

Supplementary information

**Two Step, One-Pot Sequential Synthesis of Functionalized Hybrid Polyheterocyclic
Scaffolds via Solid State Melt Reaction**

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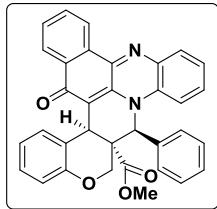
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1) Experimental Section

General Remarks: Melting points were recorded on a Superfit (India) capillary melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker-FT-IR spectrometer using solid samples as KBr plates. For compounds (**4a-q**, **6a-f** & **8a-d**) spectra were recorded ¹H NMR (300 MHz and 400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (75 MHz and 100 MHz) in deuteriochloroform (CDCl₃) on a Bruker 300 MHz and 400 MHz spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ = 0) as an internal standard at room temperature. Mass spectra were recorded on Agilent 6530 ESI-MS mass spectrometer.

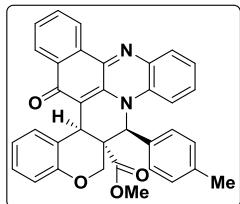
Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of Methyl-5-oxo-16-phenyl-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo[a]chromeno [4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a (17H)-carboxylate (**4a**)

A mixture of 2-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione (**2**) (0.35 g, 2 mmol) and *o*-phenylenediamine (**1**) (0.21 g, 2 mmol) melted at 180 °C over the period 10 min to form the benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol after that (*E*)-methyl 2-((2-formylphenoxy)methyl)-3-phenylacrylate (**3a**) (0.6 g, 2 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and raise the temperature to 180 °C for 1 h. After completion of the reaction as indicated by TLC, The crude product obtained was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Acme 60-120 mesh), using ethylacetate and hexane (1:9) to afford the compound (**4a**).



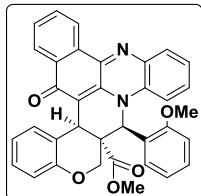
Red color solid; Yield: 78%; mp.: 210 – 212 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1734, 1708, 1649 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.60 (s, 3H), 4.66 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.85 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 5.51 (s, 1H), 5.90 (d, 1H, J = 9.3 Hz), 6.44 (s, 1H), 6.61 – 9.04 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 30.9, 45.1, 53.6, 62.1, 66.9, 107.5, 114.1, 114.9, 120.8, 121.5, 124.0, 125.0, 125.8, 126.9, 127.2, 127.7, 128.2, 130.6, 130.9, 131.0, 131.3, 131.5, 131.7, 132.4, 134.9, 135.1, 135.4, 145.7, 151.1, 172.4, 180.8; HRMS (ESI-MS) *m/z* calcd for C₃₄H₂₅N₂O₄ ([M+H]⁺): 525.1814, found: 525.1803.

Methyl-5-oxo-16-(*p*-tolyl)-4b, 5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo [a] chromeno [4',3':4,5] pyrido [3,2,1-de] phenazine-16a(*17H*)-carboxylate (4b)



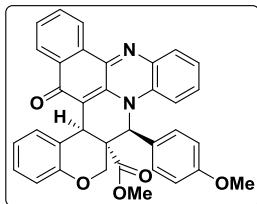
Red color solid; Yield: 74%; mp.: 208-210 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1732, 1708, 1650 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.07 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 4.64 (d, 1H, *J* = 12 Hz), 4.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 5.49 (s, 1H), 5.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.61 – 9.03 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.8, 30.9, 45.1, 53.6, 61.9, 66.9, 107.5, 114.2, 114.7, 120.8, 121.6, 124.0, 124.9, 125.8, 126.8, 127.4, 127.9, 128.2, 130.7, 130.9, 131.0, 131.3, 131.5, 131.7, 132.1, 132.4, 135.0, 135.1, 137.5, 151.1, 172.4, 180.8; HRMS (ESI-MS) *m/z* calcd for C₃₅H₂₇N₂O₄ ([M+H]⁺): 539.1971, found: 539.1952.

Methyl-16-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo[a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(*17H*)-carboxylate (4c)



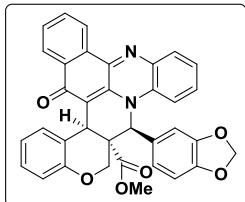
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Methyl-16-(4-methoxyphenyl) -5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo [a] chromeno [4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4d)



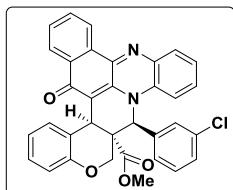
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Methyl-16-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl) -5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo [a] chromeno [4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4e)



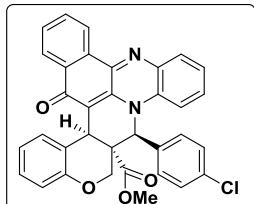
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Methyl-16-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo [a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17*H*)-carboxylate (4f)



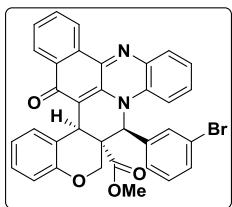
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Methyl-16-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo [a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17*H*)-carboxylate (4g)



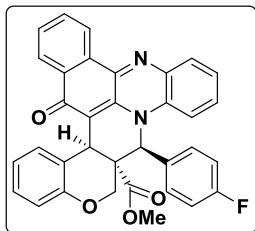
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Methyl-16-(3-bromophenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo [a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4h)



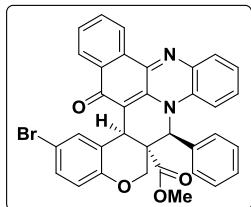
Red color solid; Yield: 75%; mp.: 230-232 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1724, 1649, 1611 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.60 (s, 3H), 4.66 (d, 1H, J = 12 Hz), 4.82 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 5.49 (s, 1H), 6.02 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.68 - 9.03 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 30.9, 45.1, 53.7, 61.5, 66.8, 107.6, 113.8, 115.0, 121.3, 124.2, 125.0, 125.8, 127.8, 128.1, 130.4, 131.0, 131.2, 131.4, 131.6, 131.7, 132.3, 134.7, 135.0, 137.9, 145.8, 151.0, 172.1, 180.9; HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calcd for C₃₄H₂₄BrN₂O₄ ([M+H]⁺): 603.0919, found: 603.0898.

Methyl-16-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo [a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4i)



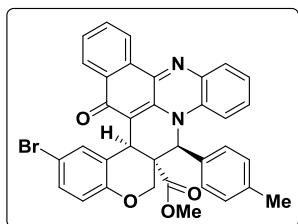
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Methyl-3-bromo-5-oxo-16-phenyl-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo [a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4j)



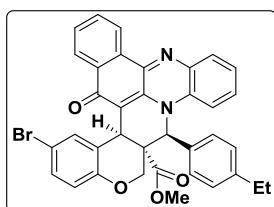
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Methyl-3-bromo-5-oxo-16-(p-tolyl)-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo [a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4k)



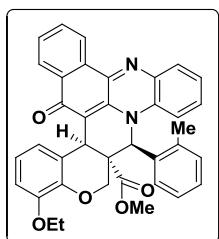
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Methyl-3-bromo-16-(4-ethylphenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo [a] chromeno[4',3':4,5] pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4l)



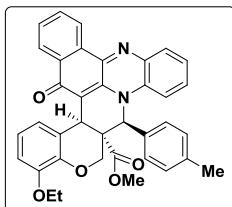
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Methyl-1-ethoxy-5-oxo-16-(o-tolyl)-4b,5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17*H*)-carboxylate (4m)



Red color solid; Yield: 75%; mp.: 211 – 213 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1721, 1659, 1621 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.85 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.79 (q, 2H, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 4.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 4.97 (d, 1H, *J* = 12 Hz), 5.55 (s, 1H), 6.08 – 9.03 (m, 16H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.7, 20.1, 32.1, 45.9, 53.6, 64.2, 65.1, 67.9, 107.8, 110.9, 115.8, 117.6, 120.3, 125.8, 127.6, 130.2, 130.8, 130.9, 131.0, 131.3, 131.5, 131.6, 131.7, 132.4, 134.2, 135.1, 135.6, 141.9, 146.5, 172.5, 180.9; HRMS (ESI-MS) *m/z* calcd for C₃₇H₃₁N₂O₅ ([M+H]⁺): 583.2233, found: 583.2211.

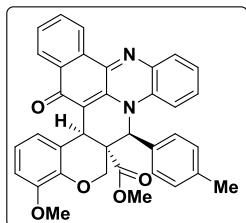
Methyl-1-ethoxy-5-oxo-16-(p-tolyl)-4b,5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17*H*)- carboxylate (4n)



Red color solid; Yield: 74%; mp.: 216 – 218 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1734, 1663, 1610 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.85 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.79 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 4.97 (d, 1H, *J* = 12 Hz), 5.48 (s, 1H), 6.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.52 – 9.03 (m, 14H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.7,

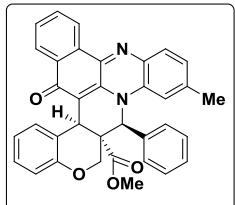
20.8, 30.9, 45.0, 53.6, 61.9, 63.8, 67.2, 107.6, 110.0, 114.2, 120.1, 122.4, 123.9, 124.9, 125.8, 127.5, 130.7, 130.8, 130.9, 131.3, 131.5, 131.7, 132.2, 132.4, 134.9, 135.0, 137.0, 141.1, 146.3, 172.5, 180.8; HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calcd for $C_{37}H_{31}N_2O_5$ ($[M+H]^+$): 583.2233, found: 583.2225.

Methyl-1-methoxy-5-oxo-16-(p-tolyl)-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4o)



Red color solid; Yield: 78%; mp.: 222 – 224 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1734, 1664, 1619 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.08 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 4.68 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.97 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 5.48 (s, 1H), 6.32 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.55 - 9.04 (m, 14H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 20.9, 30.9, 45.0, 53.6, 55.4, 61.9, 67.2, 107.5, 108.8, 114.2, 120.1, 120.3, 122.4, 124.0, 124.9, 125.8, 127.4, 130.7, 130.9, 131.0, 131.3, 131.5, 131.7, 132.1, 132.4, 135.0, 135.1, 137.1, 140.8, 145.7, 147.0, 172.4, 180.8; HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calcd for $C_{36}H_{28}N_2O_5$ ($[M+H]^+$): 569.2076, found: 569.2066.

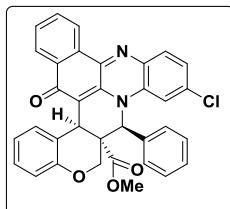
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Red color solid; Yield: 76%; mp.: 312 – 316 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1734, 1664, 1619 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.04- 9.02 (m, 1H), 8.61 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89- 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 6.80 (m, 8H), 6.77 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 5.98 – 5.83 (m, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.88 (dd, J = 11.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 2.40 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 180.82, 180.66, 172.56, 172.47, 151.14, 145.60, 144.53, 142.72, 135.55, 135.46, 135.13, 134.99, 134.92, 134.16, 133.49, 133.00, 132.47, 132.32, 131.83, 131.72, 131.31, 131.12, 130.85, 130.81, 130.73, 130.49, 128.52, 128.28, 127.77, 127.25, 125.81,

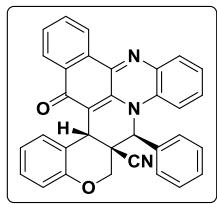
124.93, 124.84, 121.60, 120.87, 114.88, 113.94, 107.29, 107.03, 66.91, 62.13, 62.00, 53.78, 53.75, 45.15, 45.11, 30.96, 30.90, 22.64, 20.60; HRMS (ESI-MS) m/z calcd for C₃₅H₂₆N₂O₄ ([M+H]⁺): 539.1971, found: 539.1970.

Methyl-13-chloro-5-oxo-16-phenyl-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carboxylate (4q)



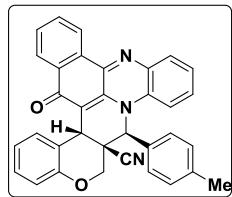
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5-oxo-16-phenyl-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carbonitrile (6a)



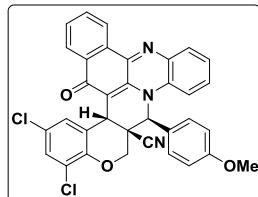
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16-(4-ethylphenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(*17H*)-carbonitrile (6b)



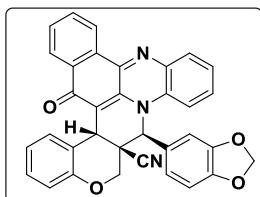
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16-(4-isopropylphenyl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16*H*-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(*17H*)-carbonitrile (6c)



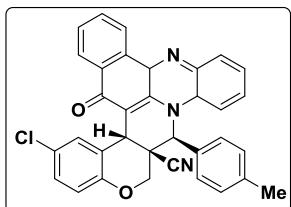
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16-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-5-oxo-4b,5-dihydro-16H-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carbonitrile (6d)



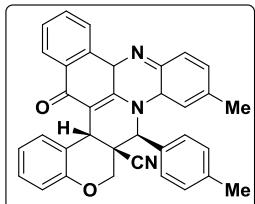
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3-bromo-5-oxo-16-(p-tolyl)-4b,5,9b,14a-tetrahydro-16H-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carbonitrile (6e)



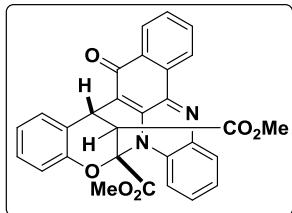
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13-Methyl-5-oxo-16-(p-tolyl)-4b,5,9b,14a-tetrahydro-16H-benzo[a]chromeno[4',3':4,5]pyrido[3,2,1-de]phenazine-16a(17H)-carbonitrile (6f)



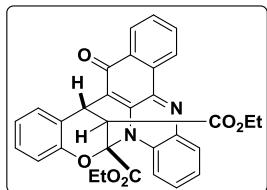
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Dimethyl-13-oxo-12,13-dihydro-6*H*-6,12-methanobenzo[a]benzo[7,8][1,3] oxazocino [5,4,3-de]phenazine-6,19-dicarboxylate (8a)



Red colour solid; Yield: 94%; mp.: 243 – 245 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1789, 1566, 1556 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.30 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 5.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.97 – 8.84 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.1, 21.0, 27.5, 45.4, 52.8, 53.9, 60.3, 87.1, 114.5, 114.7, 117.2, 122.3, 123.7, 124.8, 124.9, 125.7, 127.8, 129.7, 130.7, 130.8, 130.9, 131.3, 131.4, 132.0, 135.1, 135.8, 147.9, 149.5, 167.2, 167.4, 179.3; HRMS (ESI-MS) *m/z* calcd for C₂₉H₂₁N₂O₆ ([M+H]⁺): 493.1400, found: 493.1394.

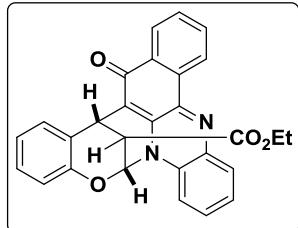
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Red color solid; Yield: 95%; mp.: 253 – 255 °C; IR (KBr): ν 1758, 1591, 1538 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.03 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.16 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 4.11 – 4.23 (m, 4H), 5.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 6.96 – 8.81 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃):

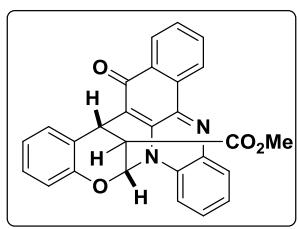
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Ethyl-13-oxo-12,13-dihydro-6*H*-6,12-methanobenzo[a]benzo[7,8][1,3]oxazocino[5,4,3-de]phenazine-19-carboxylate (8c)



