

Supplementary Information

2D-MoS₂ photocatalyzed Cross Dehydrogenative Coupling reaction synchronized with Hydrogen Evolution Reaction

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1. General procedure for the preparation of *N*-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline.

Briefly Copper (I) iodide (0.21g, 1.13 mmol) and potassium phosphate (4.8 g, 22.6 mmol) were taken into the RB flask filled with argon balloon. 2-Propanol (10 mL), ethylene glycol (1.24 mL, 22.6 mmol), 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline (2 g, 11.3 mmol) and iodobenzene (1.26 mL, 11.3 mmol) were added successively at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 24 h and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Dichloromethane (30 mL) and water (25 mL) were then added to the reaction mixture and extracted with dichloromethane (3x 30 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate=95:5), to give the desired product 3a with 40% isolated yields.

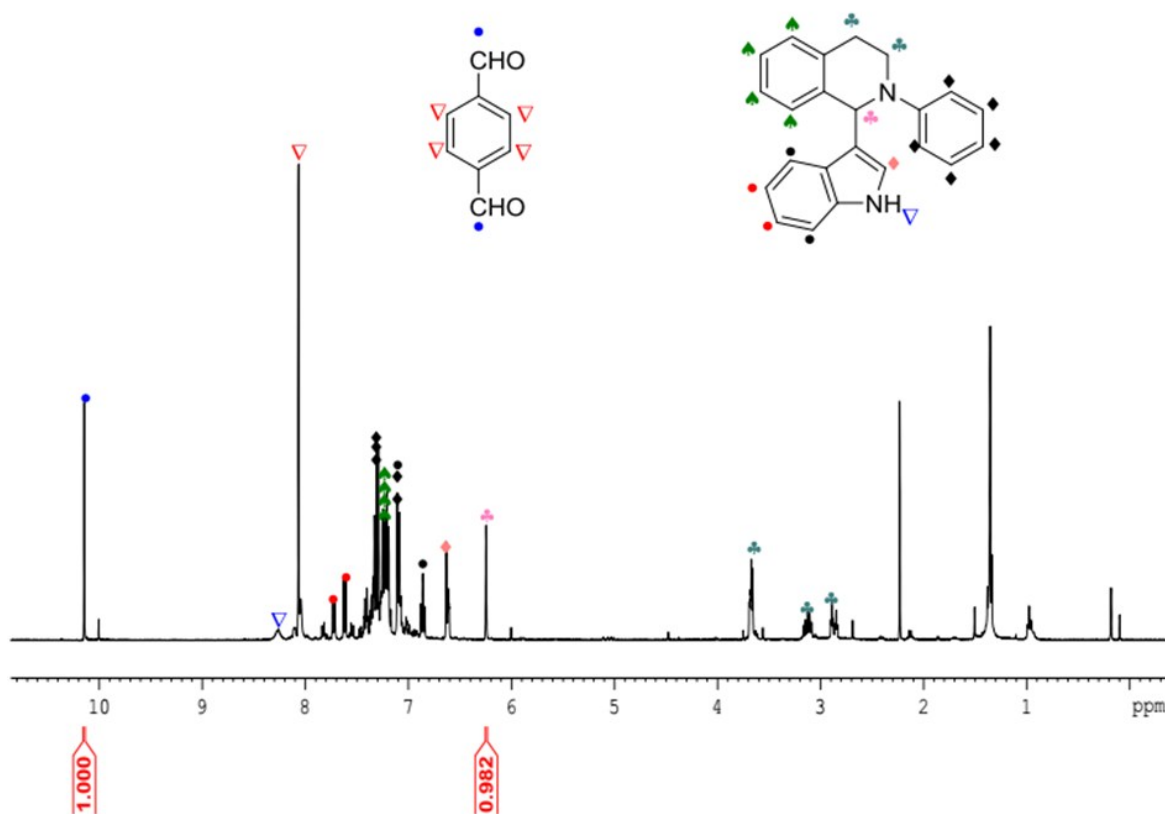


Figure S1: Crude ^1H NMR spectra of reaction mixture in presence of terephthalaldehyde as reference.

2. Table S1. Solvent ratio optimization

MoS ₂ /H ₂ O/CH ₃ CN (v/v mL)	1:2:0	1.25:2:0	1.25: 2:1	1.25:2:0.5
Yield	90	72	98	91

3. Detection of H₂ gas formation during CDC reaction.

For H₂ gas detection, reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere. The RB flask containing reaction mixture was sealed and then the reaction mixture was irradiated for 5 h by a 525 nm green LED at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The H₂ gas evolved during the reaction was injected into an argon-purged chamber. From this chamber the gas flows through the leak valve to ultra-high vacuum ($\sim 10^{-9}$ torr) chamber, which is connected to mass spectrometry (SRS RGA 100) where mass of the gas can be detected. In addition to this as a control experiment, we have also performed the reaction in absence of light and we found that there is no H₂ gas formation which confirms that light is essential for the CDC reaction.

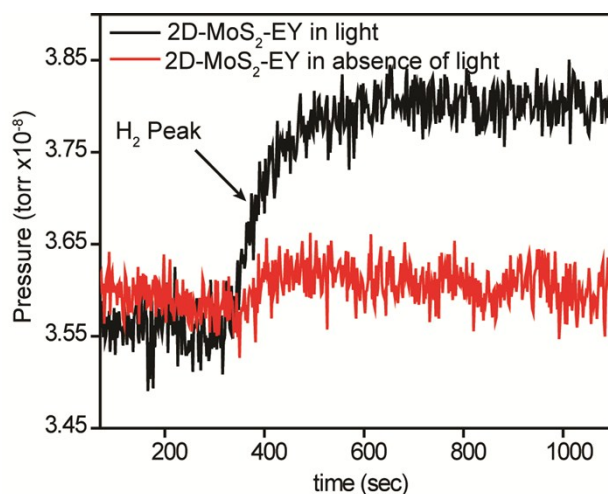
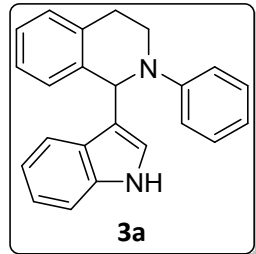


Figure S2: Hydrogen evolution of 2D-MoS₂-EY under light in presence of *N*-Phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and in absence of light.

4. Characterization data for CDC reaction of indole derivatives with *N*-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline derivatives.

