

Supporting Information

Iodine-catalyzed oxidative annulation of 3-cyanoacetylindoles with benzylamines : facile access to 5-(3-indolyl)oxazoles

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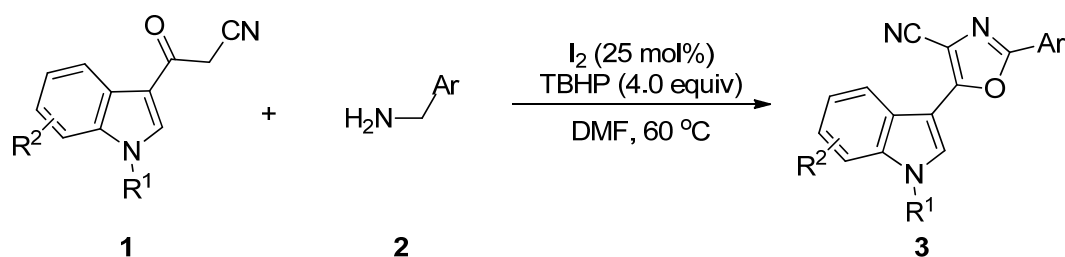
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1. General information

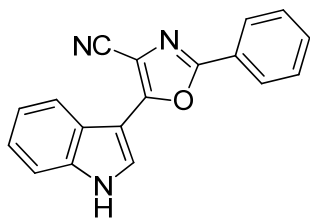
Unless otherwise noted, all commercial materials and solvents were used without further purification. Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Energy Chemical, TCI, Alfa Aesar and J&K. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on GF254 plates (0.25 mm layer thickness) and visualized under UV light (254 nm). The silica gel (200-300 meshes) was used for column chromatography. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded on Agilent 400 MHz spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. Spin multiplicities are given as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), td (triplet of doublet), as well as brs (broad). Coupling constants (J) are given in hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra were obtained on Agilent 6210 ESI/TOF spectrometer.

2. General procedure for the oxidative annulation of 3-cyanoacetylindoles with benzylamines



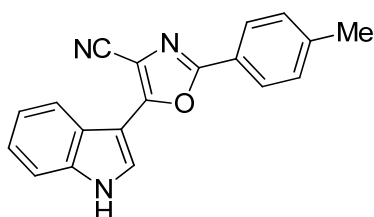
A 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with a stir bar, 3-cyanoacetylindole **1**¹ (0.5 mmol), and DMF (3 mL) under air at room temperature. Then to the tube, benzylamine **2** (1.0 mmol, 2 equiv), TBHP (0.28 mL, 70% aqueous solution, 2.0 mmol, 4 equiv) and I_2 (32 mg, 25 mol%) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60°C for 7 hours. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc) to give the desired product.

3. Characterization data of products



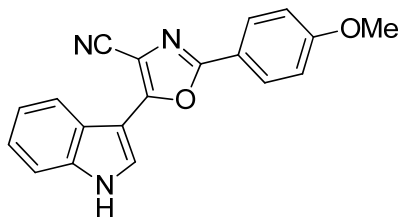
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5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3a): Brown solid, 110 mg, 77% yield, mp 224.8-226.6 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.16 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (ddd, J = 9.1, 4.1, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.61 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 158.80, 157.48, 136.64, 131.77, 129.75, 127.98, 126.60, 125.87, 123.90, 123.56, 121.98, 120.41, 115.21, 113.14, 104.45, 101.49. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 286.0975, found 286.0979.



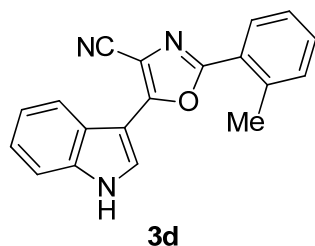
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5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(p-tolyl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3b): Brown solid, 116 mg, 78% yield, mp 261.6-262.6 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.23 – 12.11 (m, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.06 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 159.16, 157.27, 141.99, 136.70, 130.40, 128.00, 126.68, 123.96, 123.61, 123.26, 122.02, 120.45, 115.30, 113.20, 104.48, 101.55, 21.62. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 300.1131, found 300.1129.

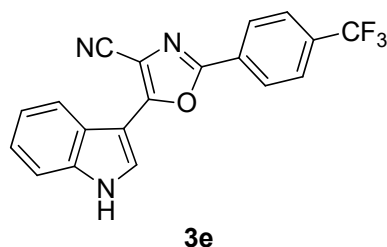


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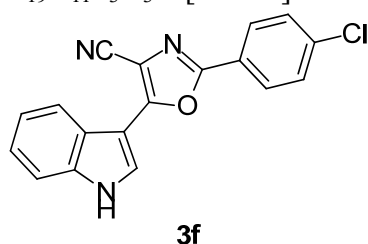
5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3c): Pale yellow solid, 106 mg, 67% yield, mp 250.9-252.3 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.12 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 8.01 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.04, 159.00, 156.93, 136.64, 128.42, 127.65, 123.92, 123.49, 121.86, 120.39, 118.39, 115.34, 115.14, 113.10, 104.32, 101.61, 55.86. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 316.1081, found 316.1079.



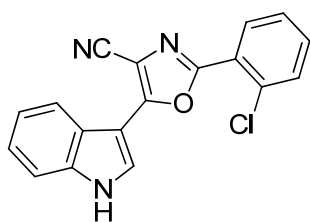
5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(o-tolyl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3d): Pale yellow solid, 97 mg, 65% yield, mp 252.0-253.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.16 (s, 1H), 8.23 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 8.08 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.41 (dq, *J* = 12.6, 7.6, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.32 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.99, 156.85, 137.63, 136.68, 132.23, 131.23, 128.89, 127.94, 126.90, 124.79, 123.92, 123.49, 121.89, 120.23, 115.35, 113.14, 104.50, 101.47, 22.20. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 300.1131, found 300.1130.



5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3e): Brown solid, 92 mg, 52% yield, mp 300.7-301.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.21 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.10 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.10, 157.37, 136.67, 131.20 (q, *J* = 32.1 Hz), 129.43 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 128.38, 127.30, 126.67 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.27 (q, *J* = 271 Hz), 123.87, 123.65, 122.07, 120.41, 114.94, 113.20, 104.76, 101.32. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₁F₃N₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 354.0849, found 354.0851.

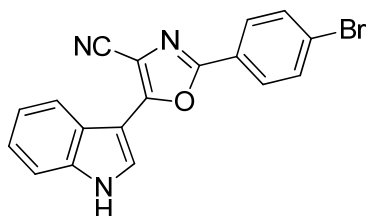


2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3f): Brown solid, 99 mg, 62% yield, mp 286.2-287.0 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.17 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.25 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 6.8, 3.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.90, 157.67, 136.66, 136.46, 129.88, 128.34, 128.15, 124.70, 123.88, 123.60, 122.00, 120.43, 115.09, 113.16, 104.55, 101.41. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₈H₁₁ClN₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 320.0585, found 320.0586.



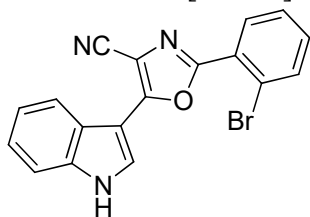
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2-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3g): Brown solid, 126 mg, 79% yield, mp 217.9-219.7 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.23 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.60 (tdd, J = 7.2, 5.8, 4.3 Hz, 3H), 7.36 – 7.21 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.72, 156.71, 136.74, 133.10, 131.82, 131.75, 131.64, 128.40, 128.34, 124.70, 123.94, 123.67, 122.08, 120.34, 115.08, 113.27, 104.58, 101.29. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 320.0585, found 320.0587.



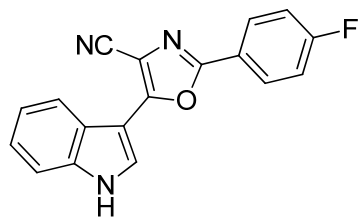
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2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3h): Brown solid, 107 mg, 59% yield, mp 309.6-310.9 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.18 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.10 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 8.00 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.75 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td, J = 6.4, 5.3, 3.6 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.96, 157.67, 136.65, 132.78, 128.45, 128.15, 125.33, 125.02, 123.87, 123.60, 122.00, 120.42, 115.08, 113.16, 104.55, 101.41. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 364.0080, found 364.0083.



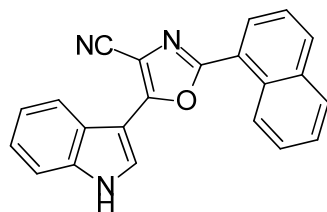
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2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3i): Pale yellow solid, 115 mg, 63% yield, mp 203.7-205.4 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.21 (s, 1H), 8.19 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.10 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.86 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.16 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 157.72, 157.33, 136.70, 134.99, 133.13, 132.06, 128.73, 128.28, 126.74, 123.88, 123.59, 122.02, 120.72, 120.40, 115.06, 113.19, 104.45, 101.27. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 364.0080, found 364.0081.



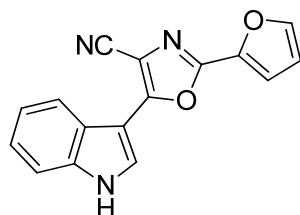
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2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3j): Pale yellow solid, 90 mg, 60% yield, mp 272.5-273.3 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.17 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.04 (m, 3H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.41 (td, J = 8.9, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (hept, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 164.21 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 157.79 (d, J = 53.7 Hz), 136.65, 129.23 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 128.00, 123.89, 123.57, 122.57 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 121.96, 120.42, 117.07, 116.85, 115.14, 113.14, 104.44, 101.44. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 304.0881, found 304.0882.



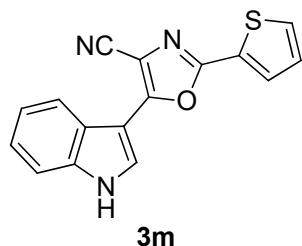
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5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3k): Yellow solid, 112 mg, 67% yield, mp 278.9-280.8 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.22 (s, 1H), 9.21 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.42 – 8.33 (m, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, J = 6.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 158.41, 157.00, 136.71, 133.94, 132.51, 129.48, 129.28, 128.65, 128.50, 128.19, 127.09, 125.82, 125.77, 123.98, 123.58, 122.02, 121.83, 120.36, 115.30, 113.20, 104.60, 101.46. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 336.1131, found 336.1133.

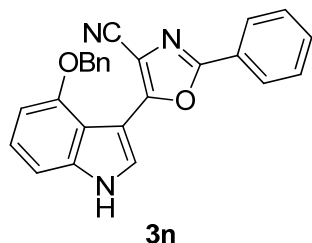


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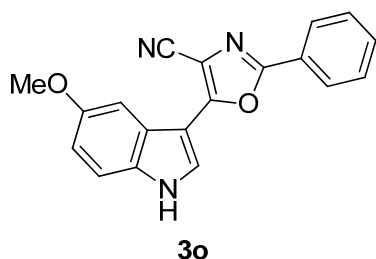
2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3l): Brown solid, 82 mg, 60% yield, mp 291.3-292.5 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 12.21 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.13 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.81 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 156.92, 151.66, 146.95, 141.15, 136.69, 128.15, 123.93, 123.67, 122.04, 120.45, 115.03, 114.11, 113.23, 113.10, 104.33, 101.20. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: 276.0768, found 276.0769.



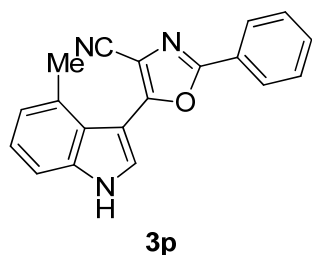
5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)oxazole-4-carbonitrile (3m): Pale yellow solid, 86 mg, 59% yield, mp 238.8-240.0 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.20 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.13 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.92 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 4.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.28 (ddt, *J* = 9.2, 7.1, 3.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.03, 155.21, 136.69, 131.38, 130.00, 129.24, 128.10, 127.79, 123.93, 123.65, 122.05, 120.45, 115.02, 113.22, 104.31, 101.29. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₆H₁₀N₃OS [M + H]⁺: 292.0539, found 292.0541.



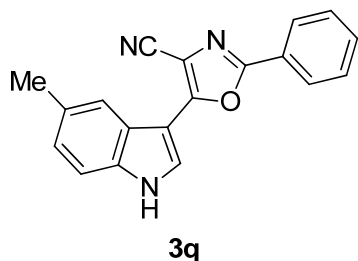
5-(4-(benzyloxy)-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3n): Brown solid, 120 mg, 61% yield, mp 153.9-155.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.85 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.90, 156.21, 152.87, 137.94, 136.58, 130.76, 128.68, 128.25, 127.65, 126.97, 126.50, 126.11, 126.07, 124.74, 115.47, 114.51, 110.21, 105.18, 103.03, 101.23, 70.24. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₂₅H₁₈N₃O₂ [M + H]⁺: 392.1394, found 392.1396.



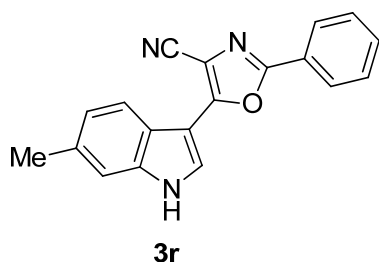
5-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3o): Yellow solid, 90 mg, 57% yield, mp 226.5-227.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.06 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.66, 157.52, 155.40, 131.76, 131.64, 129.79, 128.32, 126.52, 125.93, 124.51, 115.34, 113.95, 113.39, 104.19, 102.11, 101.31, 55.68. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₃O₂ [M + H]⁺: 316.1081, found 316.1078.



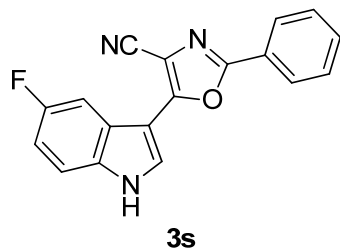
5-(4-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3p): Brown solid, 102 mg, 68% yield, mp 202.1-203.4 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.31 – 11.93 (m, 1H), 8.25 – 7.96 (m, 3H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 160.30, 157.15, 137.26, 132.01, 129.88, 129.71, 126.69, 125.95, 124.15, 123.41, 123.01, 114.83, 110.90, 109.46, 99.98, 21.09. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 300.1131, found 300.1129.



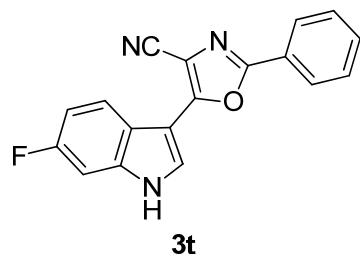
5-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3q): Brown solid, 104 mg, 70% yield, mp 226.7-228.4 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.06 (s, 1H), 8.14 – 7.98 (m, 3H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.75, 157.66, 135.02, 131.76, 130.84, 129.79, 127.95, 126.60, 125.95, 125.16, 124.19, 119.92, 115.31, 112.83, 104.32, 101.05, 21.96. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 300.1131, found 300.1132.



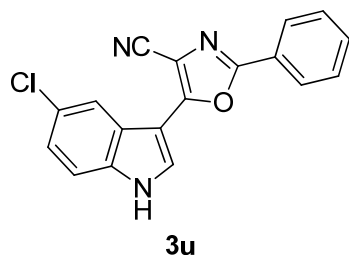
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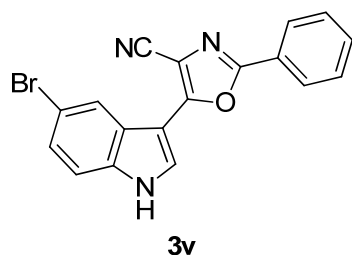
5-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3s): Pale yellown solid, 101 mg, 66% yield, mp 277.4-279.1 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.29 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dt, *J* = 11.1, 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 9.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.09, 158.60 (d, *J* = 233.3 Hz), 157.02, 133.41, 131.91, 129.83, 129.80 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 126.75, 125.86, 124.26 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 115.12, 114.57 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 111.98 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 105.34 (d, *J* = 24.8 Hz), 104.74, 101.77 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz). HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₈H₁₁FN₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 304.0881, found 304.0882.



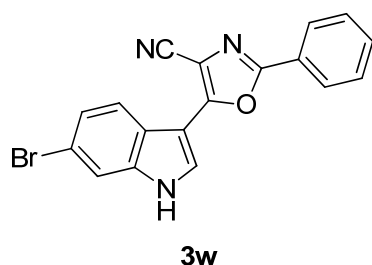
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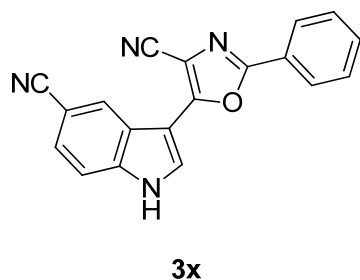
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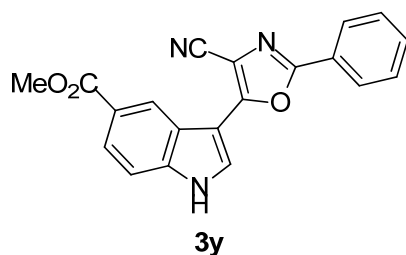
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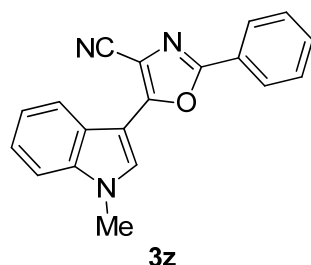
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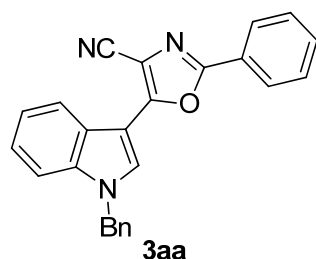
5-(5-cyano-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3x): Brown solid, 85 mg, 55% yield, mp 265.4-267.0 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.61 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.52 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.56, 156.05, 138.43, 132.00, 130.36, 129.76, 126.84, 126.32, 125.72, 123.59, 120.56, 114.79, 114.54, 105.86, 104.13, 102.25. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₁N₄O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 311.0927, found 311.0928.



Methyl 3-(4-cyano-2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3y): Brown solid, 102 mg, 60% yield, mp 293.9-295.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.46 (s, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.25 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 4H), 3.95 – 3.81 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.05, 158.95, 156.49, 139.07, 131.89, 129.75, 129.40, 126.42, 125.77, 124.12, 123.49, 123.12, 122.74, 114.82, 113.08, 105.17, 102.59, 52.42. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₂₀H₁₄N₃O₃ [*M* + *H*]⁺: 344.1030, found 344.1032.



5-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3z): Brown solid, 77 mg, 52% yield, mp 178.8-180.6 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.07 (ddt, *J* = 8.1, 5.5, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.59 (dq, *J* = 5.4, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (tt, *J* = 7.2, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.78, 157.01, 137.18, 131.82, 131.40, 129.79, 126.62, 125.86, 124.25, 123.63, 122.29, 120.65, 115.10, 111.53, 104.34, 100.52, 33.67. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₁₉H₁₄N₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 300.1131, found 300.1133.

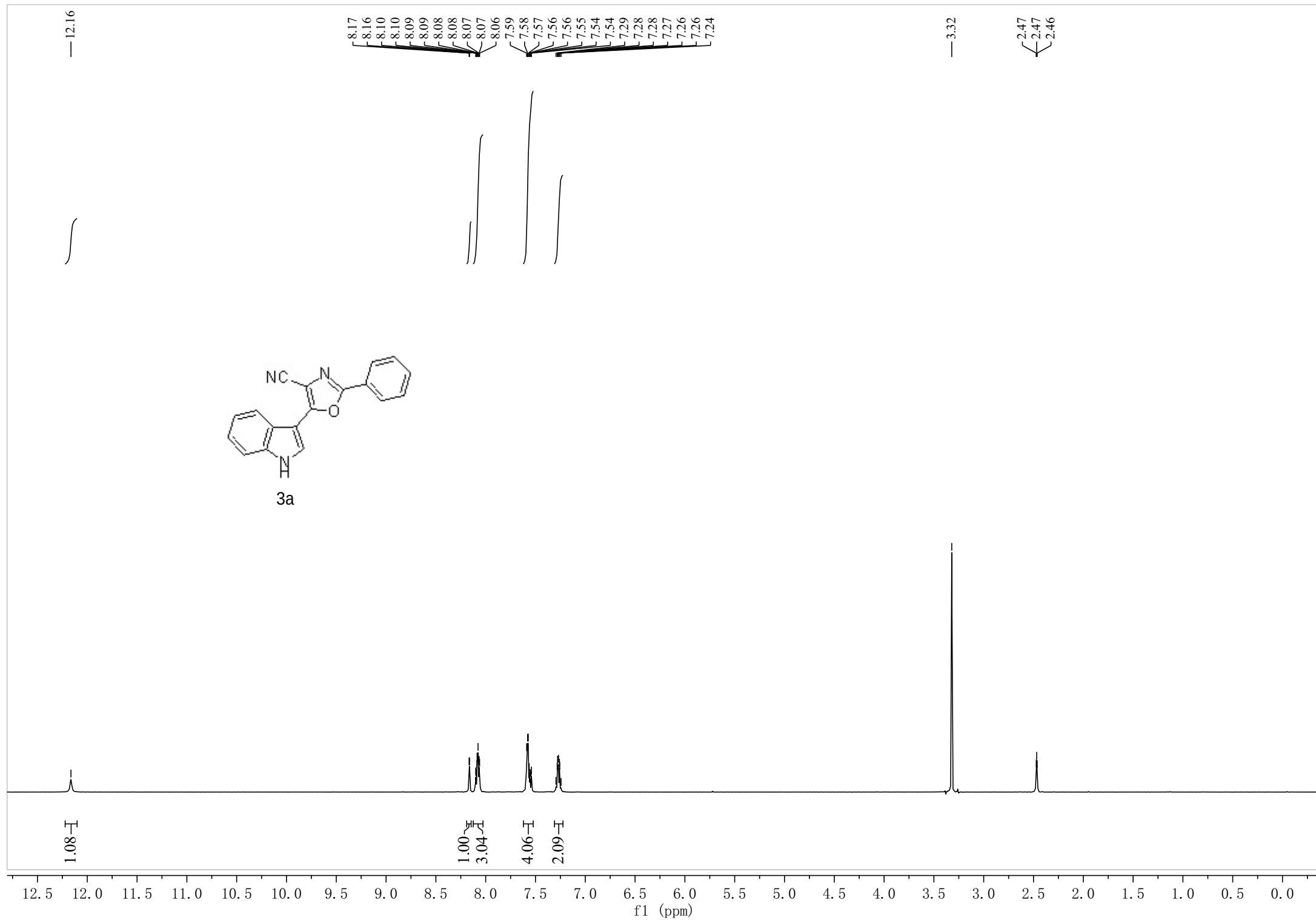
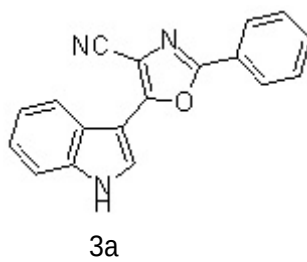


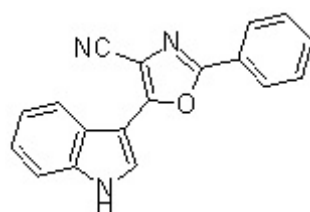
5-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonitrile (3aa): Brown solid, 107 mg, 57% yield, mp 194.5-196.4 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.11 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.6, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 7.62 (td, *J* = 6.4, 2.7 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (tt, *J* = 8.3, 4.6 Hz, 7H), 5.62 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 159.06, 156.85, 137.52, 136.56, 131.91, 130.97, 129.83, 129.17, 128.18, 127.66, 126.70, 125.88, 124.62, 123.85, 122.44, 120.90, 115.06, 112.08, 104.91, 101.29, 50.11. HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): calcd for C₂₅H₁₈N₃O [*M* + *H*]⁺: 376.1444, found 376.1446.