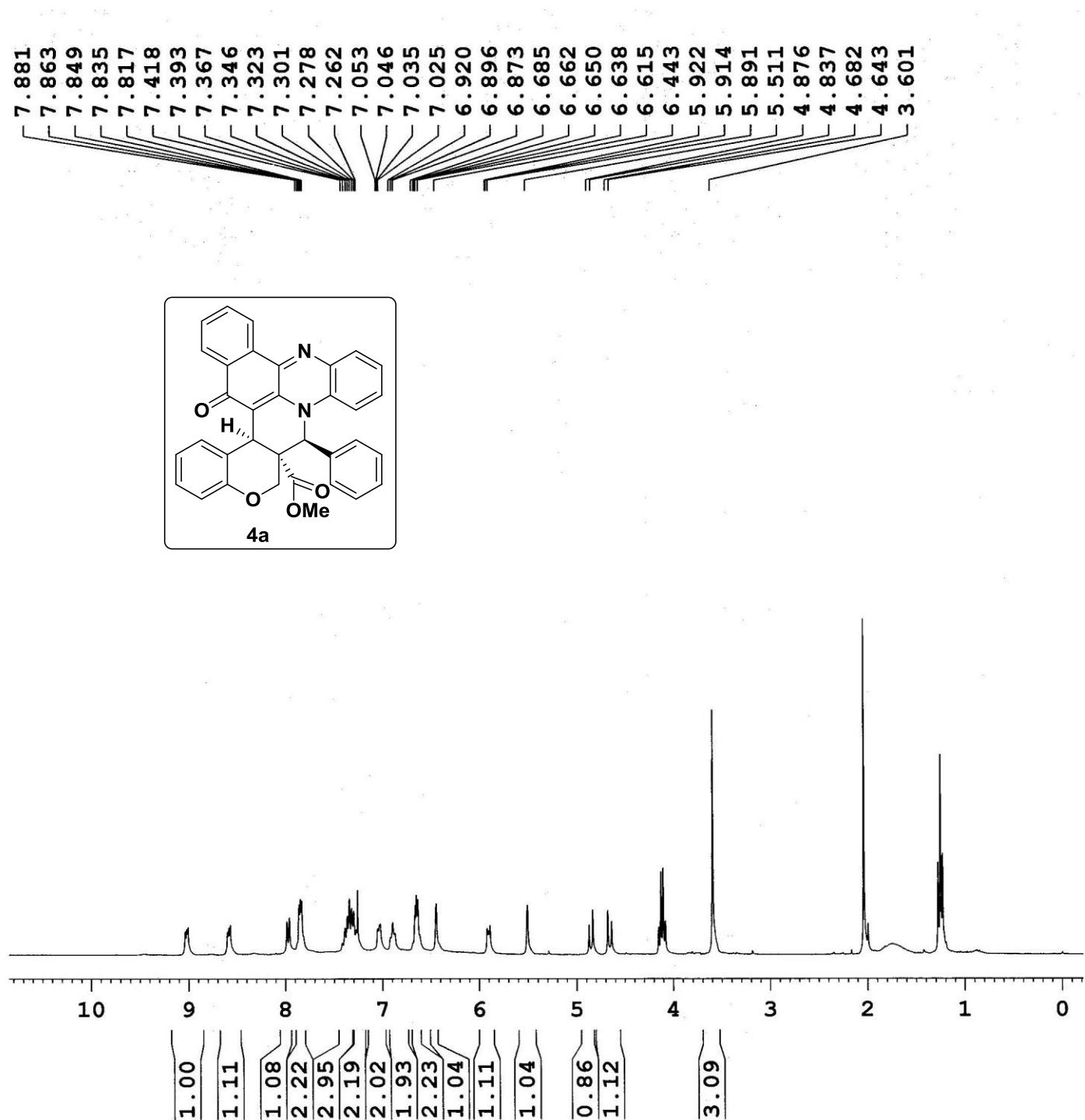
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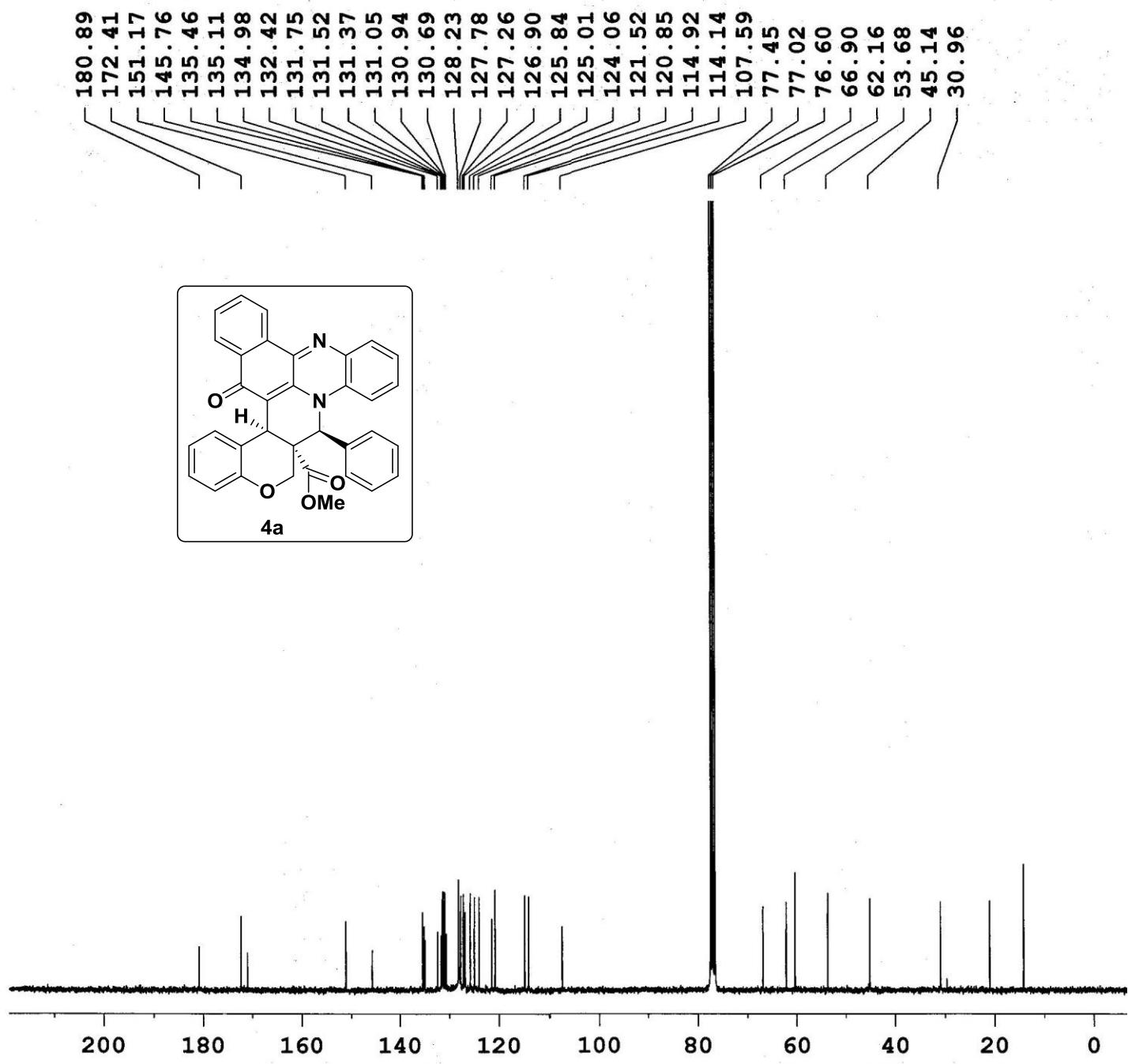
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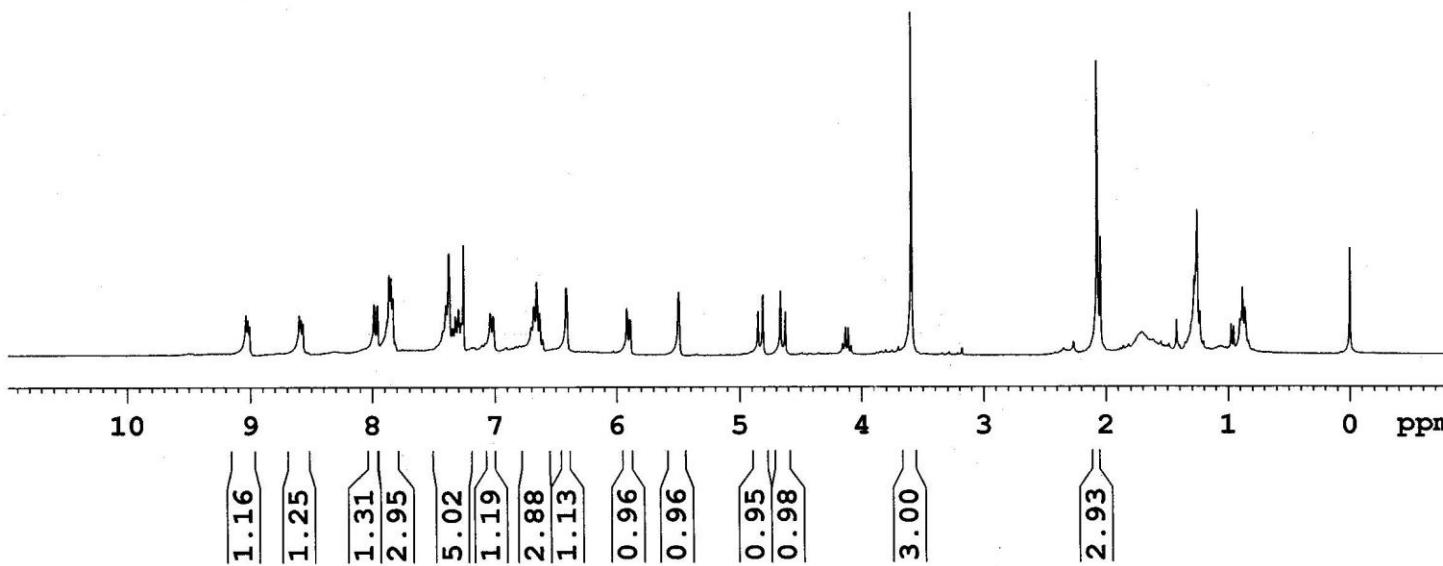
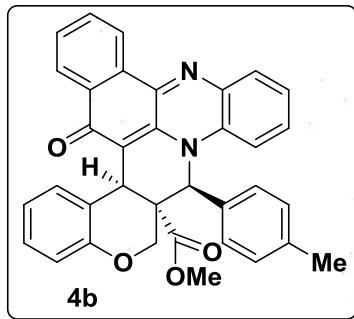
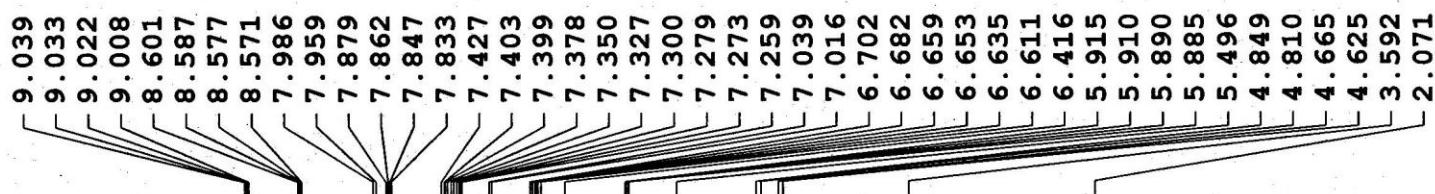


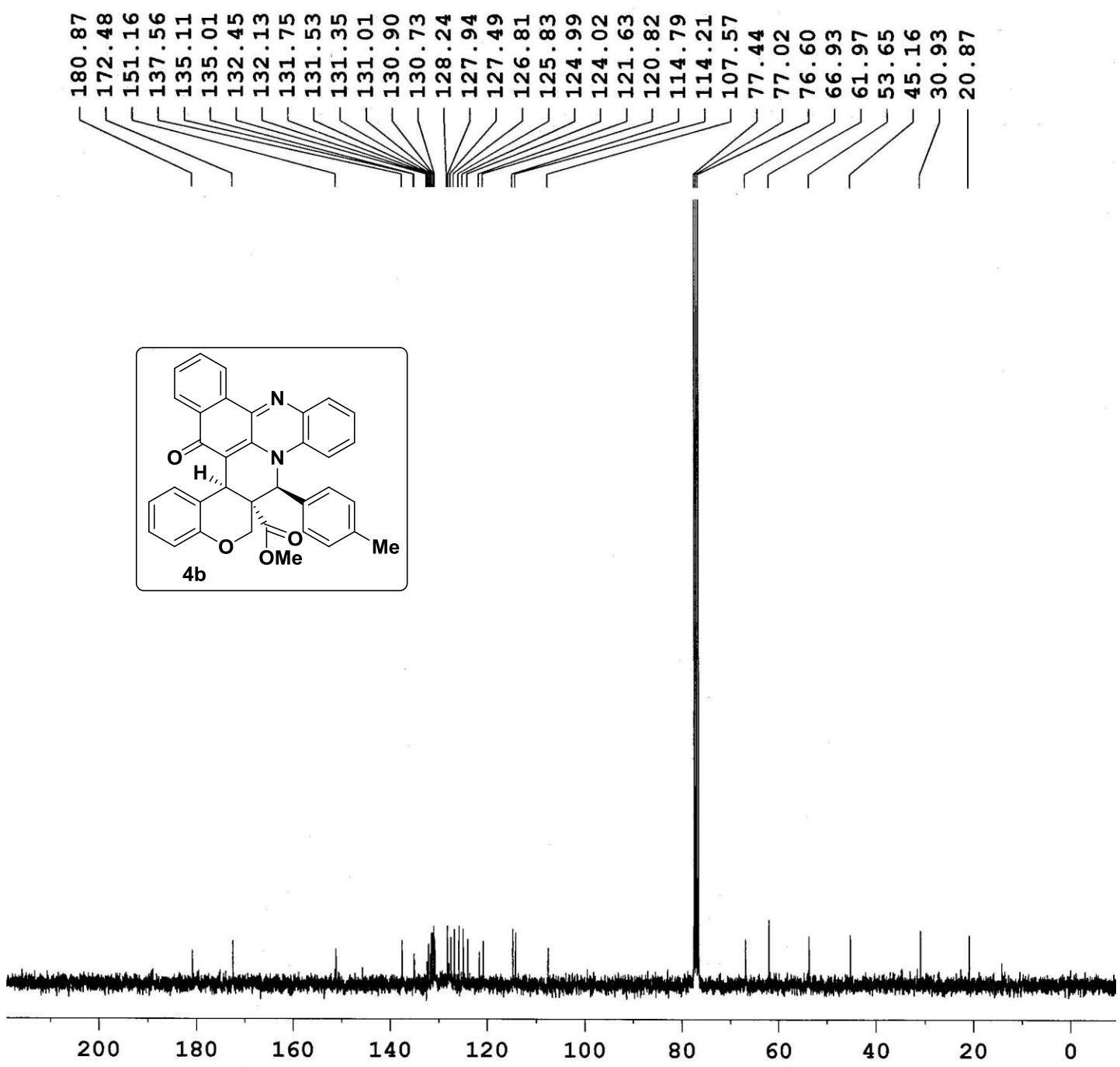
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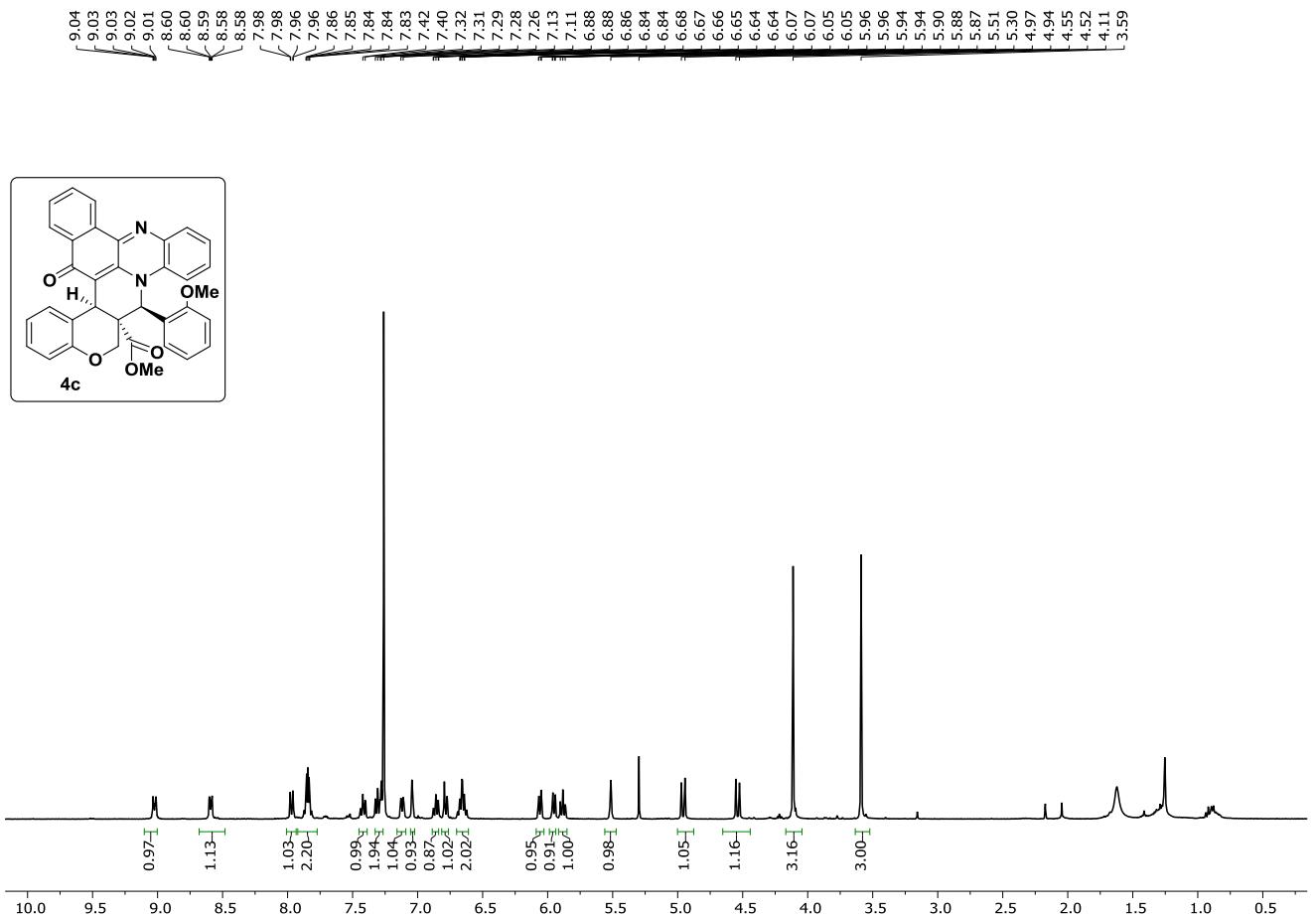
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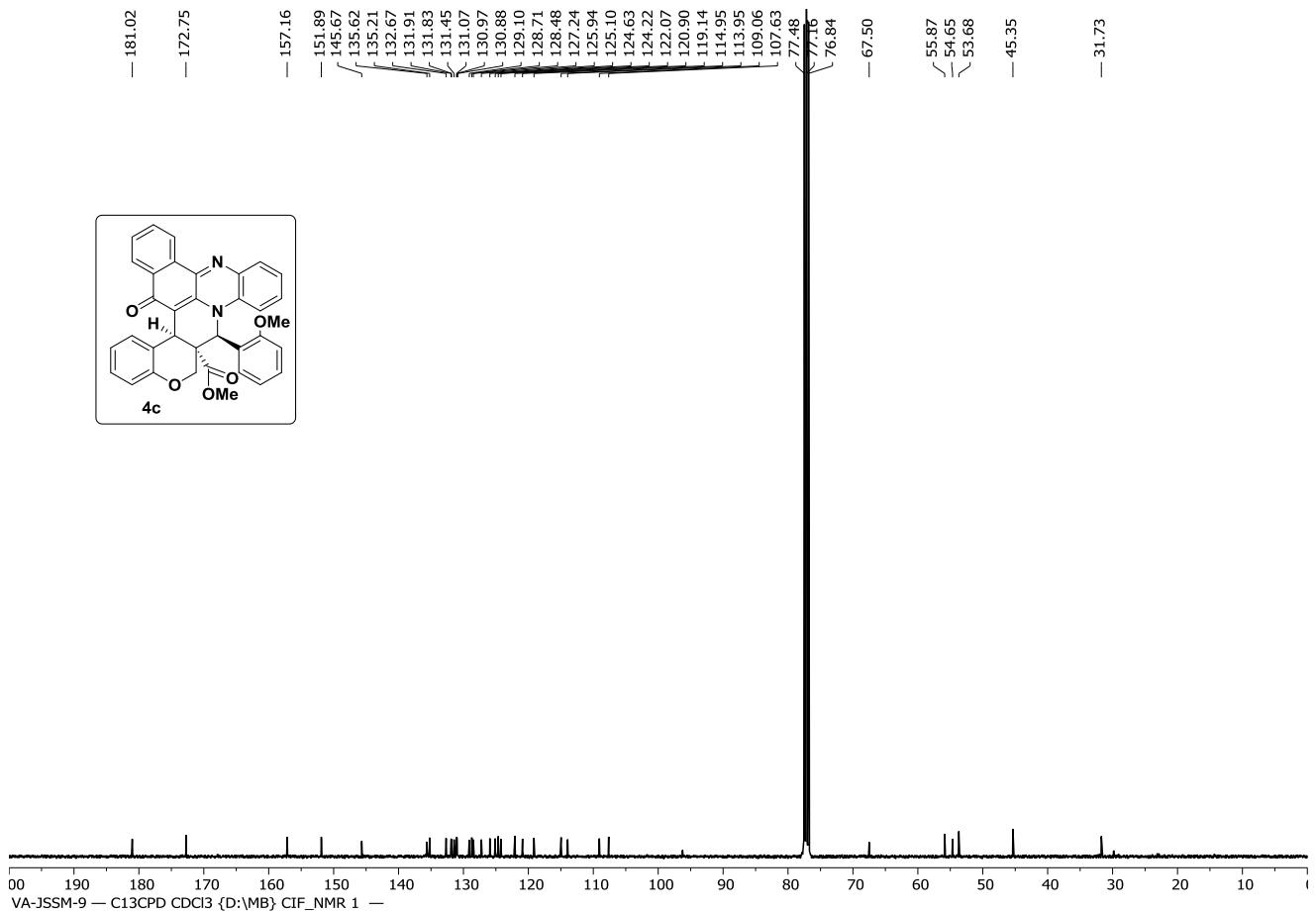


