

Synthesis of Chromeno[4,3-b]quinolines and Spirobenzofuran-3,3'-quinolines through Silver-Mediated Appel Reaction/C-Br Bond Cleavage/Double Selective Rearrangement Sequence

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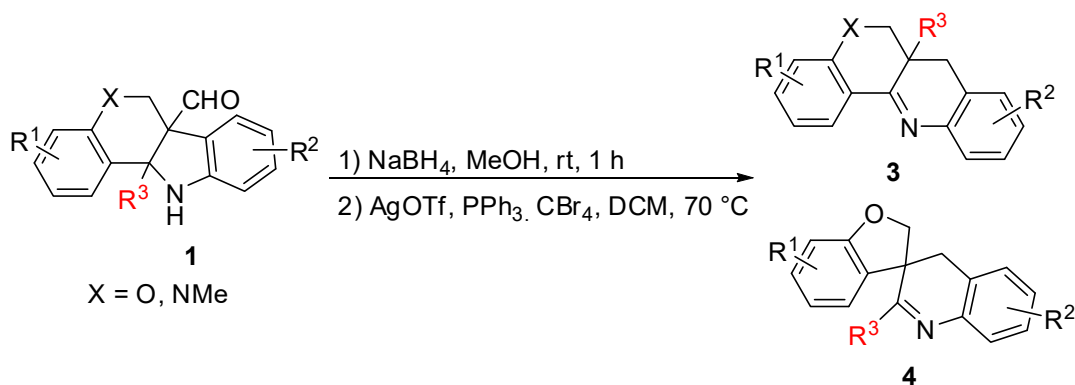
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1. General Experimental Information:

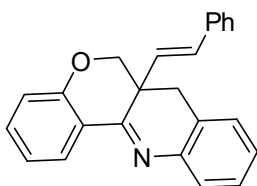
^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using 400 or 500 MHz spectrometers. The data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. High resolution mass spectra were acquired on an LTQ FT spectrometer, and were obtained by peak matching. Melting points are reported uncorrected. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm extra hard silica gel plates with UV254 fluorescent indicator. Chromatography was performed using with 300-400 mesh silica gel (SiO_2). Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were performed under air atmosphere. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and, where appropriate, purified prior to use. The fused indolines **1a-u**^[1], **1x-z**^[1] was prepared according to literature method and their spectral data matched literature values.

2. Synthesis of compounds 3, 4, and 5x



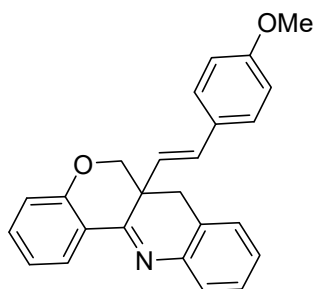
General procedure A: In a Teflon-sealed flask was charged with compound **1** (0.2 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL), after stirring for 10 min, NaBH_4 (0.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added. The reaction vessel was stirred vigorously at room temperature (about 30°C) for 1 h until the substrate **1** disappeared (monitored by TLC). At this time, the reaction was quenched by H_2O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL $\times$ 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Then, AgOTf (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PPh_3 (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and CBr_4 (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were added to the residue under N_2

atmosphere, dissolved in DCM (3.0 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 70 °C for 5-20 h (monitored by TLC). At this time, the reaction was quenched by H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with DCM (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered. the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/50 to 1/30, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide quinolones **3** or **4**.



3a

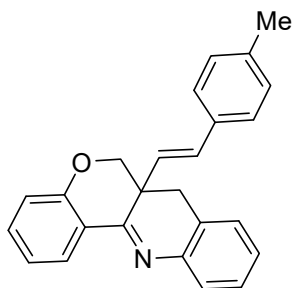
(E)-6a-Styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinoline (3a), yellow solid, 0.064 g, 95% yield; Mp: 165–166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.04 (m, 8H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 158.5, 144.2, 136.5, 132.7, 131.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 124.8, 121.8, 120.4, 117.6, 74.8, 41.7, 32.6; IR (thin film) 2926, 1610, 1466, 1207, 1037, 965, 758, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NO [M + H]⁺: 338.1539, found 338.1542.



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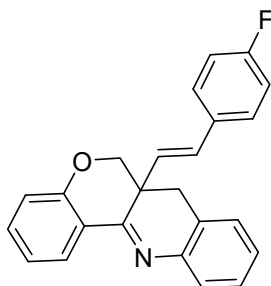
(E)-6a-(4-Methoxystyryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinoline (3b), yellow solid, 0.072 g, 98% yield. Mp: 160–161 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.03 (m, 5H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71–6.69 (m, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 16.0

Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.3, 159.2, 158.6, 144.3, 132.7, 131.1, 129.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 124.9, 124.1, 121.8, 120.5, 117.6, 113.7, 74.9, 55.2, 41.7, 32.7; IR (thin film) 3037, 2963, 2920, 1605, 1590, 1465, 1253, 1023, 824 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 368.1645, found 368.1632.



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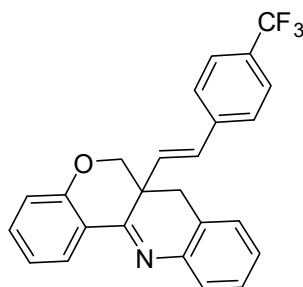
(E)-6a-(4-Methylstyryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-*b*]quinolone (3c), yellow solid, 0.066 g, 94% yield. Mp: 140–141 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.05 (m, 5H), 6.98–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.2, 158.6, 144.2, 137.4, 133.7, 132.7, 131.6, 129.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 125.3, 124.9, 121.8, 120.4, 117.6, 74.9, 41.7, 32.6, 21.1; IR (thin film) 2924, 1607, 1588, 1452, 1232, 1043, 824, 764 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 352.1696, found 352.1684.



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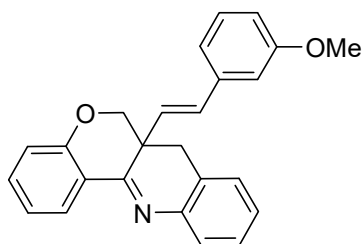
(E)-6a-(4-Fluorostyryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-*b*]quinolone (3d), yellow solid, 0.065 g, 92% yield. Mp: 150–151 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, J

= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.04 (m, 5H), 6.91–6.82 (m, 3H), 6.31(d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.5 (d, J = 245.7 Hz), 160.0, 158.5, 144.2, 132.8, 132.7 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 130.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.2, 124.7, 121.9, 120.4, 117.6, 115.3 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 74.8, 41.7, 32.6; IR (thin film) 2921, 1590, 1508, 1450, 1288, 1037, 817, 759 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 356.1445, found 356.1433.



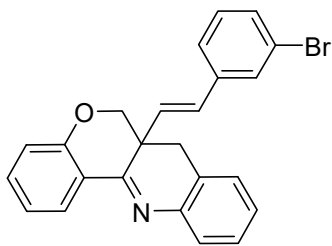
3e

(E)-6a-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)styryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3e), yellow solid, 0.071 g, 88% yield. Mp: 153–154 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 158.6, 144.2, 139.9, 132.9, 130.6, 129.5(q, J = 27.4 Hz), 129.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3(q, J = 269.6 Hz), 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.5, 125.2(q, J = 3.6 Hz), 124.5, 122.0, 120.4, 117.7, 74.7, 41.9, 32.5; IR (thin film) 2925, 1612, 1590, 1450, 1213, 1038, 816, 766 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 406.1413, found 406.1399.



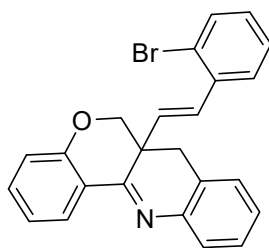
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(E)-6a-(3-Methoxystyryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3f), yellow solid, 0.073 g, 99% yield. Mp: 164–165 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.13–7.04 (m, 4H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.69–6.68 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.96 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.1, 159.6, 158.6, 144.3, 138.0, 132.7, 131.7, 129.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.5, 124.8, 121.8, 120.4, 119.1, 117.6, 113.3, 111.9, 74.8, 55.2, 41.8, 32.6; IR (thin film) 2963, 2925, 1594, 1466, 1263, 1035, 866, 766, 690 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 368.1645, found 368.1636.



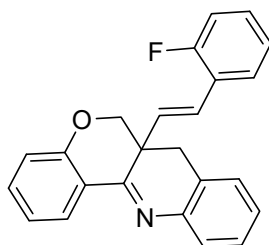
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(E)-6a-(3-Bromostyryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3g), yellow solid, 0.076 g, 91% yield. Mp: 103–104 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.13–6.98 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 158.5, 144.2, 138.6, 132.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 127.0, 126.5, 125.1, 124.6, 122.5, 121.9, 120.4, 117.7, 74.8, 41.8, 32.5; IR (thin film) 2921, 1608, 1588, 1451, 1233, 1038, 878, 763, 686 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 416.0645, found 416.0631.



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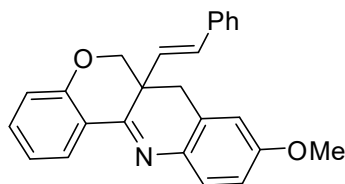
(E)-6a-(2-Bromostyryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3h), yellow solid, 0.075 g, 90% yield. Mp: 130–131 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.24 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.04 (m, 4H), 6.94–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.7, 158.5, 144.2, 136.7, 132.7, 132.6, 131.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.6, 124.7, 123.7, 121.9, 120.3, 117.5, 74.8, 41.8, 32.2; IR (thin film) 3066, 2963, 2921, 1608, 1589, 1466, 1262, 1022, 756, 661 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 416.0645, found 416.0630.



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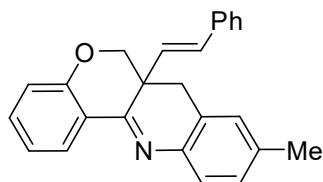
(E)-6a-(2-Fluorostyryl)-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3i), yellow solid, 0.057 g, 80% yield (ran for 30 h). Mp: 158–159 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.04 (m, 4H), 6.93–6.85 (m, 3H), 6.52 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0 (d, J = 248.8 Hz), 159.8, 158.5, 144.2, 132.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 127.1 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 126.6, 124.7, 124.4, 124.3, 123.8 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 121.9, 120.3, 117.6, 115.6 (d, J = 21.8 Hz), 74.8, 42.0, 32.4; IR (thin film) 2960, 2928,

1610, 1590, 1464, 1225, 1038, 744 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^{+}$: 356.1445, found 356.1431.



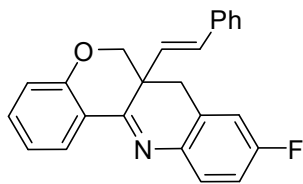
3j

(E)-9-Methoxy-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3j), yellow solid, 0.070 g, 95% yield. Mp: 160–161 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 5H), 7.06–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.94 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 158.2, 157.6, 138.2, 136.5, 132.2, 131.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 121.8, 120.6, 117.6, 114.1, 112.1, 74.8, 55.4, 41.7, 33.0; IR (thin film) 2960, 2925, 1613, 1588, 1465, 1261, 1035, 807, 766 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^{+}$: 368.1645, found 368.1635.



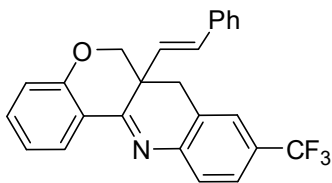
3k

(E)-9-Methyl-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3k), yellow solid, 0.070 g, 99% yield. Mp: 142–143 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.05 (m, 7H), 6.89–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.34 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 158.4, 142.0, 136.9, 136.5, 132.5, 131.7, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 124.5, 121.8, 120.6, 117.6, 74.8, 41.8, 32.7, 21.2; IR (thin film) 2925, 1608, 1587, 1466, 1231, 1037, 743, 694 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^{+}$: 352.1696, found 352.1683.



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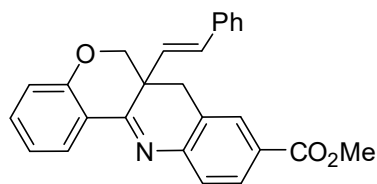
(E)-9-Fluoro-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3l), yellow solid, 0.065 g, 91% yield. Mp: 142–143 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 5H), 7.07–7.04 (m, 1H), 6.95–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.2 (d, J = 245.0 Hz), 159.5, 158.5, 140.6 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 136.3, 132.8, 132.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.7, 126.9 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 126.4, 126.3, 126.0, 121.9, 120.2, 117.7, 115.1 (d, J = 22.8 Hz), 114.5 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 74.7, 41.5, 32.8; IR (thin film) 2926, 1615, 1598, 1466, 1261, 1038, 750, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 356.1445, found 356.1433.



3m

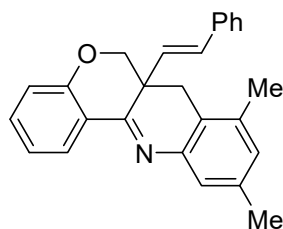
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1267, 1037, 743, 689 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 406.1413, found 406.1400.



3n

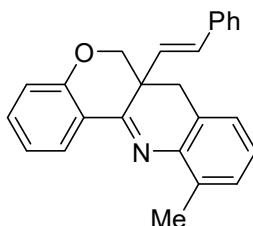
(E)-Methyl 6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinoline-9-carboxylate (3n), yellow solid, 0.077 g, 97% yield). Mp: 183–184 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.06 (m, 6H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.97 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 162.8, 159.0, 148.0, 136.2, 133.5, 132.1, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.8, 124.9, 122.0, 120.0, 117.7, 74.7, 52.1, 41.7, 32.4; IR (thin film) 2960, 2925, 1731, 1615, 1598, 1465, 1261, 1039, 751, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 396.1594, found 396.1580.



3o

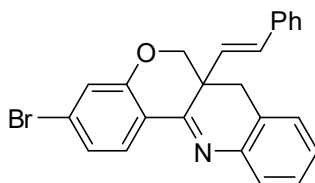
(E)-8,10-Dimethyl-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3o), yellow solid, 0.072 g, 98% yield). Mp: 186–187 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.37 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 6H), 7.06–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 158.3, 143.8, 136.5, 134.8, 132.4, 131.2, 129.7, 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 126.4, 126.3, 126.3, 125.7, 121.6, 120.4, 119.8, 117.4, 74.8, 41.4, 28.9, 20.8, 18.6; IR (thin

film) 2925, 2856, 1608, 1584, 1468, 1271, 1039, 742, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 366.1852, found 366.1839.



3p

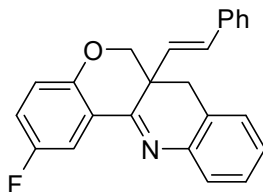
(E)-11-Methyl-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3p), yellow solid, 0.068 g, 97% yield. Mp: 116–117 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.42 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.13–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.07–7.04 (m, 1H), 7.01–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.91–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 158.3, 142.2, 136.6, 135.1, 132.4, 131.5, 129.5, 128.3, 127.5, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 125.5, 124.6, 121.7, 120.9, 117.6, 75.0, 41.2, 33.0, 17.5; IR (thin film) 2961, 2924, 1600, 1577, 1450, 1262, 1018, 766, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 352.1696, found 352.1685.



3q

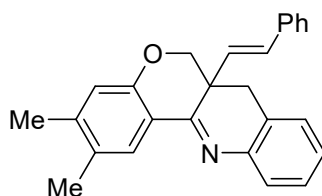
(E)-3-Bromo-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3q), yellow solid, 0.062 g, 75% yield. Mp: 156–157 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.07 (m, 9H), 6.33 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 158.8, 144.0, 136.3, 131.9, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 126.0, 125.3, 124.7, 120.8, 119.5, 75.0, 41.7, 32.5; IR

(thin film) 3016, 2921, 1600, 1586, 1456, 1261, 1020, 759, 691 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 416.0645, found 416.0631.



3r

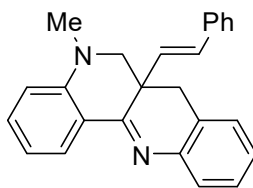
(E)-2-Fluoro-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3r), yellow solid, 0.065 g, 92% yield. Mp: 151–152 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.03 (m, 8H), 6.87 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.3, 159.0 (d, $J = 238.5$ Hz), 154.7, 144.0, 136.4, 131.9, 128.3, 128.0 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 126.4, 126.1, 124.7, 121.4 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 120.1, 119.9, 118.9 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 111.8 (d, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 75.0, 41.6, 32.5; IR (thin film) 2962, 2927, 2853, 1592, 1487, 1258, 1031, 750, 696 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 356.1445, found 356.1434.



3s

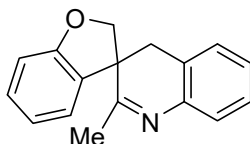
(E)-2,3-Dimethyl-6a-styryl-6a,7-dihydro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolone (3s), yellow solid, 0.059 g, 81% yield. Mp: 176–177 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.07 (m, 7H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.5, 156.8, 144.4, 142.7, 136.6, 131.6, 130.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.7, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 124.8, 118.2, 117.8, 74.9, 41.8, 32.6, 20.1, 18.9; IR (thin film) 2925, 1587, 1451, 1242, 1028, 864,

763, 693 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 366.1852, found 366.1840.



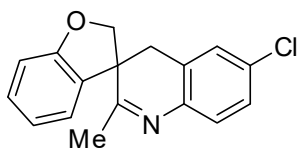
3t

(E)-5-methyl-6a-styryl-5,6,6a,7-tetrahydridibenzo[b,h][1,6]naphthyridine (3t), yellow solid, 0.057 g, 81% yield. Mp: 156–157 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.10 (m, 6H), 7.07–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.84–6.80 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.77 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.7, 150.2, 144.9, 137.0, 132.5, 130.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 125.4, 119.6, 118.0, 112.8, 62.9, 42.8, 39.6, 34.8; IR (thin film) 2961, 2925, 1610, 1581, 1448, 1261, 1028, 746, 688 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 351.1856, found 351.1843.



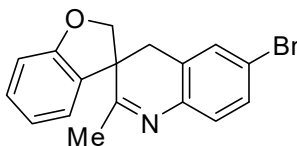
4u

2'-Methyl-2H,4'H-spiro[benzofuran-3,3'-quinoline] (4u), yellow oil, 0.033 g, 67% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.85 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.4, 160.0, 143.5, 130.5, 129.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.3, 125.3, 124.1, 121.3, 110.1, 78.9, 50.1, 36.7, 24.1; IR (thin film) 3048, 2922, 2851, 1593, 1458, 1238, 1022, 751 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 250.1226, found 250.1219.



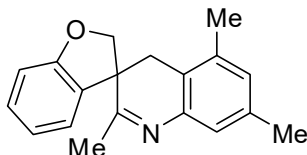
4v

6'-Chloro-2'-methyl-2H,4'H-spiro[benzofuran-3,3'-quinoline] (4v), yellow solid, 0.030 g, 53% yield. Mp: 65–66 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.32–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.91–6.86 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 160.0, 142.0, 132.2, 130.0, 129.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 127.1, 124.1, 121.4, 110.3, 78.7, 49.8, 36.3, 24.2; IR (thin film) 2960, 2925, 2854, 1595, 1481, 1261, 1097, 752 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 284.0837, found 284.0829.



4w

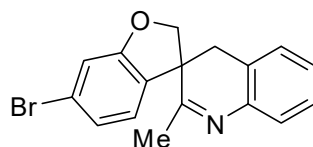
6'-Bromo-2'-methyl-2H,4'H-spiro[benzofuran-3,3'-quinoline] (4w), yellow solid, 0.048 g, 73% yield. Mp: 64–65 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.91–6.86 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, $J = 16.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.1, 160.0, 142.5, 131.1, 130.9, 129.9, 129.6, 127.8, 127.4, 124.0, 121.4, 120.2, 110.3, 78.6, 49.8, 36.2, 24.2; IR (thin film) 2964, 1617, 1480, 1262, 1022, 804, 751 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 328.0332, found 328.0328.



4x

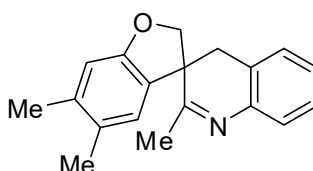
2',5',7'-Trimethyl-2H,4'H-spiro[benzofuran-3,3'-quinoline] (4x), yellow solid, 0.028 g, 50% yield. Mp: 68–69 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.07–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.92–6.85 (m, 3H), 4.40 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz,

1H), 2.96 (s, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6, 160.1, 143.3, 137.0, 135.5, 131.0, 129.7, 129.4, 125.0, 124.3, 121.4, 120.6, 110.2, 79.3, 50.2, 33.6, 24.1, 21.1, 18.7; IR (thin film) 2924, 1617, 1479, 1238, 1102, 977, 801, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO [M + H]⁺: 278.1539, found 278.1533.



4y

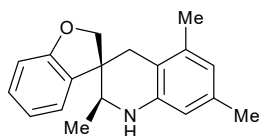
6-Bromo-2'-methyl-2H,4'H-spiro[benzofuran-3,3'-quinoline] (4y), yellow solid, 0.035 g, 54% yield. Mp: 63–64 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 161.0, 143.4, 129.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.3, 125.1, 124.9, 124.4, 122.6, 113.8, 79.6, 49.7, 36.6, 24.1; IR (thin film) 2926, 1637, 1478, 1262, 1100, 971, 802, 749 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₁₅BrNO [M + H]⁺: 328.0332, found 328.0325.



4z

2',5,6-Trimethyl-2H,4'H-spiro[benzofuran-3,3'-quinoline] (4y), yellow solid, 0.029 g, 53% yield. Mp: 61–62 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.18–7.14 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0, 158.4, 143.5, 138.0, 129.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.9, 126.2, 125.5, 124.8, 111.1, 78.9, 50.1, 36.6, 24.1, 20.2, 19.4; IR (thin film) 2964, 1622, 1481,

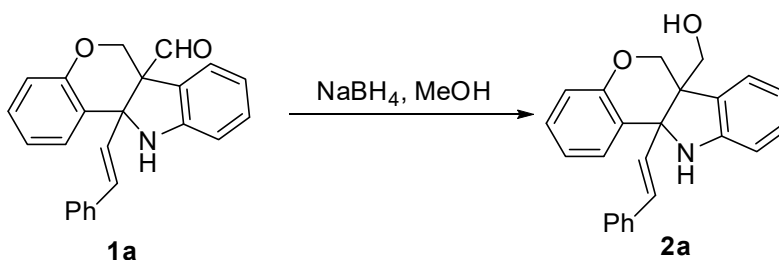
1262, 1096, 802, 751, 657 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 278.1539, found 278.1531.



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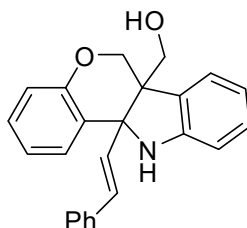
2',5',7'-Trimethyl-2',4'-dihydro-1'H,2H-spiro[benzofuran-3,3'-quinoline] (5x), which was obtained when compound **1x** was performed at the standard conditions. yellow oil, 0.017 g, 30% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.16–7.12 (m, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.76 (m, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 4.52 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (q, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 0.99 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.6, 143.6, 137.4, 136.4, 130.3, 128.5, 125.7, 120.5, 120.4, 114.9, 112.3, 109.1, 81.1, 52.9, 46.6, 34.5, 21.1, 19.3, 16.6; IR (thin film) 3452, 2925, 2855, 1640, 1461, 1381, 1262, 1022, 802, 749 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 280.1696, found 280.1687.

3. Synthesis of compound 2a



Procedure B: In a 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with fused indoline **1a** (2 mmol) and MeOH (20.0 mL), after stirring for 10 minutes, sodium borohydride (8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature (about 30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$) for 1–4 h until the substrate **1a** disappeared (monitored by TLC). At this time, the reaction was quenched by H_2O (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (100 mL $\times$ 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash

chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded on silica gel, 1/30 to 1/4, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide indol methanol **2a**.

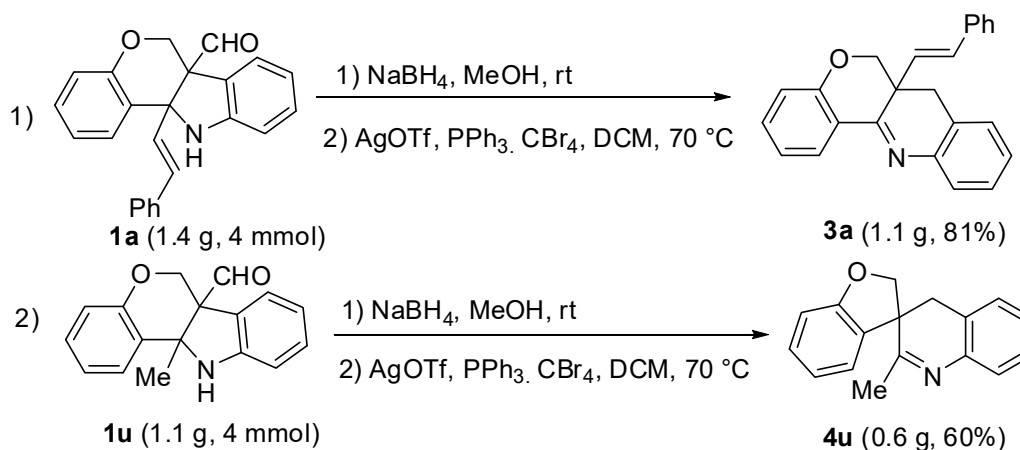


2a

(E)-(11a-Styryl-6,6a,11,11a-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-b]indol-6a-yl)methanol

(2a), yellow solid, 0.639 g, 90% yield. Mp: 155–156 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.93–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.83–6.79 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (s, 1H), 4.22 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.69 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.7, 148.8, 136.3, 131.2, 130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 126.6, 124.3, 121.8, 119.6, 117.5, 110.3, 68.9, 66.0, 64.1, 52.9; IR (thin film) 3029, 2928, 2868, 1607, 1486, 1270, 1099, 748 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 356.1645, found 356.1631.

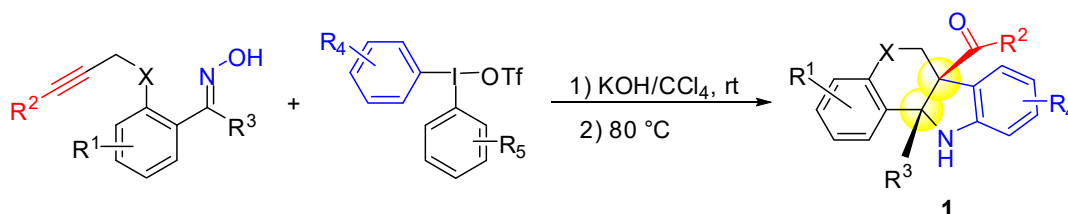
4. Gram scale preparation of 3a and 4u



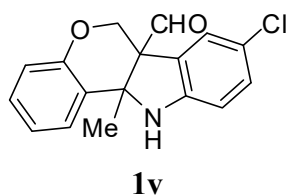
General procedure C: In a 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with fused indoline **1a** or **1u** (4 mmol) and MeOH (40.0 mL), after stirring for 10 minutes, sodium borohydride (16 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred

vigorously at room temperature (about 30 °C) for 1-4 h until the substrate **1a** or **1u** disappeared (monitored by TLC). At this time, the reaction was quenched by H₂O (50 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (100 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered. Then, AgOTf (6 mmol, 1.5 equiv), PPh₃ (6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and CBr₄ (6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added to the residue under N₂ atmosphere, dissolved in DCM (40.0 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 70 °C for 5-20 h (monitored by TLC). At this time, the reaction was quenched by H₂O (50 mL) and extracted with DCM (100 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, and filtered. the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/50 to 1/10, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide quinolones **3a** or **4u**.

5. Synthesis of starting material **1**^[1]:

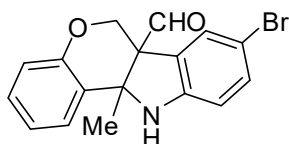


General procedure D: In a Teflon-sealed reaction flask was charged with alkynyl tethered oximes (2 mmol), diaryliodonium salts (4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and KOH (2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) under an air atmosphere, CCl₄ (20 mL) was added. The reaction vessel was sealed with a Teflon cap and stirred vigorously at 25 °C for 3–12 h until the alkynyl tethered oximes disappeared (monitored by TLC). And then, the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 3–6 h. At this time, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/50 to 1/10, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide product **1**.



8-Chloro-11a-methyl-6,6a,11,11a-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-b]indole-6a-carbaldehyde, yellow solid, 0.191 g, 32%. Mp: 161–162 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

9.72 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.16–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 3H), 4.32 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 153.5, 148.4, 129.9, 128.9, 128.2, 125.6, 125.5, 125.2, 124.7, 122.1, 117.6, 111.5, 86.0, 62.8, 61.0, 24.4; IR (thin film) 3574, 1651, 1478, 1383, 1262, 766, 652 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 300.0786, found 300.0779.



1w

8-Bromo-11a-methyl-6,6a,11,11a-tetrahydrochromeno[4,3-b]indole-6a-carbaldehyde, yellow solid, 0.274 g, 40%. Mp: 148–149 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 153.5, 148.8, 132.7, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 125.9, 125.6, 122.1, 117.6, 112.0, 111.6, 85.9, 62.8, 60.9, 24.4; IR (thin film) 3574, 3355, 1707, 1651, 1475, 1253, 814, 740 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 344.0281, found 344.0274.

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7. X-ray structure for compounds 3a

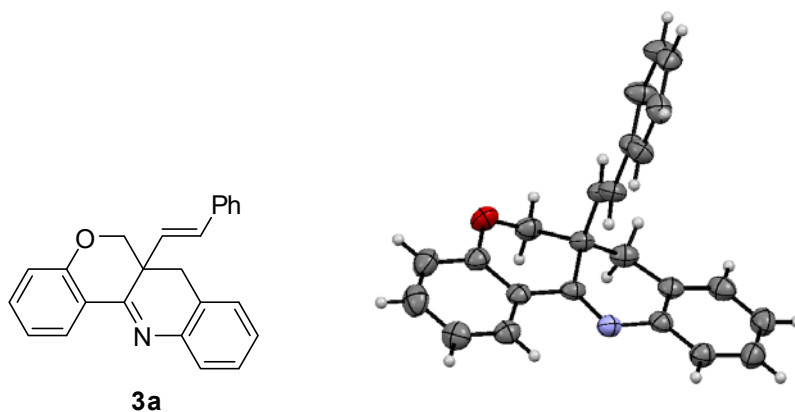
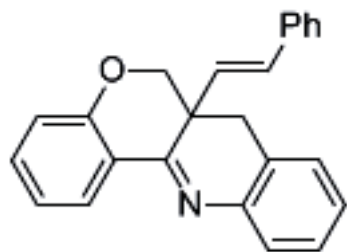
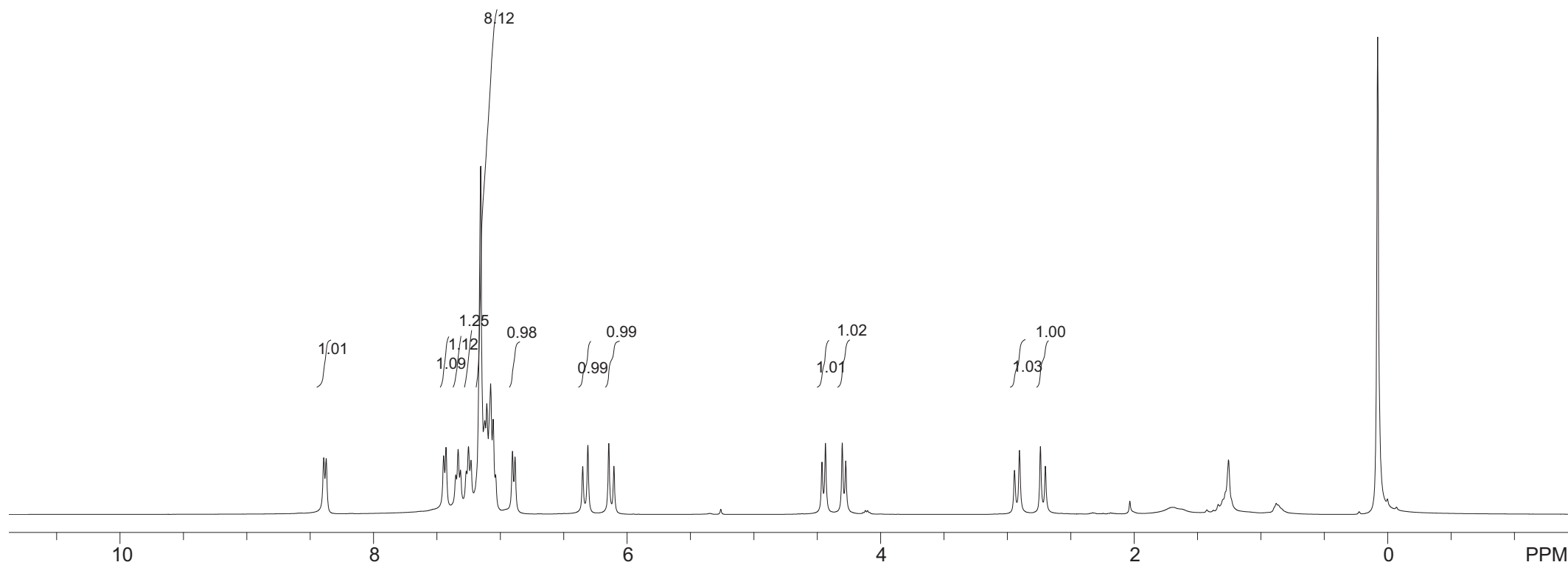
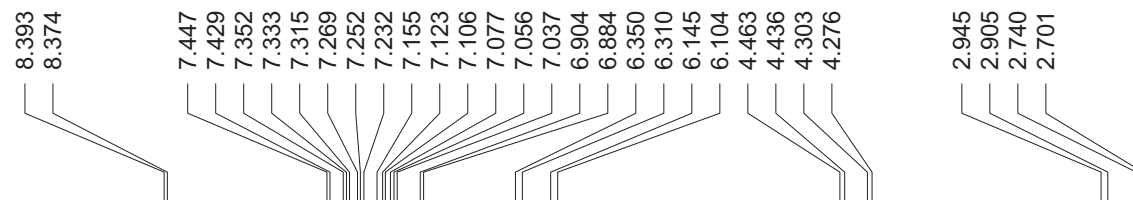


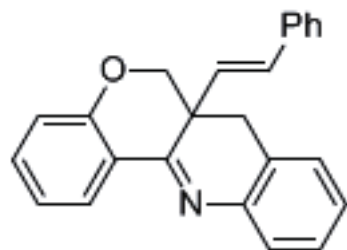
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8. NMR spectra for 3, 4, 5x, 2a, 1v, and 1w

