

## Gold-Catalyzed Stereoselective Dearomatization/Metal-Free Aerobic Oxidation: Access to 3-Substituted Indolines/Oxindoles

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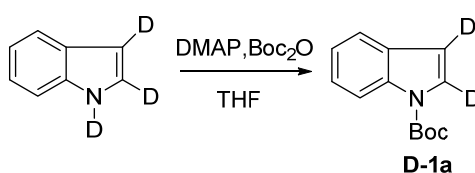
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## General information

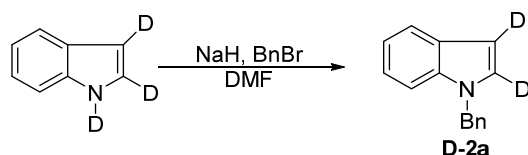
All of the reactions were carried out in flame-dried tubes under argon atmosphere. Solvents were dried prior to use. For column chromatography, 200-300 mesh silica gel was used.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR were recorded on Bruker 300 MHz, 400 MHz or 500 MHz spectrometer and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were recorded on Bruker 75 MHz, 100 MHz or 125MHz spectrometer in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or acetone- $d_6$ . HRMS were performed on Agilent 6540 Q-TOF mass spectrometer (ESI). Melting points were determined on a SGW X-4B melting point apparatus. The diazo compounds<sup>[1]</sup> and  $\text{IPrAu}(\text{PhCN})\text{BAr}_f$ <sup>[2]</sup> were known compounds and prepared according to the literature procedures.

## Preparation of substrates

The N-protected indoles were known compounds and prepared according to the literature procedures.<sup>[3]</sup>

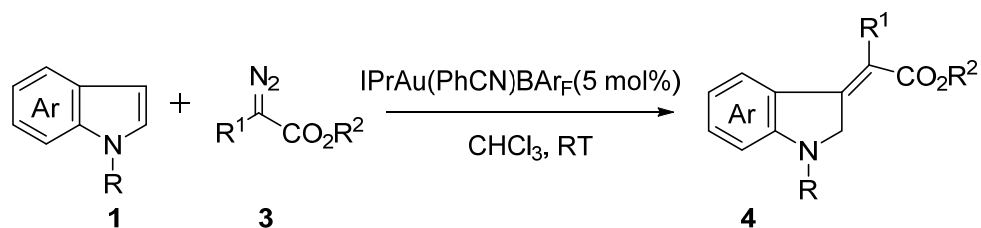


To a solution of 1H-indole-1,2,3- $d_3$ <sup>[4]</sup> (146 mg, 1.2 mmol) in dry THF (7 mL) was added DMAP (2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$  (288 mg, 1.3 mmol) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h under an argon atmosphere, after which it was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:100) to give **D-1a** (255 mg, 97%) as colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.15 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  149.84, 135.17, 130.52, 125.25, 124.20, 122.66, 120.94, 115.19, 107.18, 83.66, 28.24. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{D}_2\text{NO}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 220.1301, found: 220.1303.

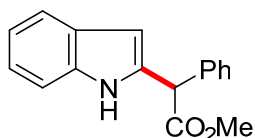


To a suspension of 60% NaH (96 mg, 2.4 mmol) in dry DMF (5 mL) was added dropwise a solution of 1H-indole-1,2,3- $d_3$ <sup>[4]</sup> (238 mg, 2 mmol) in dry DMF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, then BnBr (410 mg, 2.4 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with ether; the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under vacuum; the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:30-1:15) to give **D-2a** as light yellow oil (313 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 3H), 5.34 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.61, 136.33, 128.82, 127.87, 127.65, 126.83, 121.73, 121.04, 121.01, 119.59, 109.76, 101.56, 50.10. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>D<sub>2</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 210.1246, found: 210.1249.

## General procedure for Scheme 2



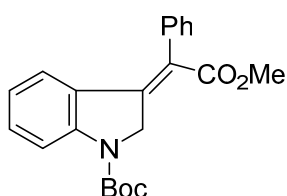
To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAr<sub>F</sub> (5 mol%) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 eq.) and **3** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 2 h at rt, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) to give desired product **4**.



***methyl 2-(1H-indol-2-yl)-2-phenylacetate (Sa)***<sup>[5]</sup>:

This compound was prepared via general procedure as red oil (24 mg, yield: 46 %).

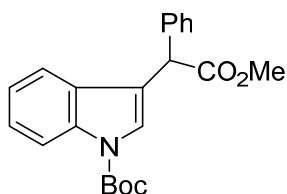
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.74 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.38, 137.44, 136.28, 134.48, 128.86, 128.05, 127.97, 127.78, 121.98, 120.39, 119.92, 110.99, 102.27, 52.72, 50.60.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4a)***:

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (64 mg, yield: 87%), mp: 189-191 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.64-6.55 (m, 1H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.49, 151.40, 137.18, 132.05, 129.61, 129.24, 128.72, 127.95, 127.35, 126.35, 121.88, 115.13, 81.52, 55.59, 51.96, 28.46. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 366.1700, found: 366.1702.

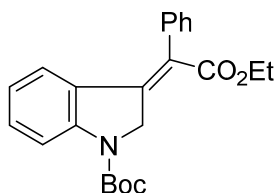


***tert-butyl 3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (5a)***:

This compound was prepared via general procedure using Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl/AgSbF<sub>6</sub> instead of IPrAu(PhCN)BAR<sub>F</sub> as catalyst and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as solvent to afford as yellow oil (51 mg, yield: 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 3.0



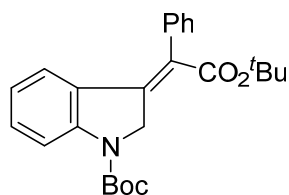
Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.54, 149.74, 137.27, 135.53, 129.49, 128.74, 128.47, 127.64, 124.60, 124.55, 122.64, 119.20, 118.04, 115.36, 83.85, 52.51, 48.69, 28.22. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 366.1700, found: 366.1702.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-ethoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4b):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (62 mg, yield: 82%), mp: 133-135 °C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.59 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.20 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 9H), 1.22 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.09, 151.39, 147.55, 137.29, 131.91, 129.60, 129.13, 127.83, 127.45, 126.35, 122.20, 121.87, 115.08, 81.45, 60.63, 55.56, 28.46, 14.29. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 380.1856, found: 380.1857.



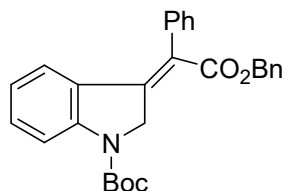
***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-(tert-butoxy)-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4c):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (58 mg, yield: 71%), mp: 133-135 °C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H), 6.58 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 1.60 (s, 9H), 1.49 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.43, 151.40, 137.83, 131.56, 129.53,

129.00, 128.41, 127.64, 126.30, 124.29, 121.85, 114.97, 81.07, 55.51, 28.48, 28.27.

HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{30}NO_4$   $[M+H]^+$ : 408.2169, found: 408.2165.

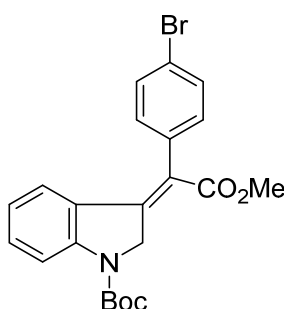


***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-(benzyloxy)-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate***

**(4d):**

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (72 mg, yield: 82%), mp: 90-92 °C.

$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.60 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 1.59 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  166.67, 151.37, 137.15, 136.43, 132.10, 129.63, 129.20, 129.13, 128.60, 128.49, 128.40, 127.91, 127.72, 127.22, 127.07, 126.41, 121.90, 115.13, 80.92, 65.89, 55.57, 28.46. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{28}H_{28}NO_4$   $[M+H]^+$ : 442.2013, found: 442.2016.

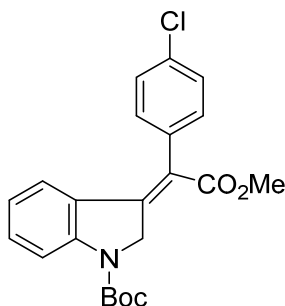


***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4e):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (64 mg, yield: 72%), mp: 181-183 °C.

$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  167.04, 151.31,

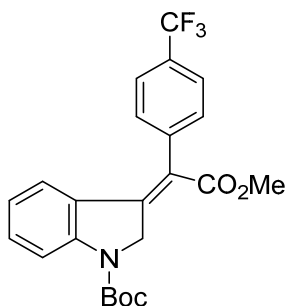
136.12, 132.49, 132.39, 132.22, 131.53, 129.38, 126.20, 122.10, 122.02, 115.29, 81.74, 55.62, 52.02, 28.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 444.0805, found: 444.0806.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4f):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (61 mg, yield: 76%), mp: 180-181 °C.

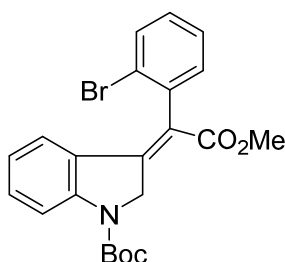
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.12, 151.32, 148.90, 135.63, 133.92, 132.37, 131.20, 129.54, 129.43, 127.00, 126.20, 121.99, 120.18, 115.28, 81.68, 55.62, 52.01, 28.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 400.1310, found: 400.1308.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4g):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (70 mg, yield: 81%), mp: 202-204 °C.

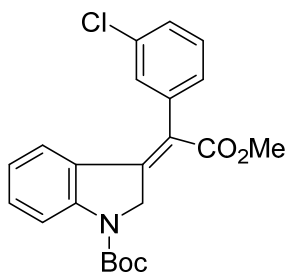
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.84, 151.29, 141.10, 132.55, 130.30, 129.90, 126.25, 126.20, 126.15, 126.10, 126.02, 122.37, 122.03, 115.37, 81.80, 55.65, 52.04, 28.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 434.1574, found: 434.1578.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4h):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (80 mg, yield: 90%), mp: 147-149 °C.

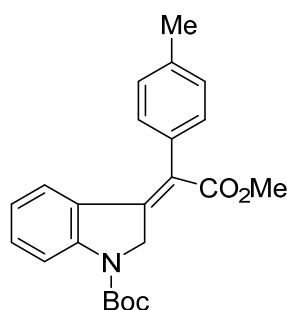
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.64 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.28-5.10 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.60, 151.32, 149.25, 147.90, 137.95, 133.22, 132.47, 131.34, 129.68, 128.28, 126.91, 125.65, 124.87, 122.21, 120.42, 115.29, 81.56, 55.51, 52.04, 28.45. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrNO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 444.0805, found: 444.0803.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4i):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (62 mg, yield: 78%), mp: 160-162 °C.

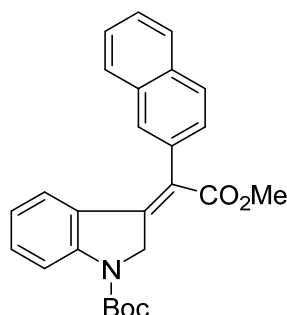
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.98, 151.31, 149.11, 147.80, 138.96, 134.91, 132.43, 130.50, 129.86, 128.17, 127.99, 126.89, 126.24, 122.04, 120.05, 115.29, 81.75, 55.59, 52.05, 28.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClNO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 400.1310, found: 400.1313.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)ethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4j):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (54 mg, yield: 67%), mp: 149-151 °C.

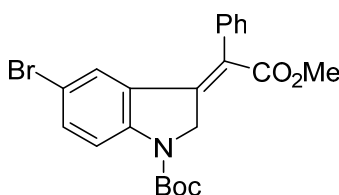
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.66, 151.42, 148.33, 147.68, 137.65, 134.09, 131.95, 130.00, 129.41, 127.47, 126.39, 121.86, 115.10, 81.47, 55.62, 51.96, 28.47, 21.47. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{NNaO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 402.1676, found: 402.1677.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4k):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (57 mg, yield: 69%), mp: 160-162 °C.

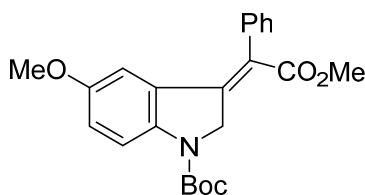
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.97-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.58, 151.42, 148.67, 147.74, 134.54, 133.85, 132.85, 132.11, 128.95, 128.56, 128.21, 127.91, 127.76, 127.31, 126.40, 126.29, 126.20, 121.97, 121.44, 115.16, 81.62, 55.71, 51.98, 28.48. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 416.1856, found: 416.1858.



***tert-butyl (Z)-5-bromo-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4l):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (66 mg, yield: 74%), mp: 206-208 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.18, 151.19, 146.55, 136.48, 134.49, 129.43, 129.32, 129.22, 129.12, 128.30, 128.18, 122.91, 116.45, 114.48, 81.93, 55.71, 52.08, 28.42. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrNO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 444.0805, found: 444.0804.

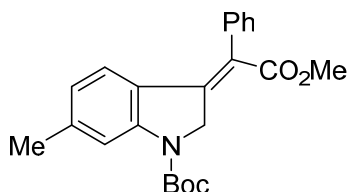


***tert-butyl (Z)-5-methoxy-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-***

**carboxylate (4m):**

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (70 mg, yield: 89%), mp: 167-169 °C.

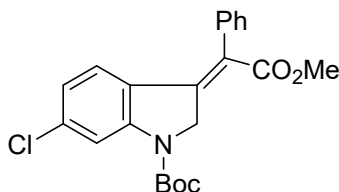
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.38, 154.44, 151.35, 148.68, 142.19, 137.17, 129.98, 129.21, 129.10, 127.93, 121.23, 120.33, 115.89, 109.05, 81.23, 55.86, 54.90, 51.95, 28.49. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 396.1805, found: 396.1803.



**tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)-6-methylindoline-1-carboxylate (4n):**

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (68 mg, yield: 90%), mp: 150-152 °C.

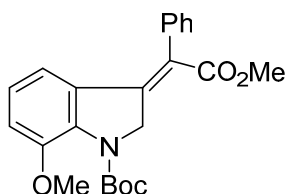
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.58, 151.48, 148.53, 147.85, 143.19, 137.37, 129.70, 129.19, 127.85, 126.00, 124.92, 123.20, 120.42, 115.55, 81.51, 55.90, 51.90, 28.46, 22.03. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 380.1856, found: 380.1857.



**tert-butyl (Z)-6-chloro-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4o):**

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (66 mg, yield: 83%), mp: 178-180 °C.

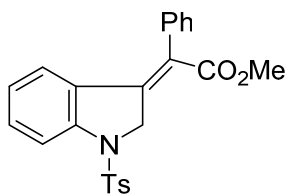
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.33, 151.17, 138.17, 136.83, 129.43, 129.35, 128.13, 126.93, 125.88, 122.28, 121.97, 115.36, 82.05, 55.93, 52.04, 28.39. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 400.1310, found: 400.1311.



***tert-butyl (Z)-7-methoxy-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4p):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (62 mg, yield: 79%), mp: 152-154 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.49-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.47, 152.55, 149.55, 149.52, 137.38, 137.04, 131.31, 129.68, 129.07, 127.95, 124.16, 122.35, 118.44, 115.07, 81.15, 58.17, 56.03, 52.01, 28.23. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 396.1805, found: 396.1804.



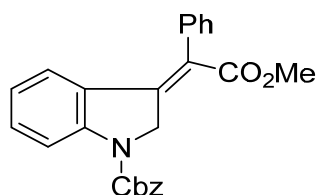
***methyl (Z)-2-phenyl-2-(1-tosylindolin-3-ylidene)acetate (4q):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (63 mg, yield: 75%), mp: 183-185 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.83-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.21 (m,



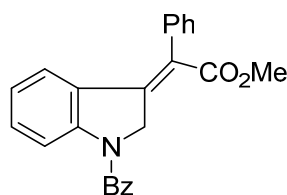
3H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.62 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.25, 147.01, 146.84, 144.49, 136.58, 134.04, 132.12, 129.91, 129.38, 129.24, 128.14, 127.82, 127.26, 126.74, 123.03, 122.73, 114.36, 56.77, 52.11, 21.61. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 420.1264, found: 420.1263.



***benzyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)indoline-1-carboxylate (4r):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (68 mg, yield: 85%), mp: 135-137 °C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.07 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.26 (m, 9H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.63 (t,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.45, 152.01, 147.98, 147.29, 136.96, 136.19, 132.15, 129.55, 129.29, 128.66, 128.33, 128.25, 128.05, 127.92, 127.40, 126.35, 122.42, 115.26, 67.32, 55.33, 52.03. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 400.1543, found: 400.1541.

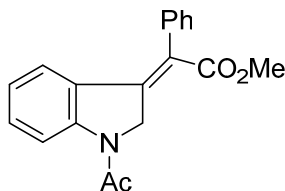


***methyl (Z)-2-(1-benzoylindolin-3-ylidene)-2-phenylacetate (4s):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (38 mg, yield: 52%), mp: 221-223 °C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.72 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.97, 167.36, 147.70, 147.55, 136.76, 136.55, 131.96, 130.78, 129.49, 129.31, 128.83, 128.38, 128.13, 127.10, 126.32,

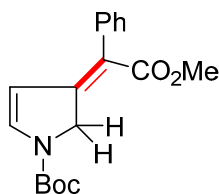
123.74, 122.12, 117.55, 58.02, 52.05. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{20}NO_3$   $[M+H]^+$ : 370.1438, found: 370.1439.



***methyl (Z)-2-(1-acetylinolin-3-ylidene)-2-phenylacetate (4t):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (41 mg, yield: 66%), mp: 193-195 °C.

$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.69 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  170.76, 168.46, 147.80, 147.53, 136.64, 132.33, 129.49, 129.33, 128.15, 127.61, 126.16, 123.33, 121.93, 117.18, 56.44, 52.10, 24.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{18}NO_3$   $[M+H]^+$ : 308.1281, found: 308.1285.

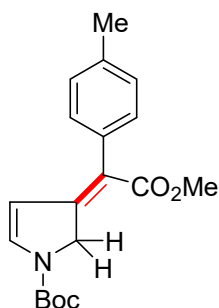


***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxylate (4u):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (40 mg, yield: 63%), mp: 101-103 °C.

The compound is a mixture of conformers in  $CDCl_3$ .  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42-7.33 (m, 2.6H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.12 (m, 2.4H), 4.58 (s, 0.6H), 4.51 (s, 0.4H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  167.44, 157.12, 150.35, 142.41, 137.02, 130.35, 128.11, 127.12, 115.97, 110.29, 82.04, 54.28, 51.58, 28.31.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.52-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C$

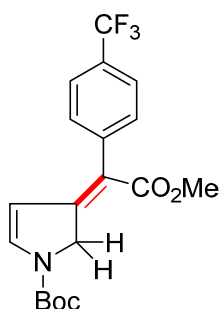
NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  166.87, 156.85, 155.87, 143.54, 137.28, 130.64, 128.53, 127.44, 115.94, 110.22, 81.93, 54.23, 51.76, 28.29. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 316.1543, found: 316.1541.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(p-tolyl)ethylidene)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxylate (4v):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a white solid (50 mg, yield: 76%), mp: 104-106 °C.

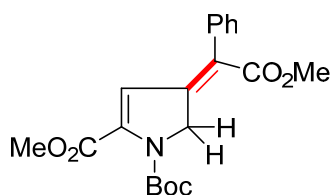
The compound is a mixture of conformers in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (s, 0.7H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 2.3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 0.7H), 5.53 (s, 0.3H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.60, 156.92, 150.37, 142.16, 136.77, 133.99, 130.17, 128.85, 115.89, 110.42, 81.98, 54.25, 51.56, 28.30, 21.26. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 330.1700, found: 330.1701.



***tert-butyl (Z)-3-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethylidene)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxylate (4w):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (43 mg, yield: 56%), mp: 116-117 °C.

The compound is a mixture of conformers in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 0.6H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (s, 0.3H), 5.54 (s, 0.7H), 5.48 (s, 0.3H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.81, 158.04, 150.15, 143.52, 142.72, 140.88, 130.80, 129.30, 129.04, 127.47, 125.30, 125.13, 125.11, 125.08, 125.05, 123.14, 109.57, 82.31, 54.42, 51.65, 28.27. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 384.1417, found: 384.1419.

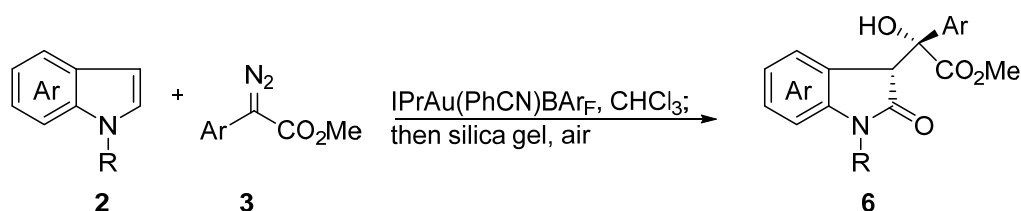


***1-(tert-butyl) 2-methyl (Z)-4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethylidene)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1,2-dicarboxylate (4x):***

This compound was prepared via general procedure as a yellow solid (57 mg, yield: 77%), mp: 110-112 °C.

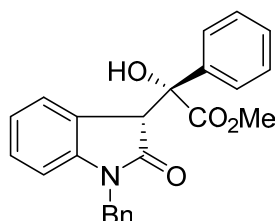
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.41-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.99, 162.52, 152.93, 150.11, 145.50, 136.30, 130.17, 128.21, 127.54, 120.18, 115.03, 82.75, 55.72, 52.69, 51.83, 28.13. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 374.1598, found: 374.1599.

**General procedure for Scheme 3**



To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAr<sub>F</sub> (5 mol%) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **2** (0.2 mmol, 1 eq.) and **3** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) in dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere. The resulting solution was stirred at RT for another 2 h. The reaction mixture was

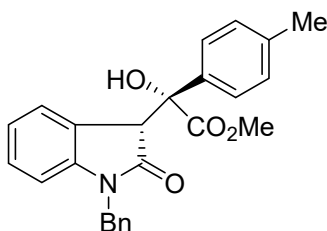
adsorbed on silica gel (5 g) by removing the solvent under vacuum; the silica gel powder was spread on a paper and exposed under air for 12-24 h. The yellow or orange color of the silica gel was disappeared. The crude product was eluted with EtOAc from the silica gel, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:10-1:5) to give compound **6**.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (6a):***

A white solid (60 mg, 77%), mp: 179-181 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.56, 174.24, 144.19, 138.91, 135.48, 128.77, 128.52, 128.47, 127.51, 127.08, 126.58, 124.82, 124.43, 122.14, 109.14, 78.73, 54.00, 53.69, 43.67. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 388.1543, found: 388.1549.

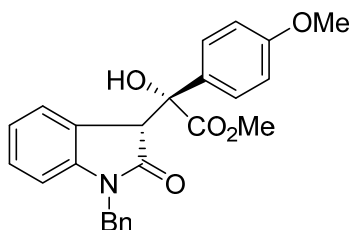


***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-(p-tolyl)acetate (6b):***

A light yellow solid (64 mg, 80%), mp: 176-178 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 7H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.60 (m, 2H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.64, 174.40, 144.17, 138.31, 135.91, 135.51, 129.24,

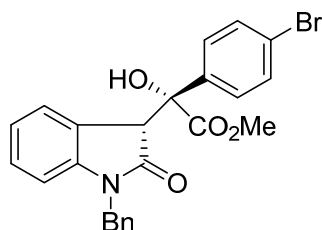
128.76, 128.42, 127.50, 127.08, 126.47, 124.90, 124.55, 122.13, 109.10, 78.68, 53.93, 53.60, 43.65, 21.17. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.1700, found: 402.1704.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl) acetate (6c):***

A white solid (68 mg, 82%), mp: 98-99 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.61, 174.45, 159.70, 144.18, 135.50, 130.84, 128.78, 128.45, 127.85, 127.52, 127.09, 124.93, 124.56, 122.17, 113.83, 109.13, 78.46, 55.37, 53.95, 53.71, 43.65. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 418.1649, found: 418.1645.

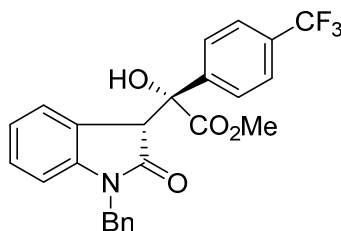


***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-hydroxyacetate (6d):***

A white solid (71 mg, 76%), mp: 147-149 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.28, 173.75, 144.18, 138.05, 135.36, 131.68, 128.79, 128.66, 128.43, 127.57, 127.06, 124.74, 124.11, 122.88, 122.28, 109.28, 78.50, 54.16, 53.50, 43.69. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for

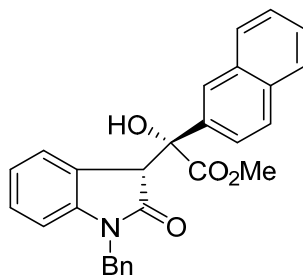
$C_{24}H_{21}BrNO_4$   $[M+H]^+$ : 466.0648, found: 466.0651.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (6e):***

A white solid (59 mg, 65%), mp: 156-158 °C.

$^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.10 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd,  $J = 16.3, 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  174.17, 173.53, 144.20, 142.96, 135.33, 130.95, 130.69, 128.81, 128.75, 127.61, 127.16, 127.07, 125.51, 125.48, 124.55, 123.94, 122.31, 109.36, 78.65, 54.29, 53.55, 43.73. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{21}F_3NO_4$   $[M+H]^+$ : 456.1417, found: 456.1421.

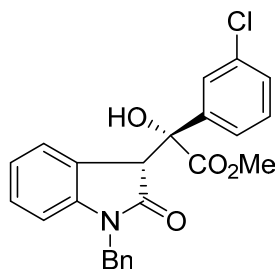


***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-(naphthalen-2-yl) acetate (6f):***

A white solid (65 mg, 74%), mp: 162-164 °C.

$^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.22 (s, 1H), 7.97-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.04 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.69-6.51 (m, 2H), 5.92 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  174.64, 174.23, 144.18, 136.15, 135.48, 133.11, 133.05, 128.80, 128.71, 128.51, 128.32, 127.63, 127.54, 127.08, 126.75, 126.57, 126.19, 124.90, 124.38, 124.19, 122.25, 109.18, 79.02, 54.08, 53.38, 43.71.

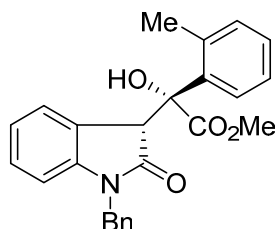
HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{28}H_{24}NO_4$   $[M+H]^+$ : 438.1700, found: 438.1704.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxindolin-3-yl)-2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-hydroxyacetate (6g):***

A light yellow solid (59 mg, 70%), mp: 110-112 °C.

$^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.10 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.98 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  174.22, 173.69, 144.18, 141.06, 135.36, 134.77, 129.77, 128.80, 128.77, 128.67, 127.56, 127.04, 126.92, 124.88, 124.71, 124.04, 122.27, 109.29, 78.37, 54.24, 53.59, 43.69. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{21}ClNO_4$   $[M+H]^+$ : 422.1154, found: 422.1158.

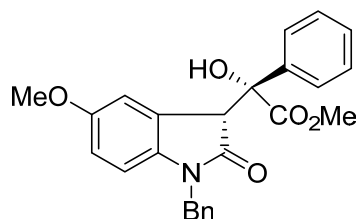


***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-2-oxindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-(o-tolyl)acetate (6h):***

A white solid (41 mg, 51%), mp: 129-130 °C.

$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.18 (m, 8H), 7.11 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.87 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  174.87, 174.18, 144.25, 137.54, 136.41, 135.54, 133.29, 128.78, 128.62, 128.51, 128.47, 127.53, 127.13, 126.06, 125.05, 124.89, 122.40, 109.14, 80.58, 53.83, 52.30, 43.70, 22.59. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{24}NO_4$   $[M+H]^+$ : 402.1700, found: 402.1697.

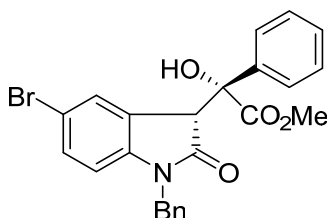




***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-5-methoxy-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (6i):***

A white solid (67 mg, 81%), mp: 148-149 °C.

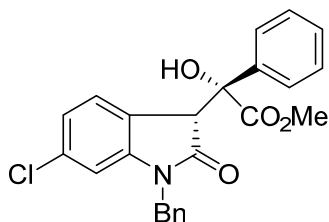
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.51-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.59 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 4.15 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.17, 155.20, 138.87, 137.60, 135.56, 128.77, 128.56, 127.50, 127.08, 126.67, 125.58, 113.38, 111.86, 109.45, 78.70, 55.27, 54.11, 54.03, 43.73. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 418.1649, found: 418.1652.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-5-bromo-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (6j):***

A white solid (69 mg, 74%), mp: 148-150 °C.

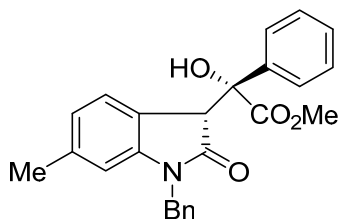
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.23 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 5.02 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  173.93, 173.89, 143.20, 138.34, 134.98, 131.25, 128.86, 128.83, 128.68, 128.19, 127.69, 127.01, 126.44, 126.42, 114.93, 110.45, 78.64, 54.09, 53.79, 43.73. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrNO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 466.0648, found: 466.0651.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-6-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (6k):***

A light yellow solid (63 mg, 75%), mp: 181-183 °C.

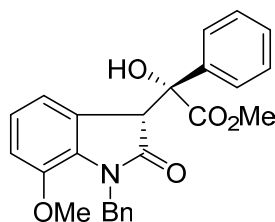
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.23 (m, 5H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.78 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.49, 173.97, 145.42, 138.60, 134.93, 134.37, 128.92, 128.68, 128.64, 127.75, 127.03, 126.49, 125.68, 122.80, 122.08, 109.72, 78.62, 54.08, 53.39, 43.77. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 422.1154, found: 422.1158.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-6-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (6l):***

A light yellow solid (63 mg, 78%), mp: 196-198 °C.

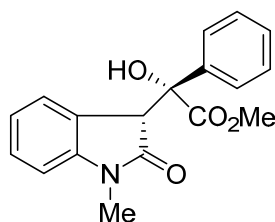
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.48 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 5.79 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J = 15.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.11 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.92, 174.32, 144.31, 139.01, 138.69, 135.64, 128.79, 128.52, 128.48, 127.47, 127.01, 126.61, 124.53, 122.83, 121.40, 110.00, 78.74, 54.00, 53.53, 43.60, 21.76. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 402.1700, found: 402.1697.



***methyl 2-(1-benzyl-7-methoxy-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate (6m):***

A white solid (44 mg, 53%), mp: 130-132 °C.

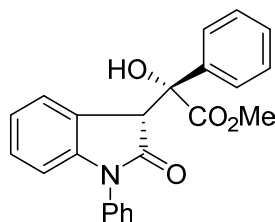
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.13 (m, 5H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.62 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.77, 174.31, 144.92, 138.97, 138.26, 132.42, 128.50, 128.46, 128.32, 126.92, 126.81, 126.65, 125.99, 122.72, 117.59, 112.90, 78.84, 55.73, 54.01, 53.83, 45.76. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_5$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 418.1649, found: 418.1652.



***methyl 2-hydroxy-2-(1-methyl-2-oxoindolin-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate (6n):***

A white solid (42 mg, 67%), mp: 156-157 °C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (td,  $J = 7.8, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.21 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.41, 174.25, 145.03, 138.91, 128.59, 128.52, 128.47, 126.55, 124.72, 124.40, 122.15, 108.09, 78.51, 53.95, 53.73, 26.18. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 312.1230, found: 312.1234.



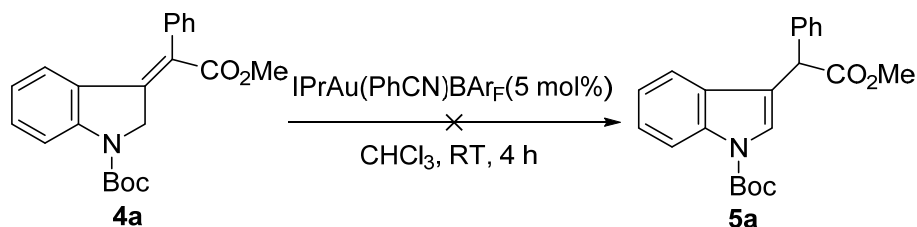
***methyl 2-hydroxy-2-(2-oxo-1-phenylindolin-3-yl)-2-phenylacetate (6o):***

A white solid (44 mg, 59%), mp: 175-177 °C.

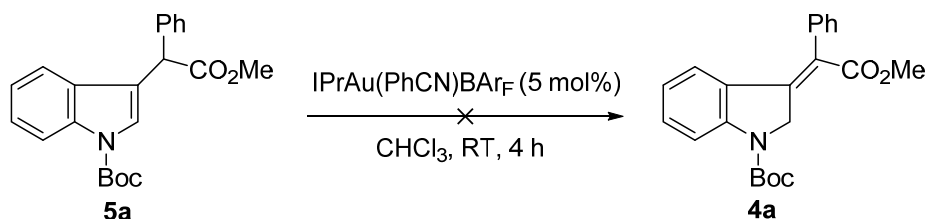
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (t,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 5.97 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 1H), 4.16 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  174.09, 174.01, 145.19, 138.84, 134.25, 129.63, 128.56, 128.53, 128.47, 128.21, 126.77, 126.59, 125.02, 124.27, 122.53, 109.38, 78.84, 53.96, 53.94. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 374.1387, found: 374.1385.

**Mechanistic studies on the dearomatization reaction of Scheme 4**

**1. Scheme 4a**



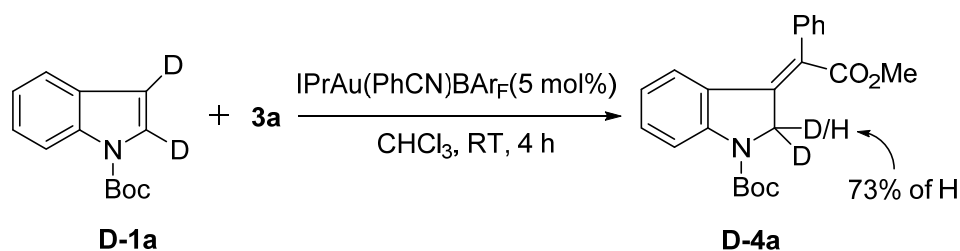
To a dry Schlenk tube was added  $\text{IPrAu}(\text{PhCN})\text{BAR}_\text{F}$  (16 mg, 0.01 mmol), **4a** (73 mg, 0.2 mmol) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (4 mL) under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 4 h at RT, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60:1) to recover compound **4a**



To a dry Schlenk tube was added  $\text{IPrAu}(\text{PhCN})\text{BAR}_\text{F}$  (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$

(2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **5a** (73 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 2 mL dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was added under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 4 h at RT, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 60:1) to recover compound **5a**.

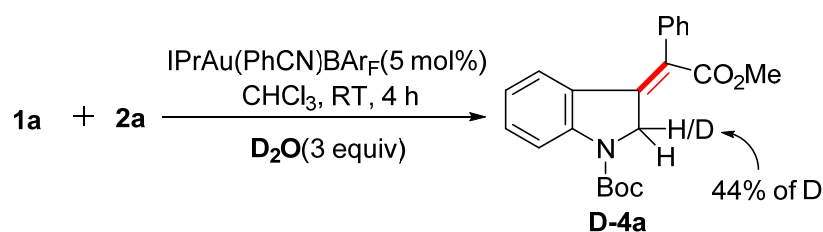
## 2. Scheme 4b



To a dry Schlenk tube was added  $\text{IPrAu(PhCN)BAR}_f$  (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **D-1a** (44 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **3a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 2 h at RT, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) to give product **D-4a** (65 mg, yield: 89%) as a white solid, mp: 190-192 °C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 3H), 6.59 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 0.73H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.51, 151.43, 148.28, 147.77, 137.18, 132.07, 129.61, 129.26, 127.98, 127.39, 126.36, 121.90, 115.14, 99.99, 81.53, 55.56, 52.00, 28.48. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{D}_2\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 368.1825, found: 368.1823.

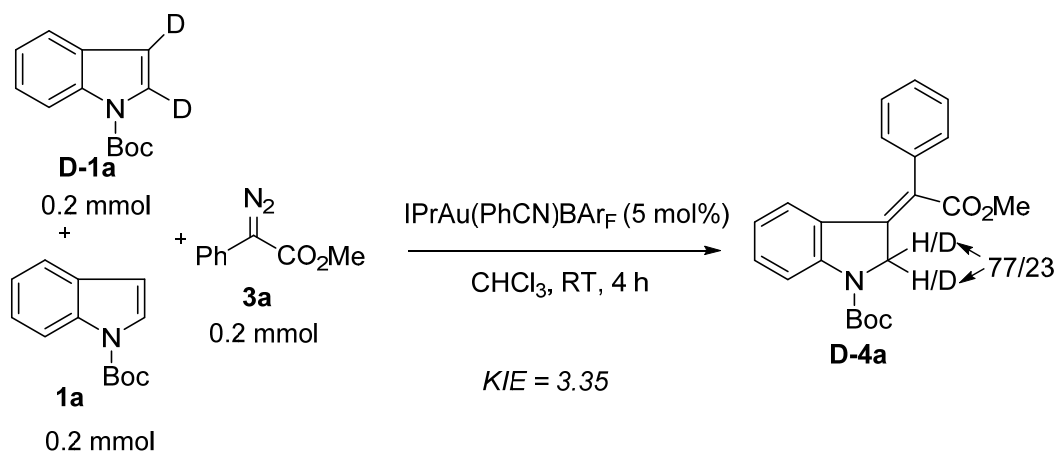
## 3. Scheme 4c



To a dry Schlenk tube was added  $\text{IPrAu(PhCN)BAR}_f$  (16 mg, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (12

mg, 0.6 mmol) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **1a** (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **2a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 2 h at RT, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) to give product **D-4a** as a white solid (61 mg, yield: 84%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.66-6.53 (m, 1H), 5.99 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.11 (m, 1.56H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.51, 151.42, 137.18, 132.08, 129.61, 129.27, 127.98, 127.32, 126.37, 121.90, 115.14, 81.57, 55.61, 52.00, 28.48. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{DNO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 367.1763, found: 367.1764.

#### 4. Scheme 4d



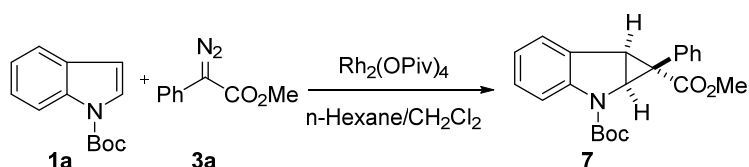
To a dry Schlenk tube was added  $\text{IPrAu}(\text{PhCN})\text{BAR}_\text{F}$  (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **1a** (43.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), **D-1a** (43.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **3a** (35.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere. After stirring for 2 h at RT, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) to give product **D-4a** (59 mg, yield: 80%) as a white solid. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis showed that the KIE value was 3.35.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.68-6.53 (m, 1H), 6.00 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.08 (m, 1.54H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.52, 151.42, 137.19, 132.08, 129.62,

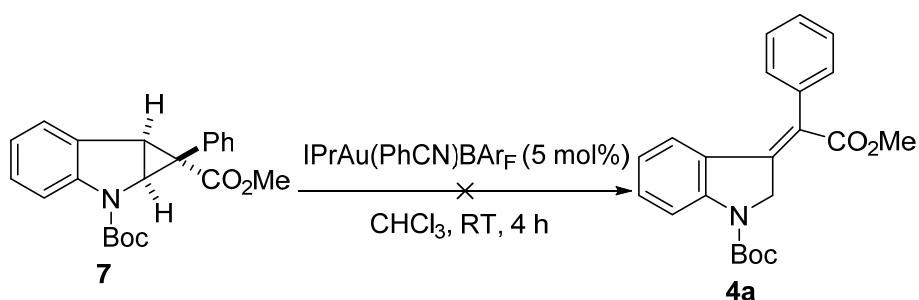
129.26, 128.92, 127.98, 127.20, 126.36, 121.90, 121.57, 115.15, 81.53, 77.39, 77.07, 76.75, 55.61, 51.99, 28.48.

## 5. Scheme 4e

Preparation of compound **7**: (**7** was prepared according to the similar literature procedure.)<sup>[6]</sup>



To a tube was added **1a** (217 mg, 1 mmol),  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{OPiv})_4$  (3.05 mg, 0.005 mmol) and  $n\text{-Hexane}$  (5 mL) under argon atmosphere, then **3a** (176 mg, 1 mmol) in  $n\text{-Hexane}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3.5 mL/1.5 mL) was added via a syringe pump over 1.5 h. After stirred at rt for 1 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{petroleum ether} = 1:4-1:1$ ) to give **7** (102 mg, yield: 28%) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  7.56-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34-6.87 (m, 8H), 4.79 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.56 (d,  $J = 25.5$  Hz, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  173.02, 151.41, 132.32, 130.84, 128.91, 128.04, 127.63, 126.61, 126.31, 122.79, 114.26, 114.13, 81.90, 53.02, 50.38, 35.25, 31.64, 28.33.

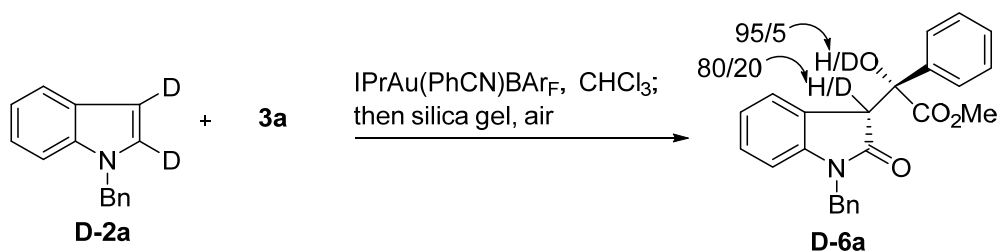


To a dry Schlenk tube was added  $\text{IPrAu}(\text{PhCN})\text{BAR}_f$  (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL), then **7** (73 mg, 0.2 mmol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere. The reaction solution was stirred for 4 h at RT. The reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel ( $\text{petroleum ether}/\text{ethyl acetate} = 15:1$ )

to recover 7.

## Mechanistic studies on the aerobic oxidation of Scheme 5

### 1. Scheme 5a

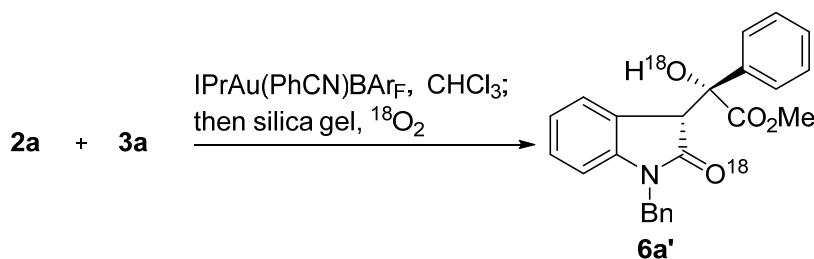


To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAR<sub>F</sub> (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **D-2a** (42 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **3a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere, then the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 2 h. The mixture was adsorbed on silica gel (5 g) by removing the solvent under vacuum; the silica gel powder was spread on a paper and exposed under air for 12 h. The yellow color of silica gel was disappeared. The crude product was eluted with EtOAc from the silica gel, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:10-1:5) to give compound **D-6a** (57 mg, 73%) as a white solid, mp: 179-180 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 0.8H), 4.14 (s, 0.95H), 4.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.58, 174.27, 144.19, 138.91, 135.49, 128.80, 128.55, 128.50, 127.53, 127.09, 126.60, 124.83, 124.44, 122.17, 109.17, 78.74, 54.04, 53.71, 43.68. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>D<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 390.1669, found: 390.1666.

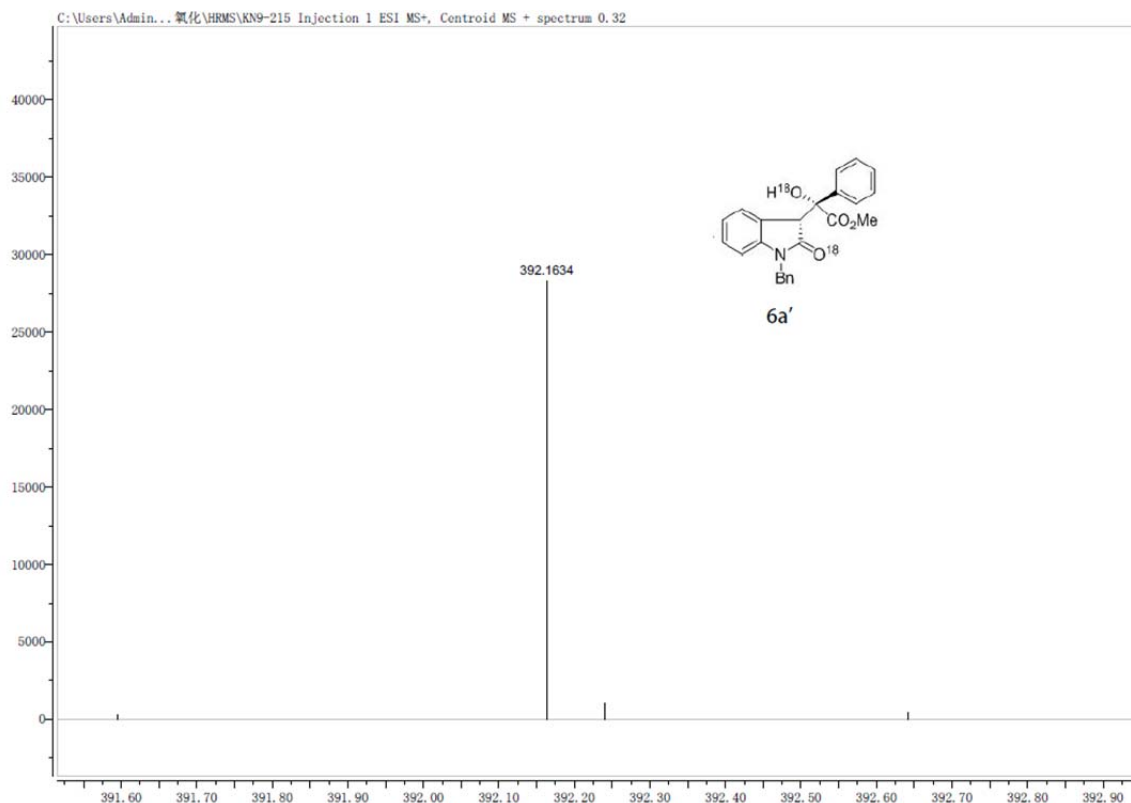
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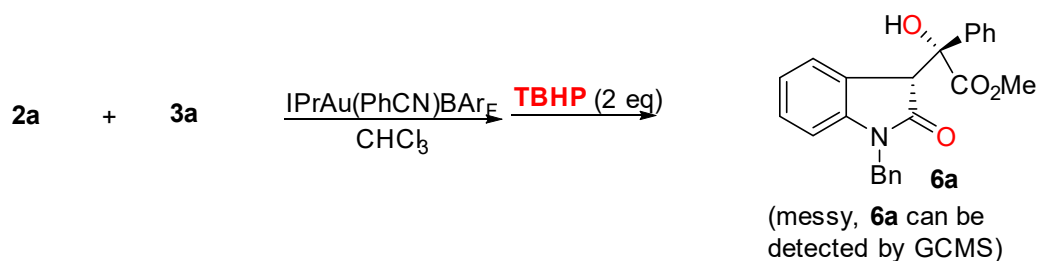


To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAR<sub>F</sub> (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **2a** (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **3a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere, then the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 2 h. To the reaction solution was added silica gel (5 g) and removed the solvent under vacuum, then the silica gel powder was stirred in a flask under a <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> balloon for 12 h and the color of silica gel was disappeared. The crude product was eluted with EtOAc from the silica gel, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:10-1:5) to give compound **6a'** as a white solid (61 mg, 78%), mp: 179-180 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.57, 174.26, 144.18, 138.90, 135.48, 128.79, 128.54, 128.49, 127.53, 127.08, 126.59, 124.82, 124.43, 122.16, 109.16, 78.71, 54.03, 53.70, 43.68. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 392.1628, found: 392.1634.