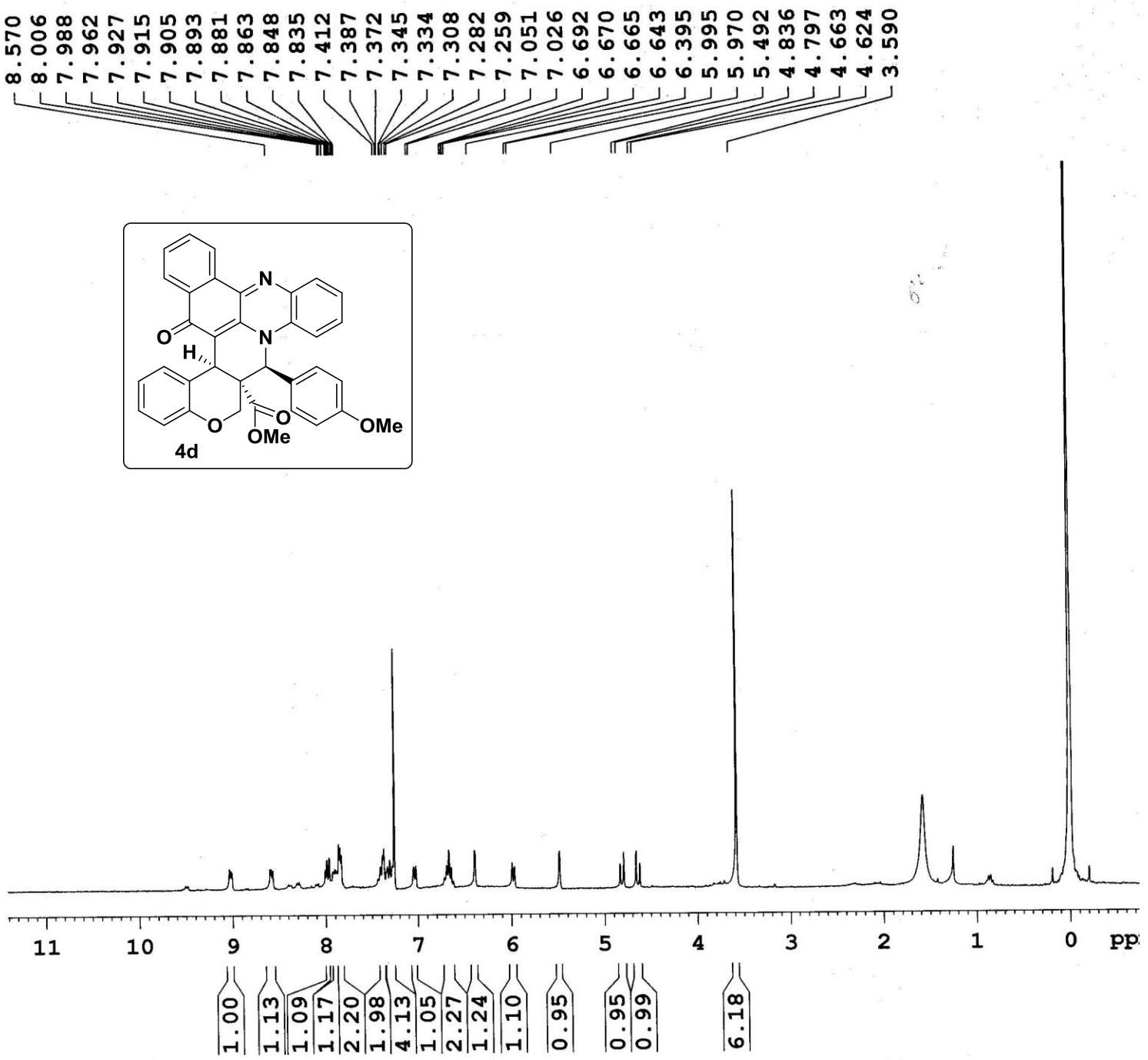


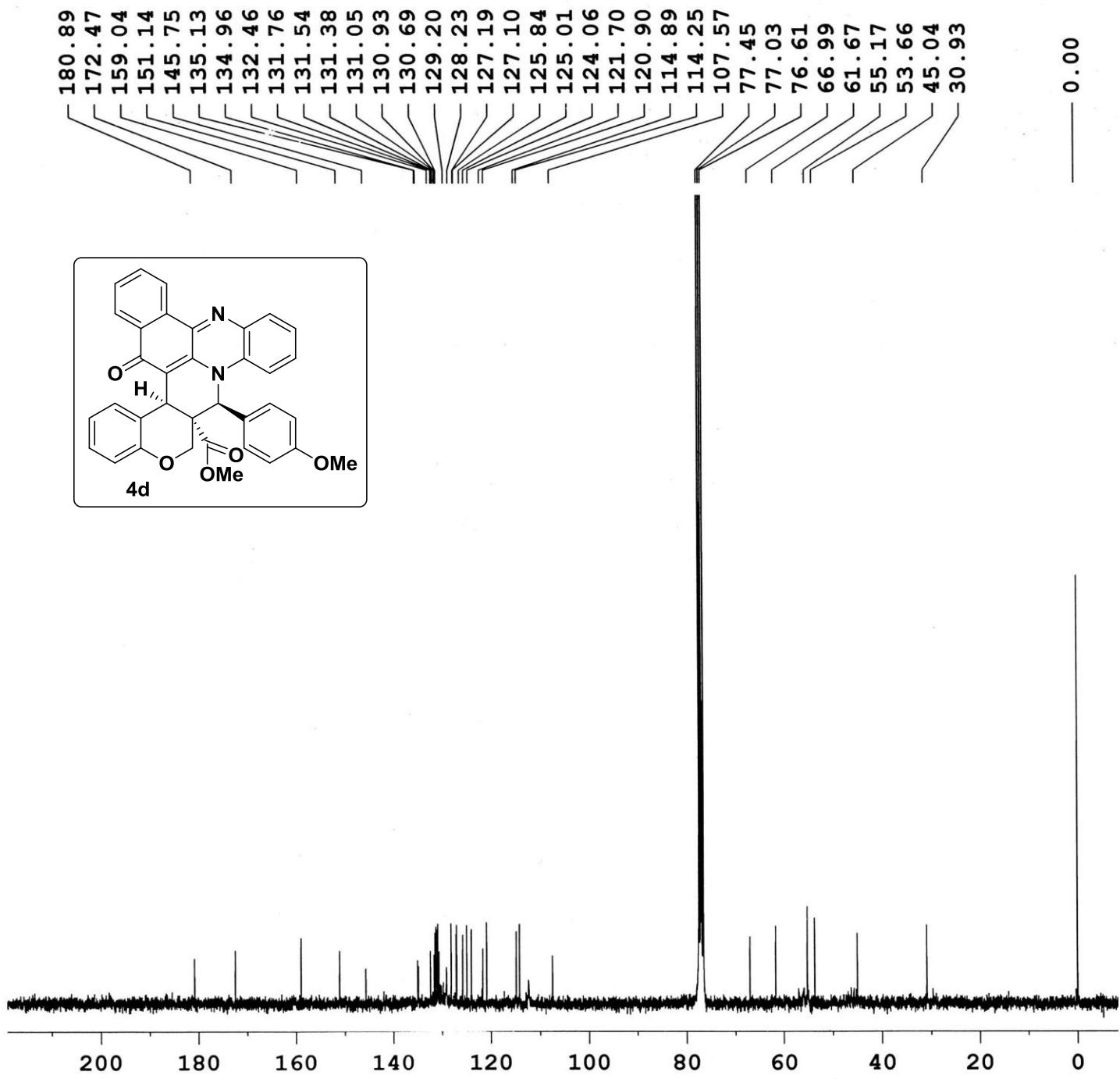


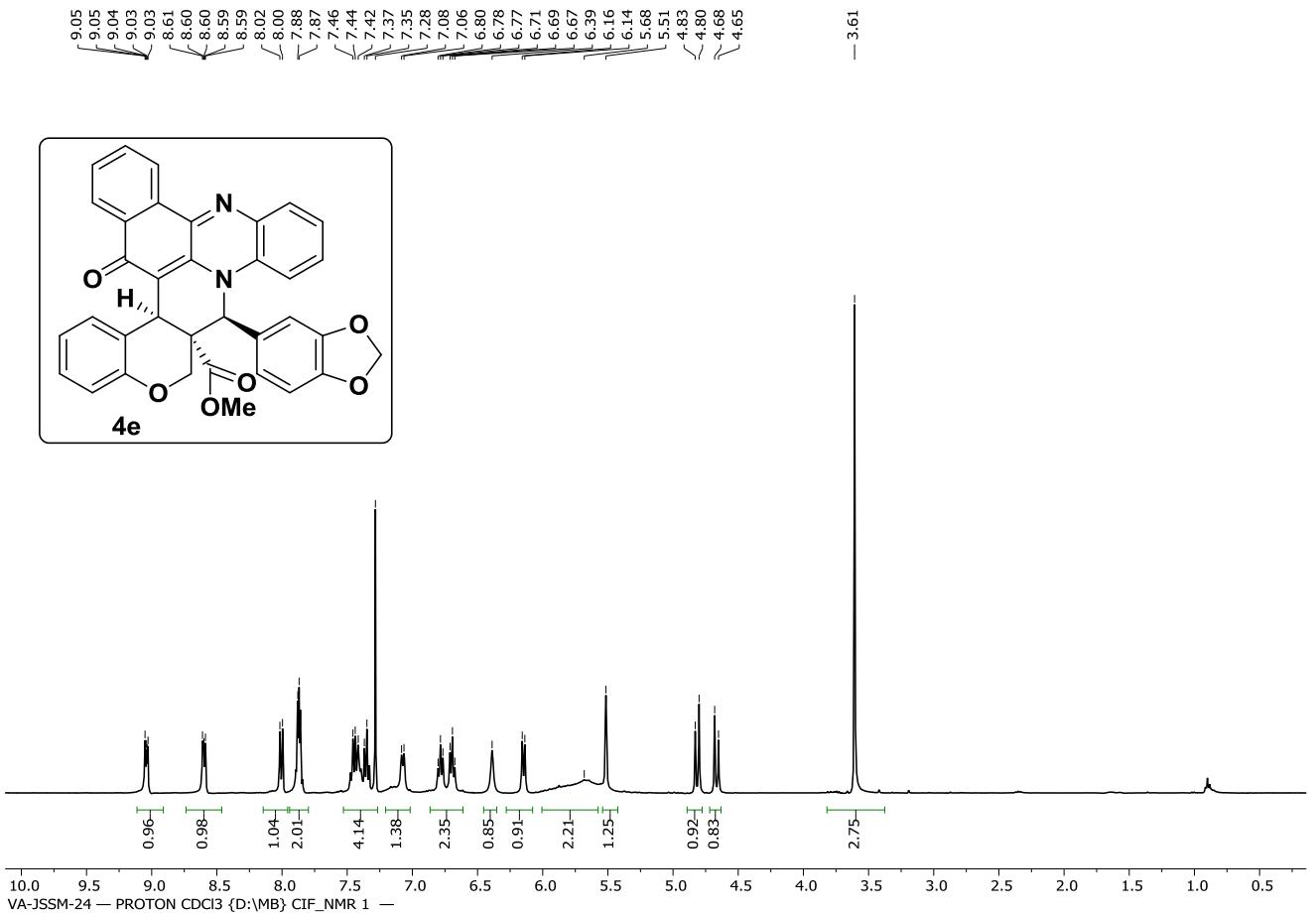


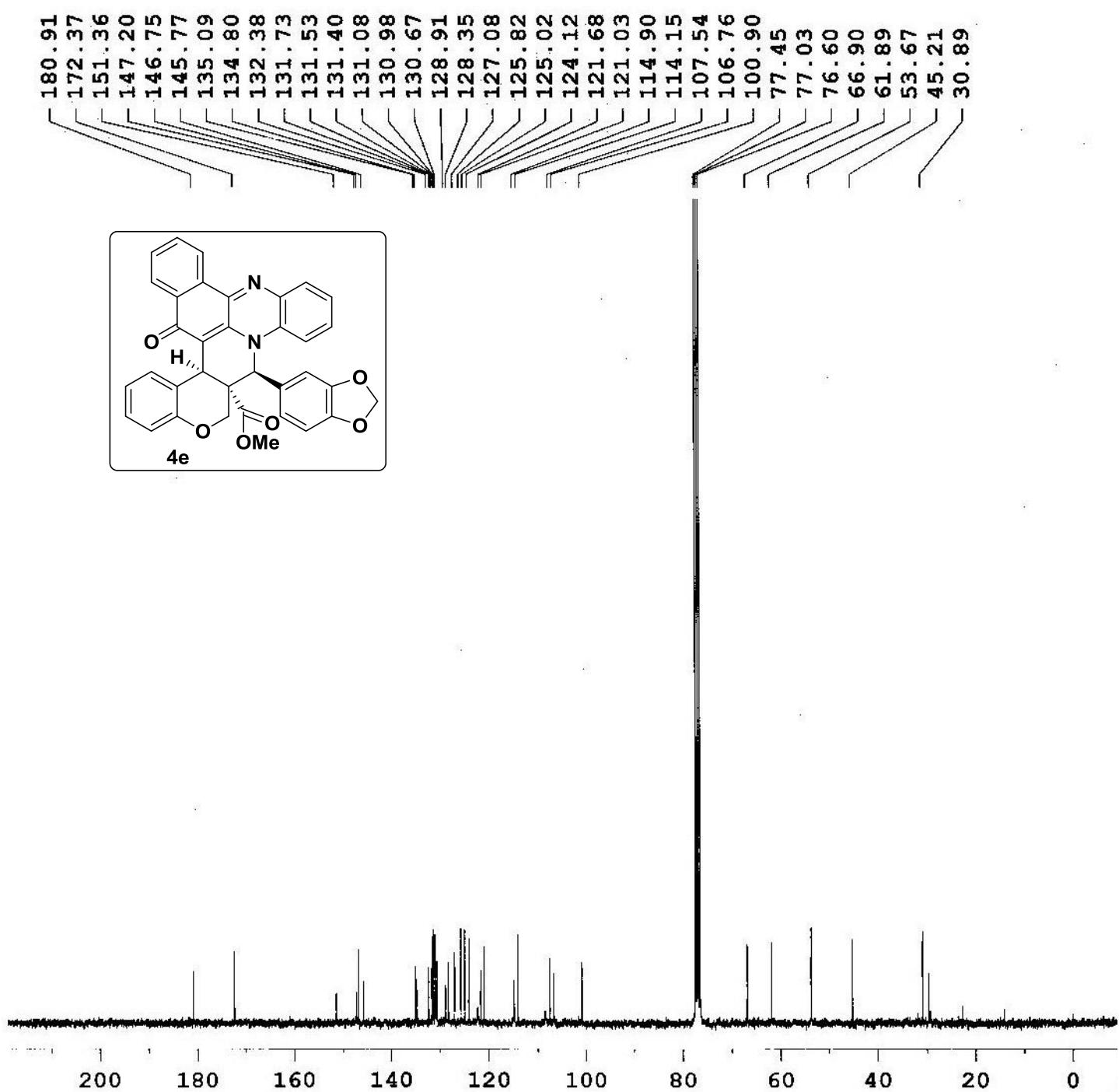


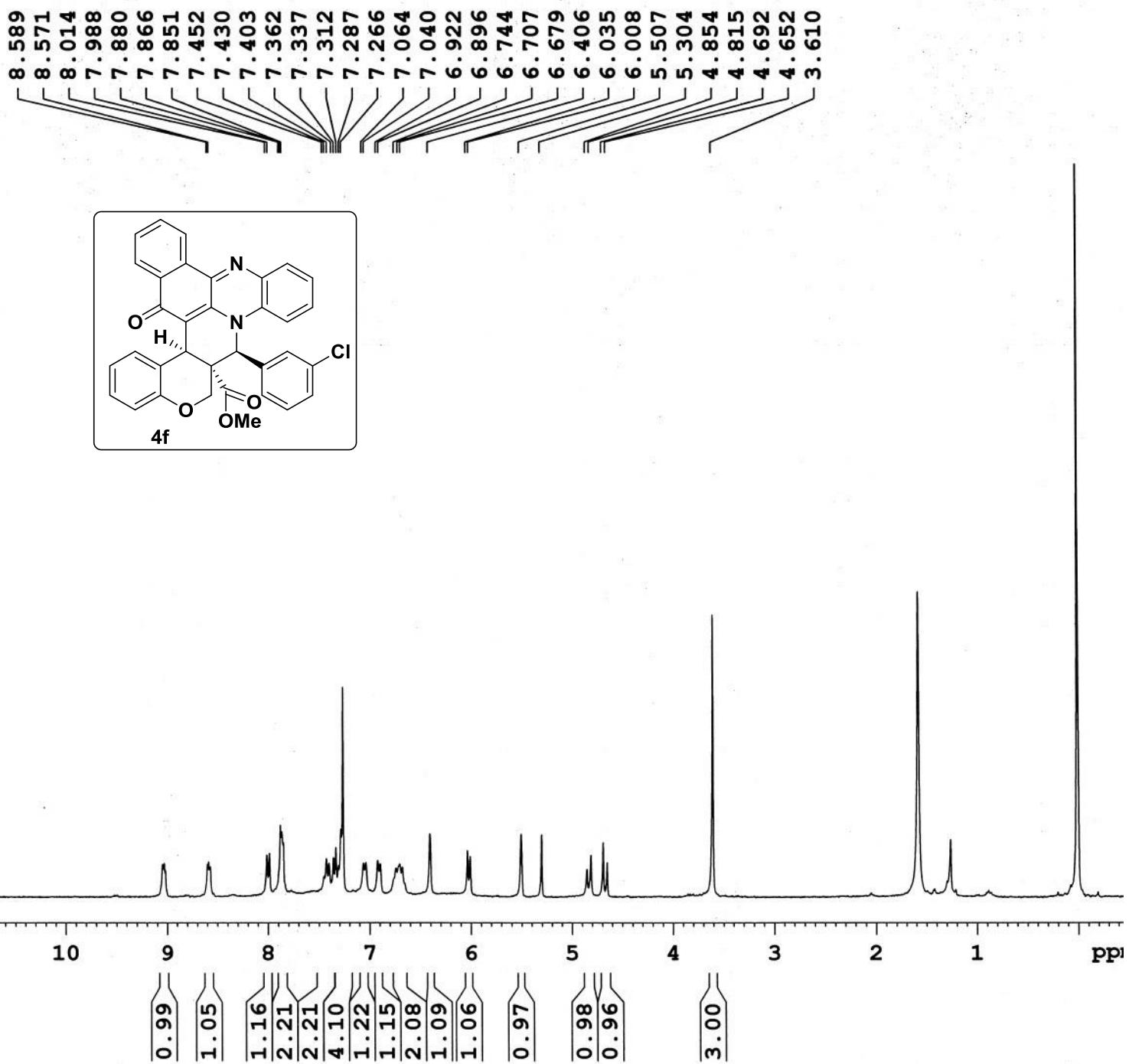


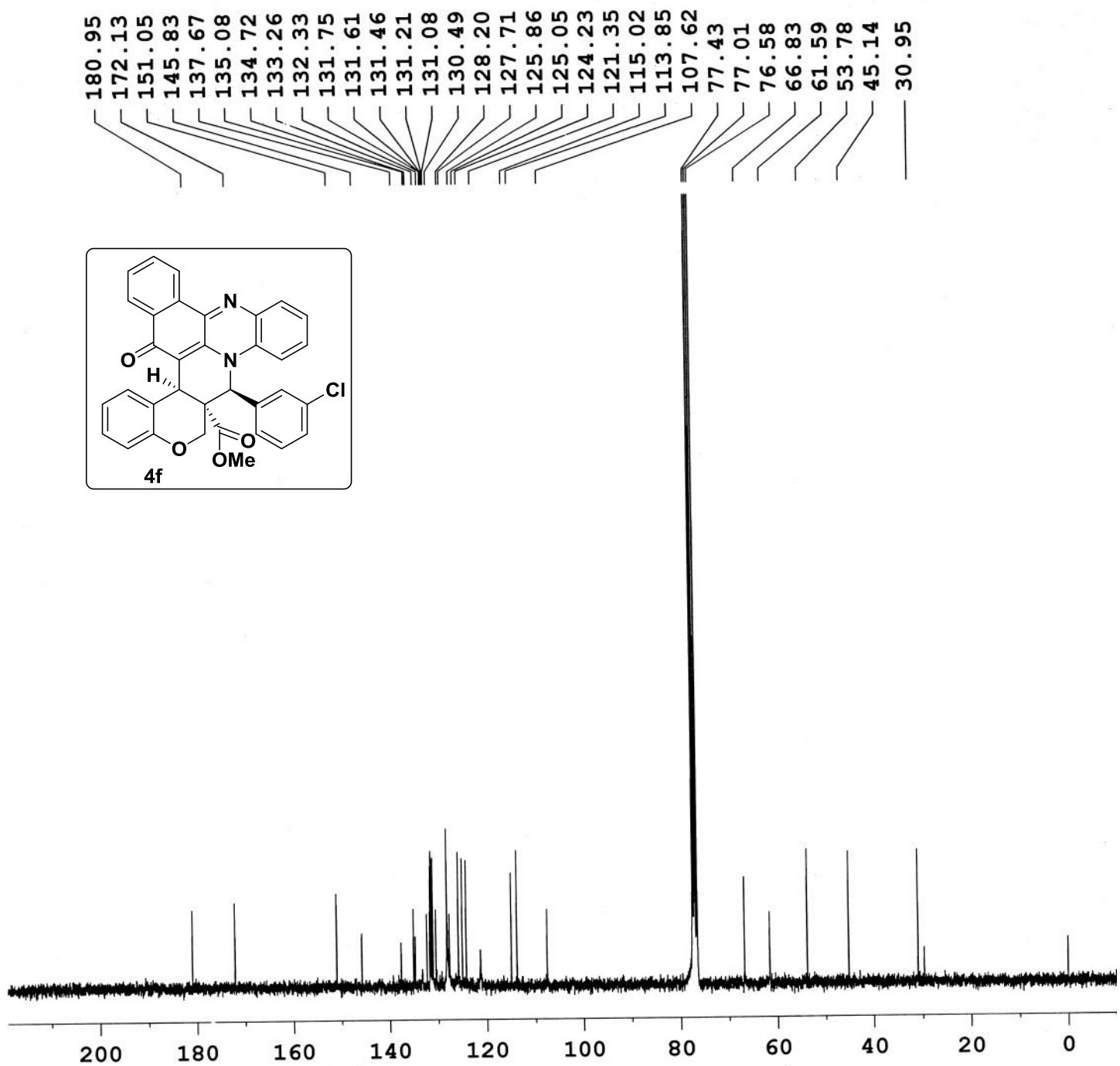


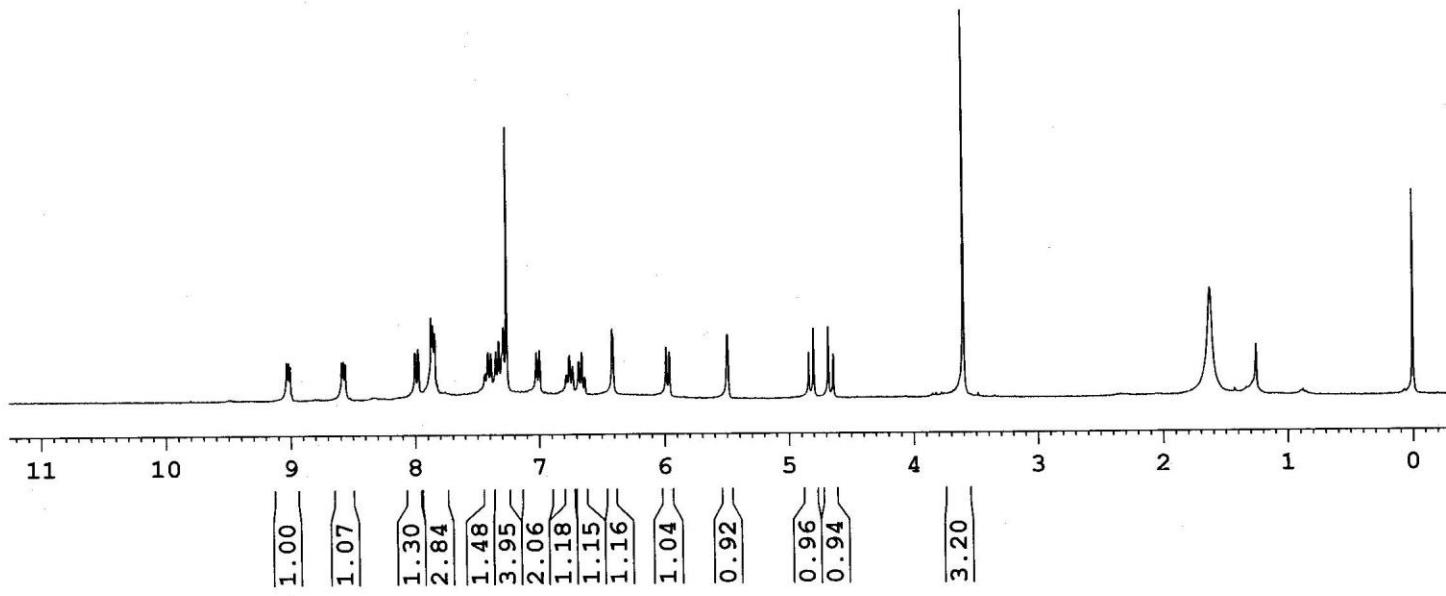
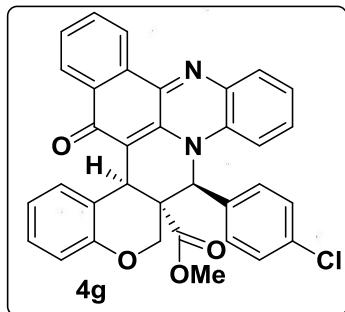
