

Supporting information

NaI- mediated Divergent Synthesis of Isatins and Isoindigoes: A New Protocol Enabled by Oxidation Relay Strategy

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General Information:

All reactions were carried out in a dry solvent under dry oxygen or dry air atmosphere unless otherwise noted. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz (400 MHz for ^1H NMR and 100 MHz for ^{13}C NMR) spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported relative to a residual solvent peak (CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm, DMSO at 2.50 ppm).

Carbon chemical shifts are reported relative to a residual solvent peak (CDCl₃ at 77ppm, DMSO at 39.96 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to designate multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, m = multiplet, br = broad. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Bruker Daltonics Apex II 47e Specification (for HRMS). Substrates were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. Substrates **1a-1b**, **1k-1s**, are commercially available. Substrates **1c-1j**¹, **1t-1v**², **1w**¹, **1f**³ are known compounds.

General Procedure A

Synthesis of 1-methylindoline-2,3-dione(2a):

A mixture of 1-methylindolin-2-one (14.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) with NaI (15.0 mg, 0.1mmol) and THF (1.0 mL) was stirred at 60 °C in the schlenk tube for 12 h under dry air condition. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was distillation under reduced pressure, then diluted with water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding products.

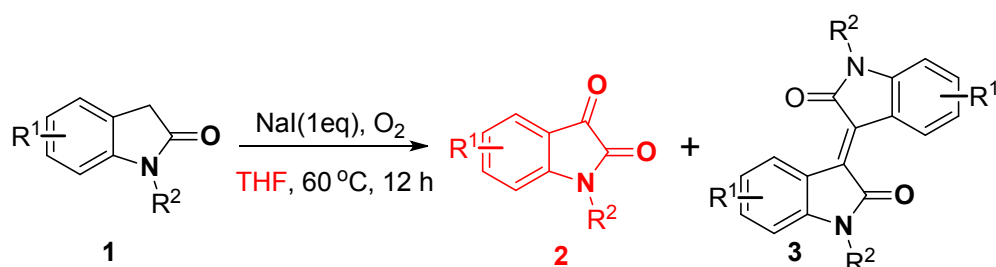
General Procedure B

Synthesis of (E)-1,1'-dimethyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-diones(3a):

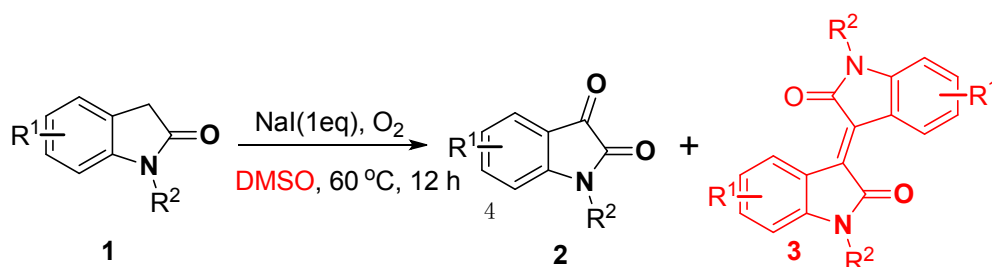
A mixture of 1-methylindolin-2-one (14.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) with NaI (15.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and DMSO (1.0 mL) was stirred at 100 °C in the schlenk tube for 12 h under dry air condition. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with water, extracted with ethyl acetate, organic phase was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the corresponding products.

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Table 1: Chemoselectivity of the reaction in THF

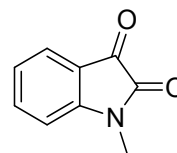
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H	H	80	16
H	Et	83	13
H	Allyl	78	< 5
H	Bn	86	9
H	Ph	90	< 5
H	4-Me-Ph	92	< 5
H	4-OMe-Ph	92	< 5
H	4-Cl-Ph	89	< 5
H	Boc	0	0
5-Me	H	92	< 5
5-OMe	H	92	< 5
5-F	H	80	8
5-Cl	H	82	< 5
5-Br	H	83	< 5
5-NO ₂	H	81	9
7-Cl	H	81	9
7-Me	H	91	< 5
6-Br	H	85	9
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5-Br	Me	80	9
6-Br	Bu	85	12

Table 2: Chemoselectivity of the reaction in DMSO

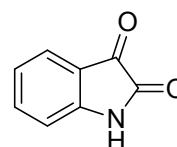
R ¹	R ²	2 Yield (%)	3 Yield (%)
H	Me	29	65
H	H	30	60
H	Et	25	65
H	Ph	25	64
H	Bn	26	64
H	4-Me-Ph	29	62
H	4-OMe-Ph	28	61
H	4-Cl-Ph	30	53
H	Boc	0	0
5-F	H	29	52
6-Br	Bu	24	63

Copies of ¹H, ¹³C NMR Spectra

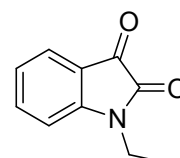
1-methylindoline-2,3-dione (2a): orange solid (13.2 mg, 82%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.30, 158.18, 151.41, 138.38, 125.22, 123.79, 117.39, 109.90, 26.18. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 2922, 1722, 1605, 1469, 1327, 1113, 1090, 757, 474. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₇NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 162.0555, found 162.0556.



Indoline-2,3-dione(2b): orange solid (11.8 mg, 80%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.03 (s, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 184.79, 159.76, 151.13, 138.78, 125.09, 123.17, 118.23, 112.60. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3189, 1733, 1618, 1459, 1333, 1269, 1203, 1095, 770, 662. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₈H₅NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 148.0399, found 148.0397.

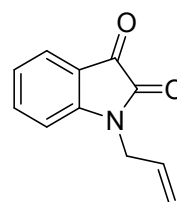


1-ethylindoline-2,3-dione(2c): orange solid (14.5 mg, 83%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 184.08, 158.19, 150.82, 138.62, 124.93, 123.52, 117.94, 111.04, 34.72, 12.72. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 2989, 1731, 1649, 1470, 1359, 1289, 1049, 826, 764, 474. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for

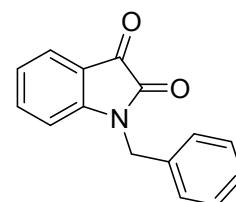


$C_{10}H_9NO_2 [M+H]^+$ 176.0712, found = 176.0718.

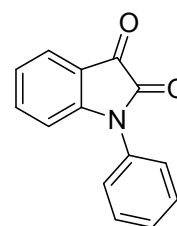
1-allylindoline-2,3-dione(2d): yellow solid (14.6 mg, 78%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.87 (ddd, $J = 22.2, 10.2, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, $J = 17.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.64, 158.36, 150.93, 138.43, 131.75, 124.84, 123.64, 118.02, 117.87, 111.53, 42.12. IR (KBr v/cm^{-1}) 2958, 1729, 1658, 1467, 1352, 1125, 1082, 929, 760, 486. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for $C_{11}H_9NO_2 [M + H]^+$ 188.0712, found 188.0713.



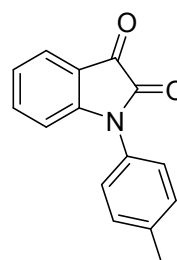
1-benzylindoline-2,3-dione(2e): yellow solid (20.4 mg, 86%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.09 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 183.20, 158.25, 150.71, 138.27, 134.49, 129.04, 128.15, 127.41, 125.40, 123.84, 117.68, 110.97, 44.05. IR (KBr v/cm^{-1}) 3028, 1739, 1614, 1470, 1351, 1178, 1079, 755, 695, 487. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for $C_{15}H_{11}NO_2 [M + H]^+$ 238.0868, found 238.0866.



1-phenylindoline-2,3-dione(2f): yellow solid (20.1 mg, 90%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.63 (dd, $J = 25.2, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.22, 157.90, 151.69, 138.46, 133.78, 130.16, 128.89, 126.94, 125.14, 124.09, 118.10, 111.18. IR (KBr v/cm^{-1}) 3076, 1740, 1608, 1469, 1368, 1195, 1150, 756, 699, 461. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for $C_{14}H_9NO_2 [M + H]^+$ 224.0712, found 224.0716.



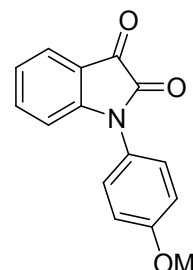
1-(p-tolyl) indoline-2,3-dione(2g): yellow solid (21.8 mg, 92%); 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.74 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.37 (dd, $J = 18.7, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.34, 157.96, 151.87, 138.46, 131.14, 130.62, 126.78, 125.09, 124.00, 118.06, 111.17,



21.24. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3089, 2965, 1739, 1612, 1515, 1467, 1366, 1301, 1182, 1094, 814, 755, 551, 476. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 238.0868, found 238.0866.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)indoline-2,3-dione(2h): yellow solid

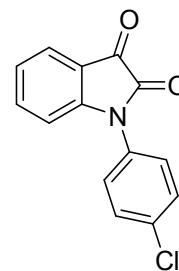
(23.3 mg, 92%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.67 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 18.1, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.47, 159.48, 158.14, 152.18, 138.49, 128.47, 126.25,



125.01, 123.93, 118.01, 115.38, 111.12, 55.89. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 2998, 1739, 1612, 1515, 1467, 1369, 1299, 1250, 1183, 1094, 1030, 827, 751, 484. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₁NO₃ [M + H]⁺ 254.0817, found 254.0813.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)indoline-2,3-dione(2i): yellow solid (22.9 mg,

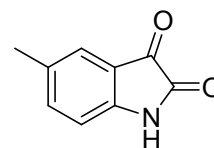
89%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.71 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 182.92, 157.87, 151.32, 138.43, 133.16, 132.71, 130.22, 128.83, 125.17, 124.21, 118.17, 111.17. IR (KBr



ν/cm^{-1}) 3092, 1739, 1614, 1497, 1467, 1364, 1295, 1253, 1180, 1096, 1016, 833, 756, 727, 469. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₄H₈ClNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 258.0322, found 258.0326.

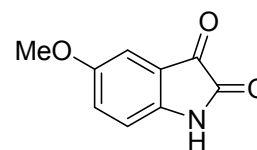
5-methylindoline-2,3-dione(2k): orange solid (14.5 mg, 90%);

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 185.01, 159.89, 148.97, 139.21, 132.43, 125.22, 118.21, 112.44, 20.52. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3264, 1739, 1659, 1493, 1300, 1197, 1124, 826, 764. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₇NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 162.0555, found 162.0556.



5-methoxyindoline-2,3-dione(2l): yellow solid (16.3 mg,

92%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.85 (s, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz,



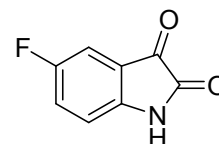
1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 185.11, 159.98, 155.73, 145.12, 125.30, 118.53, 113.66, 109.21, 56.22. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 2922, 2853, 1742, 1605, 1493, 1303, 1027, 976, 826, 740. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₇NO₃ [M + H]⁺ 178.0504, found 178.0507.

5-fluoroindoline-2,3-dione (2m) : red solid (13.2 mg, 80%);

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.04 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 5.88 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 184.28, 159.87, 159.68, 157.30,

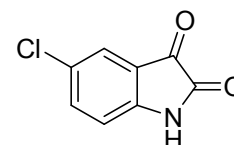
147.38, 125.02, 124.78, 118.94, 118.87, 113.91, 113.83, 111.90, 111.66. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3073, 1709, 1623, 1469, 1261, 1200, 844, 690. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₈H₄NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 166.0304, found 166.0301.



5-chloroindoline-2,3-dione(2n): orange solid (14.8 mg, 82%);

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.13 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ

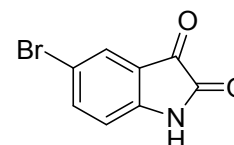
183.74, 159.55, 149.63, 137.66, 127.21, 124.53, 119.55, 114.24. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3170, 2257, 2130, 1655, 1450, 1307, 1211, 1122, 828, 766. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₈H₄ClNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 182.0009, found = 182.0006.



5-bromoindoline-2,3-dione (2o) : pale yellow solid (18.7 mg,

83%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.14 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)

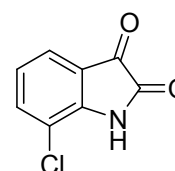
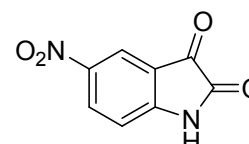
δ 183.22, 159.00, 149.62, 140.08, 126.93, 119.61, 114.32. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3212, 1746, 1713, 1657, 1442, 1271, 1211, 1027, 826, 764. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₈H₄BrNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 225.9504, found 225.9501.



5-nitroindoline-2,3-dione(2p): yellow solid (15.6 mg, 81%);

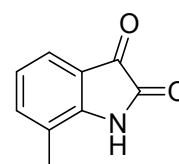
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.66 (s, 1H), 8.43 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 182.94, 160.43, 155.90, 142.98, 133.50, 119.99, 118.57, 112.98. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3067, 1754, 1657, 1441, 1342, 1027, 827, 764. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₈H₄N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 193.0249, found 193.0247.

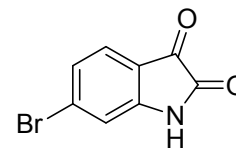


7-chloroindoline-2,3-dione(2q): yellow solid (14.7 mg, 81%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.45 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.83, 160.01, 148.16, 137.81, 124.15, 123.54, 120.34, 116.62. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3214, 1747, 1615, 1450, 1320, 1172, 1115, 821, 689. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₈H₄ClNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 182.0009, found = 182.0006.

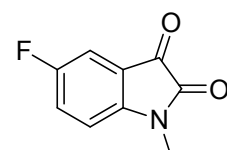
7-methylindoline-2,3-dione(2r): yellow solid (14.6 mg, 91%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.09 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 184.83, 160.06, 149.34, 139.53, 122.68, 122.12, 121.64, 117.65, 15.52. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3201, 1739, 1659, 1495, 1323, 1199, 1028, 825, 762. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₇NO₂ [M + H]⁺ 162.0555, found 162.0554.



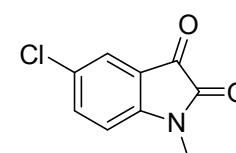
6-bromoindoline-2,3-dione (2s) : yellow solid (19.1 mg, 85%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.14 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 183.61, 159.72, 152.08, 132.02, 126.59, 126.04, 117.48, 115.40. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3204, 1742, 1709, 1605, 1446, 1325, 1208, 1101, 843, 680. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₈H₄BrNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 225.9504, found 225.9507.



5-fluoro-1-methylindoline-2,3-dione(2t): yellow solid (14.7mg, 82%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.73, 160.57, 158.12, 157.94, 147.48, 124.75, 124.51, 118.00, 117.93, 112.47, 112.23, 111.06, 110.99, 26.31. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3091, 1751, 1733, 1623, 1485, 1358, 1321, 1262, 1215, 1148, 1112, 908, 826, 785, 712, 478. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₆FNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 180.0461, found 180.0463.

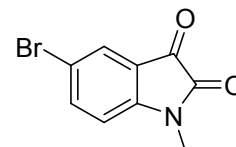


5-chloro-1-methylindoline-2,3-dione(2u): yellow solid (16.2 mg, 83%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,



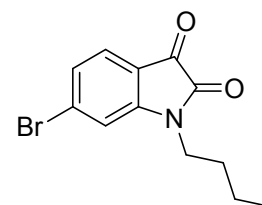
CDCl₃) δ 182.29, 157.64, 149.66, 137.71, 129.65, 125.20, 118.20, 111.17, 26.35. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3092, 1739, 1734, 1610, 1463, 1351, 1325, 1177, 1109, 833, 728, 682, 471. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₆ClNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 196.0165, found 196.0168.

5-bromo-1-methylindoline-2,3-dione(2v): yellow solid (18.7 mg, 80%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H).



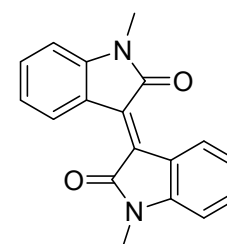
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.12, 157.47, 150.11, 140.57, 128.08, 118.58, 116.66, 111.57, 26.35. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3090, 1750, 1732, 1607, 1472, 1440, 1354, 1323, 1175, 1108, 826, 714, 525, 472. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₆BrNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 239.9660, found 239.9664.

6-bromo-1-butylindoline-2,3-dione(2w): yellow solid (23.9 mg, 85%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.40 (dd, *J* =



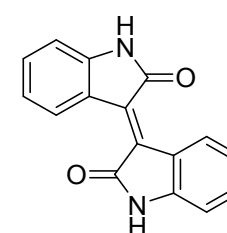
15.2, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.32, 157.94, 151.81, 133.50, 126.78, 126.35, 116.22, 113.73, 40.21, 29.17, 20.08, 13.61. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3485, 3198, 1733, 1606, 1469, 1433, 1362, 1280, 1103, 1064, 834, 792, 533, 480. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂BrNO₂ [M + H]⁺ 282.0130, found 282.0134.

(E)-1,1'-dimethyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3a): red solid (9.4 mg, 65%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.20 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 6H).



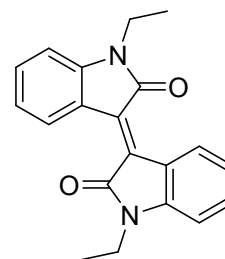
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.92, 145.12, 133.39, 132.35, 129.75, 122.38, 121.48, 107.65, 26.11. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 2910, 1683, 1606, 1470, 1375, 1344, 1118, 1092, 773, 738, 669. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 291.1134, found 291.1132.

(E)-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3b): red solid (7.9 mg, 60%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.89 (s, 2H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 7.34 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H).



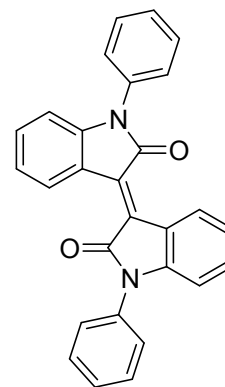
159.72, 152.08, 132.02, 126.59, 126.04, 117.48, 115.40. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3080, 1660, 1624, 1458, 1334, 1273, 1209, 1027, 826, 764. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₆H₁₀N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 263.0821, found 263.0824.

(E)-1,1'-diethyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3c): red solid (10.3 mg, 65%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.19 (dd, $J = 8.0$, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (td, $J = 7.7$, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (td, $J = 8.0$, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.50, 144.23,

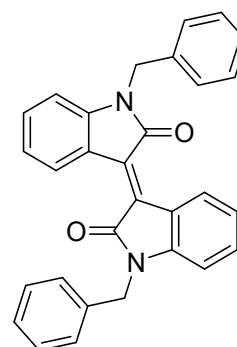


133.54, 132.32, 129.94, 122.15, 121.65, 107.70, 34.65, 12.61. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3020, 2920, 1738, 1645, 1472, 1370, 1288, 1120, 1089, 776, 738, 668. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 319.1447, found 319.1442.

(E)-1,1'-diphenyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3d): red solid (13.2 mg, 64%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.23 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, $J = 8.2$, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.29 (td, $J = 7.8$, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.49, 145.37, 134.15, 133.72, 132.52, 130.26, 129.76, 128.41, 127.11, 122.83, 121.52, 109.05. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3078, 2919, 1700, 1605, 1500, 1465, 1372, 1299, 1180, 1107, 934, 772, 745, 699, 482. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₂₈H₁₈N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 415.1447, found 415.1442.

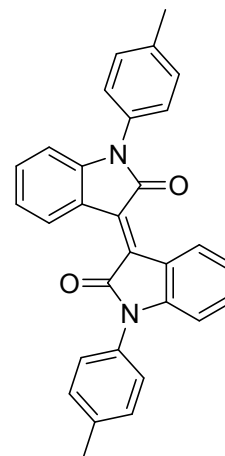


(E)-1,1'-dibenzyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3e): red solid (14.1 mg, 64%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.24 (s, 1H), 9.22 (s, 1H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 12H), 7.05 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.05, 144.50, 135.71, 133.54, 132.48, 129.98, 128.82, 127.65, 127.21, 122.49, 121.69, 108.64, 43.69. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3022,

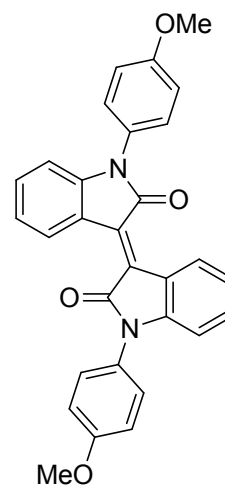


1690, 1610, 1466, 1365, 1182, 1105, 1021, 747, 687, 479. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₃₀H₂₂N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 443.1760, found 443.1764.

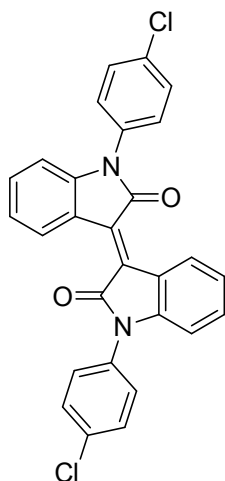
(E)-1,1'-di-p-tolyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3f): red solid (13.7 mg, 62%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.23 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 9.21 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.63, 145.56, 138.43, 133.71, 132.43, 131.44, 130.37, 130.22, 126.91, 122.68, 121.50, 109.00, 21.26. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3135, 2922, 1702, 1605, 1517, 1465, 1374, 1299, 1168, 1105, 934, 772, 744, 663. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₃₀H₂₂N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 443.1760, found 443.1758.



(E)-1,1'-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3g): red solid (14.5 mg, 61%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.22 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 8.2 Hz, 6H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.82, 159.42, 145.76, 133.69, 132.48, 130.21, 128.44, 126.68, 122.69, 121.44, 115.06, 108.96, 55.58. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3002, 1739, 1644, 1515, 1469, 1374, 1299, 1251, 1182, 1105, 1029, 834, 750. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₃₀H₂₂N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺ 475.1658, found 475.1656.



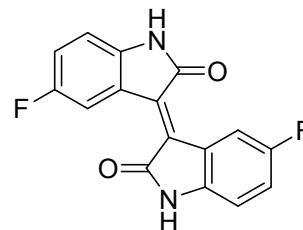
(E)-1,1'-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3h): red solid (12.7 mg, 53%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.33, 144.91, 134.16, 133.55, 132.73, 132.60, 130.30, 130.02,



128.39, 123.12, 121.50, 108.95. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3089, 1703, 1606, 1498, 1461, 1374, 1293, 1245, 1180, 1090, 1015, 933, 773, 749, 680, 478. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [M + H]⁺ 482.0589, found 482.0587.

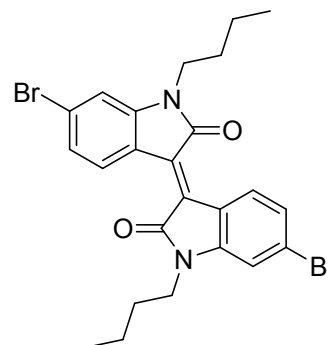
(E)-5,5'-difluoro-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione(3j):

red solid (7.7 mg, 52%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.00 (s, 2H), 8.99 (dd, $J = 11.4, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dt, $J = 8.7, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 8.5, 4.9$ Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.43, 156.32, 141.27, 141.25, 134.41, 122.62, 119.80, 116.83, 116.54, 110.72, 110.64. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3072, 1659, 1620, 1478, 1298, 1027, 826, 764. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [M + H]⁺ 299.0632, found 299.0637.



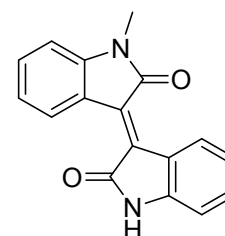
(E)-6,6'-dibromo-1,1'-dibutyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-

2,2'-dione (3k) : red solid (16.7 mg, 63%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.06 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.73 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 4H), 1.72 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.72, 145.75, 132.61, 131.19, 126.72, 125.12, 120.40, 111.29, 40.02, 29.44, 20.25, 13.75. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3482, 2952, 2926, 2862, 1703, 1687, 1595, 1474, 1432, 1358, 1105, 1072, 826, 789, 535, 478. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ [M + H]⁺ 531.0283, found 531.0286.



(E)-1-methyl-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-dione (3l) : red

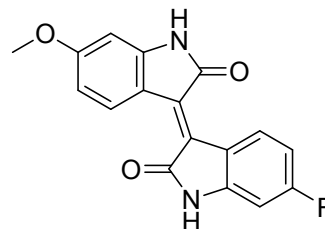
solid (12.4 mg, 45%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 9.10 (dd, $J = 7.7, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.30, 167.64, 145.42, 144.66, 134.20, 133.28, 132.99, 132.68, 129.84, 129.38, 122.21, 122.07, 121.63, 121.24, 110.04, 108.89, 26.50. IR (KBr ν/cm^{-1}) 3082, 2910, 1668, 1608, 1465, 1375, 1334, 1269, 1118, 1080, 826, 738, 669. HRMS (ESI⁺)



Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺ 277.0977, found 277.0975.

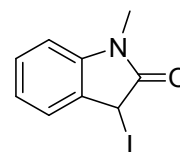
(E)-5-fluoro-5'-methoxy-[3,3'-biindolinylidene]-2,2'-

dione (3m) : red solid (14.3 mg, 46%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 10.76 (s, 1H), 8.98 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.86 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, *J* = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.53, 169.47, 158.64, 156.33, 154.52, 140.96, 138.81, 135.65, 133.40, 122.86, 122.59, 119.56, 119.44, 119.31, 116.63, 116.34, 116.05, 110.49, 110.35, 55.96. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3022, 1739, 1665, 1640, 1489, 1460, 1376, 1299, 1180, 1106, 1027, 830, 758. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂FN₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 311.0832, found 311.0835.



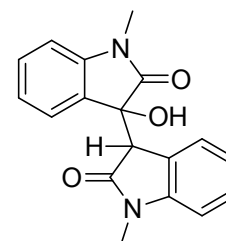
3-iodo-1-methylindolin-2-one (I) : yellow solid; ¹H NMR (400

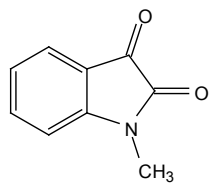
MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.20, 143.13, 129.78, 127.82, 126.08, 123.29, 108.87, 26.93, 12.60. IR (KBr v/m⁻¹) 2910, 1712, 1649, 1612, 1470, 1373, 1126, 1088, 751, 669, 558. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₉H₈INO [M + H]⁺ 272.9651, found 272.9653.



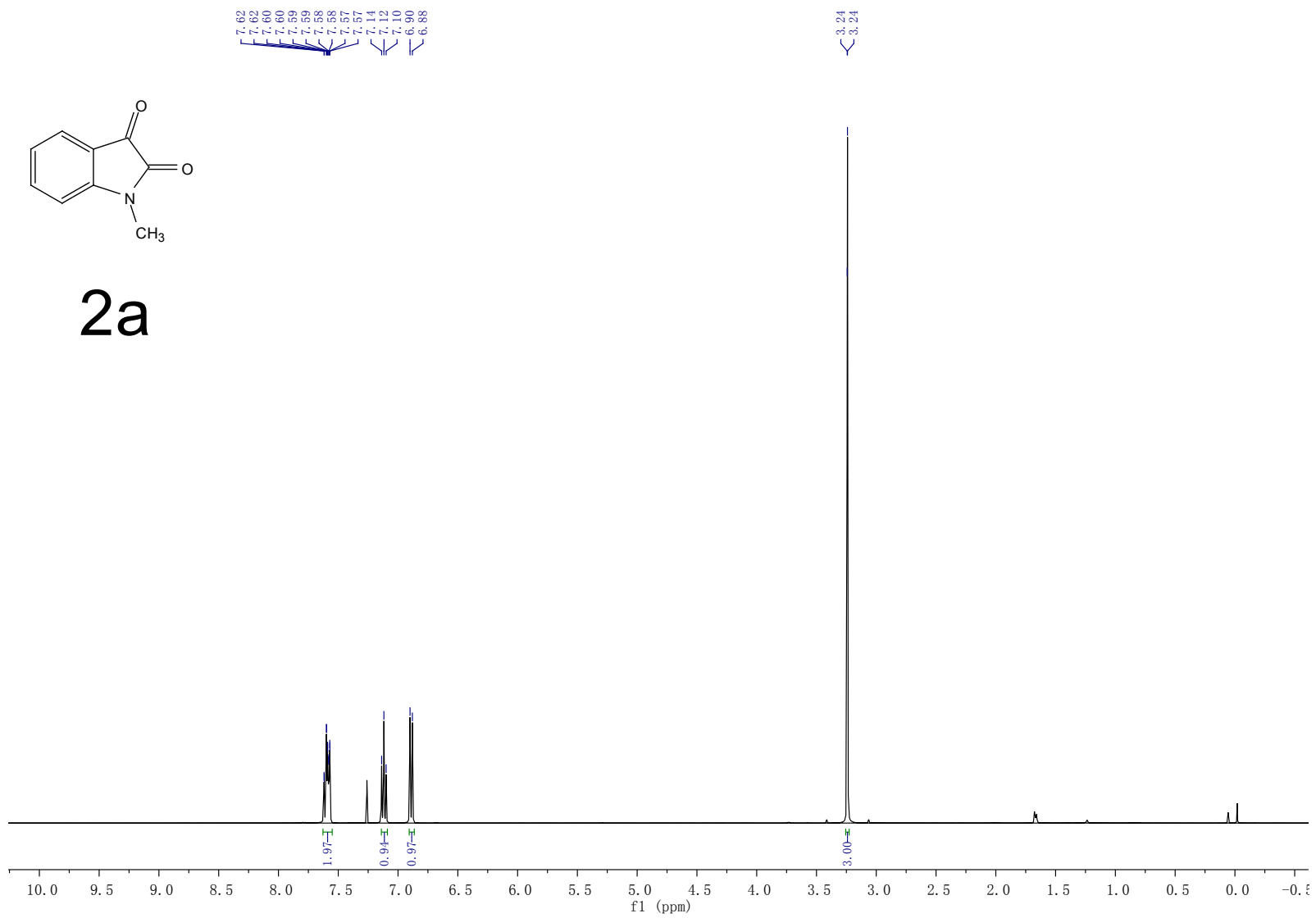
3-hydroxy-1,1'-dimethyl-[3,3'-biindoline]-2,2'-dione (II) :

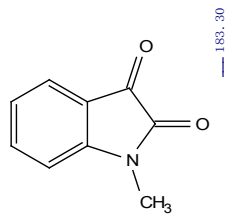
white solid(4.5mg, 30%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.92 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.70 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.77 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 175.57, 172.09, 144.86, 144.01, 129.85, 128.73, 127.40, 126.34, 124.84, 123.00, 121.93, 121.66, 108.53, 108.20, 75.35, 51.36, 25.98, 25.68. IR (KBr v/cm⁻¹) 3580, 2908, 1678, 1605, 1465, 1367, 1344, 1200, 1114, 1034, 825, 762, 668. HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺ 309.1239, found 309.1236.



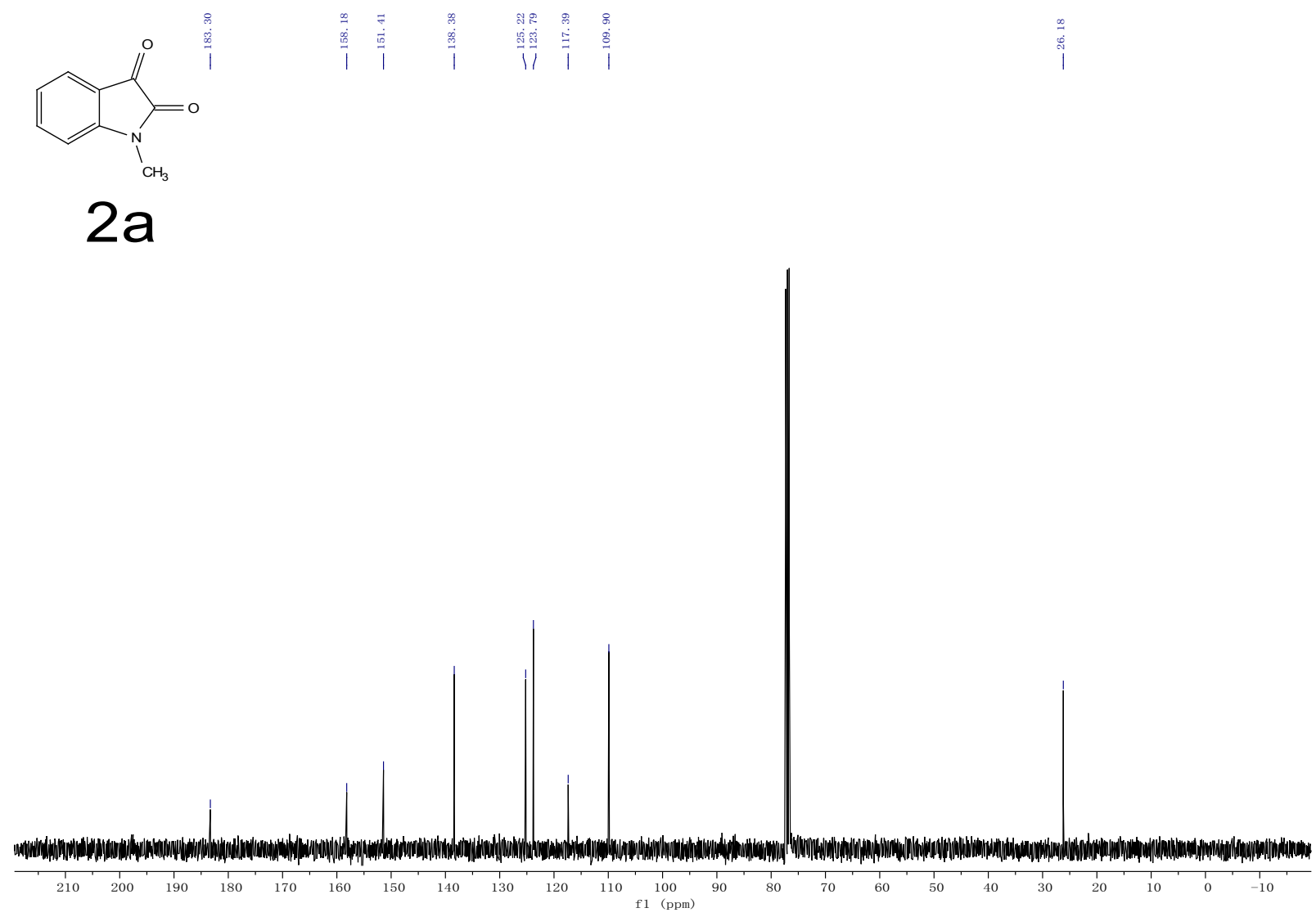


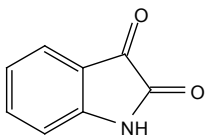
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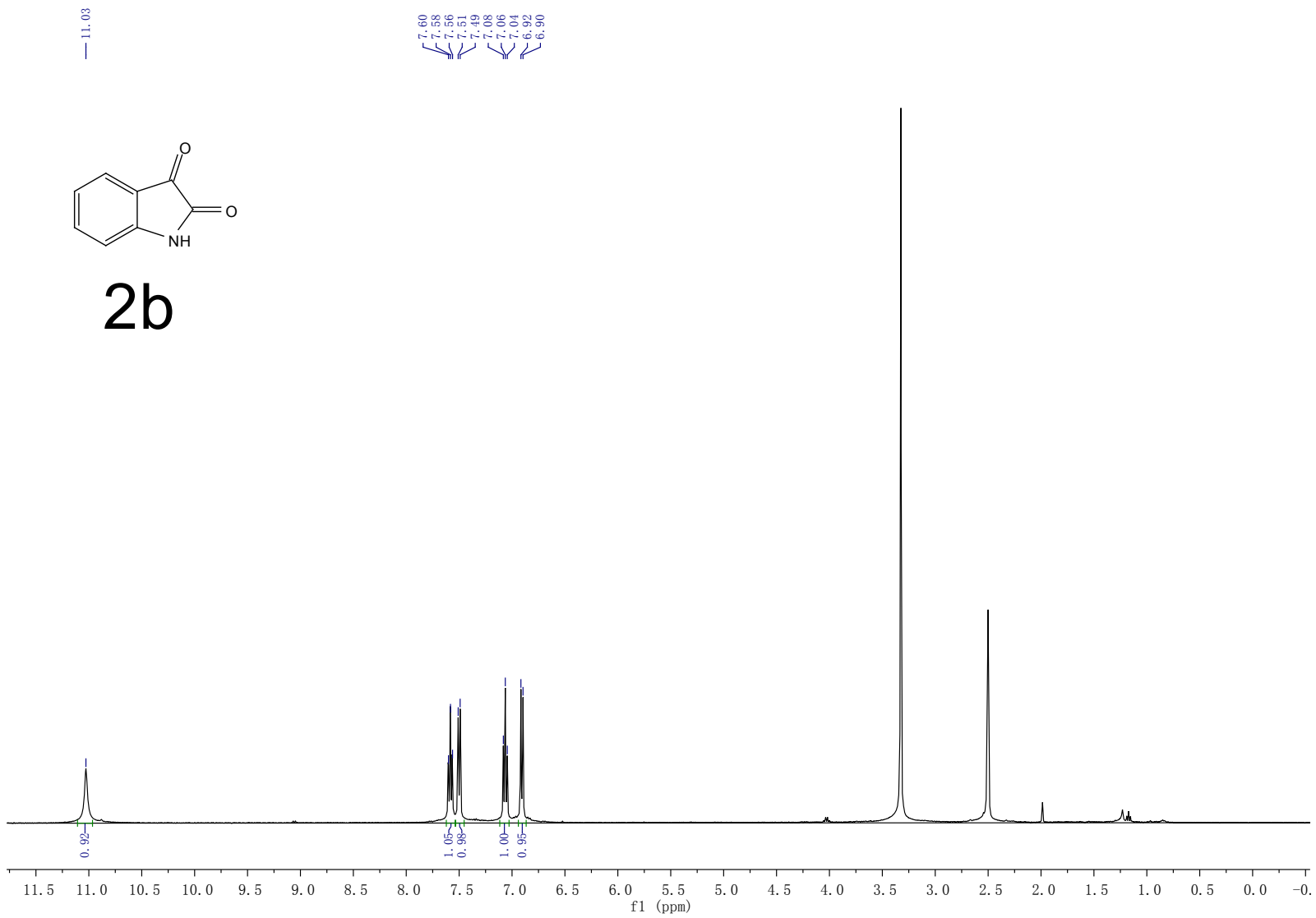


