

Supporting Information for:

Catalytic Enantioselective Henry Reaction of α -Keto Esters, 2-Acylpyridines and 2-Acylpyridine *N*-Oxides

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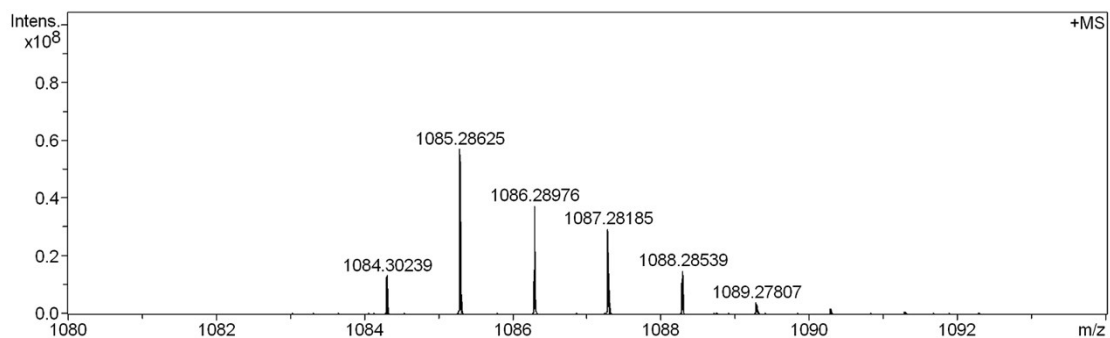
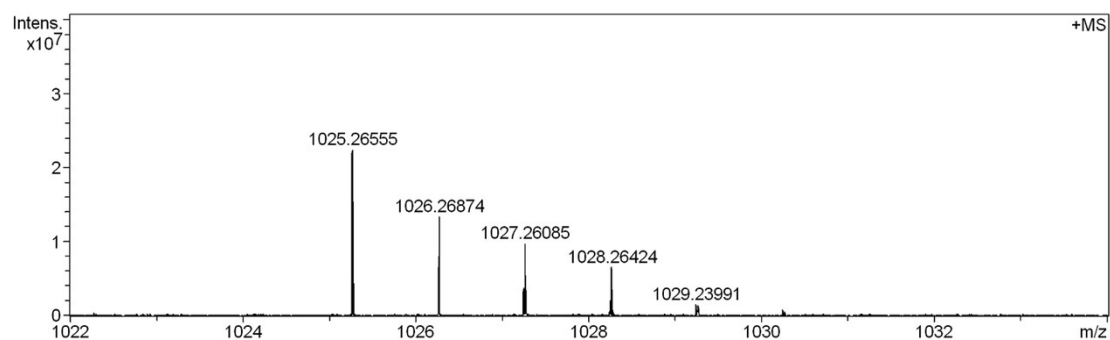
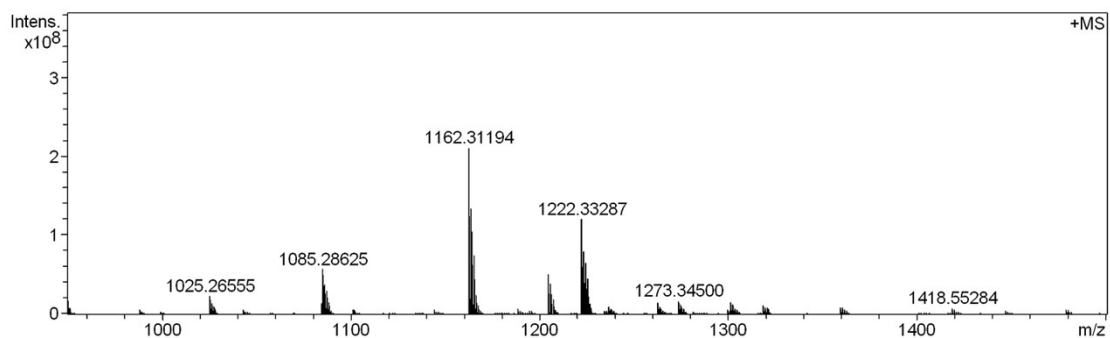
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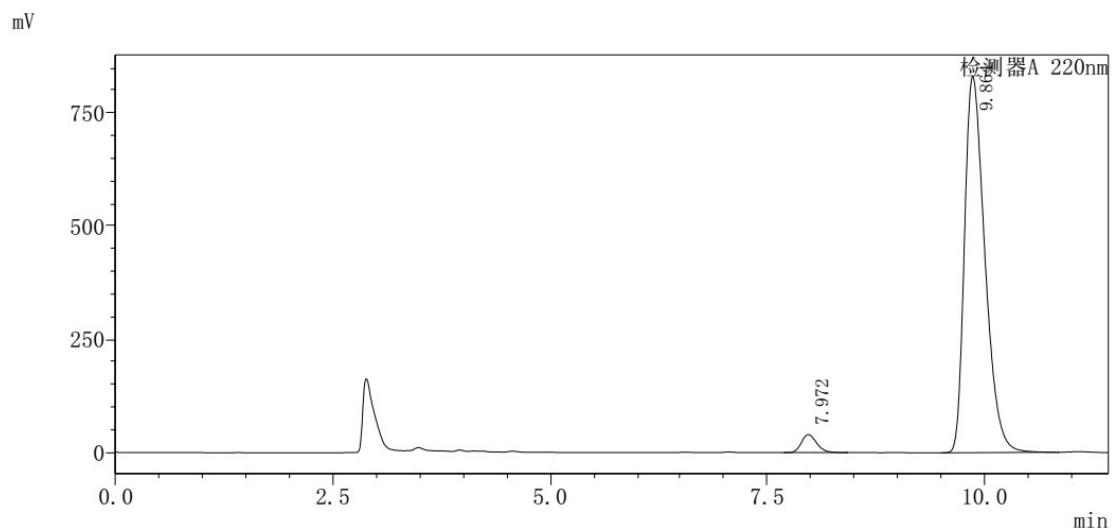
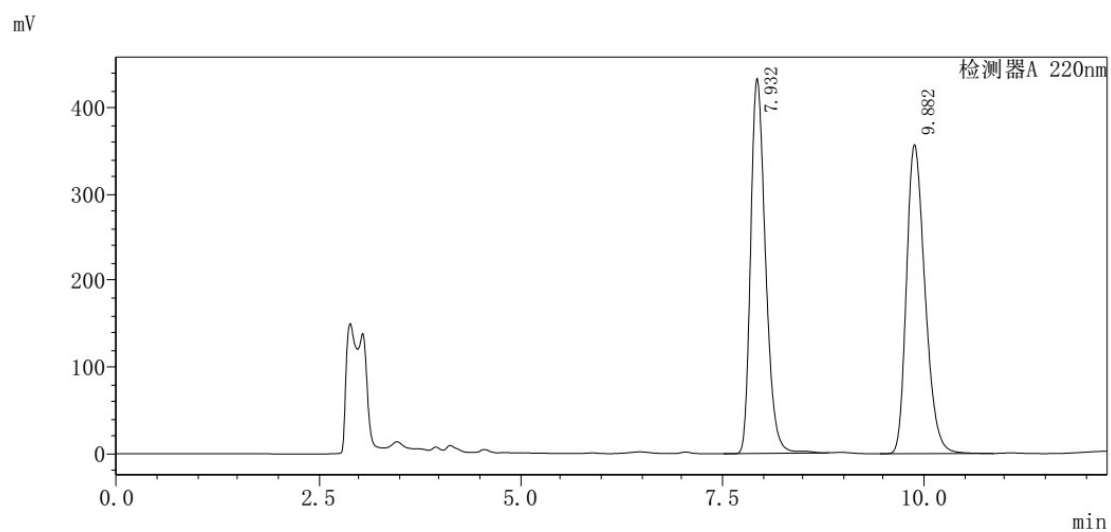
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2. Selected HPLC chromatograms for *ee* determination

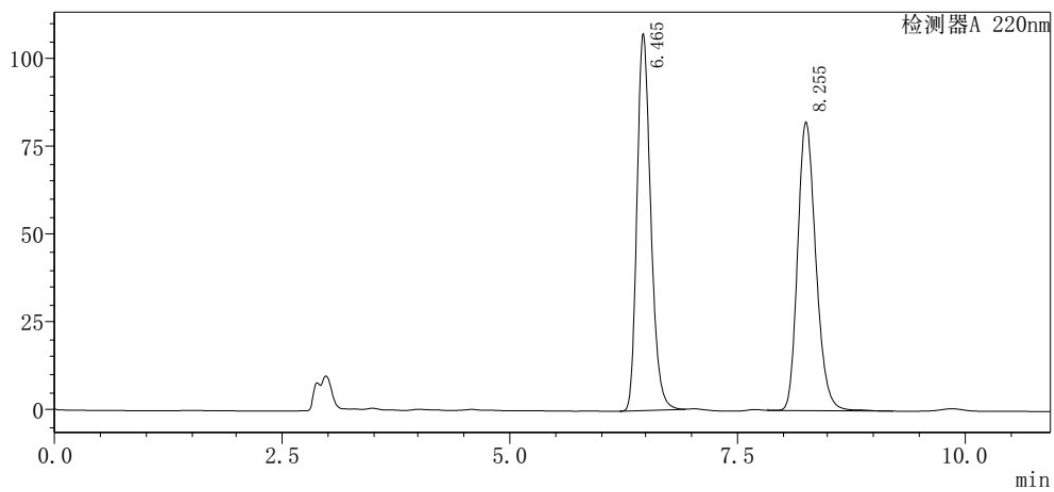
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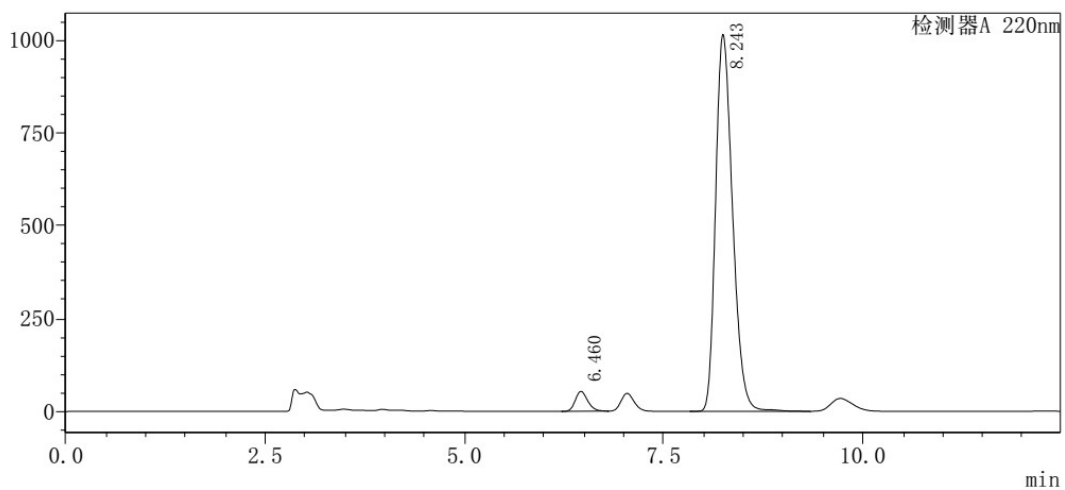
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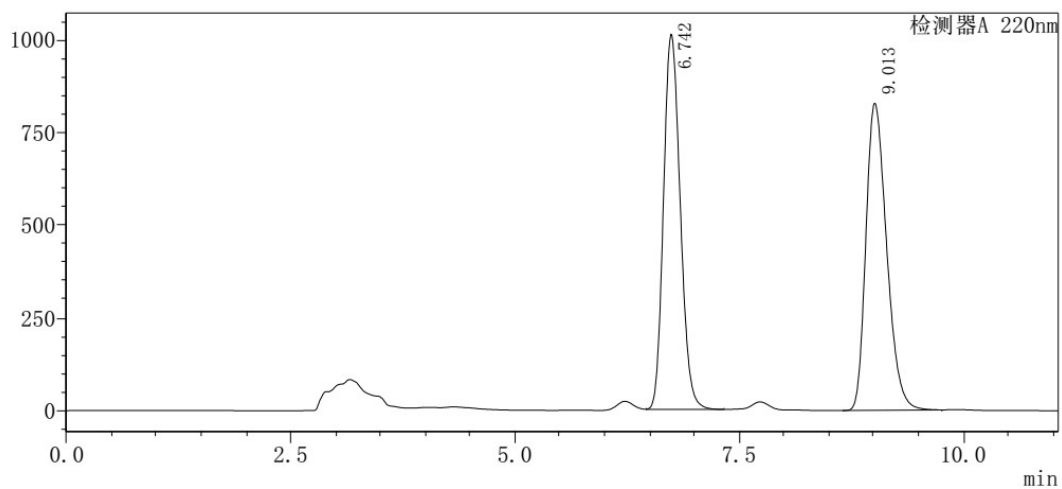
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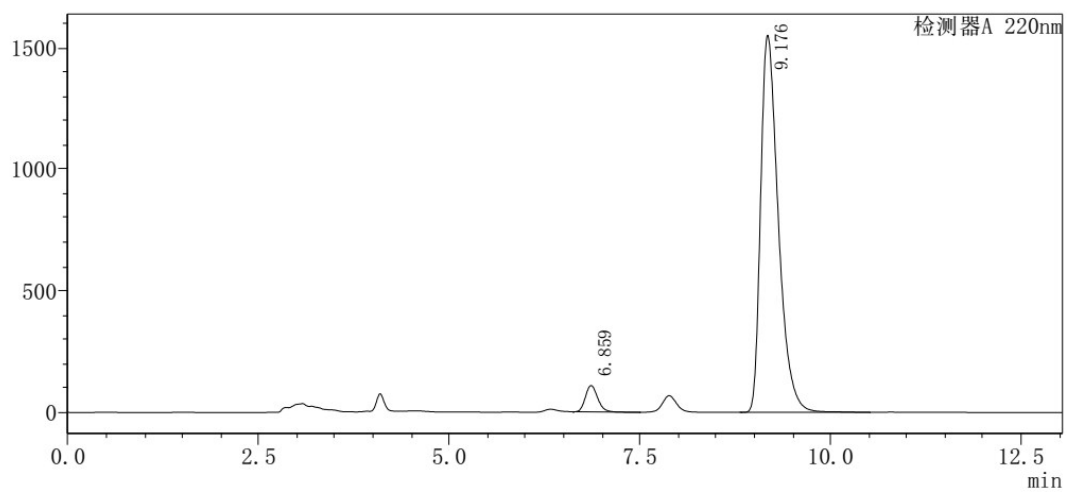
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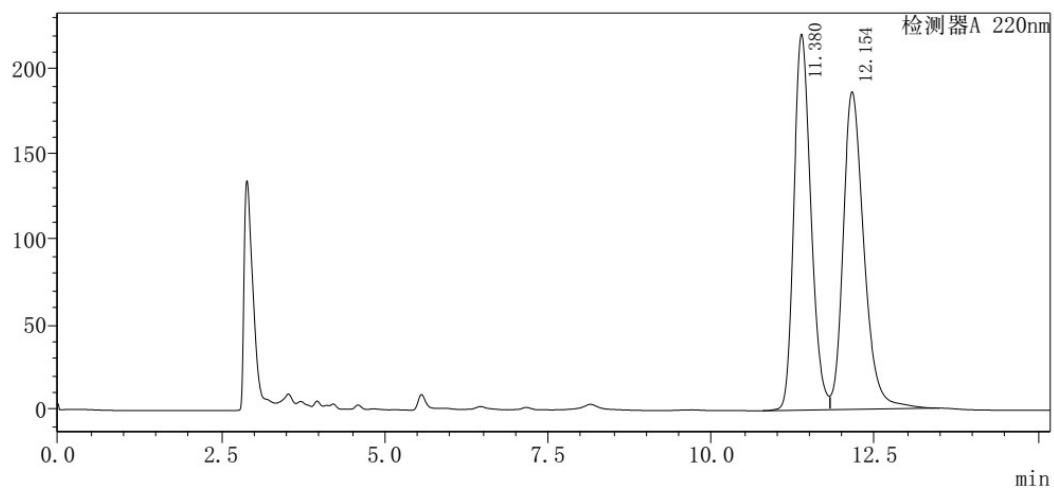
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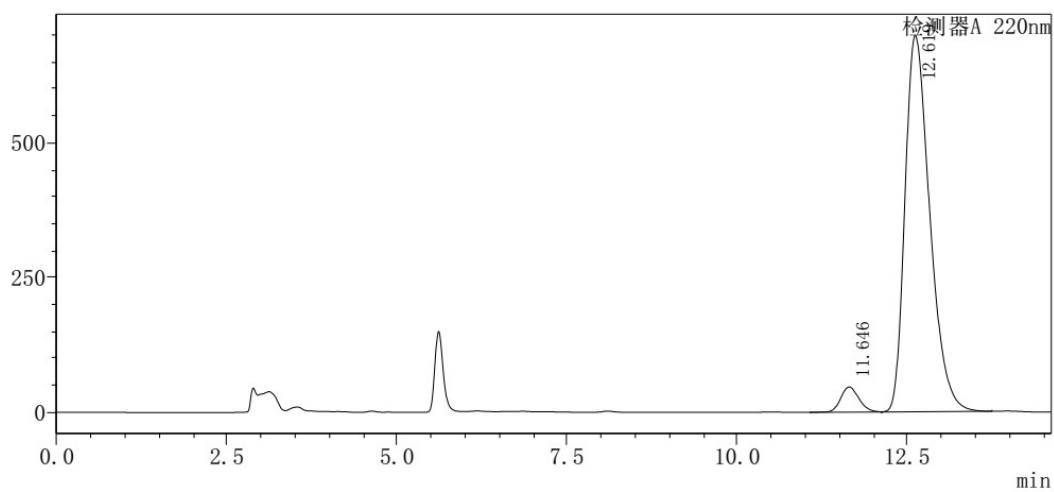
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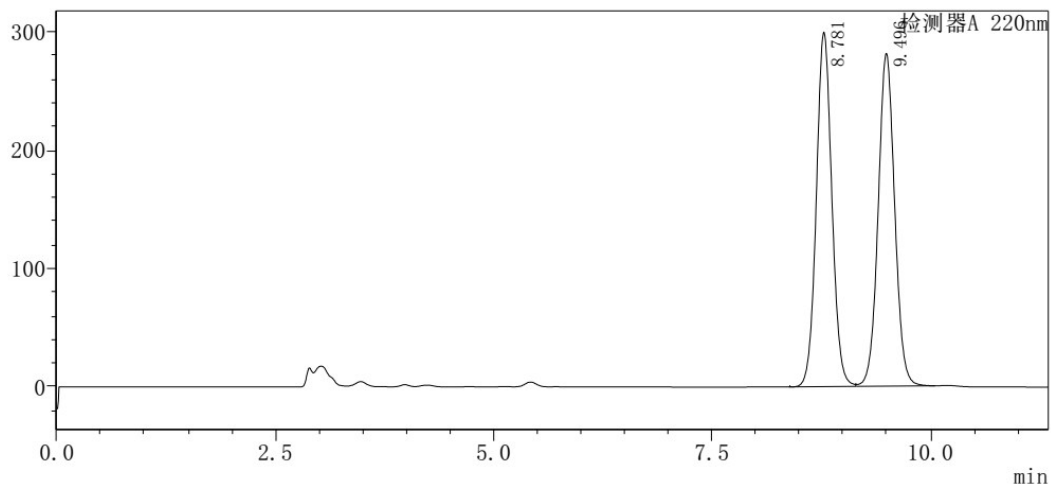
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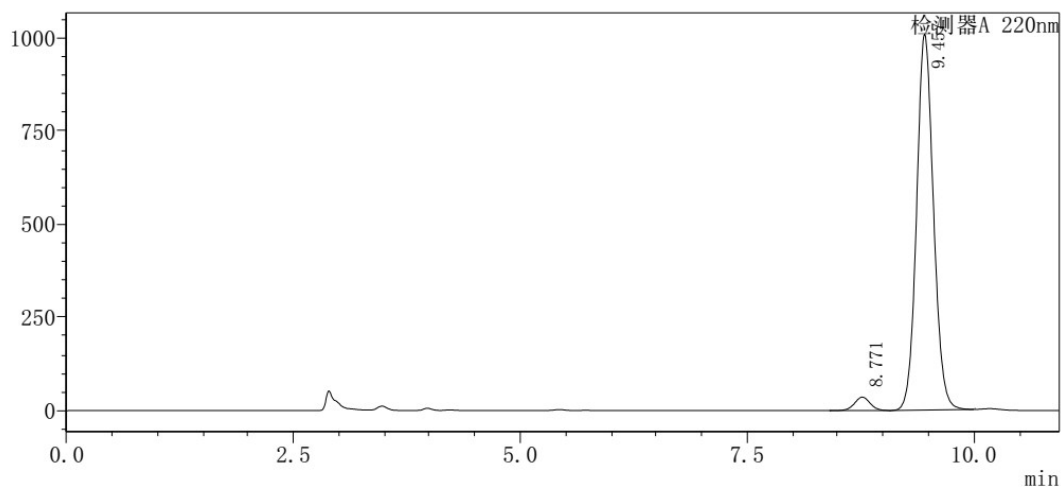
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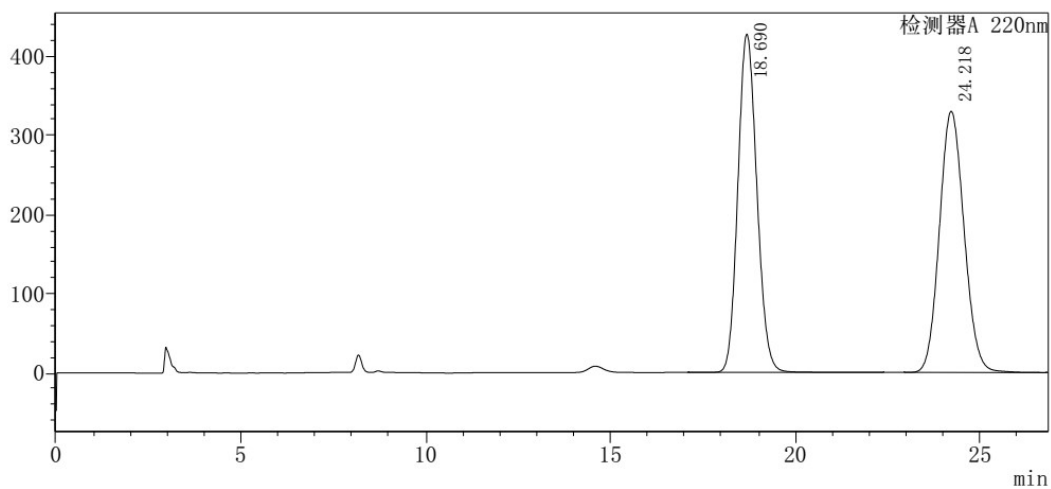
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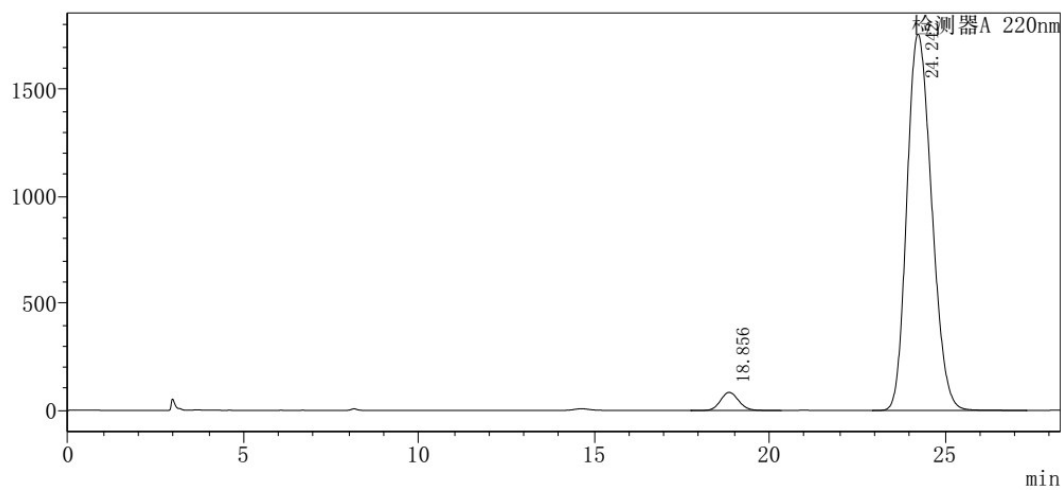
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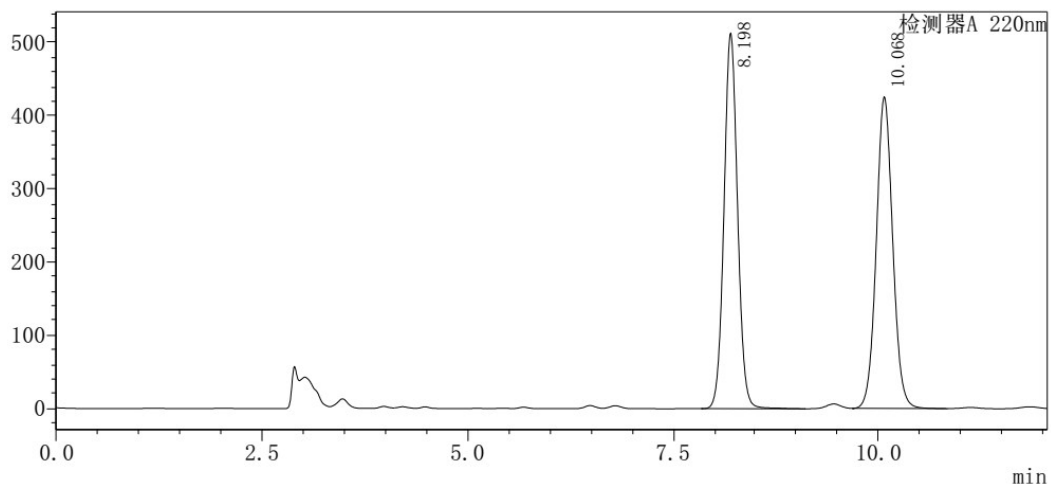
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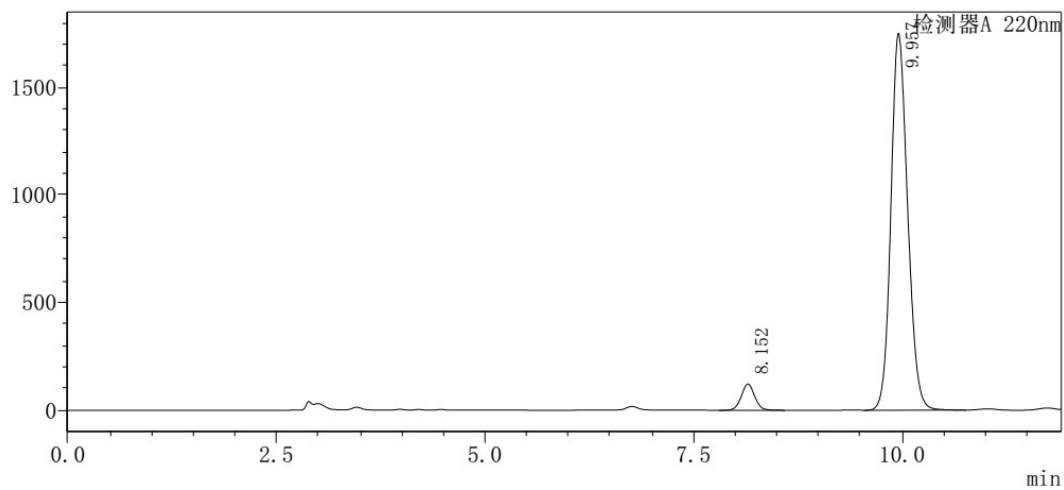
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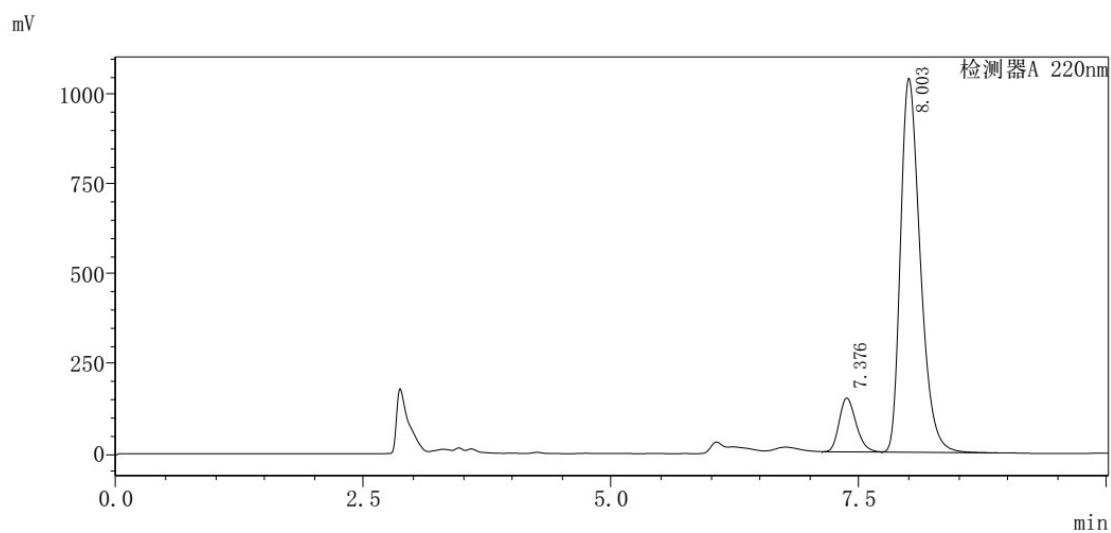
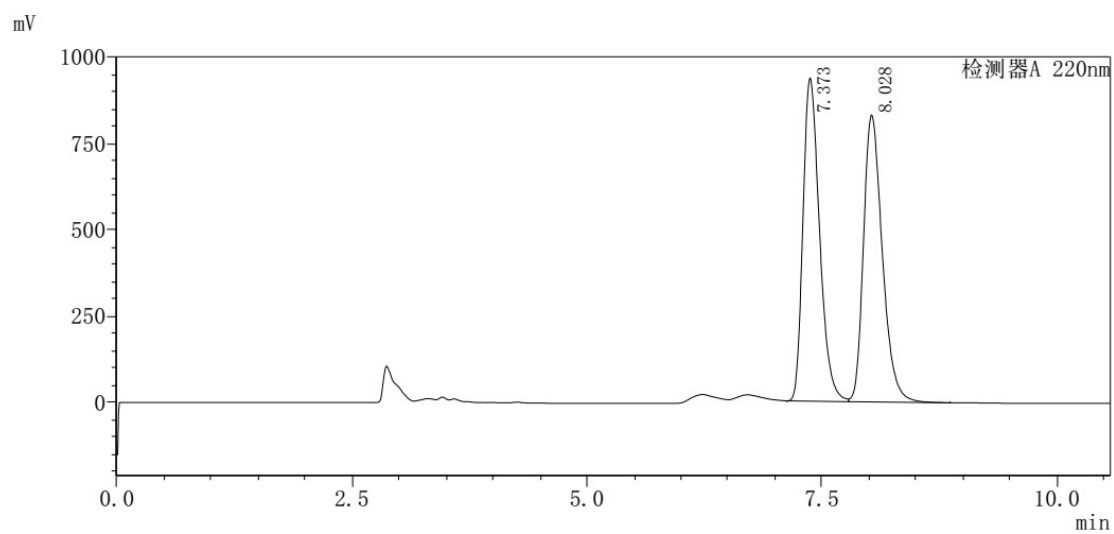