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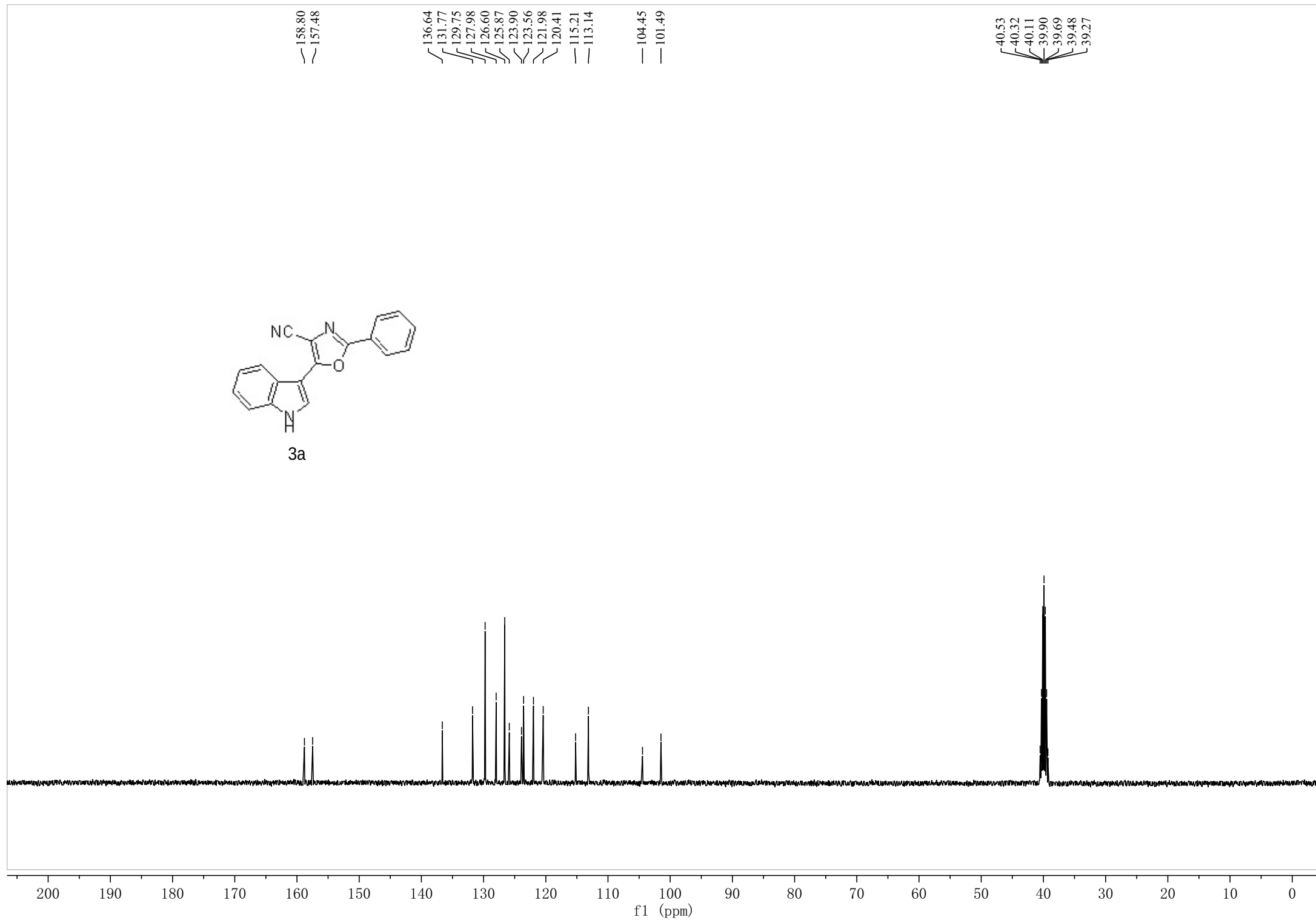
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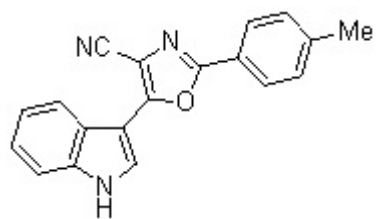
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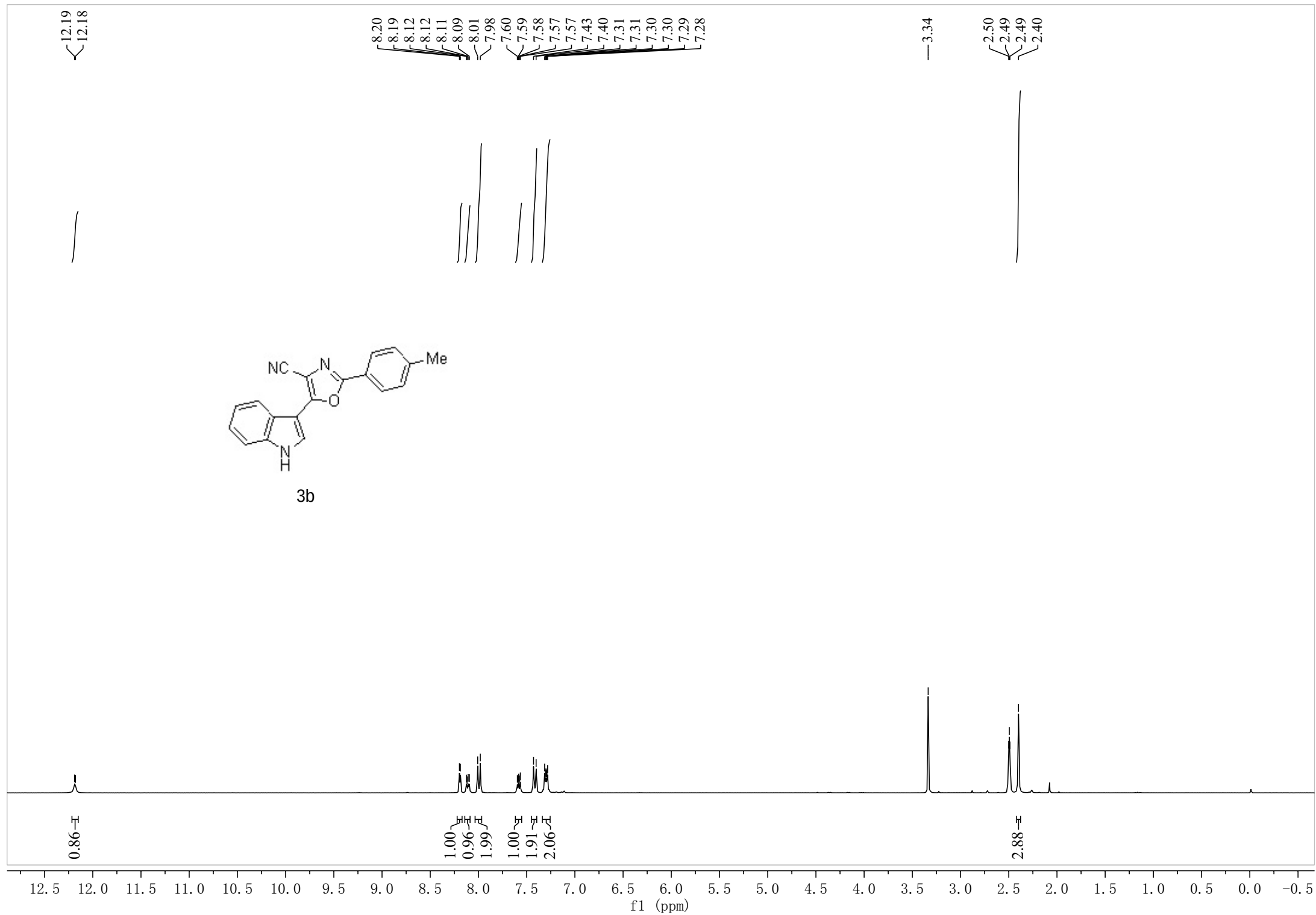


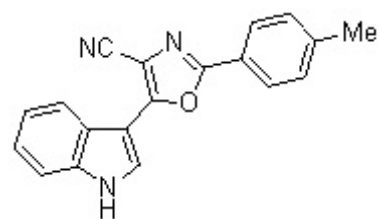
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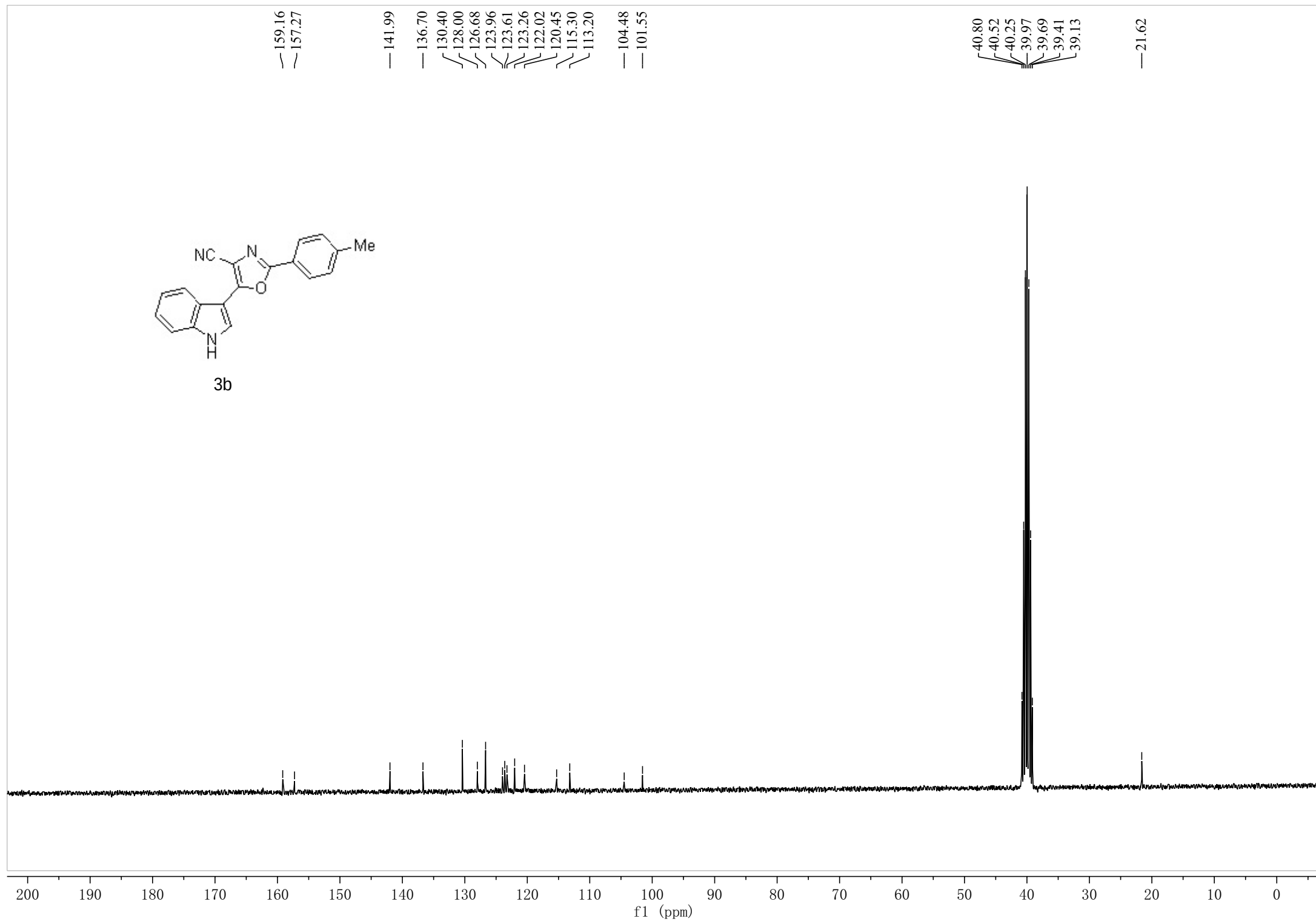


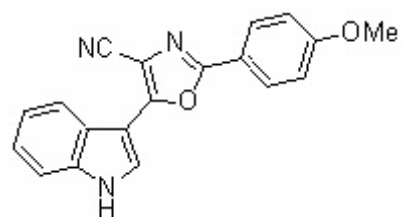
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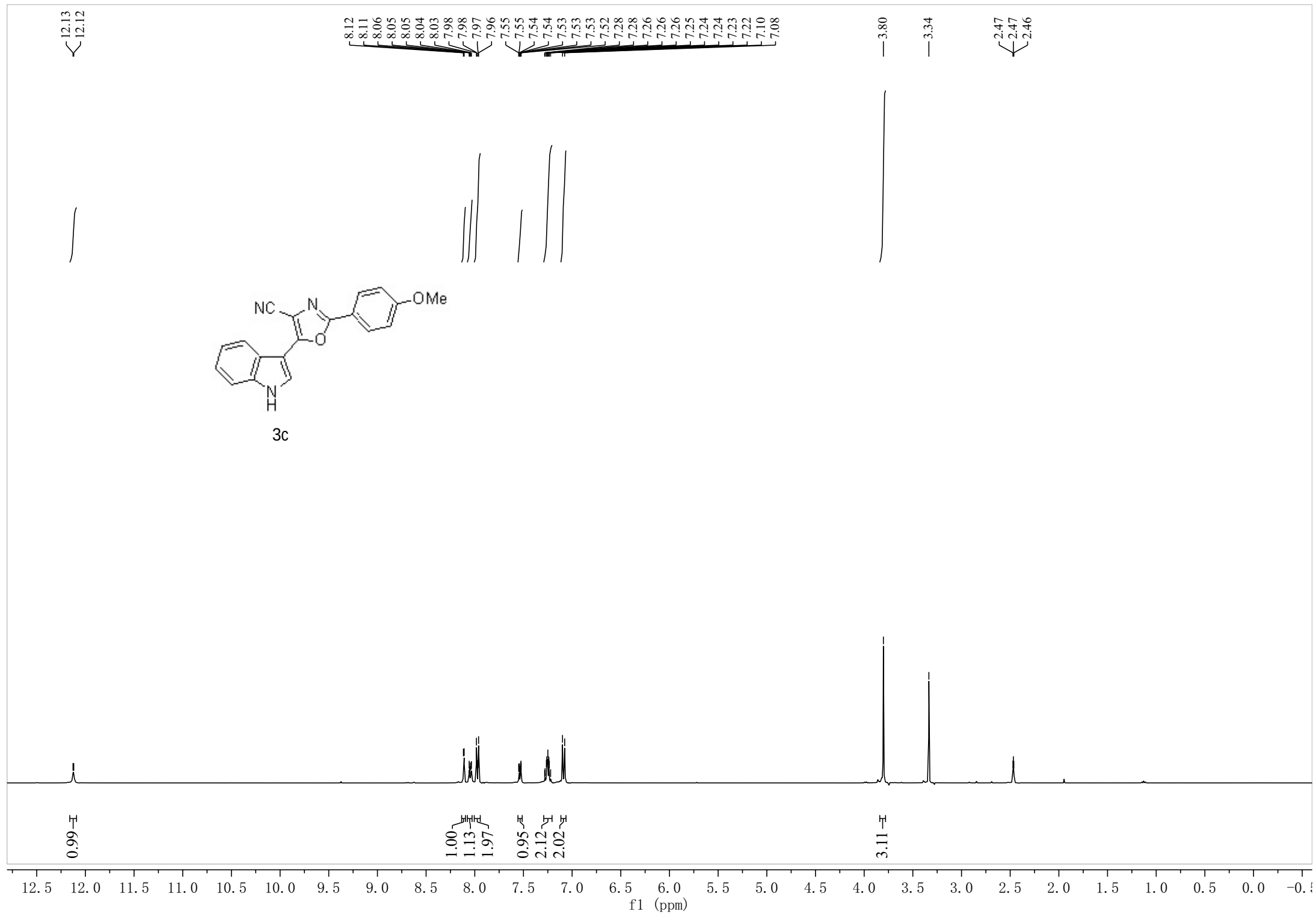


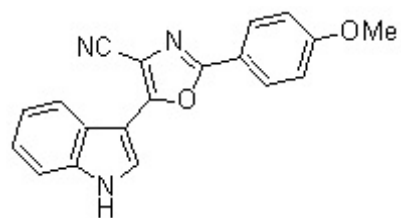
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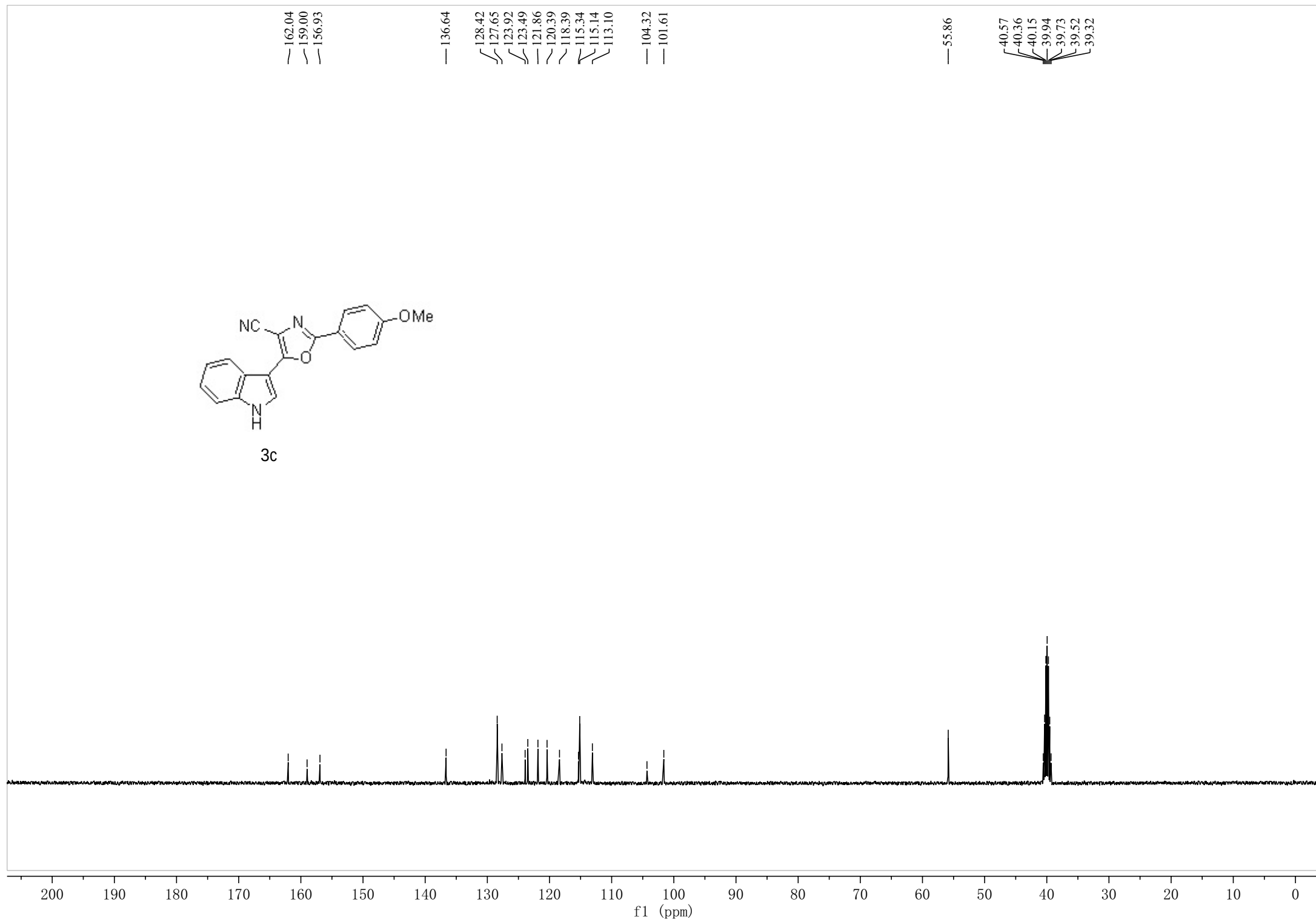


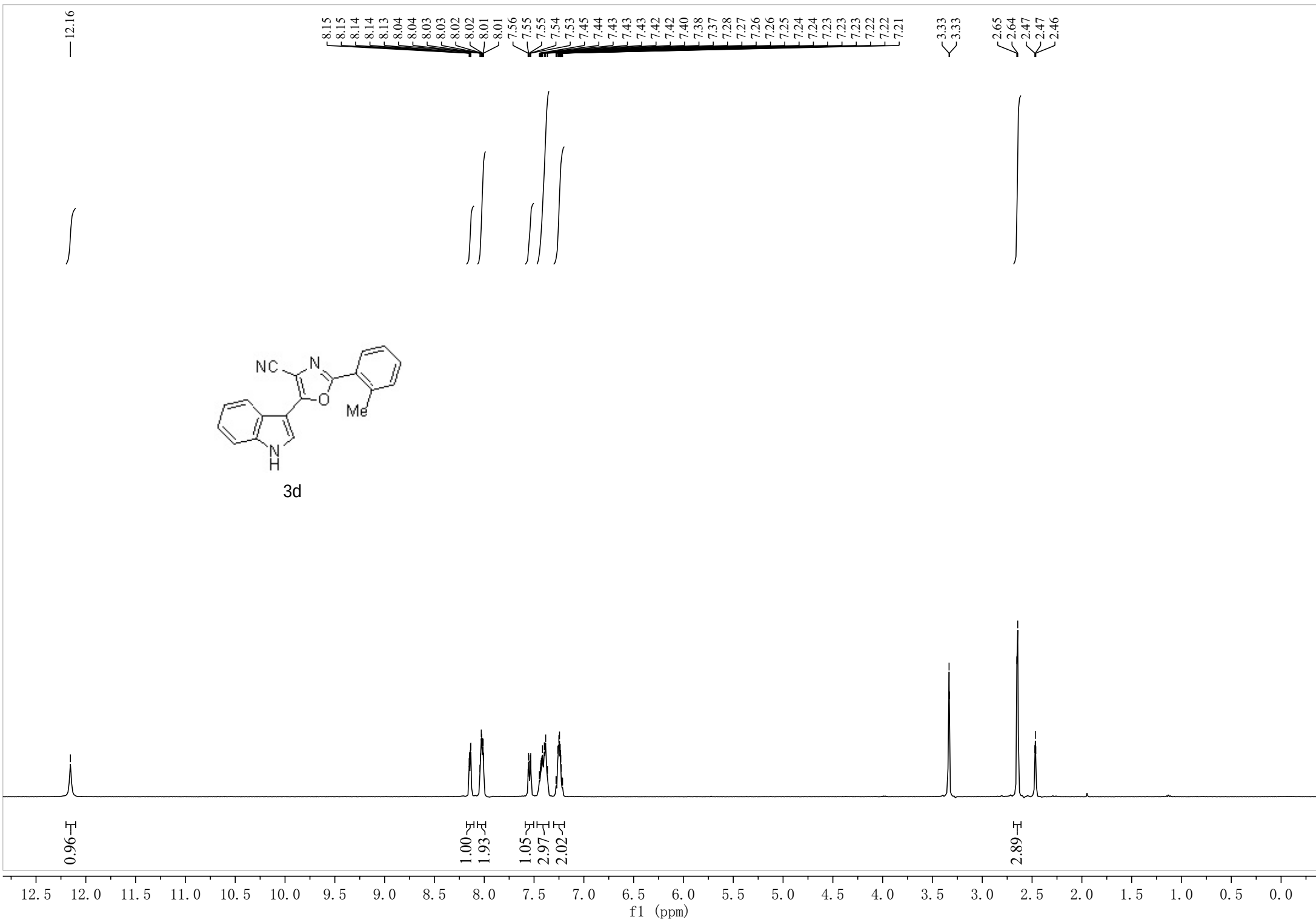
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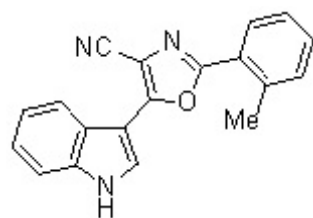




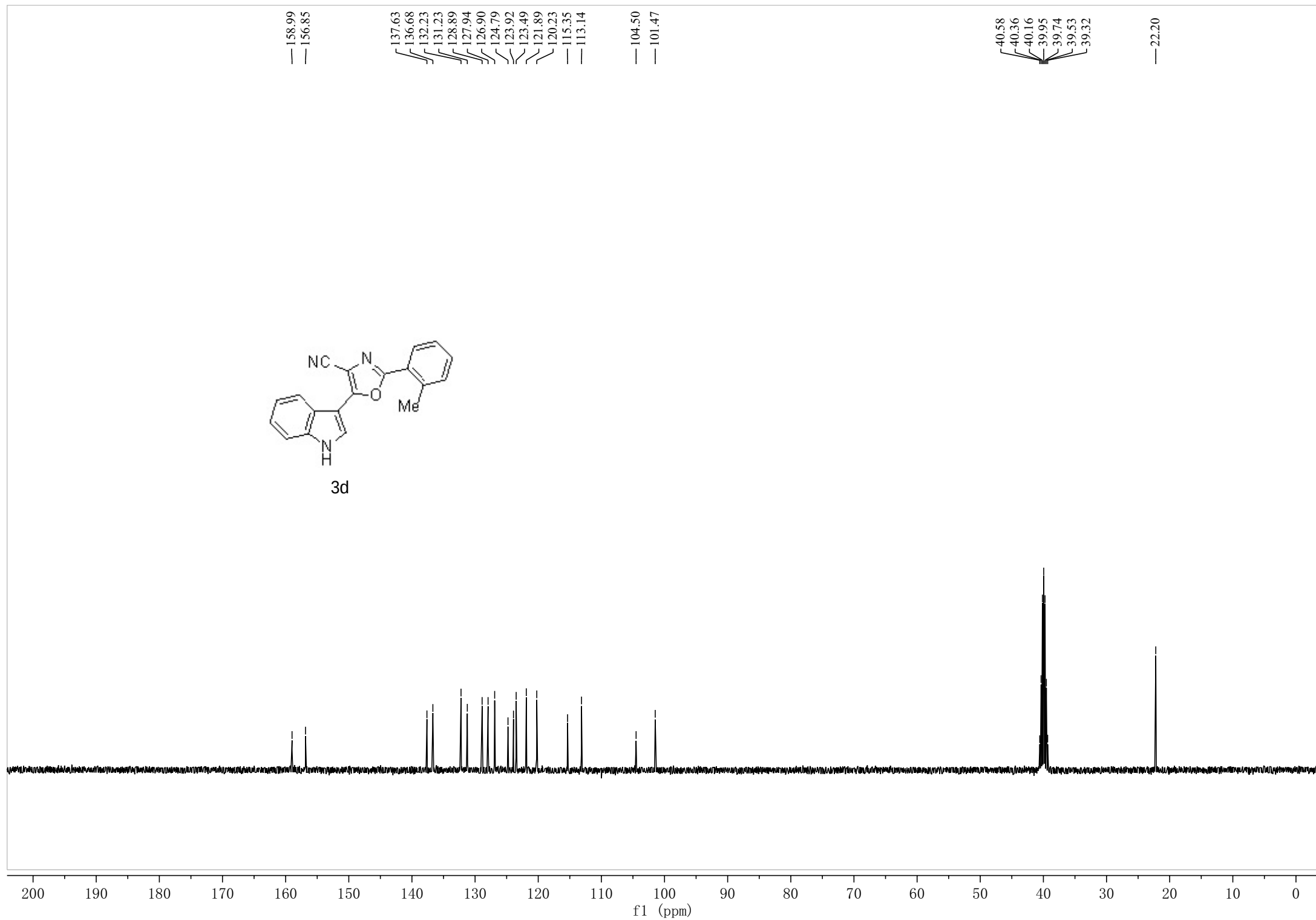
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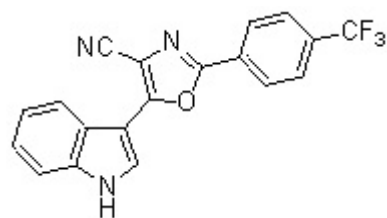




