

## Supporting Information for

### Copper-mediated oxidative [3+2]-annulation of nitroalkenes and pyridinium ylides: a general access to functionalized indolizines. Efficient synthesis of 1-fluoroindolizines

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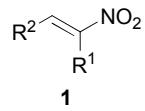
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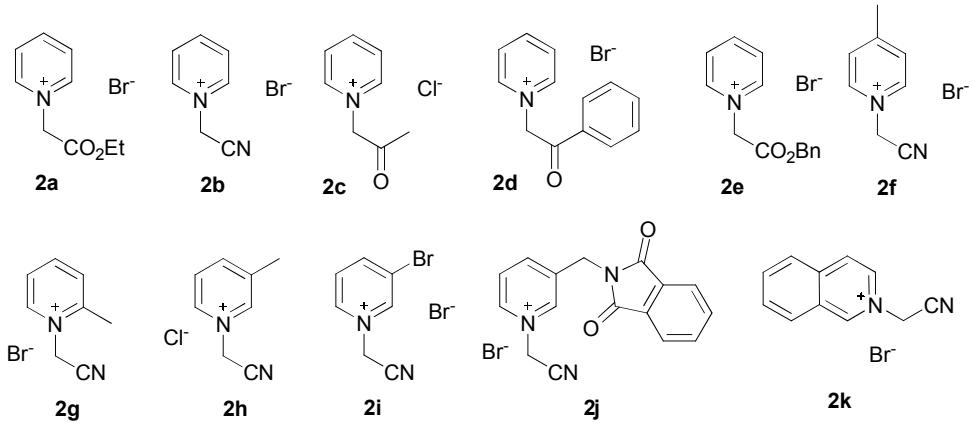
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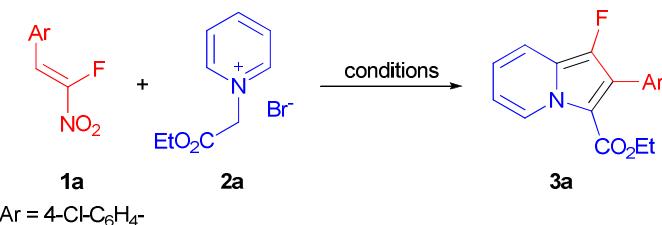
### List of starting compounds:



- 1a**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-Cl-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1b**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 2-Br-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1c**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-F-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1d**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-Br-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1e**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-Me-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1f**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-CN-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1g**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-CO<sub>2</sub>Me-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1h**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-NO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1i**, R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-OMe-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1j**, R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-Cl-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1k**, R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-Cl-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1l**, R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = H  
**1m**, R<sup>1</sup> = Et, R<sup>2</sup> = H  
**1n**, R<sup>1</sup> = iPr, R<sup>2</sup> = Me  
**1o**, R<sup>1</sup> = Cl, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-OMe-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-  
**1p**, R<sup>1</sup> = CO<sub>2</sub>Et, R<sup>2</sup> = 4-Cl-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-



Extended Table 1. Optimization of the reaction conditions.



Entry	Oxidant (equiv.)	Base (equiv.)	Solvent	Yield <b>3a</b> <sup>a</sup> , %
1	-	Et <sub>3</sub> N (1.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	trace
2	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	Et <sub>3</sub> N (1.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	23
3	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	DBU (1.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	33
4	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	DIPEA (1.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	26
5	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	Py (1.5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	24(50) <sup>b</sup>
6	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	Py (5)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	48
7	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	Py (5)	MeCN	38
8	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	Py (5)	DMF	17
9	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	Py (5)	DCE	52
10	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.5)	DMSO	15
11 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	Py (5)	DCE	61
12 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	DMAP (5)	DCE	24
13 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	63
14 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.0)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	45
15 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (2.0)	2,6-lutidine (6)	DCE	56
16 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·3H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	53
17 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	57
18 <sup>d</sup>	CuCl <sub>2</sub> (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	n.r. <sup>c</sup>
19 <sup>d</sup>	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	0
20 <sup>d</sup>	MnO <sub>2</sub> (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	0
21 <sup>d</sup>	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Ce(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	trace
22 <sup>d</sup>	DDQ (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	0
23 <sup>e</sup>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2)	-	THF	45
24 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5), TEMPO (1)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	20
25 <sup>d</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5), BHT (2)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	34
26 <sup>d,f</sup>	<b>Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5)</b>	<b>2,6-lutidine (5)</b>	<b>DCE</b>	<b>69</b>
27 <sup>d,g</sup>	<b>Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5)</b>	<b>2,6-lutidine (5)</b>	<b>DCE</b>	<b>77</b>
28 <sup>d,h</sup>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O (1.5)	2,6-lutidine (5)	DCE	40

Typical experiment: **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), **2a** (1.2 equiv.), oxidant, base, solvent (0.1 M), MS4Å (50 mg), r. t., 2–10 h (TLC monitoring)

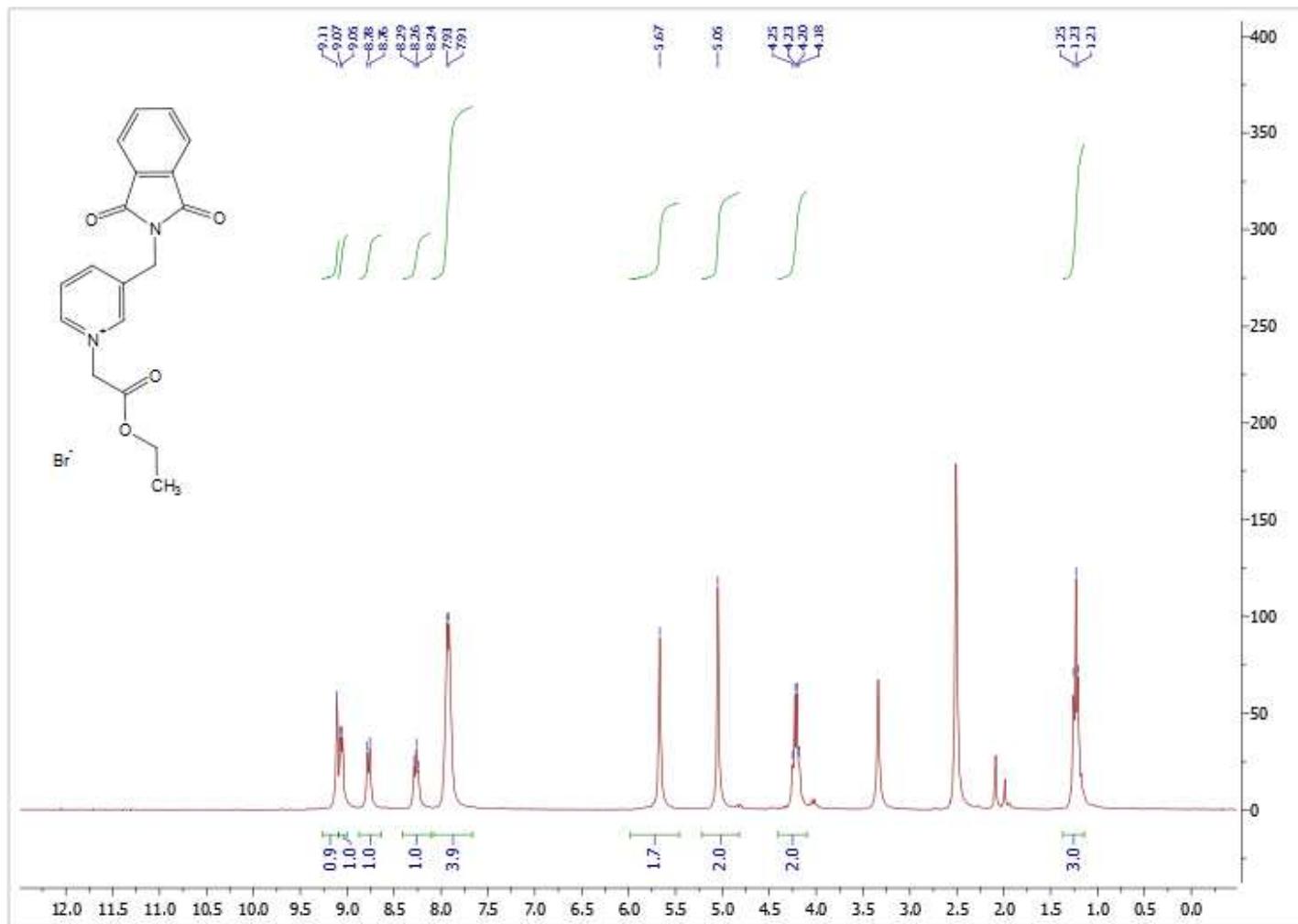
<sup>a</sup> Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR with PhCF<sub>3</sub> as internal standard; <sup>b</sup> Yield of recovered **1a** in brackets; <sup>c</sup> n. r. = no reaction (**1a** was recovered); <sup>d</sup> The reagents were mixed at 0°C, then stirred at r. t.; <sup>e</sup> 65 °C. Optimal conditions from ref.<sup>6a</sup>. <sup>f</sup> 1.5 equiv. of **2a**; <sup>g</sup> 2.0 equiv. of **2a**. <sup>h</sup> Without molecular sieves.

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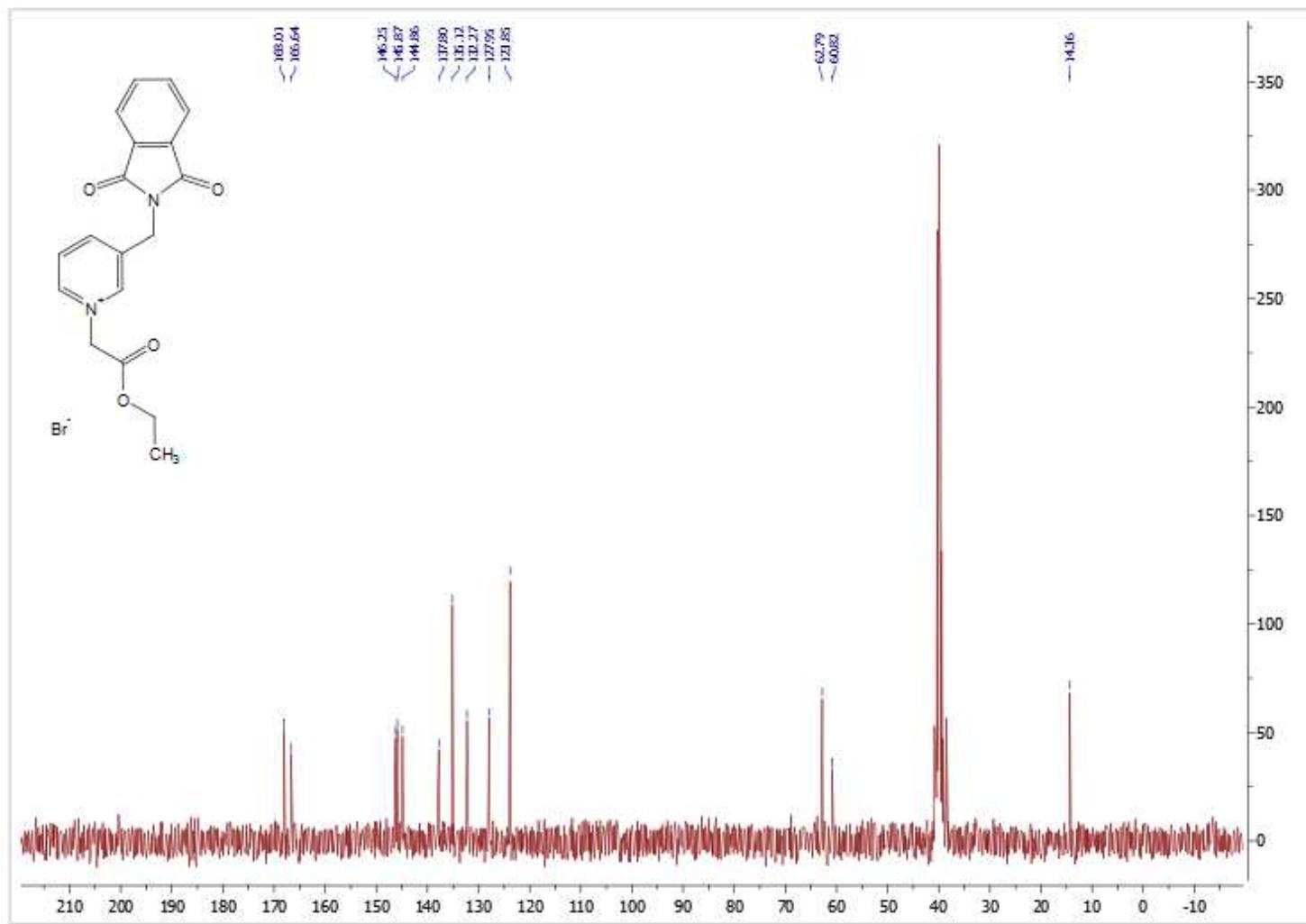
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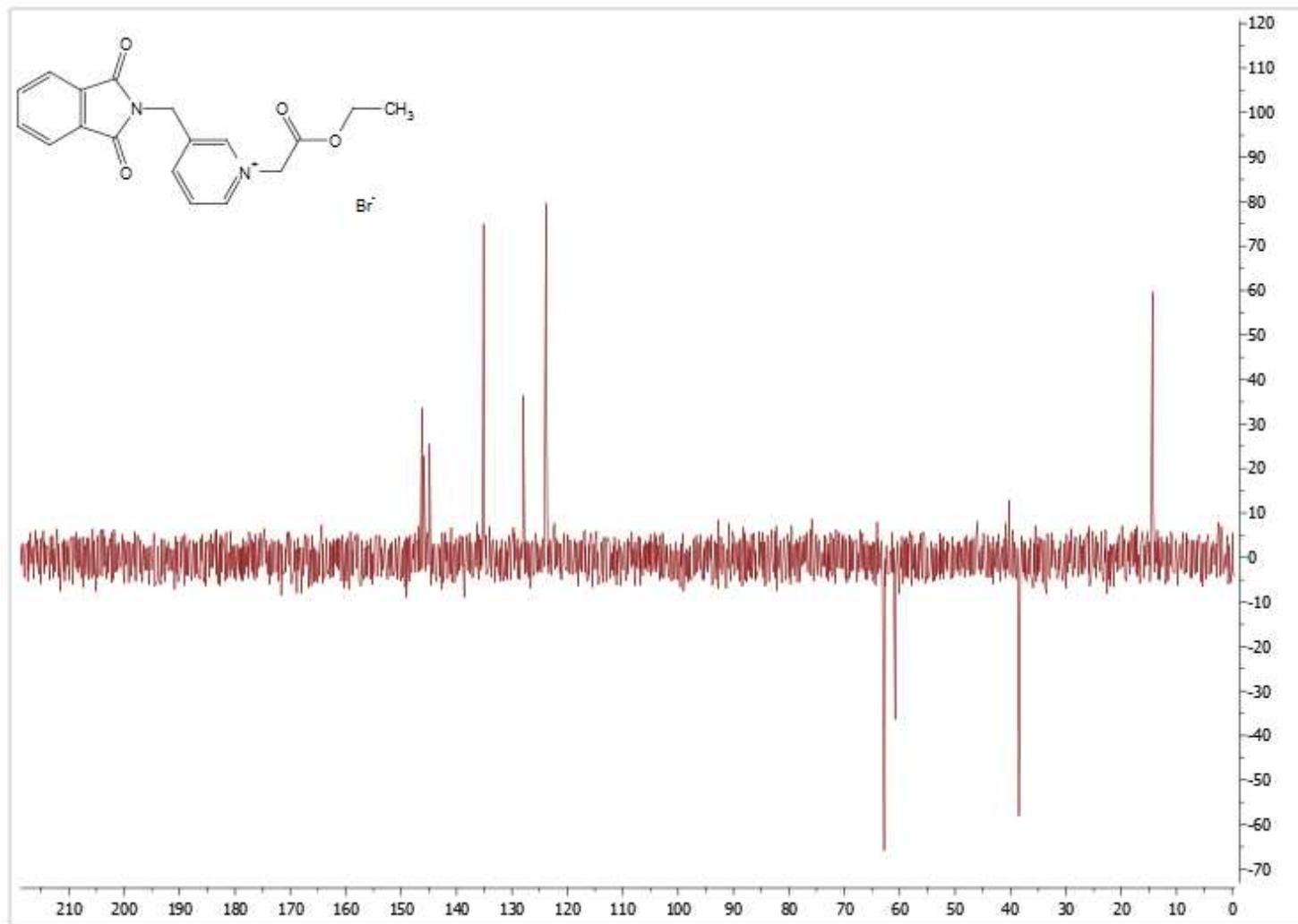
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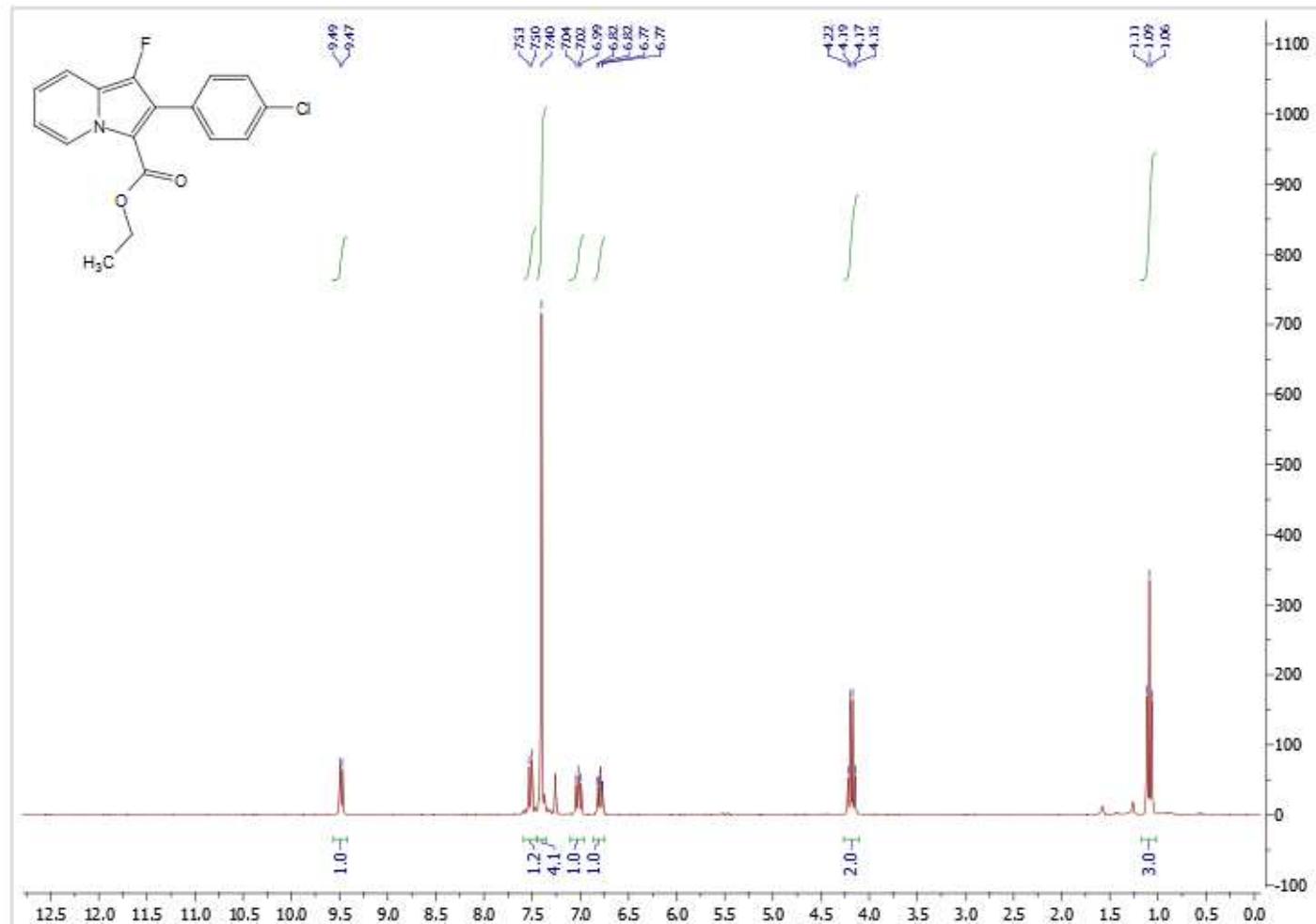


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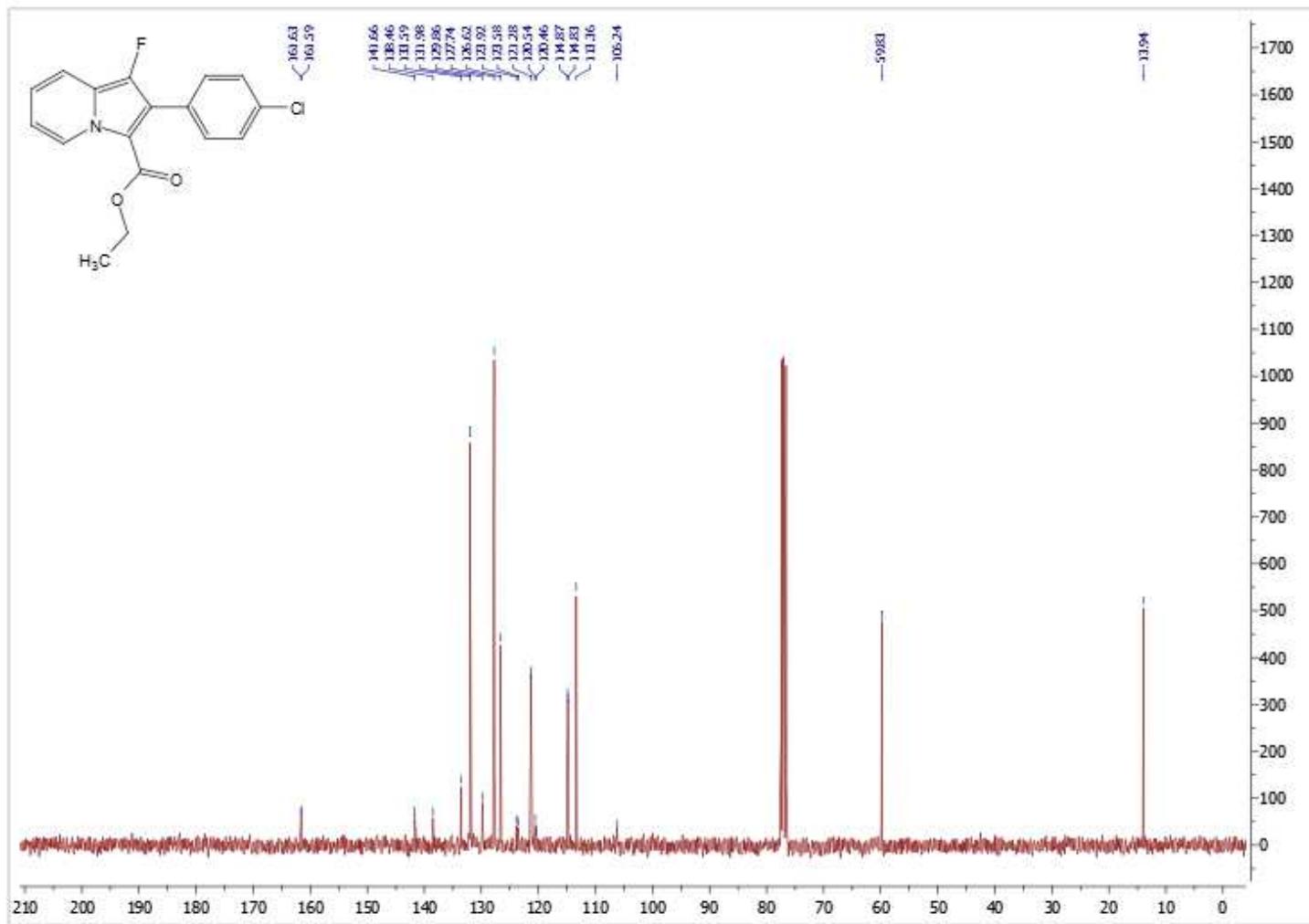


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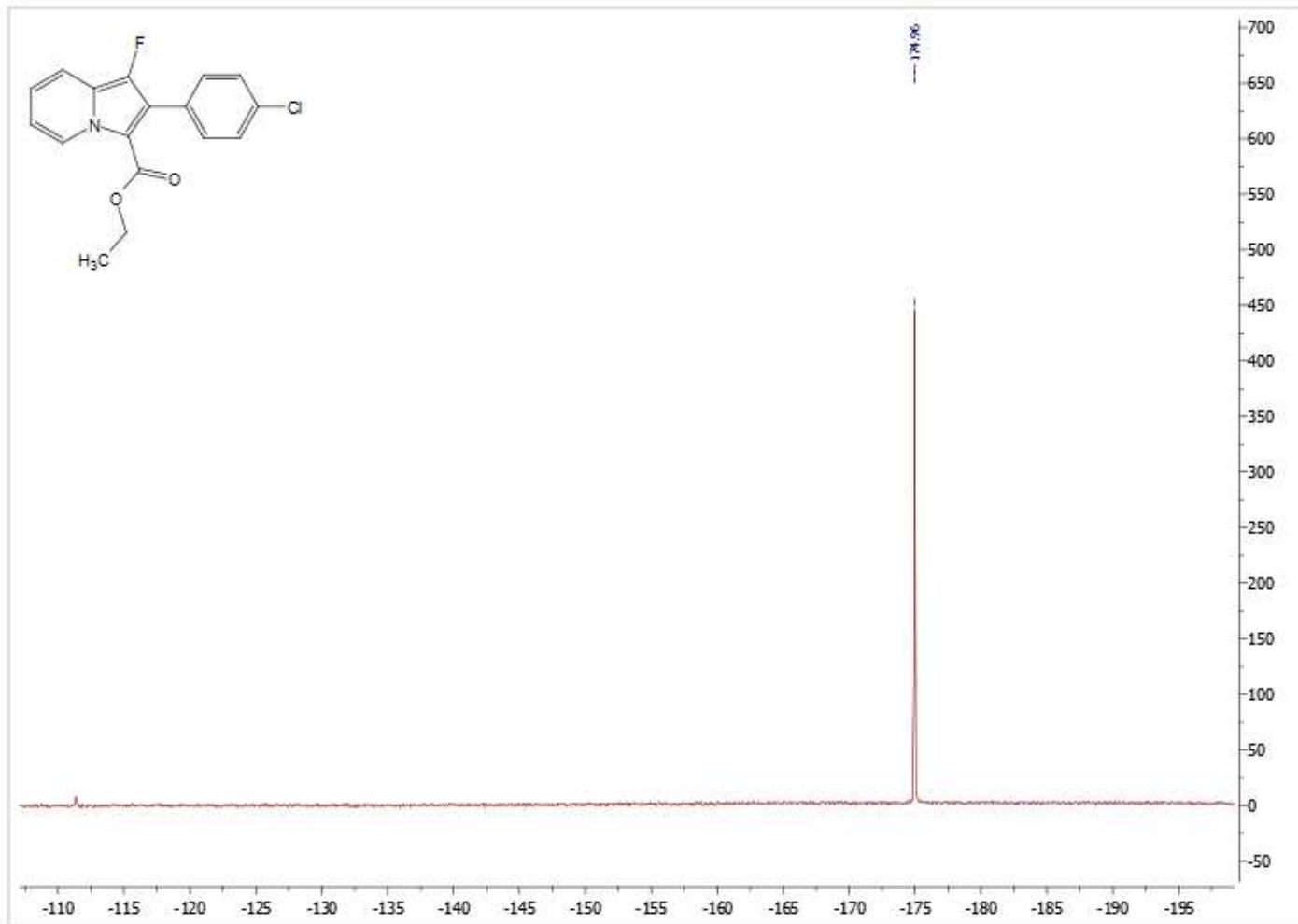
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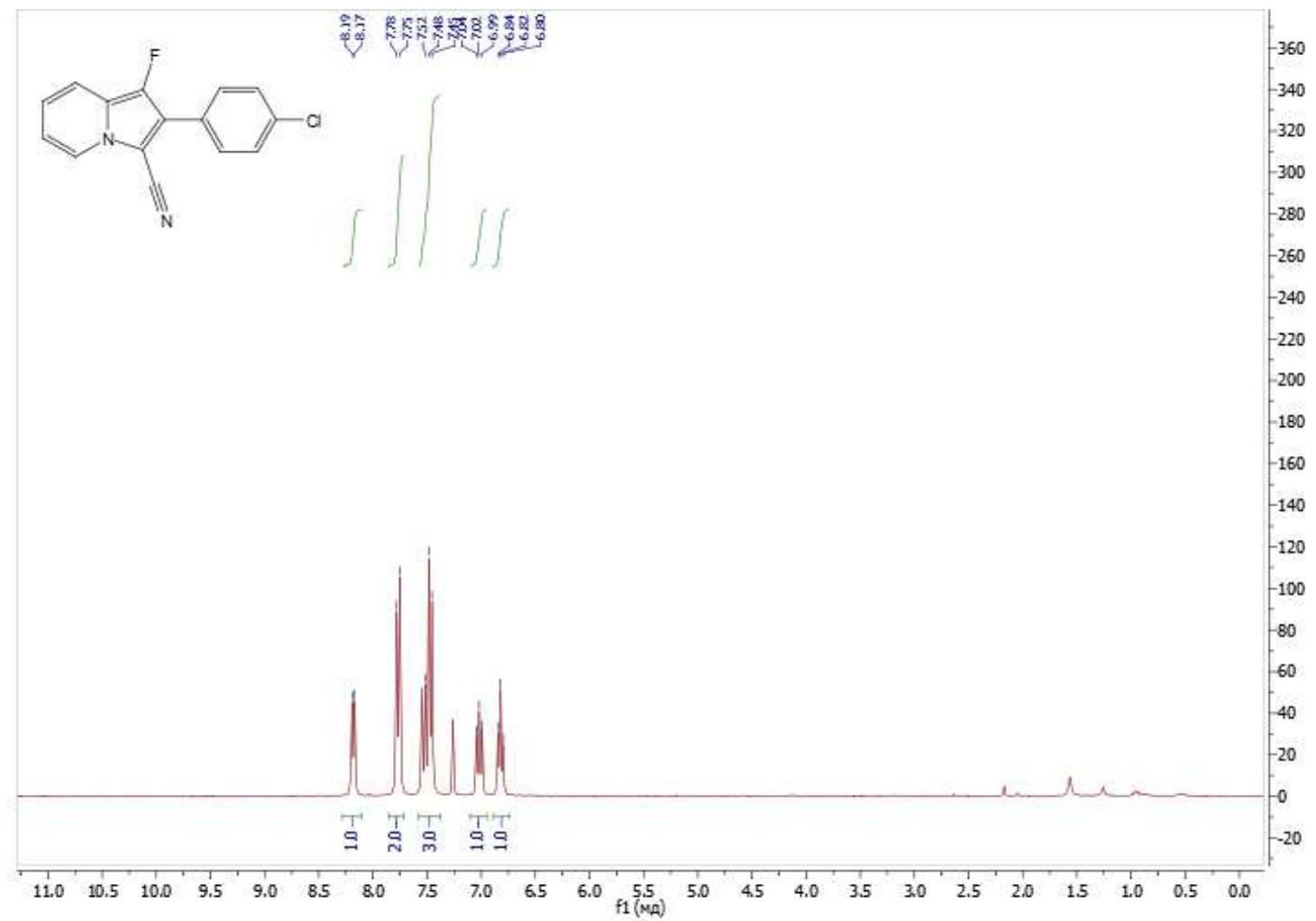


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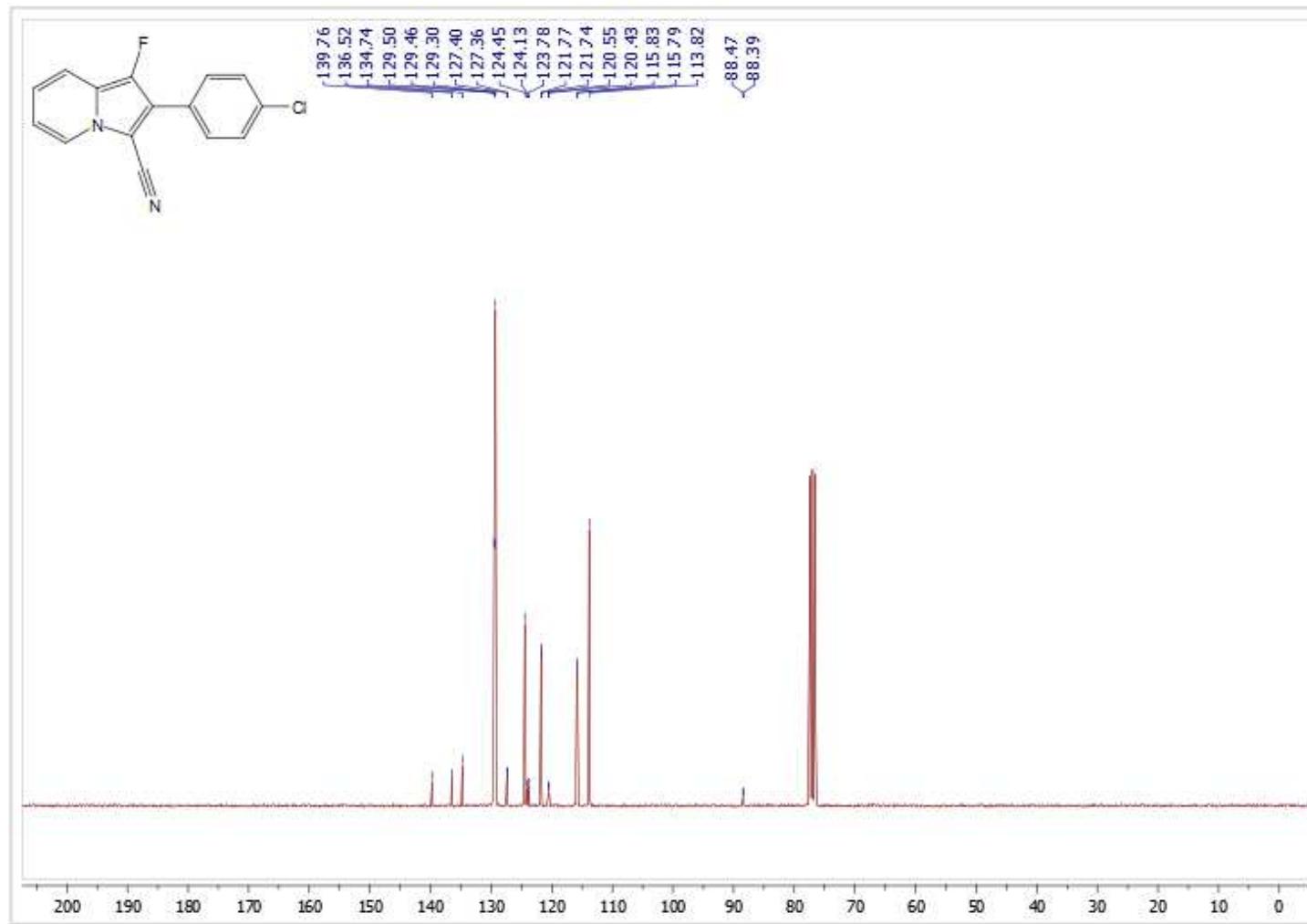


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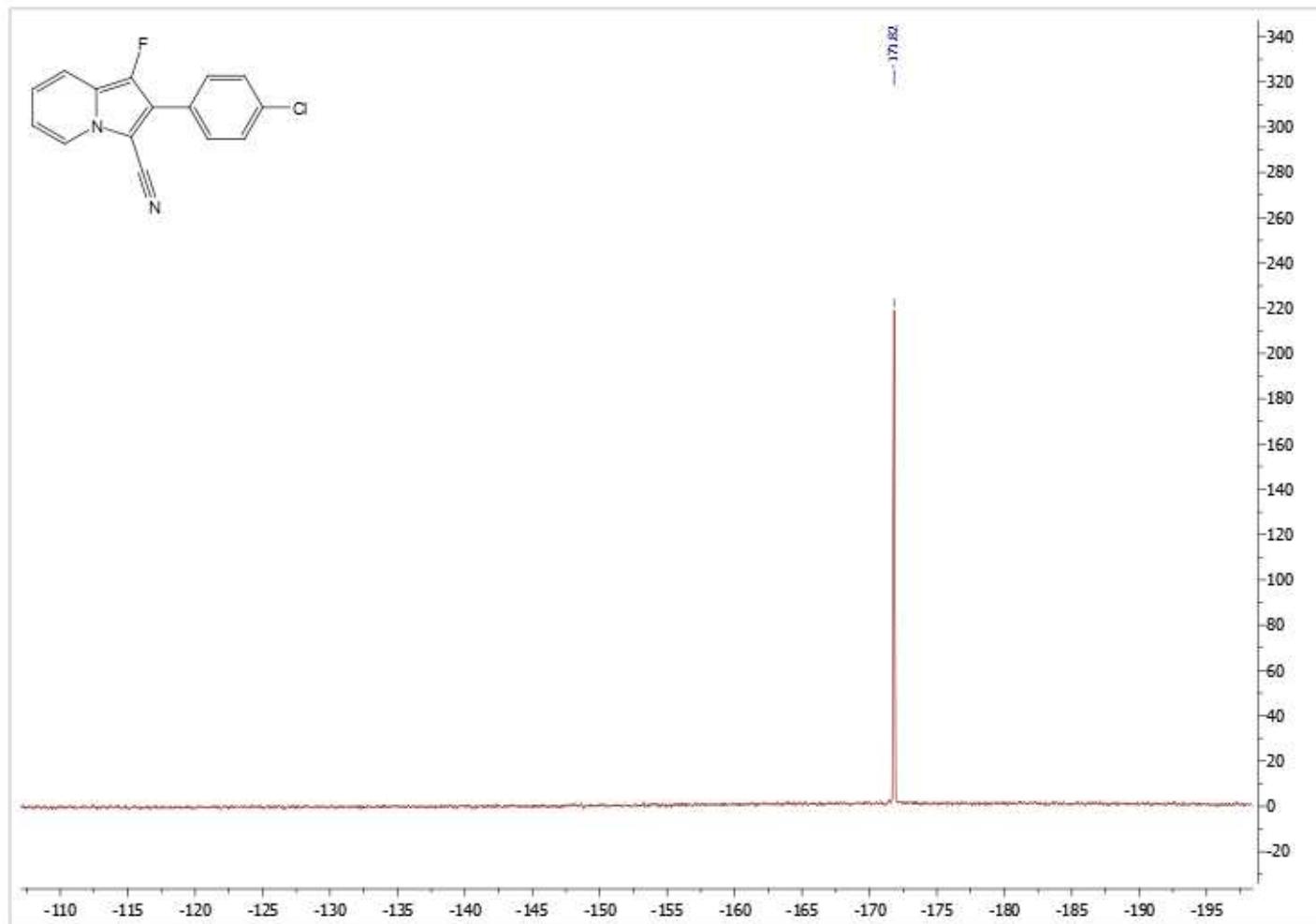
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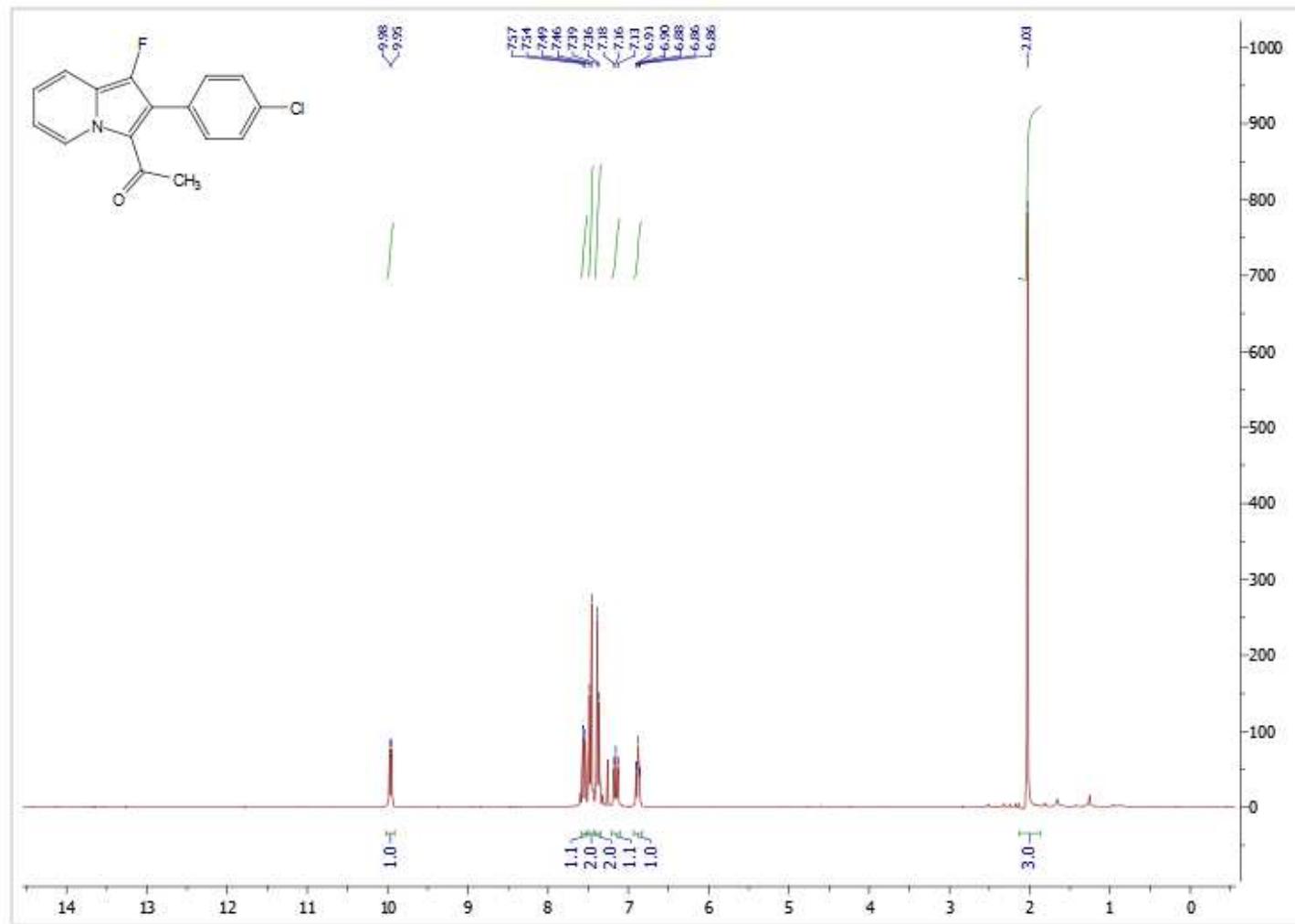