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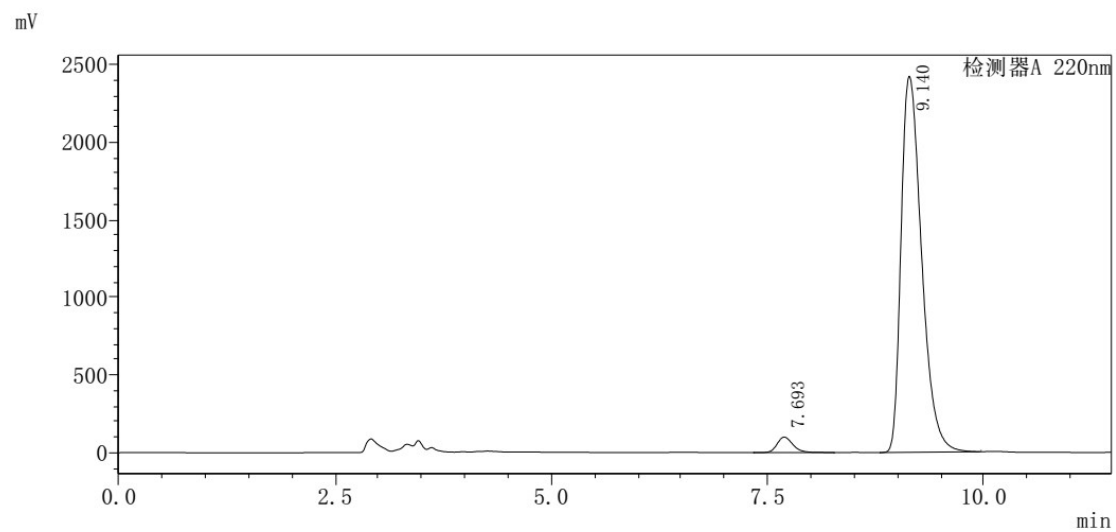
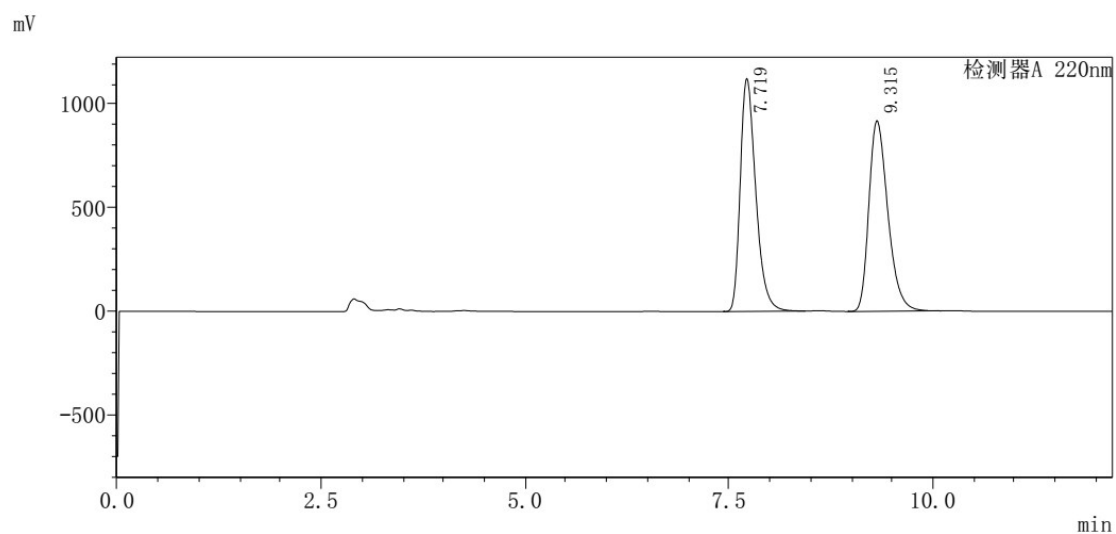
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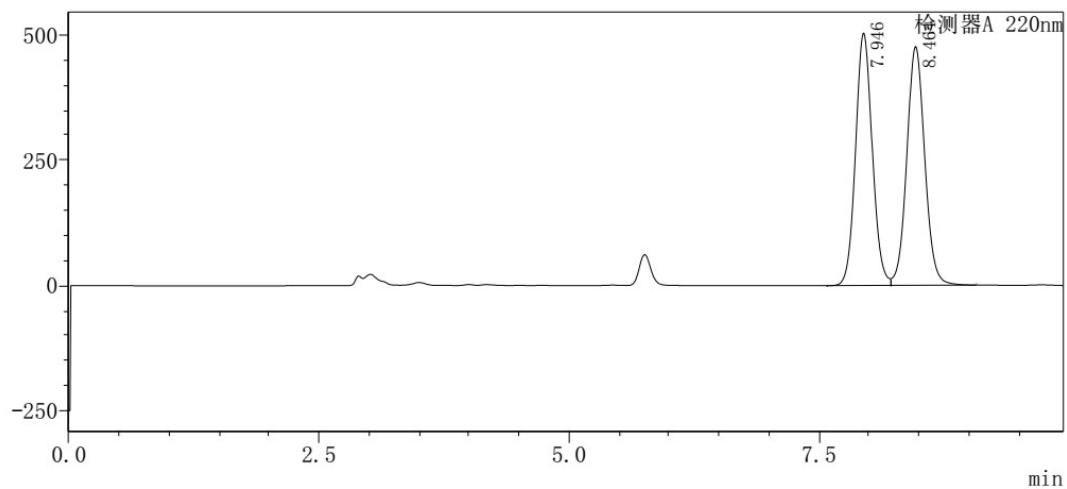
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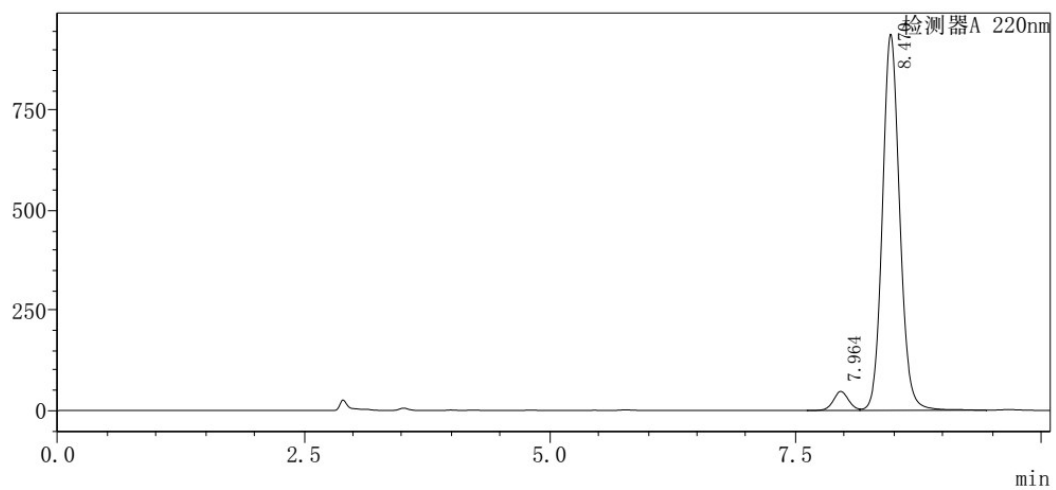
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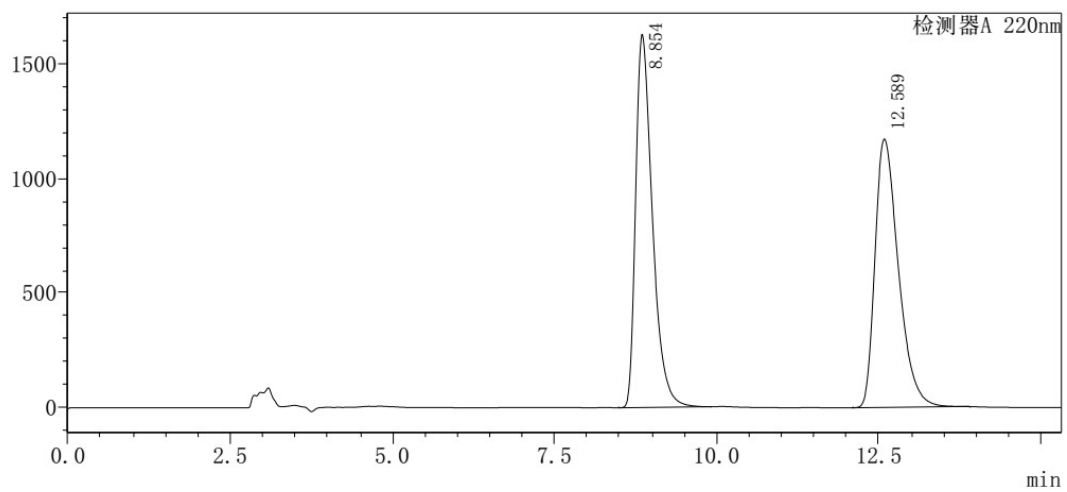
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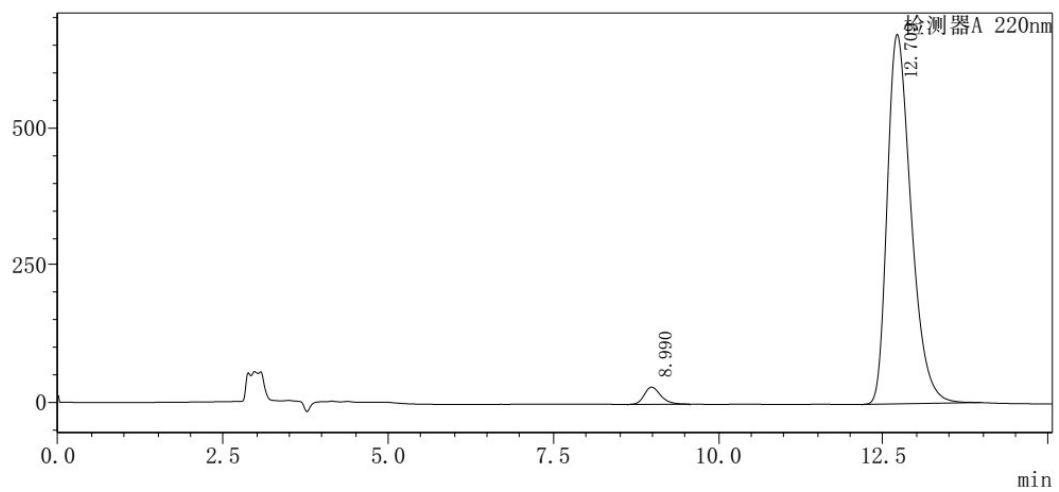
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(11) 2kc

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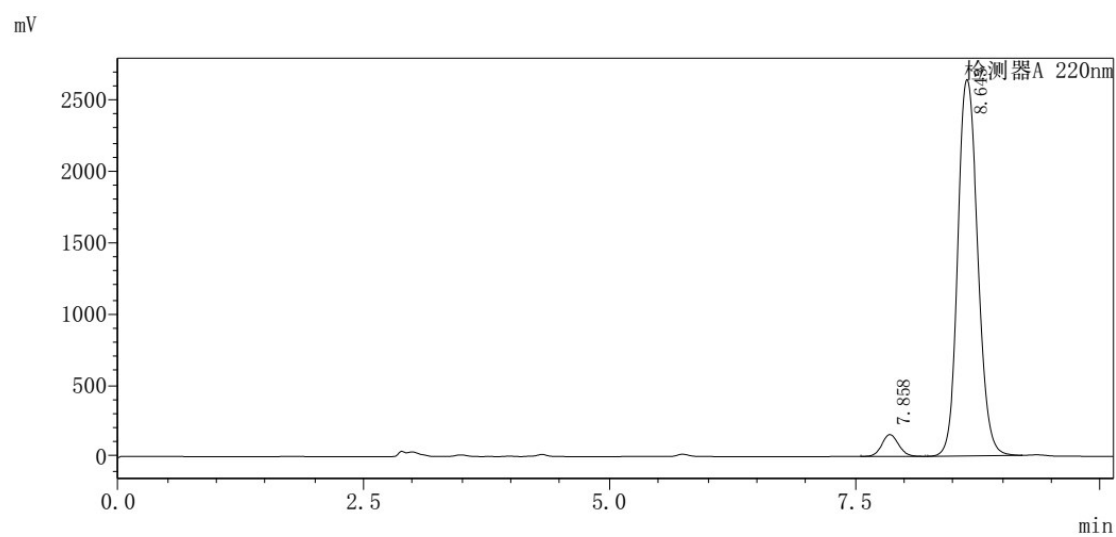
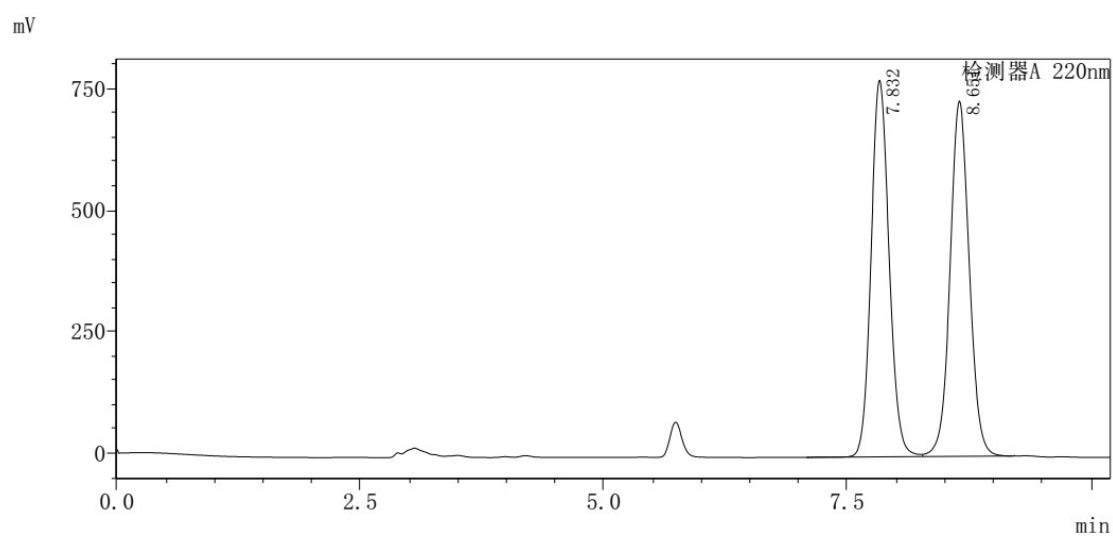


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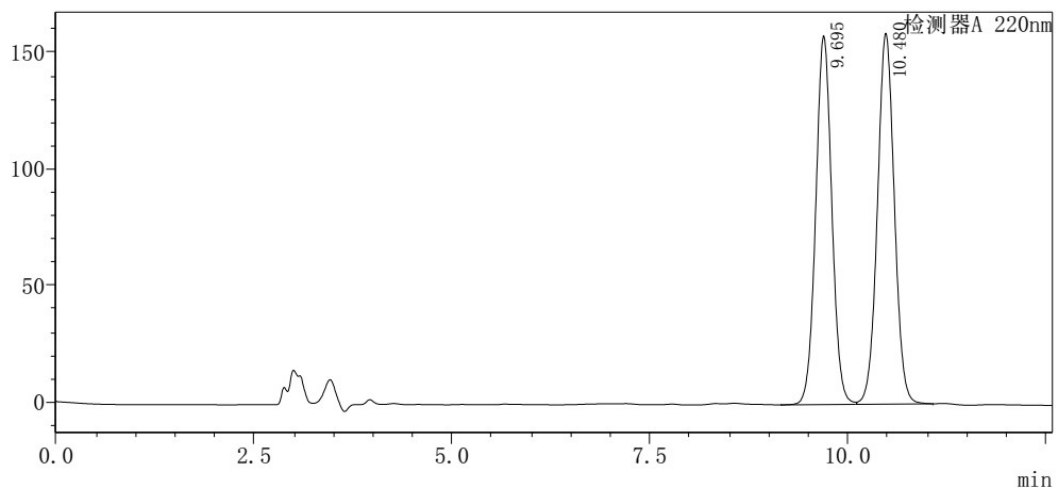
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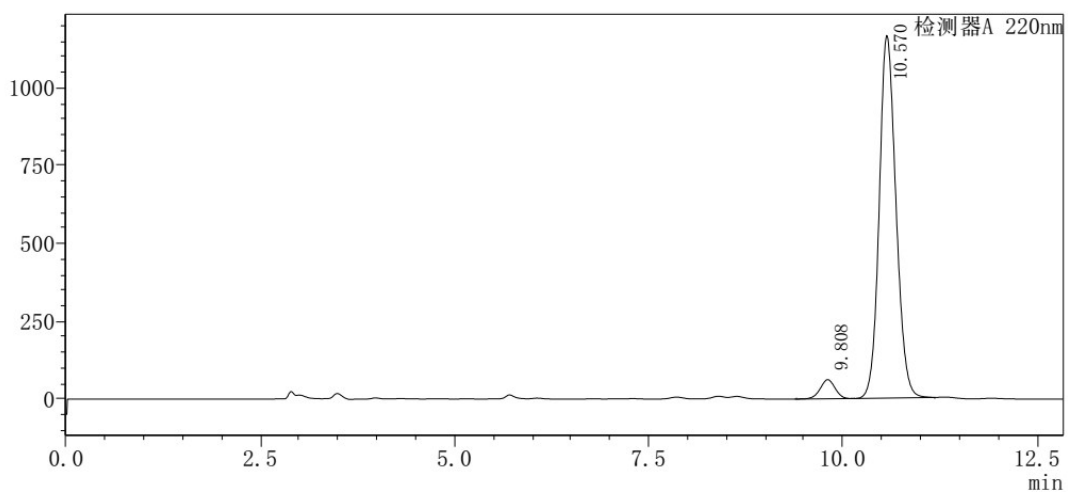
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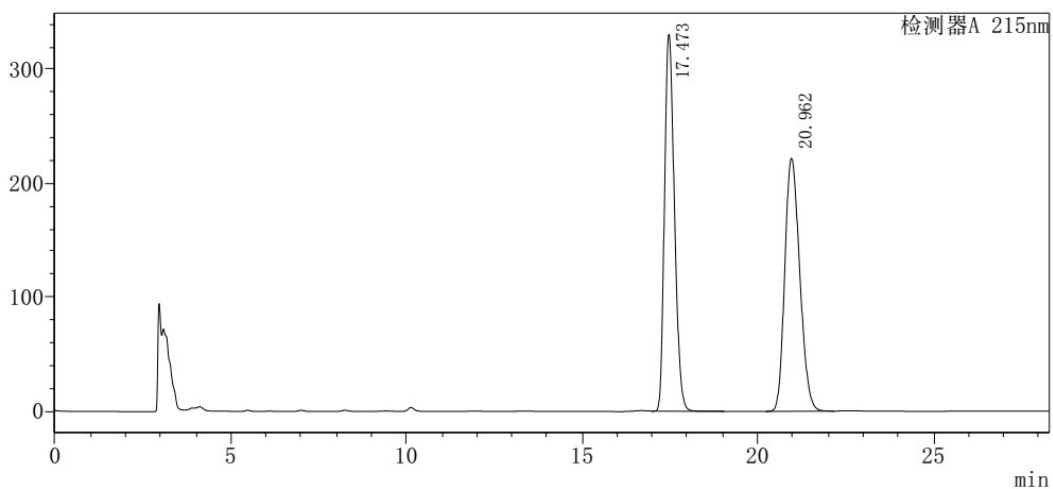
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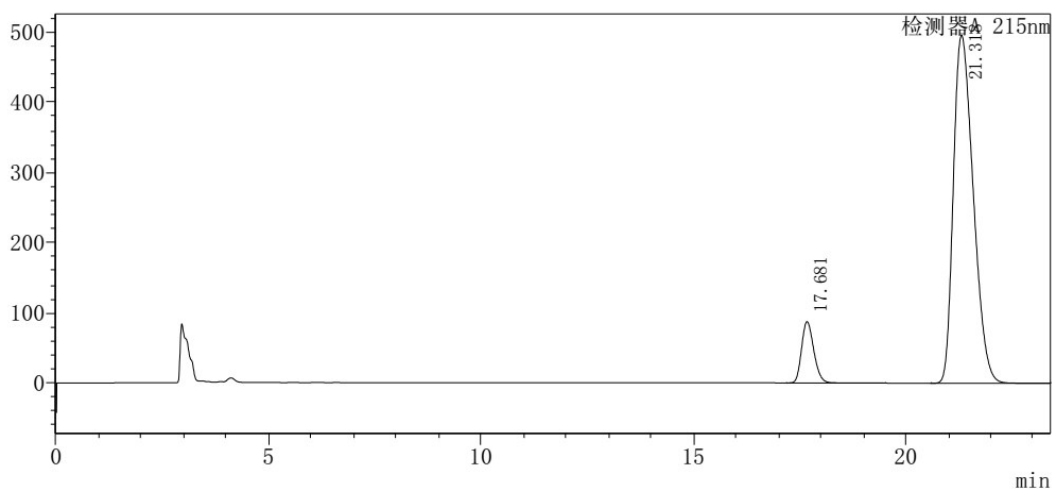
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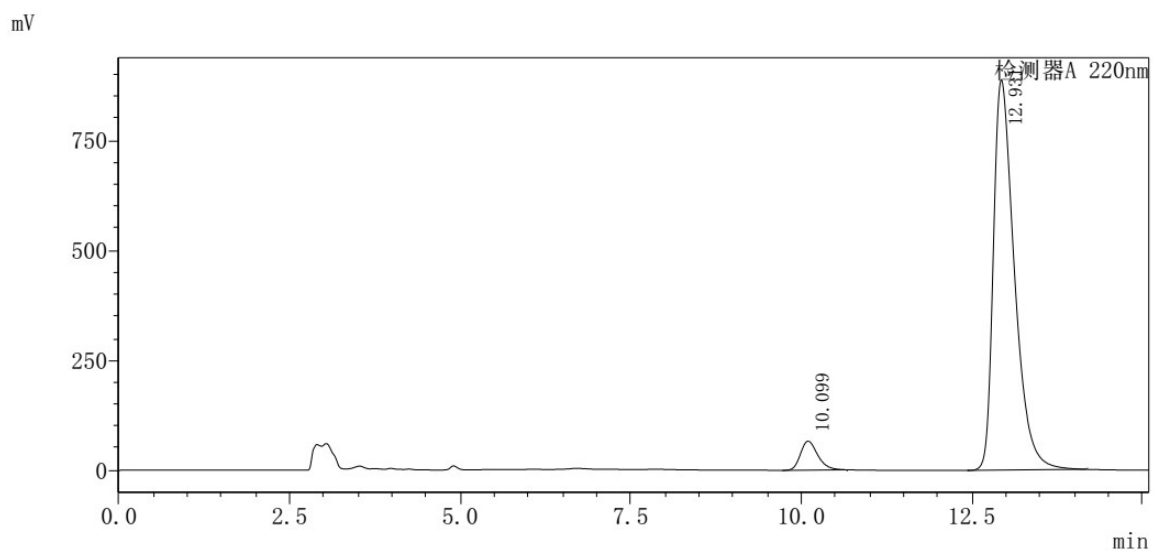
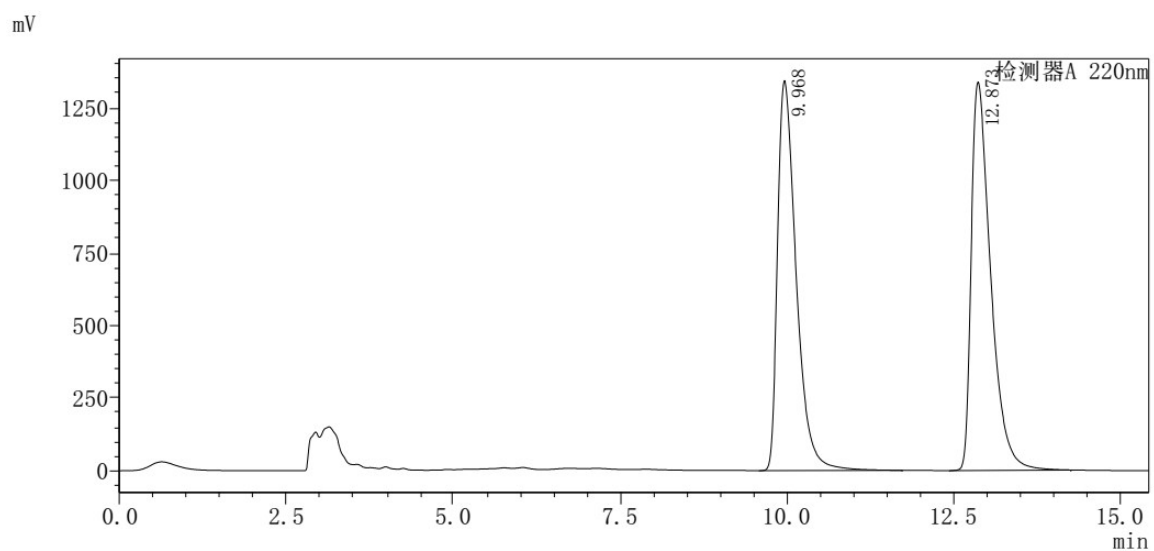