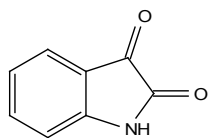
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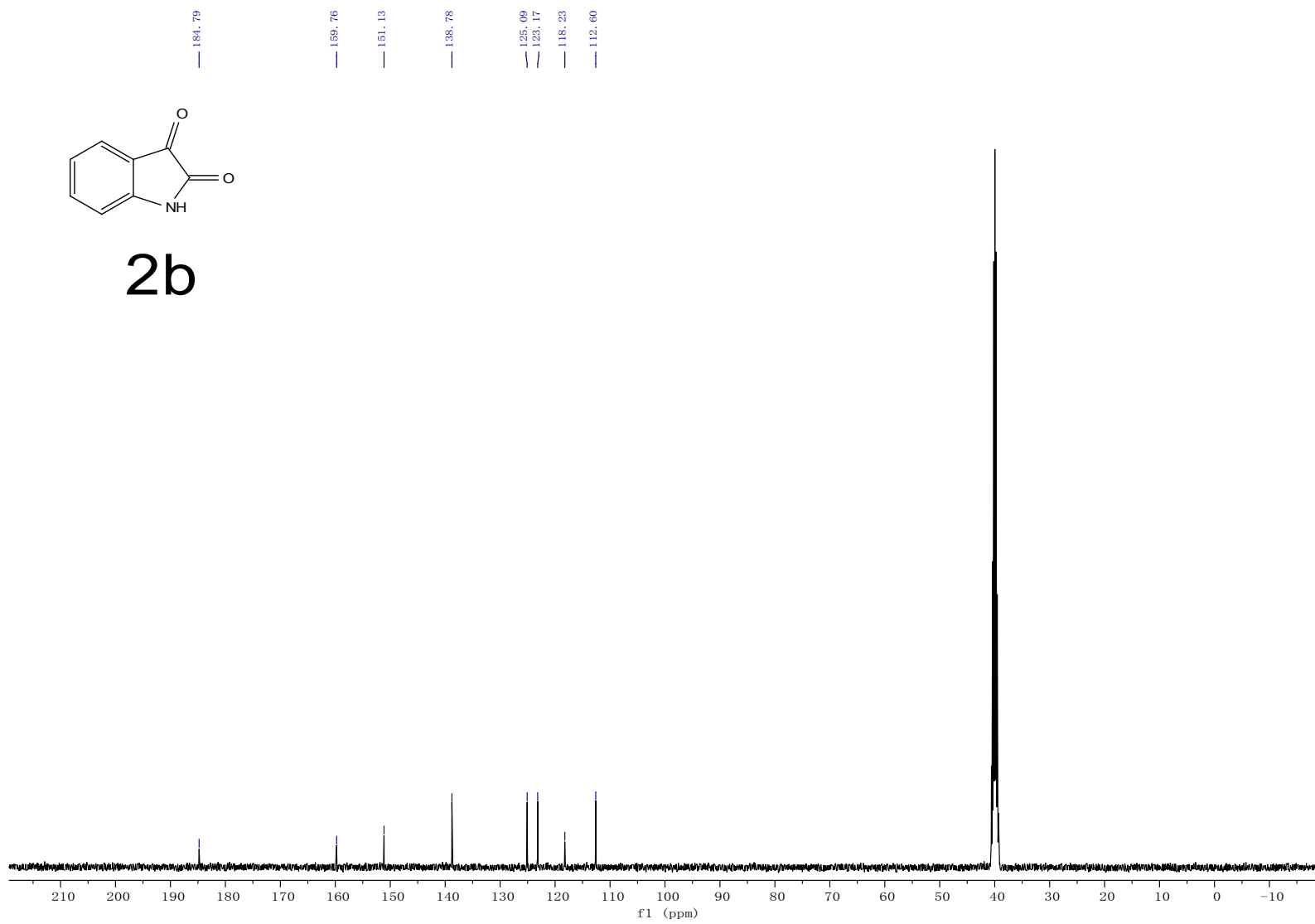


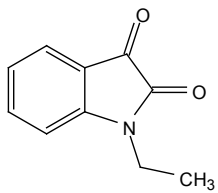
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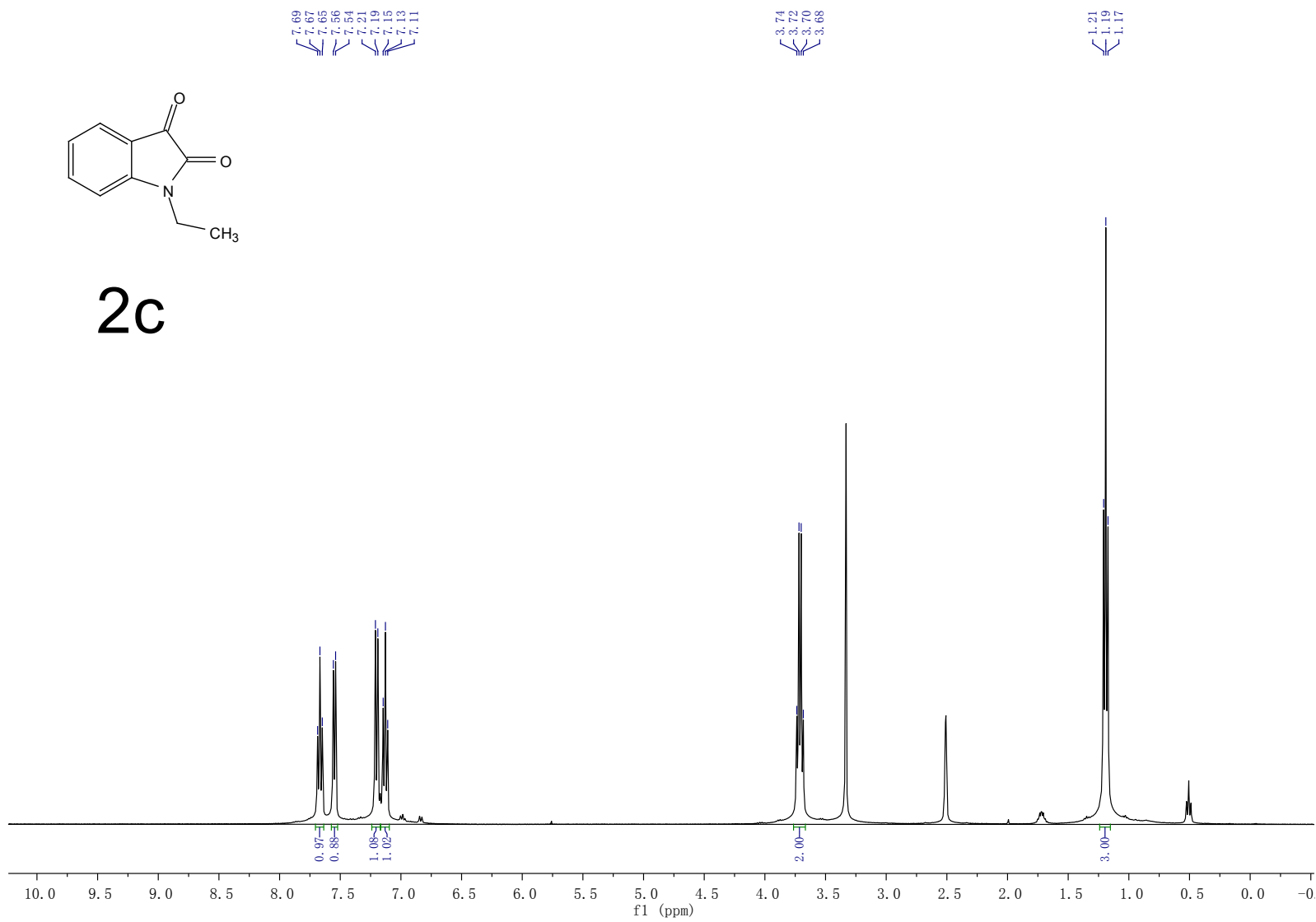


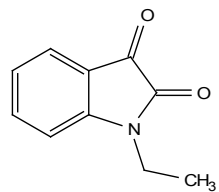
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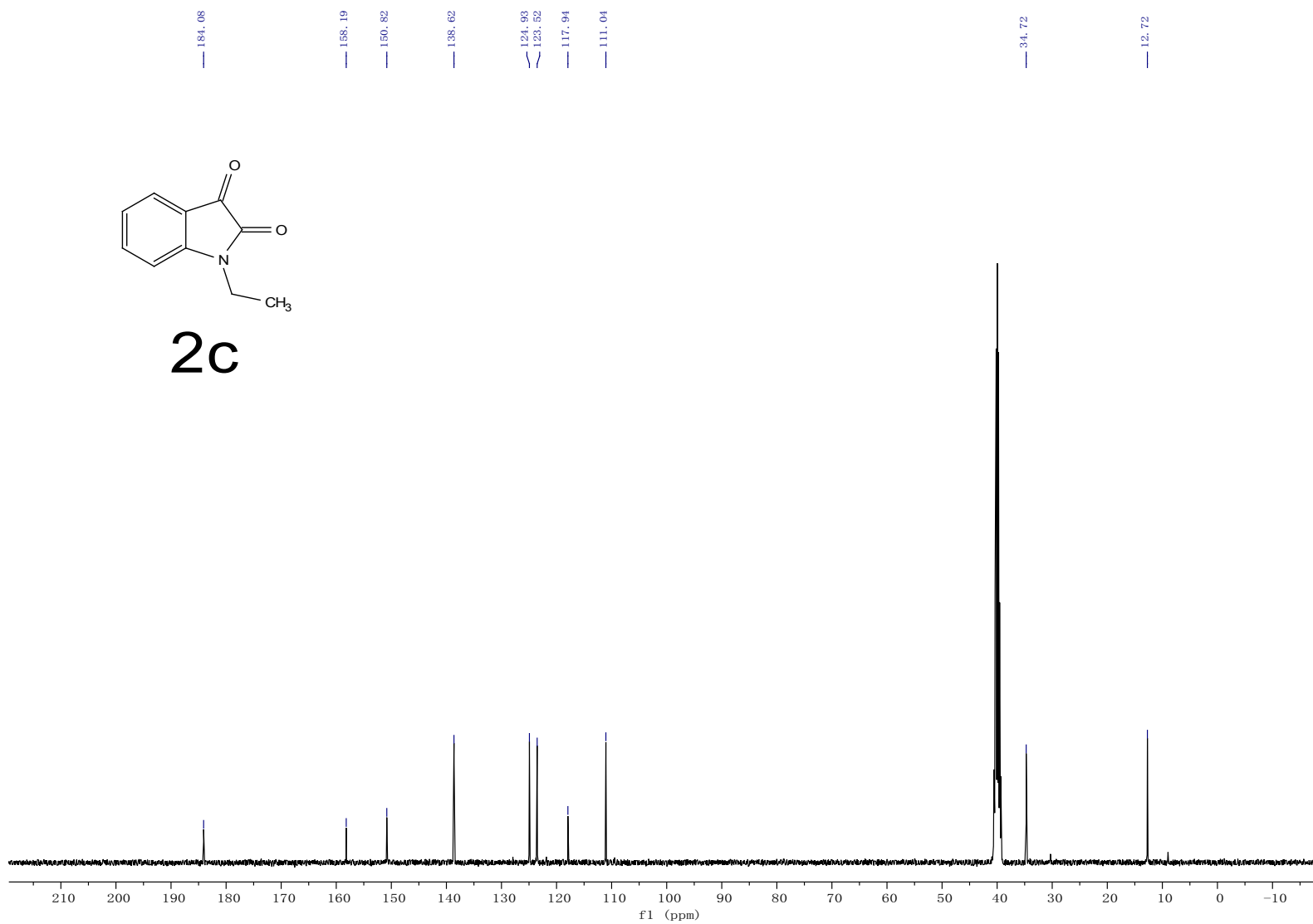


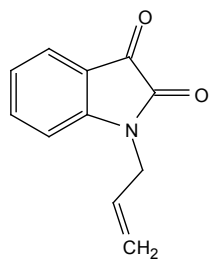
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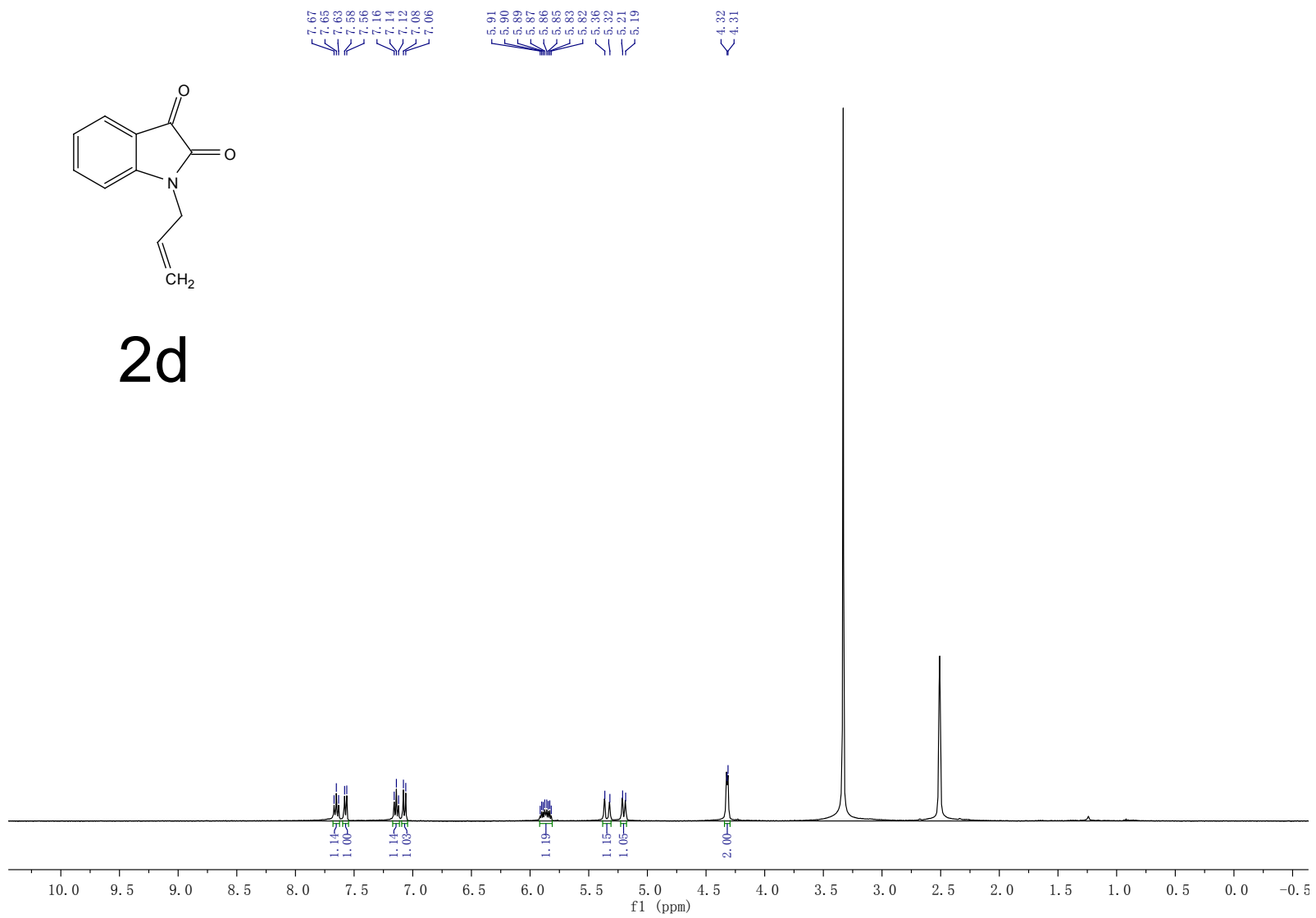


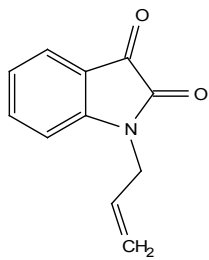
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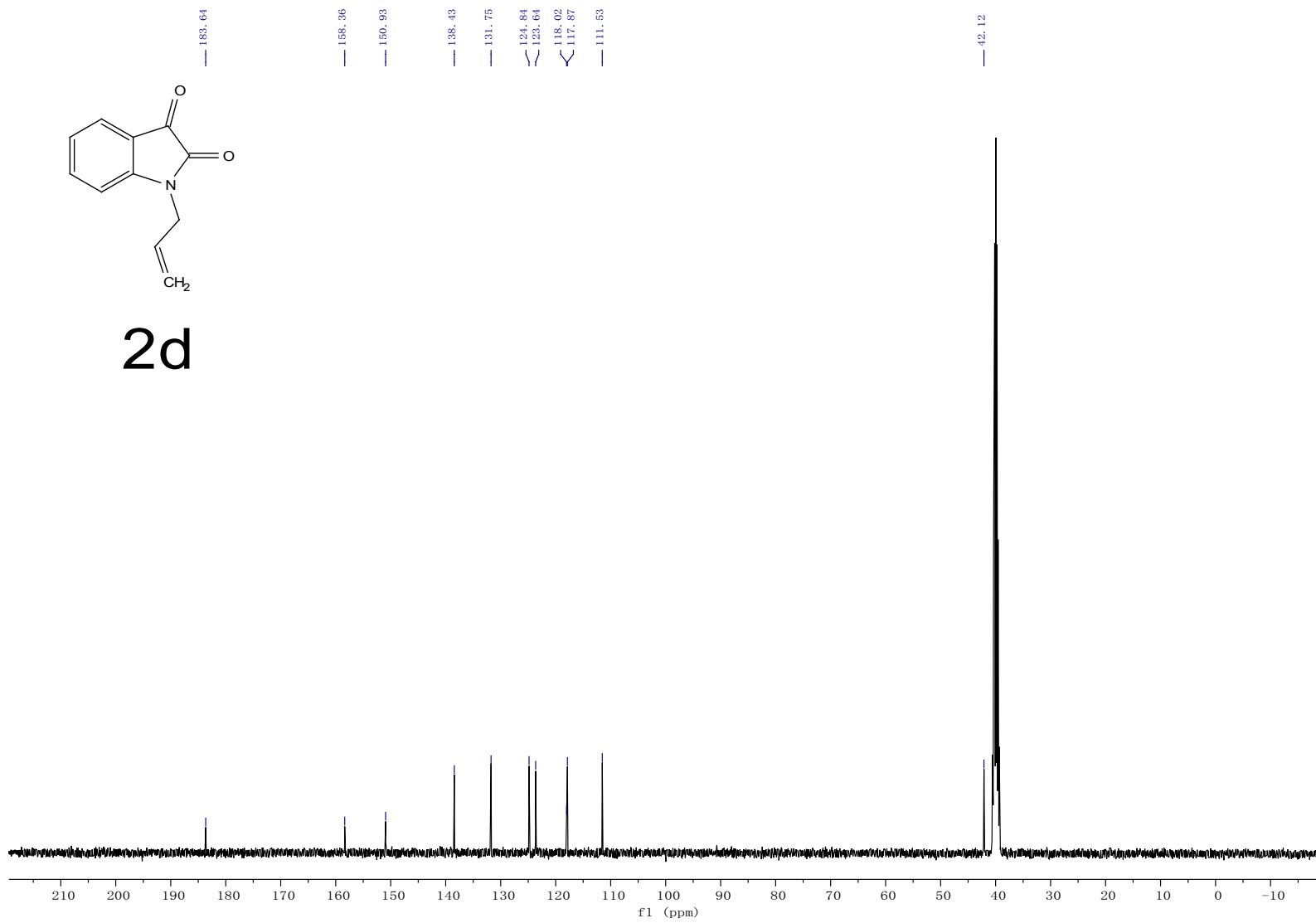


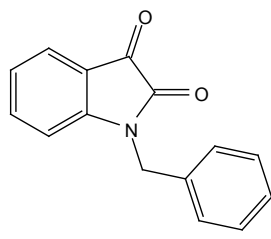
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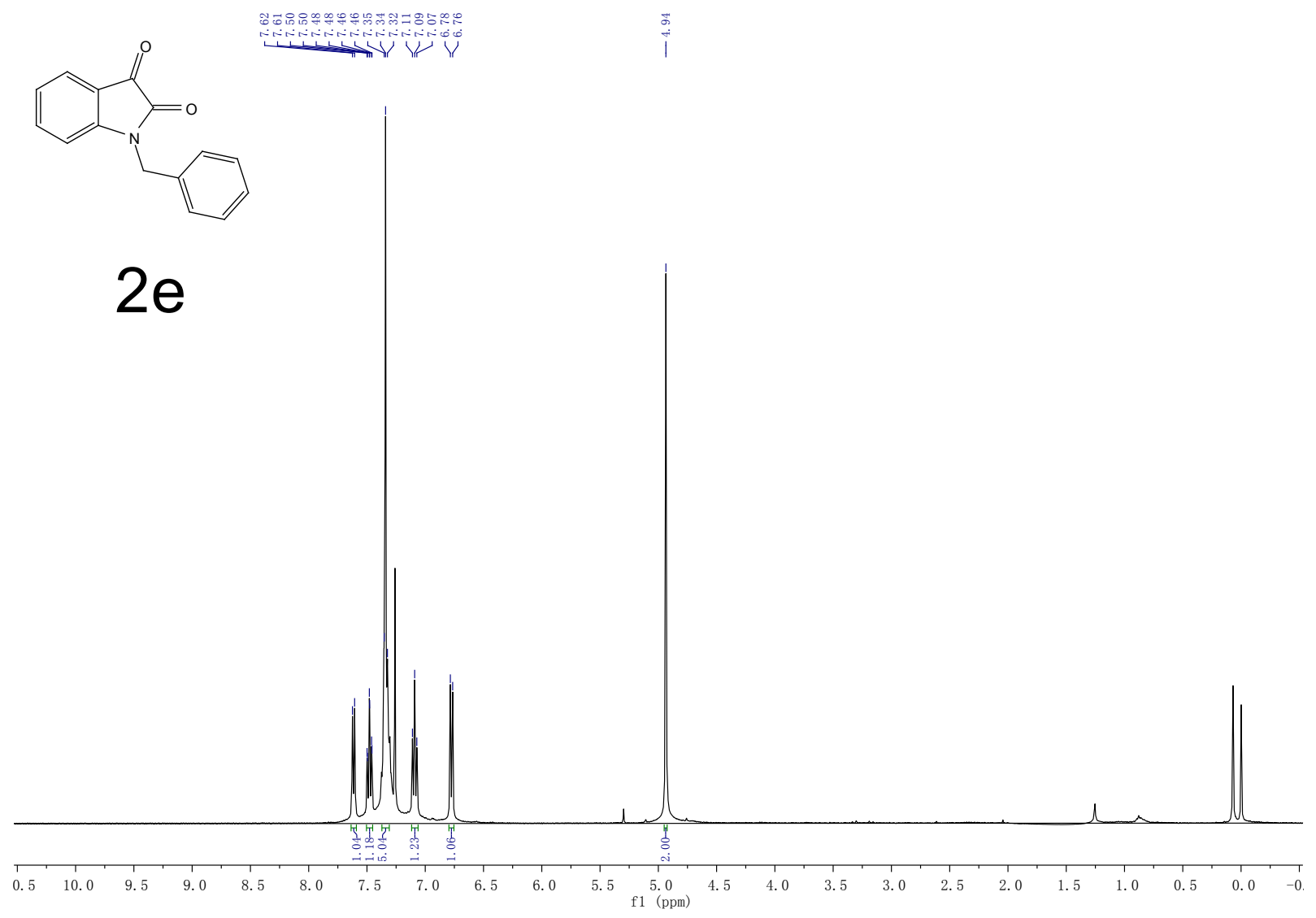


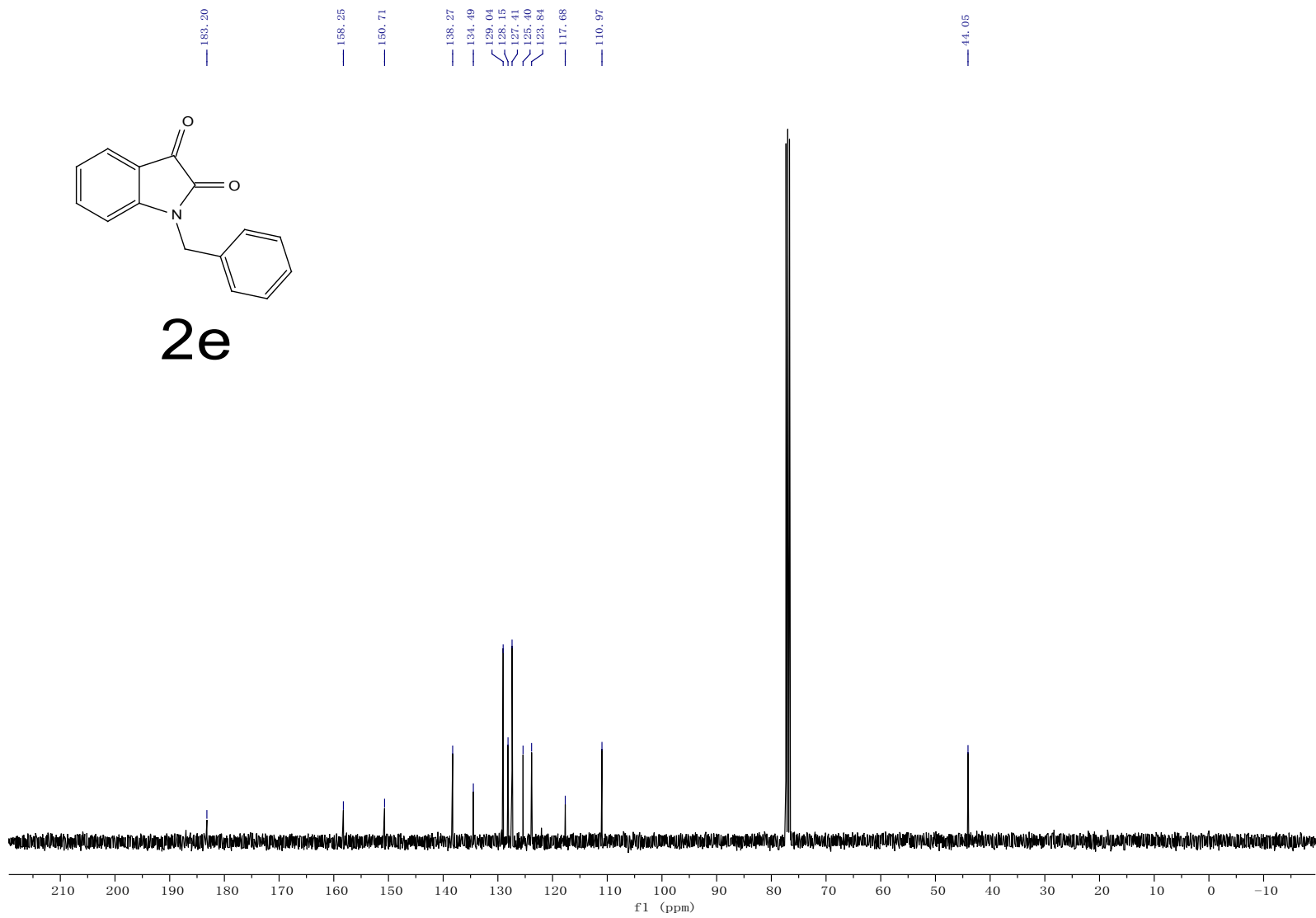
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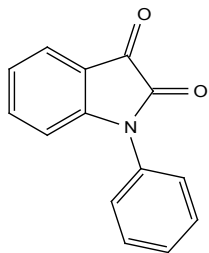




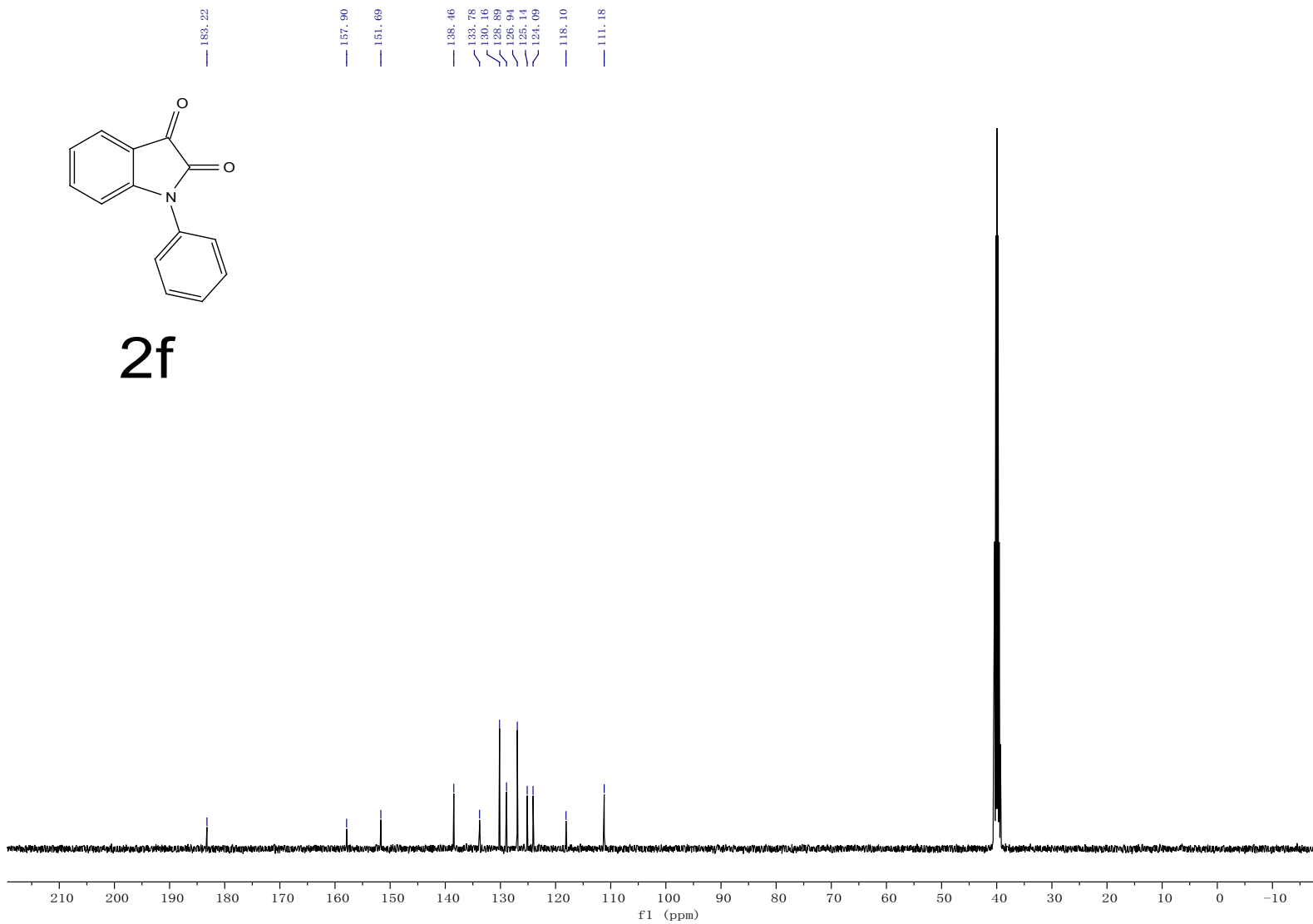
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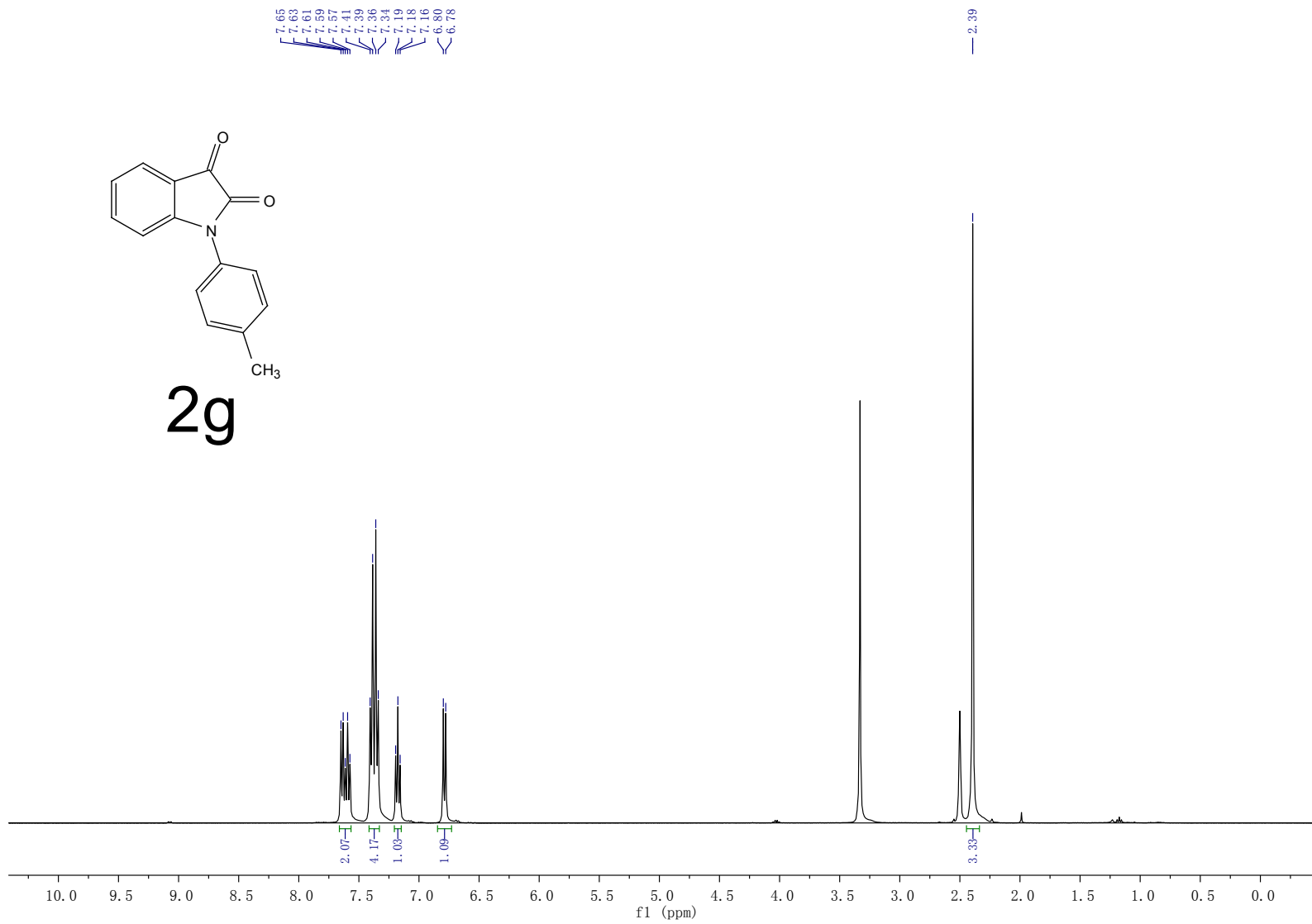


