

Supporting Information

For

Palladium-Catalyzed Regiospecific Synthesis of Indoles from Aroyloxycarbamates with Alkynes via Decarboxylation/Cyclization

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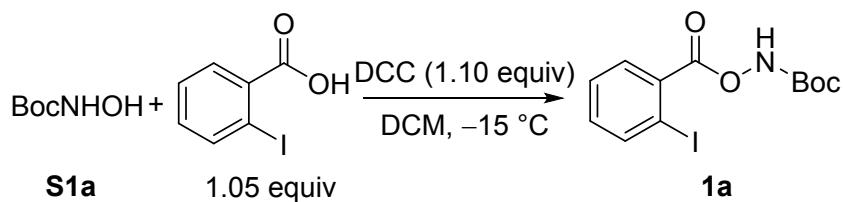
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General Information

Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk Tube under an inert atmosphere of dry argon or nitrogen atmosphere. All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. For product purification by flash column chromatography, silica gel (200-300 mesh) was used. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) referenced to the appropriate solvent peak or 0.0 ppm for tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations were used to designate chemical shift multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sep = septet, dd = doublet of doublet, td = triplet of doublet, br = broad, m = multiplet. Coupling constants, J , were reported in hertz unit (Hz). ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 101 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm referenced to the center of a triplet at 77.0 ppm of chloroform-*d*. IR spectra were obtained on a FT-IR spectrometer using KBr plates (thin film). Melting points were determined using an X-4 apparatus and are uncorrected. GC-MS data were performed on Agilent 7890A. GC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-2014 equipped with a capillary column (HP-5 30 m \times 0.25 μm) using a flame ionization detector. HRMS was performed on TOF LC-MS in ESI mode.

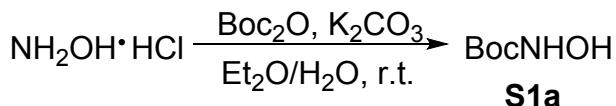
Procedures for the preparation of starting materials



To a 250 mL flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar, N-hydroxyl tert-butyl carbamate **S1a** (2.66 g, 20 mmol), 2-iodobenzoic acid (5.11 g, 21 mmol) and anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (80 mL) were added. The flask was cooled to $-15\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. DCC (4.53 g, 22 mmol, dissolved in 20 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2) solution was then added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for additional 30 mins until the N-hydroxyl carbamate was fully consumed (monitored by TLC). The white precipitate (N, N' -dicyclohexylurea) was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and

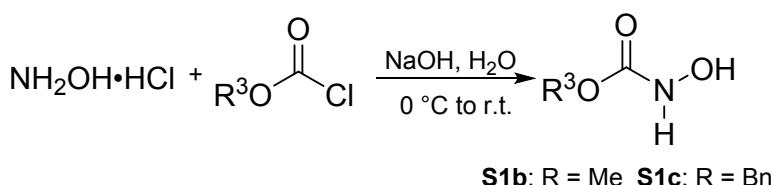
dissolved again in Et₂O (30 mL). The solution was cooled to -20 °C for 2 h and filtered again to remove additional precipitate. The organic layer was then concentrated in vacuo and the residue was recrystallized from hexanes and EtOAc to afford corresponding product **1a** in 78% yield as a white solid.

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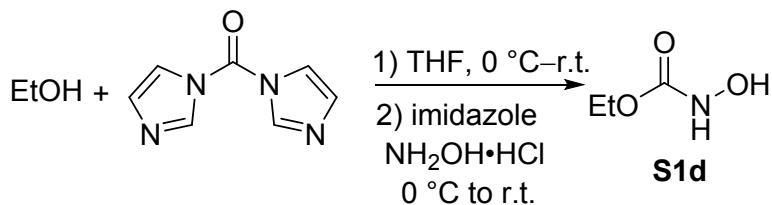
N-hydroxyl tert-butyl carbamate **S1a** was prepared from hydroxylamine hydrochloride with (Boc)₂O, according to a known procedure. A suspension of NH₂OH·HCl (9.6 g, 140 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (7.2 g, 70 mmol) in Et₂O (60 mL) and H₂O (2 mL) was stirred for about 1 h at room temperature with evolution of CO₂ gas. A solution of Boc₂O (20 g, 92 mmol) in Et₂O (40 mL) was then added dropwise at 0 °C and the suspension was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The organic phase was decanted and the solid was washed with Et₂O (30 mL × 2) and the organic layers were combined and concentrated. Recrystallization with a cyclohexane/toluene mixture afforded the desired product **S1a**.

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N-hydroxyl carbamates were prepared from hydroxylamine with the corresponding chloroformates according to a known procedure. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (13.9 g, 200 mmol) was added to aqueous solution of NaOH (1.5 M, 160 mL, 240 mmol). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and chloroformate (38 mmol) was added dropwise. Upon the completion of addition, the mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for additional 2 h. The reaction was then acidified with aqueous HCl (6 M) till pH was around 4.5. Then the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (200 mL × 3) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the N-hydroxyl carbamate was used directly without further purification.

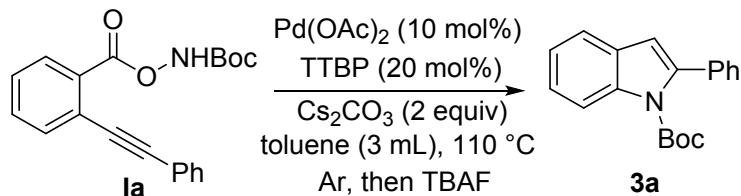
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To a flame-dried 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added CDI (1.78 g, 11 mmol) in anhydrous THF (30 mL). The flask was cooled to 0 °C and ethylalcohol (0.46 g, 10 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for additional 1 h at room temperature and then NH₂OH·HCl (1.04 g, 15 mmol) and imidazole (0.82 g, 12 mmol) were added in one portion. The reaction was monitored by TLC, until the starting material disappeared (about 1 h). Then the mixture was filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (40 mL) and washed with aqueous HCl (1 M, 20 mL × 3). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to afford the crude product **S1d** in 85% yield, which can be used directly for next step.

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Synthesis of **3a** via path a



To a solution of **Ia** (101.2 mg, 0.30 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (6.7 mg, 10 mol%), TTBP (17.4 mg, 20 mol%) and Cs₂CO₃ (195.5 mg, 0.60 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) in a Schlenk Pressure Tube (10 mL) under a dry argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 110 °C for 1.5 h, then we added TBAF (156.9 mg, 2 equiv) to the reaction system. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under pressure and the crude product was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 100 / 1) to afford the product **3a** (57.2 mg, 65%).

A. Yasuhara, Y. Knamori, M. Kaneko, A. Numata, Y. Kondo, T. Sakamoto, *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I* **1999**, 529.

Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions of path a.^a

Entry	Catalyst	Ligand	Time (h)	Solvent	Yield ^b (%)	
					base, solvent, 110 °C, Ar then TBAF	3a
1	PdCl ₂	PPh ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	30	
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	34	
3	PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	No	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	28	
4	Pd(TFA) ₂	PPh ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	26	
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	No	No	Toluene	Trace	
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	No	Toluene	Trace	
7	No	No	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	18	
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	BINAP	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	47	
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	Xantphos	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	50	
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	56	
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(o-tol) ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	48	
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	2,2'-Bipyridine	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	42	
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	K ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	20	
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	t-BuOK	Toluene	17	
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	t-BuONa	Toluene	18	
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	Et ₃ N	Toluene	6	
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	Cs ₂ CO ₃	CHCl ₃	29	
18	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	0	
19	Pd(OAc) ₂	TTBP	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Xylene	50	
20	Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%)	TTBP (20 mol%)	Cs₂CO₃	Toluene	69 (65)^c	
21	Pd(OAc) ₂ (20 mol%)	TTBP (40 mol%)	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Toluene	63	

^a Reaction conditions: **Ia** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (5 mol%), ligand (10 mol%), base (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv), TBAF (2 equiv) in solvent (1 mL) under argon atmosphere at 110 °C. ^b The yields were determined by GC analysis using biphenyl as internal standard. ^c Yield of the isolated product.

Table S2. Synthesis of starting materials I via Sonogashira cross-coupling reaction.^a

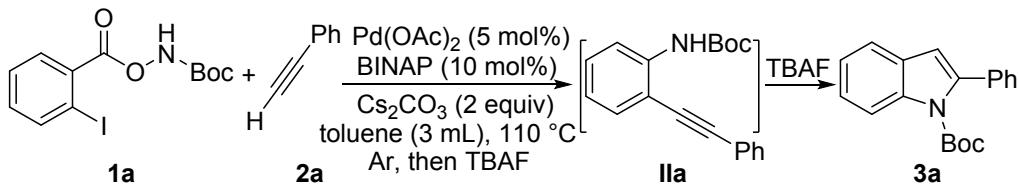
Entry	R ¹	I	Time (h)	Yield ^b (%)
1	C ₆ H ₅	Ia	1.5	78
2	4-FC ₆ H ₄	Ib	1	71
3	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	Ic	2	69
4	4-BrC ₆ H ₄	Id	2.5	46
5	3-ClC ₆ H ₄	Ie	3	48
6	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	If	2	85
7	4-EtC ₆ H ₄	 Ig	4	86
8	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Ih	2	83

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (2.0 mmol), **2** (3.2 mmol), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (5 mol%), CuI (10 mol%) in Et₃N (6 mL) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. ^b Yield of the isolated product.

To a Et₃N (6 mL) solution of **1a** (726.3 mg, 2 mmol) and **2a** (326.8 mg, 3.2 mmol) were added PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (70.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and CuI (38.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) in a Schlenk Pressure Tube (25 mL) under a dry argon atmosphere at room temperature. The resulting mixture was monitored by TLC until **1a** was consumed about 1.5 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under pressure and the crude product was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product **Ia** (526.3 mg, 78%). We used the similar method to afford **Ib-Ih** (Table S2).

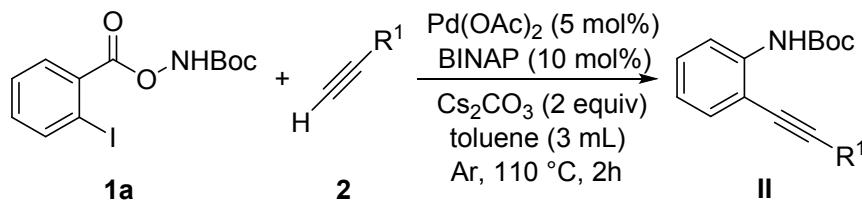
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Synthesis of **3a** via path b



To a toluene (3 mL) solution of *t*-butyl[[(2-iodinebenzoyl)oxy]carbamate **1a** (108.9 mg, 0.30 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (3.4 mg, 5 mol%), BINAP (18.6 mg, 10 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (195.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) were added phenylacetylene **2a** (49.0 mg, 0.48 mmol) in a Schlenk Pressure Tube (10 mL) under a dry argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred at 110 °C and monitored by TLC until the starting material **1a** was transformed into **IIa** about 2 hours. Then we added the TBAF (156.9 mg, 2 equiv) to the reaction system. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under pressure and the crude product was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 100 / 1) to afford the product **3a** (52.8 mg, 60%).

Table S3. Synthesis of **II.^a**

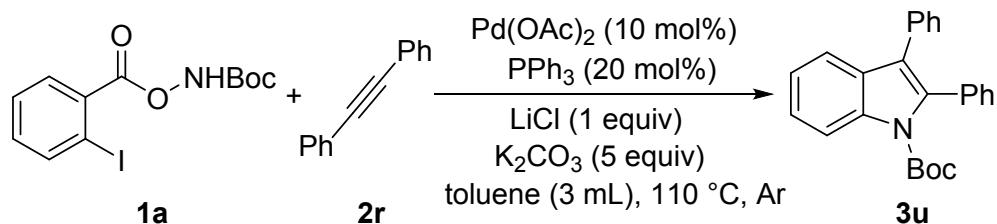


Entry	R ¹	II	Yield ^b (%)
1	C ₆ H ₄	IIa	71
2	2-FC ₆ H ₄	IIb	88
3	3-FC ₆ H ₄	IIc	87
4	4-FC ₆ H ₄	IId	71
5	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	IIe	73
6	4-BrC ₆ H ₄	IIf	61
7	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	IIg	85
8	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	IIh	83
9	thiophene	IIi	67
10	cyclopropane	IIj	59
11	(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃	IIk	65
12	TMS	III	63

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.30 mmol), **2** (0.48 mmol, 1.6 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), BINAP (10 mol%) Cs₂CO₃ (0.6 mmol, 2 equiv) in toluene (3 mL) at 110 °C under argon atmosphere. ^b Yield of the isolated product.

To a toluene (3 mL) solution of *t*-butyl [((2-iodinebenzoyl)oxy)]carbamate **1a** (108.9 mg, 0.30 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (3.4 mg, 5 mol%), BINAP (18.6 mg, 10 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (195.5 mg, 0.60 mmol) were added phenylacetylene **2a** (49.0 mg, 0.48 mmol) in a Schlenk Pressure Tube (10 mL) under a dry argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred at 110 °C and monitored by TLC until the starting material **1a** was consumed about 2 hours. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under pressure and the crude product was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 40 / 1) to afford the product **IIa** (62.5 mg, 71%). We used this same method to afford **IIIb-III** (Table S3).

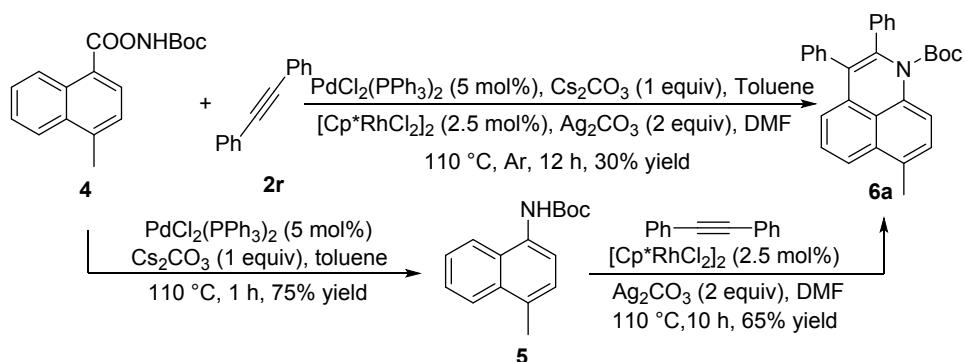
Synthesis of 2, 3-disubstituted indole **3u**



To a toluene (3 mL) solution of **1a** (108.9 mg, 0.30 mmol), **2r** (85.6 mg, 0.48 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (6.7 mg, 10 mol%), PPh₃ (15.7 mg, 20 mol%) and K₂CO₃ (207.3 mg, 1.50 mmol), LiCl (12.7 mg, 0.30 mmol) in a Schlenk Pressure Tube (10 mL) under a dry argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 110 °C for overnight. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under pressure and the crude product was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product **3u** (72 mg, 65%).

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Synthesis of compound **6a**

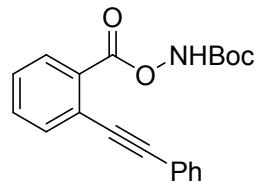


To a solution of **4** (90.4 mg, 0.3 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (10.5 mg, 0.015 mmol) and Cs₂CO₃ (97.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) in a Schlenk Pressure Tube (10 mL) under a dry argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred at 110 °C and monitored by TLC until the starting material **5** was consumed about 1 h. After removing the solvent by reduced pressure distillation, we added the diphenylacetylene (85.6 mg, 0.48 mmol), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (4.6 mg, 0.015 mmol), Ag₂CO₃ (165.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) and DMF (3 mL) to the reaction system. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under pressure and the crude product was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product **6** (39.0 mg, 30%).

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- (2) Q. Dai, P. Li, N. Ma and C. Hu, *Org. Lett.*, 2016, **18**, 5560.

Characterization data

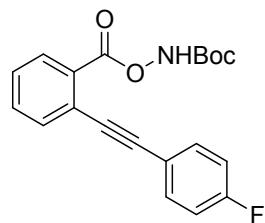
Table S2, entry 1



tert-butyl ((2-(phenylethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamate Ia

Yellow solid (526.3 mg, 78%). mp: 84-85 °C. IR (film) 2943, 2834, 1451, 1012, 756 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.5, 155.6, 133.9, 132.8, 131.8, 130.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 124.5, 123.0, 95.3, 87.3, 83.3, 28.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ClNO₄ 355.1652; Found 355.1663.

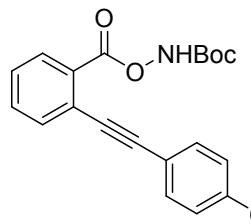
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tert-butyl ((2-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamatecarbamate Ib

Oil (503.0 mg, 71%). IR (film) 2976, 1733, 1227, 1012, 756 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.5, 162.7 (d, *J* = 251.2 Hz), 155.5, 133.8 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 133.7, 132.8, 130.7, 128.4, 128.0, 124.3, 119.1 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 222.2 Hz), 94.2, 87.0, 83.3, 28.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈FNO₄ 373.1558; Found 373.1563.

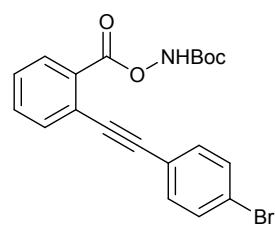
Table S2, entry 3



tert-butyl ((2-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamate Ic

White solid (513.1 mg, 69%). mp: 59-60 °C. IR (film) 2952, 1660, 1451, 1053, 1012 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.5, 155.5, 134.7, 133.9, 133.1, 132.8, 130.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 124.1, 121.5, 94.0, 88.2, 83.4, 28.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ClNO₄ 389.1263; Found 389.1263.

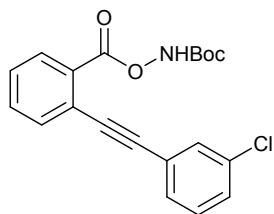
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tert-butyl ((2-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamate Id

Oil (383.0 mg, 46%). IR (film) 2979, 1733, 1224, 1006, 750 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.40 (m, 5H), 1.51 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 155.5, 133.9, 133.2, 132.8, 131.6, 130.8, 128.5, 128.2, 124.1, 123.0, 121.9, 94.1, 88.4, 83.4, 28.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈BrNO₄ 435.0740; Found 435.0745.

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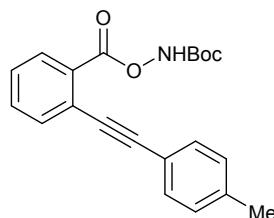


tert-butyl ((2-((3-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamate Ie

White solid (357.0 mg, 48%). mp: 93-95 °C. IR (film) 2973, 1739, 1050, 1006, 750 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.09-8.07 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.5, 155.5, 134.2, 134.1, 132.9, 131.7, 130.8, 130.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 124.7, 124.0, 93.7, 88.4, 83.5, 28.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ClNO₄ 389.1263; Found 389.1263.

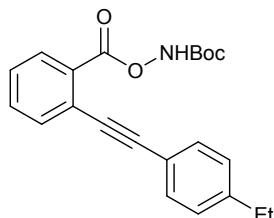
Table S2, entry 6



tert-butyl ((2-((p-tolylethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamate If

Oil (597.4 mg, 85%). IR (film) 2949, 2522, 1457, 1033, 756 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.21 (s 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 155.6, 138.9, 133.9, 132.7, 131.8, 130.7, 129.1, 128.4, 127.7, 124.7, 119.9, 95.6, 86.7, 83.3, 28.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₄ 352.1543; Found 352.1551.

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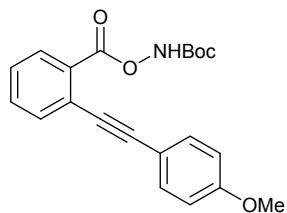


tert-butyl ((2-((4-ethylphenyl)ethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamate Ig

Oil (628.1 mg, 86%). IR (film) 2967, 1739, 1224, 1018, 750 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (td, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.66 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.6, 155.6, 145.2, 133.9, 132.7, 131.9, 130.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 124.8, 120.1, 95.6, 86.7, 83.3, 28.9, 28.0, 15.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4$ 366.1700; Found 366.1702.

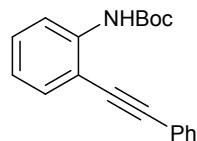
Table S2, entry 8



tert-butyl ((2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzoyl)oxy)carbamate Ia

Oil (609.9 mg, 83%). IR (film) 2976, 1742, 1249, 1059, 759 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.0$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.38 (td, $J = 7.8$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.6, 160.0, 155.6, 133.7, 133.4, 132.7, 130.7, 128.2, 127.6, 124.9, 115.1, 114.0, 95.6, 86.2, 83.3, 55.3, 28.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_5$ 368.1492; Found 368.1503.

Table S3, entry 1

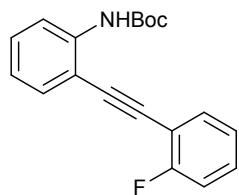


tert-butyl (2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIa

White solid (62.5 mg, 71%). mp: 62-65 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.16 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.99 (td, $J = 7.6$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.3, 139.4, 131.6, 131.4, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 122.5, 122.0, 117.5, 111.1, 96.0, 84.5, 80.7, 28.2.

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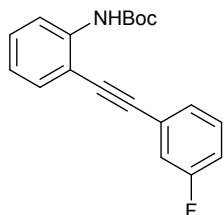


tert-butyl (2-((2-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIb

Yellow solid (82.2 mg, 88%). mp: 68-70 °C. IR (film) 3408, 2967, 1733, 1056, 756 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.6 (d, *J* = 252.5 Hz), 152.5, 139.9, 132.8, 131.4, 130.3 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 130.0, 124.1 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 122.0, 117.5, 115.6 (d, *J* = 209.1 Hz), 111.4 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 110.7, 90.0, 89.5, 80.7, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ 312.1394; Found 312.1412.

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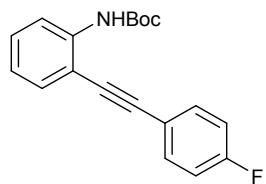


tert-butyl (2-((3-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIc

Yellow solid (81.3 mg, 87%). mp: 57-61 °C. IR (film) 3408, 2967, 1731, 1074, 873 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.4 (d, *J* = 248.1 Hz), 152.4, 139.6, 131.8, 130.1 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 130.0, 127.4 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 124.4 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 122.2, 118.3 (d, *J* = 23 Hz), 117.7, 116.0 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 110.7, 94.7, 85.5, 81.0, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂ 312.1394; Found 312.1412.

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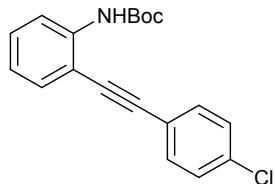


tert-butyl (2-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IId

Yellow solid (66.3 mg, 71%). mp: 69-71 °C. IR (film) 3405, 2973, 1383, 1048, 880 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (br, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.7 (d, J = 251.4 Hz), 152.4, 139.5, 133.5 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 131.7, 129.7, 122.2, 118.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 117.7, 115.9 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 111.0, 94.9, 84.3, 80.9, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈FNO₂ 312.1394; Found 312.1412.

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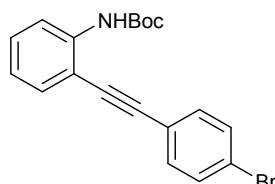


tert-butyl (2-((4-chlorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIe

White solid (81.6 mg, 83%). mp: 87-90 °C. IR (film) 3405, 2976, 1380, 1056, 880 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 139.5, 134.8, 132.7, 131.8, 129.9, 128.9, 122.1, 121.1, 117.7, 110.8, 94.8, 85.5, 80.9, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClNO₂ 328.1099; Found 328.1105.

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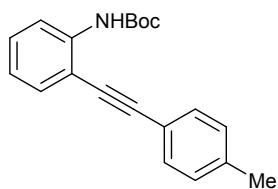


tert-butyl (2-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIIf

Yellow solid (68.1 mg, 71%). mp: 92-95 °C. IR (film) 3402, 2973, 1386, 1051, 880 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 139.5, 132.9, 131.8, 131.7, 129.9, 123.0, 122.2, 121.6, 117.7, 110.8, 94.9, 85.7, 80.9, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈BrNO₂ 372.0594; Found 372.0586.

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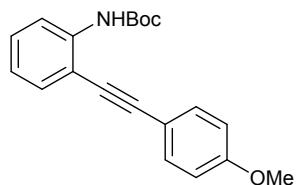


tert-butyl (2-(p-tolyethyl)phenyl)carbamate IIg

Yellow solid (78.4 mg, 85%). mp: 47-52 °C. IR (film) 3411, 2979, 1739, 1518, 815 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 139.4, 139.0, 131.6, 131.4, 129.5, 129.3, 122.1, 119.5, 117.5, 111.3, 96.2, 83.9, 80.8, 28.3, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₂ 308.1645; Found 308.1648.

Table S3, entry 8

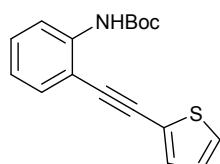


tert-butyl (2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIh

Yellow solid (79.6 mg, 82%). mp: 92-95 °C. IR (film) 3411, 2973, 1731, 1383, 1045 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.0, 152.4, 139.3, 133.0, 131.5, 129.3, 122.1, 117.5, 114.7, 114.1, 111.5, 96.1, 83.2, 80.7, 55.3, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₂₁NO₃ 324.1594; Found 308.1590.

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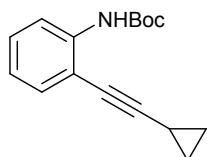
tert-butyl (2-(thiophen-3-ylethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIIi

Brown solid (60.2 mg, 67%). mp: 111-113 °C. IR (film) 3414, 1733, 1513, 1383, 1157 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.24 (br, 1H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR

(101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 139.4, 132.3, 131.7, 129.9, 127.8, 127.2, 122.5, 122.1, 117.7, 110.8, 89.0, 88.2, 80.9, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇NO₂S 300.1053; Found 300.1059.

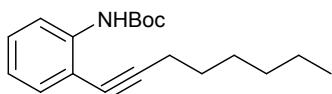
Table S3, entry 10



tert-butyl (2-(cyclopropylethynyl)phenyl)carbamate IIj

Oil (45.5 mg, 59%). IR (film) 3400, 2973, 1733, 1515, 1053 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.53-1.50 (m, 1H), 0.96-0.92 (m, 2H), 0.87-0.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.5, 139.6, 131.6, 128.7, 121.9, 117.2, 111.7, 100.5, 80.6, 70.9, 28.3, 9.0, 6.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO₂ 258.1489; Found 258.1488.

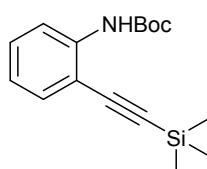
Table S3, entry 11



tert-butyl (2-(oct-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl)carbamate IIk

Oil (58.8 mg, 65%). IR (film) 3402, 2979, 1733, 1051, 756 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (br, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.69-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 1.51-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.31 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.5, 139.4, 131.5, 128.7, 121.9, 117.2, 111.9, 97.5, 80.5, 76.0, 31.3, 28.6, 28.5, 28.3, 22.5, 19.6, 14.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₇NO₂ 302.2115; Found 302.2116.

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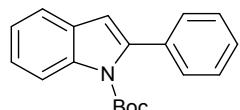
tert-butyl (2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)phenyl)carbamate III

Oil (54.7 mg, 63%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.2

Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 0.29 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.4, 140.3, 131.3, 129.9, 121.8, 117.2, 110.9, 102.0, 100.5, 80.6, 28.3, 0.1.

J. Neuhaus, S. Morrow, M. Brunavs and M. C. Willis, *Org. Lett.*, 2016, **18**, 1562.

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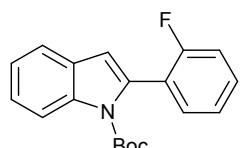


tert-butyl 2-phenyl-1H-indene-1-carboxylate 3a

White solid (52.8 mg, 60%). mp: 76-78 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.2, 140.5, 137.4, 135.0, 129.2, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 124.3, 122.9, 120.4, 115.2, 109.9, 83.3, 27.5.

R. Kuwano and M. Kashiwabara, *Org. Lett.*, 2006, **8**, 2653.

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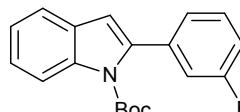


tert-butyl 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1H-indene-1-carboxylate 3b

White solid (60.7 mg, 65%). mp: 85-86 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.3 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 150.0, 139.0 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 137.5, 137.0 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 129.2 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 129.0, 124.6, 124.5 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 123.0, 120.6, 115.8 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 115.3, 114.3 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 110.5, 83.6, 27.6.

P. Kassis, V. Bénéteau, J. Y. Mérour and S. Routier, *Synthesis*, 2009, **14**, 2447.

Table 2, entry 3

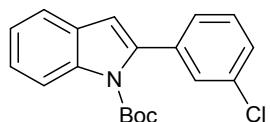


tert-butyl 2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indene-1-carboxylate 3c

White solid (57.0 mg, 61%). mp: 89-91 °C. IR (film) 2979, 1733, 1327, 1021, 744 cm^{-1} .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.0 (d, *J* = 248.5 Hz), 149.9, 137.3, 134.1, 130.4 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 129.6 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 128.9, 124.6, 123.8 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 123.4, (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz), 122.8, 120.5, 115.3, 115.0 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 110.7, 83.4, 27.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈FNO₂ 312.1394; Found 312.1395.

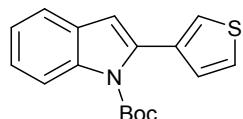
Table 2, entry 4



tert-butyl 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3d

Oil (47.2 mg, 48%). IR (film) 2979, 1736, 1321, 1030, 741 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 138.8, 137.5, 136.7, 133.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 127.5, 126.8, 124.7, 123.1, 120.6, 115.3, 110.5, 83.7, 27.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClNO₂ 328.1099; Found 328.1104.

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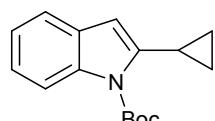


tert-butyl 2-(thiophen-3-yl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3e

White solid (49.4 mg, 55%). mp: 61-62 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.11 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 137.4, 135.5, 132.6, 128.7, 127.5, 126.5, 125.9, 124.7, 123.0, 120.5, 115.3, 111.9, 83.6, 27.7.

P. Kassis, V. Bénéteau, J. Y. Mérour and S. Routier, *Synthesis*, 2009, **14**, 2447.

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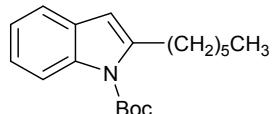


tert-butyl 2-cyclopropyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3f

Oil (40.1 mg, 52%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 1H), 1.70 (s, 9H), 0.99-0.94 (m, 2H), 0.77-0.73 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.7, 144.0, 136.9, 129.1, 123.4, 122.6, 119.8, 115.4, 105.6, 83.4, 28.3, 11.2, 7.5.

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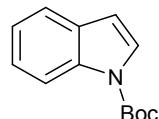


tert-butyl 2-hexyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3g

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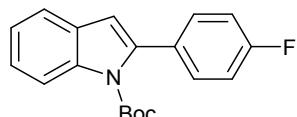


tert-butyl 1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3h

Oil (35.8 mg, 55%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.17 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.59-6.58 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.8, 135.1, 130.5, 125.8, 124.1, 122.6, 120.9, 115.1, 107.2, 83.6, 28.2.

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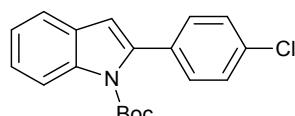


tert-butyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indene-1-carboxylate 3i

White solid (57.0 mg, 61%). mp: 113-115 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.4 (d, *J* = 248.1 Hz), 150.1, 139.3, 137.3, 131.0 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 129.1, 124.4, 123.0, 120.4, 115.3, 114.7 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 110.1, 83.6, 27.6.

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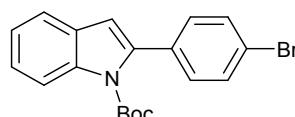


tert-butyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3j

White solid (55.9 mg, 57%). mp: 86-88 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 139.1, 137.4, 133.6, 133.4, 130.0, 129.1, 128.0, 124.5, 123.0, 120.5, 115.3, 110.4, 83.7, 27.6.

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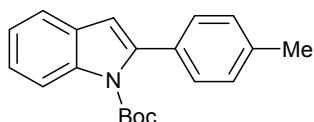


tert-butyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3k

White solid (48.0 mg, 43%). mp: 89-90 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 139.2, 137.4, 133.9, 130.9, 130.3, 129.1, 124.6, 123.0, 121.7, 120.5, 115.3, 110.4, 83.8, 27.6.

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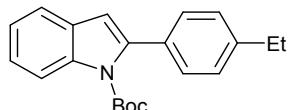


tert-butyl 2-(p-tolyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3l

White solid; mp: 120-122 °C; 61.8 g, 67% yield; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 3H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.3, 140.7, 137.4, 132.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 124.1, 122.8, 120.3, 115.1, 109.6, 83.3, 27.6, 21.3, 1.0.

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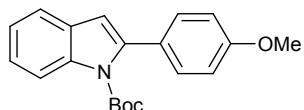
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tert-butyl 2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3m

White solid (46.3 mg, 48%). mp: 64-66 °C. IR (film) 2964, 1654, 1324, 1029, 744 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 2.69 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.2, 143.8, 140.6, 137.4, 132.2, 129.2, 128.7, 127.2, 124.1, 122.8, 120.3, 115.1, 109.5, 83.2, 28.7, 27.5, 15.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO₂ 322.1802; Found 322.1820.

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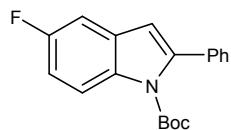


tert-butyl 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3n

White solid (63.1 mg, 65%). mp: 94-95 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.2, 150.3, 140.4, 137.3, 129.9, 129.3, 127.4, 124.0, 122.8, 120.2, 115.2, 113.2, 109.5, 83.3, 55.3, 27.7.

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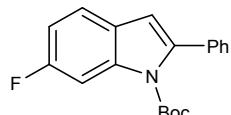
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tert-butyl 5-fluoro-2-phenyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3o

Oil (49.50 mg, 53%). IR (film) 2923, 1727, 1463, 1321, 1156, 735 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 5H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.5, 158.2, 150.0, 142.0, 134.7, 133.7, 130.0, 129.9, 128.7, 127.8, 116.3, 116.2, 112.1, 111.8, 109.5, 105.9, 105.6, 83.6, 29.7, 27.5.

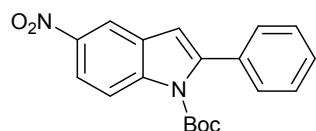
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Oil (64.44 mg, 69%). IR (film) 2920, 1733, 1327, 1157, 862, 694 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.0, 134.7, 128.7, 127.7, 125.5, 121.0, 111.3, 111.0, 109.4, 102.8, 102.6, 83.8, 29.7, 27.5.

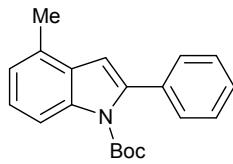
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Oil (51.31 mg, 69%). IR (film) 2920, 1740, 1521, 1322, 1154, 748 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.48 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (s, 5H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.4, 143.9, 143.5, 140.5, 133.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 119.4, 116.7, 115.3, 109.9, 84.8, 27.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ClNO₄ 339.1339; Found 339.1333.

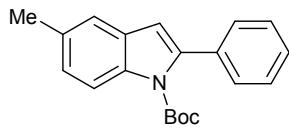
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Oil (37.8 mg, 41%). IR (film) 2923, 1731, 1328, 1140, 758, 697 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.3, 139.9, 137.2, 135.1, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 124.4, 123.3, 112.7, 108.4, 83.3, 27.5, 18.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + NH₄]⁺ Calcd for C₂₀H₁₈ClNO₄ 308.1645; Found 308.1633.

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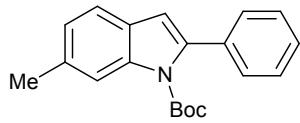


tert-butyl 5-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3s

Oil (43.4 mg, 47%). mp: 59-60 °C. IR (film) 3422, 2918, 1732, 1384, 1132, 767 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H) 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.2, 140.5, 135.7, 135.1, 132.3, 129.4, 128.7, 127.7, 127.5, 125.6, 120.3, 114.8, 109.7, 83.2, 27.6, 21.3.

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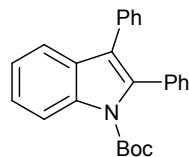


tert-butyl 6-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3t

Oil (48.9 mg, 53%). mp: 59-60 °C. IR (film) 2977, 1732, 1328, 1157, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 6H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.3, 139.9, 137.9, 135.2, 134.3, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 124.3, 120.0, 115.4, 109.8, 83.2, 27.5, 22.0.

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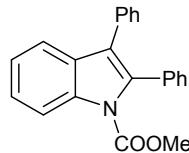


tert-butyl 2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3u

White solid (72.0 mg, 65%). mp: 115-117 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 11H), 1.24 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.3, 136.6, 135.7, 133.9, 133.4, 130.3, 130.1, 129.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 126.6, 124.7, 123.0, 121.9, 119.6, 115.2, 83.3, 27.5.

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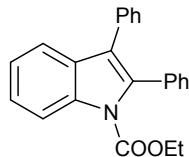
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White solid (52.1 mg, 53%). mp: 171-174 °C. IR (film) 2946, 1645, 1321, 1050, 1015 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 11H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.3, 136.1, 135.9, 133.1, 133.0, 130.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 126.8, 124.9, 123.4, 122.7, 119.8, 115.5, 53.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$ 328.1332; Found 328.1335.

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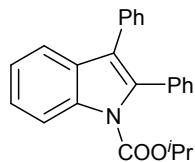
ethyl 2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3w

Oil (56.3 mg, 55%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.28 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.21 (m, 11H), 4.20 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.03 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.8, 136.3, 135.8, 133.4, 133.2, 130.4, 130.1, 129.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 124.9, 123.3, 122.5, 119.7, 115.4, 62.8, 13.6.

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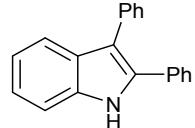
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White solid (54.4 mg, 51%). mp: 160-162 °C. IR (film) 2973, 1648, 1324, 1053, 1006 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 11H), 5.04-4.98 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.1, 136.4, 135.8, 133.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.4, 128.1, 127.6, 126.7, 124.8, 123.2, 122.3, 119.7, 115.4, 71.1, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NO₂ 356.1645; Found 356.1648.

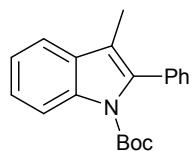
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2,3-diphenyl-1H-indole 3y

White solid (49.3 mg, 61%). mp: 121-123 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 135.9, 135.0, 134.1, 132.7, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 126.2, 122.7, 120.4, 119.7, 115.0, 110.9.

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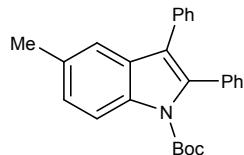


tert-butyl 3-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3z

White solid (44.3 mg, 48%). mp: 97-100 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.3, 136.5, 135.6, 134.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.8, 127.8, 127.3, 124.5, 122.6, 118.6, 116.3, 115.1, 82.7, 27.5, 9.1.

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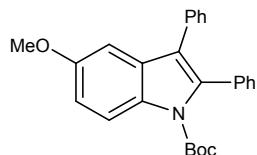
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Oil (57.5 mg, 50%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 9H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.4, 137.0, 135.0, 134.8, 134.1, 133.6, 130.3, 130.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 126.5, 124.4, 121.8, 119.2, 115.3, 83.1, 27.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2$ 384.1958; Found 384.1951.

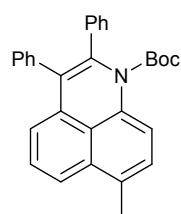
Table 3, entry 8



tert-butyl 5-methoxy-2-phenyl-1H-indole-1-carboxylate 3ab

Oil (55.1 mg, 46%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.07-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.84 (s, 3H), 6.49 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 152.3, 137.0, 132.3, 131.6, 131.5, 131.3, 131.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 126.5, 126.4, 110.5, 104.9, 81.1, 55.5, 28.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H] $^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3$ 400.1907; Found 400.1894.

Scheme 3

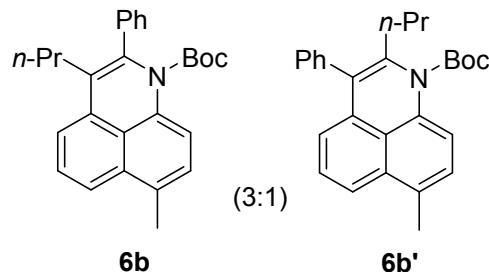


tert-butyl 7-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-benzo[de]quinoline-1-carboxylate 6a

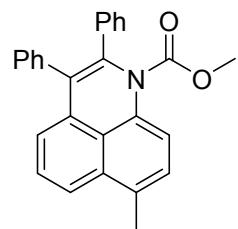
White solid (39.0 mg, 30%). mp: 176-177 °C. IR (film) 2926, 2357, 1654, 1036, 1018 cm^{-1} .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.9, 139.5, 137.1, 136.8, 135.2, 132.6, 131.2, 129.3, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.3, 121.4, 119.5, 114.1, 82.6, 27.3, 26.9, 19.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₉H₂₅NO₂ 433.2036; Found 433.2033.

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Yellow oil; 43mg, isolated yield 38%; ¹H NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 0.33 H), 2.55 (s, 4H), 2.51-2.47 (m, 2.66H), 1.57-1.52 (m, 5.6H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 0.82-0.74 (m, 4.2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 152.9, 139.7, 138.5, 138.0, 136.1, 135.0, 134.9, 133.0, 132.6, 132.1, 131.6, 130.9, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.4, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 122.9, 121.3, 121.1, 119.7, 118.5, 117.4, 116.2, 113.5, 82.6, 82.5, 34.9, 30.8, 28.1, 27.4, 22.7, 21.4, 19.1, 19.0, 14.2, 13.7. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₉NO₂ 400.2271; Found 400.2265.