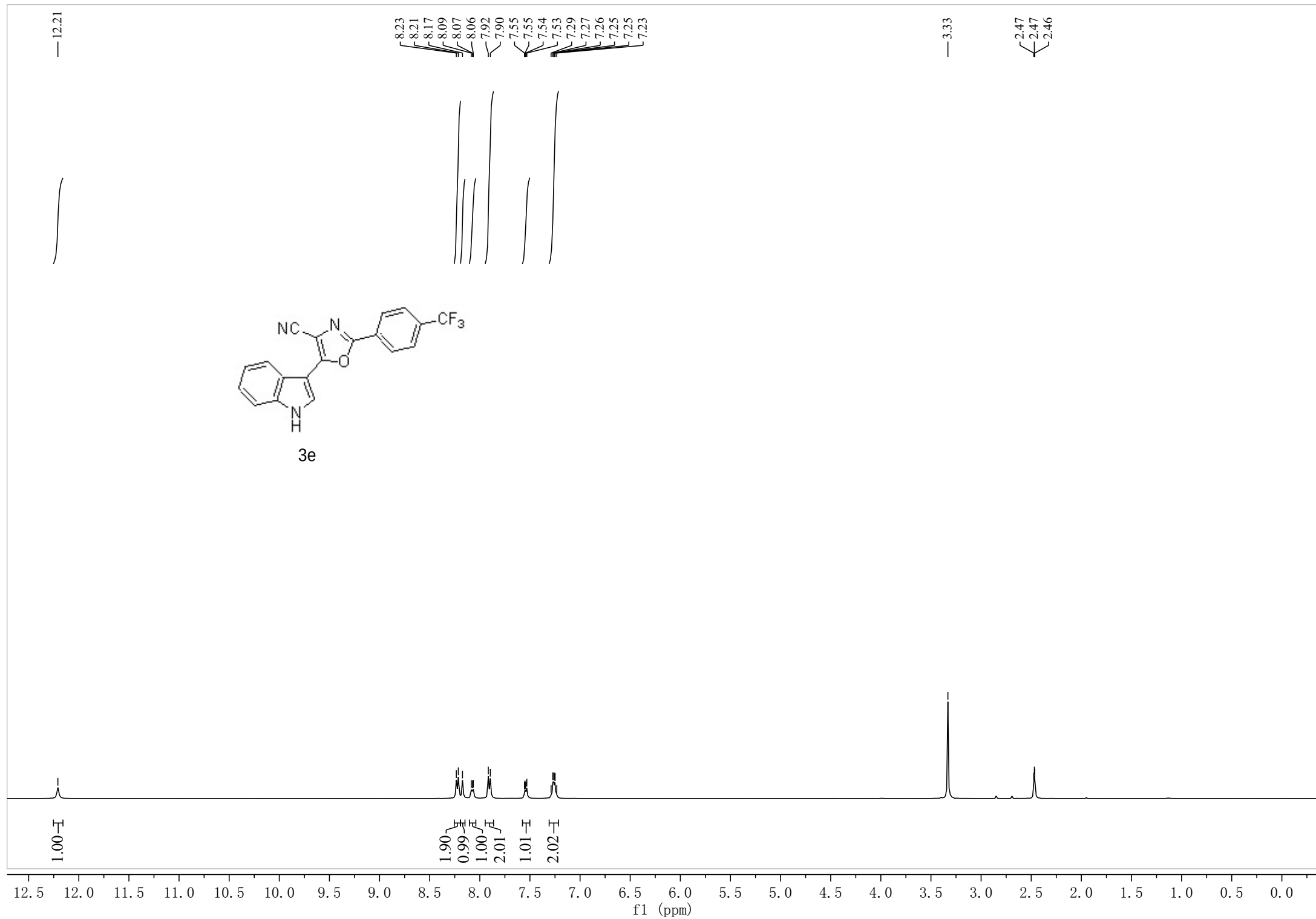


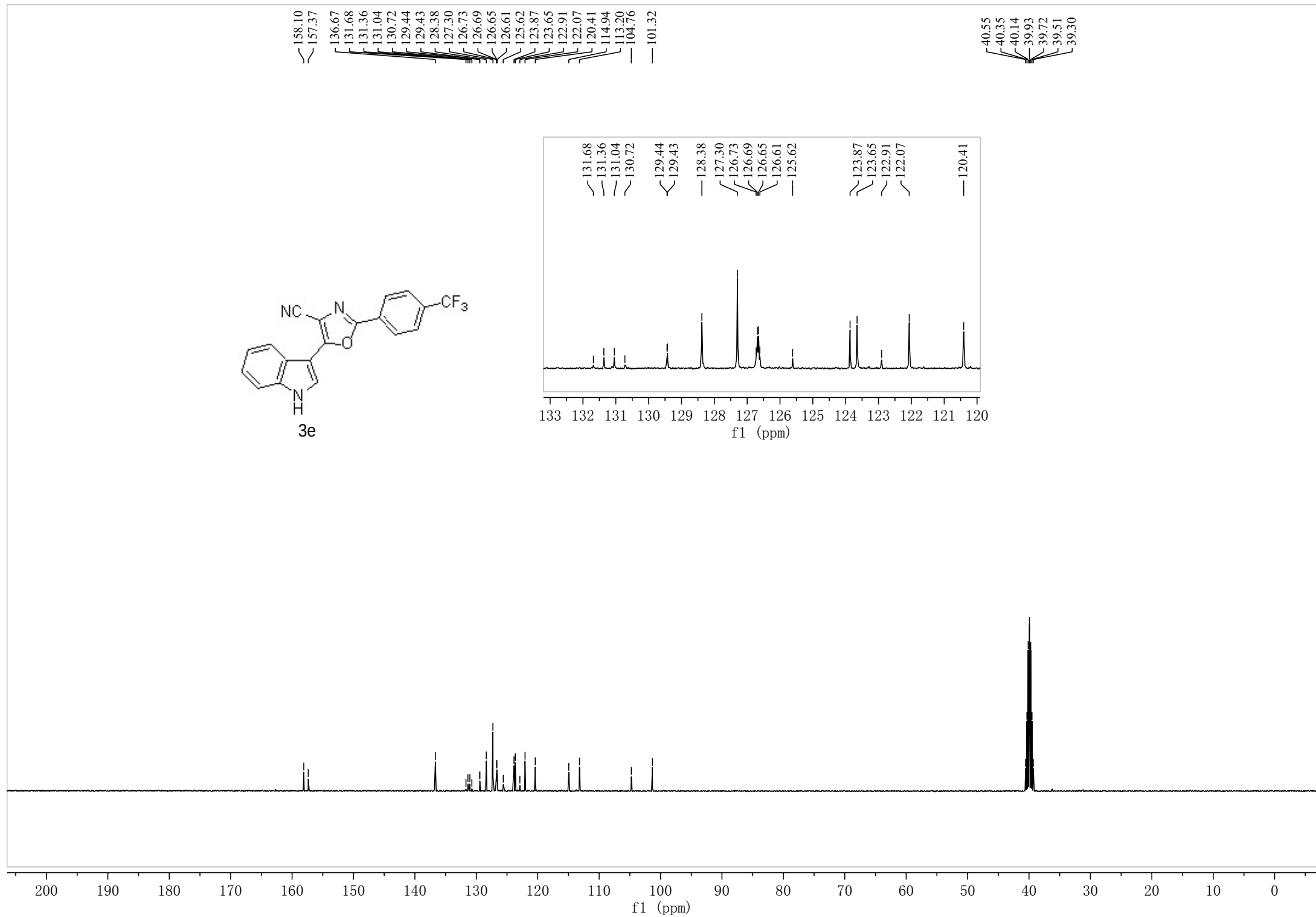
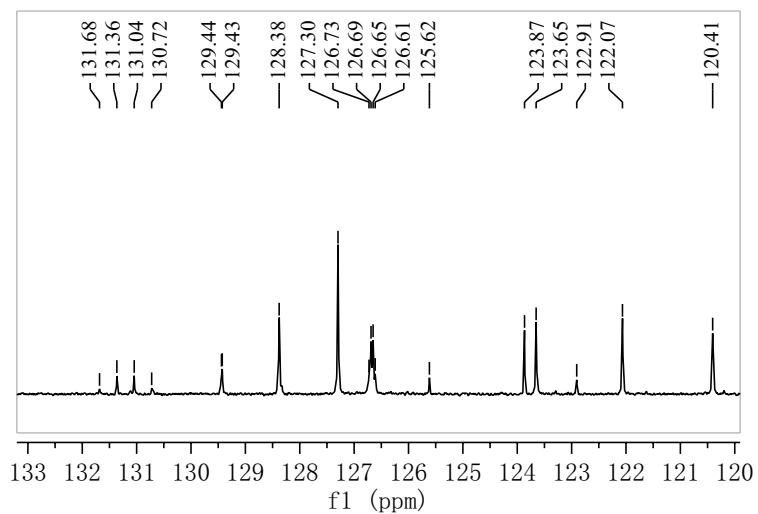
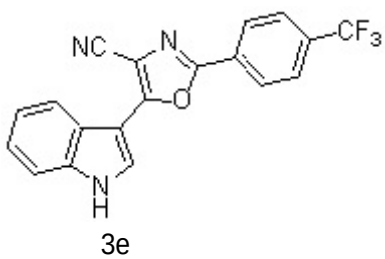
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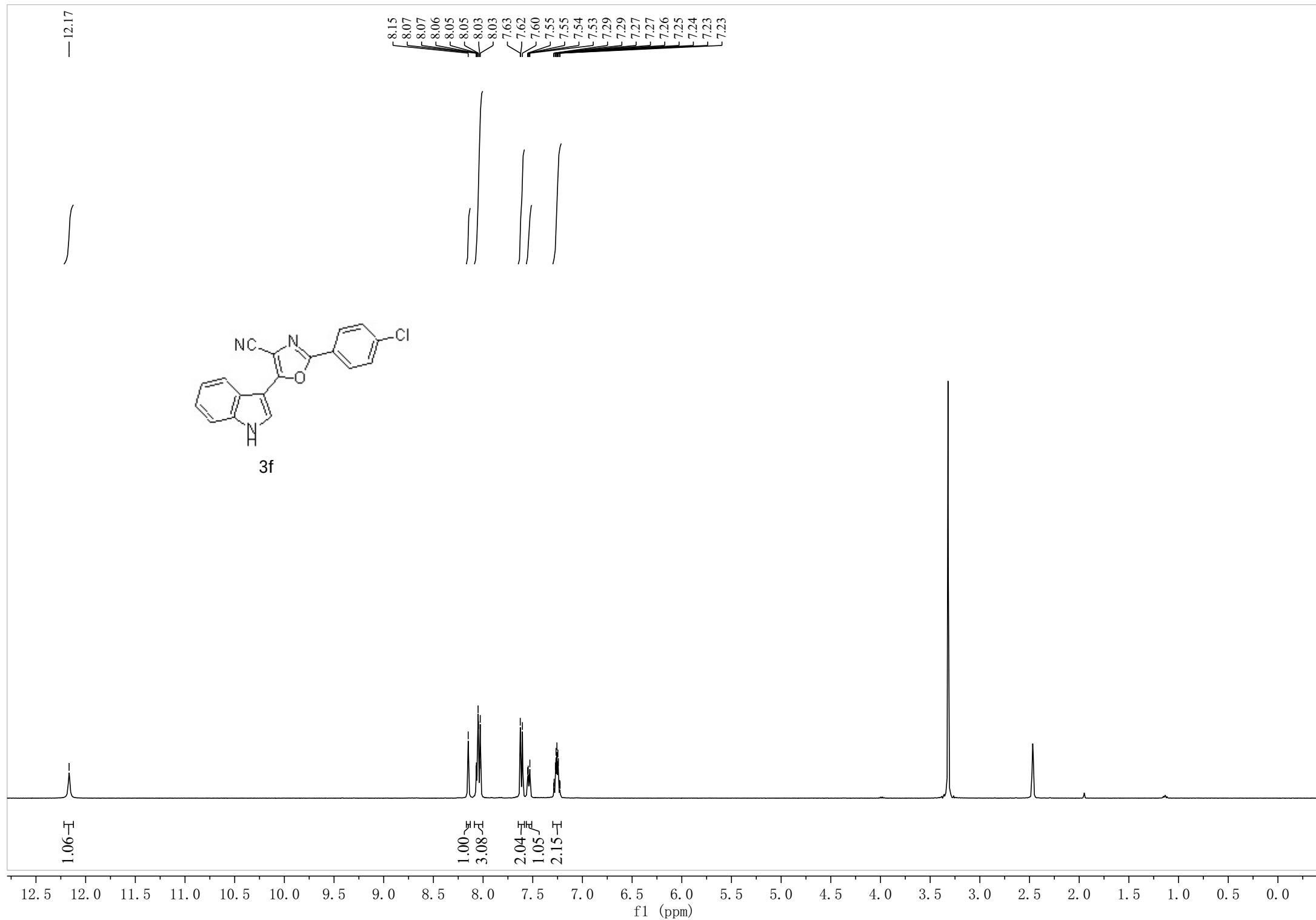
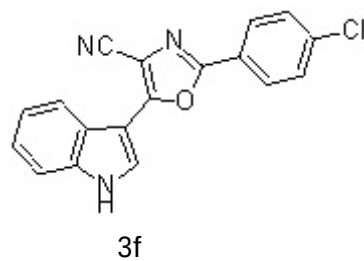


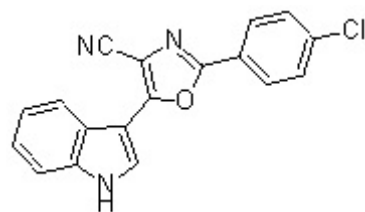


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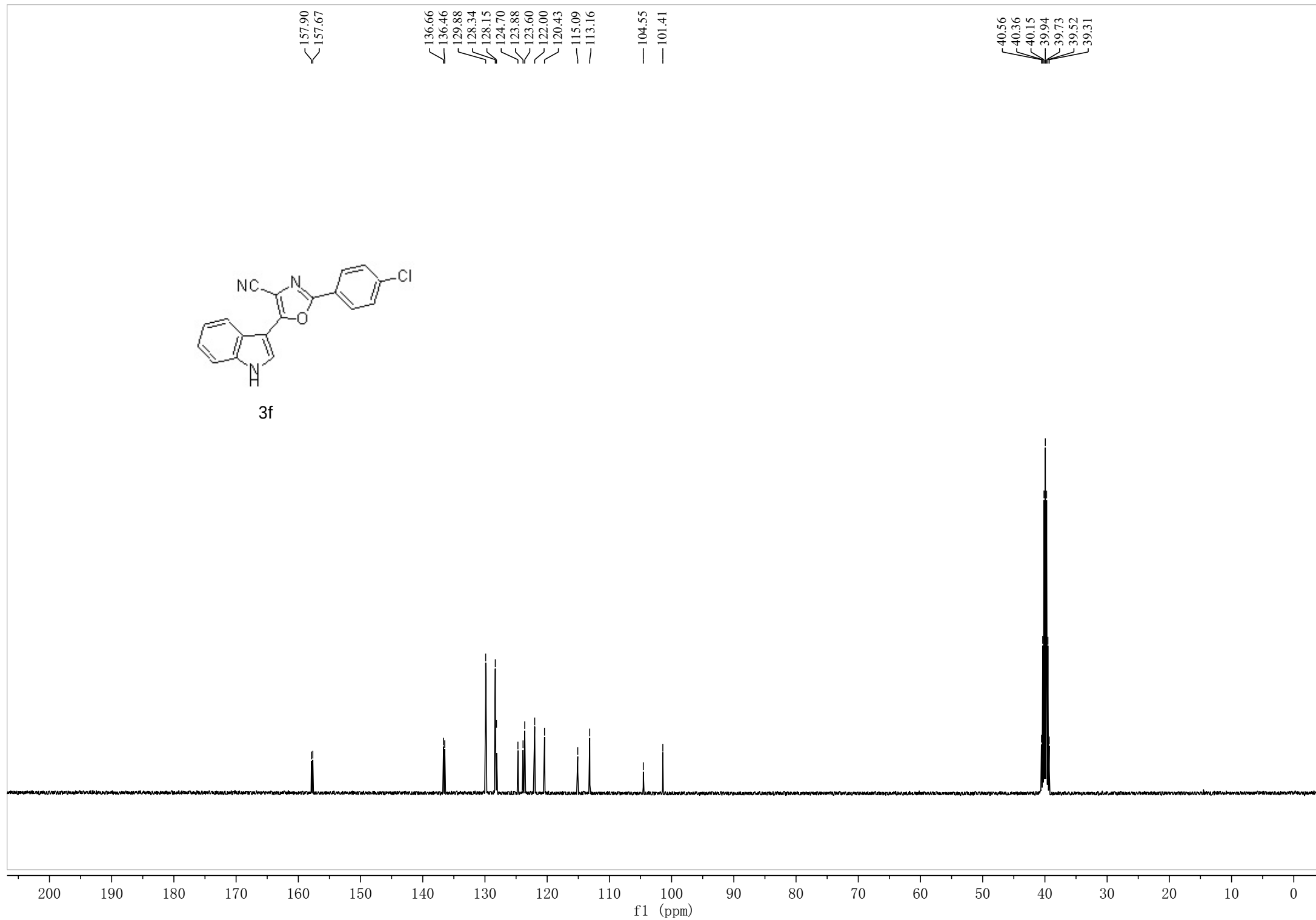


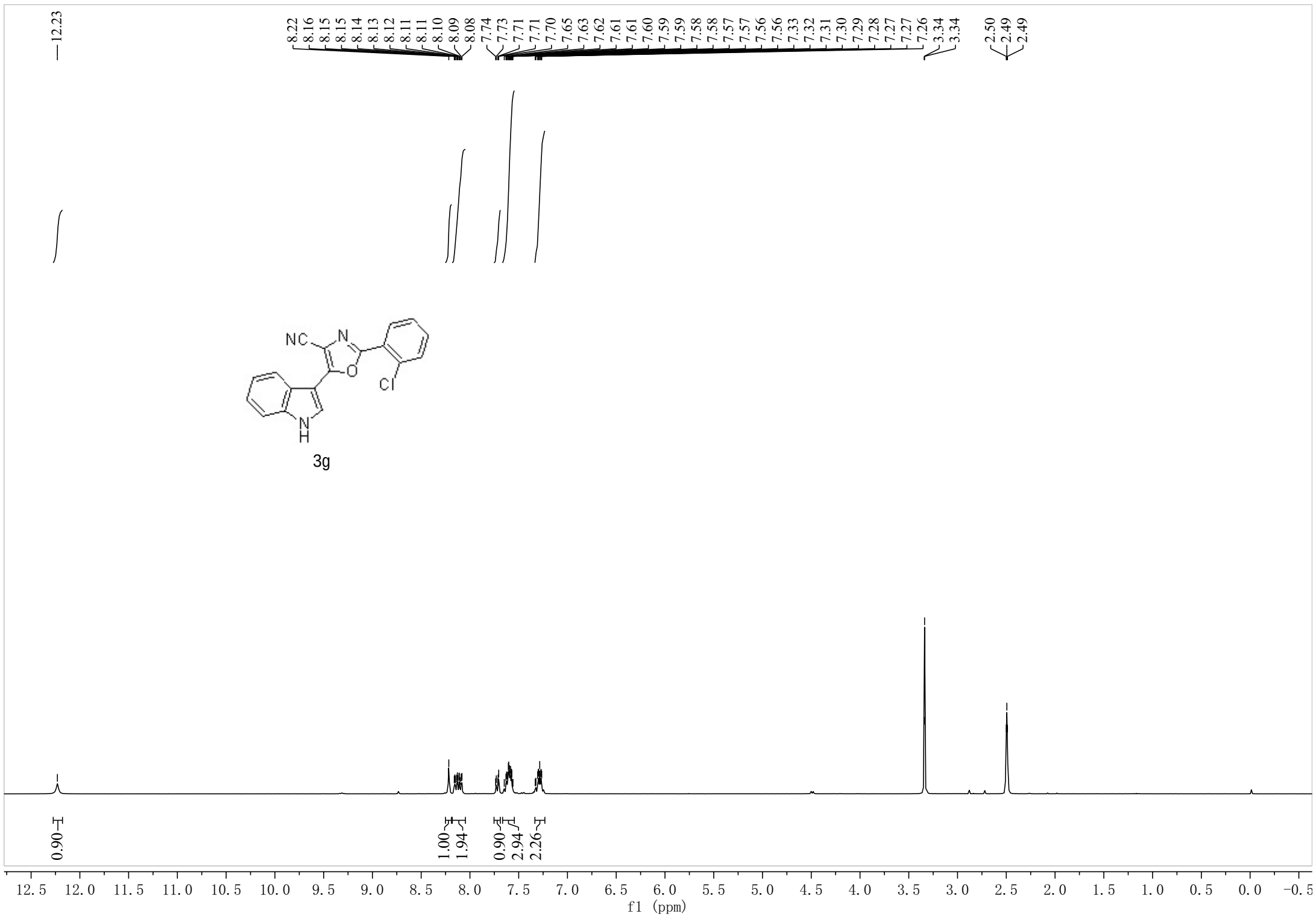
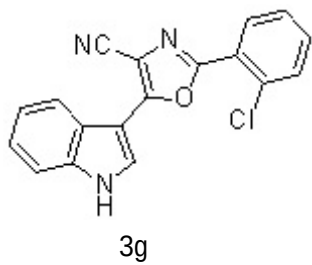


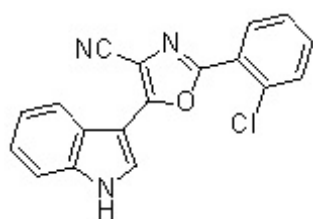




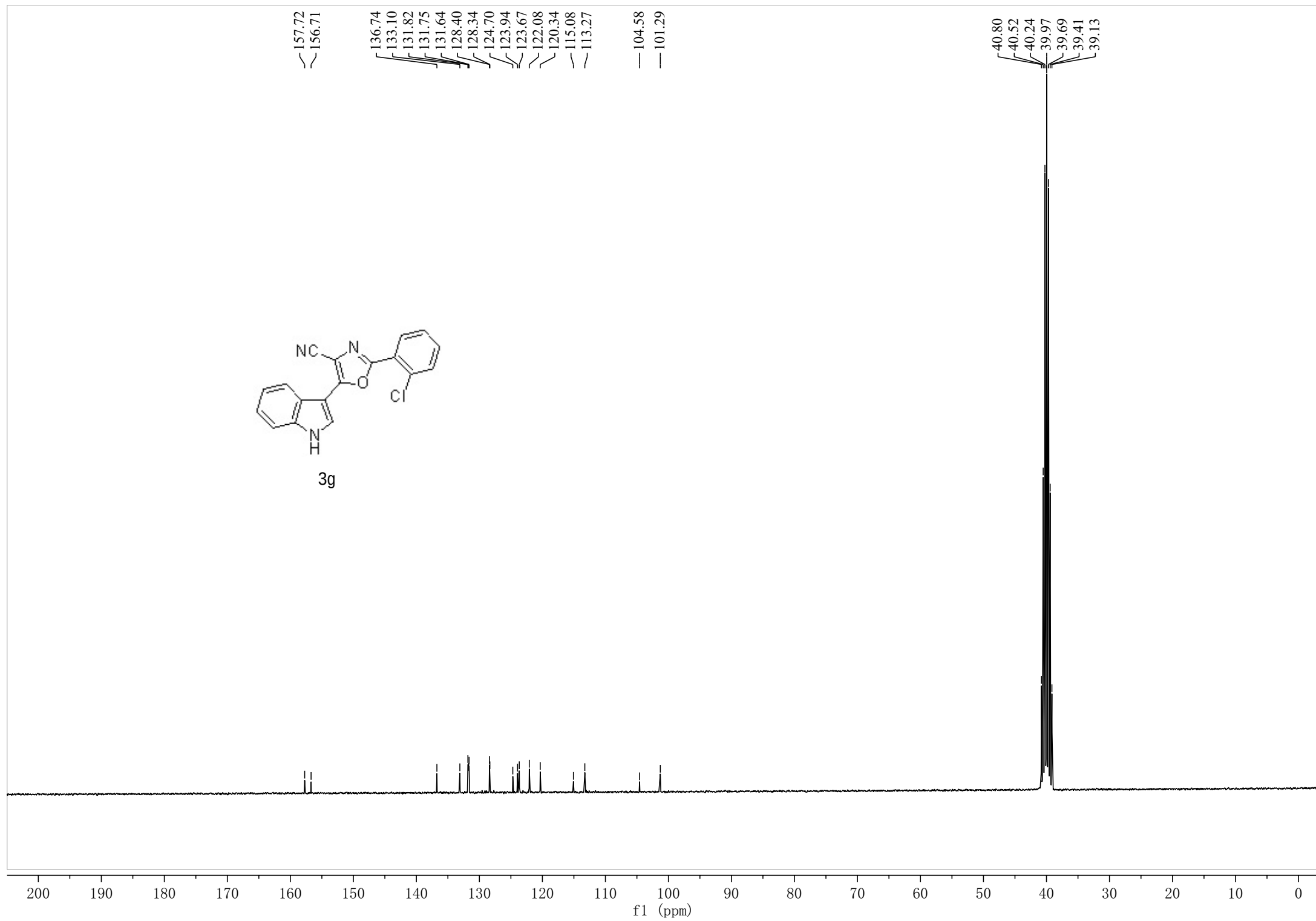
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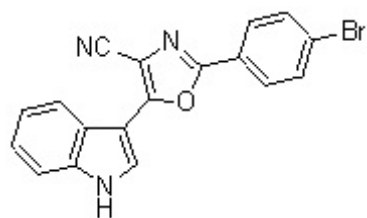




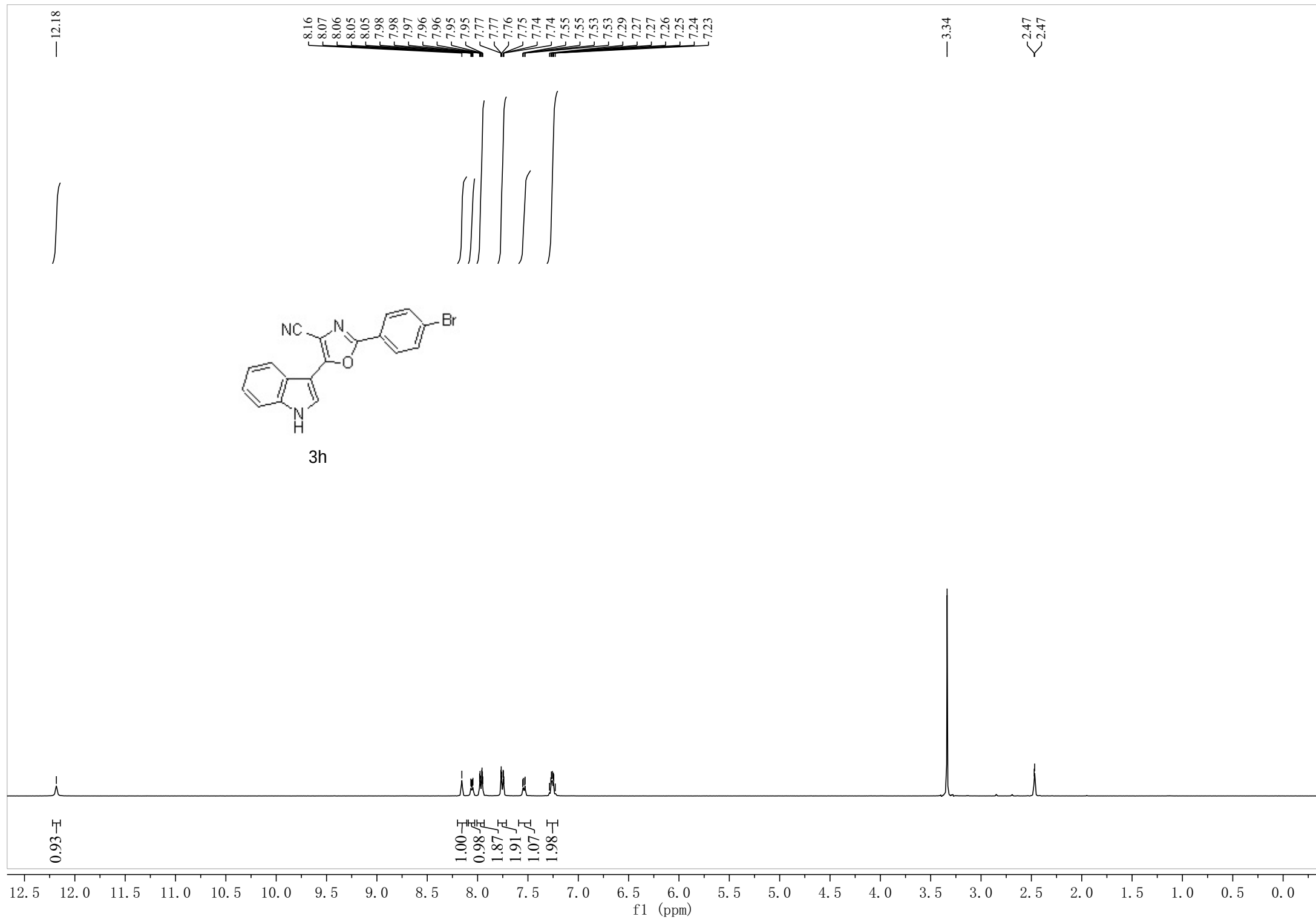


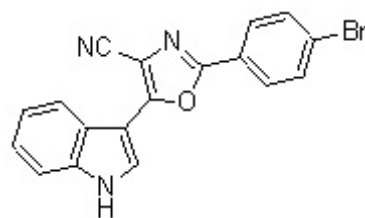
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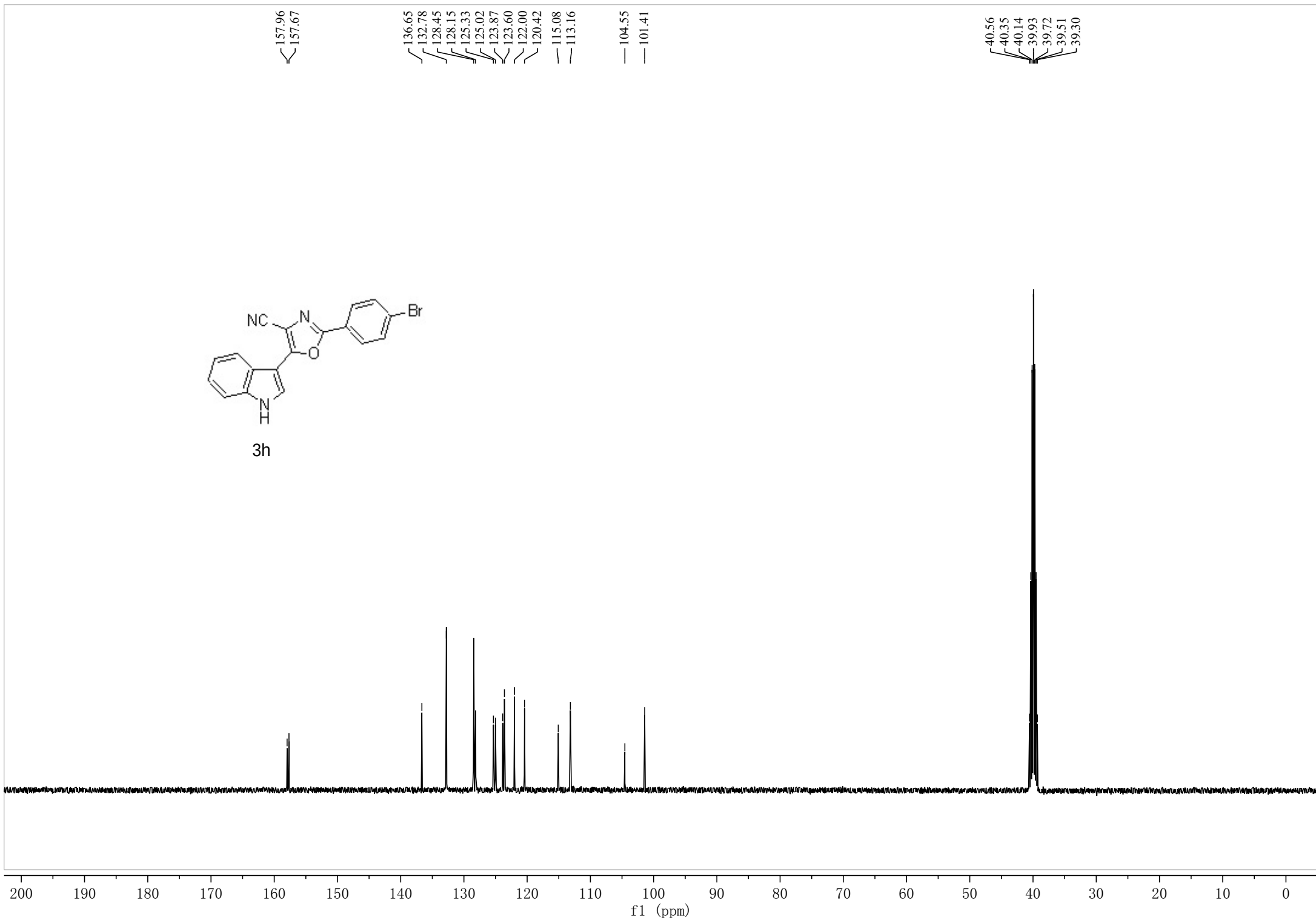


