

Supporting Information

InCl₃-catalyzed 5-*exo-dig* cyclization/1,6-conjugate addition of *N*-propargylamides with *p*-QMs to construct oxazole derivatives

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1. General methods

Unless noted, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without further purification. Melting points were recorded on a RY-1 microscopic melting apparatus and uncorrected. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on 500 MHz and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on 125 MHz by using a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Waters Xevo G2-XS QToF spectrometer with an ESI source. The X-ray single-crystal diffraction was performed on Saturn 724+ instrument. The IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR spectrometer, and only major peaks are reported in cm^{-1} . Silica gel (200–300 mesh) for column chromatography and silica GF254 for TLC were produced by Qingdao Marine Chemical Company (China).

2. Molecular structure and crystallographic data of **3ad**

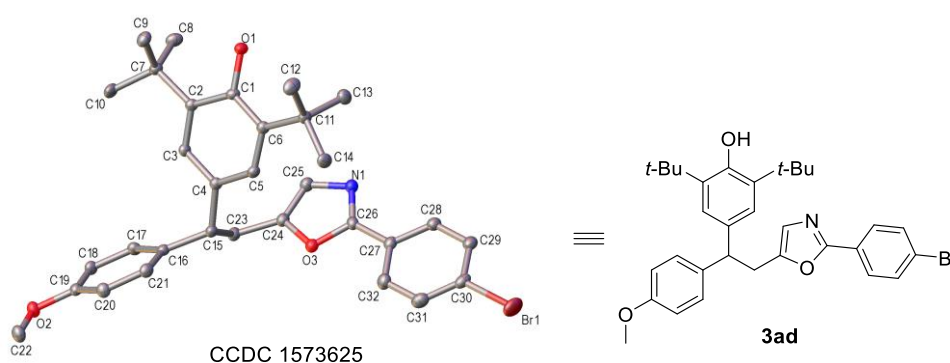


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of **3ad**

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3ad**

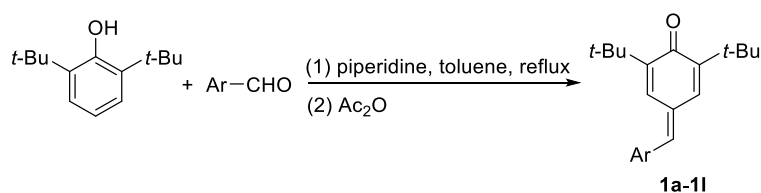
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Formula weight	562.53
Temperature	173.15 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.157(3) Å b = 11.335(4) Å c = 13.795(4) Å
Volume	1405.6(7) Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.329 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	1.495 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	588
Crystal size	0.174 x 0.121 x 0.032 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.598 to 27.418°.

Index ranges	-14<=h<=14, -14<=k<=14, -17<=l<=17
Reflections collected	19581
Independent reflections	6349 [R(int) = 0.0507]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.6 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.88668
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	6349 / 0 / 342
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.153
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0640, wR2 = 0.1122
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0795, wR2 = 0.1198
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.477 and -0.585 e.Å ⁻³

3. Preparation of starting materials

3.1 Preparation of *para*-quinone methides (*p*-QMs)

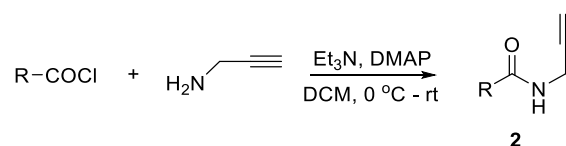
1a-1l were synthesized according to the following procedure^[1]:



In a Dean-Stark apparatus, a solution of phenols (1 equiv) and the corresponding aldehydes (1 equiv) in toluene was heated to reflux. Piperidine (2 equiv) was added dropwise within 1 h. The reaction mixture was continued to reflux for 3 h. After cooling just below the boiling point of the reaction mixture, acetic anhydride (2 equiv) was added and stirring was continued for 15 min. Then the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash column chromatography and further recrystallized from *n*-hexane, affording the desired *p*-QMs **1a-1l**.

1m^[2], **1n**^[2] and **1o**^[3] were prepared according to the reported procedures.

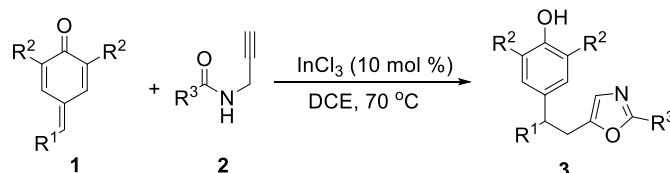
3.2 Preparation of *N*-propargylamides^[4]



To a solution of propargyl amine (138 μL, 2 mmol), DMAP (4.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) and Et₃N (274 μL, 2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 0 °C was added acid chloride (2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, then allowed to warm to rt for 3 h. The

reaction was quenched by the addition of H₂O (5 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic fractions were washed with 10% (w/w) aqueous citric acid, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated in *vacuo* to afford *N*-propargylamides **2**.

4. Synthesis of products **3**



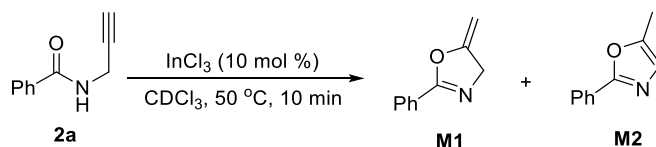
p-QMs **1** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), substituted *N*-propargylamides **2** (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and InCl₃ (0.05 mmol, 10 mol%) were dissolved in DCE (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C. After the reaction was completed (detected by TLC, PE/EA = 20:1), solvent was directly removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 20:1 to 10:1) to afford the pure products **3**.

5. Synthesis of compound **4**

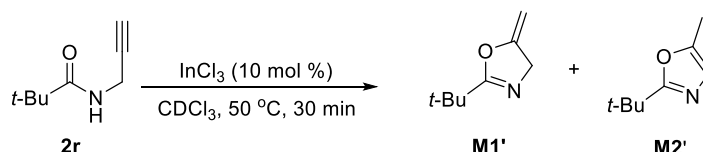


To a solution of **3aa** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry DCM (10 mL), DDQ (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 10 min and then filtered through a pad of celite. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 15:1) to afford compound **4**.

6. Observation of cyclization intermediates **M1** and **M2** by *in situ* ¹H NMR



N-propargylamide **2a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and InCl₃ (0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) were dissolved in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in a NMR tube. After heated at 50 °C for 10 min, the reaction mixture was detected by ¹H NMR, and the result is as follows. According to their character peaks, **M1**^[5] and **M2**^[4] were both observed in a ratio of 1:2.5 (Figure S2).



N-propargylamide **2r** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and InCl₃ (0.01 mmol, 10 mol%) were dissolved in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in a NMR tube. After heated at 50 °C for 30 min (**2r** is less active than **2a** to

cyclize), the reaction mixture was detected by ^1H NMR, and the result is as follows. According to the character peaks, **M1'**^[6] and **M2'**^[4] were observed in a ratio of 3:97 (Figure S3).

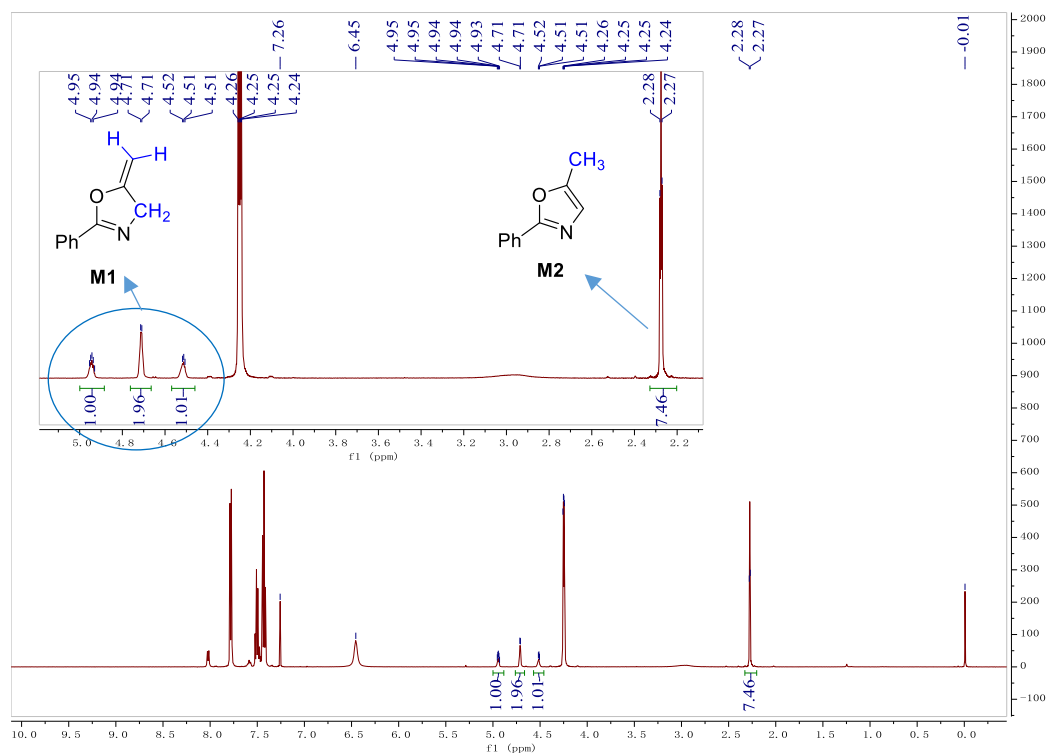


Figure S2. The *in situ* ^1H NMR spectrum of cyclization process of **2a**

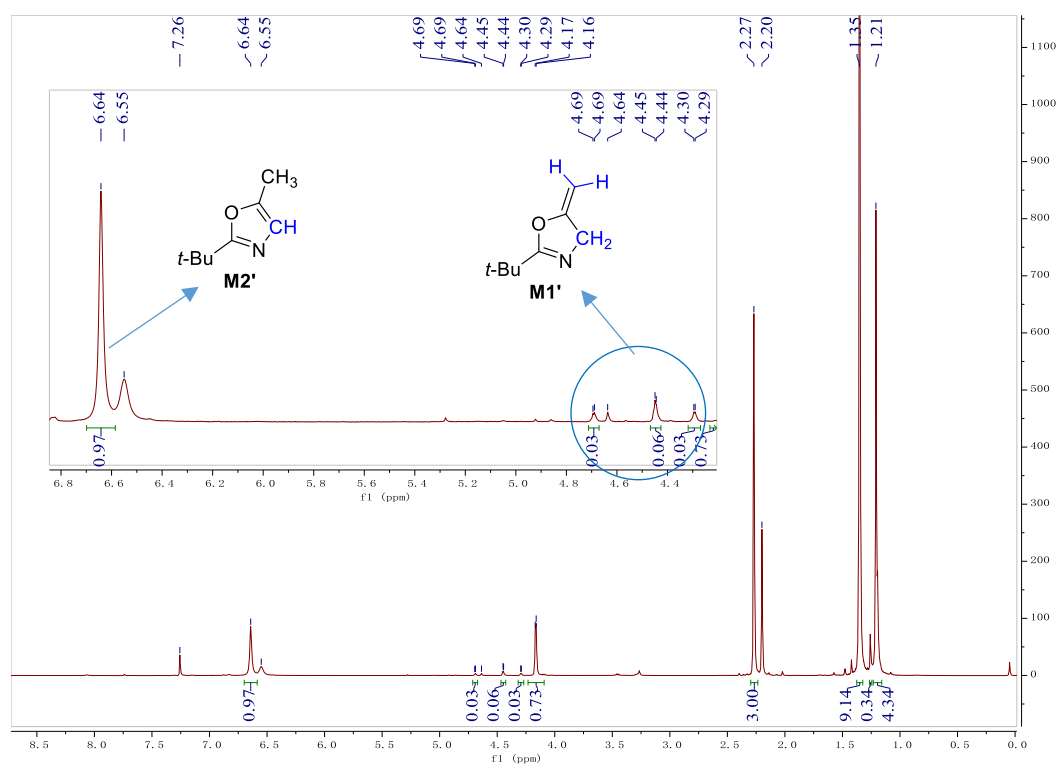
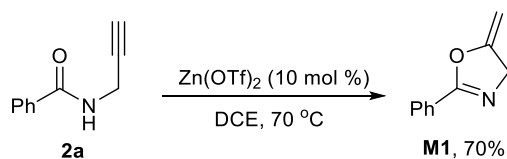
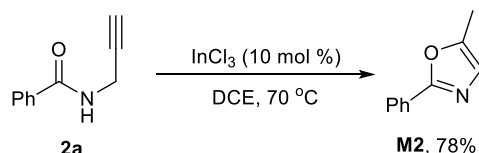


Figure S3. The *in situ* ^1H NMR spectrum of cyclization process of **2r**

7. Synthesis of **M1**^[7] and **M2**



N-propargylamide **2a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and Zn(OTf)₂ (0.05 mmol, 10 mol%) were dissolved in DCE (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C. After the reaction was completed (detected by TLC), solvent was directly removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford **M1** (70%).



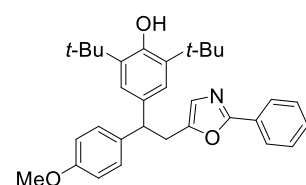
N-propargylamide **2a** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and InCl₃ (0.05 mmol, 10 mol%) were dissolved in DCE (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C. After the reaction was completed (detected by TLC), solvent was directly removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford **M2** (78%).

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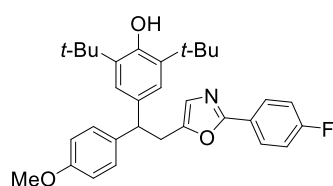
9. Characterization of compounds **3**, **4**, **M1** and **M2**

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (**3aa**)



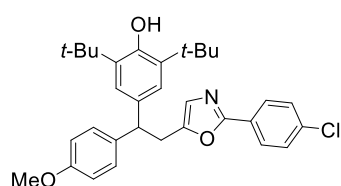
White solid, 227 mg, 94% yield, M.p. = 111–113 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3416, 3072, 3001, 2951, 2907, 2869, 2831, 1610, 1597, 1549, 1512, 1439, 1362, 1298, 1248, 1178, 1120, 1042, 840, 771, 745, 711, 690 cm⁻¹; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.95 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H, missing after deuteration), 4.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 18H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.4, 158.0, 152.2, 151.4, 136.0, 135.7, 134.3, 129.8, 128.6, 128.6, 127.7, 125.9, 124.9, 124.1, 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, [M+H]⁺)** calcd for C₃₂H₃₈NO₃, 484.2852, found 484.2842.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (3ab)



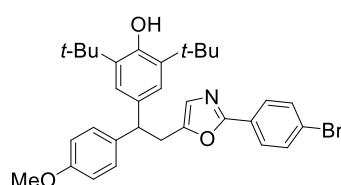
White solid, 241 mg, 96% yield, M.p. = 121-124 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3567, 3081, 2965, 2871, 2832, 1661, 1610, 1588, 1555, 1511, 1497, 1434, 1363, 1303, 1231, 1179, 1118, 1039, 995, 887, 846, 770, 740, 699, 642 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.93 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.25 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 163.7 (d, $^1J_{\text{FC}}$ = 250.3 Hz), 159.6, 158.0, 152.2, 151.5, 136.0, 135.7, 134.3, 128.6, 128.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{FC}}$ = 8.5 Hz), 124.9, 124.1, 115.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{FC}}$ = 22.0 Hz), 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{F}$, 502.2757, found 502.2759.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (3ac)



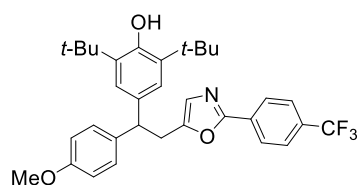
White solid, 251 mg, 97% yield, M.p. = 112-113 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3383, 3000, 2959, 2907, 2868, 2829, 1610, 1512, 1511, 1484, 1437, 1362, 1251, 1176, 1119, 1093, 1043, 840, 770, 745, 735, 696 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.24 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 159.5, 158.0, 152.2, 151.7, 135.9, 135.8, 135.7, 134.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.2, 126.2, 125.1, 124.0, 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$, 518.2462, found 518.2456.

4-(2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (3ad)



White solid, 267 mg, 95% yield, M.p. = 107-109 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3442, 3125, 3000, 2959, 2917, 2868, 2829, 1652, 1610, 1541, 1512, 1480, 1437, 1361, 1305, 1251, 1177, 1119, 1076, 1043, 1011, 880, 838, 829, 771, 732 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.24 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 159.5, 158.1, 152.2, 151.8, 135.9, 135.8, 134.2, 131.8, 128.6, 127.4, 126.6, 125.1, 124.1, 124.0, 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{Br}$, 562.1957, found 562.1956.

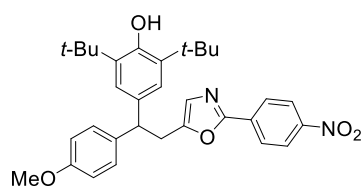
2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)oxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3ae)



White solid, 268 mg, 97% yield, M.p. = 116-118 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3594, 3441, 3065, 3032, 2959, 2915, 2836, 1622, 1612, 1600, 1583, 1554, 1512, 1435, 1323, 1254, 1183, 1157, 1121, 1073, 1030, 849, 823, 711 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.00 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 159.0, 158.1, 152.4, 152.3, 135.8, 135.7, 134.2, 131.4 (q, $^2J_{\text{FC}}$ = 33.5 Hz), 130.8, 128.6, 126.1, 125.6, 125.4, 124.0, 123.9

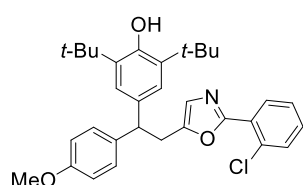
(q, $^1J_{\text{FC}} = 271.2$ Hz), 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{F}_3$, 552.2726, found 552.2728.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)oxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3af)



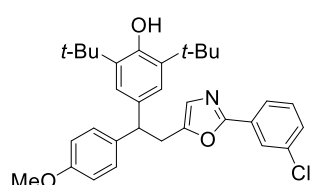
Pale yellow solid, 257 mg, 97% yield, M.p. = 140-142 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3623, 3440, 3111, 2960, 2838, 1611, 1584, 1547, 1515, 1438, 1338, 1311, 1250, 1237, 1179, 1109, 1035, 880, 853, 842, 713 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.26 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.25 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 158.3, 158.1, 153.3, 152.3, 148.2, 135.8, 135.7, 134.1, 133.0, 128.6, 126.5, 126.0, 124.0, 113.9, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 33.0, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$, 529.2702, found 529.2698.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (3ag)



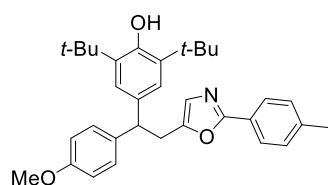
White solid, 244 mg, 94% yield, M.p. = 82-84 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3633, 3447, 3065, 3005, 2957, 2912, 2870, 2833, 1611, 1574, 1512, 1458, 1435, 1361, 1302, 1250, 1179, 1112, 1038, 994, 886, 831, 769, 734, 669 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.29 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.42 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 158.2, 158.0, 152.2, 151.8, 136.0, 135.7, 134.2, 132.1, 131.1, 130.5, 128.6, 126.7, 126.5, 125.0, 124.1, 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$, 518.2462, found 518.2454.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-(3-chlorophenyl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (3ah)



White solid, 212 mg, 82% yield, M.p. = 118-120 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3625, 3447, 3092, 3006, 2964, 2912, 2872, 2833, 1612, 1593, 1543, 1511, 1478, 1435, 1359, 1304, 1254, 1181, 1103, 1033, 999, 885, 840, 797, 775, 727, 682 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.78 (dt, $J = 7.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.24 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 159.1, 158.1, 152.2, 152.0, 135.9, 135.7, 134.7, 134.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 125.9, 125.2, 124.0, 124.0, 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{37}\text{NO}_3\text{Cl}$, 518.2462, found 518.2463.

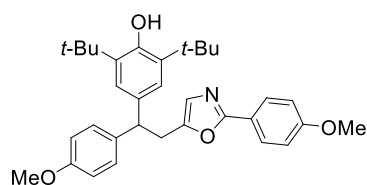
2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(*p*-tolyl)oxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3ai)



White solid, 204 mg, 82% yield, M.p. = 117-118 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3421, 3002, 2959, 2920, 2869, 1612, 1555, 1512, 1498, 1464, 1437, 1362, 1304, 1250, 1179, 1115, 1038, 993, 881, 840, 825, 771, 732, cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.26 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.38 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H),

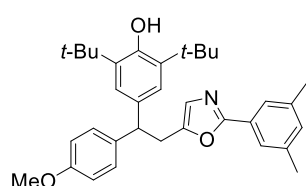
2.39 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 158.0, 152.2, 151.0, 140.0, 136.1, 135.7, 134.4, 129.3, 128.7, 125.9, 125.0, 124.8, 124.1, 113.8, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_3$, 498.3008, found 498.3001.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3aj)



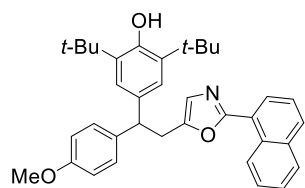
White solid, 187 mg, 73% yield, M.p. = 122-123 °C. IR (KBr) ν 3417, 3245, 3001, 2959, 2912, 2869, 2837, 1611, 1557, 1513, 1498, 1436, 1361, 1305, 1255, 1176, 1119, 1029, 955, 984, 894, 840, 800, 771, 742 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.25 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (s, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.9, 160.5, 158.0, 152.2, 150.7, 136.1, 135.7, 134.4, 128.7, 127.5, 124.6, 124.1, 120.6, 114.0, 113.8, 55.3, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_4$, 514.2957, found 514.2960.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (3ak)



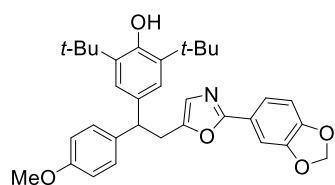
White solid, 200 mg, 78% yield, M.p. = 149-152 °C. IR (KBr) ν 3626, 3583, 3000, 2955, 2911, 2869, 2832, 1609, 1547, 1511, 1435, 1359, 1303, 1255, 1176, 1119, 1040, 995, 854, 827, 770, 736, 687 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (s, 3H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.25 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.38 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 1.39 (s, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7, 158.0, 152.2, 151.1, 138.2, 136.1, 135.6, 134.3, 131.5, 128.7, 127.5, 124.8, 124.1, 123.7, 113.7, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 33.0, 30.3, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{42}\text{NO}_3$, 512.3165, found 512.3165.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)oxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3al)



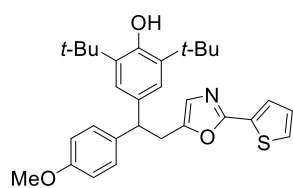
White solid, 187 mg, 70% yield, M.p. = 105-107 °C. IR (KBr) ν 3612, 3442, 3051, 3004, 2956, 2912, 2870, 2829, 1611, 1596, 1528, 1513, 1435, 1359, 1302, 1248, 1179, 1110, 1030, 986, 886, 840, 805, 775, 742 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.32 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 158.0, 152.2, 151.1, 136.0, 135.7, 134.4, 133.8, 130.6, 130.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.0, 124.9, 124.2, 124.1, 113.8, 55.2, 49.3, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_3$, 534.3008, found 534.3007.

4-(2-(2-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (3am)



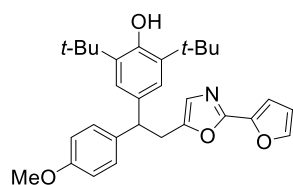
White solid, 142 mg, 54% yield, M.p. = 121-124 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3625, 3452, 3072, 3009, 2958, 2907, 2836, 1611, 1553, 1514, 1485, 1436, 1303, 1253, 1182, 1105, 1038, 938, 881, 833, 770, 733 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.87 – 6.77 (m, 3H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.24 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.2, 158.0, 152.2, 150.9, 149.0, 147.9, 136.0, 135.6, 134.3, 128.7, 124.7, 124.1, 122.0, 120.5, 113.7, 108.5, 106.3, 101.4, 55.2, 49.1, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{38}\text{NO}_5$, 528.2750, found 528.2749.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-(thiophen-2-yl)oxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3an)



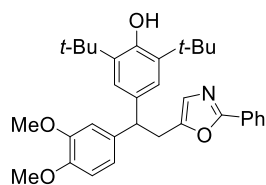
White solid, 159 mg, 65% yield, M.p. = 130-132 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3626, 3421, 3114, 3003, 2954, 2913, 2871, 2833, 1610, 1512, 1436, 1362, 1250, 1179, 1120, 1040, 841, 724, 708, 669 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.54 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.25 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 158.0, 156.6, 152.2, 150.9, 135.9, 135.7, 134.2, 130.4, 128.6, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 124.8, 124.0, 113.8, 55.2, 48.9, 34.3, 32.9, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$, 490.2416, found 490.2412.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-(furan-2-yl)oxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (3ao)



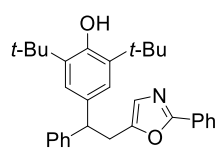
White solid, 142 mg, 60% yield, M.p. = 98-101 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3630, 3421, 3125, 3003, 2953, 2911, 2866, 2833, 1614, 1513, 1439, 1361, 1248, 1179, 1120, 1040, 840, 750 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.26 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.41 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 158.0, 153.3, 152.2, 150.9, 143.8, 143.2, 135.8, 135.6, 134.2, 128.6, 124.8, 124.0, 113.8, 111.6, 110.4, 55.2, 48.8, 34.3, 32.8, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_4$, 474.2744, found 474.2640.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3ba)



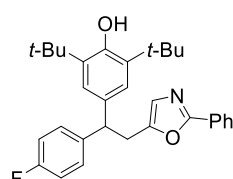
White solid, 239 mg, 93% yield, M.p. = 110-112 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3628, 3455, 3064, 3000, 2956, 2908, 2872, 2833, 1593, 1548, 1515, 1484, 1436, 1358, 1321, 1258, 1237, 1144, 1120, 1027, 994, 888, 855, 776, 711, 692 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.95 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.85 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.26 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.4, 152.3, 151.3, 148.7, 147.4, 136.4, 135.7, 134.0, 129.8, 128.6, 127.7, 125.9, 125.0, 124.1, 119.6, 111.2, 111.0, 55.8, 55.7, 49.5, 34.3, 33.1, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_4$, 514.2957, found 514.2957.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-phenyl-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3ca)



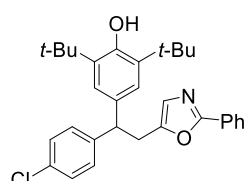
White solid, 206 mg, 91% yield, M.p. = 121-123 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3525, 3064, 3015, 2957, 2920, 2873, 1598, 1548, 1490, 1450, 1437, 1367, 1358, 1294, 1235, 1102, 1025, 996, 881, 824, 777, 741, 710, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.95 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.31 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.4, 152.3, 151.3, 143.9, 135.7, 134.0, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 127.7, 126.3, 125.9, 124.9, 124.2, 49.9, 34.3, 32.7, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2$, 454.2746, found 454.2737.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3da)



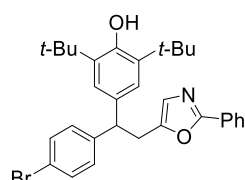
White solid, 177 mg, 75% yield, M.p. = 118-120 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3640, 3531, 3065, 3014, 2959, 2916, 2874, 1598, 1548, 1509, 1490, 1439, 1432, 1367, 1295, 1235, 1159, 1101, 1025, 996, 880, 846, 777, 744, 710, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.95 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.30 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 161.4 (d, $^1J_{\text{FC}}$ = 243.6 Hz), 160.5, 152.3, 151.0, 139.5, 135.8, 133.8, 129.9, 129.2, 128.6, 127.6, 125.9, 125.0, 124.0, 115.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{FC}}$ = 21.2 Hz), 49.1, 34.3, 32.8, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_2\text{F}$, 472.2652, found 472.2648.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3ea)



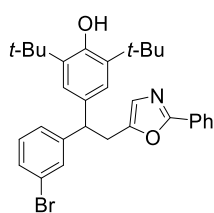
White solid, 164 mg, 67% yield, M.p. = 108-110 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3635, 3278, 3003, 2957, 2912, 2871, 1647, 1596, 1549, 1491, 1439, 1362, 1304, 1281, 1199, 1120, 1092, 1015, 997, 927, 883, 842, 771, 711, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.93 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.29 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.6, 152.4, 150.8, 142.4, 135.9, 133.4, 132.1, 129.9, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 125.9, 125.1, 124.0, 49.3, 34.3, 32.6, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}$, 488.2356, found 488.2360.

4-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)-2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (3fa)



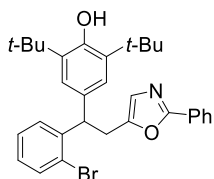
White solid, 186 mg, 70% yield, M.p. = 129-131 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3634, 3416, 3004, 2956, 2913, 2870, 1644, 1596, 1549, 1488, 1439, 1362, 1220, 1200, 1181, 1120, 1074, 1101, 997, 927, 883, 841, 777, 711, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.27 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.6, 152.4, 150.8, 142.9, 135.9, 133.3, 131.5, 129.9, 129.5, 128.6, 127.6, 125.9, 125.1, 124.0, 120.2, 49.4, 34.3, 32.5, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_2\text{Br}$, 532.1851, found 532.1851.

4-(1-(3-Bromophenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)-2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (3ga)



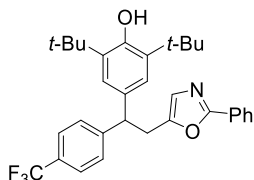
White solid, 221 mg, 83% yield, M.p. = 108-111 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3634, 3127, 3067, 3008, 2946, 2914, 2867, 1644, 1601, 1589, 1551, 1473, 1433, 1359, 1205, 1121, 1072, 993, 792, 772, 714, 710, 687 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.02 (s, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 4.28 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.6, 152.5, 150.7, 146.2, 135.9, 133.1, 130.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.5, 128.6, 127.6, 126.4, 125.9, 125.1, 124.1, 122.5, 49.7, 34.3, 32.5, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_2\text{Br}$, 532.1851, found 532.1852.

4-(1-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)-2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (3ha)



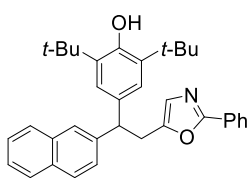
White solid, 35 mg, 13% yield, M.p. = 118-120 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3628, 3424, 3059, 2961, 2911, 2869, 1633, 1597, 1544, 1483, 1466, 1435, 1361, 1181, 1021, 995, 888, 818, 753, 742, 712, 691, 645 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.98 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 (s, 2H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.91 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.5, 152.4, 150.8, 143.0, 135.7, 133.1, 132.5, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 125.9, 125.0, 124.9, 124.4, 47.6, 34.3, 31.9, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_2\text{Br}$, 532.1851, found 532.1851.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)phenol (3ia)



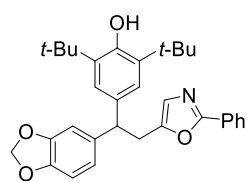
White solid, 47 mg, 18% yield, M.p. = 120-122 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3639, 3425, 3005, 2960, 2912, 2870, 1617, 1598, 1550, 1440, 1363, 1323, 1201, 1161, 1135, 1070, 1018, 884, 851, 727, 711, 692 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 4.36 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.7, 152.6, 150.6, 148.0, 136.0, 132.9, 129.9, 128.7 (q, $^2J_{\text{FC}}$ = 33.5 Hz), 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 125.9, 125.4, 125.1, 124.2 (q, $^1J_{\text{FC}}$ = 270.0 Hz), 124.0, 49.9, 34.3, 32.4, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{35}\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3$, 522.2620, found 522.2627.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3ja)



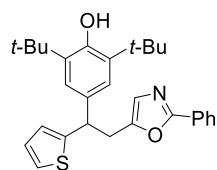
White solid, 219 mg, 87% yield, M.p. = 177-180 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3627, 3447, 3061, 3008, 2958, 2915, 2871, 1633, 1597, 1548, 1485, 1432, 1359, 1233, 1108, 1025, 814, 775, 749, 710, 692 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.90 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.81 – 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.49 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.5, 152.4, 151.2, 141.4, 135.8, 133.8, 133.5, 132.2, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.5, 125.0, 124.3, 50.0, 34.3, 32.6, 30.3; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{38}\text{NO}_2$, 504.2903, found 504.2902.

4-(1-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)-2,6-di-*tert*-butylphenol (3ka)



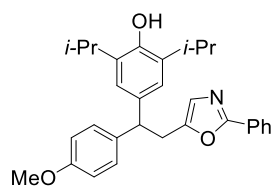
White solid, 209 mg, 84% yield, M.p. = 98-100 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3634, 3420, 3057, 3006, 2960, 2915, 2871, 2765, 1631, 1598, 1549, 1503, 1490, 1442, 1361, 1248, 1200, 1120, 1042, 939, 814, 772, 711, 690 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.95 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 6.79 – 6.67 (m, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.4, 152.3, 151.1, 147.6, 145.9, 137.9, 135.7, 134.0, 129.8, 128.6, 127.6, 125.9, 125.0, 124.0, 120.6, 108.1, 100.8, 49.5, 34.3, 32.8, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_4$, 498.2644, found 498.2644.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)phenol (3la)



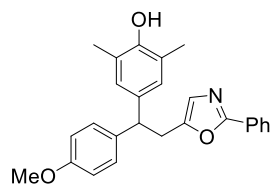
White solid, 191 mg, 83% yield, M.p. = 111-113 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3631, 3566, 3103, 3068, 3014, 2958, 2910, 2871, 1603, 1551, 1482, 1434, 1357, 1236, 1109, 1067, 992, 878, 818, 774, 713, 703, 690 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.94 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 2H), 6.93 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.53 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 – 3.33 (m, 2H), 1.38 (s, 18H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.6, 152.6, 150.6, 148.0, 135.8, 133.5, 129.9, 128.6, 127.6, 126.5, 125.9, 125.2, 124.3, 124.1, 123.7, 45.8, 34.6, 34.3, 30.2; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$, 460.2310, found 460.2305.

