

Supporting Information

**Stereospecific assembly of tetrahydroquinolines via tandem ring-opening/oxidative cyclization of donor-acceptor cyclopropanes with N-alkyl anilines**

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**General Information.** Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (98%), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (98%), CuCl<sub>2</sub> (97%) and CuBr<sub>2</sub> (99.9%) were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. Cyclopropanes<sup>1,2</sup> and *N*-alkyl anilines<sup>3</sup> were prepared according to the reported procedure. Column chromatography was performed with Rankem silica gel (60-120 mesh). Bruker Avance III 400 and Bruker Avance III 600 spectrometers were used for recording NMR spectra using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent and Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) and spin-spin coupling constants ( $J$ ) are reported in ppm and Hz, respectively, and other data are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublet and br s = broad singlet. Melting points were determined with a Büchi B-540 apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotation was determined using Perkin Elmer-343 Polarimeter. HPLC analysis was carried out with Waters-2489 instrument using Daicel Chiralcel AD-H column using *iso*-propanol and hexane as eluent. FT-IR spectra were collected on Thermo Fisher Scientific IR spectrometer. Q-Tof ESI-MS instrument (model HAB 273) was used for recording mass spectra. Single crystal X-ray data were collected using Bruker SMART APEX-II CCD diffractometer, which is equipped with 1.75 kW sealed-tube Mo-K $\alpha$  irradiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 298(2) K. The crystal structure was solved by direct method using SHELXL-97 (Göttingen, Germany) and refined with full-matrix least squares on F<sup>2</sup> using SHELXL-97.

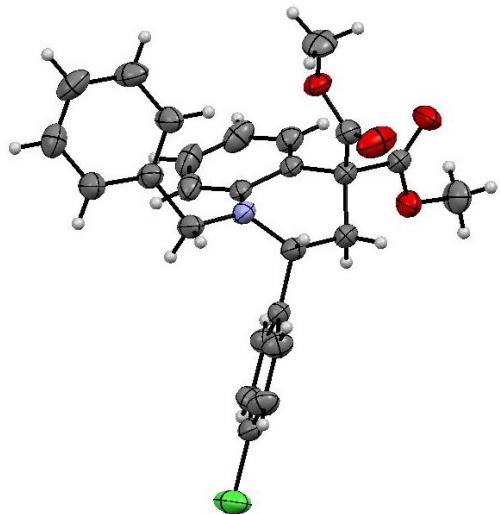
### General Procedure for the Synthesis of Tetrahydroquinolines

*N*-Alkyl aniline **1** (0.2 mmol), cyclopropane **2** (0.24 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 7.2 mg) were stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Then, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mmol, 22 mg) and DMF (2 mL) were added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h under air. The progress of the reaction was monitored using TLC with ethyl acetate and hexane as an eluent. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL). The resultant mixture was washed with ice cold brine (5 mL) and cold water (5 mL). The aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 5 mL). Drying (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on a silica gel column chromatography using hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give analytically pure tetrahydroquinoline scaffolds.

### Procedure for the Enantiospecific Synthesis of Tetrahydroquinolines

*N*-Alkyl aniline **1** (0.2 mmol), chiral cyclopropane (**R**)-**2a'** (0.24 mmol) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 7.2 mg) were subjected to the above described general procedure for the tetrahydroquinoline synthesis. The enantiomeric excess was determined using chiral HPLC.

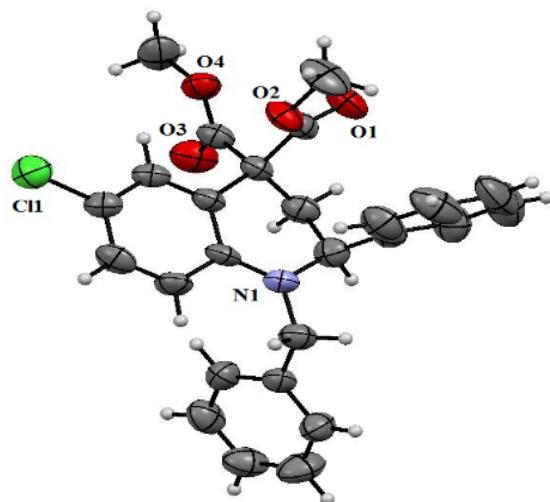
### Crystal Data and Structure Refinement



**Figure S1.** ORTEP diagram of dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **4d** with 50% ellipsoid (CCDC 1902908).

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Identification code              | <b>4d</b>   |
| Empirical formula                | C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClNO <sub>4</sub>   |
| Formula weight                   | 449.91  |
| Crystal habit, colour            | block /Colorless  |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>    | 0.4 x 0.3 x 0.2   |
| Temperature, T/K                 | 296 K   |
| Wavelength, $\lambda/\text{\AA}$ | 0.71073   |
| Crystal system                   | 'Triclinic'   |
| Space group                      | 'P -1'  |
| Unit cell dimensions             | a = 9.8937(9) Å<br>b = 11.1906(10) Å<br>c = 11.7431(8) Å<br>α = 68.403(7)<br>β = 71.507(7)<br>γ = 82.528(7) |
| Volume, V/Å <sup>3</sup>         | 1146.32(18)   |

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|--|--|
| Z  | 2  |
| Calculated density, Mg·m <sup>-3</sup>       | 1.303                                    |
| Absorption coefficient, $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.199                                    |
| F(000)                                       | 472                                      |
| $\theta$ range for data collection           | 2.23 to 25°                              |
| Limiting indices                             | -11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13 |
| Reflection collected / unique                | 4056/2736                                |
| Completeness to $\theta$                     | 99.90% ( $\theta = 25^\circ$ )           |
| Absorption correction                        | Multi-scan                               |
| Max. and min. transmission                   | 1.000 and 0.867                          |
| Refinement method                            | 'SHELXL-2014/7 (Sheldrick, 2014)'        |
| Data / restraints / parameters               | 4056/0/ 291                              |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                     | 1.070                                    |
| Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]         | R1 = 0.0521, wR2 = 0.1084                |
| R indices (all data)                         | R1 = 0.0833, wR2 = 0.1386                |

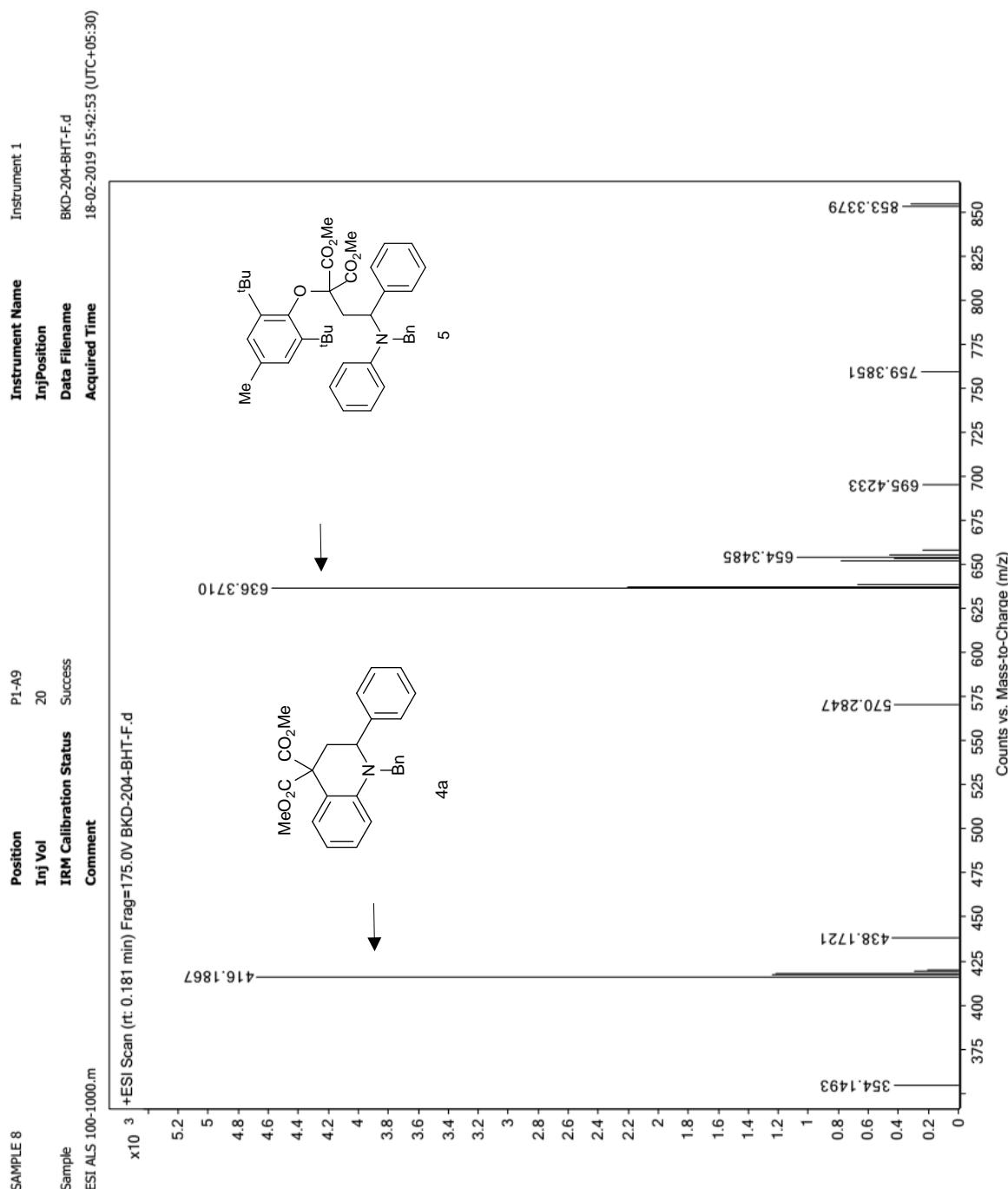


**Figure S2.** ORTEP diagram of dimethyl (S)-1-benzyl-6-chloro-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **4p'** with 50% ellipsoid (CCDC 1902927).

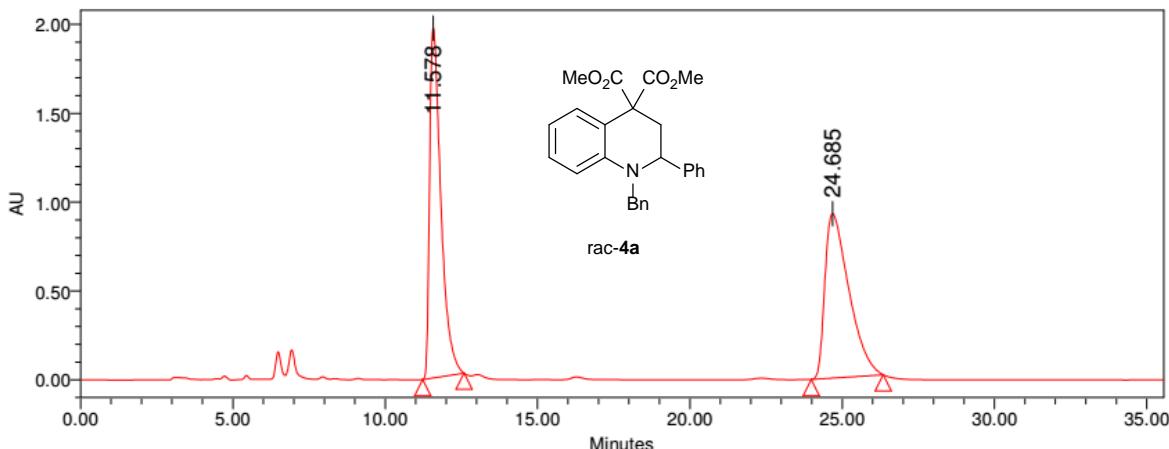
|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Identification code              | <b>4p'</b>  |
| Empirical formula                | C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClNO <sub>4</sub> |
| Formula weight                   | 449.91  |
| Crystal habit, colour            | block /colorless                                  |
| Crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>    | 0.4 x 0.3 x 0.2                                   |
| Temperature, T/K                 | 296 K   |
| Wavelength, $\lambda/\text{\AA}$ | 0.71073   |

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|--|--|
| Crystal system                             | ' monoclinic'  |
| Space group                                | 'P 21'   |
| Unit cell dimensions                       | a = 10.5583(10) Å<br>b = 9.7573(7) Å<br>c = 11.7032(11) Å<br>α = 90<br>β = 106.984(11)<br>γ = 90 |
| Volume, V/Å <sup>3</sup>                   | 1153.09(19)  |
| Z  | 2  |
| Calculated density, Mg·m <sup>-3</sup>     | 1.296  |
| Absorption coefficient, μ/mm <sup>-1</sup> | 0.198  |
| F(000)                                     | 472  |
| θ range for data collection                | 2.28 to 28°  |
| Limiting indices                           | -14 ≤ h ≤ 10, -12 ≤ k ≤ 7, -8 ≤ l ≤ 15   |
| Reflection collected / unique              | 3728/2194  |
| Completeness to θ                          | 99.90% ( $\theta = 28^\circ$ )   |
| Absorption correction                      | Multi-scan   |
| Max. and min. transmission                 | 1.000 and 0.768  |
| Refinement method                          | 'SHELXT 2018/2 (Sheldrick, 2018)'  |
| Data / restraints / parameters             | 3728/1/ 291  |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                   | 1.031  |
| Final R indices [ $I > 2\text{sigma}(I)$ ] | R1 = 0.0713, wR2 = 0.1584  |
| R indices (all data)                       | R1 = 0.1065, wR2 = 0.1989  |

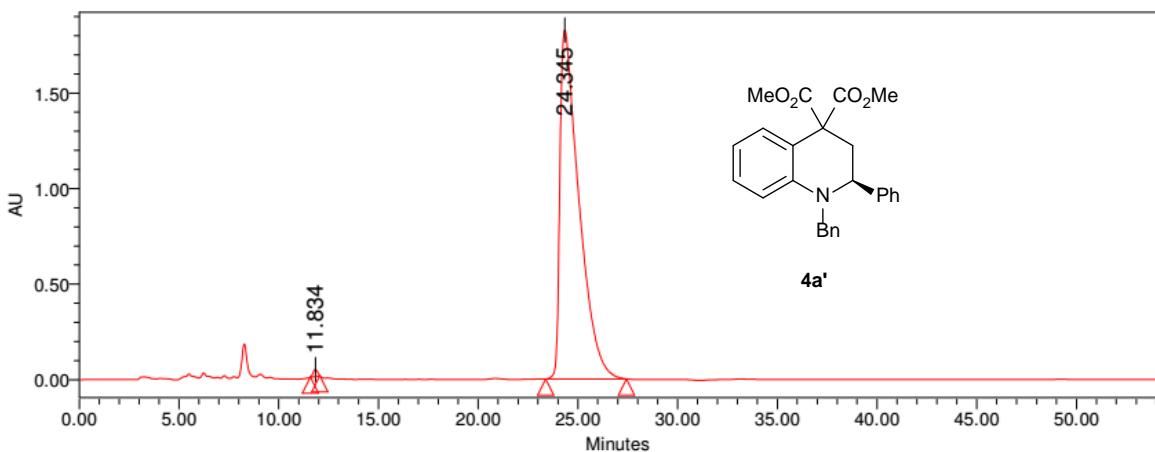
**ESI-MS of the reaction of mixture of **1a** and **2a** in the presence of BHT after 4 h**



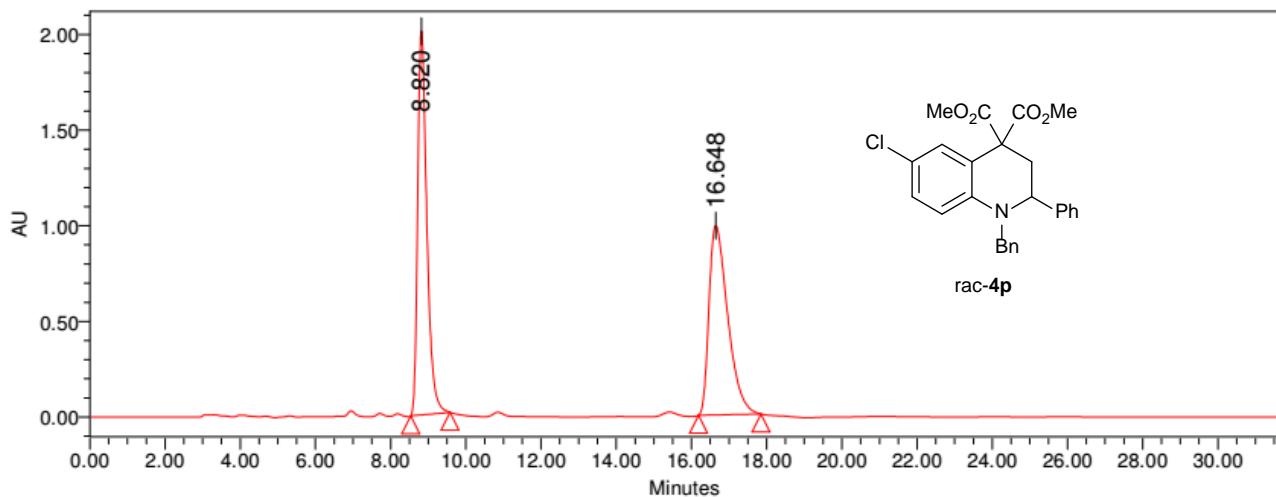
## HPLC chromatograms



|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 11.578 | 1970222              | 49.96  |
| 2 | 24.685 | 924902               | 50.04  |

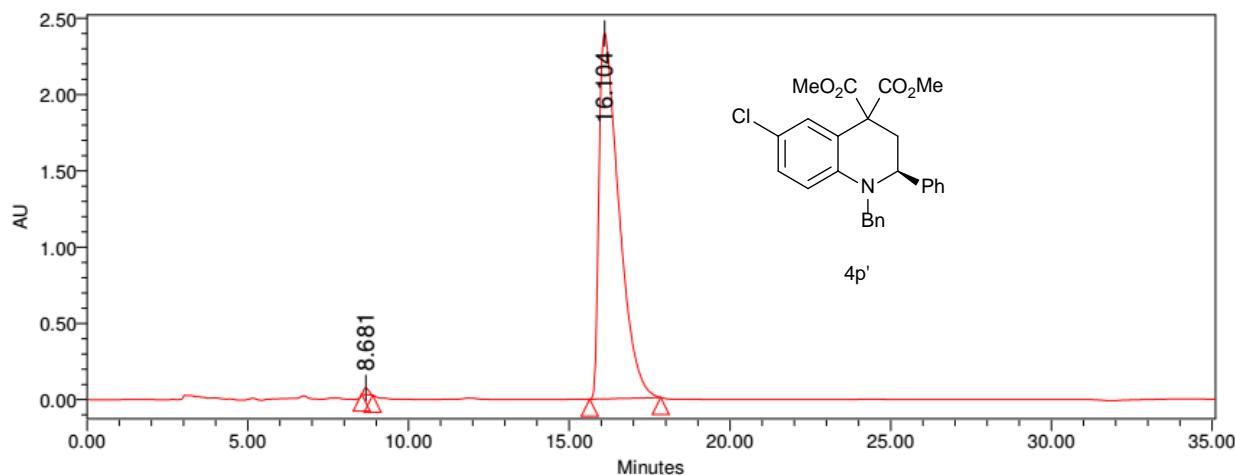


|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 11.834 | 36313                | 0.46   |
| 2 | 24.345 | 1827164              | 99.54  |



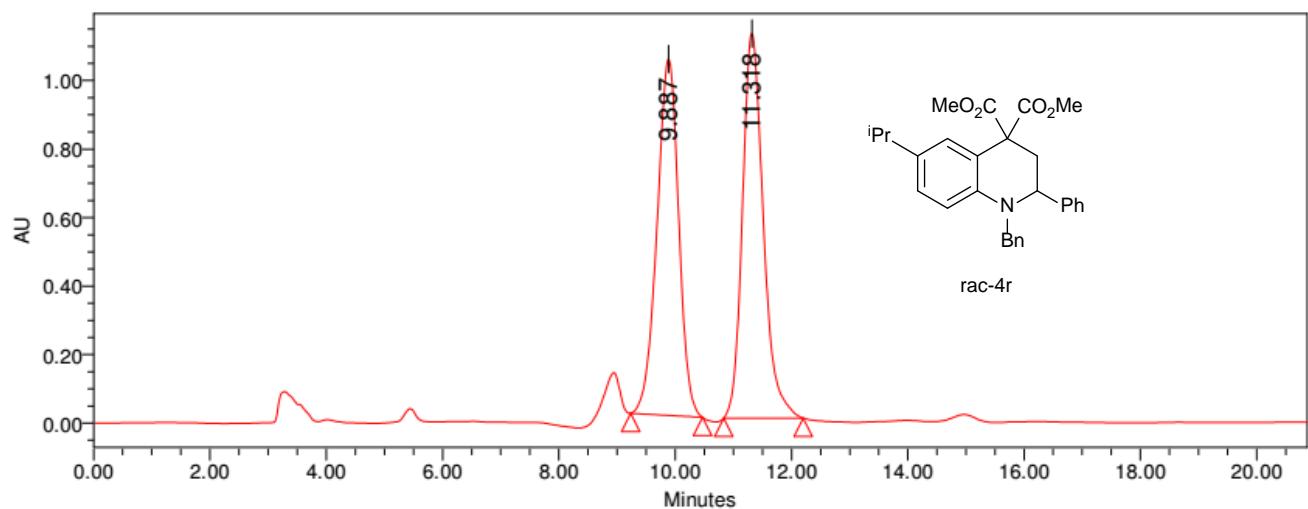
### Peak Results

|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 8.820  | 2008296              | 49.82  |
| 2 | 16.648 | 989772               | 50.18  |



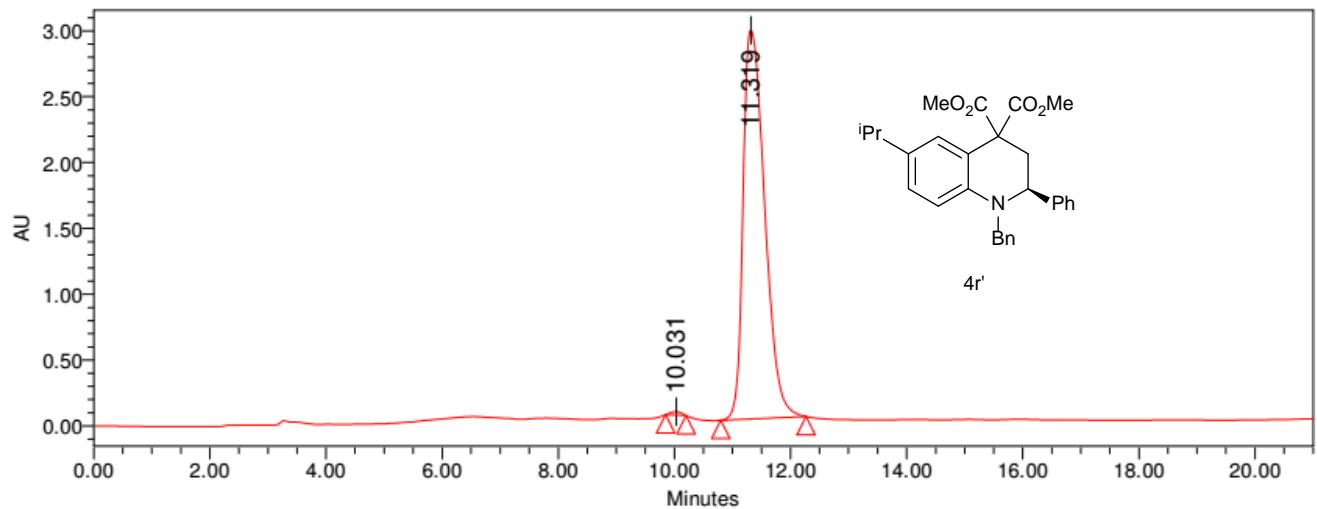
### Peak Results

|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 8.681  | 44552                | 0.47   |
| 2 | 16.104 | 2396437              | 99.53  |



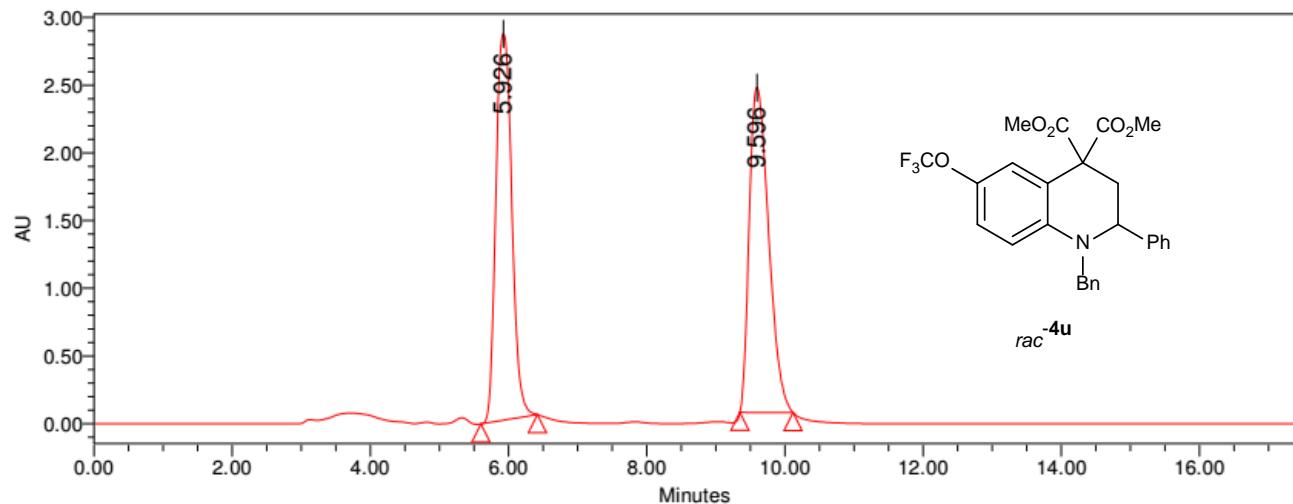
### Peak Results

|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 9.887  | 1040759              | 49.11  |
| 2 | 11.318 | 1123176              | 50.89  |



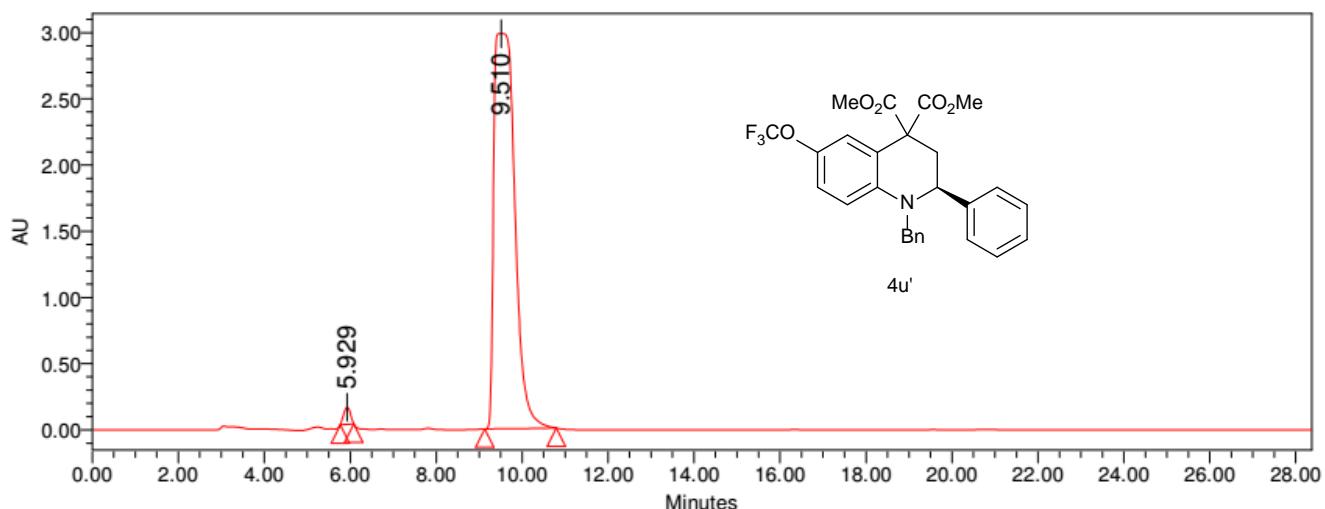
### Peak Results

|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 10.031 | 26543                | 0.45   |
| 2 | 11.319 | 2952909              | 99.55  |



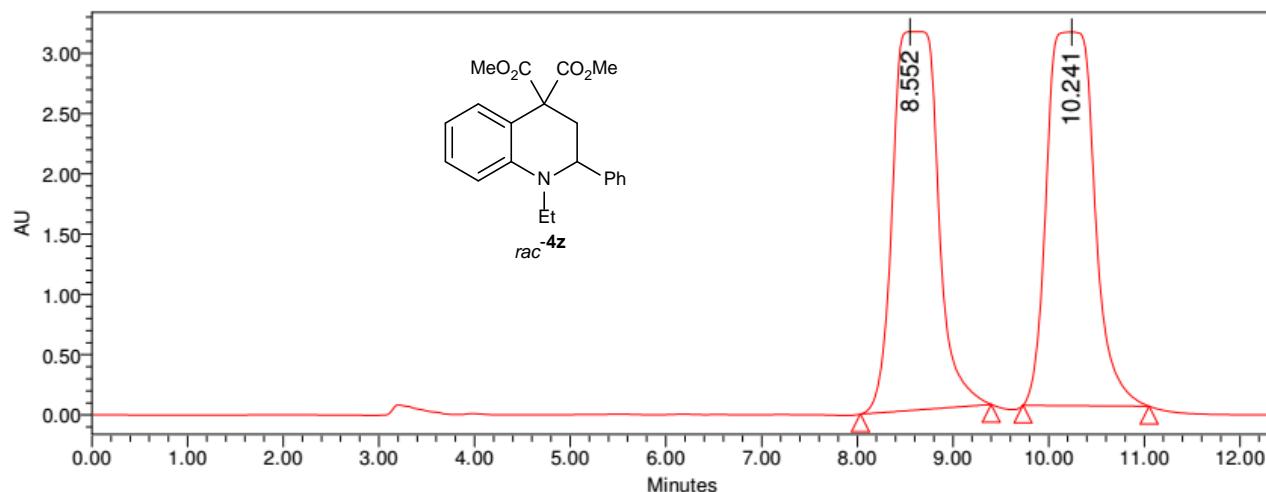
### Peak Results

|   | RT    | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|-------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 5.926 | 2860023              | 49.53  |
| 2 | 9.596 | 2400387              | 50.47  |