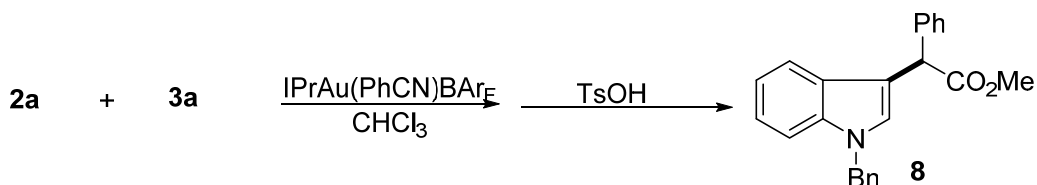


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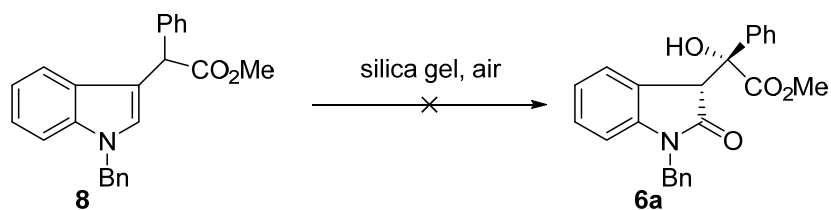
To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAR<sub>F</sub> (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **2a** (41 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **3a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere, then the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 2 h. To the reaction solution was added 70% TBHP (51 mg, 0.4 mmol), the solution was stirred at RT for 12 h. TLC analysis showed the reaction was messy, but **6a** can be detected by GCMS.

### 4. Scheme 5d

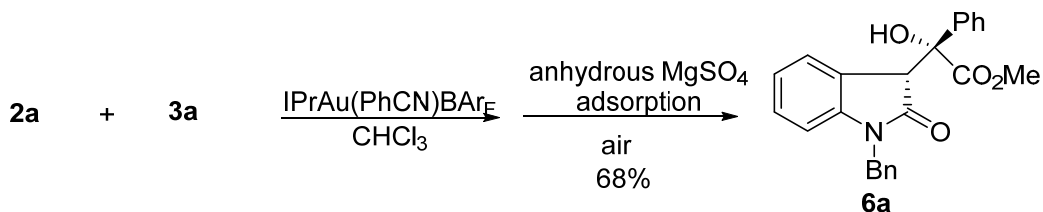


To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAR<sub>F</sub> (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **2a** (41 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **3a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere, then the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 2 h. To the reaction solution was added TsOH (0.1 eq), then removed the solvent under vacuum, the crude residue was exposed under air for 1 h. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:30-1:15) to give **8**<sup>[7]</sup> (50 mg, 70%) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.01 (m, 7H), 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.47, 138.66, 137.48, 136.70, 128.79, 128.59, 128.45, 127.61, 127.45, 127.35, 127.29, 126.70, 122.09, 119.53, 119.24, 112.66, 109.93, 52.35, 50.18, 48.89.

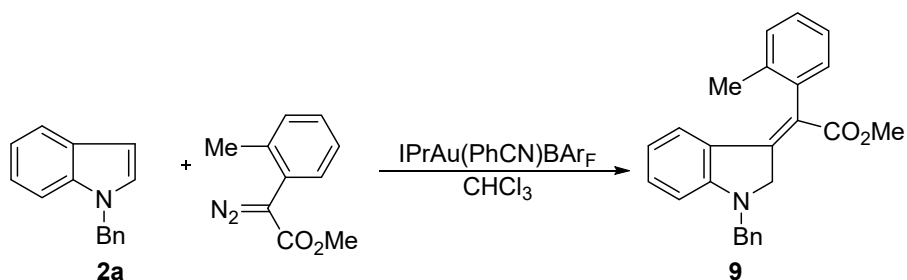


To a solution of **8** (71 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (4 mL) was added silica gel (5 g), then the solvent was removed under vacuum to obtain the silica gel powder which was spread on a paper and exposed under air for 12 h. **8** was not converted to **6a**.



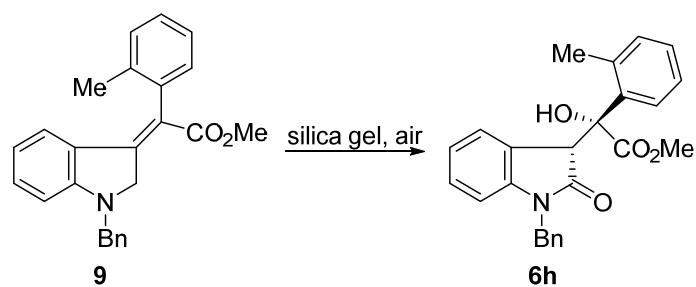
To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAR<sub>F</sub> (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **2a** (41 mg, 0.2 mmol) and **3a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere, then the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 2 h. The mixture was adsorbed on anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (5 g) by removing the solvent under vacuum; the powder was spread on a paper and exposed under air for 12 h. The crude product was eluted with EtOAc from MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:10-1:5) to give compound **6a** (53 mg, 68%).

## 5. Scheme 5e

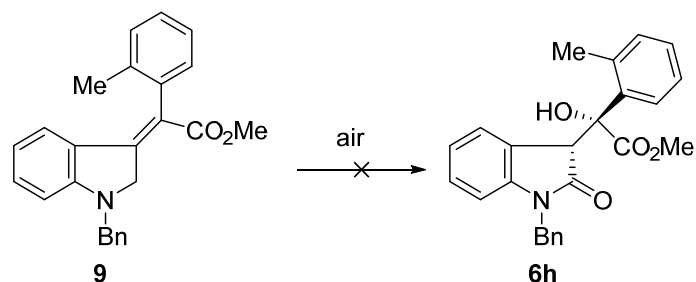


To a dry Schlenk tube was added IPrAu(PhCN)BAR<sub>F</sub> (16 mg, 0.01 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) under an argon atmosphere, then **2a** (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and methyl 2-diazo-2-(o-tolyl)acetate (57 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2 mL dry CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added via a syringe pump over 2 h under an argon atmosphere, then the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 2 h. The reaction solution was concentrated; the crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:30-1:15) to give **9** as yellow oil (48 mg, 65%). [Note: (1) The silica gel was pretreated with TEA. (2) The product was unstable.]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.38-7.23 (m, 8H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 4.69-4.58 (m, 2H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Acetone) δ 166.75, 156.32, 151.80, 138.17, 137.47, 136.93, 132.57, 130.23, 129.85, 128.65, 127.80, 127.61, 127.30, 126.62, 126.13, 124.56, 118.21, 116.56, 107.57, 59.07, 50.75, 50.19, 18.72. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 370.1802, found: 370.1805.



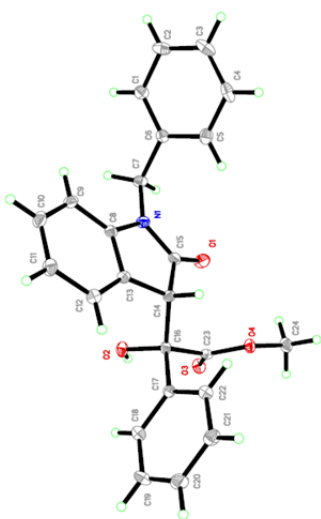
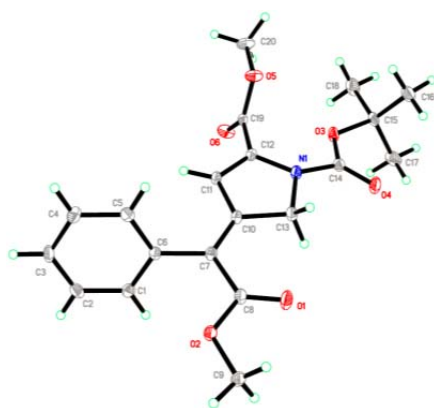
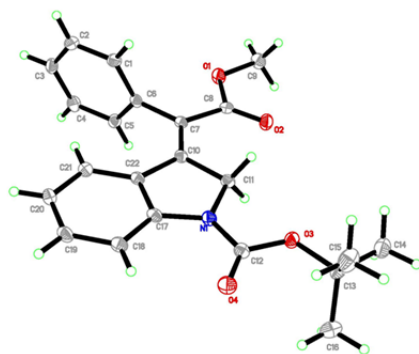
To a solution of **9** (37 mg, 0.1 mmol) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (4 mL) was added silica gel (5 g), then the solvent was removed under vacuum to obtain the silica gel powder which was spread on a paper and exposed under air for 24 h. The yellow color of silica gel was almost disappeared. The crude product was eluted with EtOAc from the silica gel, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc/Petroleum ether = 1:10-1:5) to give **6h** (28 mg, 73%).

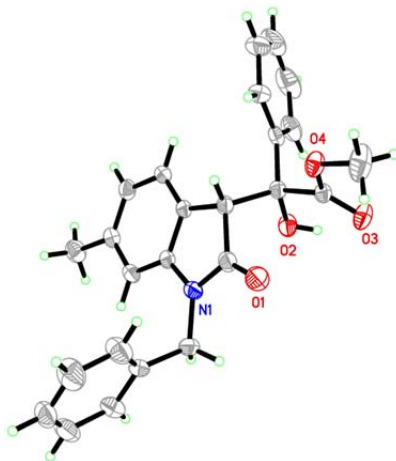


**9** was exposed under air for 24 h. TLC analysis showed **6h** was not generated.

### X-ray structure of **4a**, **4x**, **6a** and **6l**

The crystal structures have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 1551068, **4a**), (CCDC 1551070, **4x**), (CCDC 1572912, **6a**) and (CCDC 1572913, **6l**). The data can be obtained free of charge via the internet at [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).





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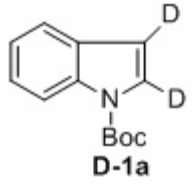
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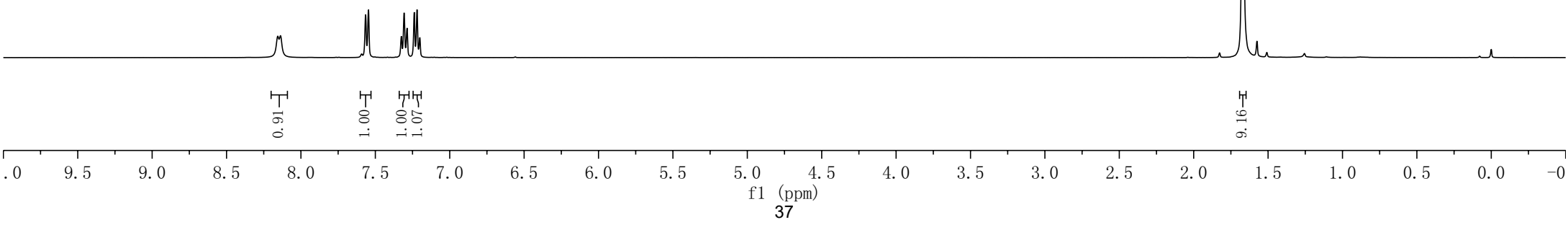
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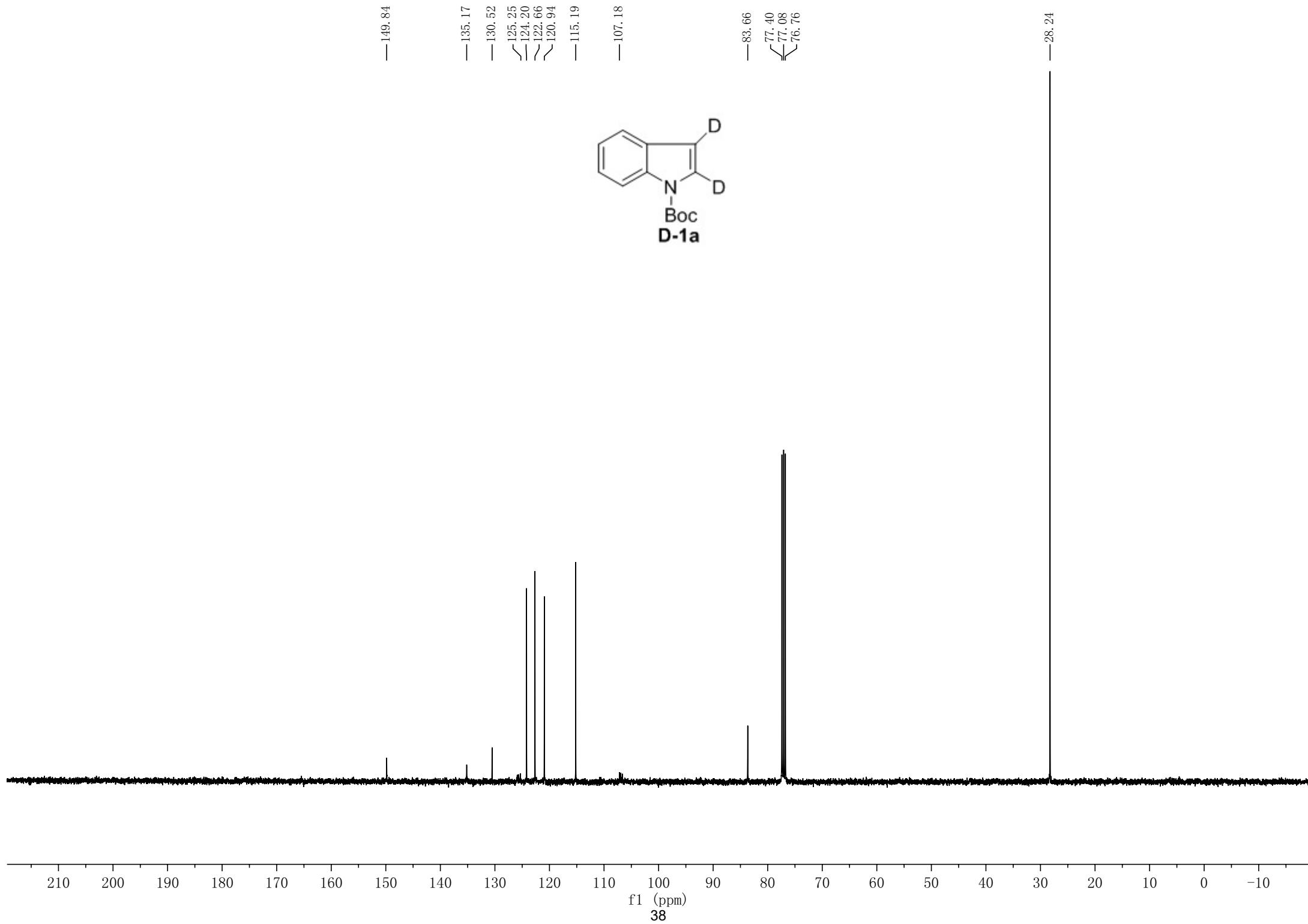
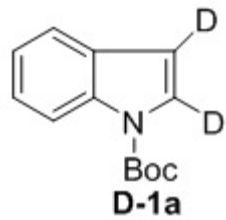


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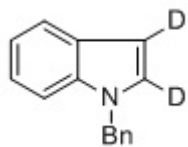


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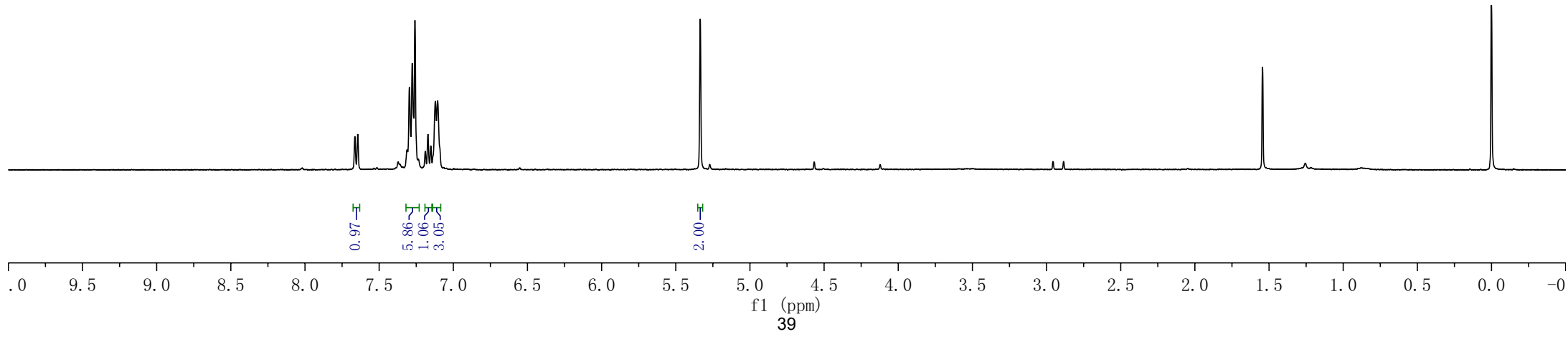
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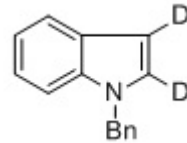
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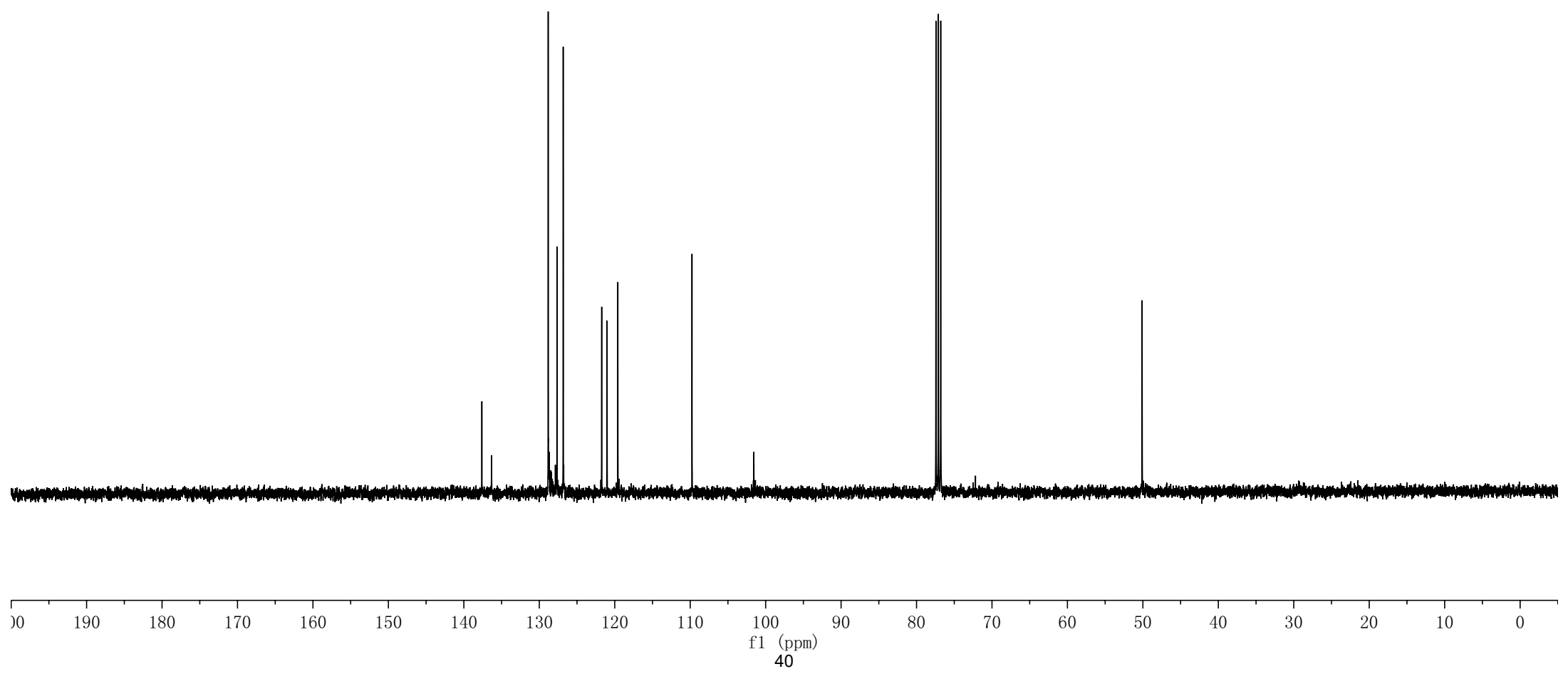
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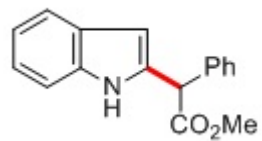
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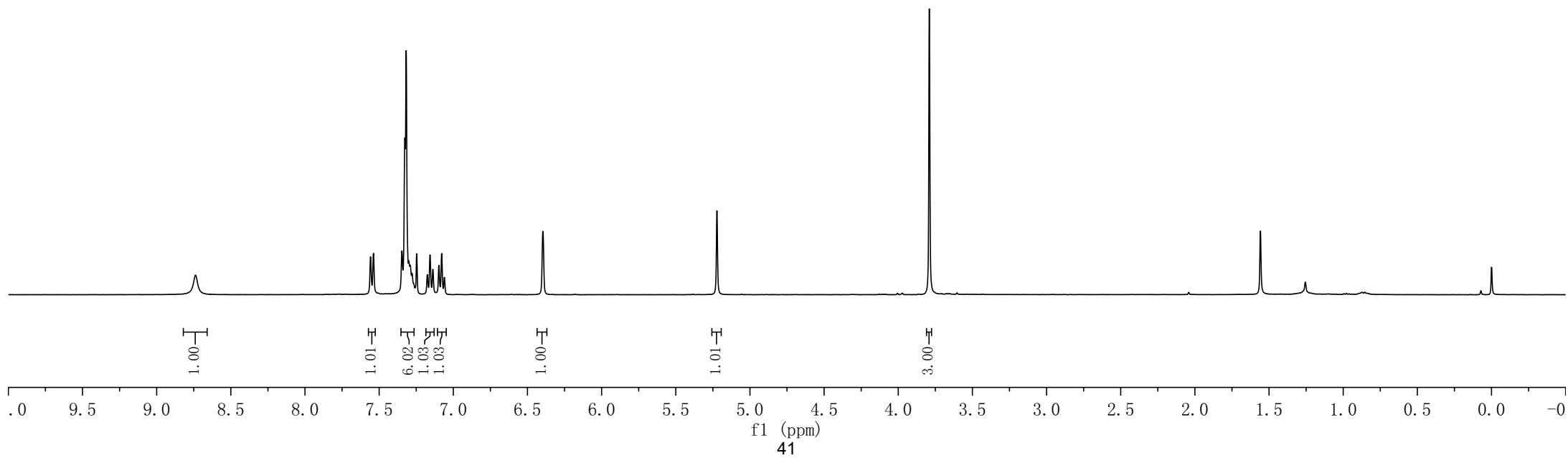
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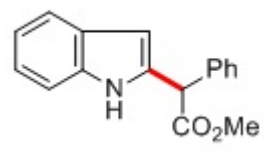
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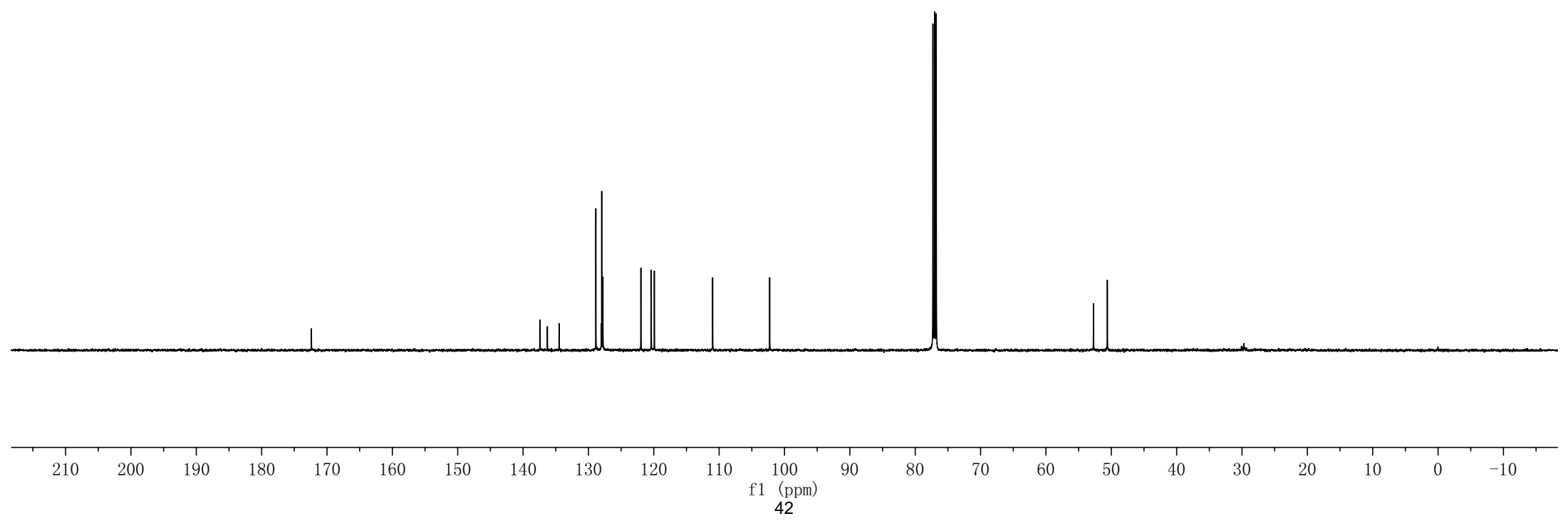
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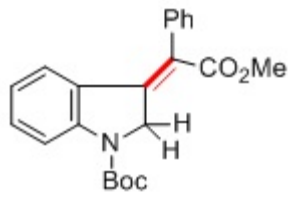
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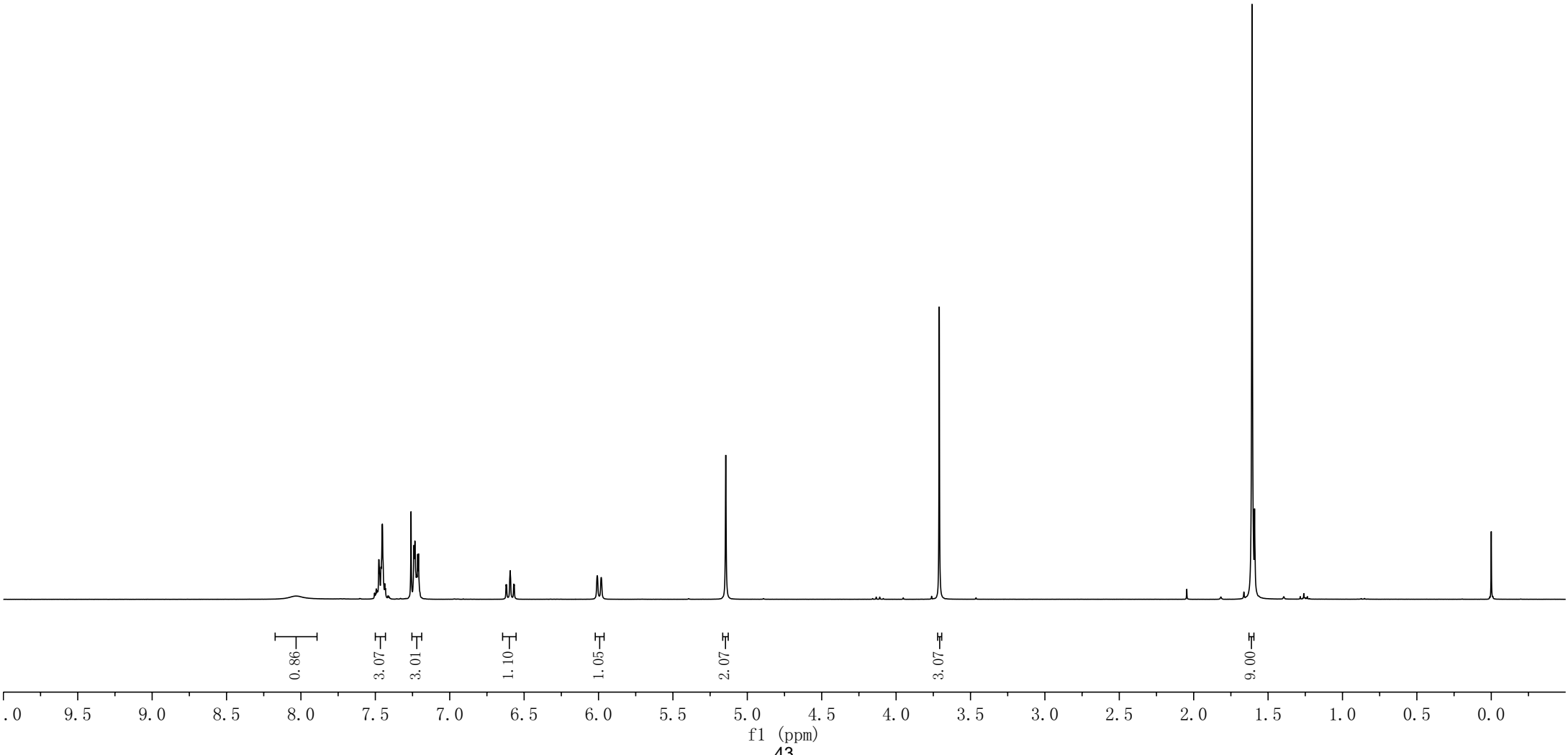