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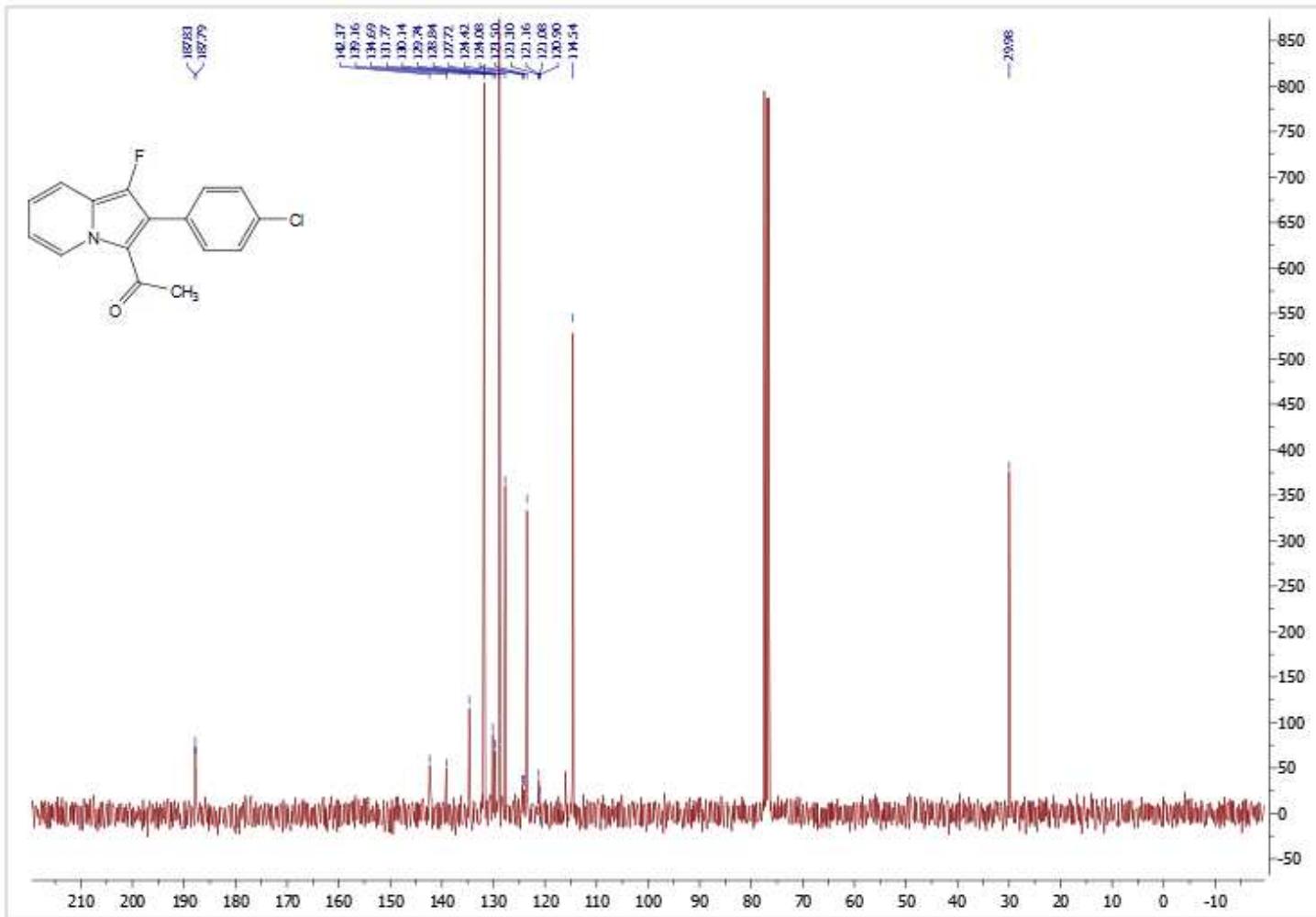


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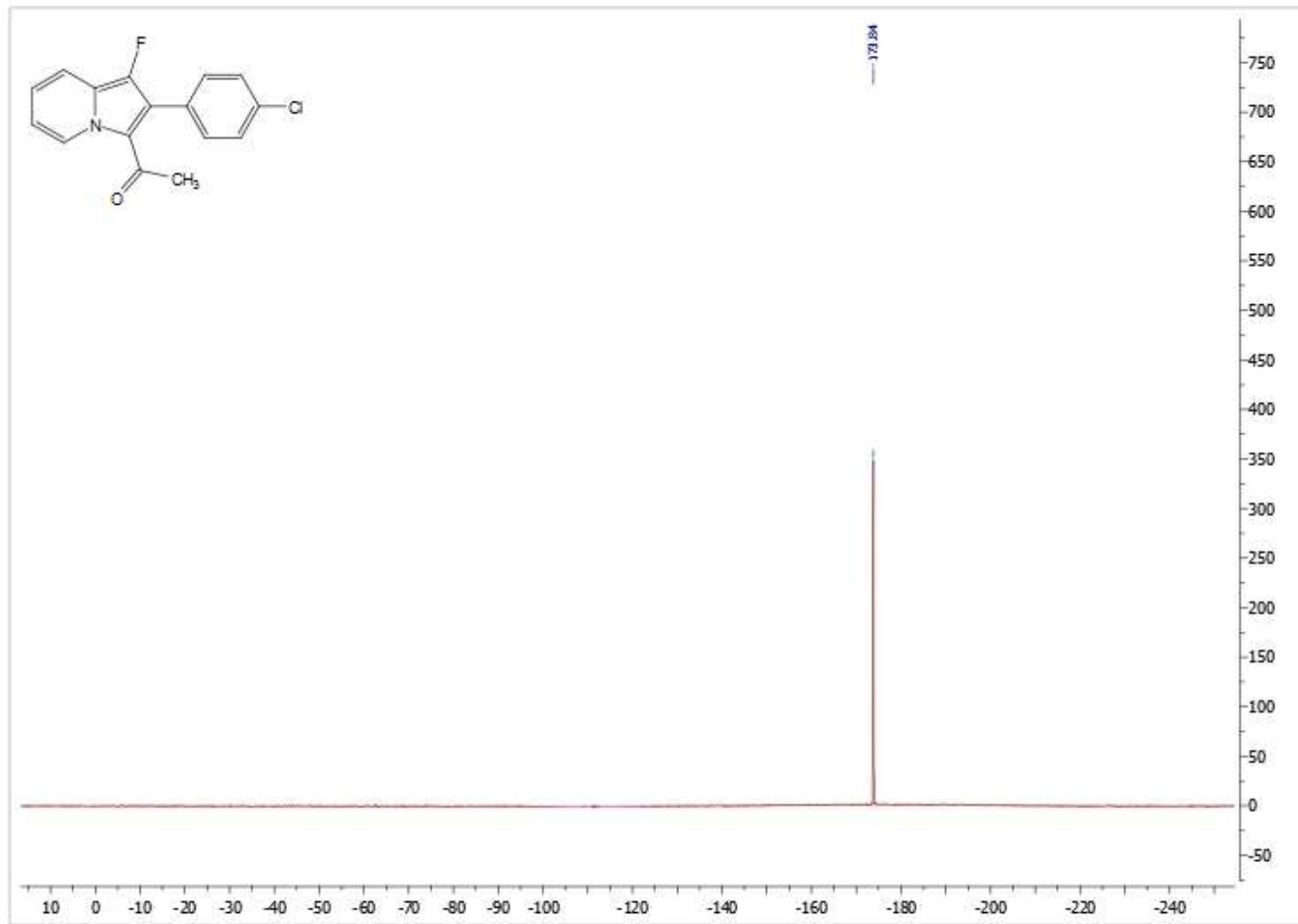
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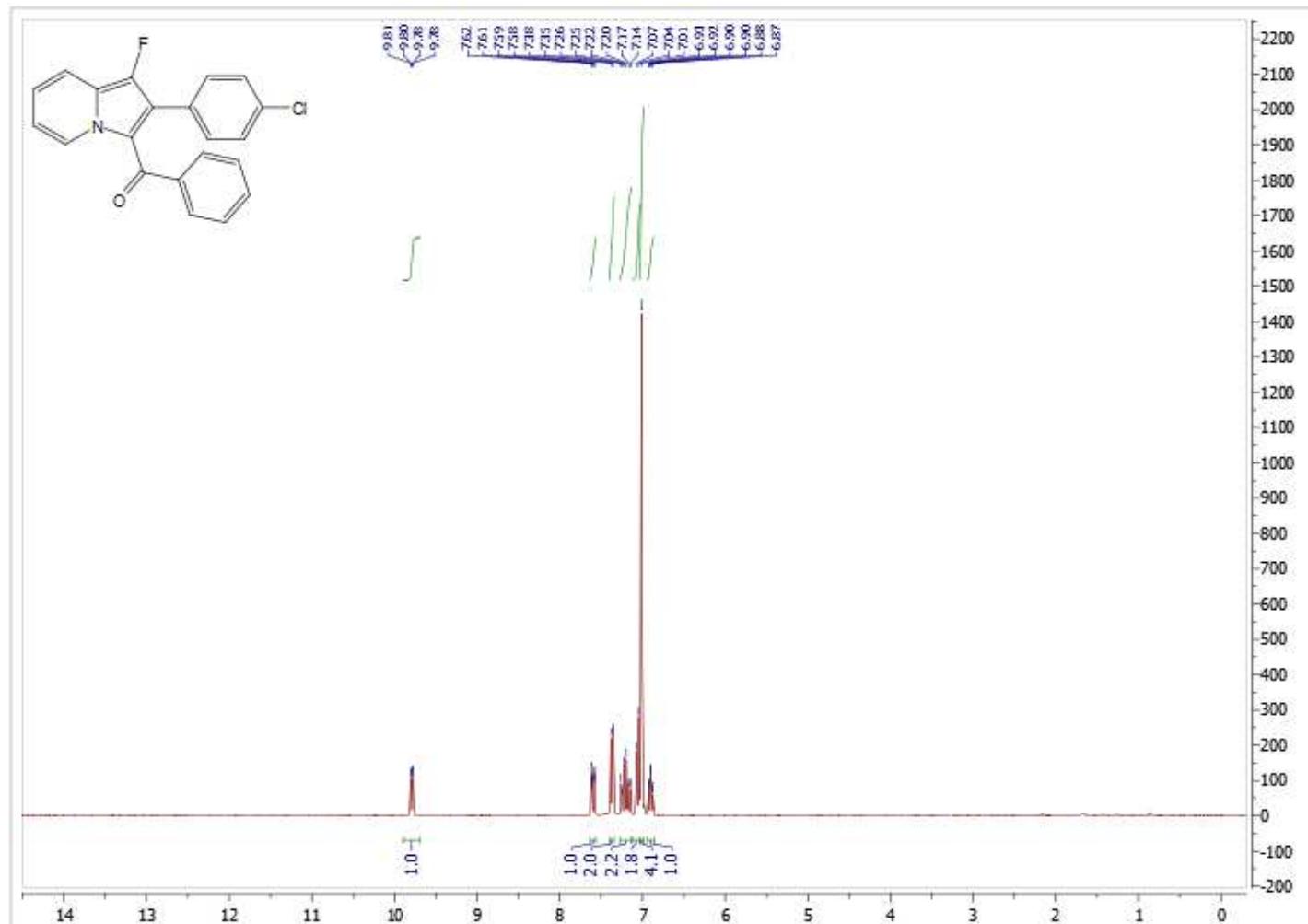


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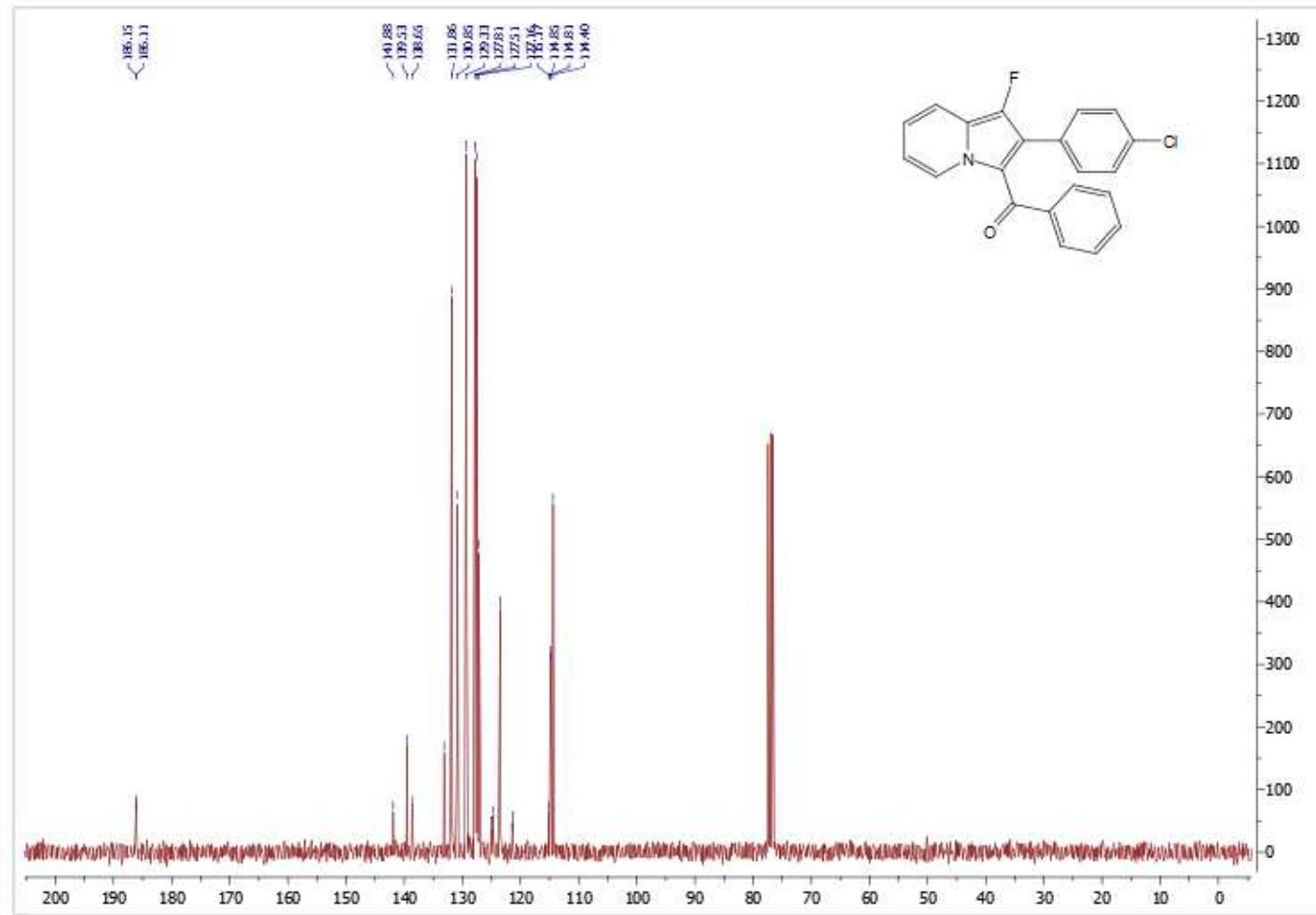


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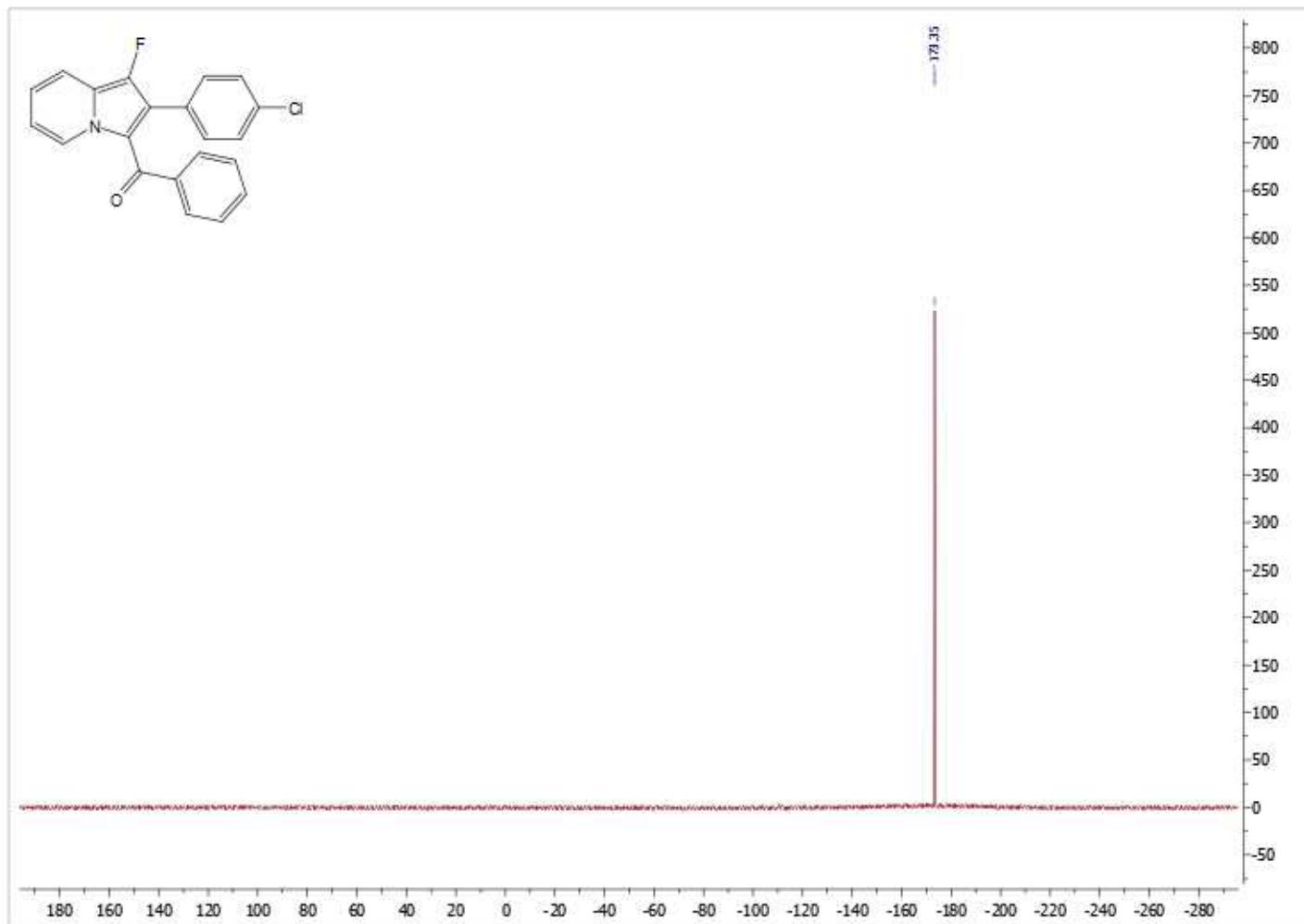
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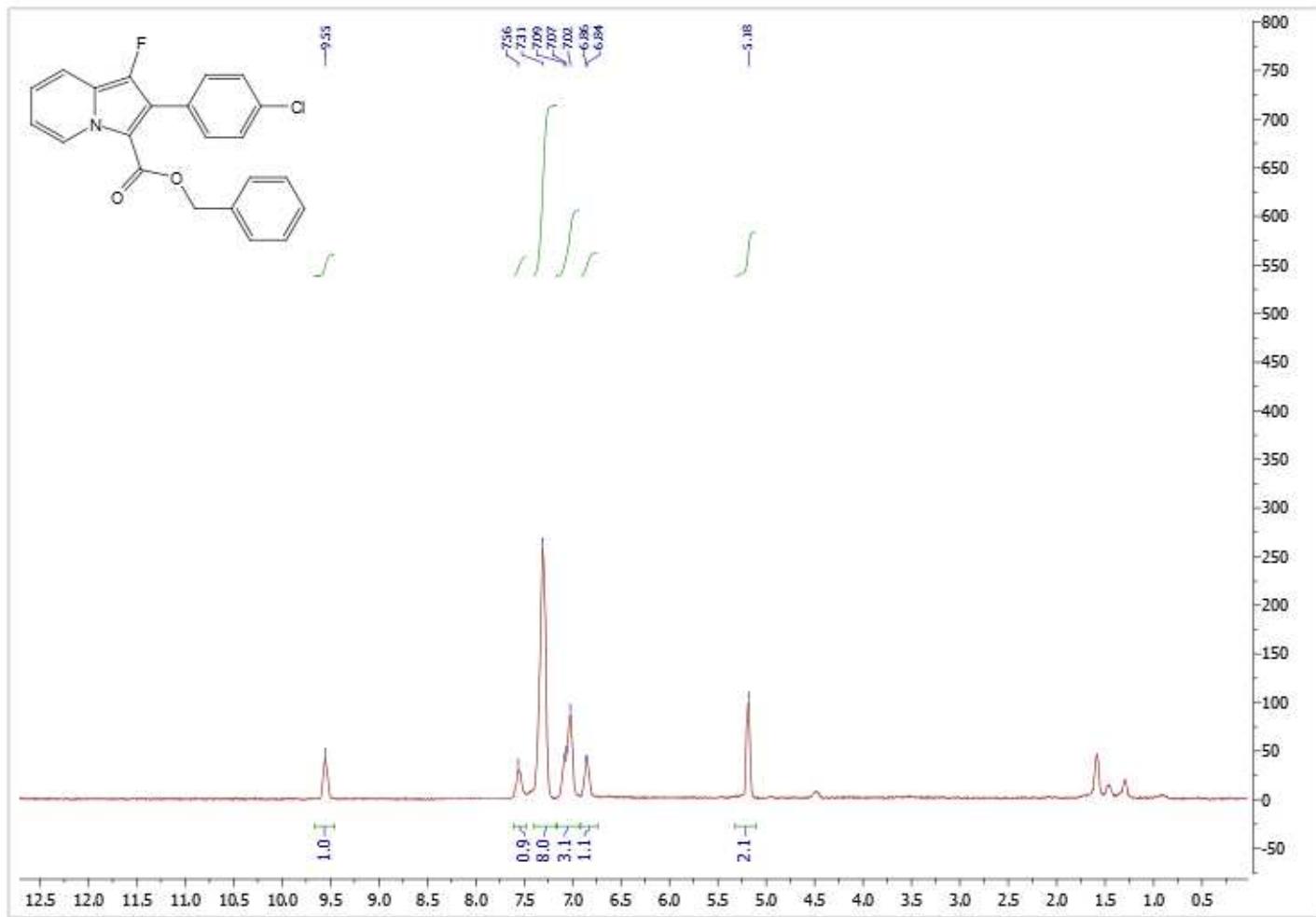


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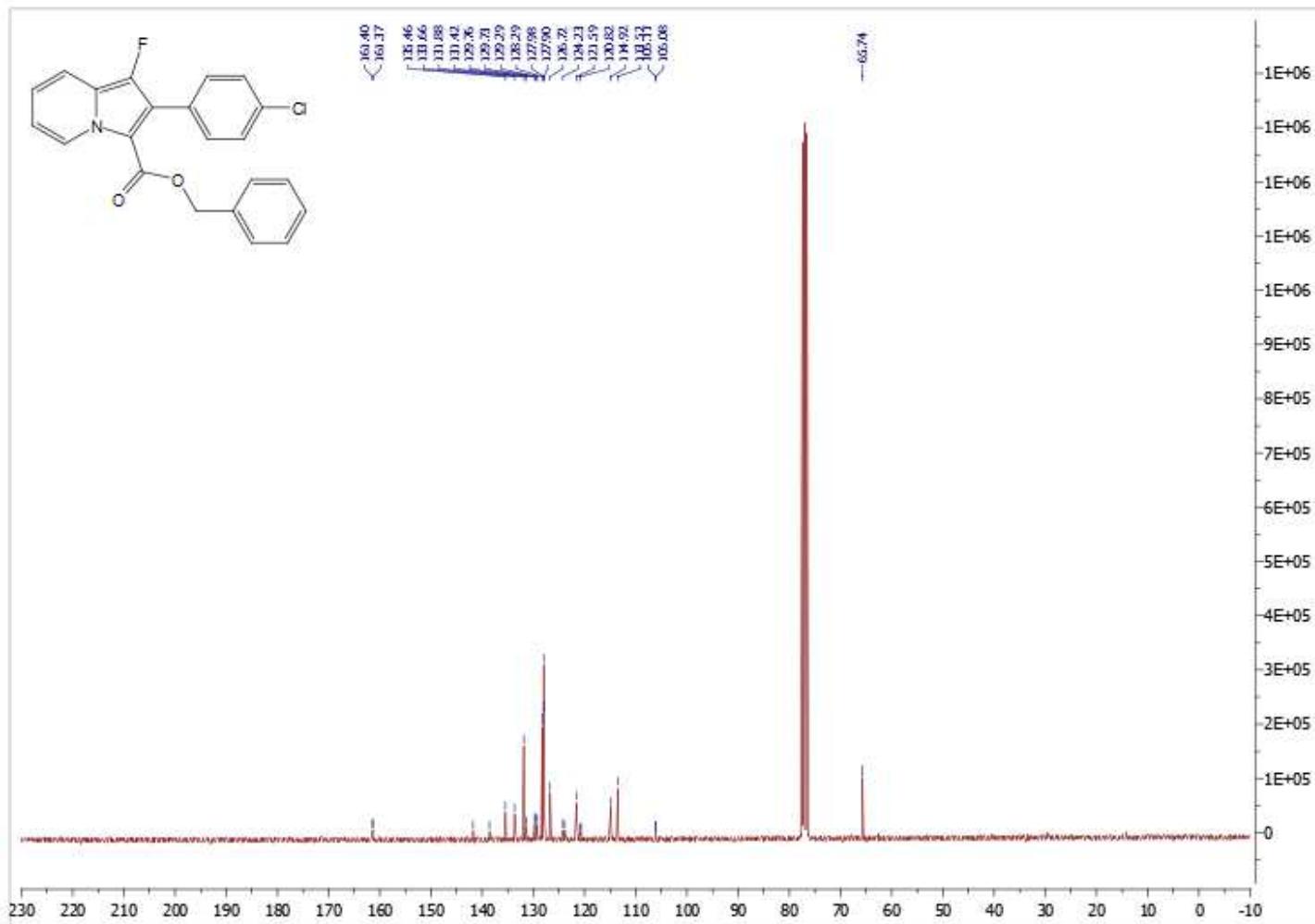


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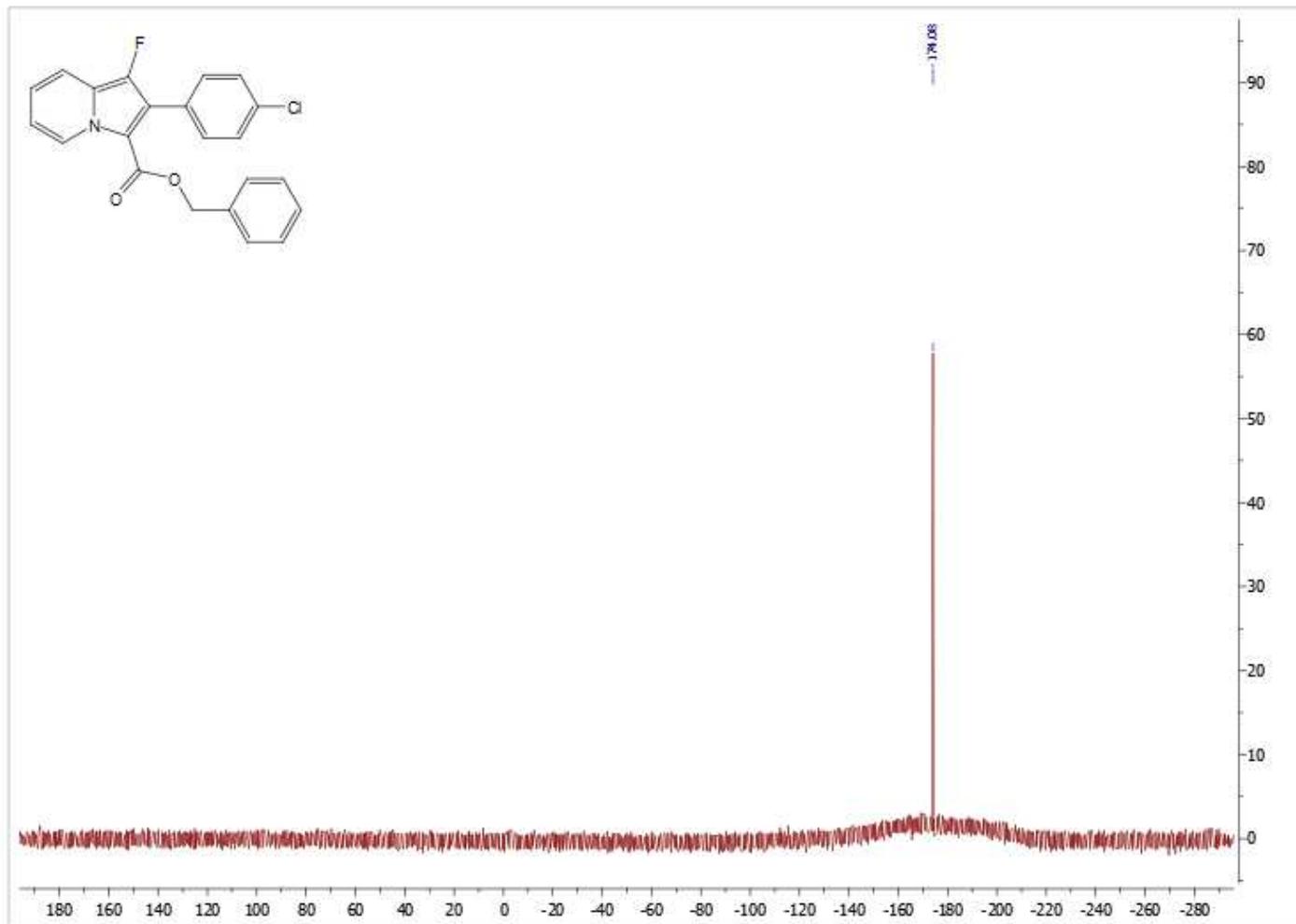
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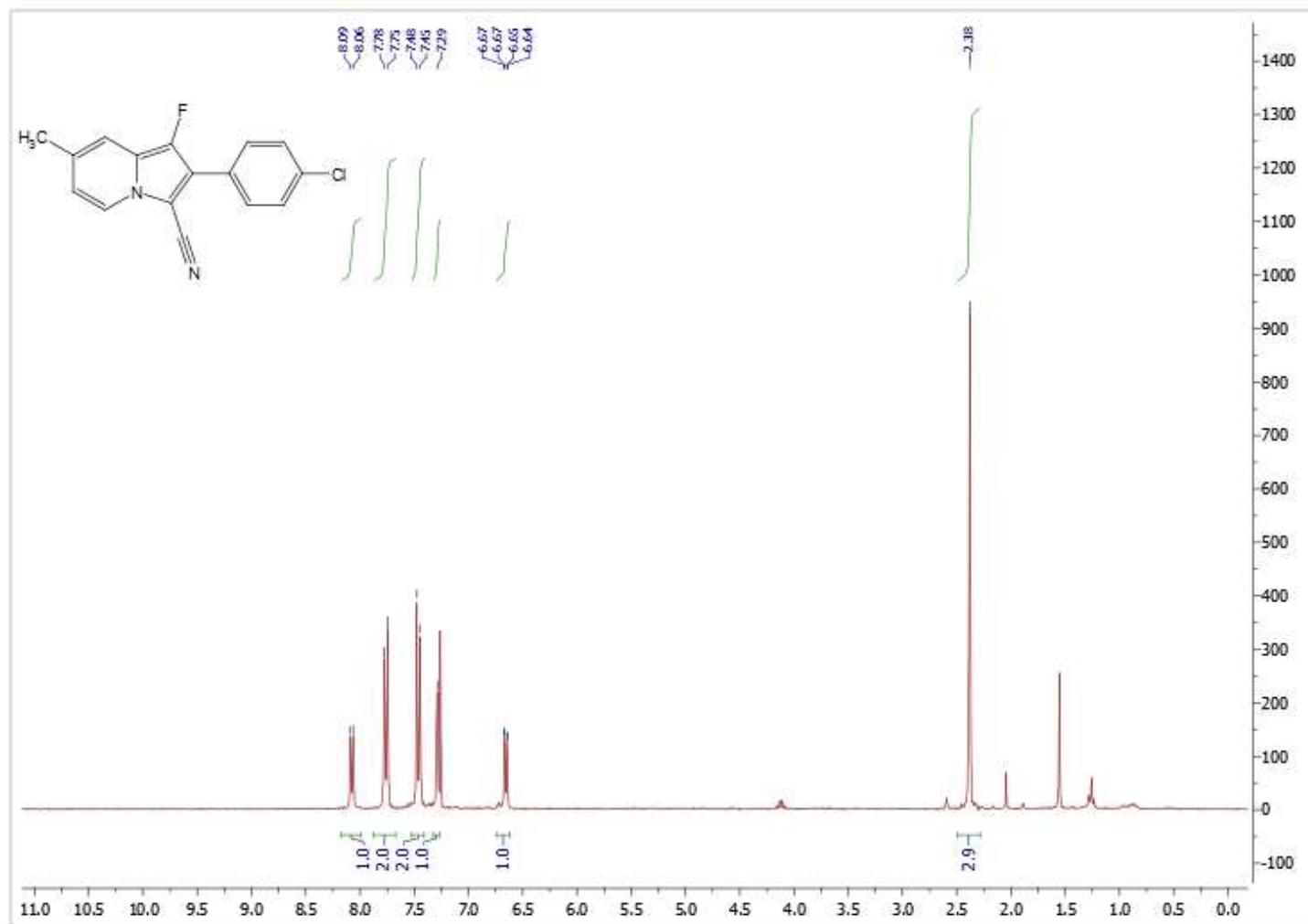


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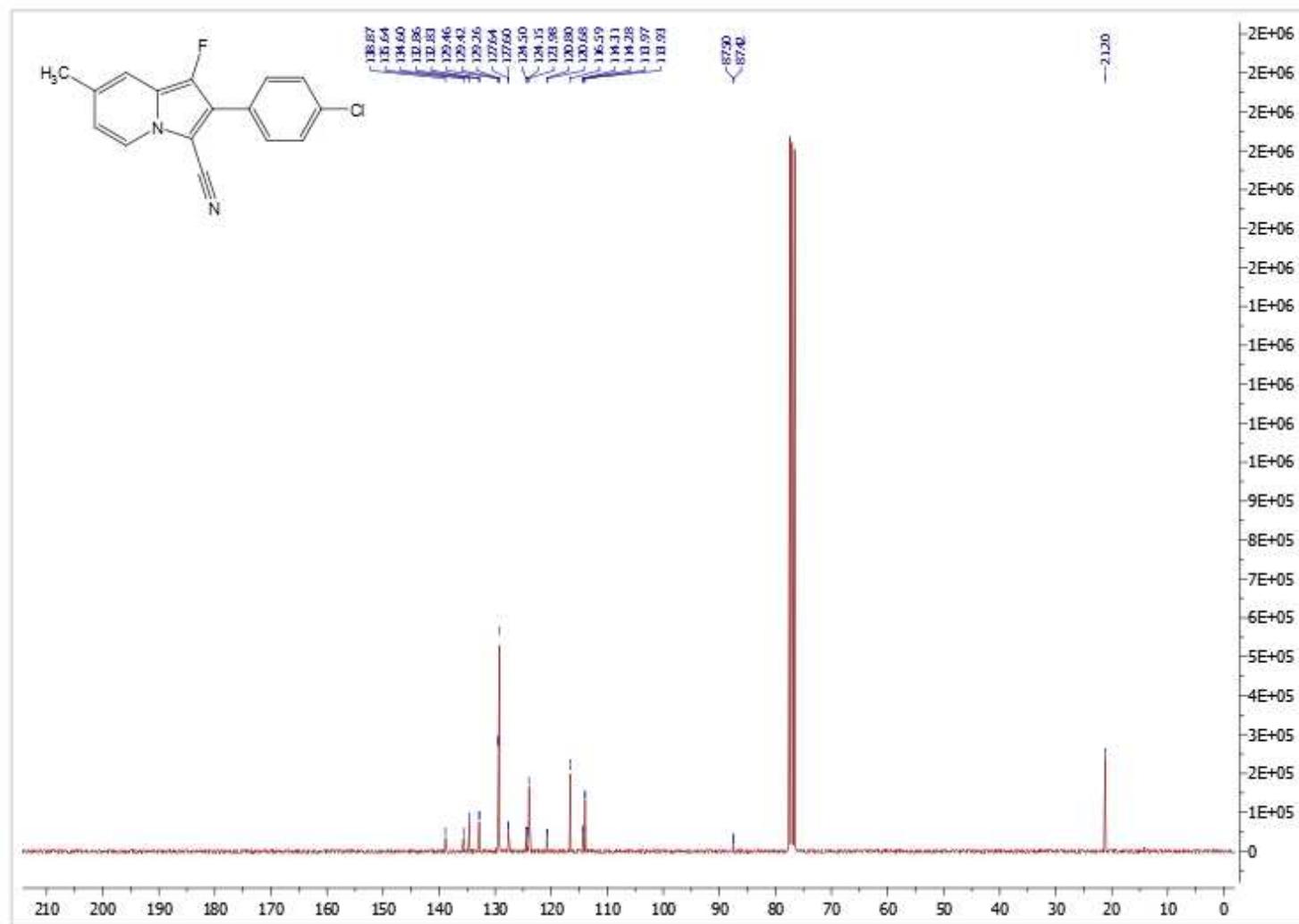


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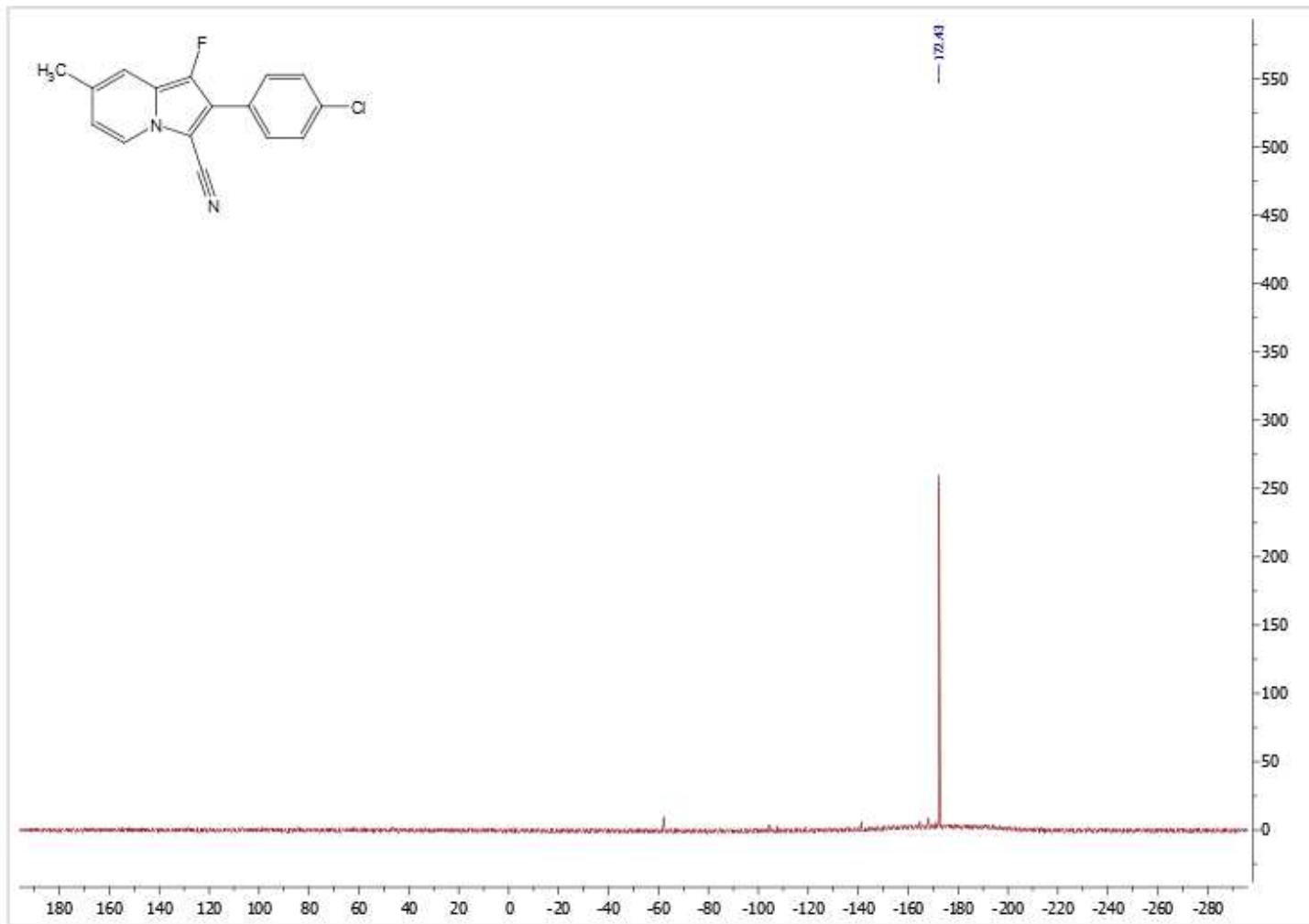
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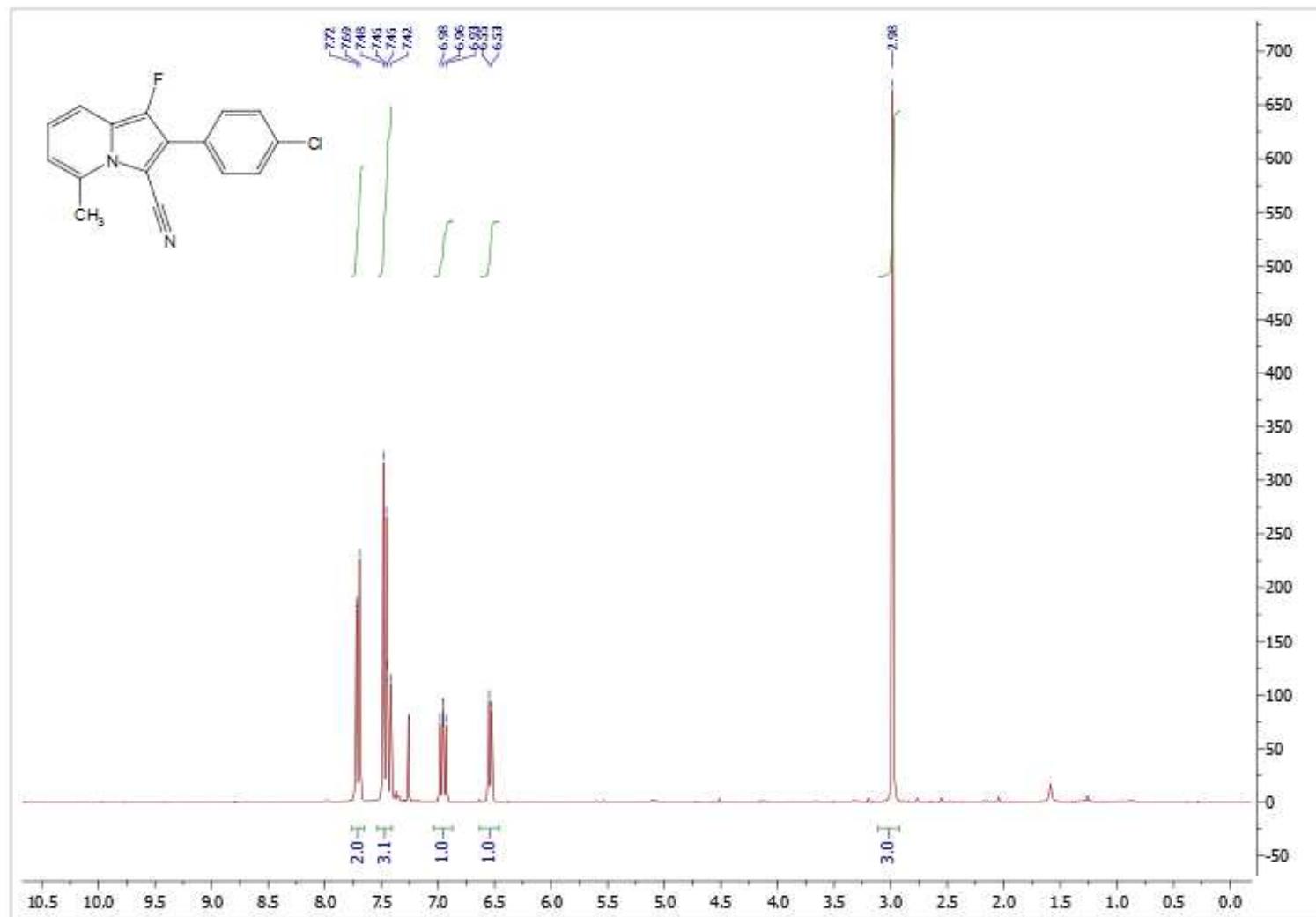