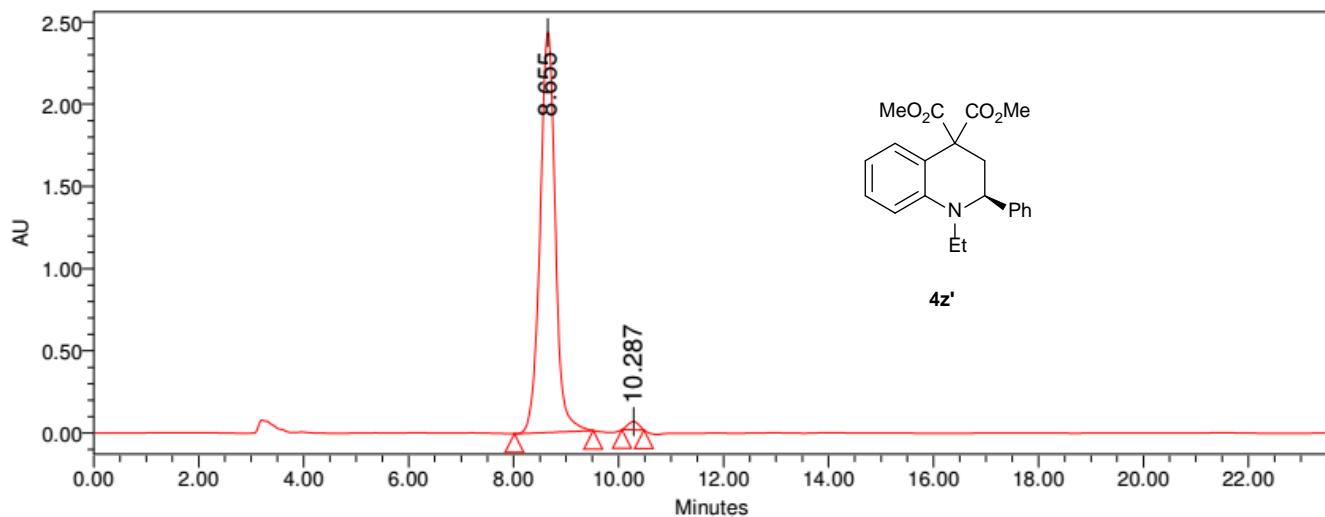
### Peak Results

|   | RT    | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|-------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 5.929 | 129262               | 1.36   |
| 2 | 9.510 | 2984269              | 98.64  |



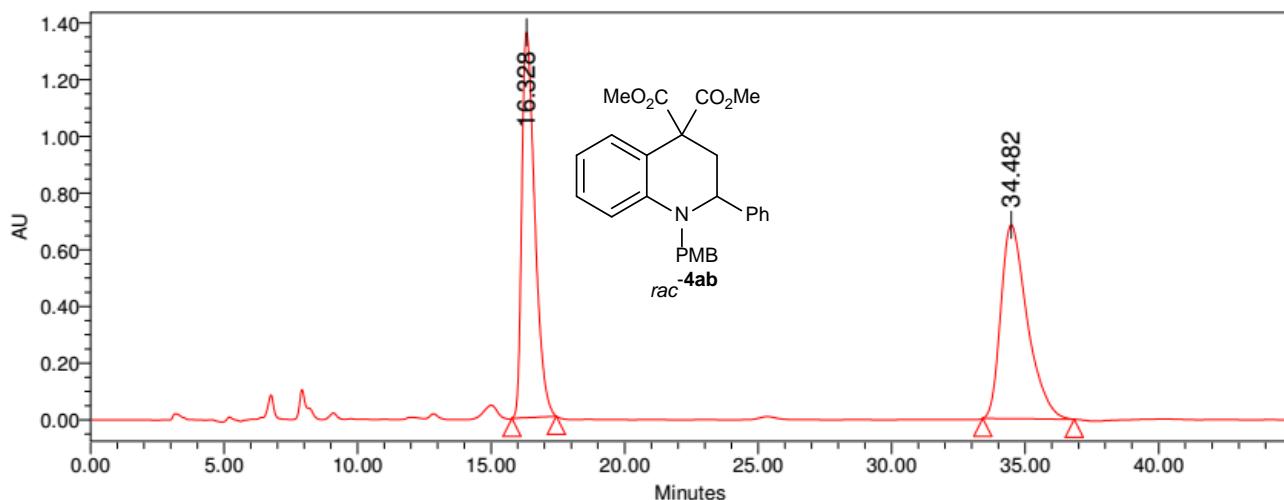
### Peak Results

|   | RT     | Height ( $\mu\text{V}$ ) | % Area |
|---|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 8.552  | 3141971                  | 49.13  |
| 2 | 10.241 | 3098548                  | 50.87  |



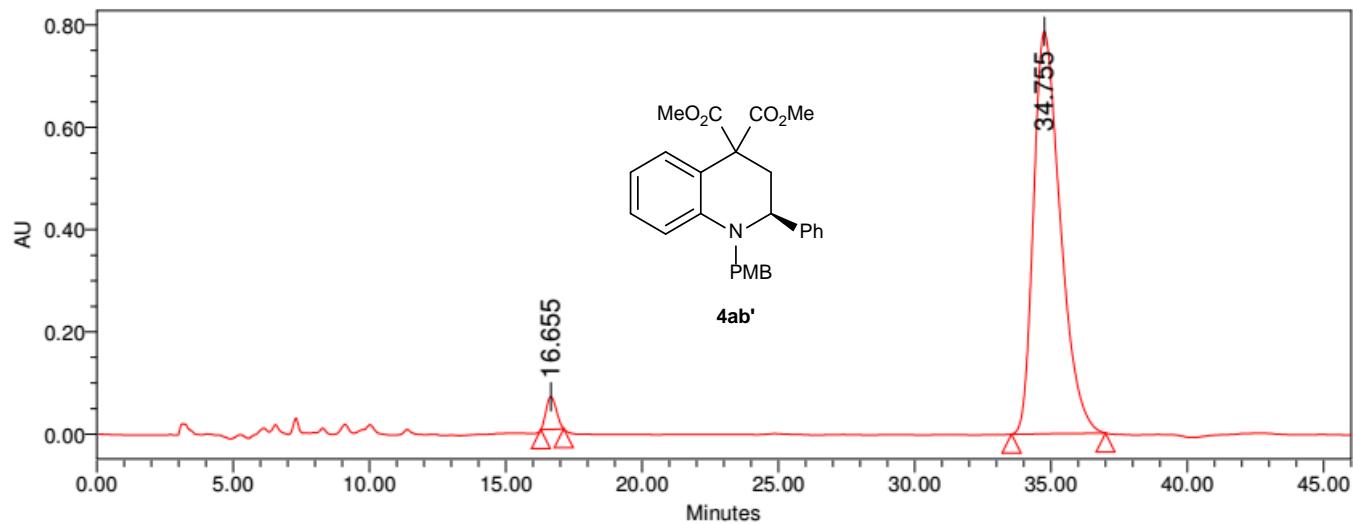
### Peak Results

|   | RT     | Height ( $\mu\text{V}$ ) | % Area |
|---|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 8.655  | 2436560                  | 98.54  |
| 2 | 10.287 | 50203                    | 1.46   |



### Peak Results

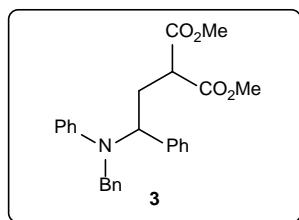
|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 16.328 | 1360558              | 49.21  |
| 2 | 34.482 | 683393               | 50.79  |



### Peak Results

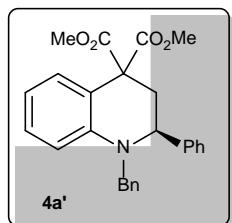
|   | RT     | Height<br>( $\mu$ V) | % Area |
|---|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1 | 16.655 | 63704                | 2.98   |
| 2 | 34.755 | 787287               | 97.02  |

## Characterization Data



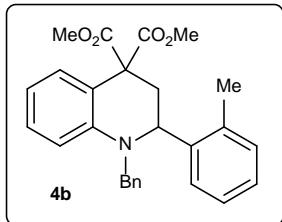
**Dimethyl 2-(2-(benzyl(phenyl)amino)-2-phenylethyl) malonate 3.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.42$ ; thick liquid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.42-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.23 (m, 7H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 5.26 (t,  $J = 7.8$ , 1H), 4.43 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.74 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.69 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.9, 169.8, 149.4, 139.5, 139.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.0, 126.6, 118.7, 116.2, 52.8, 52.8, 50.0, 49.1, 31.1; FT-IR (neat) 3061, 3029, 2953, 2847, 1731, 1628, 1598, 1501, 1452, 1436, 1265, 1223, 1155, 1064, 751, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ : 418.2013 found: 418.2011.



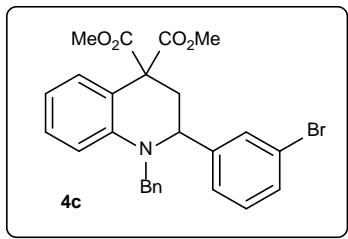
**(S)-Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicar-**

**boxylate 4a'.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.43$ ; sticky liquid; yield 81% (67 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22-7.03 (m, 10H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.66-6.64 (m, 2H), 4.58 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.45 (m, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.90-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.60 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.3, 145.0, 141.9, 138.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 127.09, 127.01, 119.8, 117.0, 113.5, 59.1, 57.1, 53.2, 52.8, 52.7, 38.3; FT-IR (neat) 3062, 3028, 2952, 1733, 1602, 1495, 1451, 1240, 1099  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4$ : 416.1856, found: 416.1860;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +42.00$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); HPLC: >99% ee [CHIRALCEL AD-H, hexane/ $i\text{PrOH} = 90:10$ , flow rate: 1 mL /min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, tR = 24.34 min (major), 11.83 min (minor)].



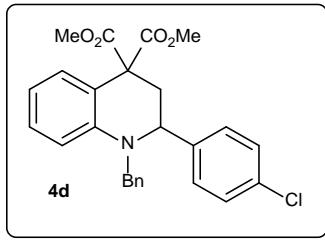
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(*o*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **4b**.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.42$ ; sticky liquid; yield 67% (56 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.17-7.09 (m, 5H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 4H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (t,  $J = 7.8$ , 1H), 4.62-4.58 (m, 2H), 3.92 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.80 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.4, 145.6, 139.7, 137.9, 135.9, 130.83, 130.81, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.4, 119.8, 116.9, 113.6, 57.2, 53.2, 52.9, 52.8, 36.5, 18.8; FT-IR (neat) 3027, 2951, 1734, 1602, 1495, 1453, 1240, 1135, 1101, 1025, 748, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ : 430.2013, found: 430.2014.



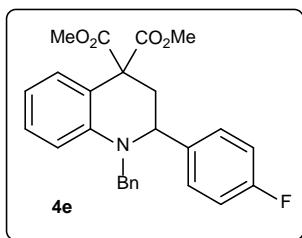
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(3-bromophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **4c**.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.43$ ; sticky liquid; yield 76% (75 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.02 (m, 7H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.65 (m, 2H), 4.61 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.38 (m, 1H), 3.96 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 9.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 171.2, 144.9, 144.7, 137.8, 130.9, 130.5, 130.3, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 127.25, 127.22, 126.1, 122.8, 120.0, 117.5, 113.8, 58.7, 57.1, 53.2, 52.9, 38.3; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2951, 2924, 2853, 1733, 1601, 1572, 1496, 1450, 1434, 1342, 1240, 1067, 1026, 749, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNO}_4$ : 494.0961, found: 494.0962.



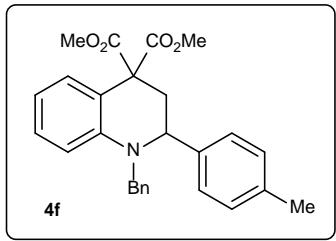
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4d.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.46$ ; colorless crystal; mp 122-123 °C; yield 75% (67 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27-7.05 (m, 11H), 6.76-6.73 (m, 2H), 4.65 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.50-4.47 (m, 1H), 4.01 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 171.3, 145.0, 140.6, 137.8, 133.4, 129.6, 129.1, 128.93, 128.91, 128.6, 127.23, 127.20, 120.0, 117.4, 113.7, 58.5, 57.1, 53.2, 52.95, 52.90, 38.4; FT-IR (KBr) 3028, 2951, 1733, 1601, 1575, 1495, 1493, 1450, 1343, 1240, 1089, 1014, 937, 835, 751, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_4$ : 450.1467, found: 450.1468.



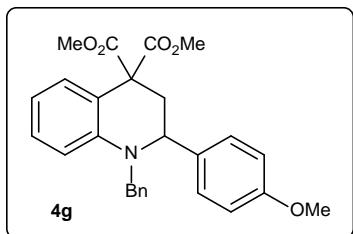
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4e.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.36$ ; sticky liquid; yield 74% (64 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18-7.04 (m, 7H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.64 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.40 (m, 1H), 3.95 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 9.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.6, 171.3, 163.1 ( $J_{C-F} = 244.2$  Hz), 145.0, 138.0, 137.7 ( $J_{C-F} = 3.1$  Hz), 129.6, 129.15, 129.13 ( $J_{C-F} = 7.8$  Hz), 128.6, 127.18, 127.14, 119.9, 117.3, 115.6 ( $J_{C-F} = 21.3$  Hz), 113.7, 58.5, 57.2, 53.2, 52.9, 52.8, 38.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.91; FT-IR (neat) 3030, 2952, 2922, 2852, 1733, 1644, 1602, 1502, 1451, 1345, 1235, 1161, 1100, 1059, 841, 749, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{FNO}_4$ : 434.1762, found: 434.1763.



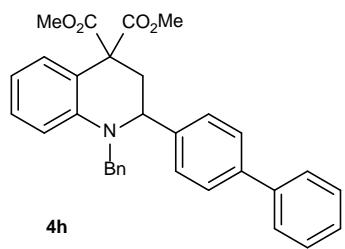
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4f.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.47$ ; sticky liquid; yield 68% (58 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18-6.98 (m, 11H), 6.66-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.39 (m, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.87-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.4, 145.2, 139.0, 138.2, 137.3, 129.49, 129.42, 129.0, 128.5, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 120.0, 117.0, 113.6, 59.0, 57.3, 53.1, 52.8, 52.6, 38.6, 21.2; FT-IR (neat) 3025, 2952, 2923, 2853, 1733, 1602, 1496, 1451, 1346, 1240, 1126, 1103, 1026, 824, 753, 699, 667  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ : 430.2013, found: 430.2014.



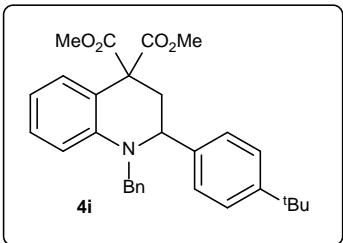
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4g.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.50$ ; brown sticky liquid; yield 62% (60 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18-6.99 (m, 9H), 6.75-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.67-6.63 (m, 2H), 4.56 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.41-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.85 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 9.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.5, 159.1, 145.3, 138.3, 133.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 126.9, 119.9, 117.0, 114.1, 113.6, 58.6, 57.3, 55.5, 53.2, 52.9, 52.6, 38.6; FT-IR (neat) 3027, 2952, 2849, 1733, 1603, 1509, 1451, 1302, 1245, 1173, 1030, 836, 751, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5$ : 446.1962, found: 481.446.1985.



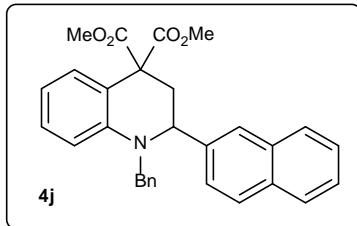
**Dimethyl 2-((1,1'-biphenyl)-4-yl)-1-benzyl-2,3-dihydroquino-**

**line-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **3h**.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.41$ ; sticky liquid; yield 73% (71 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.10 (m, 9H), 6.78-6.72 (m, 2H), 4.71 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.57 (m, 1H), 4.13 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.01 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.8$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.4, 145.1, 141.1, 140.9, 140.6, 138.1, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.2, 127.0, 119.9, 117.1, 113.6, 59.0, 57.2, 53.2, 52.8, 38.4; FT-IR (neat) 3027, 2951, 2852, 1733, 1601, 1495, 1450, 1347, 1103, 1026, 843, 698, 667  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4$ : 492.2169, found: 492.2170.



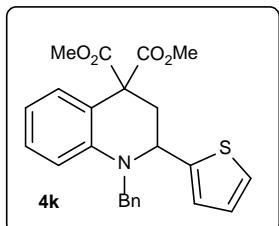
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(4-(*tert*-butyl) phenyl)-2,3-dihydroquino-**

**line-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **3i**.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.56$ ; sticky liquid; yield 67% (63 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22-7.01 (m, 11H), 6.65-6.62 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.48-4.44 (m, 1H), 4.02 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.3, 150.4, 145.0, 138.7, 138.3, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 125.5, 119.5, 116.9, 113.3, 58.9, 57.1, 53.1, 52.7, 38.1, 34.6, 31.5; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2954, 2868, 1733, 1602, 1496, 1451, 1435, 1345, 1240, 1026, 839, 750, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_4$ : 472.2482, found: 472.2491.



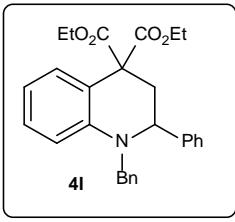
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **4j**.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.37$ ; semi solid; yield 71% (66 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.74-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.05 (m, 5H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.66 (m, 2H), 4.65-4.59 (m, 2H), 4.03 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.93 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 9.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.4, 145.2, 139.5, 138.1, 133.4, 133.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.1, 120.1, 117.2, 113.7, 59.3, 57.4, 53.2, 52.8, 52.7, 38.4; FT-IR (neat) 3026, 2951, 2923, 2852, 1733, 1601, 1496, 1450, 1436, 1351, 1239, 1129, 1100, 1058, 1026, 751, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ : 466.2013, found: 466.2015.



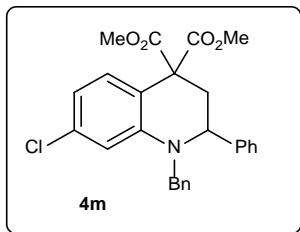
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate **4k**.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.36$ ; brown sticky liquid; yield 61% (51 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20-7.03 (m, 8H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.77-6.76 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.64 (m, 2H), 4.73 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.97 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 9.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 171.4, 146.1, 144.7, 138.2, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 126.0, 125.1, 120.3, 117.7, 114.4, 57.3, 55.0, 53.2, 53.0, 52.9, 39.4; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2952, 2922, 2851, 1733, 1602, 1494, 1435, 1355, 1242, 1199, 1023, 851, 750, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ : 422.1421, found: 422.1423.



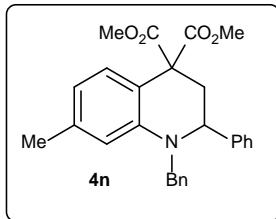
**Diethyl 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxy-late**

**4l.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.41$ ; sticky liquid; yield 81% (71 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22-7.10 (m, 9H), 7.07-7.04 (m, 1H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.67-6.64 (m, 2H), 4.57 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.46 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.20 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.07 (m, 1H), 4.02-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.82 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.56 (m, 1H), 1.19-1.17 (m, 3H), 1.12-1.09 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 171.0, 145.2, 142.2, 138.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 126.9, 119.9, 117.0, 113.5, 62.0, 61.9, 59.4, 57.1, 52.8, 38.3, 14.2, 14.1; FT-IR (neat) 3029, 2981, 1730, 1602, 1495, 1451, 1299, 1237, 1094, 1059, 1029, 862, 747, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4$ : 444.2169, found: 444.2177.



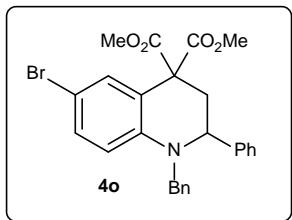
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-7-chloro-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate. 4m**

**4m** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.47$ ; sticky liquid; yield 64% (57 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23-7.13 (m, 6H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 3H), 6.65-6.60 (m, 2H), 4.55 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.48-4.45 (m, 1H), 3.98 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.88-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.59 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.3, 170.9, 146.1, 141.2, 137.2, 135.3, 130.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.38, 127.32, 127.0, 118.0, 116.9, 113.0, 58.9, 56.5, 53.3, 52.9, 52.6, 37.7; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2951, 1734, 1597, 1562, 1494, 1451, 1432, 1357, 1240, 1105, 1055, 1027, 849, 754, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_4$ : 450.1467, found: 450.1469.



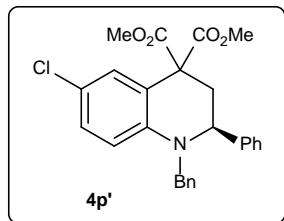
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-7-methyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4n.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.51$ ; sticky liquid; yield 62% (53 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22-7.08 (m, 8H), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.52-6.47 (m, 2H), 4.62 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.8, 171.5, 145.1, 142.0, 139.4, 138.3, 129.0, 128.69, 128.60, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 118.1, 116.9, 114.0, 59.0, 56.9, 53.2, 52.8, 52.7, 38.3, 21.9; FT-IR (neat) 3026, 2949, 2924, 2852, 1734, 1609, 1505, 1449, 1238, 1135, 1026, 940, 754, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ : 430.2013, found: 430.2014.



**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-6-bromo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4o.**

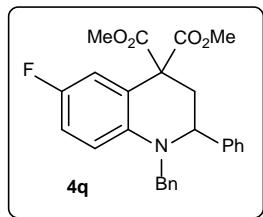
Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.47$ ; semi solid; yield 71% (70 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.24-7.07 (m, 10H), 7.99-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.53-6.50 (m, 1H), 4.52-4.45 (m, 2H), 3.99 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.90-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.56 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 170.8, 144.1, 141.5, 137.5, 132.2, 131.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 121.6, 115.1, 108.9, 59.3, 56.9, 53.4, 53.1, 52.8, 38.1; FT-IR (neat) 3029, 2952, 2922, 2852, 1734, 1594, 1493, 1452, 1347, 1239, 1132, 1025, 802, 754, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrNO}_4$ : 494.0961, found: 494.0962.



**(S)-Dimethyl 1-benzyl-6-chloro-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4p'.**

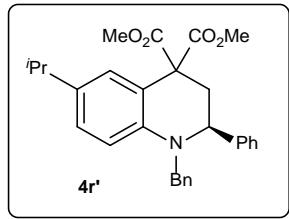
**1-benzyl-6-chloro-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4p'.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.44$ ; crystalline solid; mp 165-166 °C; yield 72% (65 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23-7.07 (m, 8H), 7.03-6.97 (m, 4H), 6.57 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.52-4.45 (m, 2H), 3.99 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.8$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 170.8, 143.7, 141.5, 137.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 121.8, 121.2, 114.6, 59.2, 56.9, 53.3, 53.0, 52.9, 38.2; FT-IR (KBr) 3028, 2951, 1734, 1599, 1494, 1452, 1346, 1239, 1134, 1061, 1025, 803, 753, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{ClNO}_4$ : 450.1467, found: 450.1465;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +32.00$  (c=0.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); HPLC: >99% ee [CHIRALCEL AD-H, hexane/ $i\text{PrOH} = 90:10$ , flow rate: 1 mL /min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_R = 16.10$  min (major), 8.68 min (minor)].

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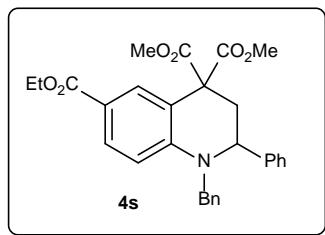
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-6-fluoro-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4q.**

**1-benzyl-6-fluoro-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4q.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.40$ ; sticky liquid; yield 68% (58 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23-7.07 (m, 8H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.56 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.41 (m, 2H), 3.97 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 9.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 170.8, 155.8 ( $J_{C-F} = 234.3$  Hz), 141.8, 141.6, 137.9, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 121.0 ( $J_{C-F} = 7.2$  Hz), 116.2, 116.0, 115.8 ( $J_{C-F} = 23.55$  Hz), 114.4 ( $J_{C-F} = 7.9$  Hz), 59.3, 57.1, 53.3, 53.2, 53.0, 38.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -127.87; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2953, 1733, 1602, 1499, 1453, 1434, 1243, 1166, 1024, 803, 755, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{FNO}_4$ : 434.1762, found: 434.1764.



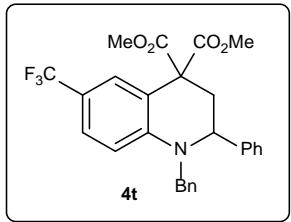
**(S)-Dimethyl 1-benzyl-6-isopropyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquino-line-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4r'.**

**4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4r'.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.58$ ; brown oil; yield 66% (60 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20-7.09 (m, 8H), 7.02-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.78-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.60 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.14 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.5, 143.3, 142.2, 138.5, 137.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 127.35, 127.30, 127.1, 126.9, 119.4, 113.4, 59.2, 57.3, 53.1, 53.0, 52.7, 38.5, 33.1, 24.2; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2958, 2871, 1733, 1615, 1505, 1452, 1351, 1239, 1089, 1061, 1026, 949, 814, 752, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_4$ : 458.2326, found: 458.2331;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +32.00$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); HPLC: >99% ee [CHIRALCEL AD-H, hexane/ $i\text{PrOH} = 97:03$ , flow rate: 1 mL /min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{R}} = 11.31$  min (major), 10.03 min (minor)].



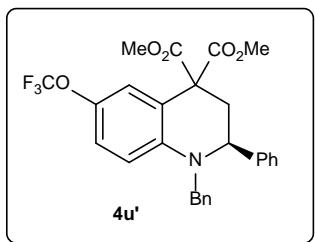
**6-Ethyl 4,4-dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquino-line-4,4,6(1H)-tricarboxylate 4s.**

**4,4,6(1H)-tricarboxylate 4s.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.35$ ; sticky liquid; yield 62% (58 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d,  $J = 17.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.92-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.67 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.3, 170.8, 166.7, 148.5, 141.0, 137.1, 131.3, 131.2, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.39, 127.37, 126.9, 118.8, 118.7, 112.4, 60.4, 59.4, 56.7, 53.3, 53.0, 52.6, 37.6, 14.6; FT-IR (neat) 3027, 2981, 2953, 2852, 1734, 1705, 1608, 1512, 1451, 1308, 1241, 1171, 1061, 1026, 929, 756, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_6$ : 488.2068, found: 488.2069.



**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4t.**

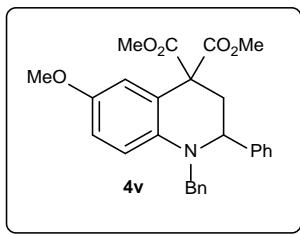
Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.37$ ; colorless solid; mp 116-117 °C; yield 77% (74 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 6H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.62-4.56 (m, 2H), 4.07 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 9.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 170.6, 147.4, 140.9, 137.1, 128.89, 128.87, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7 (q,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 126.6 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 125.8 (q,  $J = 268.9$  Hz), 118.8, 118.6 (q,  $J = 32.2$  Hz), 112.7, 59.3, 56.5, 53.4, 53.0, 52.8, 37.4;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.02; FT-IR (KBr) 3030, 2953, 1735, 1619, 1519, 1494, 1453, 1435, 1334, 1273, 1156, 1123 1087, 754, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4$ : 484.1730, found: 484.1734.



**(S)-Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethoxy)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4u'.**

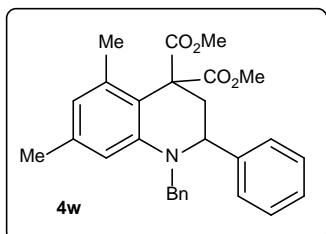
Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.36$ ; semi solid; yield 69% (68 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.24-7.08 (m, 8H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.48 (m, 2H), 4.03 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 8.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 170.7, 144.0, 141.4, 139.9, 137.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 122.7, 122.4, 122.1 (q,  $J = 254.1$  Hz), 120.1, 113.8, 59.4, 56.9, 53.3, 53.1, 53.0, 37.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -58.38; FT-IR (neat) 3029, 2956, 2924, 2853, 1737, 1604, 1502, 1454, 1435, 1377, 1261, 1162, 1025, 804, 762, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5$ : 500.1679, found: 500.1680;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +46.00$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); HPLC:

>97% ee [CHIRALCEL AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 90:10, flow rate: 1 mL /min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_R$  = 9.51 min (major), 5.92 min (minor)].



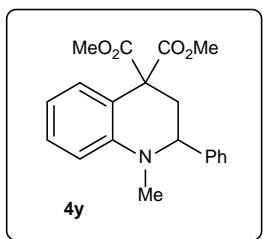
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-6-methoxy-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4v.**

**4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4v.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f$  = 0.47; sticky liquid; yield 56% (50 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22-7.10 (m, 8H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.69-6.66 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.89-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.53 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.5, 171.3, 151.3, 142.3, 139.5, 138.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.9, 121.5, 115.0, 114.8, 114.7, 59.2, 57.5, 55.8, 53.26, 53.24, 53.0, 39.0; FT-IR (neat) 2953, 2924, 2852, 1734, 1501, 1453, 1242, 1053, 803, 755, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5$ : 446.1962, found: 446.1972.



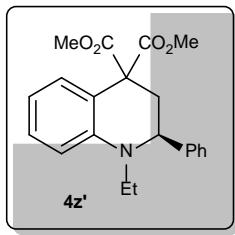
**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-5,7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4w.**

**4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4w.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f$  = 0.57; sticky liquid; yield 51% (45 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.23-7.10 (m, 9H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.46, (s, 1H), 6.37, (s, 1H), 4.61 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d,  $J$  = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.78 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.2, 172.0, 145.8, 142.4, 138.5, 138.3, 138.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 122.1, 117.5, 112.9, 56.4, 53.4, 53.1, 52.8, 40.6, 21.7, 20.8; FT-IR (neat) 3027, 2950, 2924, 2856, 1732, 1605, 1572, 1451, 1343, 1234, 1073, 1028, 823, 751, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4$ : 444.2169, found: 444.2179.



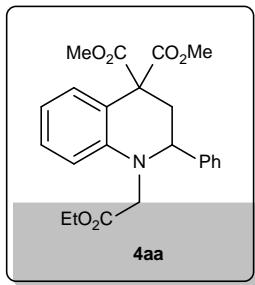
**Dimethyl 1-methyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicar-**

**boxylate 4y.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.60$ ; sticky liquid; yield 75% (51 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.65 (m, 2H), 4.29-4.27 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.78 (dd,  $J = 13.8, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.45-2.41 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.74, 171.72, 146.4, 142.6, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 127.6, 127.2, 118.9, 116.7, 112.9, 60.8, 57.2, 53.3, 52.9, 38.9, 37.9; FT-IR (neat) 3026, 2953, 2921, 2852, 1735, 1690, 1604, 1495, 1450, 1351, 1239, 1100, 1061, 751, 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ : 340.1543, found: 340.1544.



