

Hypervalent Iodane Mediated Reactions of *N*-Acetyl Enamines for the Synthesis of Oxazoles and Imidazoles

Supporting Information

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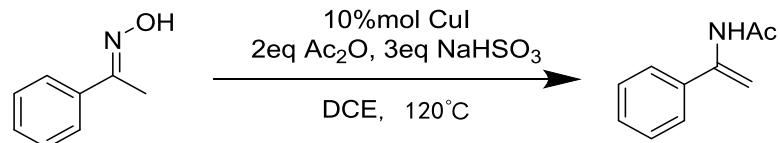
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1. General

General Experimental Methods. Unless otherwise noted, all chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All reactions were performed by standard Schlenk techniques in oven-dried reaction vessels under air. Flash column chromatography was carried out using commercially available 300–400 mesh under pressure unless otherwise indicated. ^1H and ^{13}C nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-300 (300 MHz) or AV-400 (400 MHz) NMR spectrometers. ^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from an internal standard, tetramethylsilane (0 ppm). High Resolution Mass measurement was performed on an Agilent QTOF 6520 mass spectrometer with electron spray ionization (ESI) as the ion source. Anhydrous acetonitrile (MeCN) was distilled and stored over molecular sieves.

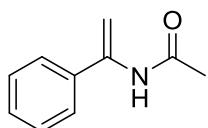
2. Preparation of Substrate 2a-2y, 4a-4j

2. 1 Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Enamides 2a-2m.¹



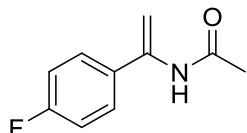
The mixture of ketoxime (0.5 mmol), acetic anhydride (1.0 mmol, 102.0 mg), NaHSO₃ (1.5 mmol, 156.2 mg) and CuI (10 mol%, 9.1 mg) was stirred in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 5.0 mL) at 120 °C under Ar. After completion of the reaction (detected by TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with EtOAc (25 mL) and washed with NaOH (2N, 20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc/Pet. Ether) to afford the corresponding enamides.

N-(1-phenylvinyl)acetamide **2a**



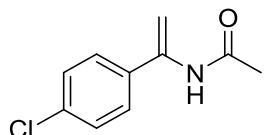
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 6.81 (br s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H).

N-(1-phenylvinyl)acetamide **2b**



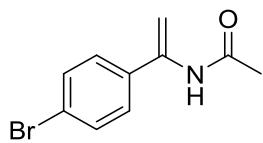
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 9.8, 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (br s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2c**



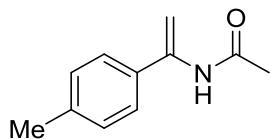
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (s, 4H), 6.99 (br s, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-bromophenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2d**



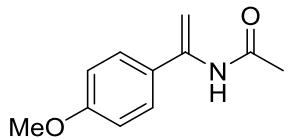
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.90 (br s, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-bromophenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2e**



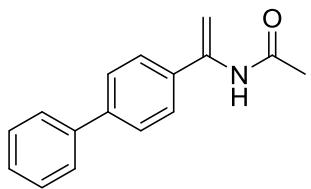
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N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2f**



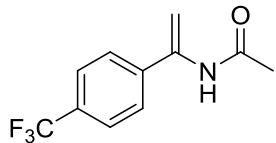
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (br s, 1H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H).

N-(1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)vinyl)acetamide **2g**



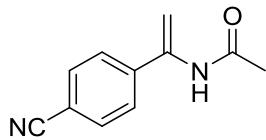
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.88 (br s, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2h**



A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (br s, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-cyanophenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2i**



A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (br s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(4-cyanophenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2i**



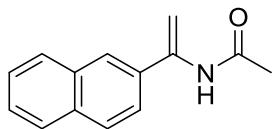
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N-(1-(2-bromophenyl)vinyl)acetamide **2k**



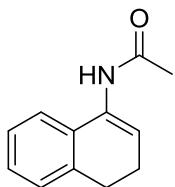
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.72 (br s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H).

N-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)vinyl)acetamide **2l**



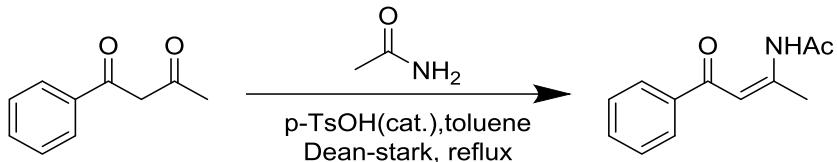
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.62–7.49 (m, 3H), 6.96 (br s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H).

N-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)acetamide **2m**



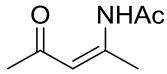
A yellow solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 6.79 (br s, 1H), 6.47 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H).

2.2 Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Enamides **2n-2y**.²



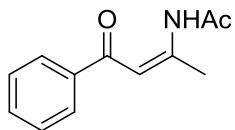
The mixture of 1,3-diketones (50 mmol), acetamide (250 mmol), and p-TsOH (10 mmol) was stirred in toluene (150 mL) in a Dean-Stark apparatus for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: EtOAc/Pet. Ether) to afford the corresponding β-ketoenamides.

(Z)-N-(4-oxopent-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2n**



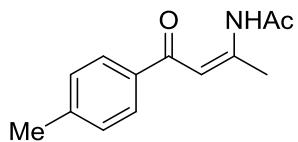
A white solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.33 (s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

(Z)-N-(4-oxo-4-phenylbut-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2o**



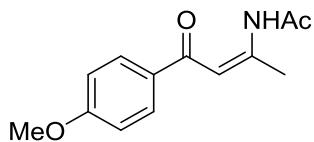
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.83 (br s, 1H), 8.07 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.74 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

(Z)-*N*-(4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)but-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2p**



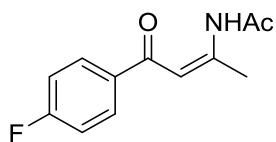
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.85 (br s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.05 (q, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

(Z)-*N*-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobut-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2q**



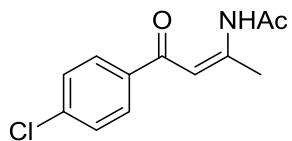
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.86 (br s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.03 (q, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H)..

(Z)-*N*-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobut-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2r**



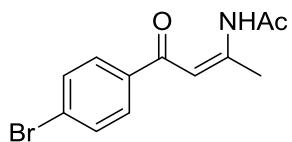
A white solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.78 (br s, 1H), 8.06 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.01 (q, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

(Z)-*N*-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-oxobut-2-en-2-yl)acetamide 2s



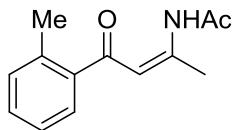
A white solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.78 (br s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

(Z)-*N*-(4-(4-bromophenyl)-4-oxobut-2-en-2-yl)acetamide 2t



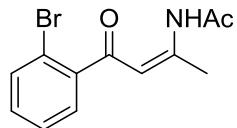
A yellow solid; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.78 (br s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

(Z)-*N*-(4-oxo-4-(o-tolyl)but-2-en-2-yl)acetamide 2u



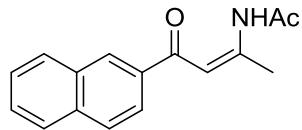
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.68 (br s, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (tdd, $J = 5.6, 3.1, 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.73 (q, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 6H), 2.26 (s, 3H)

(Z)-*N*-(4-(2-bromophenyl)-4-oxobut-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2w**



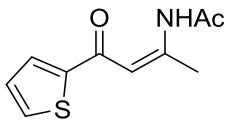
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(Z)-*N*-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-oxobut-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2w**



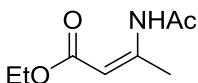
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 12.92 (br s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.01 (td, $J = 8.3, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.97 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 6.24 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

(Z)-*N*-(4-oxo-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-2-en-2-yl)acetamide **2x**



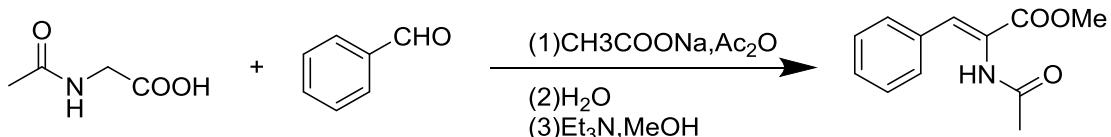
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Ethyl (Z)-3-acetamidobut-2-enoate **2y**



A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 11.13 (br s, 1H), 4.89 (q, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

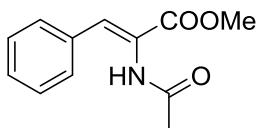
2.3 Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Enamides **4a-4j**.³



To a suspension of N-acylglycine (50 mmol), sodium acetate (50 mmol), and acetic anhydride (30 mL) was added the aromatic aldehyde (50 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and then heated to 80 °C. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature, mixed with water (0.5 L) and stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The insoluble material was separated by filtration. The alcohol (20 mL) solution of the insoluble material (10 mol) and triethylamine (2 mL) was heated under reflux for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was suspended in water and extracted with EtOAc (4×30 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and then concentrated by a rotary

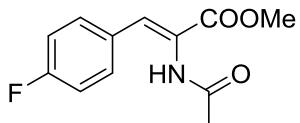
evaporator. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/PE) to give the desired compounds.

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-phenylacrylate **4a**



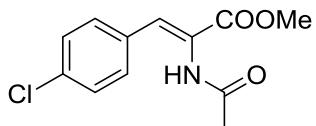
A white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.06 (br s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylate **4b**



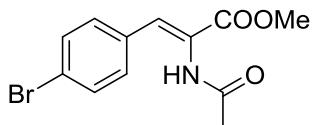
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (d, $J = 19.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(4-chlorophenyl)acrylate **4c**



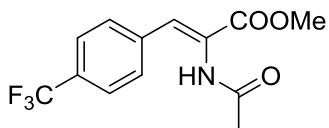
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz, 5H), 7.16 (br s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(4-bromophenyl)acrylate **4d**



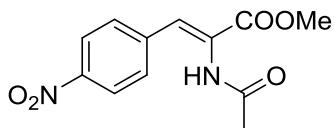
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 3H), 7.10 (br s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylate **4e**



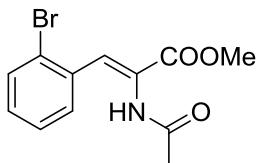
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (s, 2H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.21 (br s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylate **4f**



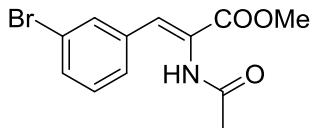
A yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 – 8.18 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (br s, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(2-bromophenyl)acrylate **4g**



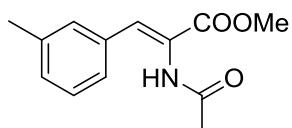
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Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(3-bromophenyl)acrylate **4h**



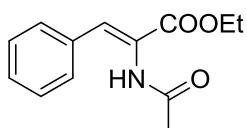
A white solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.26 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (br s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(m-tolyl)acrylate **4i**



A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.02 (br s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

Methyl (*Z*)-2-acetamido-3-(m-tolyl)acrylate **4j**



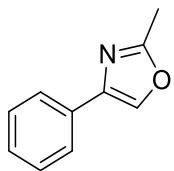
A white solid; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.09 (br s, 1H), 4.33 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H).

3. General Procedure for Intramolecular Cyclization (3a-3y)

An oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with enamide (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), fluorine reagent (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), 4 Å MS (60 mg), CH_3CN (2 mL), $\text{BF}_3 \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (2.5 μl , 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) was successively added followed by stirring at room temperature for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) on silica gel and afforded corresponding oxazole **3a-3m**.

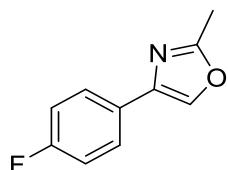
Enamide **2m-2y** was performed under the temperature of 60 °C to afford corresponding oxazole **3m-3y**.

2-Methyl-4-phenyloxazole **3a**



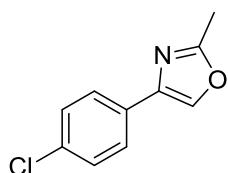
A yellow oil; 20.4mg, Yield 64 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 140.7, 133.2, 131.2, 128.7, 127.9, 125.4, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₀H₁₀NO, 160.0762; found, 160.0758.

4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyloxazole **3b**



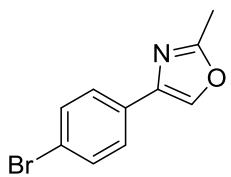
A yellow solid; mp 41-43 °C; 15.6mg, Yield 44 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 246.9 Hz), 161.9, 139.9, 132.8 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 1.6 Hz), 127.4 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.3 Hz), 127.2, 127.0, 115.7 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.8 Hz), 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₀H₉FNO, 178.0668; found, 178.0662.

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyloxazole **3c**



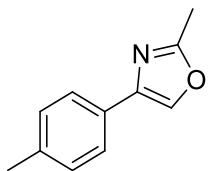
A light yellow solid; mp 87-88 °C; 36.4mg, Yield 94 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 139.7, 133.5, 133.3, 129.7, 128.9, 126.7, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₀H₉ClNO, 194.0373; found, 194.0366.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-methyloxazole **3d**



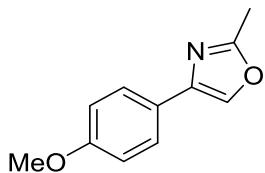
A white solid; mp 95-97 °C; 37.6mg, Yield 79%; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, $J = 19.7, 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.0, 139.8, 133.4, 131.9, 130.1, 126.9, 121.7, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{BrNO}$, 237.9868; found, 237.9862.

2-Methyl-4-(p-tolyl)oxazole **3e**



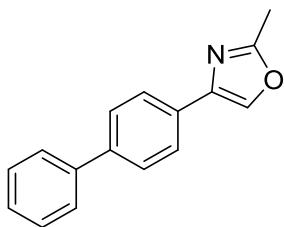
A yellow oil; 20.1mg, Yield 58 %; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 140.7, 137.7, 132.7, 129.4, 128.3, 125.3, 21.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$, 174.0919; found, 174.0916.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyloxazole **3f**



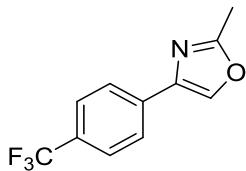
A yellow oil; 26.1mg, Yield 69 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 159.4, 140.5, 132.1, 126.7, 123.8, 114.1, 55.3, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2$, 190.0868; found, 190.0864.

4-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-methyloxazole **3g**



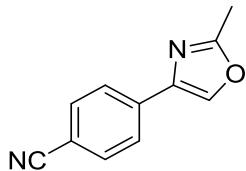
A yellow solid; mp 132-134 °C; 22.6mg, Yield 48 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 140.6, 140.4, 133.3, 130.1, 128.8, 127.4, 127.0, 125.8, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO, 236.1075; found, 236.1072.

2-Methyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oxazole **3h**



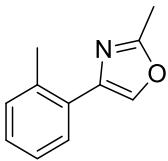
A white solid; mp 112-114 °C; 25.0mg, Yield 55 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 139.5, 134.6 (q, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 1.5 Hz), 134.3, 129.7 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.5 Hz), 125.7 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.9 Hz), 125.5, 124.1 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 271.9 Hz), 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₁H₉F₃NO, 228.0636; found, 228.0634.

4-(2-Methyloxazol-4-yl)benzonitrile **3i**



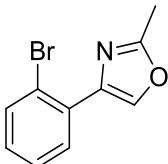
A light yellow solid; mp 102-104 °C; 33.2mg, Yield 90 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.5, 139.2, 135.6, 135.0, 132.6, 125.8, 118.9, 111.1, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₁H₉N₂O, 185.0715; found, 185.0710.

2-Methyl-4-(o-tolyl)oxazole **3j**



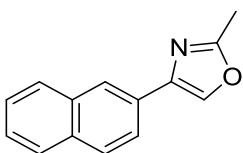
A yellow oil; 26.0mg, Yield 75 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 139.5, 135.3, 135.0, 130.8, 130.5, 128.4, 127.7, 126.1, 21.8, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NO, 174.0919; found, 174.0916.

4-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methyloxazole **3k**



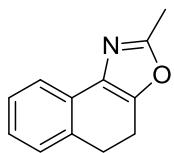
A yellow oil; 46.2mg, Yield 97 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 137.9, 136.7, 133.7, 131.8, 130.3, 128.8, 127.5, 121.0, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₀H₉BrNO, 237.9868; found, 237.9866.

2-Methyl-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)oxazole **3l**



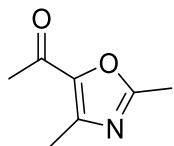
A yellow solid; mp 60-63 °C; 32.2mg, Yield 77 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.93 – 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 142.7, 140.7, 133.6, 133.6, 133.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 126.4, 126.0, 124.2, 123.4, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₄H₁₂NO, 210.0919; found, 210.0919.

2-Methyl-4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*d*]oxazole **3m**



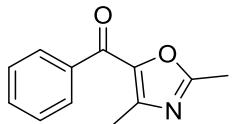
A light yellow oil; 23.3mg, Yield 53 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 3.15 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.9, 147.6, 134.0, 133.2, 129.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.5, 121.0, 29.0, 20.7, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$, 186.0919; found, 186.0912.

1-(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)ethan-1-one **3n**



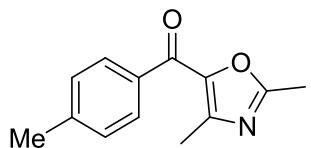
A white solid; mp 55–56 °C; 24.8mg, Yield 89 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 187.5, 162.5, 145.5, 145.2, 27.5, 14.3, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2$, 140.0712; found, 140.0706.

(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)(phenyl)methanone **3o**



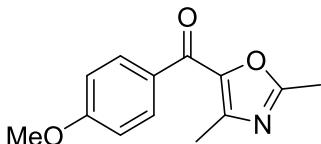
A yellow oil; 38.2mg, Yield 95 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.7, 162.7, 147.9, 145.1, 132.7, 129.2, 128.4, 14.4, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2$, 202.0868; found, 202.0864.

(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone **3p**



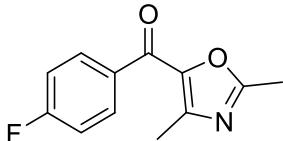
A white solid; mp 71-73 °C; 31.4mg, Yield 73 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 182.4, 162.5, 147.5, 145.2, 143.6, 134.6, 129.4, 129.1, 21.7, 14.3, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₂, 216.1025; found, 216.1020.

(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone **3q**



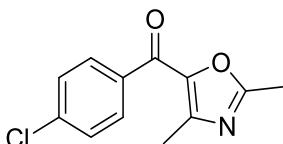
A white solid; mp 109-110 °C; 38.9mg, Yield 84 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.2, 163.4, 162.2, 147.2, 145.2, 131.7, 129.9, 113.7, 55.5, 14.3, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₃, 232.0974; found, 232.0970.

(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)methanone **3r**



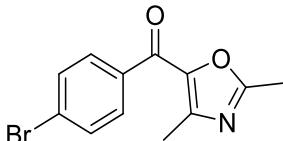
A white solid; mp 92-94 °C; 34.6mg, Yield 79 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.9, 165.5 (d, ¹J_{C-F} = 254.7 Hz), 162.7, 148.2, 144.9, 133.4 (d, ⁴J_{C-F} = 2.9 Hz), 131.9 (d, ³J_{C-F} = 9.4 Hz), 115.6 (d, ²J_{C-F} = 21.8 Hz), 14.4, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₂H₁₁FNO₂, 220.0774; found, 220.0771.

(4-Chlorophenyl)(2,4-dimethyloxazol-5-yl)methanone **3s**



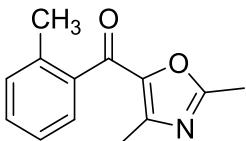
A yellow solid; mp 85-86 °C; 36.8mg, Yield 78 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 - 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.1, 162.8, 148.5, 144.9, 139.2, 135.5, 130.7, 128.8, 14.4, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₂H₁₁ClNO₂, 236.0478; found, 236.0476.

(4-Bromophenyl)(2,4-dimethyloxazol-5-yl)methanone **3t**



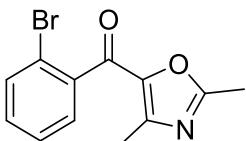
A light yellow solid; mp 66-67 °C; 45.9mg, Yield 82 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.3, 162.8, 148.5, 144.9, 135.9, 131.7, 130.8, 127.9, 14.4, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₂H₁₁BrNO₂, 279.9973; found, 279.9972.

(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)(o-tolyl)methanone **3u**



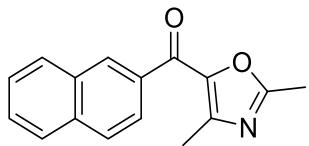
A colourless oil; 43.0mg, Yield 100 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.5, 163.7, 147.5, 145.5, 137.9, 131.1, 127.8, 125.6, 19.5, 14.3, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₃H₁₄NO₂, 216.1025; found, 216.1020.

(2-Bromophenyl)(2,4-dimethyloxazol-5-yl)methanone **3v**



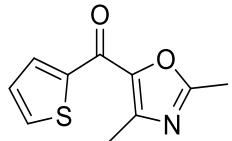
A yellow solid; mp 73-75 °C; 48.7mg, Yield 87 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.0, 164.5, 148.5, 144.9, 140.0, 133.4, 131.9, 128.8, 127.7, 119.5, 14.5, 13.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₂H₁₁BrNO₂, 279.9973; found, 279.9970.

(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)(naphthalen-2-yl)methanone **3w**



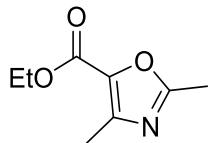
A yellow oil; 41.2mg, Yield 82 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.06 – 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.60 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.6, 162.8, 147.8, 145.3, 135.4, 134.5, 132.4, 131.0, 129.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 126.8, 125.0, 14.4, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$, 252.1025; found, 252.1020.

(2,4-Dimethyloxazol-5-yl)(thiophen-2-yl)methanone **3x**



A yellow solid; mp 119–120 °C; 41.5mg, Yield 86 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.17 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5, 162.3, 148.1, 144.2, 142.9, 134.3, 133.6, 128.3, 14.4, 14.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$, 208.0432; found, 208.0427.

Ethyl 2,4-dimethyloxazole-5-carboxylate **3y**



A white solid; mp 51–52 °C; 30.5mg, Yield 90 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.38 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.0, 158.7, 146.0, 137.5, 61.0, 14.3, 14.2, 13.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$, 170.0817; found, 170.0809.

4. Optimization of Reaction Conditions of Intermolecular Cyclocondensation^a

Entry	hypervalent iodine(III) regent	Lewis Acid	T (°C)	Yield (%) ^b
1	1	$\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$	25	<5
2	1	$\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$	60	<5
3	1	AgBF_4	60	<5
4	1	ZnBF_4	60	52
5	PIDA	ZnBF_4	60	6
6	PIFA	ZnBF_4	60	46

^a The reactions were carried out using **4a** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and hypervalent iodine(III) reagent (1.2 equiv) and lewis acid (10 mol%) in MeCN (0.1 M) for 3h. ^b The yields were determined by ¹H NMR using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard;

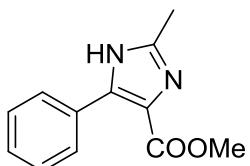
N-acetyl enamine **4a** was used as a model substrate to further optimize the reaction parameters. Initially, the optimized condition of the intramolecular cyclization was used (entry 1), the main product was unstable and gradually turned into **5aa**. The use of a higher temperature (60 °C) did not change the result. The use of other Lewis acids like AgBF_4 (entry 3) still did not change the result but ZnBF_4 resulted in 52% (entry 4). Other hypervalent iodine(III) regents such as PIDA and PIFA (entry 5 and 6) also promoted this reaction, but with lower yields.

5. General Procedure for Intermolecular Cyclocondensation (5aa-5ac)

An oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with enamide (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), fluorine reagent (0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv), CH₃CN (3 mL), ZnBF₄ · H₂O (0.03 mmol, 10 mol %) was successively added followed by stirring at 60 °C for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane) on silica gel and afforded corresponding imidazole.

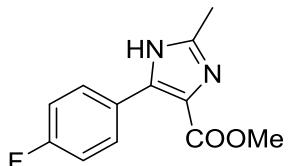
N-pentanenitrile was used as solvent to afford **5ab**. Phenylacetonitrile was used as solvent to afford **5ac**.

Methyl 2-methyl-5-phenyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5aa**



A yellow oil; 22.5 mg, Yield 52 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 146.4, 142.9, 131.5, 129.1, 128.5, 128.0, 121.4, 51.6, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₂O₂, 217.0977; found, 217.0968.

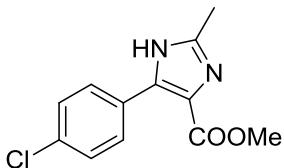
Methyl 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5ba**



A white solid; mp 160–161 °C; 21.1 mg, Yield 45 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz,

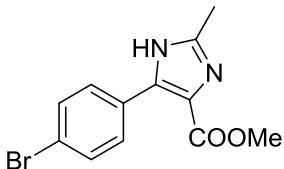
CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 161.5, 161.2, 146.6, 143.7 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 143.2$ Hz), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 8.2$ Hz), 128.3, 114.9 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 21.6$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$, 235.0883; found, 235.0875.

Methyl 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5ca**



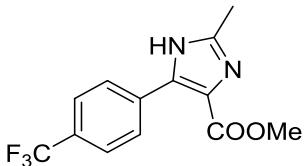
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Methyl 5-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5da**



A yellow solid; mp 144-145 °C; 34.2mg, Yield 58 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.5, 150.5, 146.8, 131.1, 131.0, 130.8, 130.7, 122.7, 51.7, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$, 295.0082; found, 295.0074.

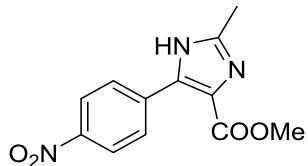
Methyl 2-methyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5ea**



A yellow oil; 19.9mg, Yield 35 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 147.0, 144.3, 136.1, 130.2 (q, $^2J_{C-F} = 32.4$ Hz), 129.4, 124.9 (q, $^3J_{C-F} = 27.8$

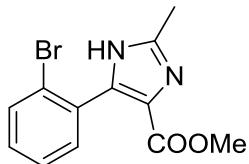
Hz), 124.9 (q, $^4J_{C-F} = 3.6$ Hz), 124.2 (q, $^1J_{C-F} = 272.0$ Hz), 51.9, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₃H₁₂F₃N₂O₂, 185.0851; found, 285.0843.

Methyl 2-methyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5fa**



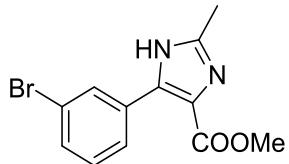
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Methyl 5-(2-bromophenyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5ga**



A gelatineous yellow solid; 37.8mg, Yield 64 %; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 146.5, 140.9, 133.4, 132.5, 131.9, 130.0, 126.9, 123.8, 123.4, 51.6, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺: calcd for C₁₂H₁₂BrN₂O₂, 295.0082; found, 295.0071.

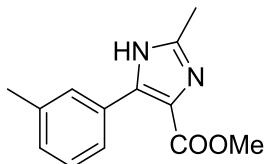
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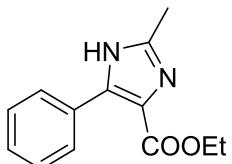
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Methyl 2-methyl-5-(m-tolyl)-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5ia**



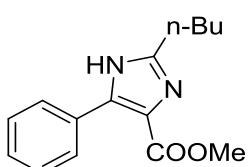
A yellow oil; 19.8mg, Yield 43 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.0, 146.2, 144.1, 137.3, 131.6, 129.6, 129.3, 127.8, 126.2, 119.6, 51.6, 21.4, 13.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, 231.1134; found, 231.1124.

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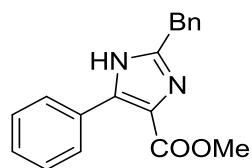
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Methyl 2-butyl-5-phenyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5ab**



A white solid; mp 117-118 °C; 16.0mg, Yield 31 %; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.76 (p, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (q, $J = 8.9, 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.01 – 0.90 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.7, 150.5, 144.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 126.9, 51.6, 30.4, 28.3, 22.4, 13.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$, 259.1447; found, 259.1442.

Methyl 2-benzyl-5-phenyl-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate **5ac**



A gelatineous yellow solid; 23.4mg, Yield 40 %; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.24 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.4, 148.8, 136.1, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 127.3, 51.7, 35.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H] $^+$: calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2$, 293.1290; found, 293.1285.

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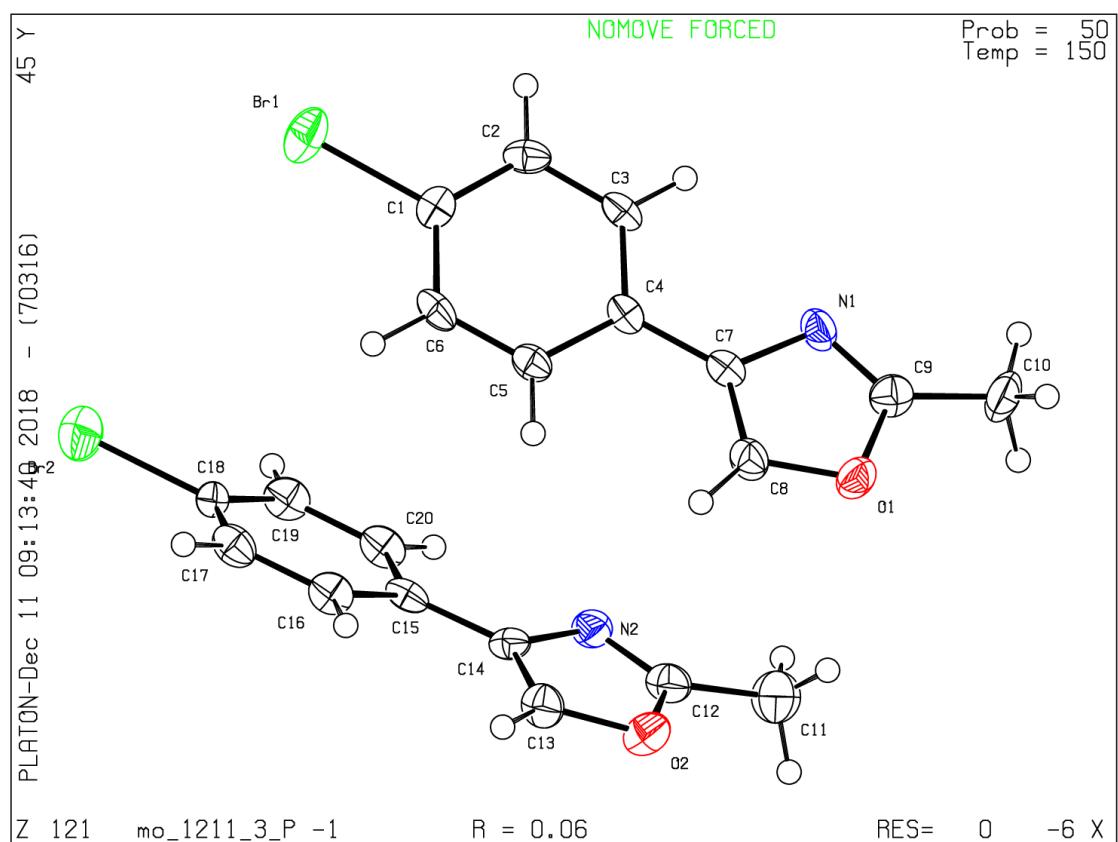
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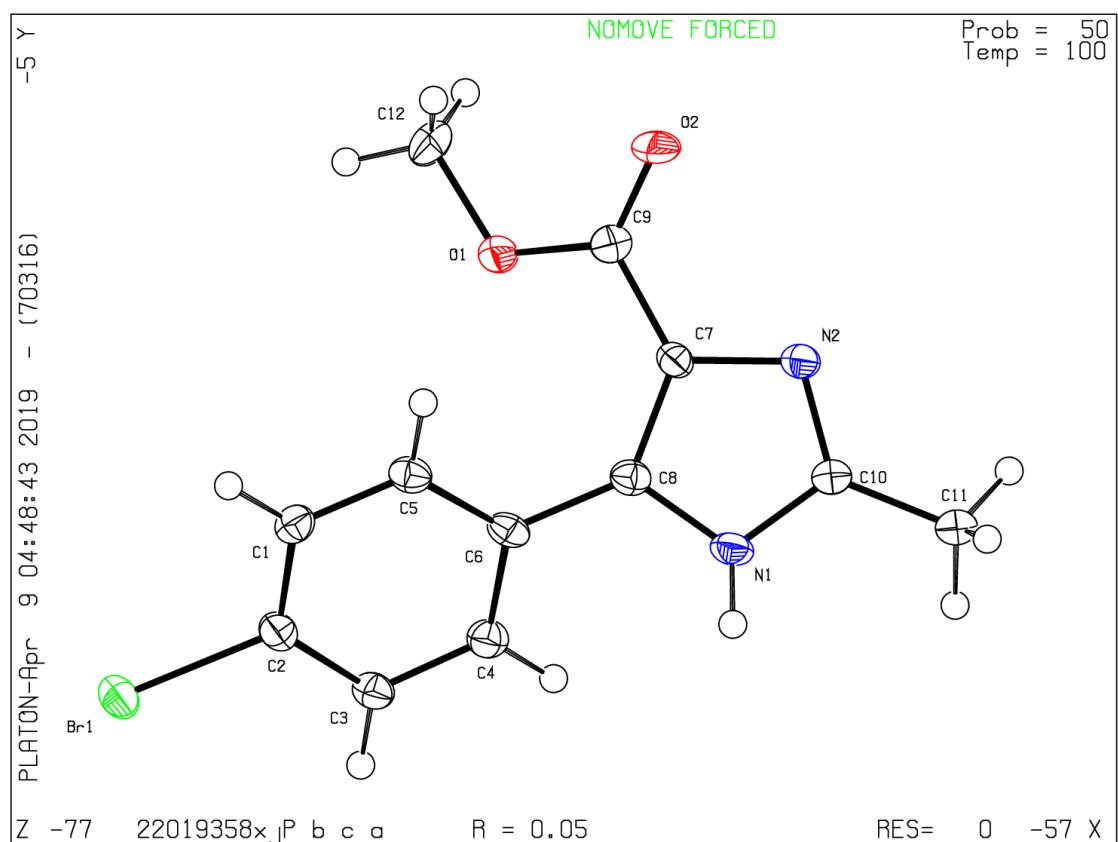
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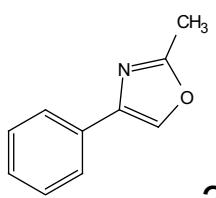
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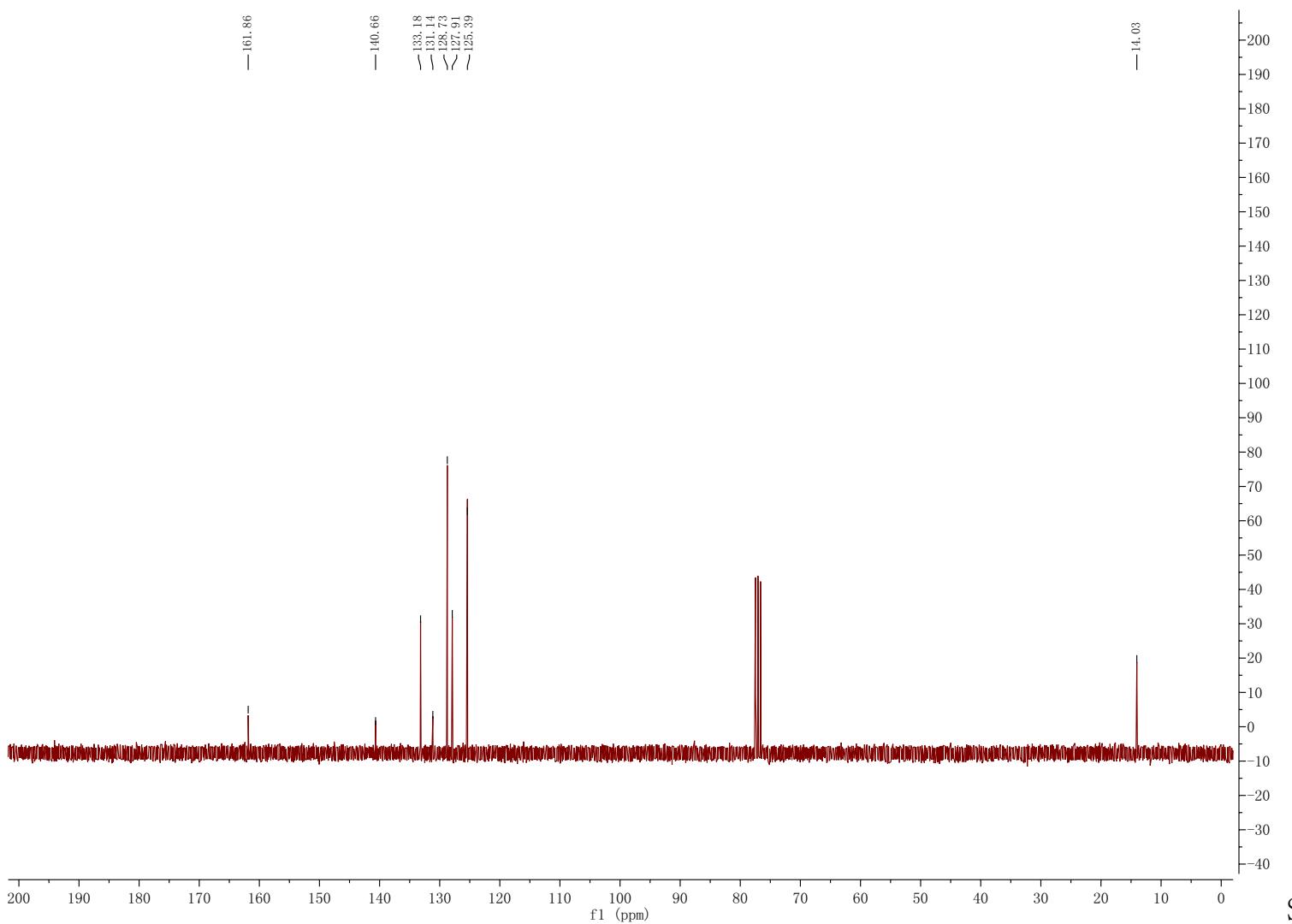
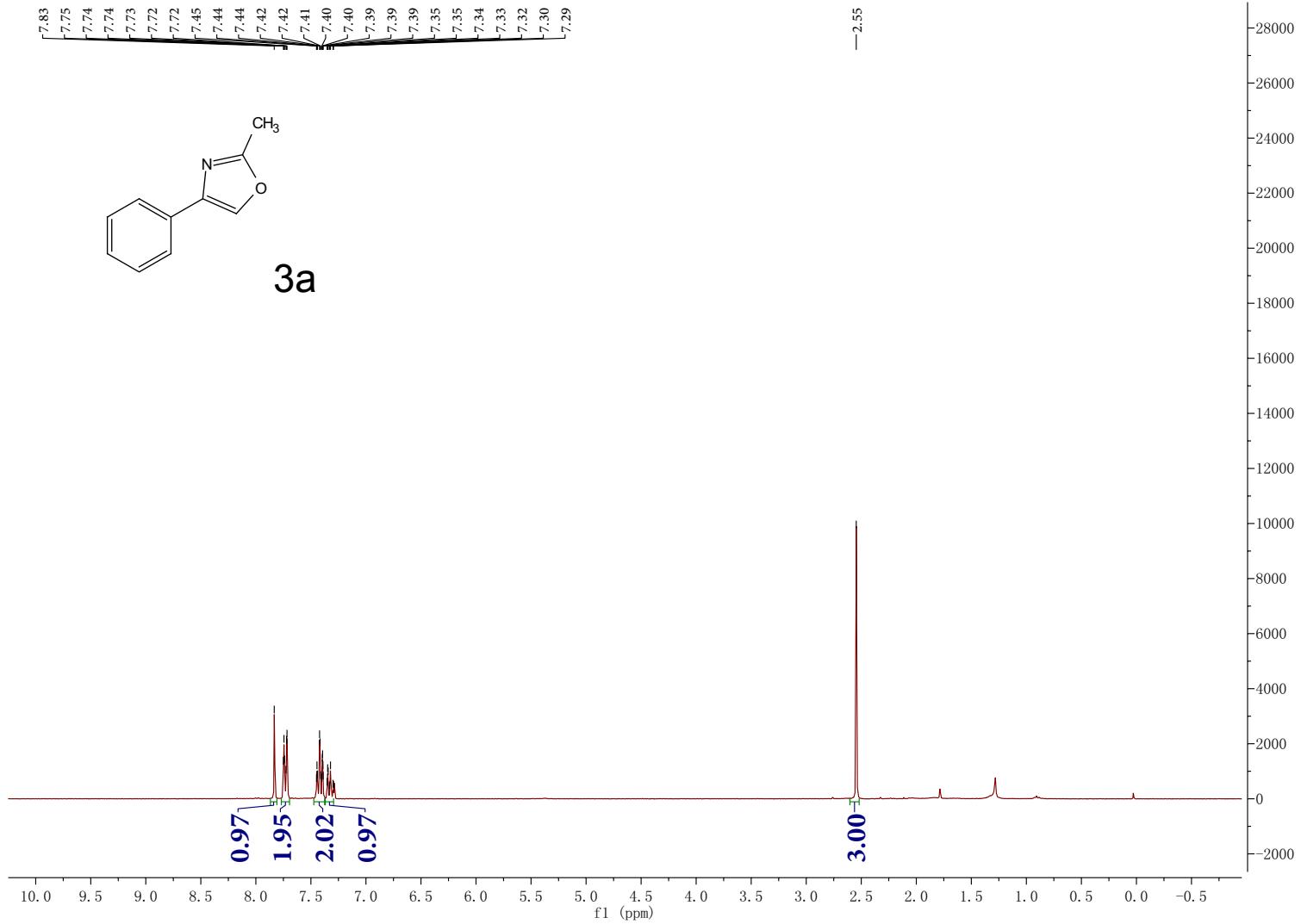