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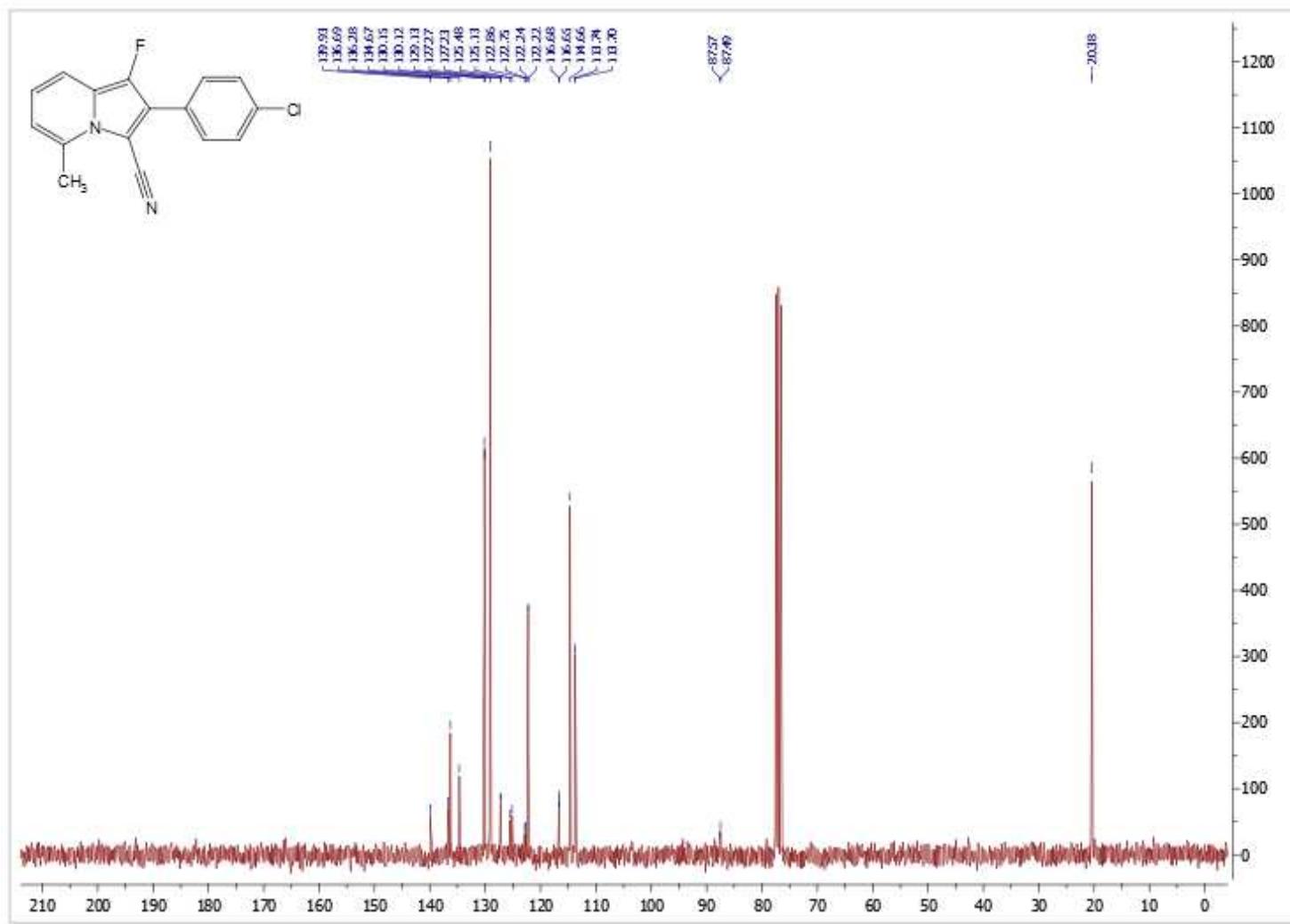


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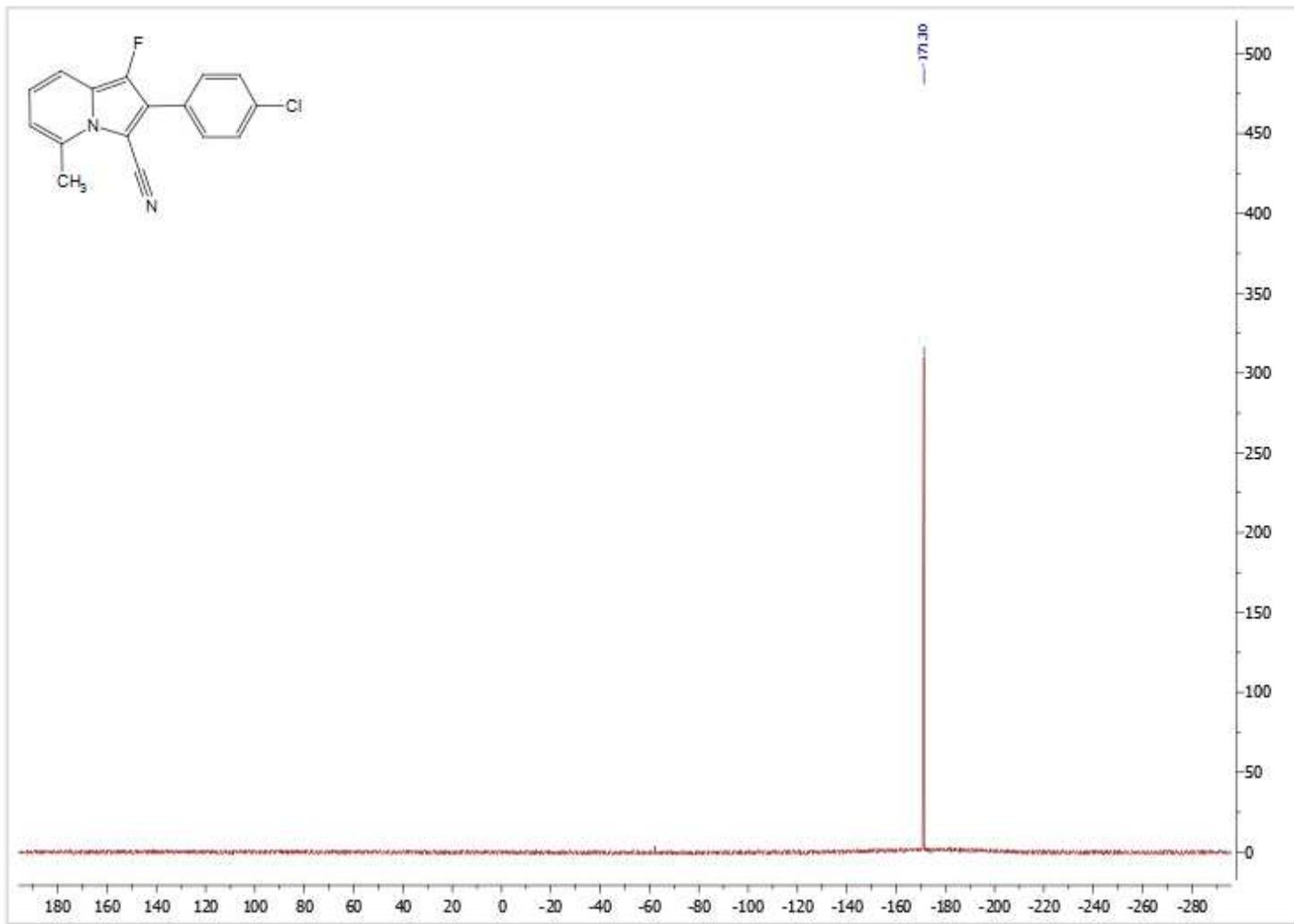
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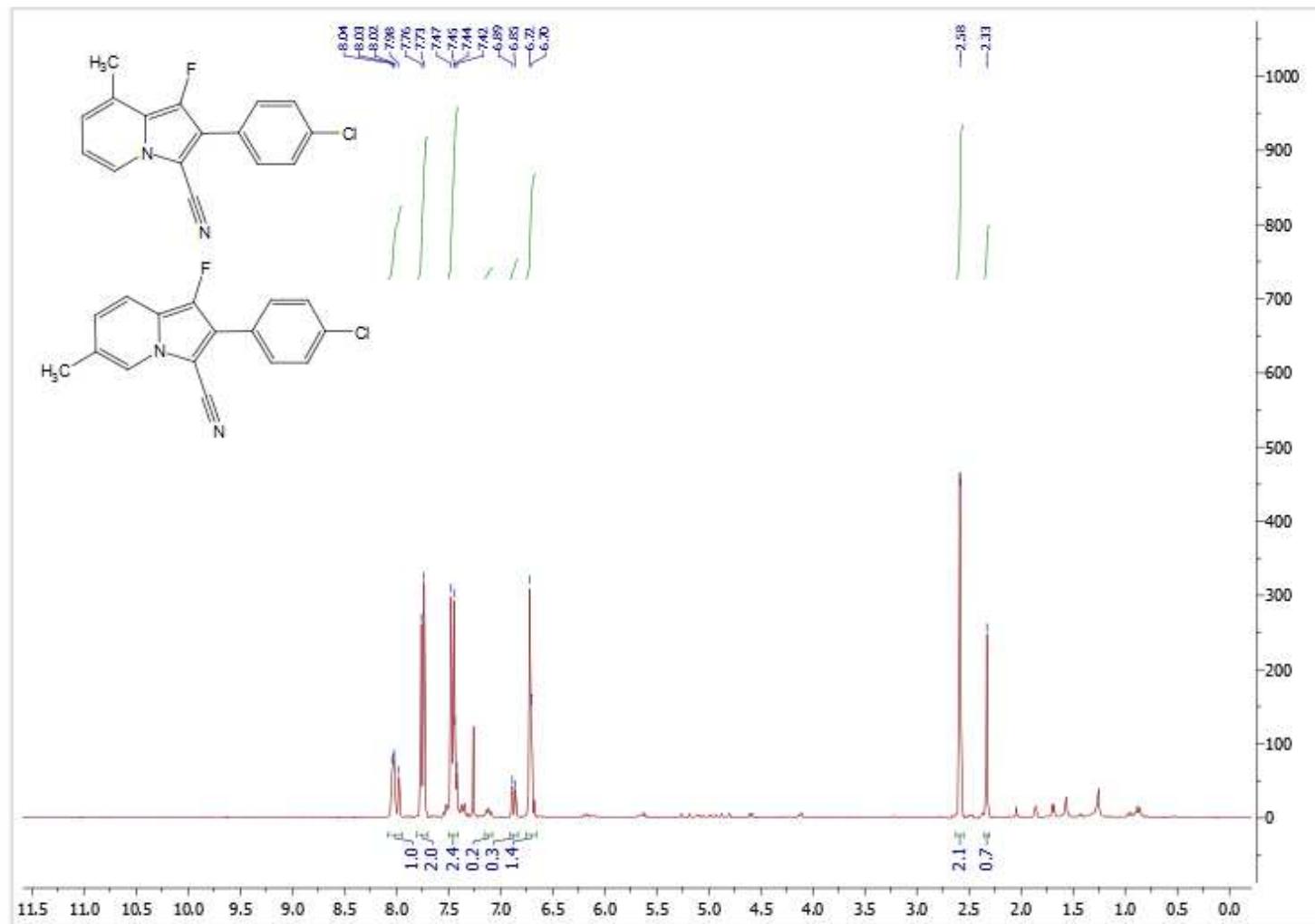


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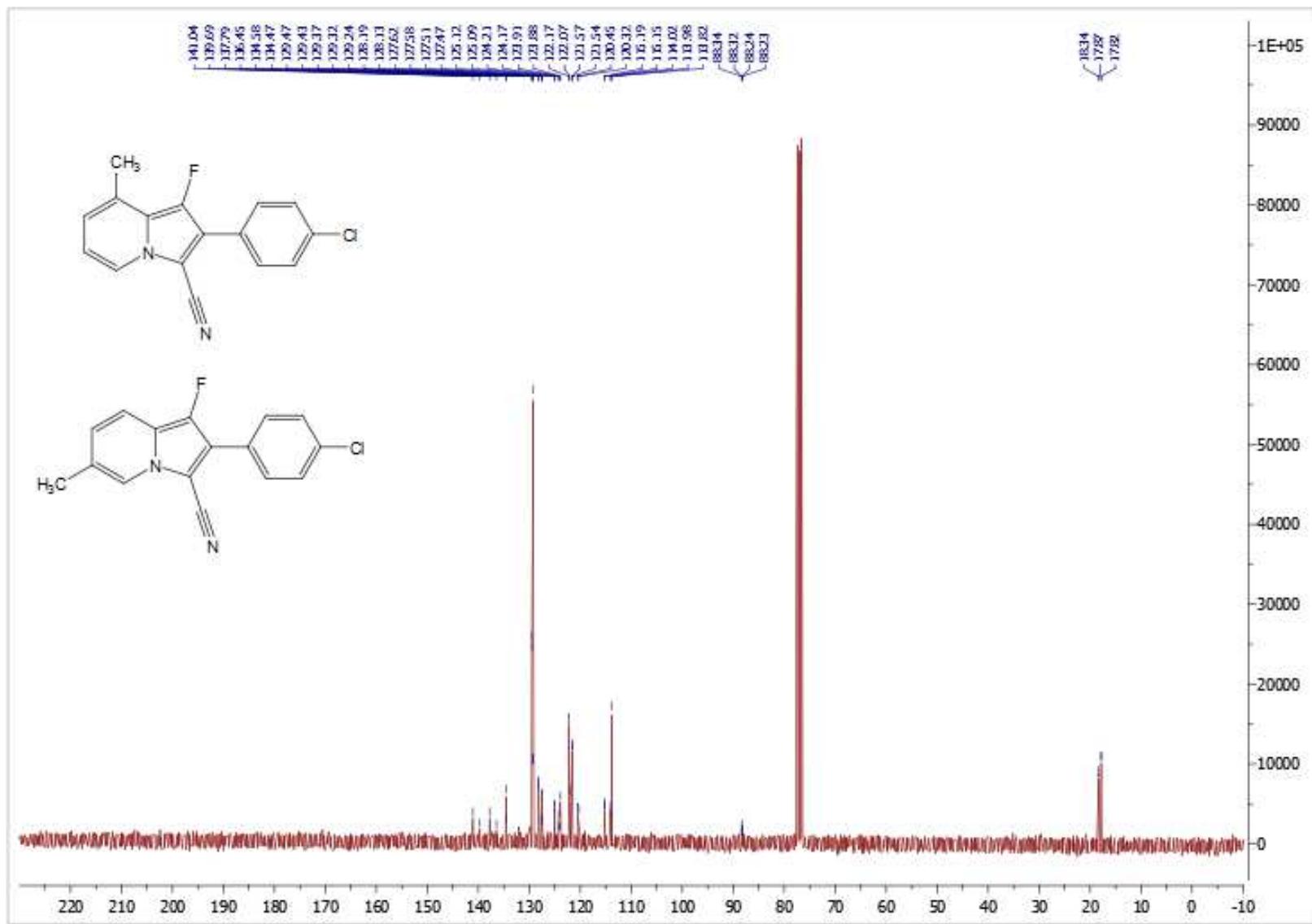


**1-fluoro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-8-methyl-indolizine-3-carbonitrile and 1-fluoro-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-indolizine-3-carbonitrile 3h**

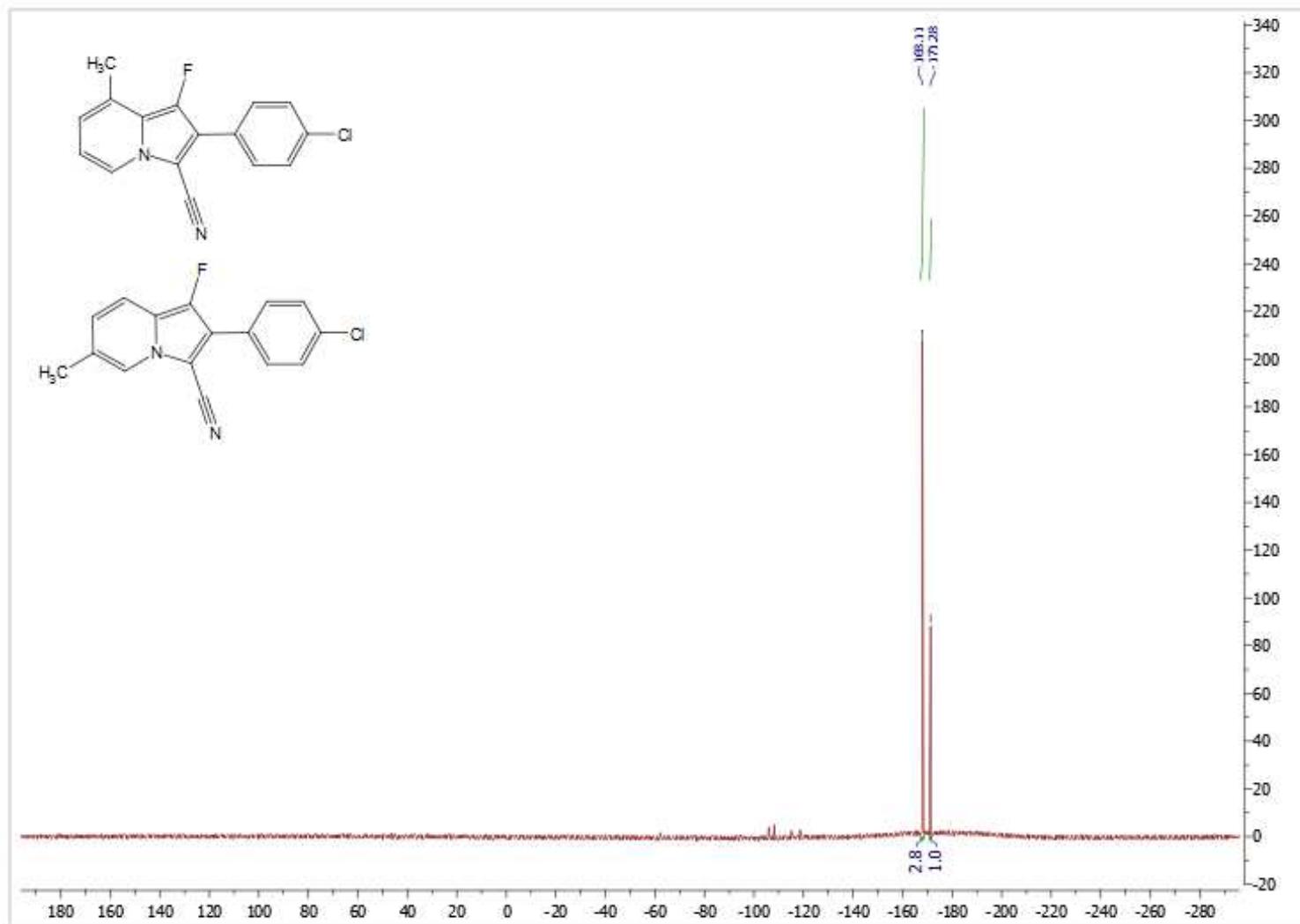
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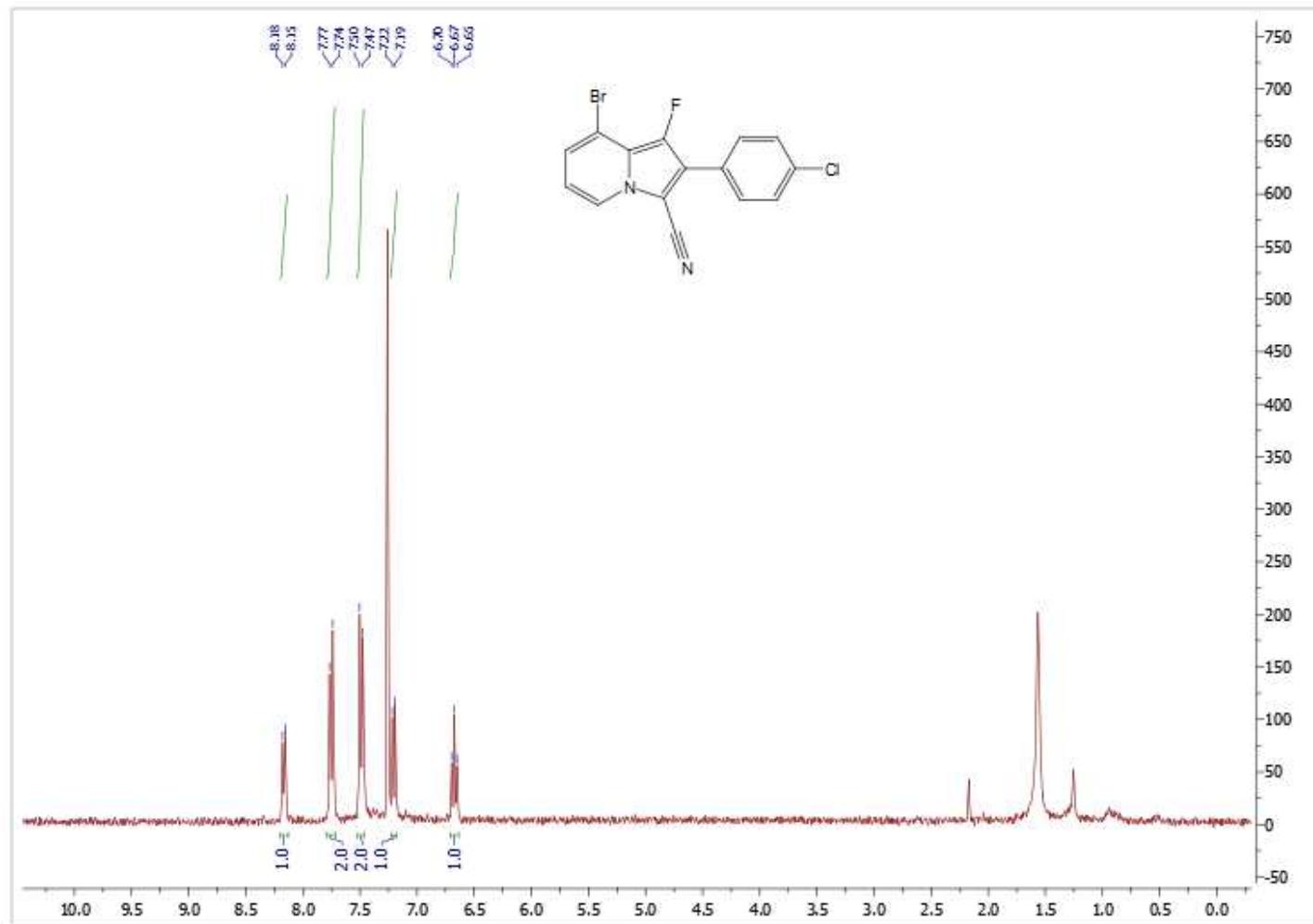


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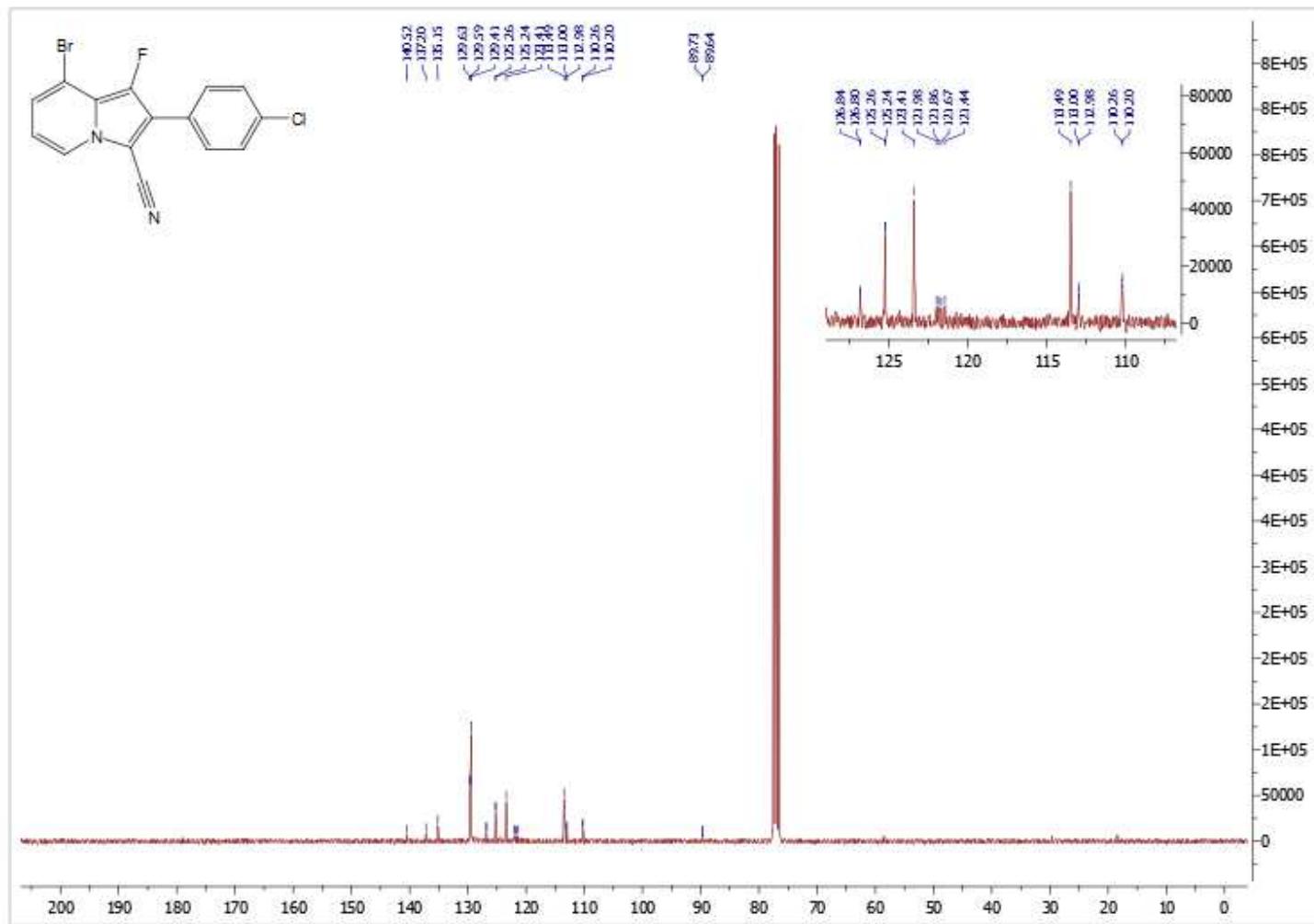


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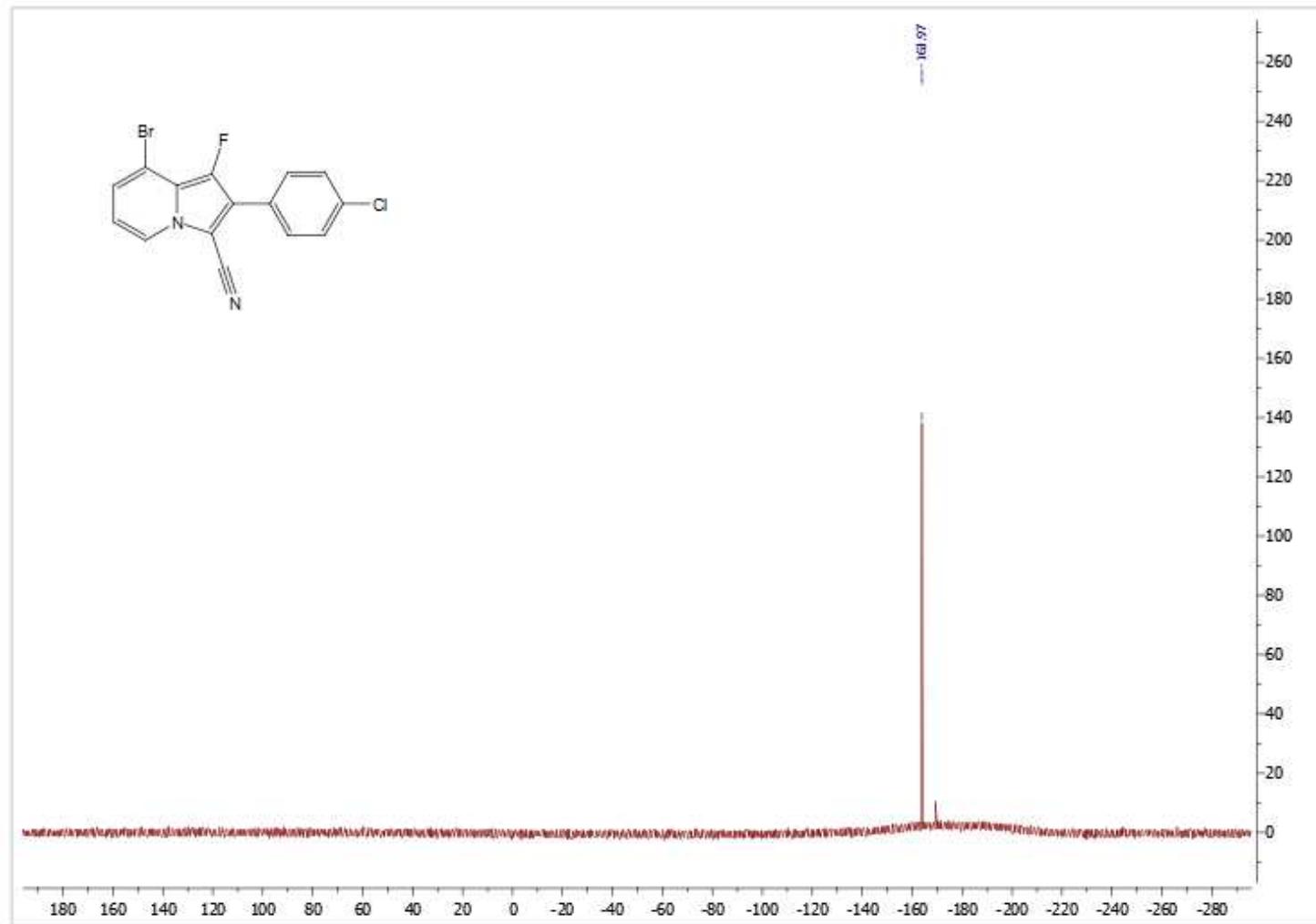
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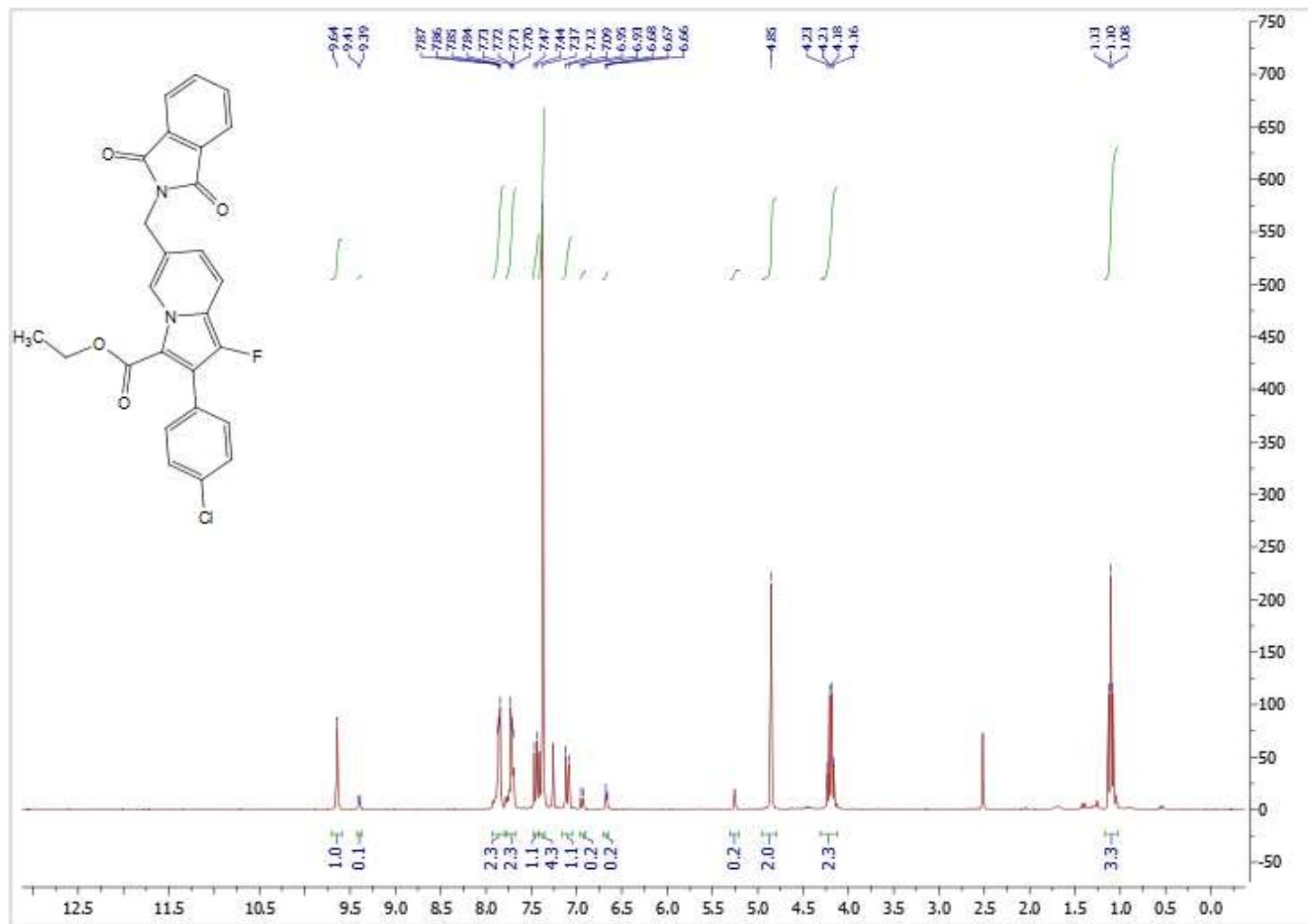


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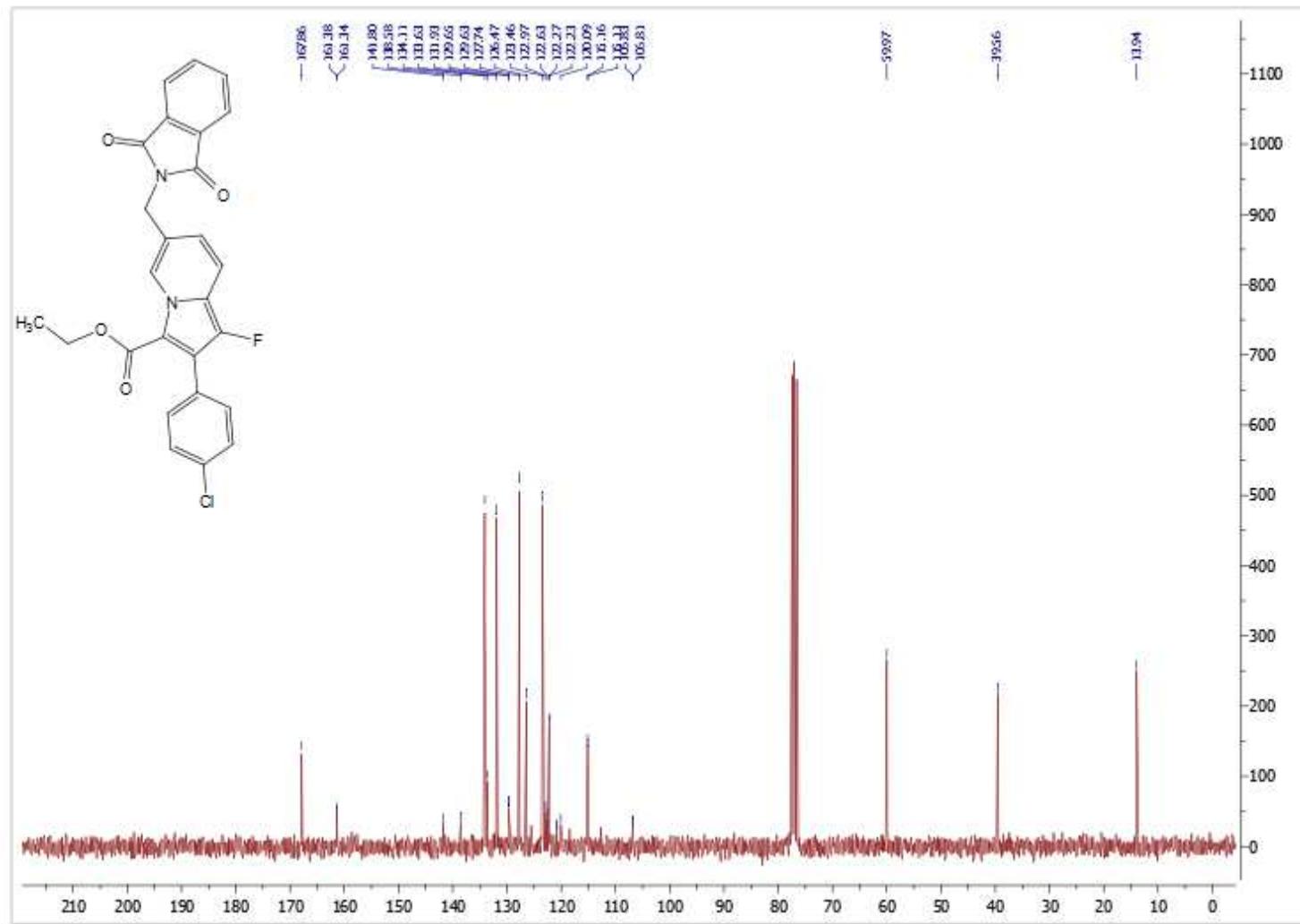


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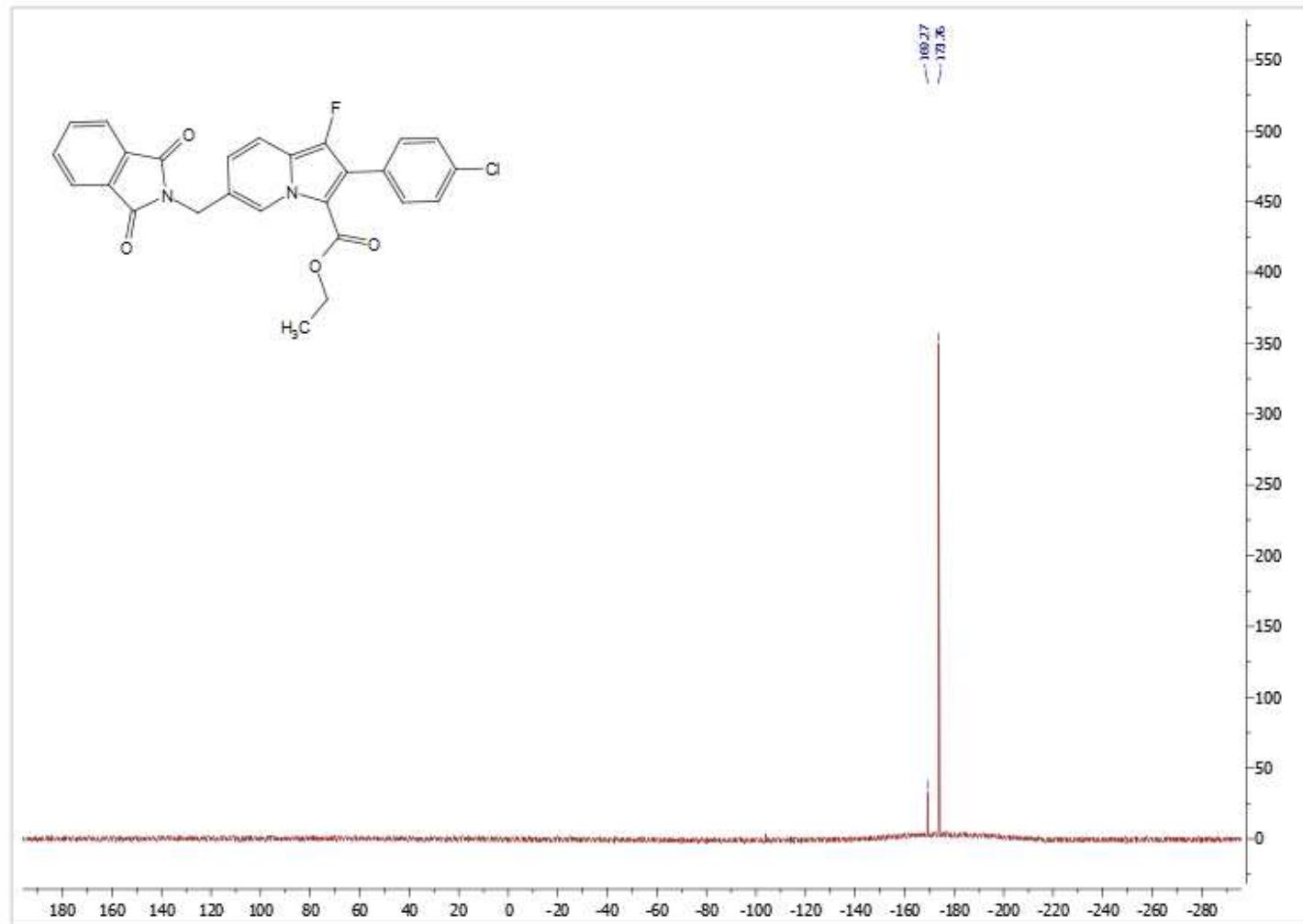
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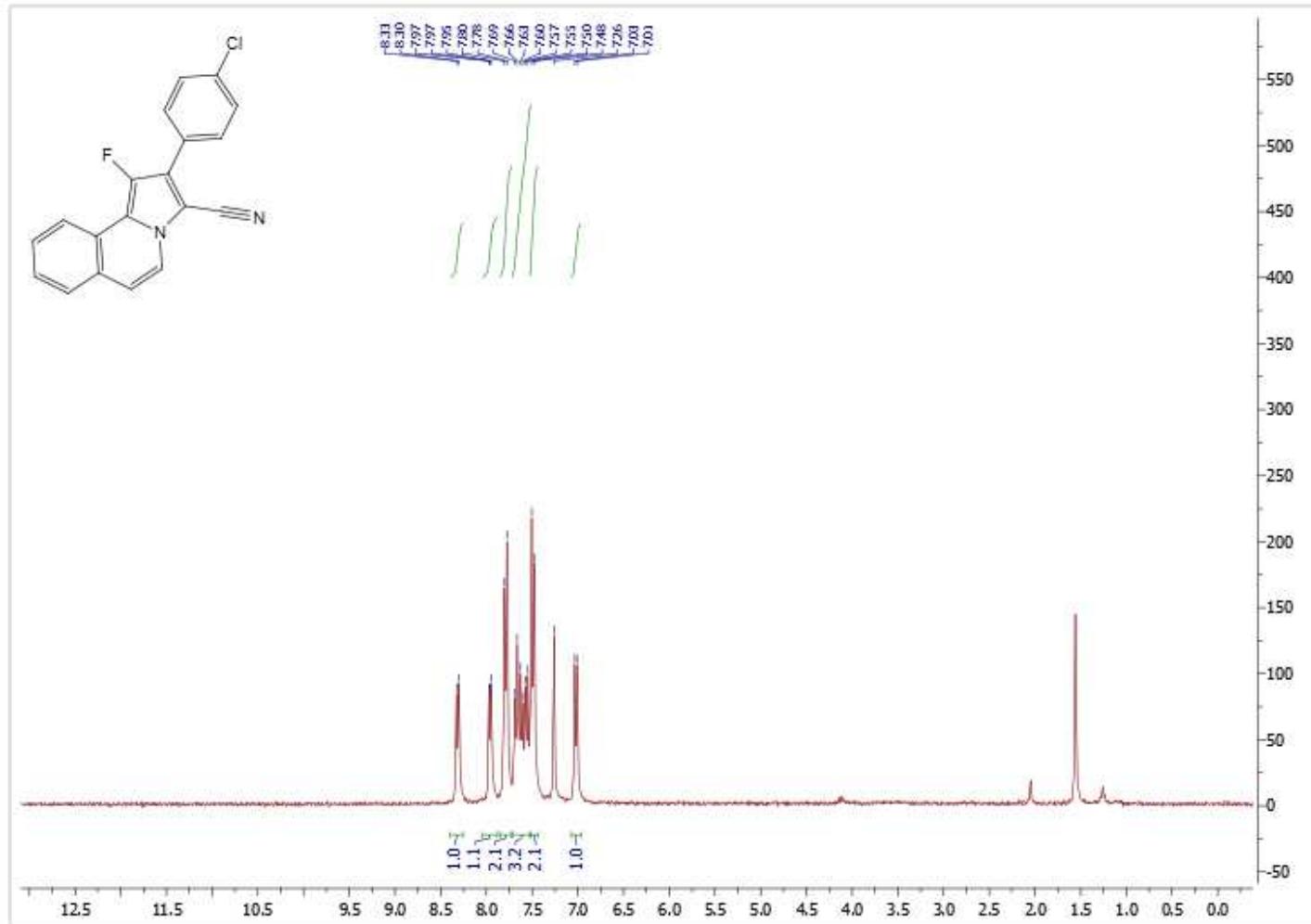