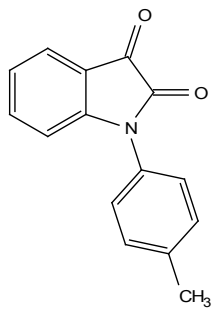




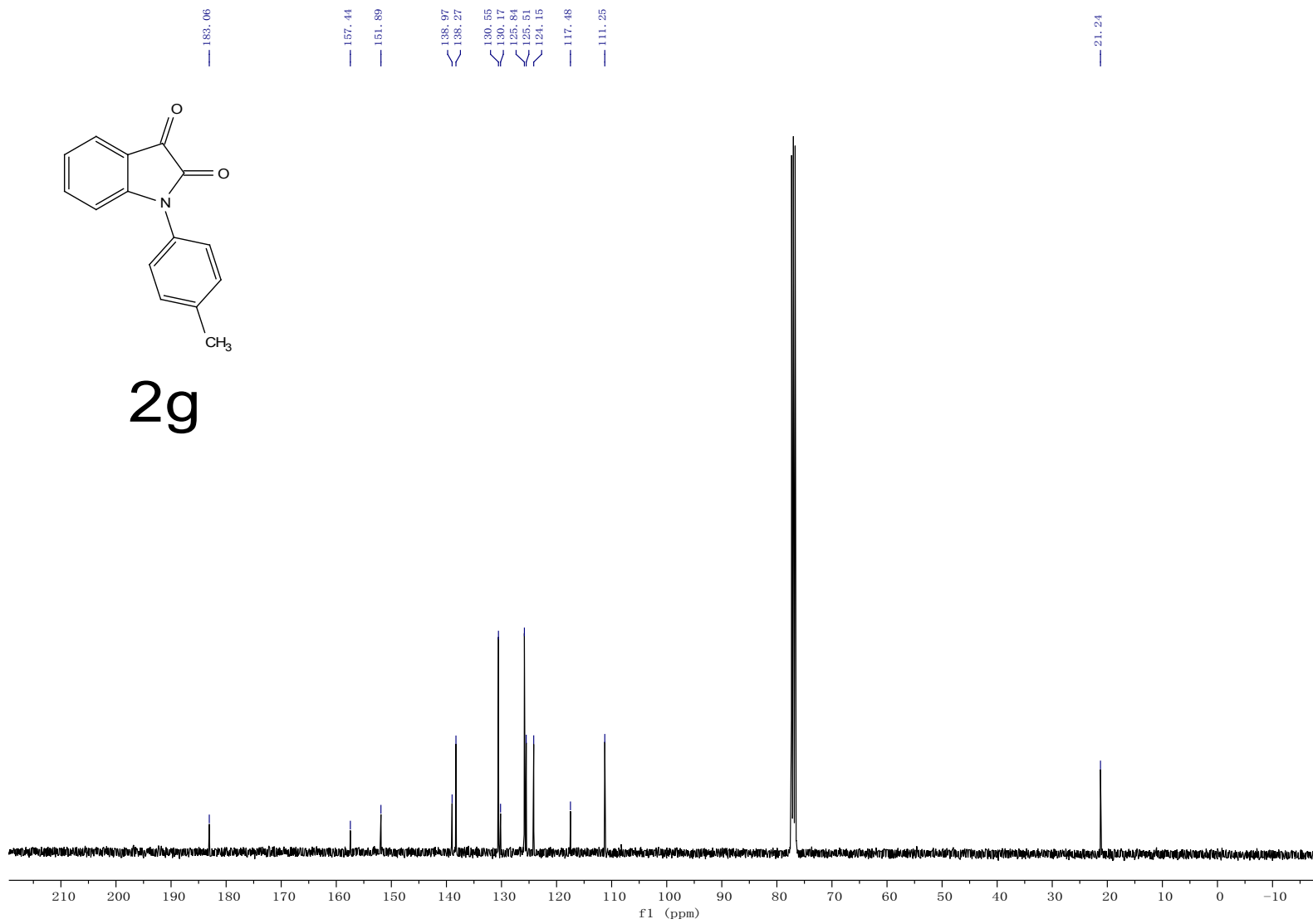
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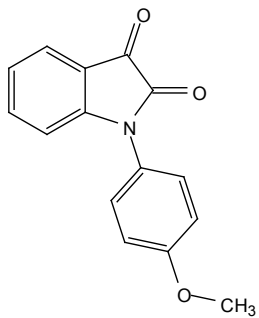




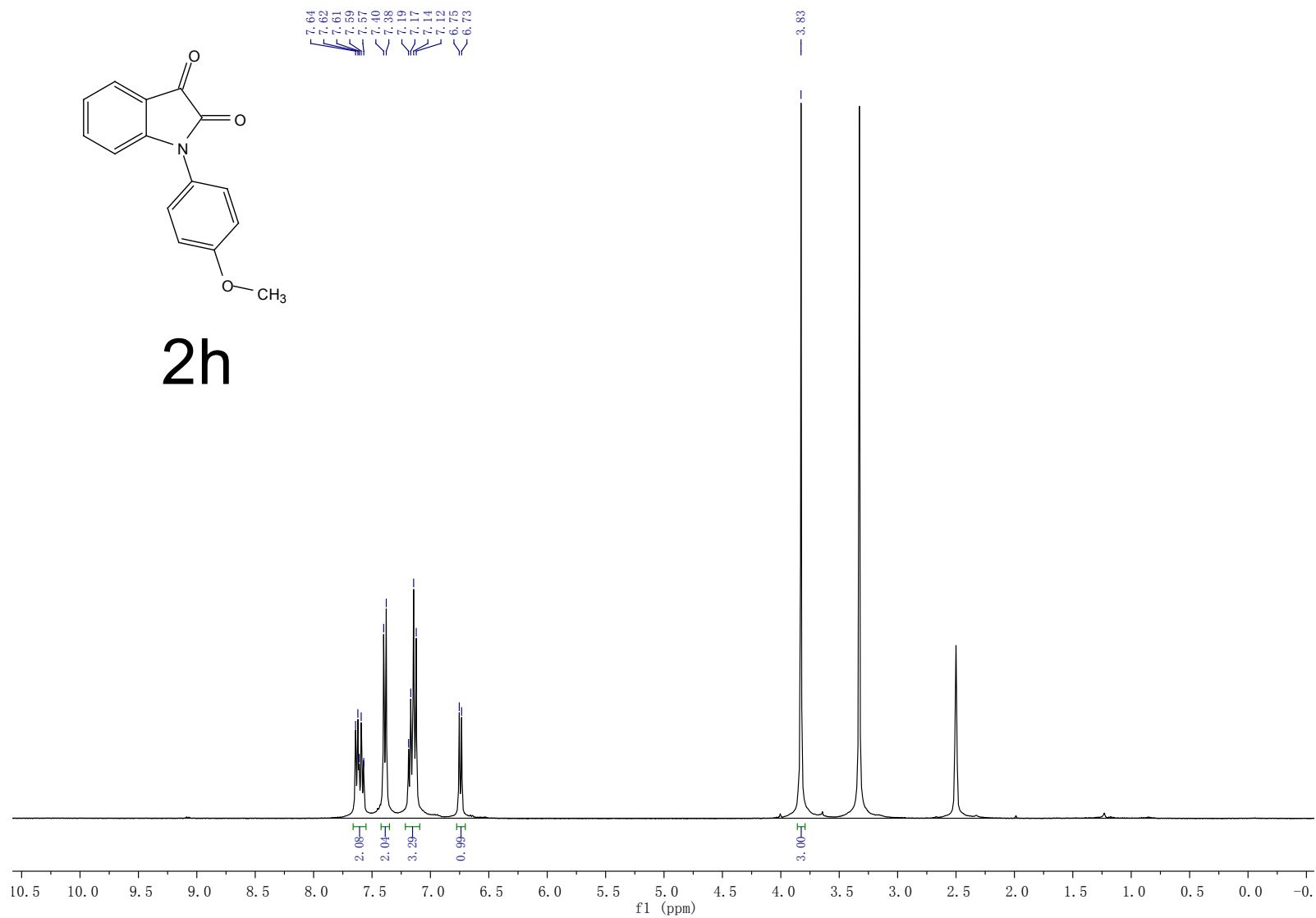


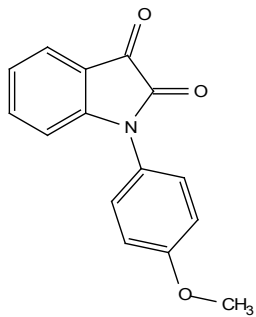
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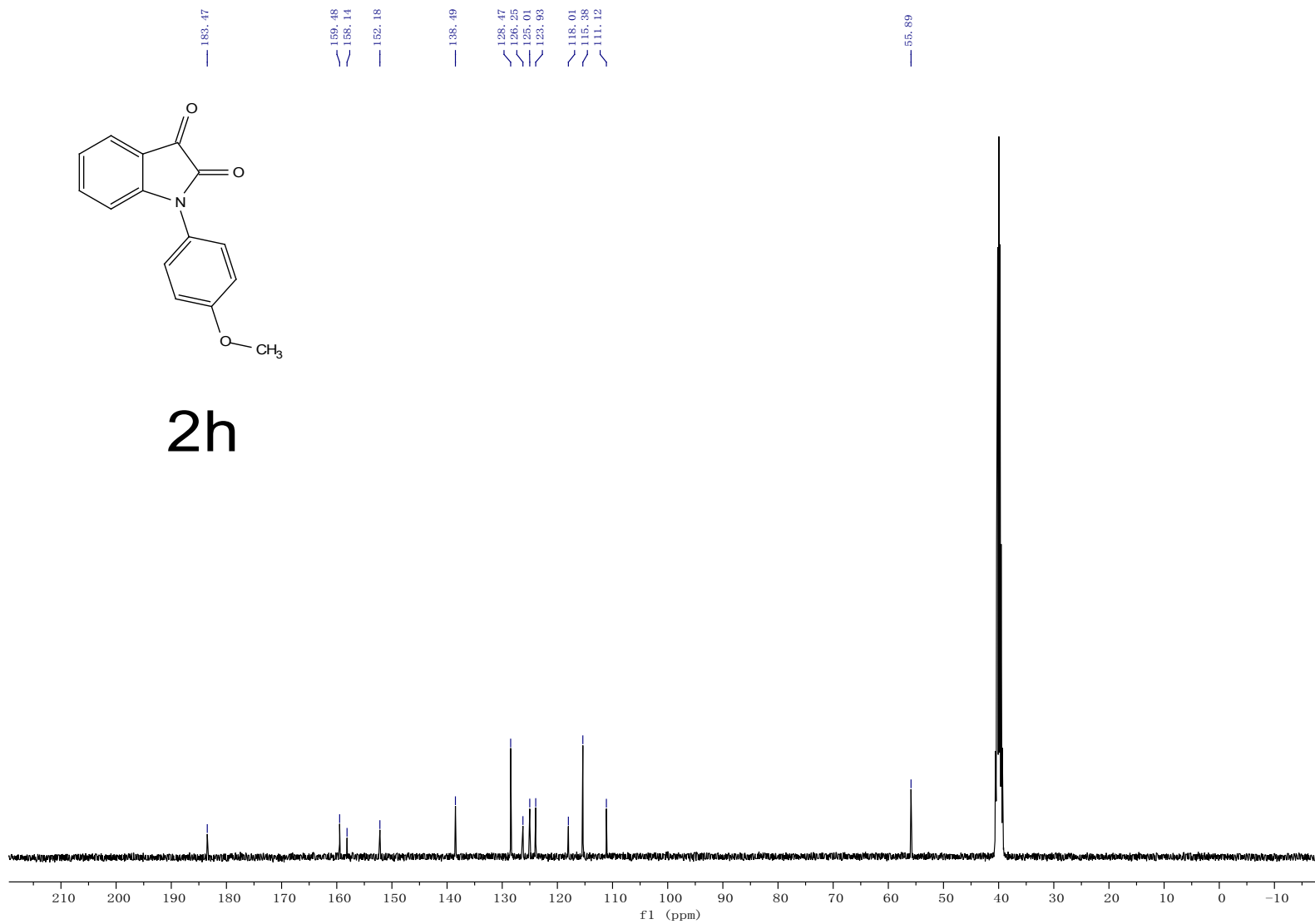


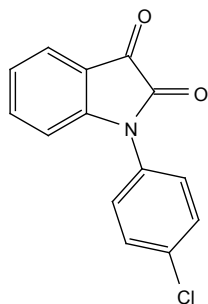
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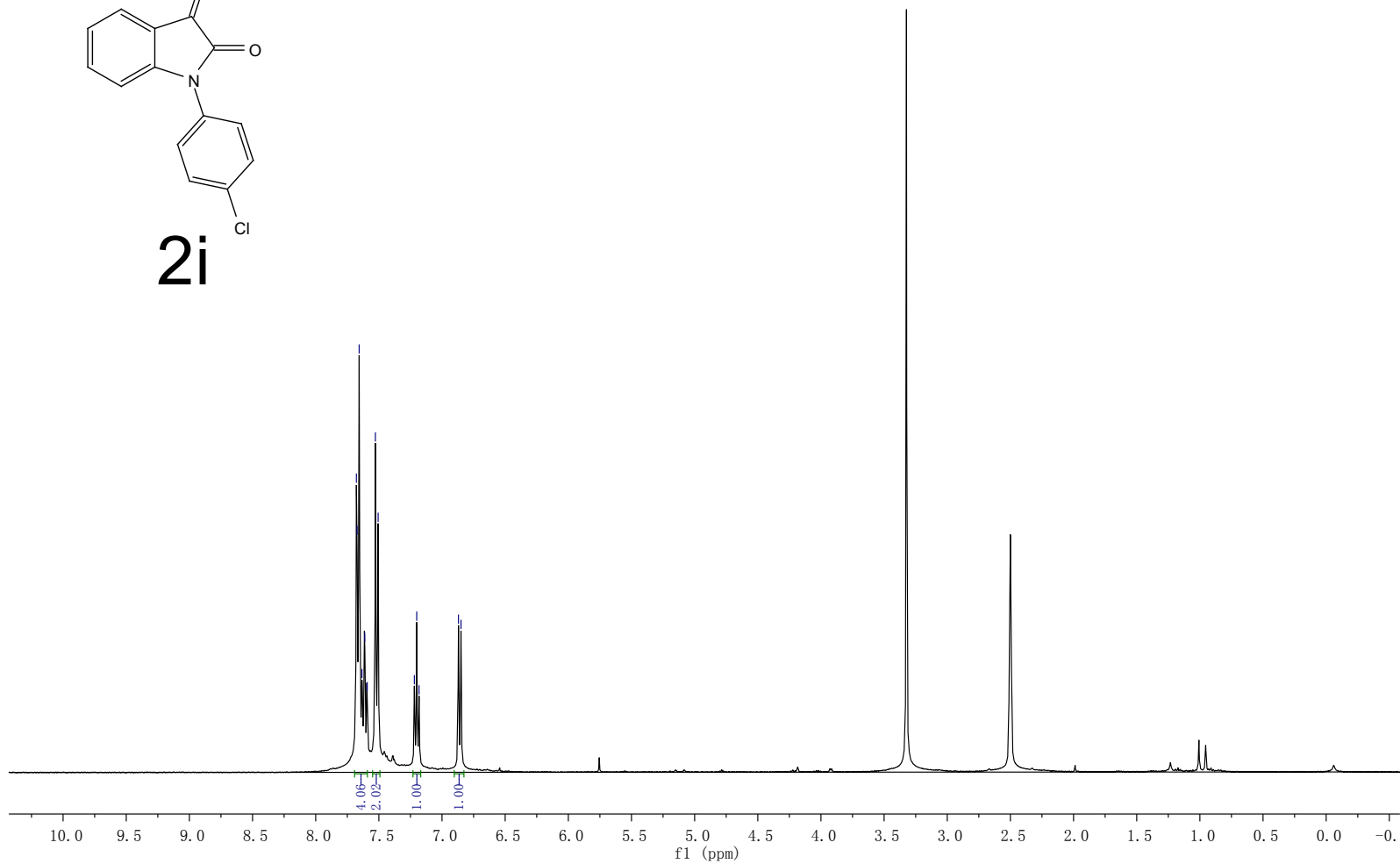
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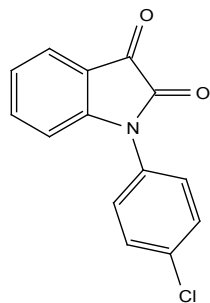




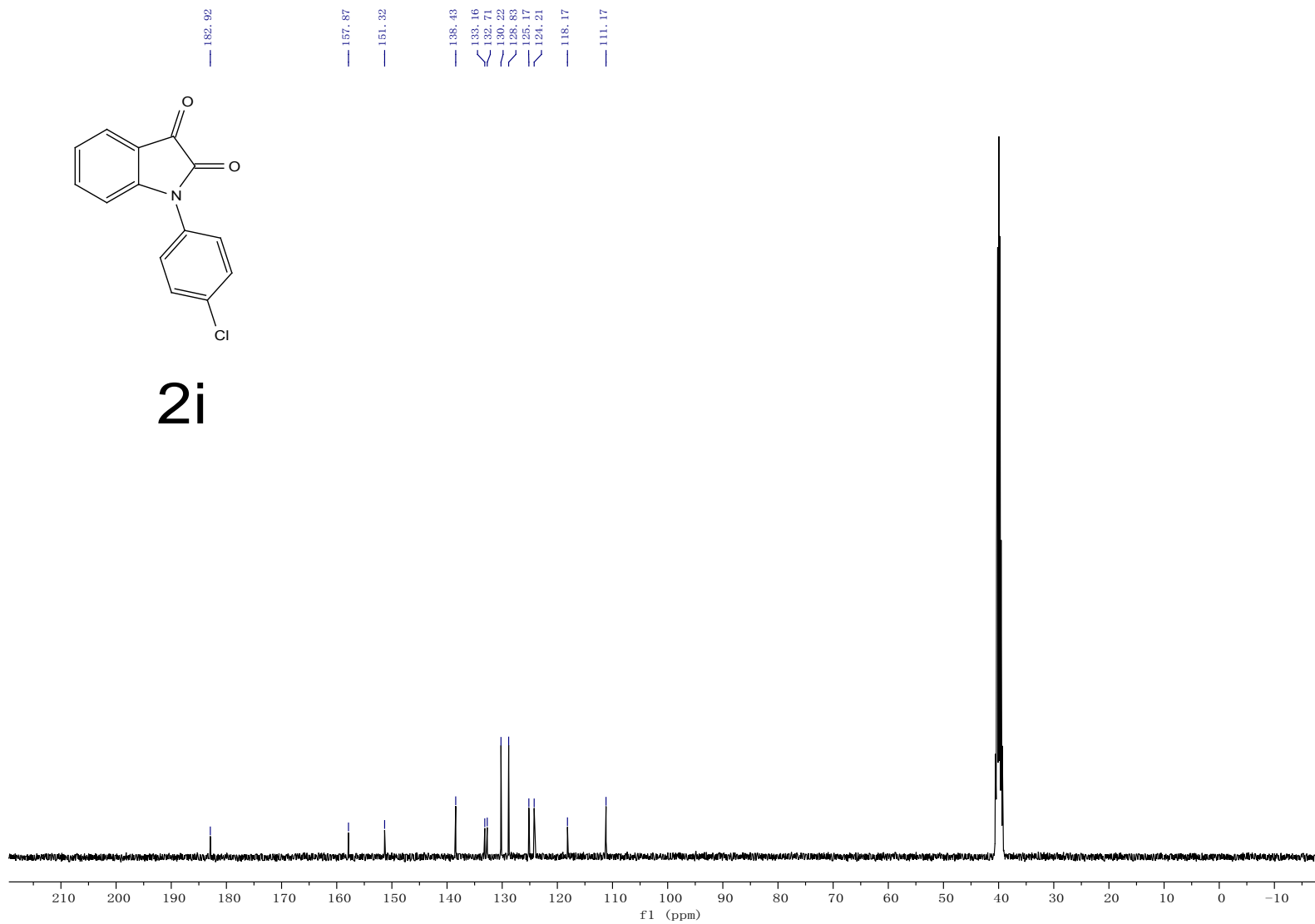
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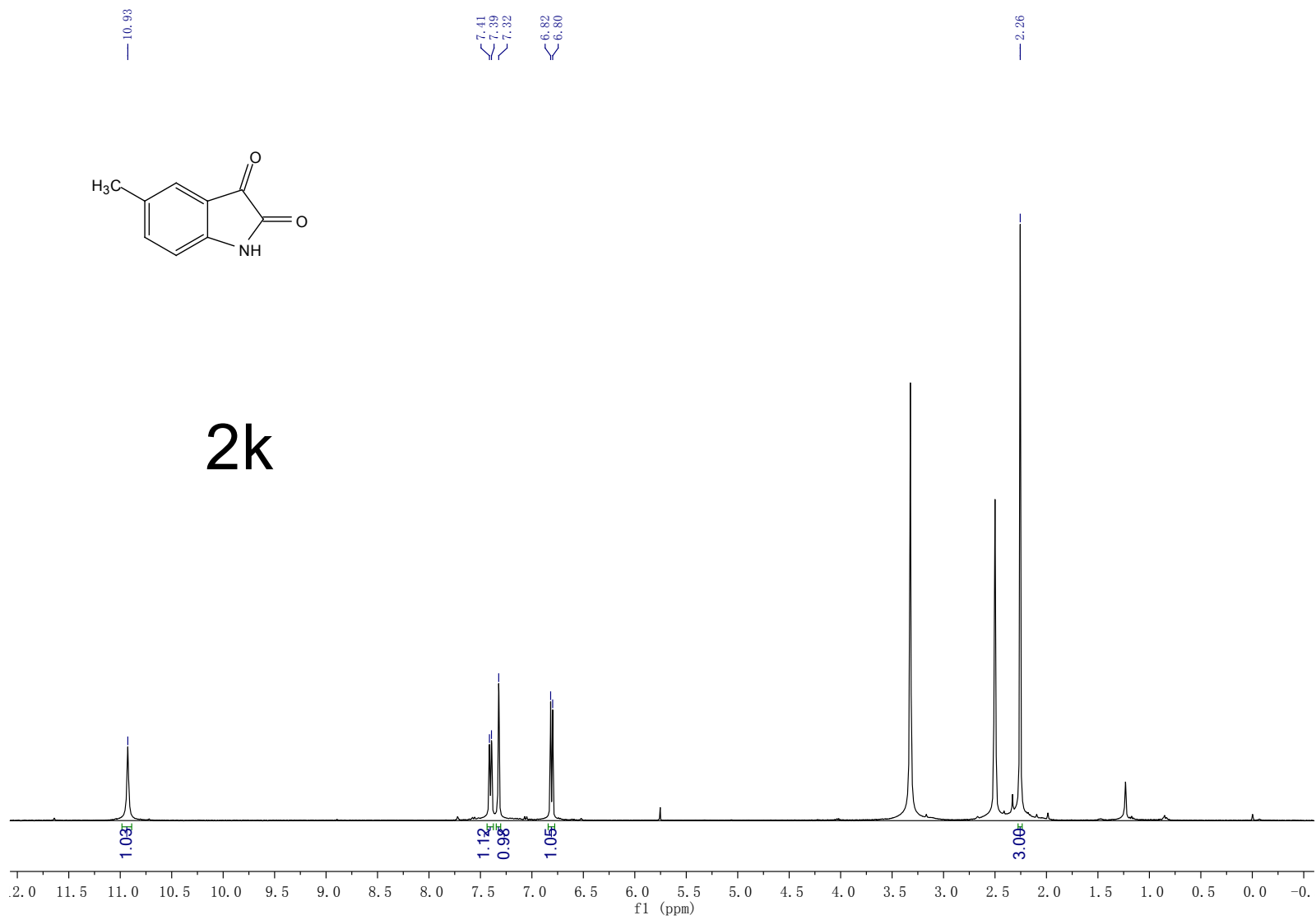
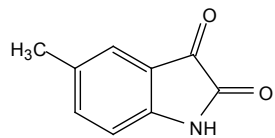
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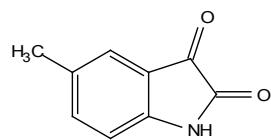




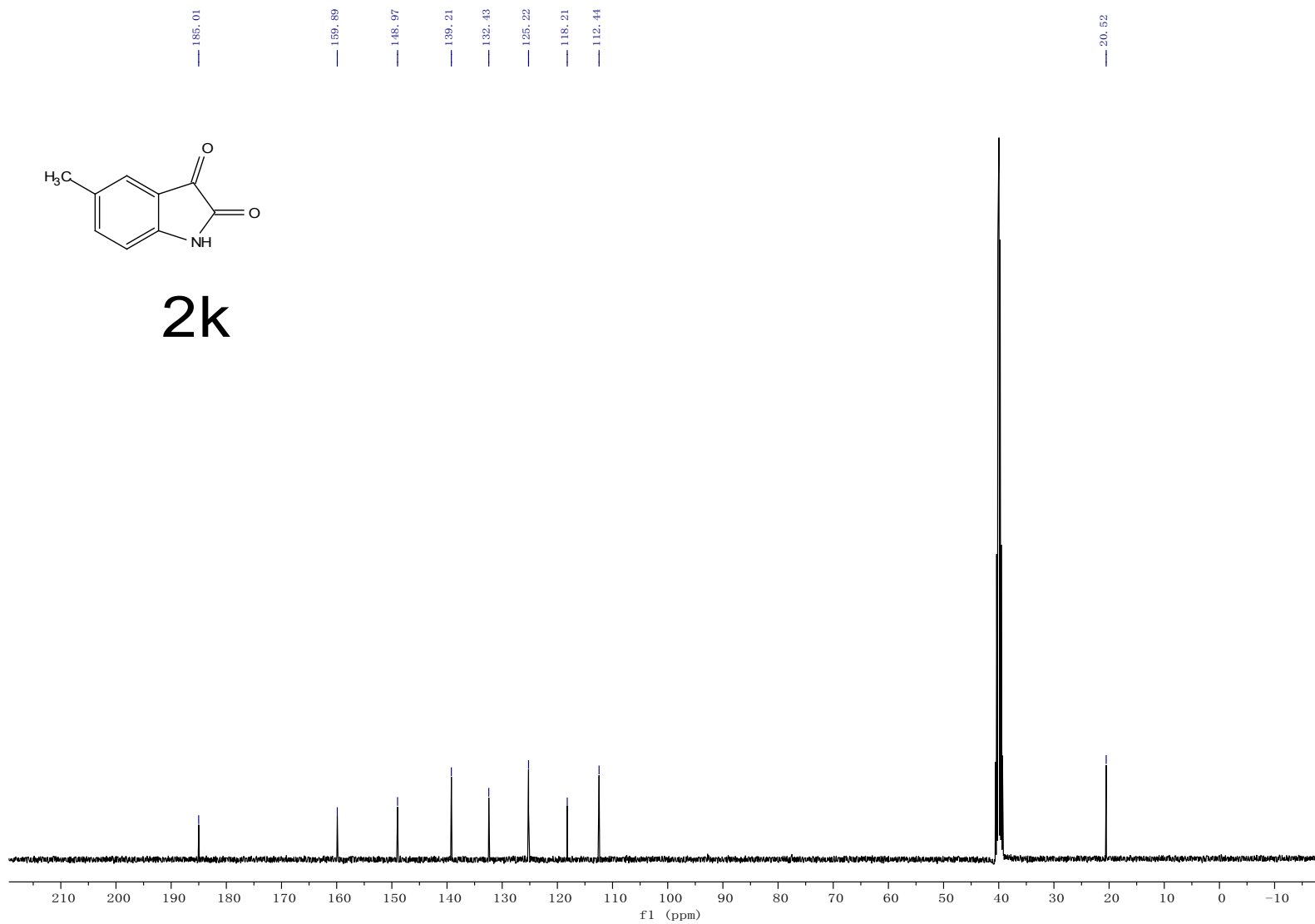
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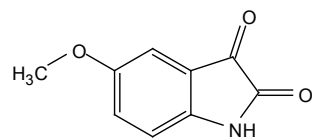




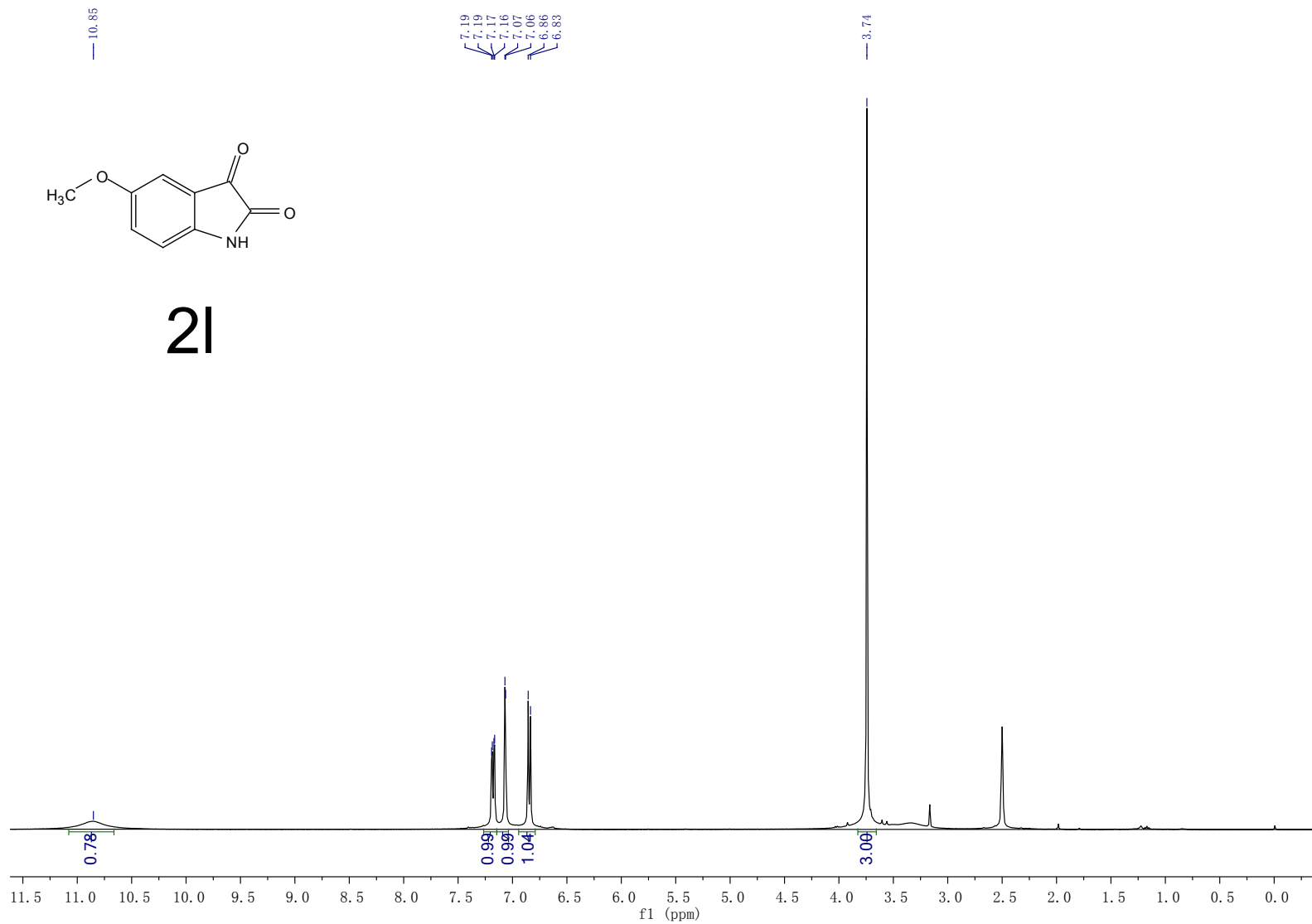


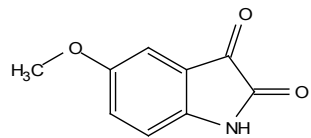
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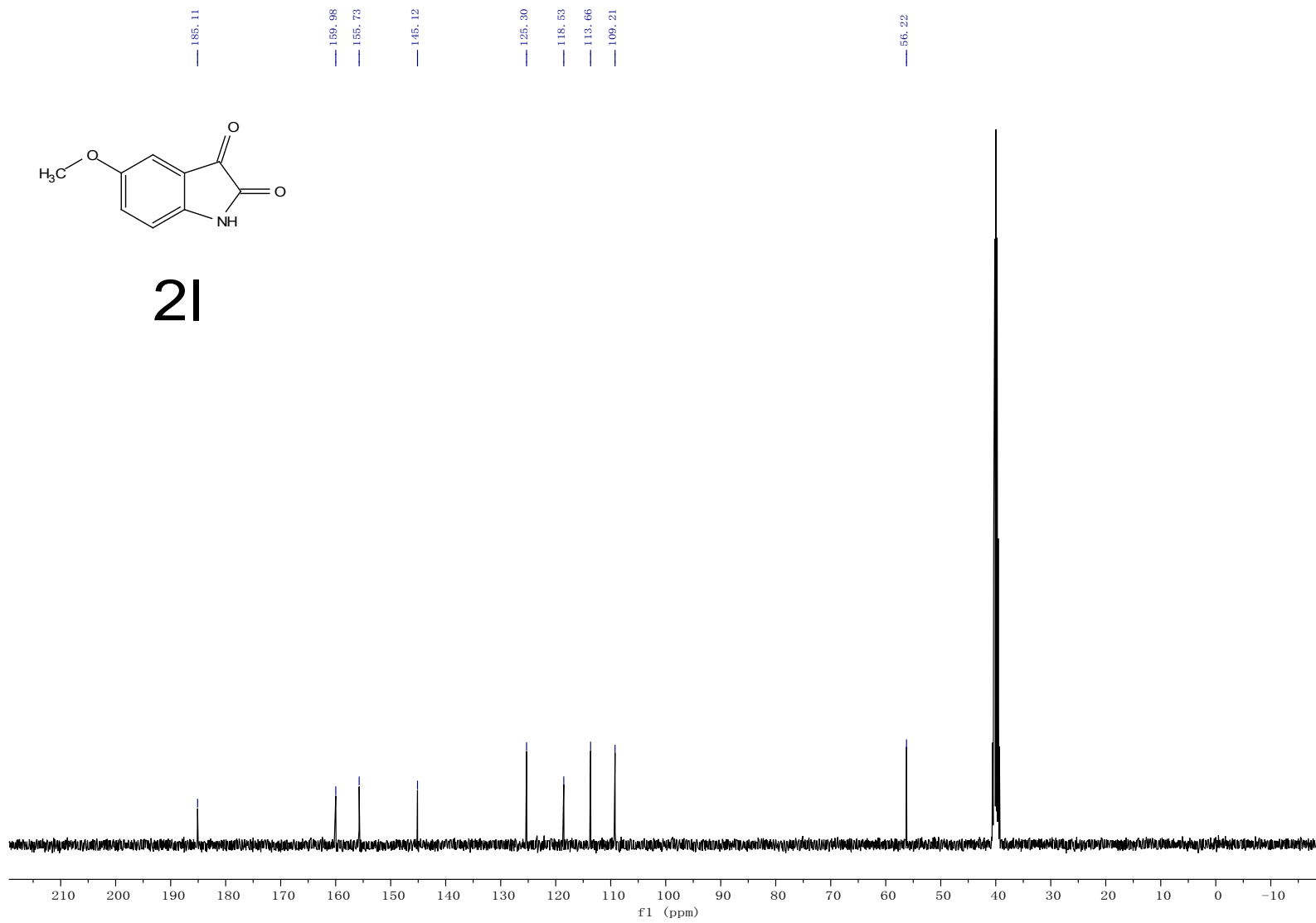


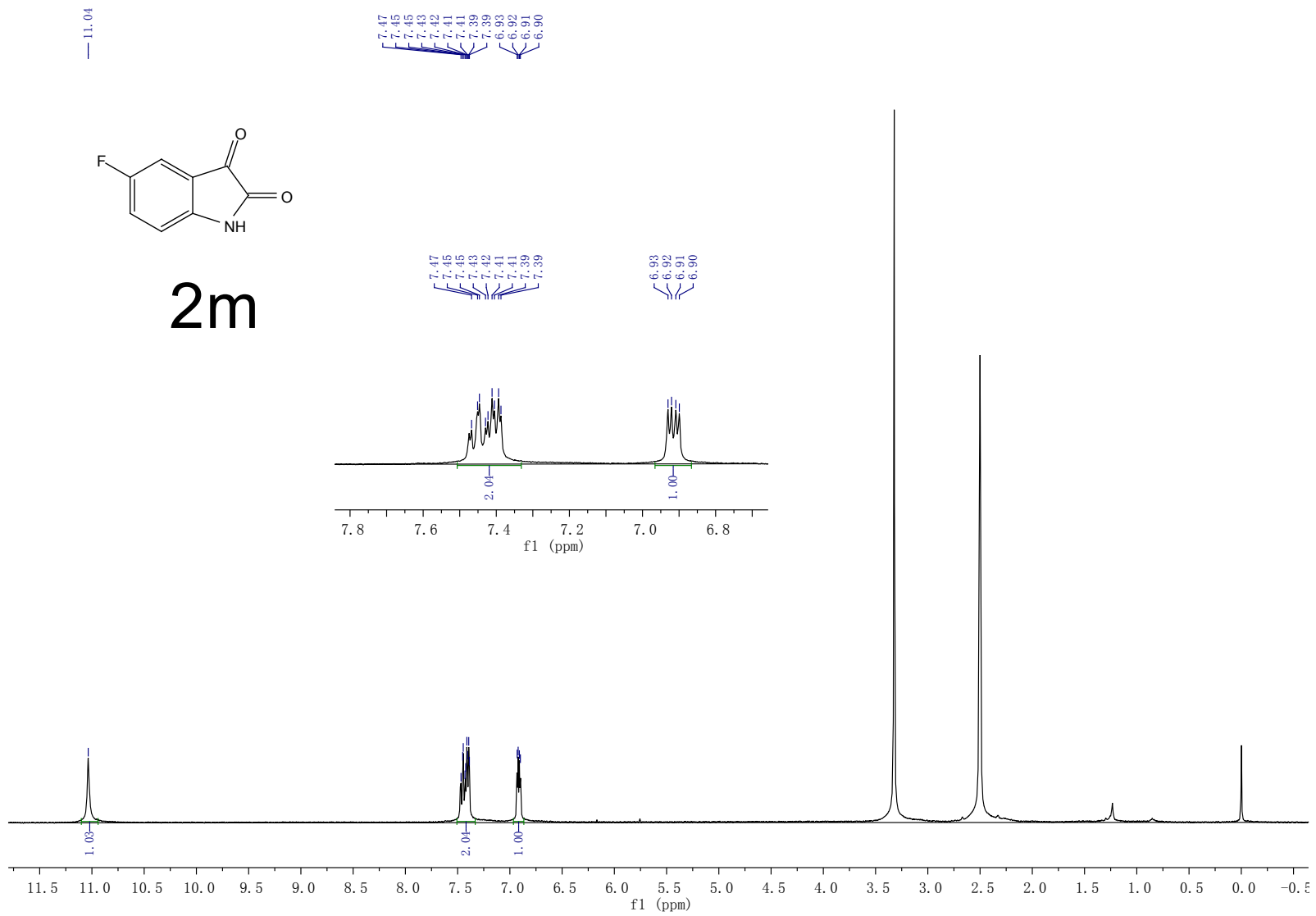
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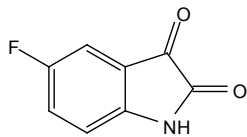