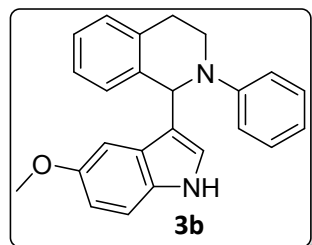
1-(1H-Indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3a)²; (Pale yellow solid); *R_f* (20%



EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.55 - 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 - 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 - 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.03 - 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.78 - 6.74 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz,

1H), 6.63 - 6.62 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 3.63 - 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.09 - 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.82 - 2.76 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.7, 137.3, 136.5, 135.5, 128.7, 128.0, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 124.1, 122.0, 120.0, 119.5, 119.2, 118.0, 115.7, 111.0, 56.5, 42.2, 26.5; HRESI-MS (m/z): Calculated for C₂₃H₂₀N₂ (M + H): 325.1705, Found (M + H): 325.1703

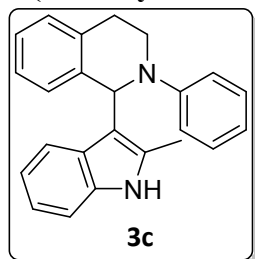
1-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3b)²; Pale yellow solid;



R_f (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.24 - 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.17 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.02 - 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.80 - 6.76 (m, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s,

3H), 3.60 - 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.10 - 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.83 - 2.77 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 153.3, 149.9, 137.4, 135.5, 131.5, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 126.8, 126.6, 125.6, 124.9, 118.6, 118.2, 116.1, 112.2, 111.5, 101.8, 56.7, 55.6, 42.0, 26.8; HRESI-MS (m/z): Calculated for C₂₄H₂₂N₂O (M + H): 355.1732, Found (M + H): 339.1861.

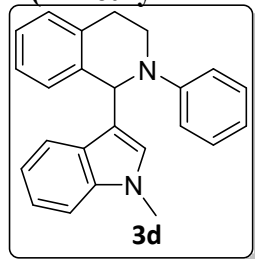
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(20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 – 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.75 – 3.63

(m, 2H), 3.17 – 3.13 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.04 (t, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = δ 150.9, 137.9, 135.2, 134.8, 128.8, 128.65, 128.62, 128.2, 126.2, 126.0, 120.7, 120.2, 119.4, 119.43, 119.1, 113.3, 110.0, 57.1, 45.8, 29.6, 27.9; HRESI-MS (*m/z*): Calculated for C₂₄H₂₂N₂ (*M* + *H*): 338.1783, Found (*M* + *H*): 338.1780.

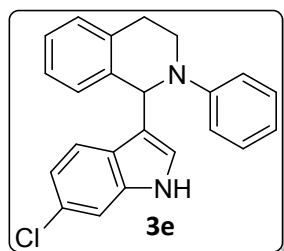
1-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3d)⁴: Yellow solid; *R_f*



(20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.4; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.35 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 6.85 – 6.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H),

6.56(s, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 3.71 – 3.70 (m, 5H), 3.17 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.92 – 2.84 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = δ 149.7, 137.6, 137.3, 135.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 126.8, 126.6, 125.6, 121.6, 120.1, 119.1, 117.9, 117.6, 115.6, 109.1, 56.6, 42.1, 32.6, 26.6; HRESI-MS (*m/z*): Calculated for C₂₄H₂₂N₂ (*M* + *H*): 339.1861, Found (*M* + *H*): 339.1861.

1-(6-chloro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline(3e)⁴; (Pale yellow solid);

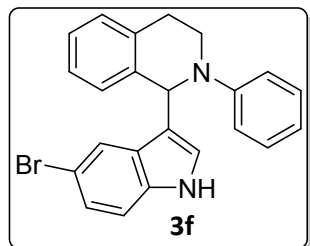


R_f (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.6; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.15 (m, 7H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.80 – 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 3.58 –

3.54 (m, 2H), 3.06 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.75 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.7, 137.0, 136.8, 135.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 126.7, 125.7, 125.0, 124.7, 121.0, 120.3, 119.4,

118.4, 116.1, 110.8, 112.4, 56.6, 42.3, 29.6, 26.6; HRESI-MS (m/z): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{19}ClN_2$ ($M + H$): 358.1237, Found ($M + H$): 358.1235.

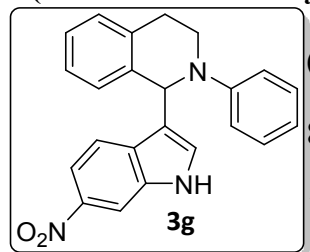
1-(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3f)³; (Pale yellow solid);



R_f (20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.5; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.24 - 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.17 - 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.00 - 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 - 6.78 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H),

6.66 (s, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 3.59 - 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.08 - 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.81 - 2.76 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ ppm = 149.8, 136.9, 136.6, 135.3, 135.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 126.7, 125.7, 125.3, 124.9, 122.6, 119.0, 118.7, 116.4, 112.9, 112.4, 56.6, 42.5, 26.5; HRESI-MS (m/z): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{19}BrN_2$ ($M + H$): 403.0732, Found ($M + H$): 403.0731.

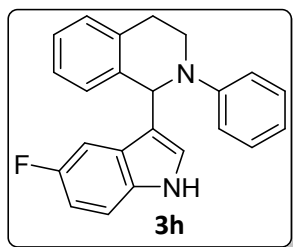
1-(6-nitro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3g); (Pale yellow solid); R_f



(20% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.6; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.92 - 7.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 - 7.51 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 - 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.05 - 7.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (s,

1H), 6.88 - 6.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 3.63 - 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.13 - 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.86 - 2.81 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 149.7, 136.5, 135.4, 135.0, 131.1, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 127.8, 127.0, 125.9, 120.3, 120.1, 119.1, 116.7, 115.1, 107.9, 56.6, 42.6, 30.8, HRESI-MS (m/z): Calculated for $C_{23}H_{19}ClN_2$ ($M + H$): 369.1477, Found ($M + H$): 369.1479.

1-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3h); (white solid); *R_f*



(28% DCM/Hexane) 0.16; mp: 125-127°C (lit. 6 118-120°C); **¹H NMR**

(400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.14 (m, 3H),

7.01 – 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.90 – 6.86 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz,

1H), 6.80 – 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.59 - 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.07 – 3.01

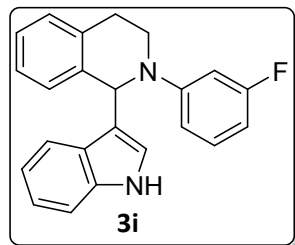
(m, 1H), 2.80 - 2.76 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 149.6, 136.9, 135.3, 133.0, 129.2,

128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 126.7, 125.8, 125.7, 118.7, 116.3, 111.4, 110.6, 110.3, 105.1, 104.9, 56.8,

42.5, 26.6; HRESI-MS (*m/z*): Calculated for C₂₃H₁₉FN₂ (*M* + *H*): 343.1611, Found (*M* + *H*):

343.1613.