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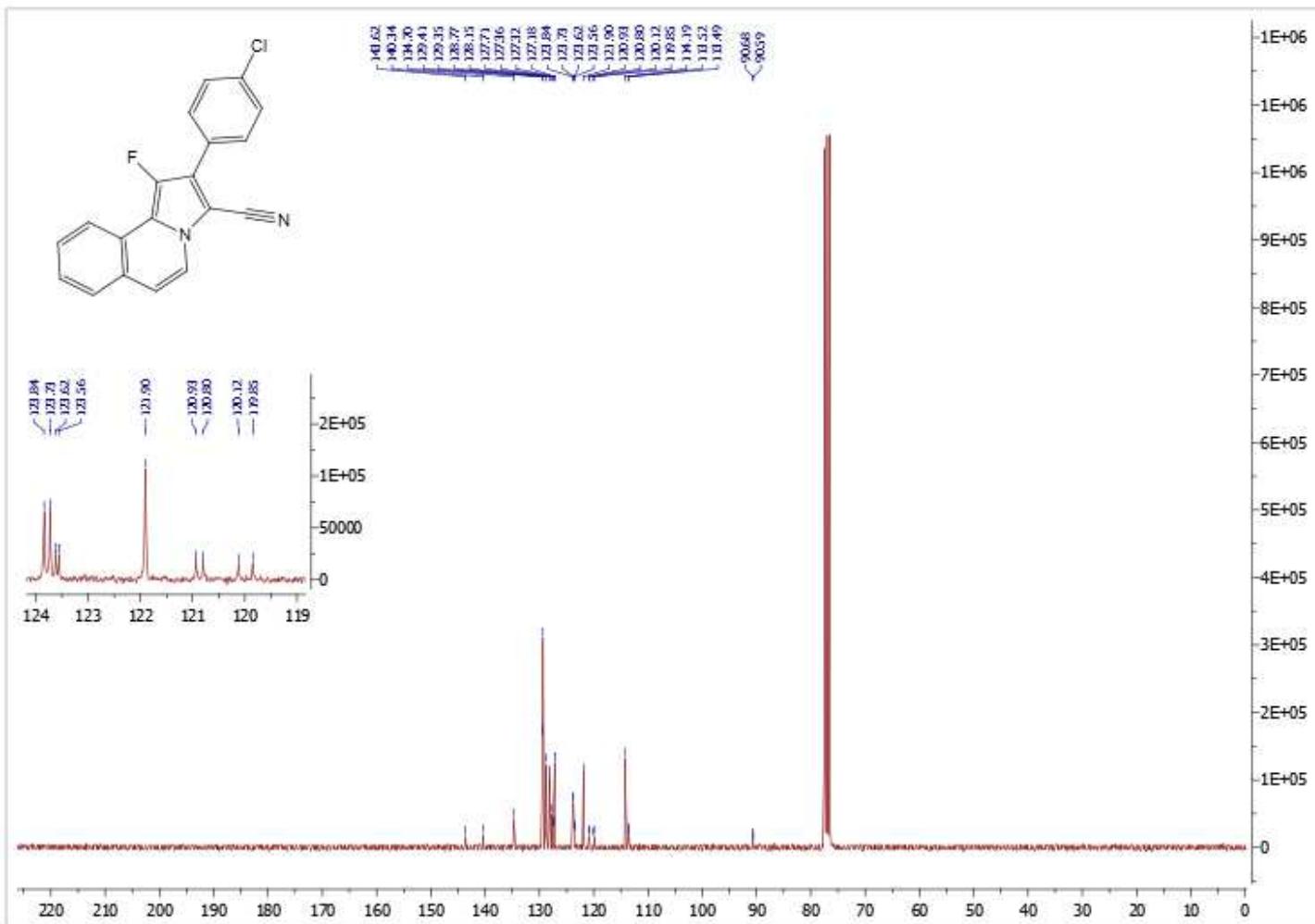


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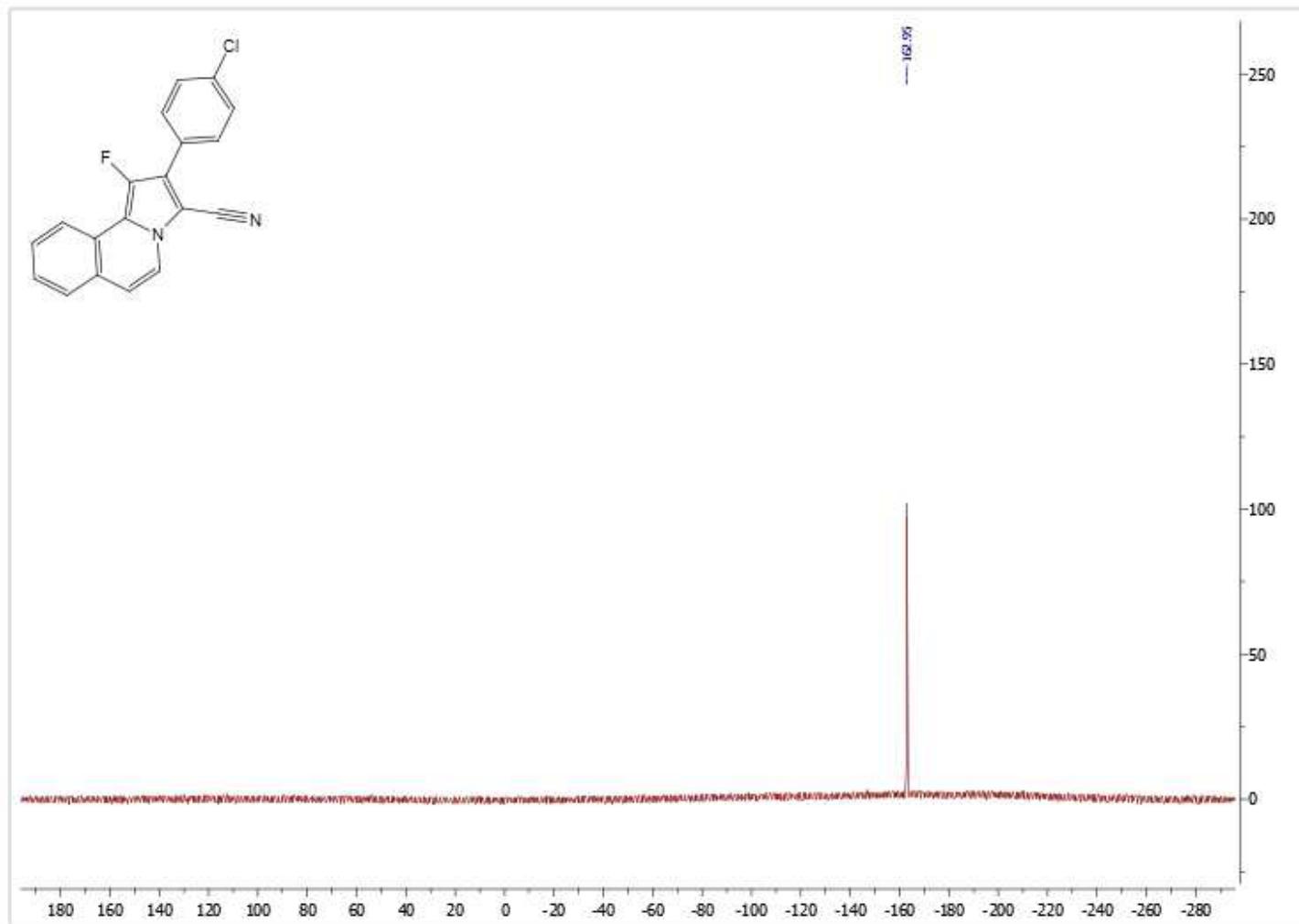
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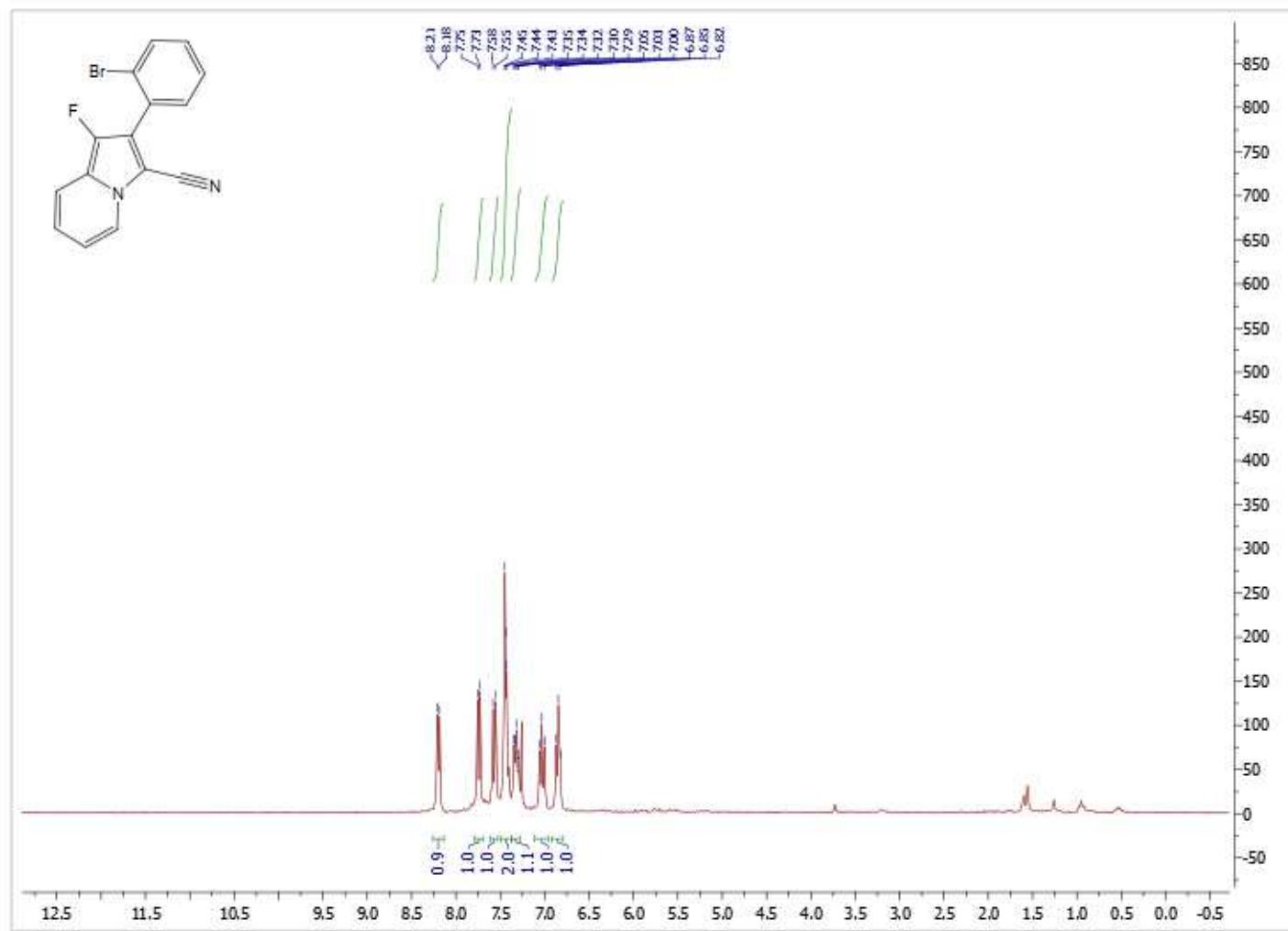


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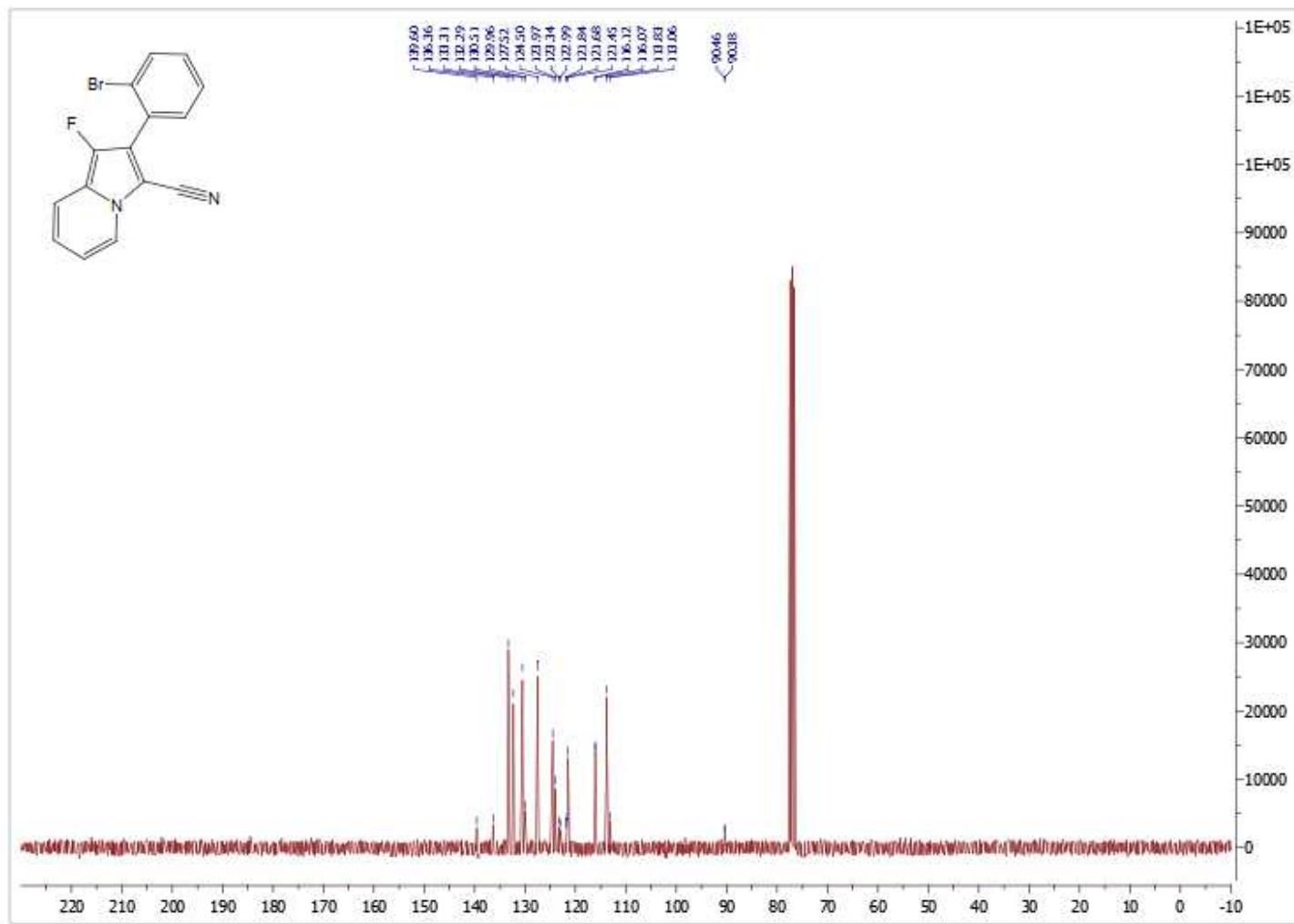


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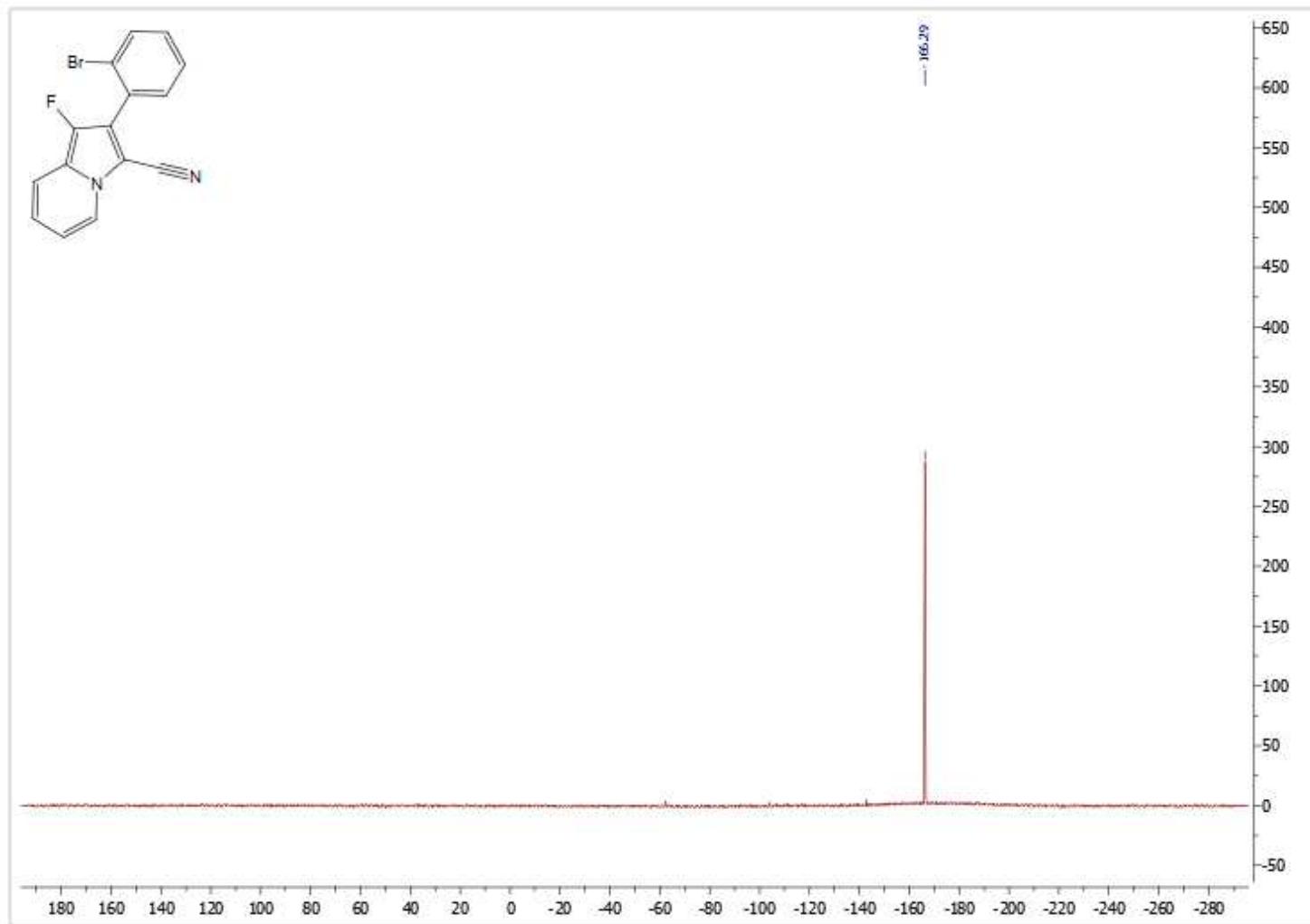
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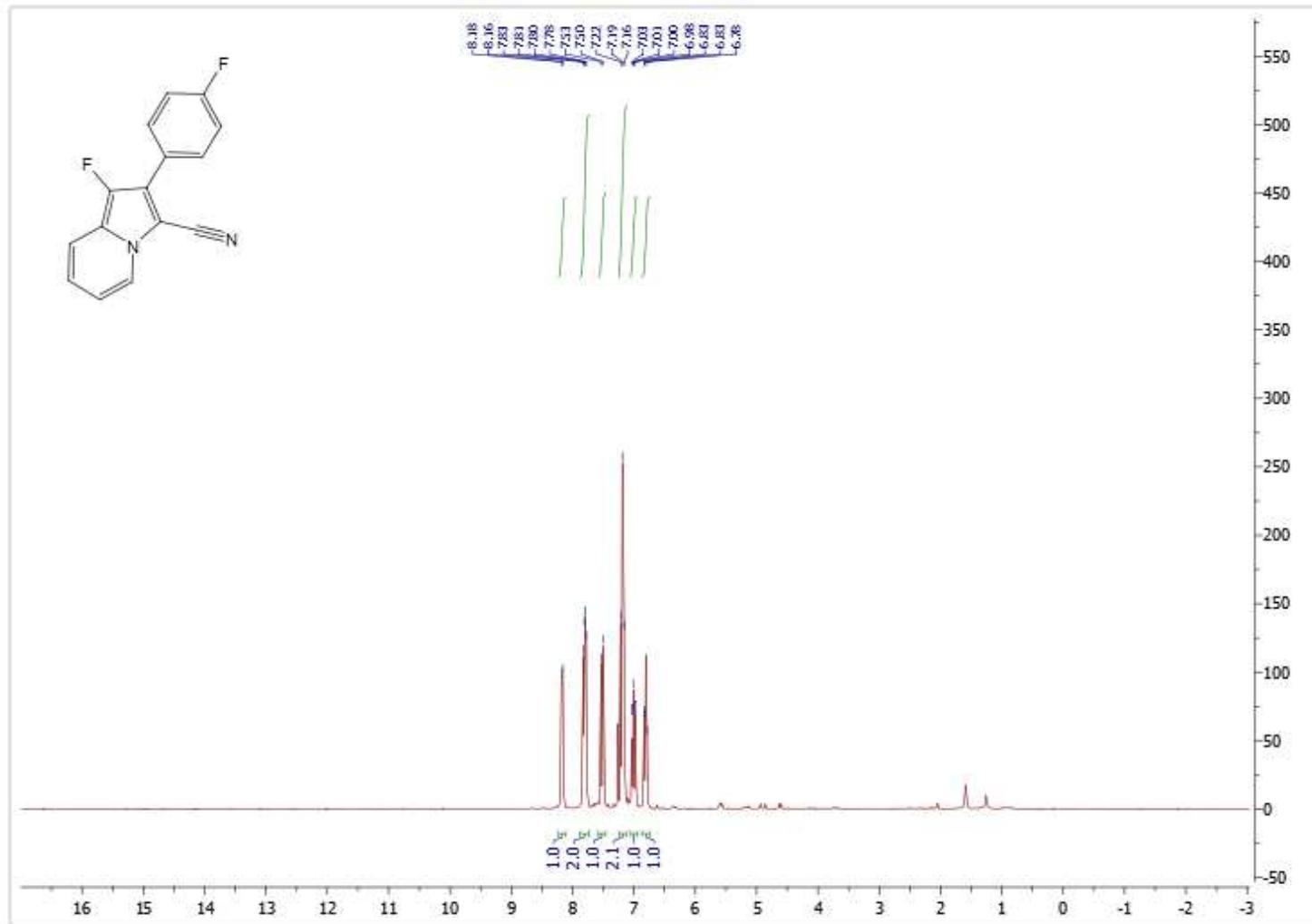


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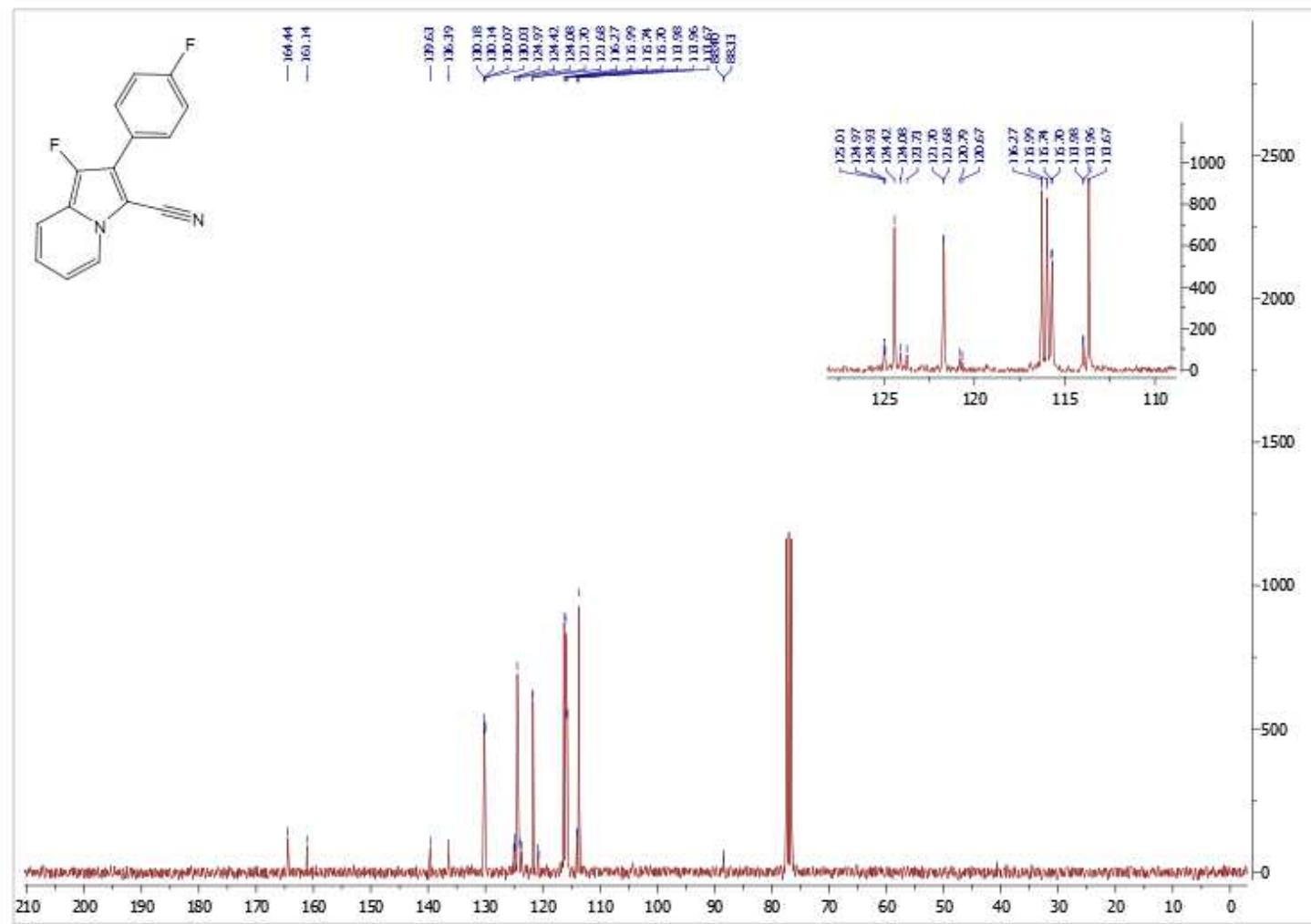


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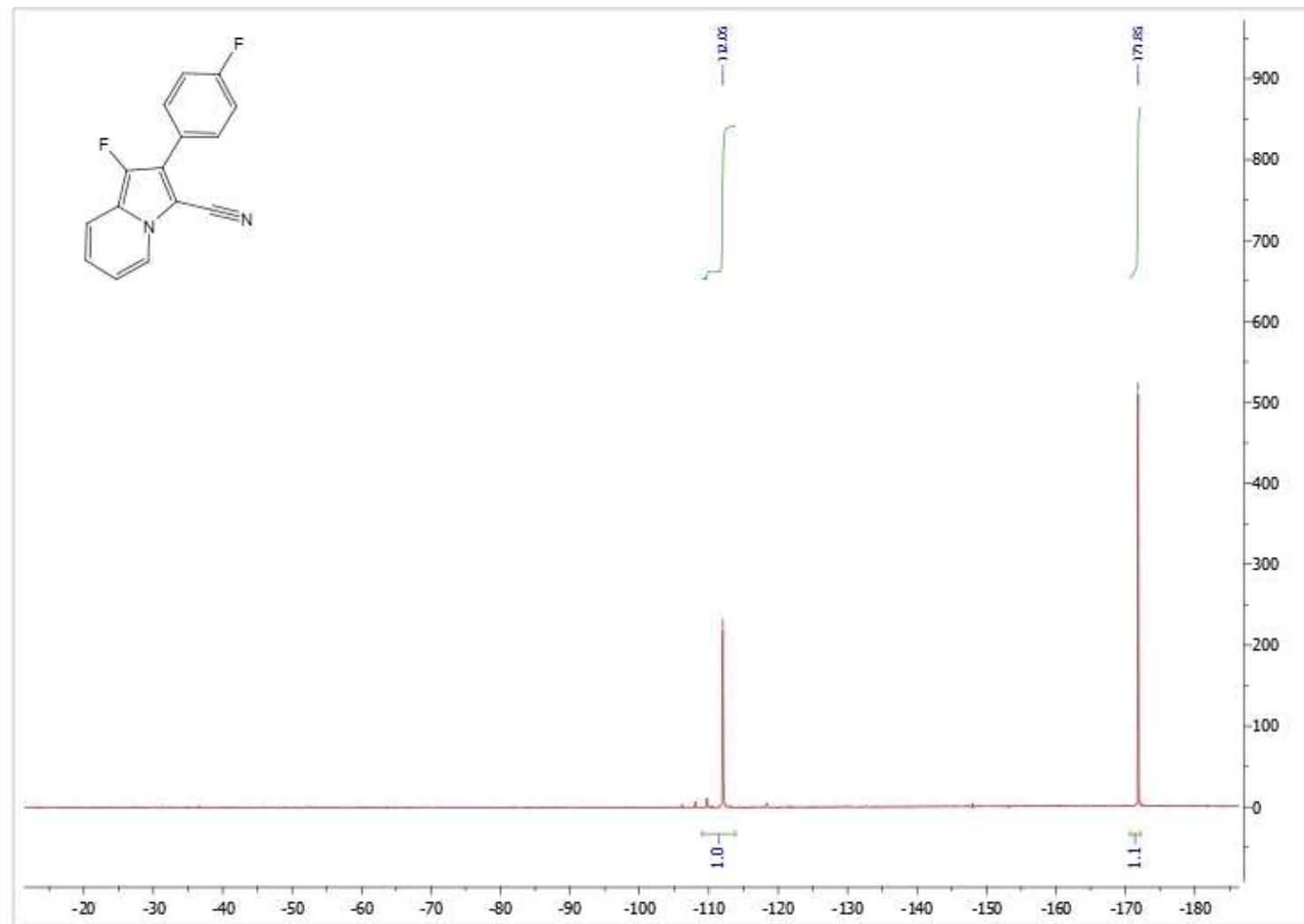
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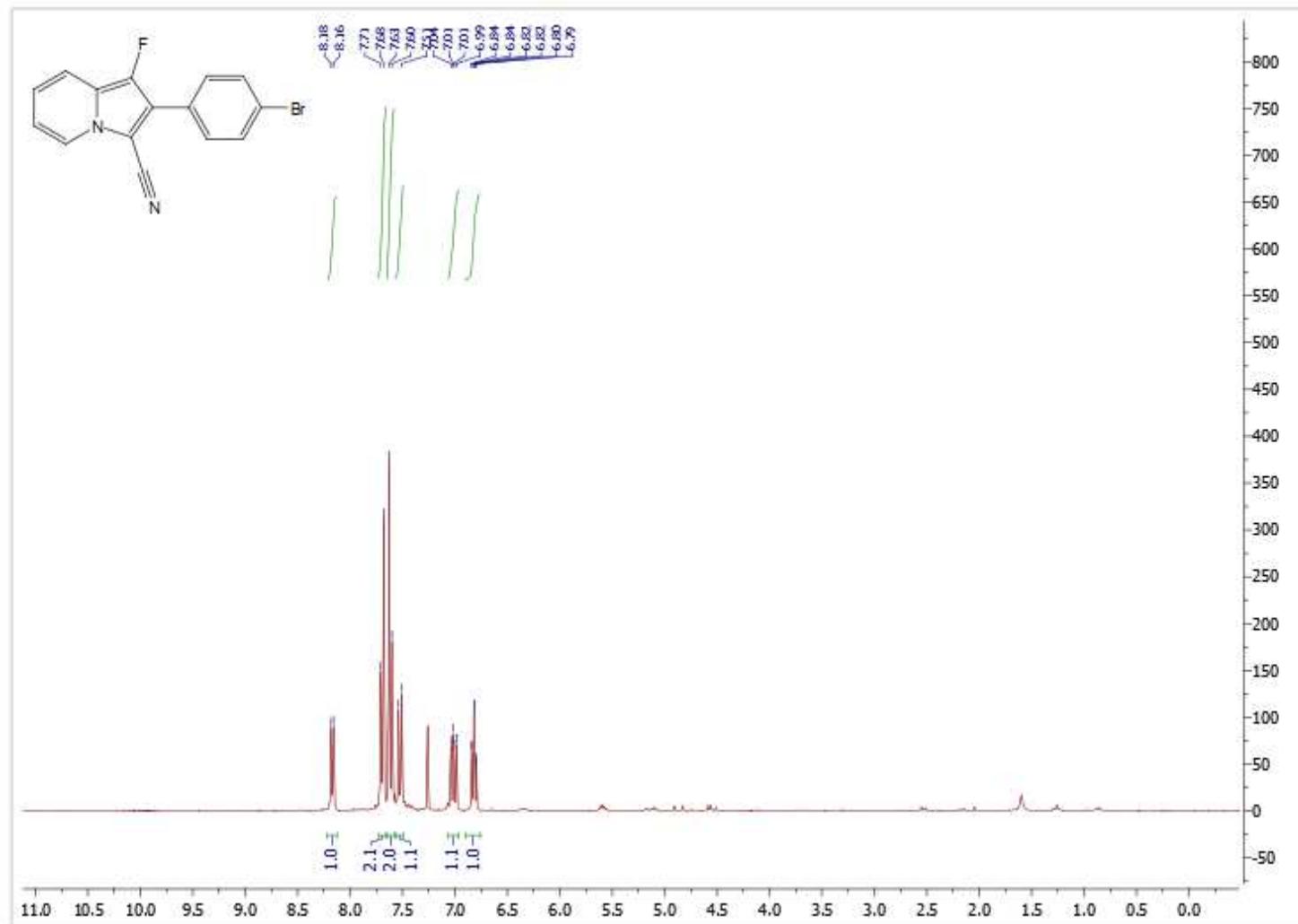


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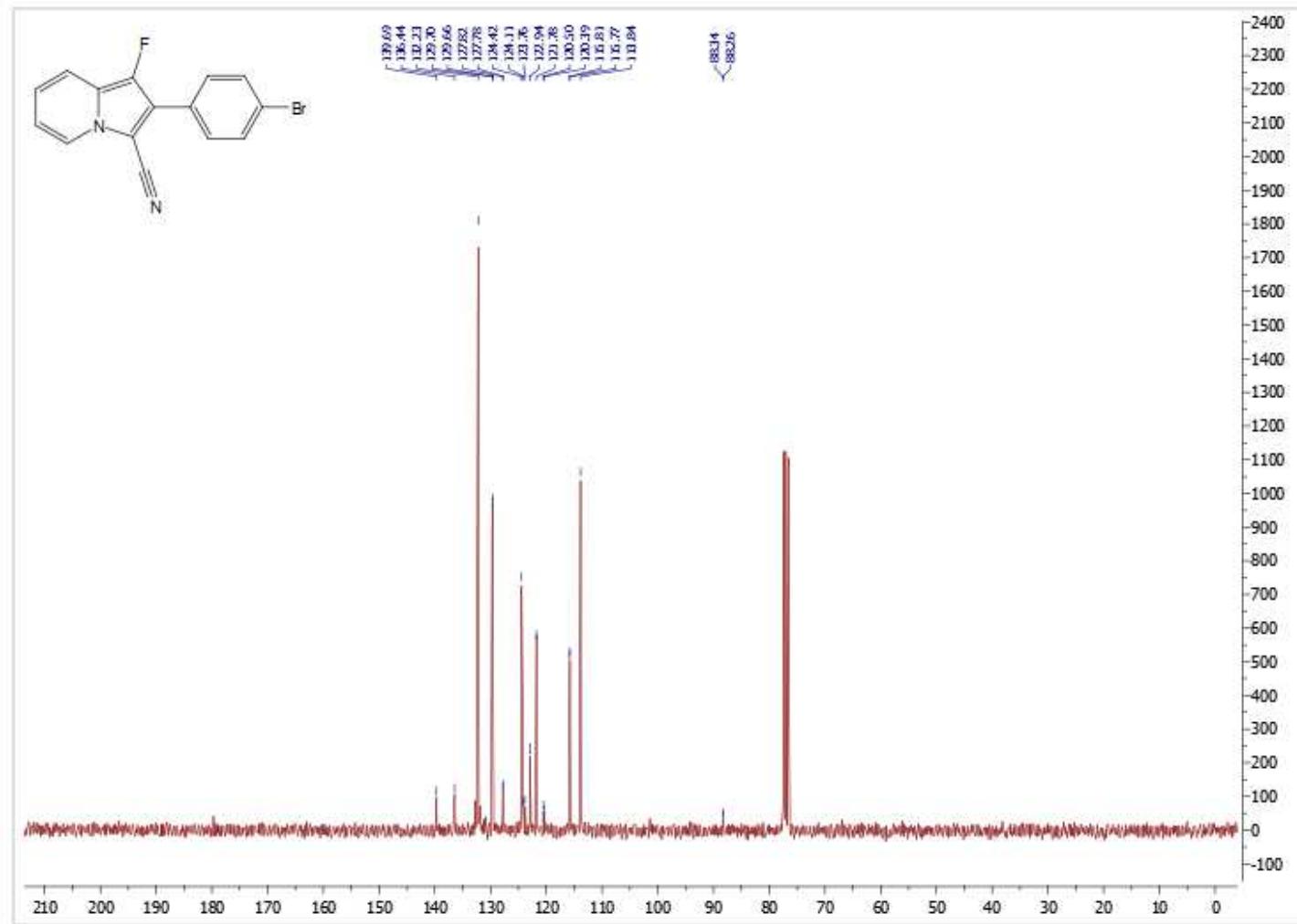


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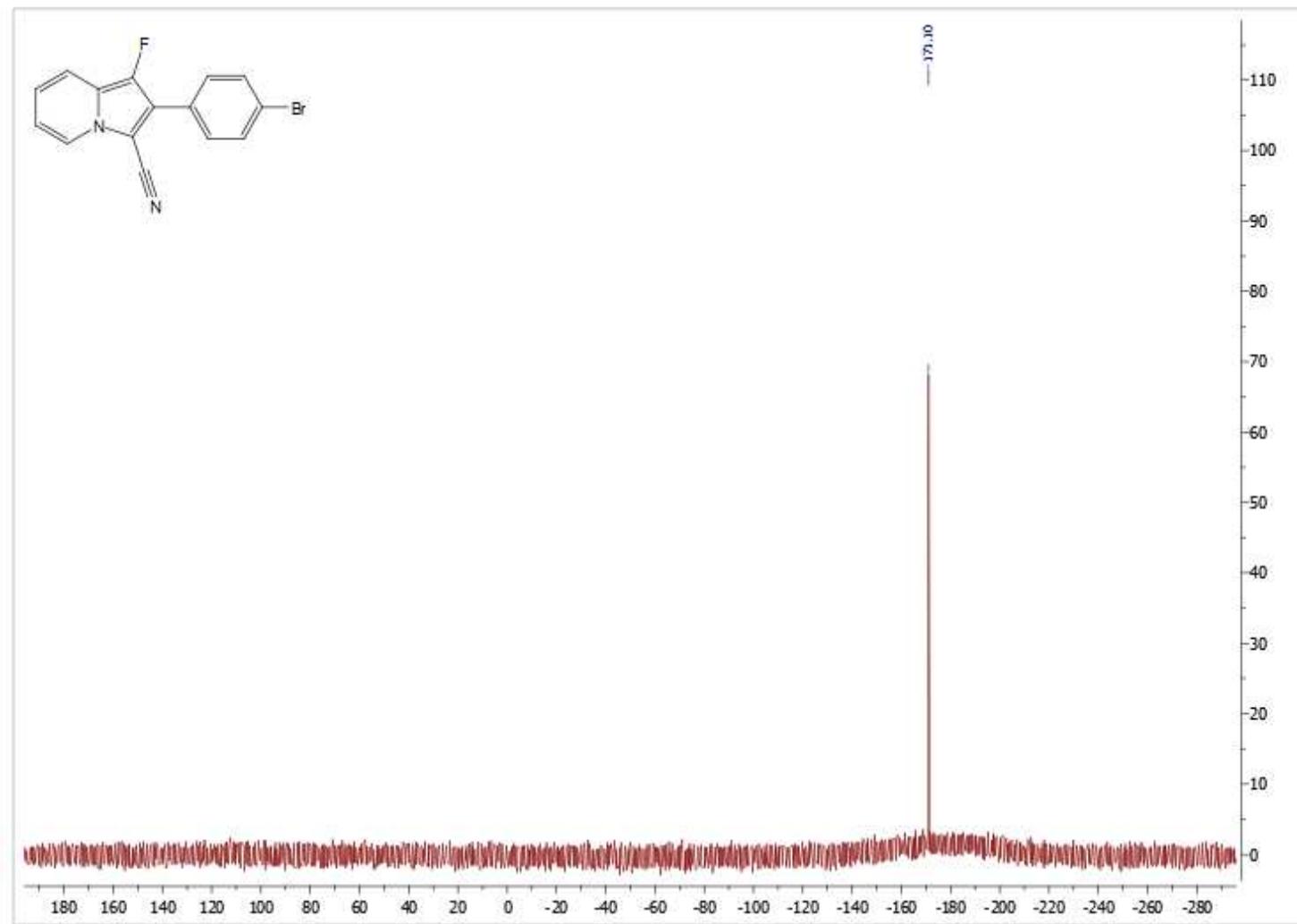
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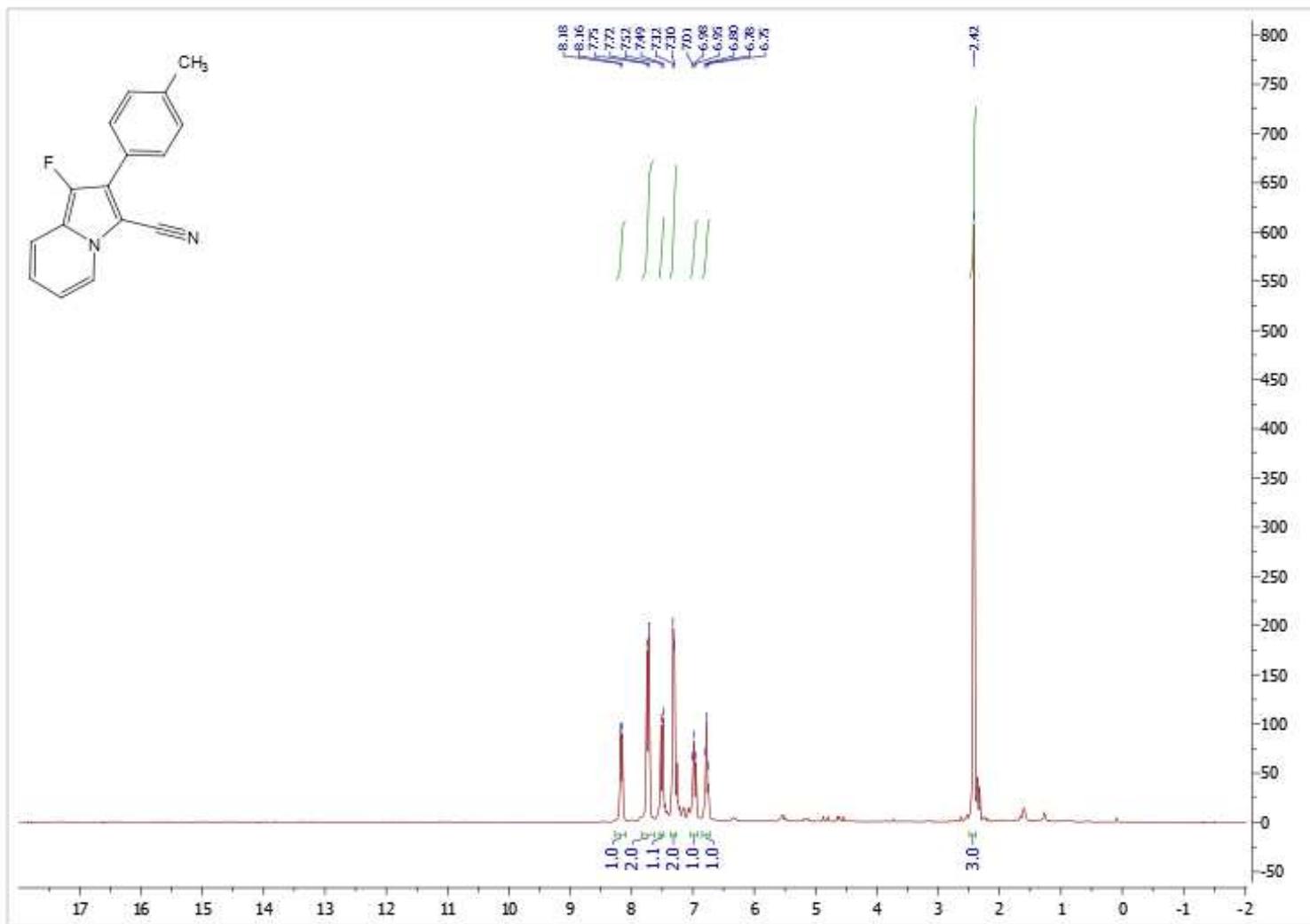