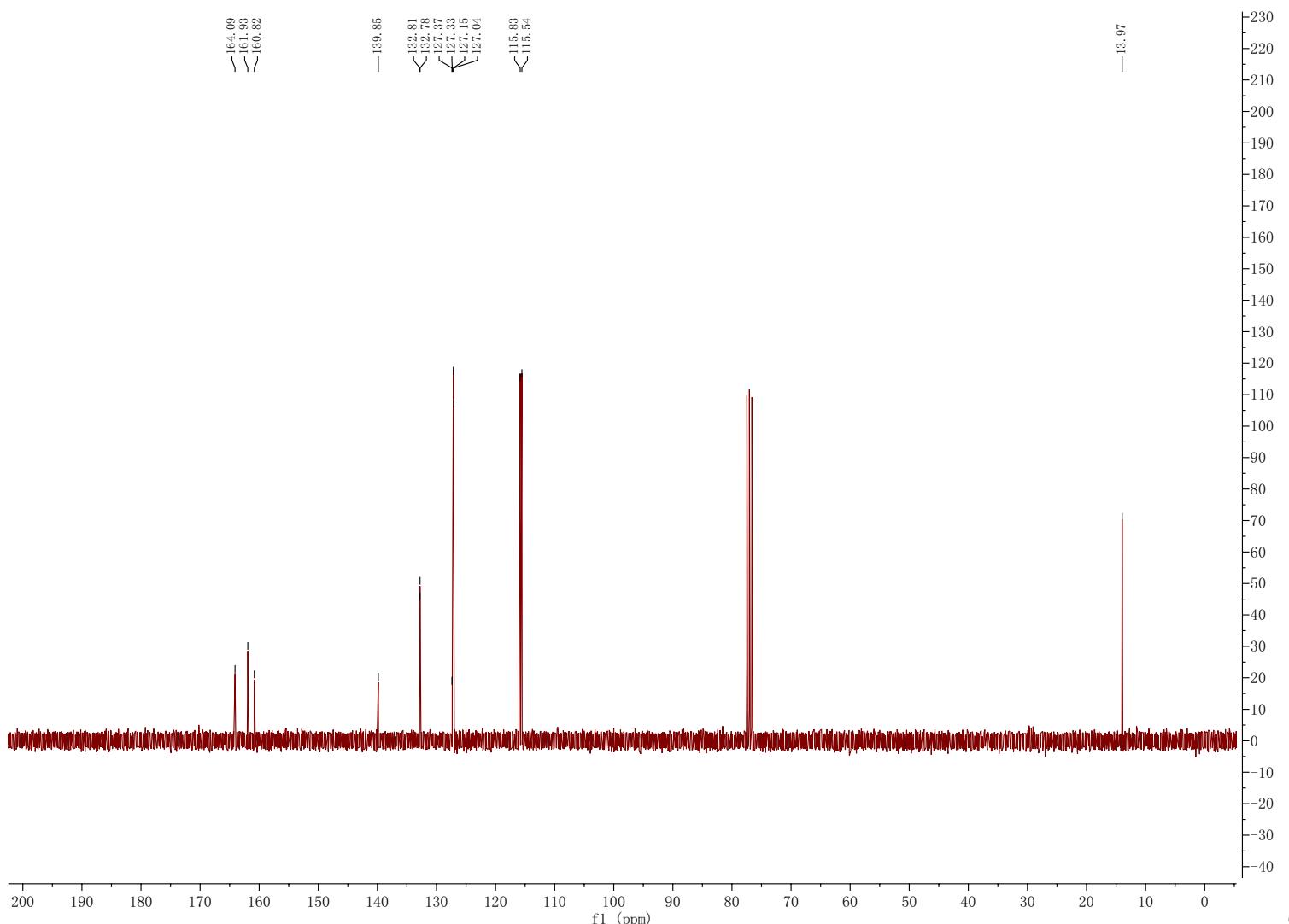
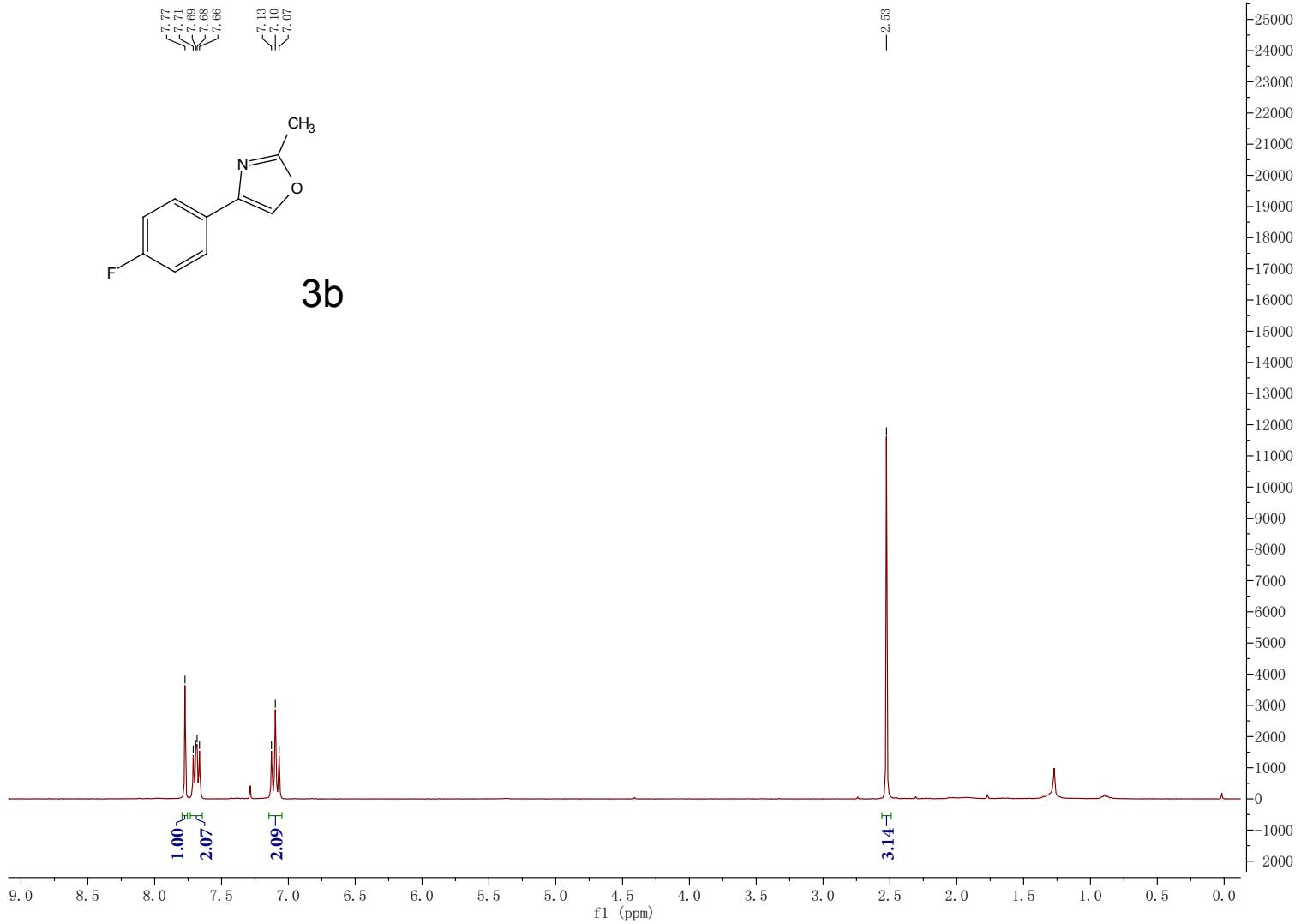
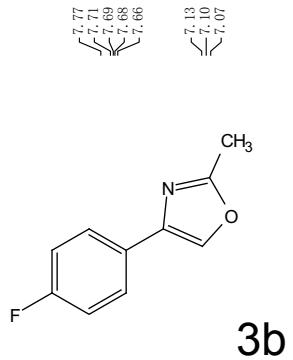
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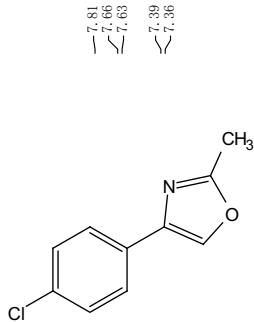
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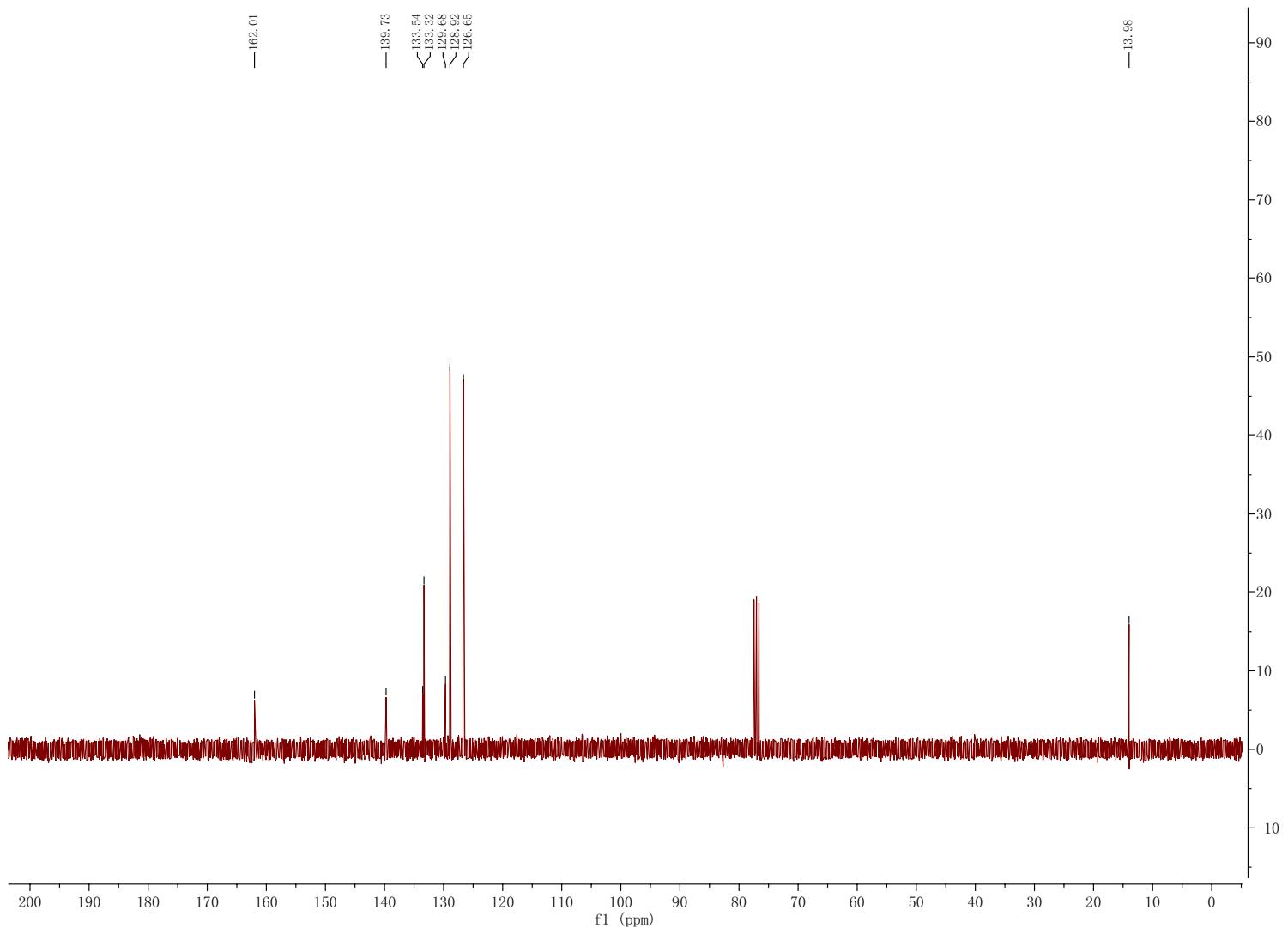
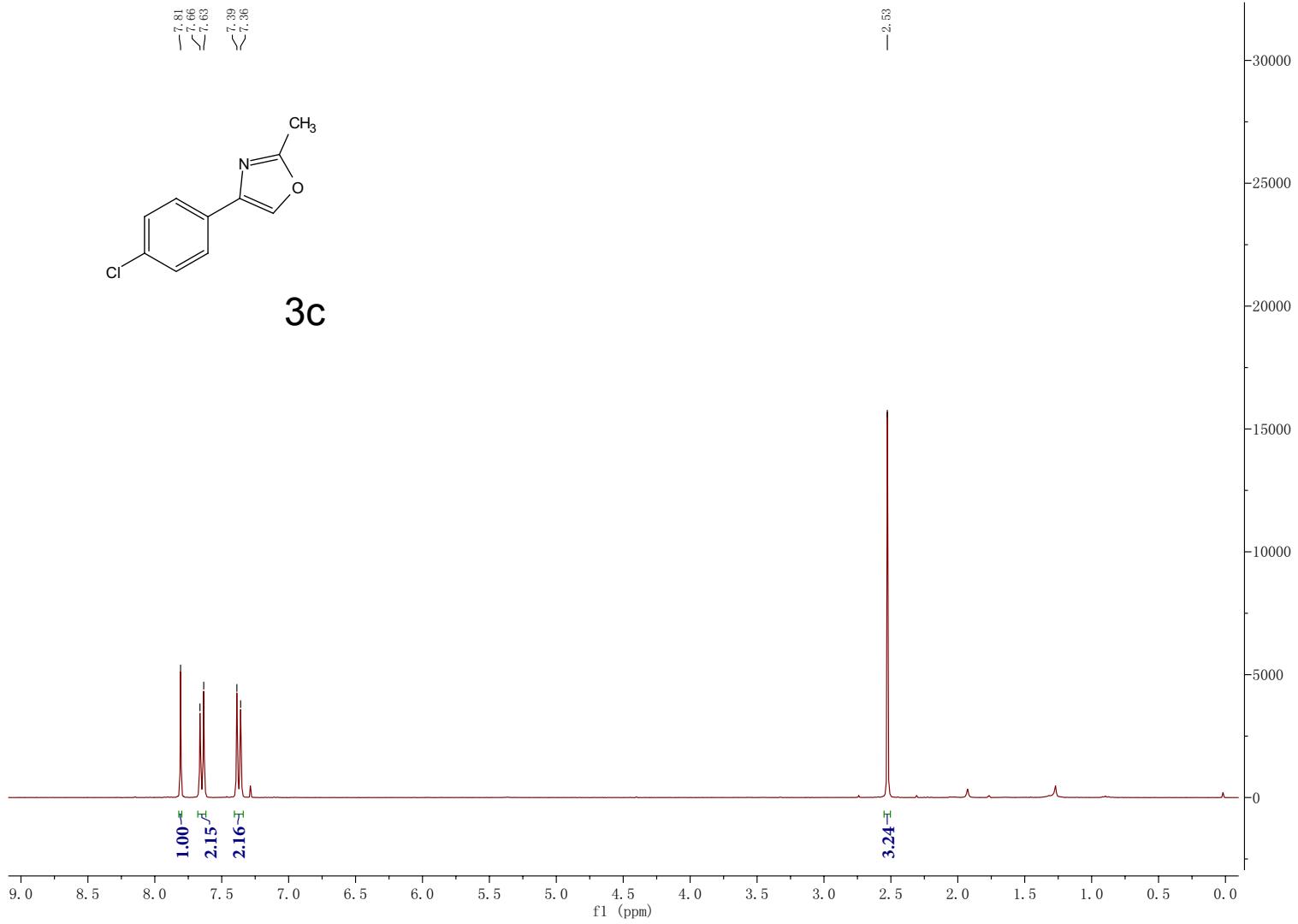
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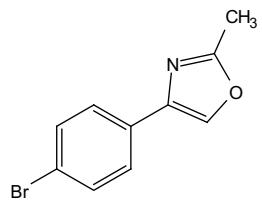




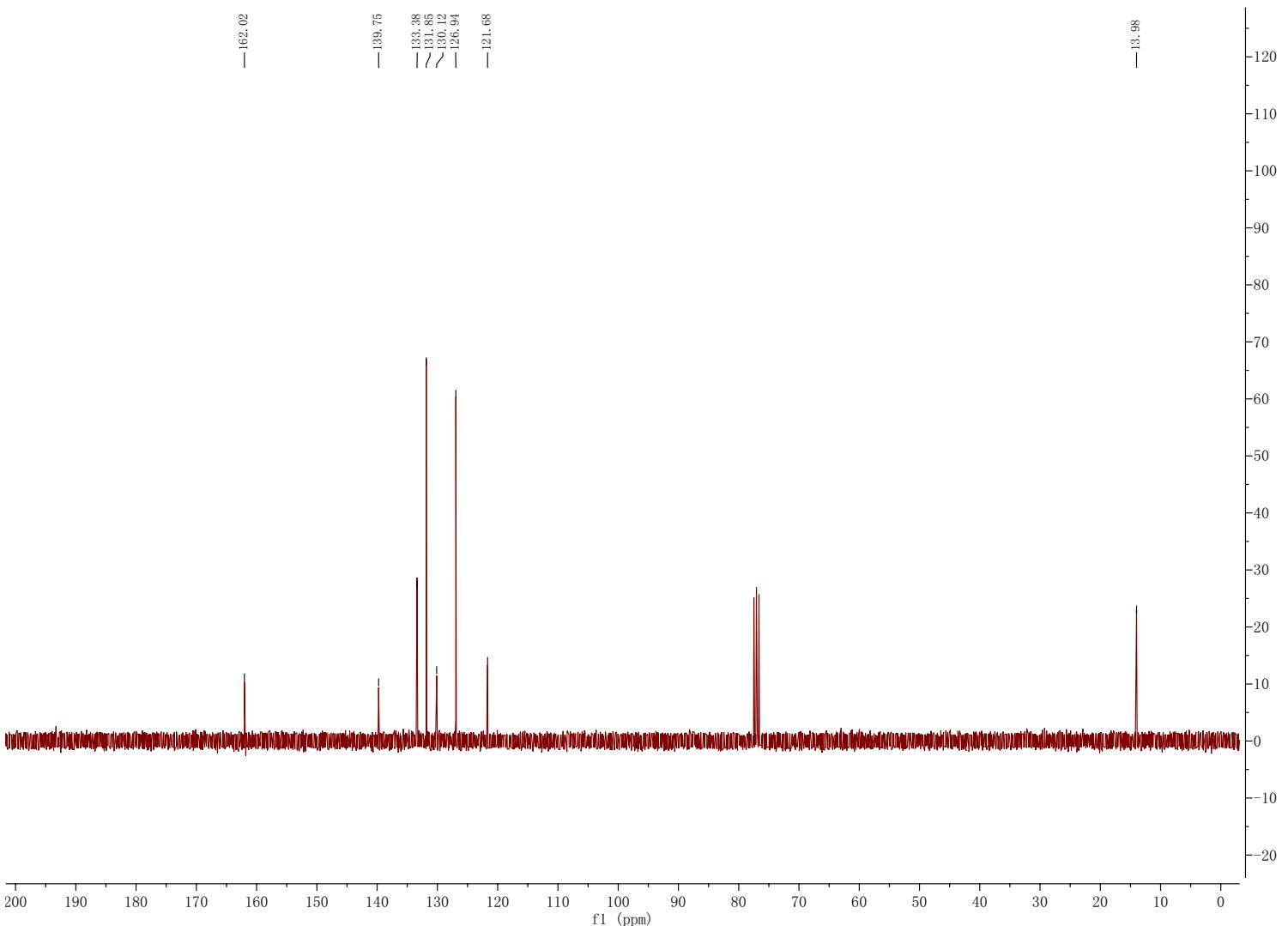
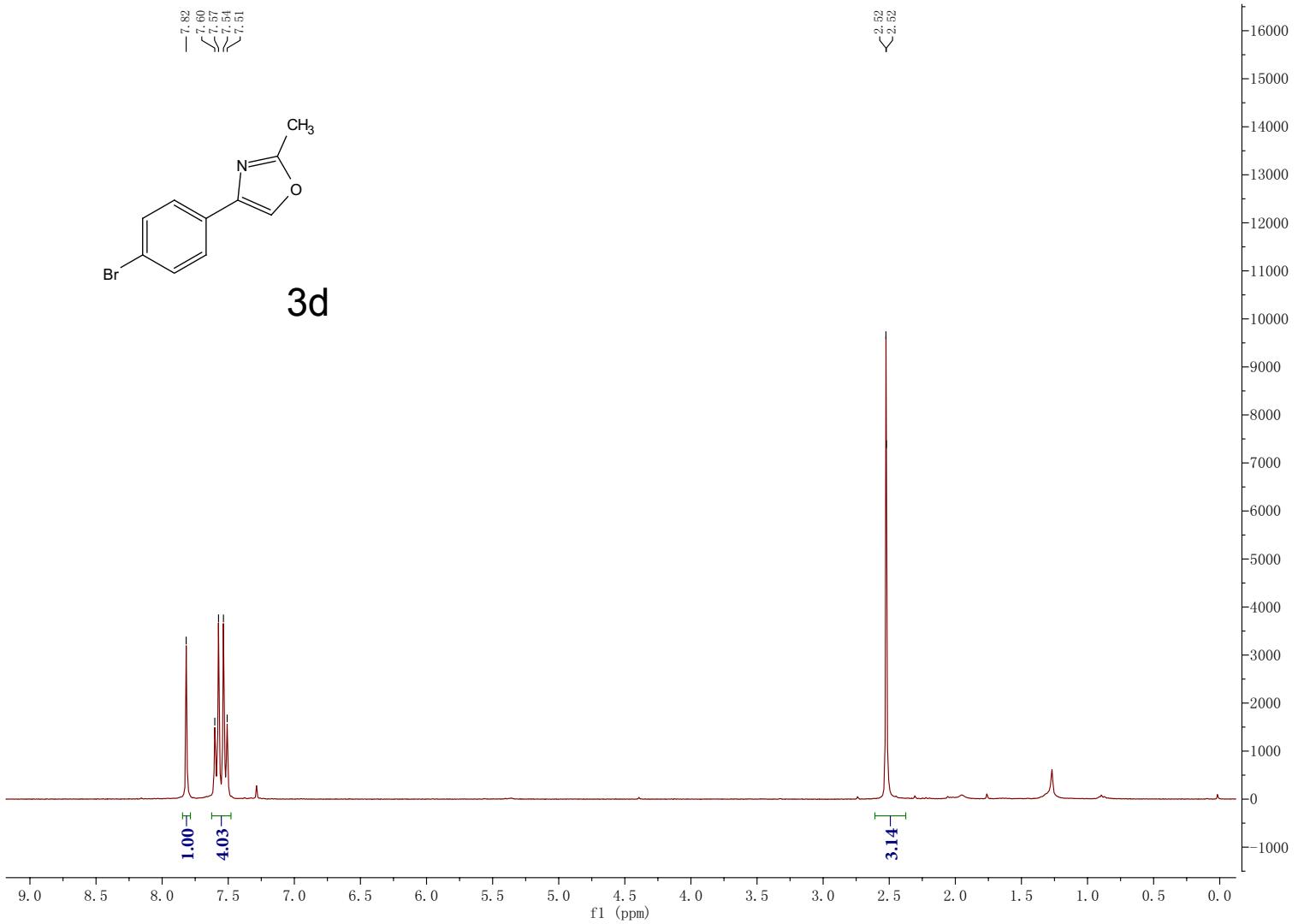


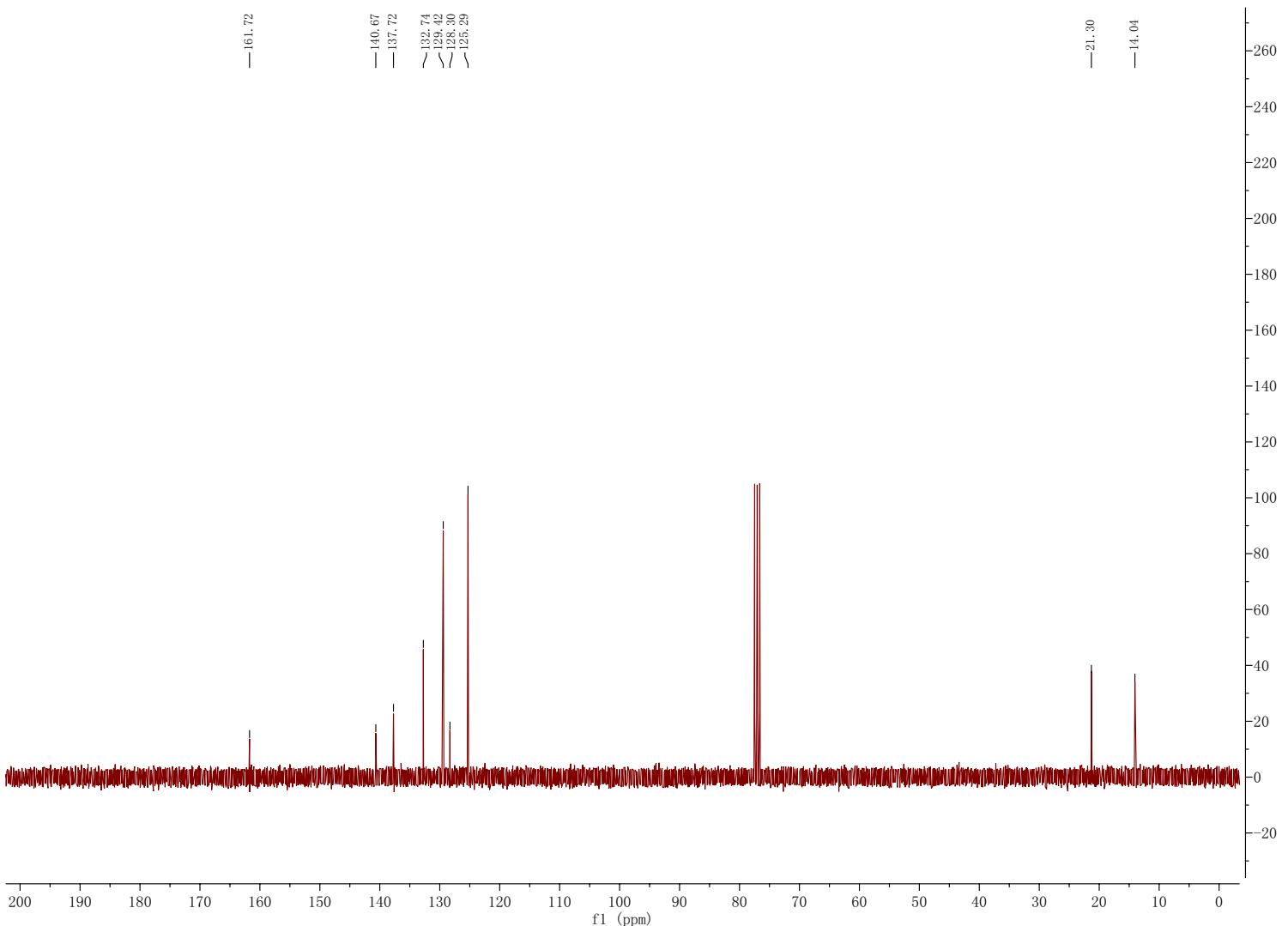
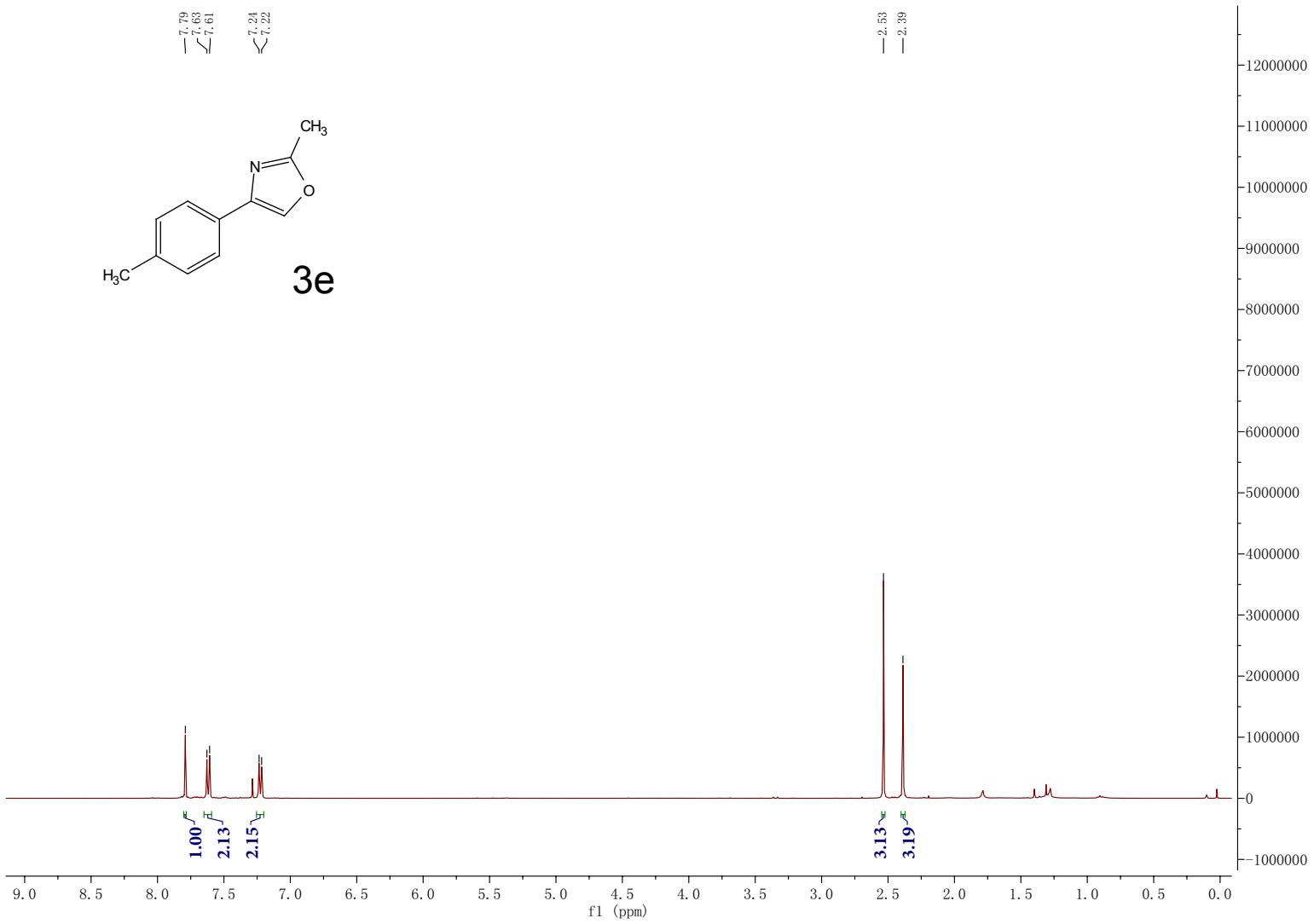
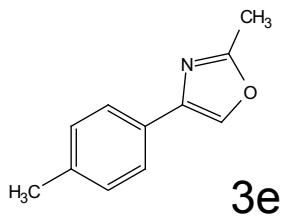
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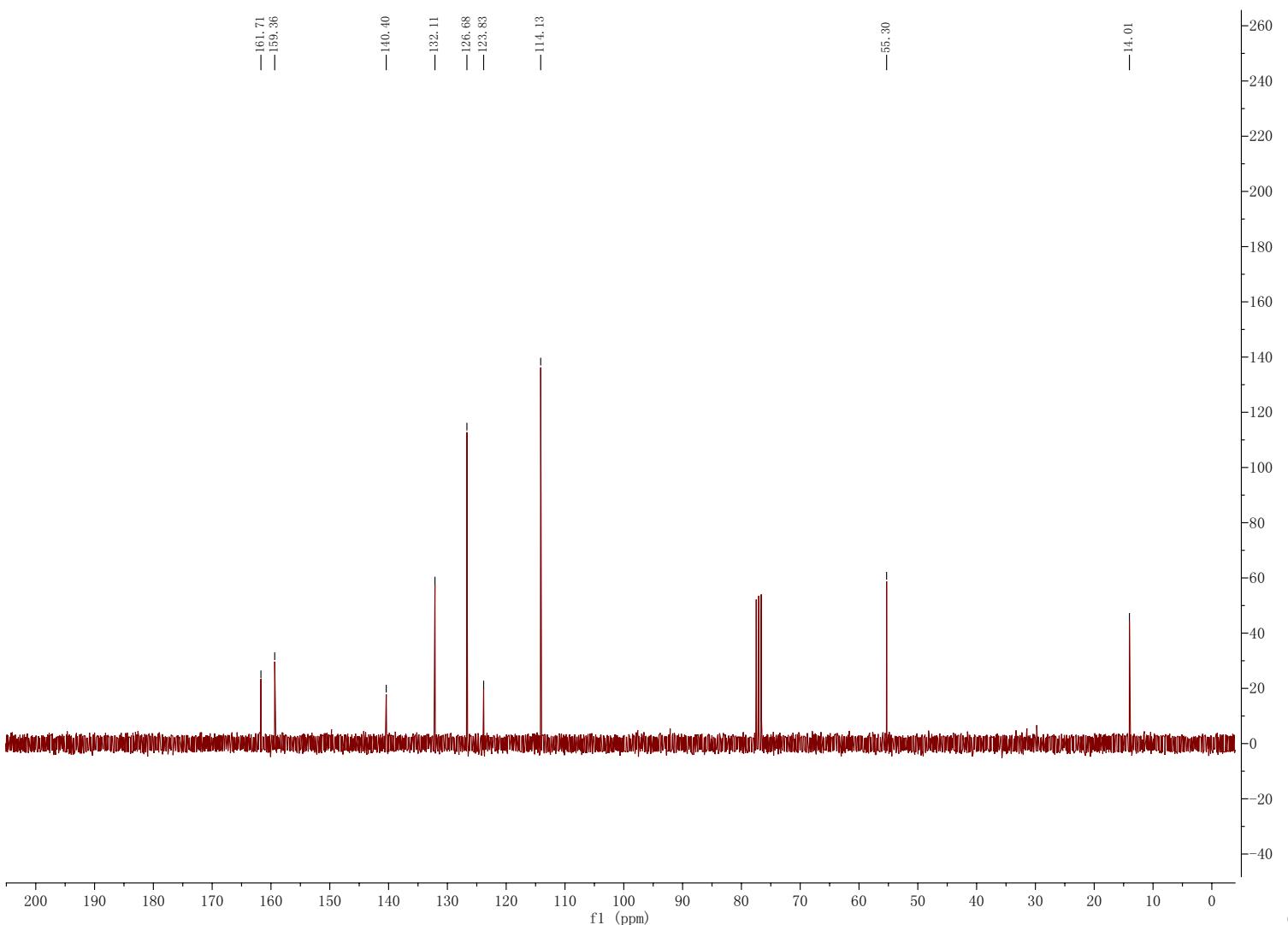
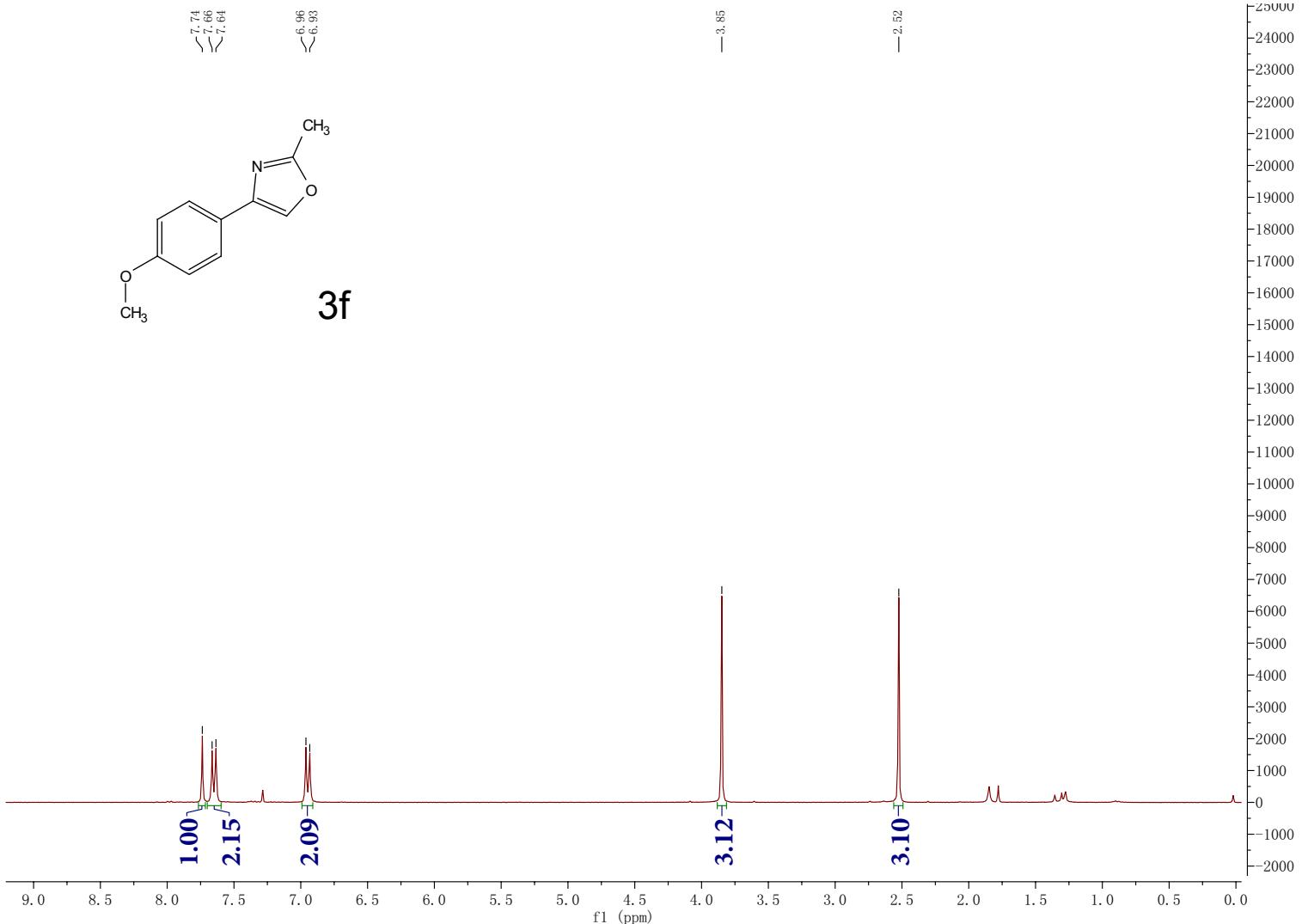
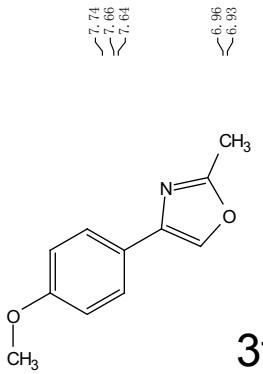