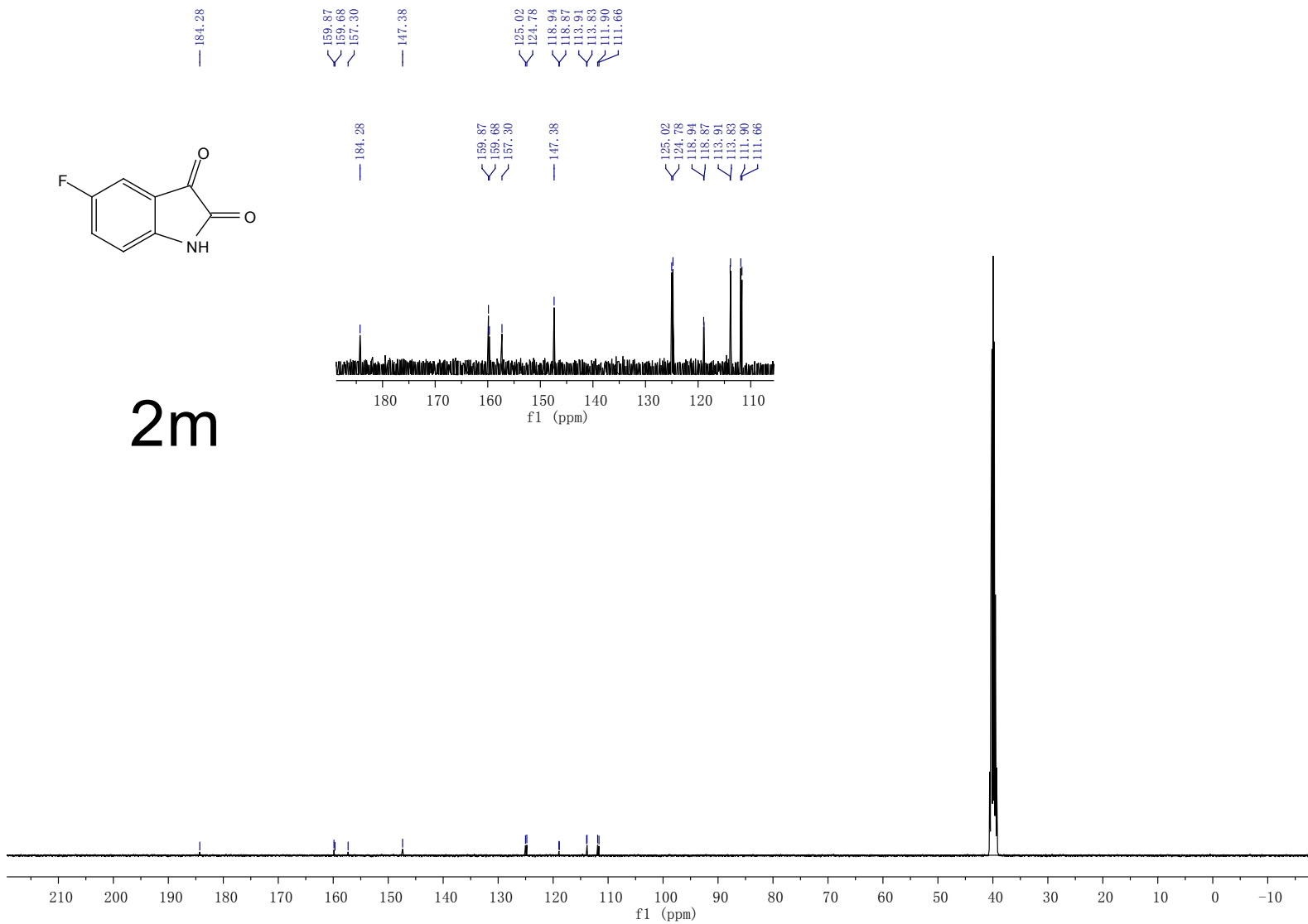
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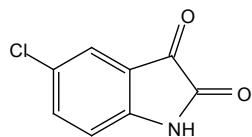




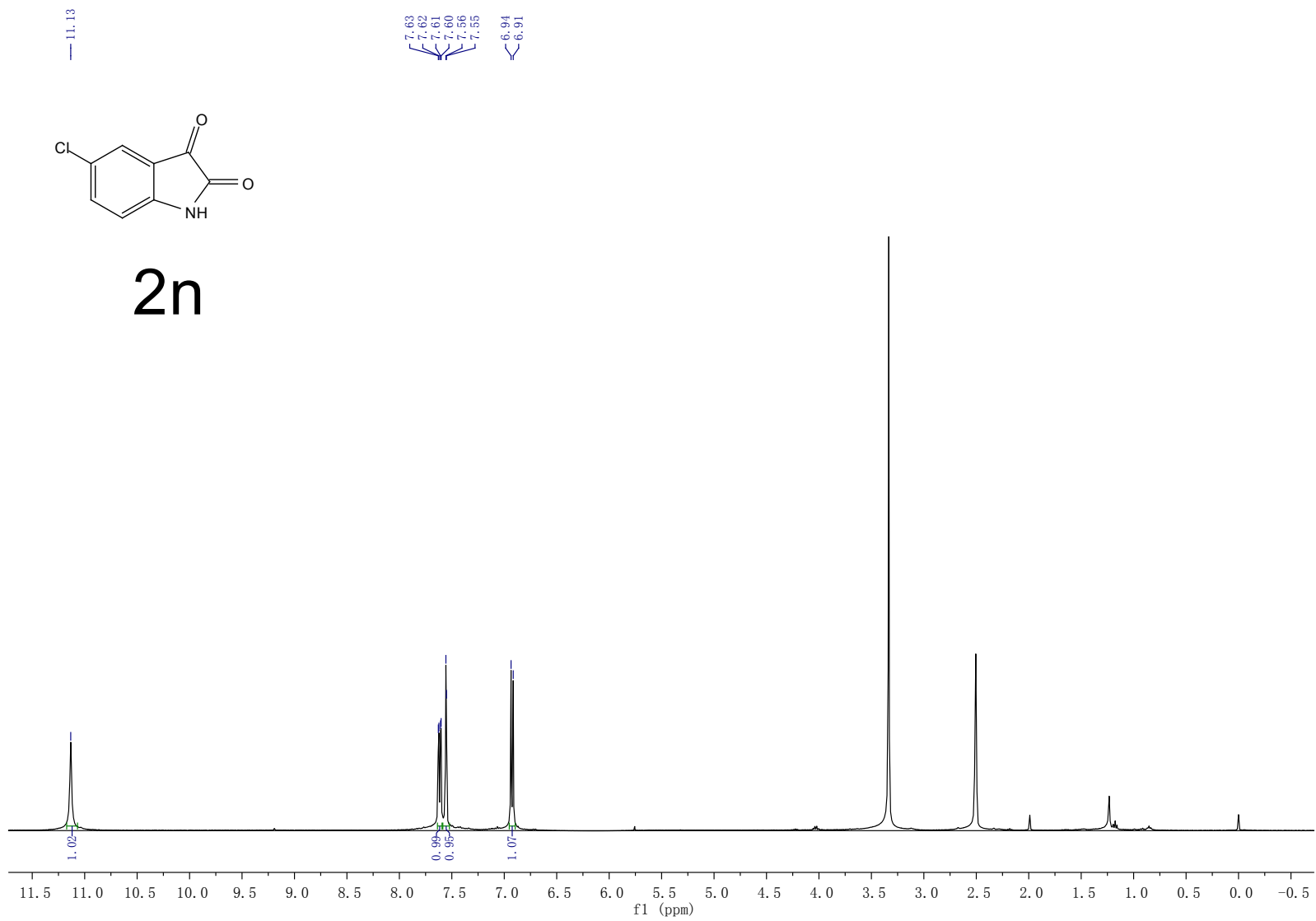


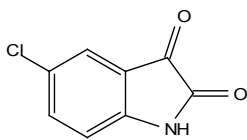
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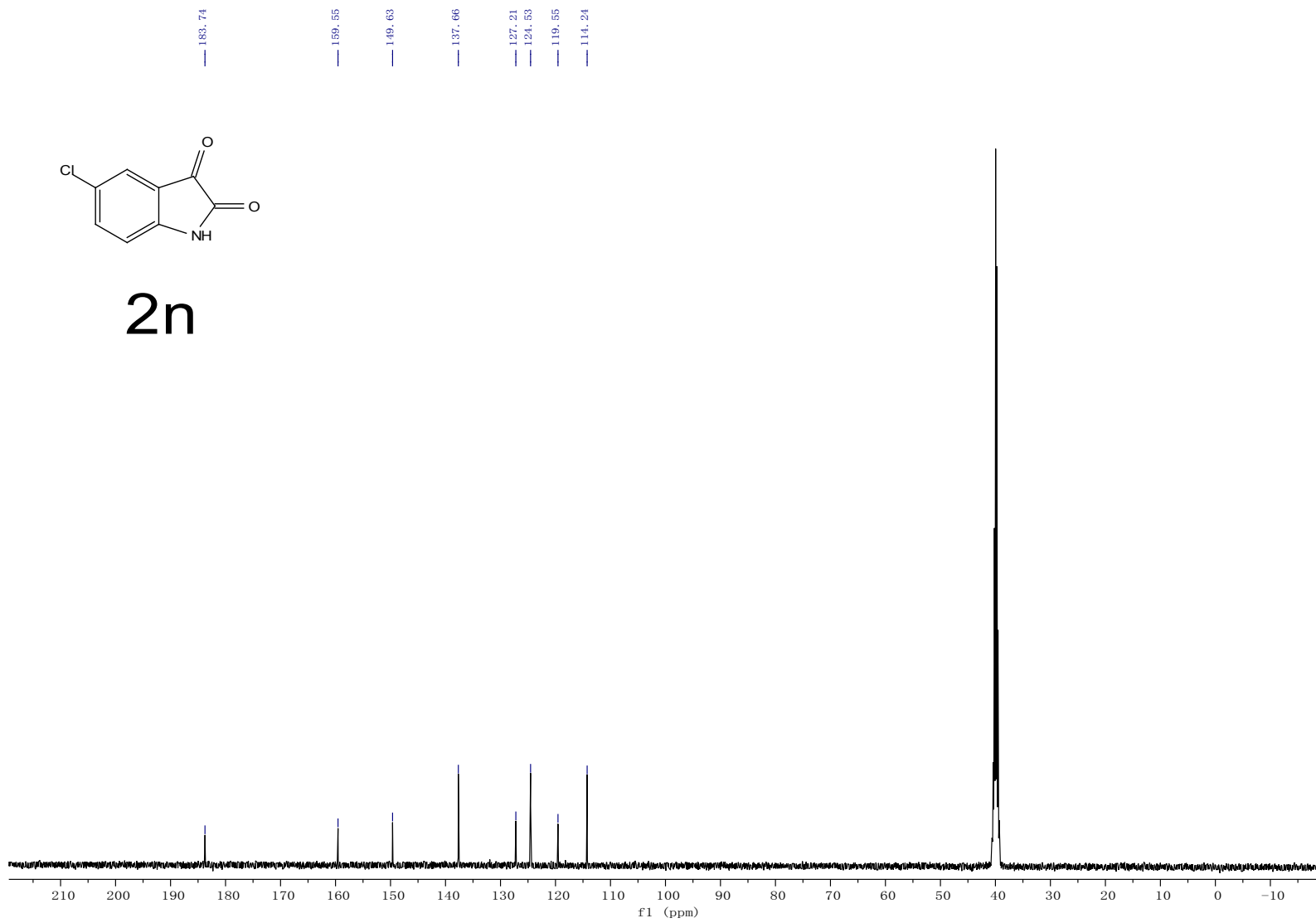


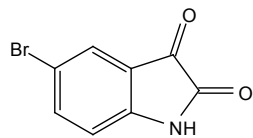
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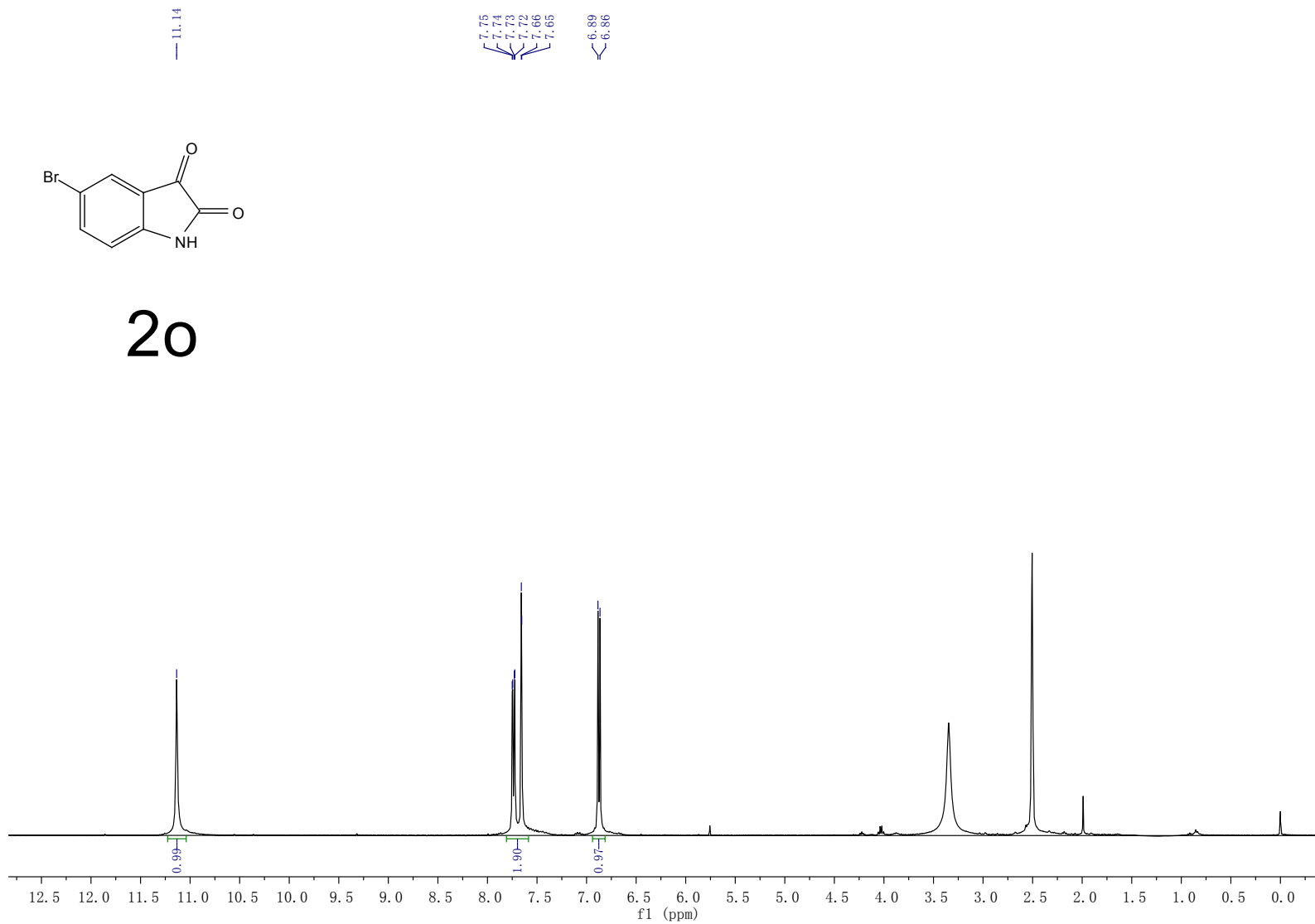


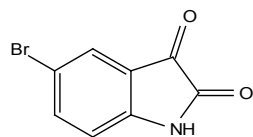
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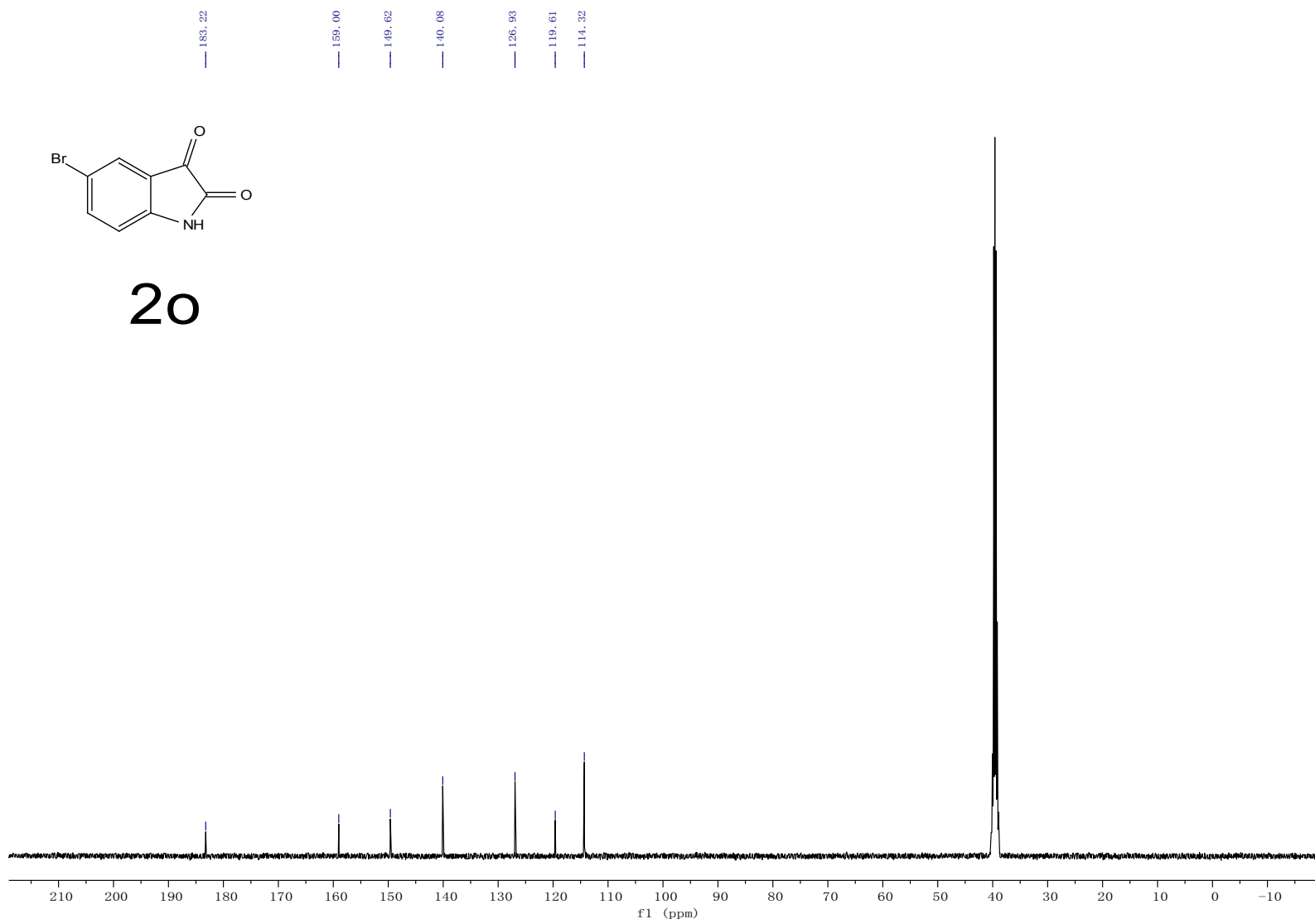


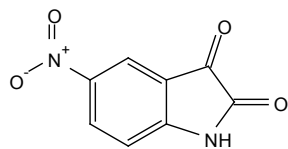
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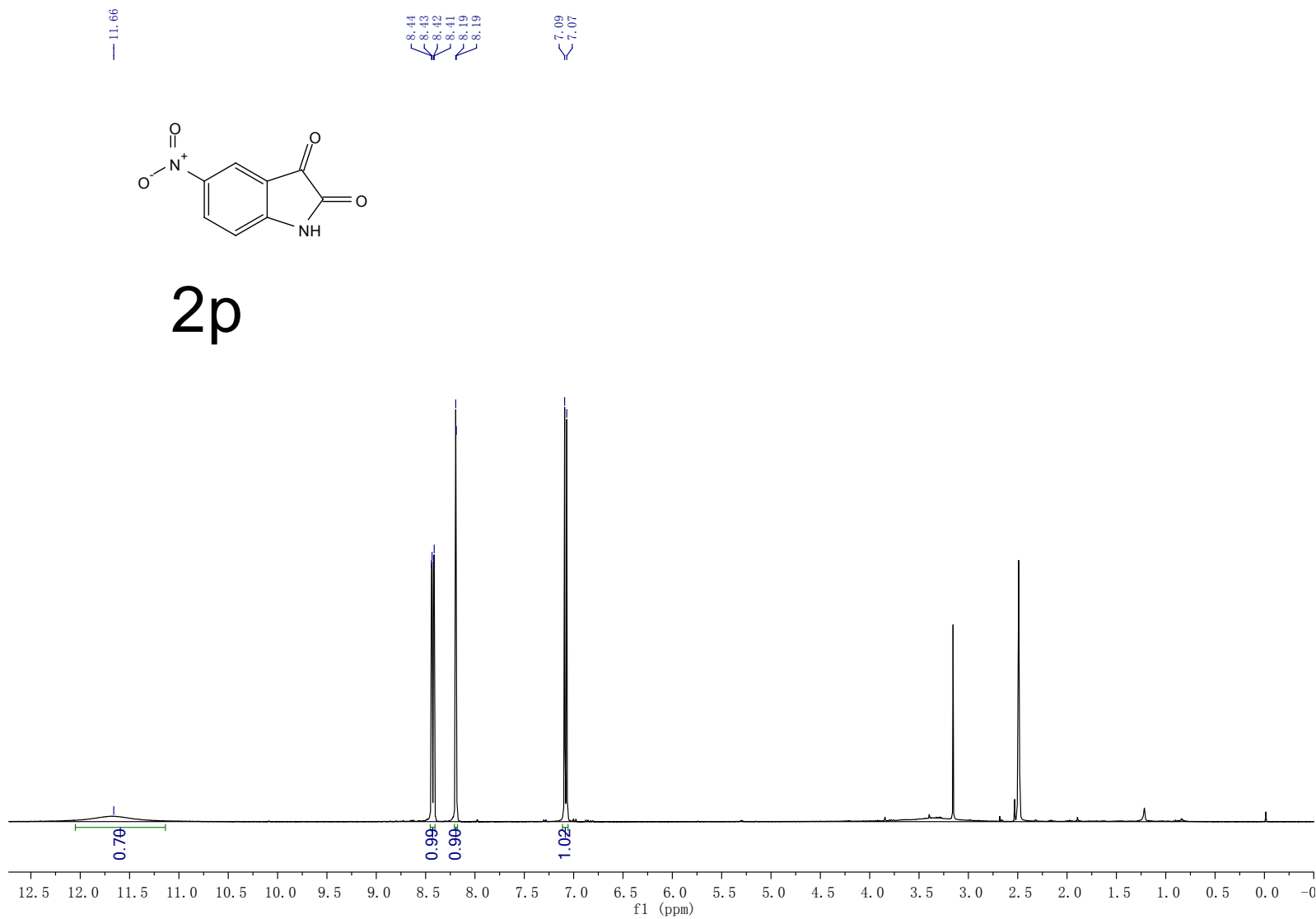


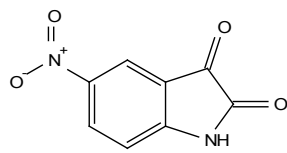
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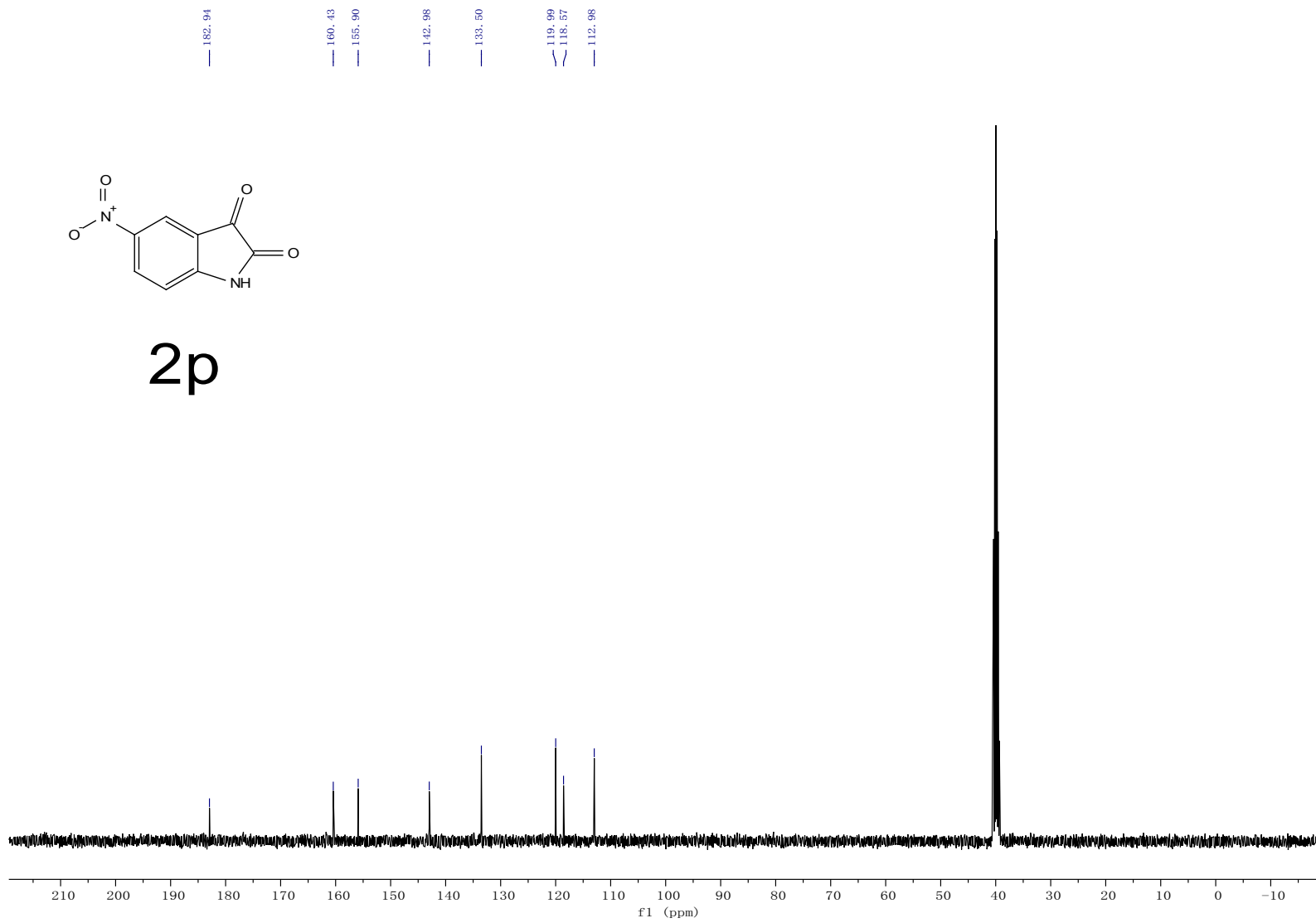


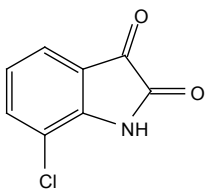
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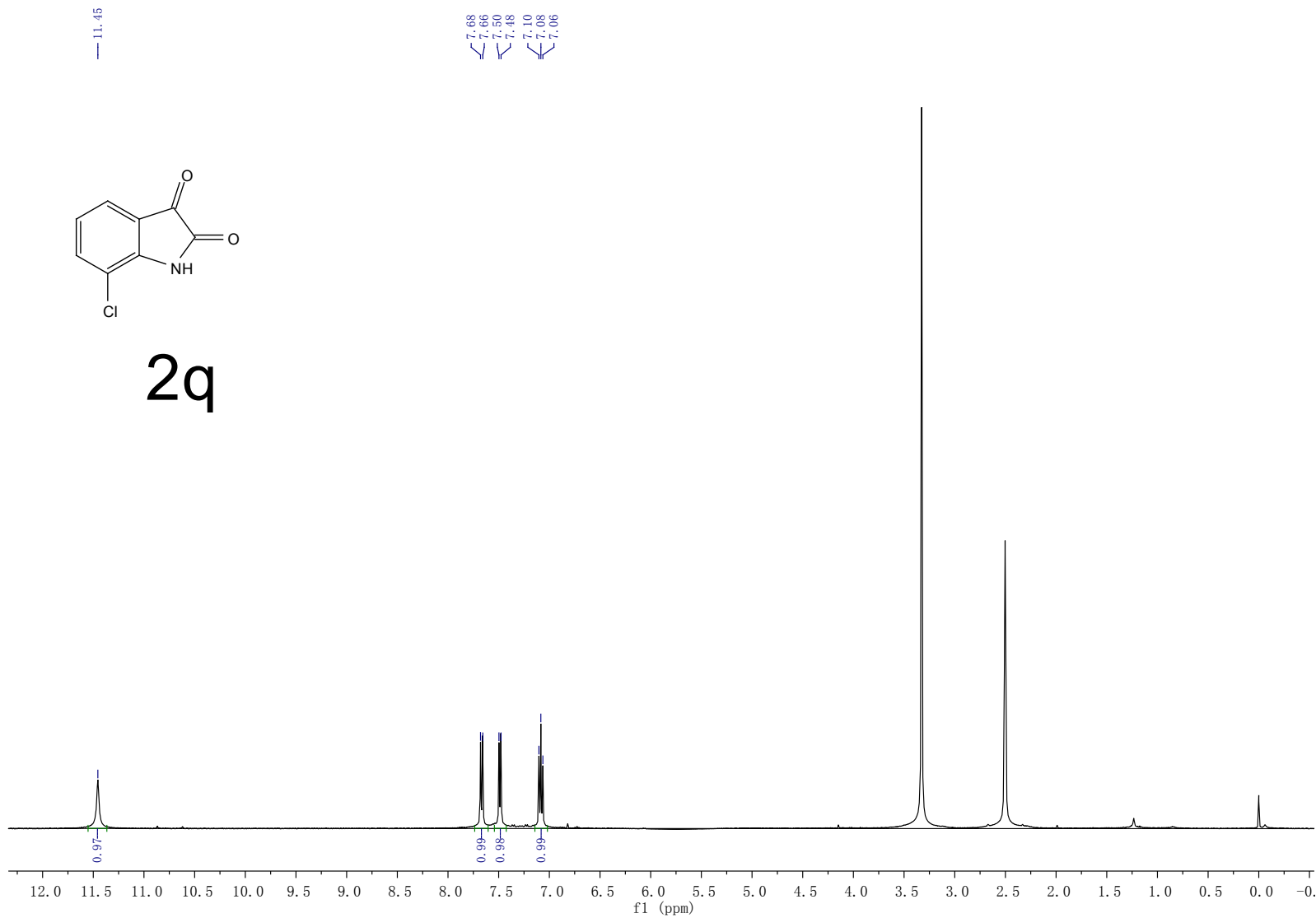


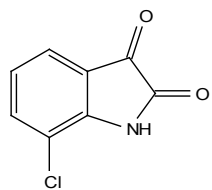
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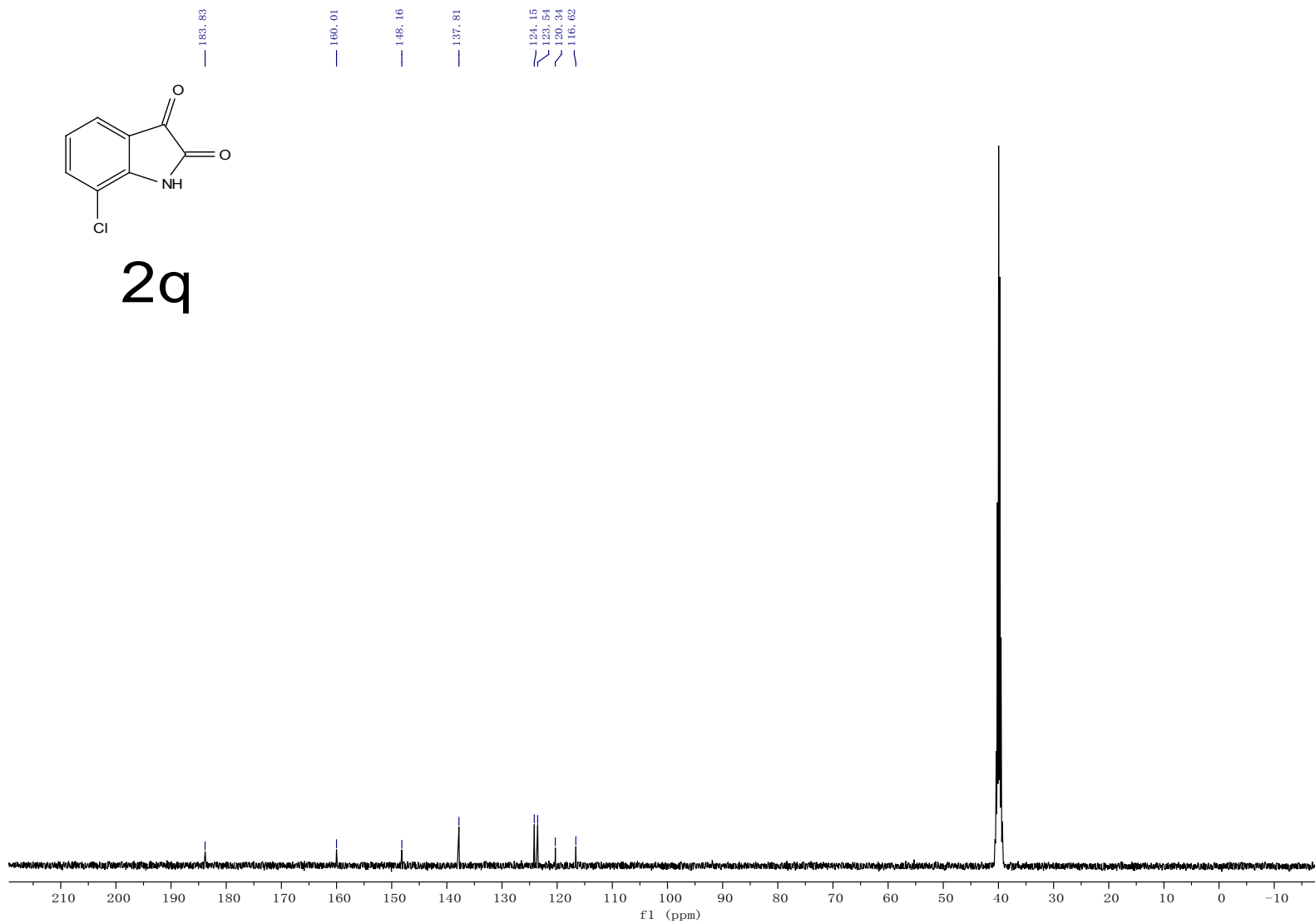


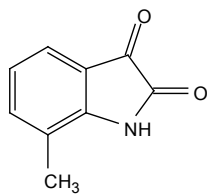
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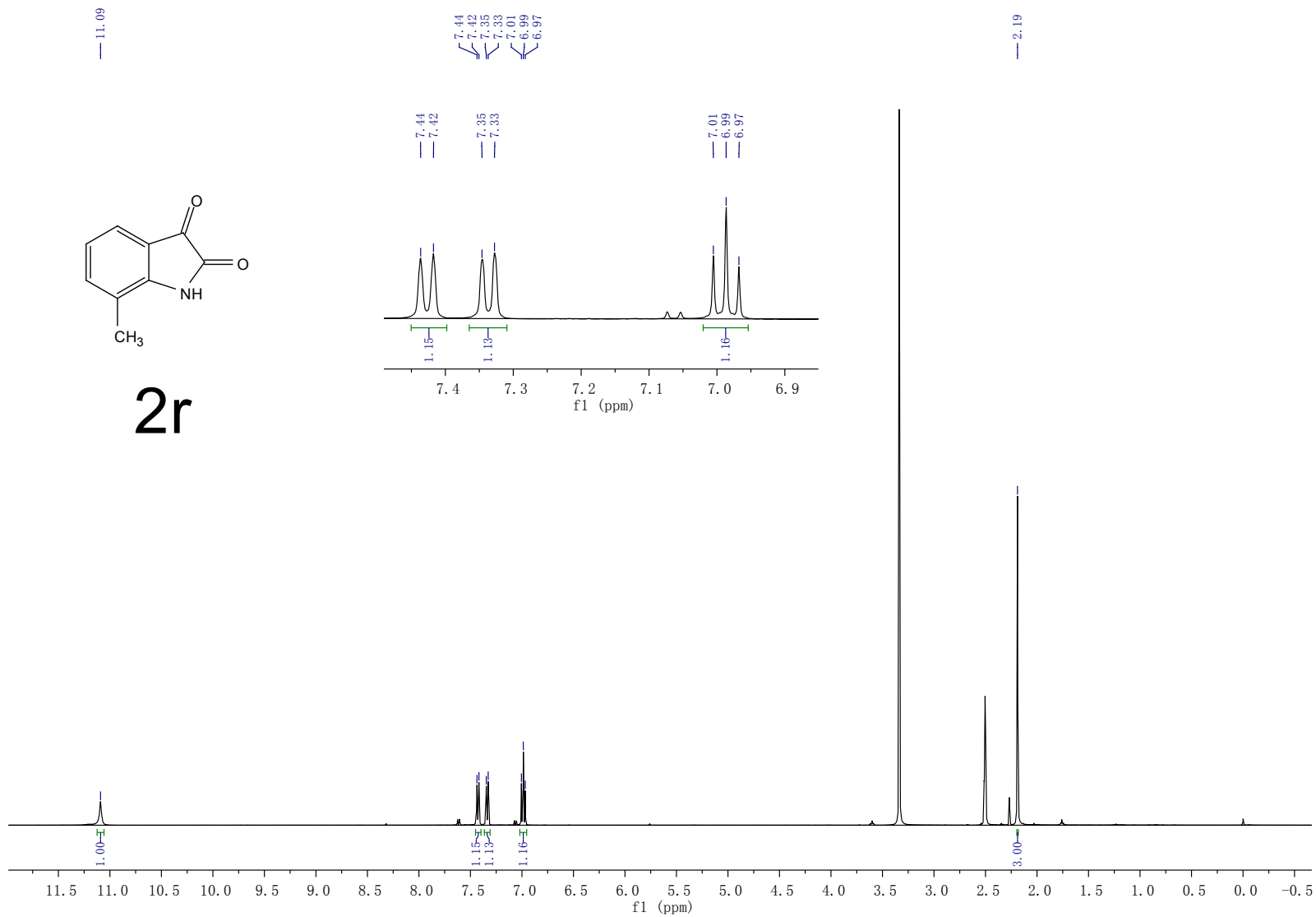