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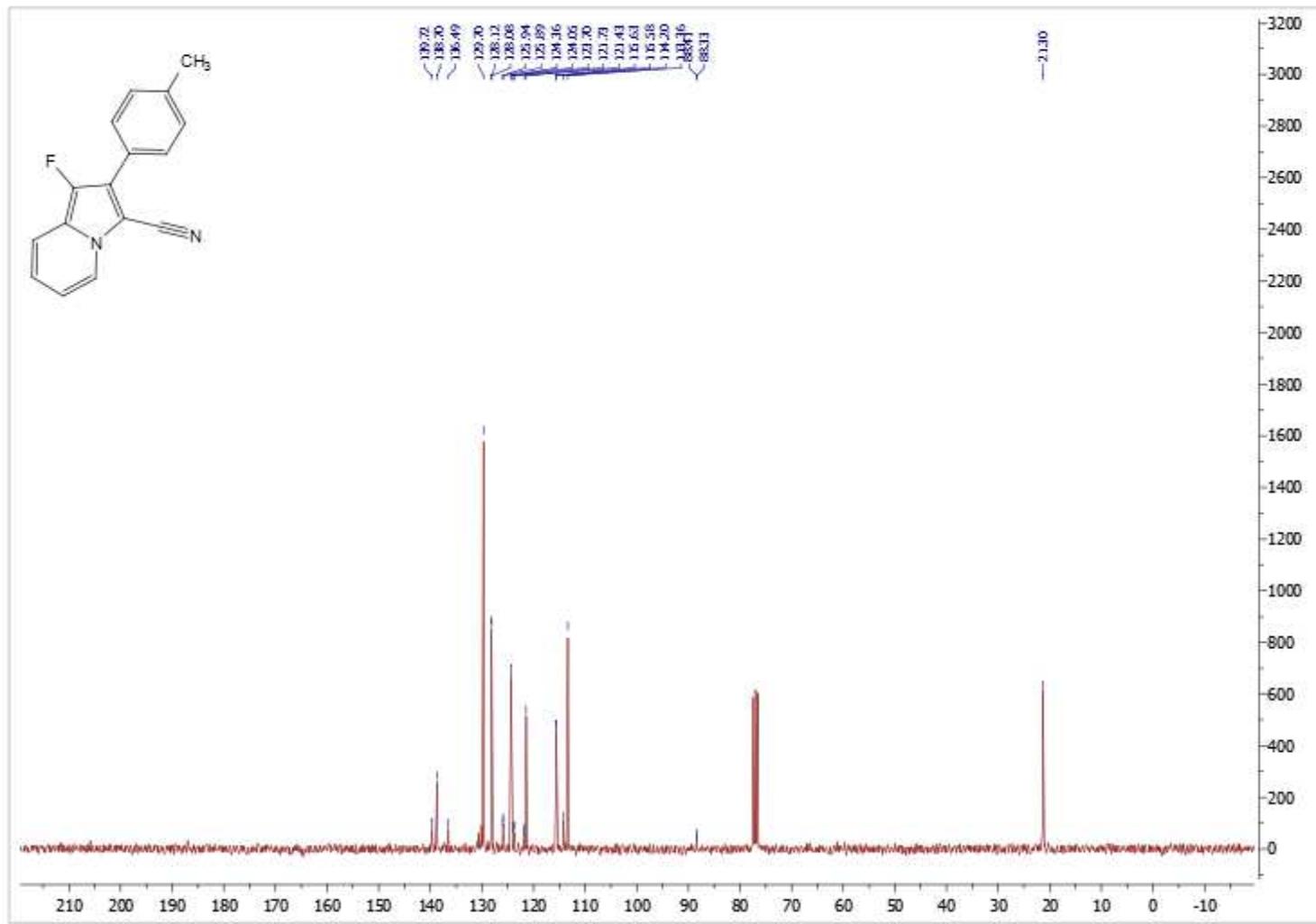


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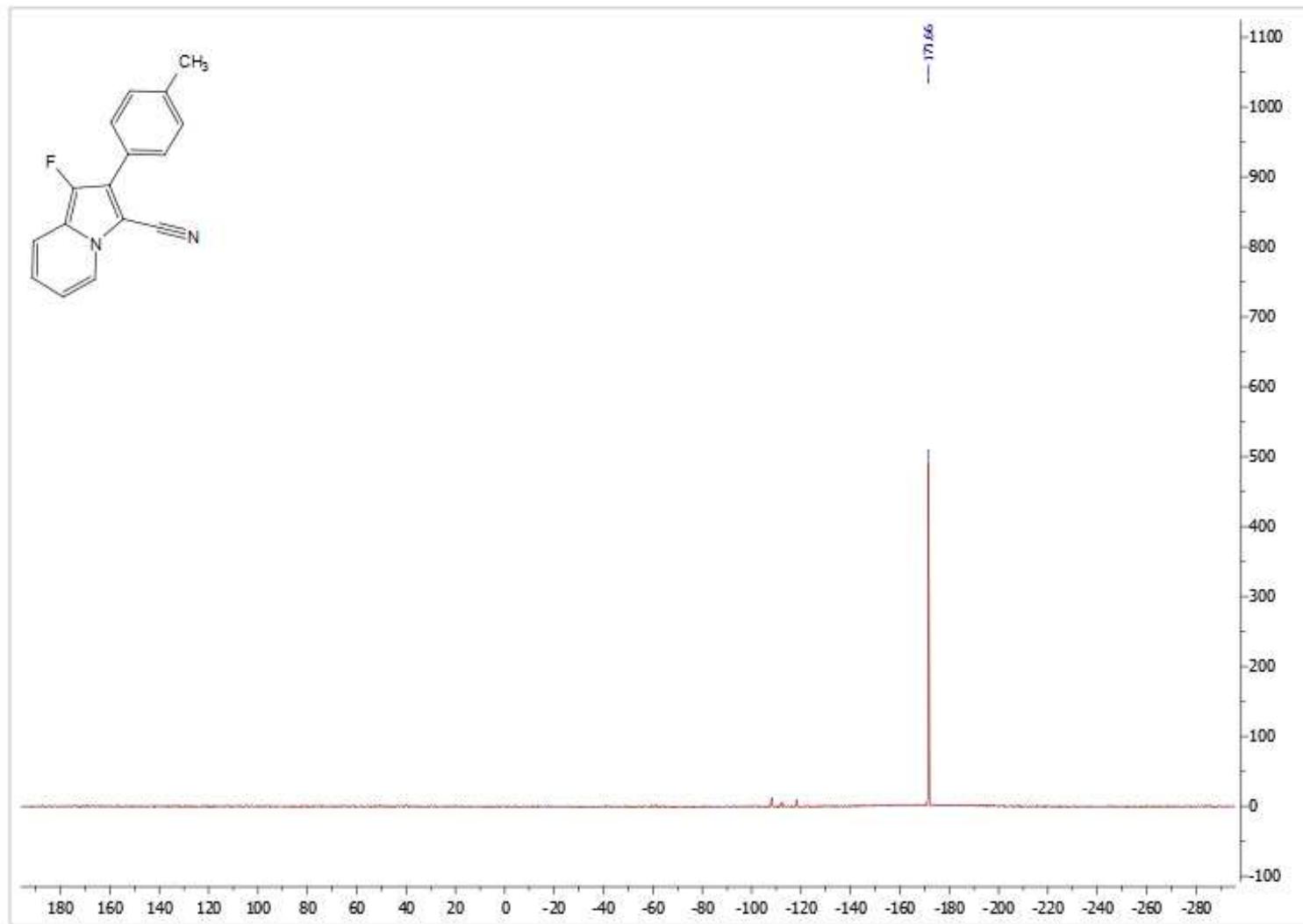
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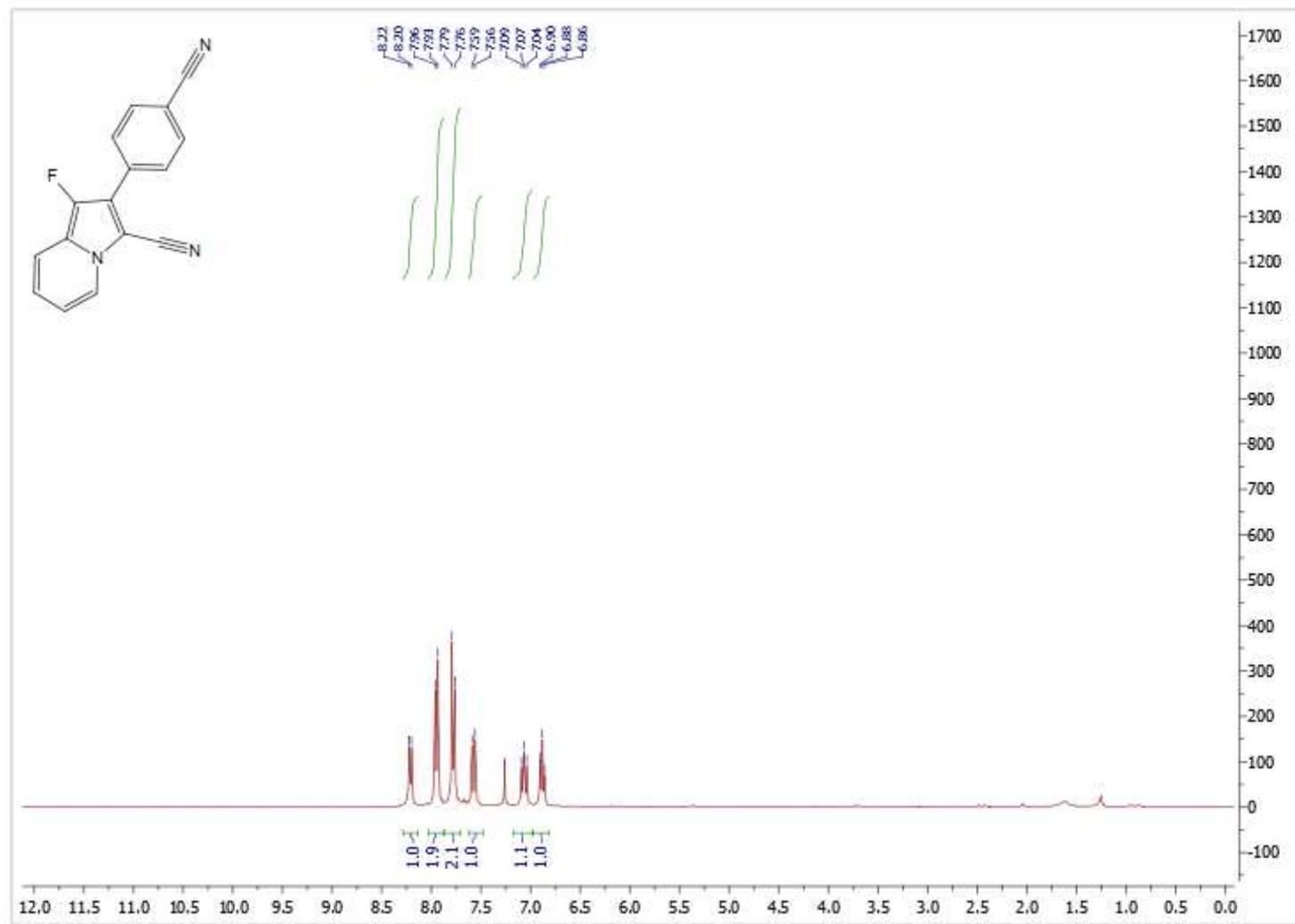


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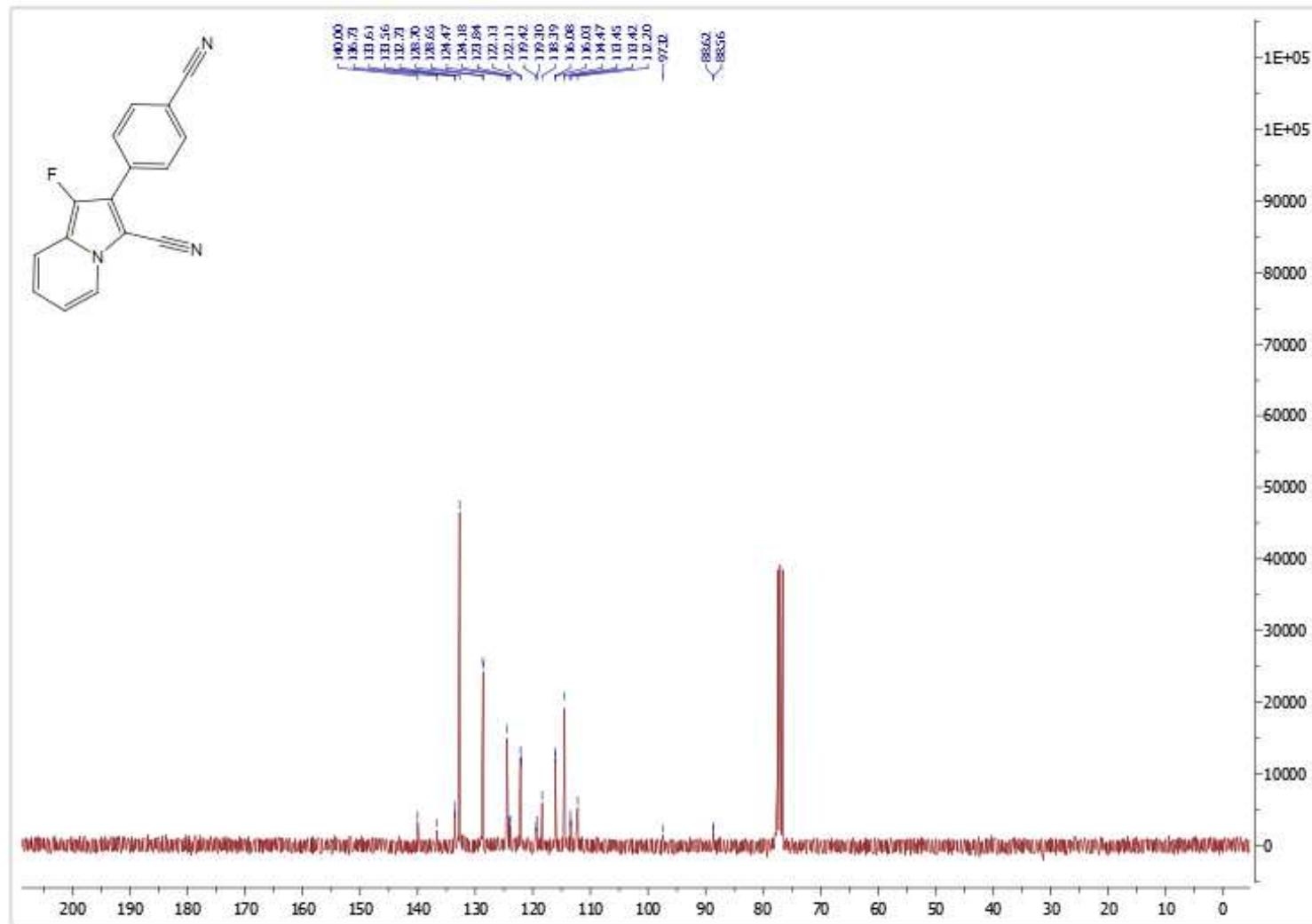


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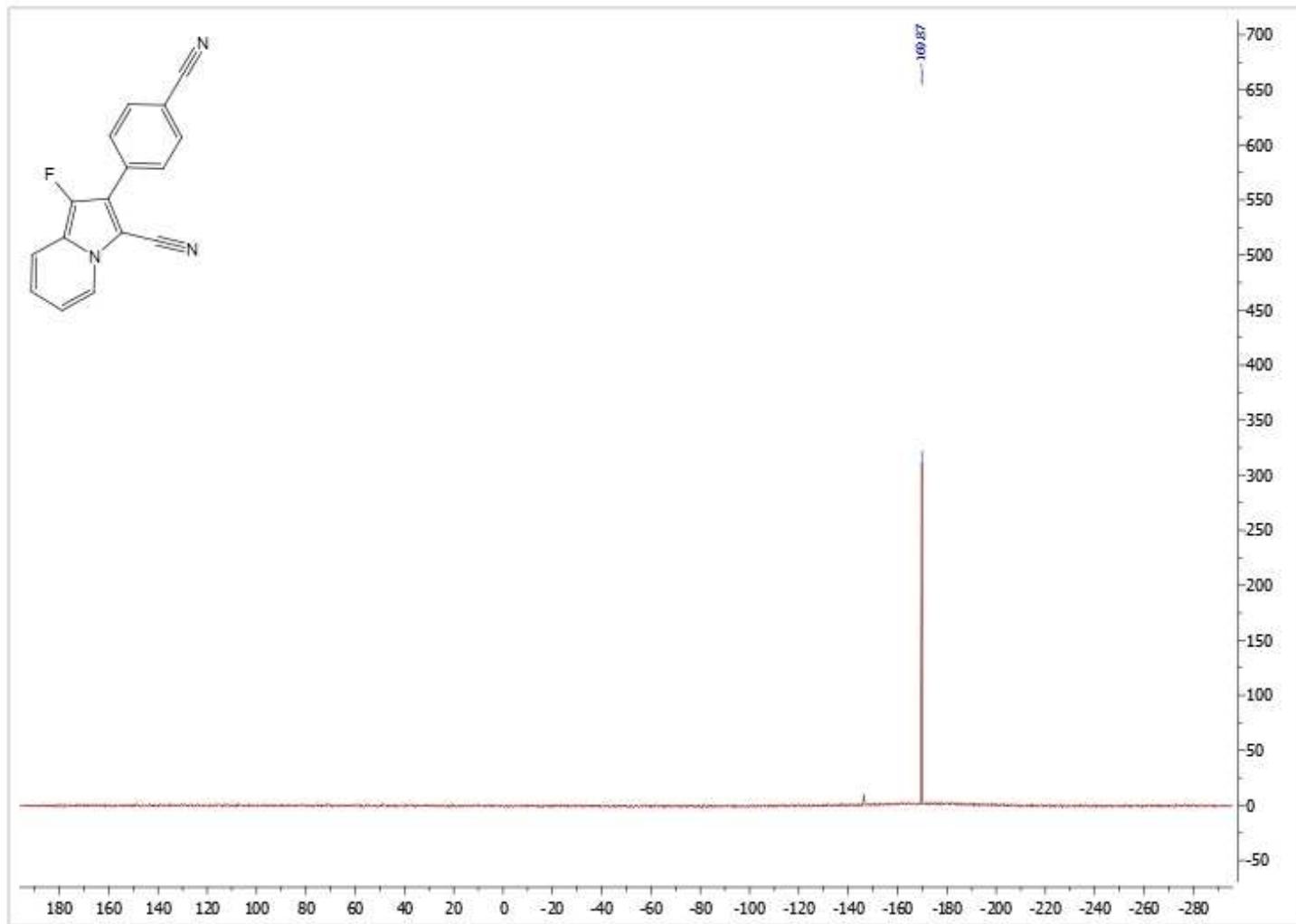
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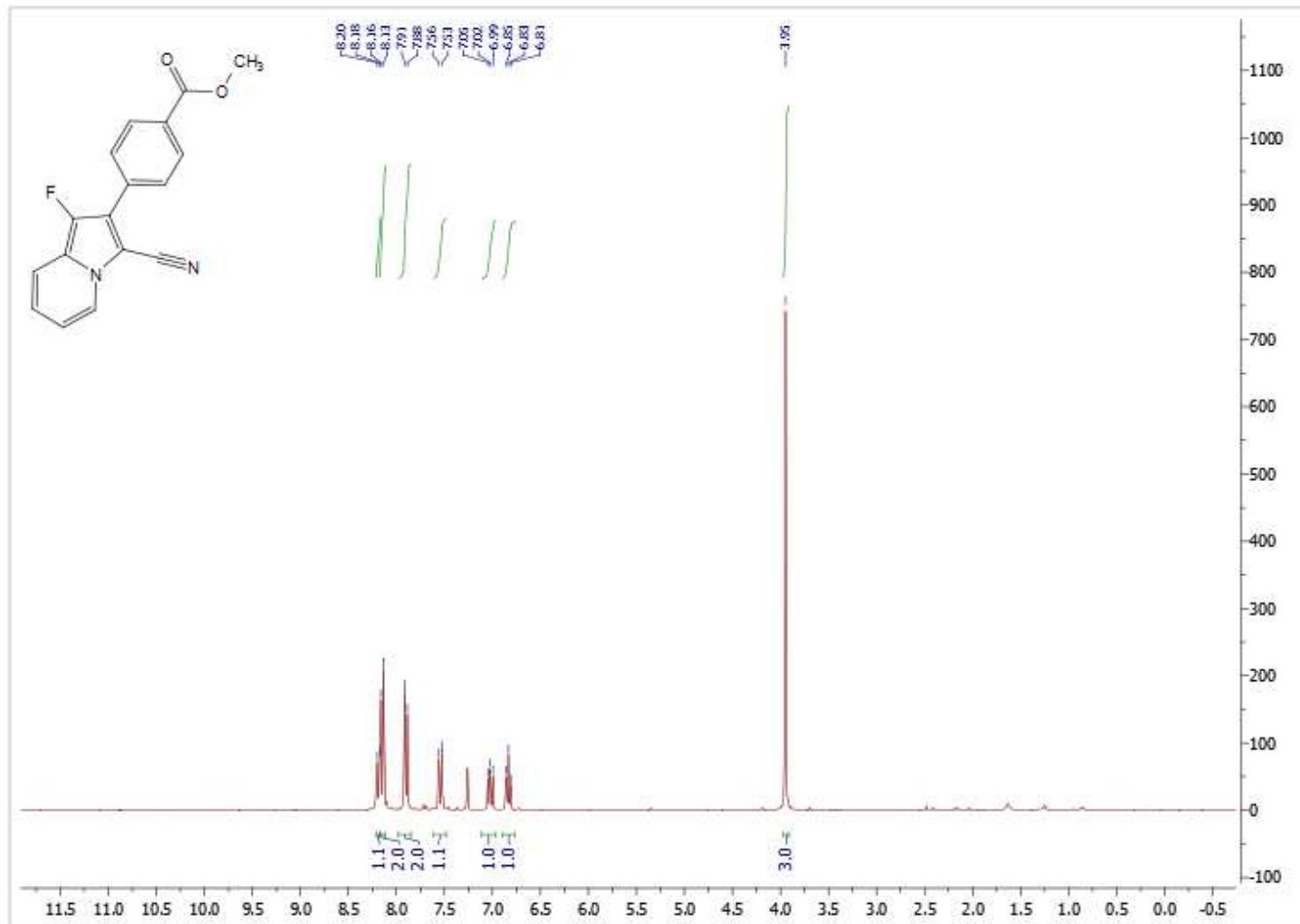


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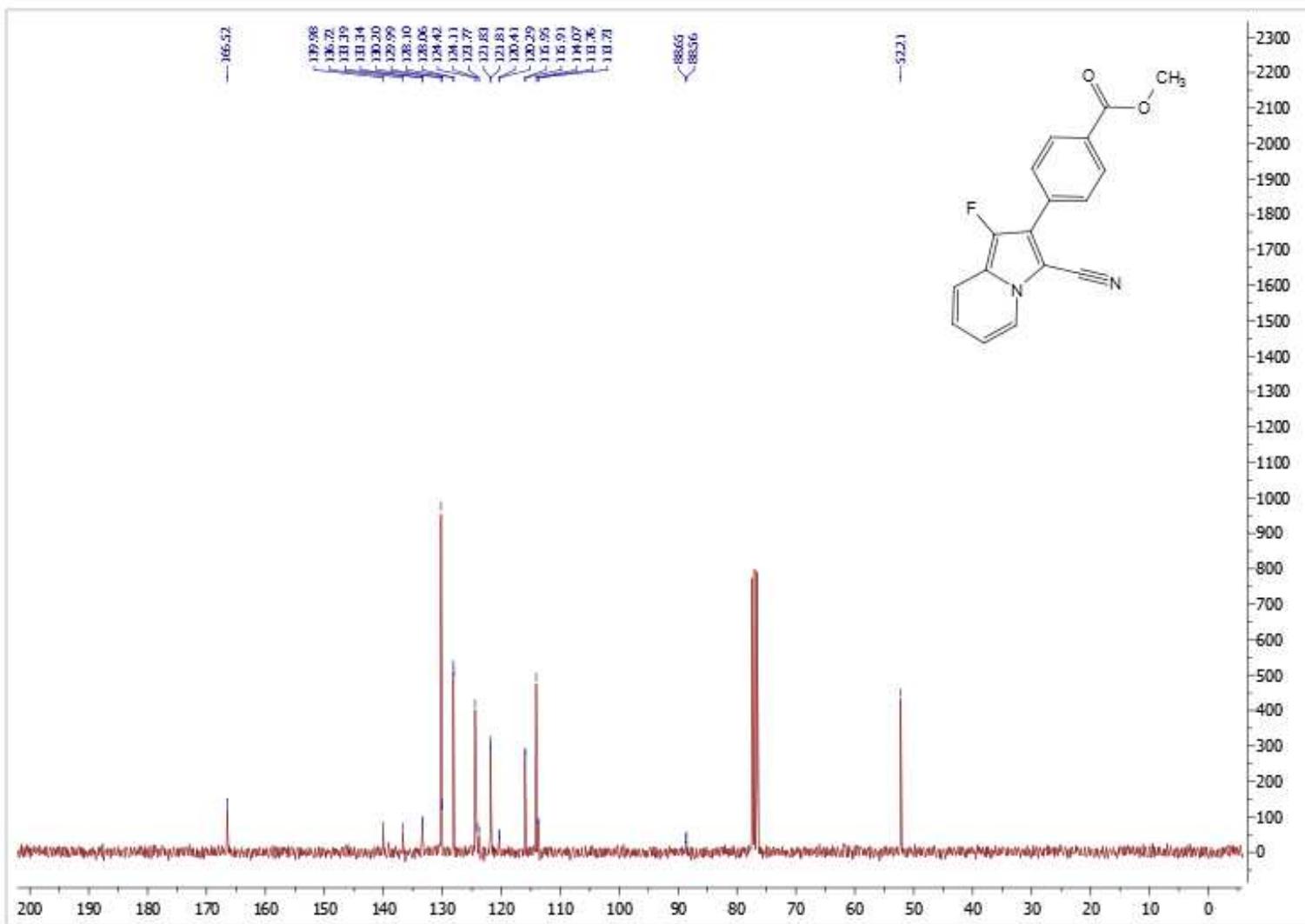


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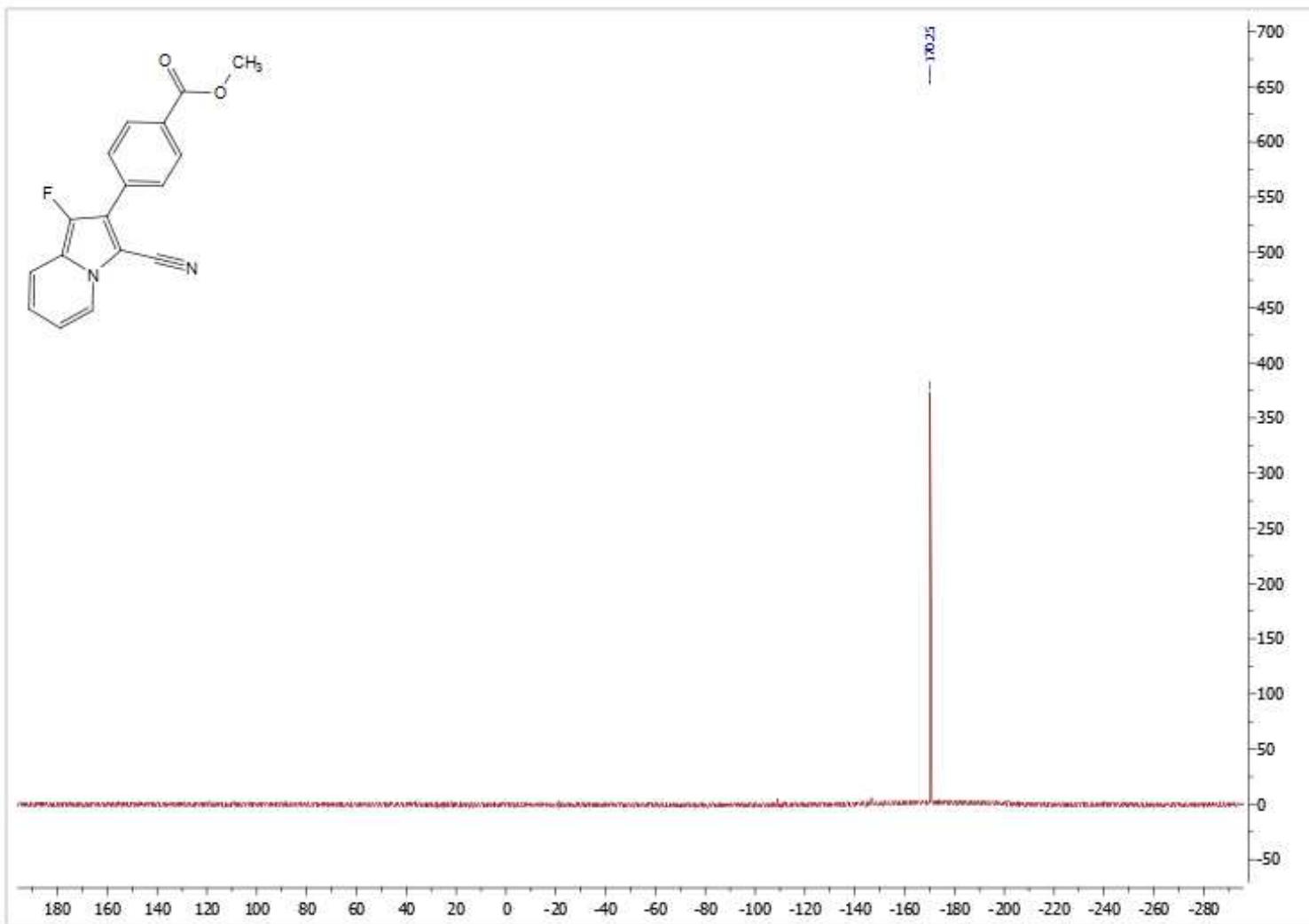
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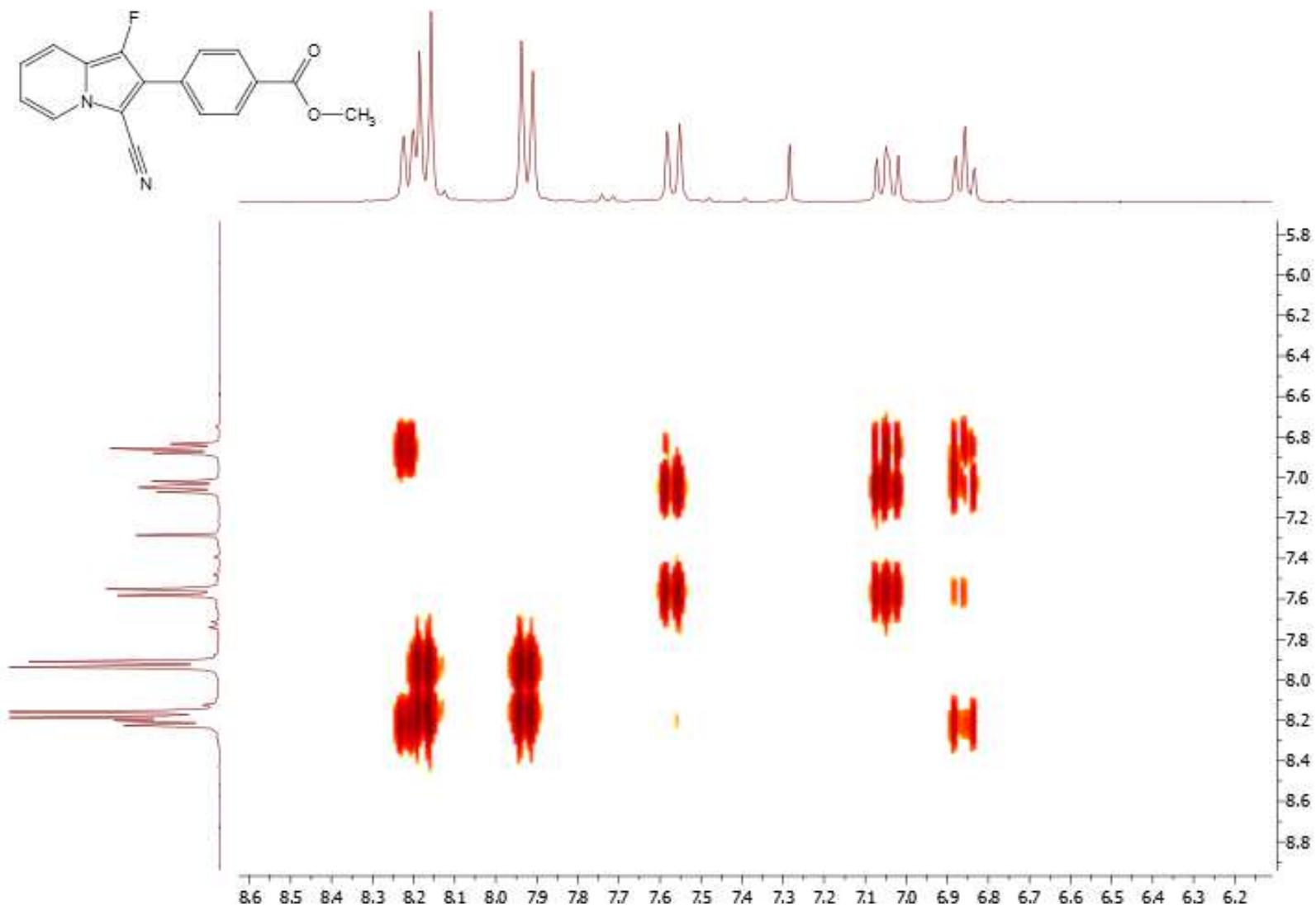
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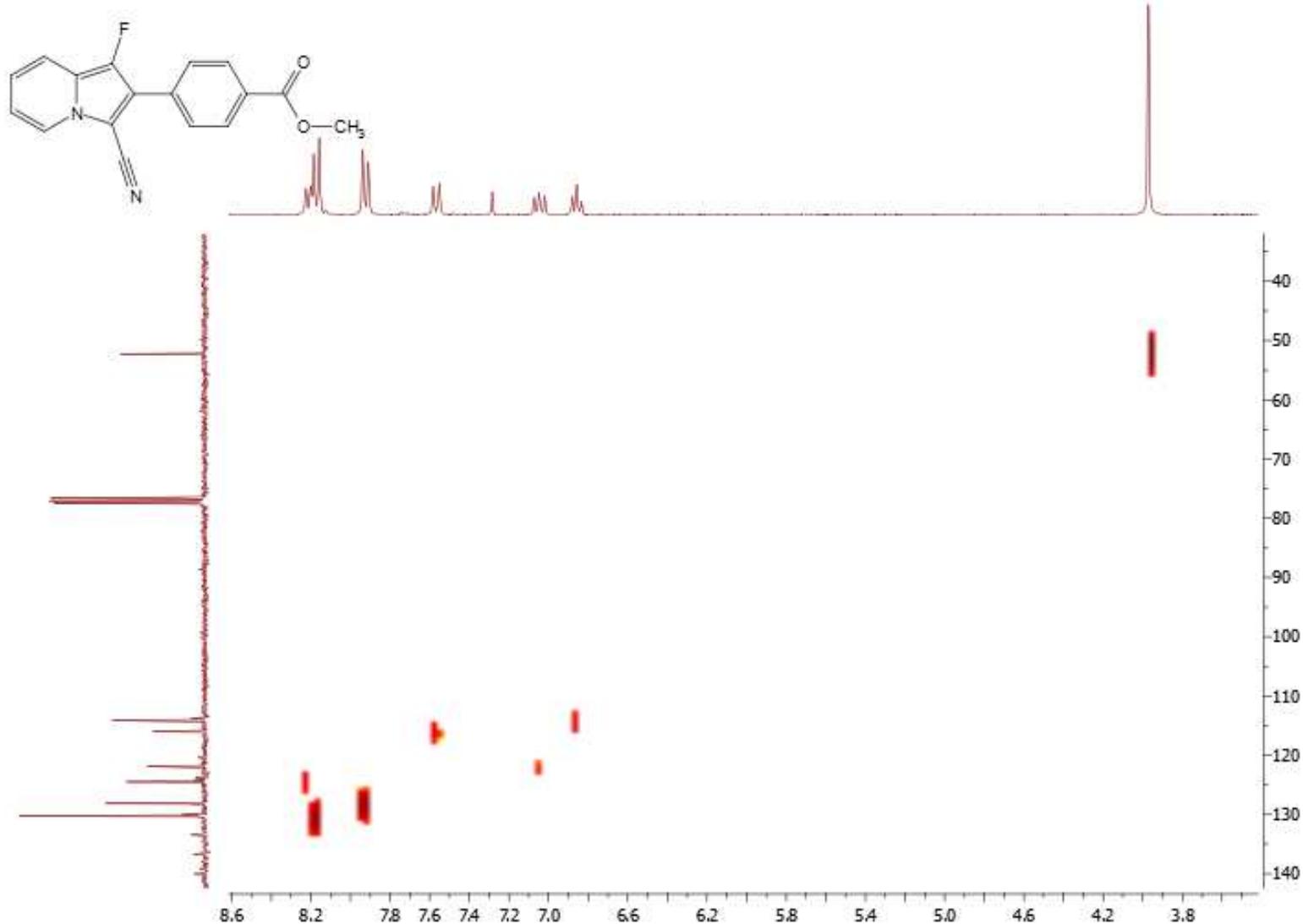
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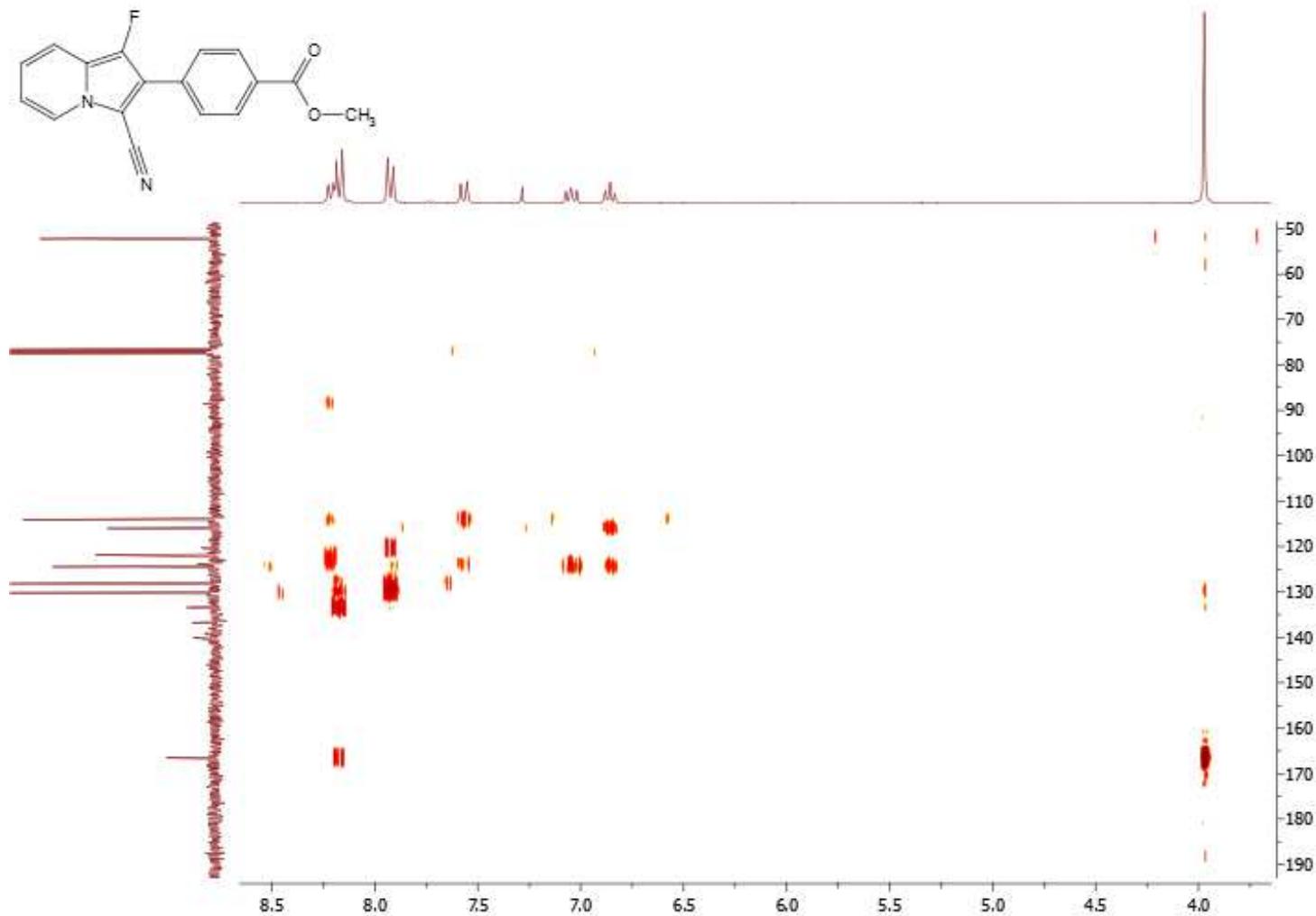
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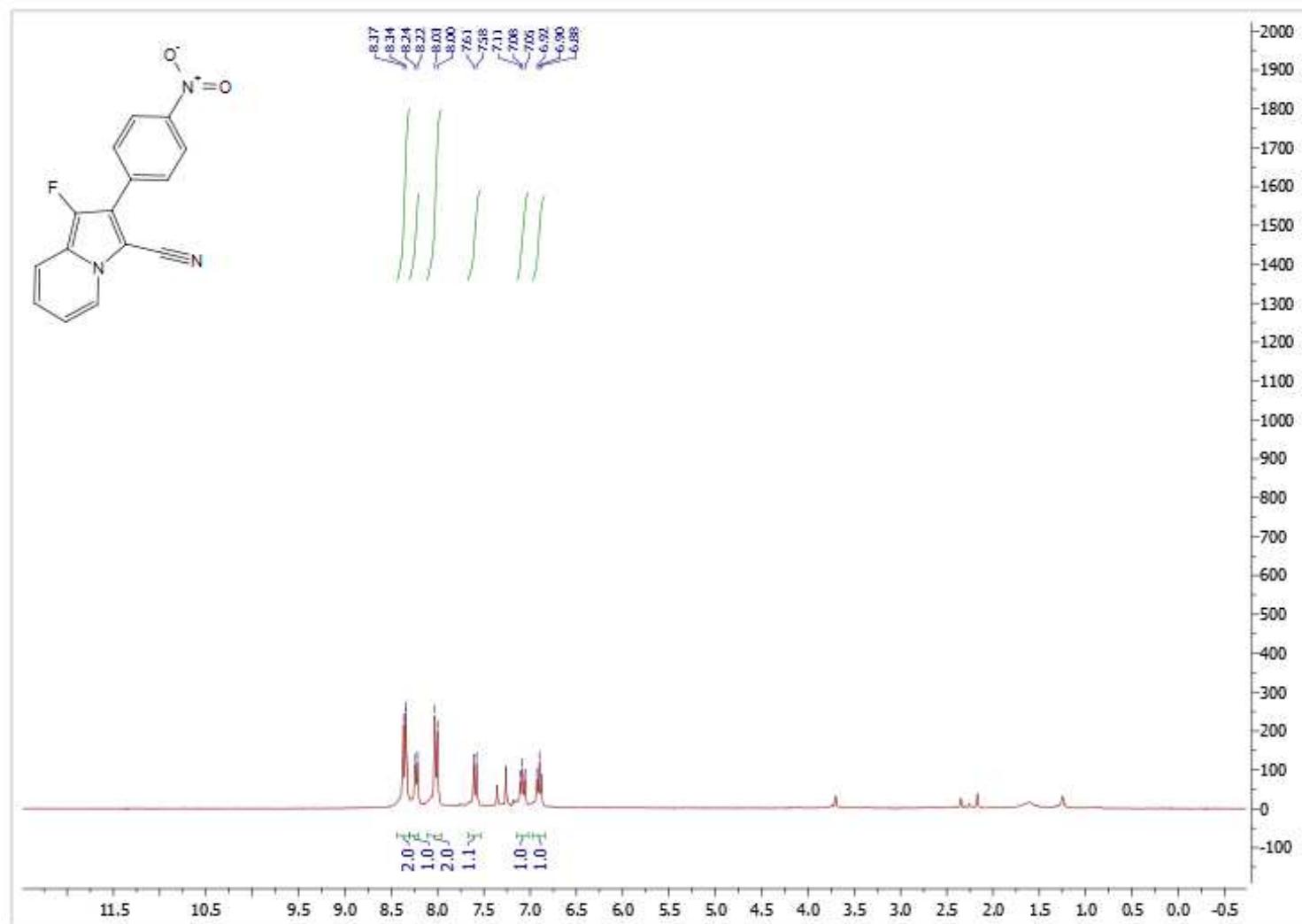


