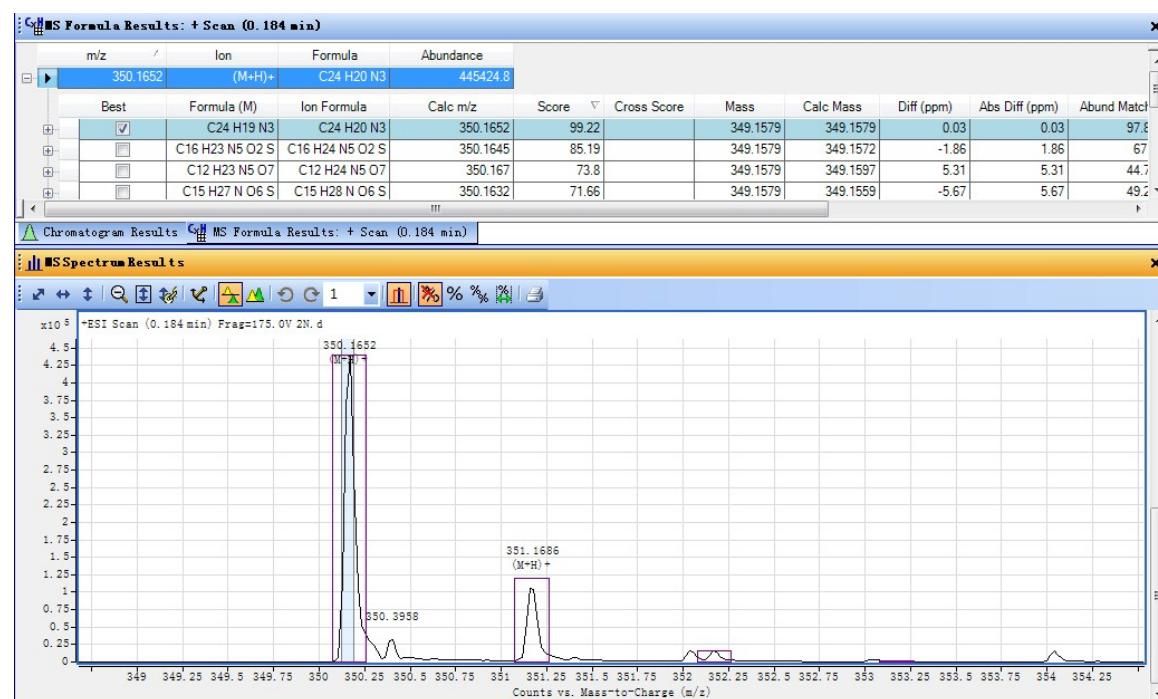
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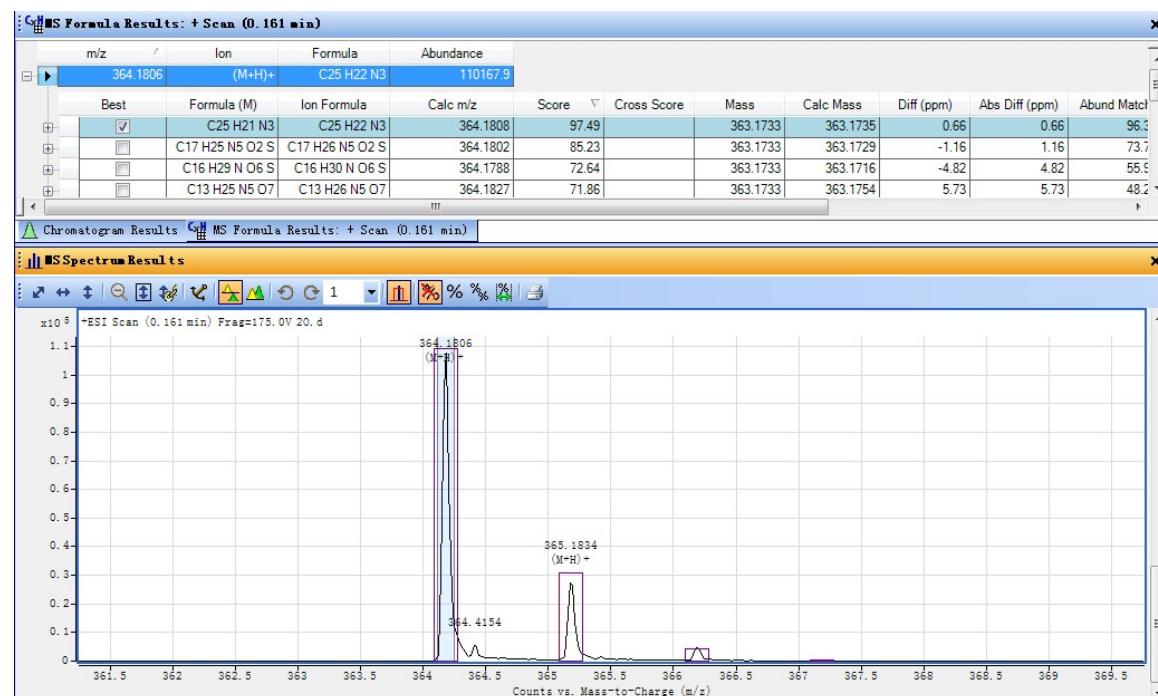
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