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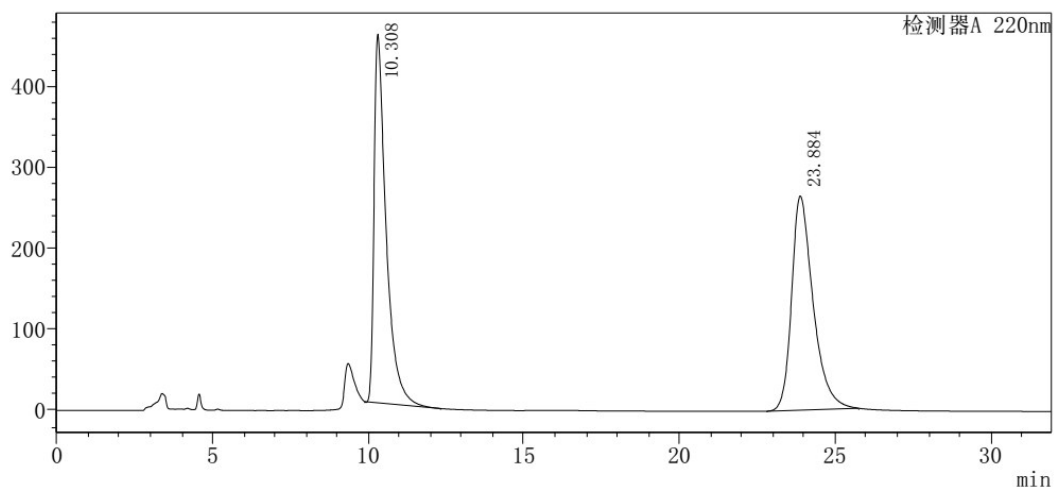
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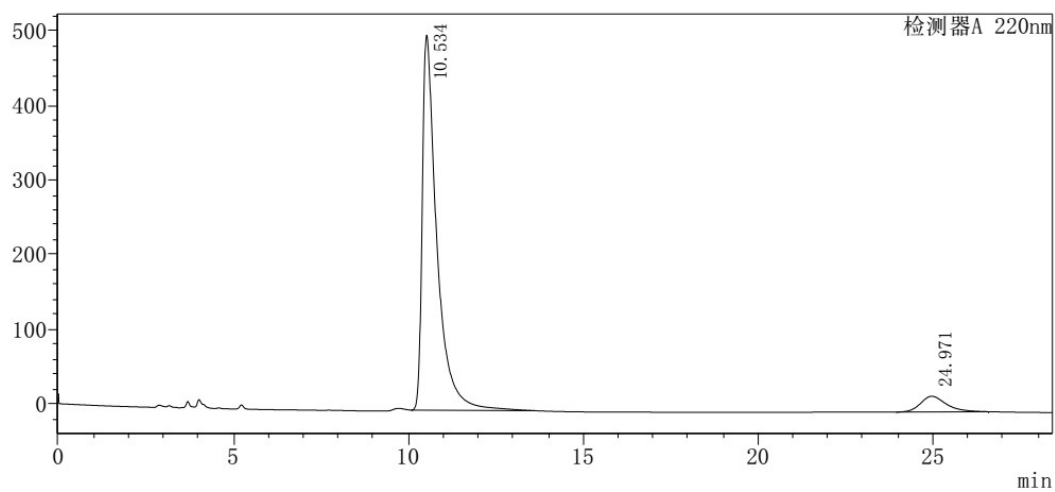
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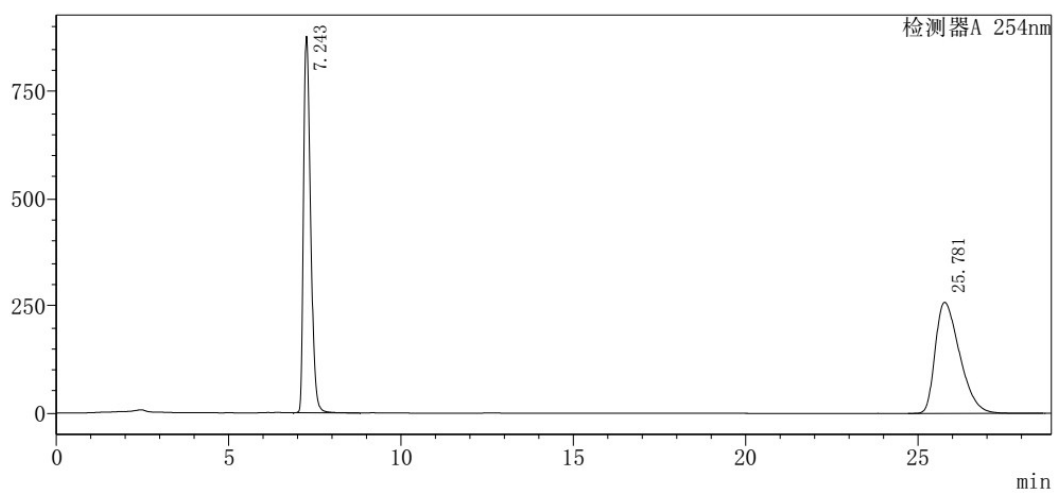
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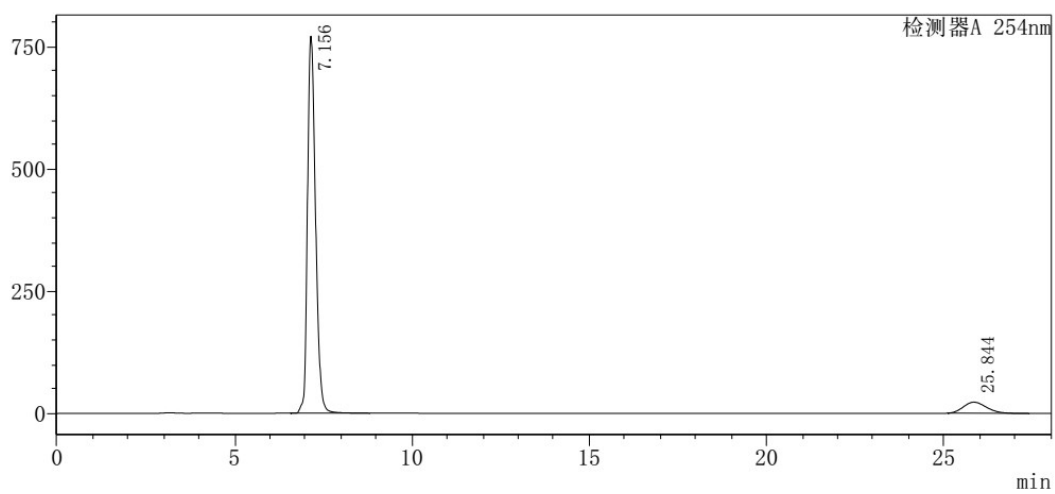
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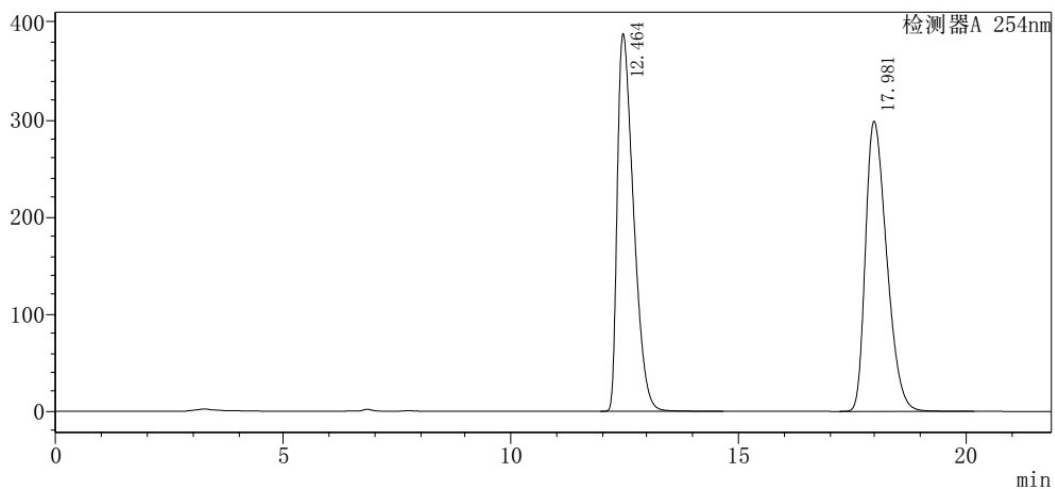
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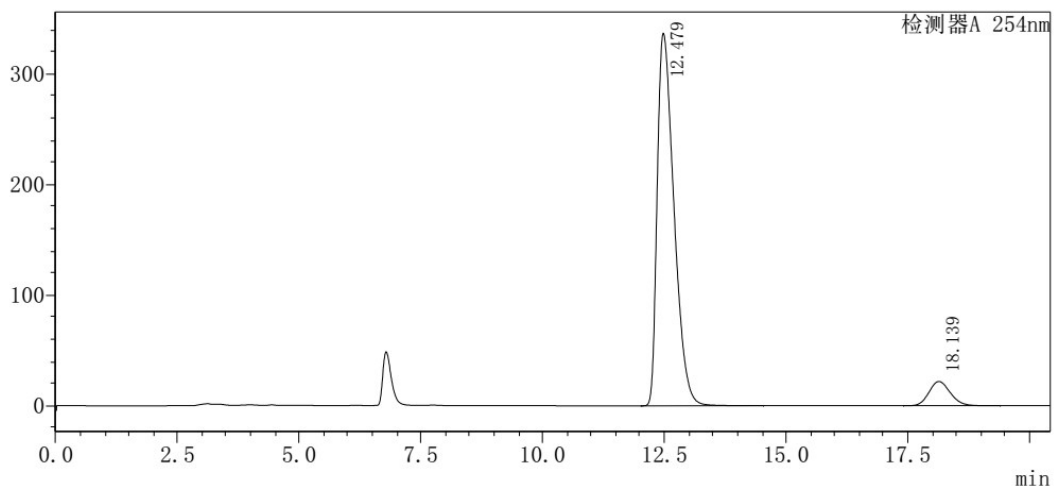
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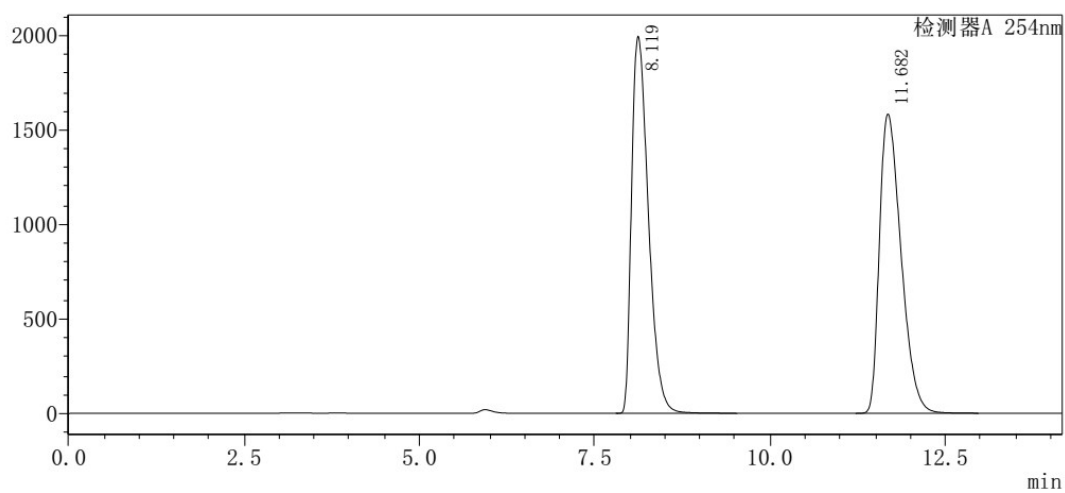
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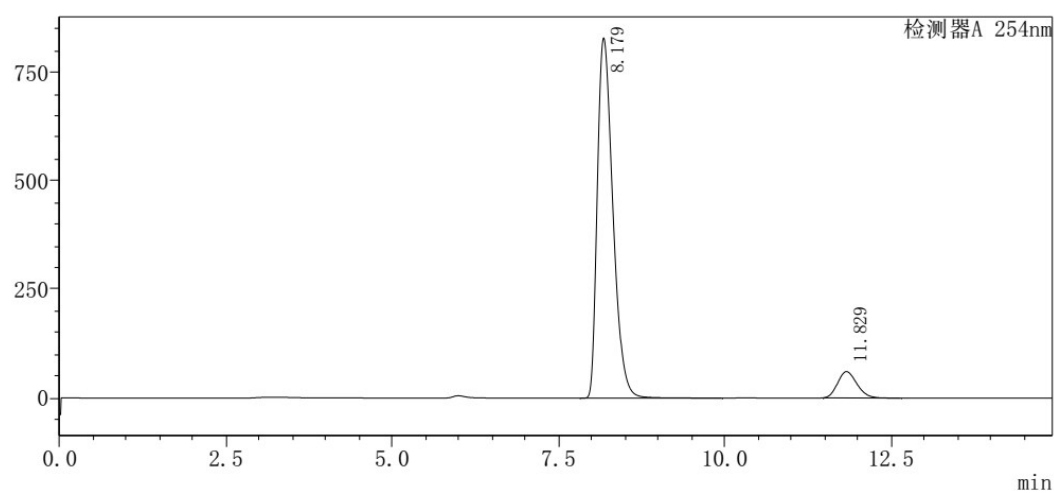
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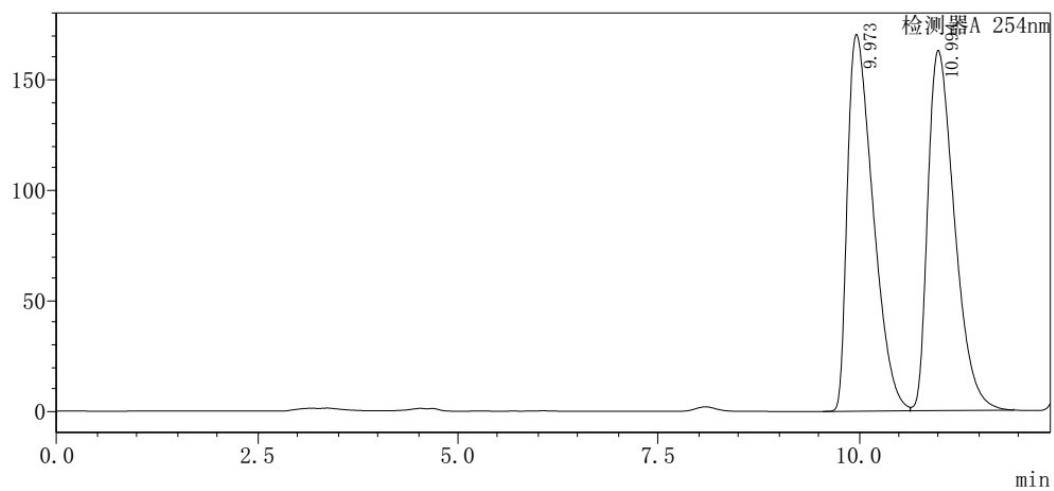
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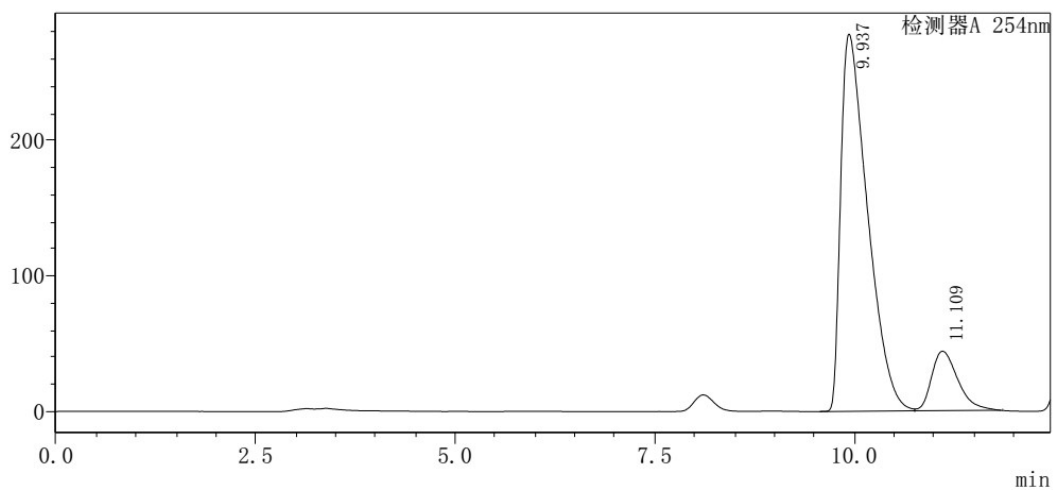
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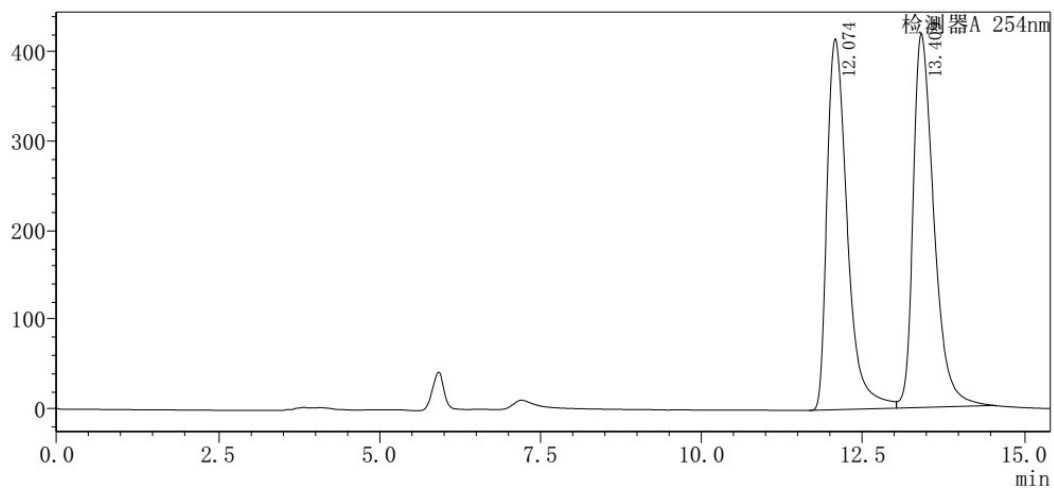
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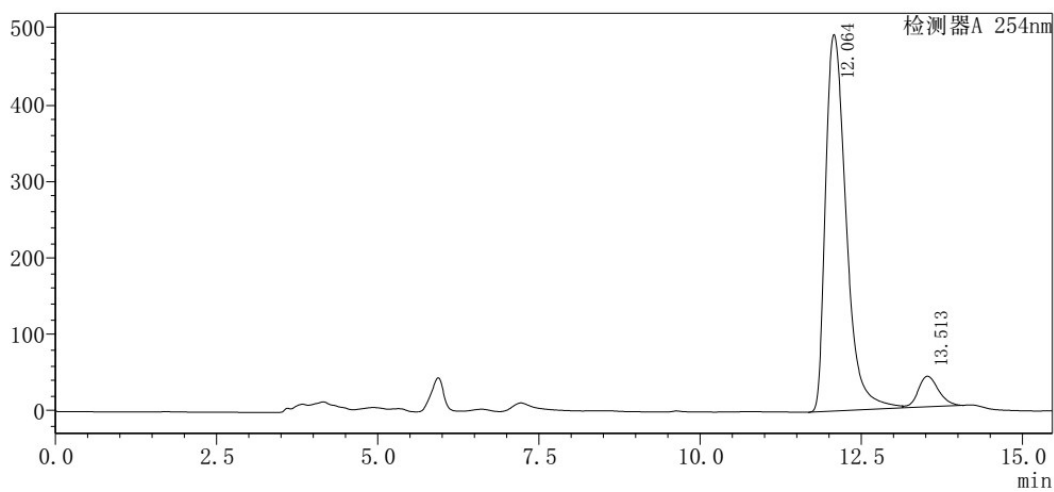
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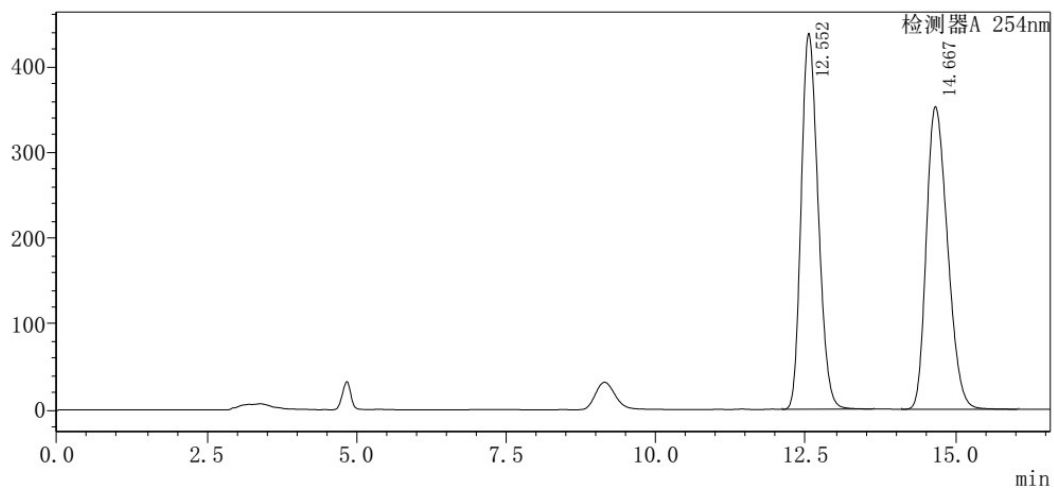
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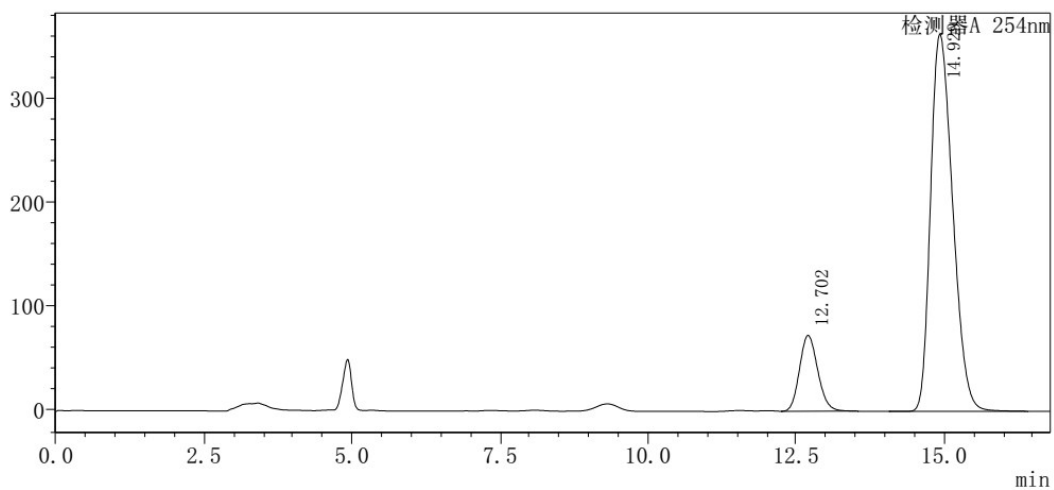
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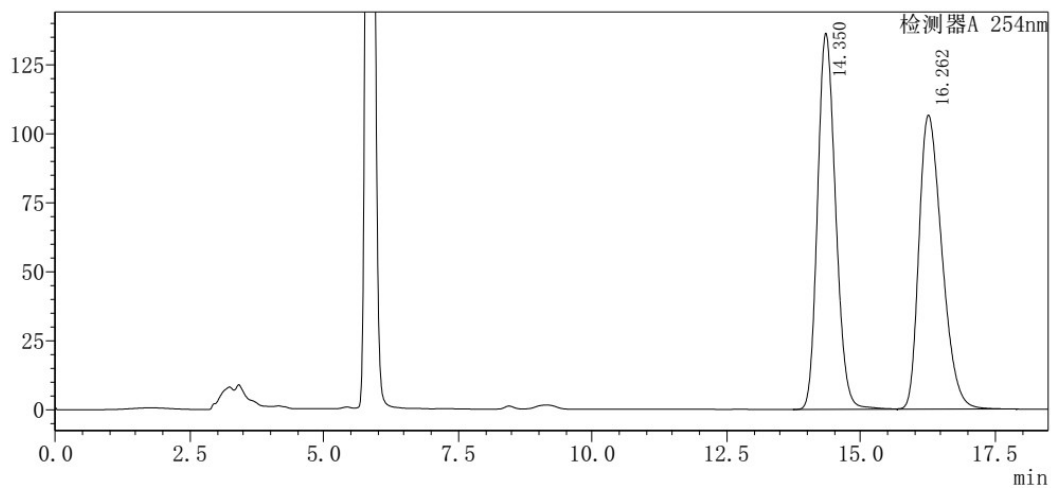
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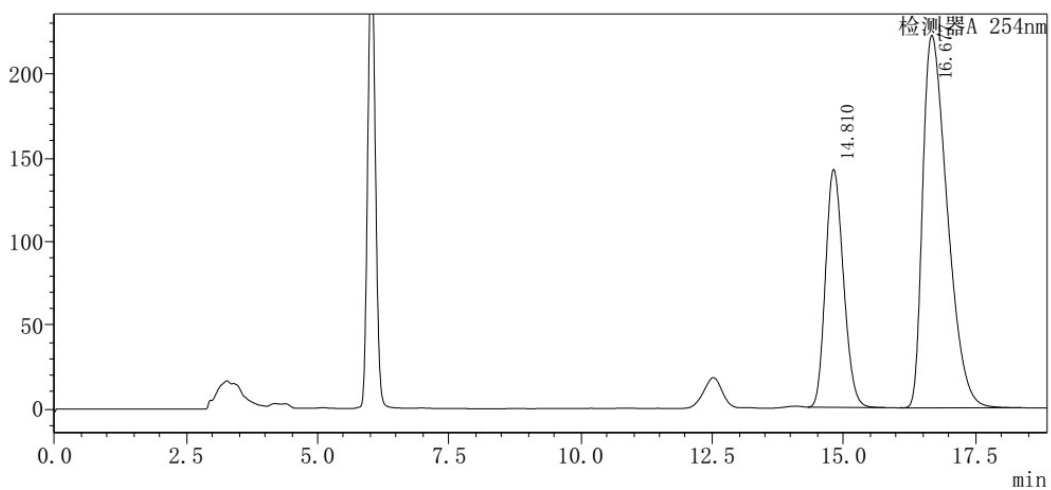
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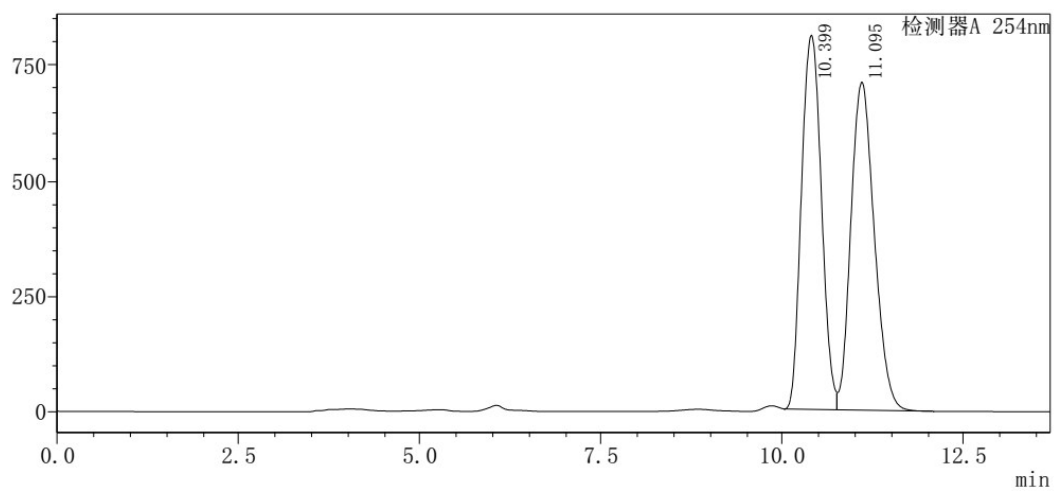
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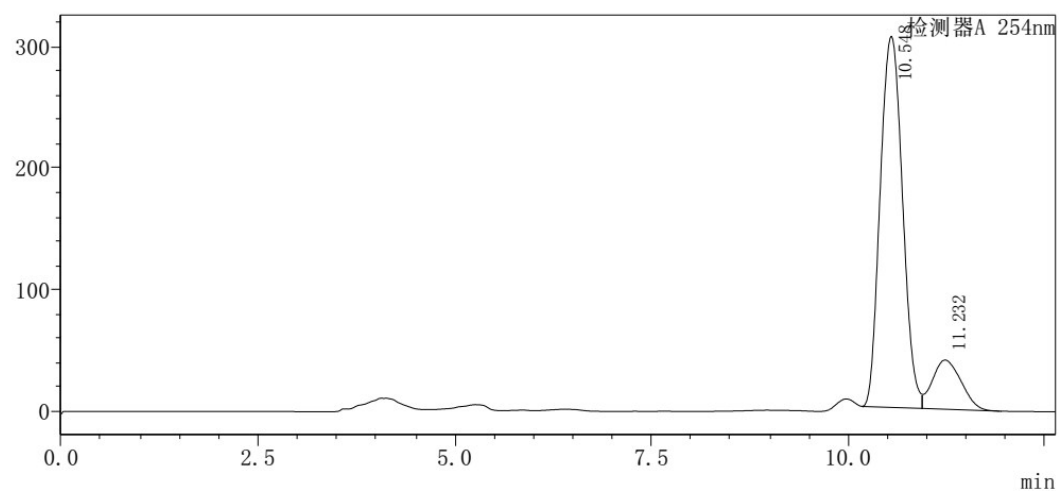
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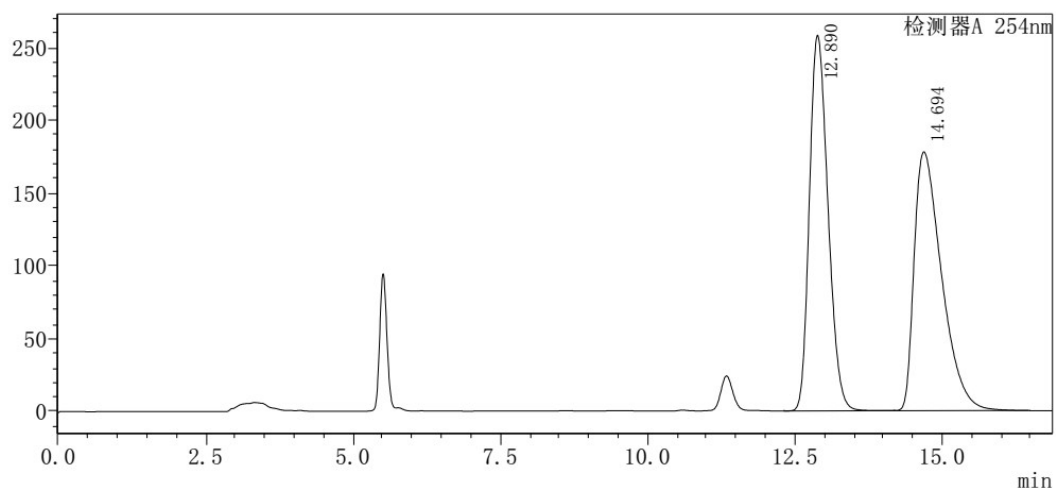
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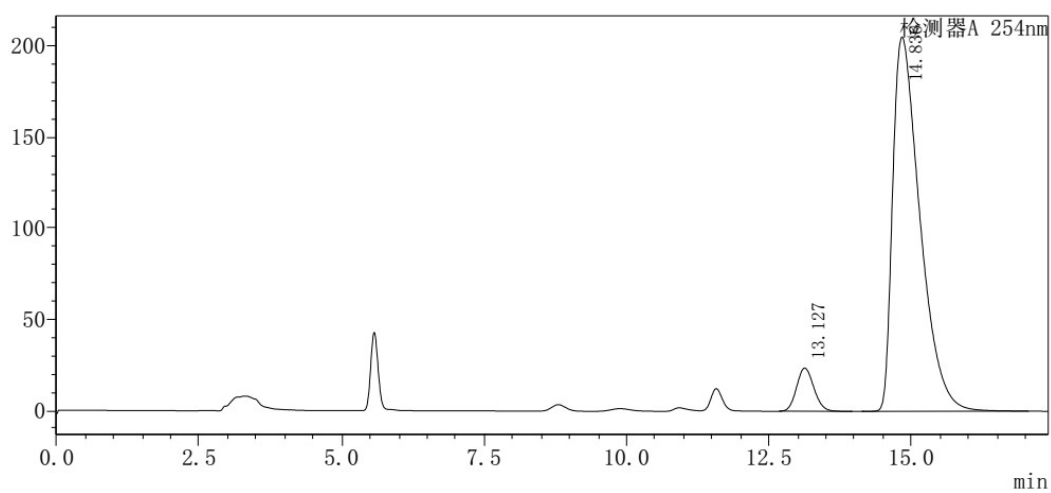
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(25) 6f

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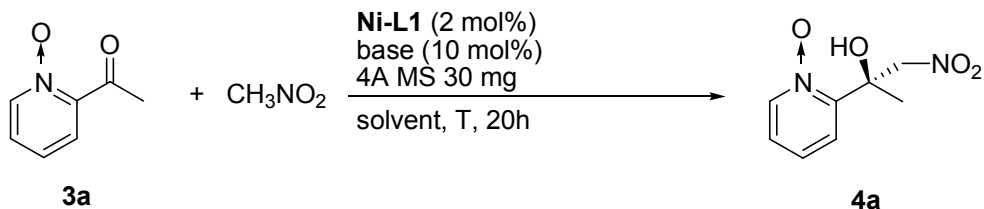
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1	13.127	23743	502035	6.833
2	14.836	205407	6845382	93.167
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3. Optimizations of the Henry reaction of 2-Acylpyridines and 2-Acylpyridine *N*-Oxides

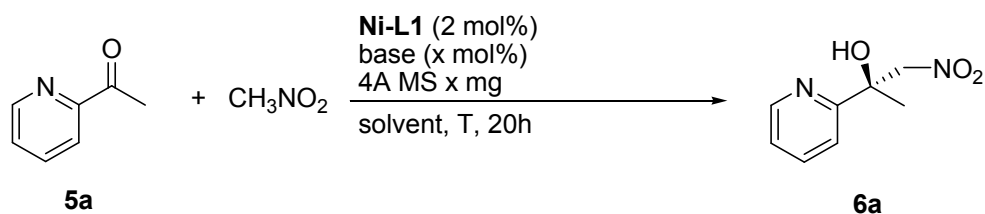
Table S1. Optimization of the Henry reaction of 2-Acylpyridine *N*-Oxides ^a



Entry	Solvent	Base	T (°C)	Yield(%) ^b	Ee(%) ^c
1	THF	NMP ^d	35	94	46
2	THF	NMP ^d	0	51	50
3	MeOH	NMP ^d	0	84	70
4	EtOH	NMP ^d	0	66	76
5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	NMP ^d	0	28	19
6	CH ₃ CN	NMP ^d	0	41	40
7	EtOH	EtNiPr ₂	0	99	62
8	EtOH	<i>i</i> Pr ₂ NH	0	99	63
9	EtOH	Et ₃ N	0	99	52
10	EtOH	<i>i</i> Pr ₂ NH	-20	99	78
11	EtOH	<i>i</i> Pr ₂ NH	-30	99	83
12	EtOH	<i>i</i> Pr ₂ NH	-40	97	85
13 ^e	EtOH	<i>i</i> Pr ₂ NH	-40	92	86

^a Reactions were carried out on a 0.2 mmol scale of 2-Acylpyridine *N*-Oxides **3a** in the mixture of solvent (0.8 mL) and nitromethane (0.2 mL) for 20h. The catalyst was pre-prepared. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase. ^d NMP = *N*-methylmorpholine. ^e *i*Pr₂NH (5 mol%).

Table S2 Optimization of the Henry reaction of 2-Acylpyridine *N*-Oxides ^a

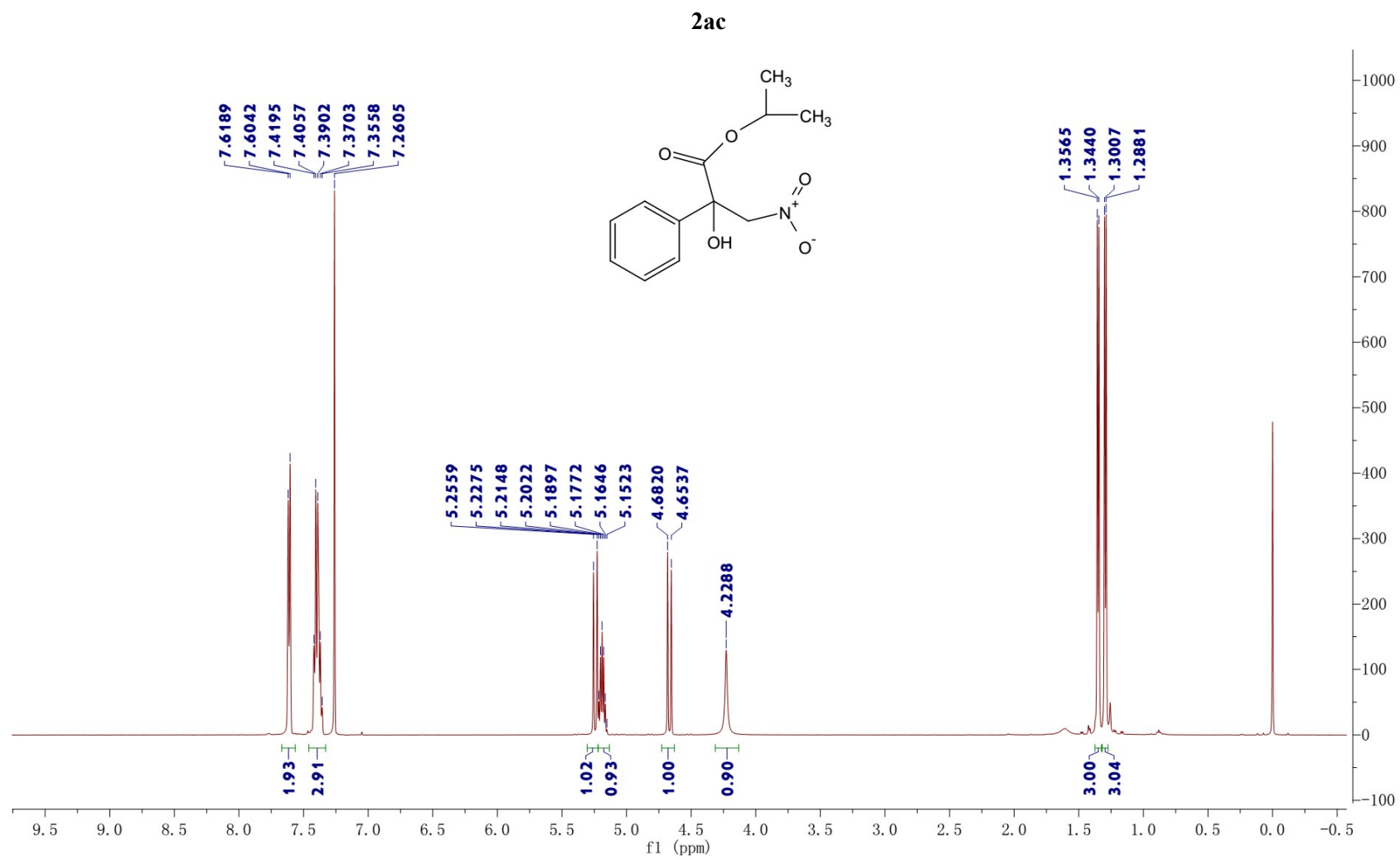


Entry	Solvent	Base (mol %)	Additive	T (°C)	Yield(%) ^b	Ee(%) ^c
1	THF	NMP ^d (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	35	64	12
2	THF	NMP ^d (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	54	26
3	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	62	34

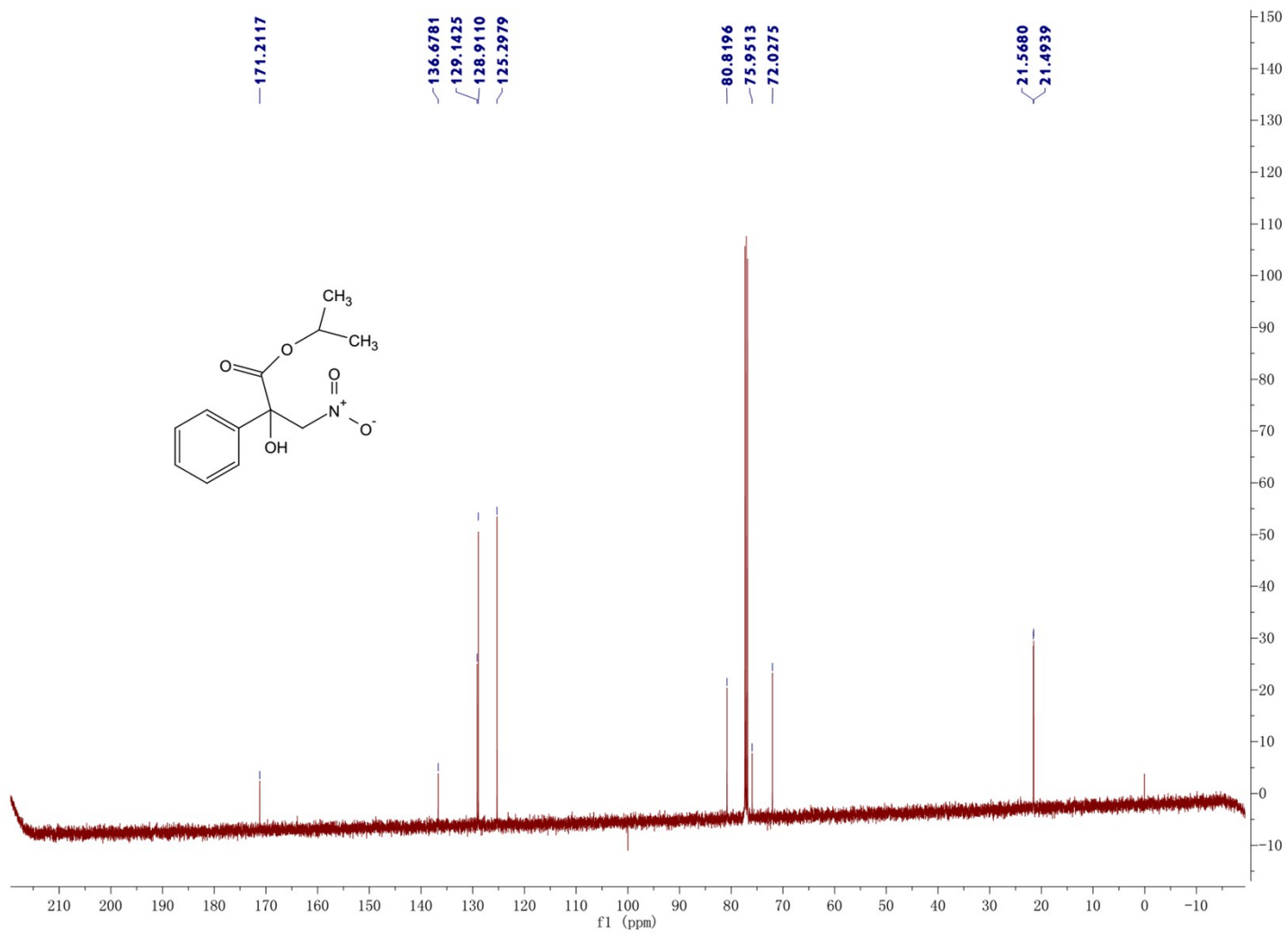
4	THF	<i>i</i> Pr ₂ NH(10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	61	24
5	THF	Et ₃ N(10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	63	20
6	EtOH	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	69	16
7	CH ₂ Cl ₂	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	46	23
8	EtOAc	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	34	19
9	CH ₃ CN	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	0	41	15
10	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	-10	58	69
11	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	-20	51	75
12	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (30 mg)	-30	35	83
13	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (50)	4Å MS (30 mg)	-30	36	81
14	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (100)	4Å MS (30 mg)	-30	38	70
15	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (20 mg)	-20	42	75
16	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (40 mg)	-20	54	85
17	THF	EtNiPr ₂ (10)	4Å MS (50 mg)	-20	56	78

^a Reactions were carried out on a 0.2 mmol scale of 2-Acylpyridine **5a** in the mixture of solvent (0.8 mL) and nitromethane (0.2 mL) for 20h. The catalyst was pre-prepared. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase. ^d NMP = *N*-methylmorpholine.

