

## Supporting Information

# **Copper-Catalyzed Nitrene Transfer/Cyclization Cascade to Synthesize 3a-Nitrogenous Furoindolines and Pyrroloindolines**

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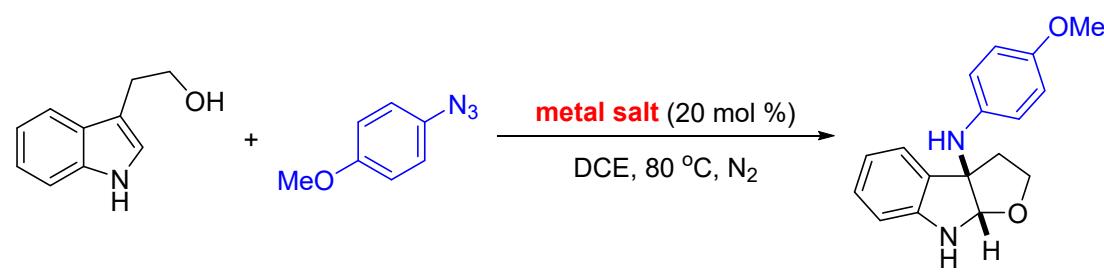
## I. General Information

All manipulations were maintained under an atmosphere of argon unless otherwise stated. Commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Solvents were pre-dried over activated 4 Å molecular sieves and were refluxed over sodium-benzophenone (toluene, tetrahydrofuran), phosphorus pentoxide (chlorobenzene) or calcium hydride (dichloromethane, dichloroethane, acetonitrile) under an argon atmosphere and collected by distillation. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh).  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}$ , and  $^{19}\text{F}$  were recorded at 400 MHz, 101 MHz, 128 MHz, and 376 MHz, respectively. Melting points are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were prepared as KBr pellets and were recorded on a Varian Excalibur 3100 series FT-IR spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded by the mass spectrometry service of Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry. **1a-1d<sup>1</sup>, 1e<sup>2</sup>, 1f<sup>3</sup>, 1g<sup>4</sup>, 1h<sup>1</sup> 1i<sup>5</sup>, 1j<sup>4</sup>, 1k-1l<sup>1</sup>, 1m<sup>6</sup>, 1n<sup>7</sup>, 1o<sup>8</sup>, 1p<sup>9</sup>, 1q<sup>10</sup>, 1r<sup>11</sup>, 5<sup>17</sup>, 6<sup>18</sup>** were synthesized according to the literature procedures. **L1 and L2** were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used without further purification. **L3-L4<sup>12</sup>, L5<sup>13</sup>, L6-L8<sup>12</sup>, L9<sup>14</sup>, L10<sup>15</sup>, L11<sup>16</sup>** were synthesized according to the literature procedures.

**CAUTION:** Organic azides are known to be potentially explosive compounds. Although under the conditions and scale described here we did not encounter any problems, appropriate precautions should be taken when handling these compounds in general. All azidation reactions and subsequent workups were performed behind a blast shield.

## II. Optimization of reaction conditions.

**Table S1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions (**Metal Salts**) for the Synthesis of Product **3<sup>a</sup>****

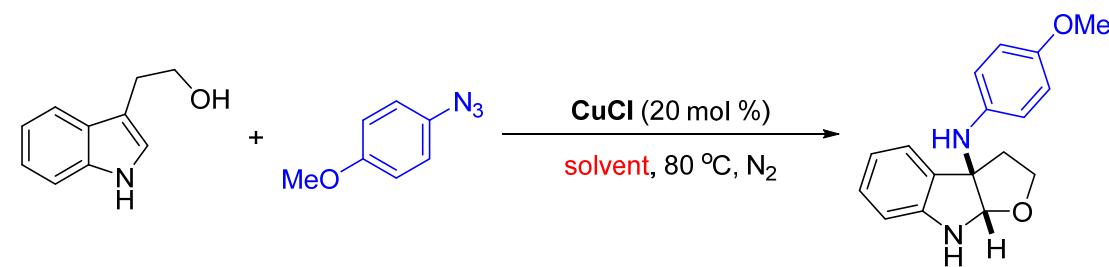


entry	catalyst	time (d)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	CuCl	2	27

2	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
3	NiCl <sub>2</sub>	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
4	(Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	2	15
5	CoCl <sub>2</sub>	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	2	21
7	(Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	2	trace
8	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	2	trace
9	MnCl <sub>2</sub>	2	trace
10	(Cp*RuCl <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	2	trace
11	CuOAc	2	11.2
12	CuSCN	2	trace
13	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	2	23
14	CuCN	2	13
15	CuSO <sub>4</sub> · 5H <sub>2</sub> O	2	19
16	Cu(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · 6H <sub>2</sub> O	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
17	CuF <sub>2</sub>	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
18	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	2	trace
19	Cu(MeCN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	2	trace

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (3 equiv), metal salt (20 mol %), DCE (2.0 mL), 80 °C, argon. <sup>b</sup> The yields of isolated products. <sup>c</sup> No Reaction. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

**Table S2. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions (Solvents) for the Synthesis of Product **3**<sup>a</sup>**



entry	solvent	time (d)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	DCE	2	27
2	MeCN	2	trace
3	EtOH	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
4	THF	2	trace
5	PhMe	2	16
6	PhCl	2	27
7	NMP	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
8	DMF	2	NR <sup>c</sup>
9	dioxane	2	trace

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (3 equiv), CuCl (20 mol %), solvent (2.0 mL), 80 °C, argon. <sup>b</sup> The yields of isolated products. <sup>c</sup> No Reaction. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

**Table S3. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions (Ligands) for the Synthesis of Product 3<sup>a</sup>**

**3aa**

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**L1**

**L2**

**L3-L11**

**L3:** R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = H, R<sup>3</sup> = Me  
**L4:** R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = H, R<sup>3</sup> = Me  
**L5:** R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = OMe, R<sup>3</sup> = Me  
**L6:** R<sup>1</sup> = iPr, R<sup>2</sup> = H, R<sup>3</sup> = Me  
**L7:** R<sup>1</sup> = Cl, R<sup>2</sup> = H, R<sup>3</sup> = Me  
**L8:** R<sup>1</sup> = F, R<sup>2</sup> = H, R<sup>3</sup> = Me  
**L9:** R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = H, R<sup>3</sup> = tBu  
**L10:** R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = Br, R<sup>3</sup> = Me  
**L11:** R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = Me, R<sup>3</sup> = Me

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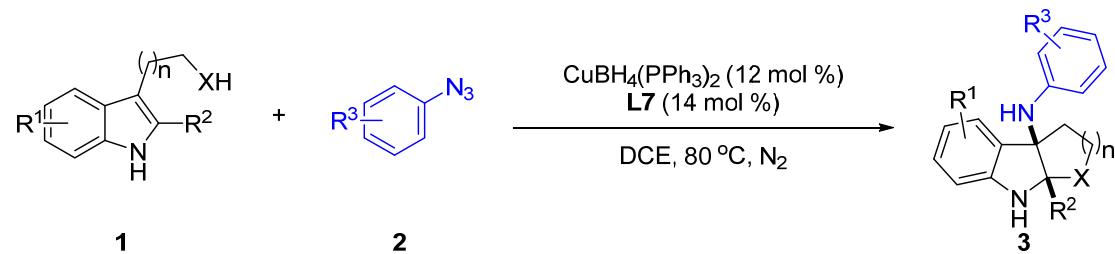
entry	[Cu]	ligand	solvent	time (h)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	CuCl	--	PhCl	48	27
2	CuCl	<b>L1</b>	PhCl	12	13
3	CuCl	<b>L2</b>	PhCl	12	17
4	CuCl	<b>L3</b>	PhCl	12	45
5	CuOAc	<b>L3</b>	PhCl	12	45
6	CuSCN	<b>L3</b>	PhCl	12	70
7	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L3</b>	PhCl	12	88
8	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L4</b>	PhCl	24	trace
9	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L5</b>	PhCl	24	trace
10	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L6</b>	PhCl	12	64
11	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	PhCl	0.5	92
12	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L8</b>	PhCl	24	trace
13	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L9</b>	PhCl	24	trace
14	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L10</b>	PhCl	24	trace
15	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L11</b>	PhCl	24	25
16	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	DCE	0.5	95
17	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	MeCN	12	77
18	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	toluene	12	56
19 <sup>c</sup>	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	DCE	0.5	93
20 <sup>c, d</sup>	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	DCE	2	86
21 <sup>c, e</sup>	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	DCE	0.5	92
22 <sup>c, f</sup>	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	DCE	0.5	93
23 <sup>g</sup>	CuBH <sub>4</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>L7</b>	DCE	0.5	Trace

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (3 equiv), metal salt (20 mol %), ligand (24 mol %), solvent (2.0 mL), 80 °C, argon. <sup>b</sup> The yields of isolated products. <sup>c</sup> **2a** (1.5 equiv).

<sup>d</sup> metal salt (10 mol %), ligand (12 mol %). <sup>e</sup> metal salt (12 mol %), ligand (14 mol %).  
<sup>f</sup> metal salt (15 mol %), ligand (18 mol %). <sup>g</sup> 60 °C.

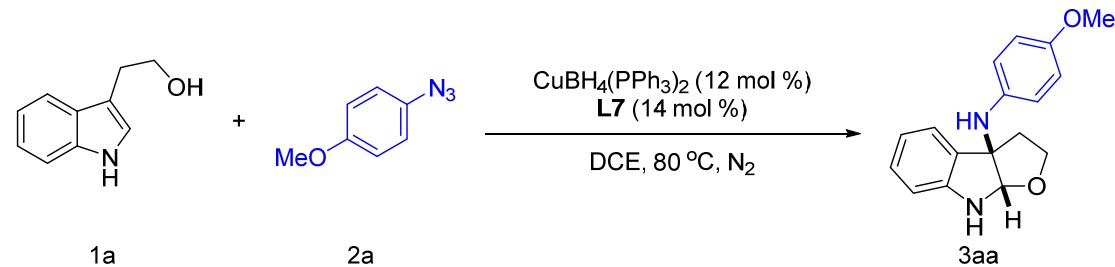
### III. General Catalytic Reaction Procedure of Products

#### General Procedure:

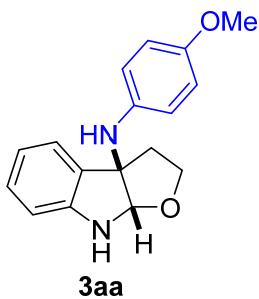


After stirring a mixture of CuBH<sub>4</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and **L7** (0.028 mmol, 14 mol %) in dry DCE (2 mL) at 80 °C for 1 h, substrates **1** (0.20 mmol) and **2** (0.30 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon atmosphere. After the disappearance of substrate **1** (monitored by TLC) and then the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the desired product **3**.

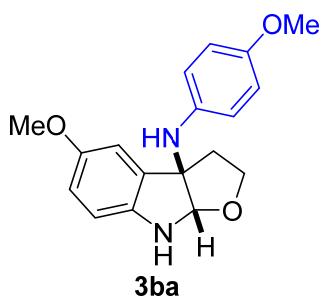
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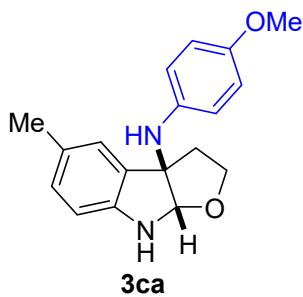
After stirring a mixture of CuBH<sub>4</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.75 mmol, 12 mol %) and **L7** (0.89 mmol, 14 mol %) in dry DCE (30mL) at 80 °C for 1 h, substrates **1a** (6.20 mmol) and **2a** (9.30 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon atmosphere. After the disappearance of substrate **1a** (monitored by TLC) and then the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the desired product **3aa** (1.56 g, 5.52 mmol, 89 %).



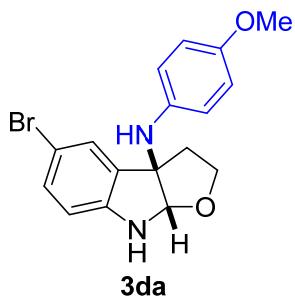
**N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3aa);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 30 min; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 132.9 – 135.9 °C); 92 % yield (51.4 mg, 0.18 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 4.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.63 (m, 4H), 2.51 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 152.9, 149.8, 139.7, 130.4, 129.6, 124.1, 119.5, 116.8, 114.9, 108.8, 95.7, 74.7, 66.0, 55.8, 42.4; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3445, 2066, 1634, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 283.1441, found: 283.1431.



**5-Methoxy-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3ba);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 2 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); yellow oil; 72 % yield (39.0 mg, 0.14 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.46 (brs, 1H), 4.07 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.63 (m, 7H), 2.46 (td,  $J$  = 11.6, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J$  = 11.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 154.0, 152.9, 143.6, 139.7, 131.8, 116.8, 115.1, 114.8, 110.0, 109.8, 96.5, 75.0, 65.8, 56.0, 55.7, 42.5; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 6005, 2325, 1552, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 313.1547, found: 313.1555.

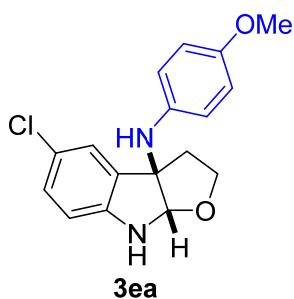


**N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2,3,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3ca);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 1 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 154.6 – 159.7 °C); 97 % yield (57.6 mg, 0.19 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.53 (brs, 1H), 4.12–4.04 (m, 1H), 3.91 (brs, 1H), 3.74 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 2.50 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 – 2.19 (m, 4H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 152.8, 147.5, 139.8, 130.7, 130.0, 128.8, 124.5, 116.6, 114.9, 108.8, 95.9, 74.6, 65.9, 55.7, 42.3, 21.0; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3449, 3006, 2989, 1646, 1509, 1275, 1261, 779; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1598, found: 297.1604.

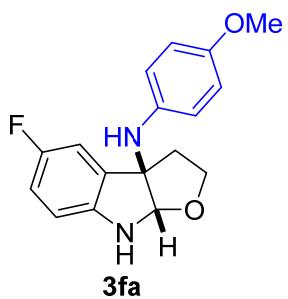


**5-Bromo-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3da);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 2 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 147.1 – 151.6 °C); 94 % yield (68.0 mg, 0.19 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 4.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 2.46 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J$  = 11.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 153.0, 148.7, 139.2, 132.5, 132.2, 127.1, 116.7, 114.9, 110.9, 110.0, 95.8, 74.5, 65.8, 55.7, 42.9; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 2065,

1645, 1543, 1275, 1281, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for  $C_{17}H_{18}BrN_2O_2^+ [M+H]^+$ : 361.0546, found: 361.0542.

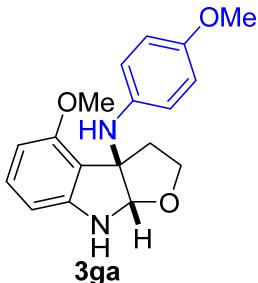


**5-Chloro-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3ea);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 45 min; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 148.2 – 151.2 °C); 99 % yield (62.8 mg, 0.20 mmol);  **$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.14 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.72 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 – 6.41 (m, 2H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.66 (brs, 1H), 4.12–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.79 – 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.45 (td,  $J = 11.7, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 153.01, 148.3, 139.4, 132.2, 129.4, 124.3, 123.9, 116.7, 114.9, 109.5, 96.1, 74.5, 65.8, 55.7, 42.9; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3445, 3006, 2989, 1646, 1275, 1261, 759; **HRMS (ESI, m/z):** calcd for  $C_{17}H_{18}ClN_2O_2^+ [M+H]^+$ : 317.1051, found: 317.1056.

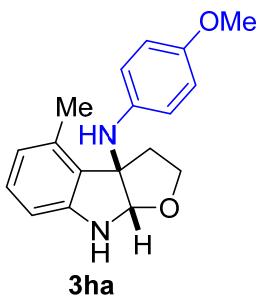


**5-Fluoro-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3fa);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 139.8 – 140.9 °C); 95 % yield (57.2 mg, 0.19 mmol);  **$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 6.90 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.70 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.54 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.49 – 6.41 (m, 2H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.54 (brs, 1H), 4.13 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.74 – 3.62 (m, 4H), 2.45 (td,  $J = 11.6, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.34 – 2.25 (m, 1H);  **$^{13}C\{^1H\}$  NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 158.6, 156.2, 153.1, 145.7, 139.5, 131.8 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 115.9 (d,  $J =$

23.5 Hz), 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 194.8 Hz), 111.2 (d,  $J$  = 23.7 Hz), 109.25 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 96.7, 74.8, 65.8, 55.7, 43.0;  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  -125.07 (s, 1F); **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm $^{-1}$ )**: 3440, 3006, 1645, 1410, 1275, 1261, 779; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H] $^+$ : 301.1347, found: 301.1350.

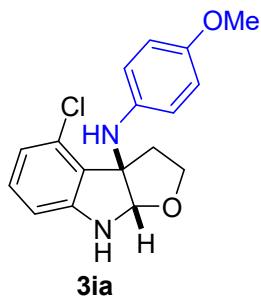


**4-Methoxy-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3ga);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 4 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); brown solid (mp: 133.8 – 135.1 °C); 84 % yield (52.5 mg, 0.17 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.05 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.65 (brs, 1H), 4.14 – 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.72 – 3.62 (m, 4H), 2.52 – 2.41 (m, 2H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  152.7, 148.2, 139.6, 130.3, 129.9, 121.4, 119.6, 118.2, 116.6, 114.8, 95.4, 74.9, 66.0, 55.7, 41.8, 16.7; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm $^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 3006, 2065, 1640, 1275, 1260, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$  [M+H] $^+$ : 313.1547, found: 313.1551.

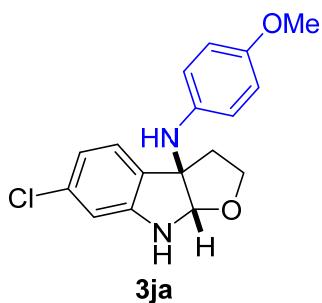


**N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3ha);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 5 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 142.1 – 146.0 °C); 89 % yield (53.0 mg, 0.18 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.02 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (dd,  $J$  = 15.7, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 4.61 (brs, 1H), 4.08 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.64 (m, 4H), 2.46 (dd,  $J$  = 11.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 – 2.25 (m, 4H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,**

**CDCl<sub>3</sub>**) δ 152.6, 150.0, 140.0, 135.2, 129.5, 126.6, 121.4, 116.0, 114.8, 106.4, 96.5, 74.7, 65.6, 55.7, 41.7, 17.6; **IR ν (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3446, 3006, 2064, 1646, 1275, 1261, 1750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1598, found: 297.1589.

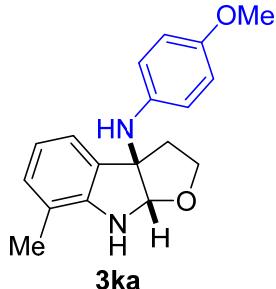


**4-Chloro-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3ia);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 7:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 122.5 – 126.6 °C); 92 % yield (58.1 mg, 0.18 mmol); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45–6.53 (m, 3H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 4.77 (brs, 1H), 4.28 (brs, 1H), 4.09 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.59 (m, 4H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (td, *J* = 11.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H); **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 153.0, 151.8, 139.6, 130.8, 130.6, 125.1, 119.7, 116.6, 114.7, 106.8, 96.8, 75.1, 65.9, 55.6, 40.5; **IR ν (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3359, 2920, 2849, 1604, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1051, found: 317.1059.

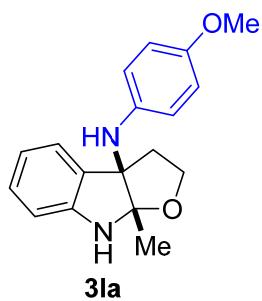


**6-Chloro-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3ja);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 4 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 10:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); gray solid (mp: 145.9 – 150.9 °C); 84 % yield (53.3 mg, 0.17 mmol); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 2.45 (td, *J* = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 5.0

Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.1, 150.7, 139.4, 135.1, 128.8, 124.9, 119.3, 116.9, 114.9, 108.7, 96.0, 74.2, 65.9, 55.7, 42.9; IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3445, 3006, 1066, 1645, 1470, 1275, 1261, 769; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 317.1051, found: 317.1048.

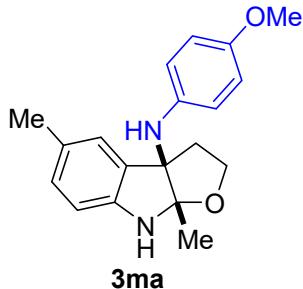


**N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-methyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3ka);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 5 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 139.4 – 141.5 °C); 89 % yield (53.0 mg, 0.18 mmol);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.49 (brs, 1H), 4.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 2.55 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.7, 148.2, 139.6, 130.3, 129.9, 121.4, 119.6, 118.2, 116.6, 114.8, 95.4, 74.9, 66.0, 55.7, 41.8, 16.7; IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3446, 3006, 3065, 1644, 1275, 1261, 750; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 297.1598, found: 297.1588.

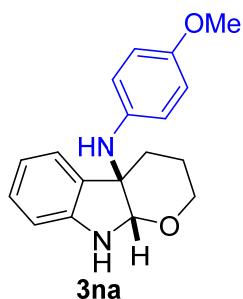


**N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8a-methyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3la);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3.5 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); yellow solid (mp: 124.8 – 128.3 °C); 87 % yield (51.5 mg, 0.17 mmol);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.64–6.56 (m, 3H), 6.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (brs, 1H), 4.04 (brs, 1H), 3.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H).

3H), 3.59–3.51 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.33 (m, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  152.3, 149.3, 139.5, 129.4, 129.2, 124.5, 119.3, 116.5, 114.5, 108.6, 101.8, 74.2, 64.8, 55.6, 43.9, 22.7; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3440, 2065, 1644, 1510, 1275, 750, 518; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1598, found: 297.1593.

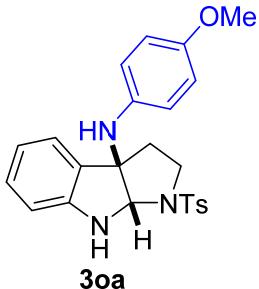


***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,8a-dimethyl-2,3,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3ma);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 9 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); yellow solid (mp: 123.5 – 127.4°C); 94 % yield (53.3 mg, 0.17 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.61 (dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd,  $J$  = 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (brs, 1H), 4.03 (brs, 1H), 3.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.59 – 3.50 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  152.2, 147.0, 139.6, 129.9, 129.5, 128.6, 124.9, 116.4, 114.5, 108.6, 102.1, 74.1, 64.8, 55.6, 43.8, 22.7, 20.9; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3447, 2065, 1633, 1507, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1754, found: 311.1763.

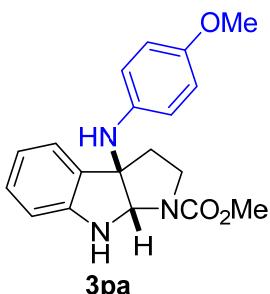


***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,4,9,9a-tetrahydropyrano[2,3-*b*]indol-4a(*2H*)-amine (3na);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 5 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); yellow oil; 86 % yield (51.0 mg, 0.17 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.65 (m, 3H), 6.56 – 6.50 (m, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 3.88 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.54 (m, 3H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.53 – 1.36

(m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.0, 148.8, 138.4, 131.2, 129.0, 123.5, 121.2, 119.2, 114.3, 110.1, 91.9, 63.5, 60.7, 55.6, 30.3, 20.6; IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3566, 3005, 1610, 1508, 1275, 1260, 750; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 297.1598, found: 297.1589.

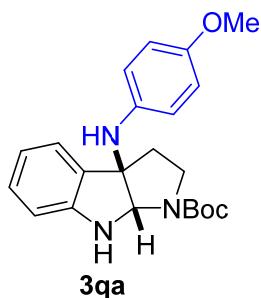


**N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-tosyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indol-3a(1H)-amine (3oa);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 137.2 – 138.6 °C); 91 % yield (79.1mg, 0.18 mmol);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.76 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.61 – 6.55 (m, 2H), 6.31 – 6.25 (m, 2H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.86 (brs, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.52 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.31 - 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.37 – 2.22 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.3, 149.0, 143.7, 138.4, 135.8, 129.9, 129.7, 127.3, 123.5, 119.5, 118.1, 114.6, 110.0, 79.6, 74.5, 55.6, 46.3, 38.3, 21.6; IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3446, 3006, 2066, 1635, 1275, 1261, 750; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 436.1689, found: 436.1687.

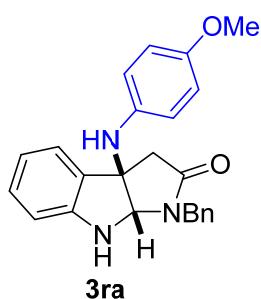


**Methyl 3a-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1(2H)-carboxylate (3pa);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); yellow solid (mp: 142.3 – 144.4 °C); 91 % yield (61.8mg, 0.18 mmol);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd,  $J$  = 16.5, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (d,  $J$  = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H),

3.80 – 3.58 (m, 7H), 3.22 - 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.56 - 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.33 - 2.22 (m, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  155.9, 155.2, 153.7, 153.4, 149.3, 149.0, 138.8, 138.7, 130.0, 129.8, 123.7, 119.5, 119.3, 119.0, 118.1, 114.7, 114.7, 109.9, 109.7, 78.0,, 77.4, , 74.2, 73.2, 55.7, 52.8, 52.6, 44.9, 44.7, 37.7, 37.5; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, ; 3006, 2065, 1633, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 340.1656, found: 340.1663.

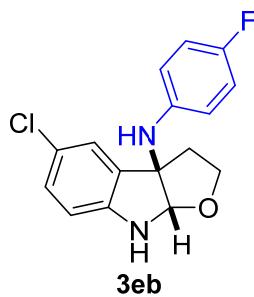


**Tert-butyl 3a-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indole-1(2H)-carboxylate (3qa);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 161.1 – 165.1 °C); 91 % yield (69.6mg, 0.18 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  7.18 - 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.52 (d,  $J = 32.1$  Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.65 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd,  $J = 18.3, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.36 - 2.28 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.44 (m, 9H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )**  $\delta$  154.9, 154.1, 153.7, 153.4, 149.5, 149.2, 138.9, 138.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 123.8, 123.7, 119.4, 119.1, 118.1, 114.8, 114.7, 109.8, 109.6, 80.6, 80.2, 78.0, 77.8, 77.5, 74.2, 73.3, 55.7, 45.0, 44.4, 37.8, 37.7, 28.8, 28.6; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 3006, 1646, 1507, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 382.2125, found: 382.2129.

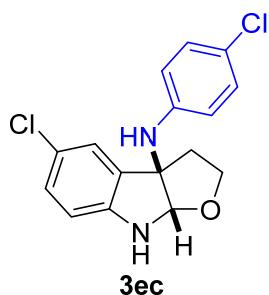


**1-Benzyl-3a-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,3-b]indol-2(1H)-one (3ra);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum

ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 168.7 – 175.2 °C); 57 % yield (44.1mg, 0.11 mmol);  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 6.35 – 6.30 (m, 2H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.99 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (s, 1H), 4.21 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.28 (d,  $J$  = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d,  $J$  = 17.7 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\} \text{NMR}$**  (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.9, 153.4, 147.9, 137.9, 136.3, 133.4, 130.4, 129.0, 128.4, 128.0, 124.1, 121.2, 117.1, 115.0, 112.0, 78.2, 67.0, 55.8, 44.2, 41.9. **IR**  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3445, 3006, 1645, 1511, 1275, 1261, 762; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 386.1863, found: 386.1871.

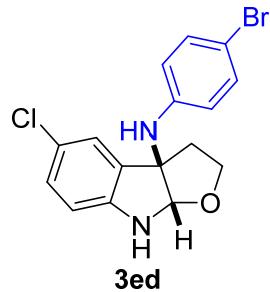


**5-Chloro-N-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3eb);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 4 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 149.0 – 152.7 °C); 90 % yield (54.8 mg, 0.18 mmol);  **$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.39 – 6.29 (m, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.58 (brs, 1H), 4.02 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64–3.54 (m, 1H), 2.38 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd,  $J$  = 11.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\} \text{NMR}$**  (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.4 (d,  $J$  = 235.4 Hz), 148.2, 141.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 131.5, 129.6, 124.2, 124.0, 115.8 (d,  $J$  = 28.7 Hz), 115.75, 109.5, 95.9, 74.2, 65.7, 43.1;  **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$**  (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -126.50 (s, 1F). **IR**  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3447, 3006, 1646, 1473, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClFN<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 305.0851, found: 305.0836.

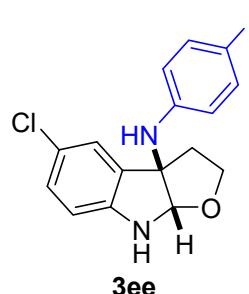


**5-Chloro-N-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine**

**(3ec);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 5 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 174.7 – 175.6 °C); 81 % yield (52.3 mg, 0.16 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.67 (brs, 1H), 4.33 (brs, 1H), 4.10 (t,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 - 3.63 (m, 1H), 2.45 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd,  $J$  = 12, 4.8 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.2, 144.0, 131.3, 129.7, 129.3, 124.1, 123.3, 115.7, 109.5, 95.9, 73.9, 65.7, 43.0; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3420, 3006, 2990, 1633, 1476, 1275, 1261, 773; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 321.0556, found: 321.0563.

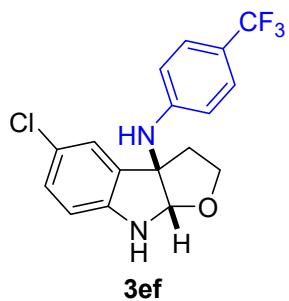


**N-(4-bromophenyl)-5-chloro-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3ed);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC:**  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 183.8 – 184.8 °C); 75 % yield (54.5 mg, 0.15 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.63 (brs, 1H), 4.34 (brs, 1H), 4.10 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71-3.62 (m, 1H), 2.45 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd,  $J$  = 11.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.2, 144.5, 132.1, 131.2, 129.7, 124.1, 116.1, 110.4, 109.5, 95.9, 73.9, 65.6, 43.0; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3446, 3006, 2065, 1640, 1275, 1261, 779; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrClN}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 365.0051, found: 365.0067.

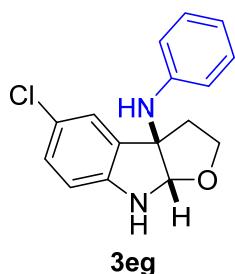


**5-Chloro-N-(4-iodophenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine**

**(3ee);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 4 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 192.6 – 196.3 °C); 88 % yield (72.6 mg, 0.18 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 4.57 (brs, 2H), 4.10 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 2.44 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd,  $J$  = 11.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.2, 145.1, 138.0, 131.2, 129.7, 124.1, 124.11, 116.7, 109.5, 95.9, 79.6, 73.8, 65.7, 43.1; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 3006, 1646, 1507, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClIN}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 412.9912, found: 412.9902.

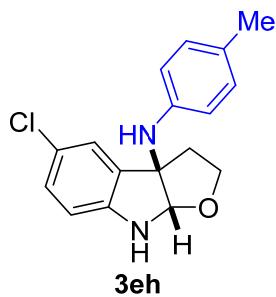


**5-Chloro-N-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3ef);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 177.1 – 179.8 °C); 77 % yield (54.5 mg, 0.15 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.70 (brs, 1H), 4.59 (brs, 1H), 4.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.48 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd,  $J$  = 11.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.2, 148.1, 130.7, 129.8, 127.9 (q,  $J$  = 269.0 Hz), 126.7 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 124.1, 124.0, 119.9 (q,  $J$  = 32.5 Hz), 113.5, 109.6, 95.8, 73.6, 65.6, 43.1;  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ -61.32 (s, 3F); **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 3006, 1646, 1543, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClF}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 355.0820, found: 355.0829.

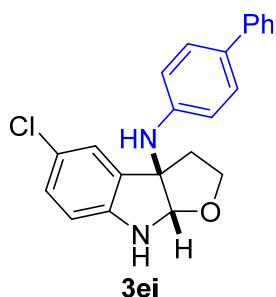


**5-Chloro-N-phenyl-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3eg);**

reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 5 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 181.4 – 185.6 °C); 78 % yield (40.0 mg, 0.16 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.15 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.70 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.70 (brs, 1H), 4.22 (brs, 1H), 4.11 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 - 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.49 (td,  $J = 11.7, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.9$  Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.2, 145.5, 132.0, 129.5, 129.4, 124.2, 124.0, 118.5, 114.6, 109.5, 95.9, 73.9, 65.7, 42.9; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3420, 3006, 1633, 1508, 1479, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 287.0946, found: 287.0939.

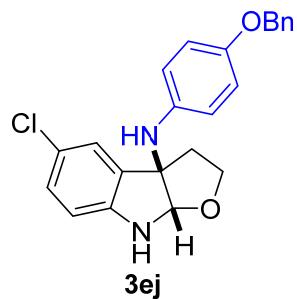


**5-Chloro-N-(p-tolyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3eh);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 5 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC**:  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 183.3 – 184.8 °C); 86 % yield (51.9 mg, 0.17 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.15 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 4.68 (brs, 1H), 4.09 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 - 3.63 (m, 1H), 2.47 (td,  $J = 11.7, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.2, 143.1, 132.1, 129.9, 129.4, 127.8, 124.2, 124.0, 114.9, 109.5, 96.0, 74.1, 65.7, 42.9, 20.4; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3453, 2065, 1633, 1473, 1275, 1261, 773; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 301.1102, found: 301.1112.

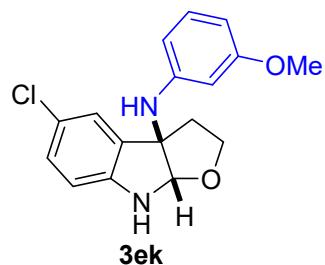


**N-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-5-chloro-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3ei);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 4 h; petroleum

ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC**:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 227.1 – 239.0 °C); 93 % yield (67.5 mg, 0.19 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.25 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.61 – 6.50 (m, 3H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 4.69 (brs, 1H), 4.13 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 2.52 (td,  $J$  = 11.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd,  $J$  = 11.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 157.7, 155.3, 148.3, 141.7, 141.72, 131.6, 129.6, 124.2, 124.0, 116.0, 115.8, 115.76, 109.5, 95.9, 74.3, 65.7, 43.0; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3446, 3006, 1646, 1473, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 363.1259, found: 363.1267.

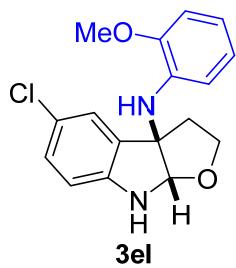


***N*-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-5-chloro-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3ej);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 4 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC**:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 163.2 – 188.5 °C); 95 % yield (74.1 mg, 0.19 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.66 (brs, 1H), 4.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.29 (dd,  $J$  = 12.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 152.2, 148.2, 139.6, 137.5, 132.0, 129.4, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 124.3, 123.9, 116.4, 116.0, 109.5, 96.0, 74.4, 70.7, 65.8, 42.9; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3446, 3006, 1644, 1507, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 393.1364, found: 393.1359.

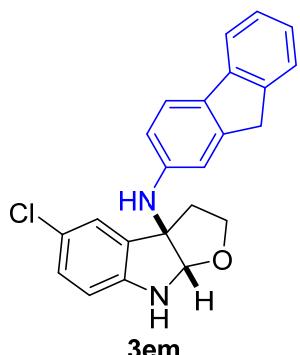


**5-Chloro-*N*-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (3ek);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum

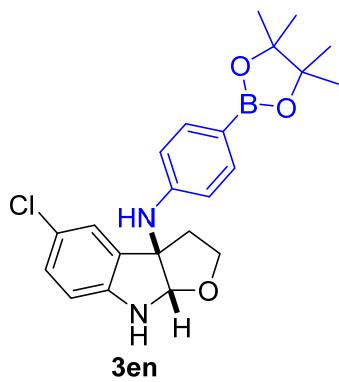
ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC**:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); yellow solid (mp: 120.0 – 120.7 °C); 88 % yield (55.8 mg, 0.17 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (t,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.76 (brs, 1H), 4.28 (brs, 1H), 4.14 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.71 – 3.62 (m, 4H), 2.46 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd,  $J$  = 11.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 160.7, 148.2, 146.8, 131.7, 130.1, 129.5, 124.1, 123.9, 109.4, 107.5, 103.7, 100.2, 96.0, 73.8, 65.6, 55.0, 43.1; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3420, 3006, 2066, 1633, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1051, found: 317.1059.



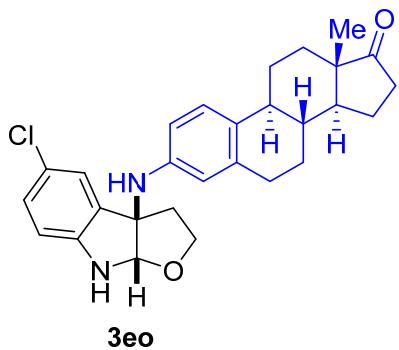
**5-Chloro-N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3aH-furo[2,3-b]indol-3a-amine (3el); reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; **TLC**:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); grew solid (mp: 166.3 – 167.4 °C); 94 % yield (60.0 mg, 0.19 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.69 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd,  $J$  = 5.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.85 (brs, 1H), 4.73 (brs, 1H), 4.15 – 4.07 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (ddd,  $J$  = 11.4, 9.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 – 2.27 (m, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.1, 147.1, 135.2, 132.0, 129.3, 124.1, 123.8, 121.1, 117.5, 111.7, 109.6, 109.4, 95.9, 73.4, 65.6, 55.5, 43.0; **IR  $\nu$  (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3446, 3006, 2065, 1640, 1275, 750, 668; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 317.1051, found: 317.1050.**



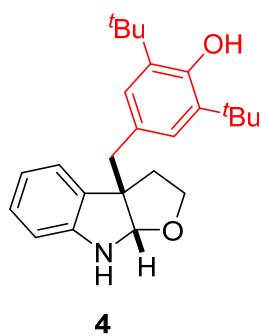
**5-Chloro-N-(9H-fluoren-2-yl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (**3em**);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 222.8 – 228.3 °C); 97 % yield (72.8 mg, 0.19 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.70 (brs, 1H), 4.31 (brs, 1H), 4.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J$  = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.73 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 2.56 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd,  $J$  = 12.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.3, 145.1, 142.4, 129.6, 126.8, 125.3, 124.8, 124.2, 124.1, 120.8, 118.8, 113.7, 111.6, 109.6, 100.1, 95.9, 65.9, 42.7, 37.1; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 3006, 1646, 1507, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 375.1259, found: 375.1263.



**5-Chloro-N-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)-2,3,8,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-amine (**3en**);** reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 8:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 2:1, UV); white solid (mp: 183.1 – 188.7 °C); 72 % yield (59.8 mg, 0.15 mmol);  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 7.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.62 (brs, 2H), 4.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.48 (td,  $J$  = 11.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd,  $J$  = 11.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 12H);  **$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 148.2, 148.0, 136.4, 131.5, 129.6, 124.1, 124.0, 113.5, 109.4, 96.1, 83.4, 73.7, 65.6, 43.0, 25.0, 24.9;  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )** δ 30.52; **IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )**: 3446, 3006, 2065, 1640, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{BClN}_2\text{O}_3^+$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 413.1798, found: 413.1802.



**(8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-3-((5-chloro-2,3,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-yl)amino)-13-methyl-6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16-decahydro-17*H*cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (3eo); reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 50:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 10:1, UV); white solid (mp: 169.8 – 172.2 °C); 95 % yield (87.6 mg, 0.19 mmol); **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dt,  $J$  = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (t,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 2.83 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.48 (dd,  $J$  = 19.0, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (dd,  $J$  = 10.9, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.22 – 1.88 (m, 5H), 1.64 – 1.33 (m, 8H), 0.88 (s, 3H); **13C{1H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 221.1, 148.2, 143.4, 137.5, 132.1, 130.1, 129.5, 126.3, 124.3, 124.0, 115.1, 112.3, 109.4, 96.0, 73.9, 65.7, 50.6, 48.2, 44.1, 43.0, 38.6, 36.0, 31.7, 29.7, 26.7, 25.9, 21.7, 14.0; **IR ν (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>)**: 3445, 3006, 2989, 1633, 1475, 1275, 1261, 750; **HRMS (ESI, m/z)**: calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 463.2147, found: 463.2141.**

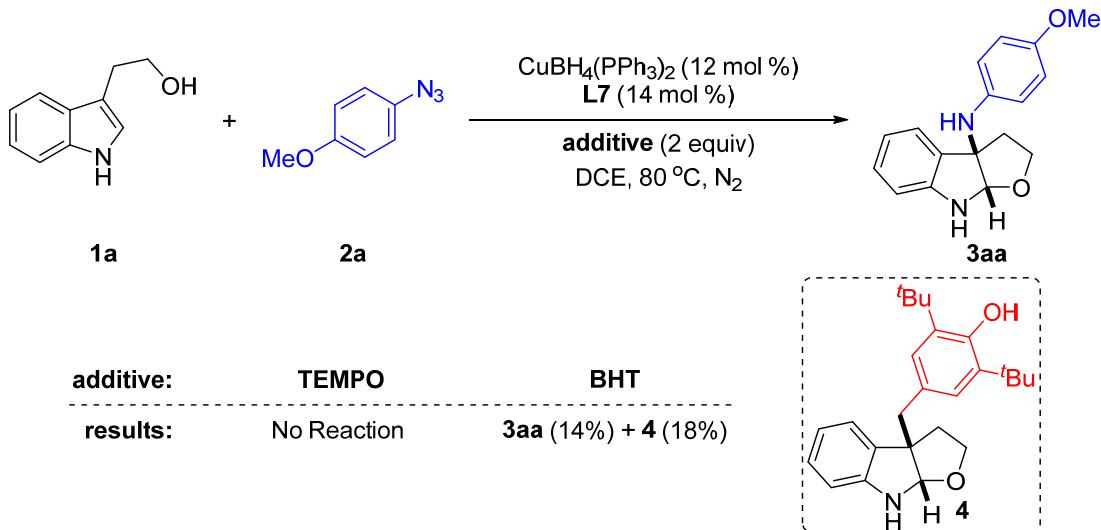


**2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-((2,3,8a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-furo[2,3-*b*]indol-3a-yl)methyl)phenol (4); reaction temperature: 80 °C; reaction time: 3 h; petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 50:1; TLC:  $R_f$  = 0.4 (PE / EA = 10:1, UV); yellow oil; 18 % yield (13.6 mg, 0.04 mmol); **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 6.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 3.96 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.58 – 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.12 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (td,  $J$  = 11.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd,  $J$  =**

11.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 18H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.4, 149.9, 135.3, 132.1, 128.4, 128.2, 126.7, 124.4, 118.7, 108.6, 97.3, 67.6, 59.2, 43.9, 39.8, 34.3, 30.4; IR  $\nu$  (neat,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3444, 3008, 2066, 1636, 1275, 1261, 750; HRMS (ESI, m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{34}\text{NO}_2^+$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 380.2584, found: 380.2588.