**(S)-Dimethyl 1-ethyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicar-**

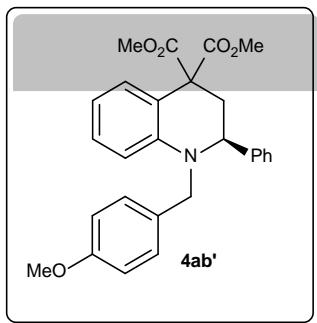
**boxylate 4z'.** Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.61$ ; semi solid; yield 72% (51 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.25-7.12 (m, 6H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.65-6.61 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.34 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.76-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.43 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.8, 171.6, 145.0, 142.8, 129.47, 129.43, 128.7, 127.6, 127.4, 119.8, 116.6, 113.5, 58.3, 57.3, 53.1, 52.8, 43.2, 38.7, 11.2; FT-IR (neat) 3029, 2952, 1733, 1602, 1573, 1495, 1452, 1344, 1255, 1203, 1096, 1058, 1023, 749, 703  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4$ : 354.1700, found: 354.1706;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +12.00$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); HPLC: >97% ee [CHIRALCEL AD-H, hexane/iPrOH = 97:03, flow rate: 1 mL /min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_R = 10.28$  min (major), 8.65 min (minor)].



**Dimethyl**

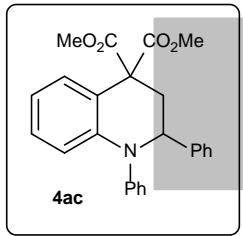
**1-(2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4aa.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.47$ ; sticky liquid; yield 62% (51 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.34-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.75 (m, 1H), 6.68-6.65 (m, 1H), 4.60 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.09-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.84 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd,  $J = 13.6, 10.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.11 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.9, 171.4, 170.7, 145.3, 142.0, 130.3, 129.5, 129.0, 128.1, 127.6, 119.2, 117.8, 112.9, 60.9, 60.0, 57.4, 53.2, 53.0, 51.0, 38.5, 14.2; FT-IR (neat) 2953, 1733, 1603, 1495, 1454, 1435, 1334, 1236, 1193, 1126, 1093, 1026, 749, 703  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_6$ : 412.1755, found: 412.1756.



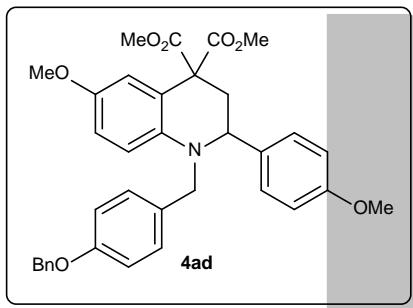
**(S)-Dimethyl 1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4ab'.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.63$ ; sticky liquid; yield 71% (63 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22-7.01 (m, 7H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.70-6.62 (m, 4H), 4.53 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.39 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.88-2.83 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.54 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.7, 171.3, 158.7, 145.2, 142.1, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 127.6, 127.4, 120.1, 117.0, 113.9, 113.6, 58.8, 57.2, 55.4, 53.1, 52.8, 52.0, 38.5; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2951, 2838, 1733, 1603, 1509, 1453, 1245, 1175, 1102, 1060, 815, 751, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5$ : 446.1962 found: 446.1969;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -42.00$  ( $c = 0.1$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); HPLC: >94% ee [CHIRALCEL AD-H, hexane/*iPrOH* = 90:10, flow rate: 1 mL /min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_R = 34.75$  min (major), 16.65 min (minor)].



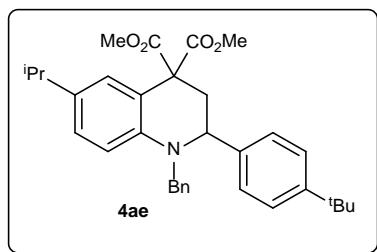
**Dimethyl 1,2-diphenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4ac.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.47$ ; semi solid; yield 68% (54 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21-7.05 (m, 9H), 6.90-6.78 (m, 5H), 4.72-4.68 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 9.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.5, 171.0, 147.6, 144.2, 143.1, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 127.0, 124.5, 123.6, 123.5, 120.13, 120.11, 60.5, 57.4, 53.3, 53.0, 40.6; FT-IR (neat) 3029, 2952, 1733, 1594, 1492, 1449, 1383, 1314, 1249, 1129, 1095, 1056, 1026, 751, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 402.1700, found: 402.1703.



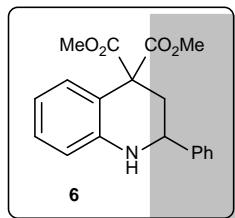
**Dimethyl 1-(4-(benzyloxy)benzyl)-6-methoxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 4ad.**

Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.47$ ; thick liquid; yield 75% (87 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86-6.68 (m, 7H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.33 (m, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.5, 171.4, 159.0, 157.8, 151.3, 139.8, 137.2, 134.4, 130.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 121.8, 115.0, 114.9, 114.84, 114.80, 114.0, 70.1, 58.3, 57.7, 55.8, 55.4, 53.1, 53.0, 52.3, 39.3; FT-IR (neat) 2951, 2836, 1733, 1610, 1584, 1509, 1454, 1245, 1172, 1032, 832, 744, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>: 582.2486, found: 582.2485.



**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-6-isopropyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 4ae.**

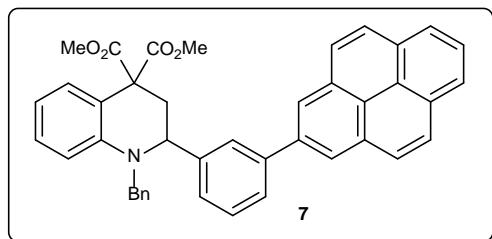
Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.68$ ; sticky liquid; yield 78% (80 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.21-7.08 (m, 5H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.94-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.40 (m, 1H), 4.01 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 2.86 (dd,  $J = 13.6$ , 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.62 (dd,  $J = 13.6$ , 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 1.14 (d,  $J = 6.8$ , 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.9, 171.6, 150.4, 143.3, 138.9, 138.7, 137.0, 128.5, 127.4, 127.28, 127.23, 127.1, 126.8, 125.5, 119.1, 113.3, 59.0, 57.3, 53.1, 53.0, 52.7, 38.3, 34.6, 33.1, 31.5, 24.3, 24.2; FT-IR (neat) 3026, 2958, 2869, 1735, 1615, 1508, 1453, 1434, 1360, 1239, 1142, 1081, 1025, 810, 756, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  [M+H] $^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_4$ : 514.2952, found: 514.2961.



**Dimethyl 2-phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1*H*)-dicarboxylate 6.<sup>4</sup>**

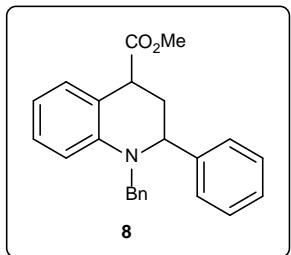
Anisole (2 mL) was added to a stirring solution of **4ab** (0.1 mmol, 50 mg) in TFA (1.5 mL, 1 mmol) and the resultant mixture was heated to reflux for 4 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (5 mL) and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL). Drying ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography to give **6**. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f = 0.37$ ; yellow solid; mp 124-125 °C; yield 89% (29 mg);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.72 (m, 1H), 6.60-6.58 (m, 1H), 4.47-4.43 (m, 1H), 4.17 (brs, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.81 (dd,  $J = 13.2$ , 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd,  $J = 13.2$ , 11.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.2, 171.7, 144.8, 142.9, 131.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.2, 126.9, 117.7, 115.7, 115.3, 57.5, 53.7, 53.3, 53.1, 38.6; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2952, 2848, 1731, 1607, 1490, 1434, 1321, 1253, 1126, 1059, 751, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 326.1387, found: 326.1397.



**Dimethyl 1-benzyl-2-(3-(pyren-2-yl)phenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinoline-4,4(1H)-dicarboxylate 7.**

Tetrahydroquinoline **4c** (0.1 mmol, 50 mg), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (2 mol %, 2.3 mg), pyrene-1-boronic acid (0.2 mmol, 50 mg), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mmol, 22 mg) and H<sub>2</sub>O (50 μL) were refluxed in toluene:EtOH (1:1, 2 mL) for 4 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and passed through a short pad of celite using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified on silica gel column chromatography using hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to give **7**. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane R<sub>f</sub> = 0.32; semi solid; yield 91% (56 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.13-8.09 (m, 3H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.69-6.65 (m, 2H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 4.61-4.58 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.7, 171.5, 145.2, 142.2, 141.6, 138.2, 137.4, 131.6, 131.1, 130.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 127.66, 127.61, 127.19, 127.11, 126.4, 126.2, 125.3, 125.2, 125.1, 125.07, 125.04, 124.8, 119.6, 117.2, 113.6, 59.4, 57.2, 53.3, 53.2, 53.0, 38.4; FT-IR (neat) 2924, 2853, 1732, 1602, 1456, 1451, 1239, 1083, 1029, 848, 750 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 616.2482, found: 616.2489.



**Methyl 1-benzyl-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline-4-carboxylate**

8.<sup>5</sup> Tetrahydroquinoline **4a** (41.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), LiCl (12.7 mg, 0.3 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 drop) were stirred in DMSO (2 mL) at 130 °C for 12 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, washed with brine (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL). Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane and ethyl acetate as an eluent to furnish **8** in 77% yield as a 6:5 mixture of diasteromers.

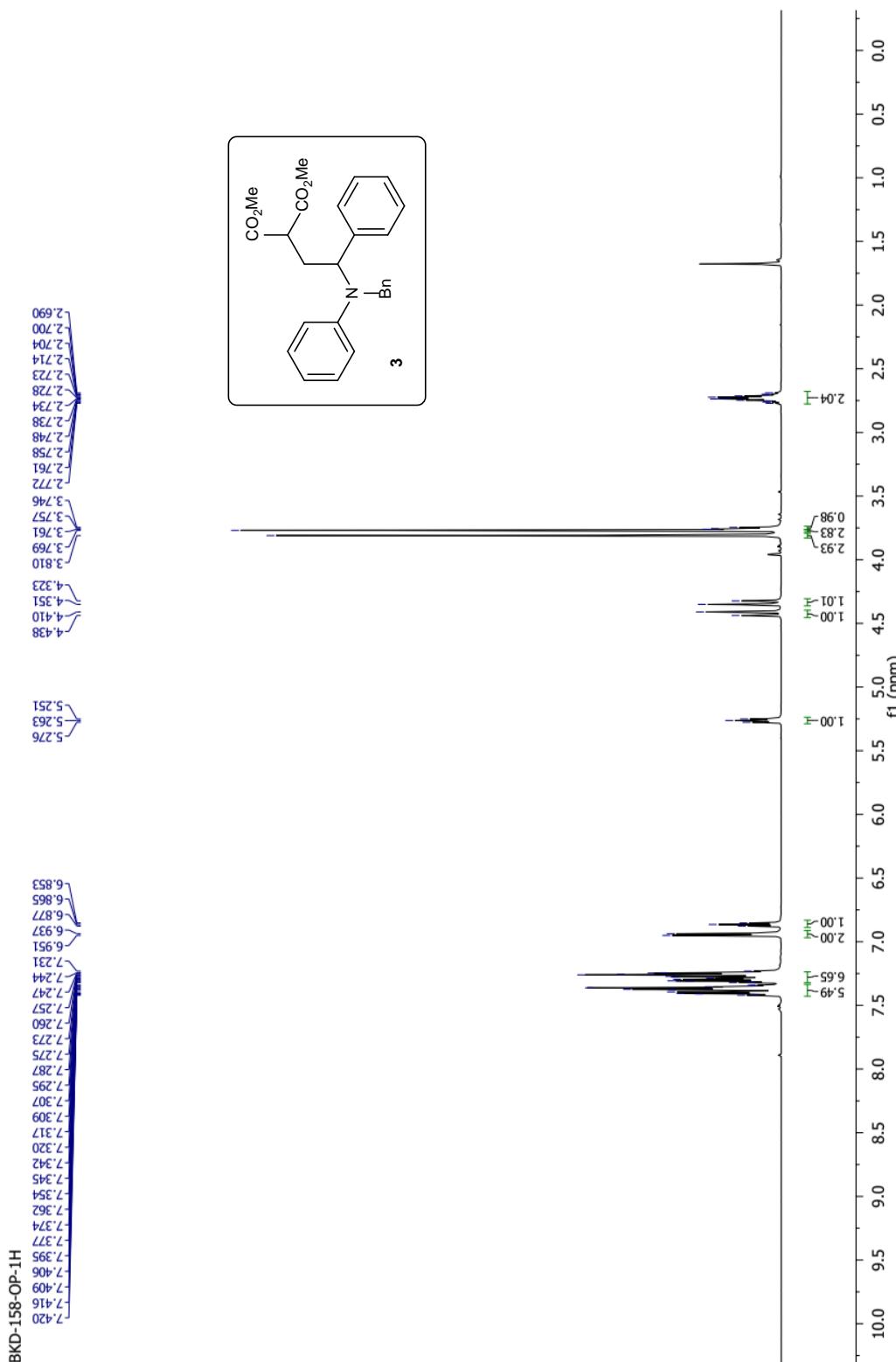
Data for major diastereomer. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f$  = 0.60; liquid; yield 42% (15 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.23-7.09 (m, 10H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.59 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.093 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.41 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.7, 145.1, 141.8, 138.5, 130.4, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.6, 118.9, 116.4, 112.0, 60.6, 53.0, 51.9, 42.0 32.9; FT-IR (neat) 3028, 2952, 1734, 1602, 1494, 1400, 1451, 1196, 1162, 1124, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 358.1802, found: 358.1803.

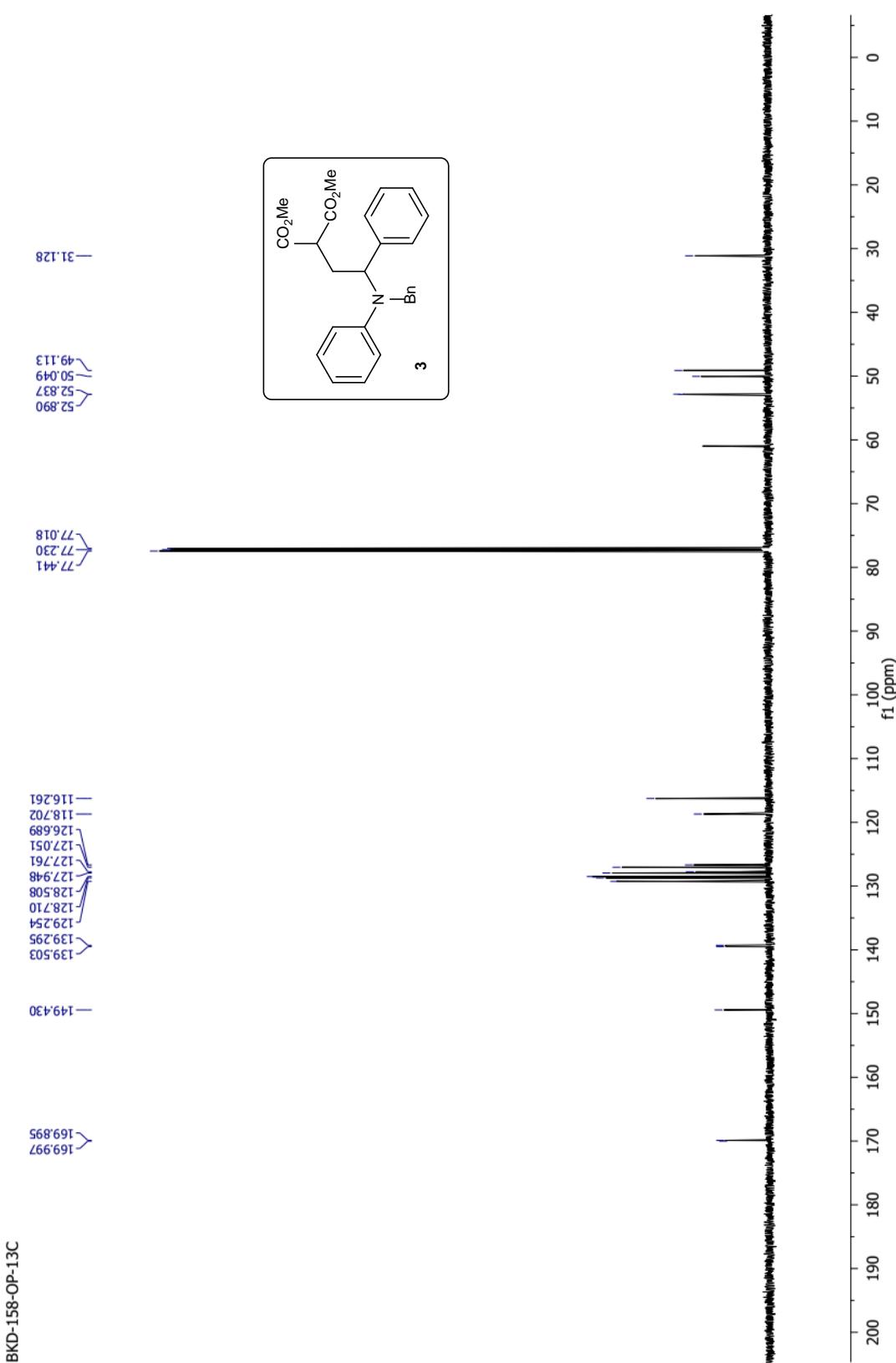
Data for minor diastereomer. Analytical TLC on silica gel, 1:9 ethyl acetate/hexane  $R_f$  = 0.63; sticky liquid; yield 35% (12 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.25-7.10 (m, 10H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60-6.54 (m, 2H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.62-3.59 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.19-2.16 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.7, 144.9, 143.2, 138.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 119.2, 116.4, 111.7, 59.8, 52.9, 52.2, 40.6, 33.4; FT-IR (neat) 3018, 2952, 1733, 1601, 1400, 1451, 1250, 1162, 1123, 1013 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 358.1802, found: 358.1804.

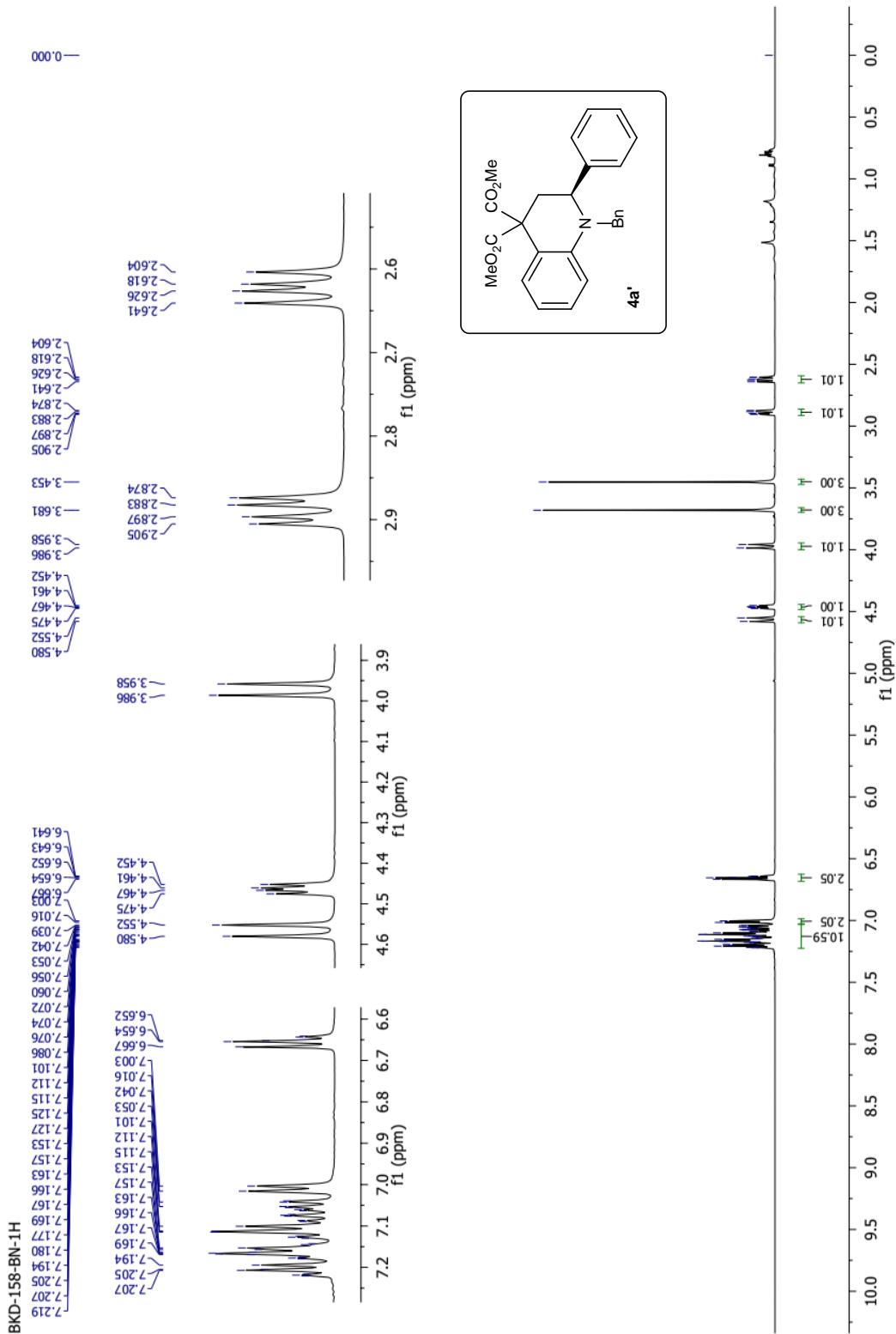
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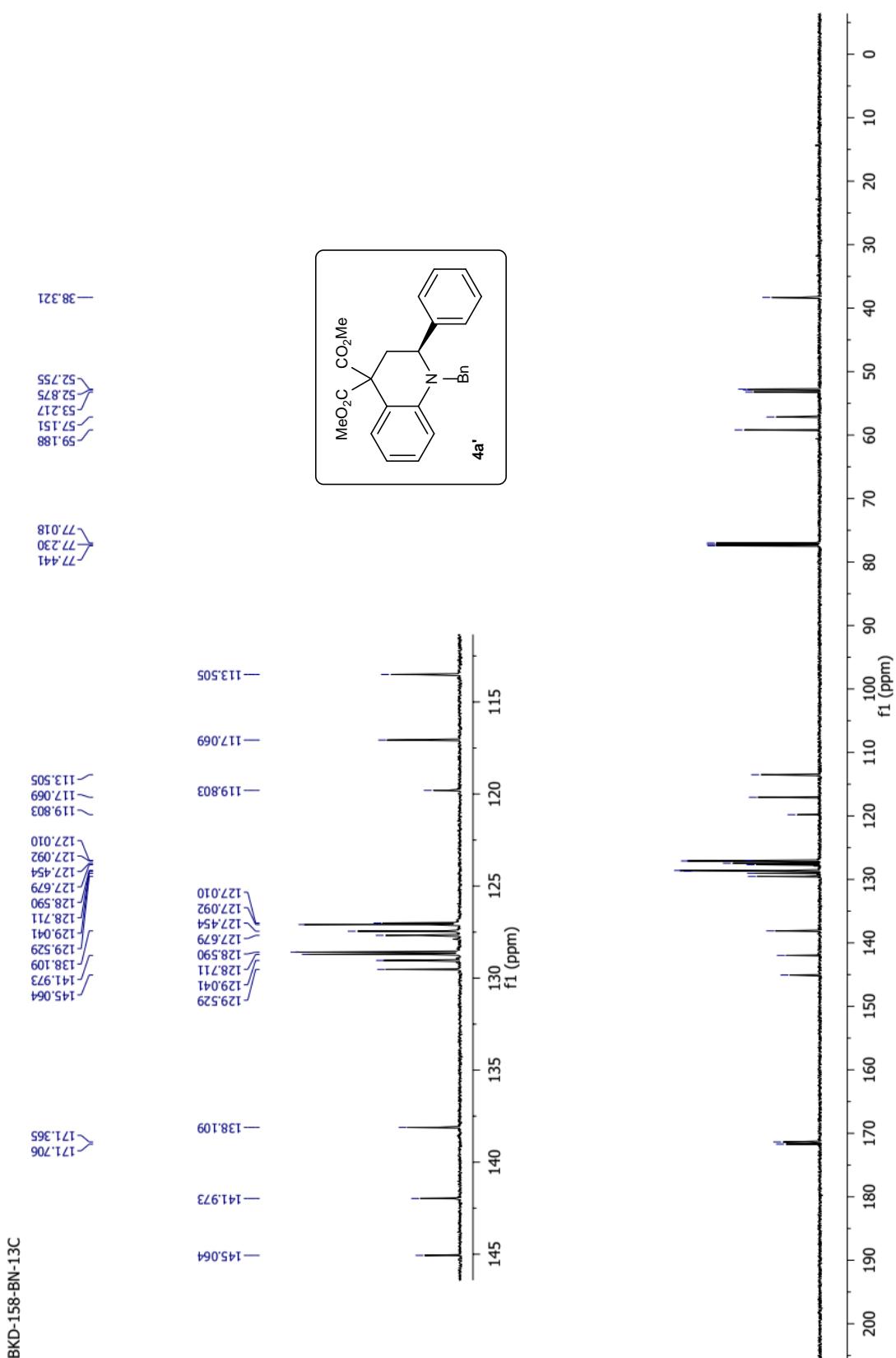
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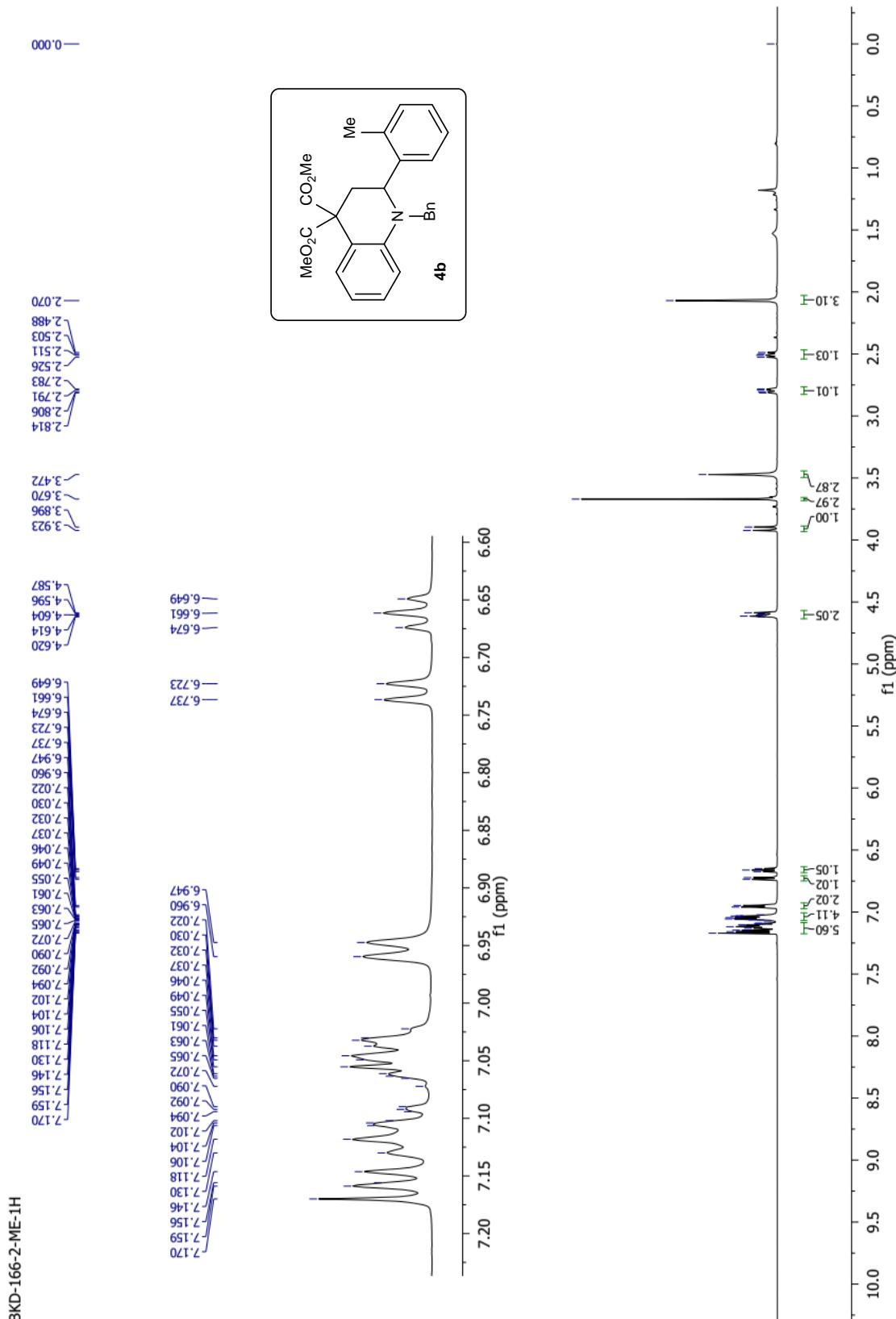
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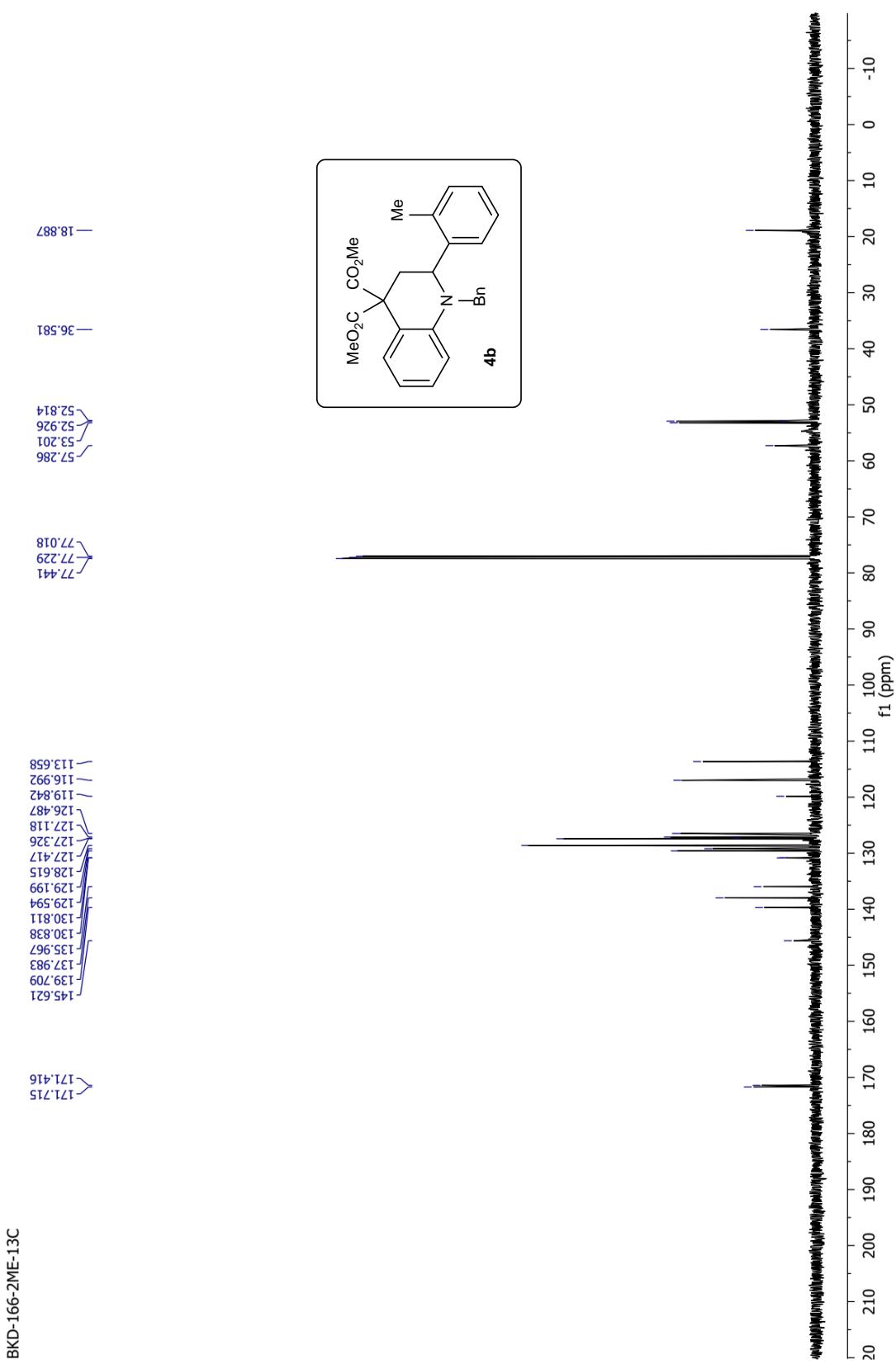