2,6-Diisopropyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)phenol (3ma)



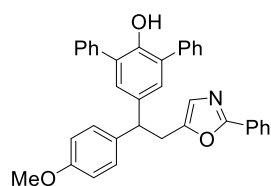
White solid, 182 mg, 80% yield, M.p. = 142-143 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3241, 3056, 3033, 2959, 2932, 2865, 2837, 1643, 1610, 1551, 1510, 1470, 1302, 1250, 1174, 1040, 993, 831, 779, 715, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.96 – 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.29 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.39 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.16 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.14 (m, 12H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.4, 158.0, 151.3, 148.5, 136.0, 135.5, 133.6, 129.8, 128.6, 127.7, 125.9, 124.9, 122.6, 113.8, 55.2, 48.8, 32.8, 27.2, 22.7; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_3$, 456.2539, found 456.2534.

4-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (3na)



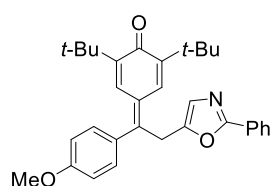
White solid, 154 mg, 77% yield, M.p. = 138-140 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3394, 3250, 3056, 3027, 2998, 2914, 2835, 1610, 1593, 1546, 1512, 1482, 1445, 1323, 1302, 1251, 1206, 1121, 1035, 990, 871, 858, 798, 781, 714, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.98 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.23 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 6H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.4, 158.0, 151.2, 150.8, 136.1, 135.3, 129.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 125.9, 124.9, 123.1, 113.8, 55.2, 48.1, 32.5, 16.1; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3$, 400.1913, found 400.1909.

5'-(1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-ol (3oa)



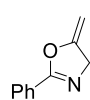
White solid, 189 mg, 72% yield, M.p. = 160-163 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3532, 3426, 3141, 3060, 2932, 2836, 1610, 1543, 1513, 1468, 1430, 1247, 1225, 1180, 1115, 1029, 909, 833, 777, 710, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.98 – 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.30 (m, 10H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 4.39 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.54 – 3.39 (m, 2H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 160.6, 158.2, 151.0, 147.9, 137.6, 135.9, 135.6, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 126.0, 125.1, 114.0, 55.2, 48.4, 32.5; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_2$, 524.2226, found 524.2225.

2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-phenyloxazol-5-yl)ethylidene)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-one (4)



Yellow solid, 217 mg, 90% yield, M.p. = 174-176 °C. **IR (KBr)** ν 3440, 3070, 3003, 2954, 2912, 2861, 1634, 1613, 1602, 1542, 1506, 1363, 1255, 1175, 1031, 843, 834, 776, 714, 691 cm^{-1} ; **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.96–7.88 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.20 (s, 9H); **^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 186.2, 161.2, 160.1, 148.9, 148.7, 148.1, 147.0, 132.0, 131.3, 131.1, 130.2, 129.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 126.0, 125.3, 113.7, 55.3, 35.5, 35.2, 31.8, 29.6, 29.4; **HRMS (ESI-TOF, $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$)** calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_3$, 482.2695, found 482.2693.

5-Methylene-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (M1)^[4]



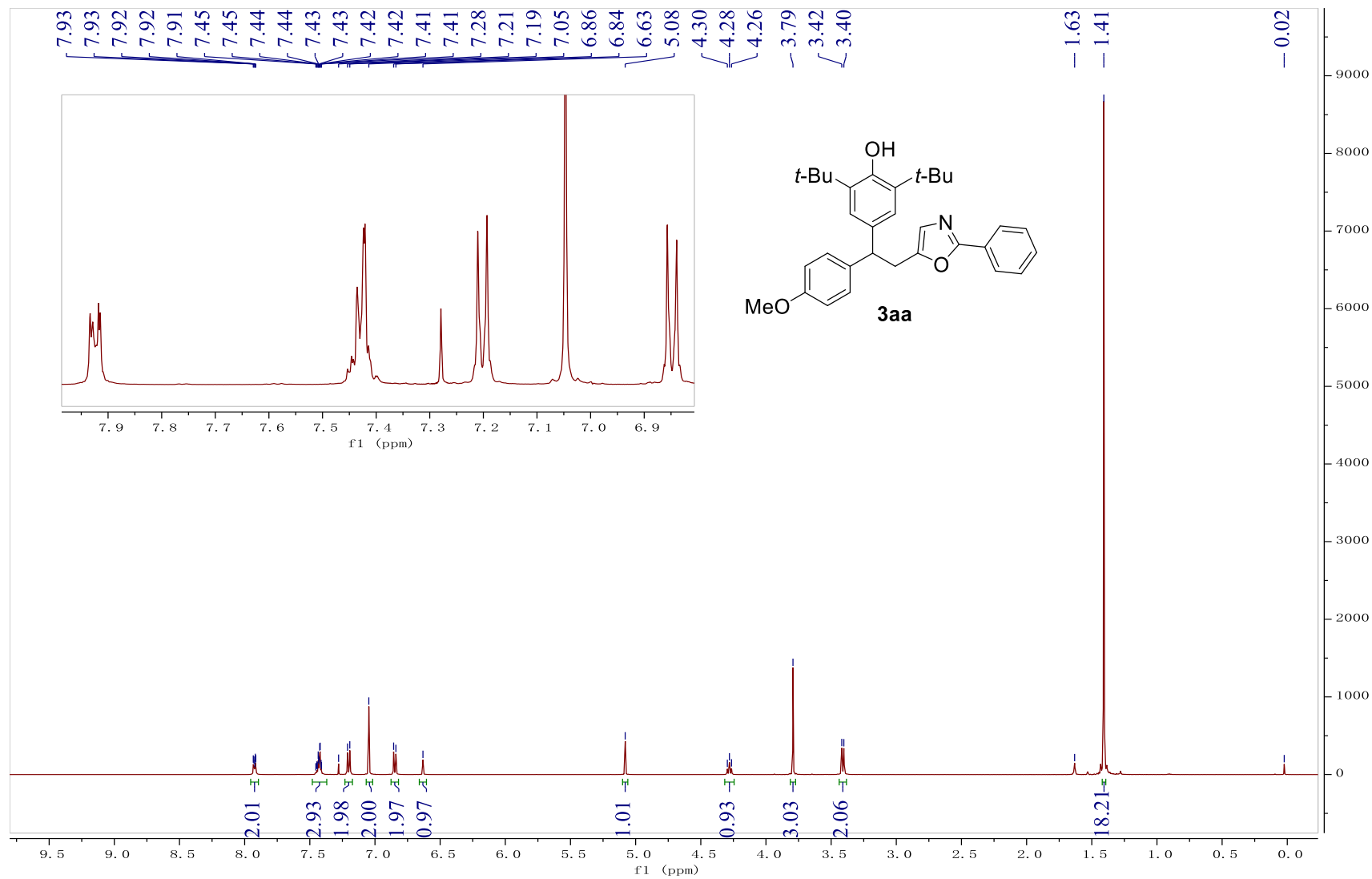
Pale yellow oil, **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.00–7.96 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.47–7.42 (m, 2H), 4.82 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H).

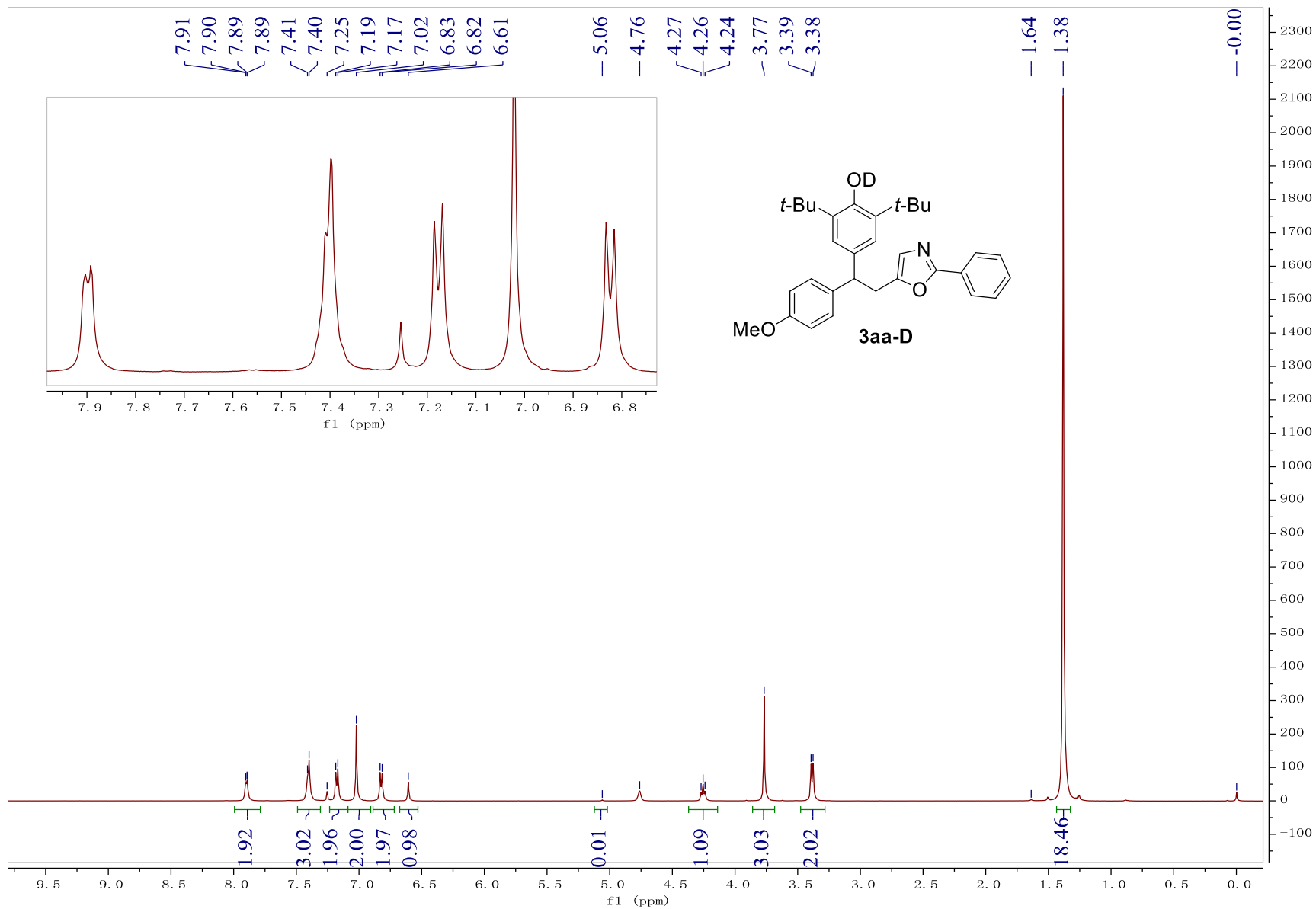
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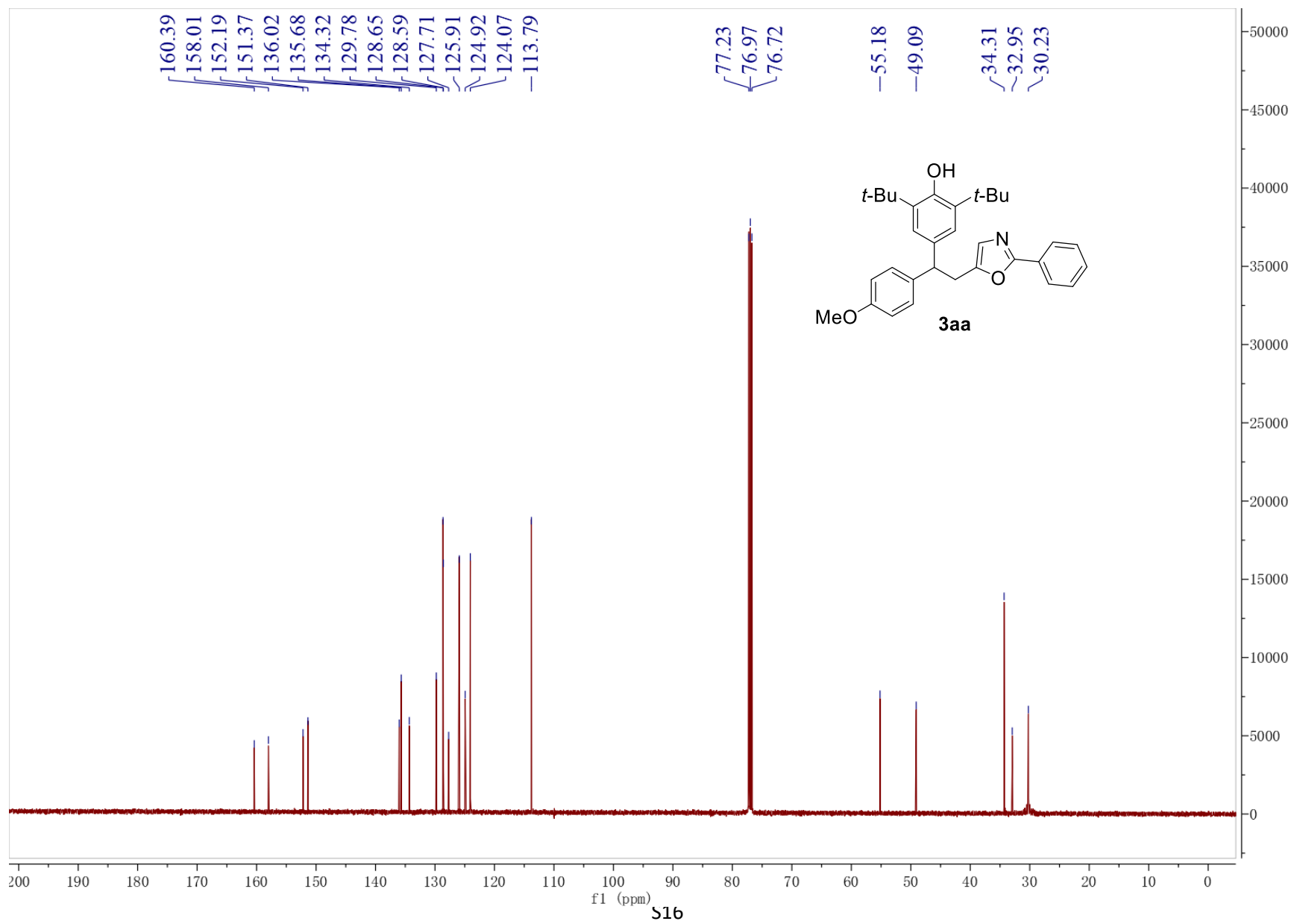


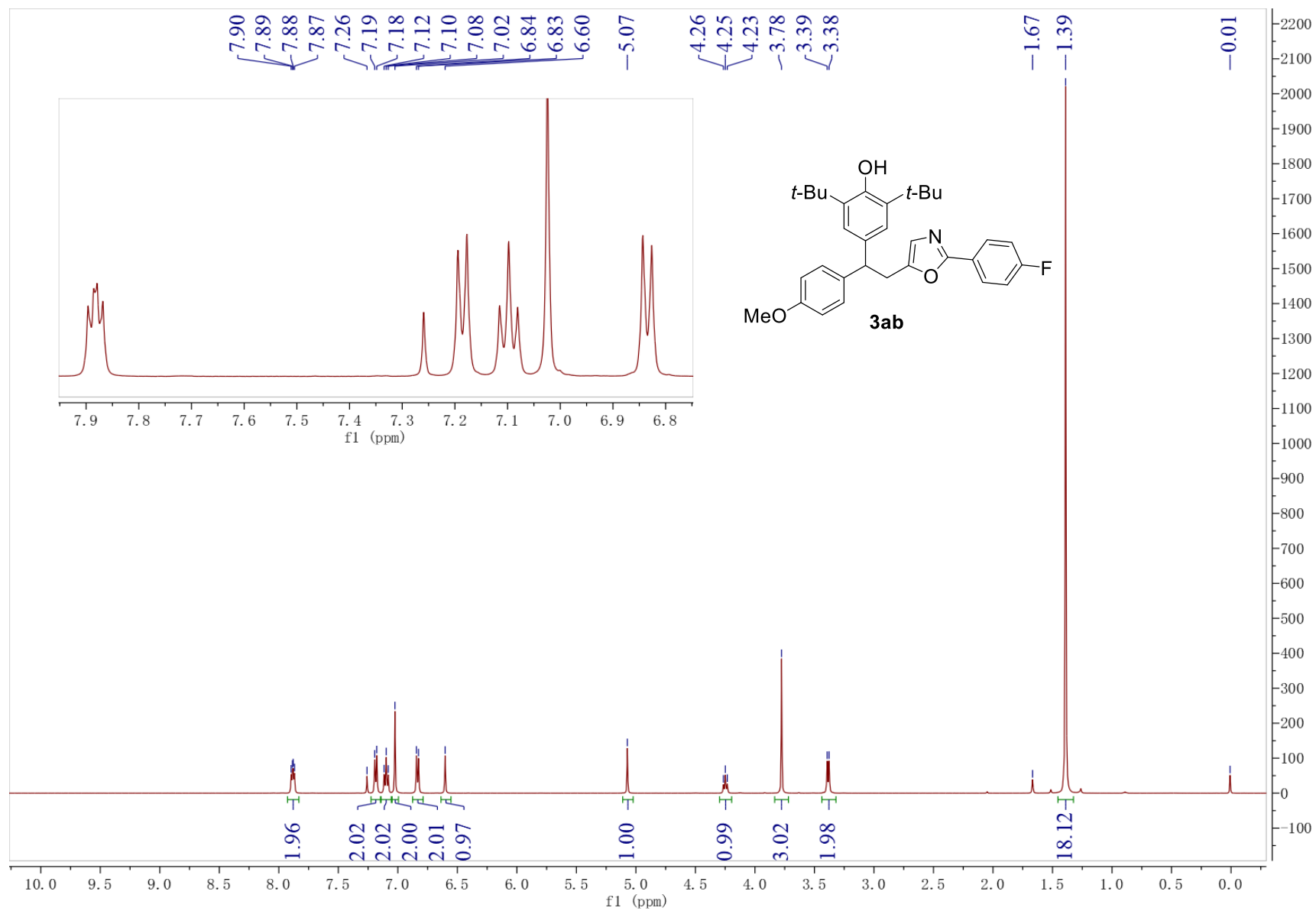
Pale yellow oil, **^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.04–7.95 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.36 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

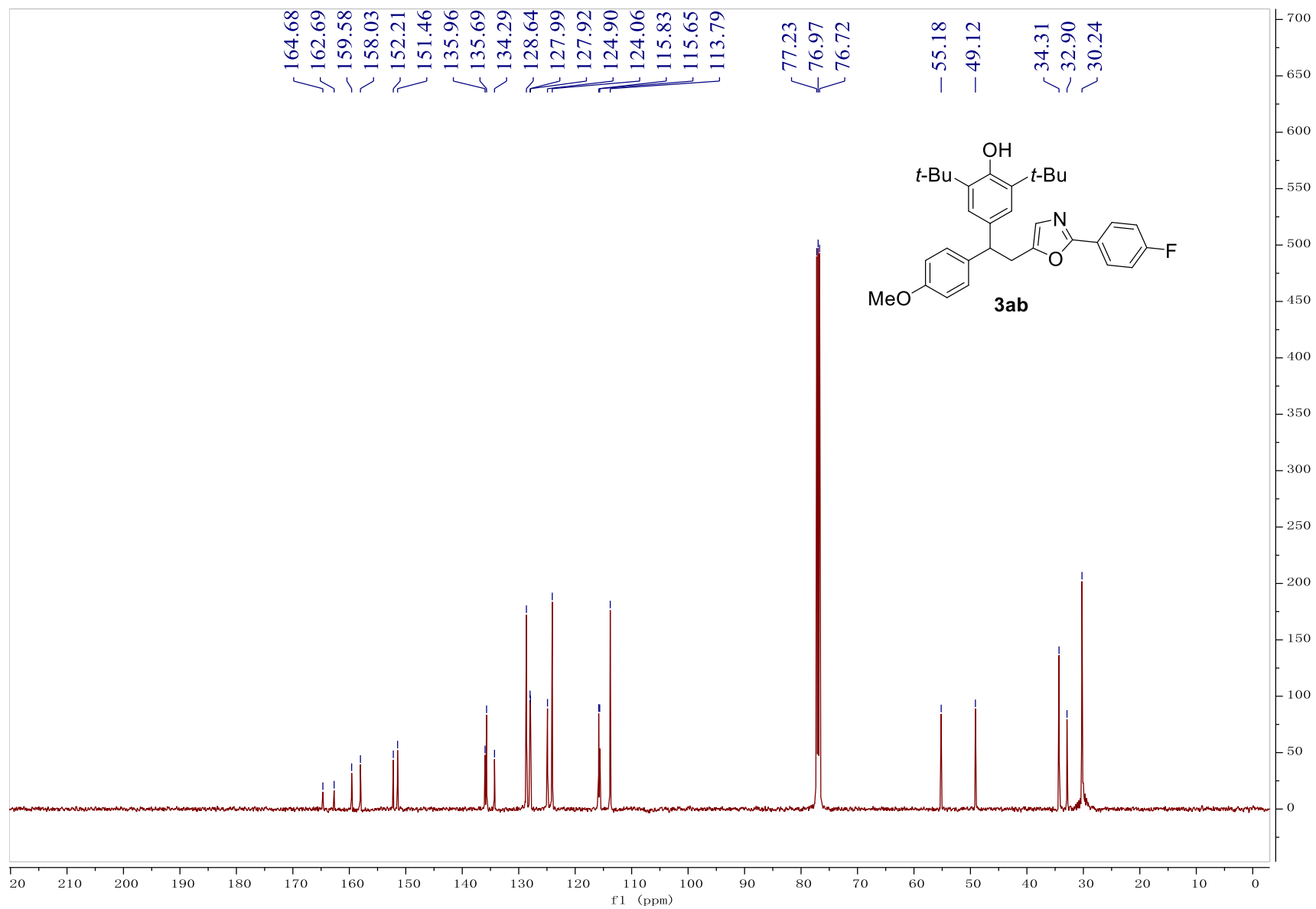
10. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of 3, 4, M1 and M2