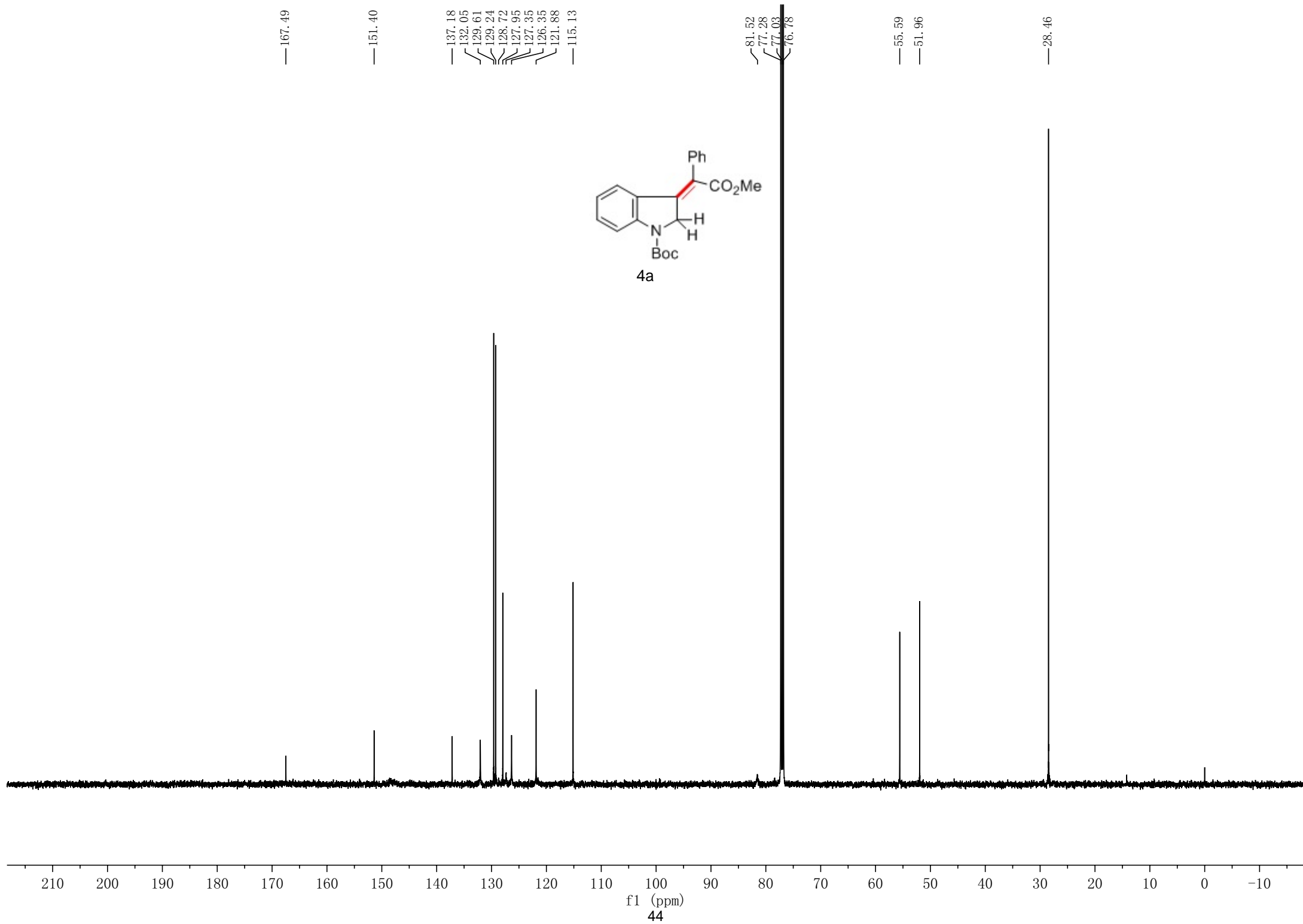
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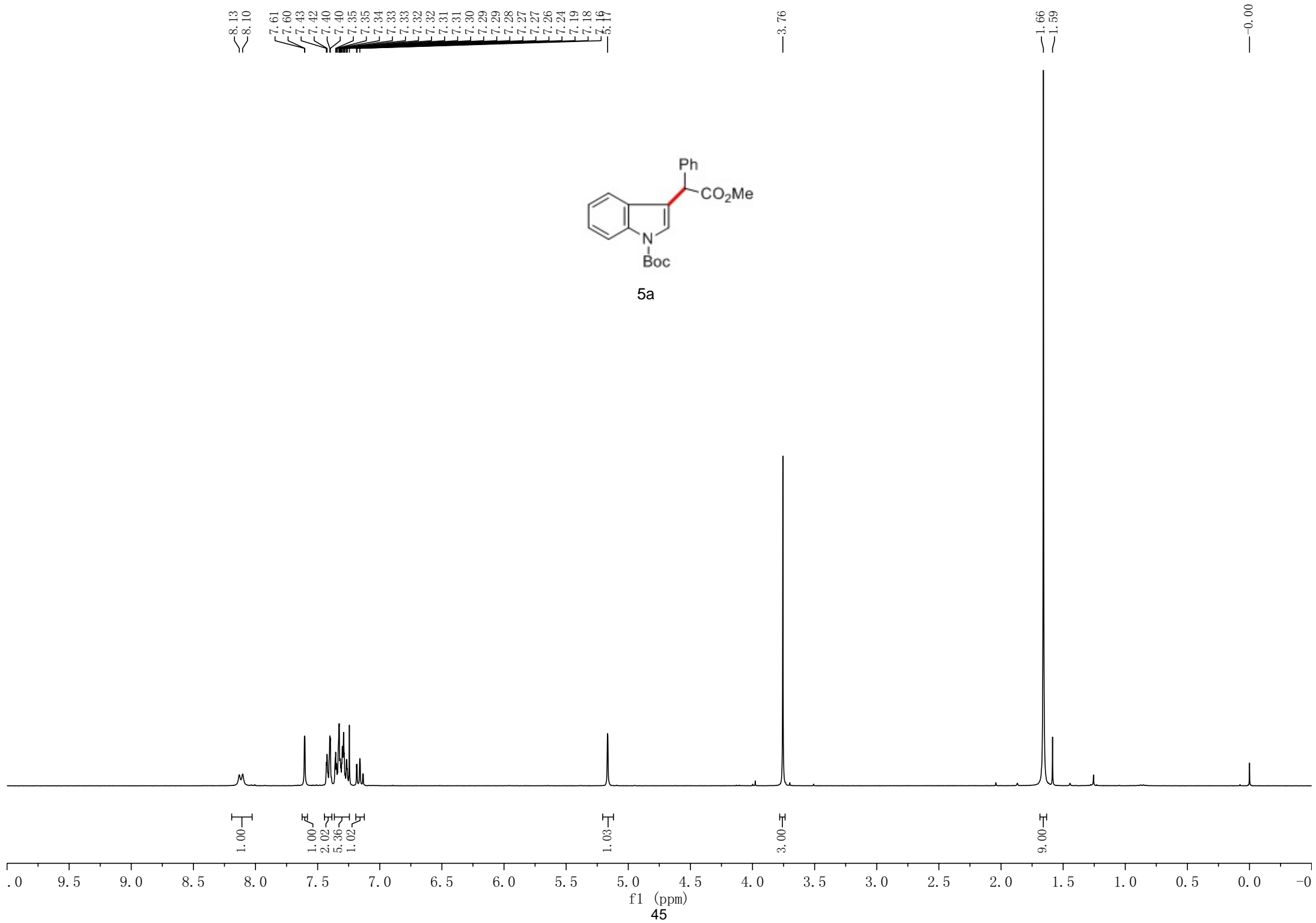
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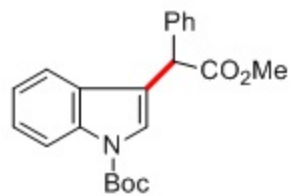
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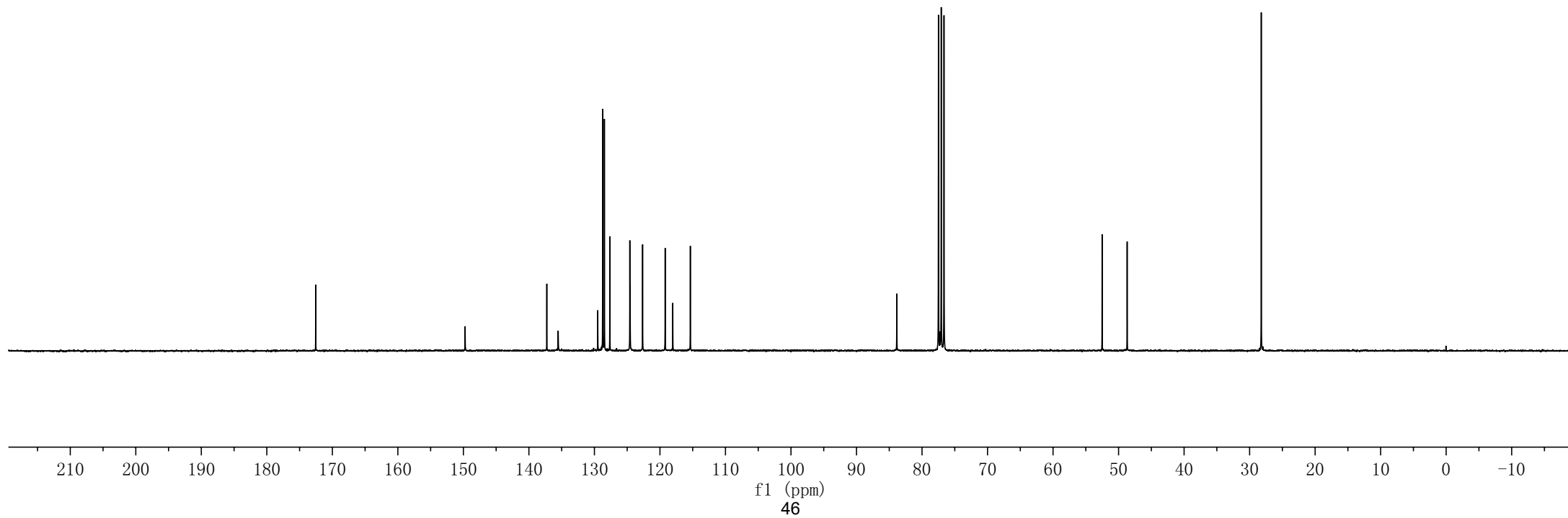
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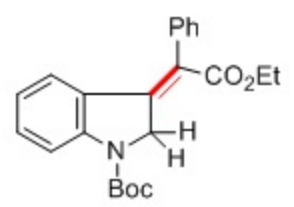
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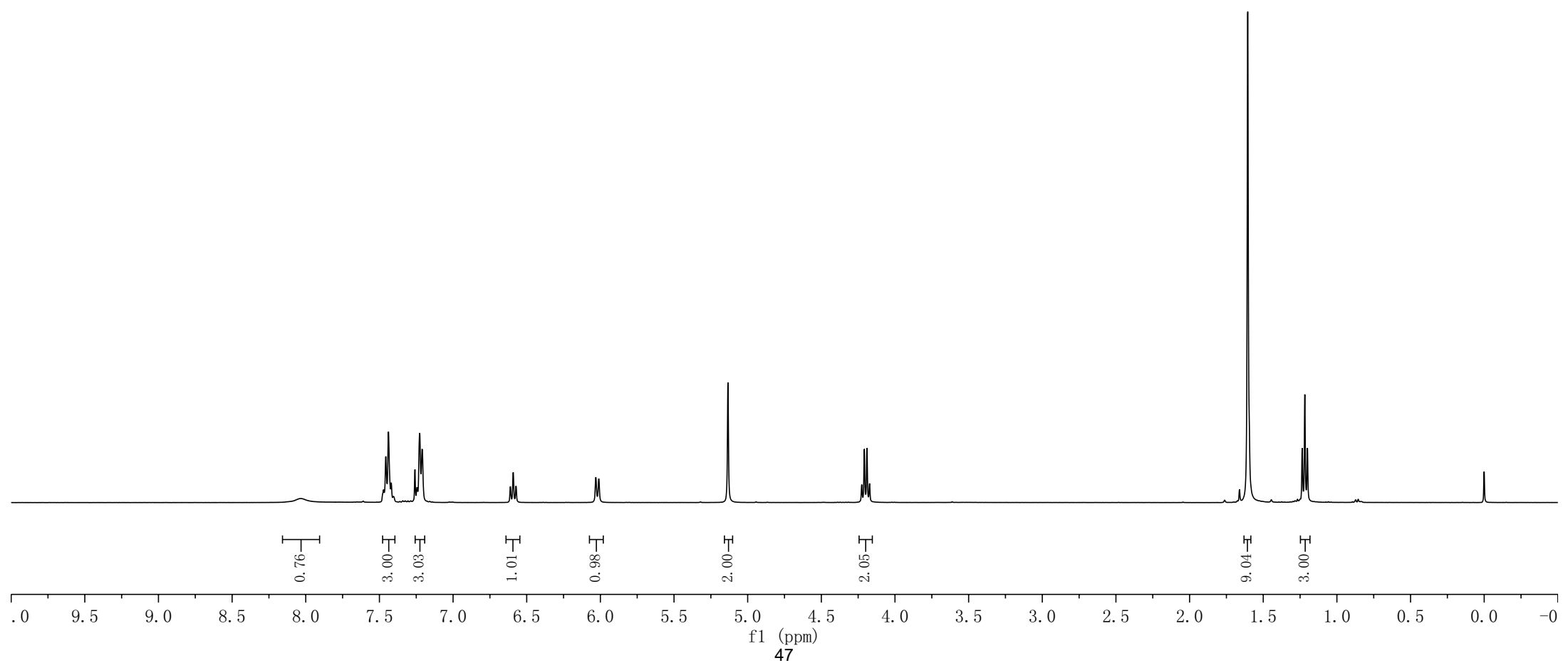
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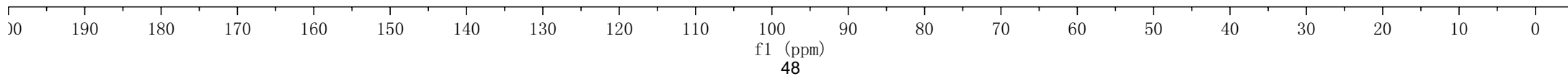
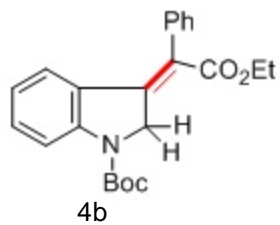
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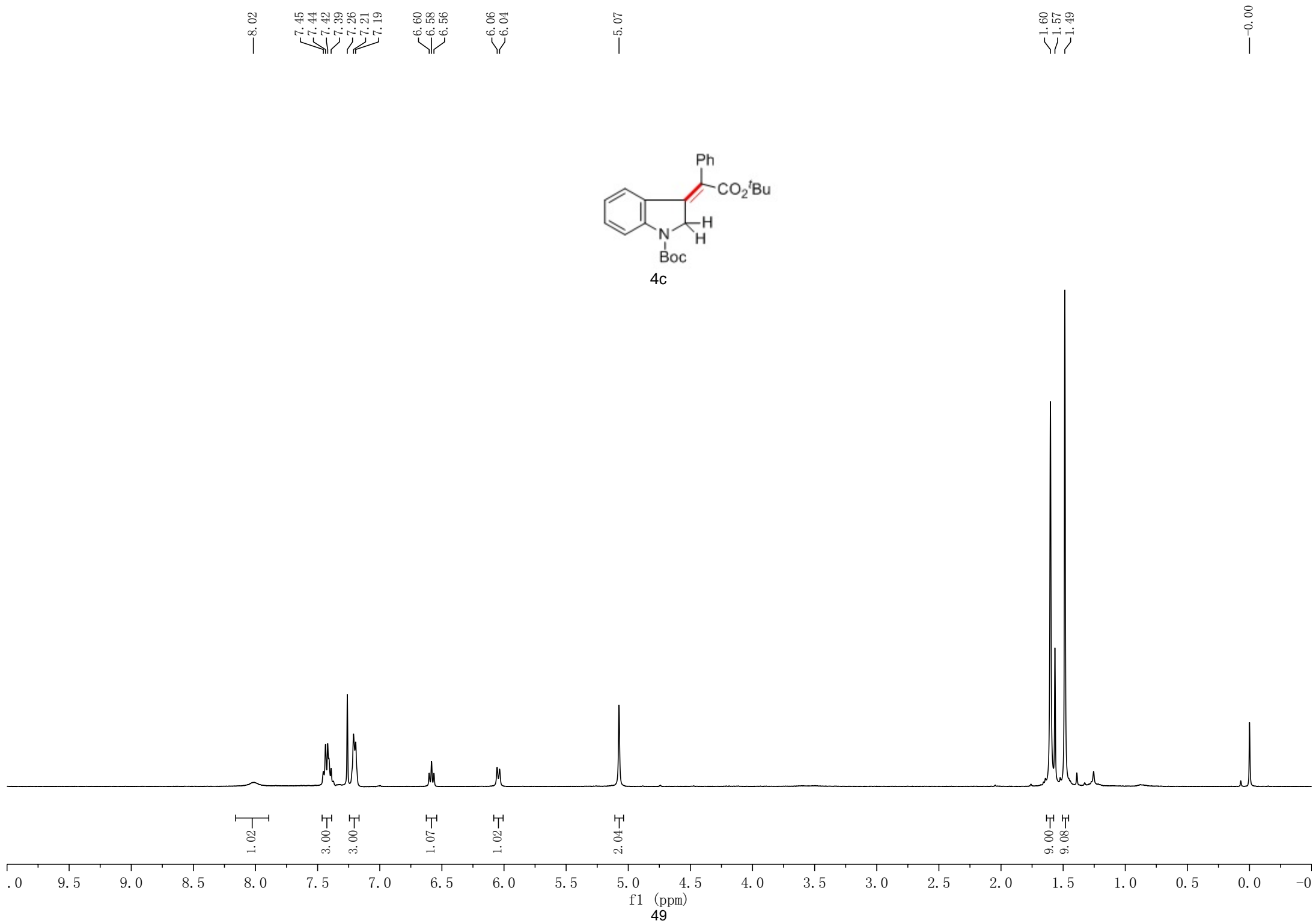
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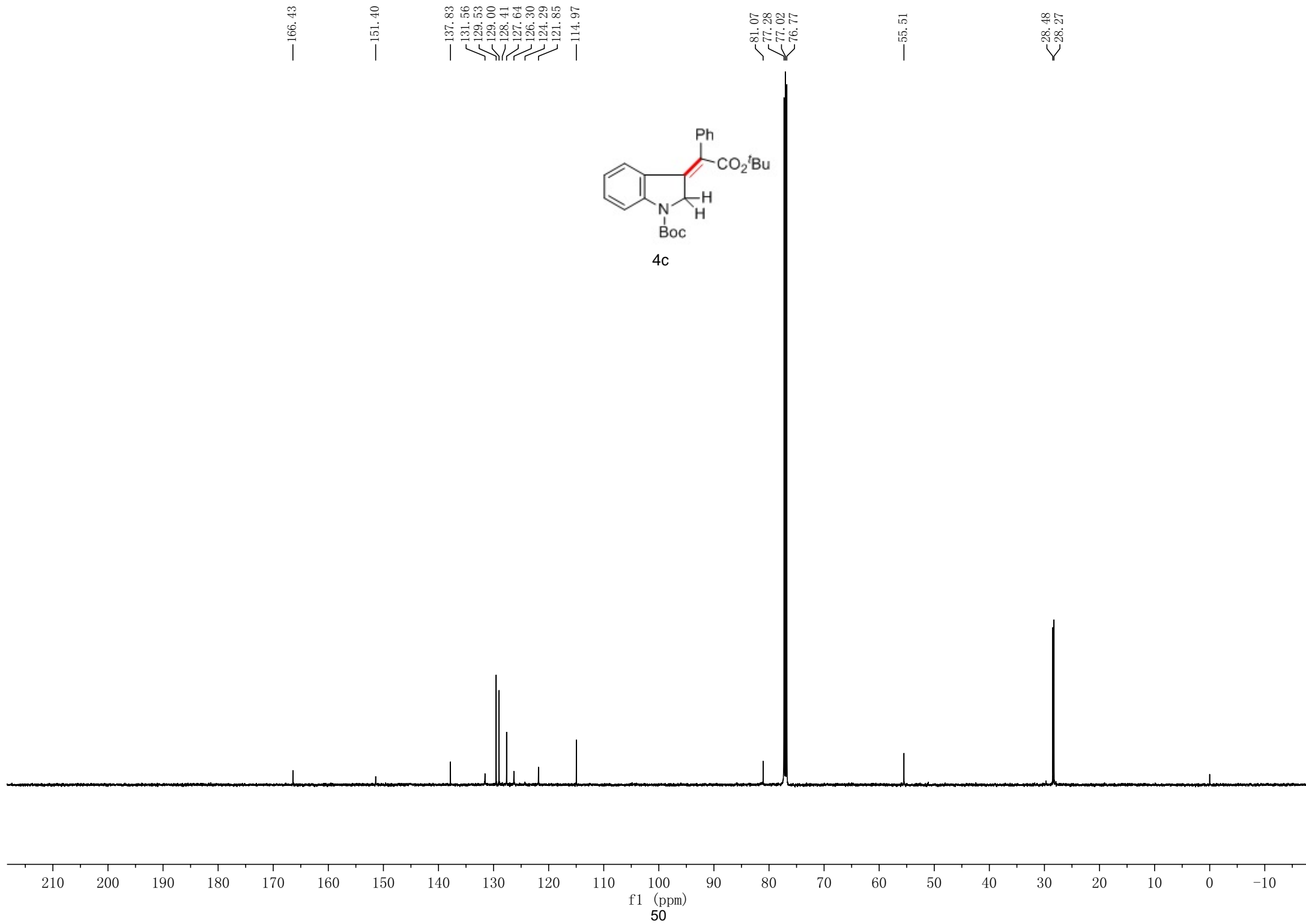
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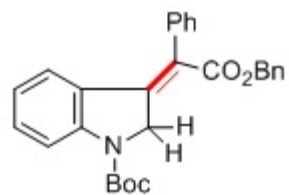
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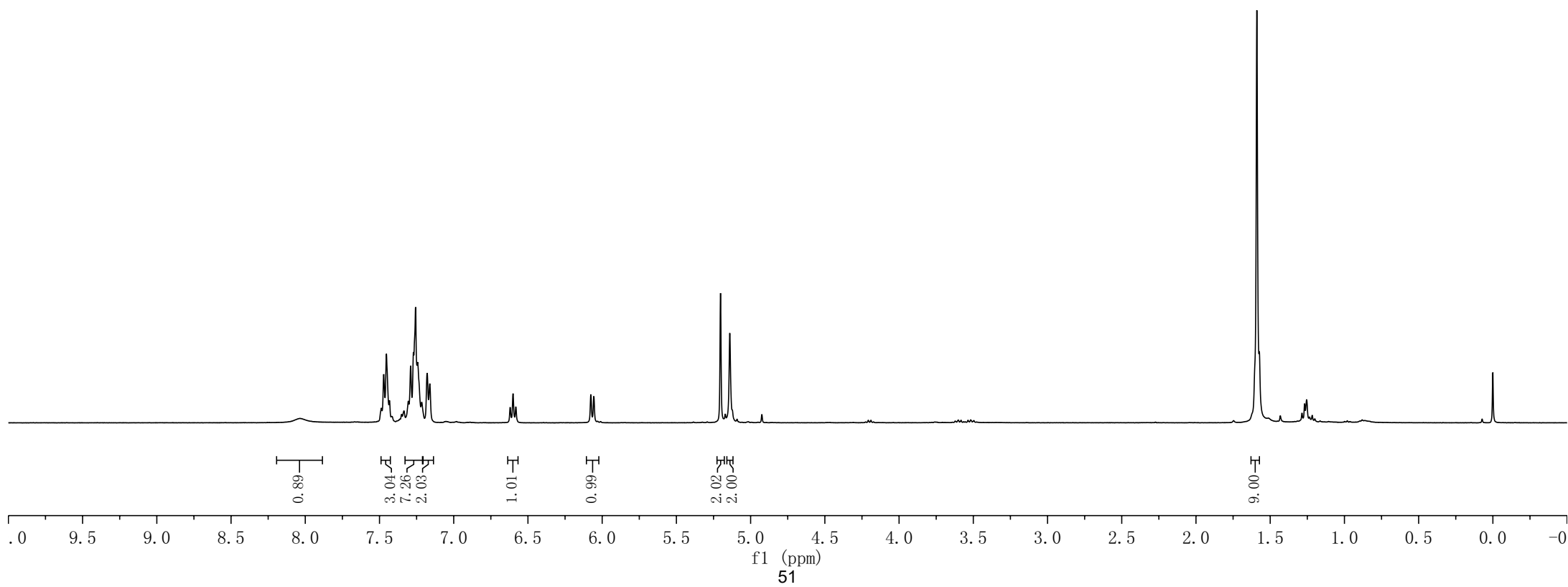
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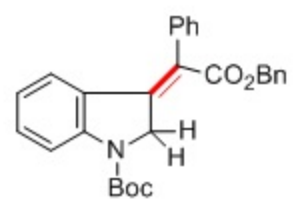
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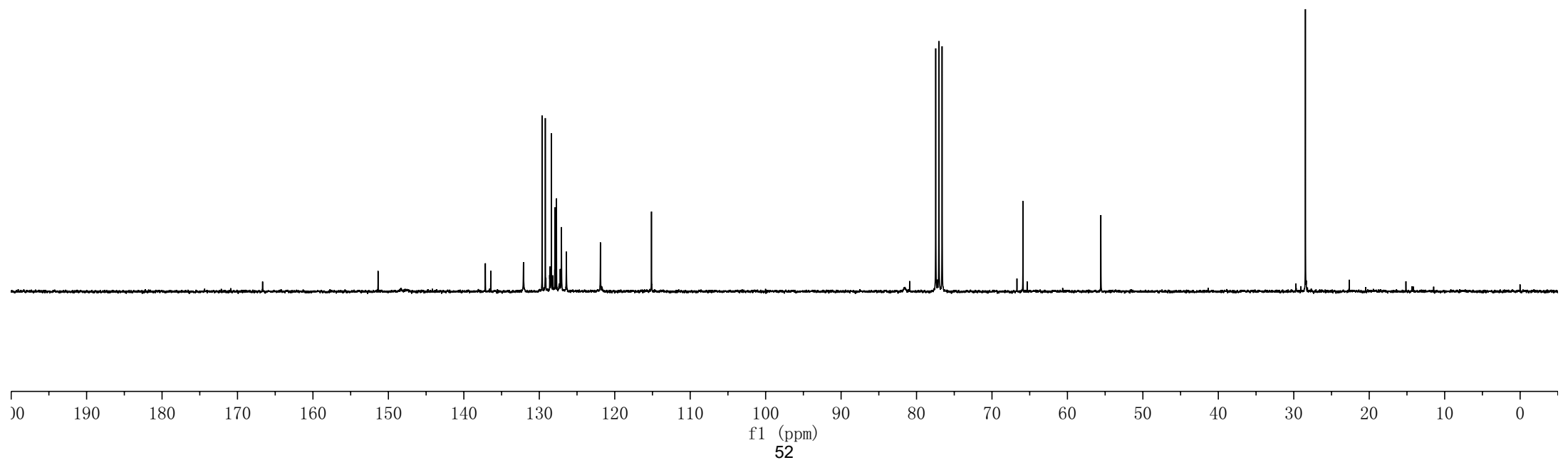
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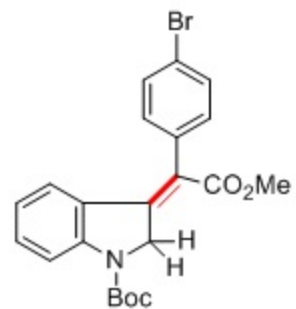
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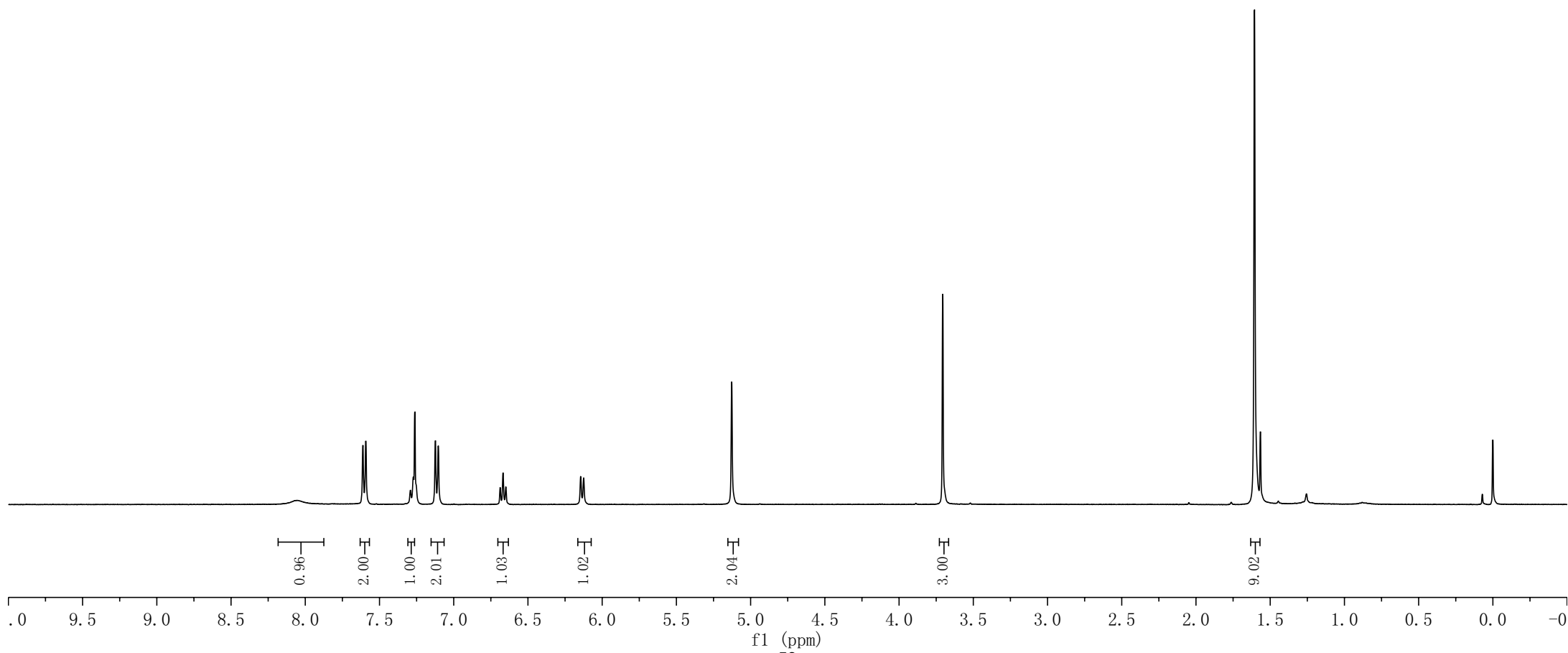
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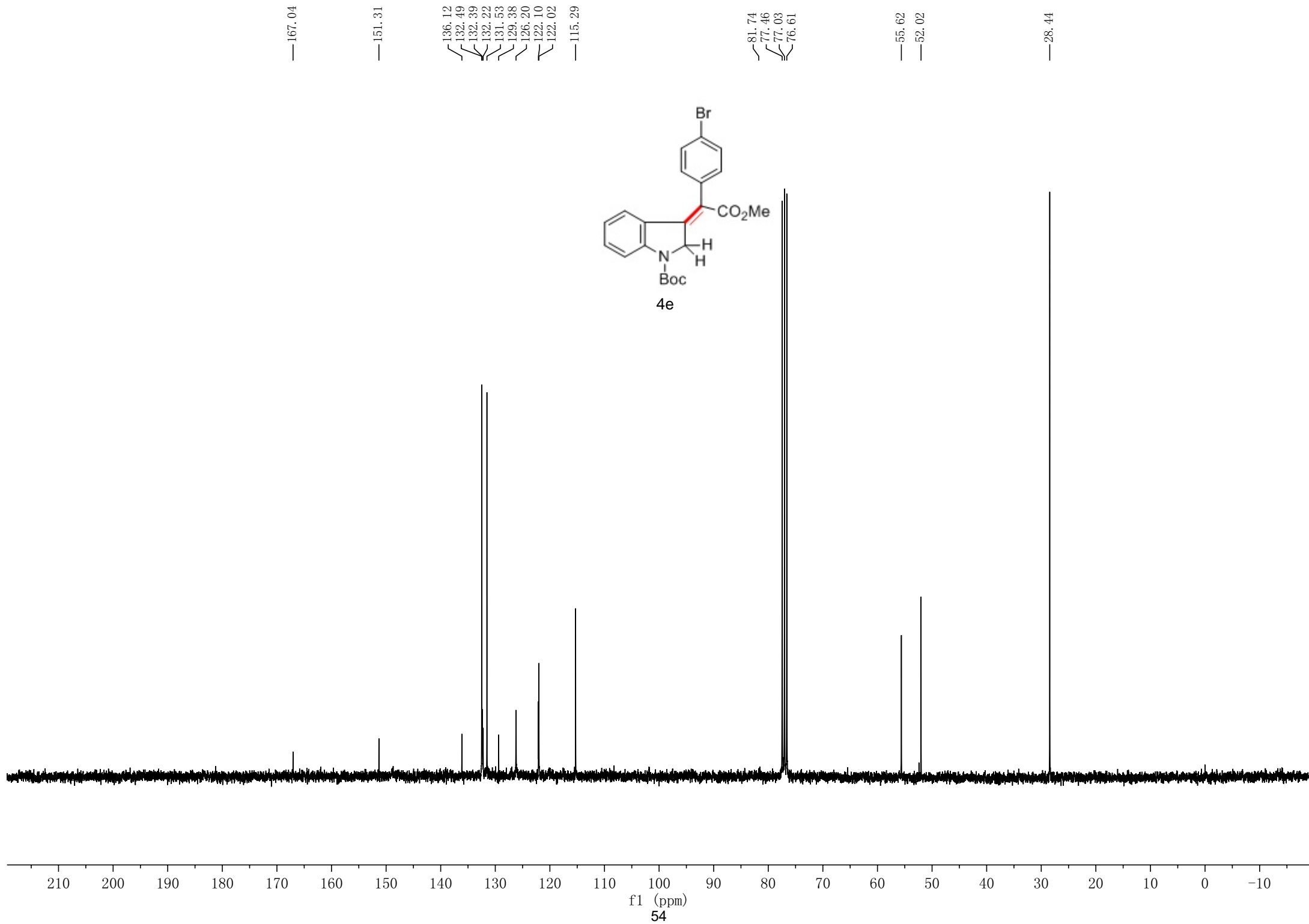
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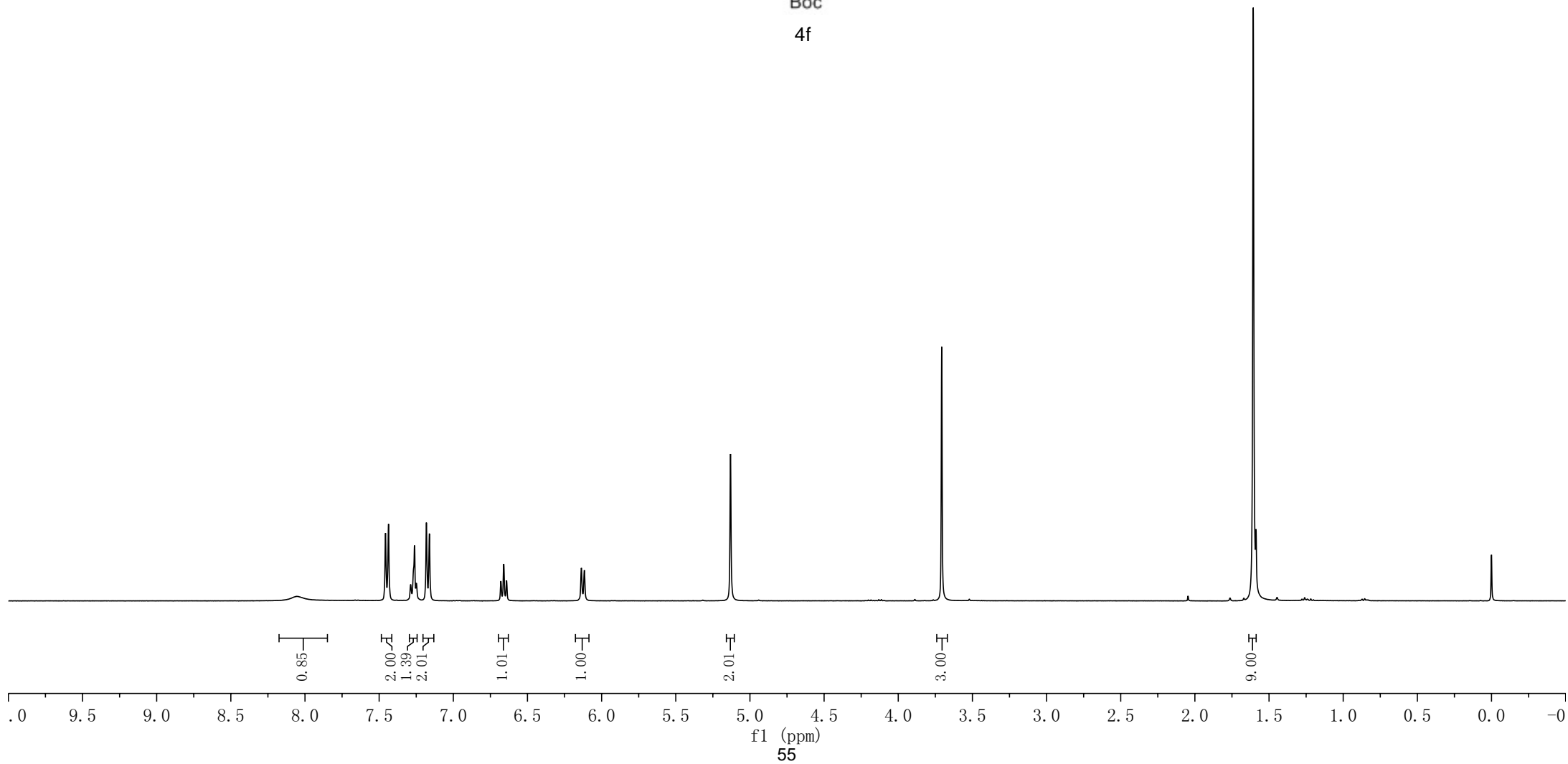
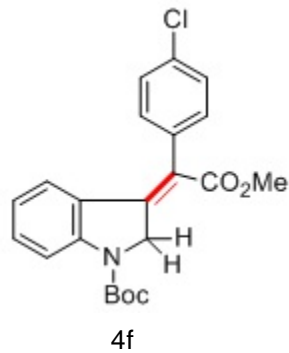
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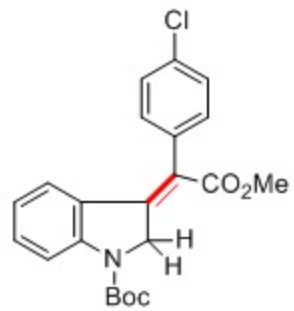
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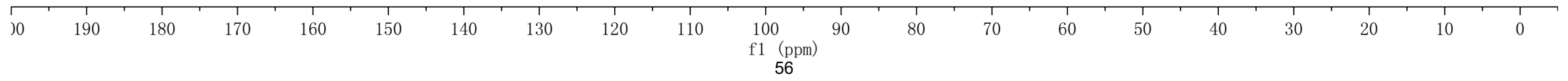
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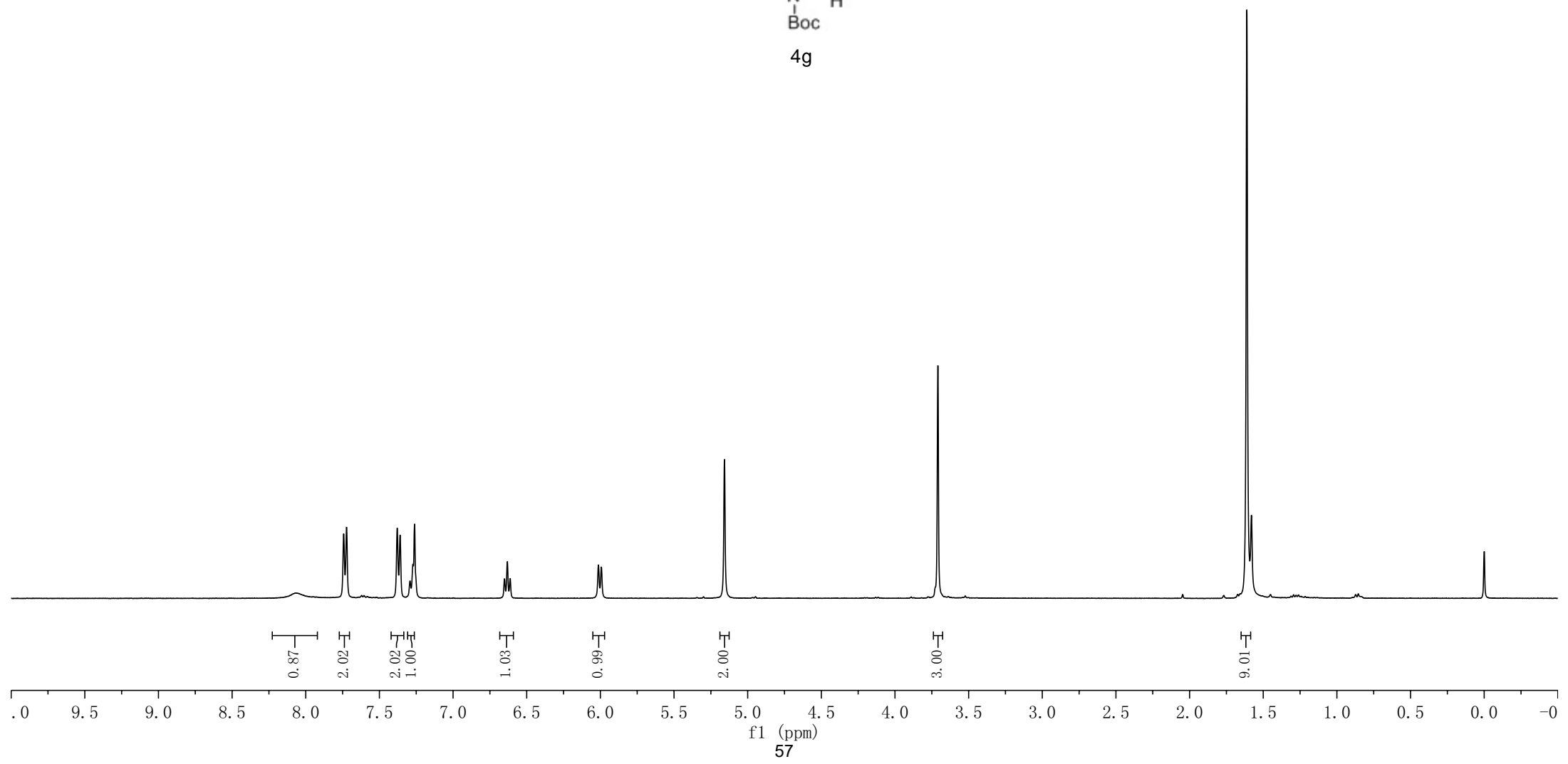
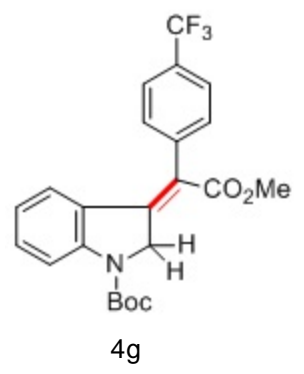
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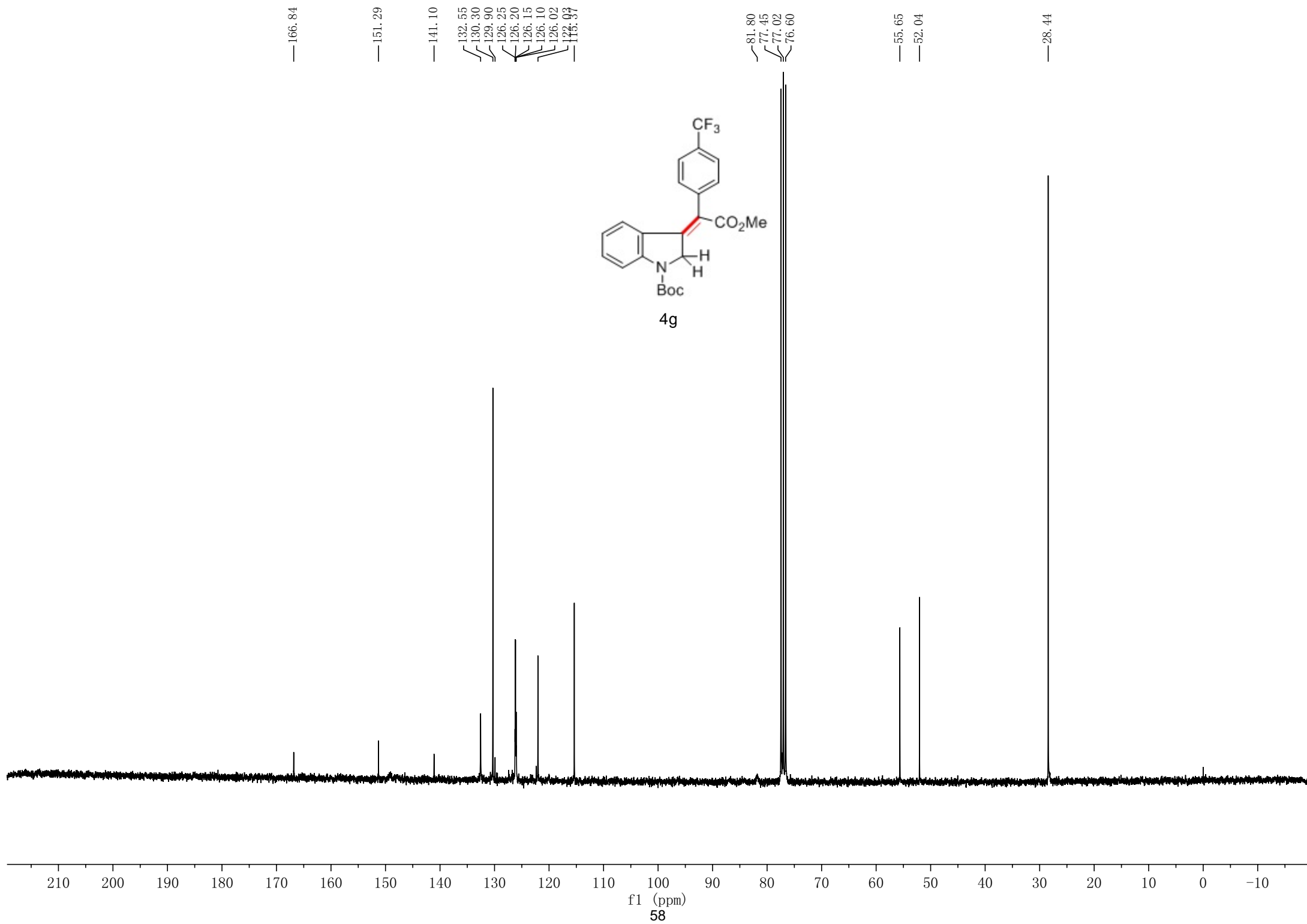
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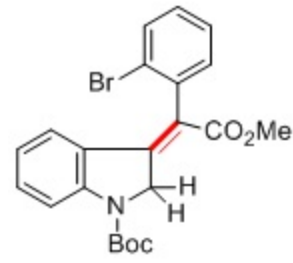
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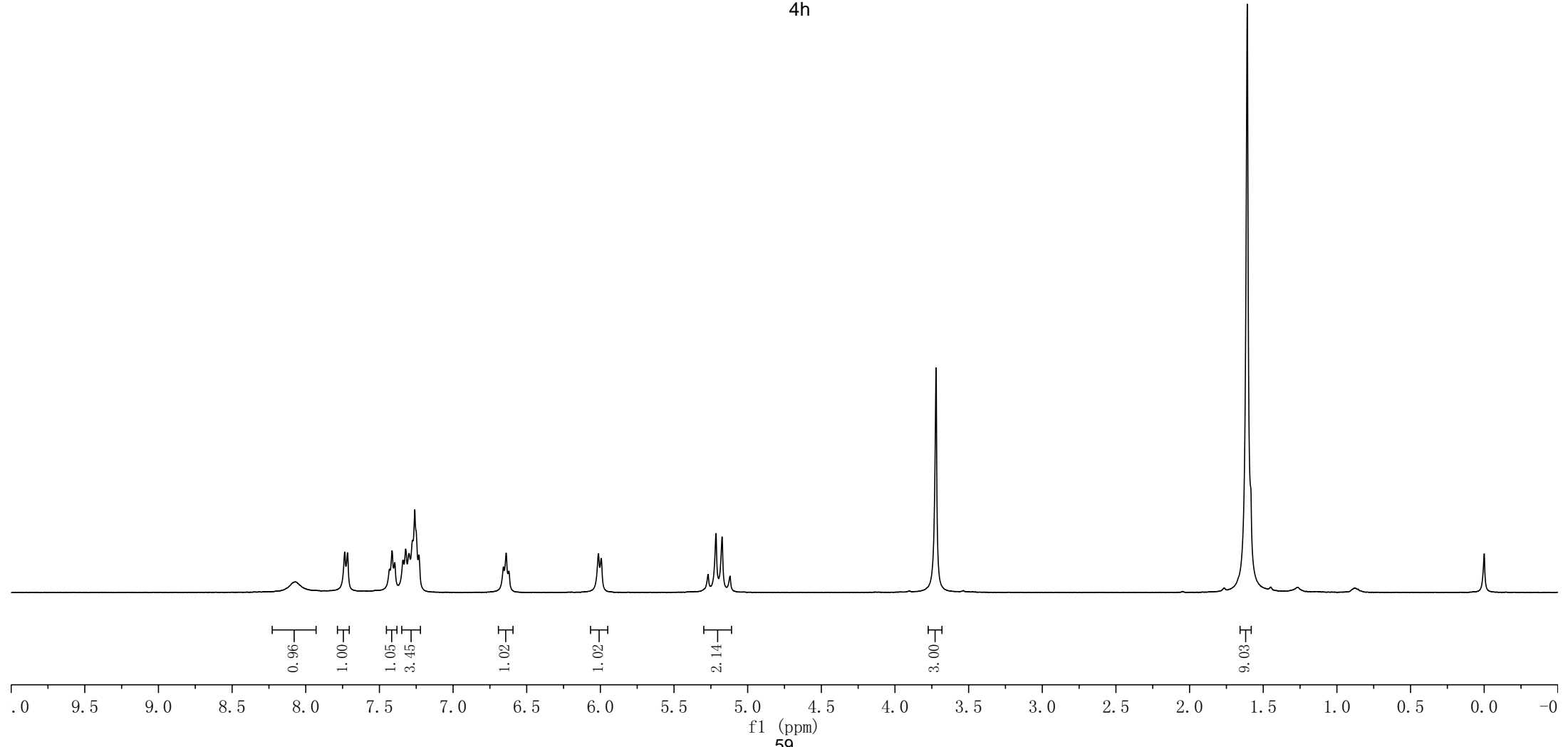


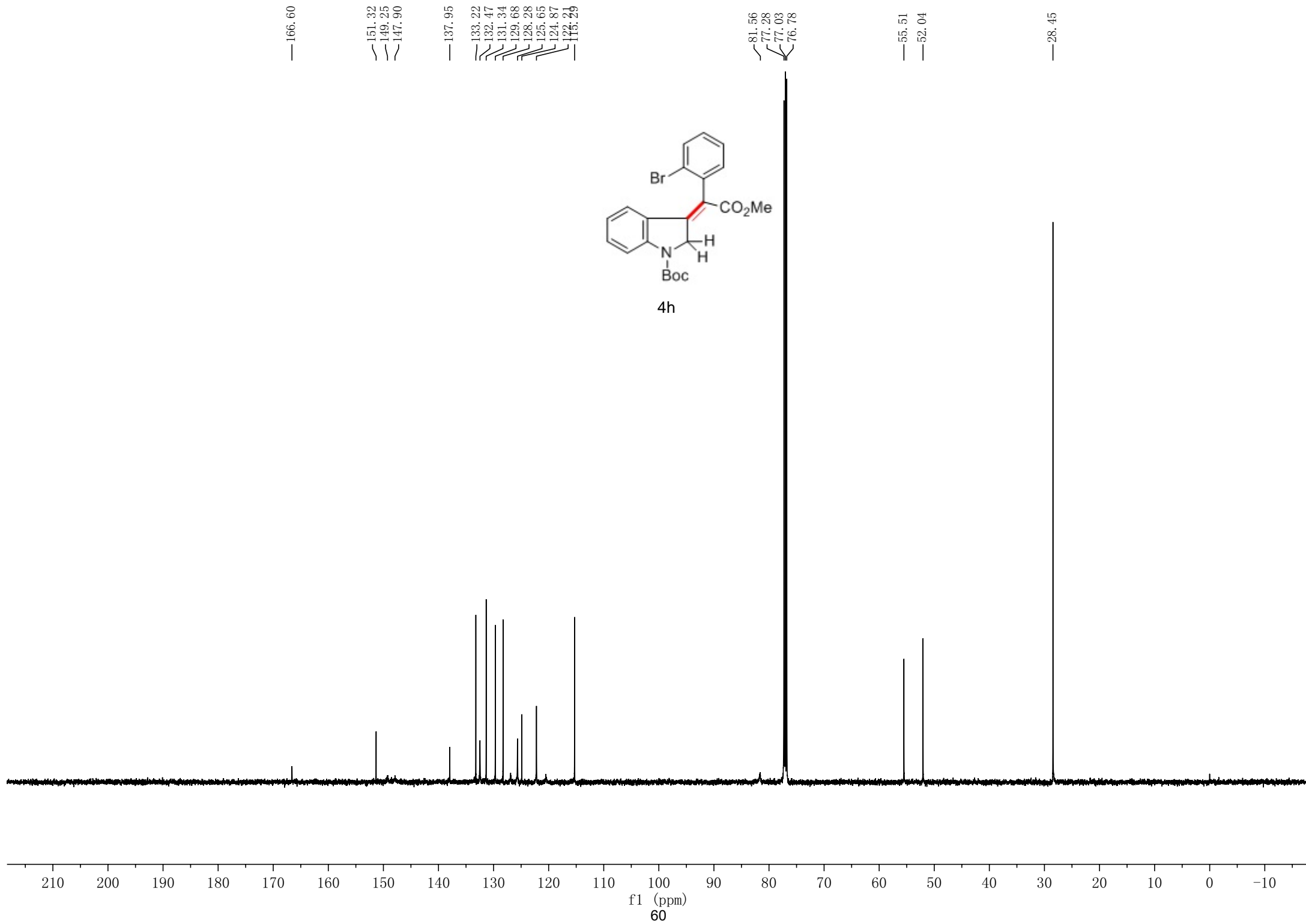


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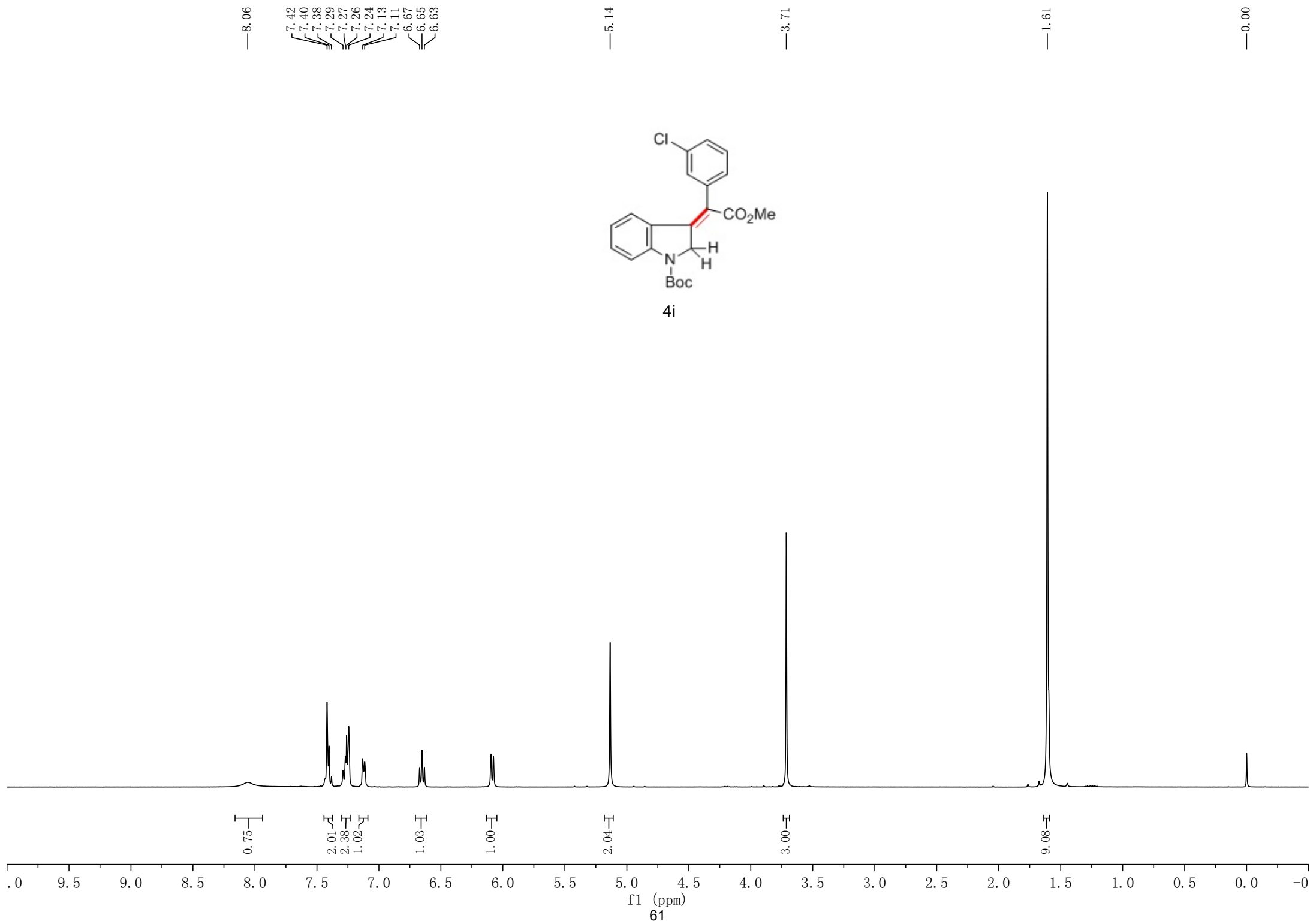


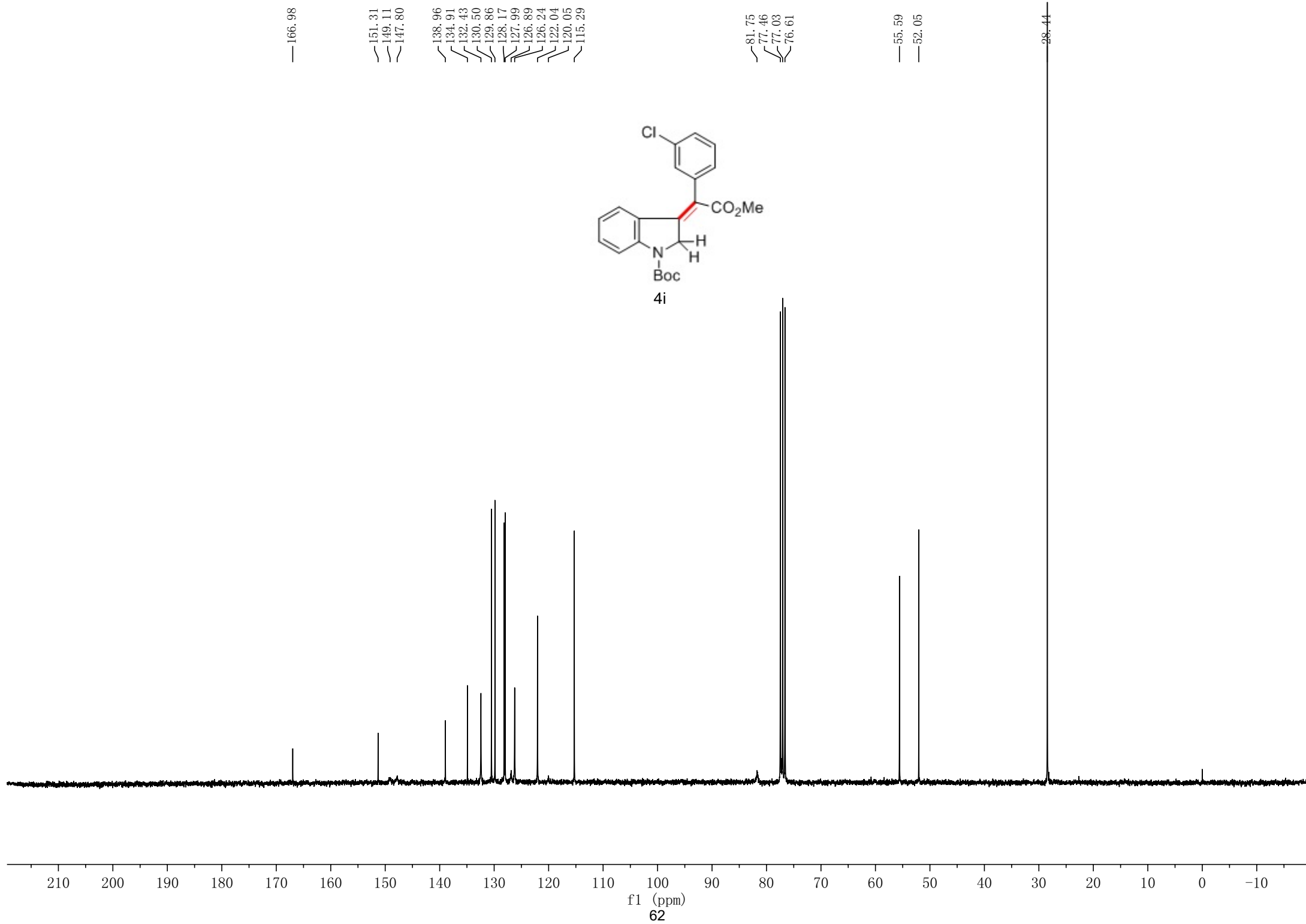
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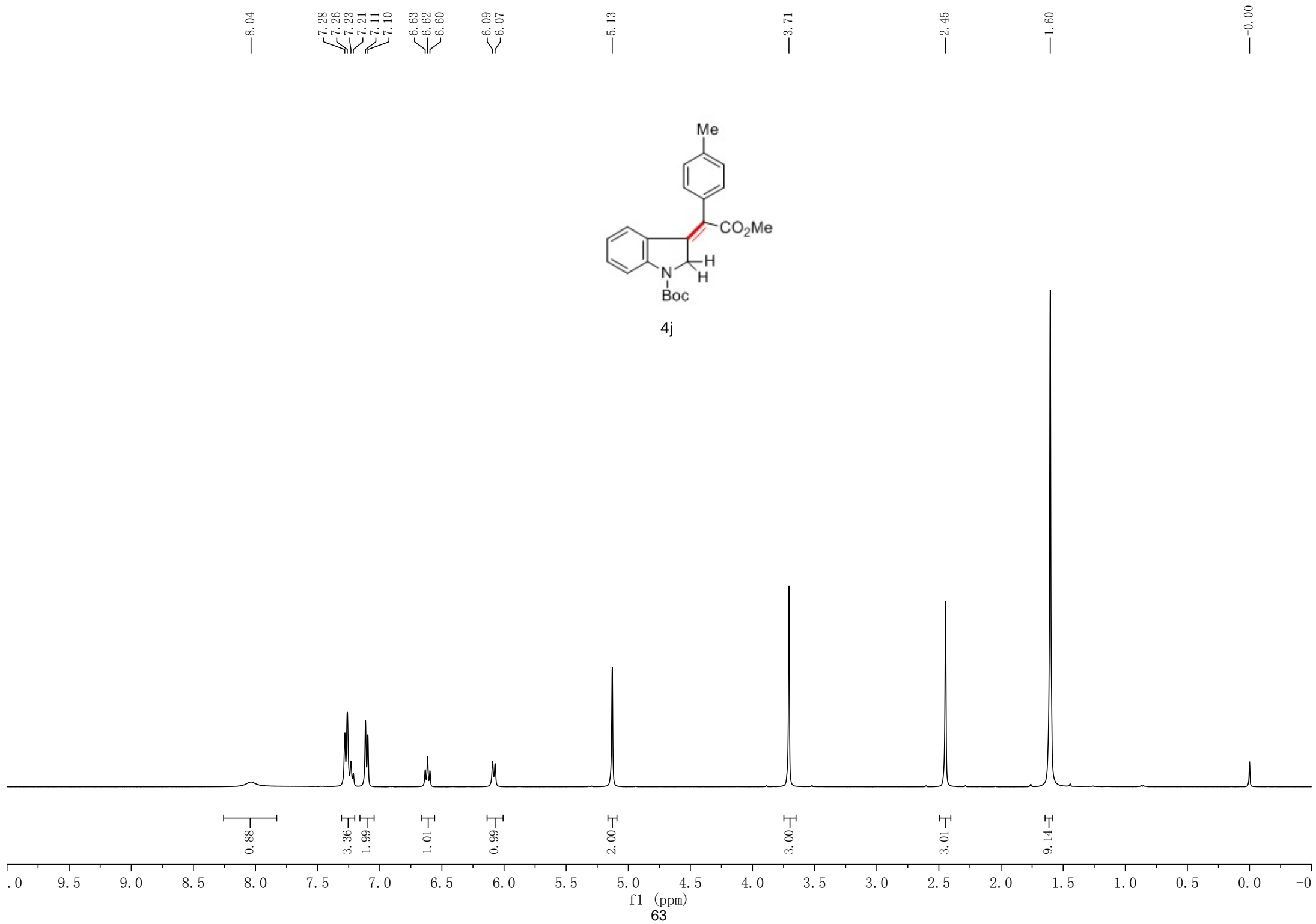