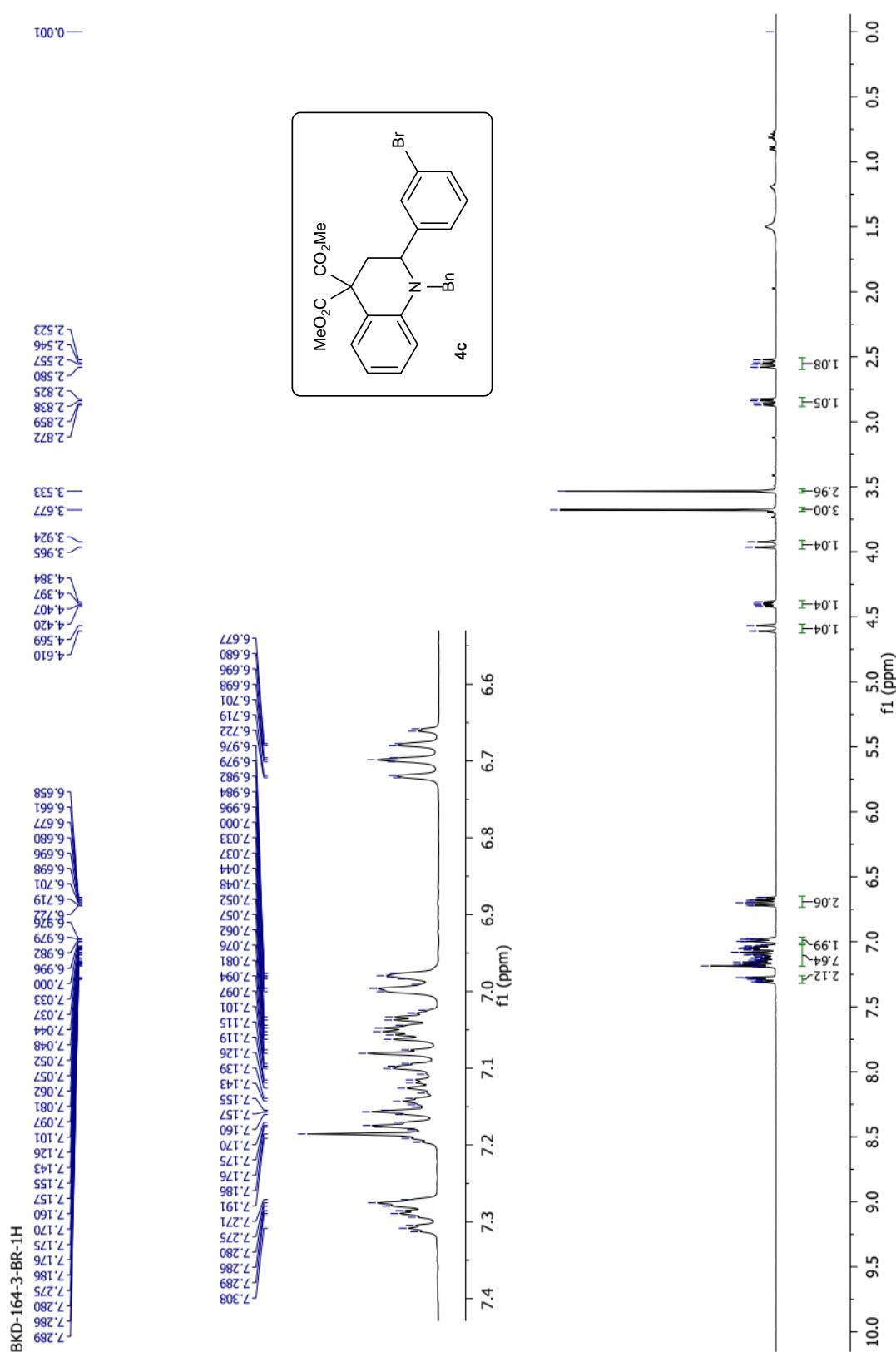


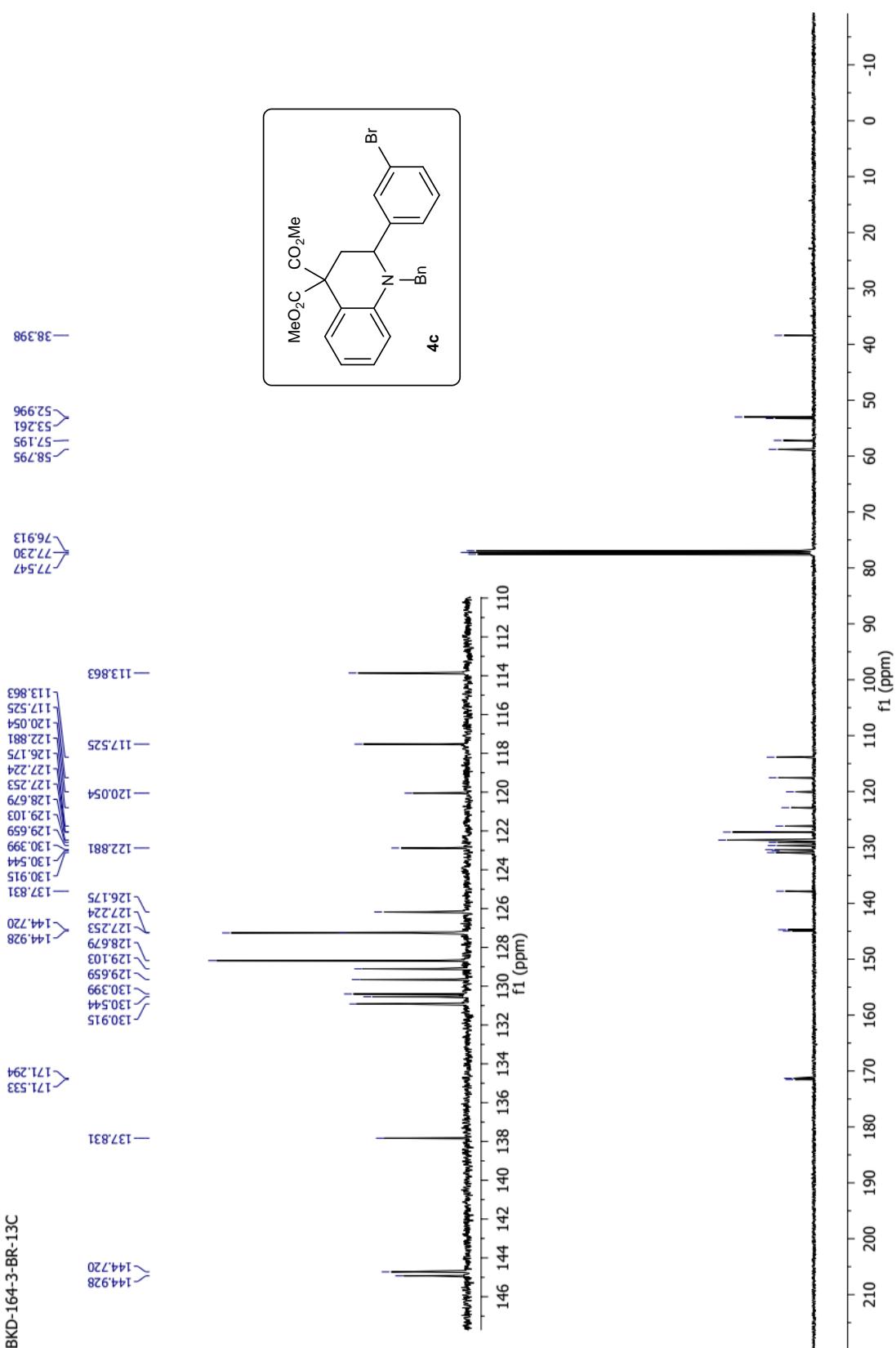


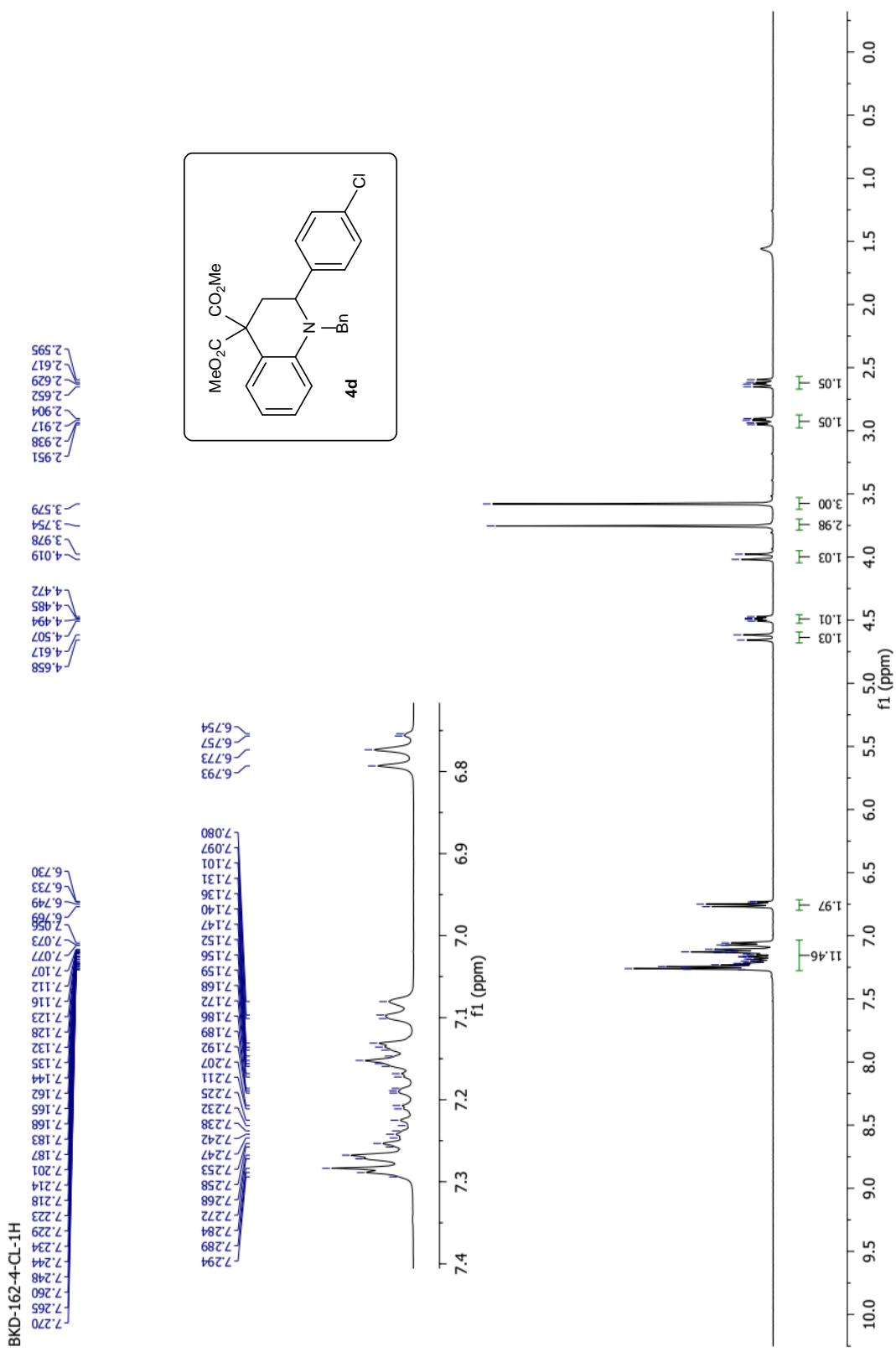


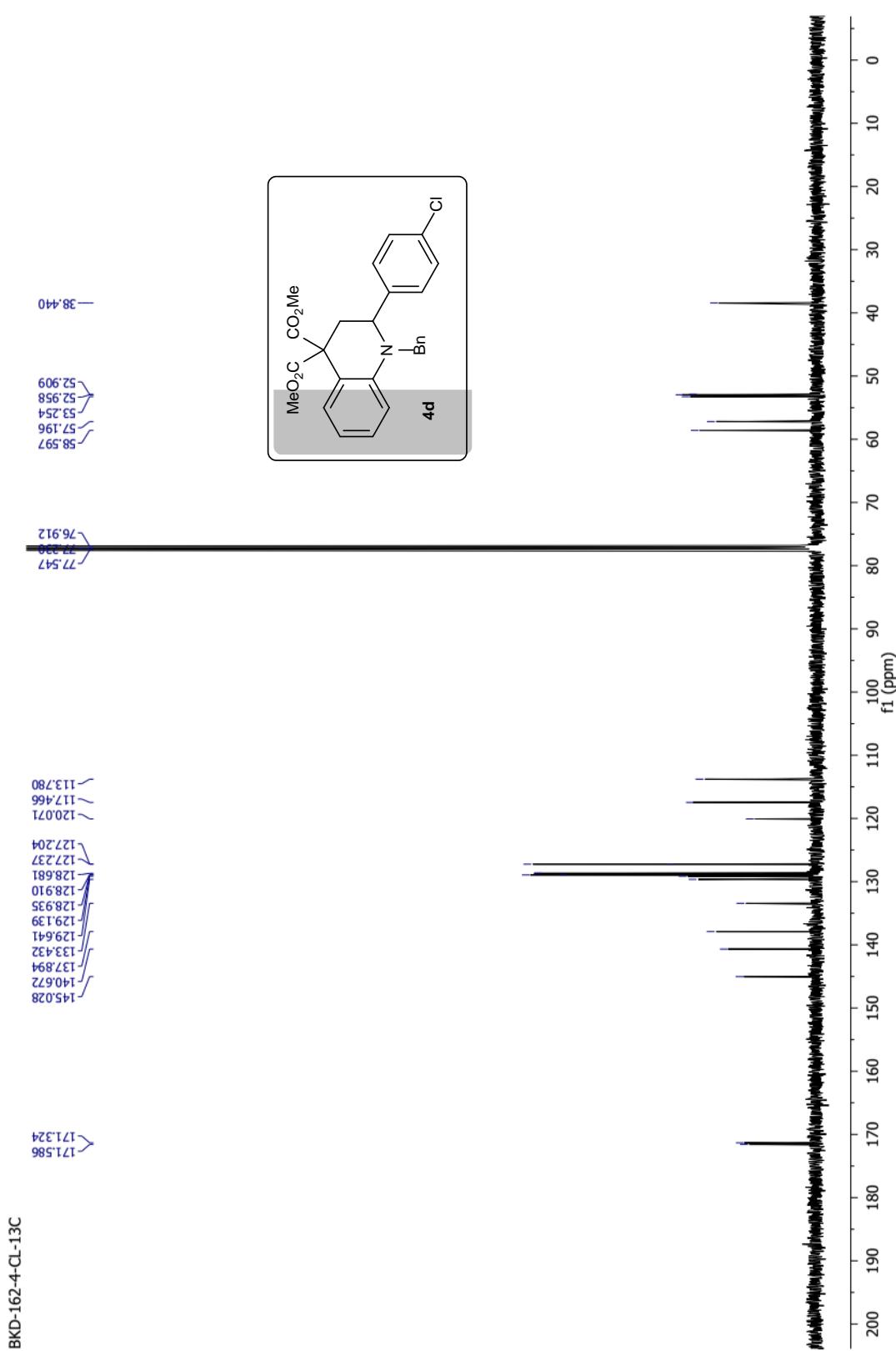


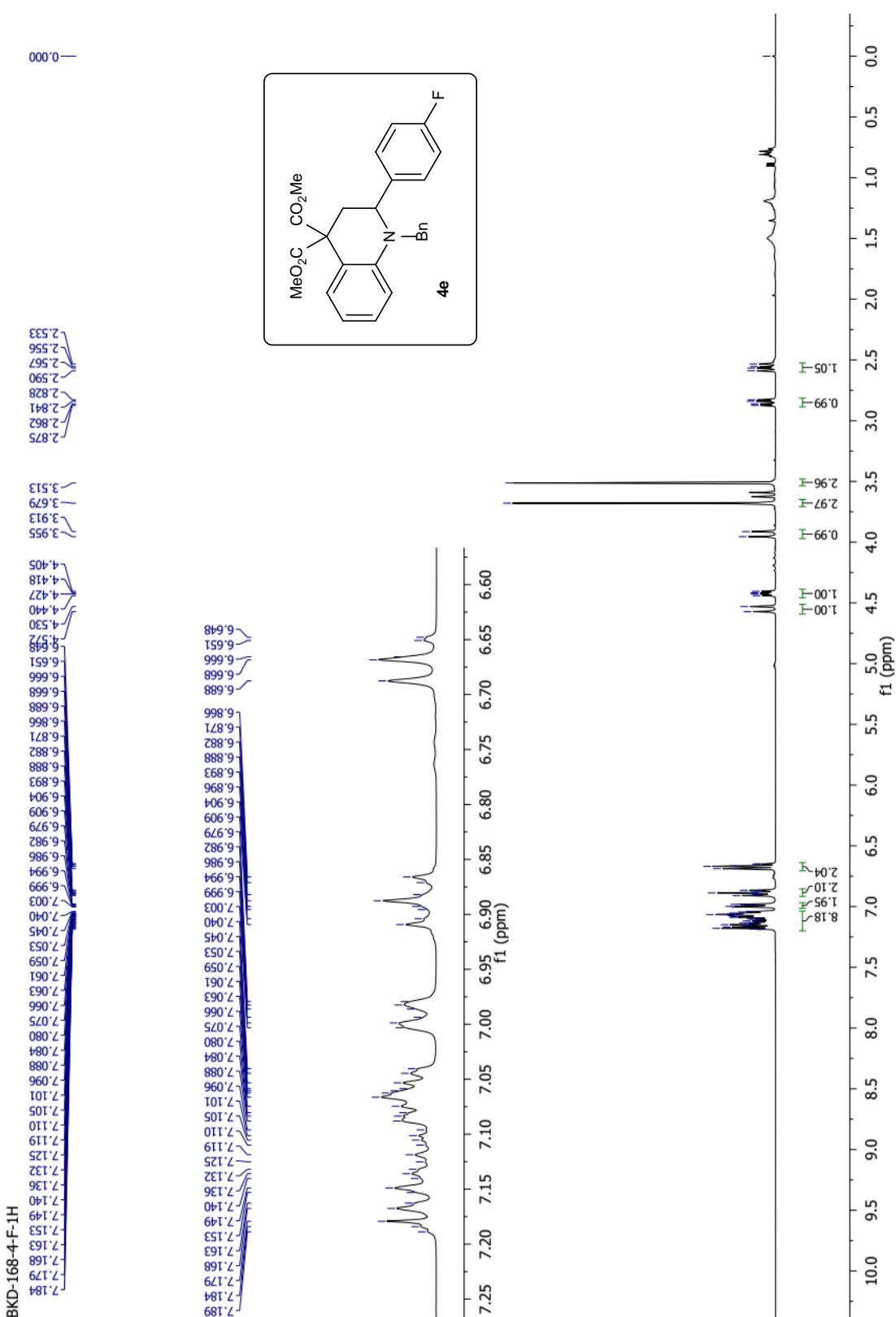


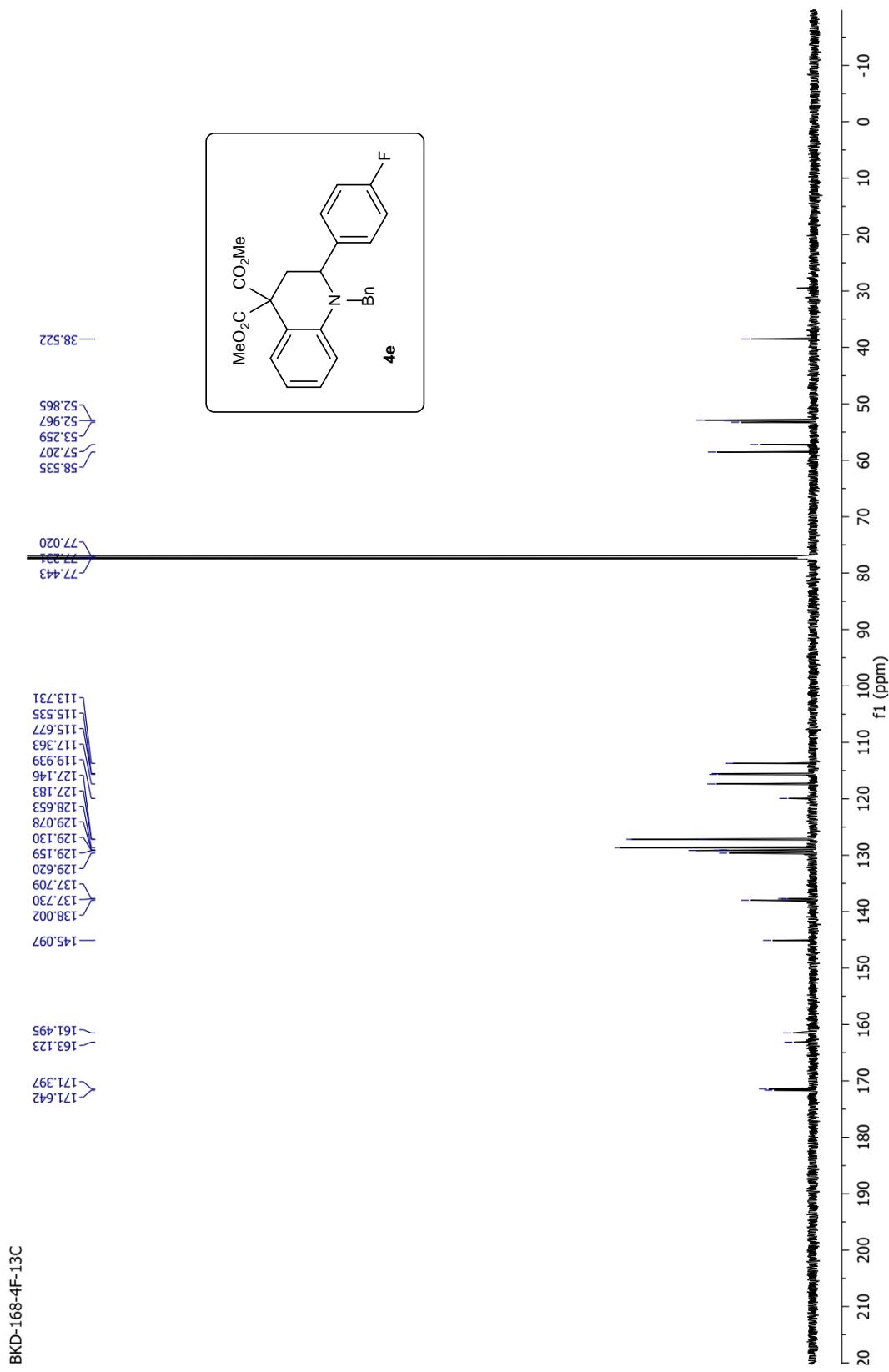






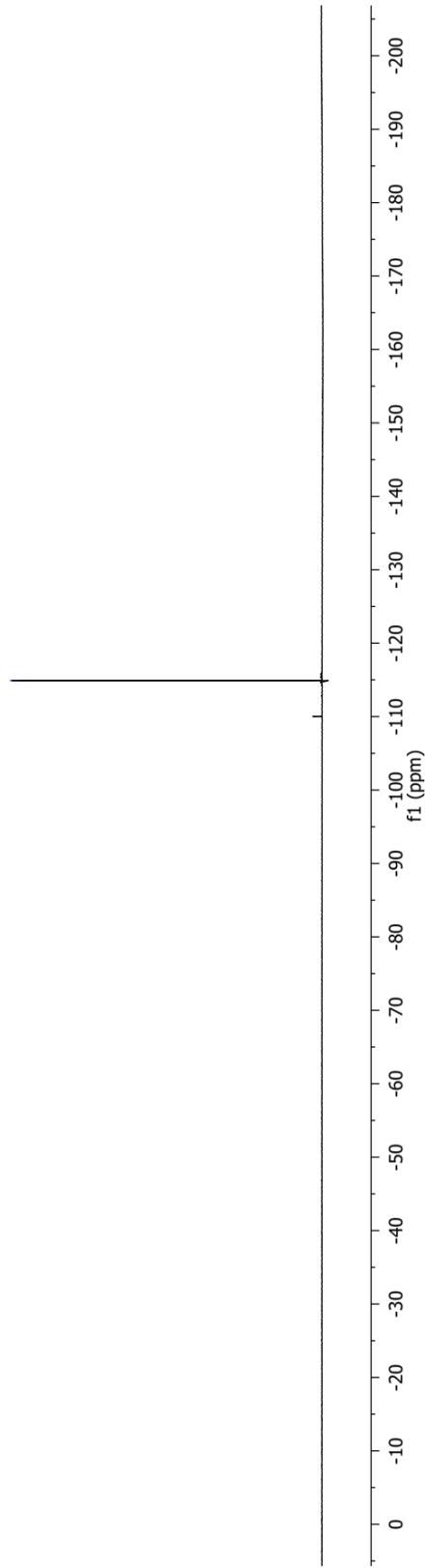
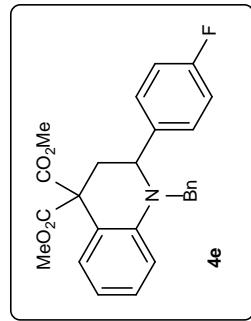