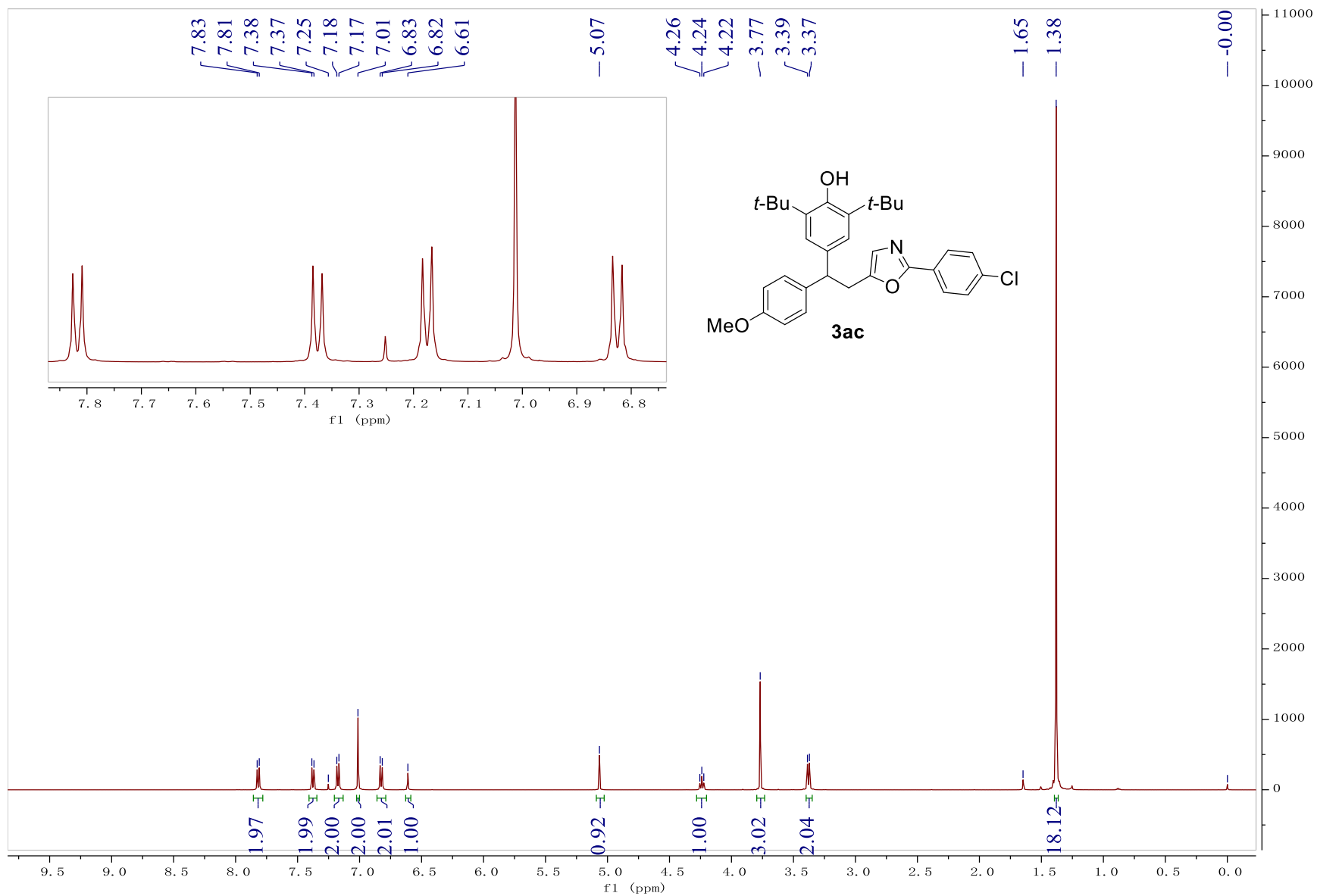


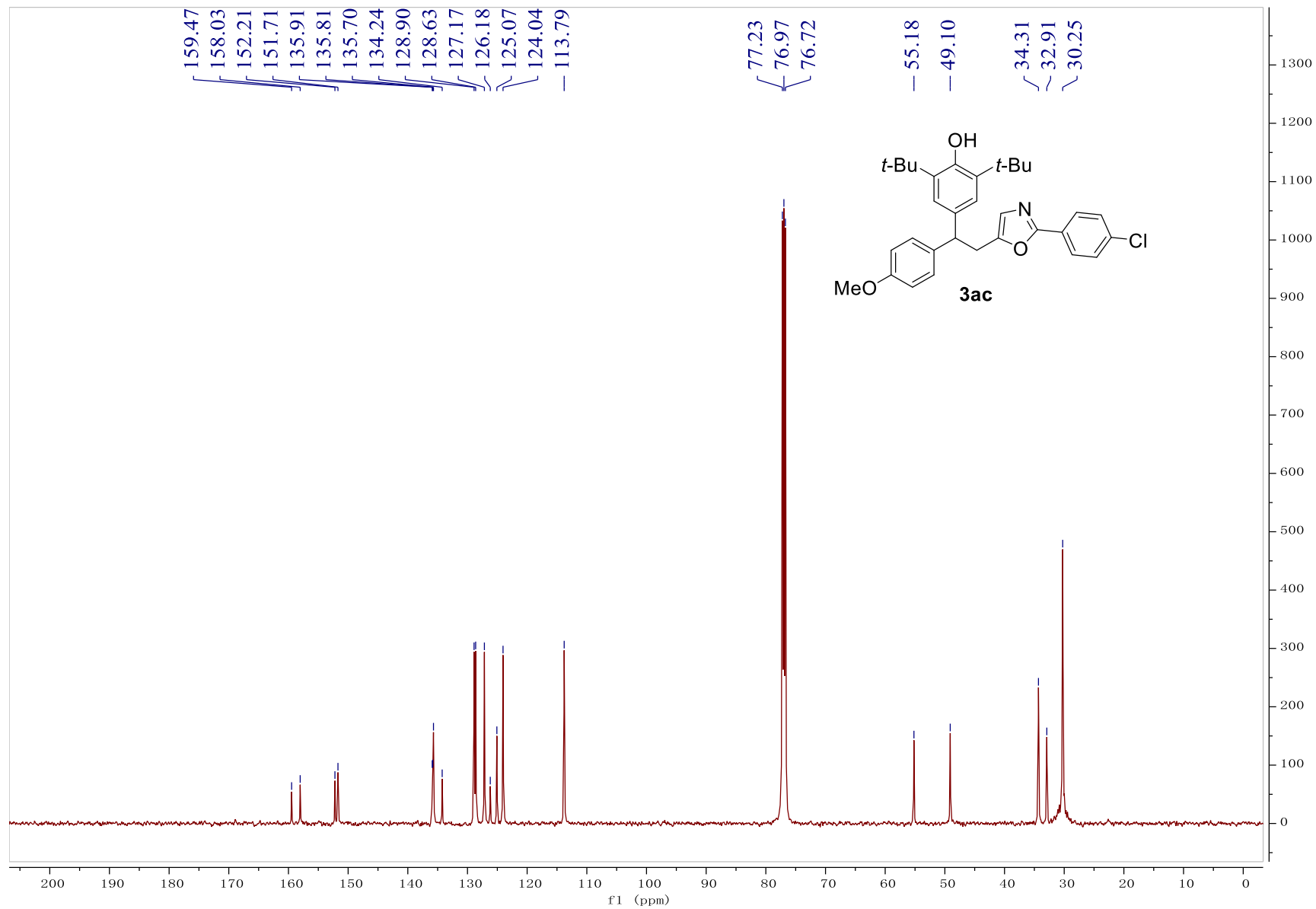




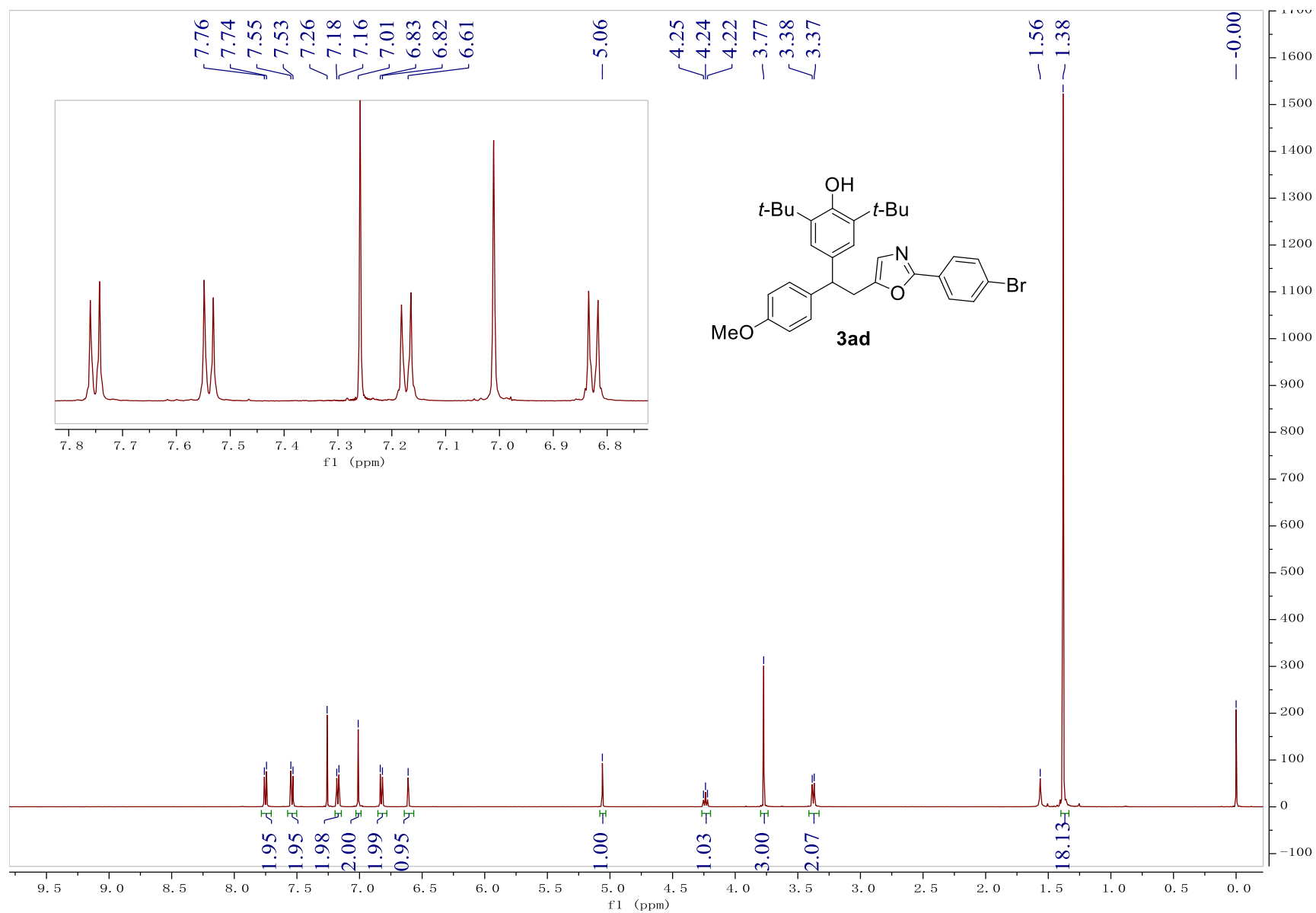




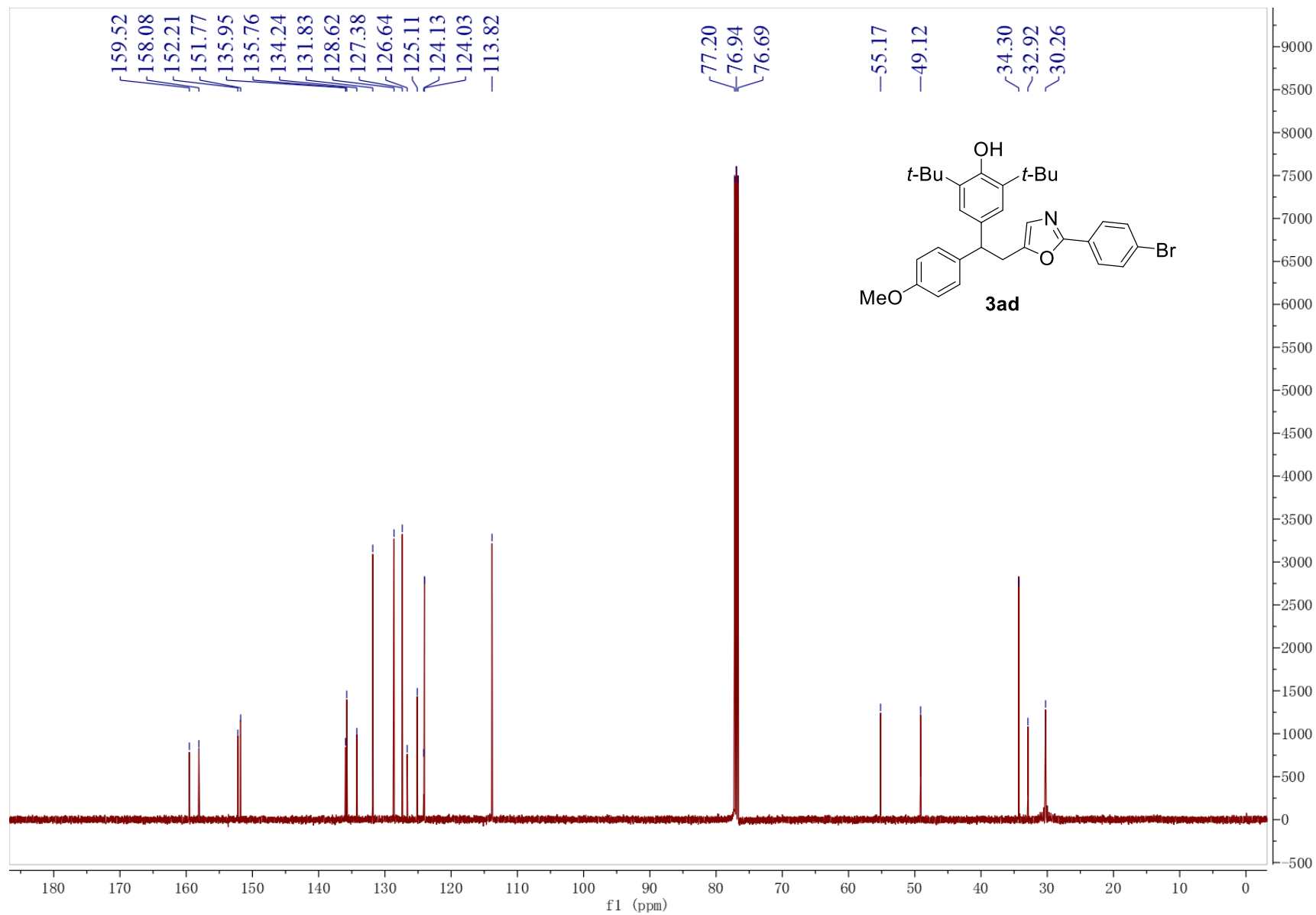




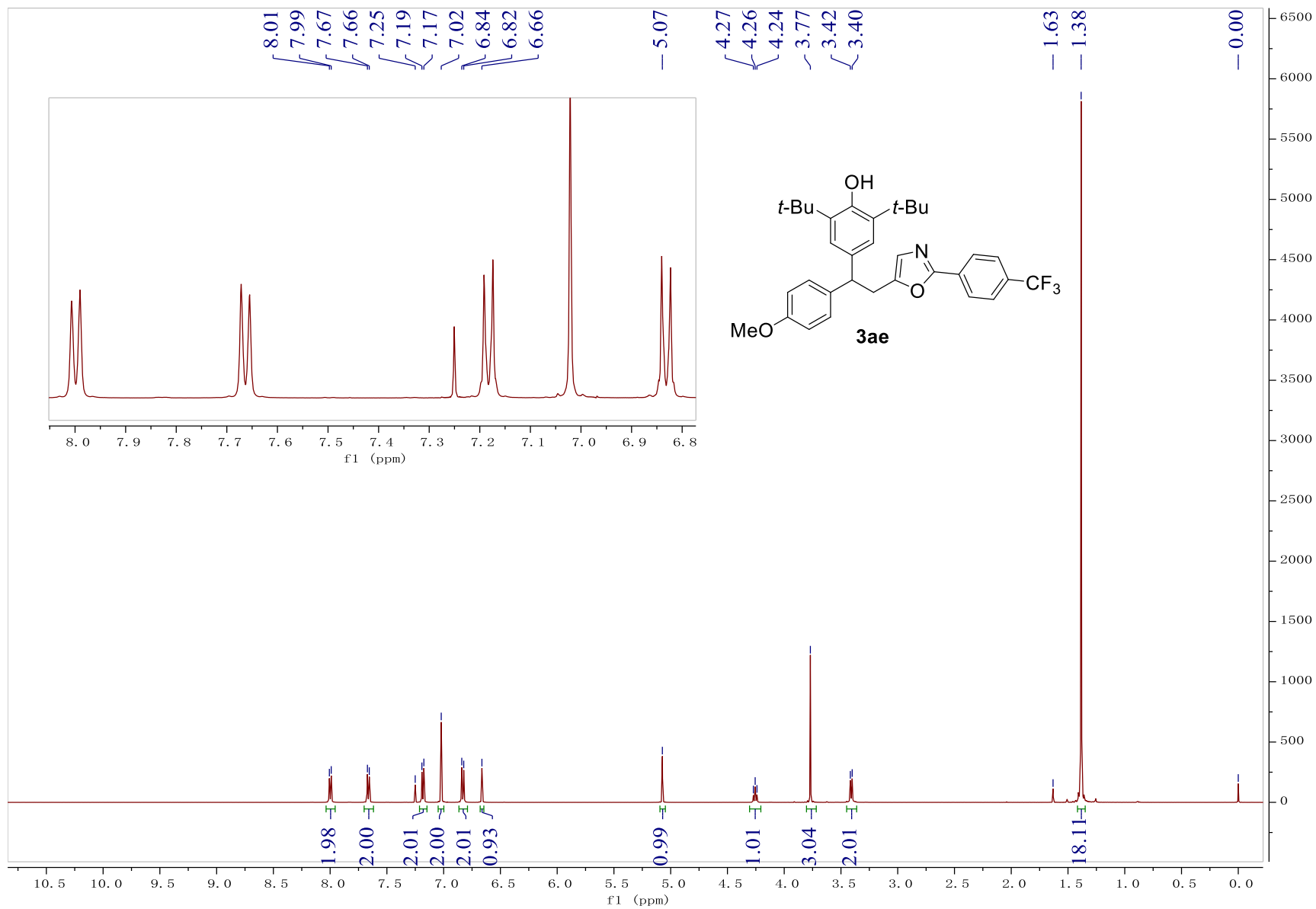
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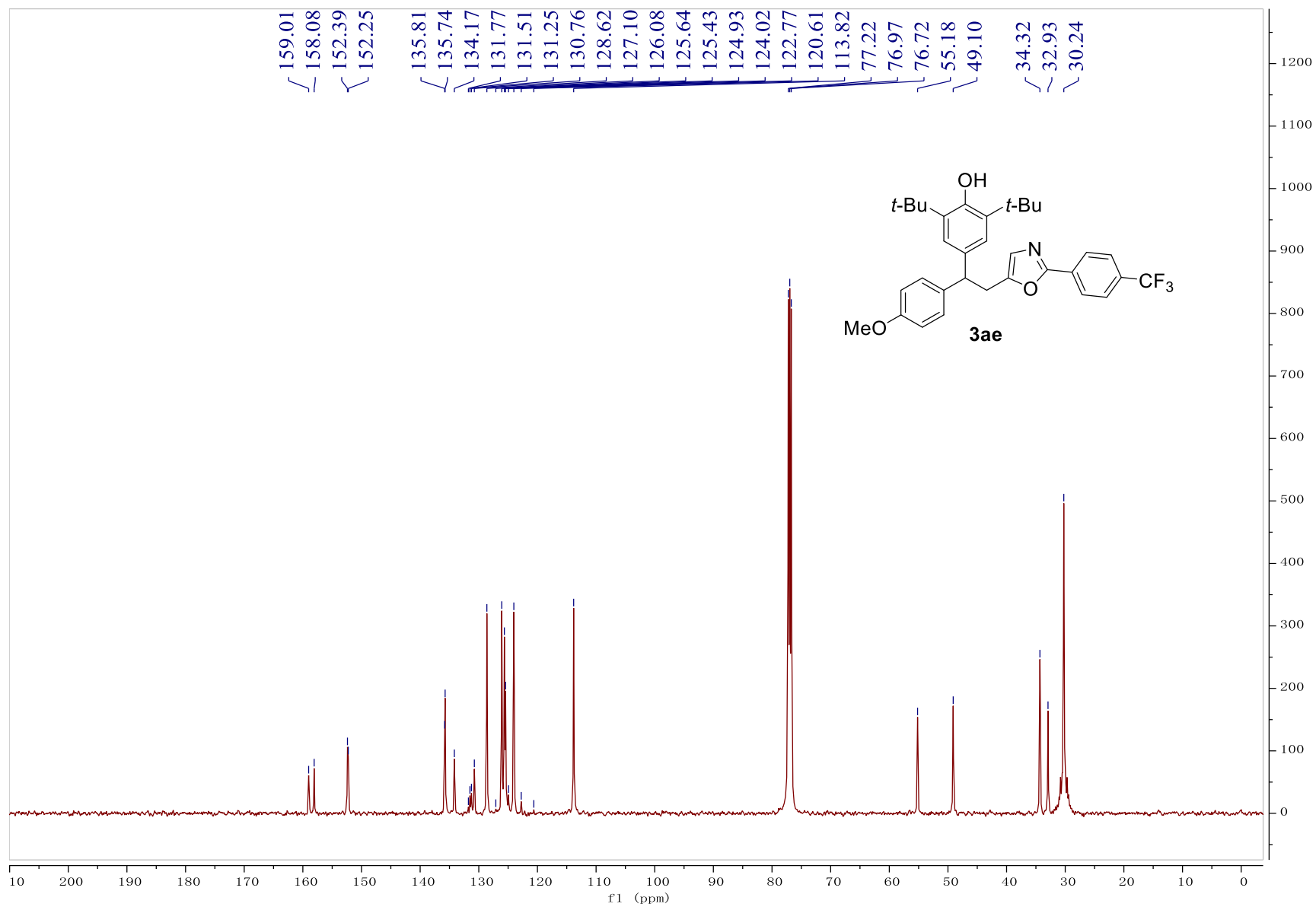
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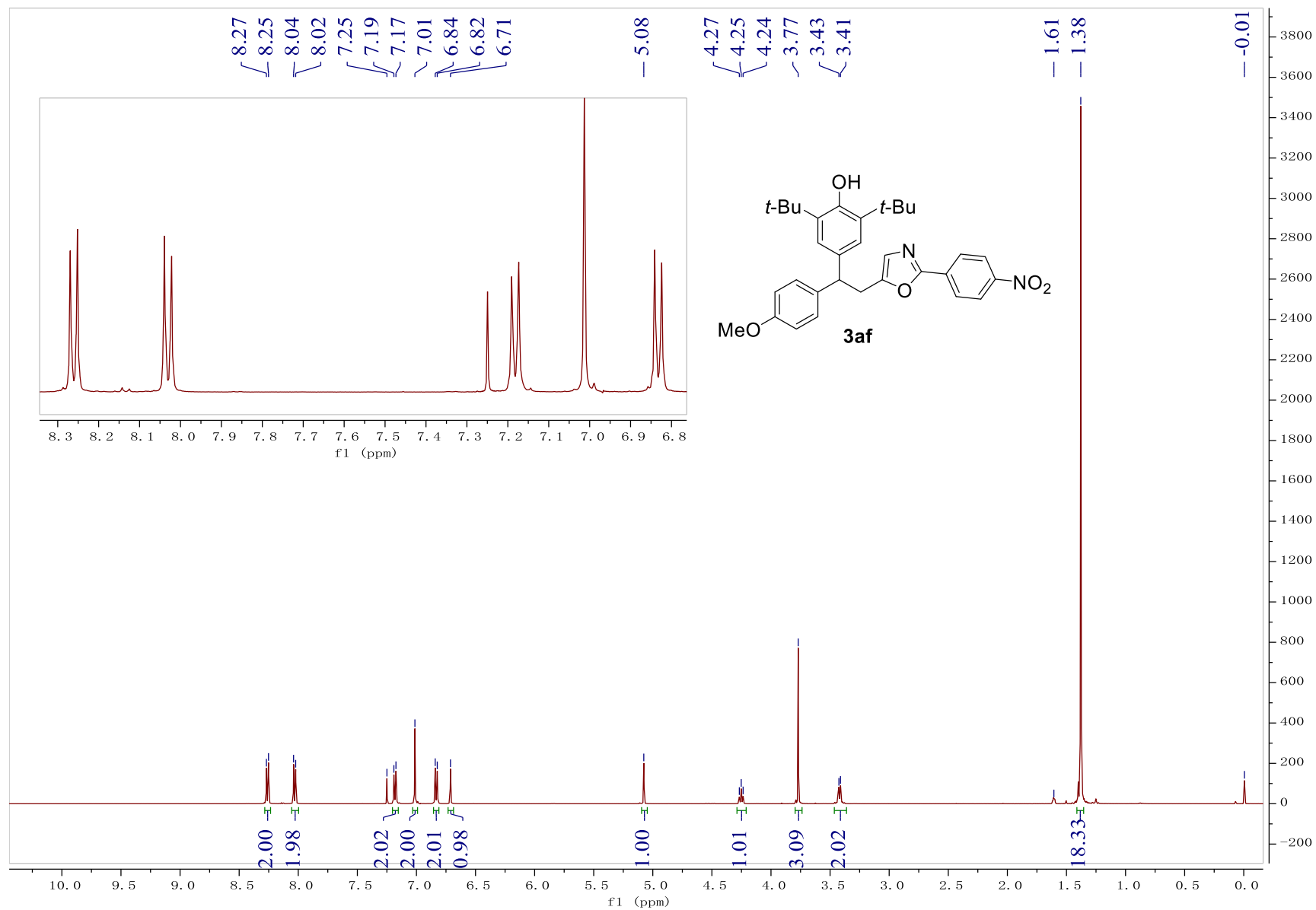


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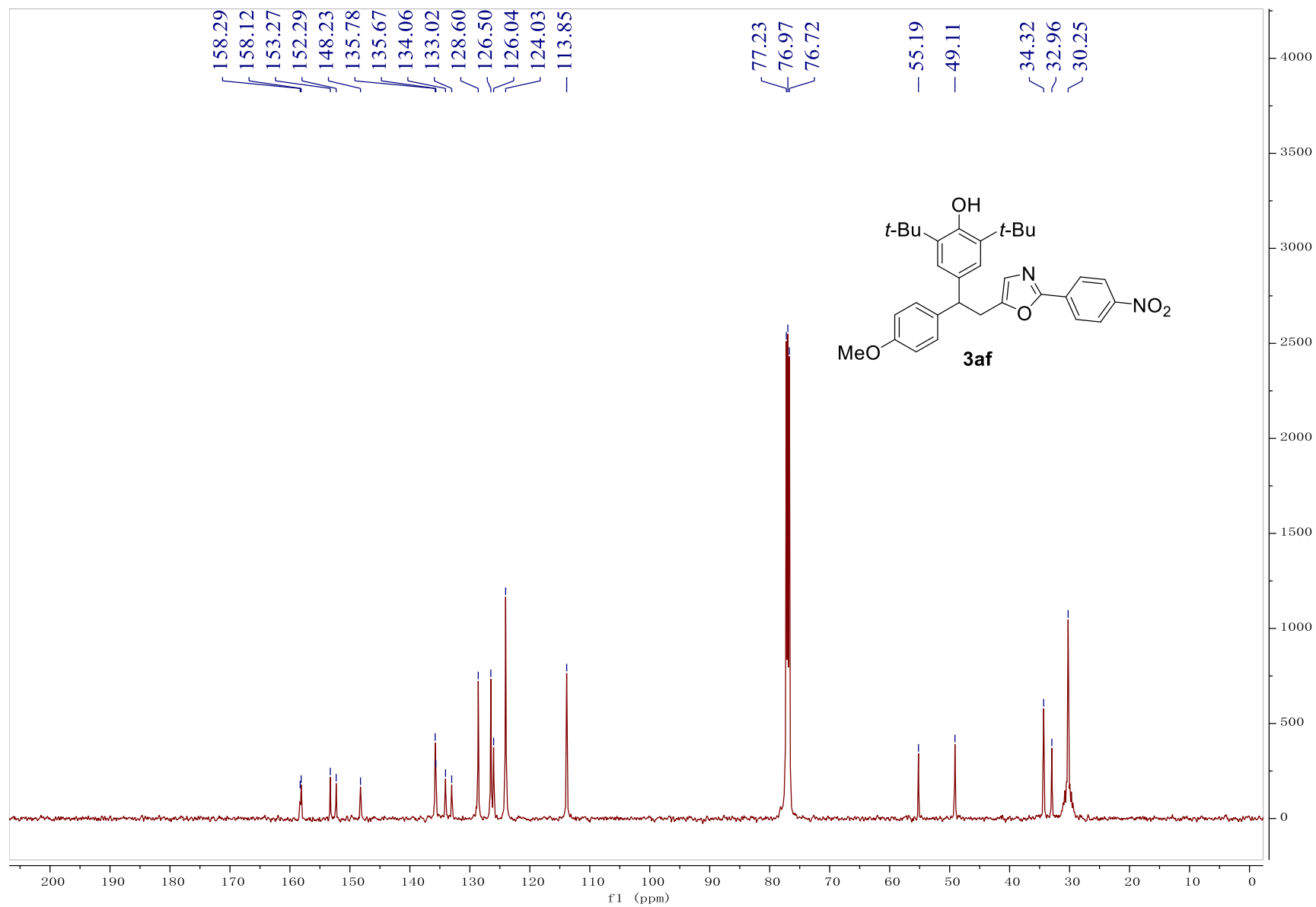


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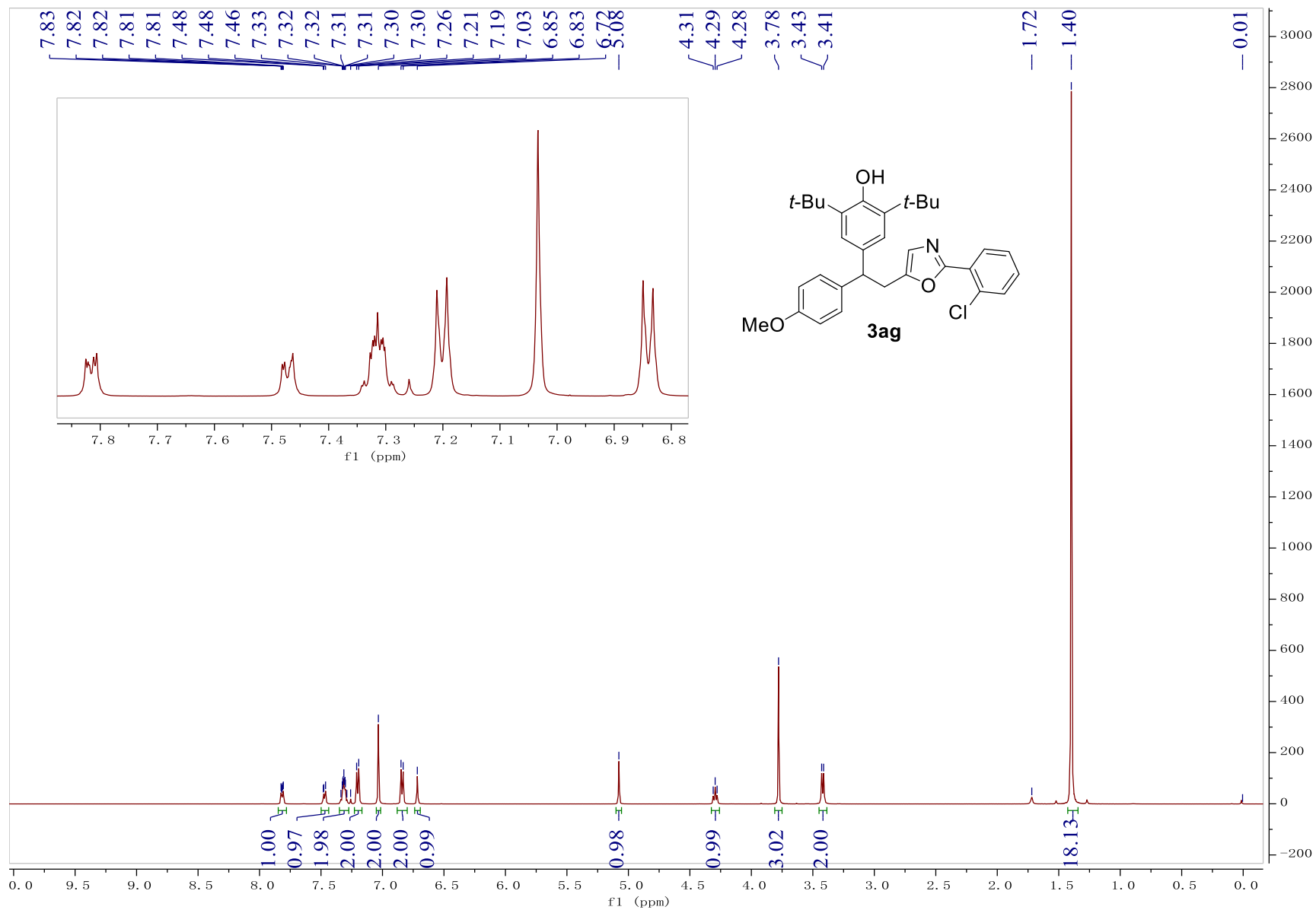


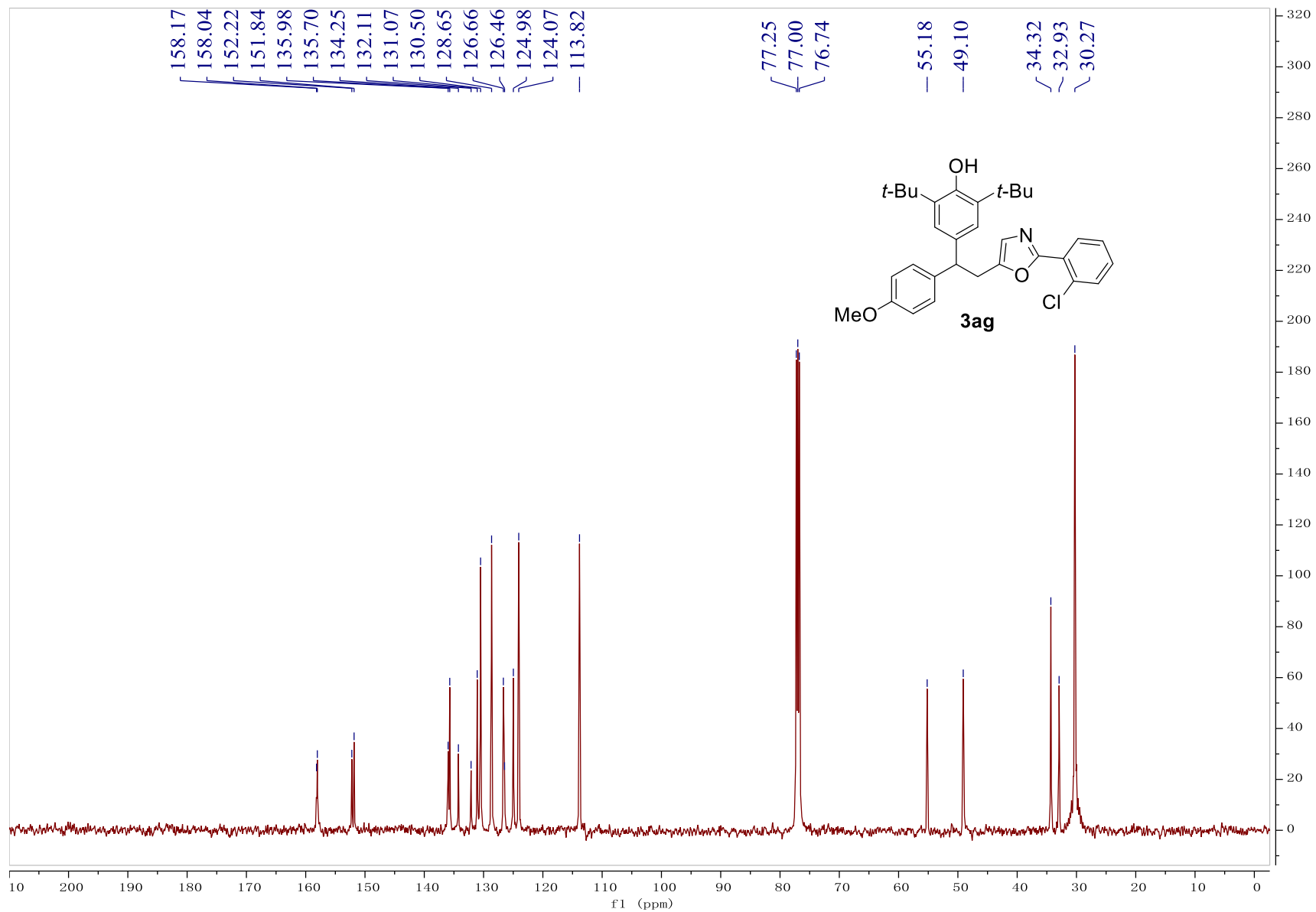


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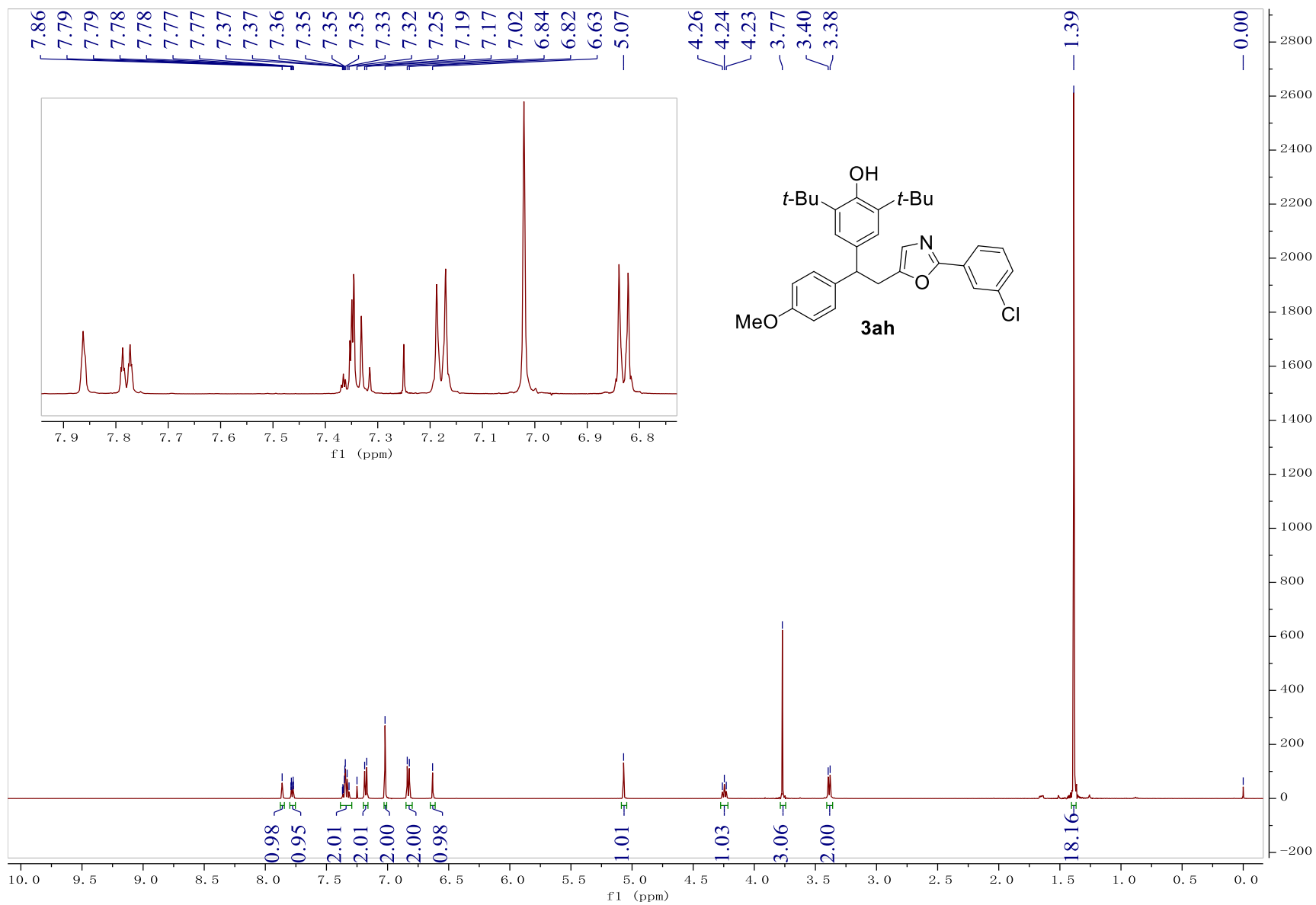


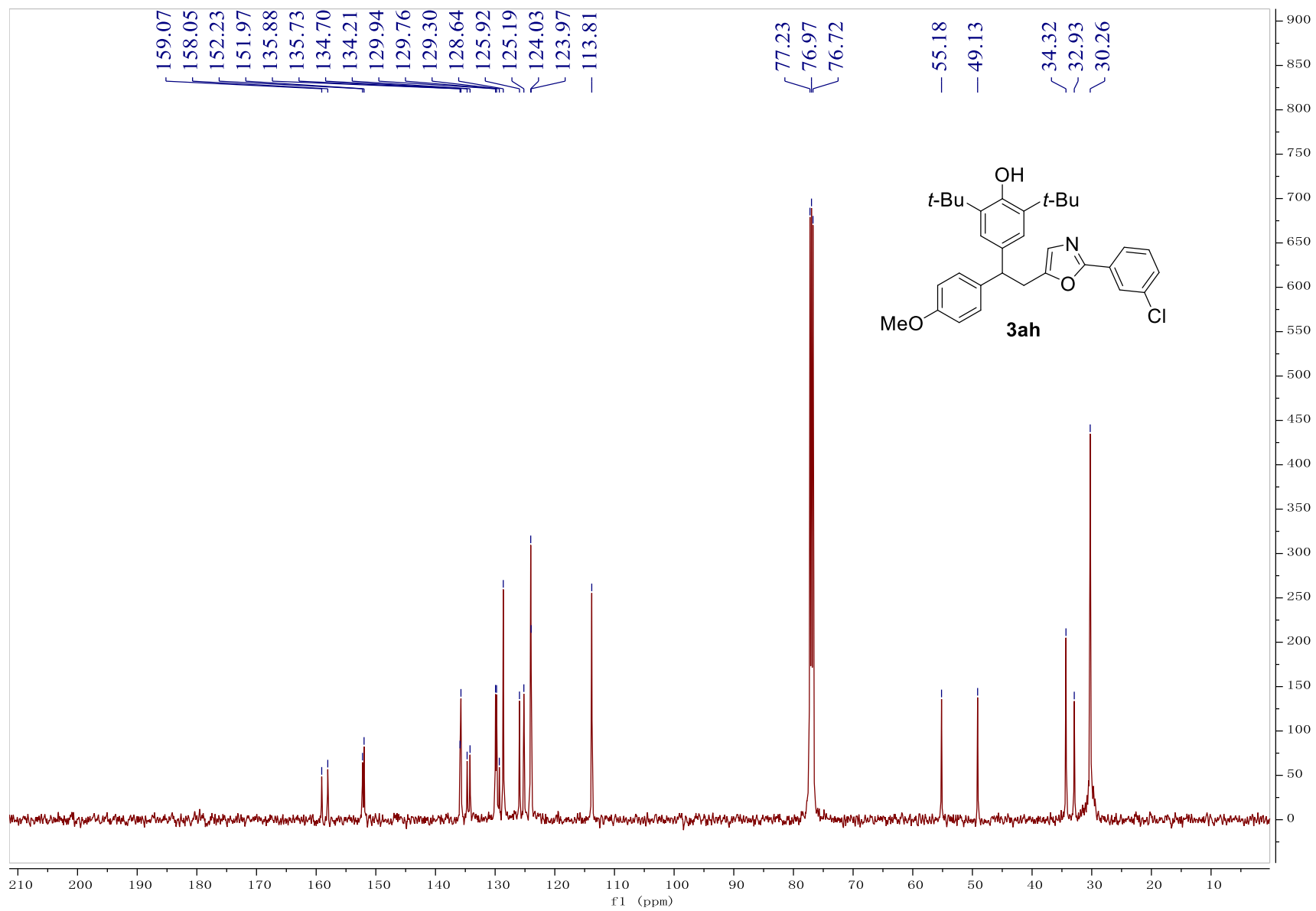
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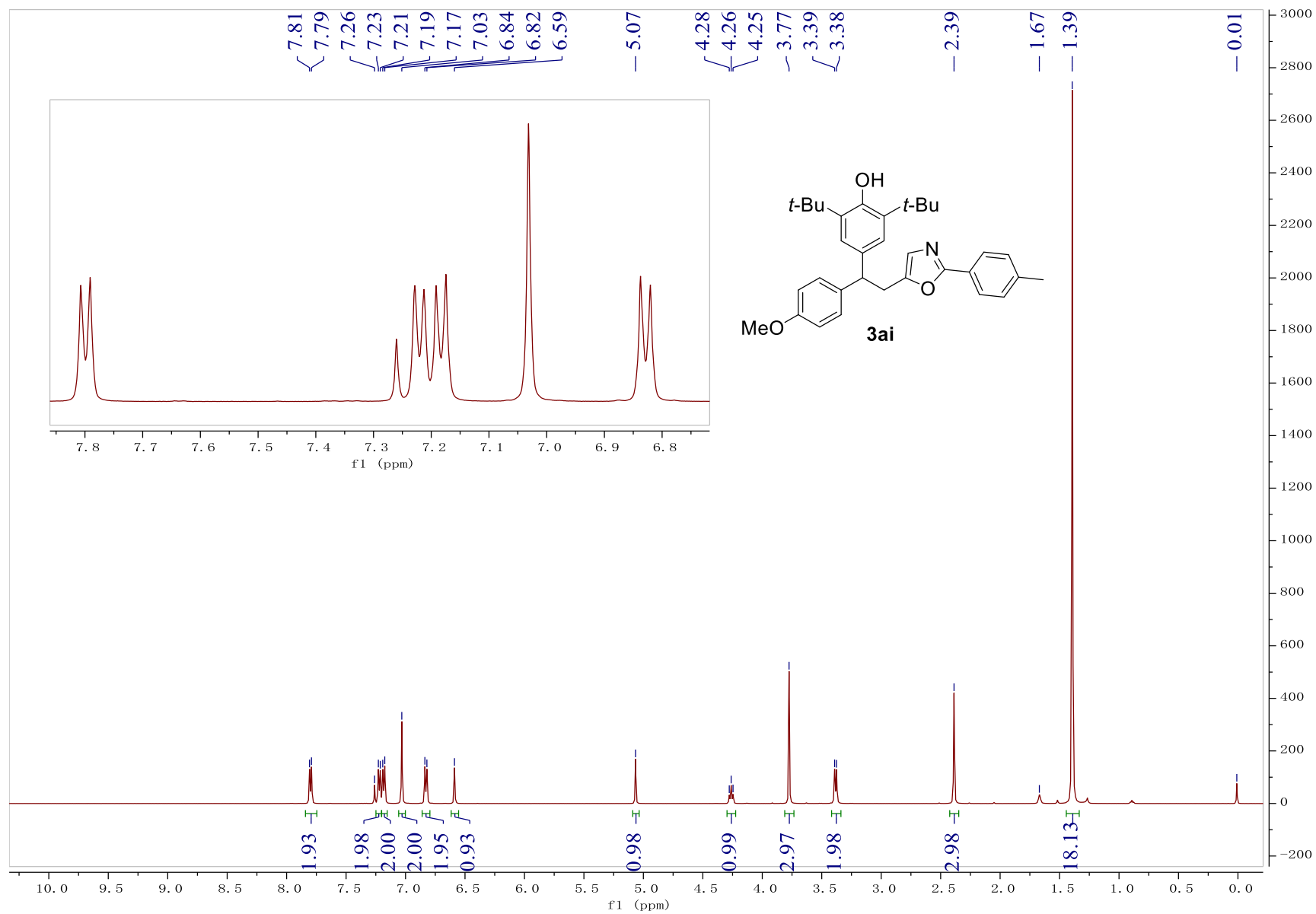