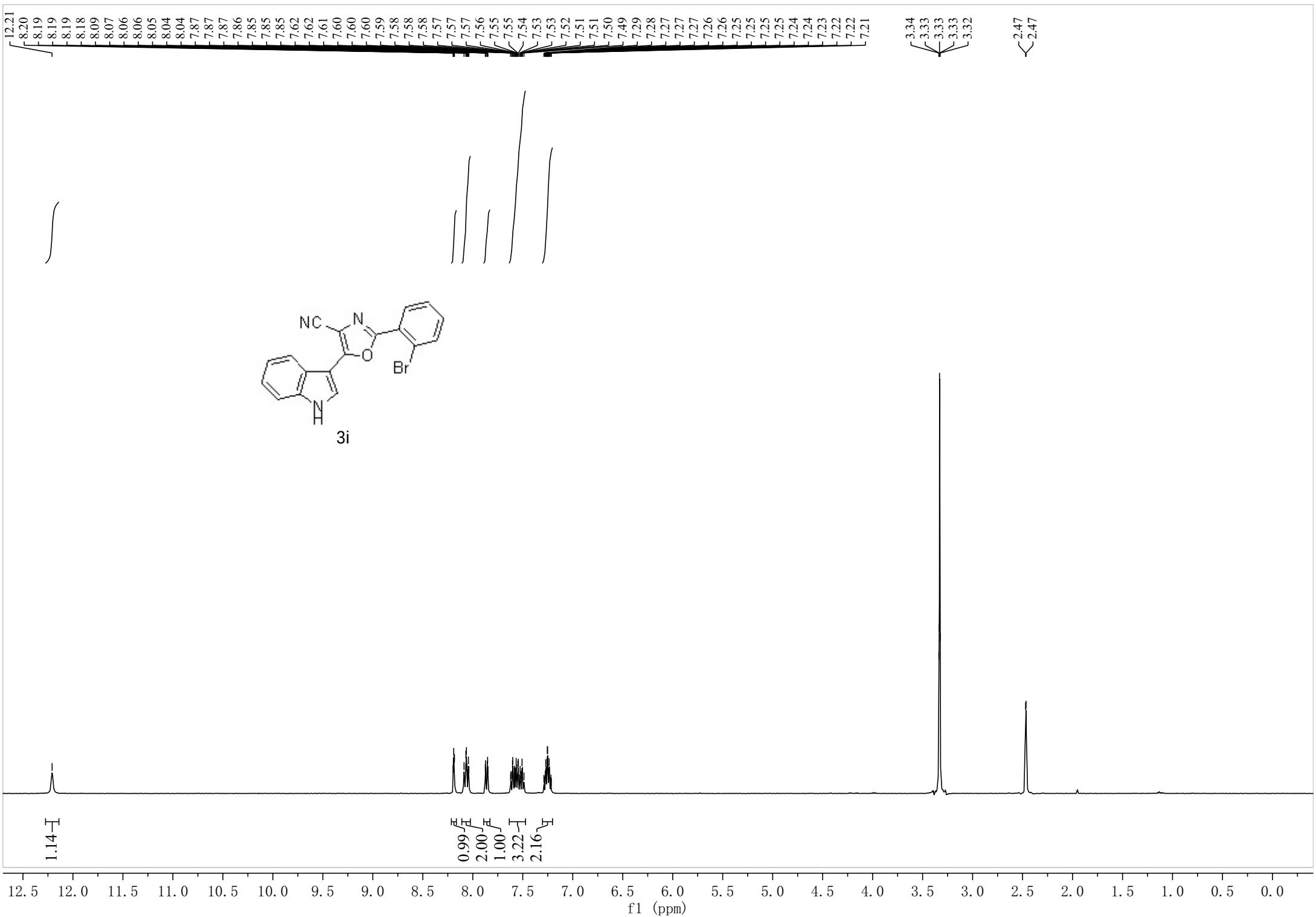
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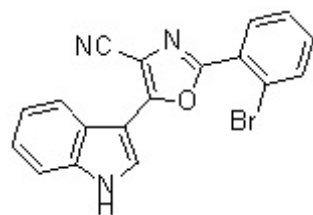




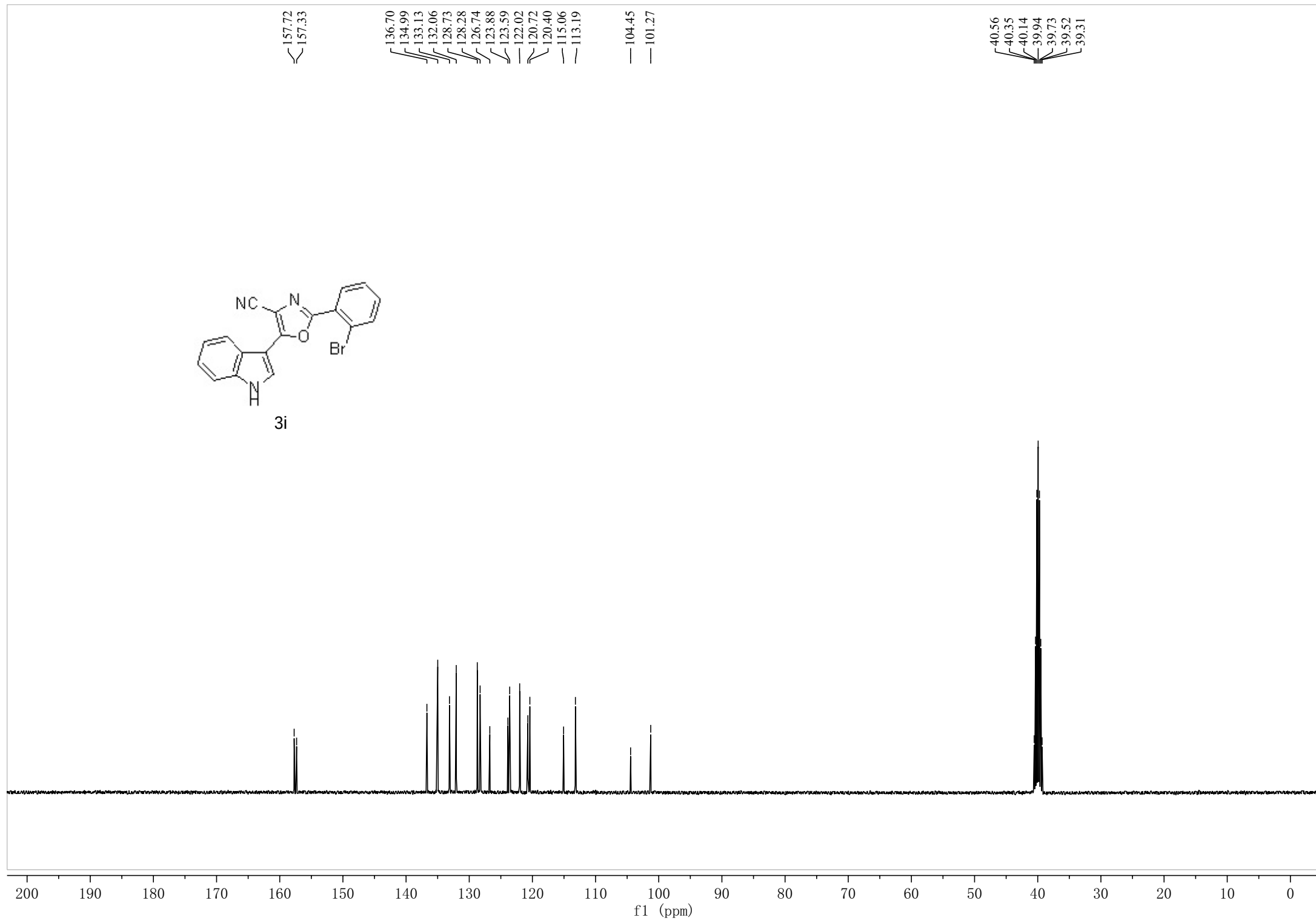
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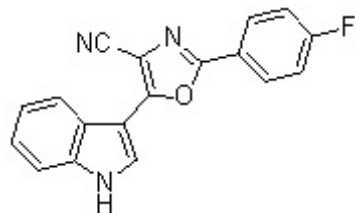




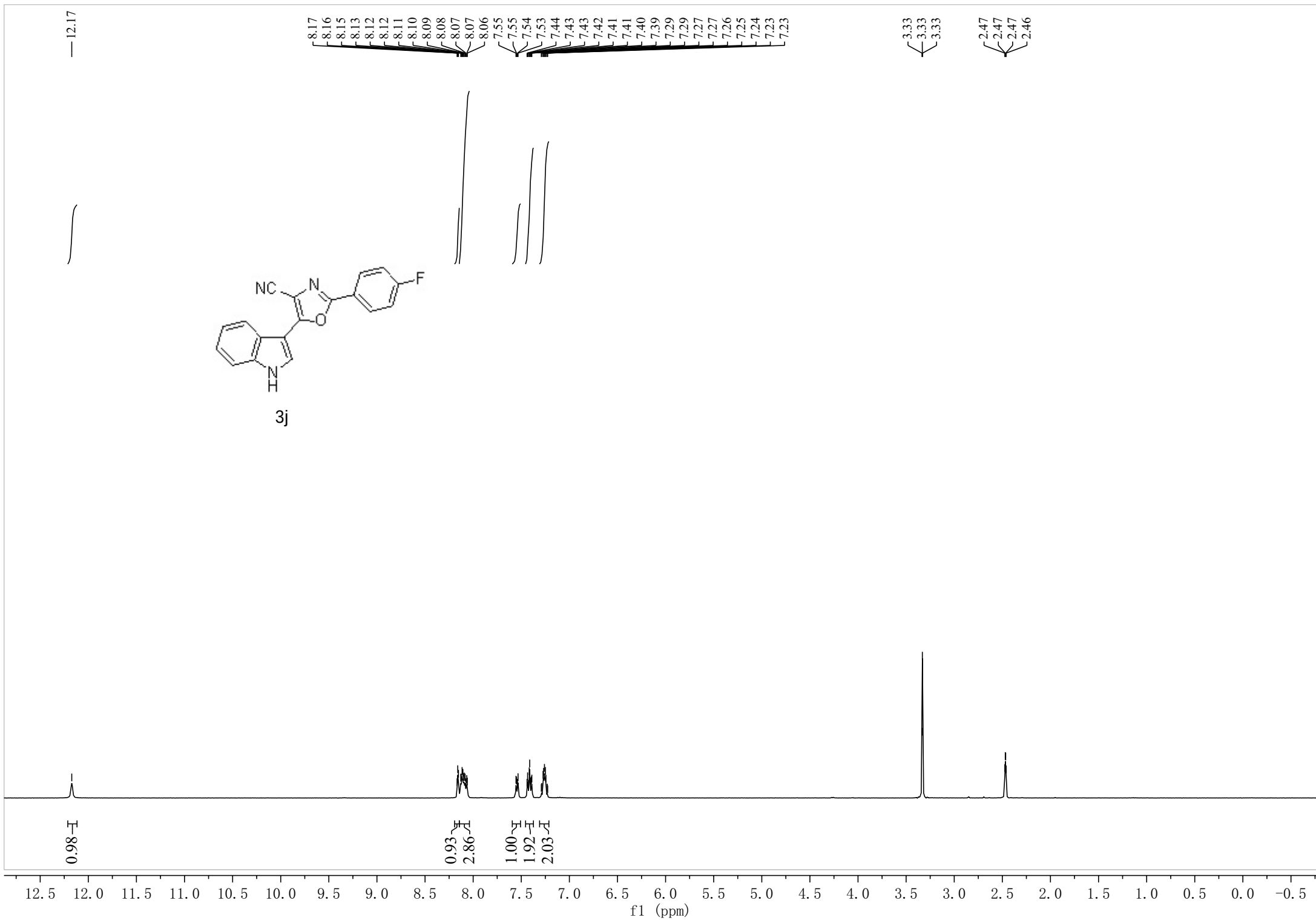


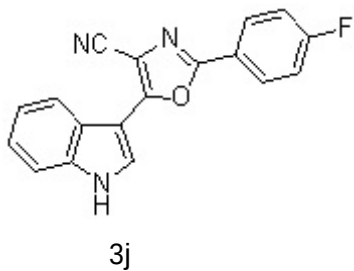
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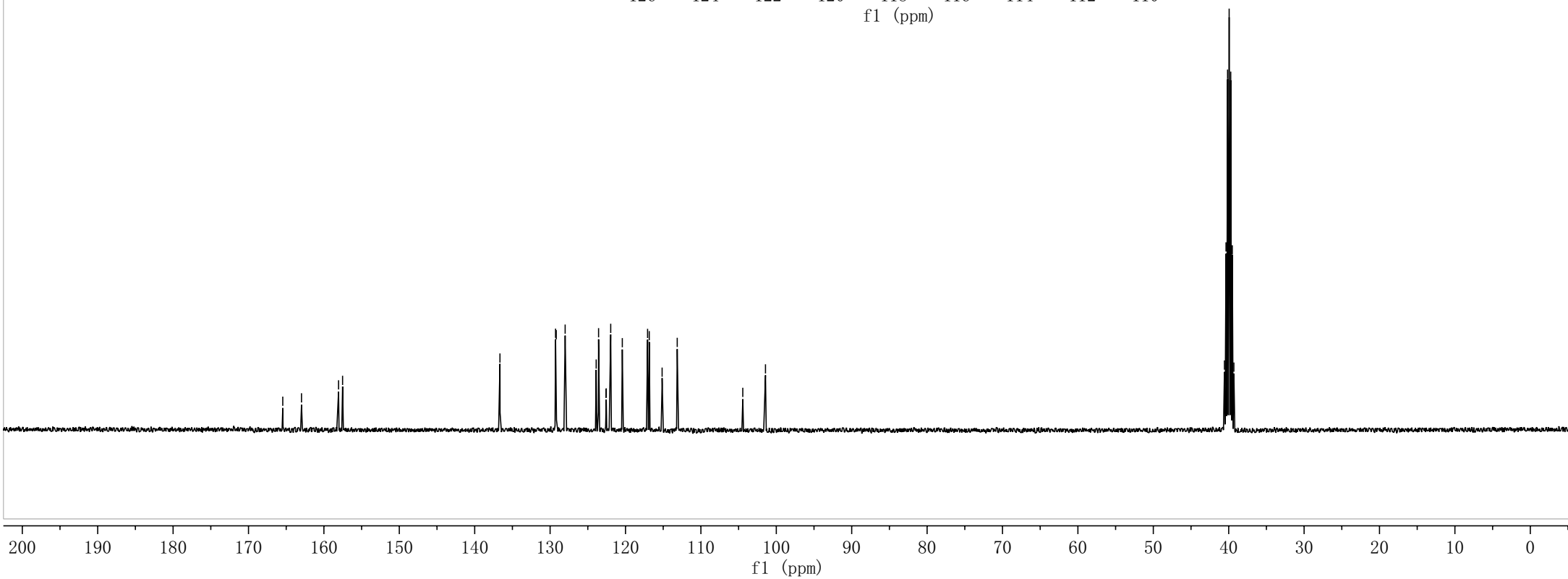
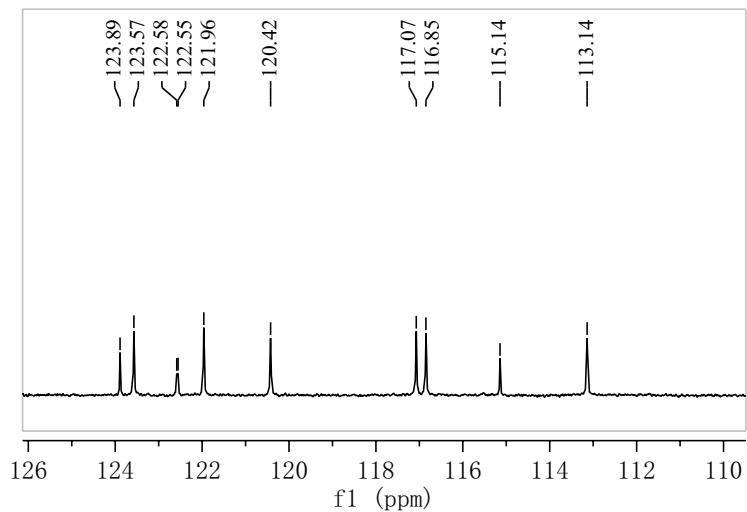


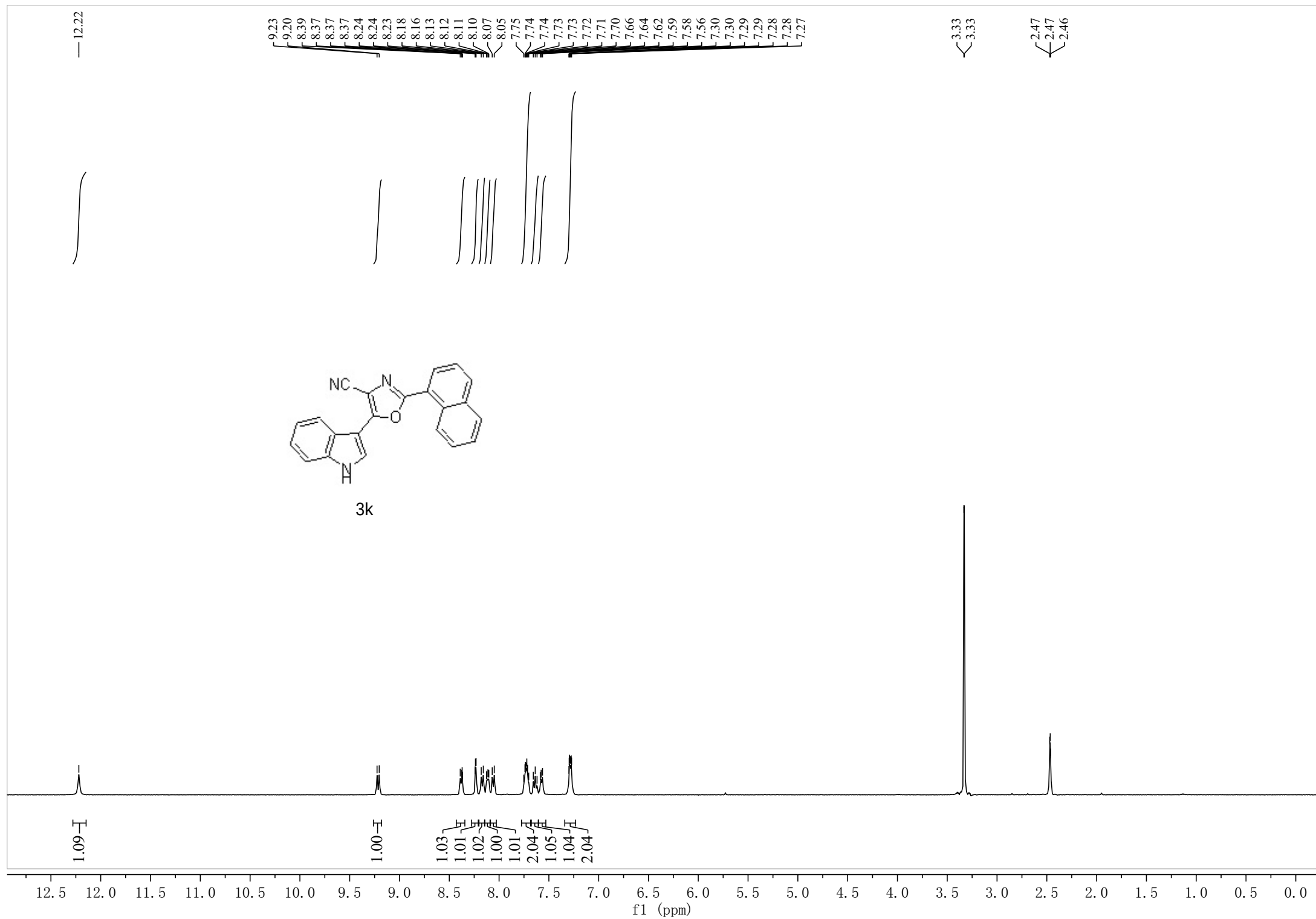


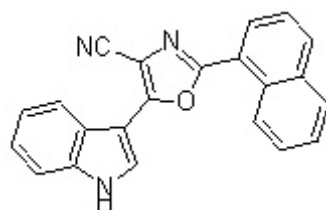
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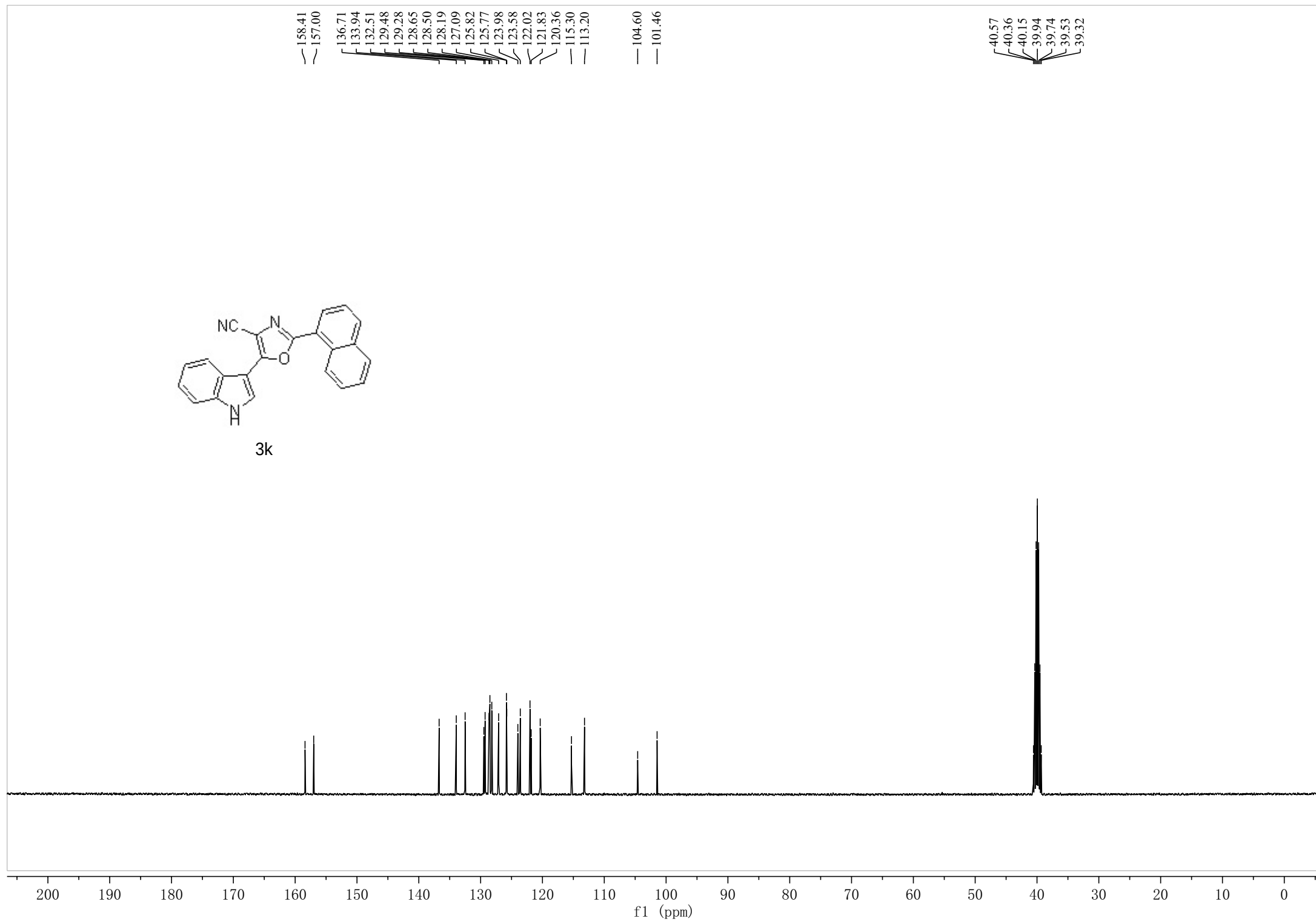
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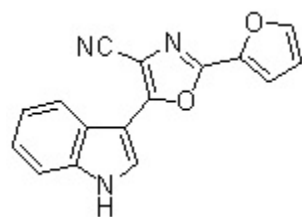