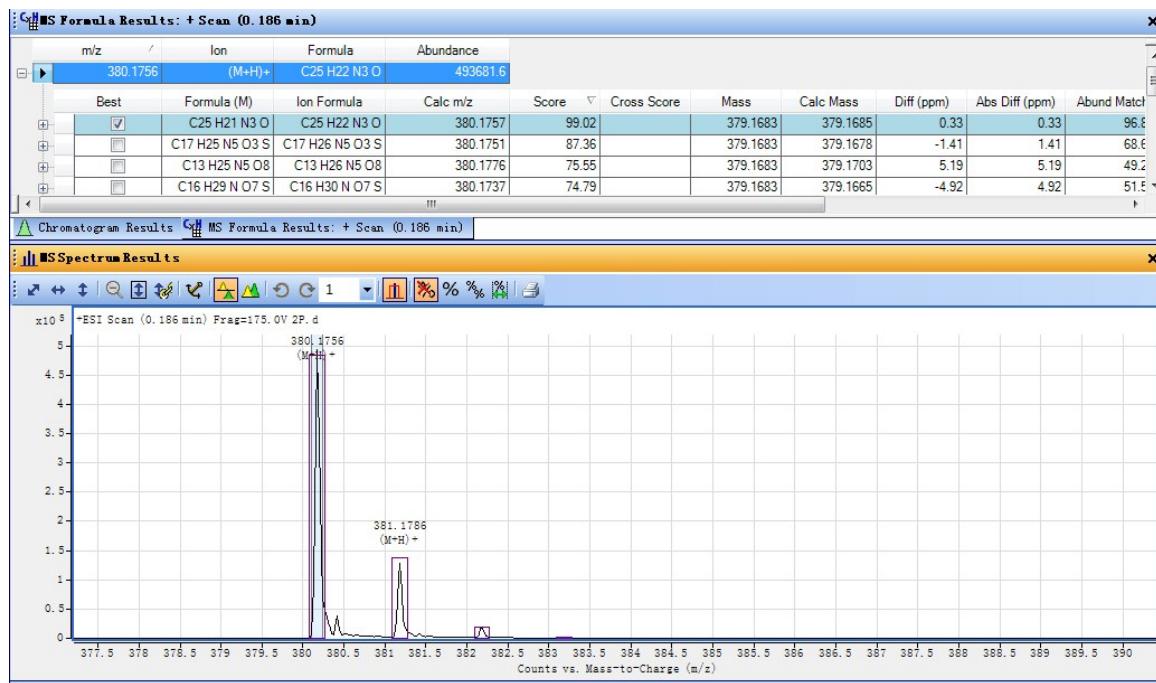
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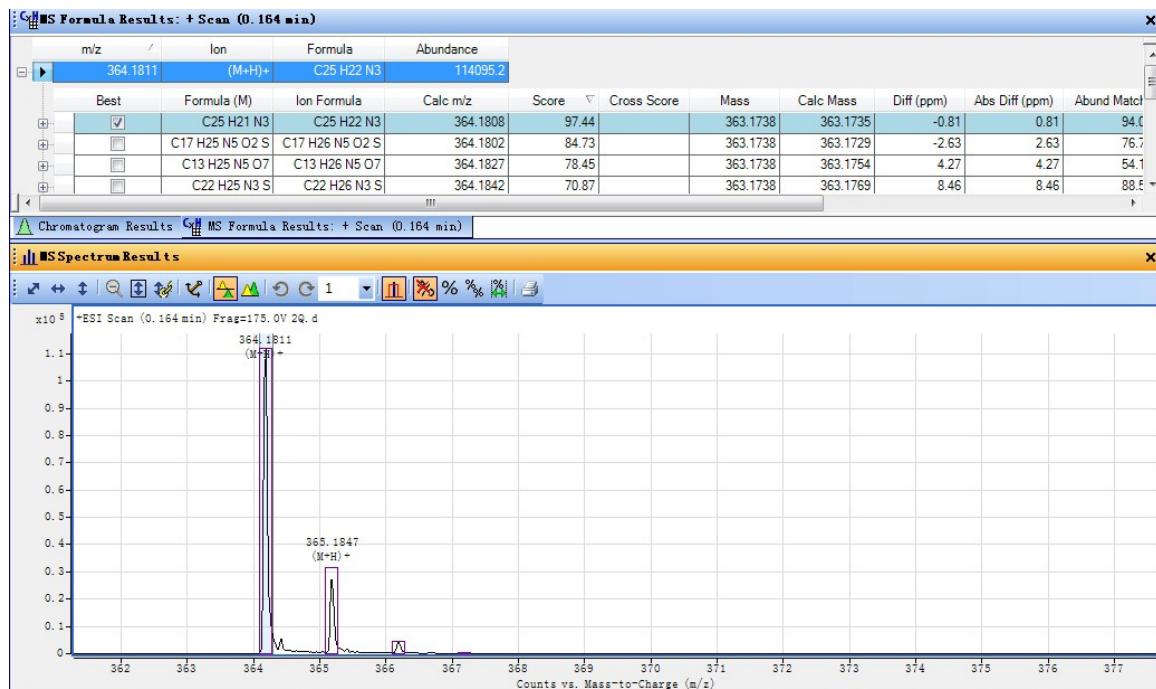
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