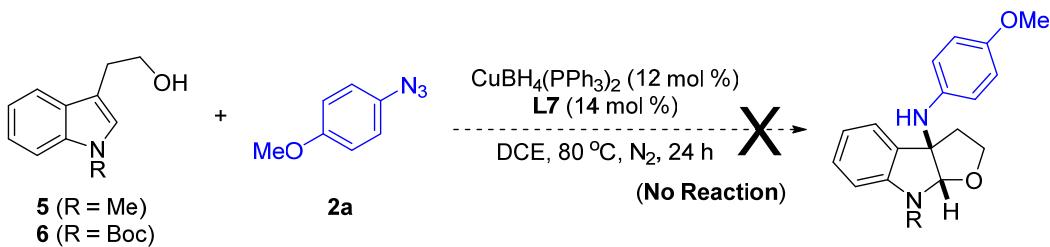
#### IV. Mechanistic Experiments:

##### (a) Radical inhibition reactions



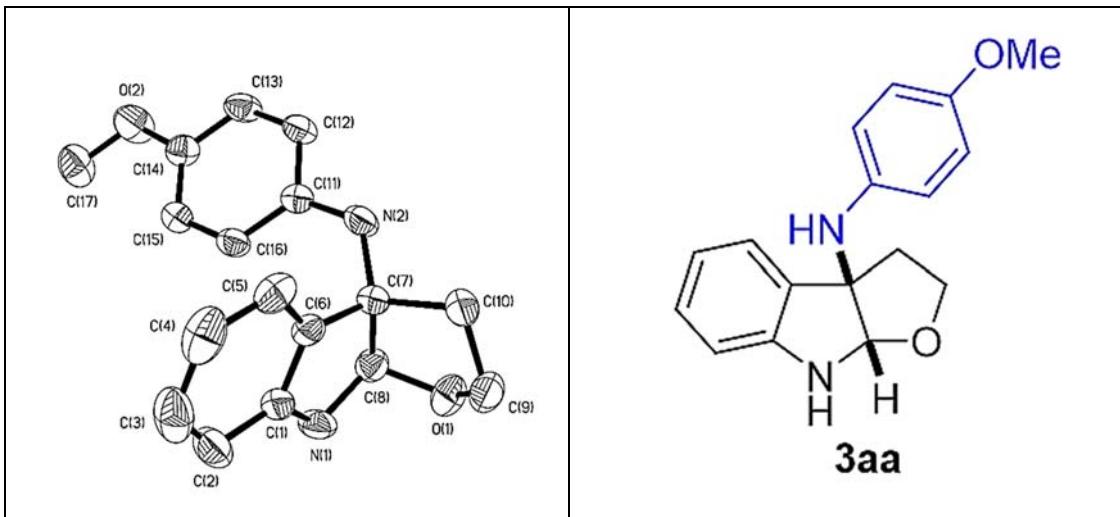
After stirring a mixture of  $\text{CuBH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  (0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and **L7** (0.028 mmol, 14 mol %) in dry DCE (2 mL) at 80 °C for 1 h, substrates **1a** (0.20 mmol) and **2a** (0.30 mmol) and **TEMPO** or **BHT** (0.40 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon atmosphere. After the disappearance of substrate **1a** (monitored by TLC) and then the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the desired product **3aa**.

##### (b) Control experiments



After stirring a mixture of  $\text{CuBH}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$  (0.024 mmol, 12 mol %) and **L7** (0.028 mmol, 14 mol %) in dry DCE (2 mL) at 80 °C for 1 h, substrates **5** or **6** (0.20 mmol) and **2a** (0.30 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C under argon atmosphere. And then the reaction was monitored by TLC.

## V. Crystallographic Data

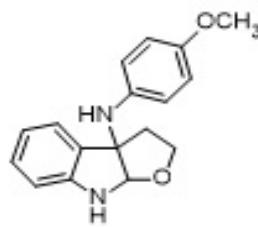


**Table S4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **3aa** (CCDC: 1951998).

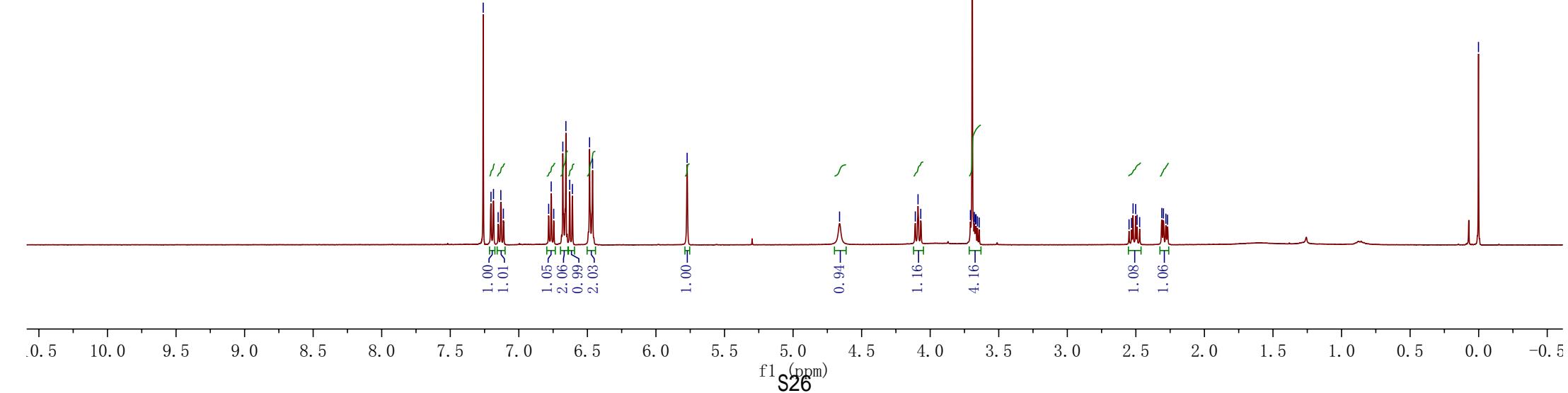
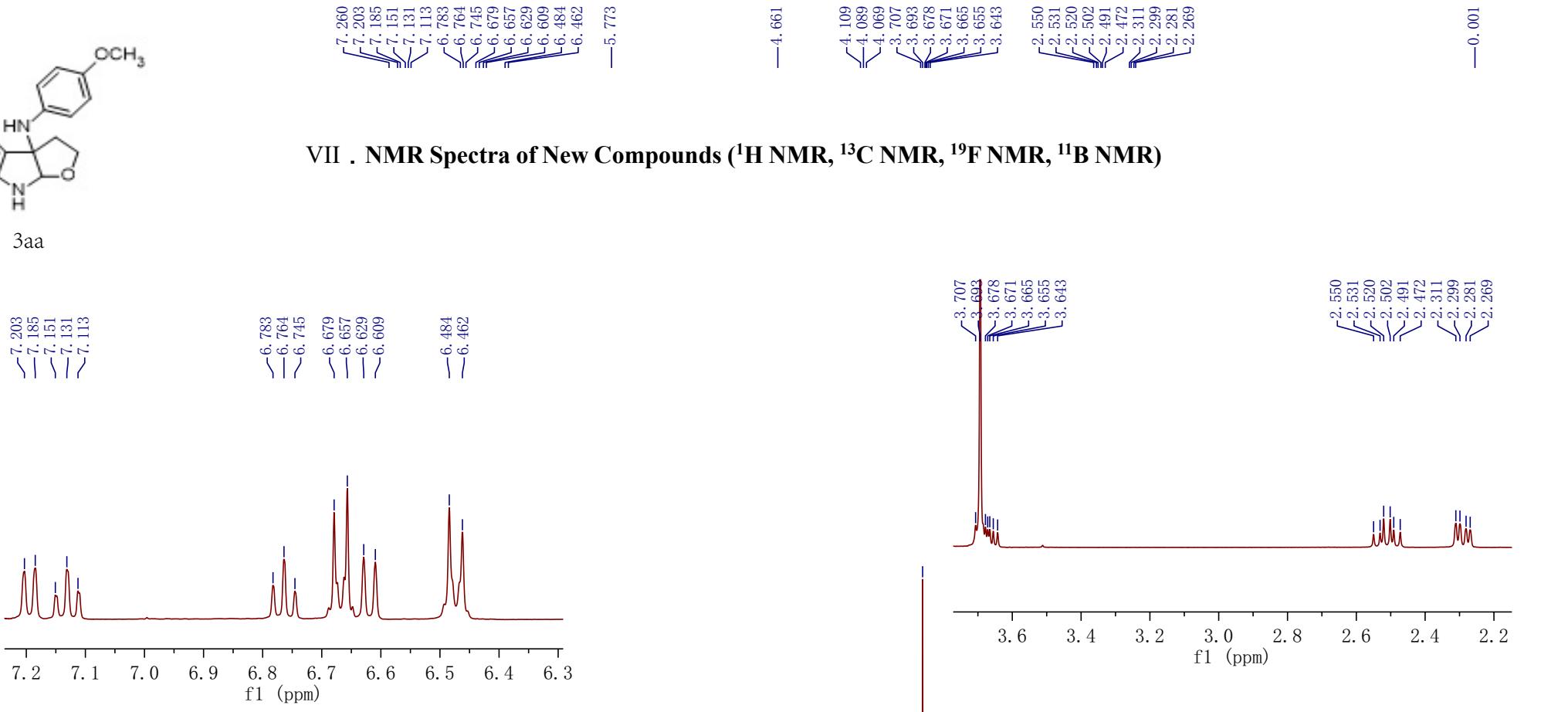
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Formula weight	282.33
Temperature	193(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 21/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.9108(15) Å b = 7.6555(6) Å c = 11.6950(11) Å
	a = 90°. b = 105.615(3)°. g = 90°.
Volume	1458.2(2) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.286 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.085 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	600
Crystal size	0.170 x 0.150 x 0.120 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	2.940 to 25.999°.
Index ranges	-20<=h<=20, -9<=k<=9, -14<=l<=14
Reflections collected	14661
Independent reflections	2857 [R(int) = 0.0495]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.6 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6041
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2857 / 0 / 196
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.046
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0461, wR2 = 0.1112
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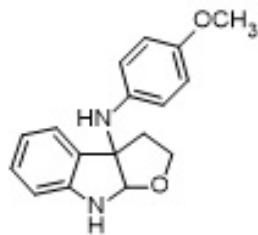
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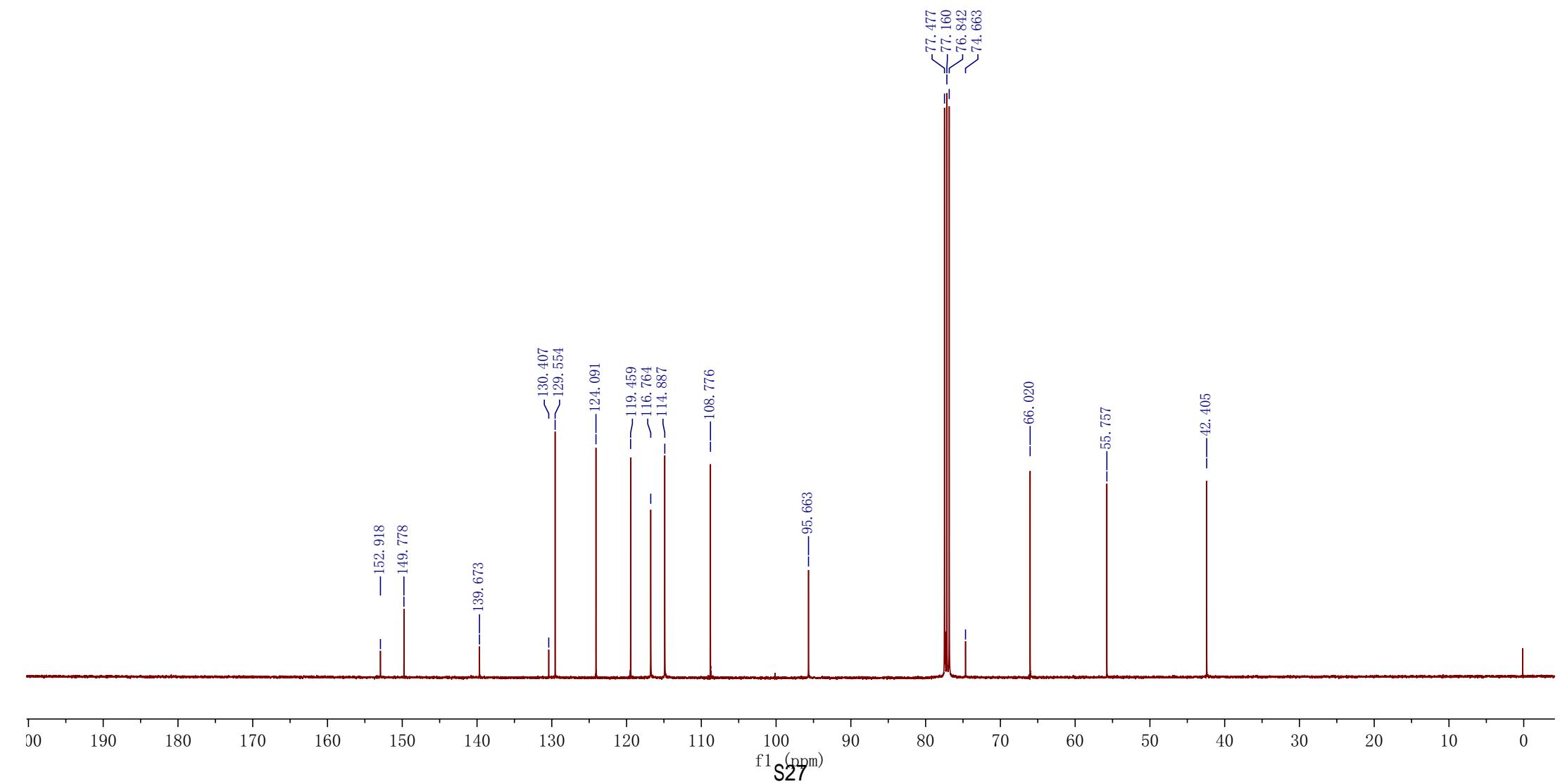


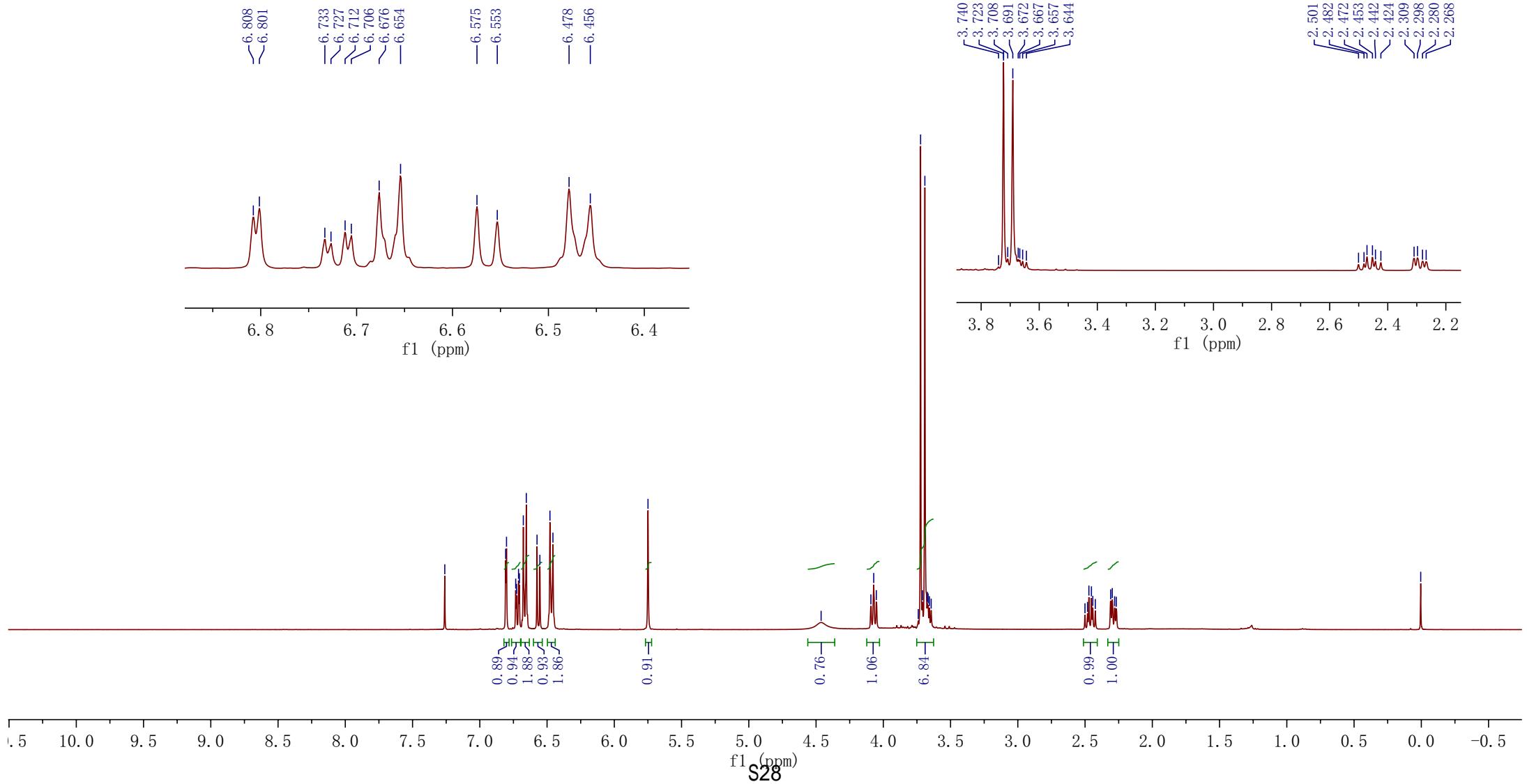
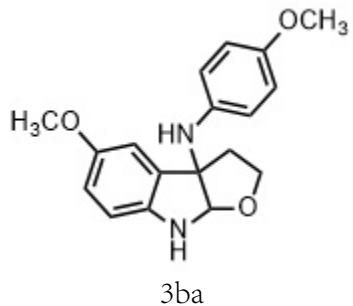
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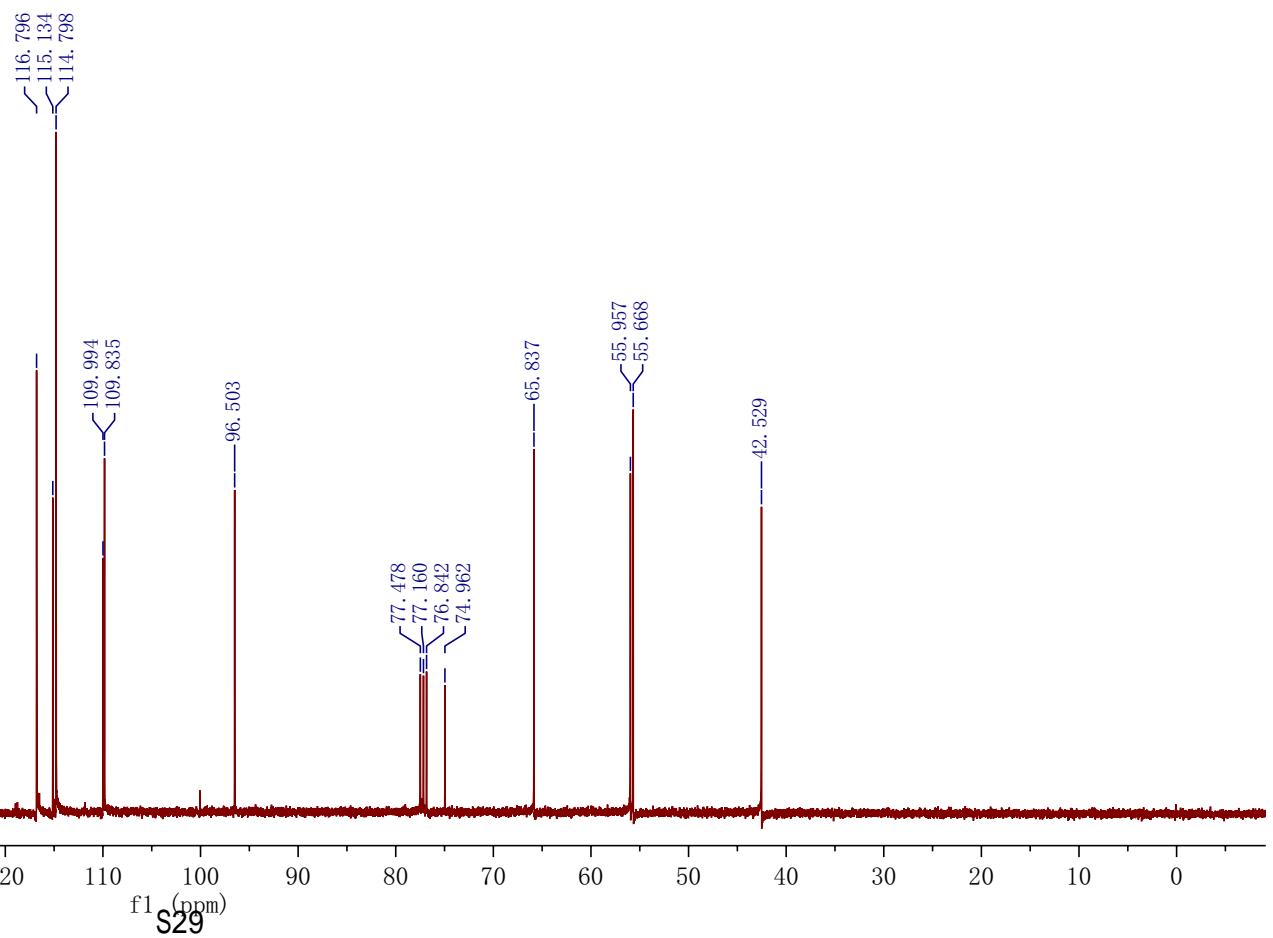
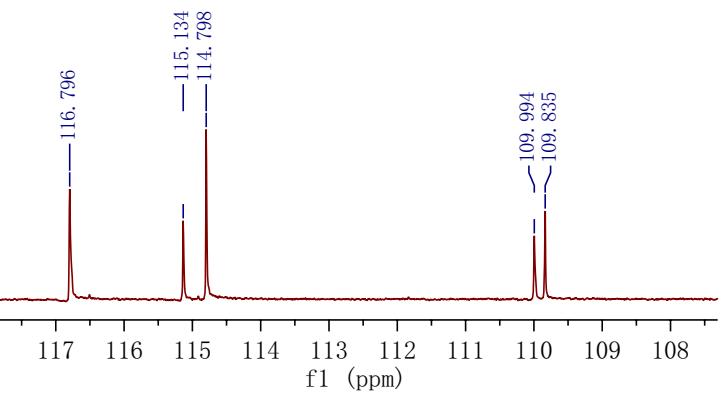
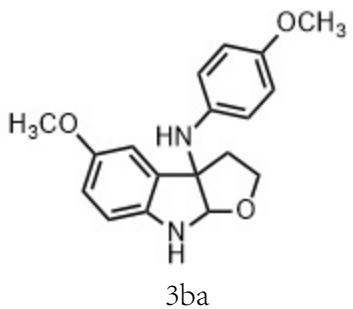


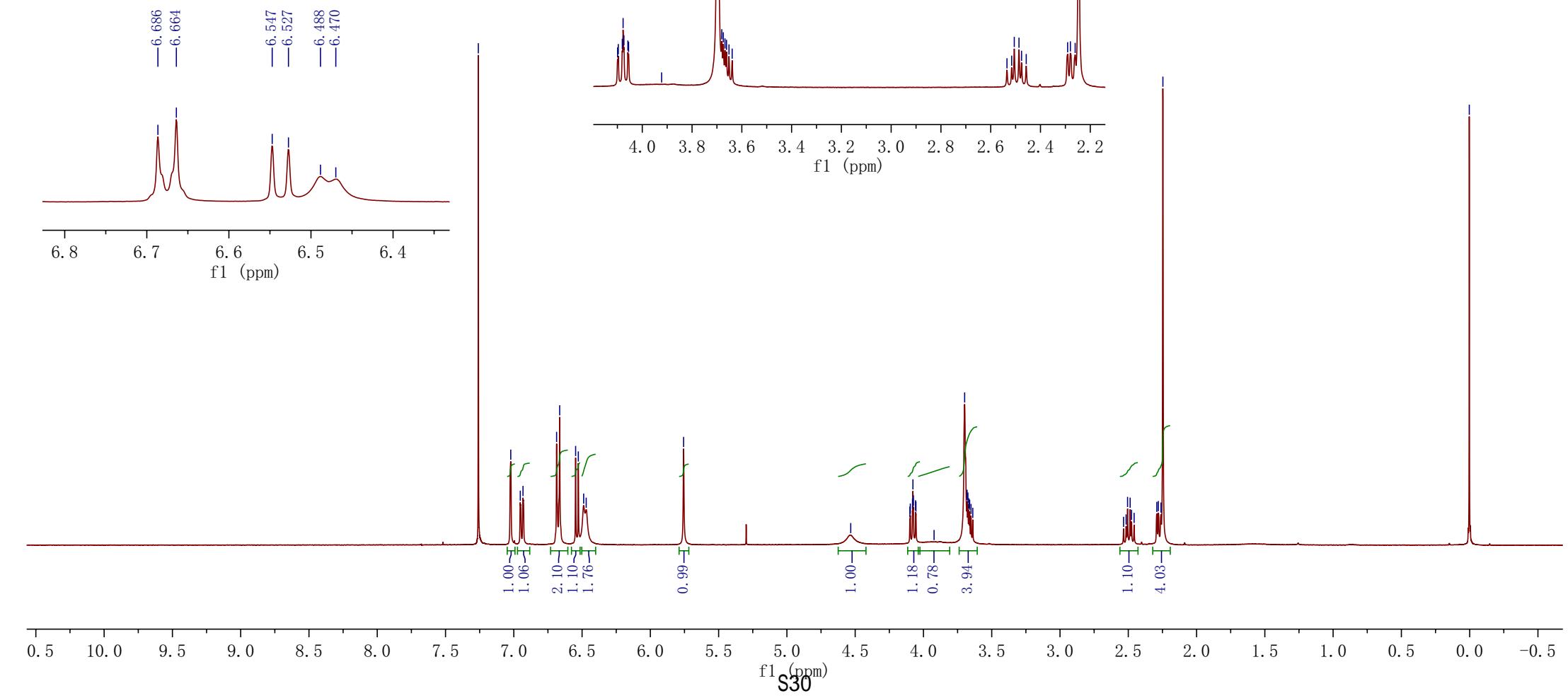
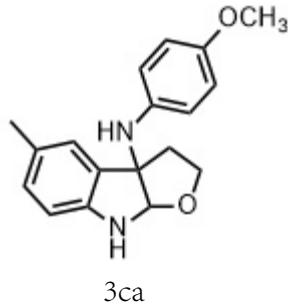
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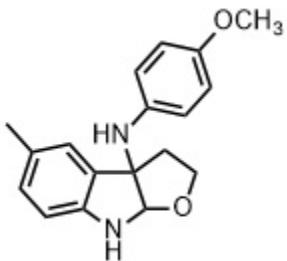




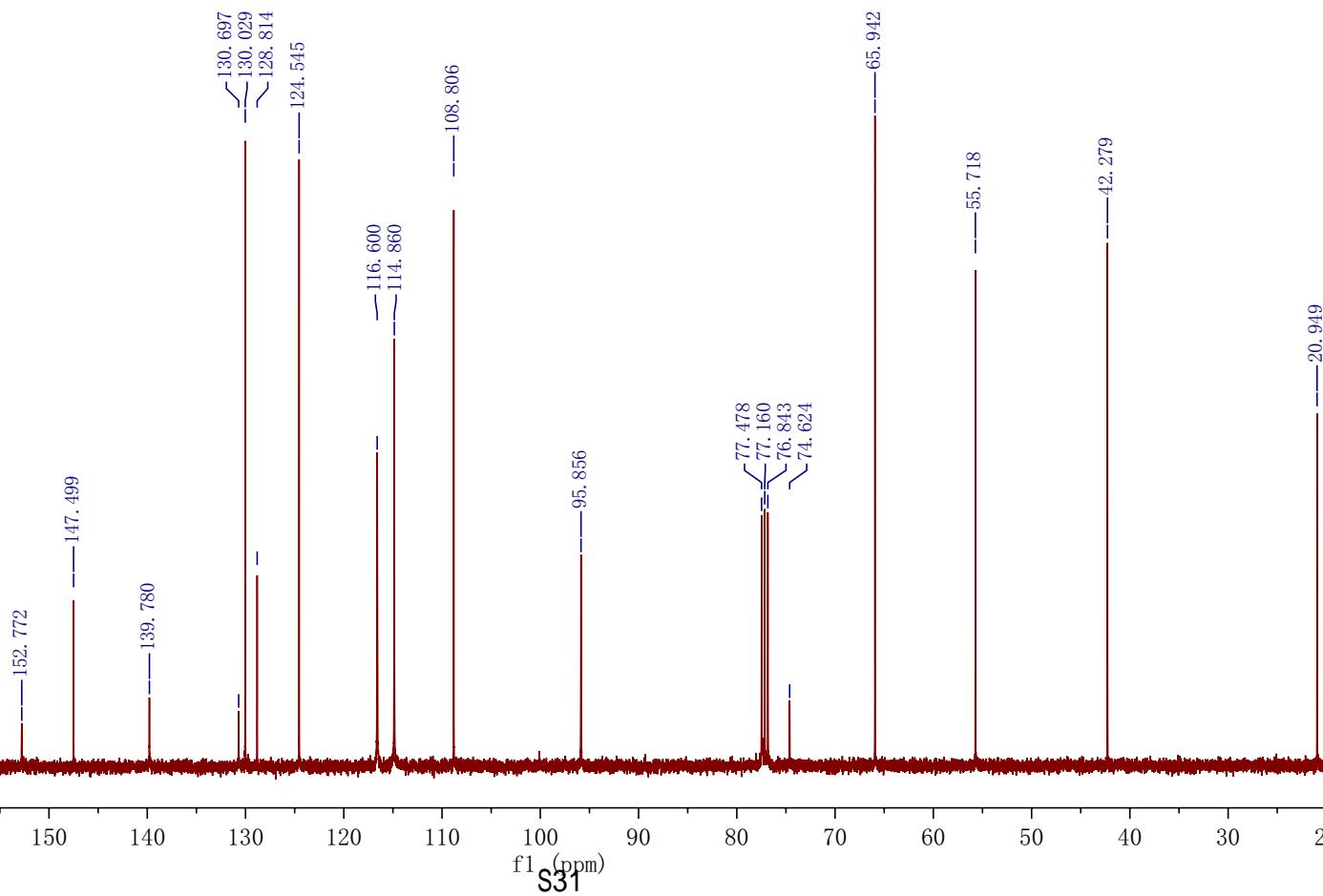
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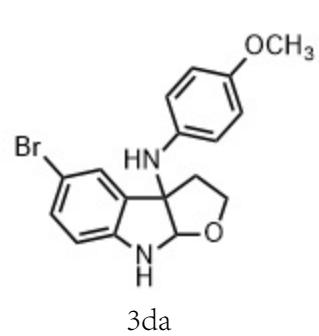




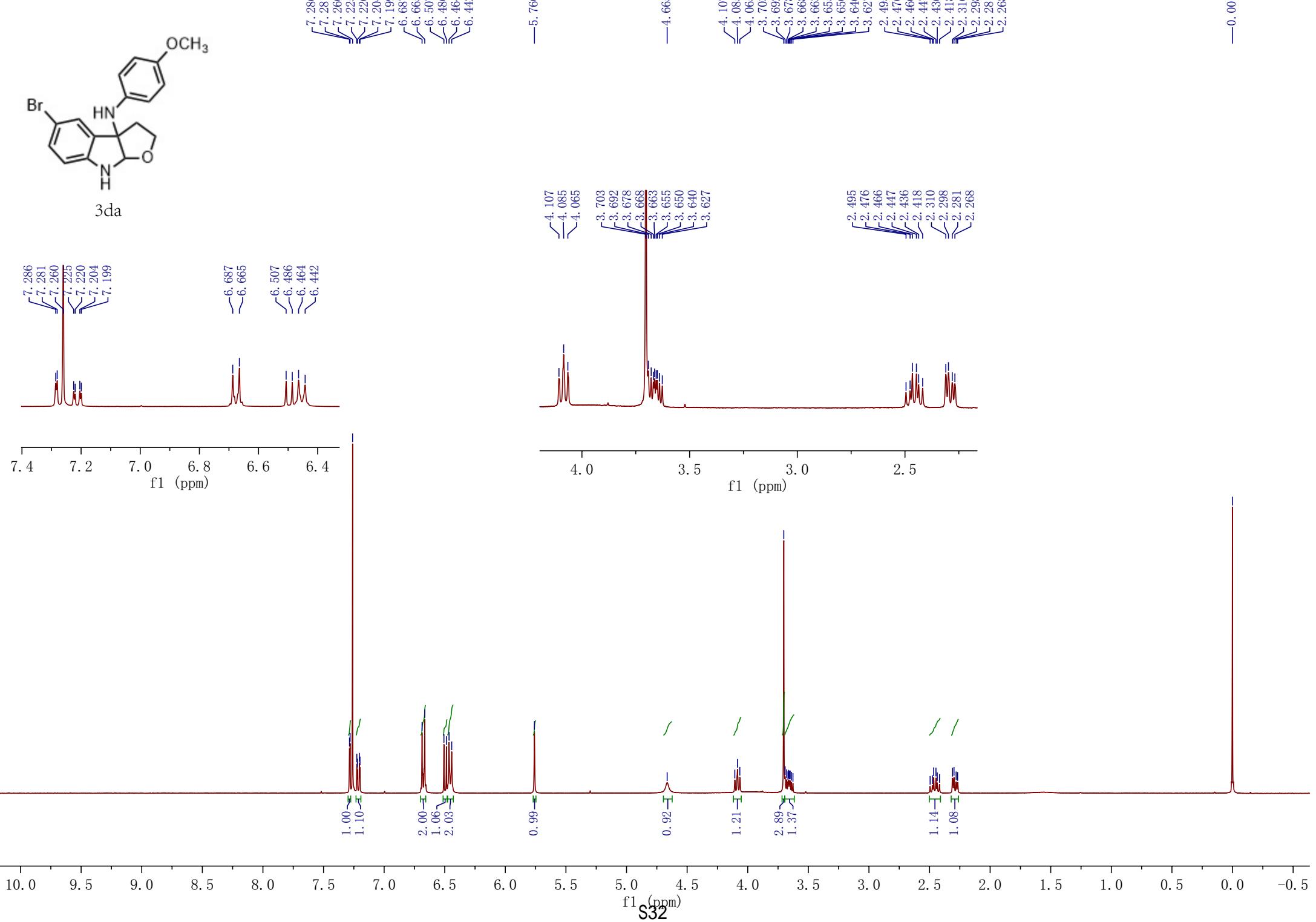


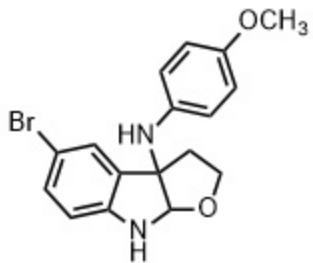
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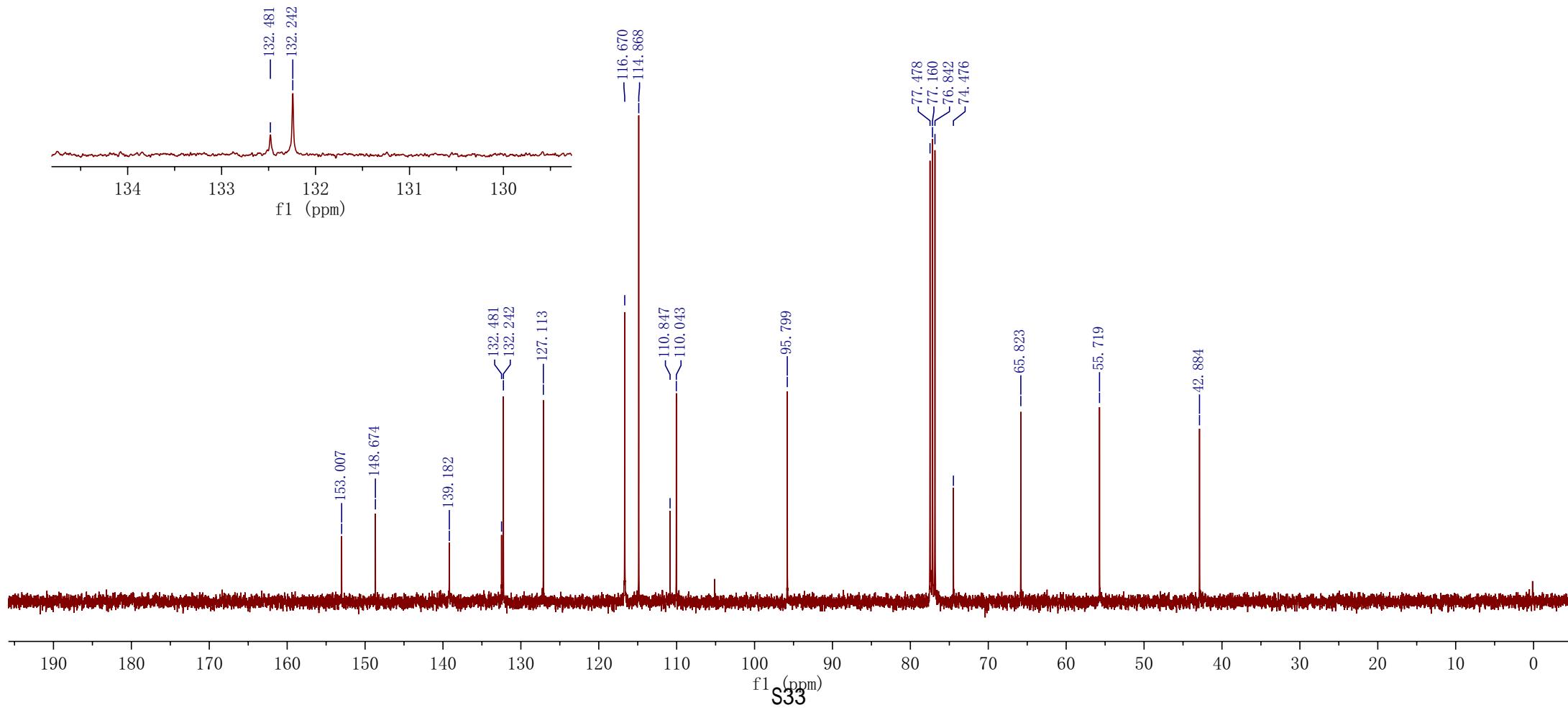