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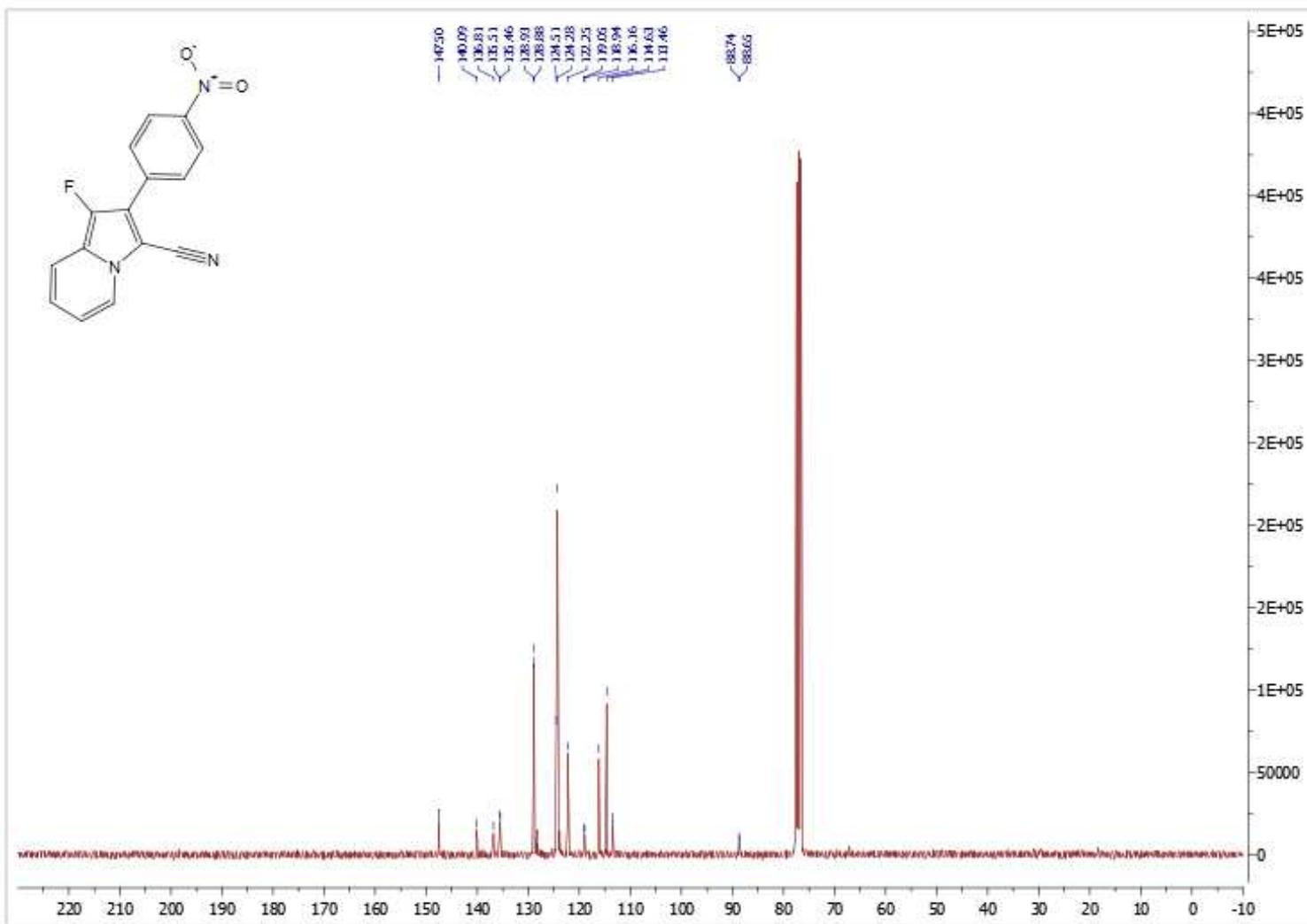


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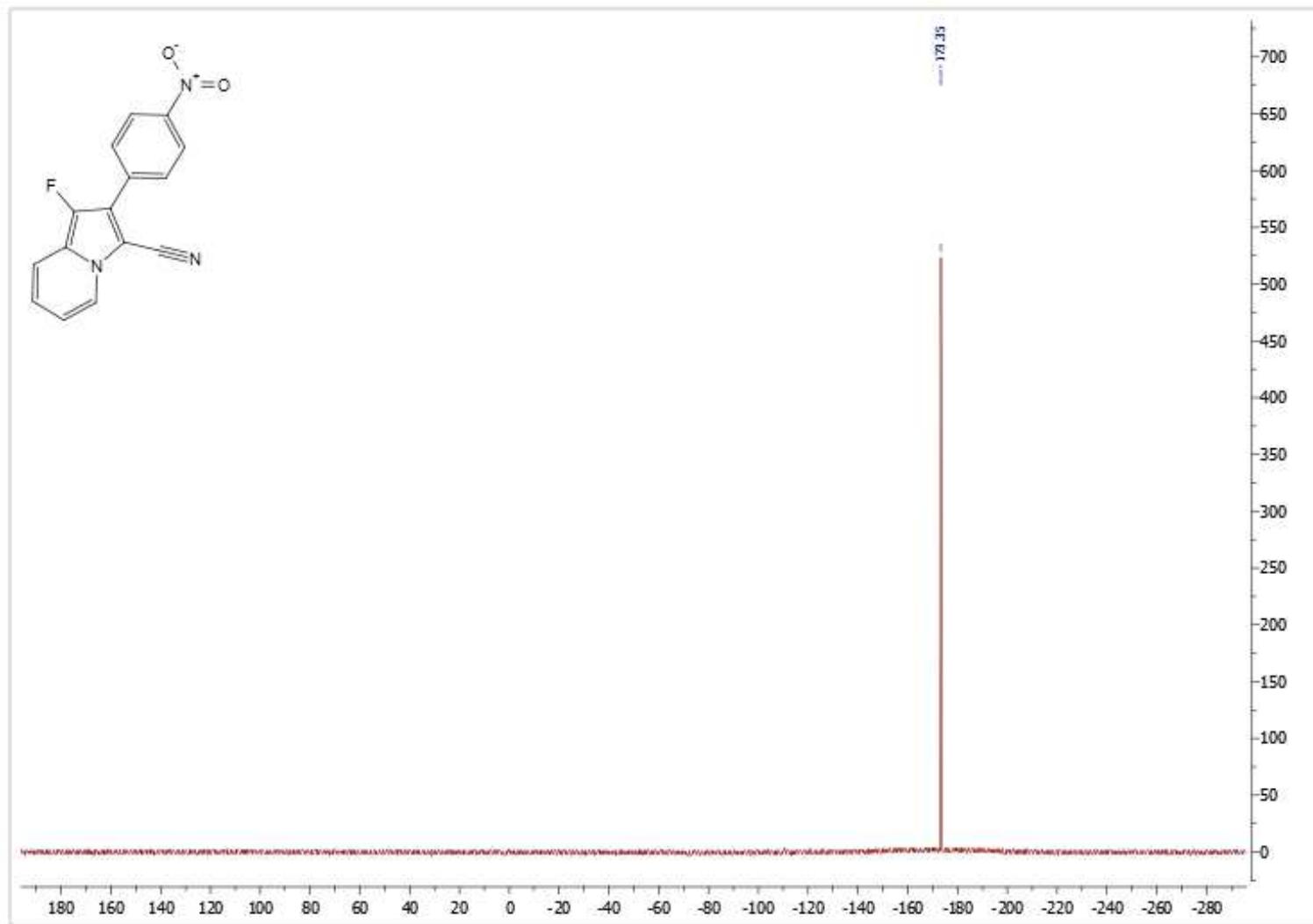
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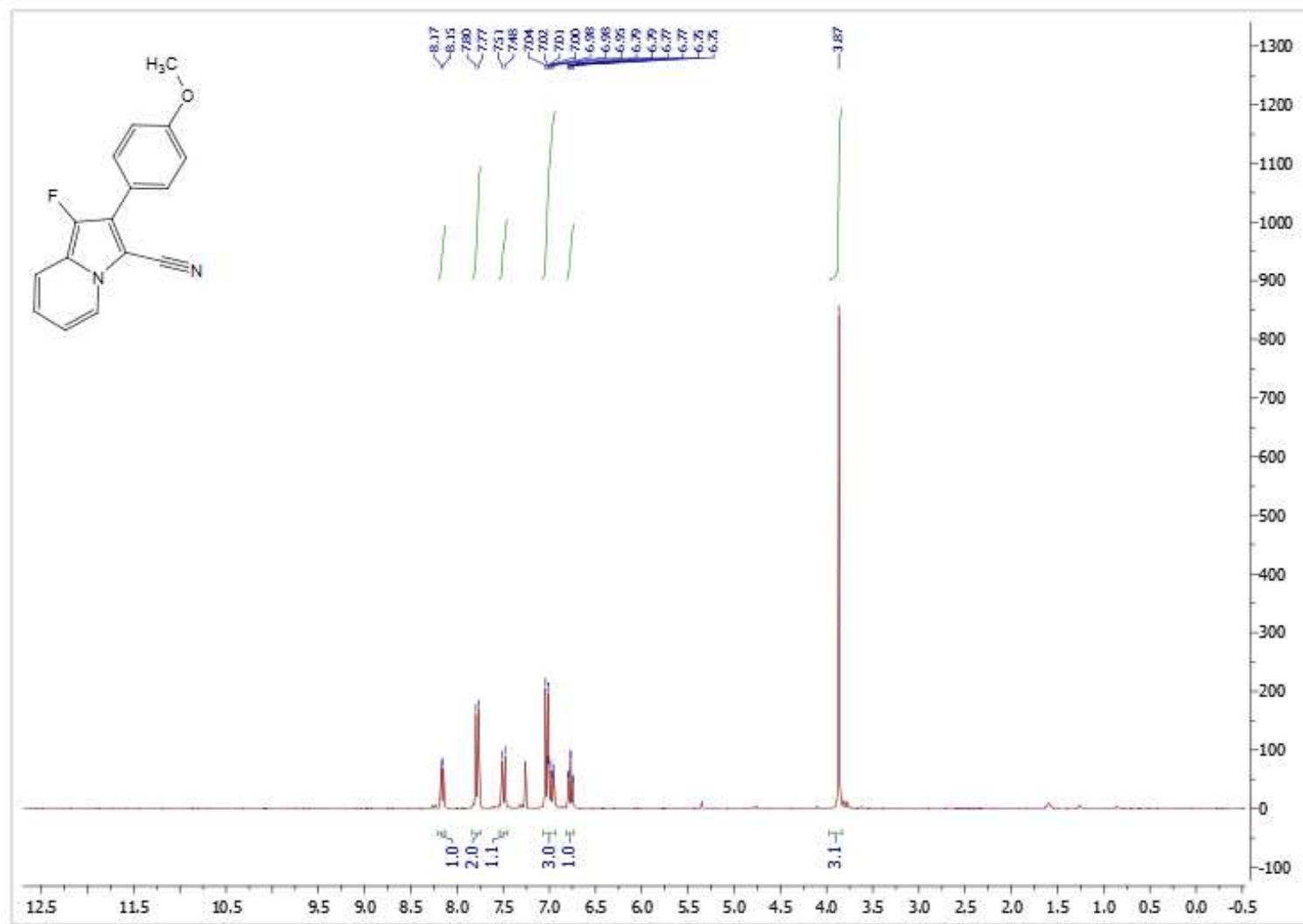


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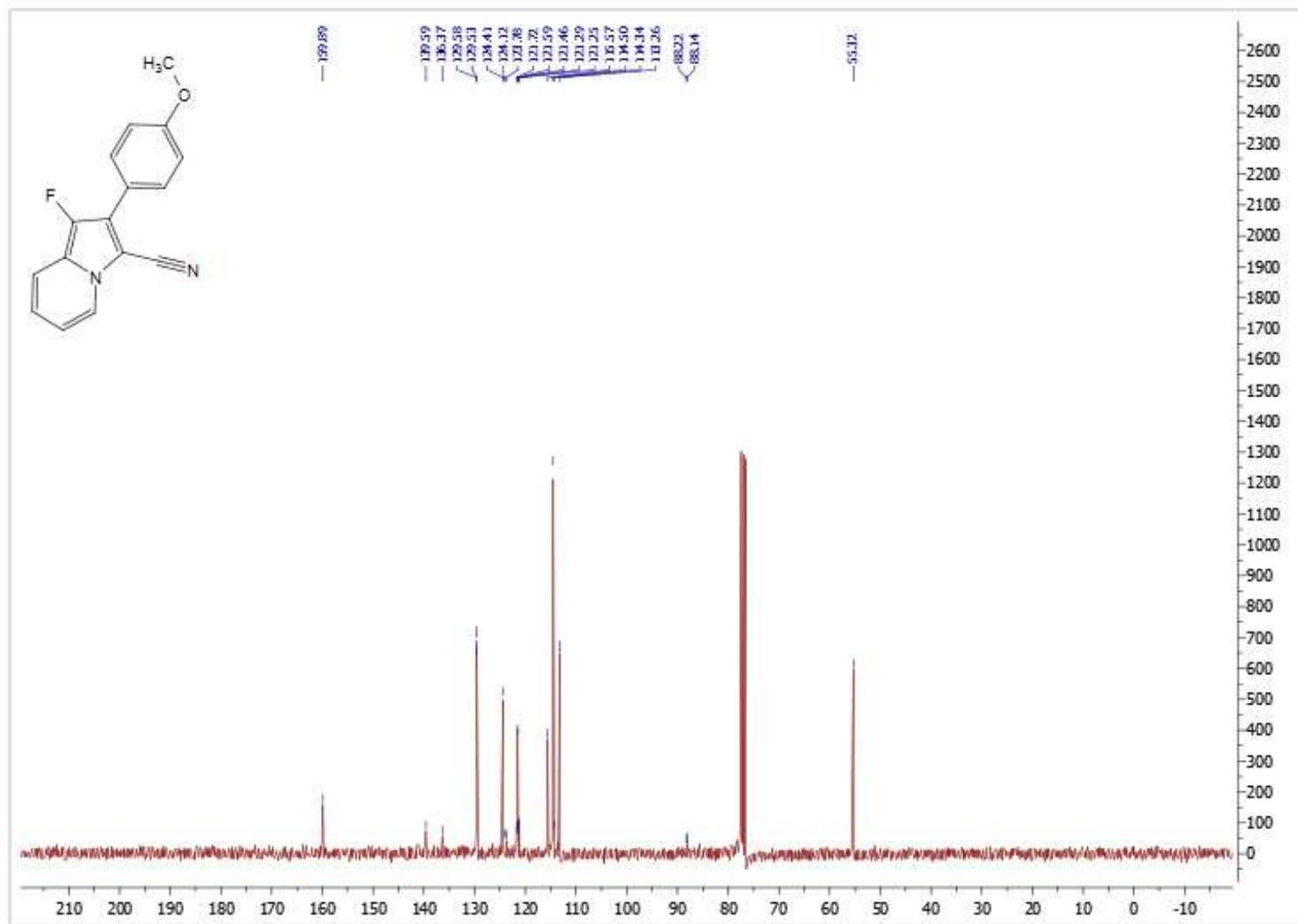


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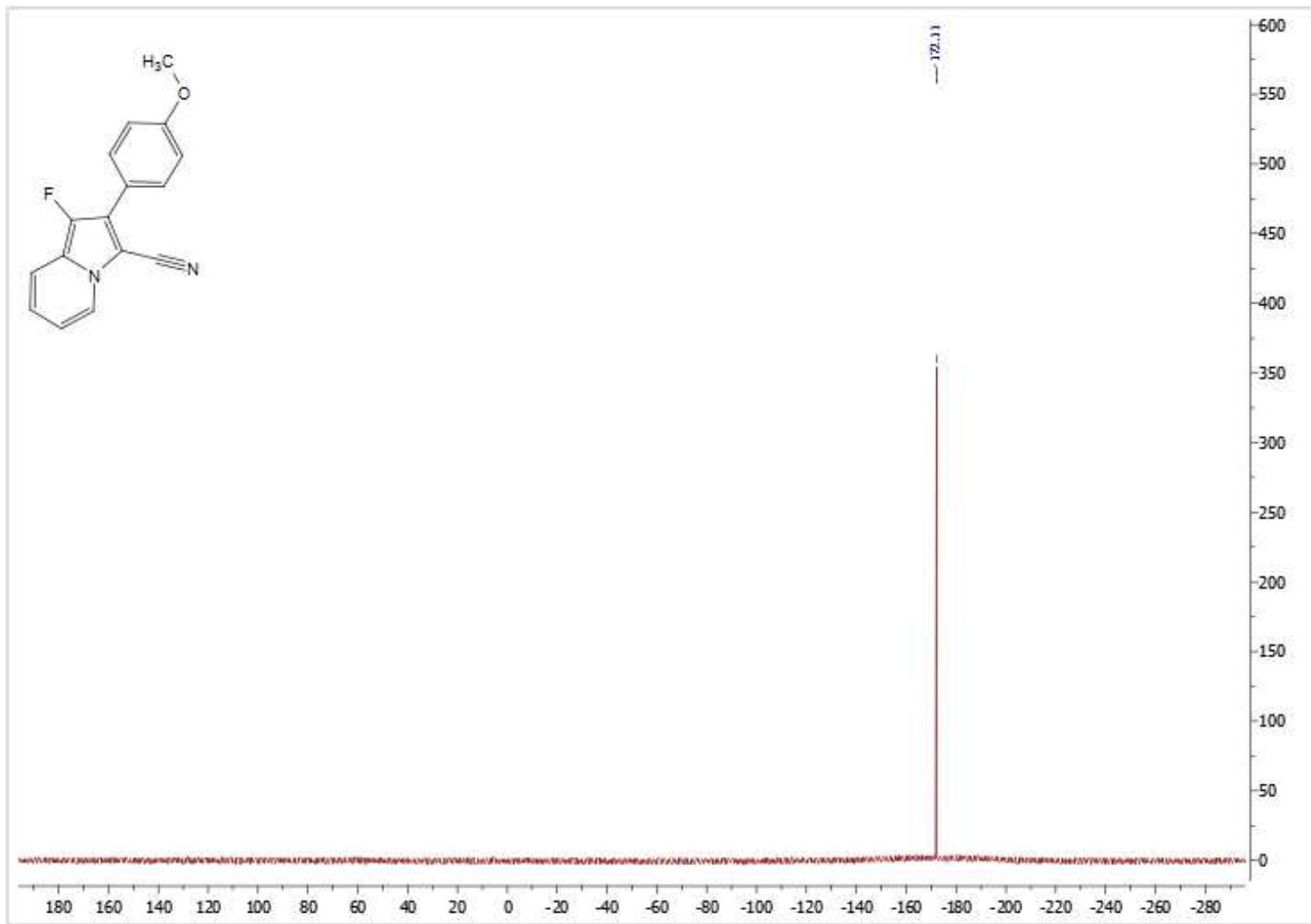
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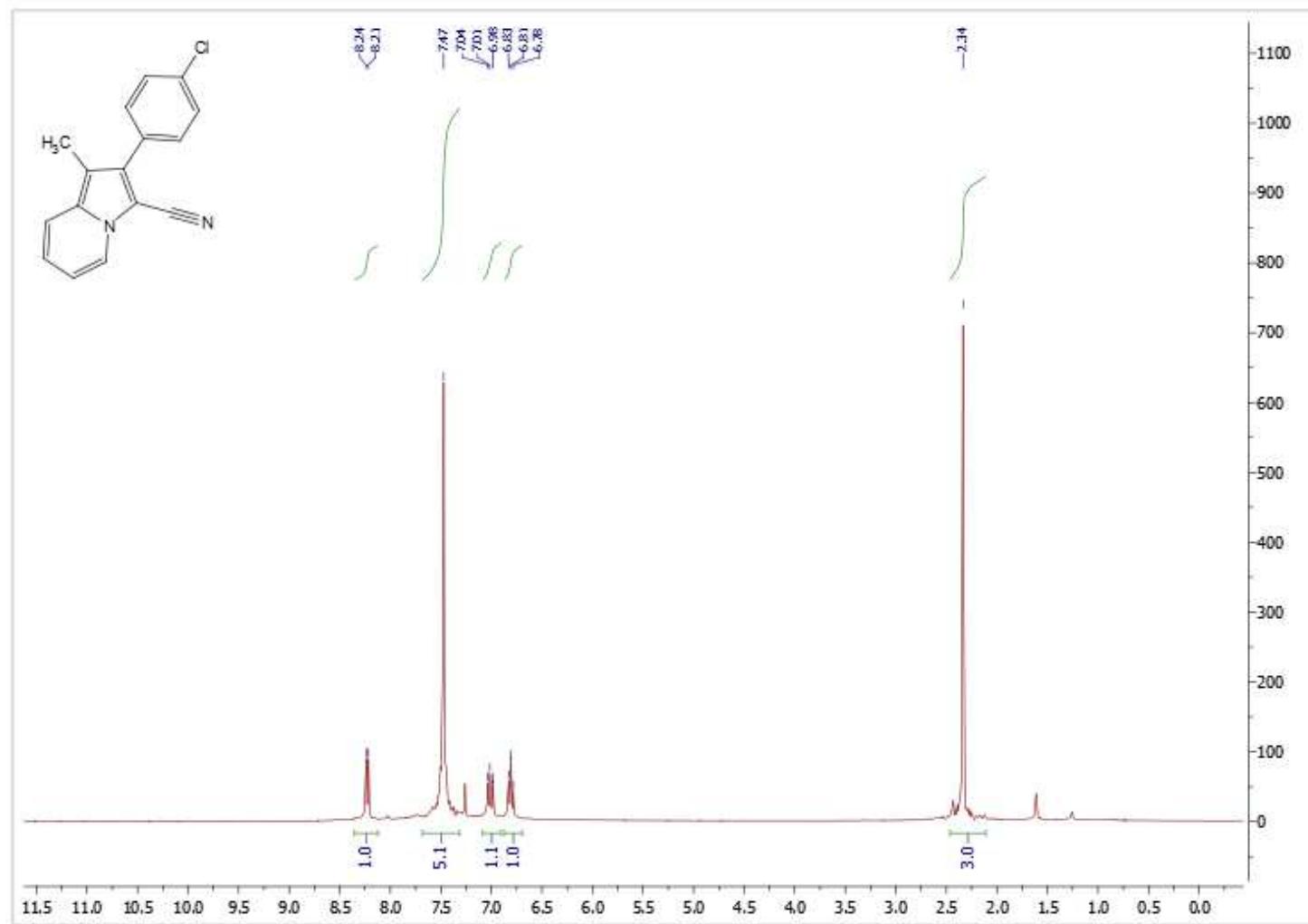


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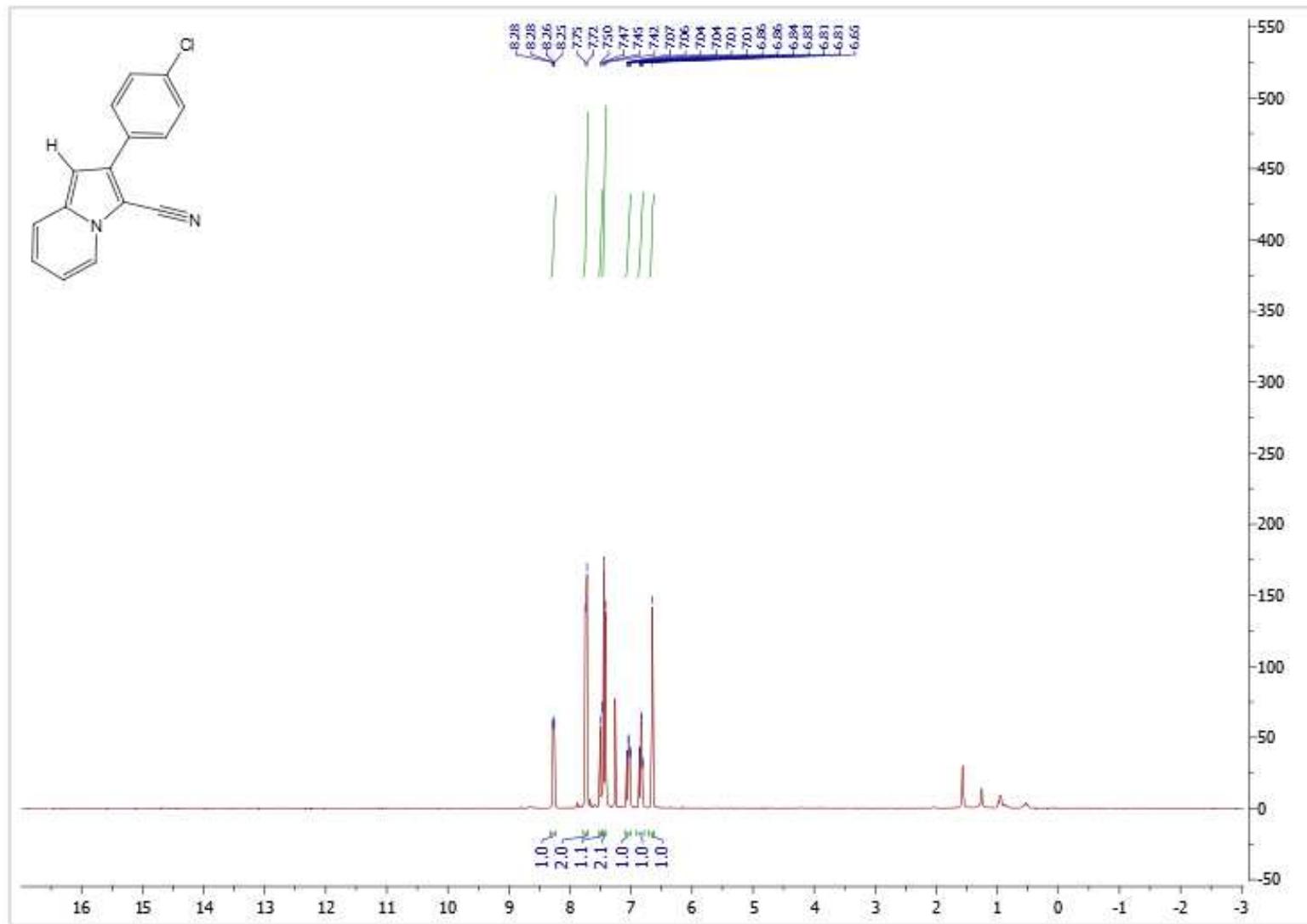
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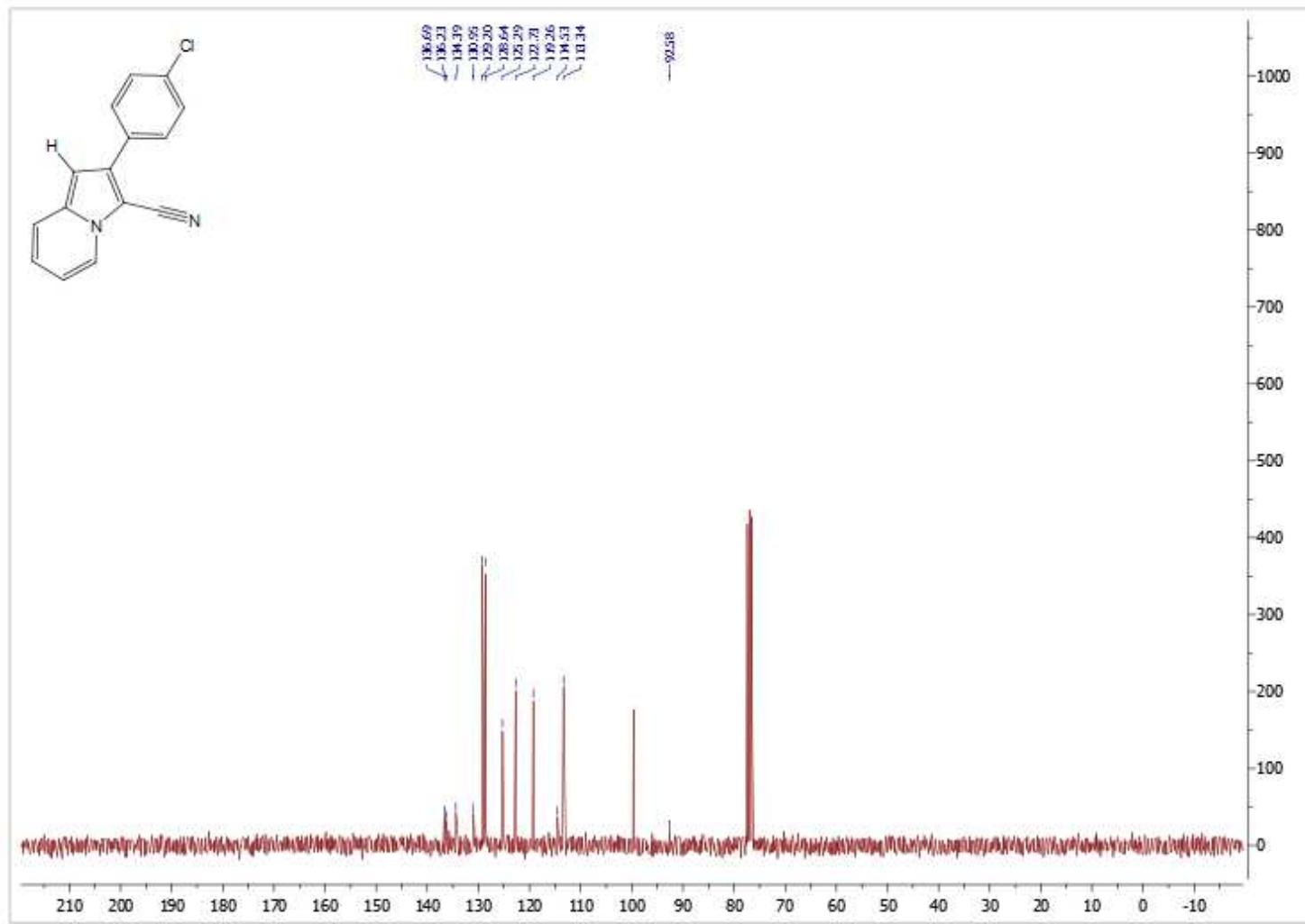


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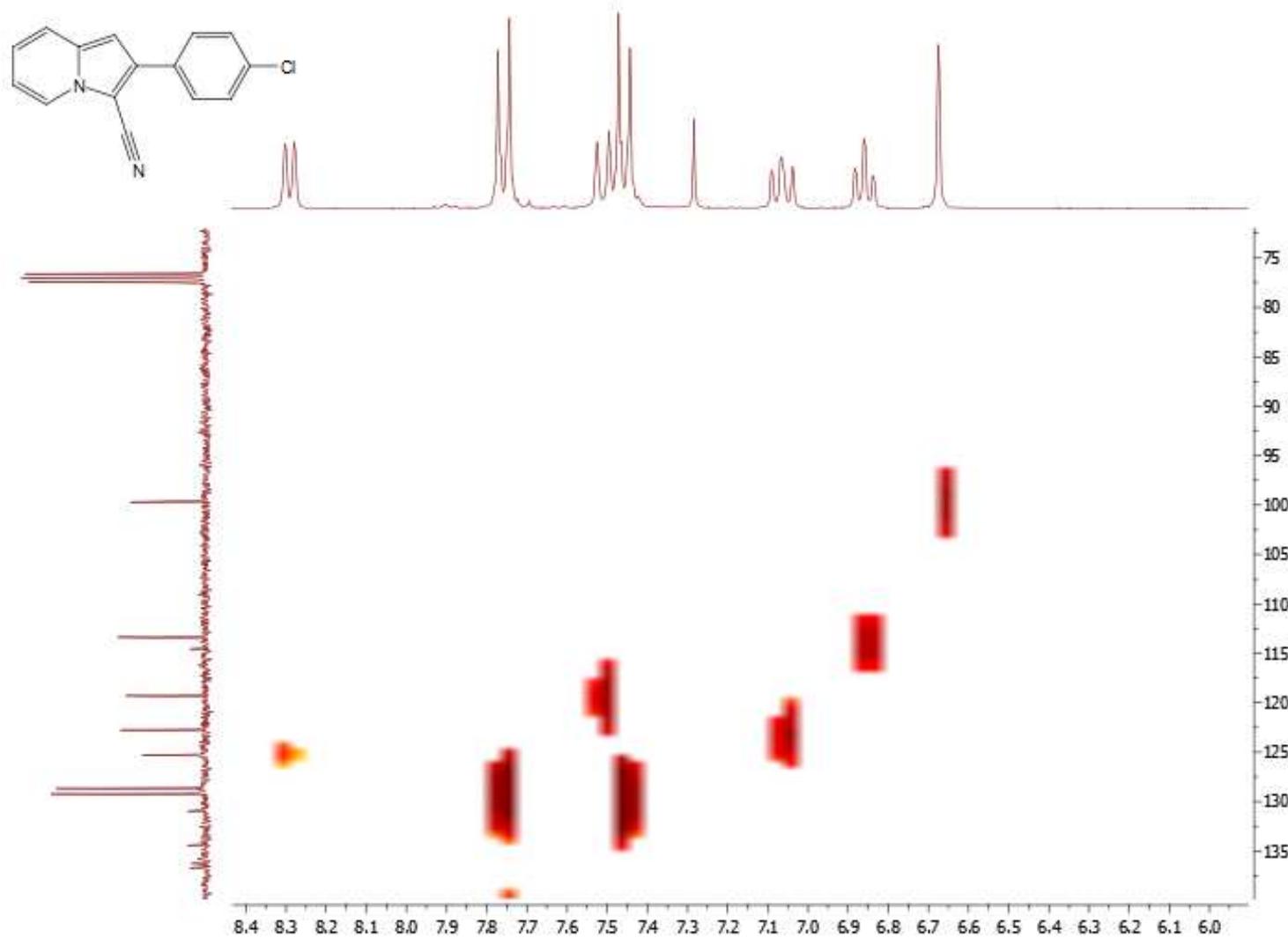
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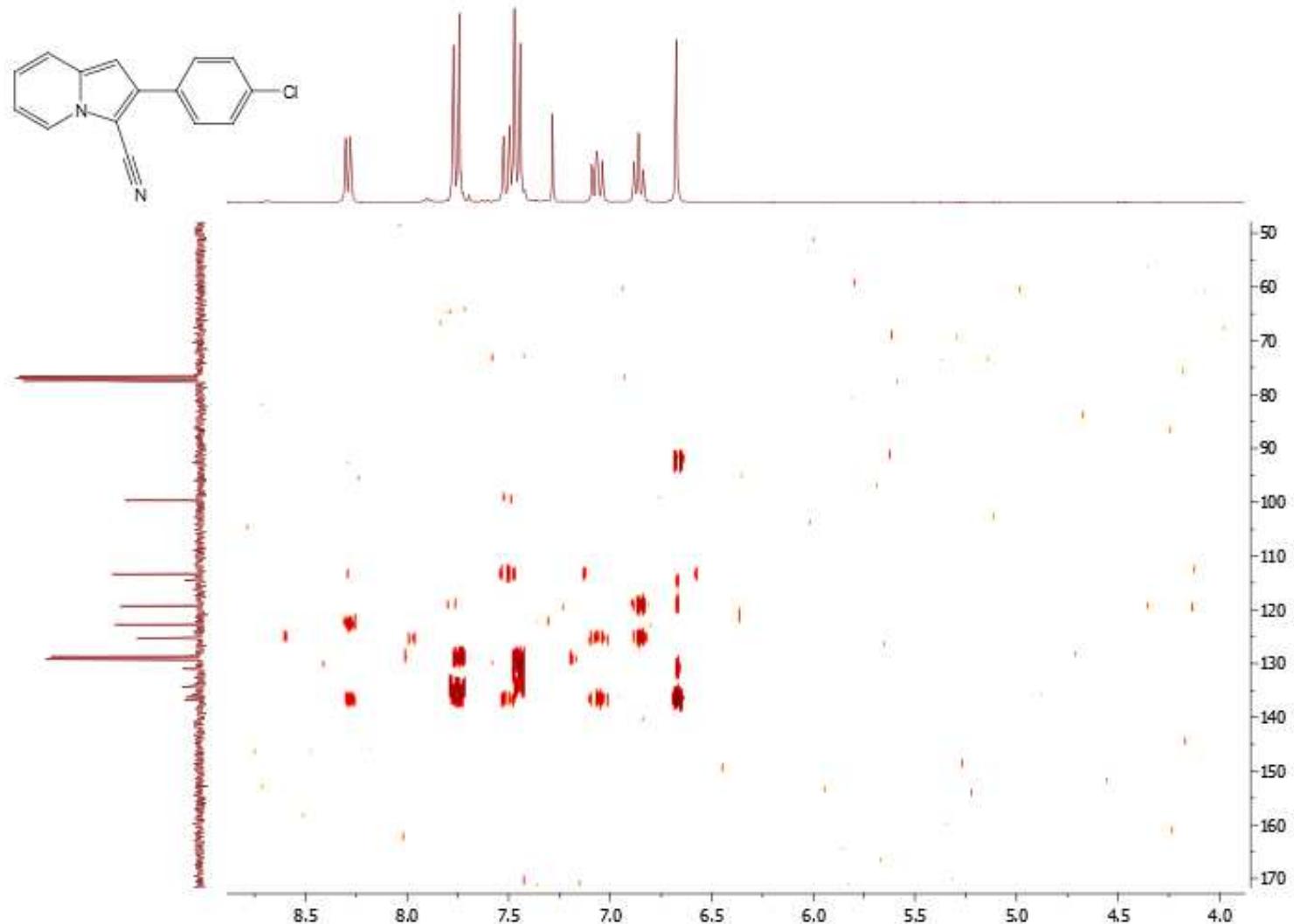
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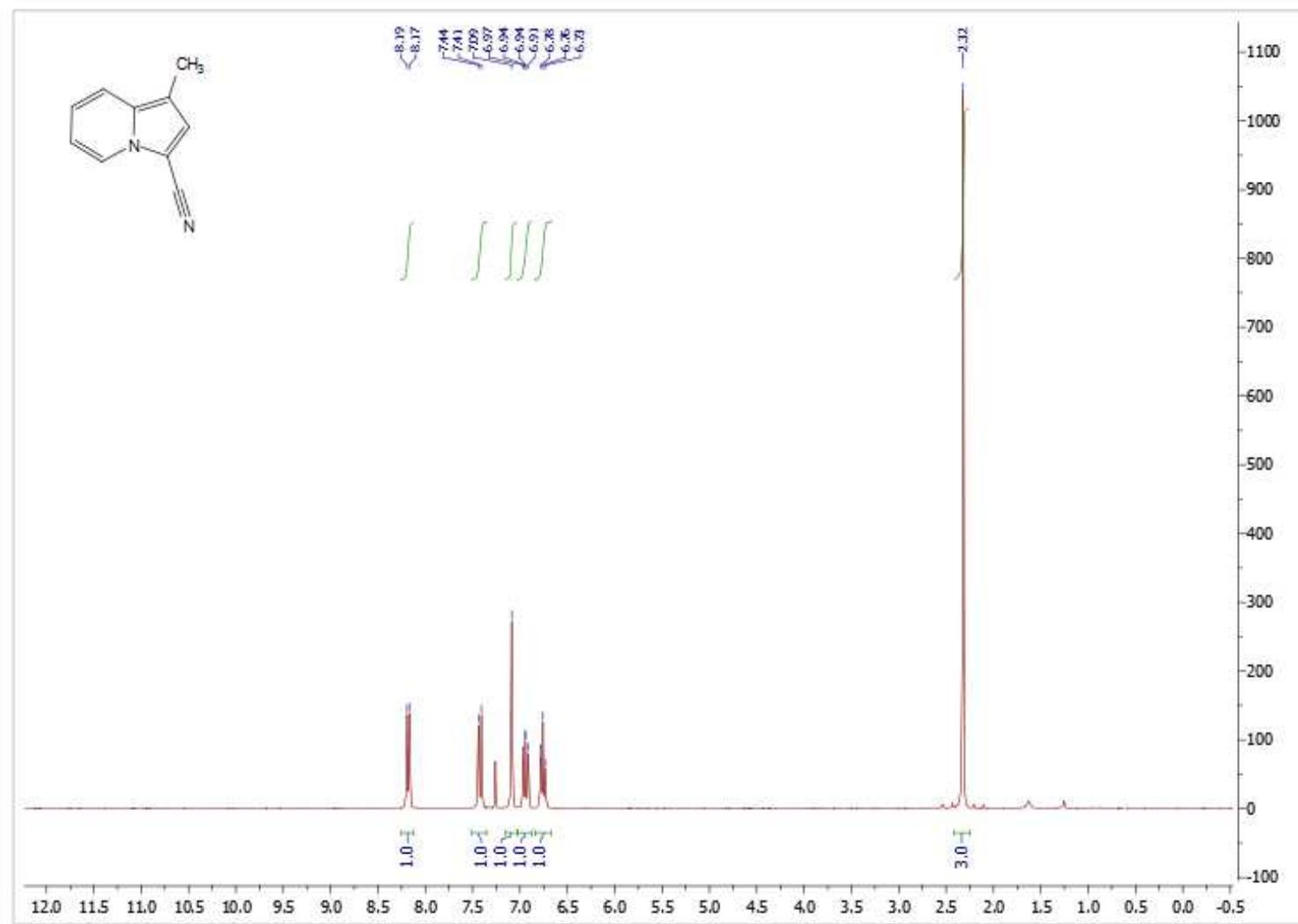