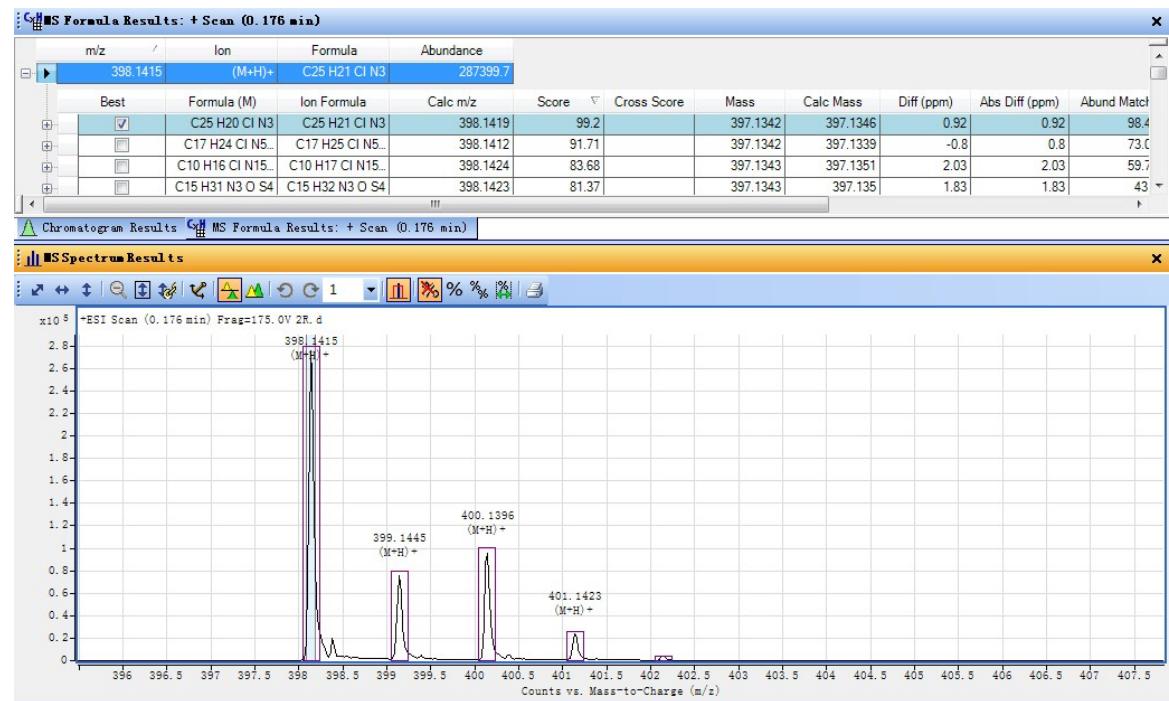
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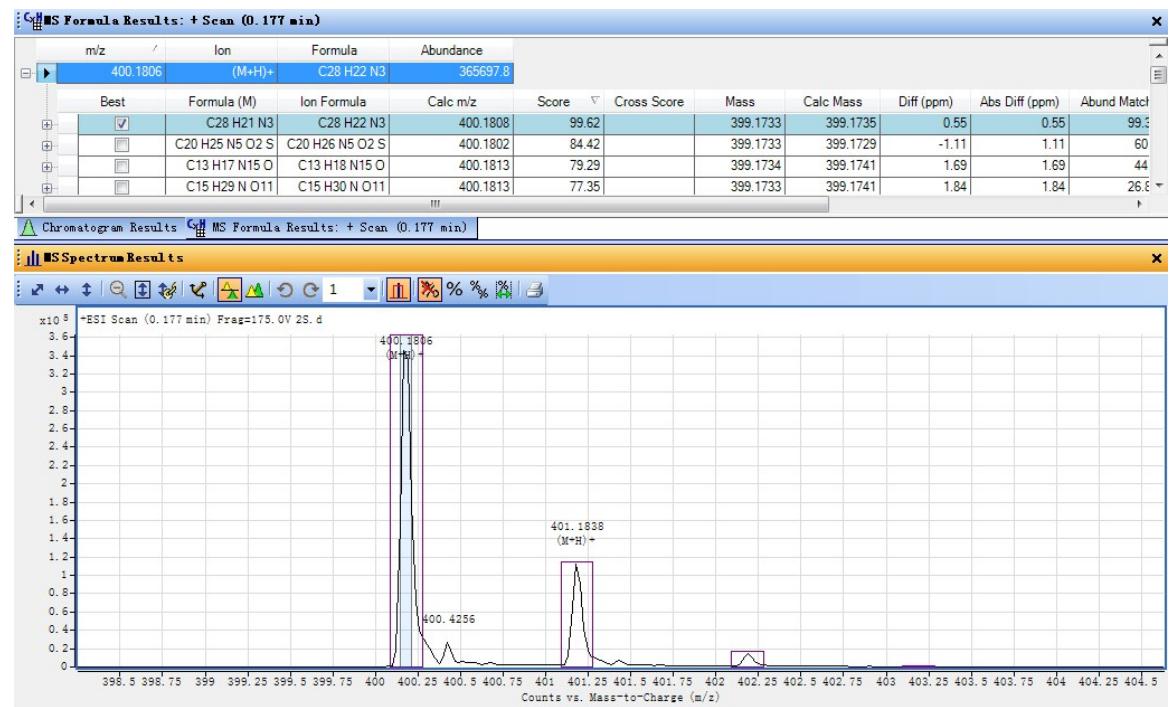
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