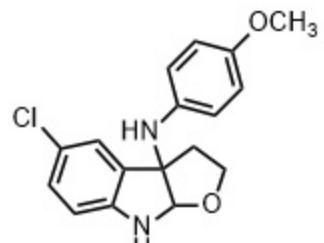
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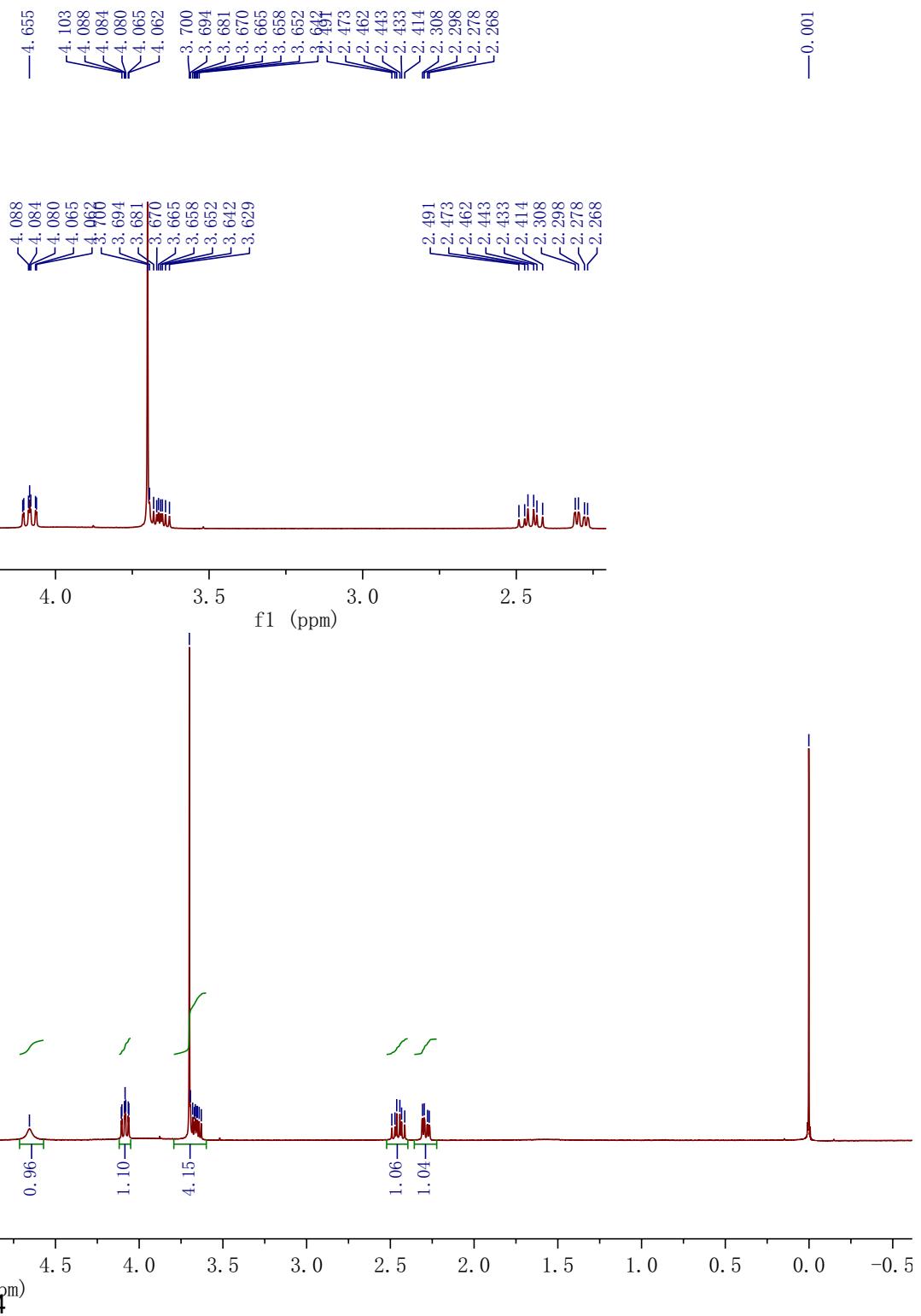
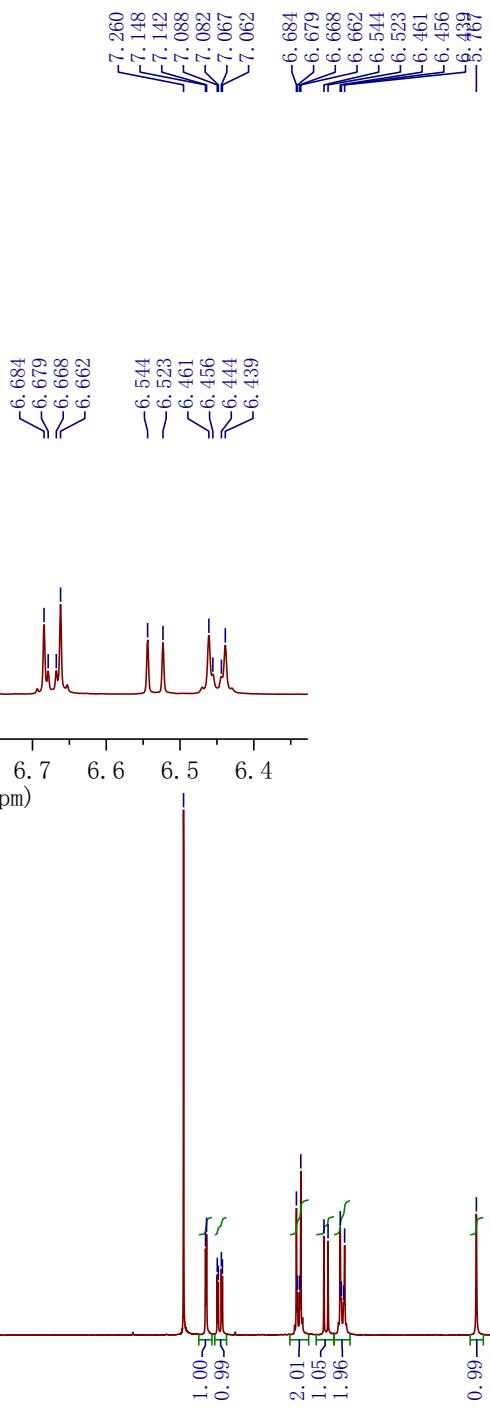
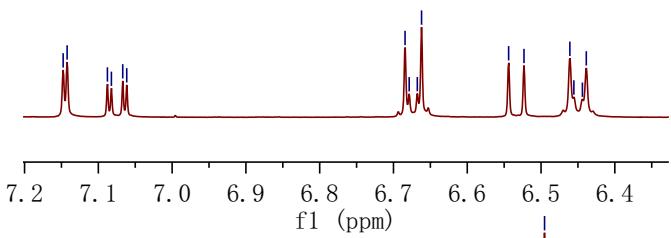


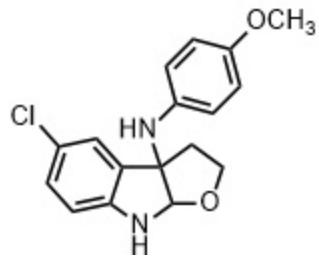
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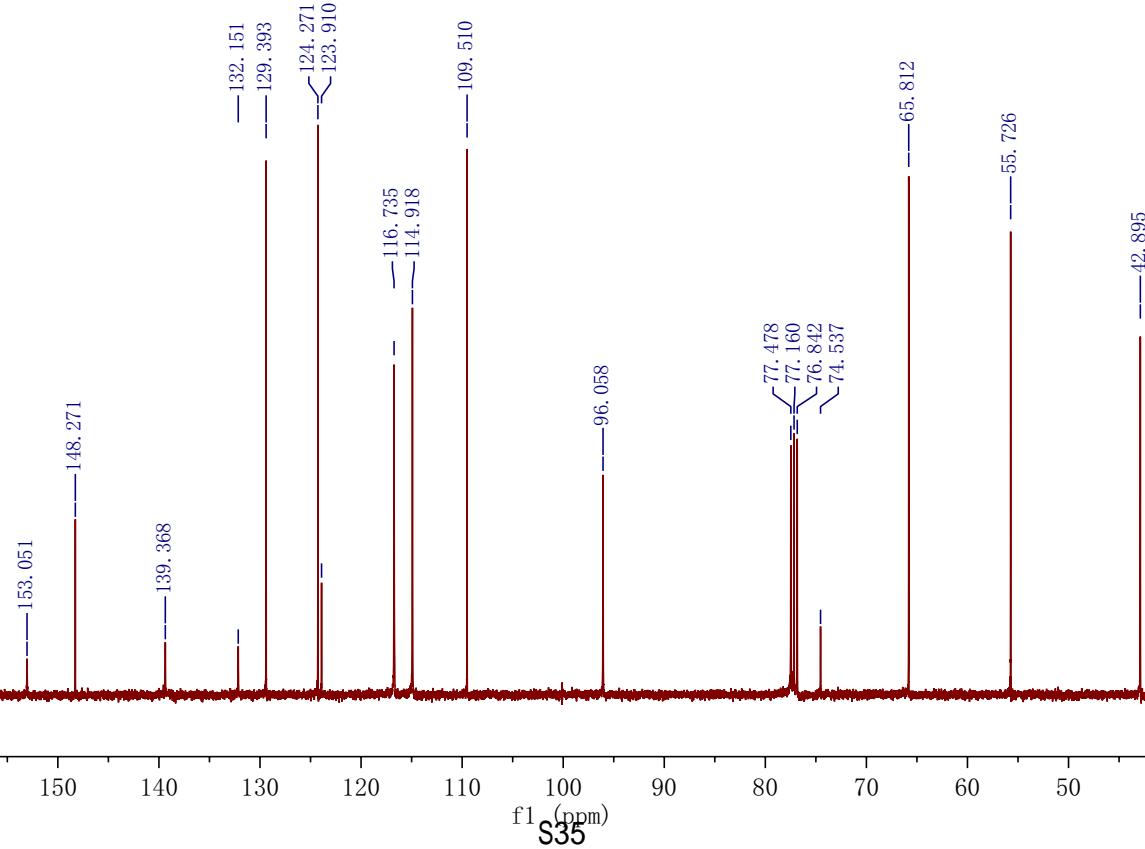


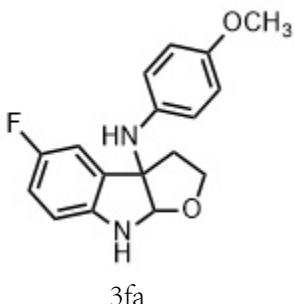
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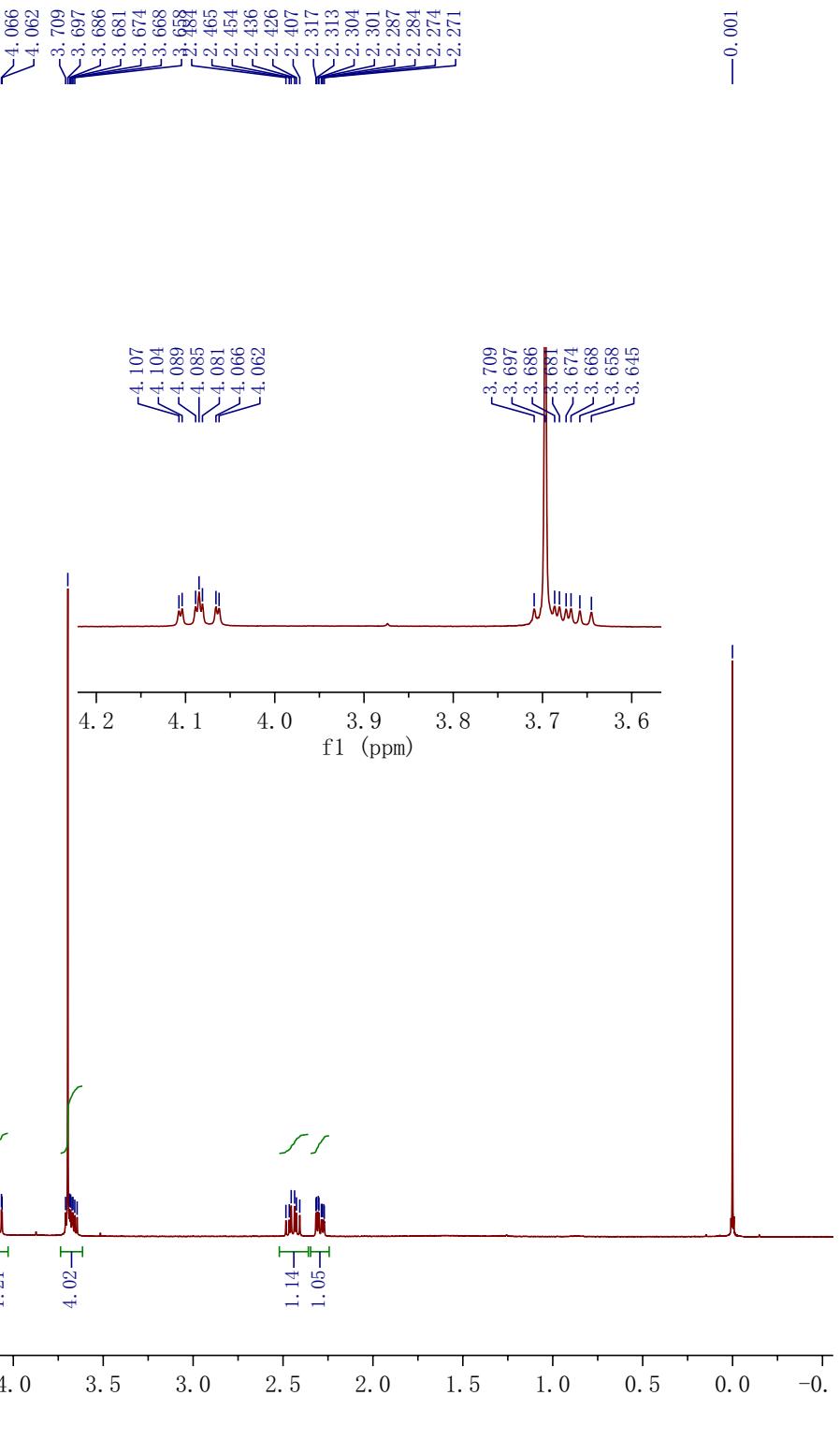
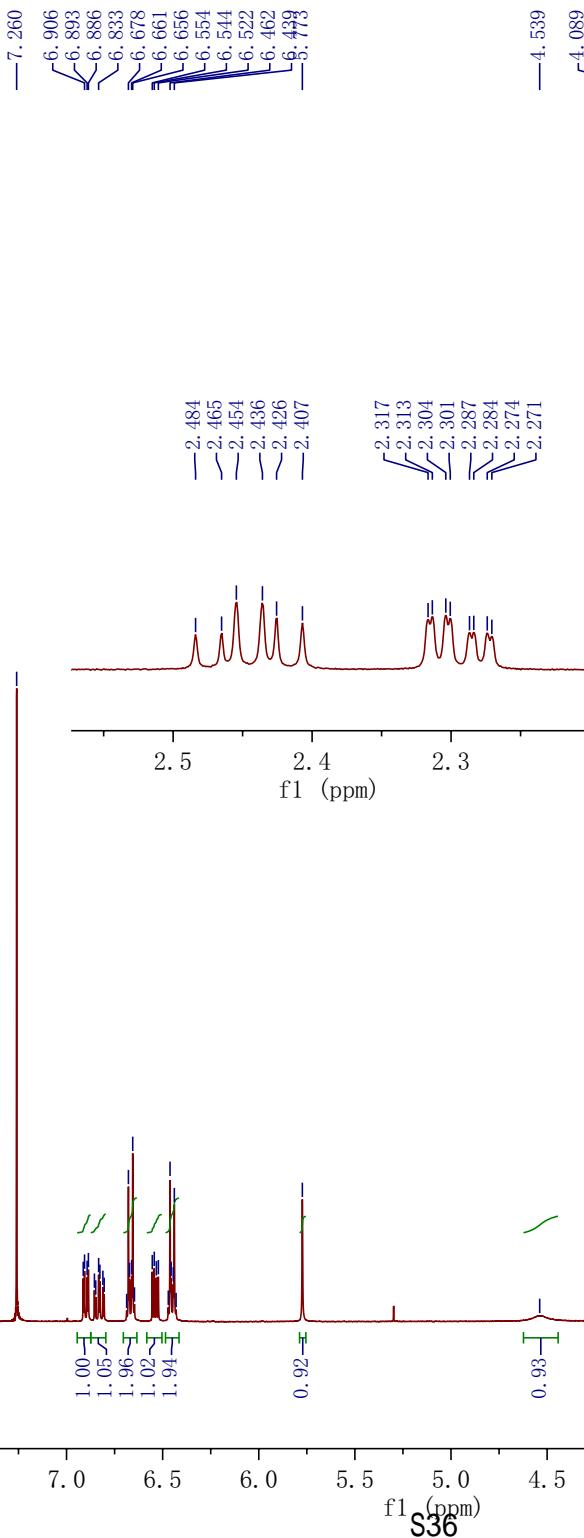
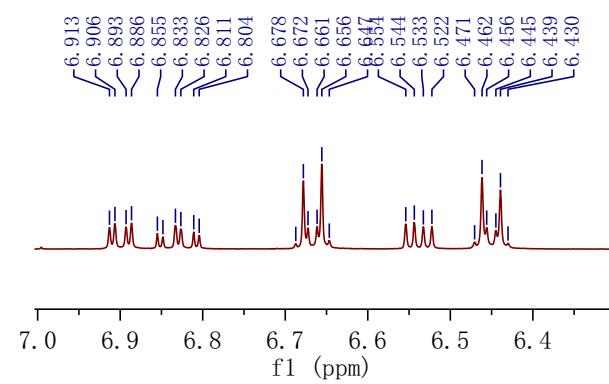


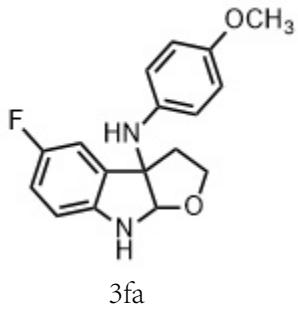
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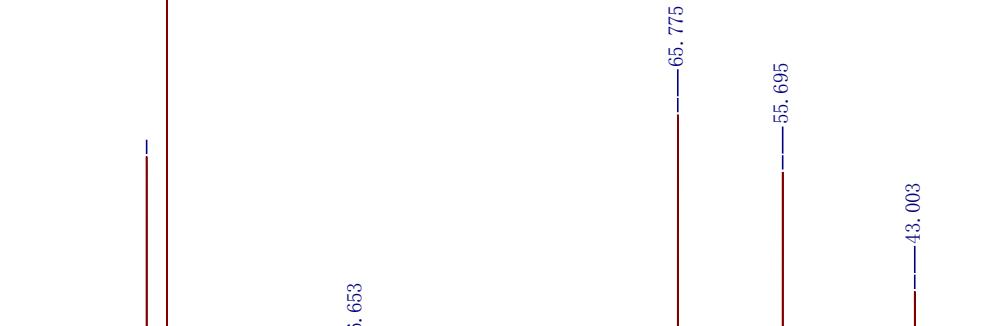
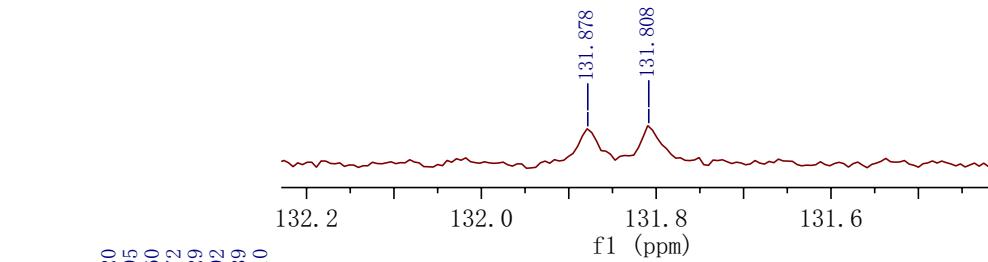
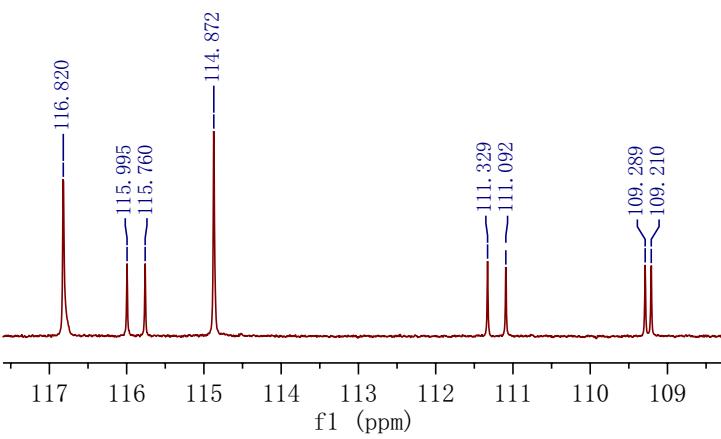


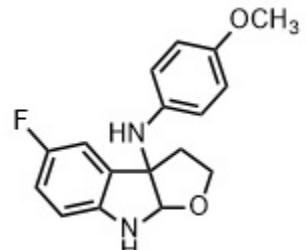
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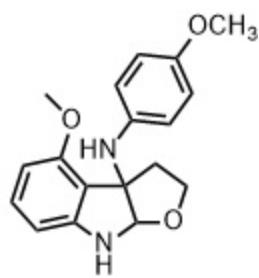




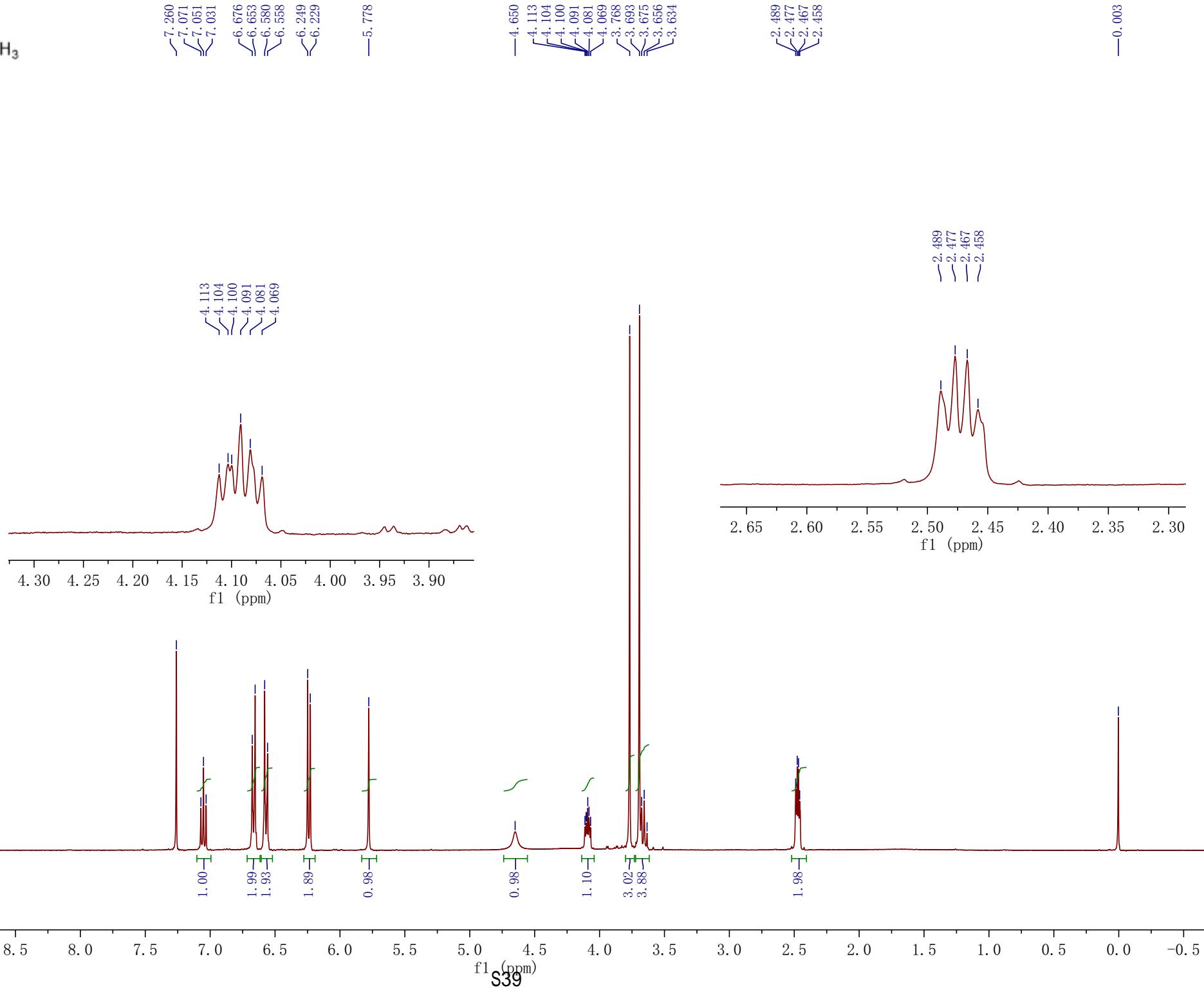
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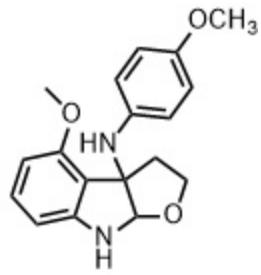
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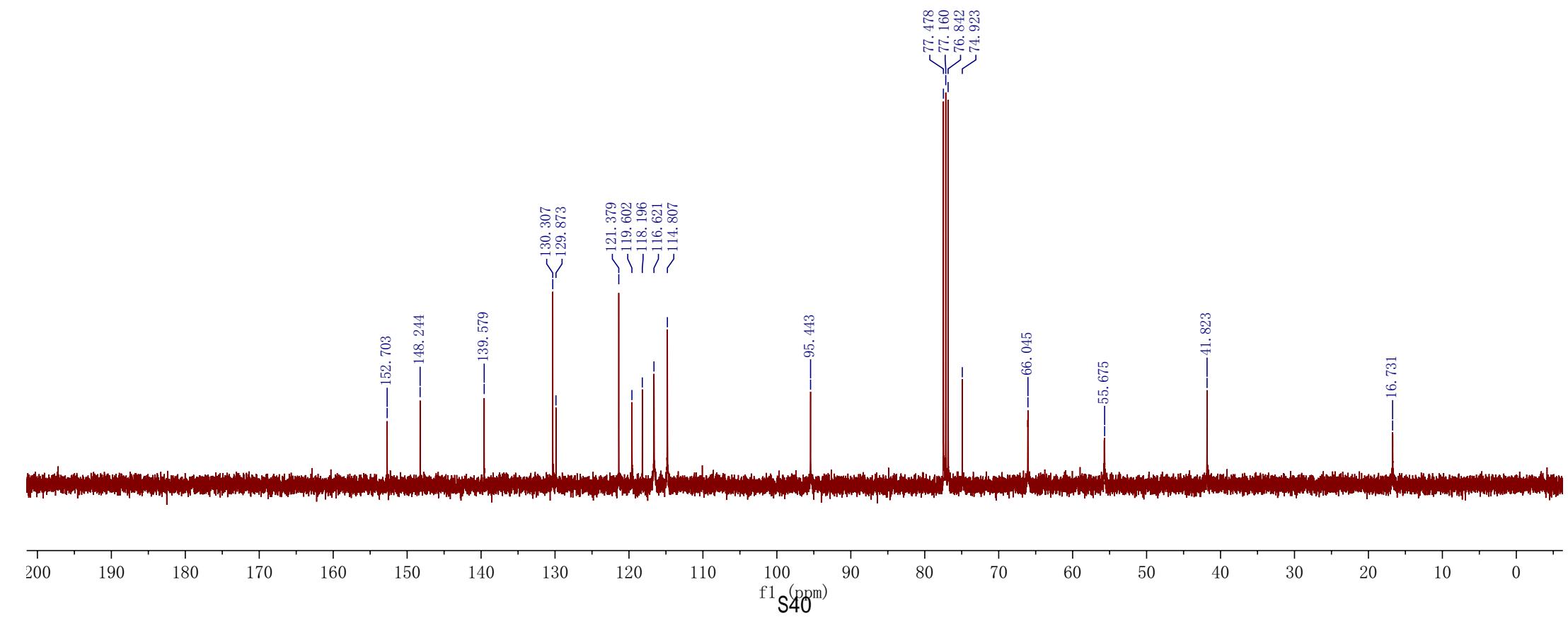


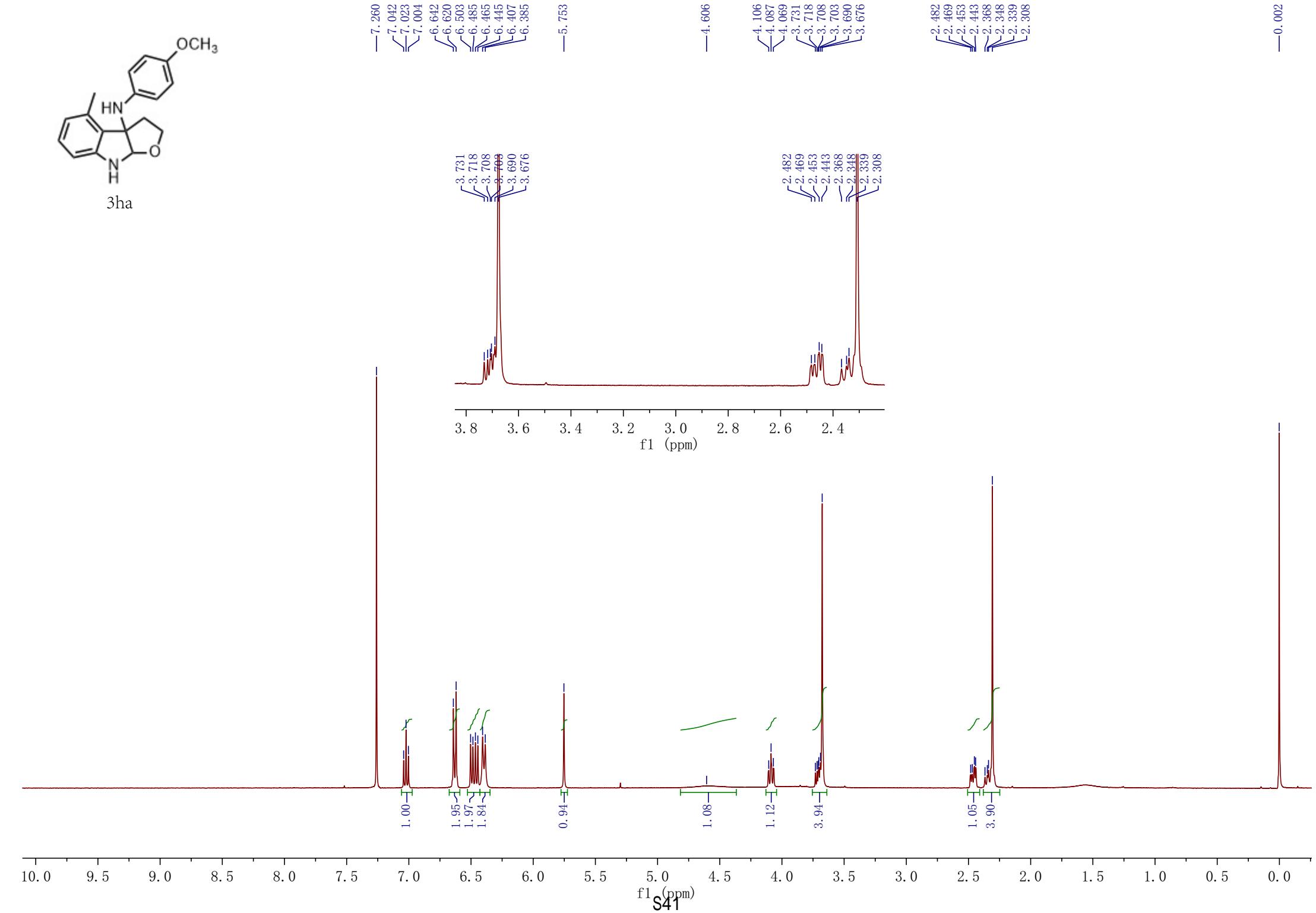
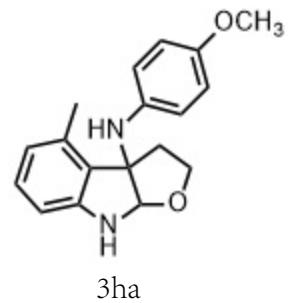
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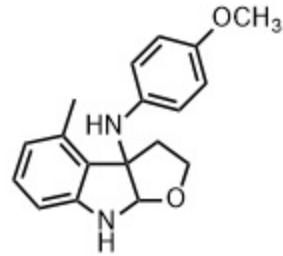




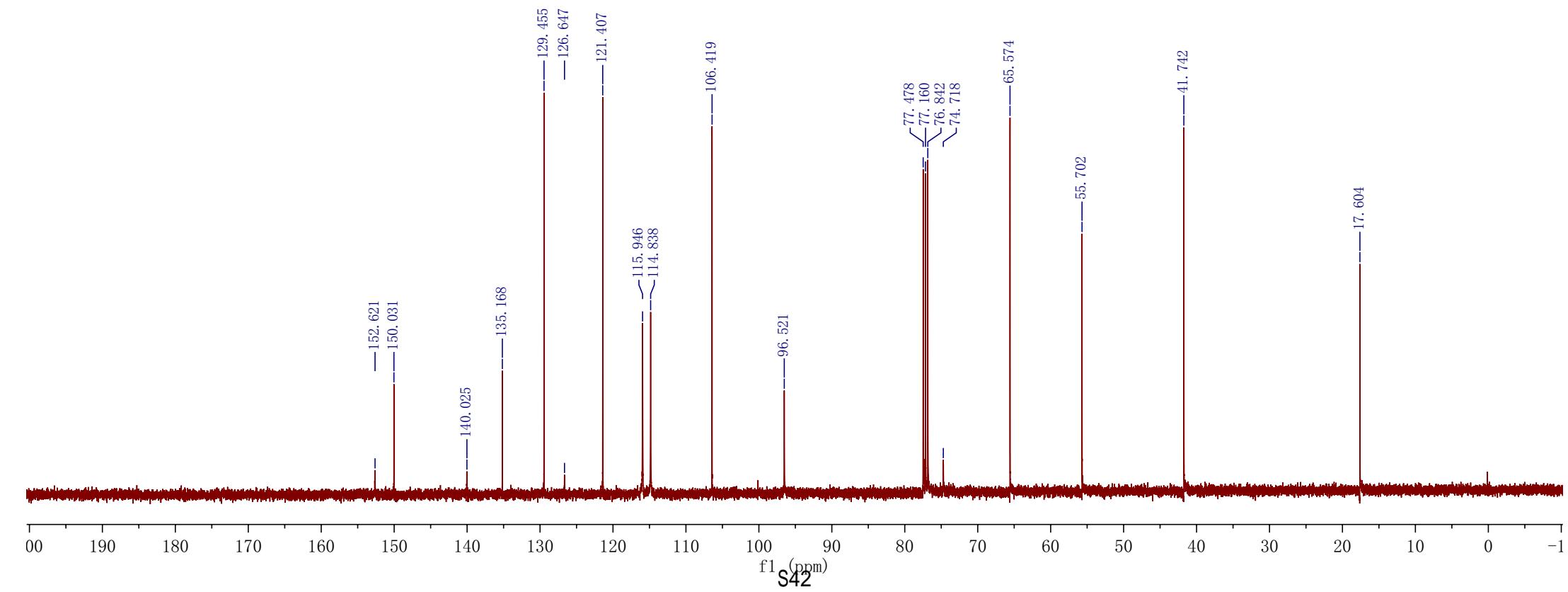
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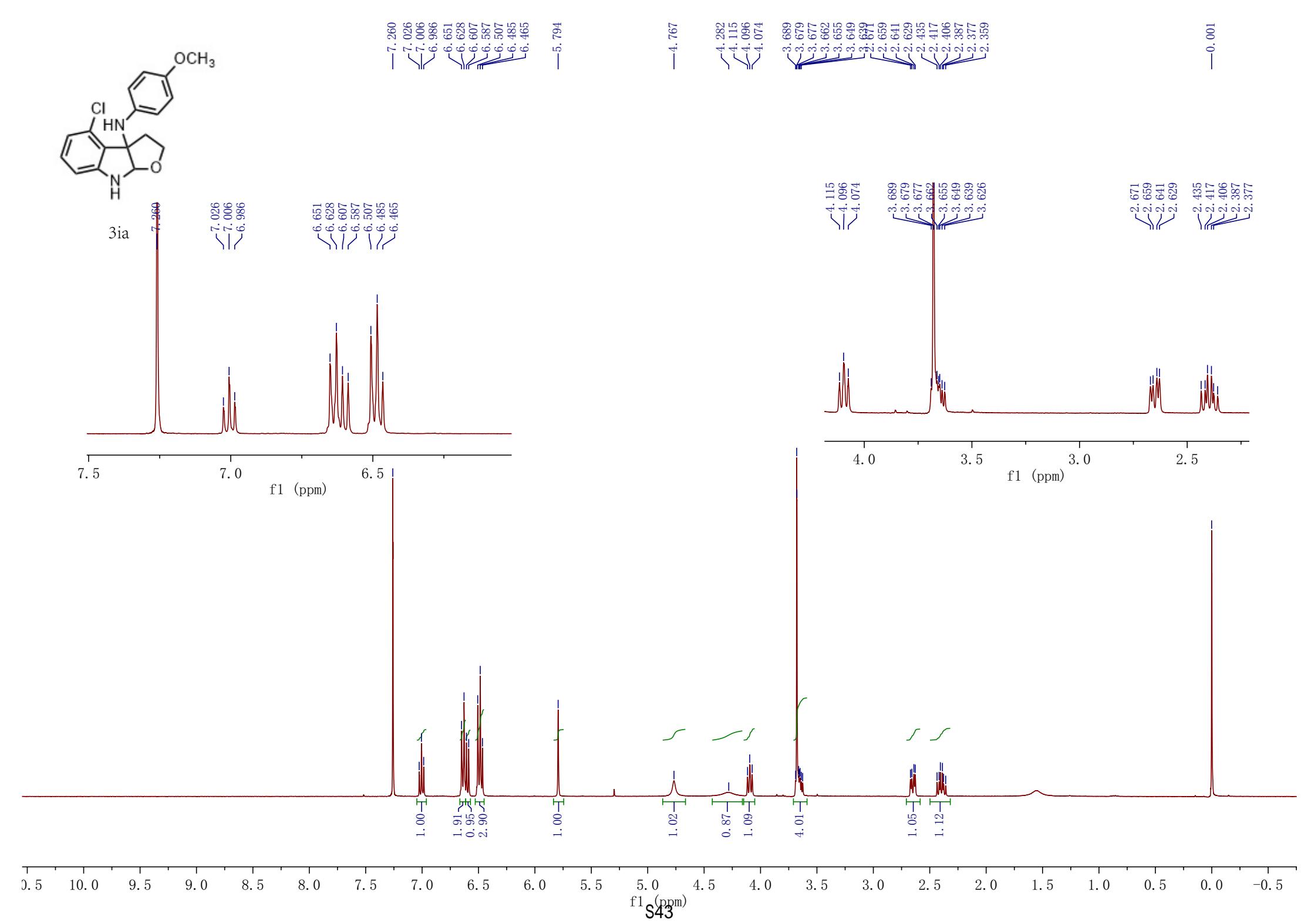


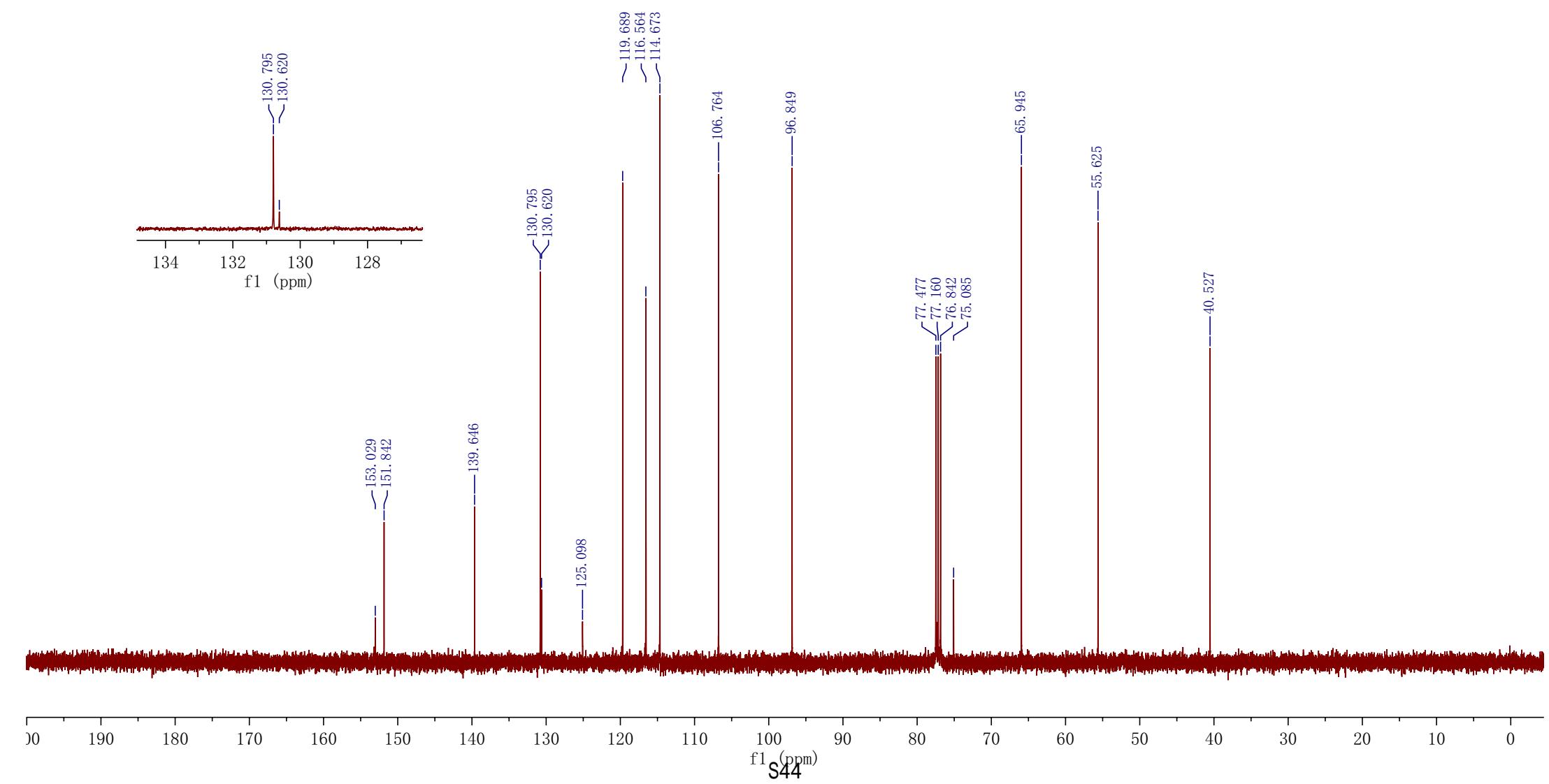
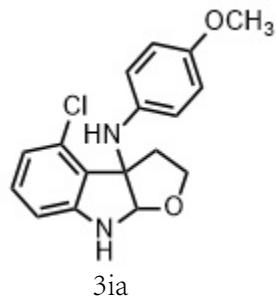