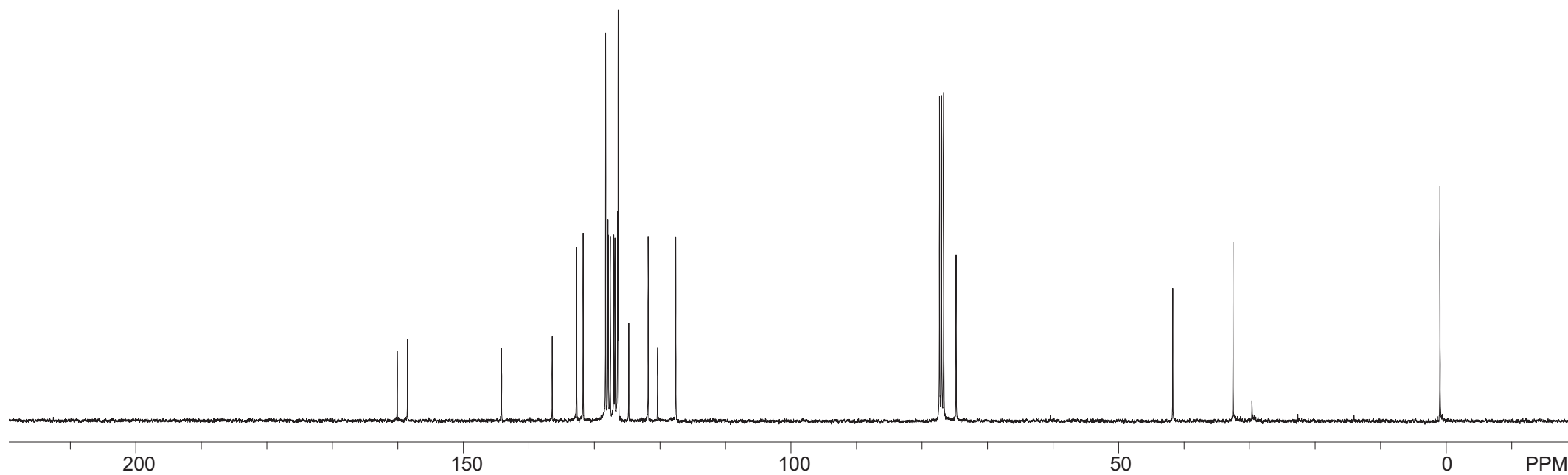
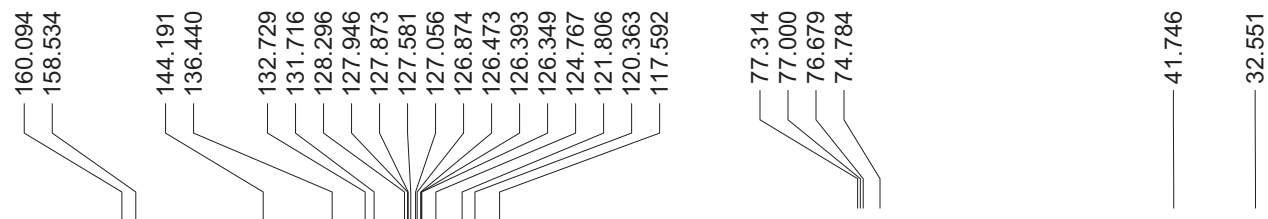


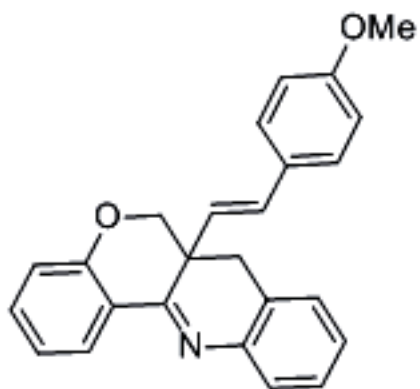
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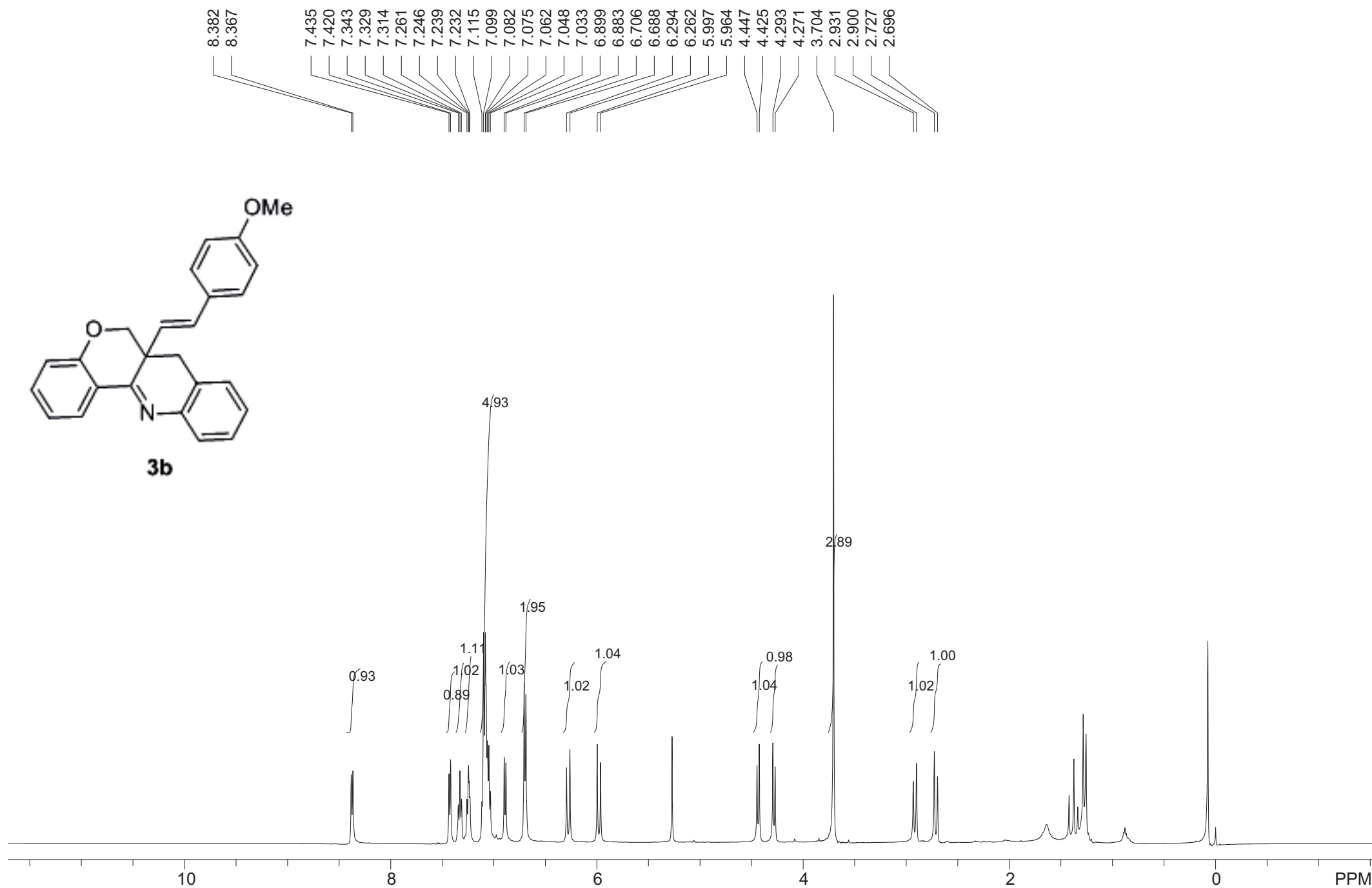


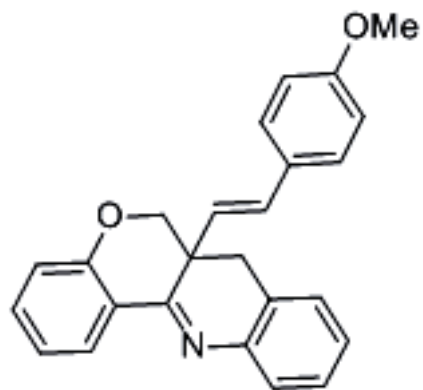
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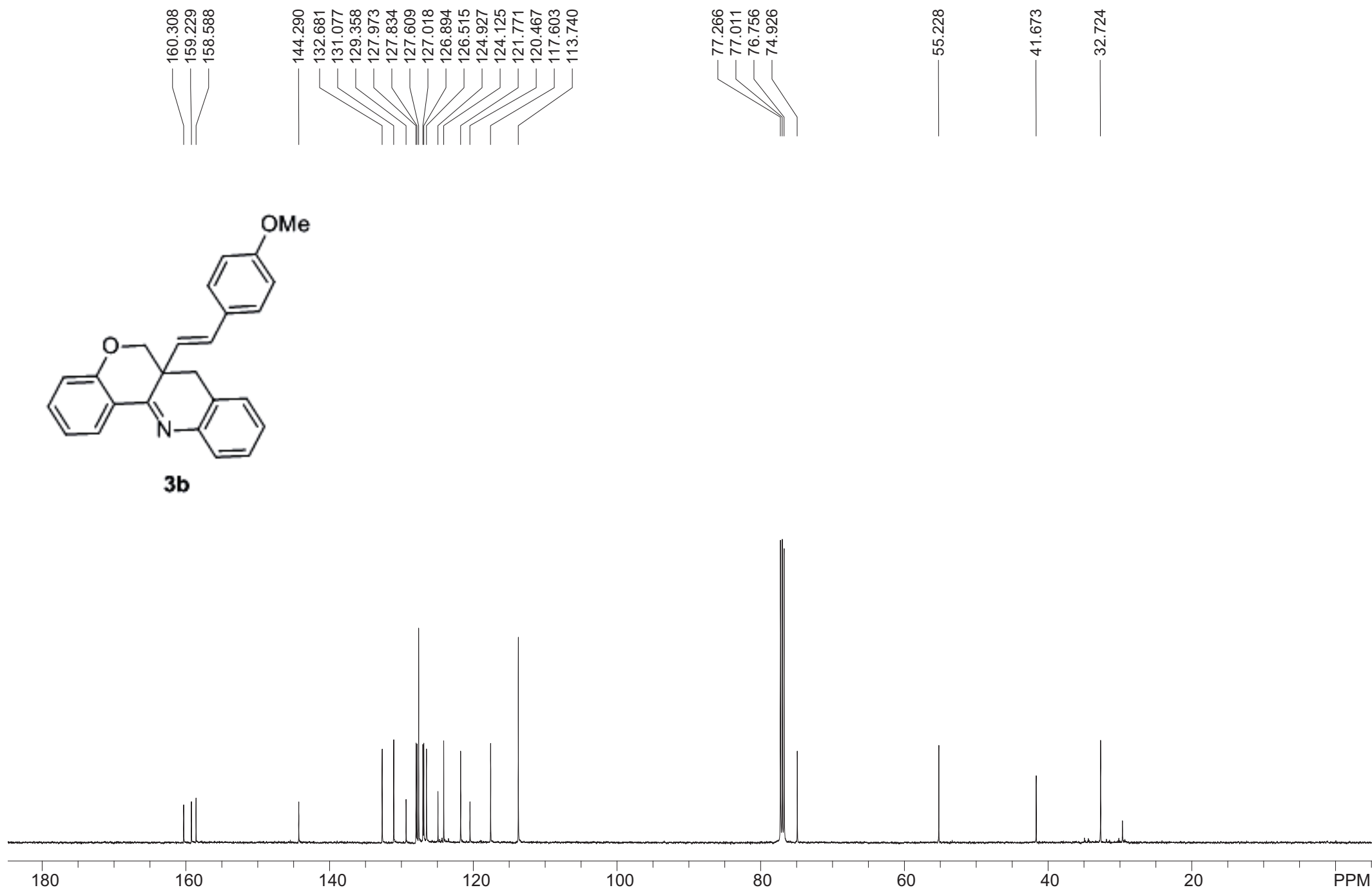


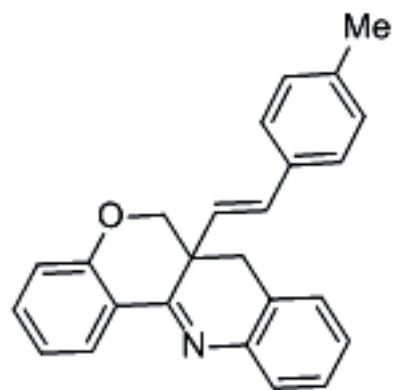
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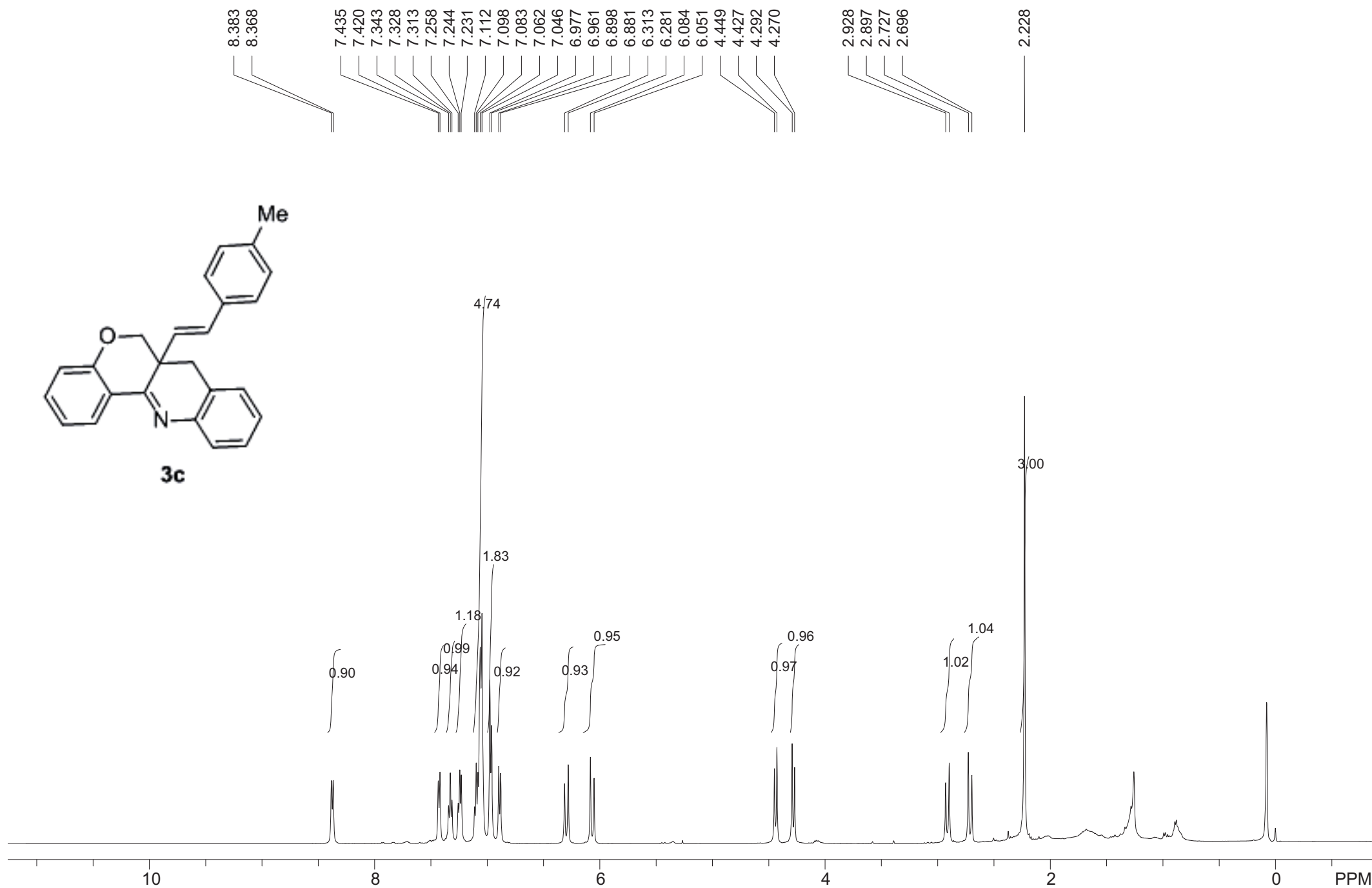


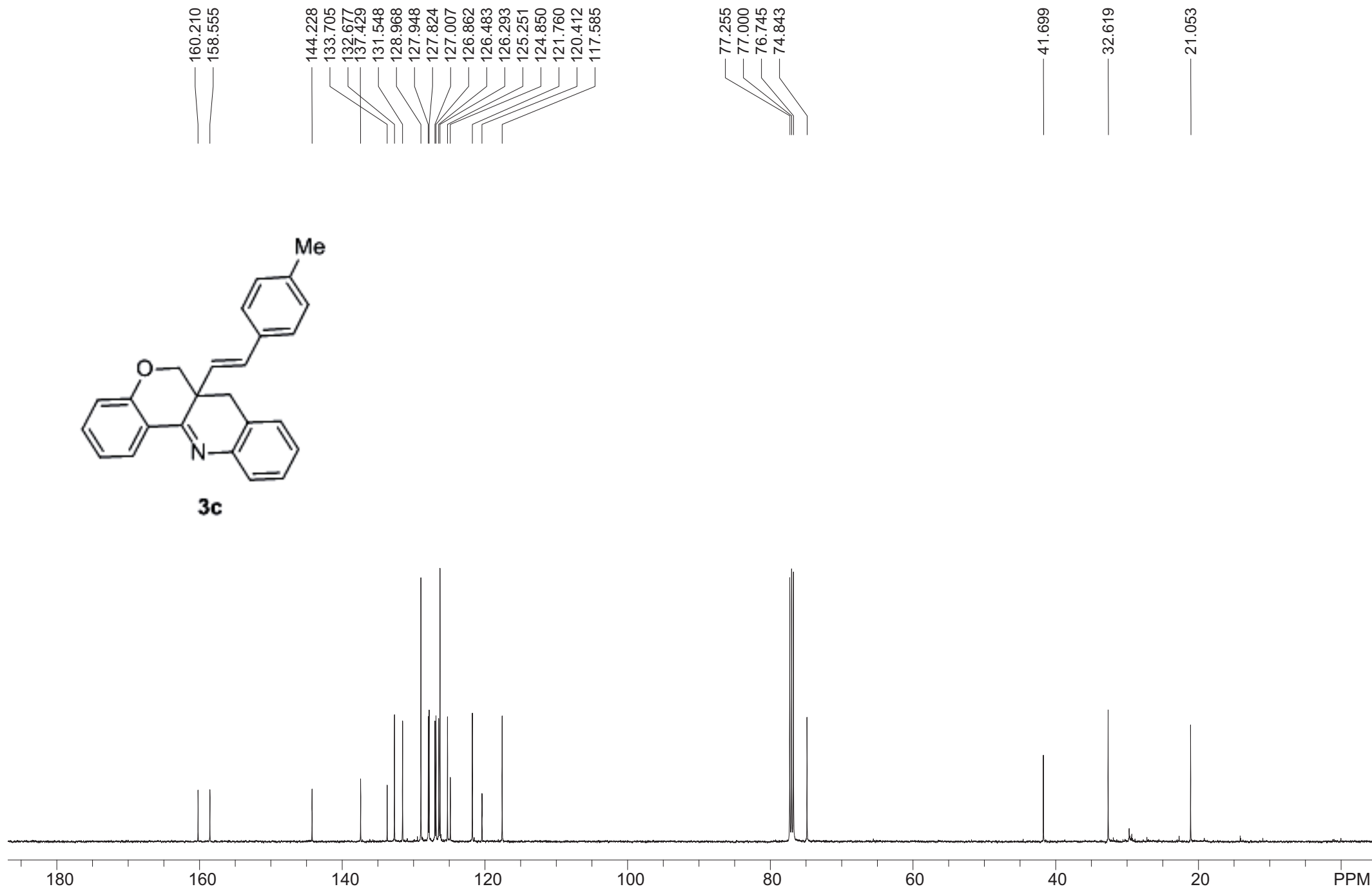
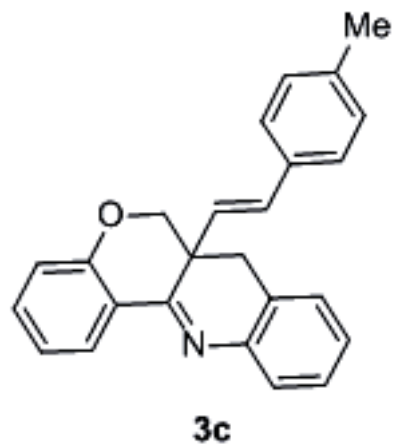
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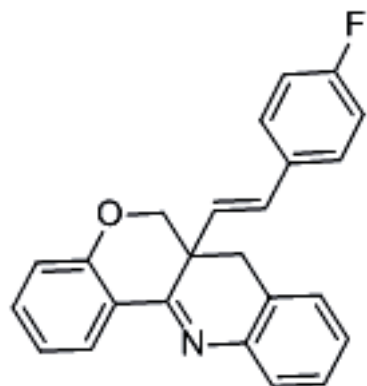




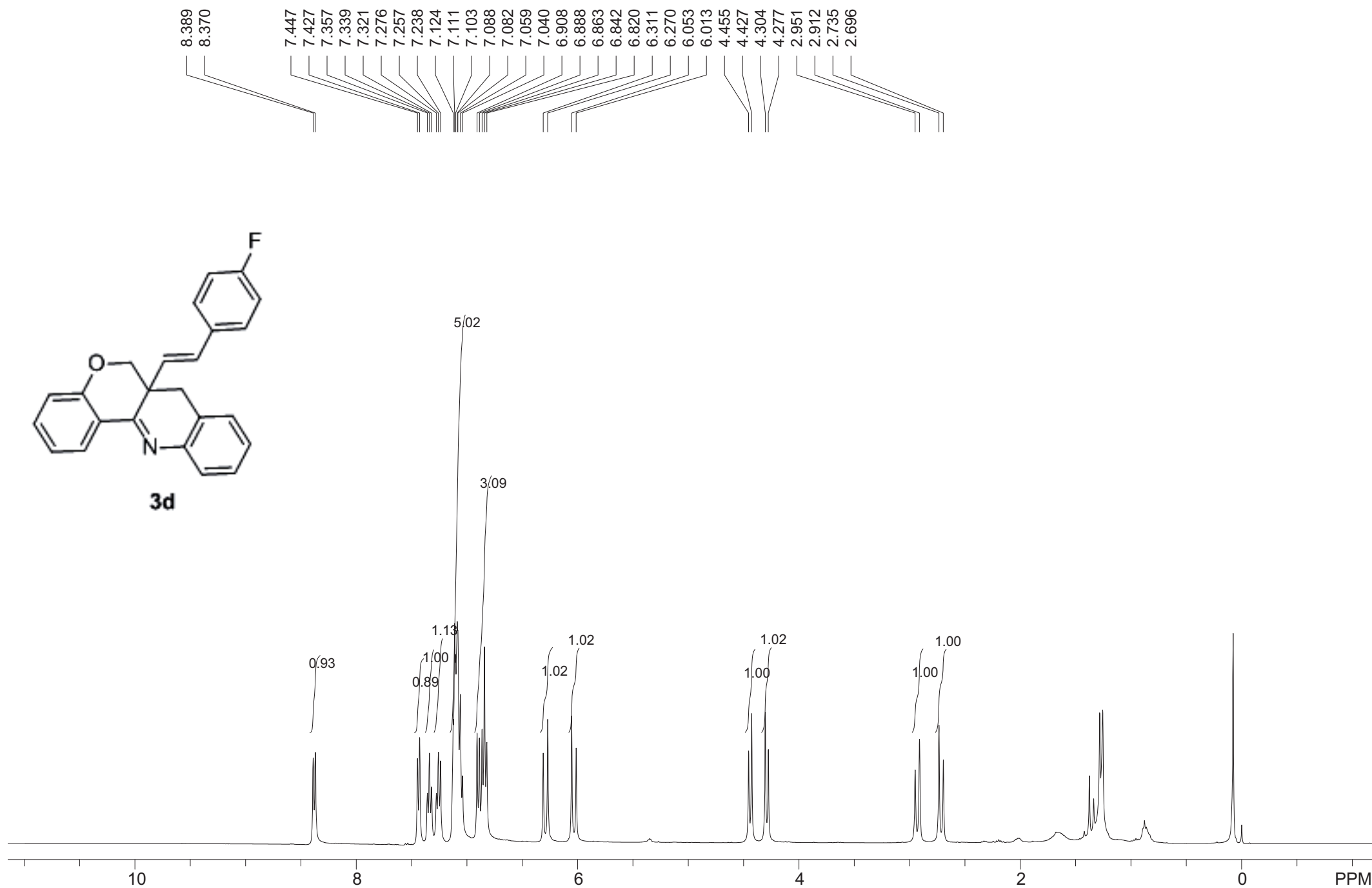
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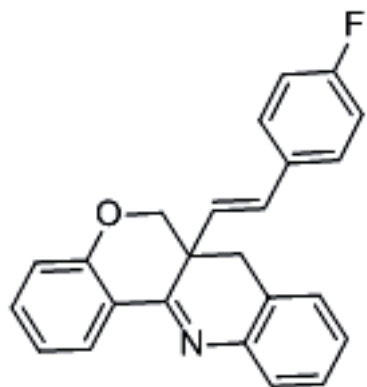




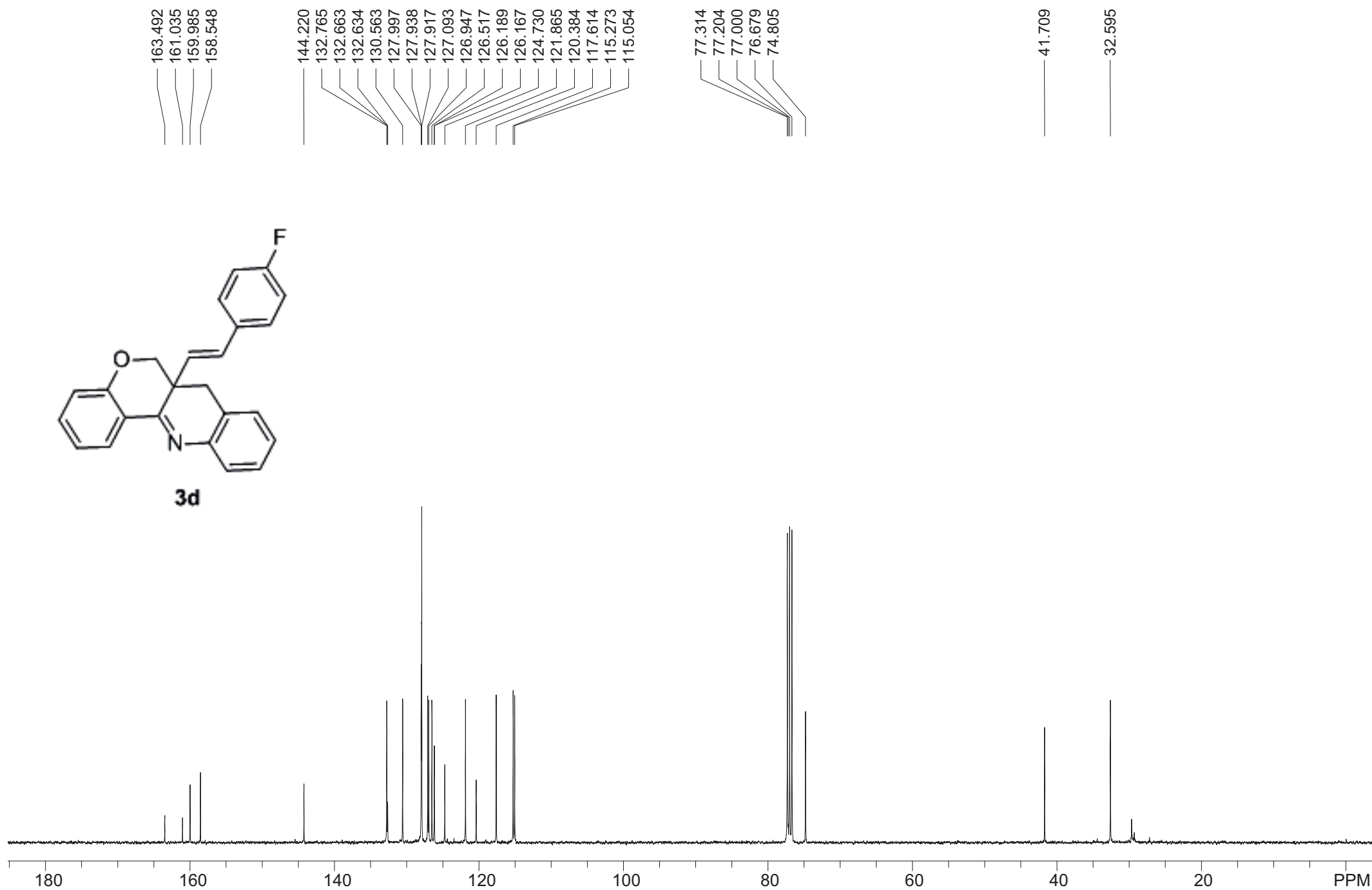


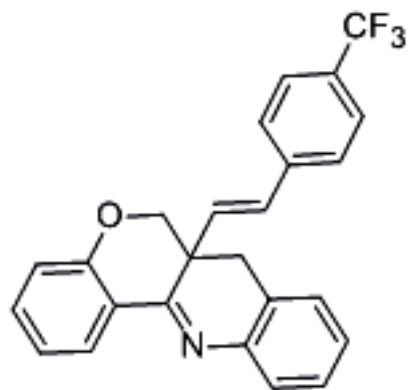
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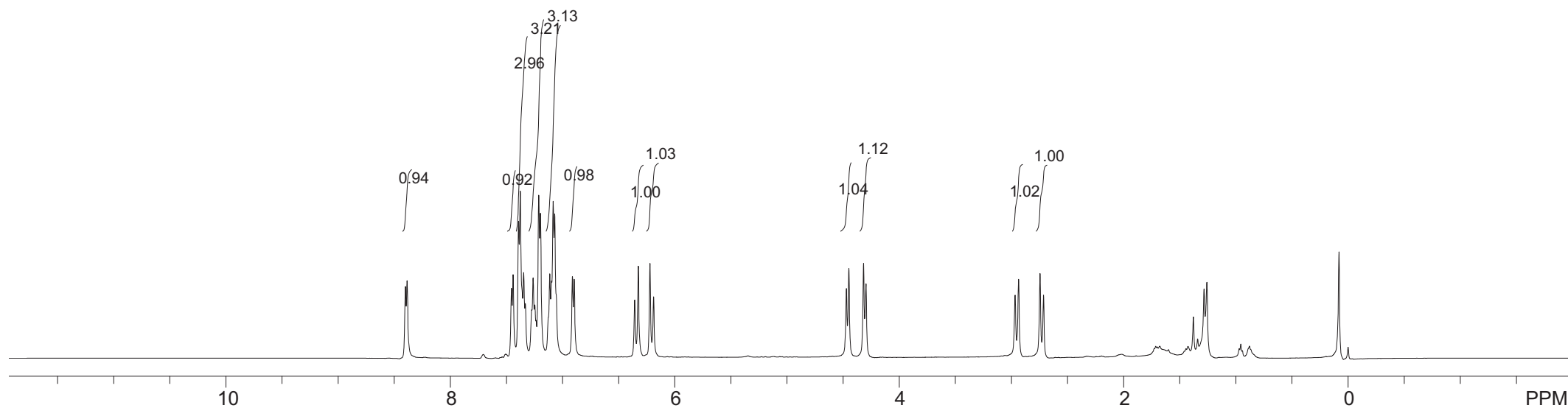
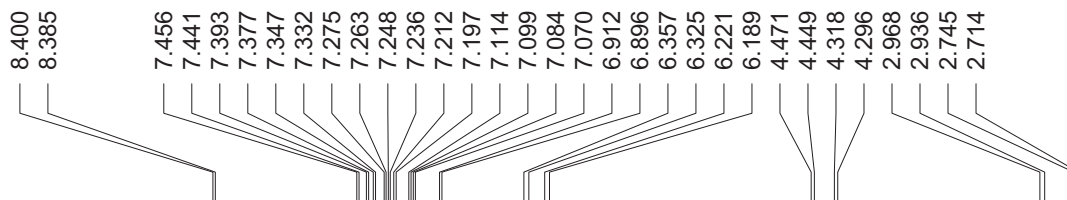


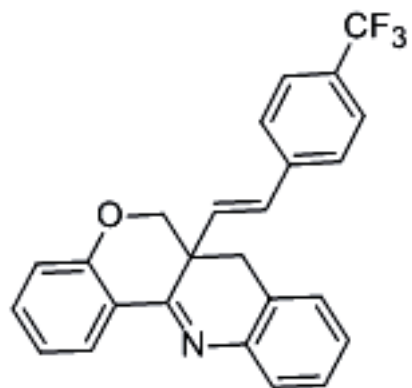
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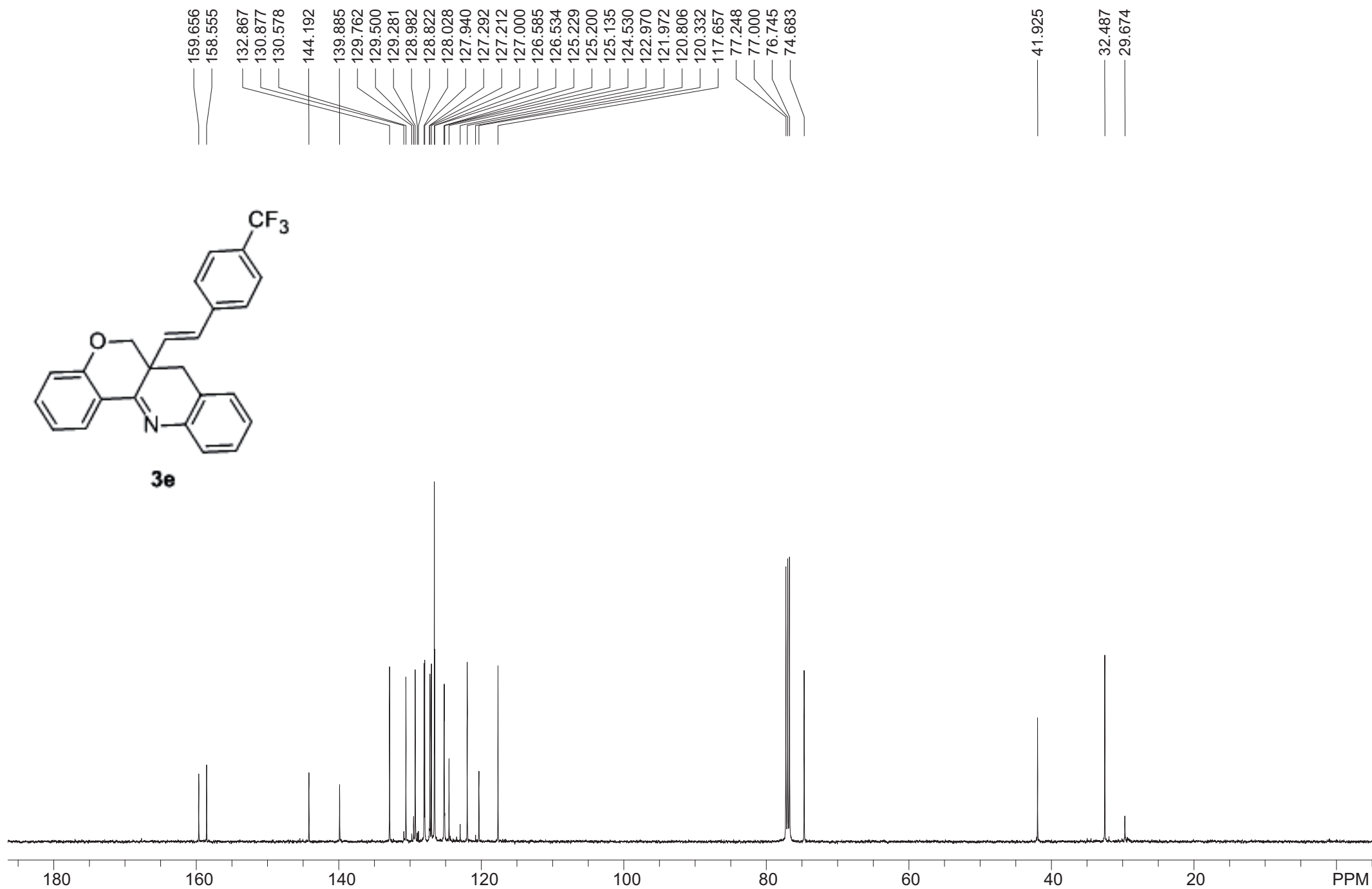