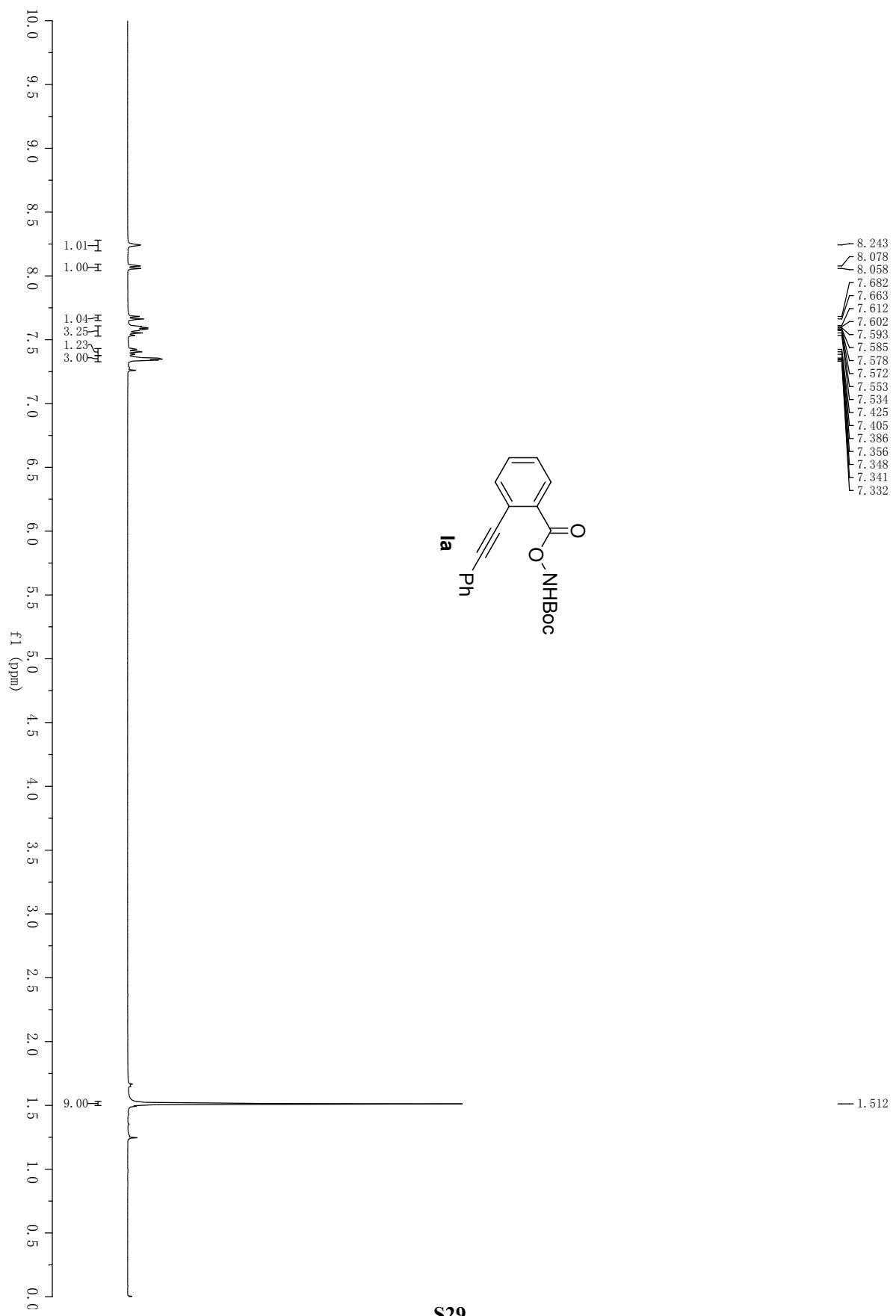


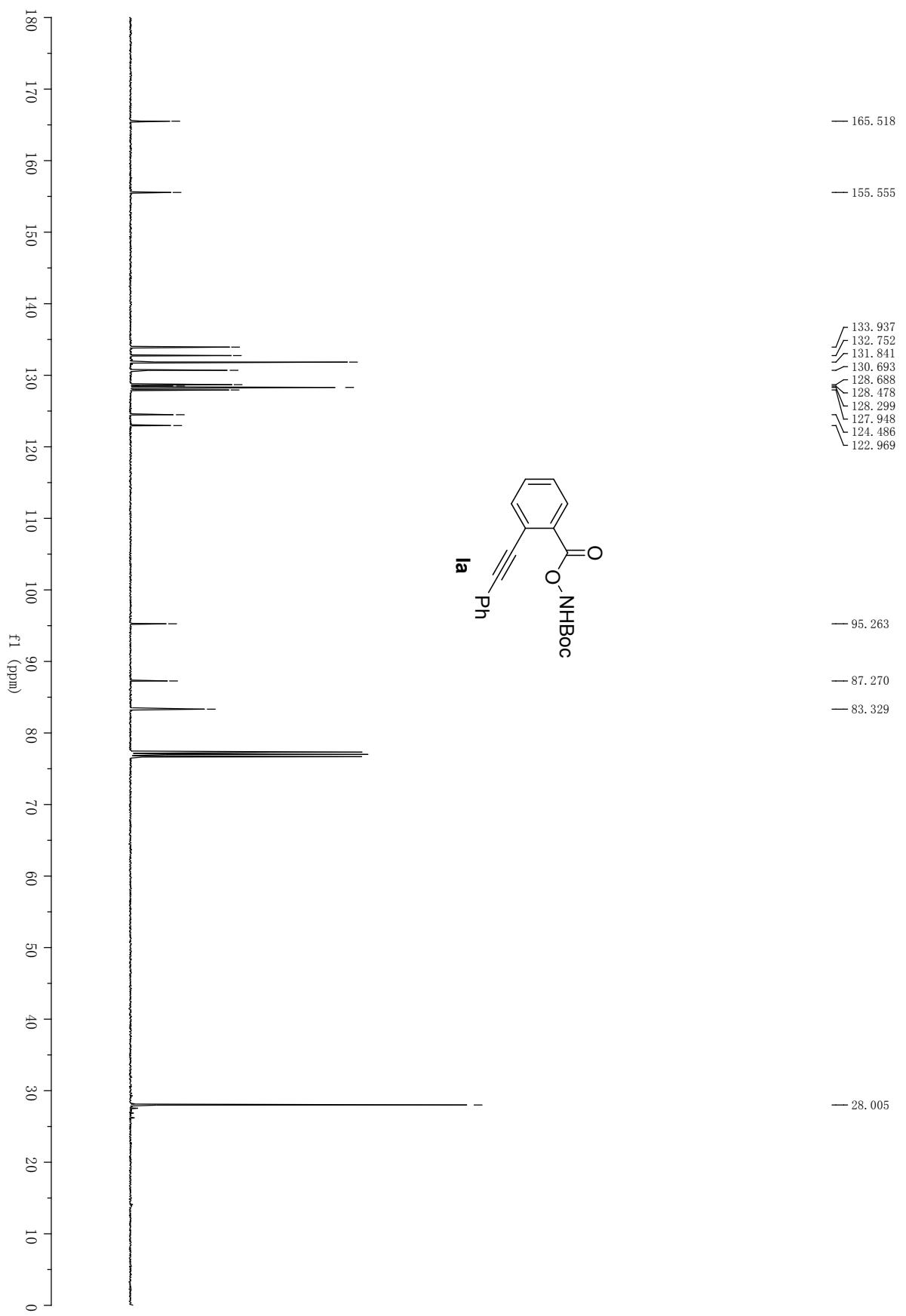
methyl 7-methyl-2,3-diphenyl-1H-benzo[de]quinoline-1-carboxylate **6c**

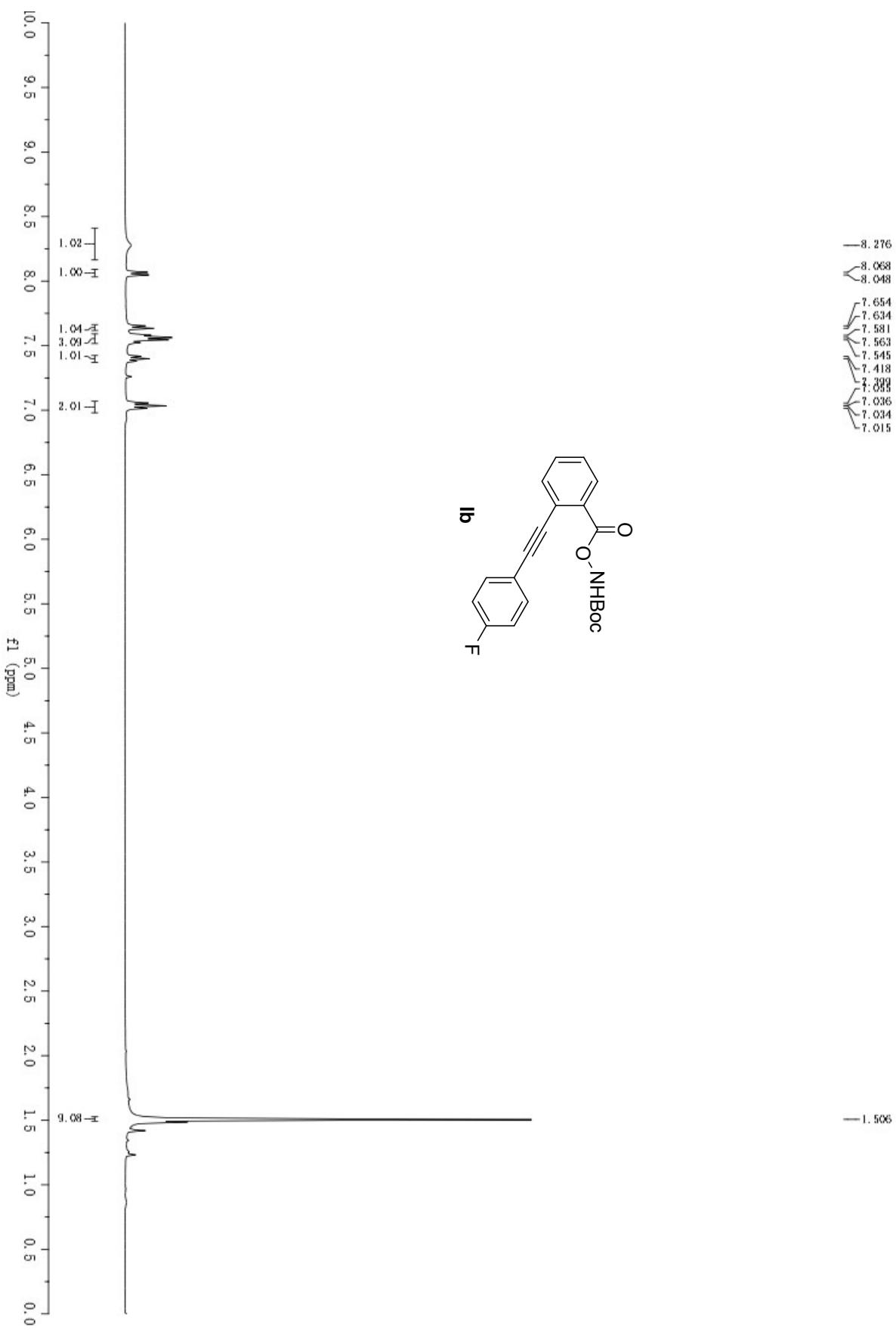
Yellow solid; 56mg, isolated yield 48%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 7H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9,

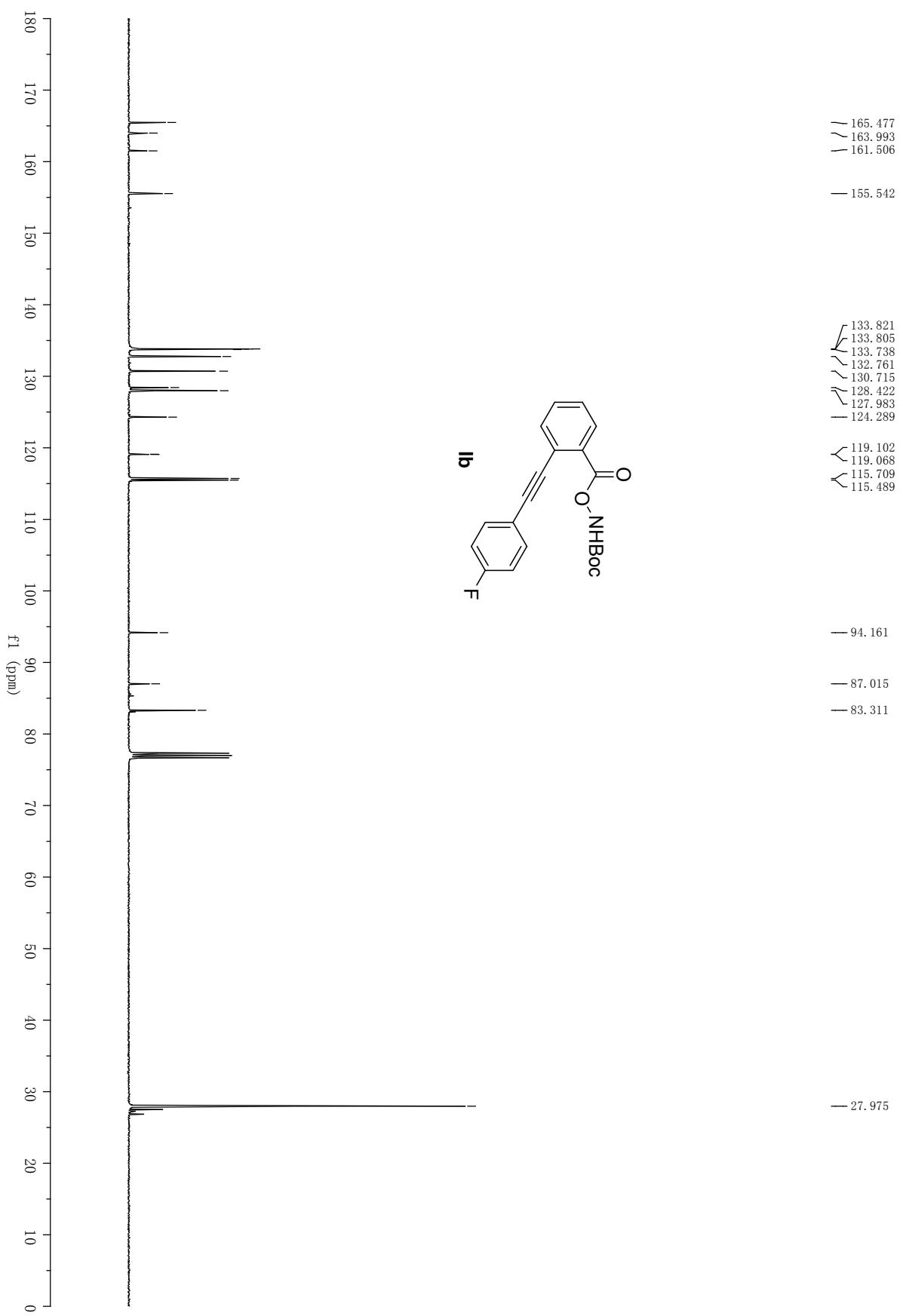
139.1, 136.8, 136.5, 134.6, 132.5, 132.2, 131.1, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 121.9, 120.3, 115.4, 53.1, 19.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₁NO₂ 392.1645; Found 392.1654.

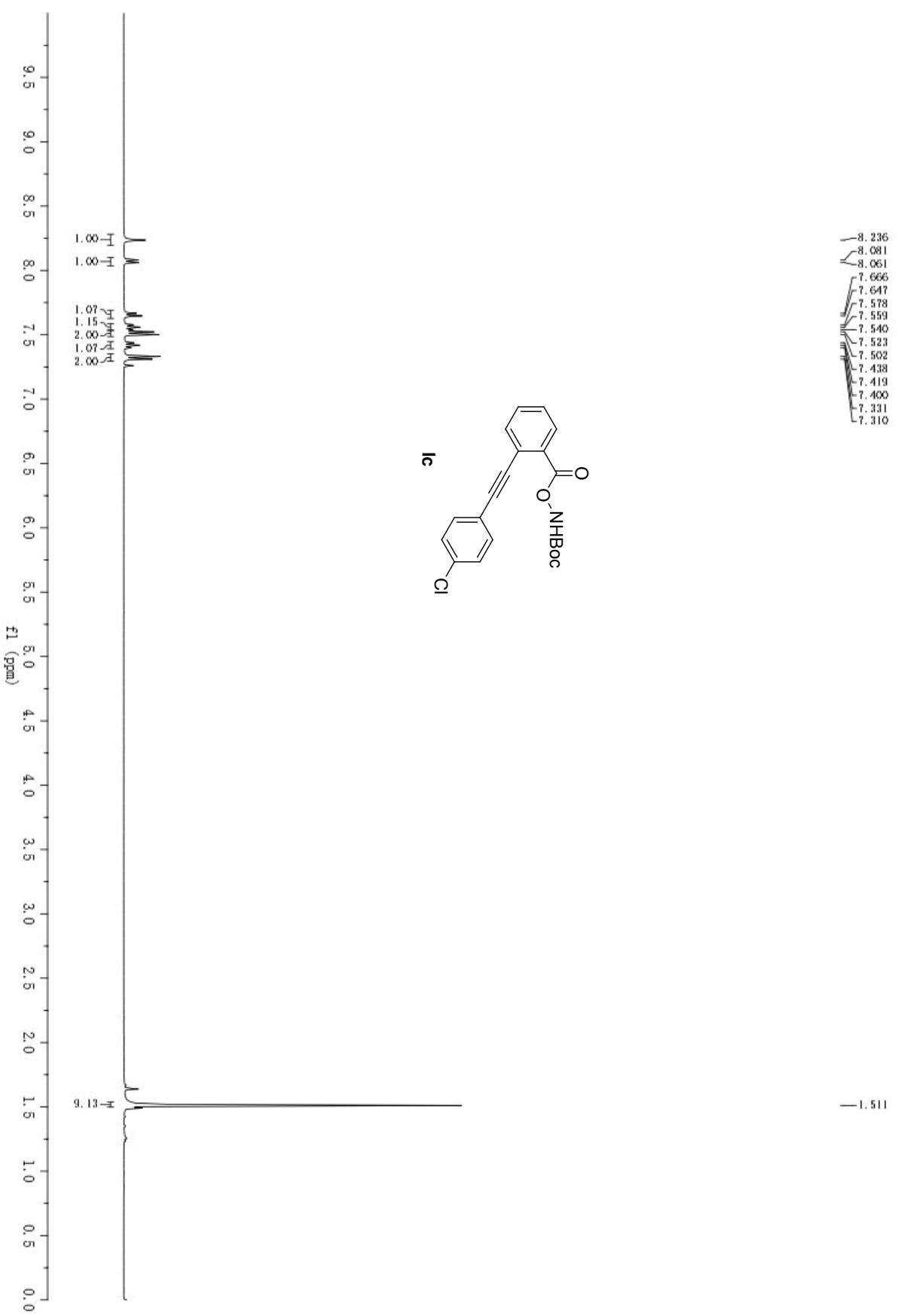
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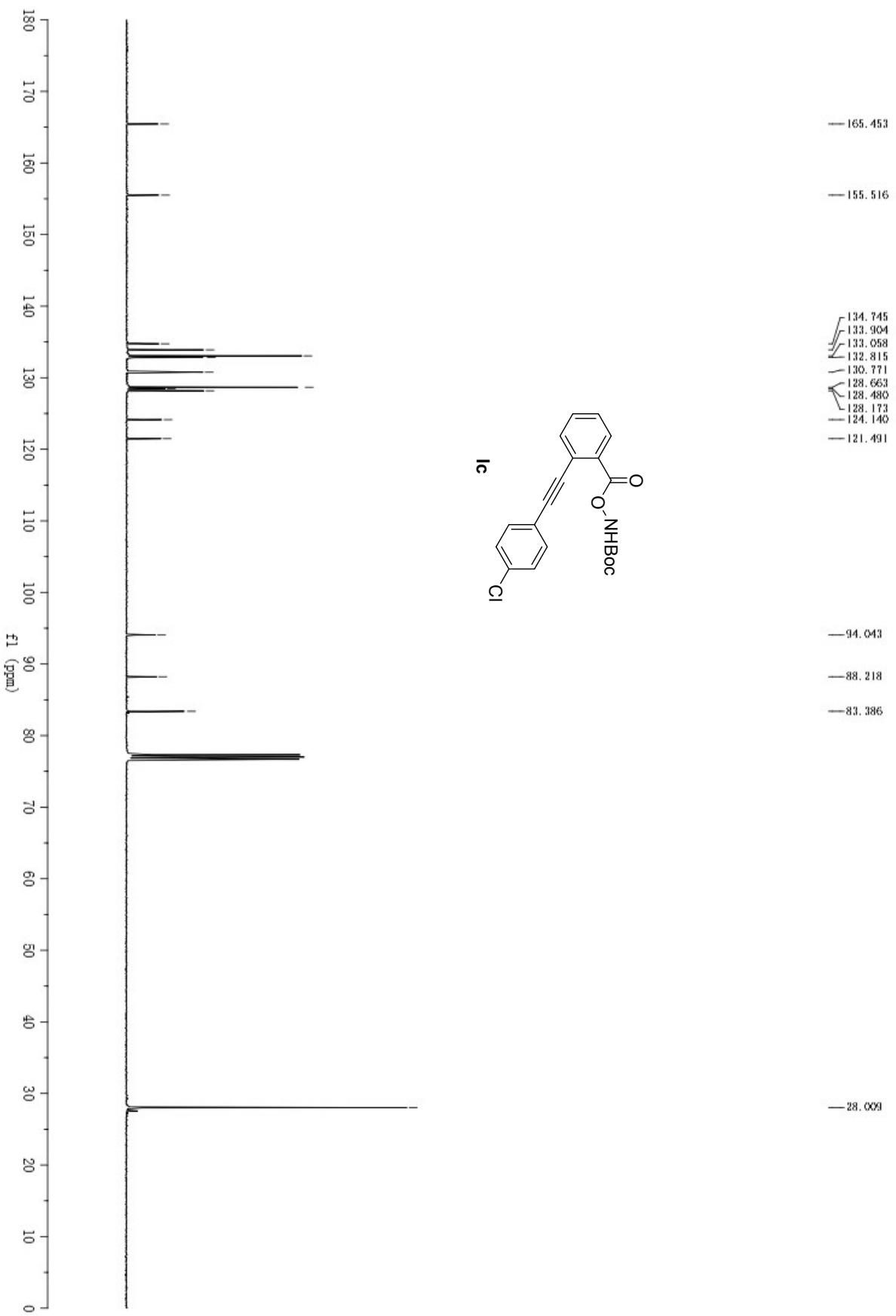