2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3i); (white solid); *R_f*



(24% DCM/Hexane) 0.4; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.94 (s, 1H),

7.56 - 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 –

7.12 (m, 5H), 7.06 – 7.04 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.79- 6.76 (dd, *J* =

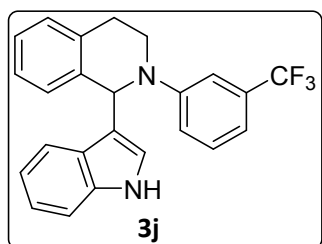
2.4 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 – 6.66 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 2H), 6.45 – 6.41 (dt, *J* = 2.4 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, *J* =

2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 3.63 - 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.09 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 3.02 (m, 1H); **¹³C**

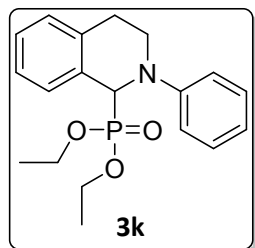
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125.8, 124.0, 122.2, 119.8, 119.7, 118.8, 111.0, 110.4, 101.9, 101.6, 77.3, 76.9, 76.6, 56.4, 42.1,

26.5; HRESI-MS (*m/z*): Calculated for C₂₃H₁₉FN₂ (*M* + *H*): 343.1611, Found (*M* + *H*): 343.1613.

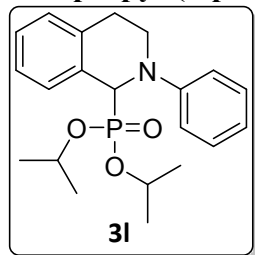
1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (3j); (white

solid); *R_f* (30% DCM/Hexane) 0.7; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.54 - 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.24 - 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.07 - 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 - 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 3.70 - 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.11 - 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.90 - 2.84 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm = 149.6, 136.9, 136.6, 135.2, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 126.9, 126.1, 125.9, 124.1, 122.2, 119.7, 118.5, 118.0, 111.1, 56.5, 42.2, 29.7; HRESI-MS (*m/z*): Calculated for C₂₄H₁₉F₃N₂ (M⁺): 392.1500, Found (M⁺): 391.1499.

Diethyl (2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)phosphonate (3k); : Red oily liquid; *R_f*

(30% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.37 - 7.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 - 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.98 - 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.80 - 6.77 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 - 5.16 (d, *J* = 20 Hz, 1H), 4.09 - 3.88

(m, 5H), 3.64 - 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.05 - 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.26 - 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.15 - 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.4 (d, *J* = 6 Hz), 136.3 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 130.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.44, 127.40, 125.86, 125.83, 118.4, 114.7, 63.38 - 63.30 (d, *J* = 32 Hz), 62.39 - 62.31 (d, *J* = 31.6 Hz), 59.5 - 57.9 (d, *J* = 158.3 Hz), 43.4, 26.7, 16.43 - 16.35 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 16.35 - 16.29 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz); HRESI-MS (*m/z*): Calculated for C₁₉H₂₄NO₃P (M + Na): 368.1391, Found (M + Na): 368.1392.

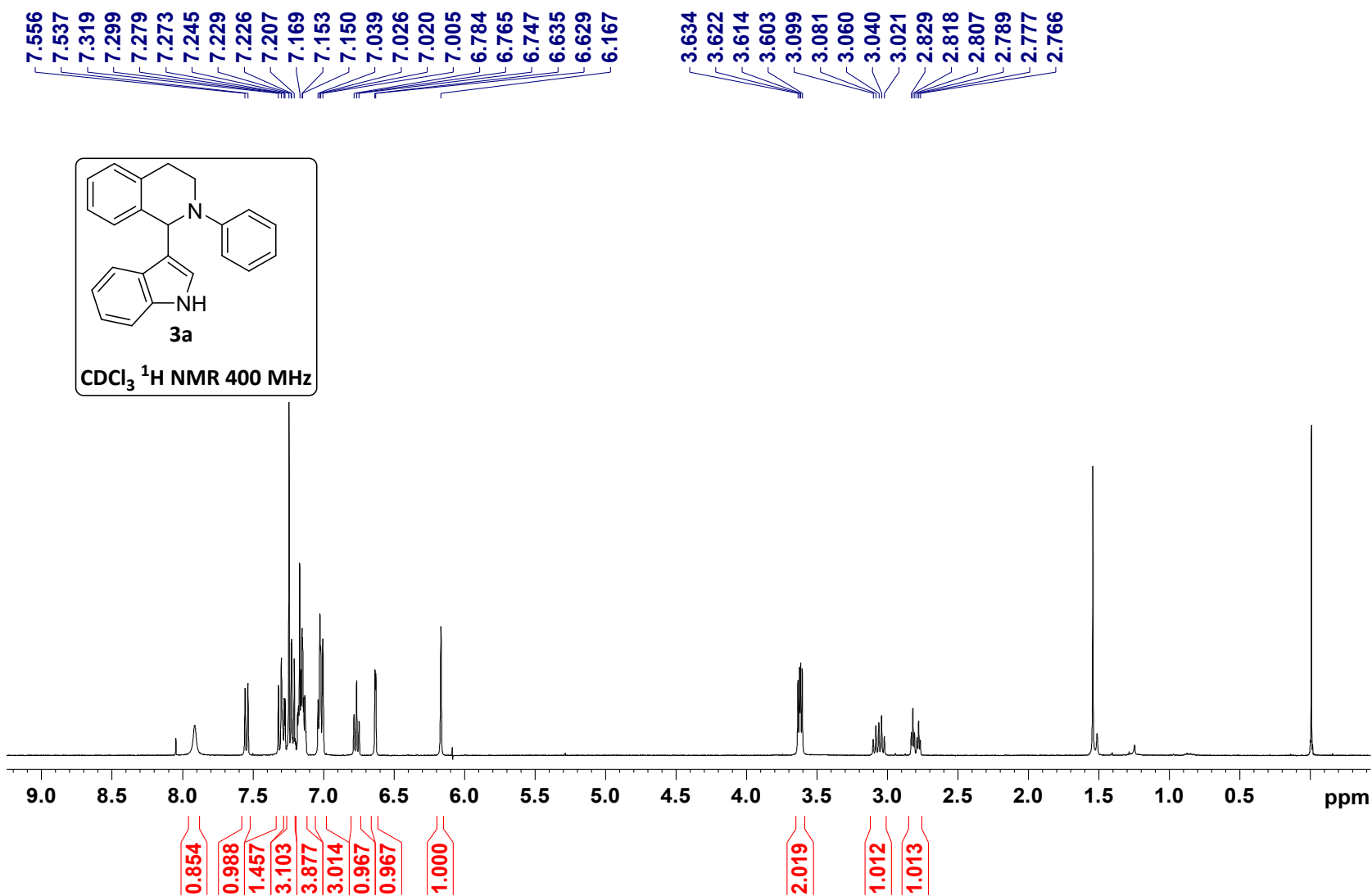
Diisopropyl (2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)phosphonate (3l) : Red oily liquid;