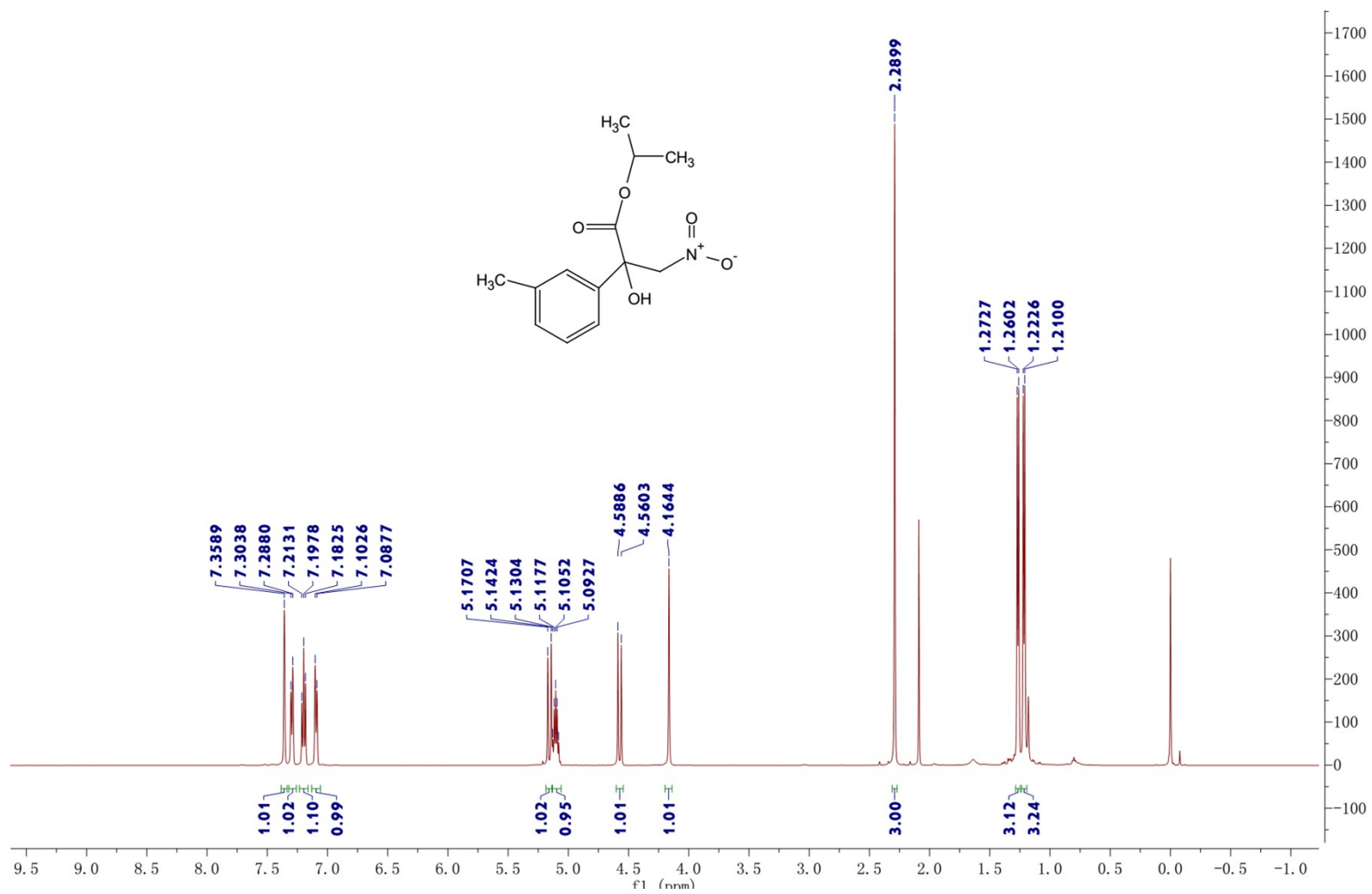
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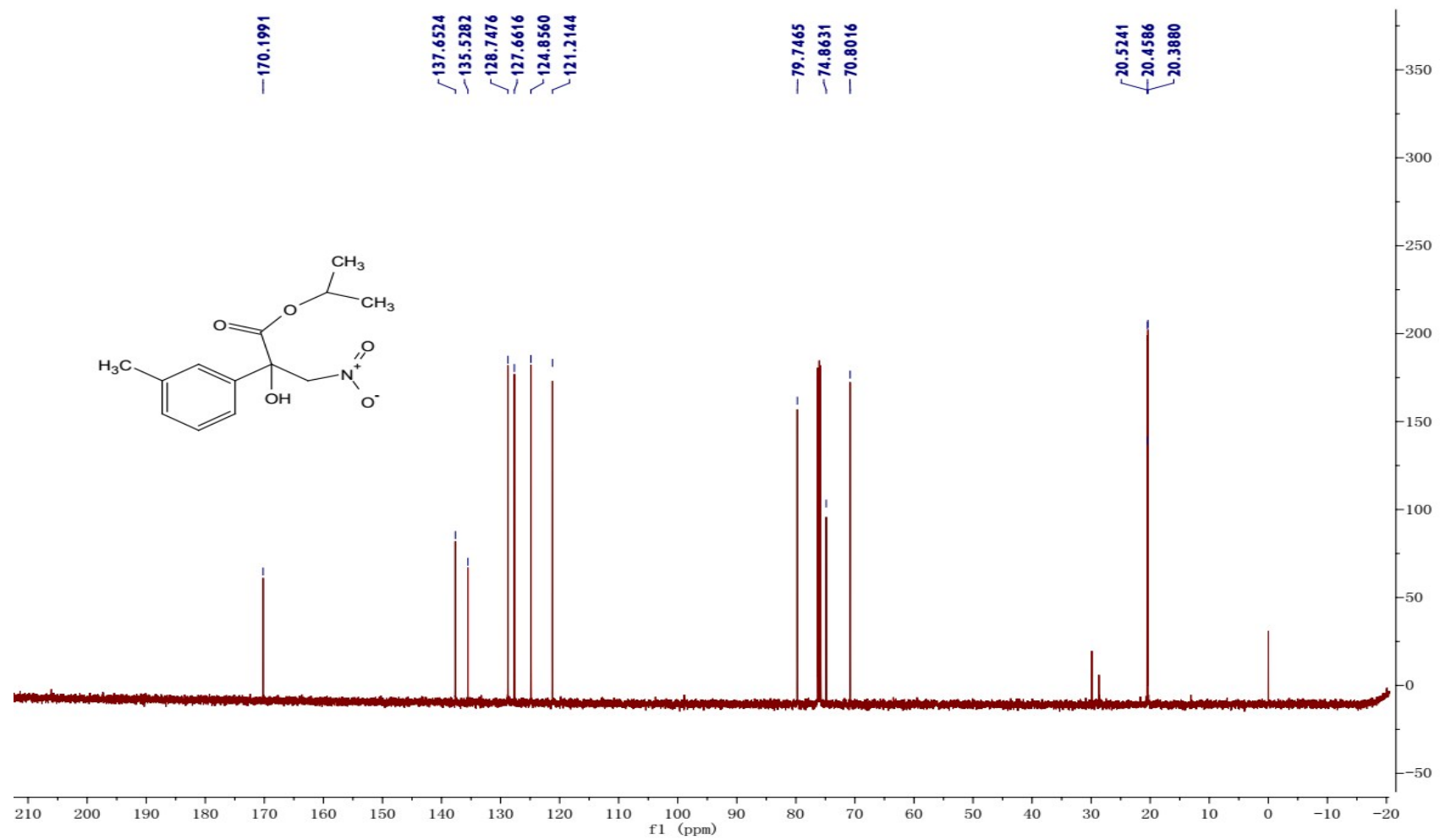
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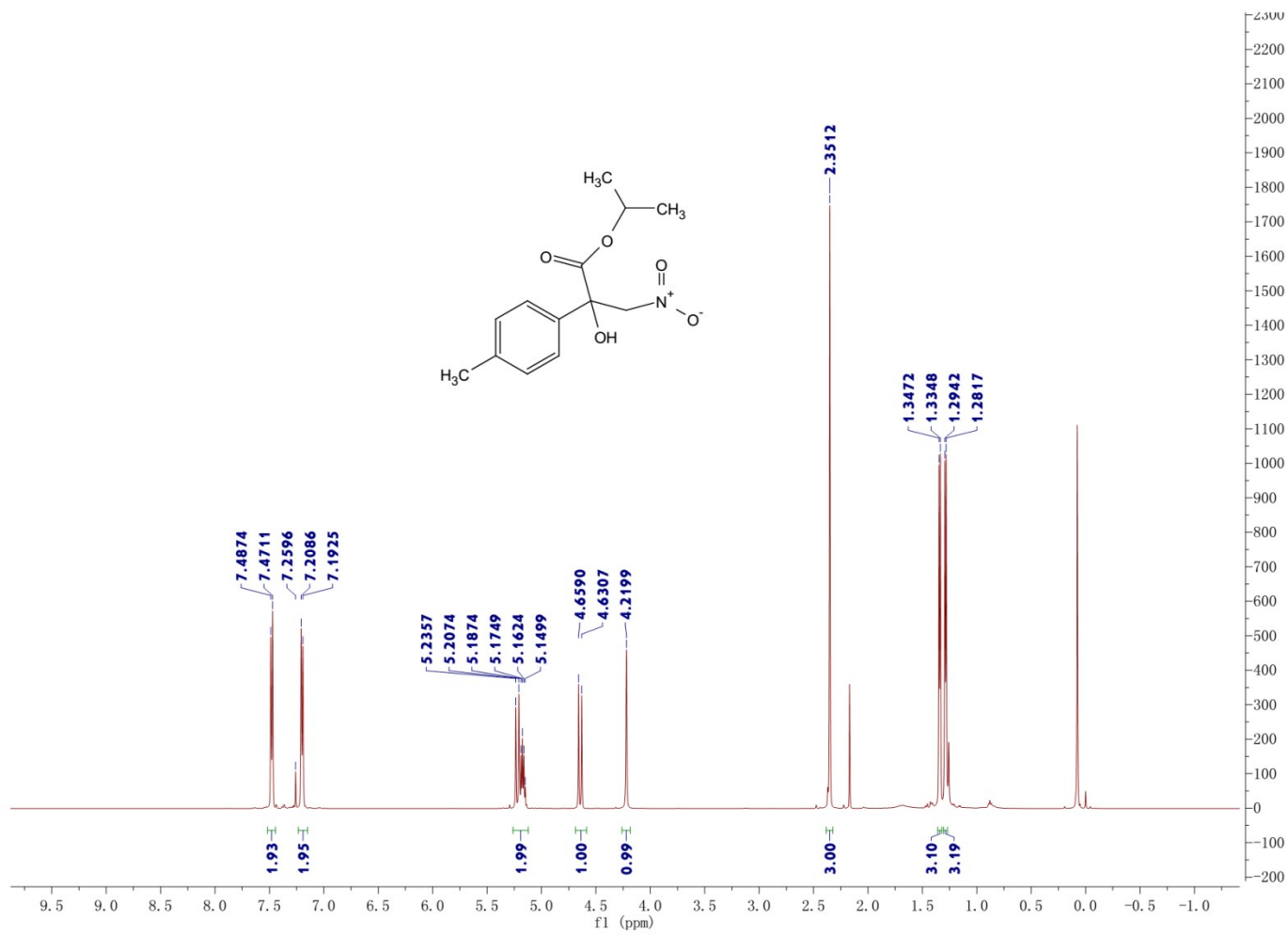
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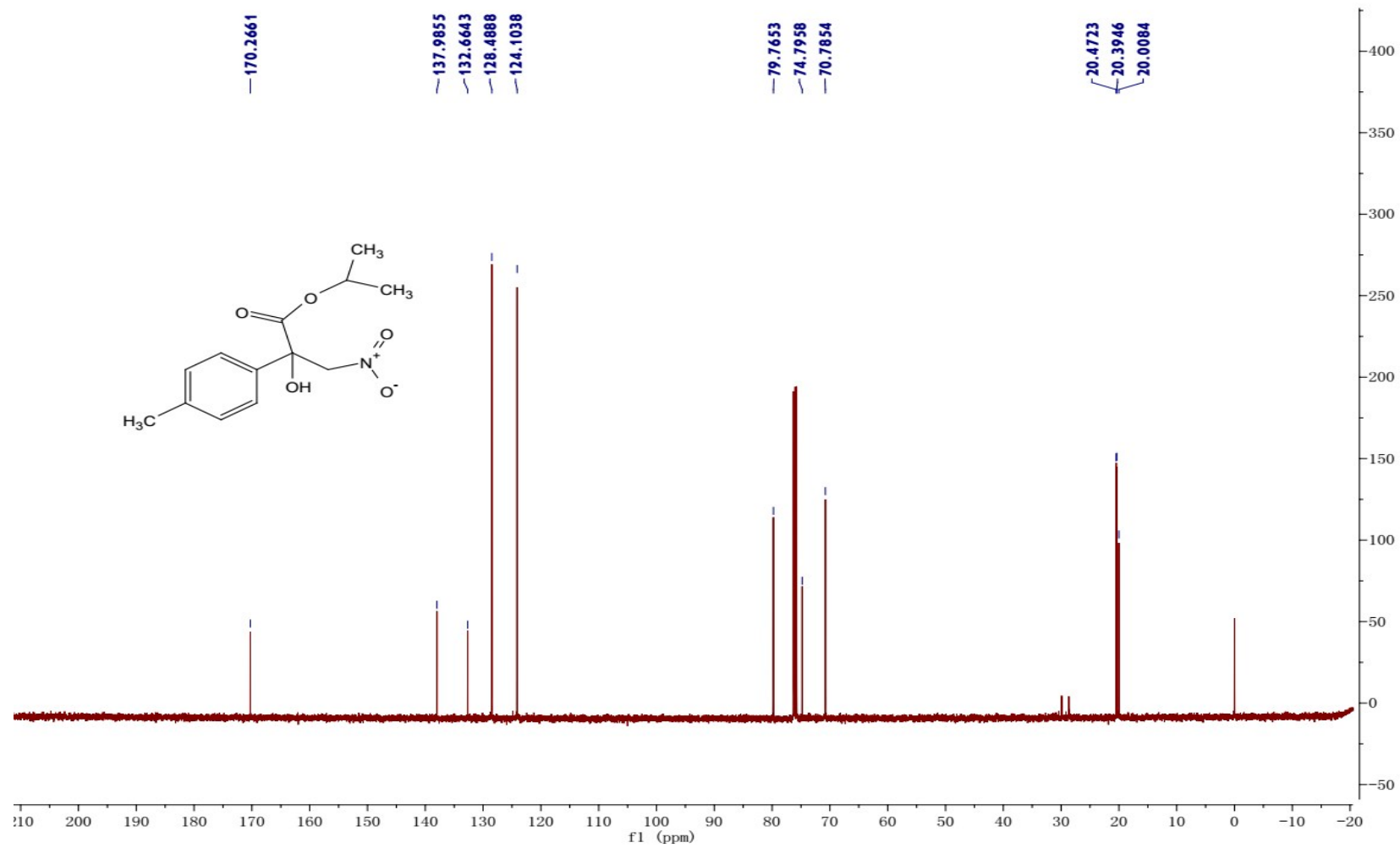
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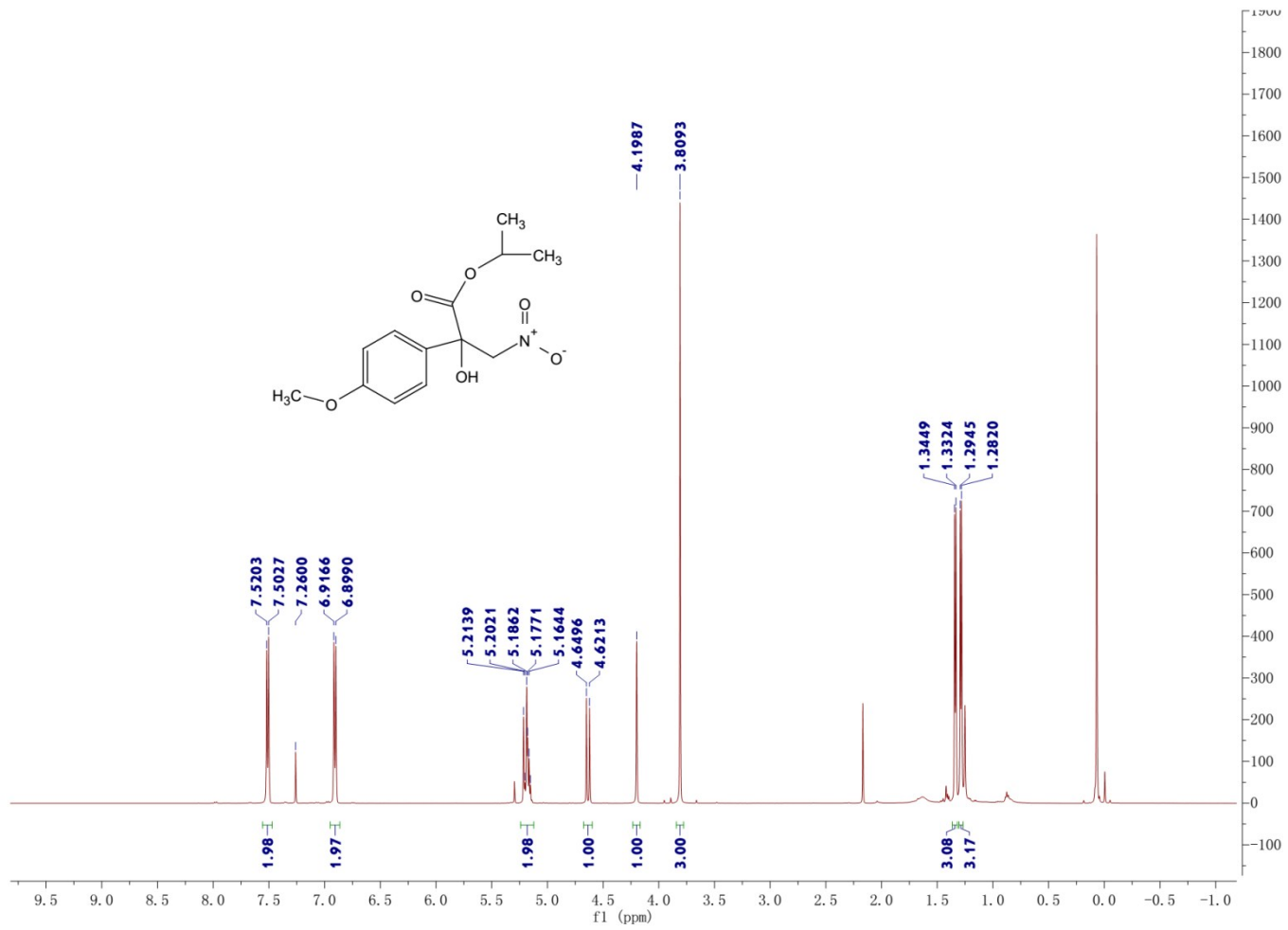
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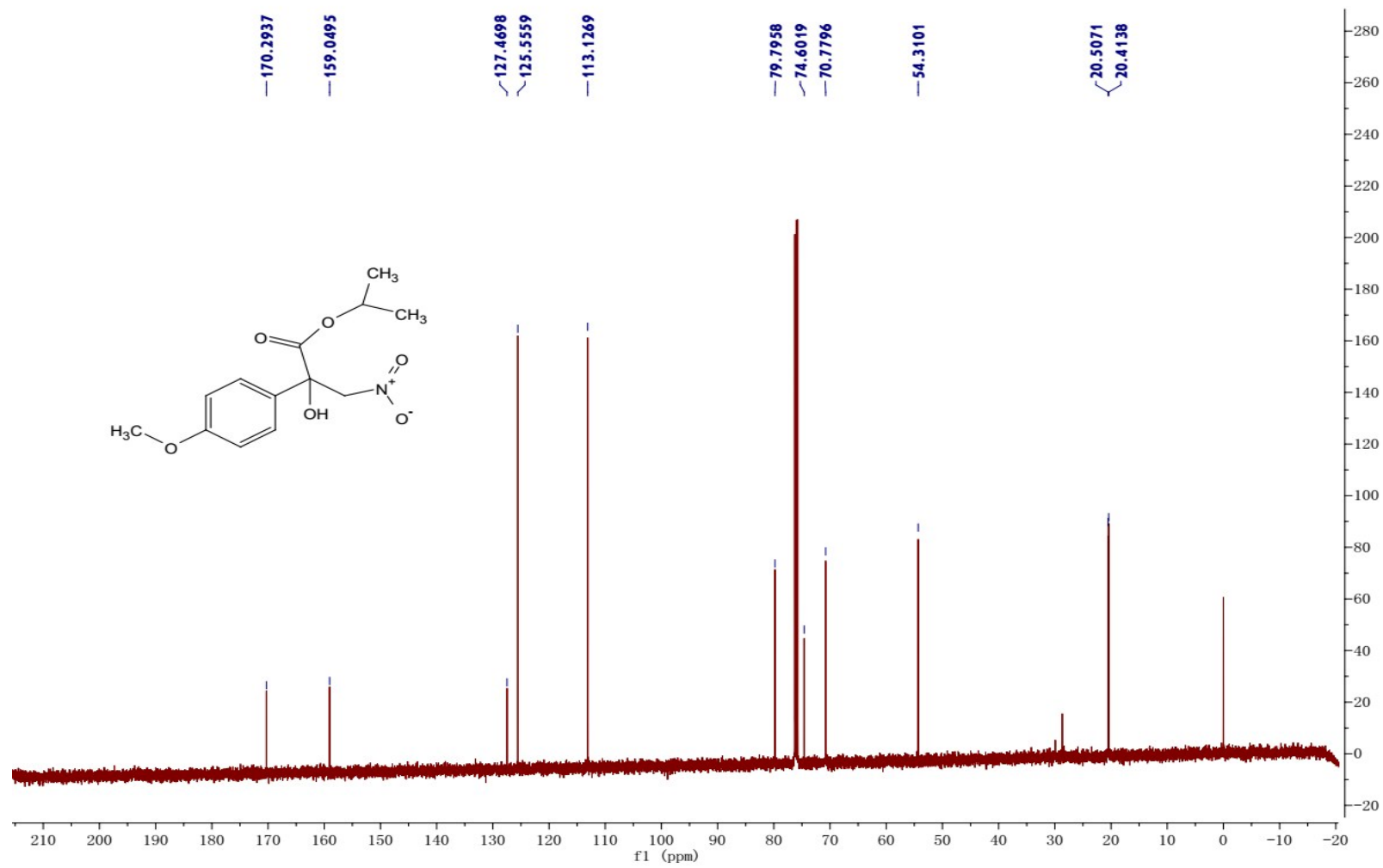
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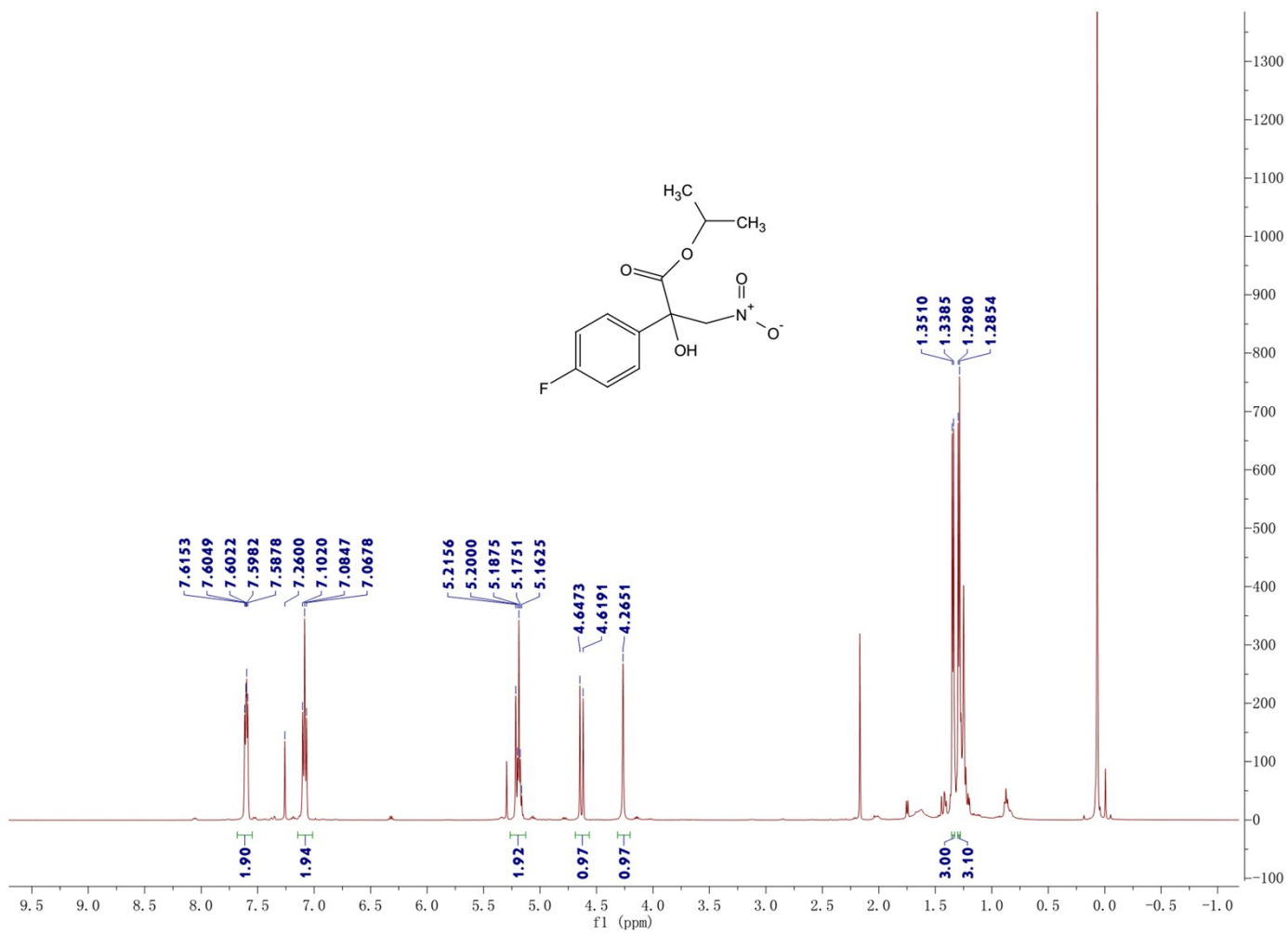
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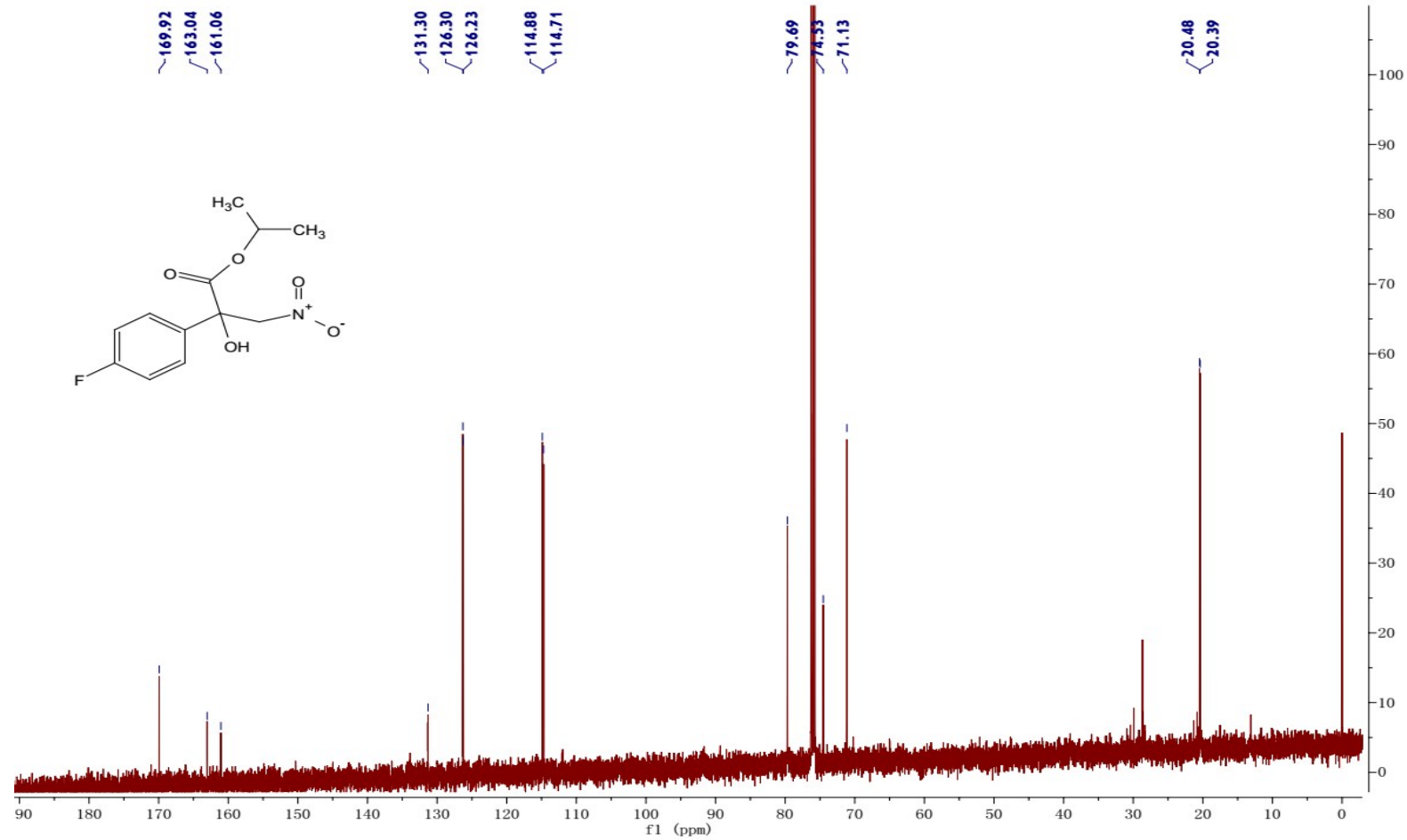
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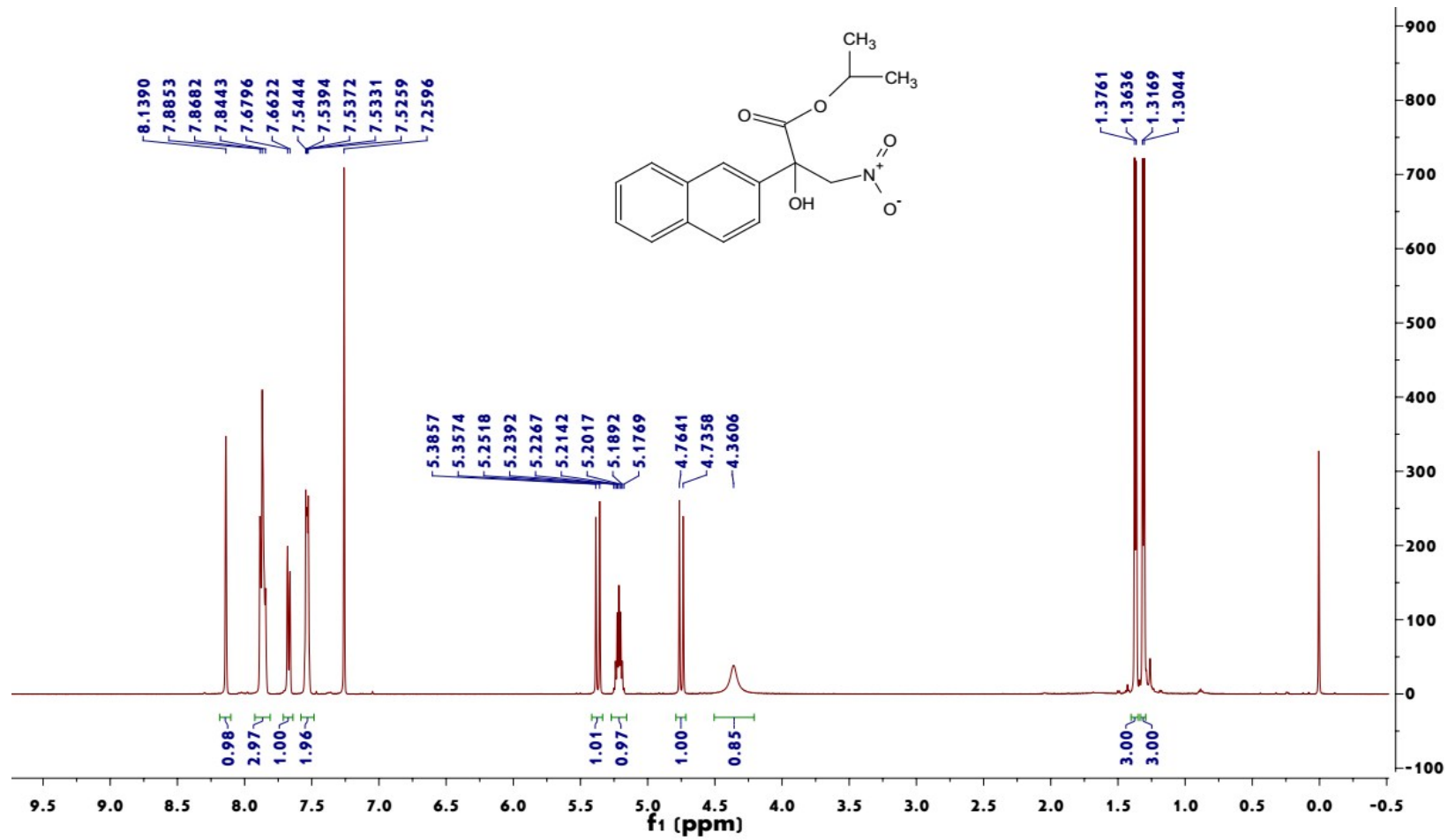
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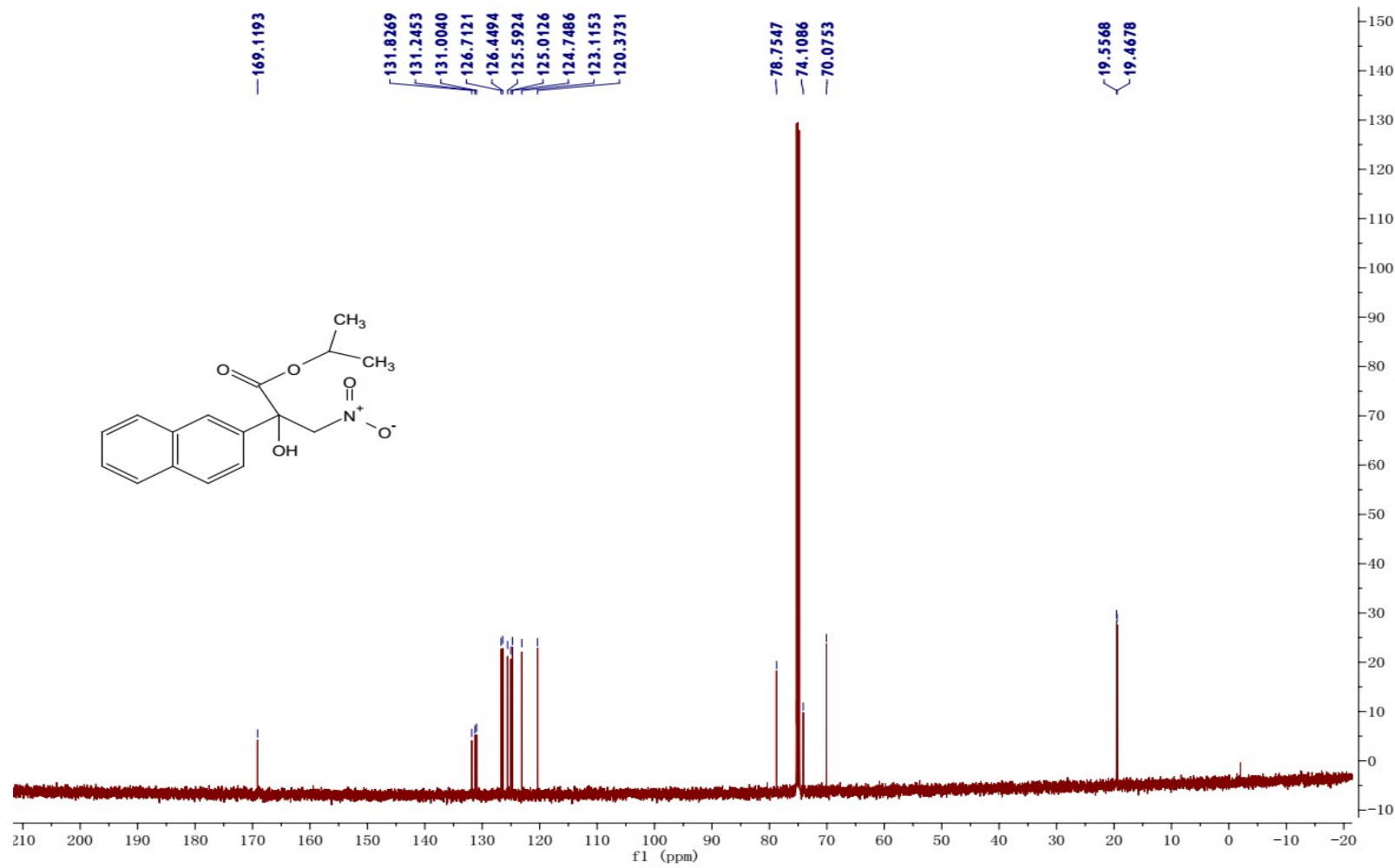
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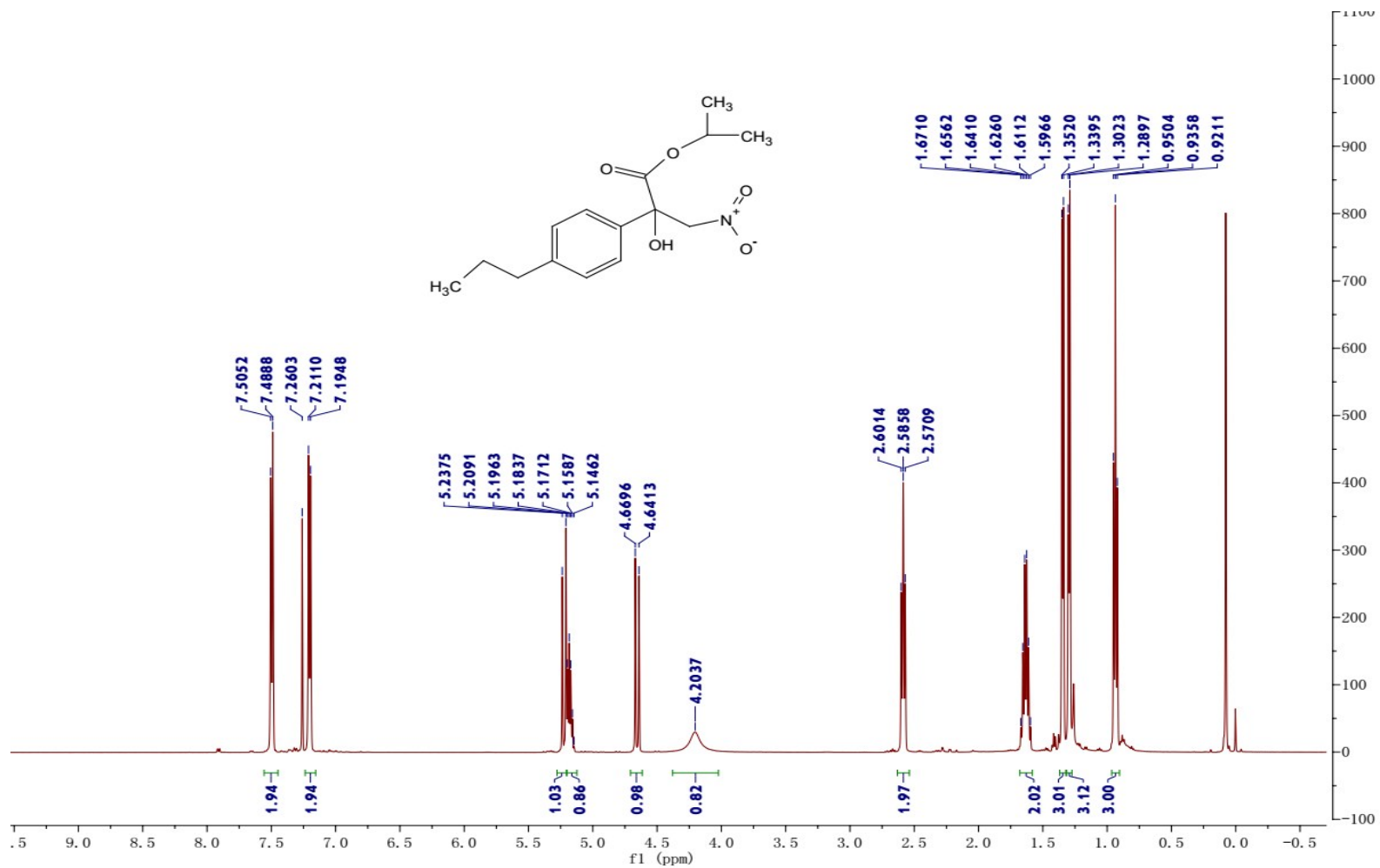
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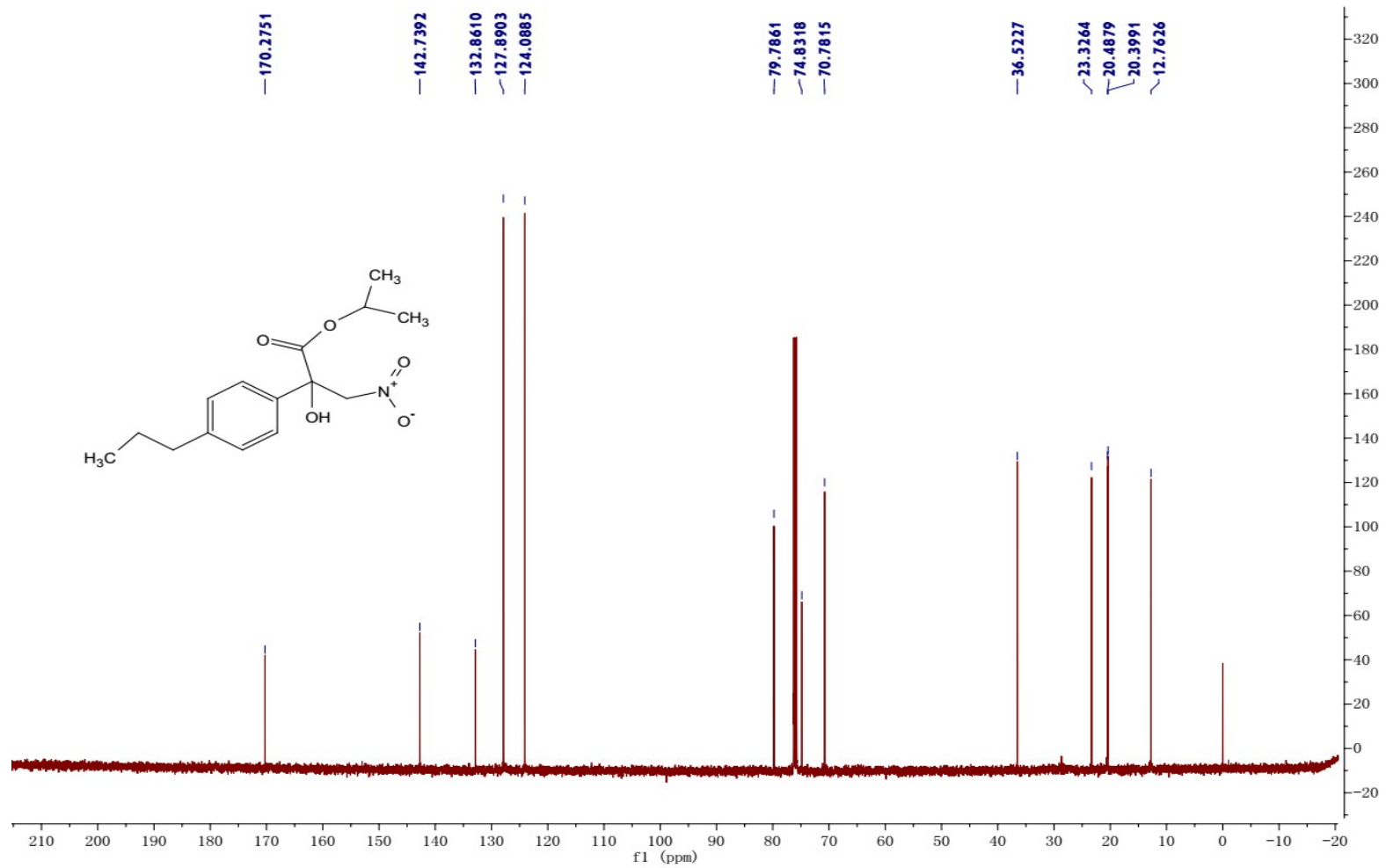
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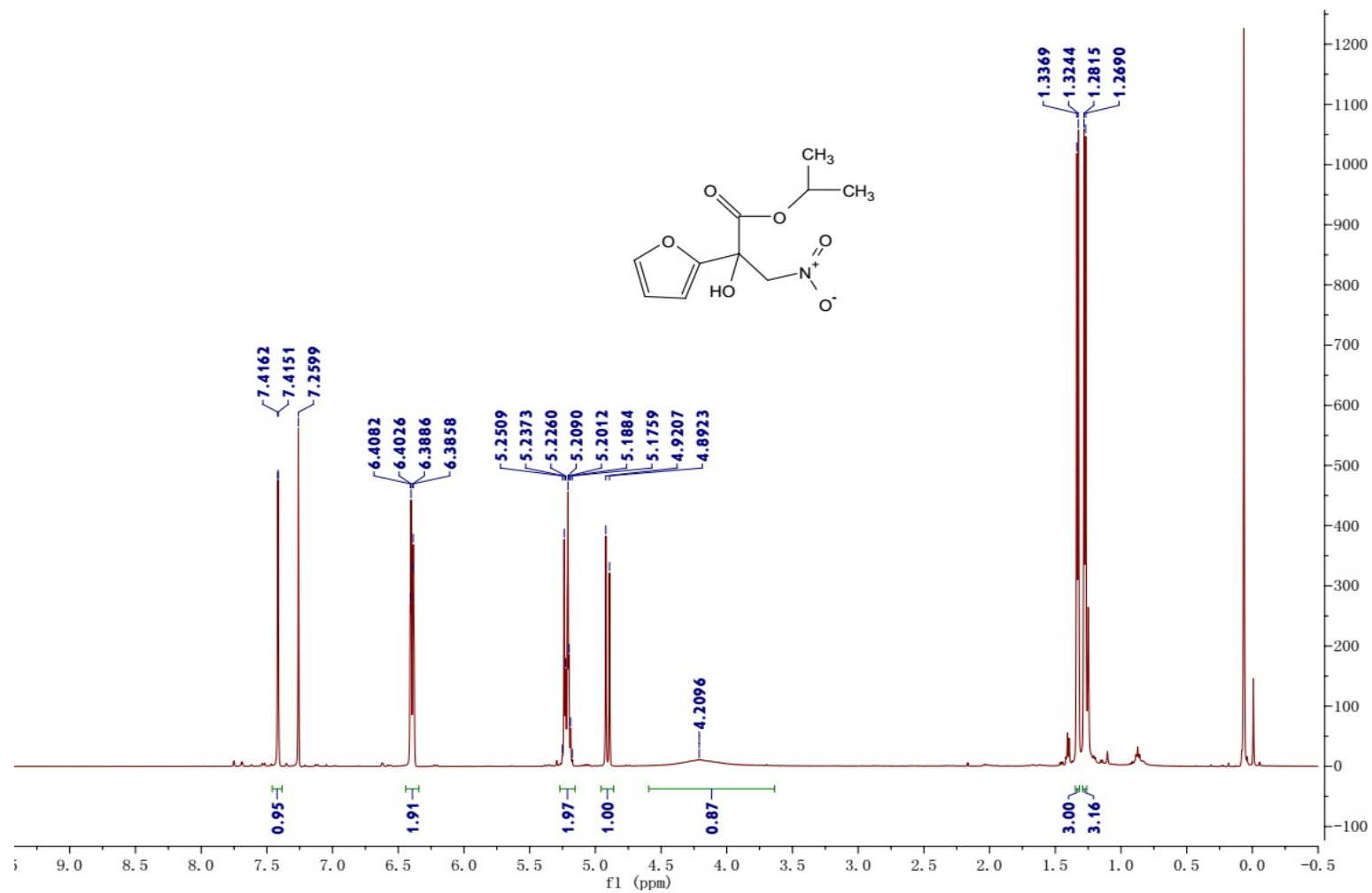
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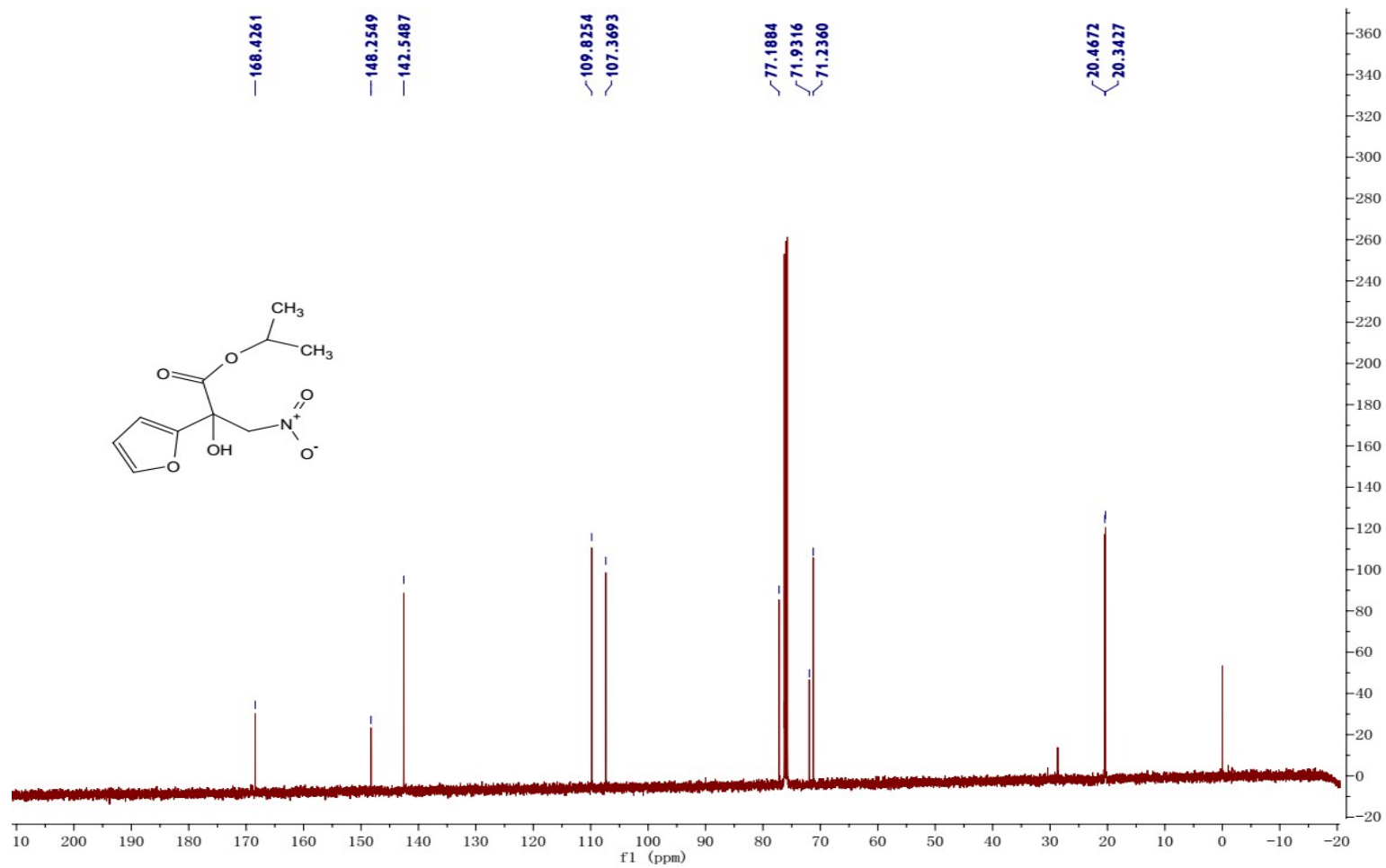
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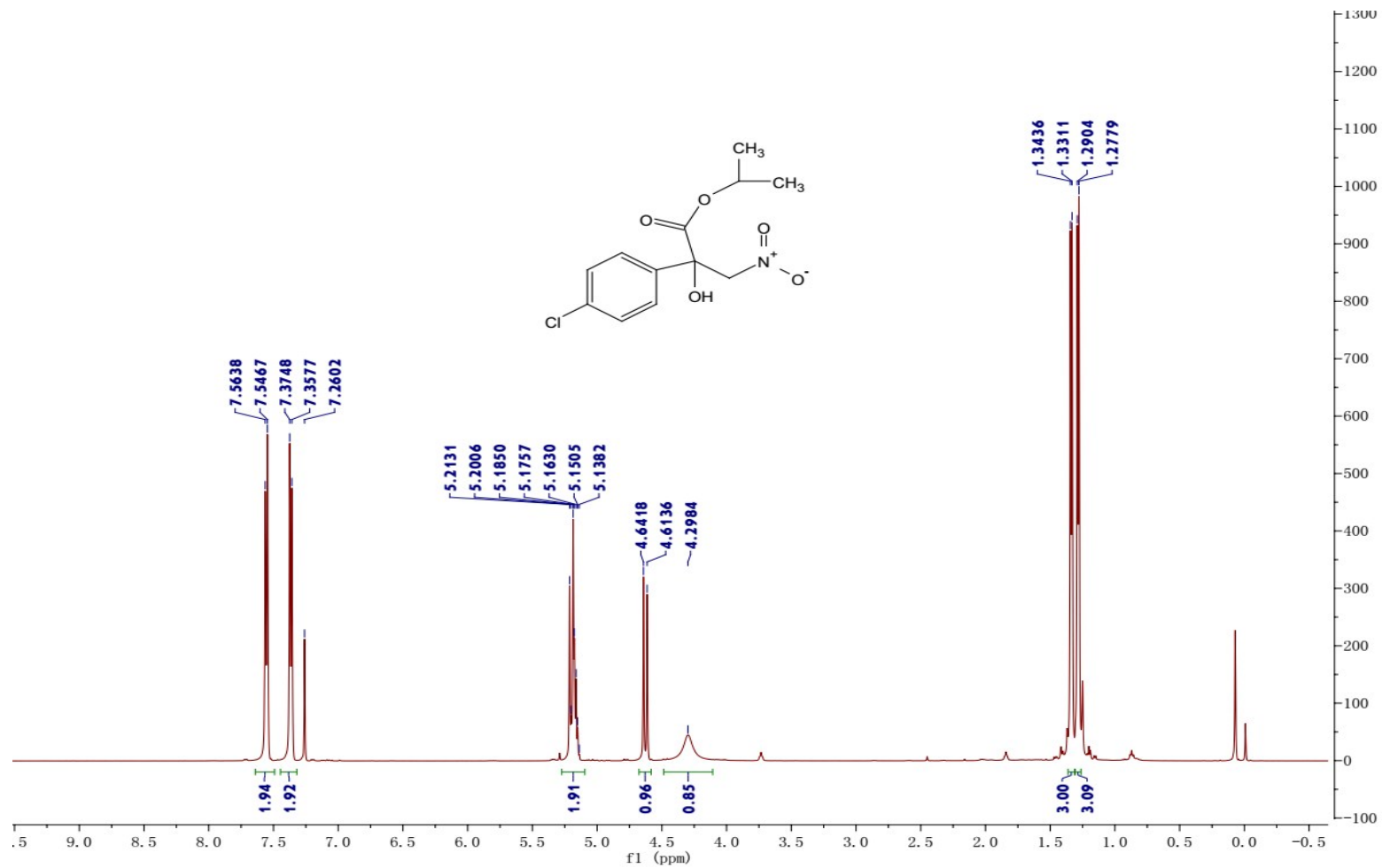
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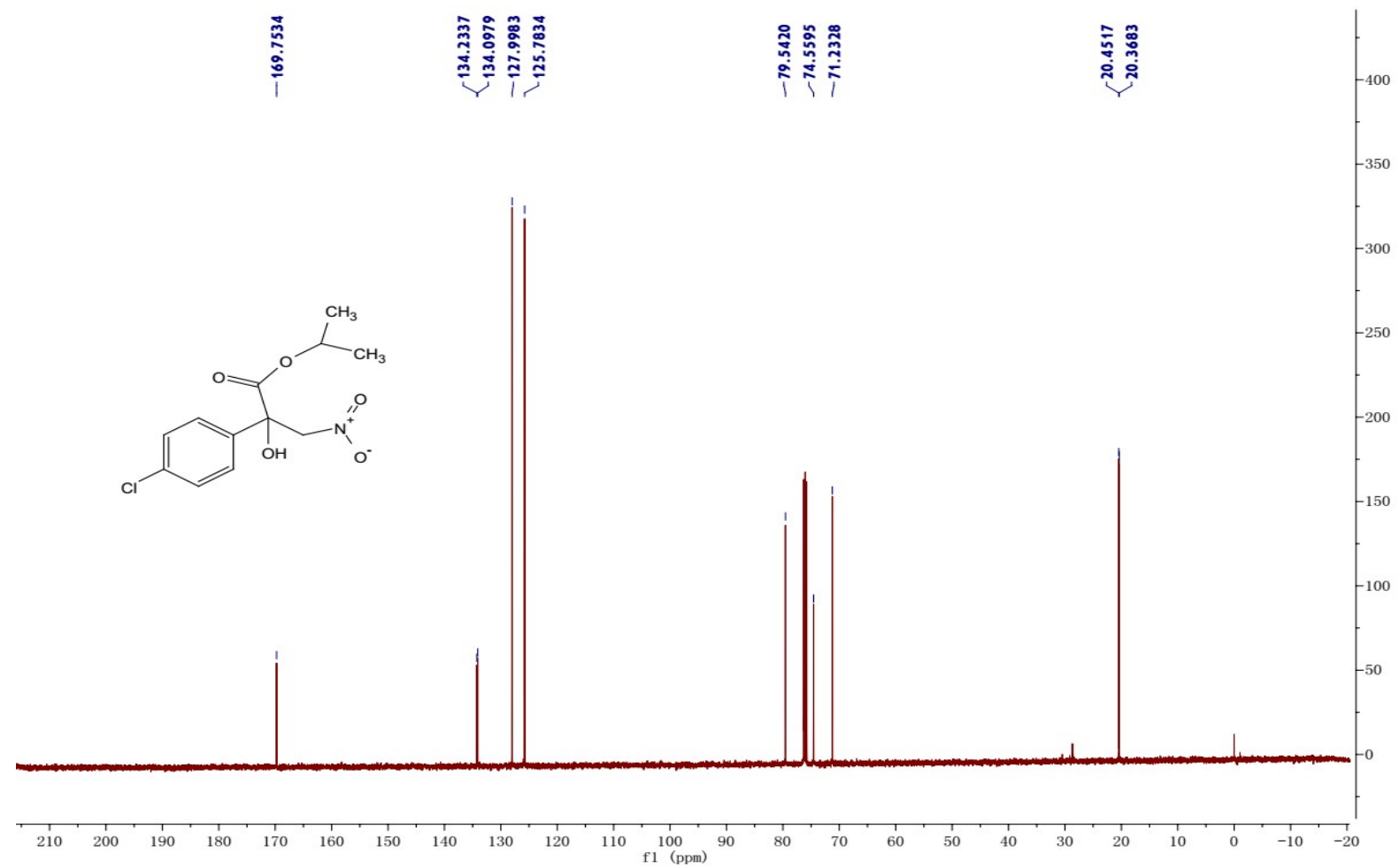
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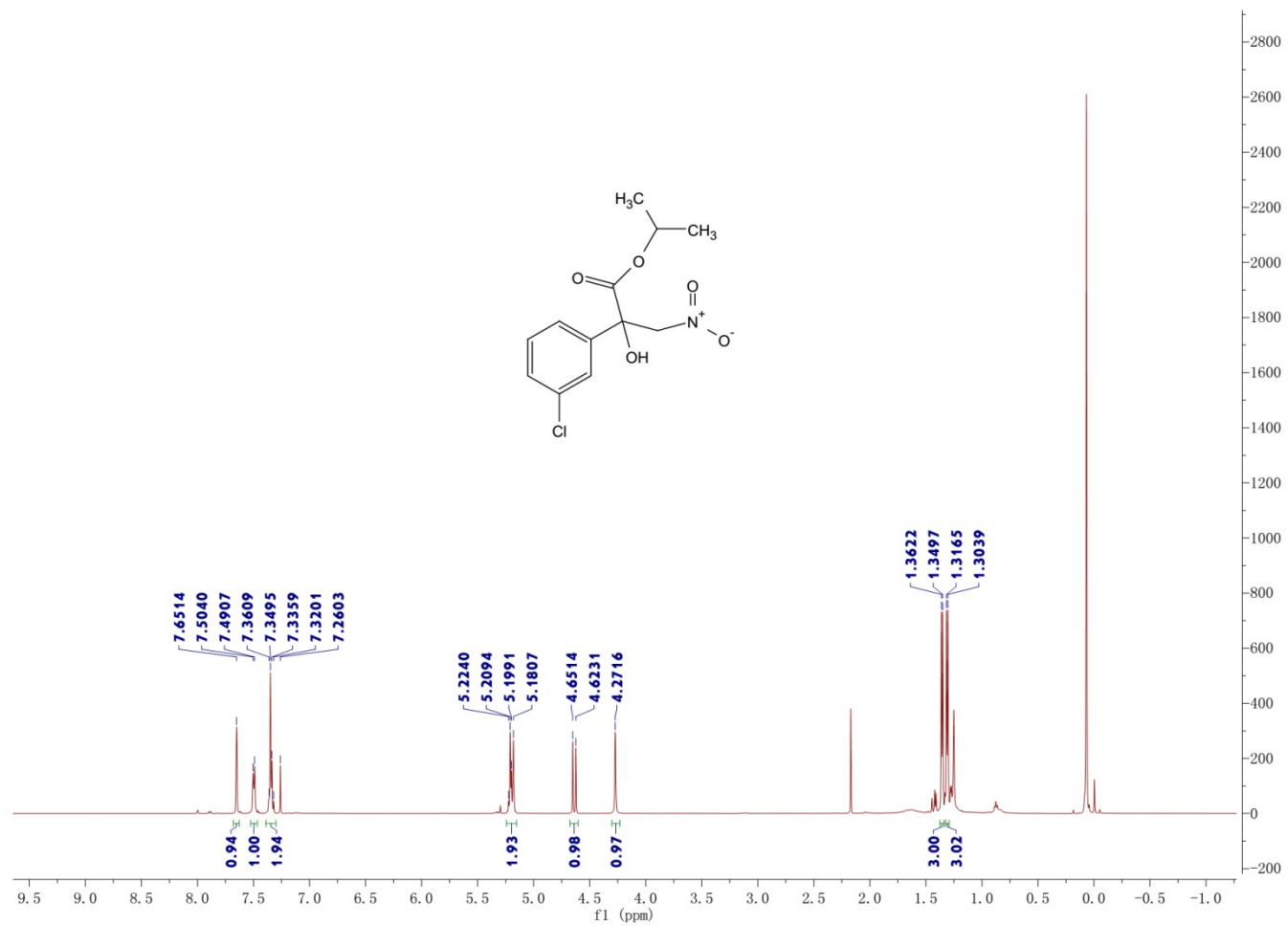
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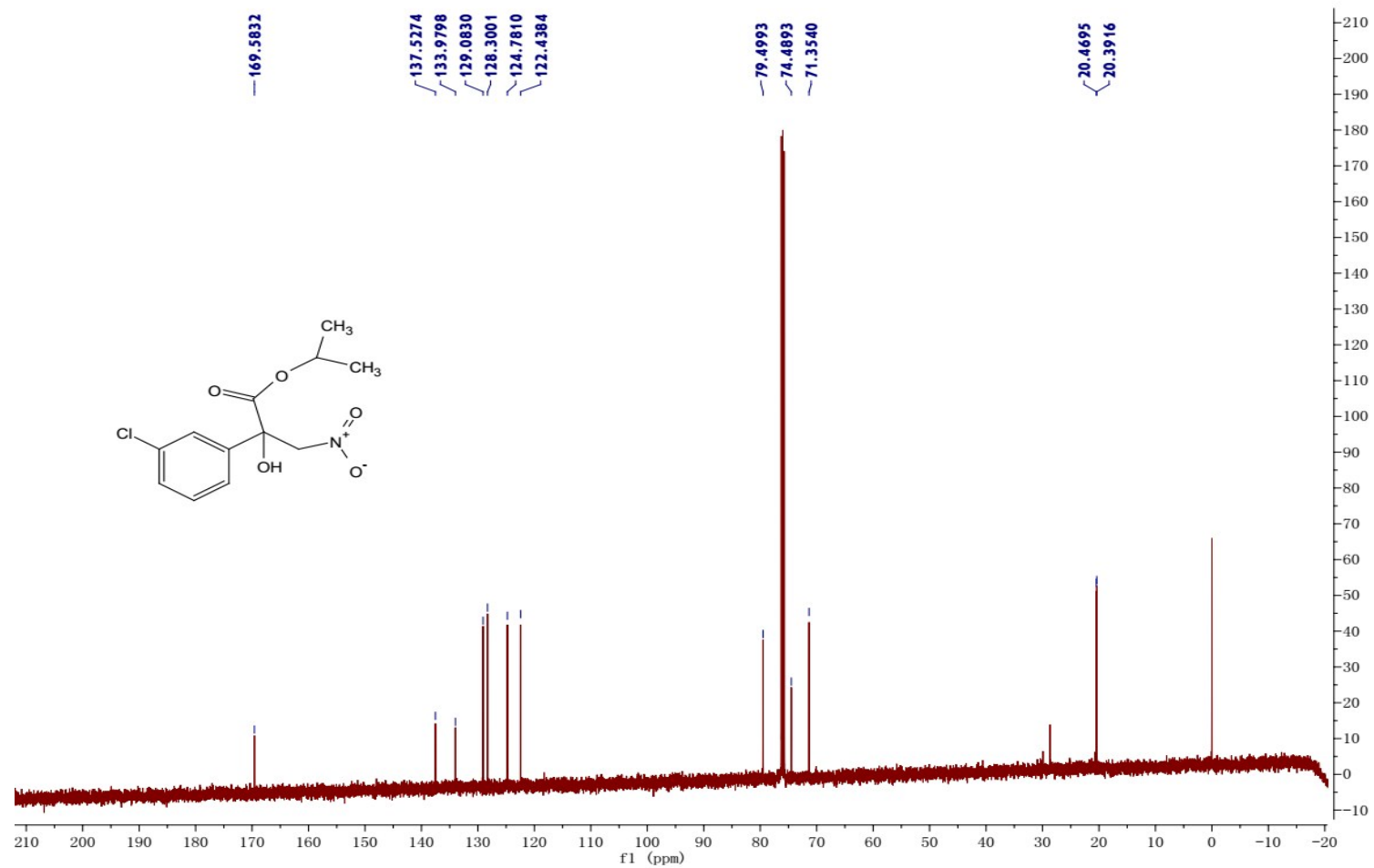
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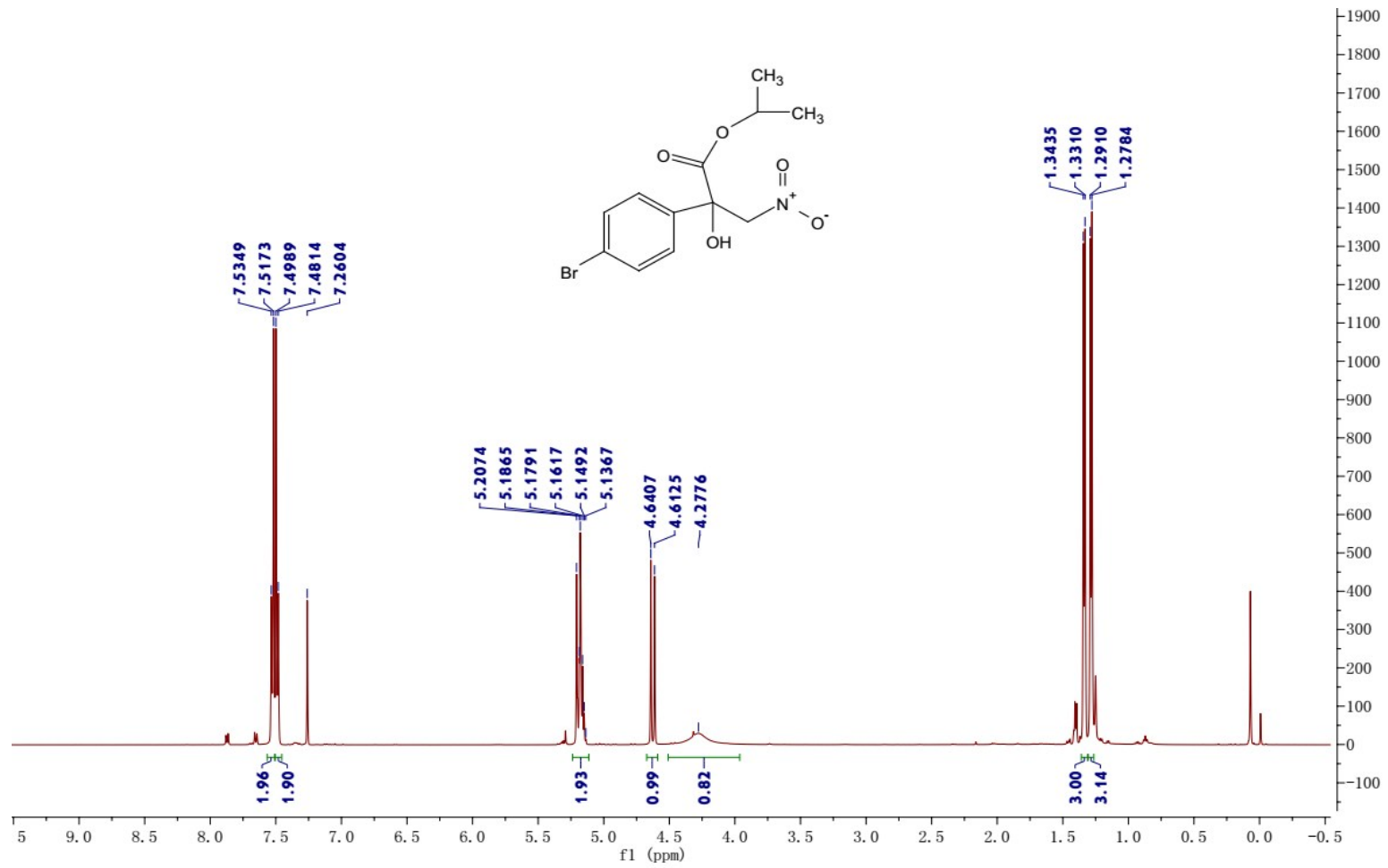
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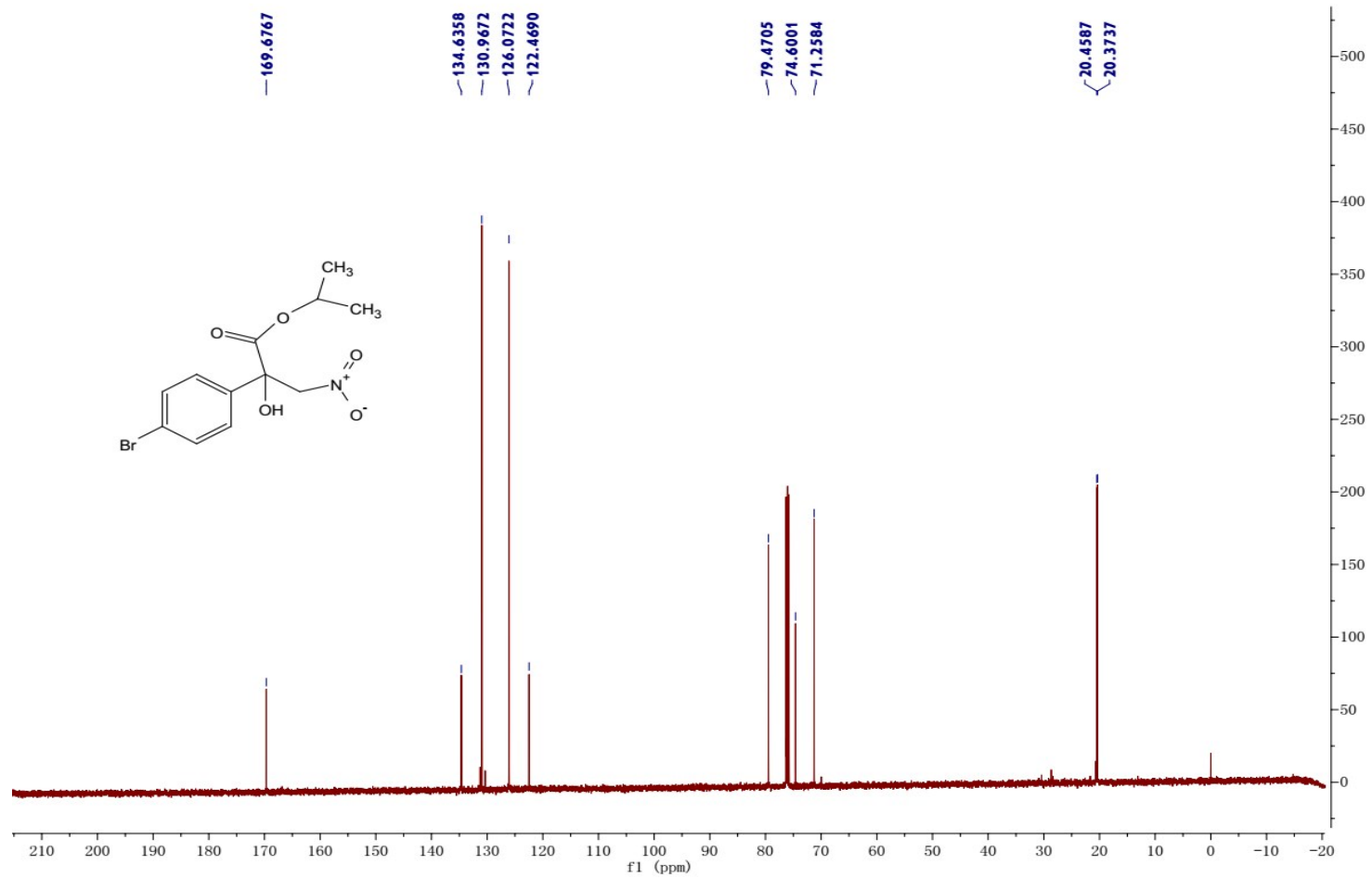
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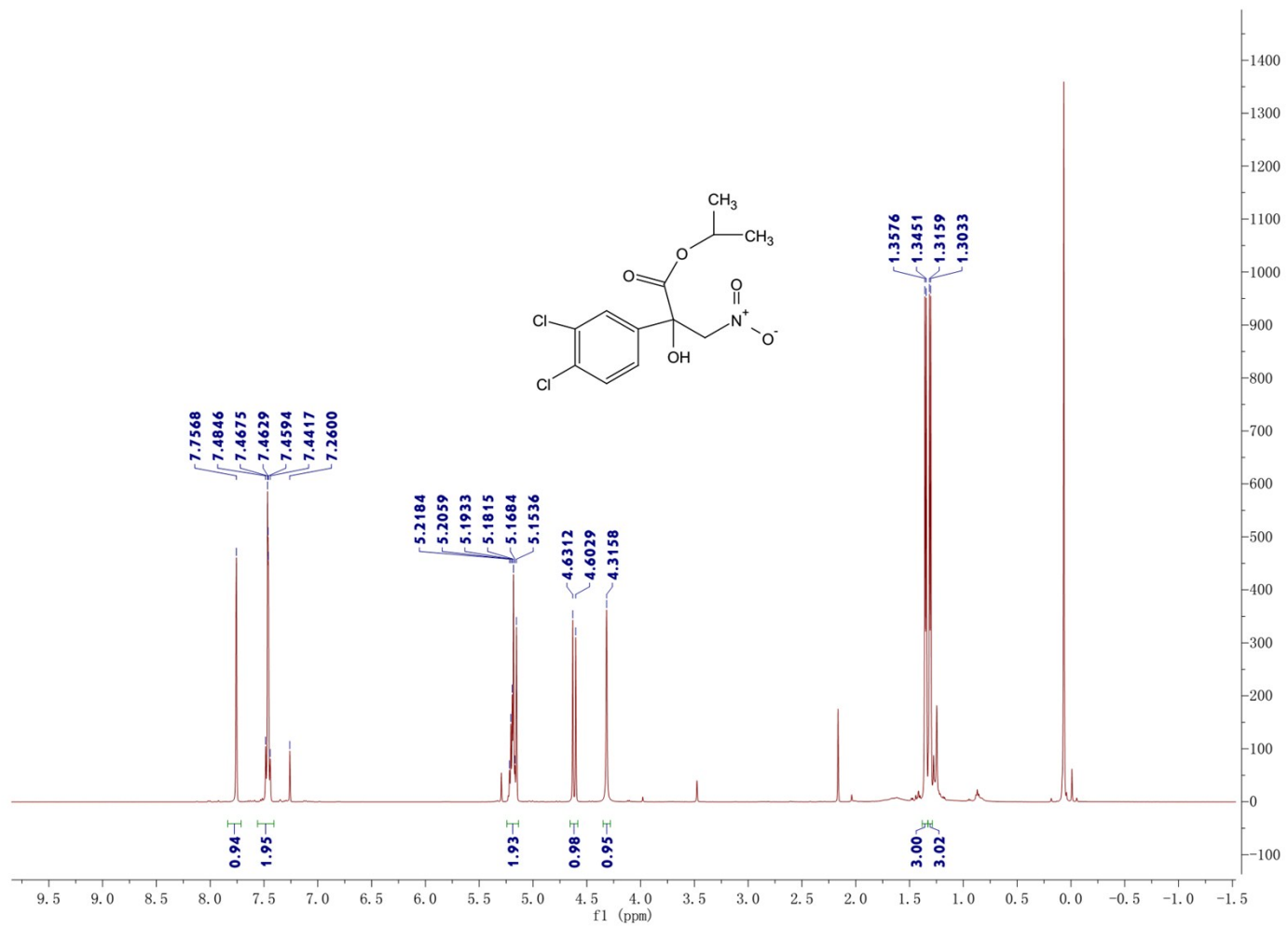
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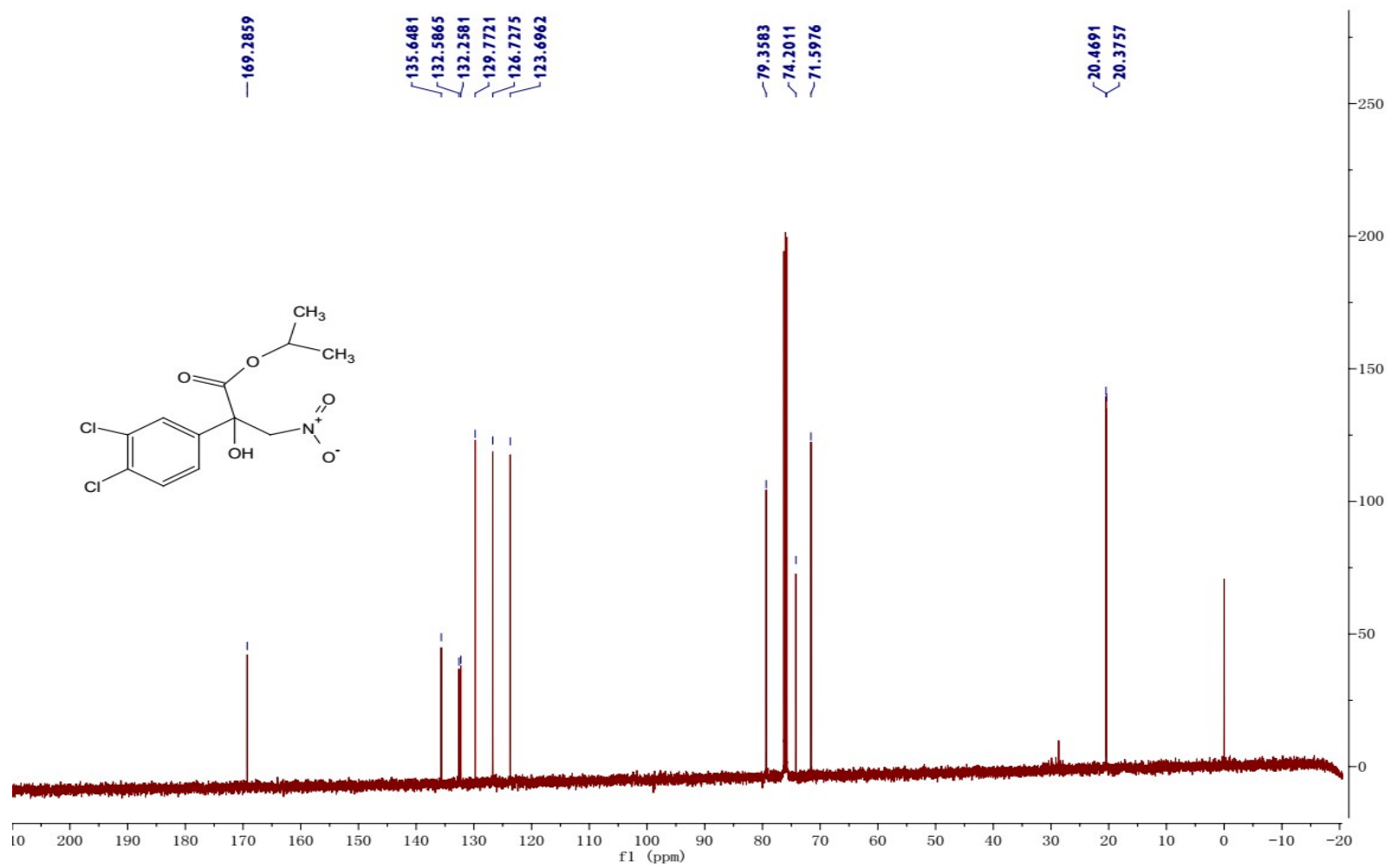
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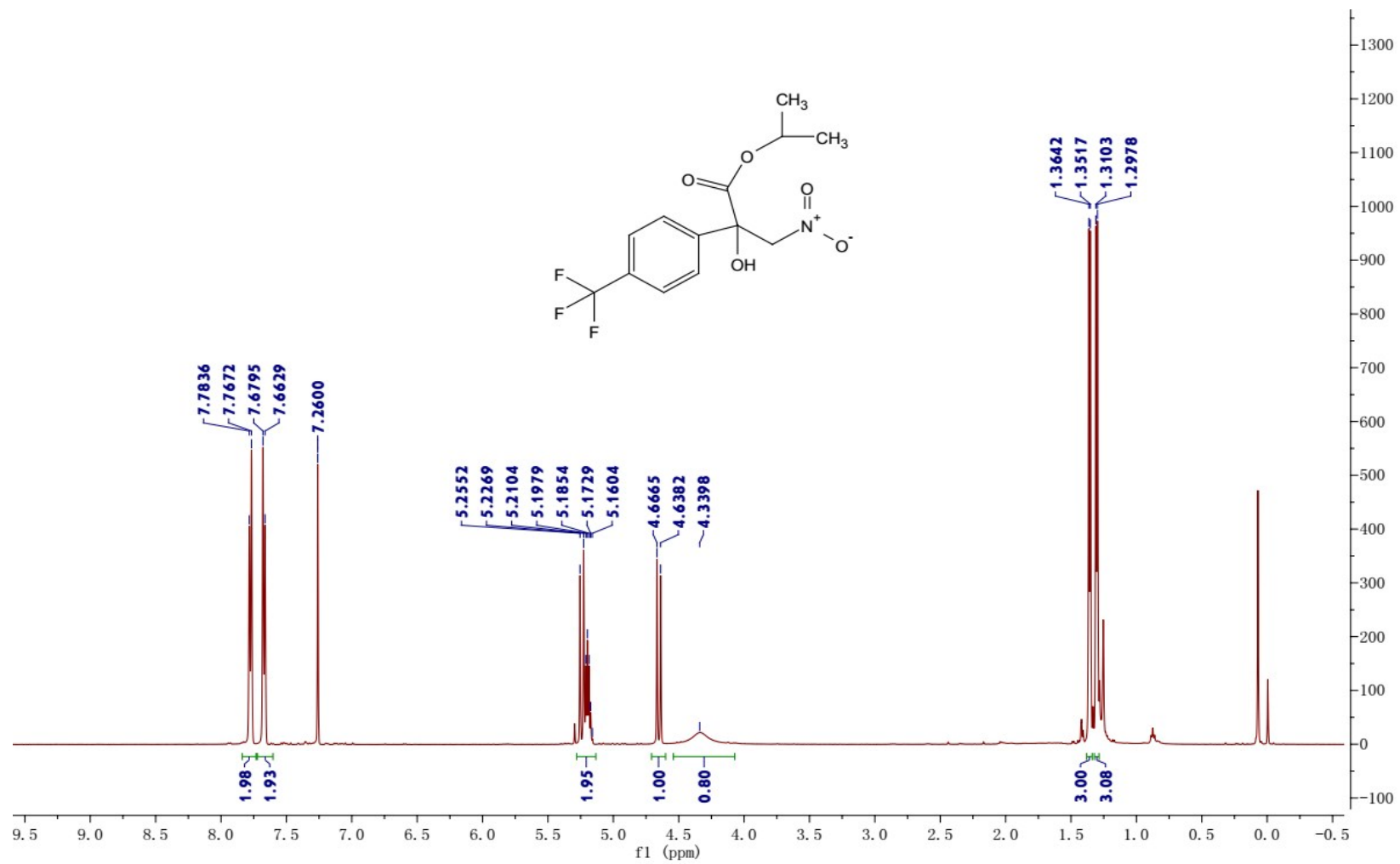
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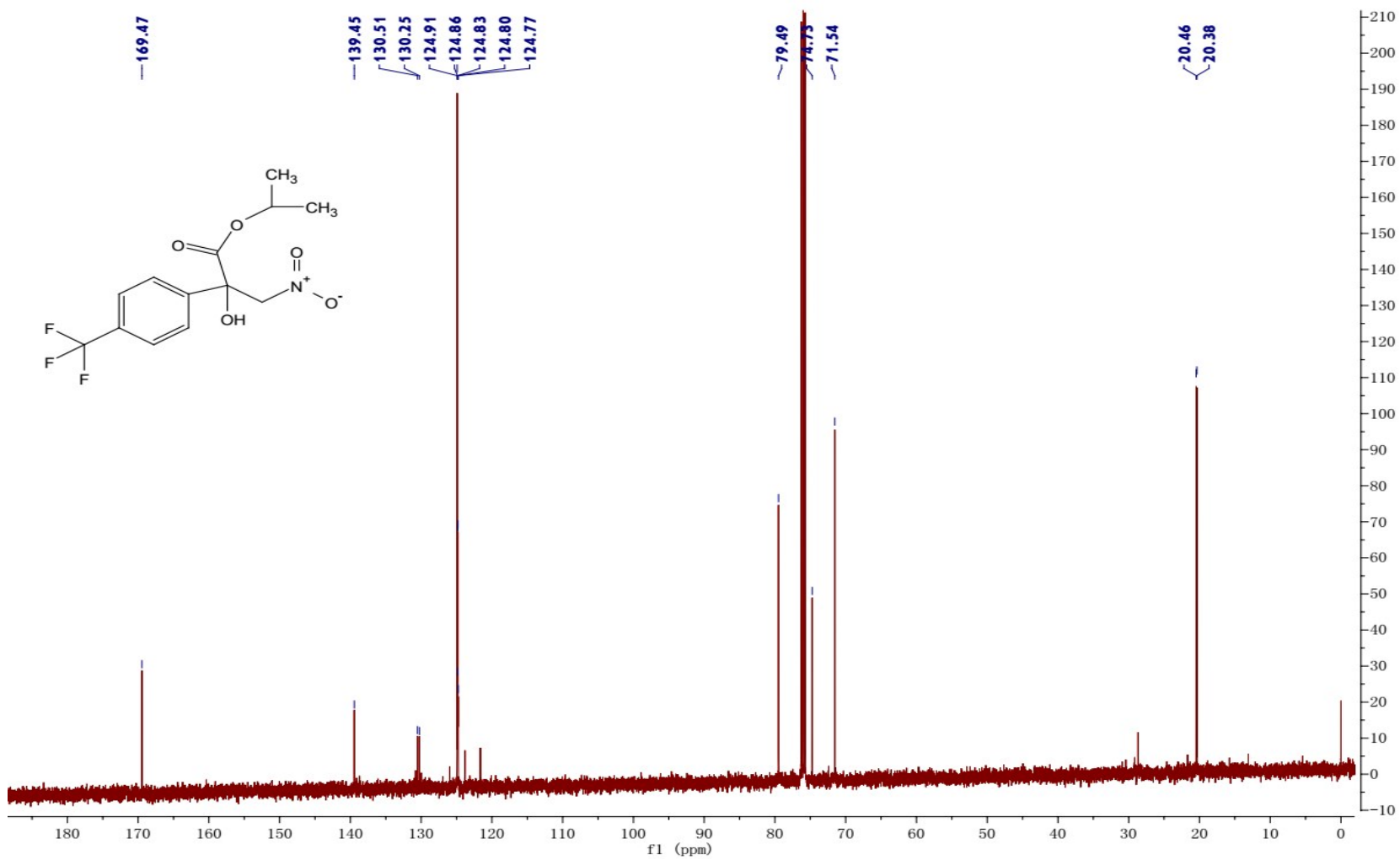
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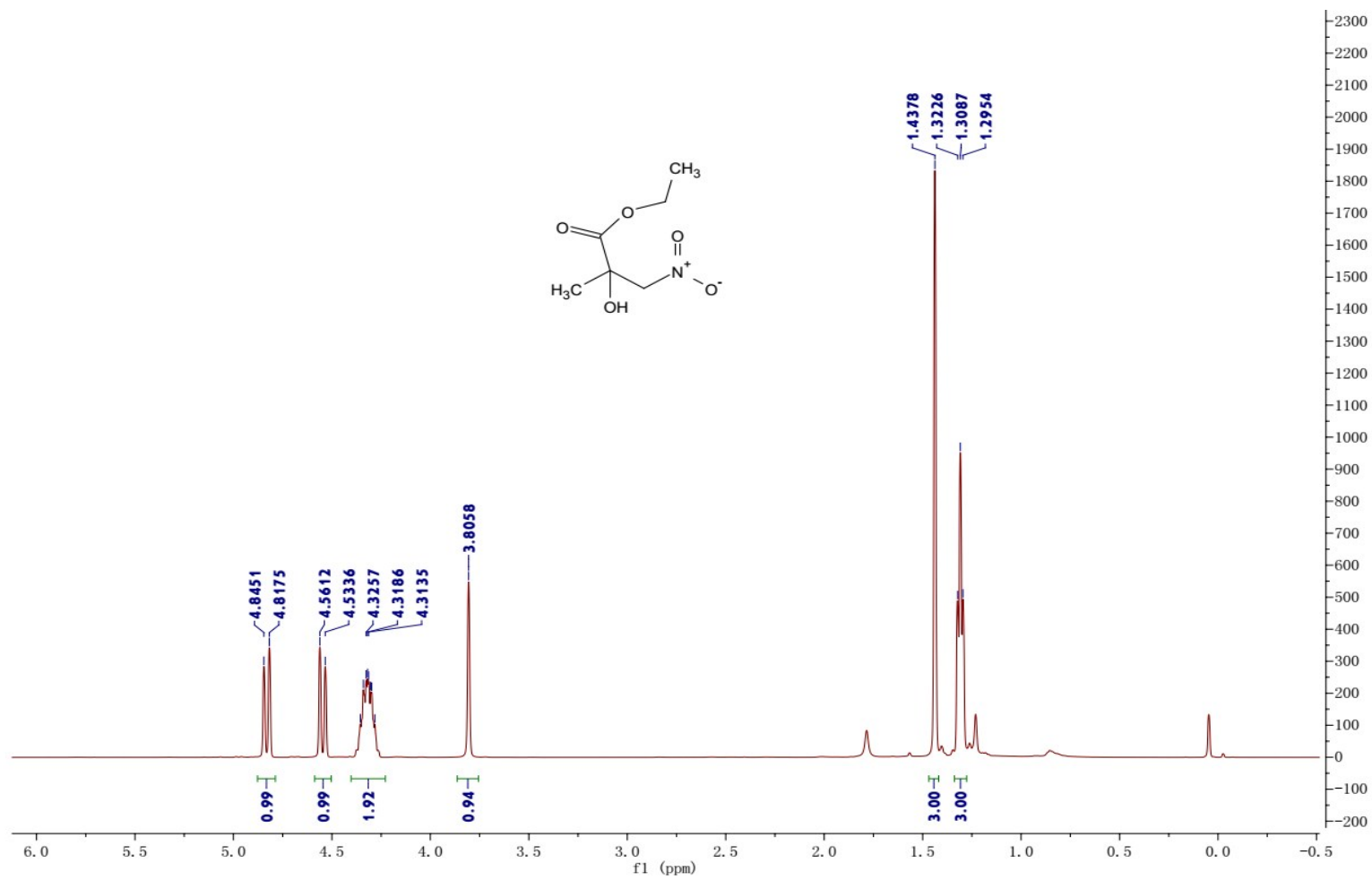
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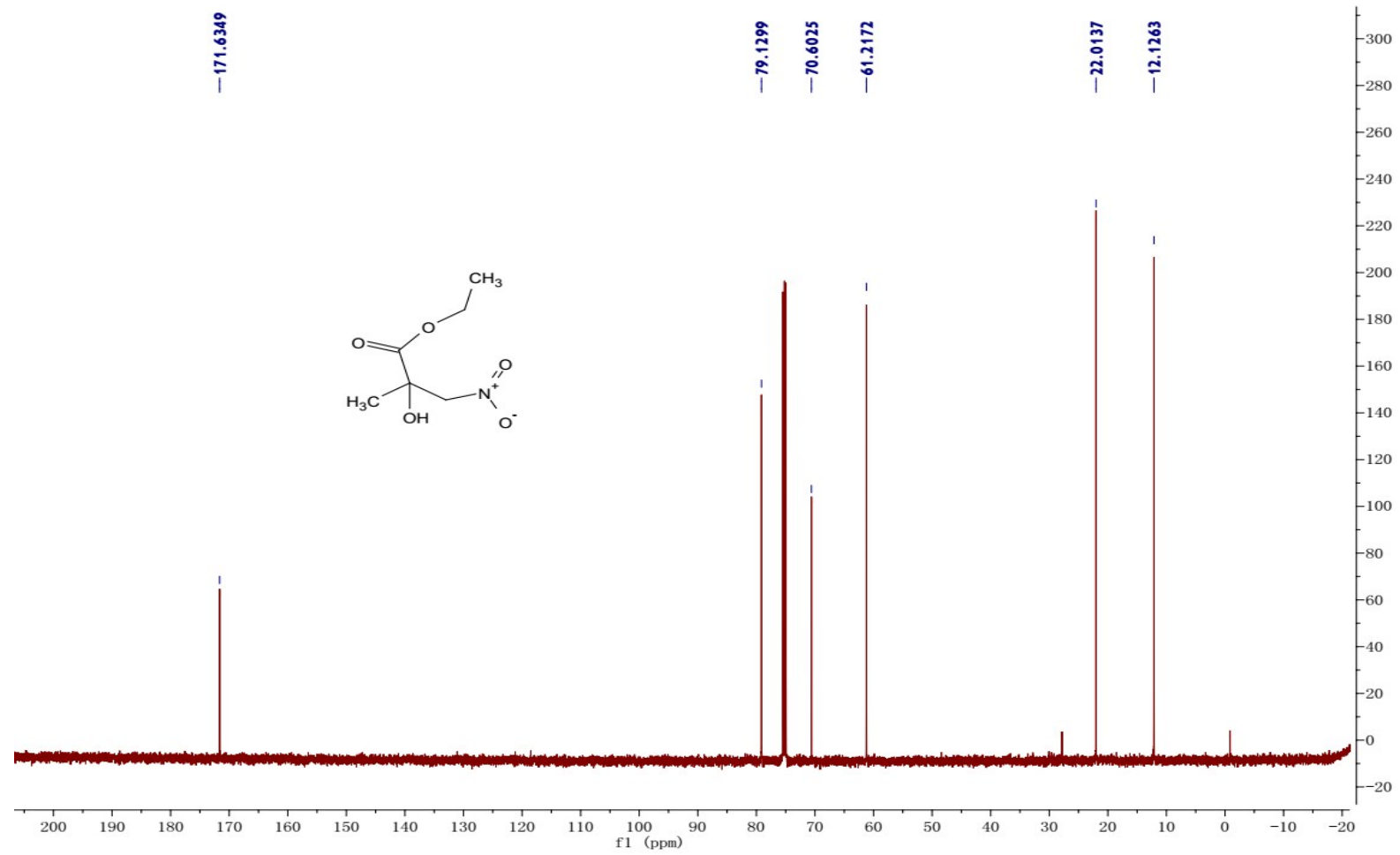
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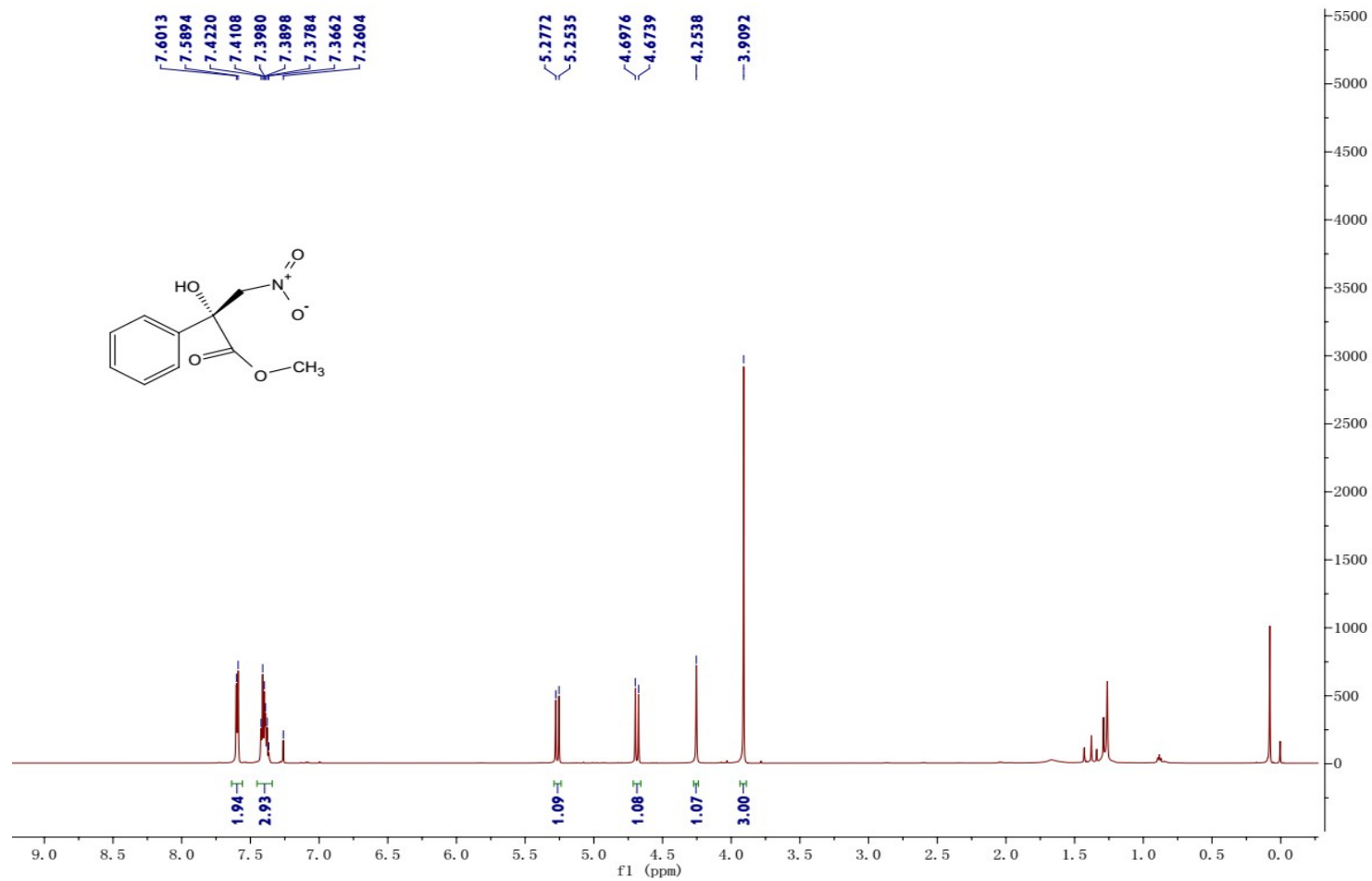
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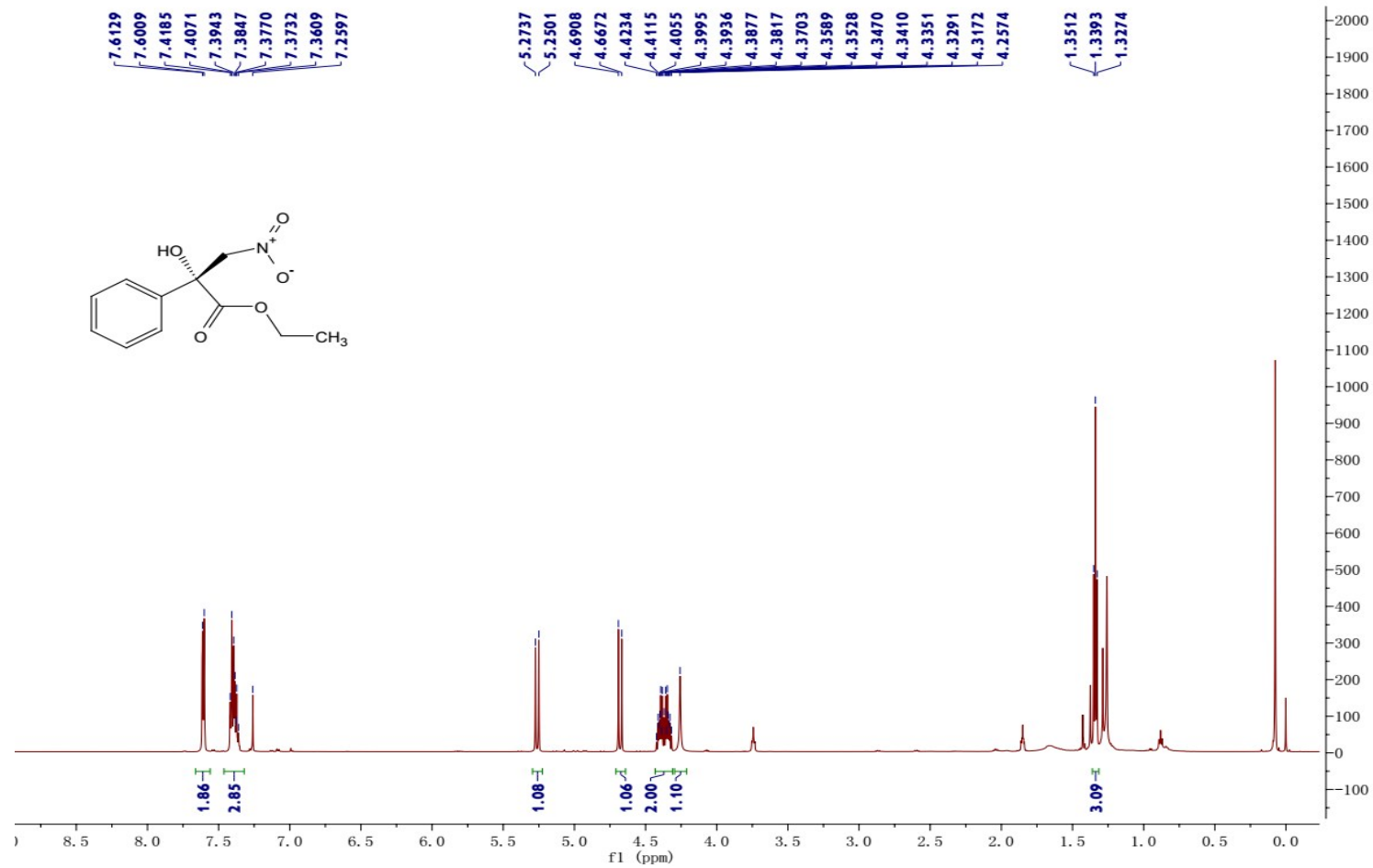
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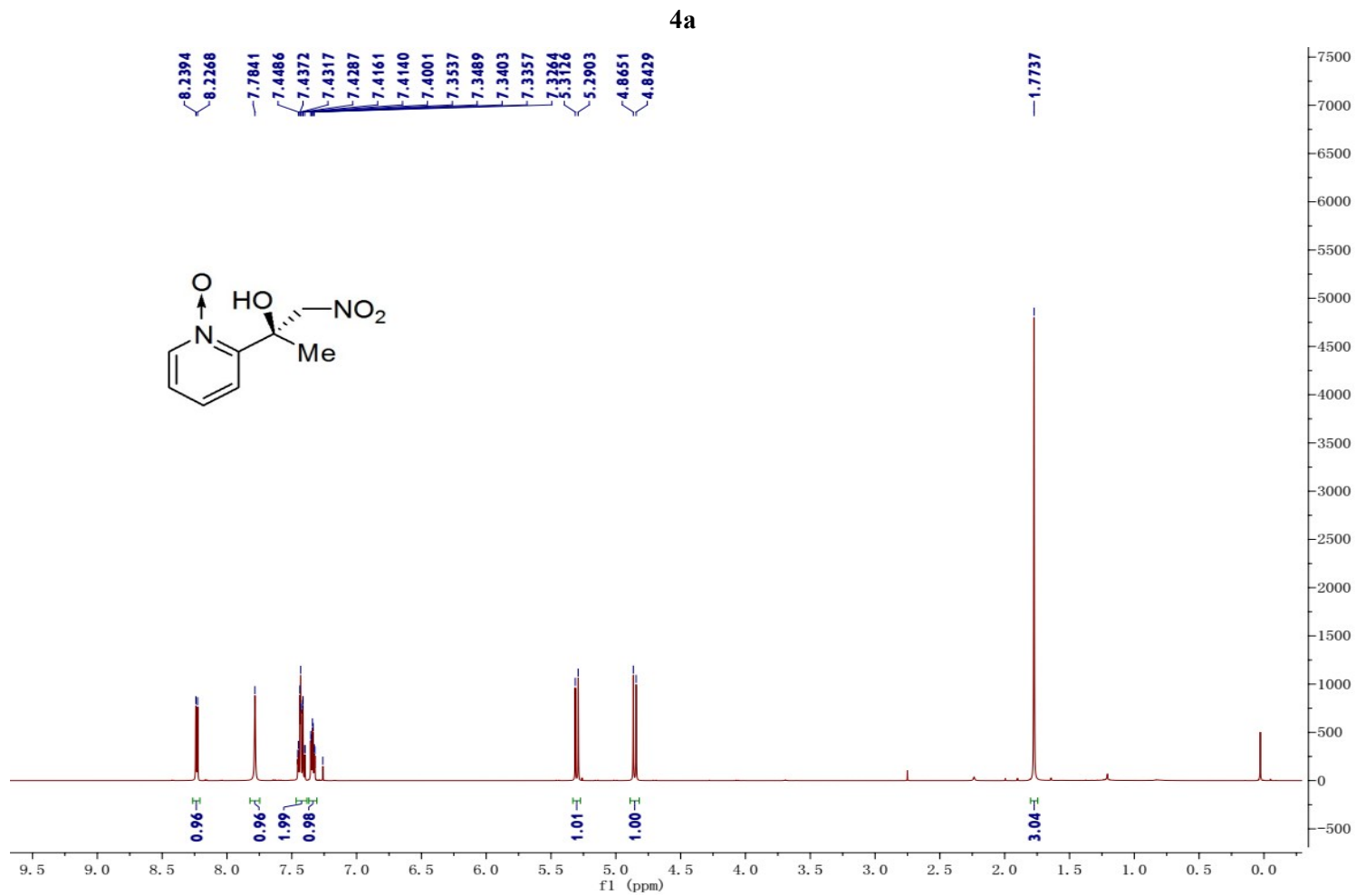