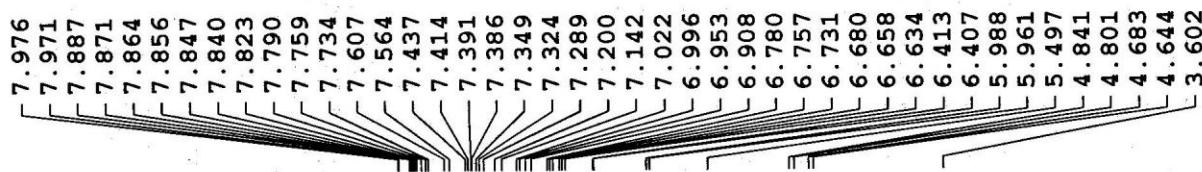


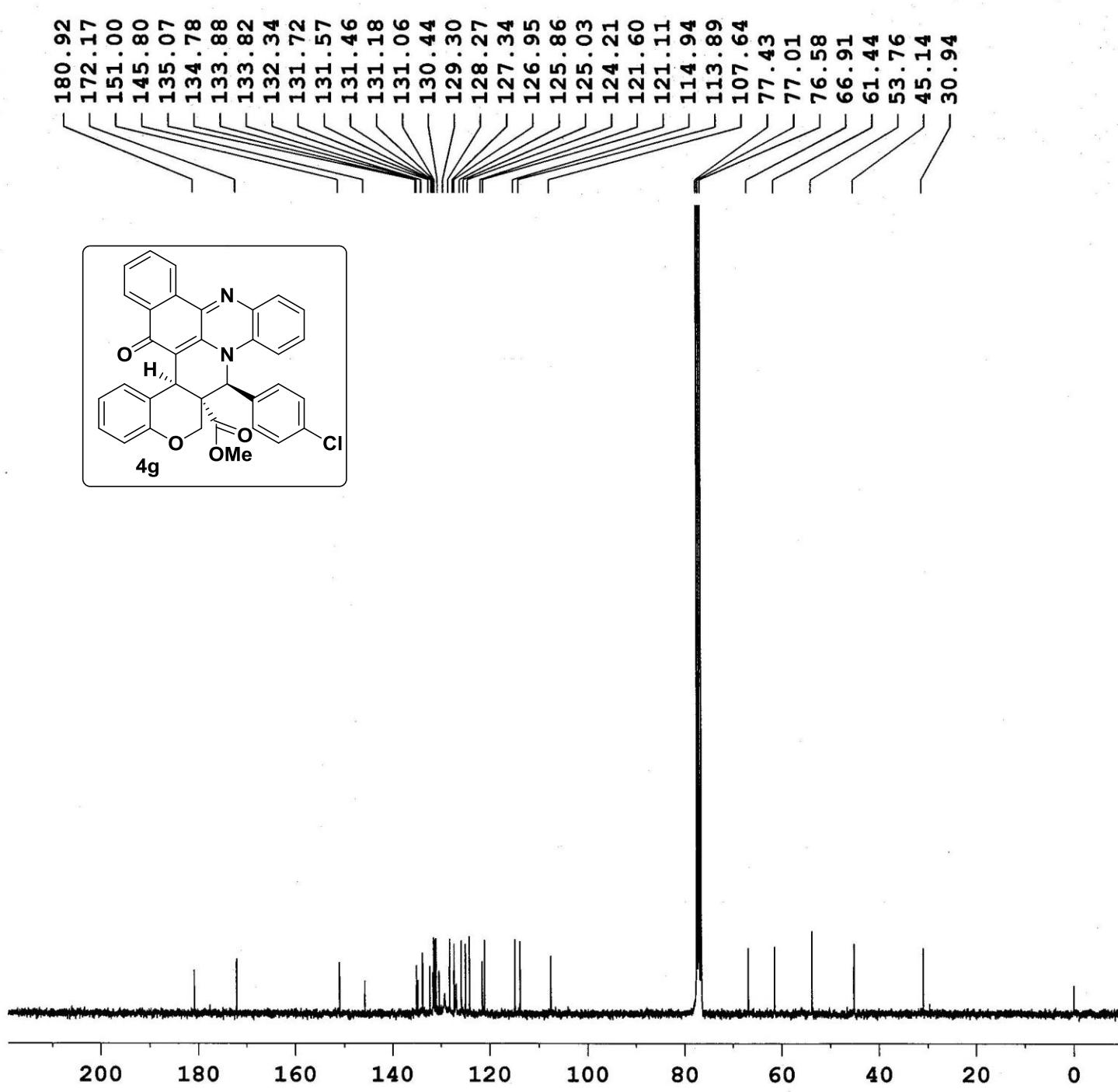


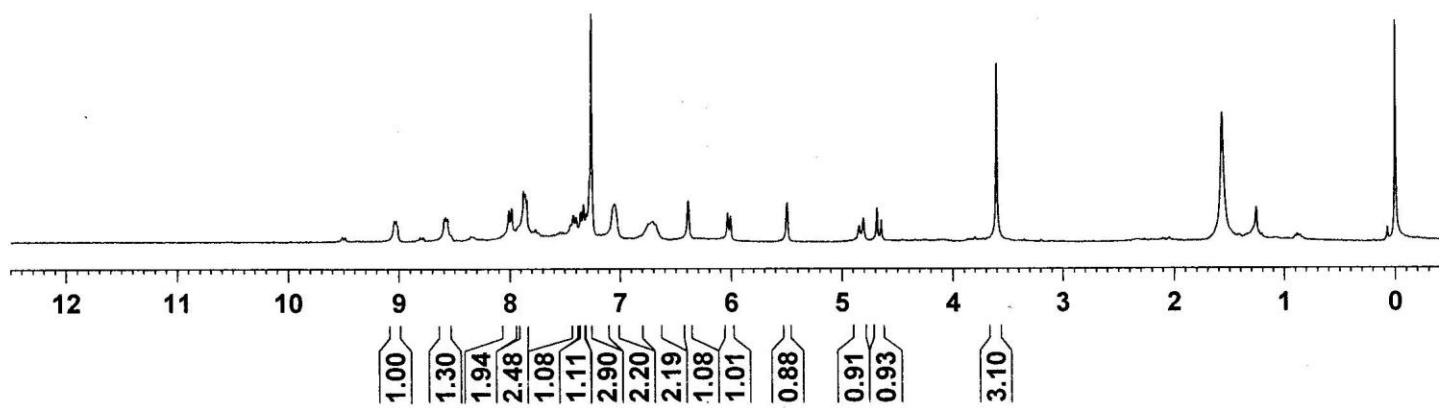
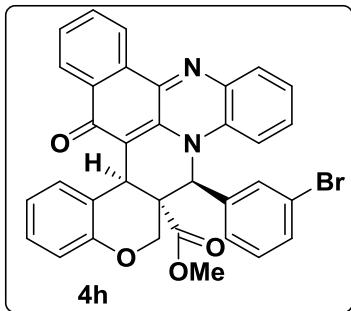
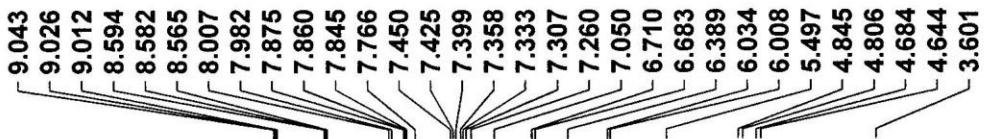


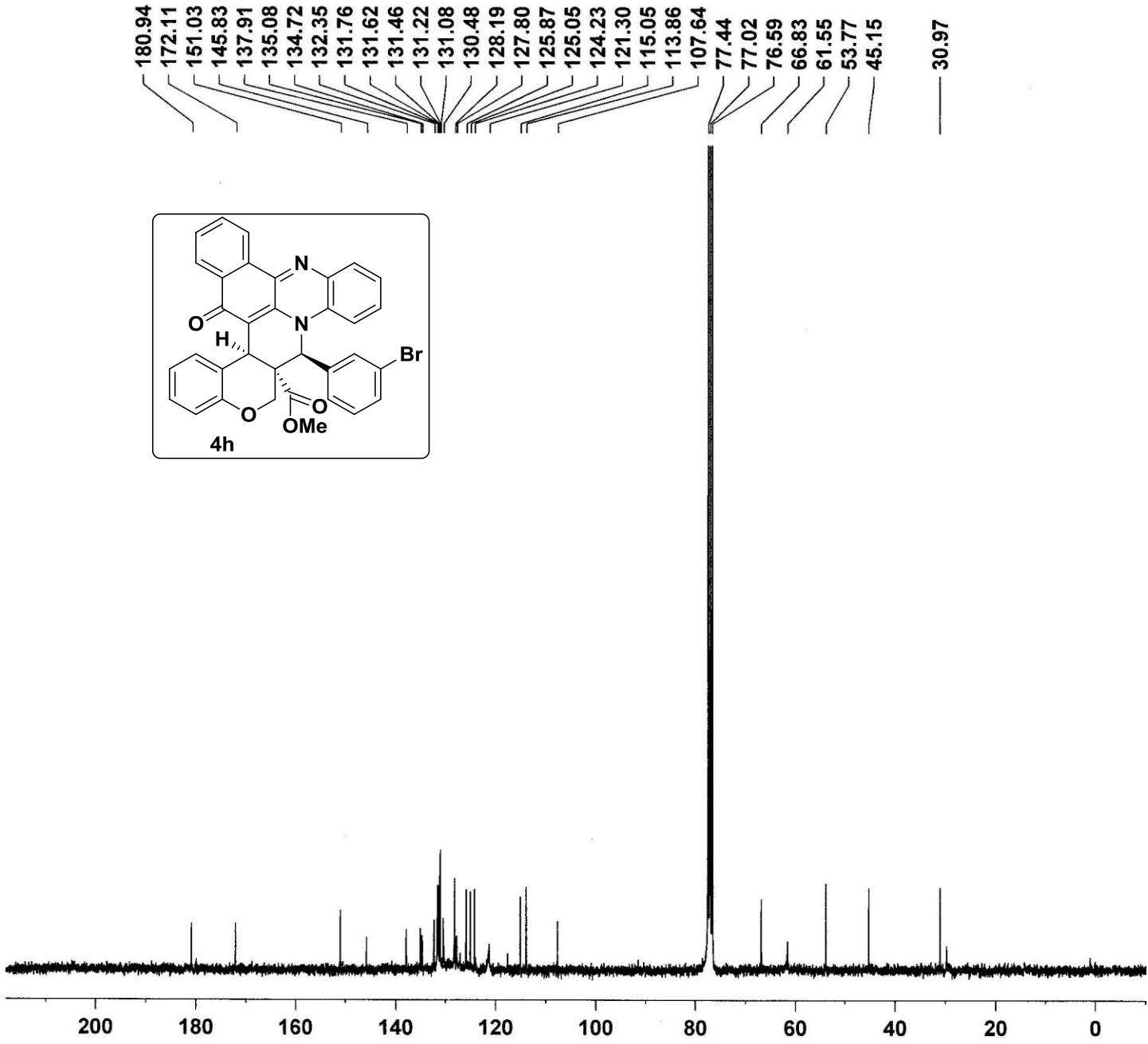


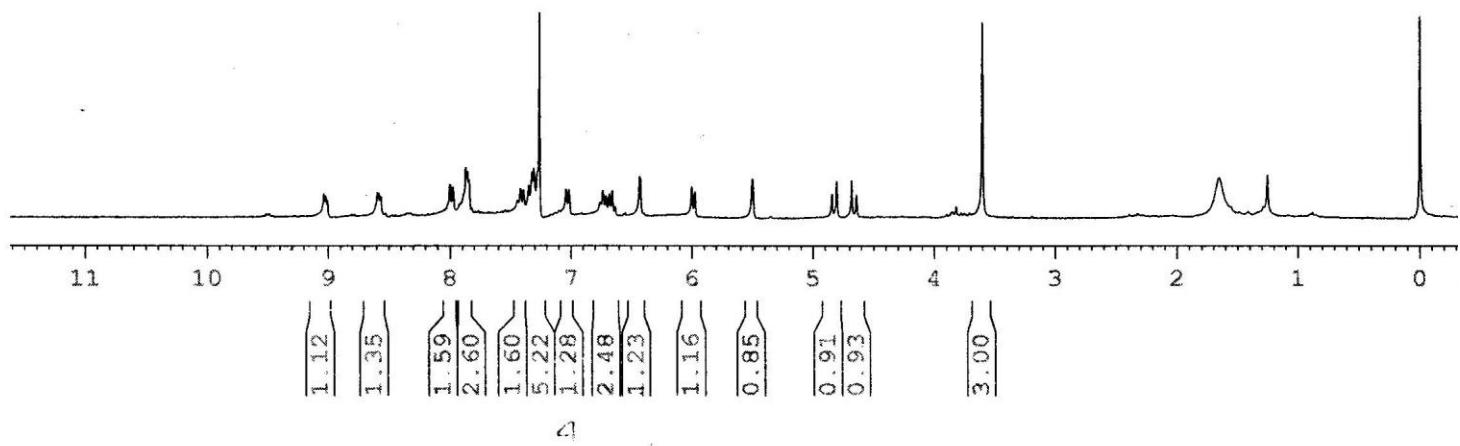
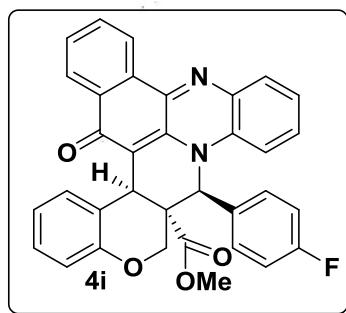
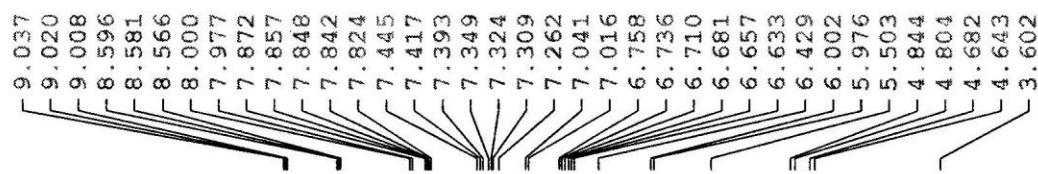