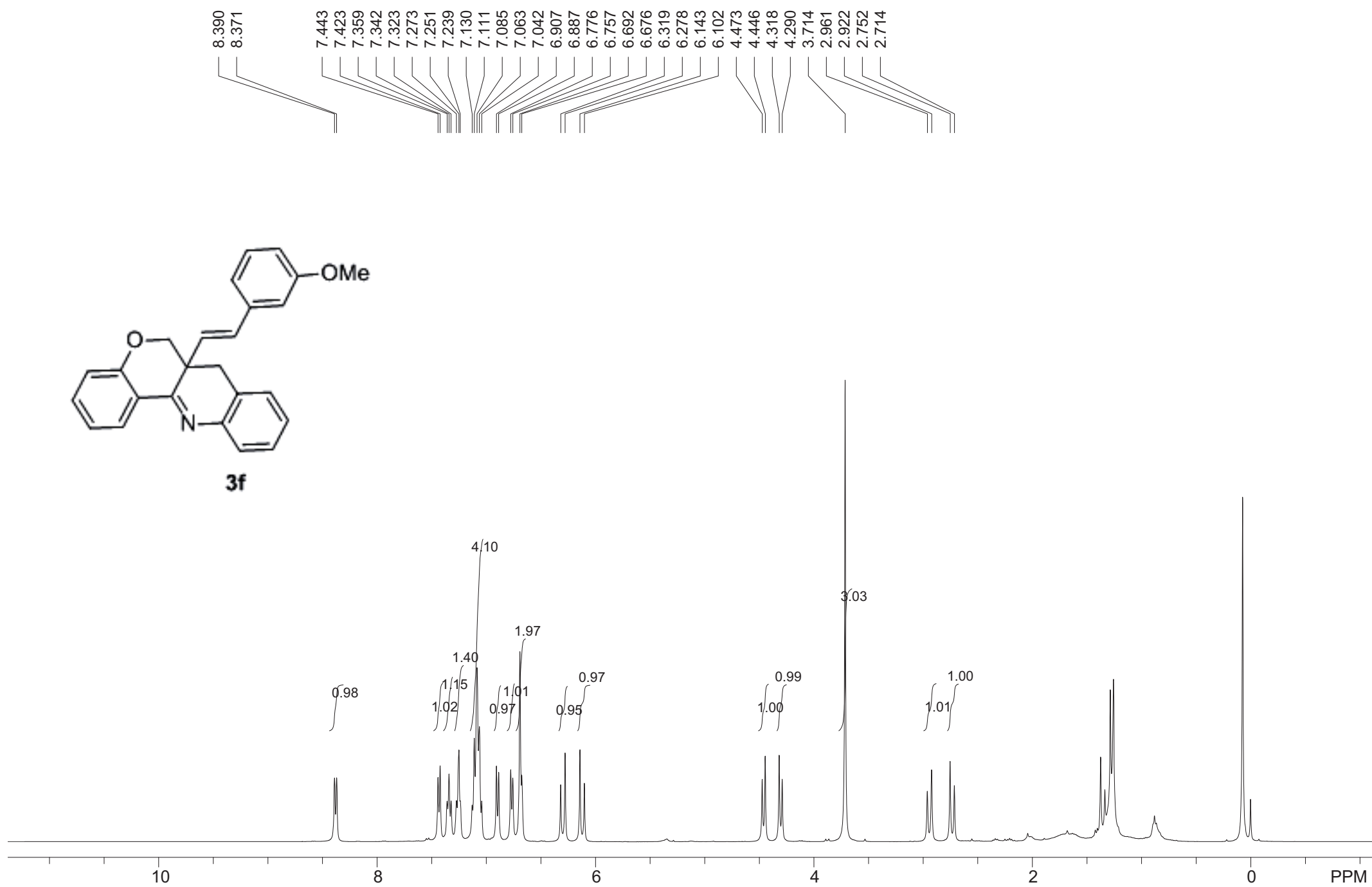
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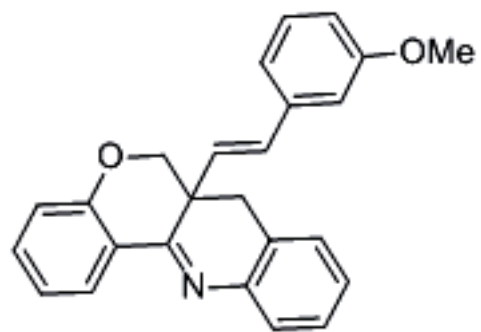




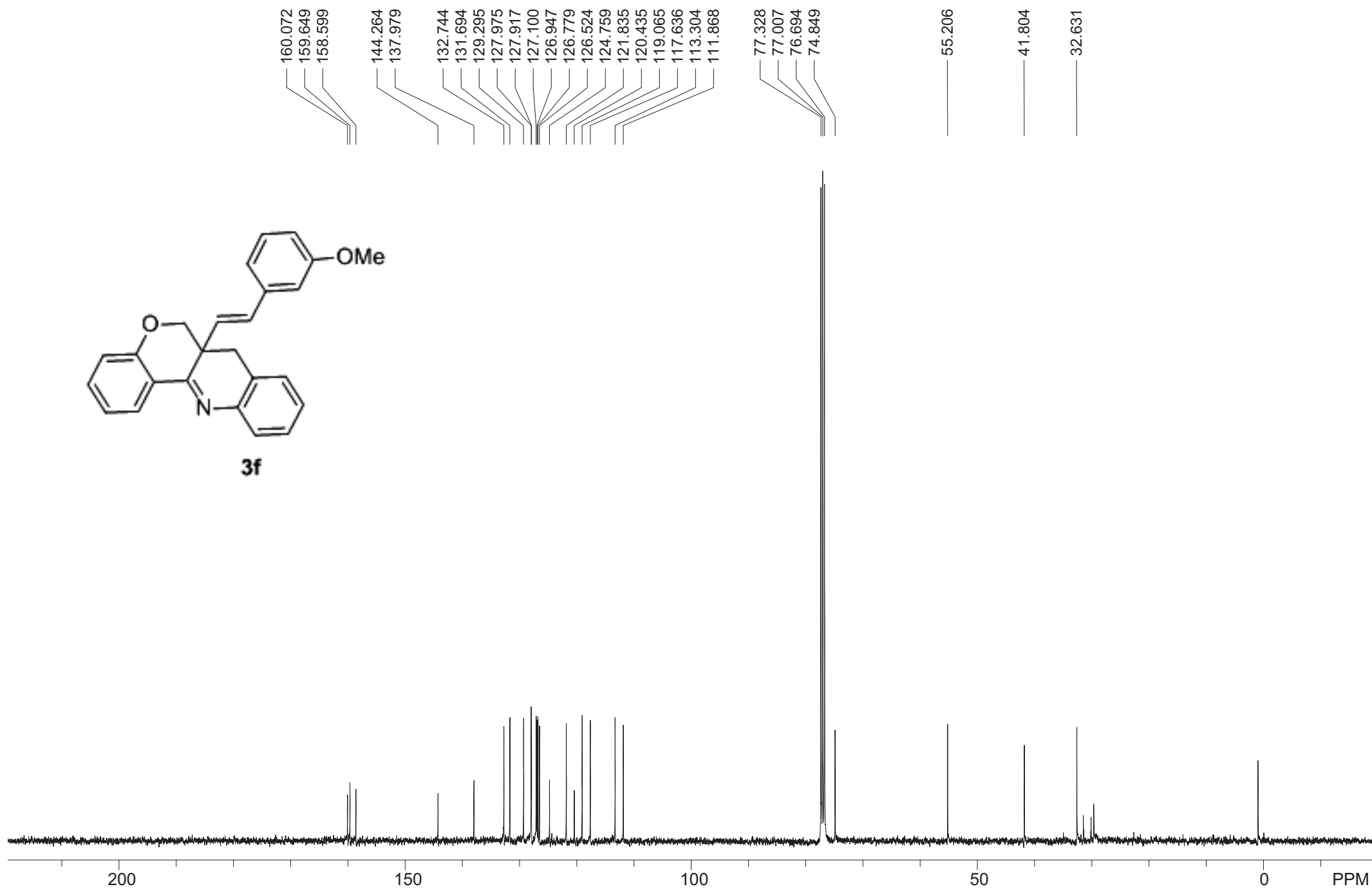
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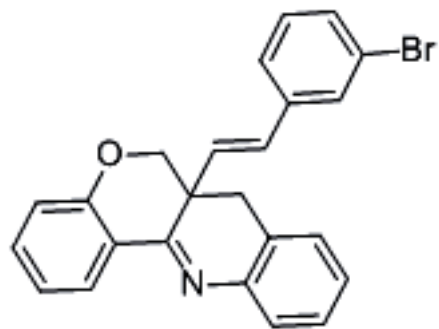




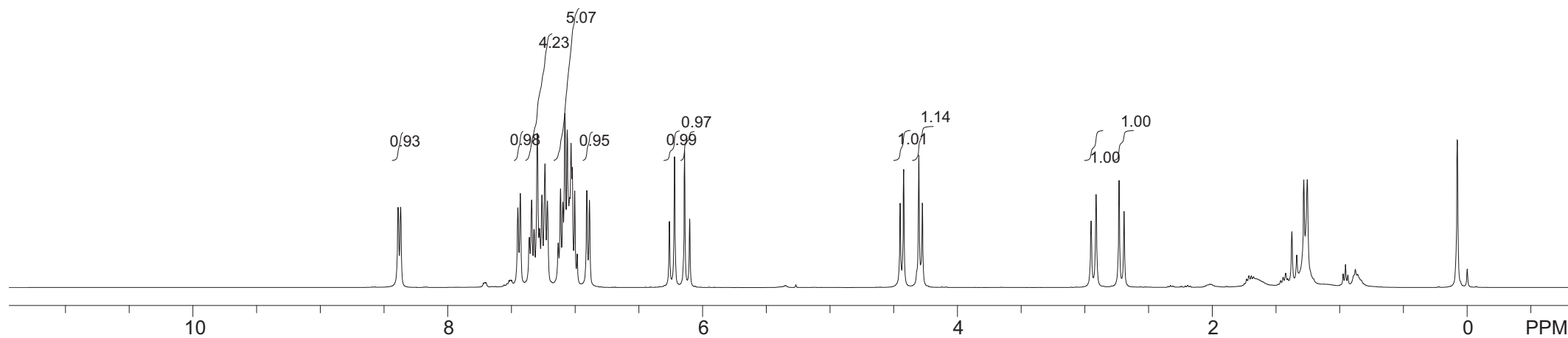
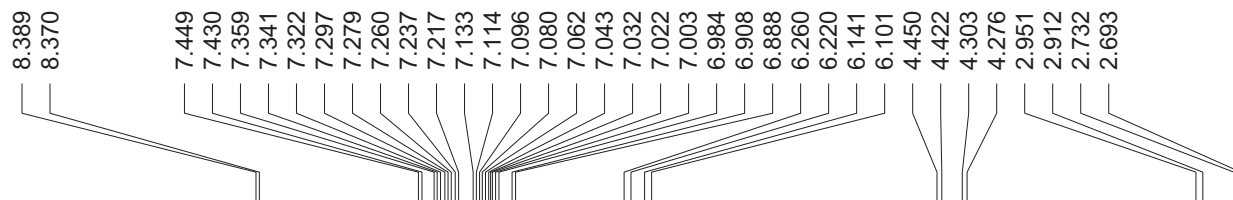


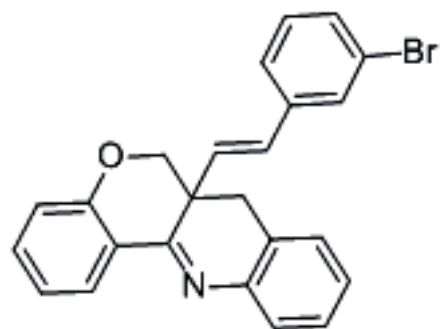
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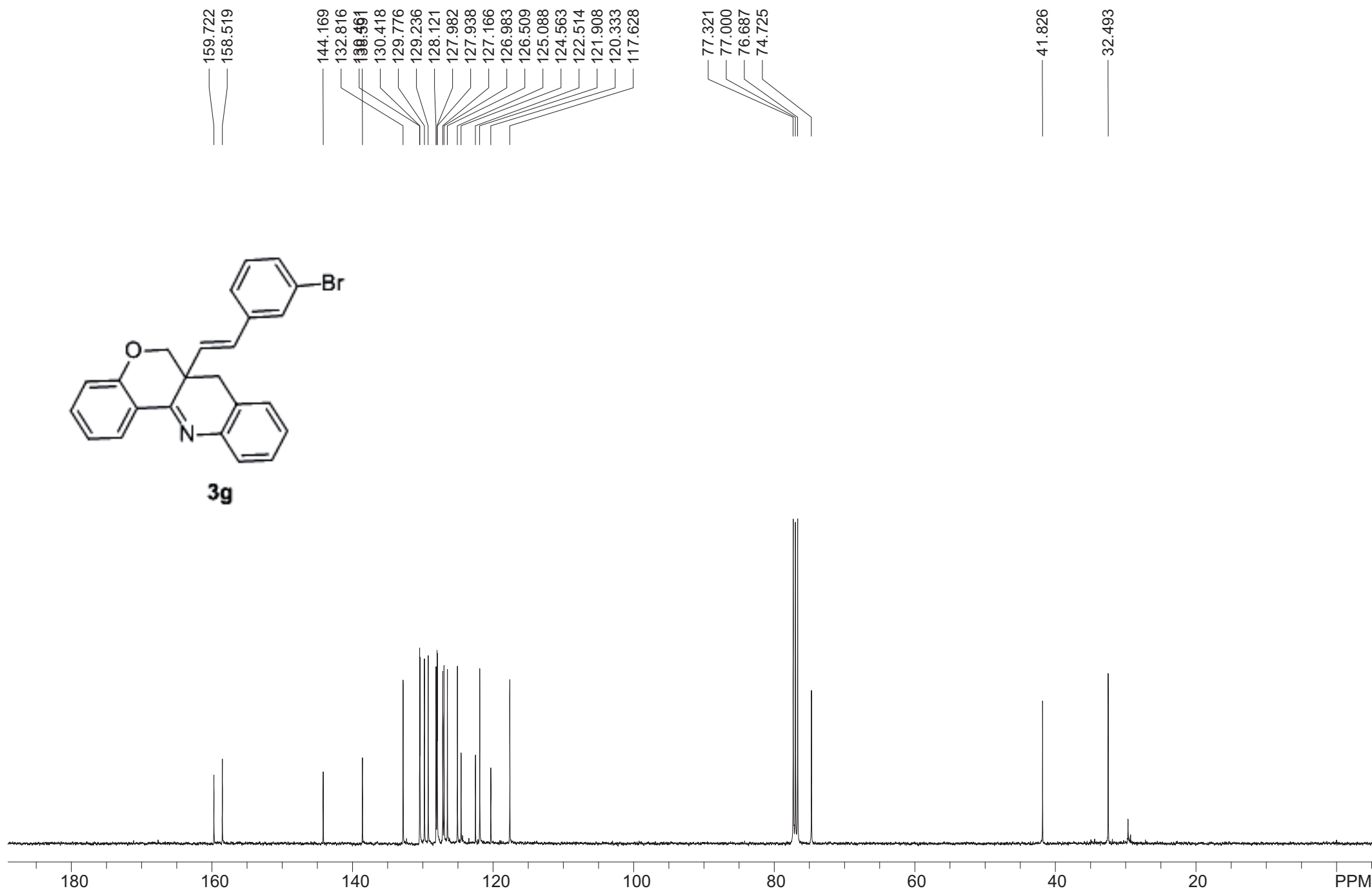


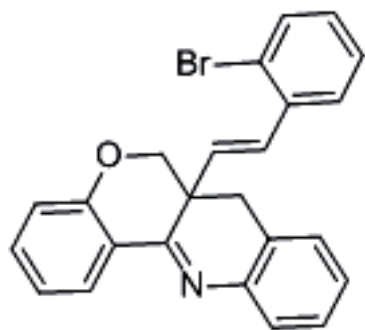
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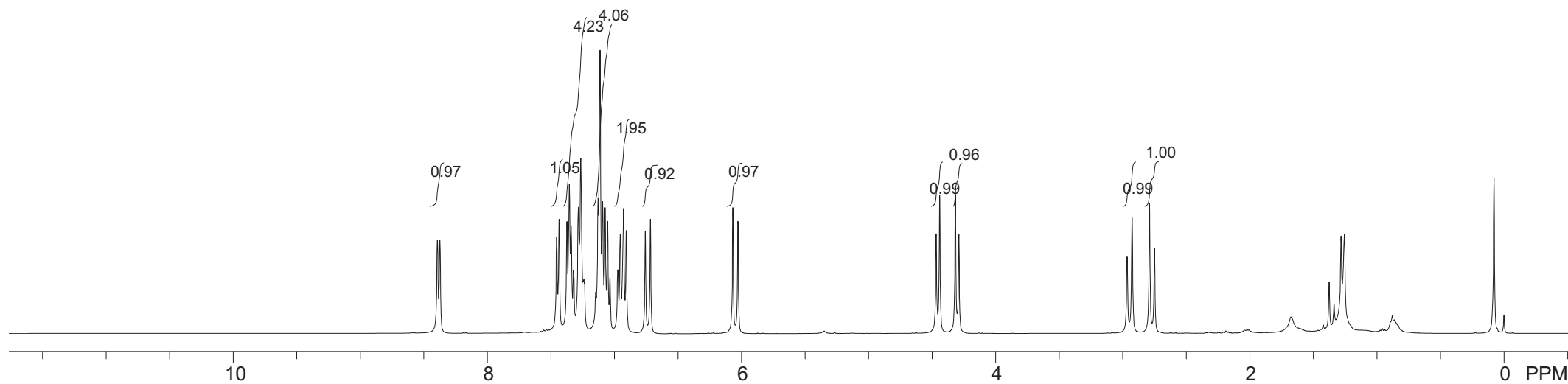
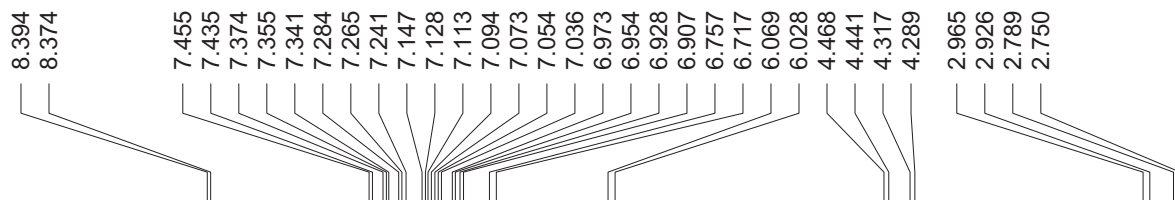


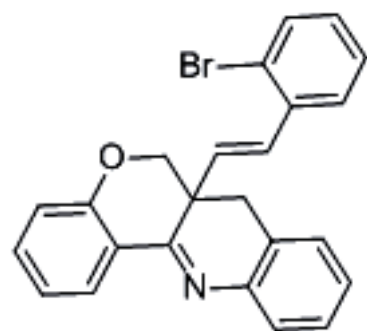
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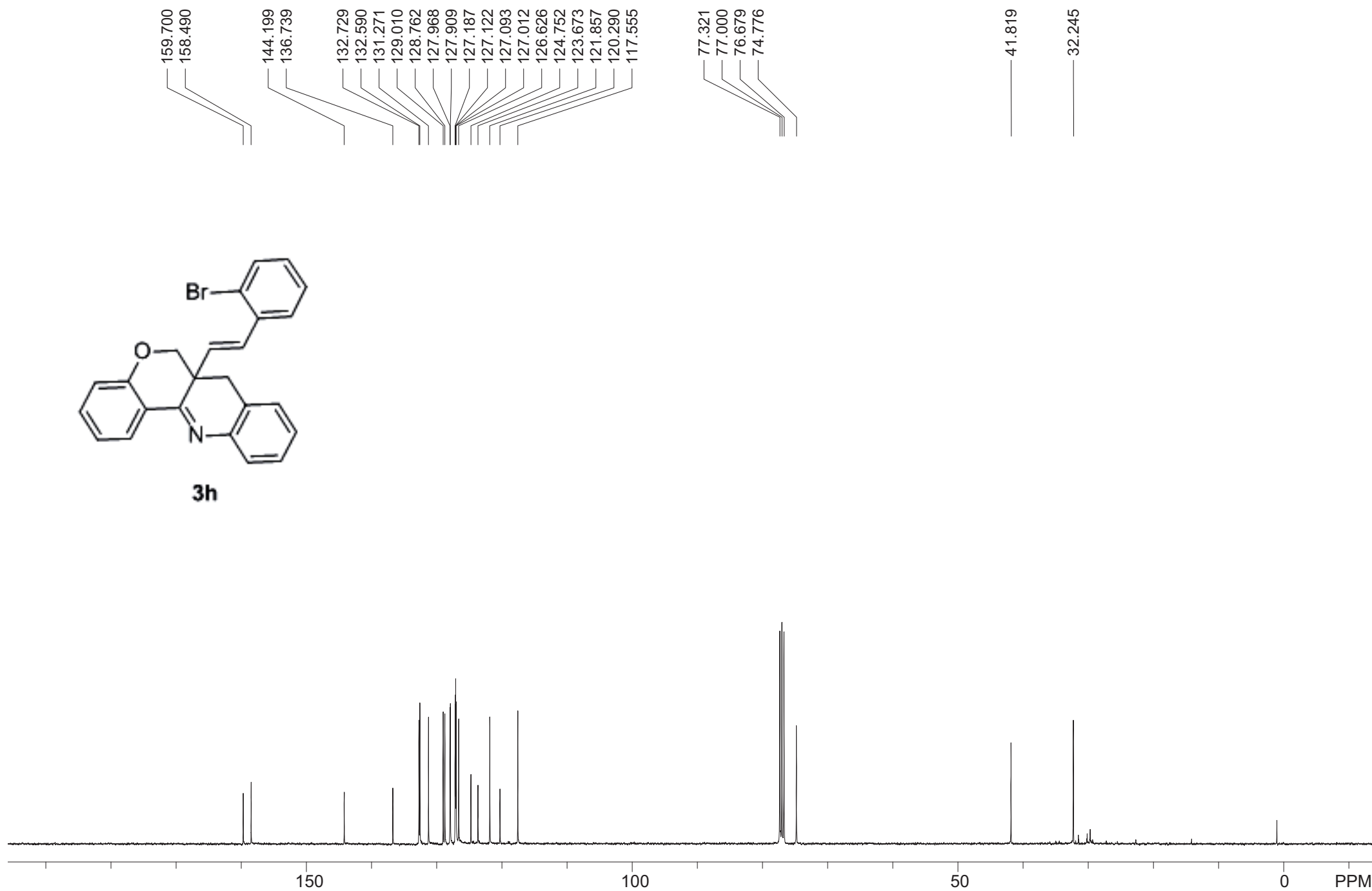


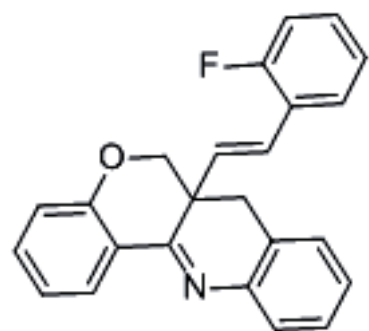
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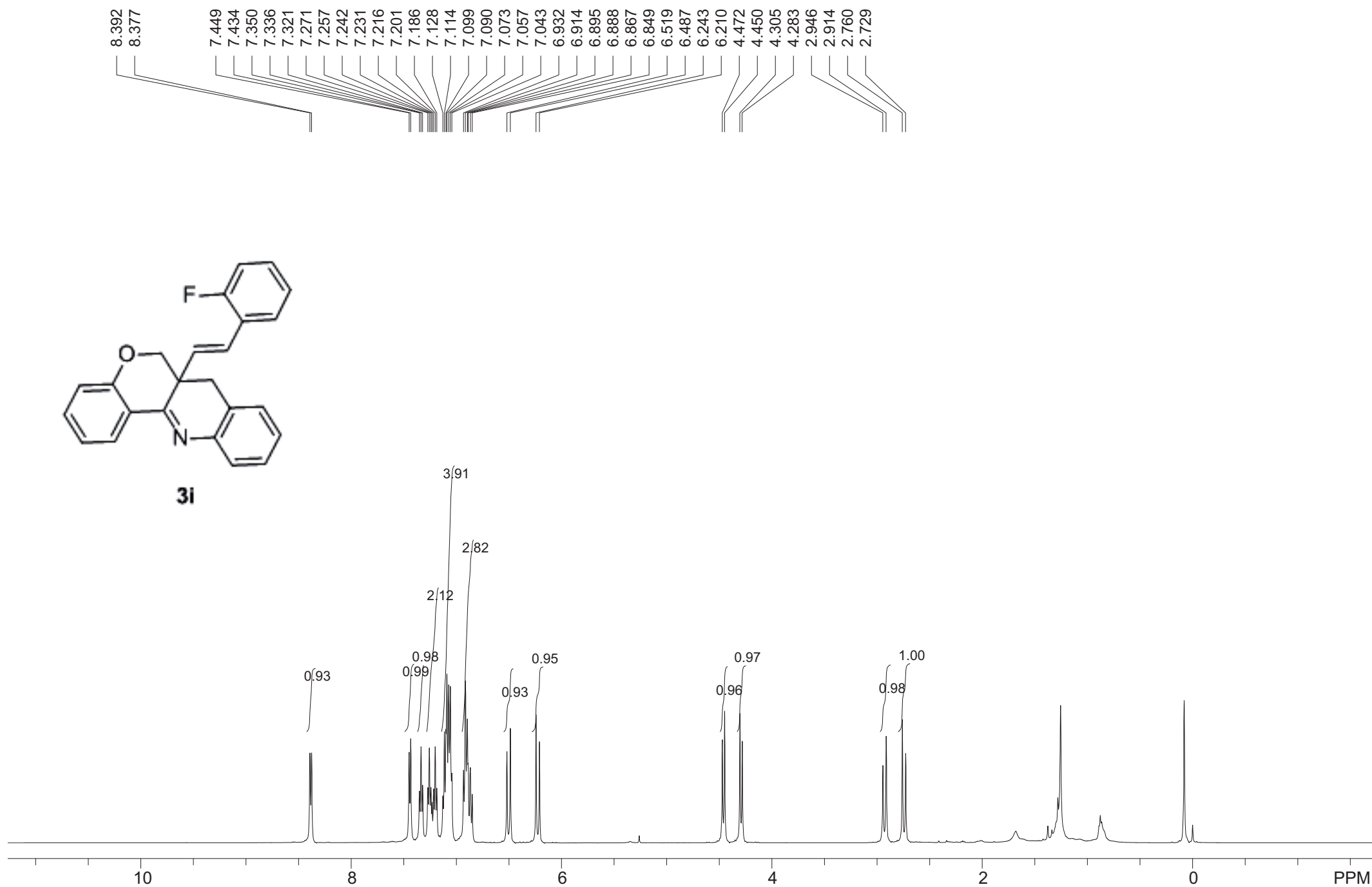


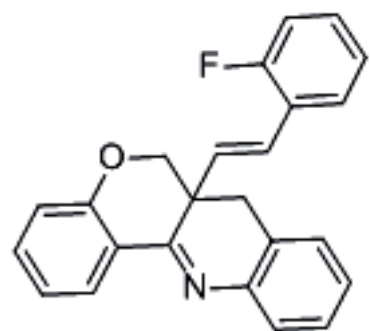
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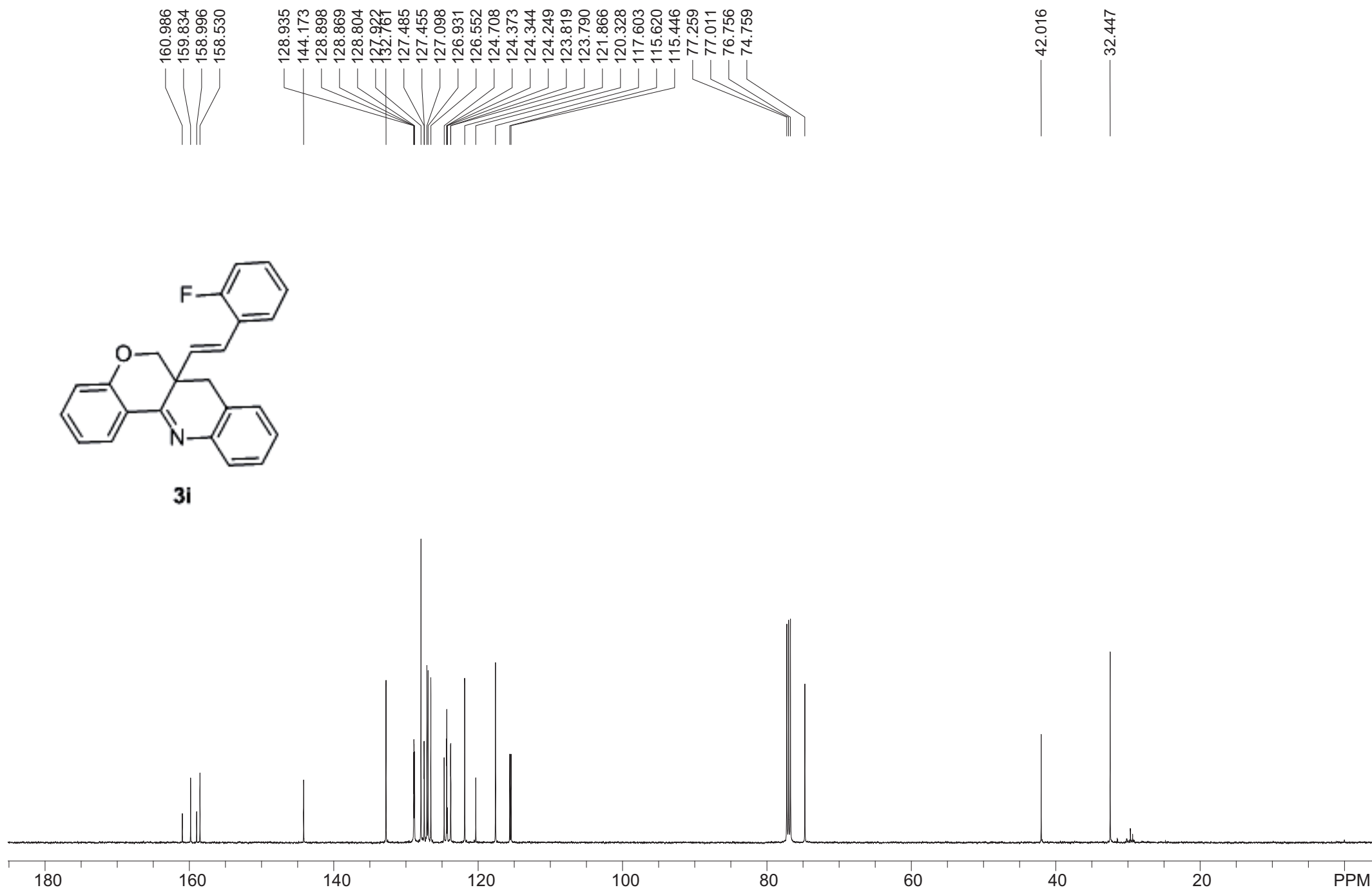


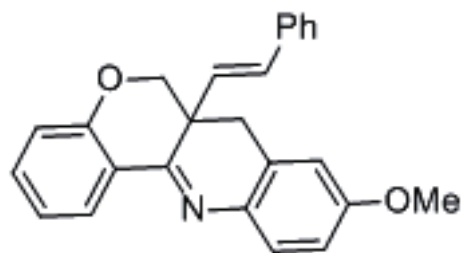
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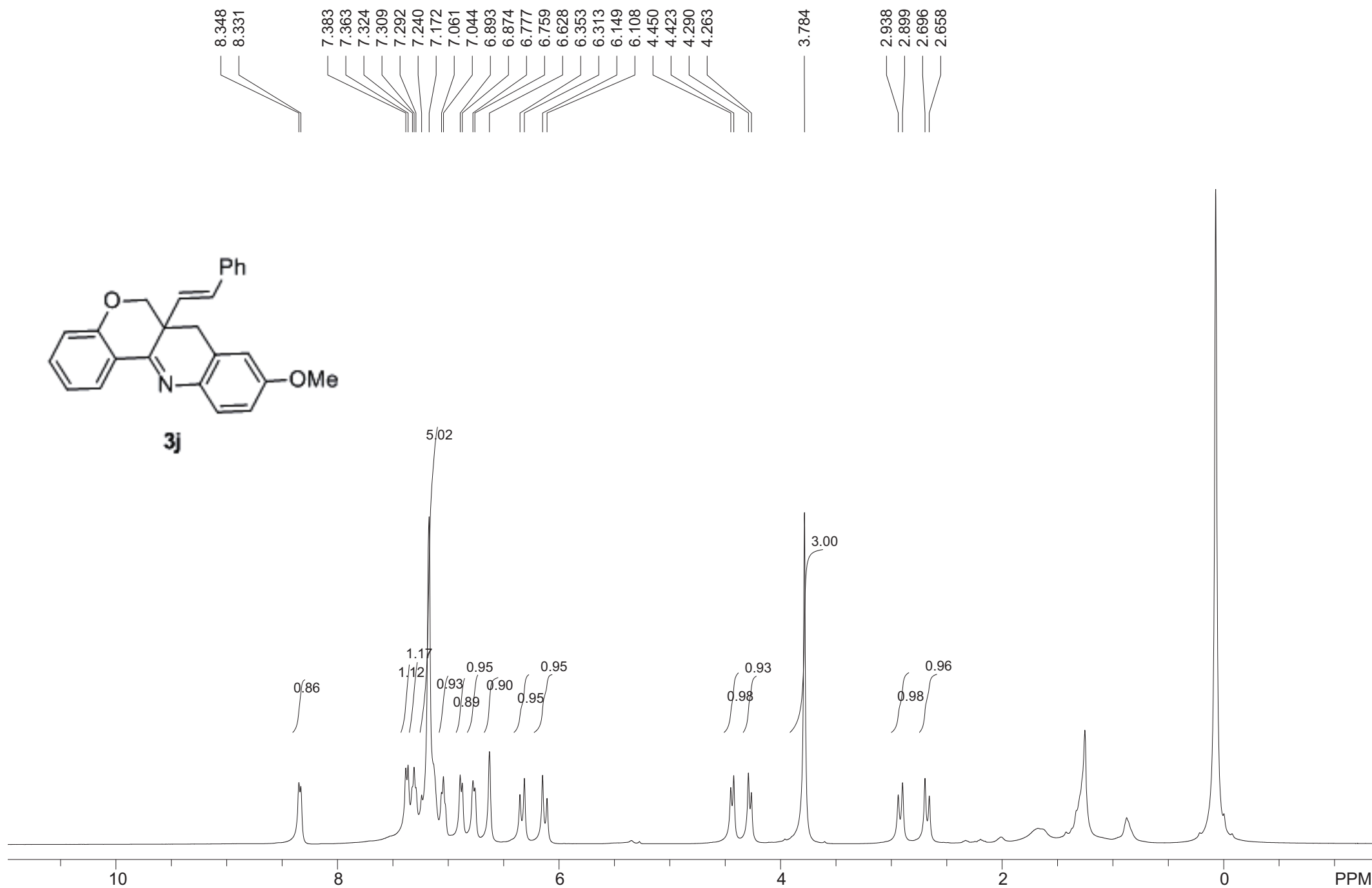