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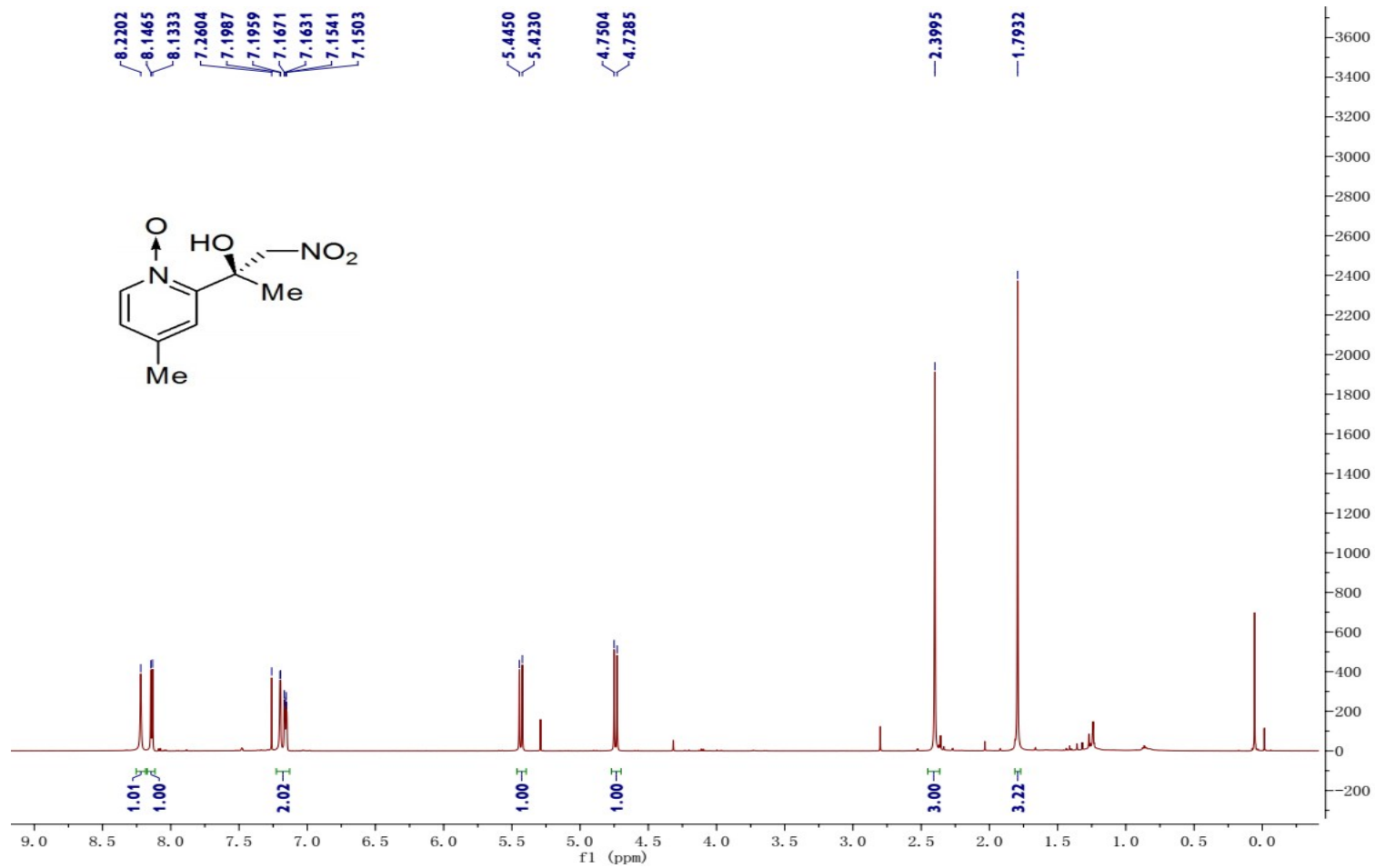