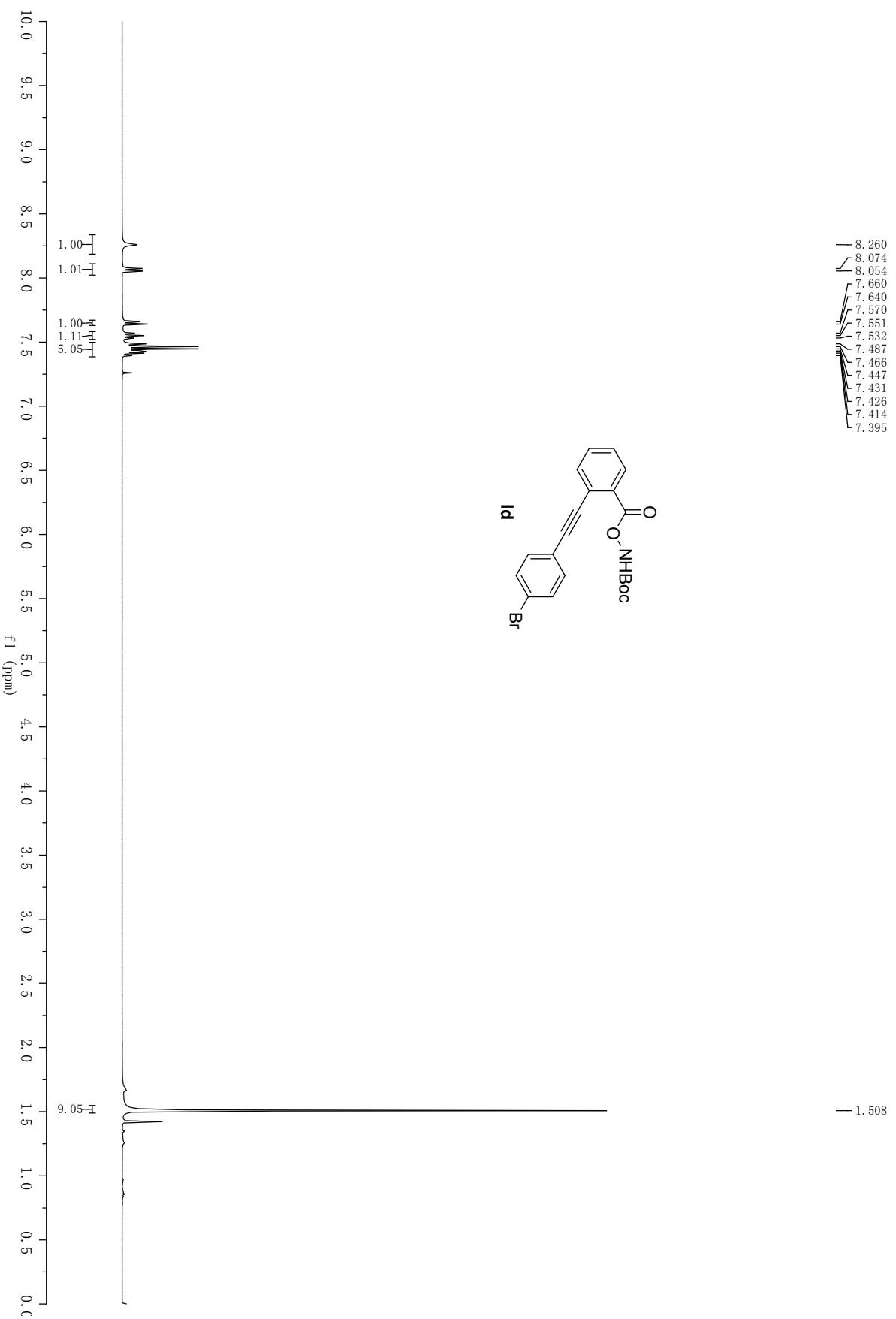


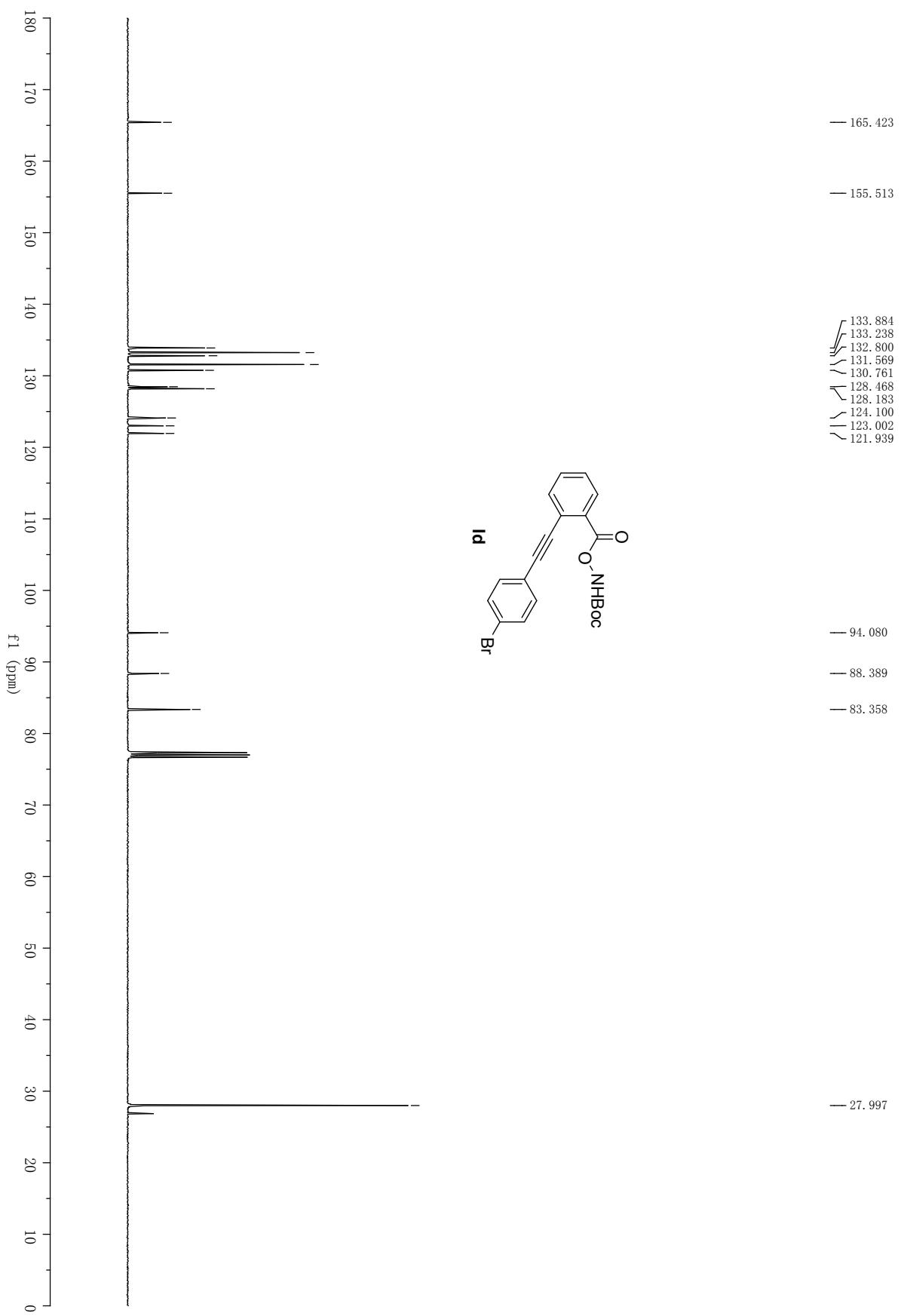


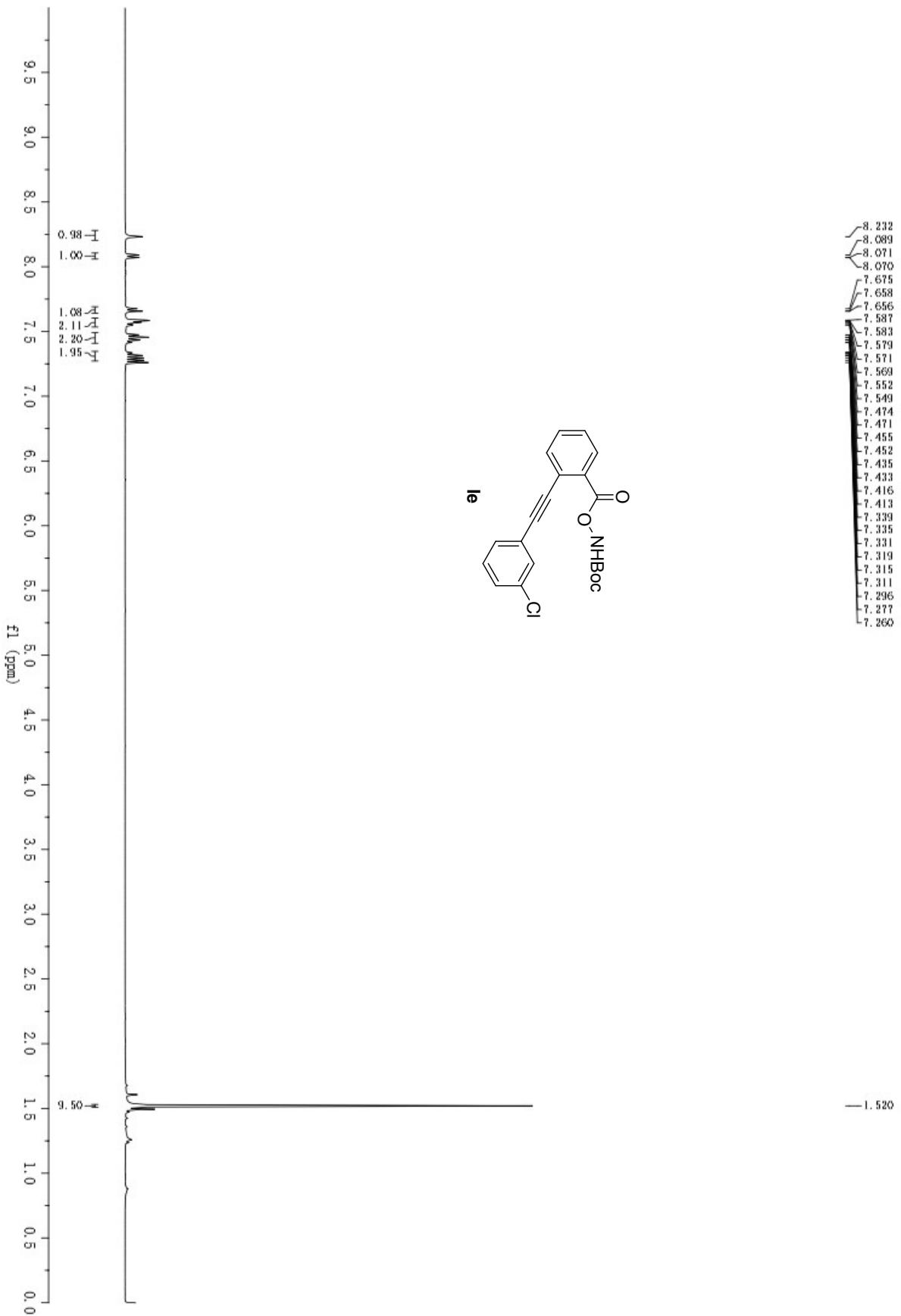


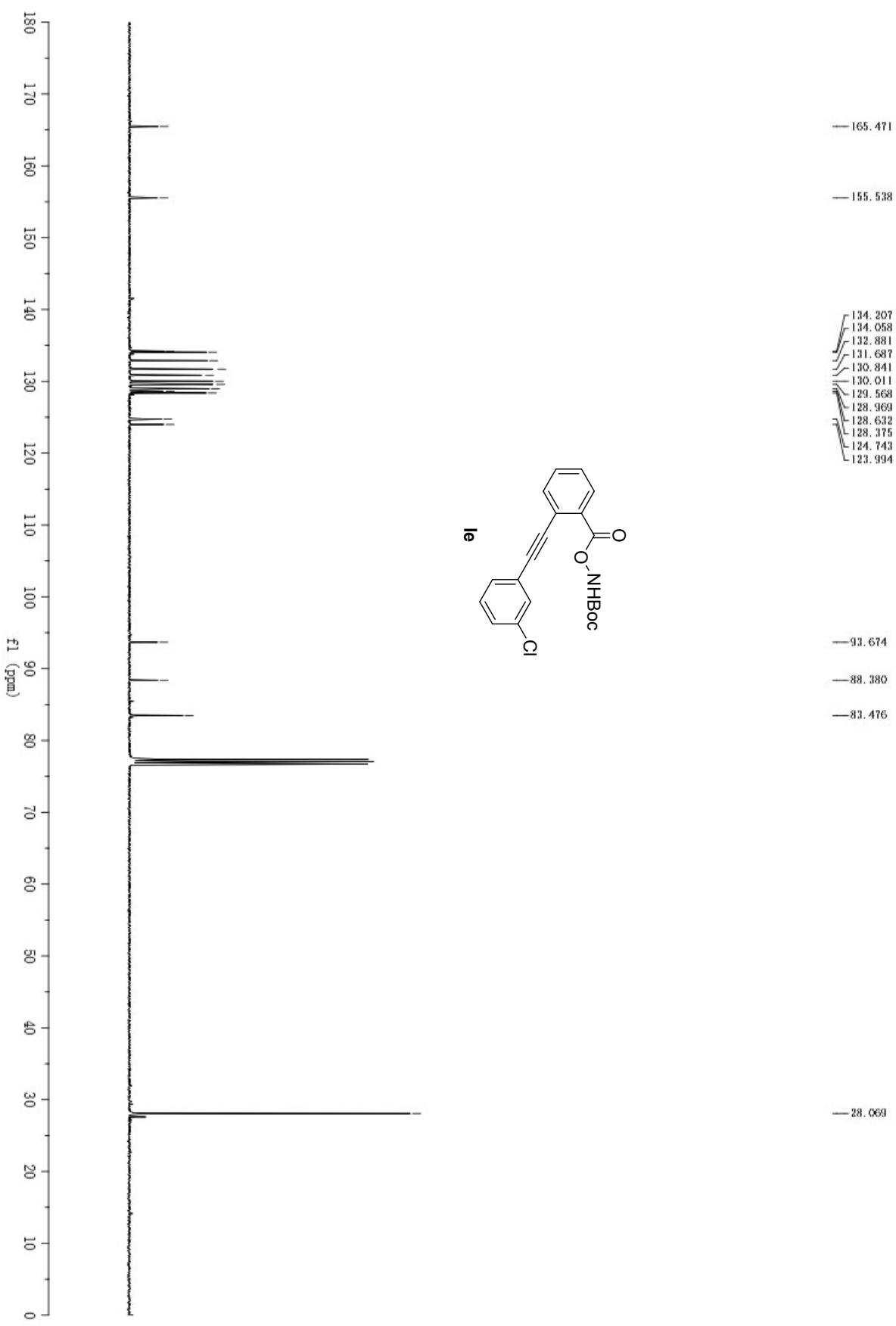


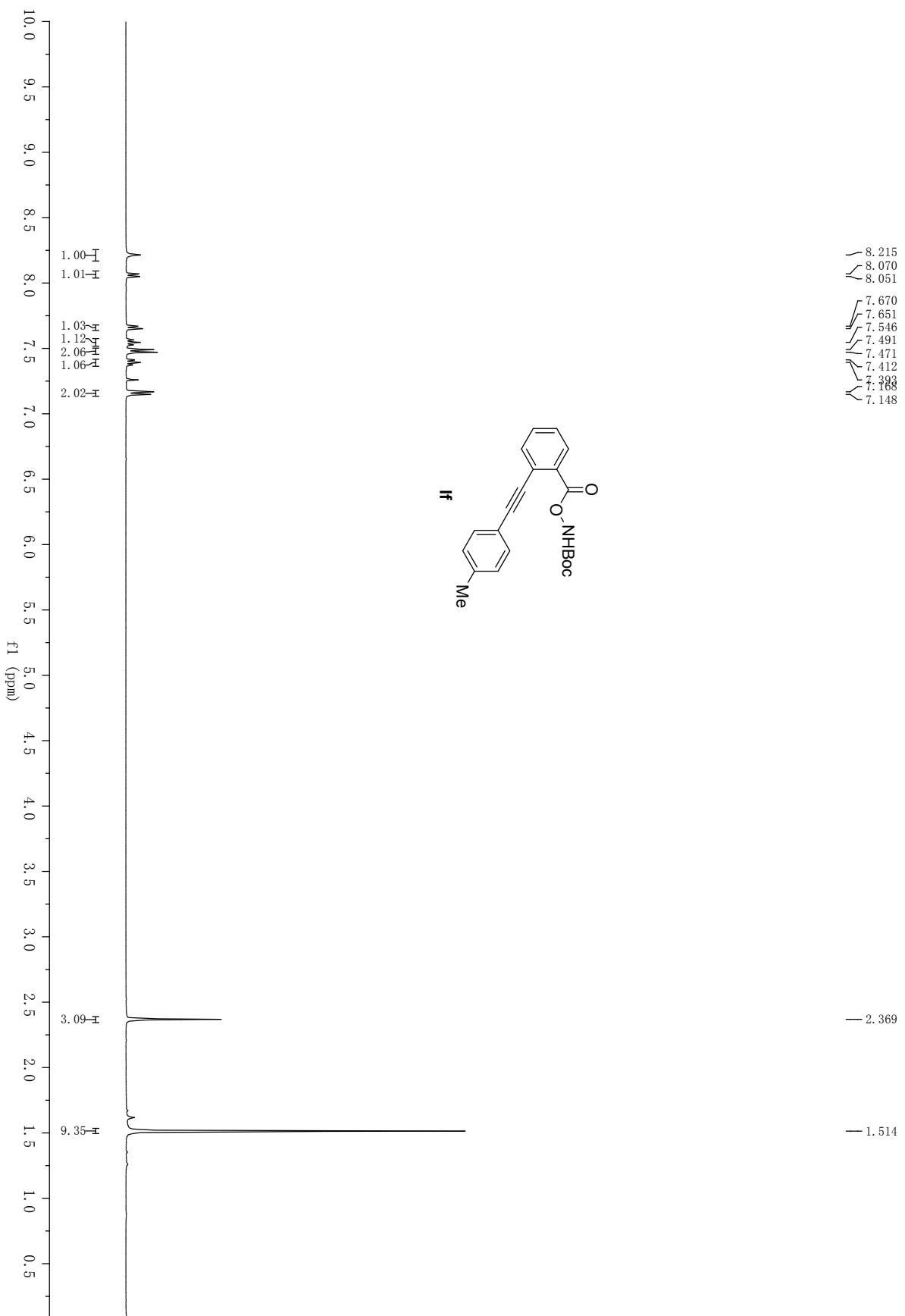


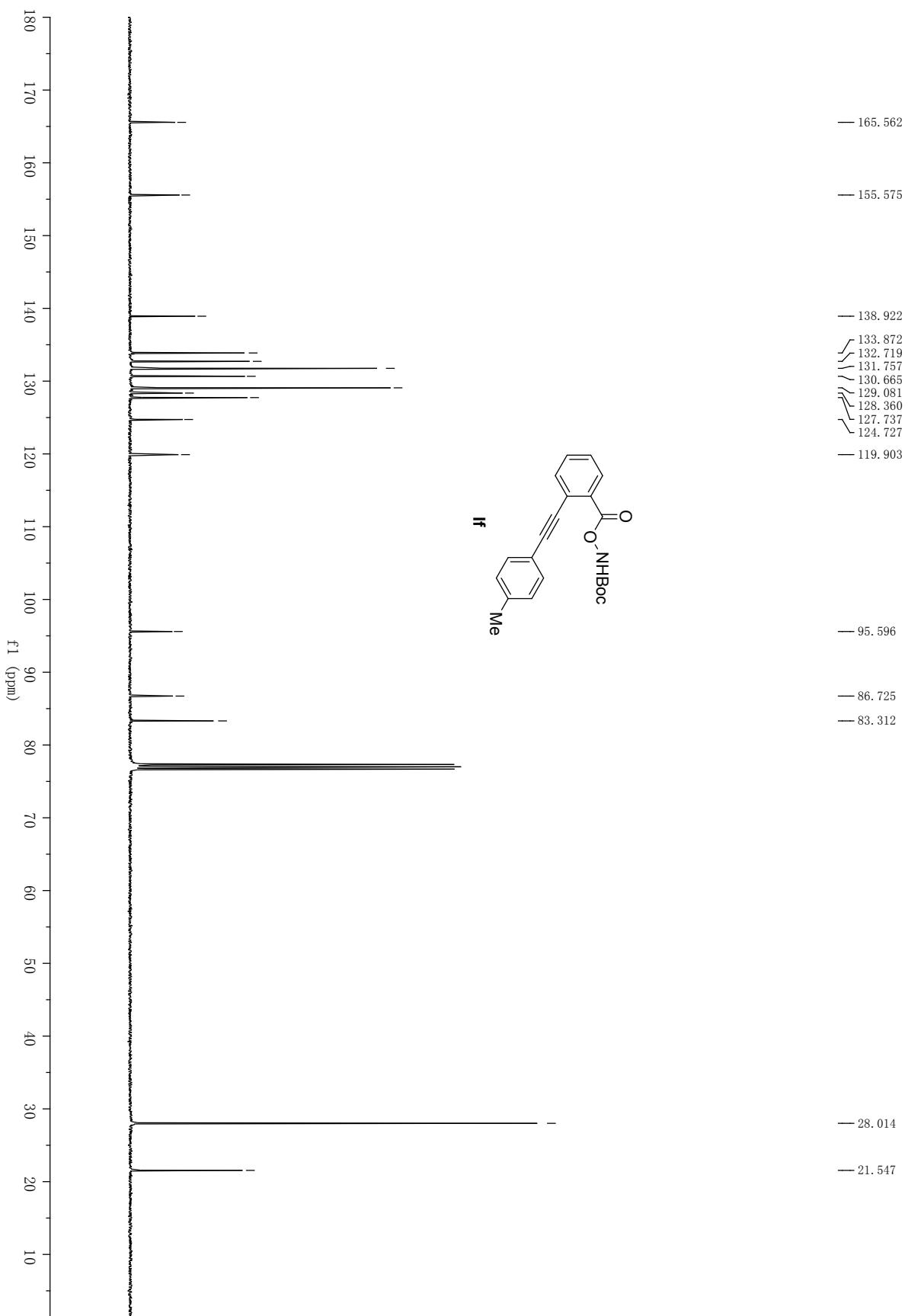


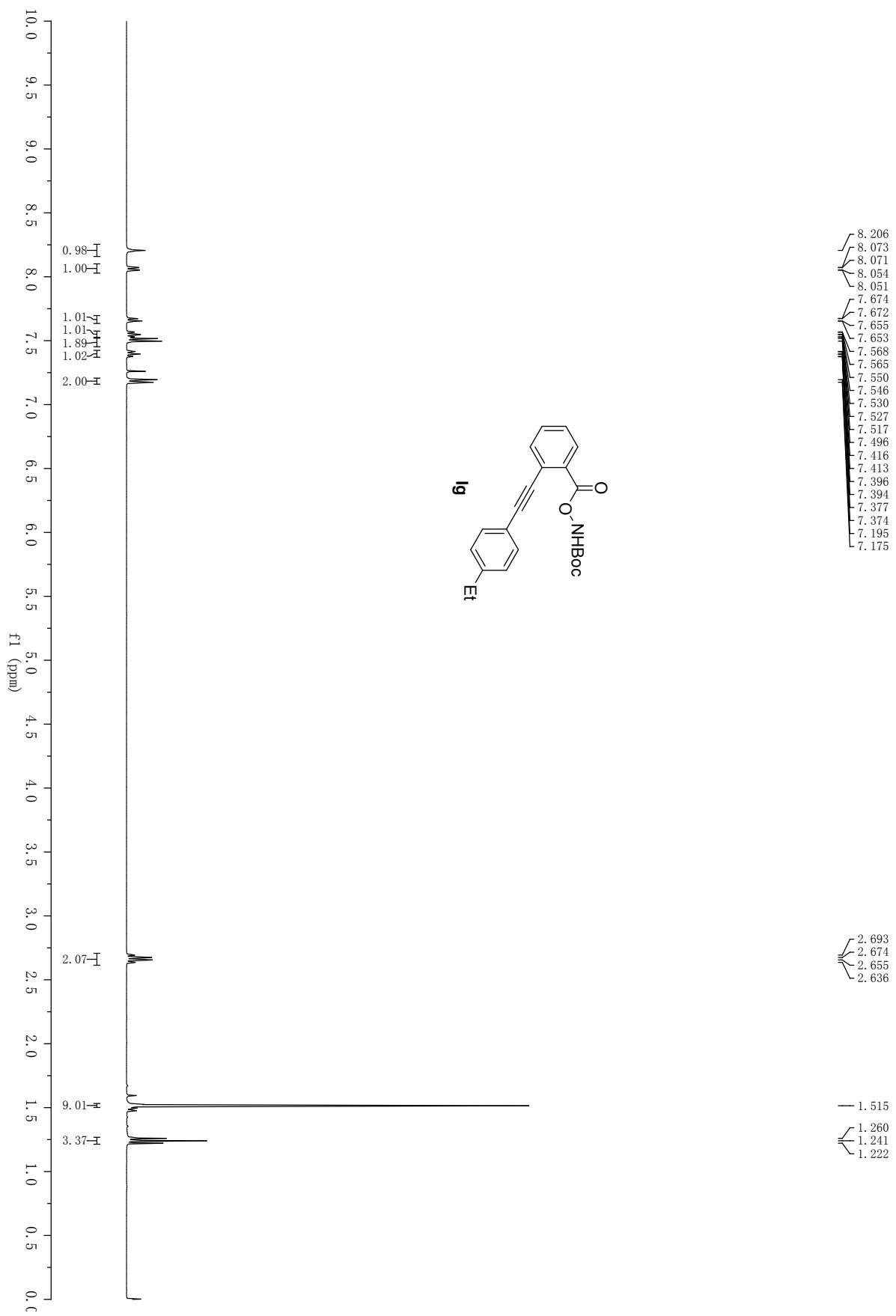


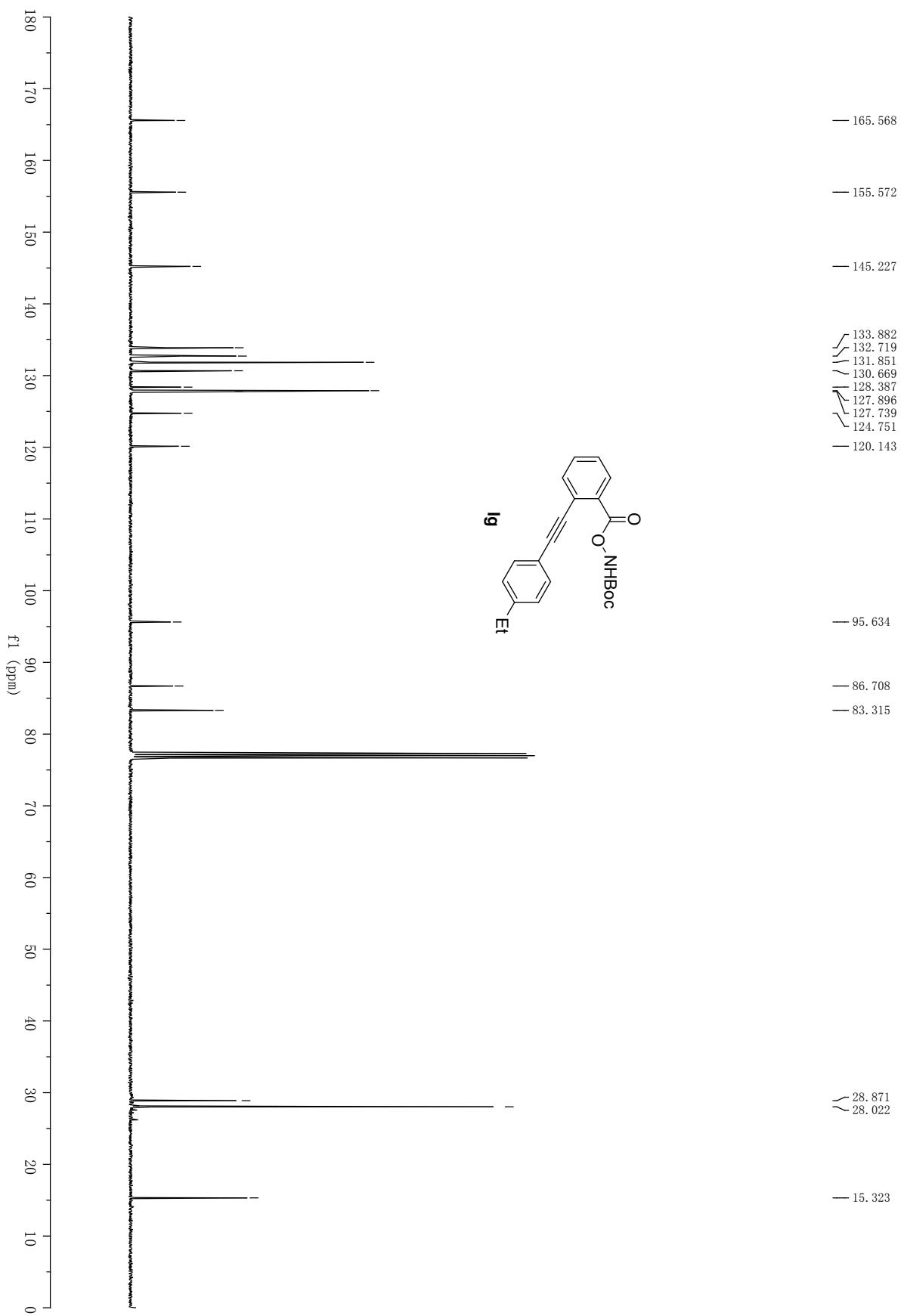


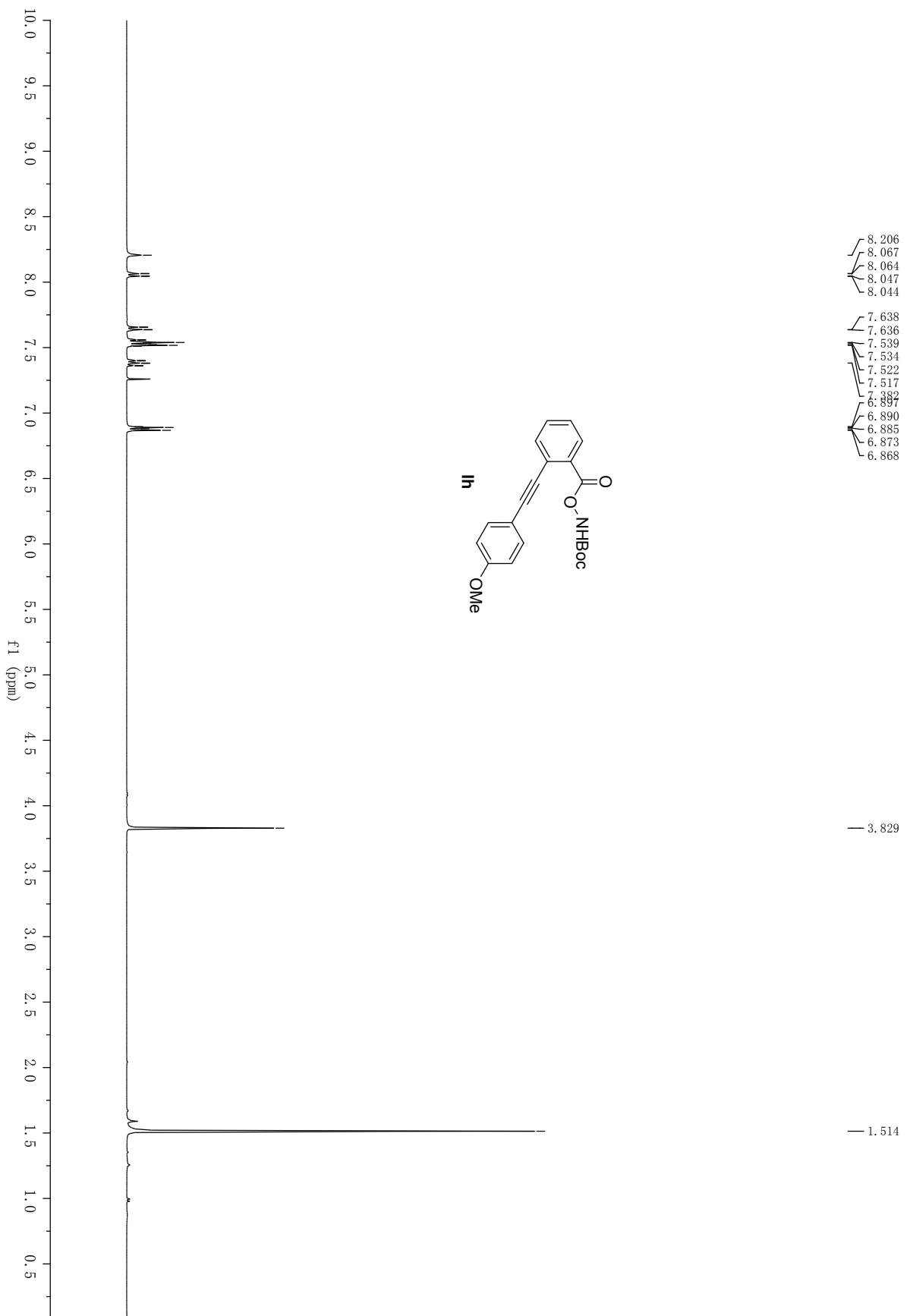


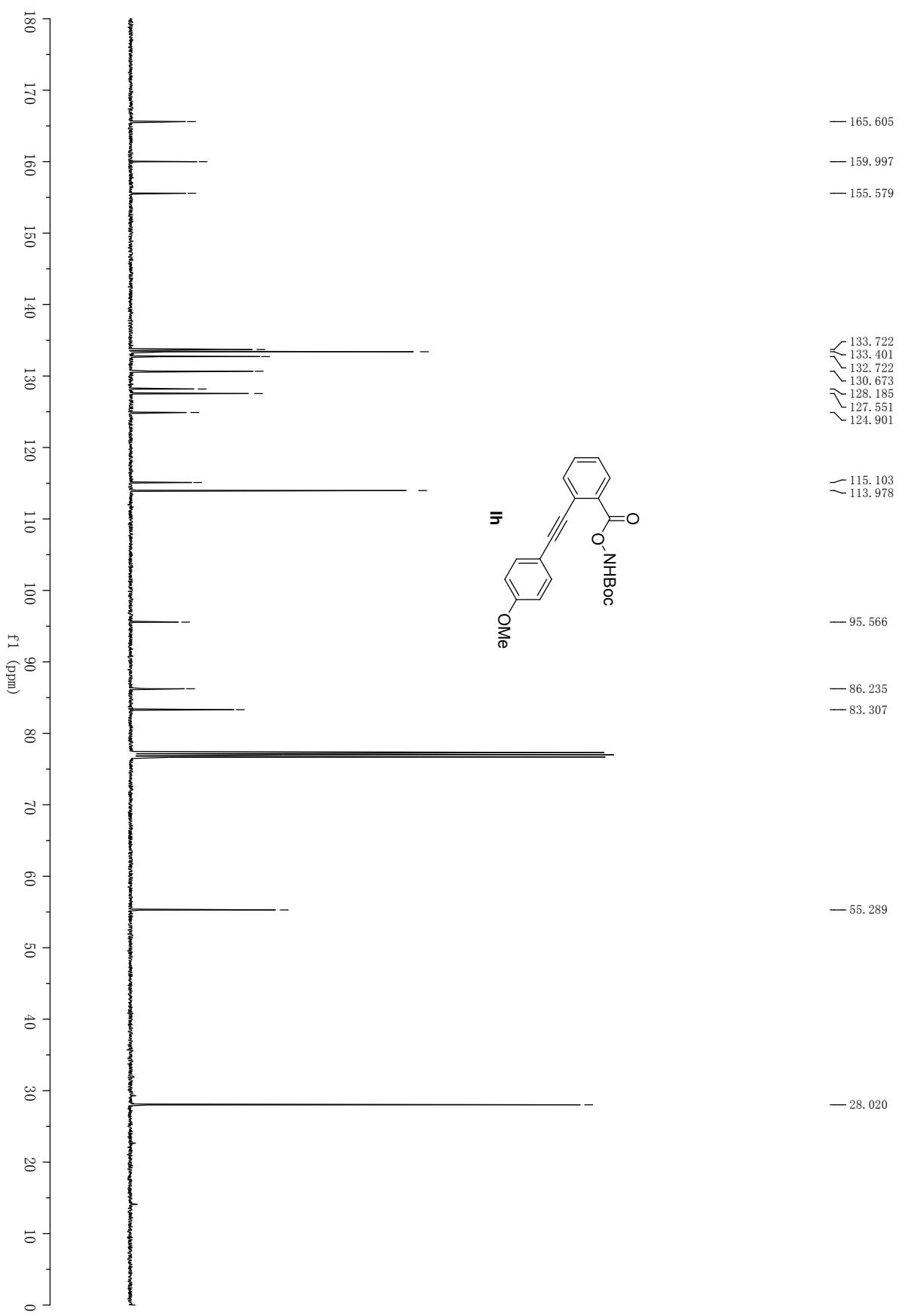


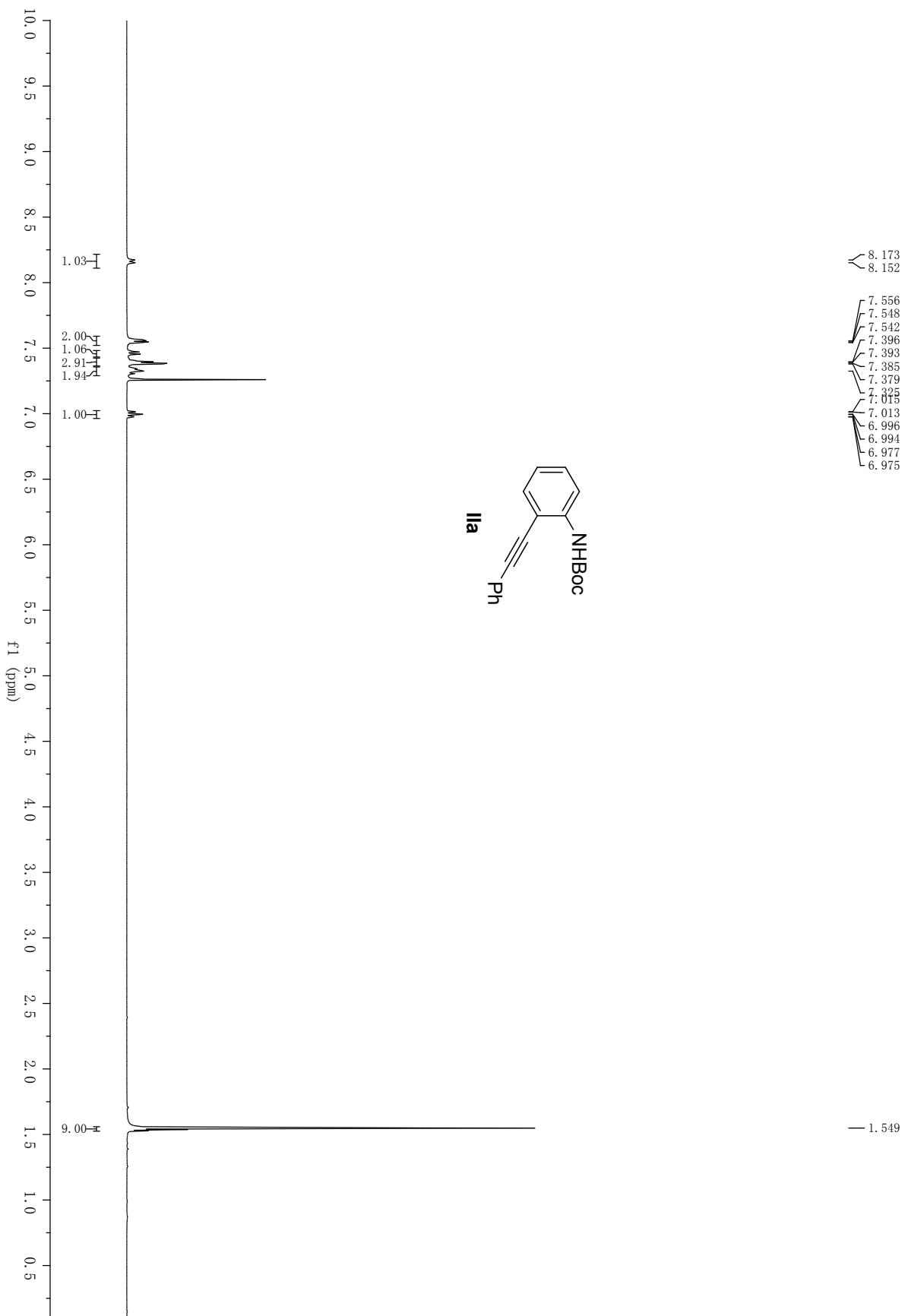


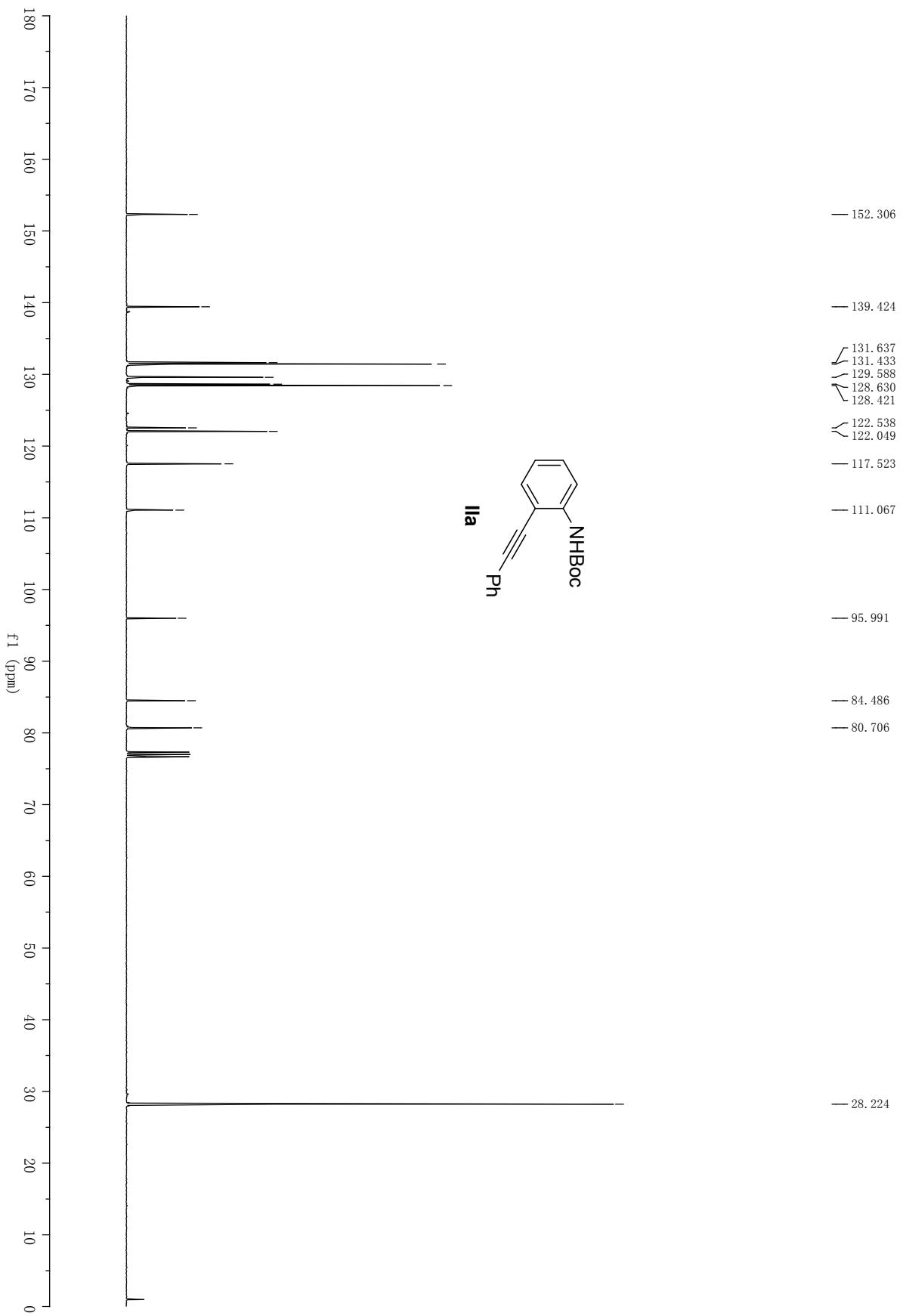


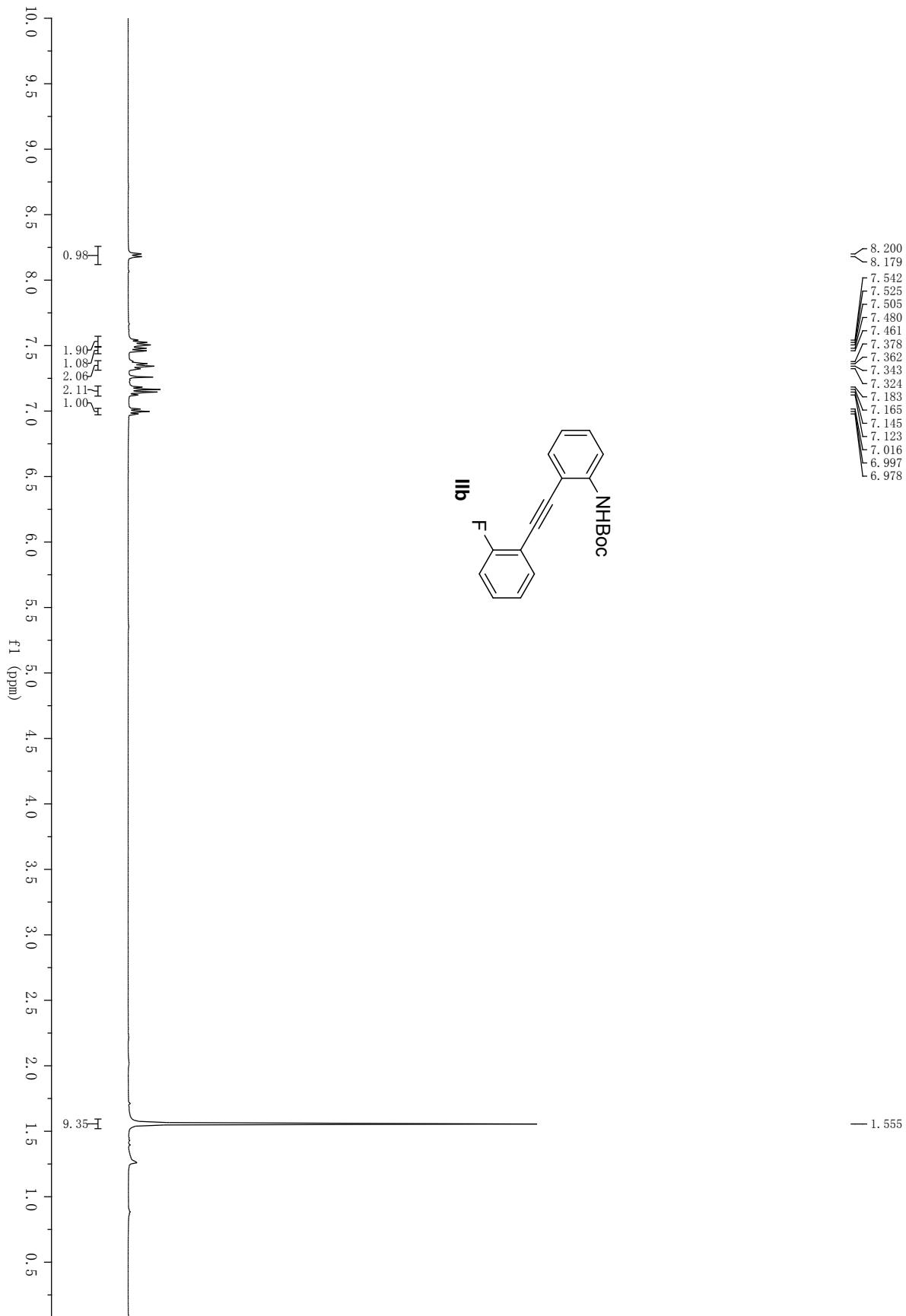