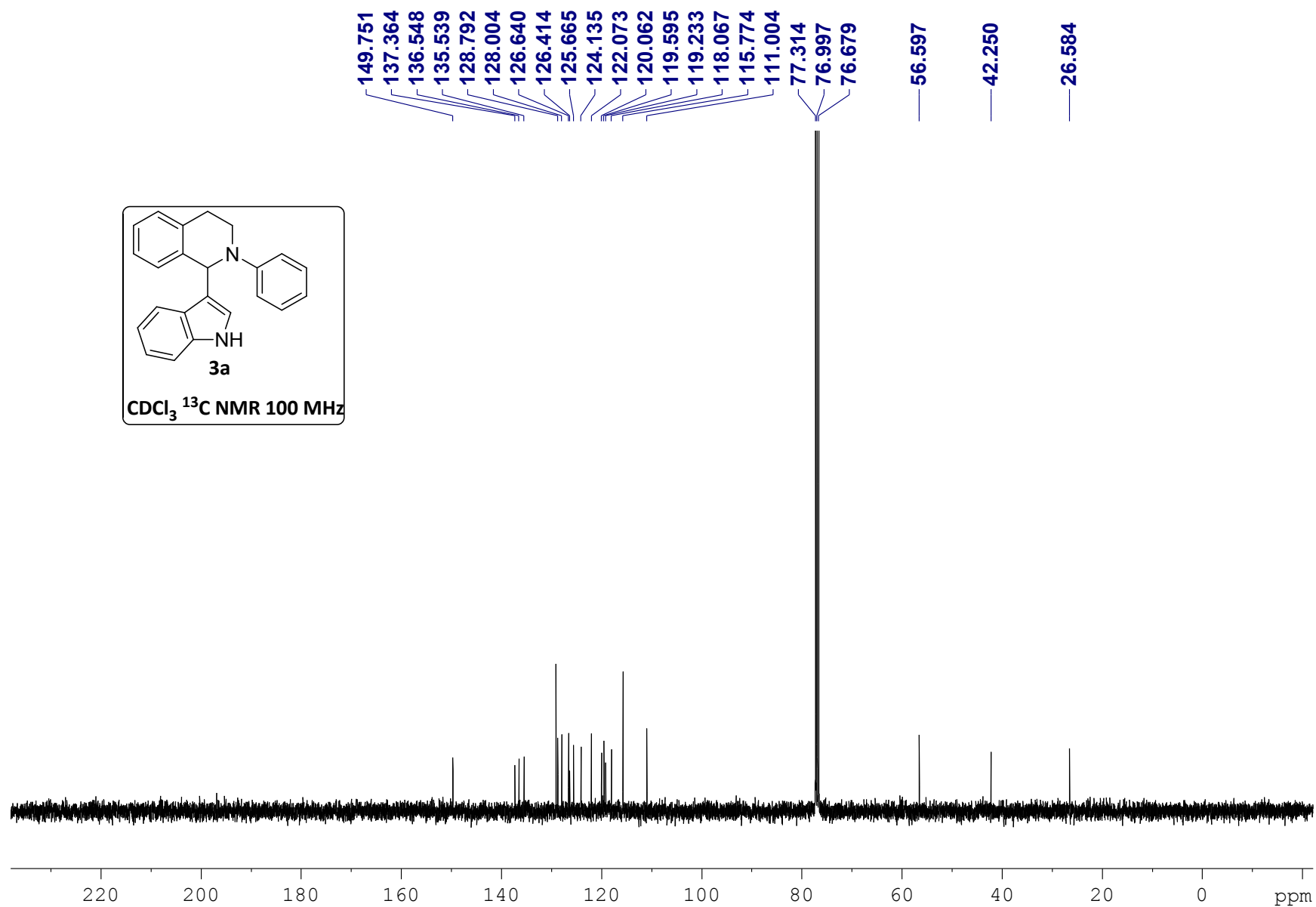
Yield - 74%; *R_f* (30% EtOAc/Hexane) 0.2; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.36 - 7.34 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.12 (m, 5H), 6.97 - 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.79 - 6.75 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 - 5.14 (d, *J* = 20 Hz, 1H),

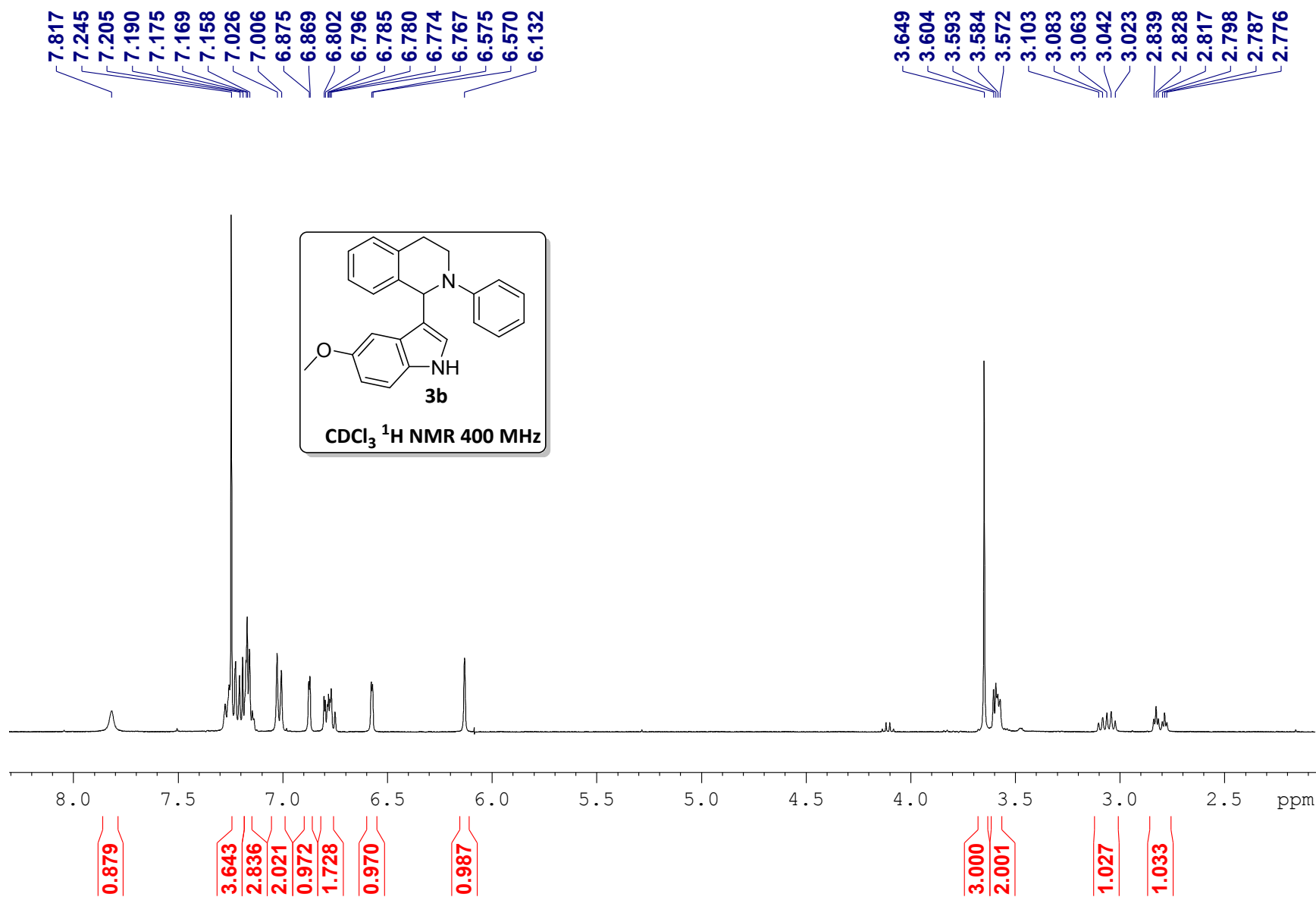
4.08 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.91 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.64 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.04 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.27 – 1.21 (m, 7H), 1.12 – 1.10 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.37 – 149.31 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 136.4 – 136.3 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 136.4 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 130.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 128.05, 127.4, 127.3, 125.83, 125.80, 118.4, 114.7, 63.3 – 63.2 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 62.3 – 62.2 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 59.5, 57.9, 43.4, 31.5, 30.2, 29.6, 26.7, 16.4, 16.3, 16.2; HRESI-MS (m/z): Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_3\text{P}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$): 396.1704, Found ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$): 396.1705.