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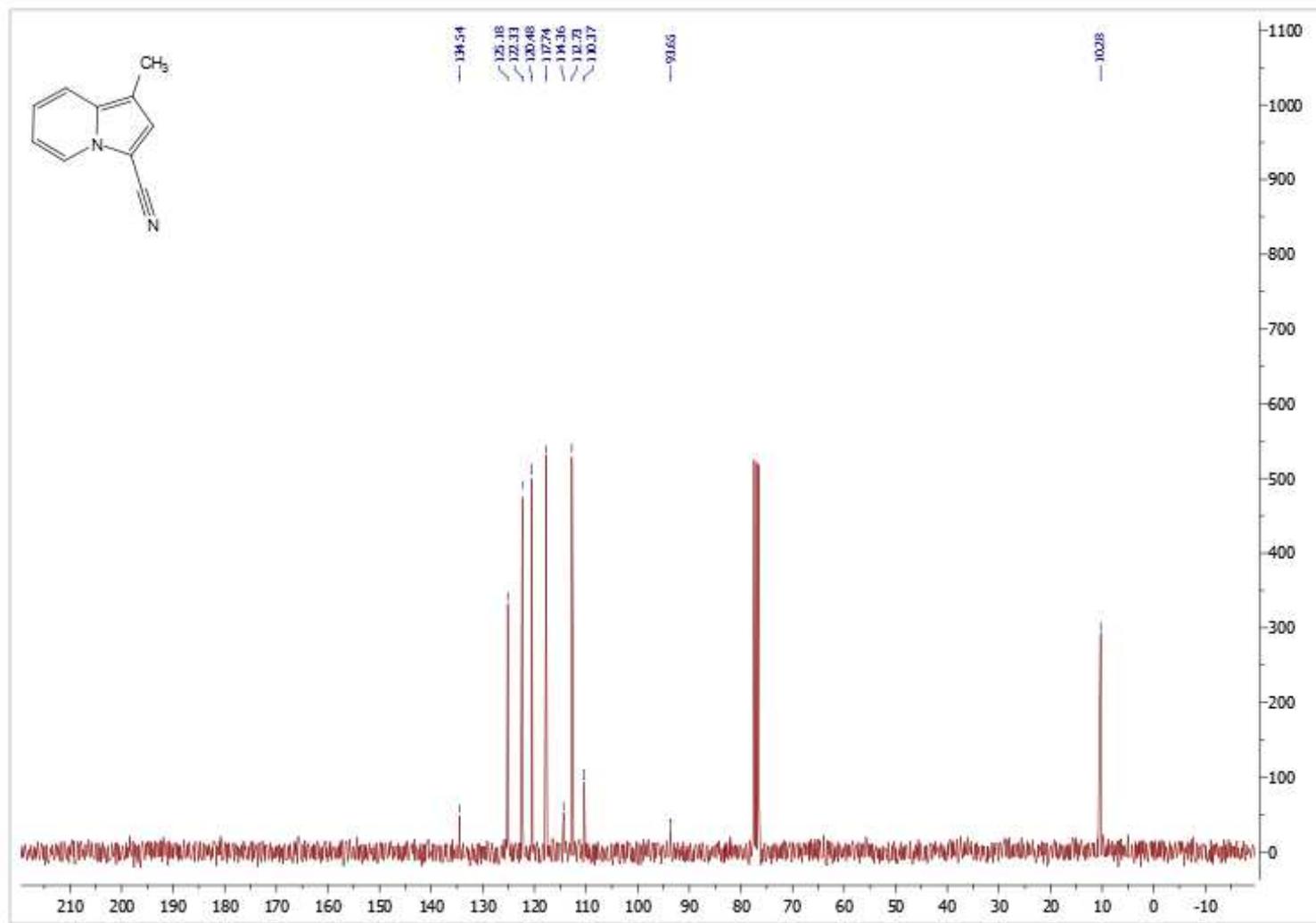


**1-methyl-indolizine-3-carbonitrile 6a**

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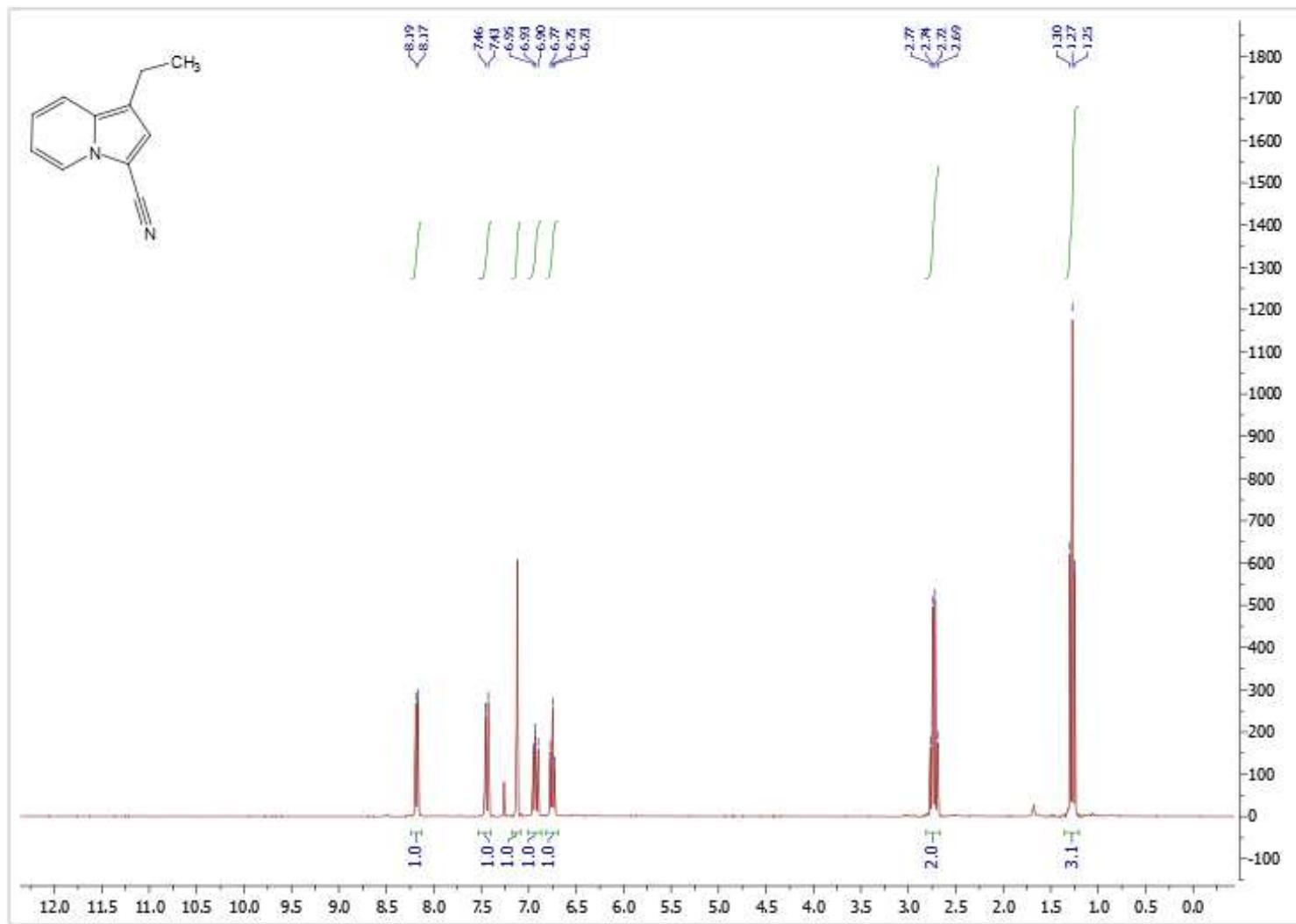


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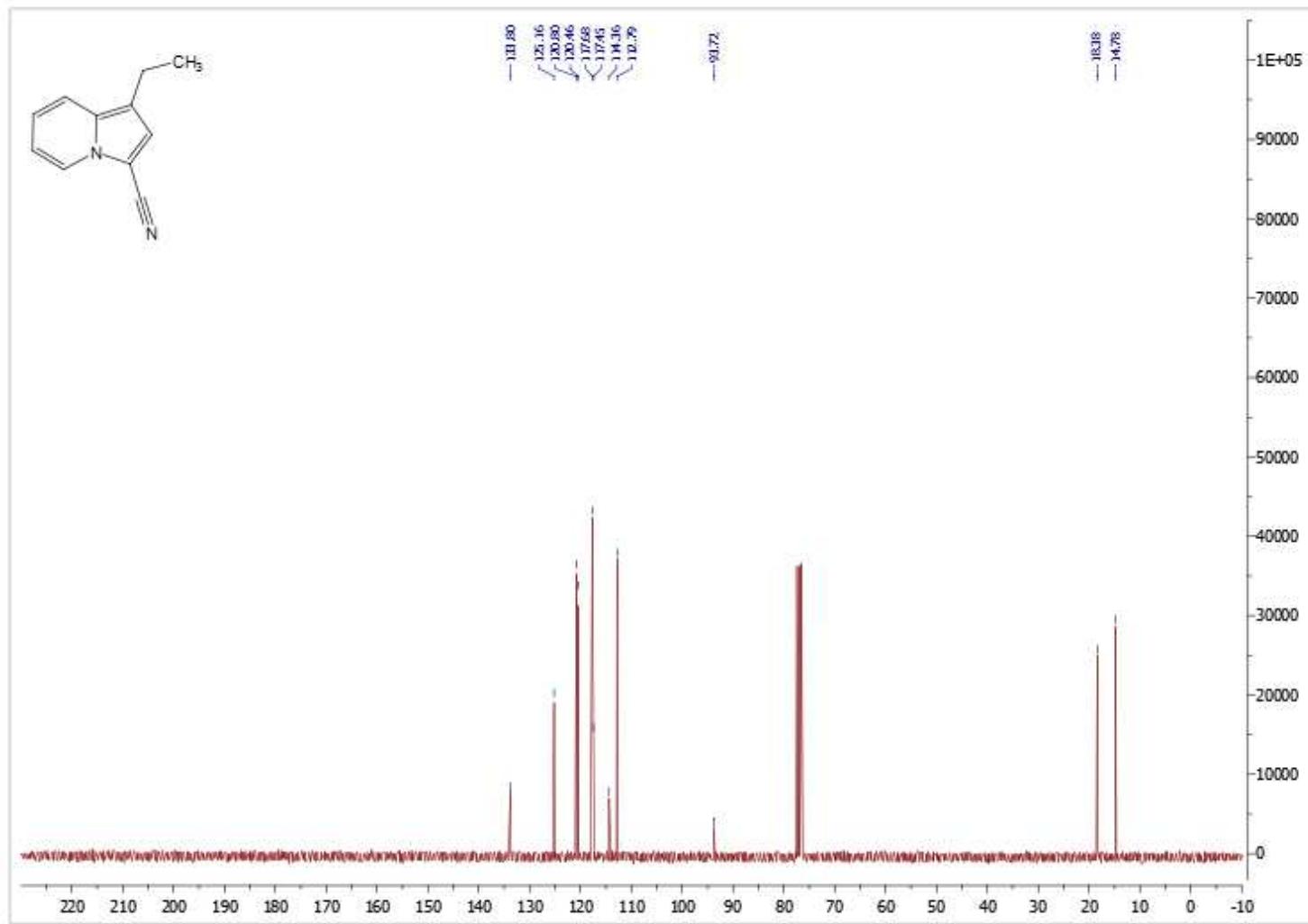


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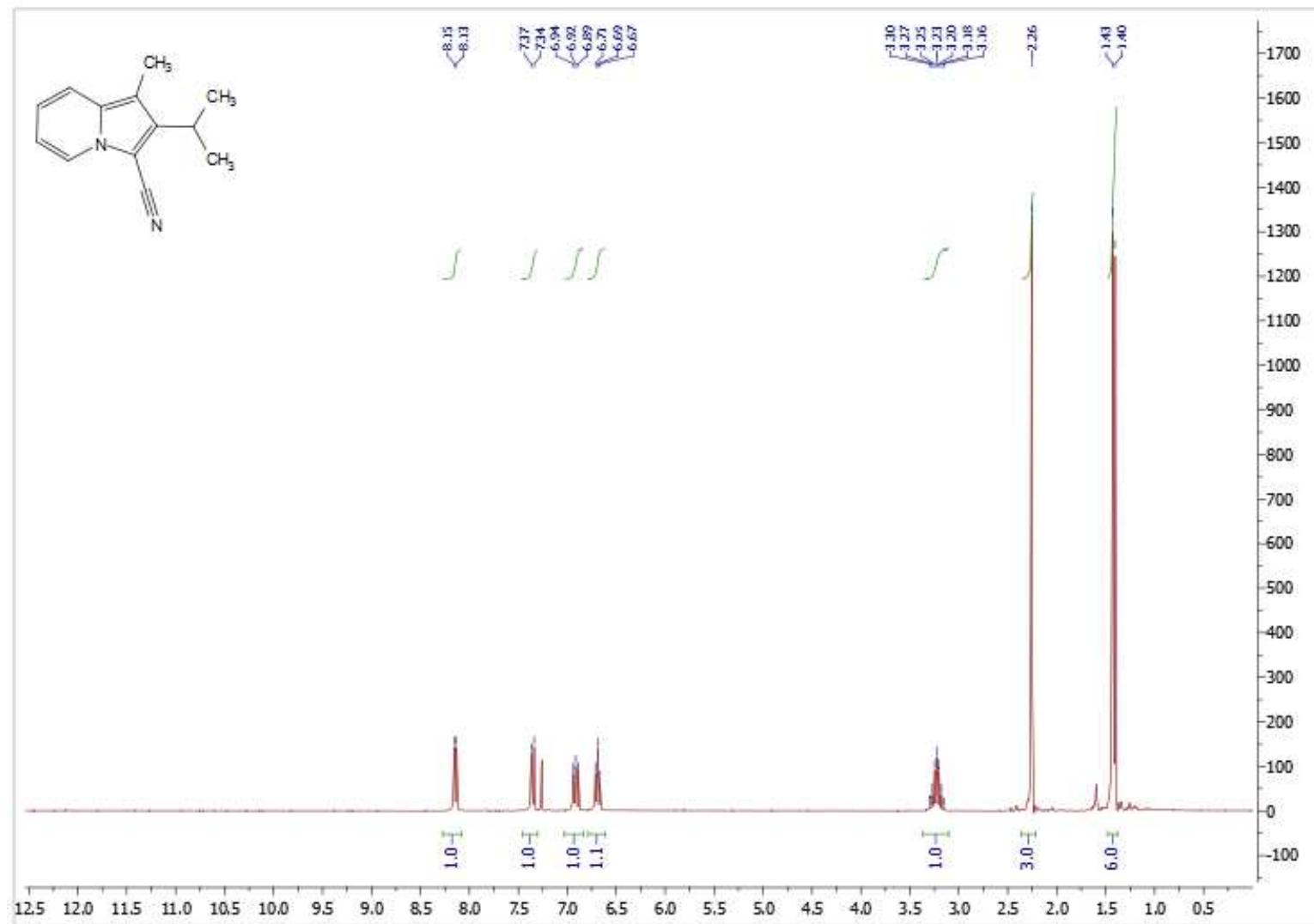


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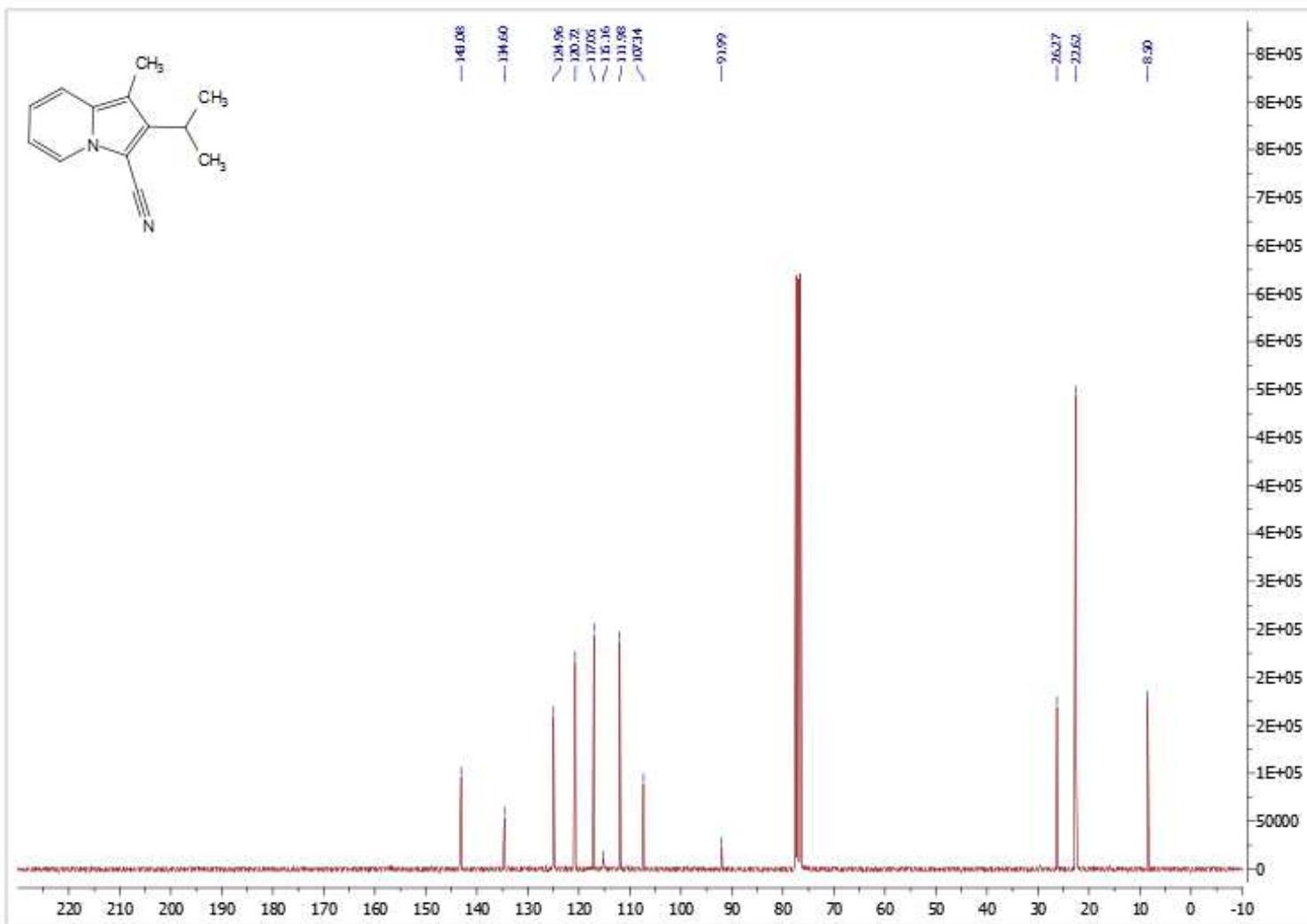


**1-methyl-2-isopropyl-indolizine-3-carbonitrile 7**

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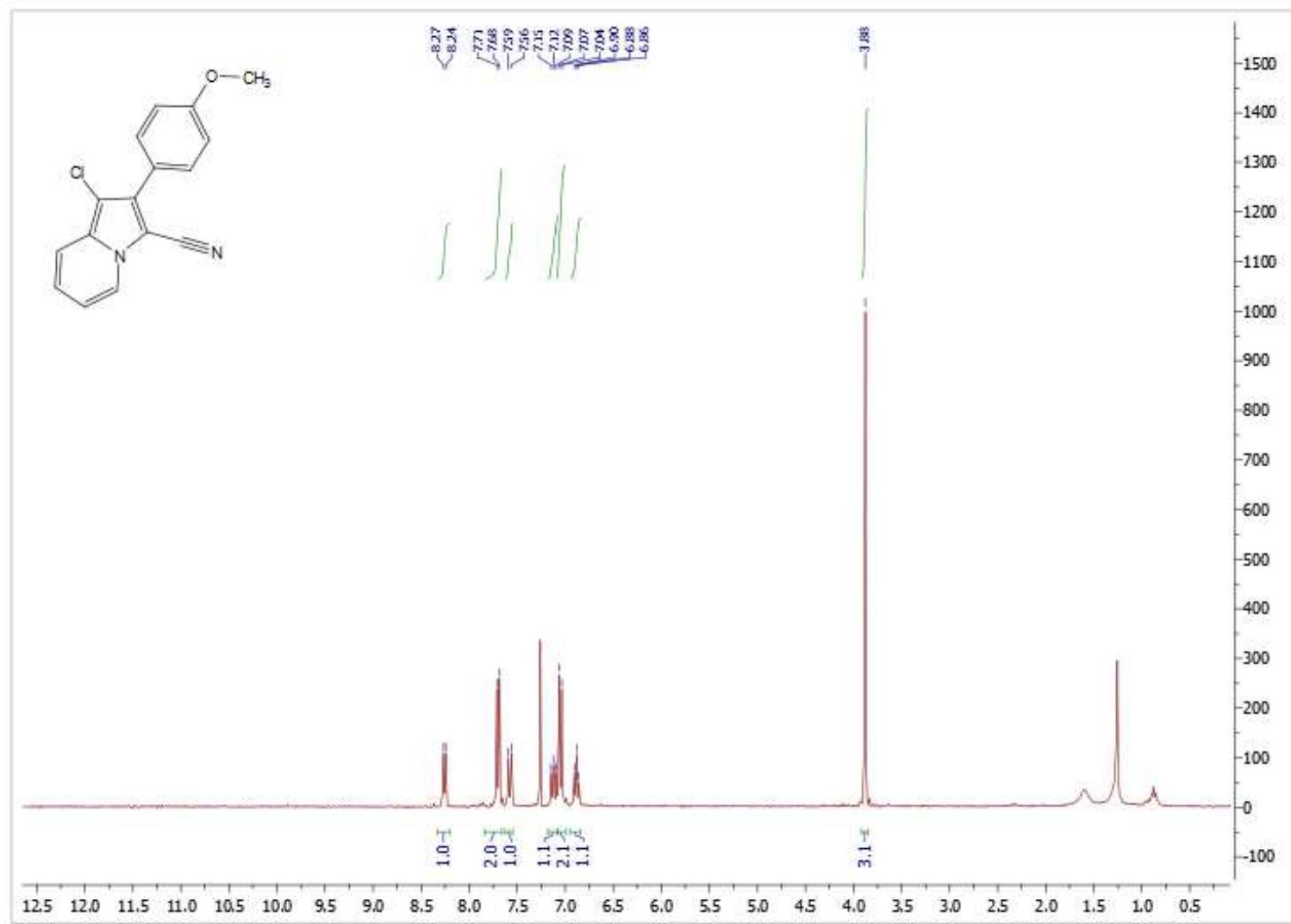


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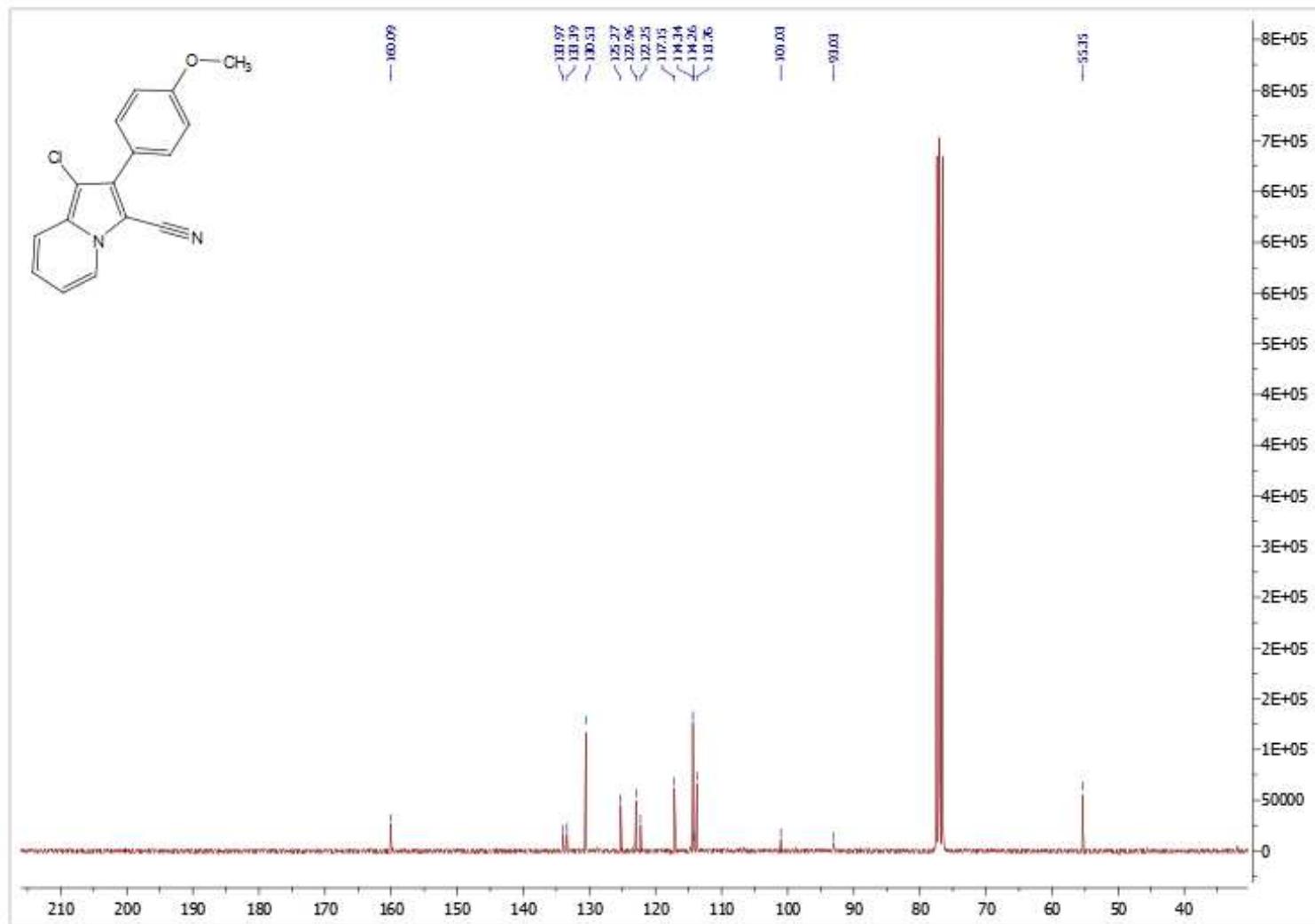


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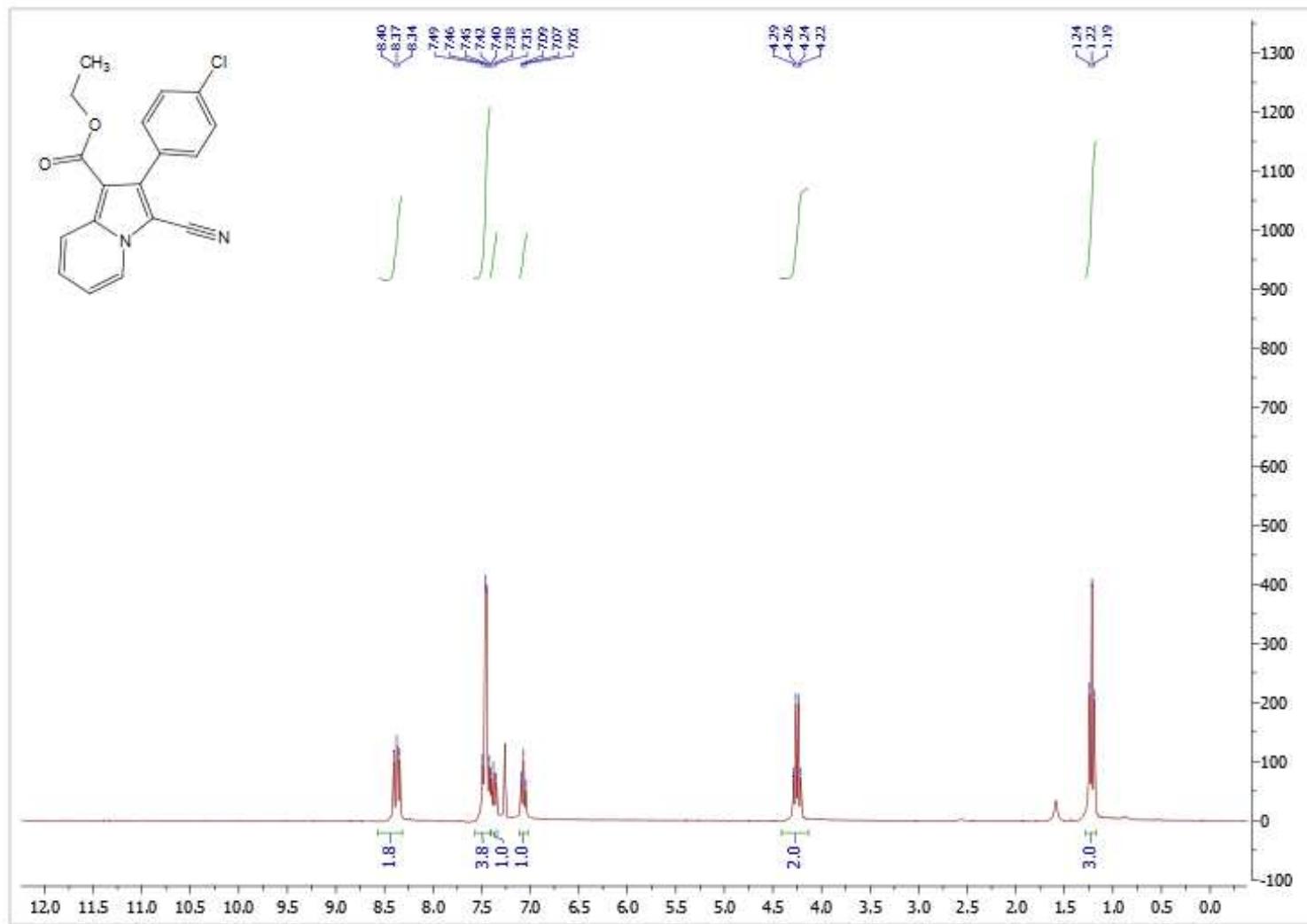


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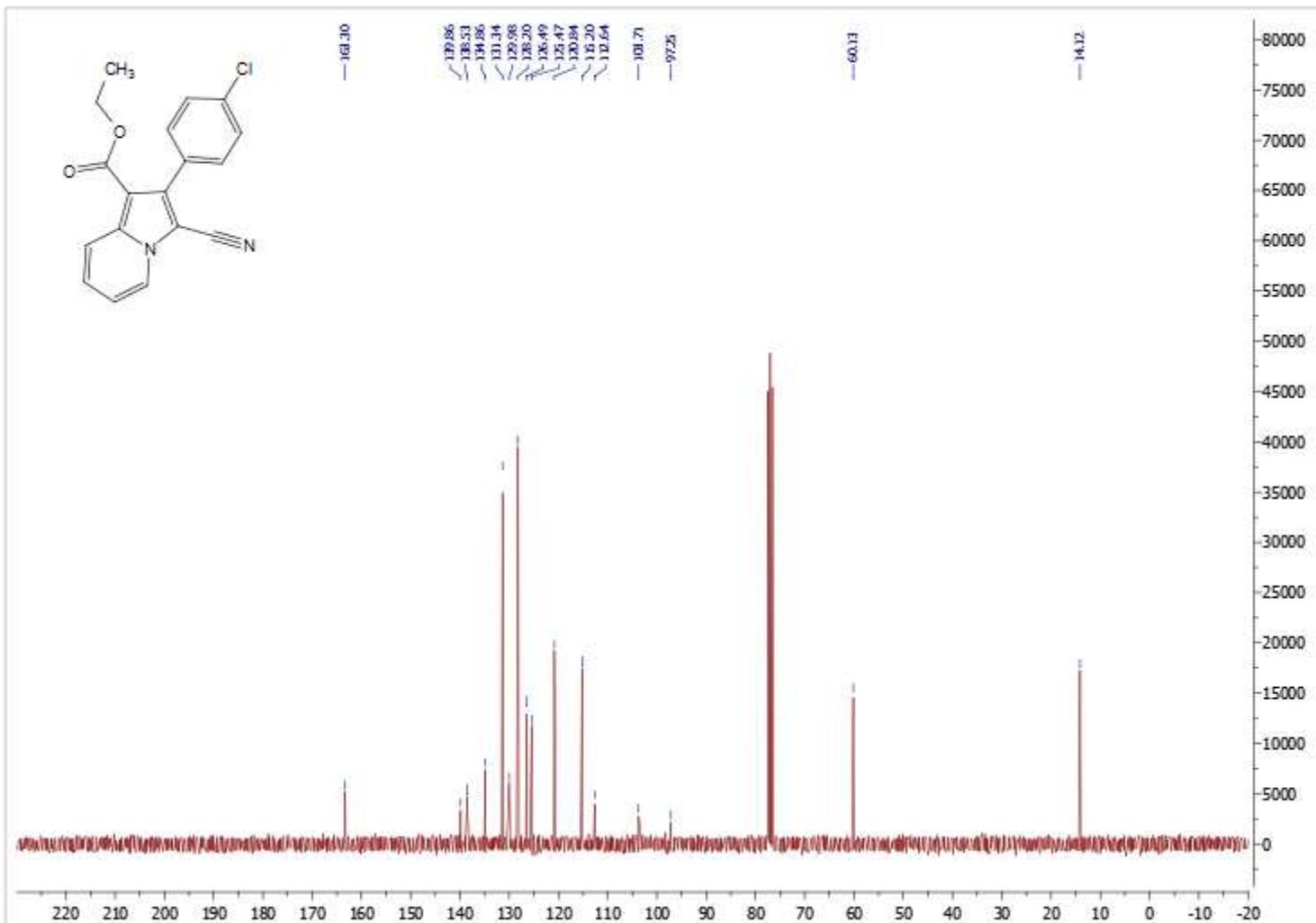


**1-(ethyloxycarbonyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-indolizine-3-carbonitrile 9**

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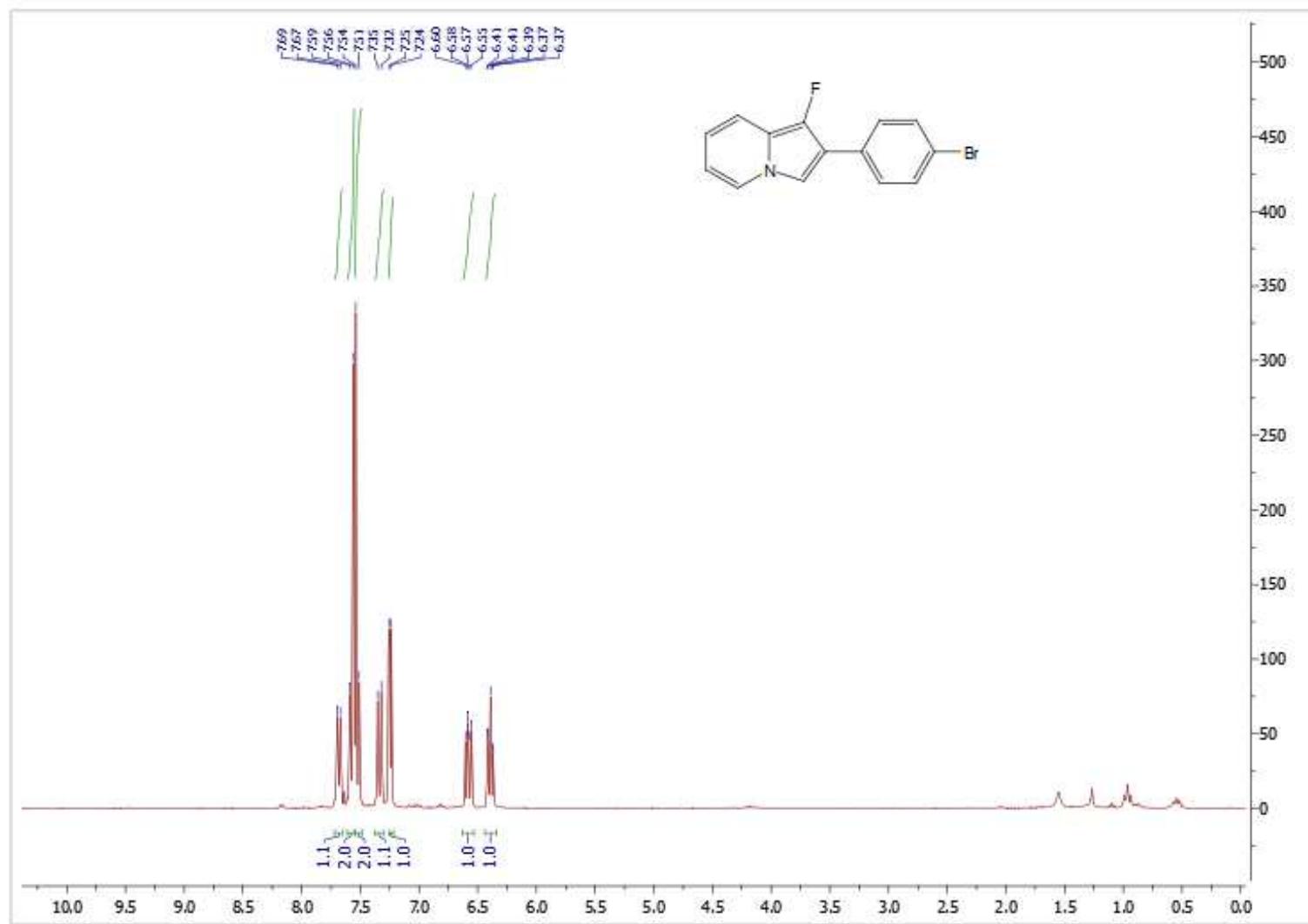


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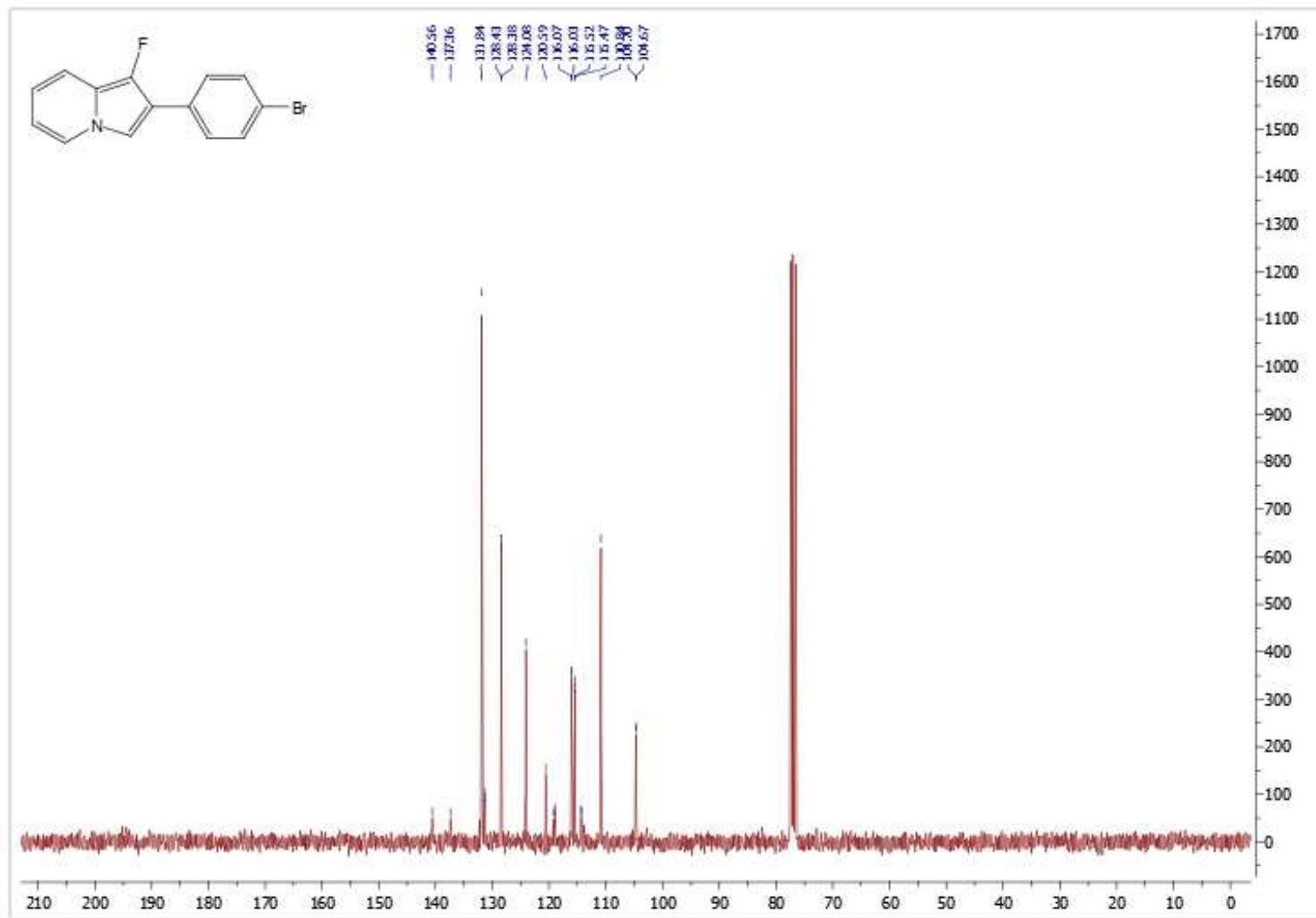