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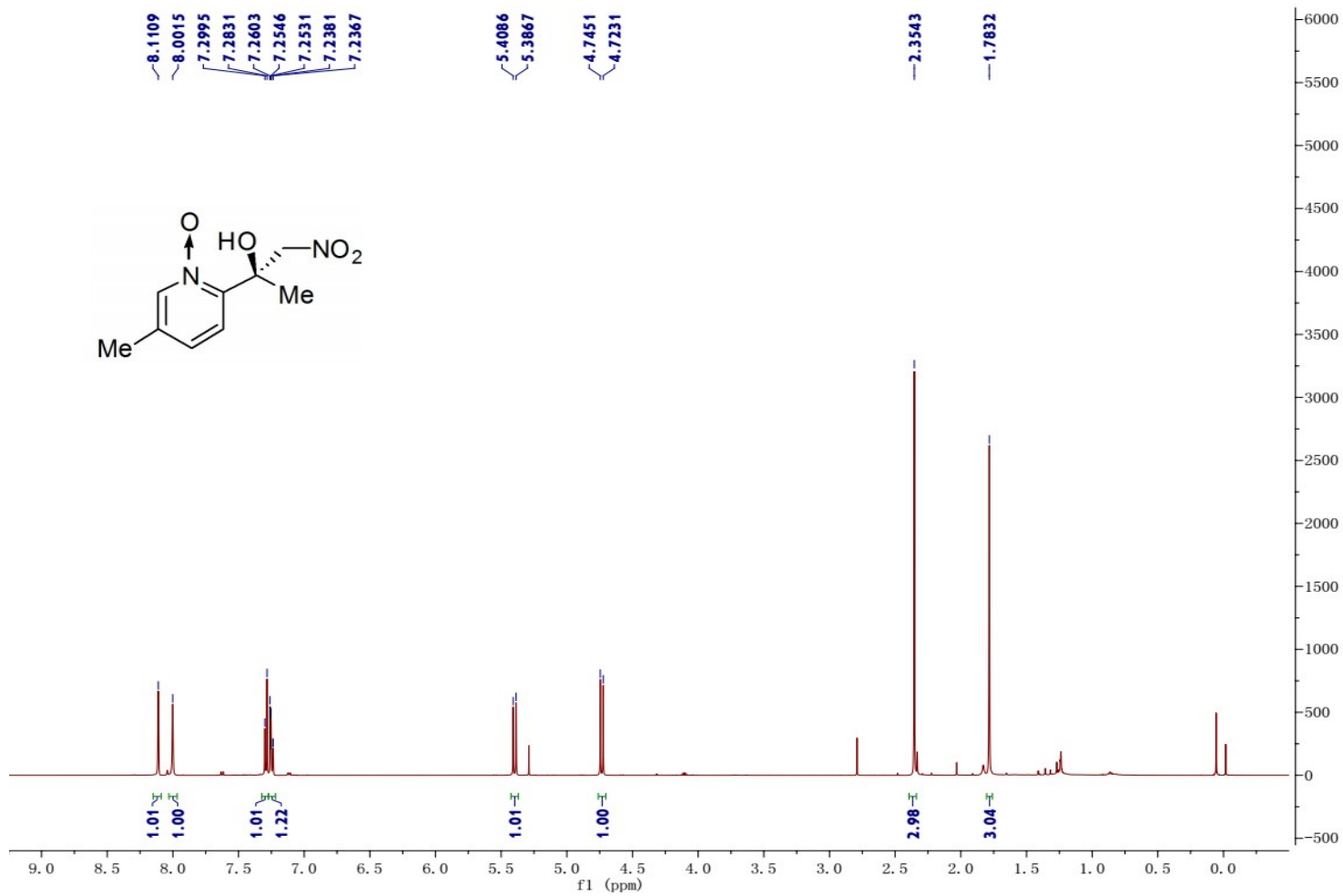