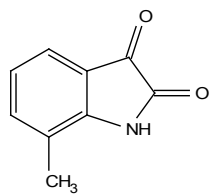
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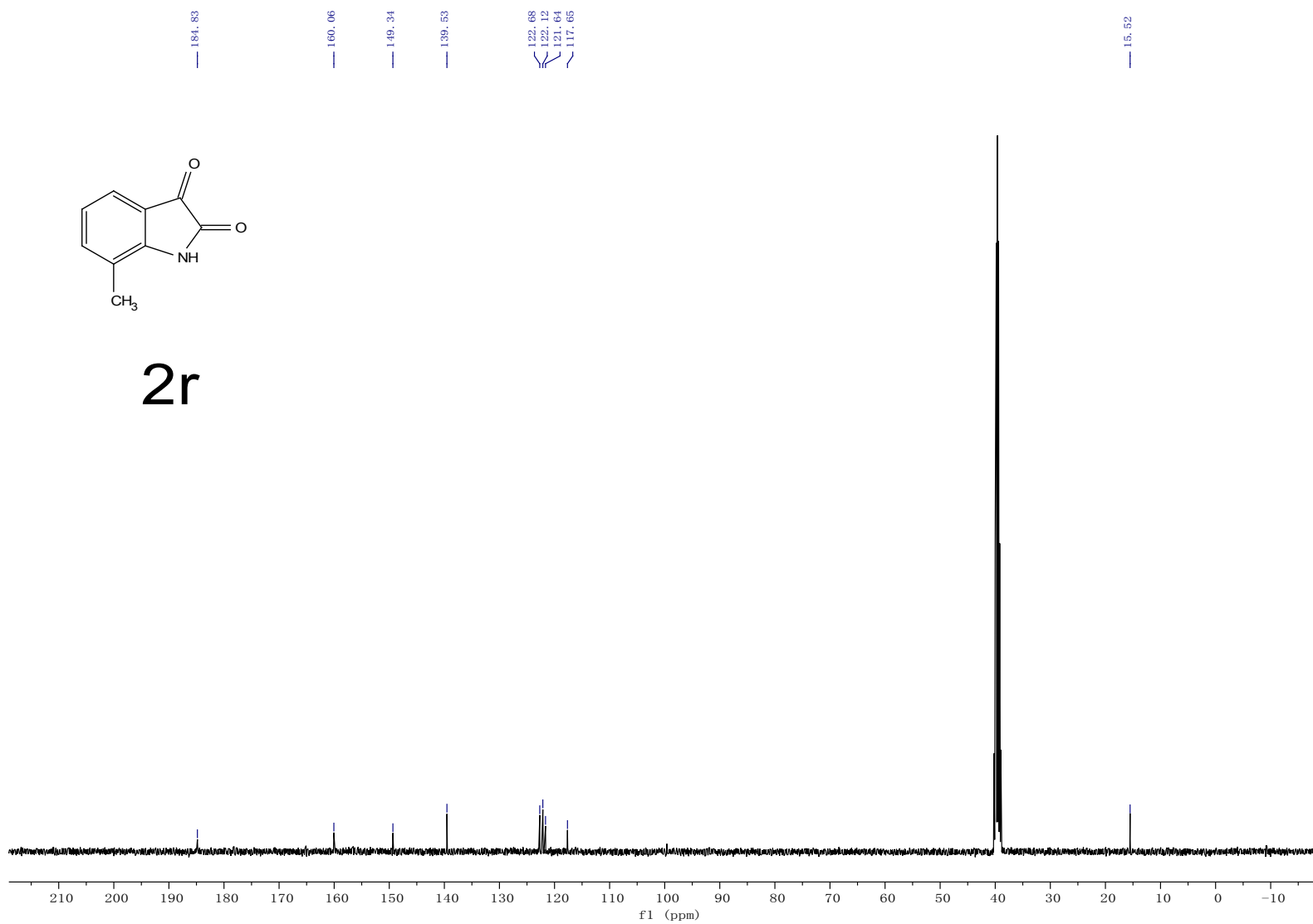


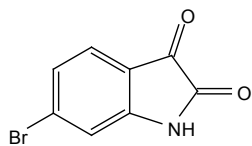
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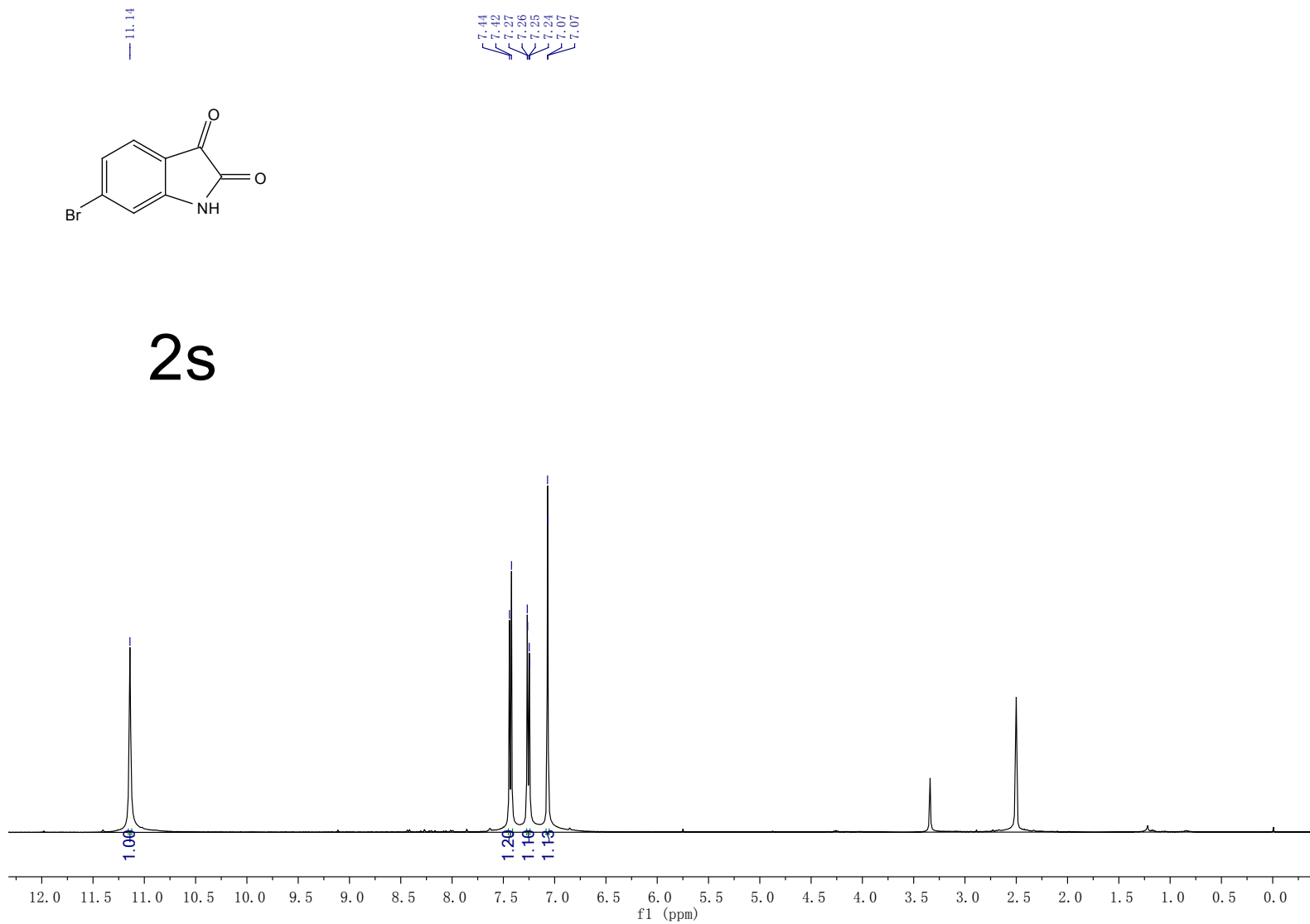


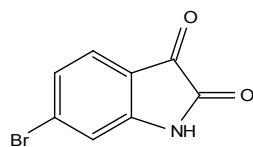
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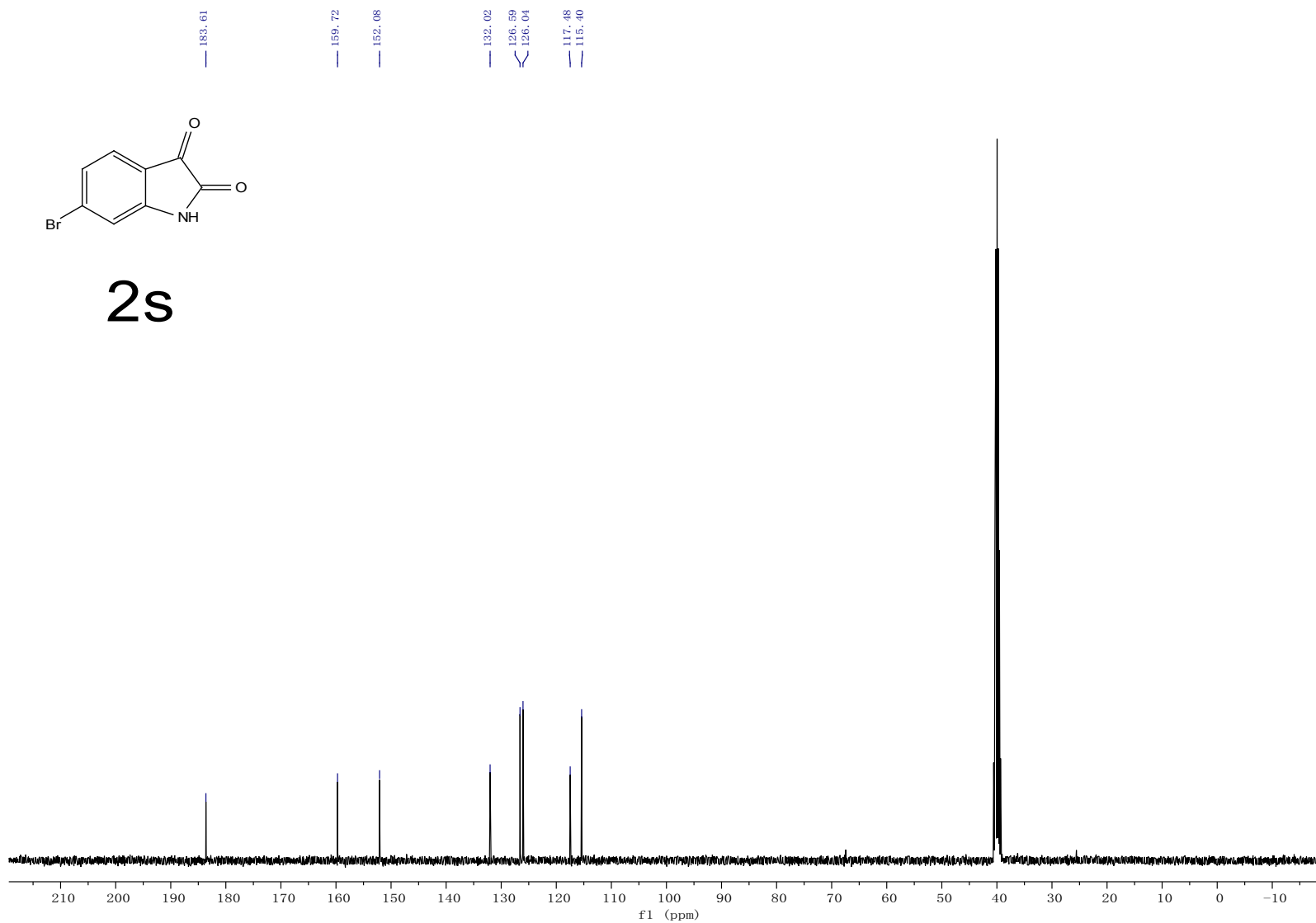


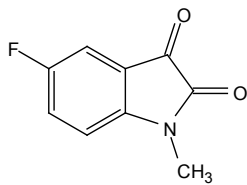
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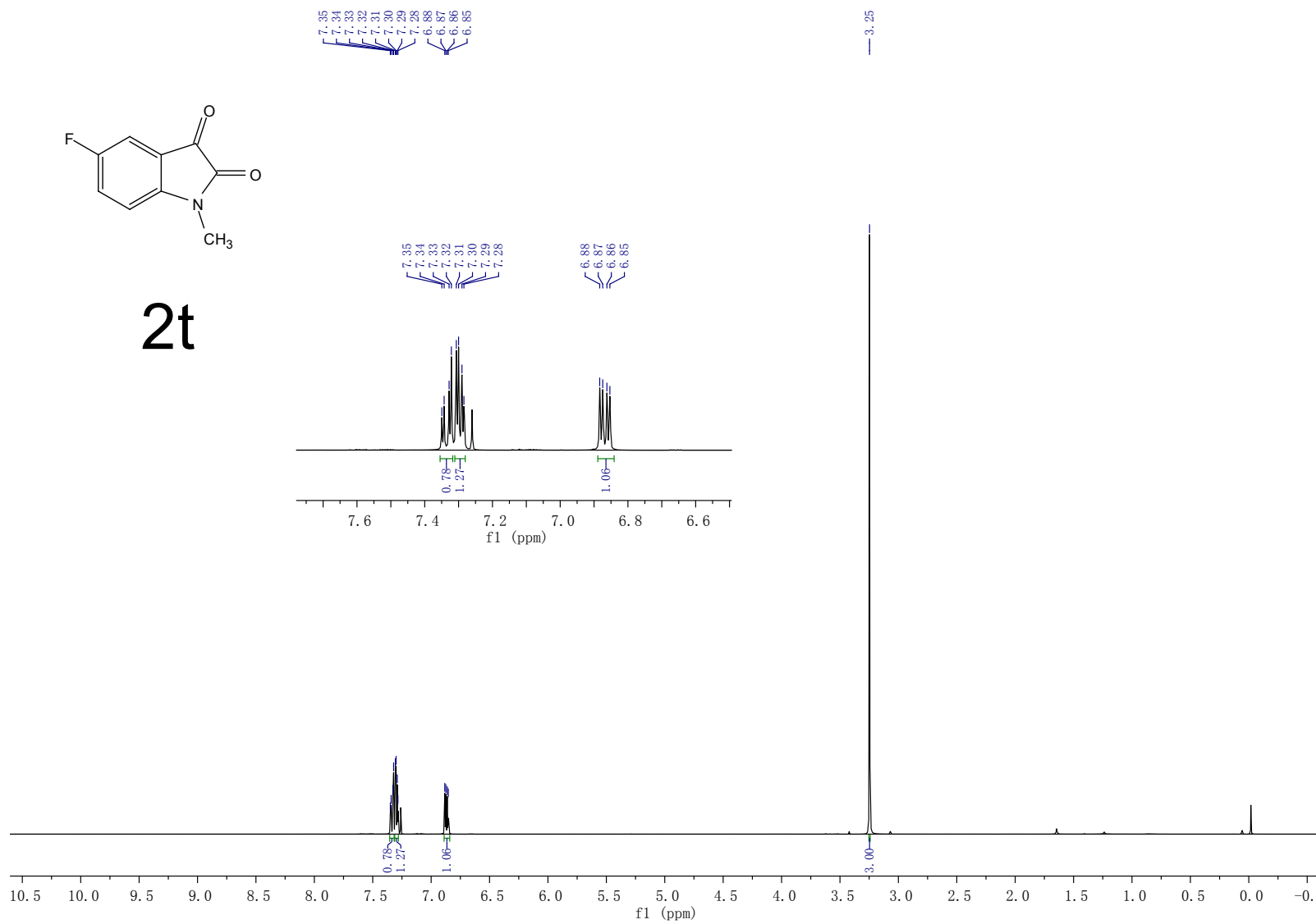


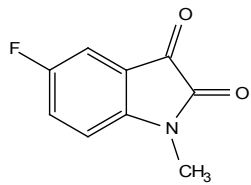
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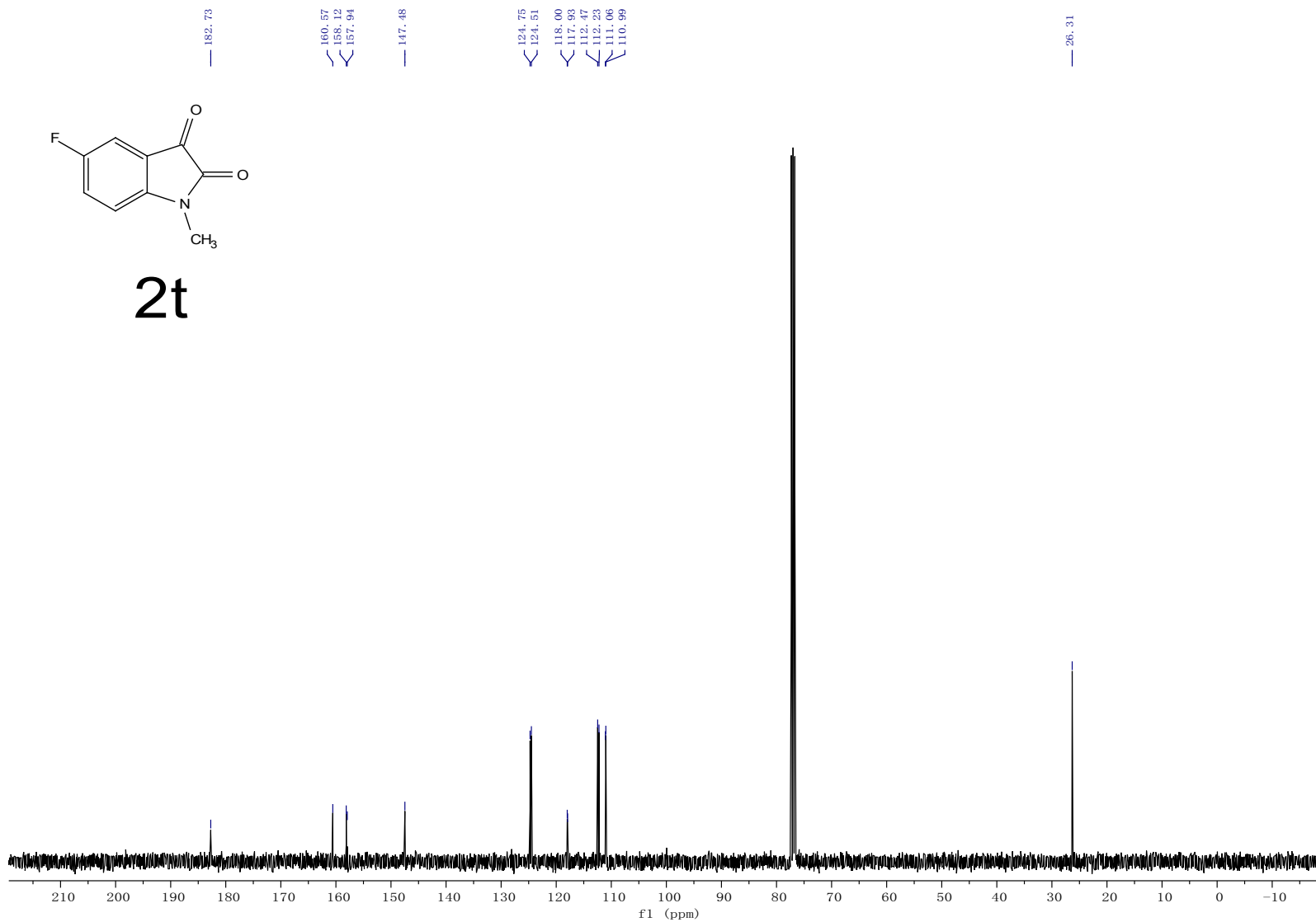


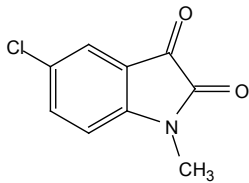
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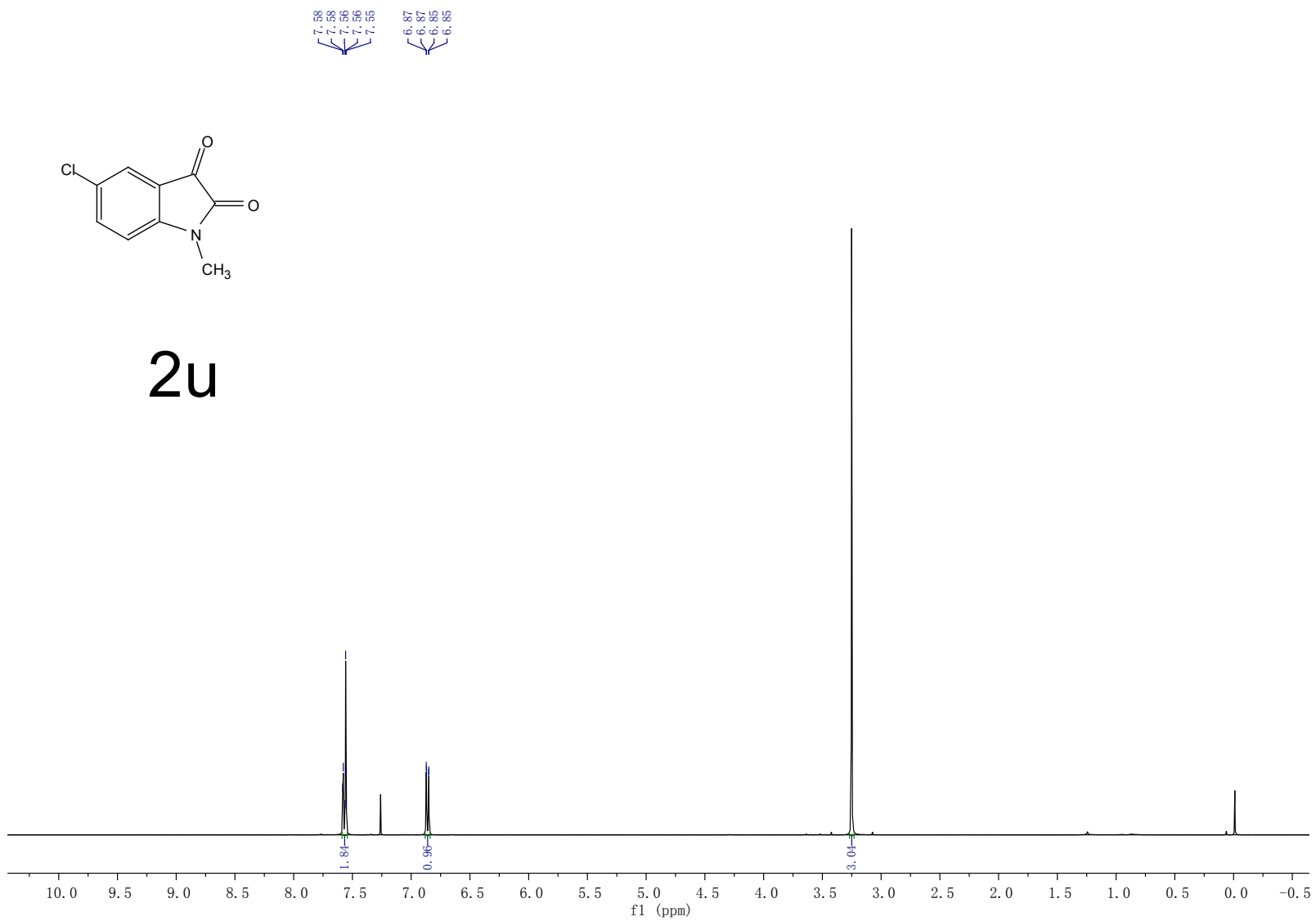


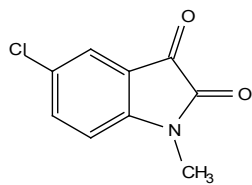
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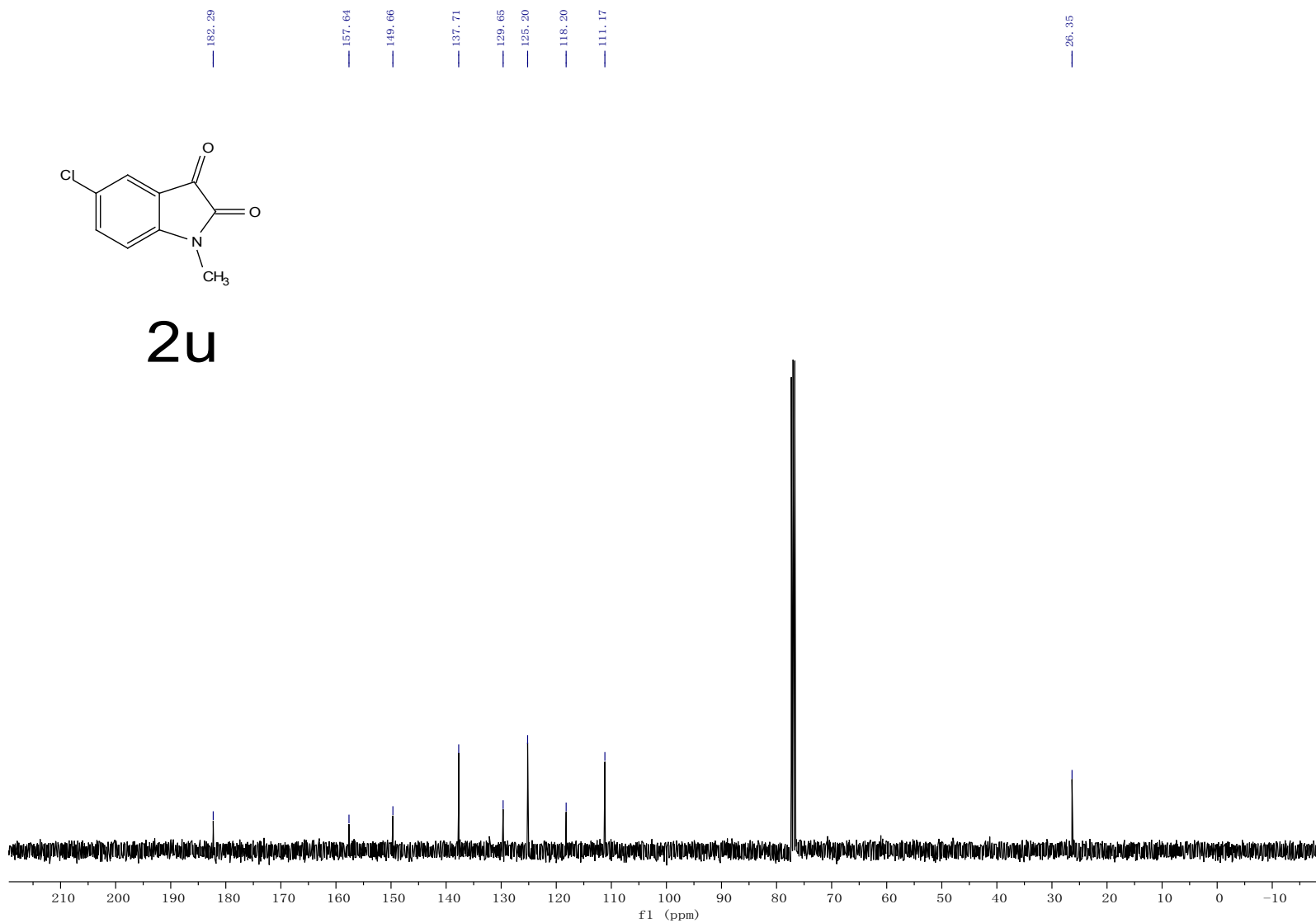


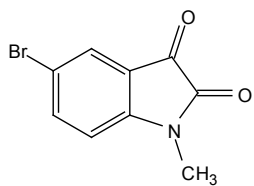
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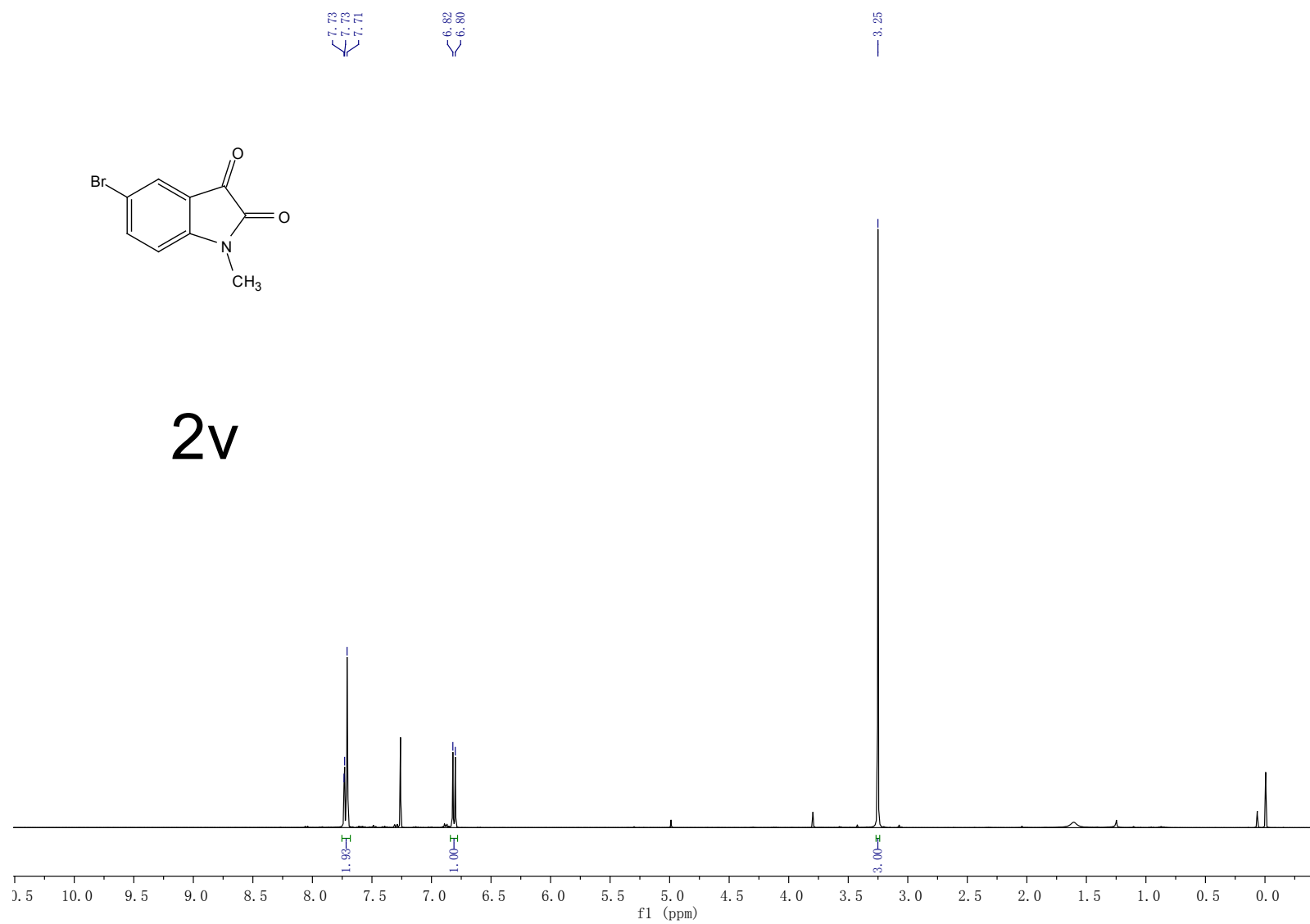


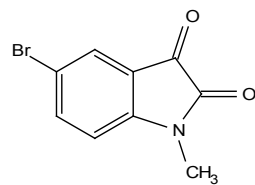
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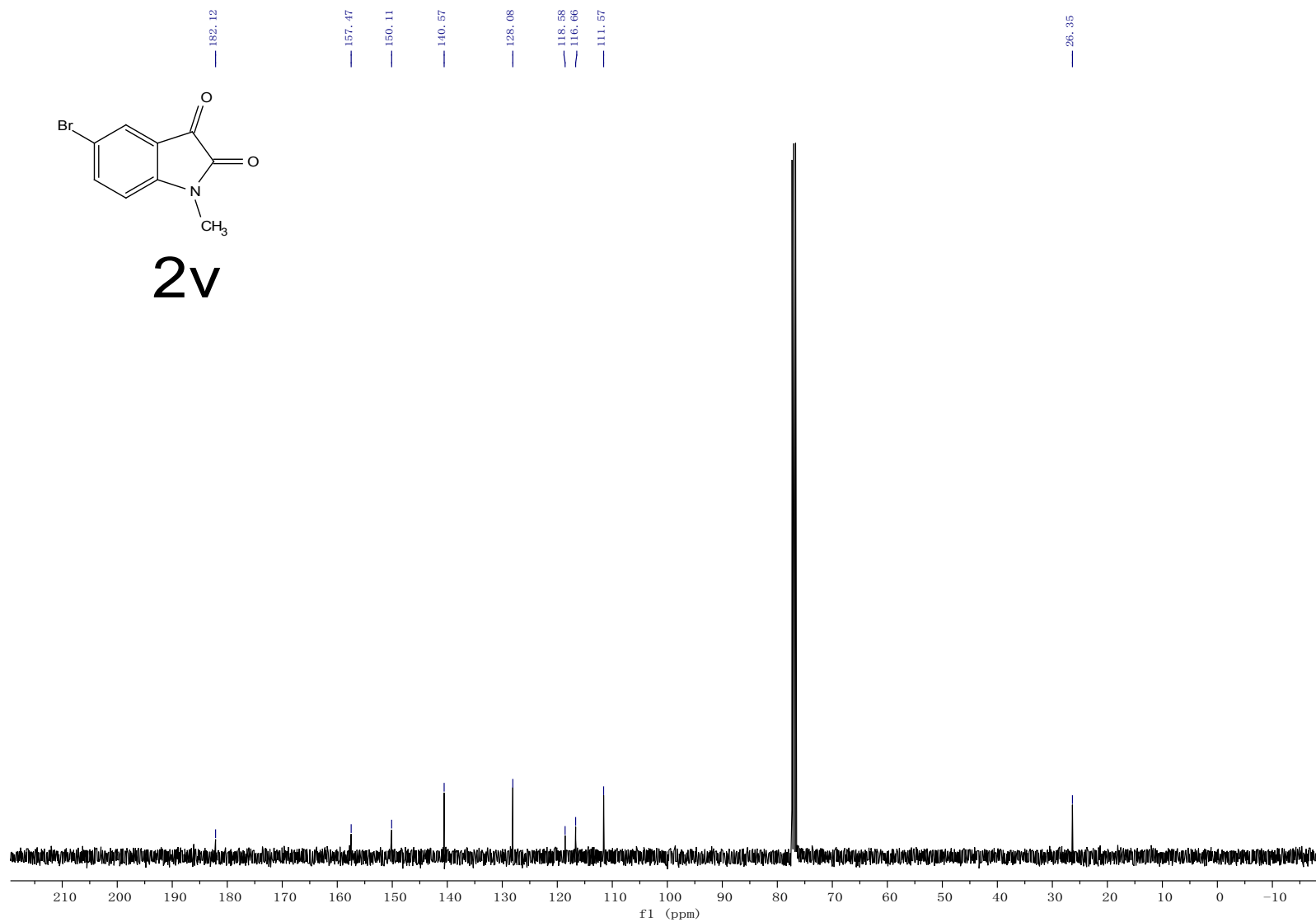