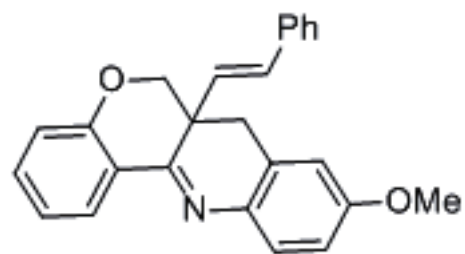
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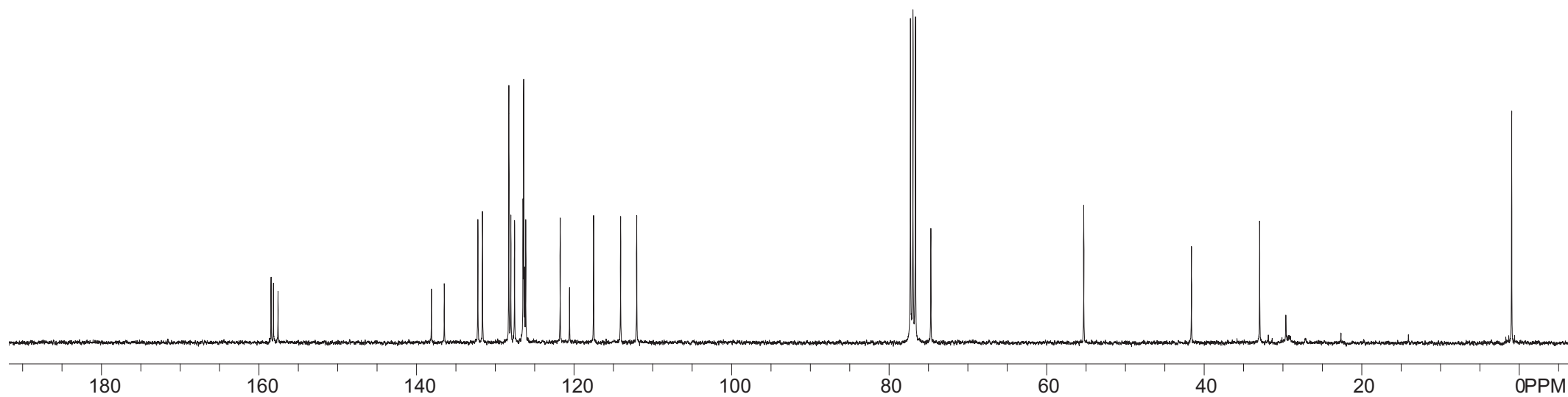
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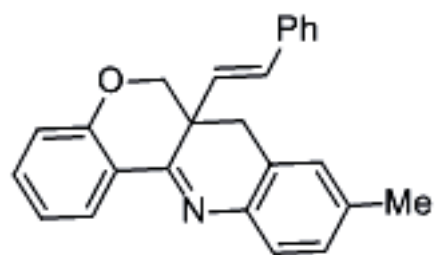
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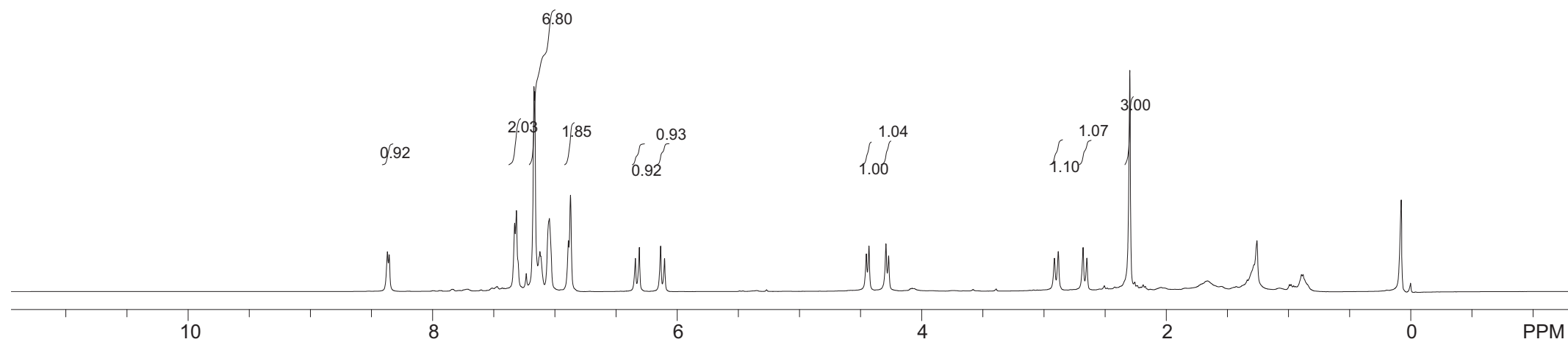
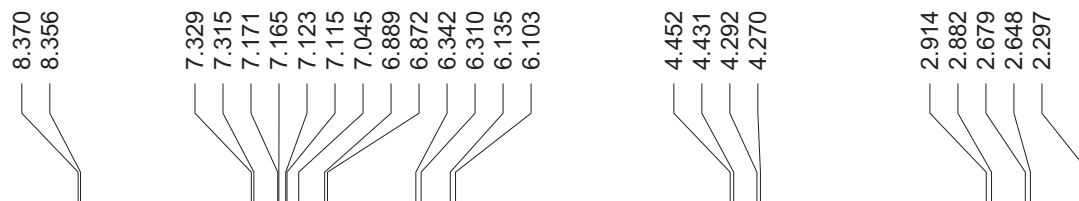
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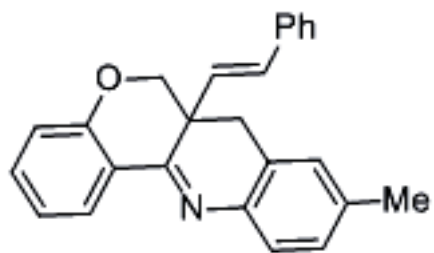
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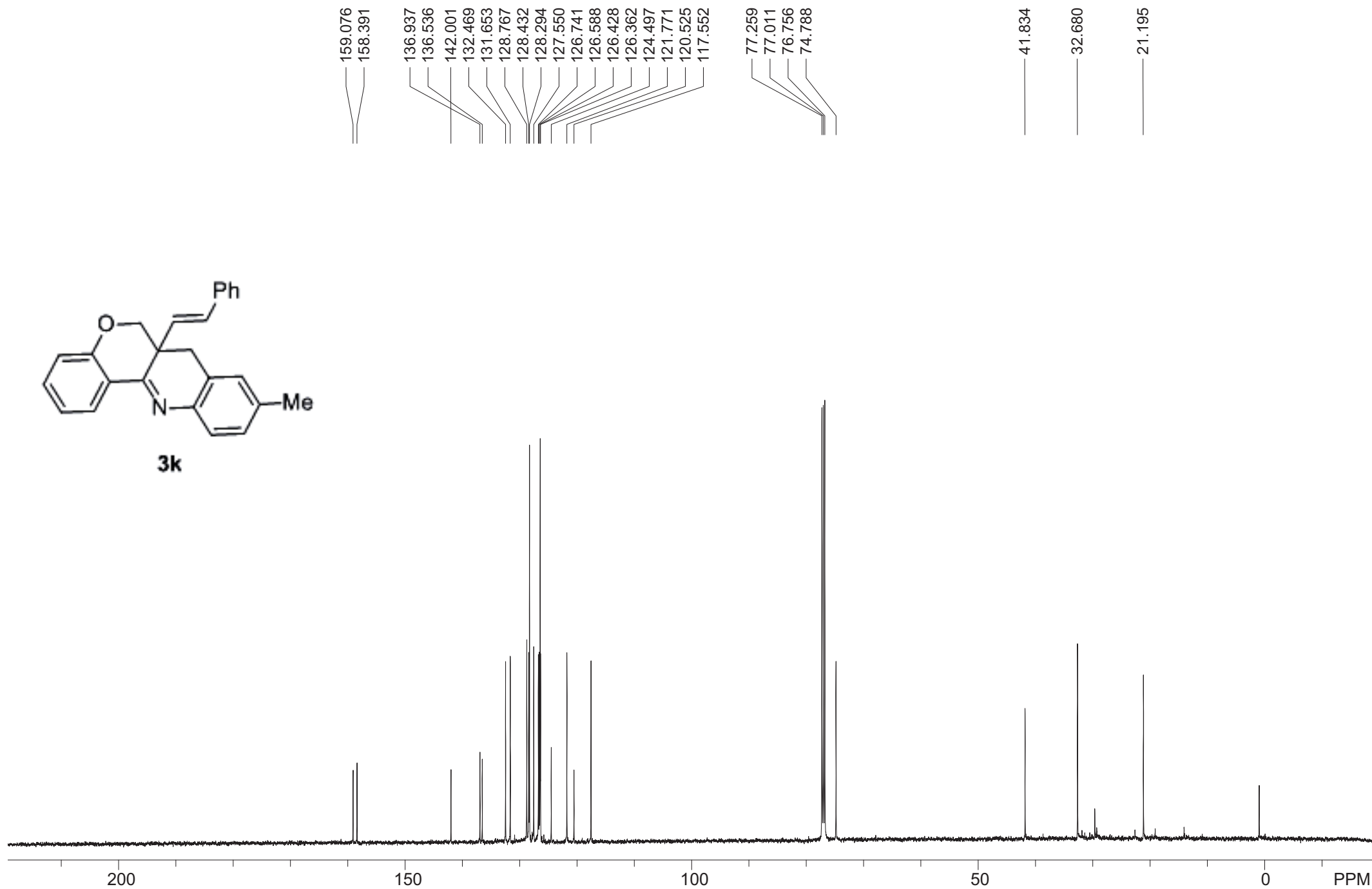


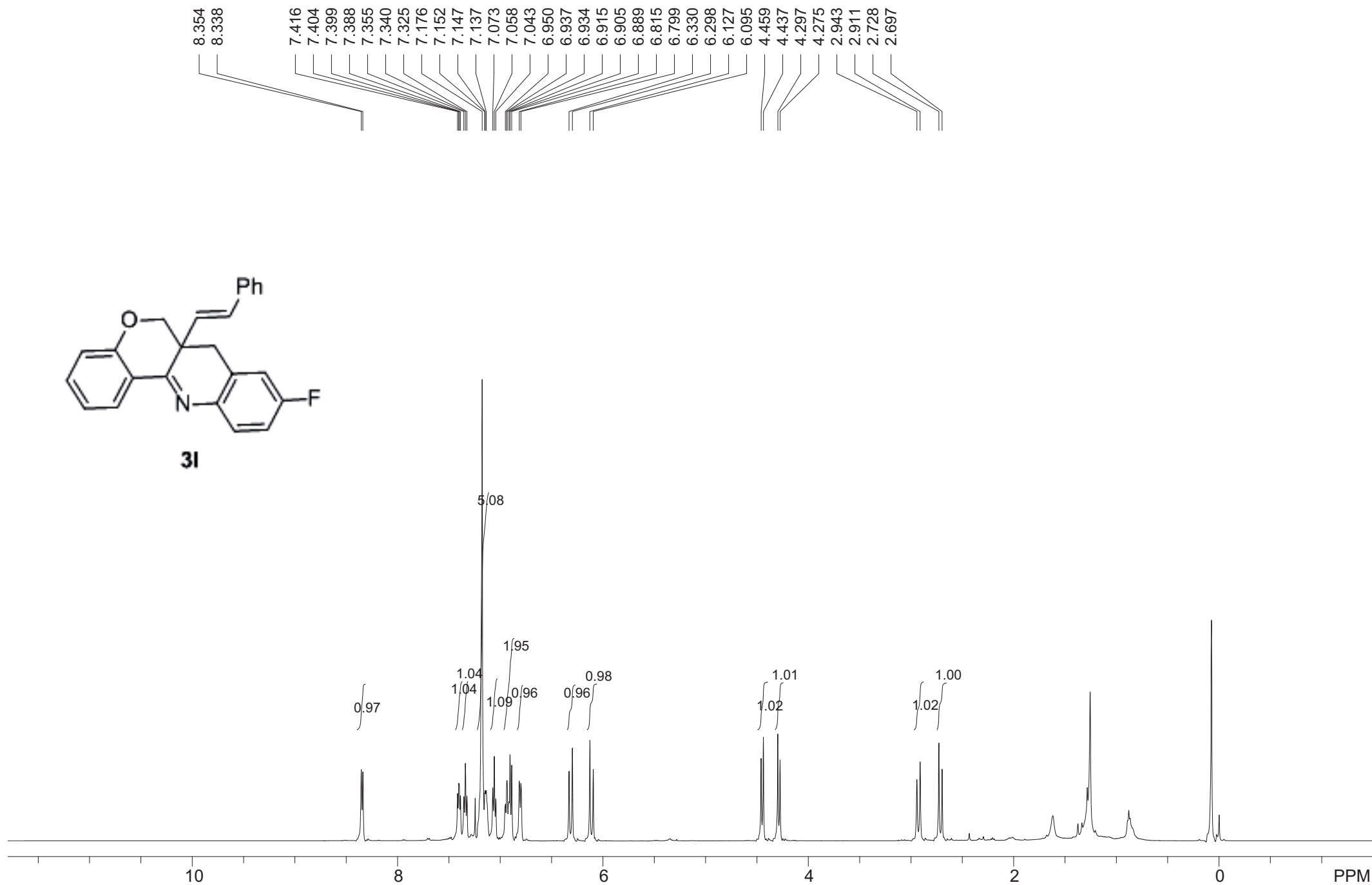
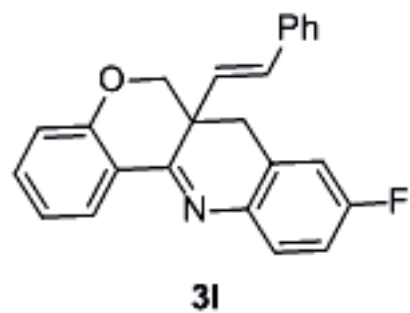
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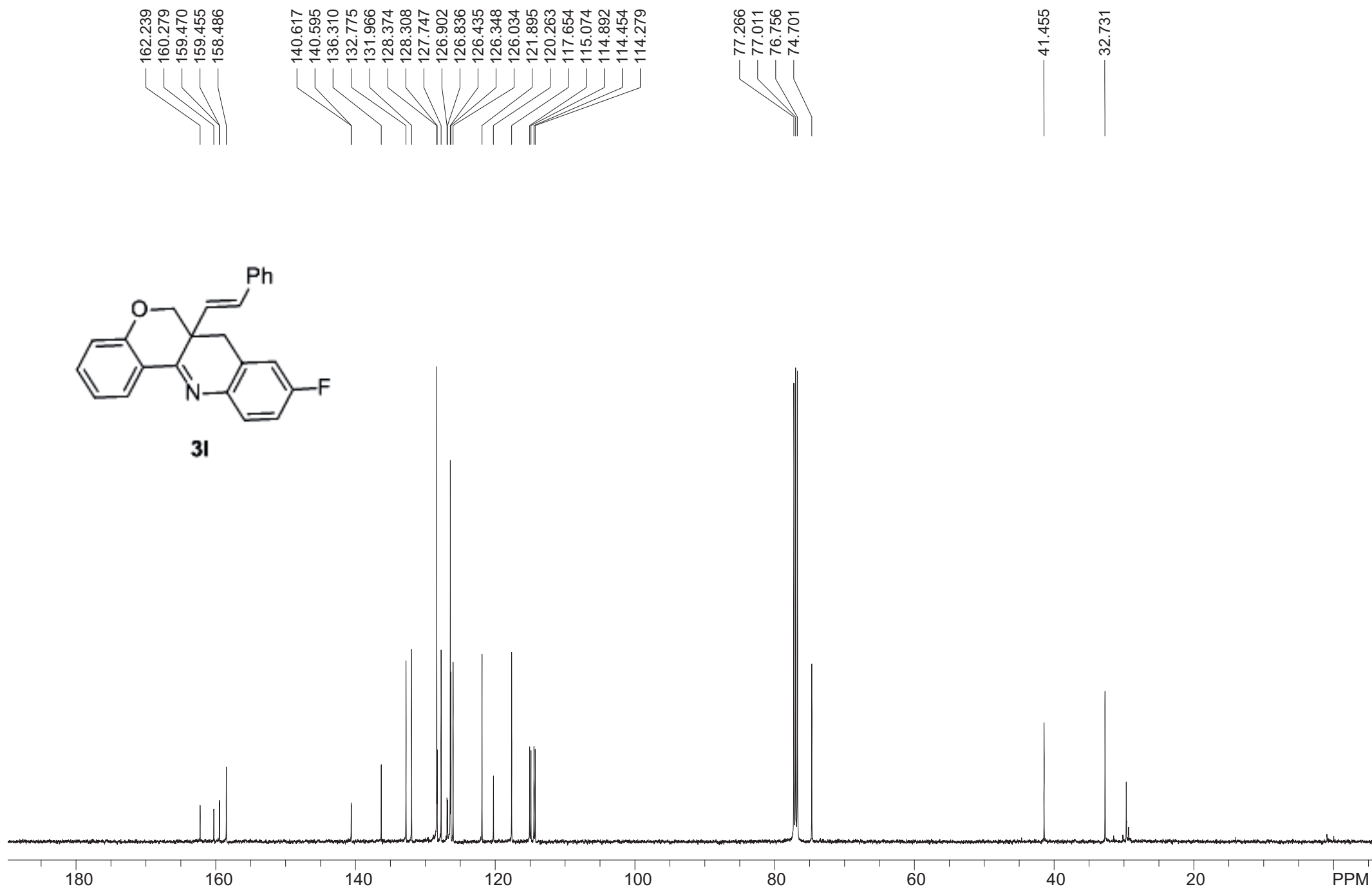
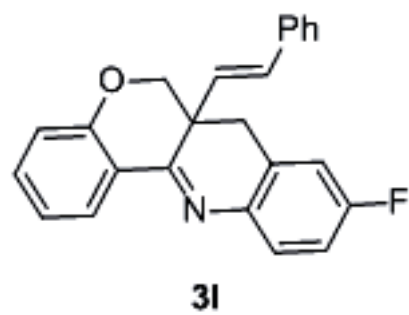


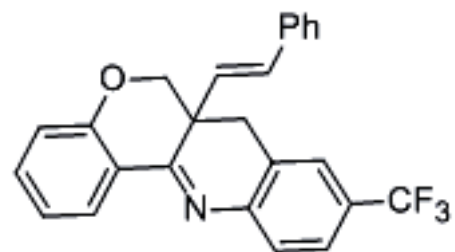


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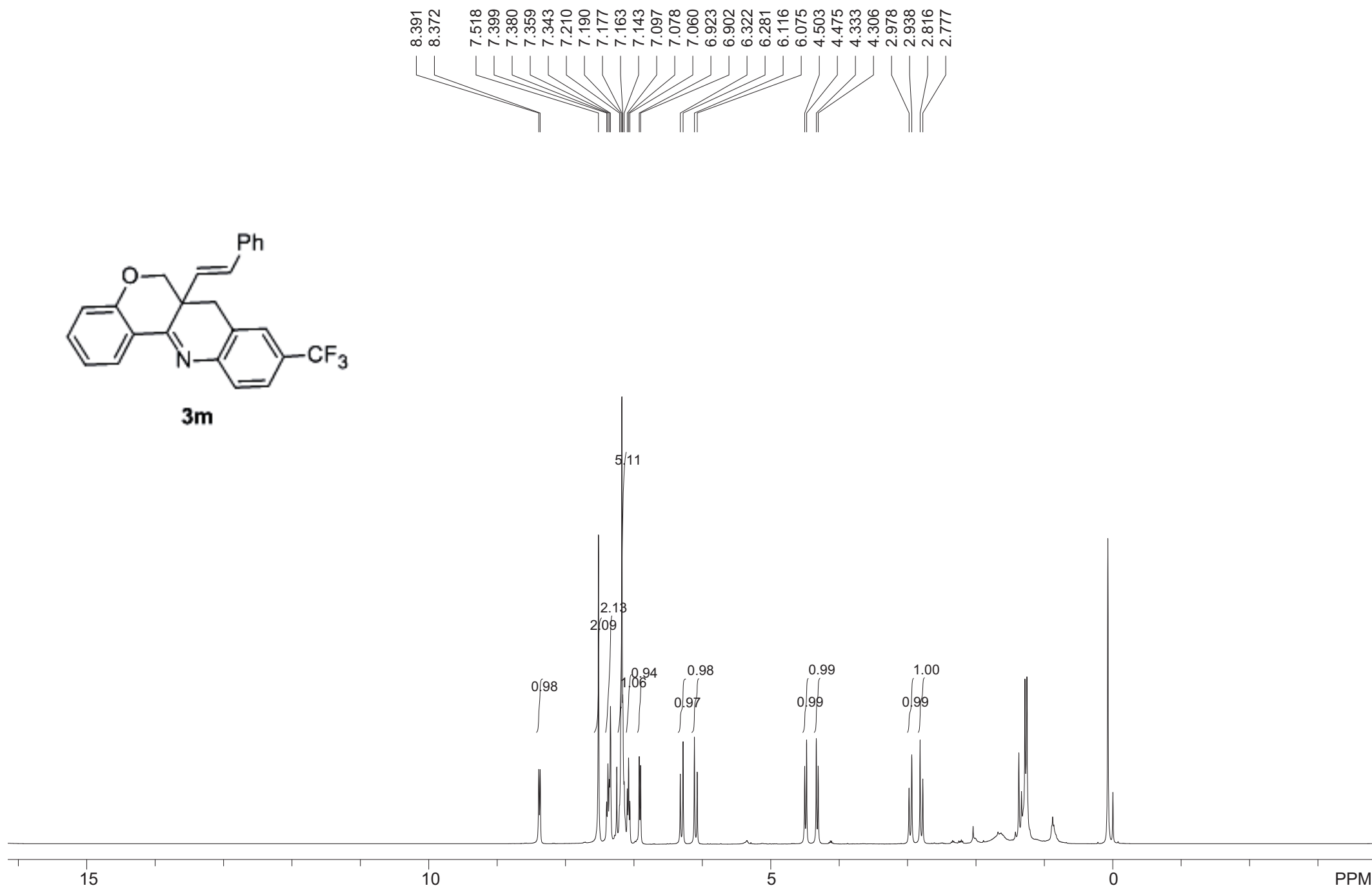


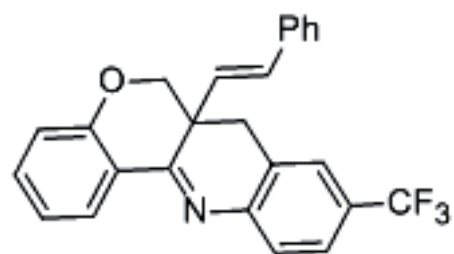




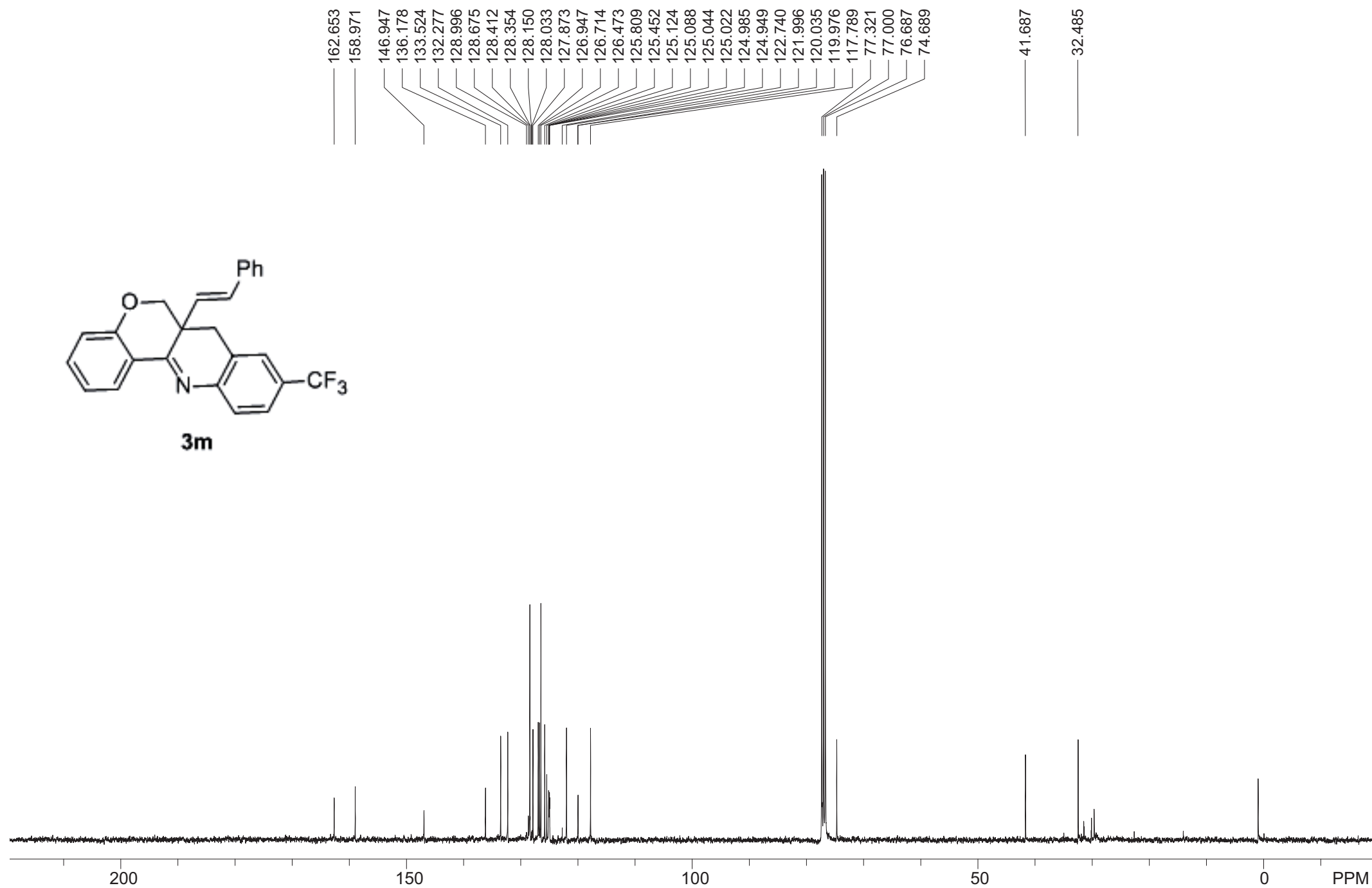


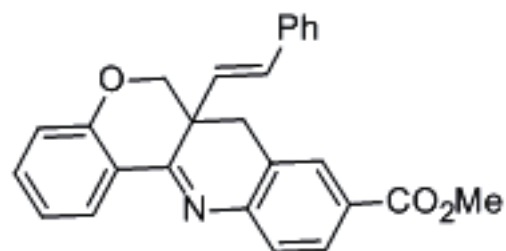
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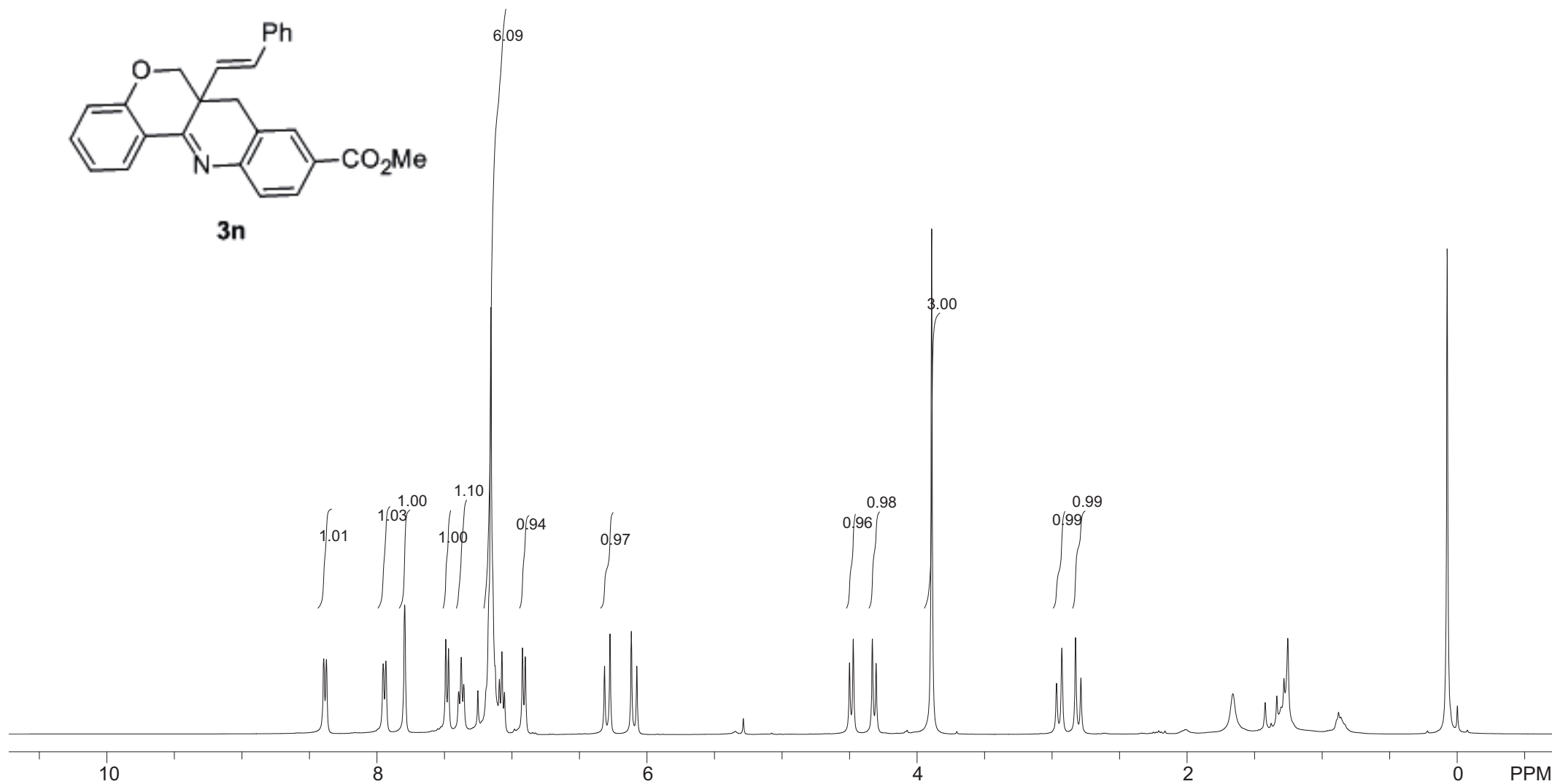


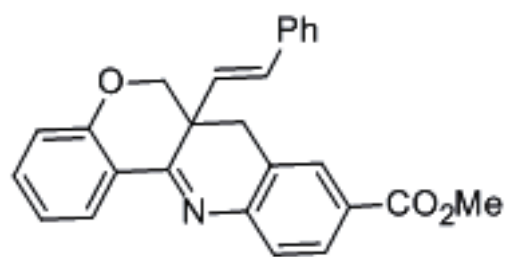
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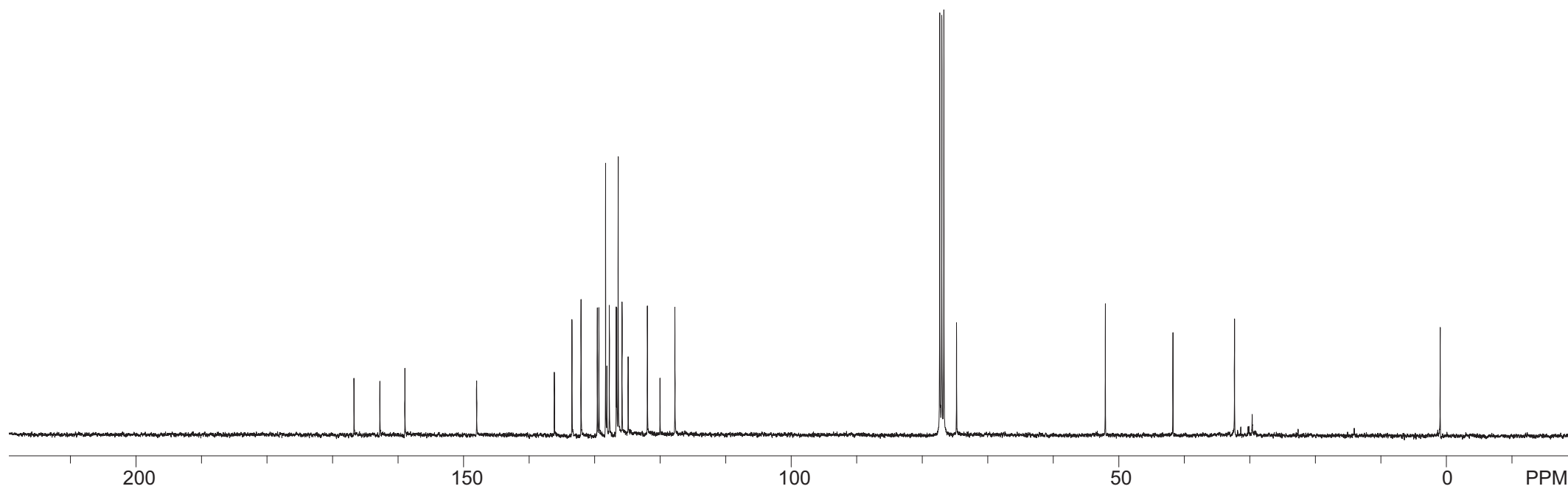
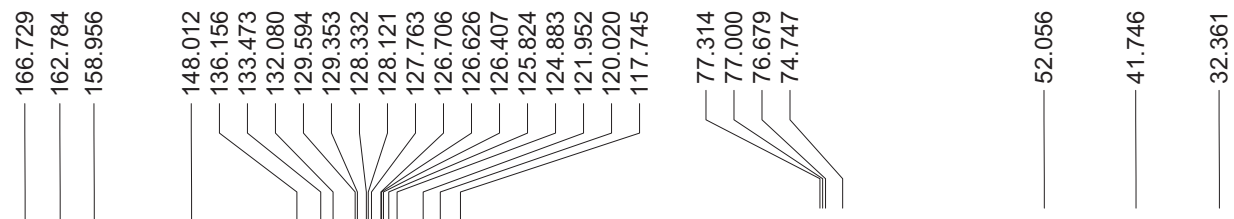