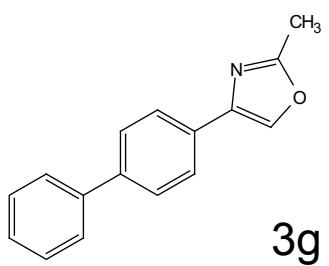


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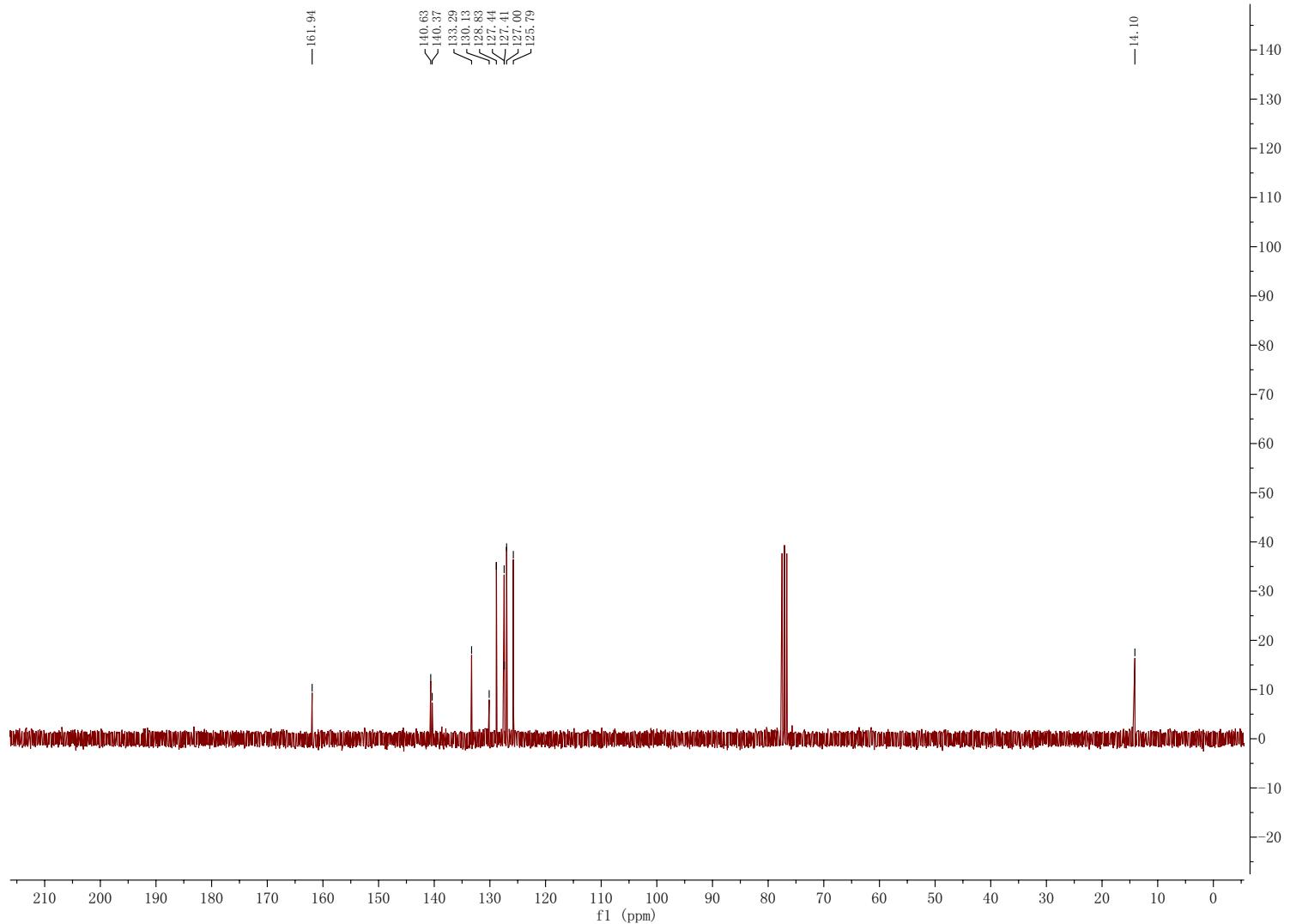
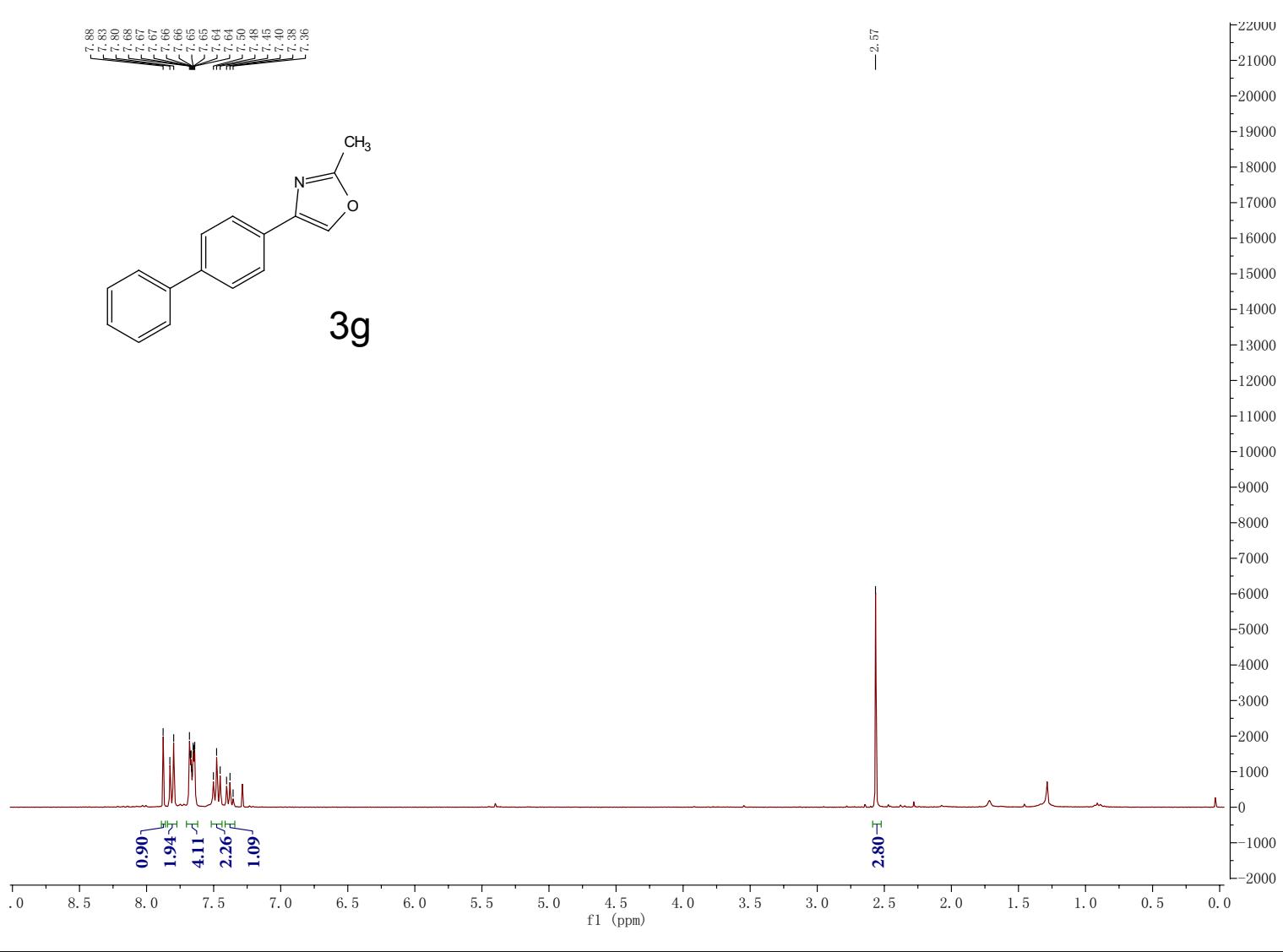




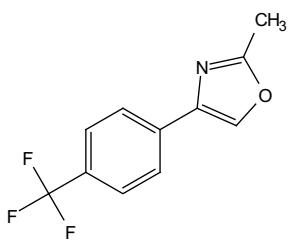




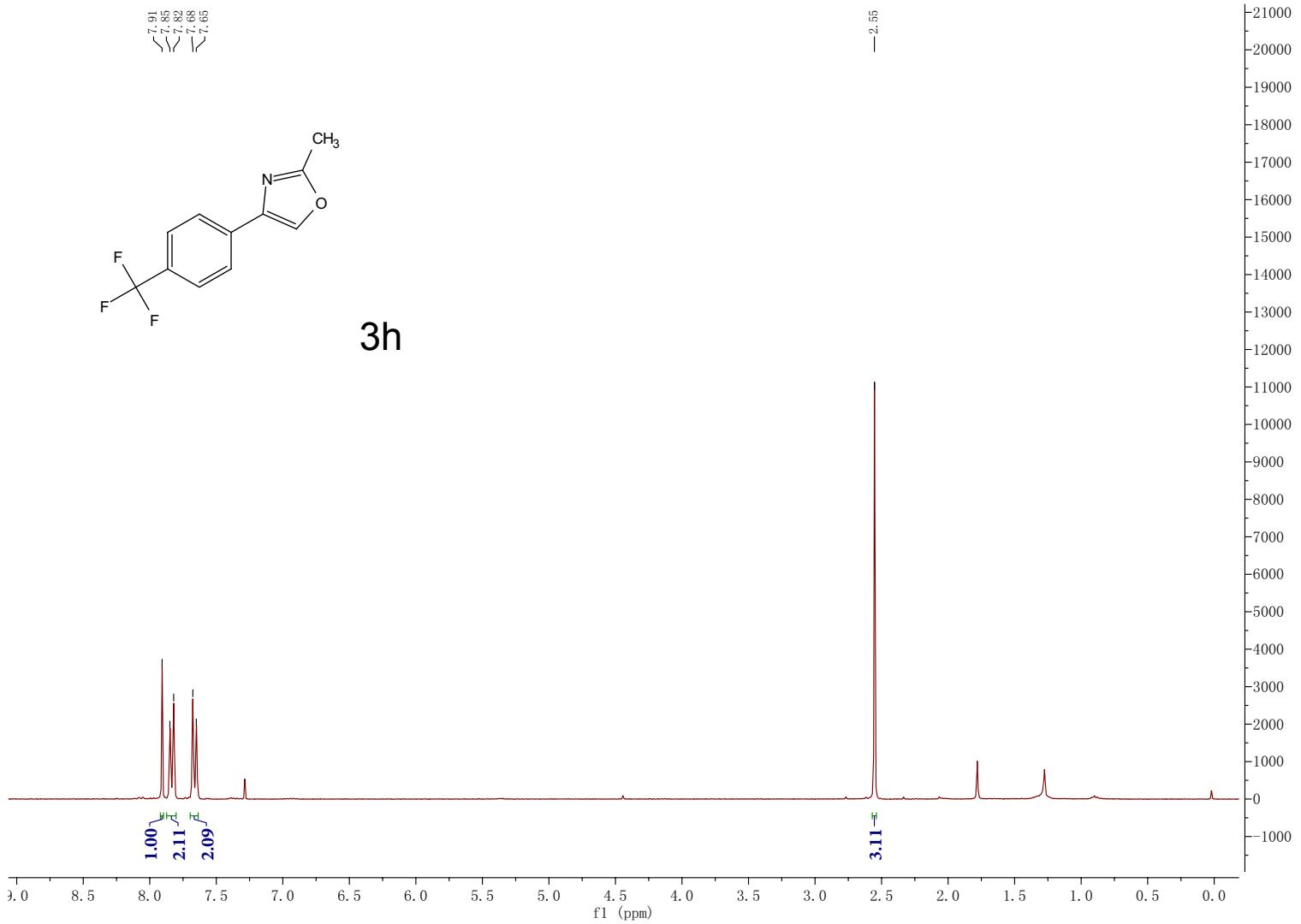
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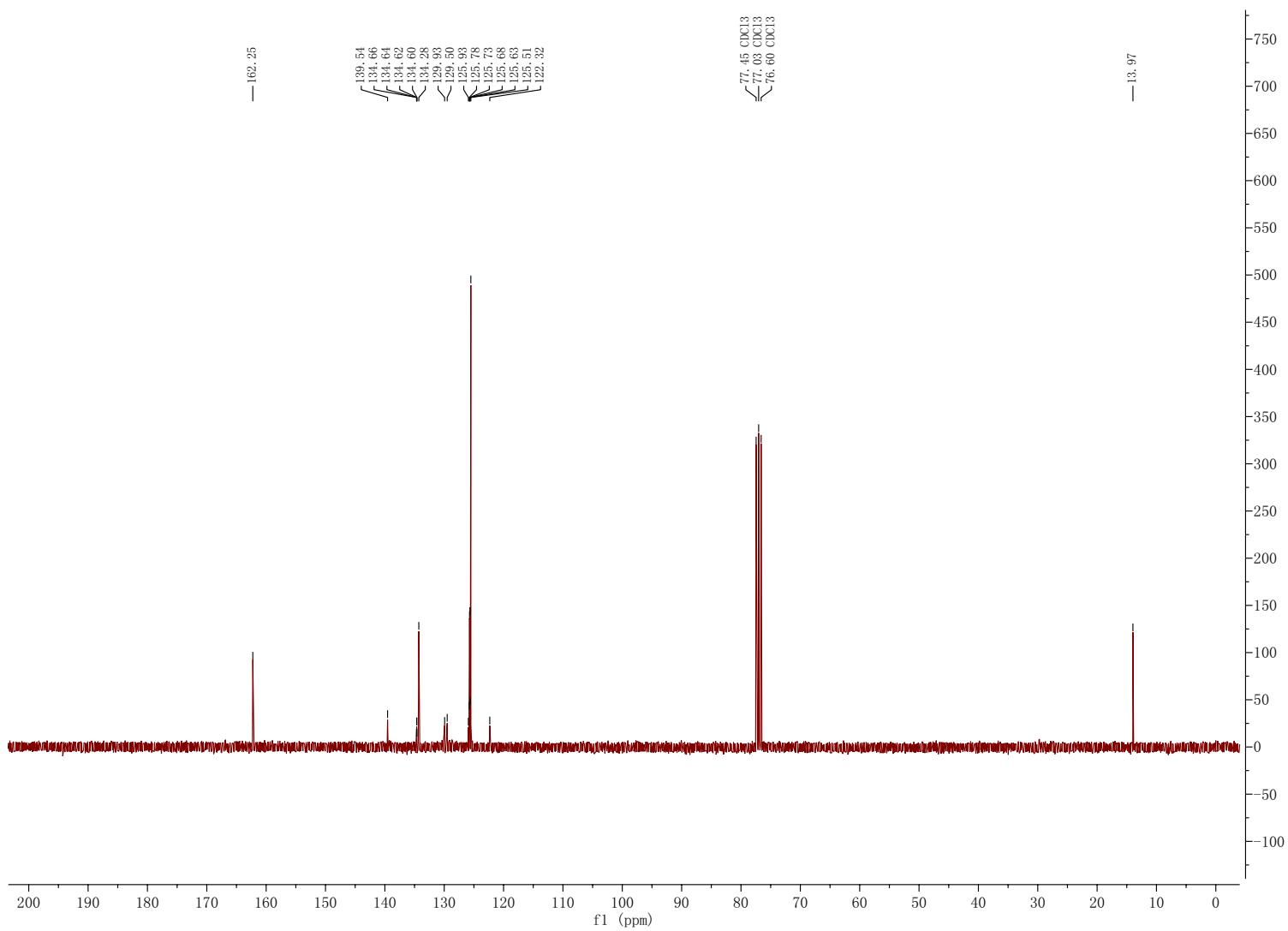


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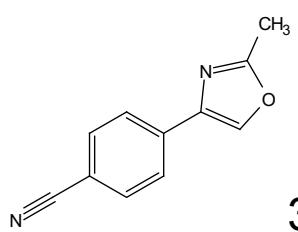
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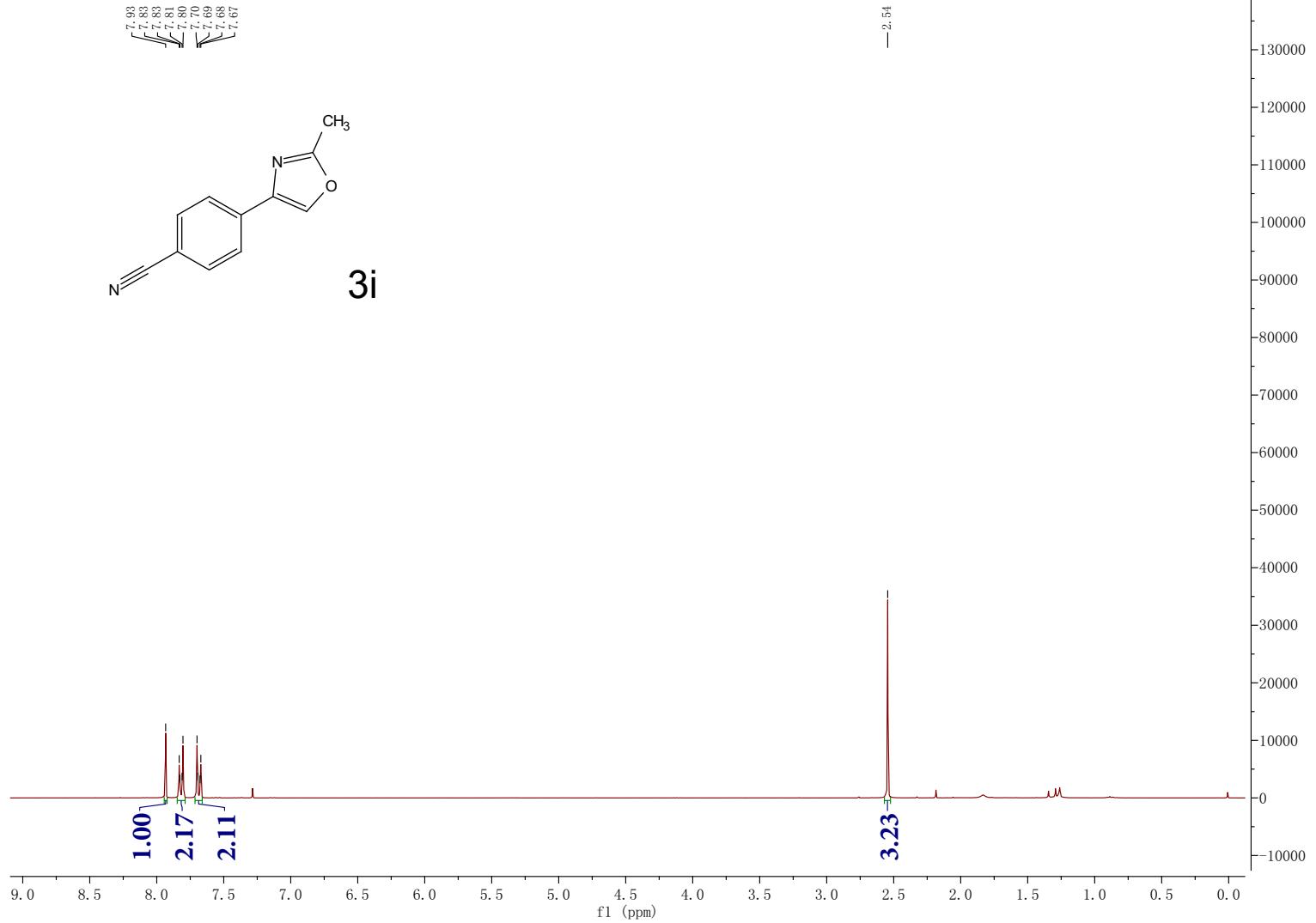


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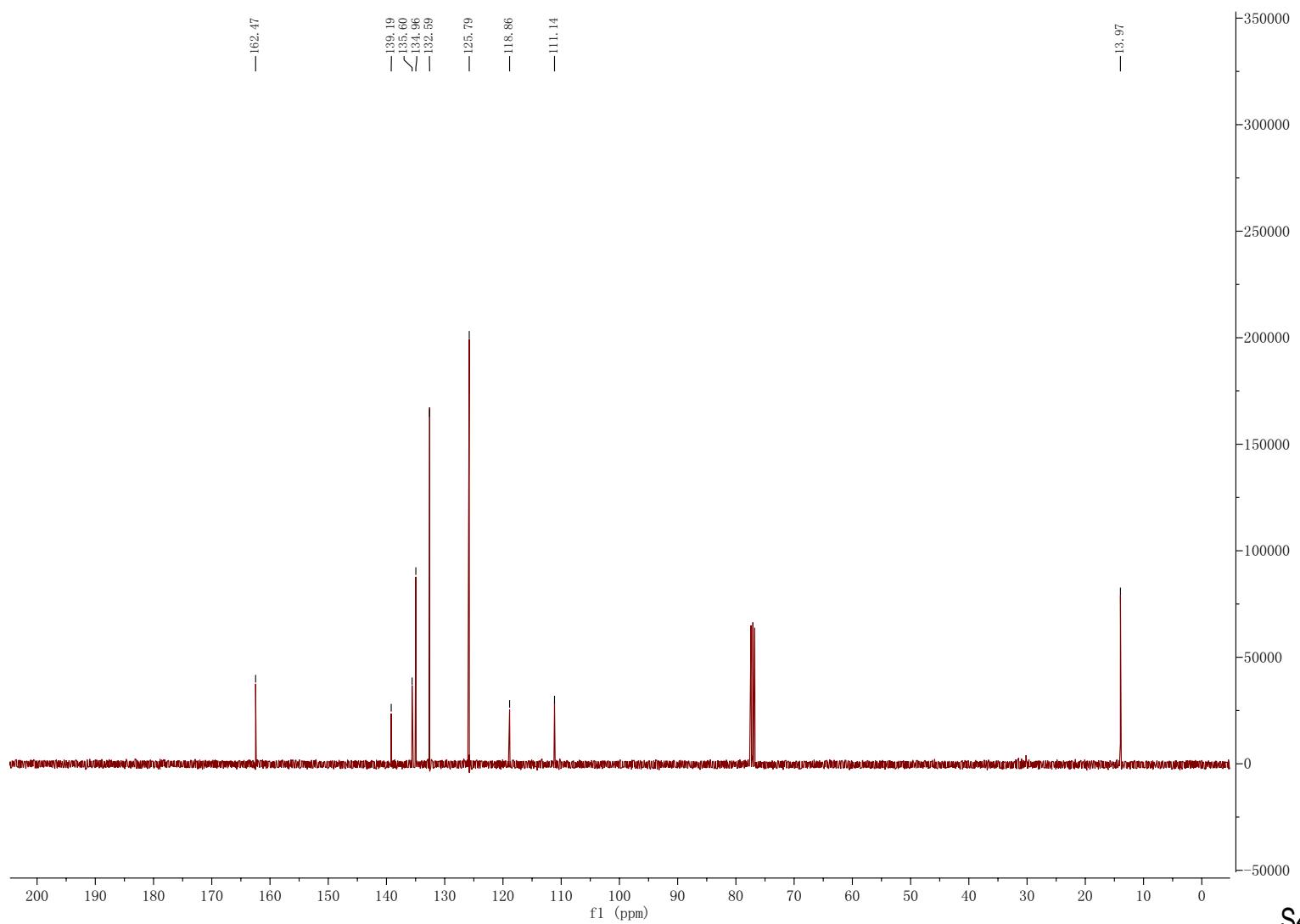
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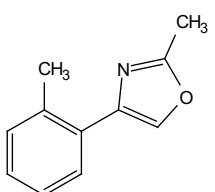
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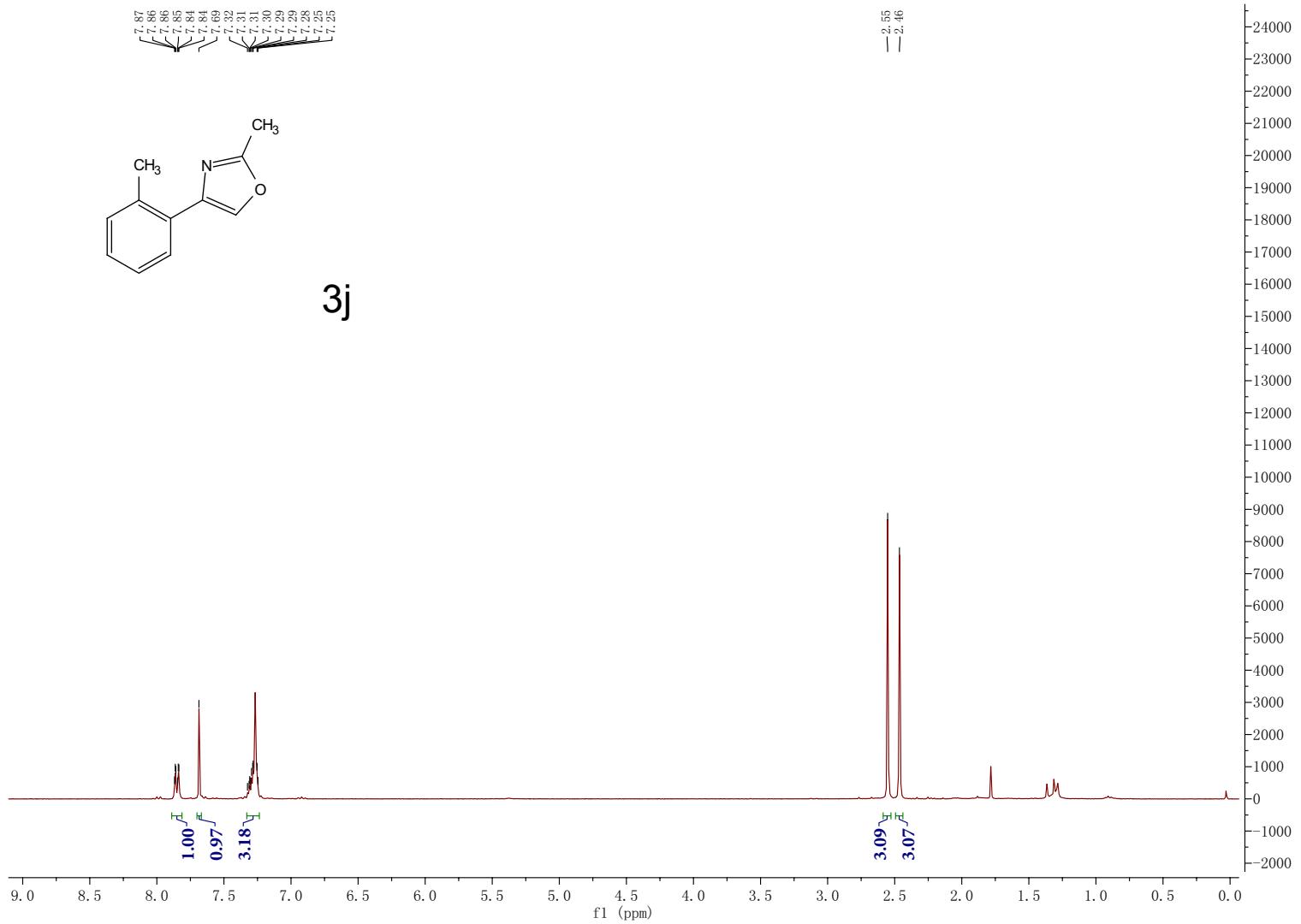