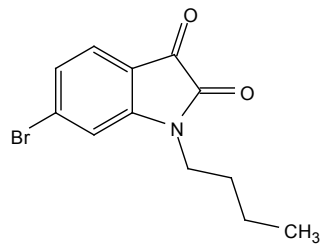
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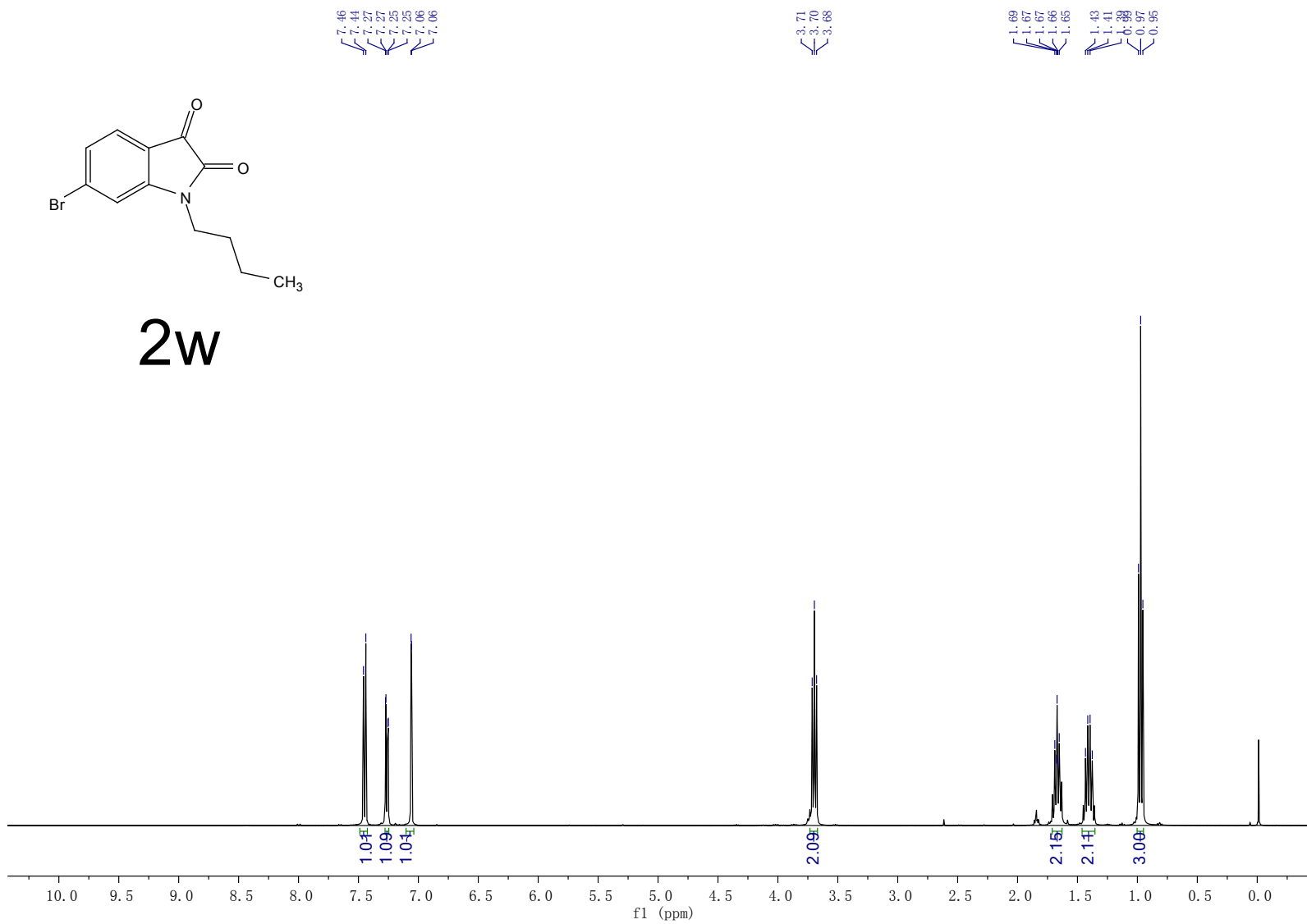


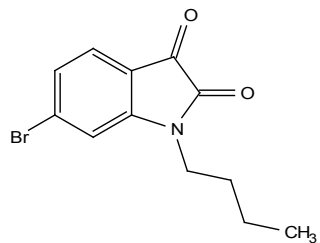
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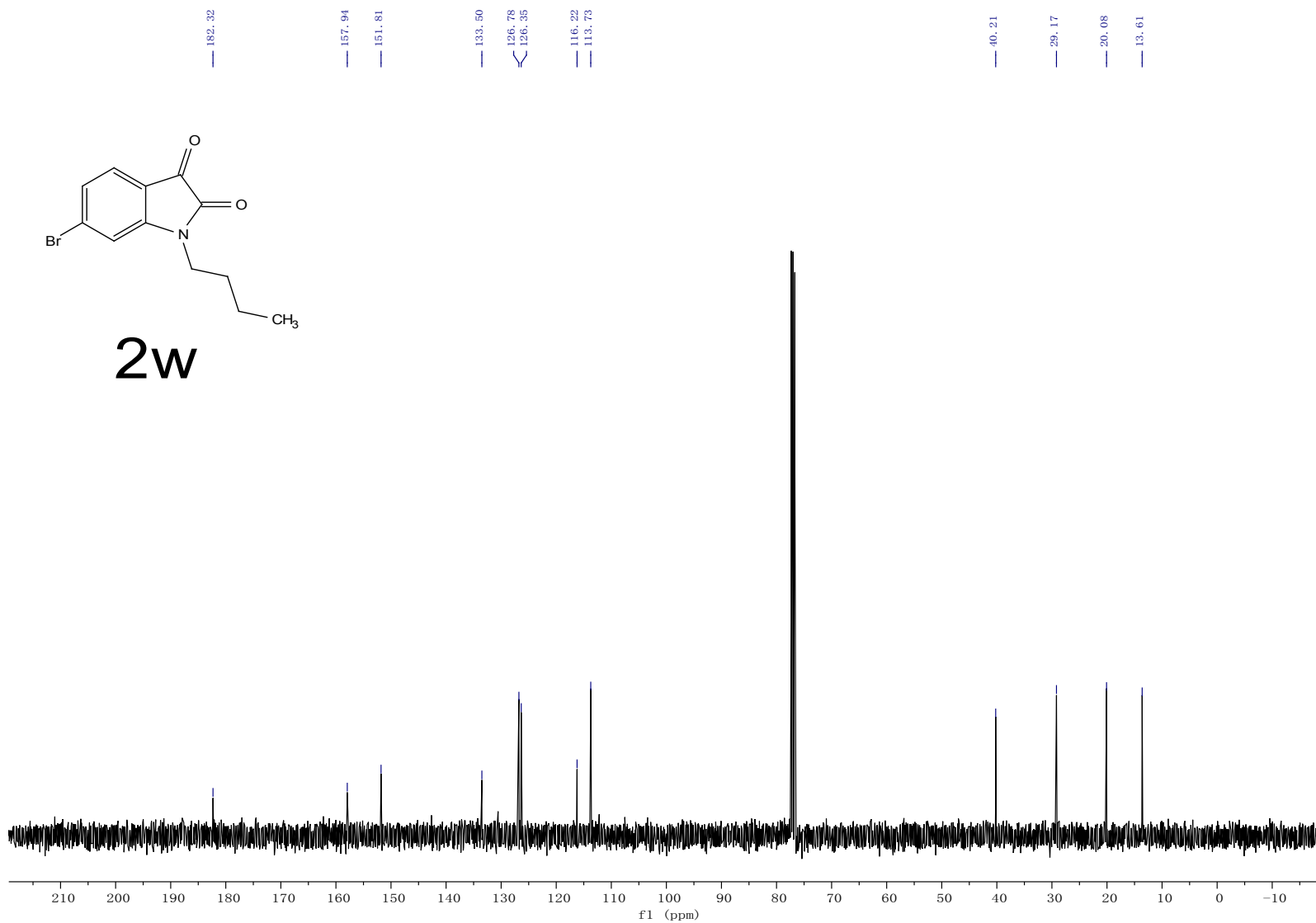


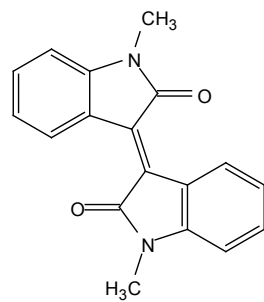
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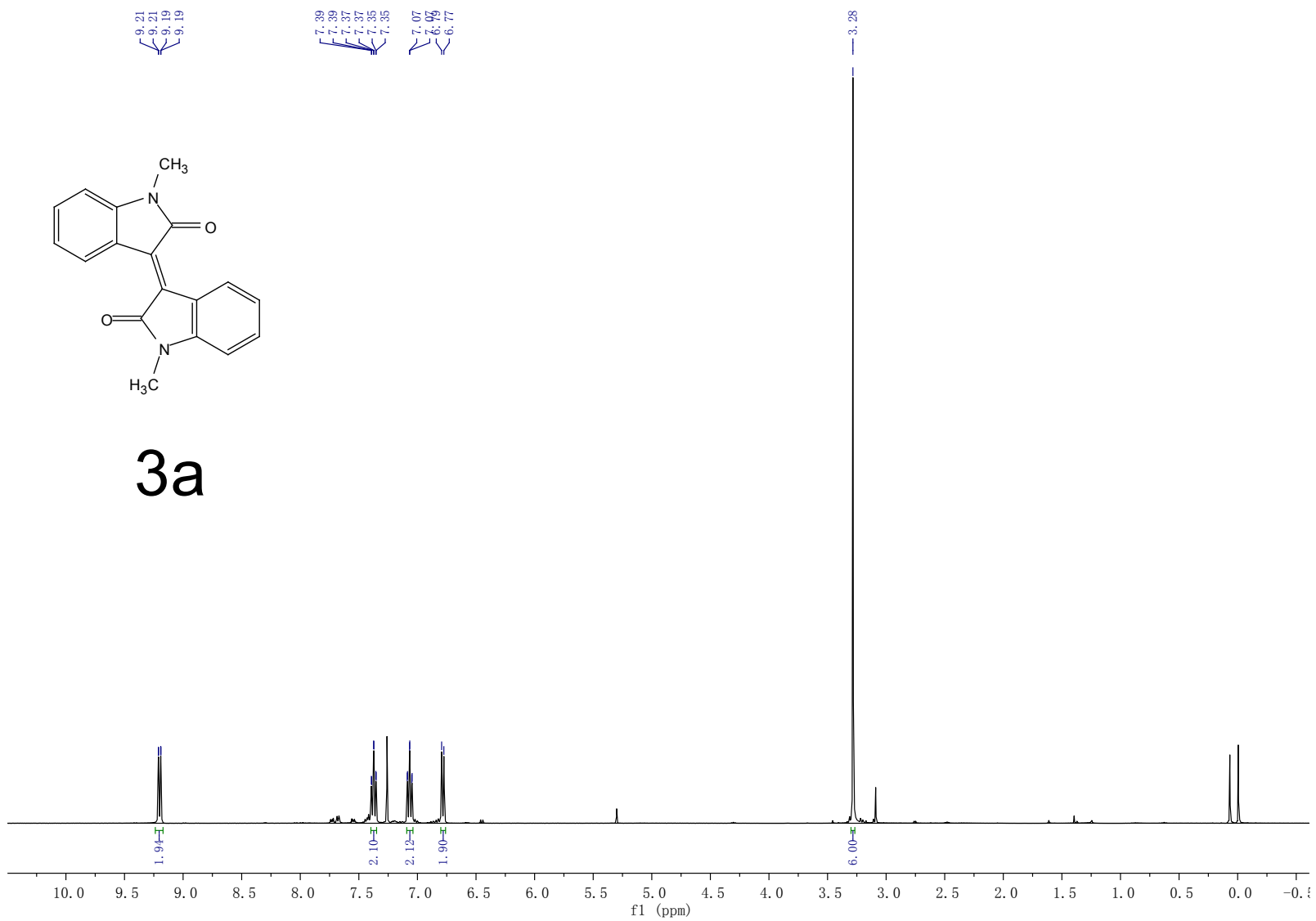


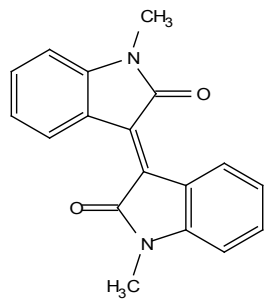
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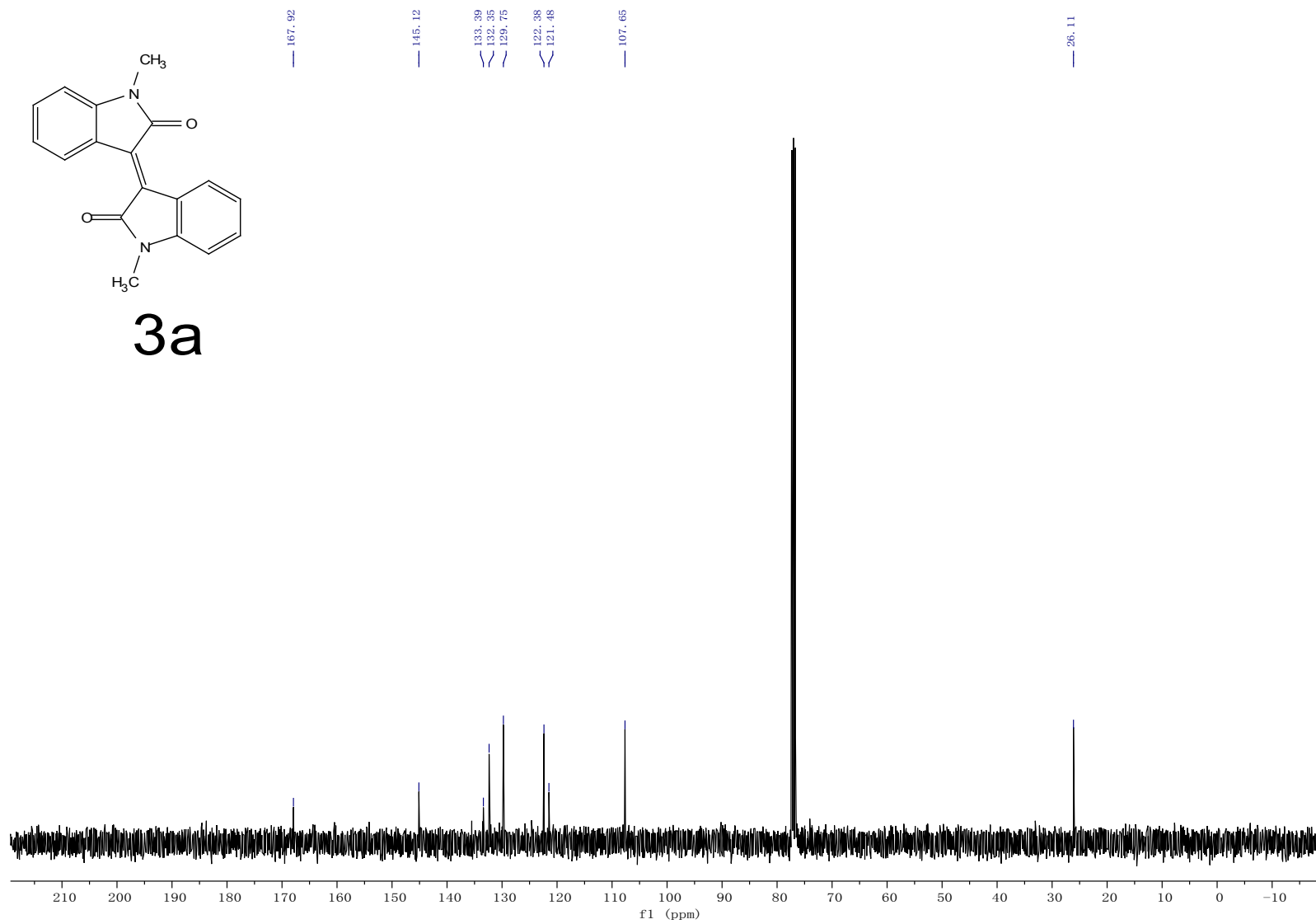


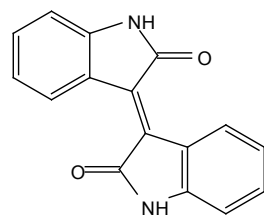
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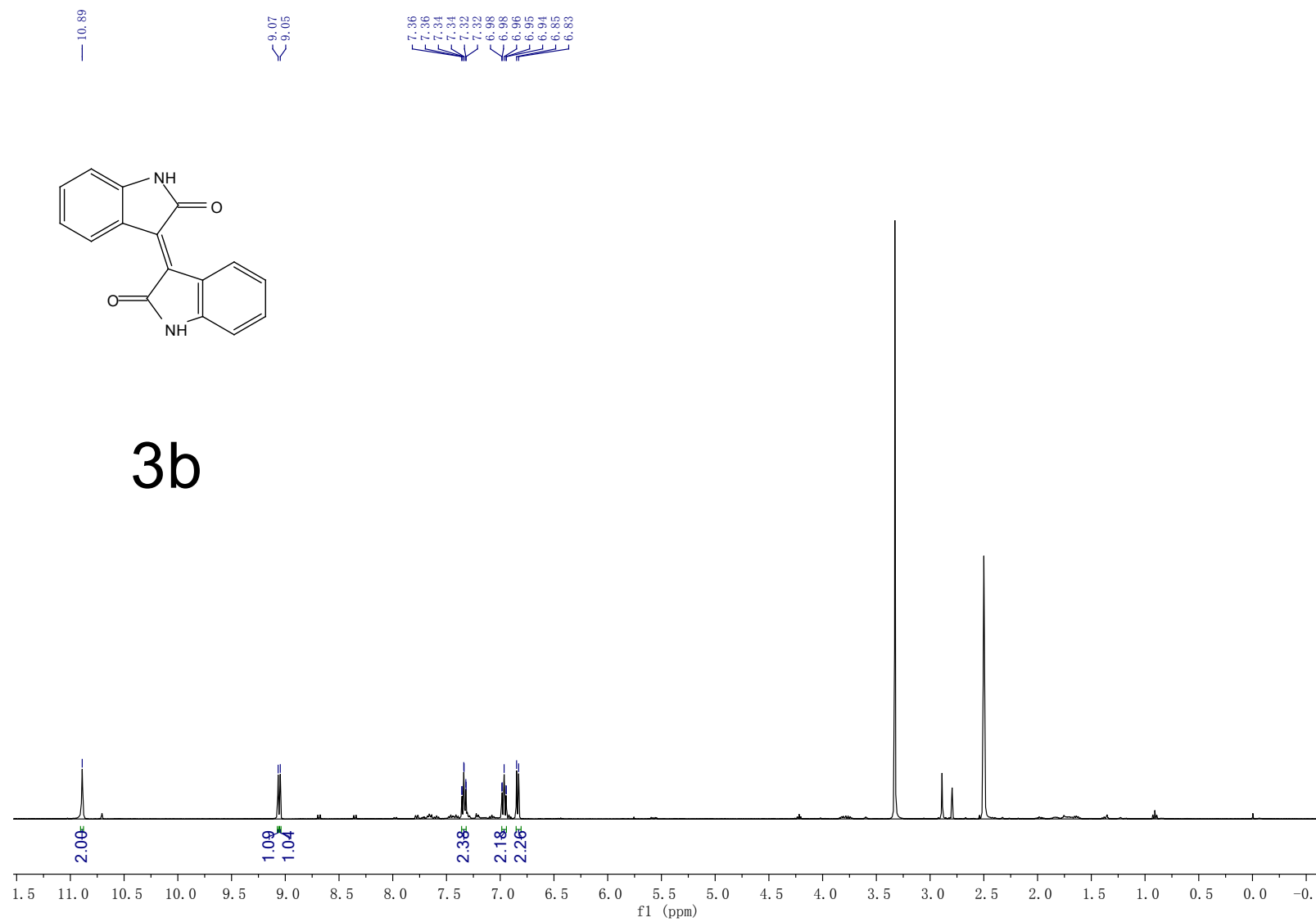


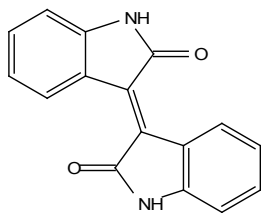
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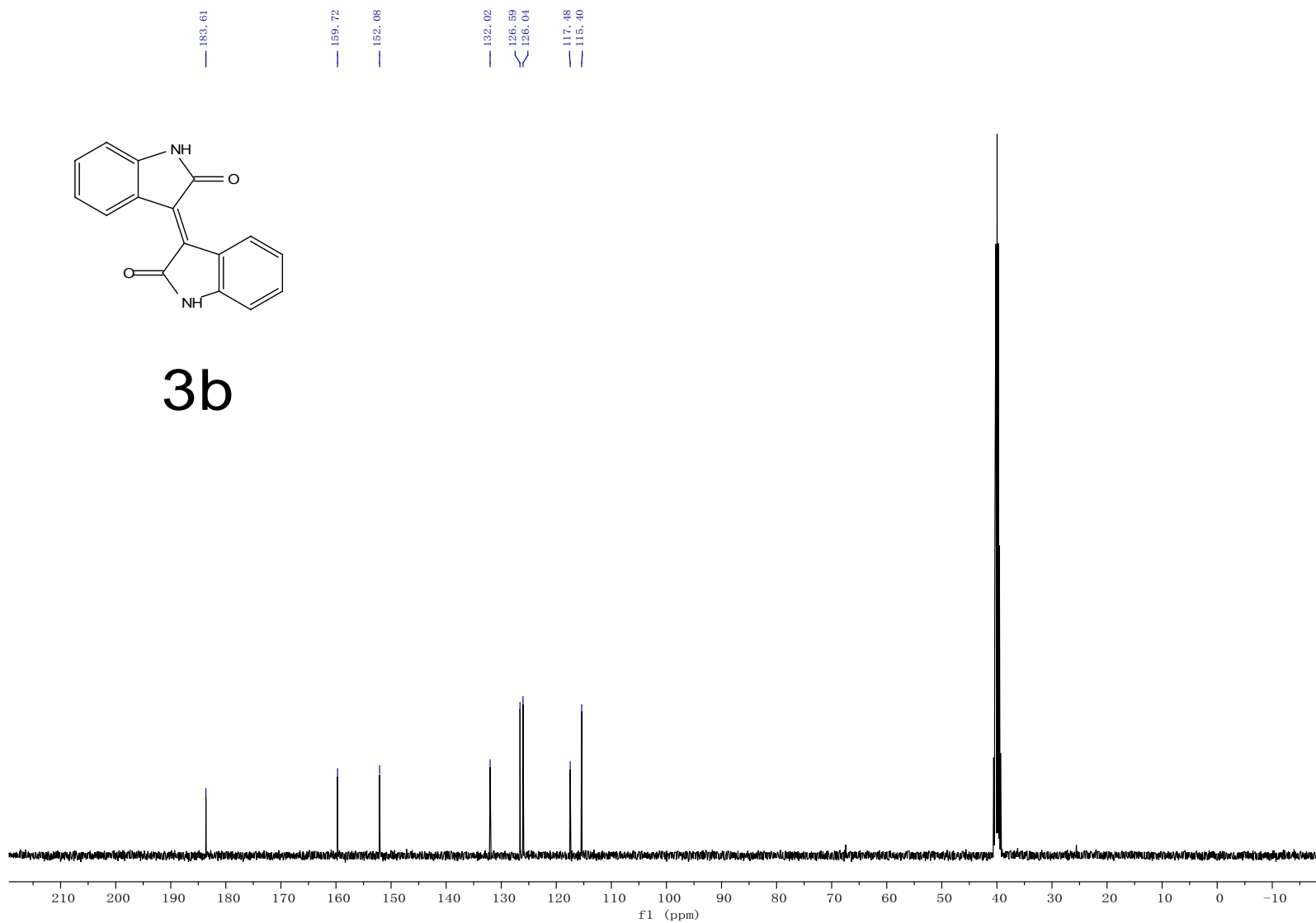


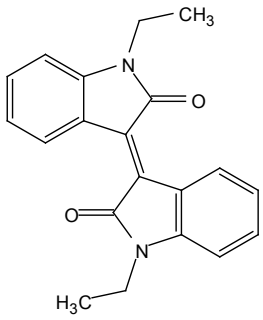
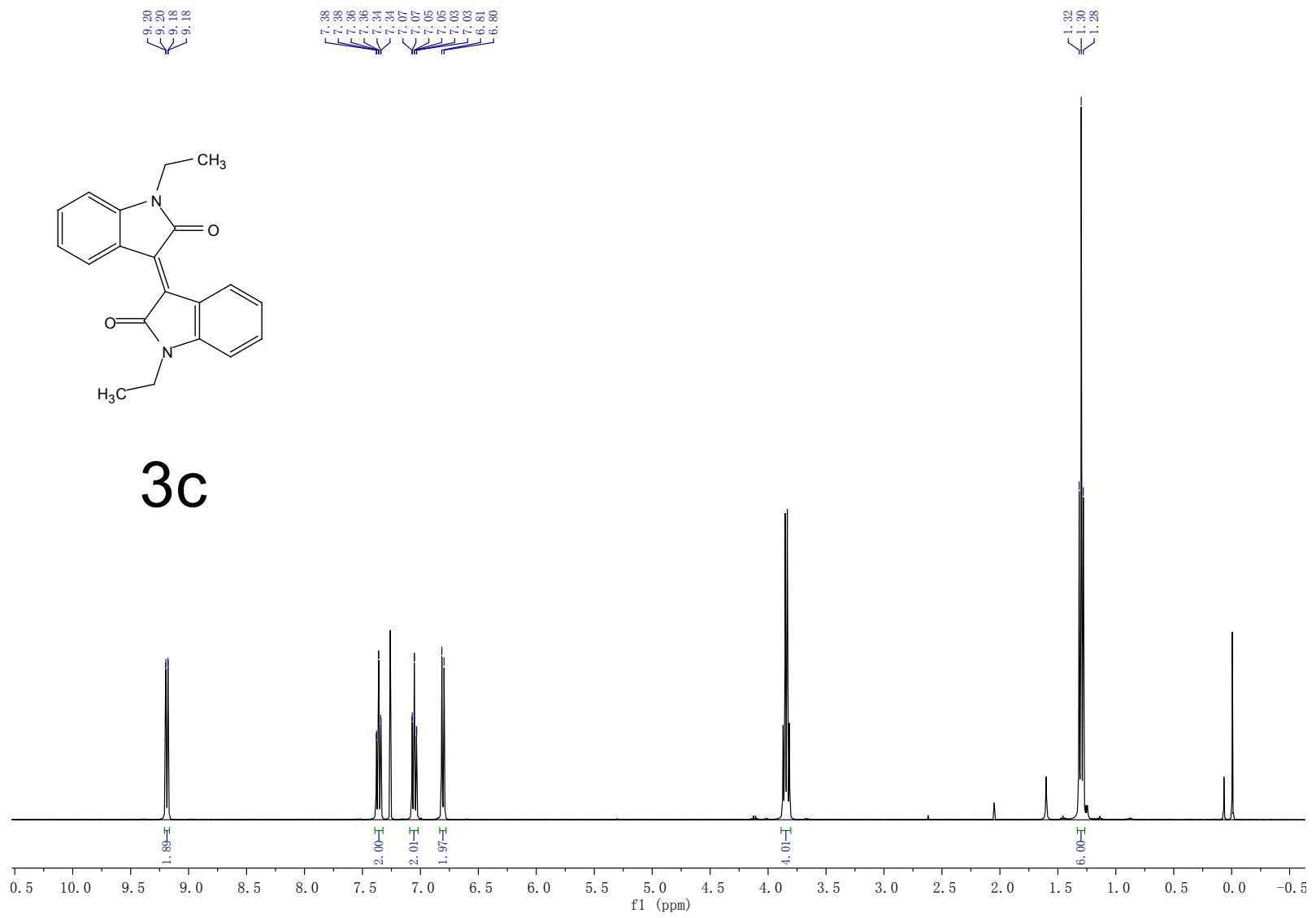
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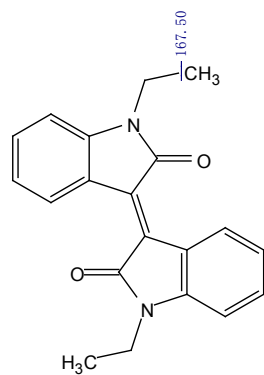


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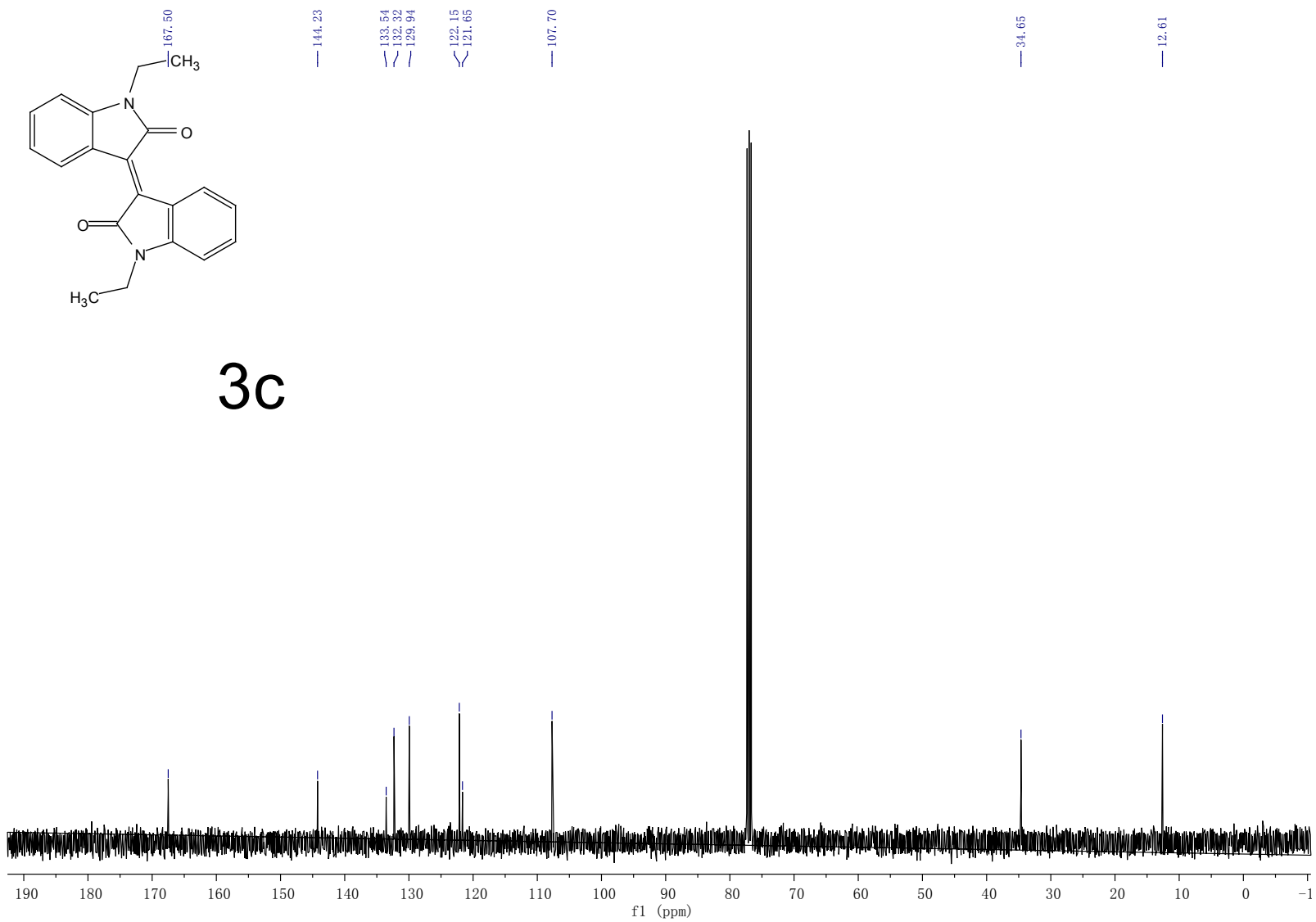


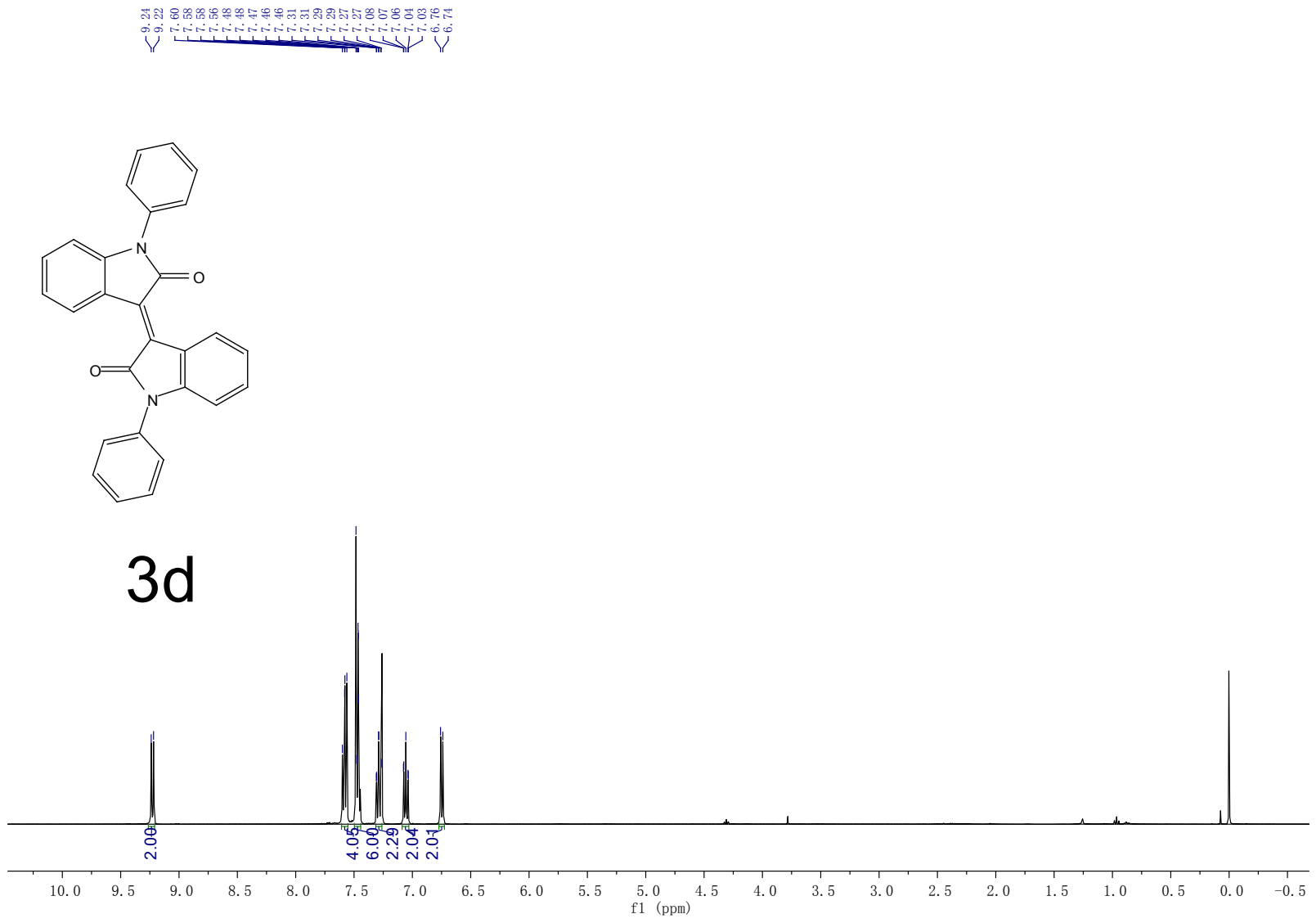


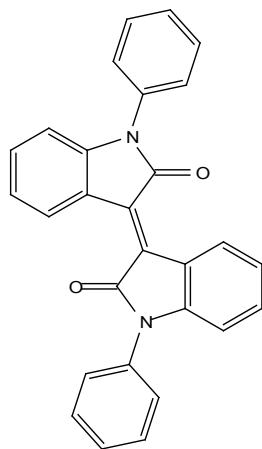
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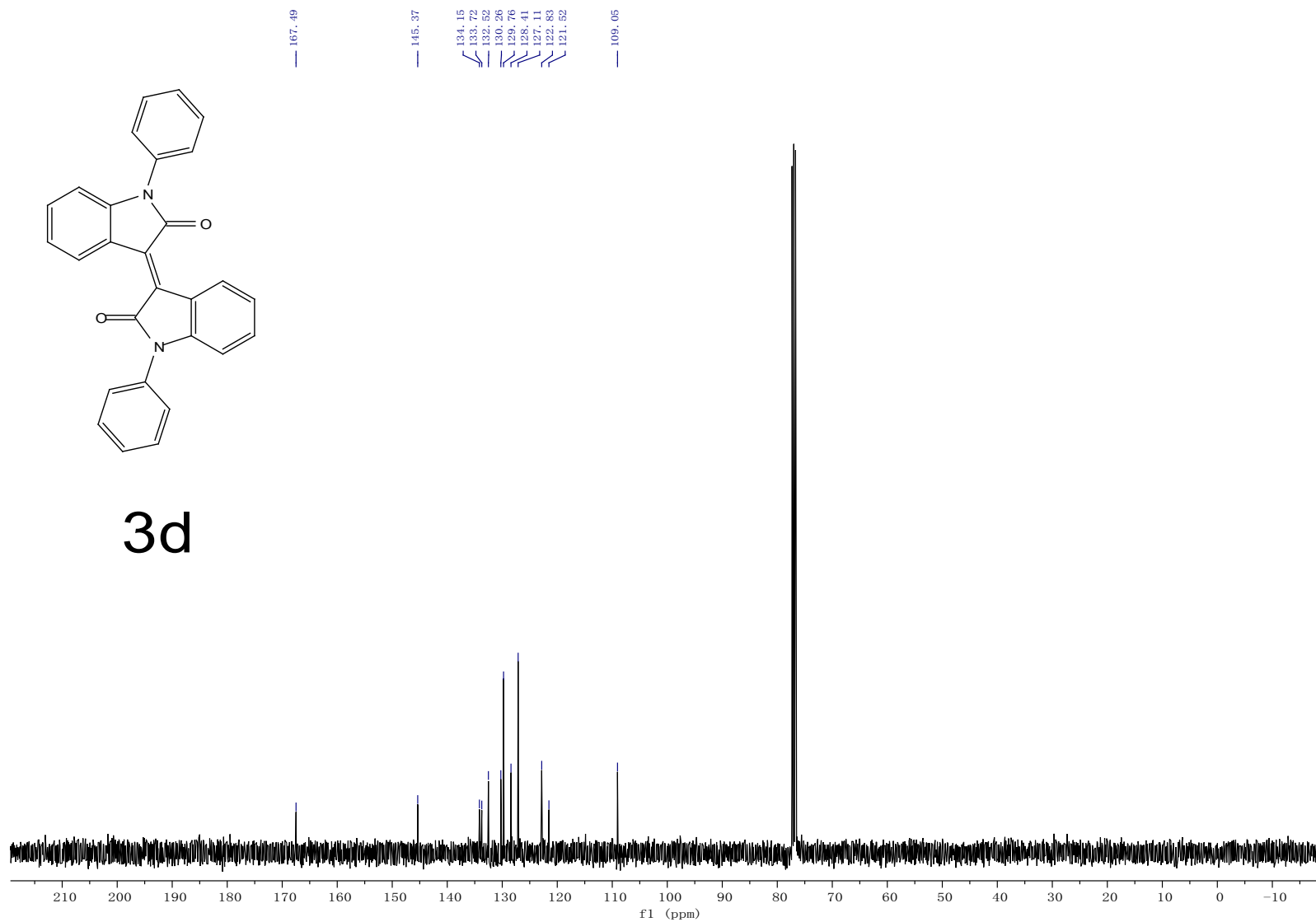
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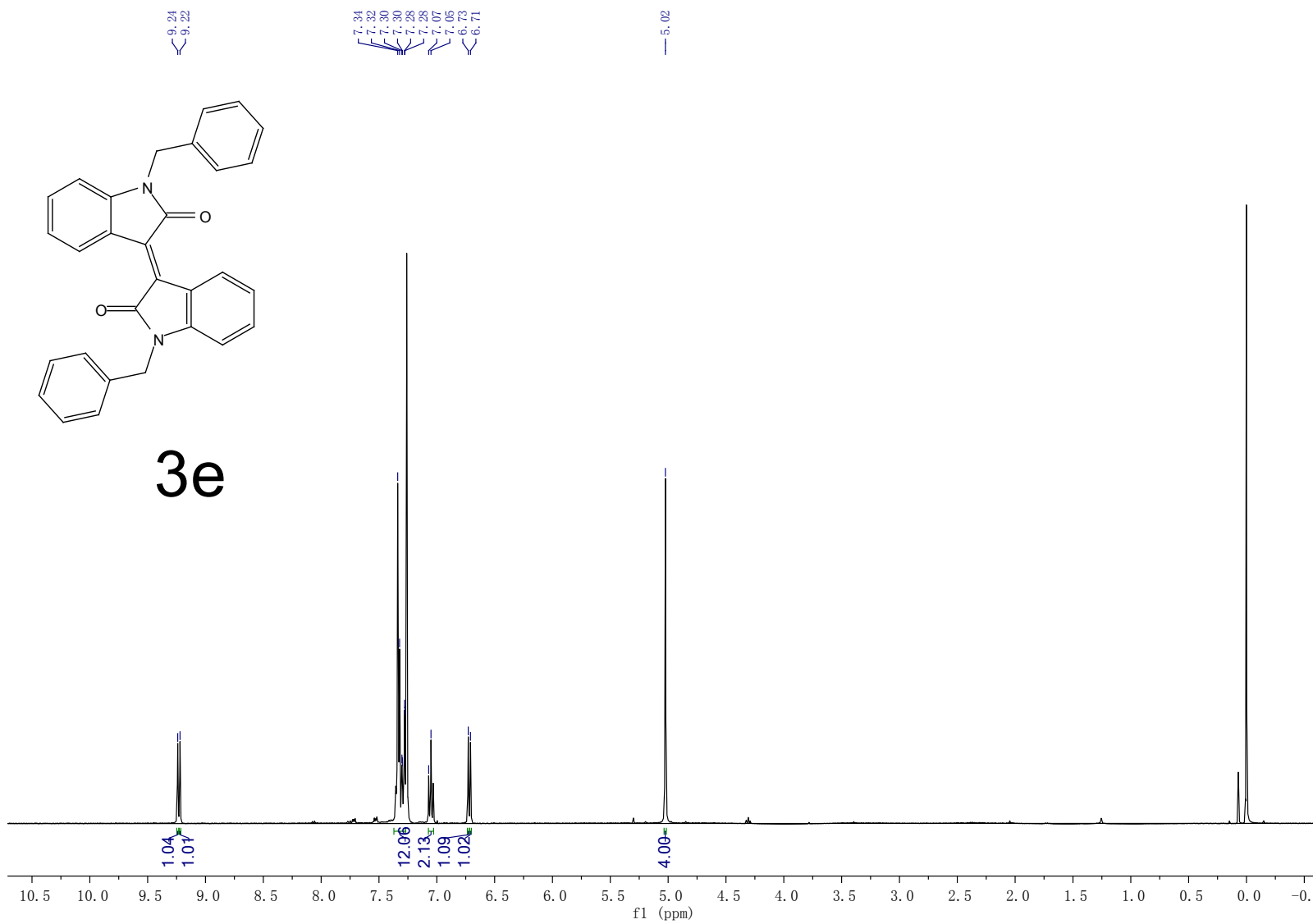