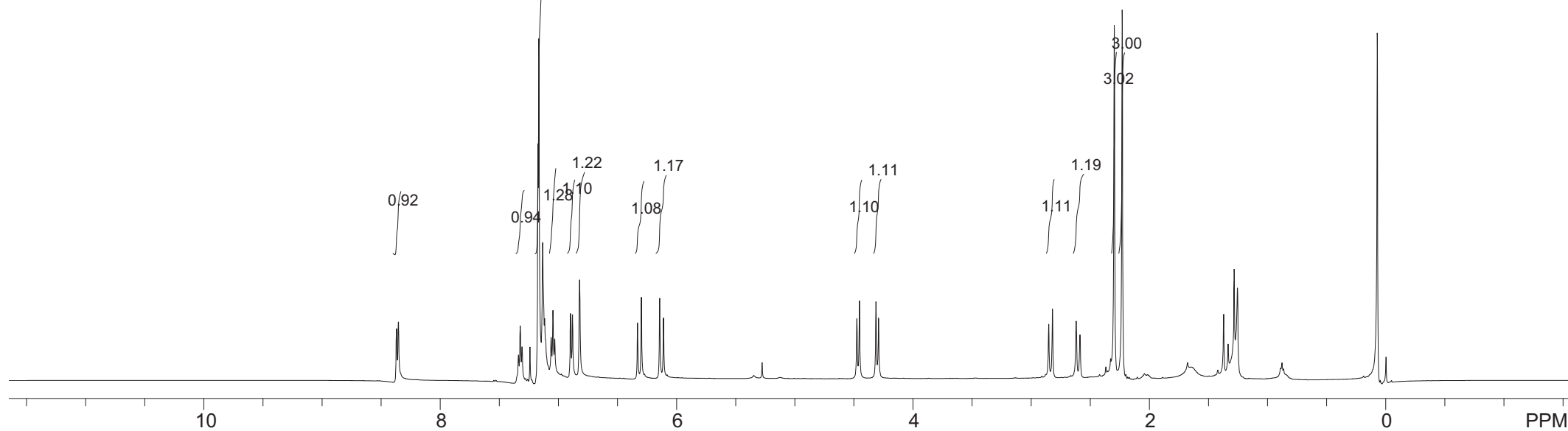
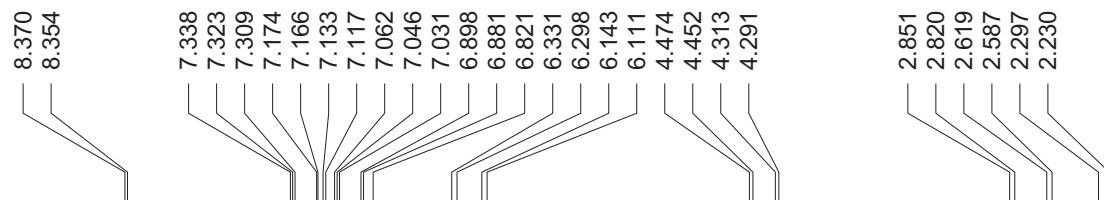
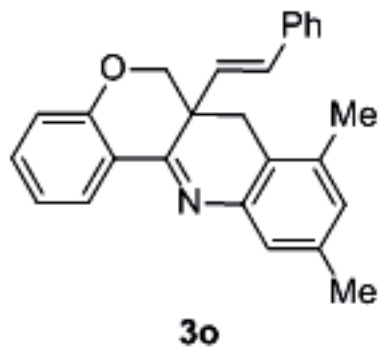
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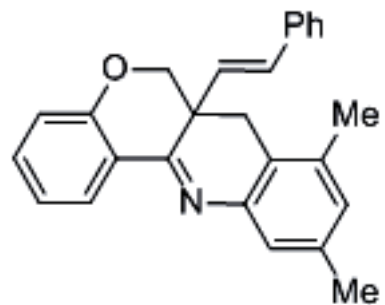




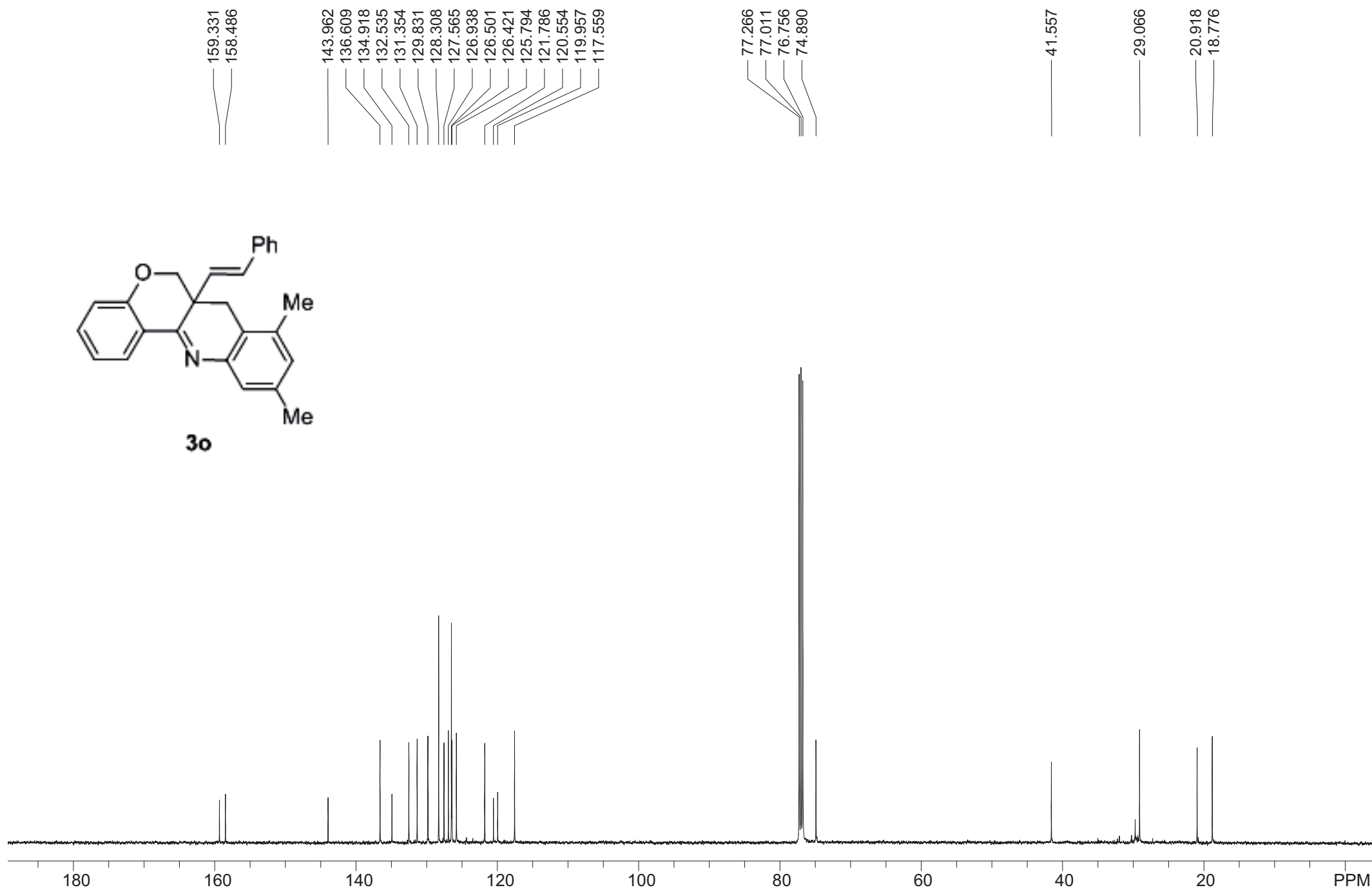
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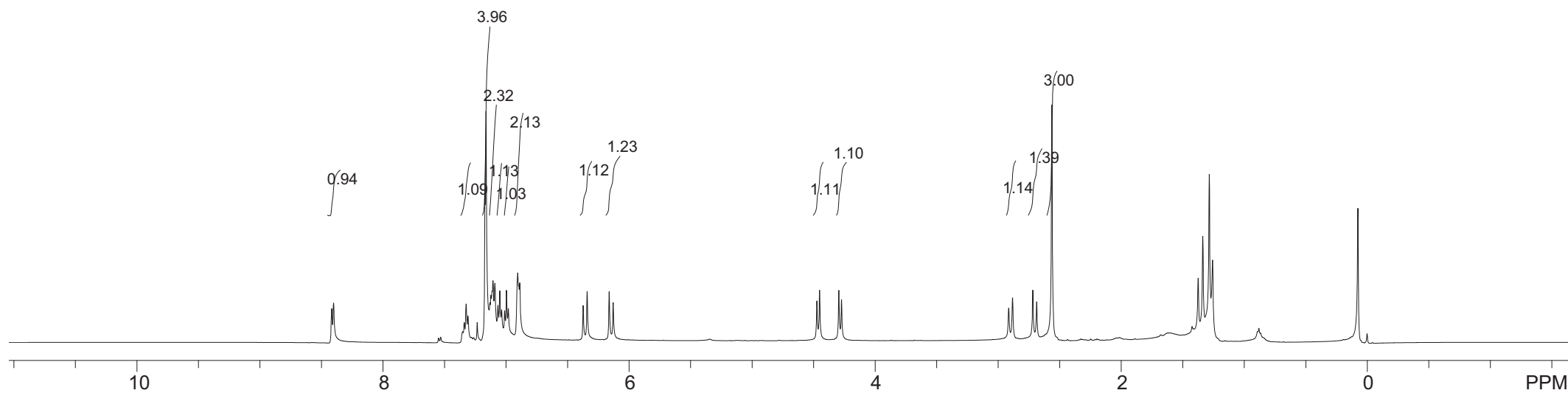
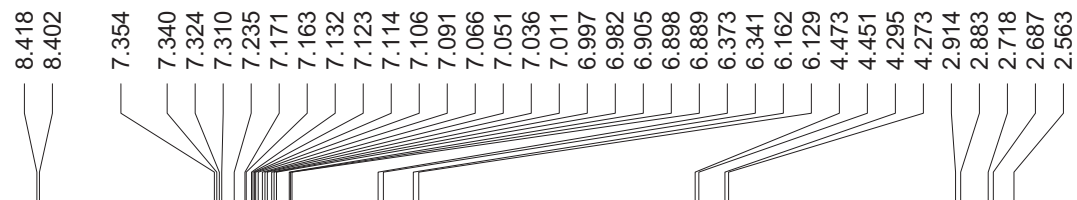
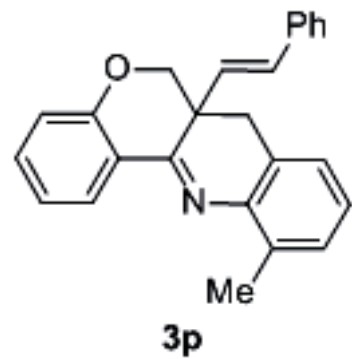


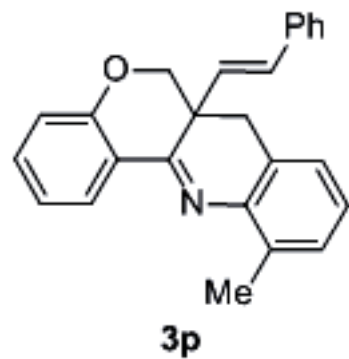




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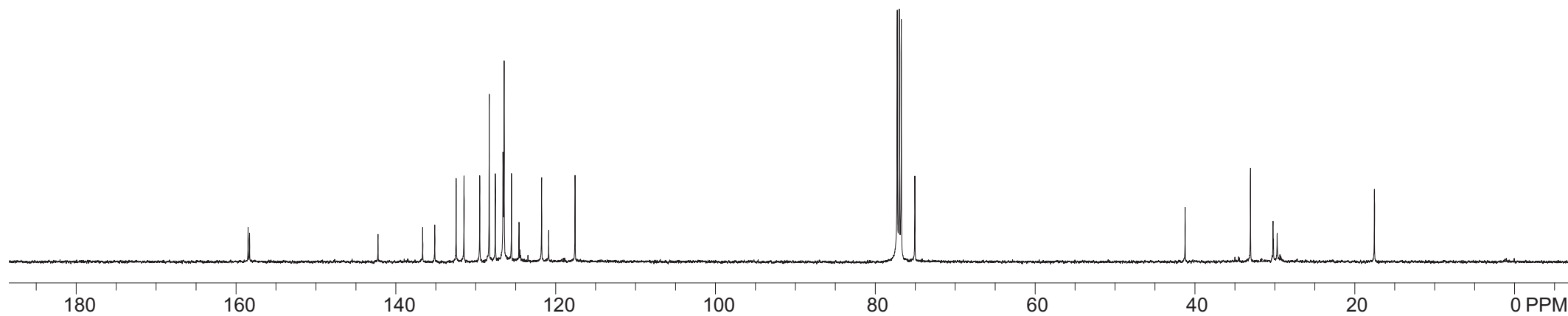
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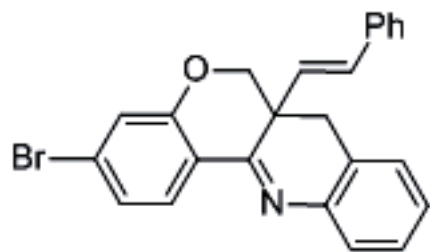
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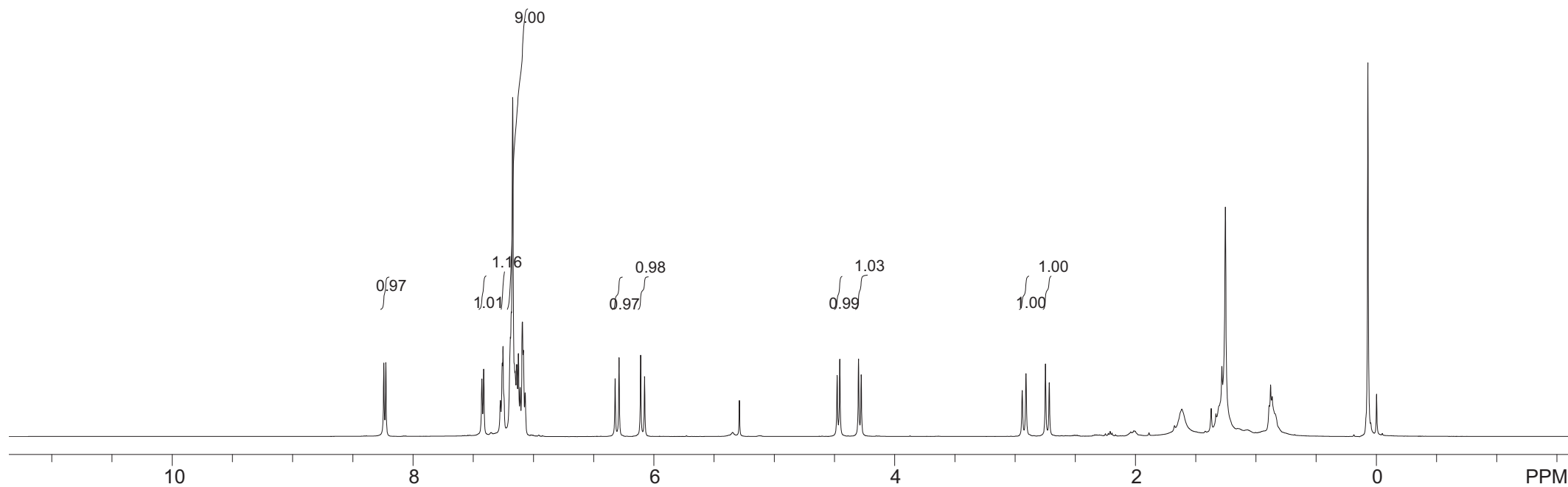
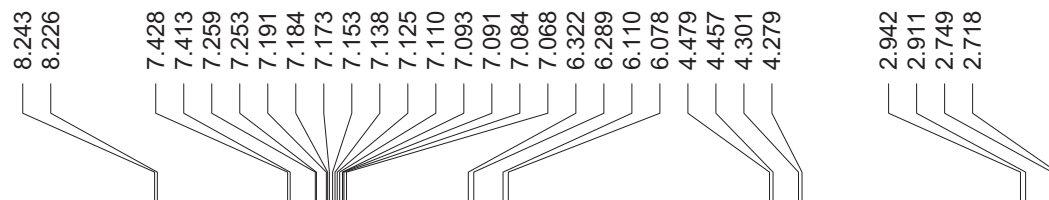
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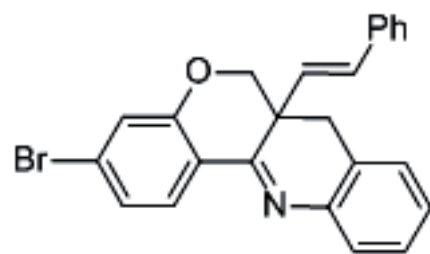
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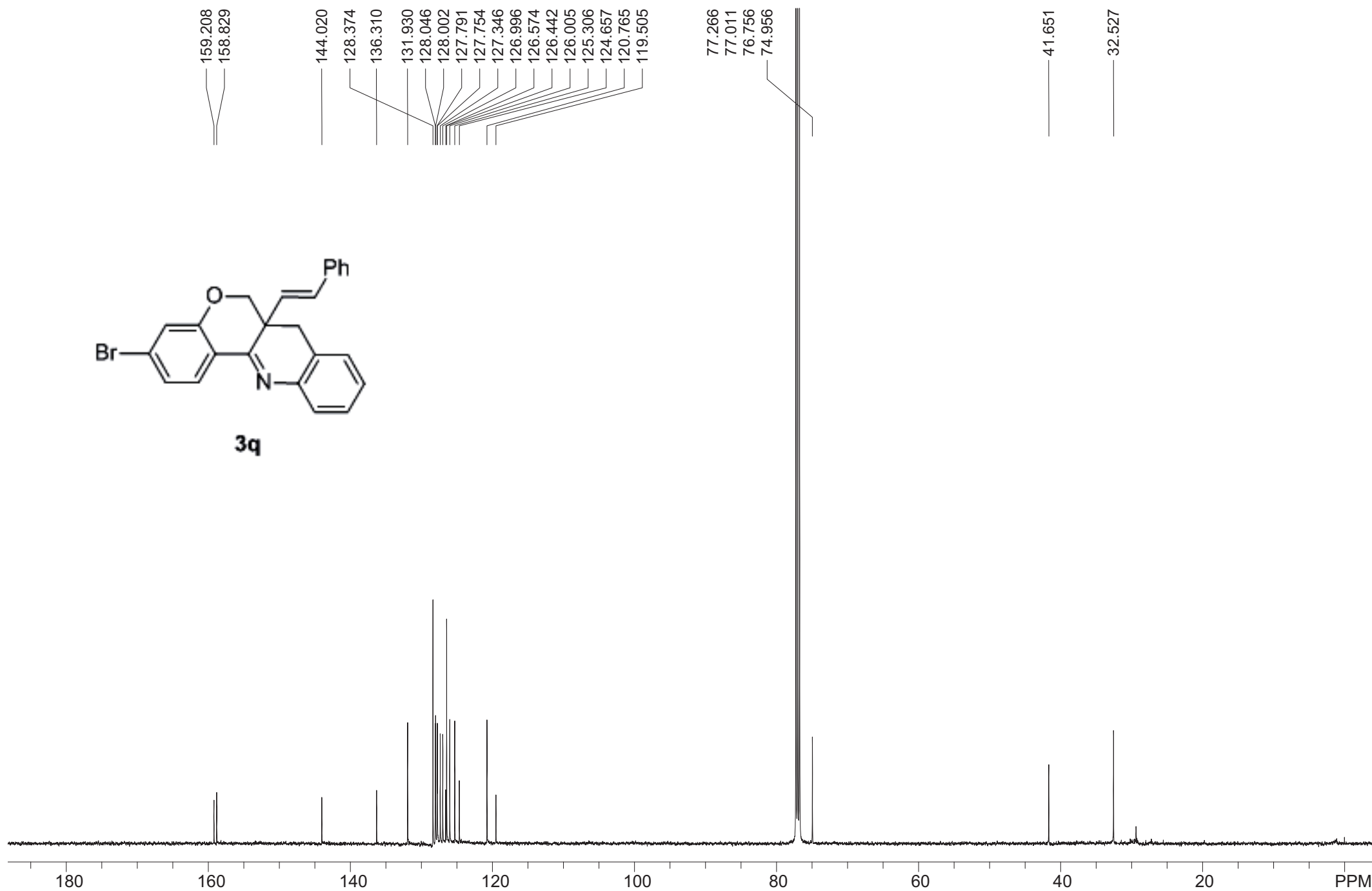


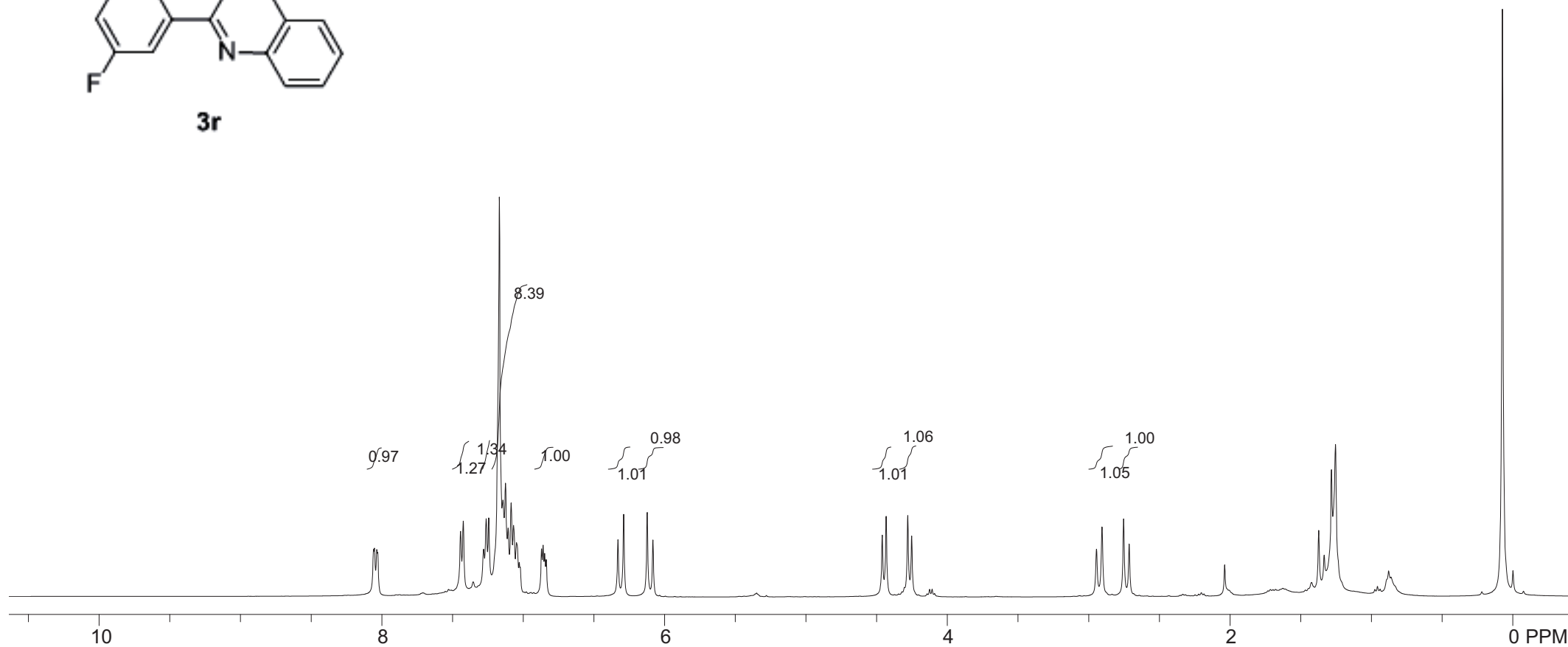
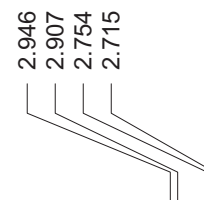
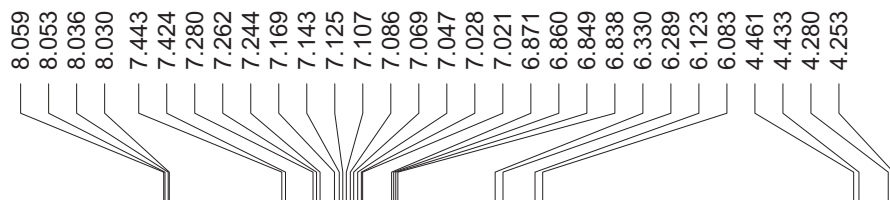
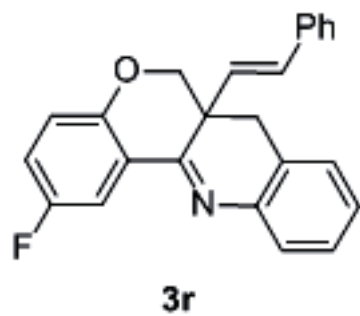
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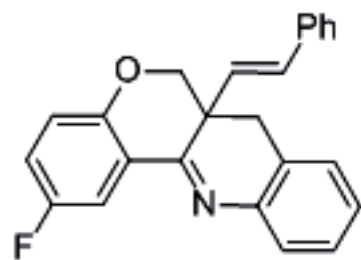




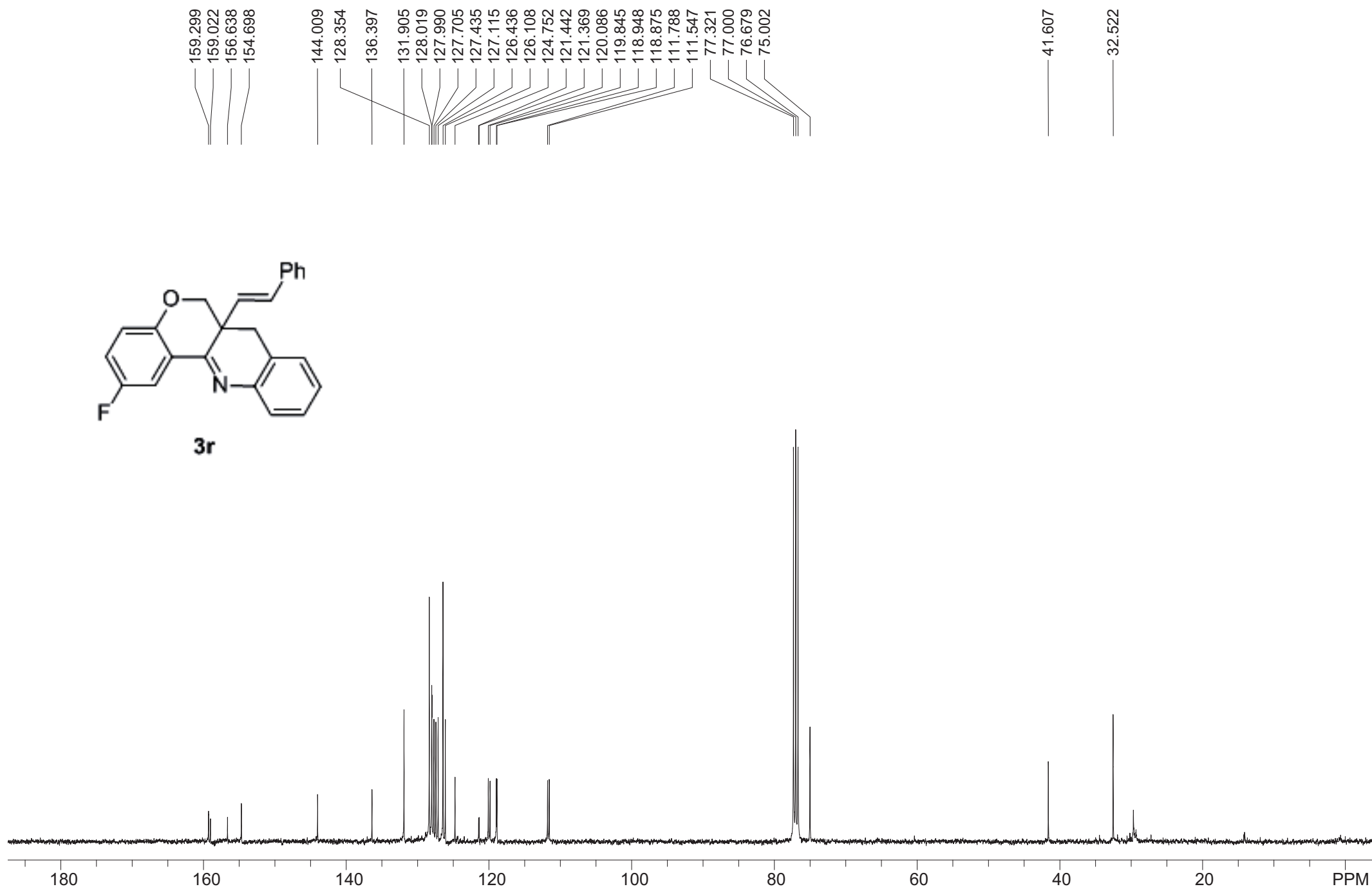
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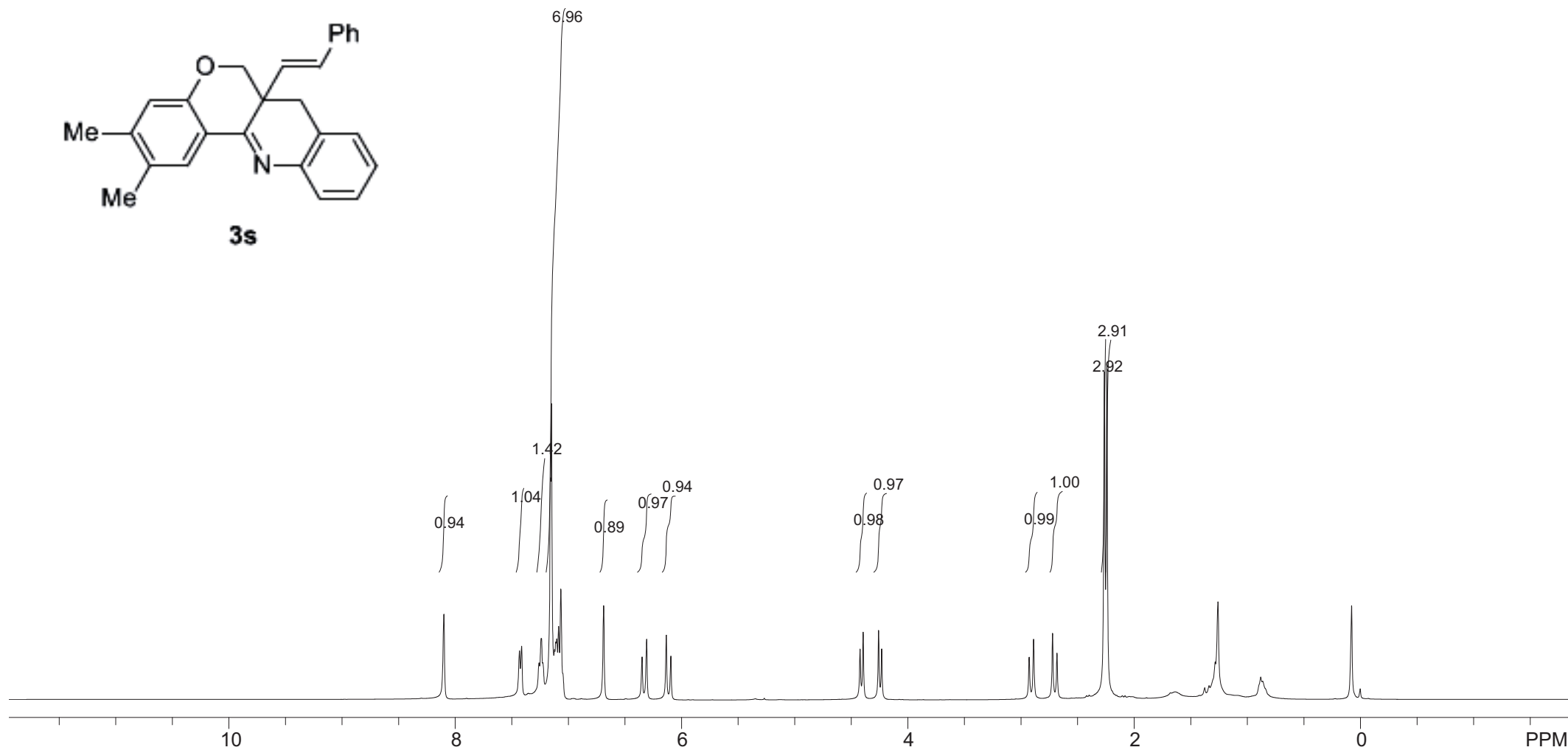
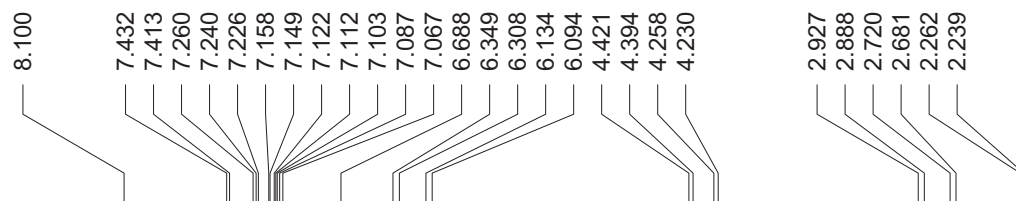
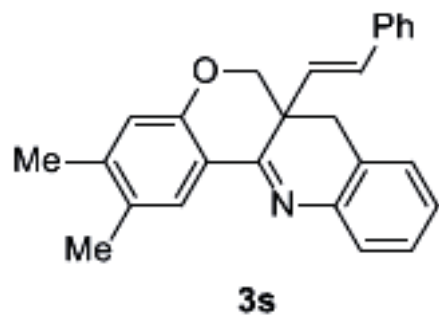