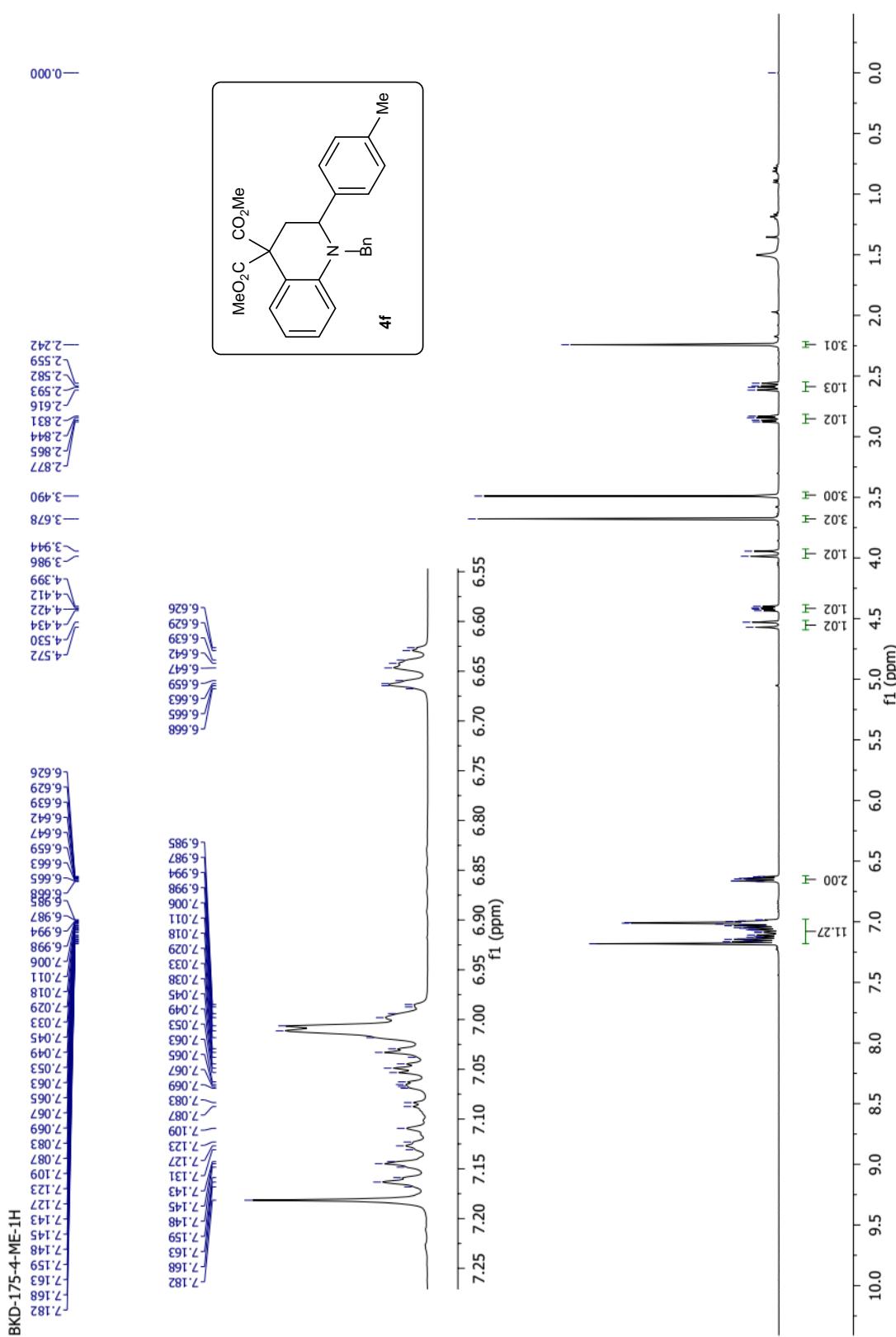


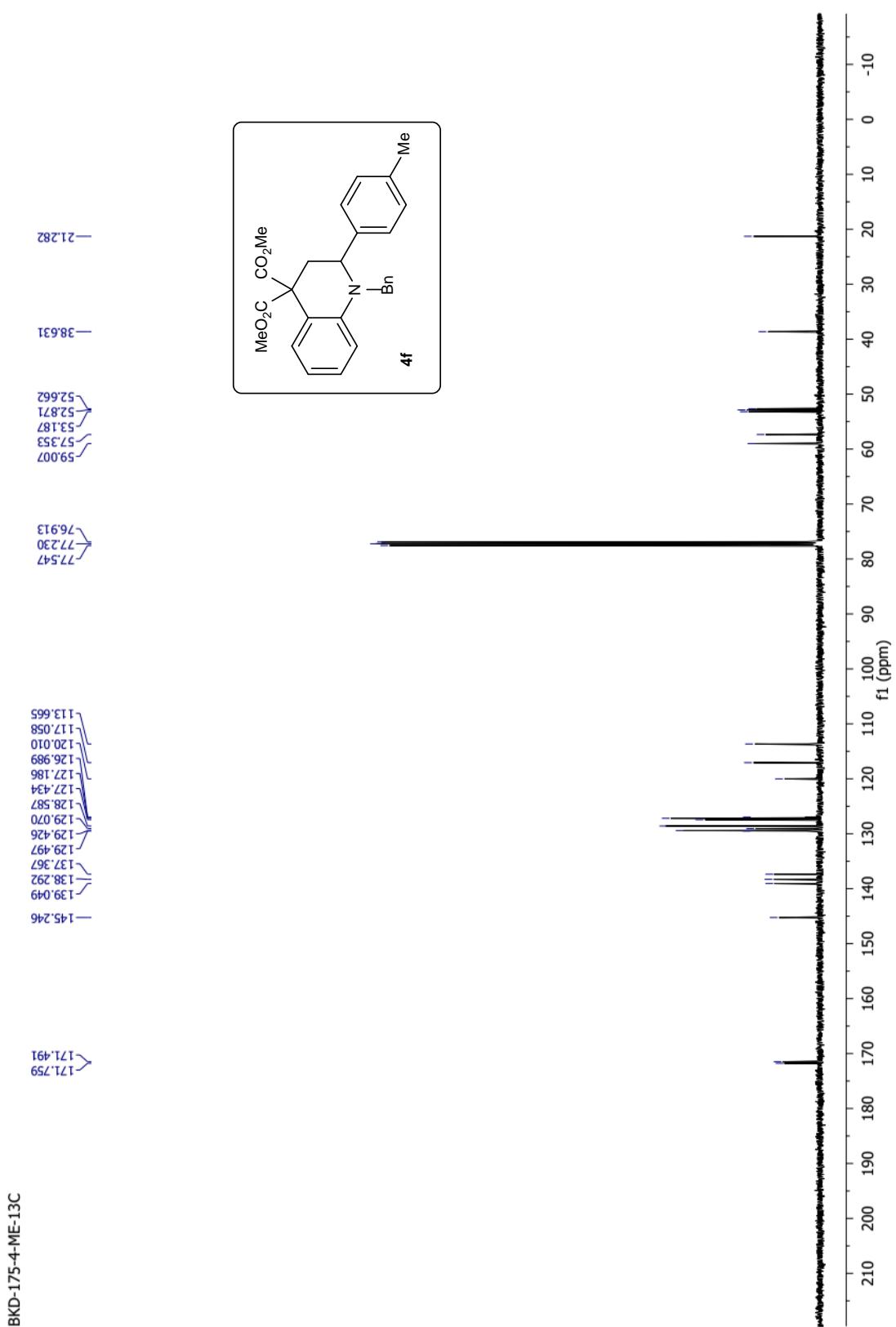


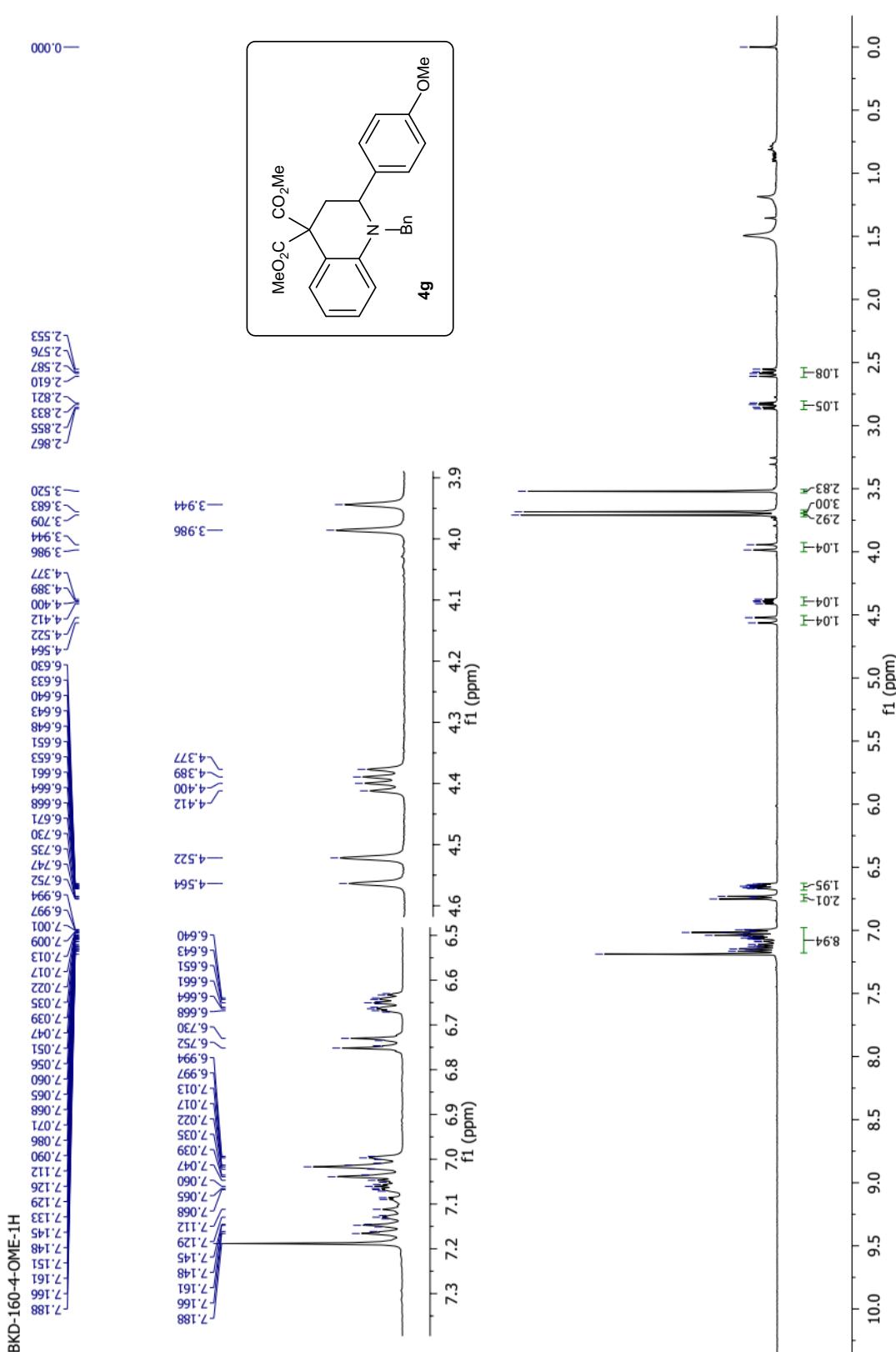
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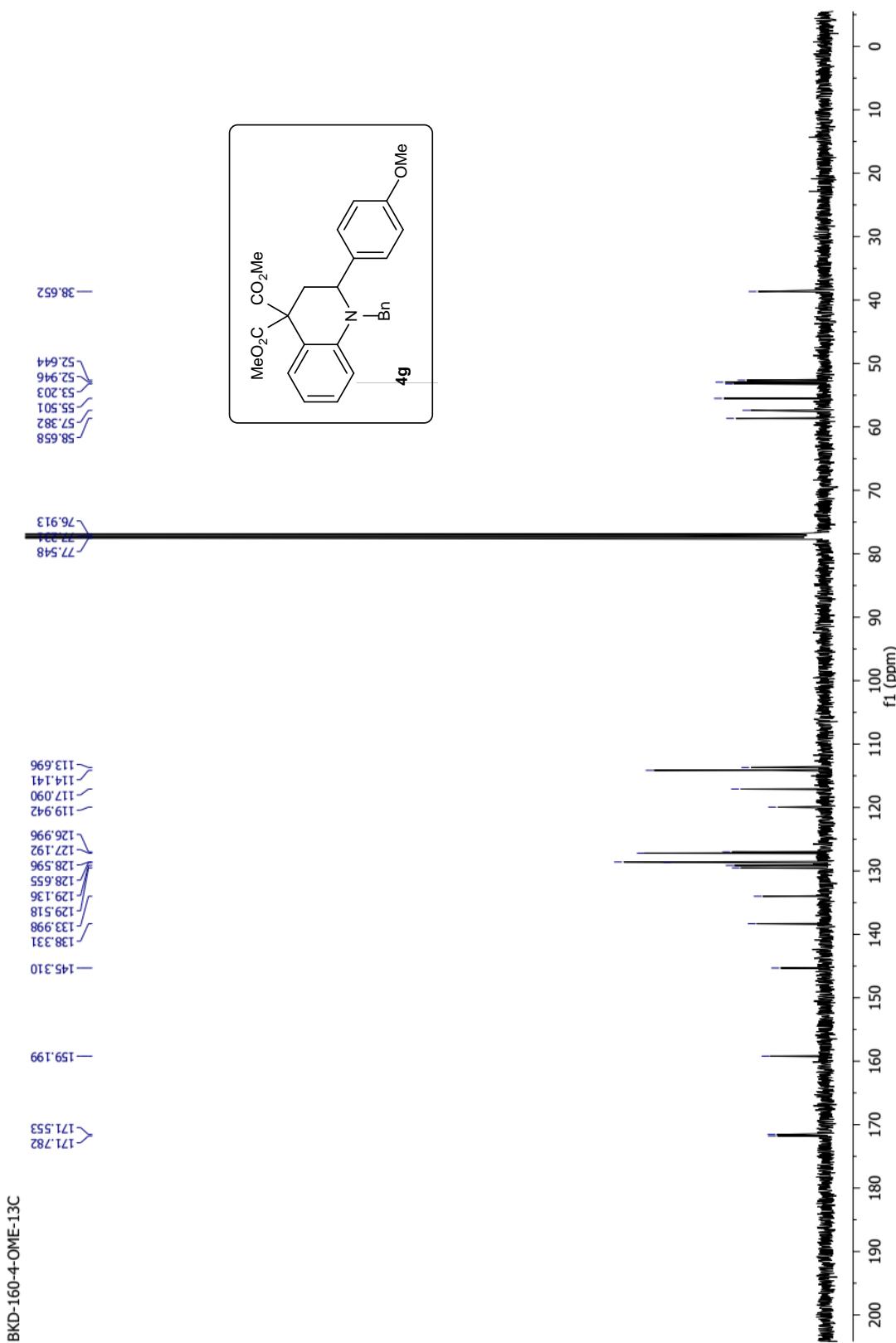
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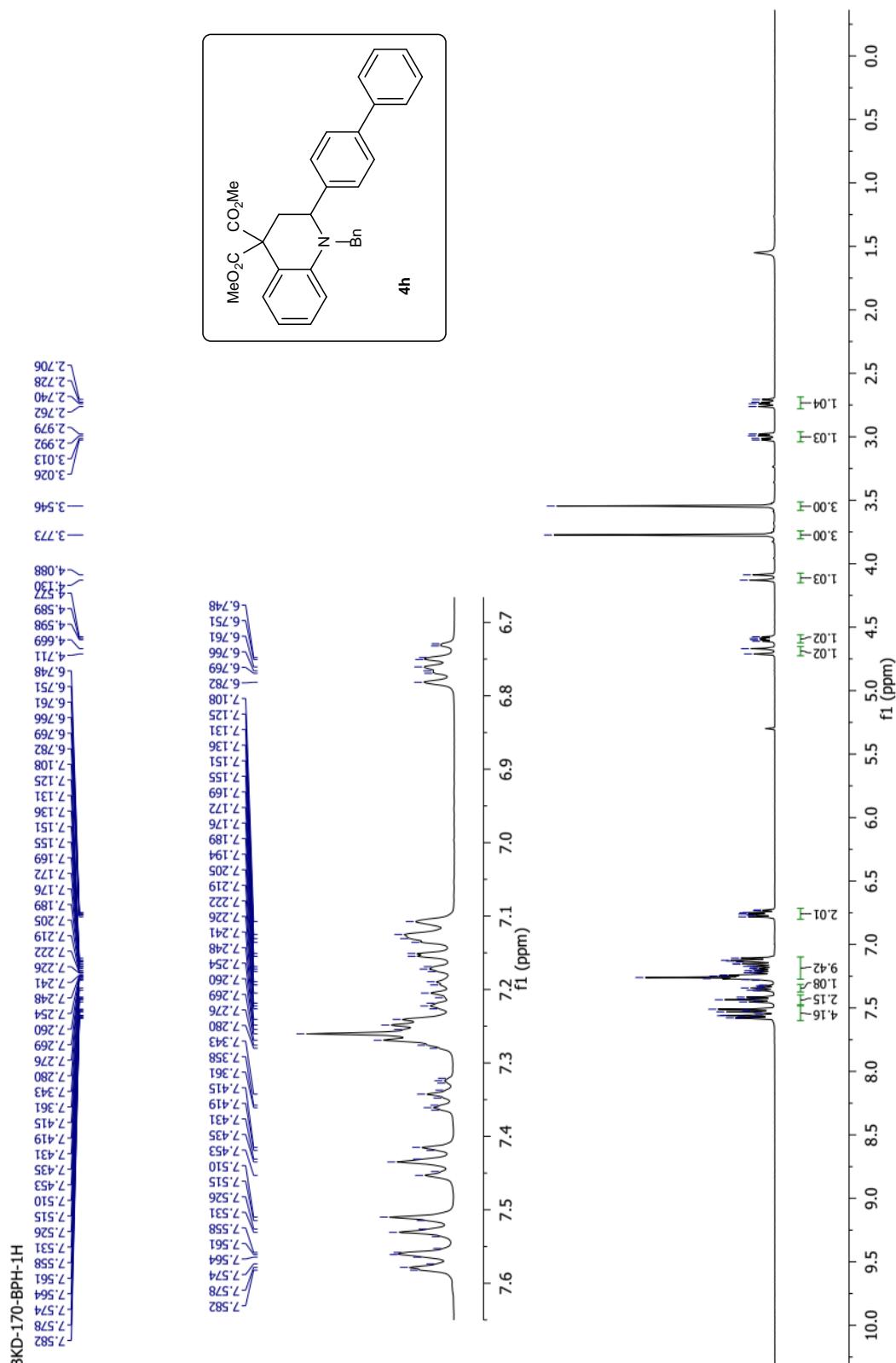