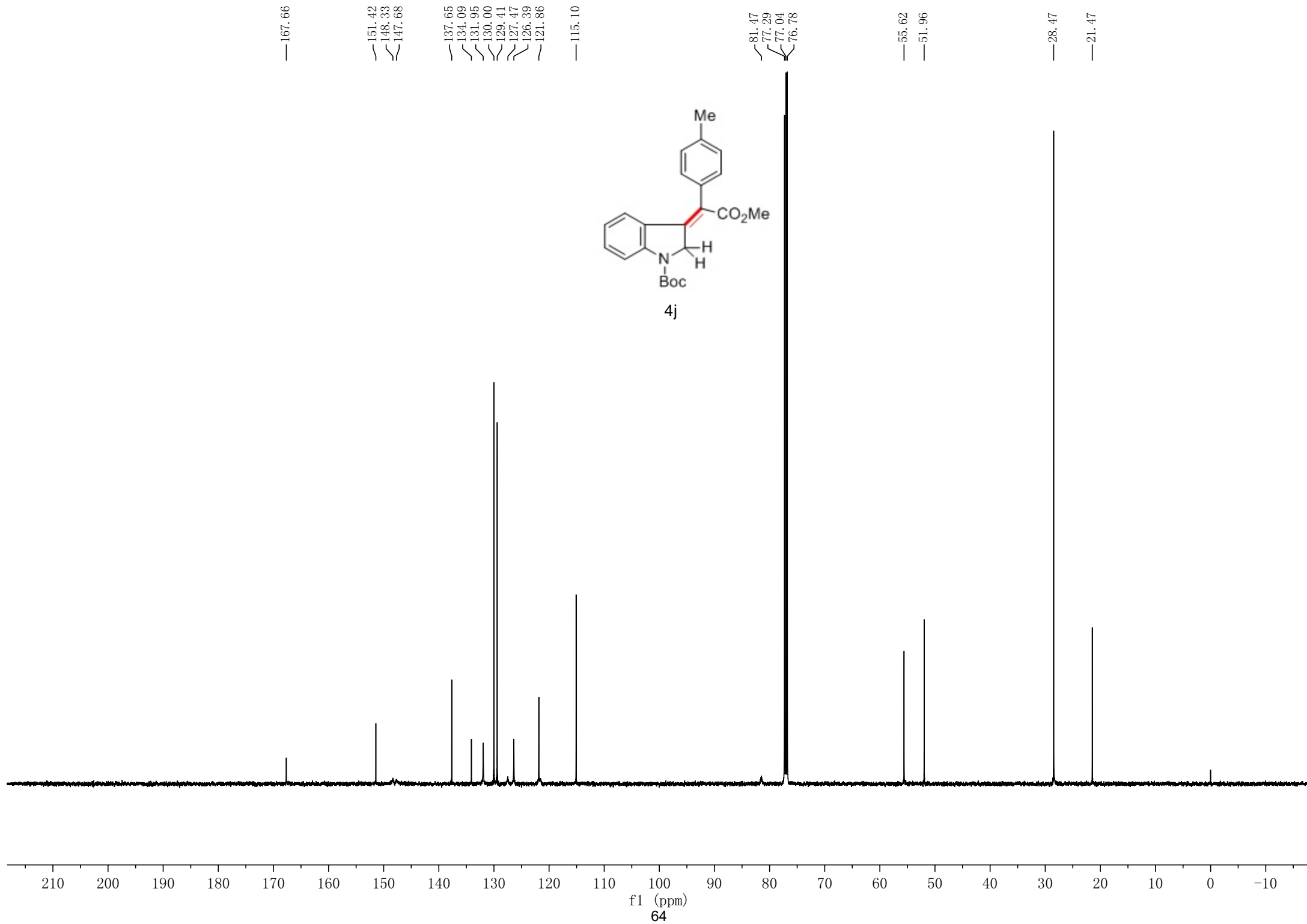












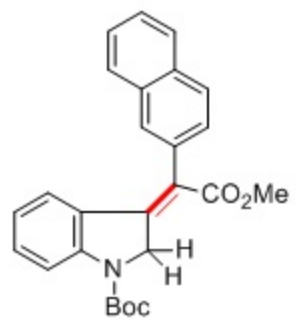


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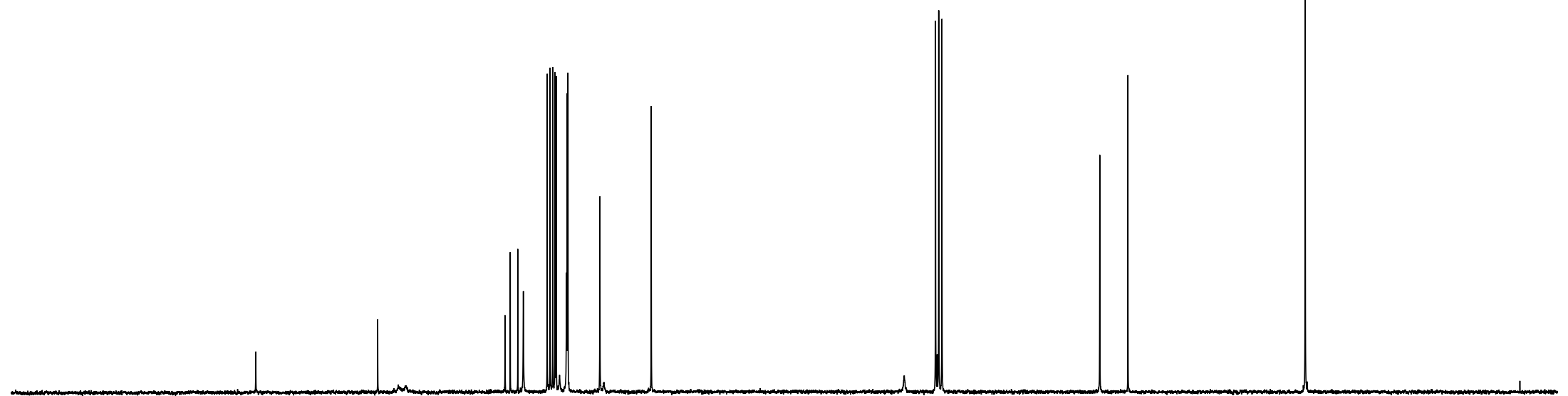
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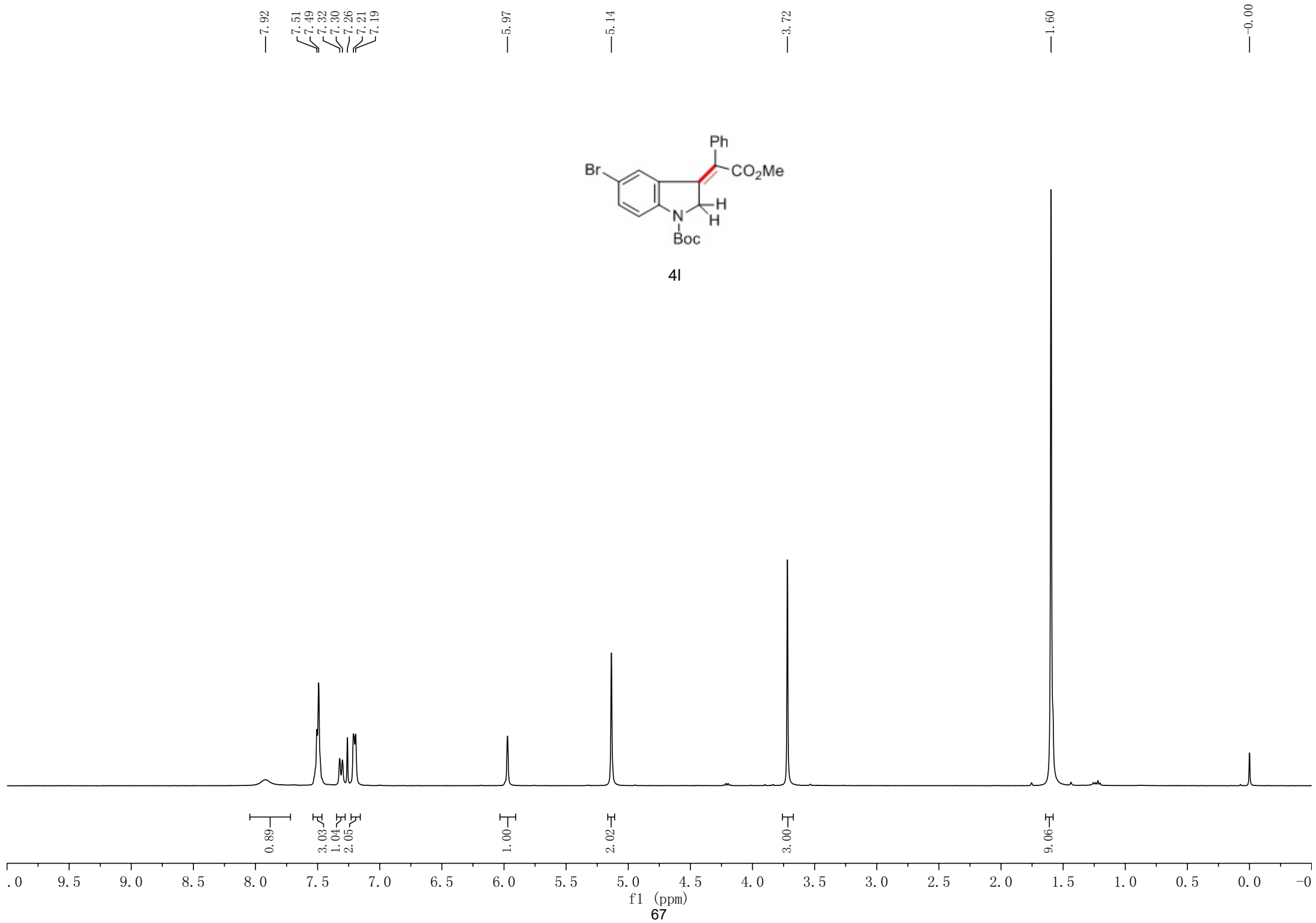


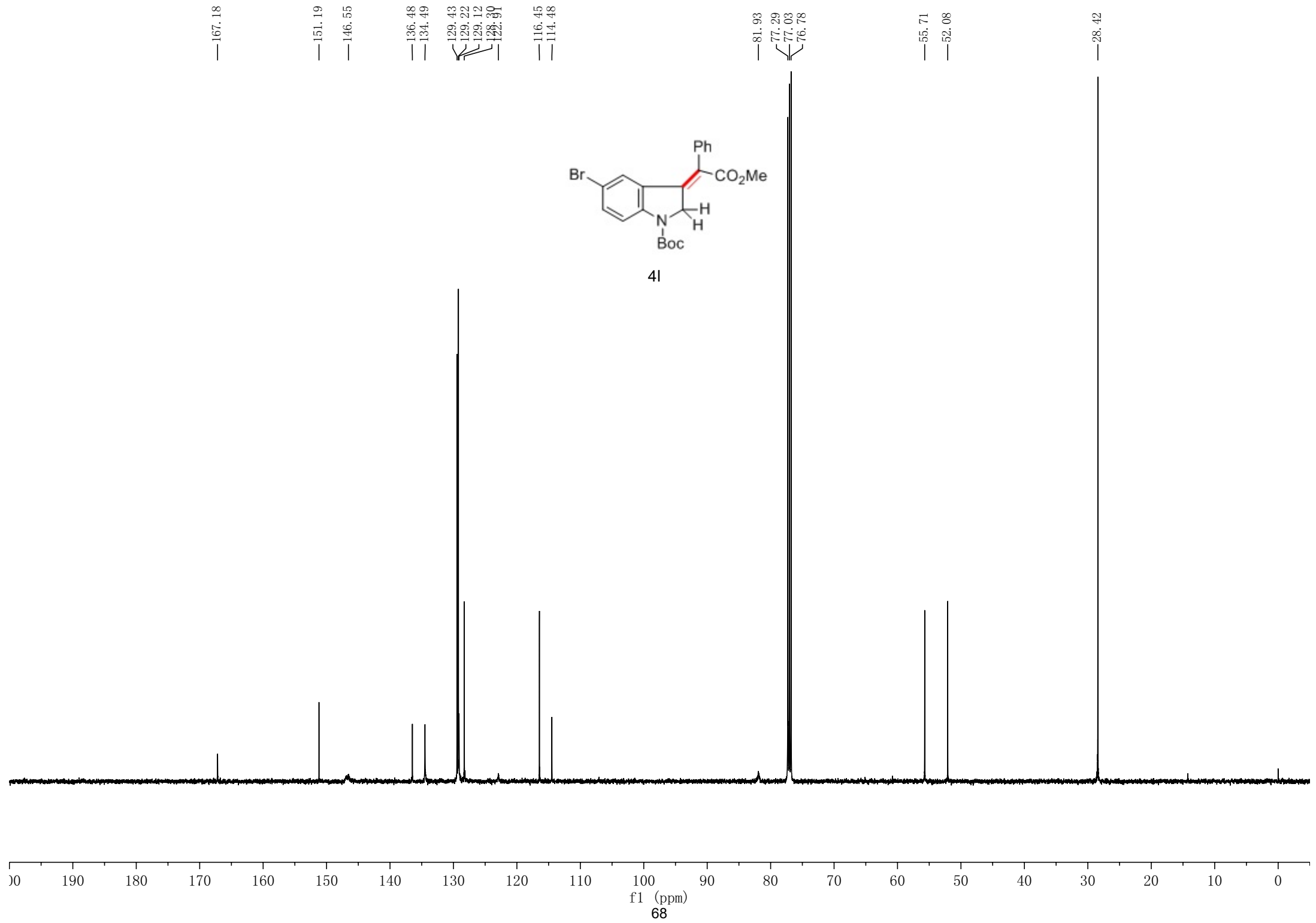
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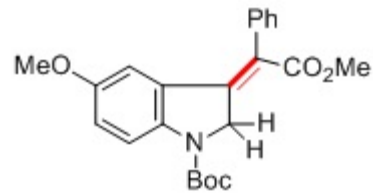
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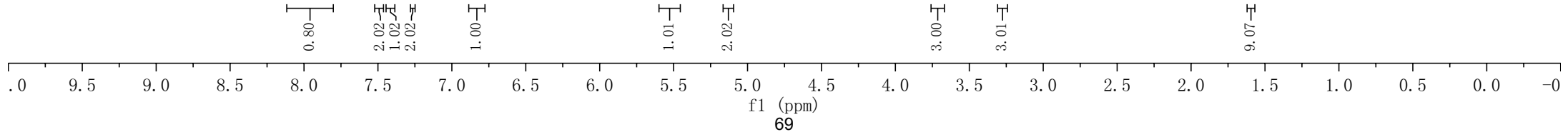
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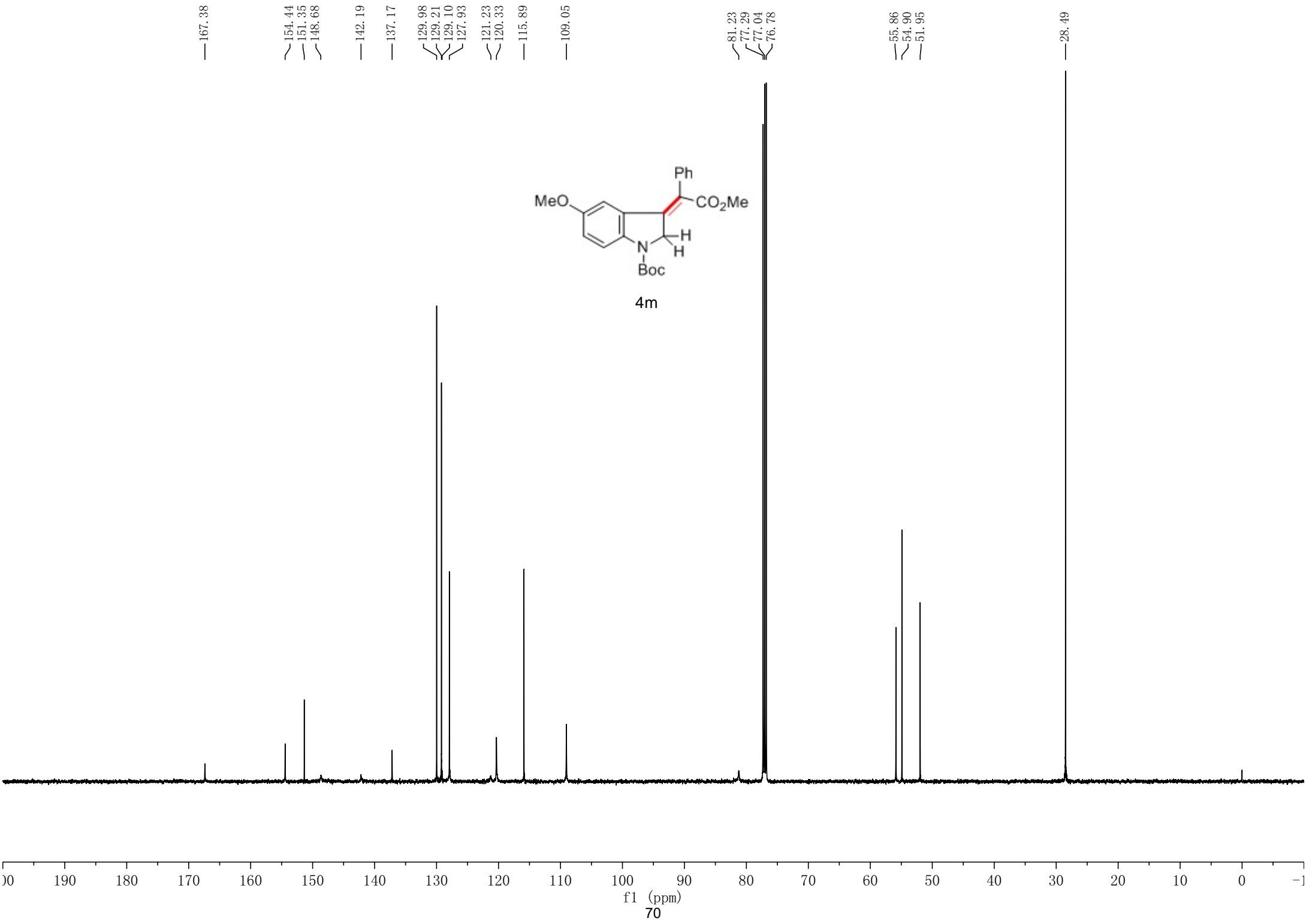
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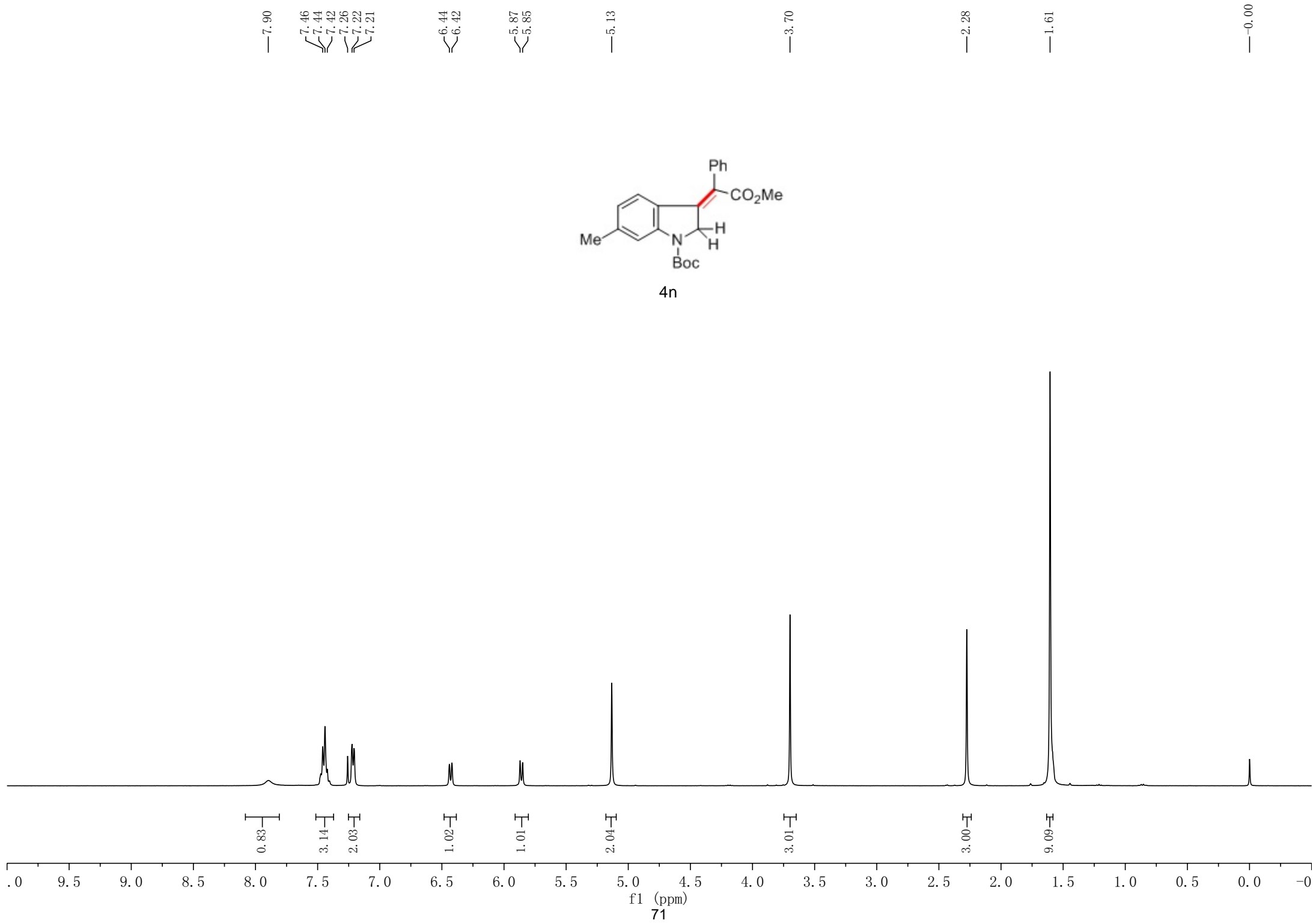
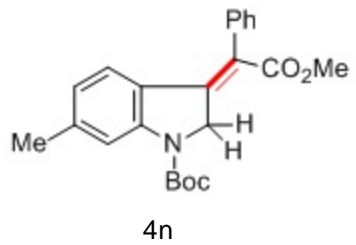
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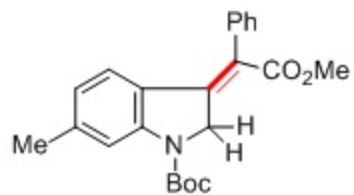


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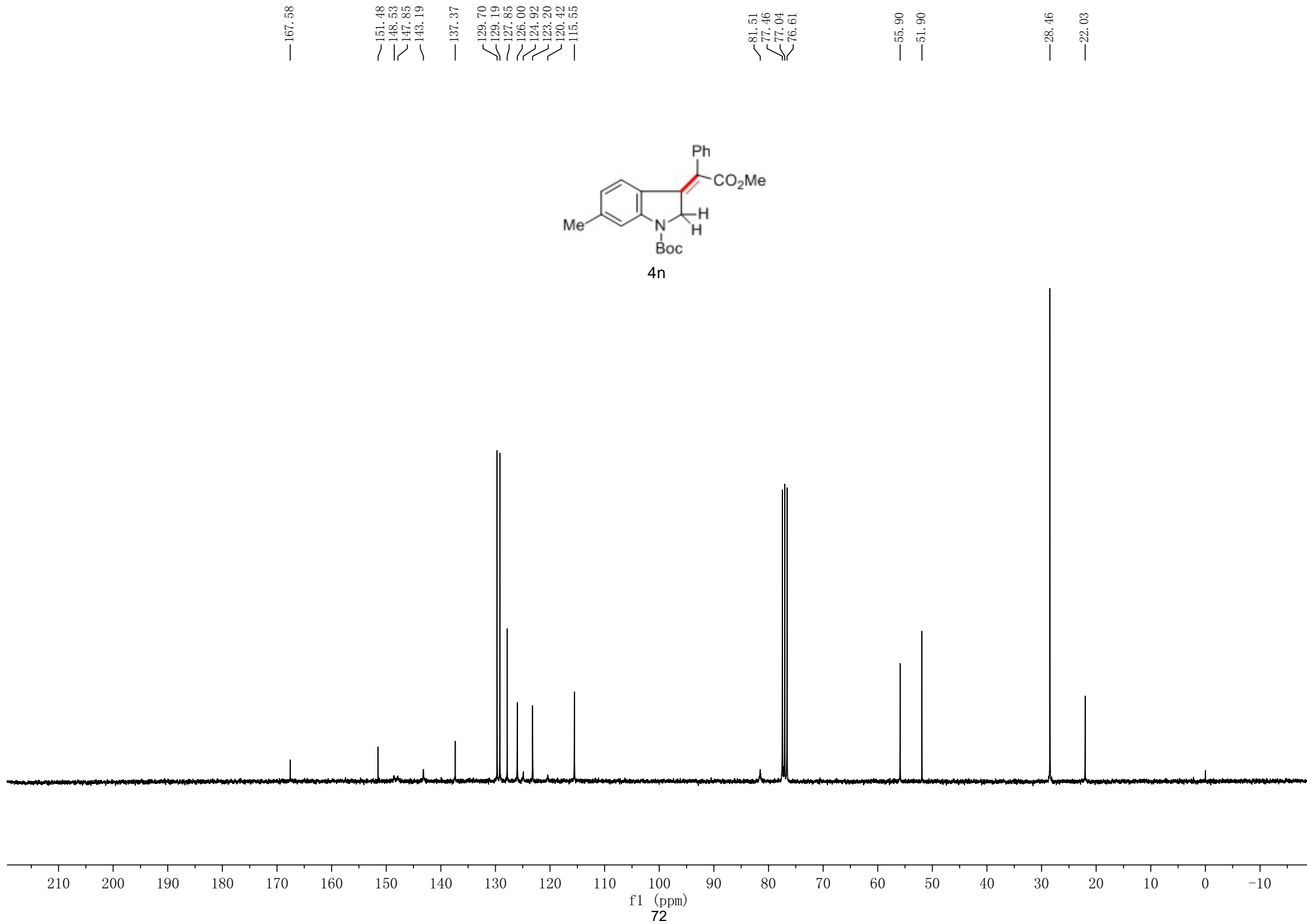


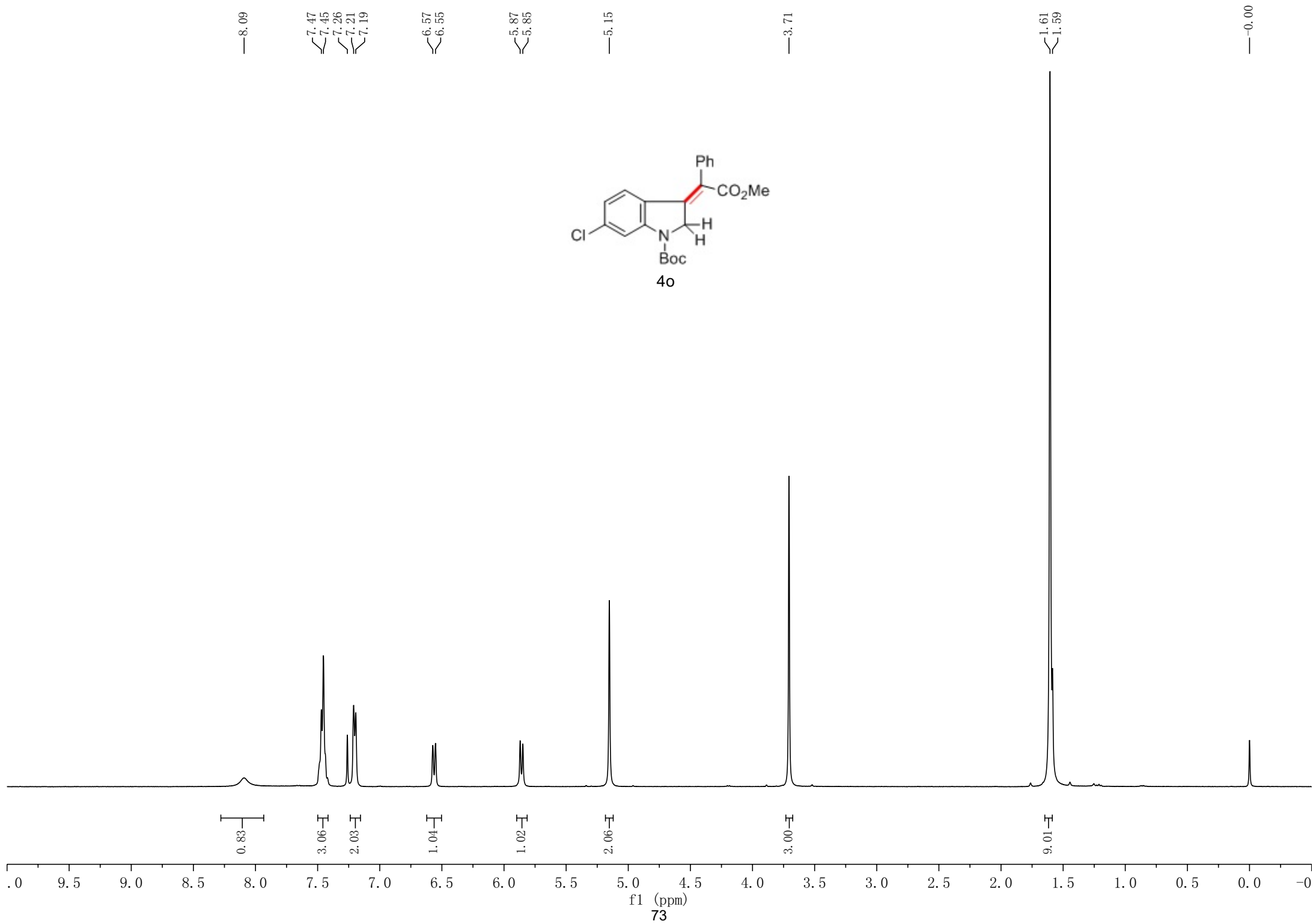


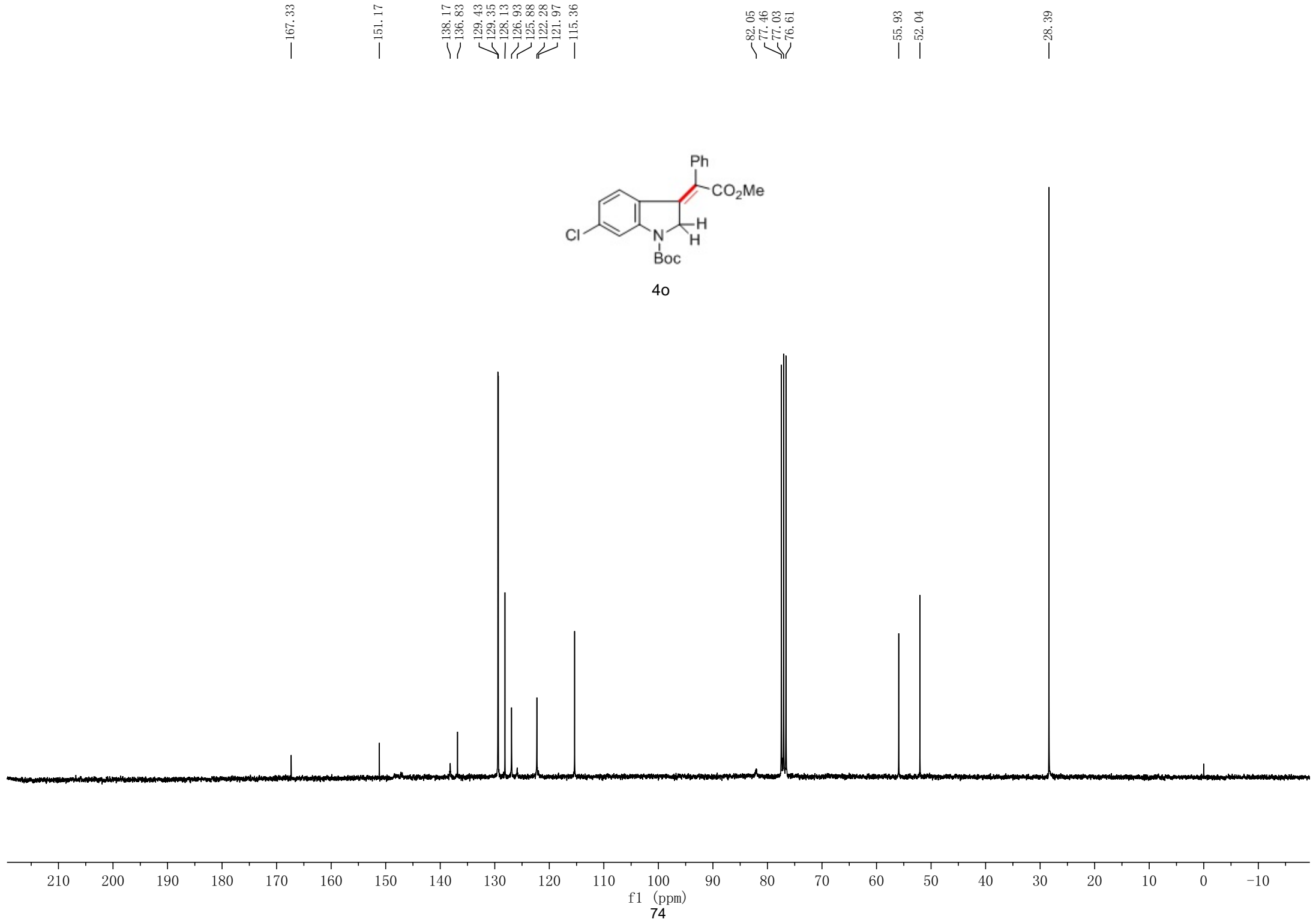
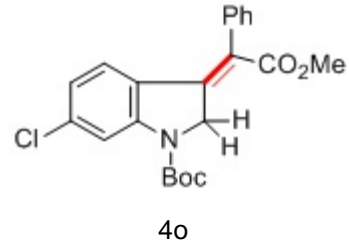




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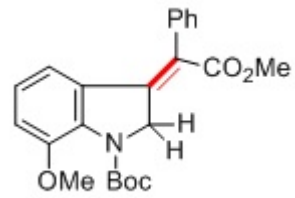
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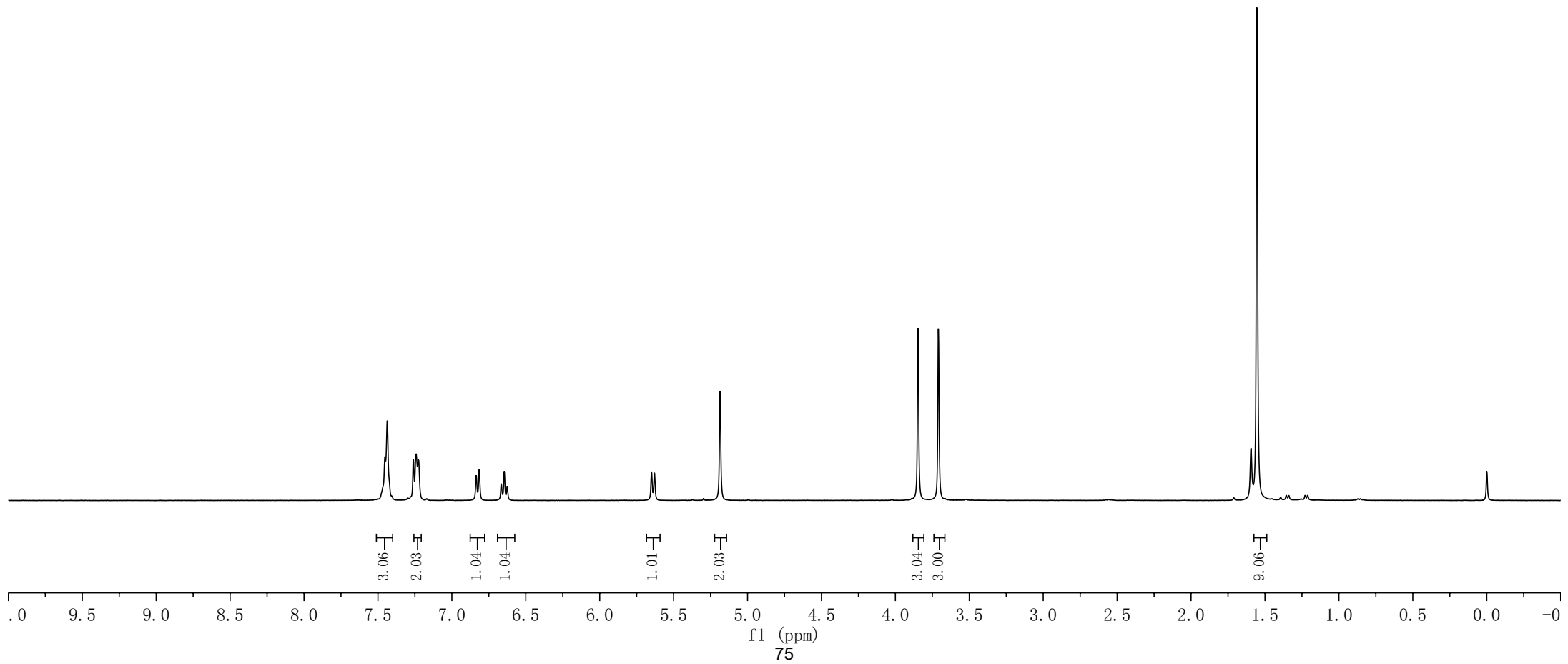
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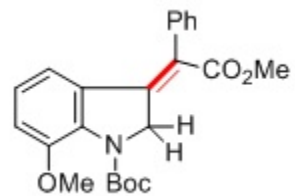
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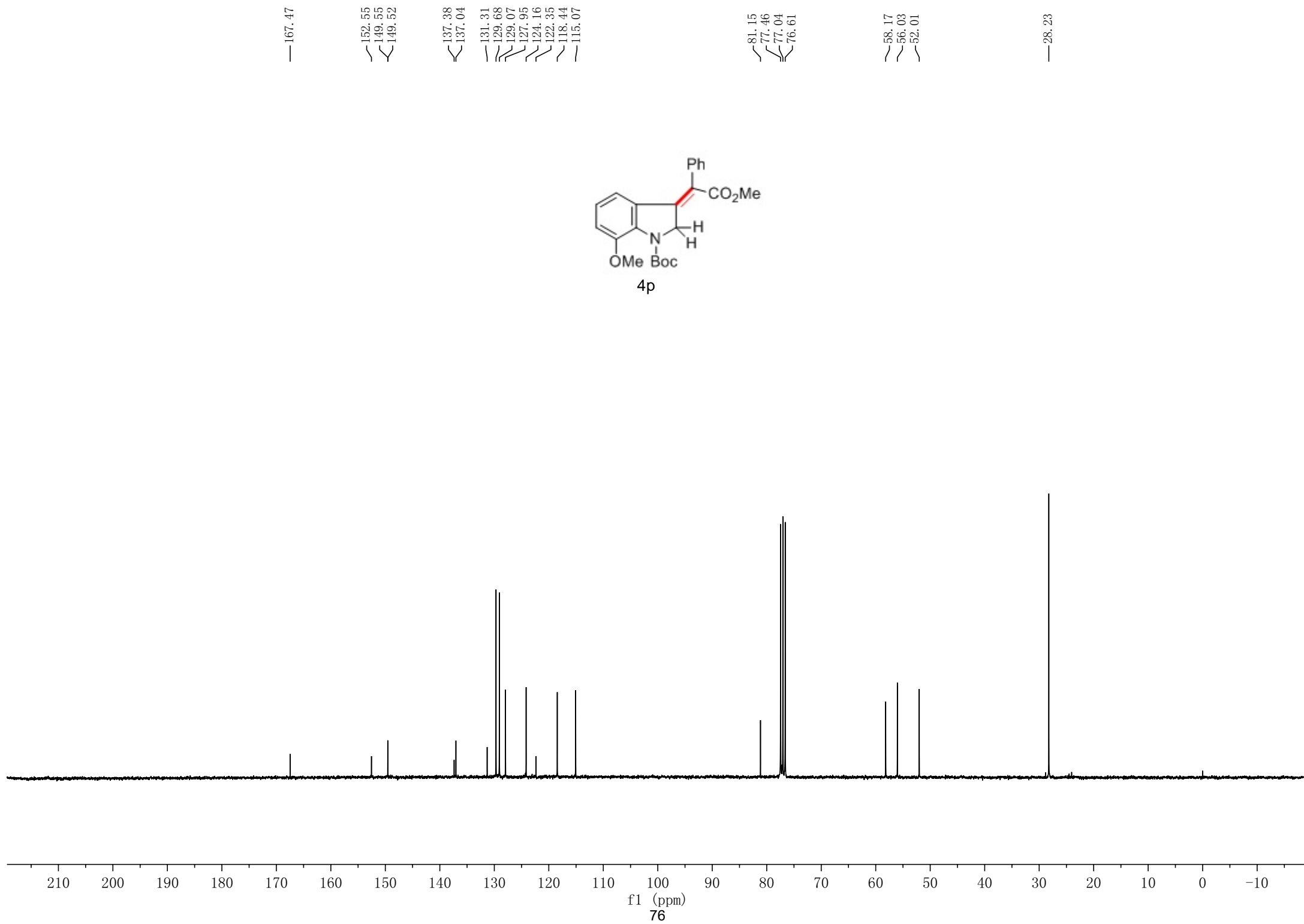