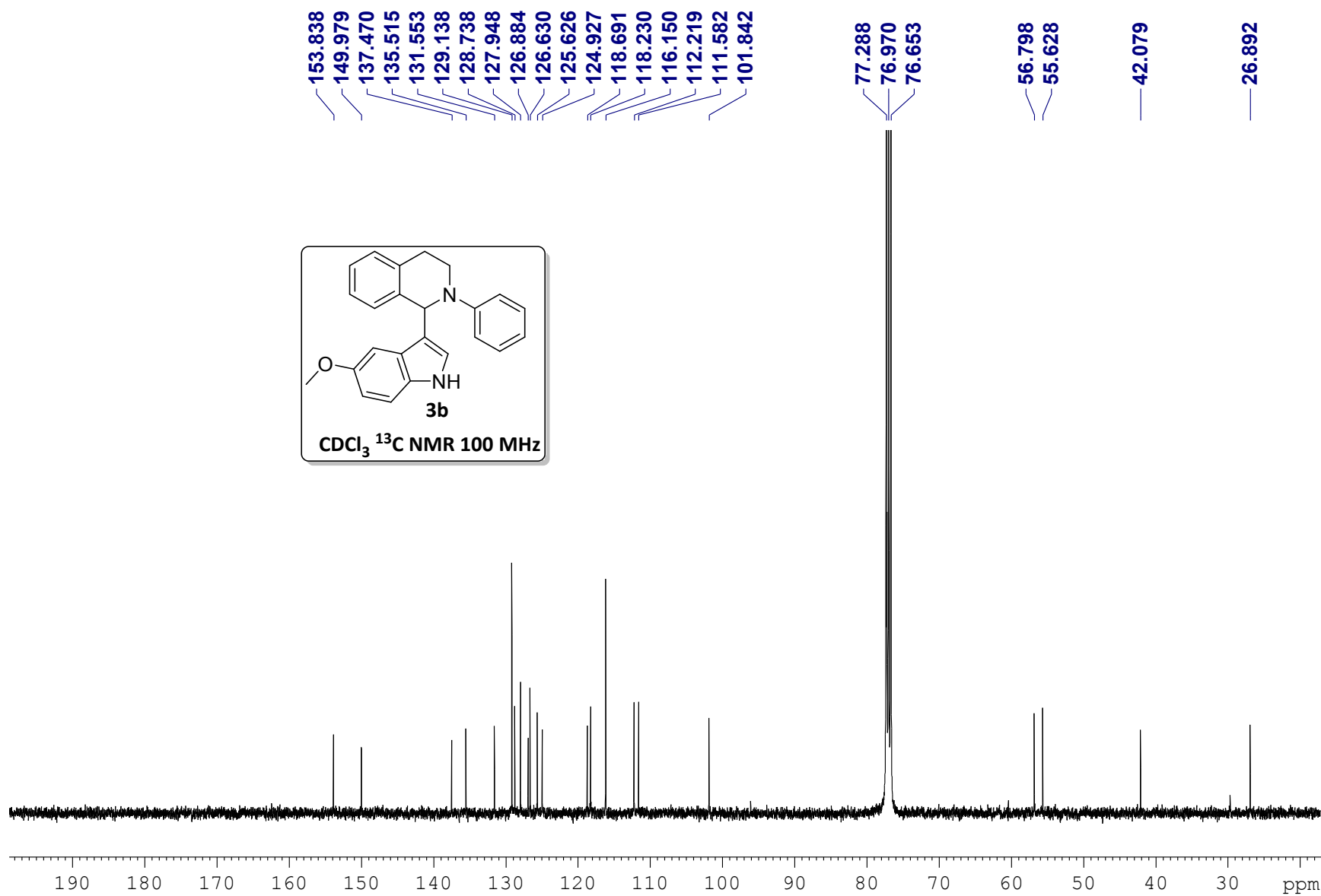
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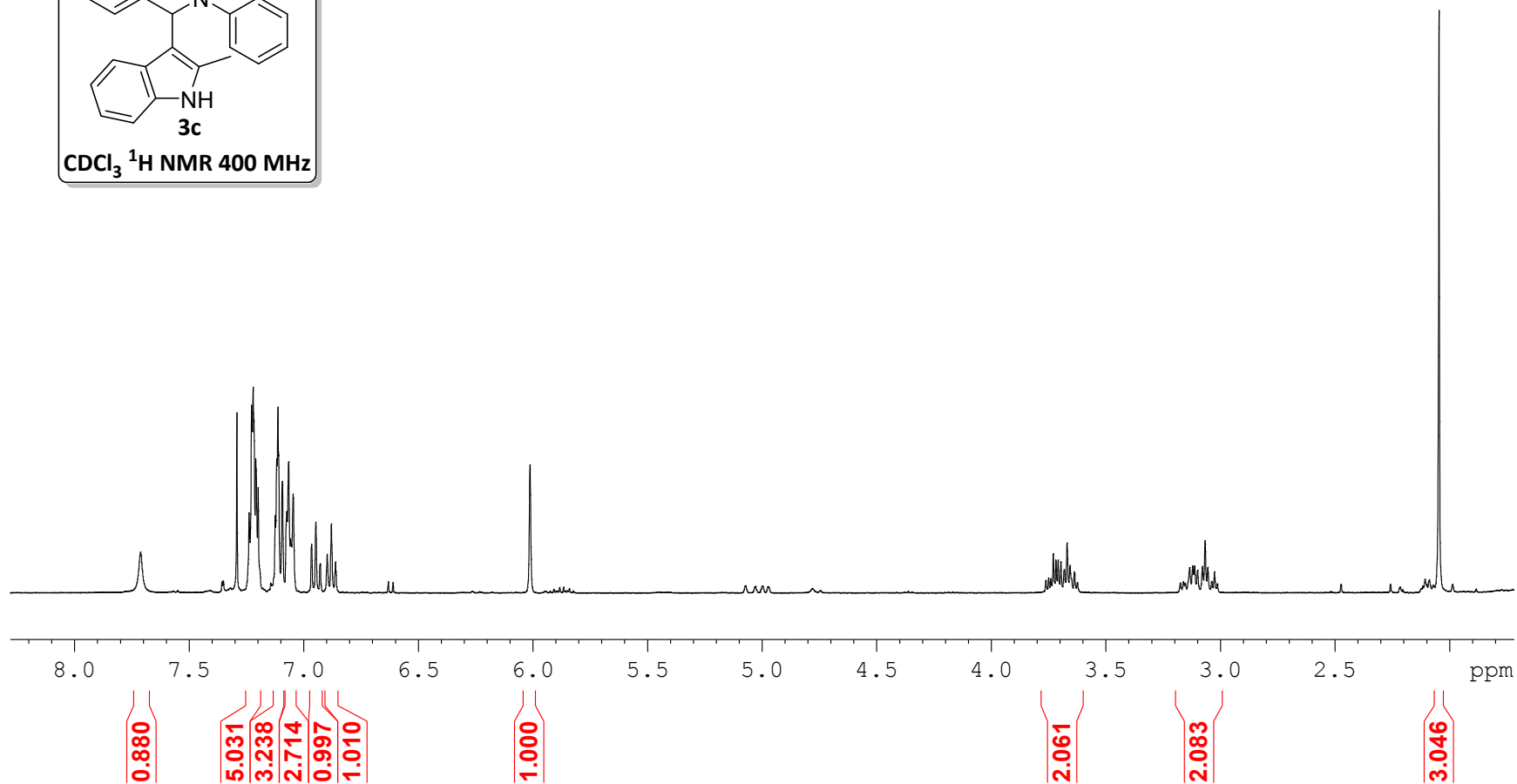
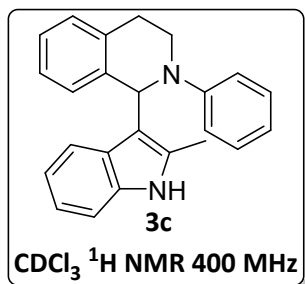