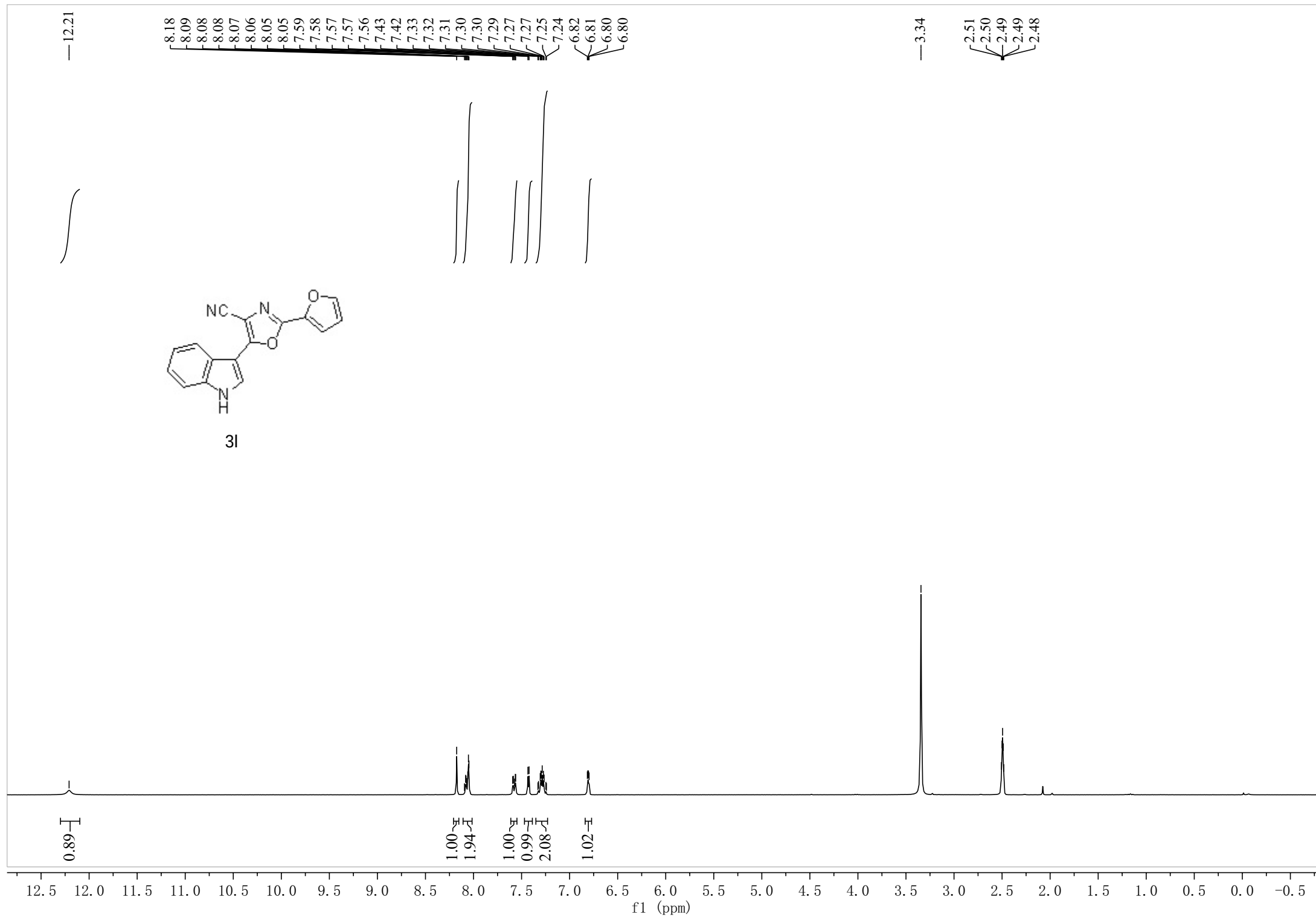


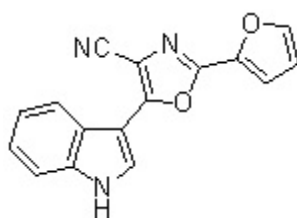
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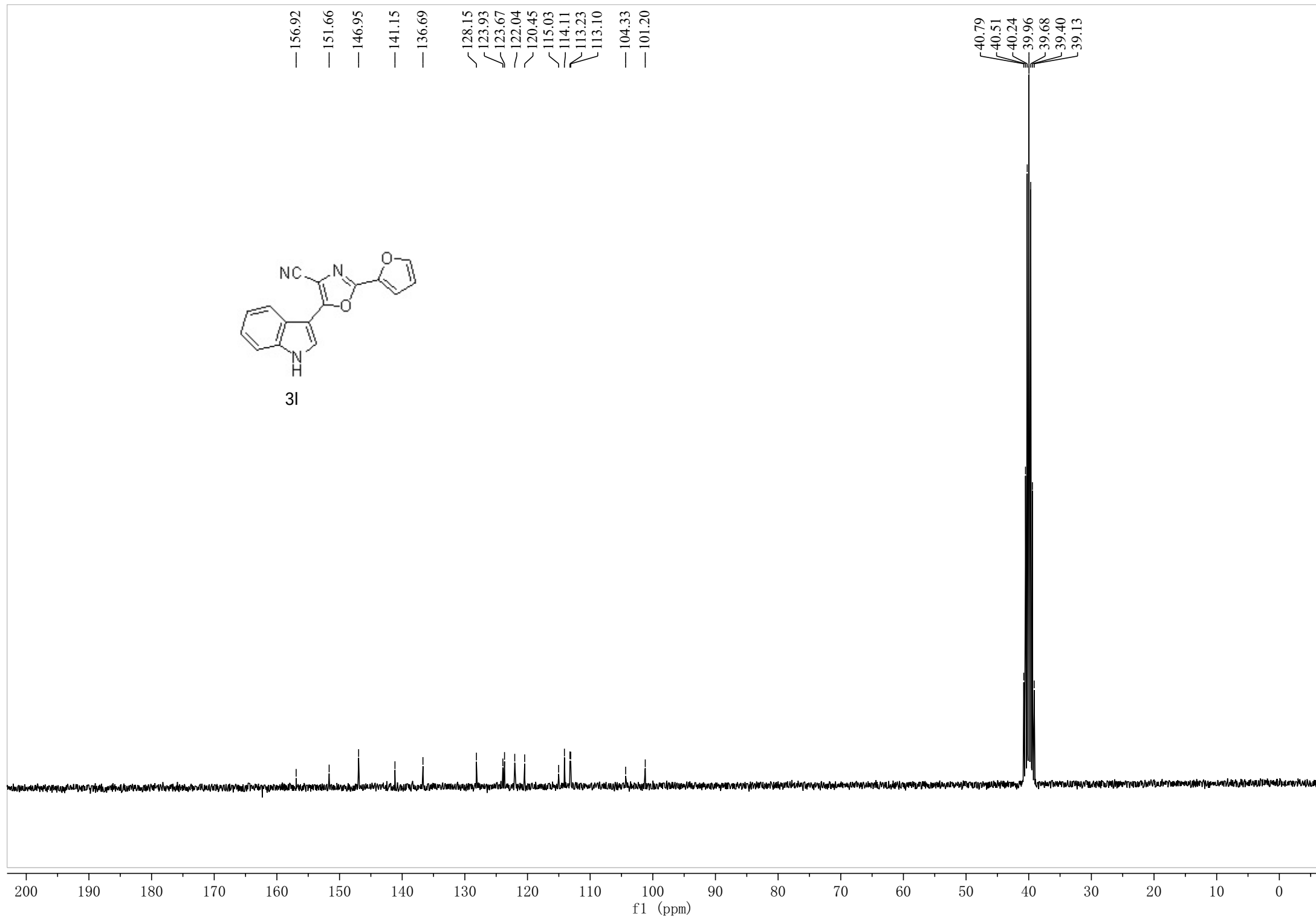


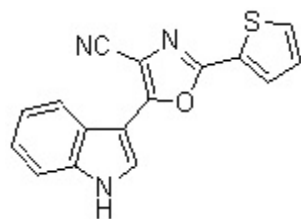
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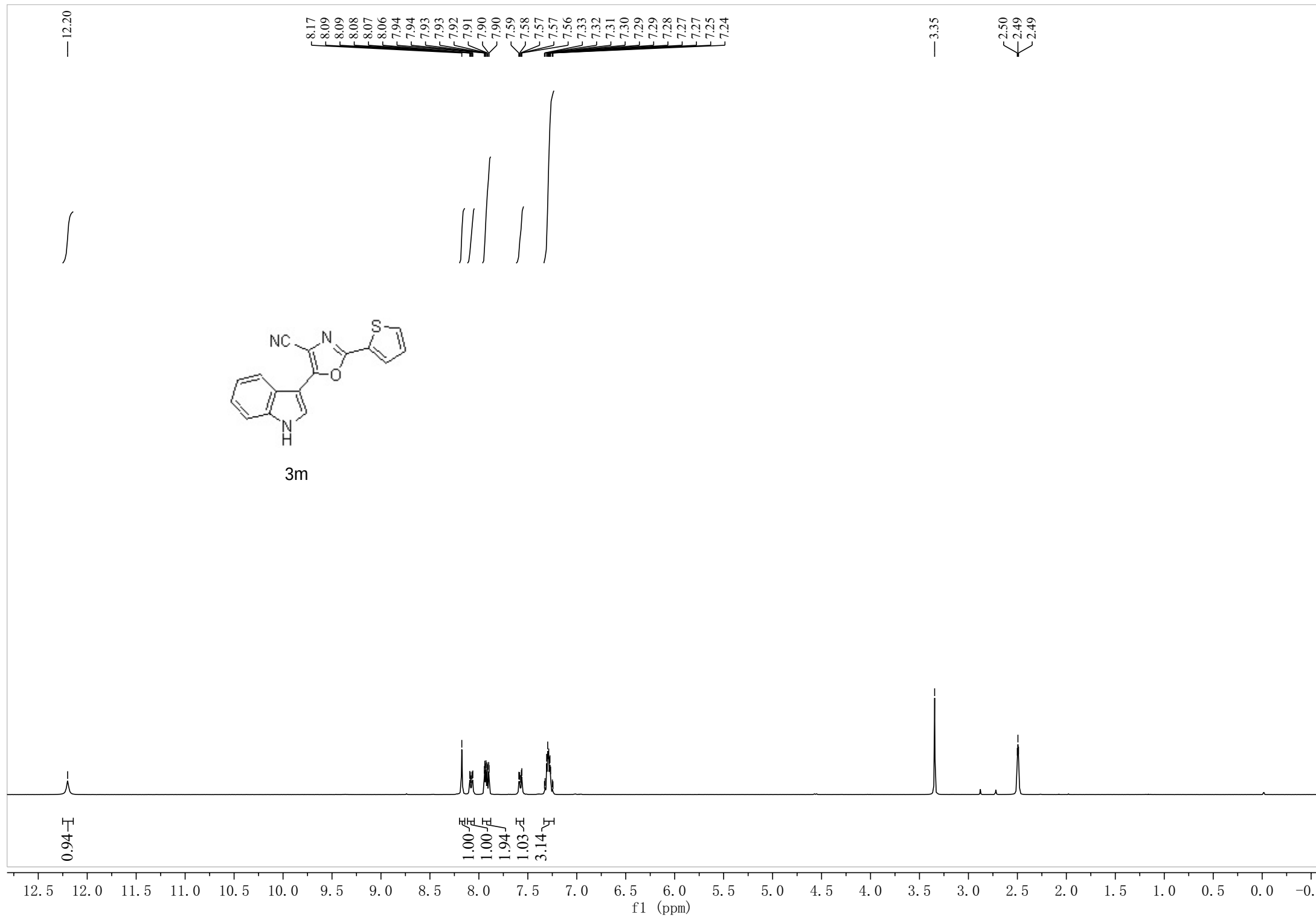


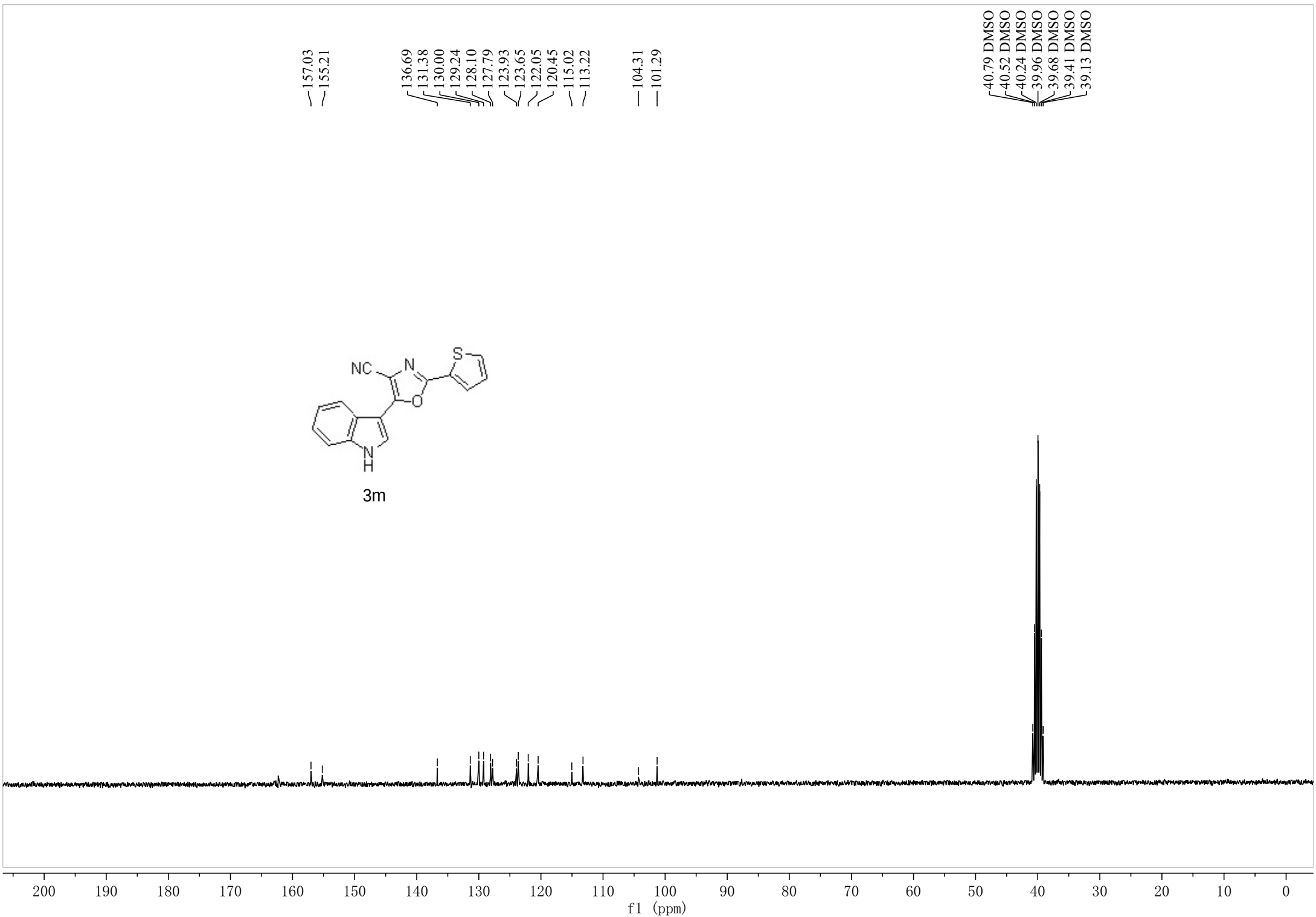
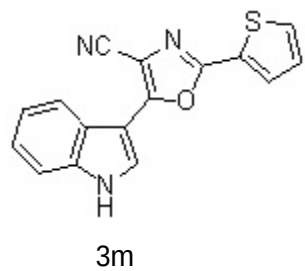
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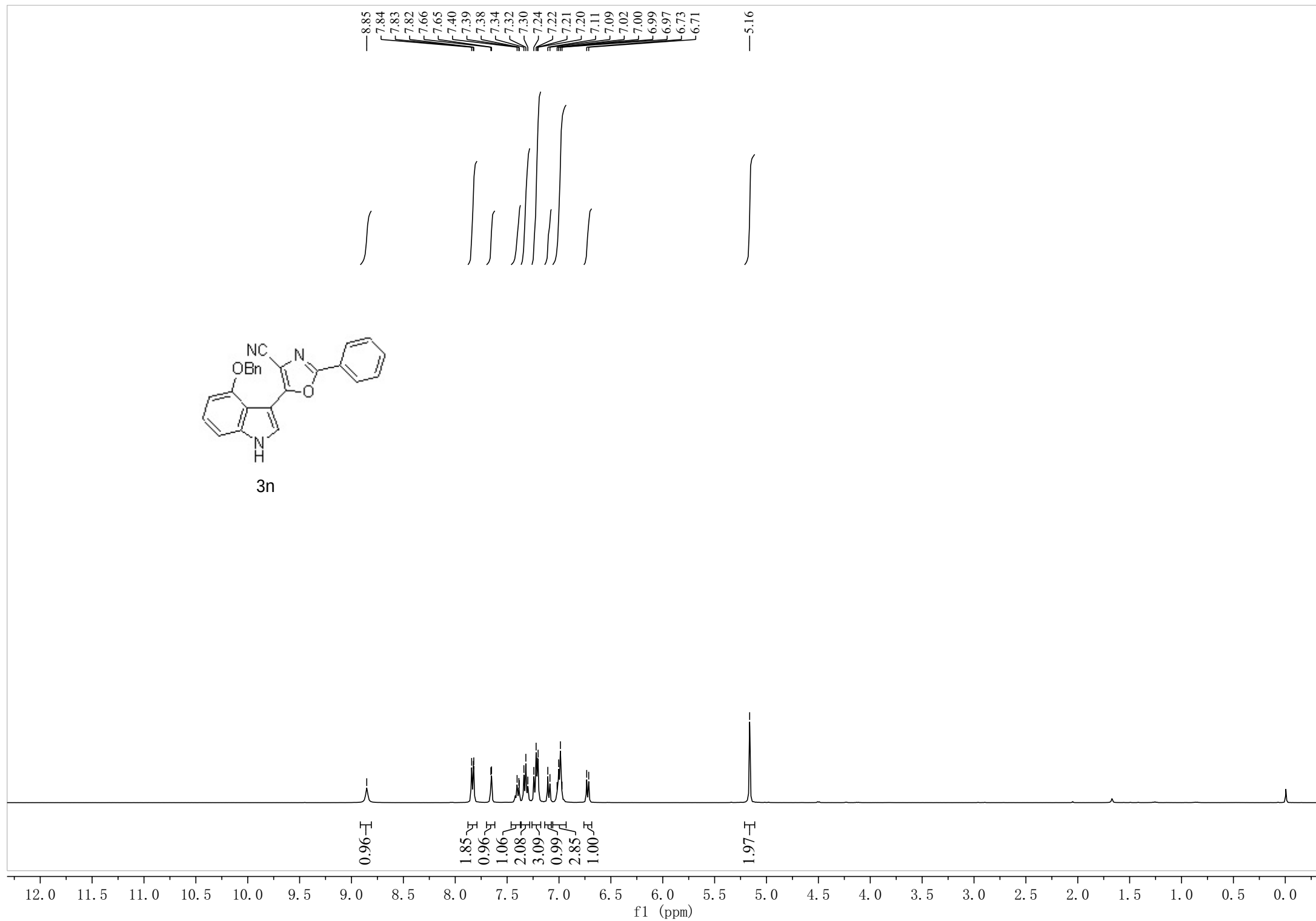
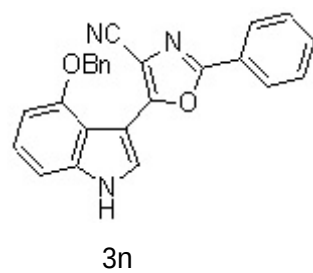


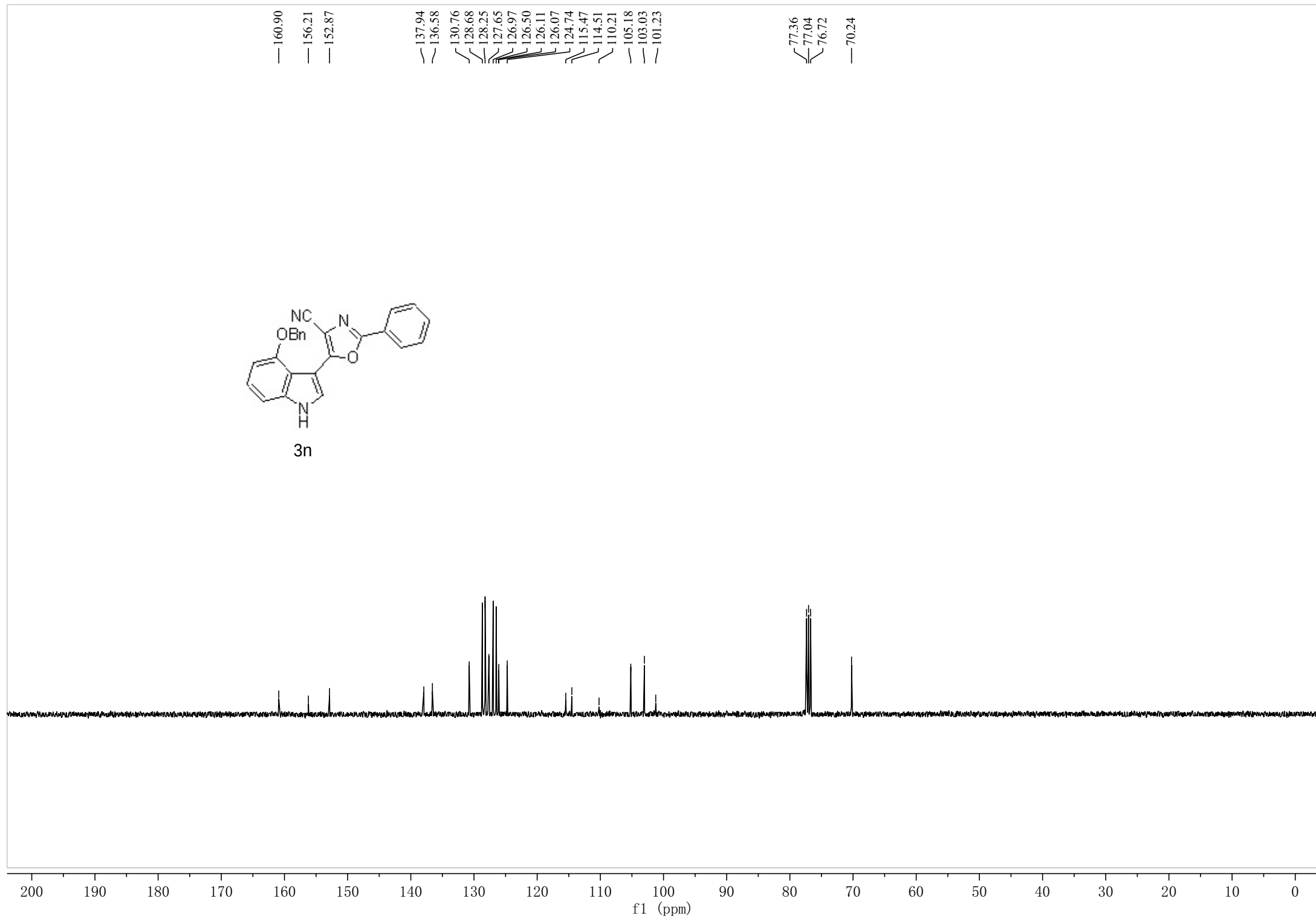
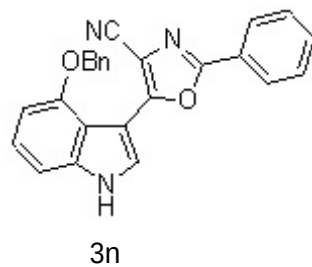