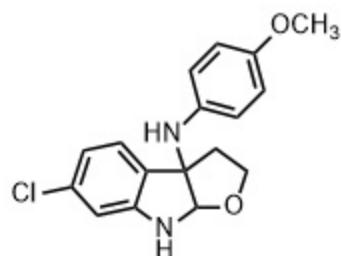


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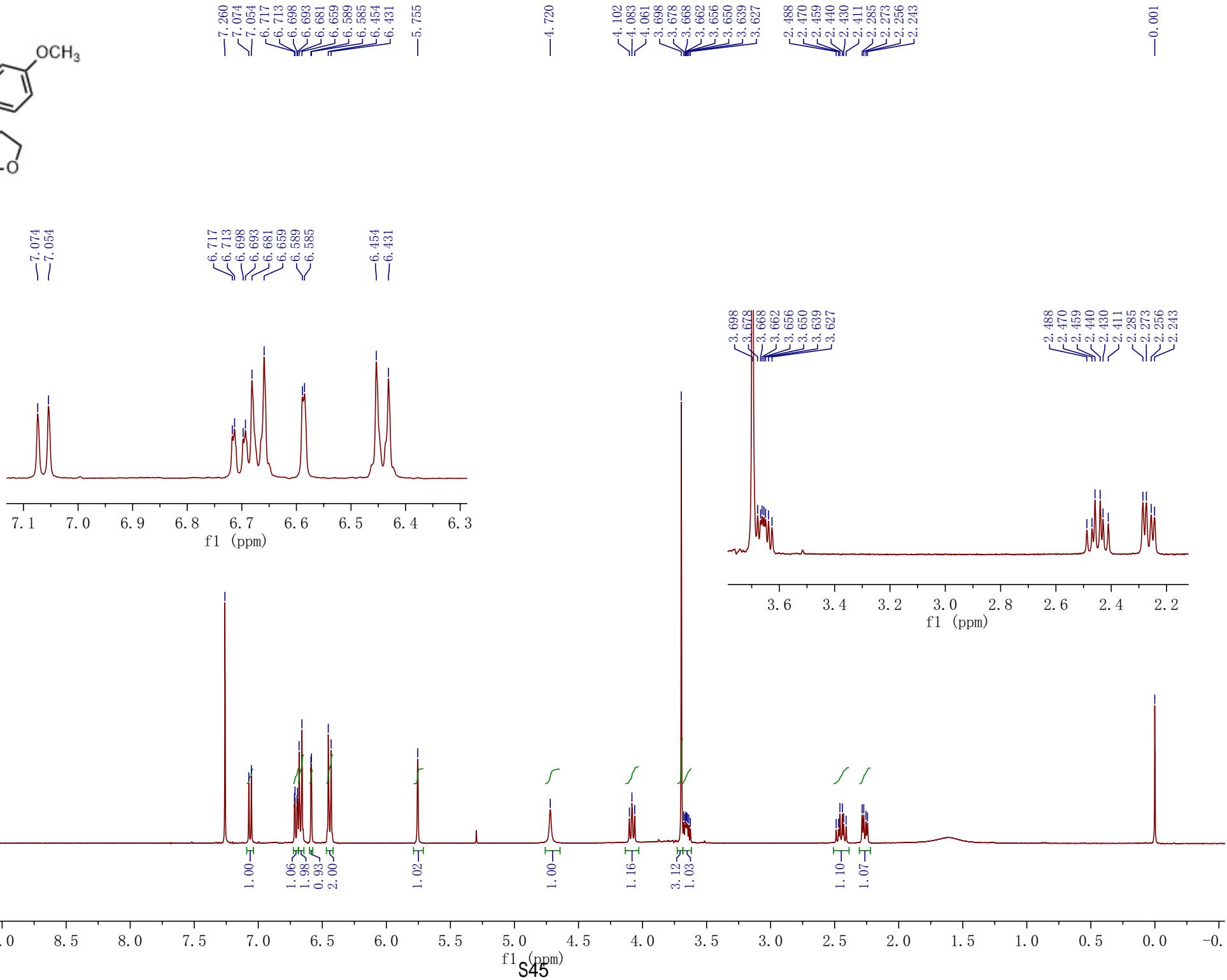


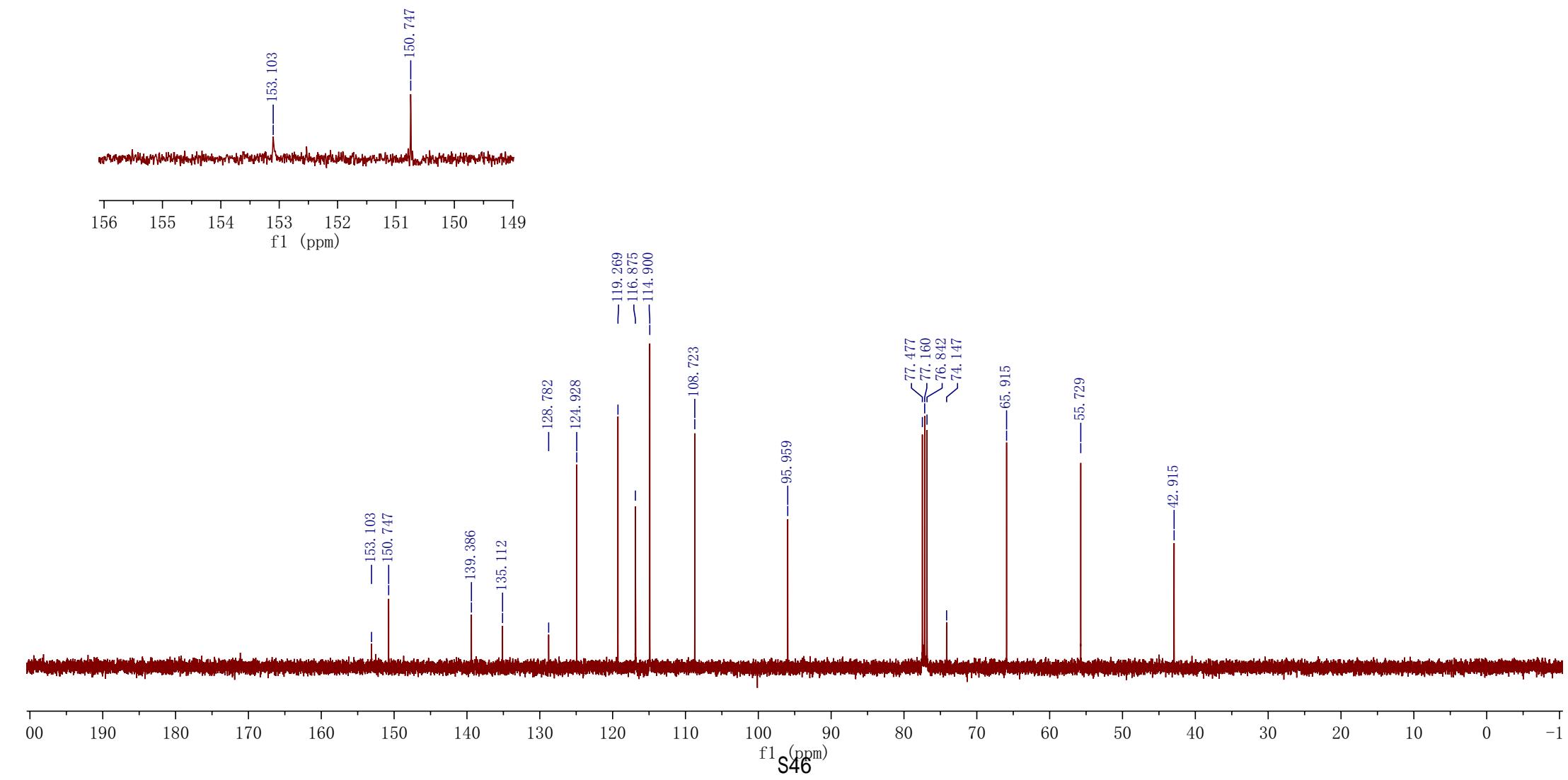
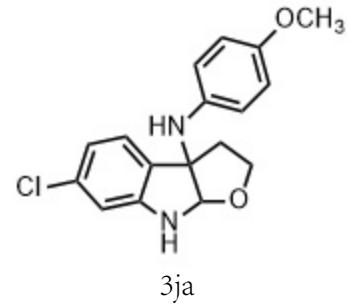


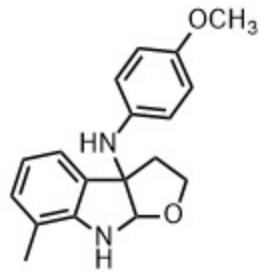




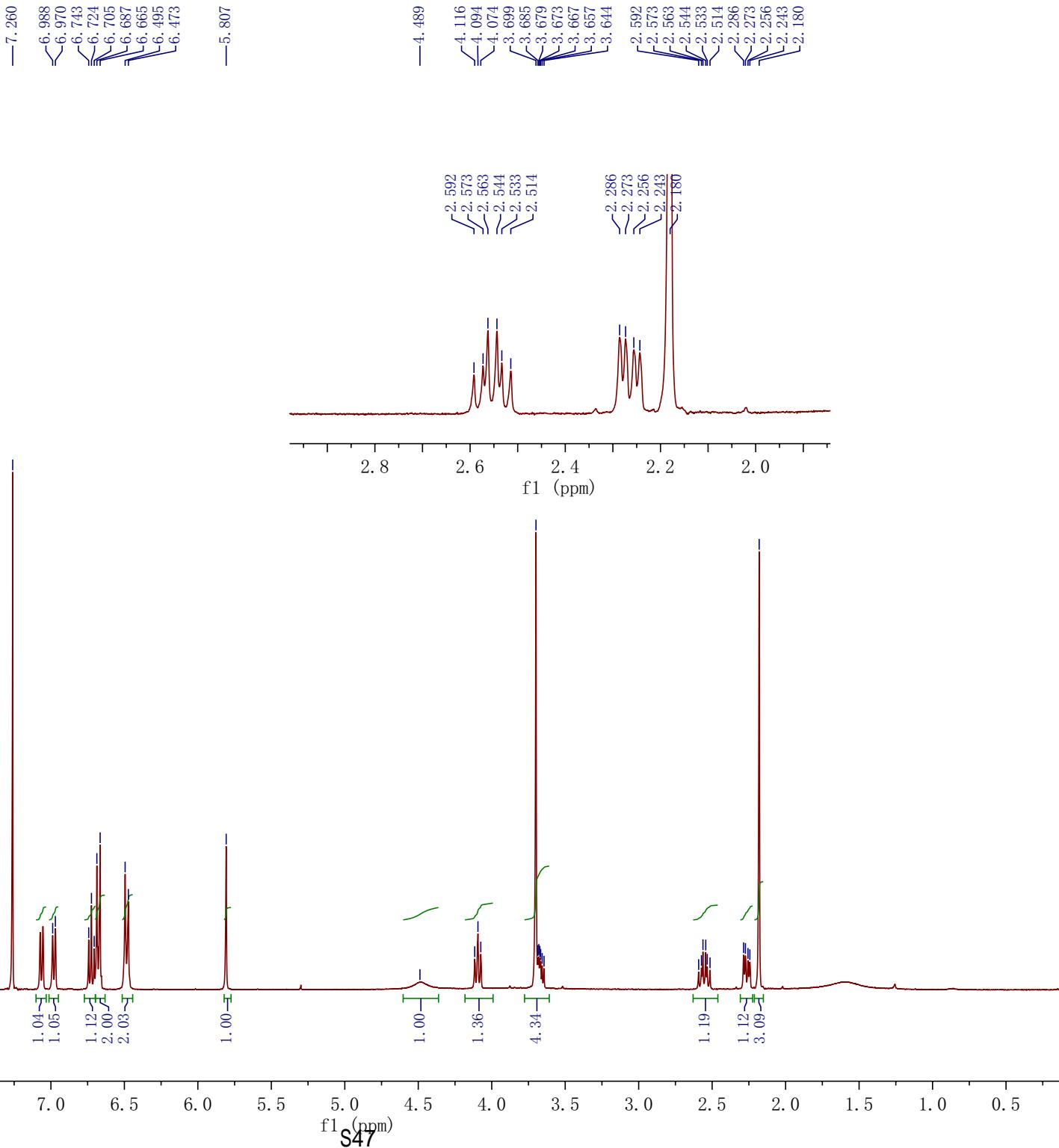
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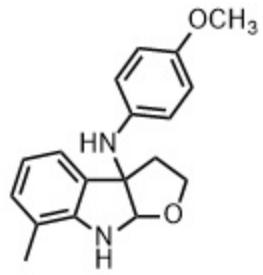




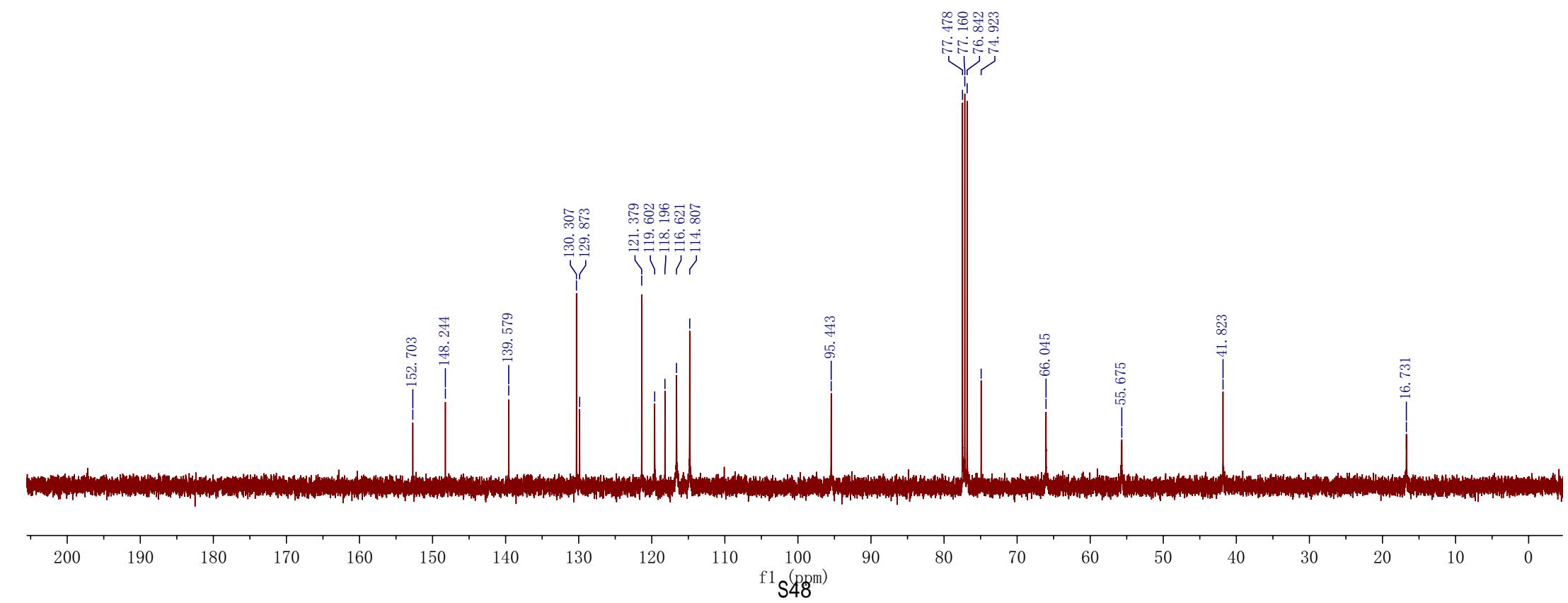


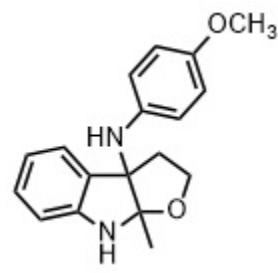
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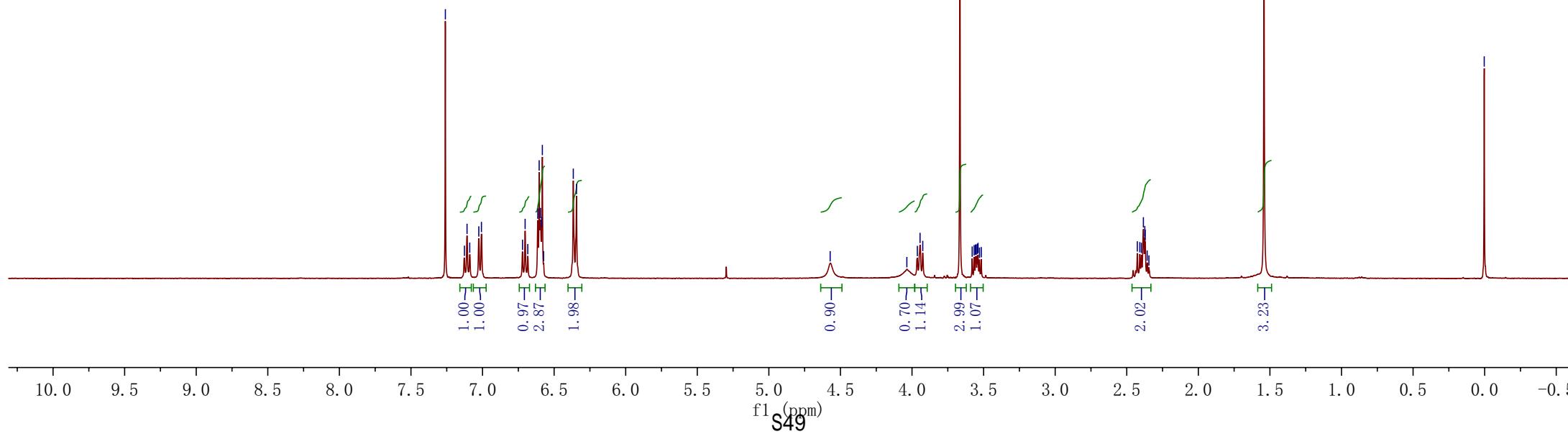
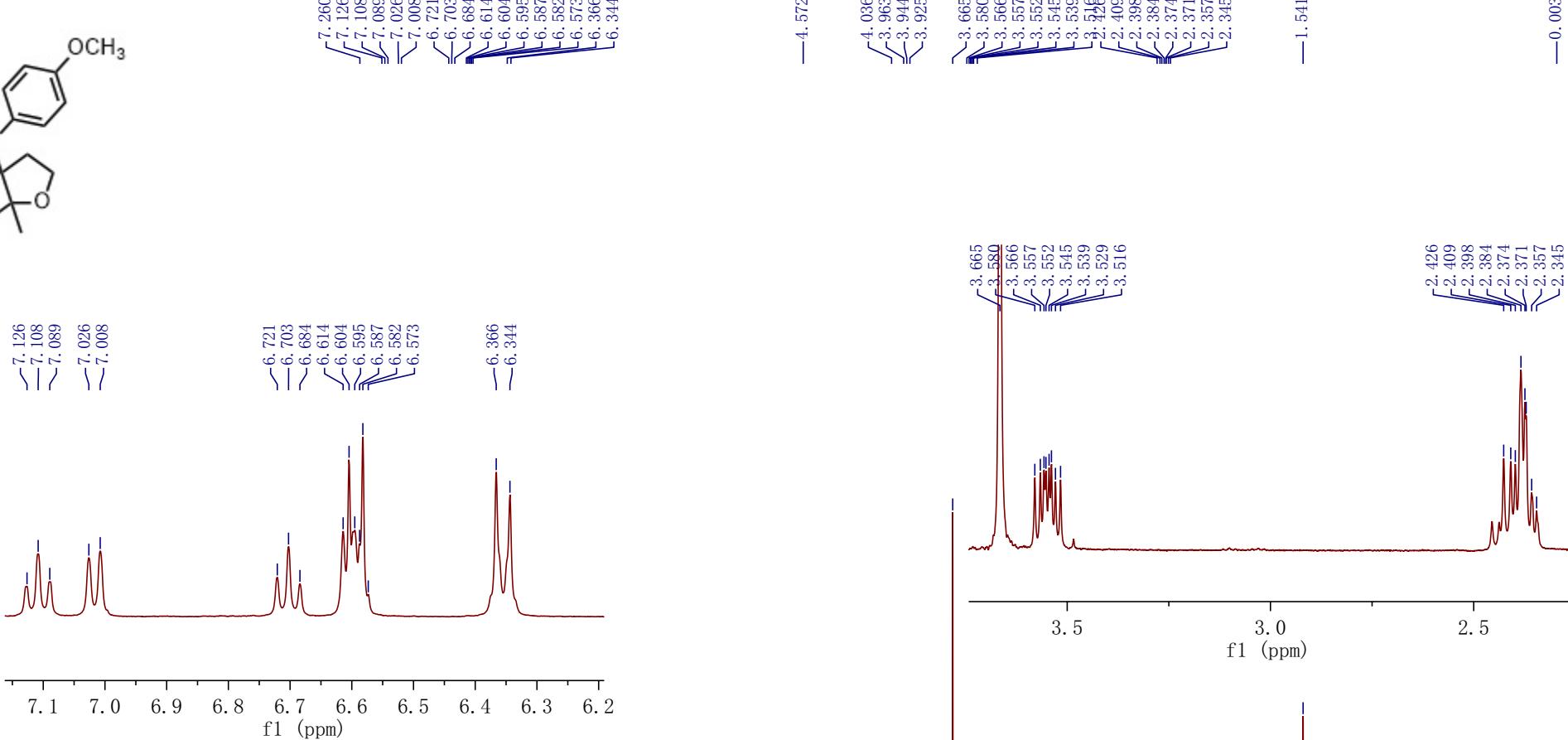


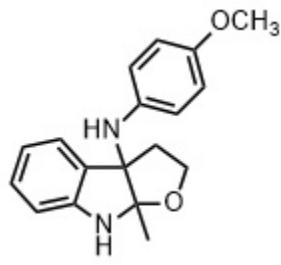
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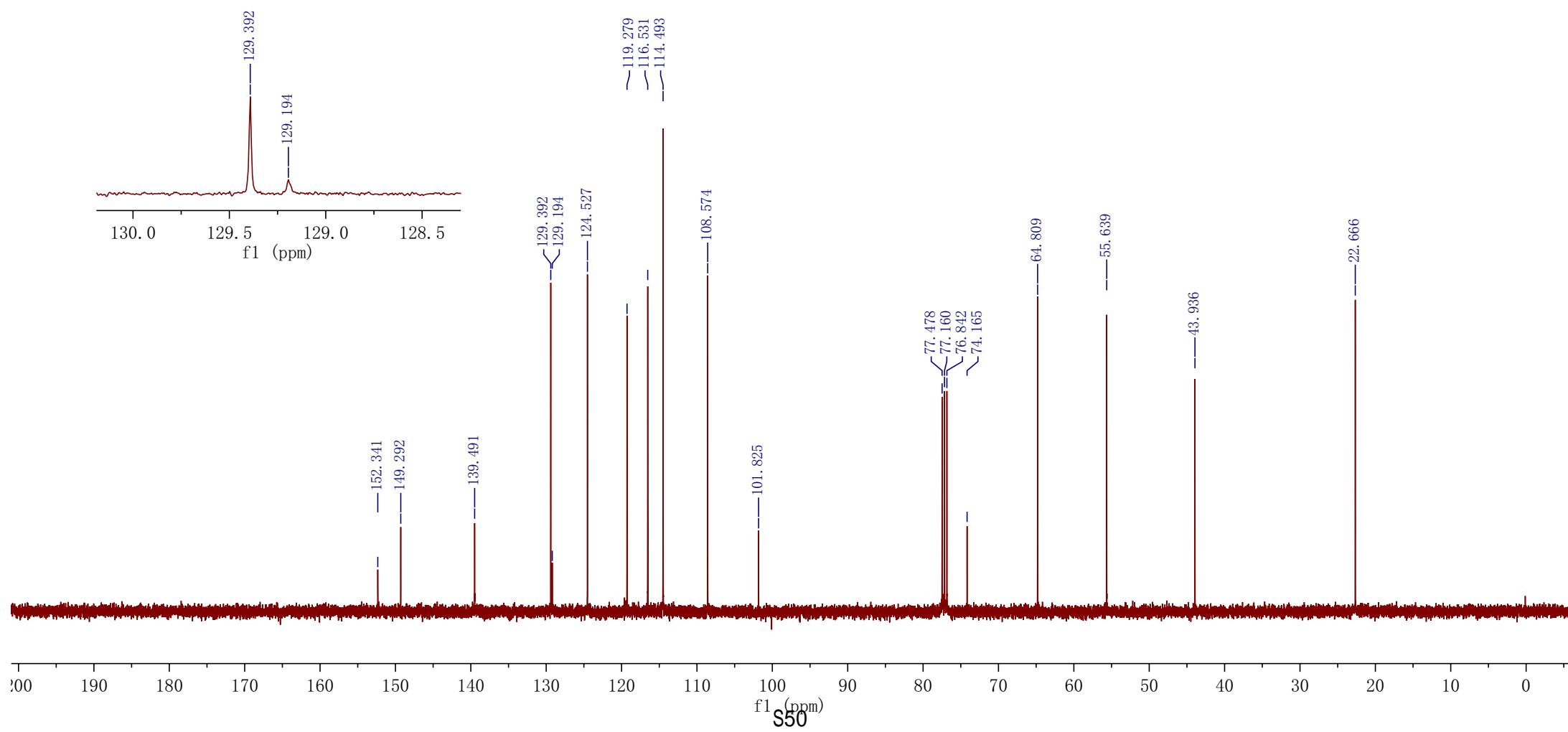


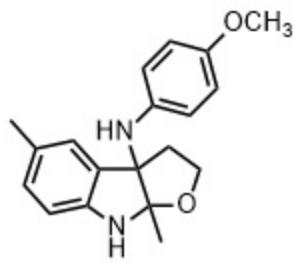
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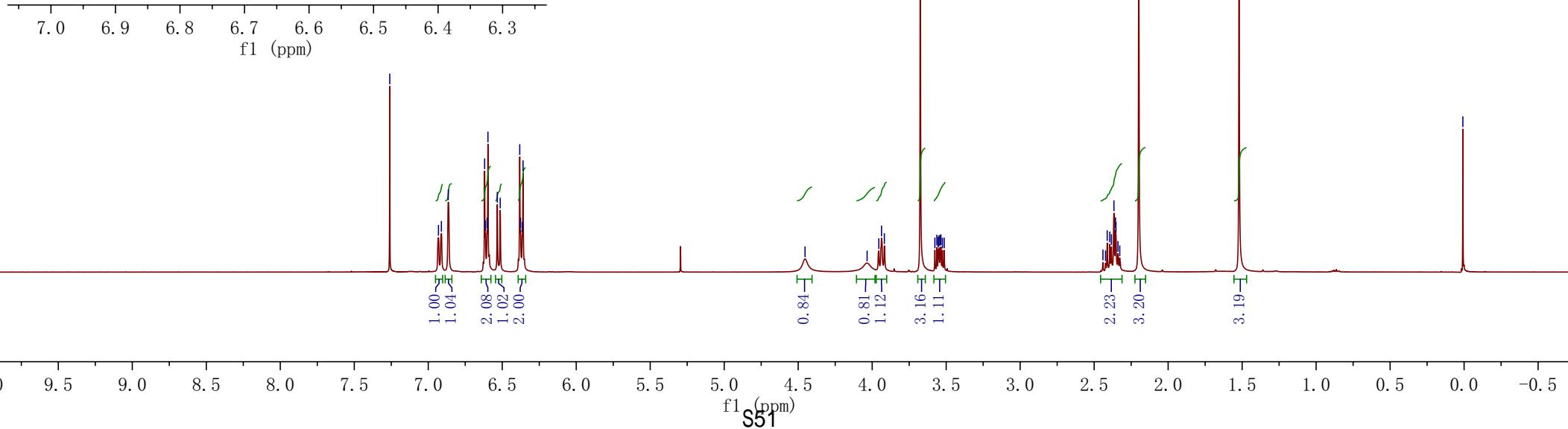
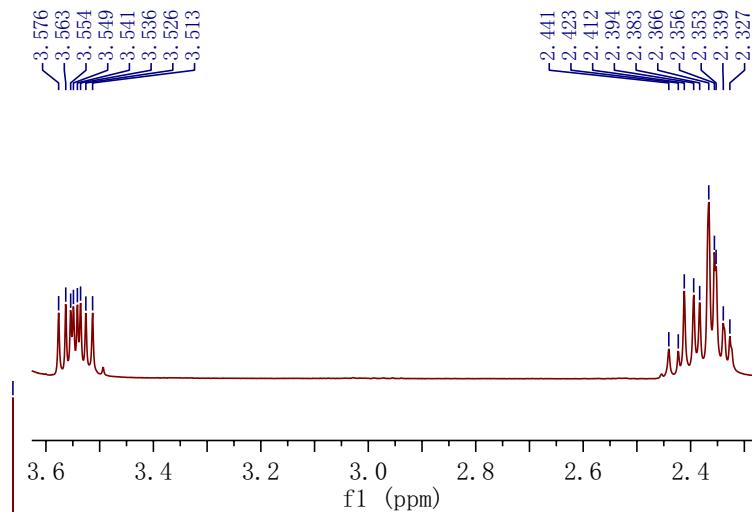
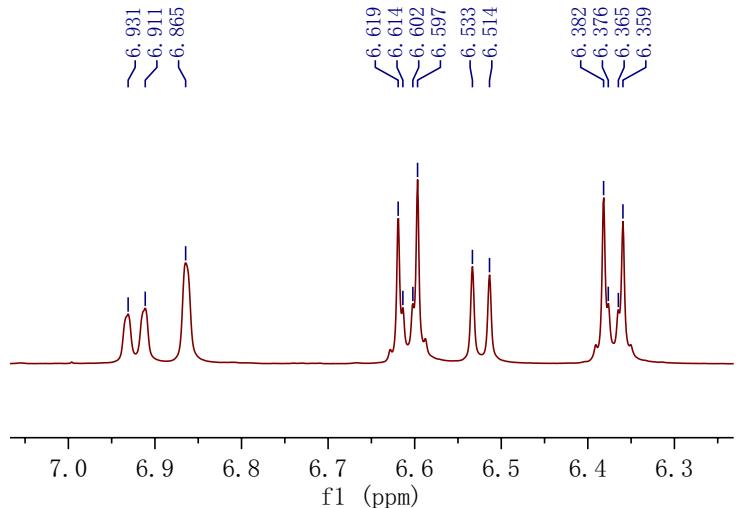
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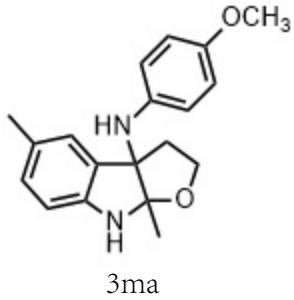
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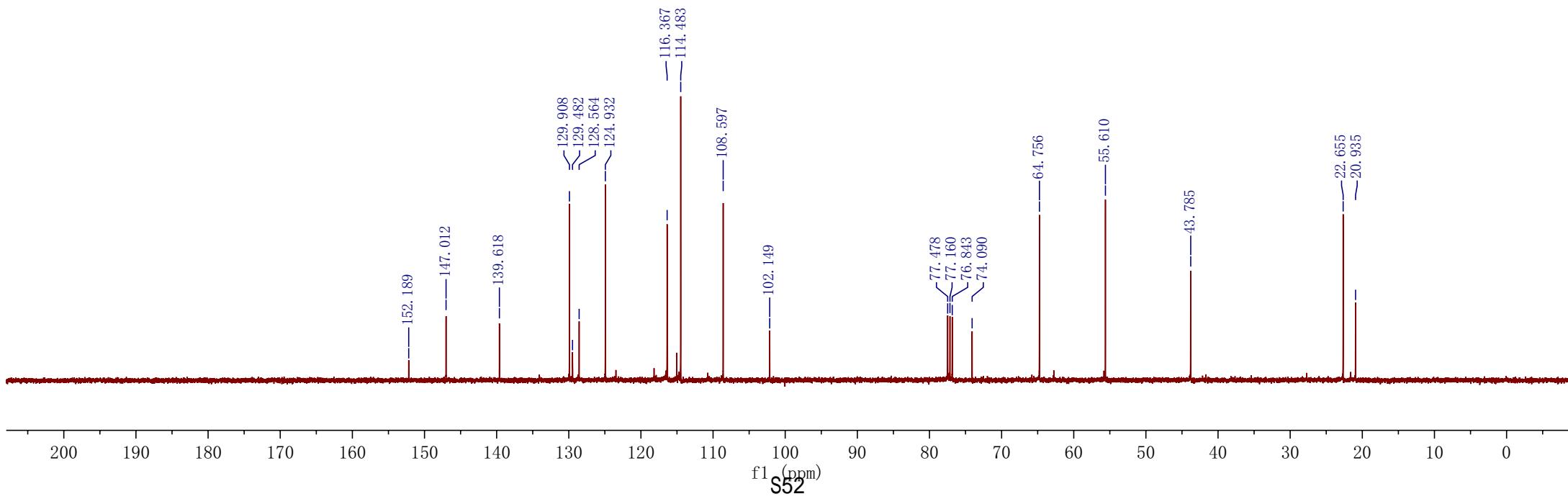
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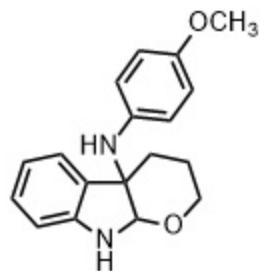
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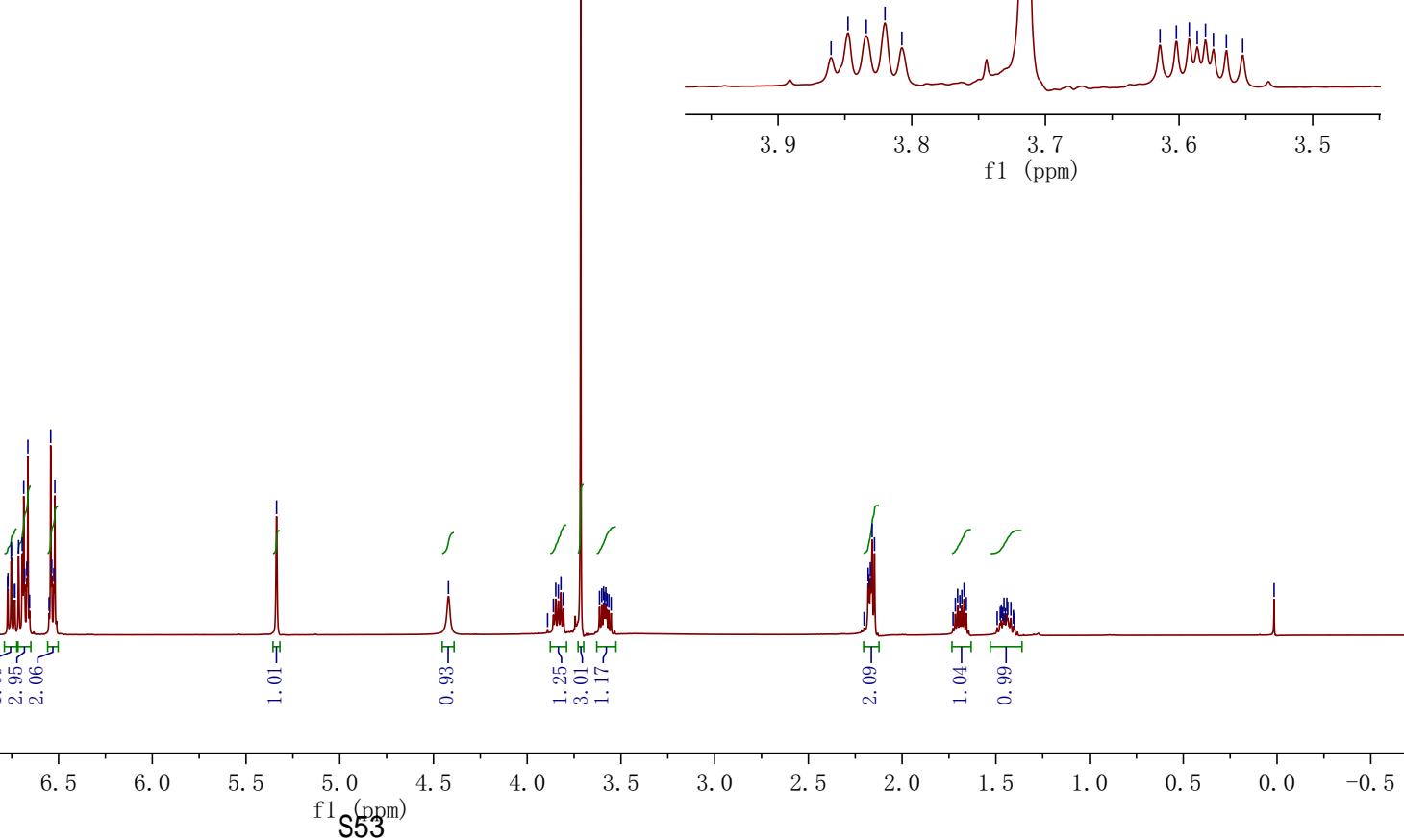
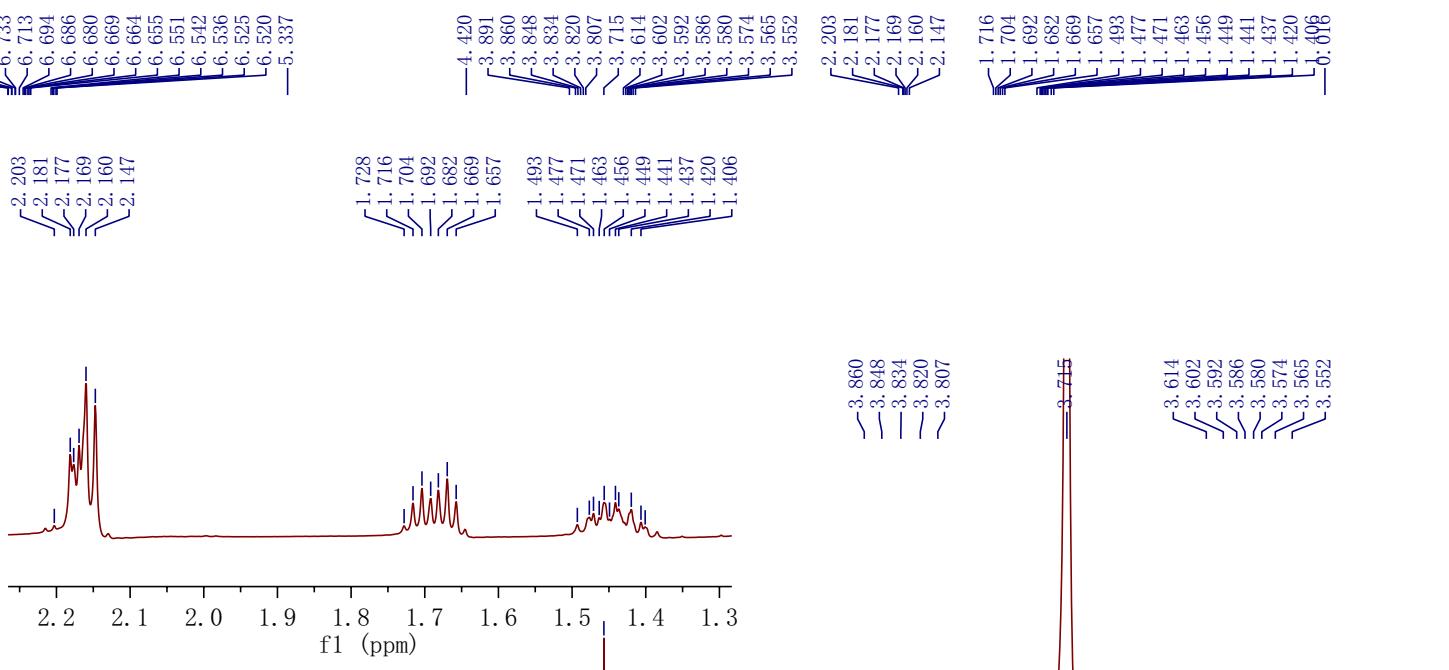
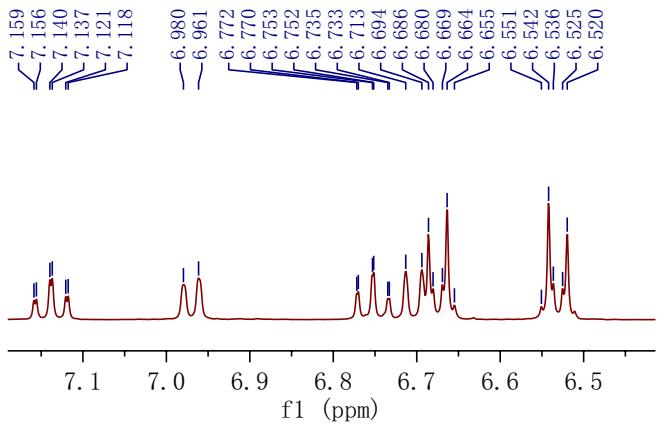