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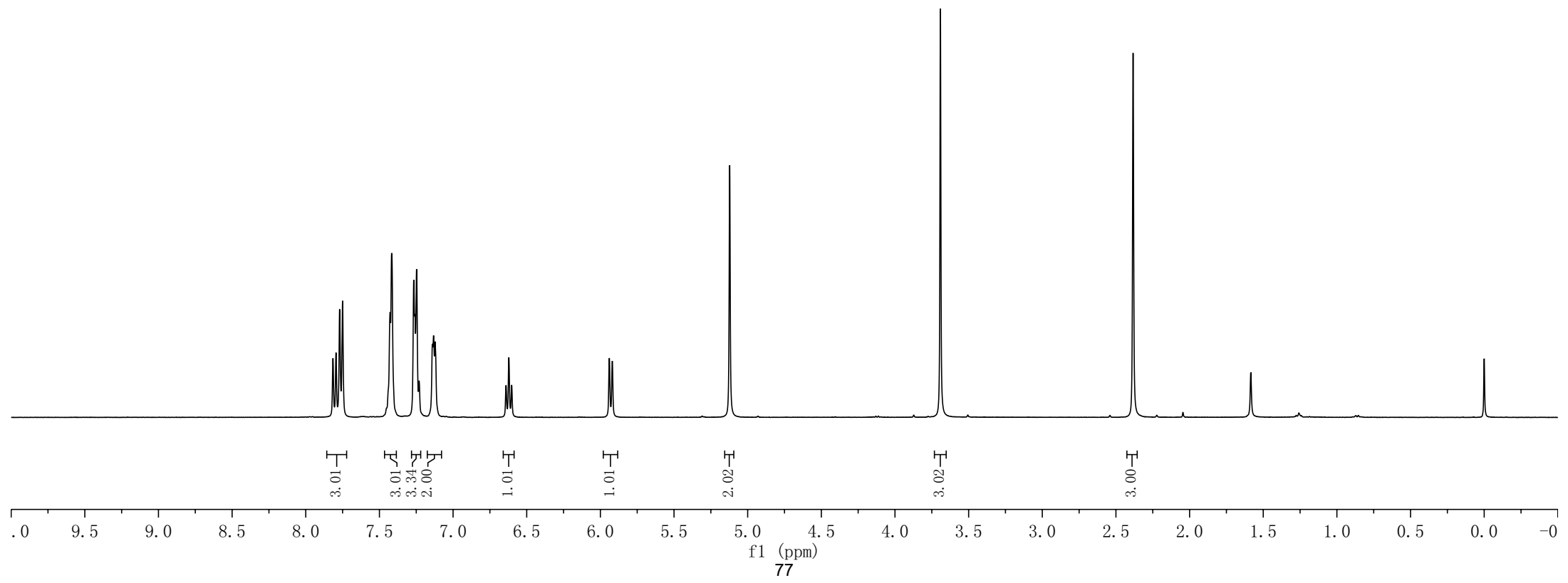
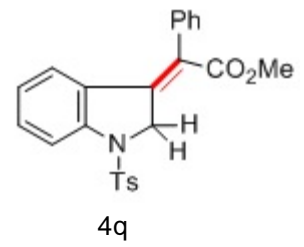
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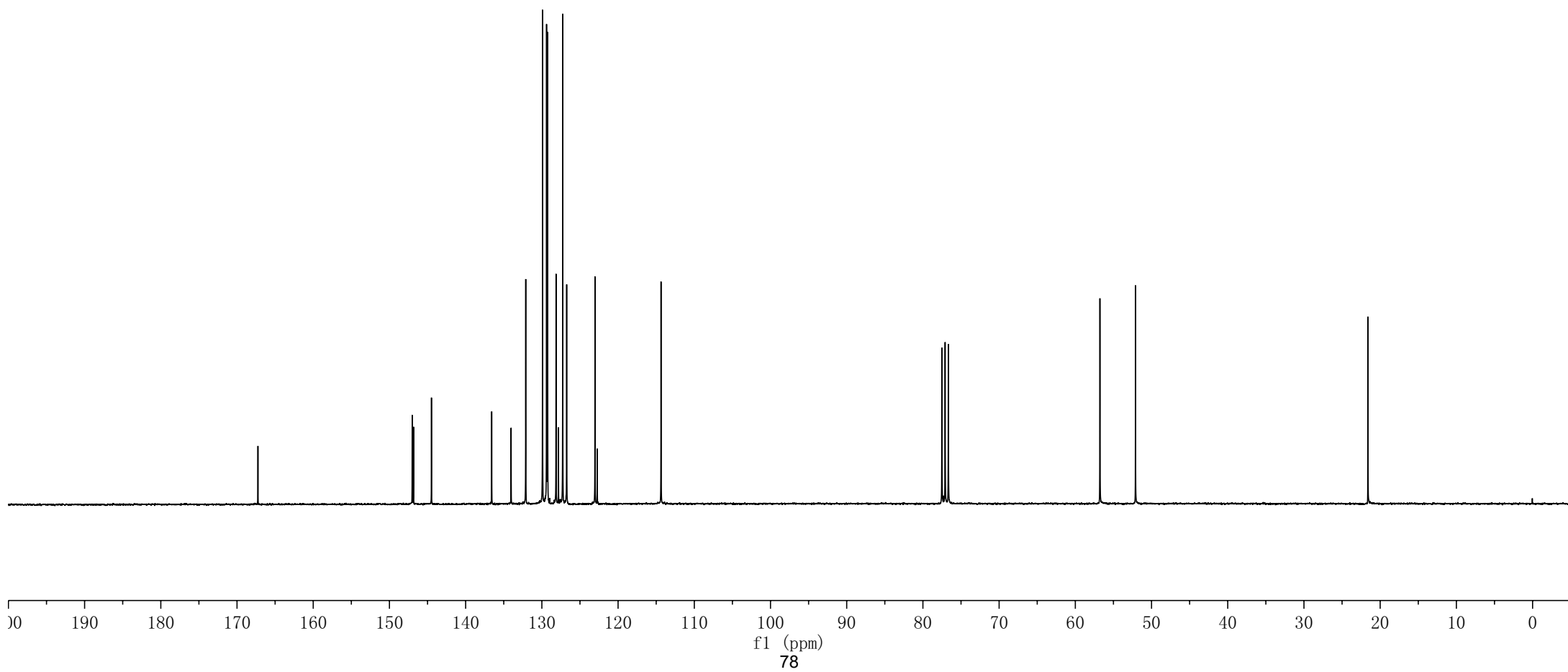
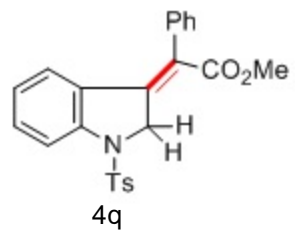
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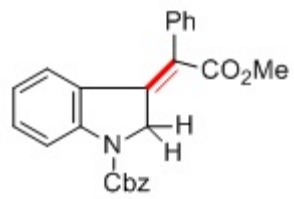
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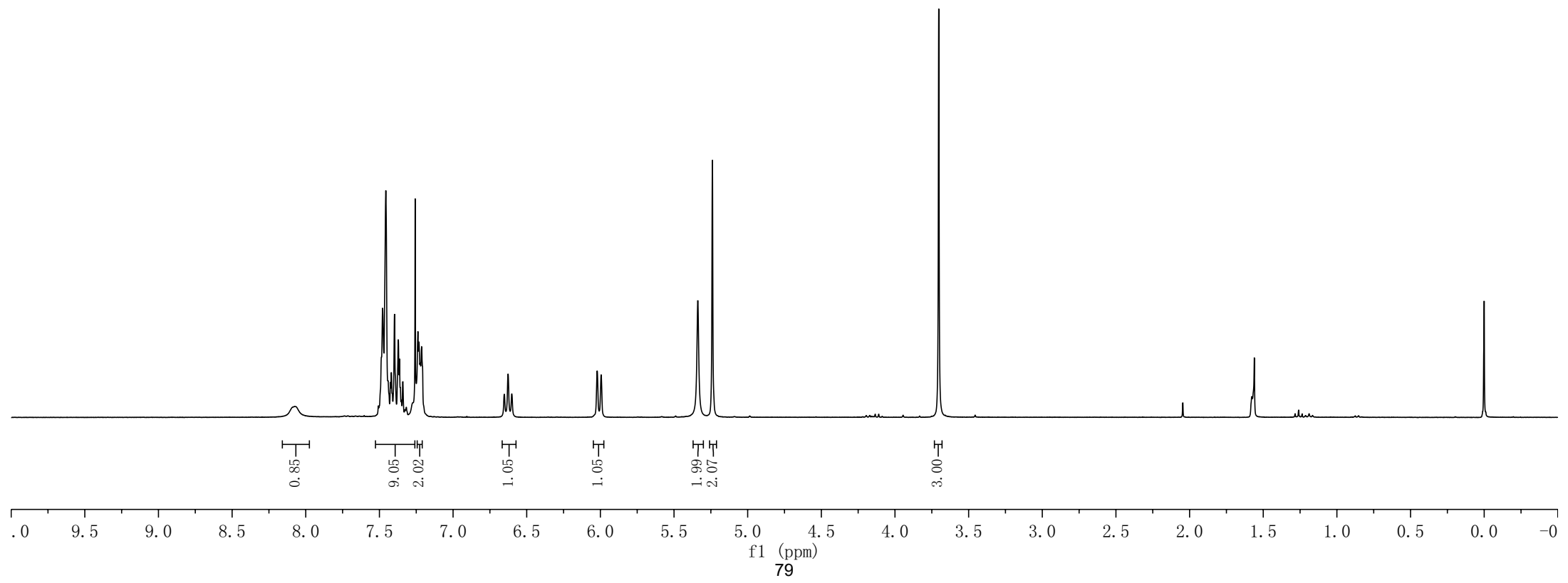
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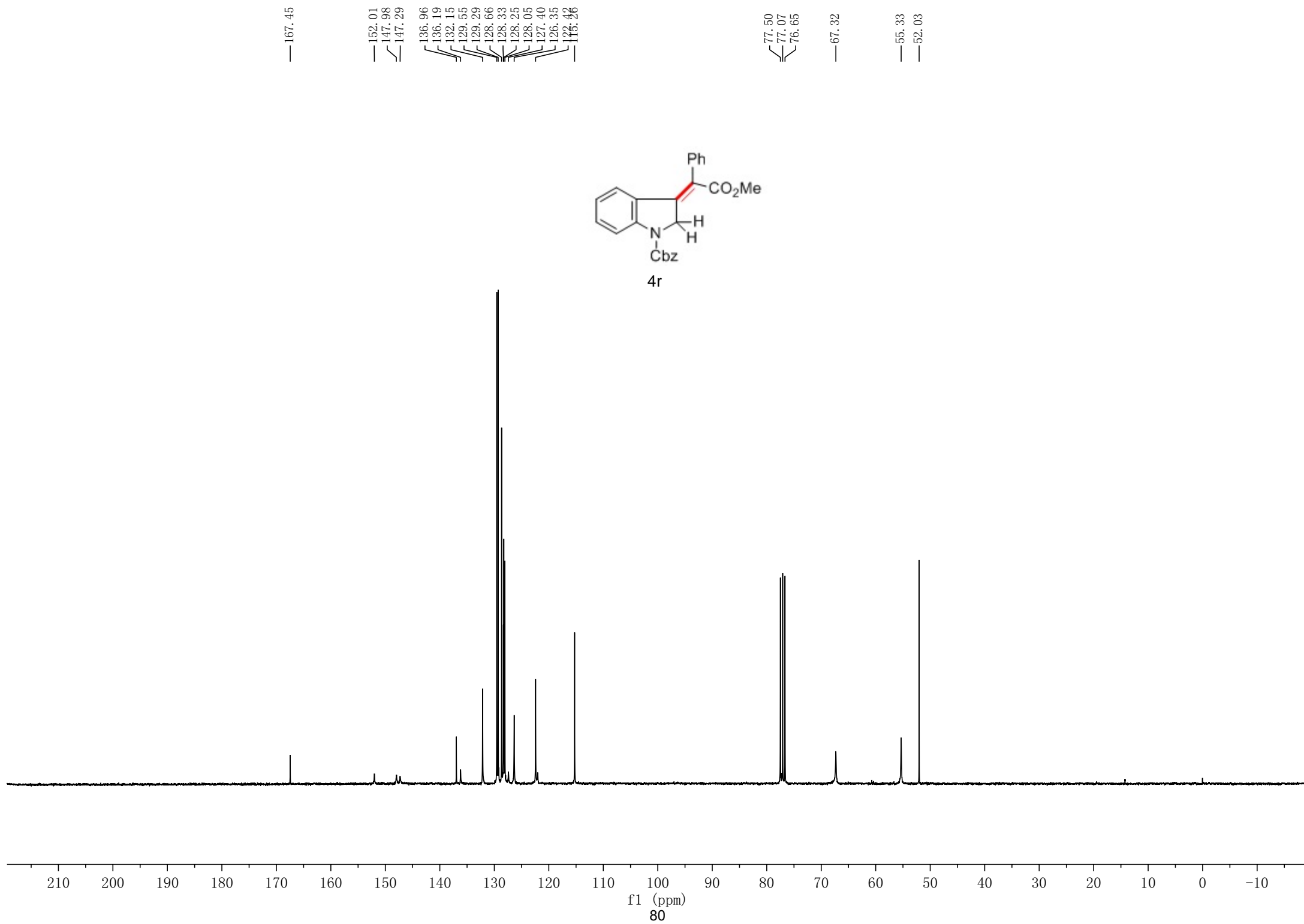
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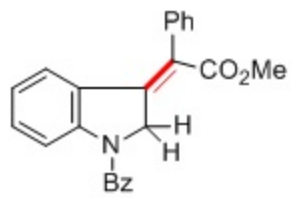
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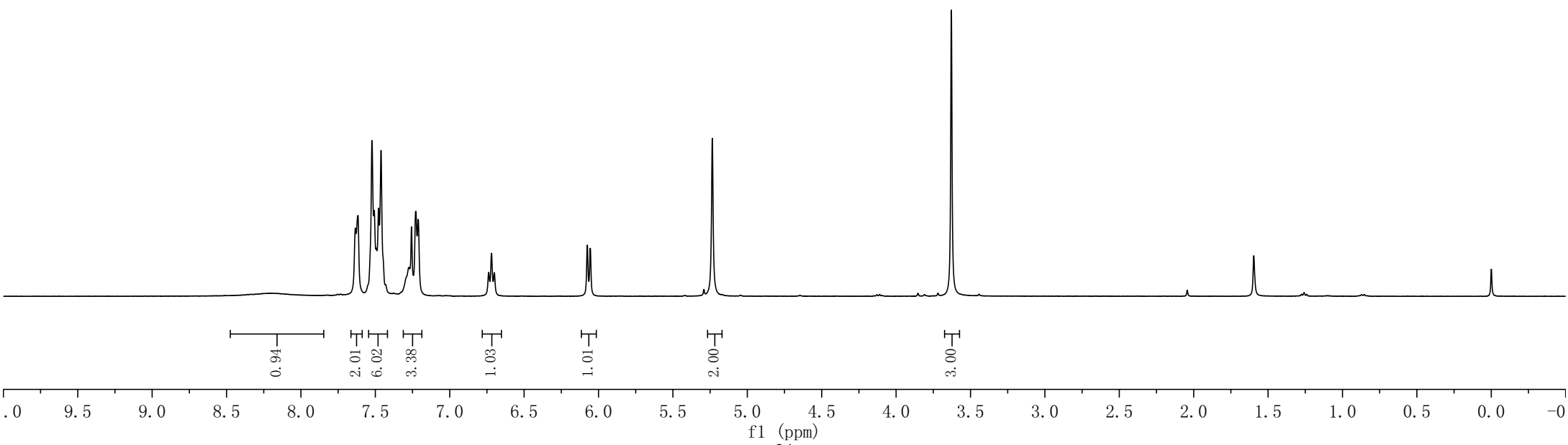
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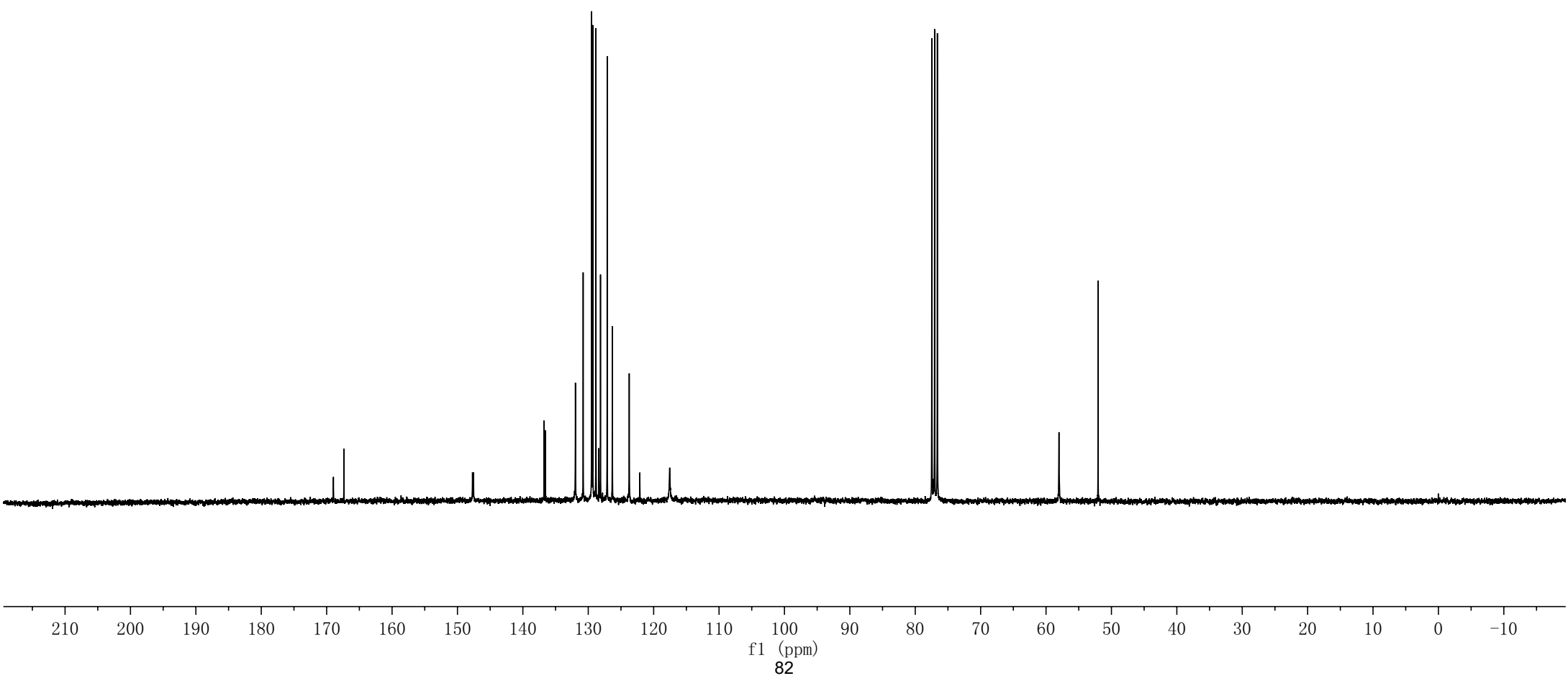
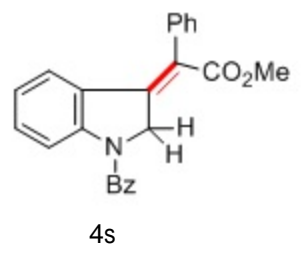


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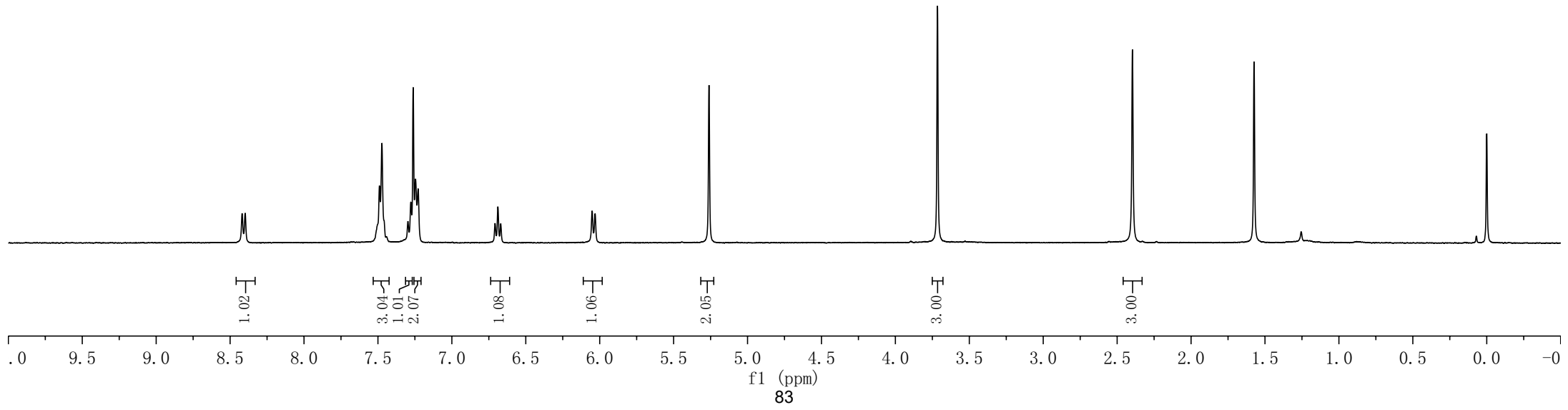
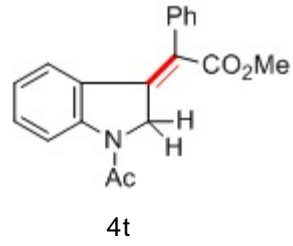
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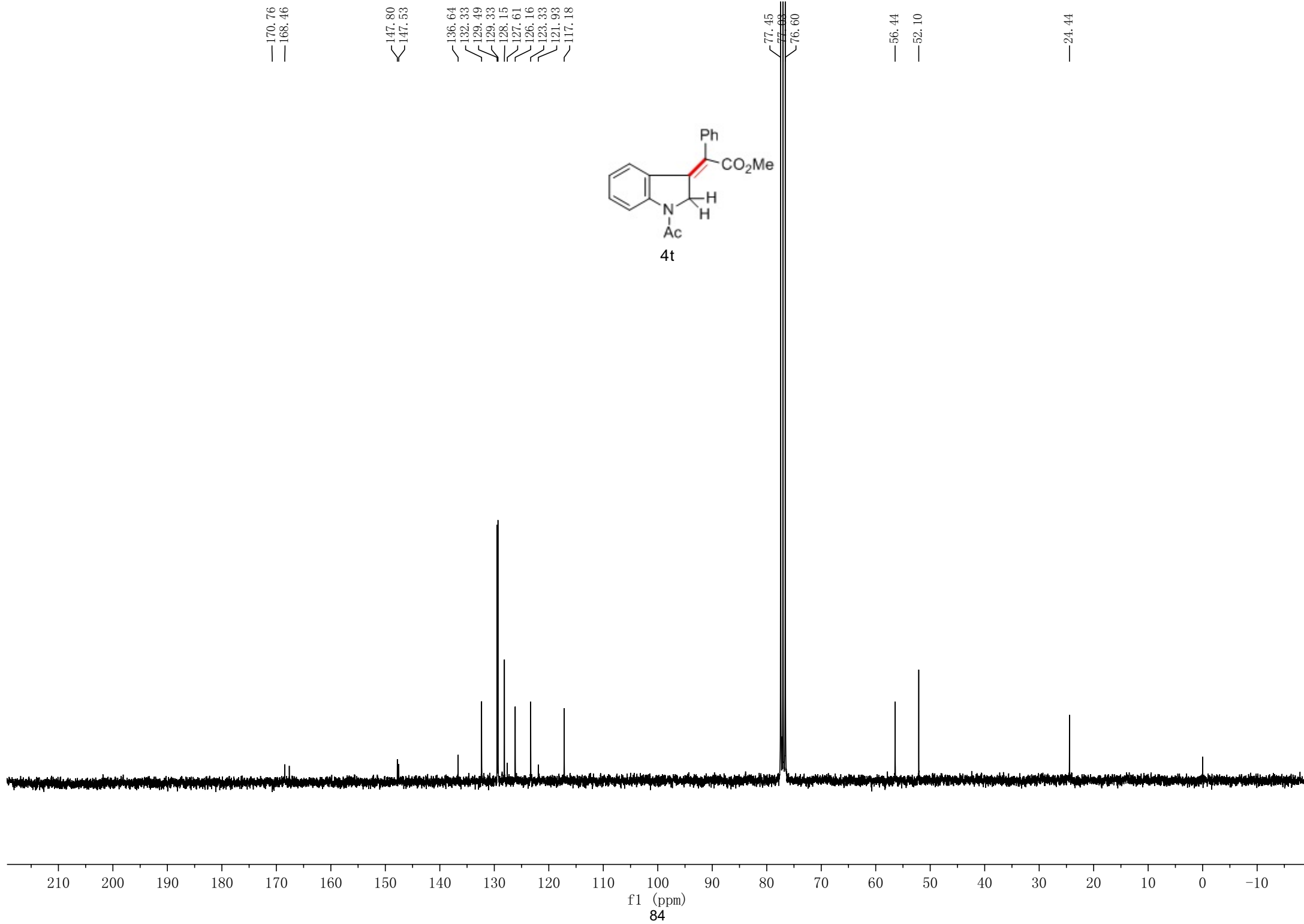
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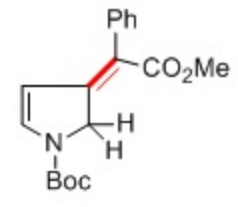
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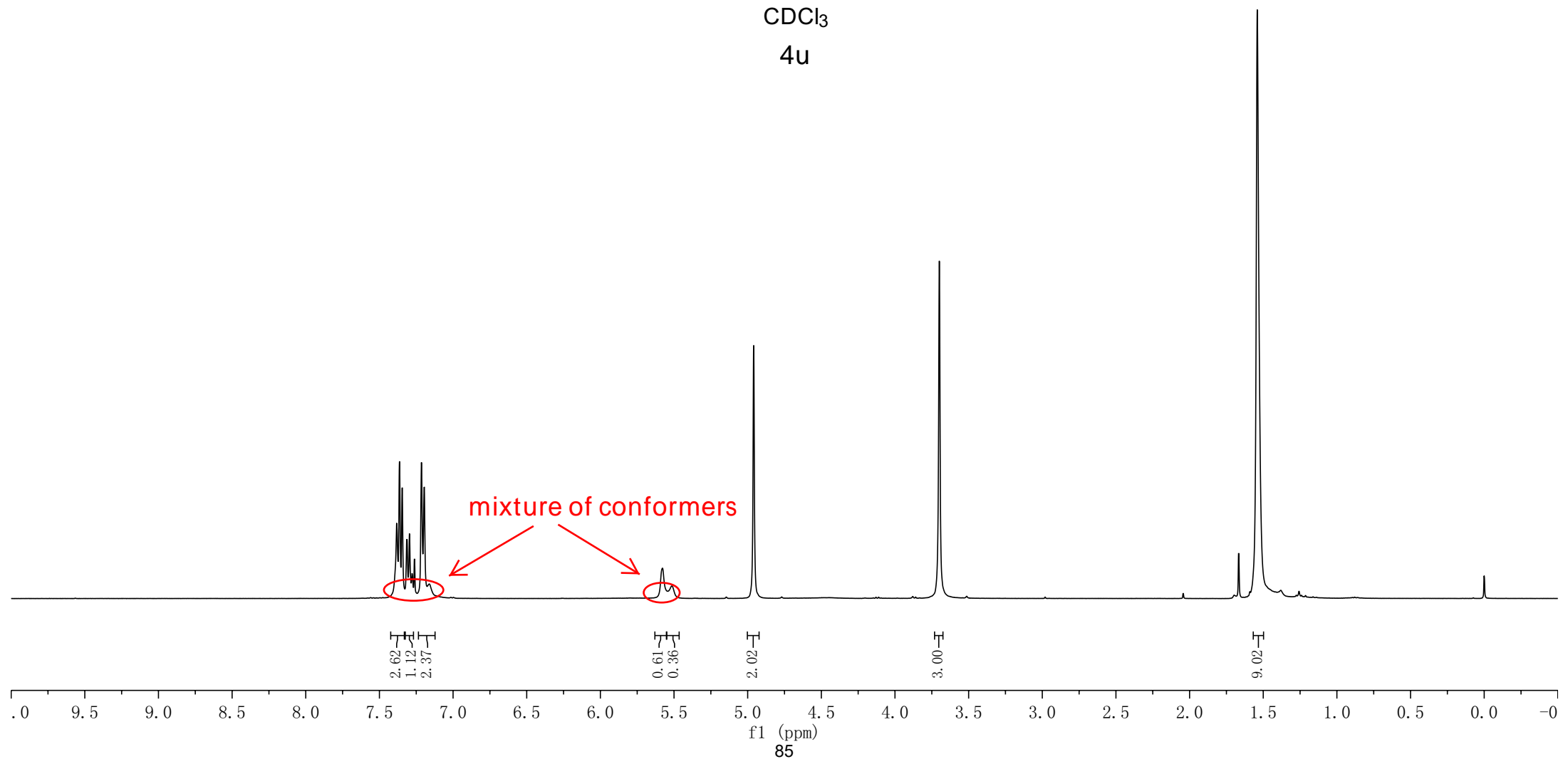
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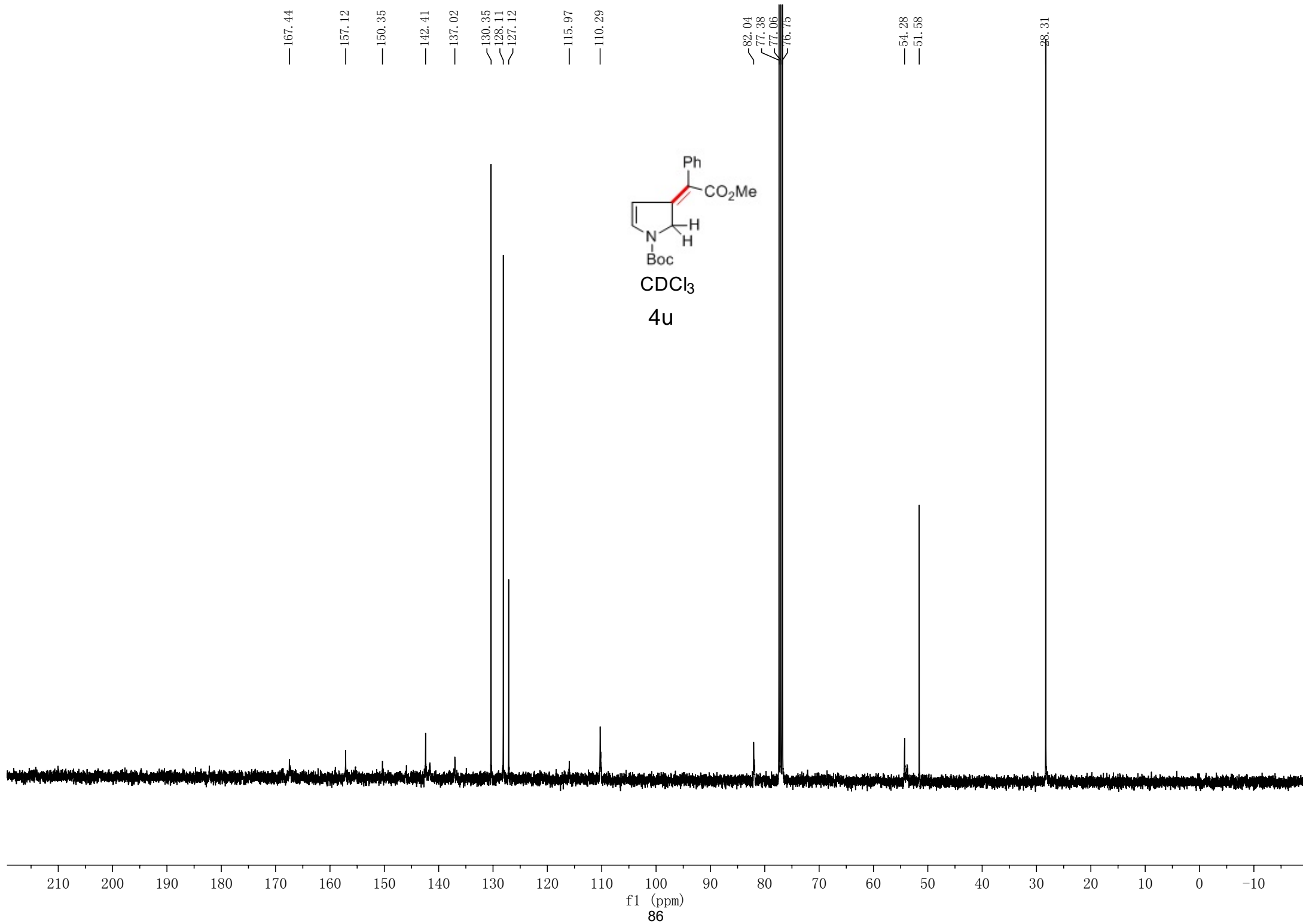
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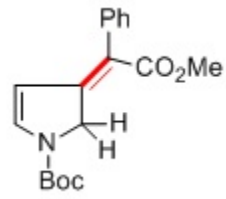
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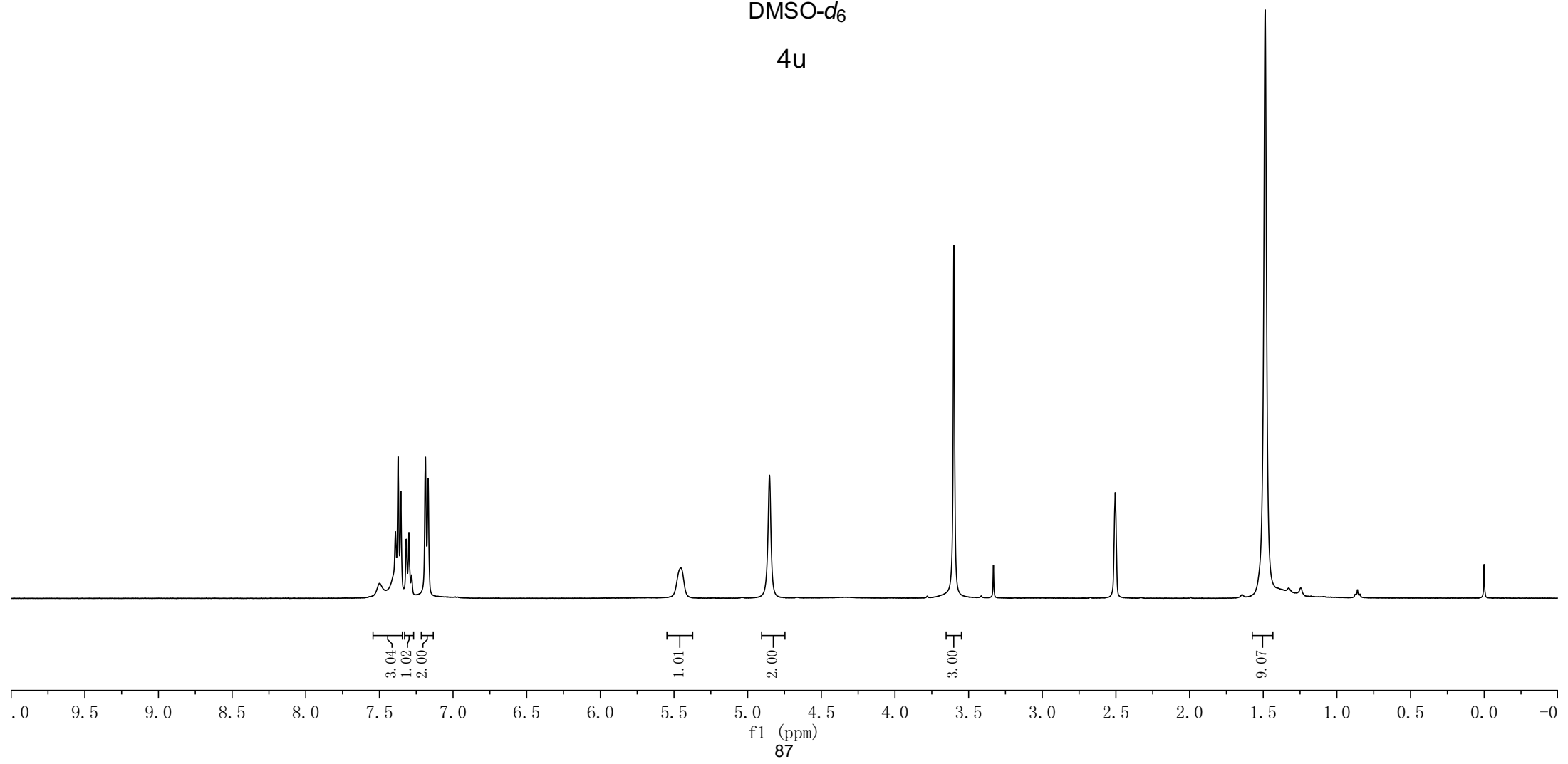
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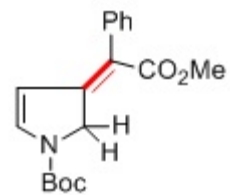
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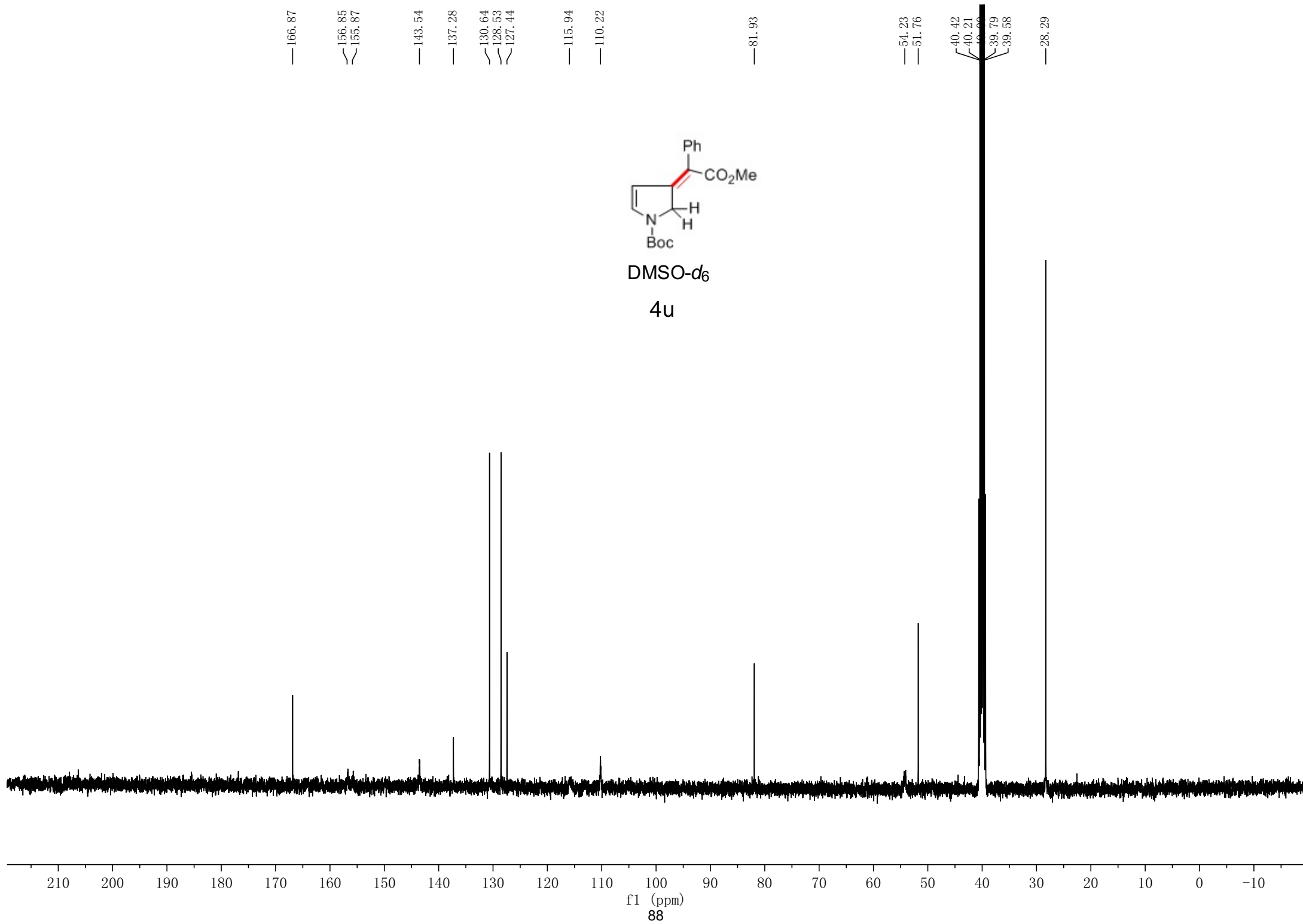
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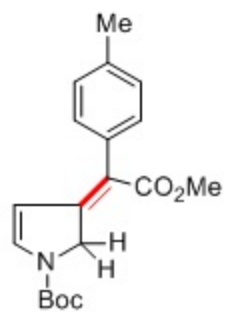




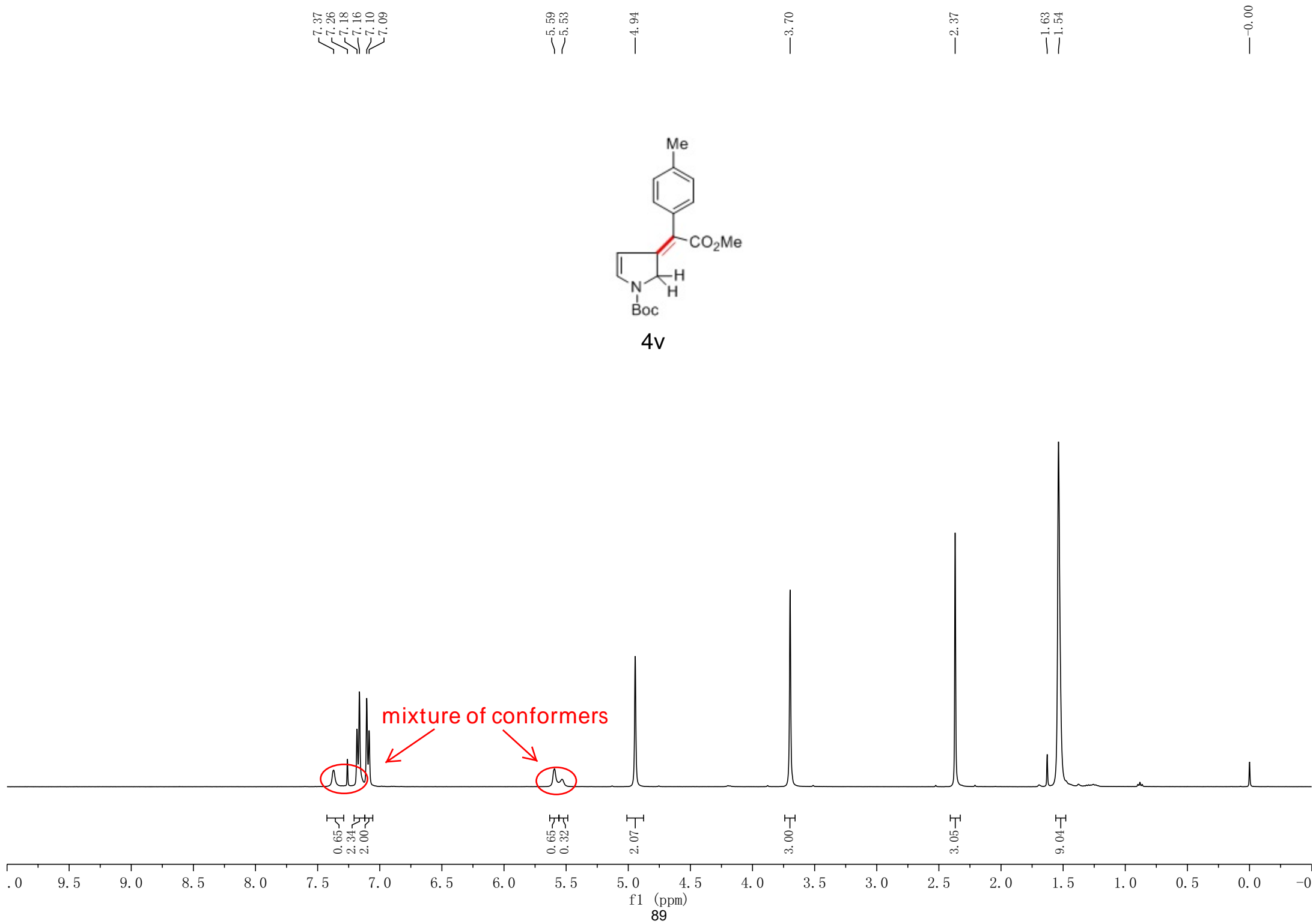
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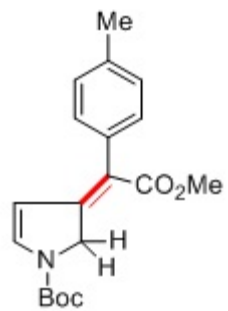




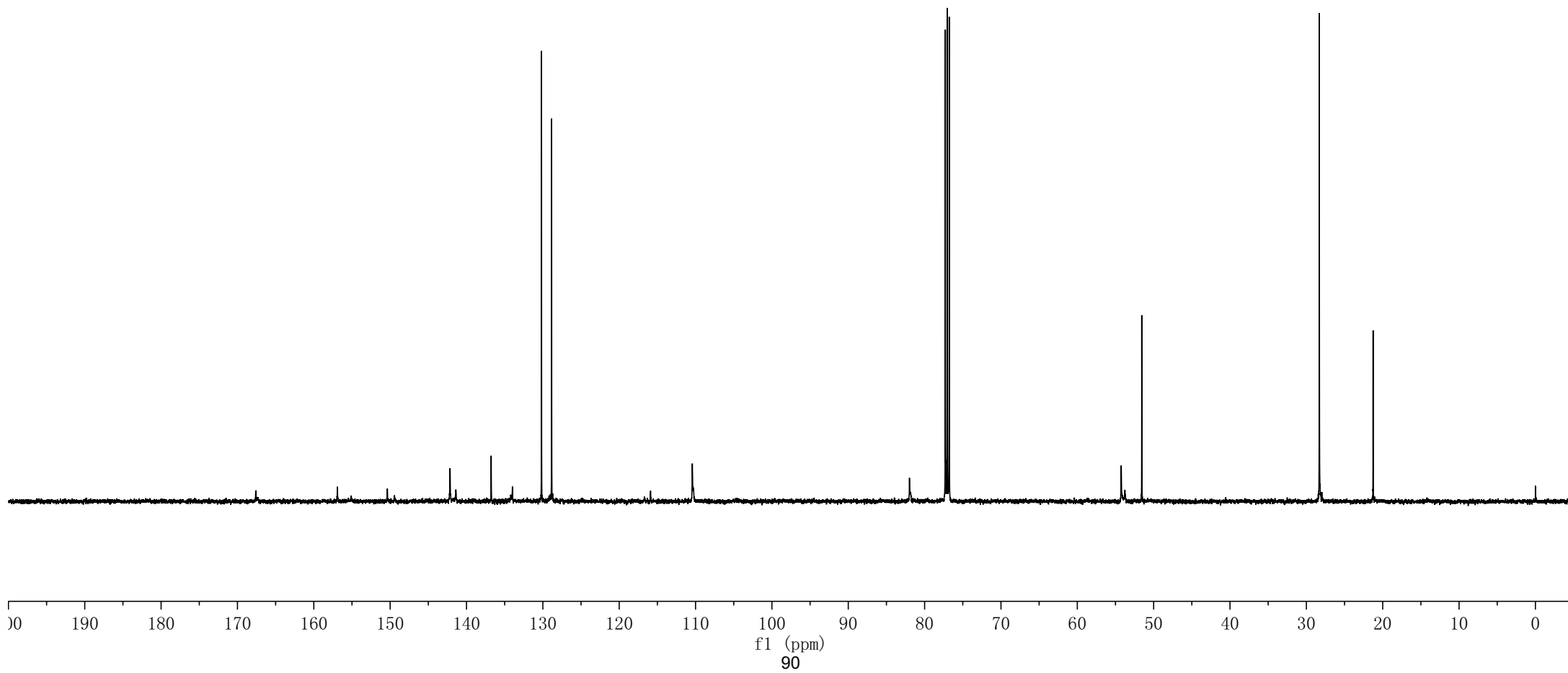
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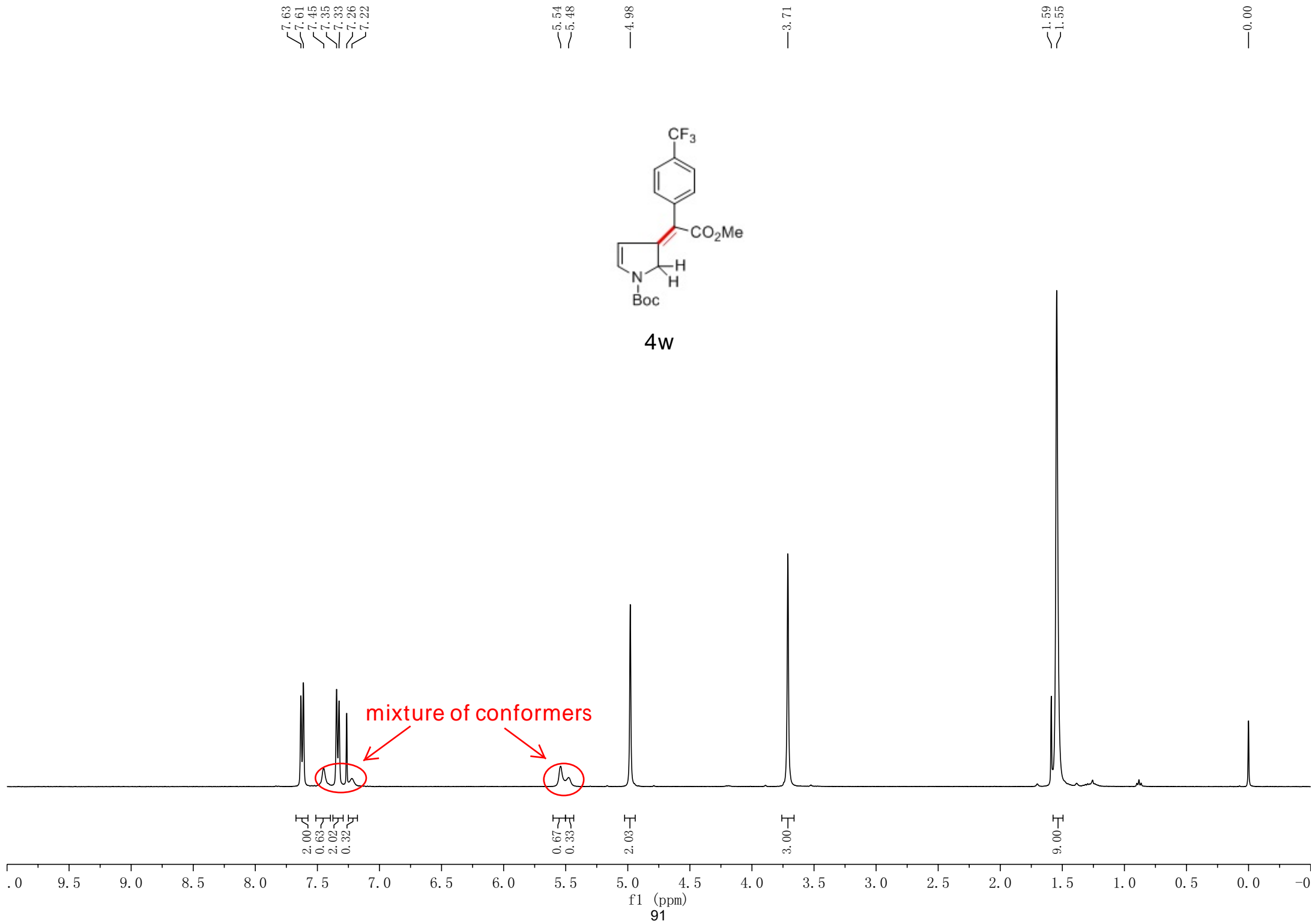