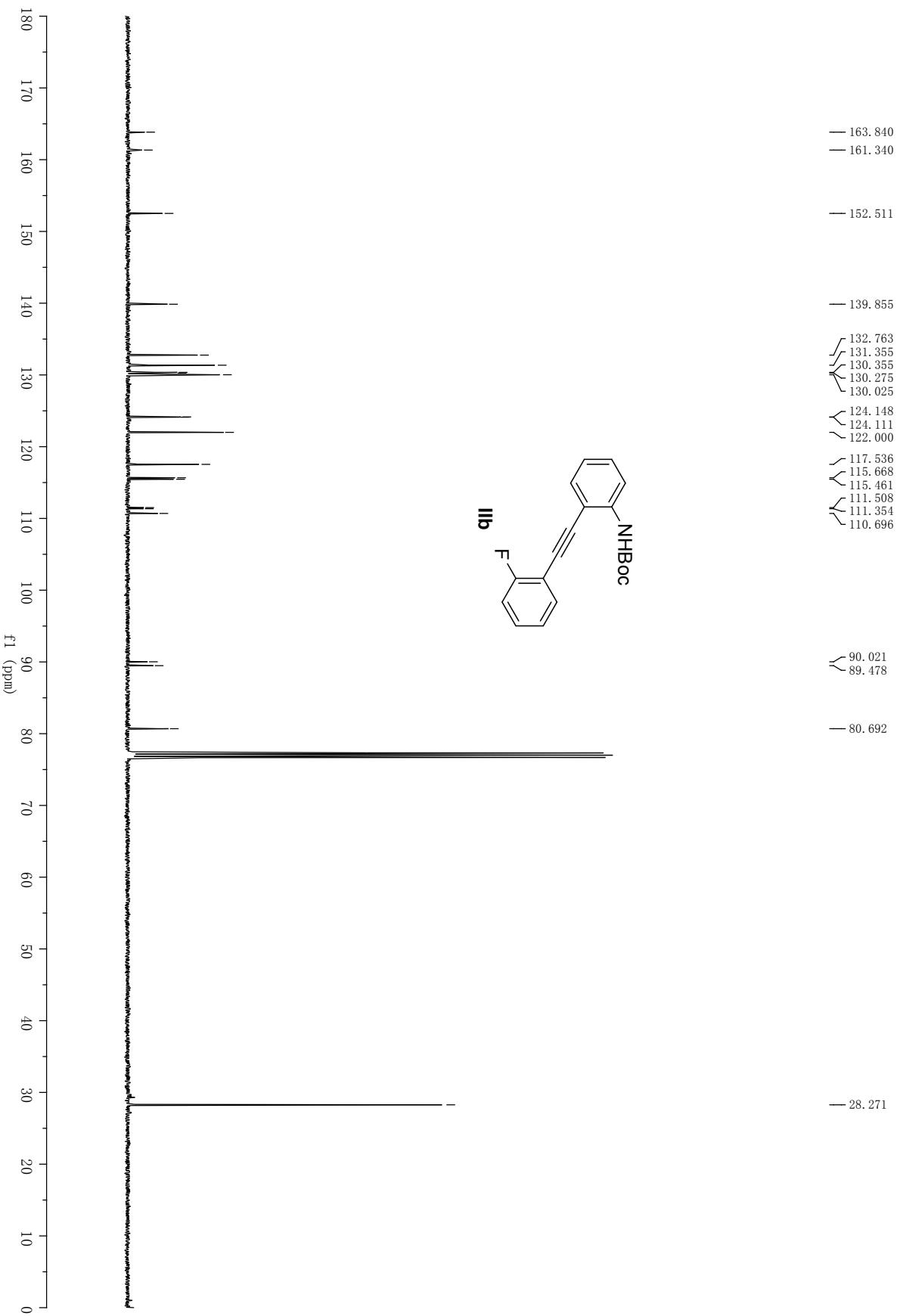


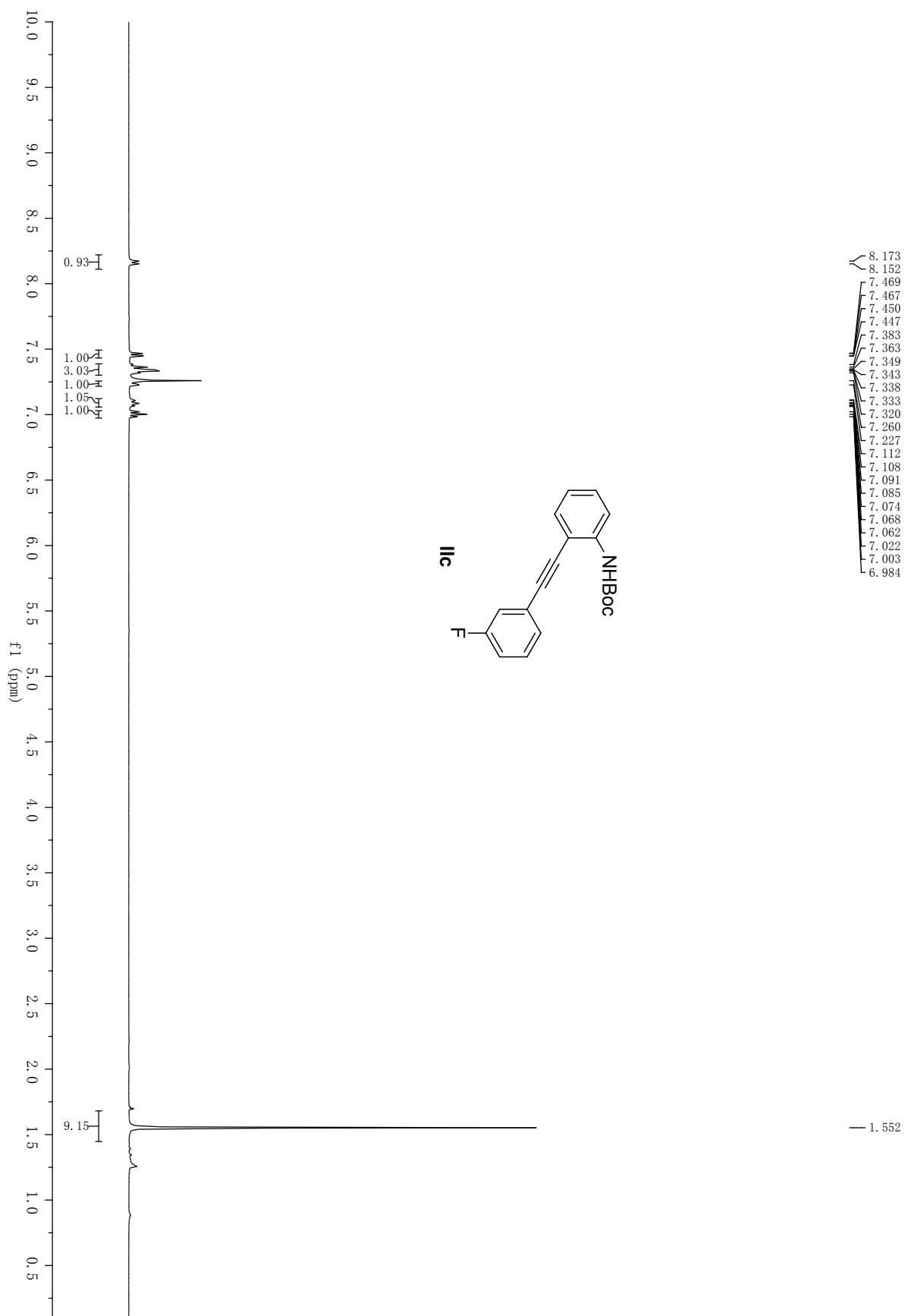


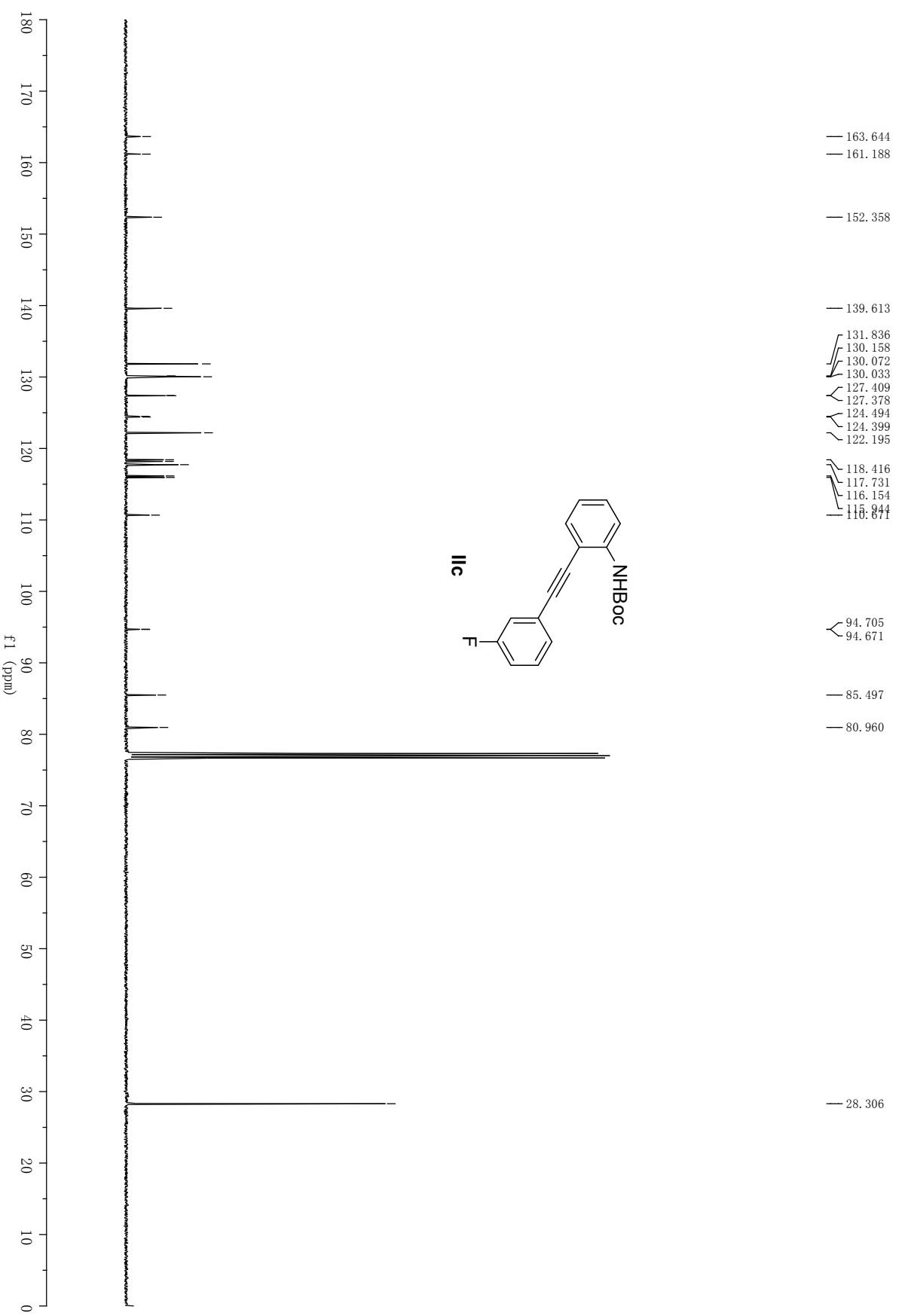


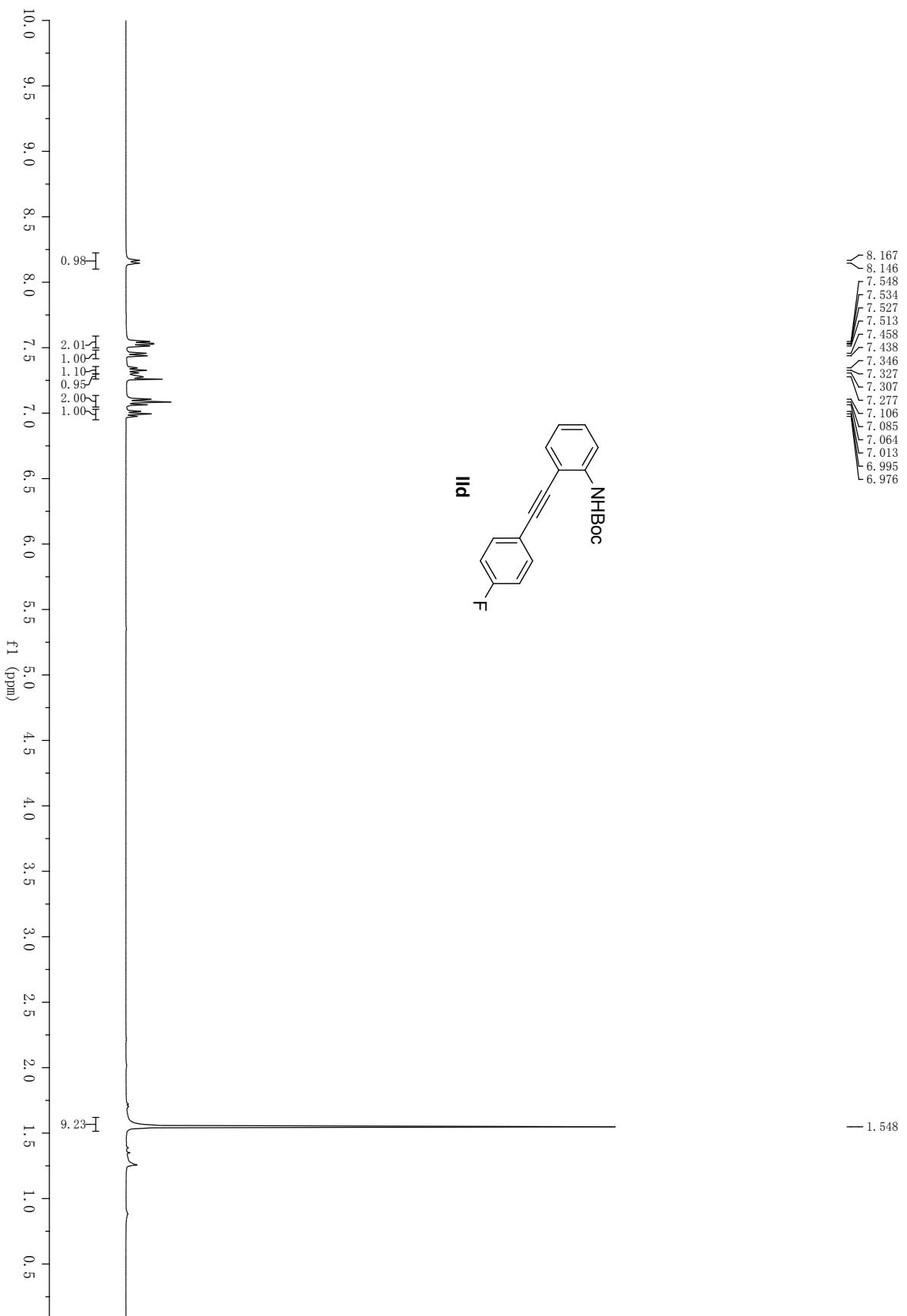


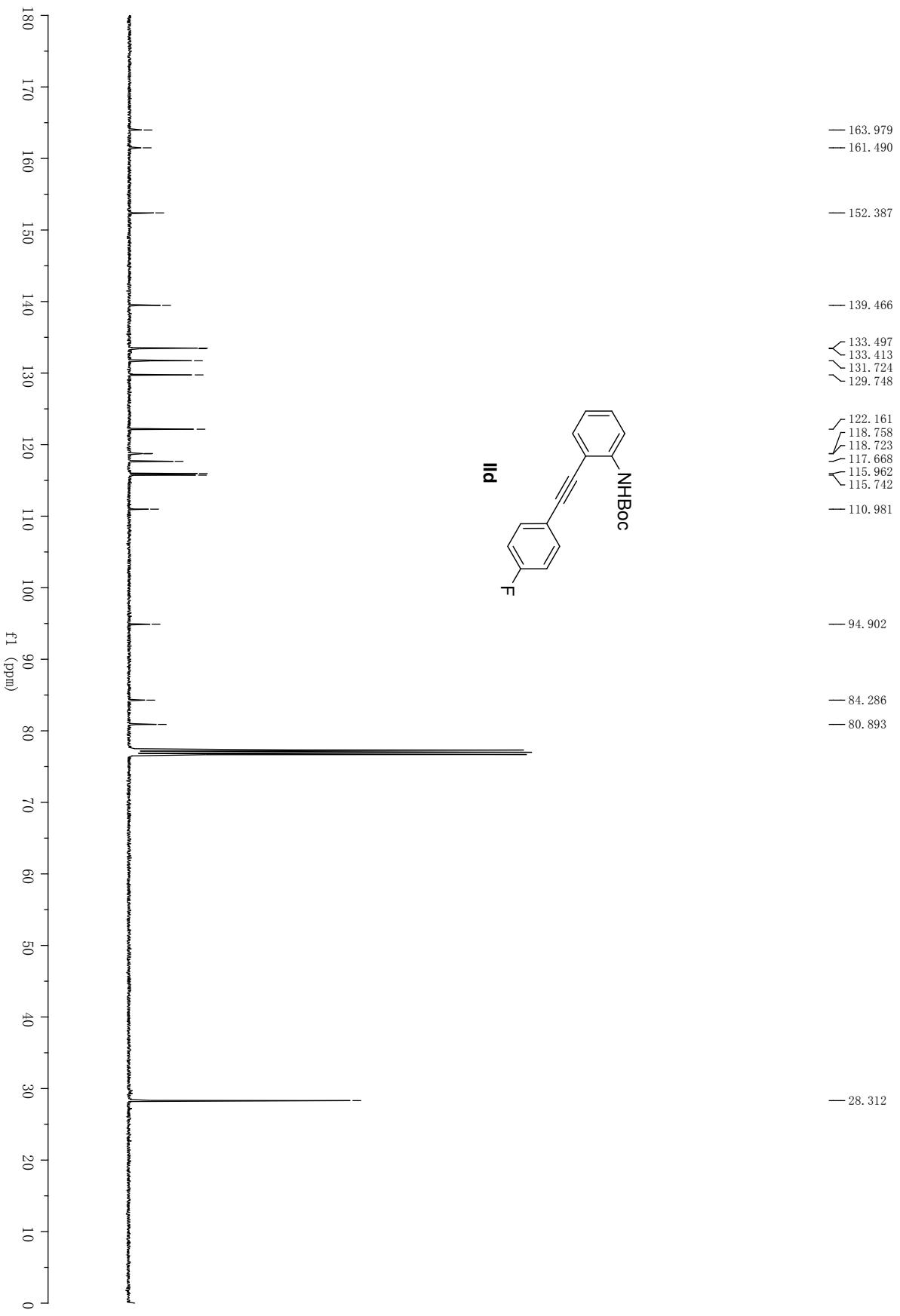


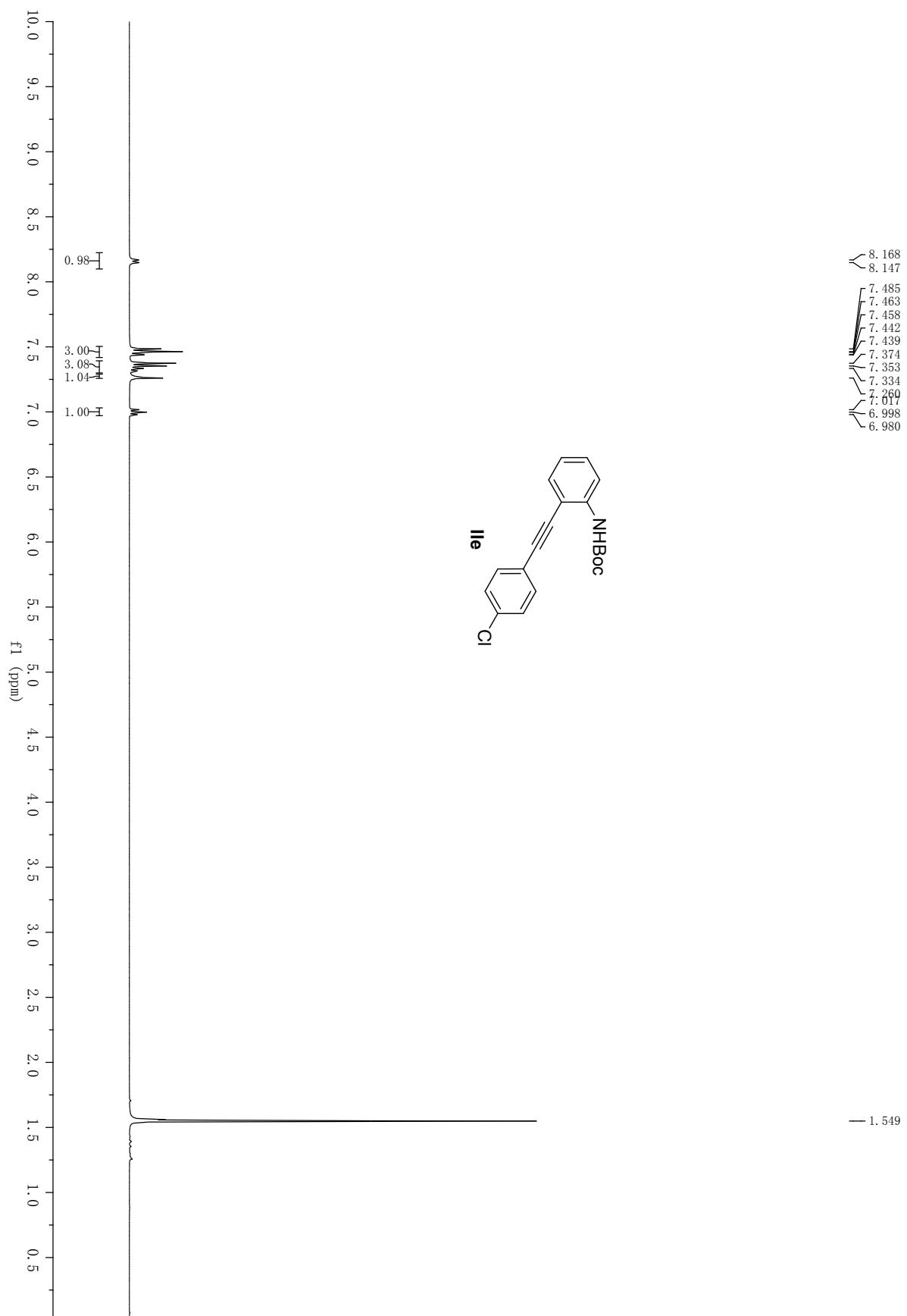


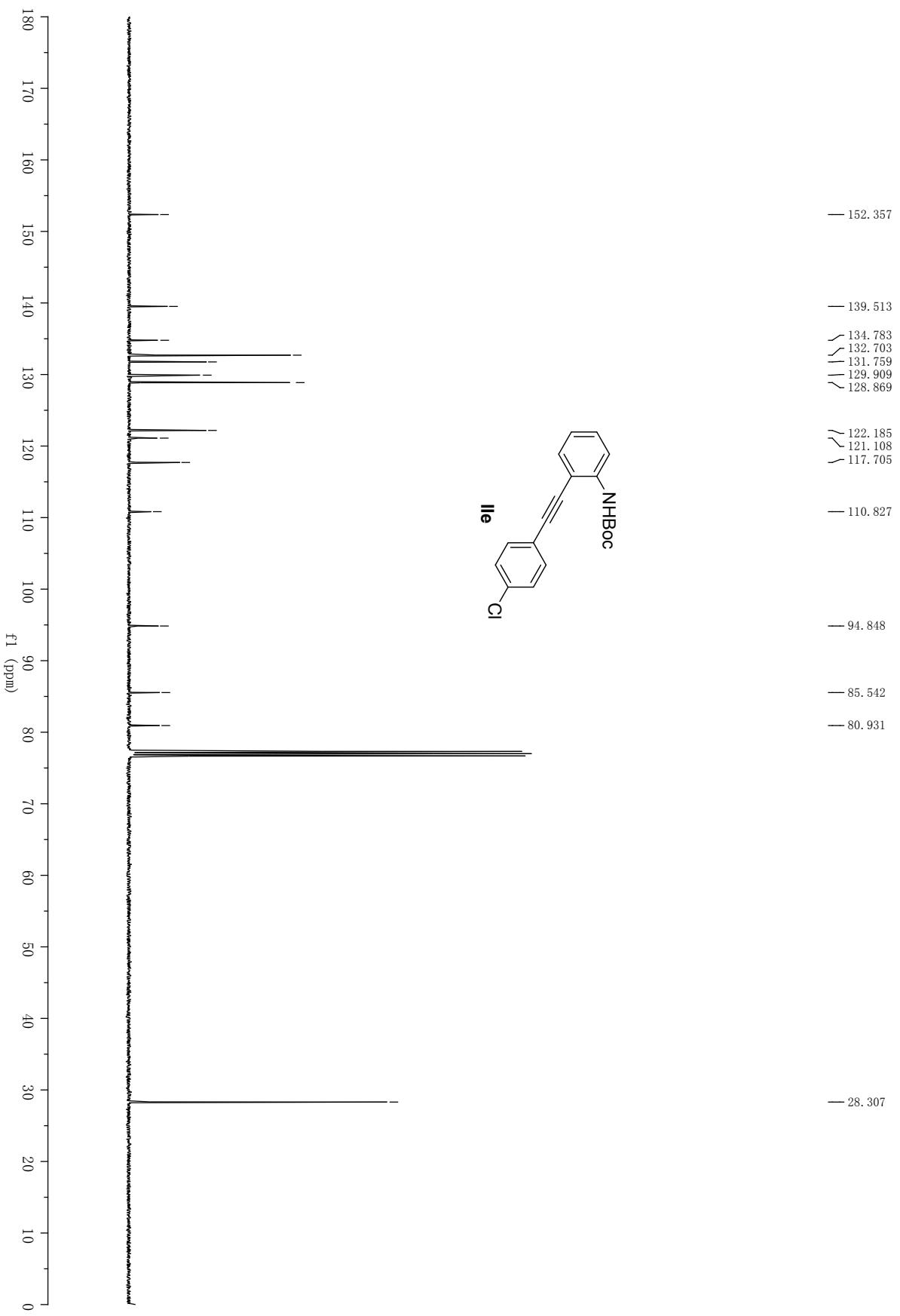


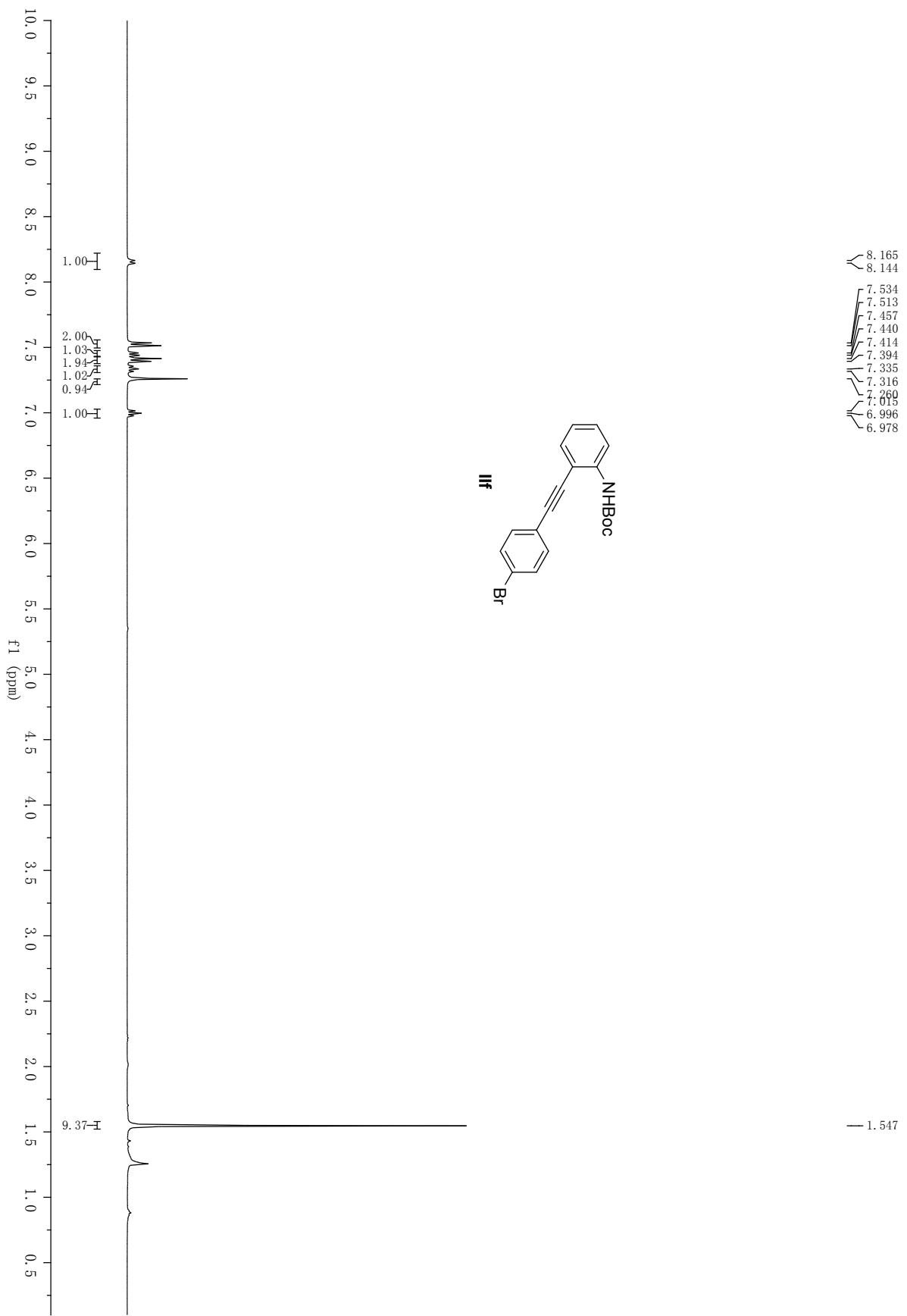


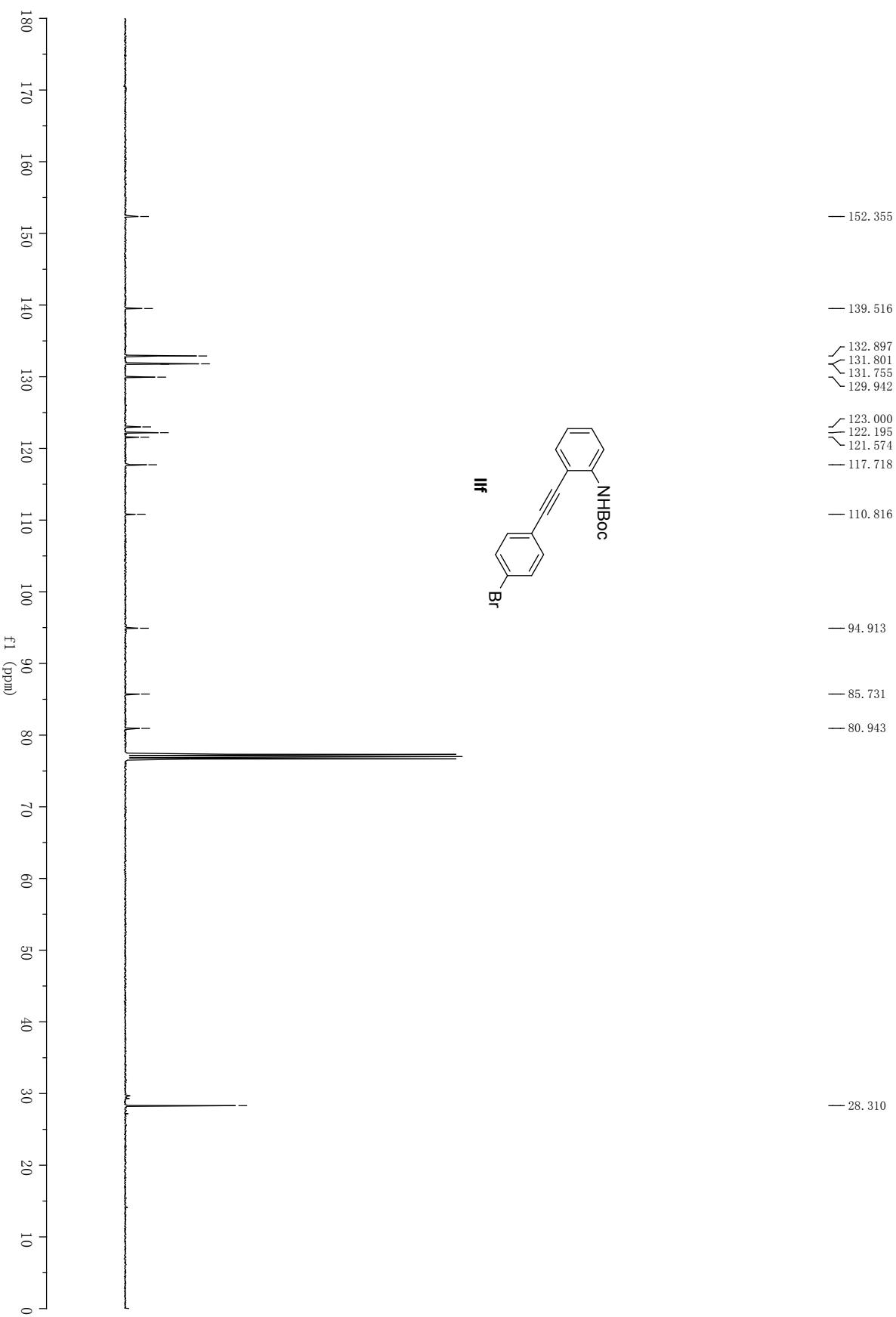


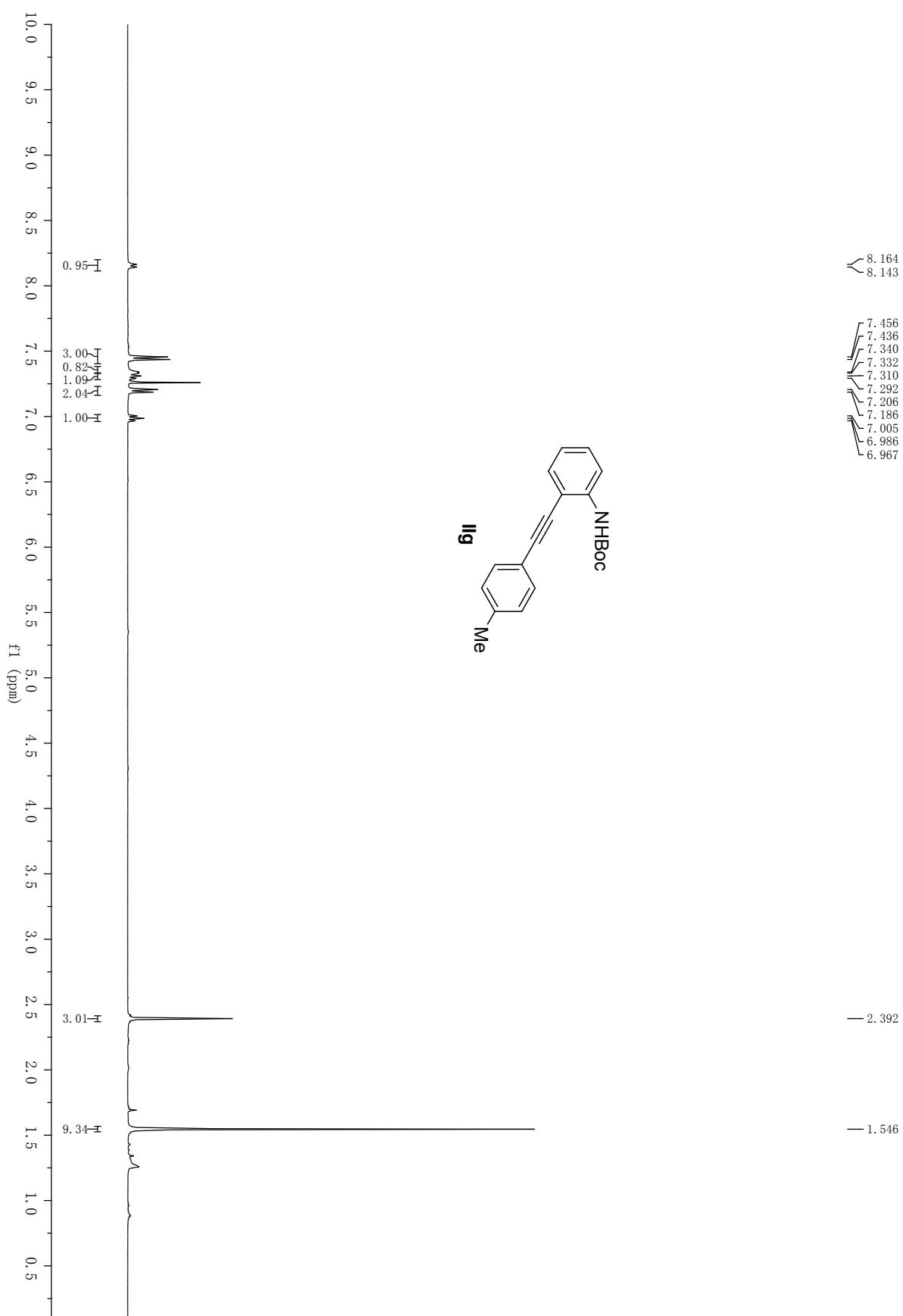


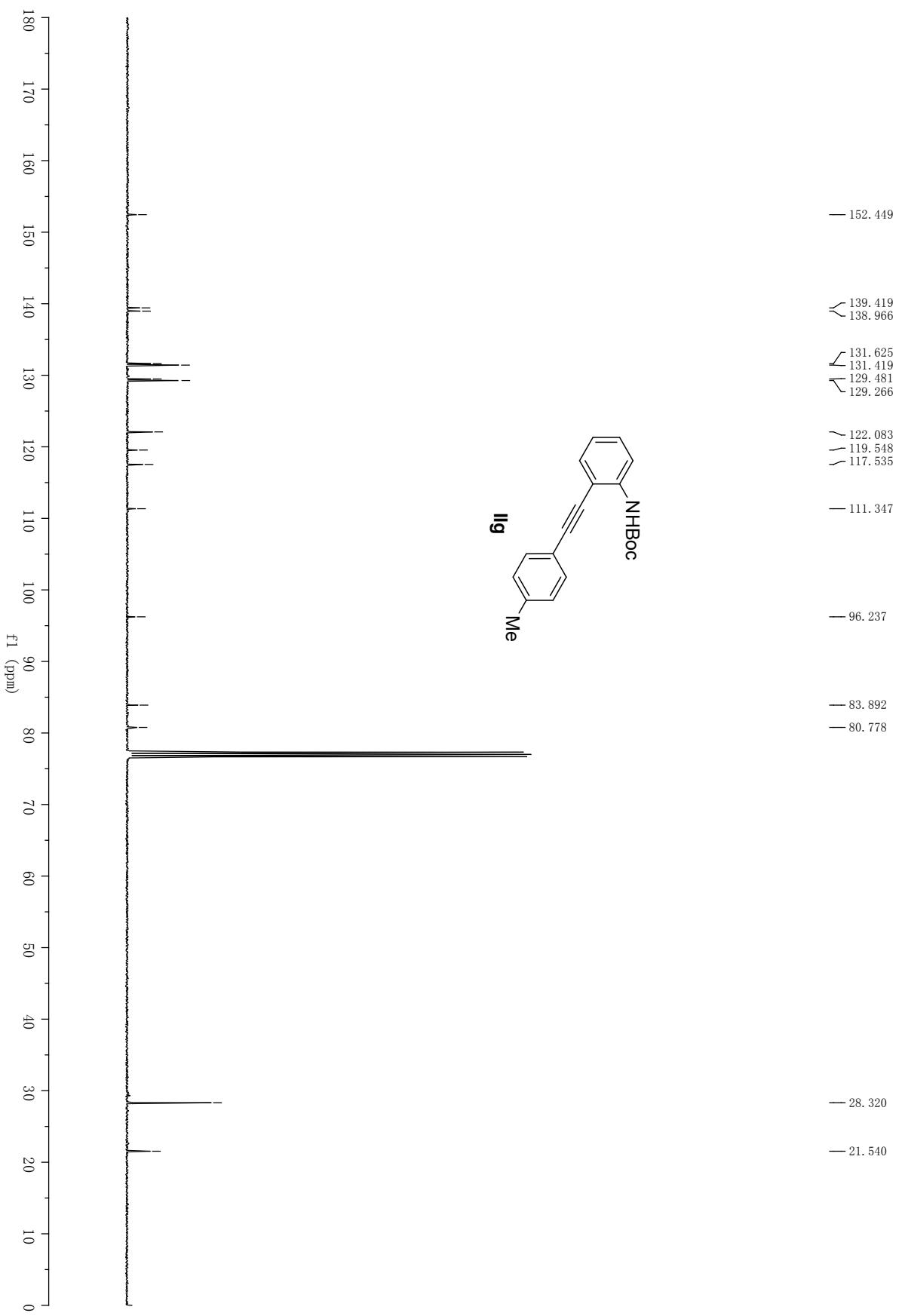


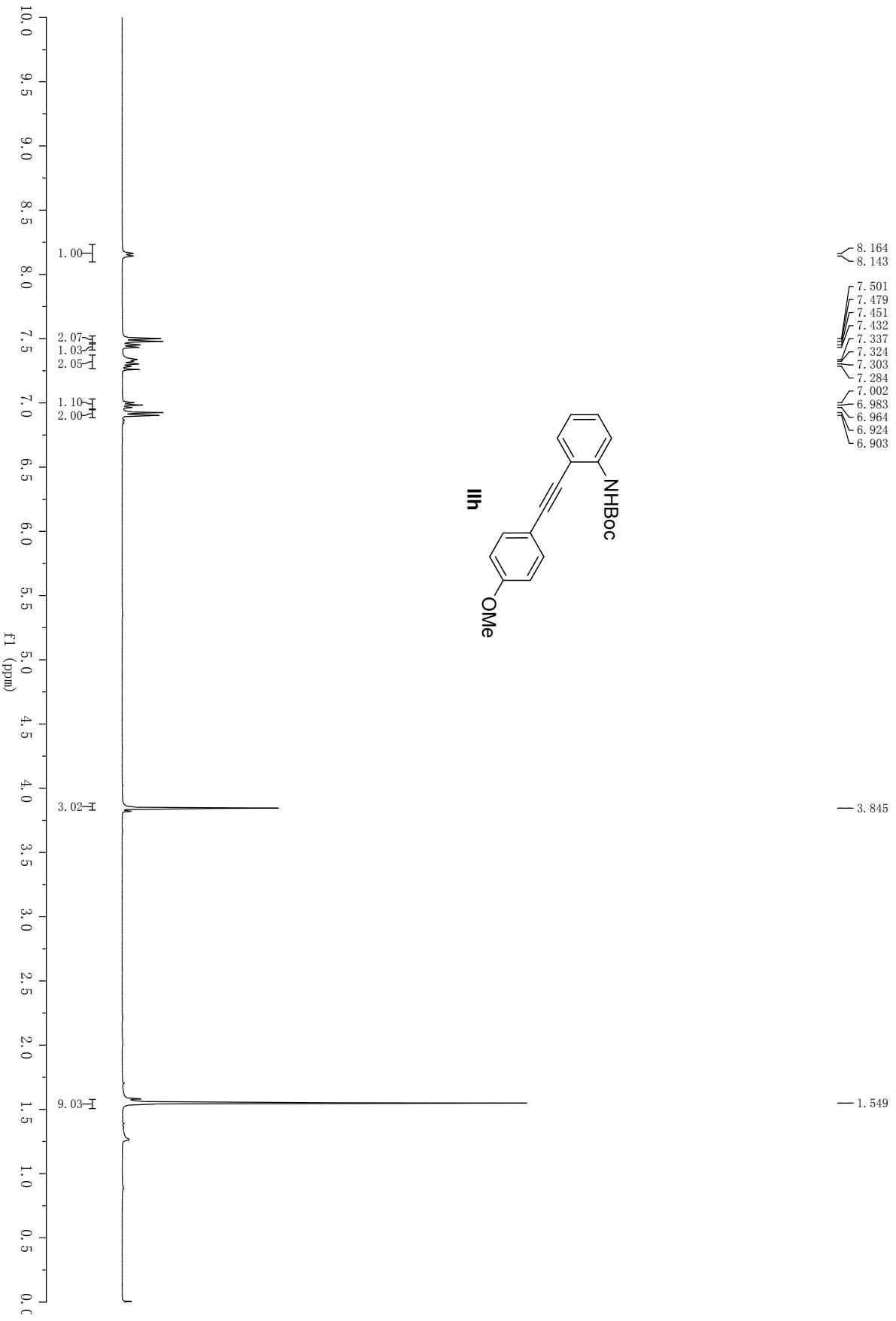


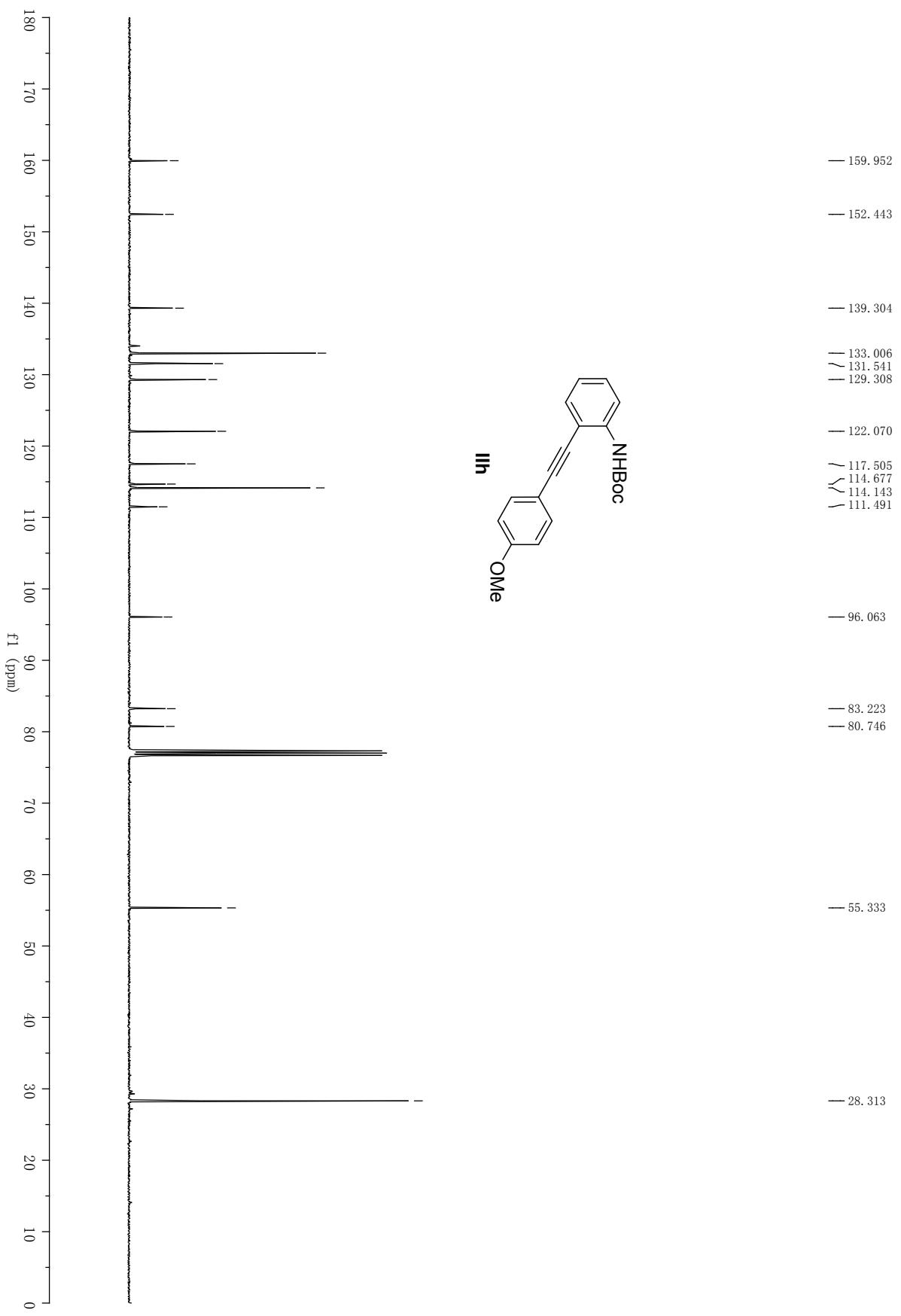