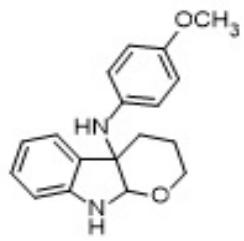
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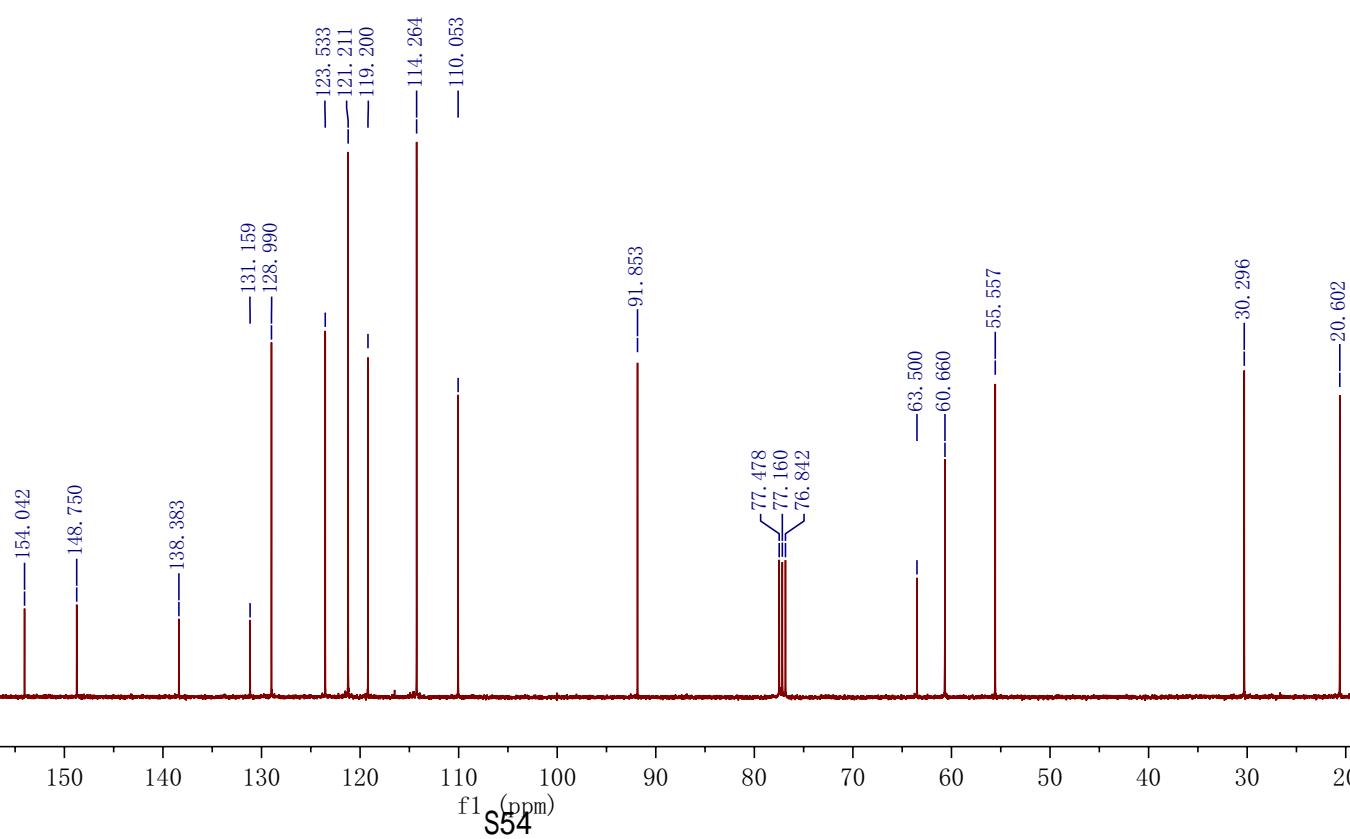


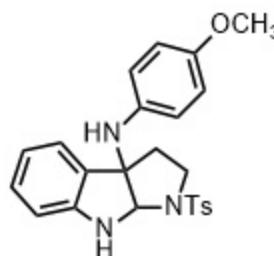
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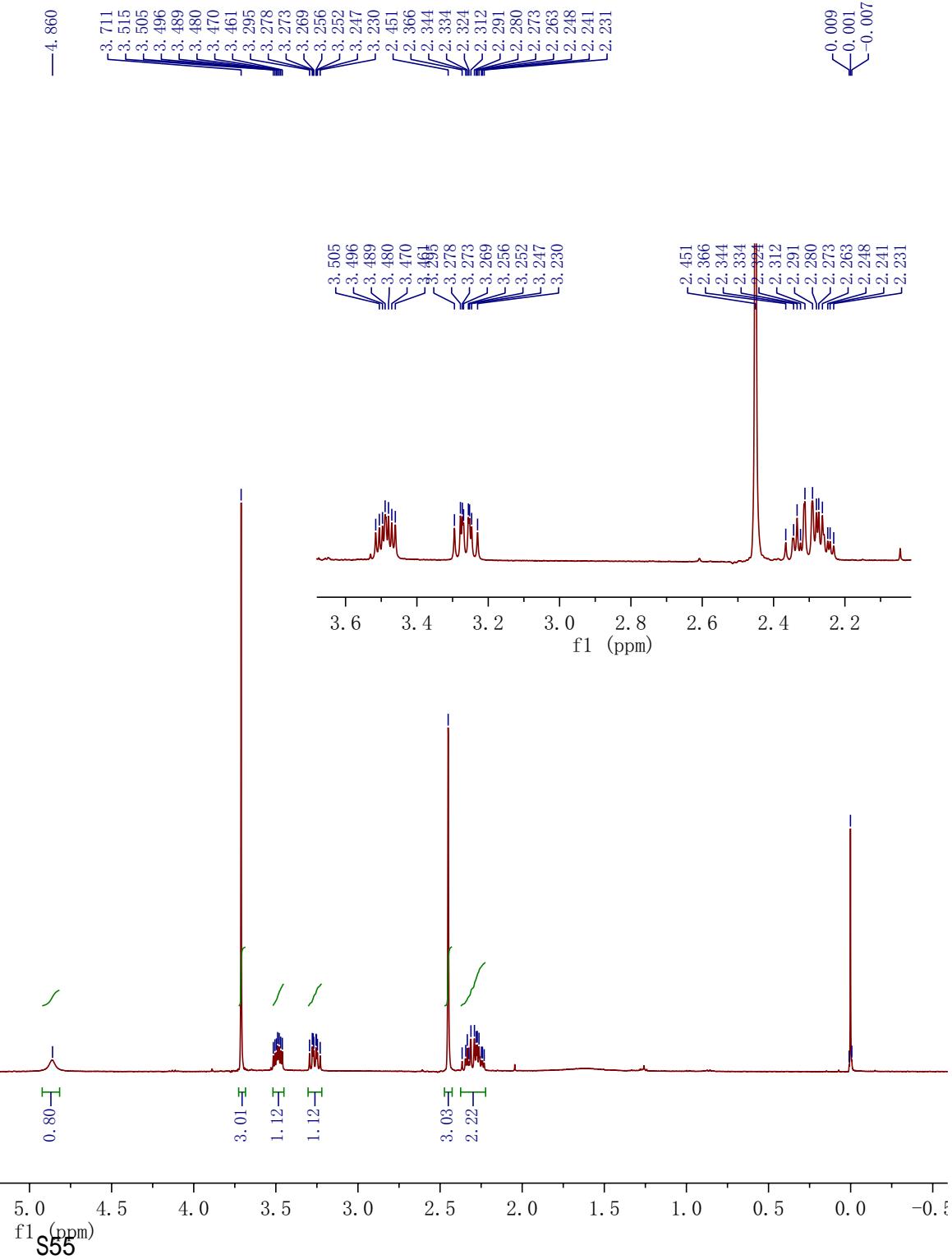
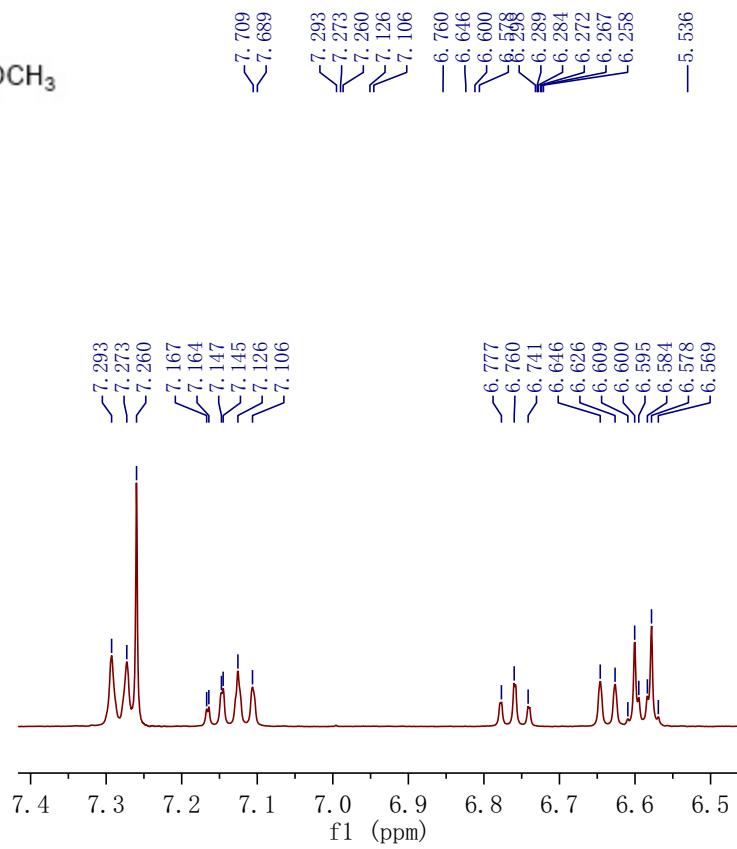


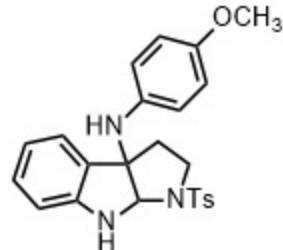
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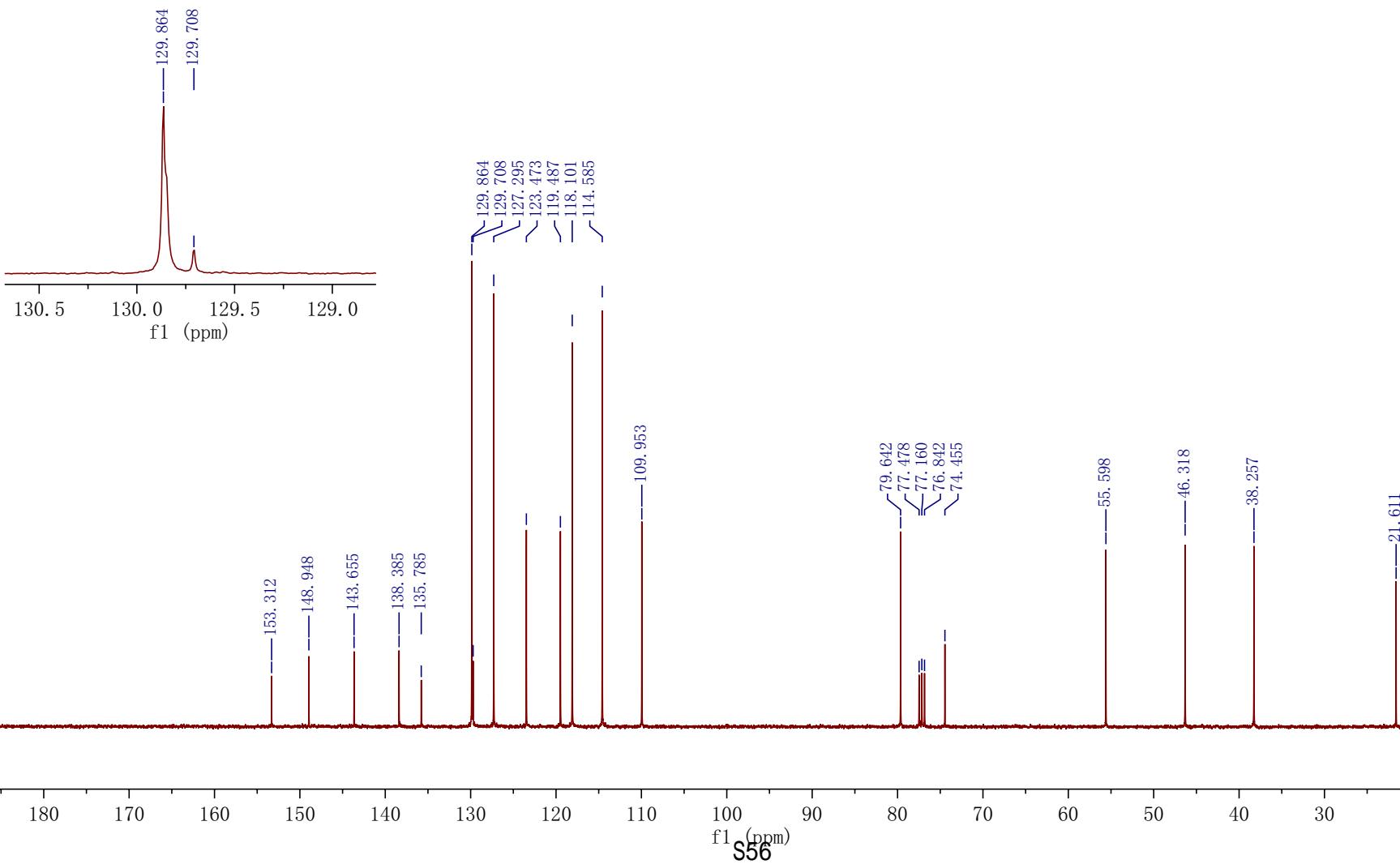


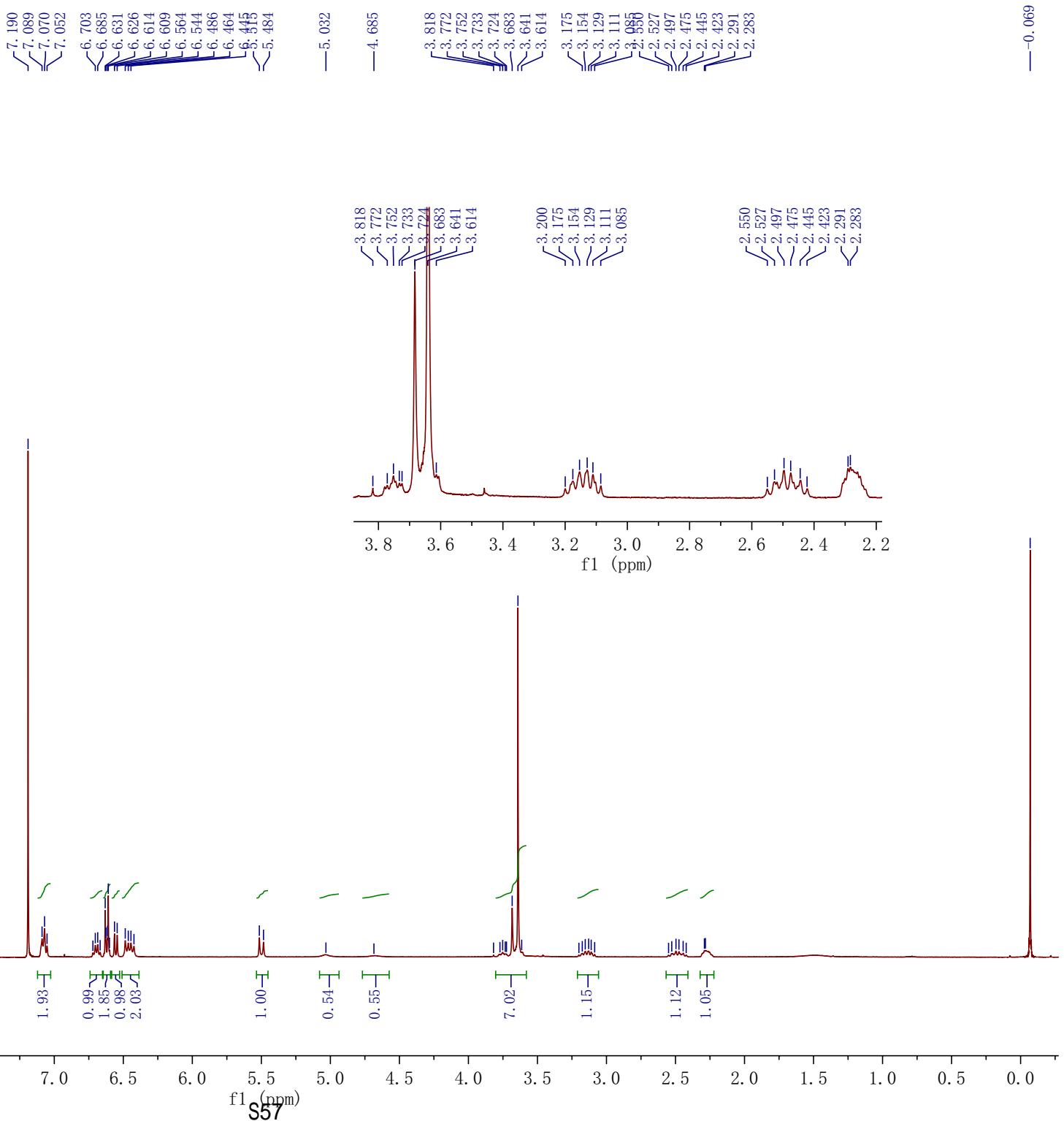
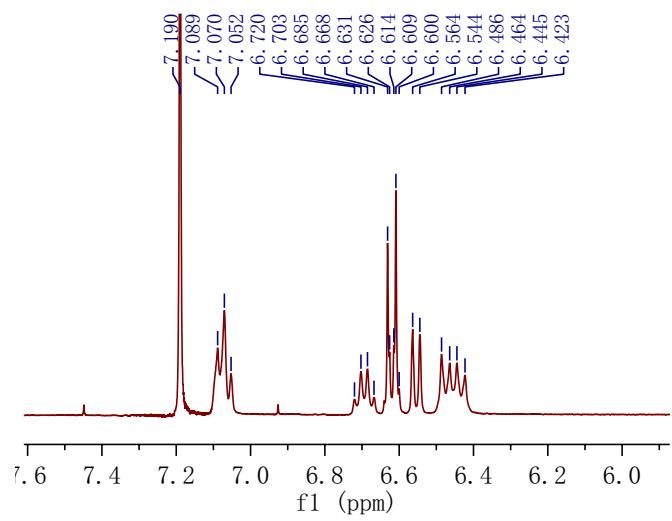
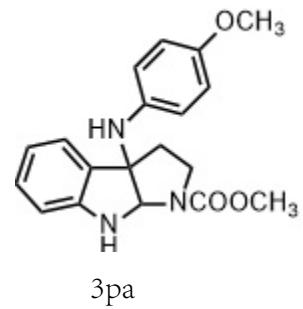
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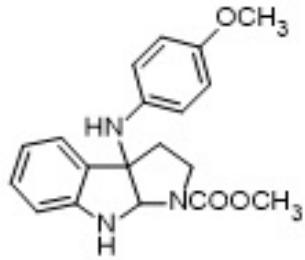




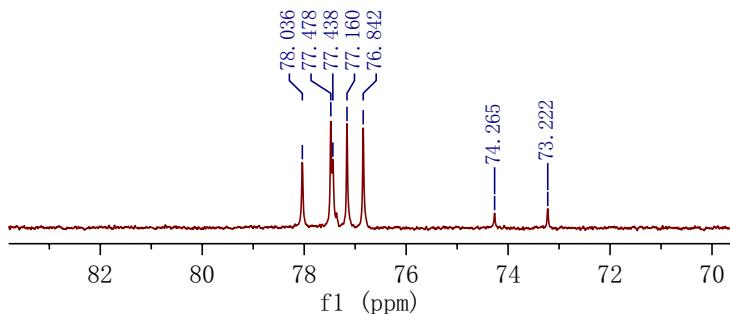
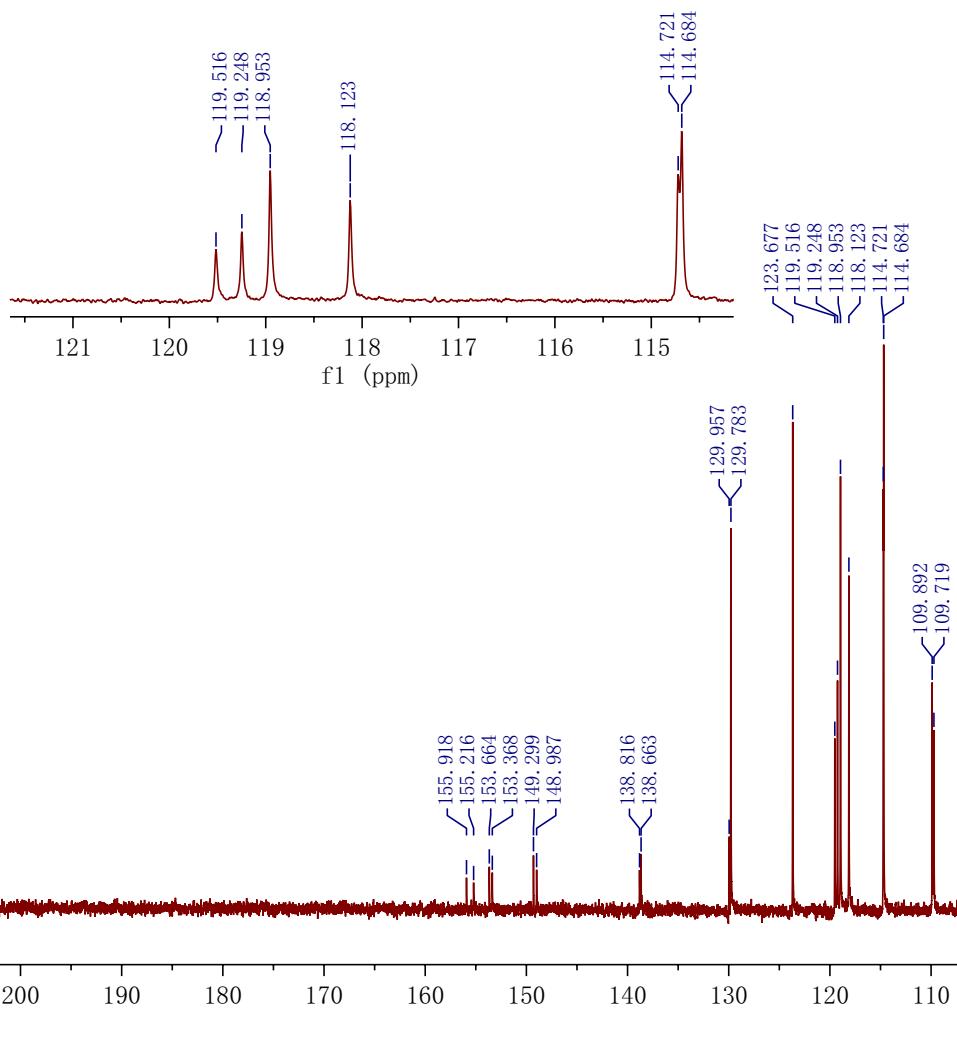
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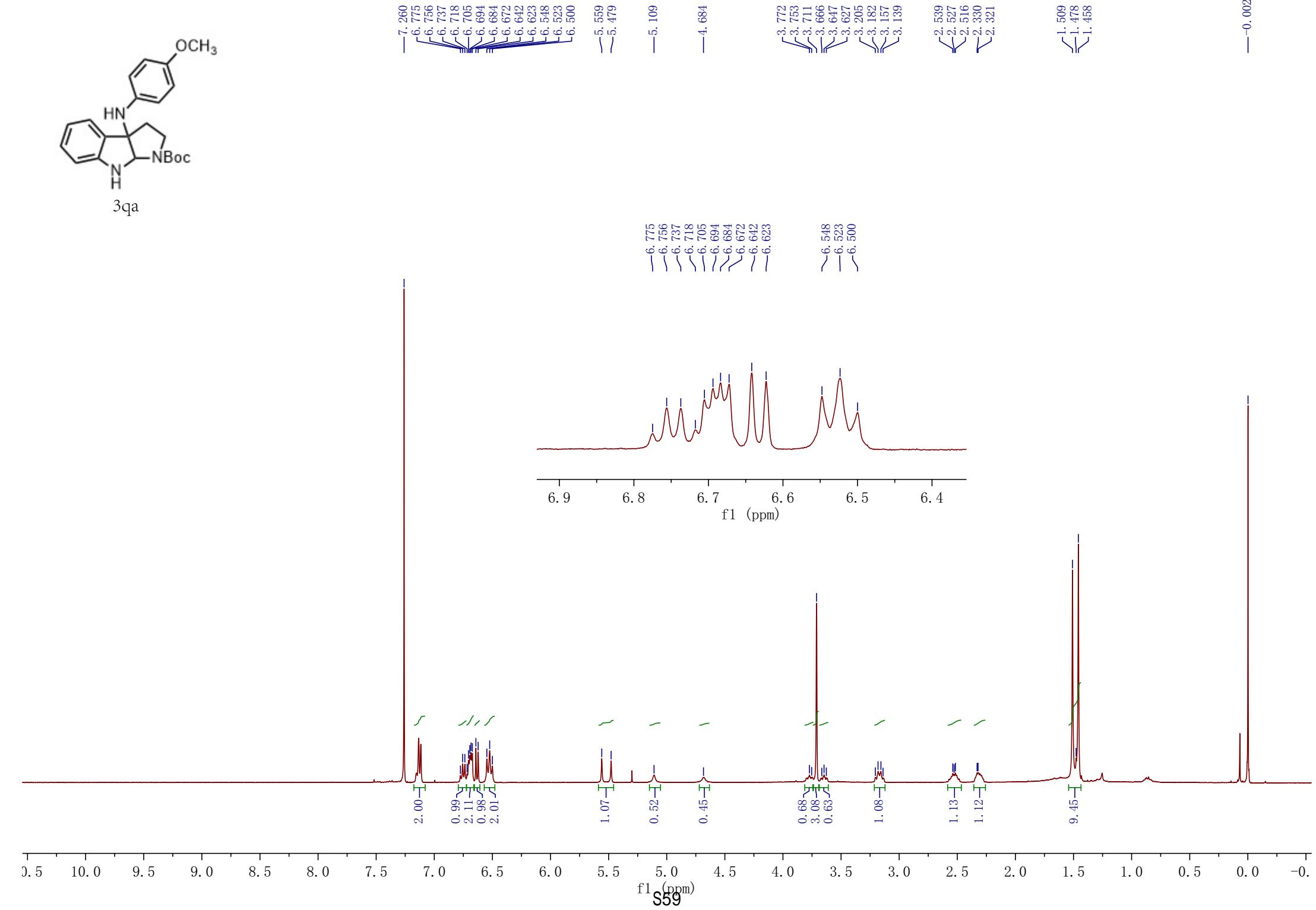
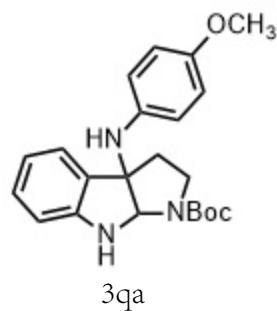


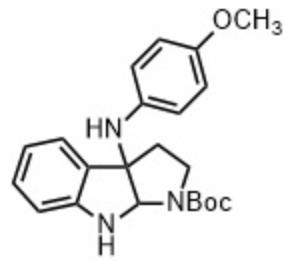


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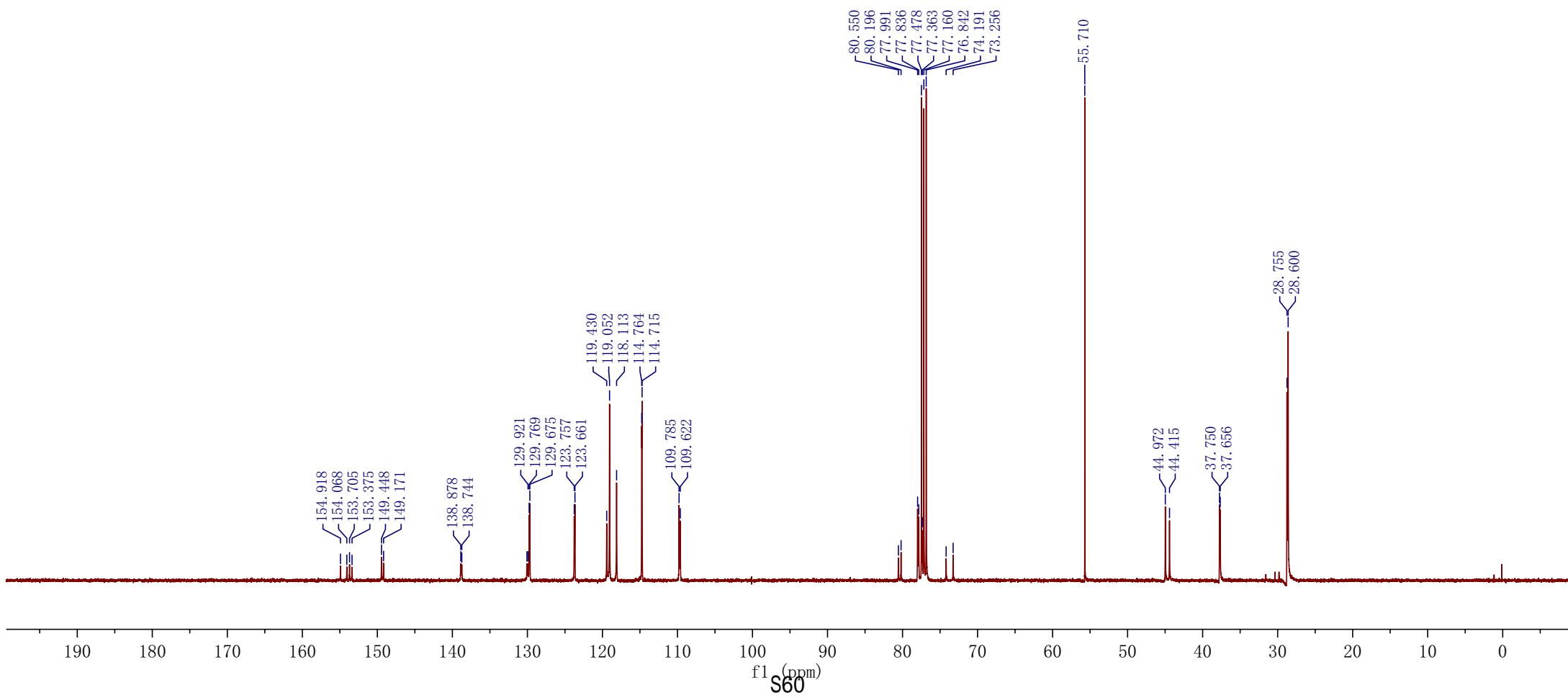


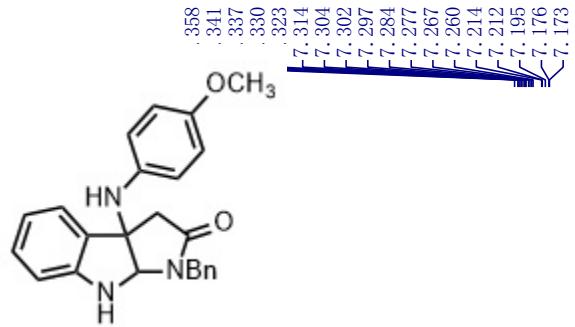
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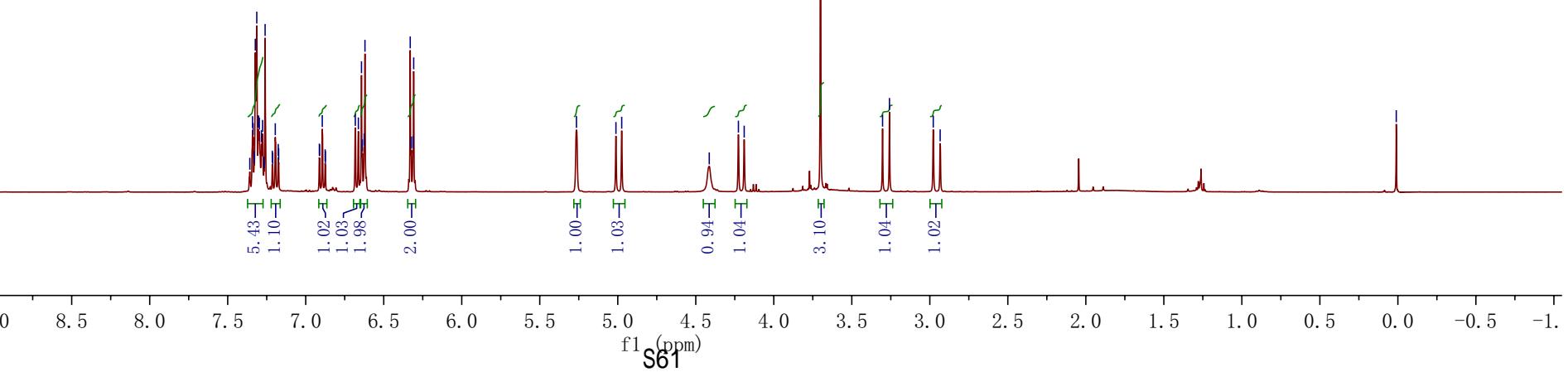
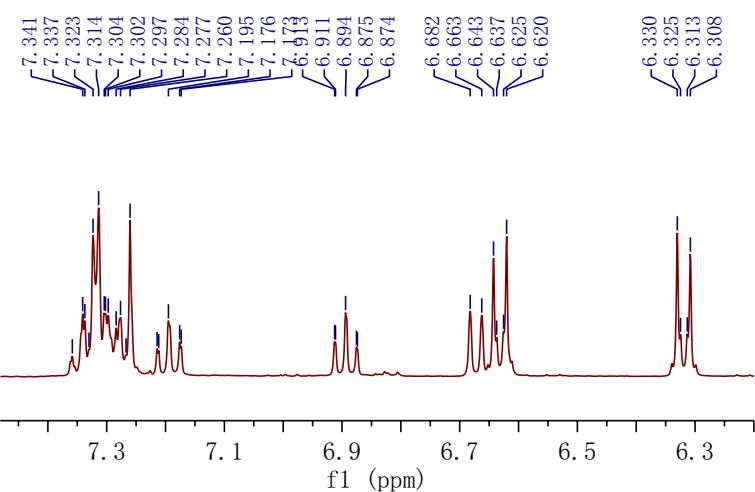


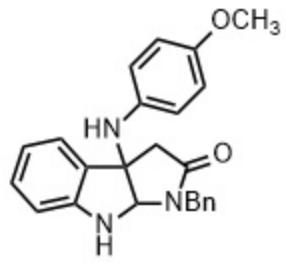
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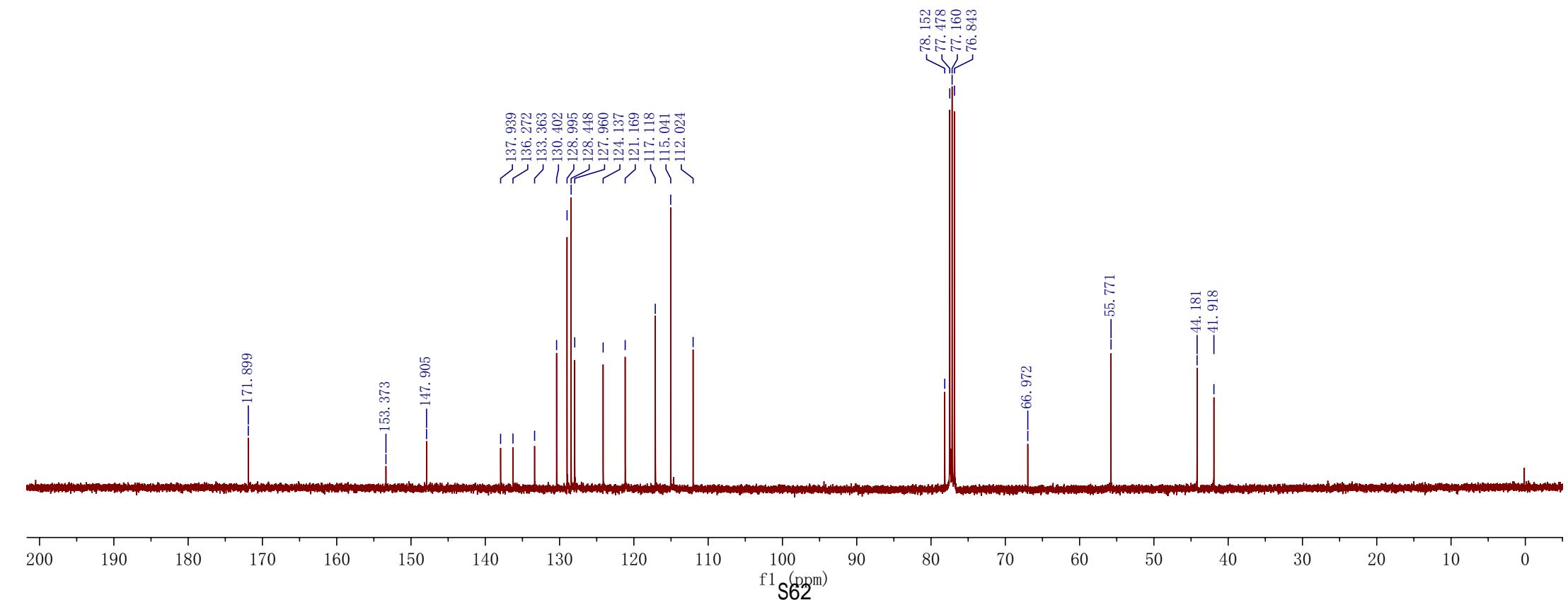


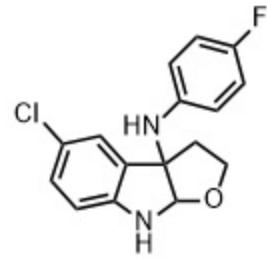
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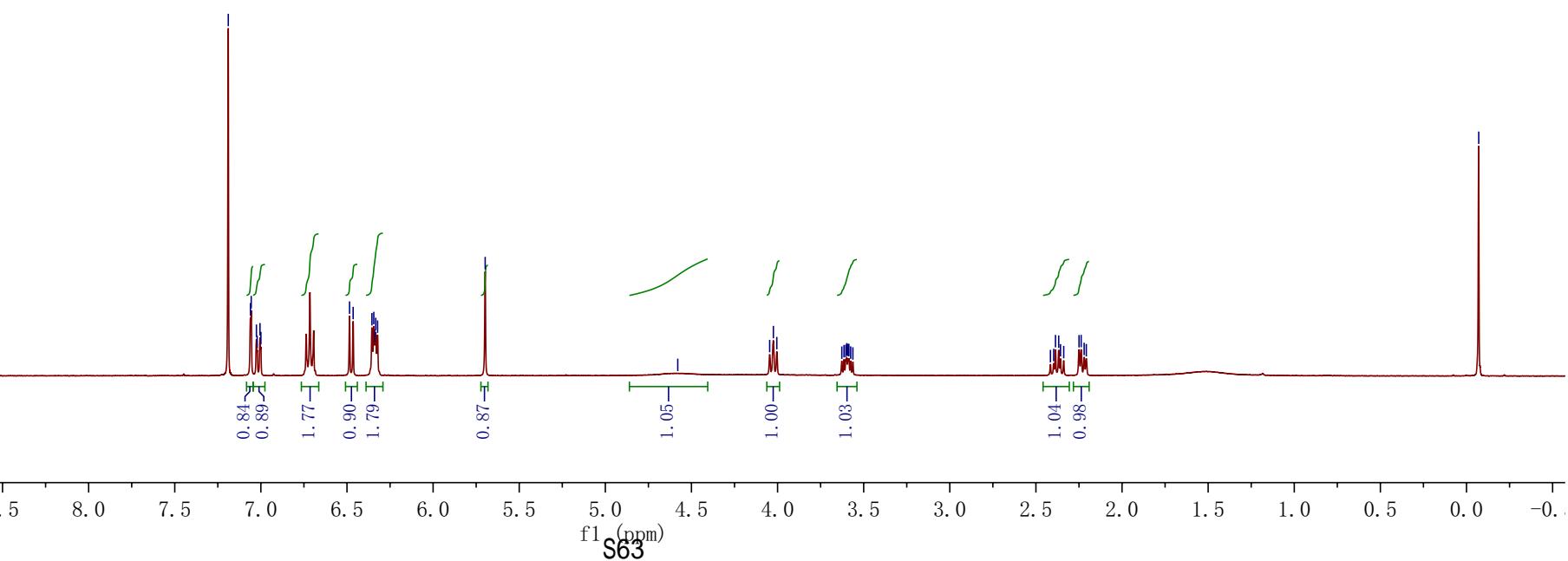
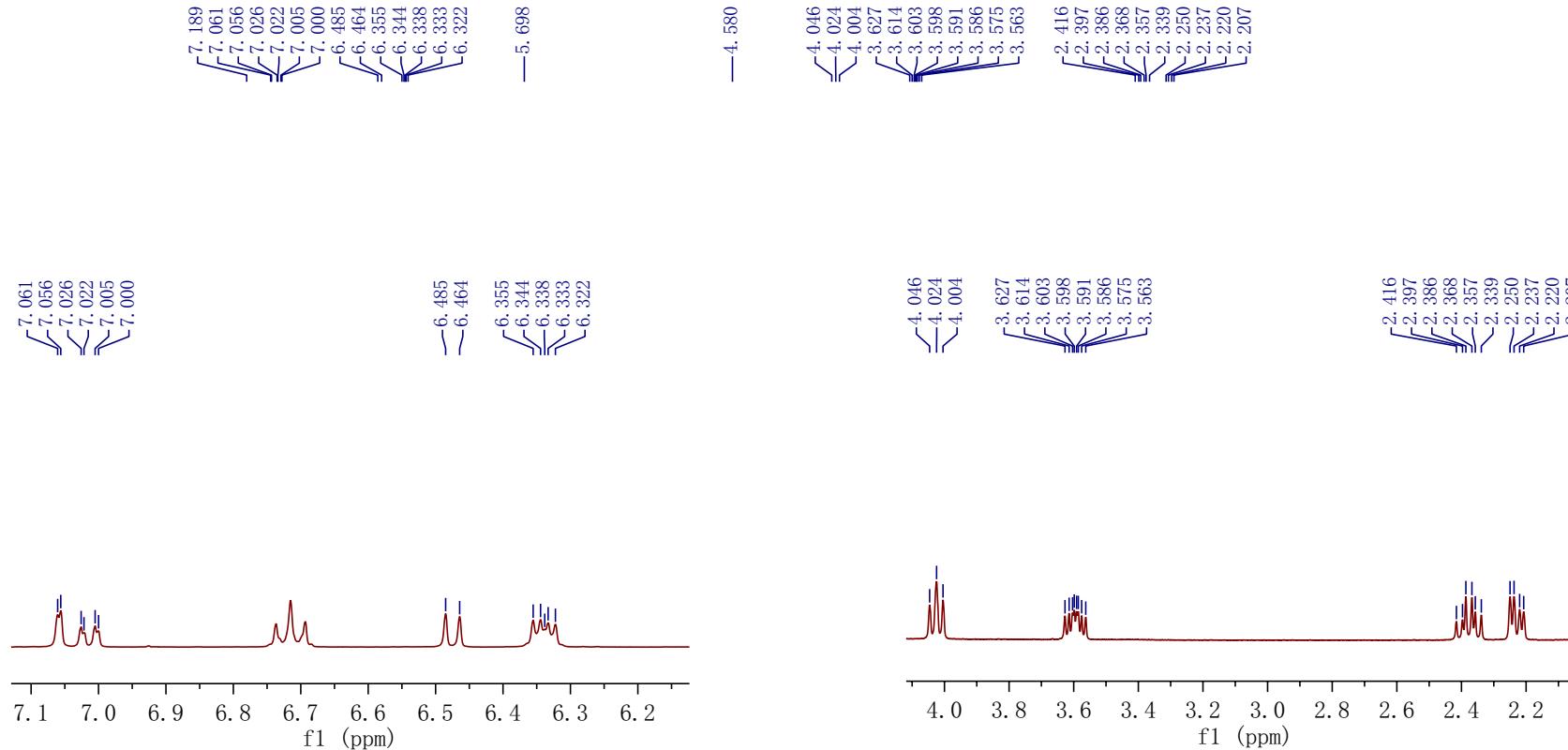