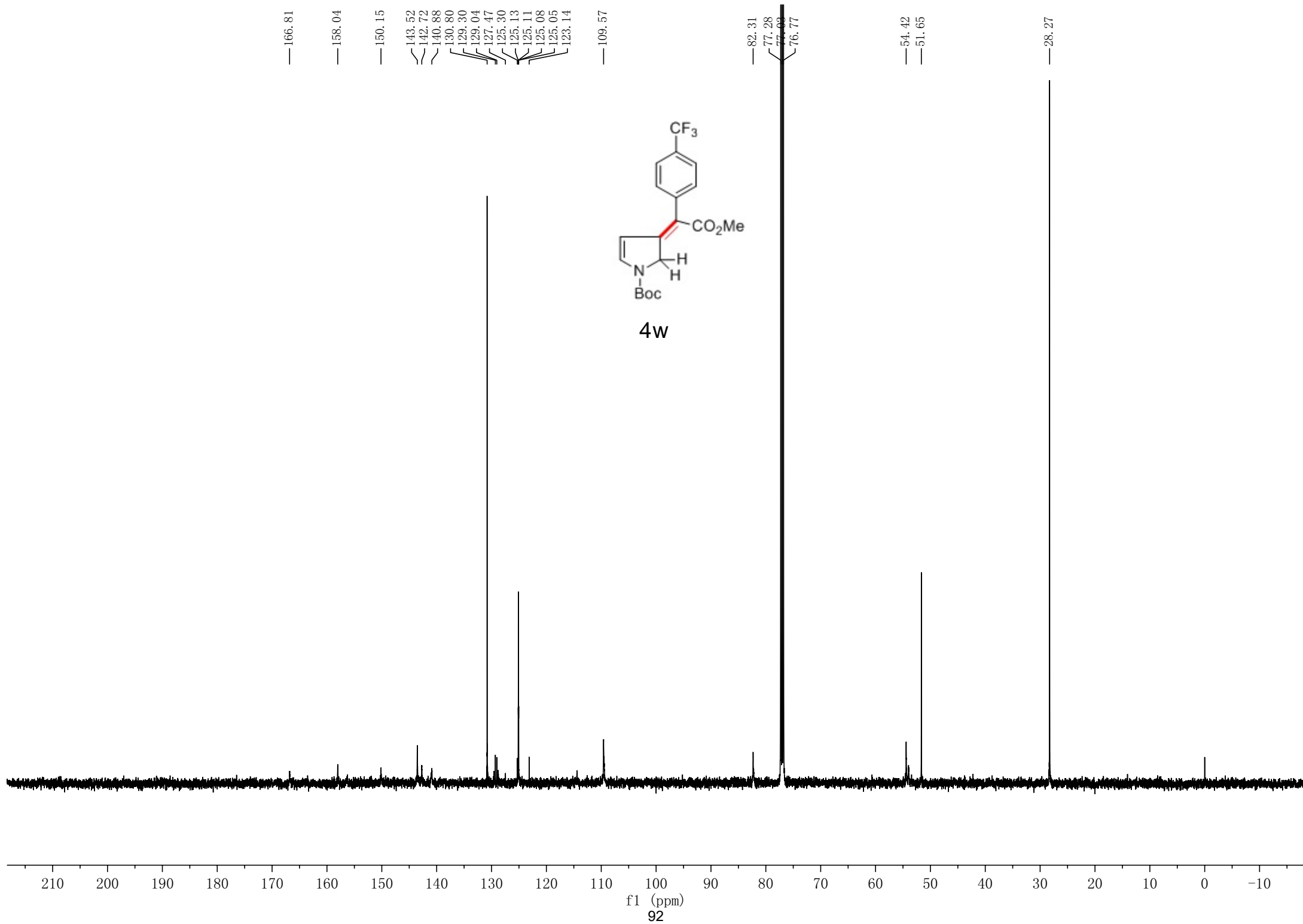
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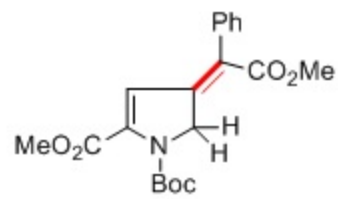
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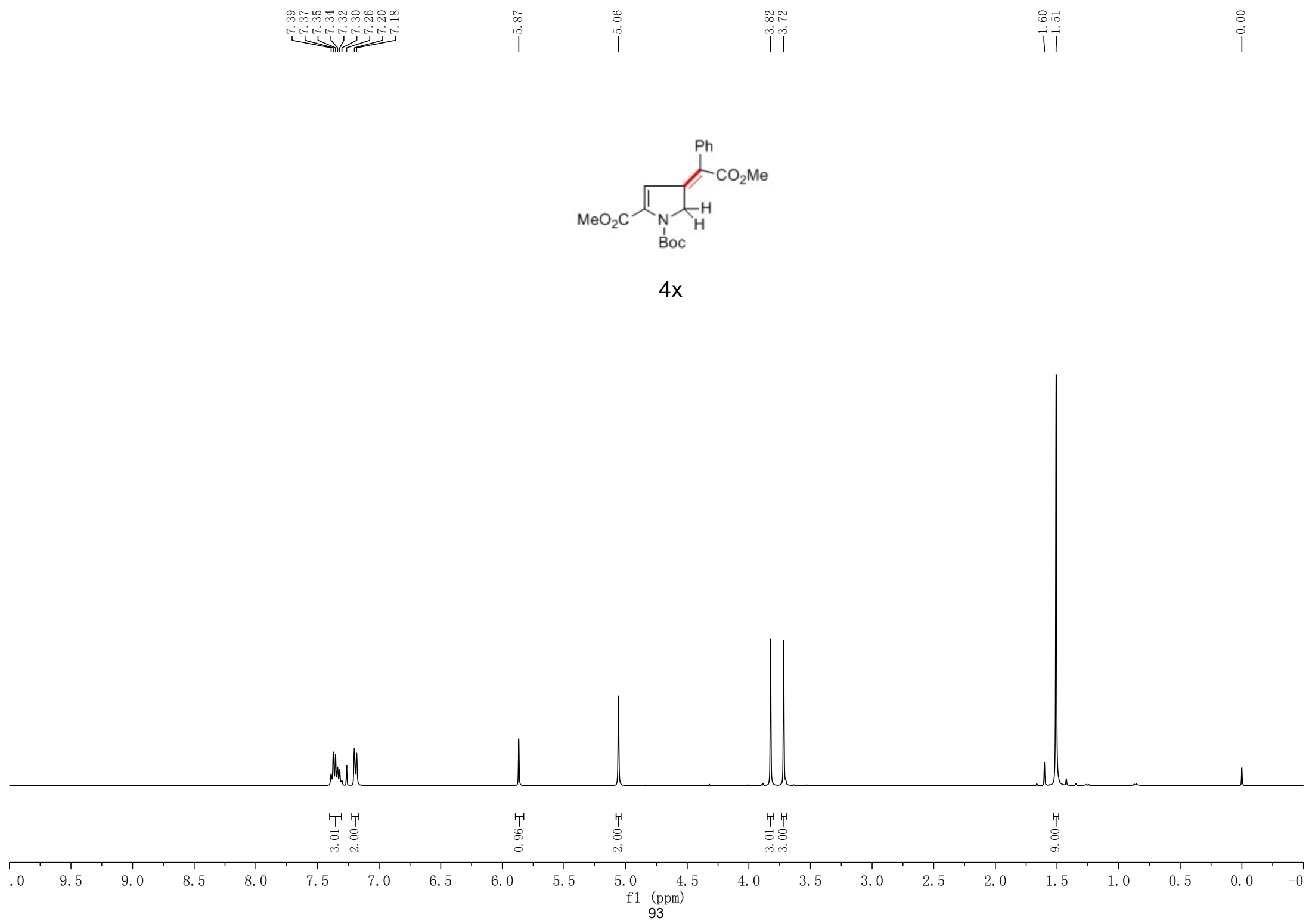




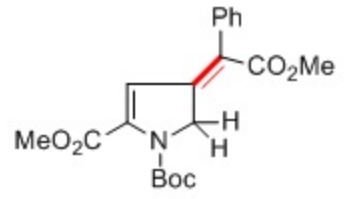




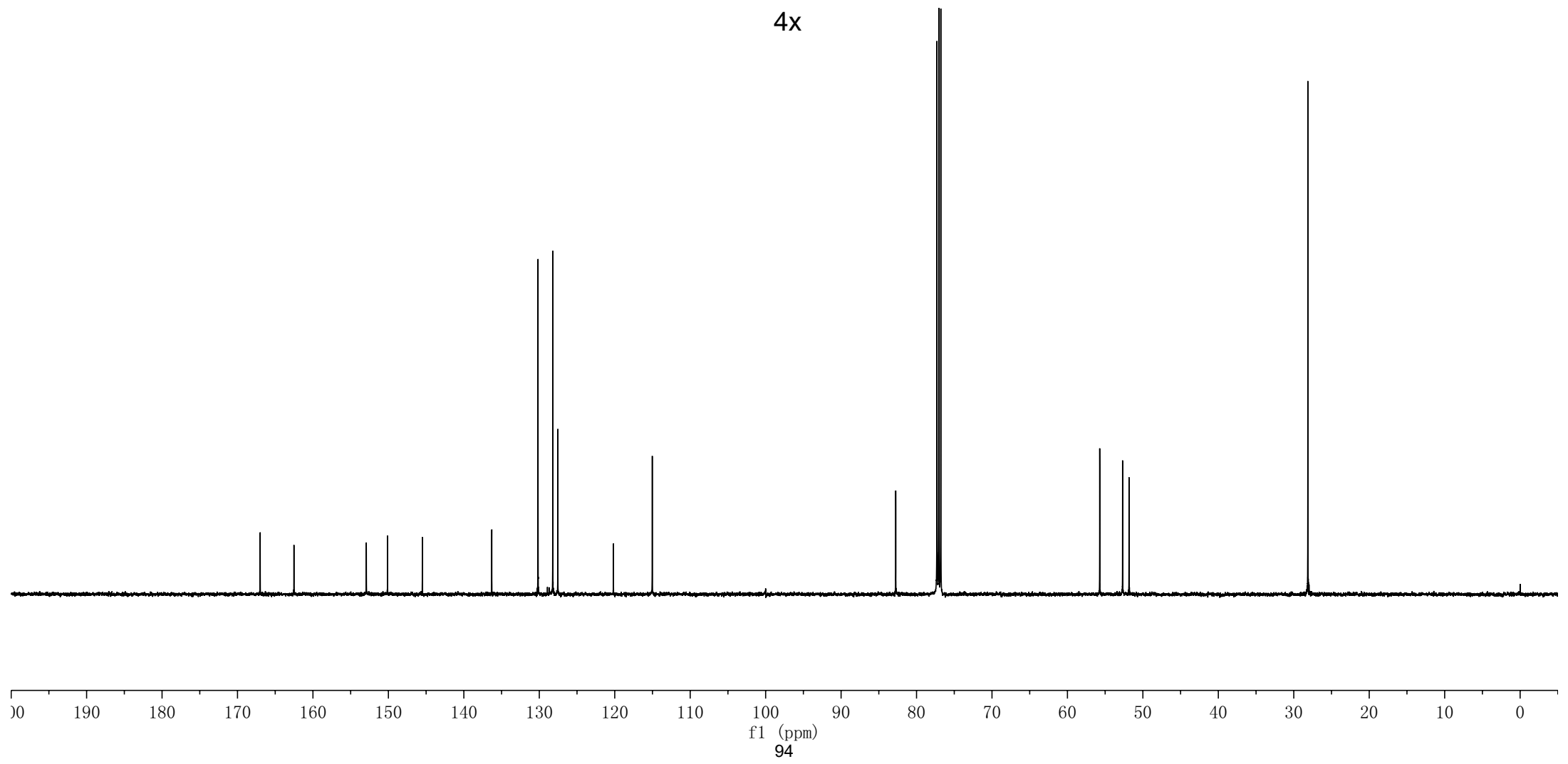
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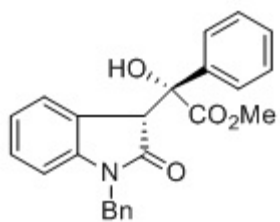
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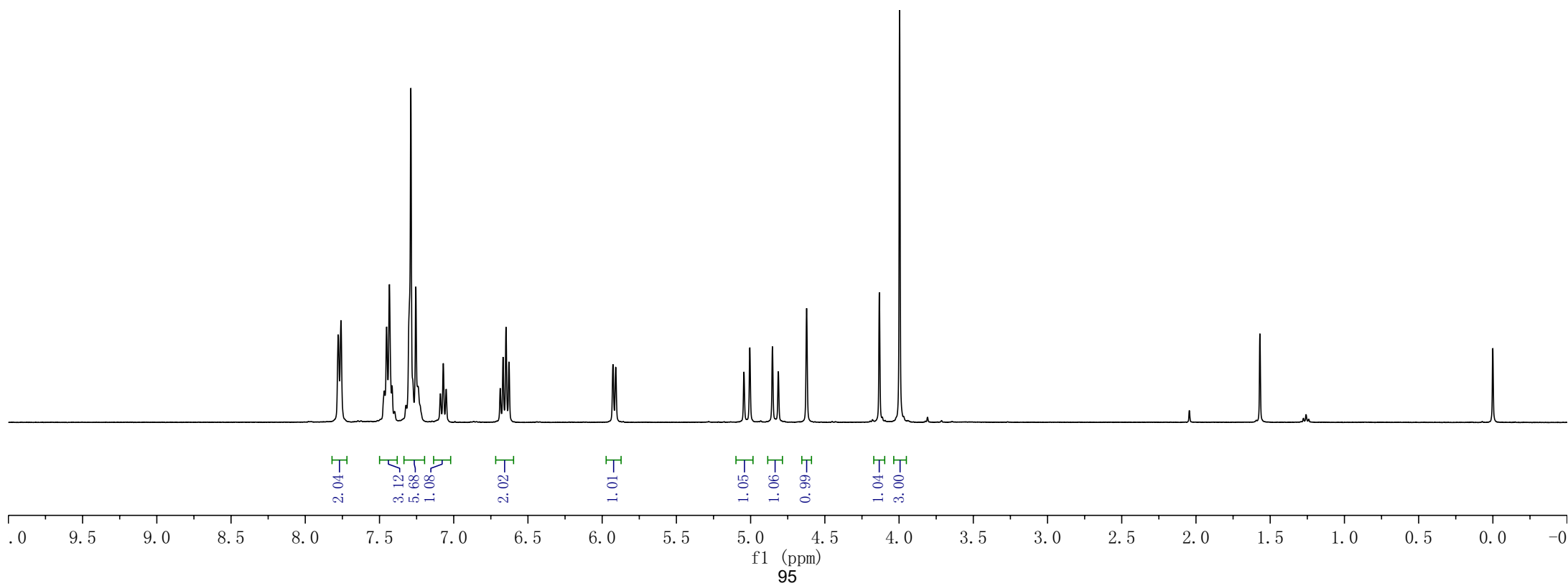
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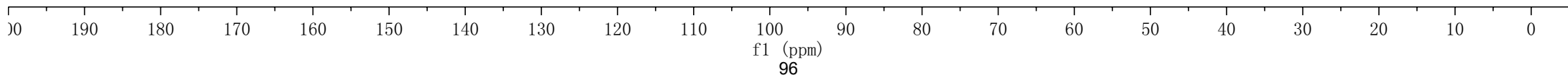
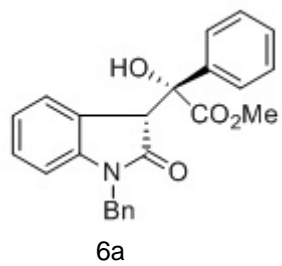
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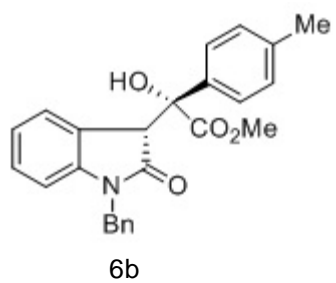
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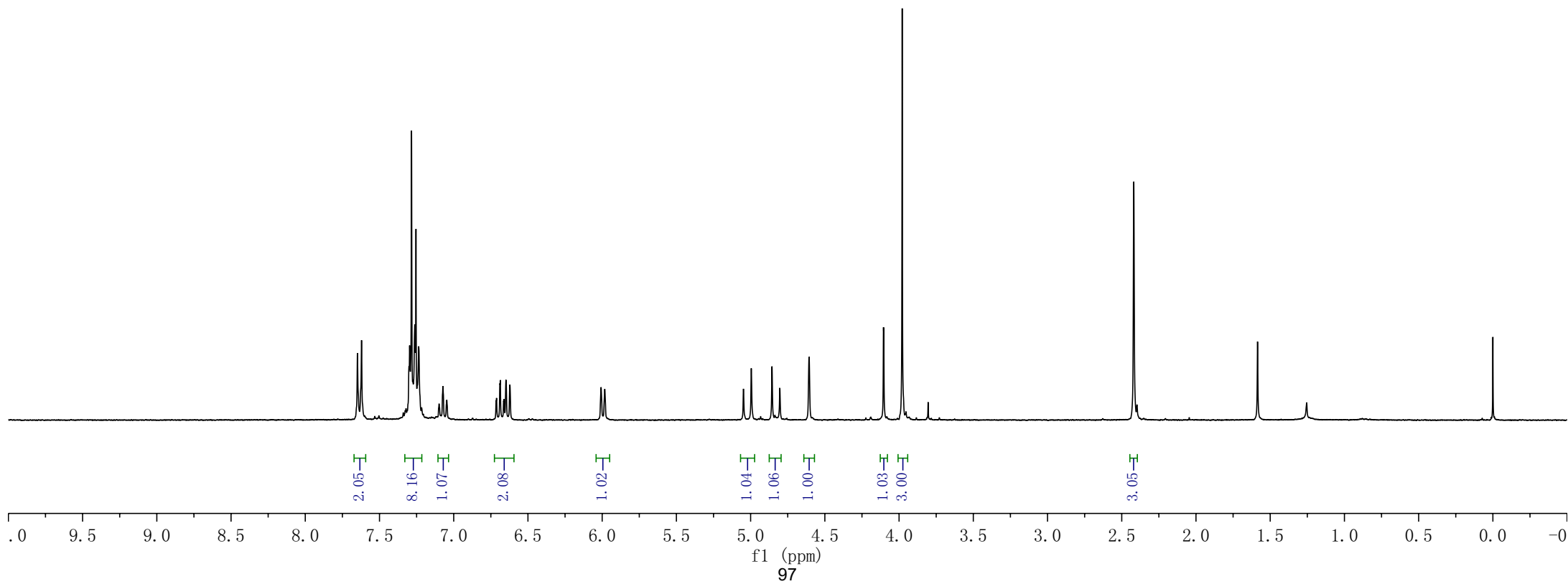
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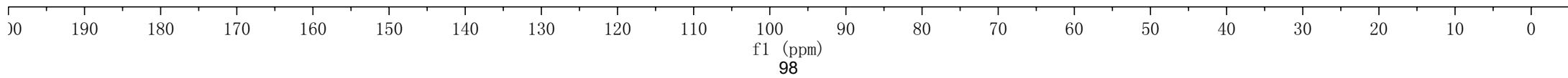
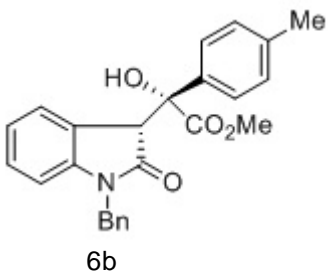
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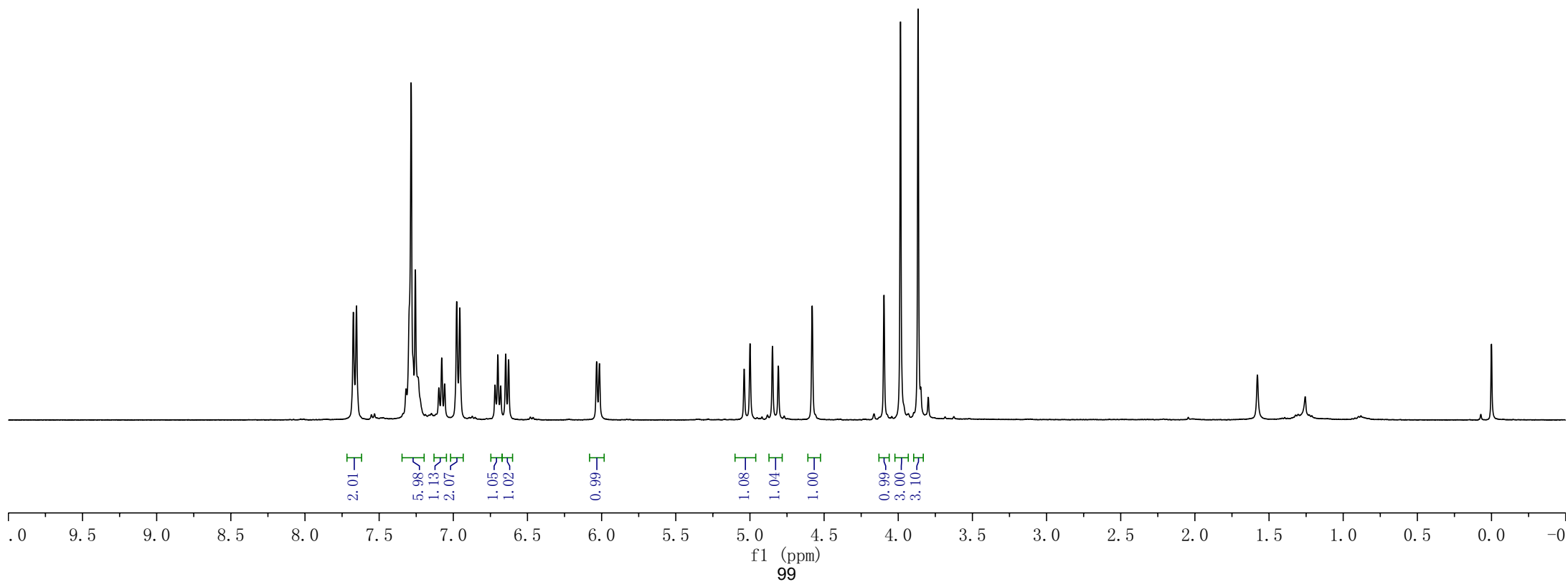
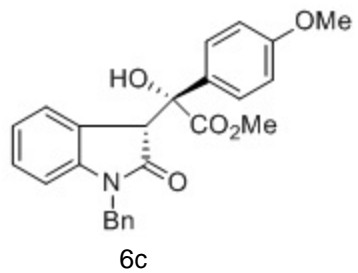


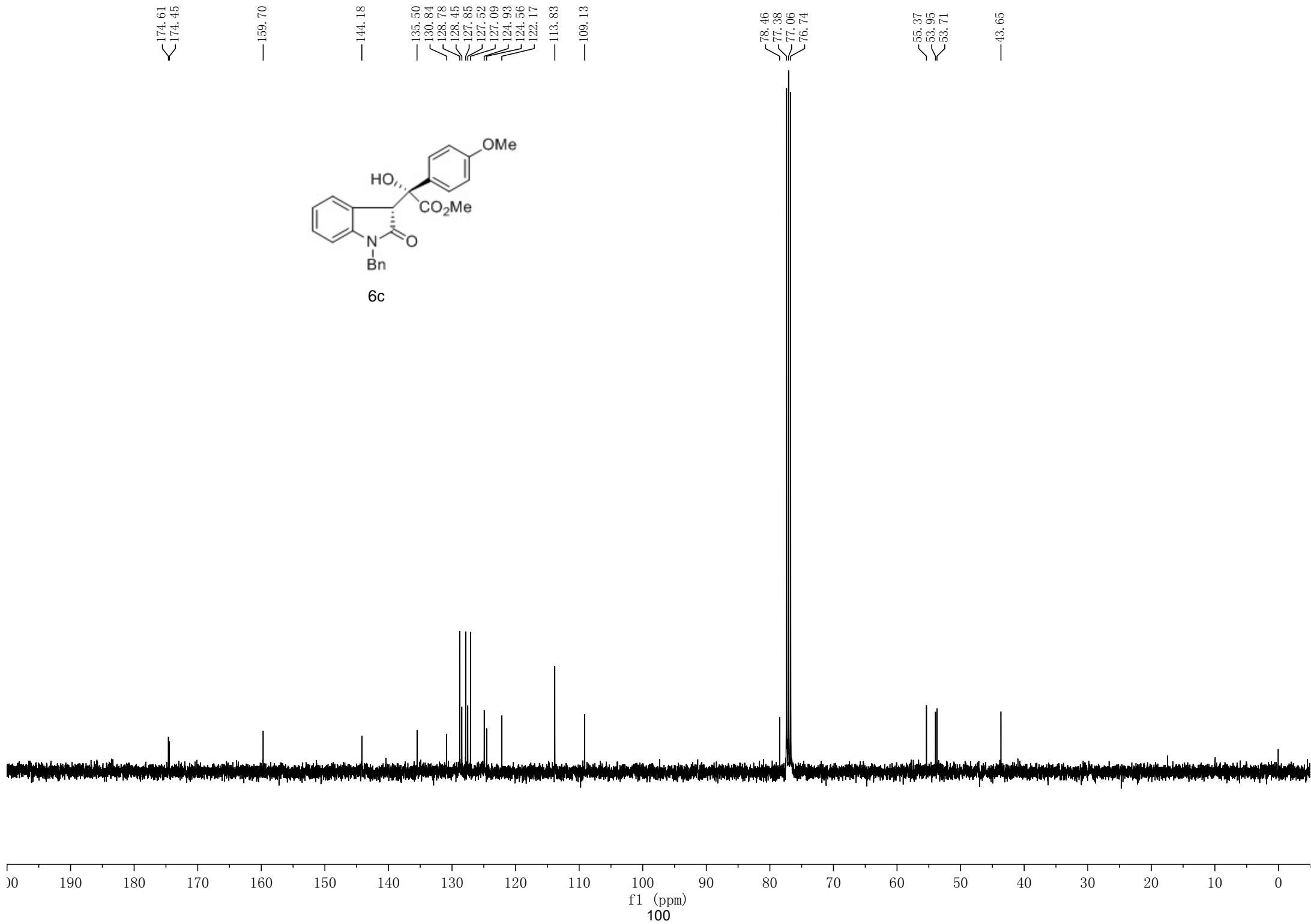
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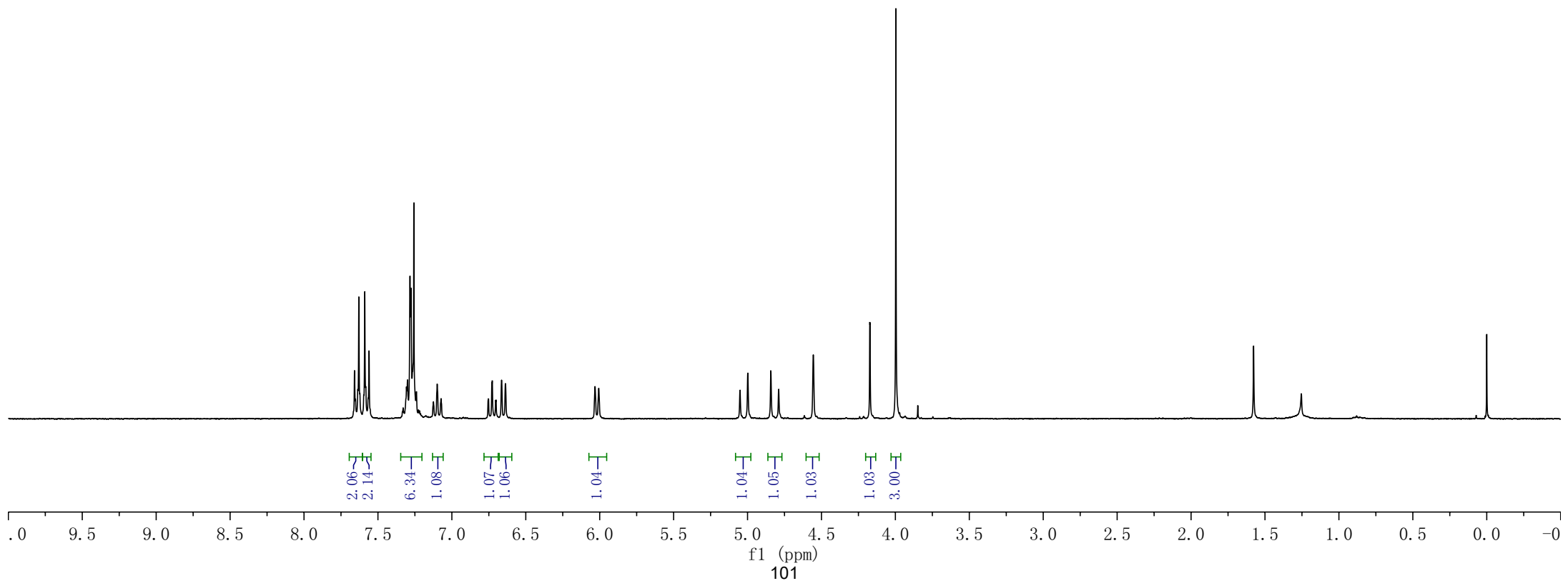
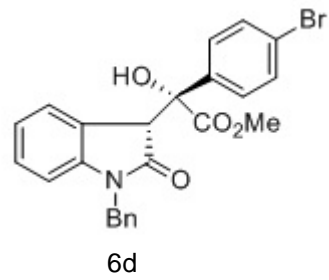
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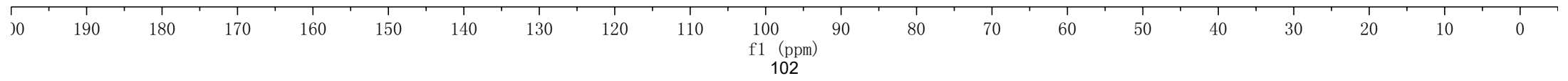
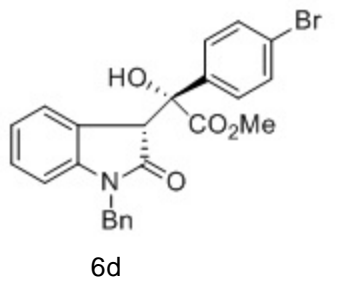
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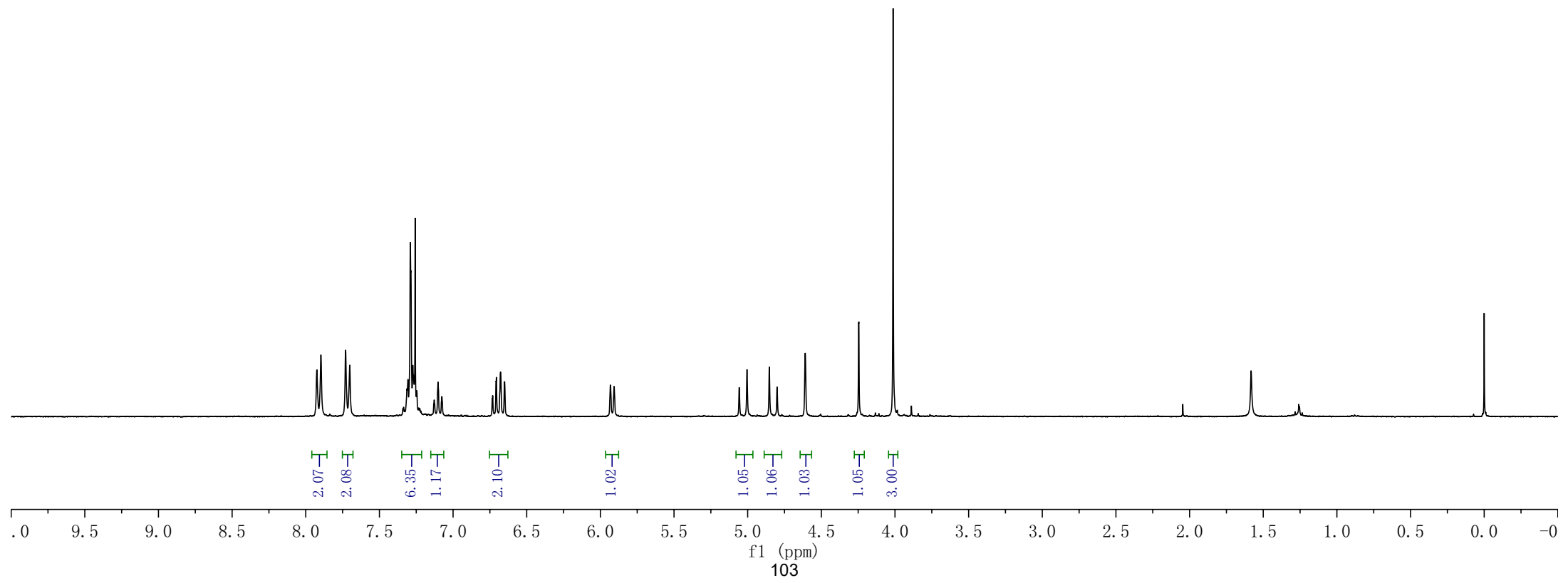
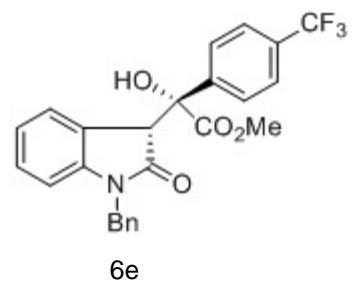
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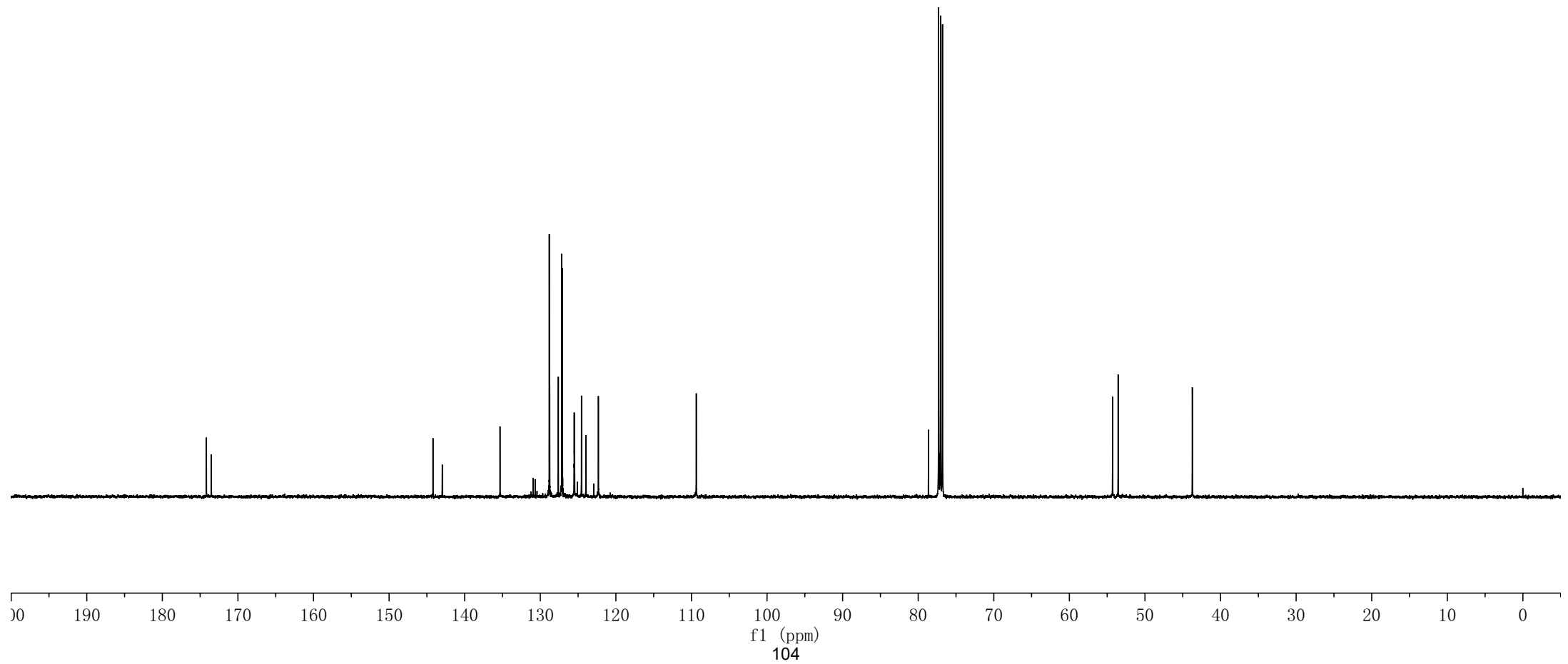
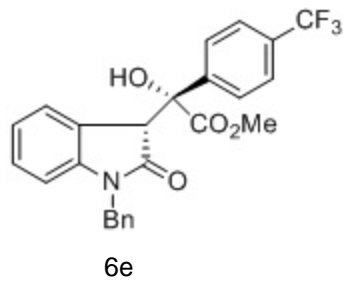
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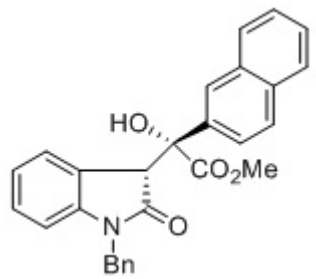