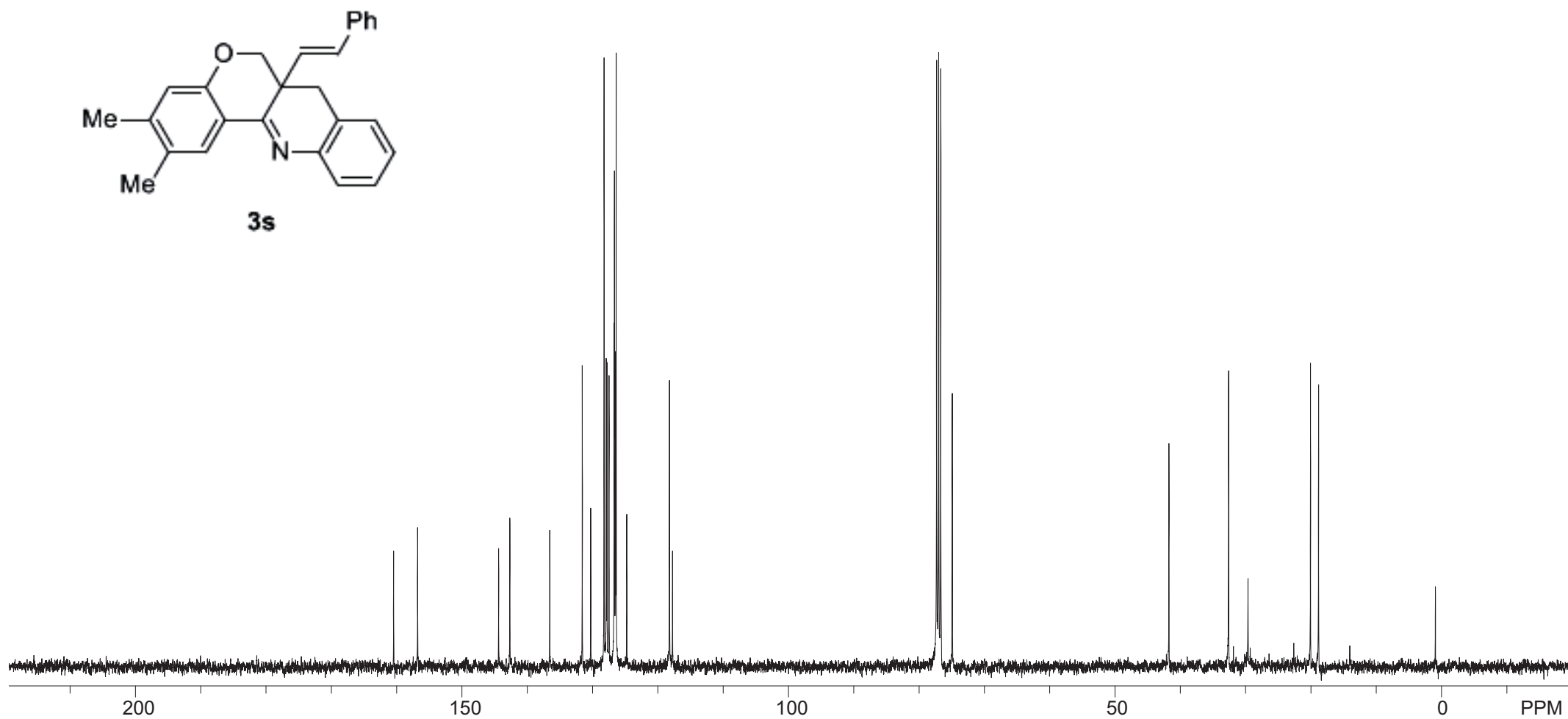


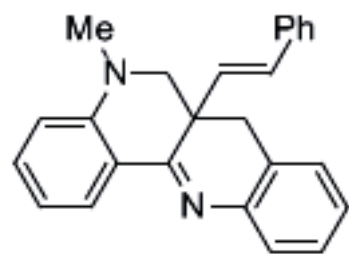


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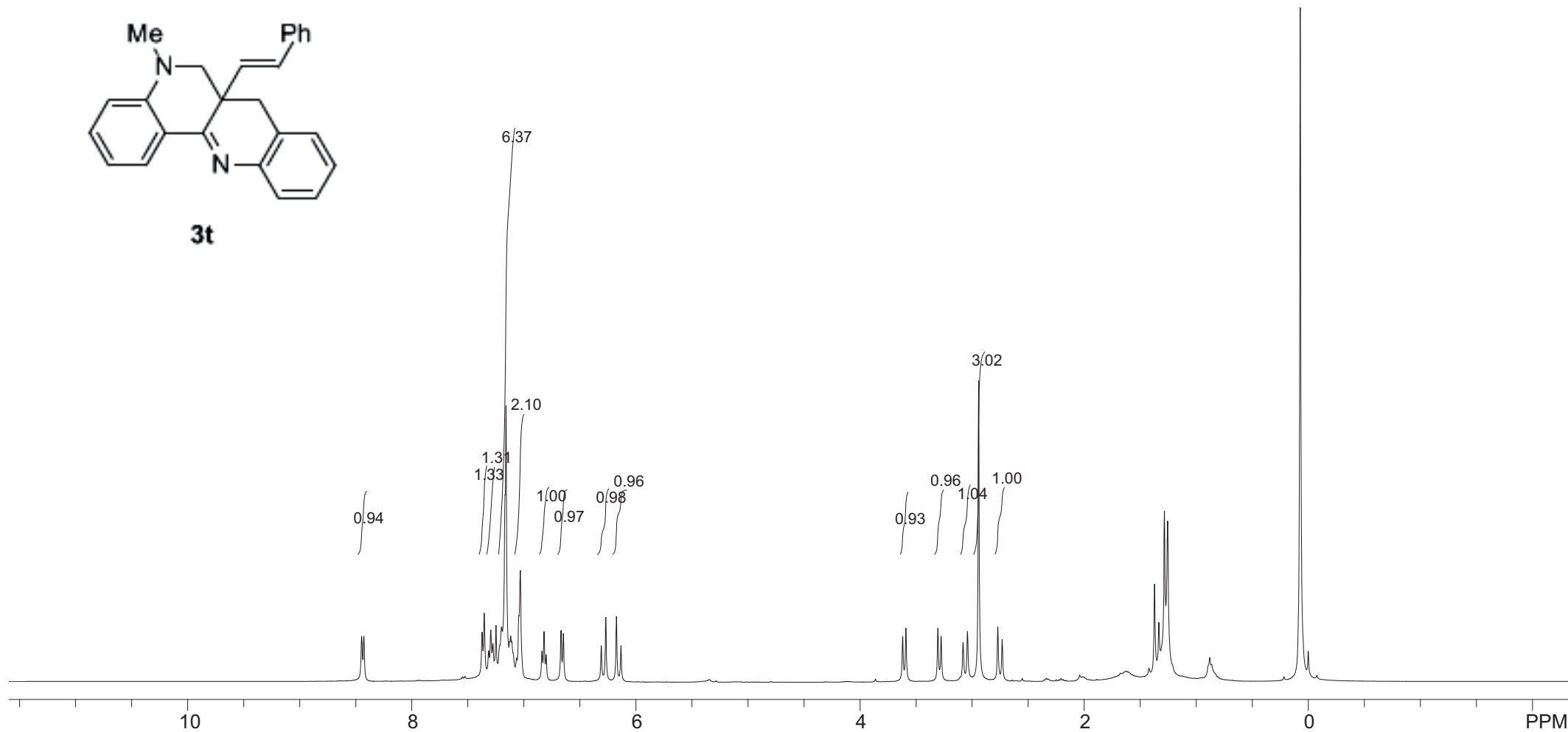


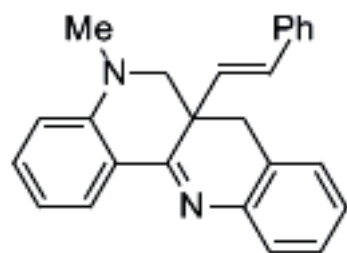




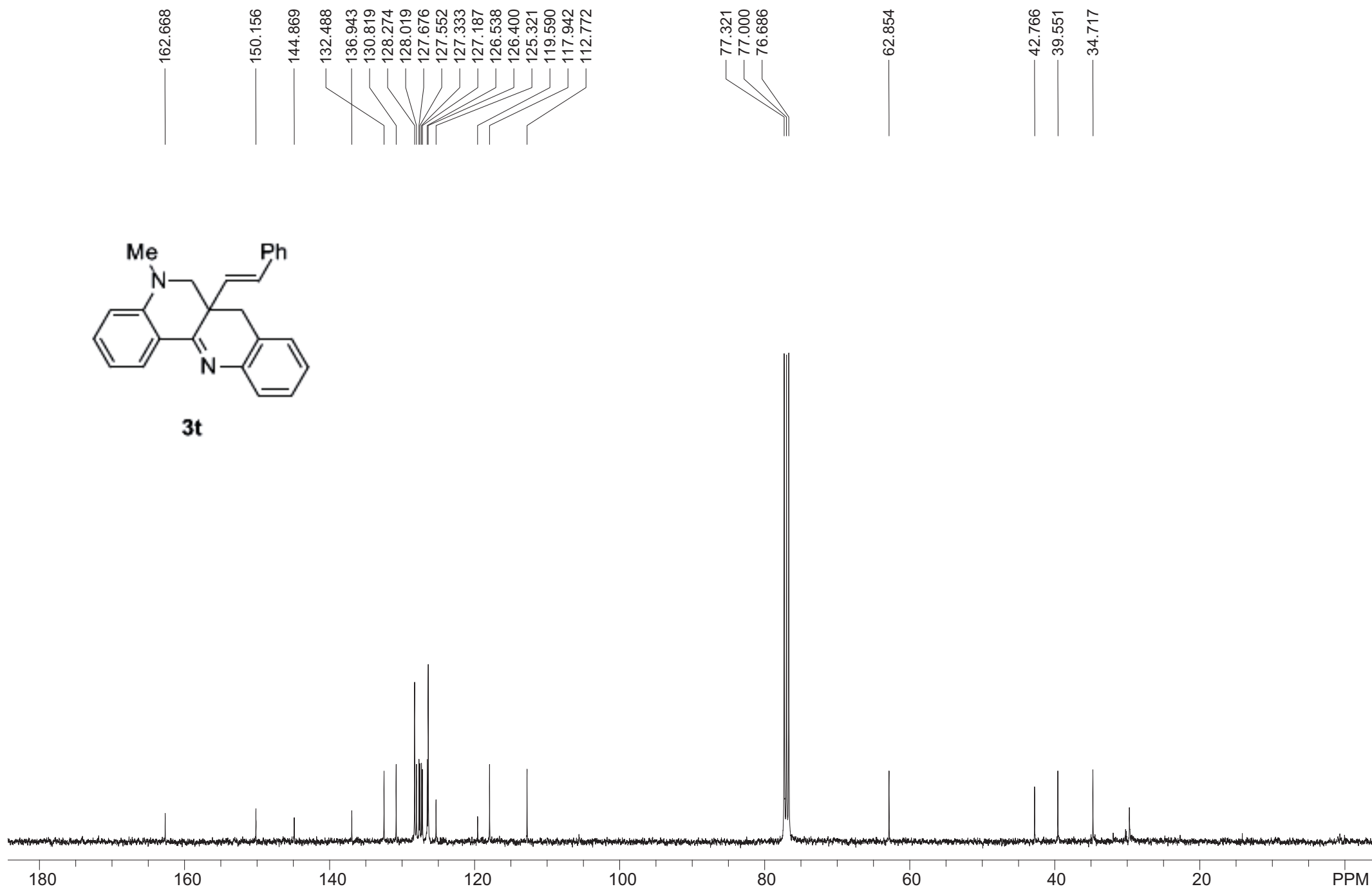


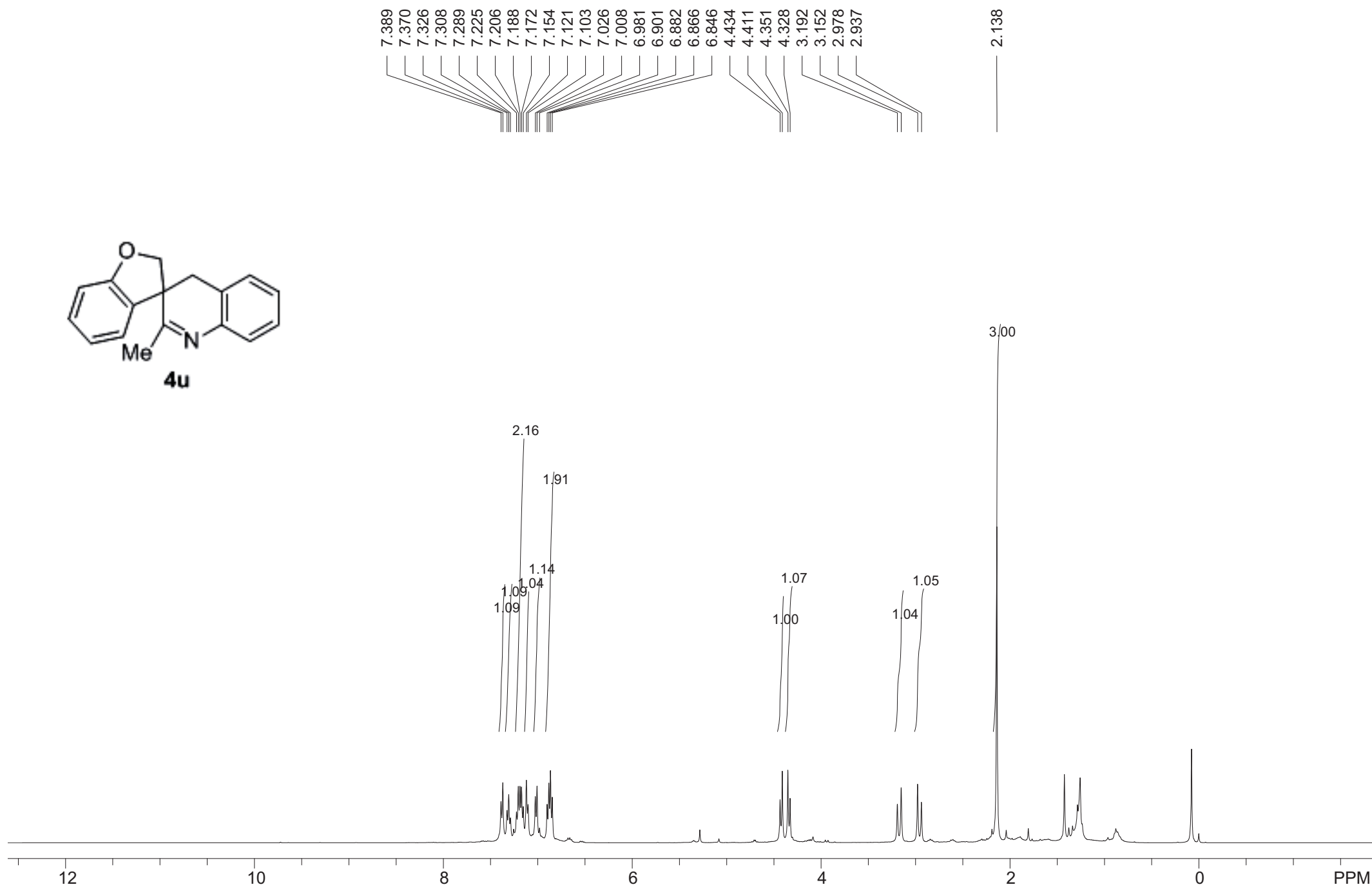
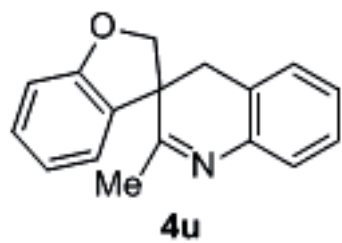
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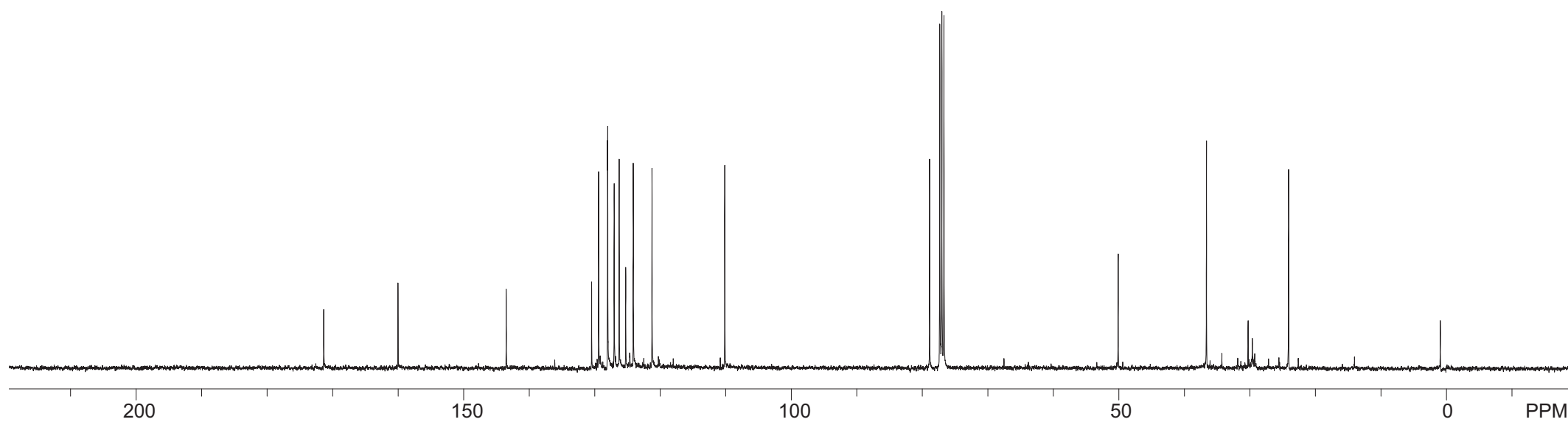
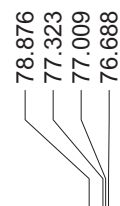
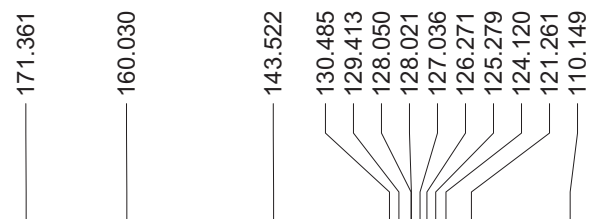
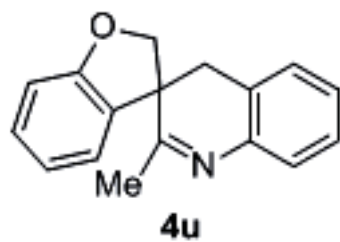


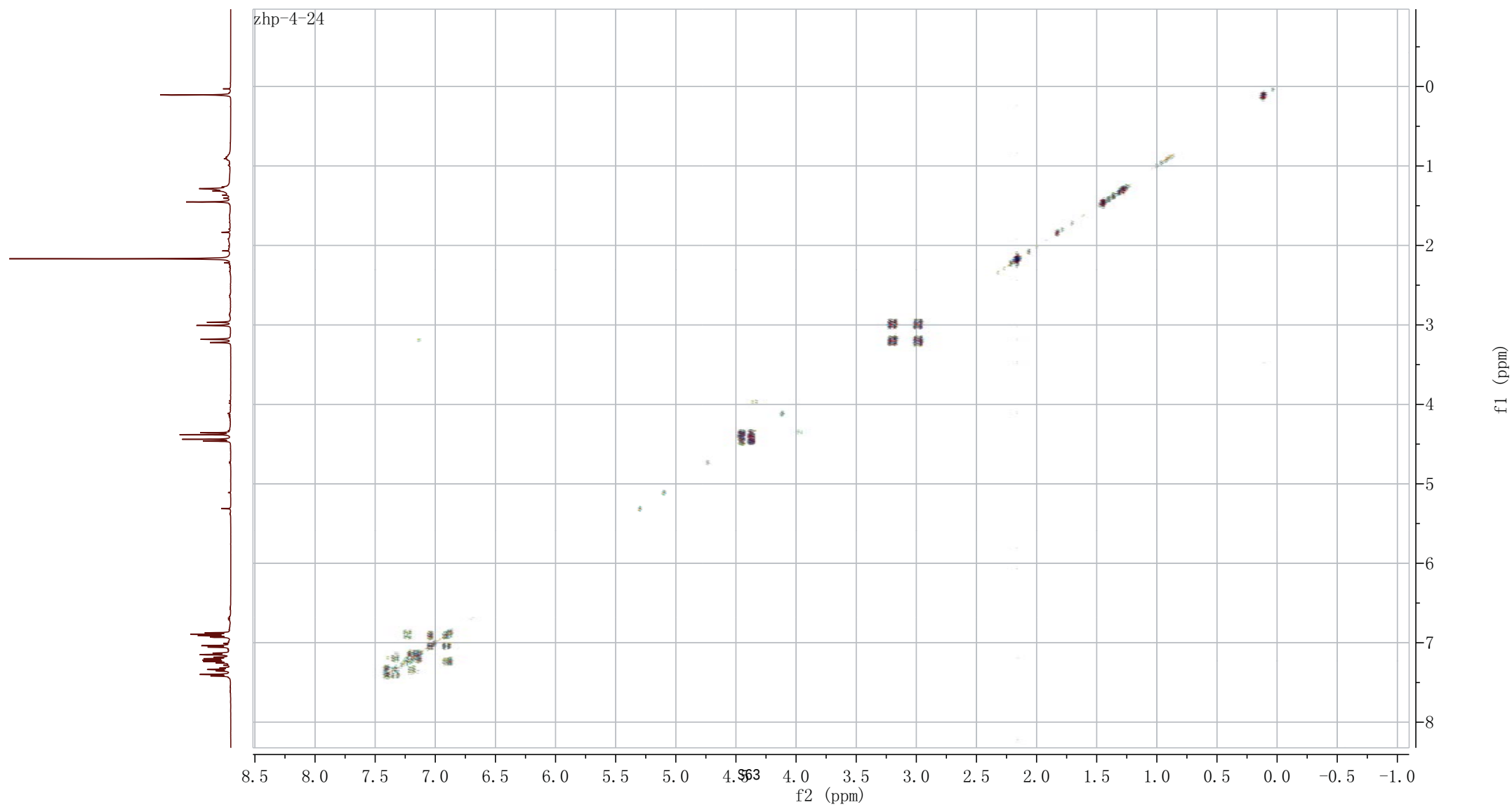
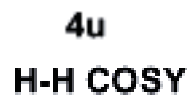


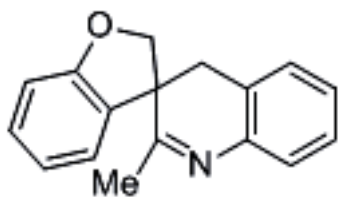
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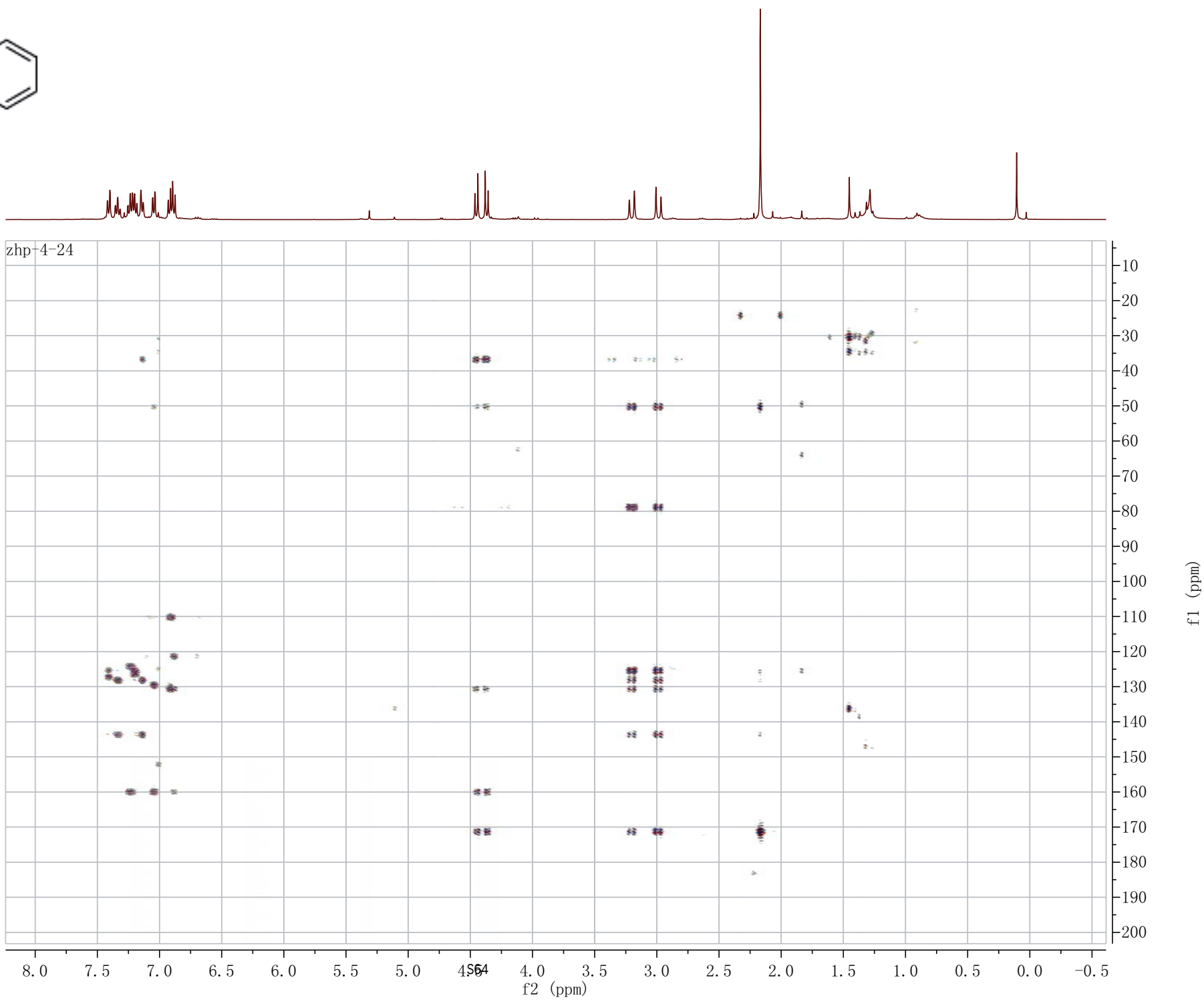


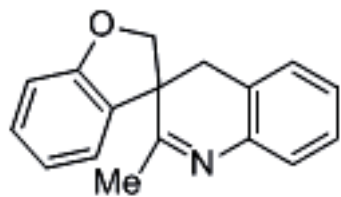




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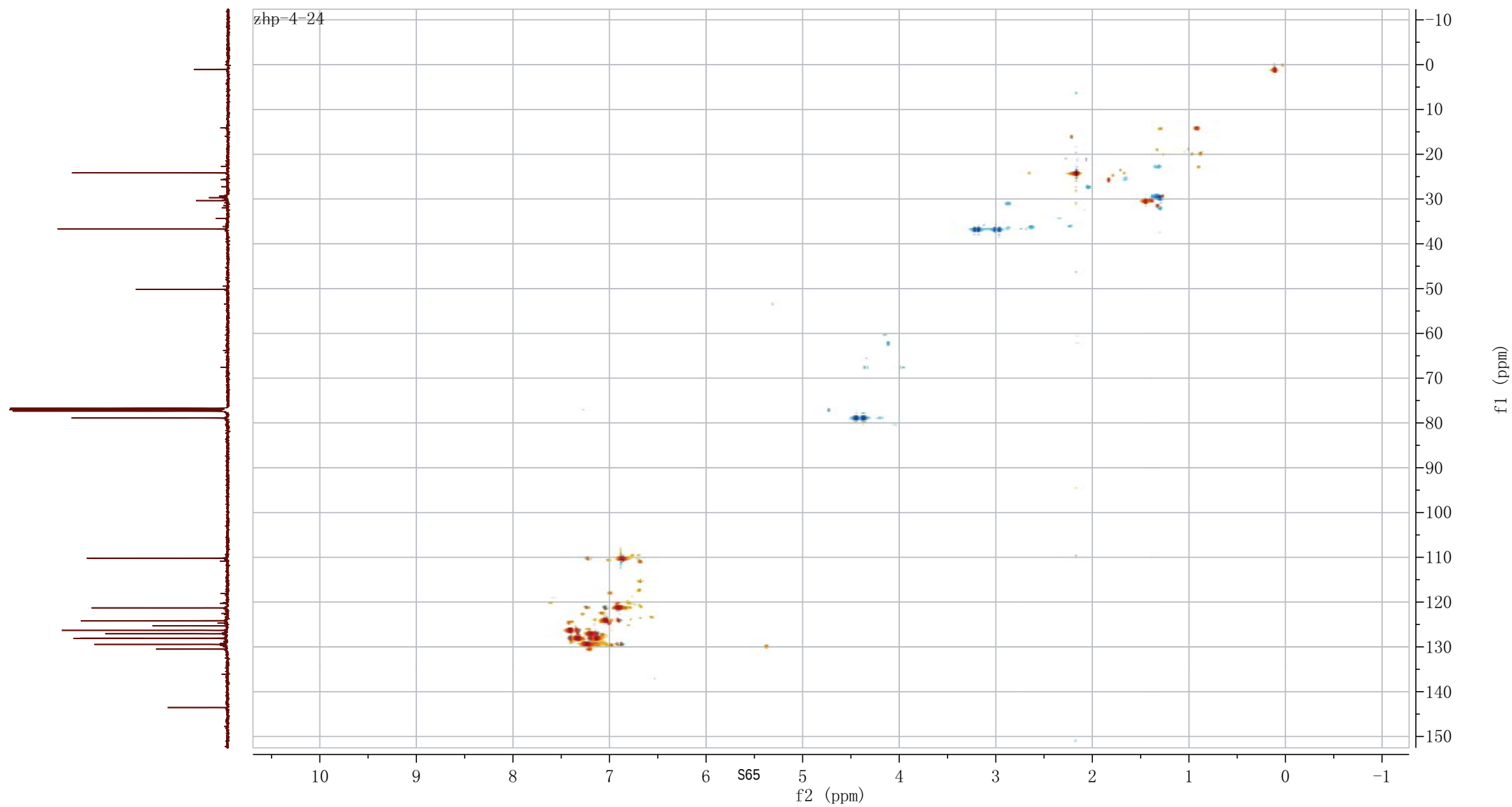
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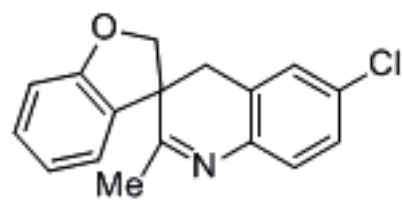




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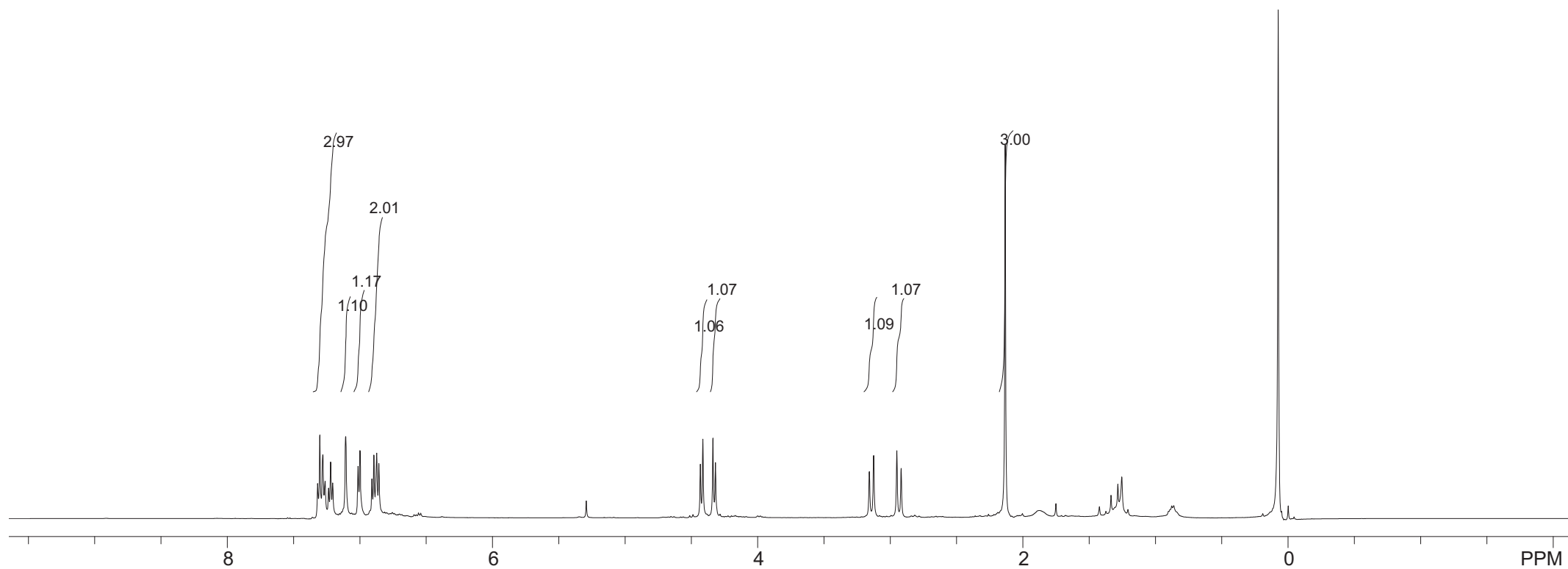
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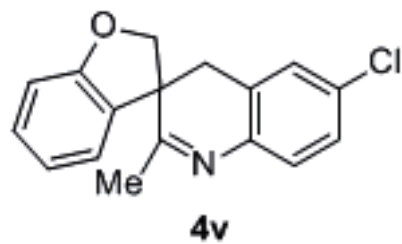
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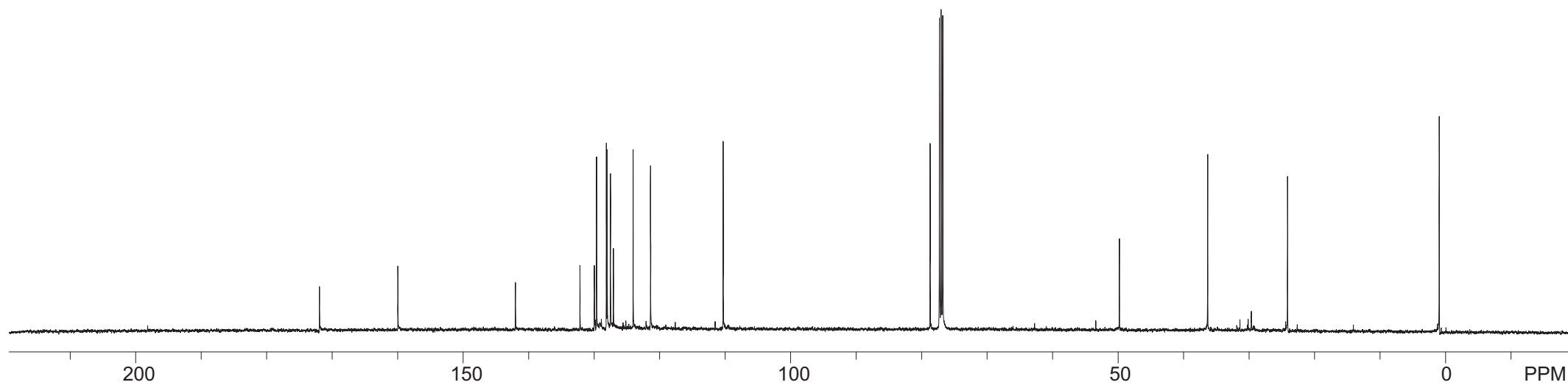
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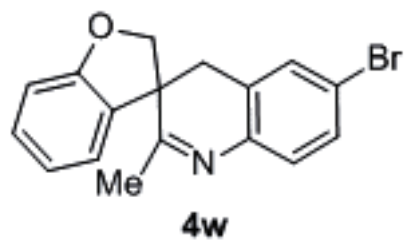
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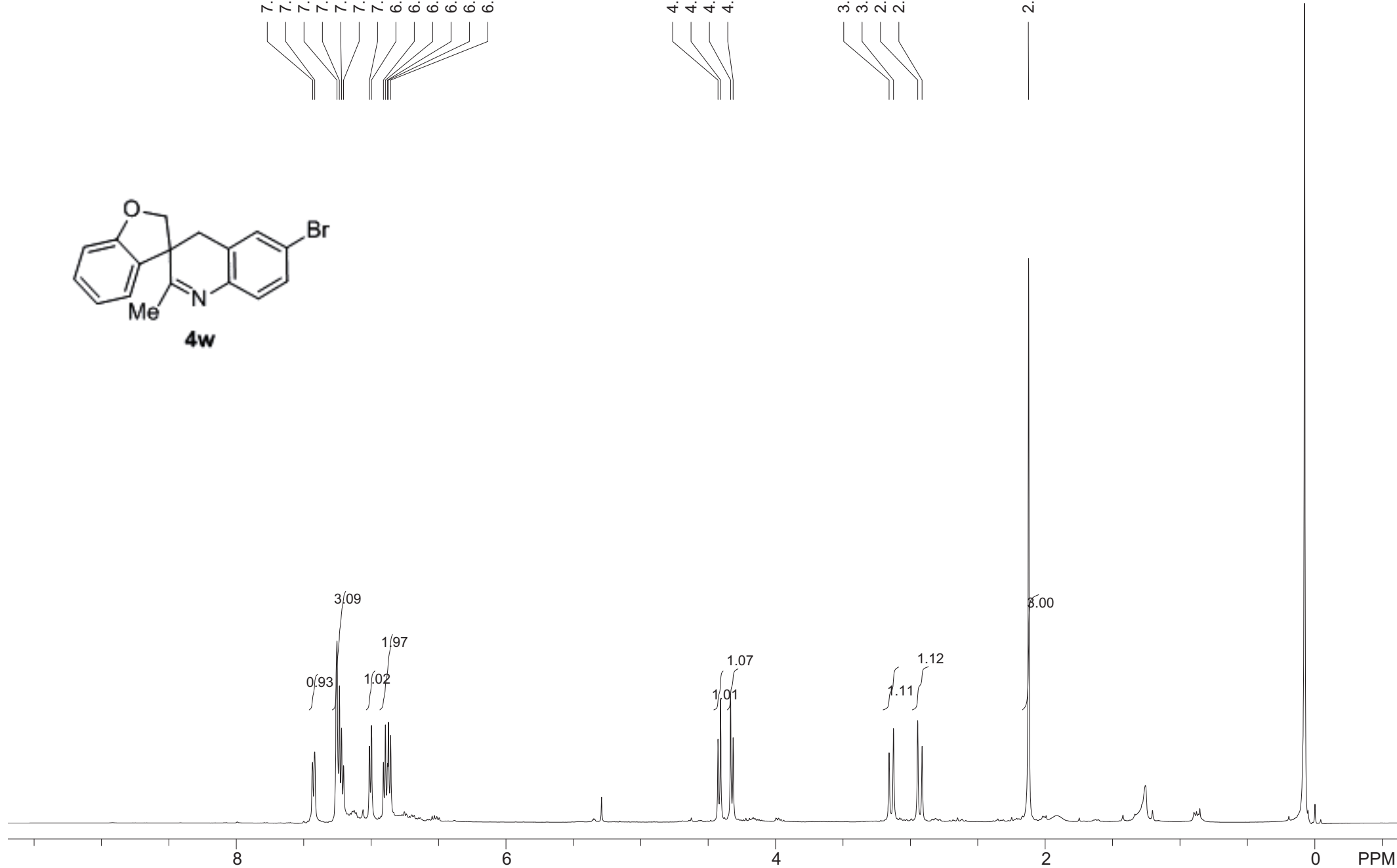