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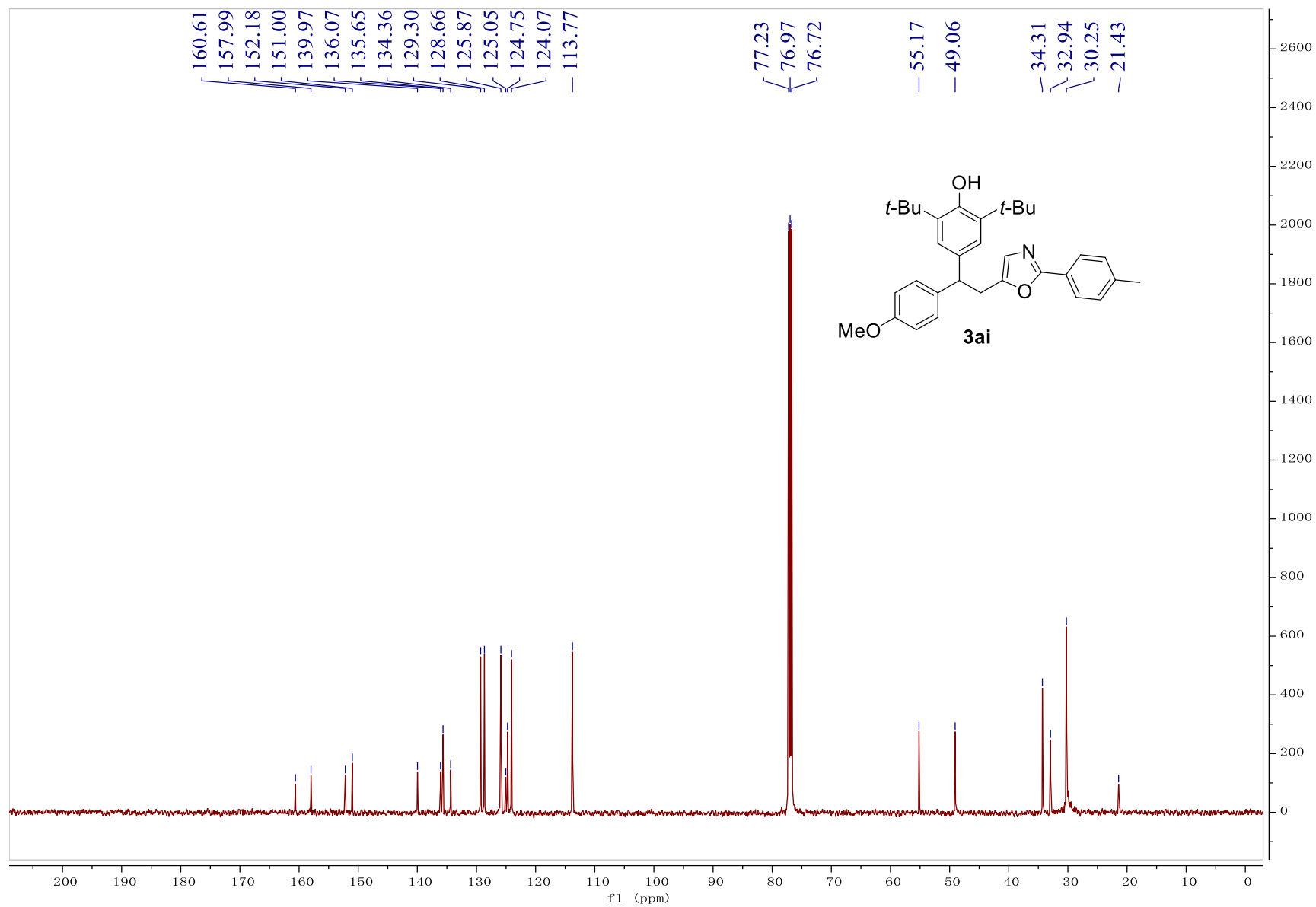




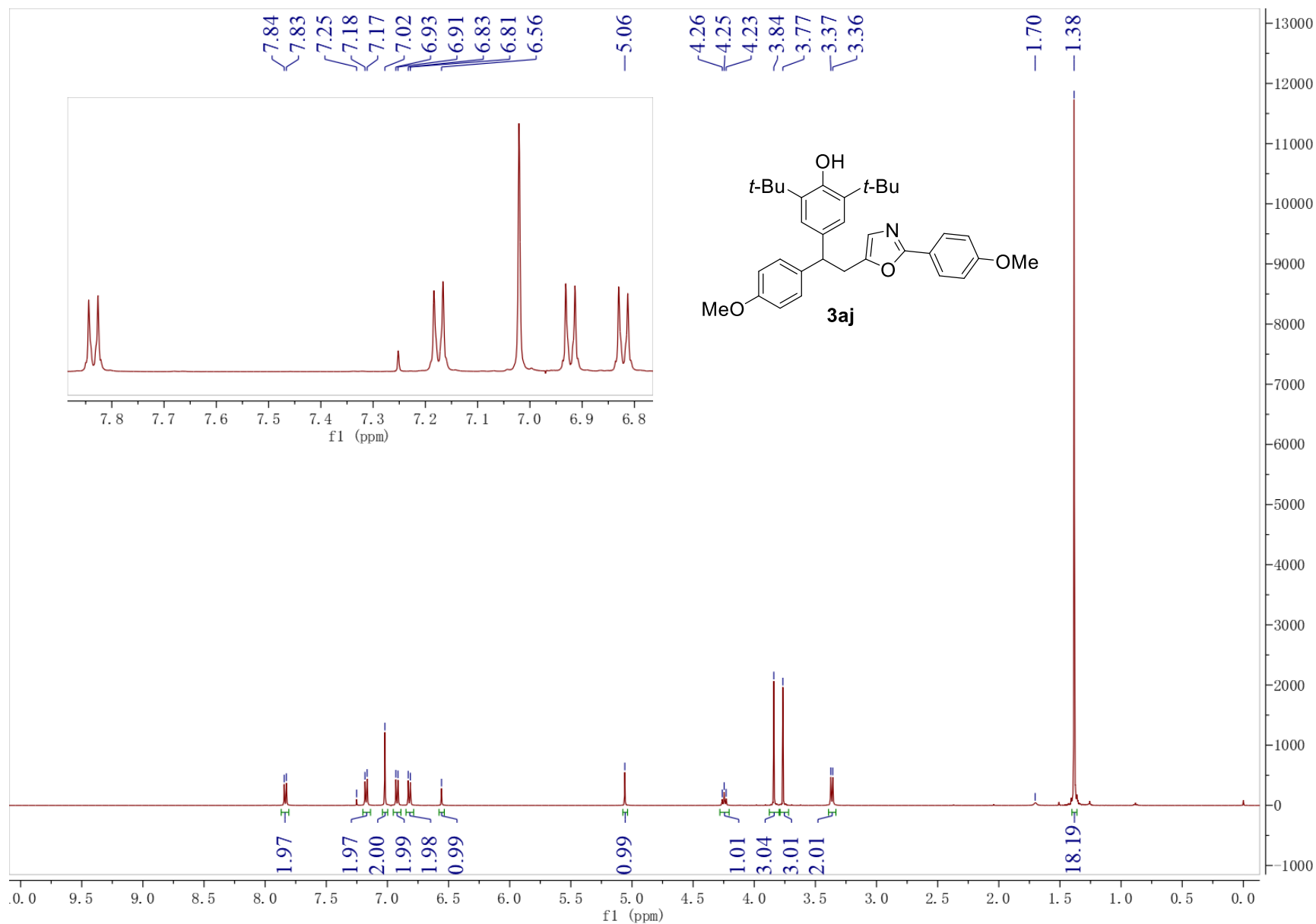
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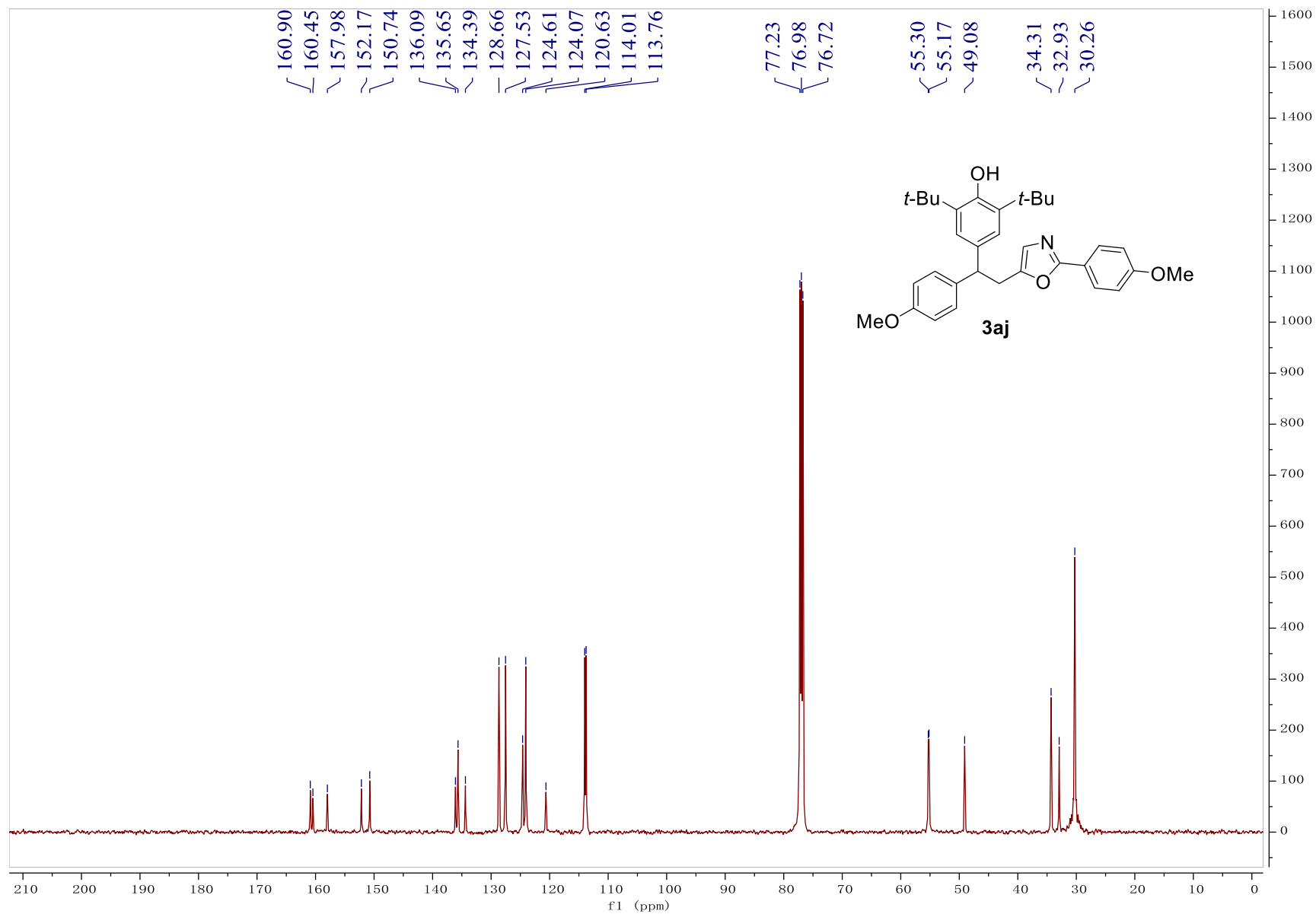


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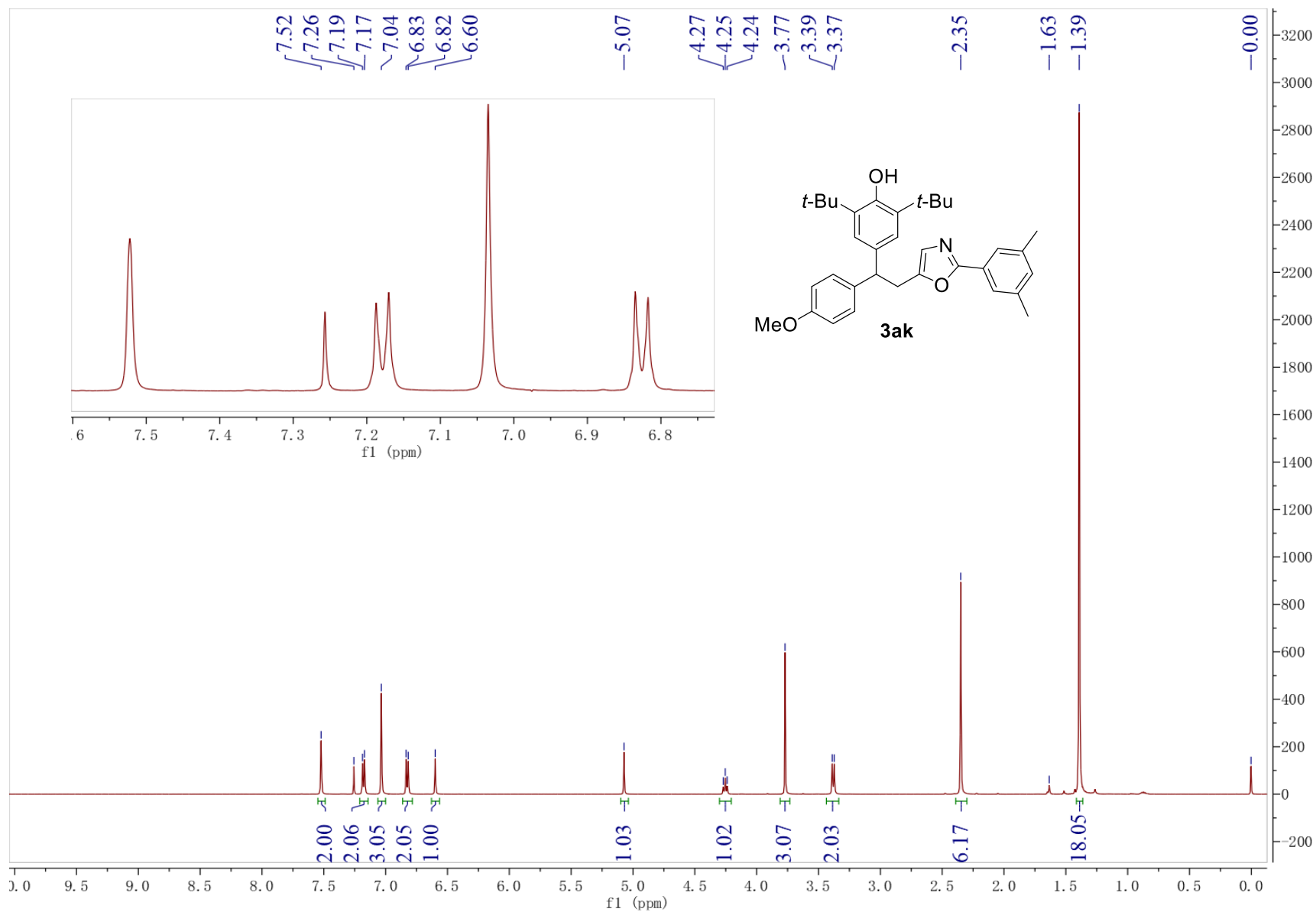


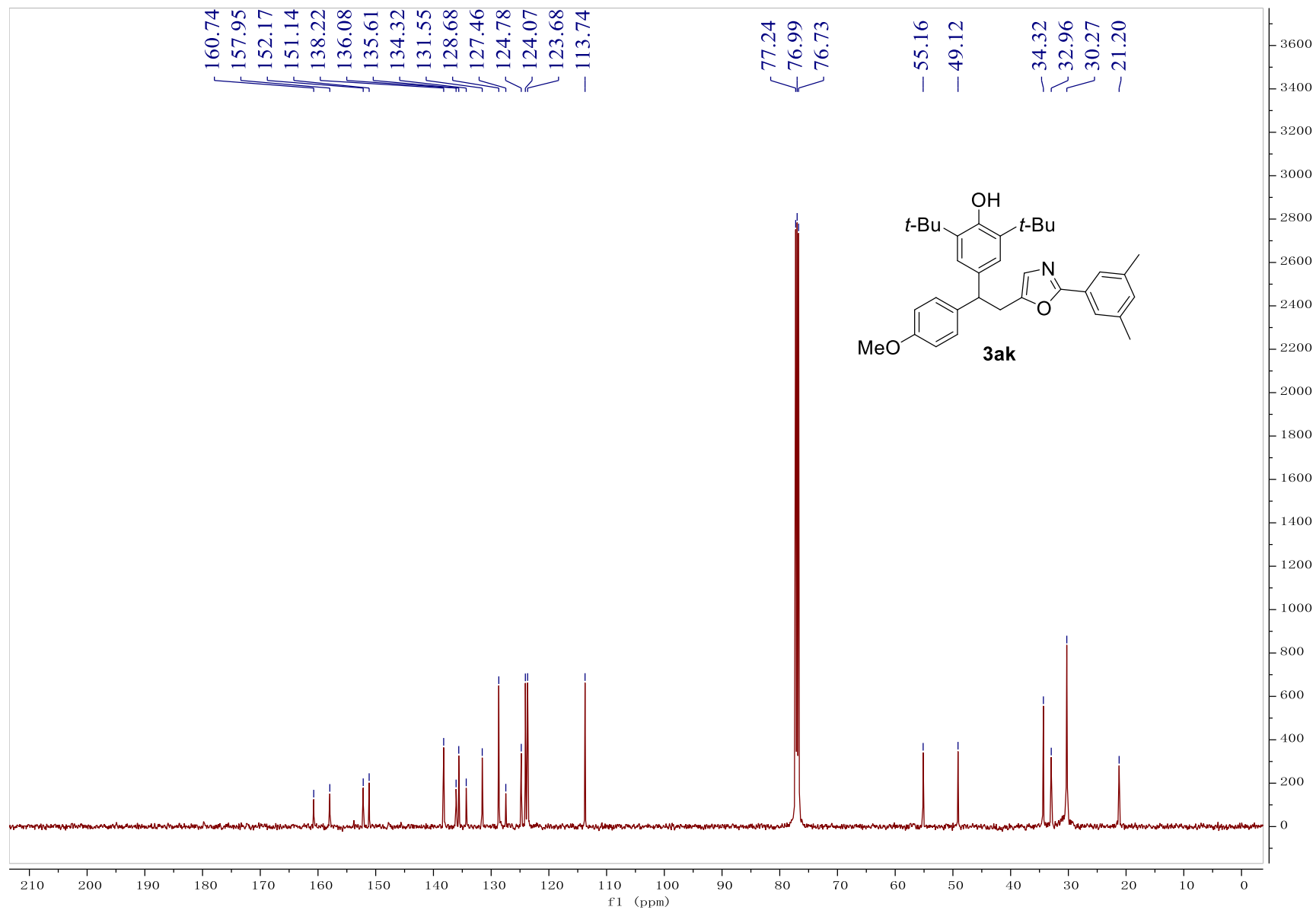
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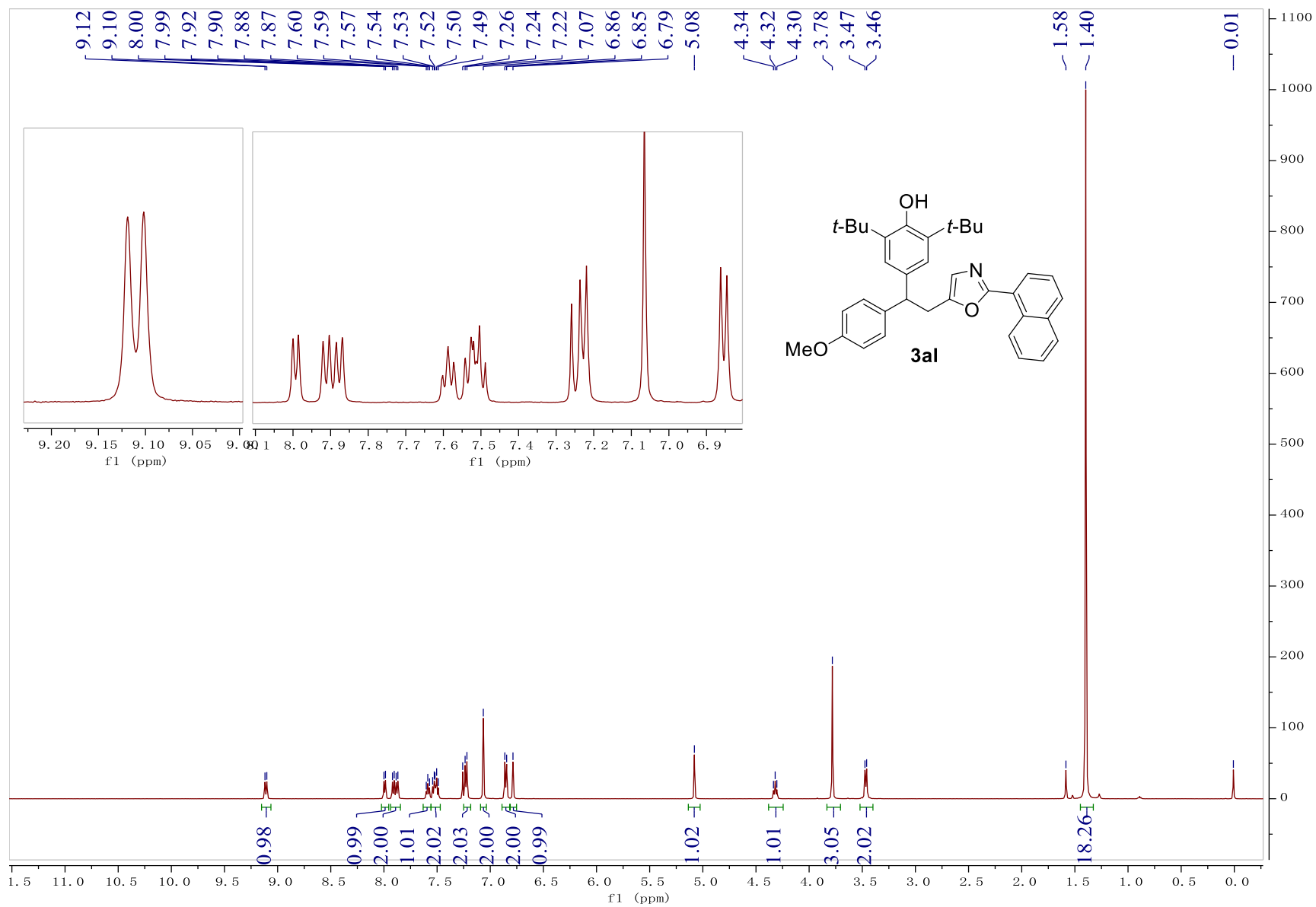


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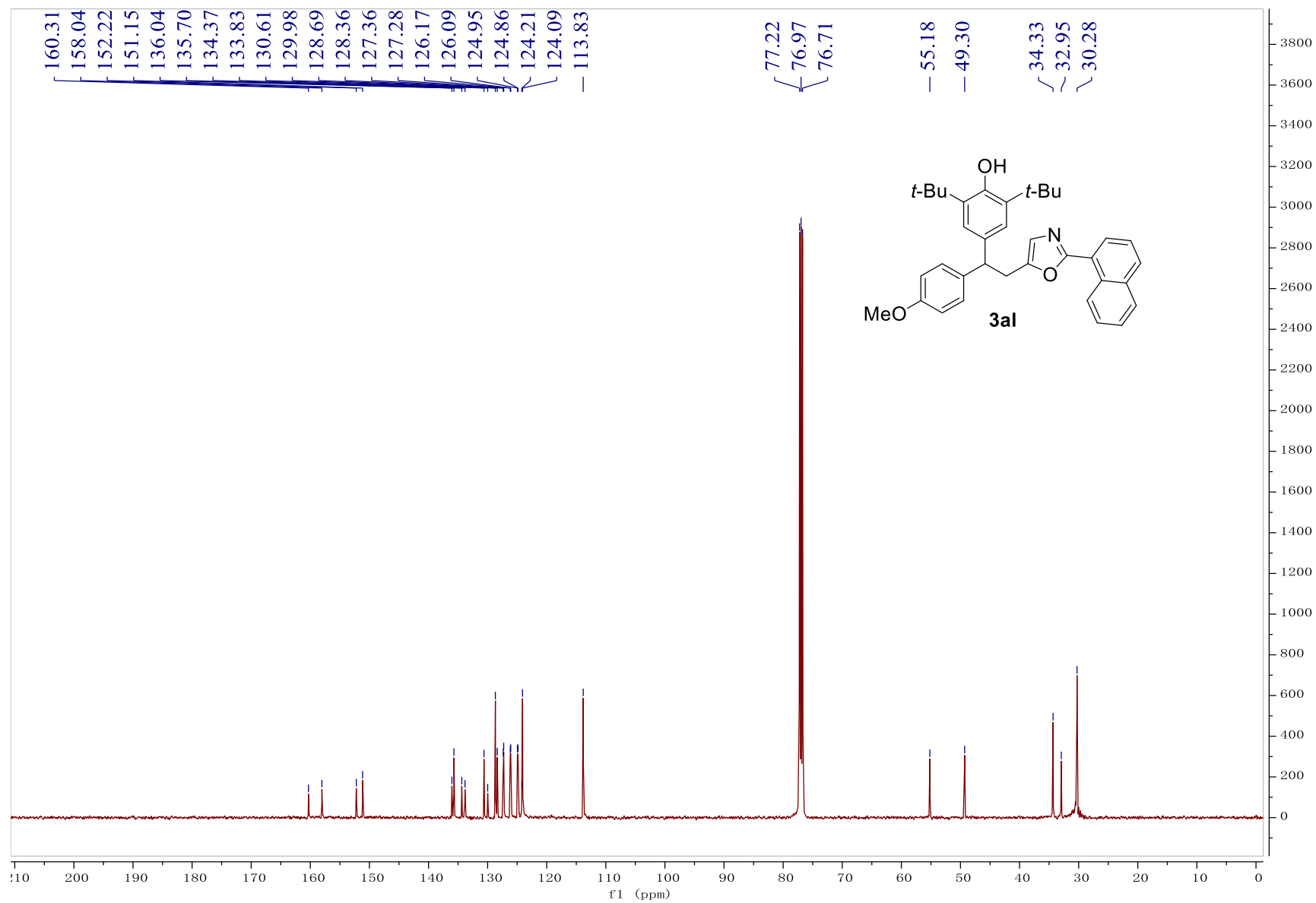