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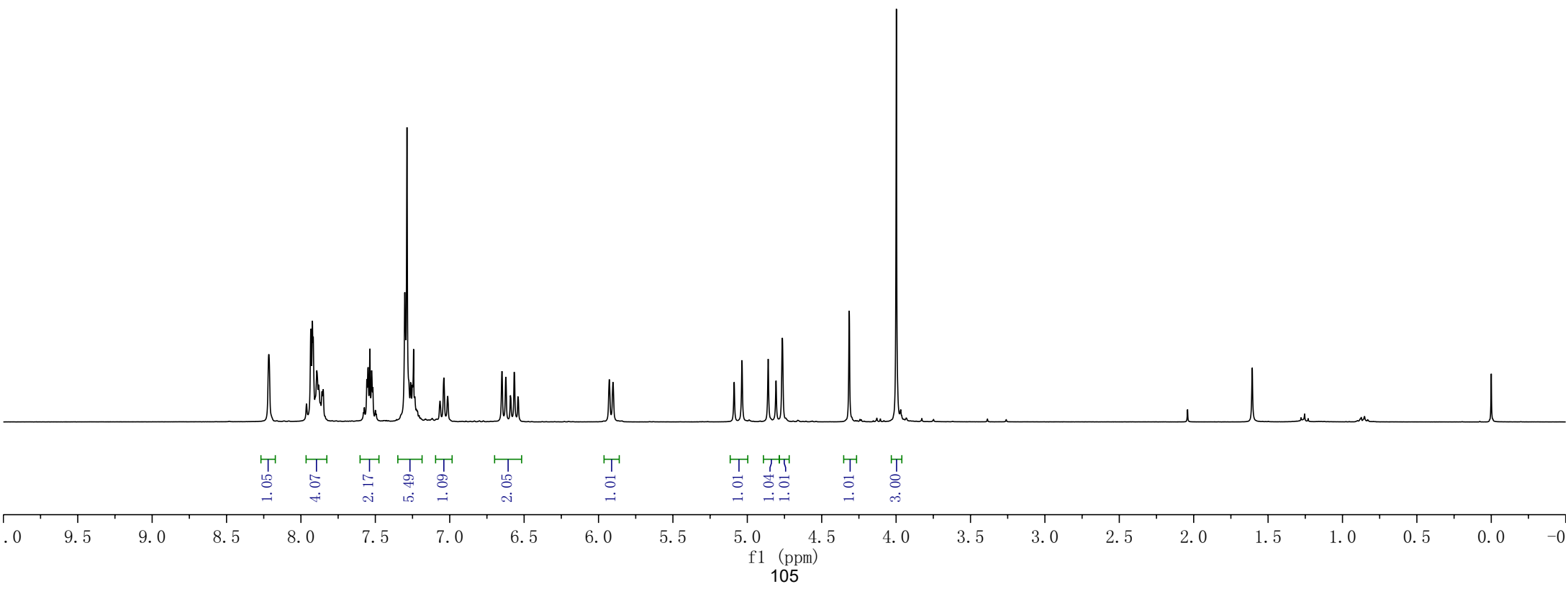
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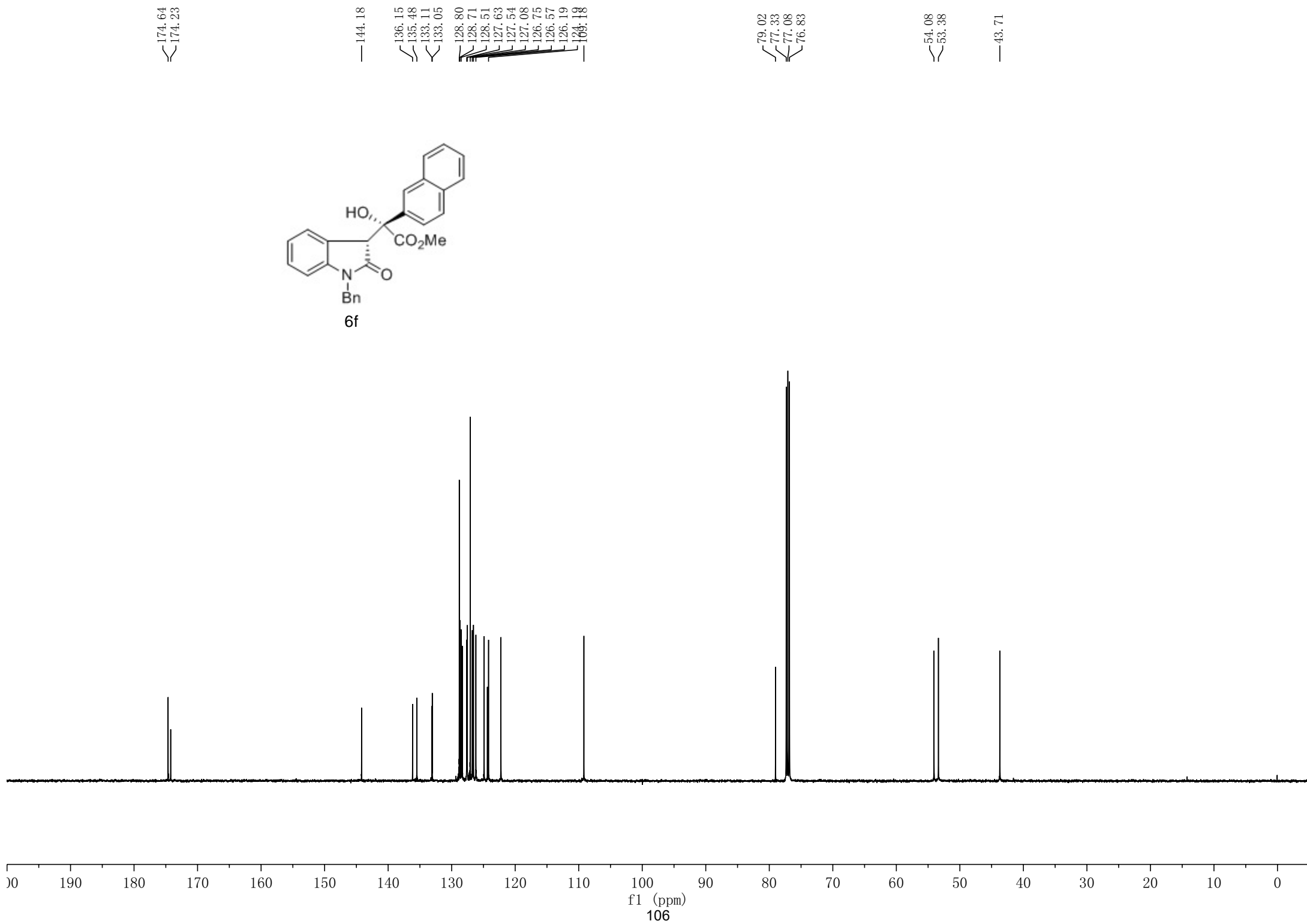
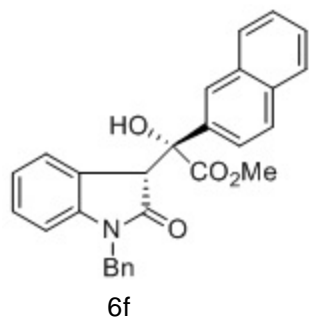
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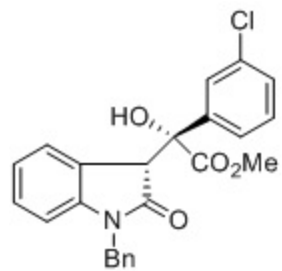
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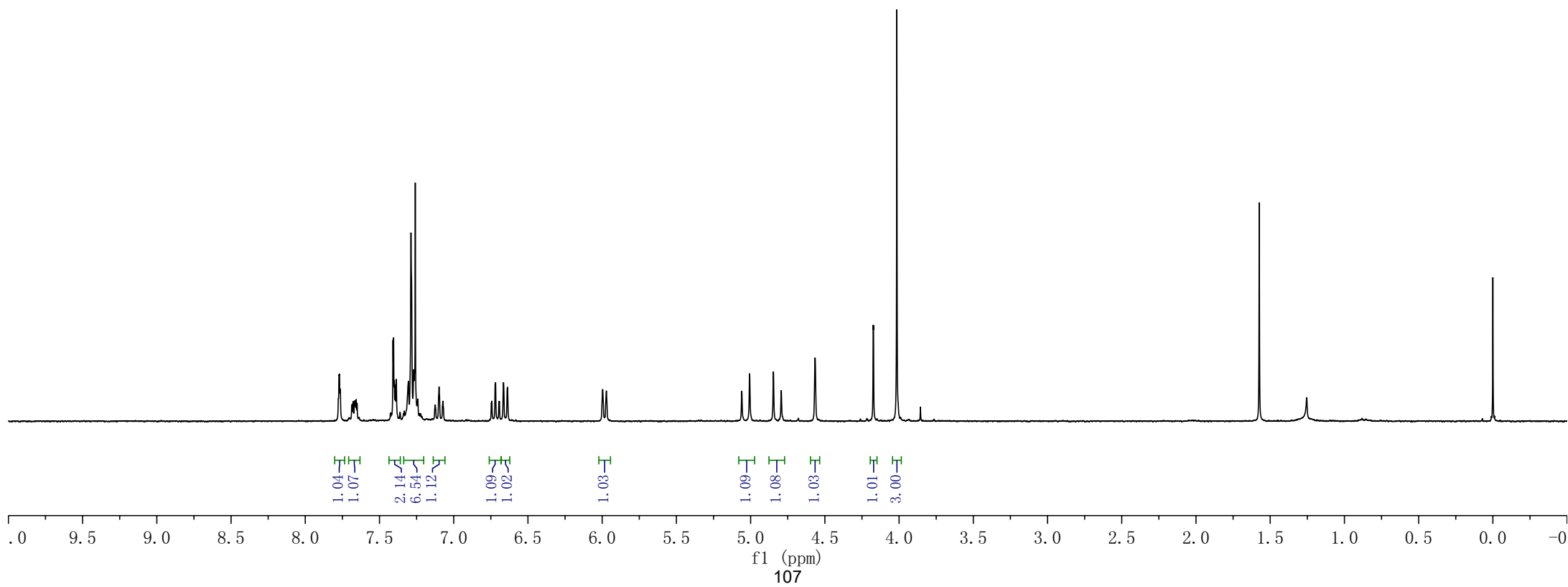
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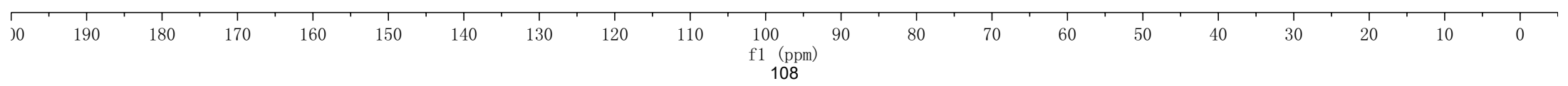
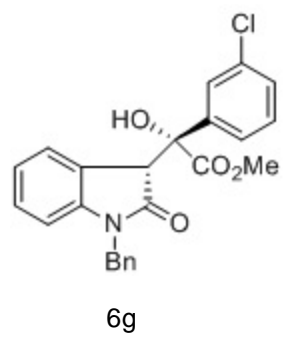
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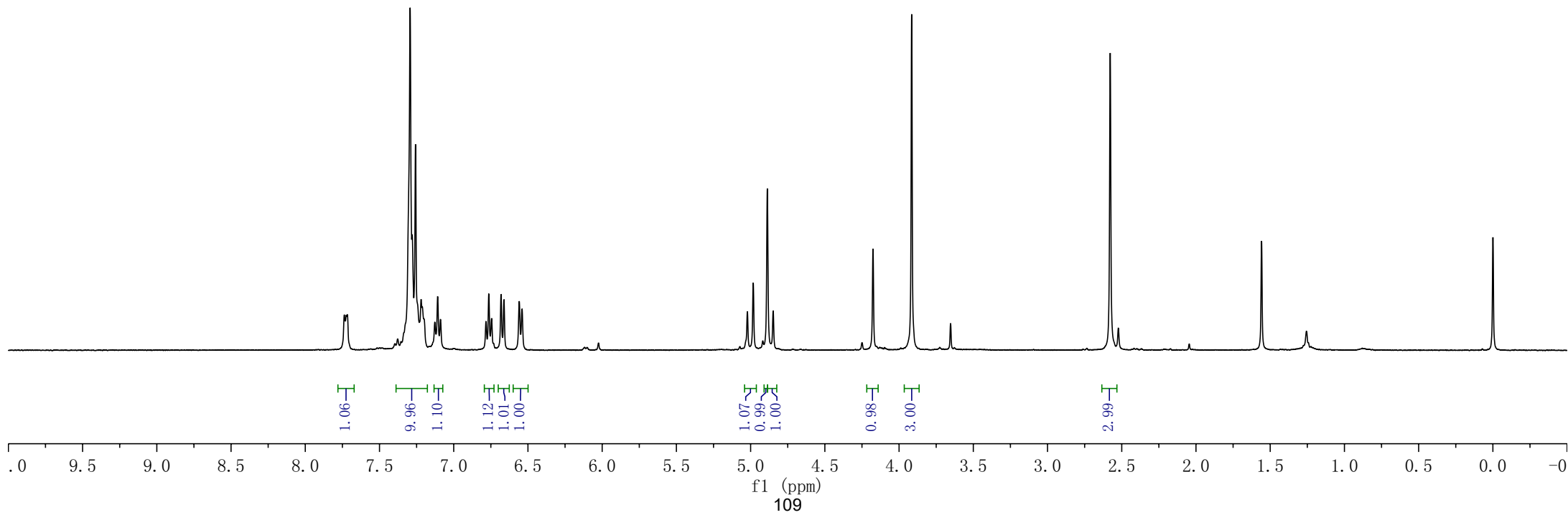
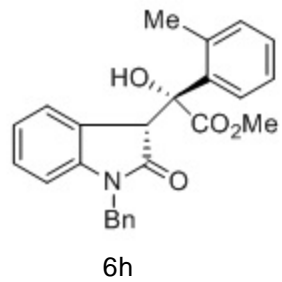
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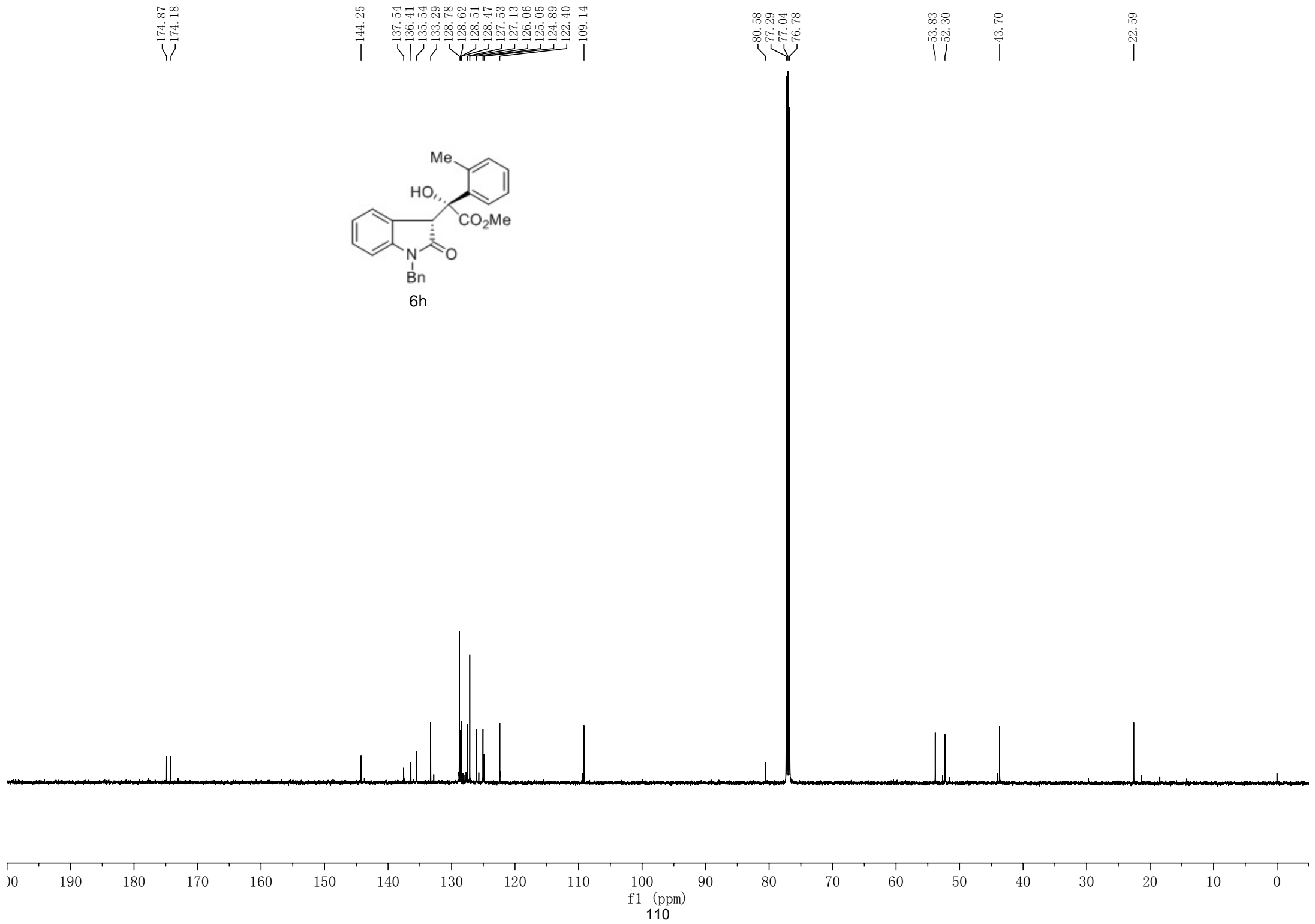
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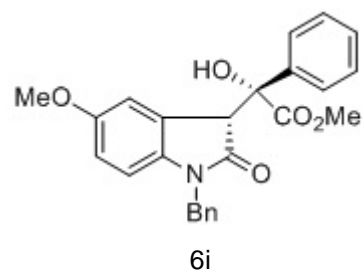
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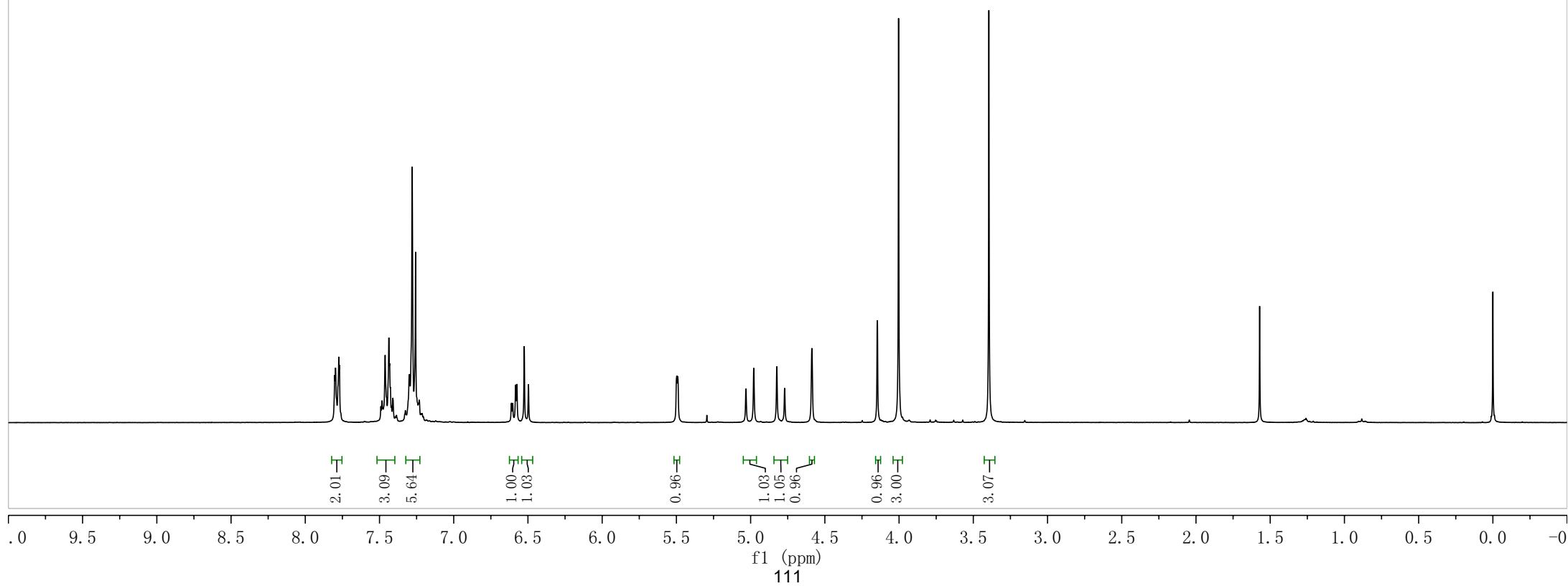
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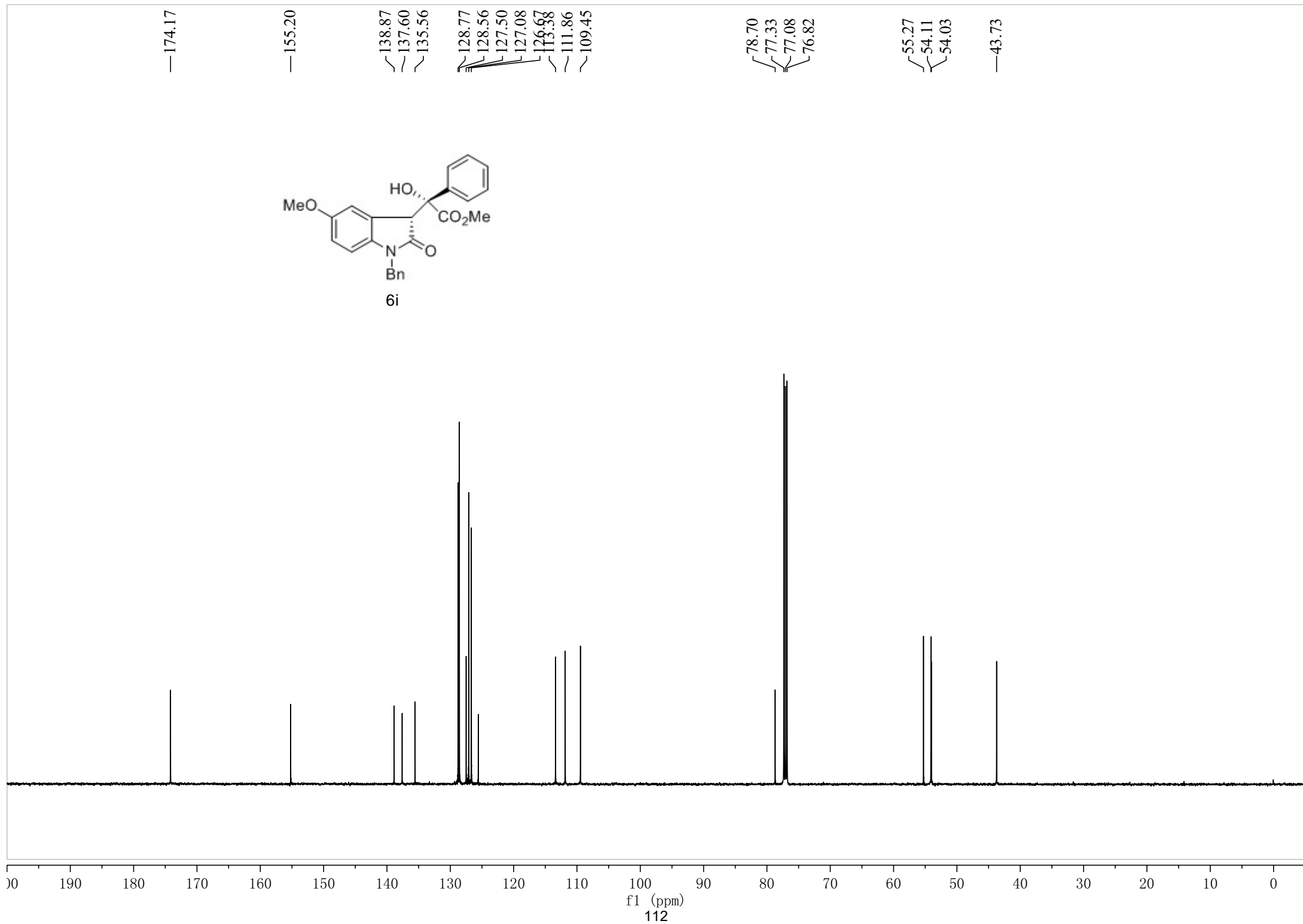


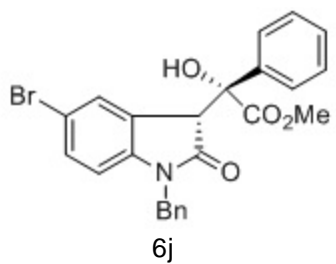




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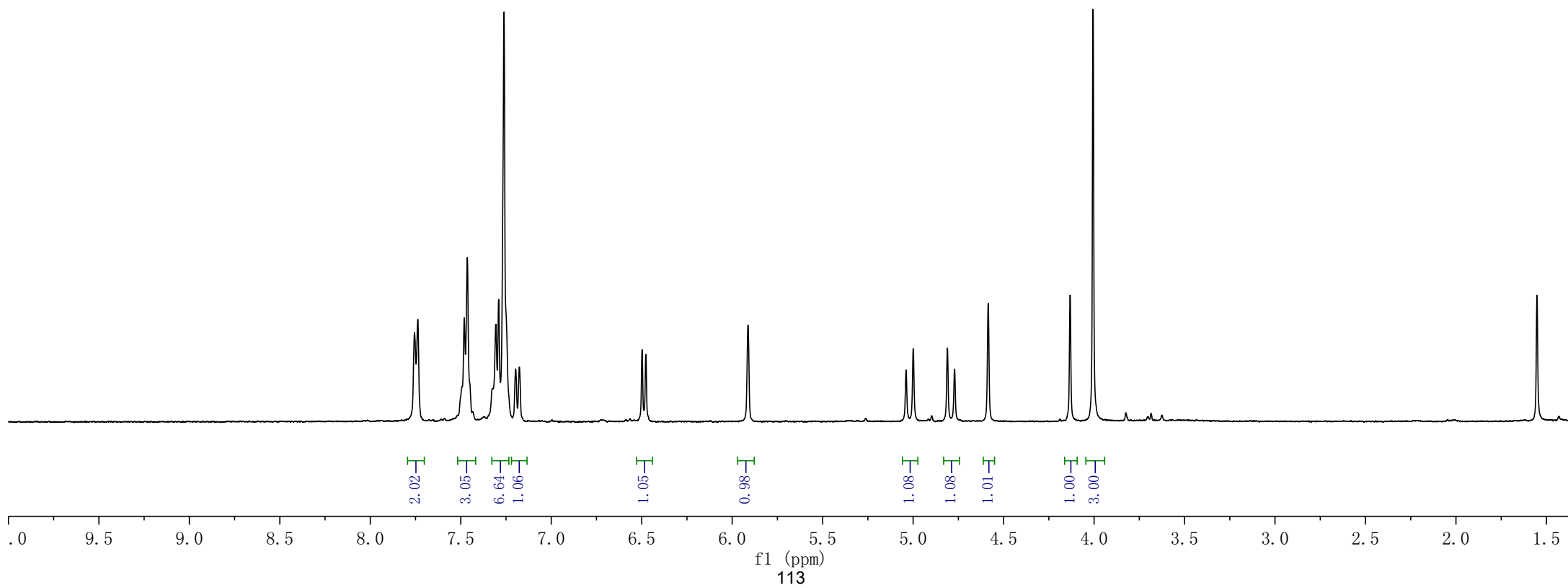
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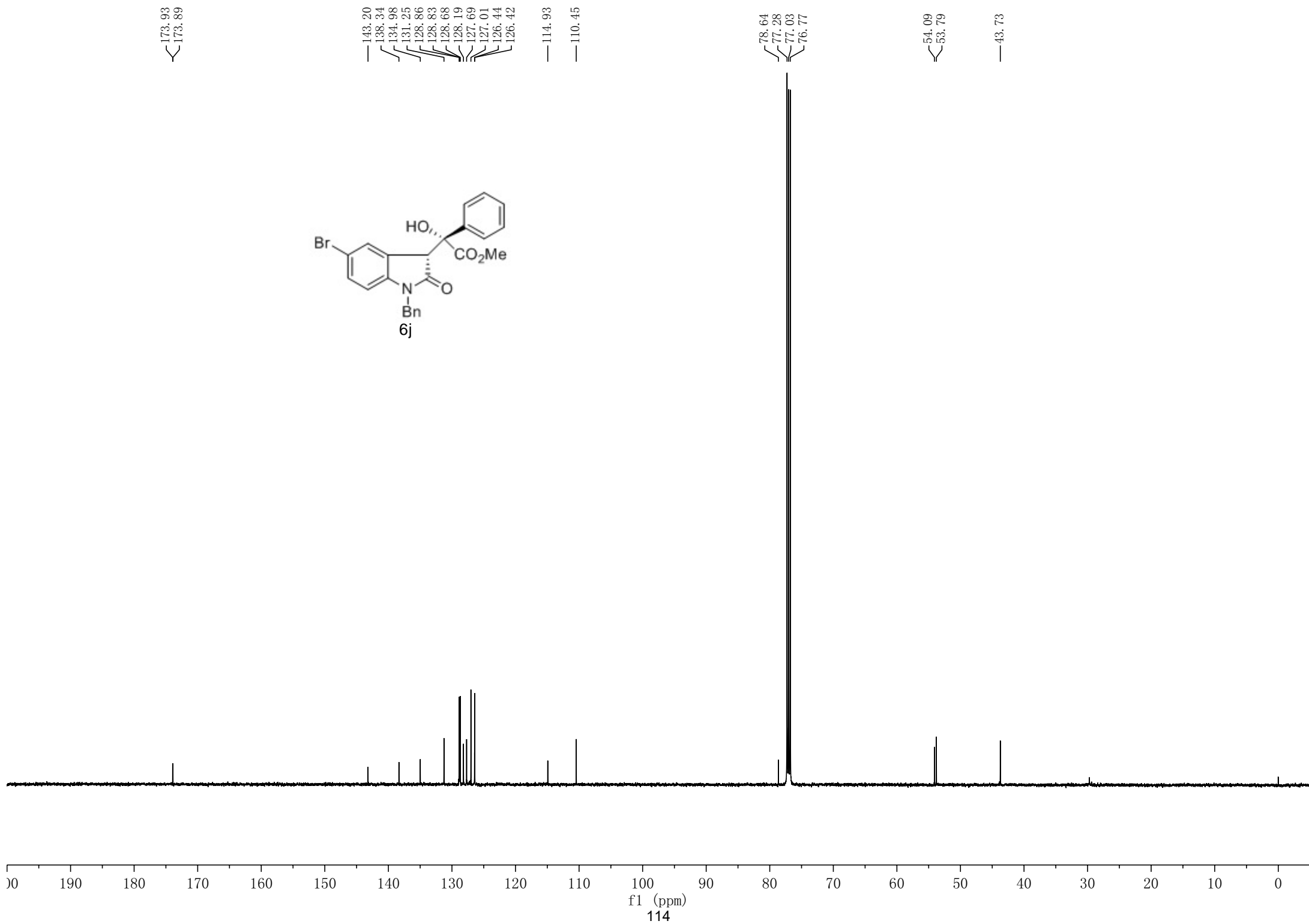
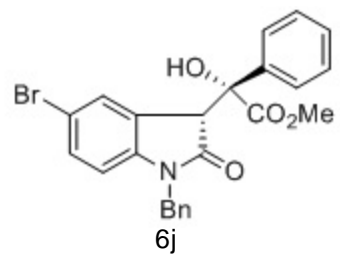
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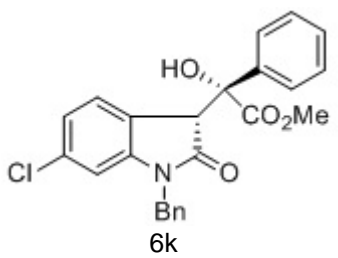
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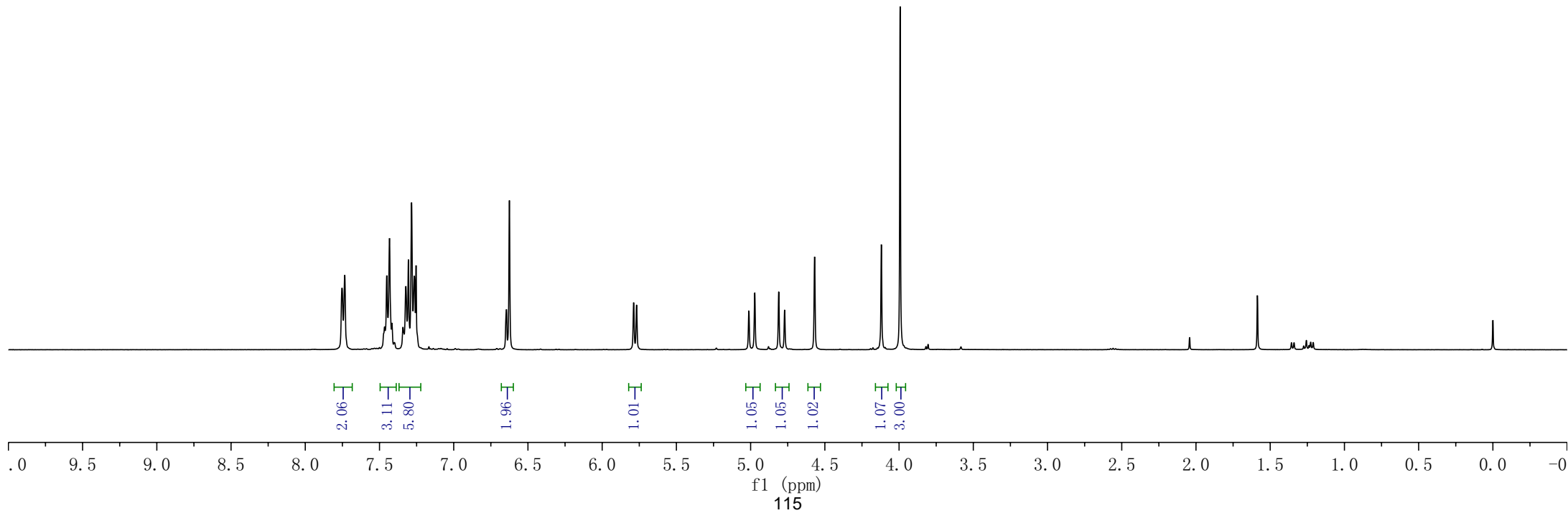
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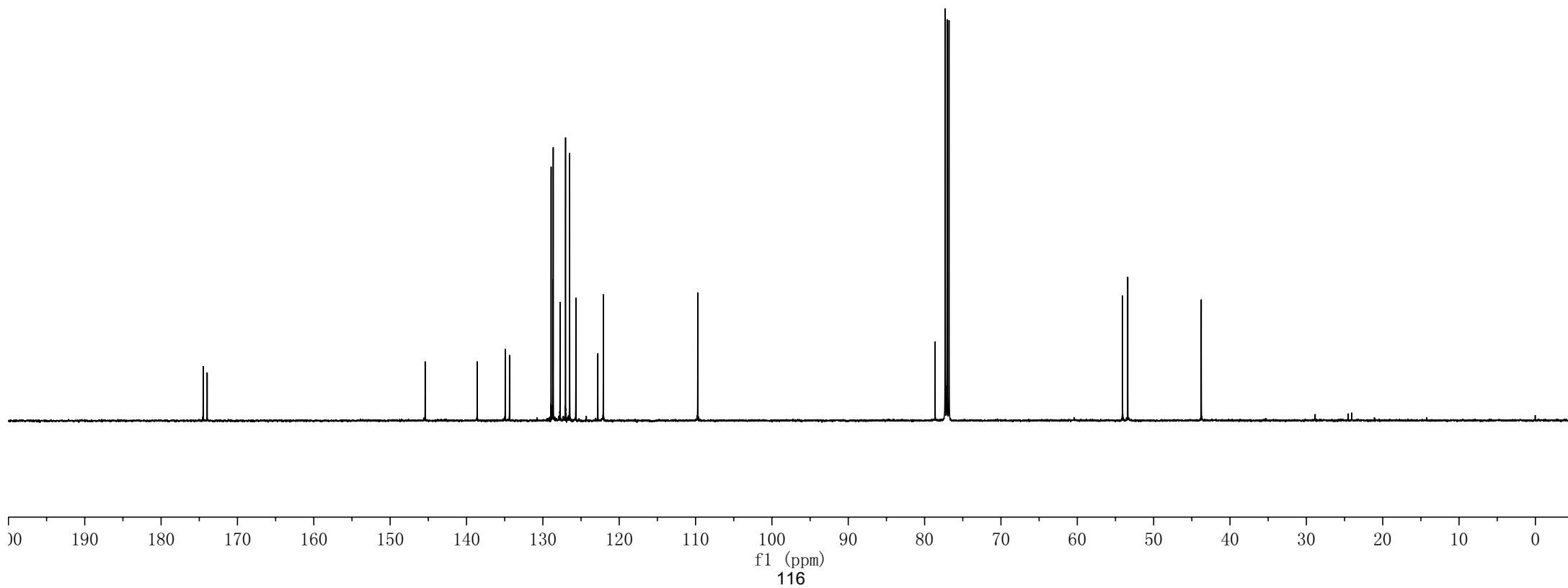
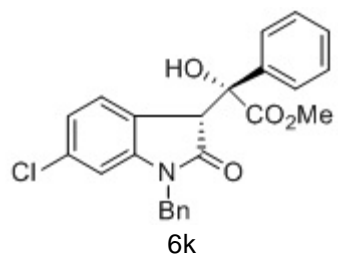
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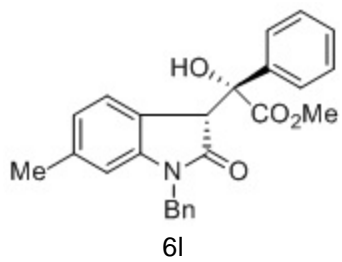
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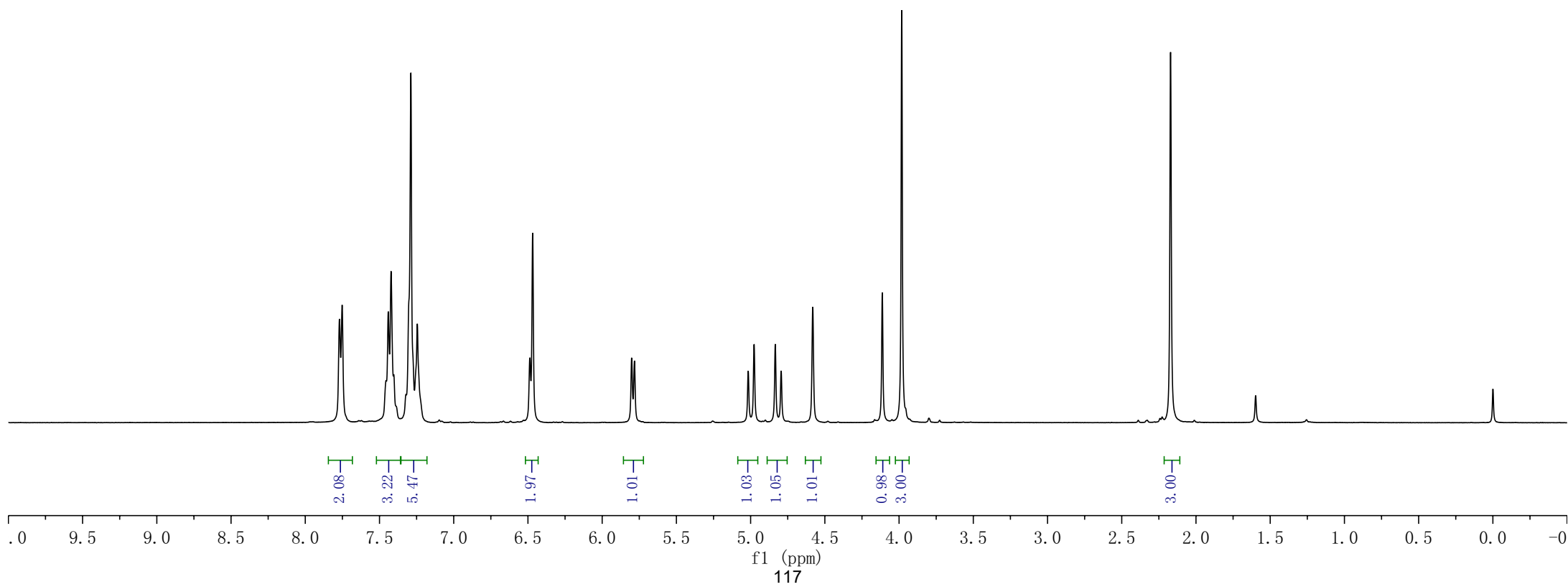
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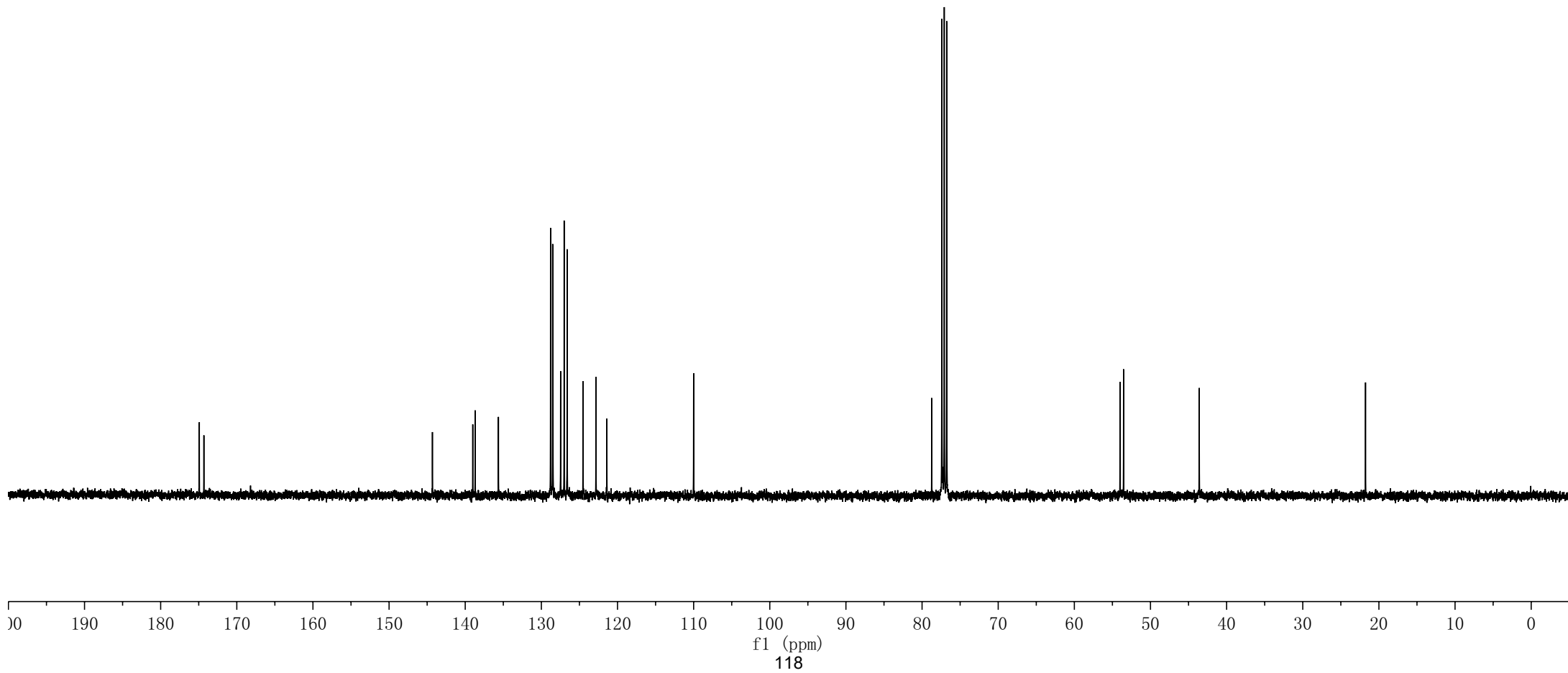
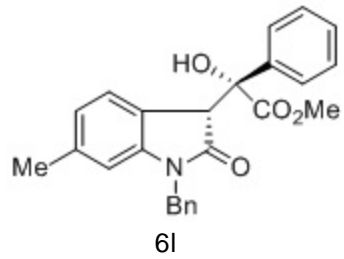
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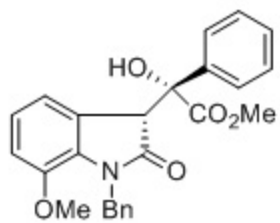
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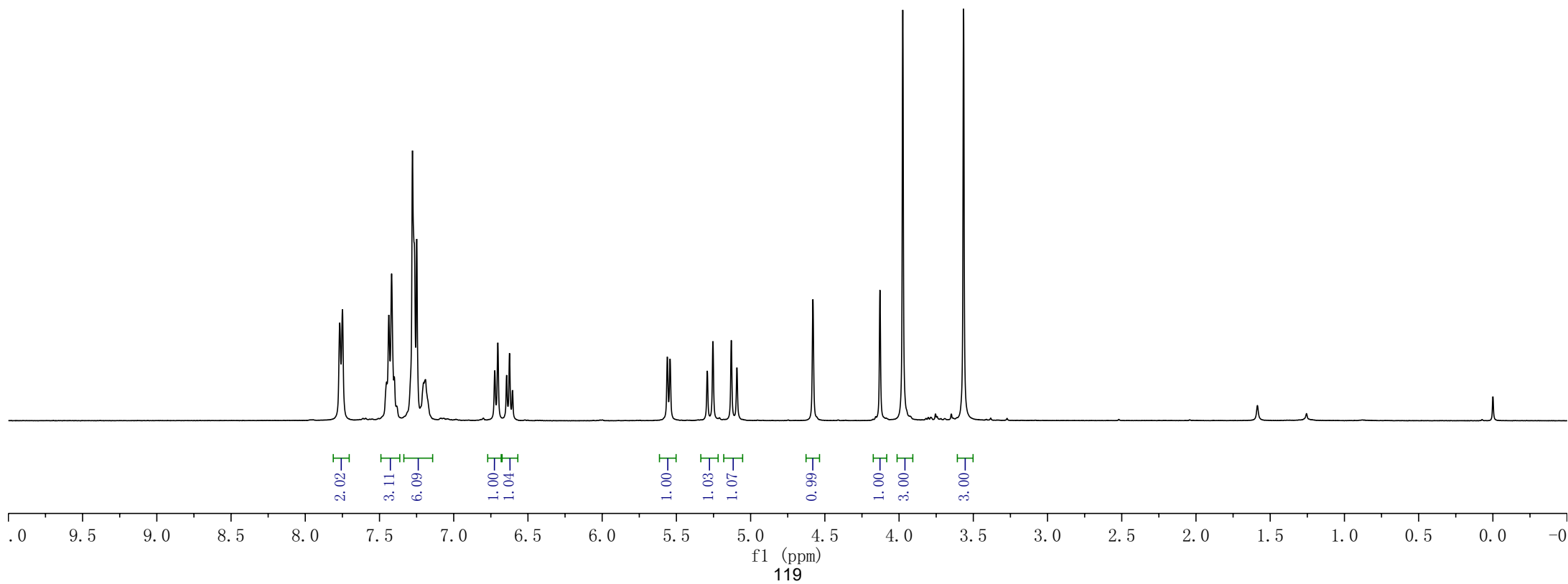
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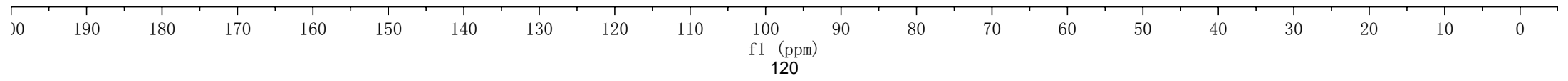
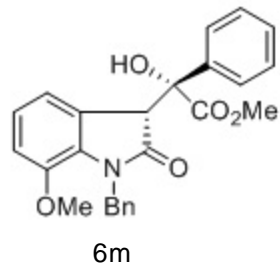
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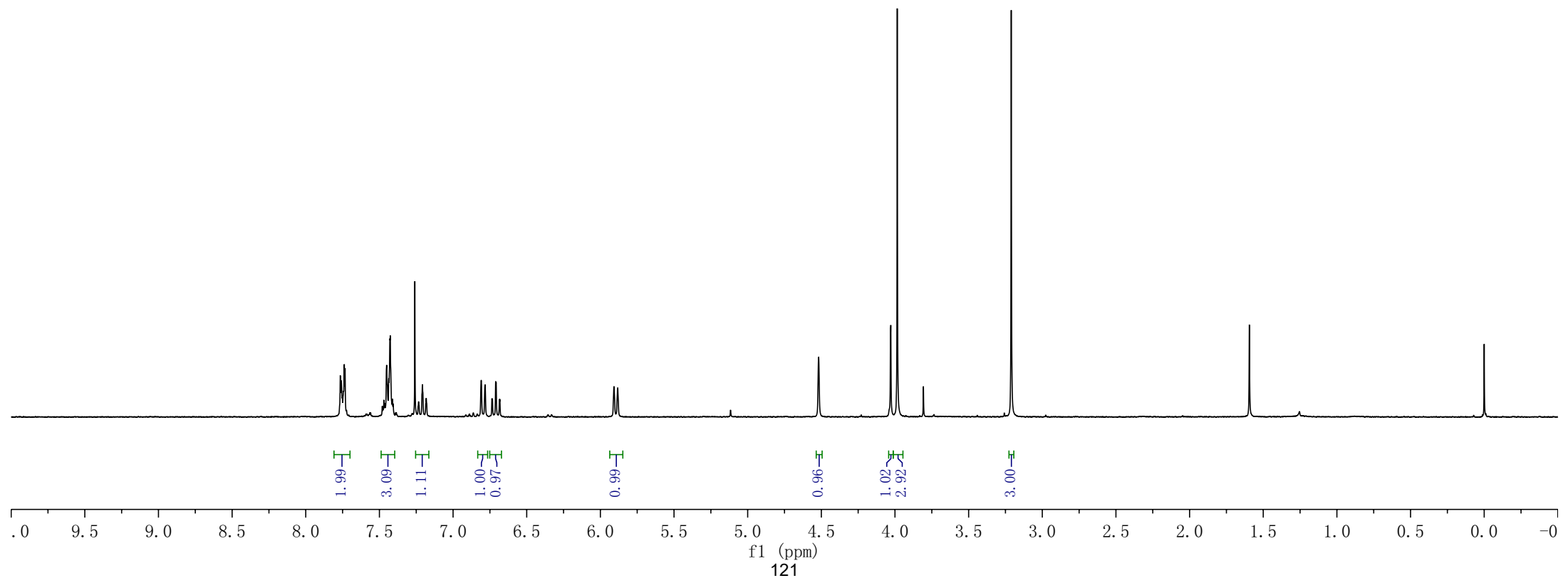
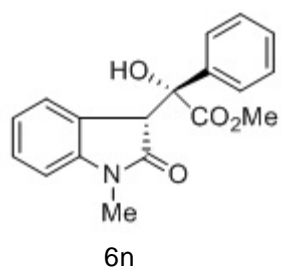
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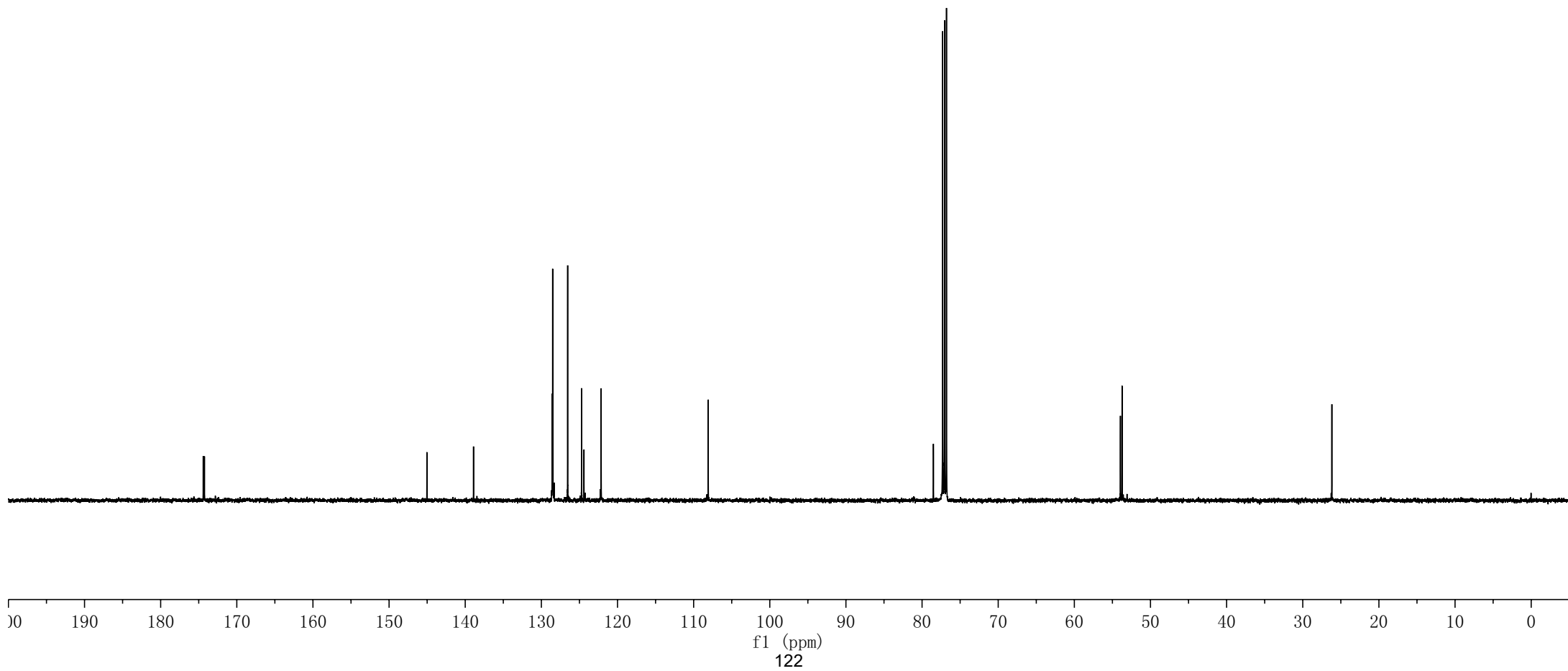
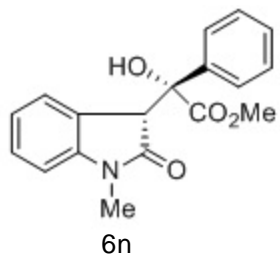
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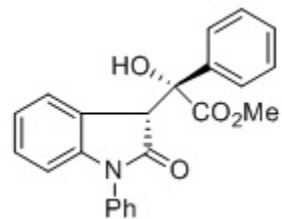
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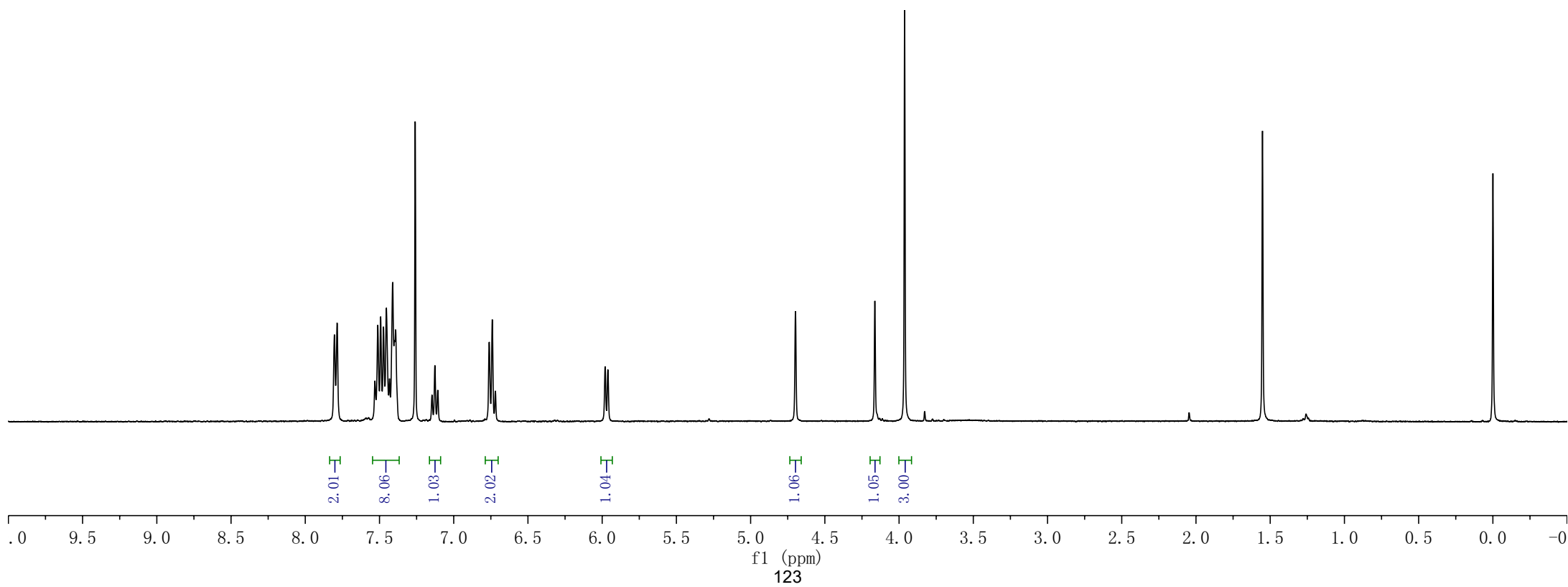
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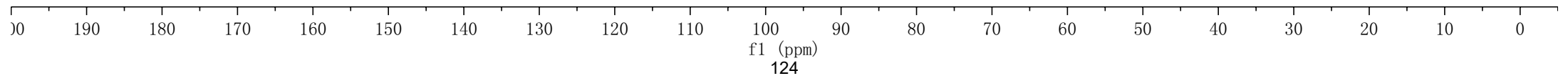
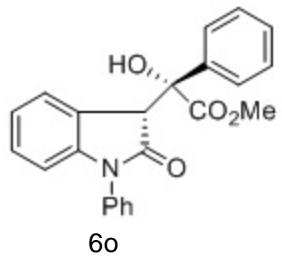
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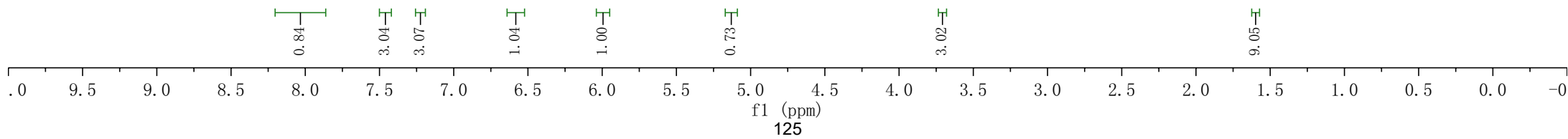
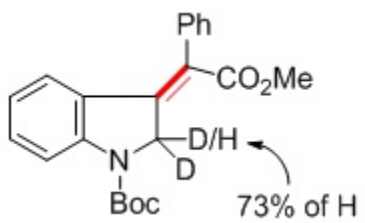
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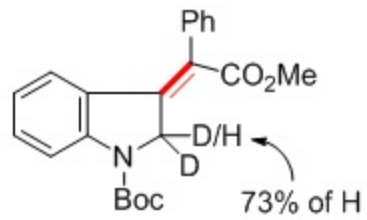
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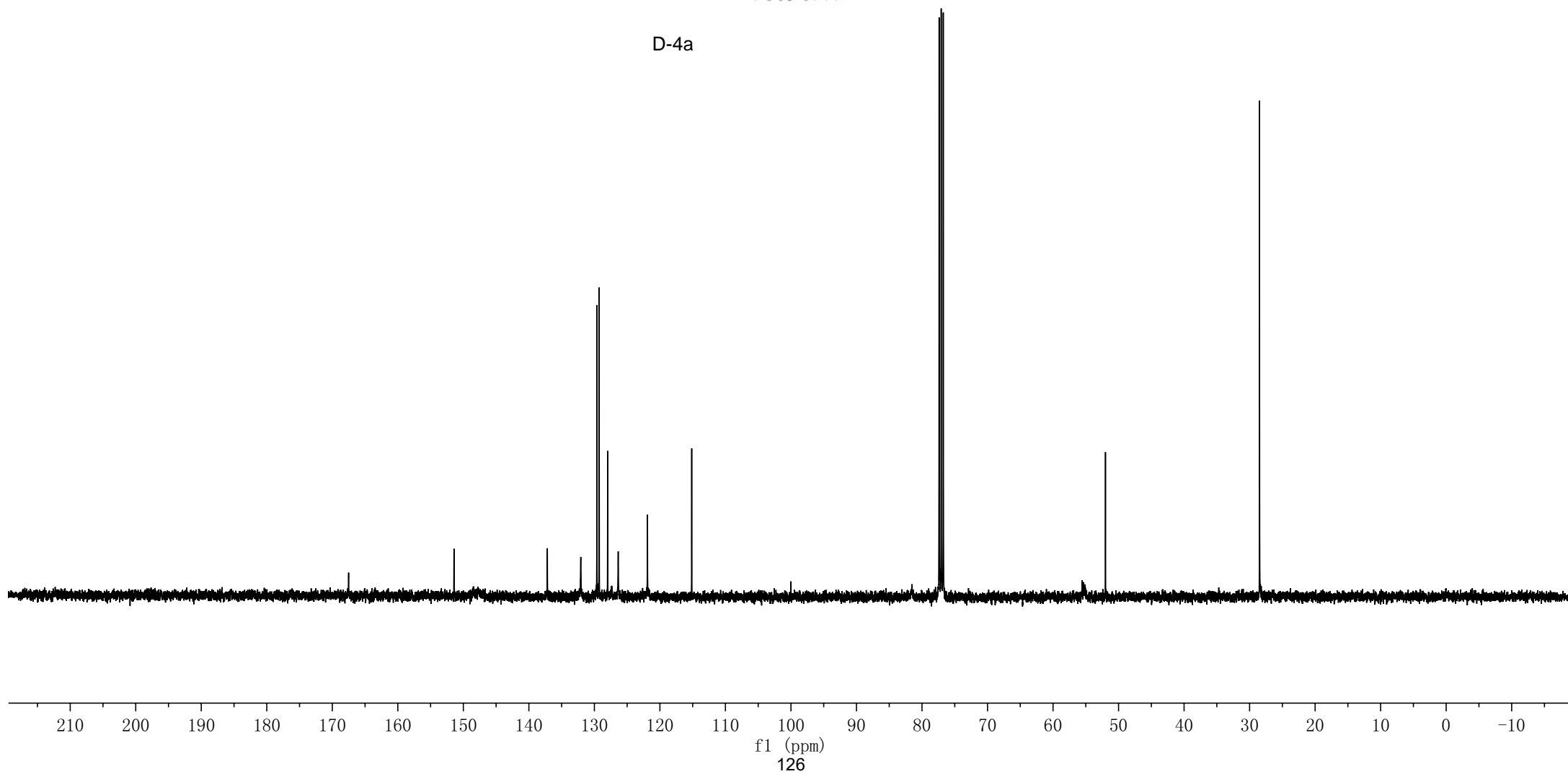
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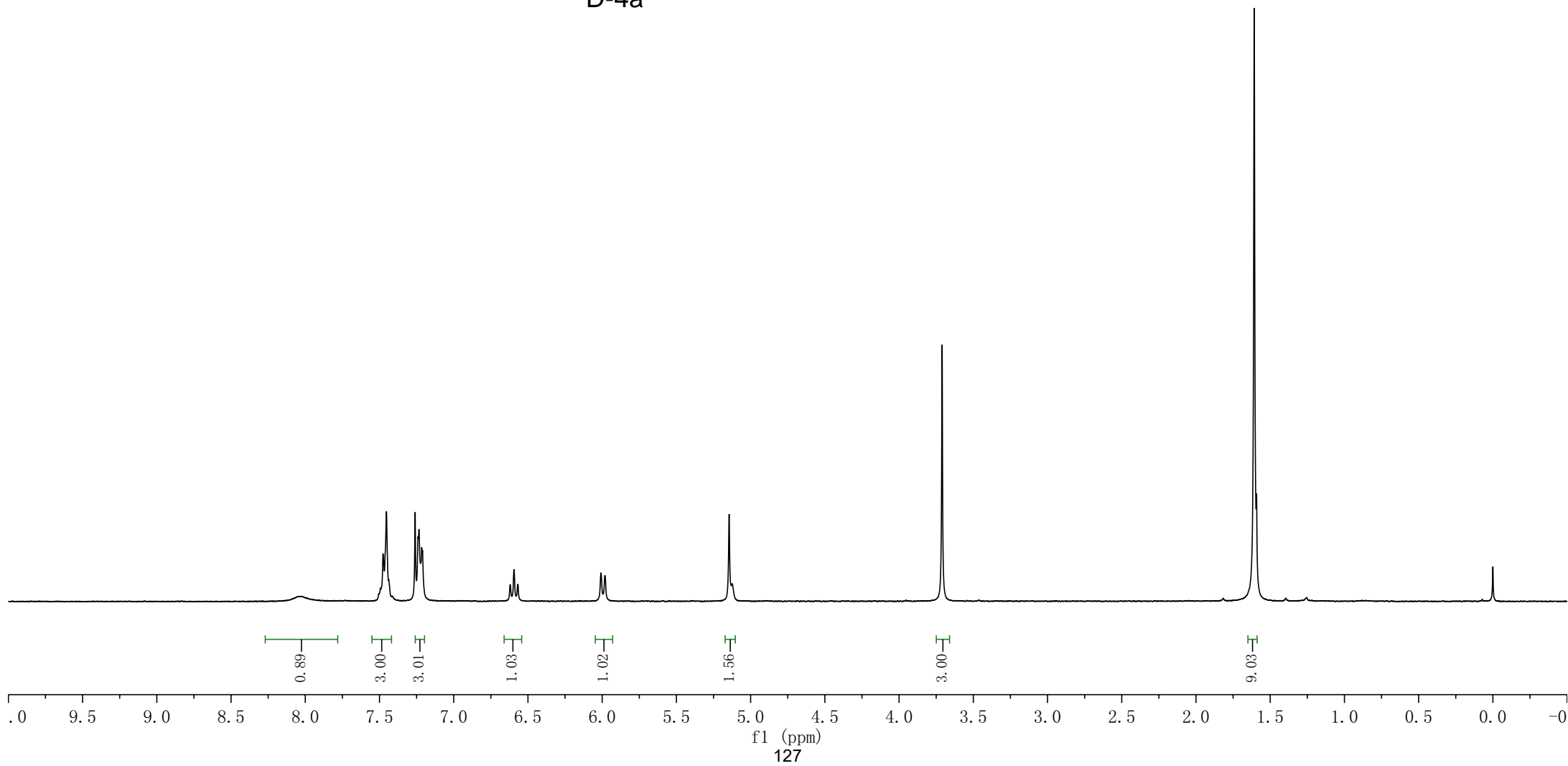
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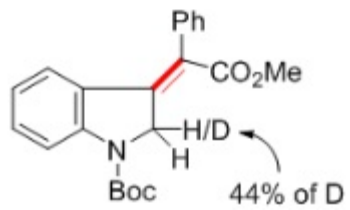
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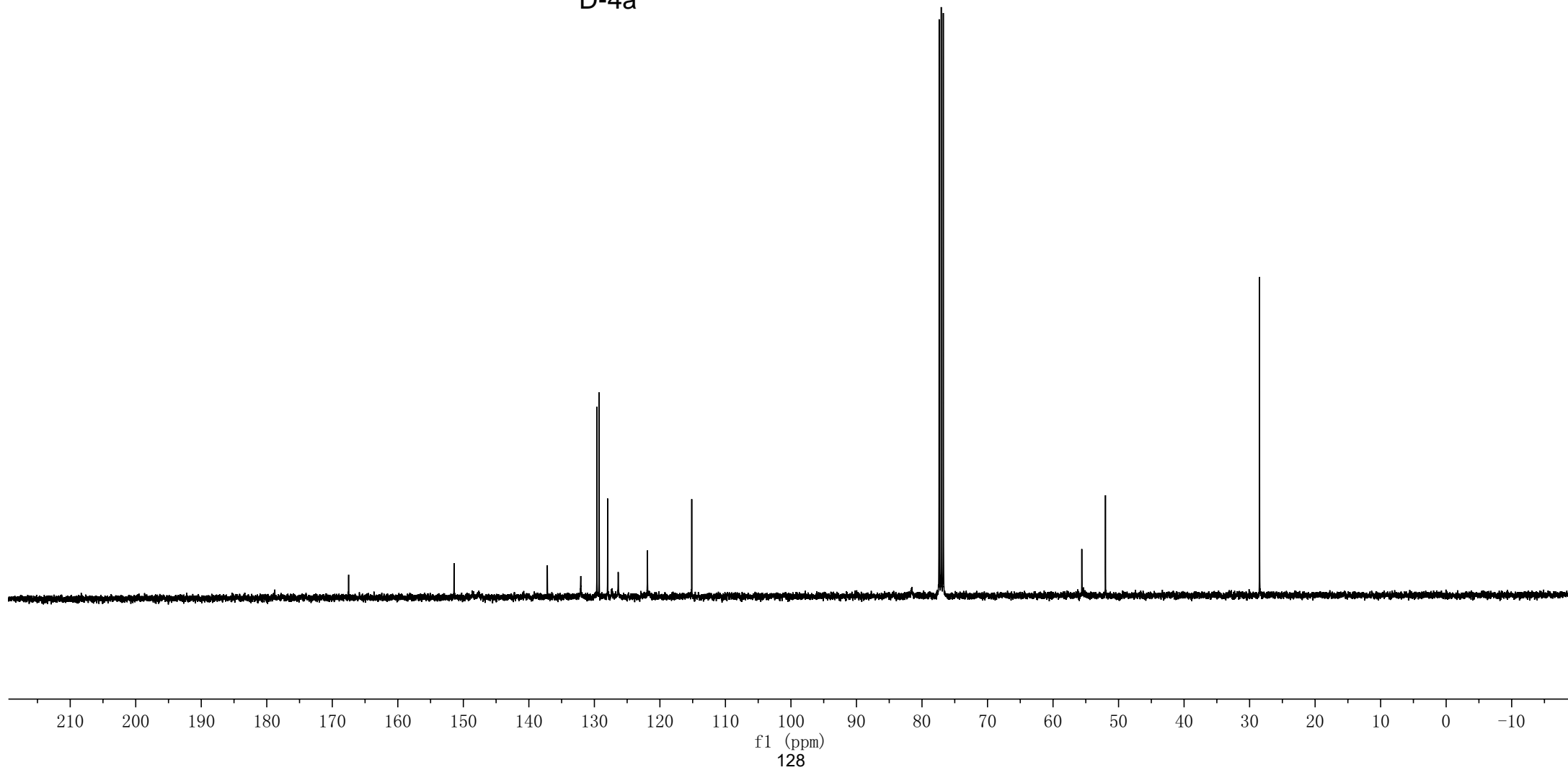
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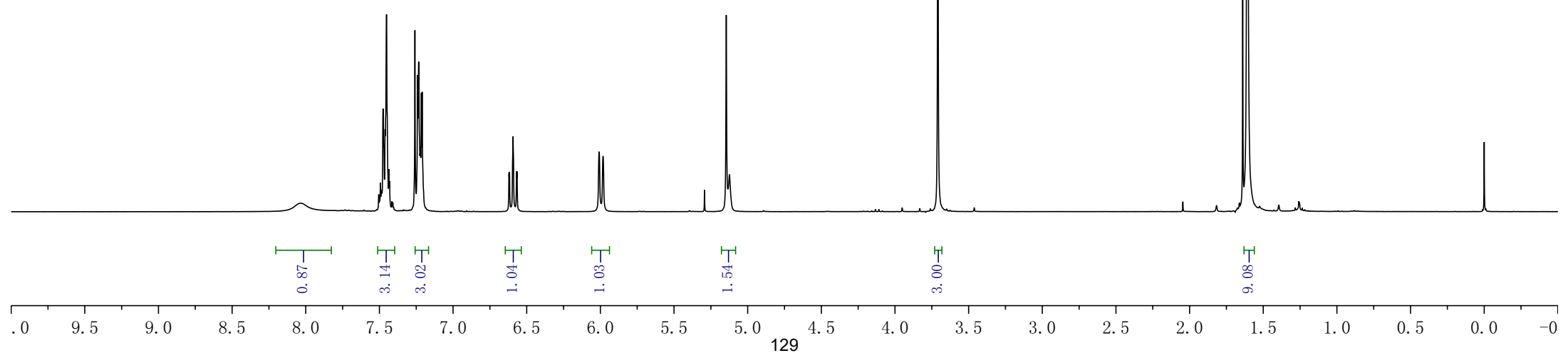
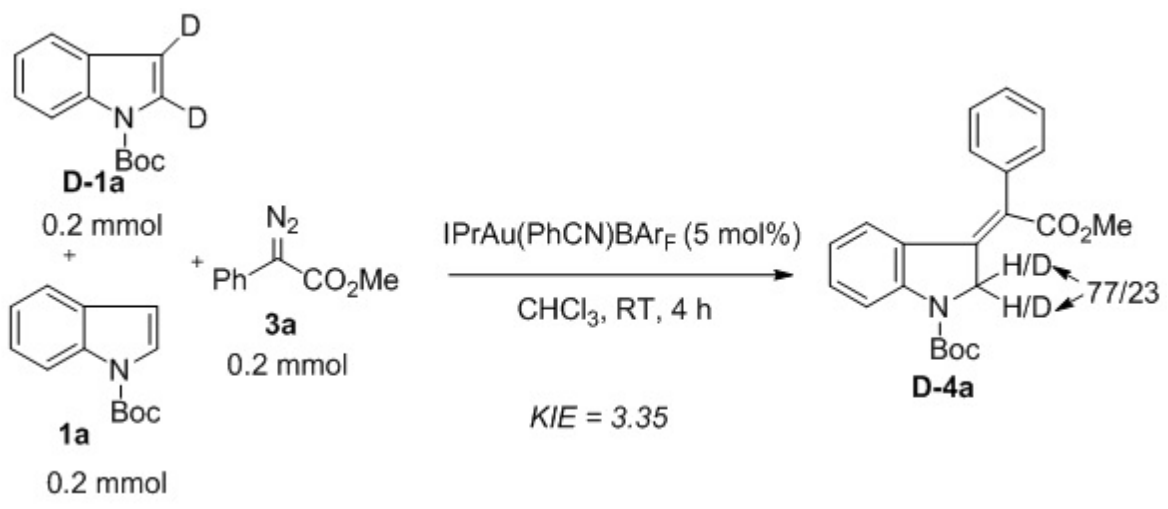
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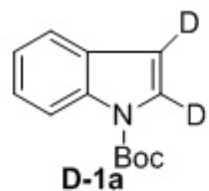