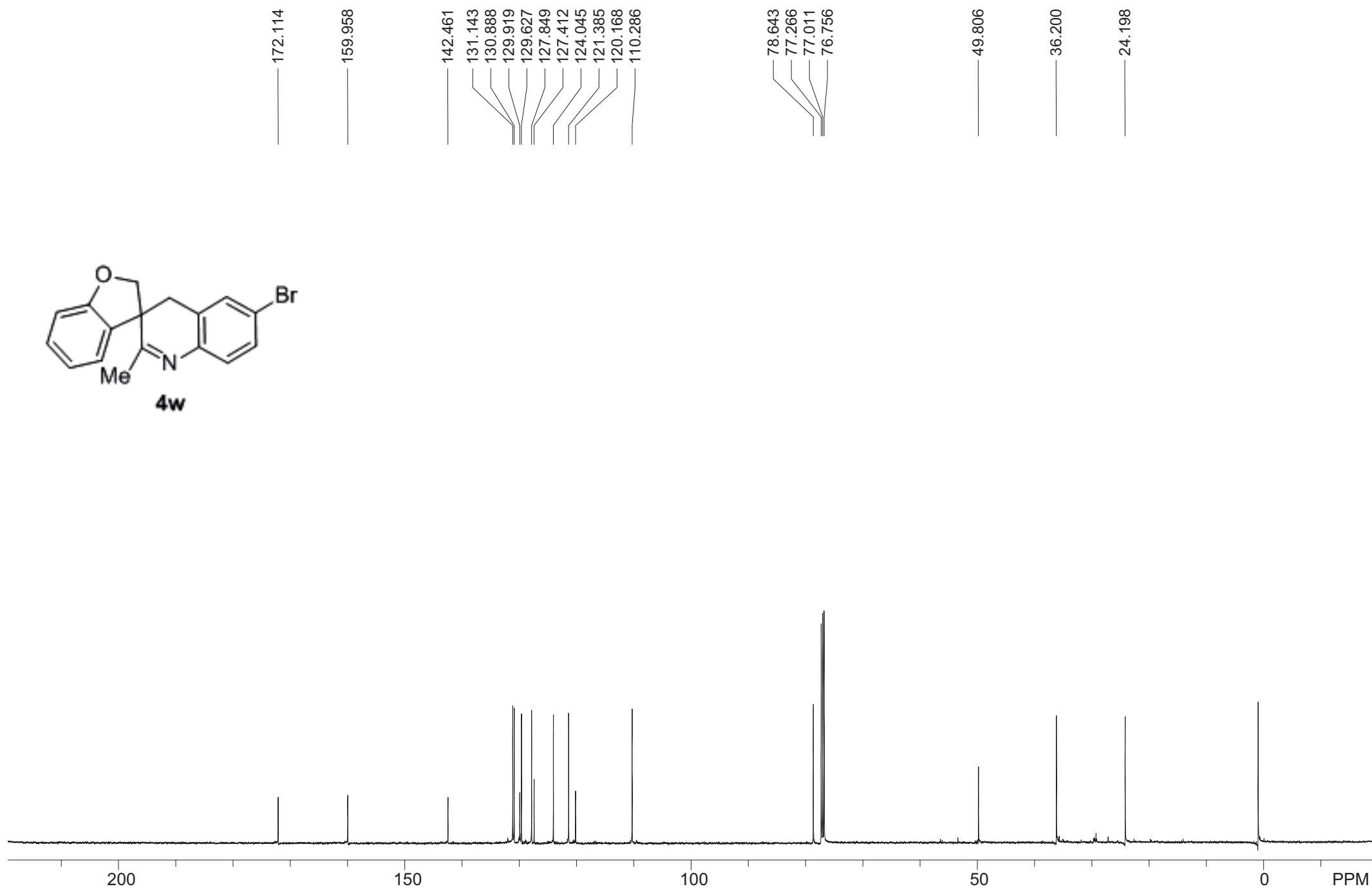
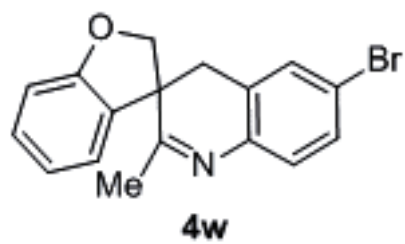
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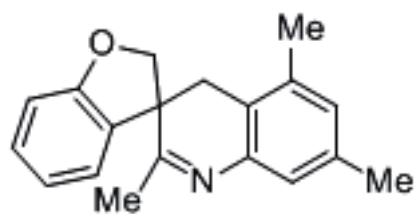
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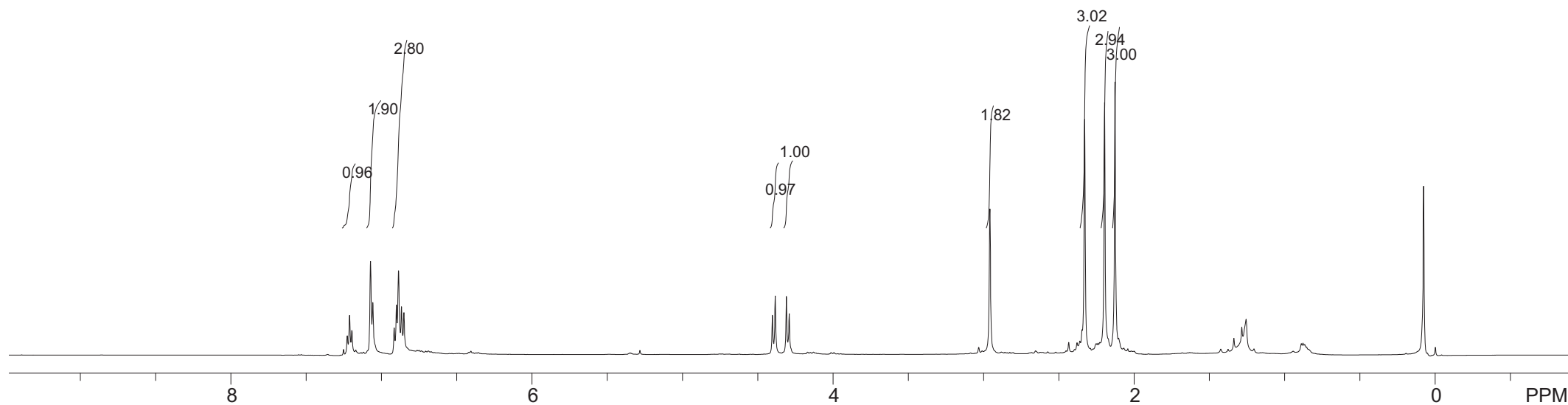
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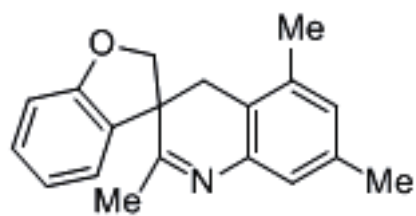
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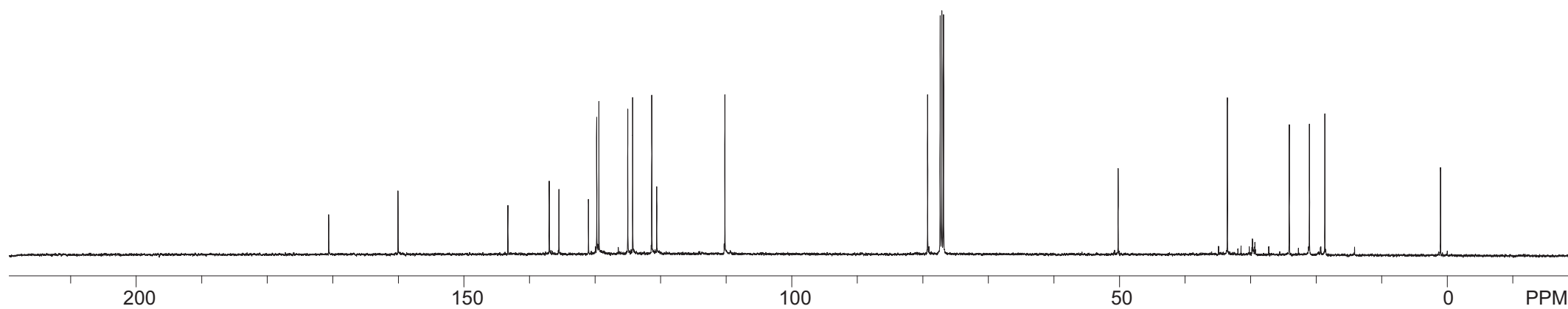
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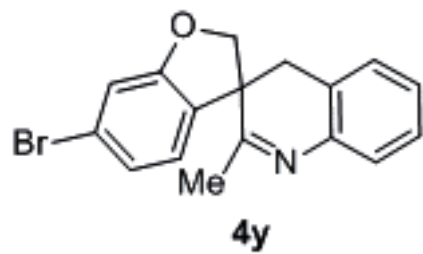
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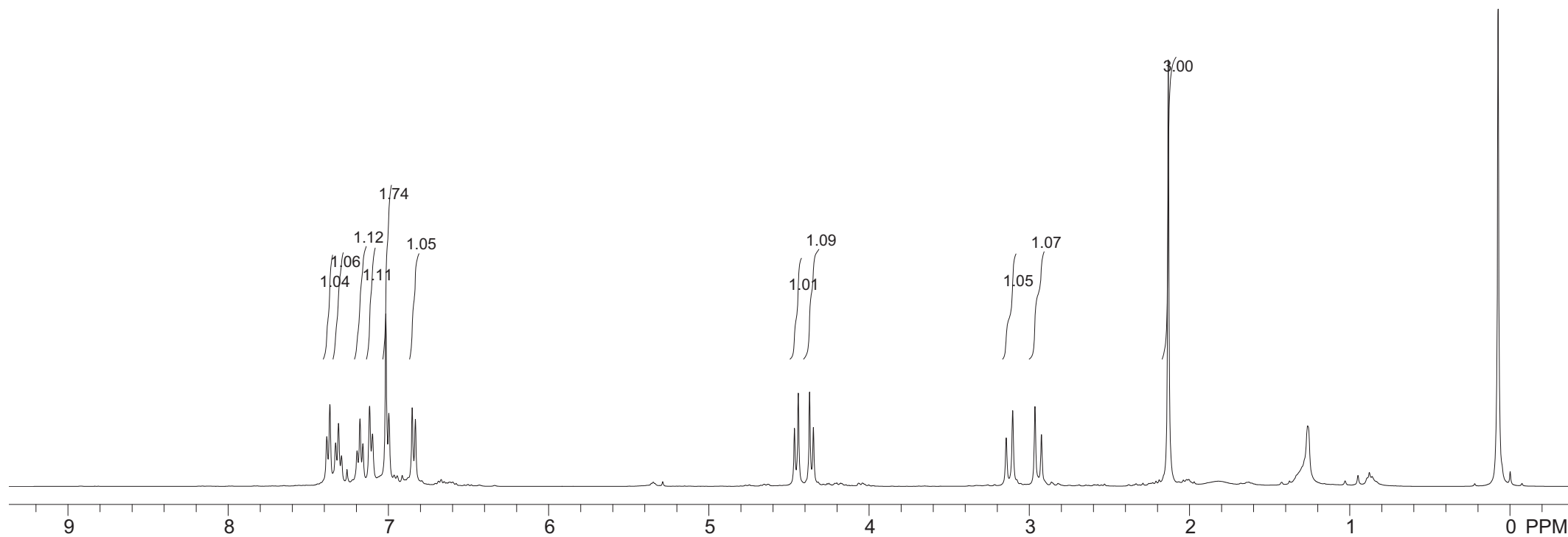


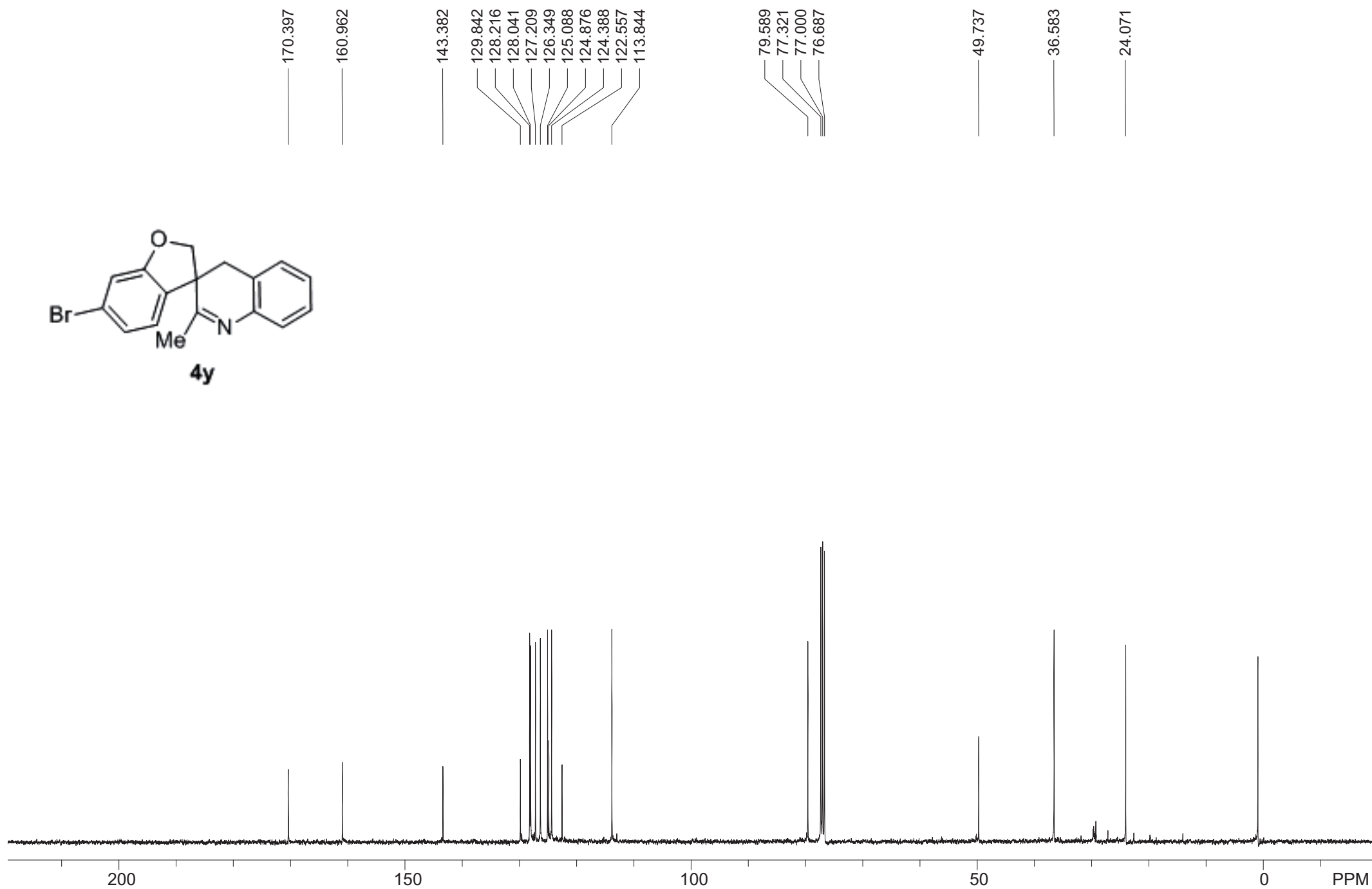
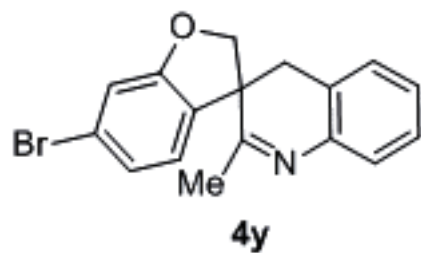
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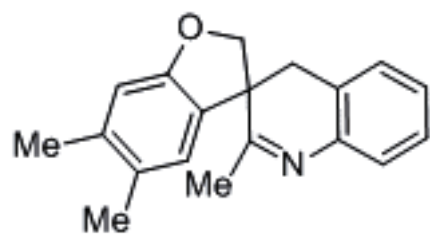
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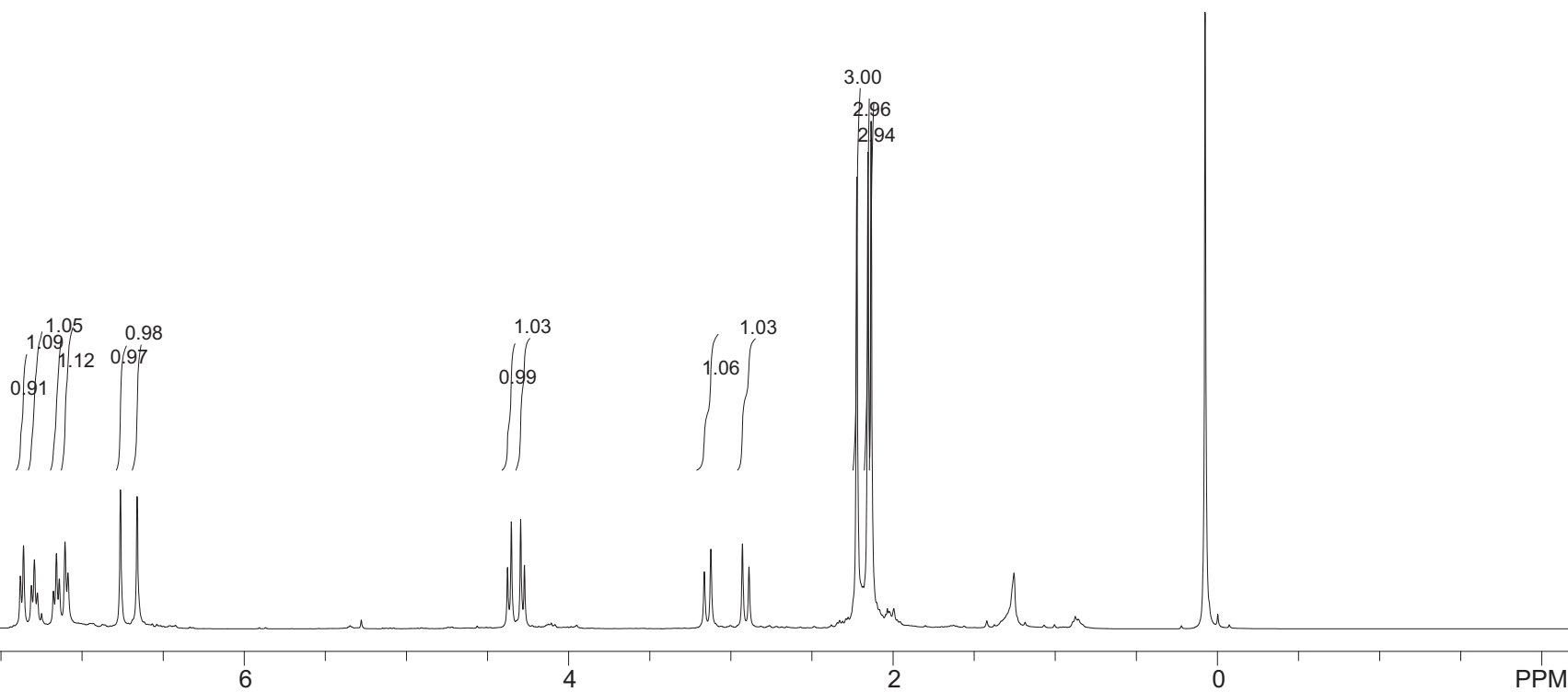
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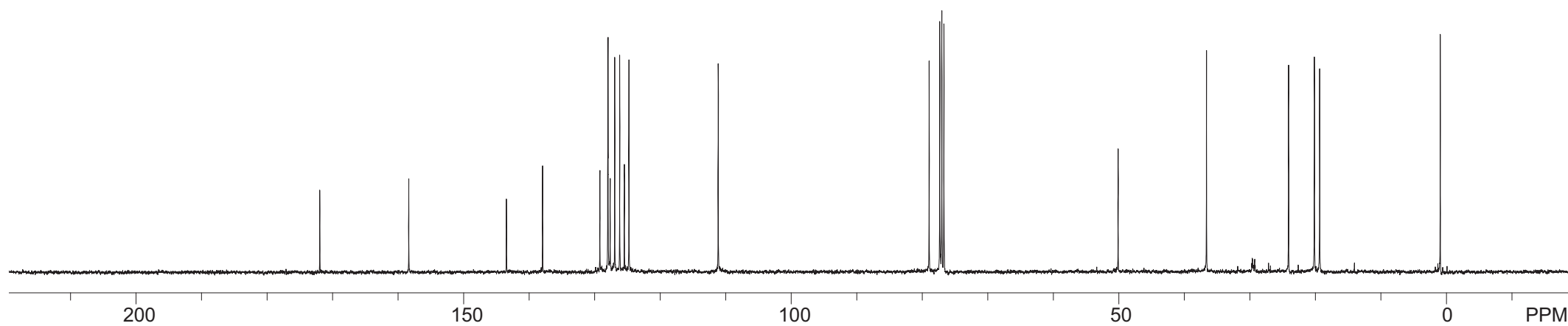
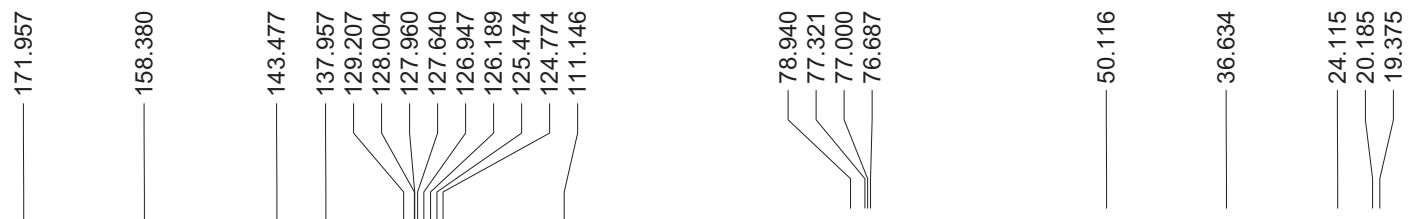
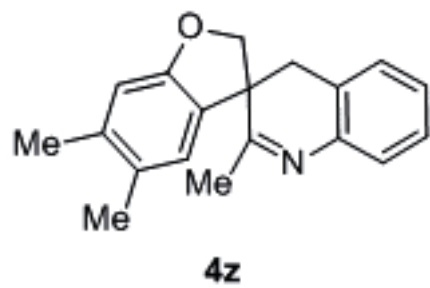
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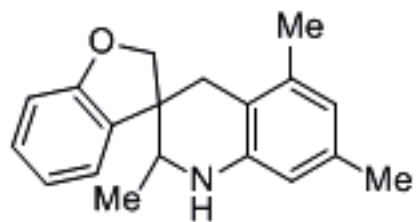
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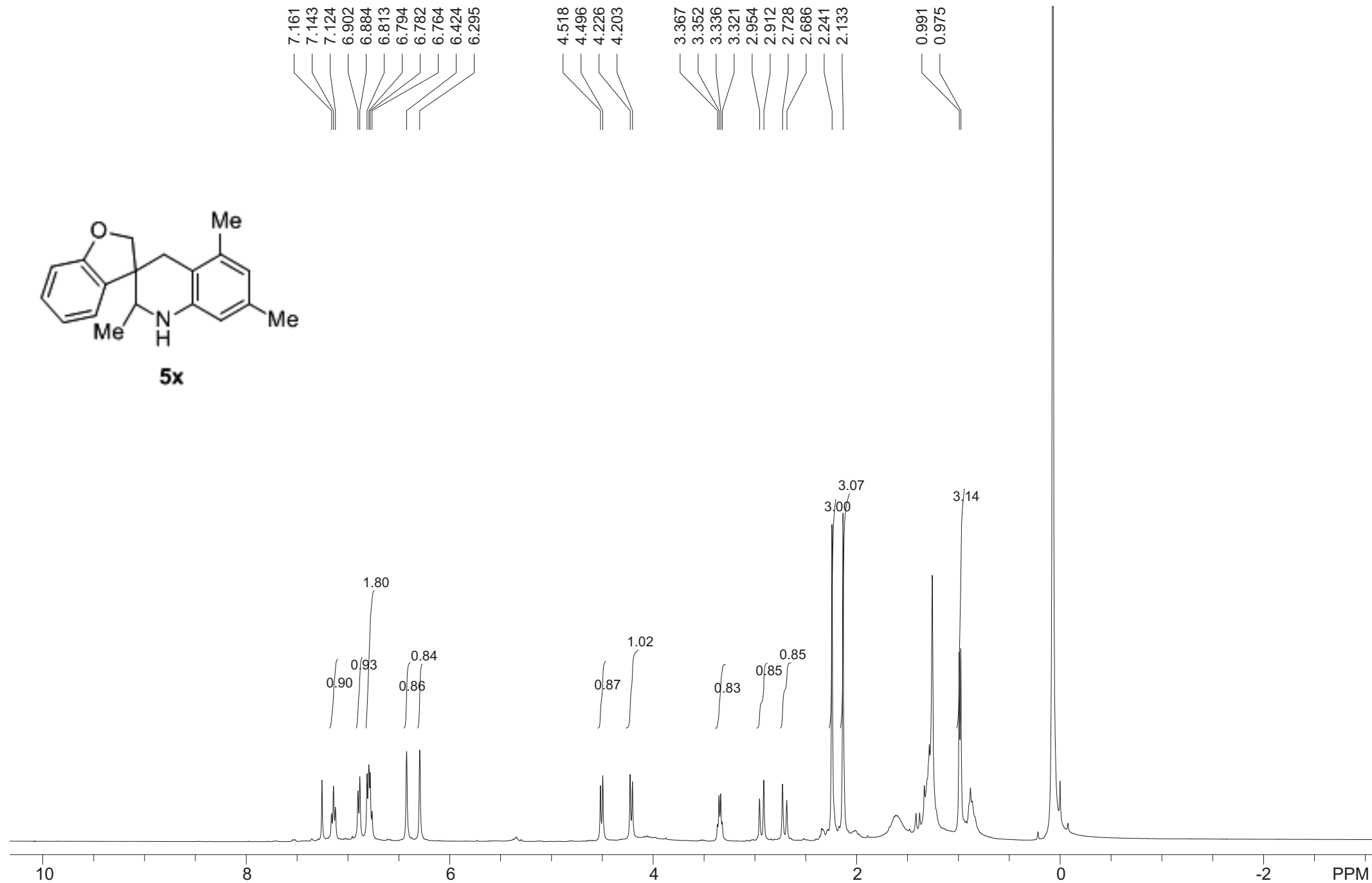
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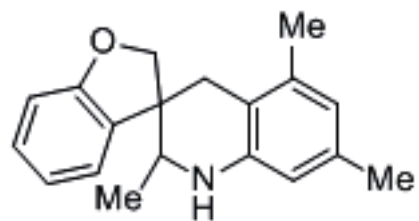
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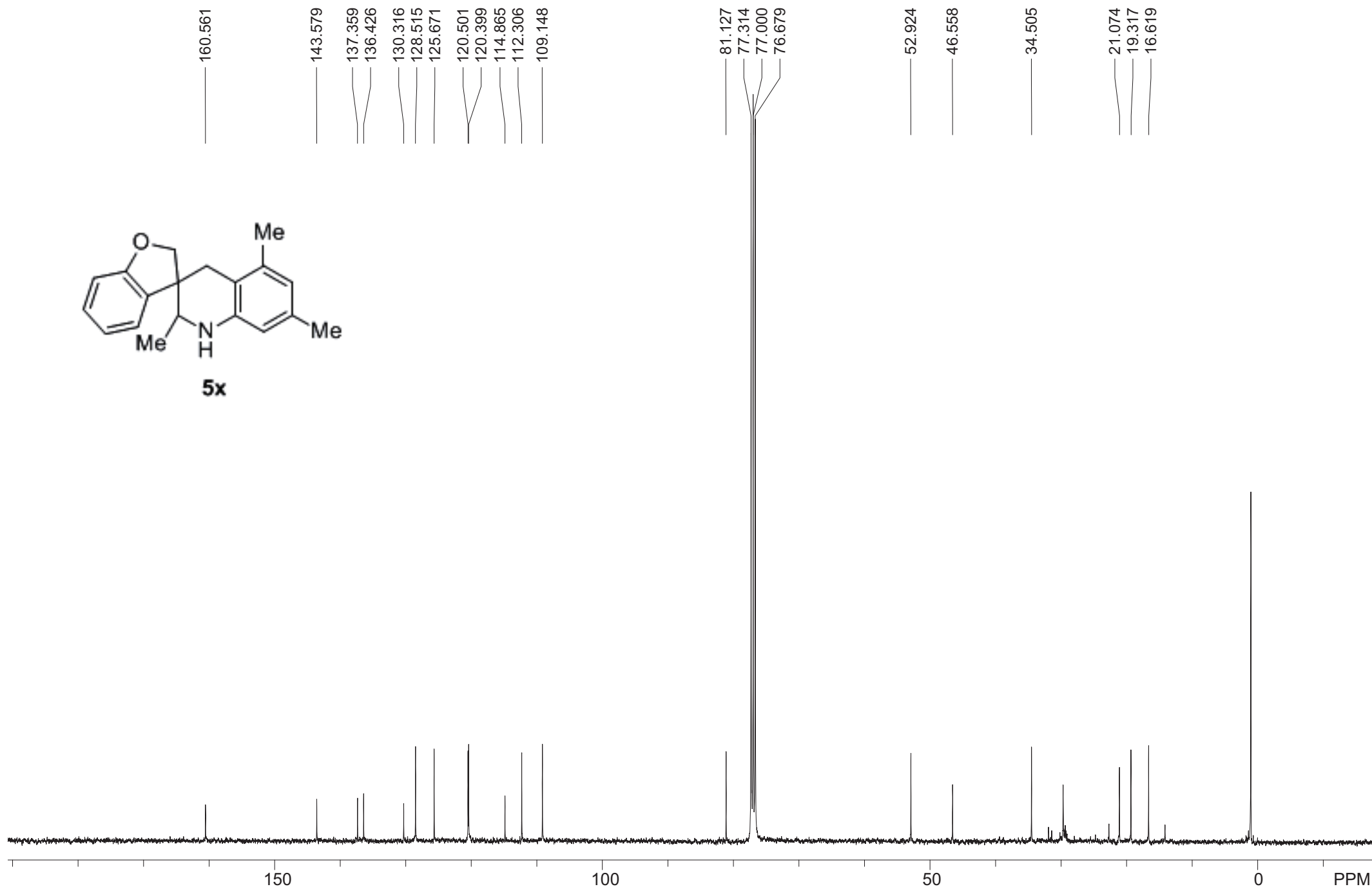
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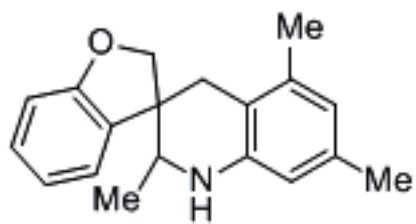
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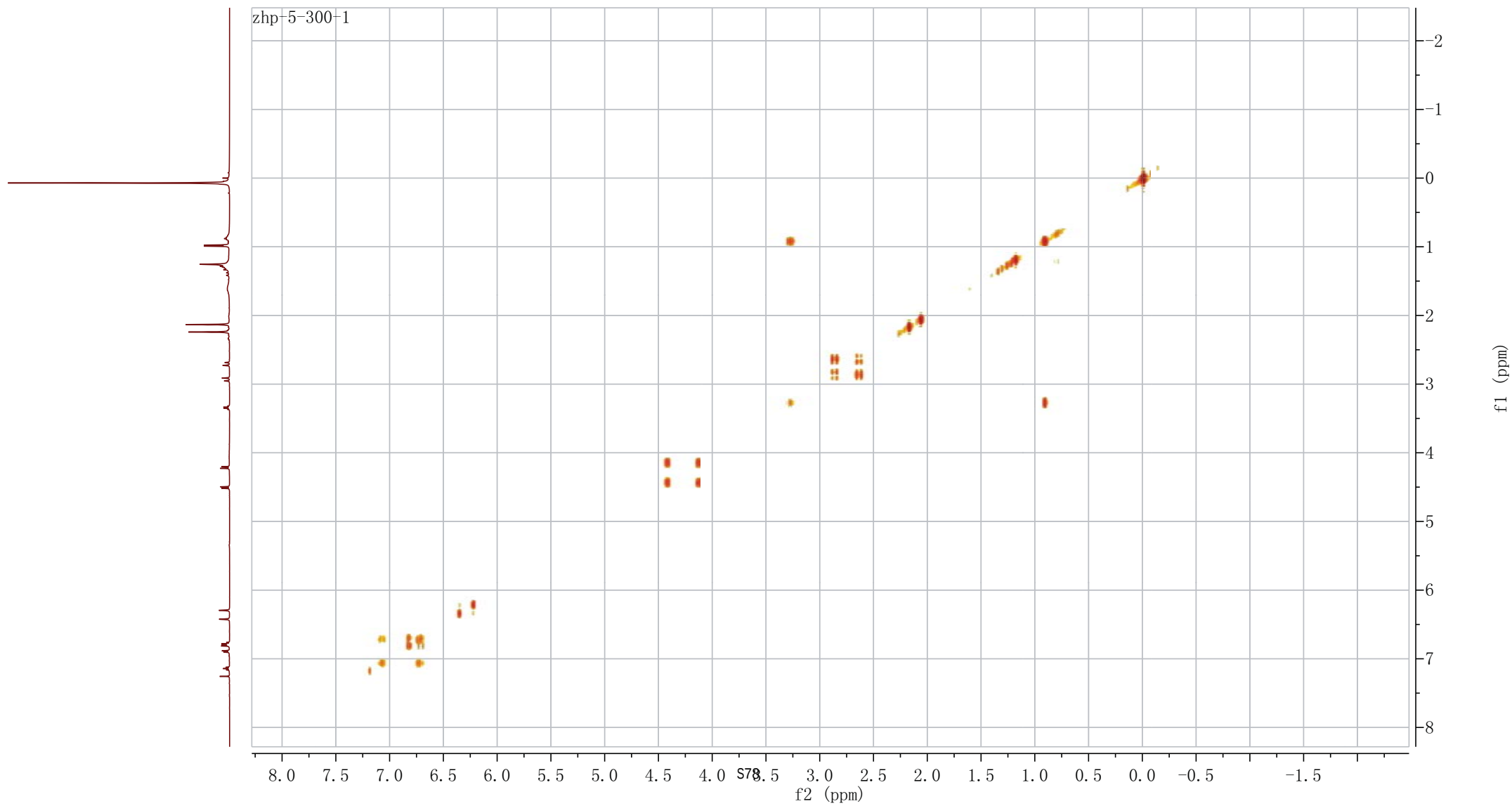
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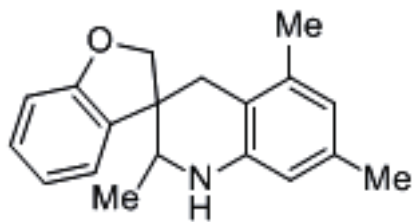