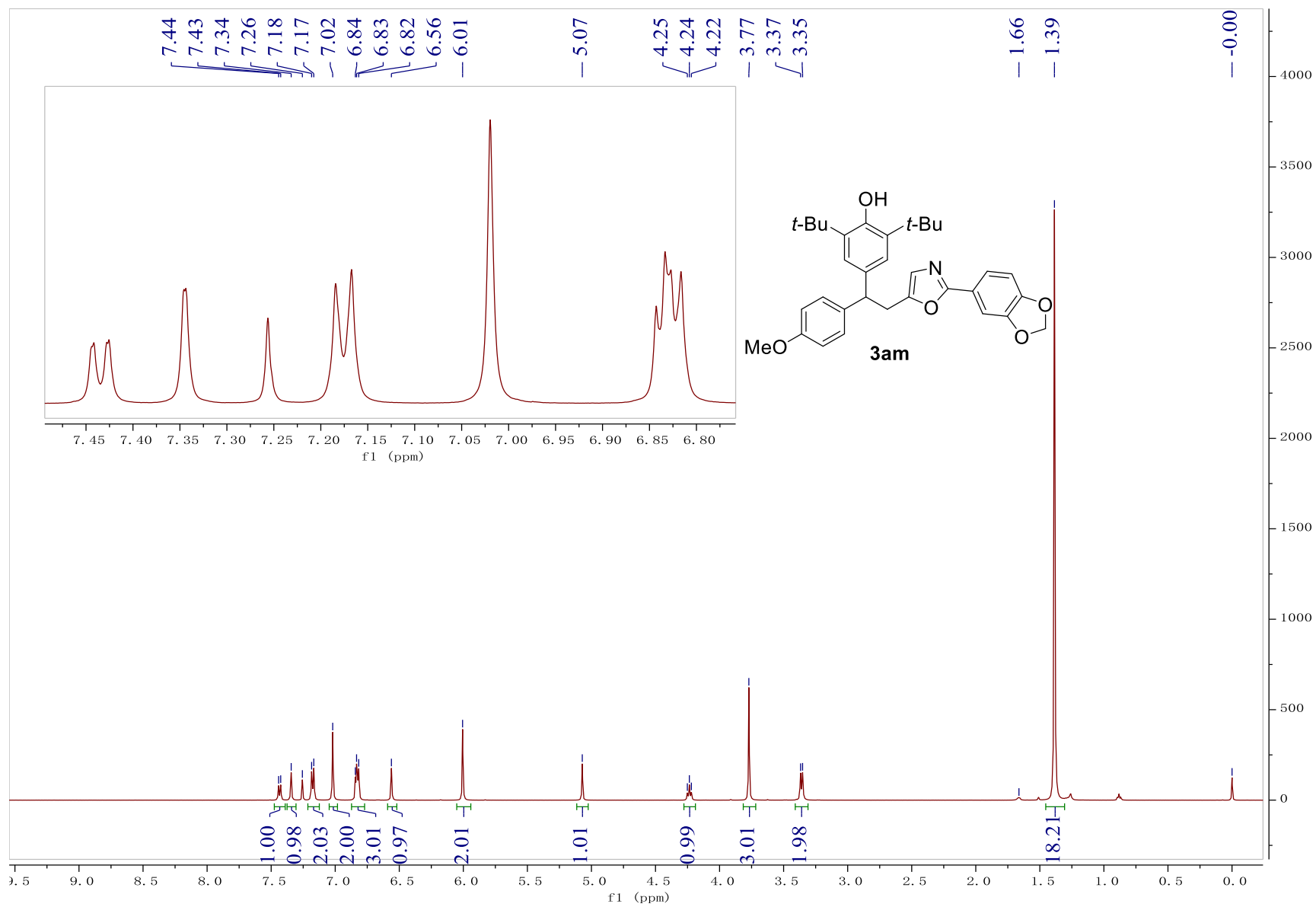
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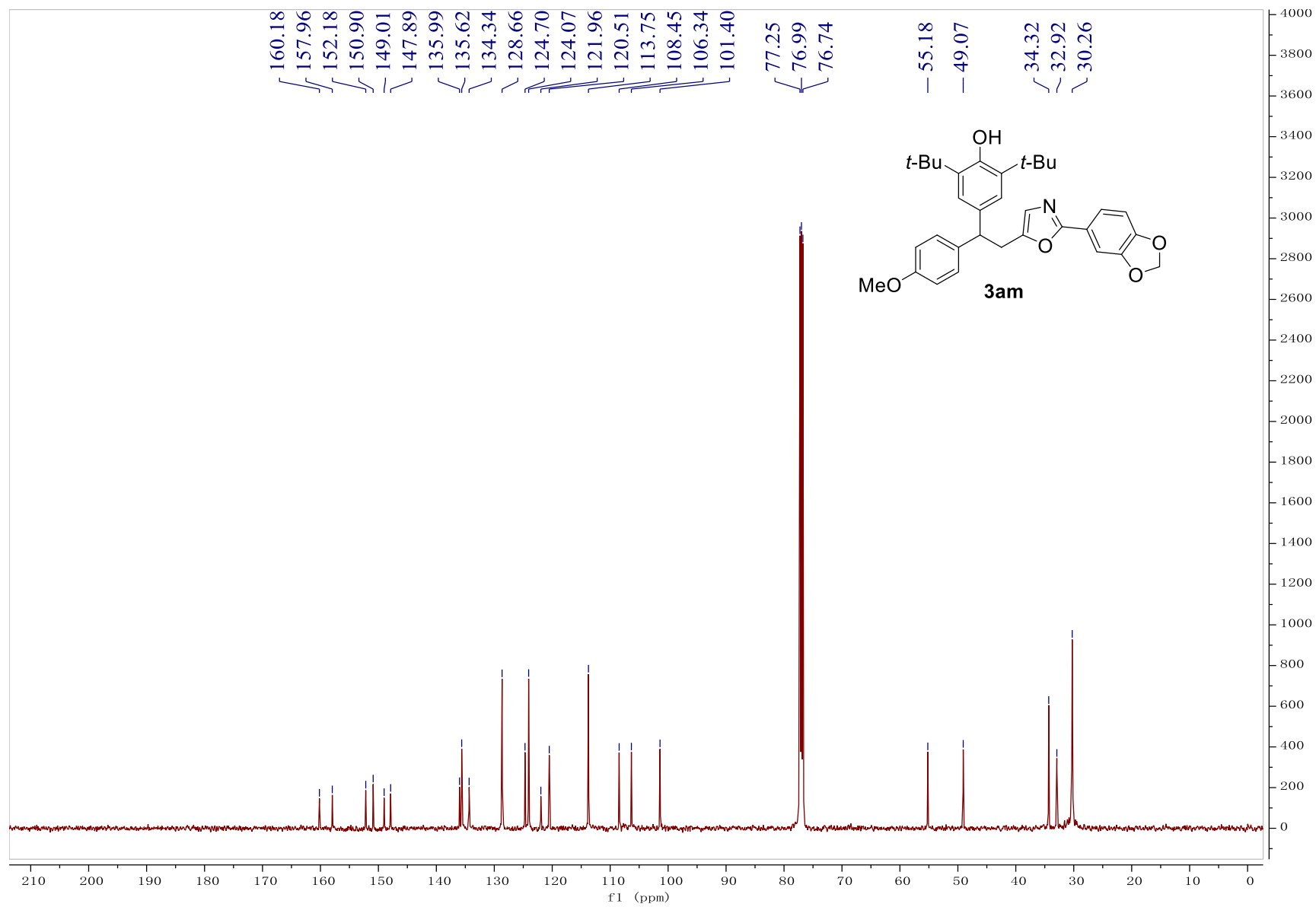
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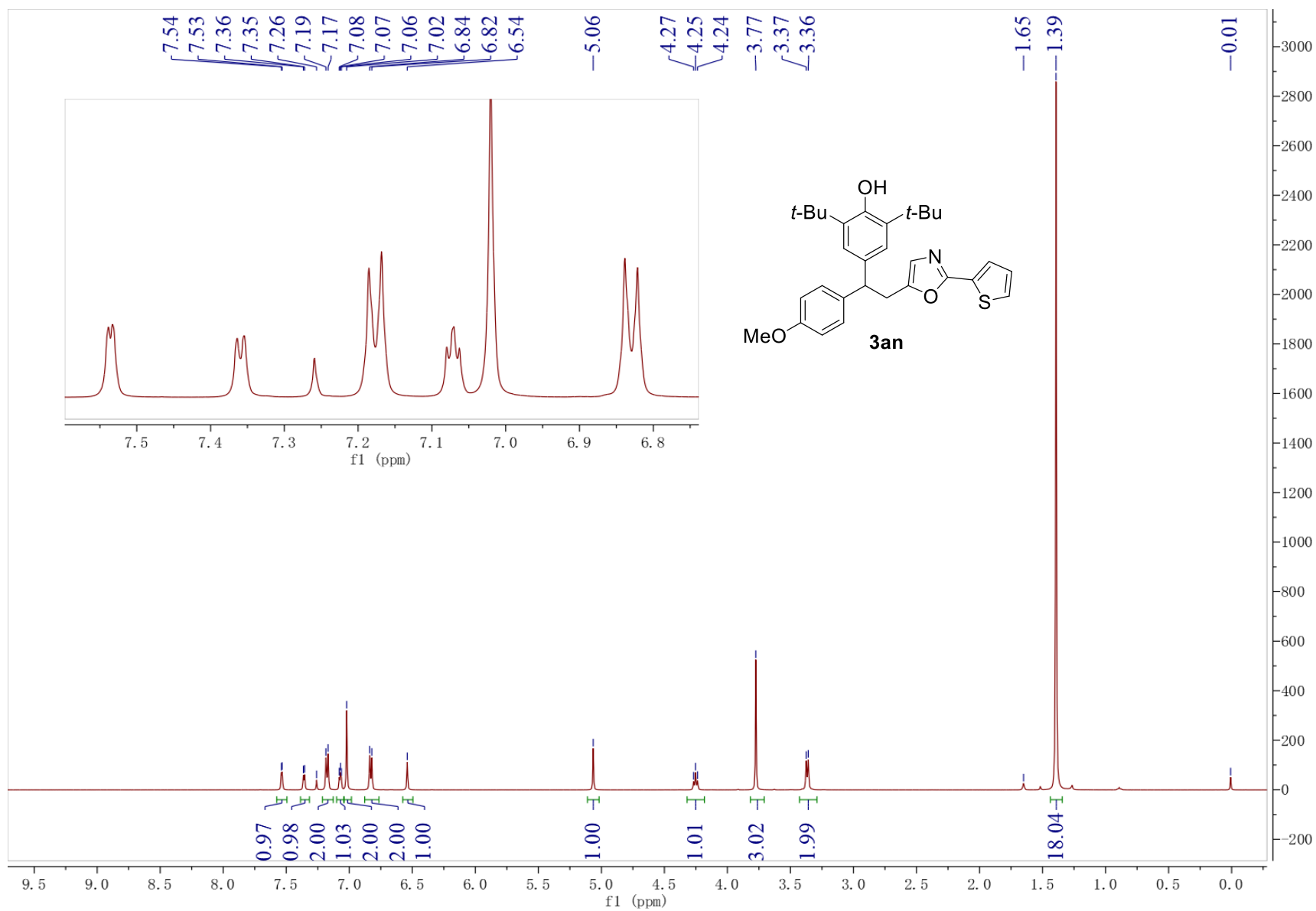
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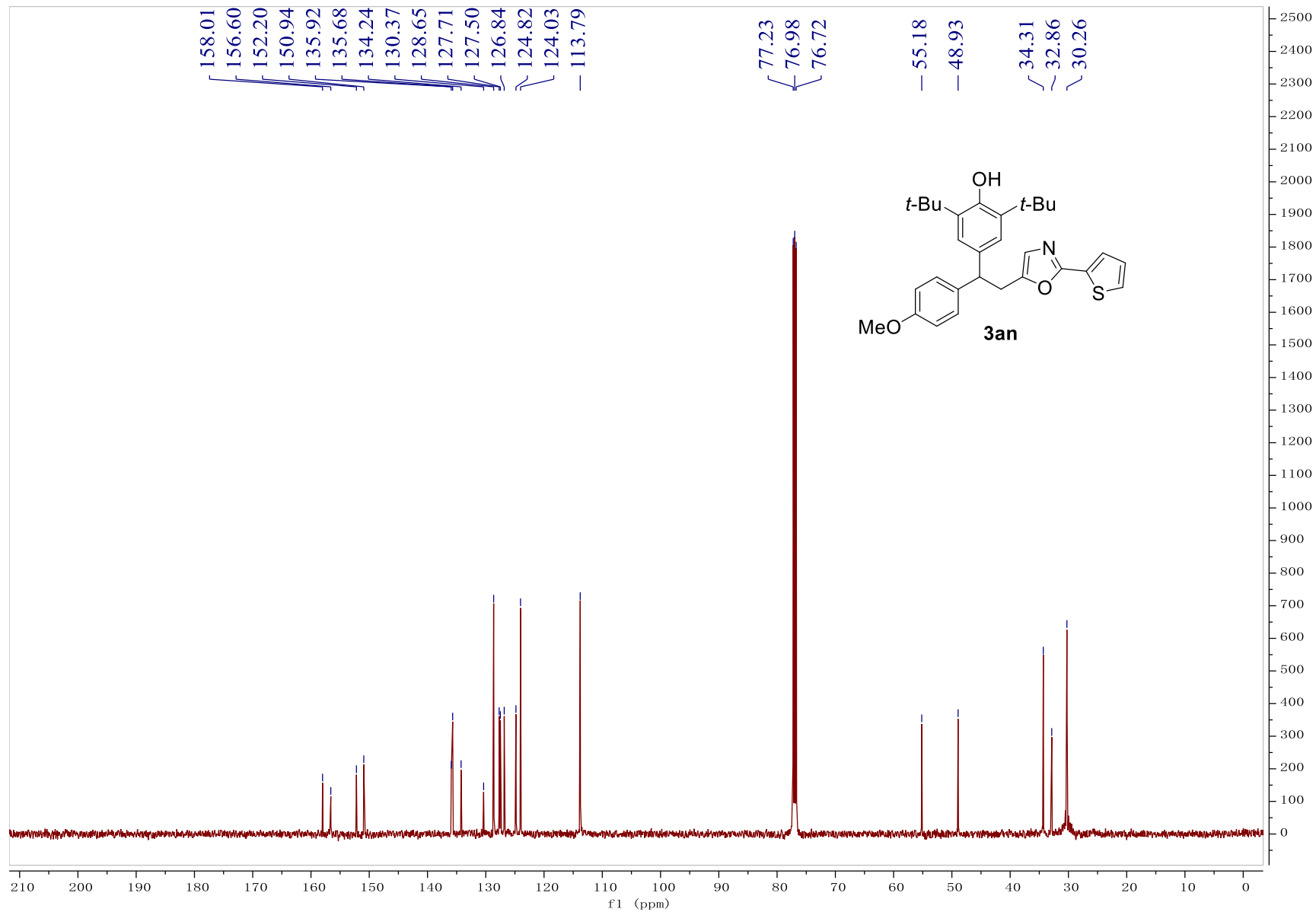


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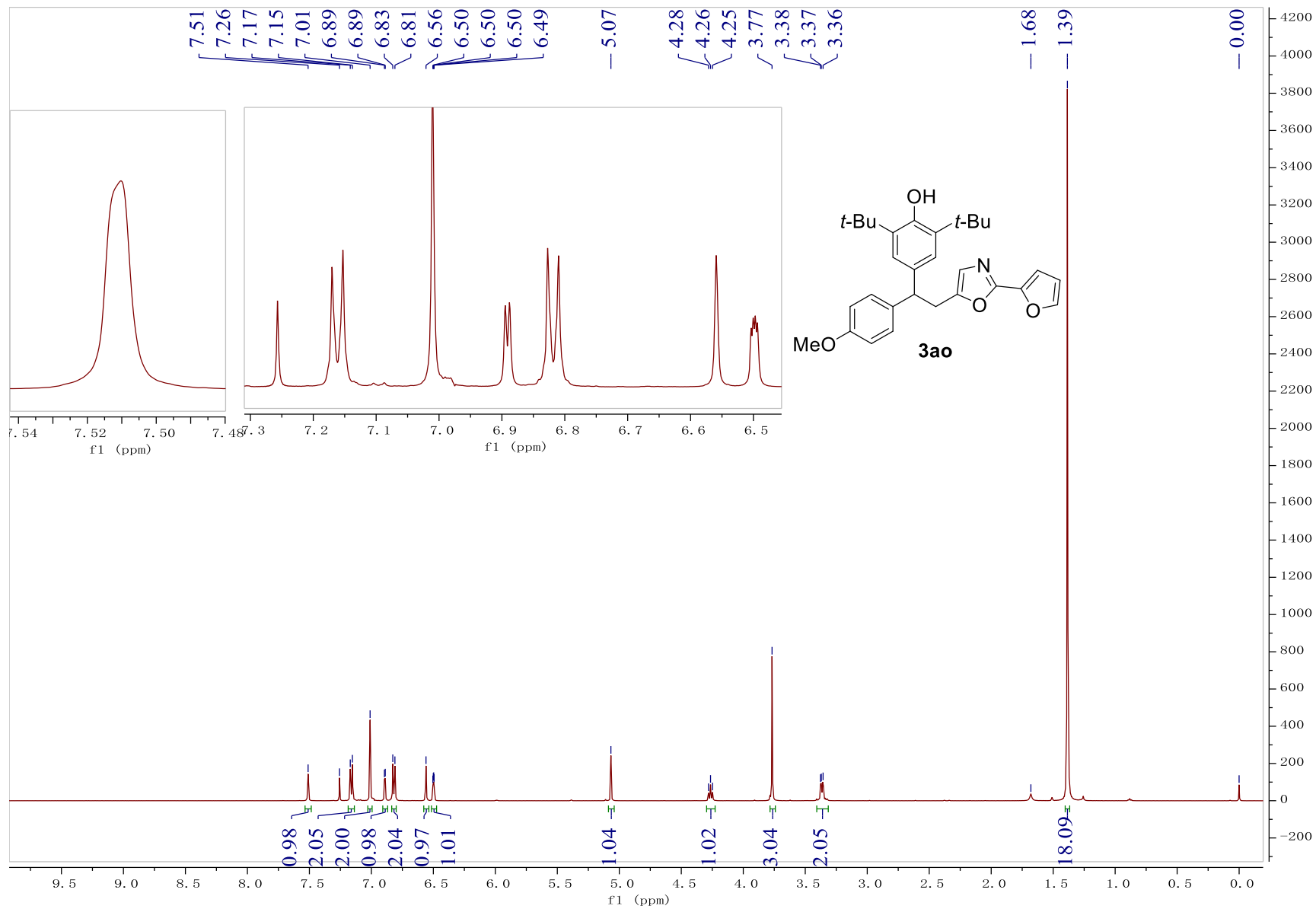


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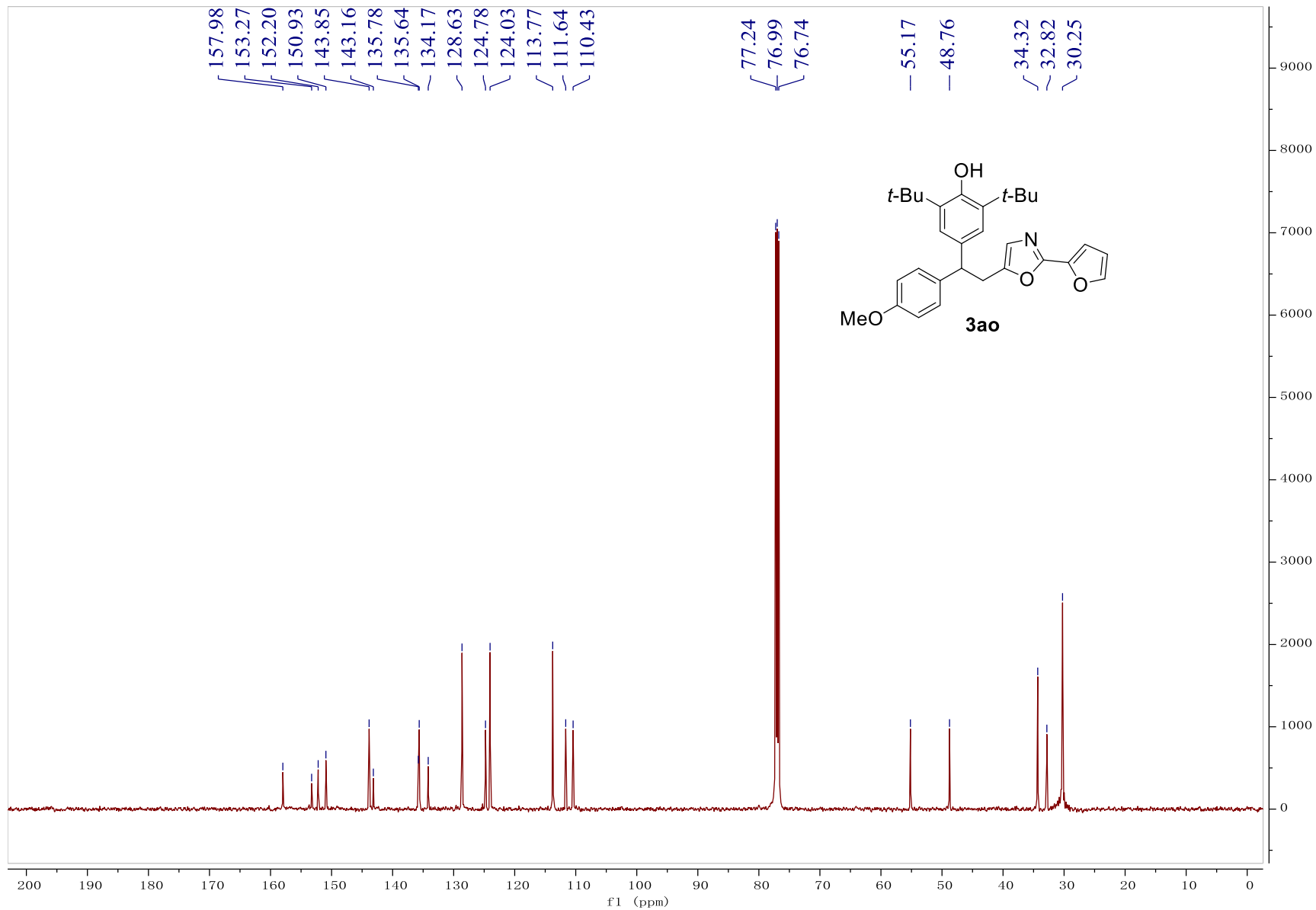




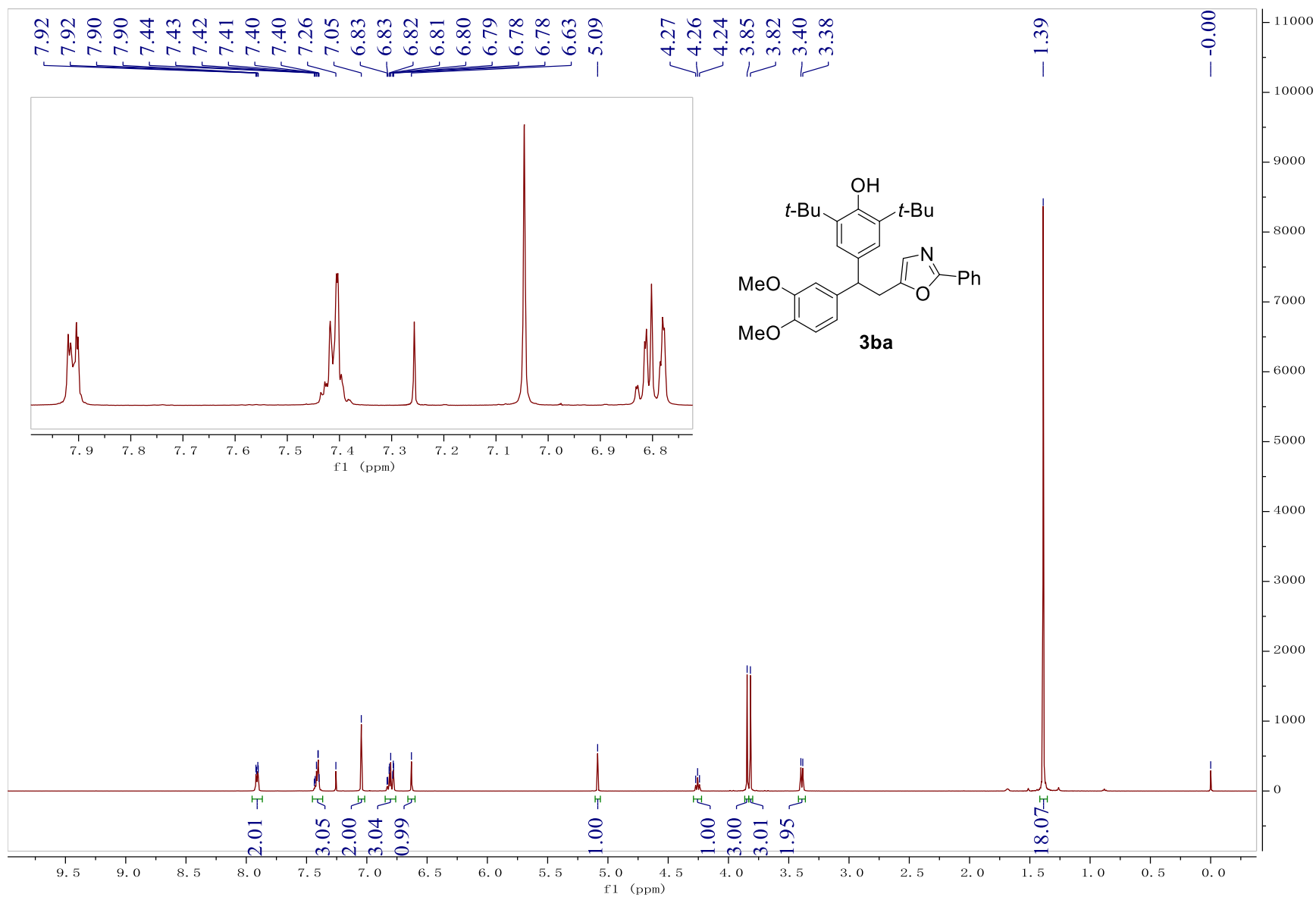
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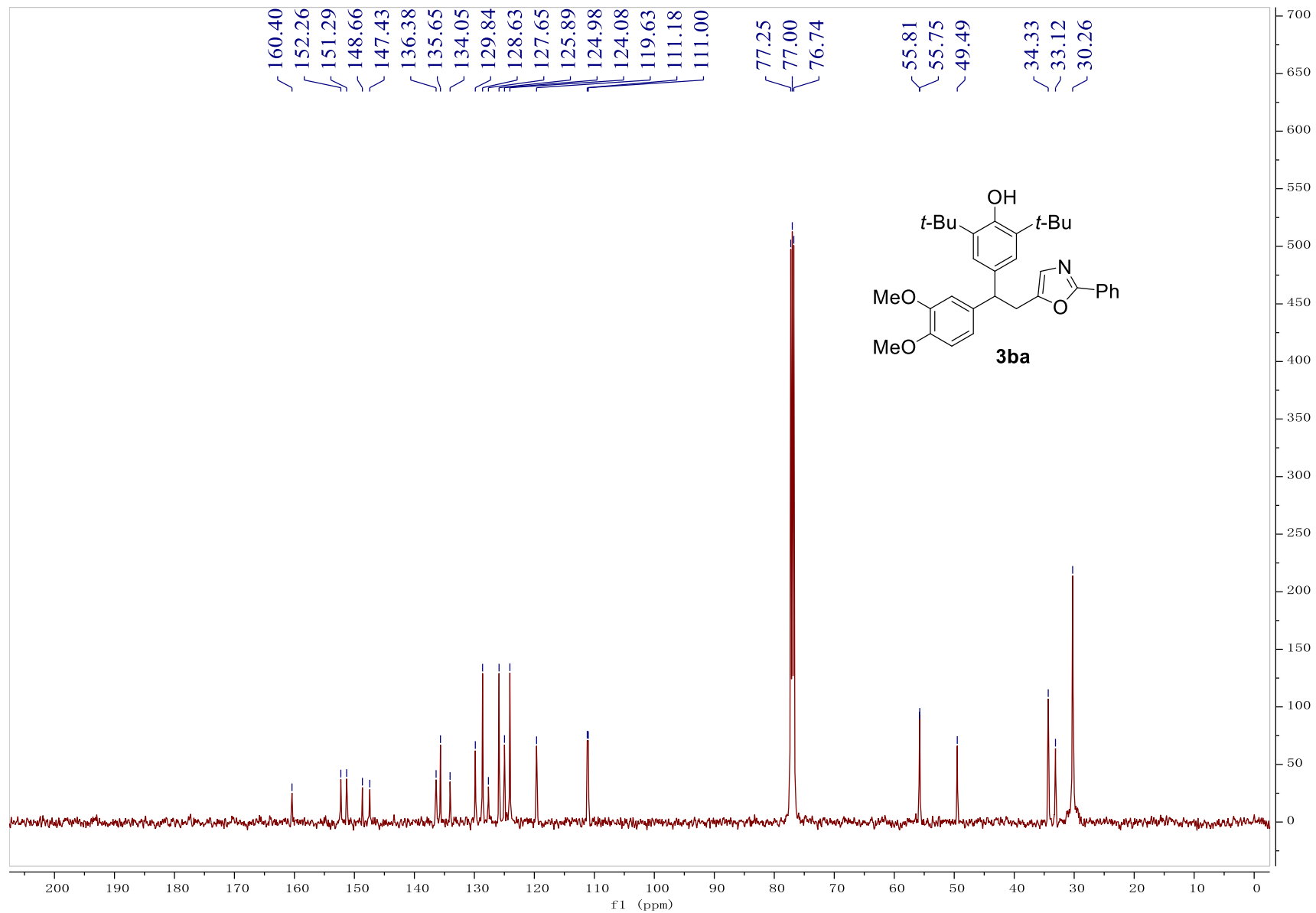


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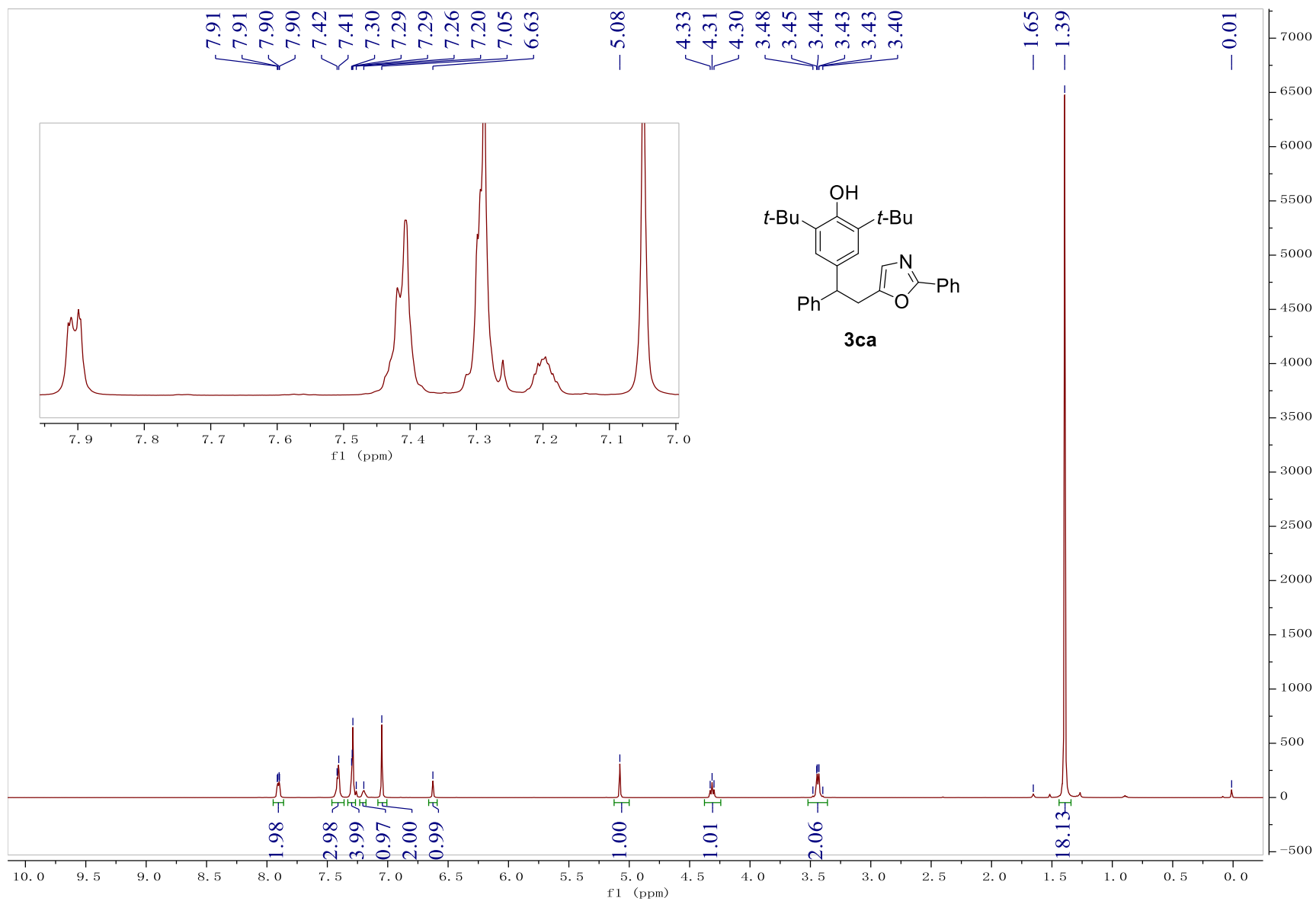


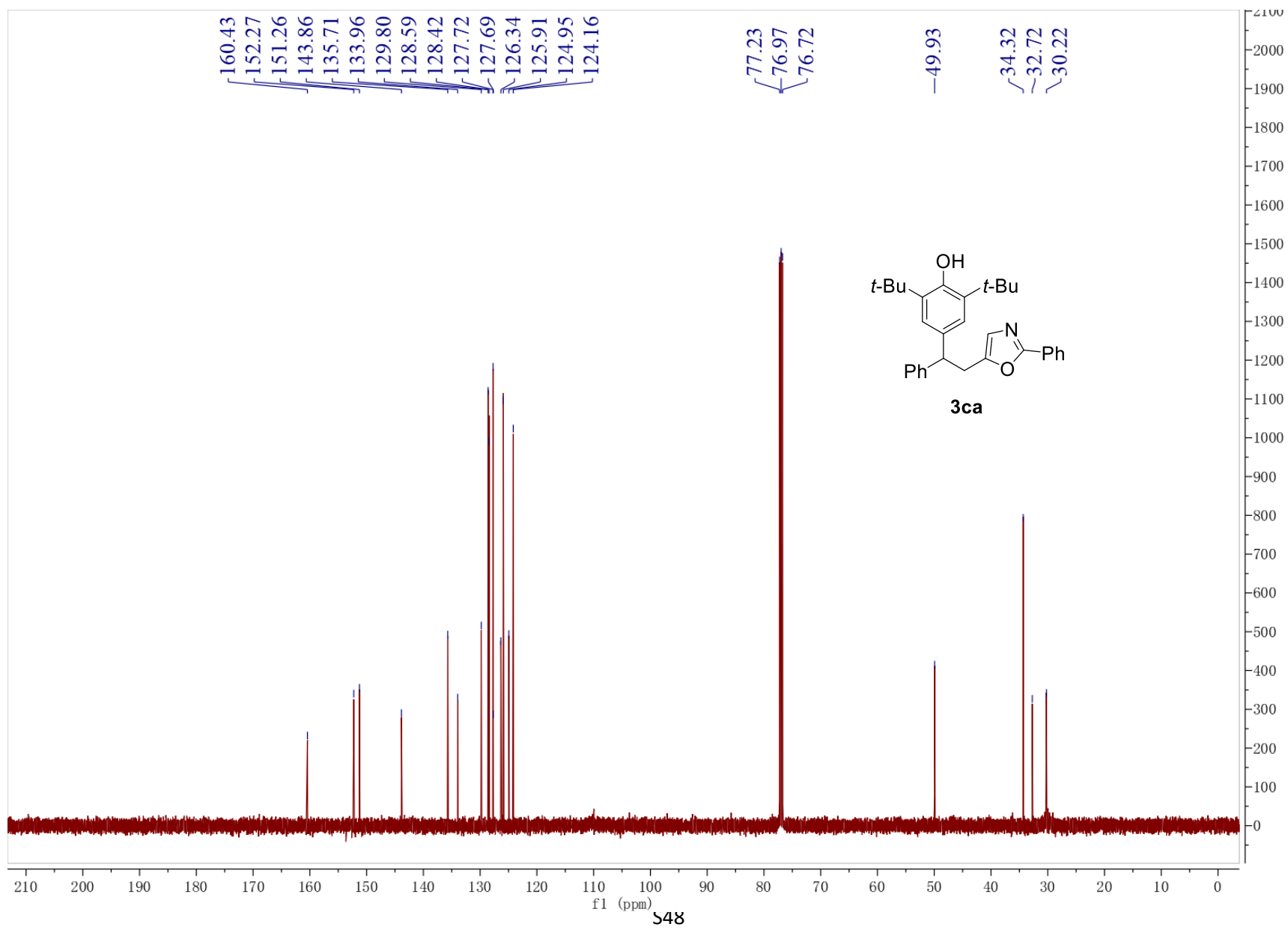
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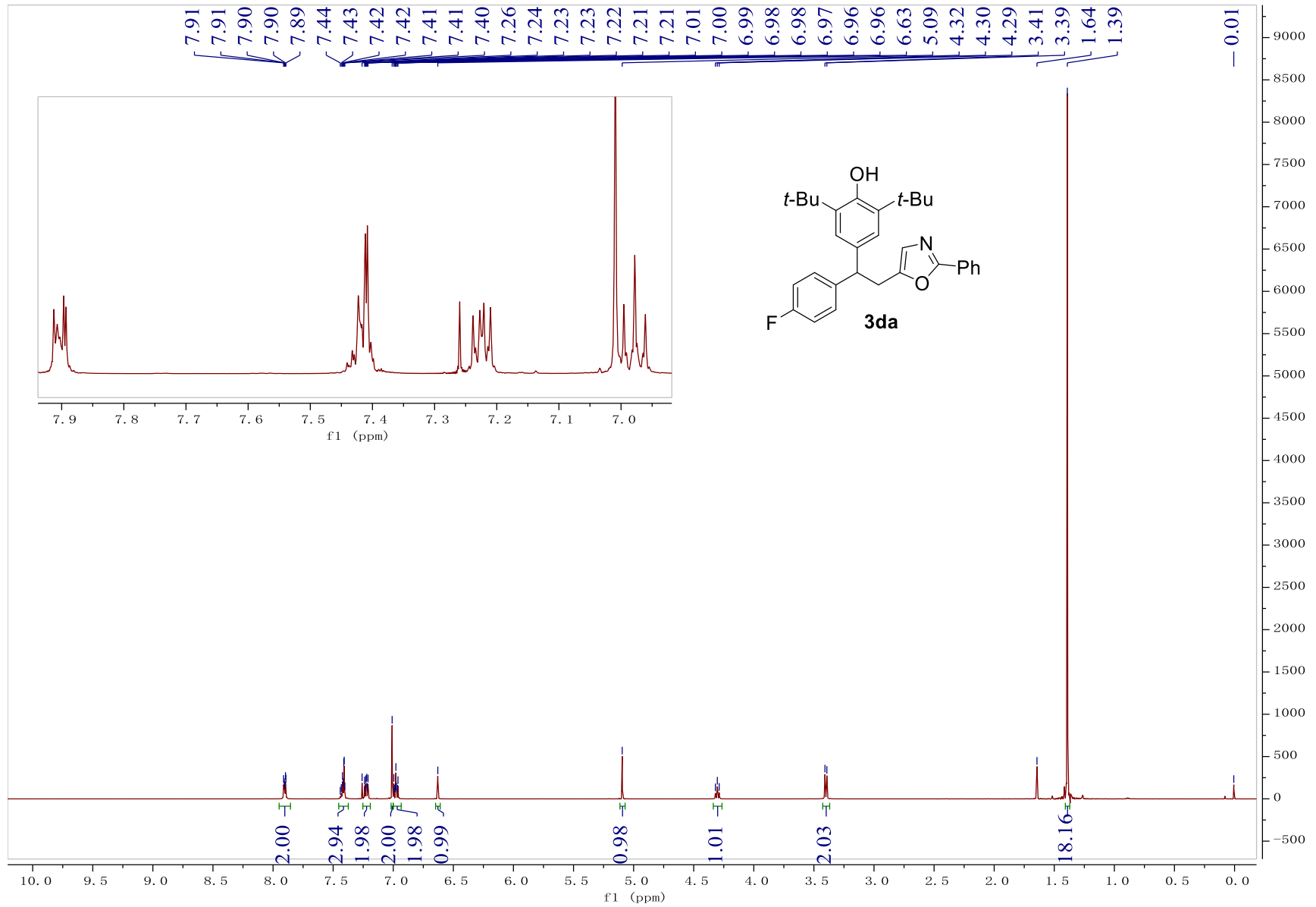