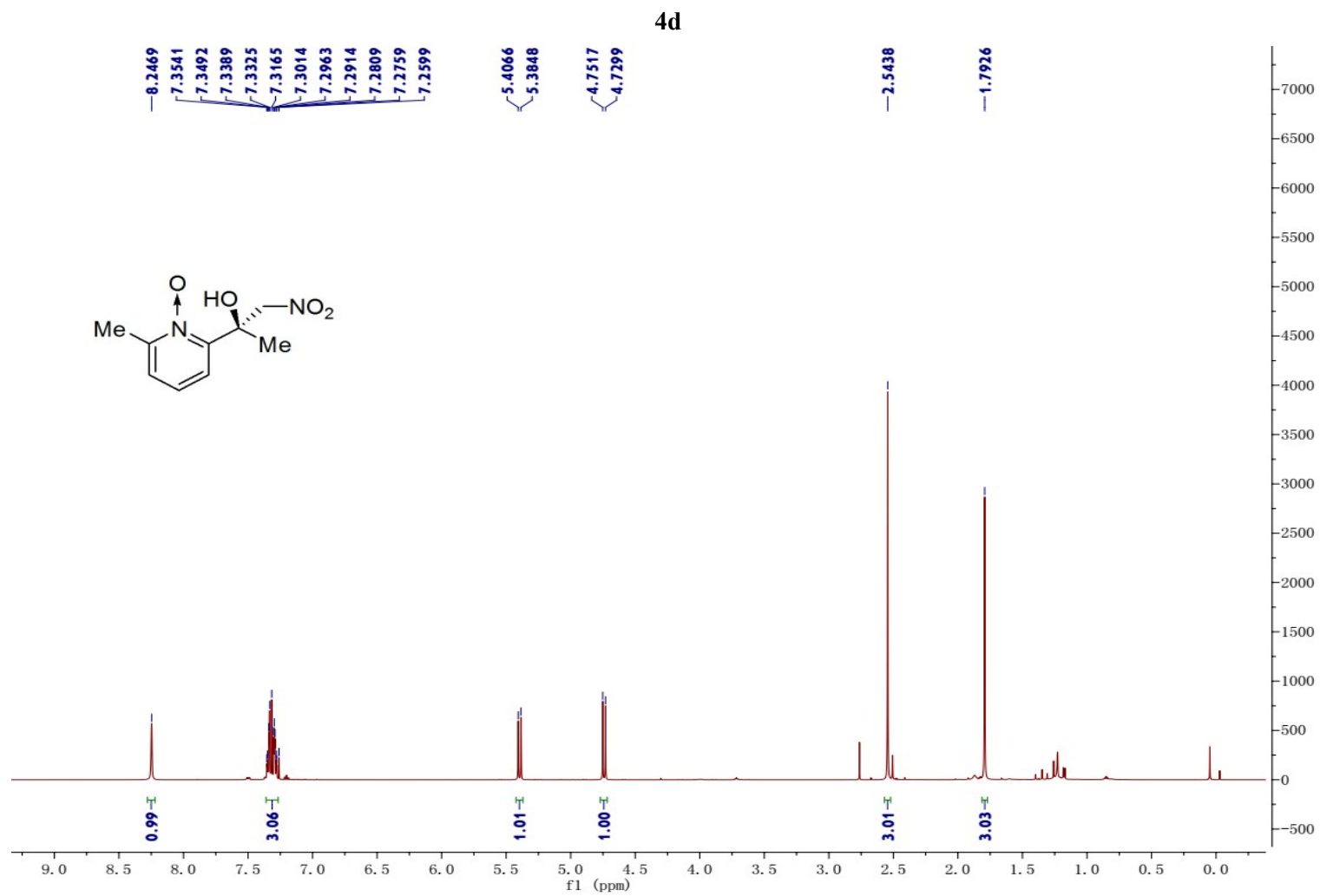


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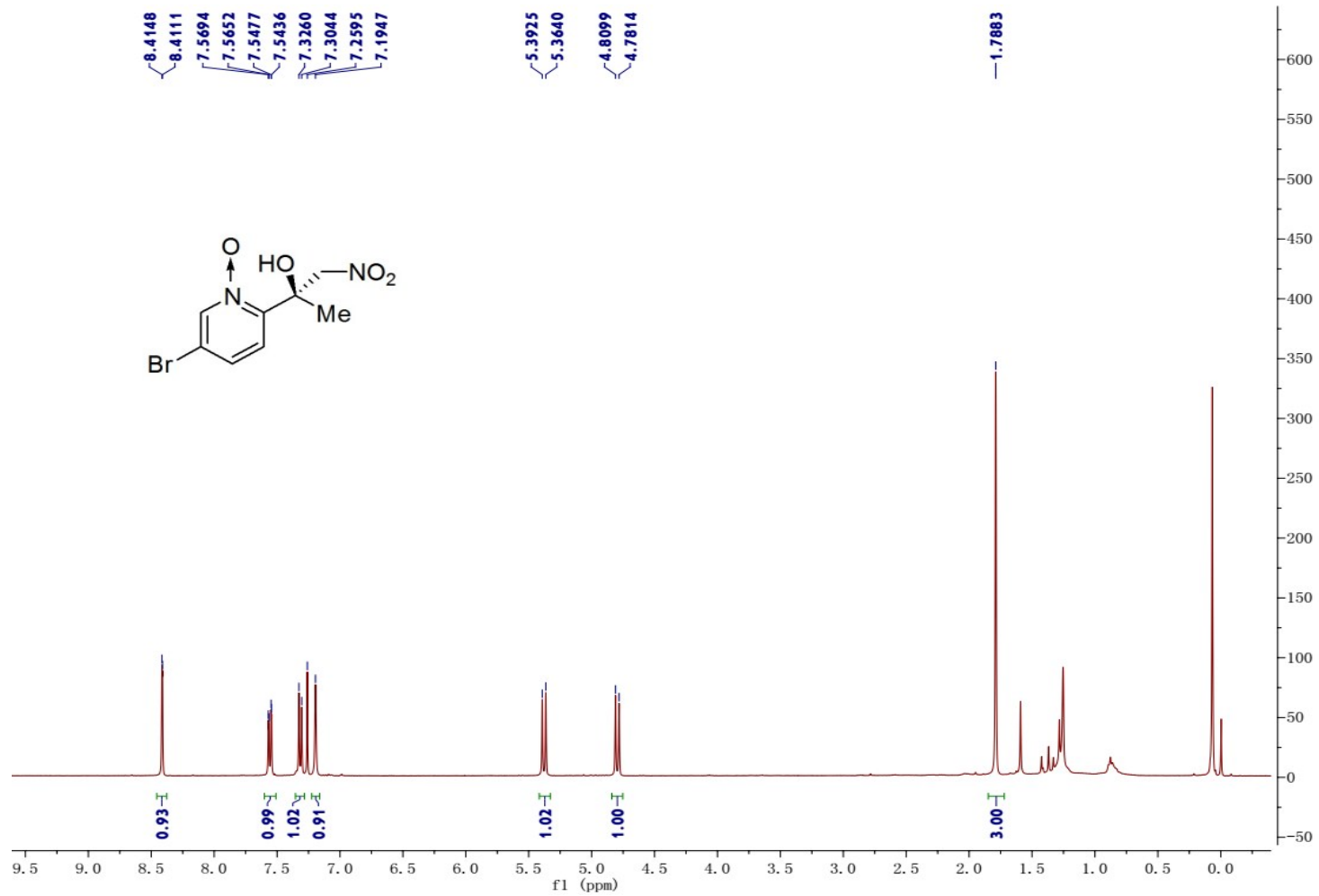


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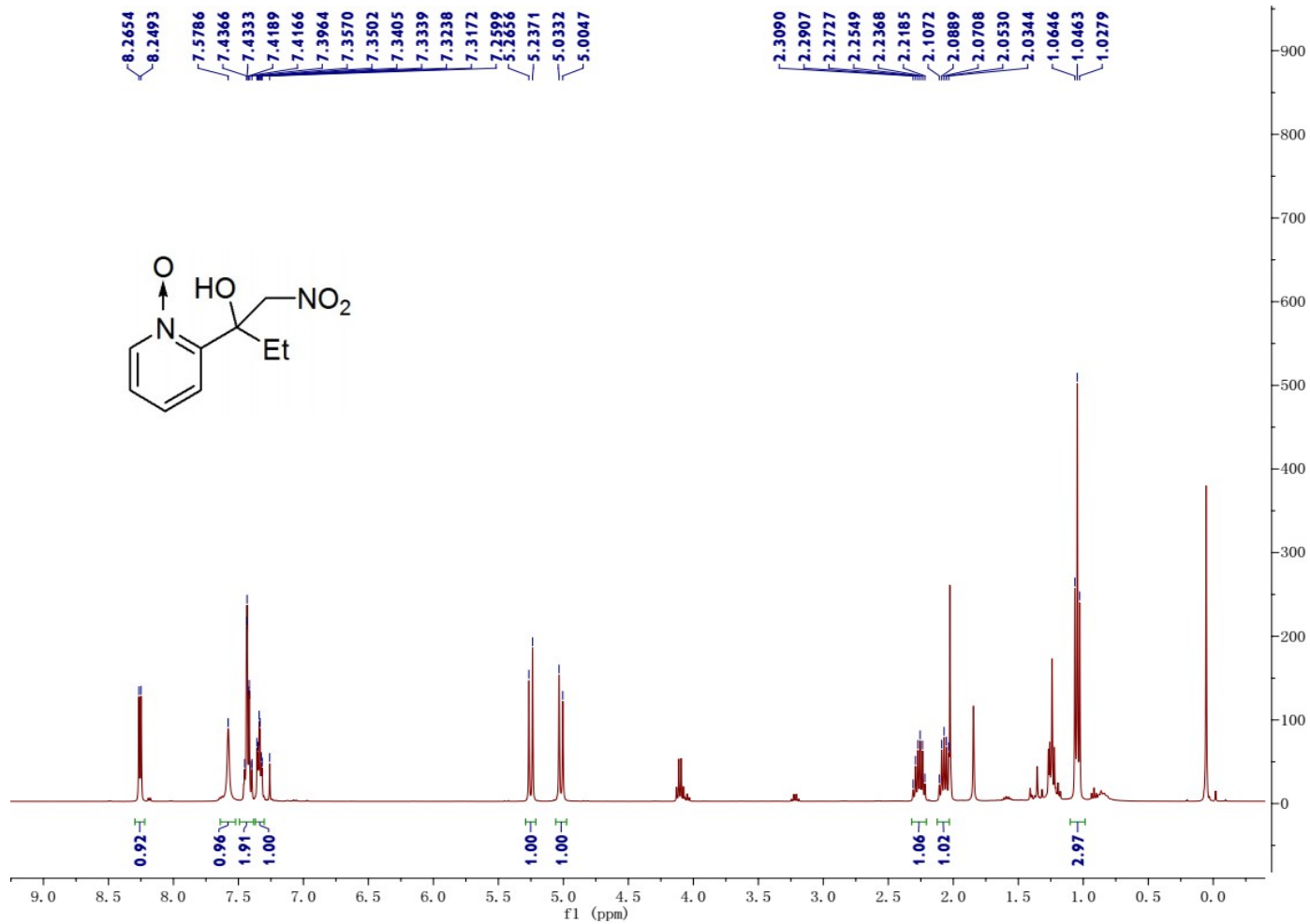


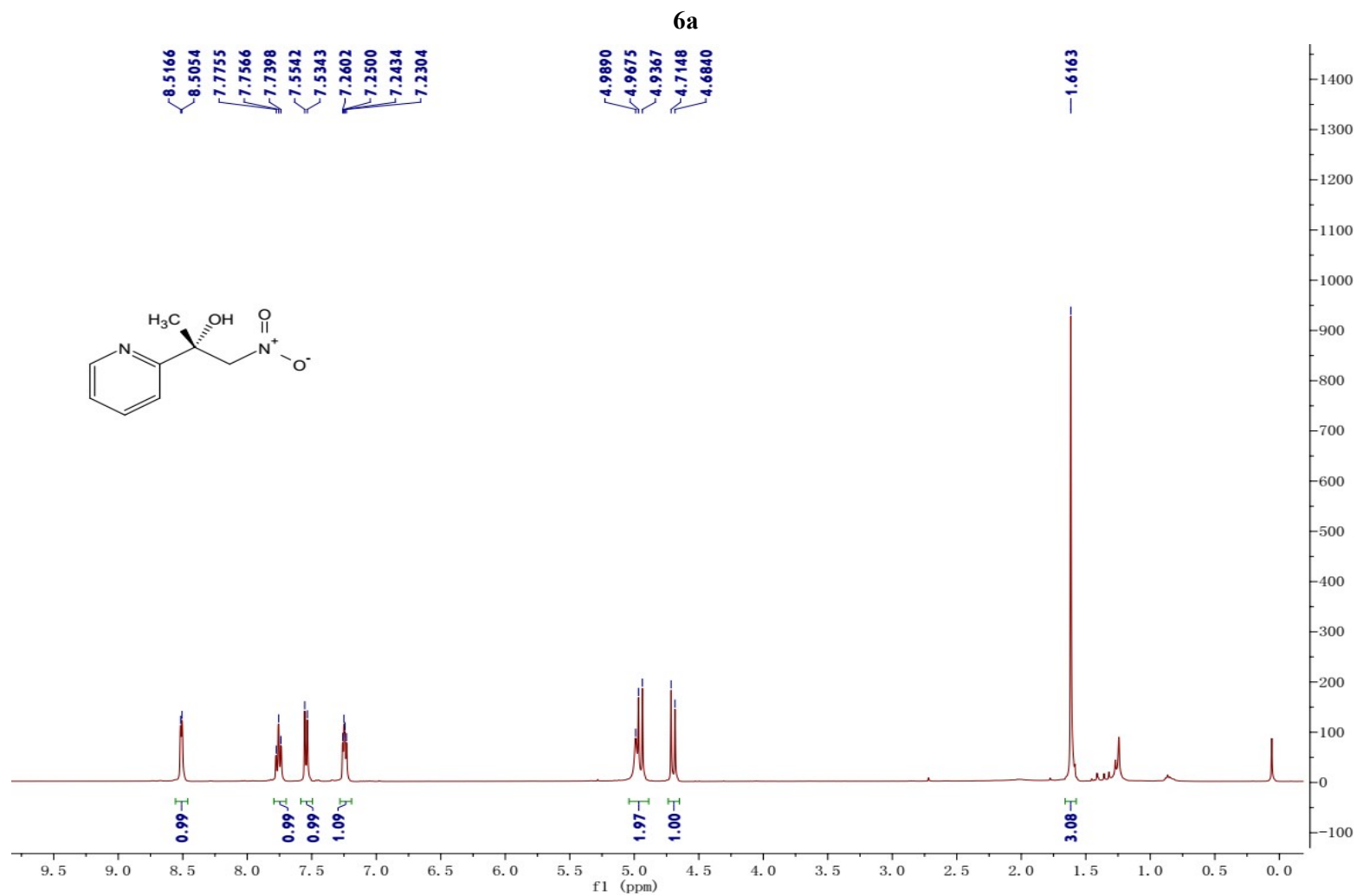


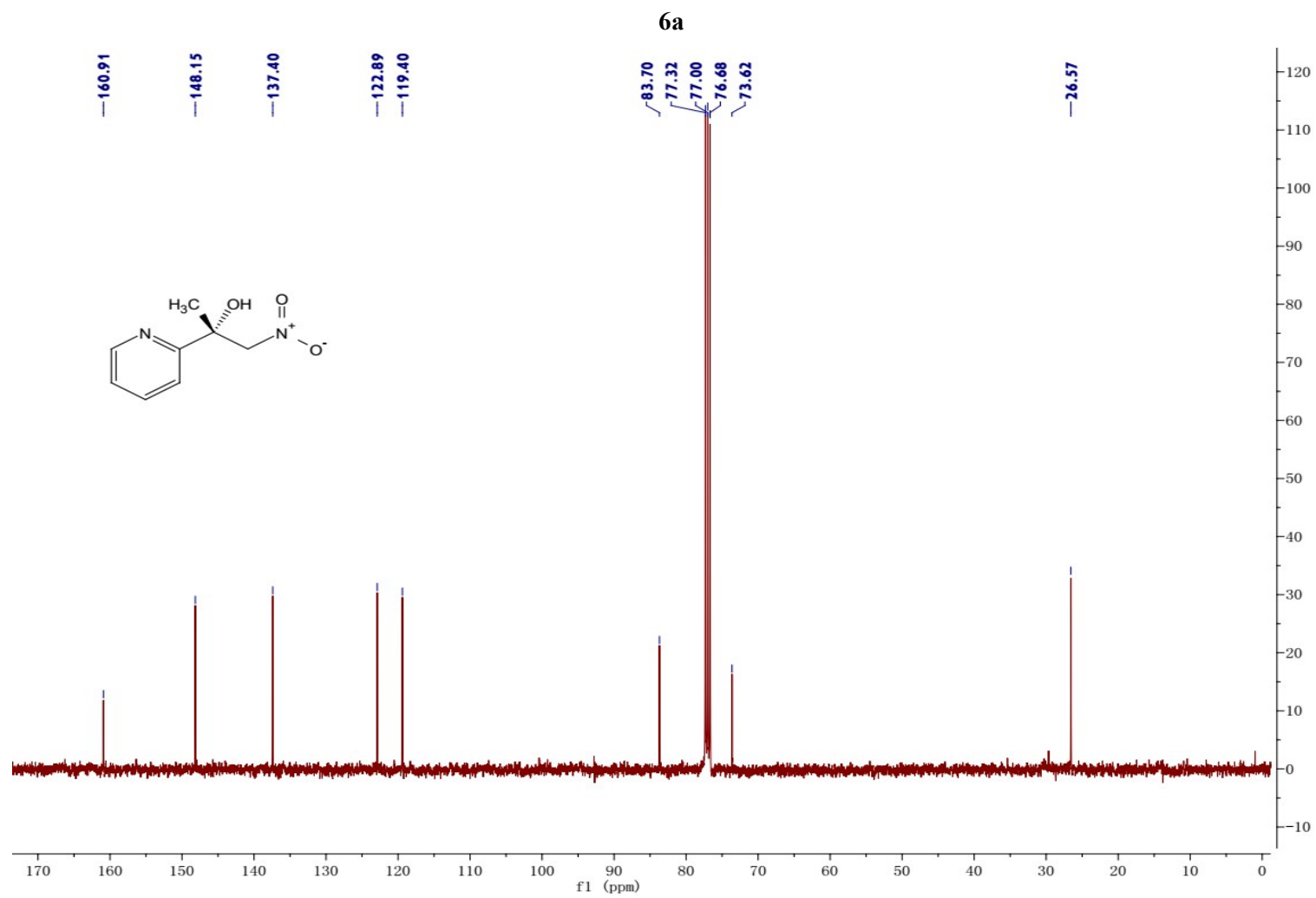
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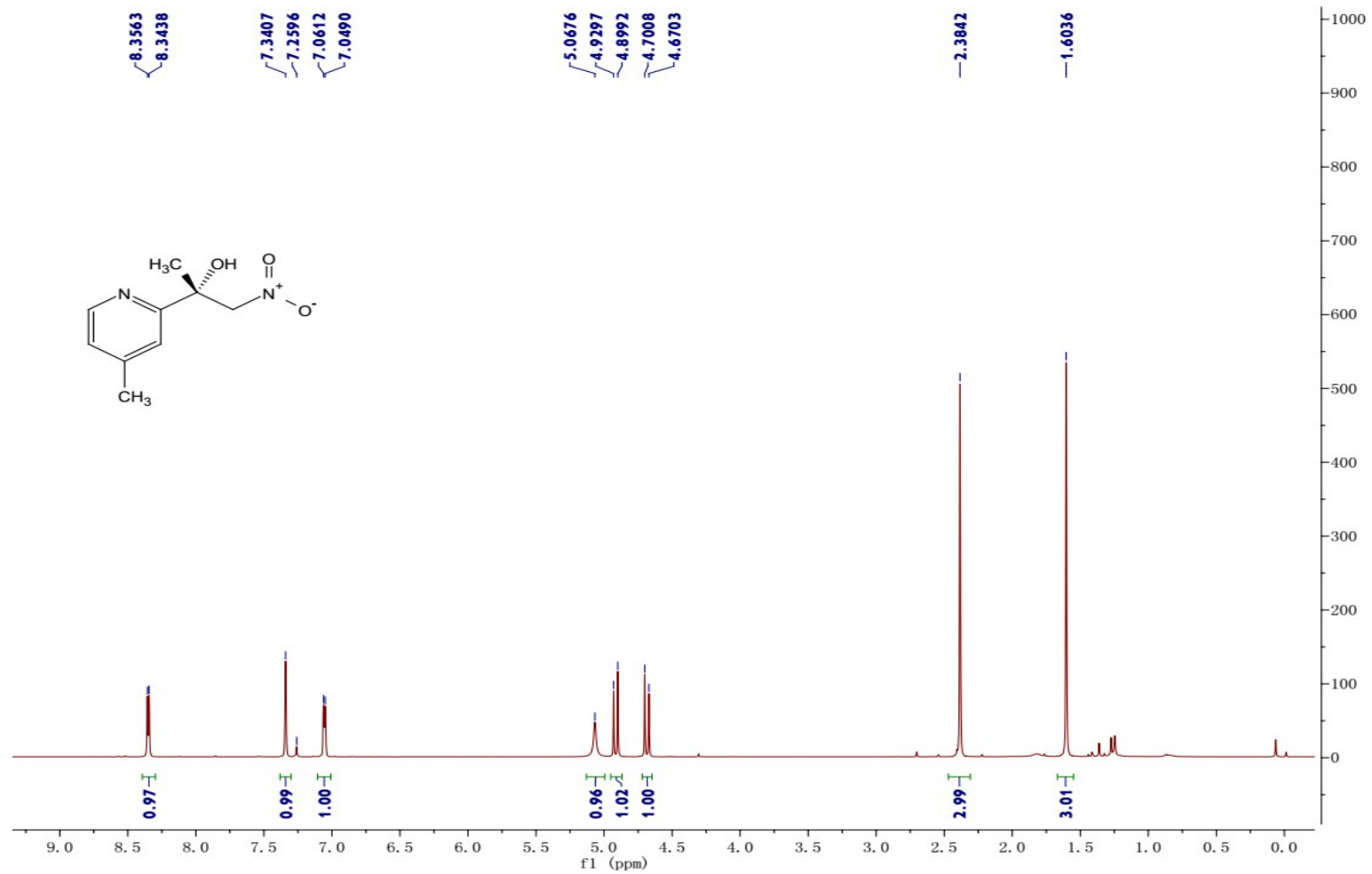
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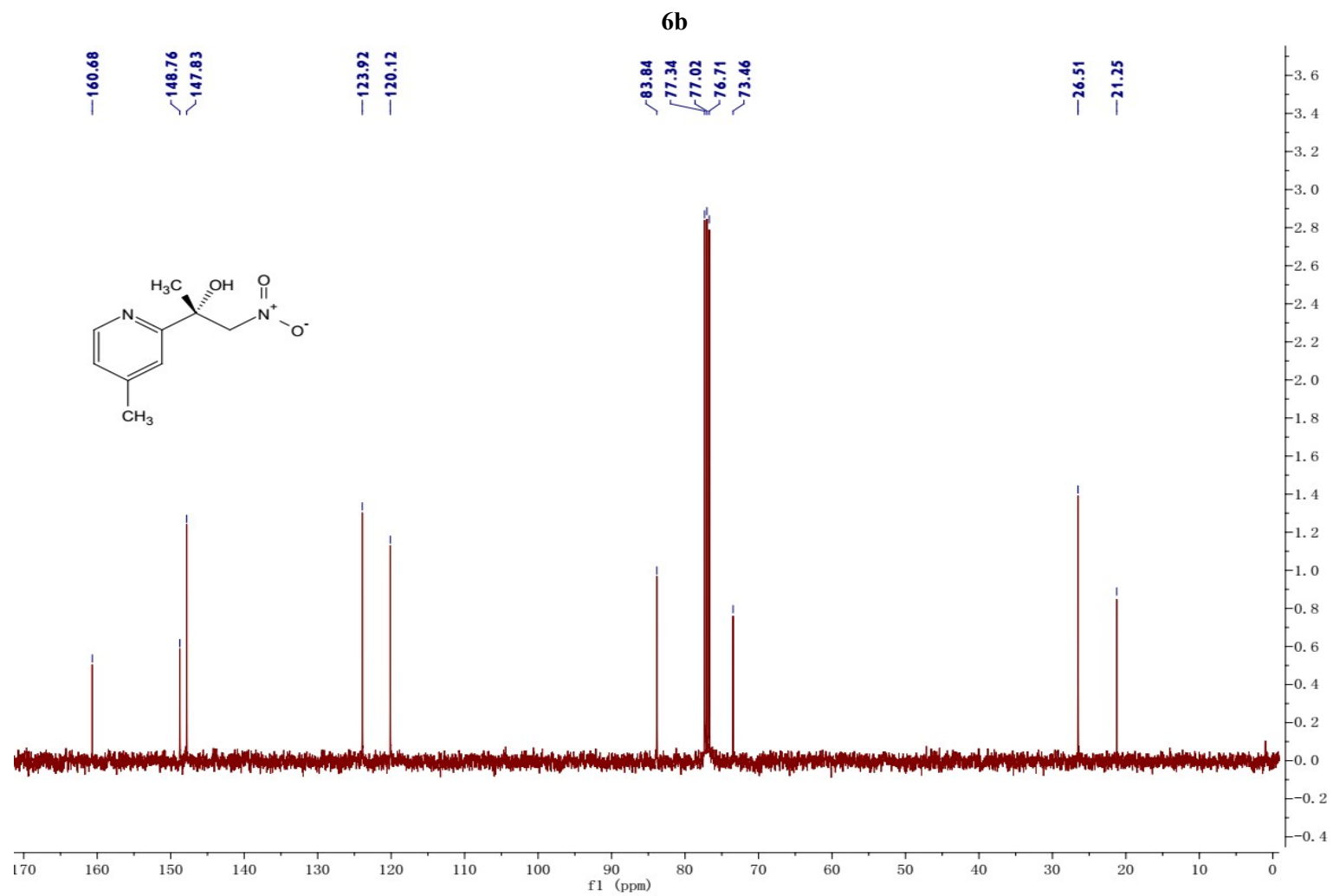