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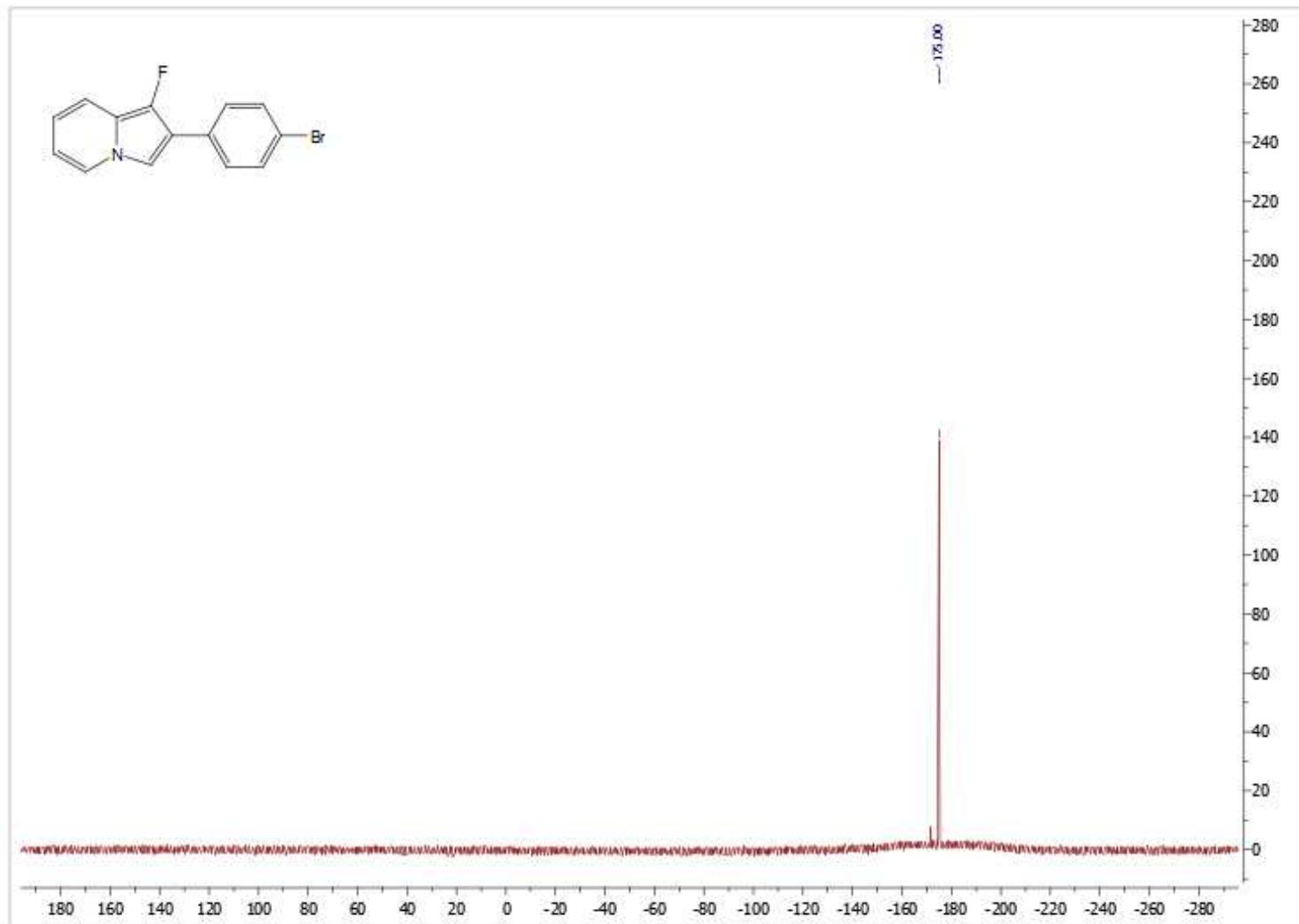
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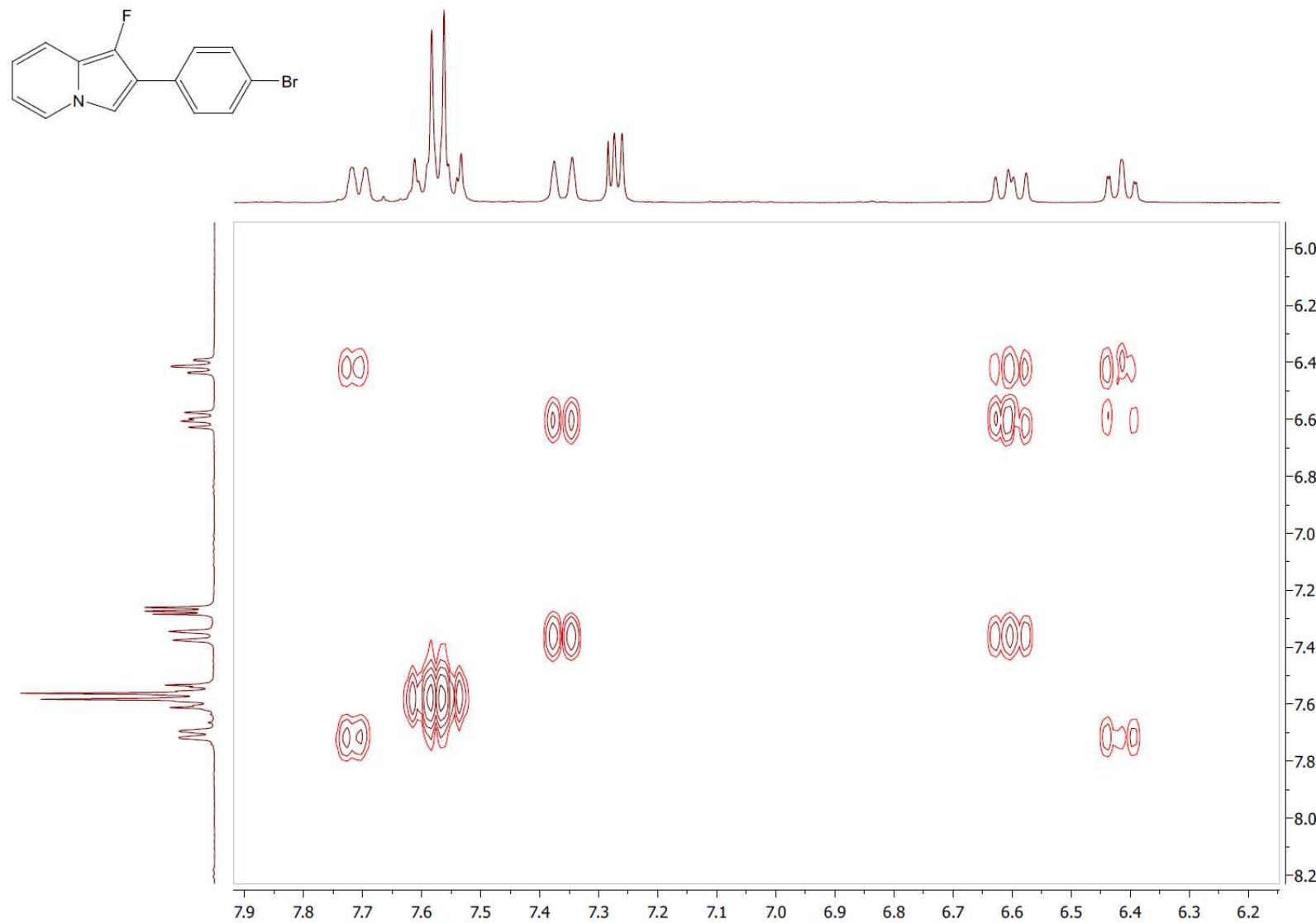
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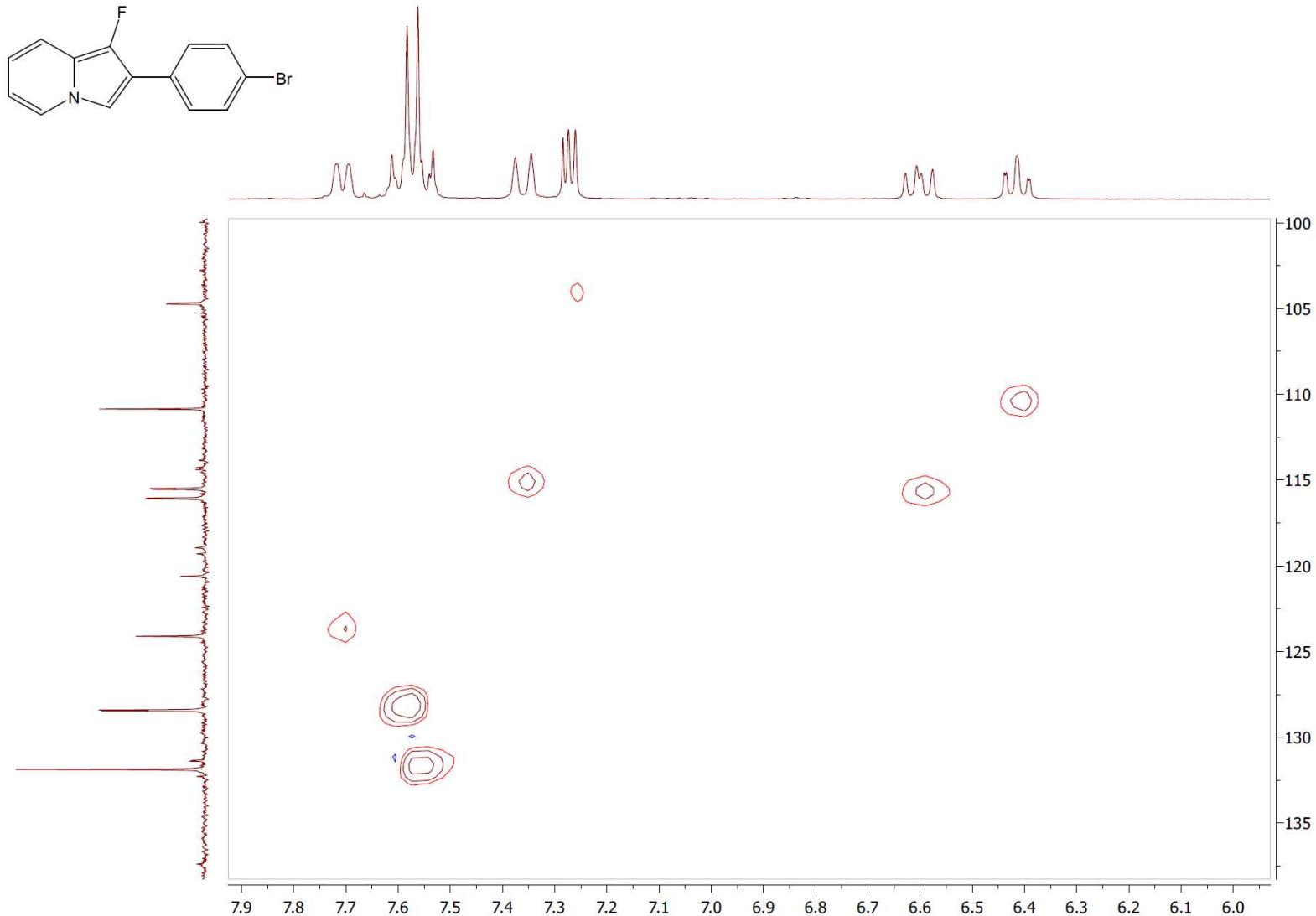
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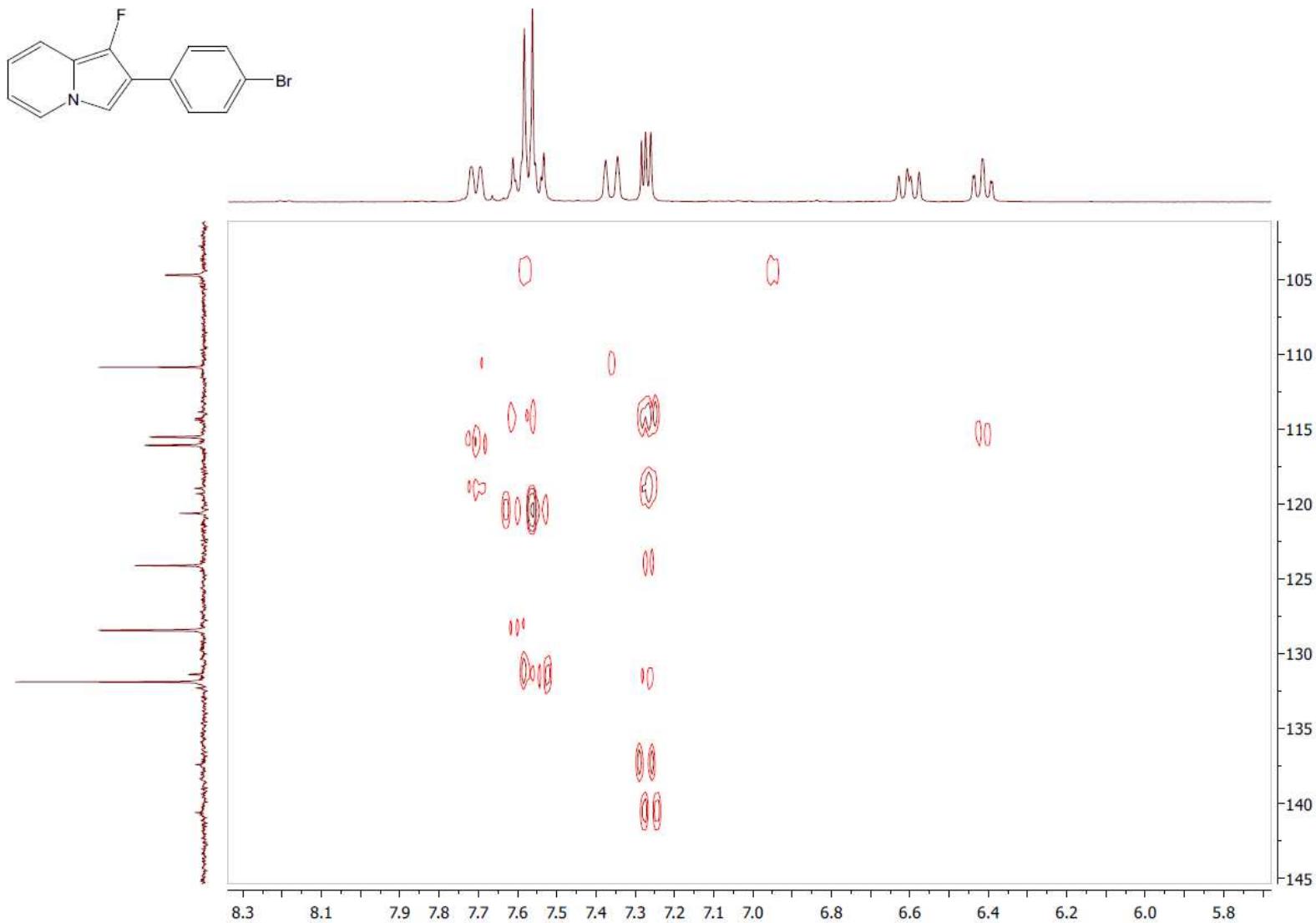
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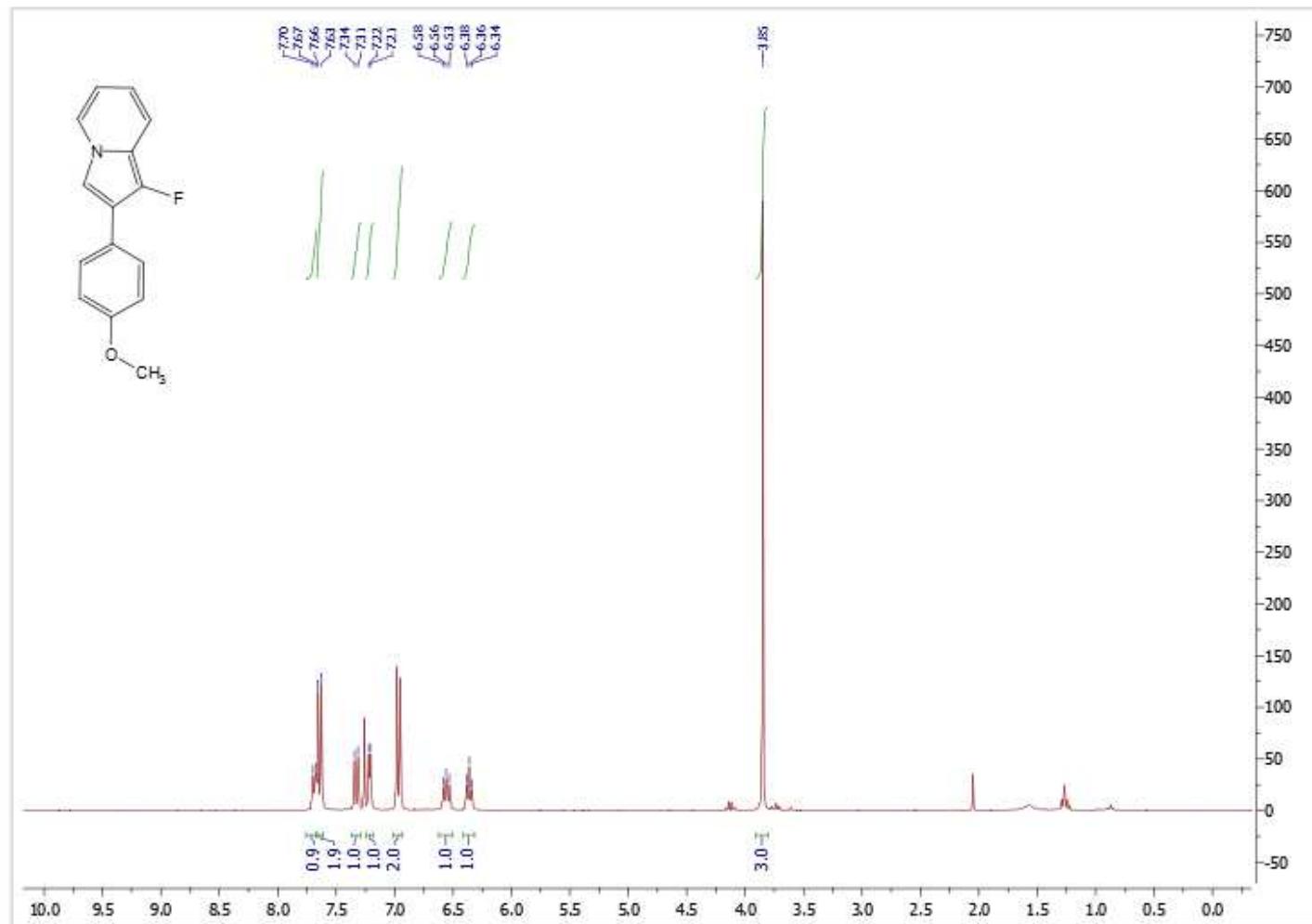


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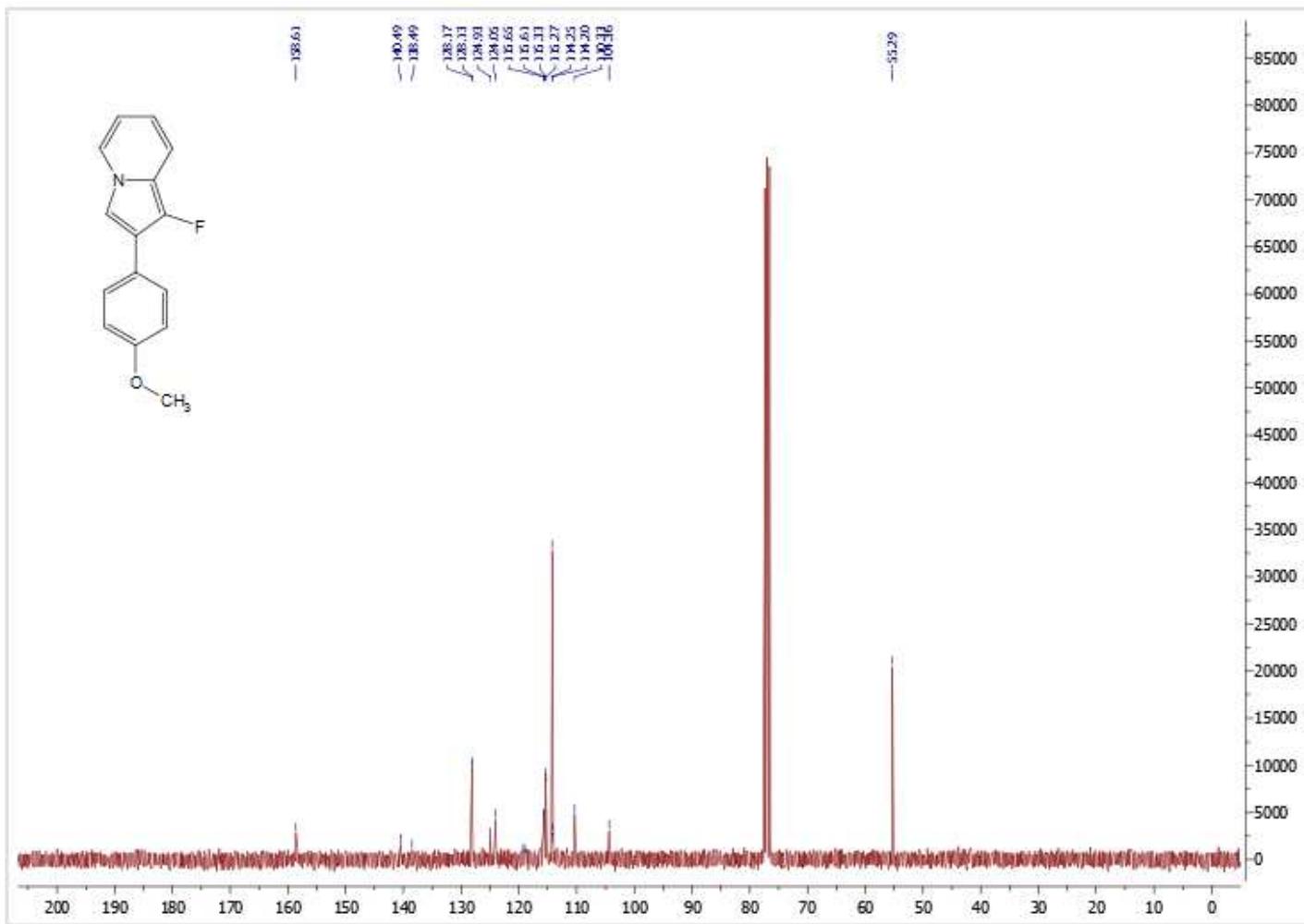


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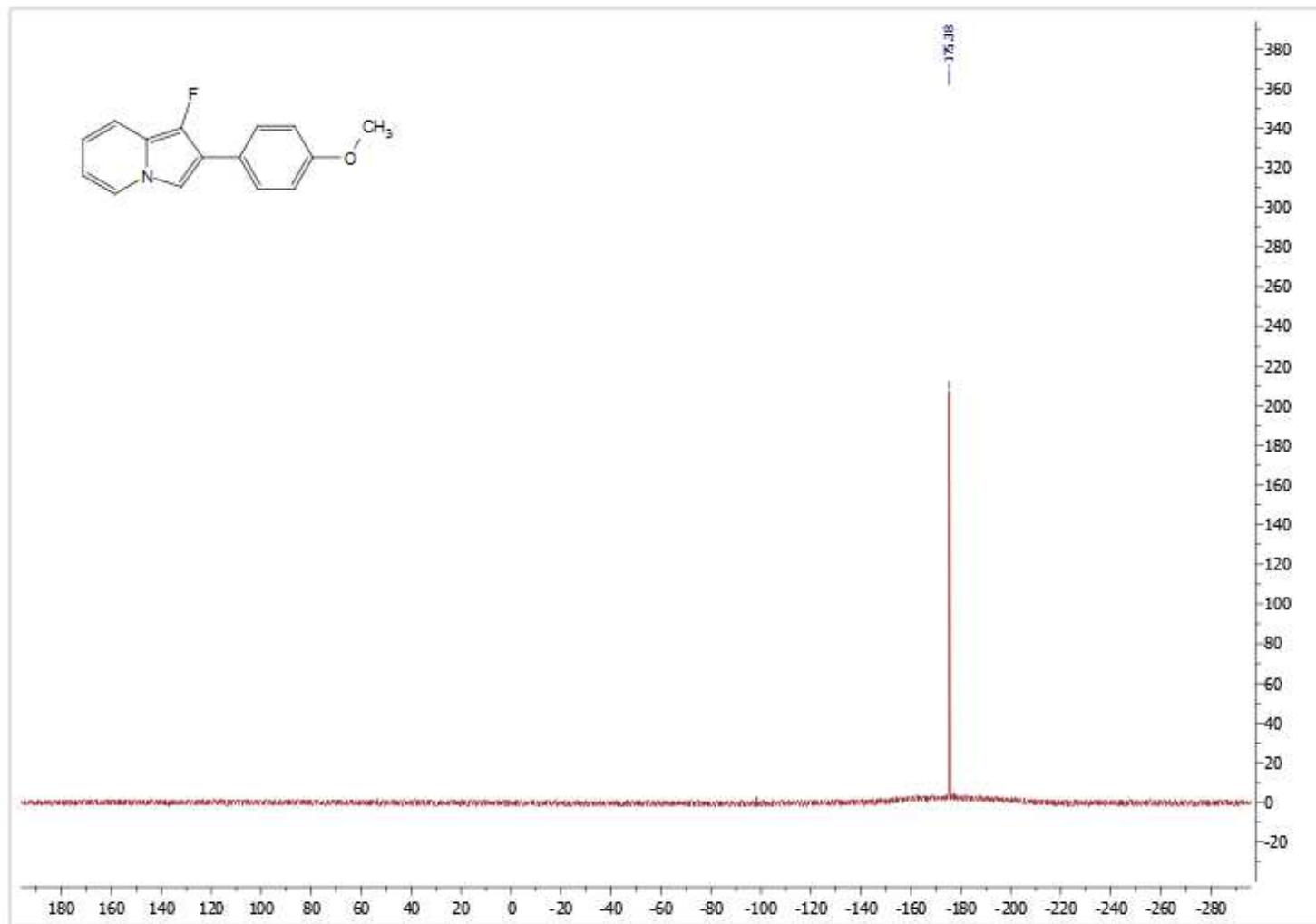
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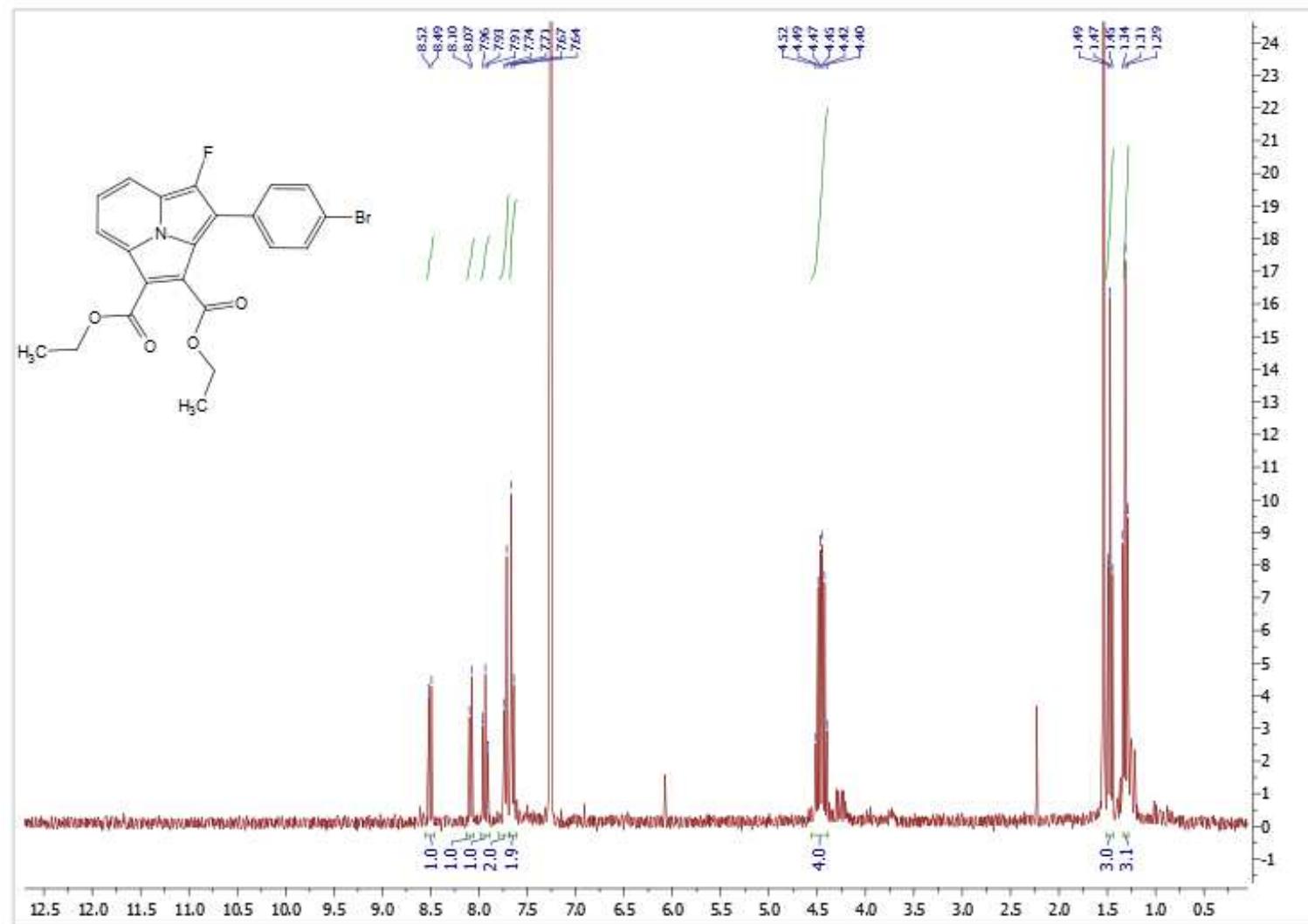


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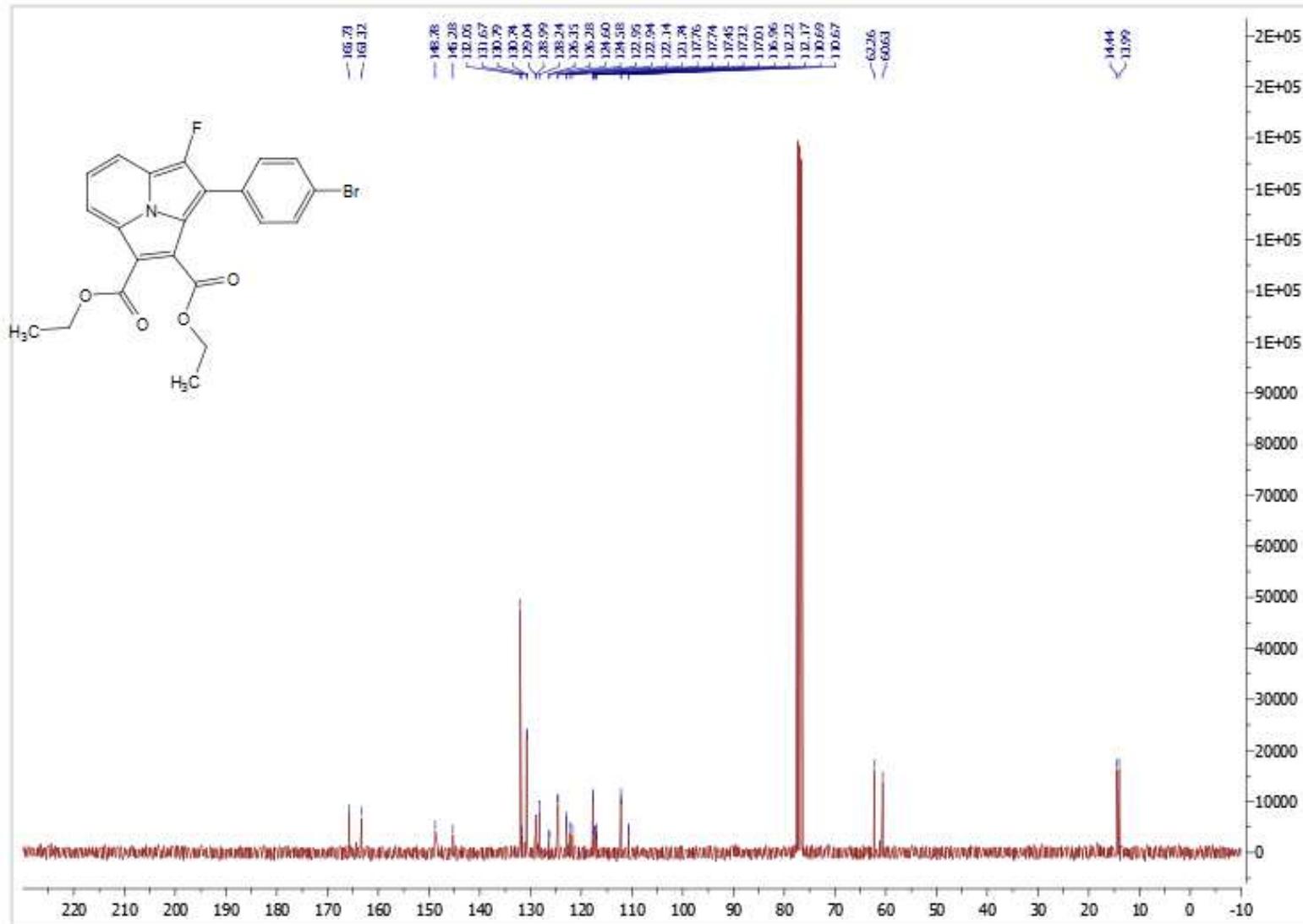


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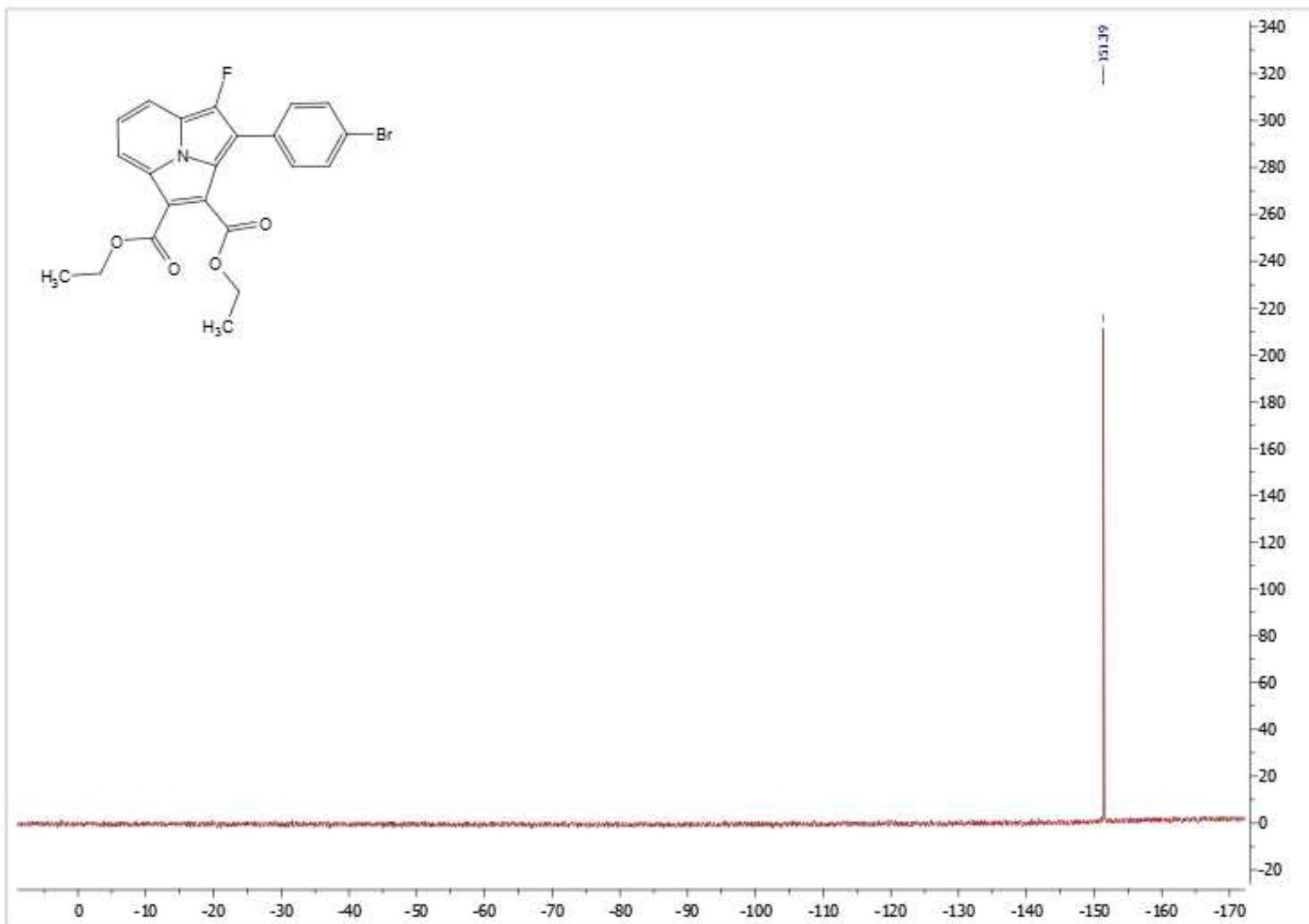
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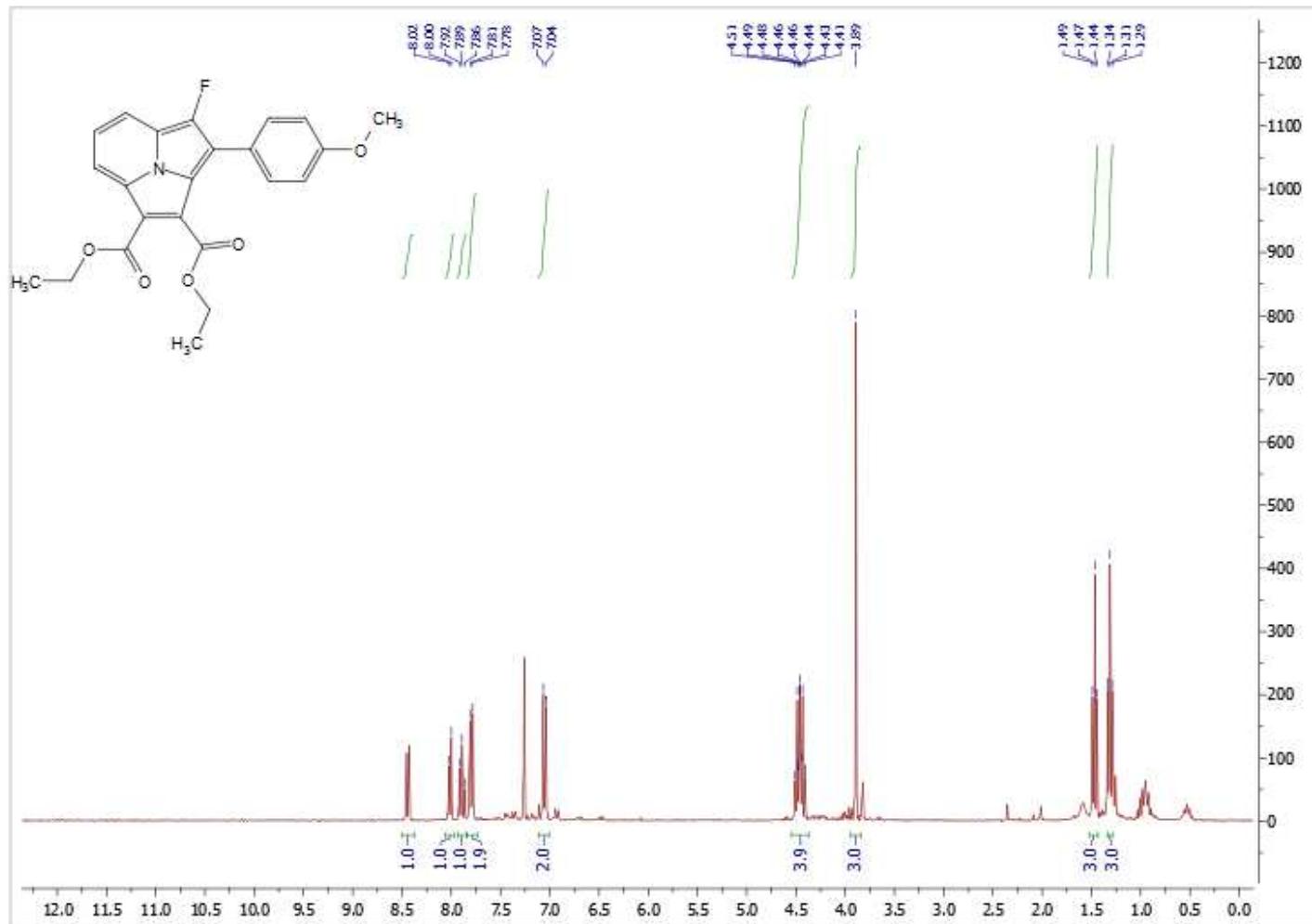


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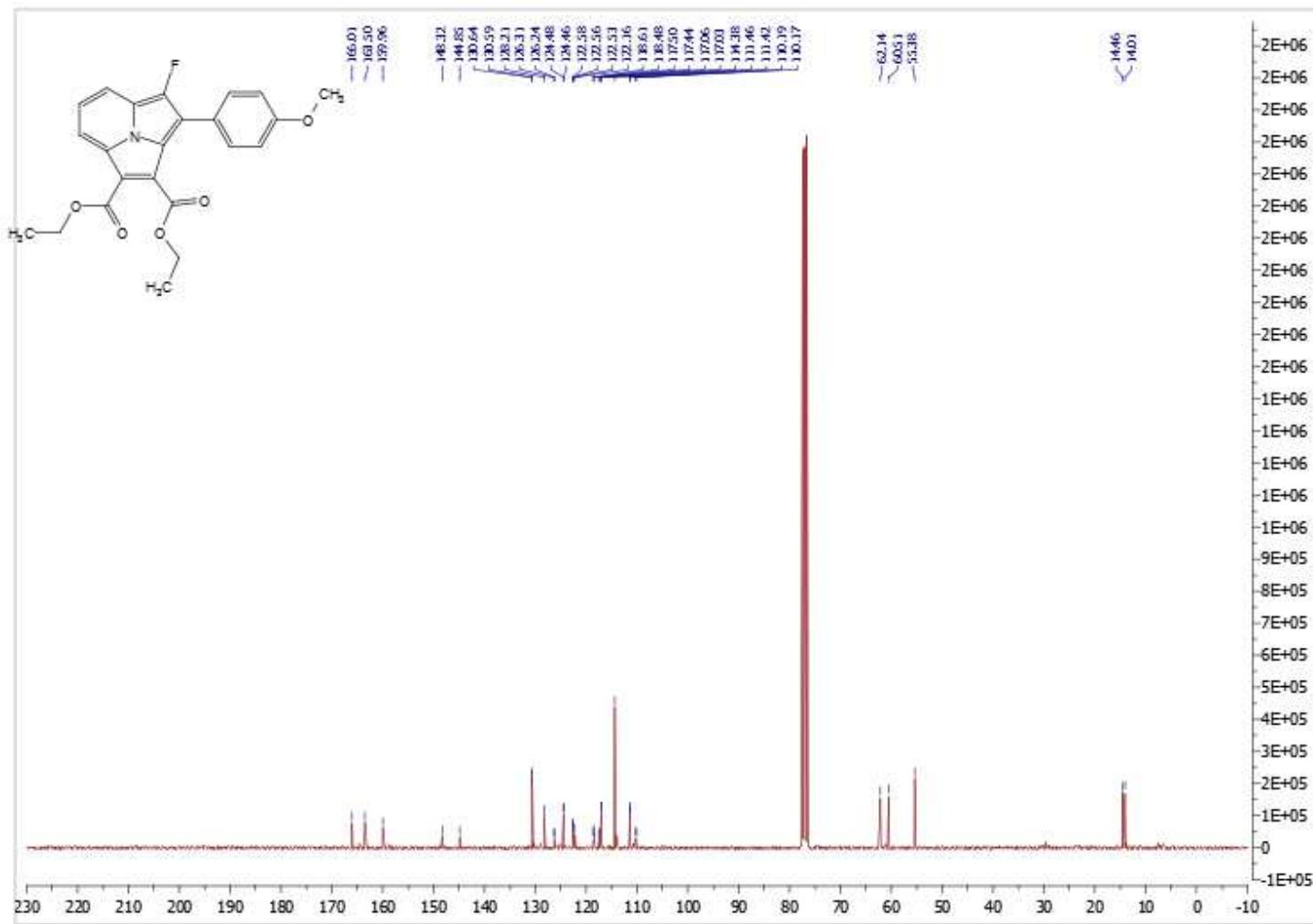


**Diethyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-fluoro-pyrrolo[2,1,5-cd]indolizine-1,2-dicarboxylate 11s**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR



<sup>13</sup>C NMR



<sup>19</sup>F NMR