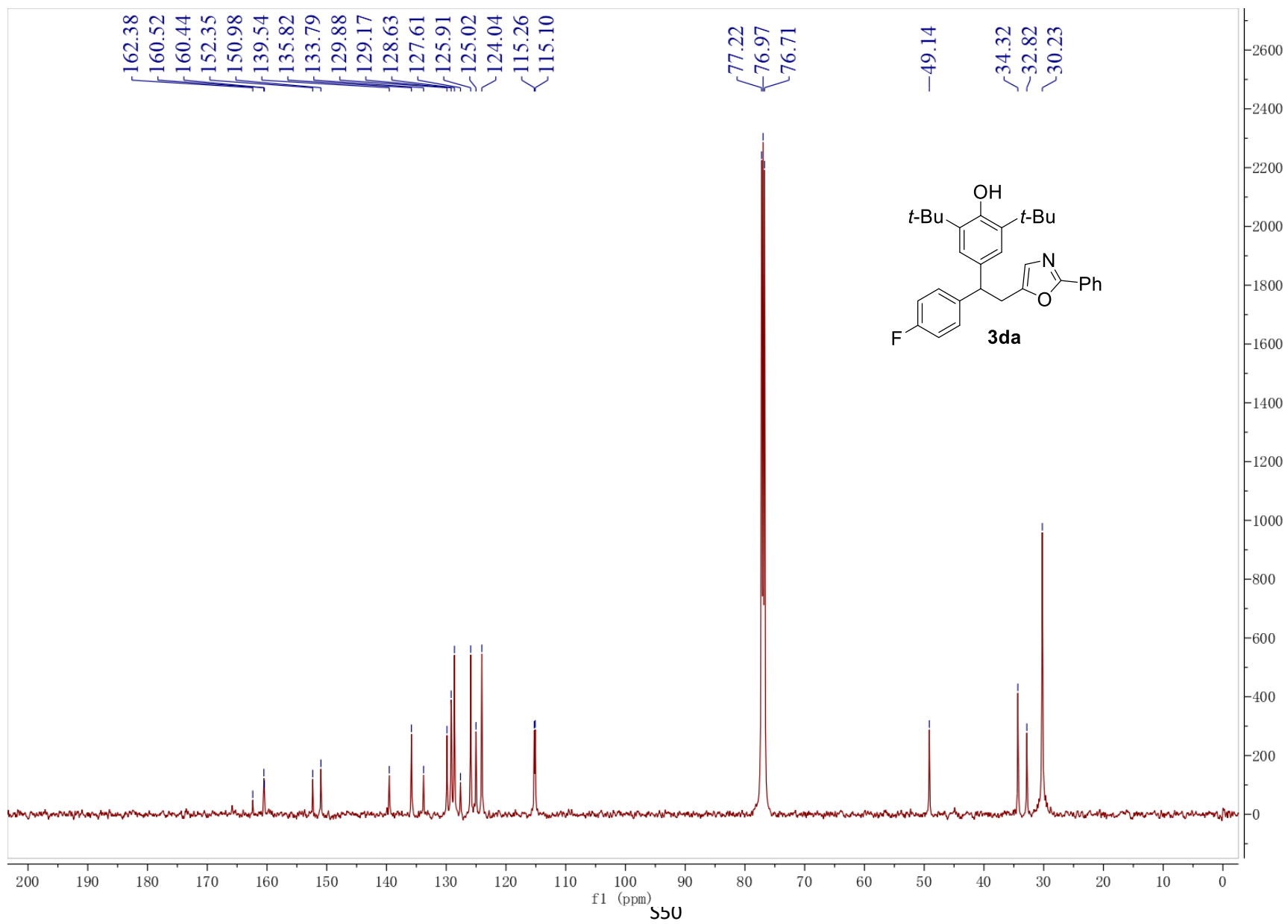


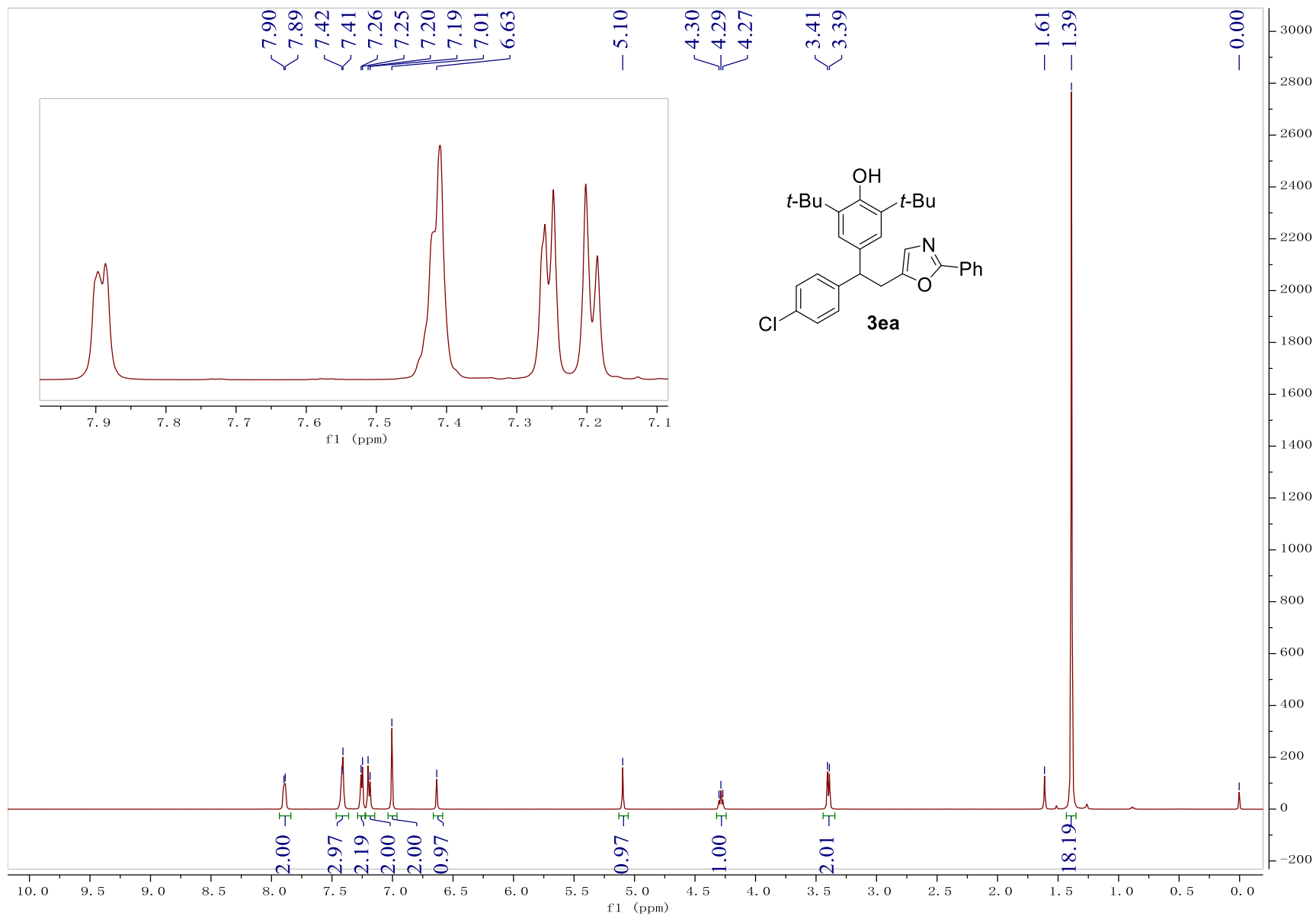
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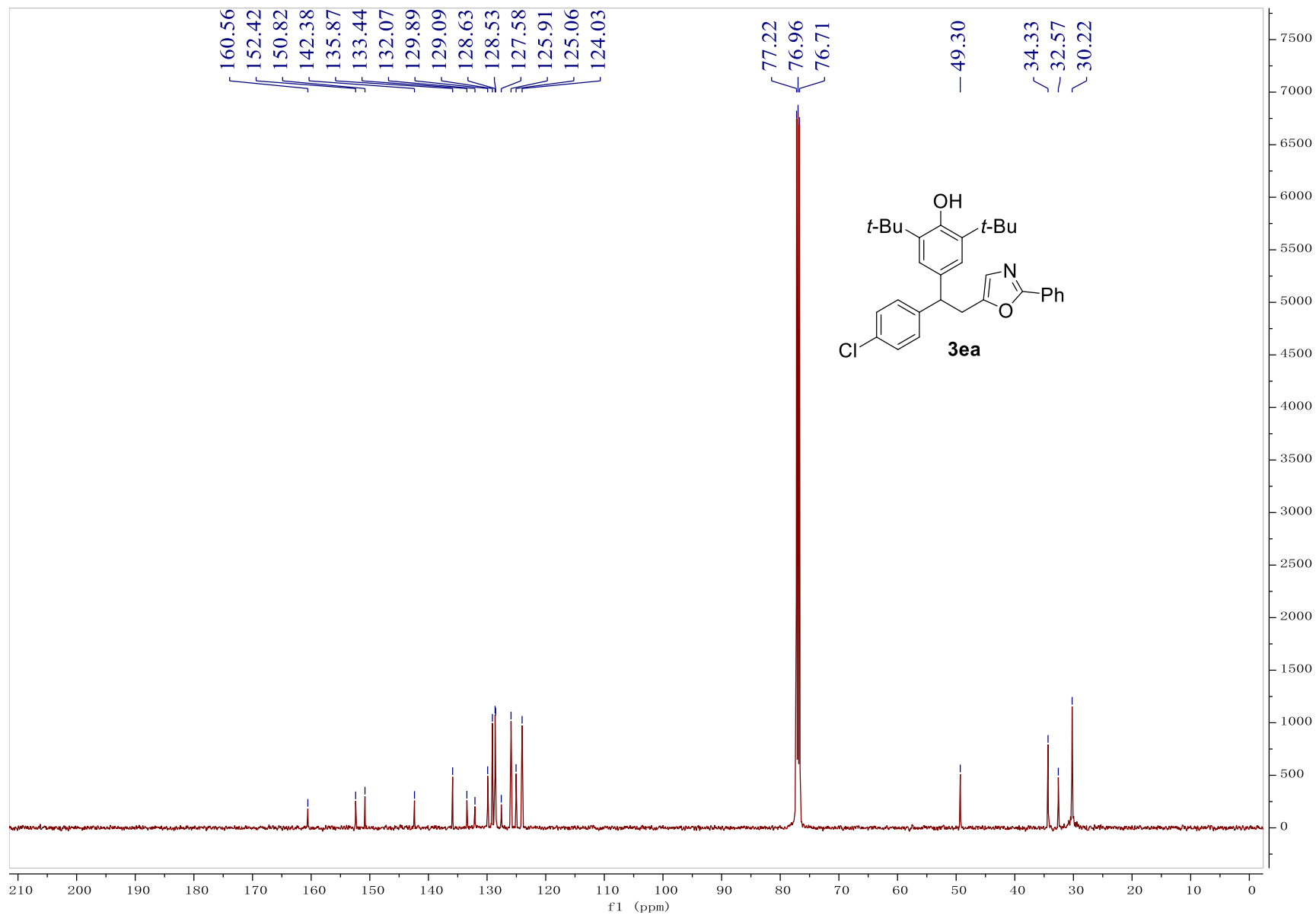




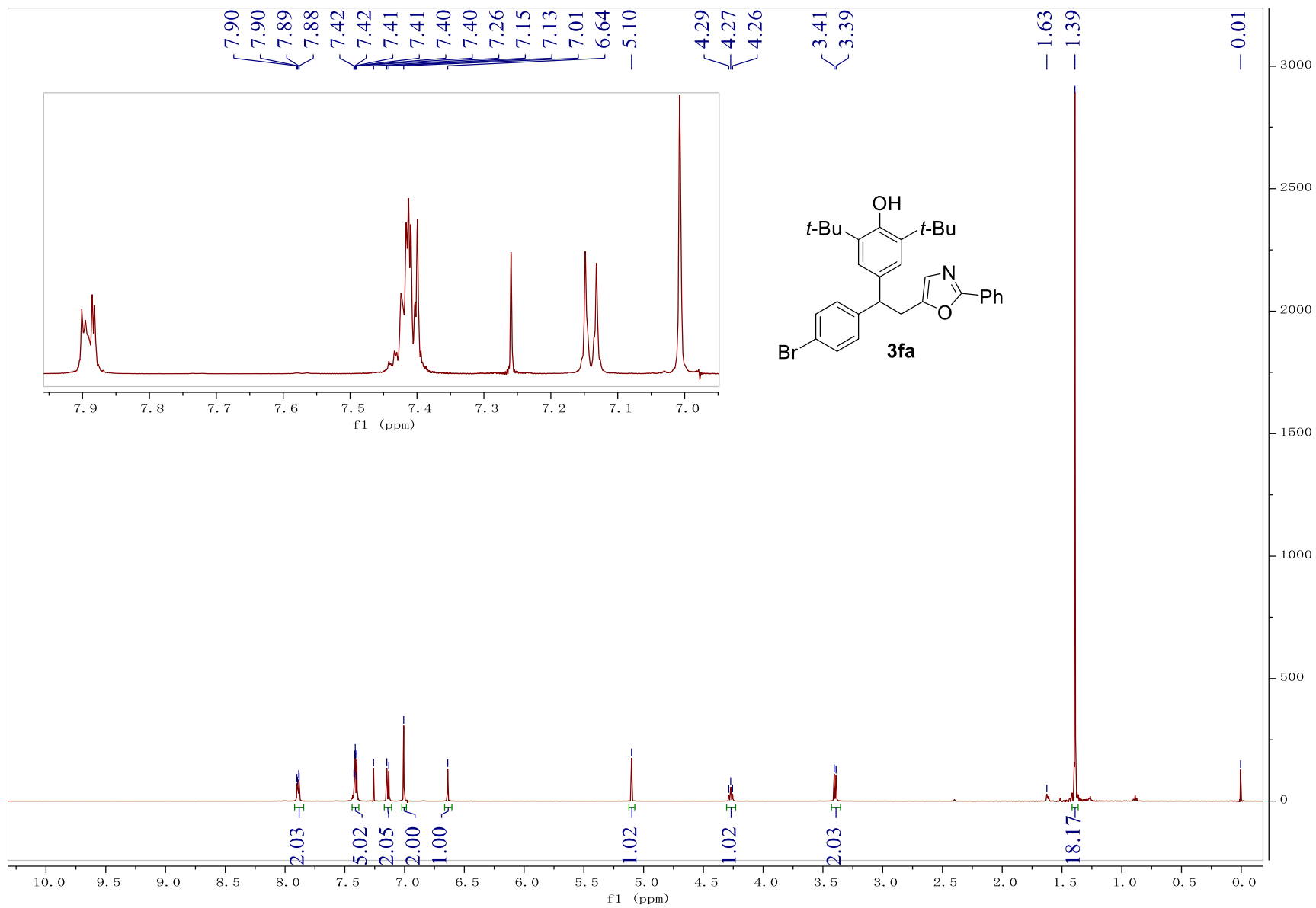




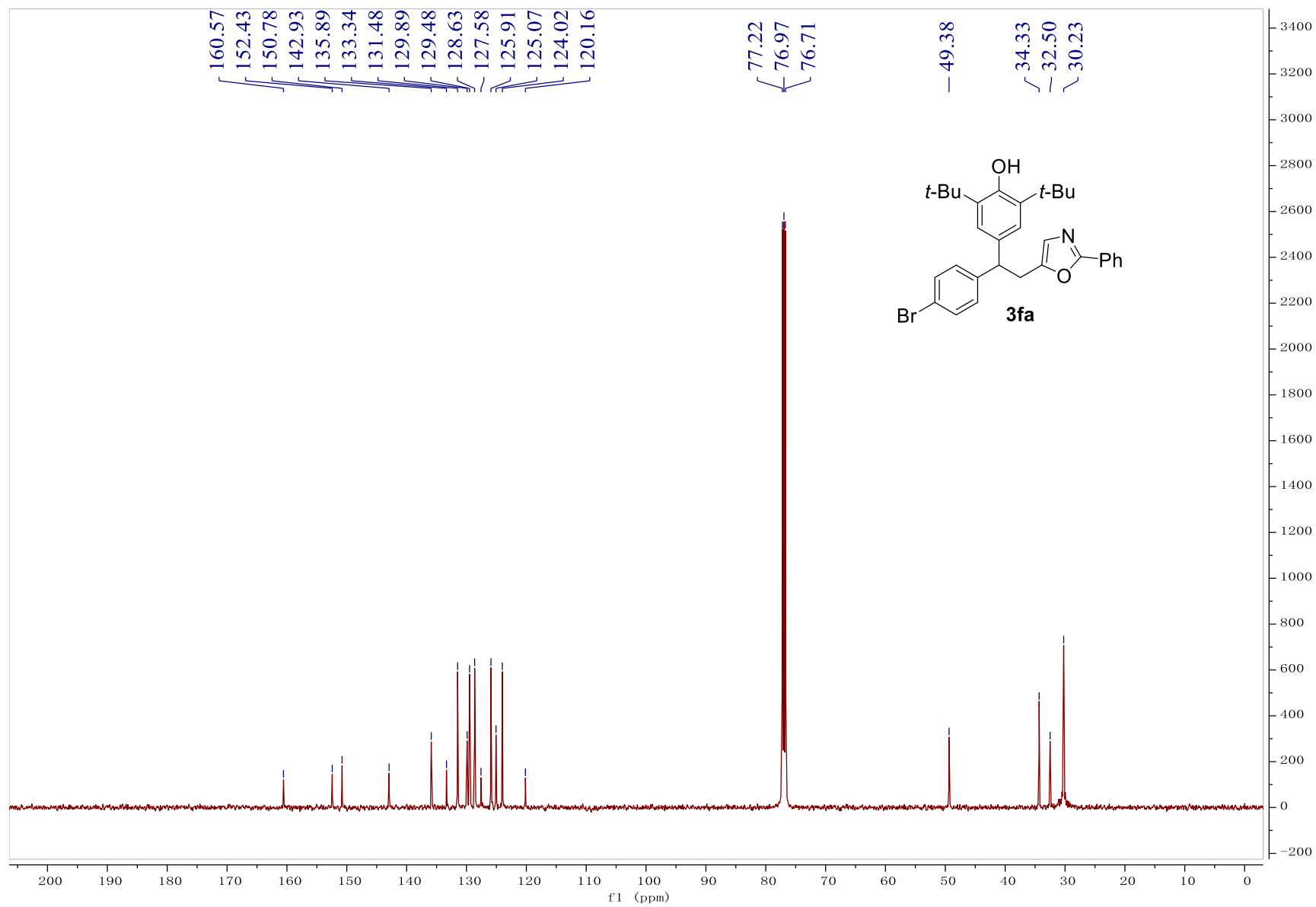




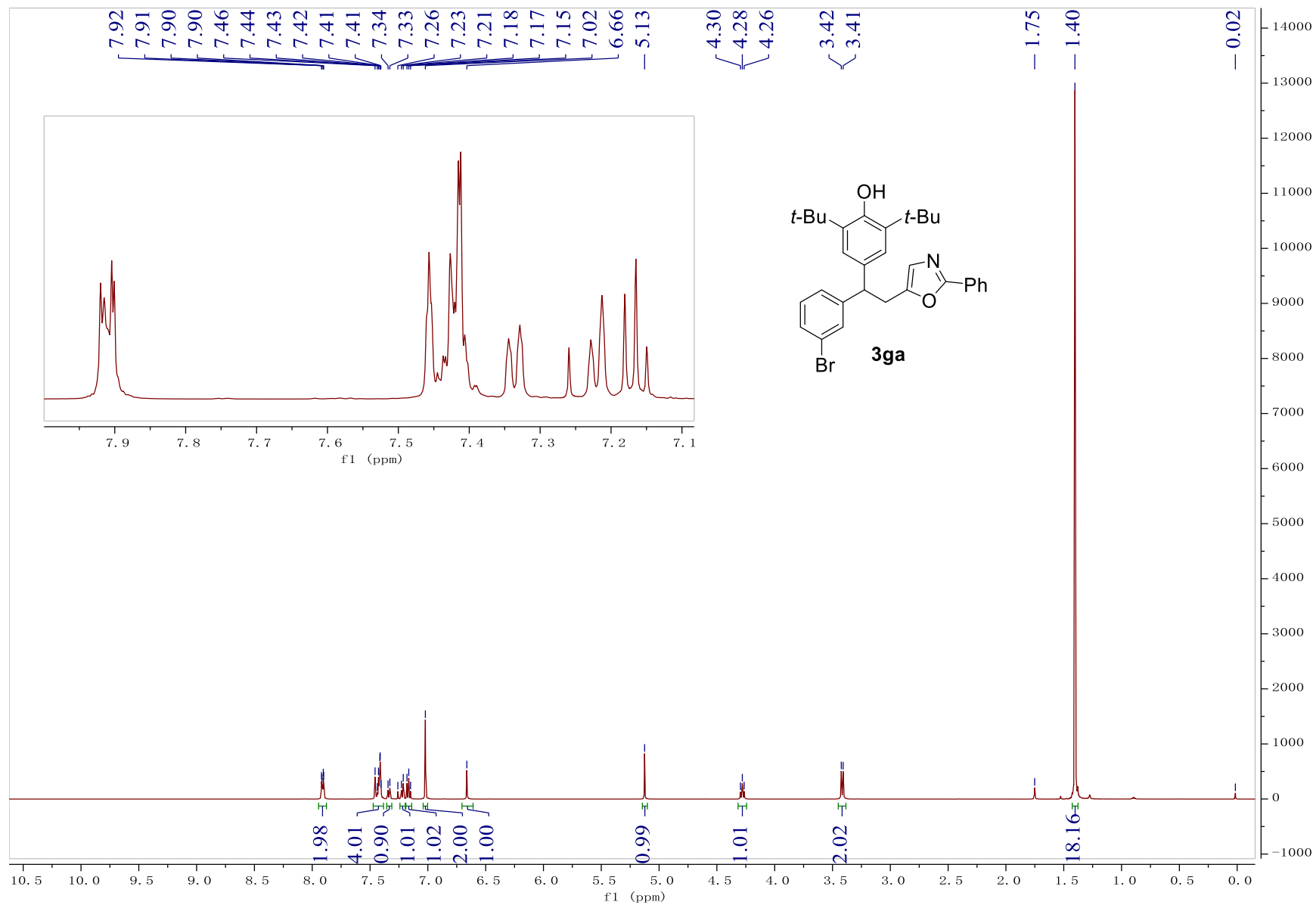
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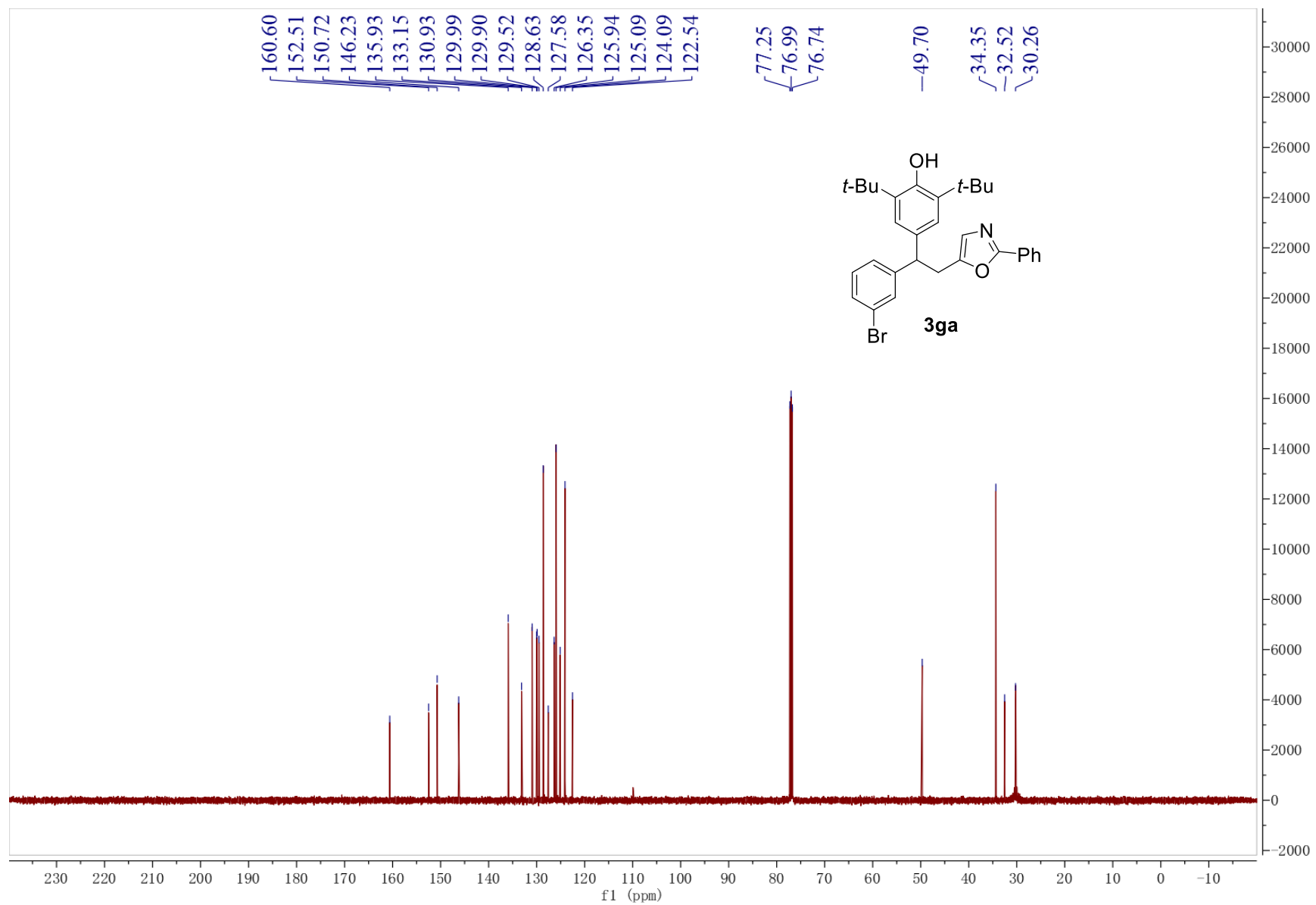
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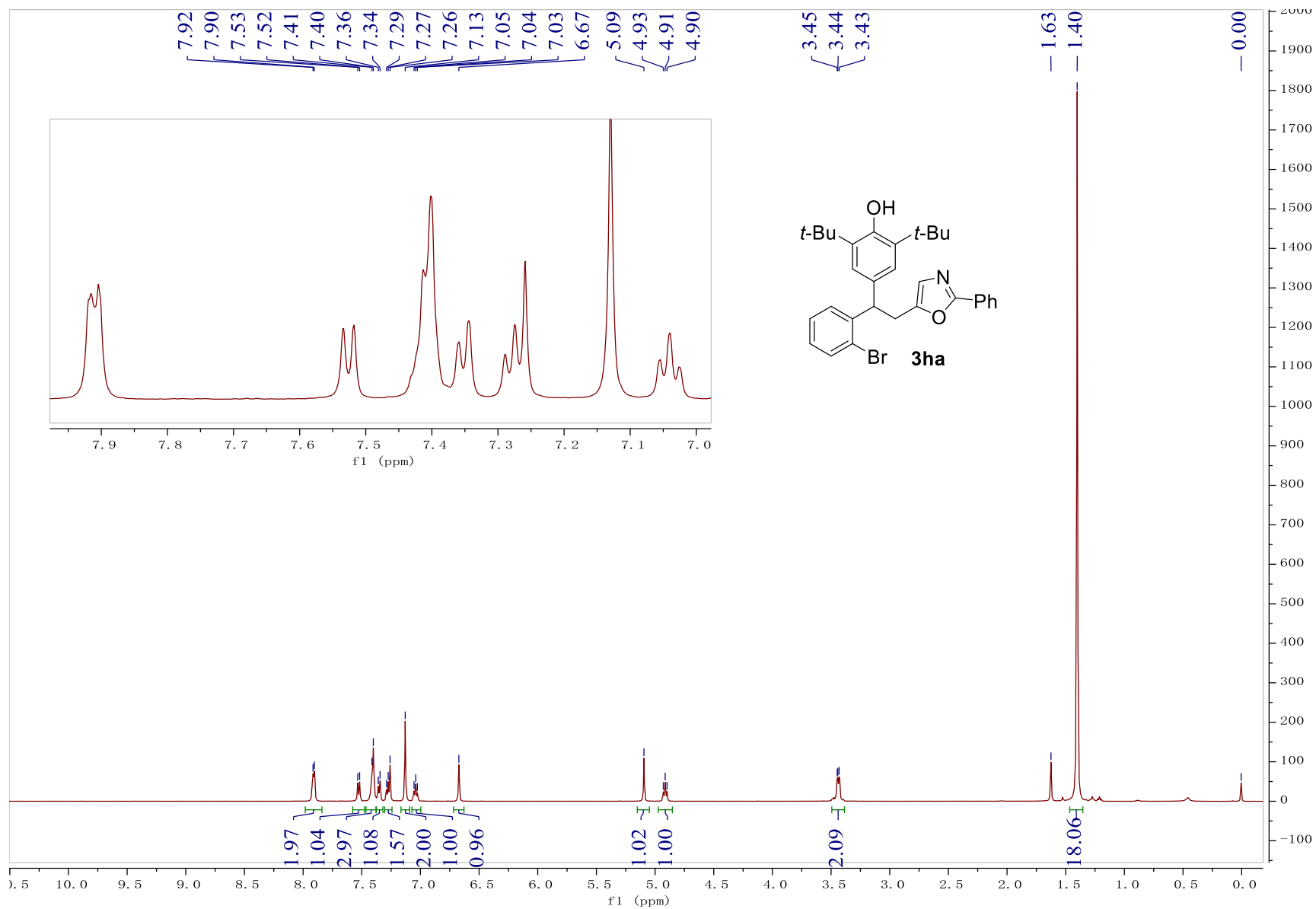
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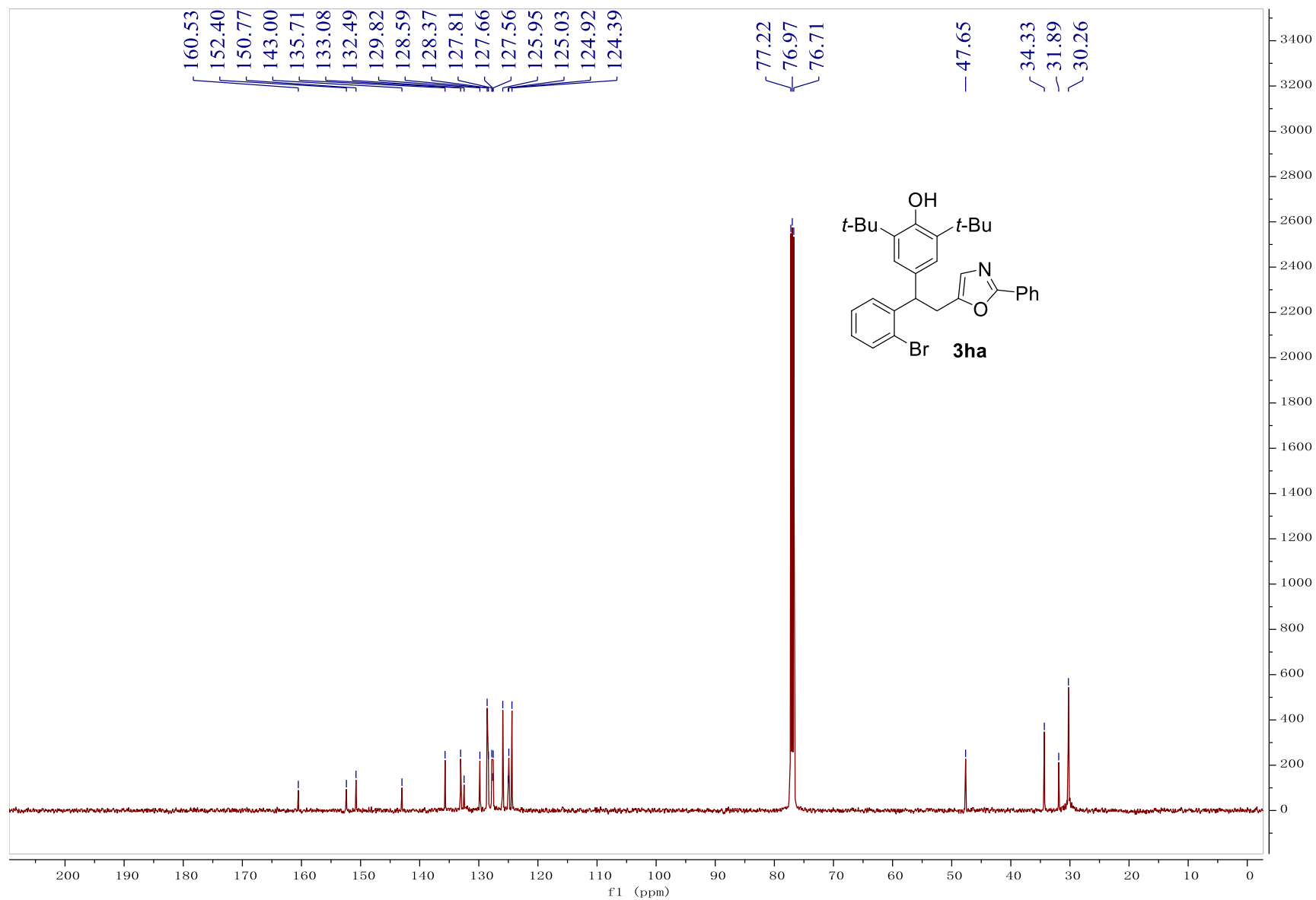