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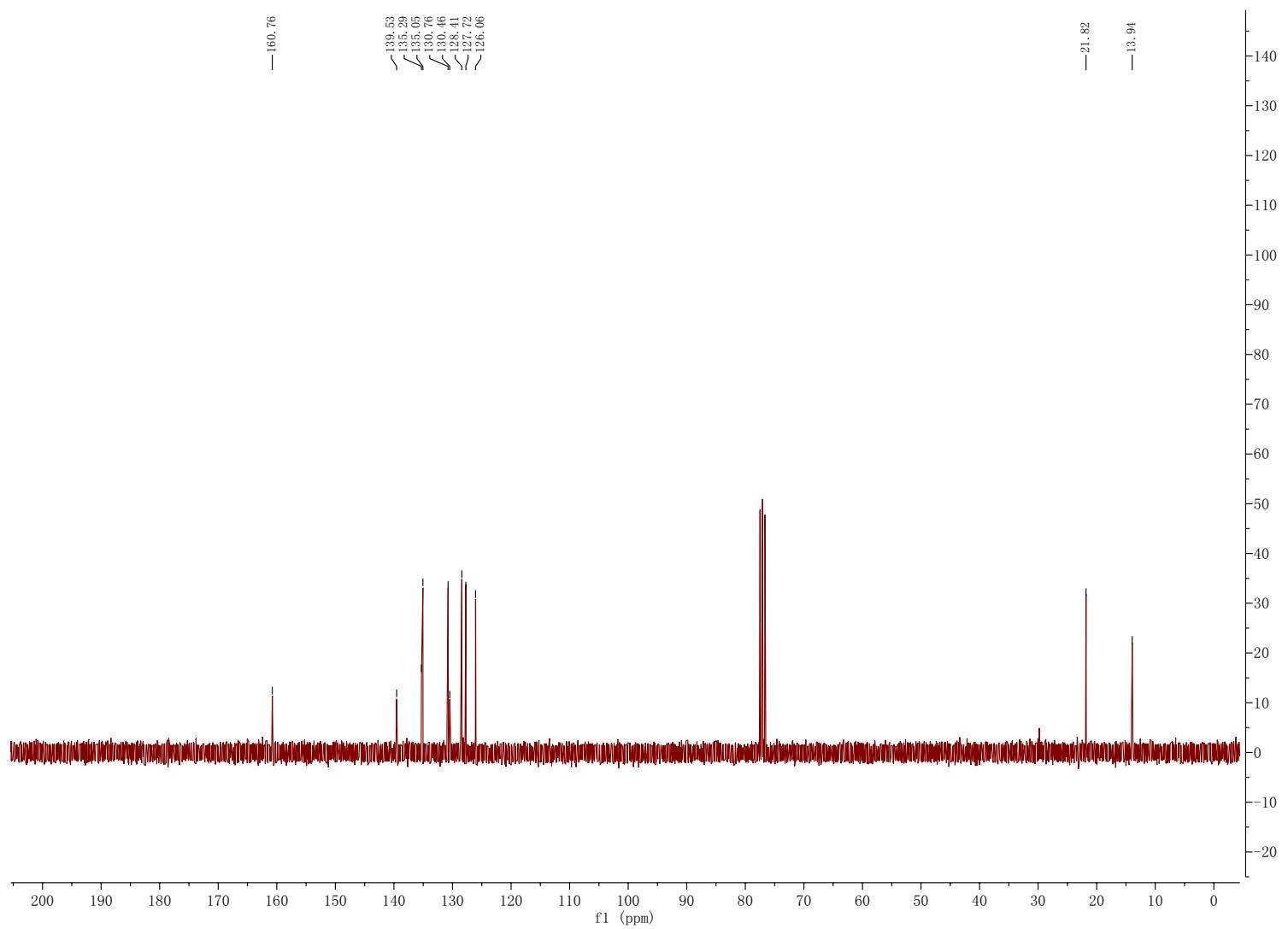
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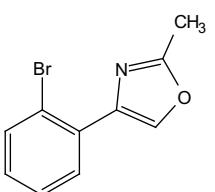
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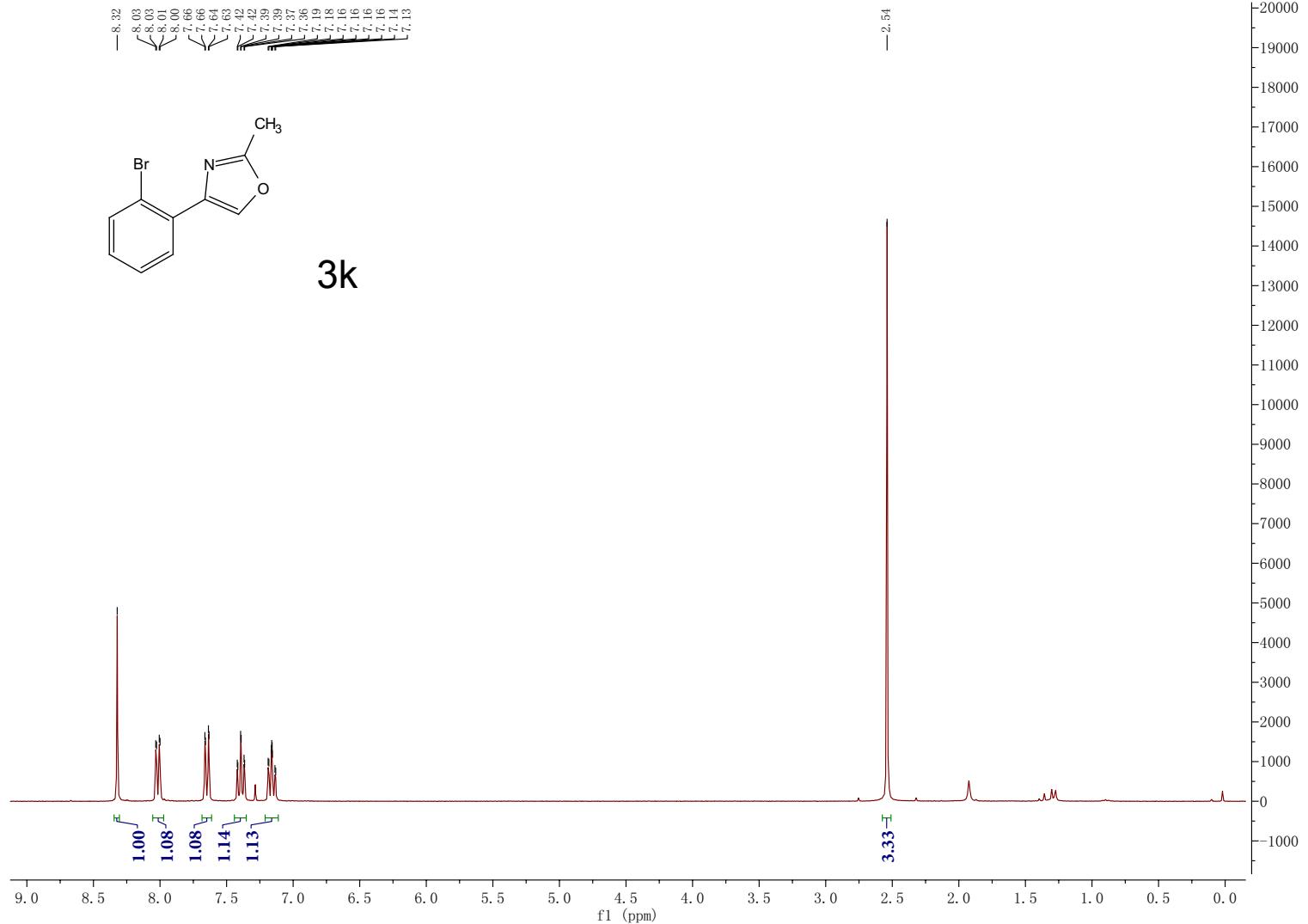
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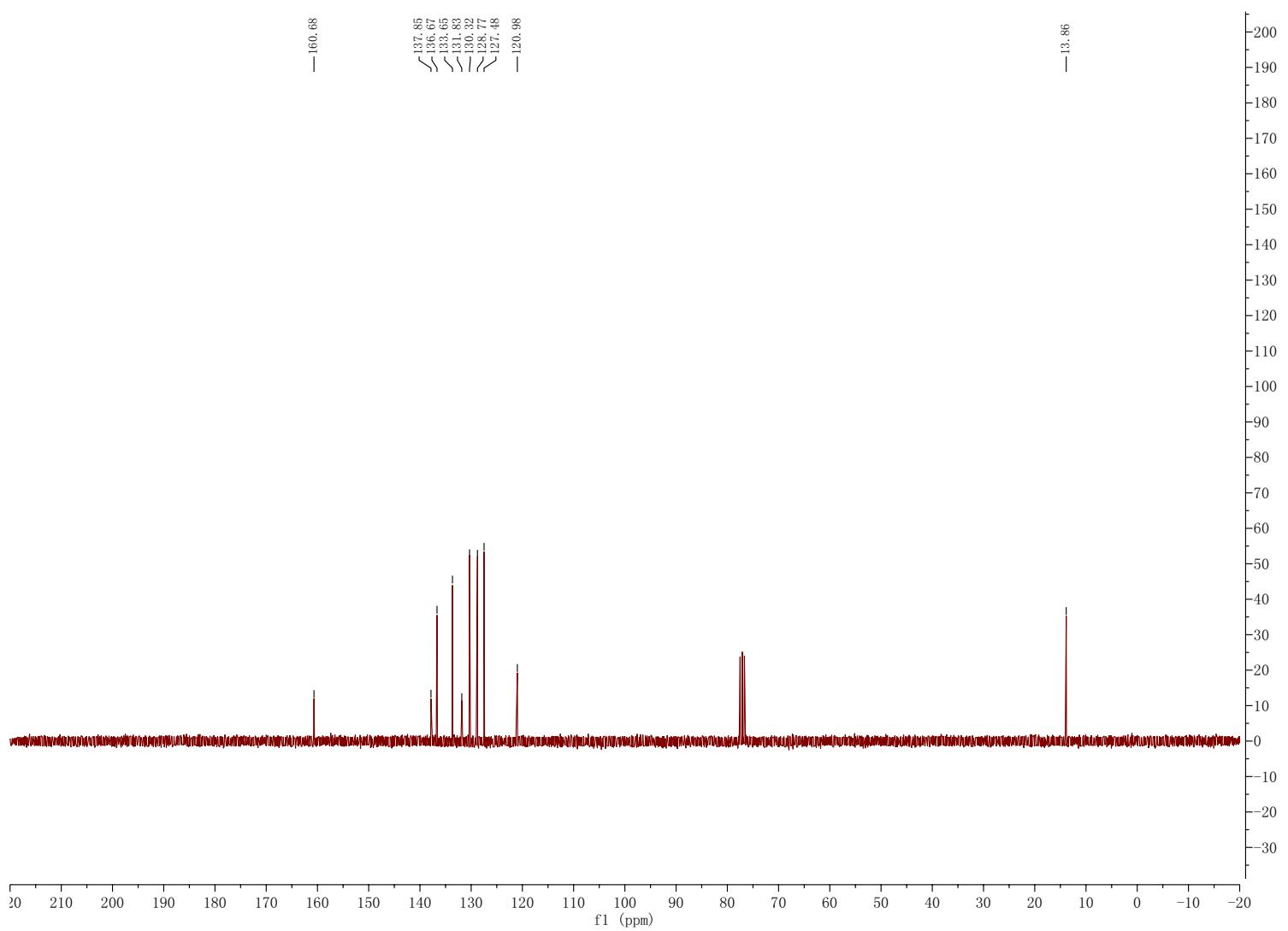
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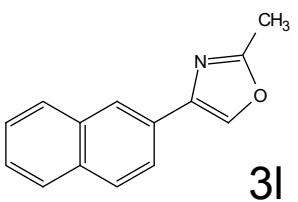
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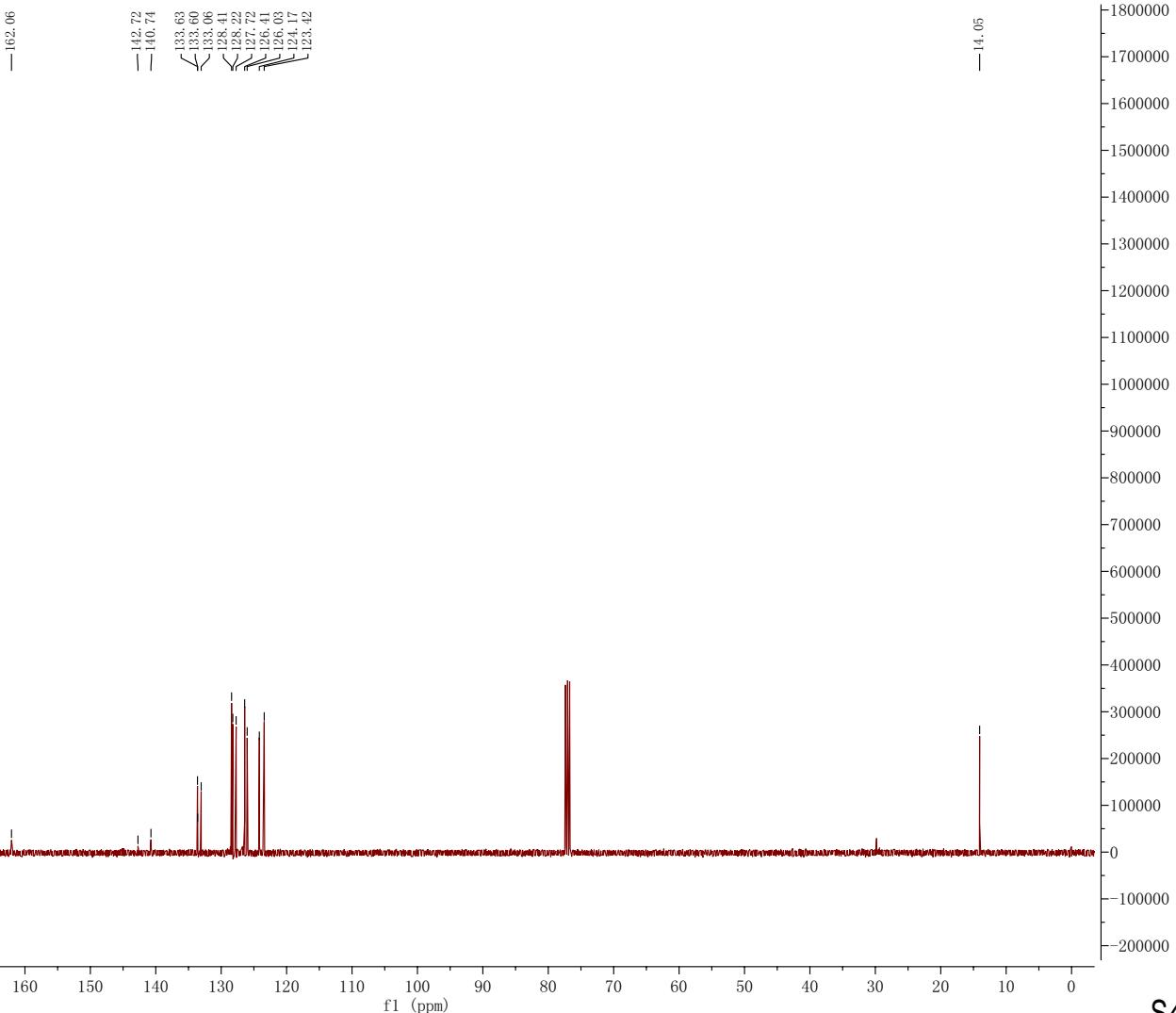
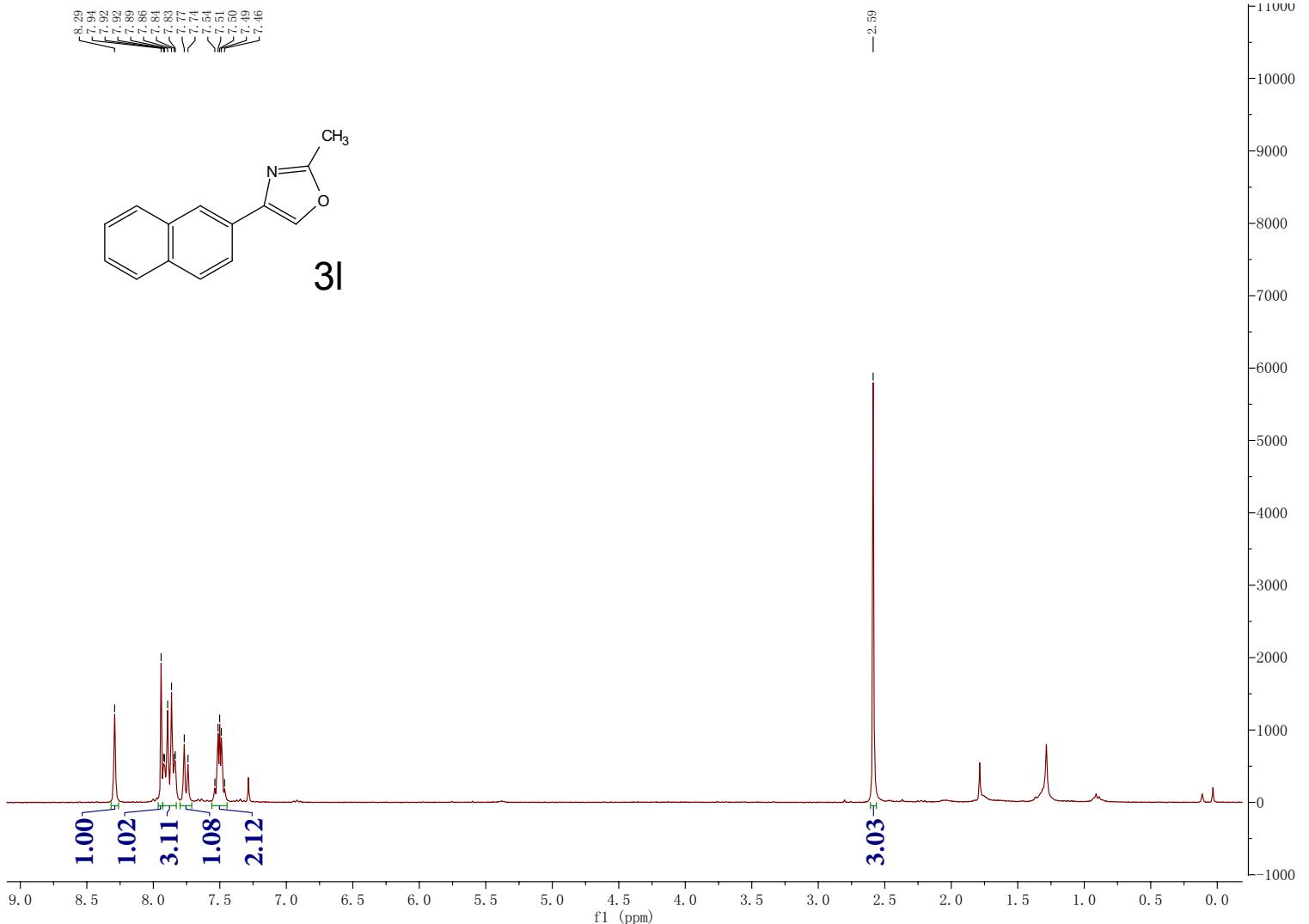
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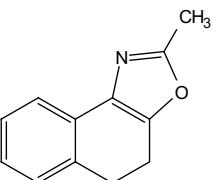


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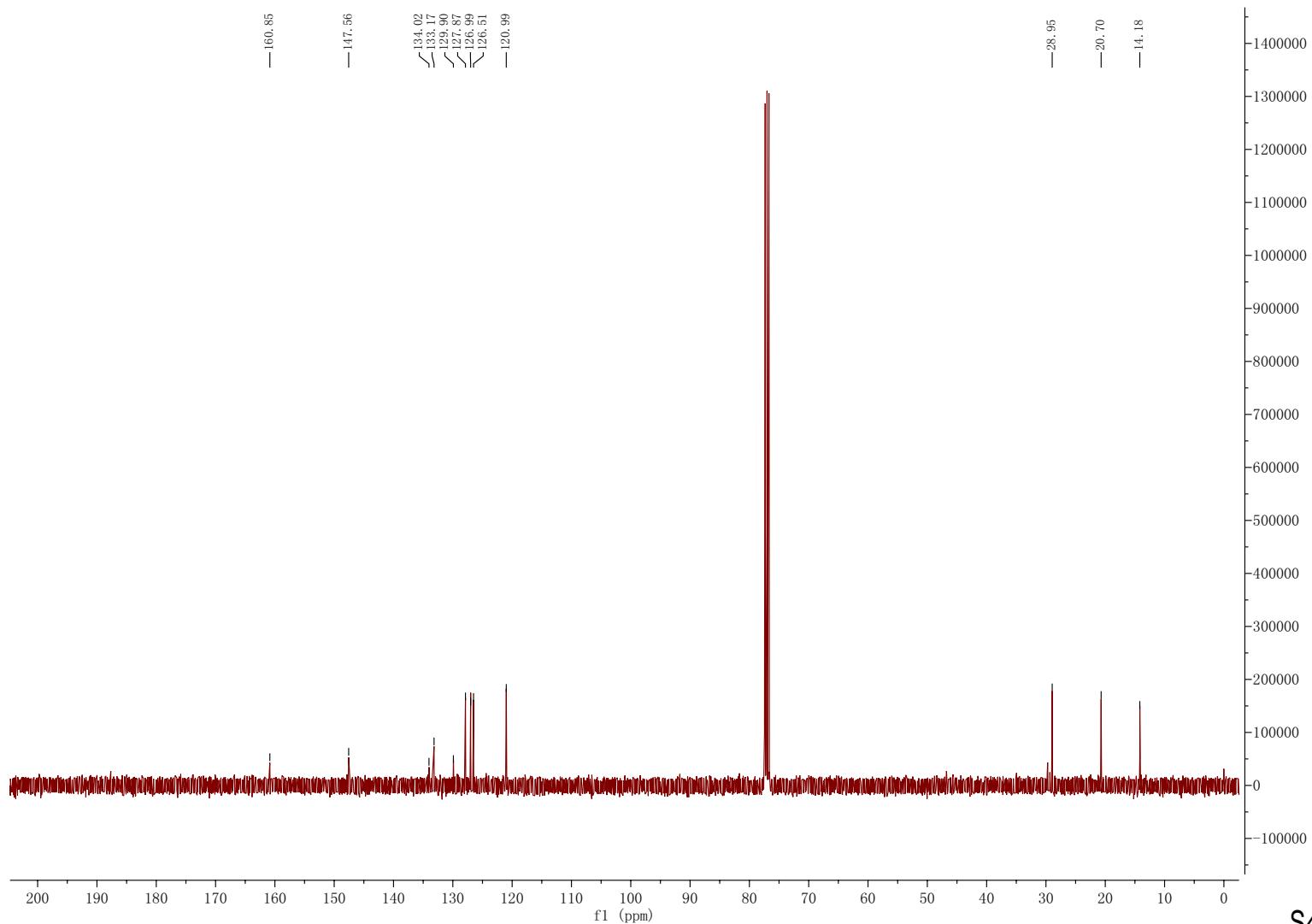
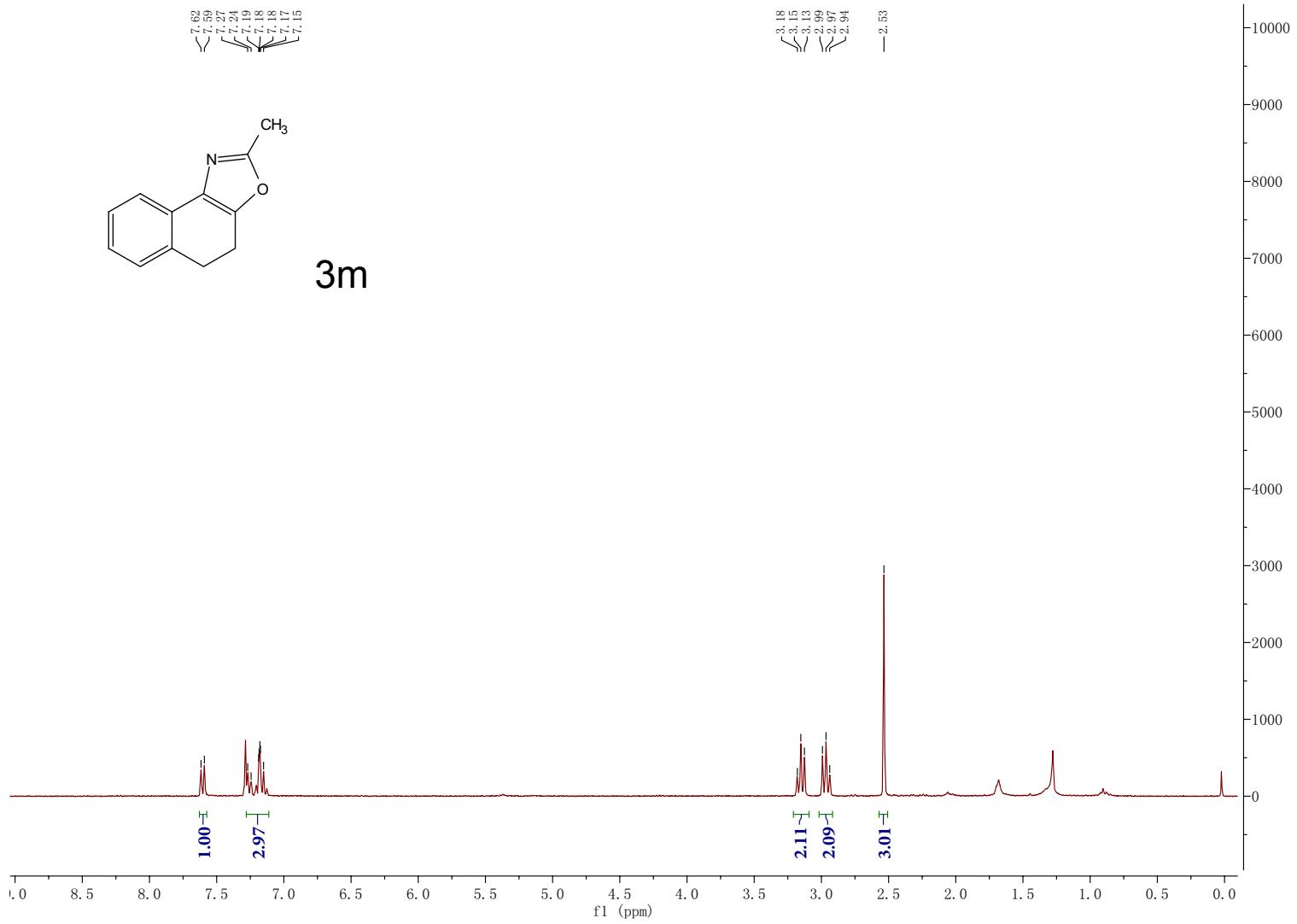


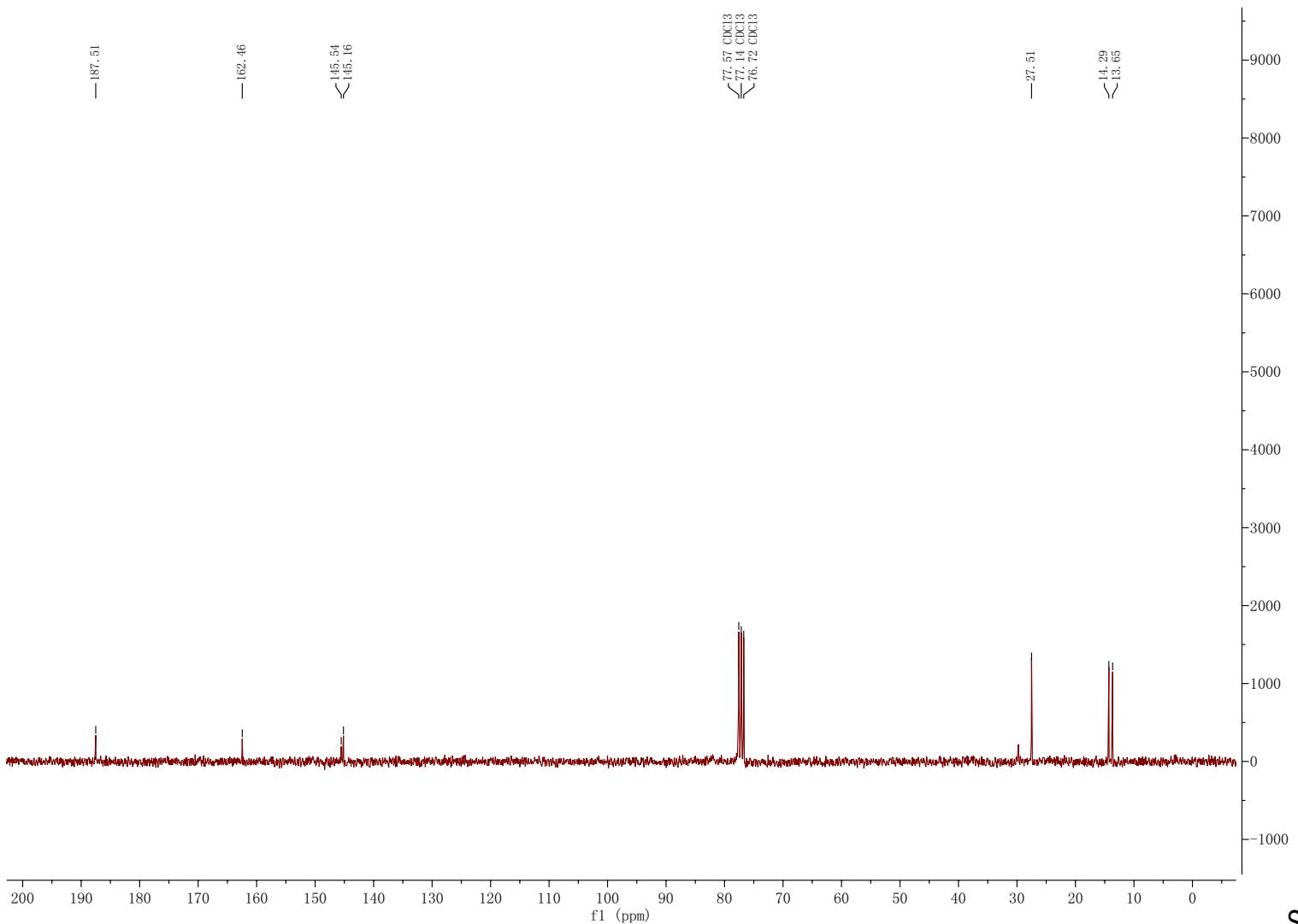
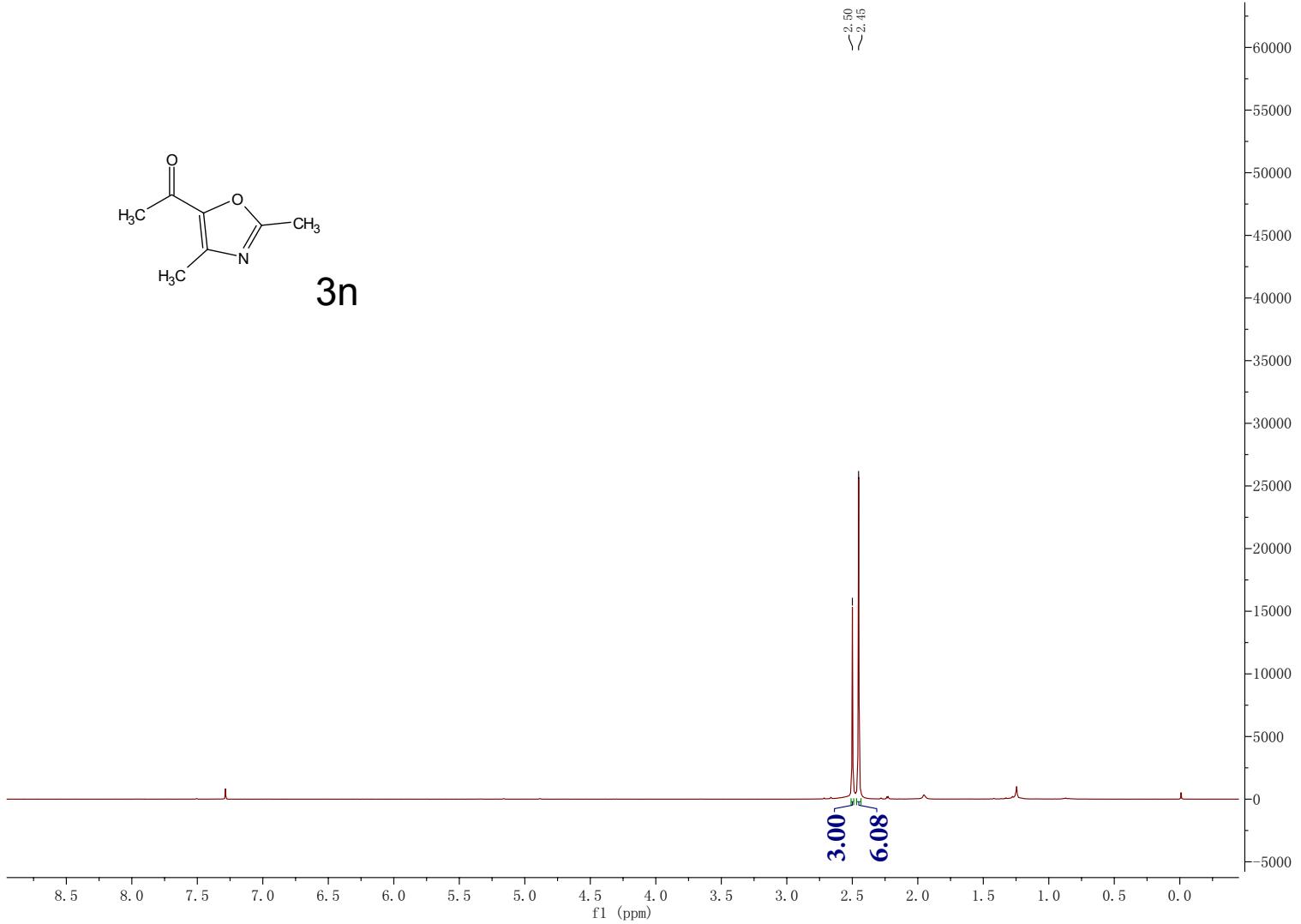
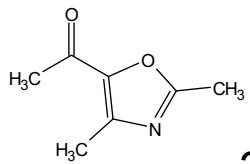
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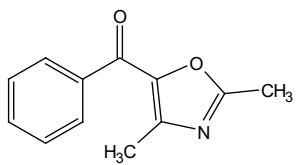
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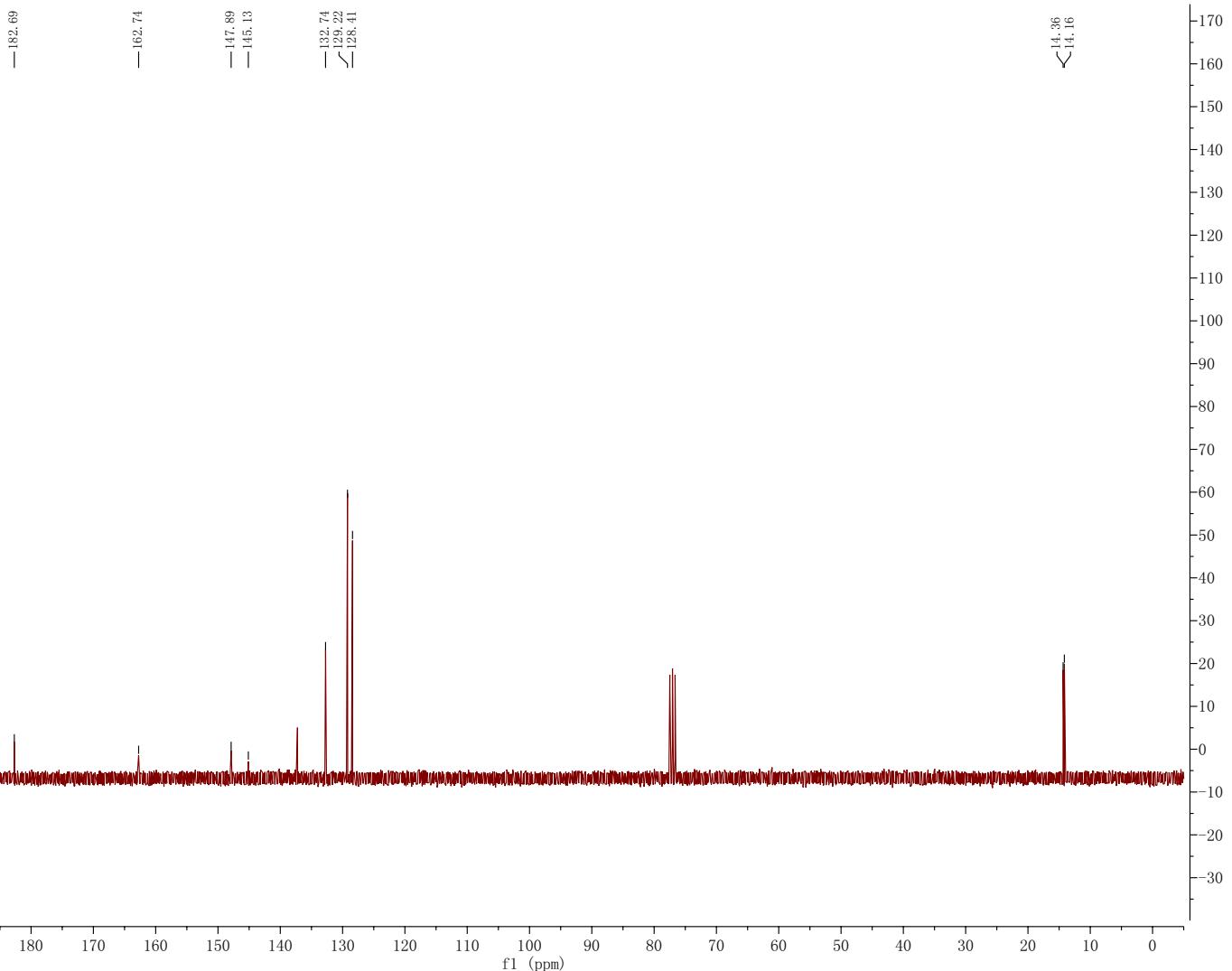
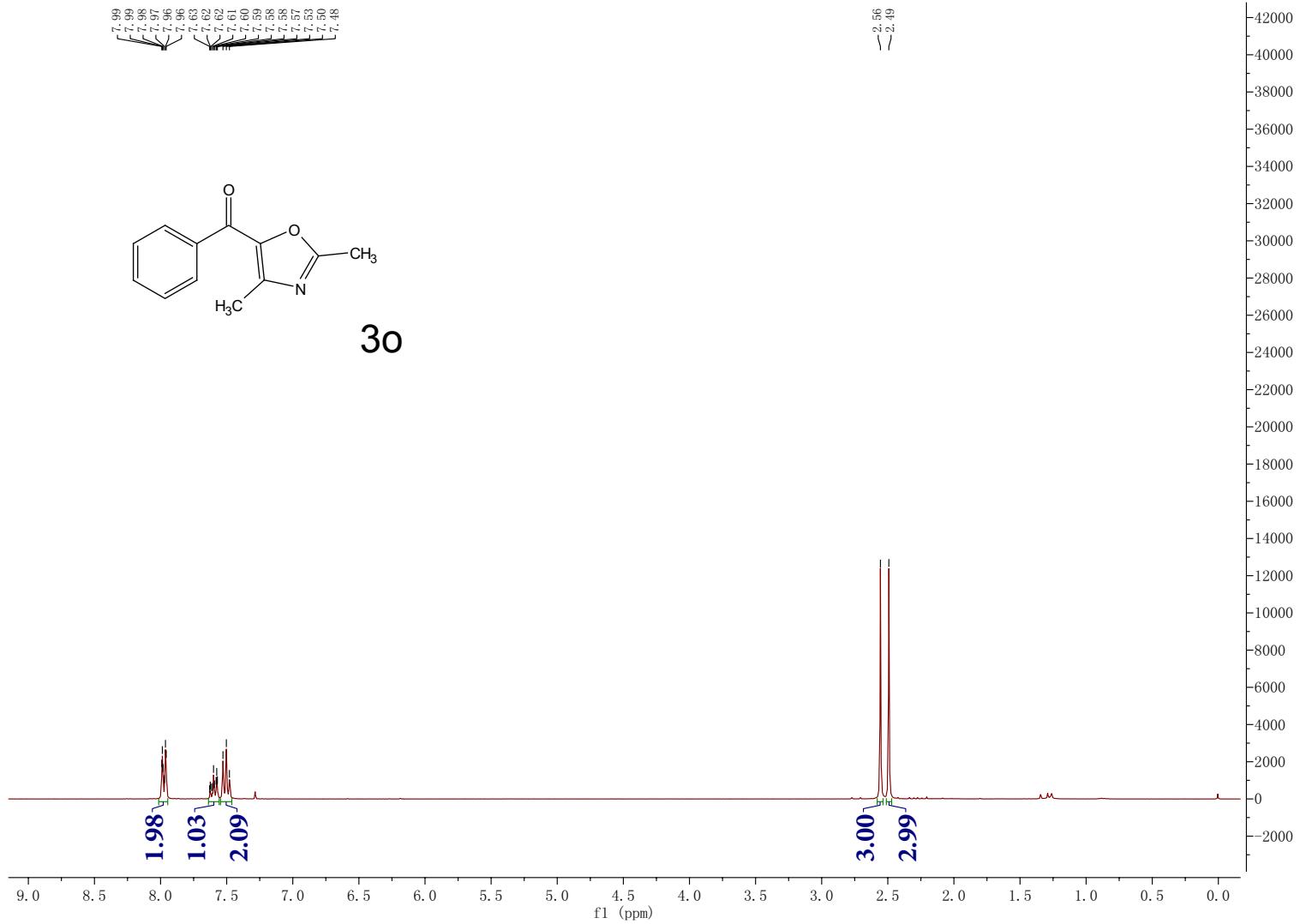


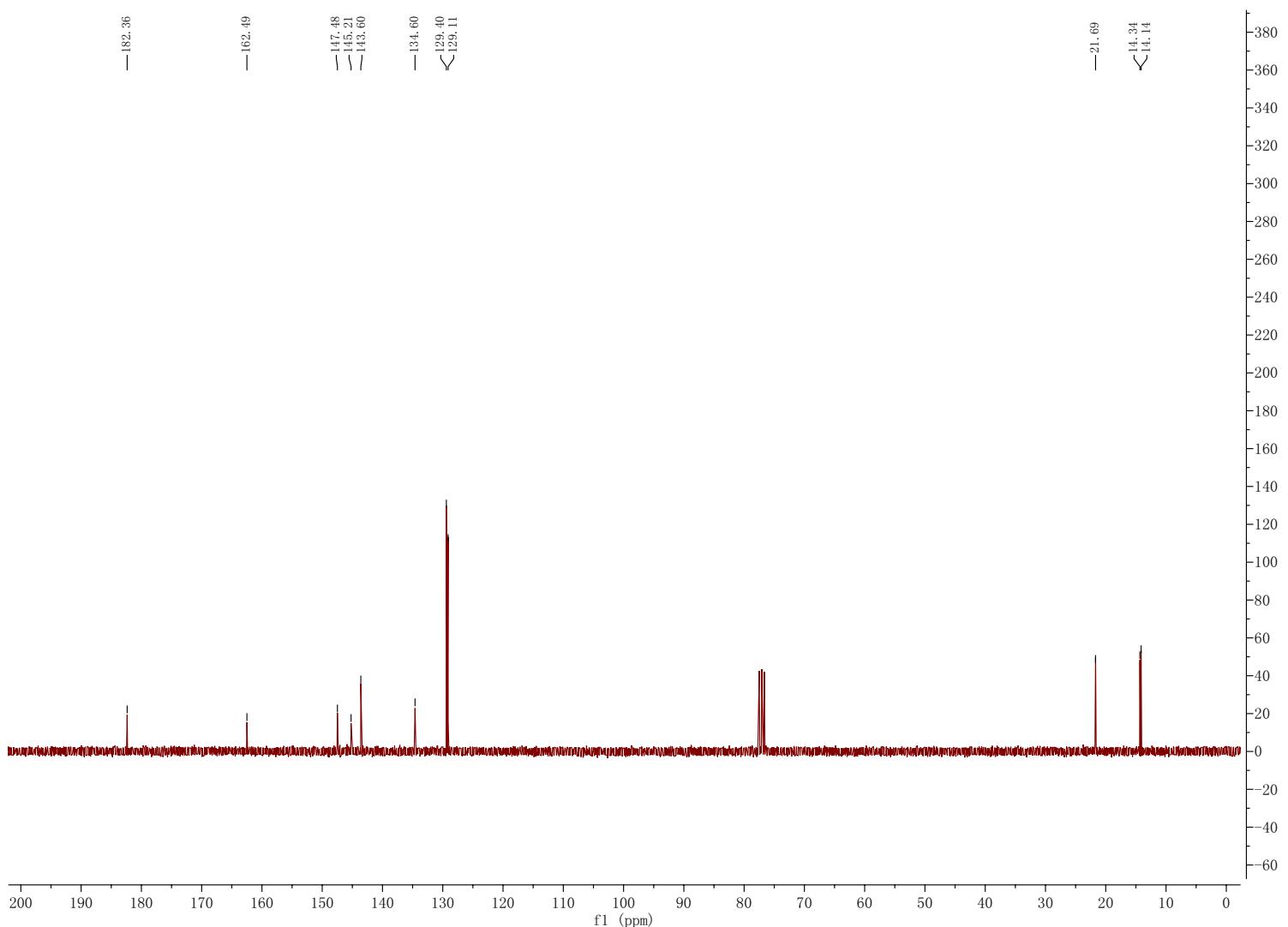
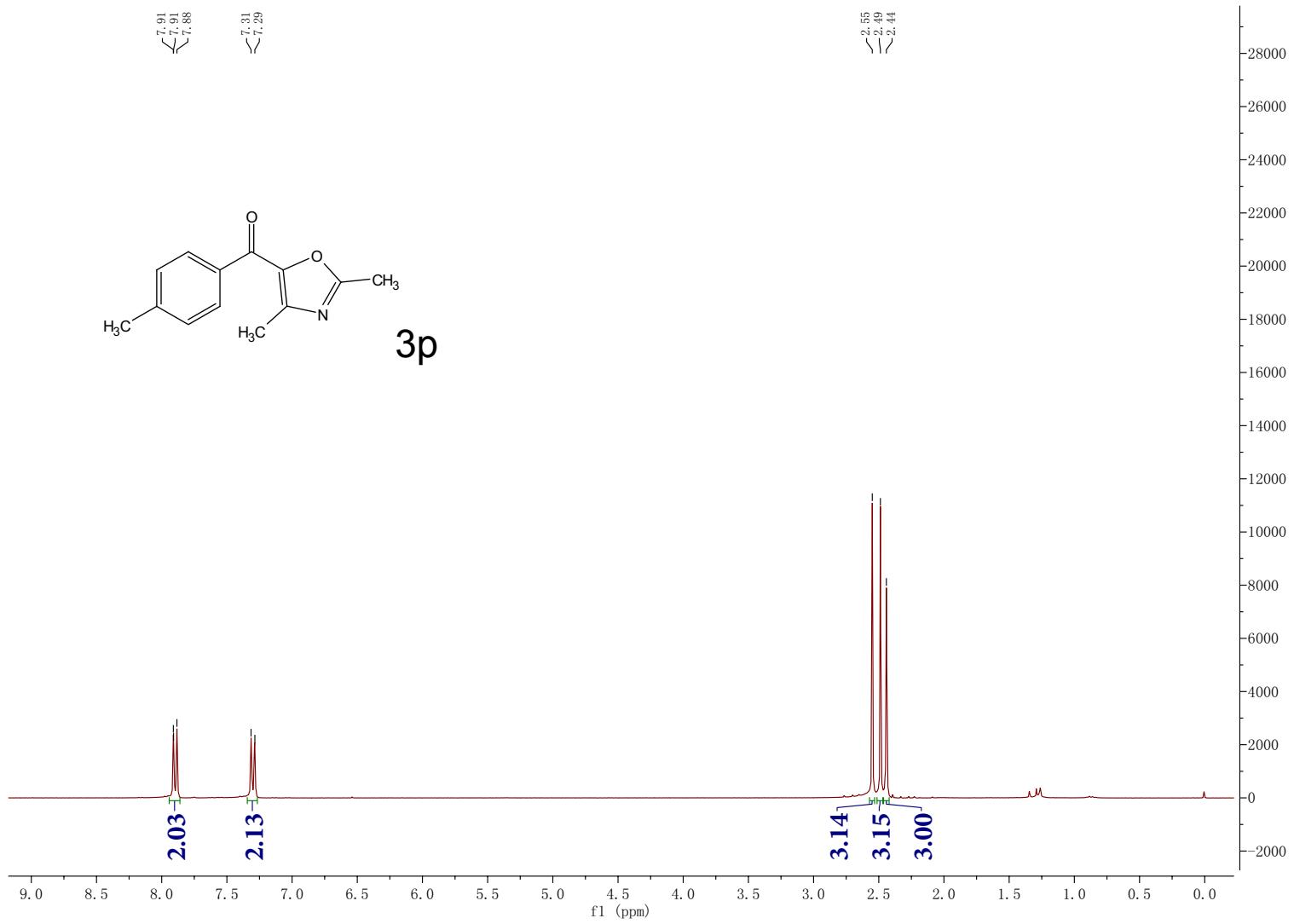
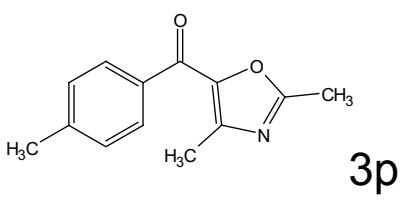
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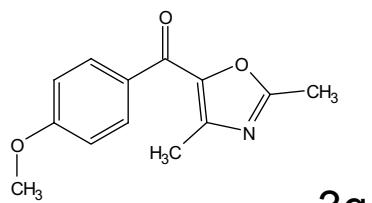