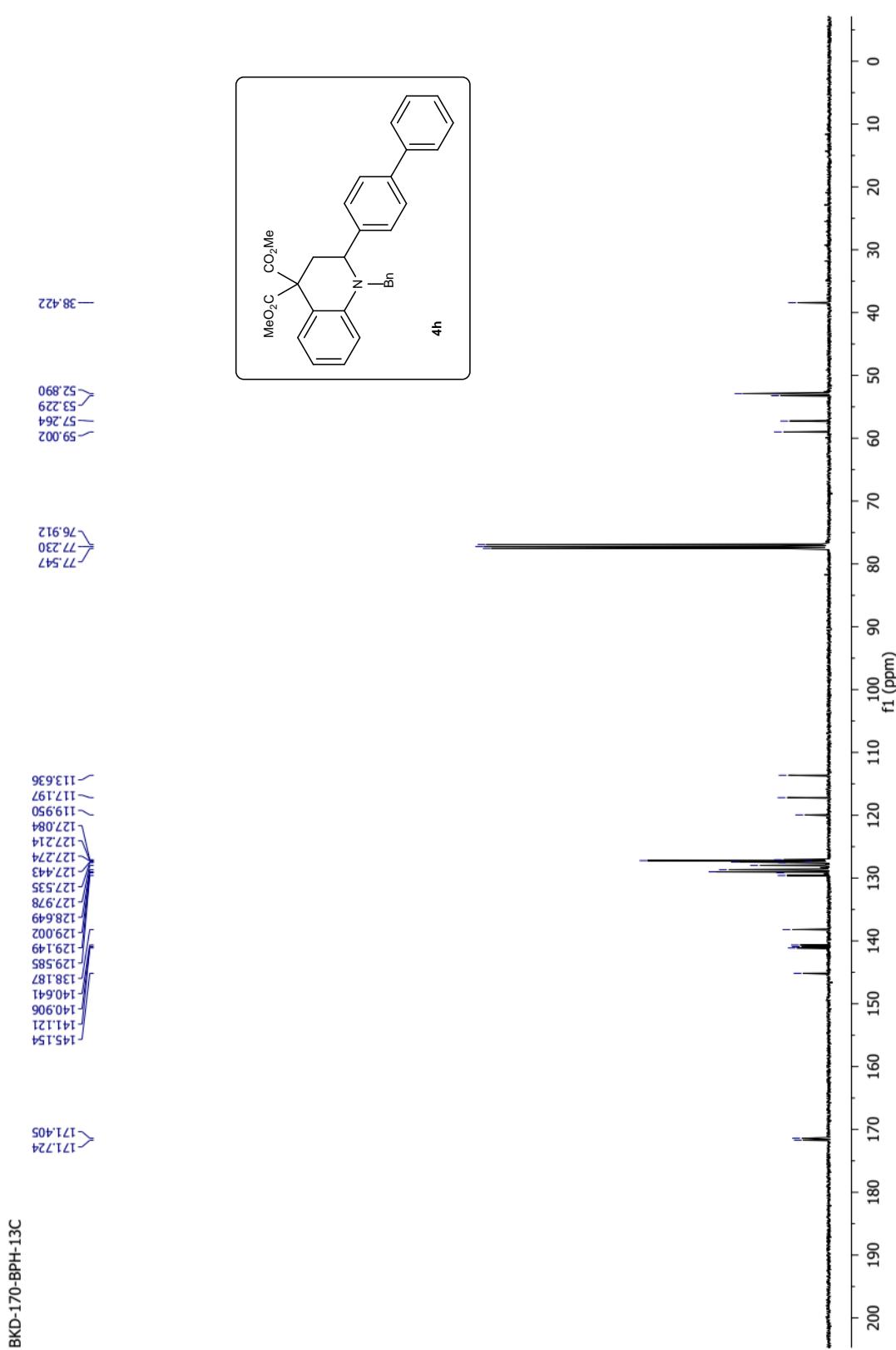


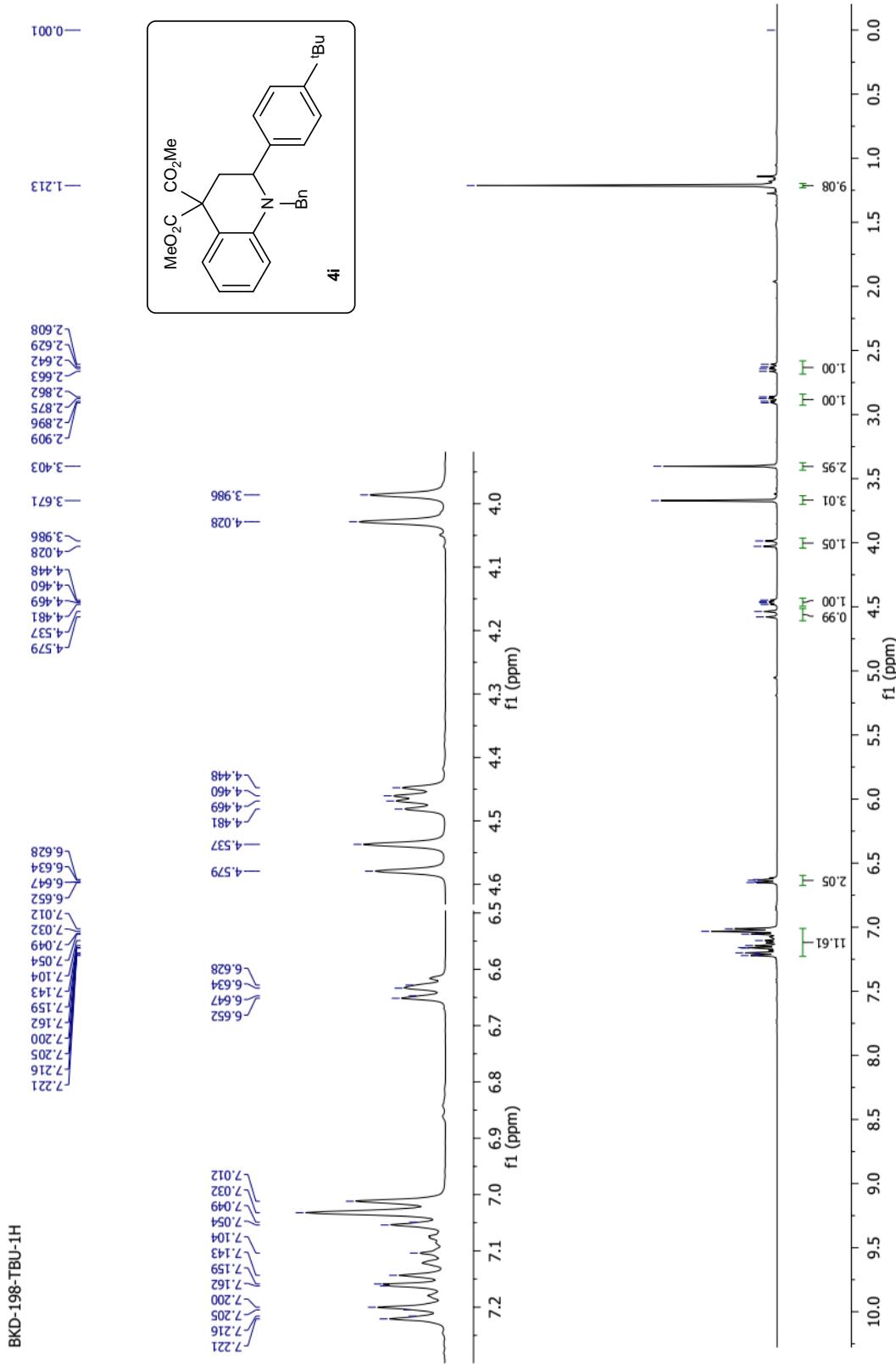


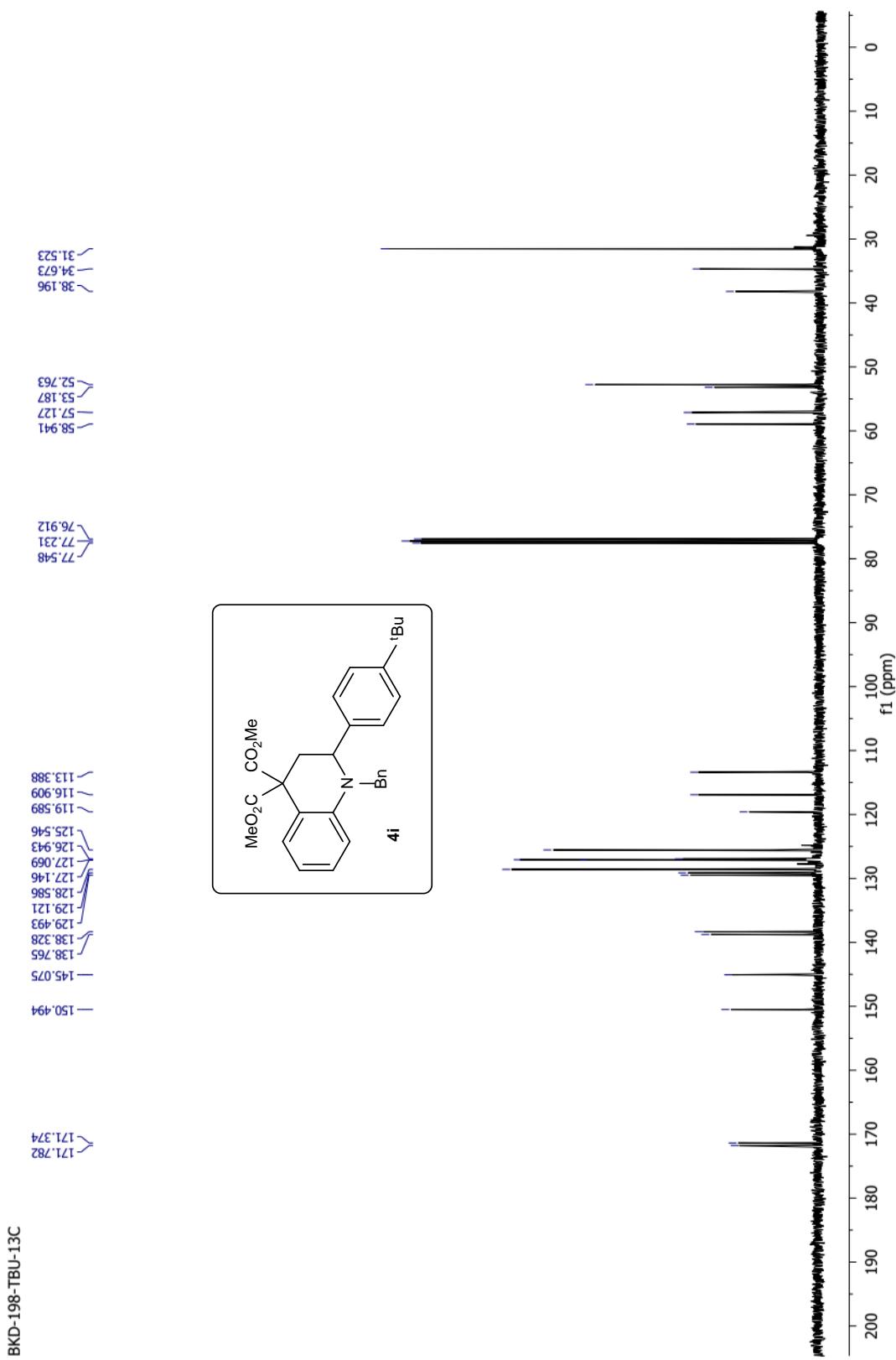


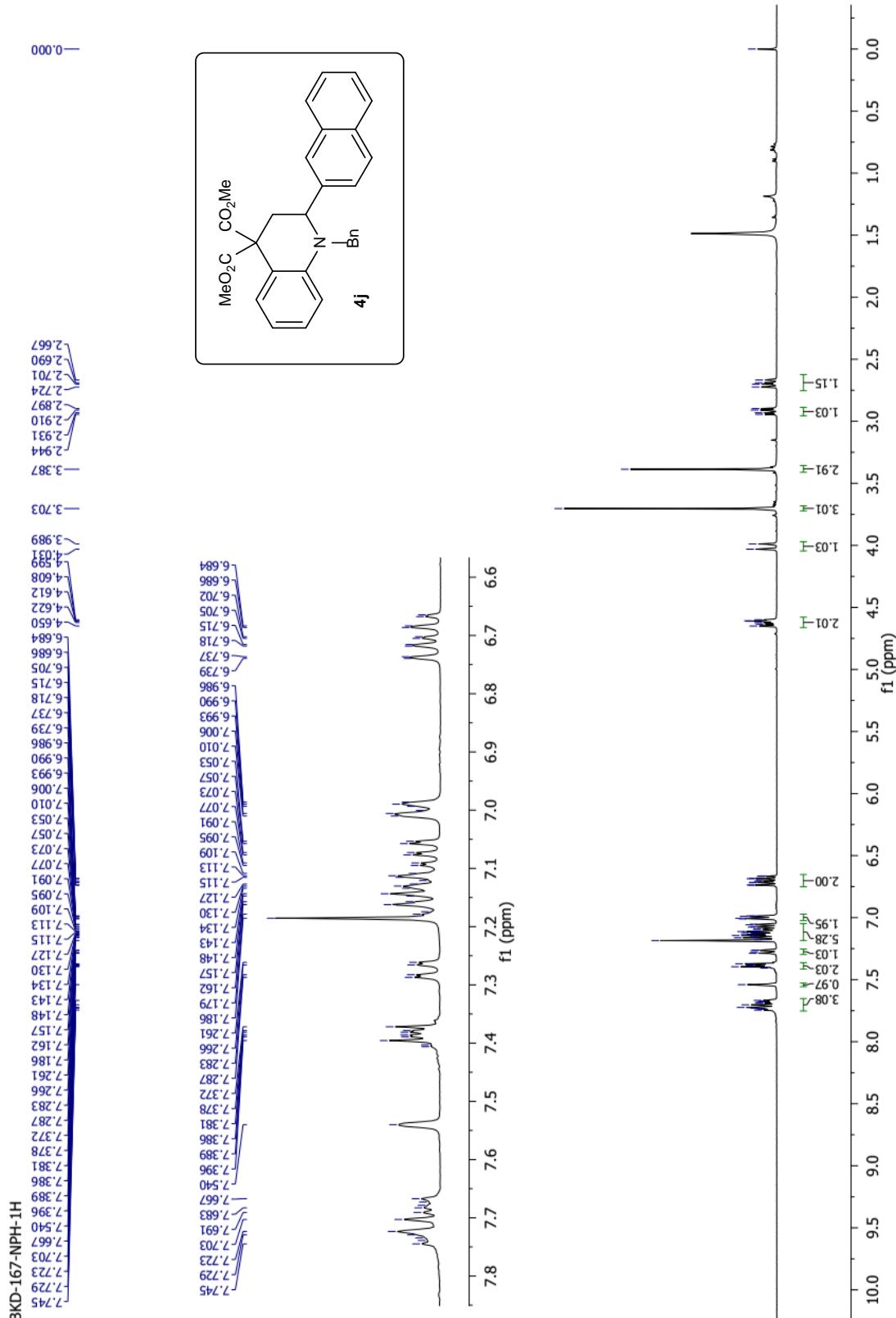


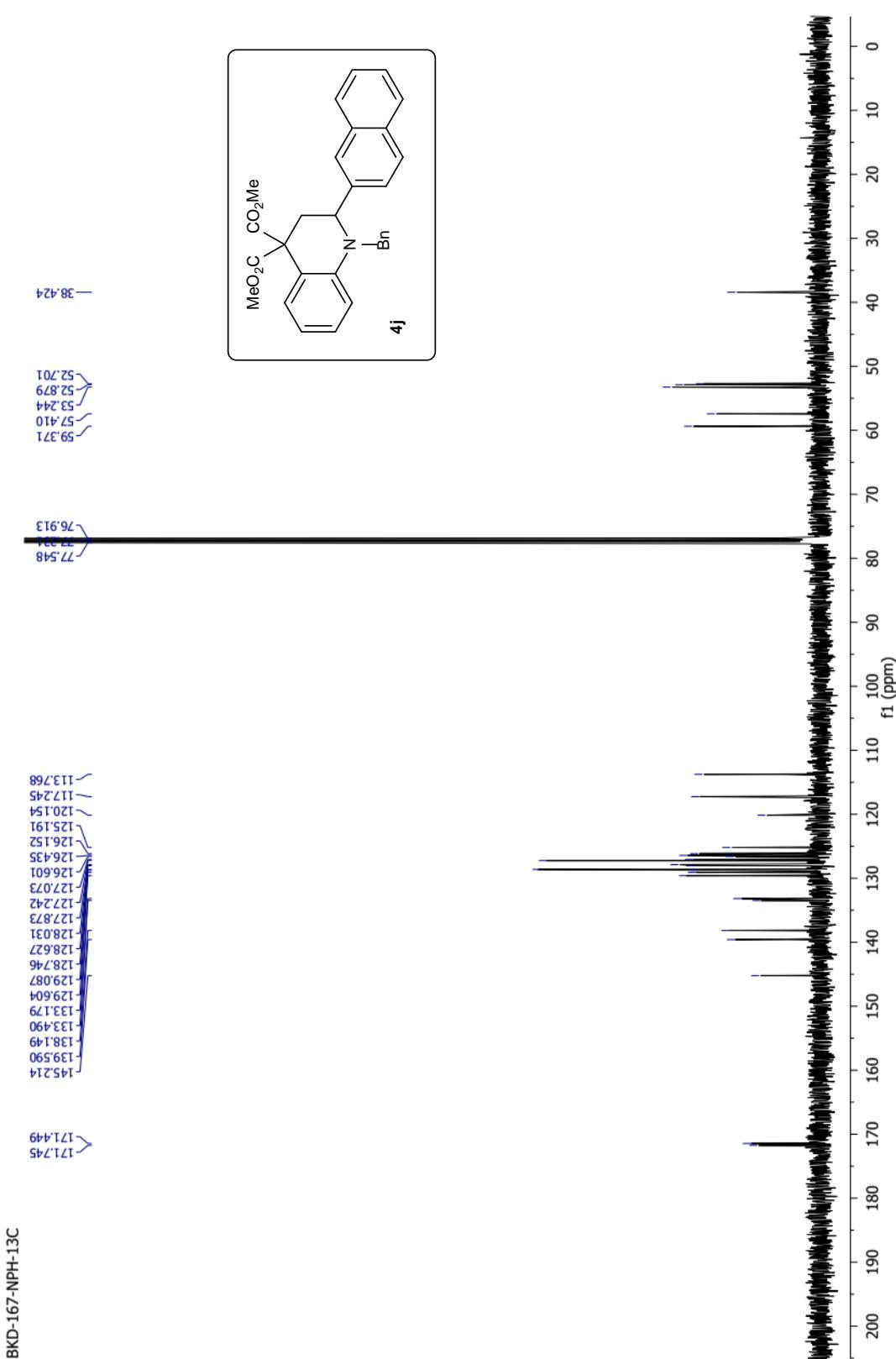


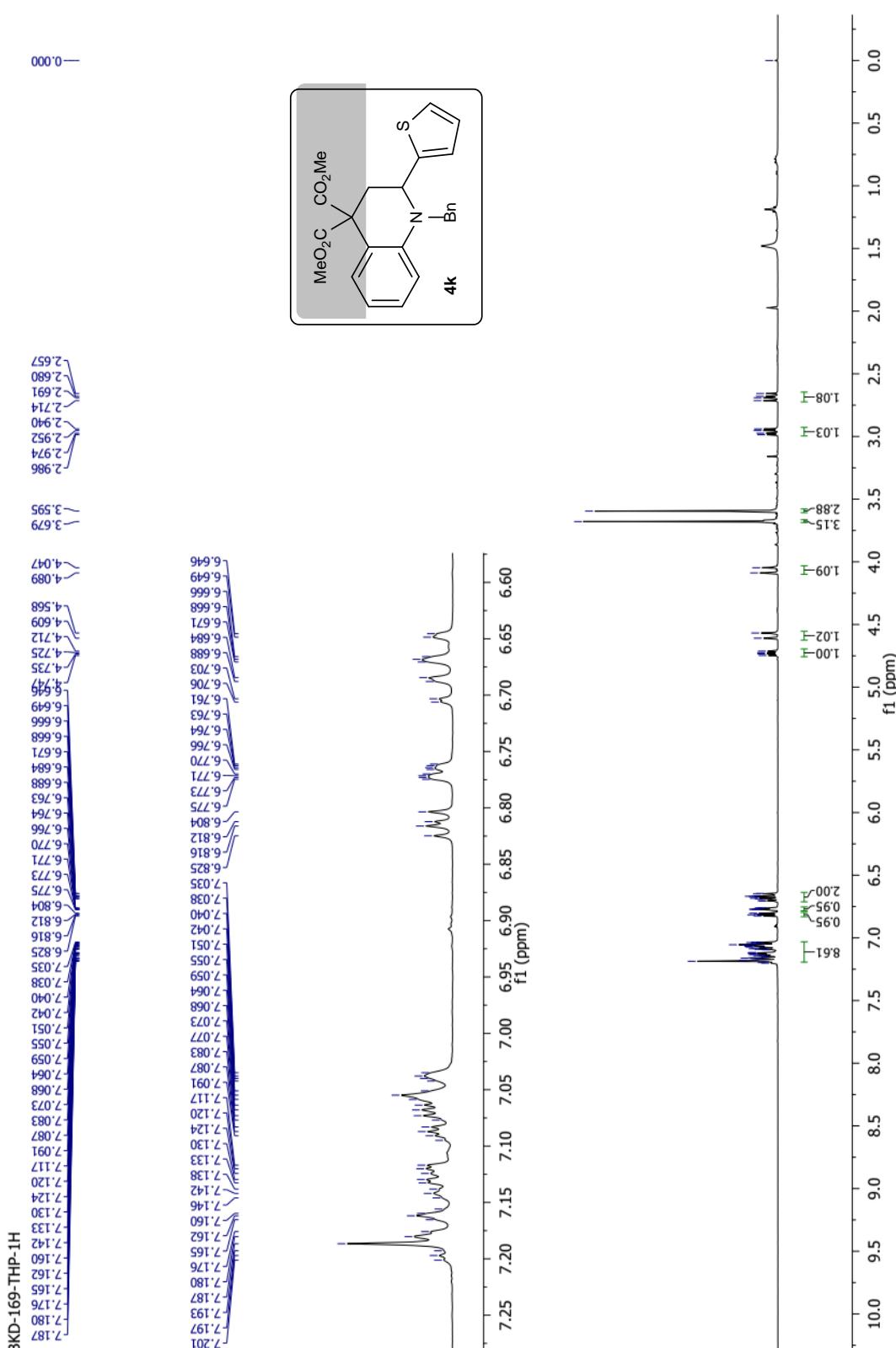


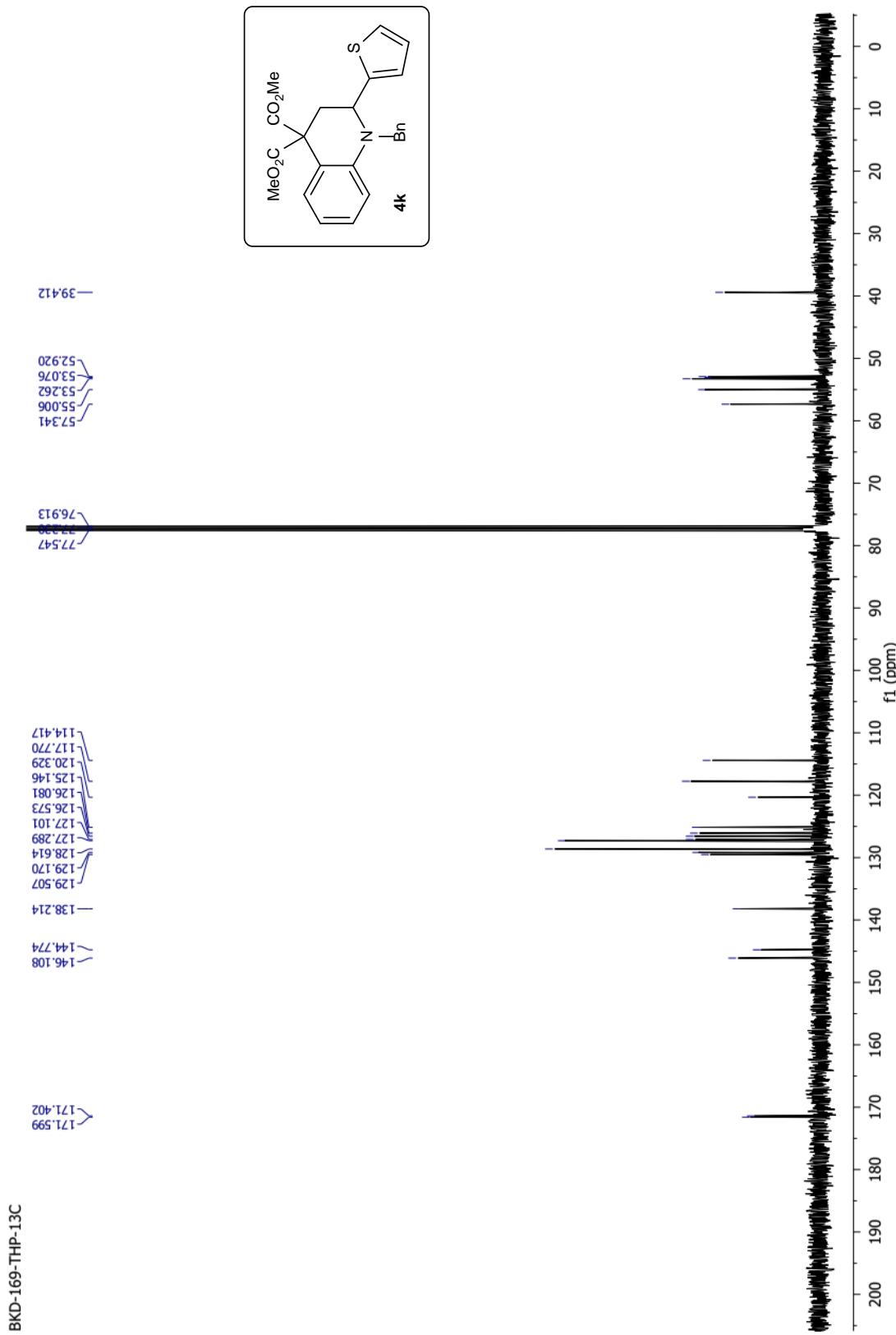


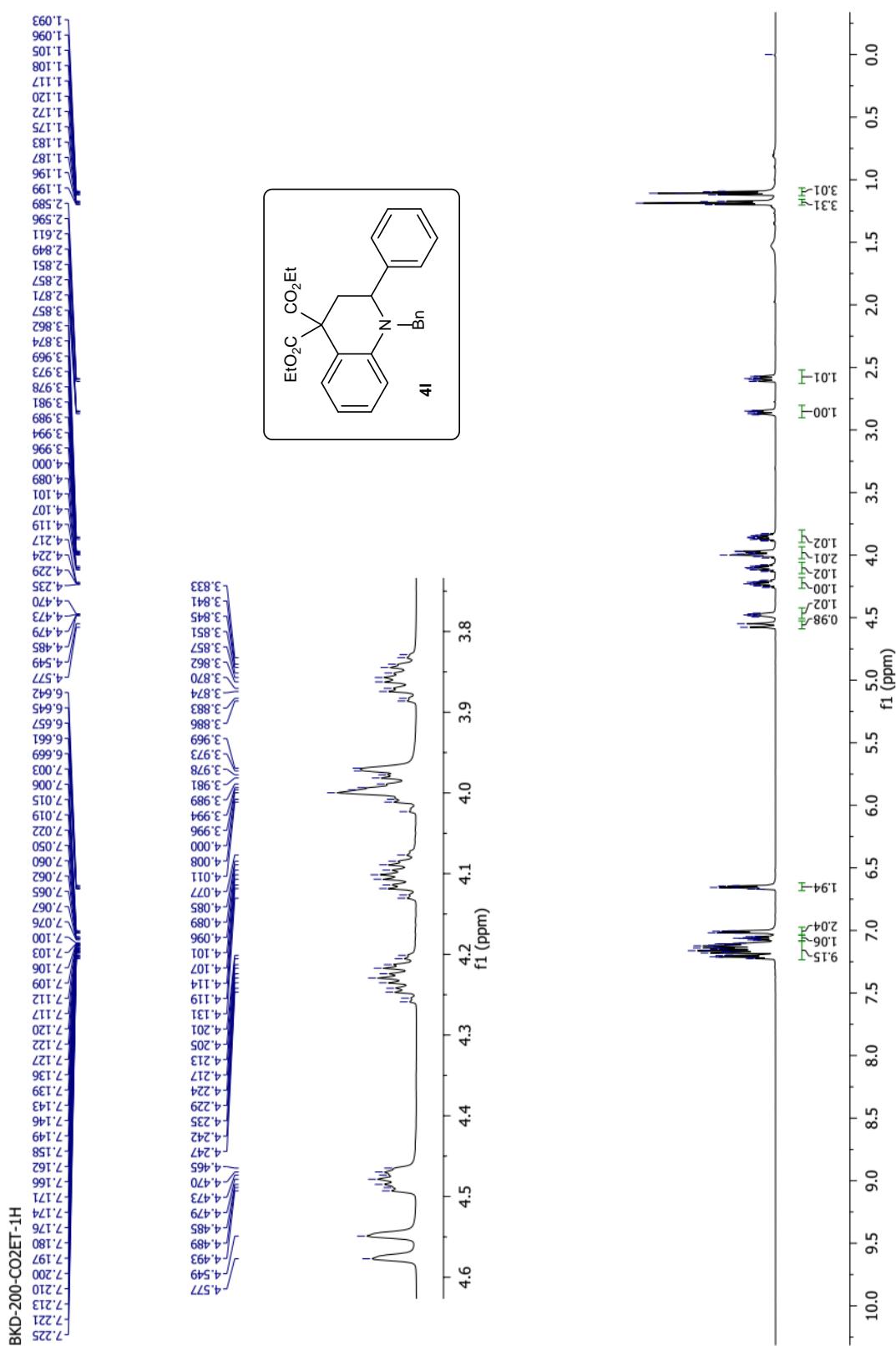


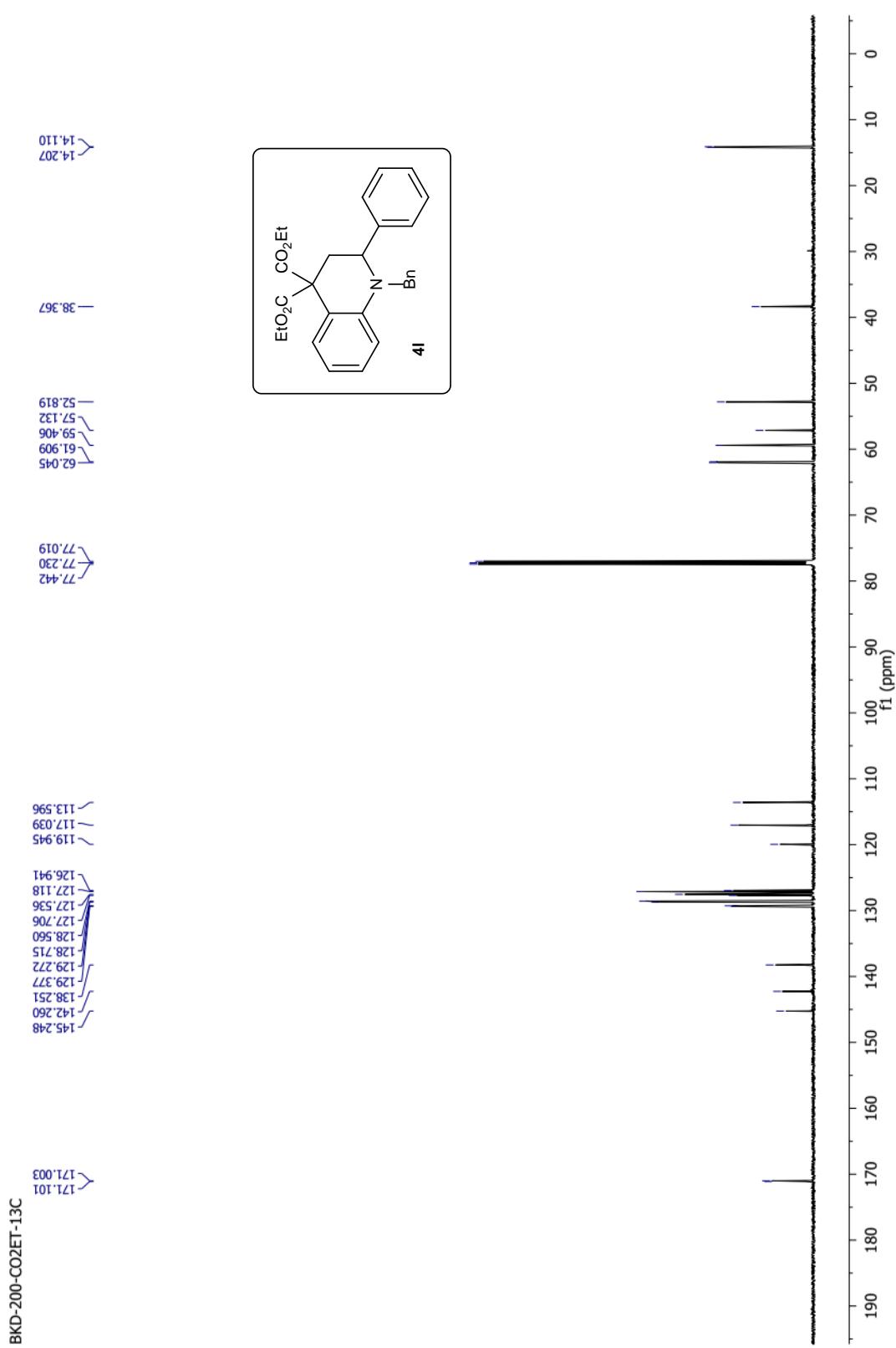


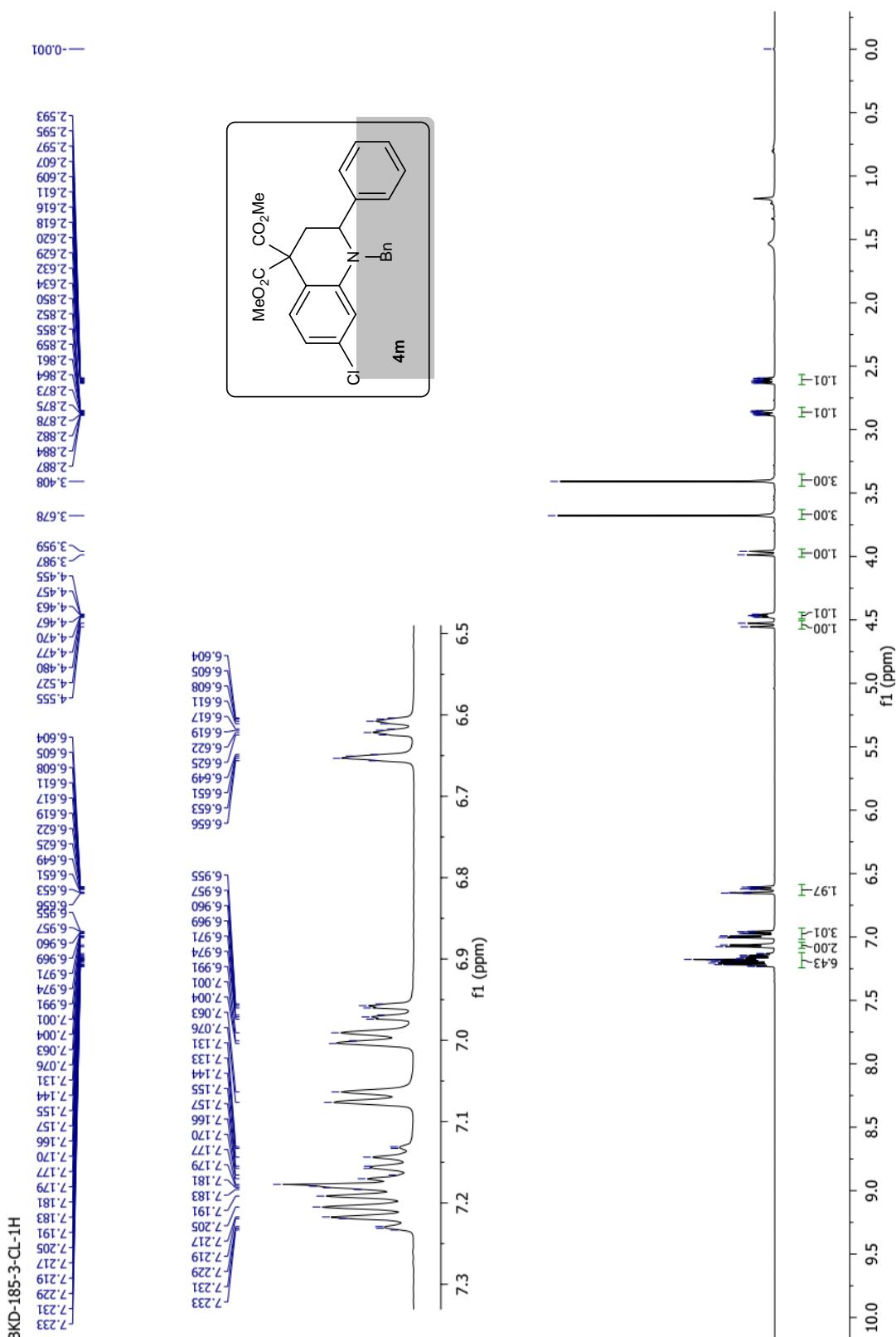


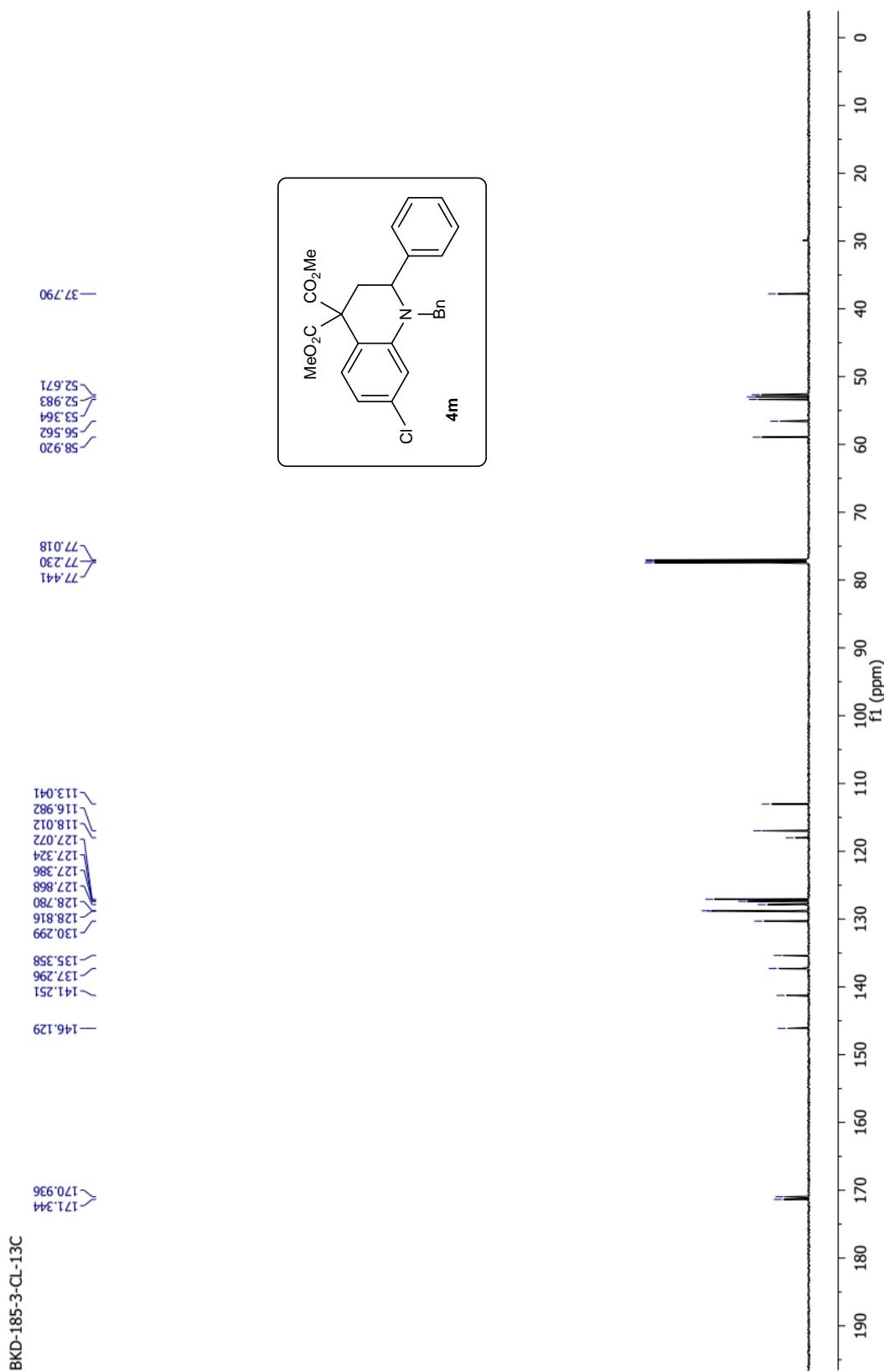