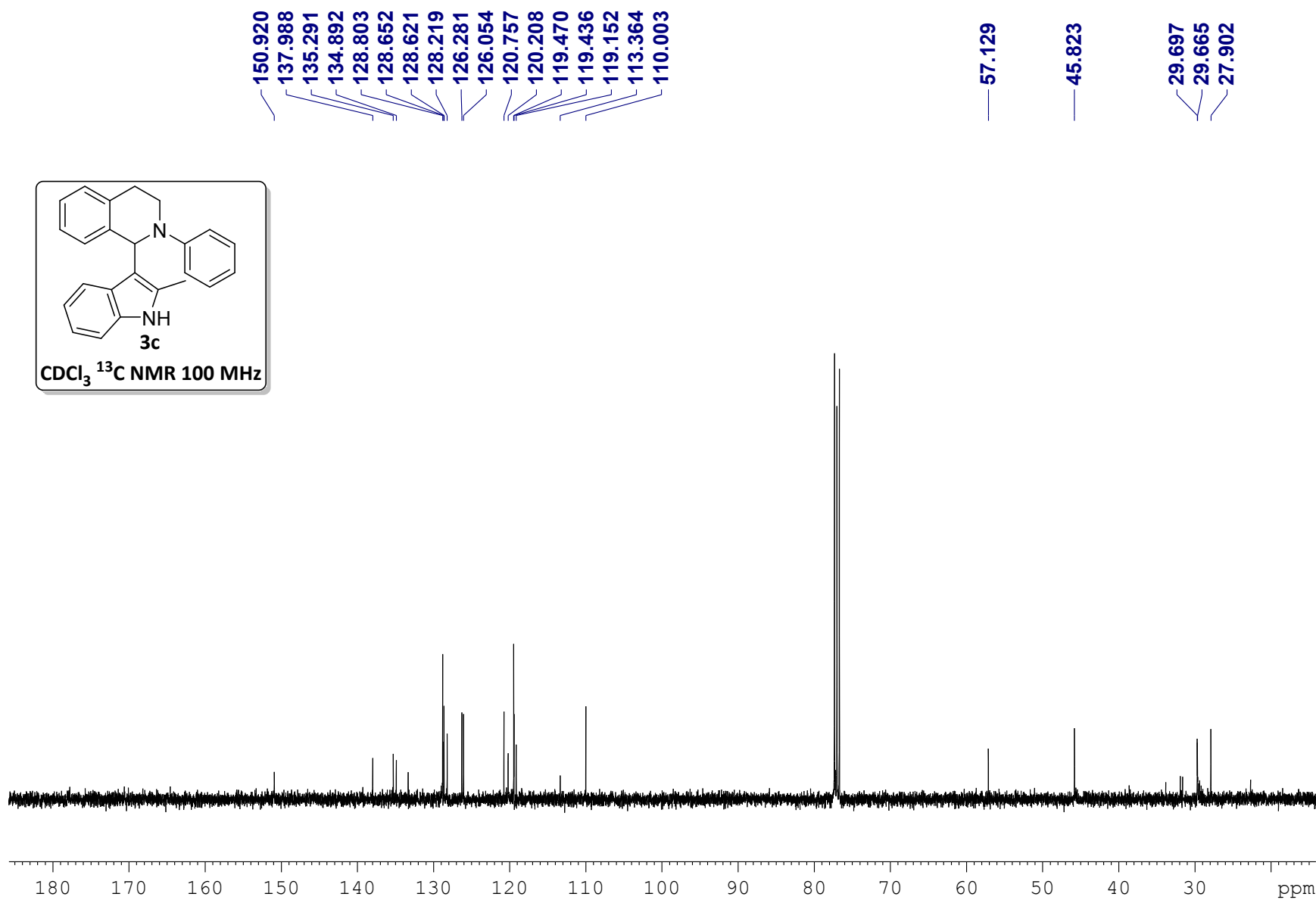


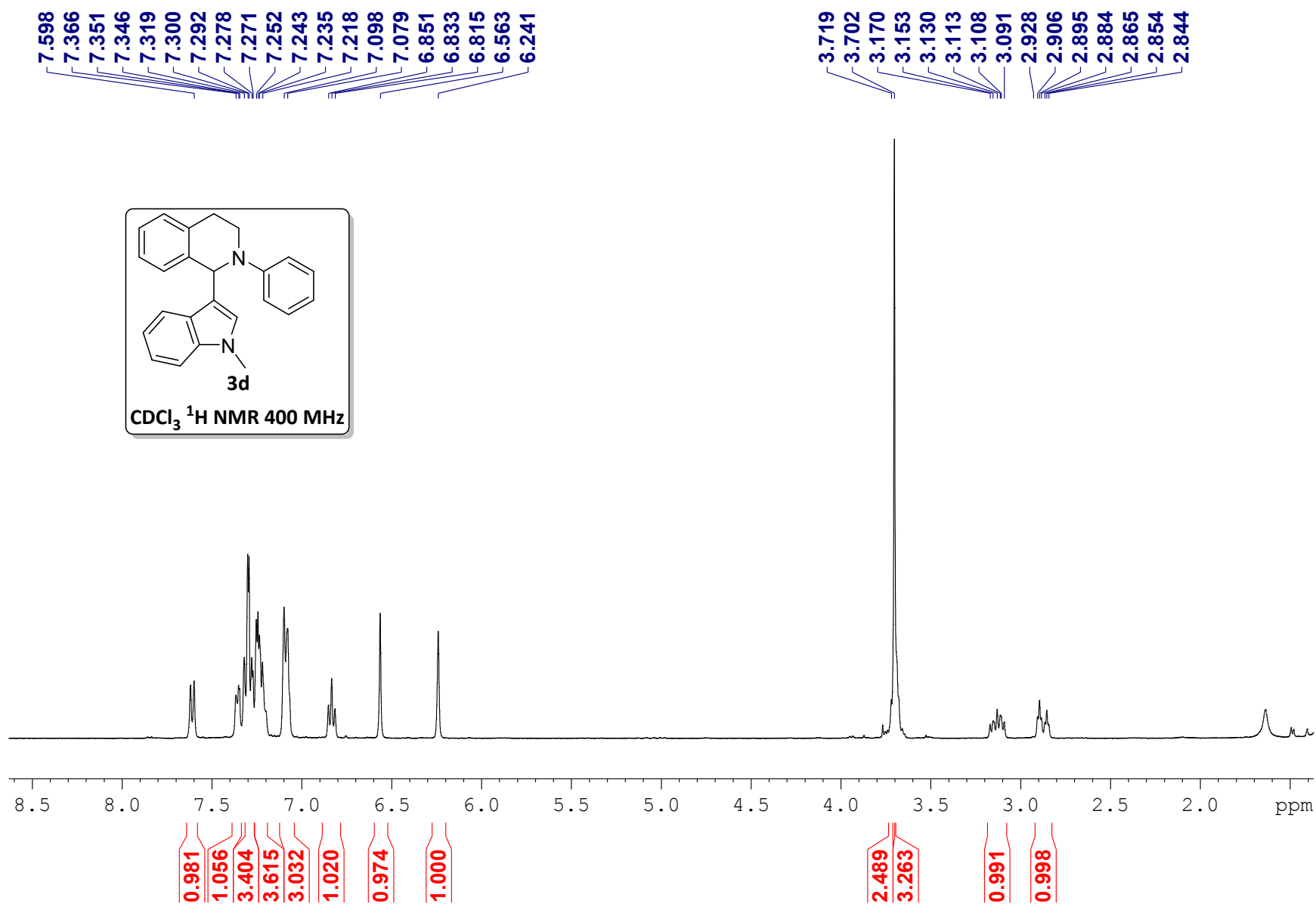


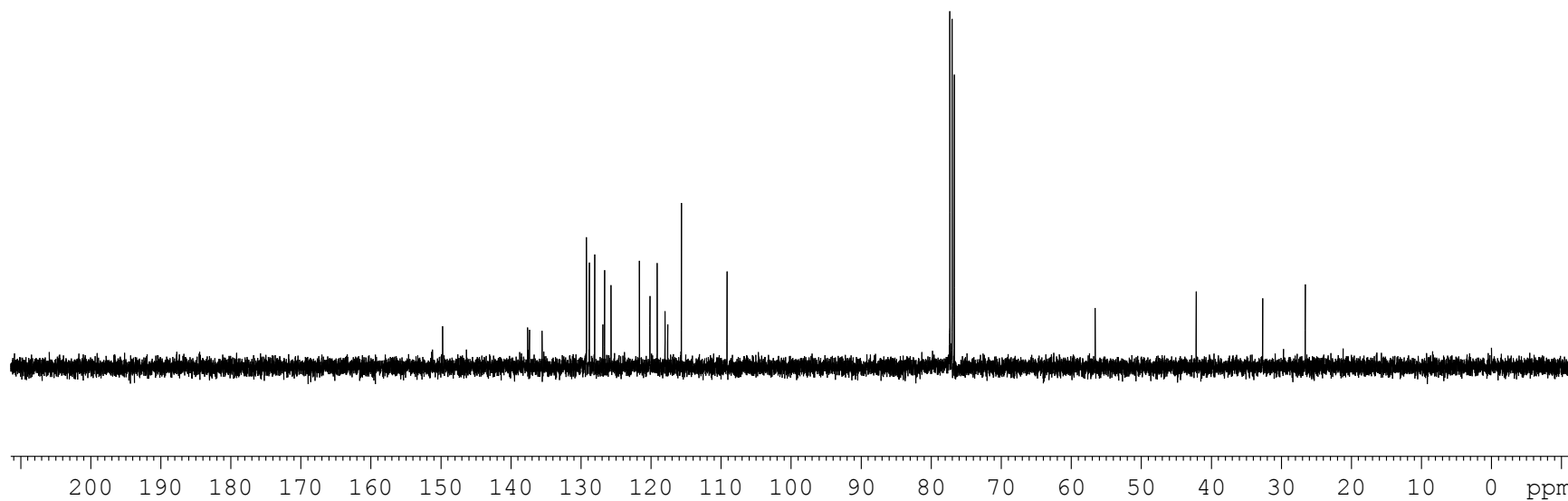
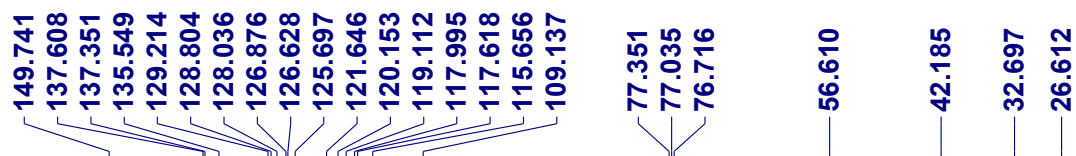