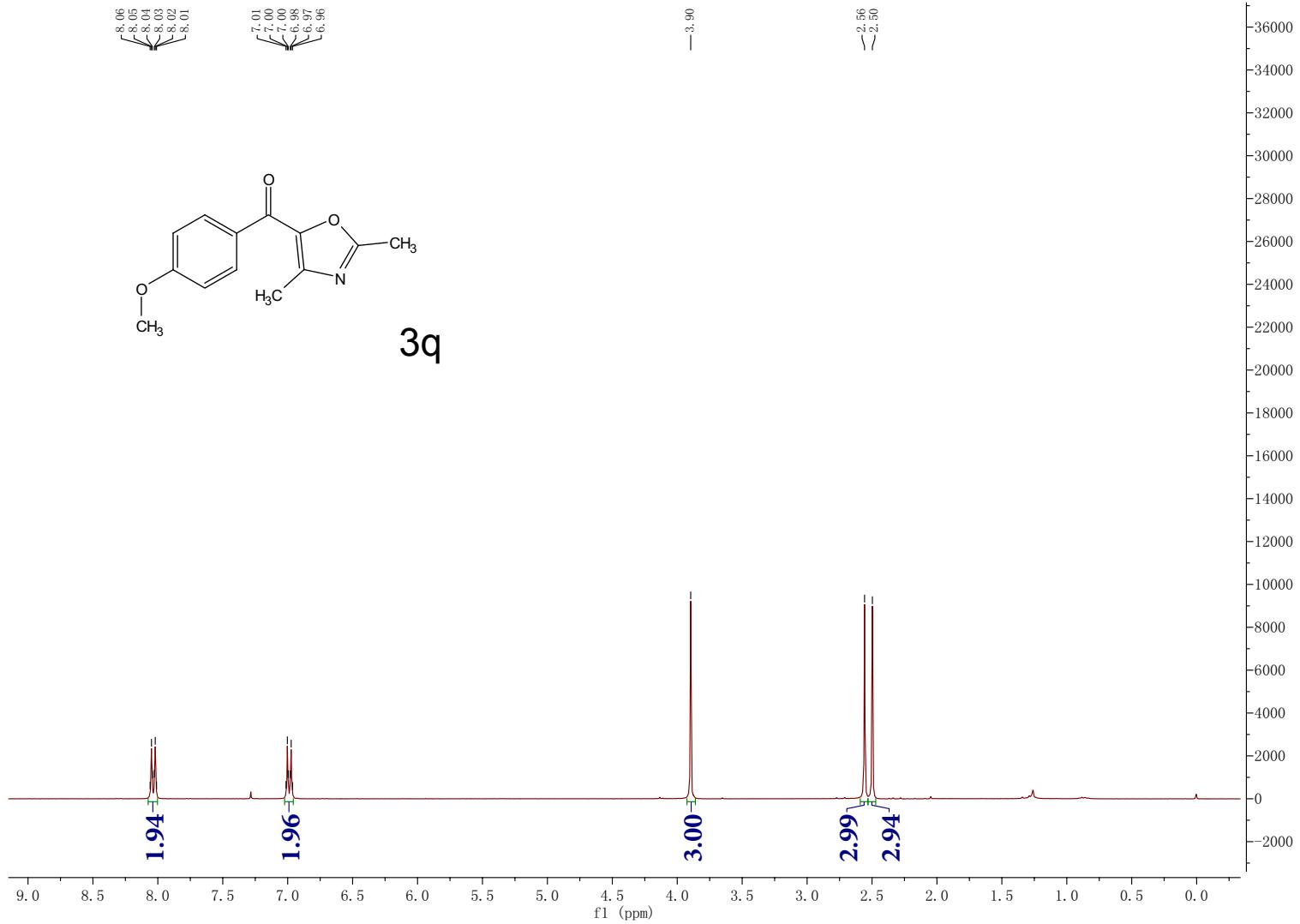
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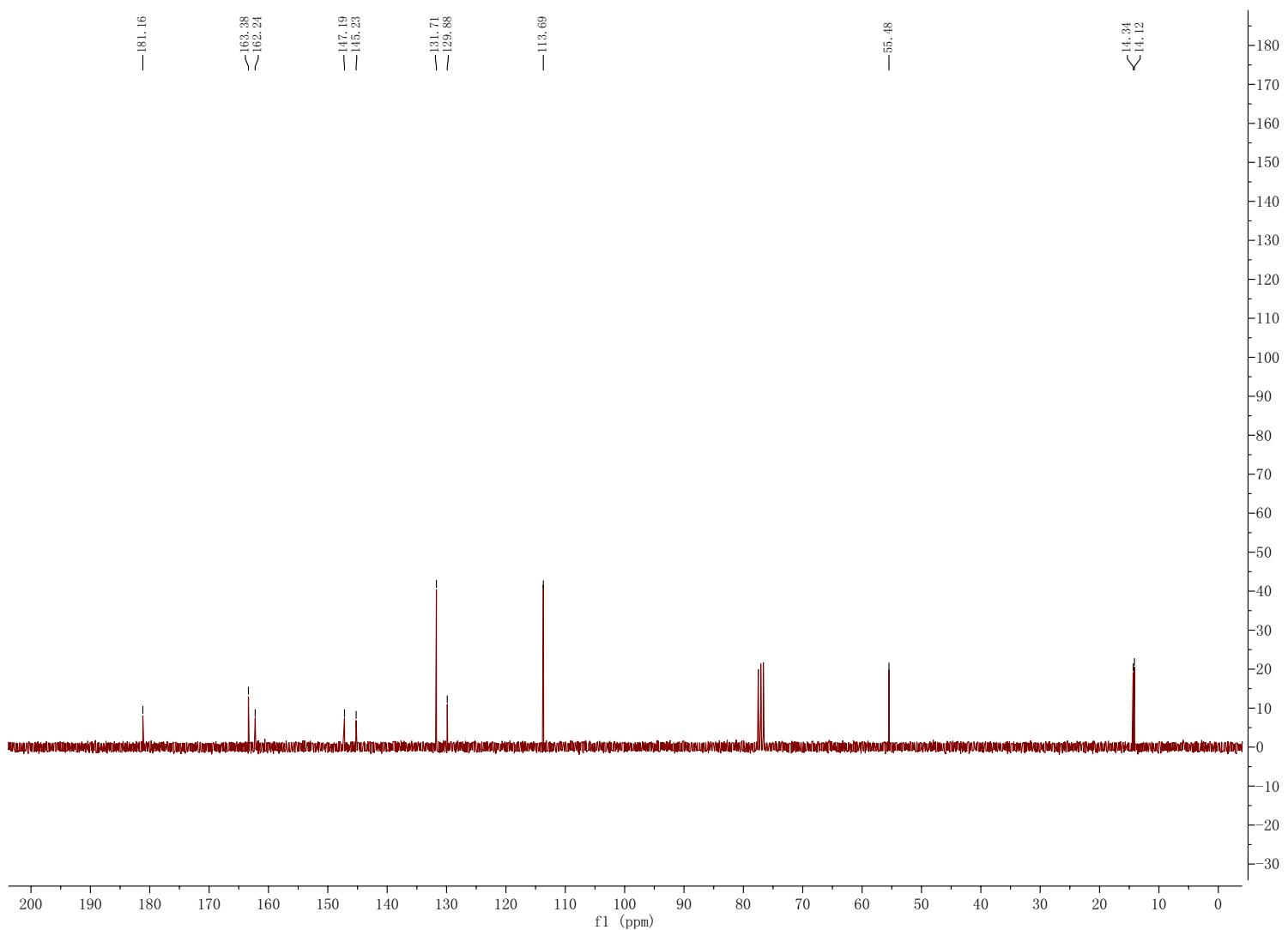


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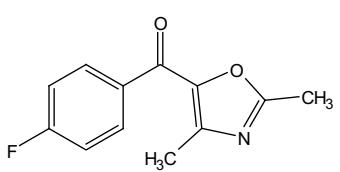
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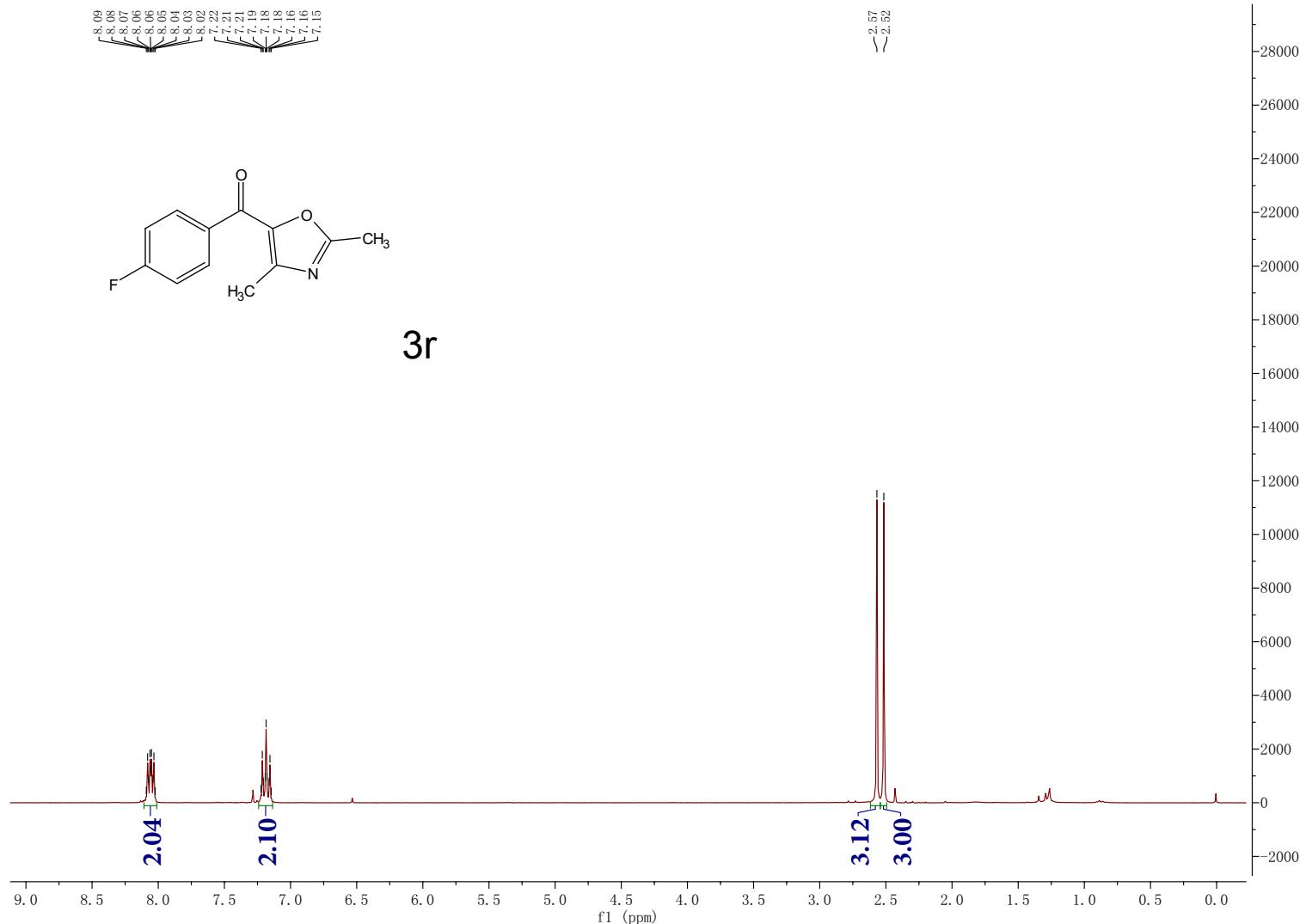




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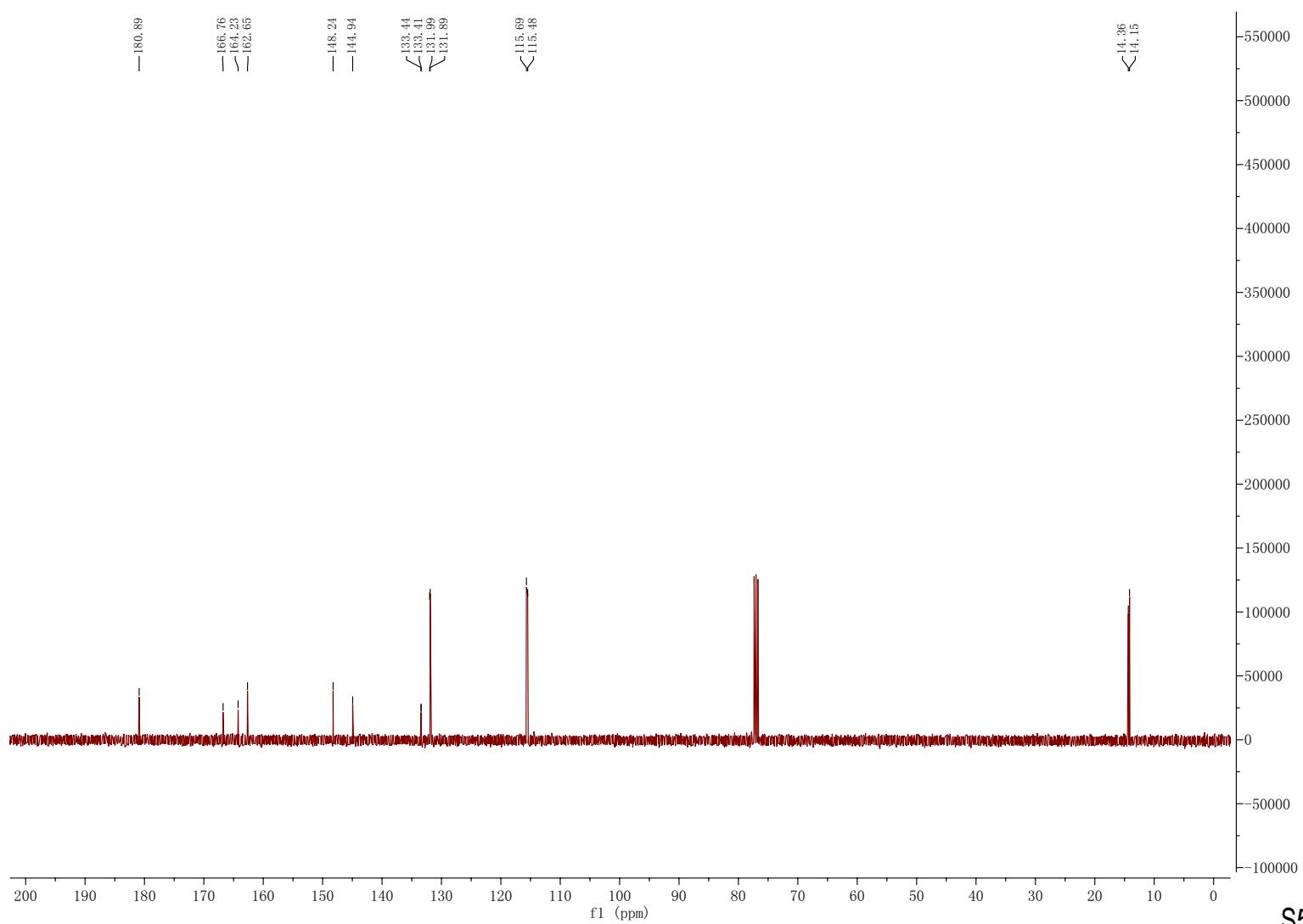
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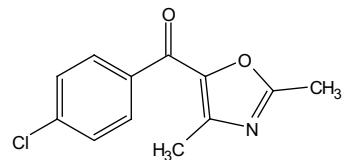
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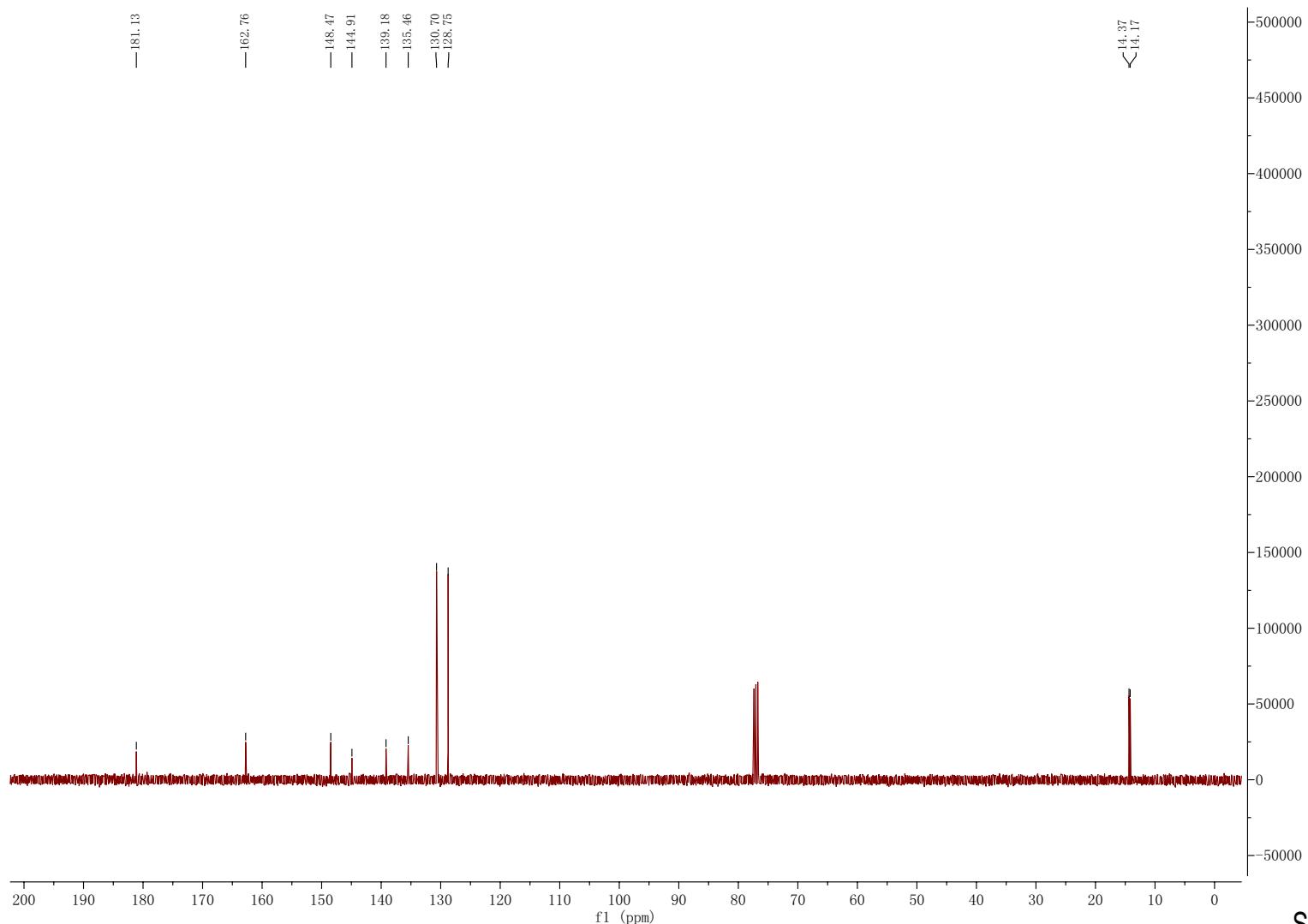
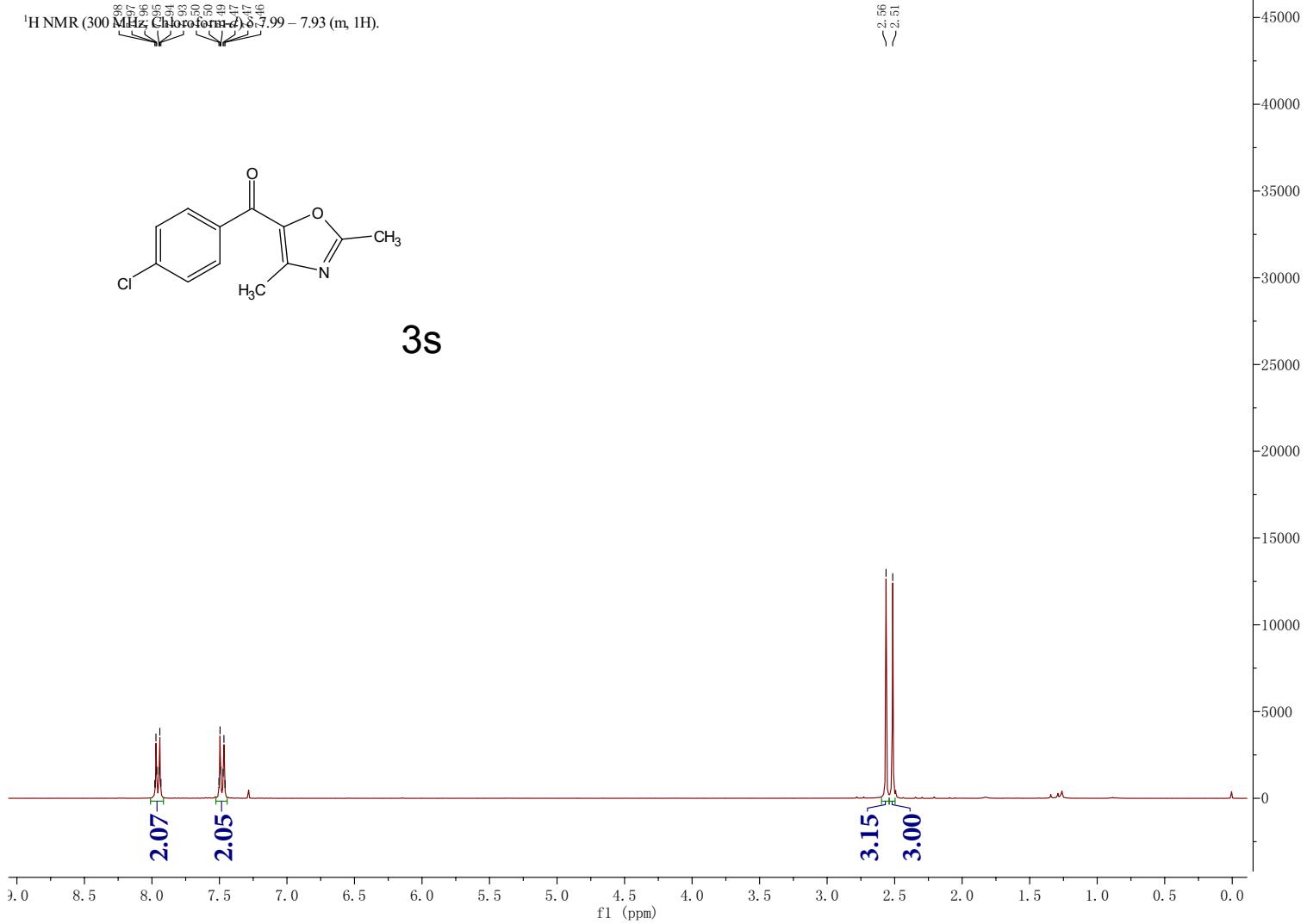
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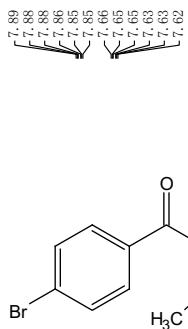


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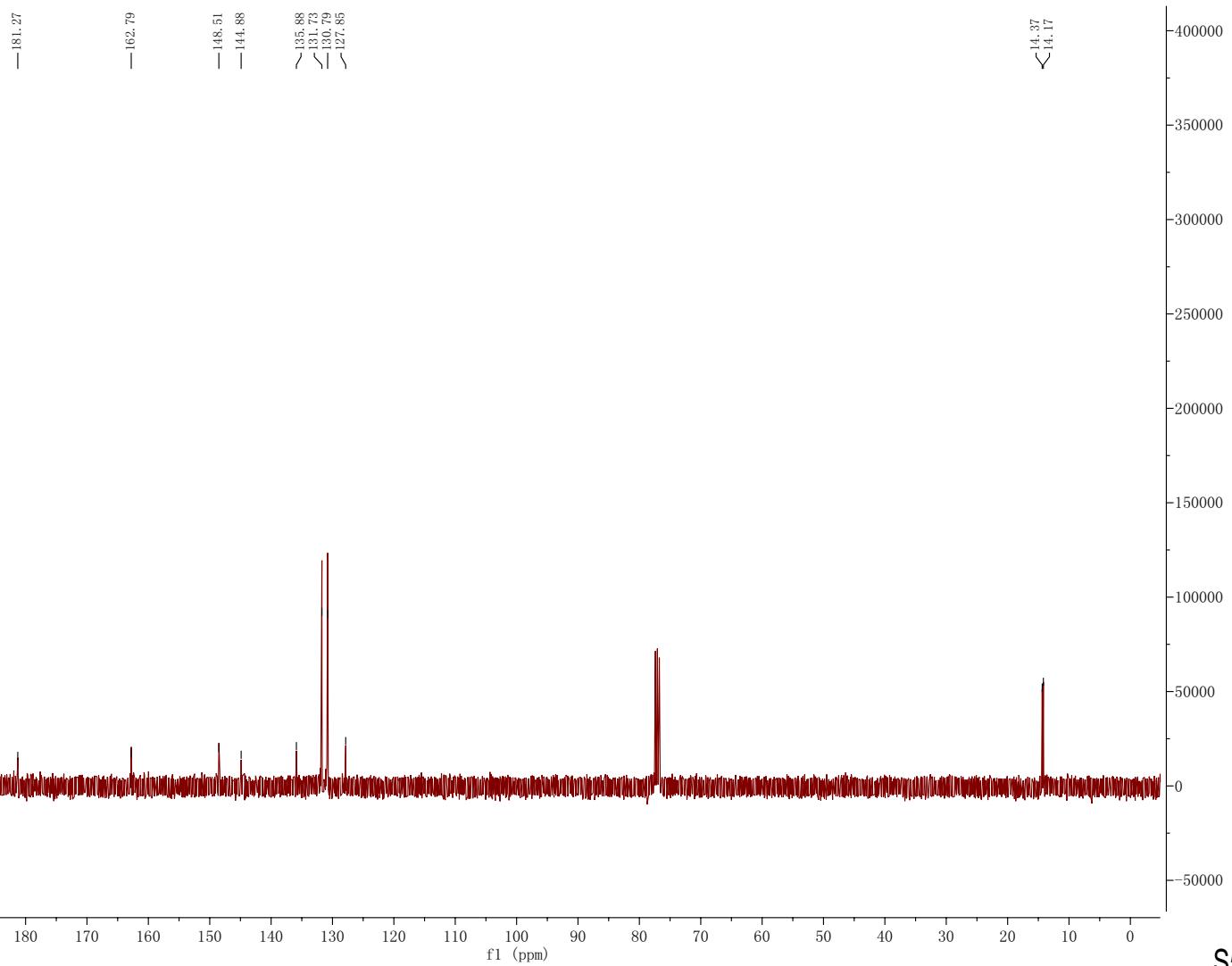
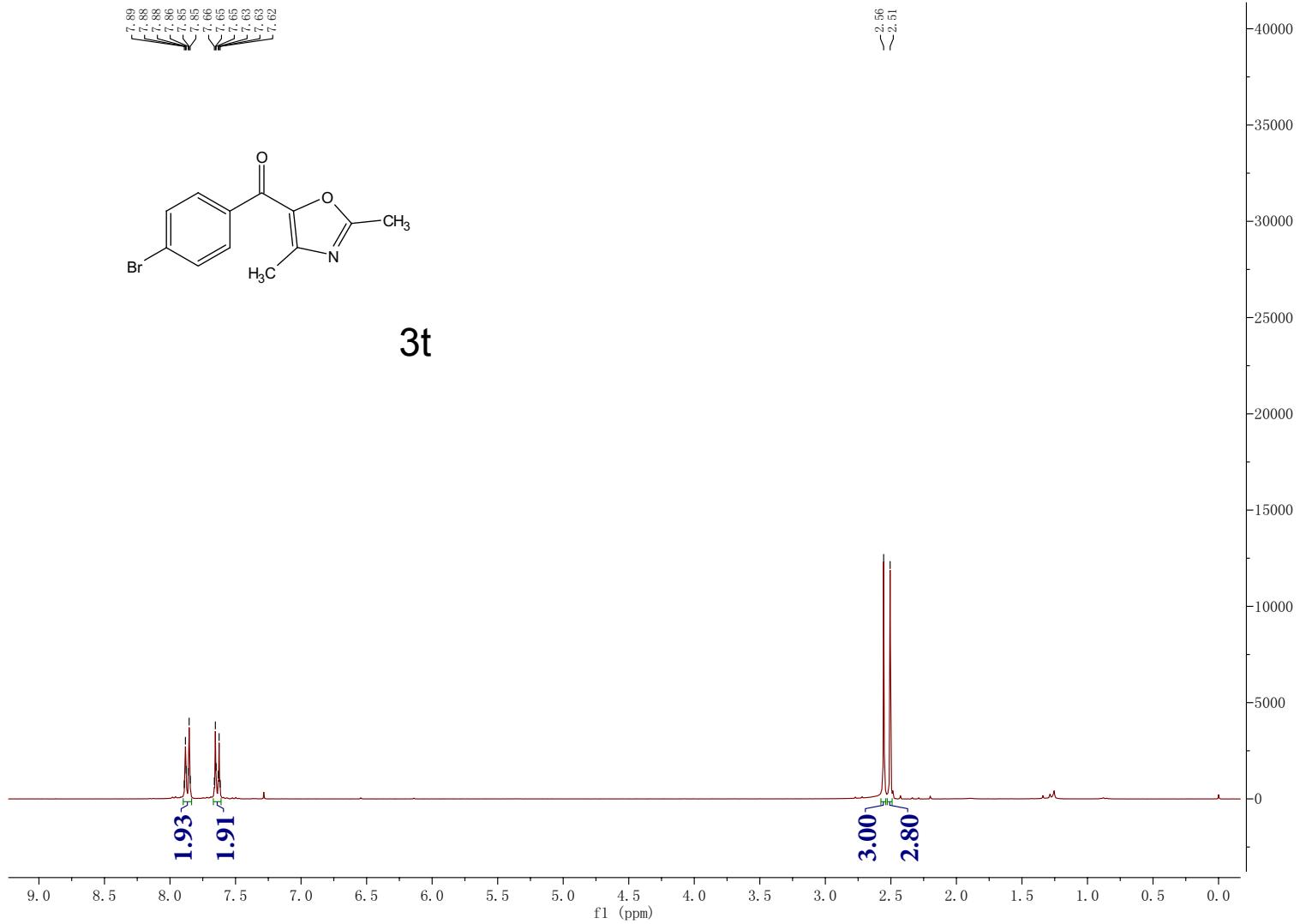


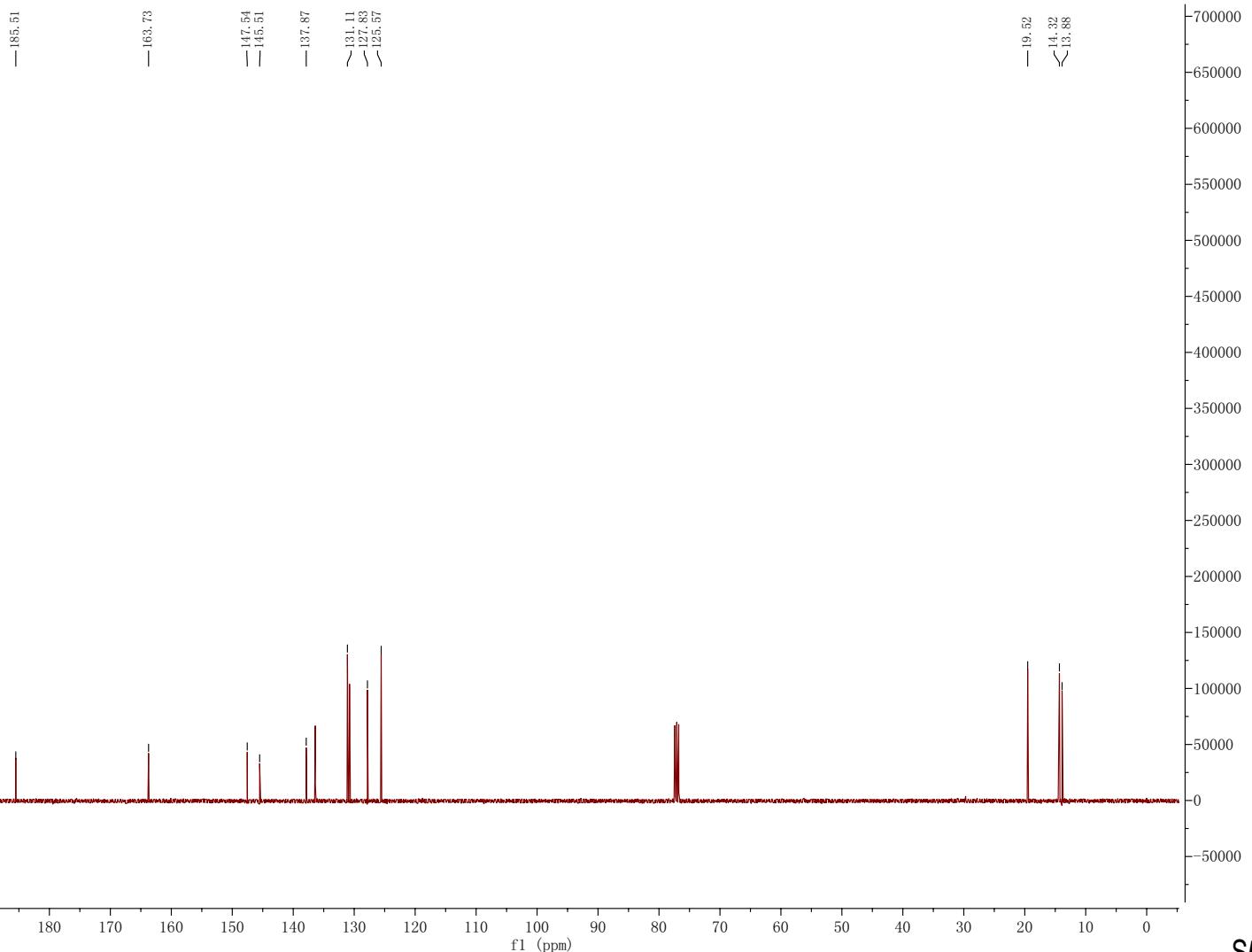
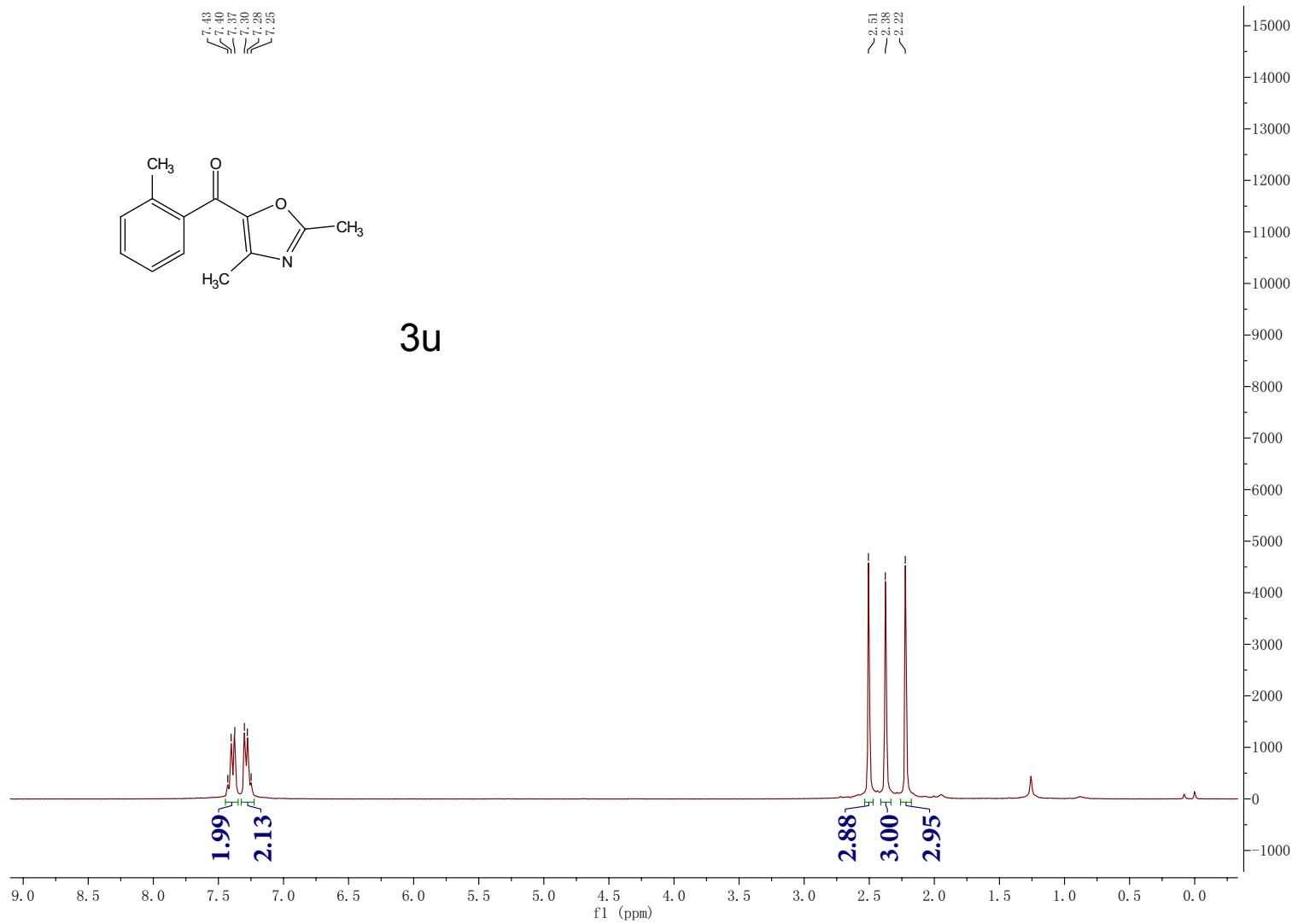
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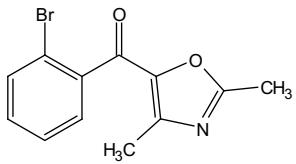