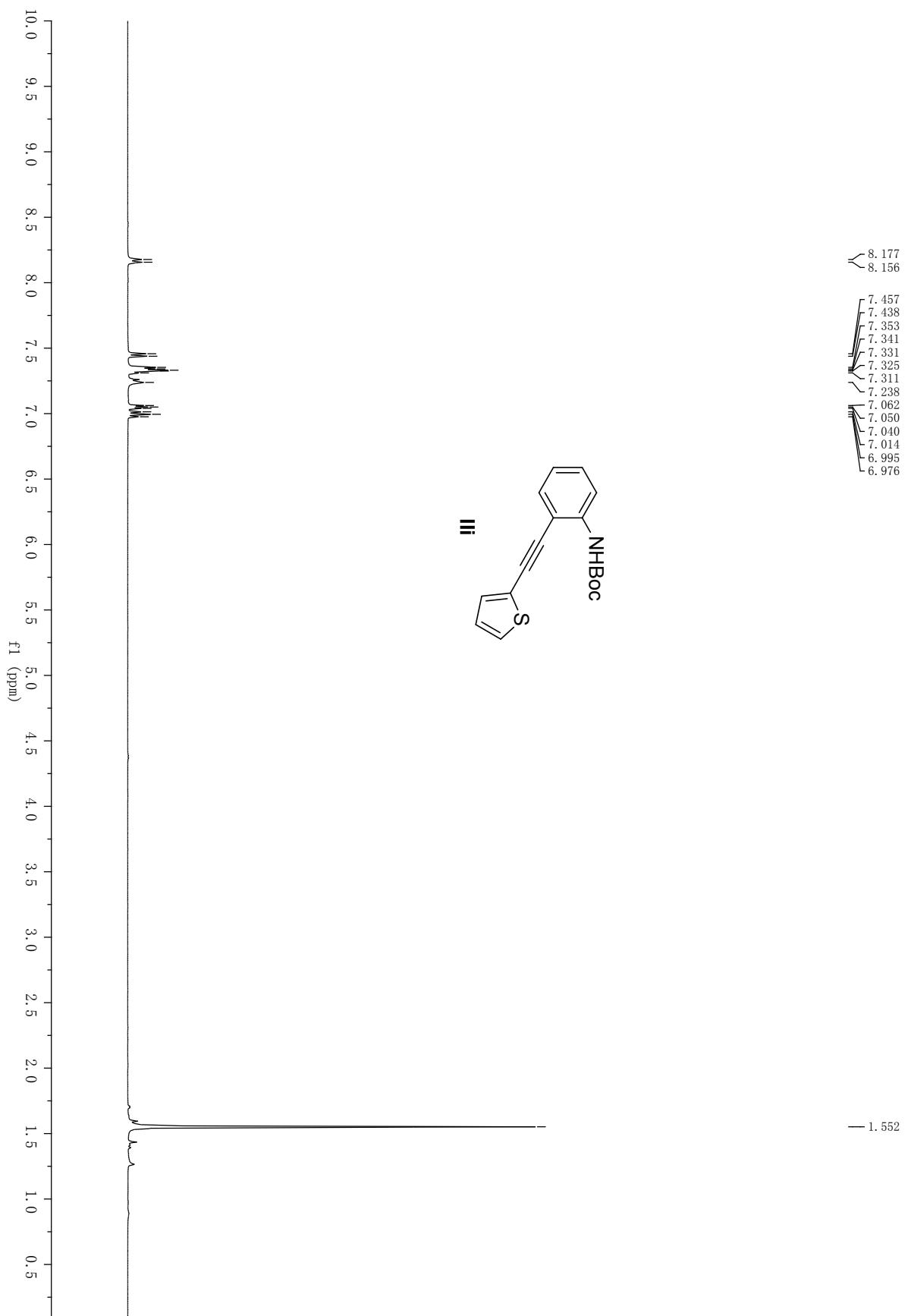


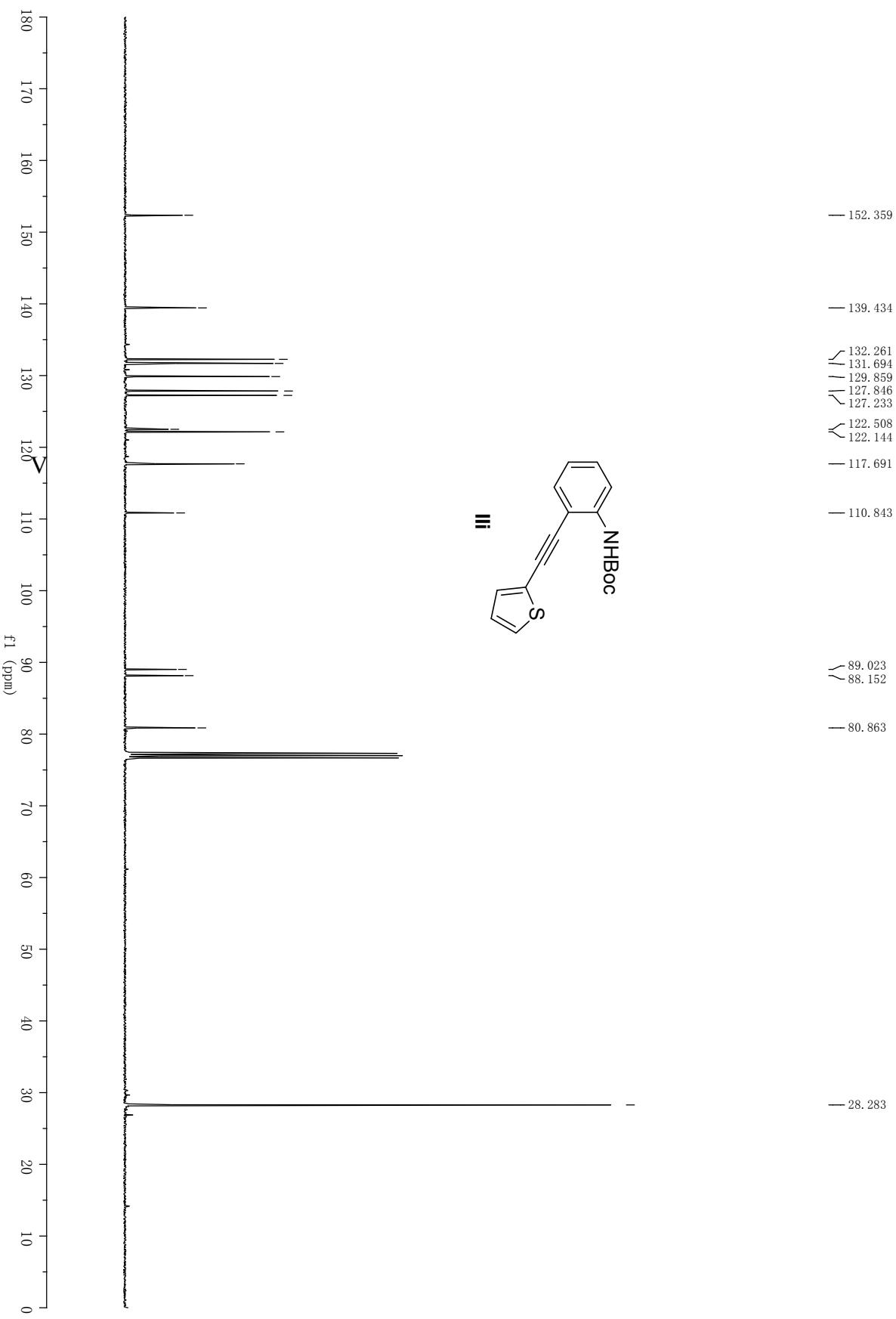


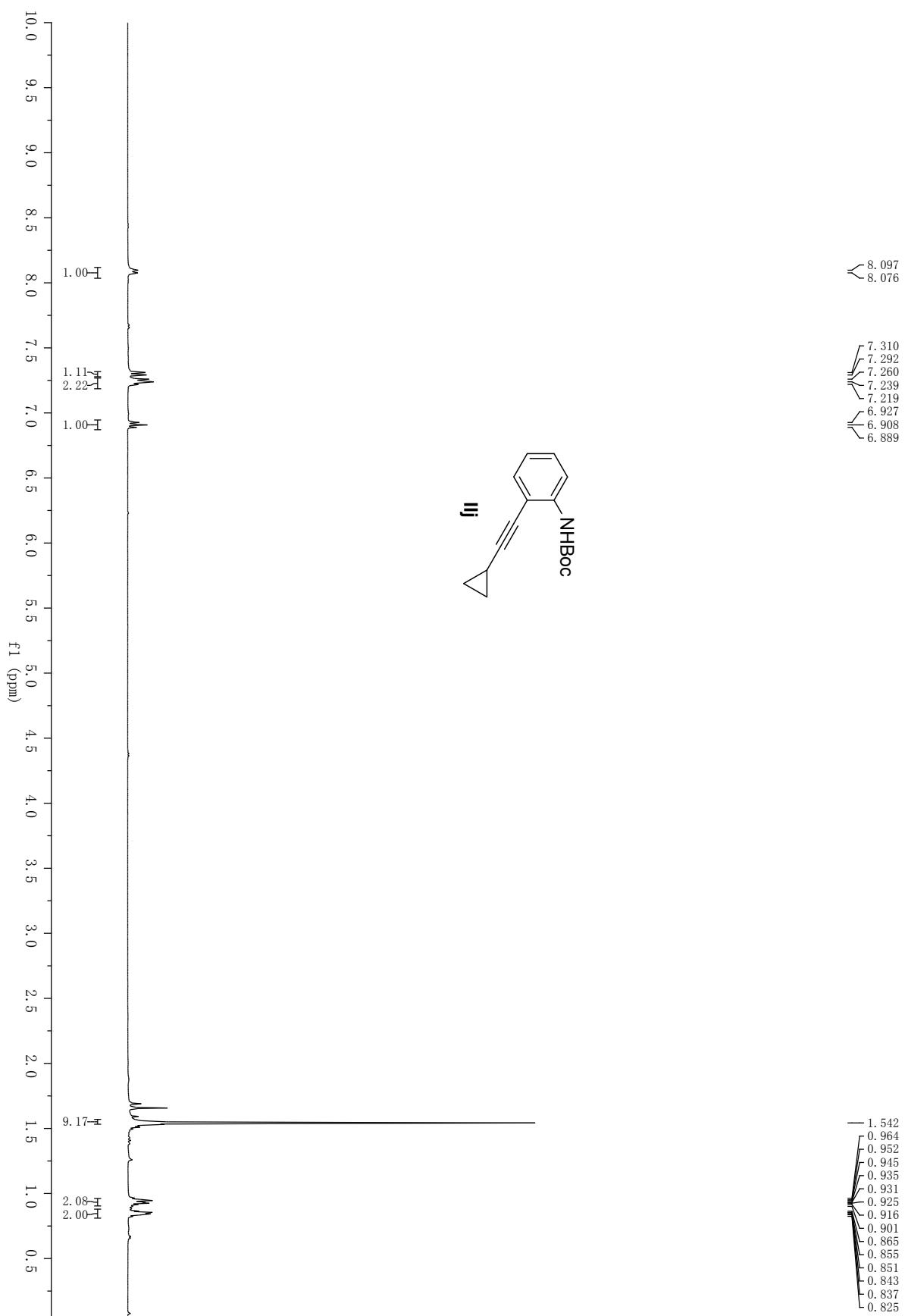


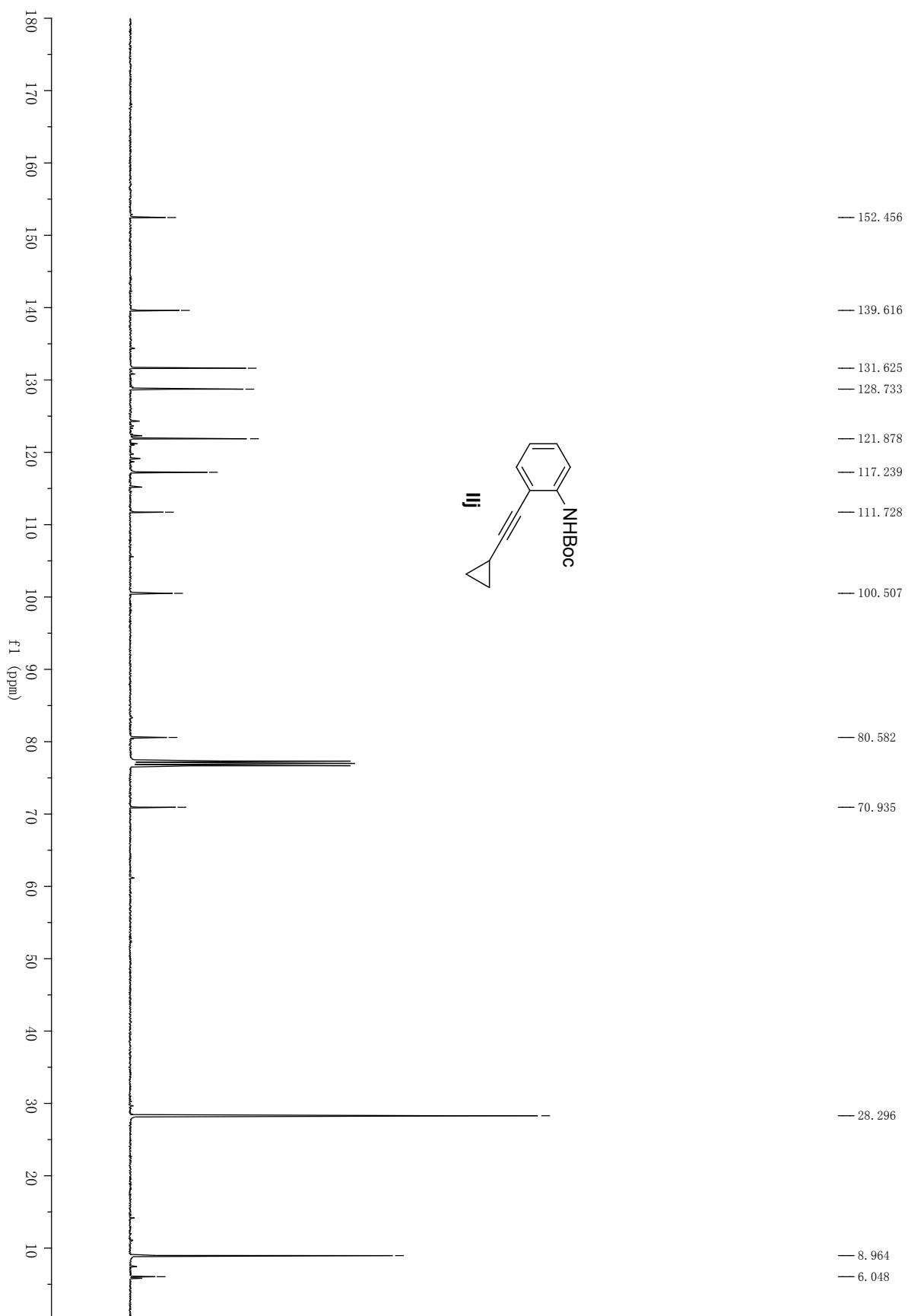


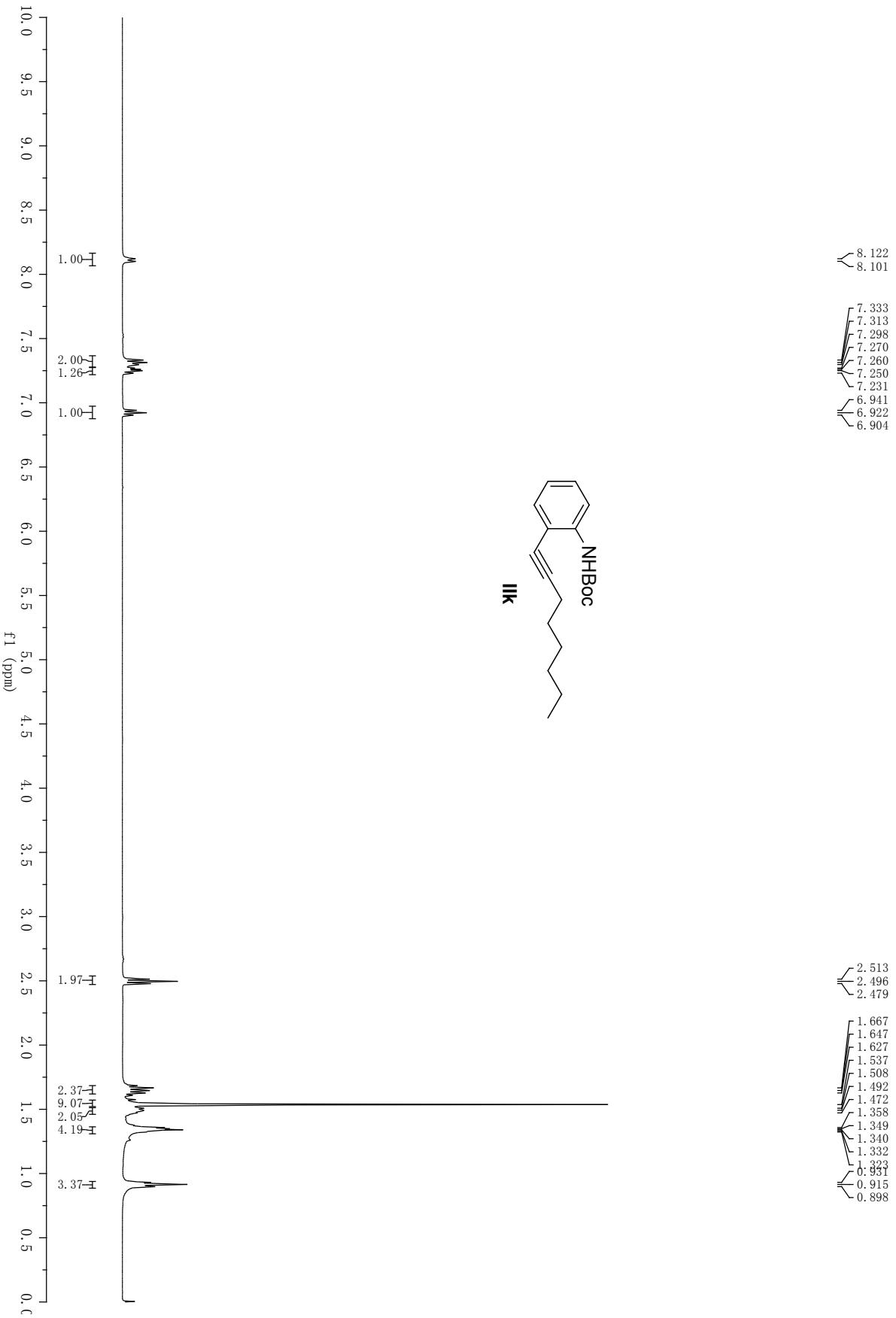


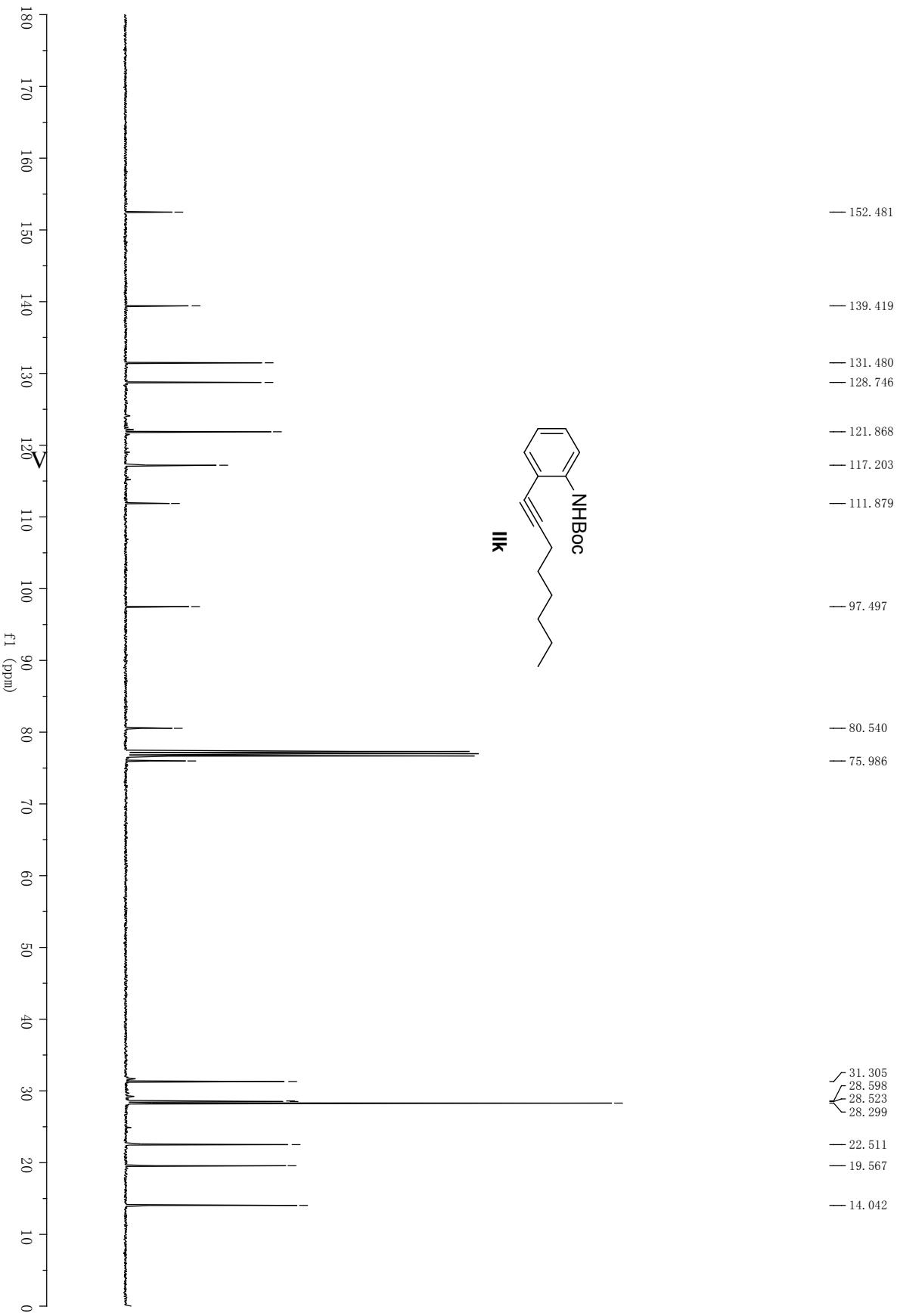


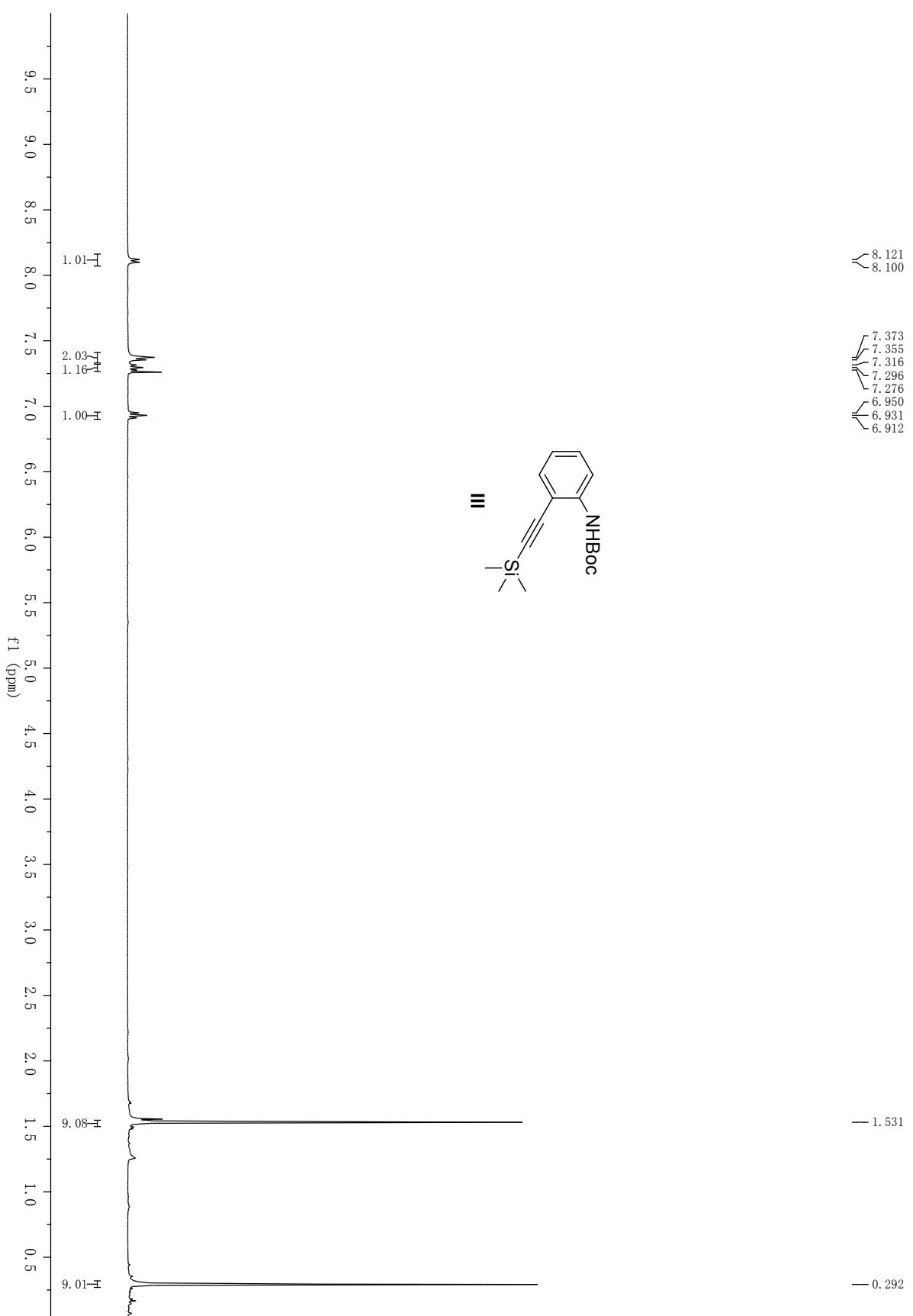


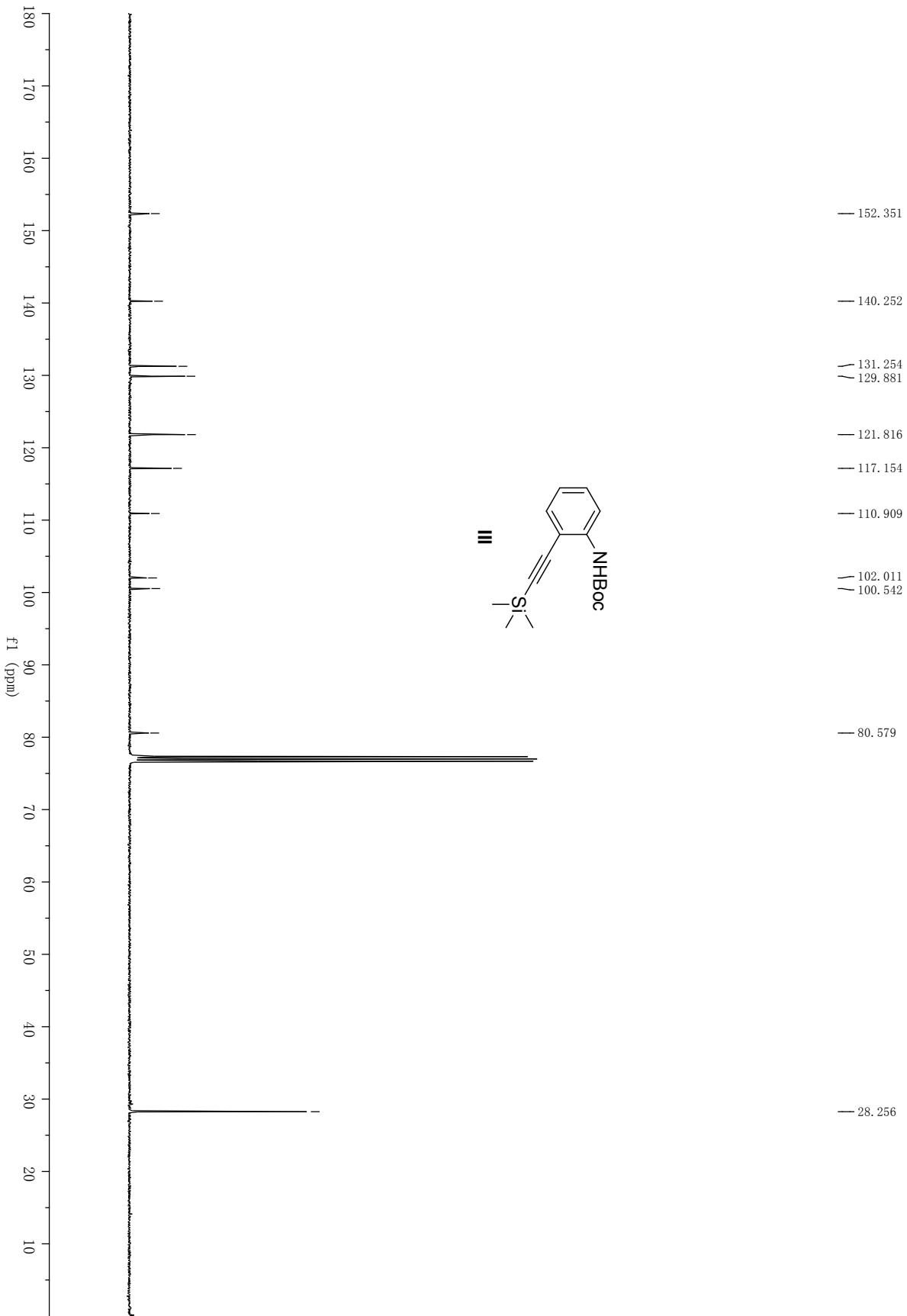


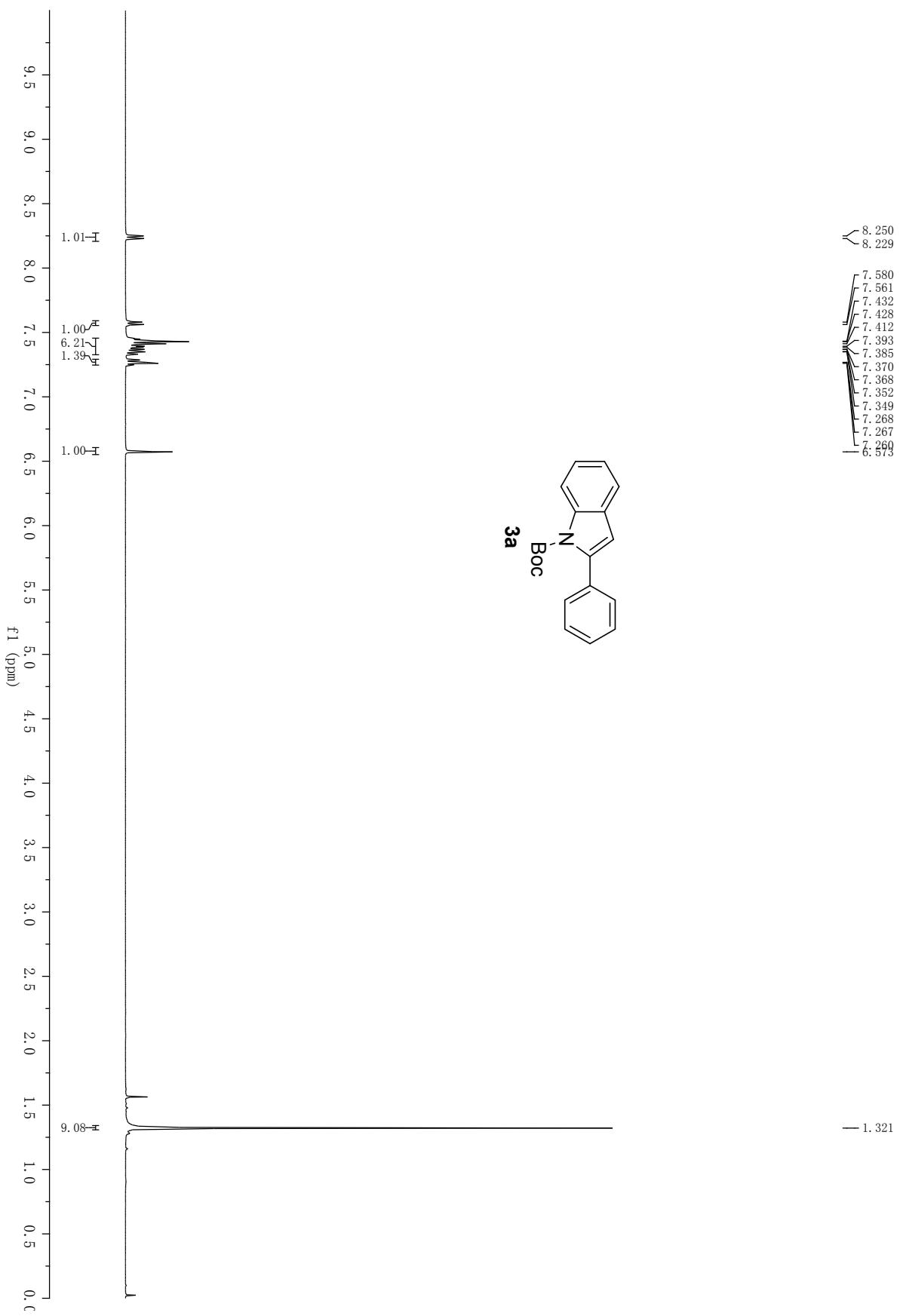


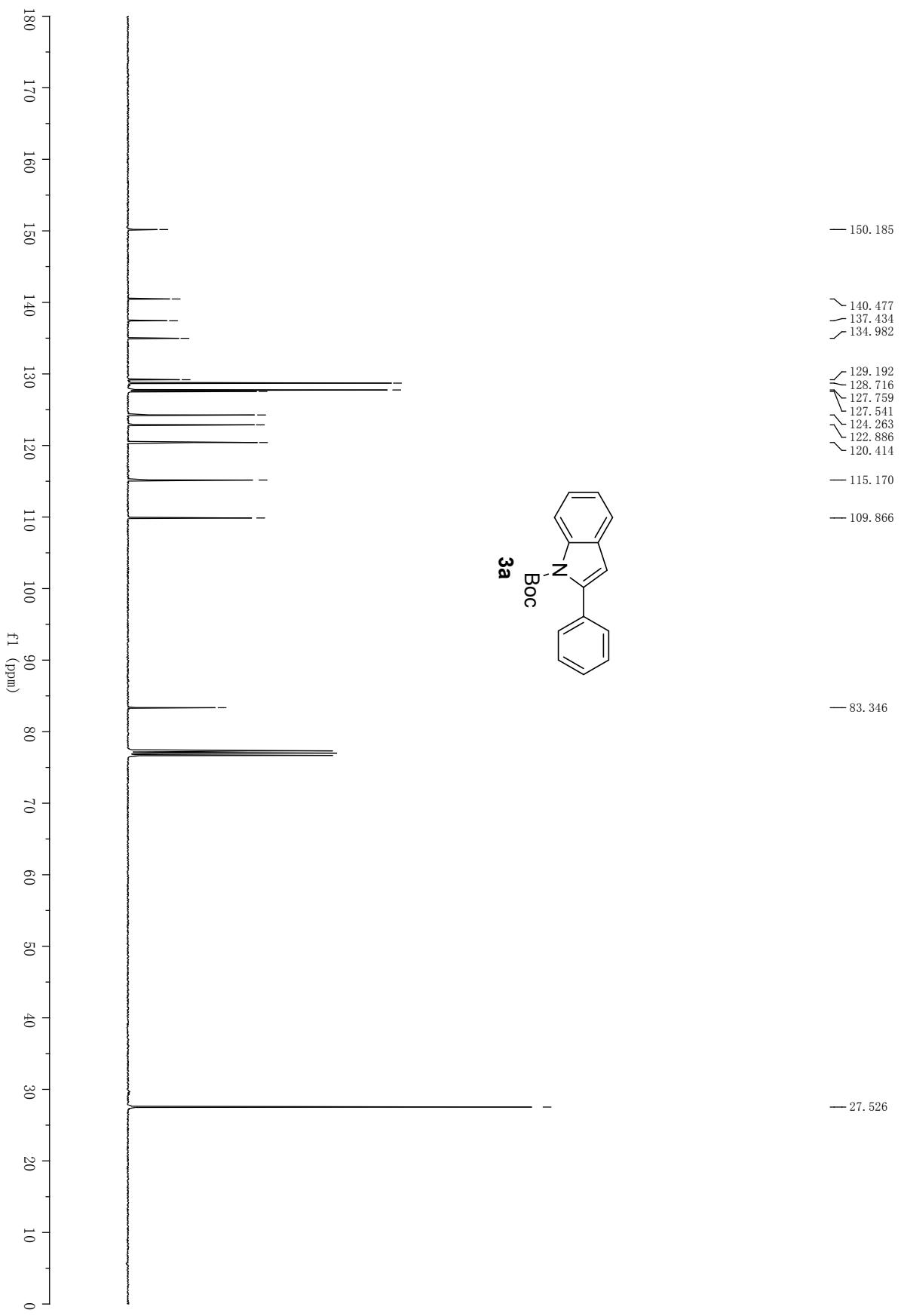


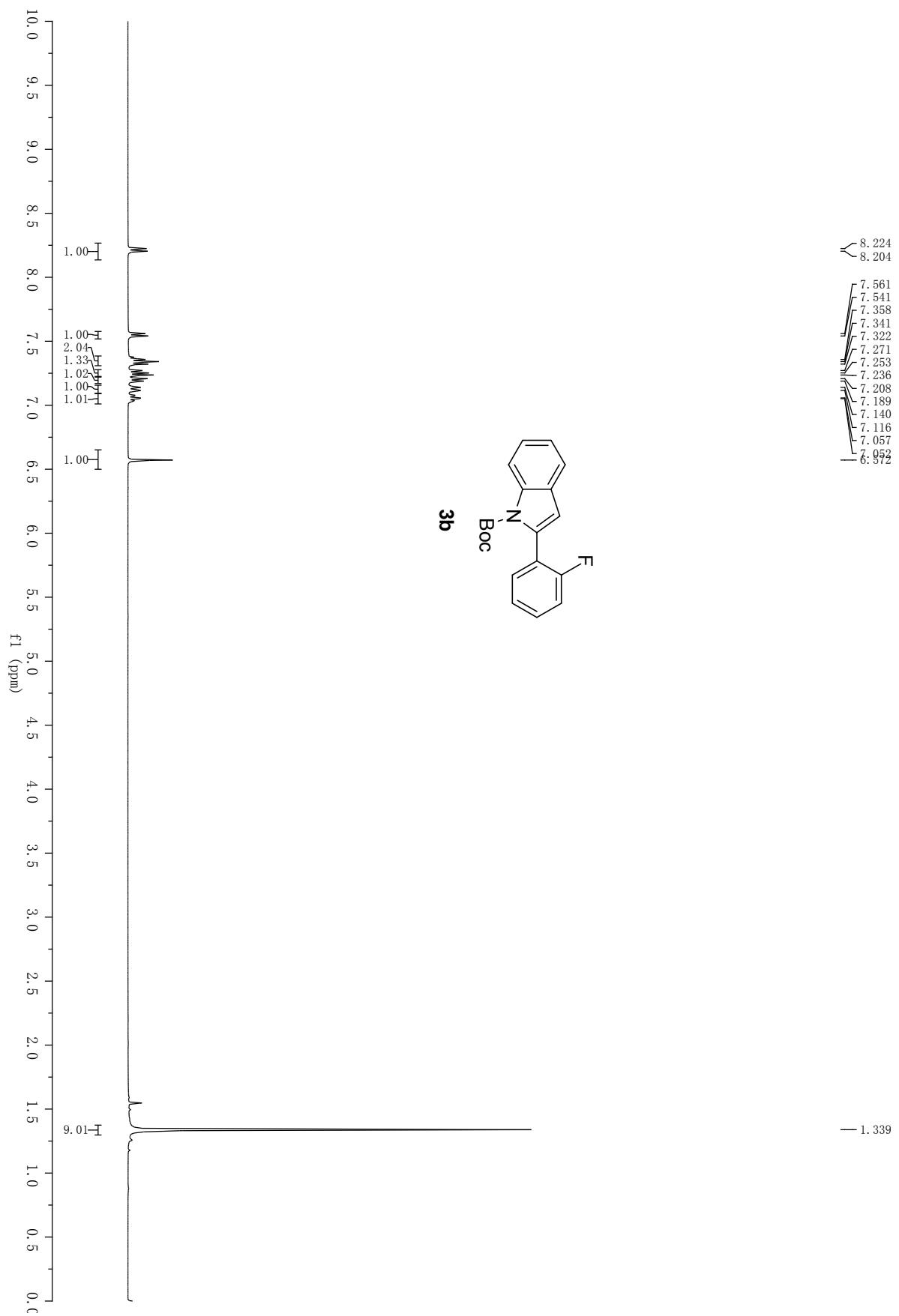


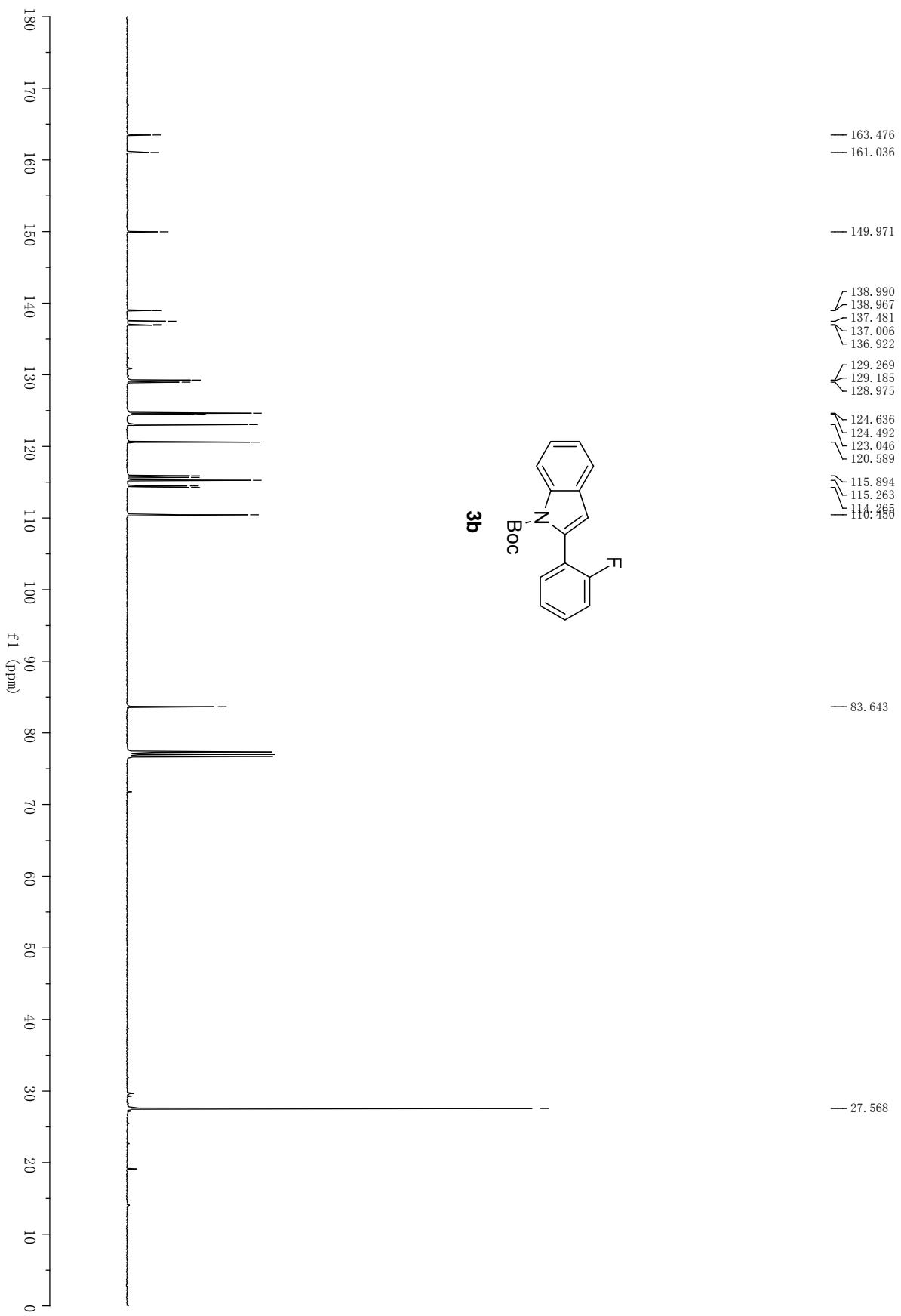


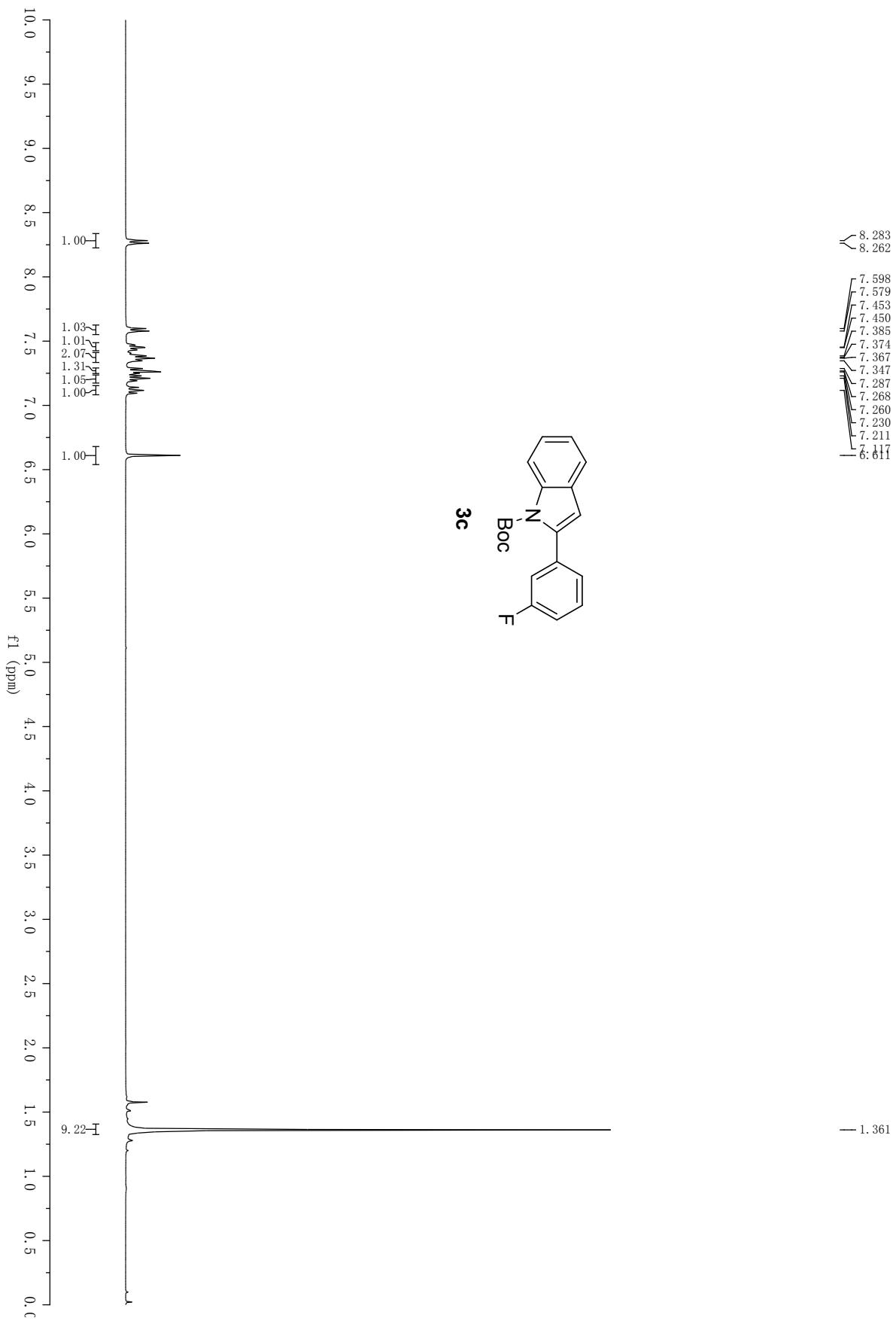