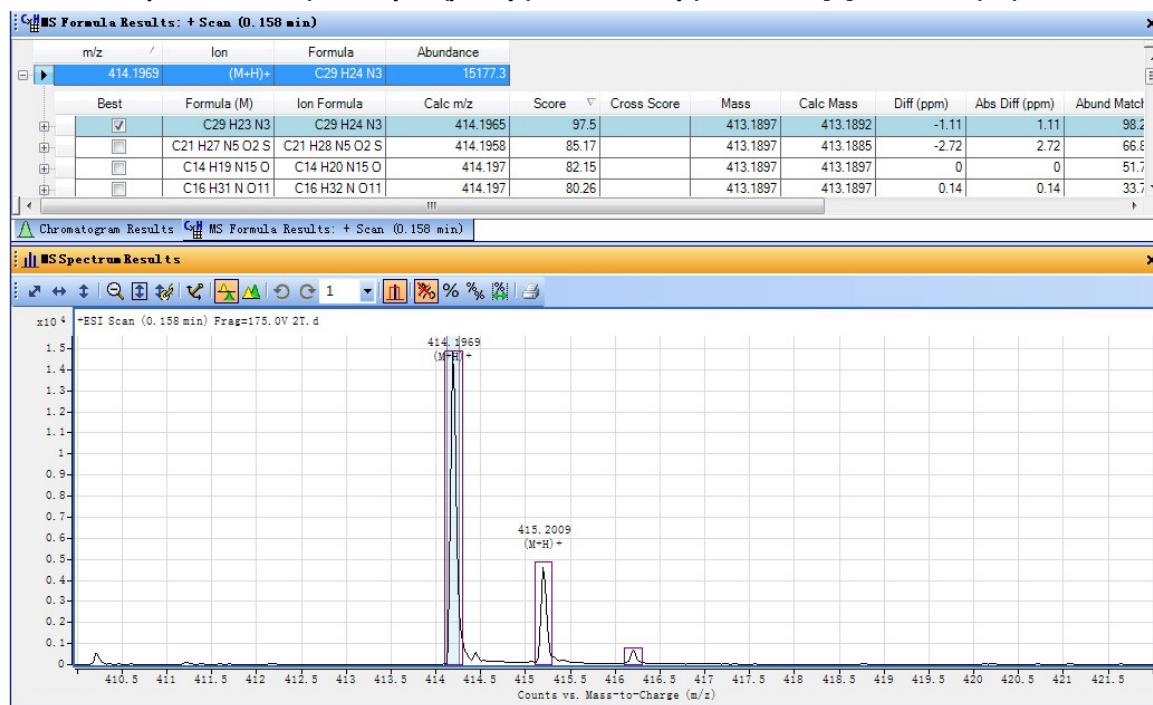
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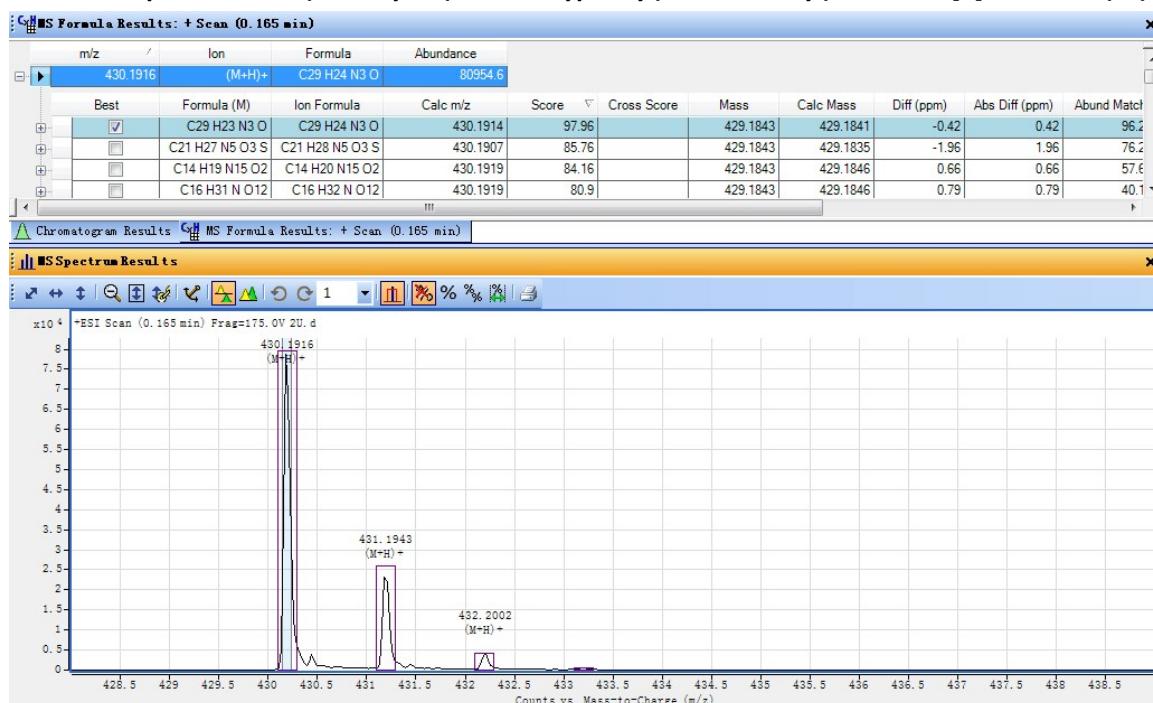
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