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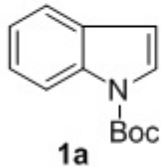


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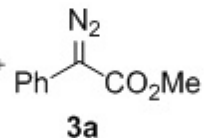




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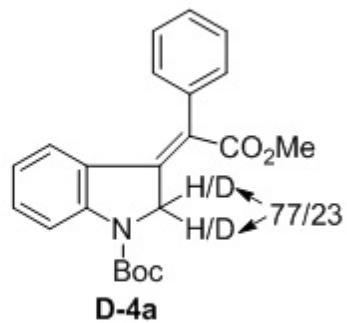


0.2 mmol

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CHCl<sub>3</sub>, RT, 4 h

KIE = 3.35

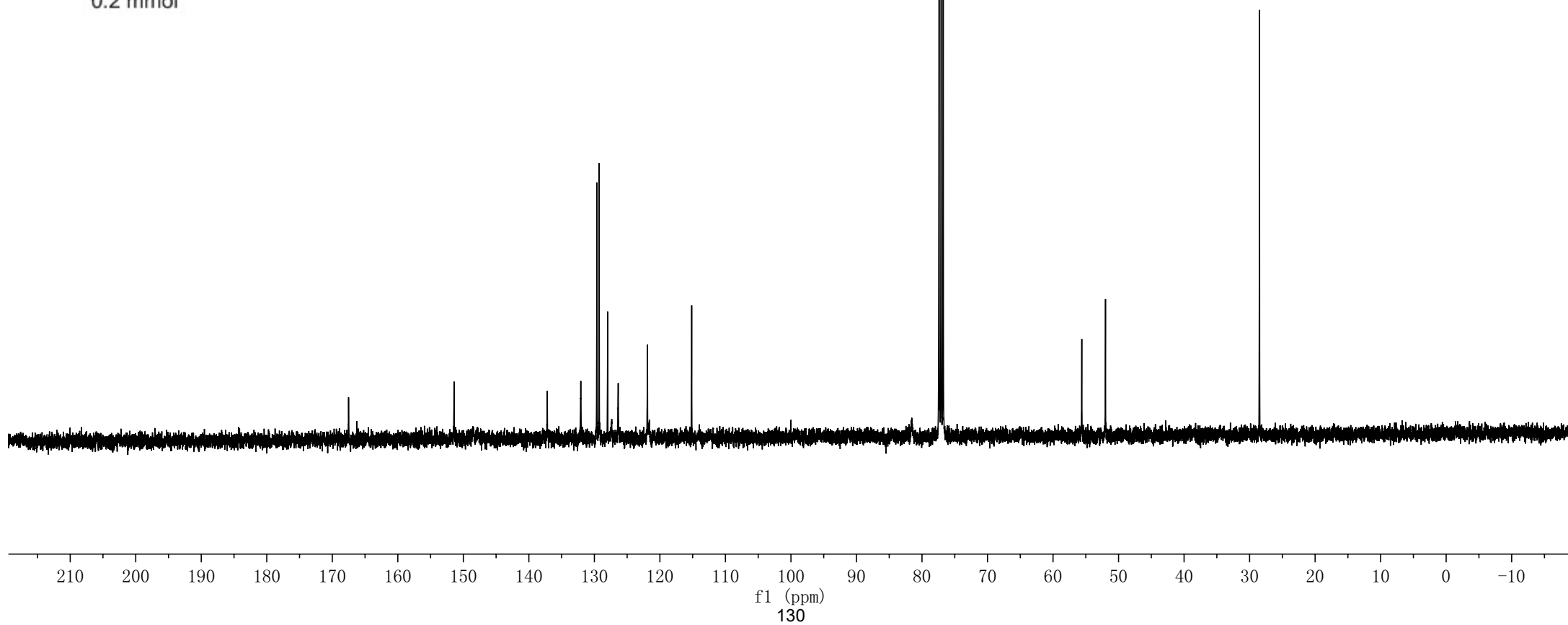


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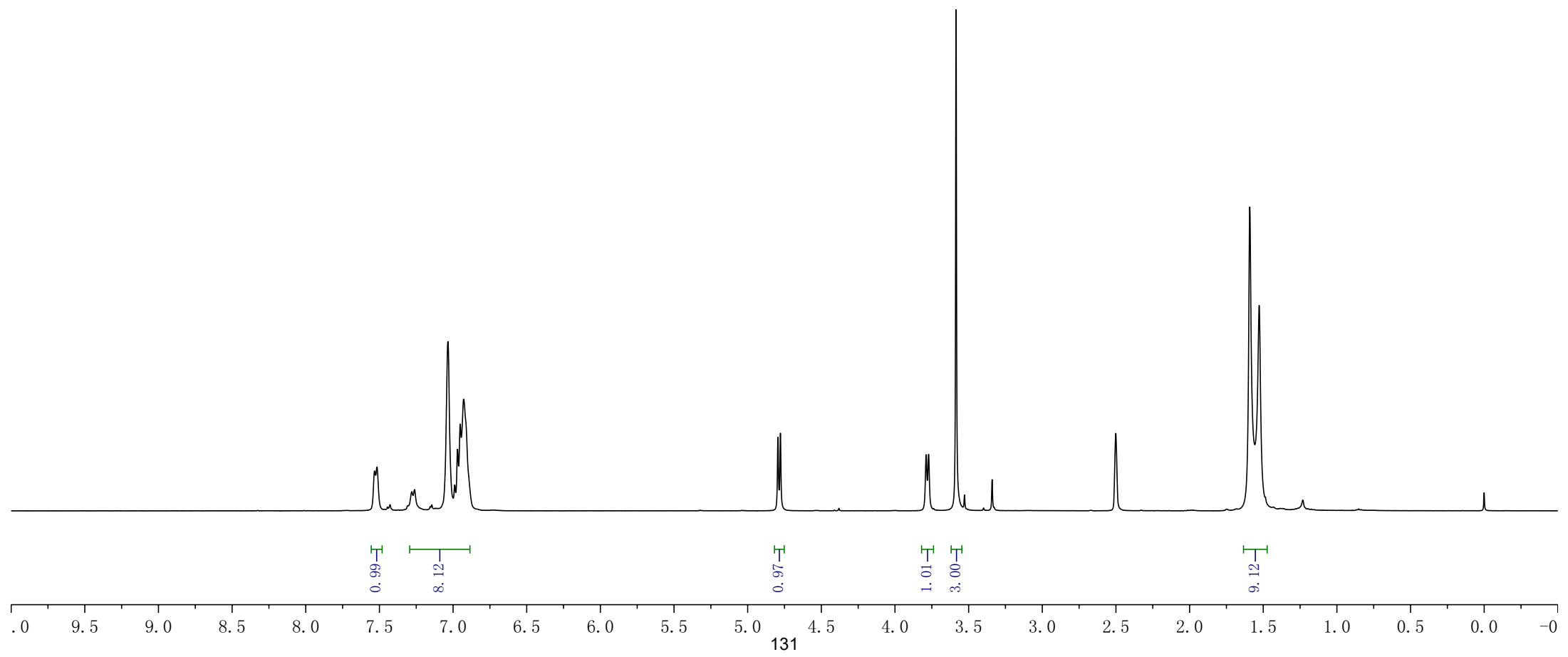
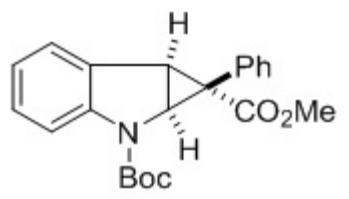
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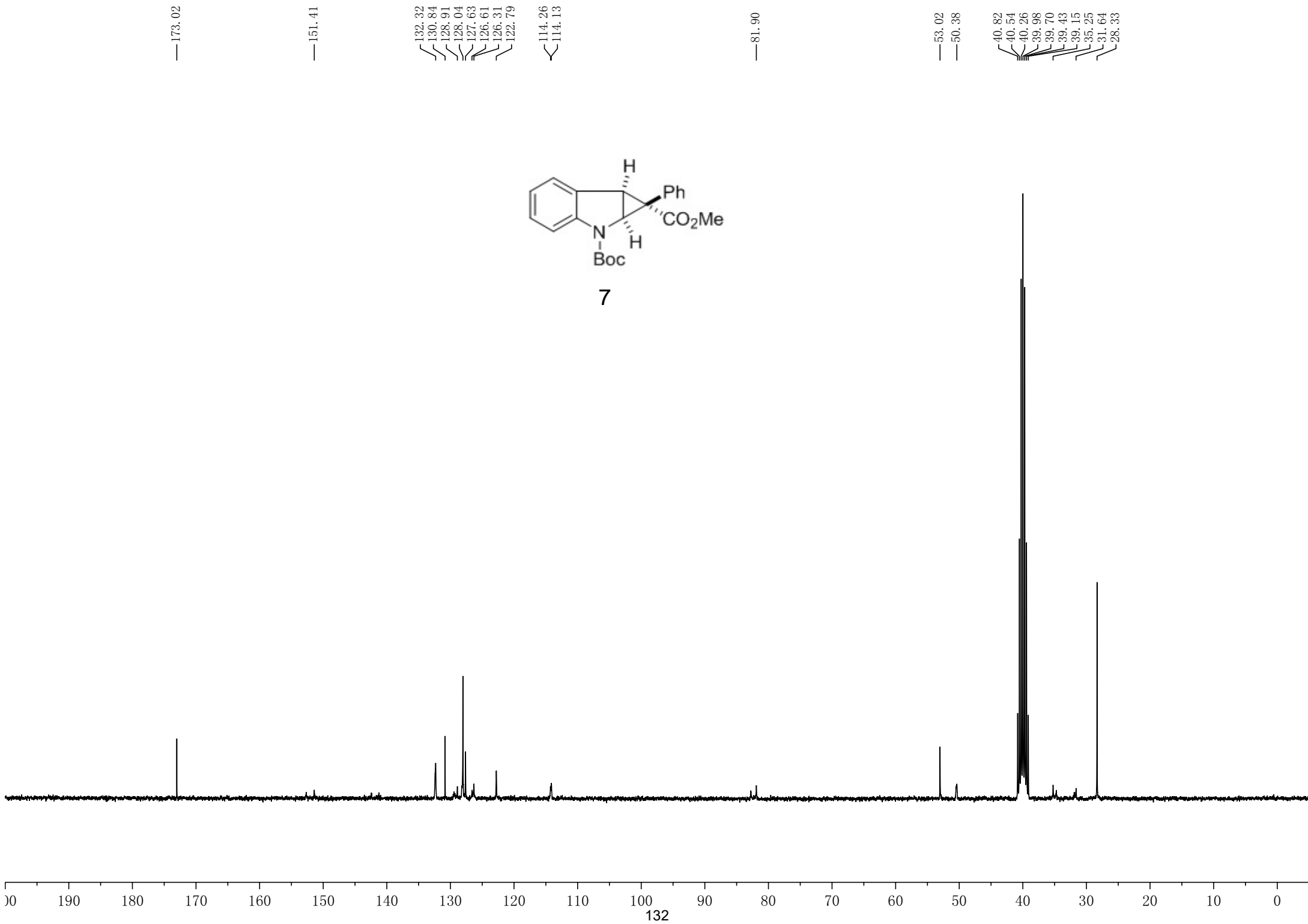
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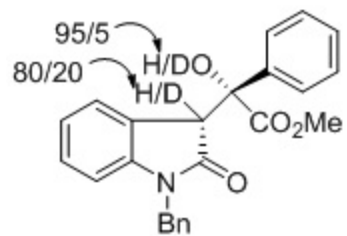
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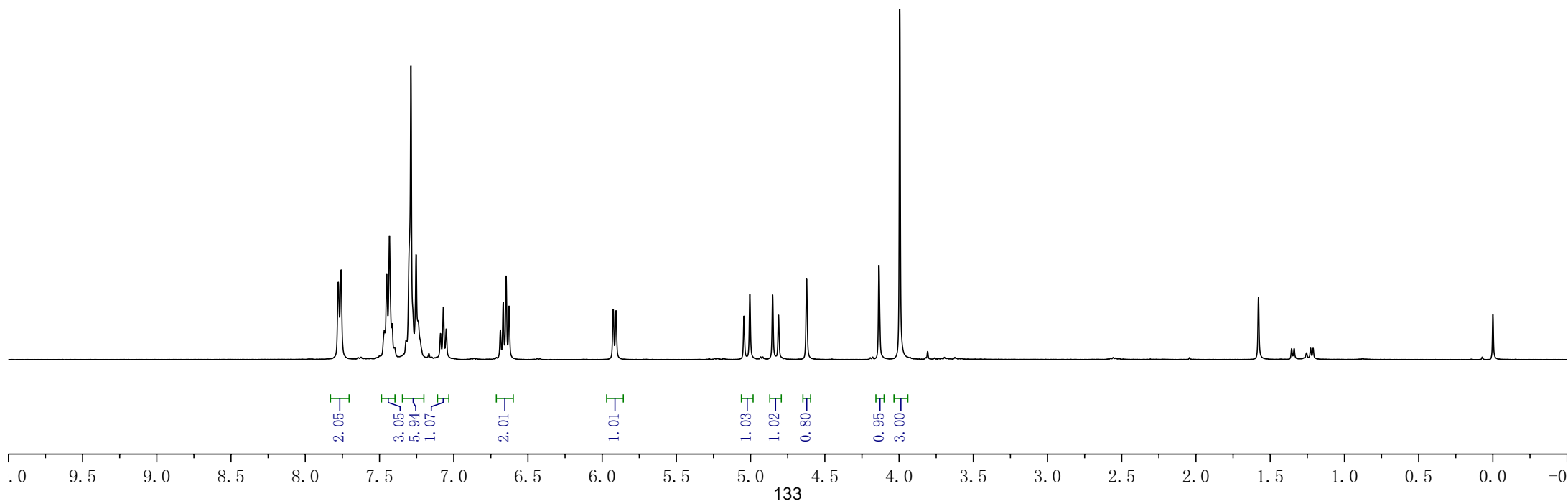
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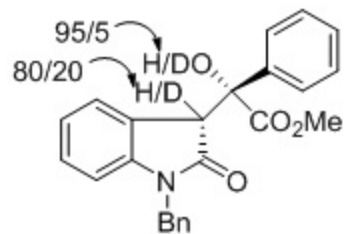
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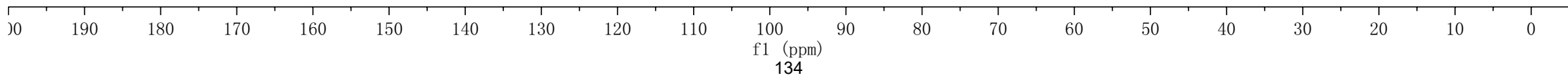
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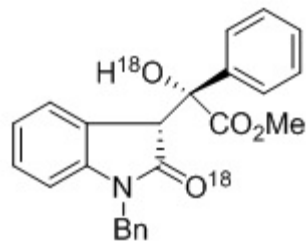
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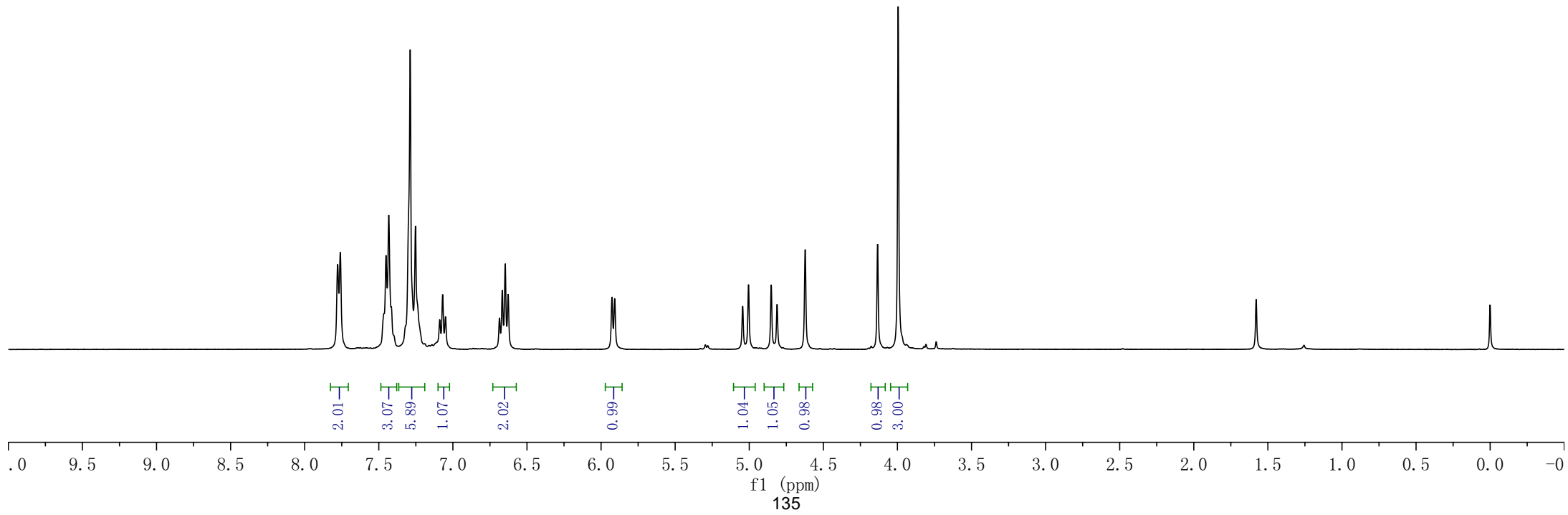
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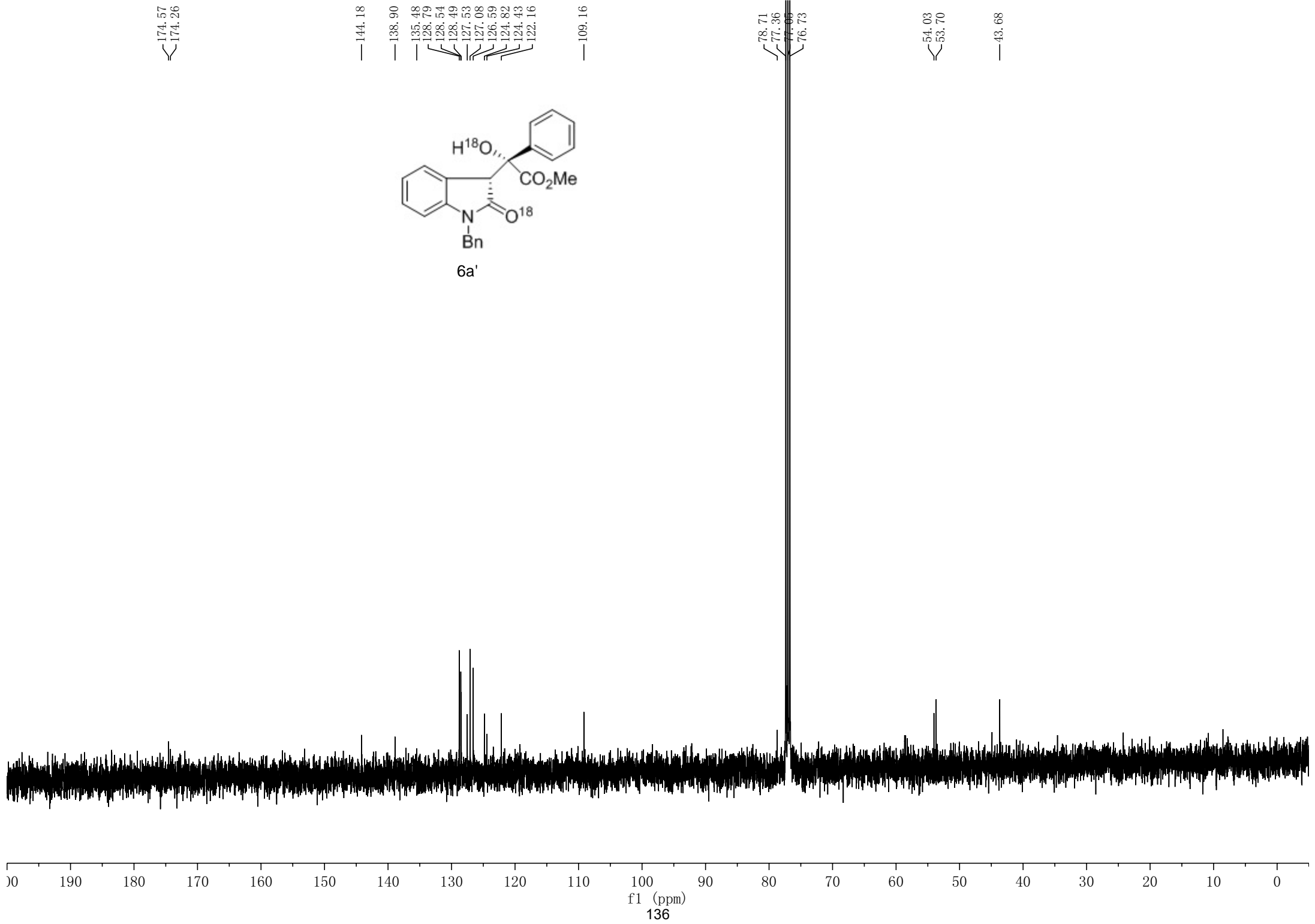
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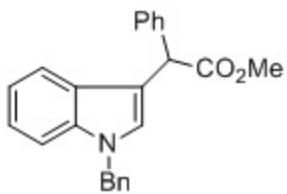


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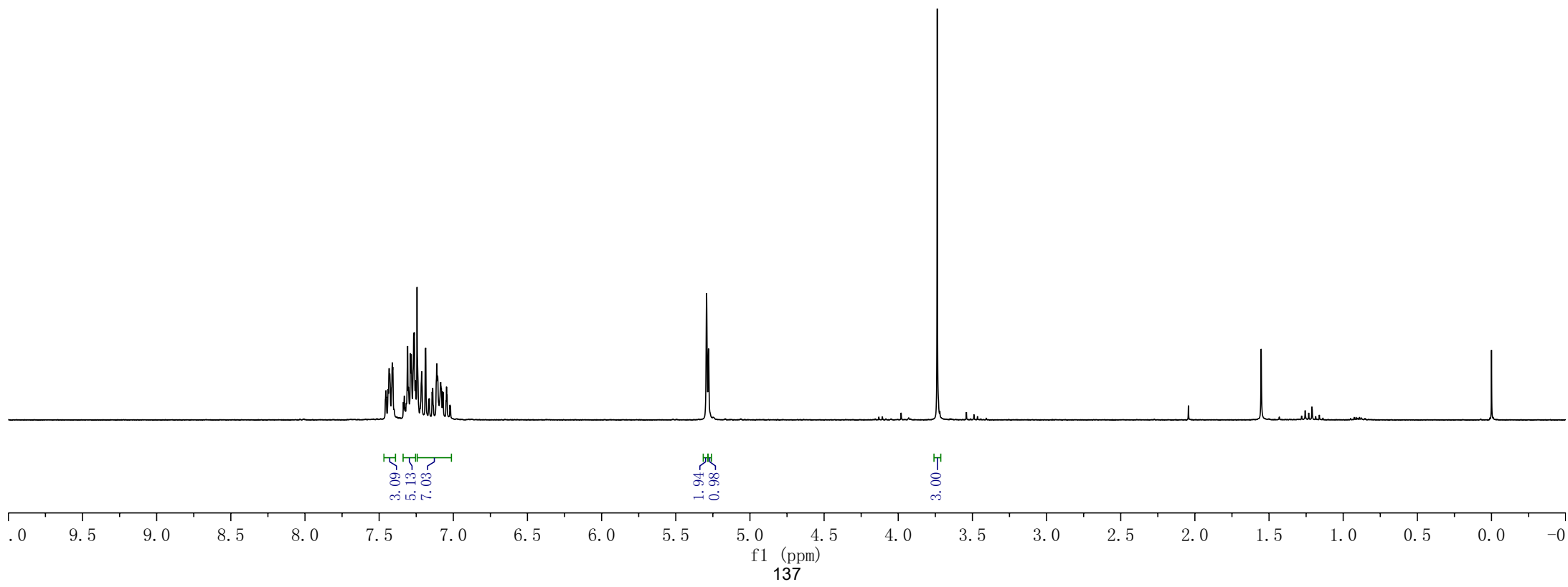
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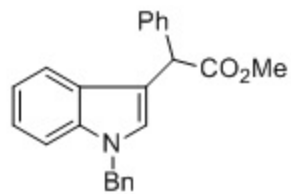
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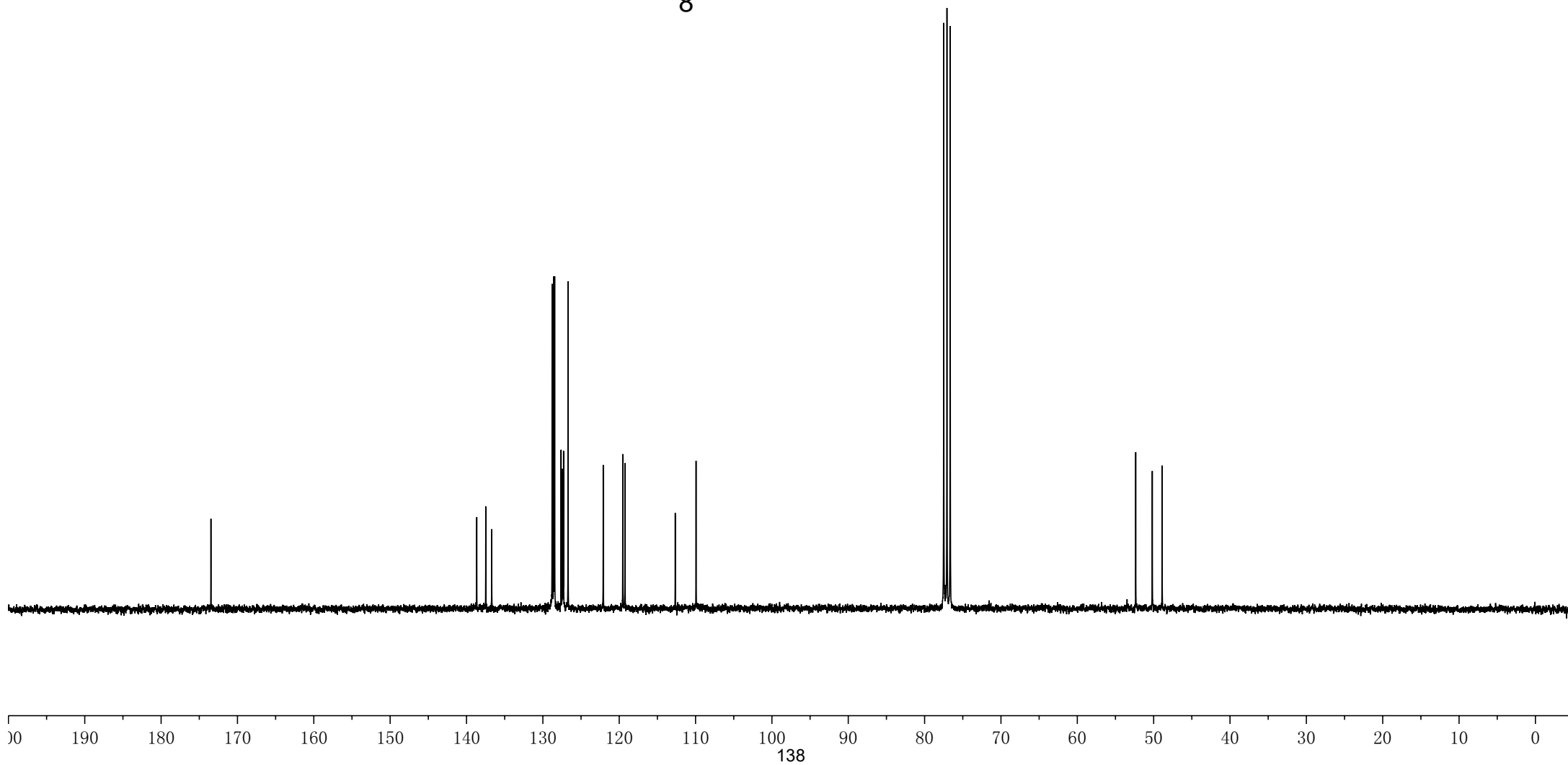
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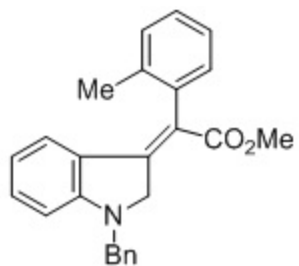
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