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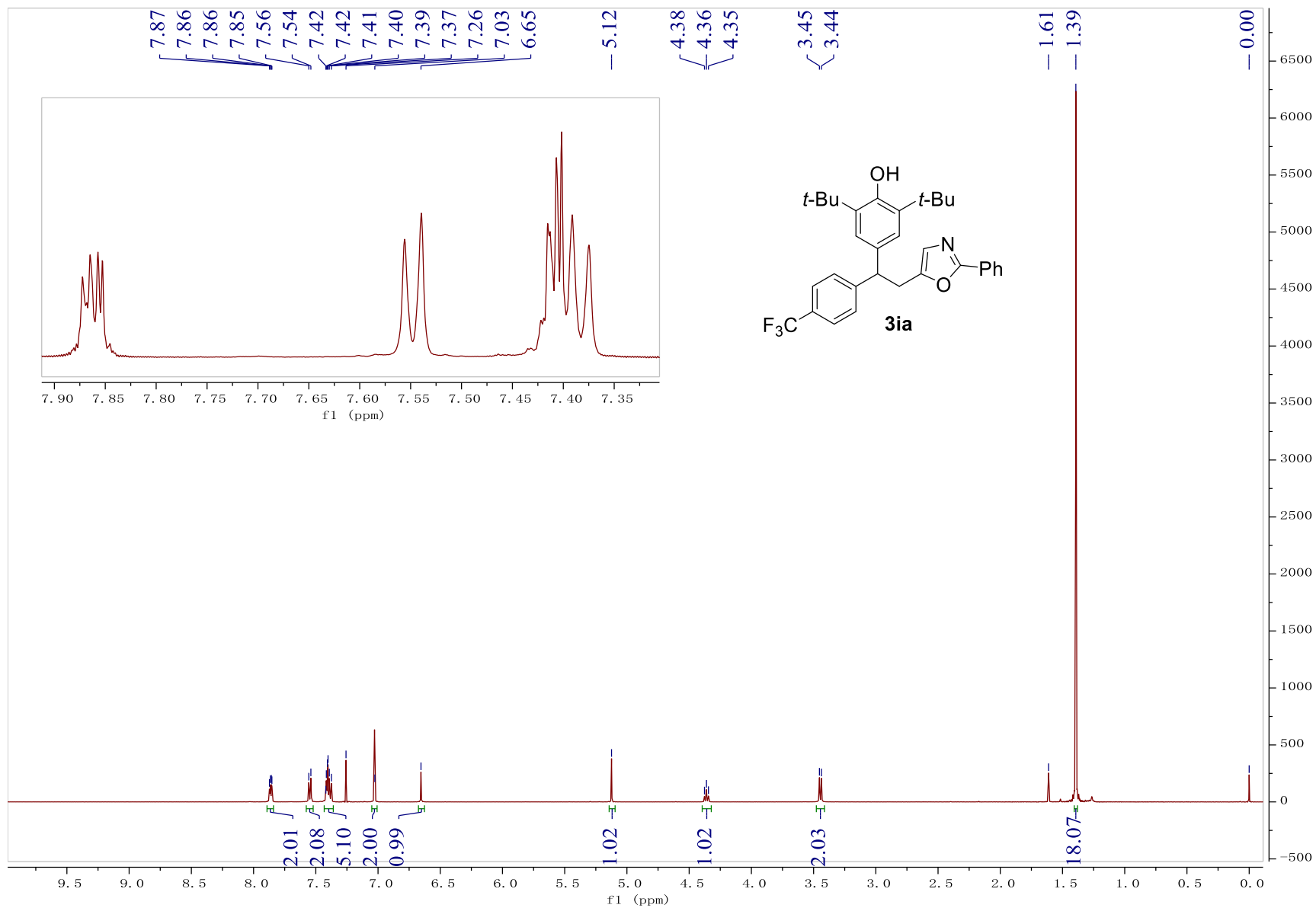


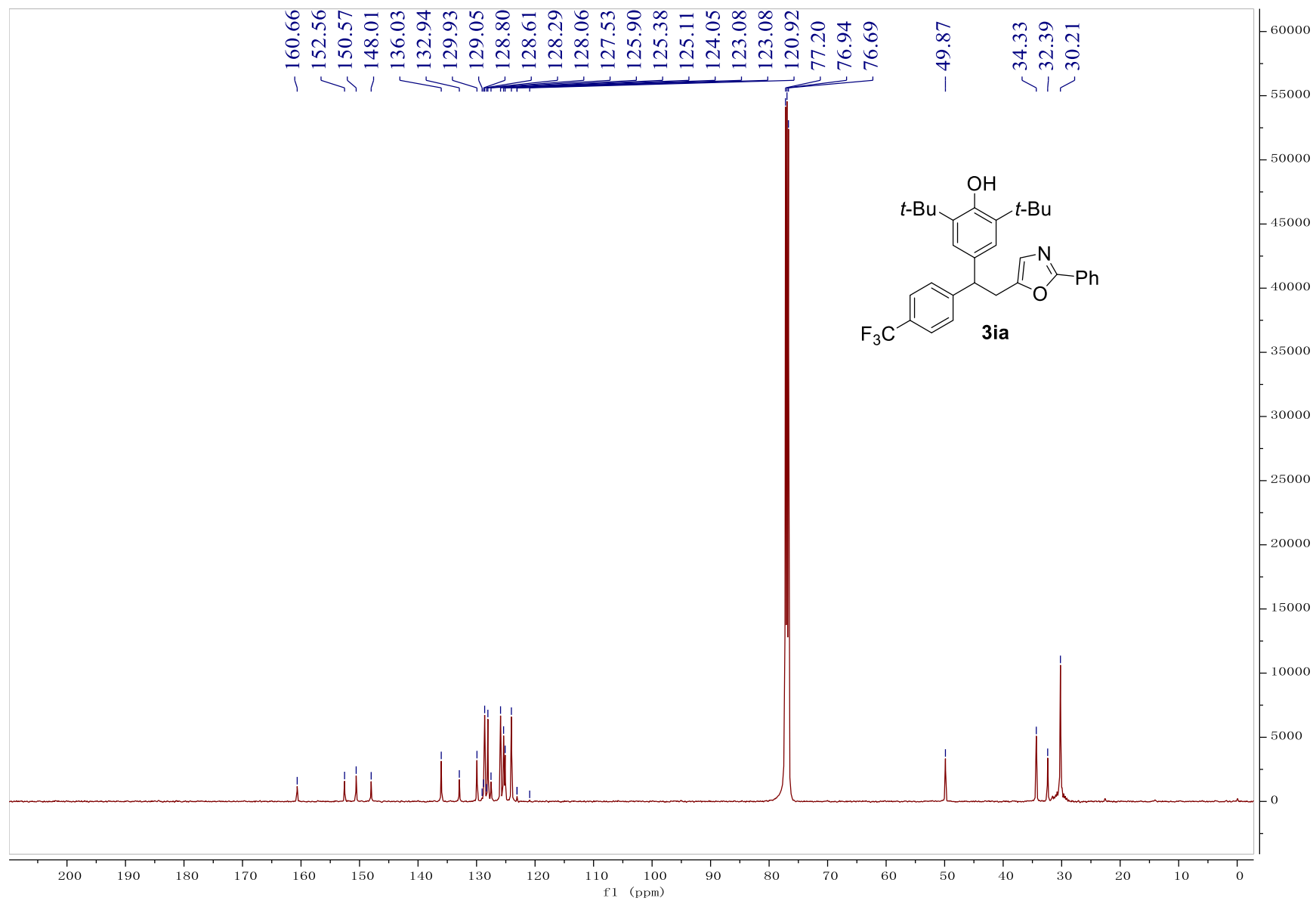
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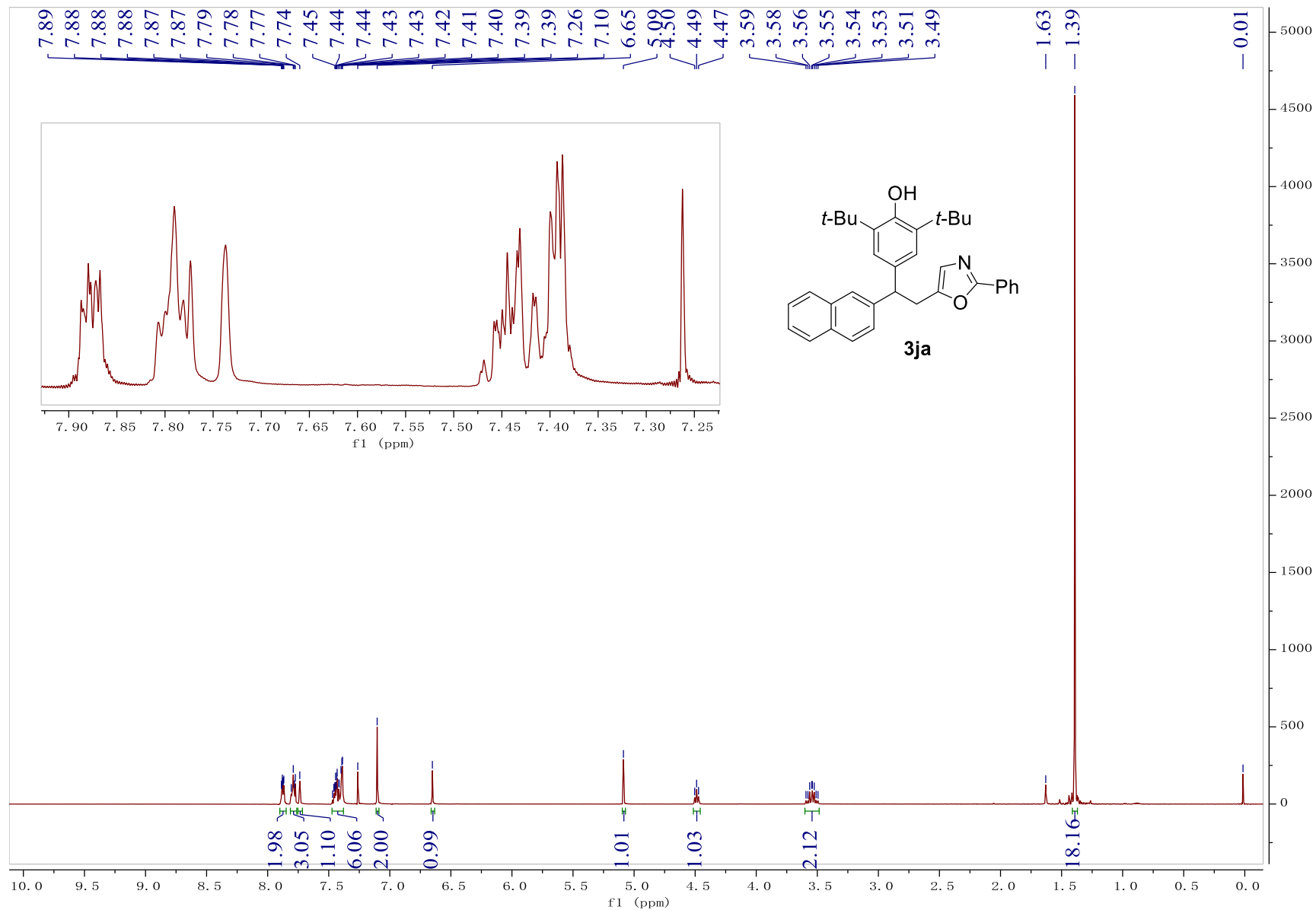


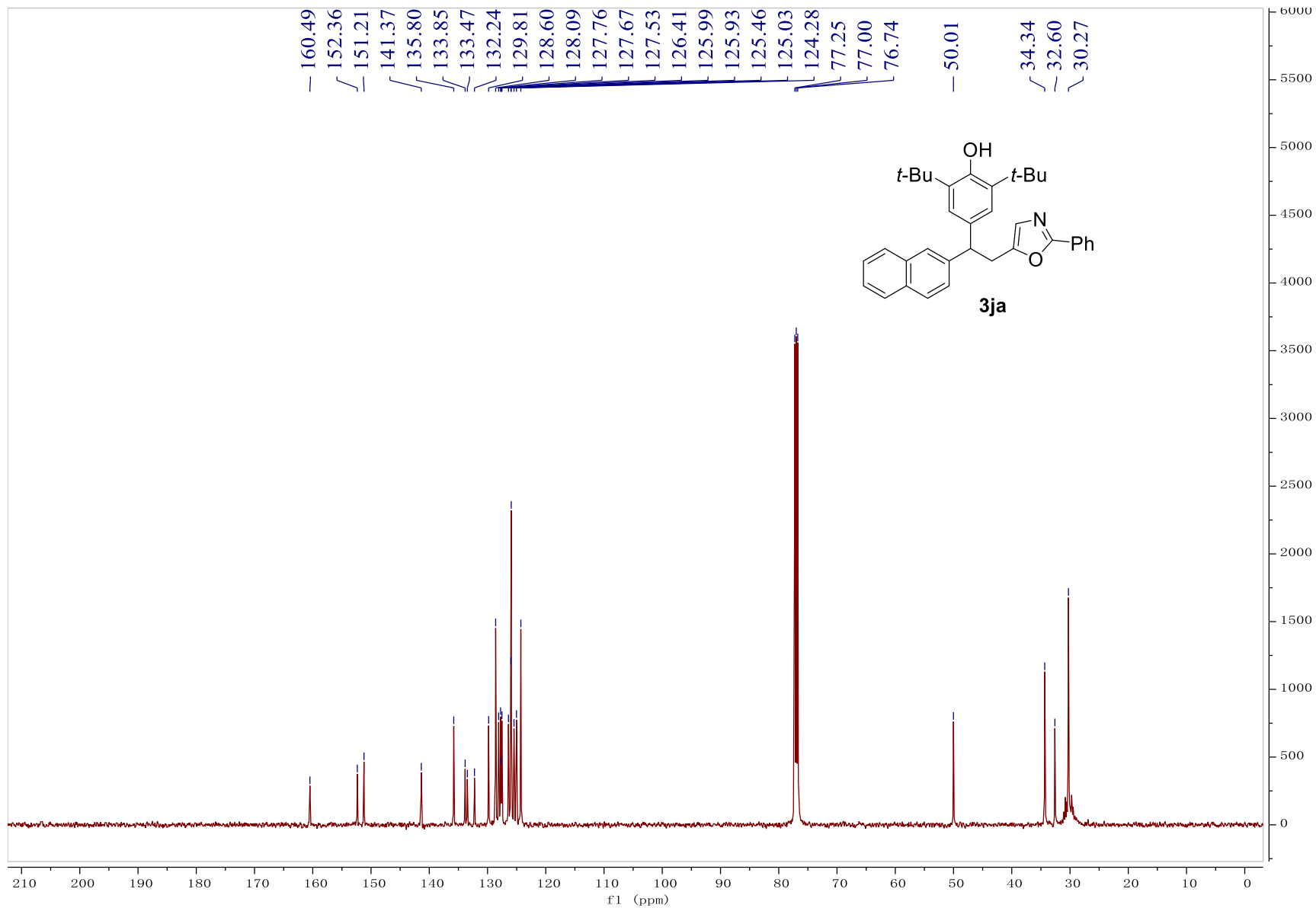
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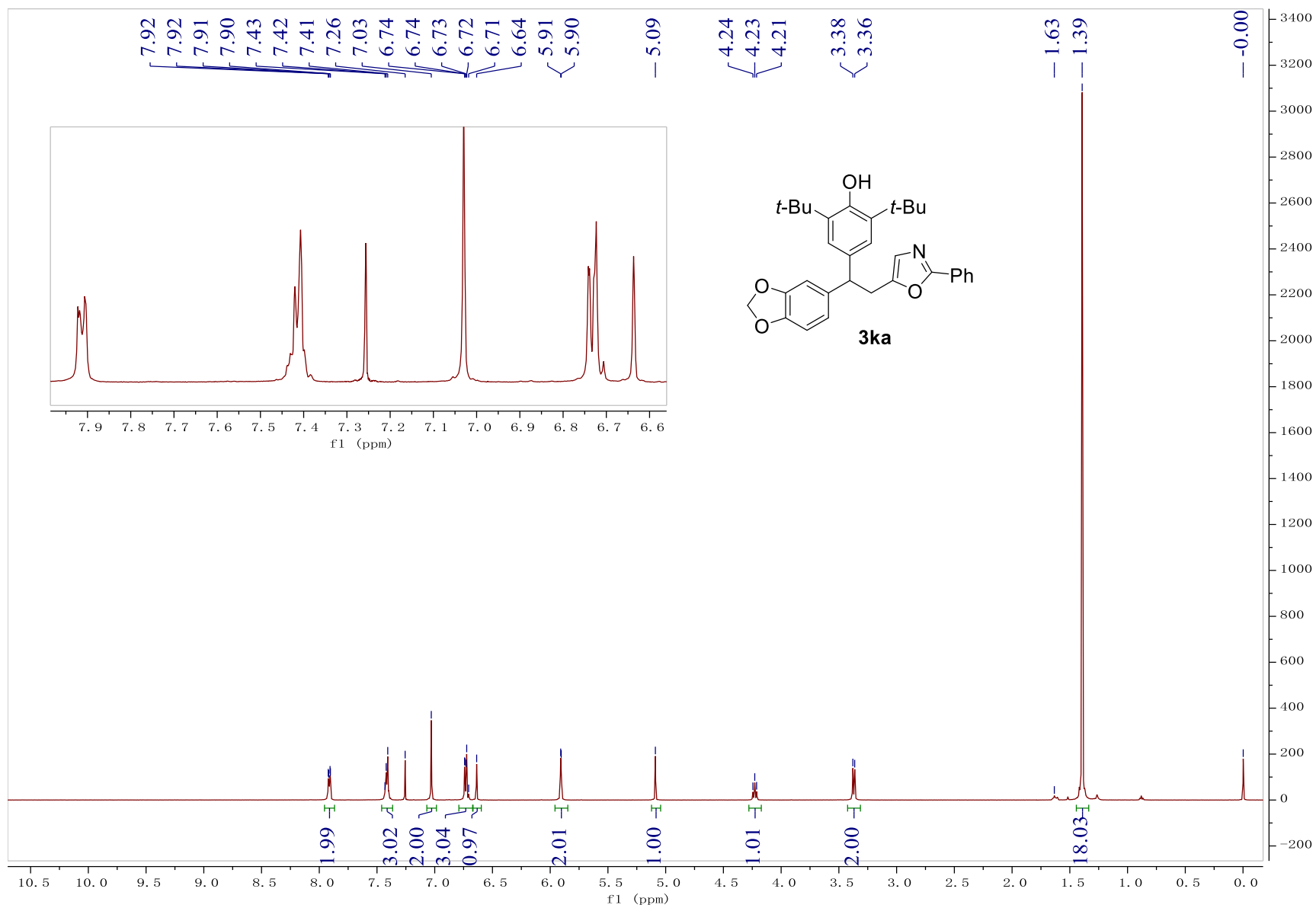




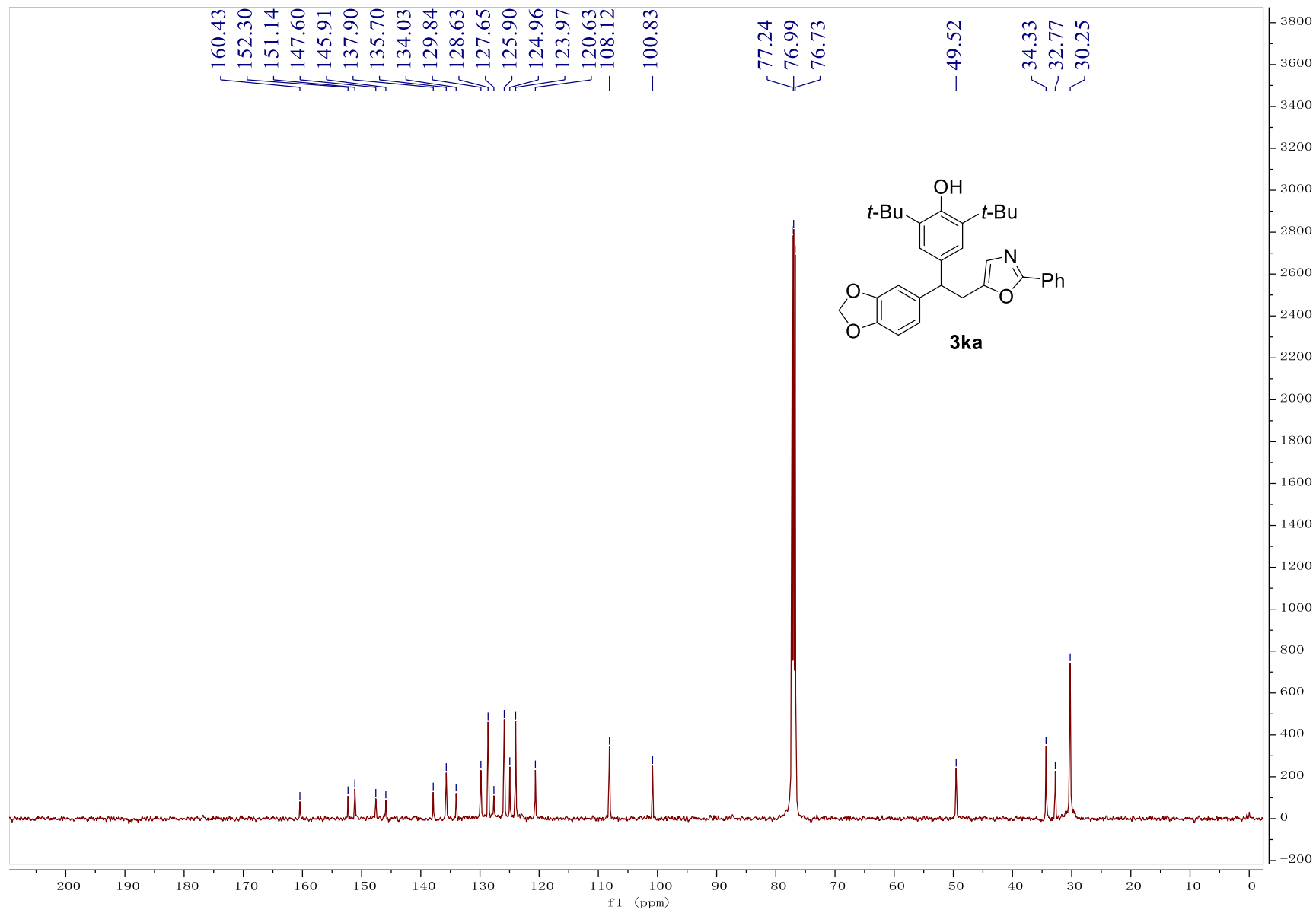
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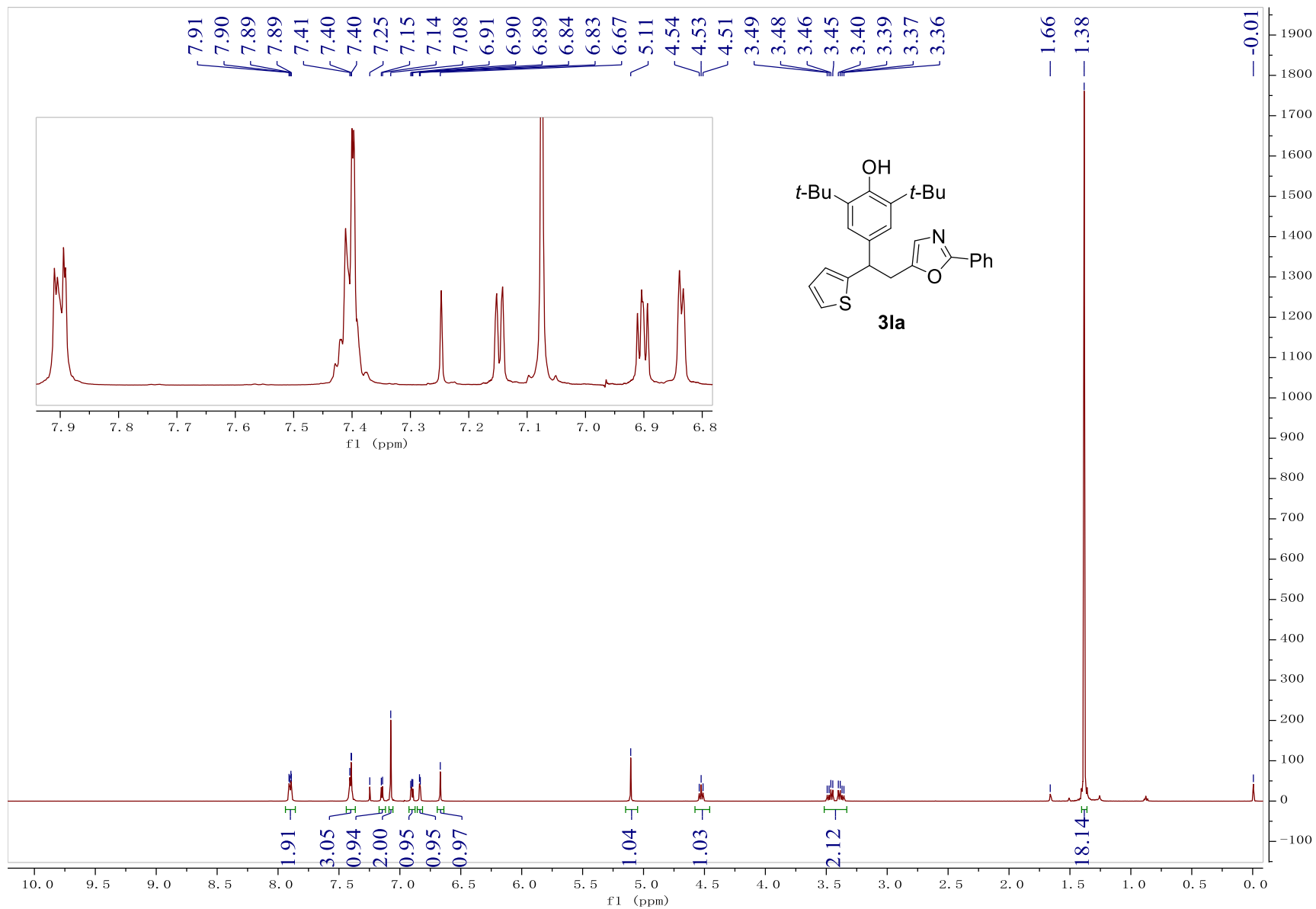


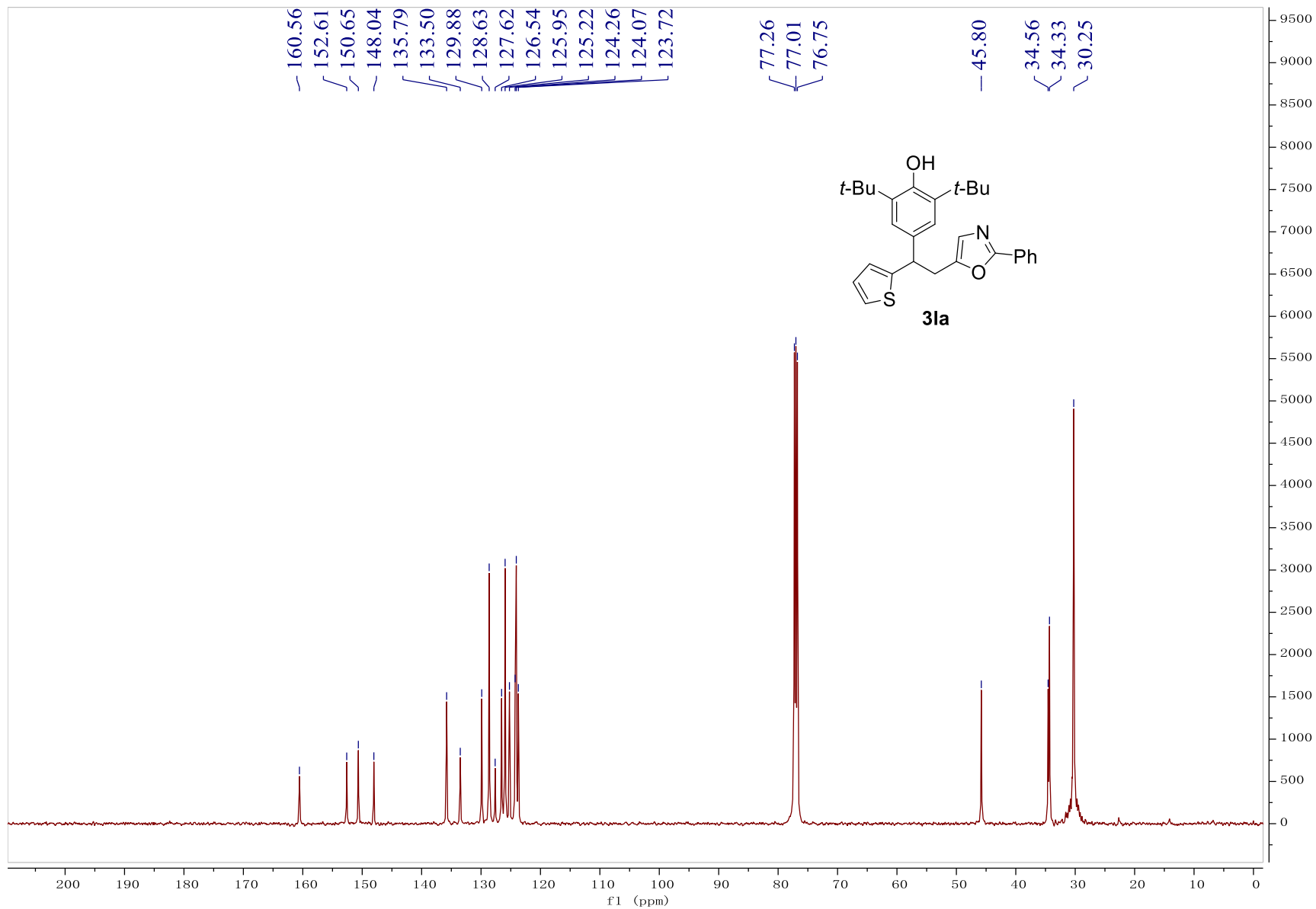


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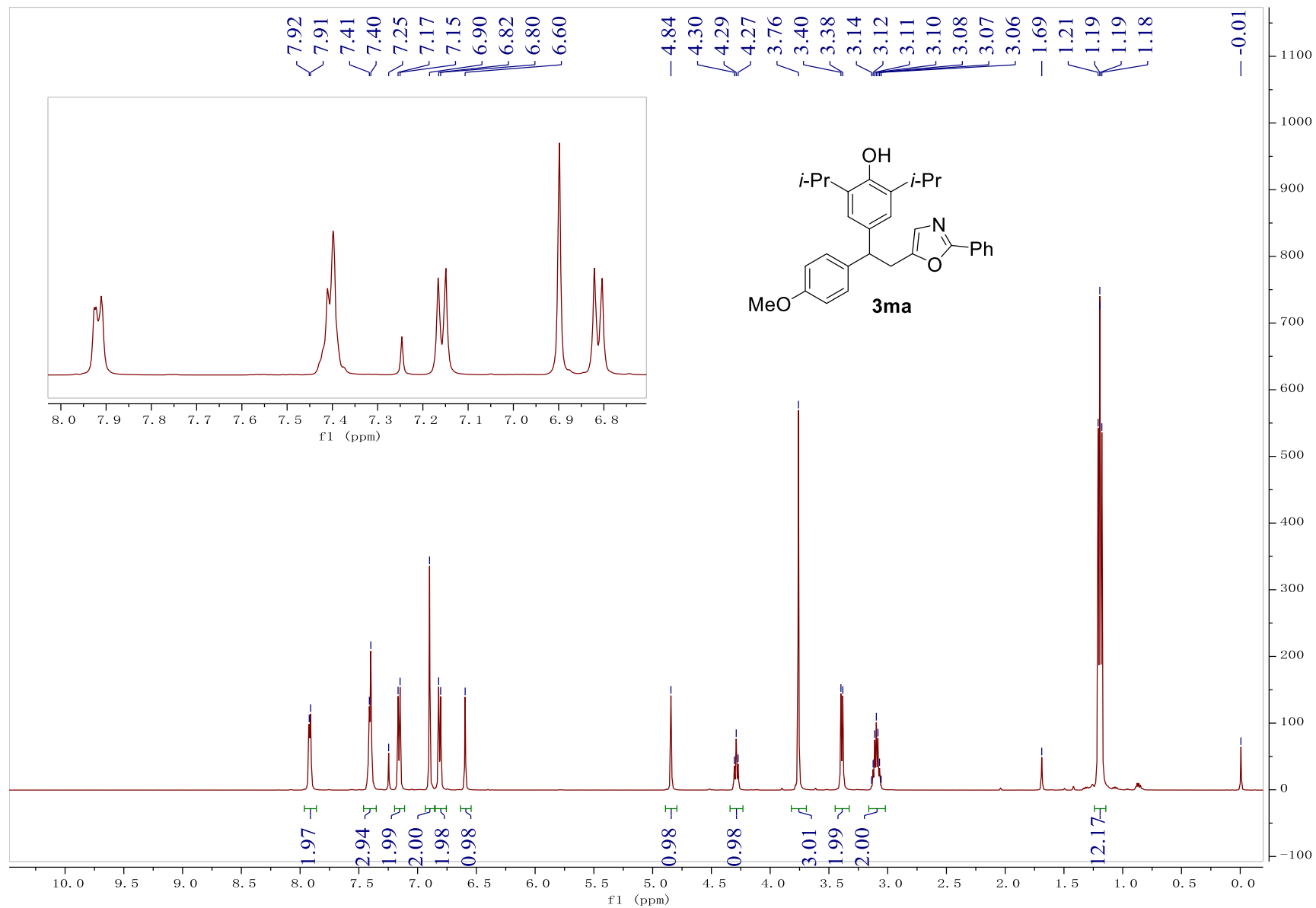