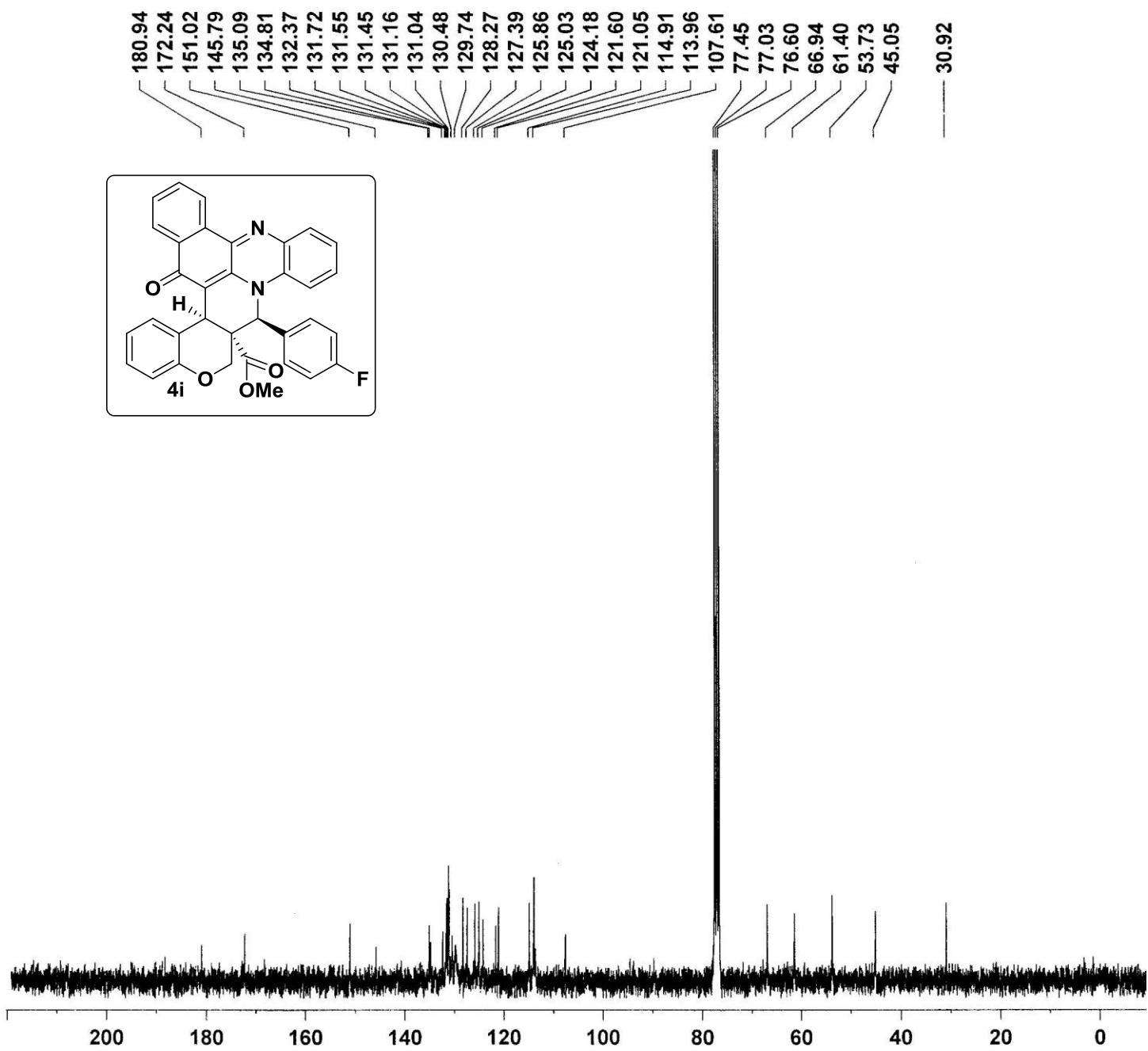


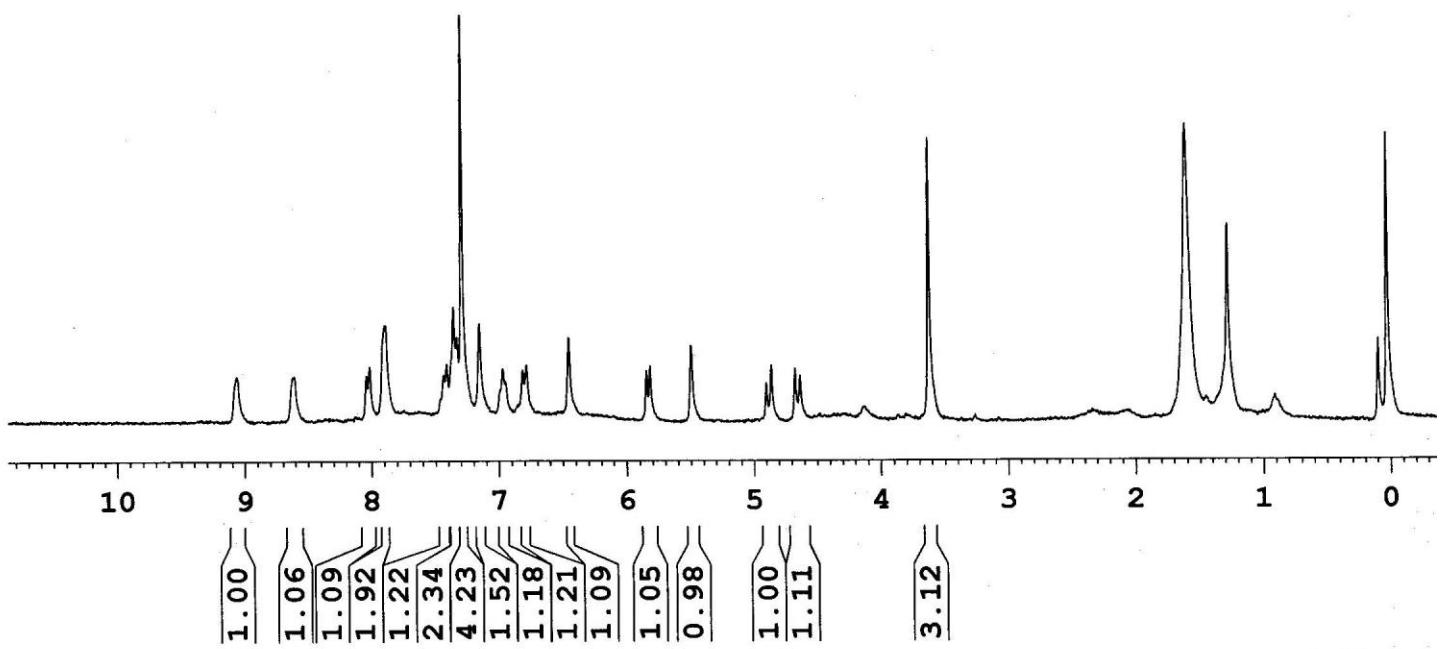
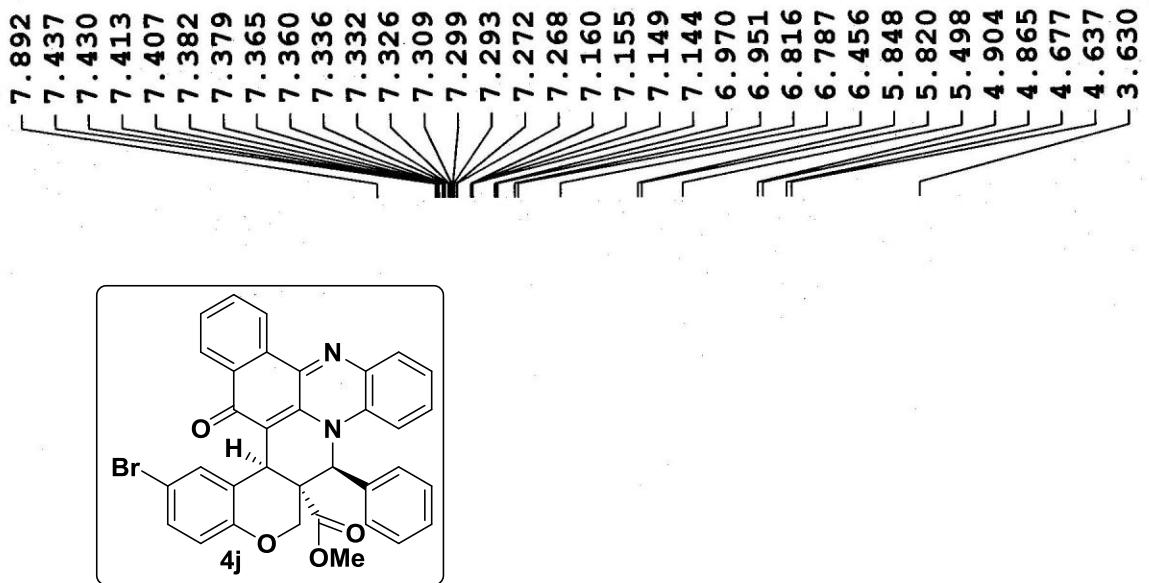