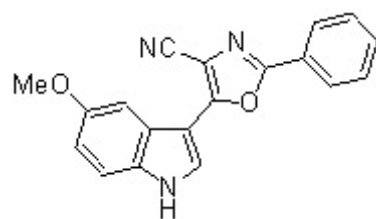
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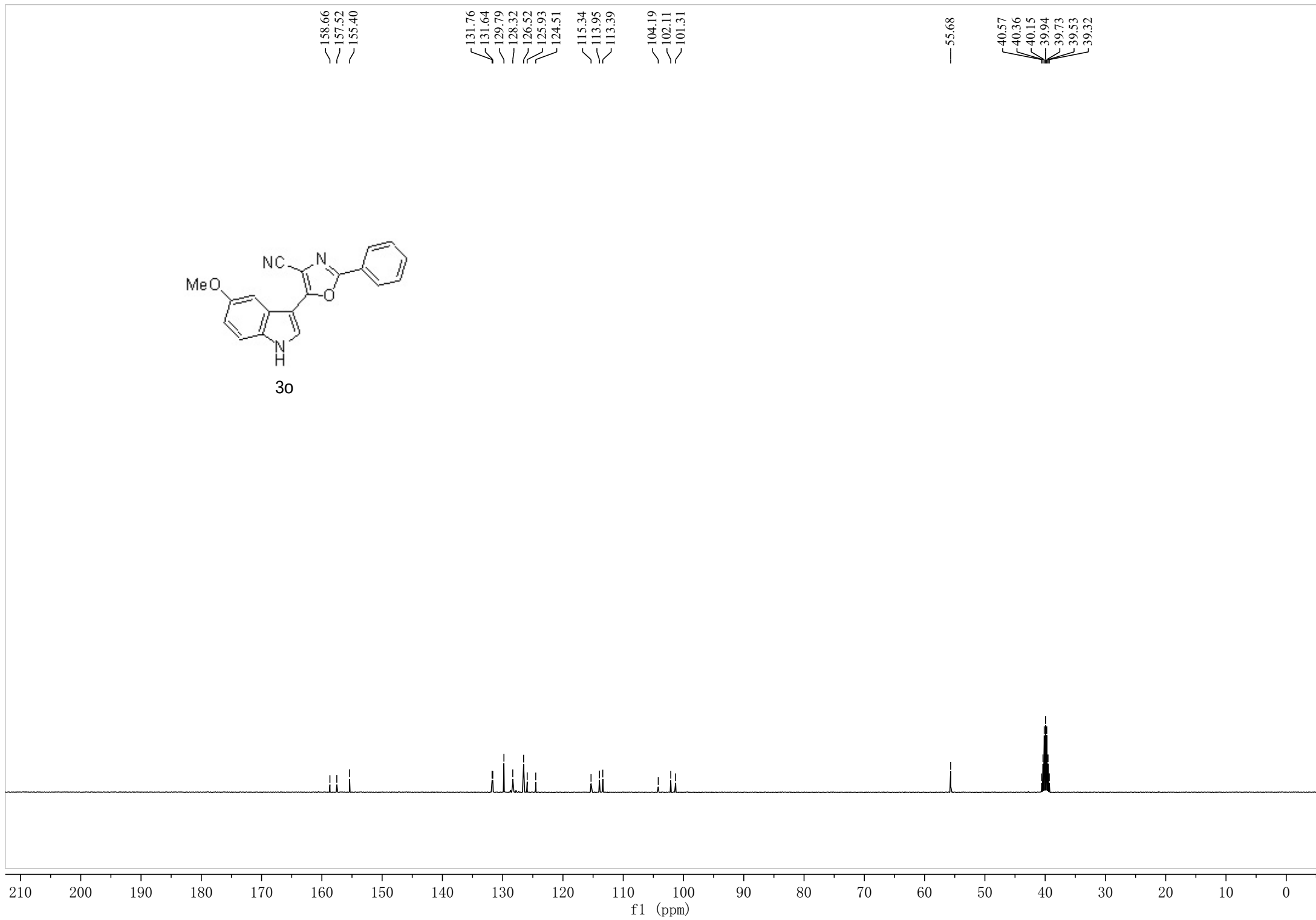
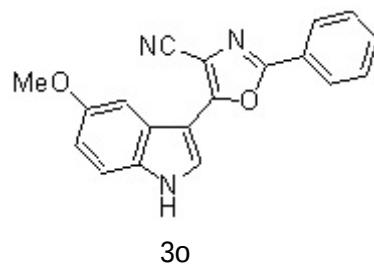
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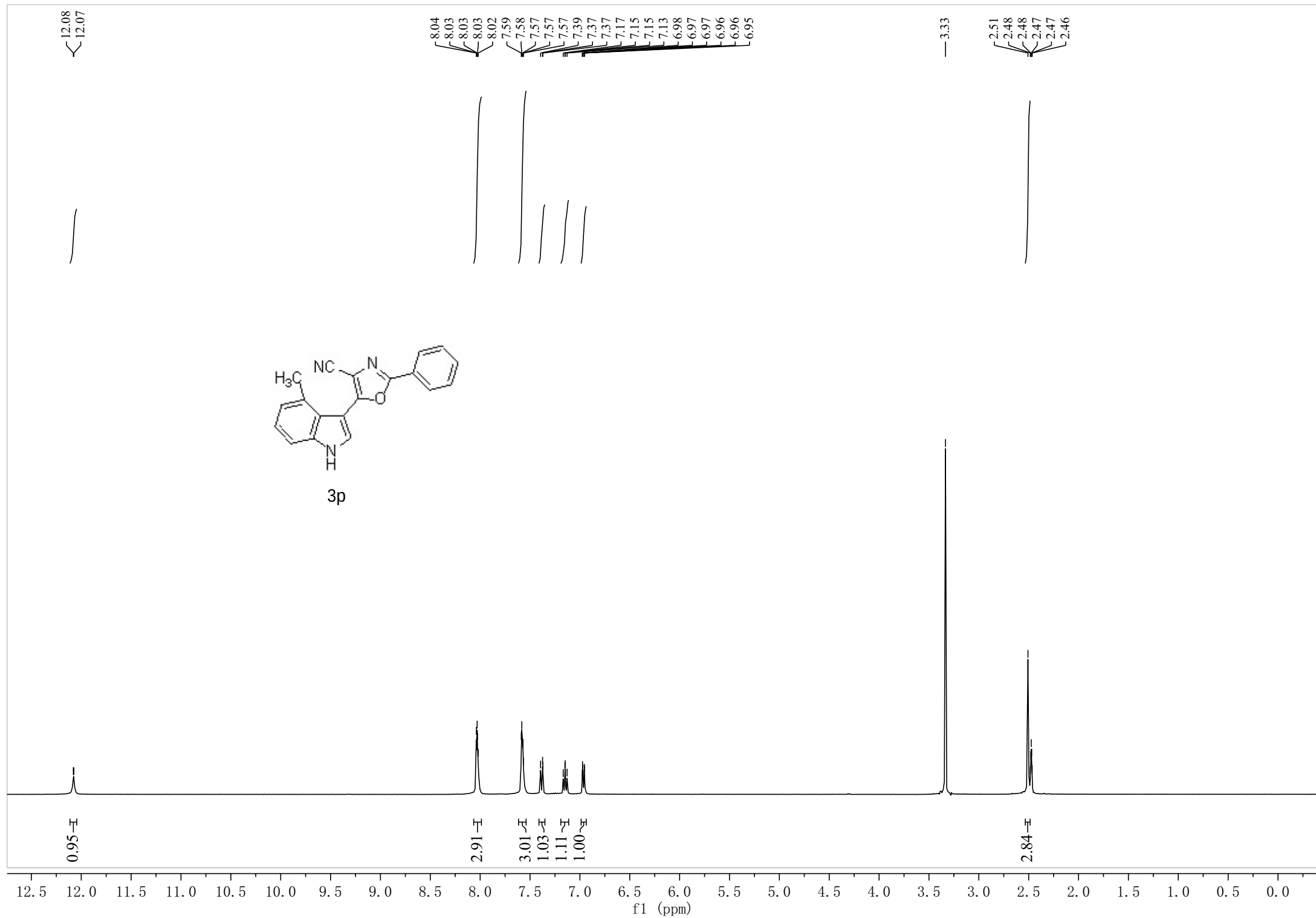
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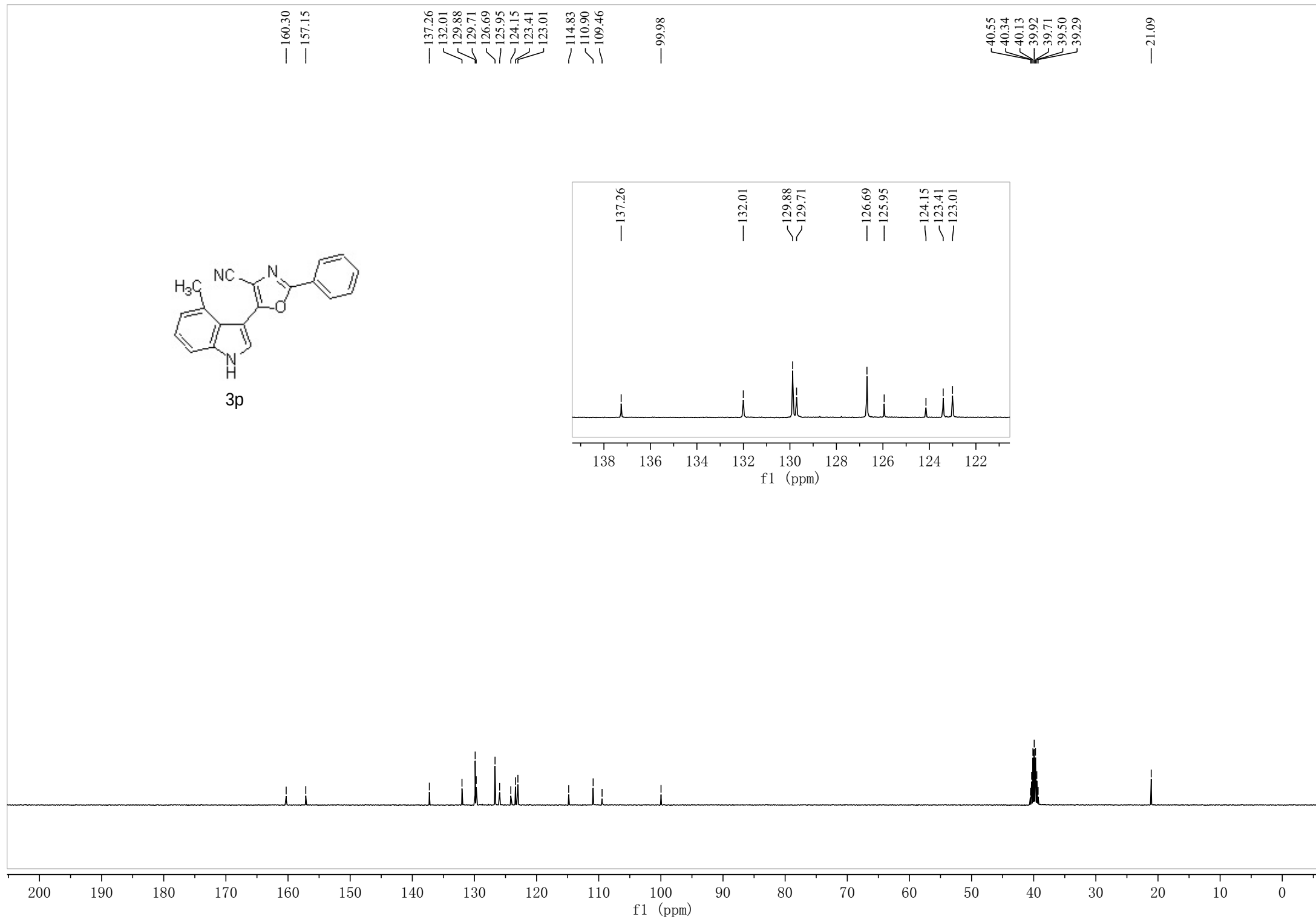
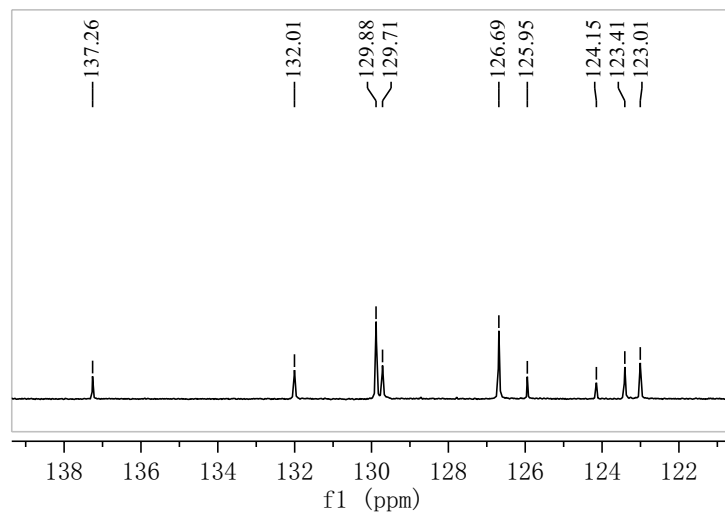
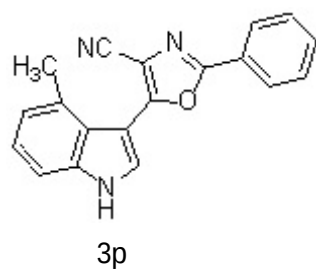
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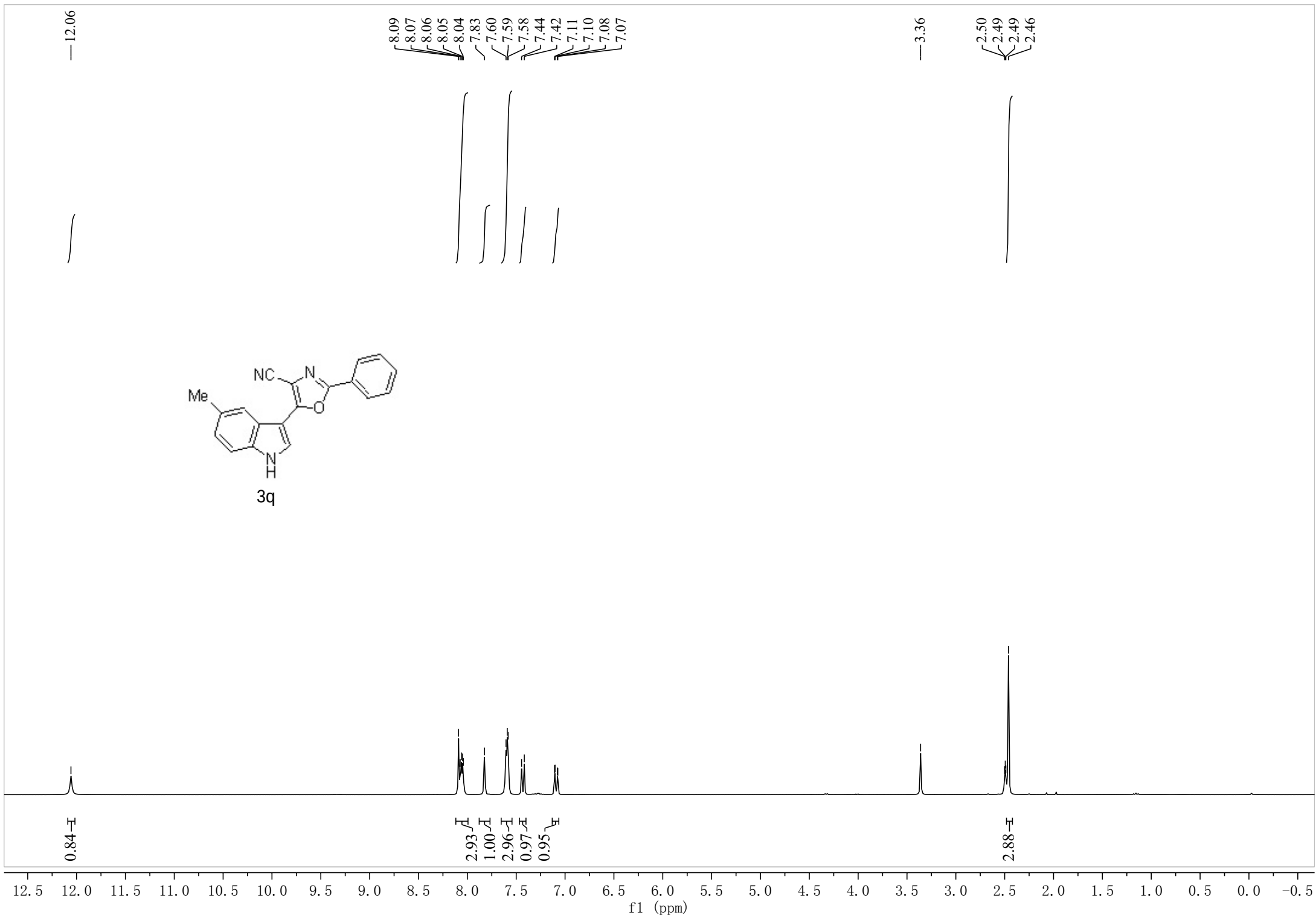
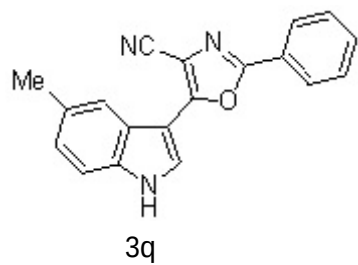
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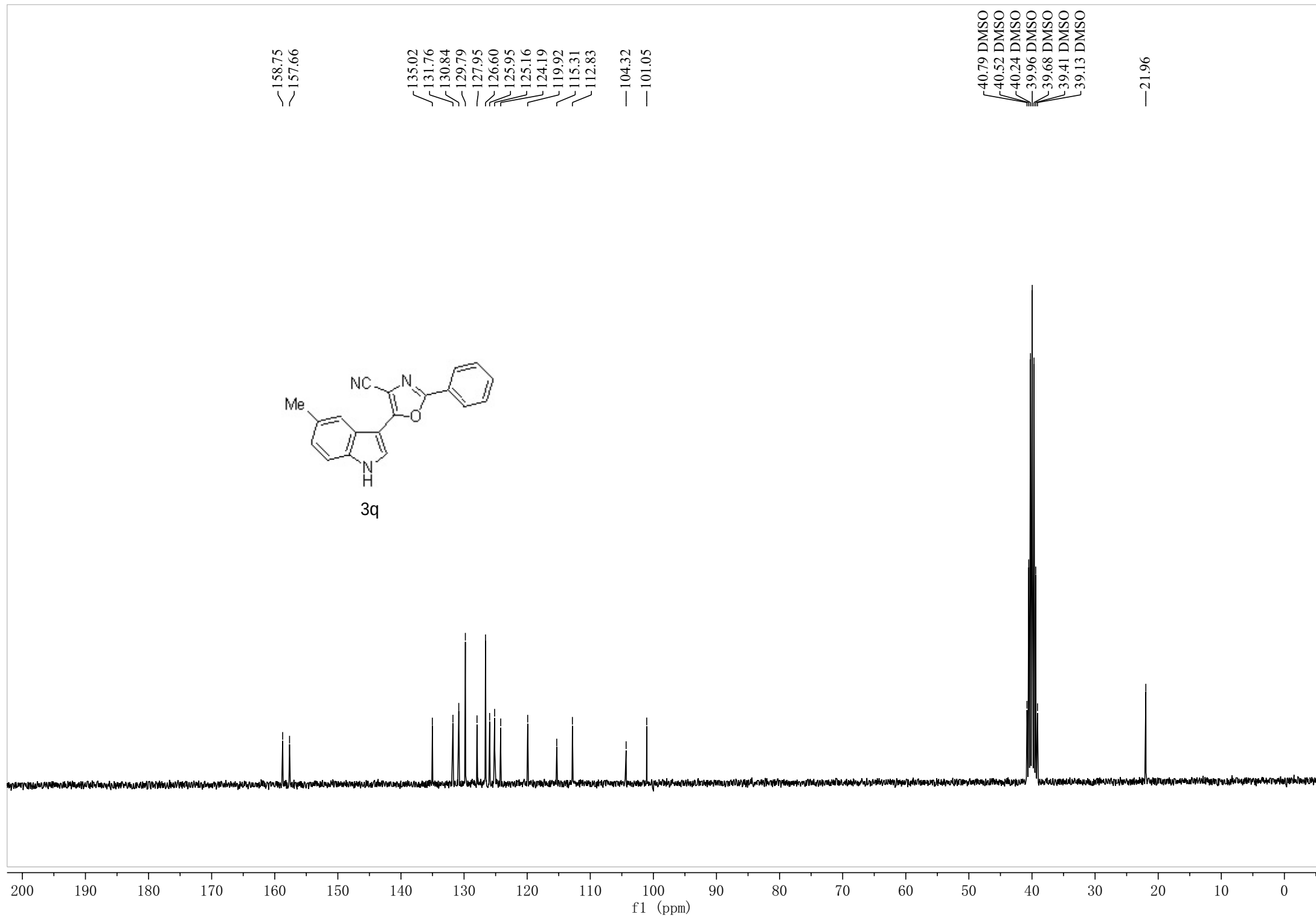
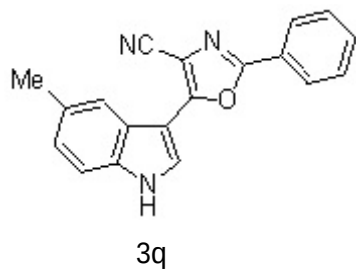
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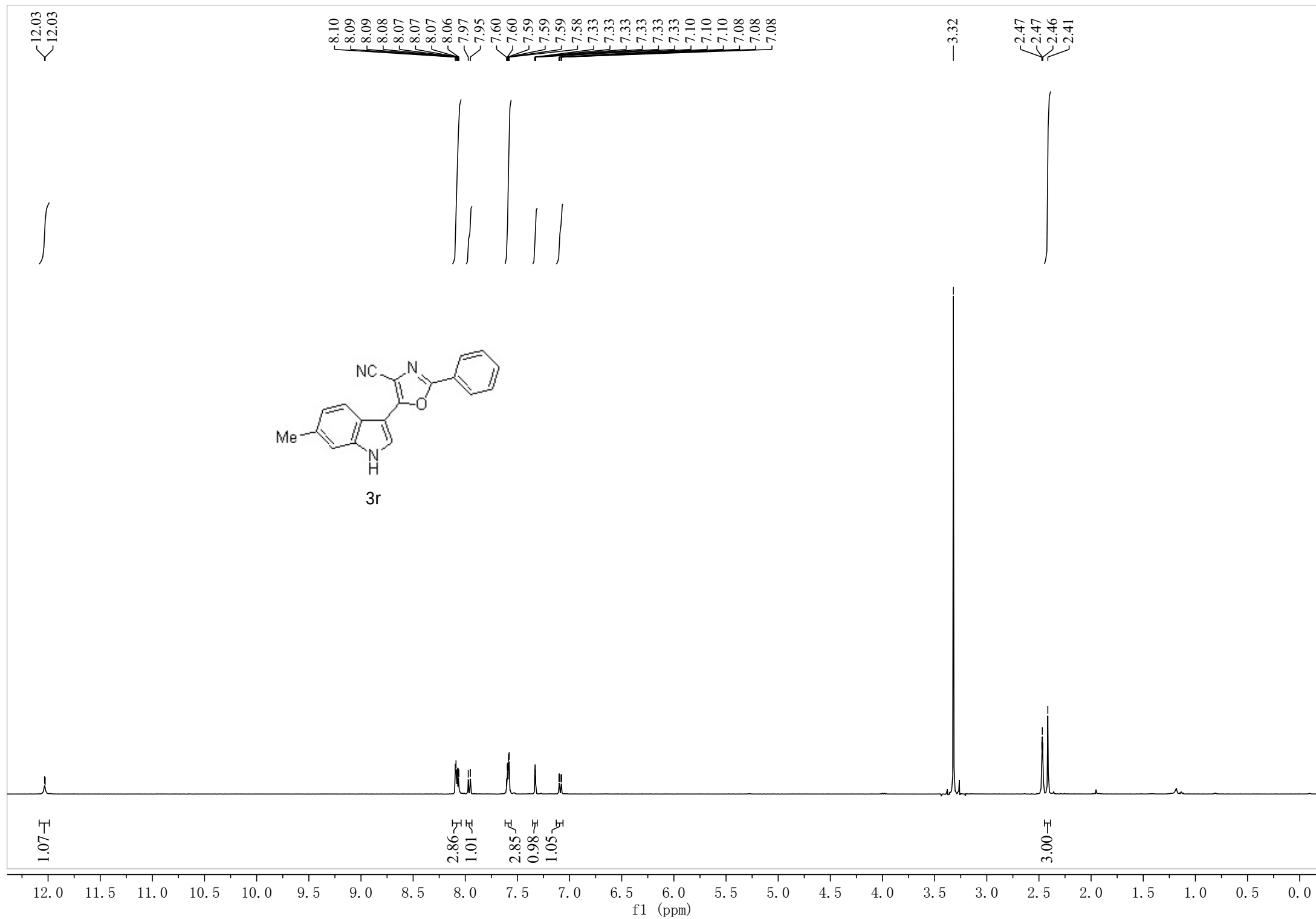


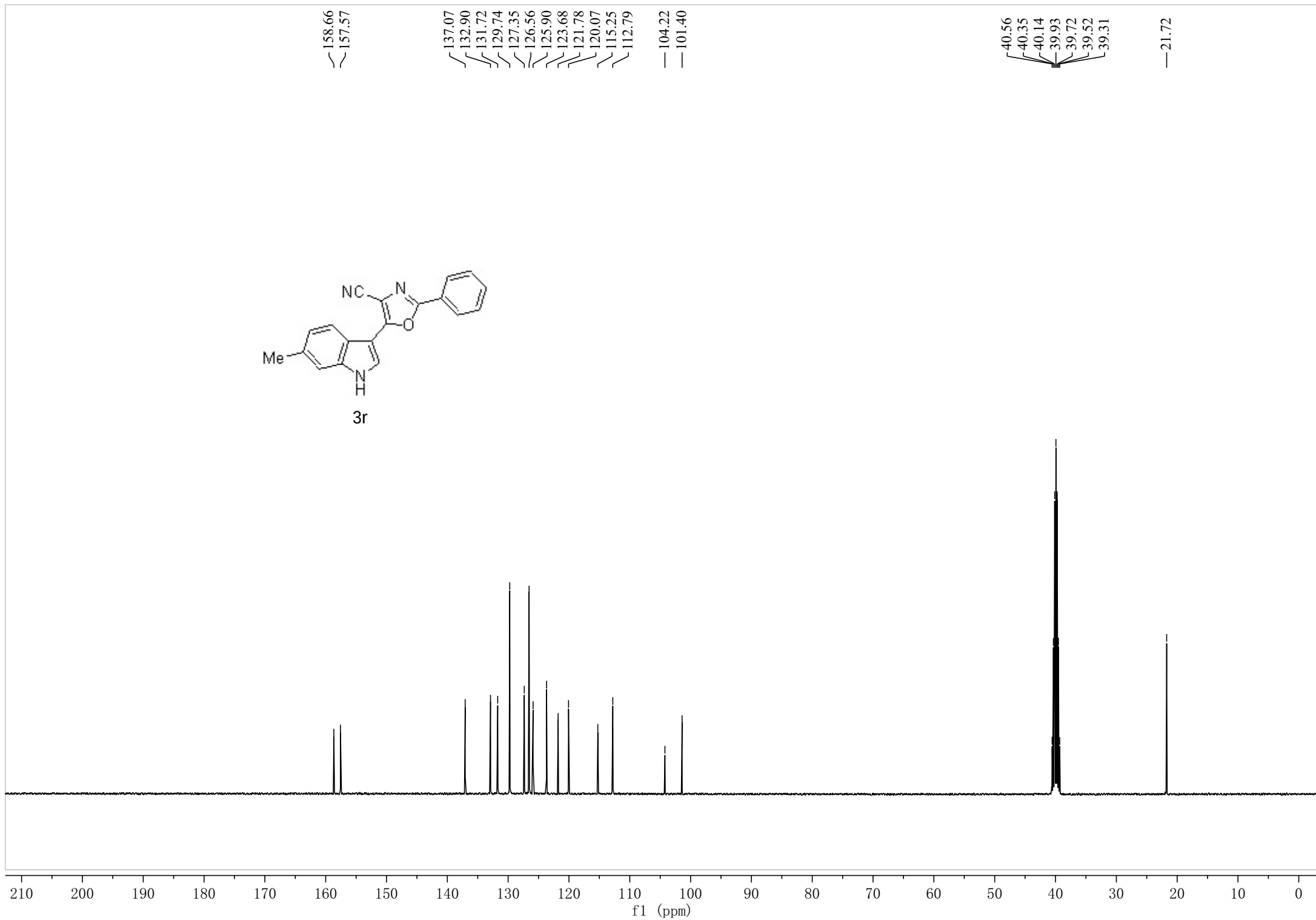
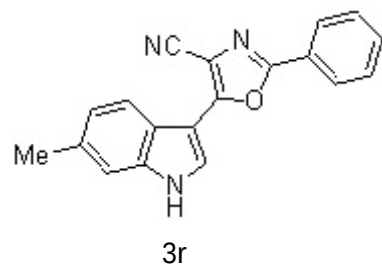


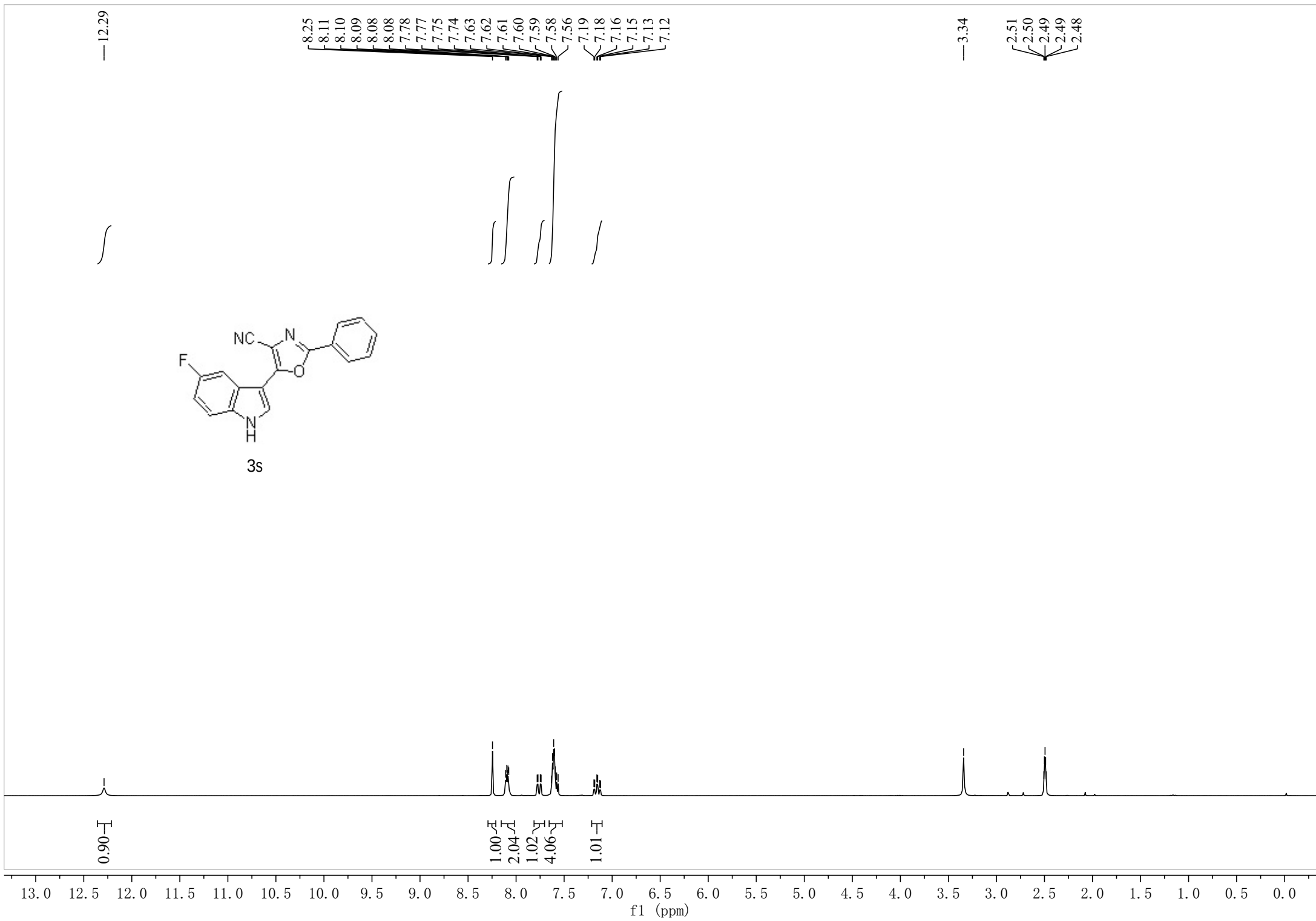


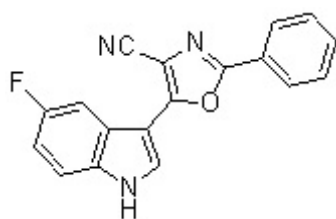










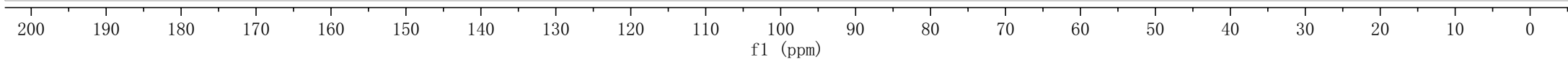


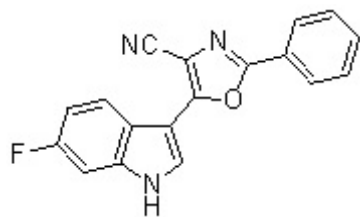
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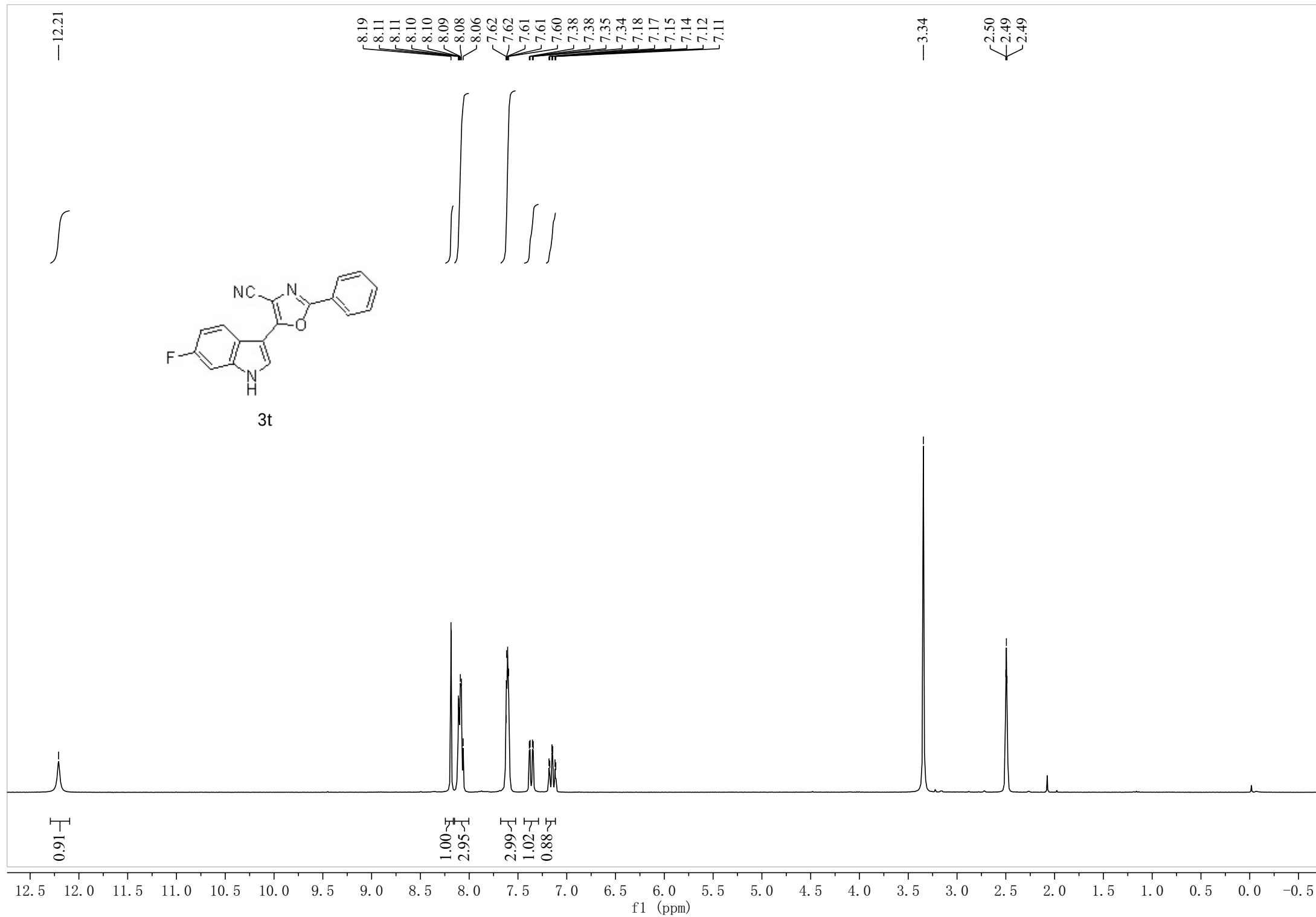
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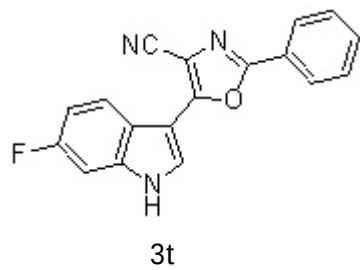
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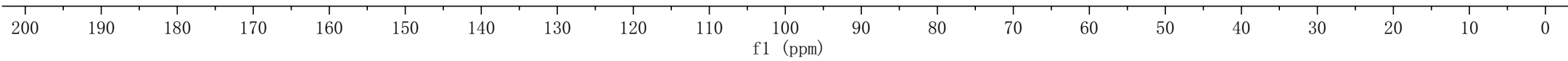