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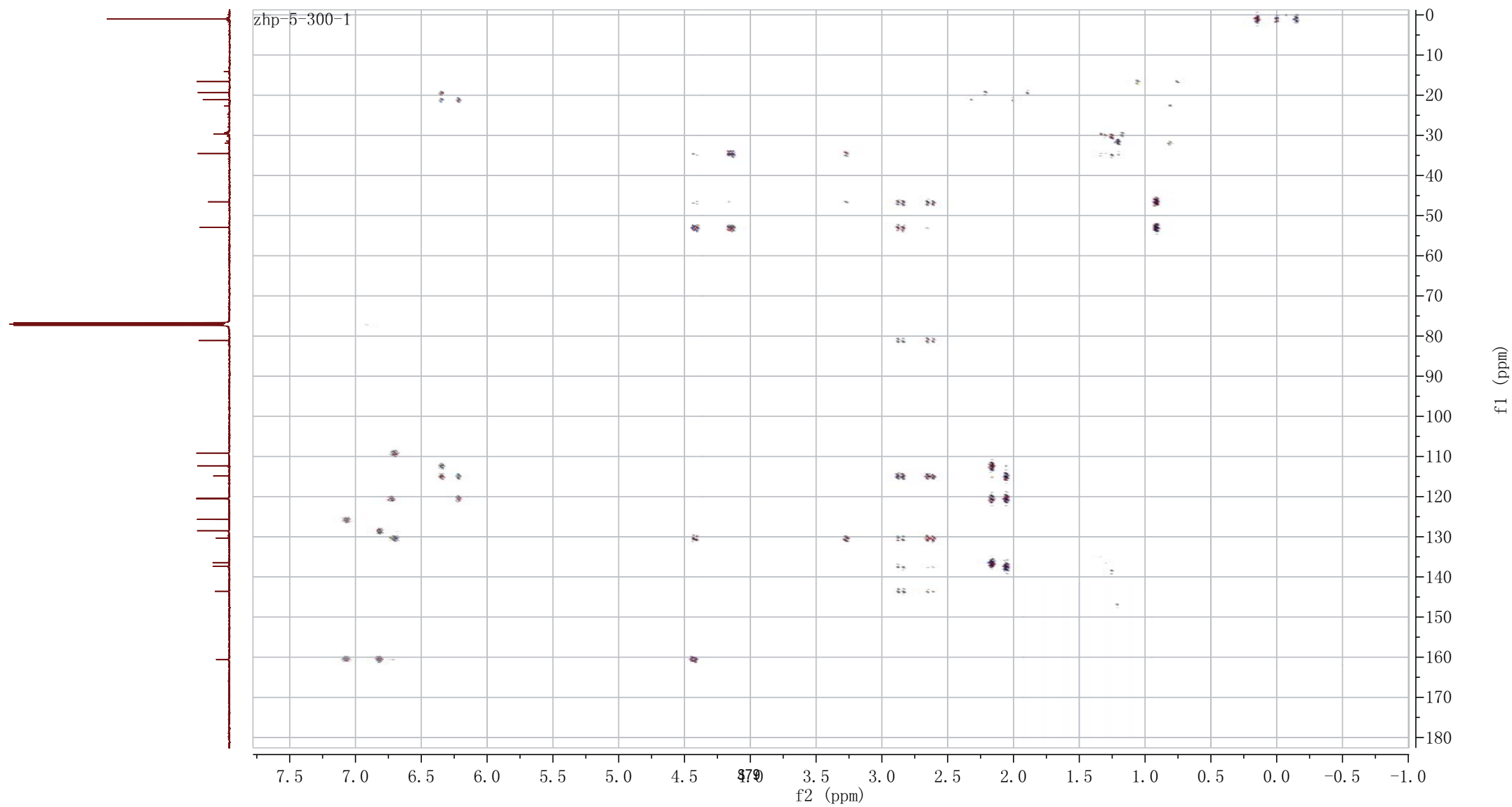
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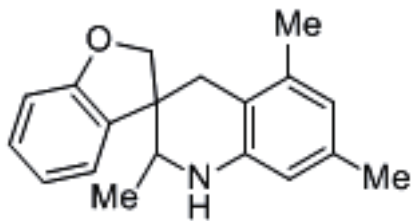




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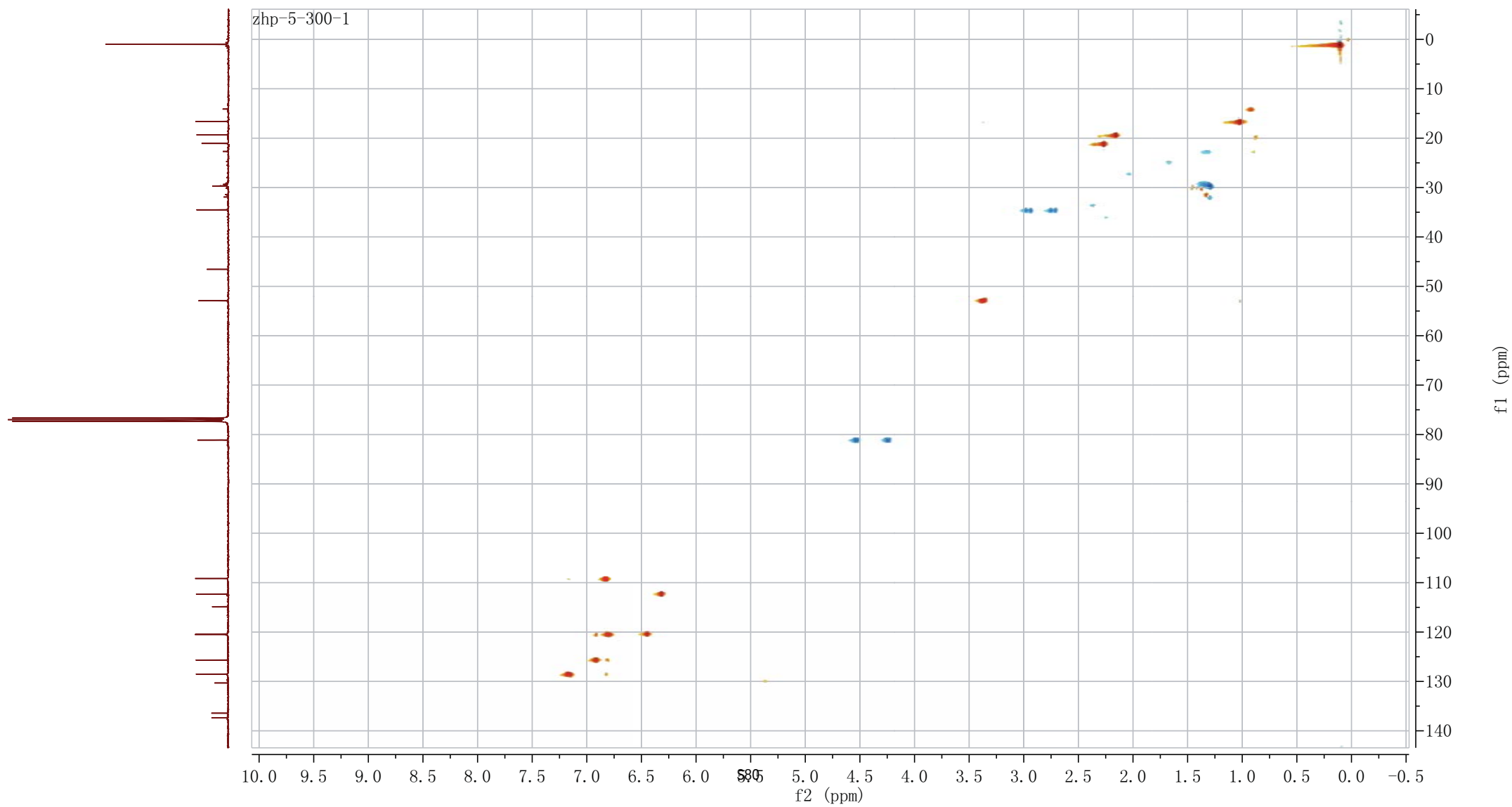
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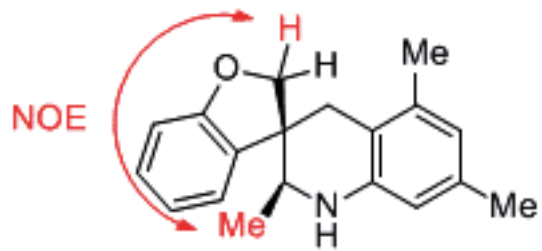




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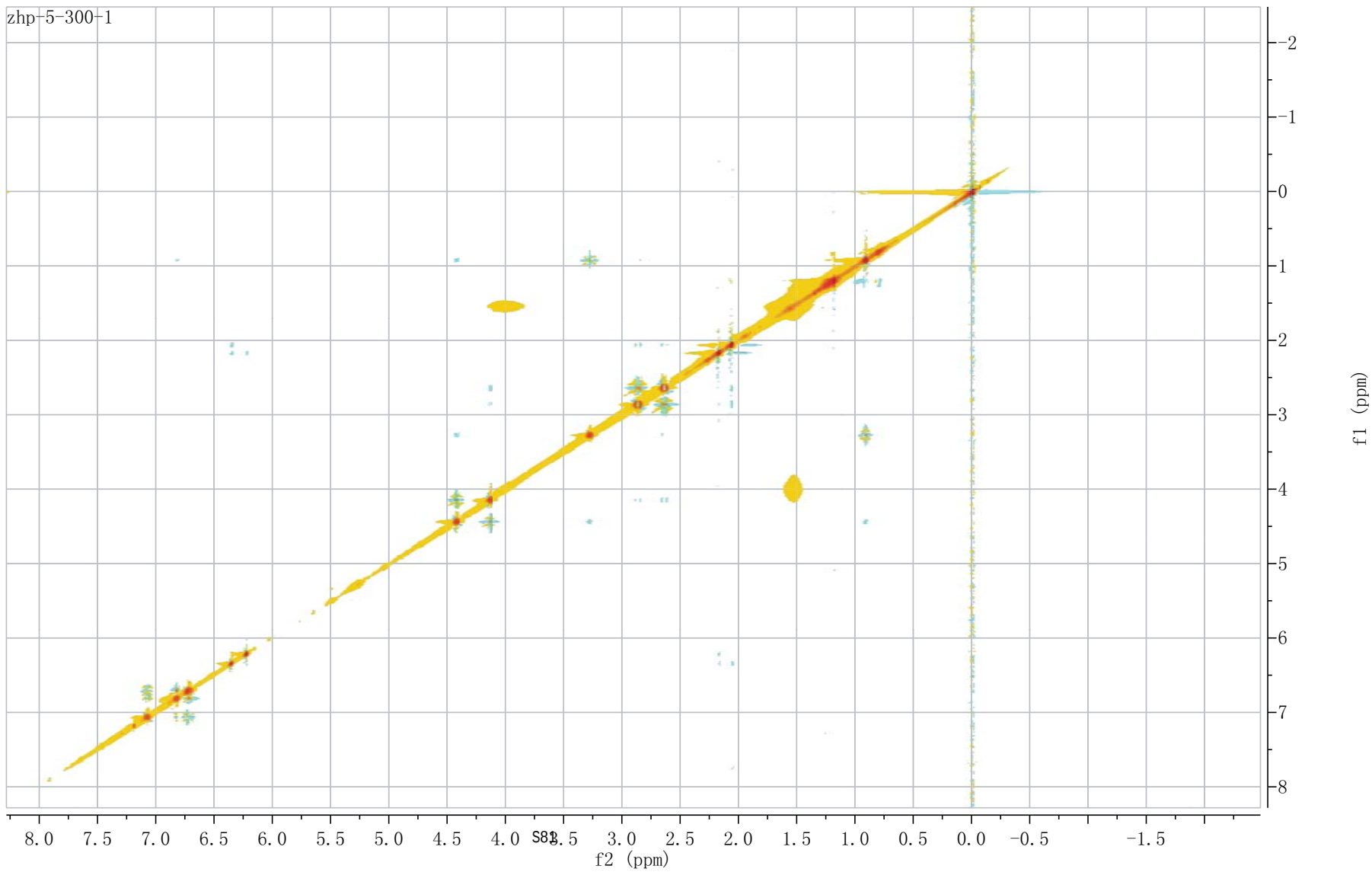
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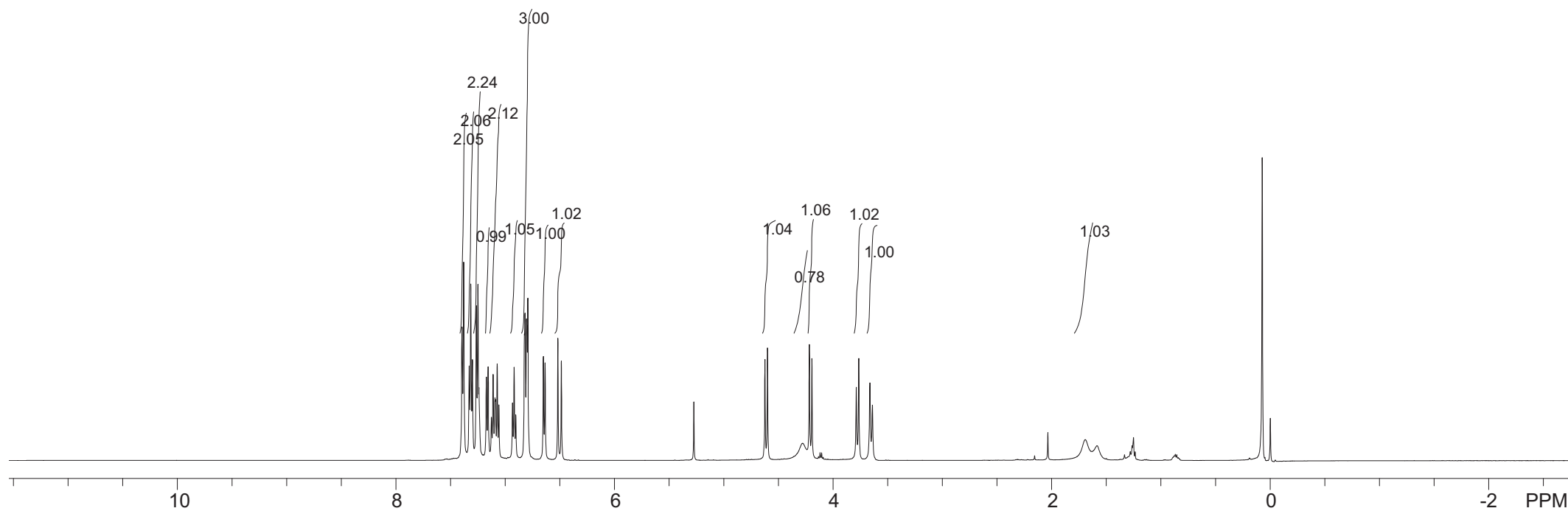
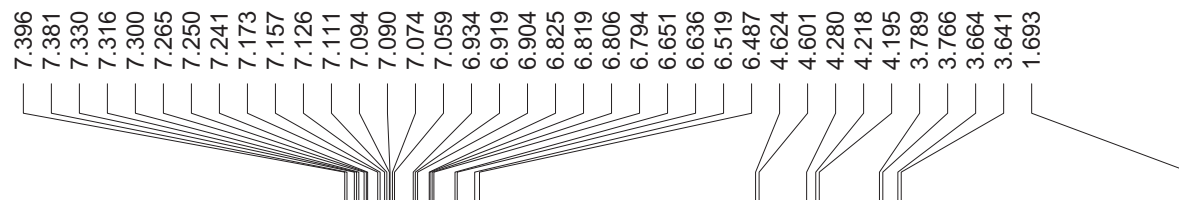
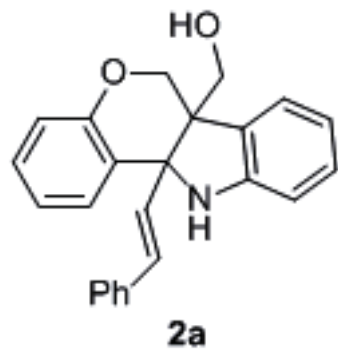


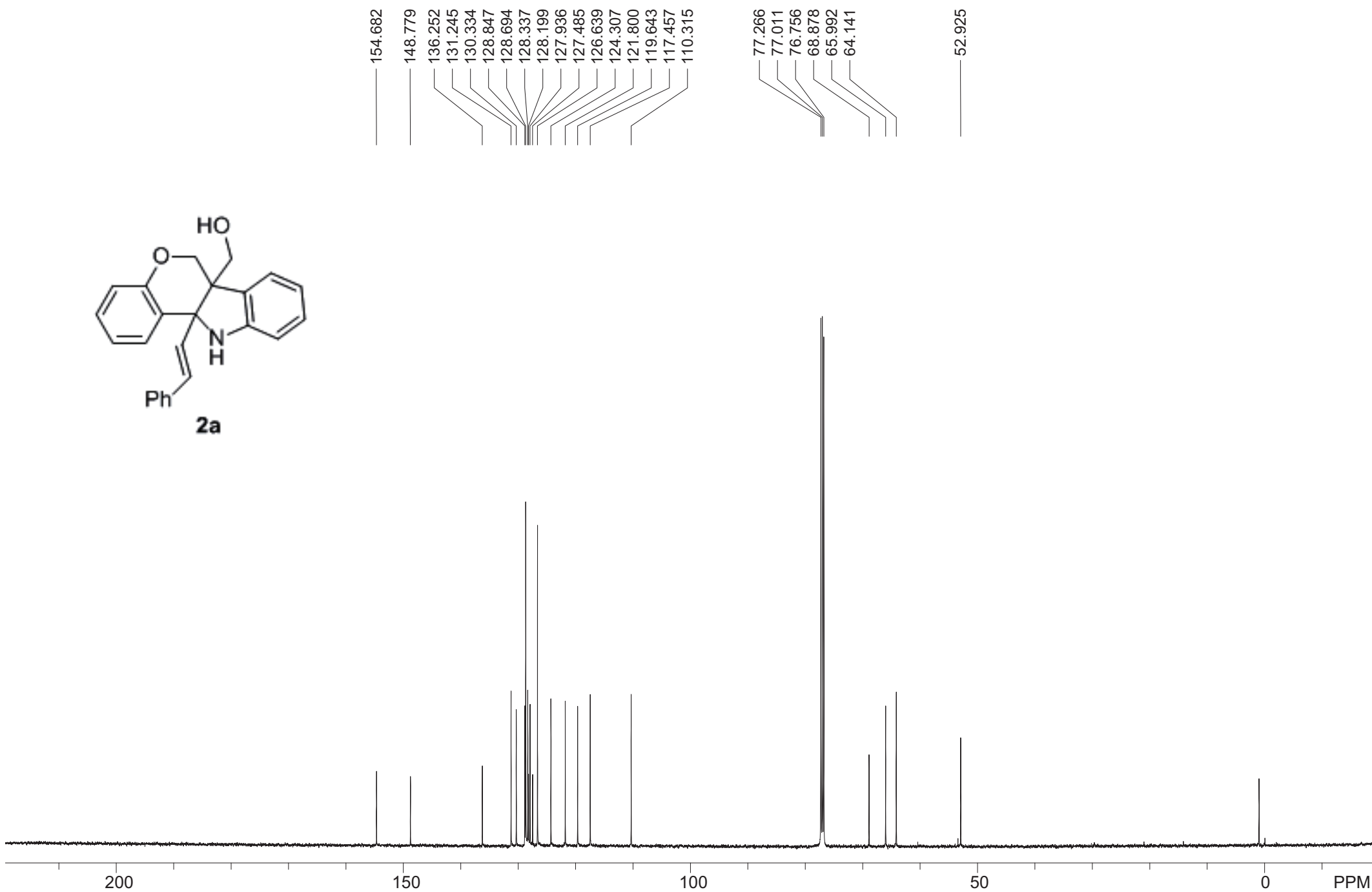
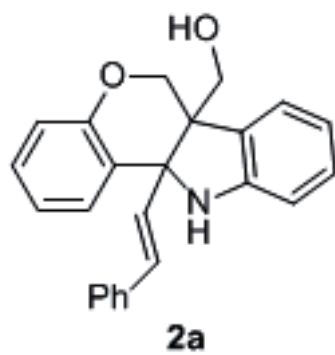


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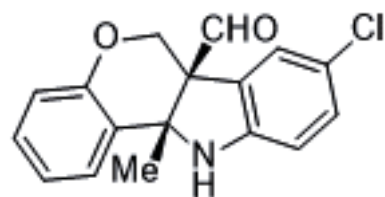
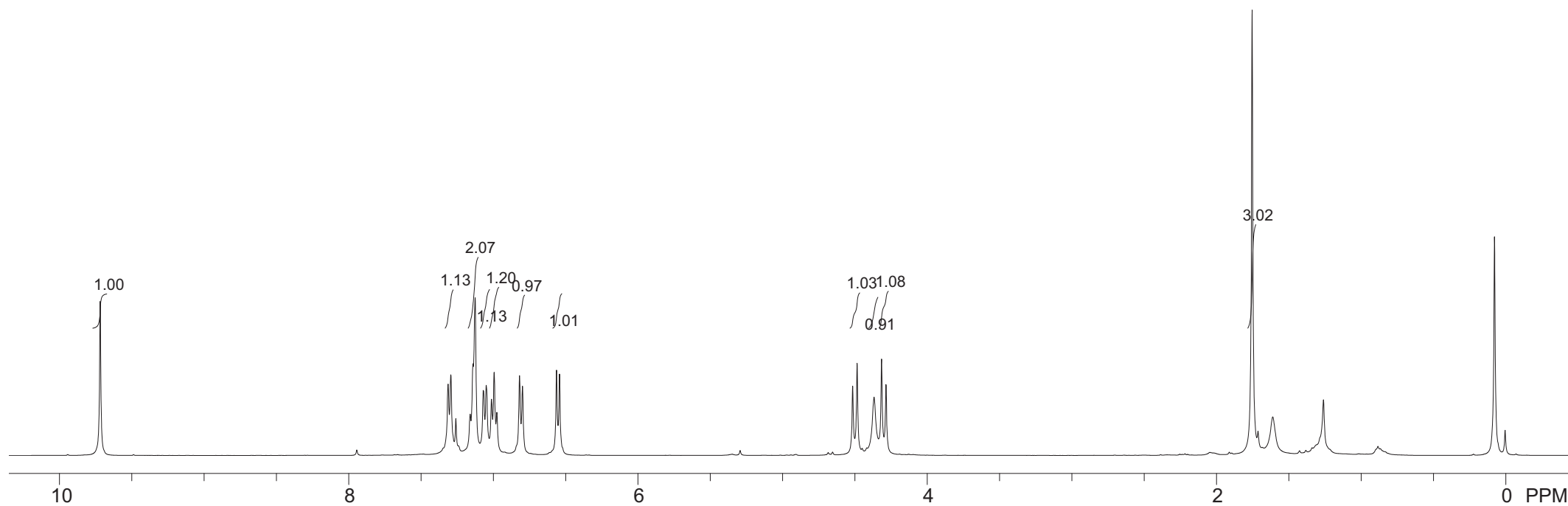
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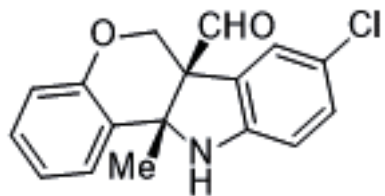
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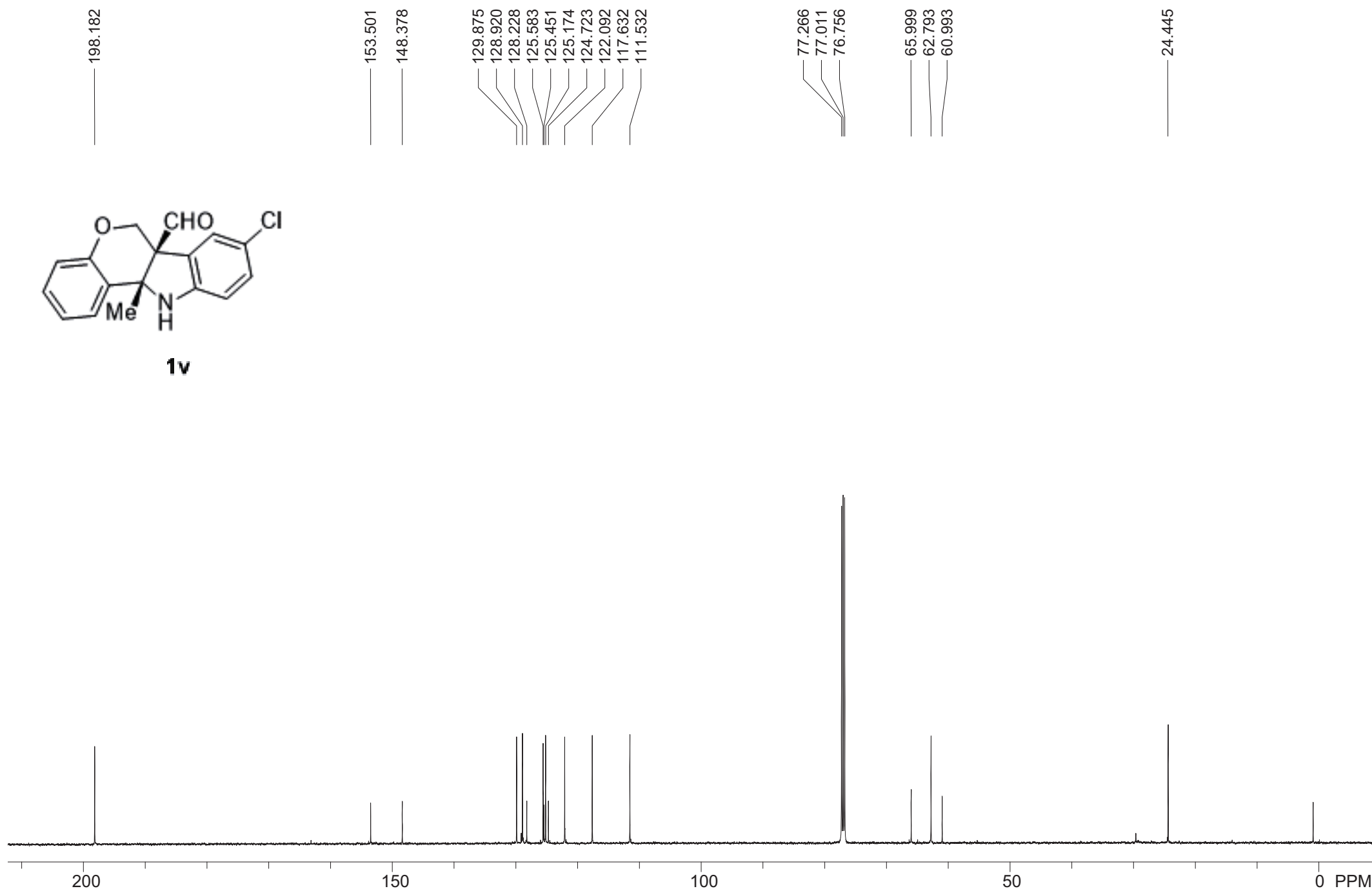
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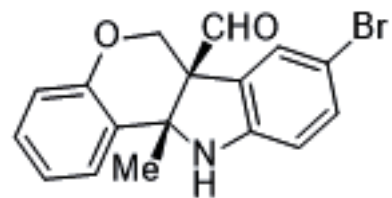
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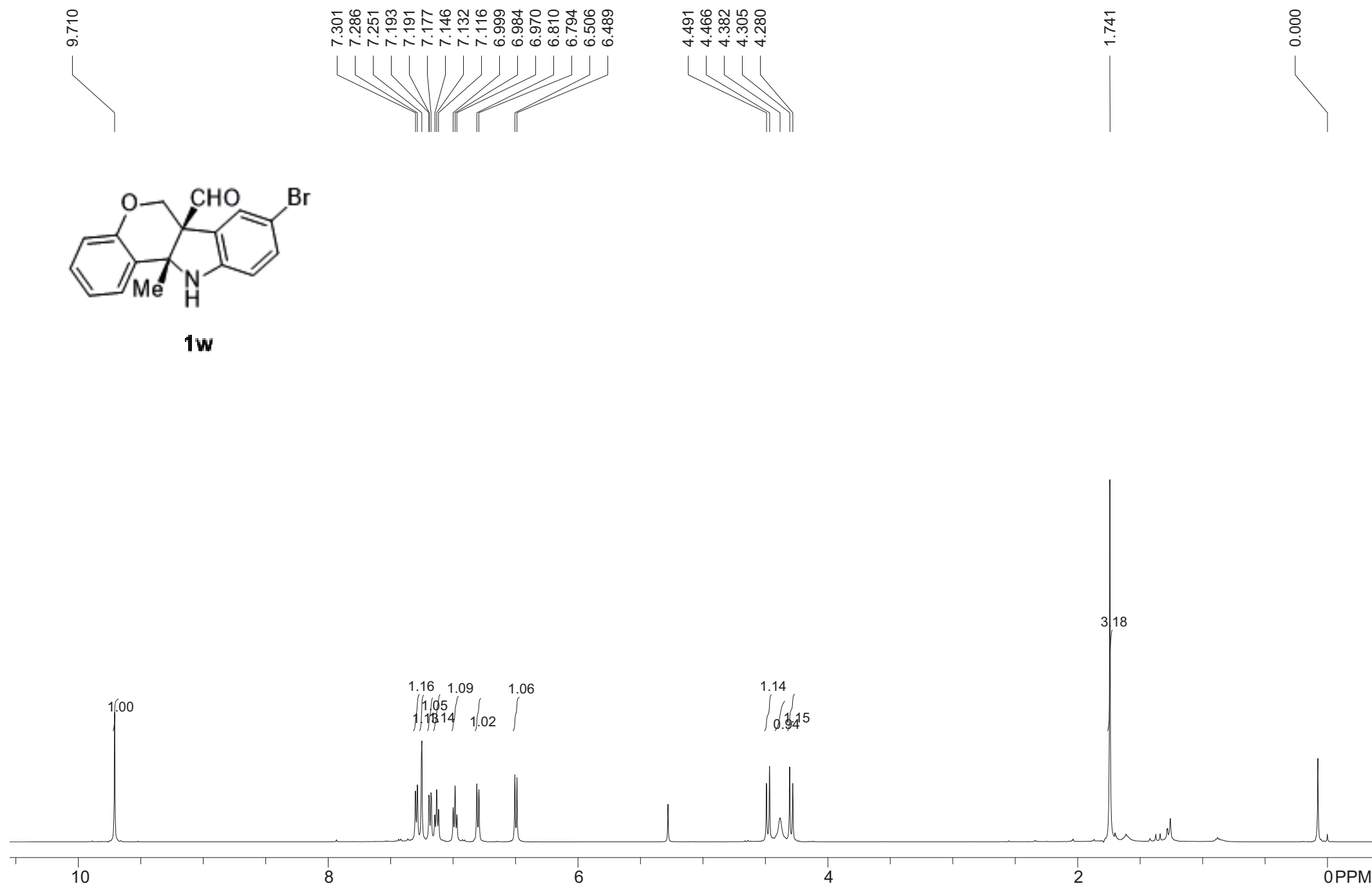


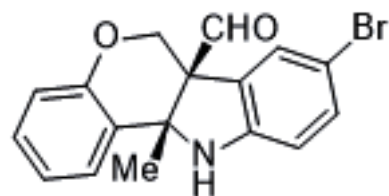
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