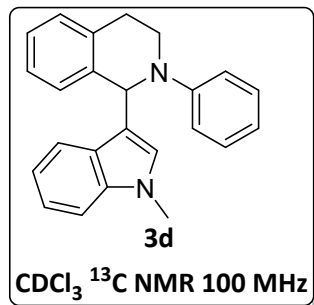
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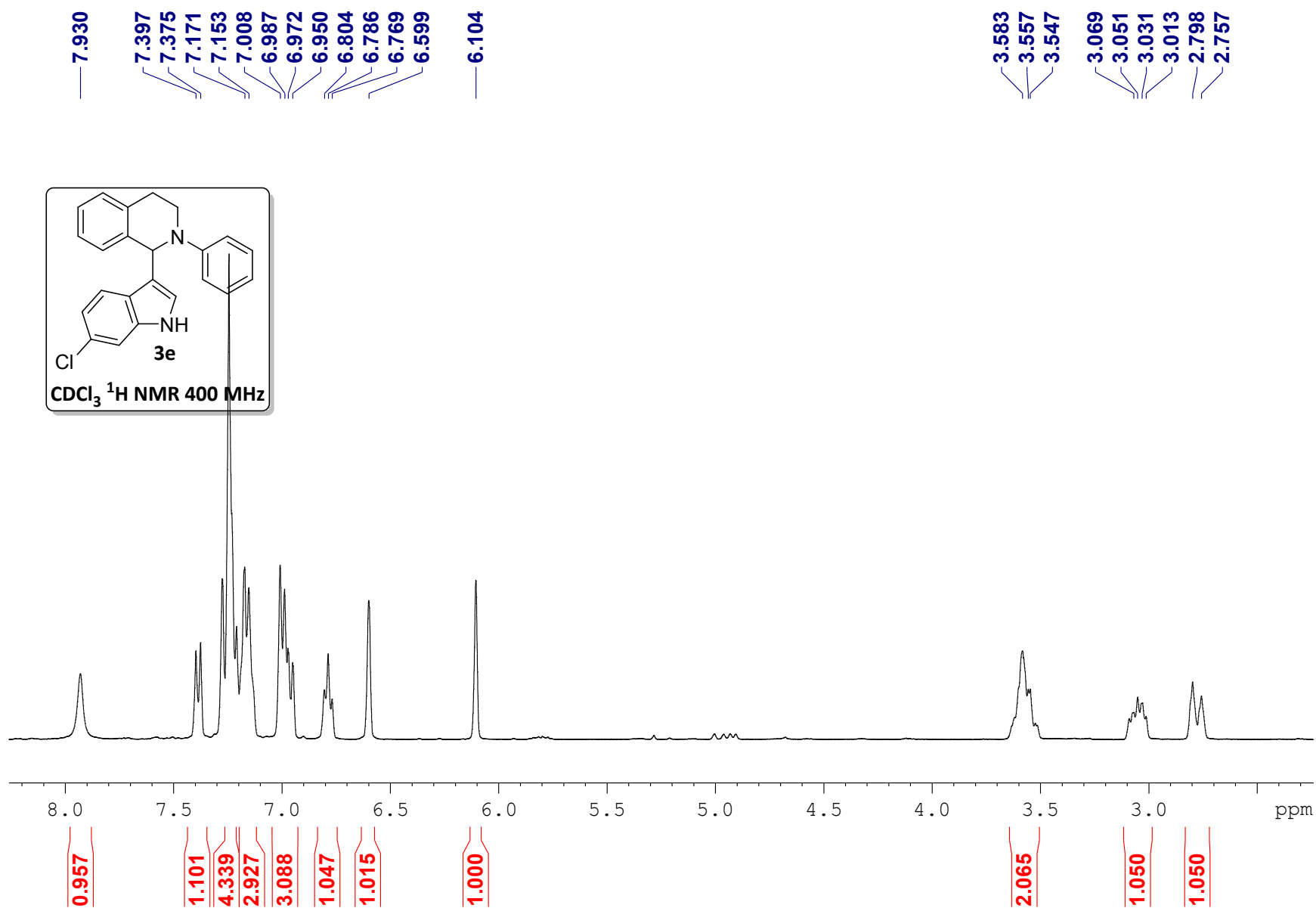