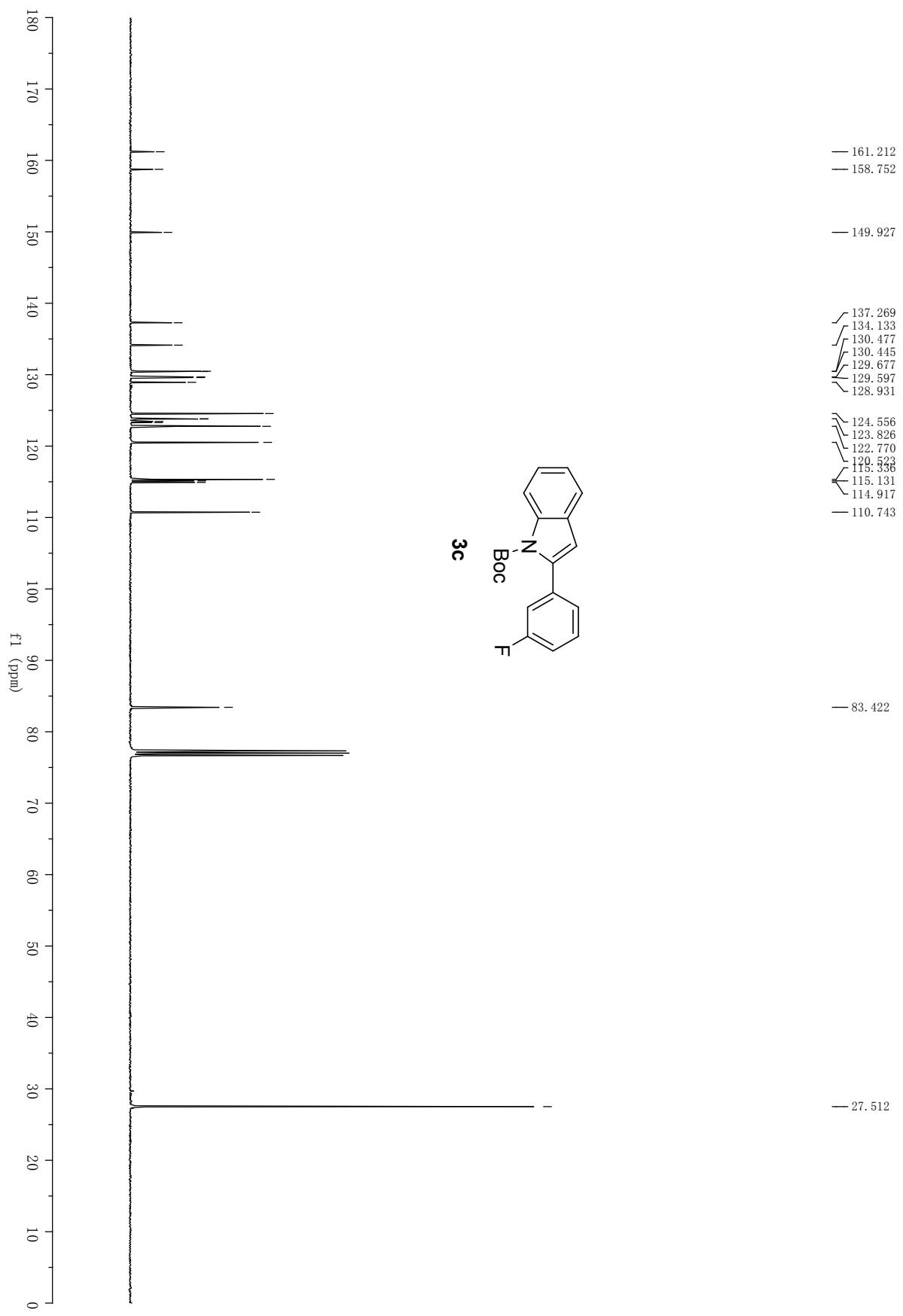


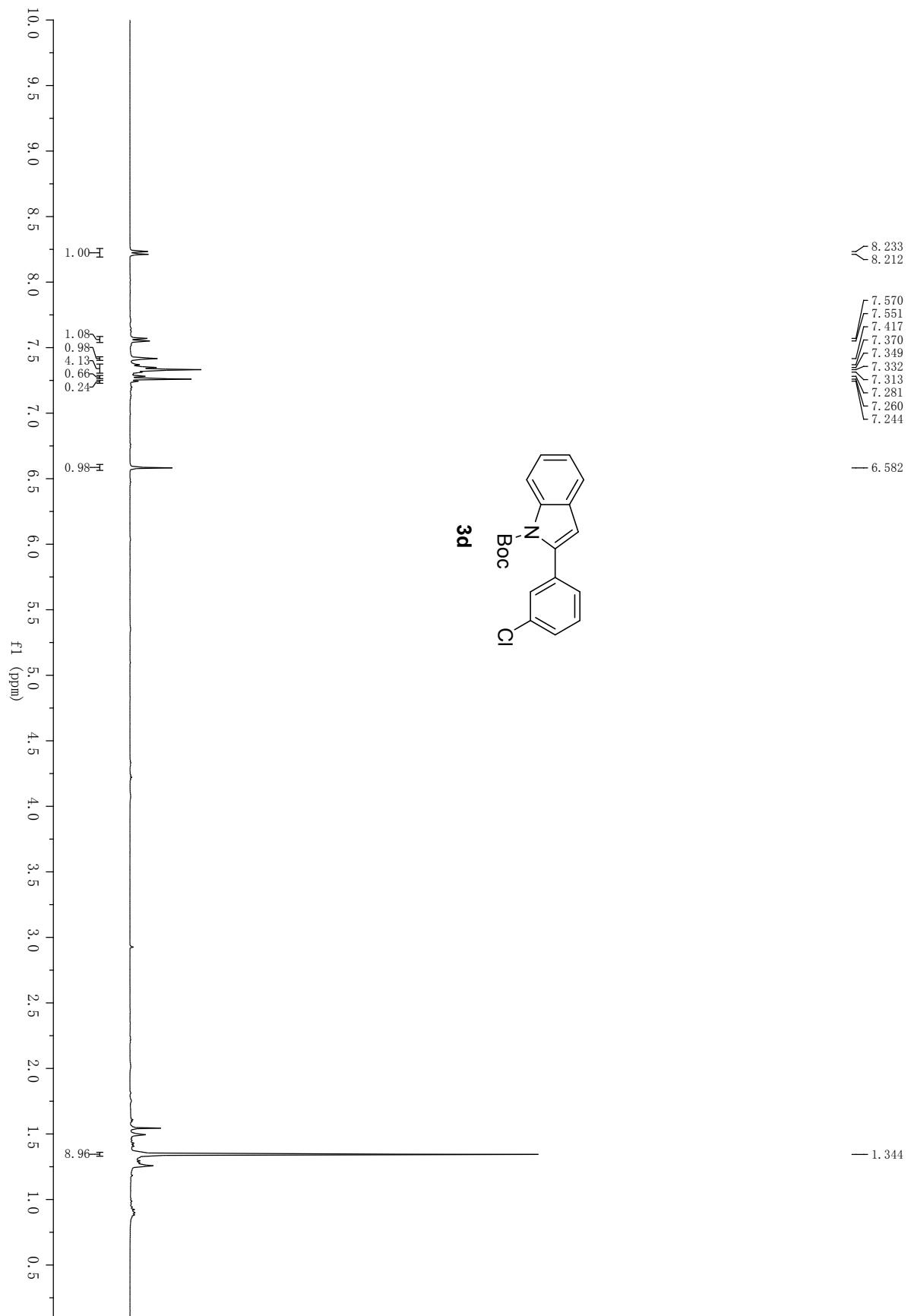


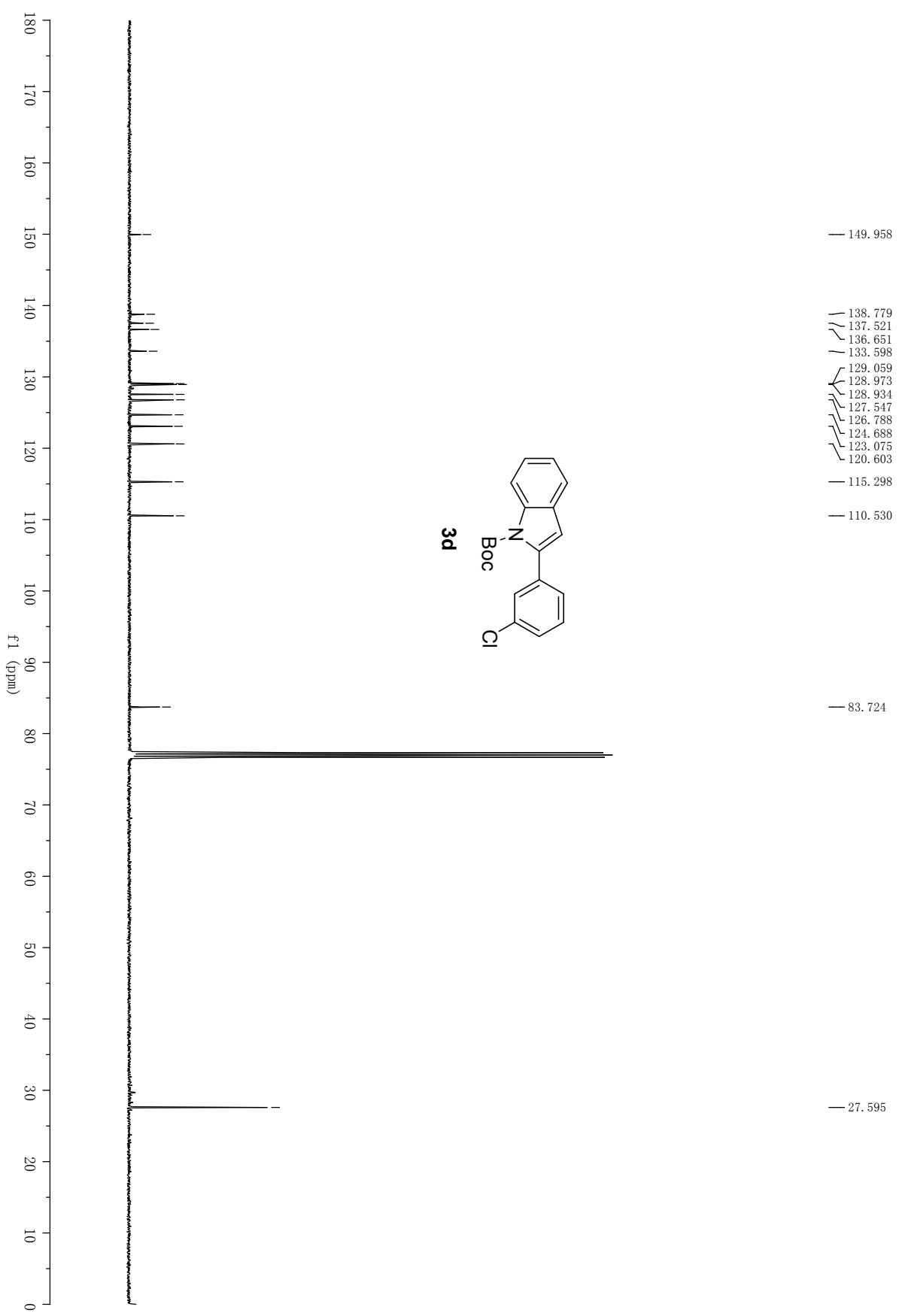


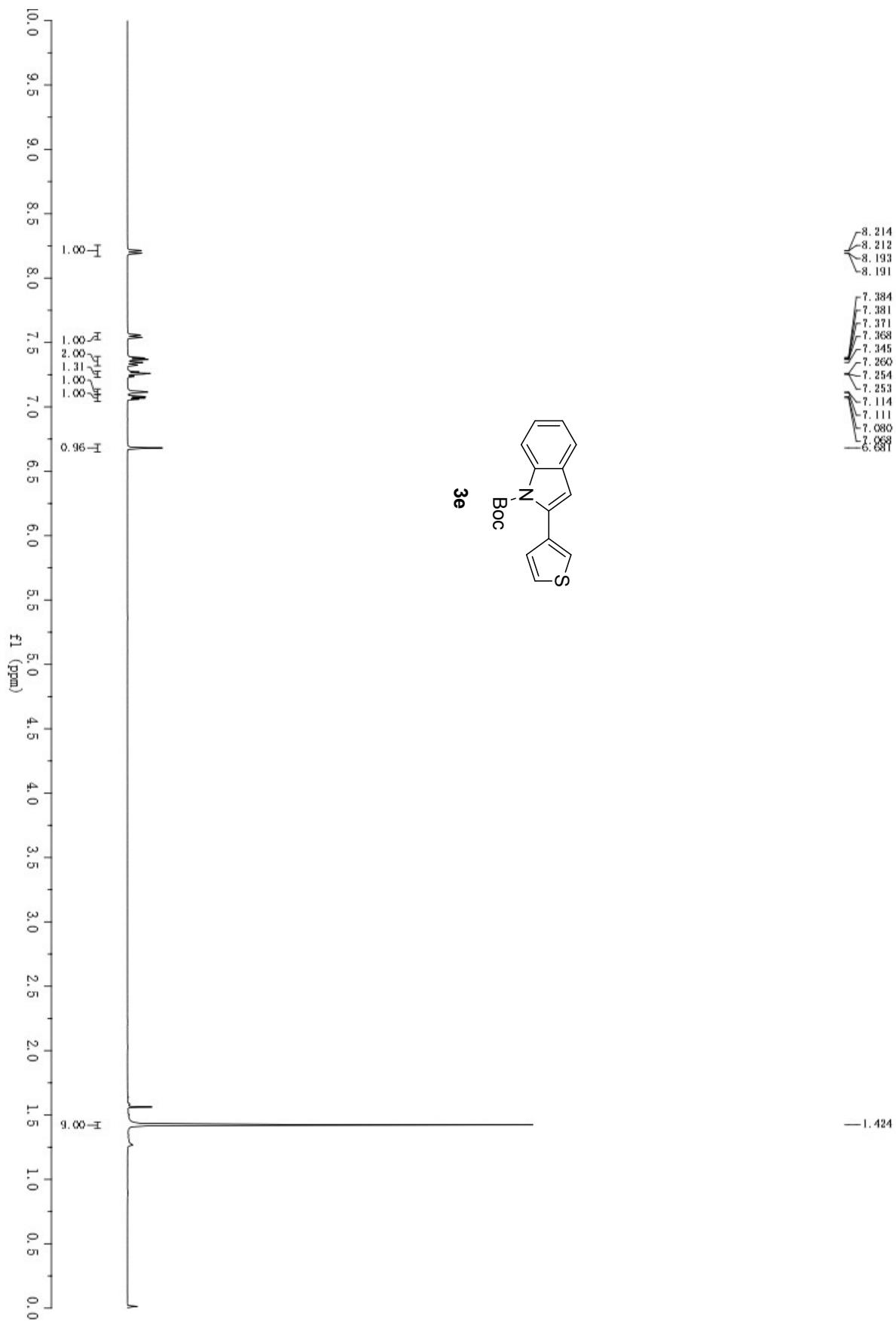


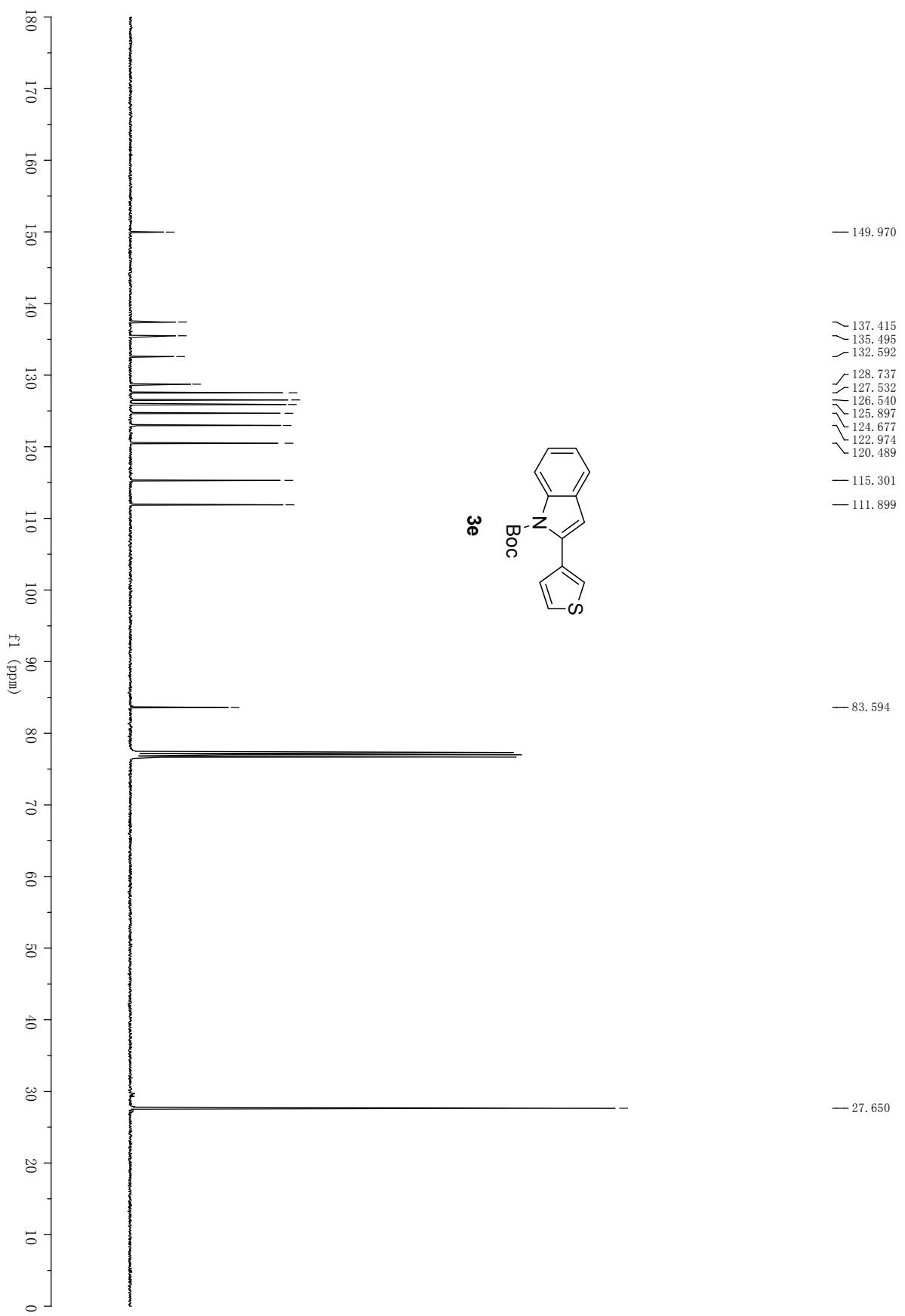


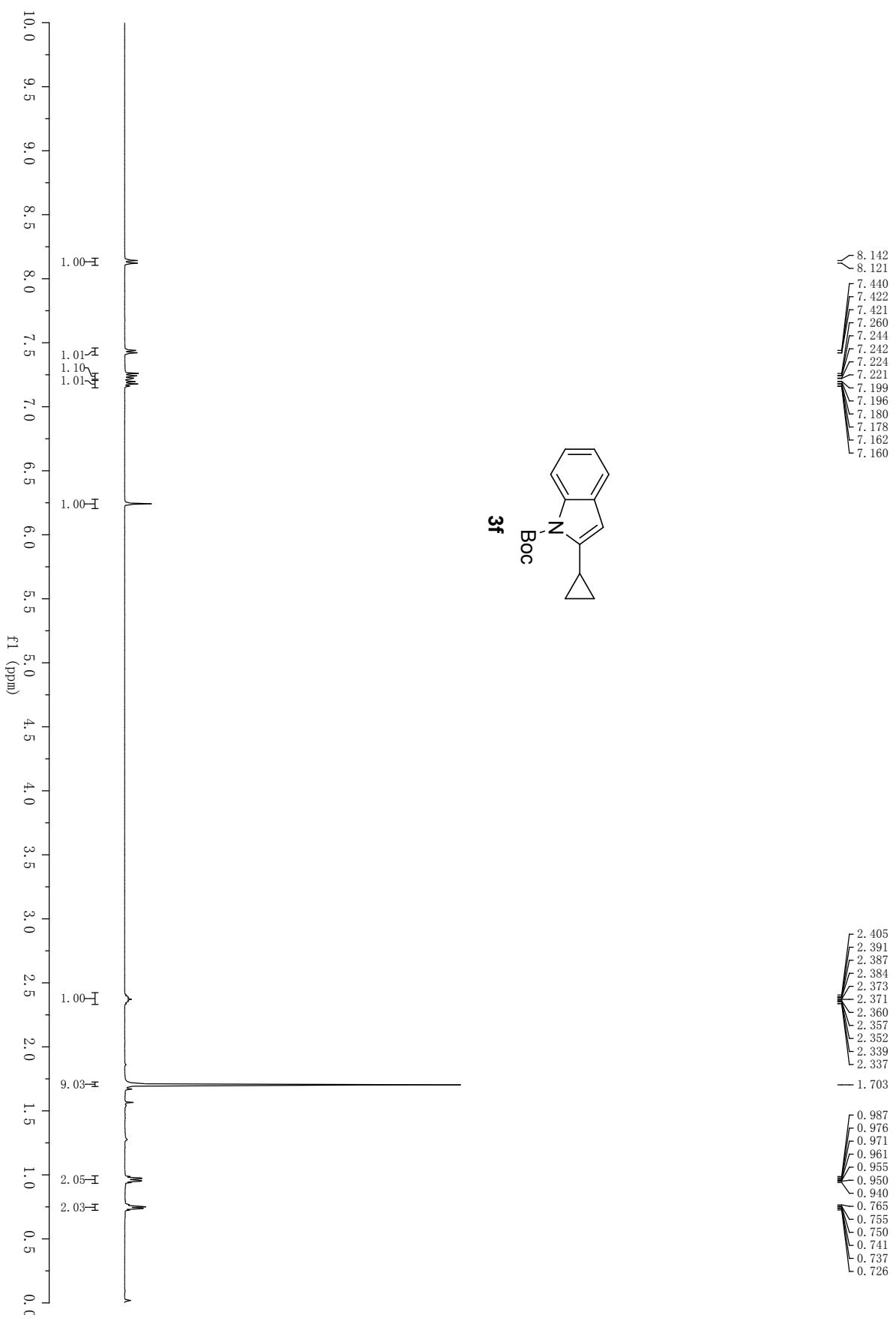


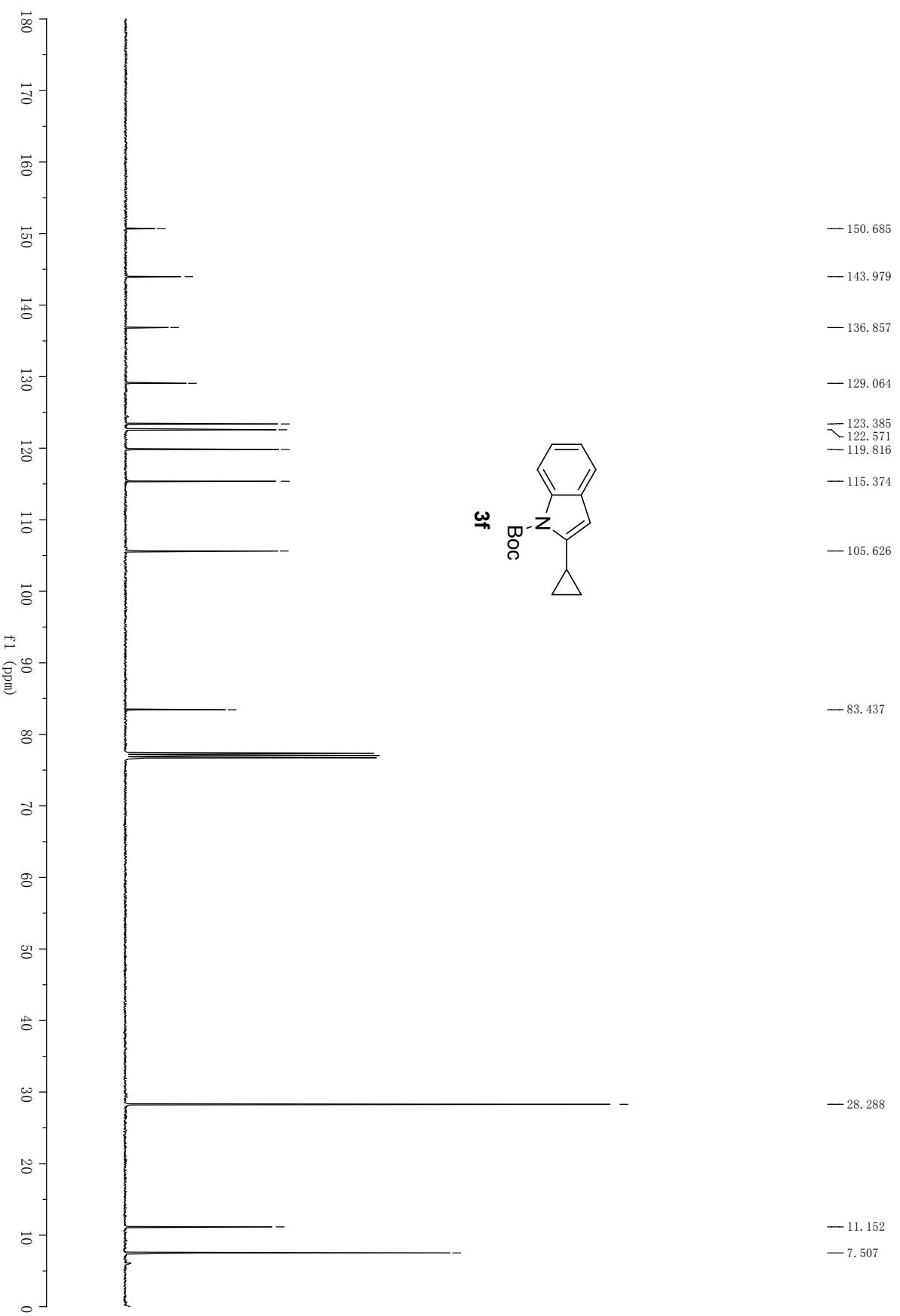


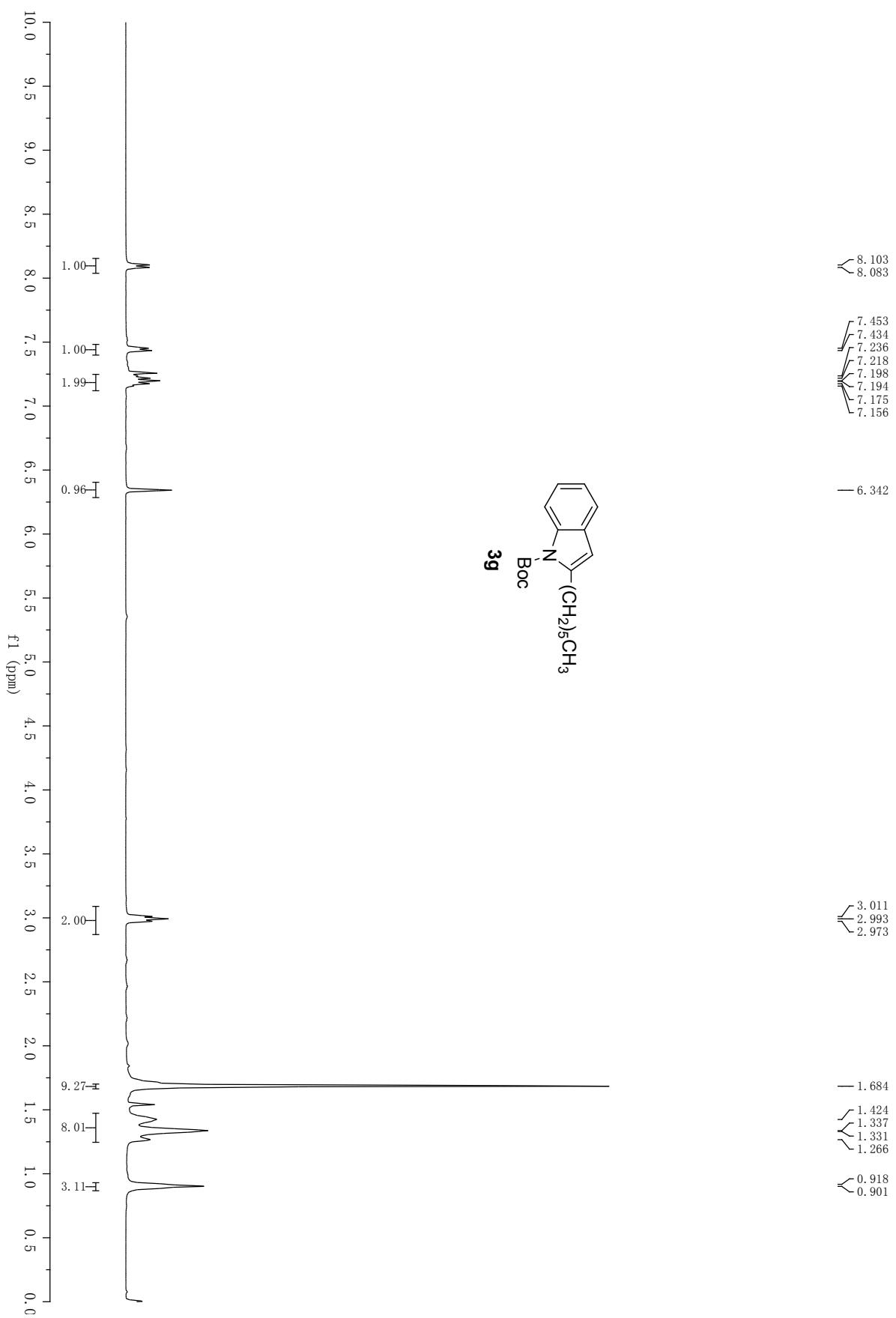


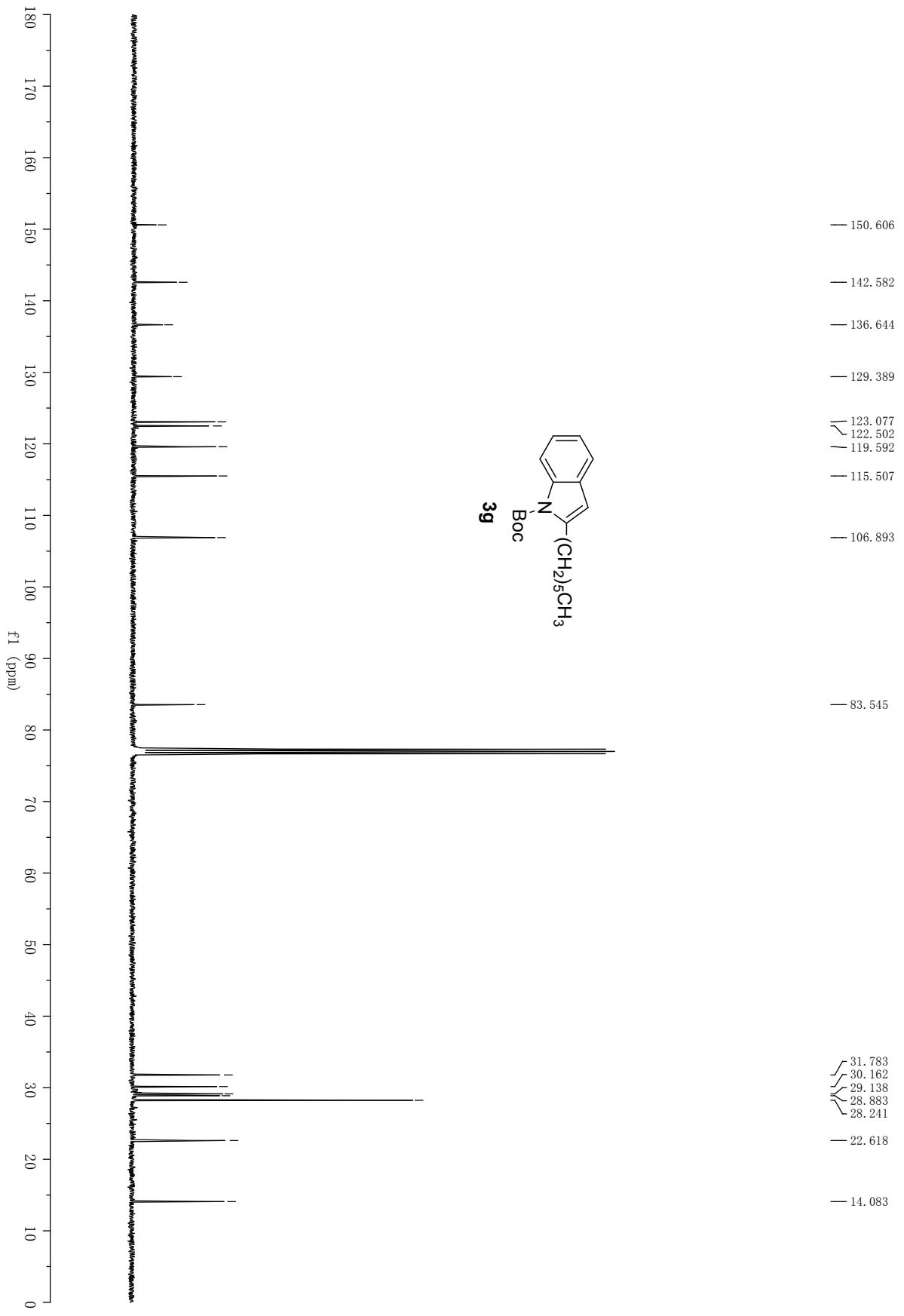


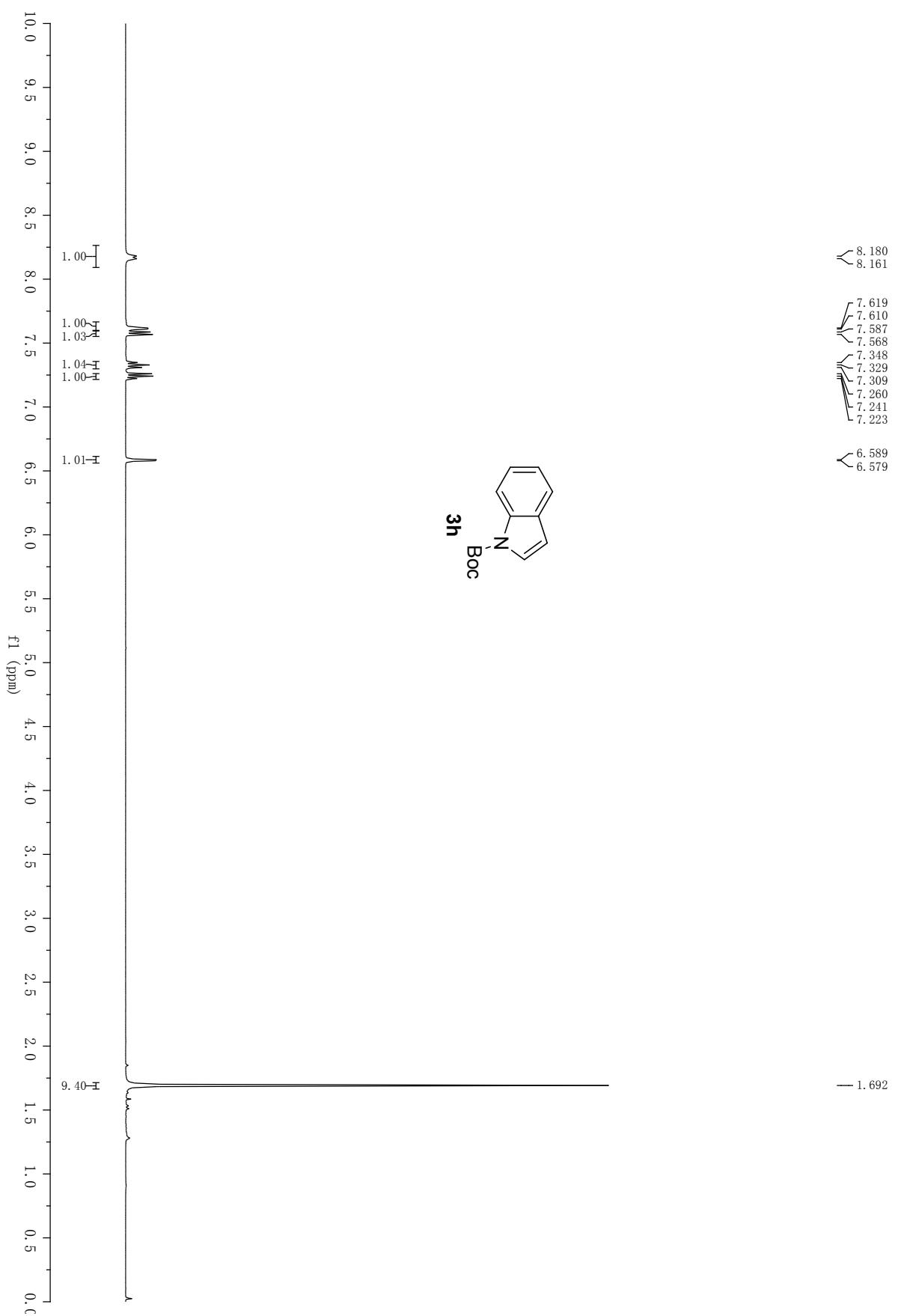


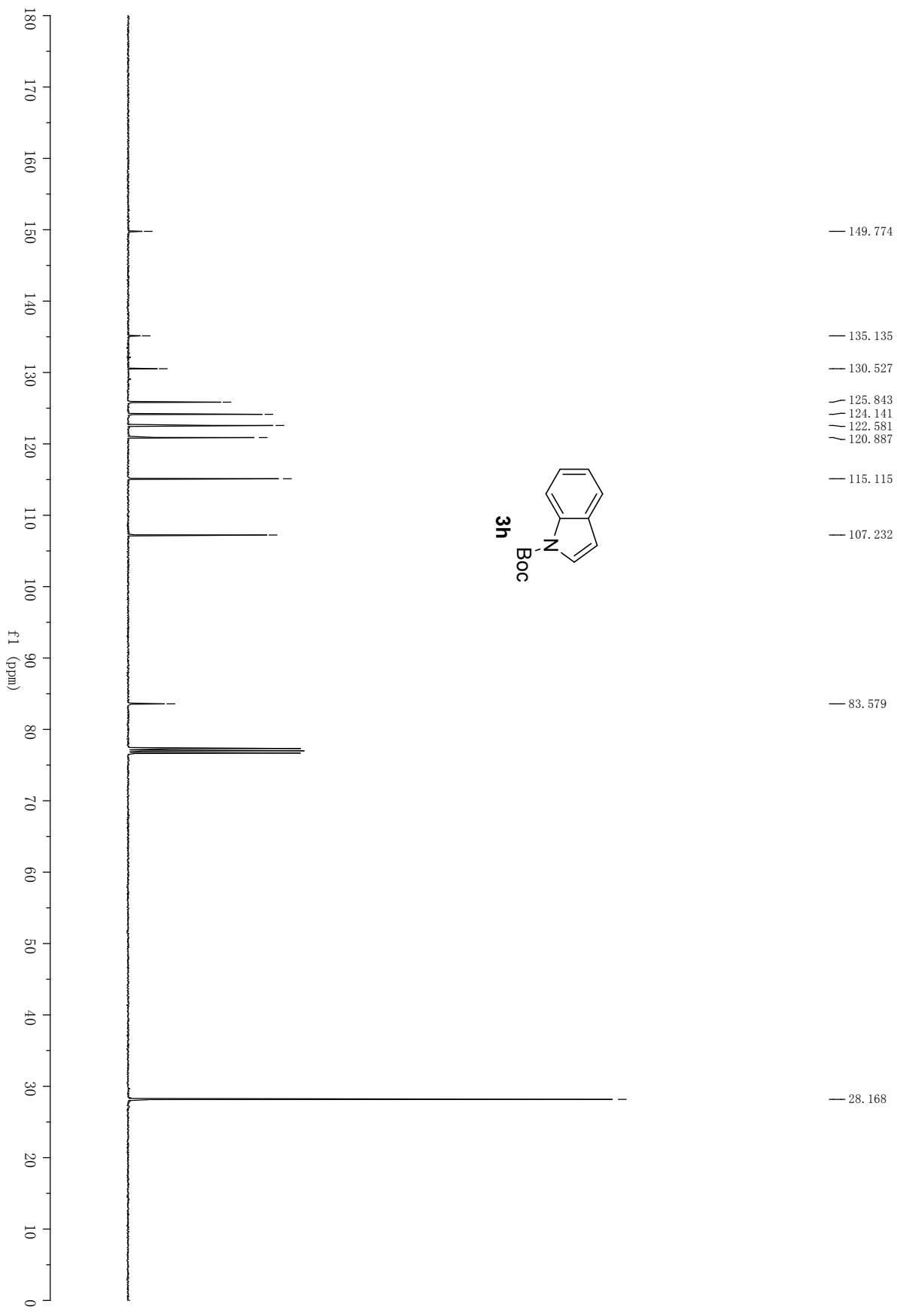


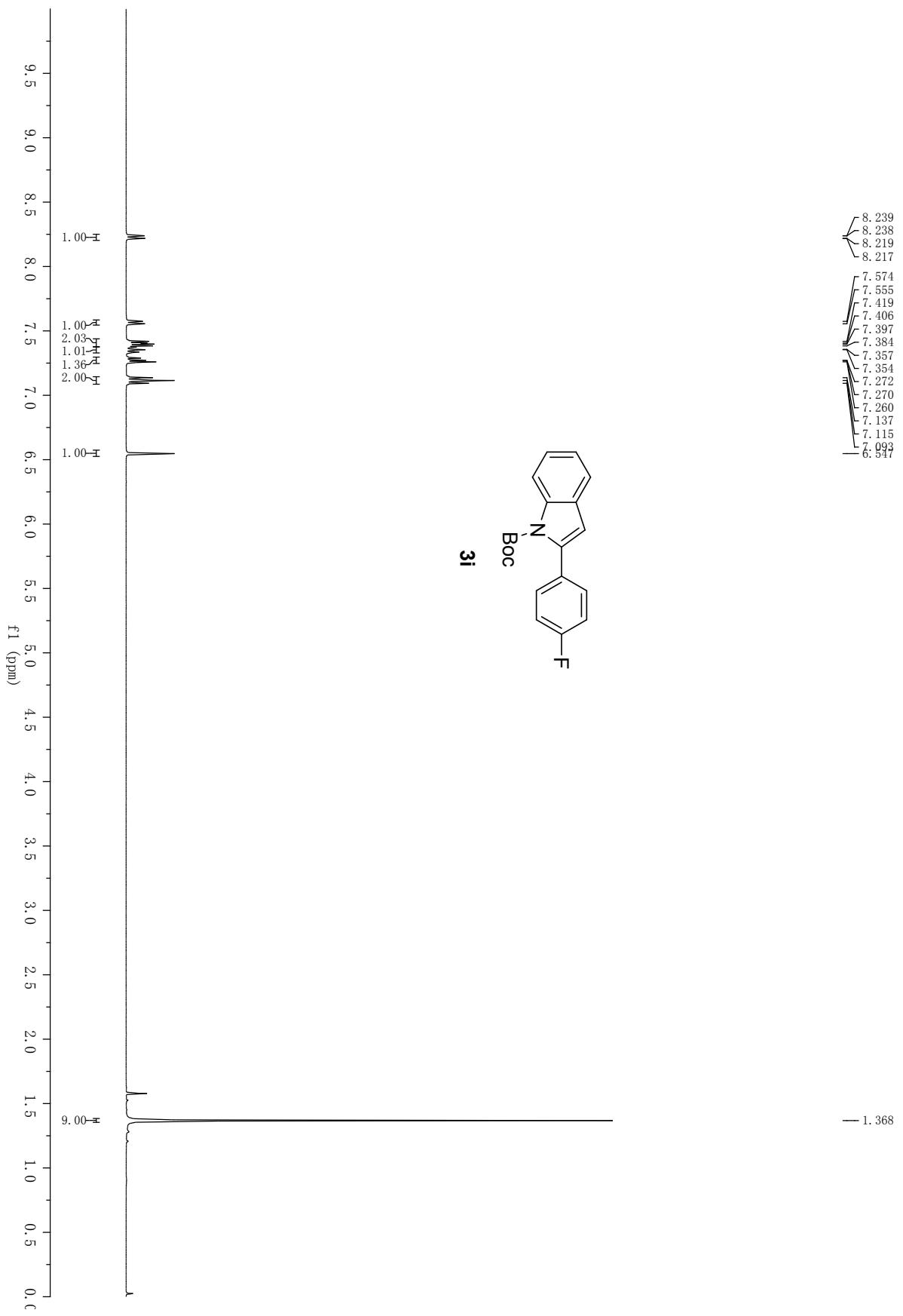


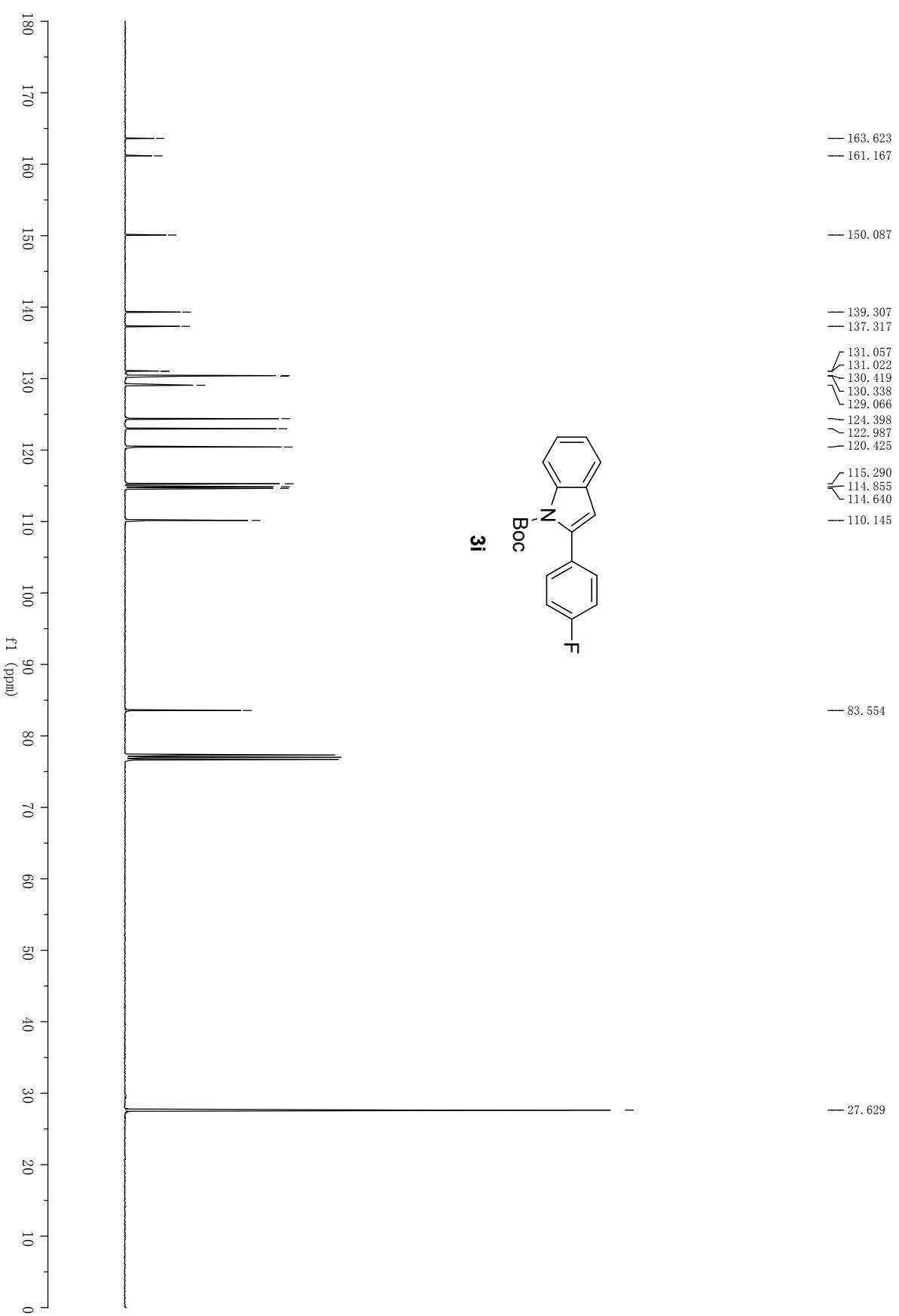