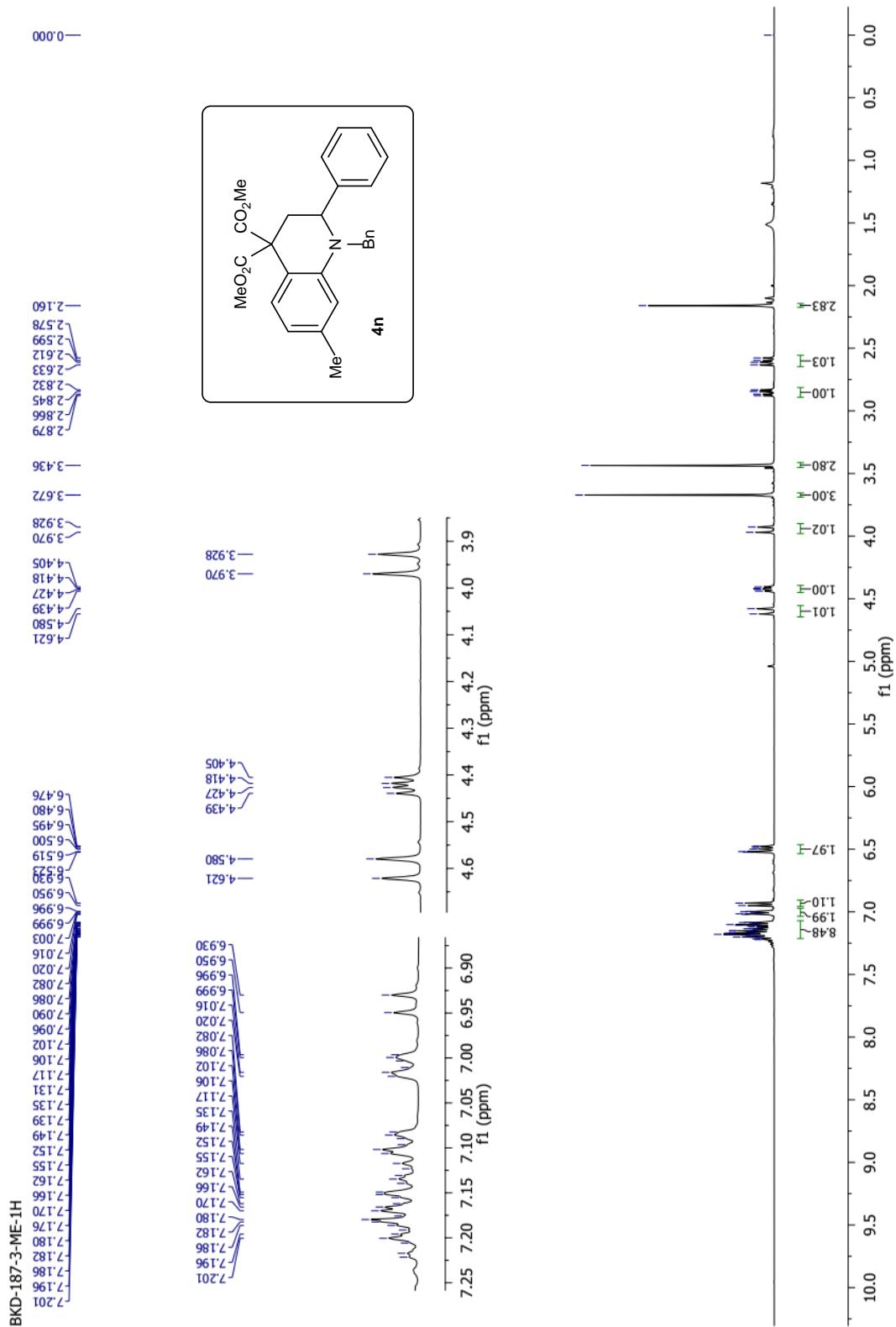


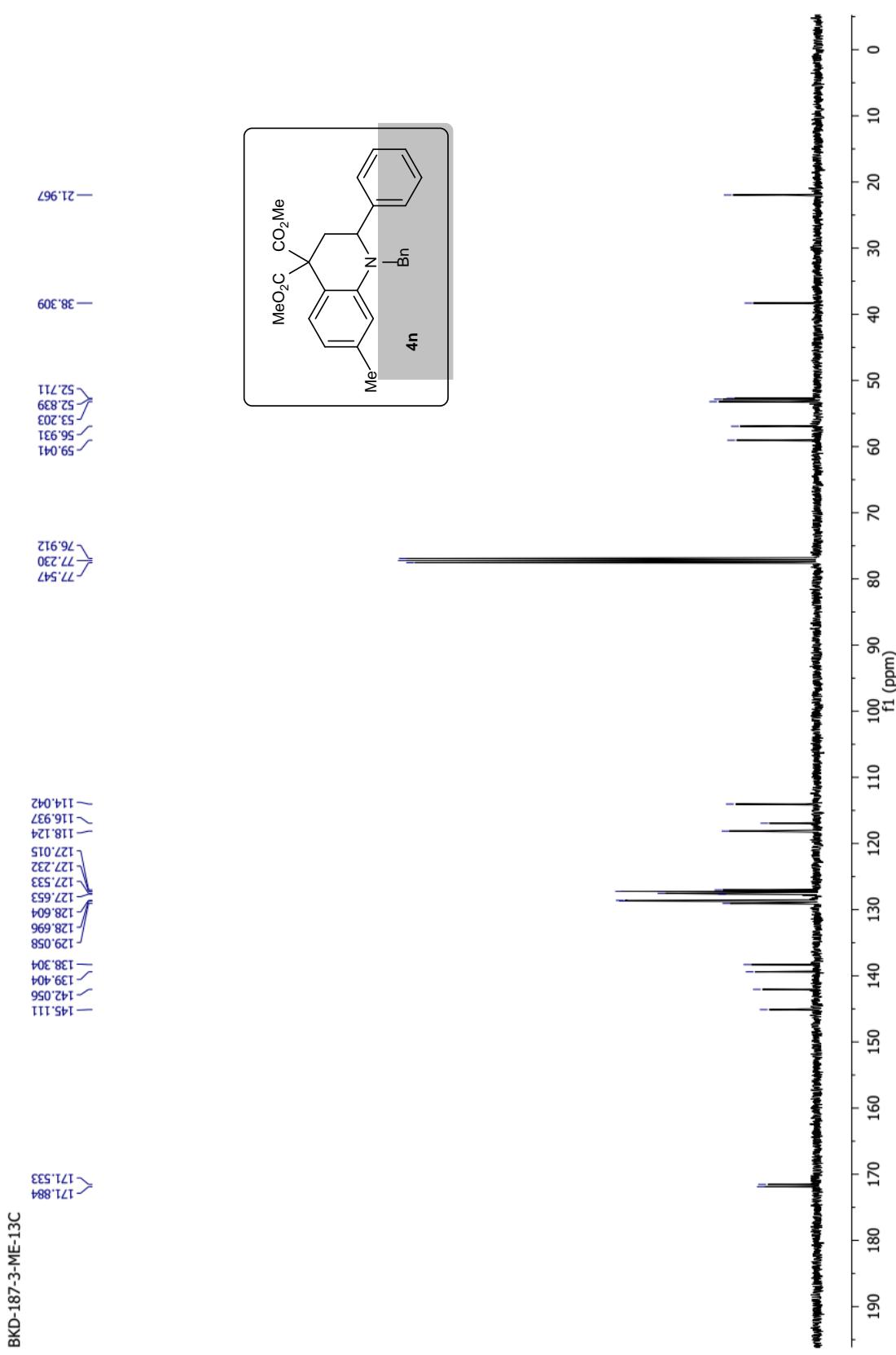


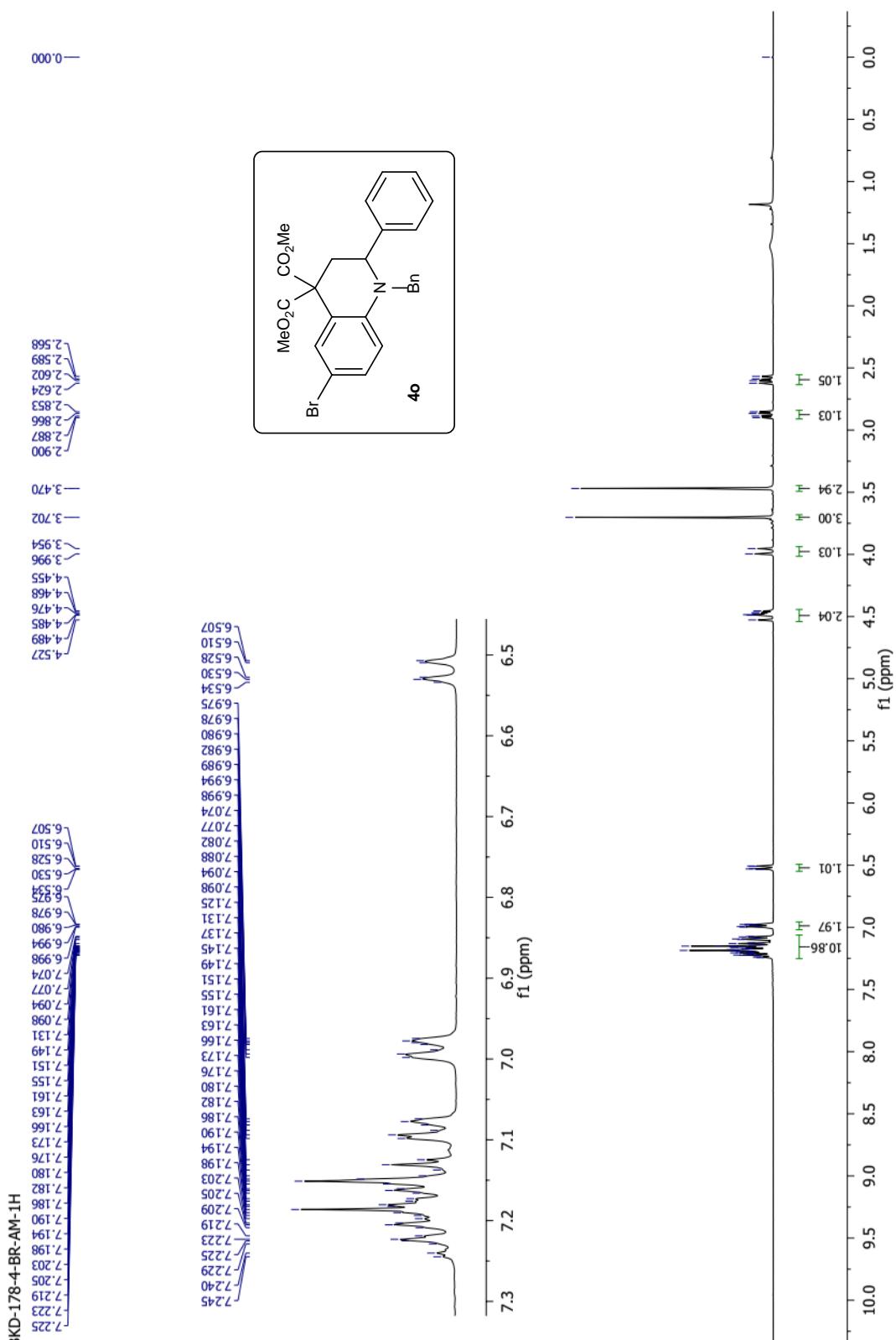


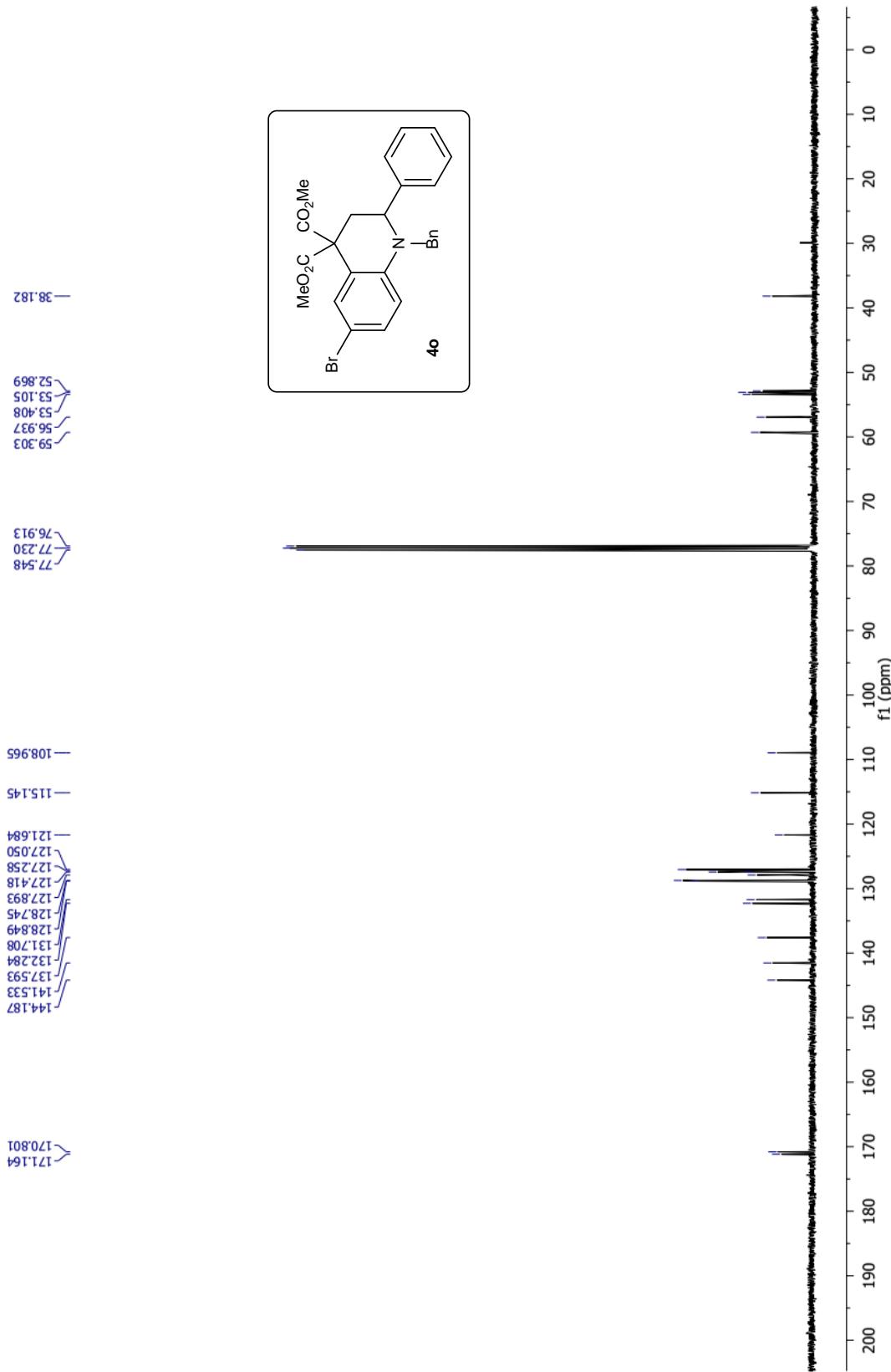


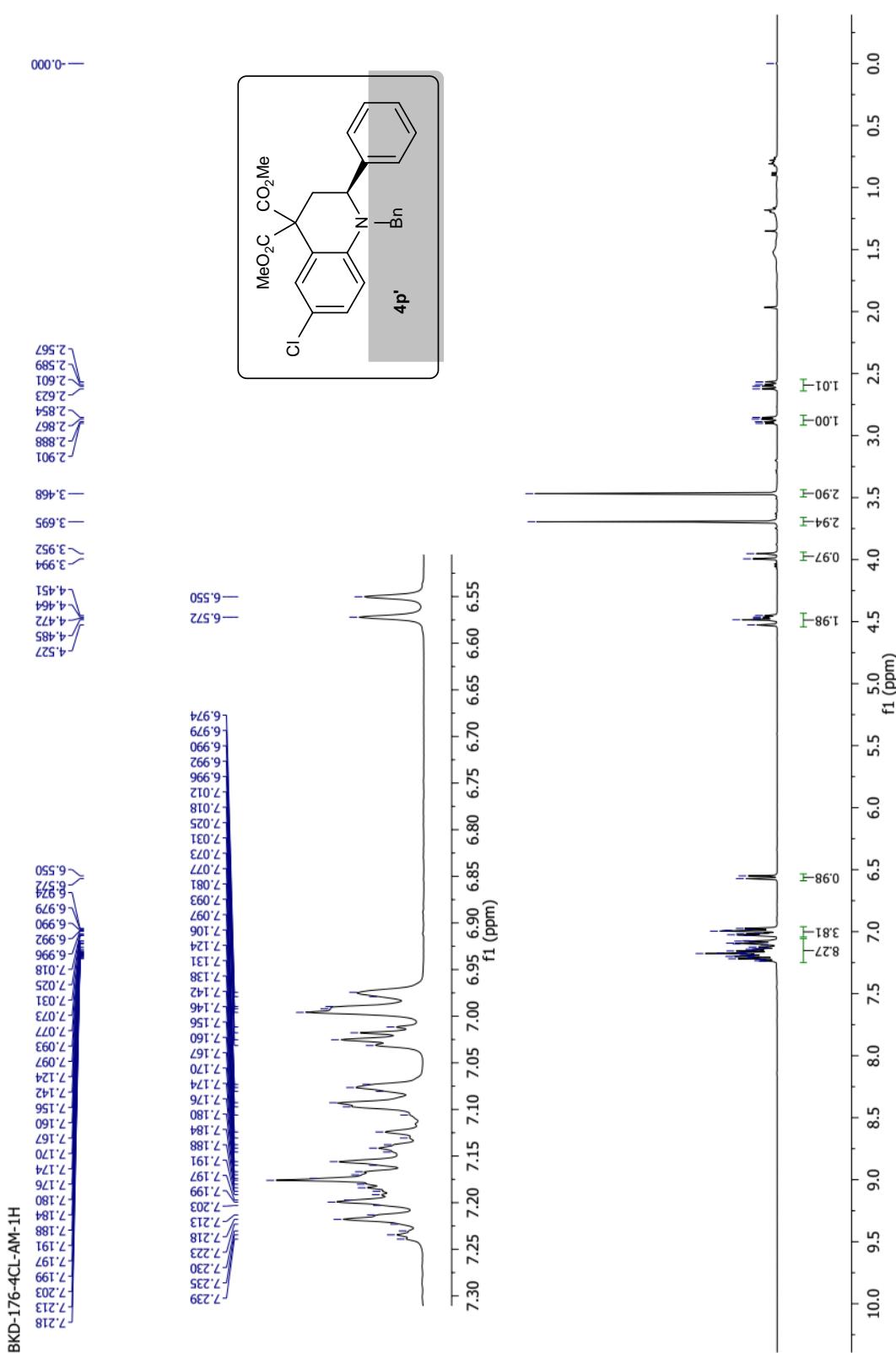


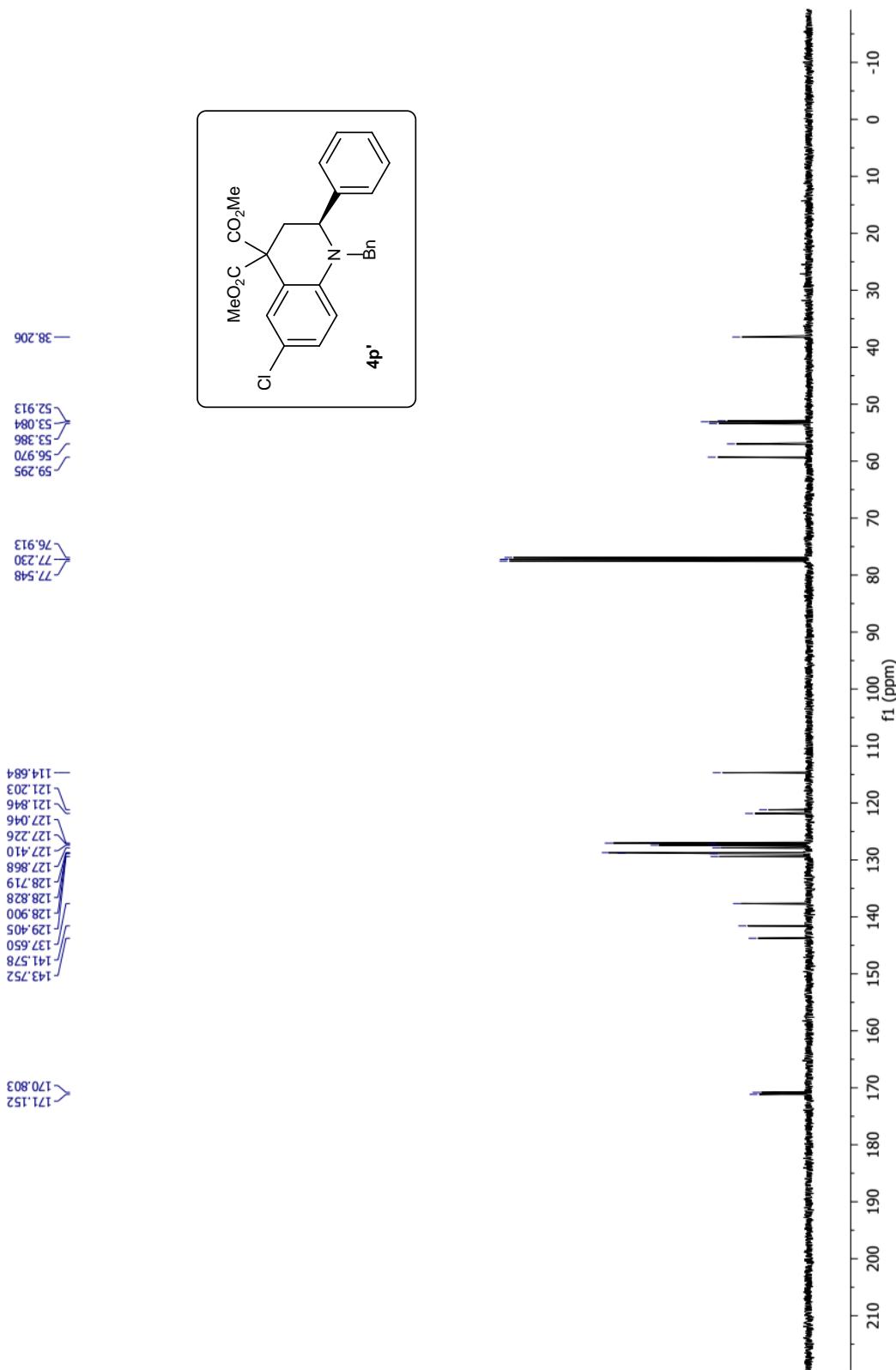


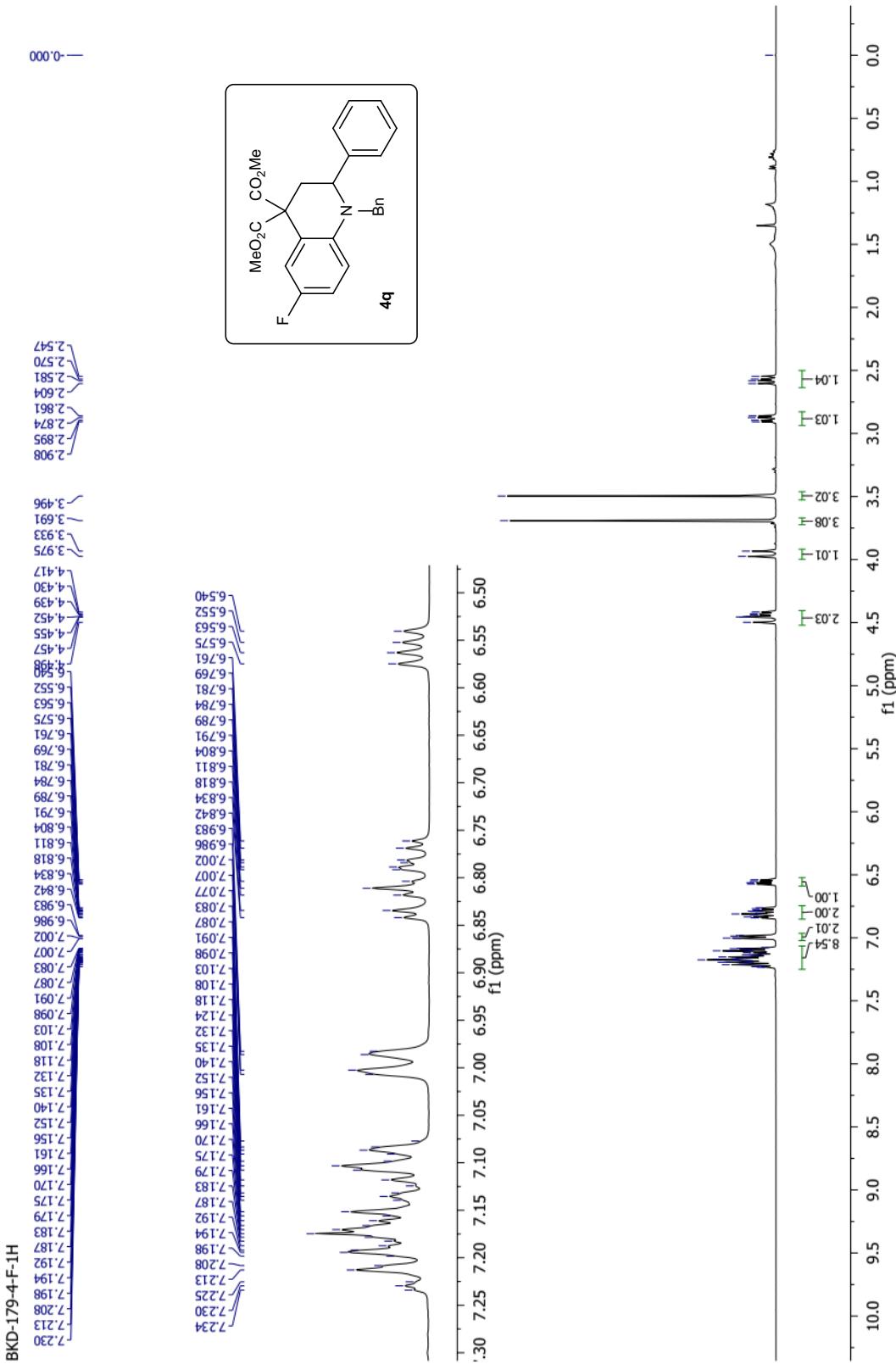


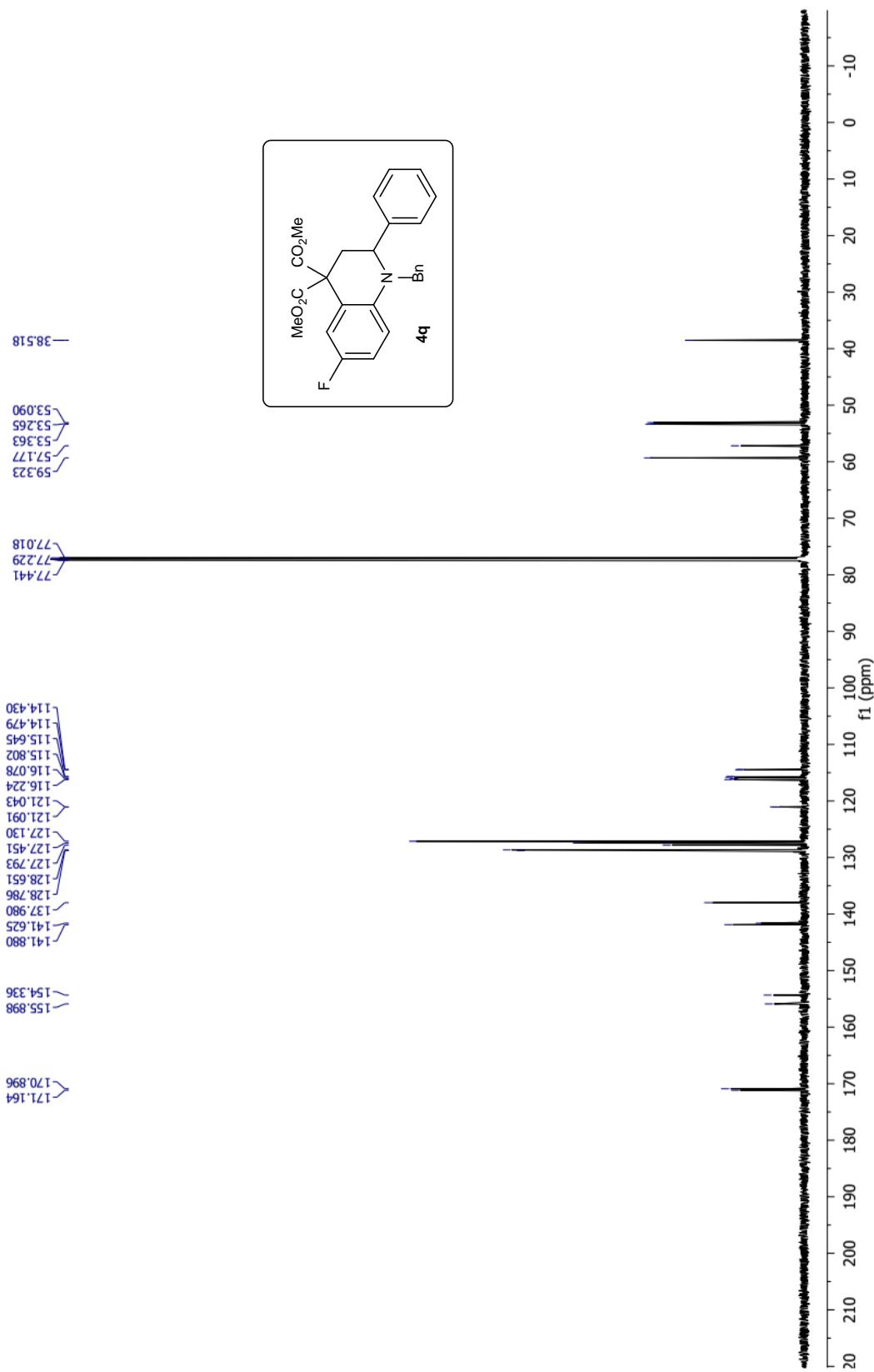




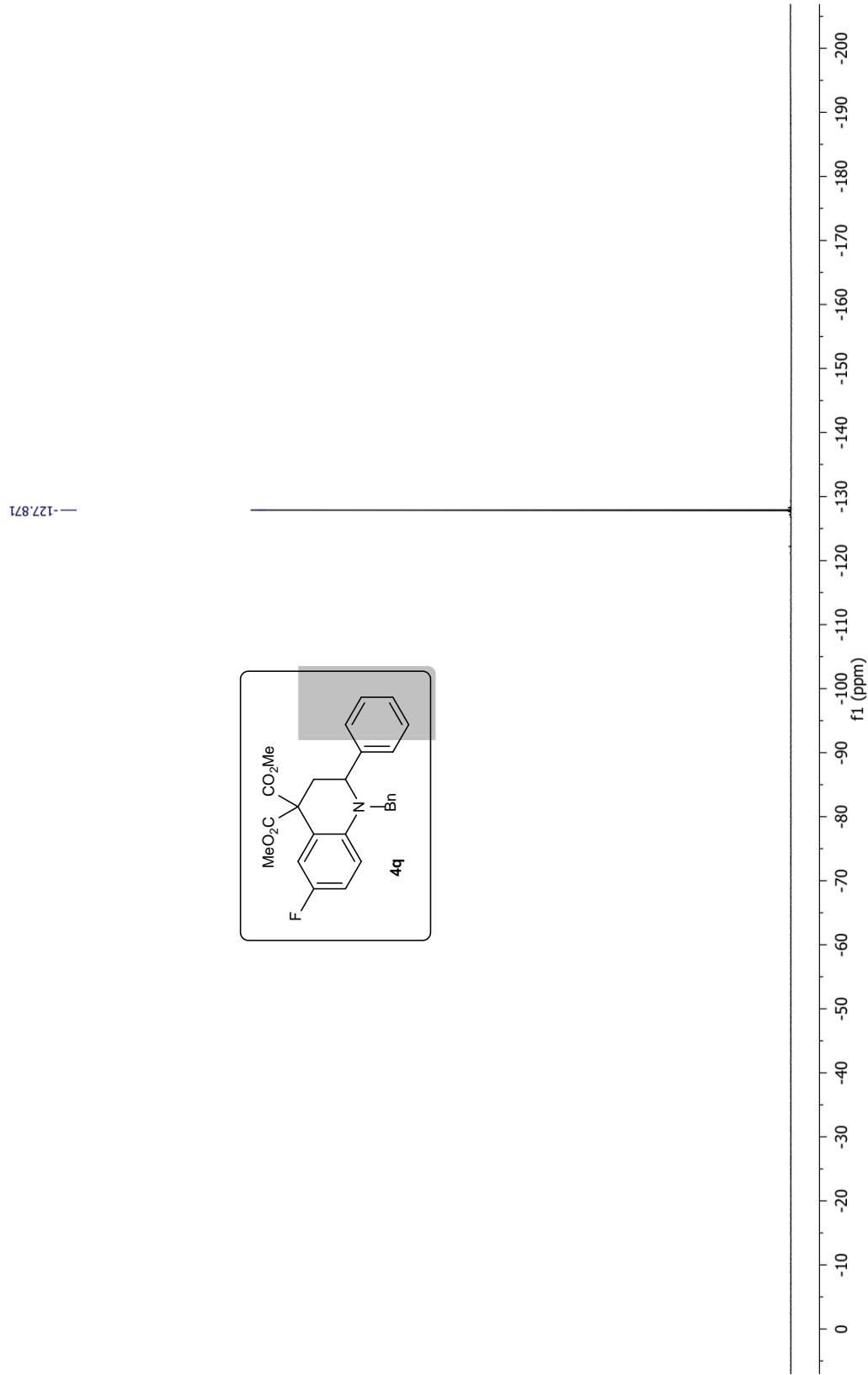


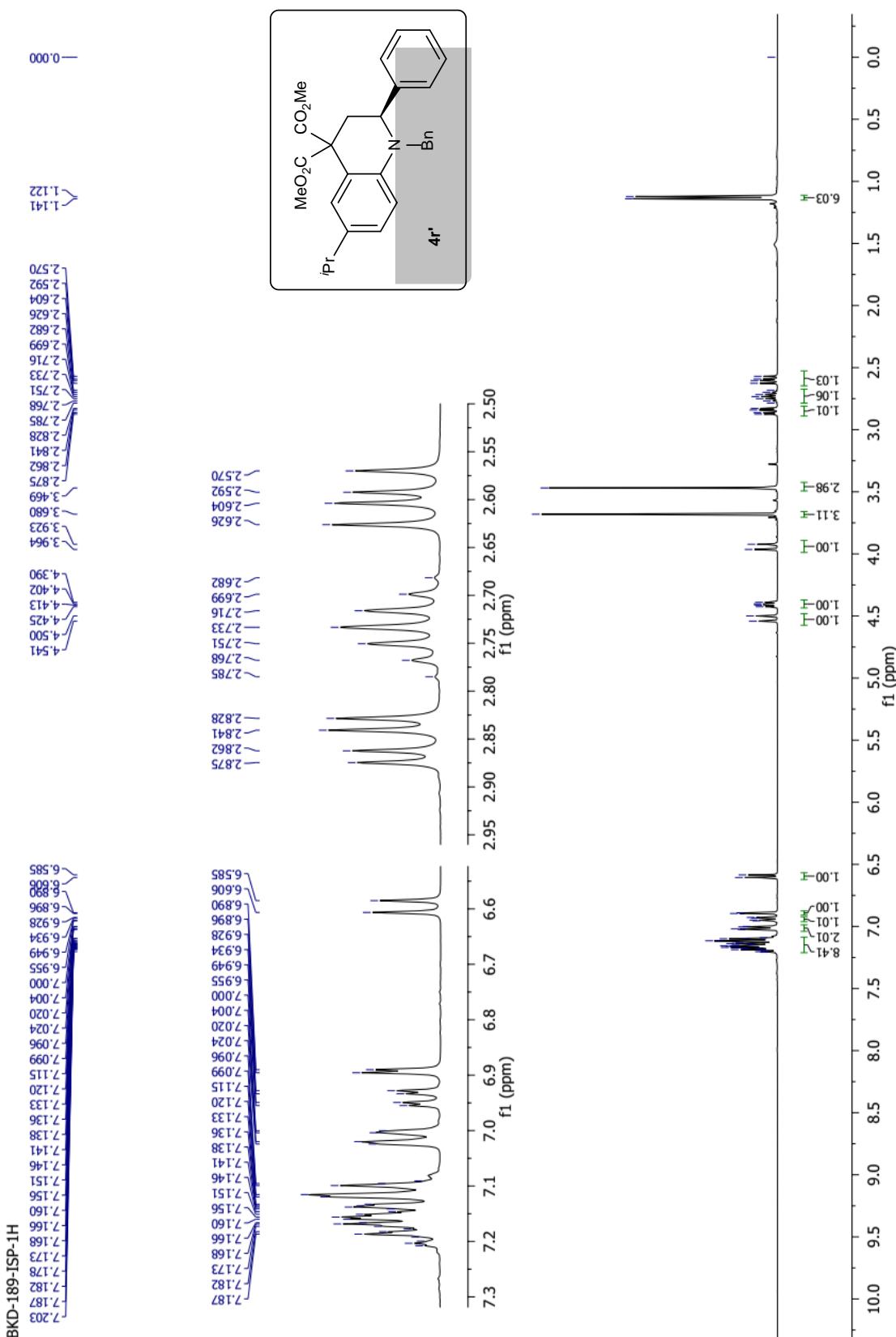


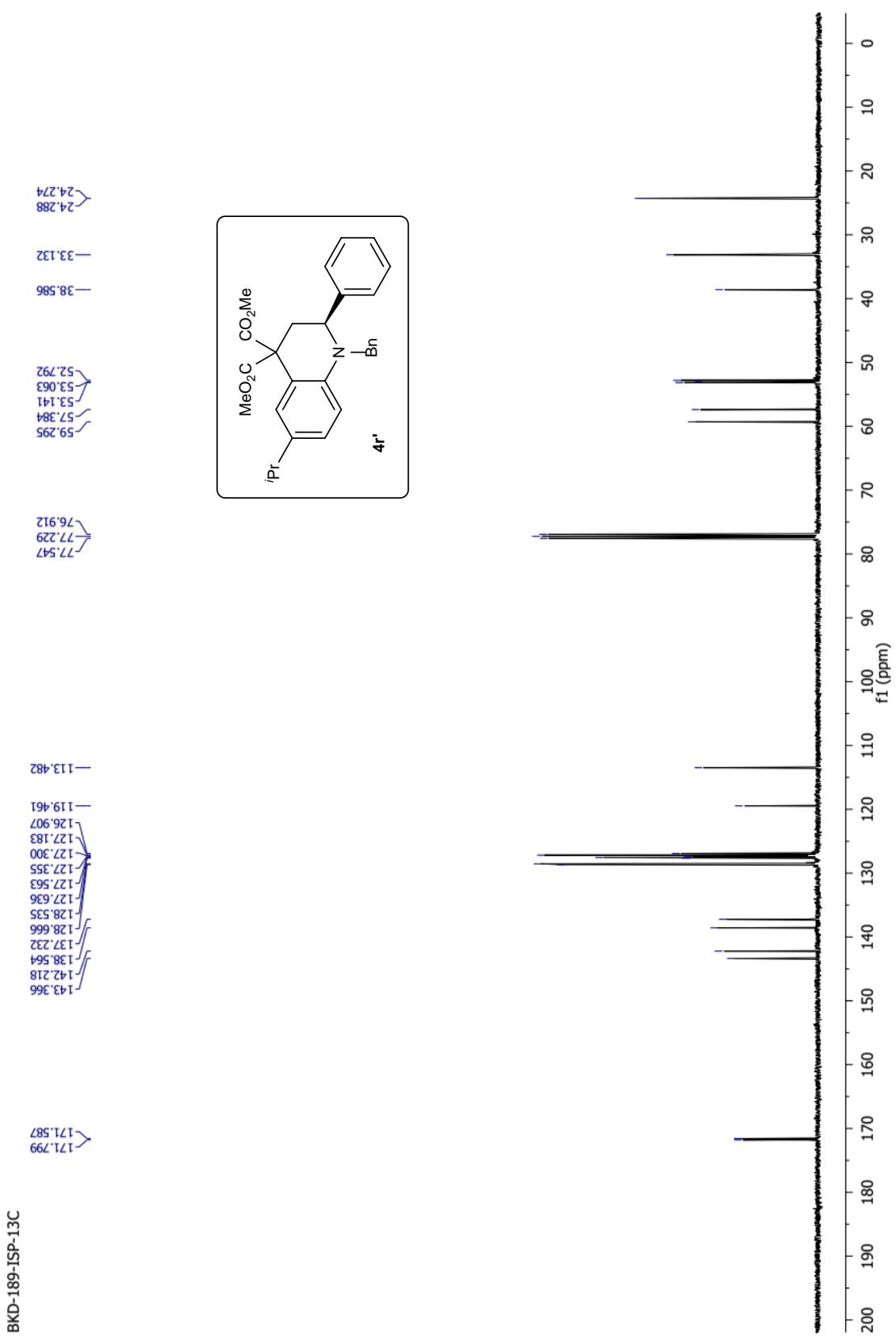