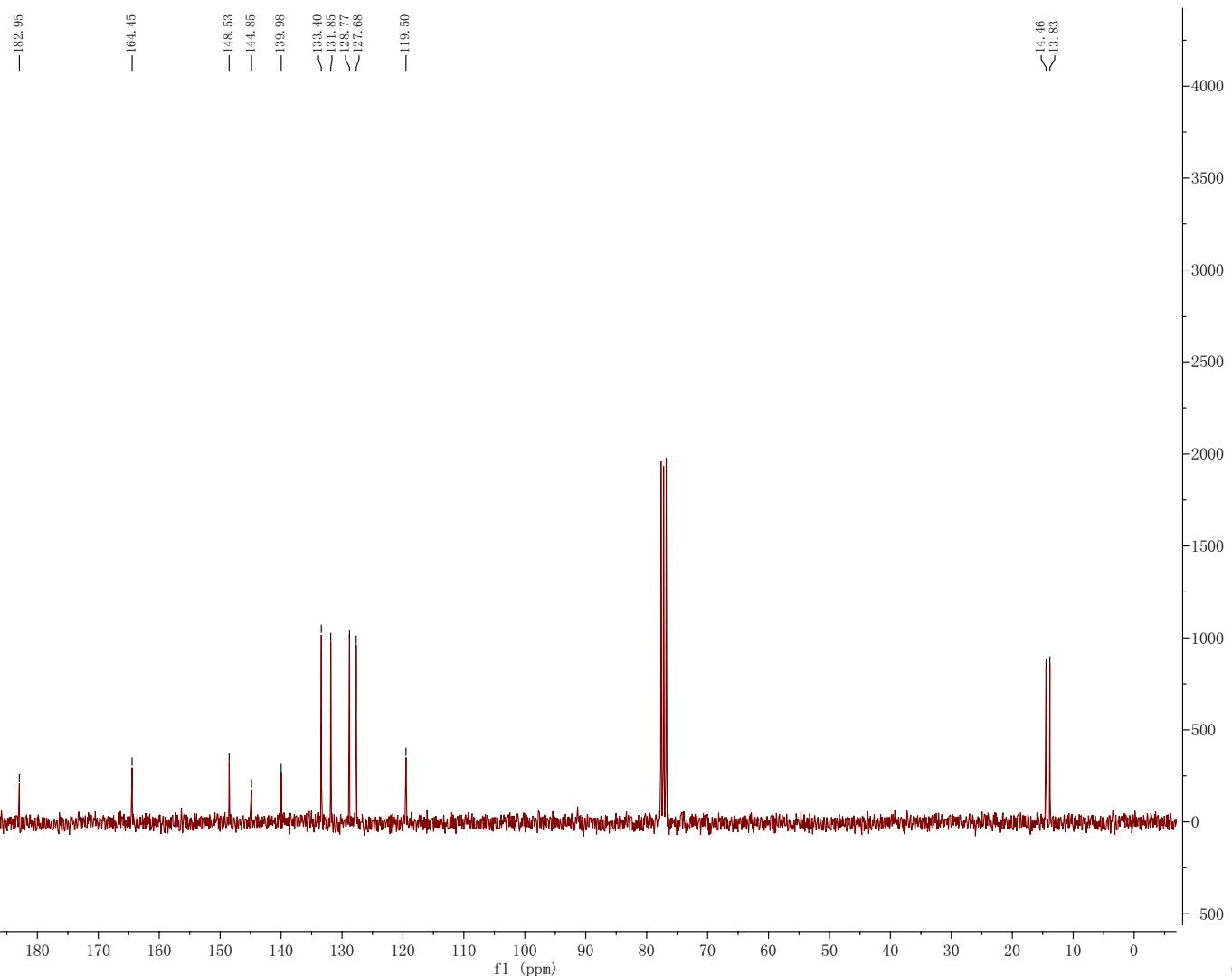
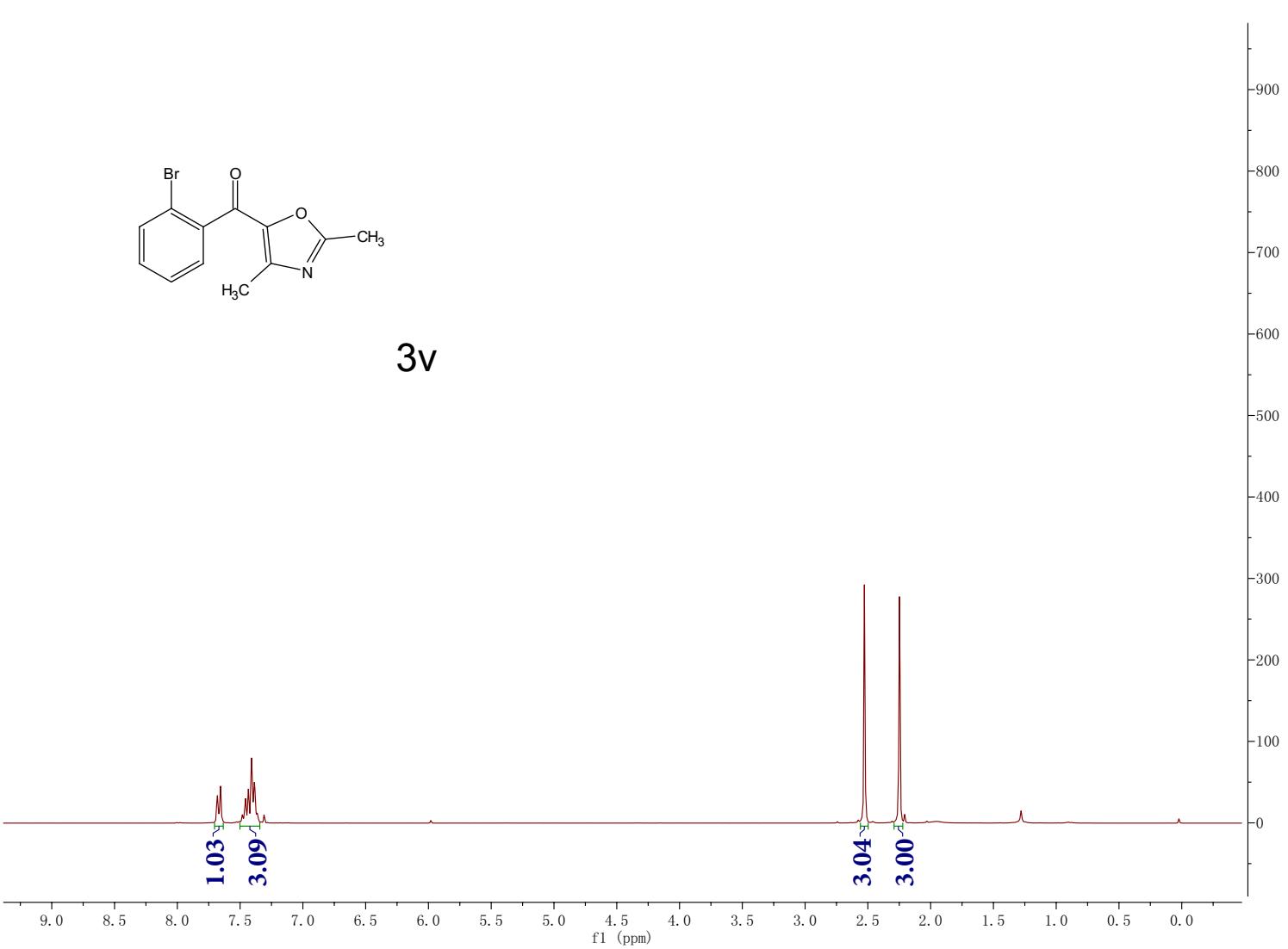
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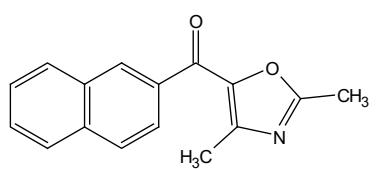


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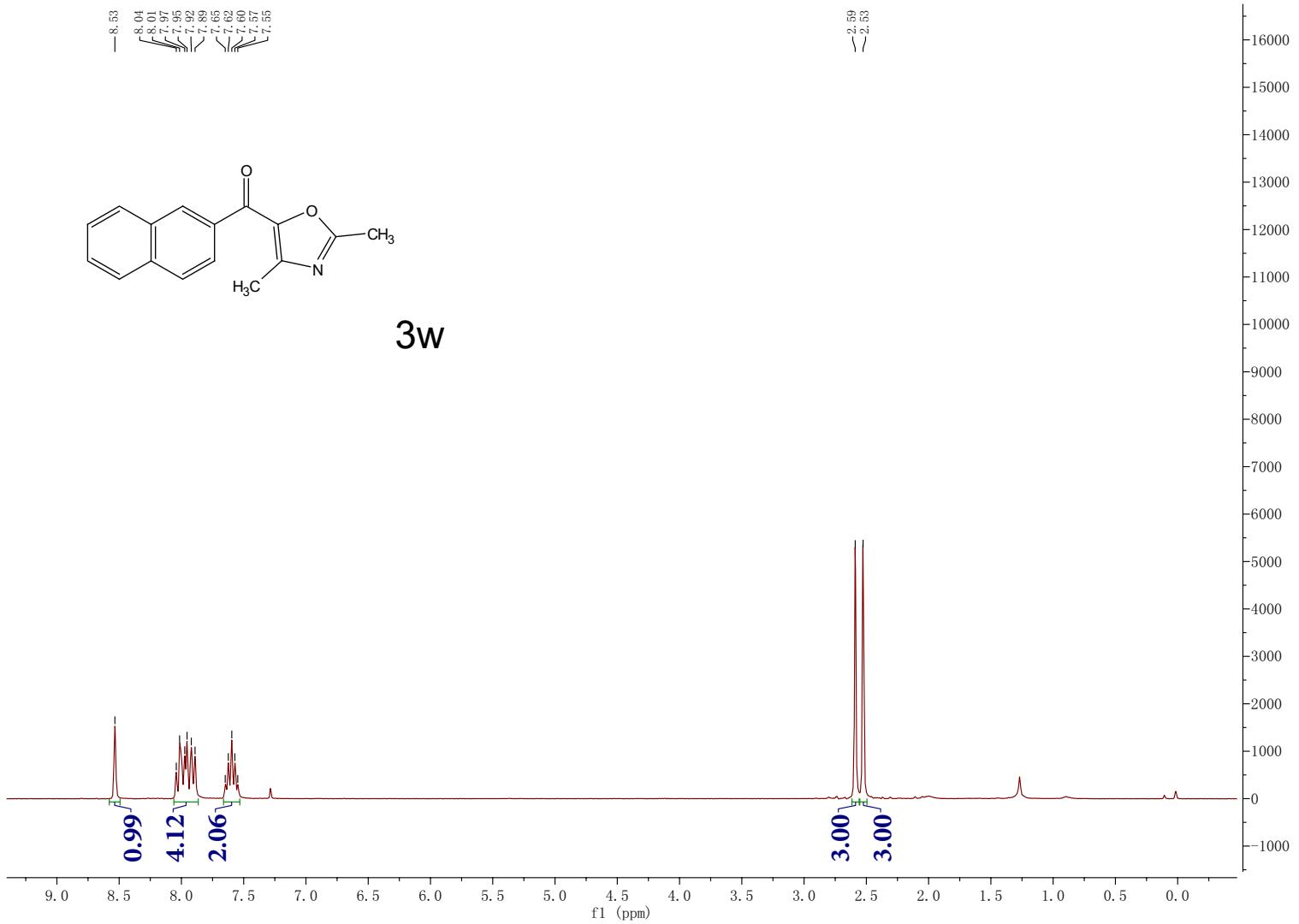


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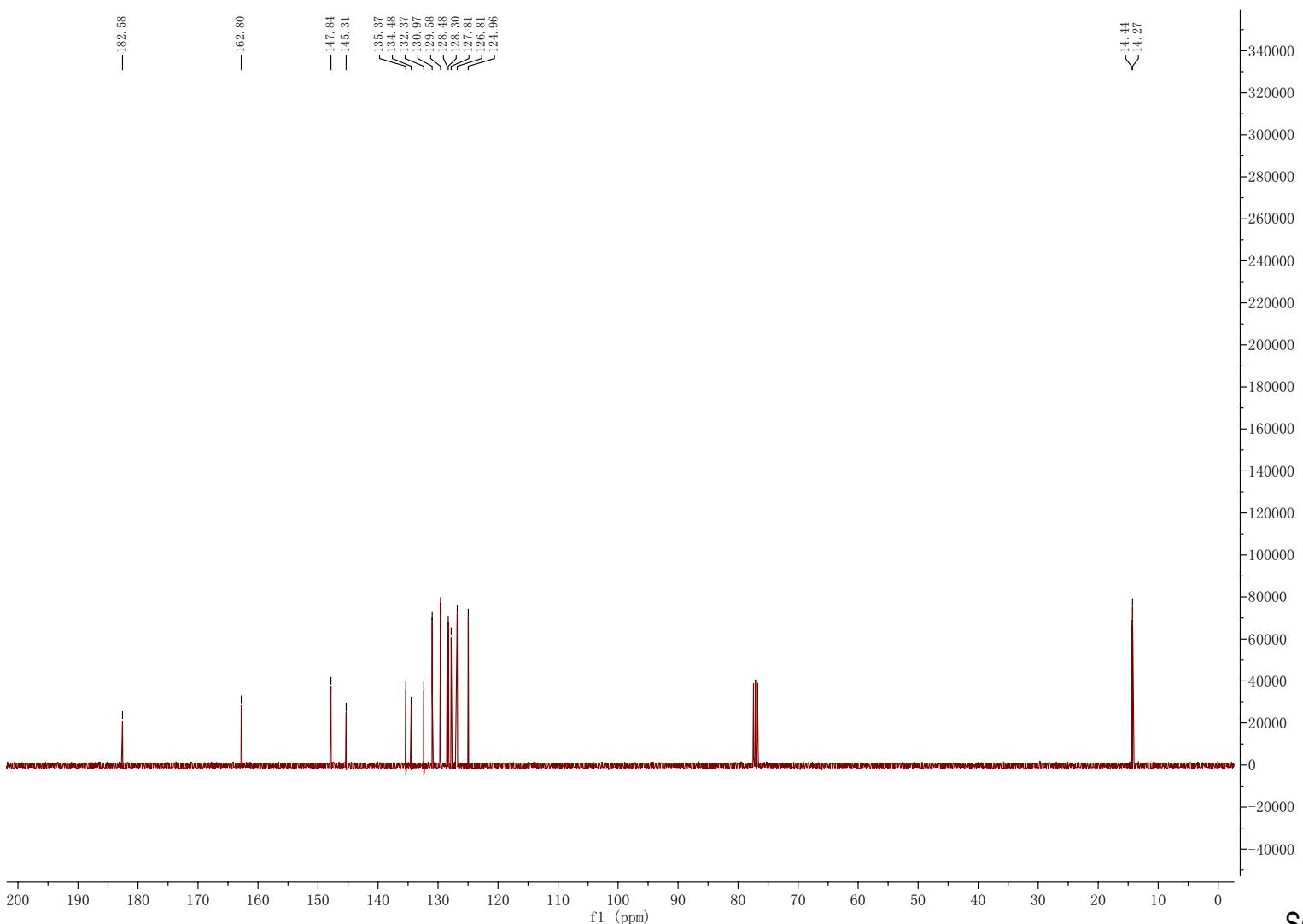
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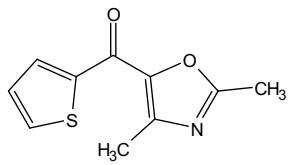
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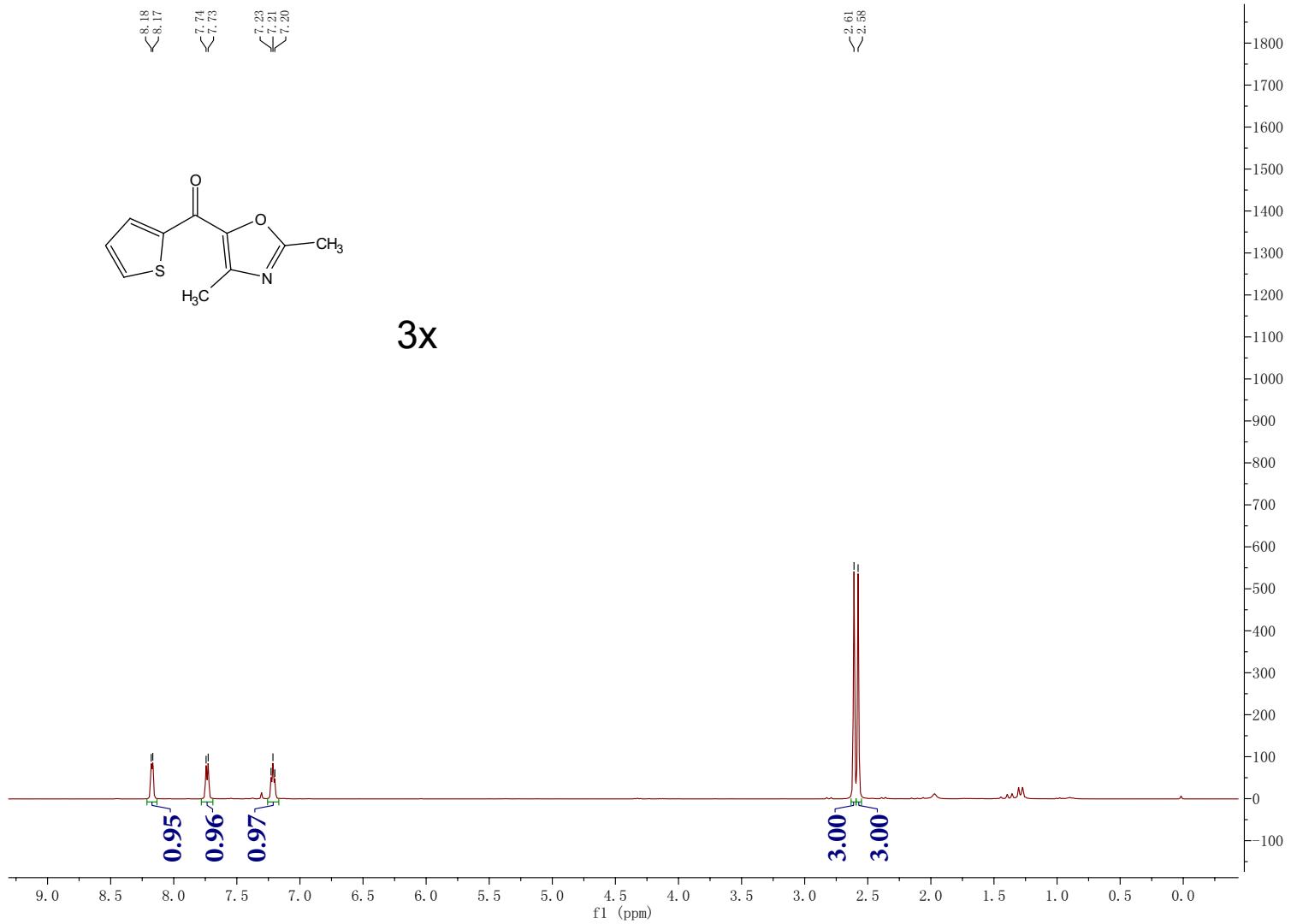
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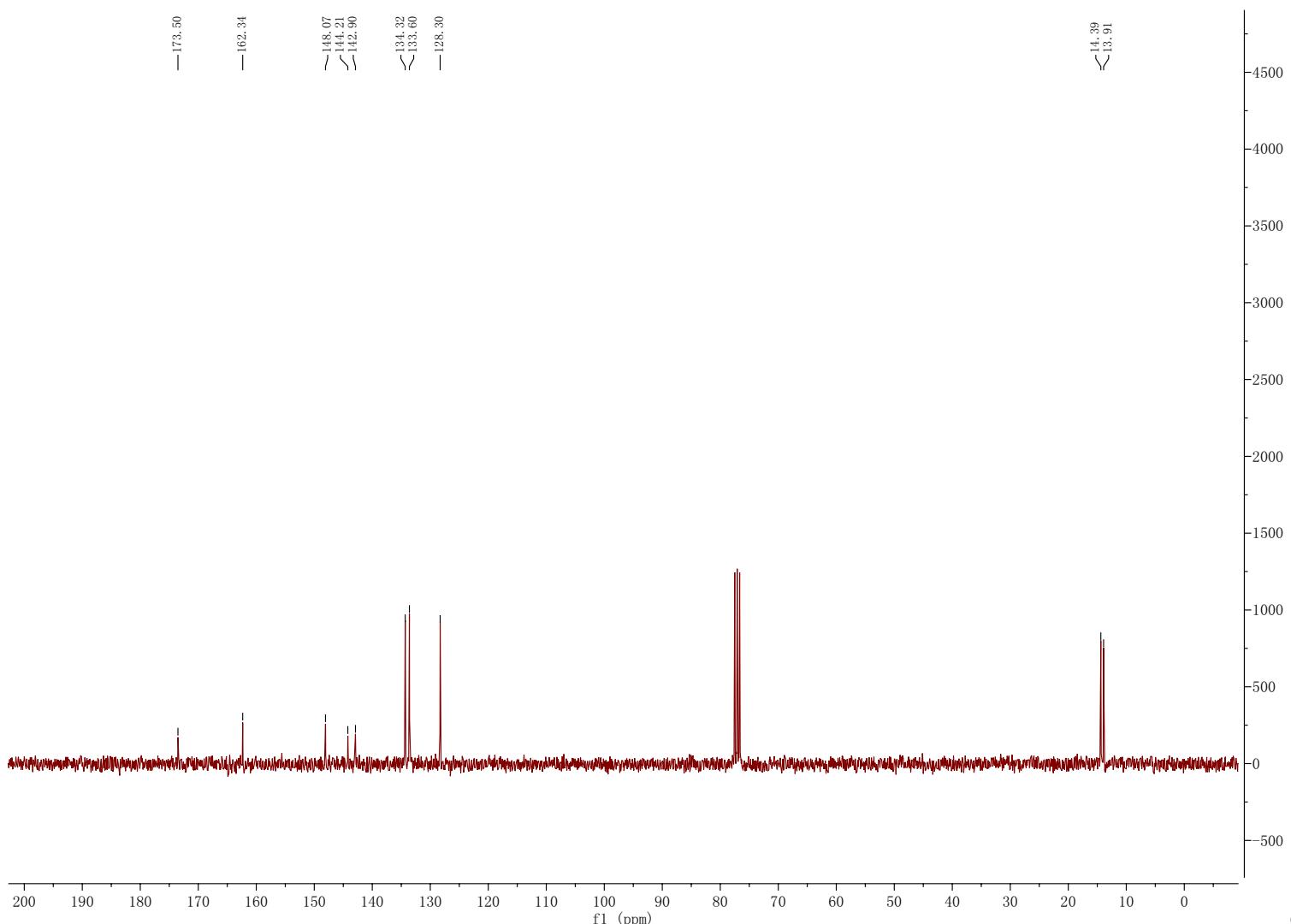
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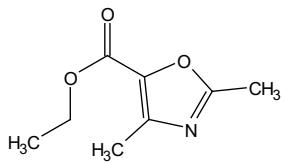


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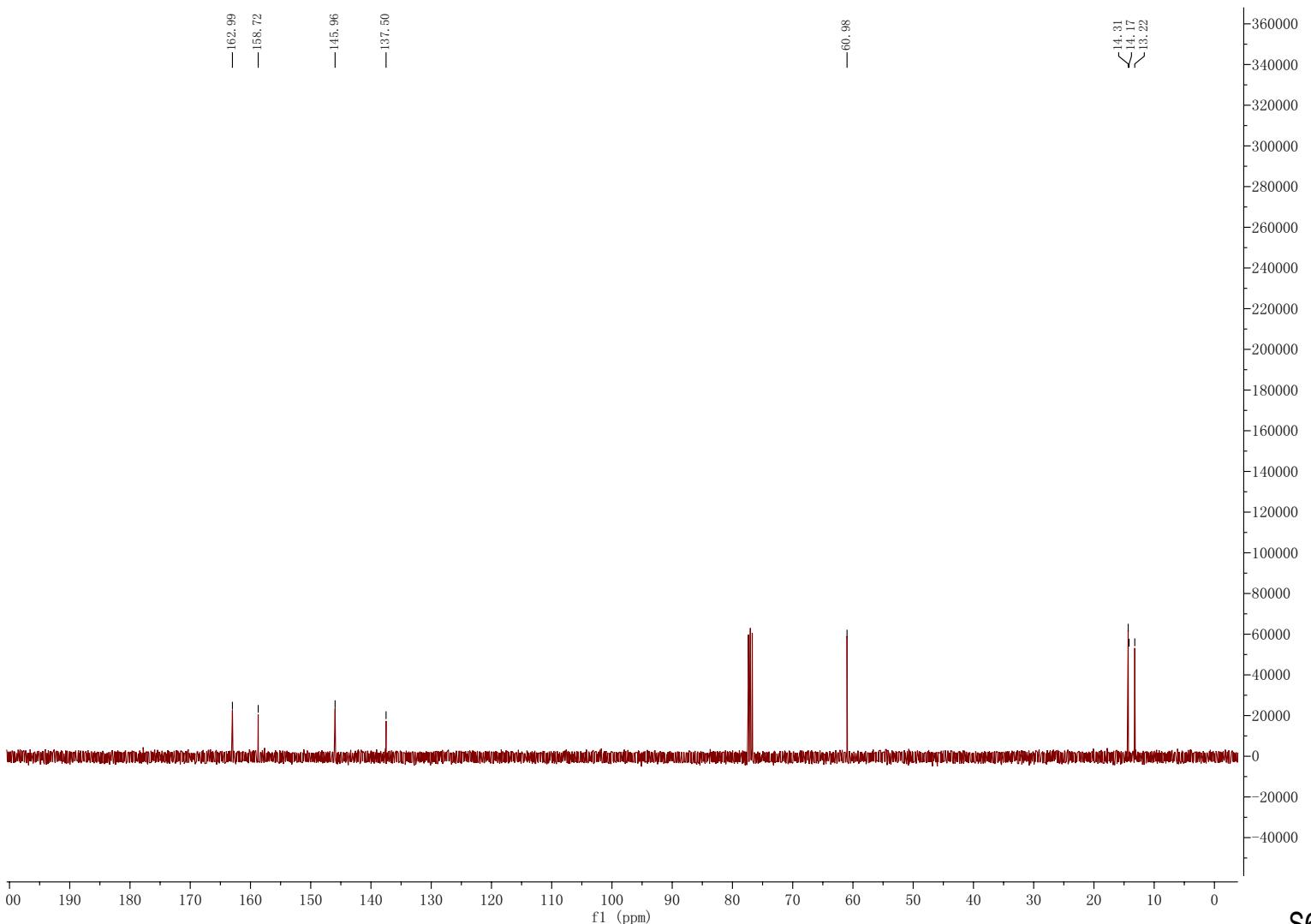
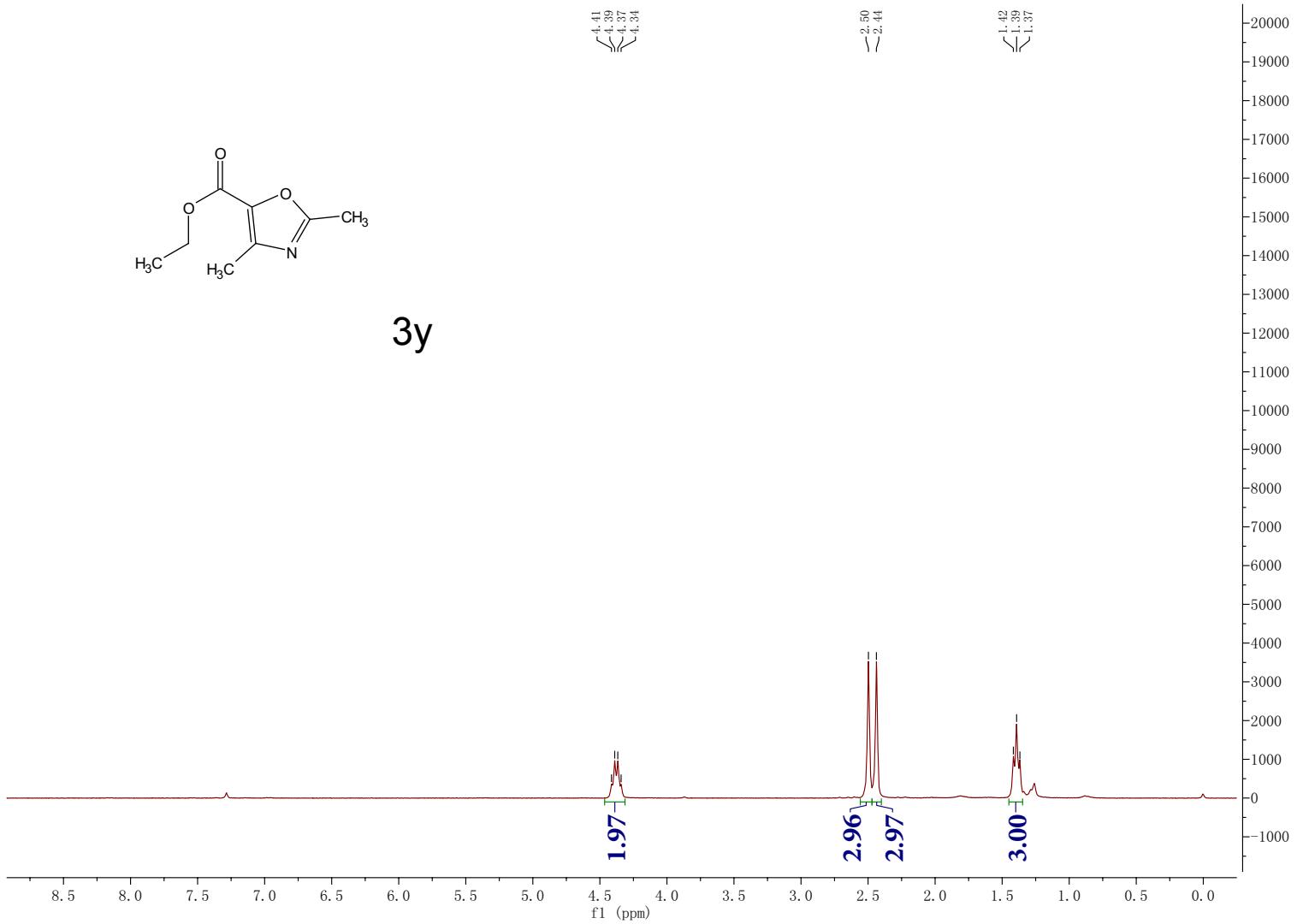


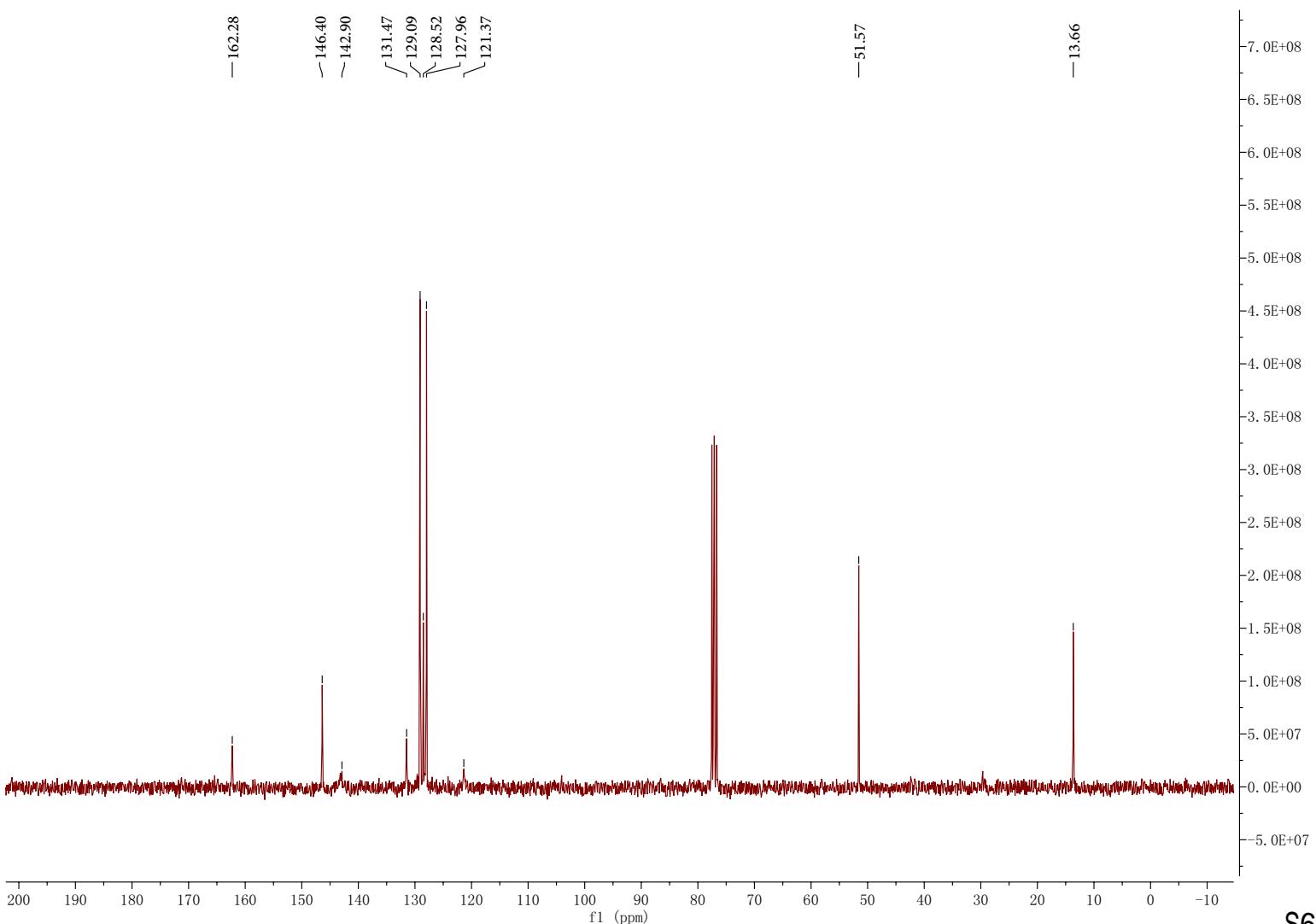
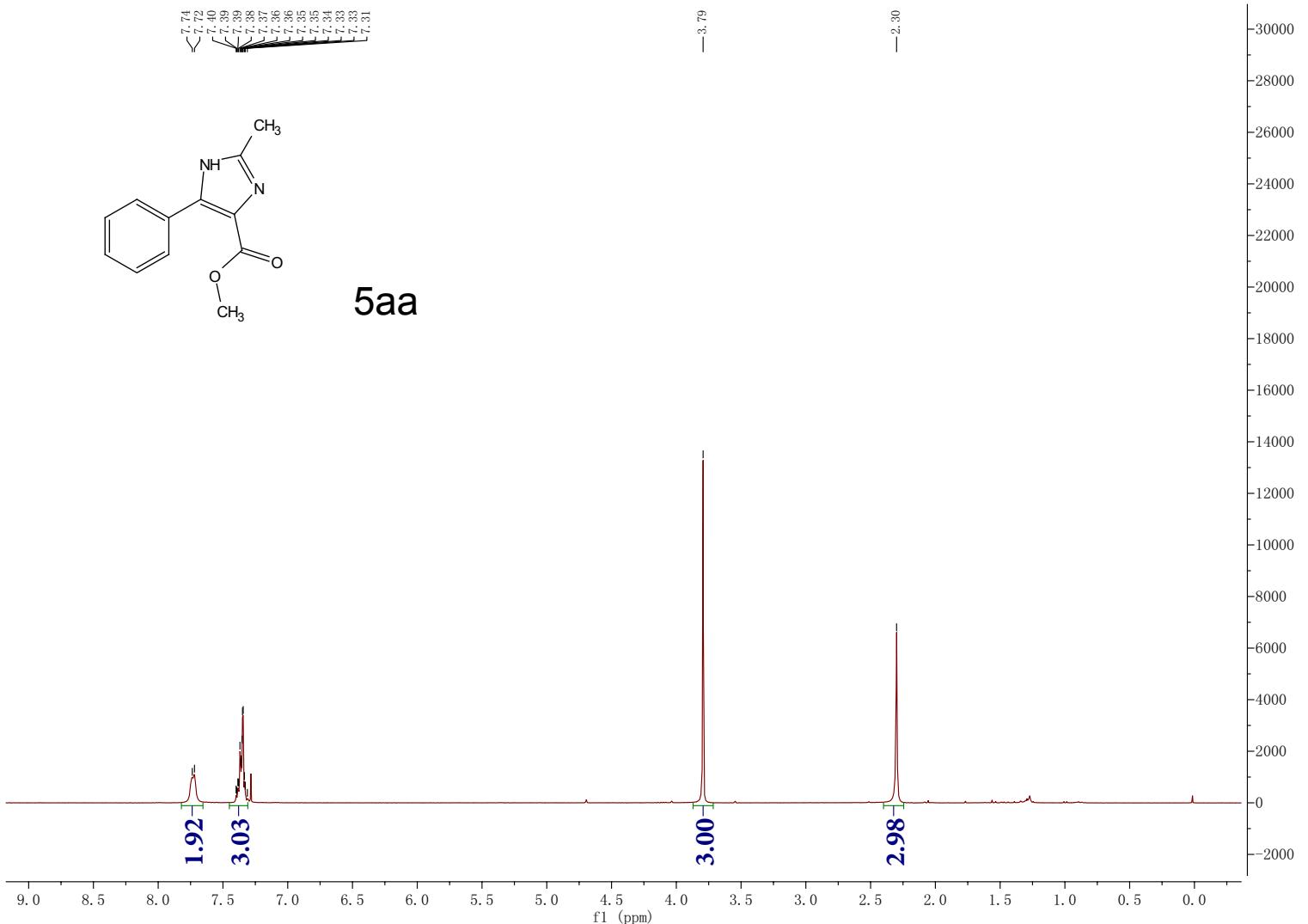
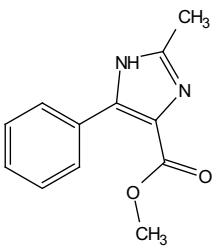
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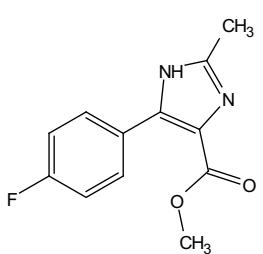