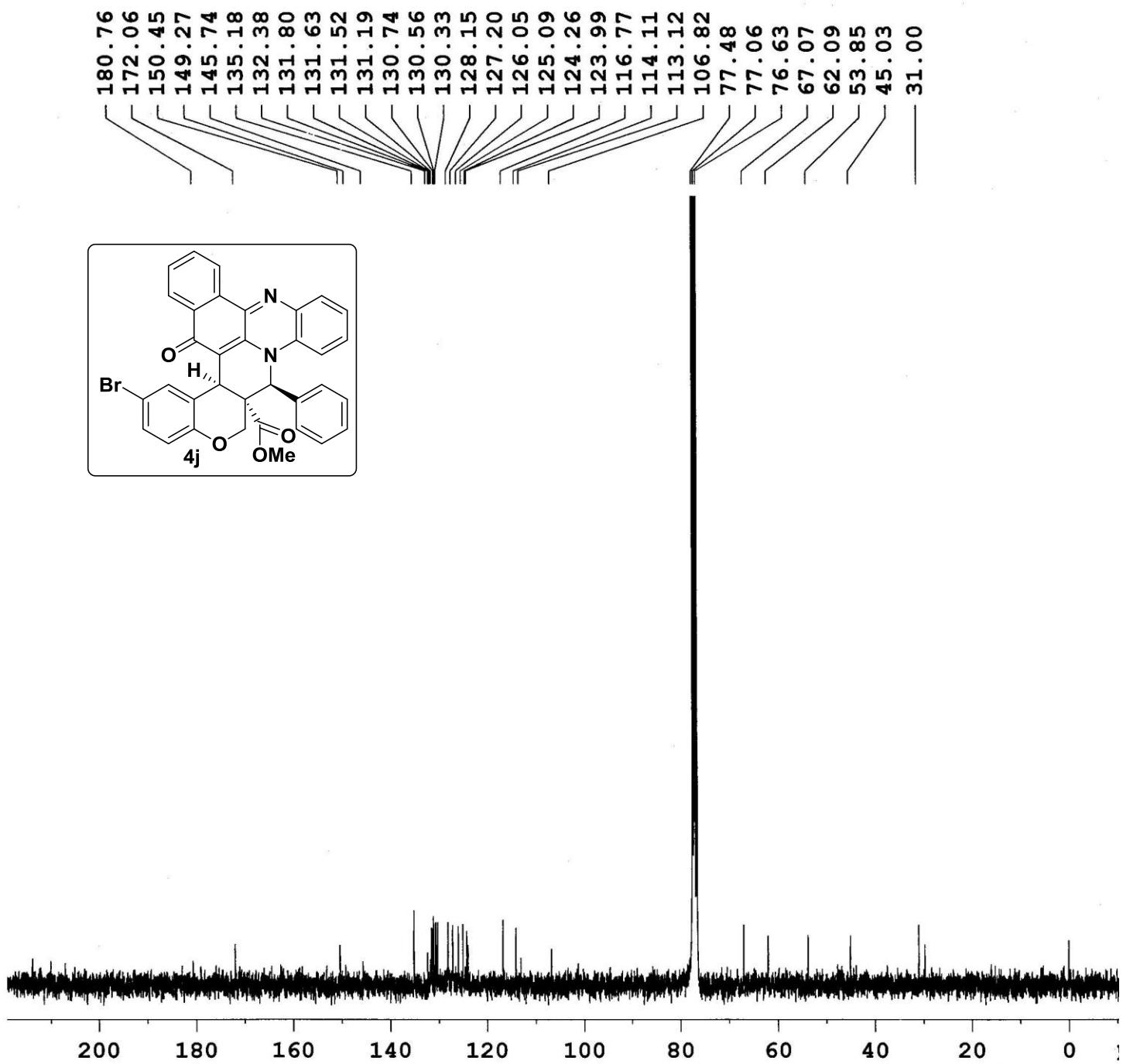


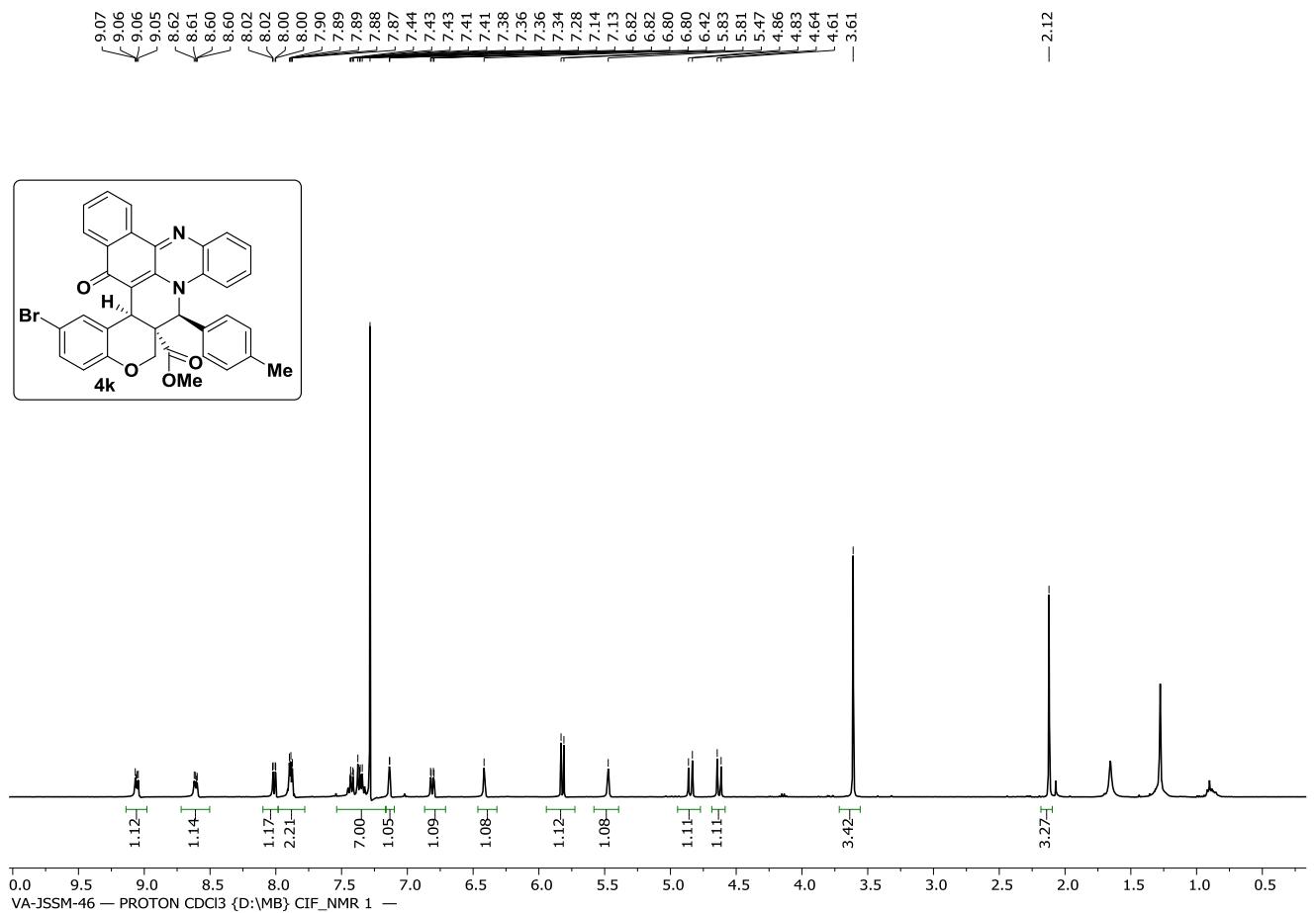


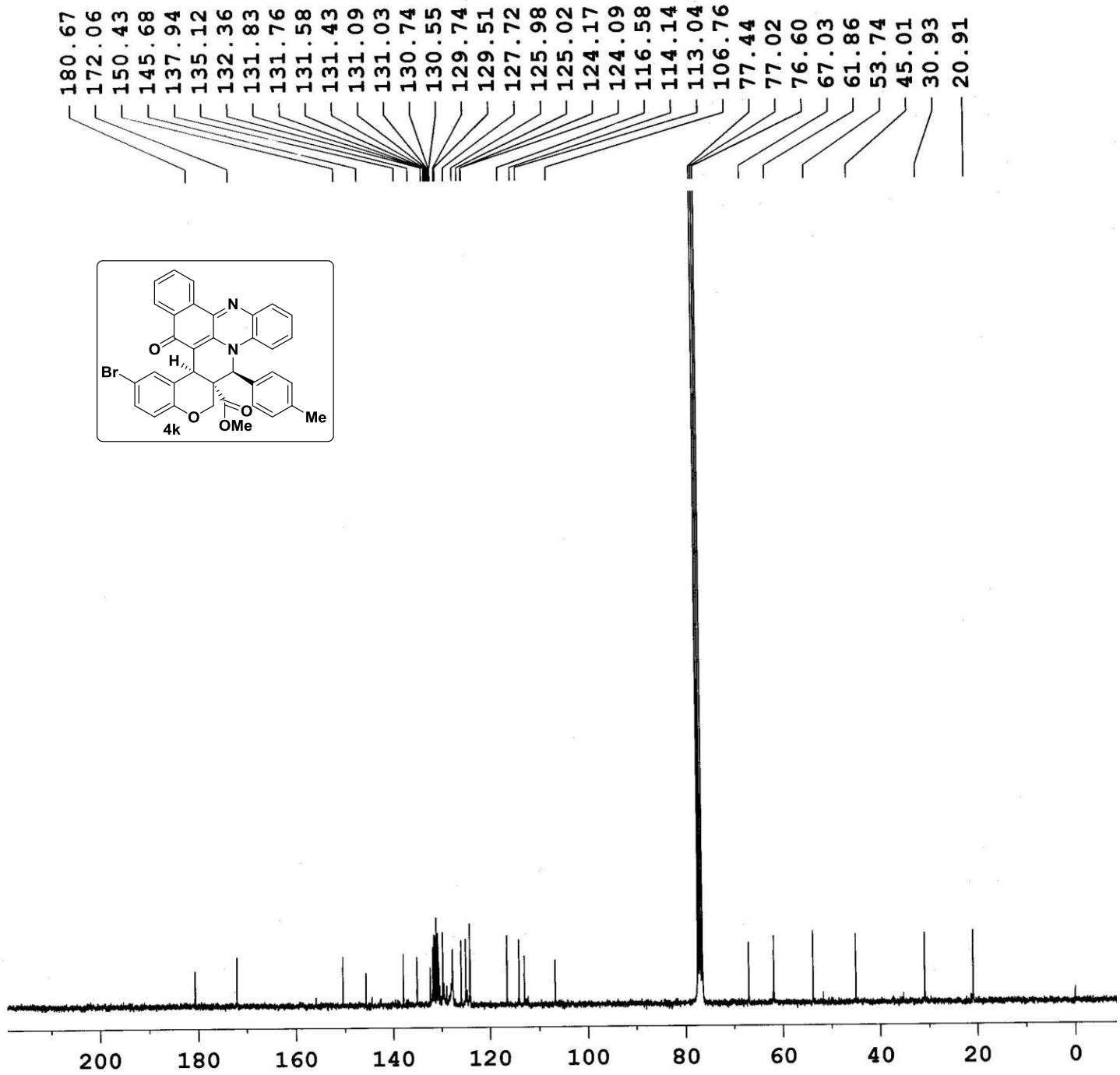


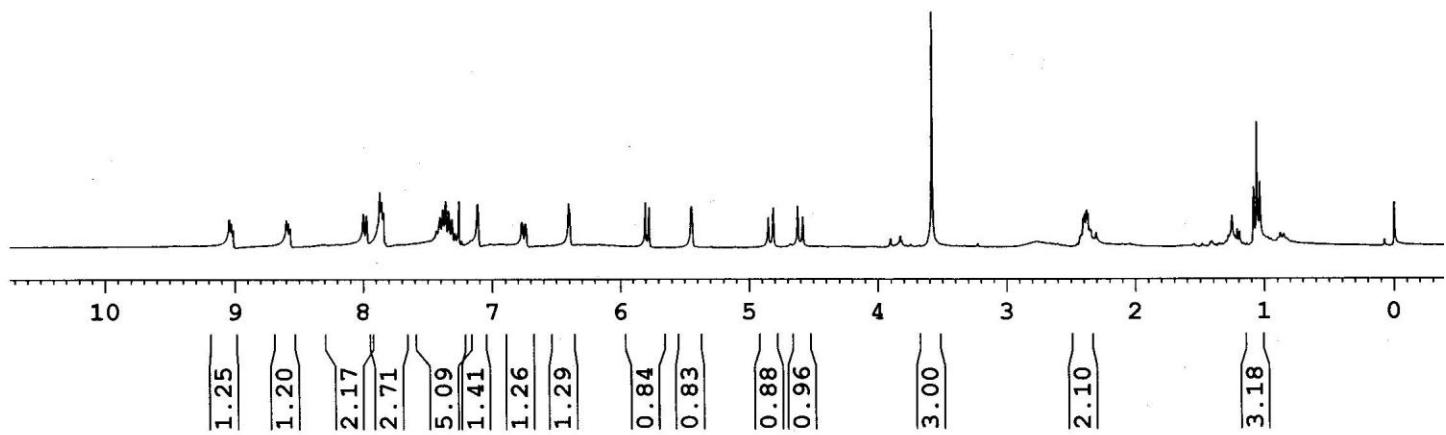
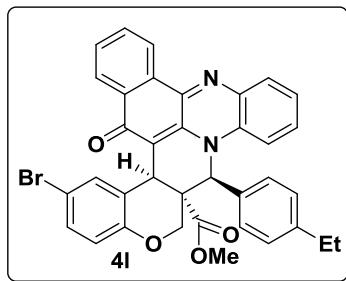
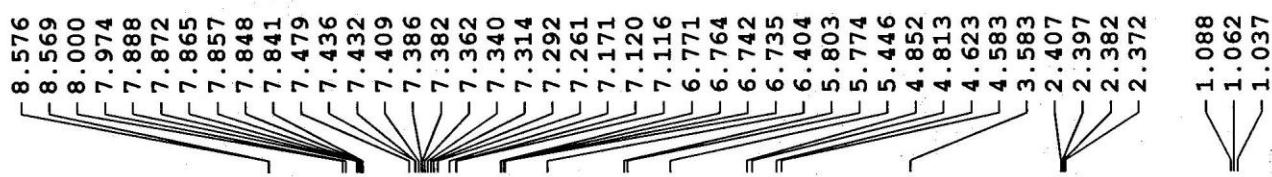


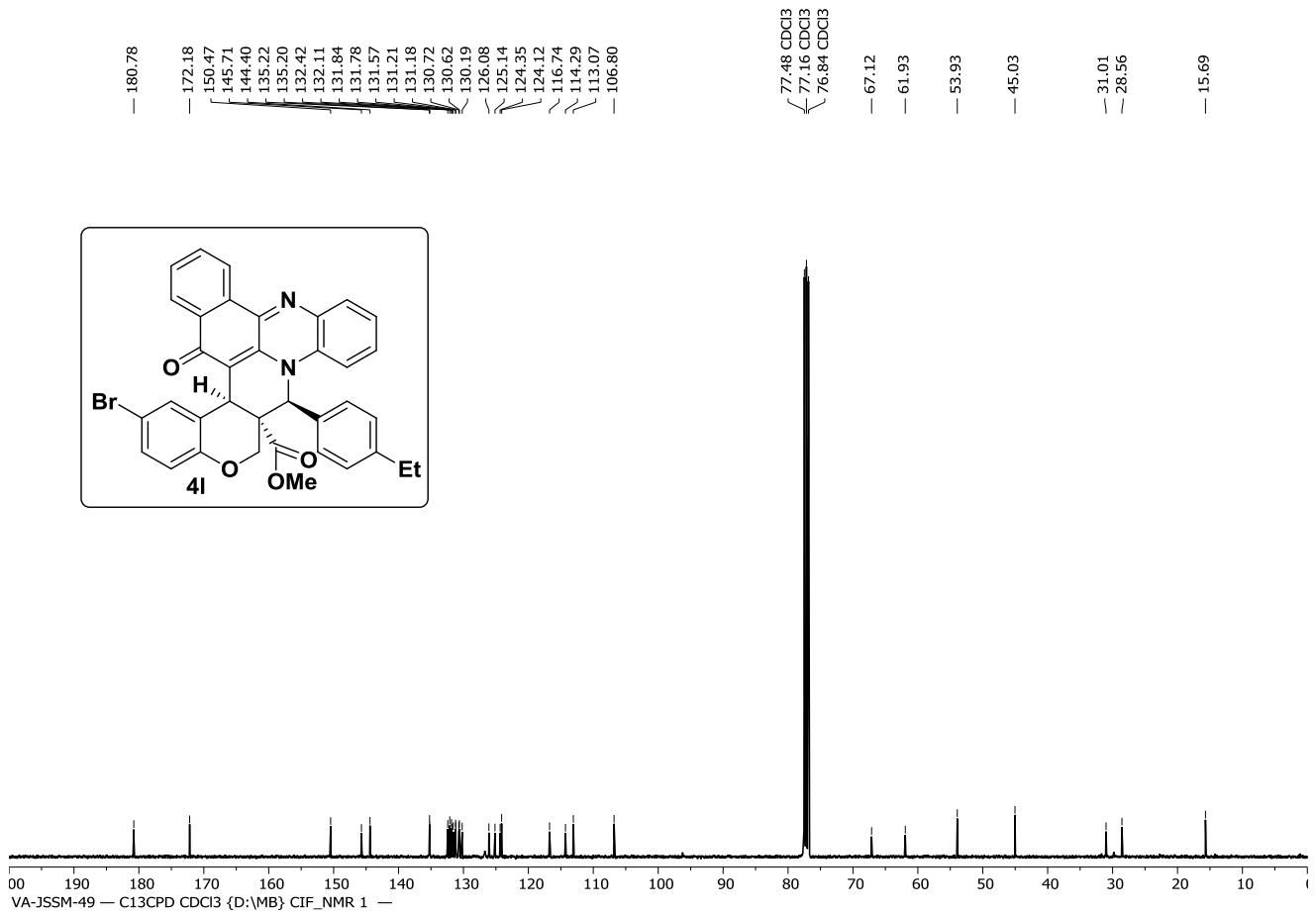


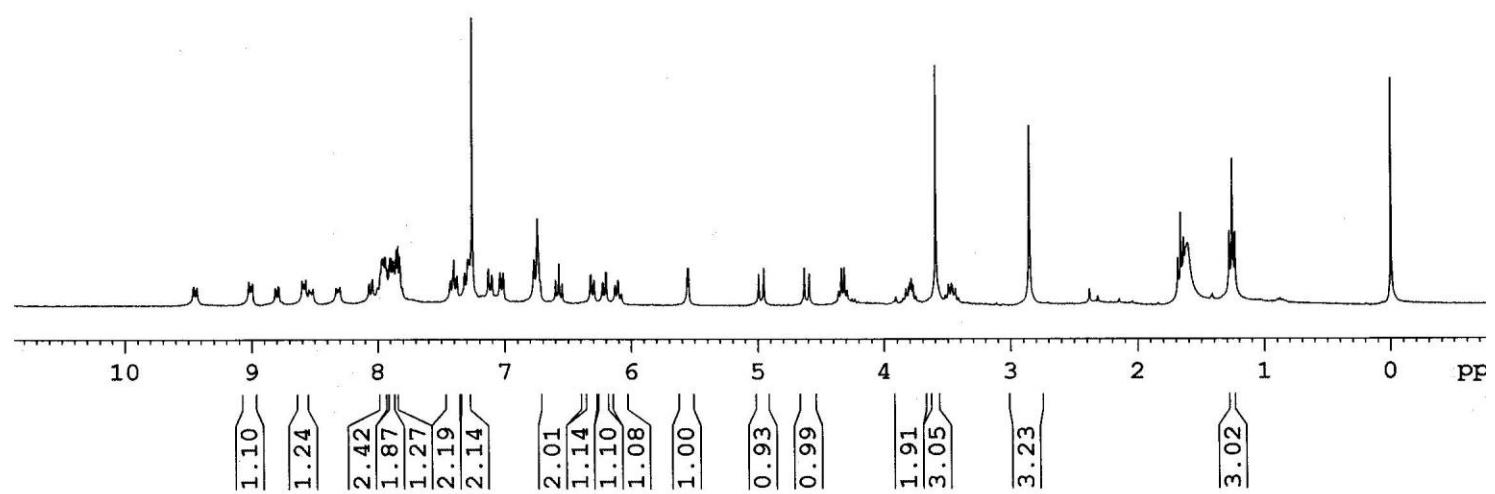
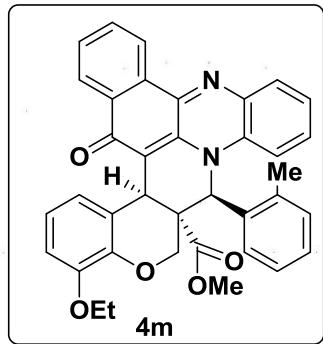
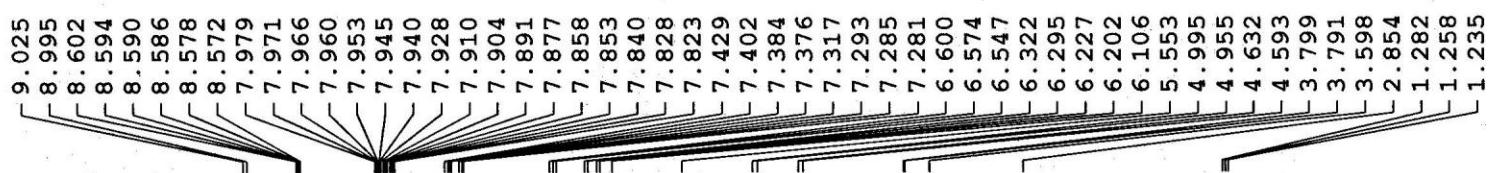


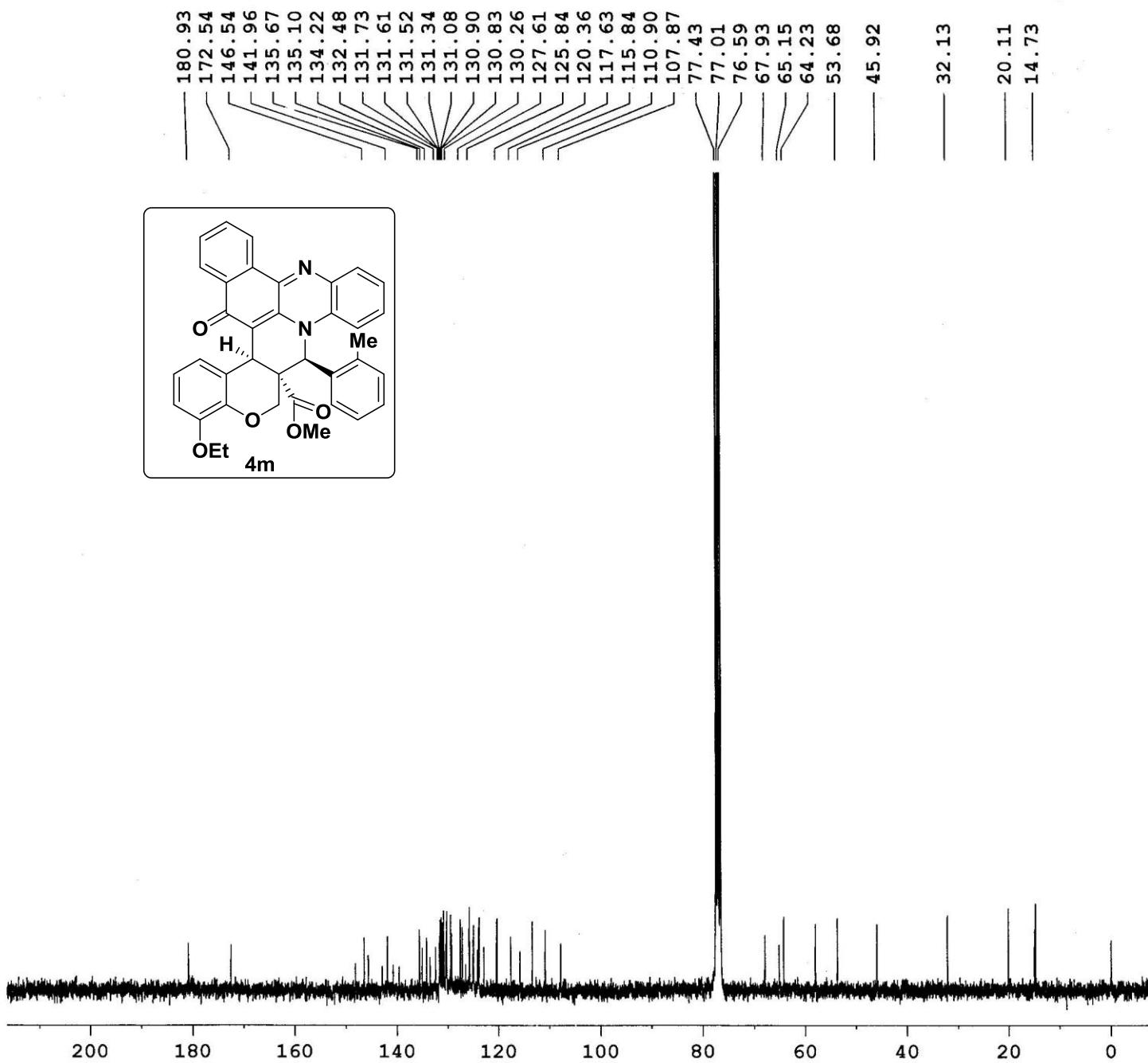


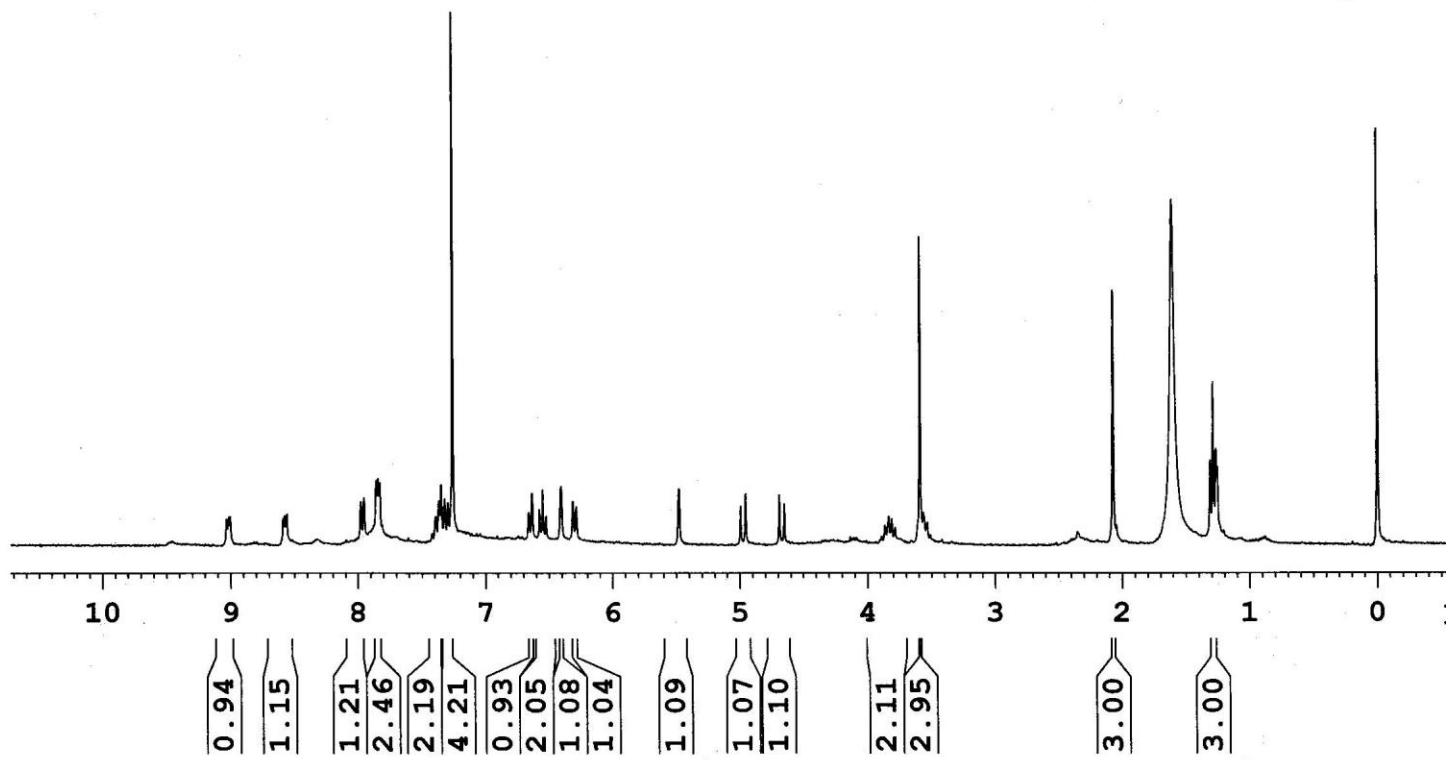
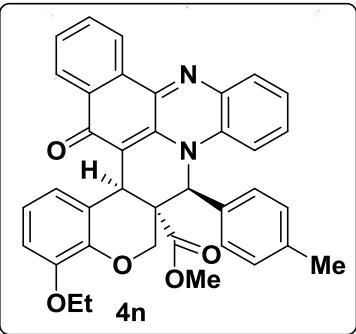
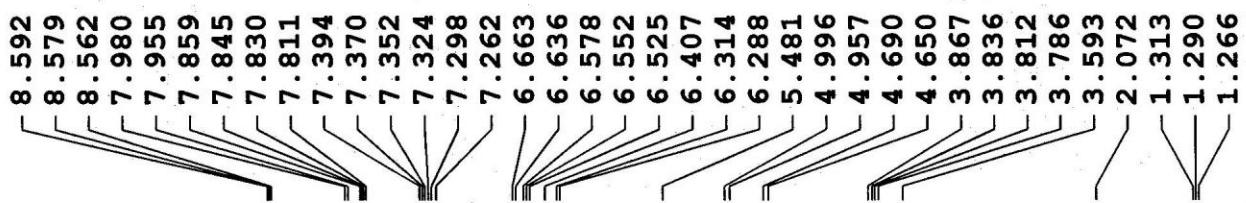