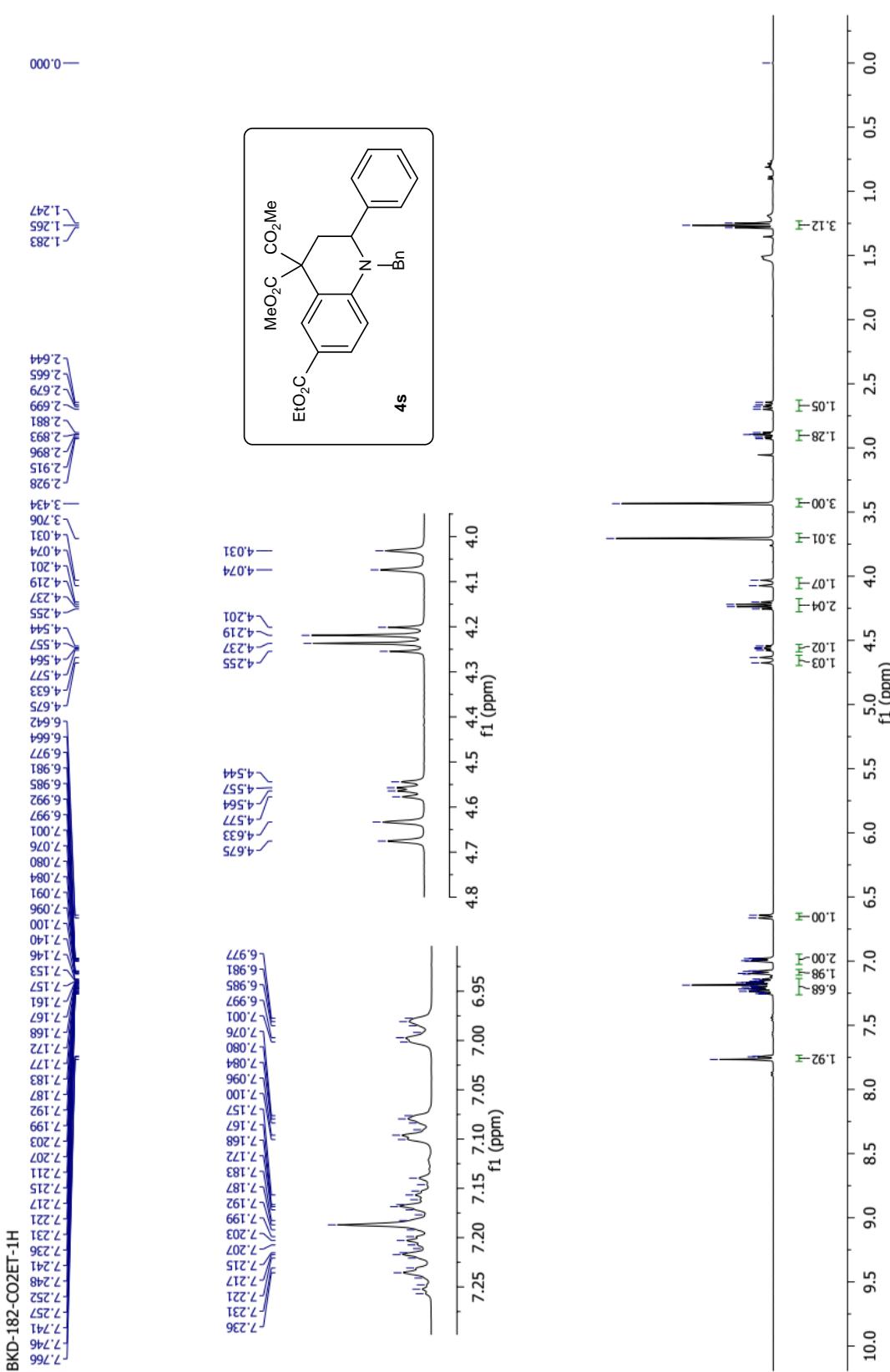


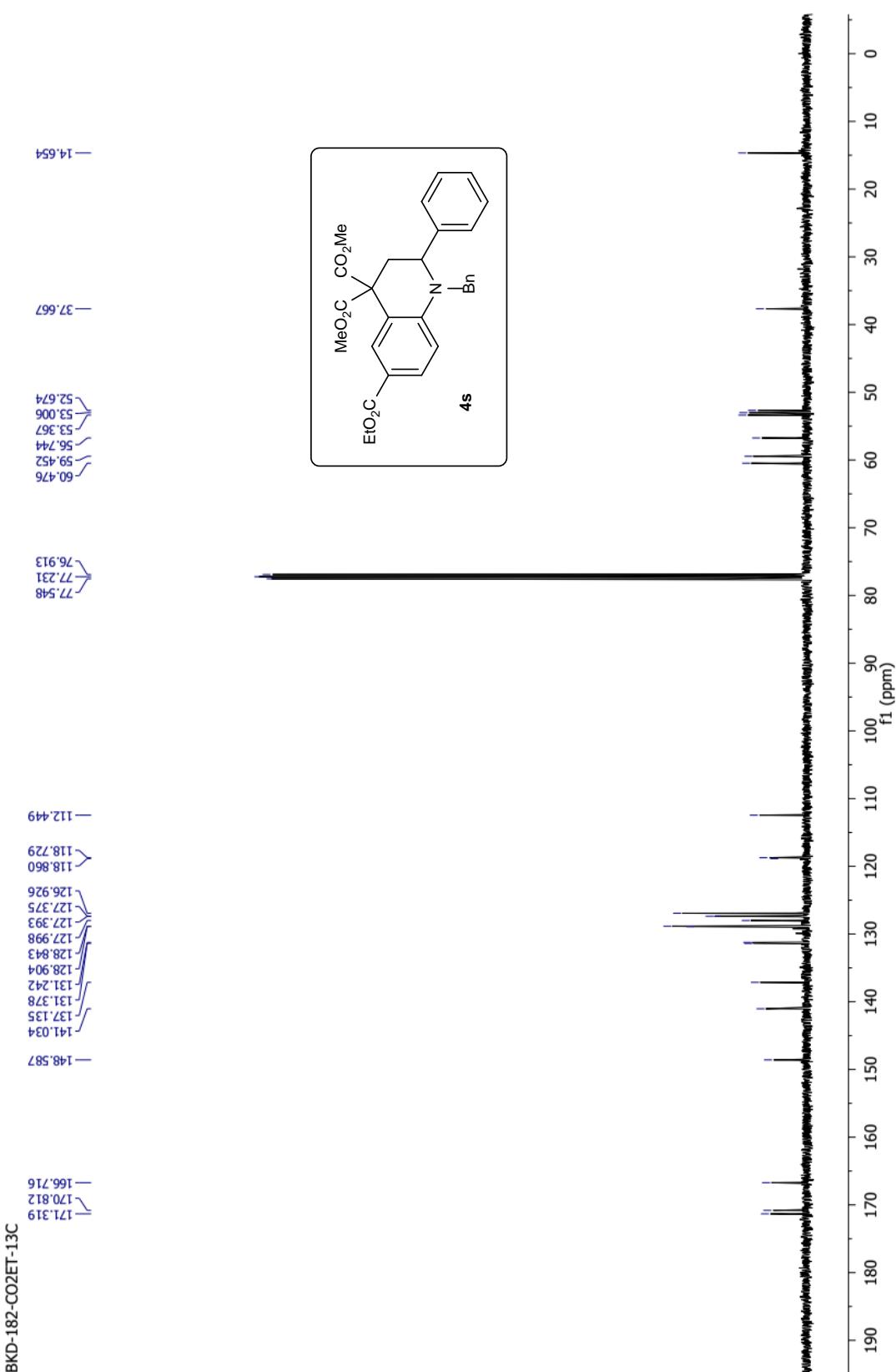
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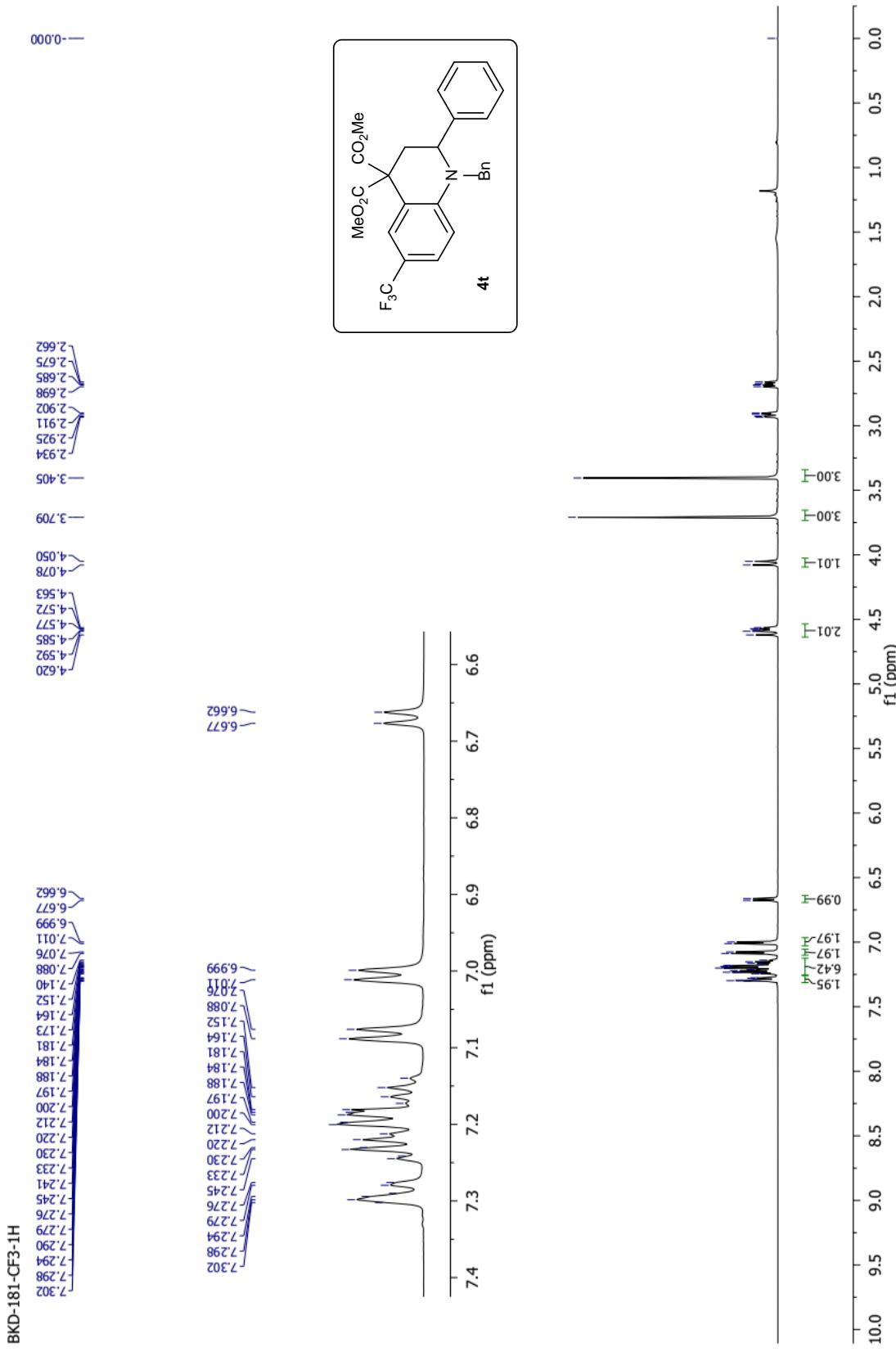


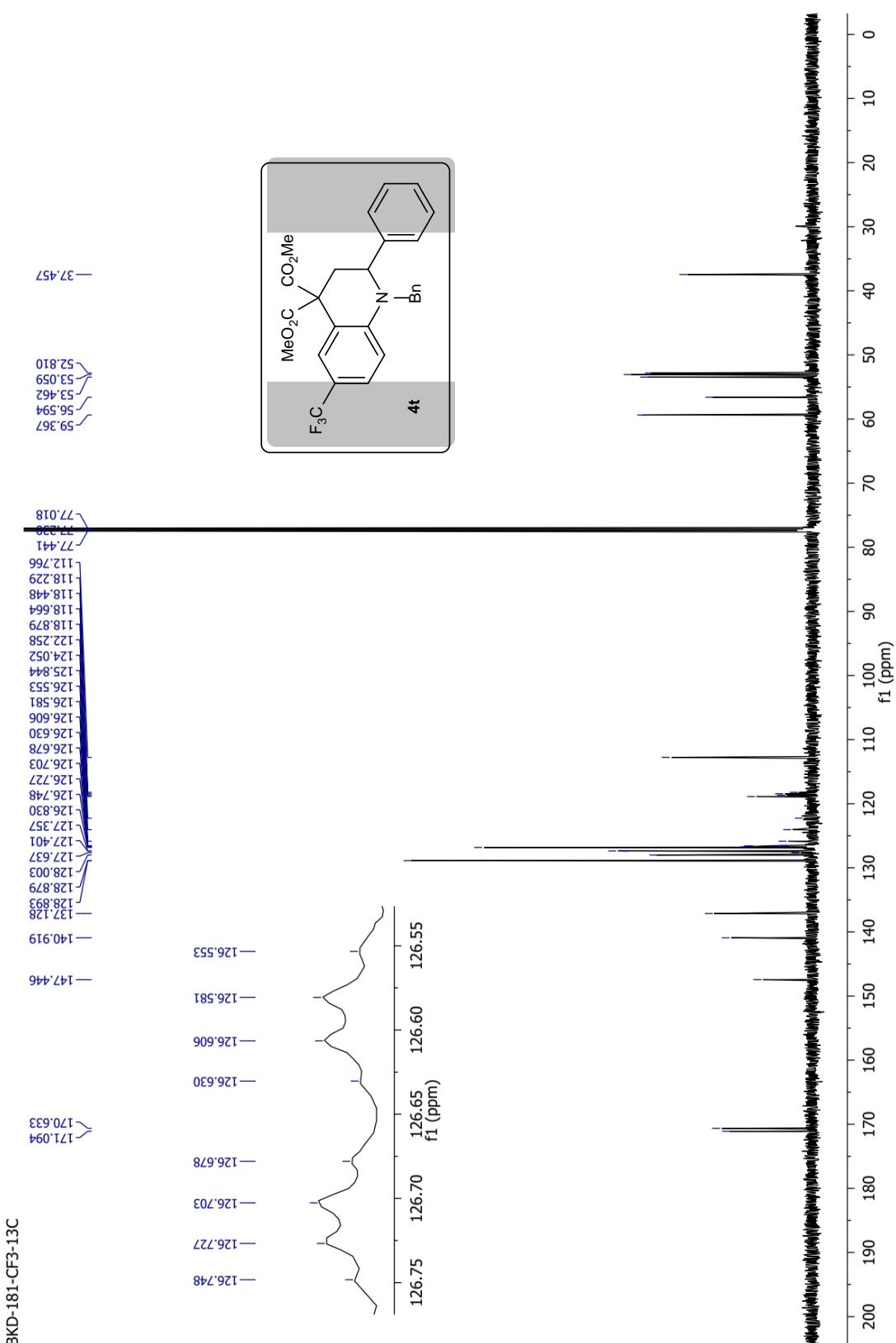




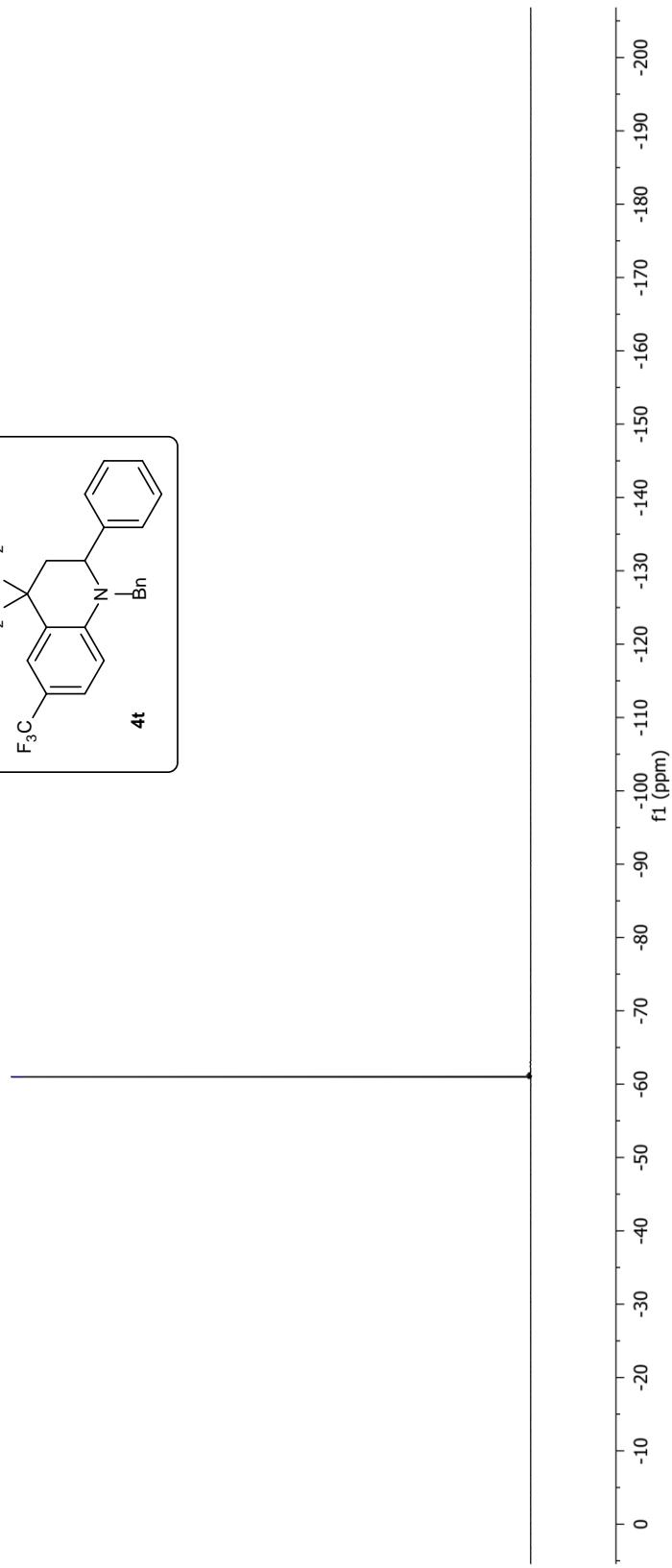
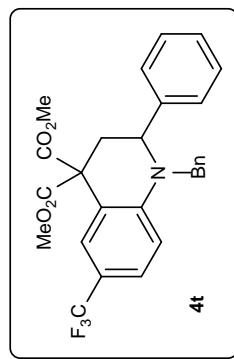


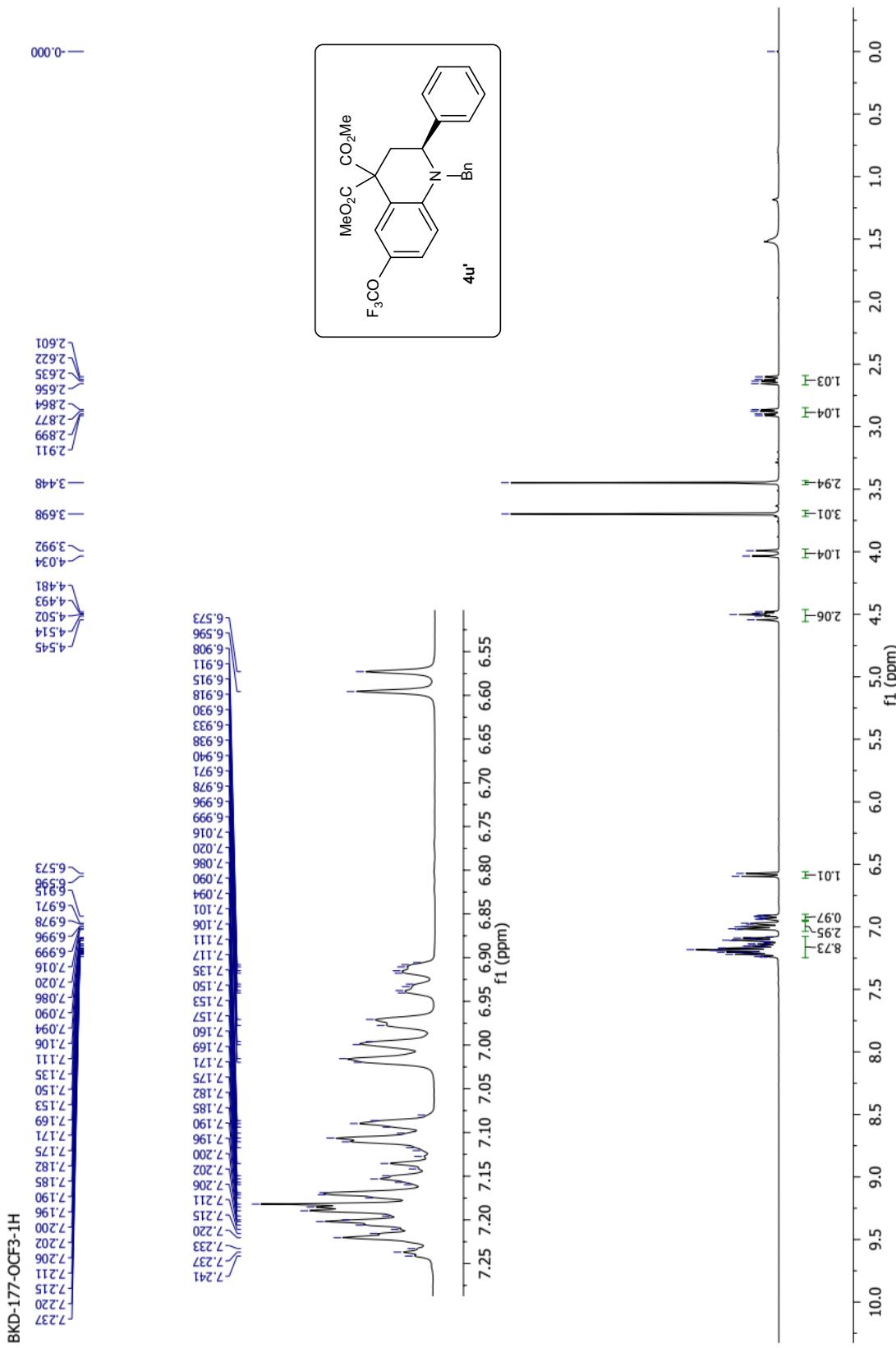


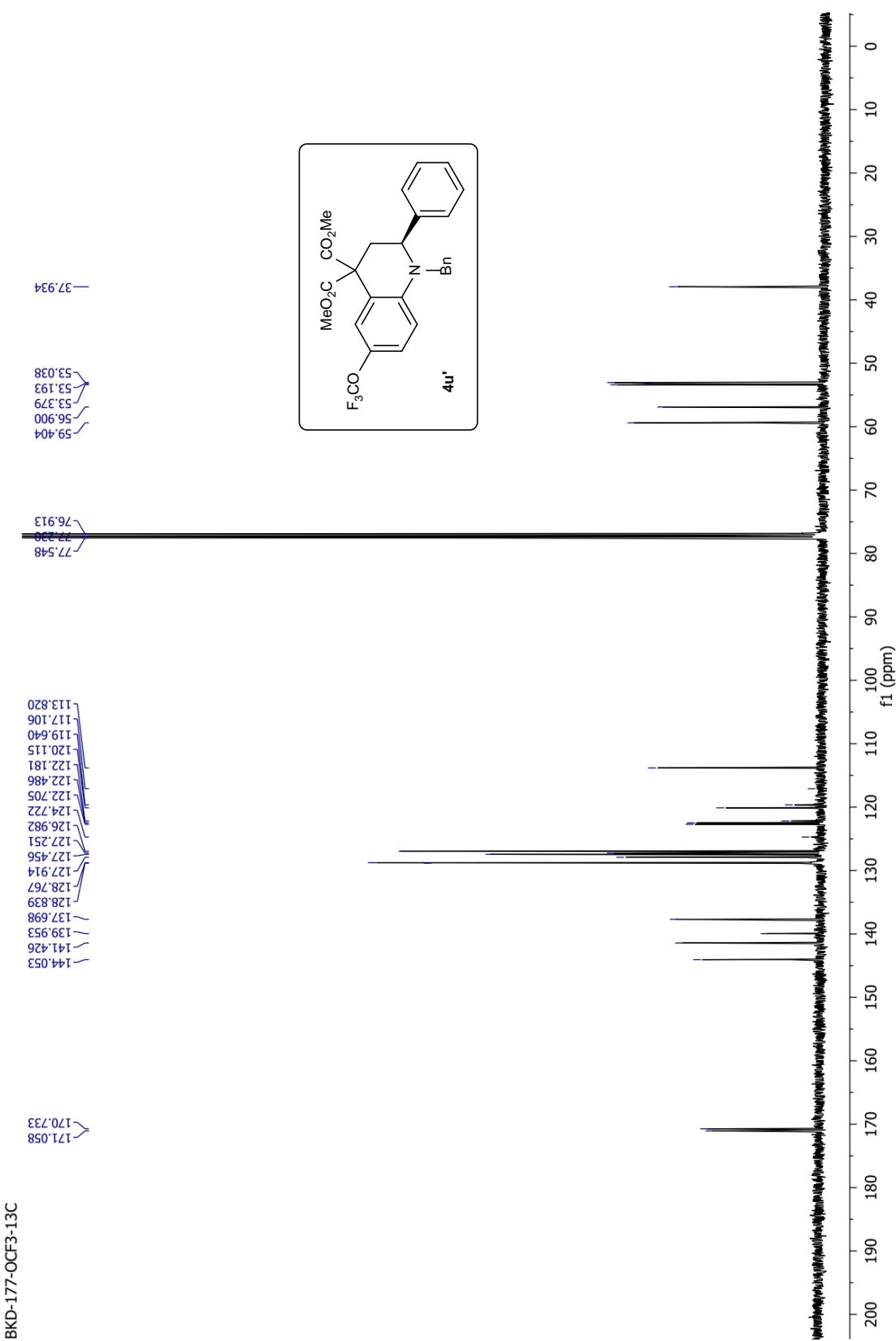




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