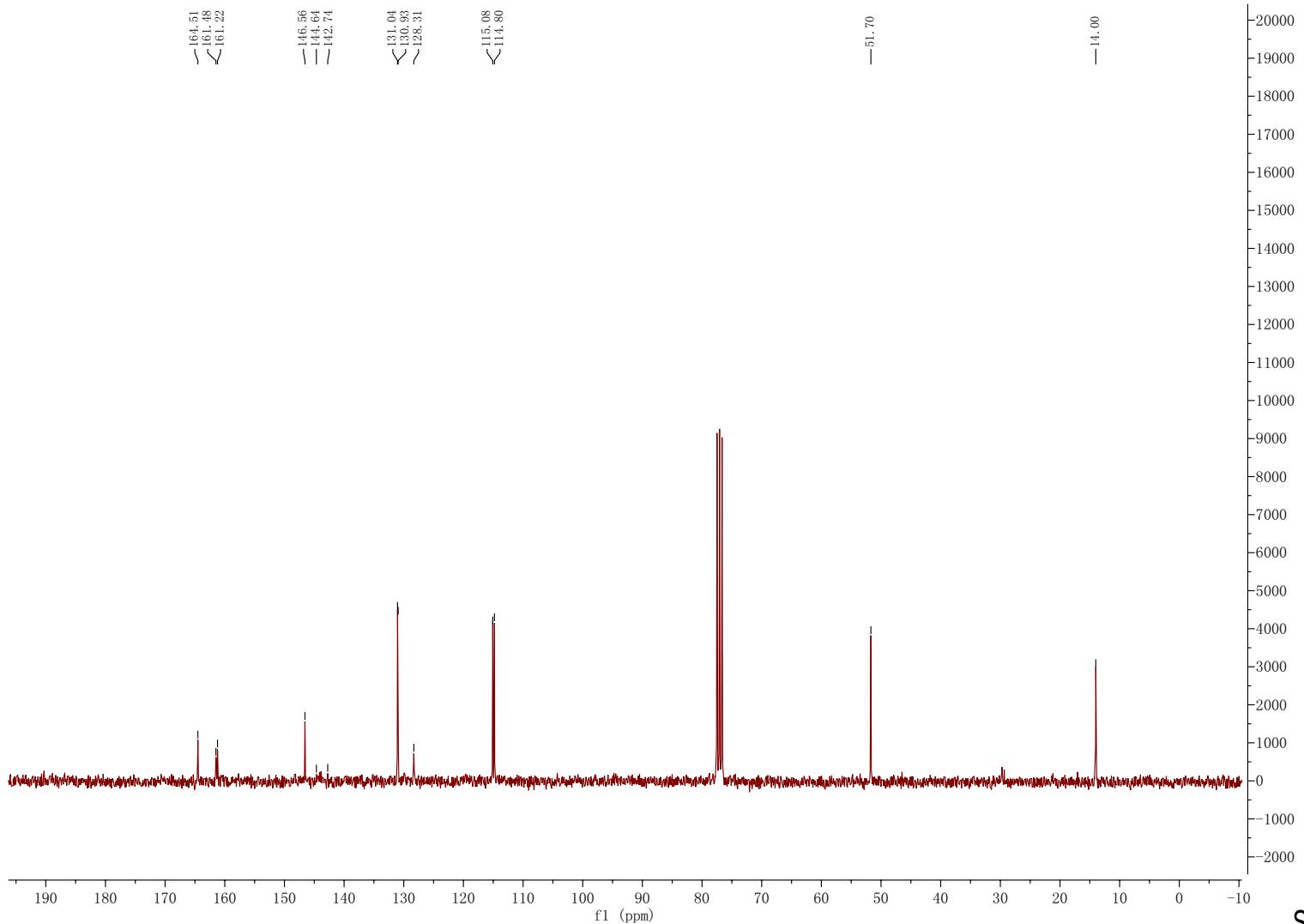
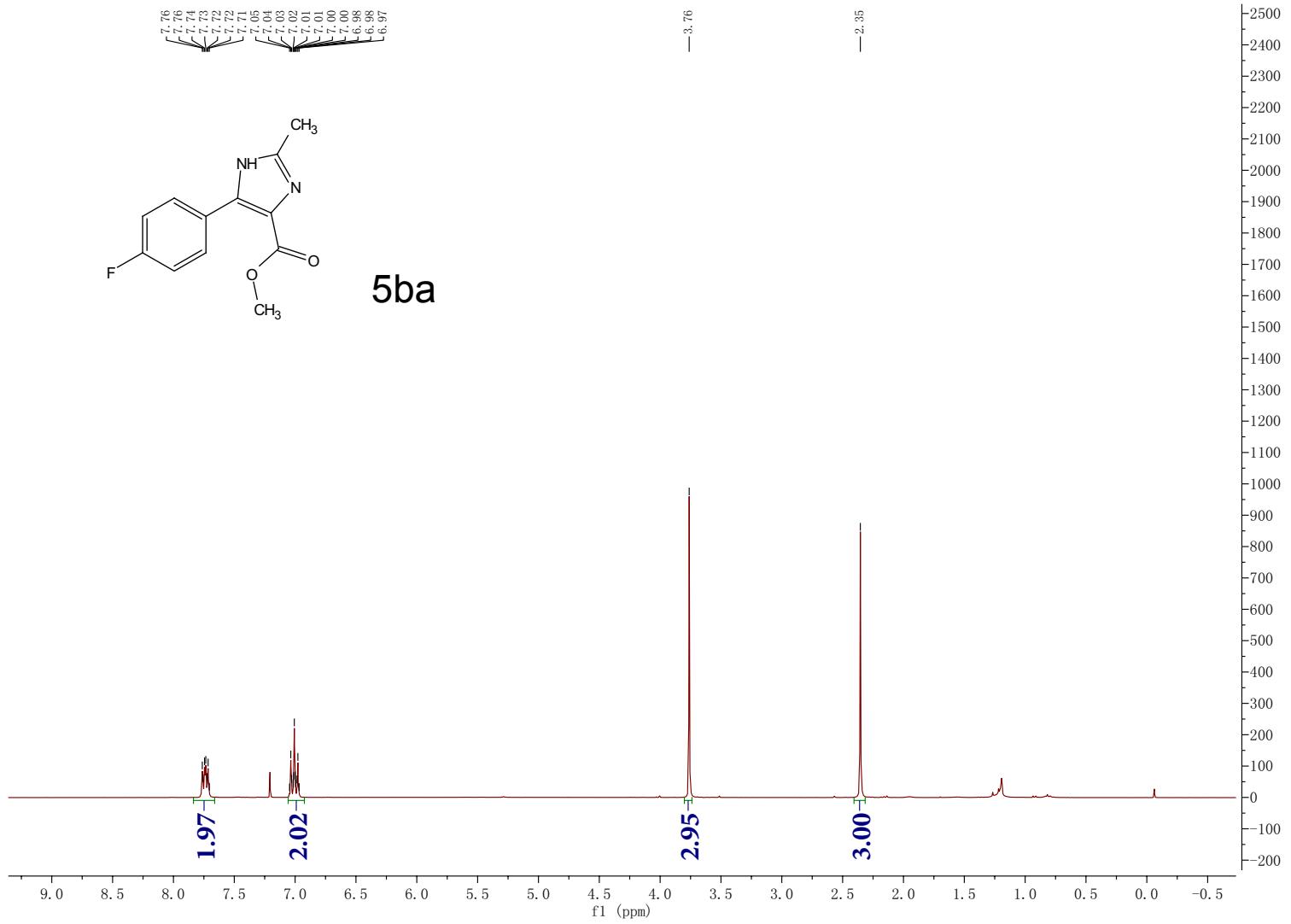
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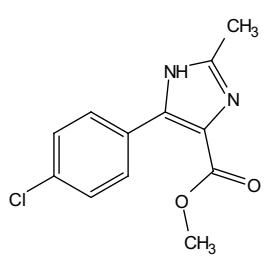




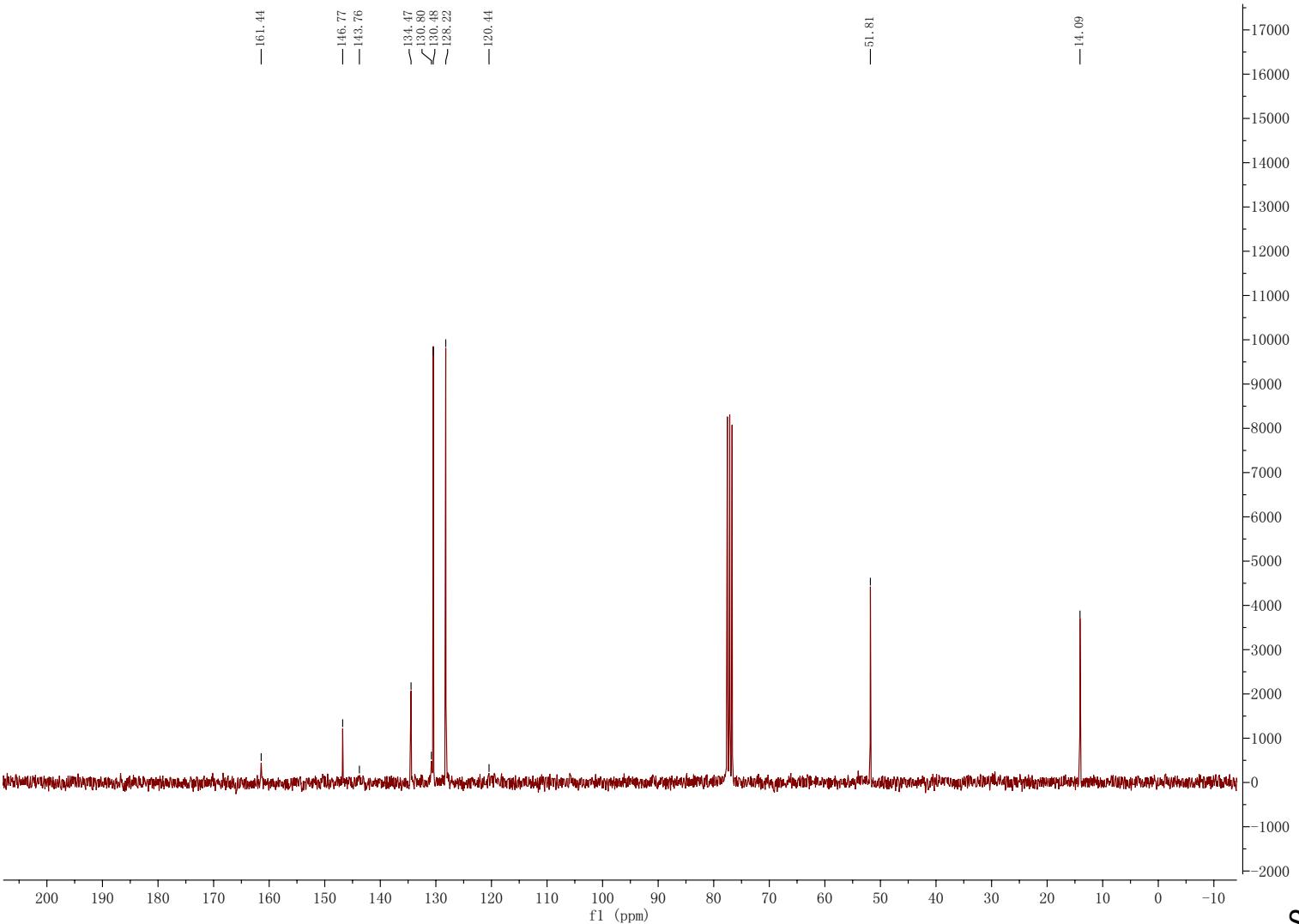
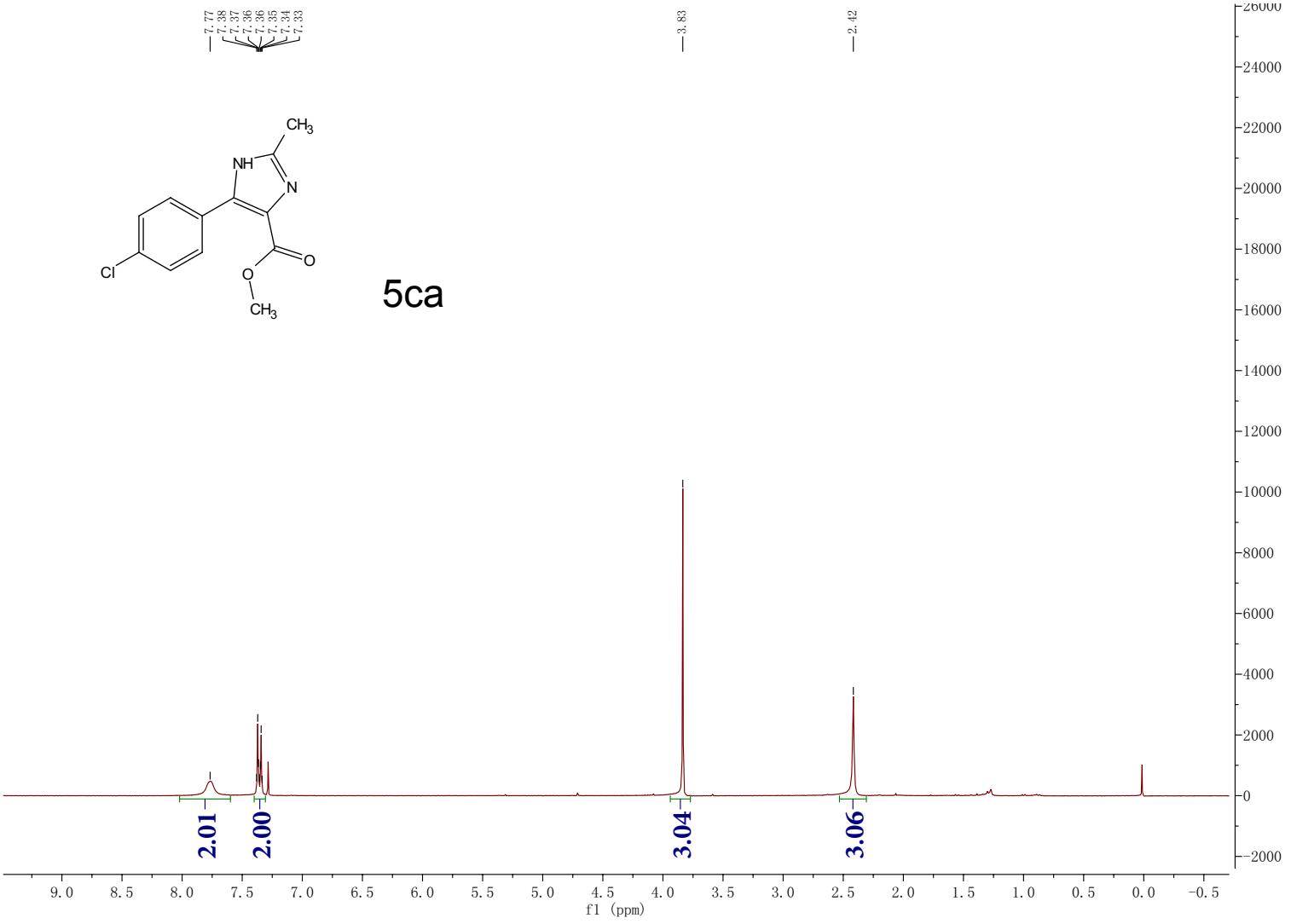


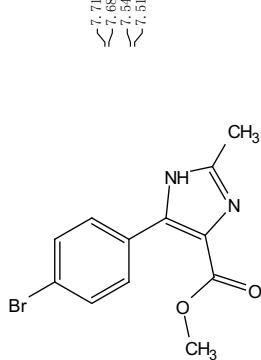
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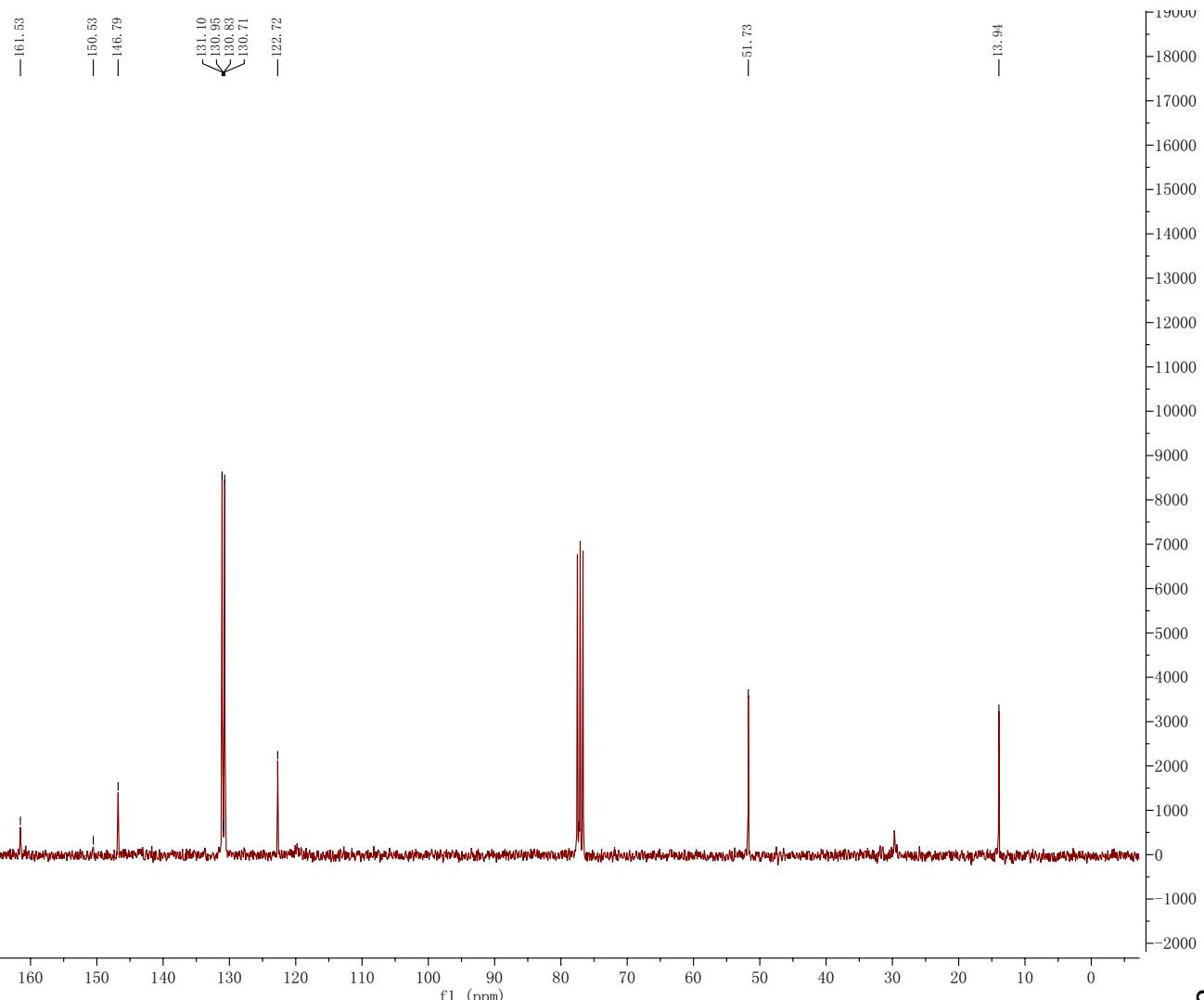
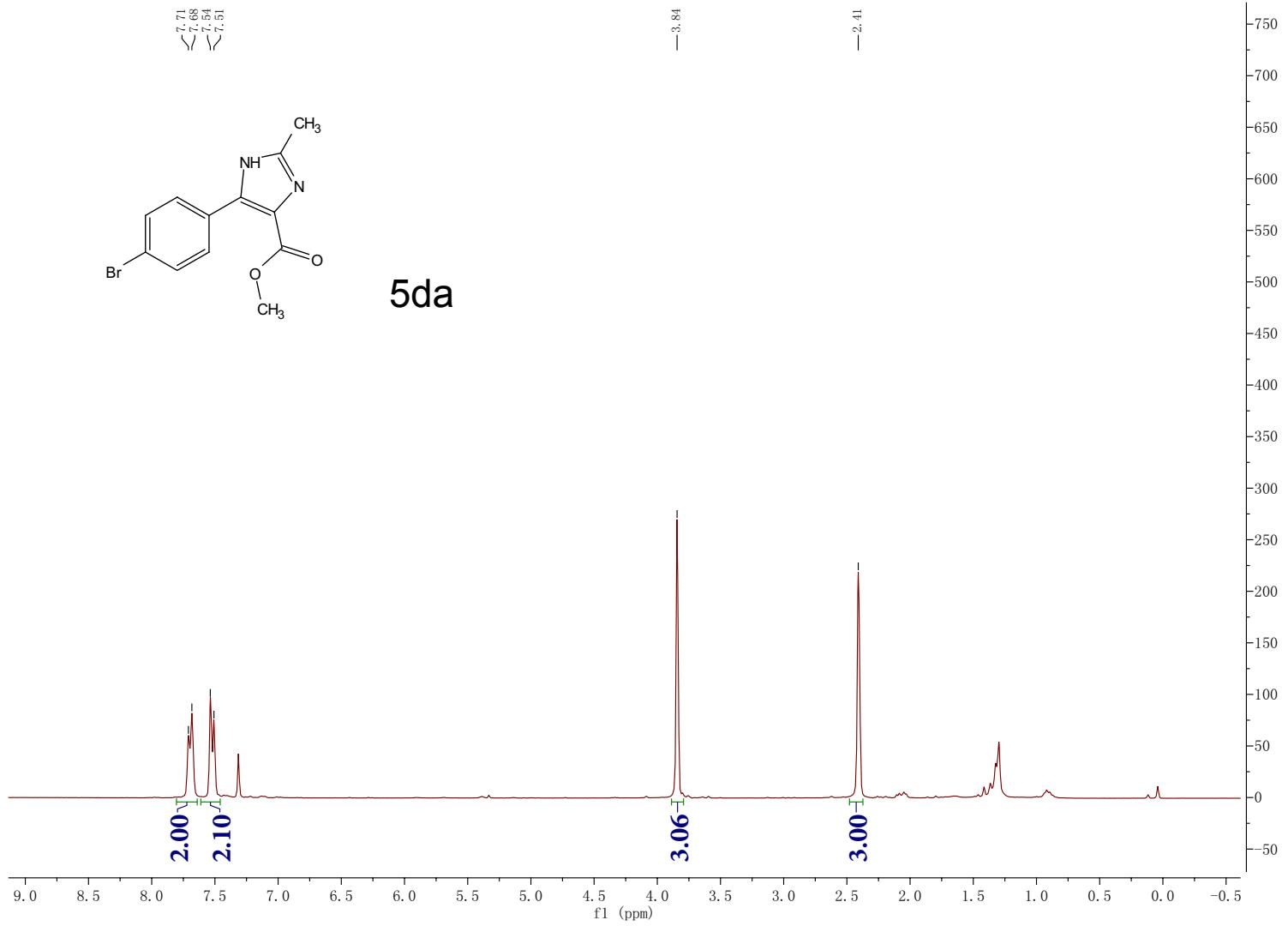


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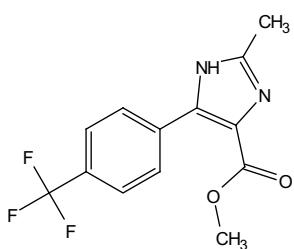




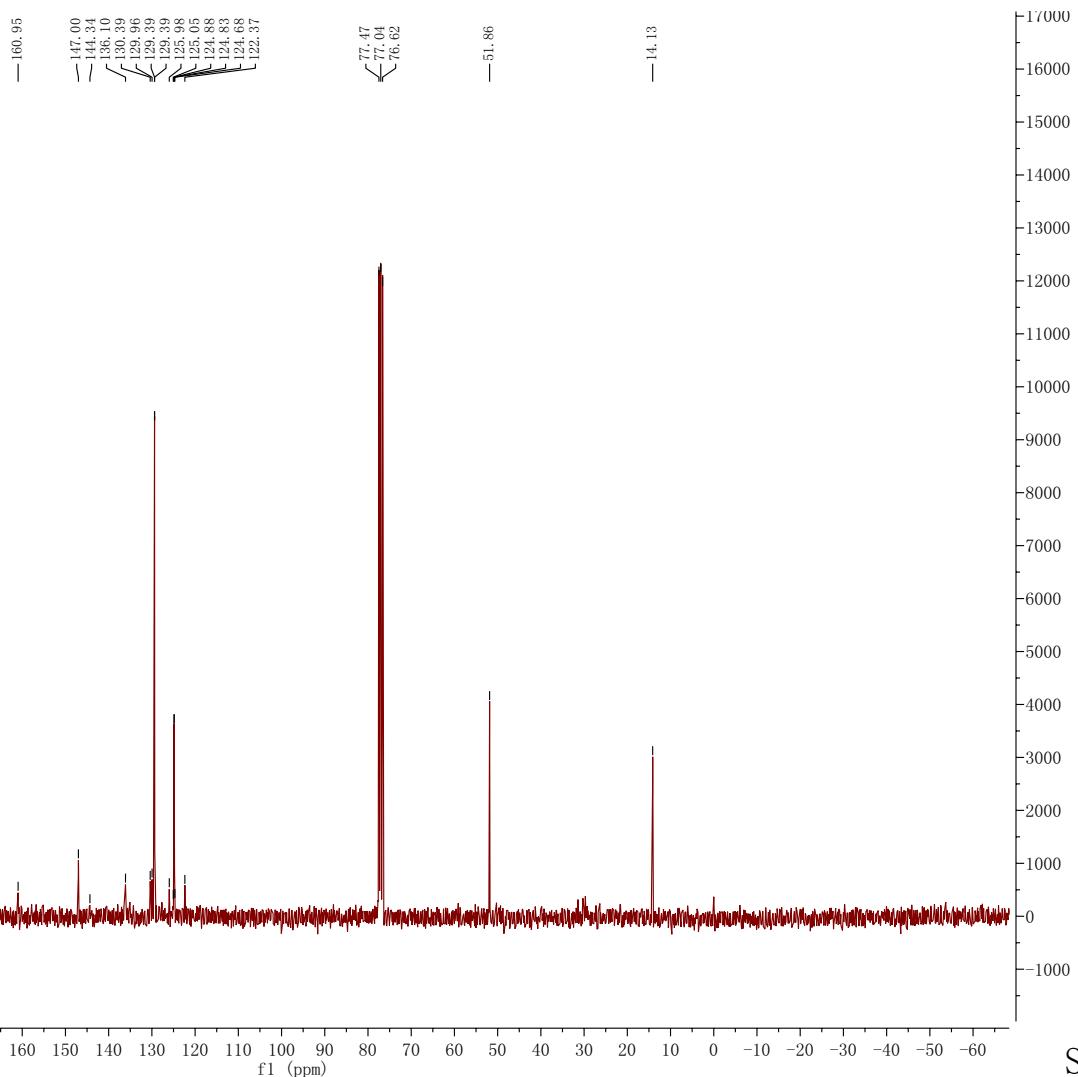
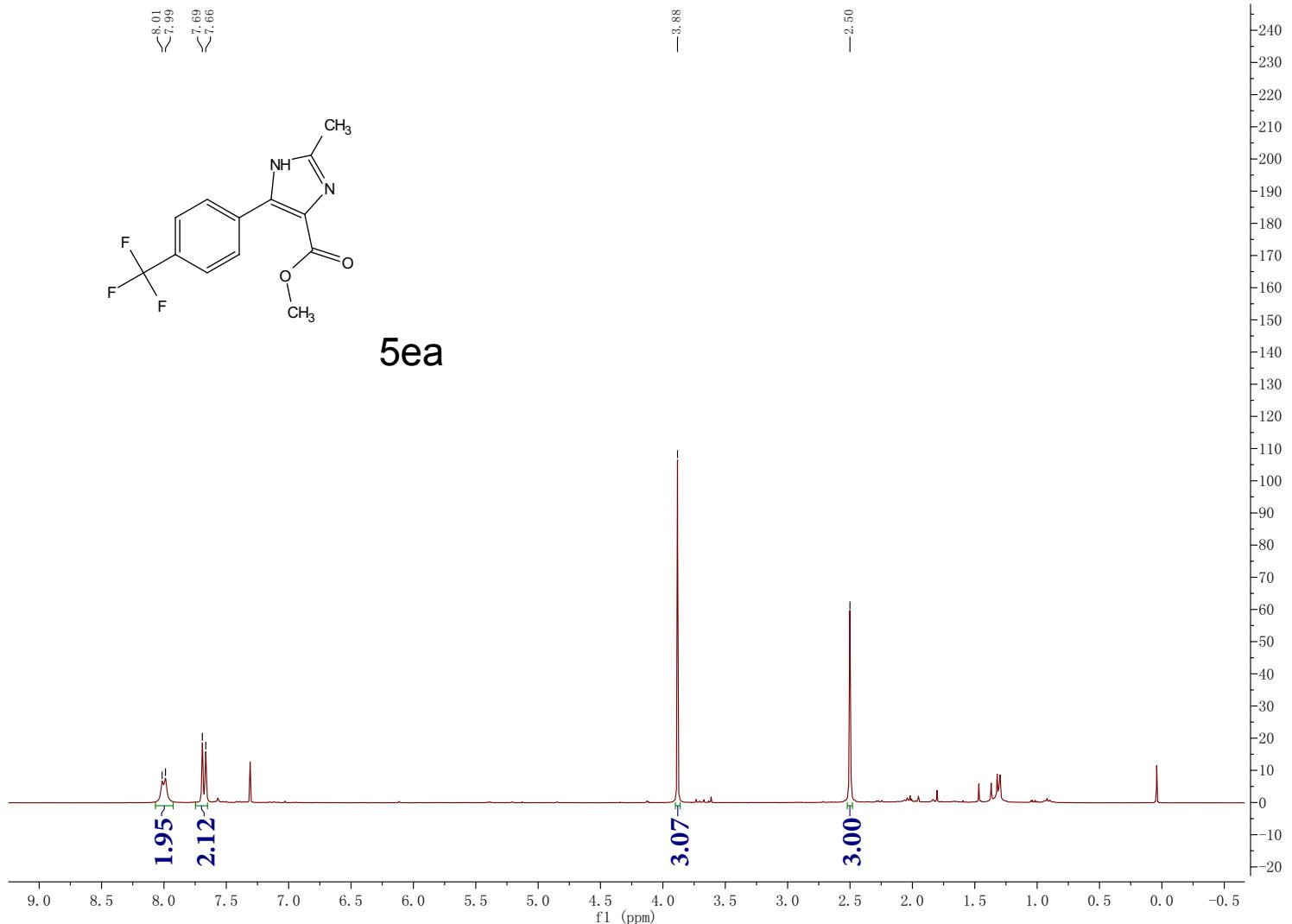
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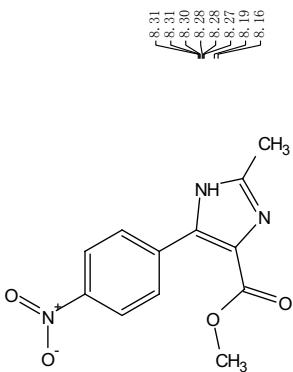


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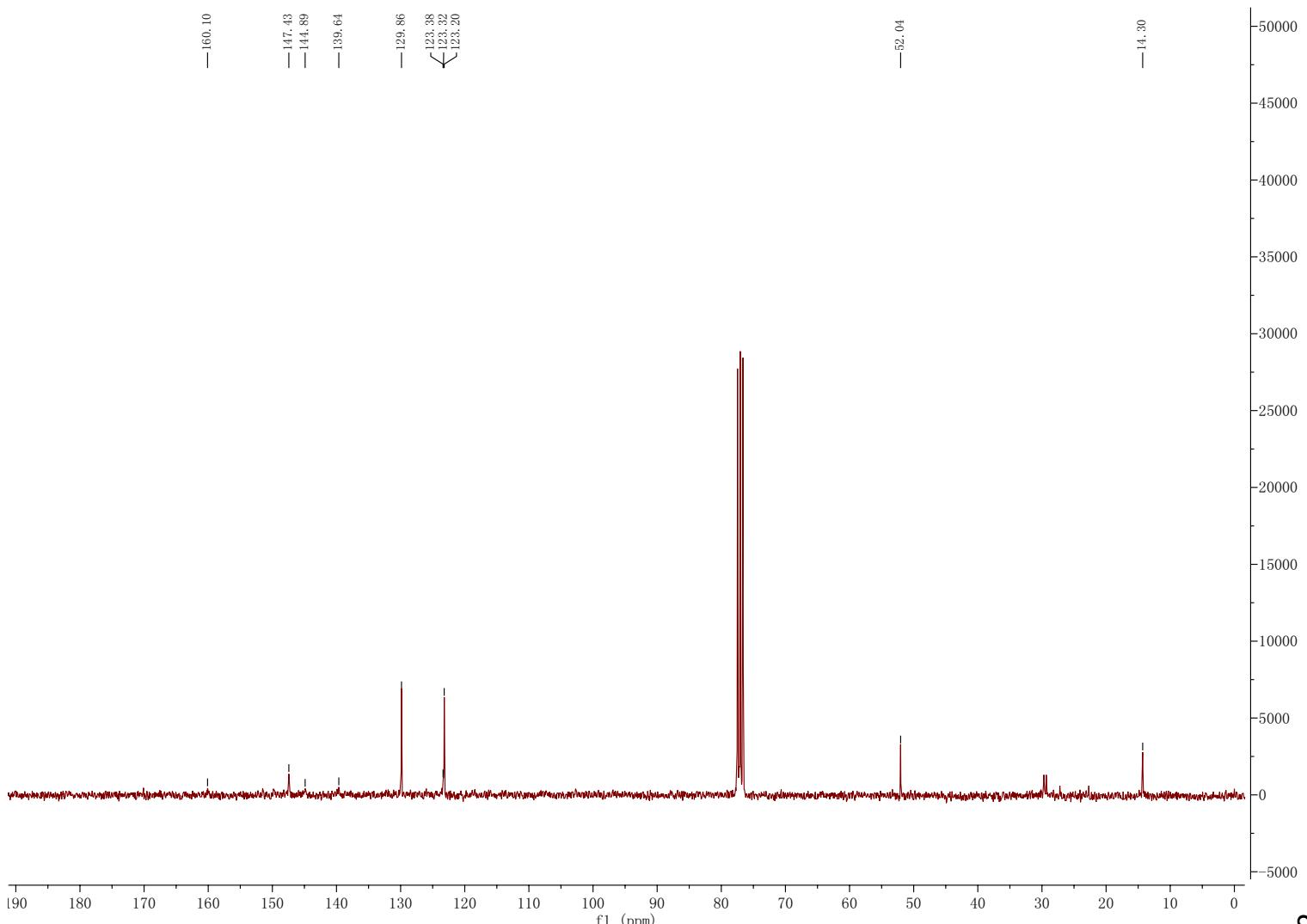
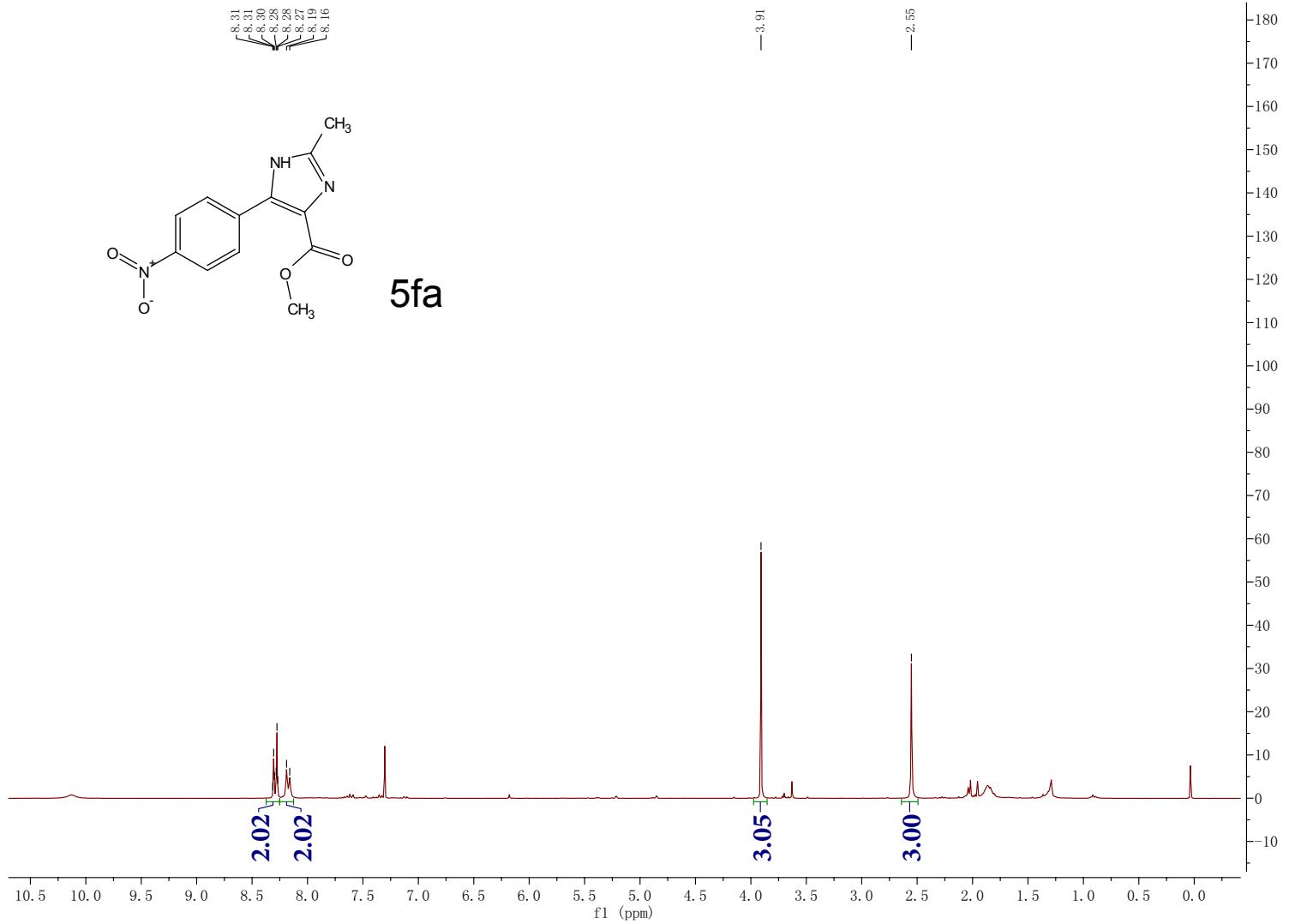