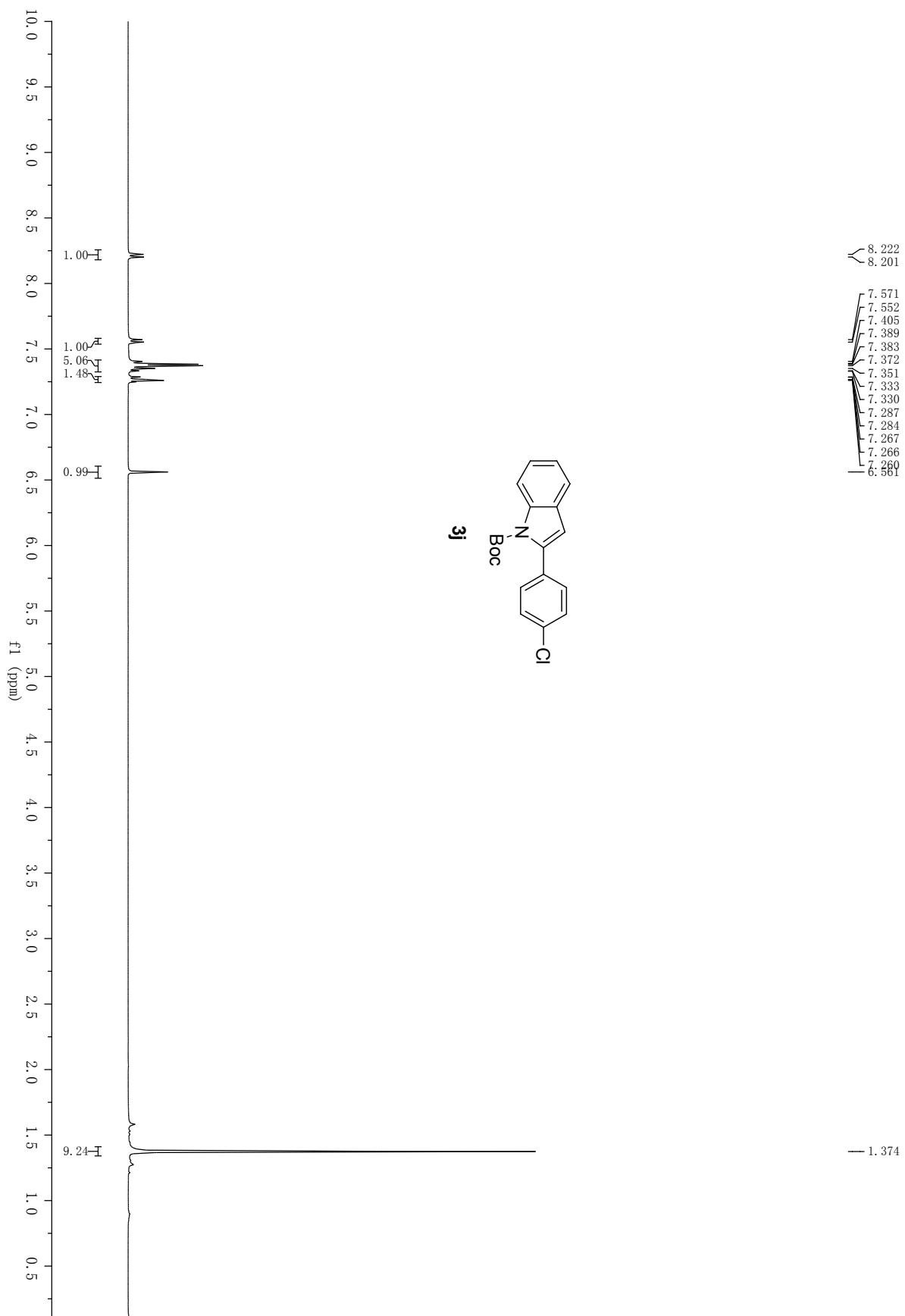


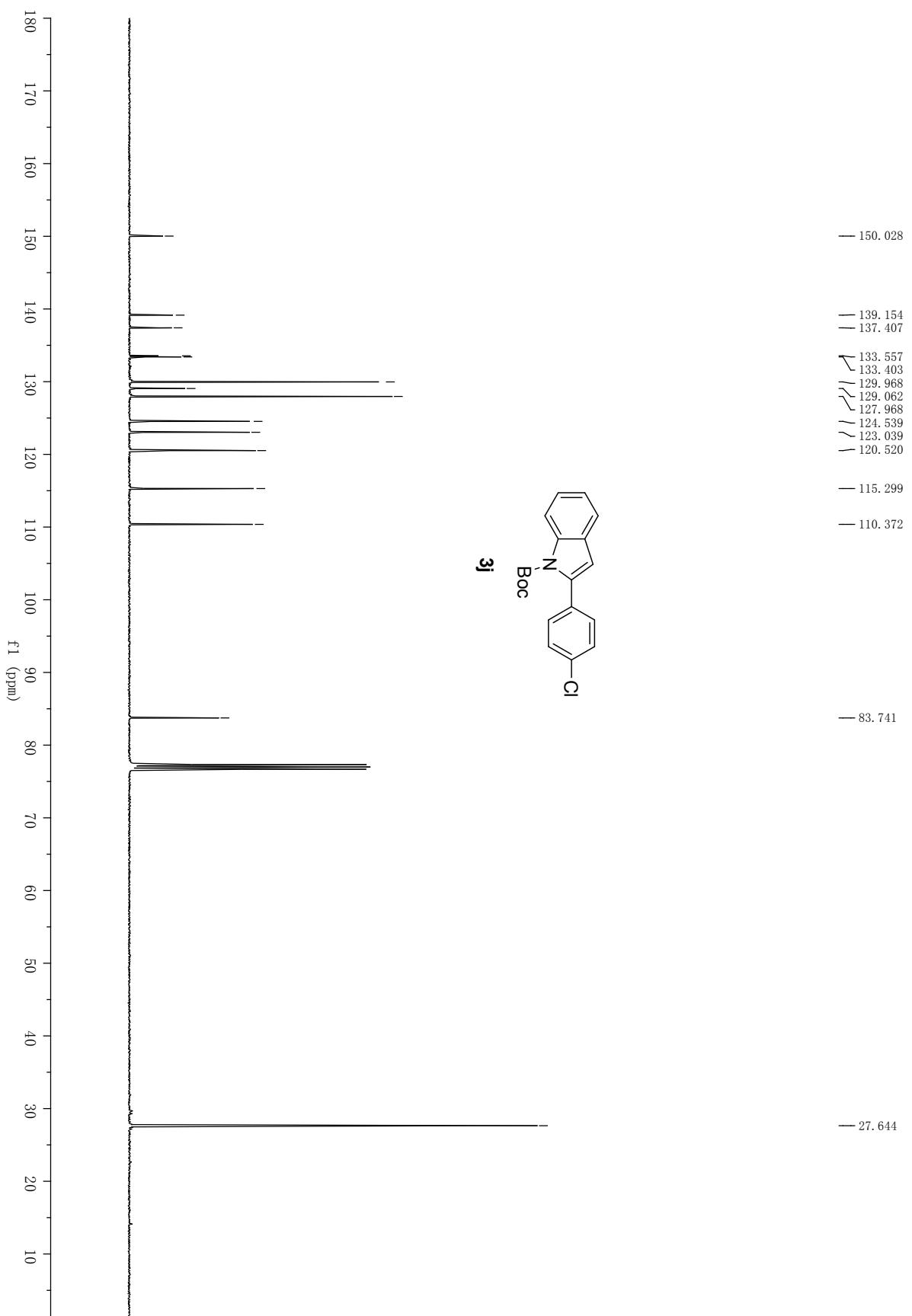


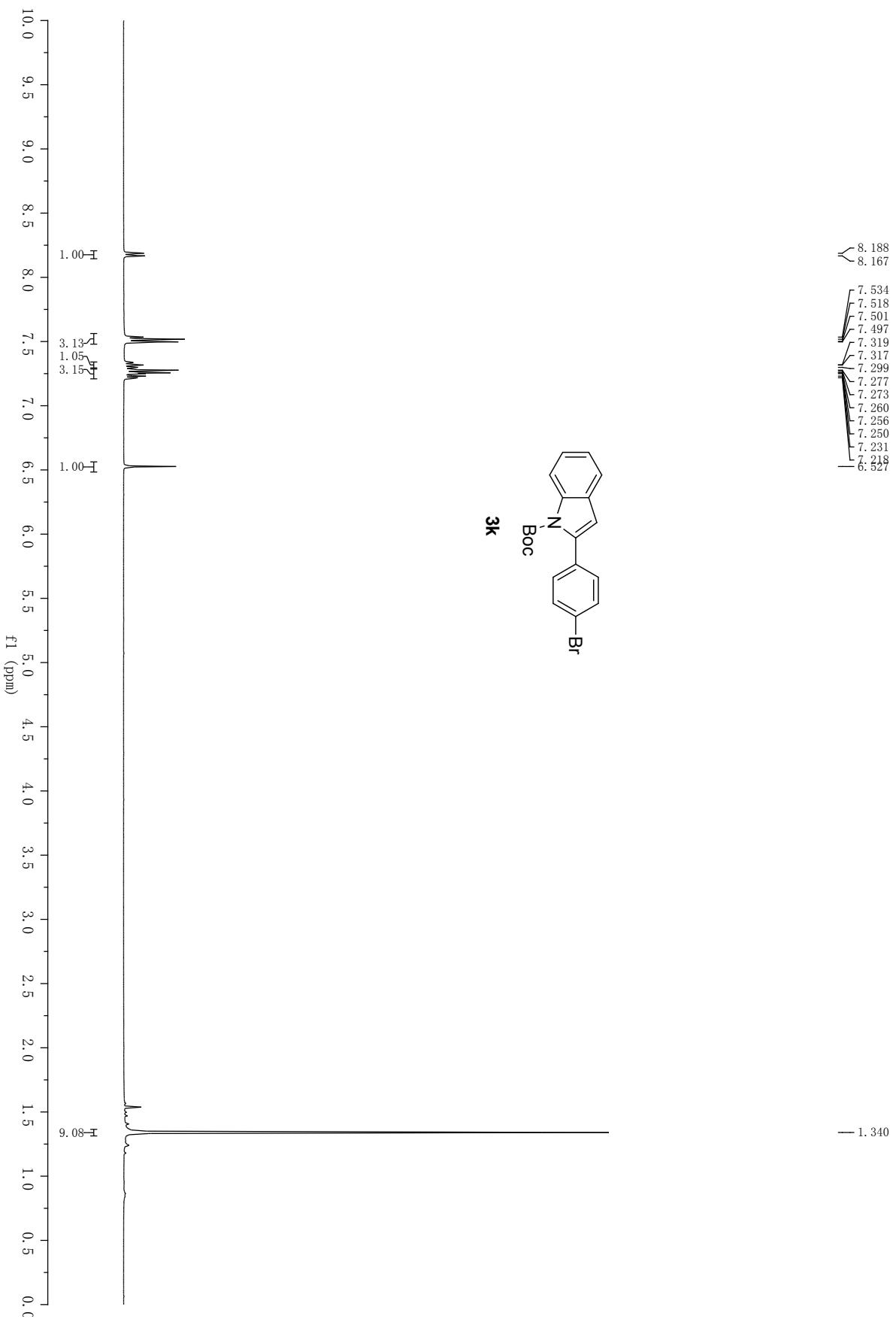


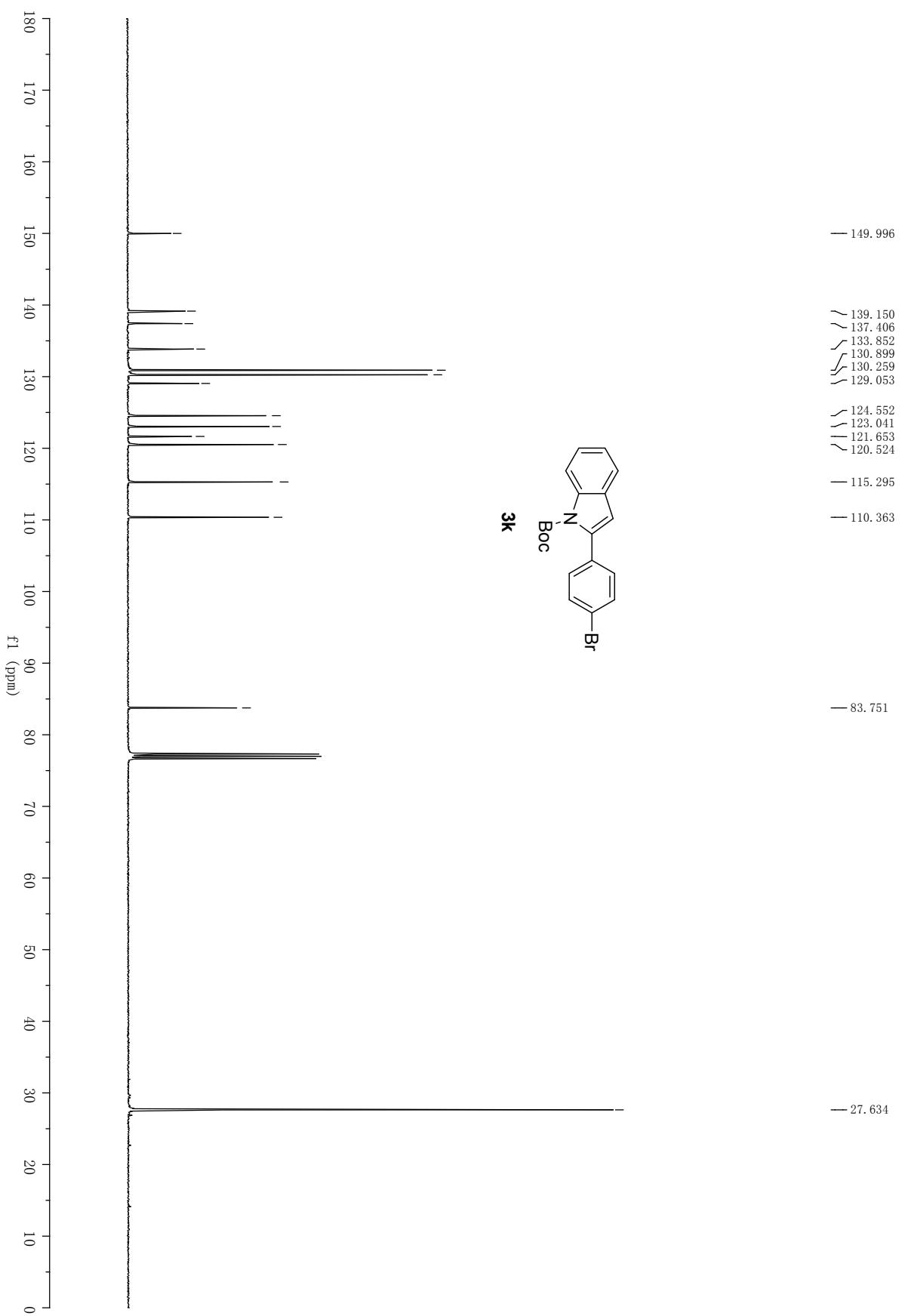


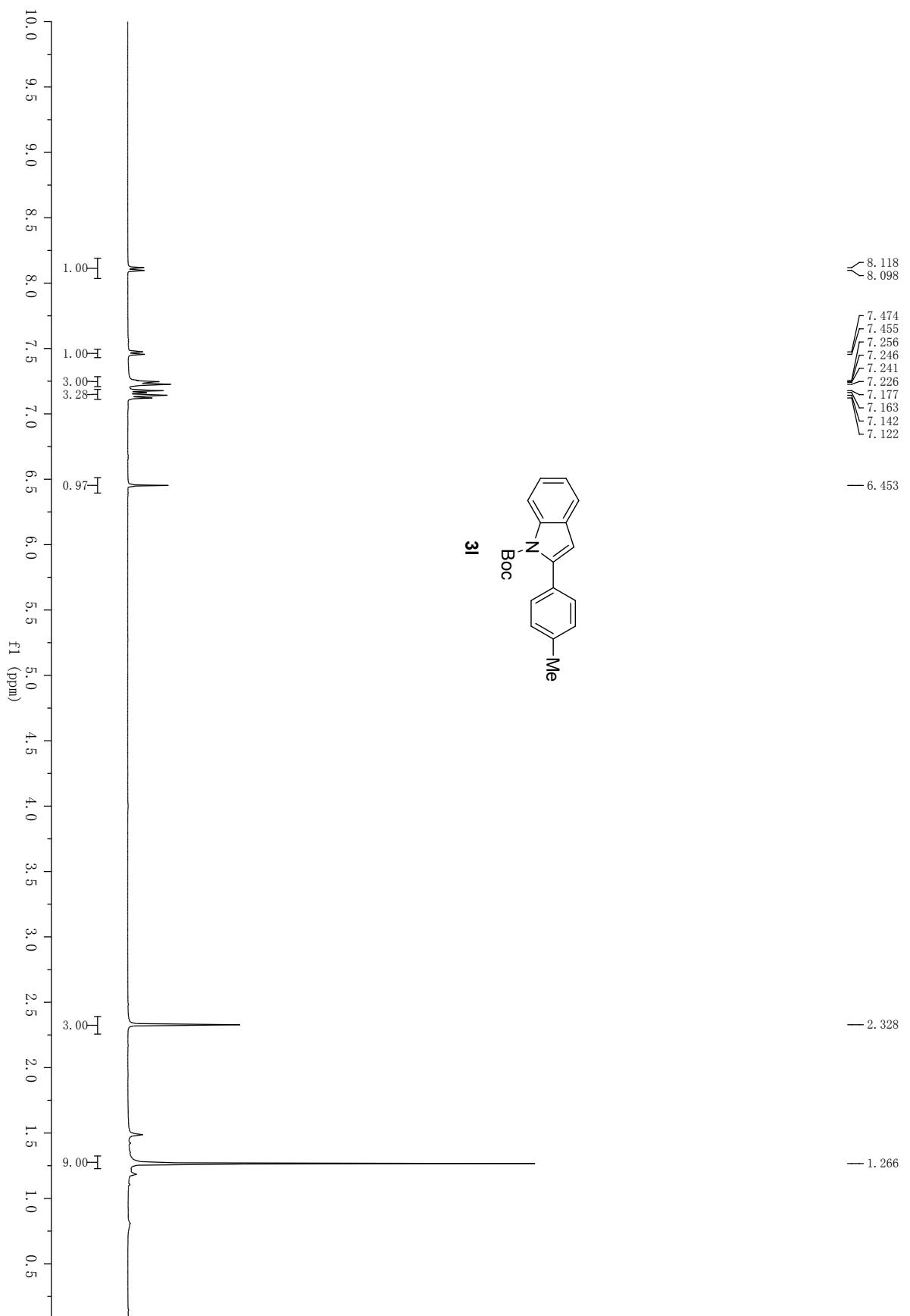


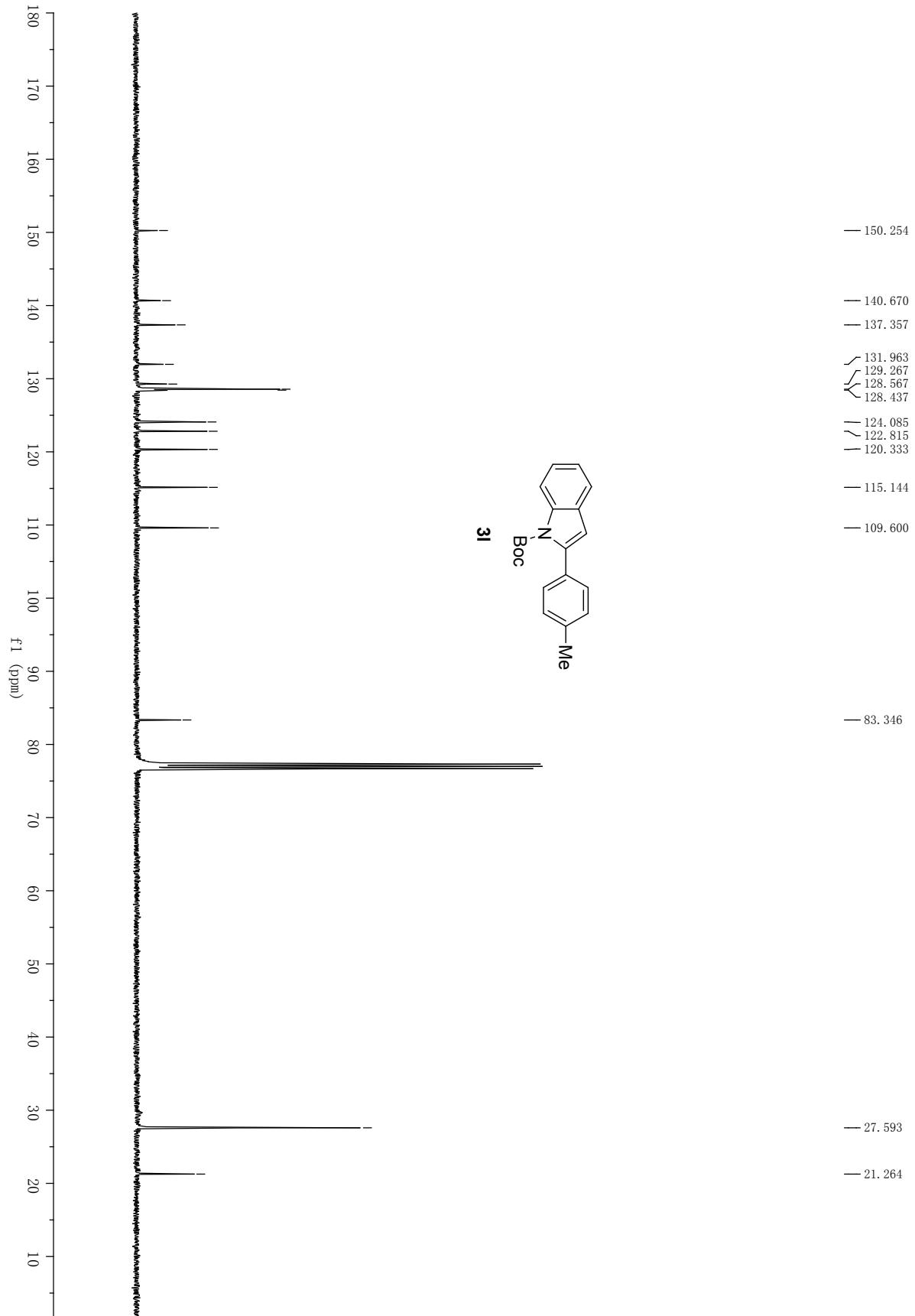


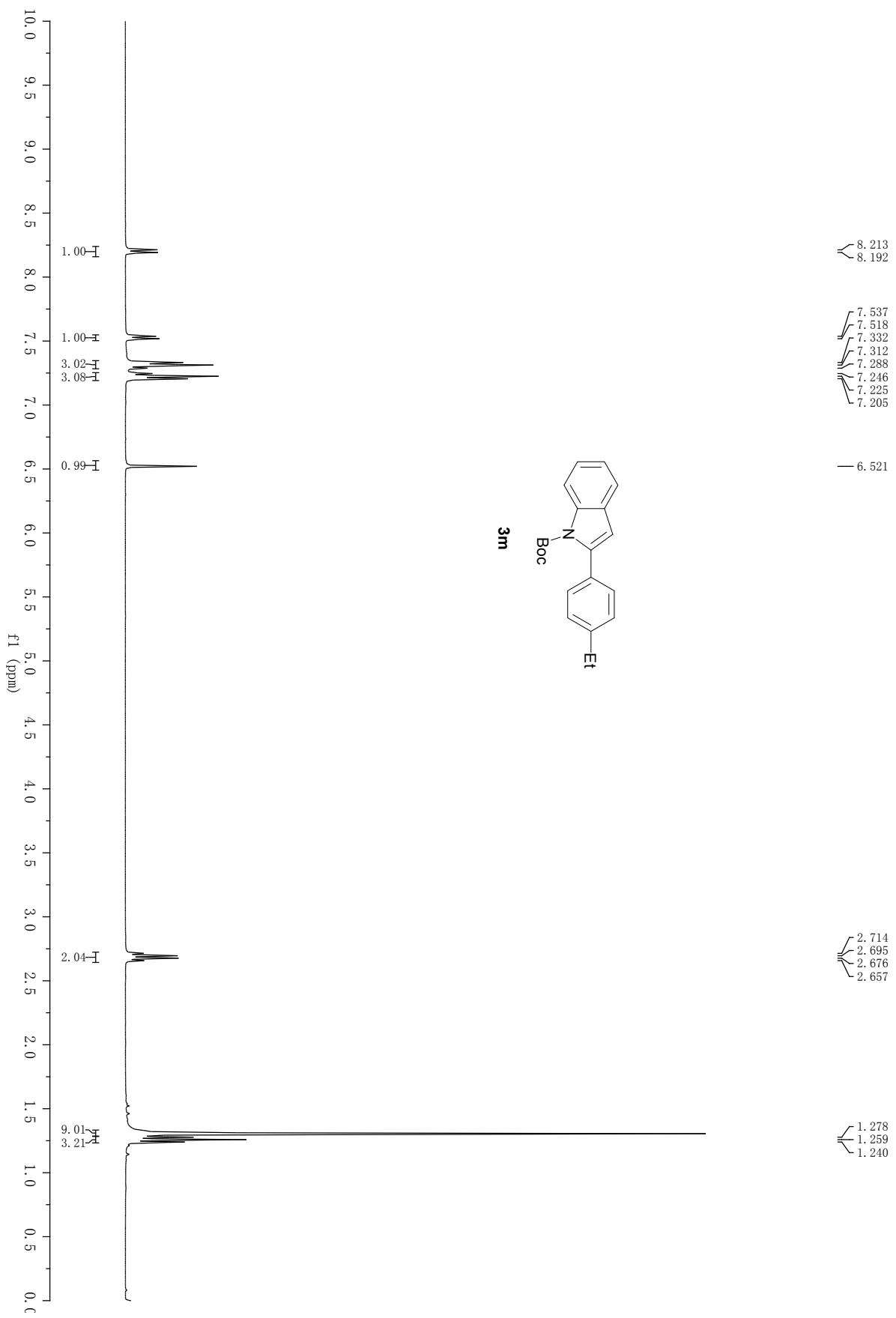


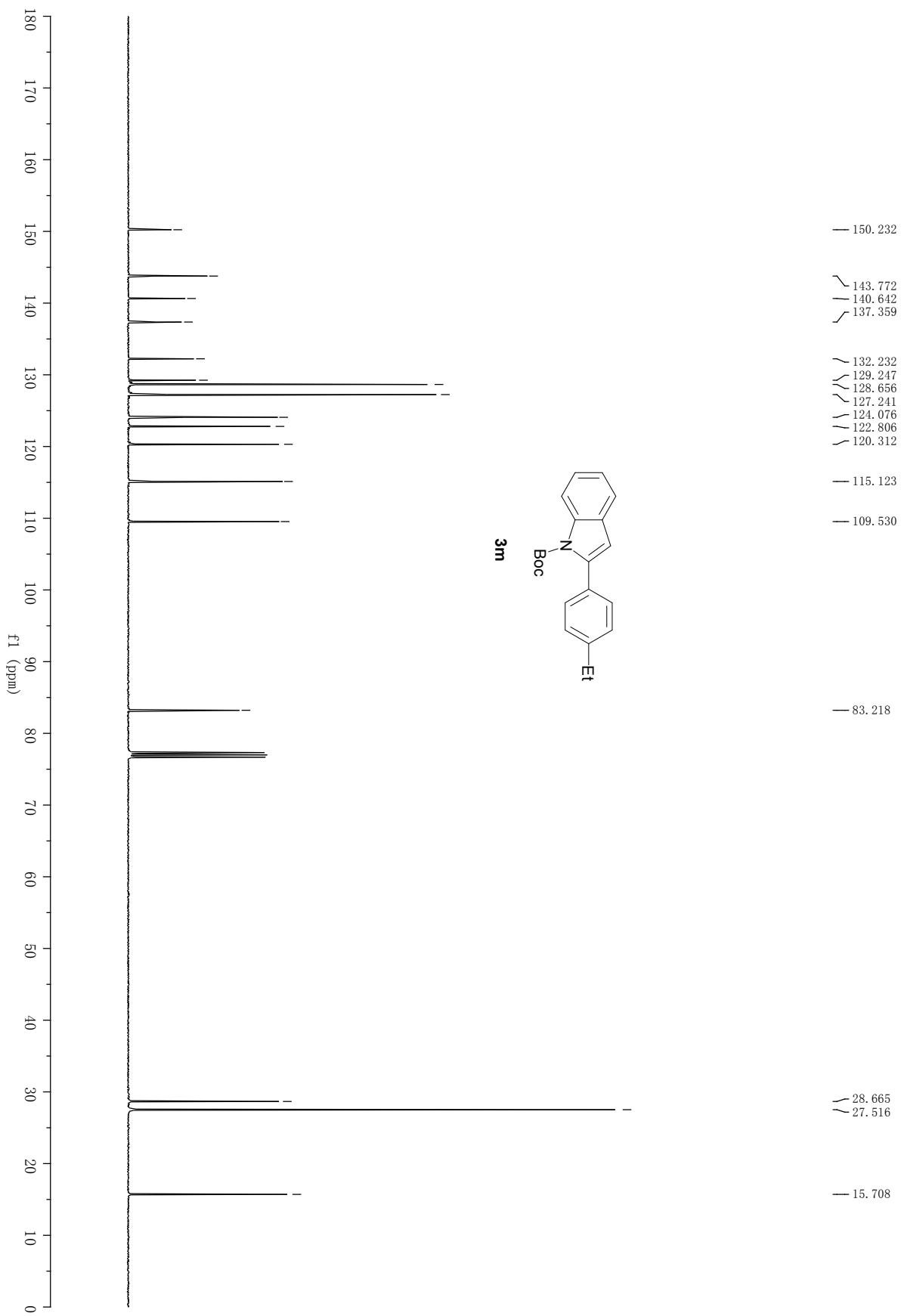


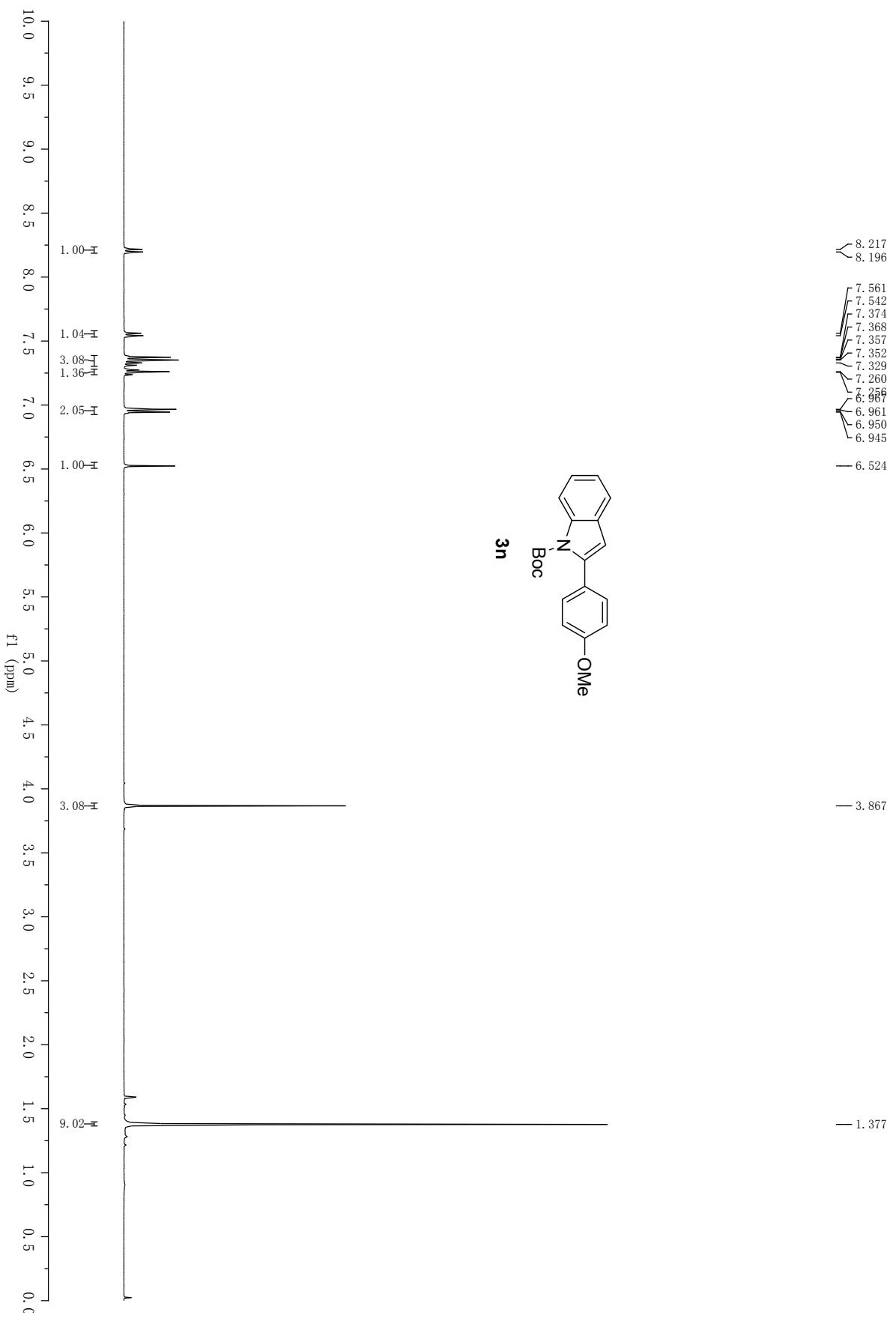


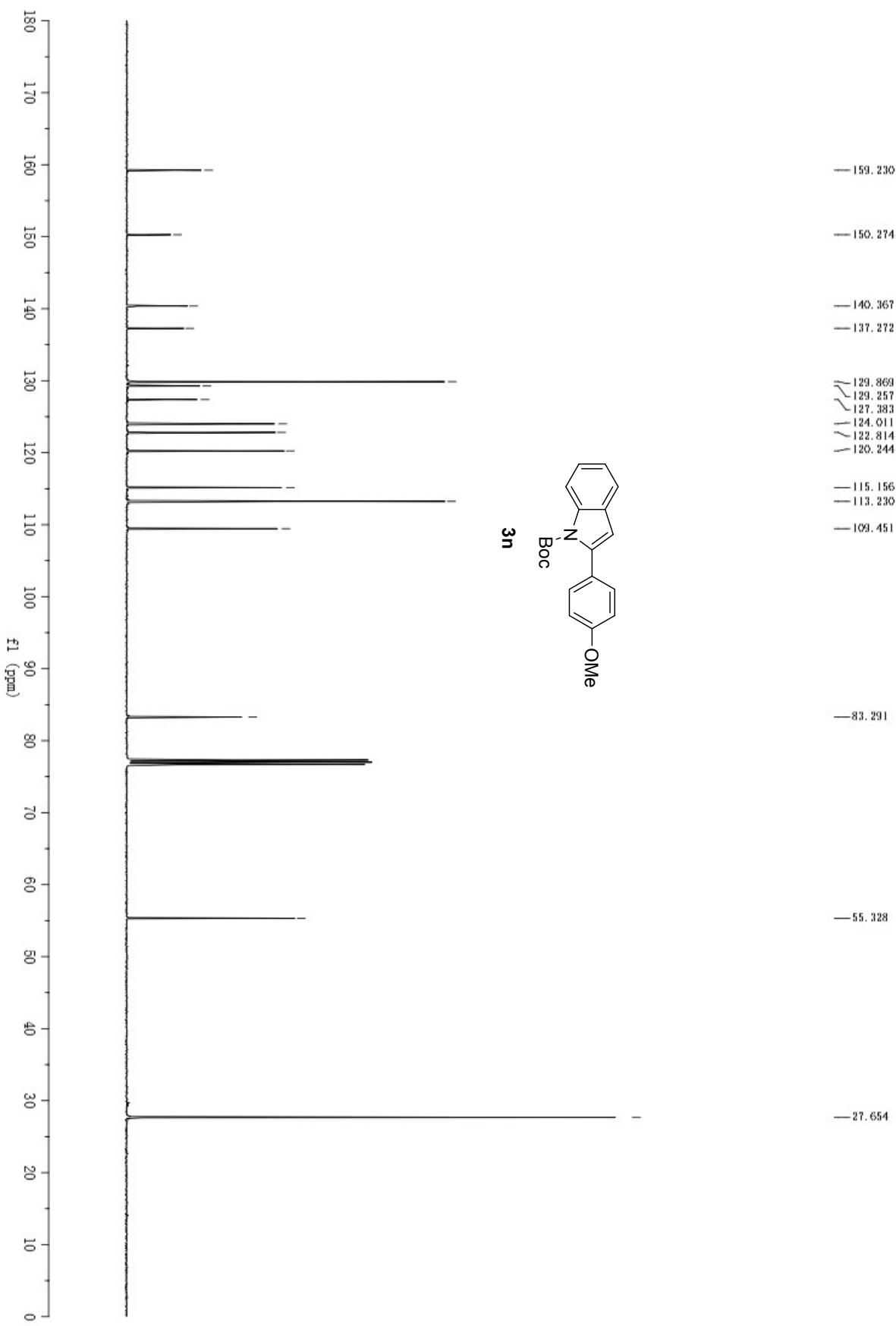


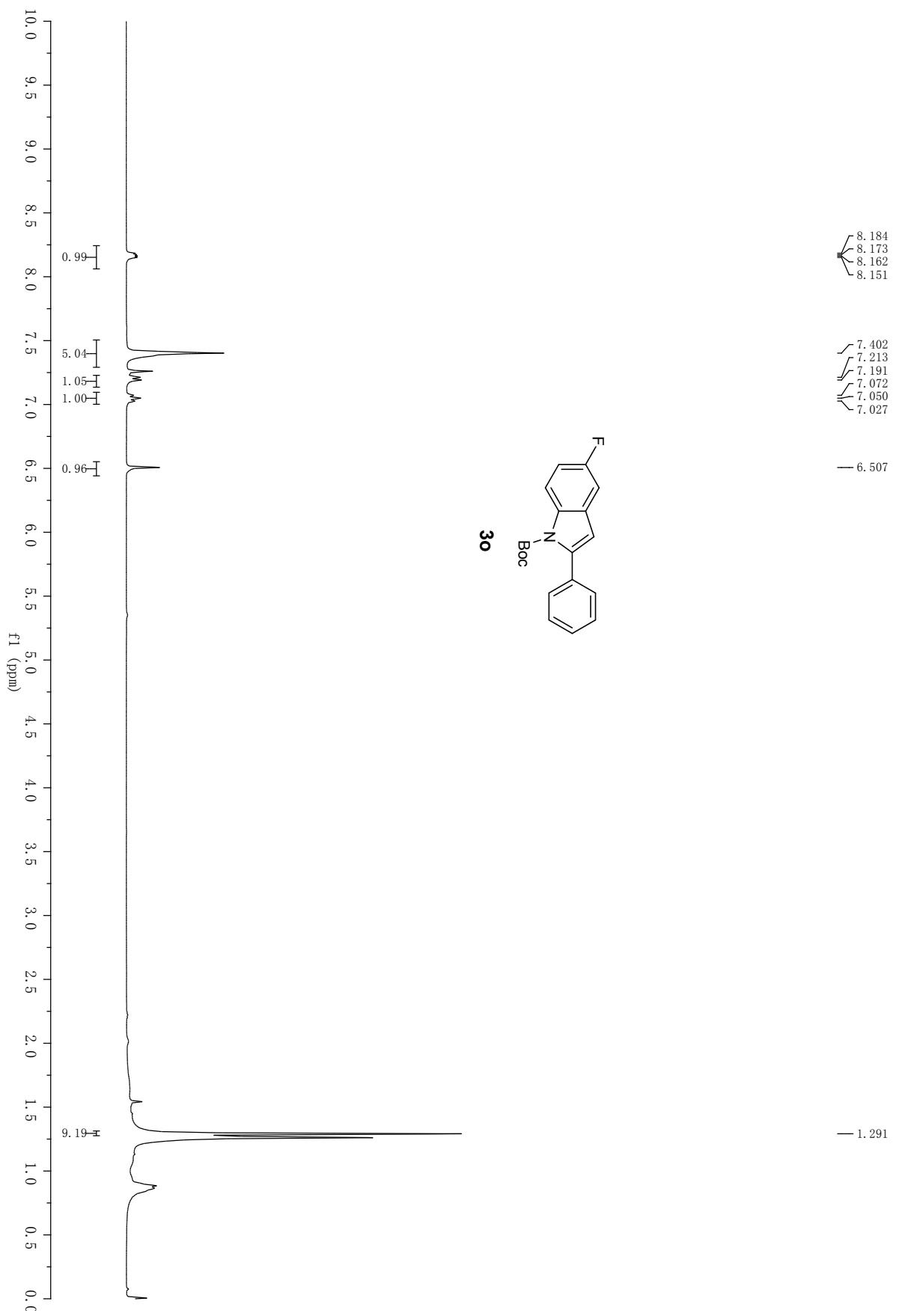


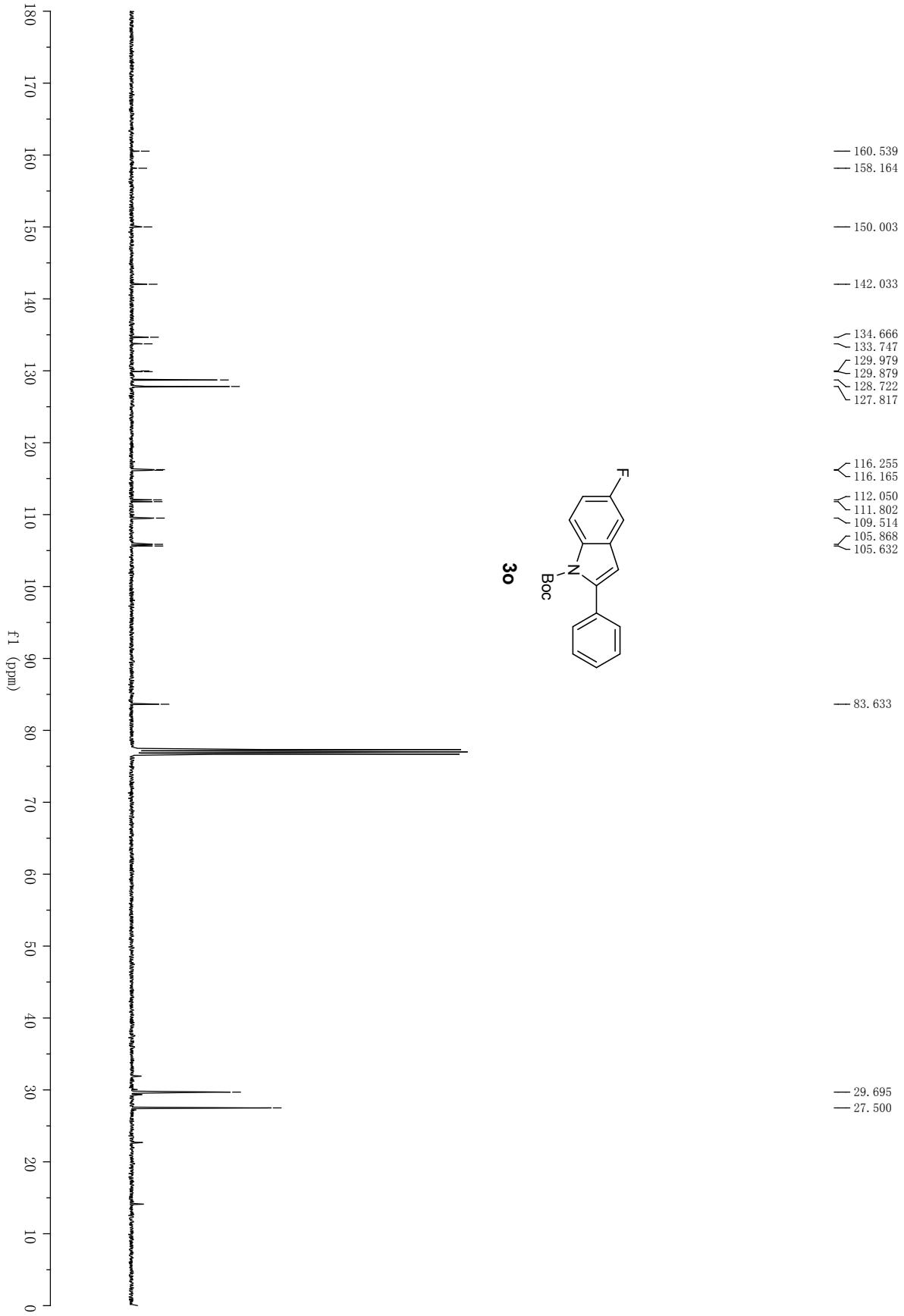


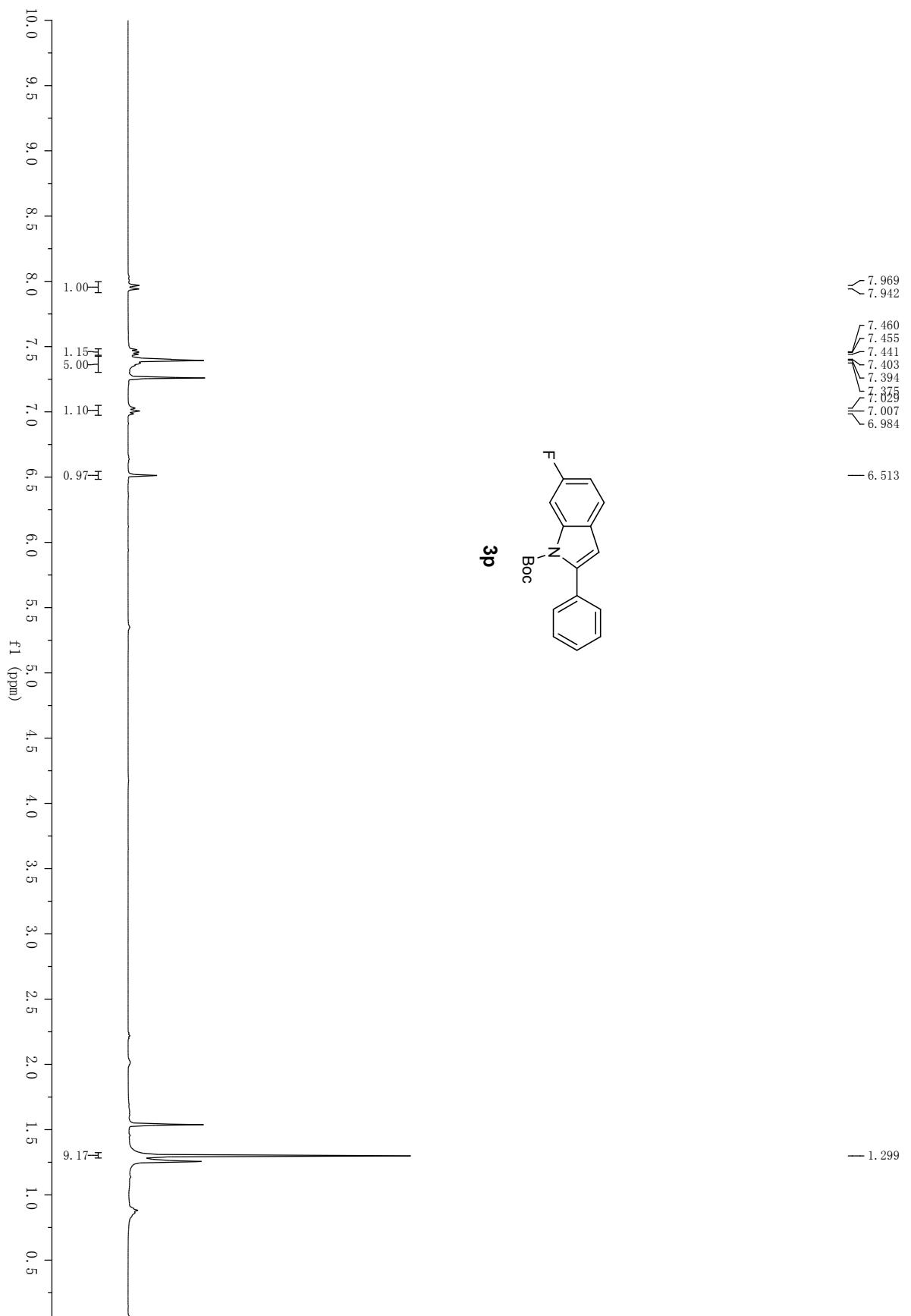


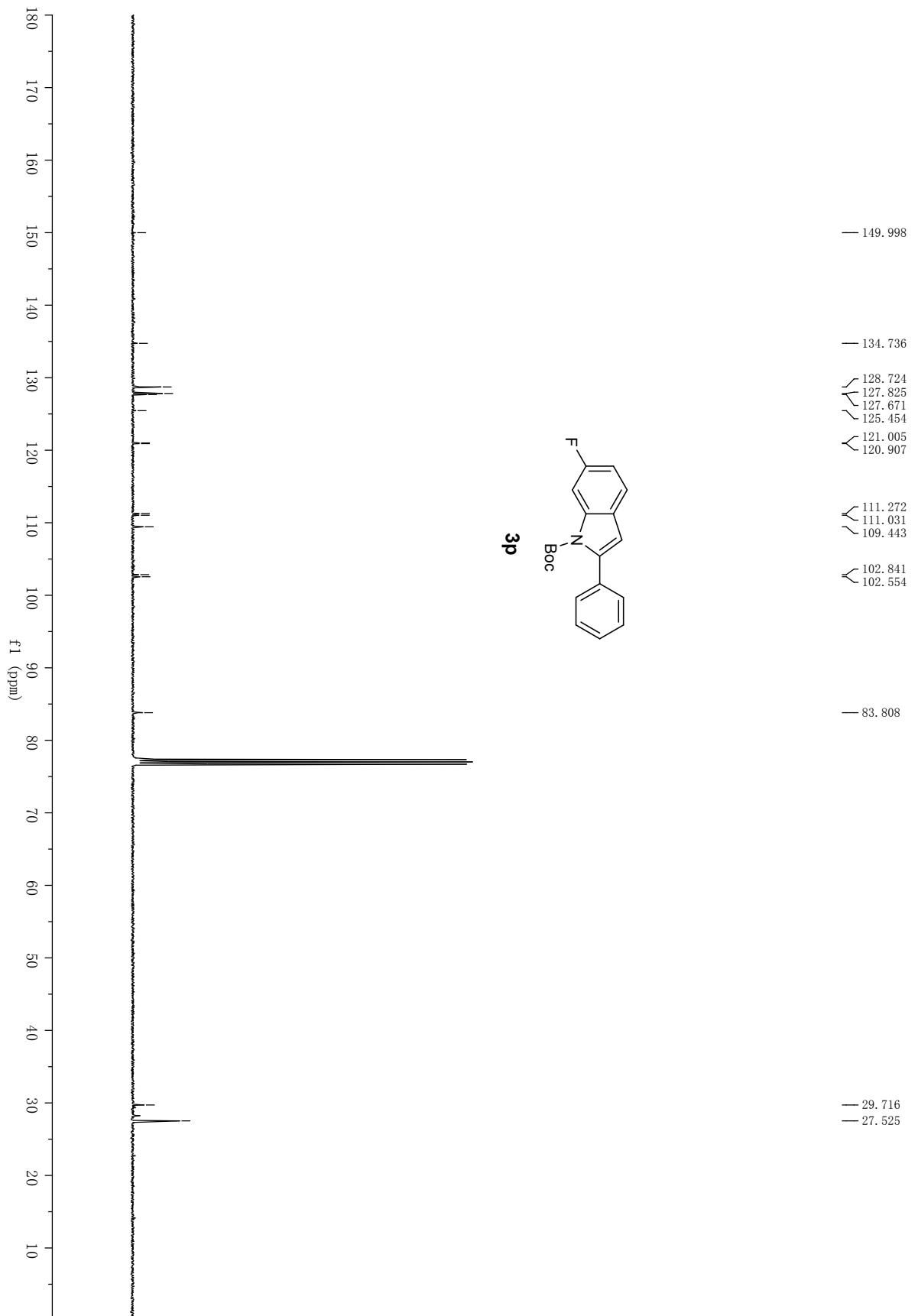