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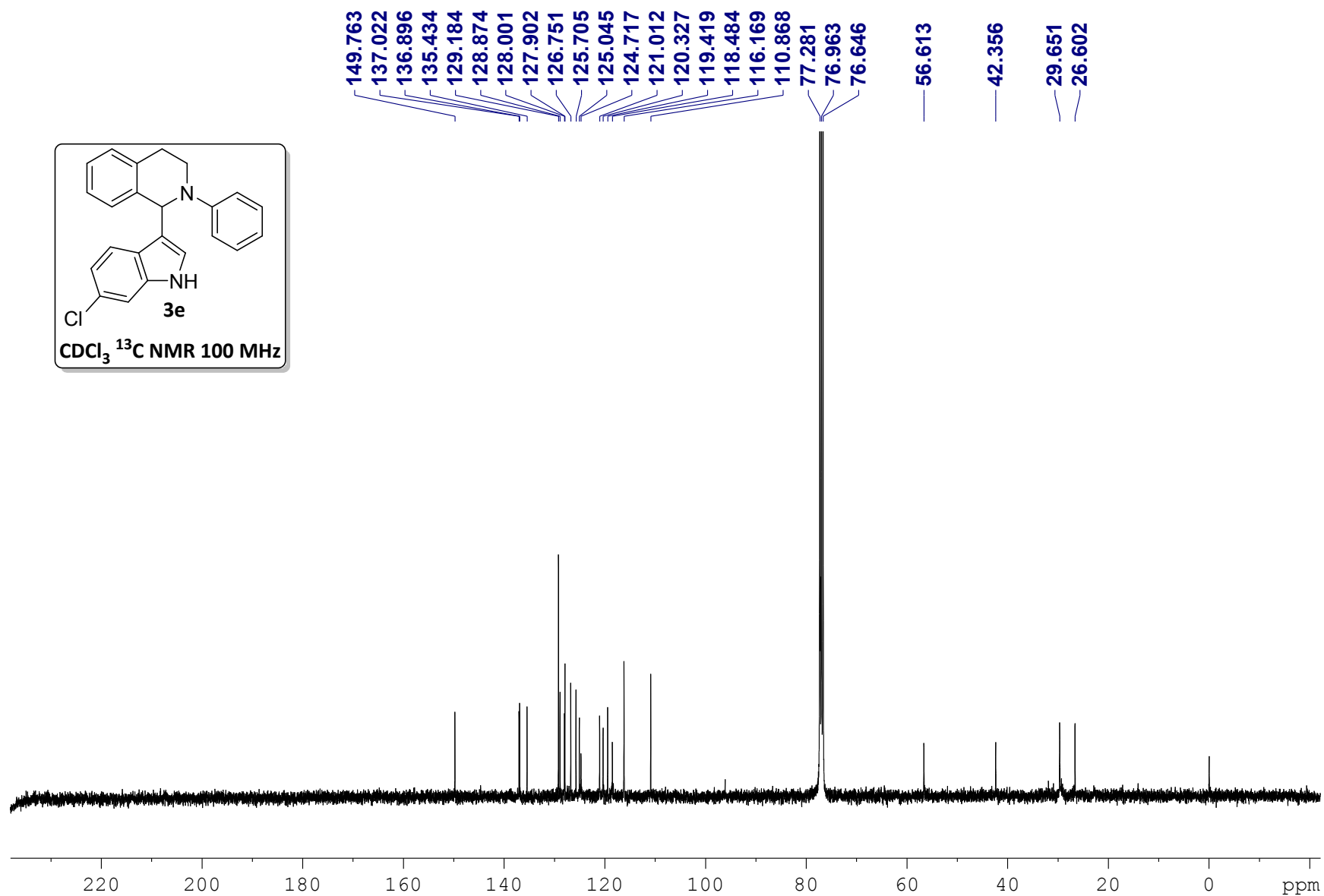












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