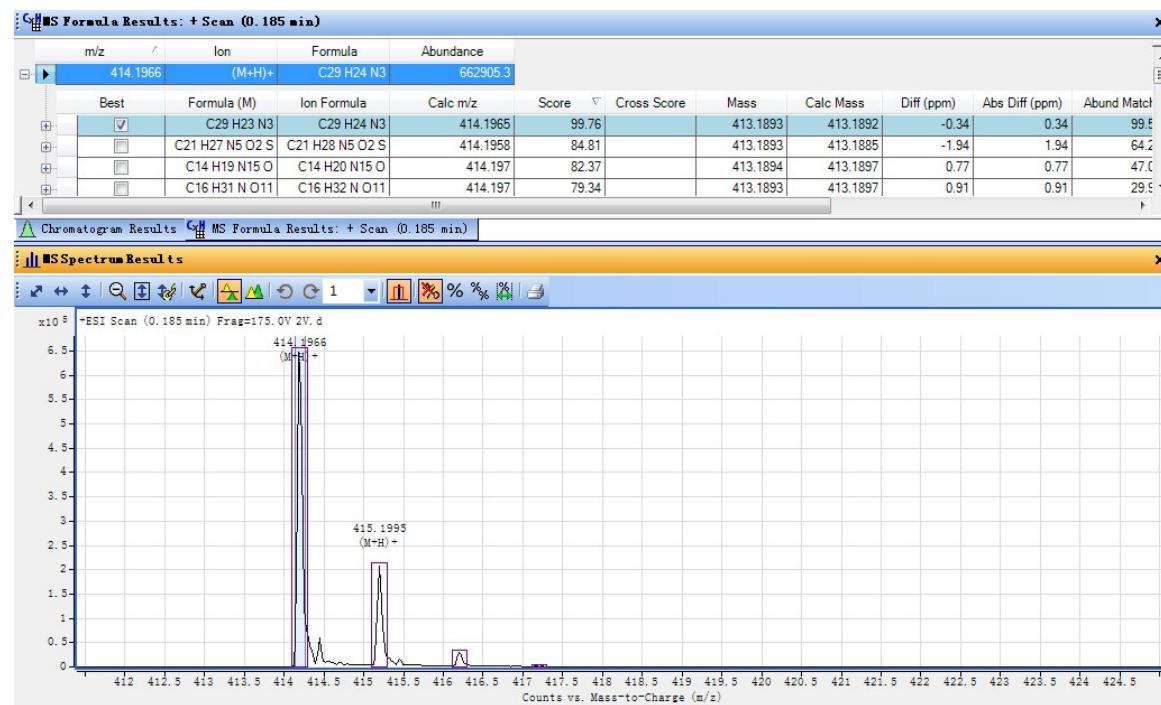
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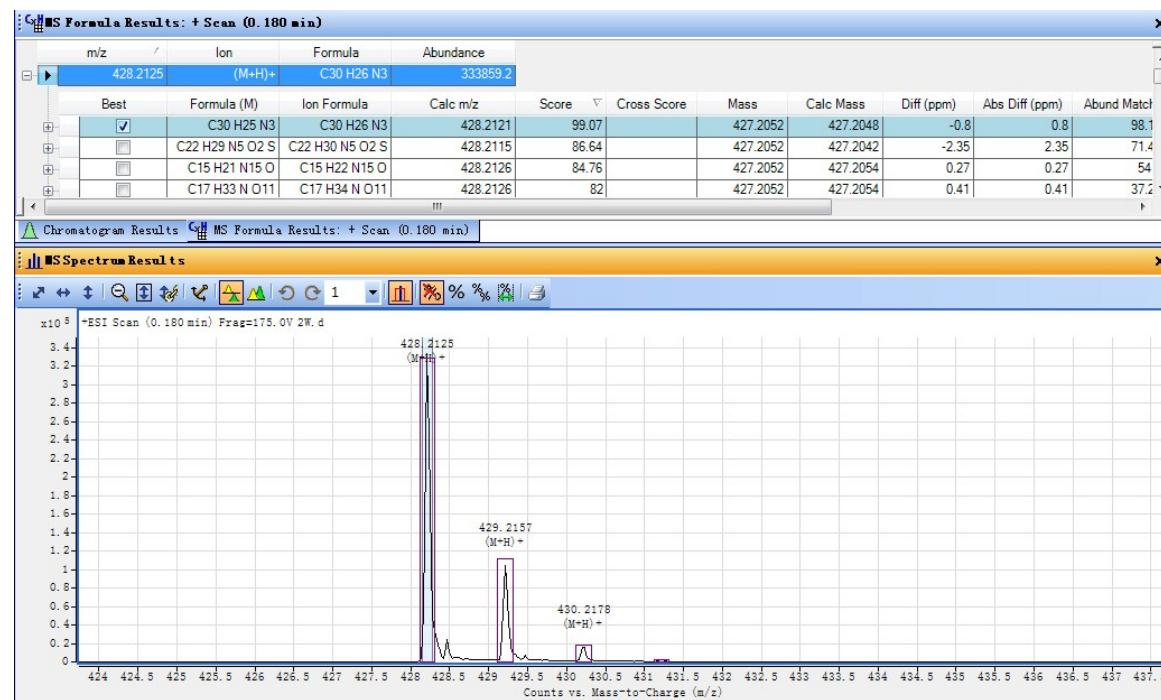
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**HR-ESI-MS spectrum of 2-(1-benzyl-5-phenyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3w)**



**HR-ESI-MS spectrum of 2-(1-benzyl-5-(*p*-tolyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3x)**



**HR-ESI-MS spectrum of 2-(1-benzyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-5-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole (3y)**