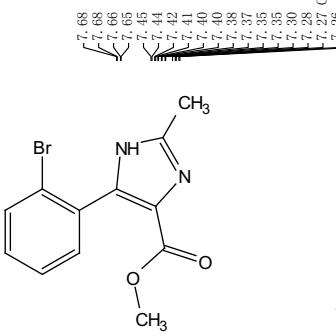
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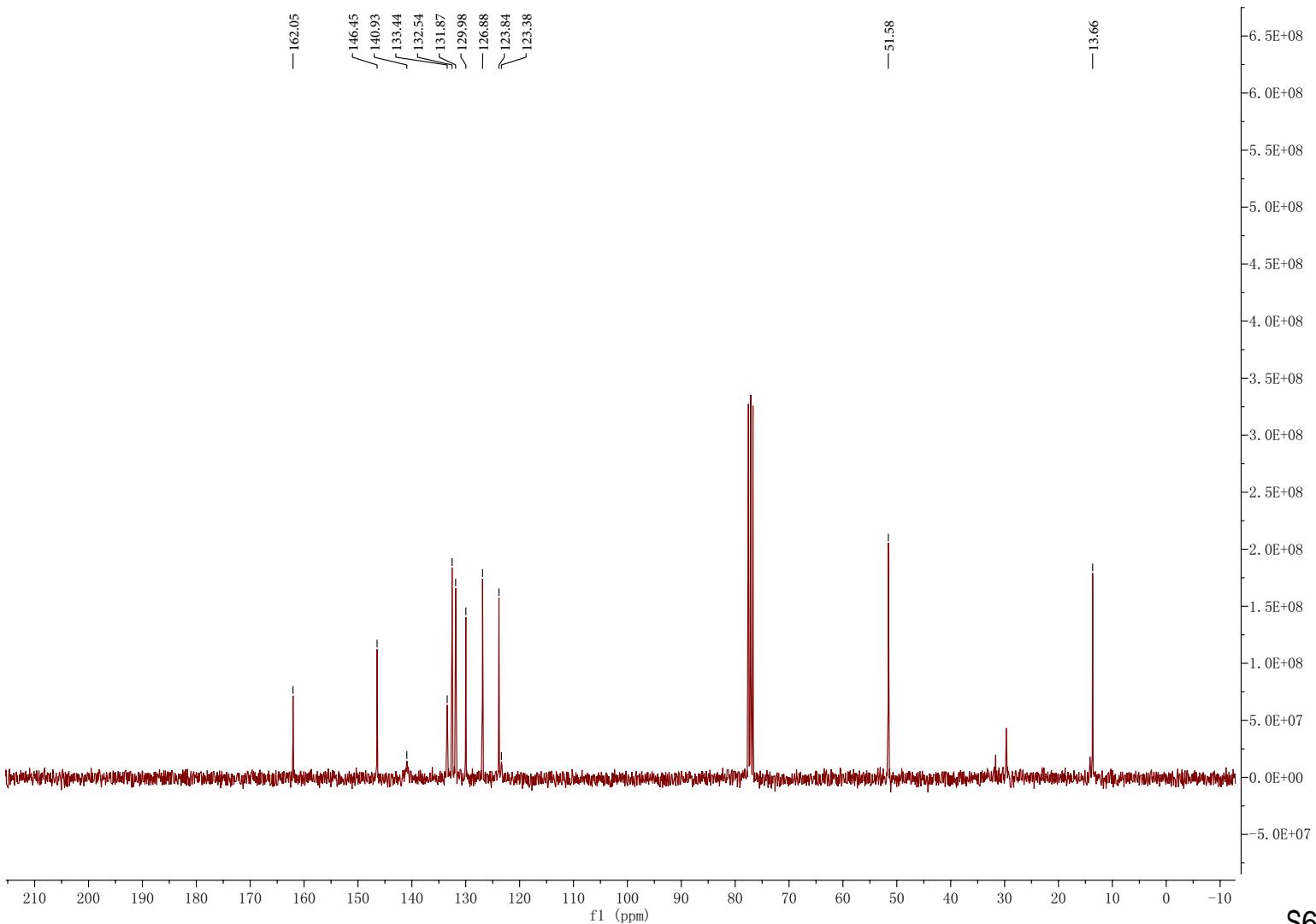
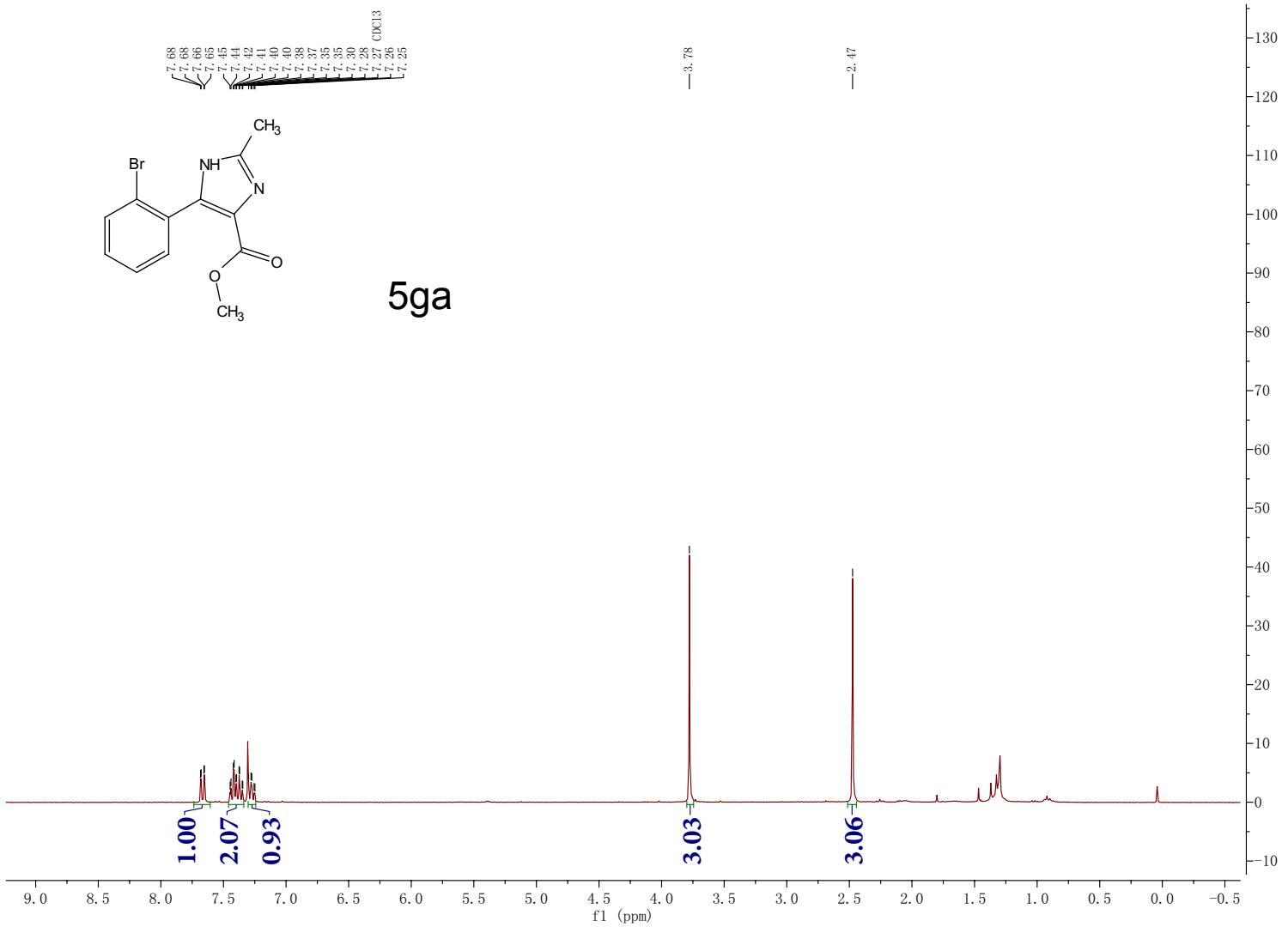


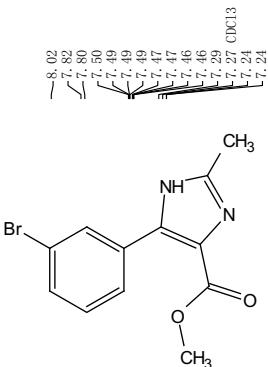
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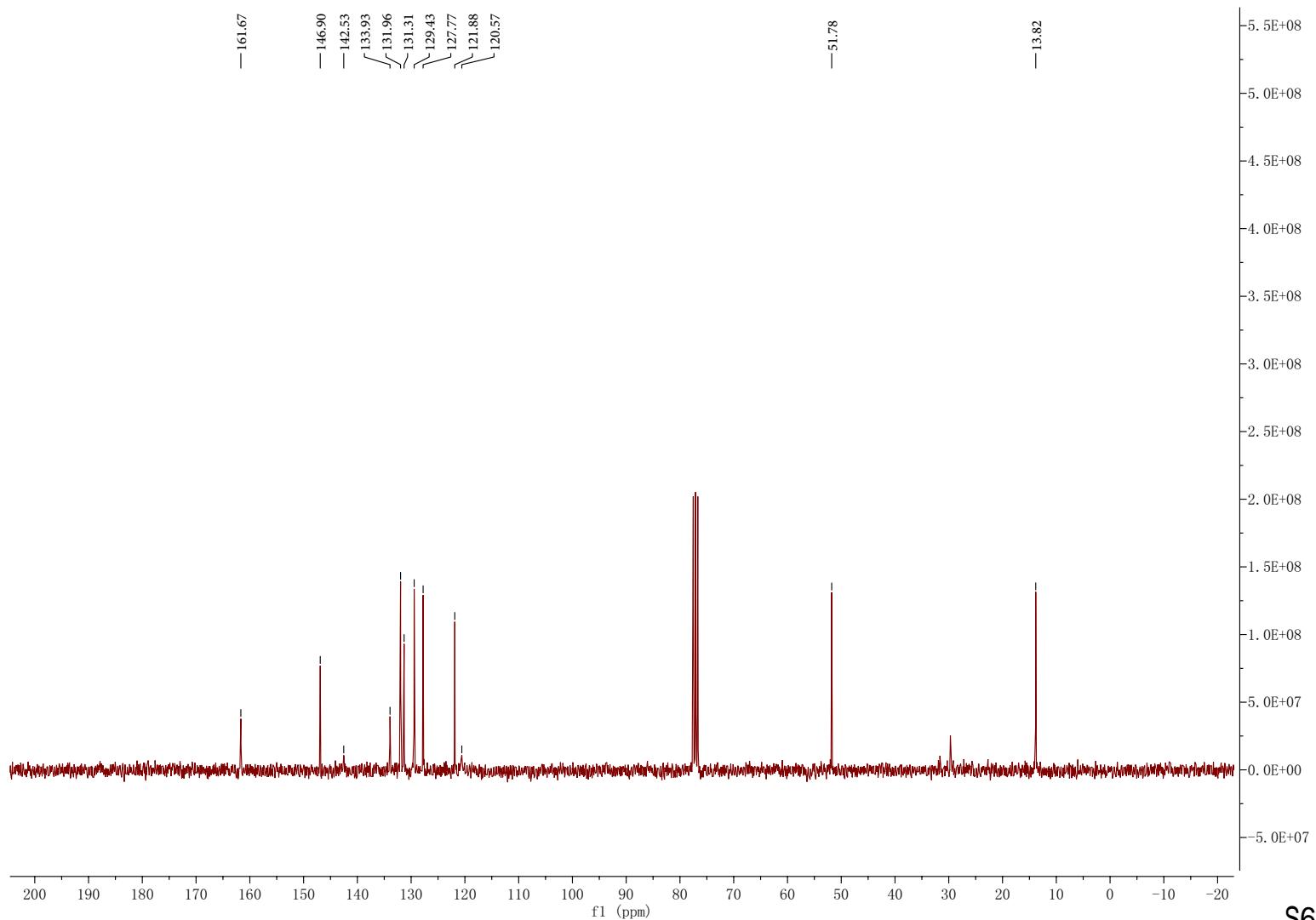
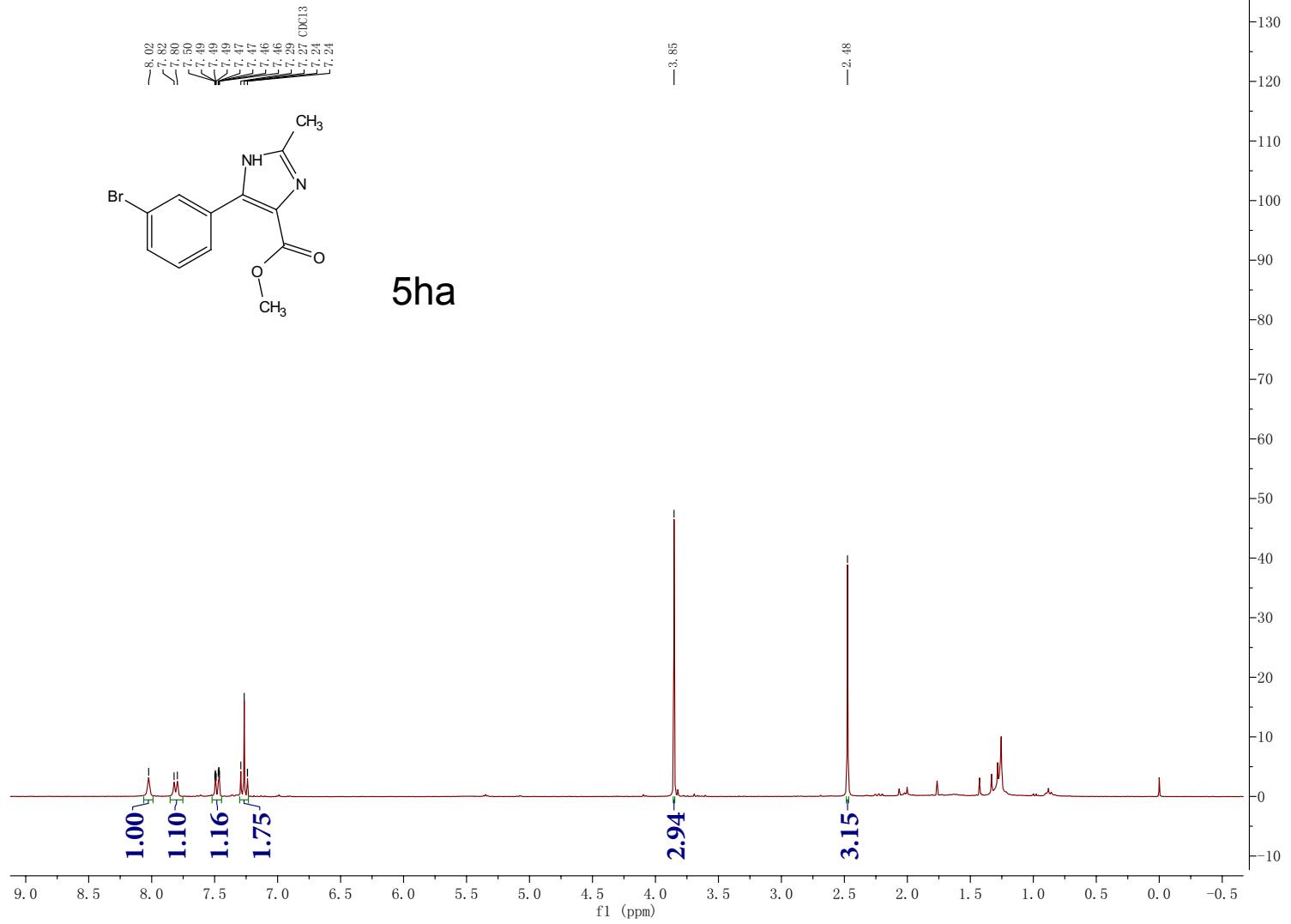


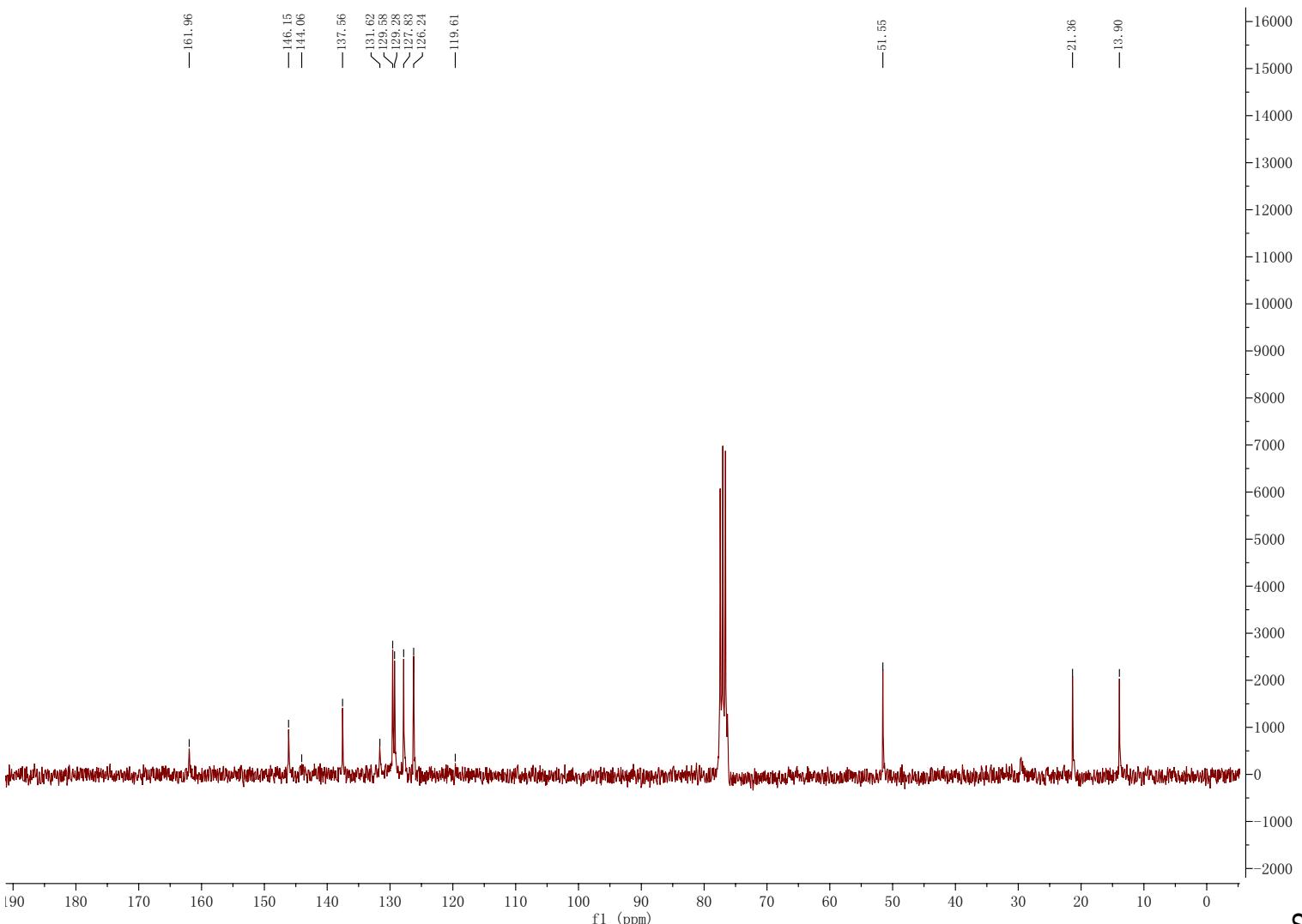
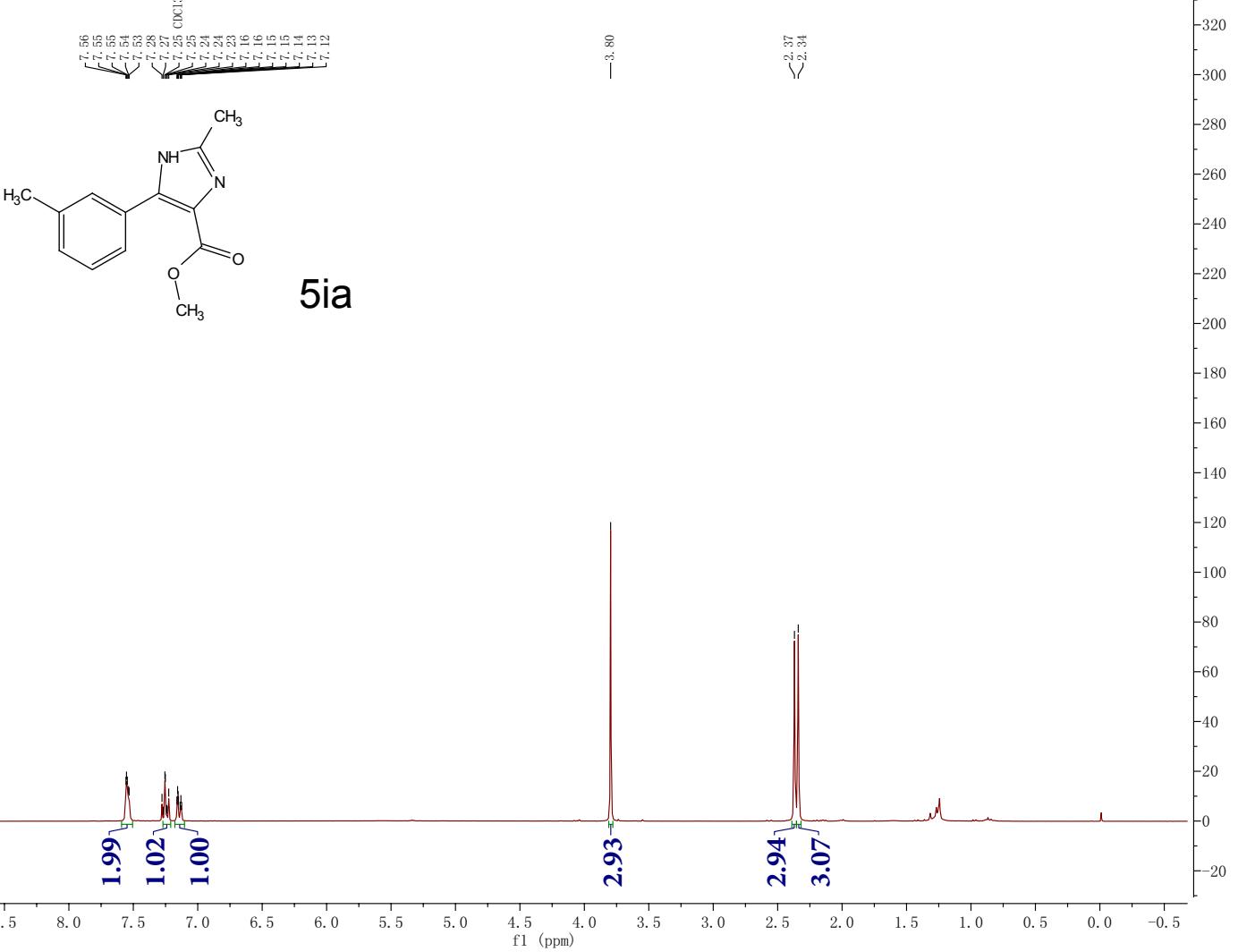
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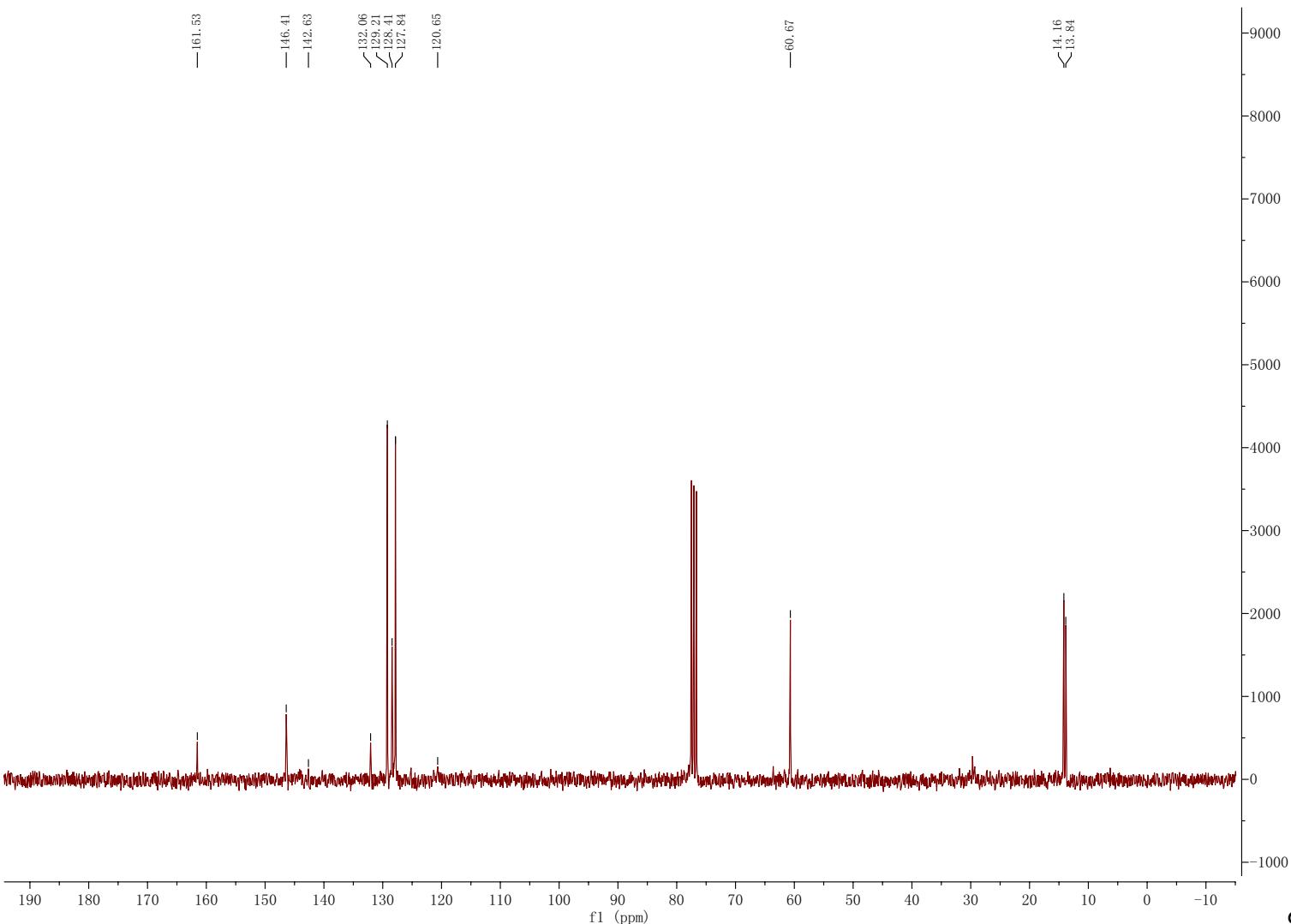
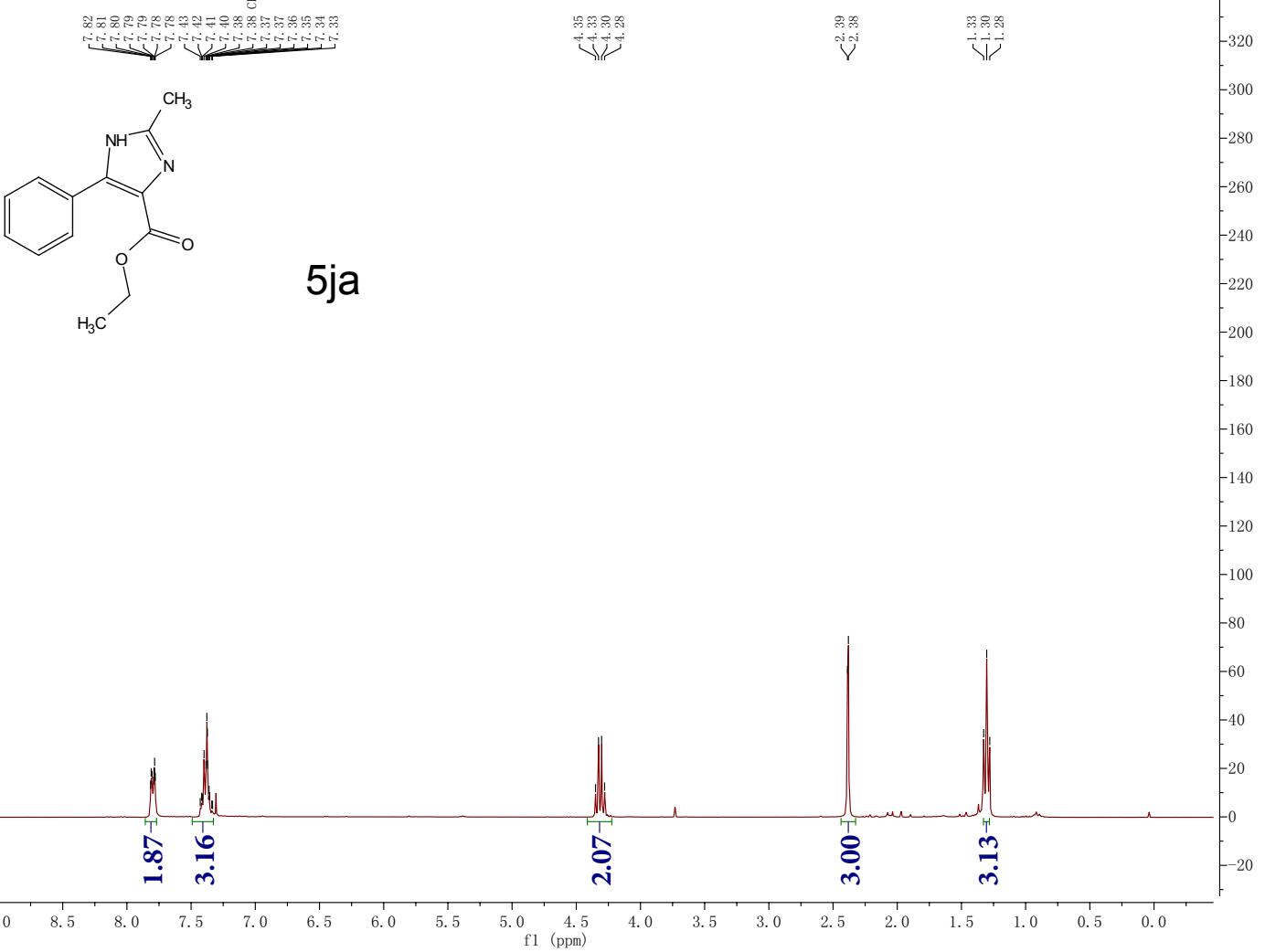


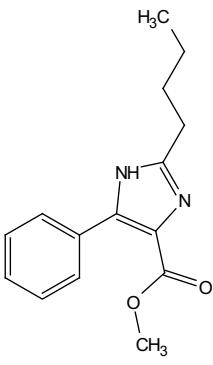


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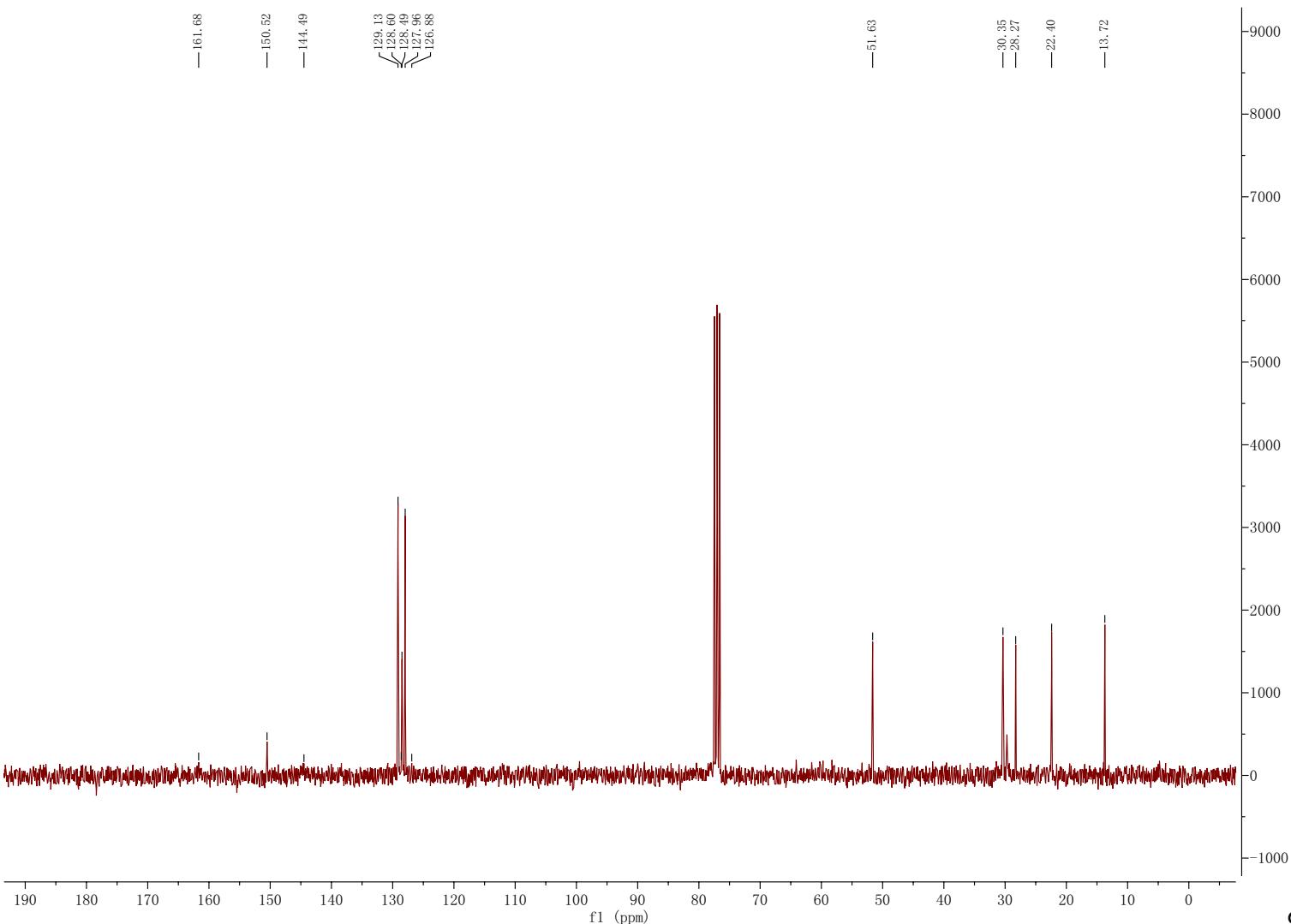
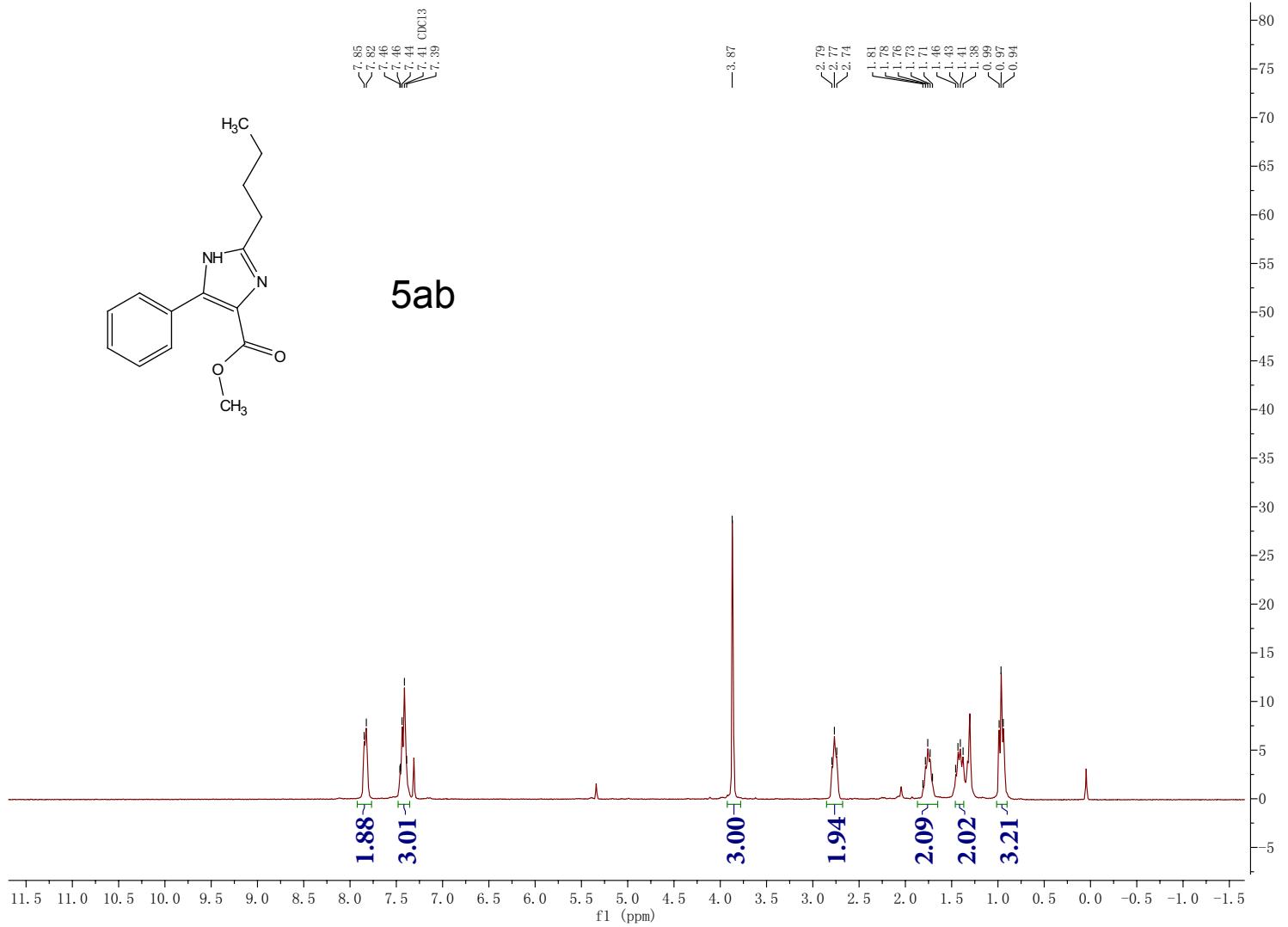


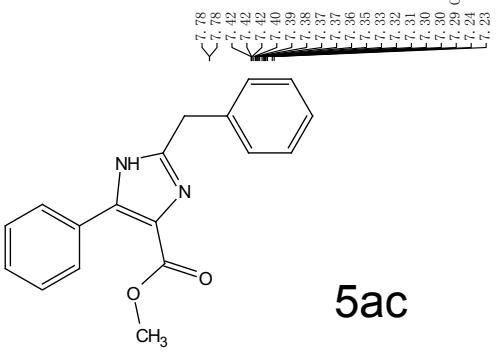






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