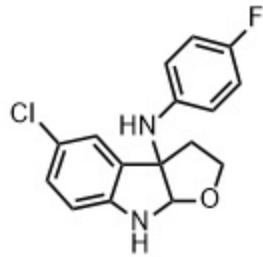
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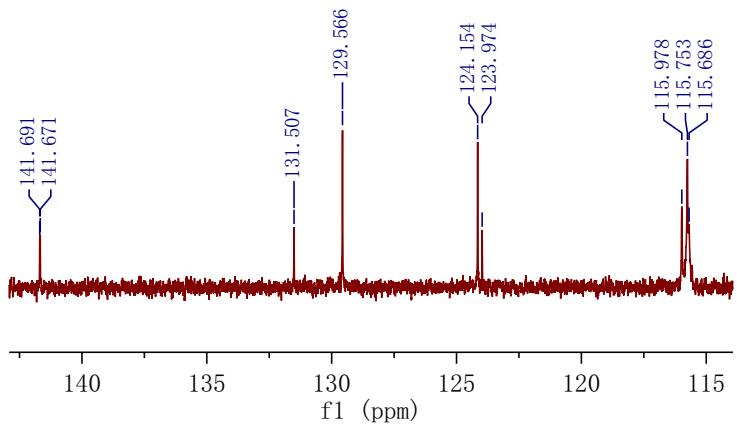


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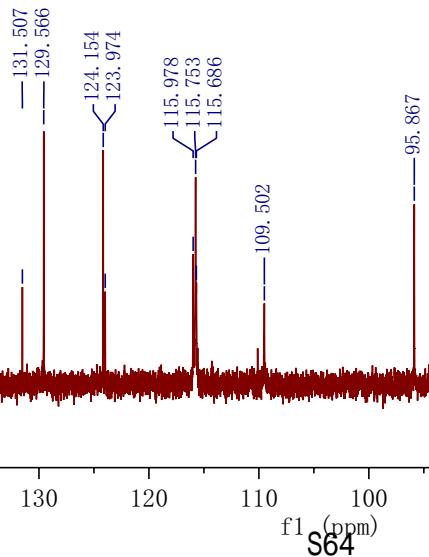




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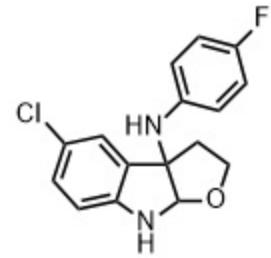


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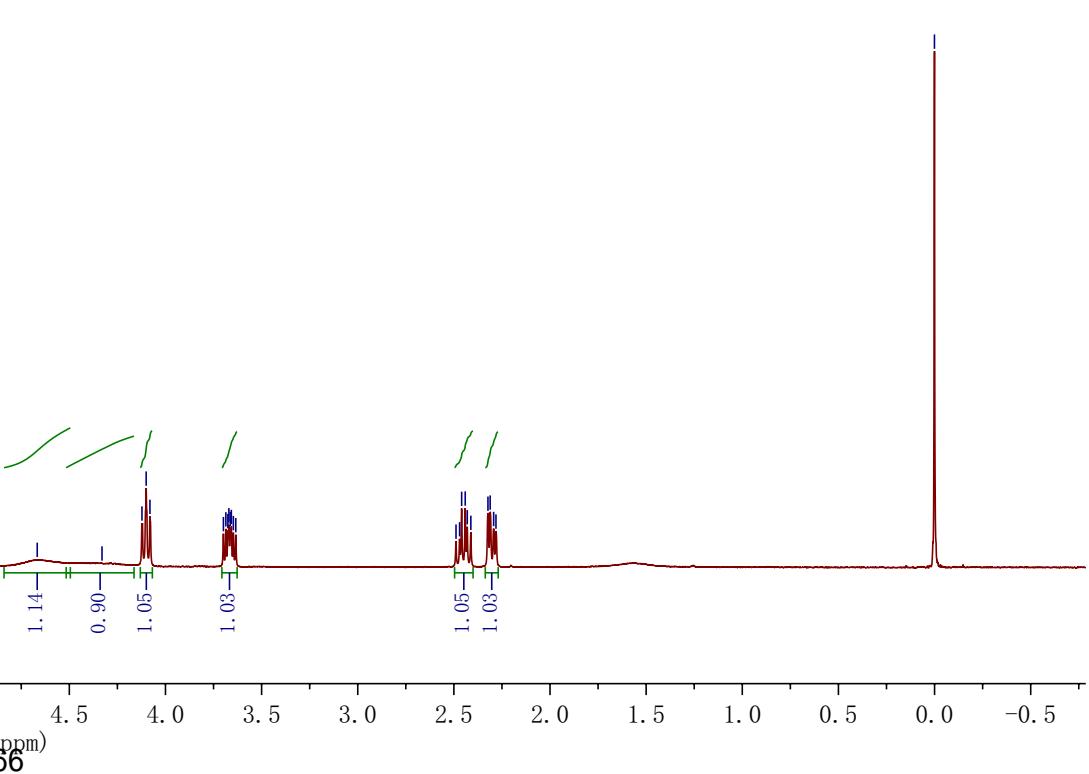
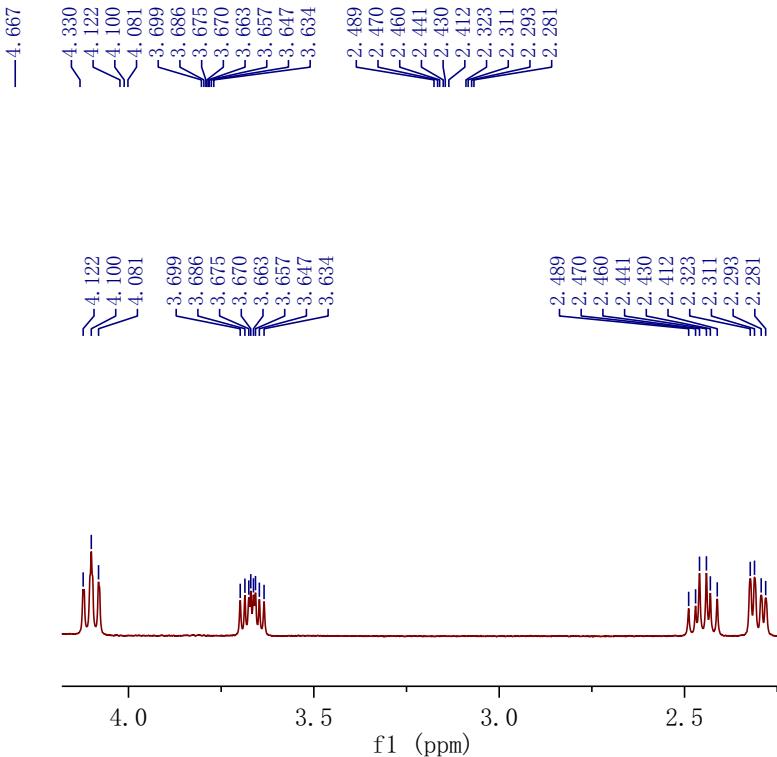
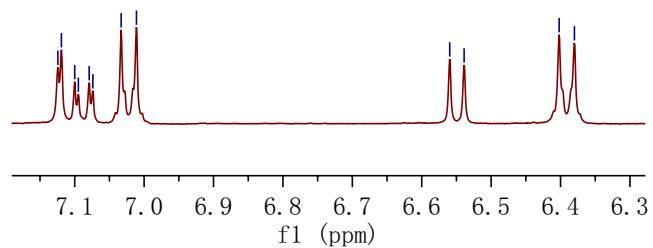
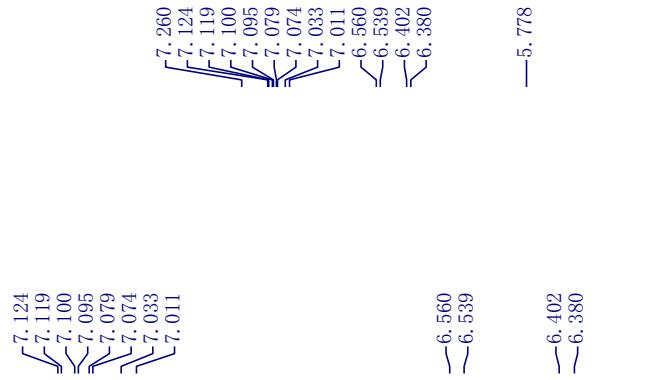
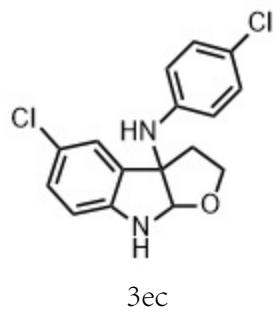
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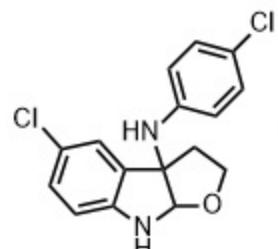
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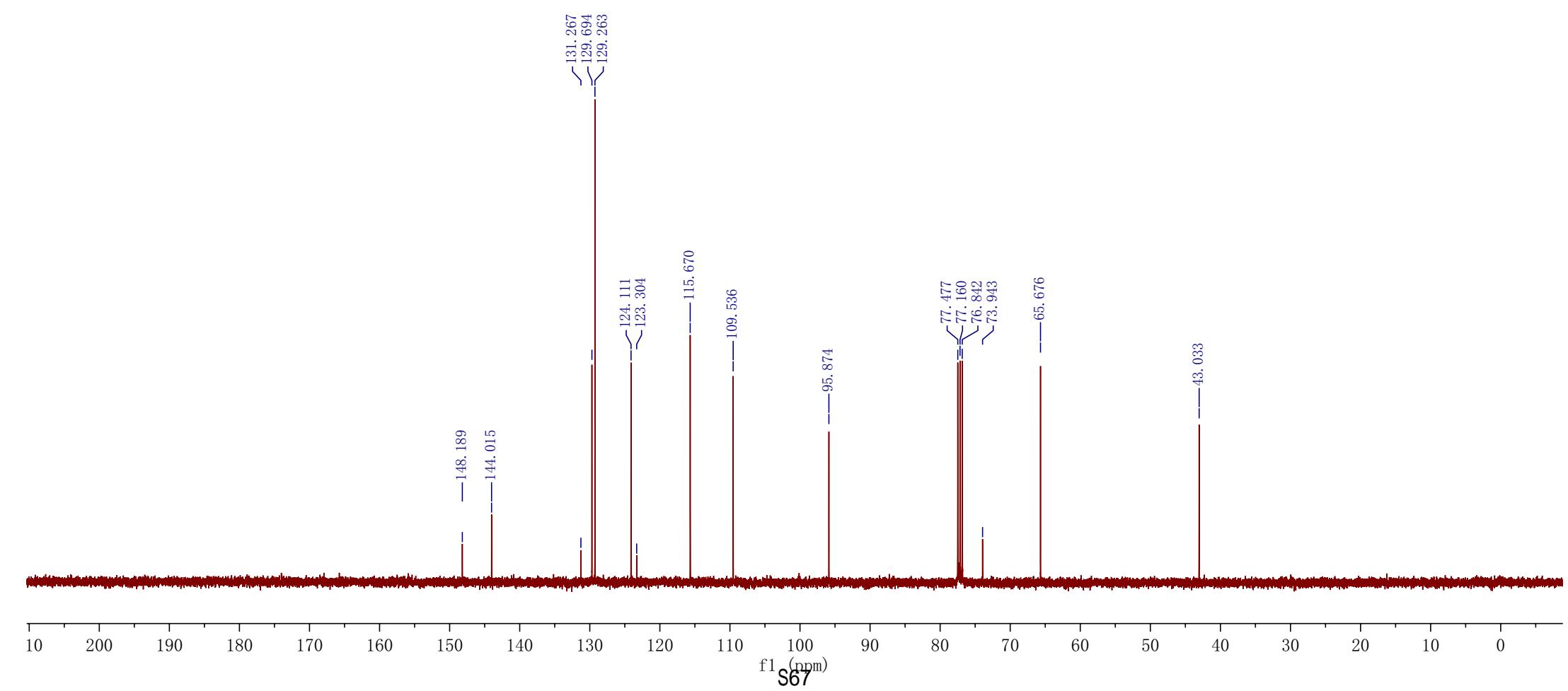
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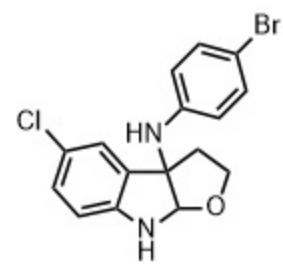
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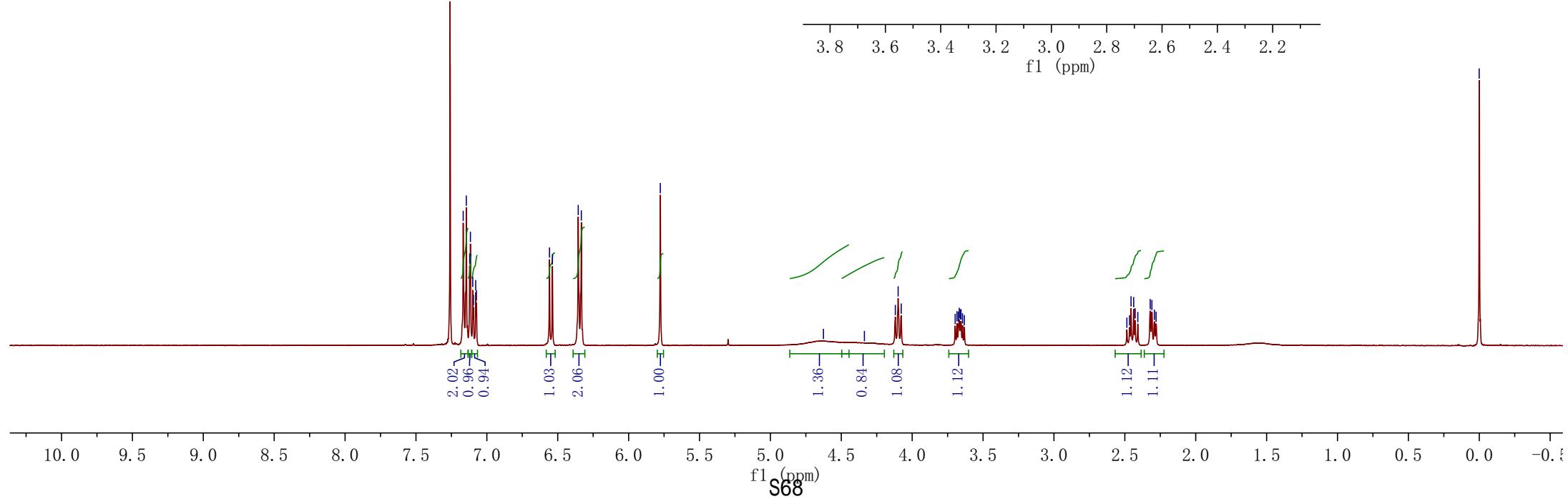
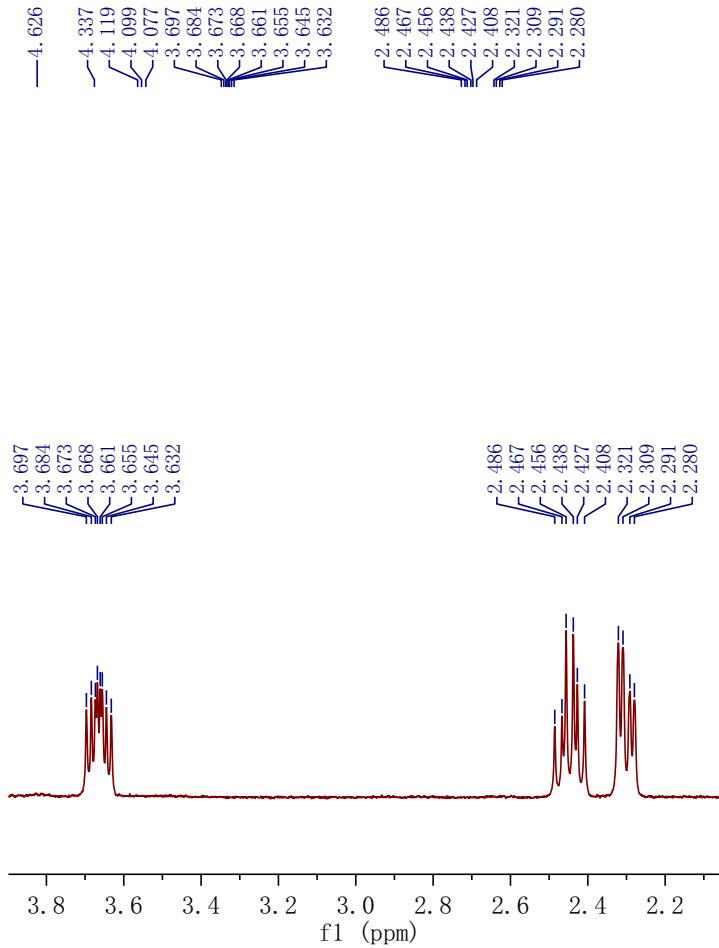
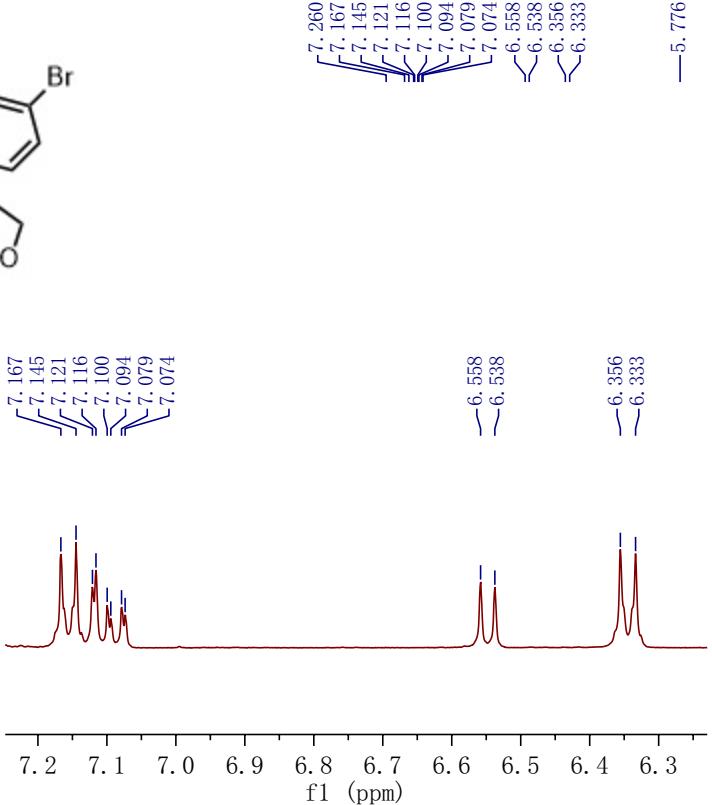


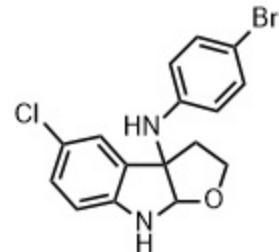
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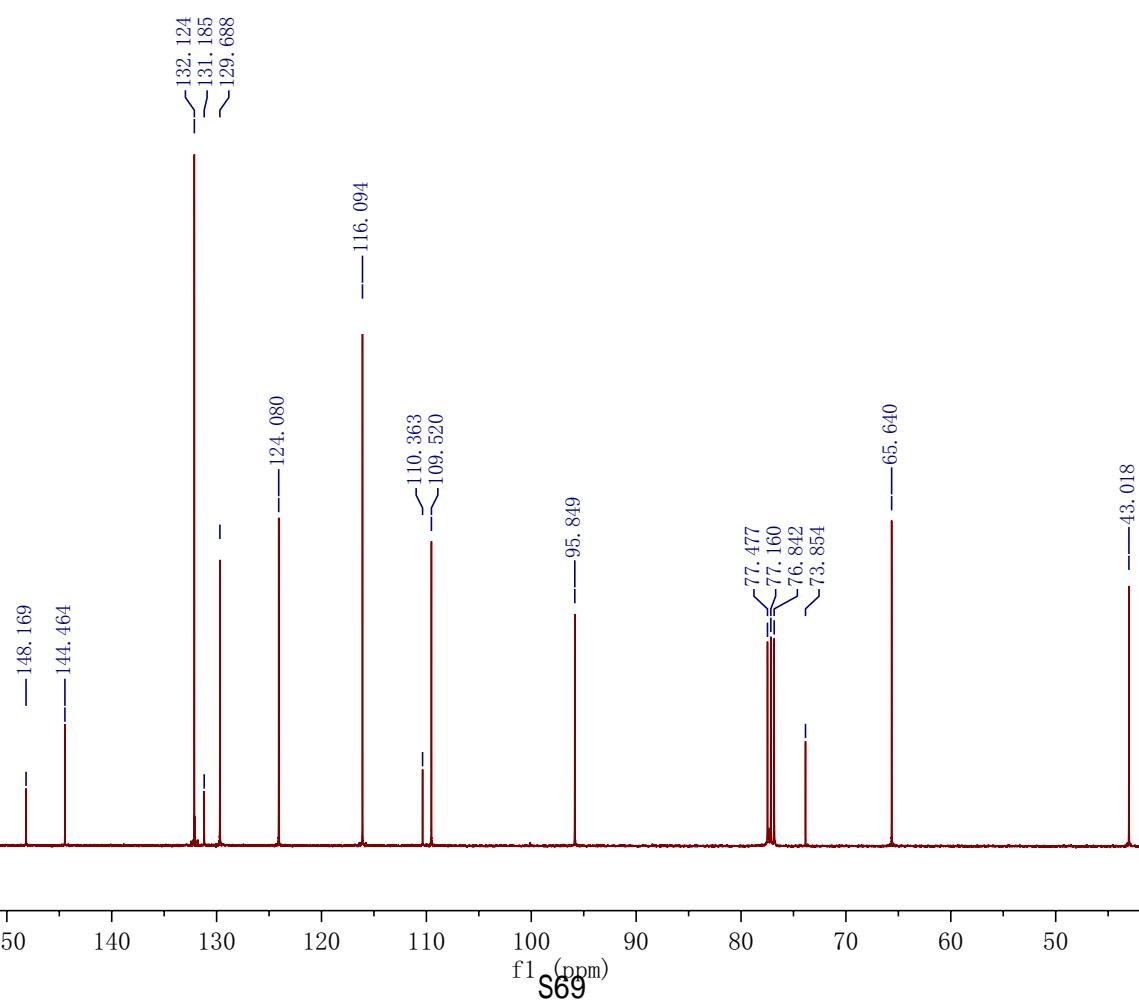


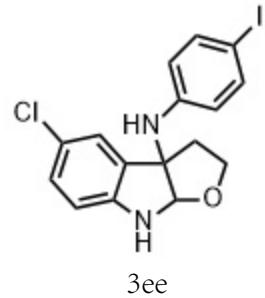
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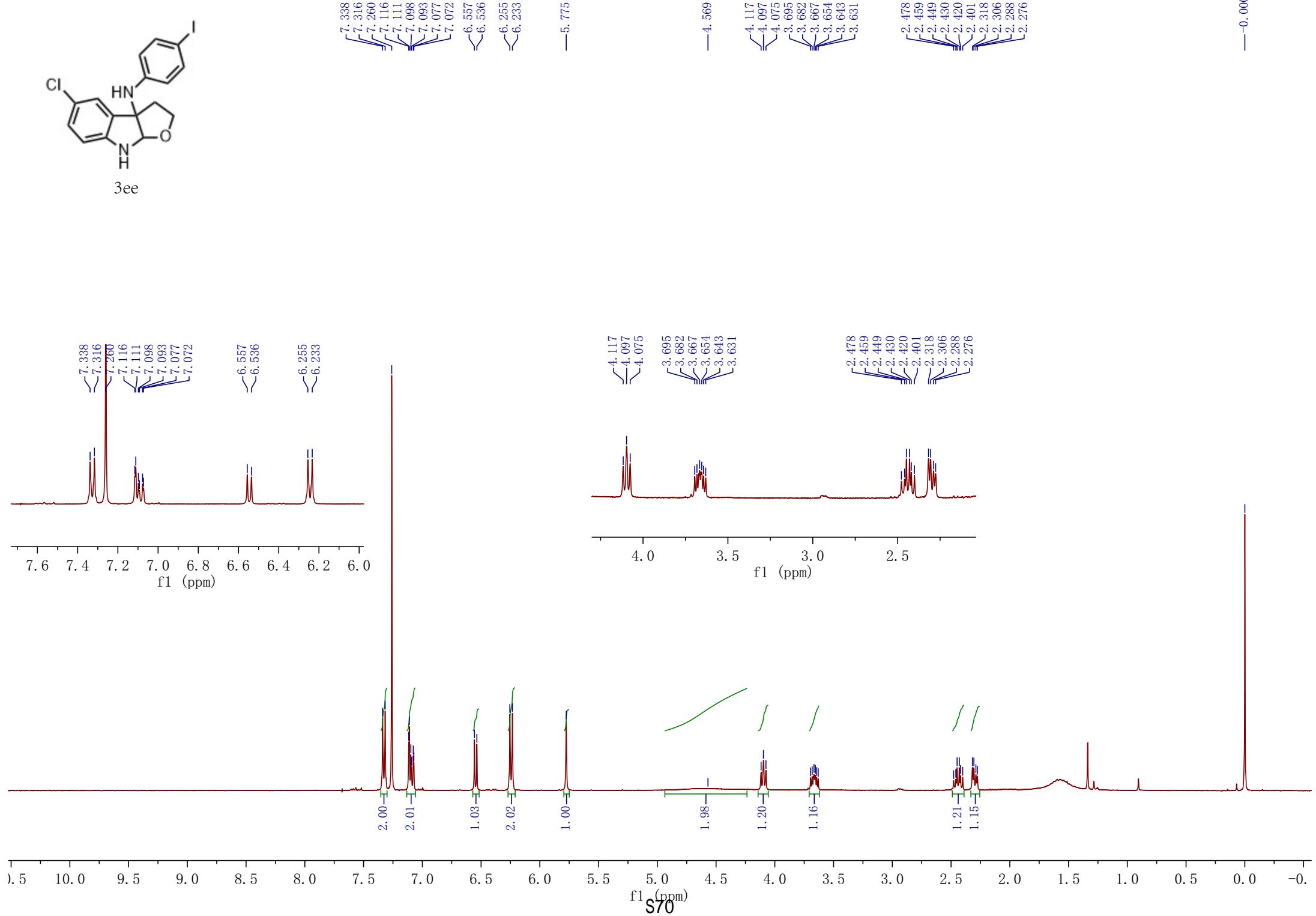


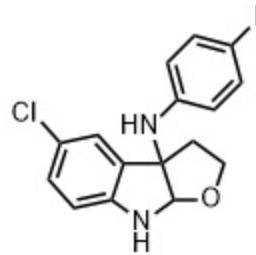
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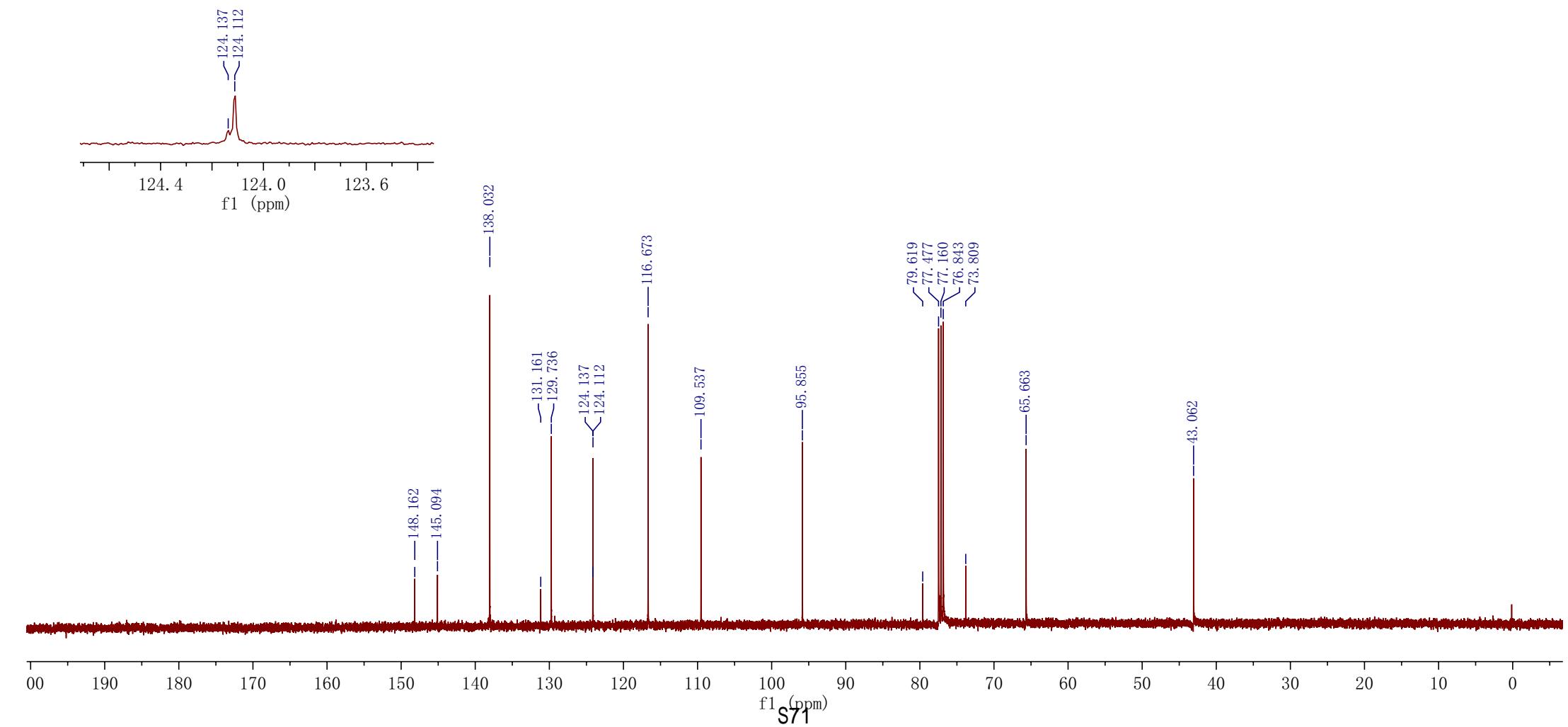


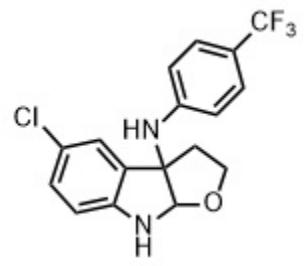
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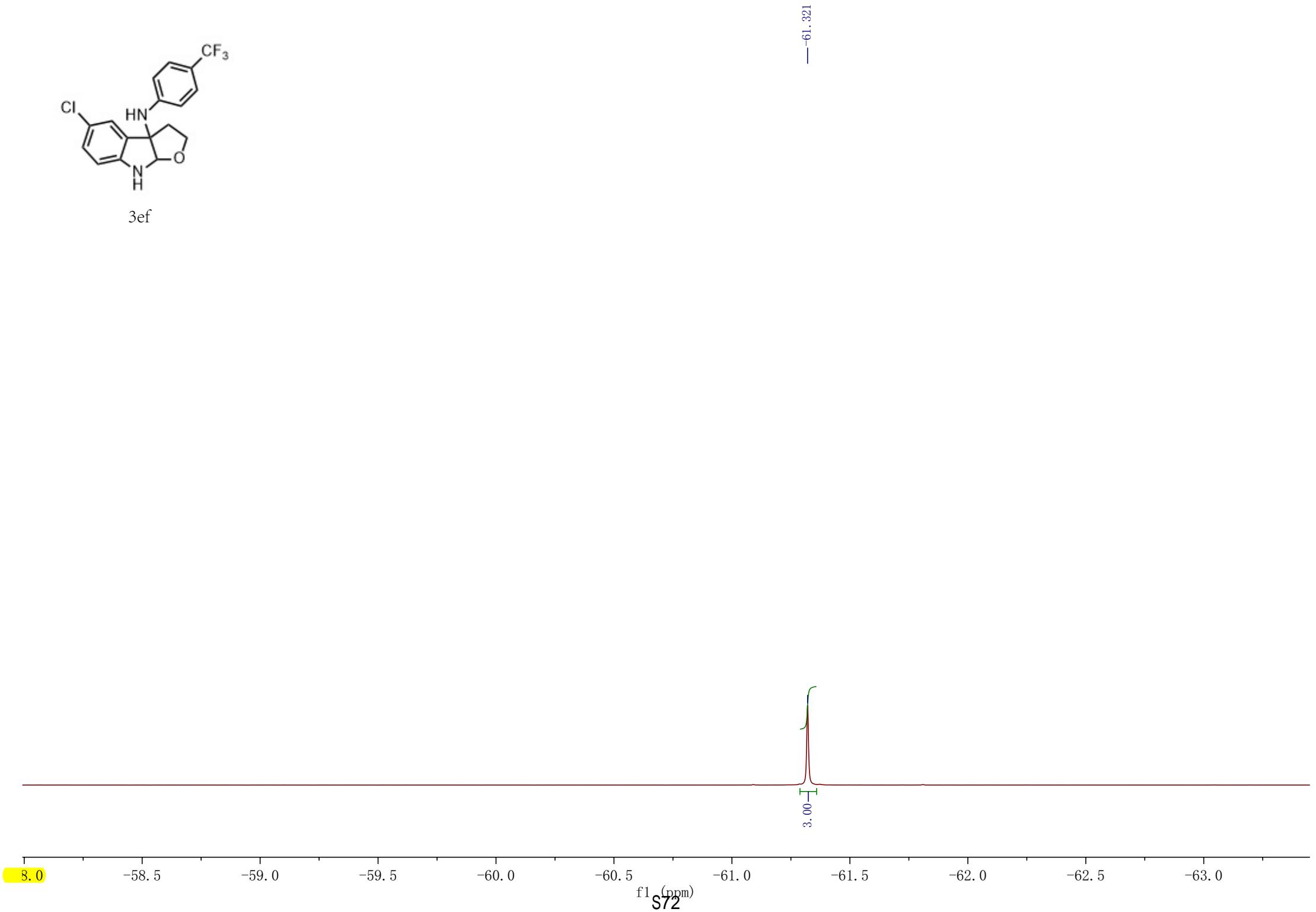


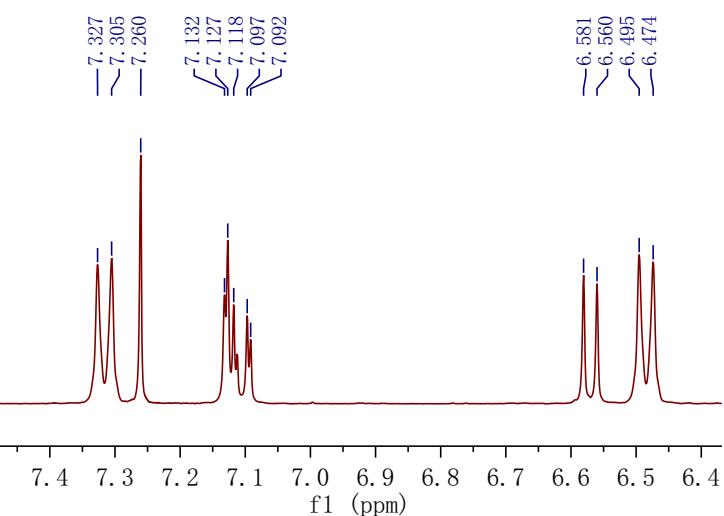
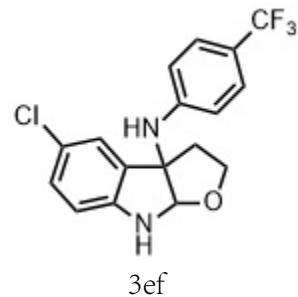
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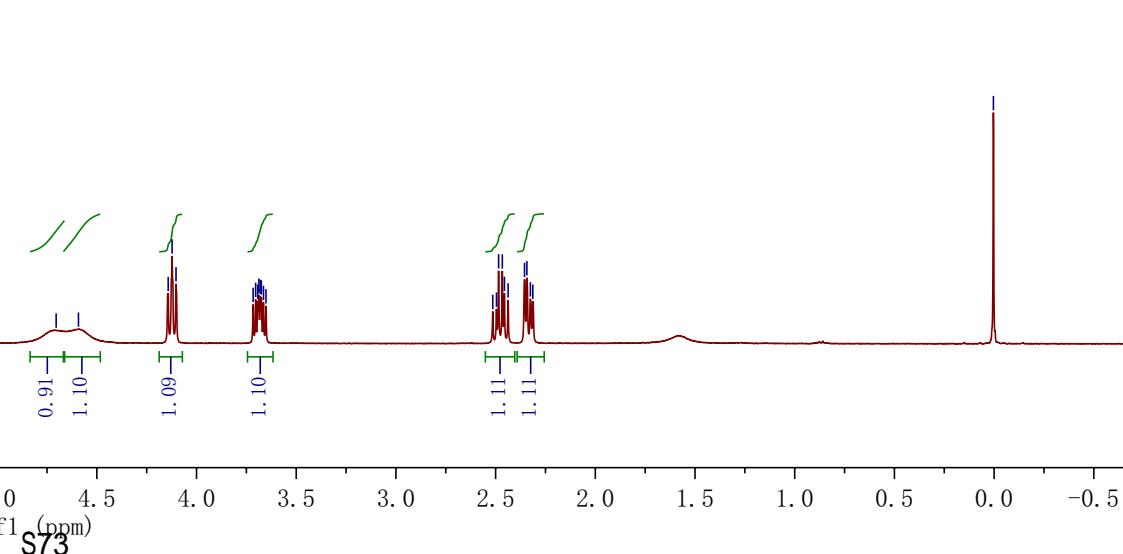
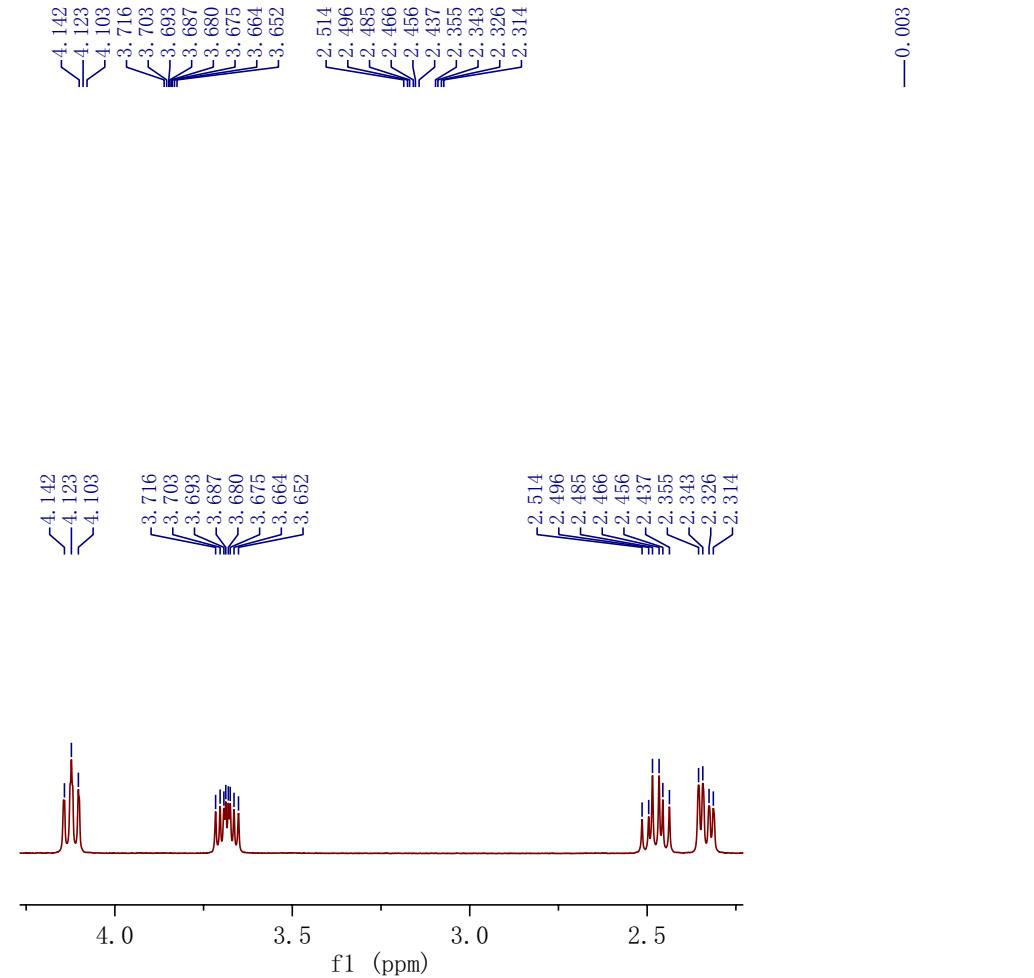
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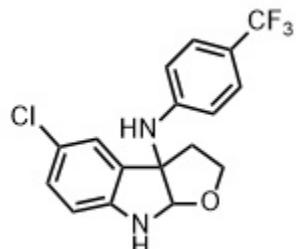
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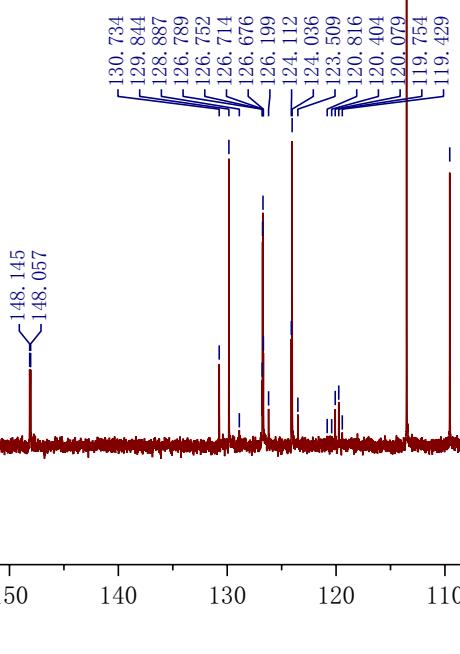
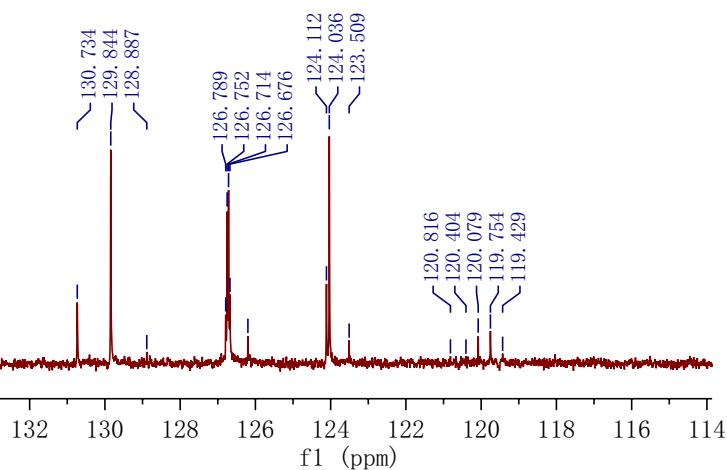
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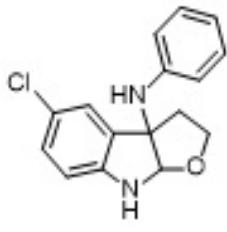