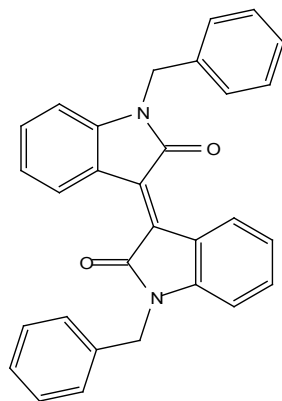




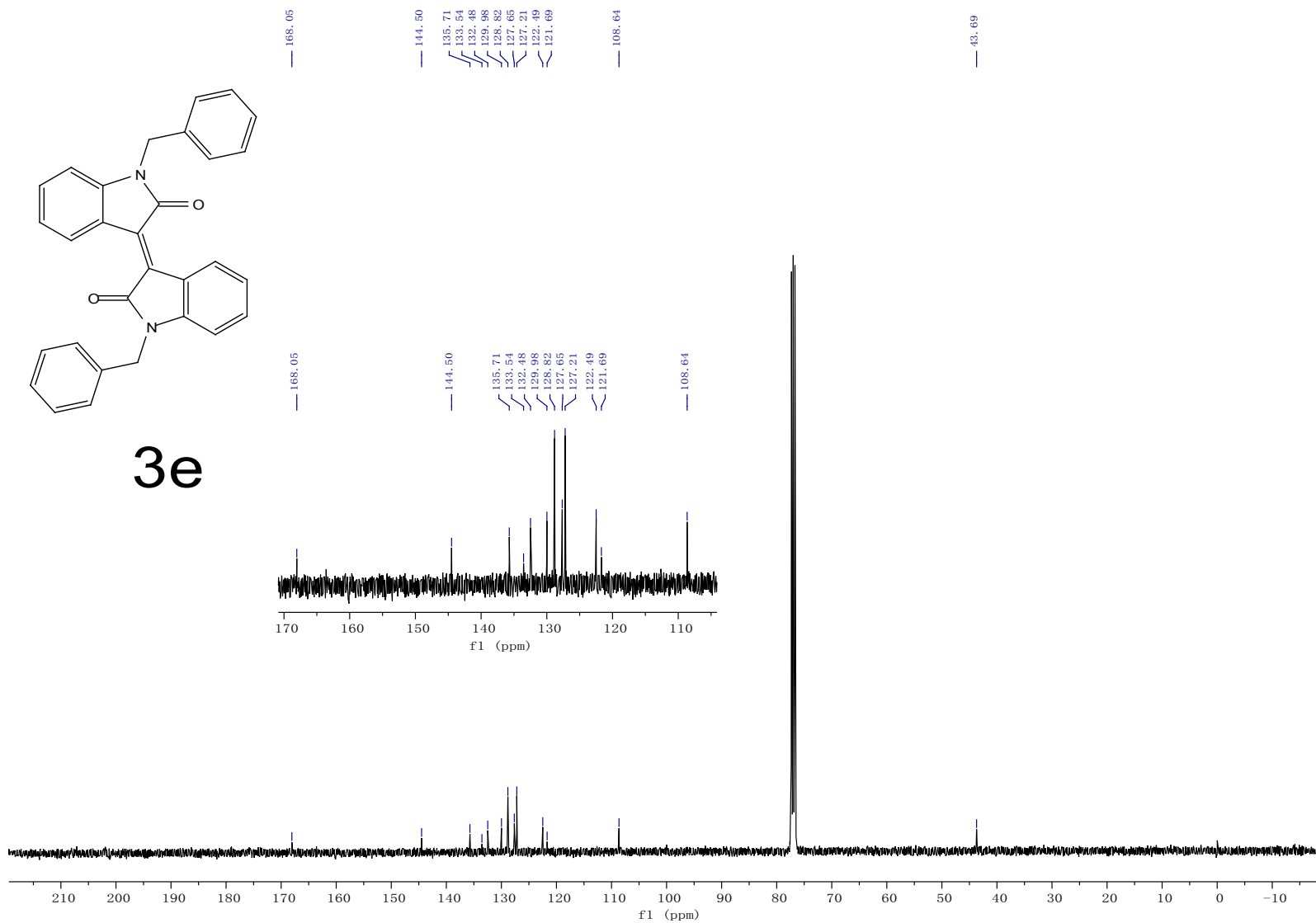
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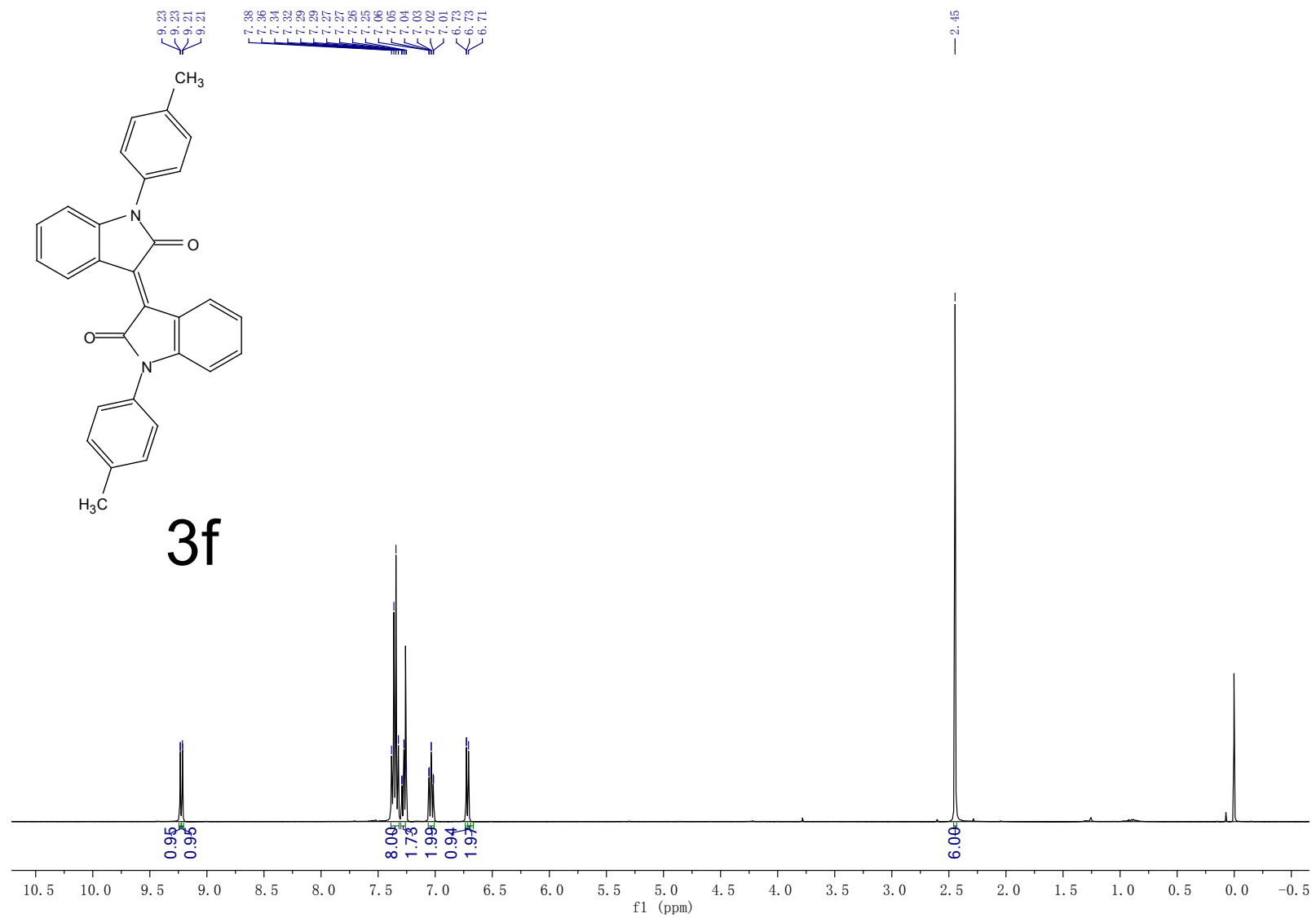


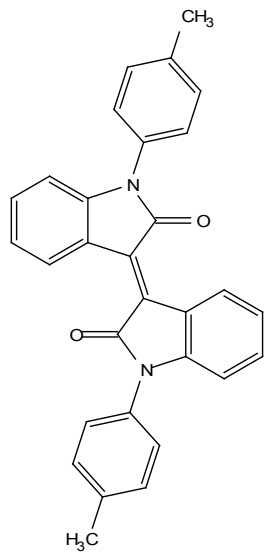




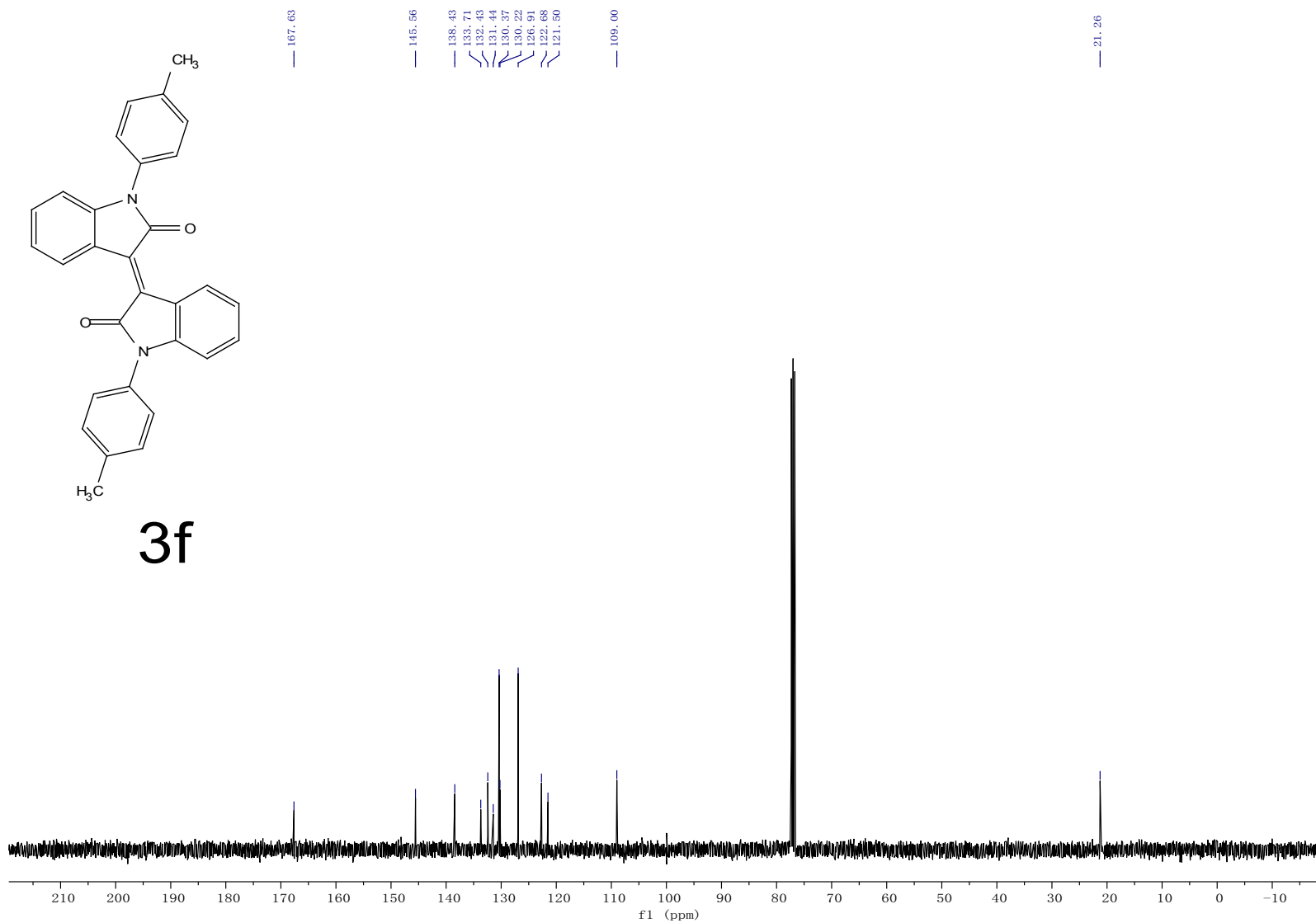
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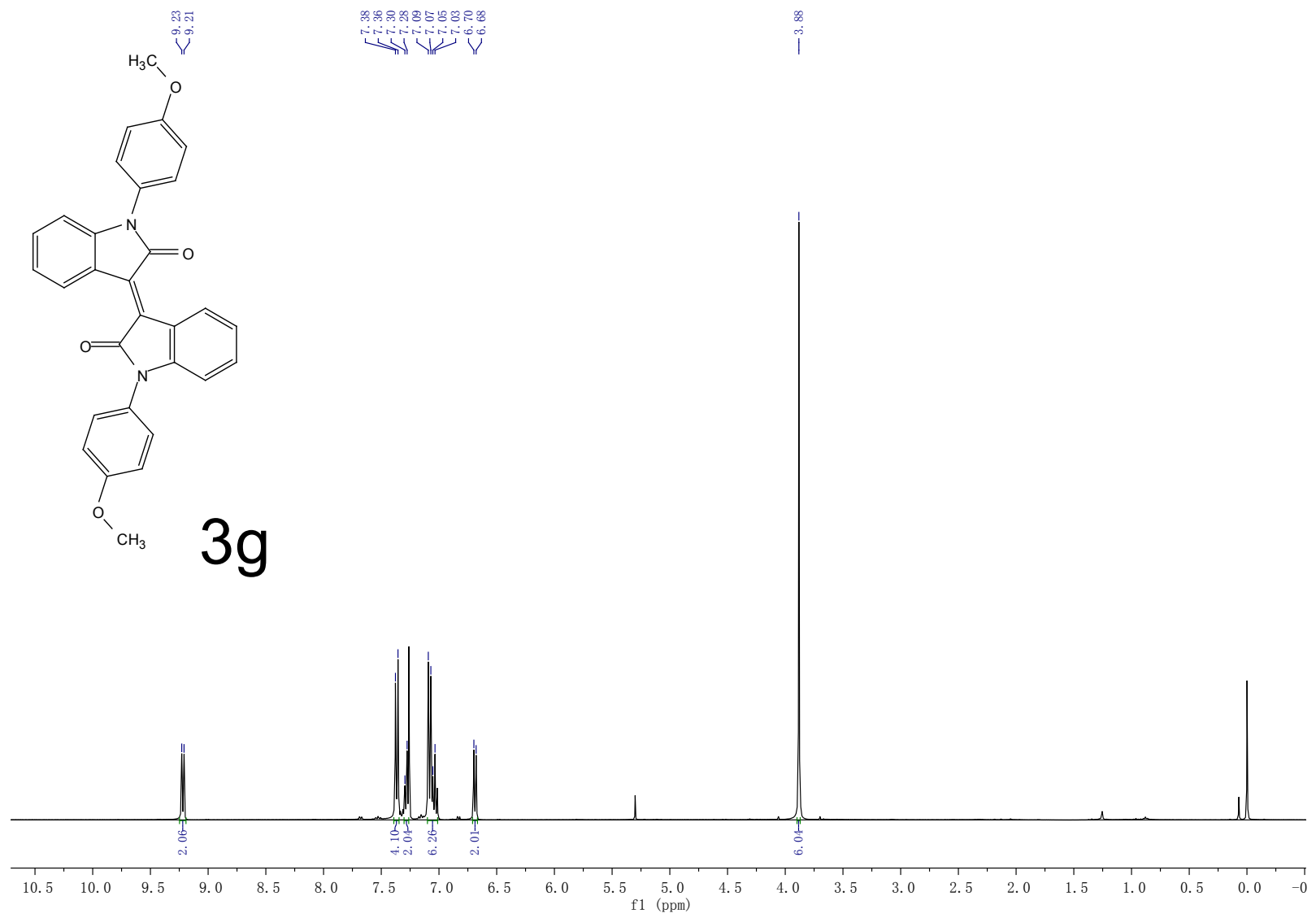


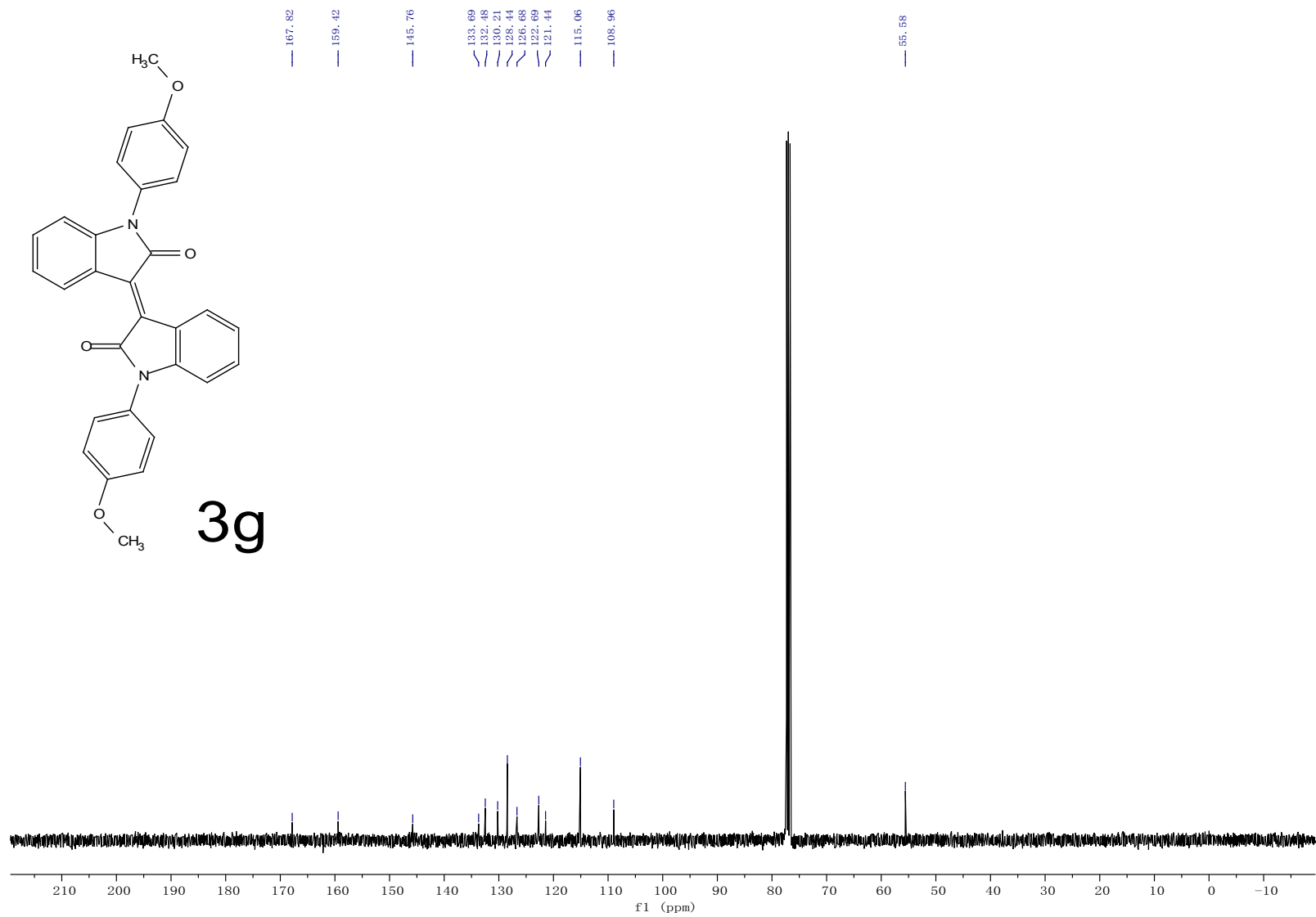




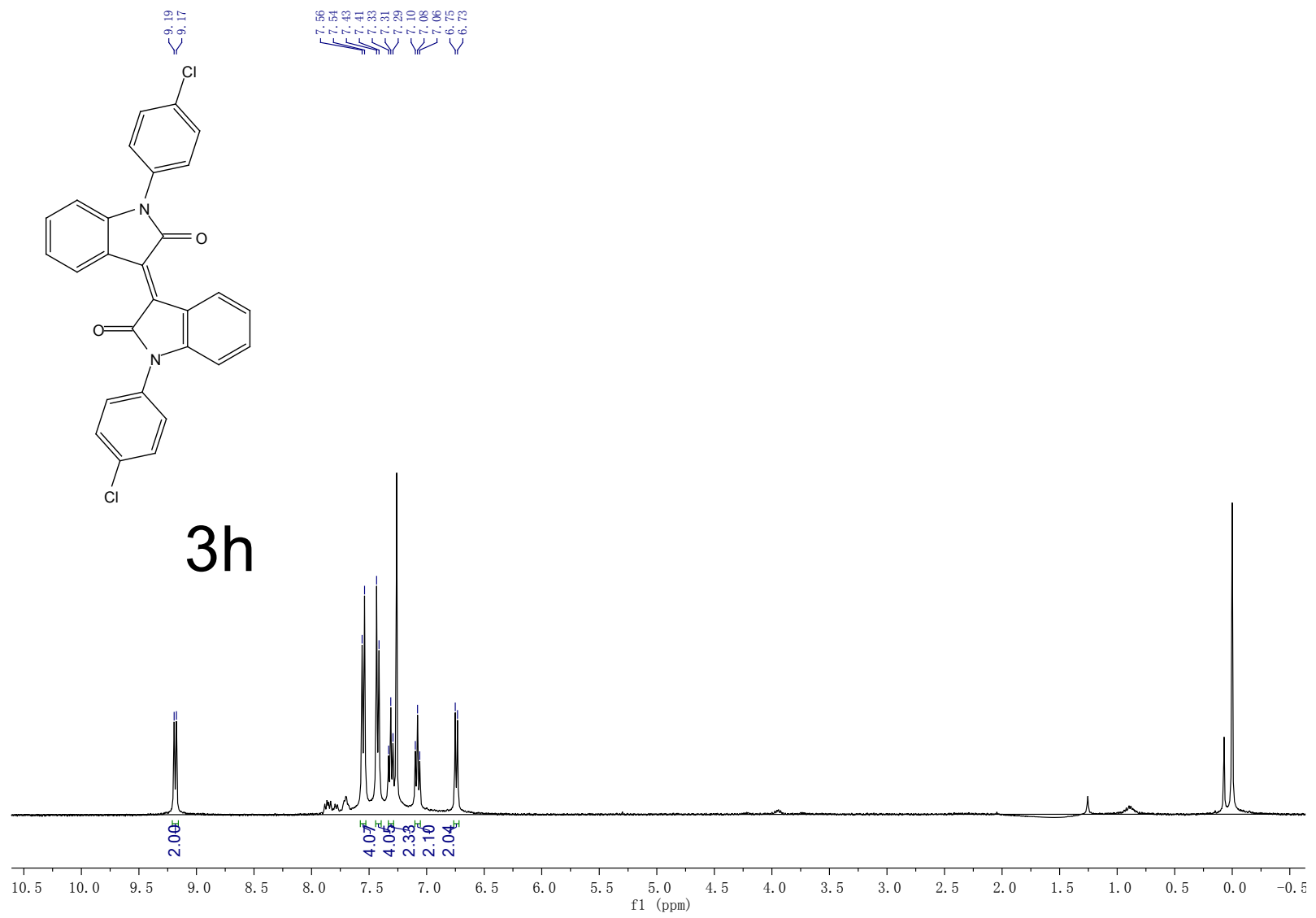
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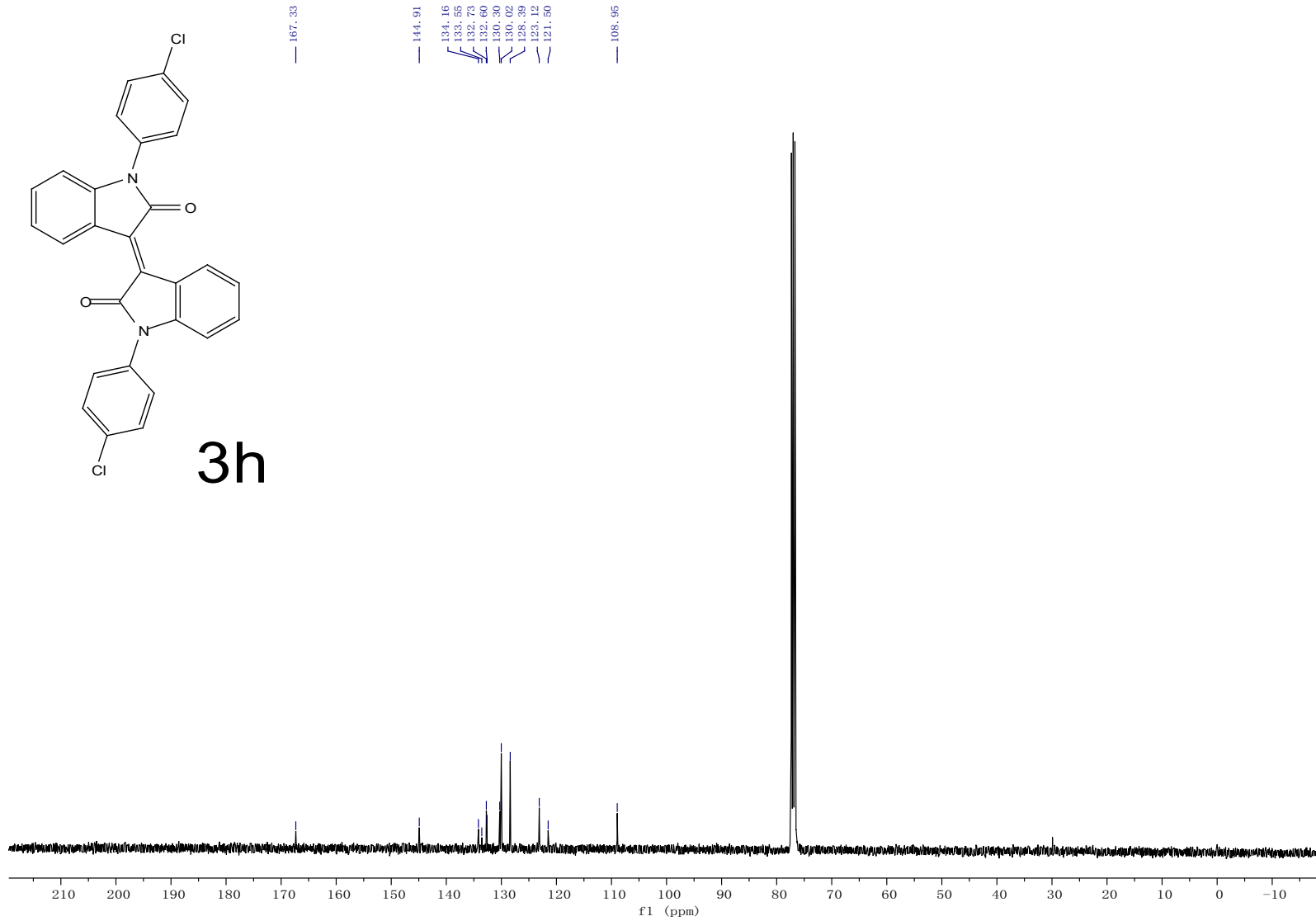
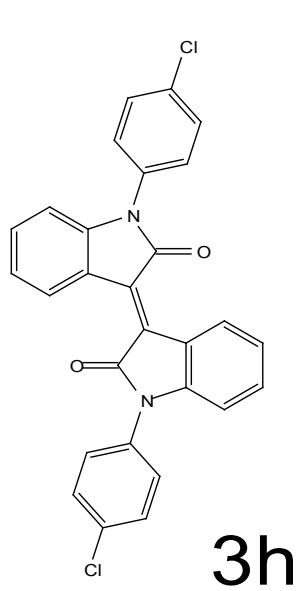


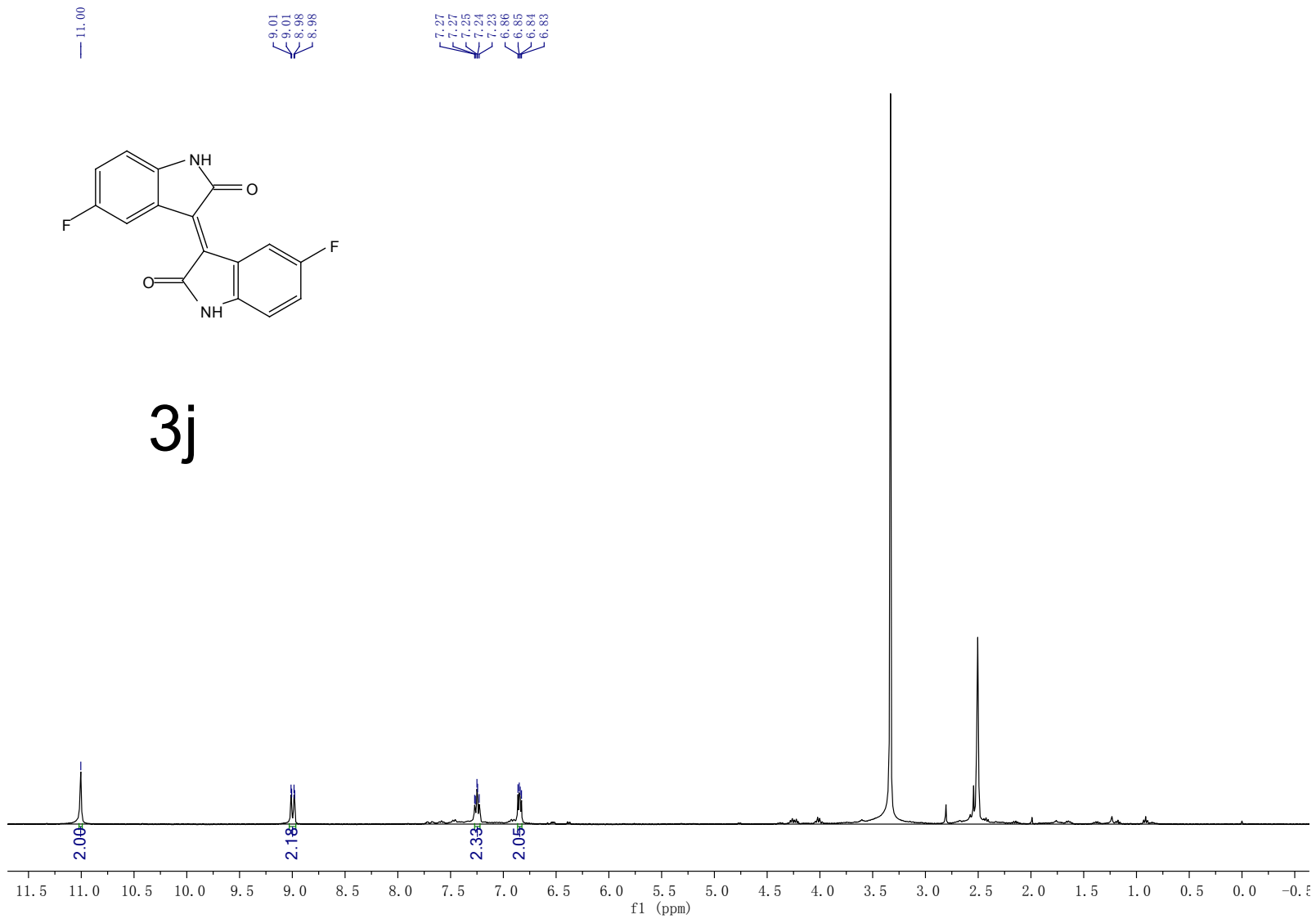


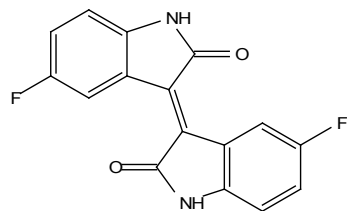


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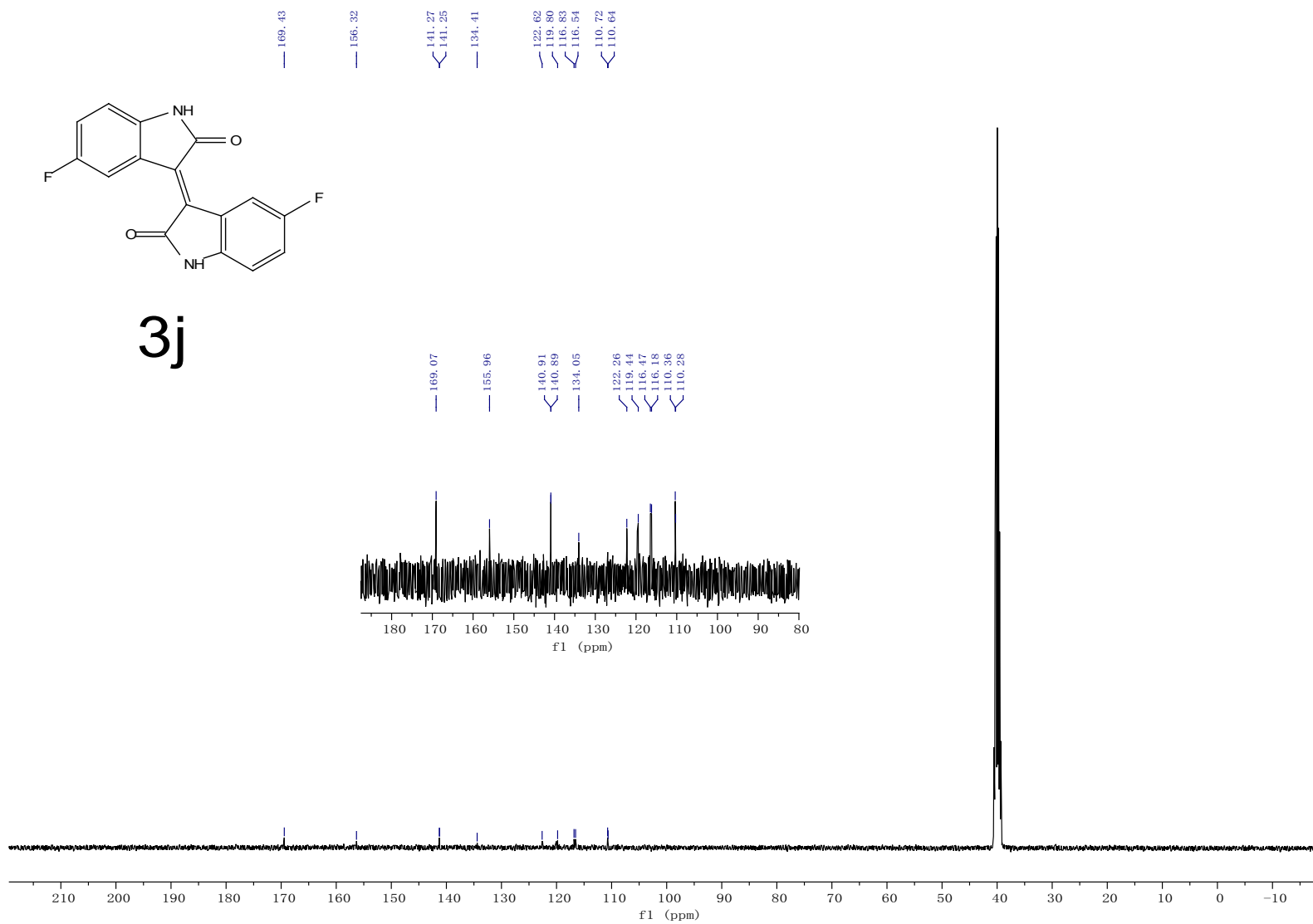