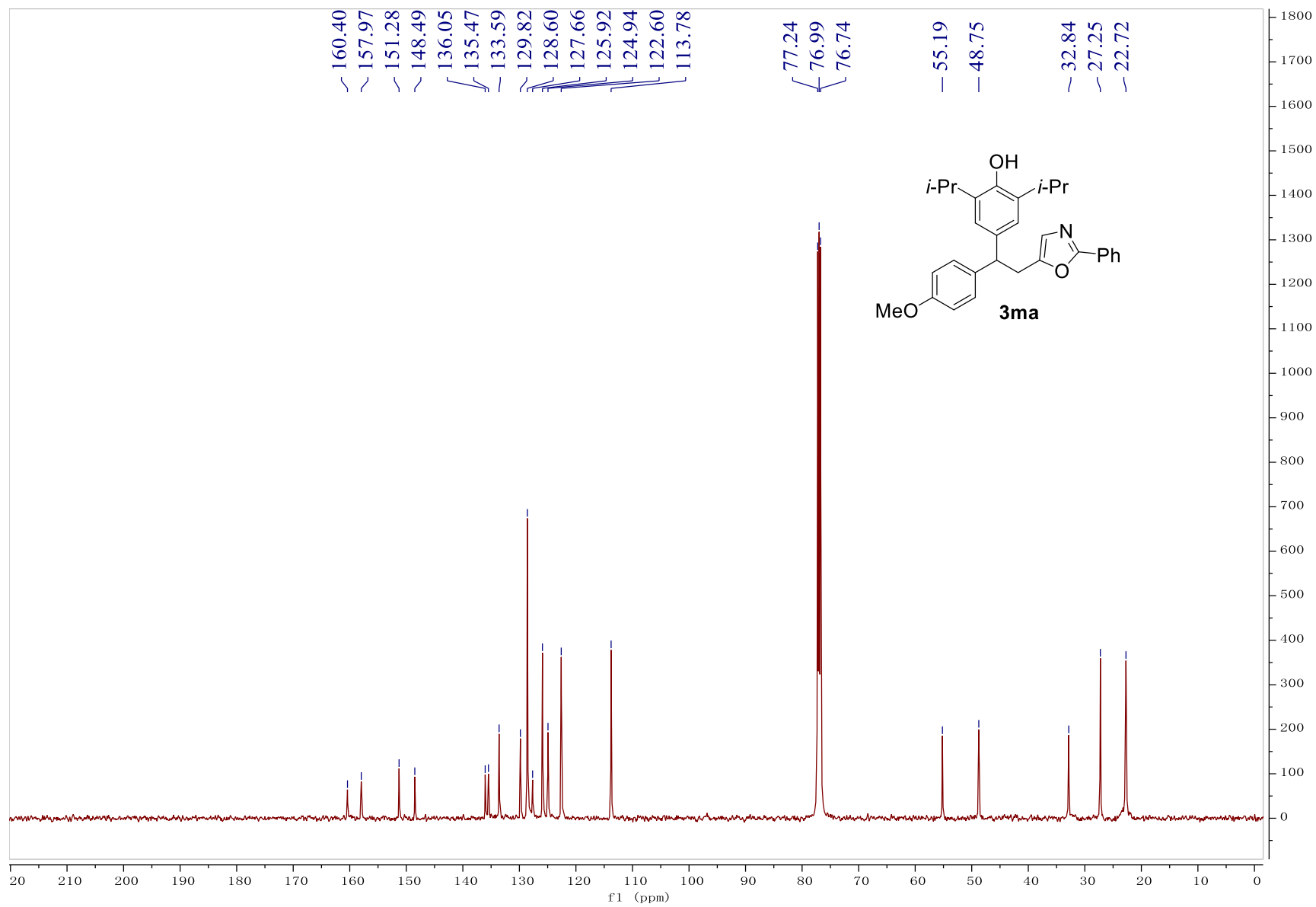
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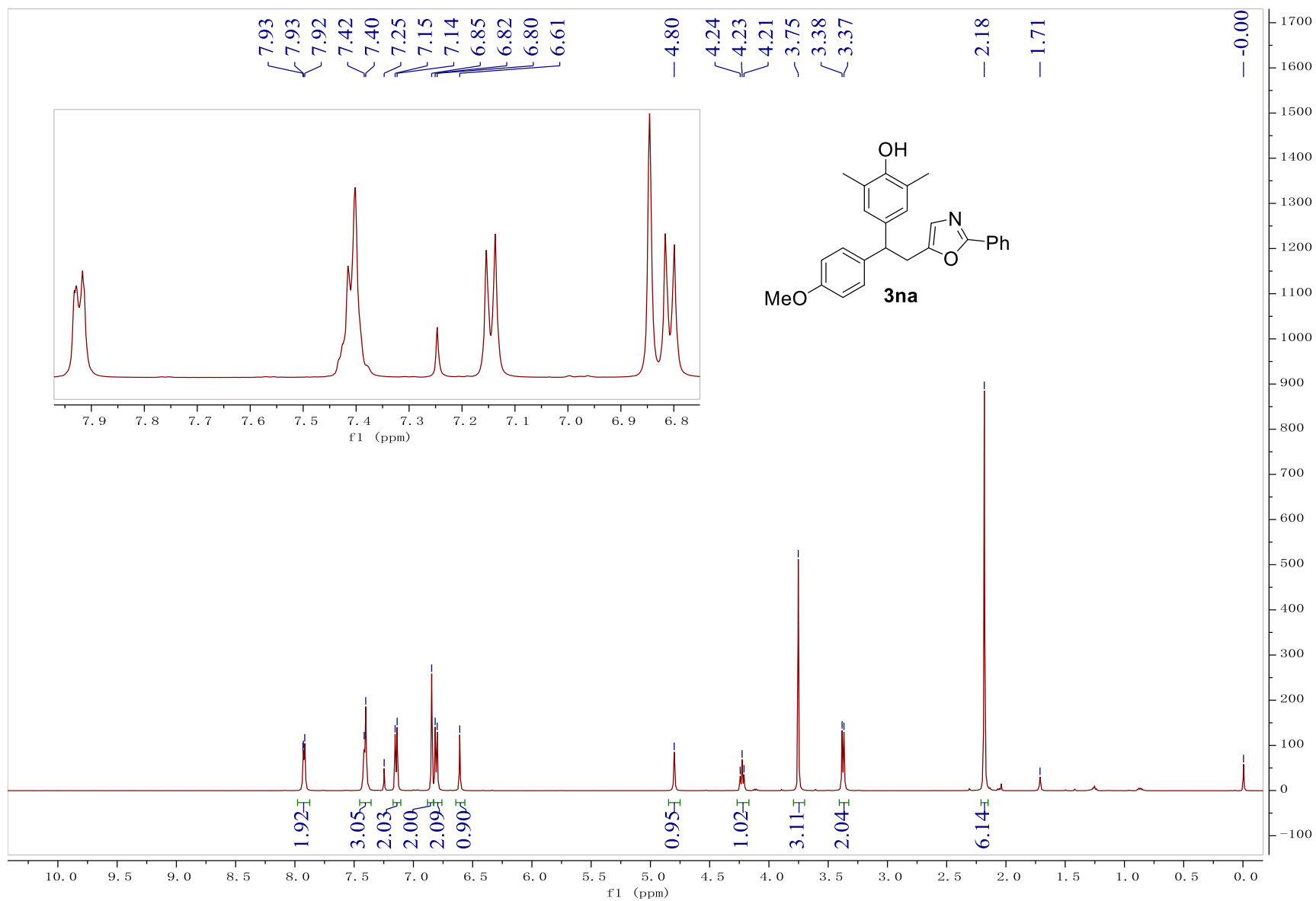


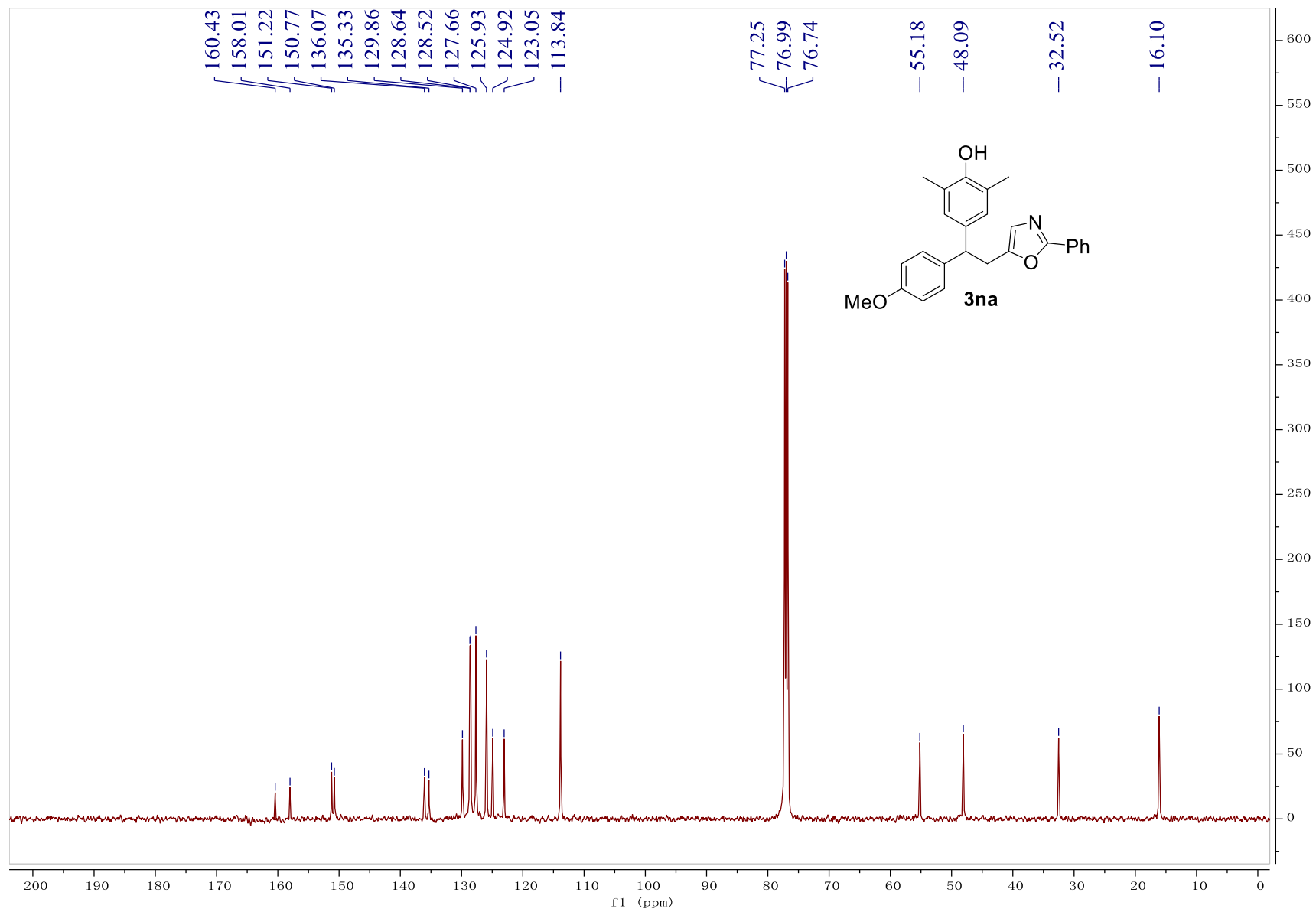
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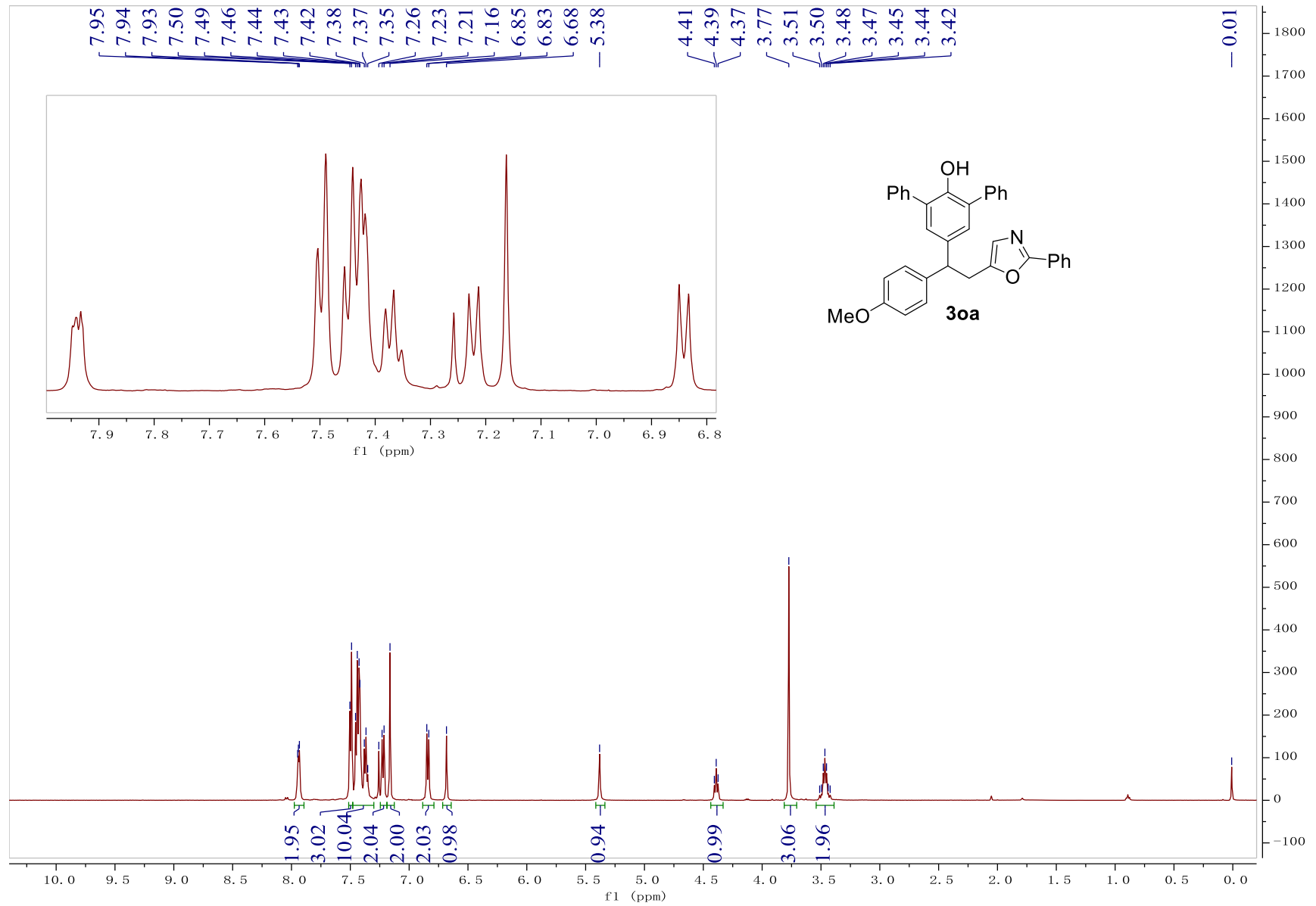


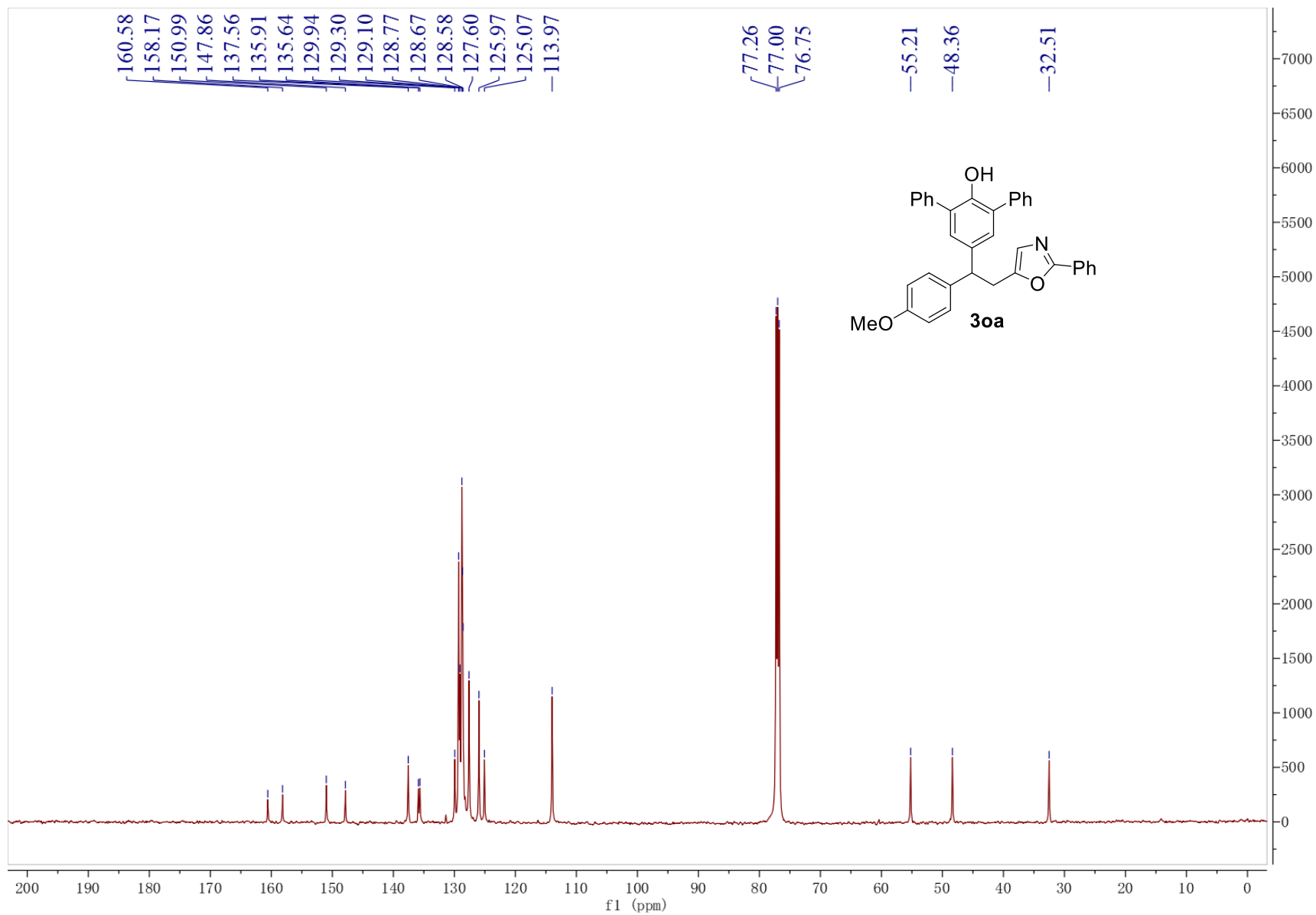
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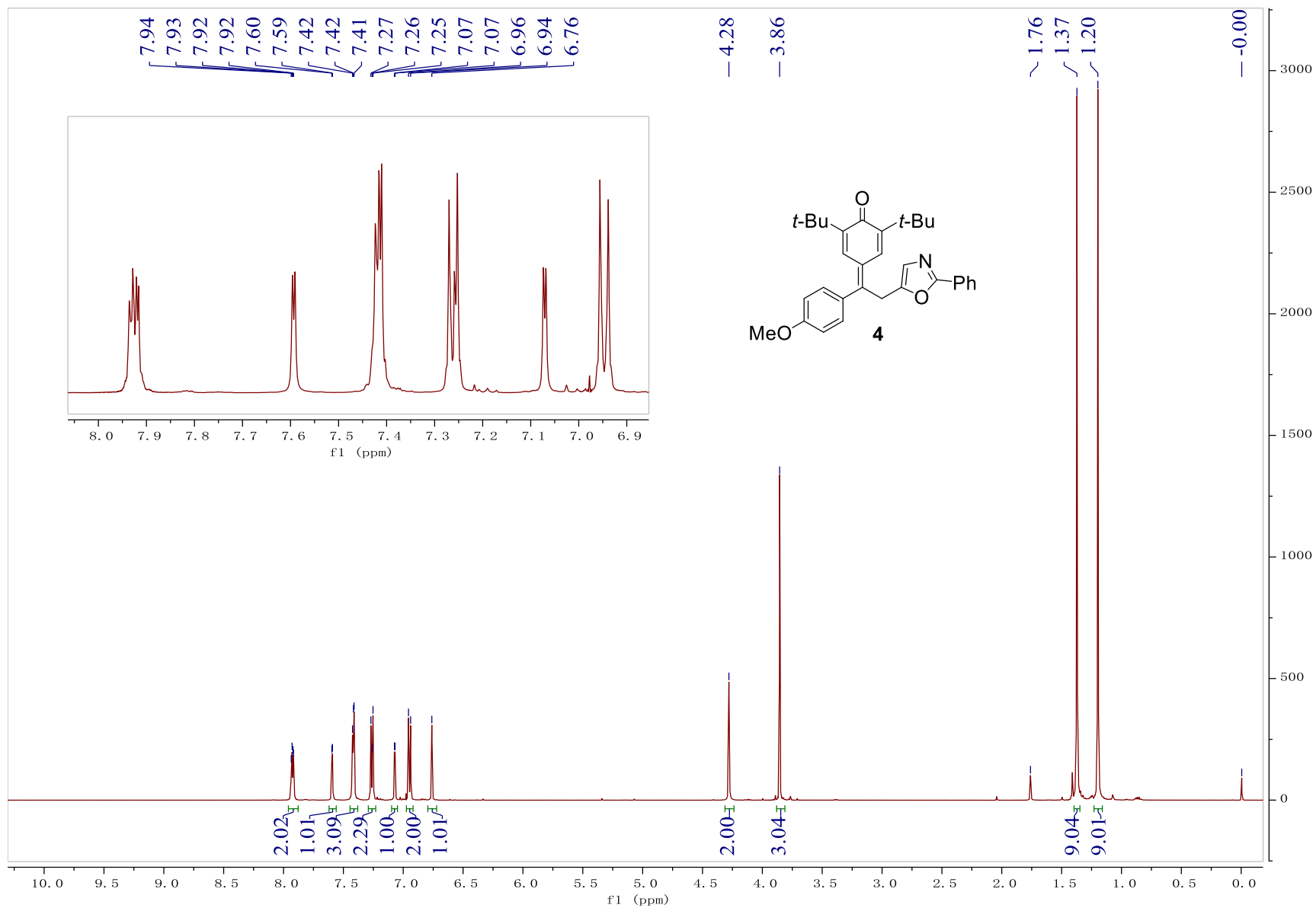


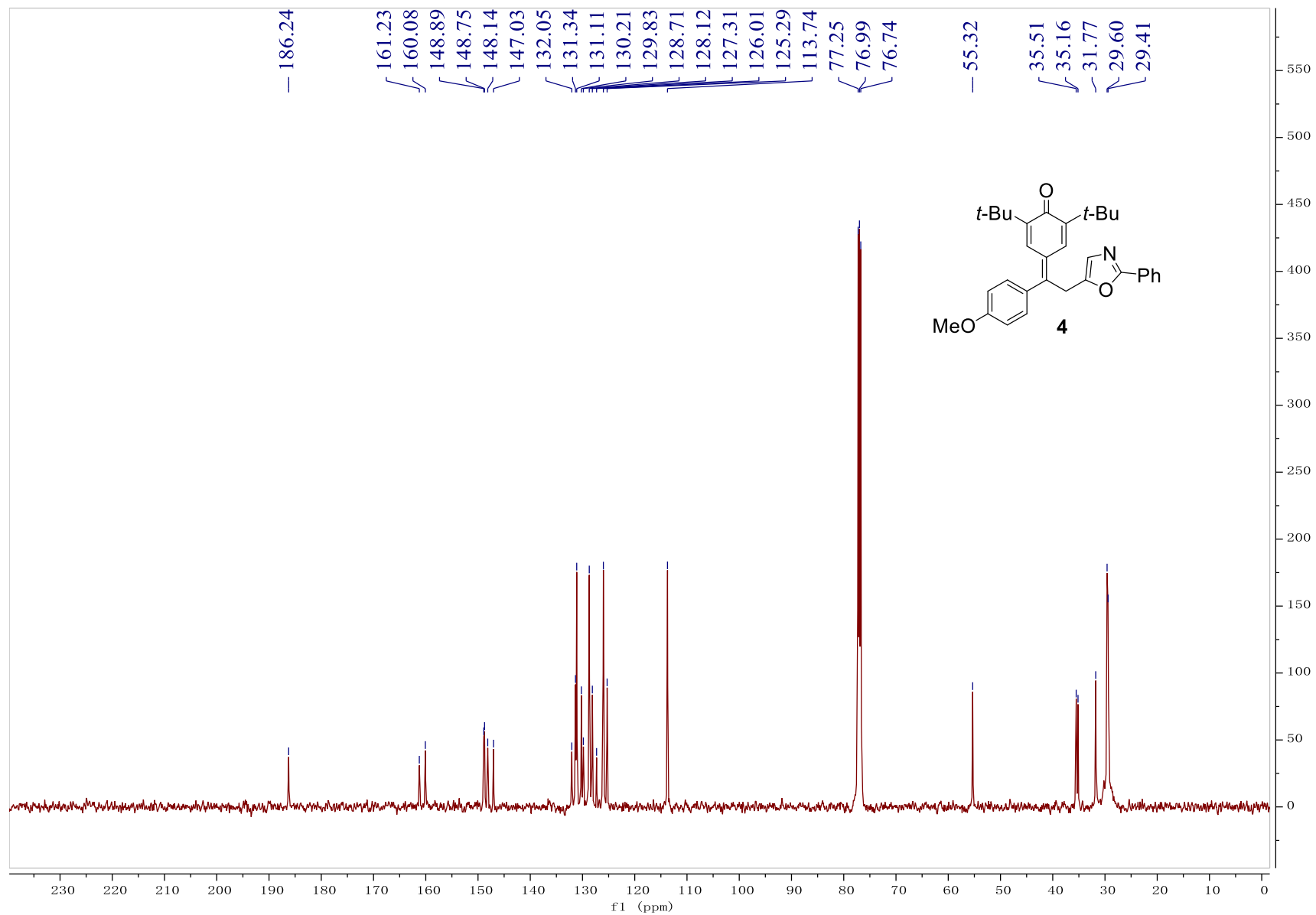


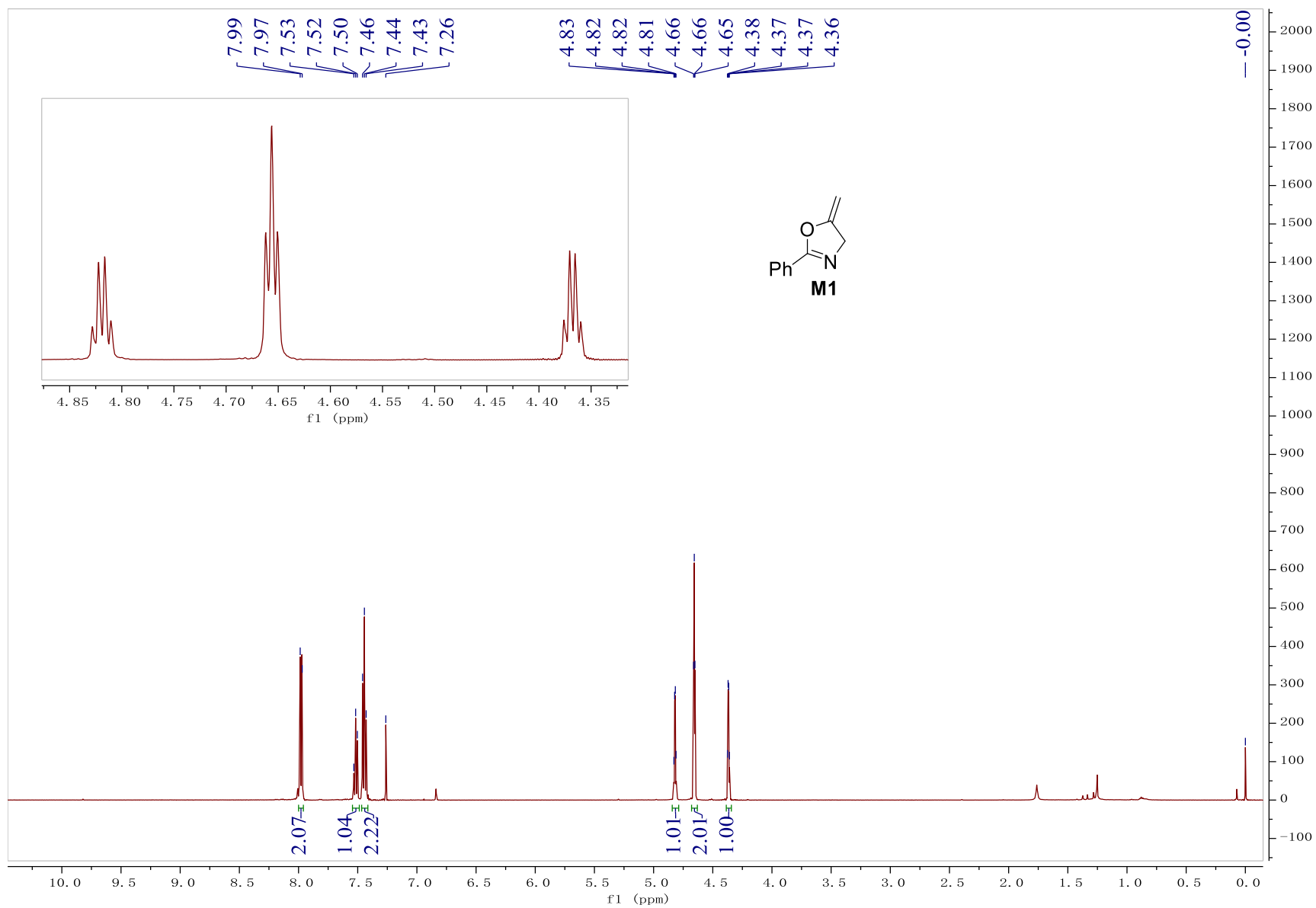
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