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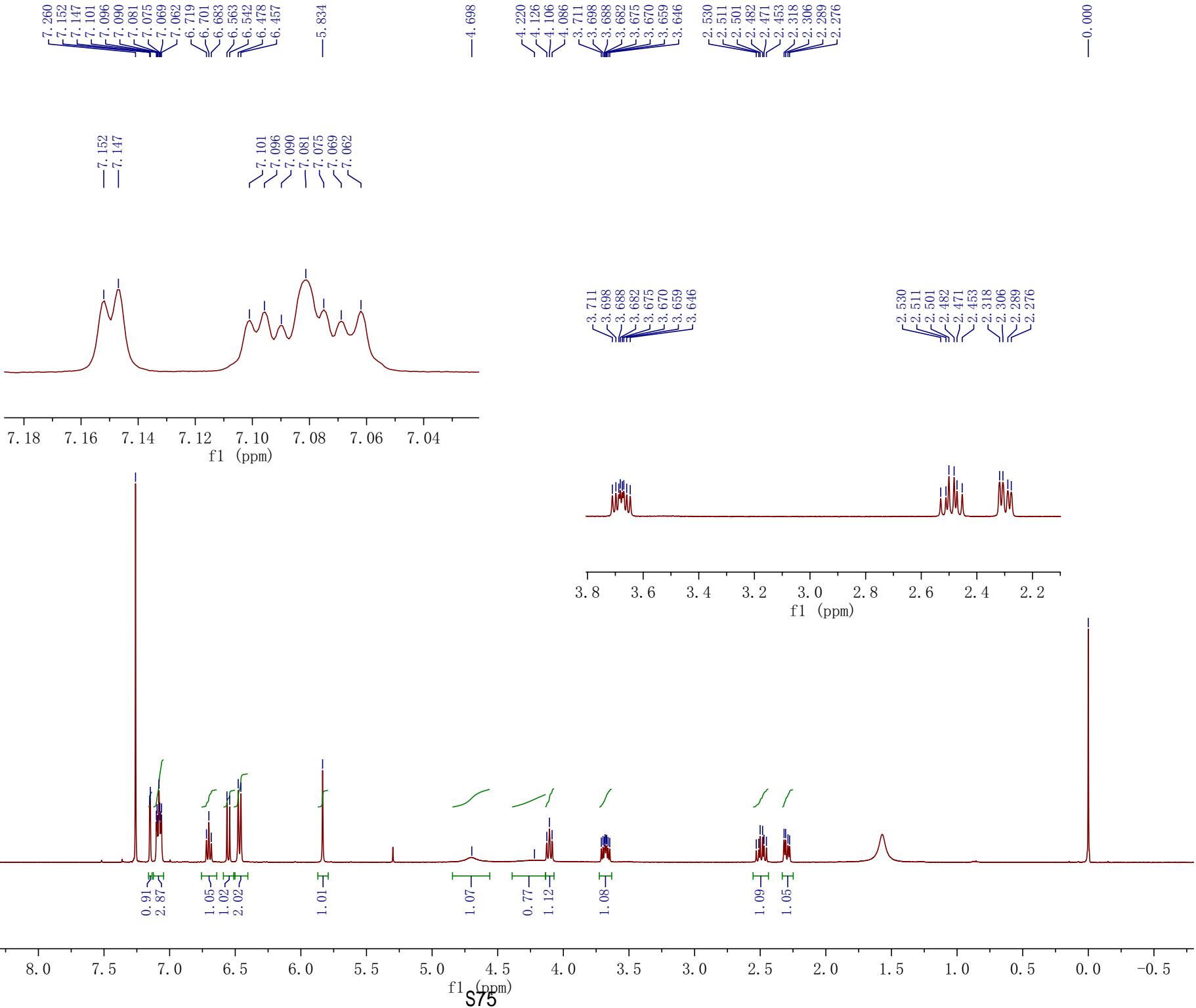


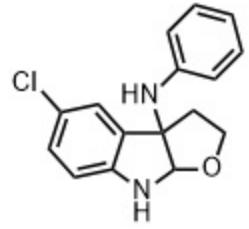
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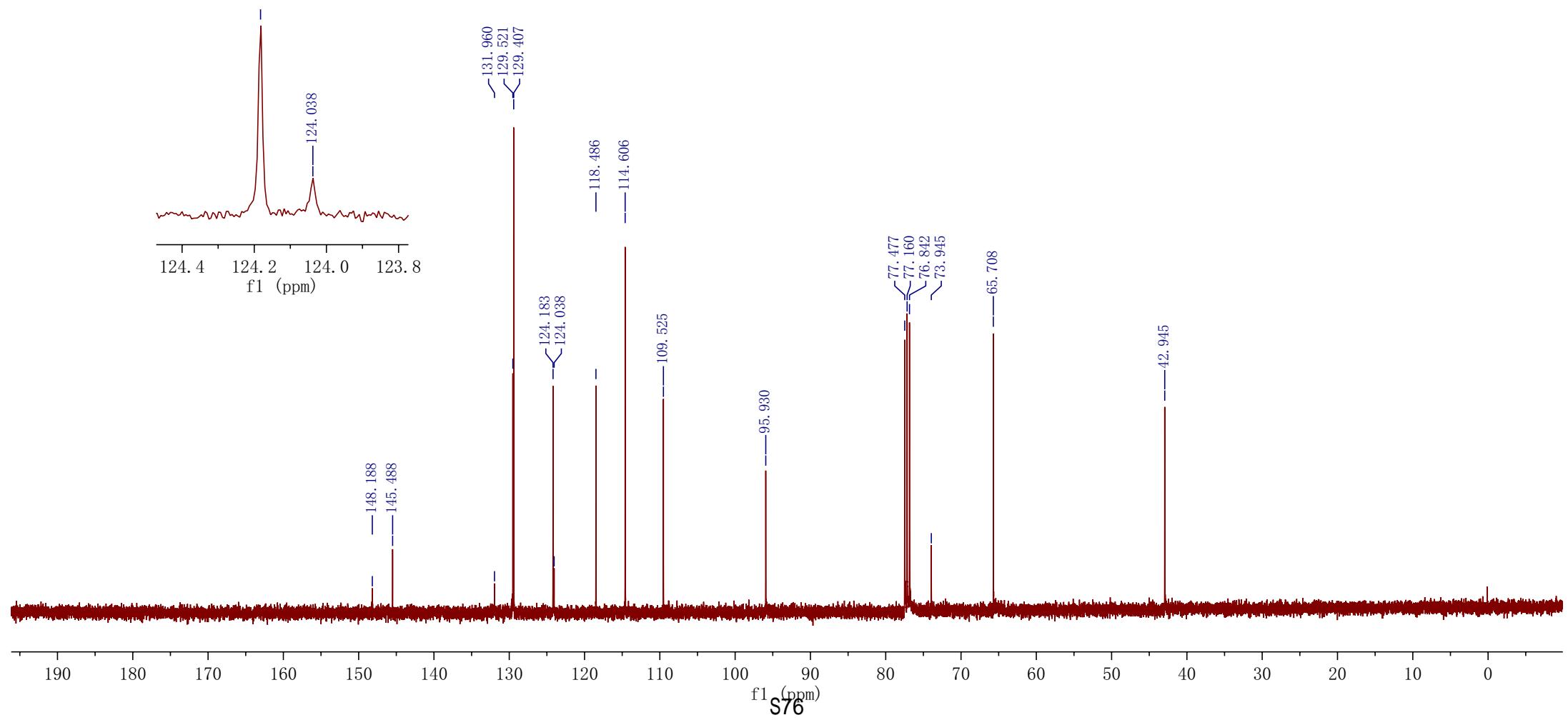


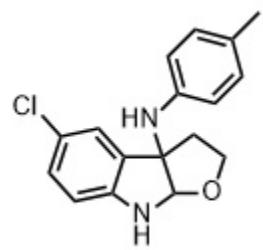
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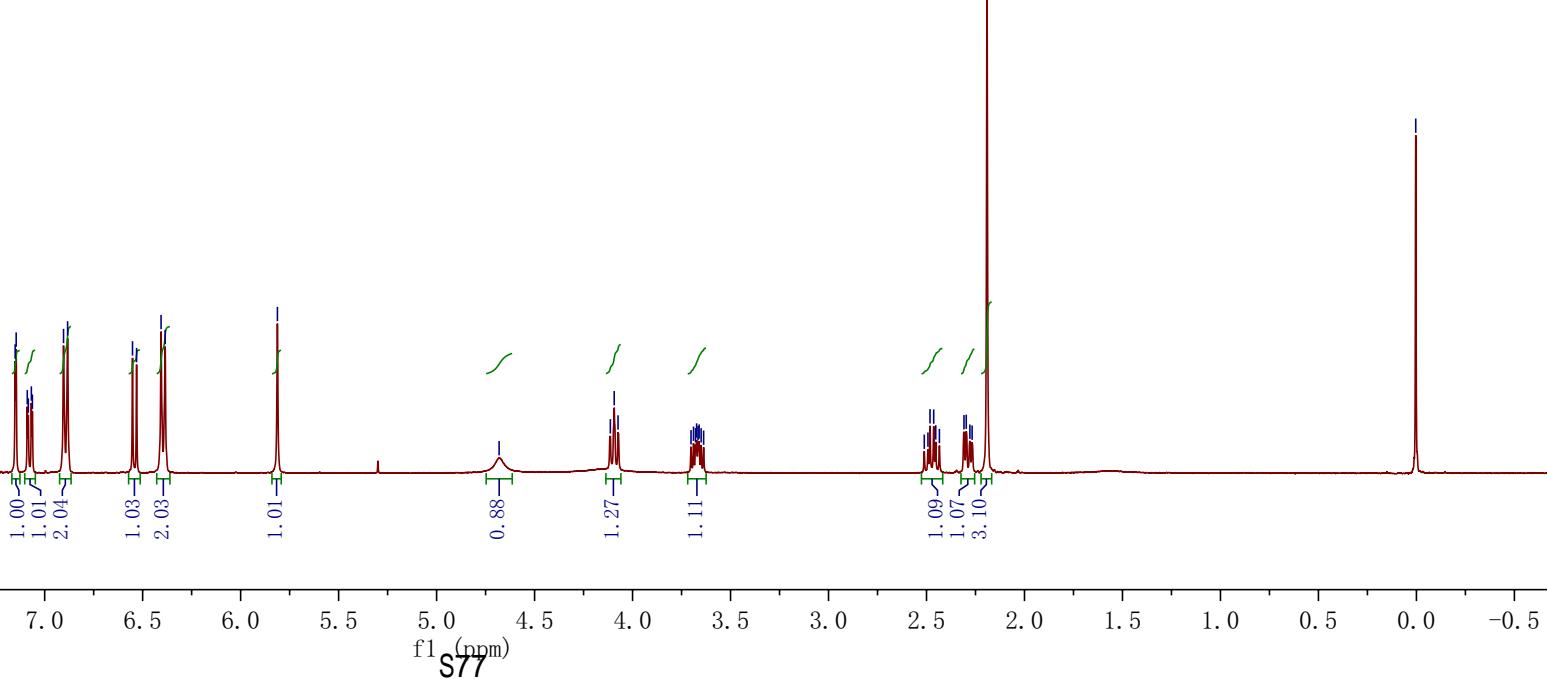
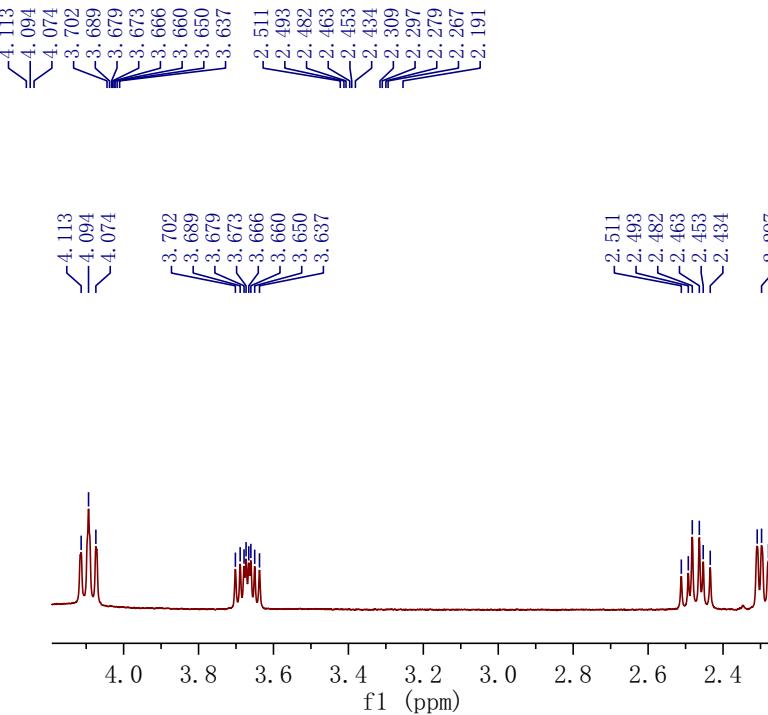
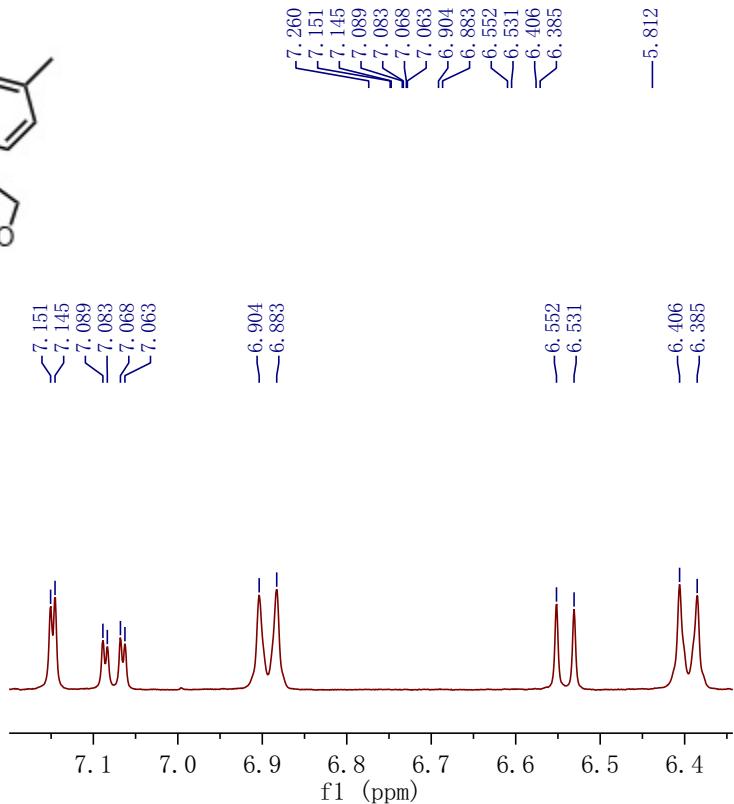


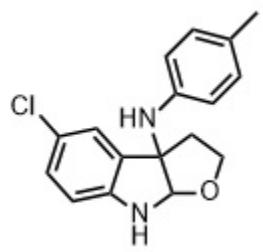
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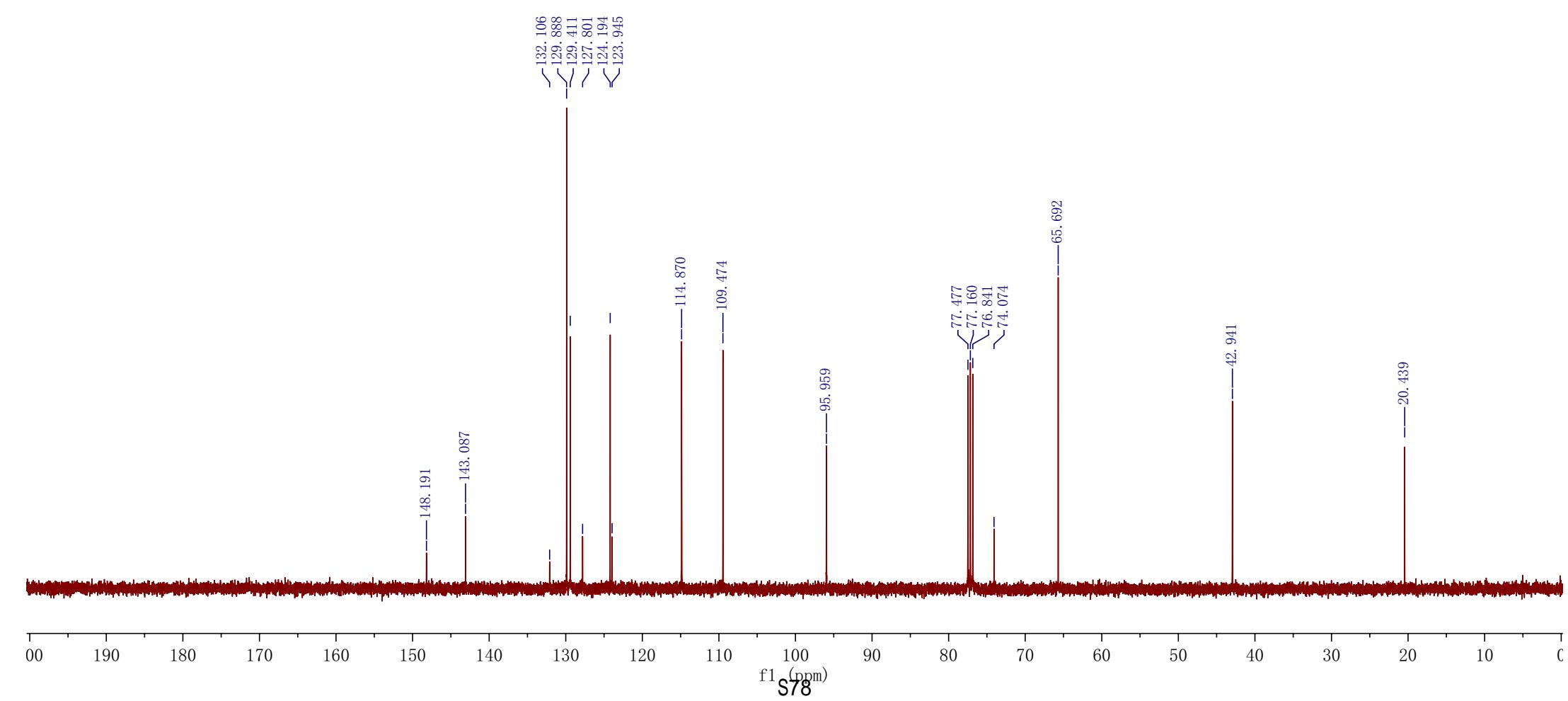


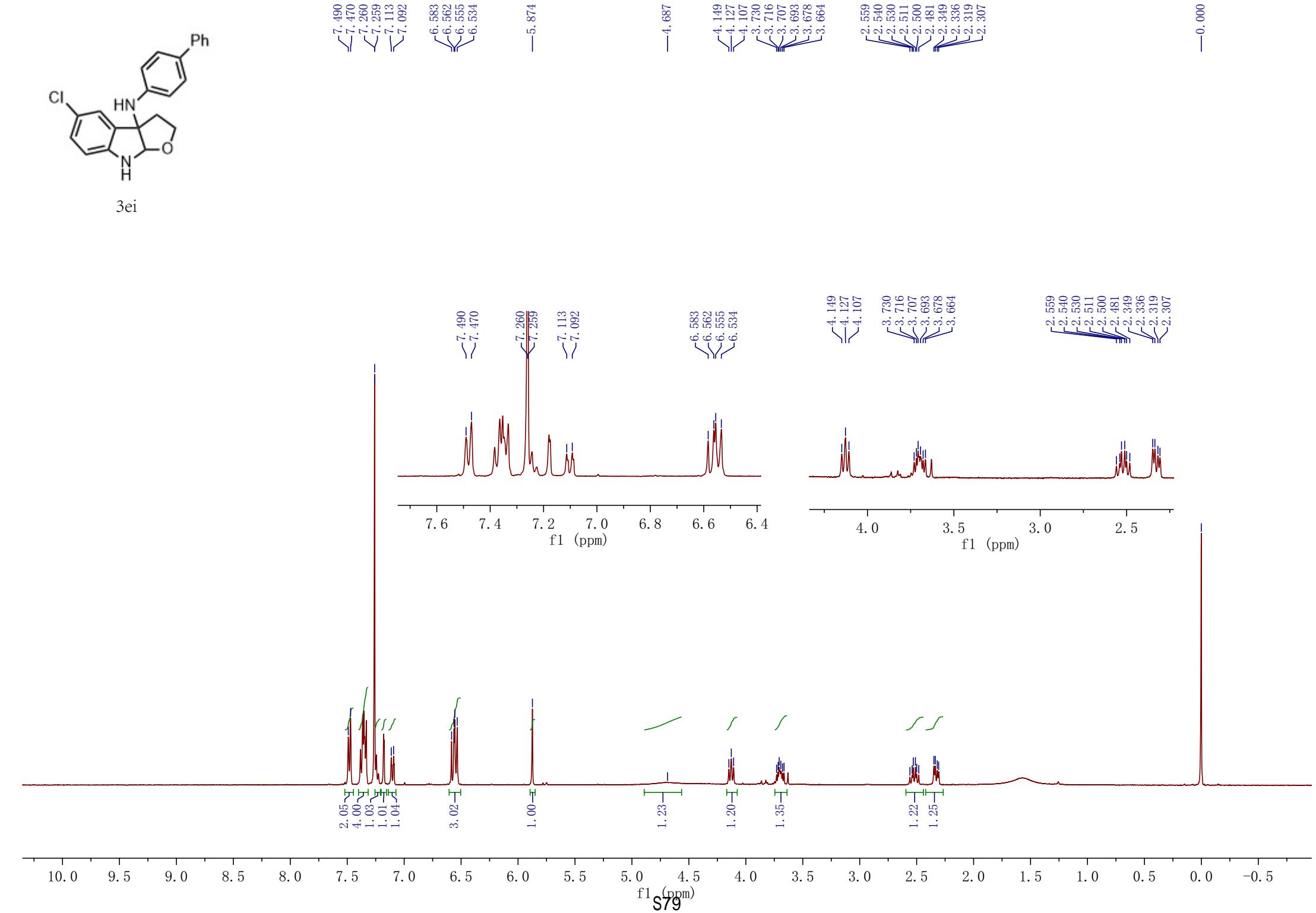
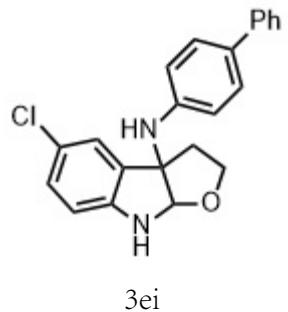
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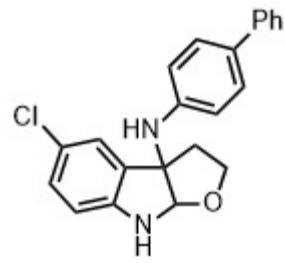




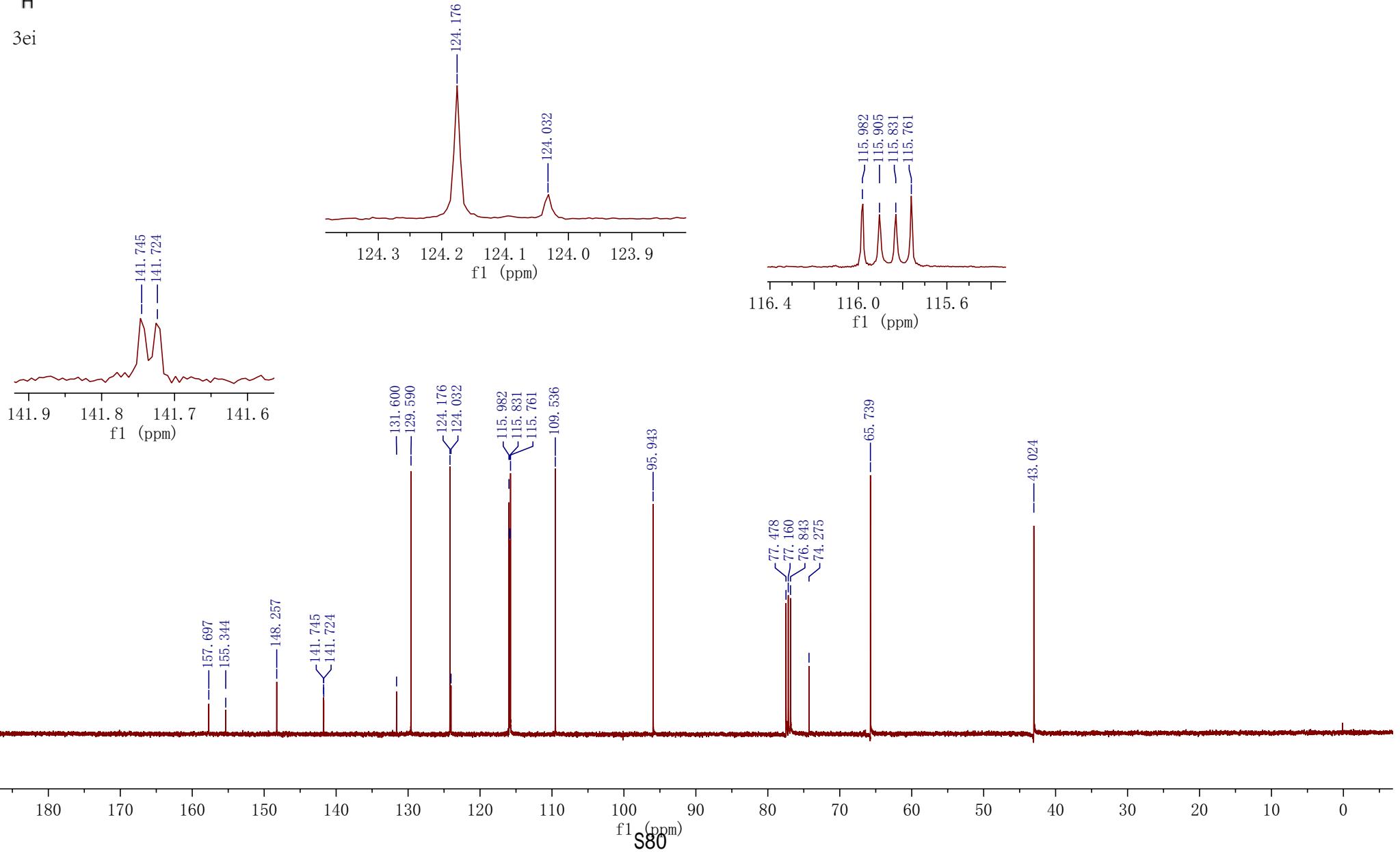
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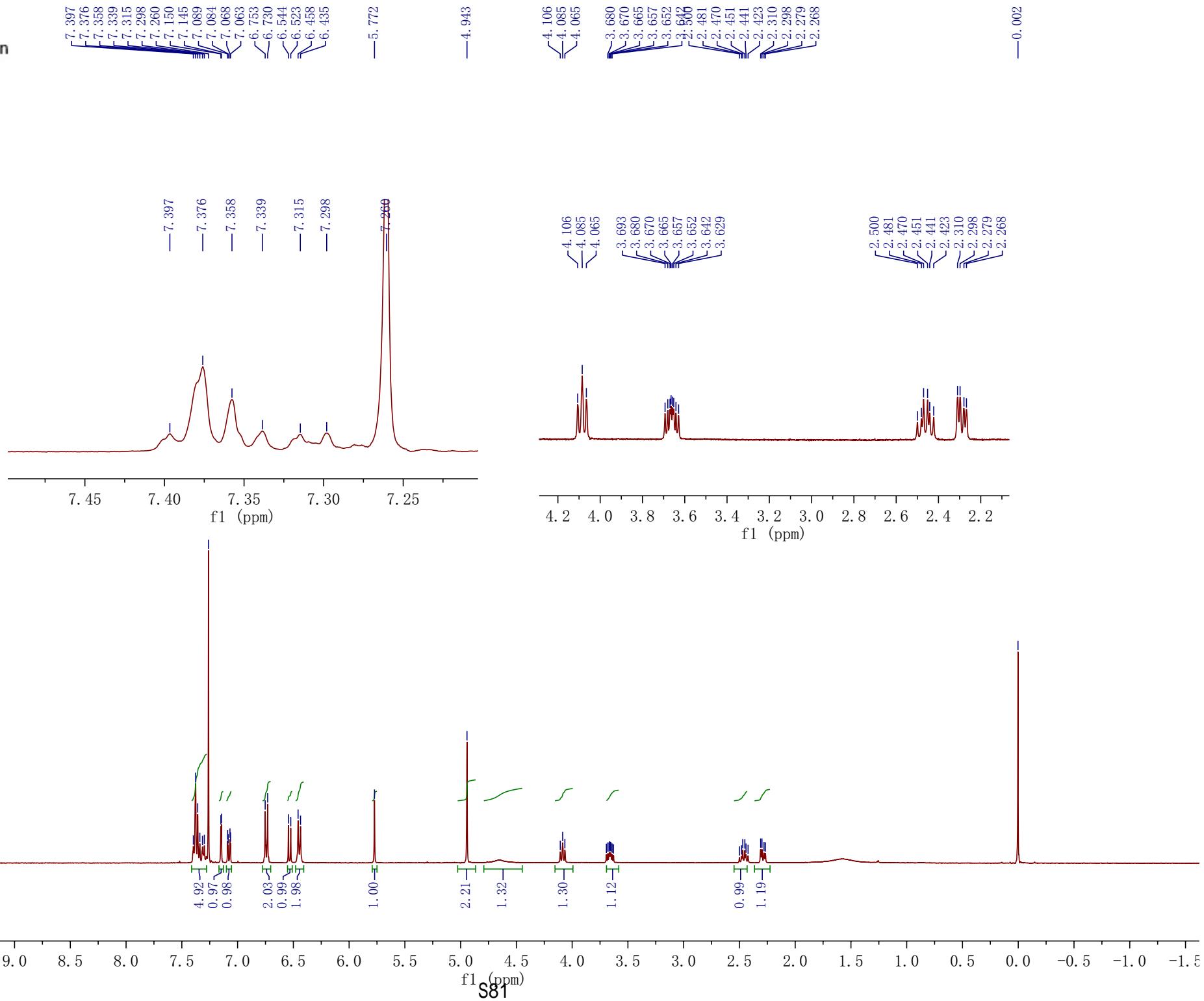
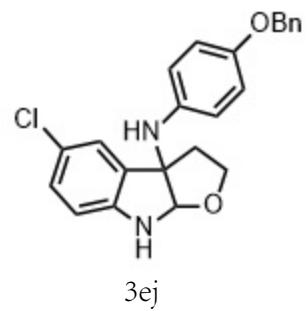


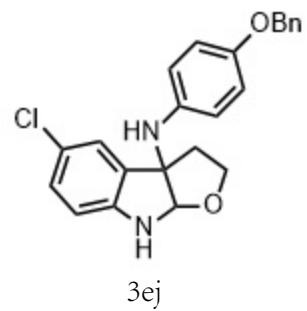




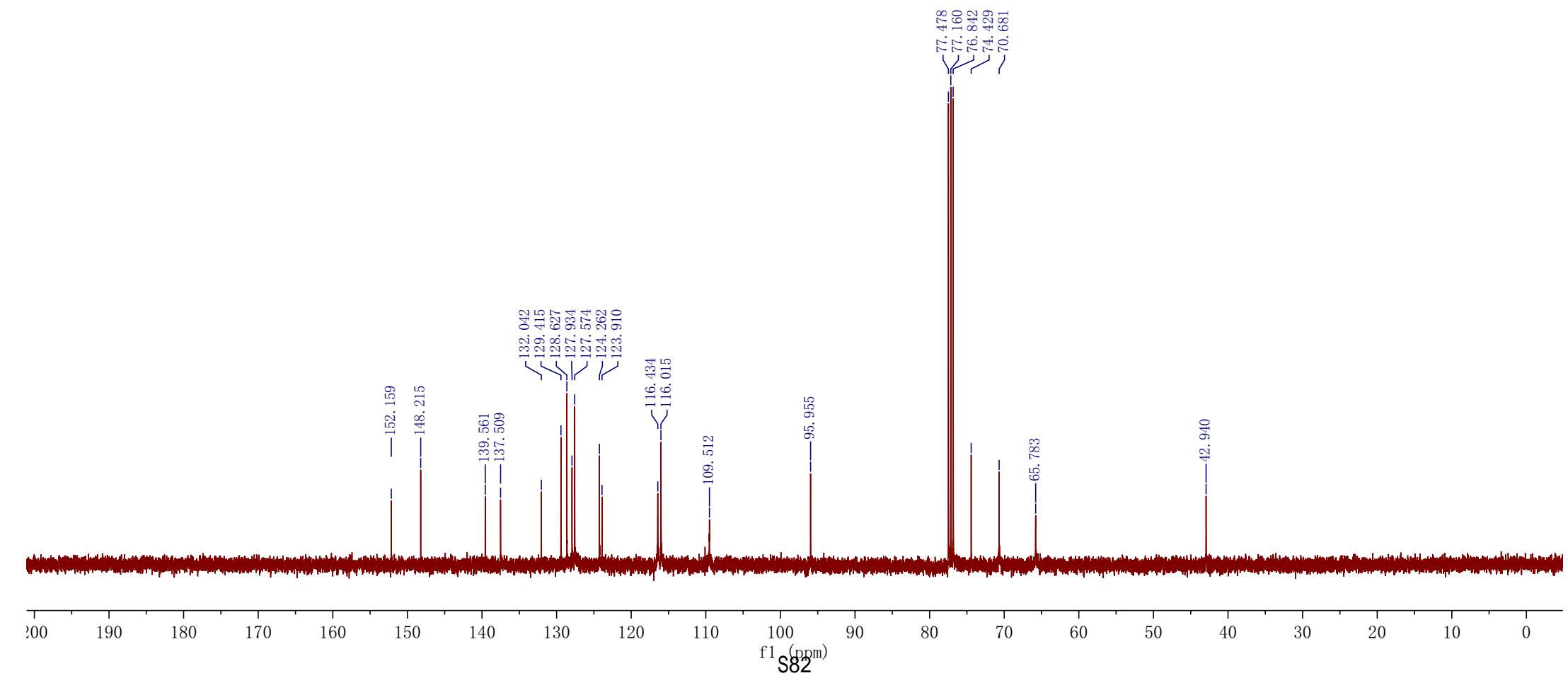
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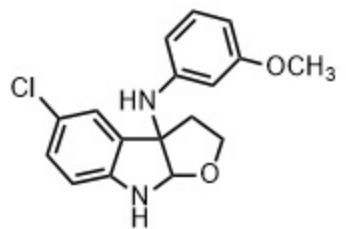




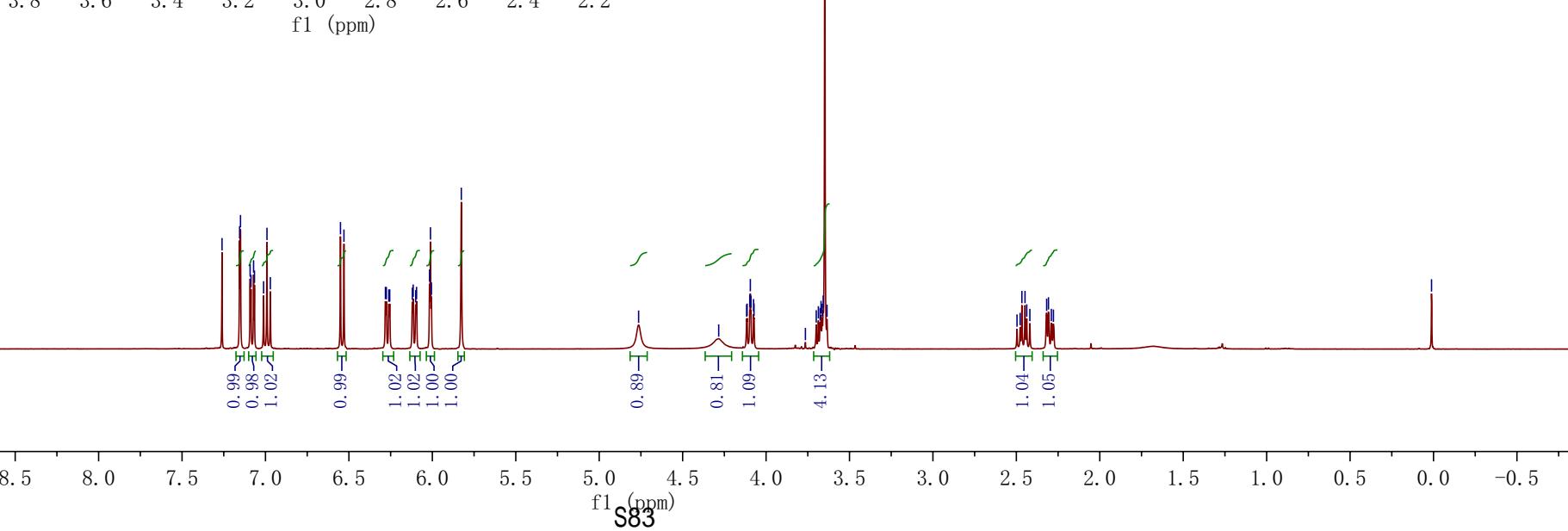
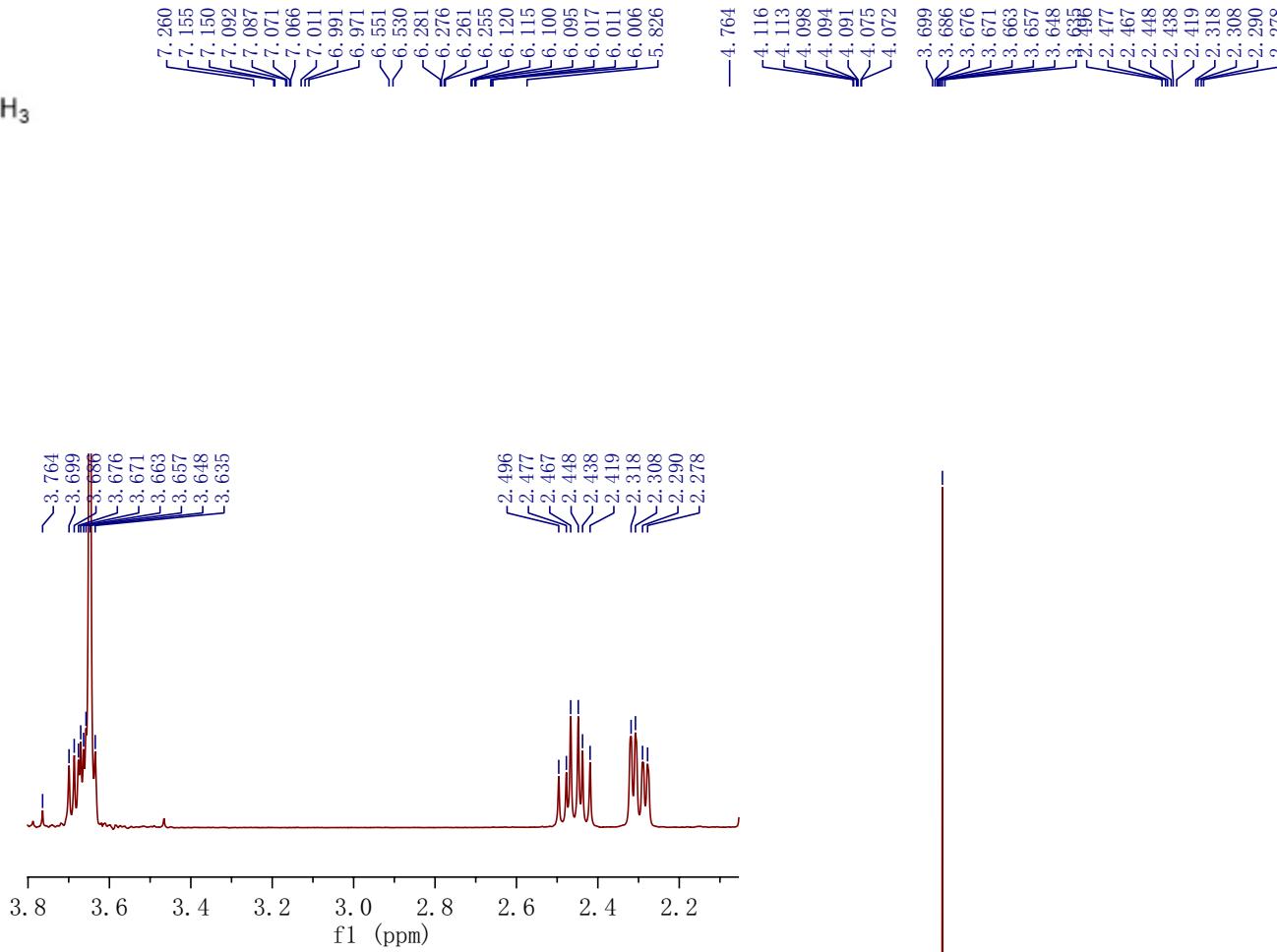