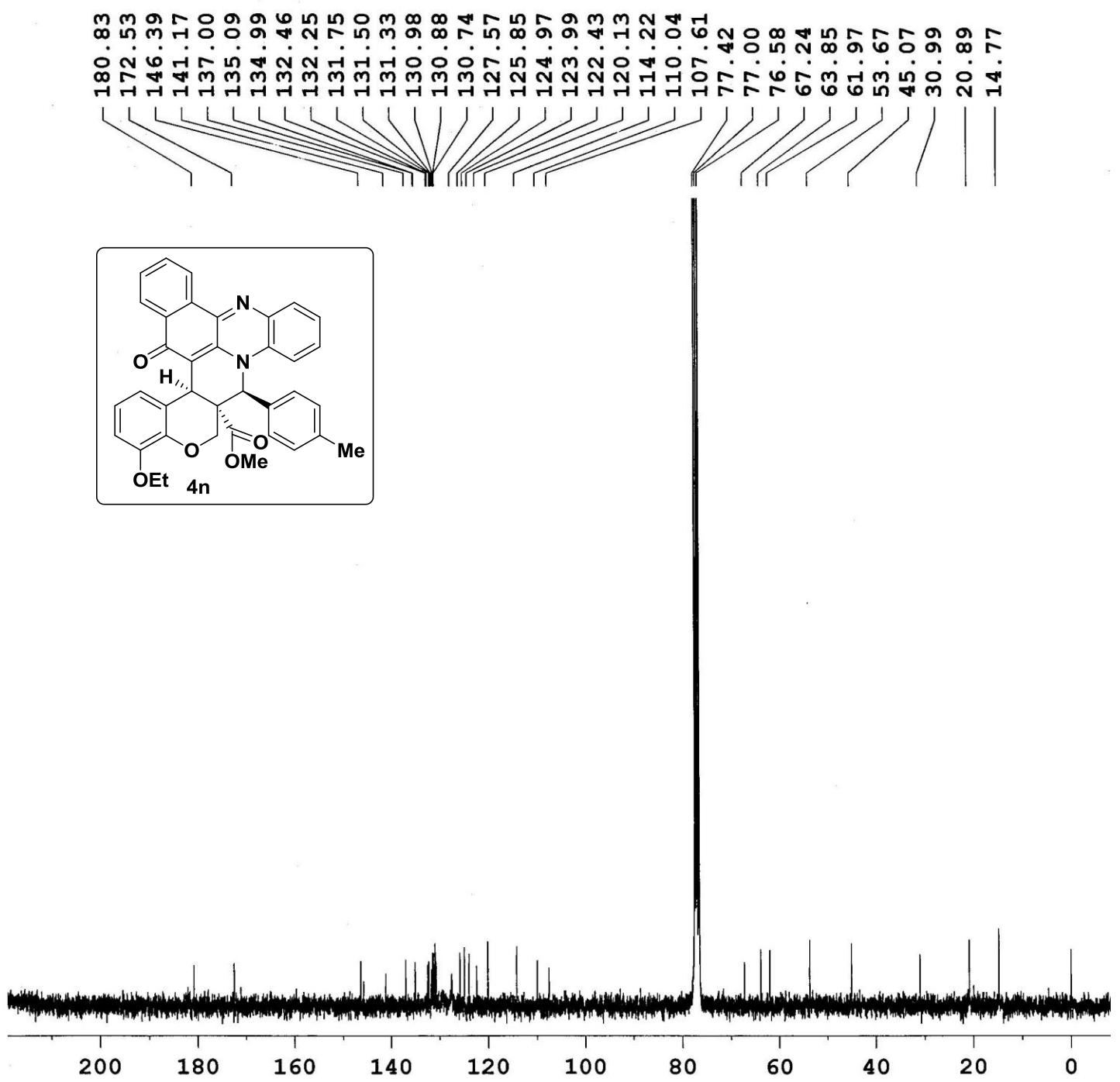


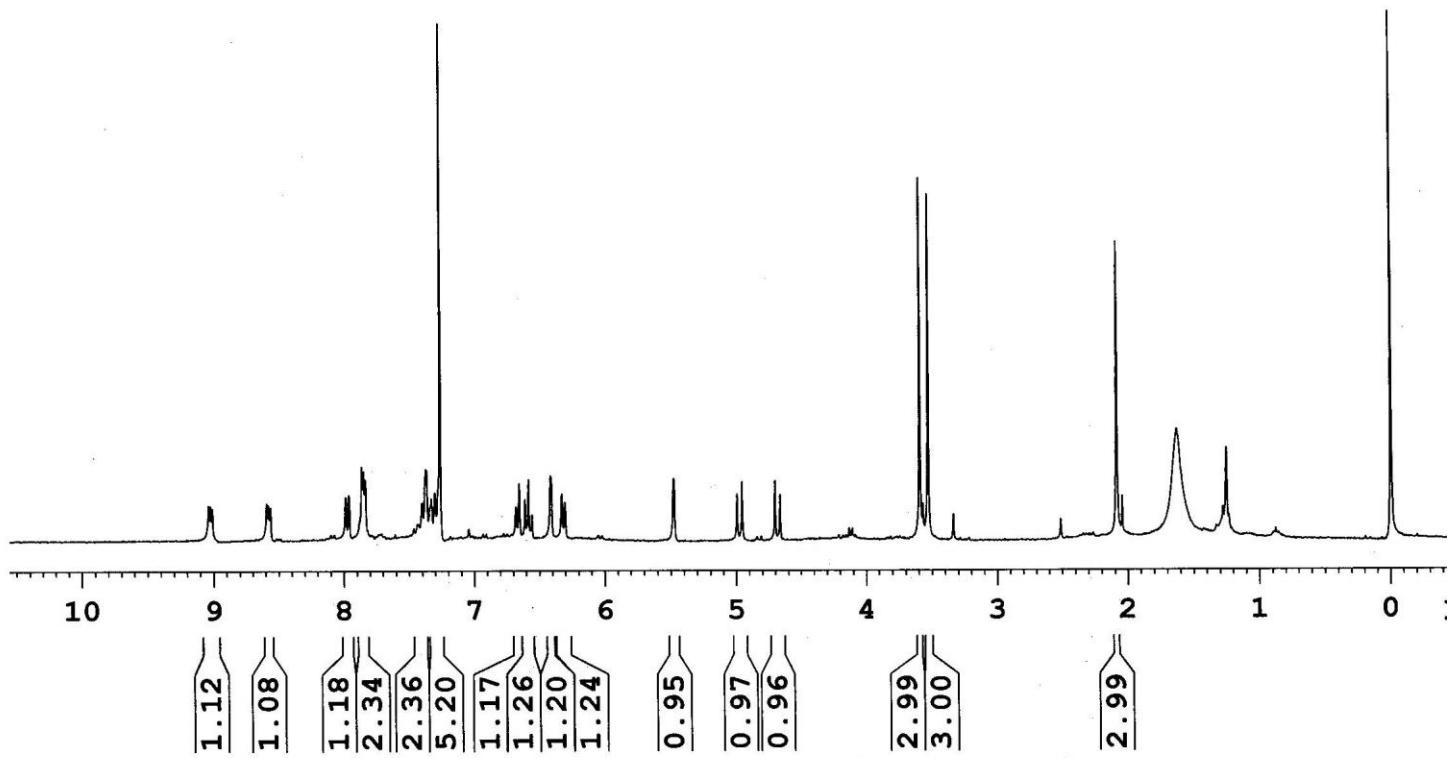
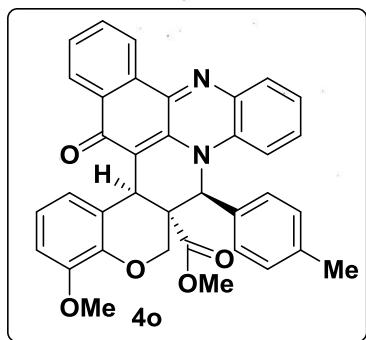
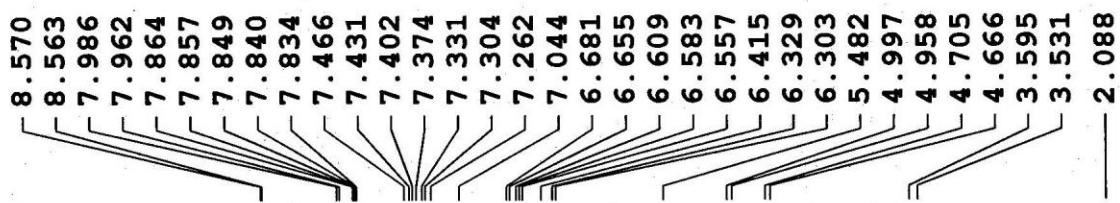