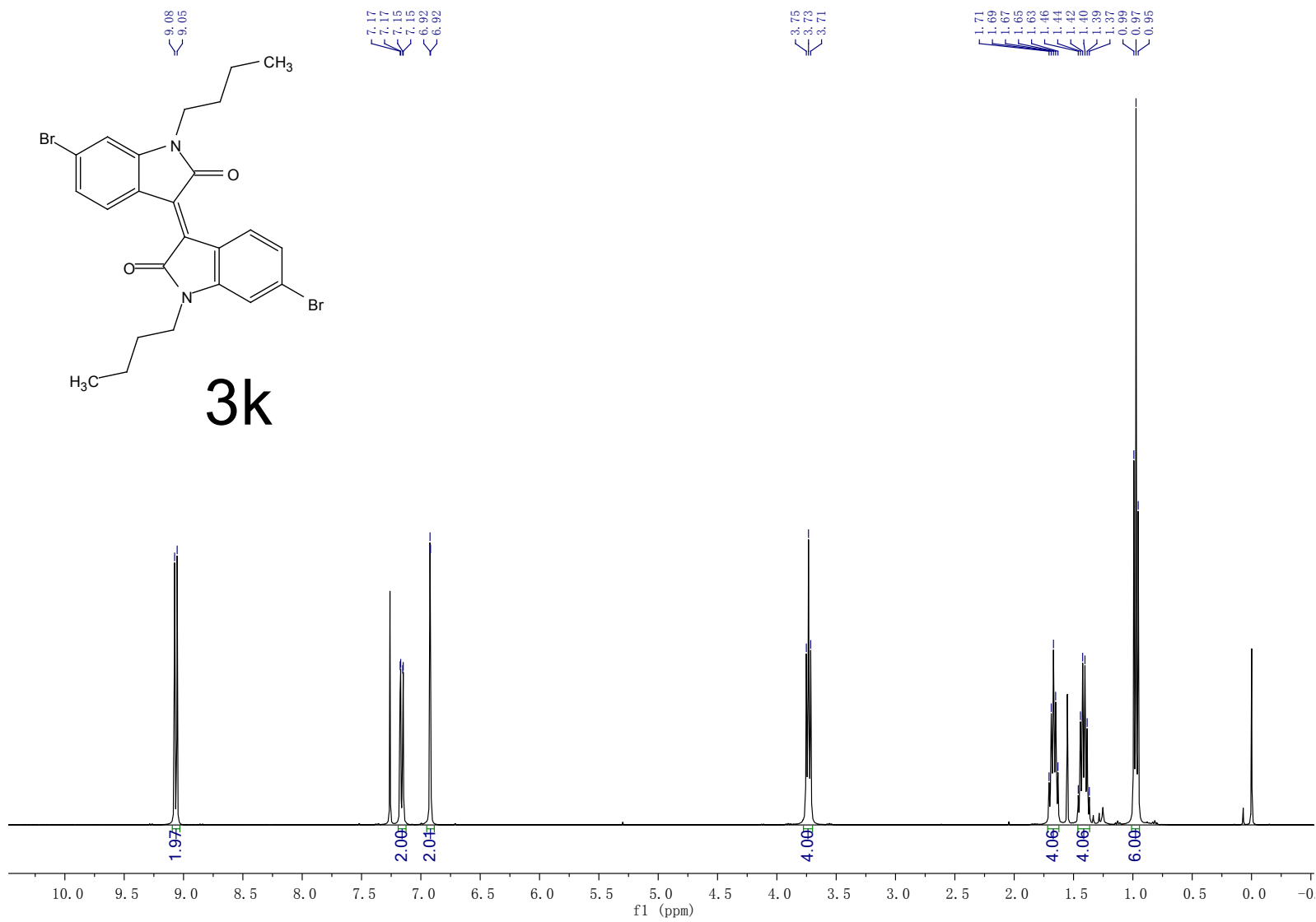


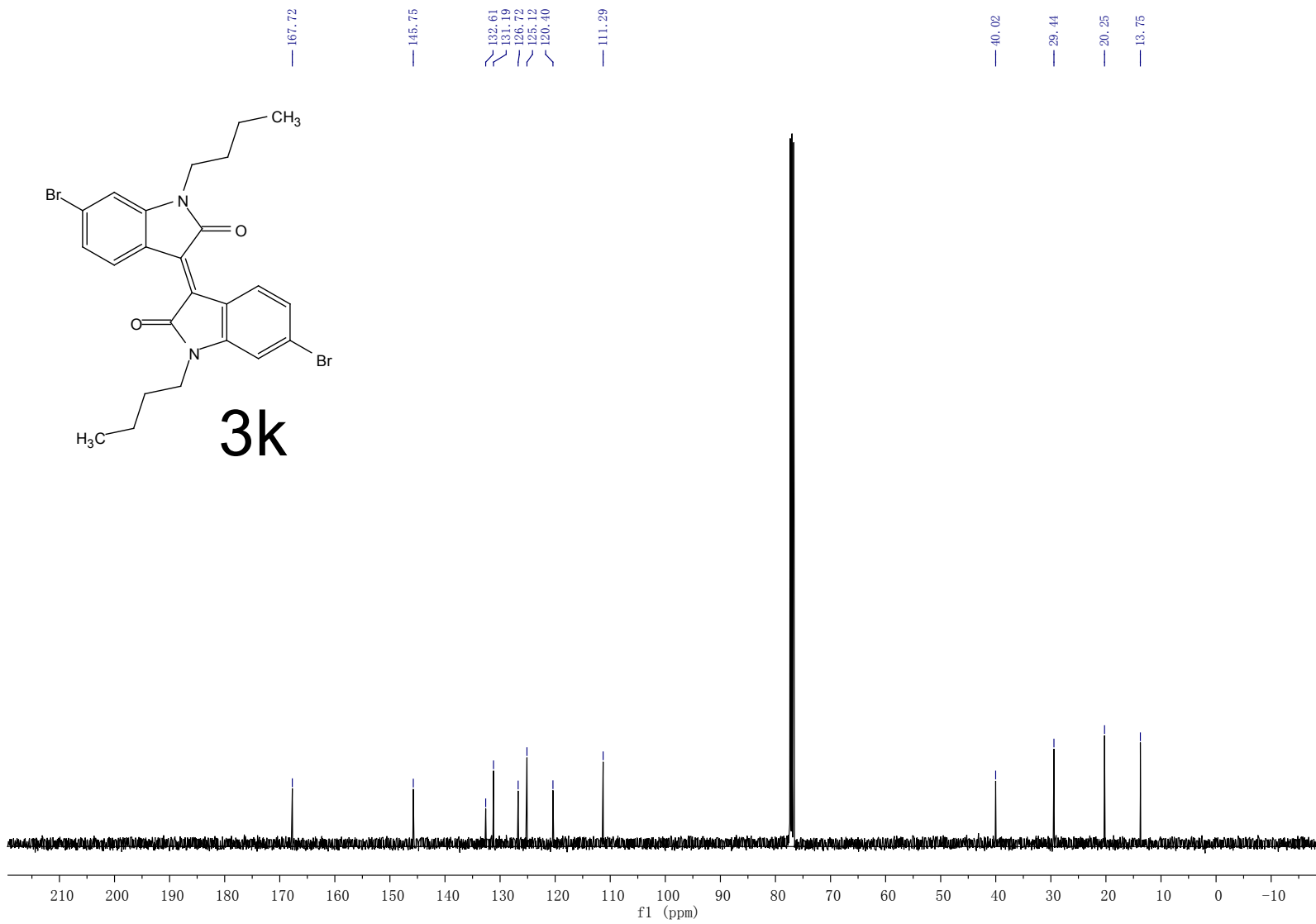


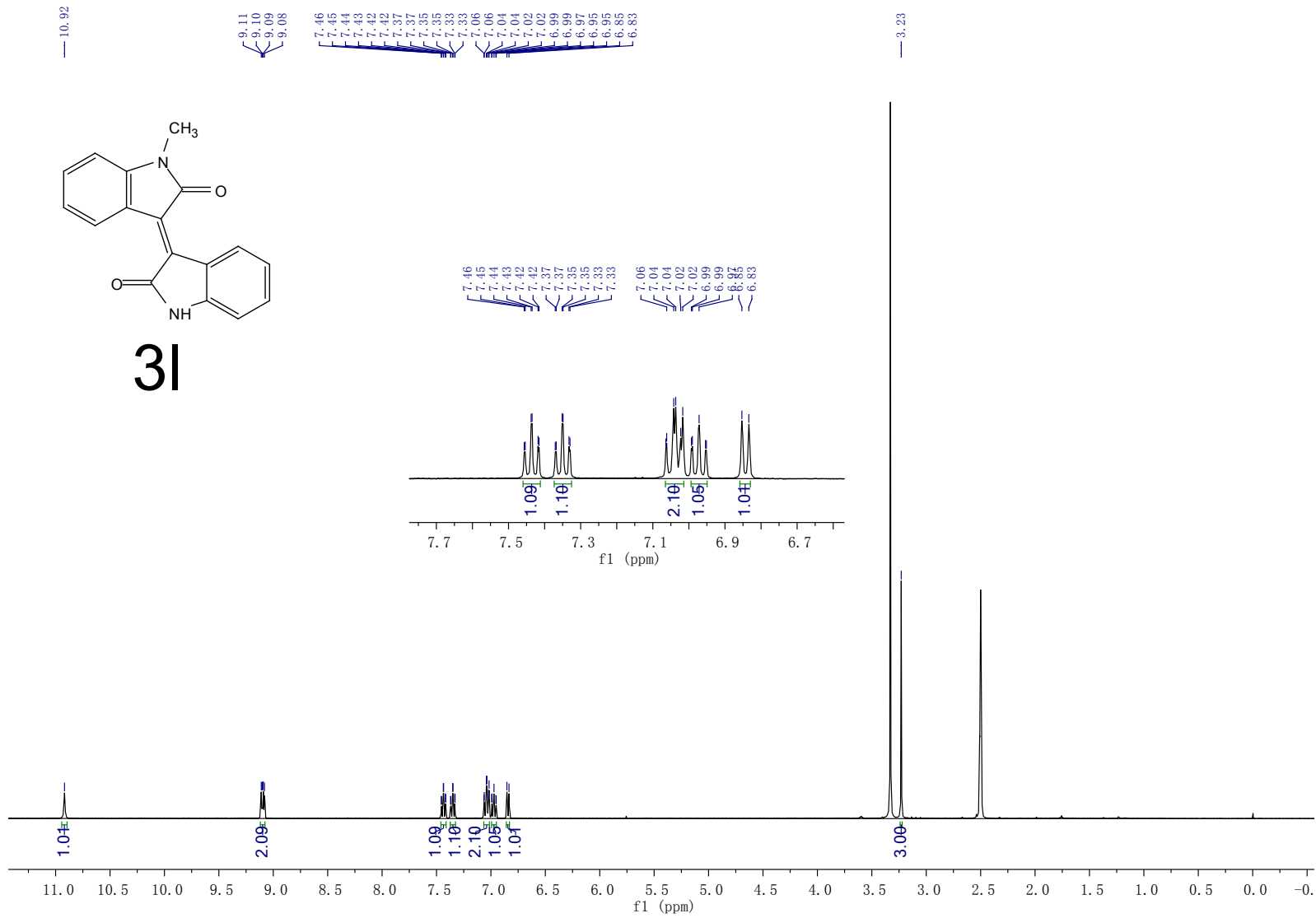


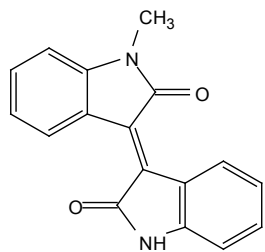
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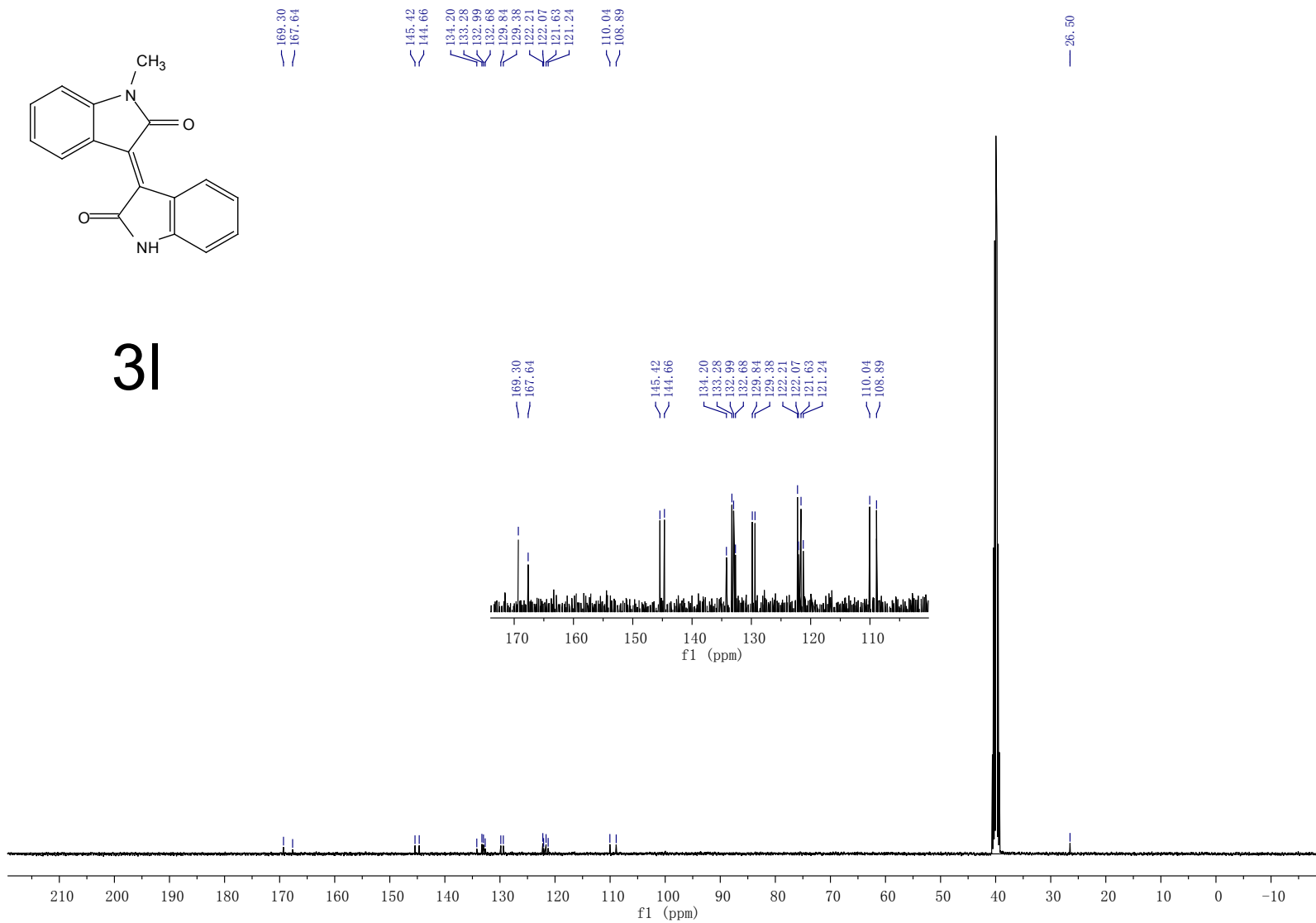


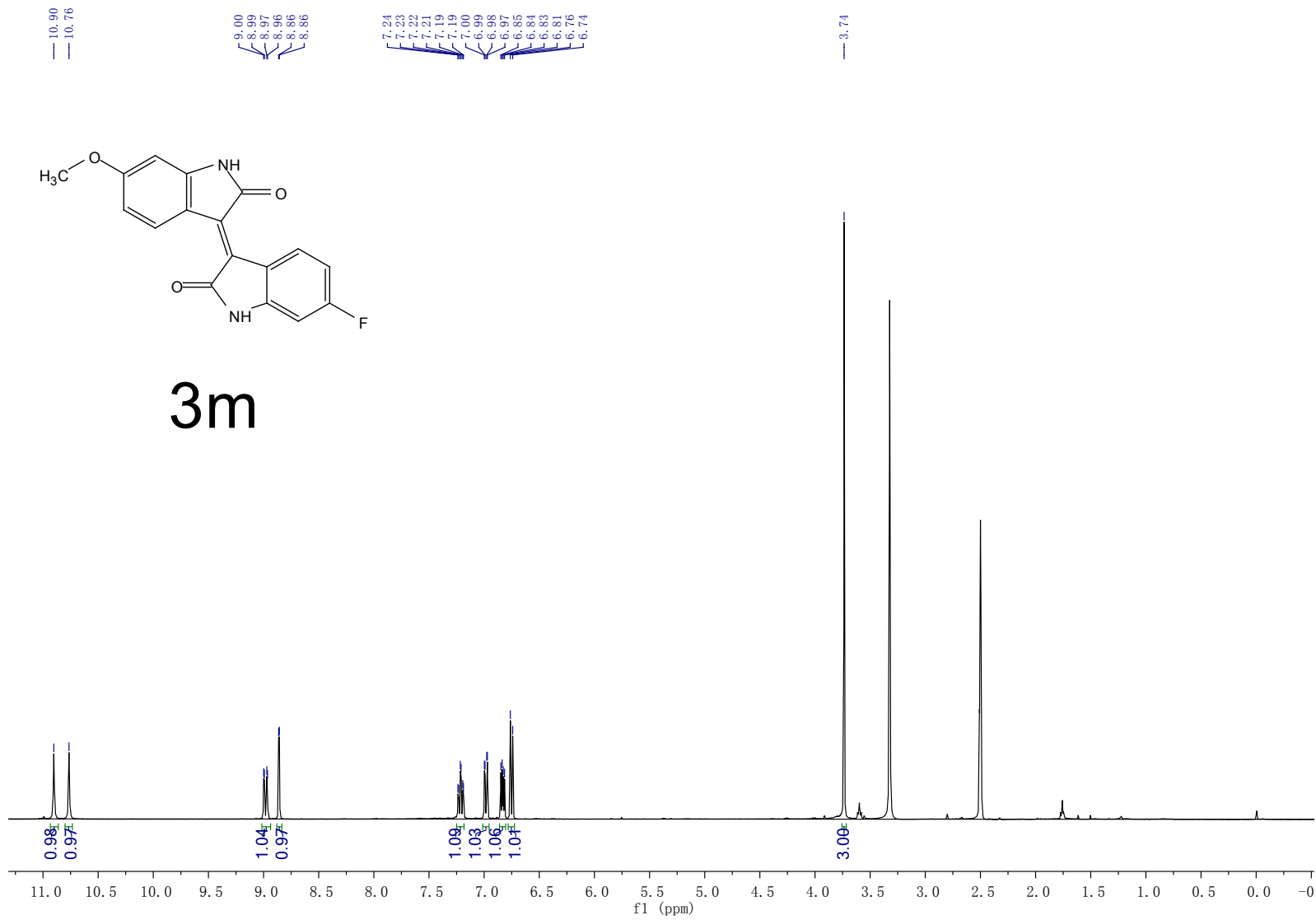


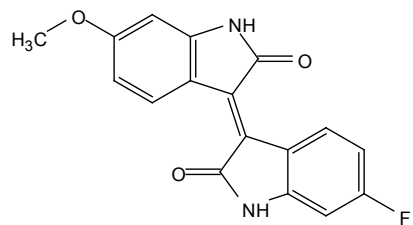




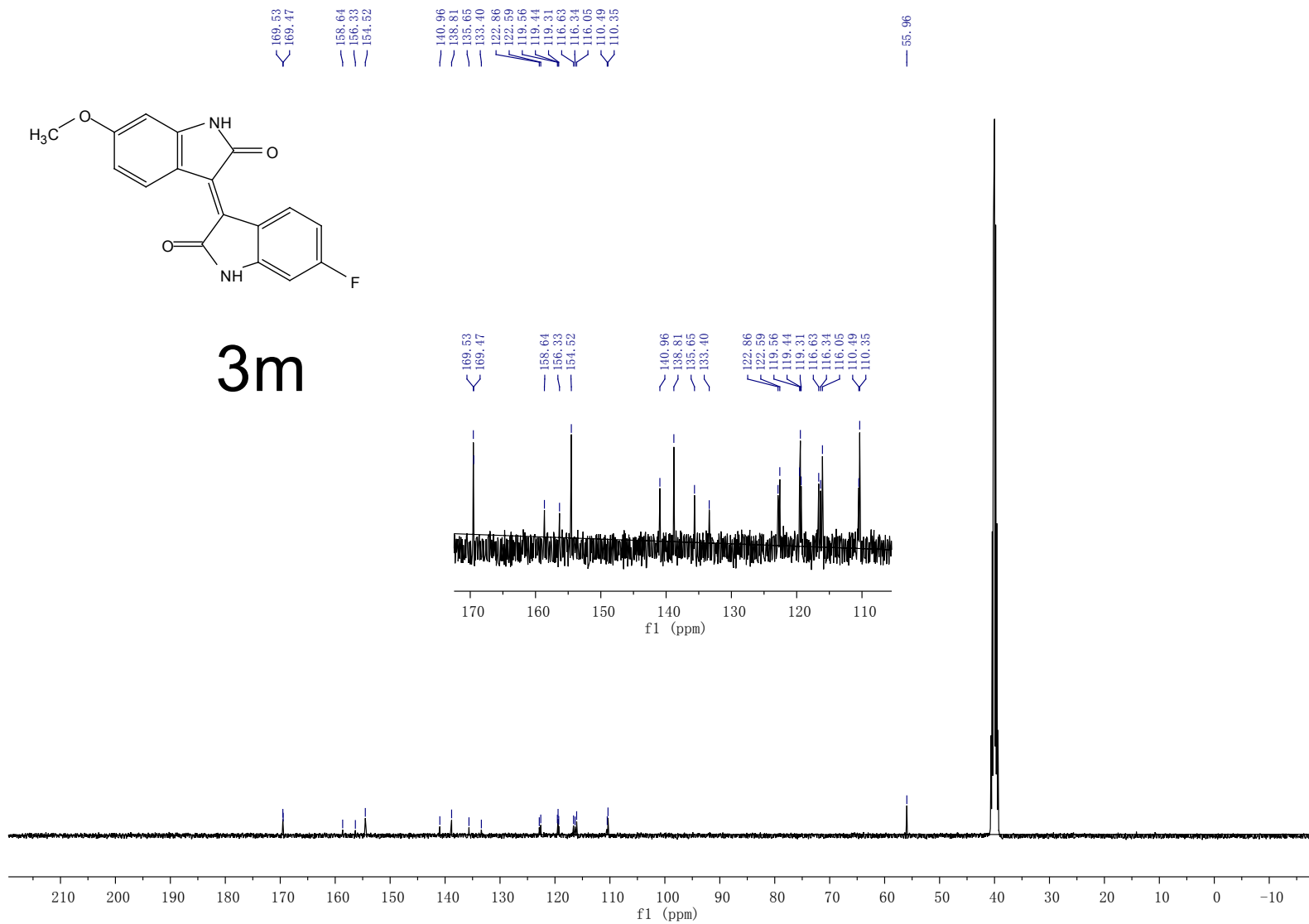
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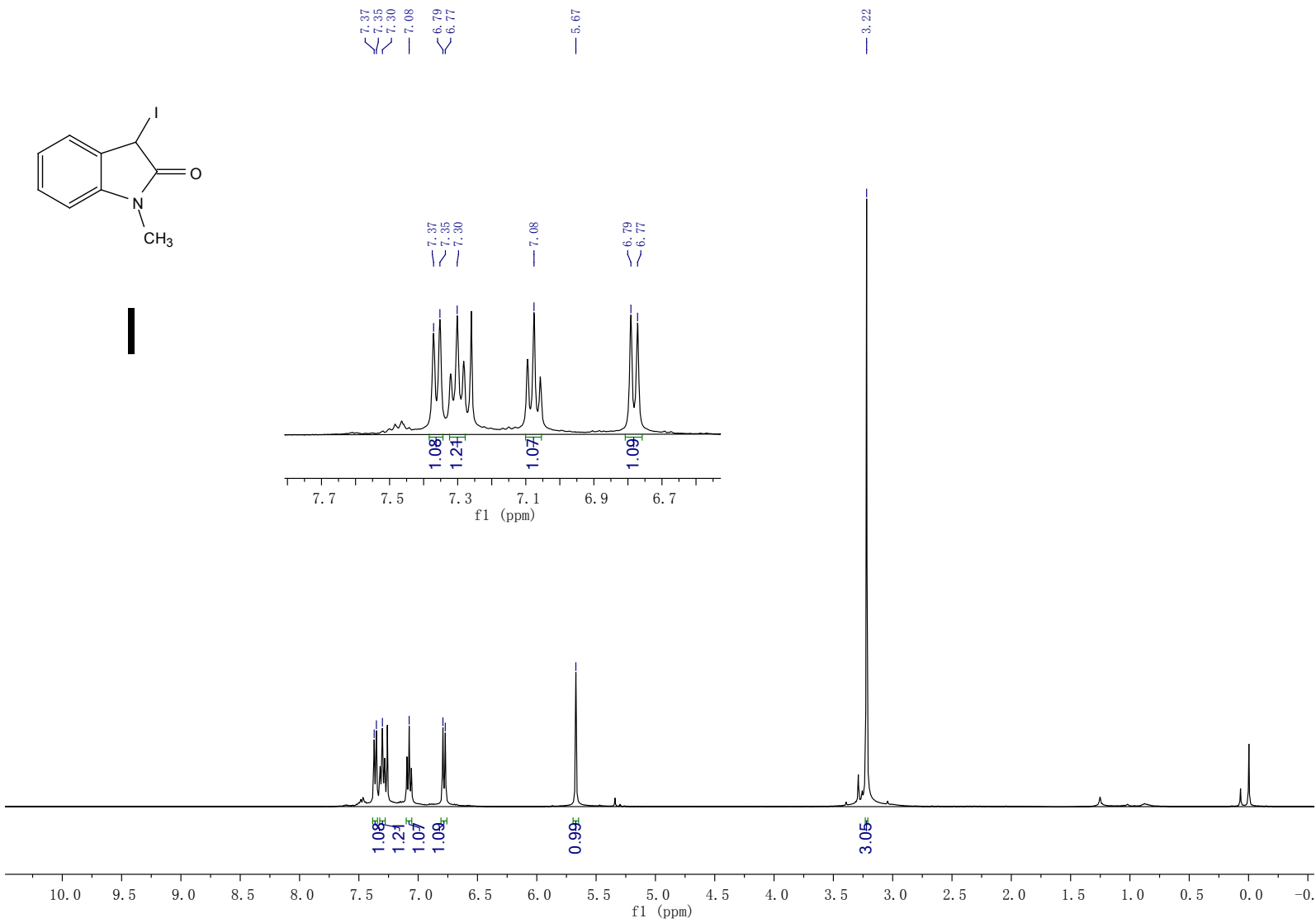


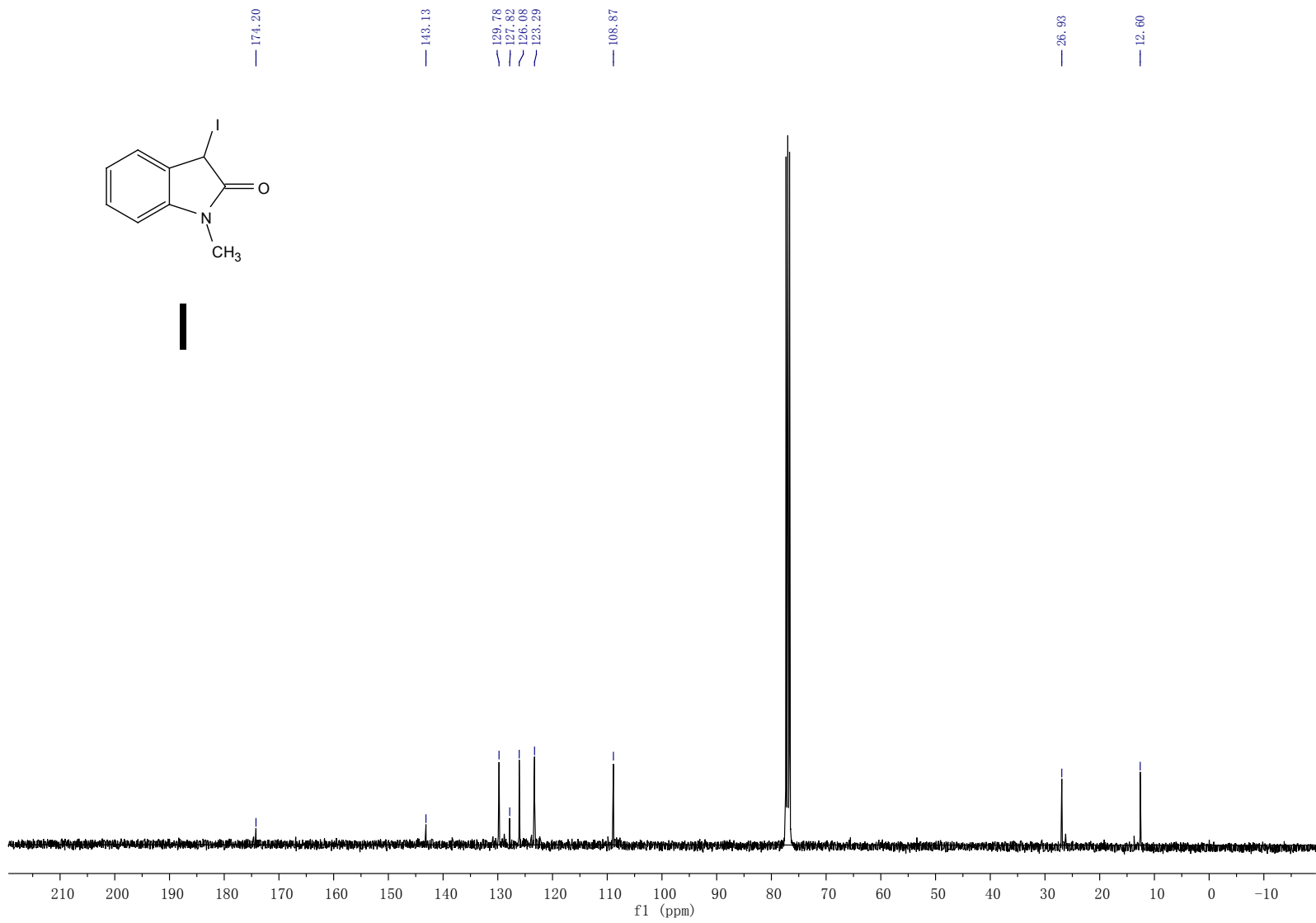


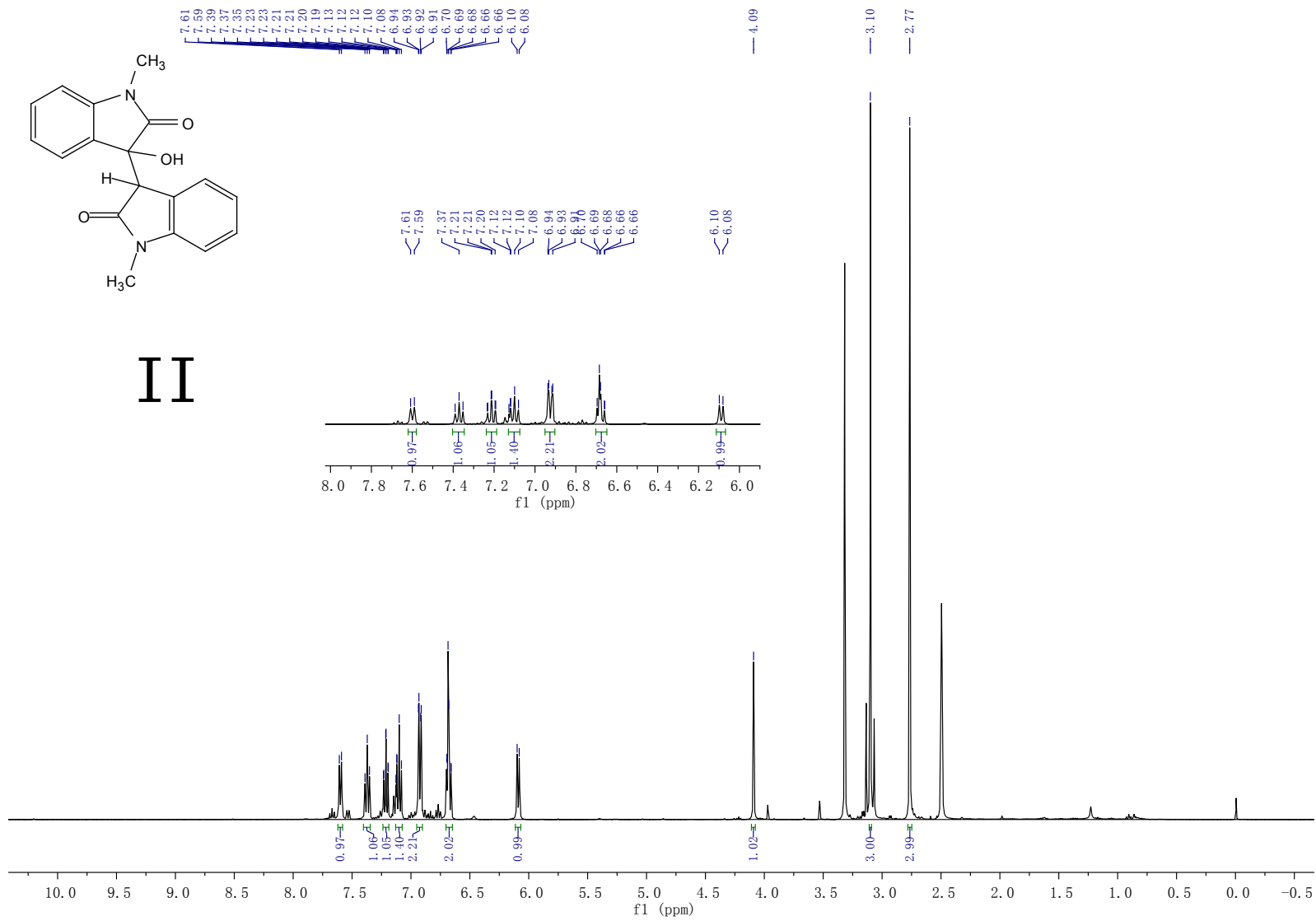


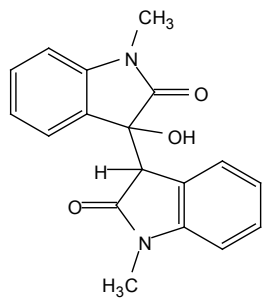
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