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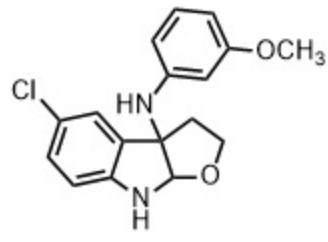


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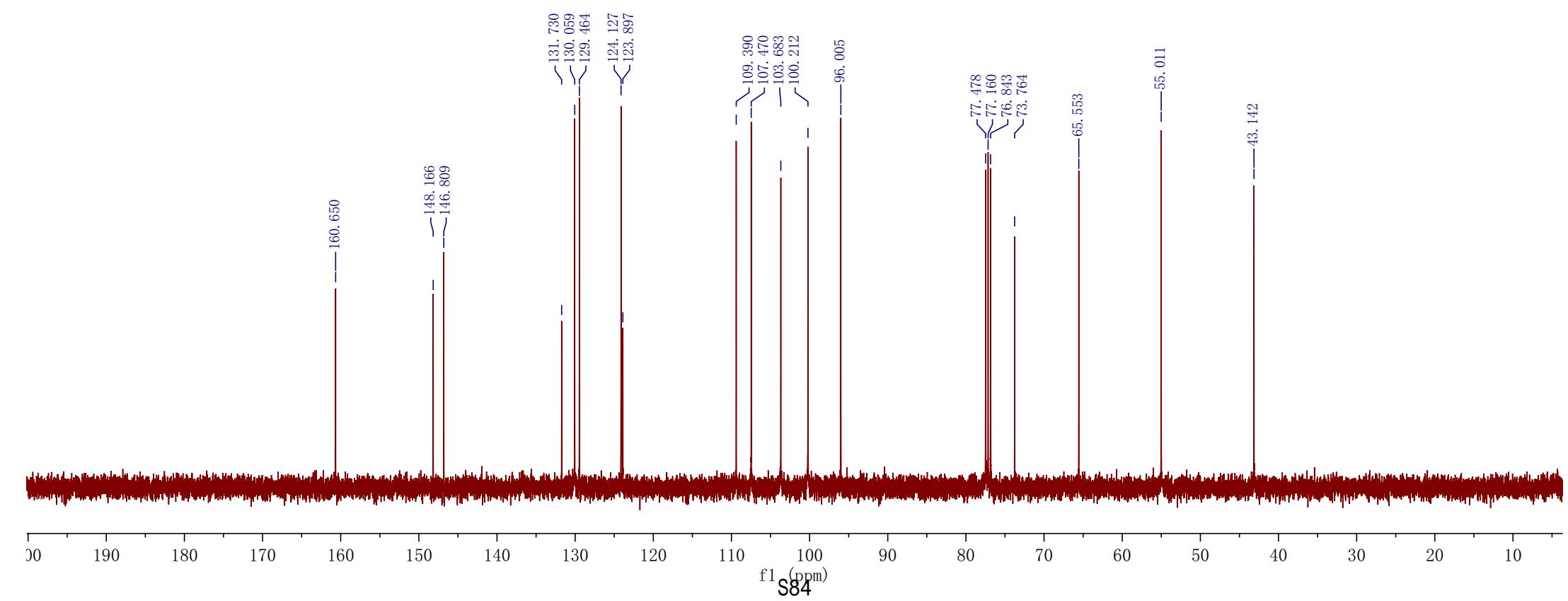


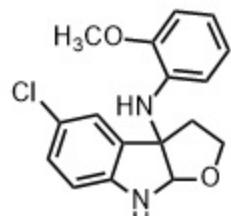
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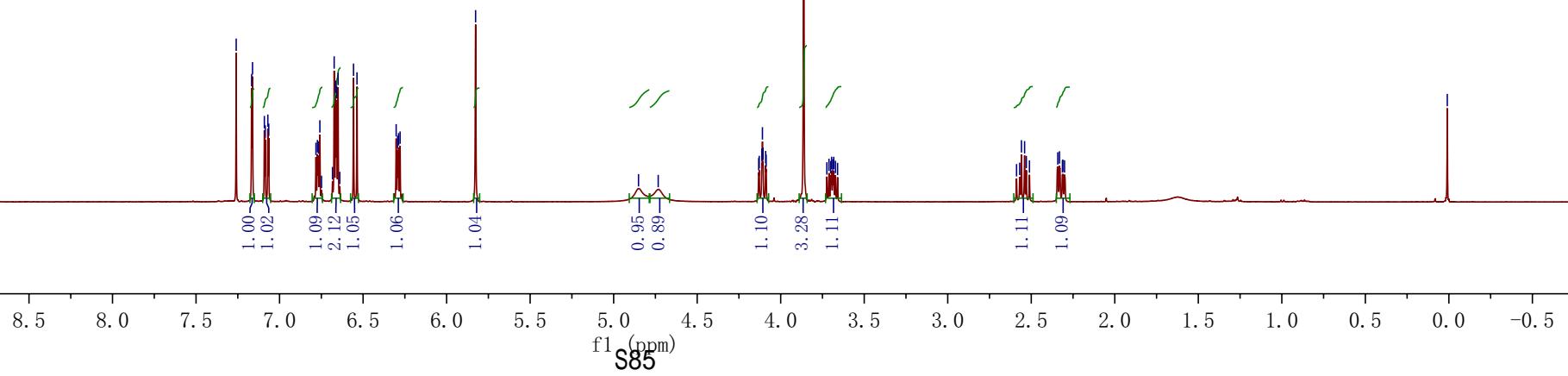
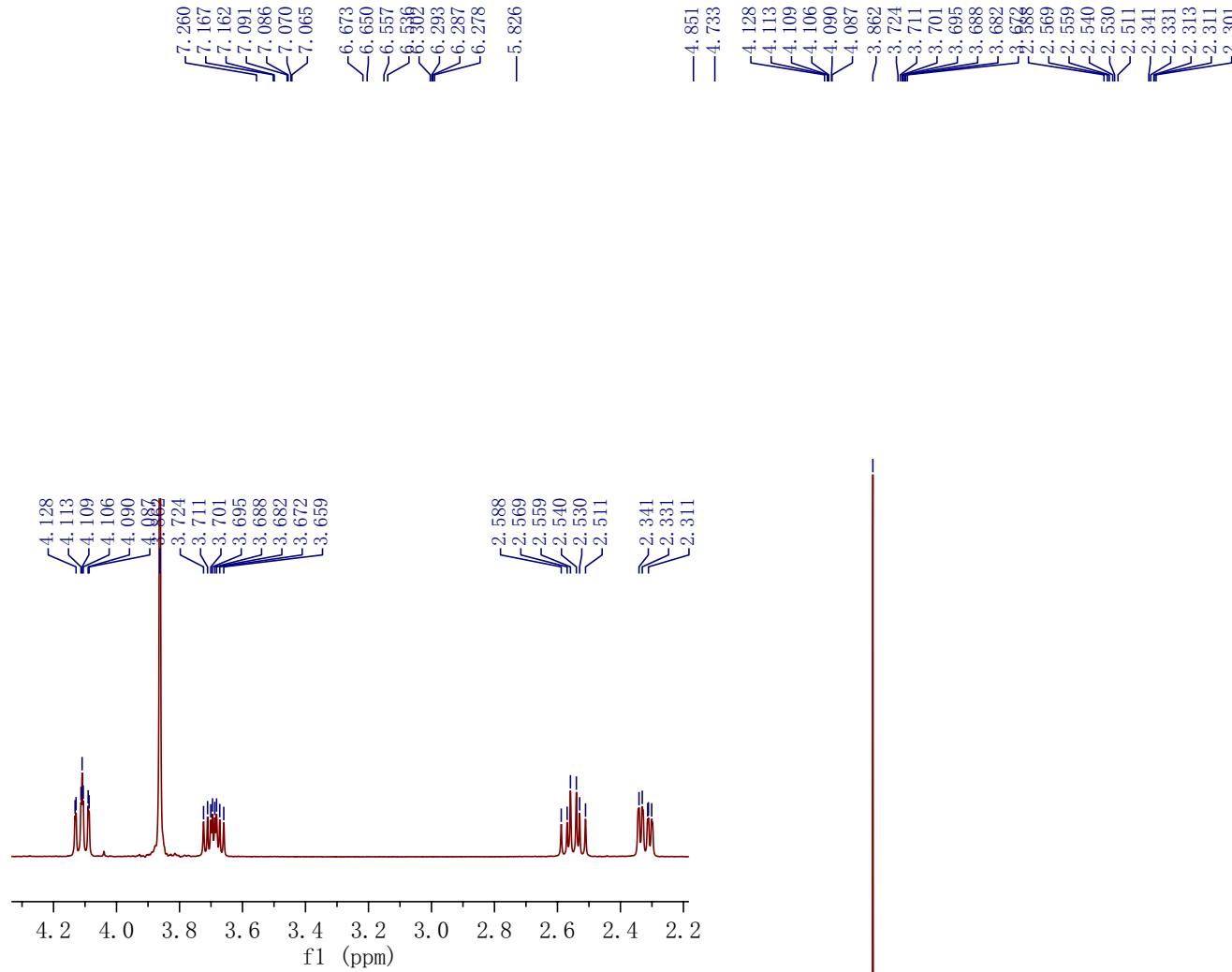


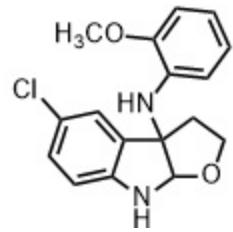
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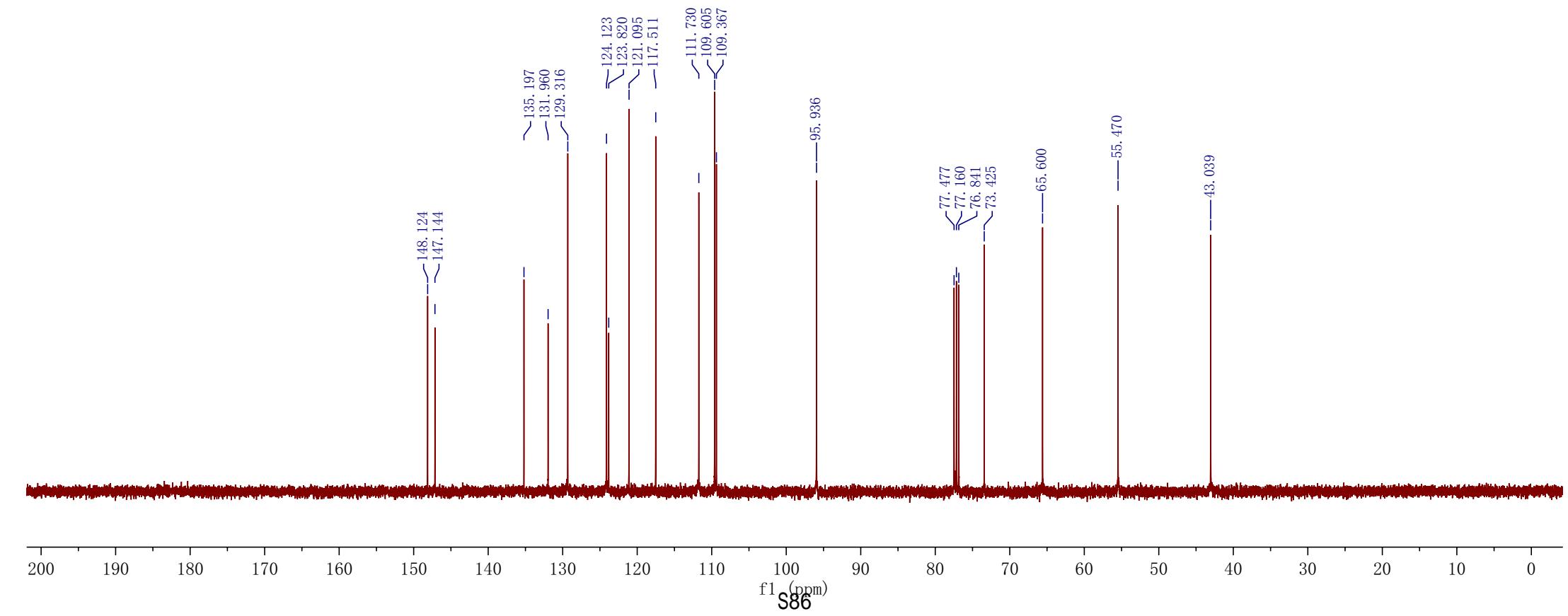


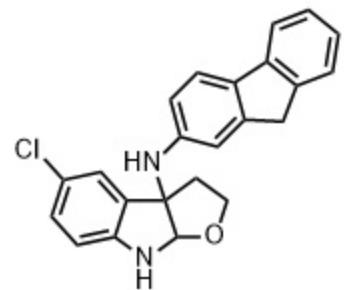
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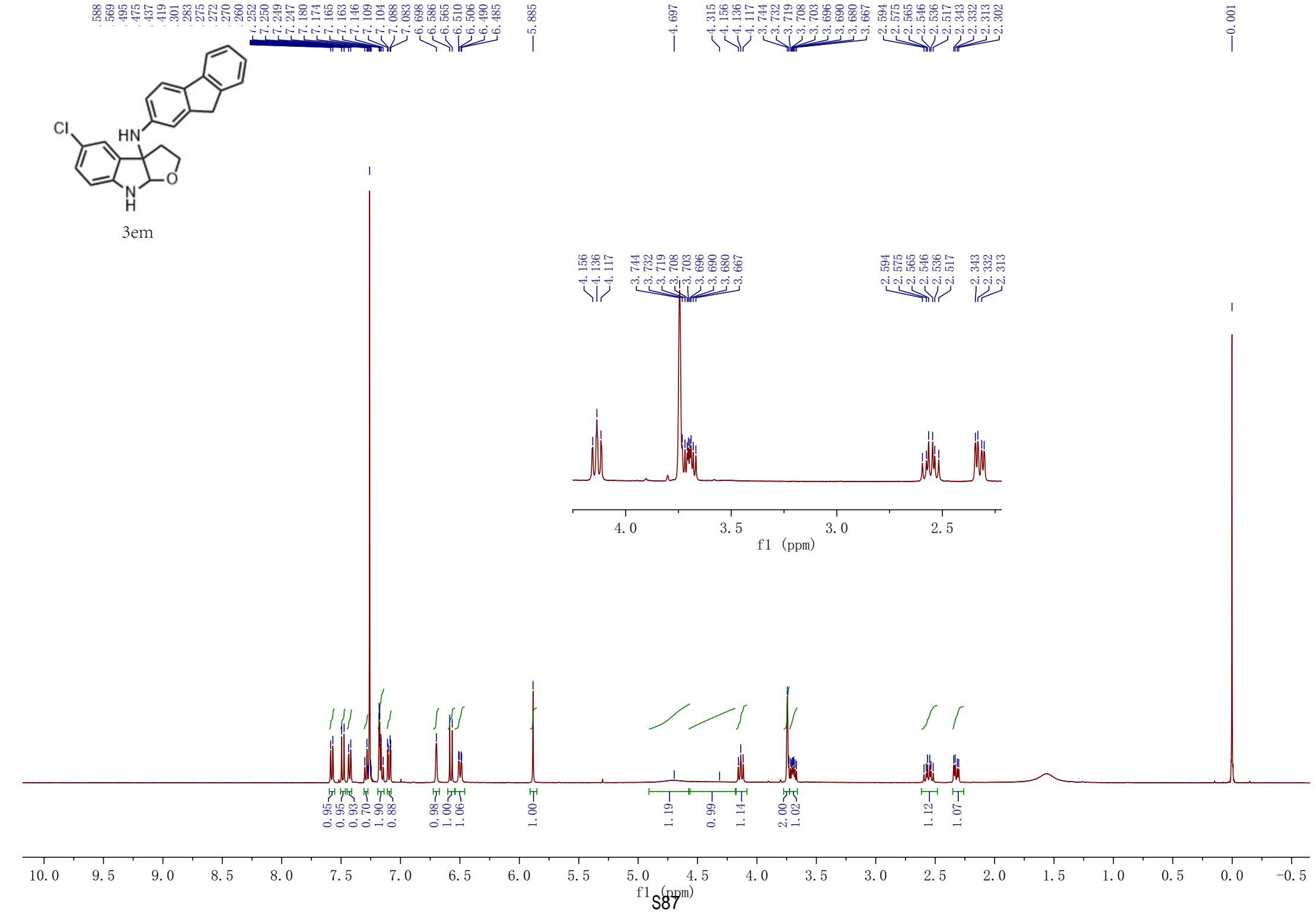


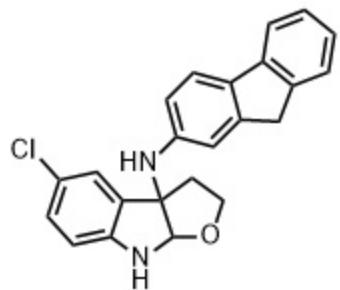
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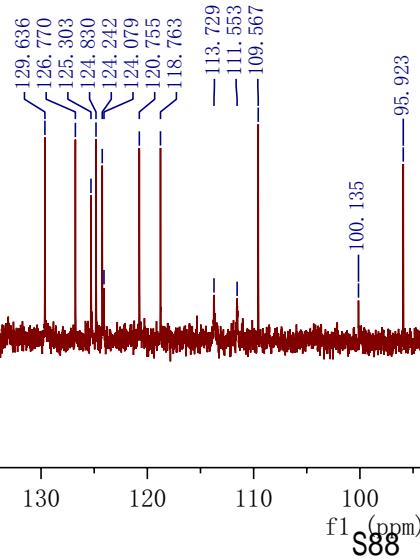
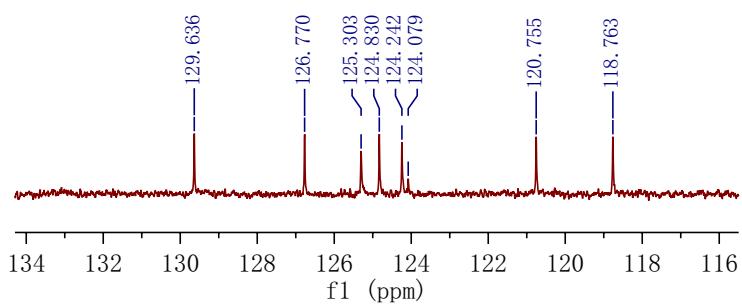


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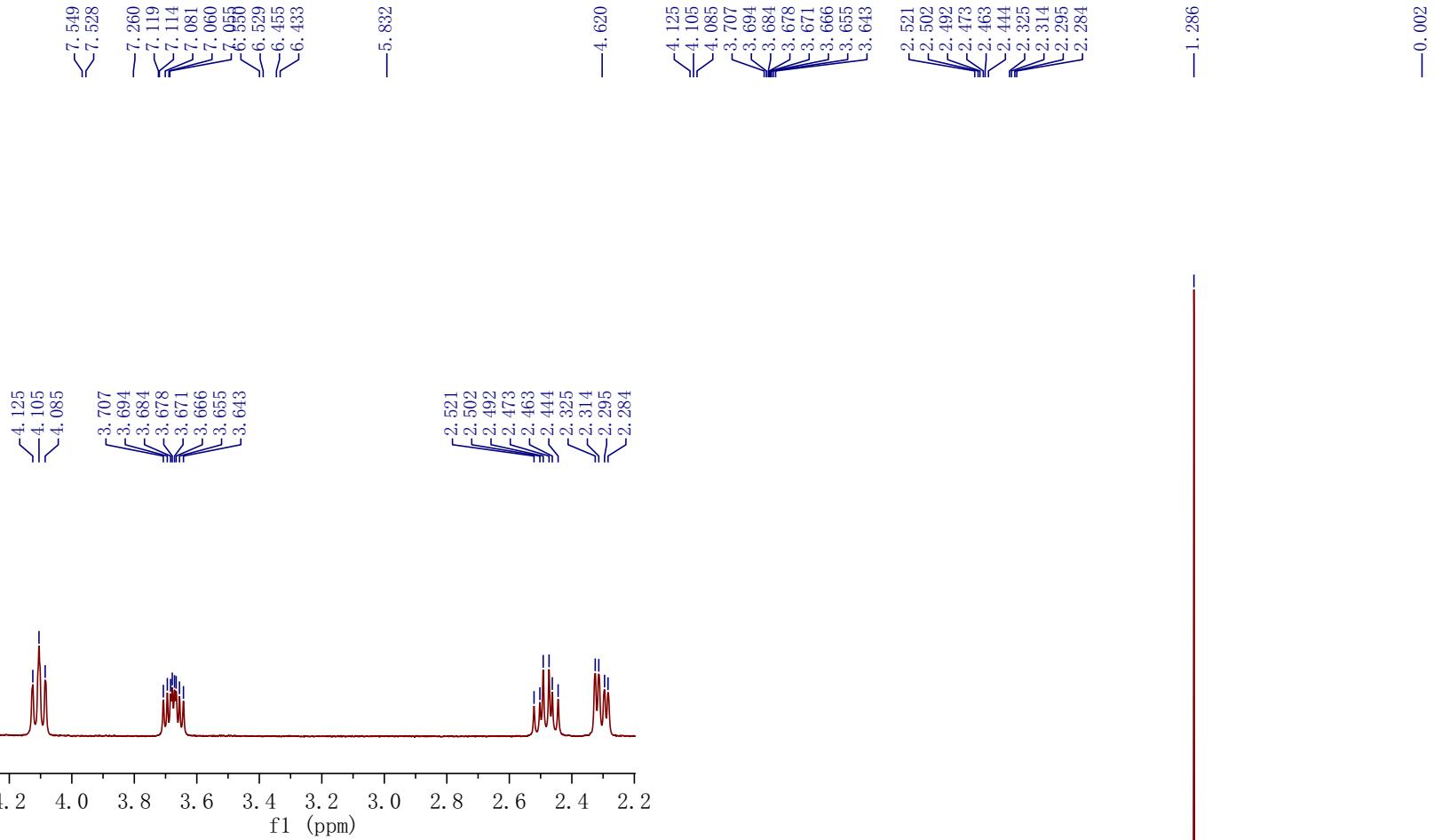
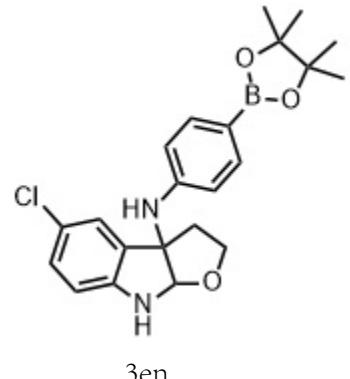




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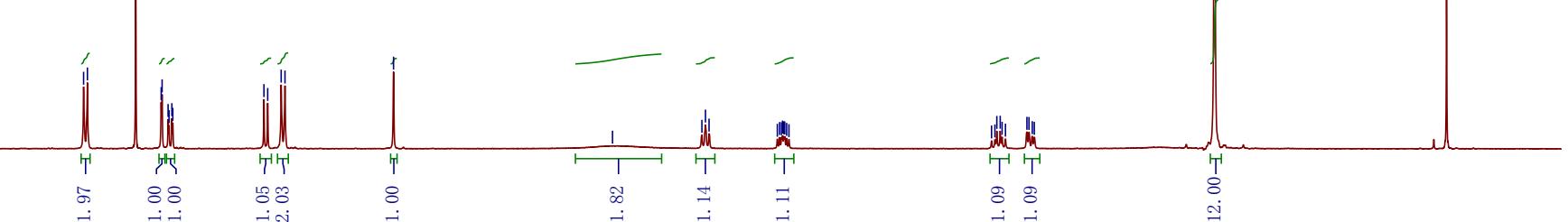


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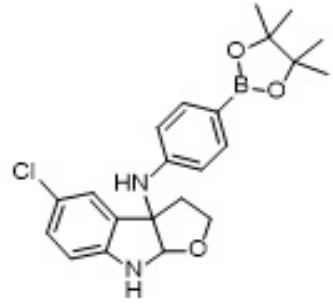
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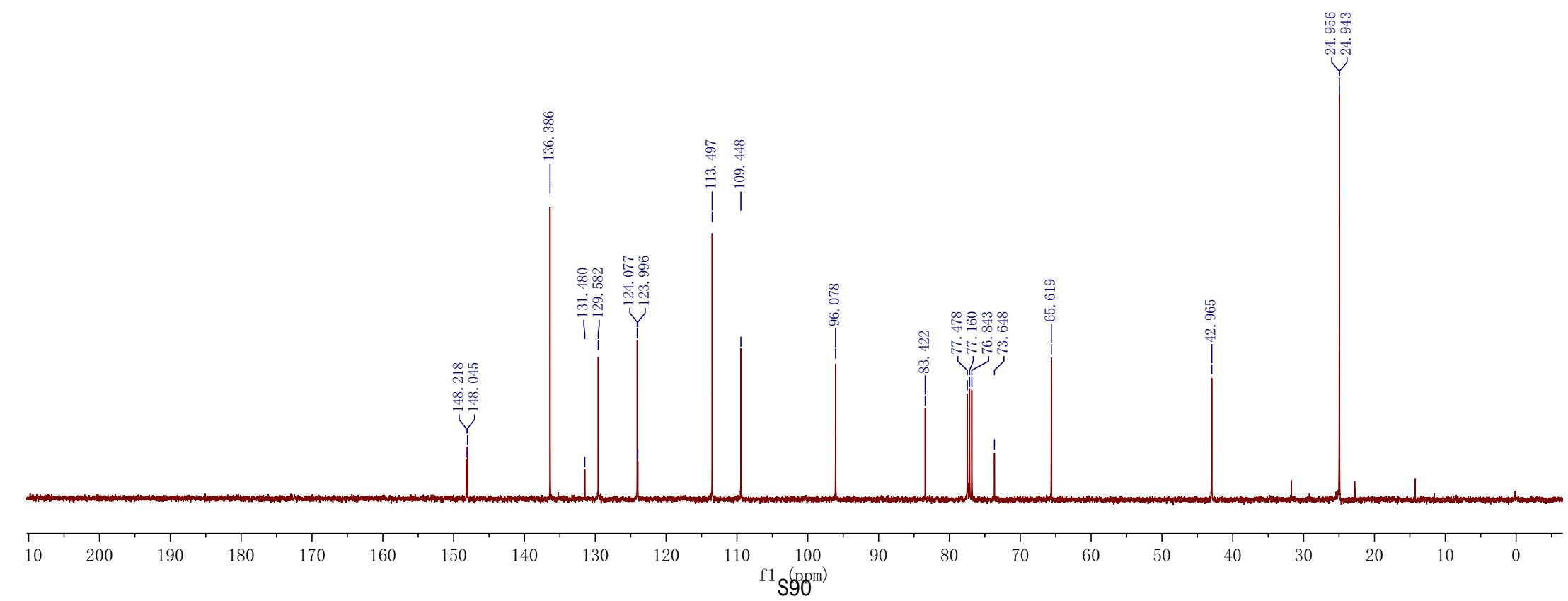


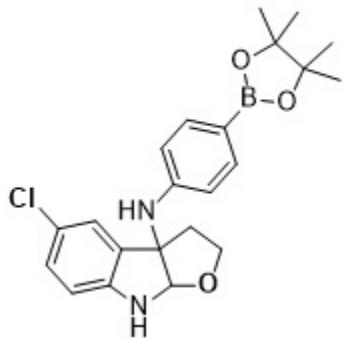
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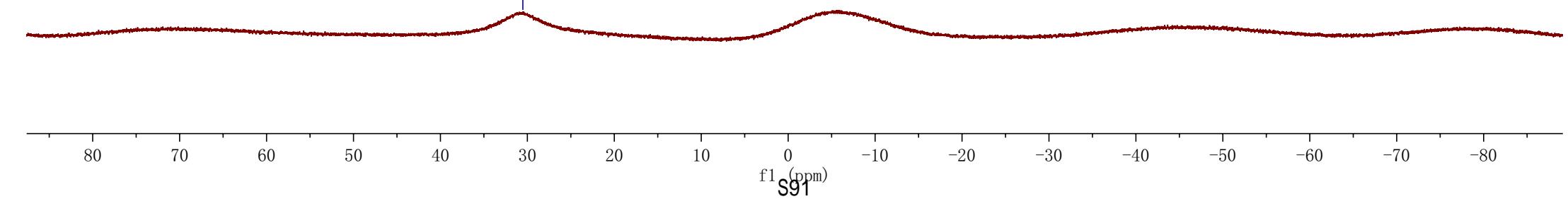
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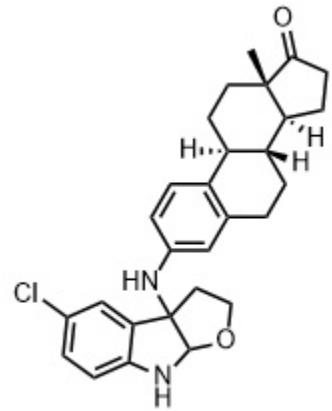




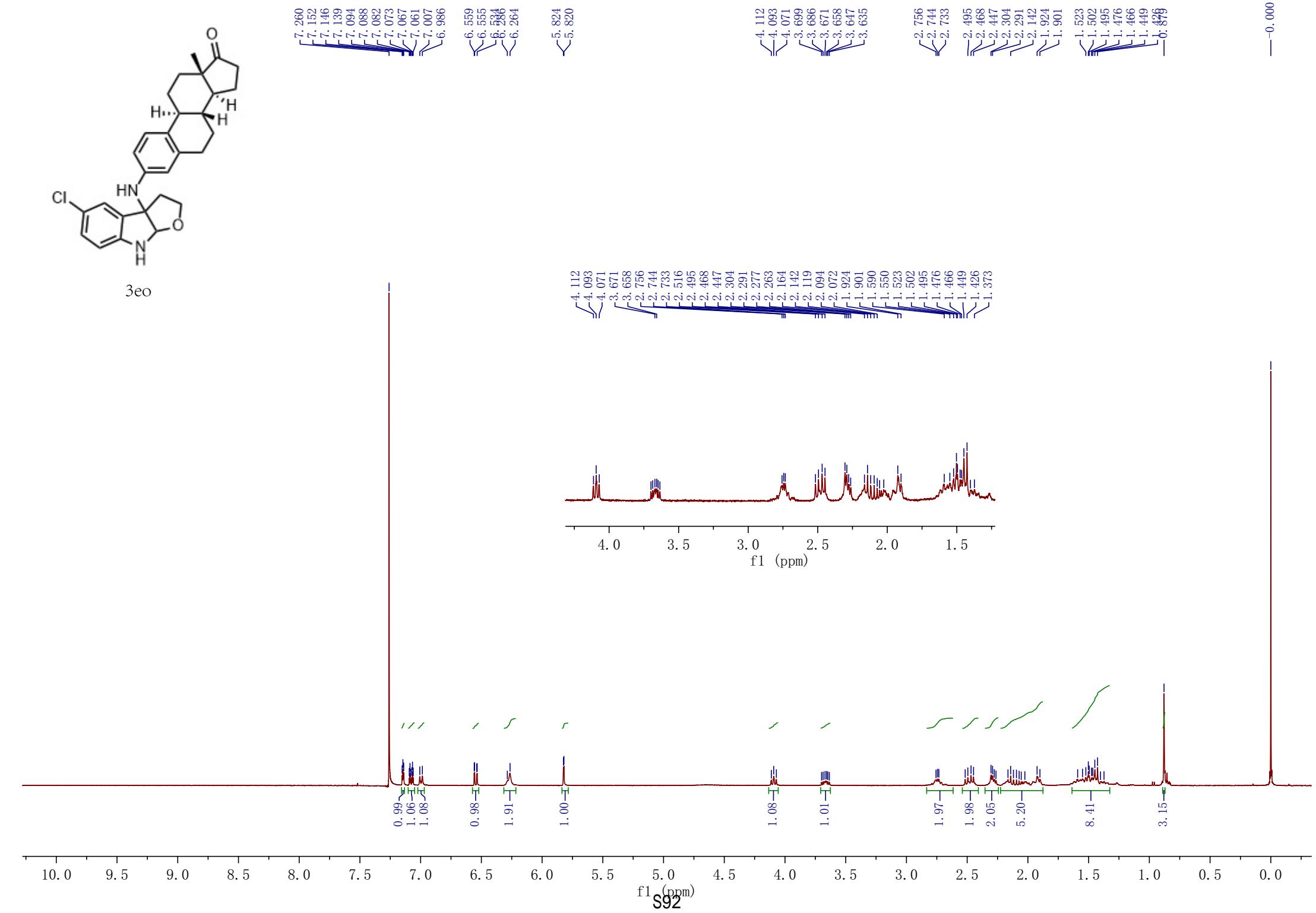
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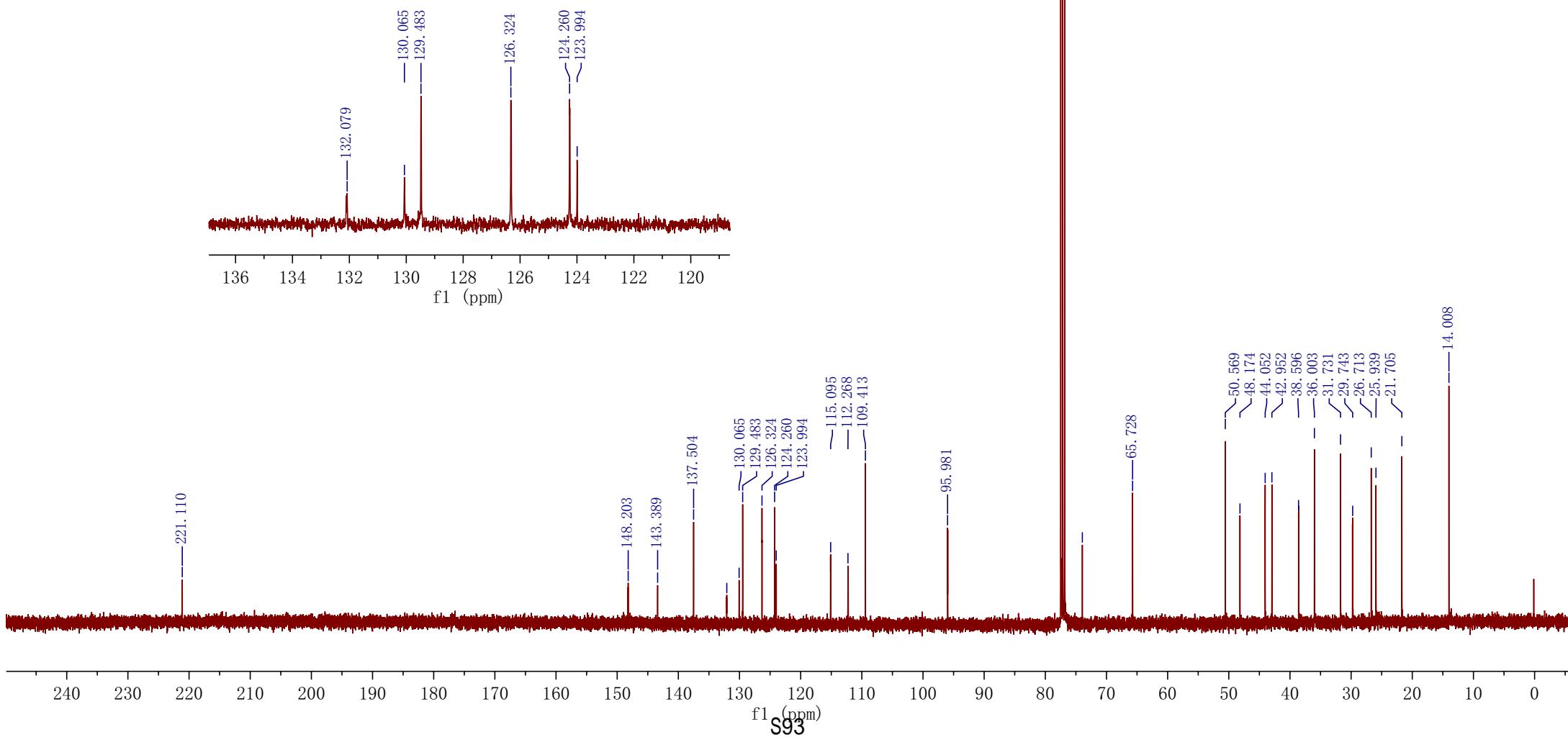
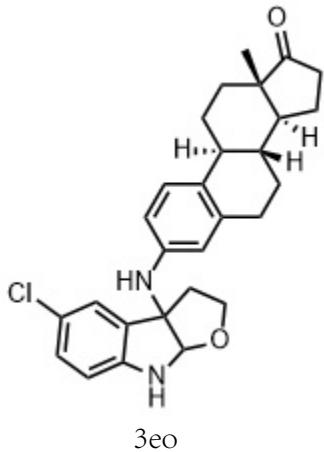
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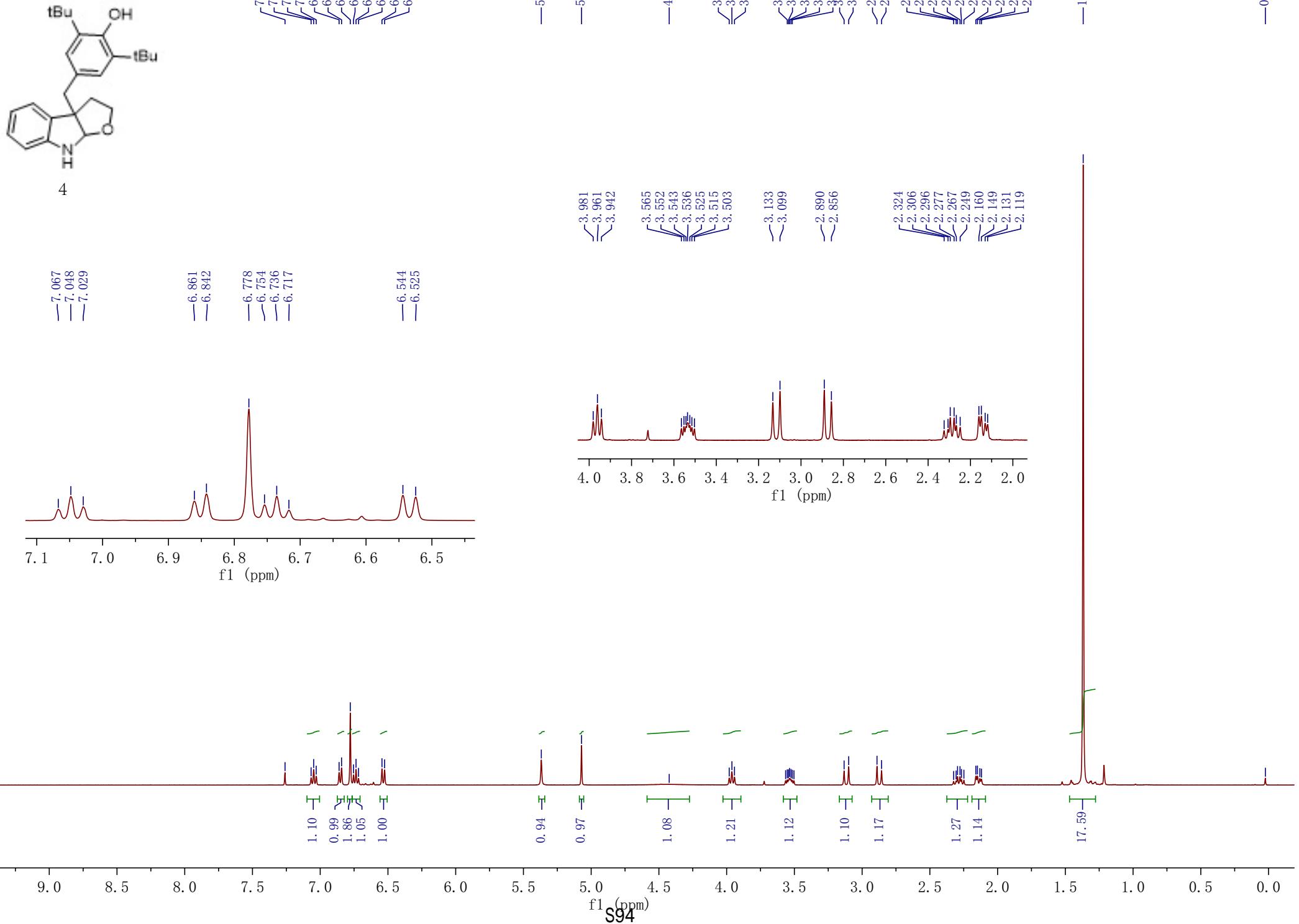


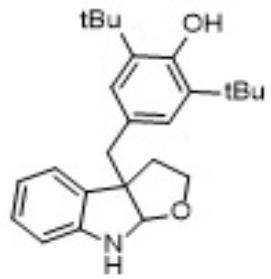


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