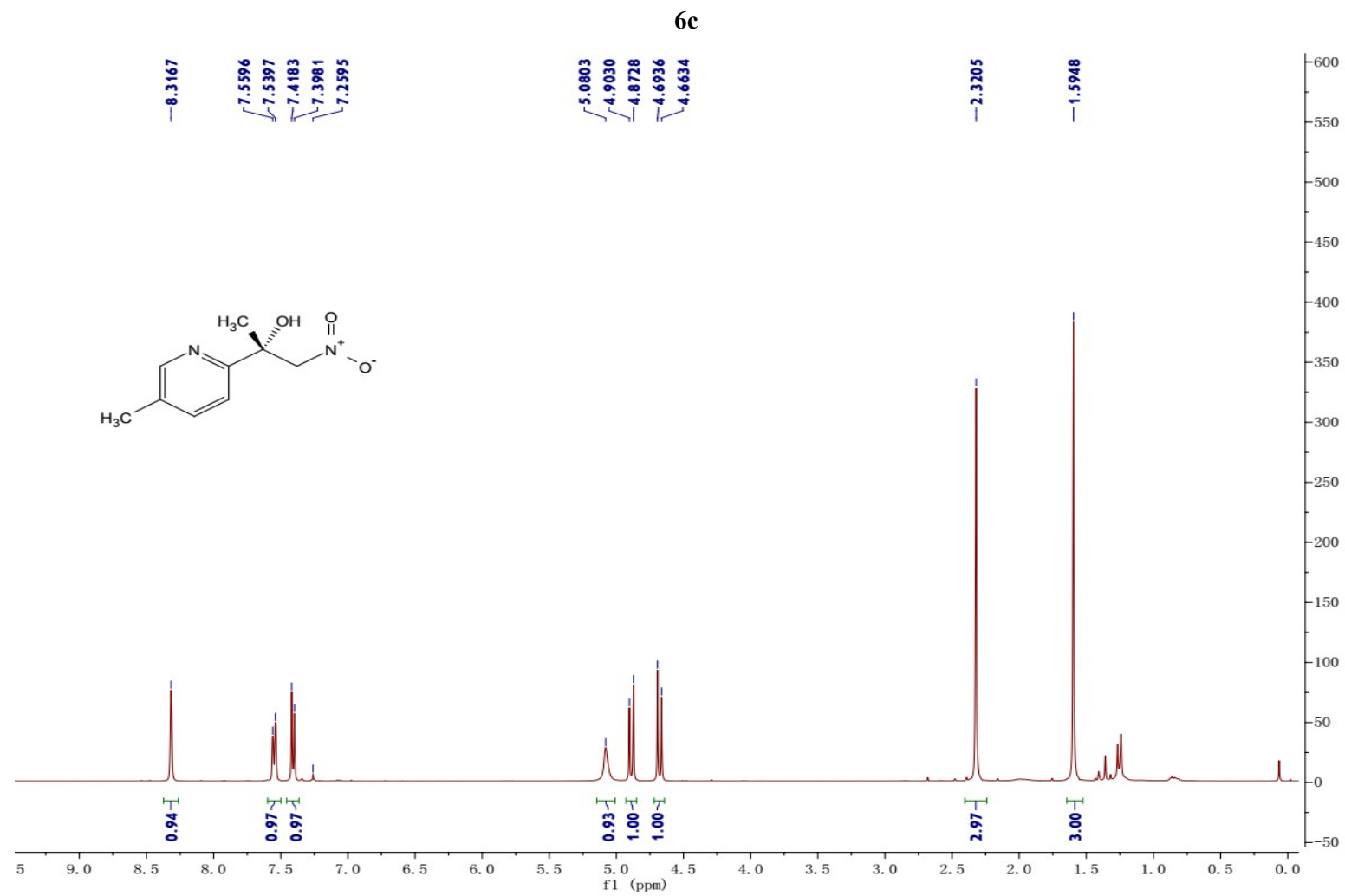


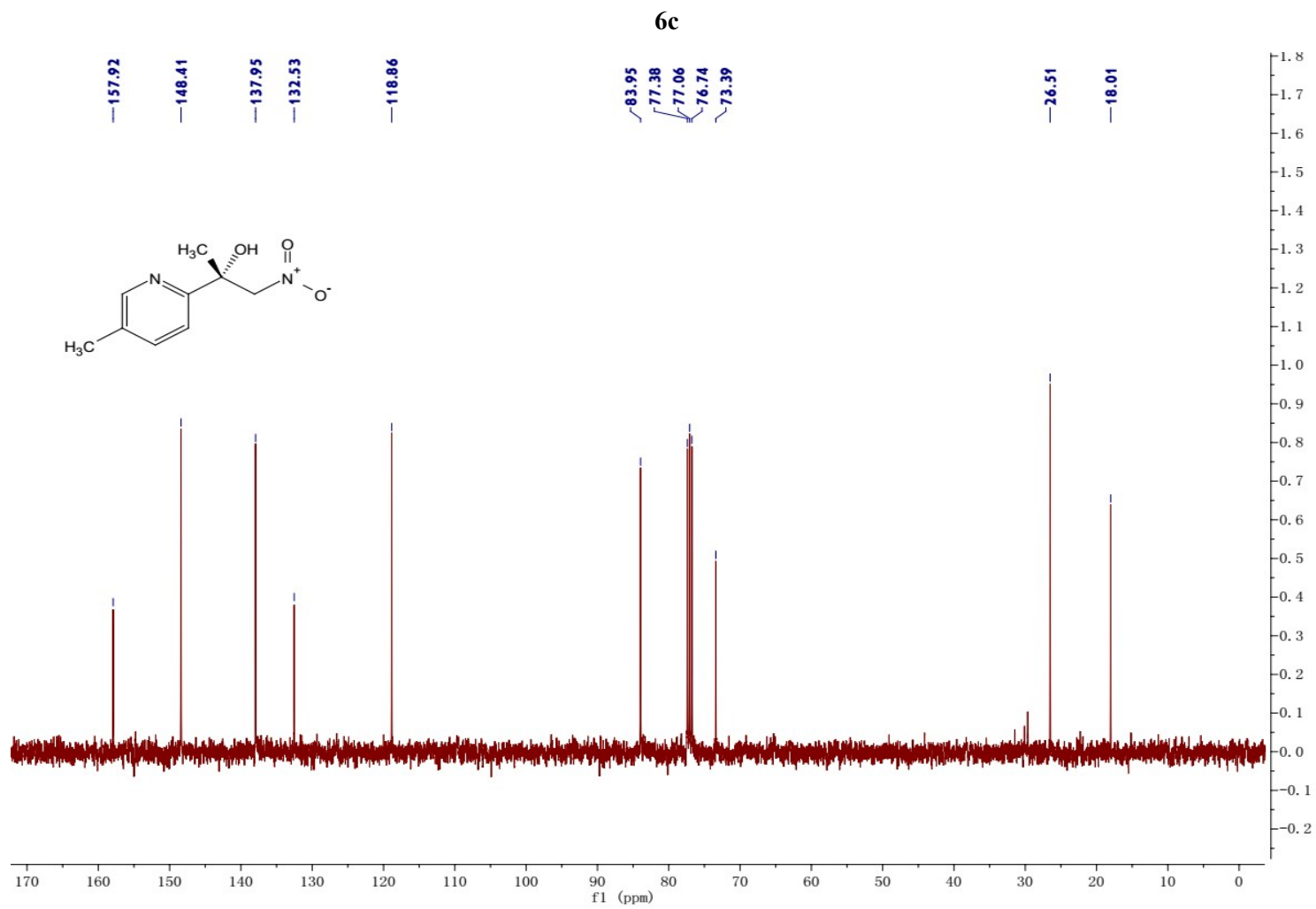


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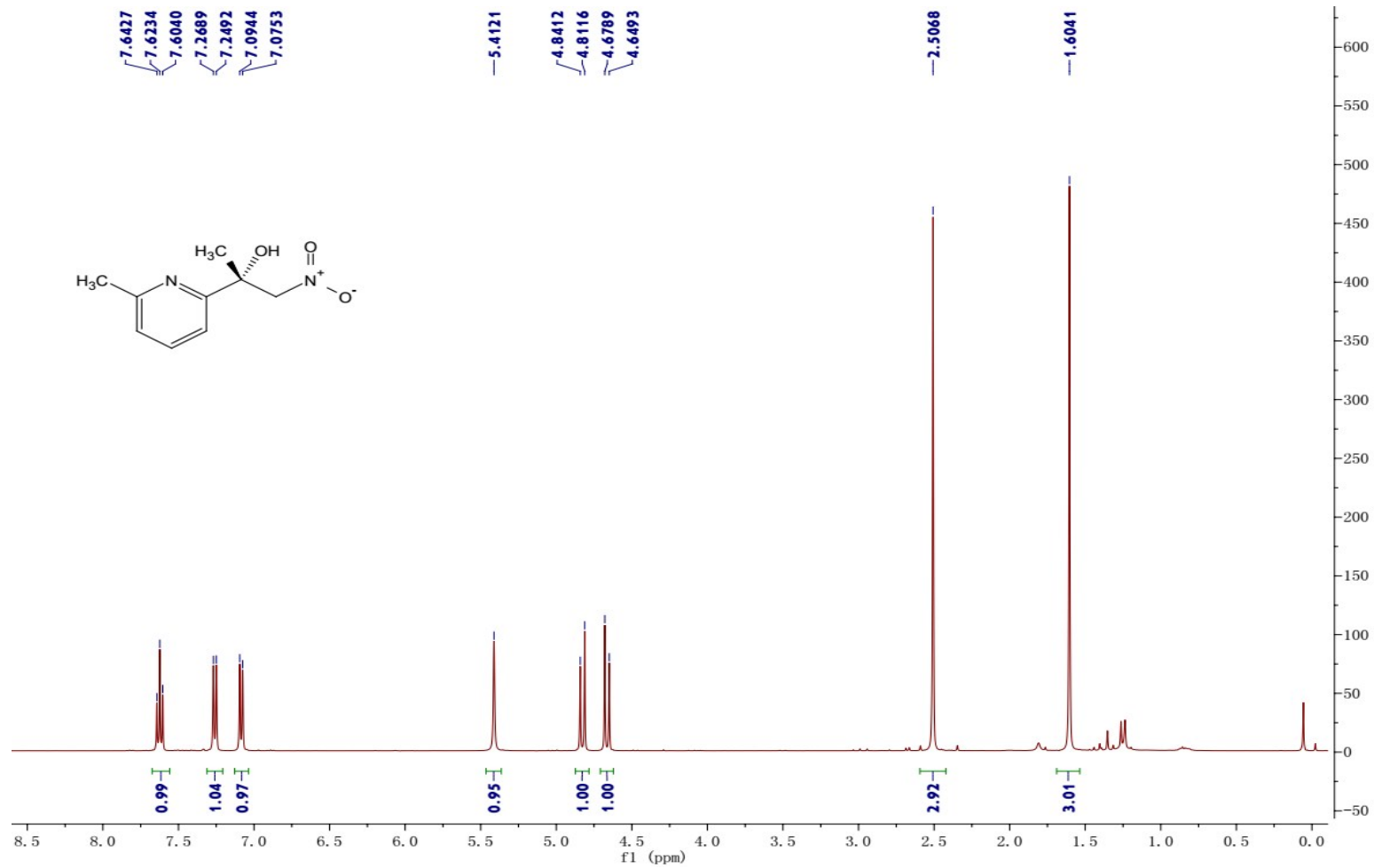




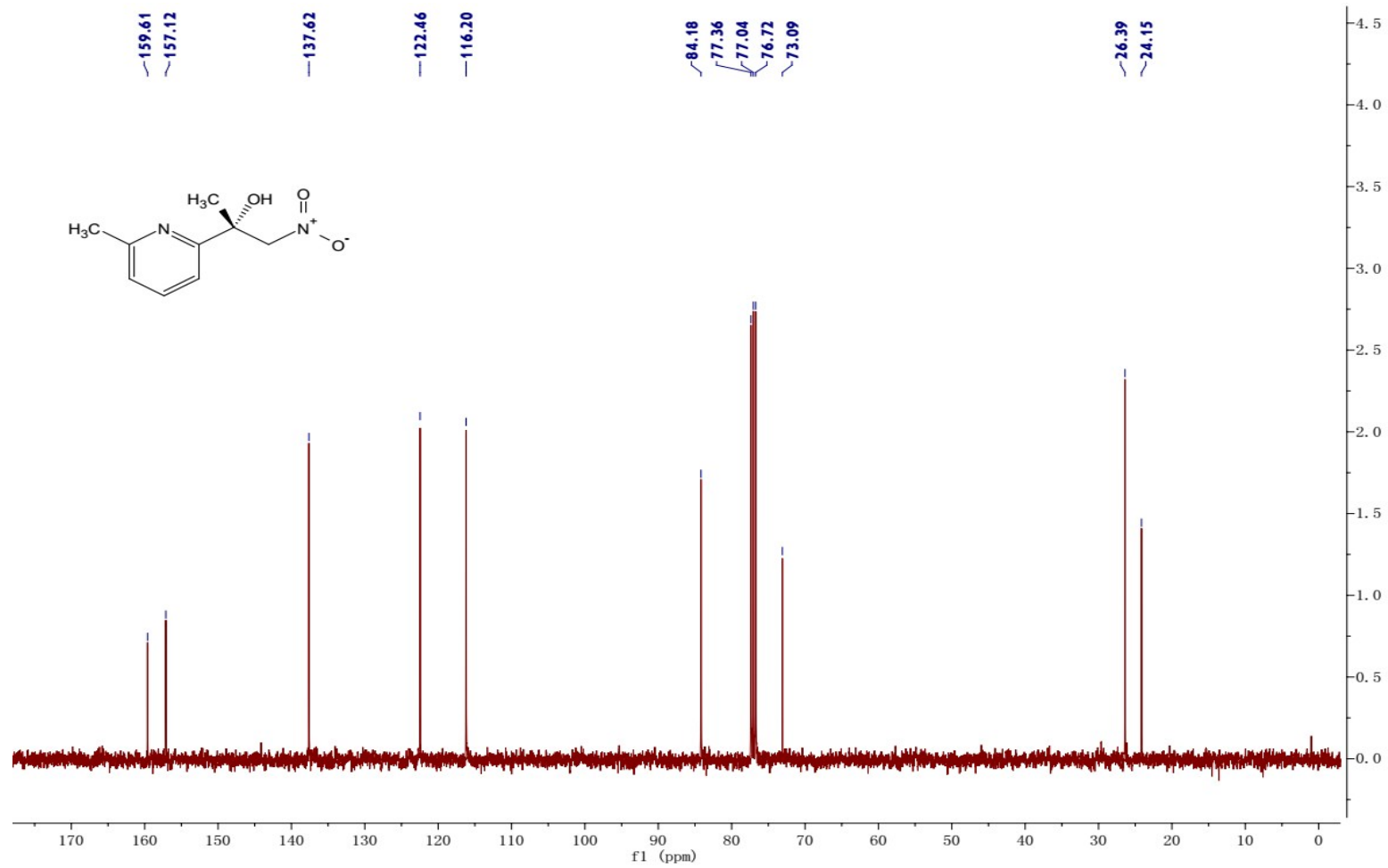


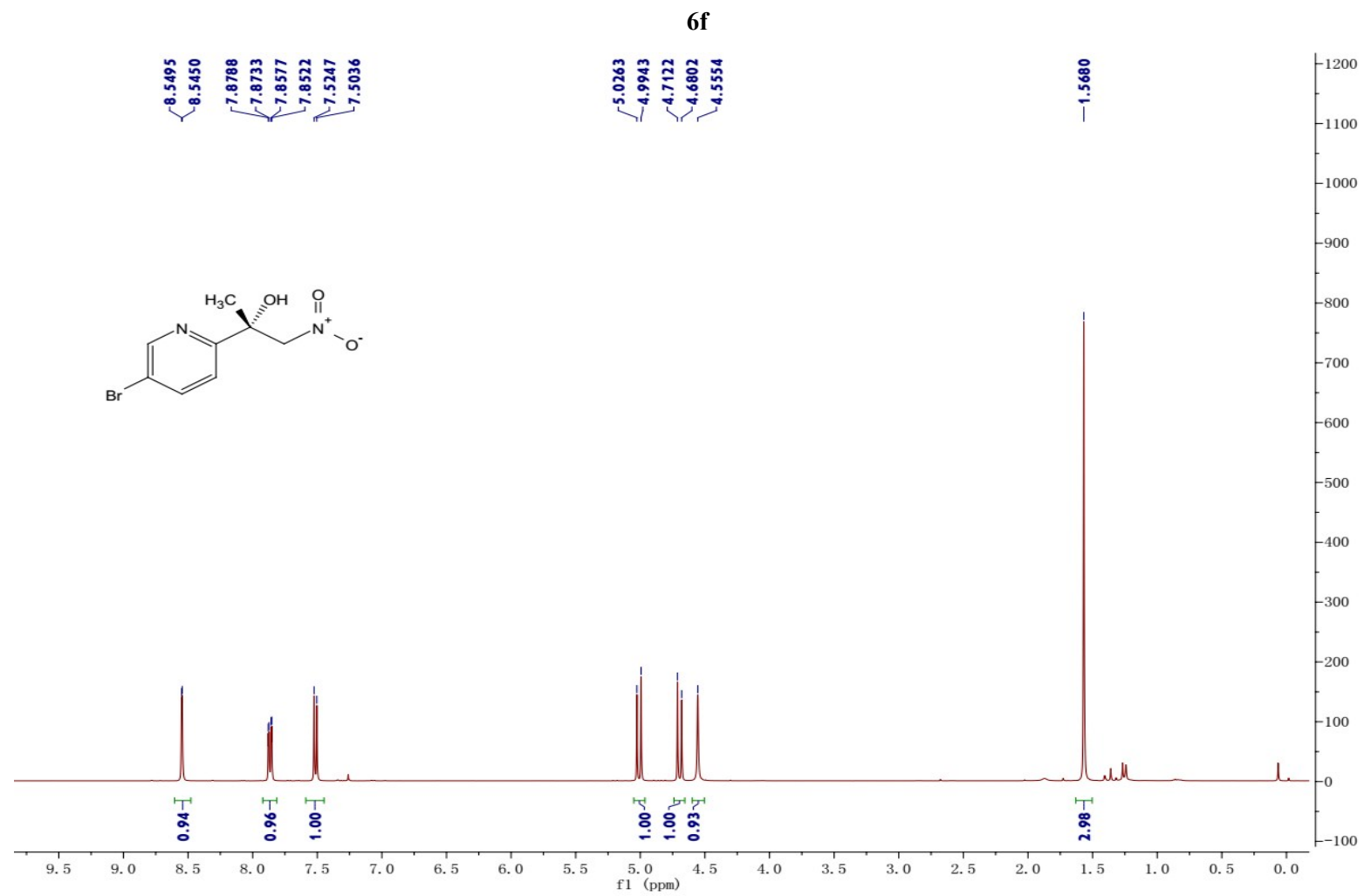


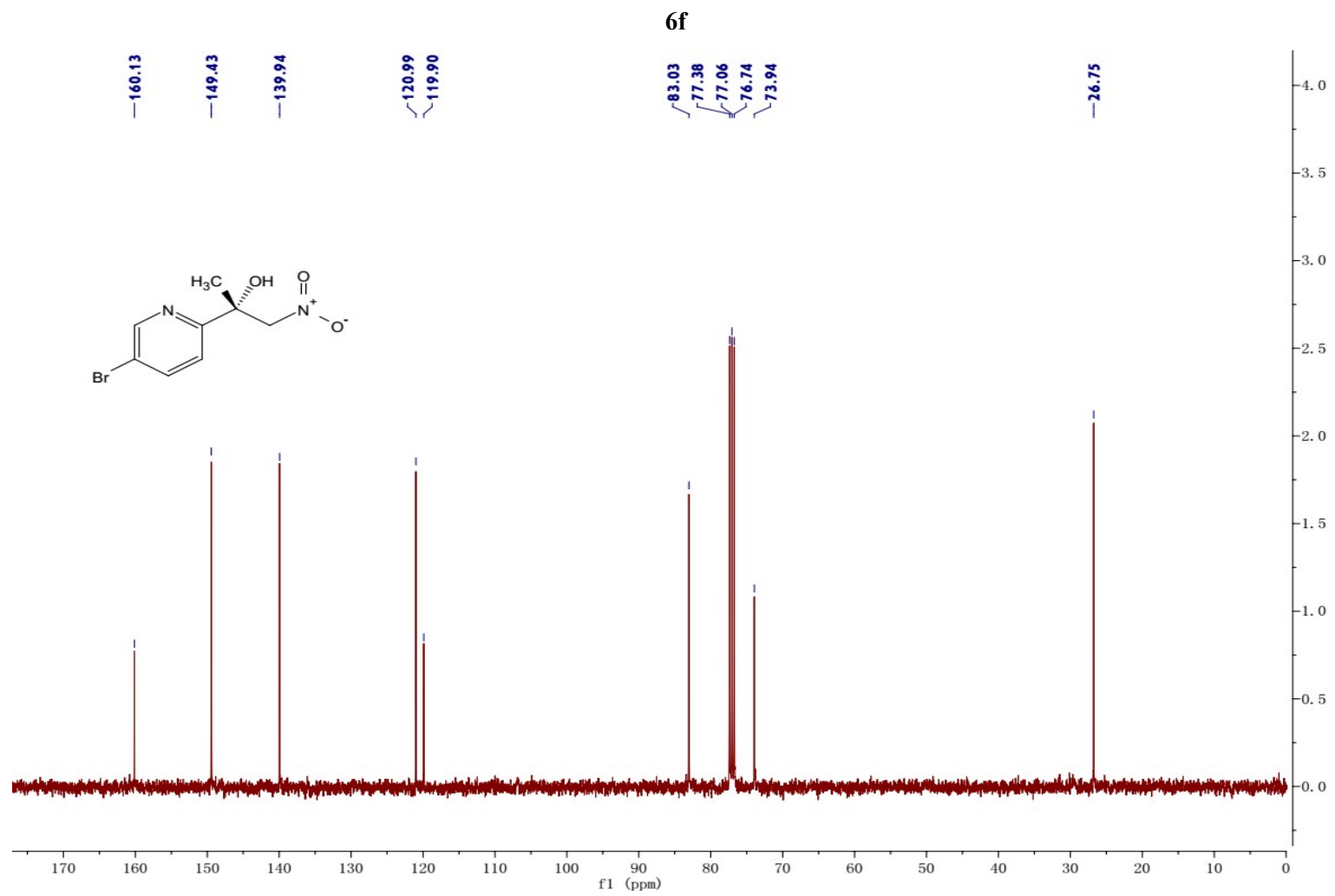
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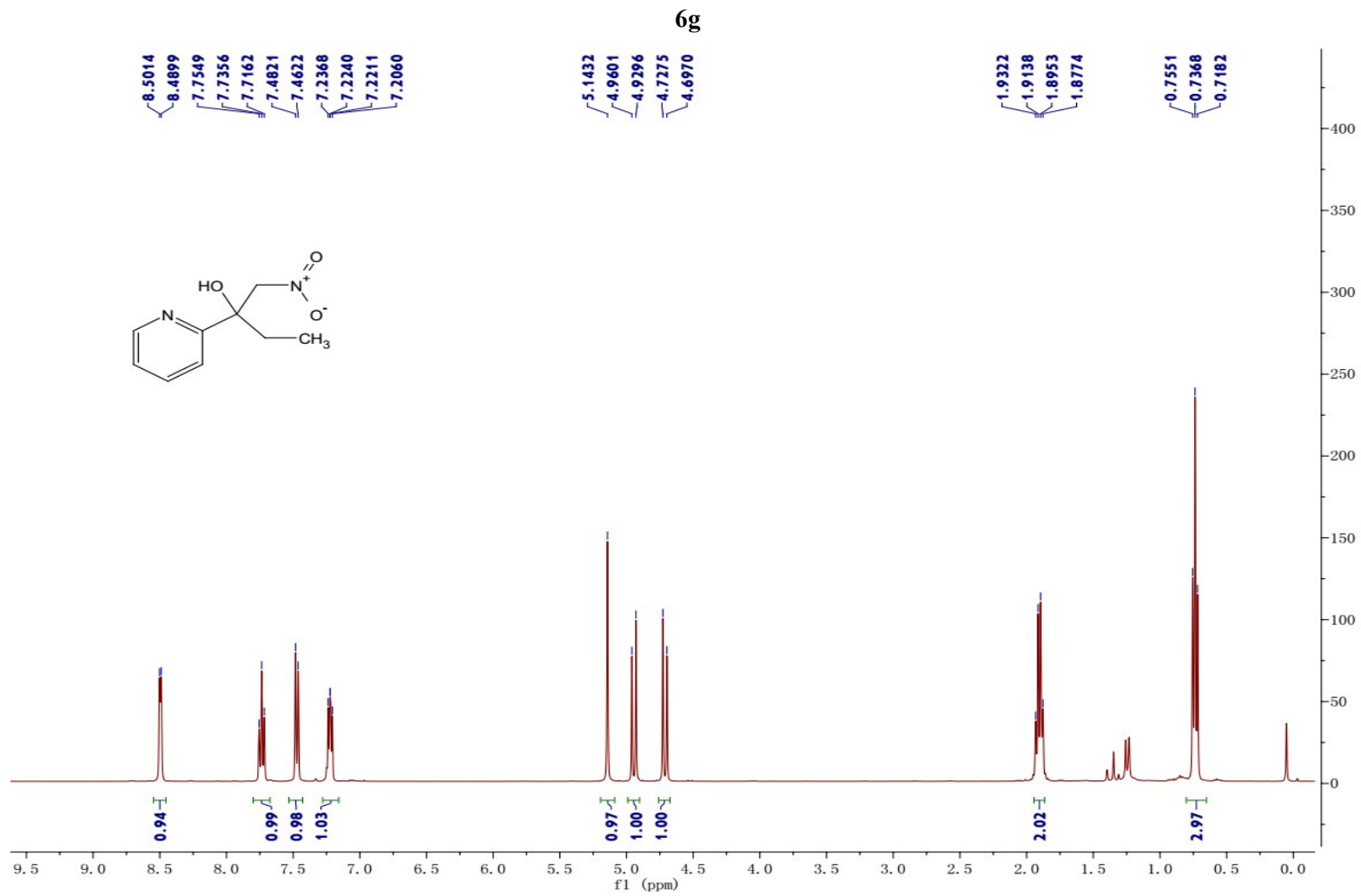


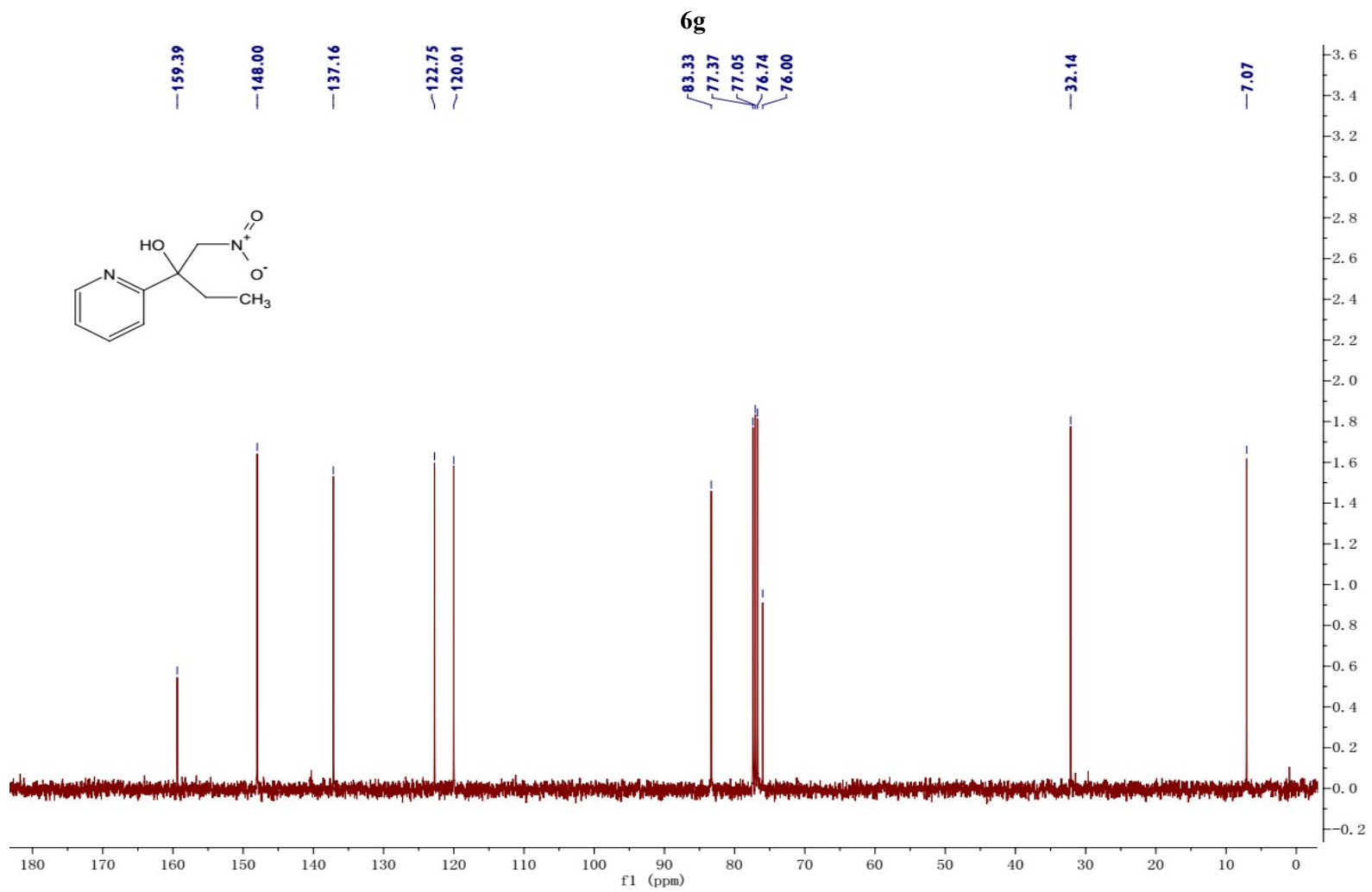
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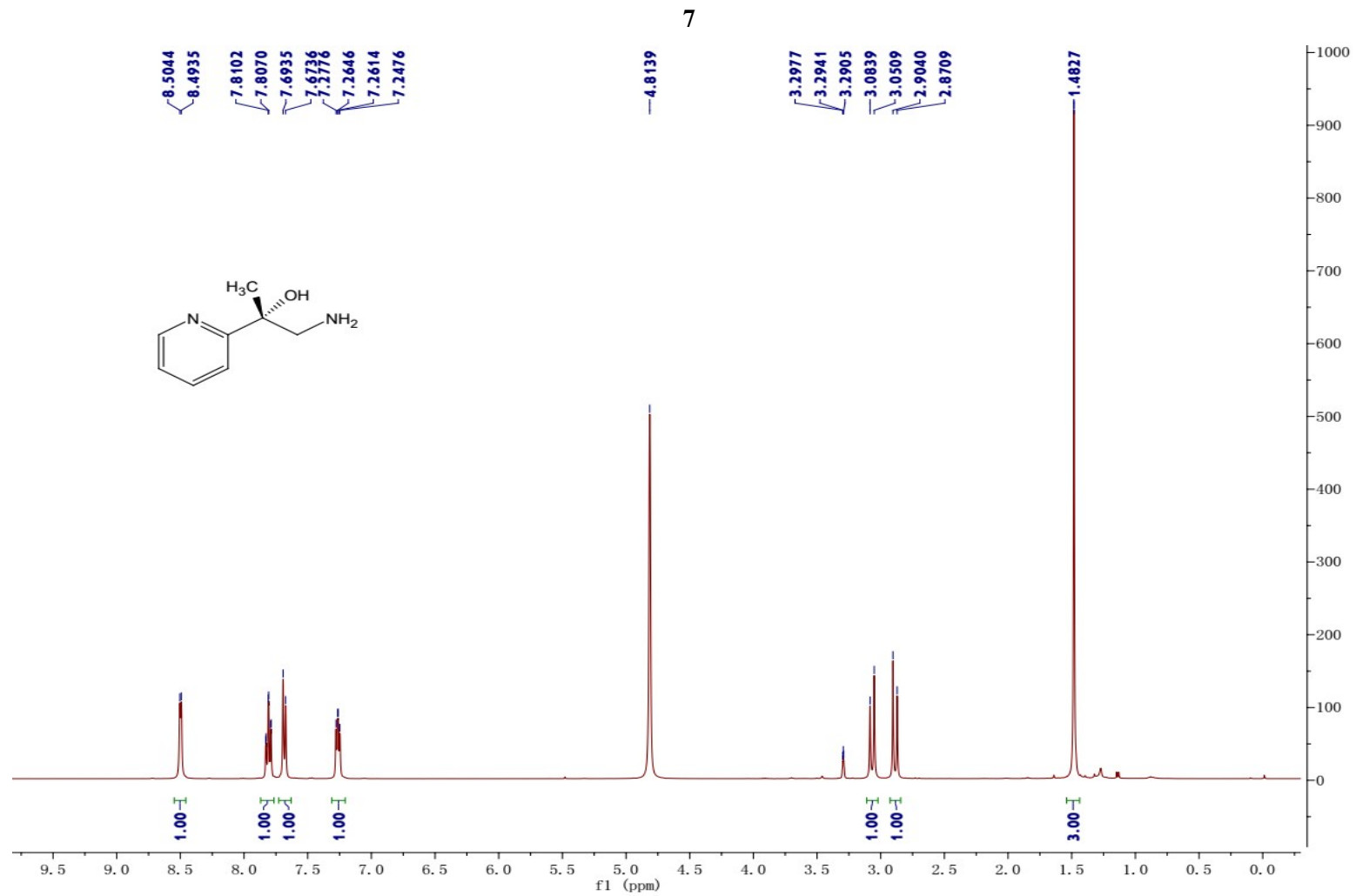




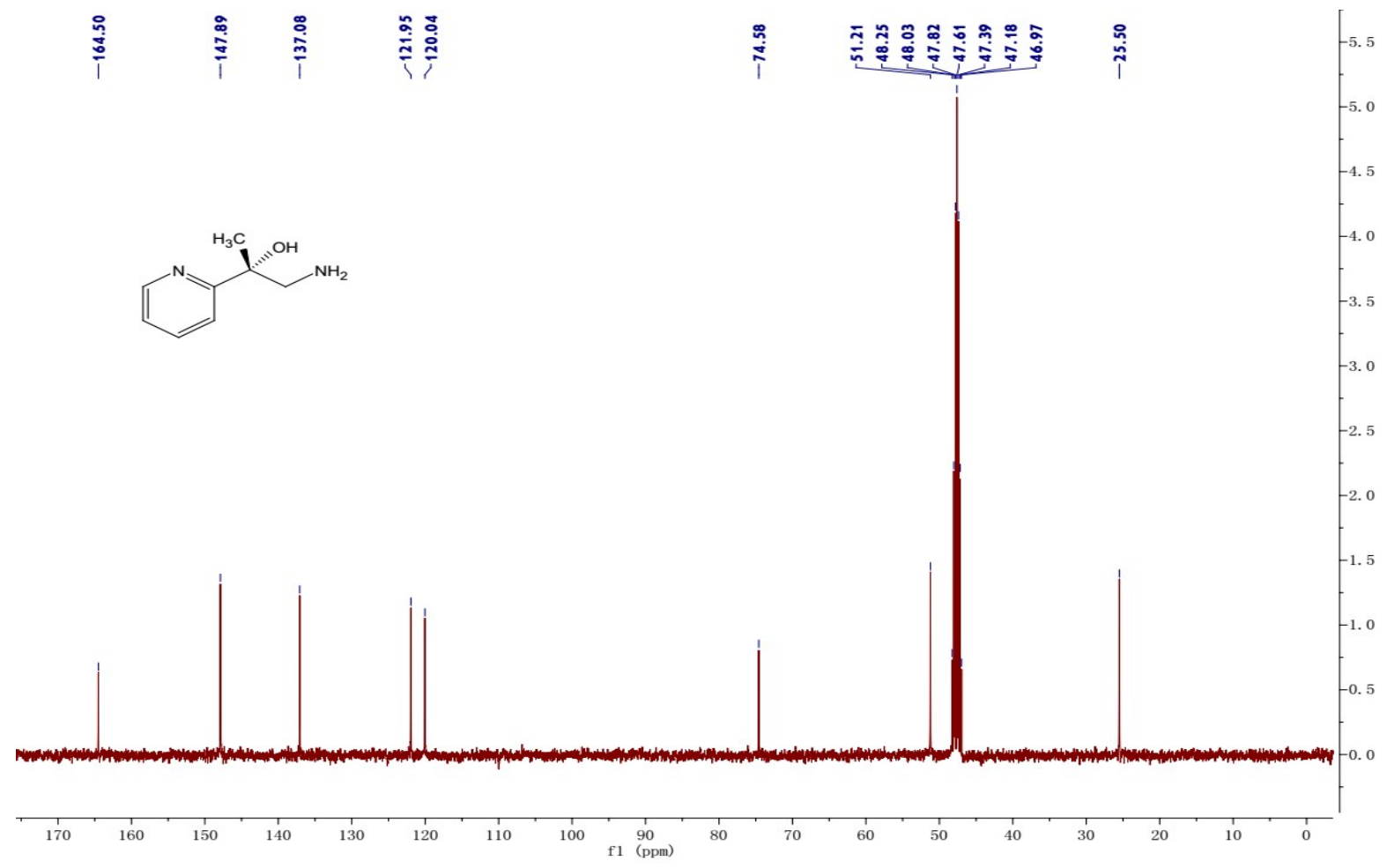






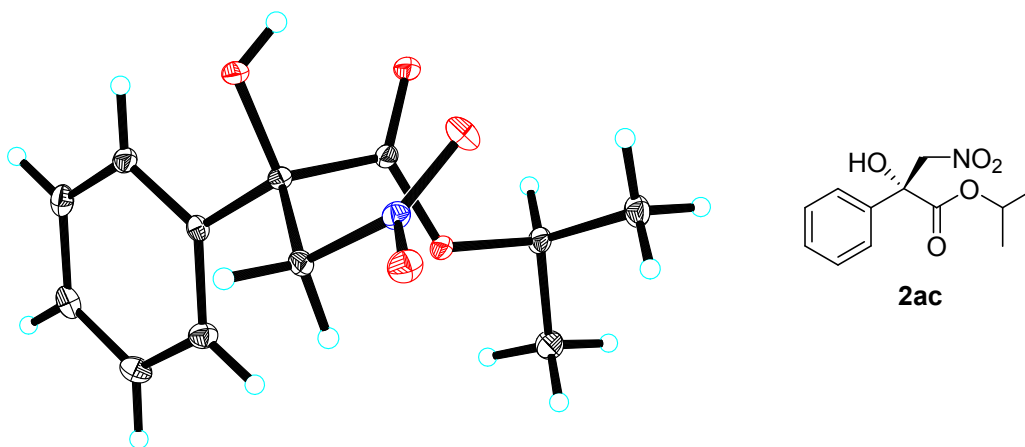


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5. X-ray crystal structure of **2ac**

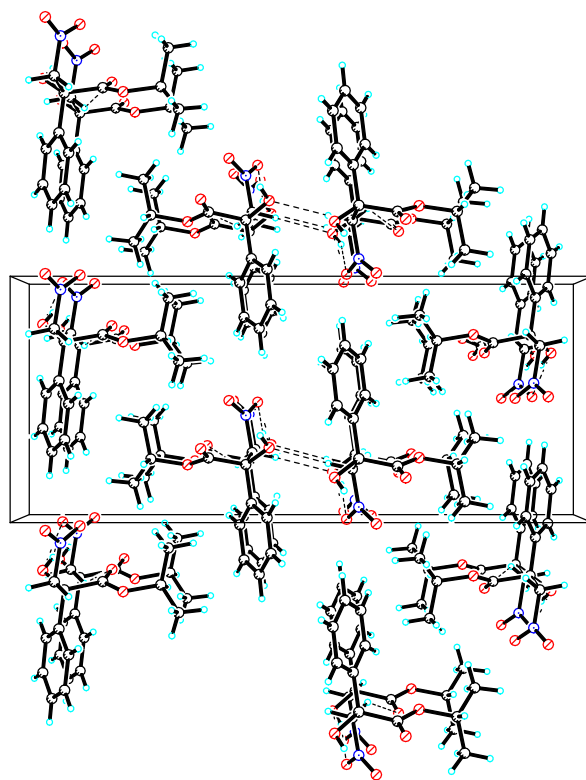
Crystal data for **2ac**: $C_{12}H_{15}NO_5$, $M = 253.25$, $a = 5.66420(10) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 9.5973(2) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 22.6622(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 1231.94(4) \text{ \AA}^3$, $T = 100(2) \text{ K}$, space group $P212121$, $Z = 4$, $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 0.903 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, 6426 reflections measured, 2247 independent reflections ($R_{int} = 0.0357$). The final R_I values were 0.0331 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1039 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$). The final R_I values were 0.0336 (all data). The final $wR(F^2)$ values were 0.1046 (all data). The goodness of fit on F^2 was 1.184. Flack parameter = 0.05(5).



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View of a molecule of **2ac** with the atom-labelling scheme

Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level



View of the pack drawing of **2ac**
Hydrogen-bonds are shown as dashed lines