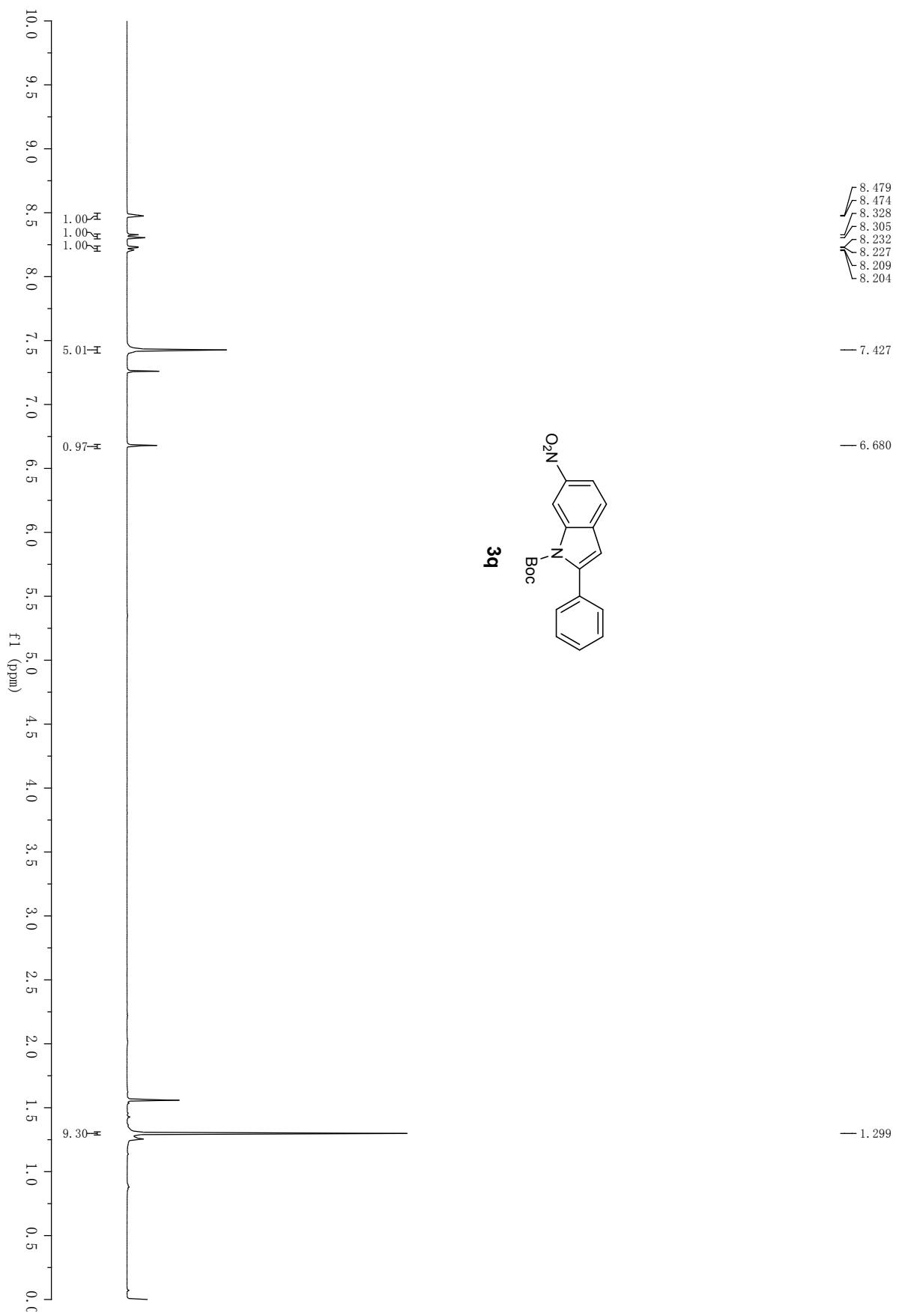




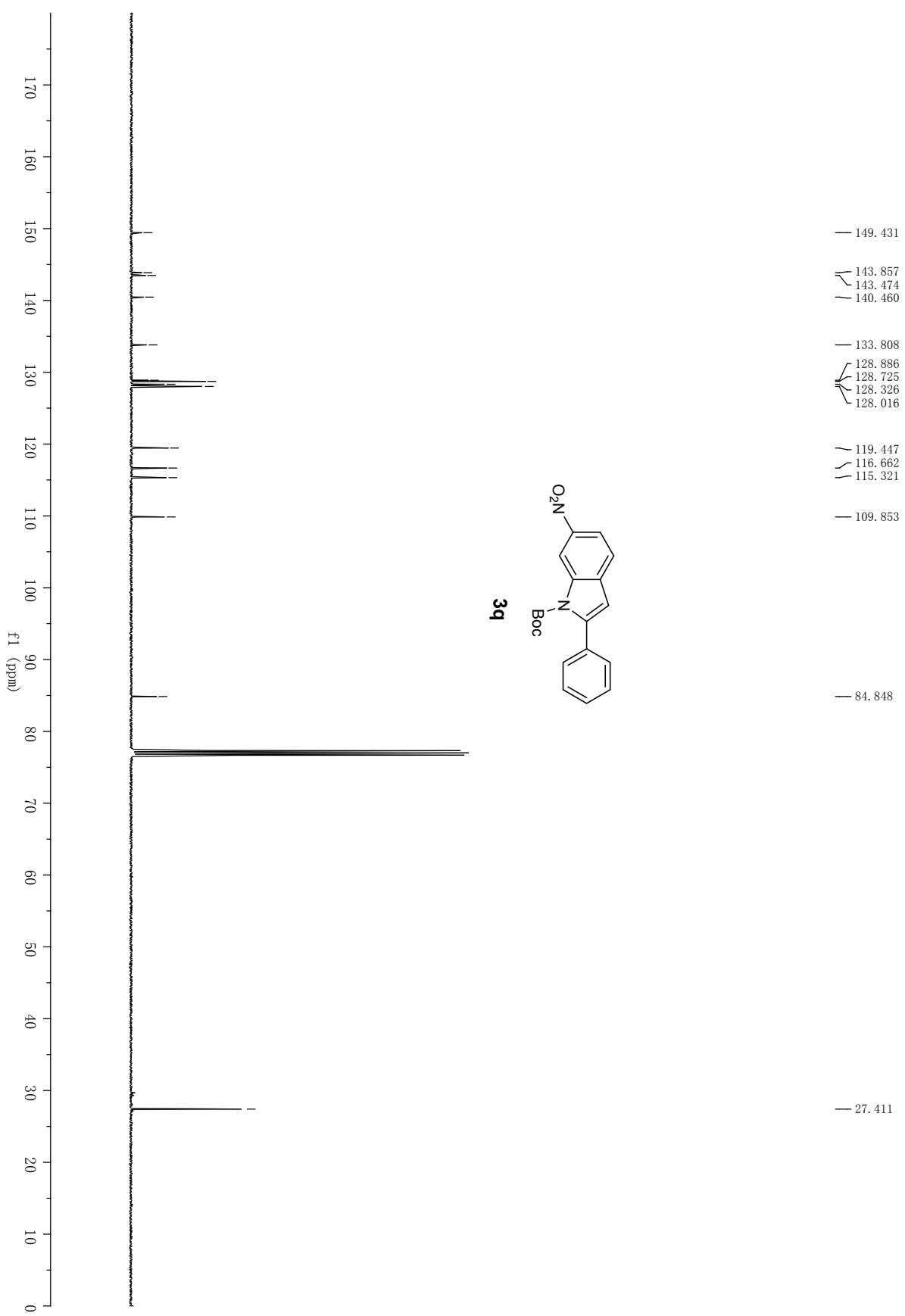




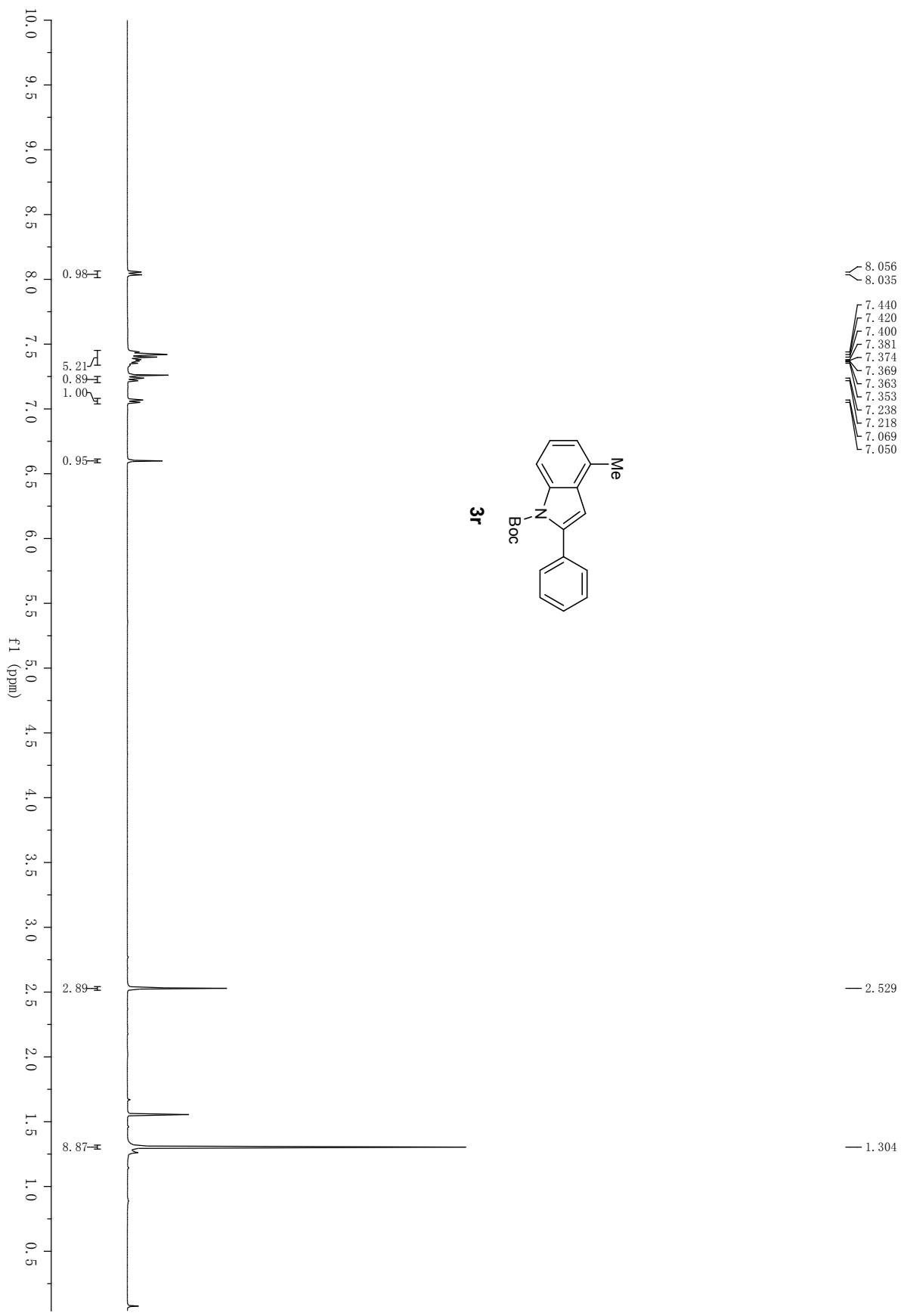


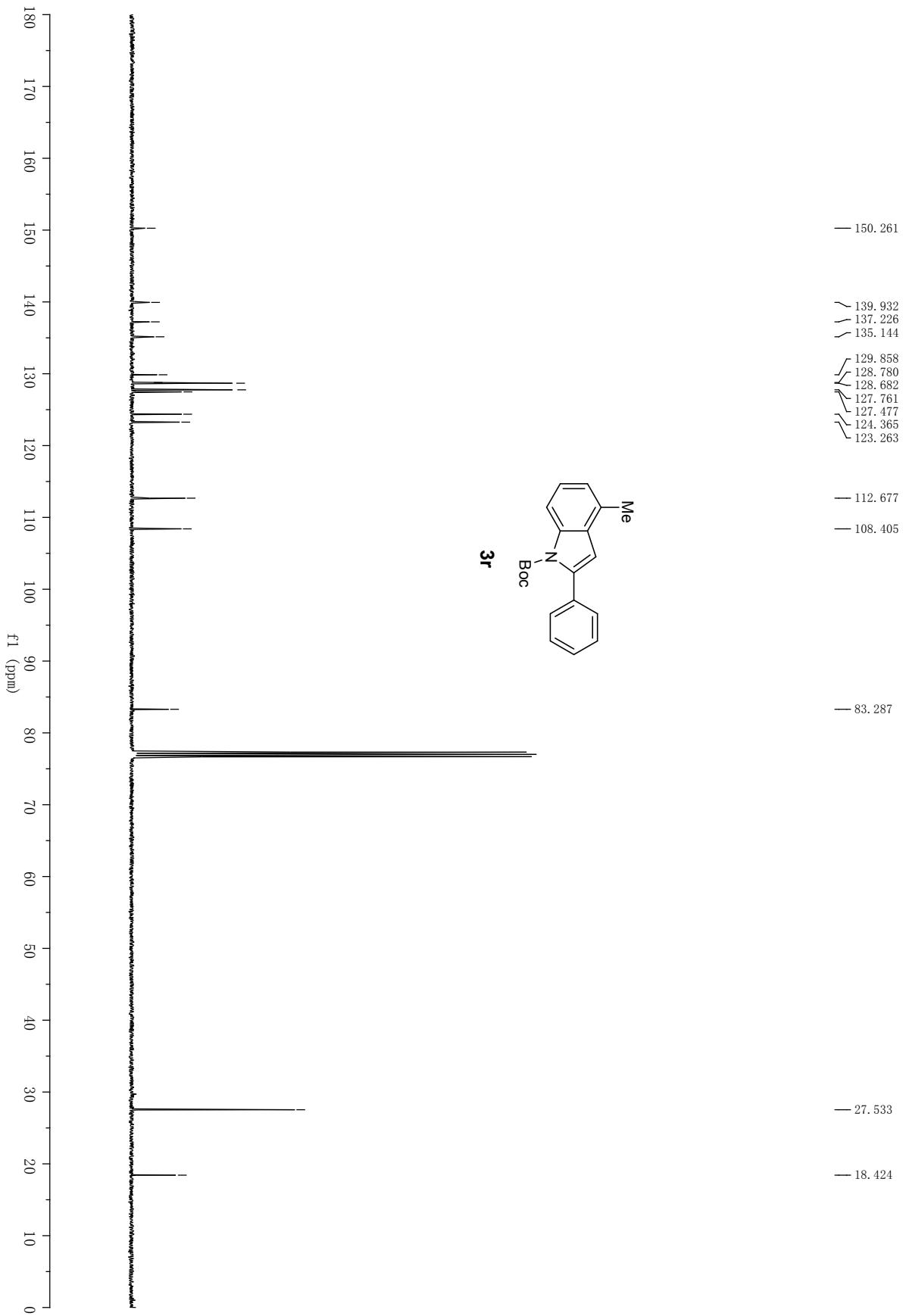


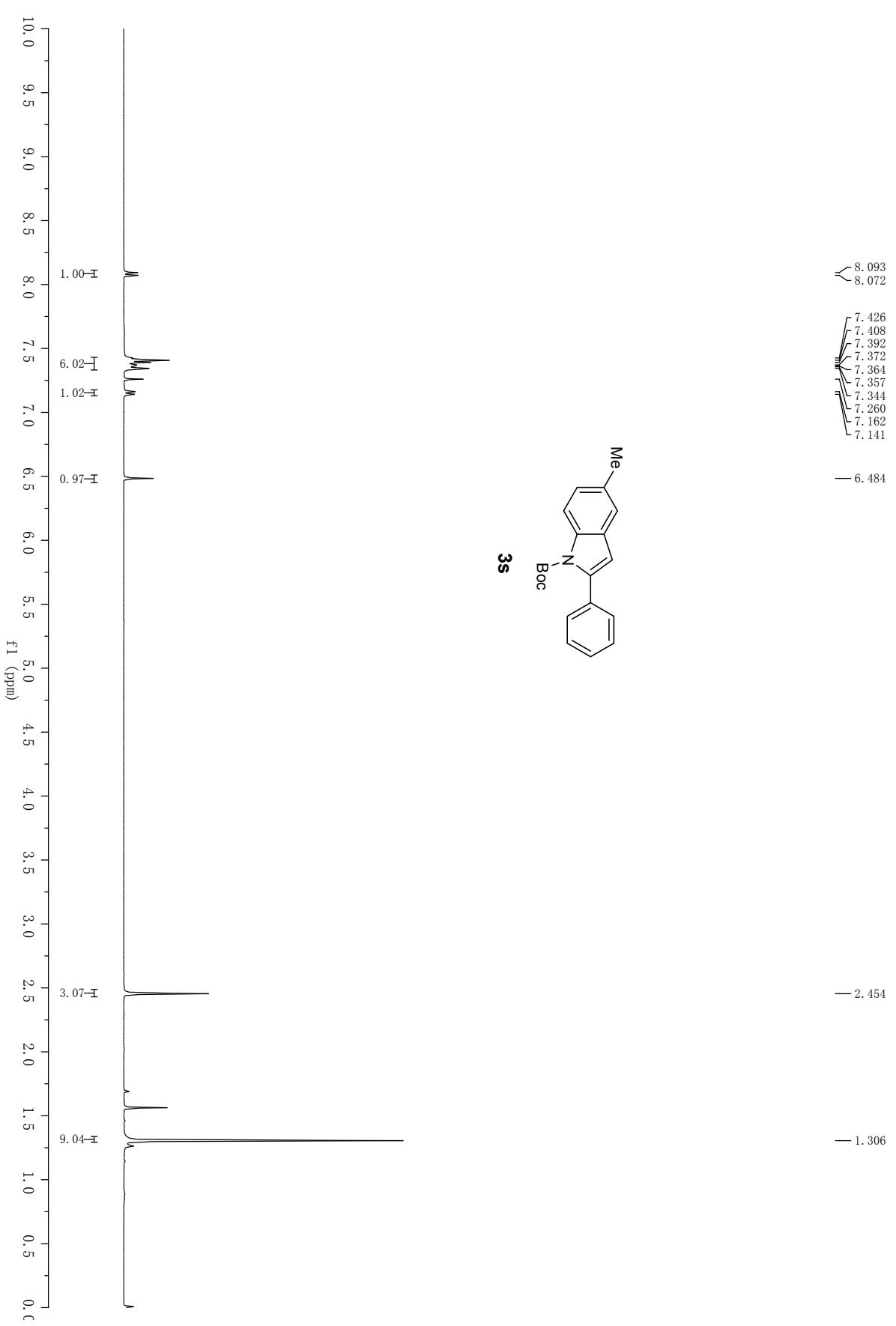
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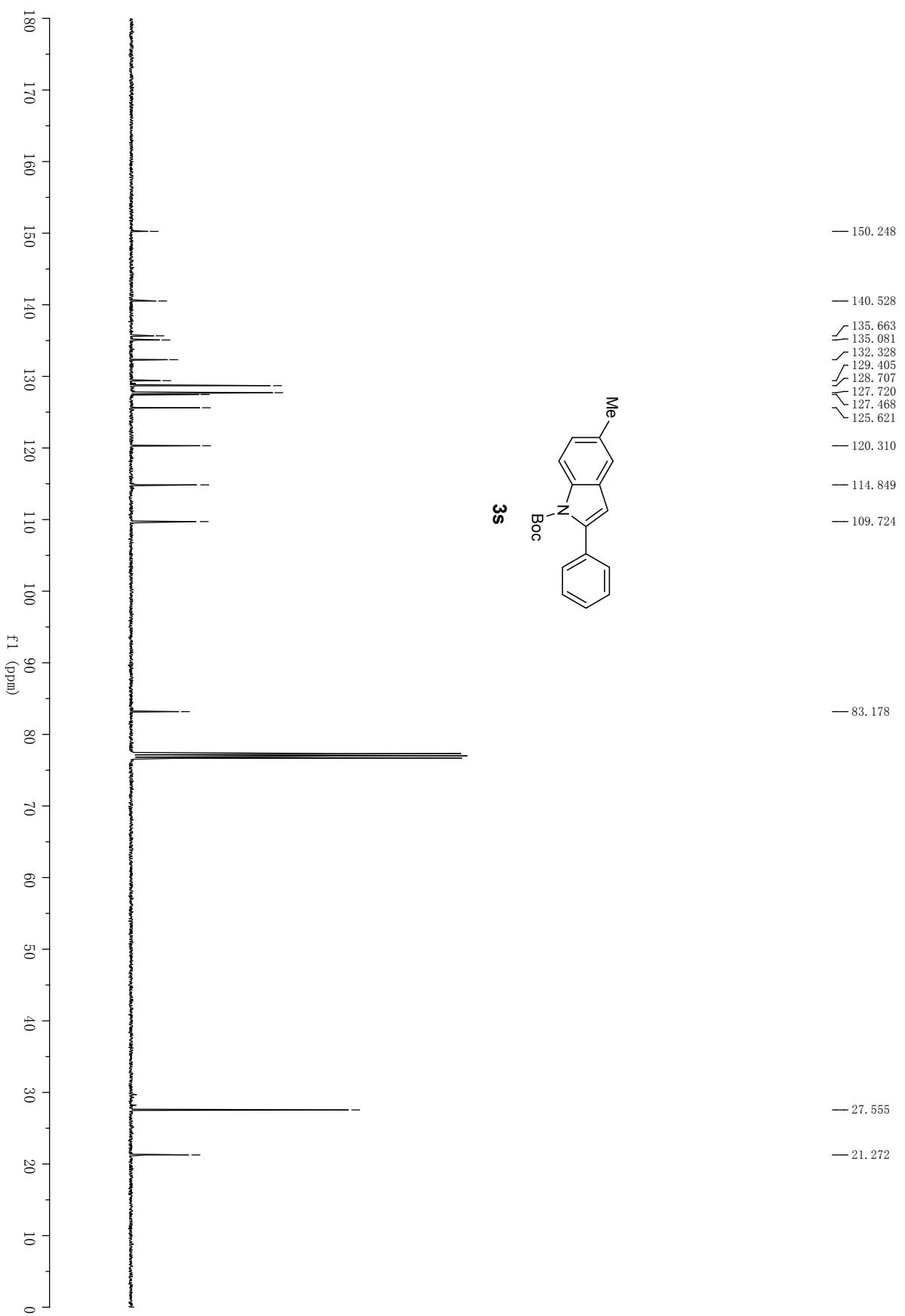
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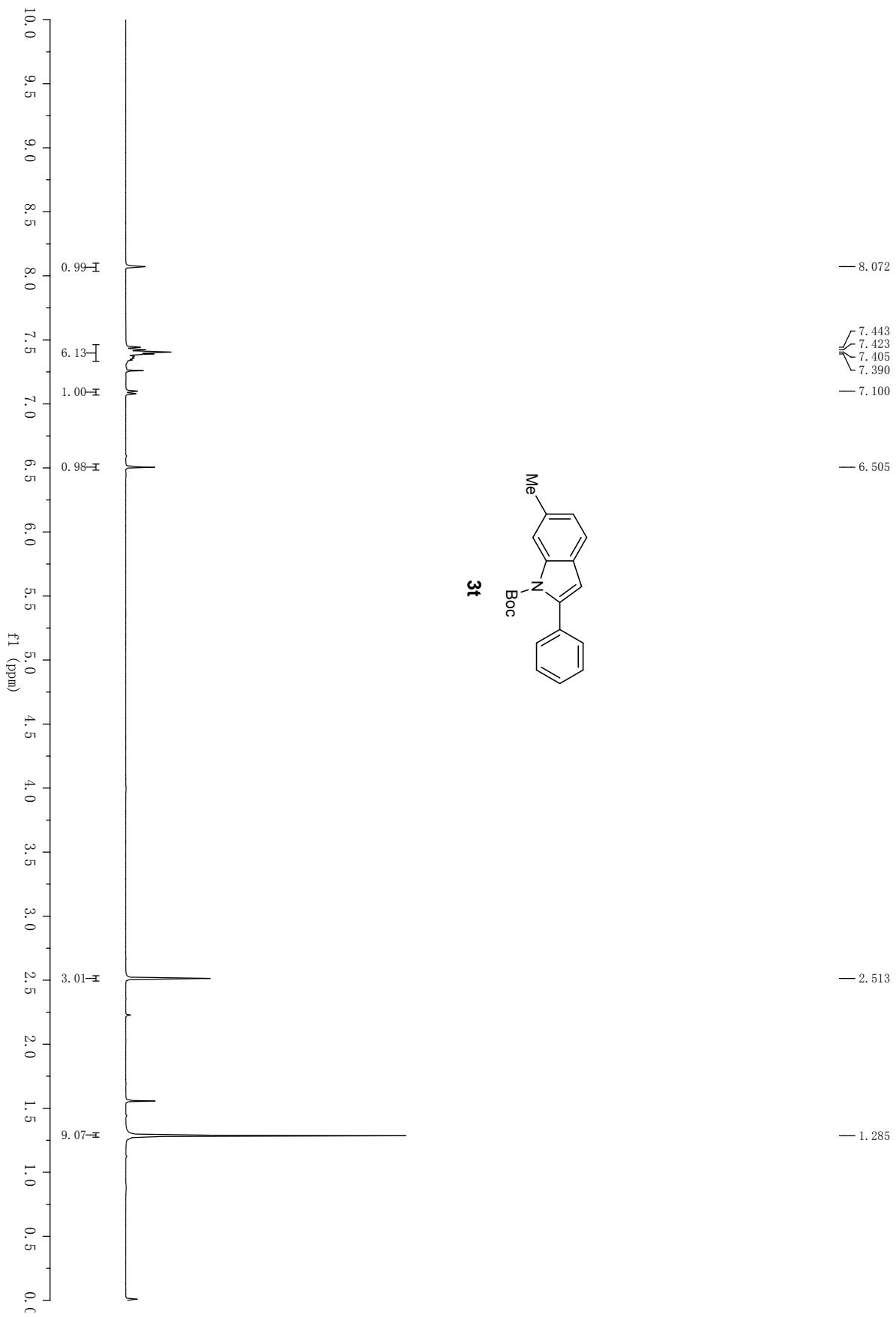


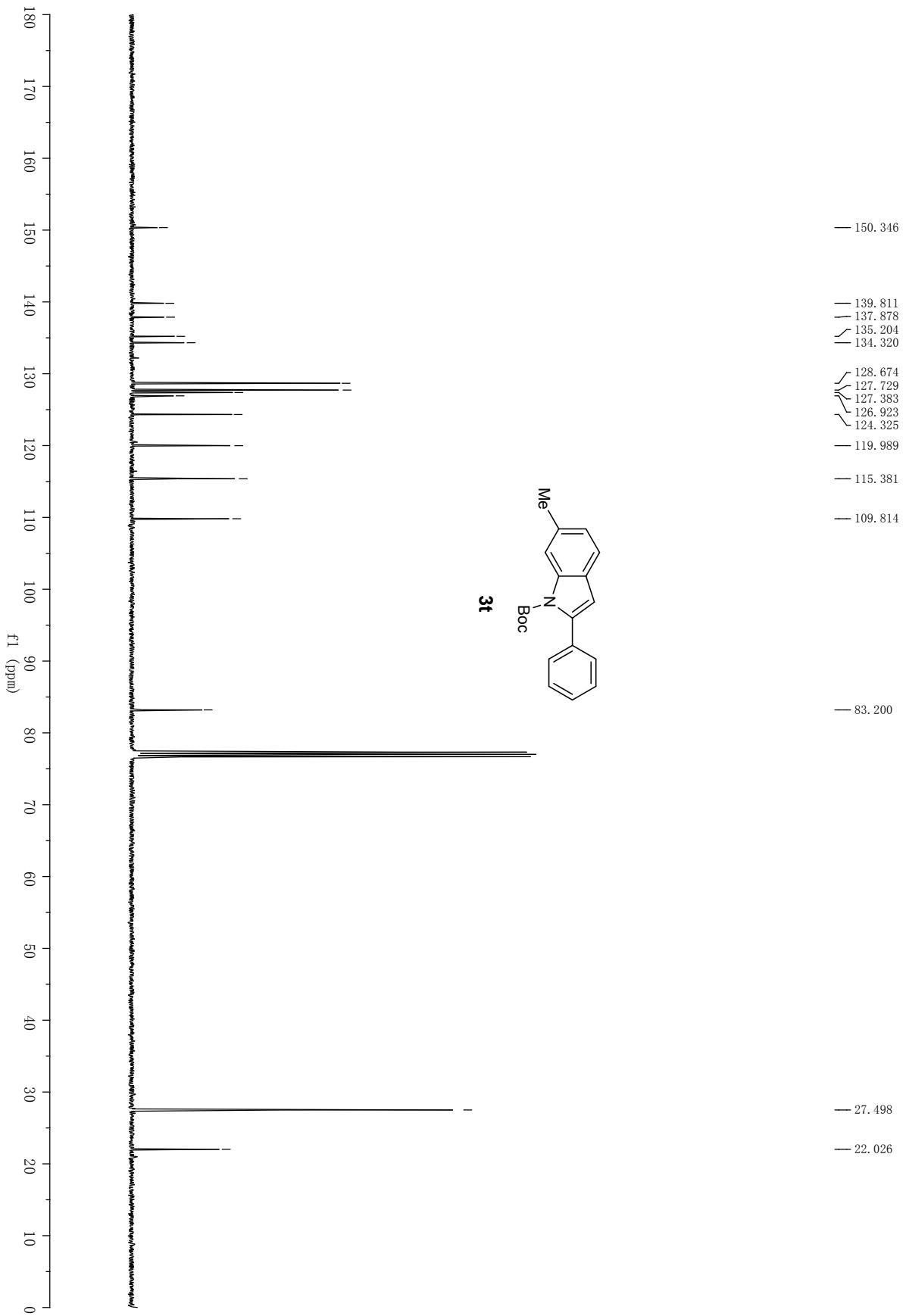


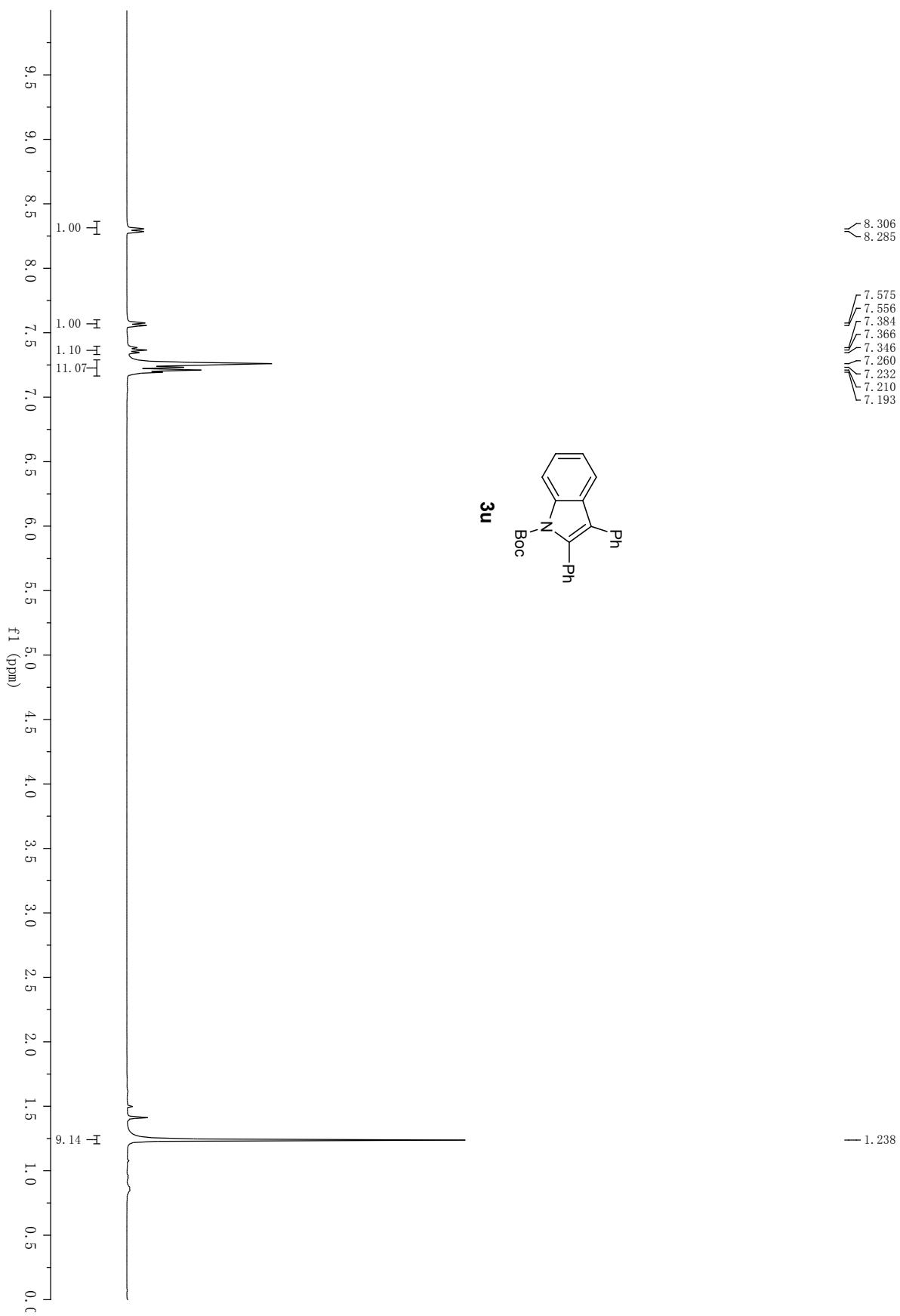


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