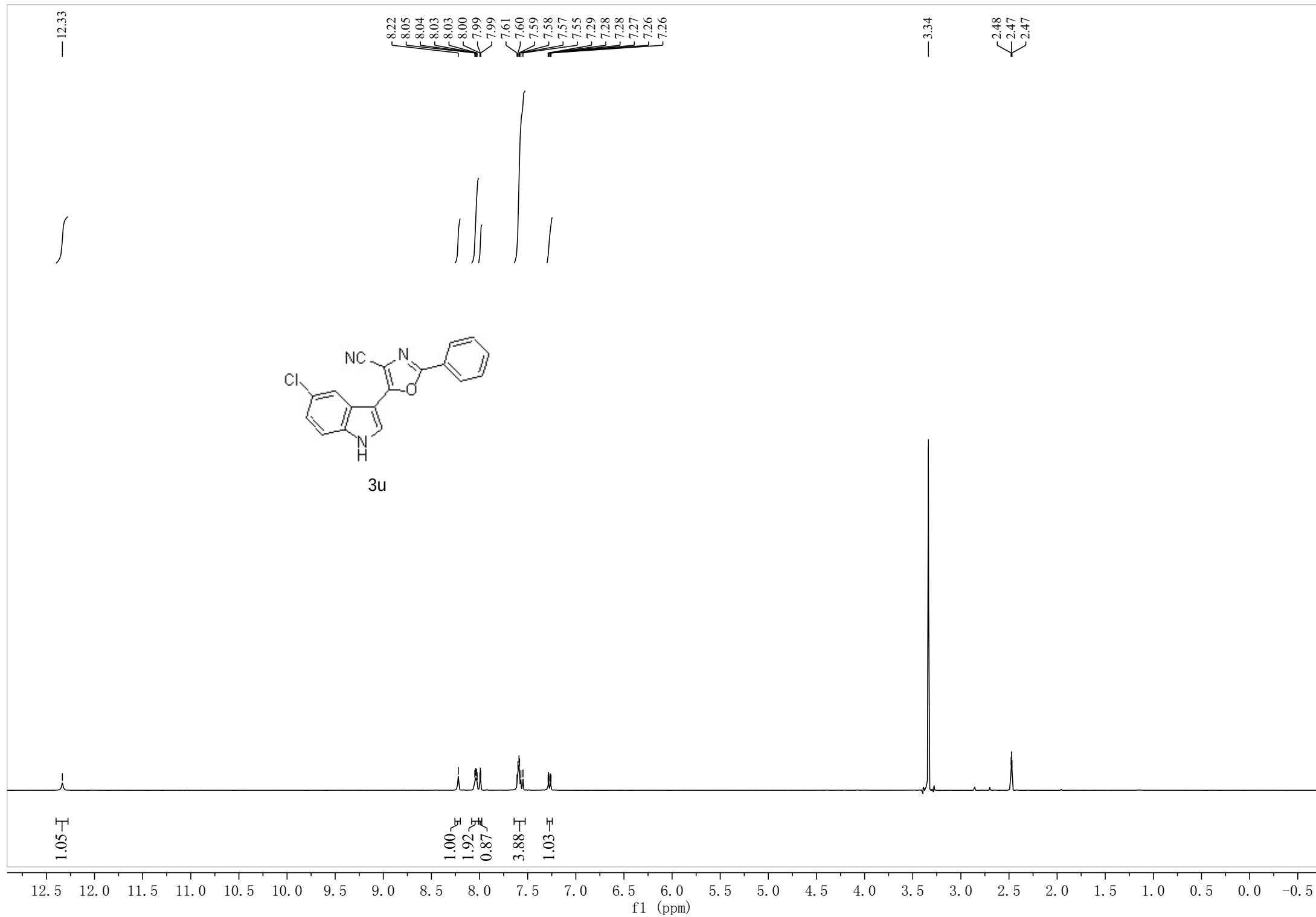


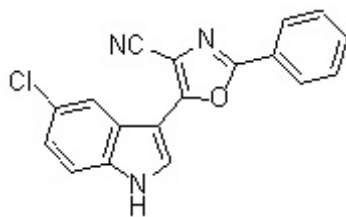
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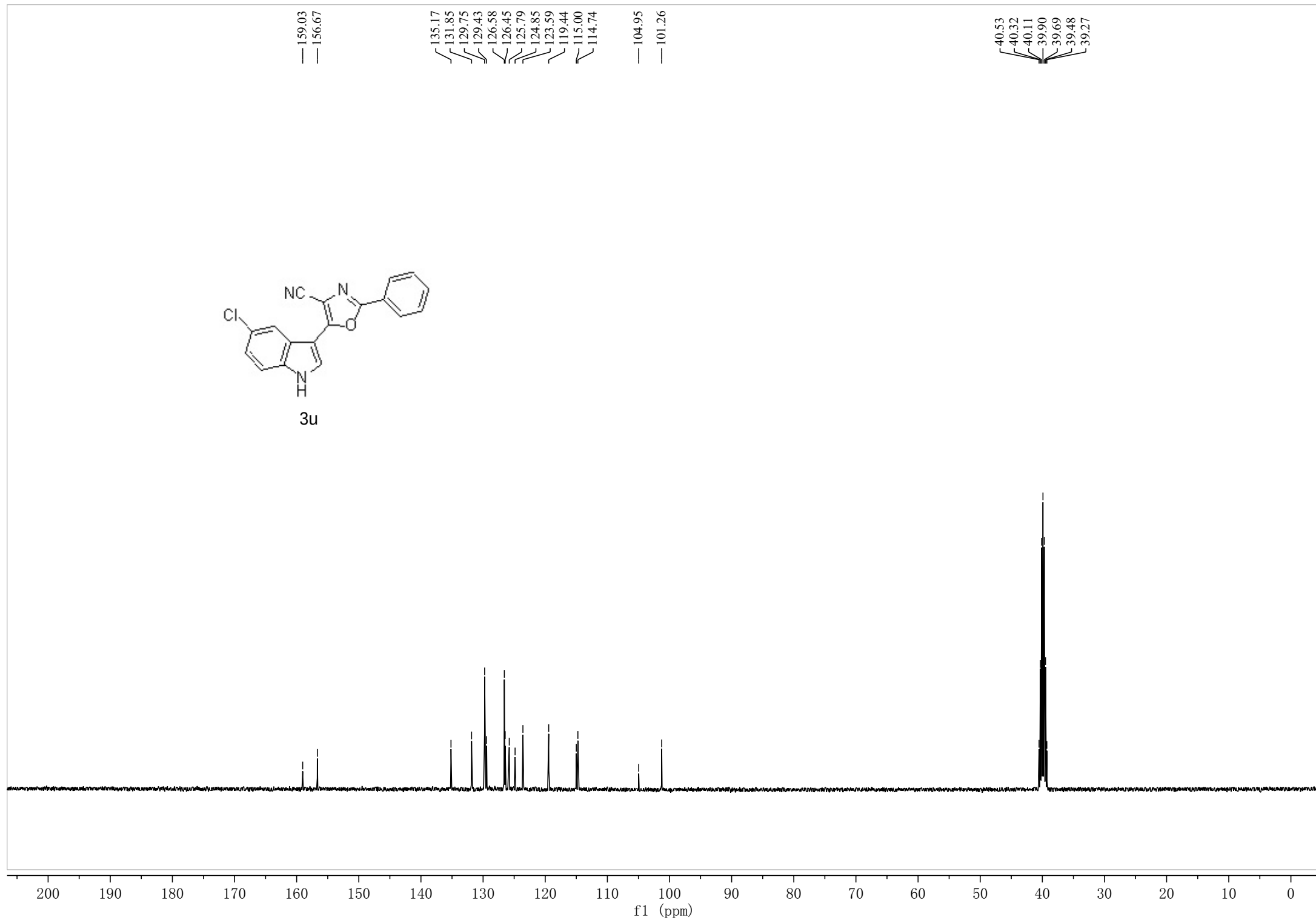
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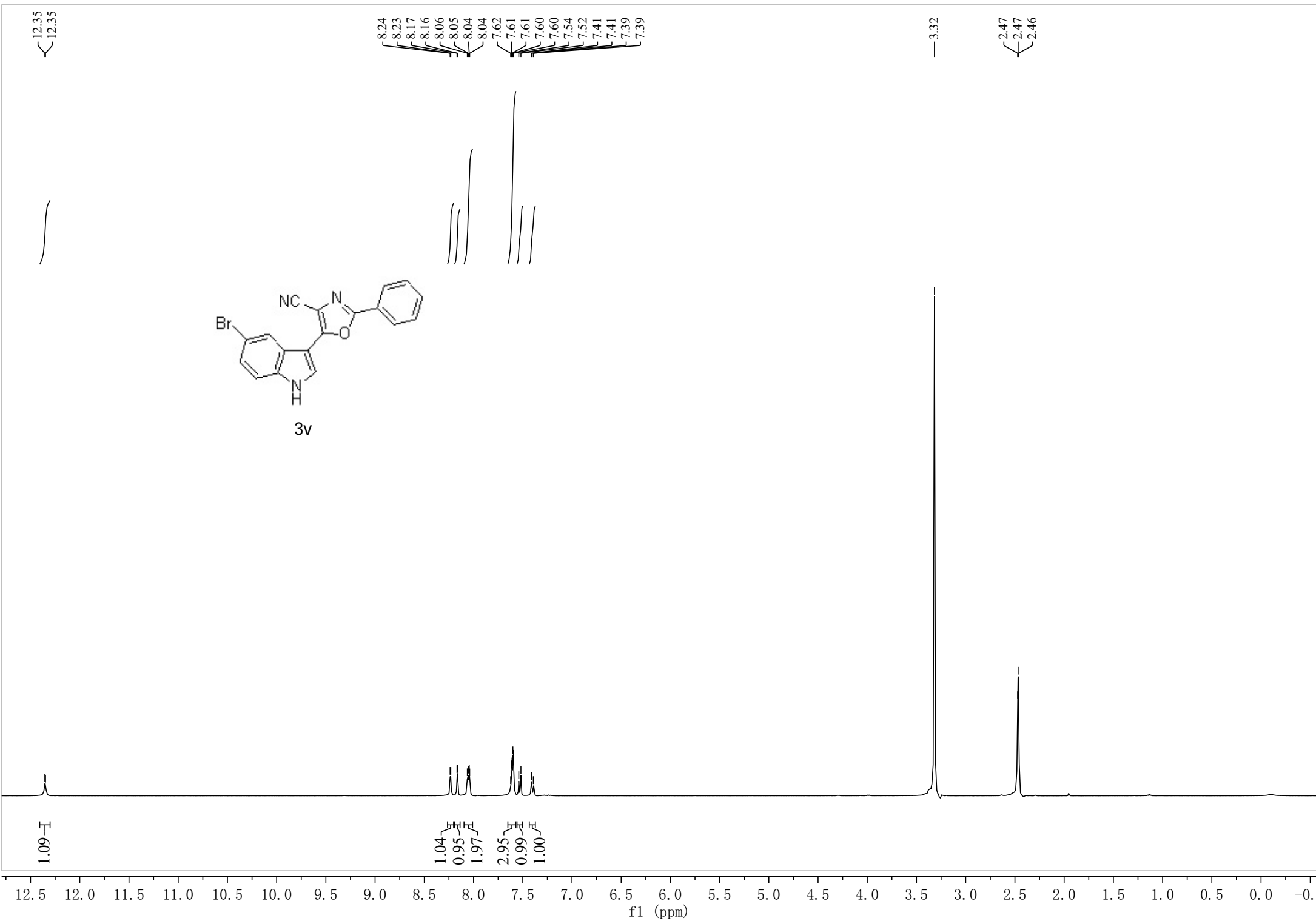


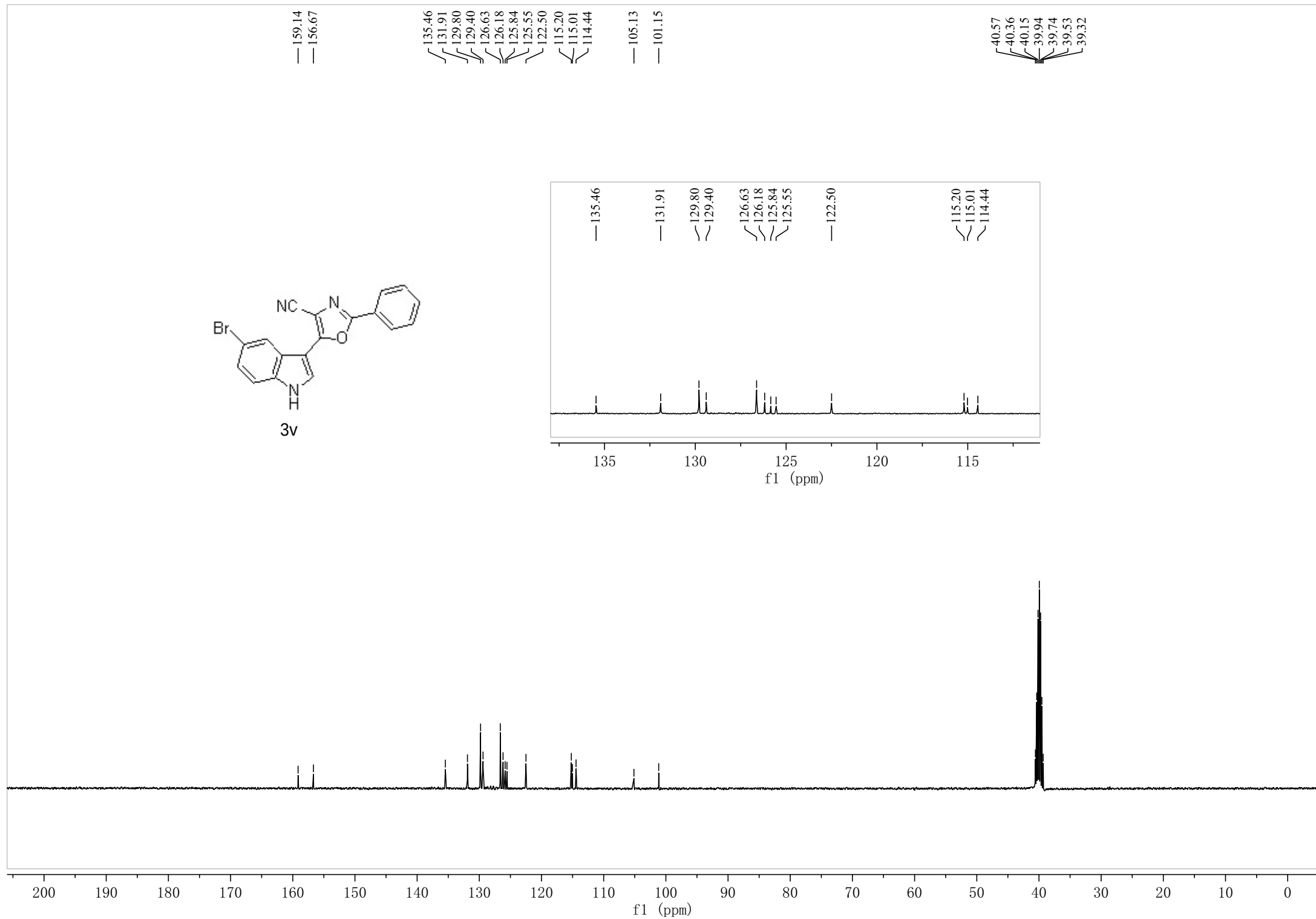
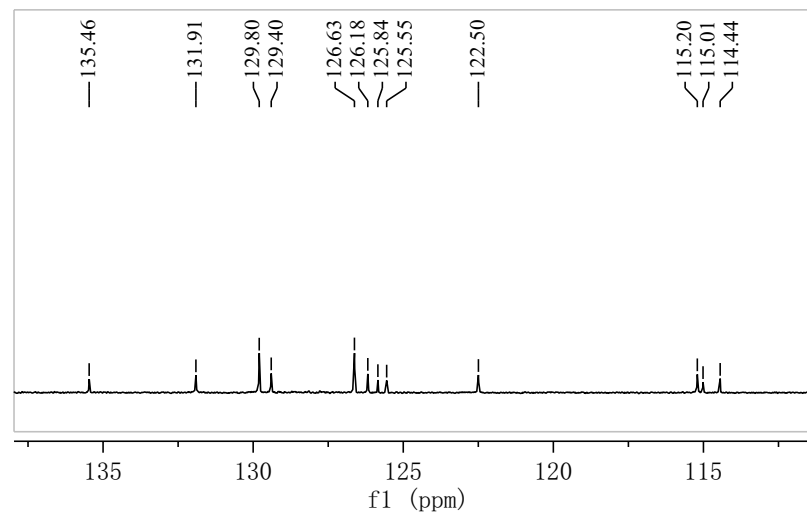
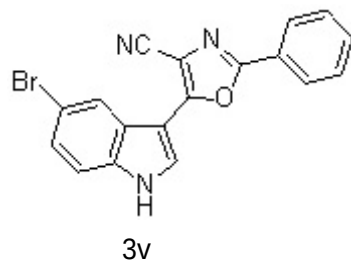


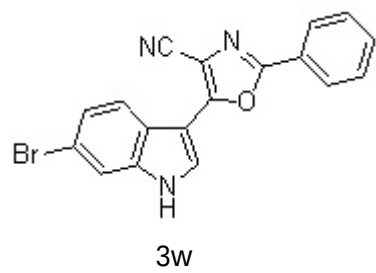


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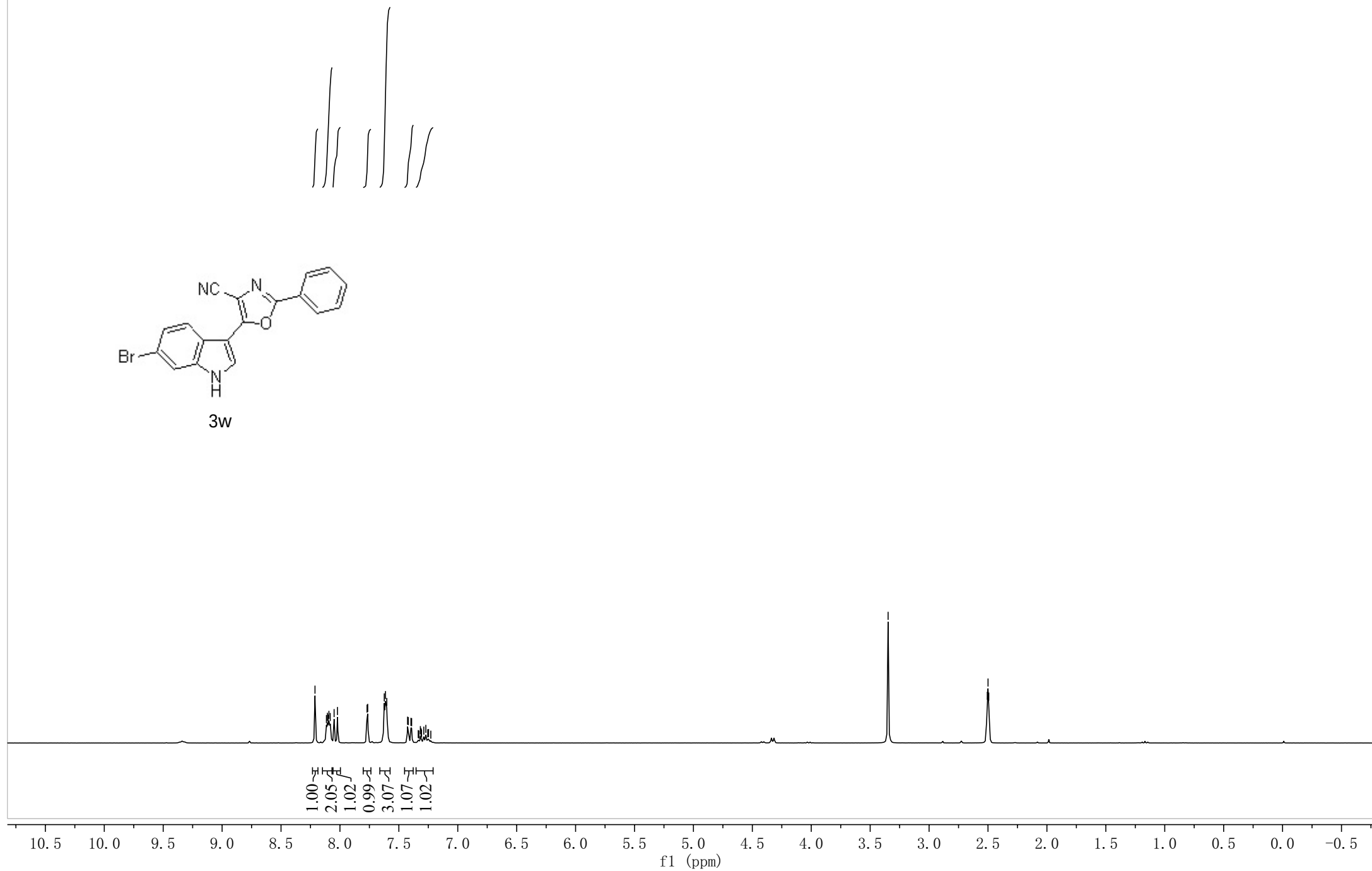


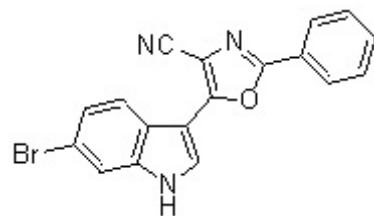


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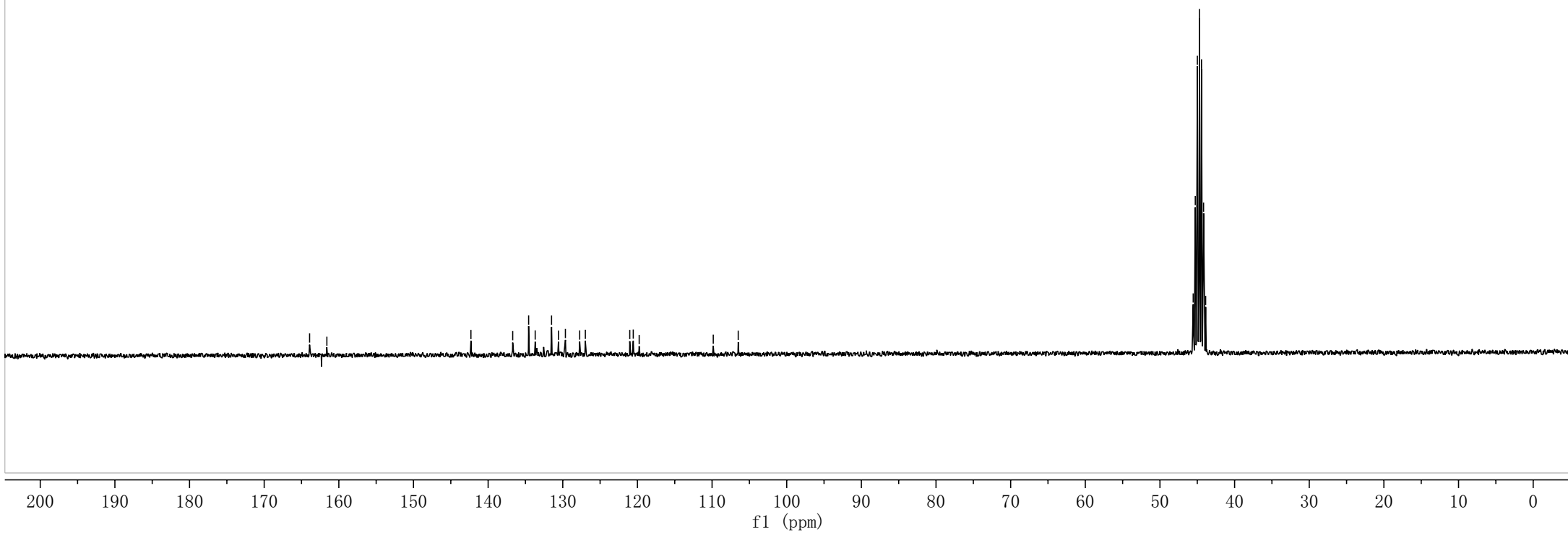
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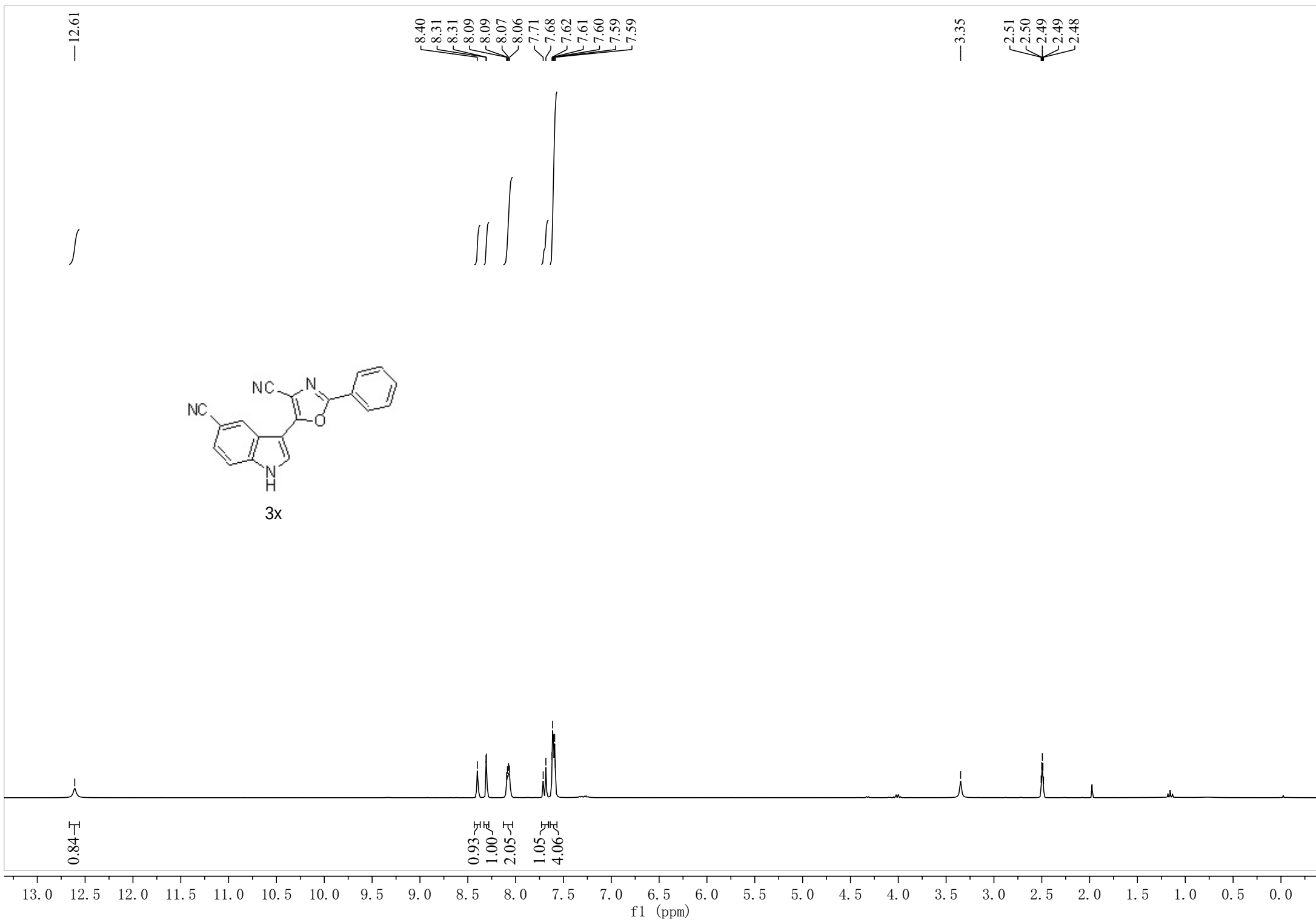
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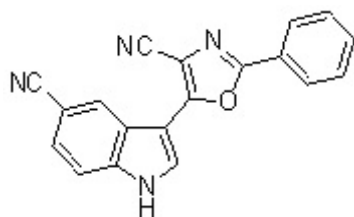
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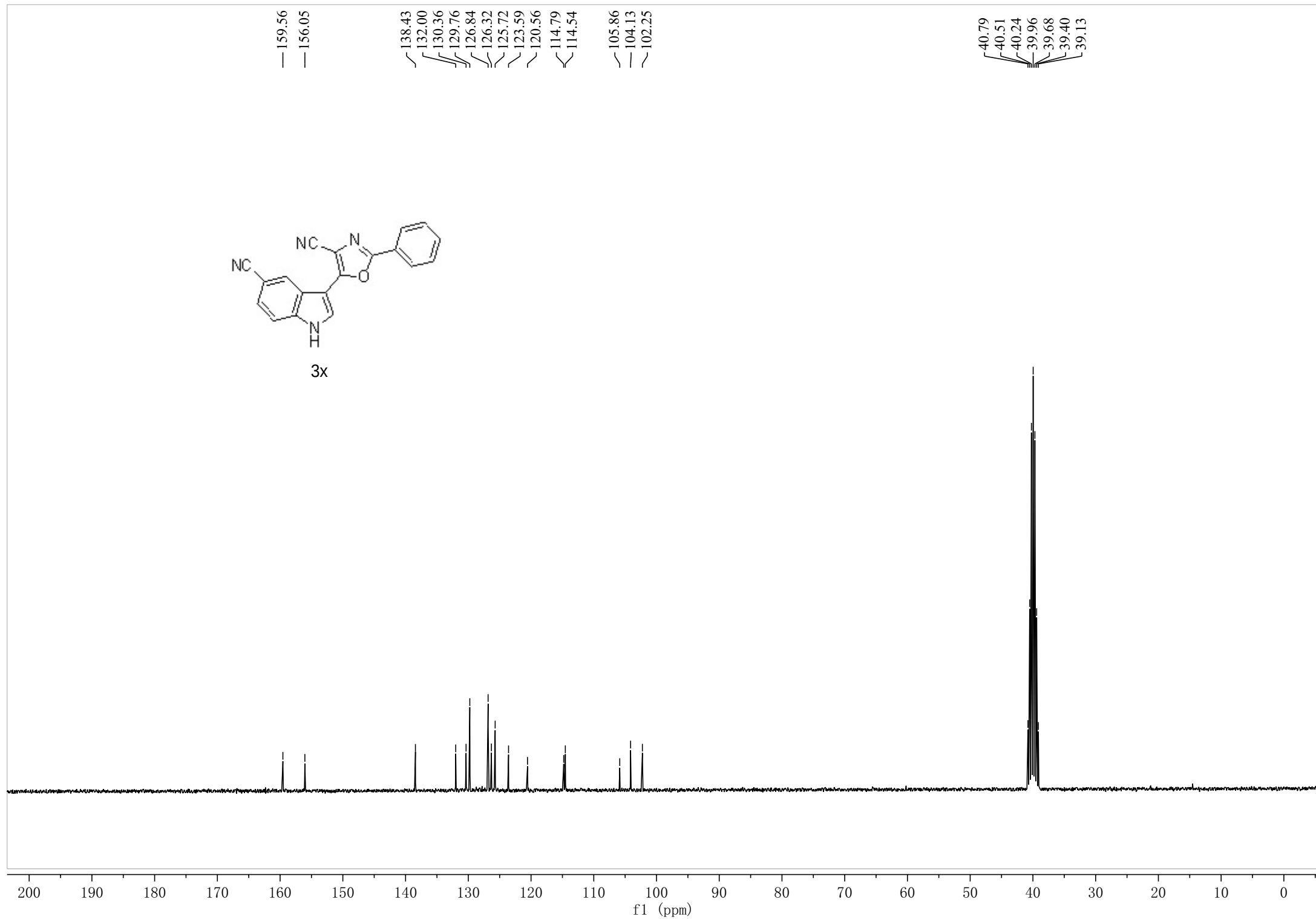
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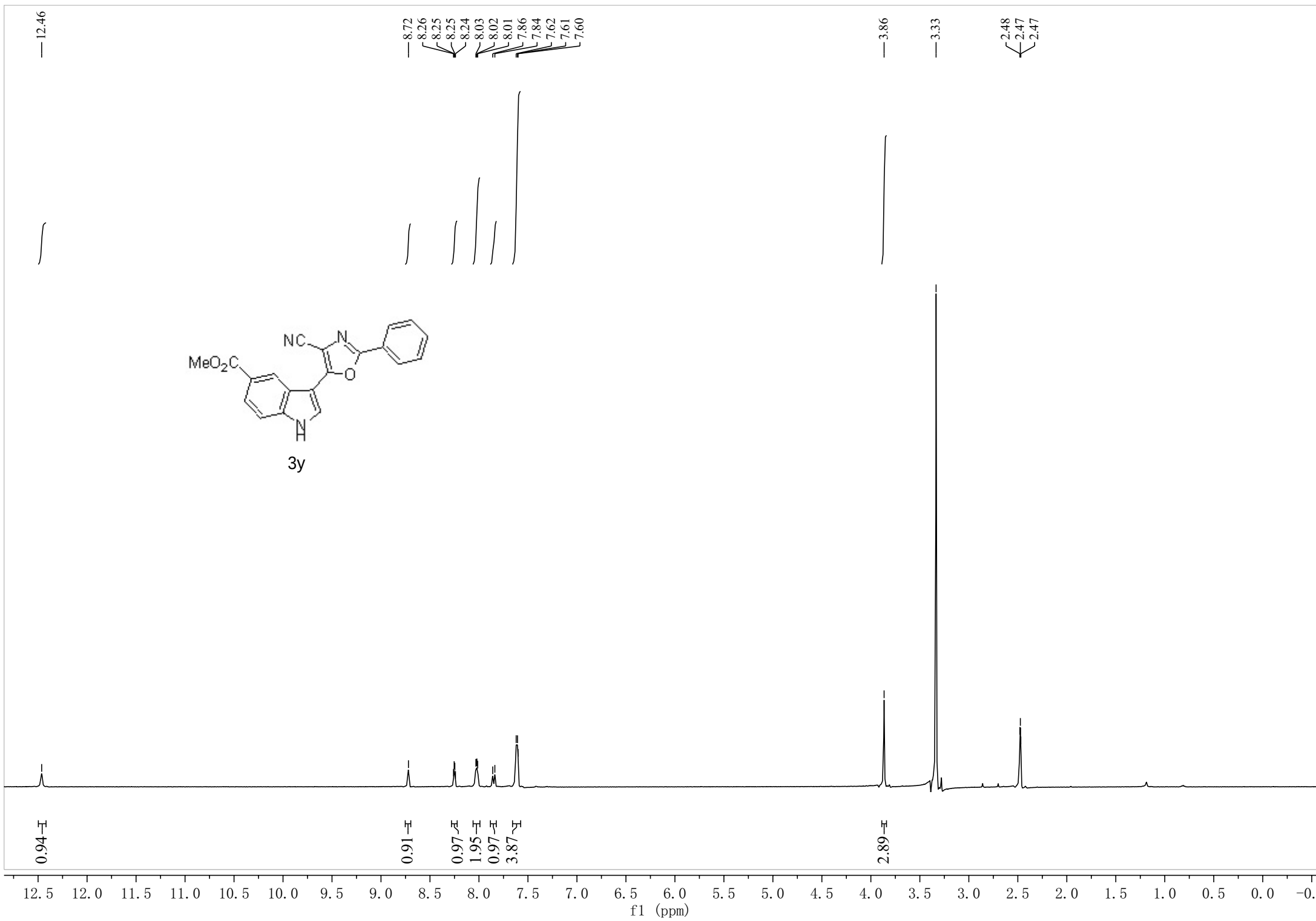


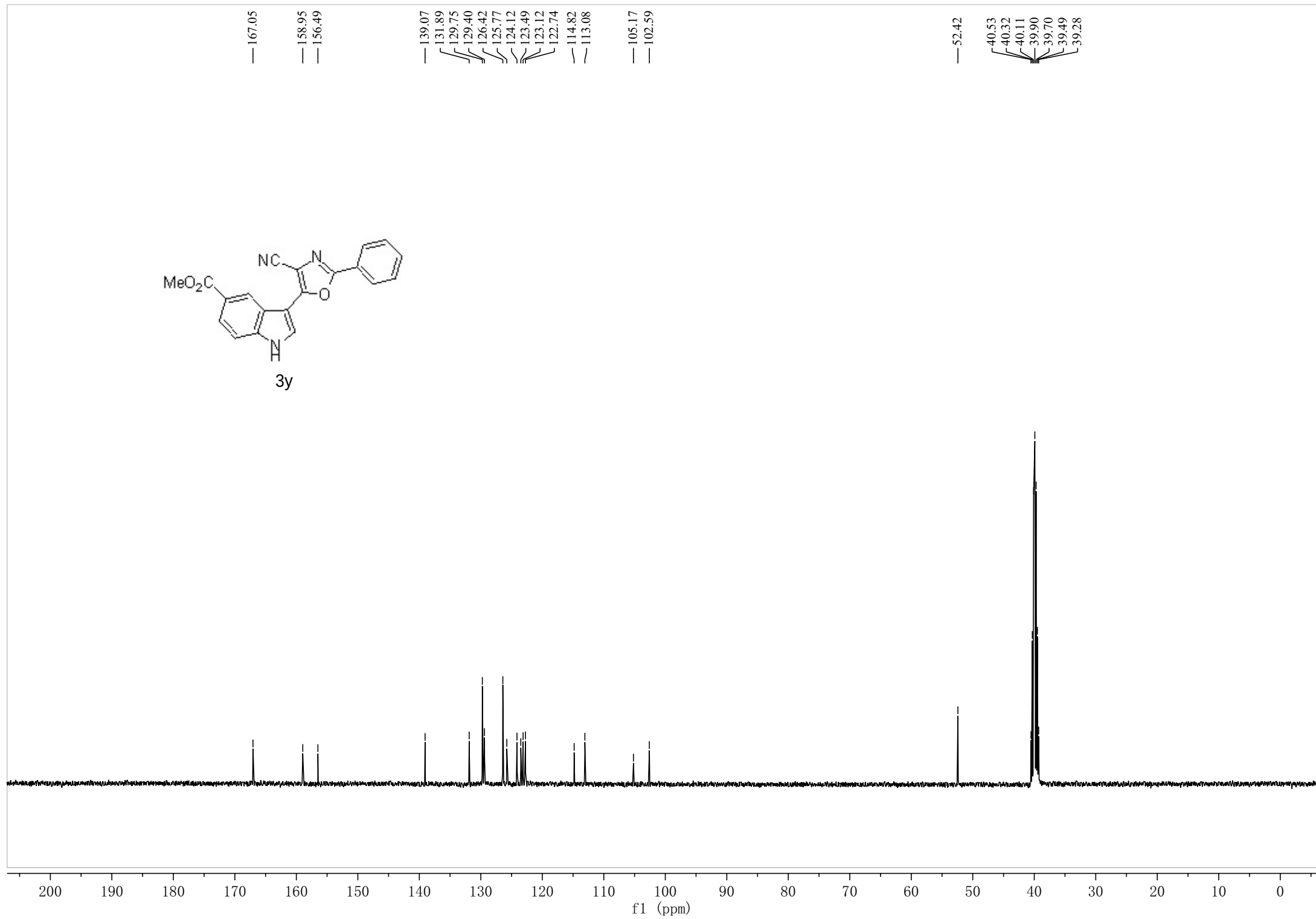
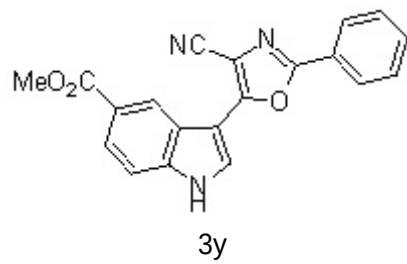


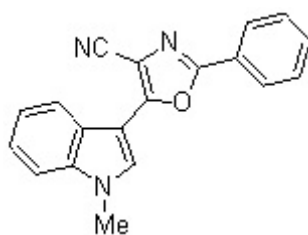


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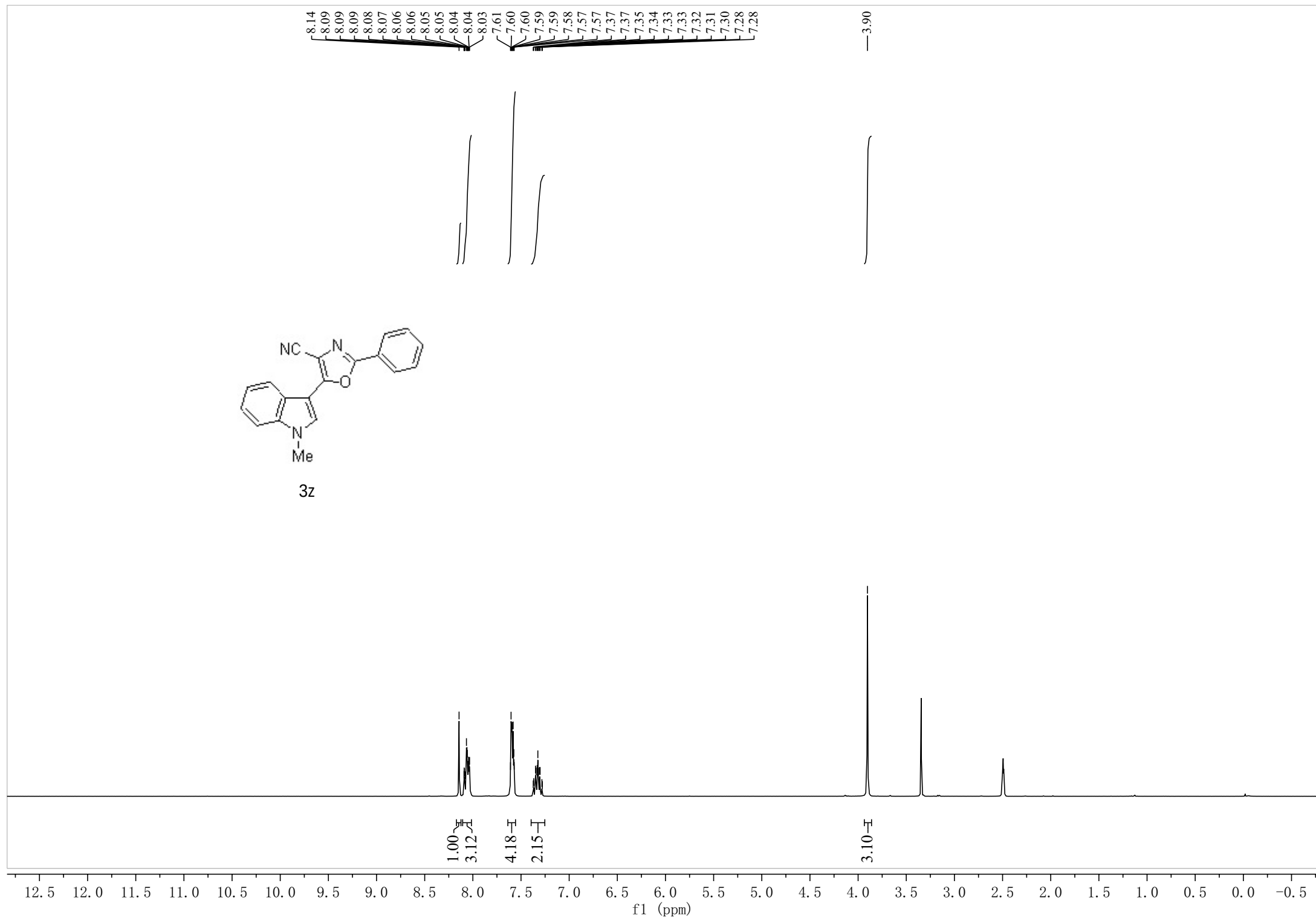


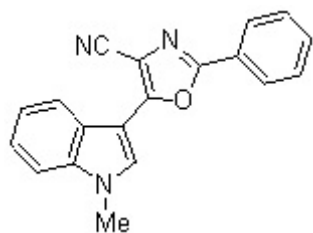




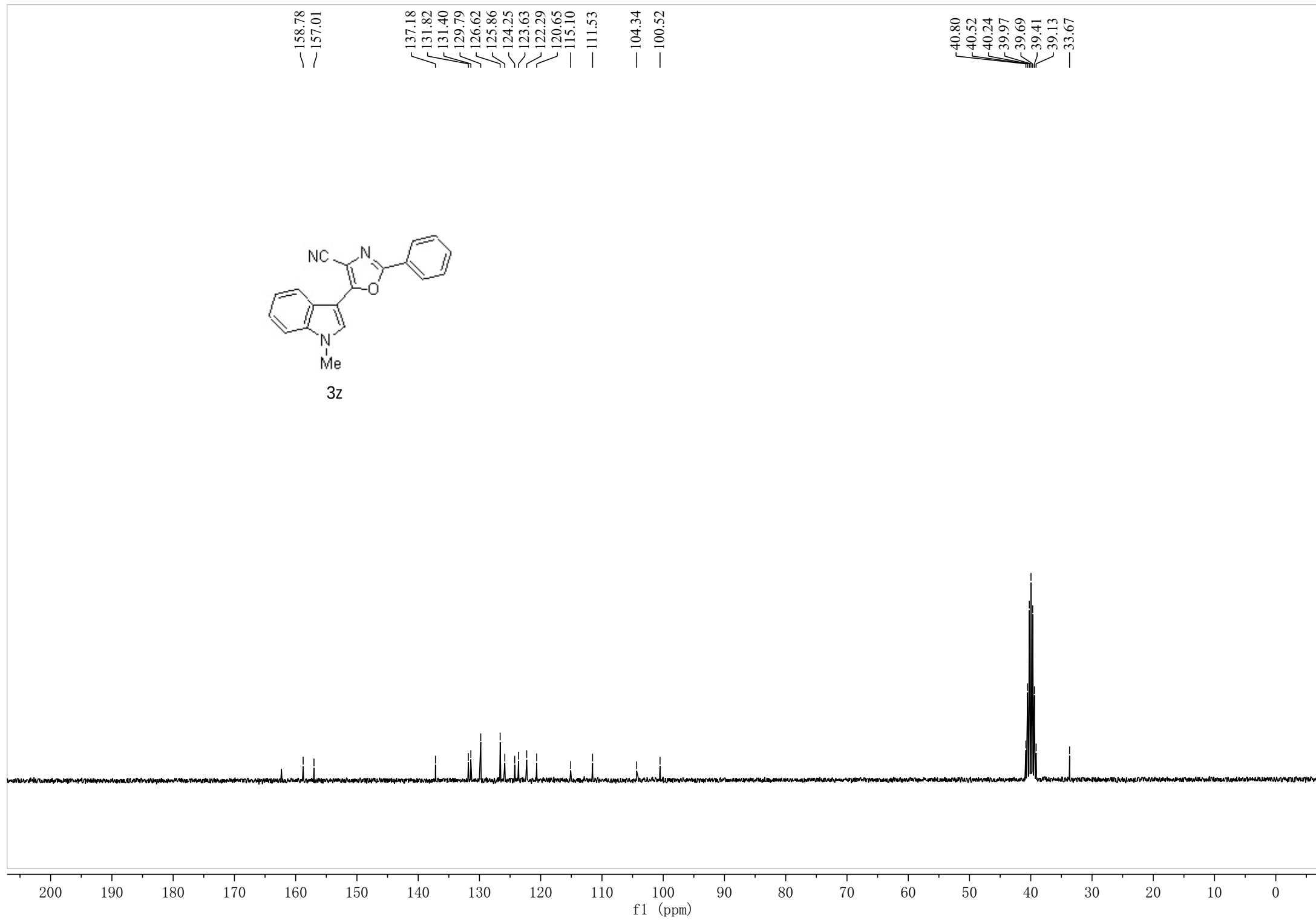


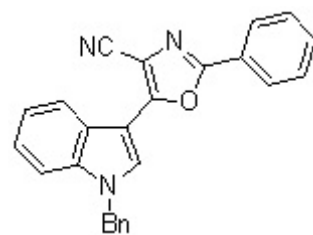
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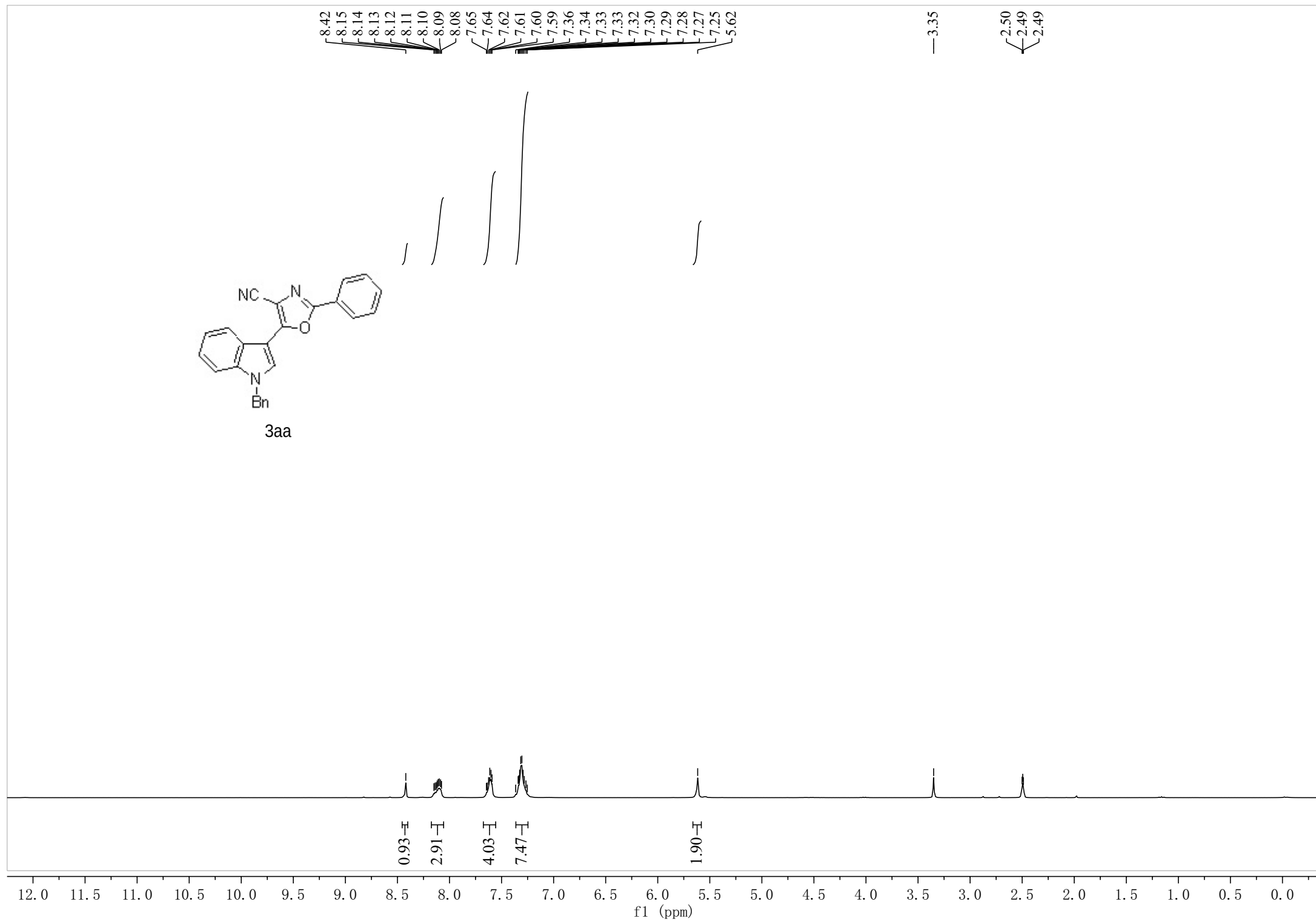


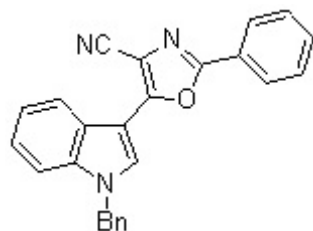
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