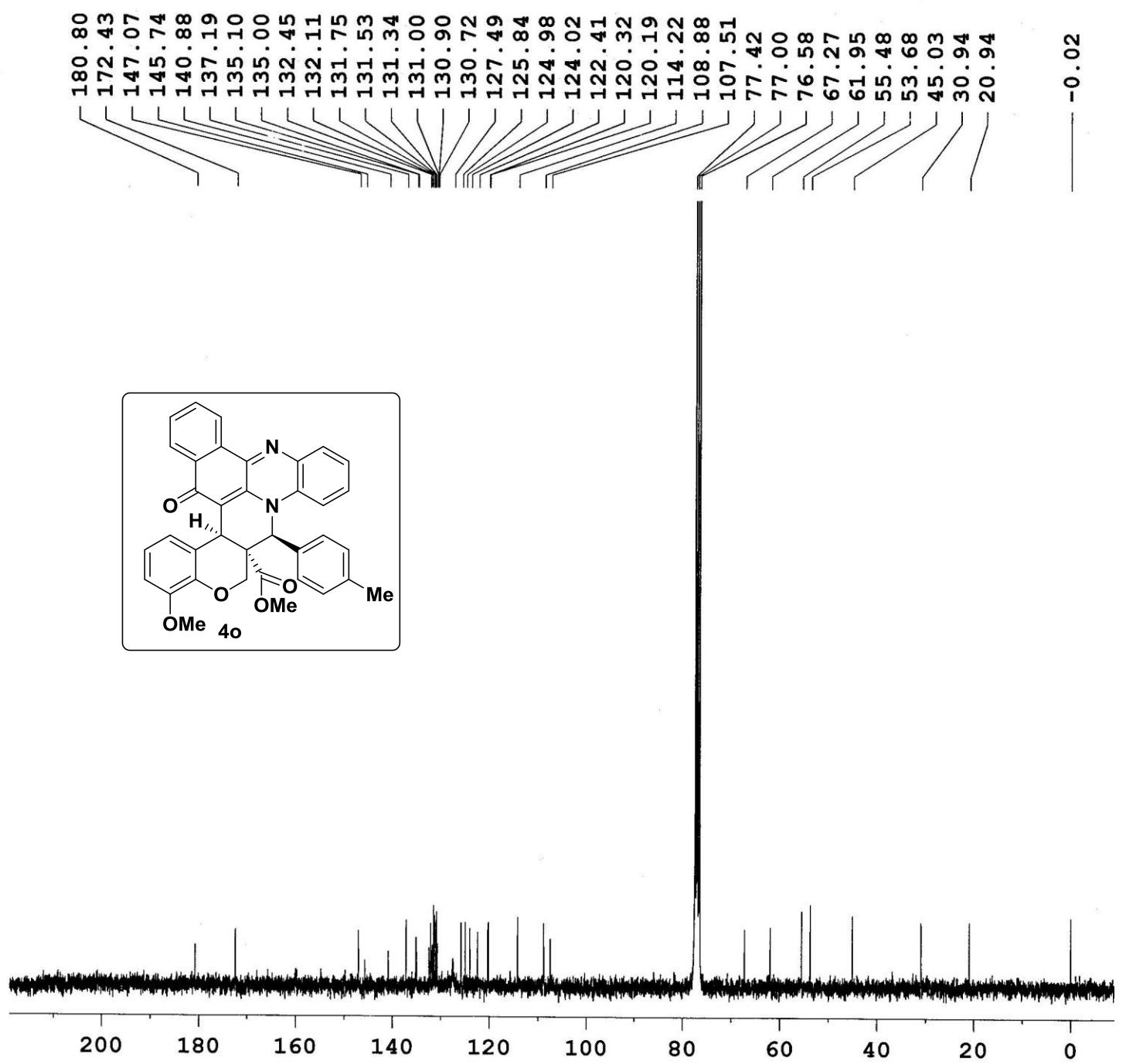


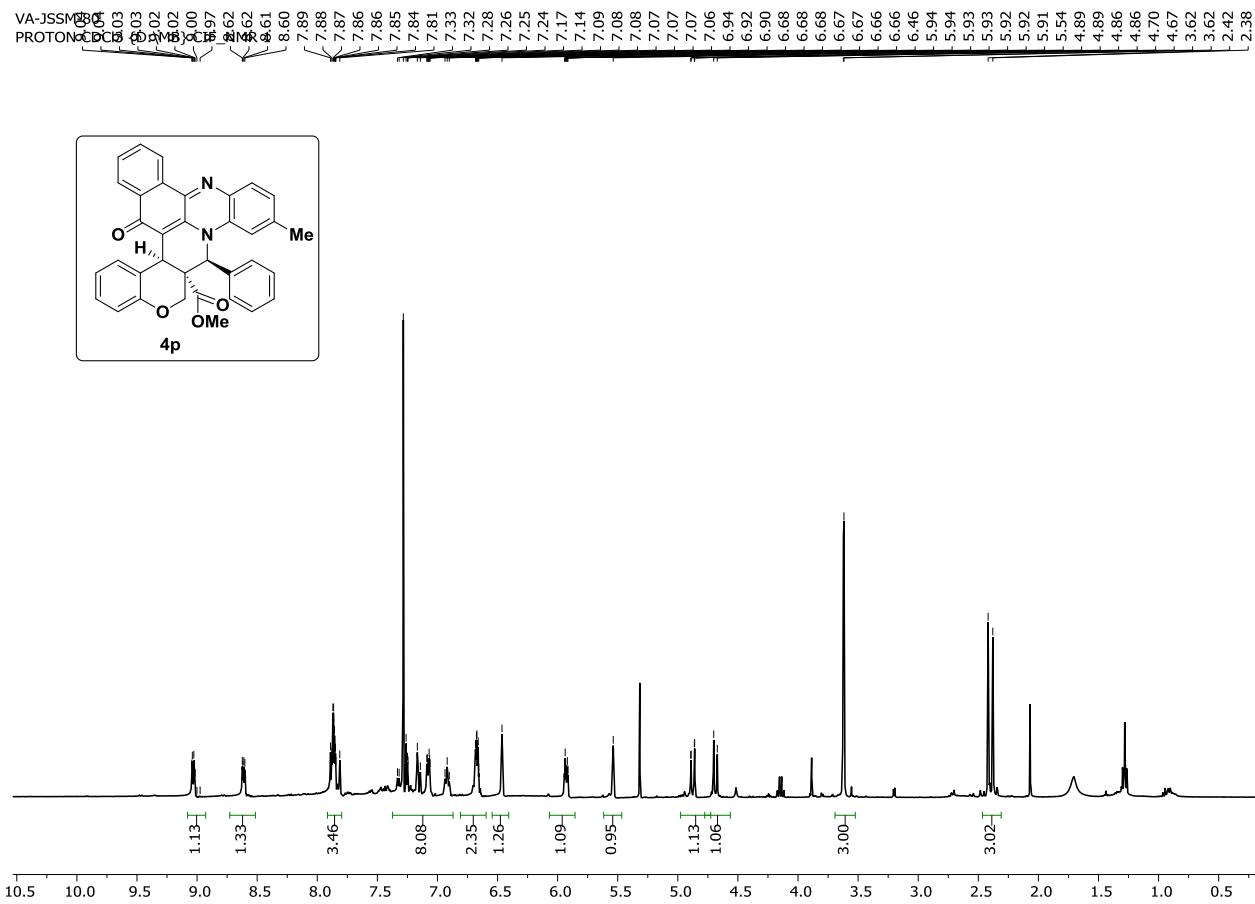


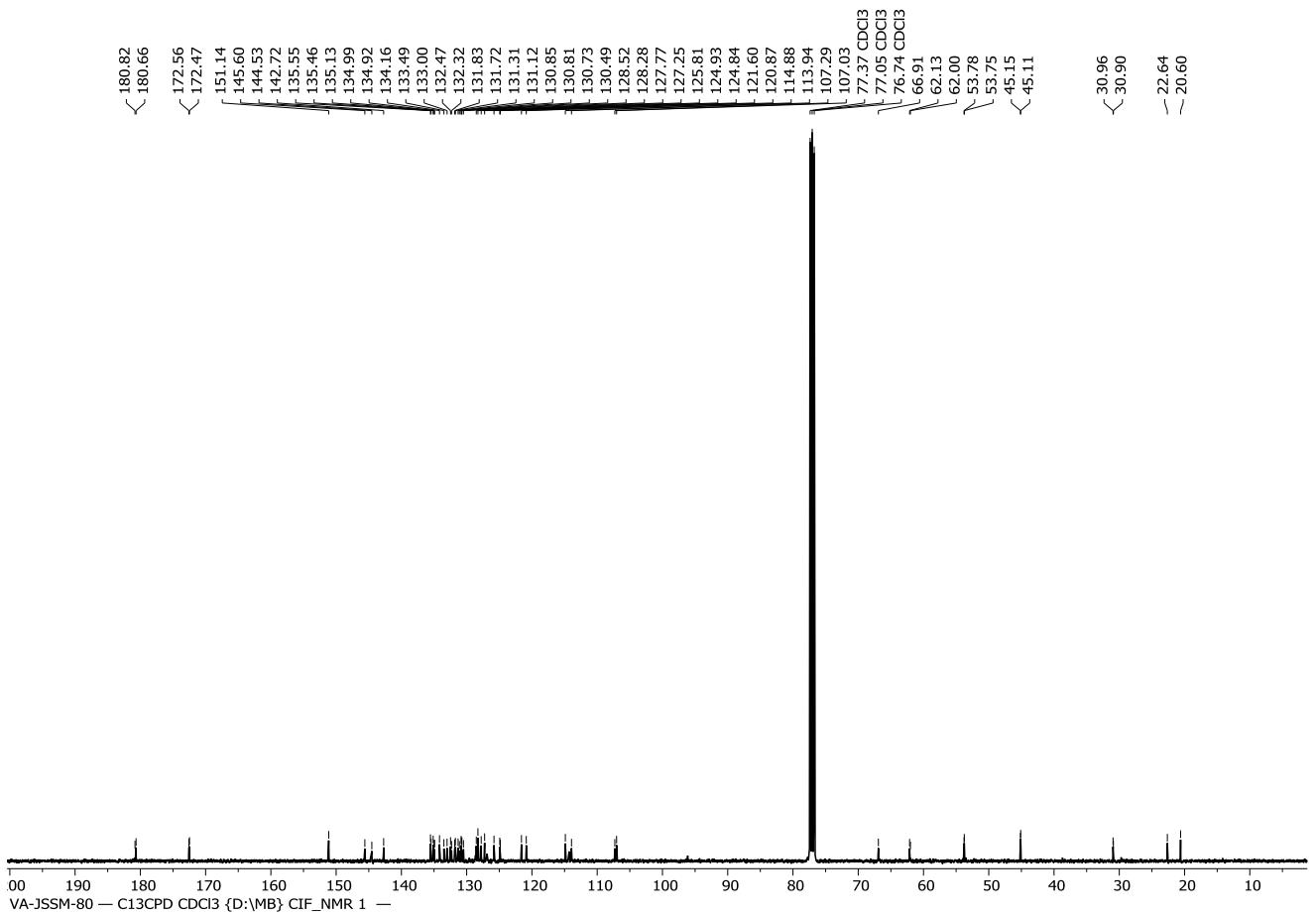


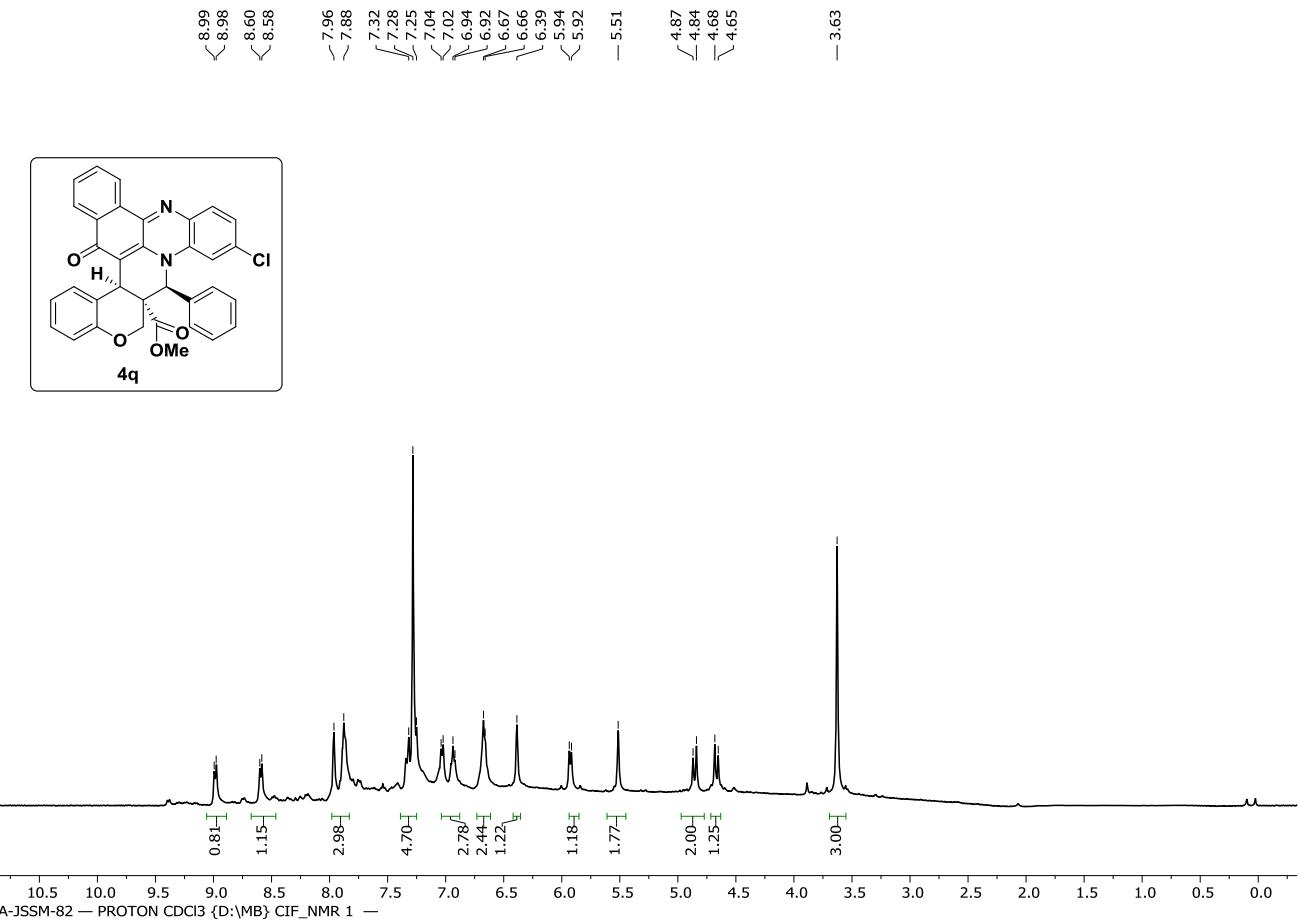


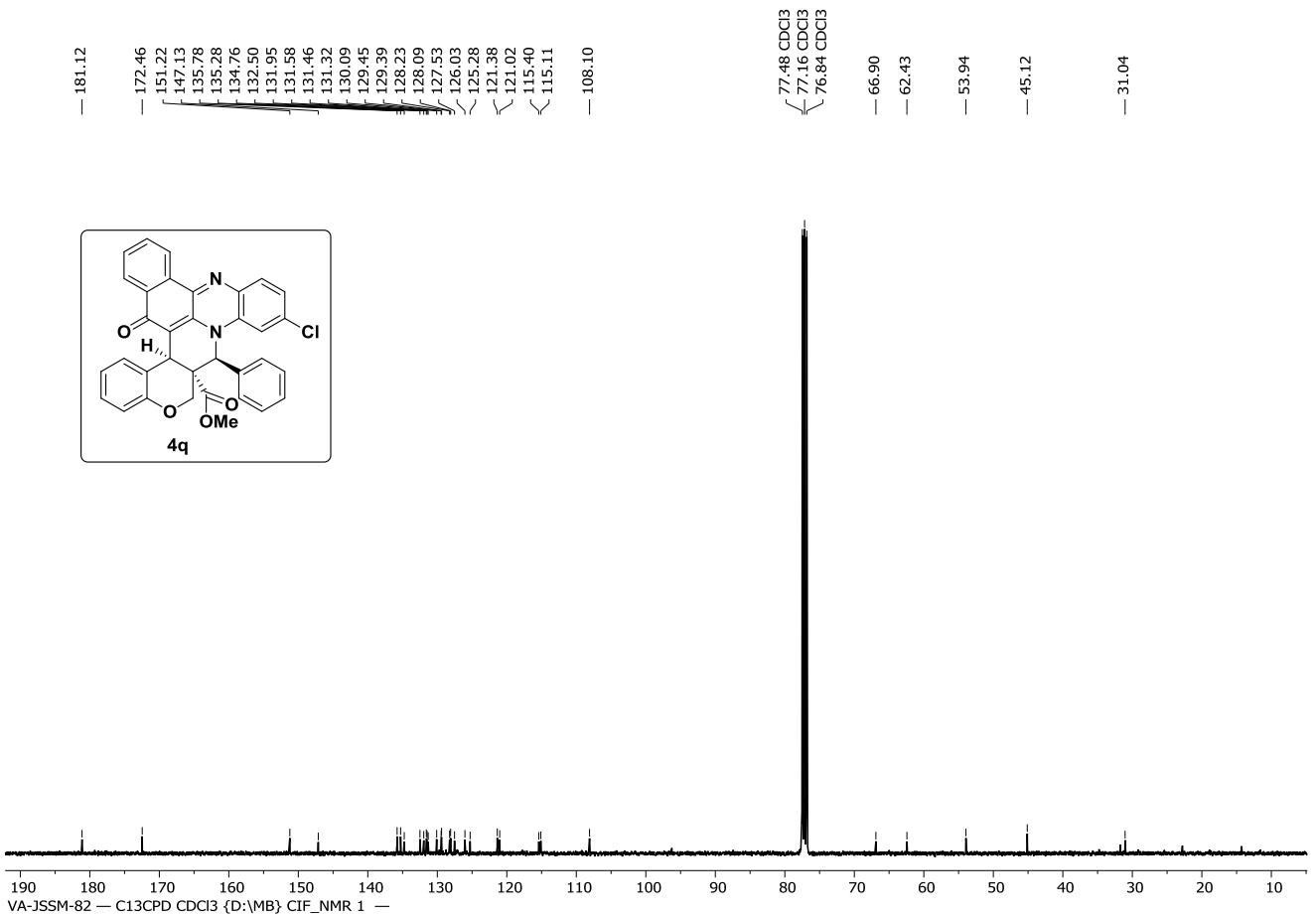


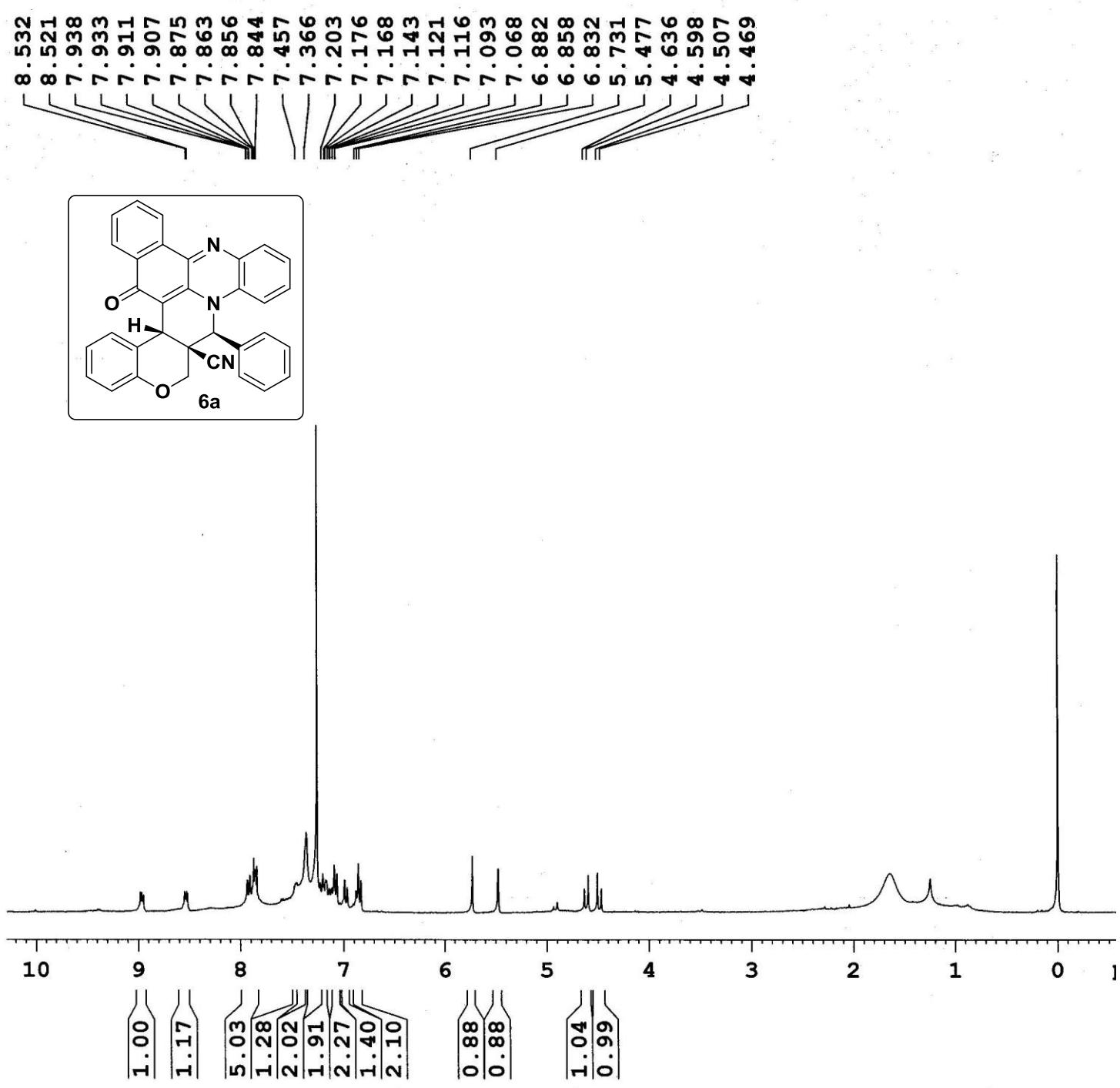


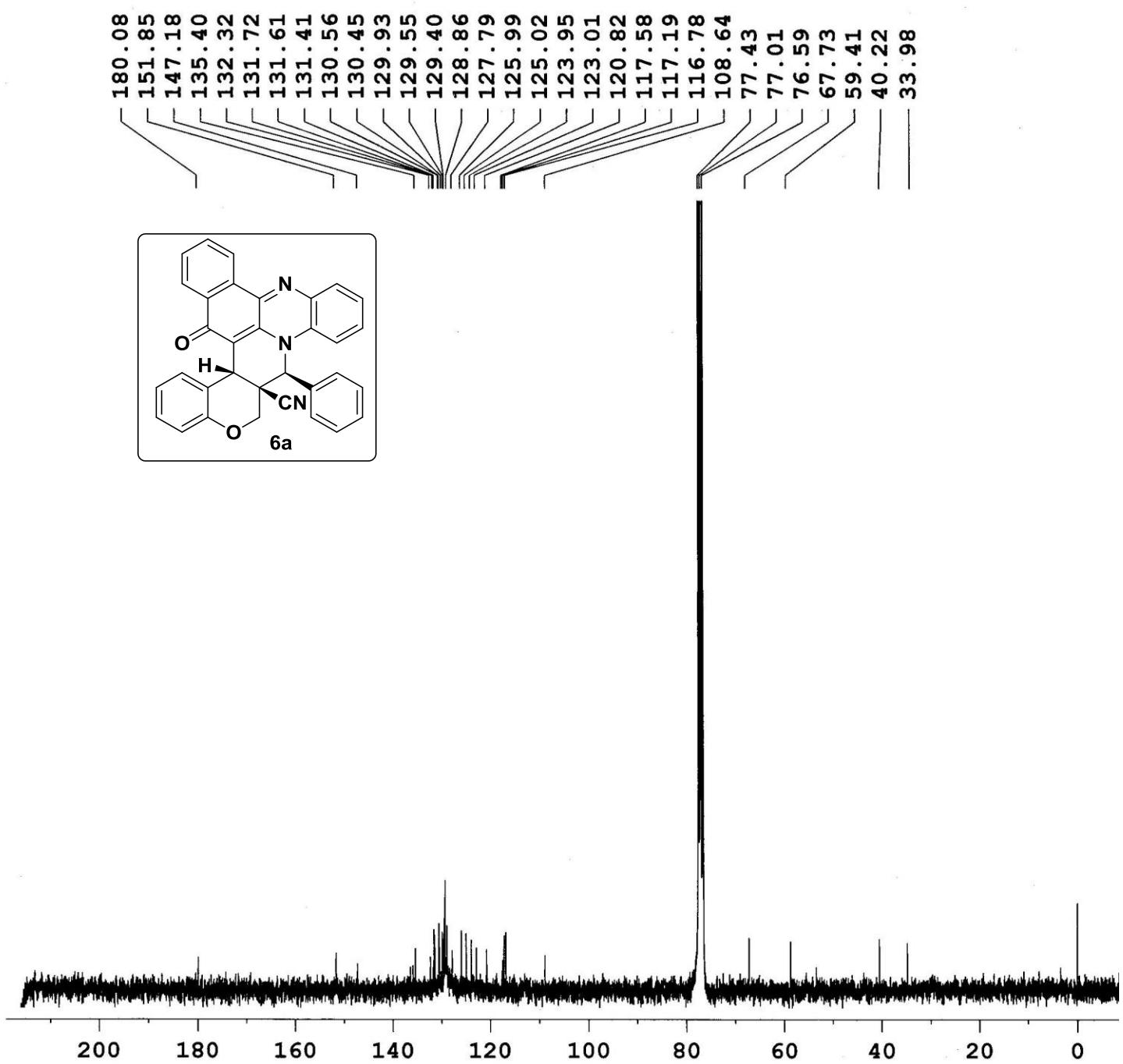


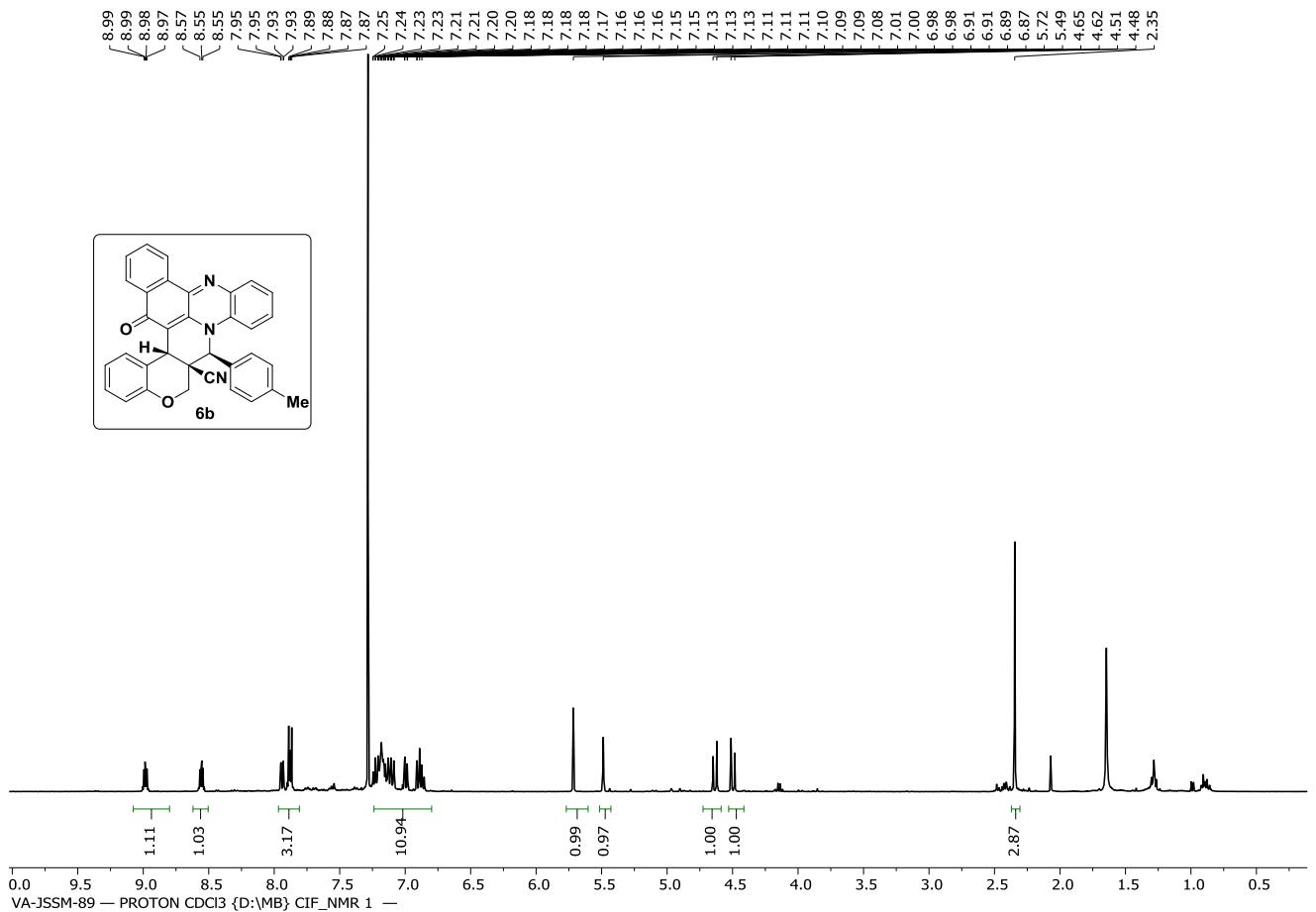


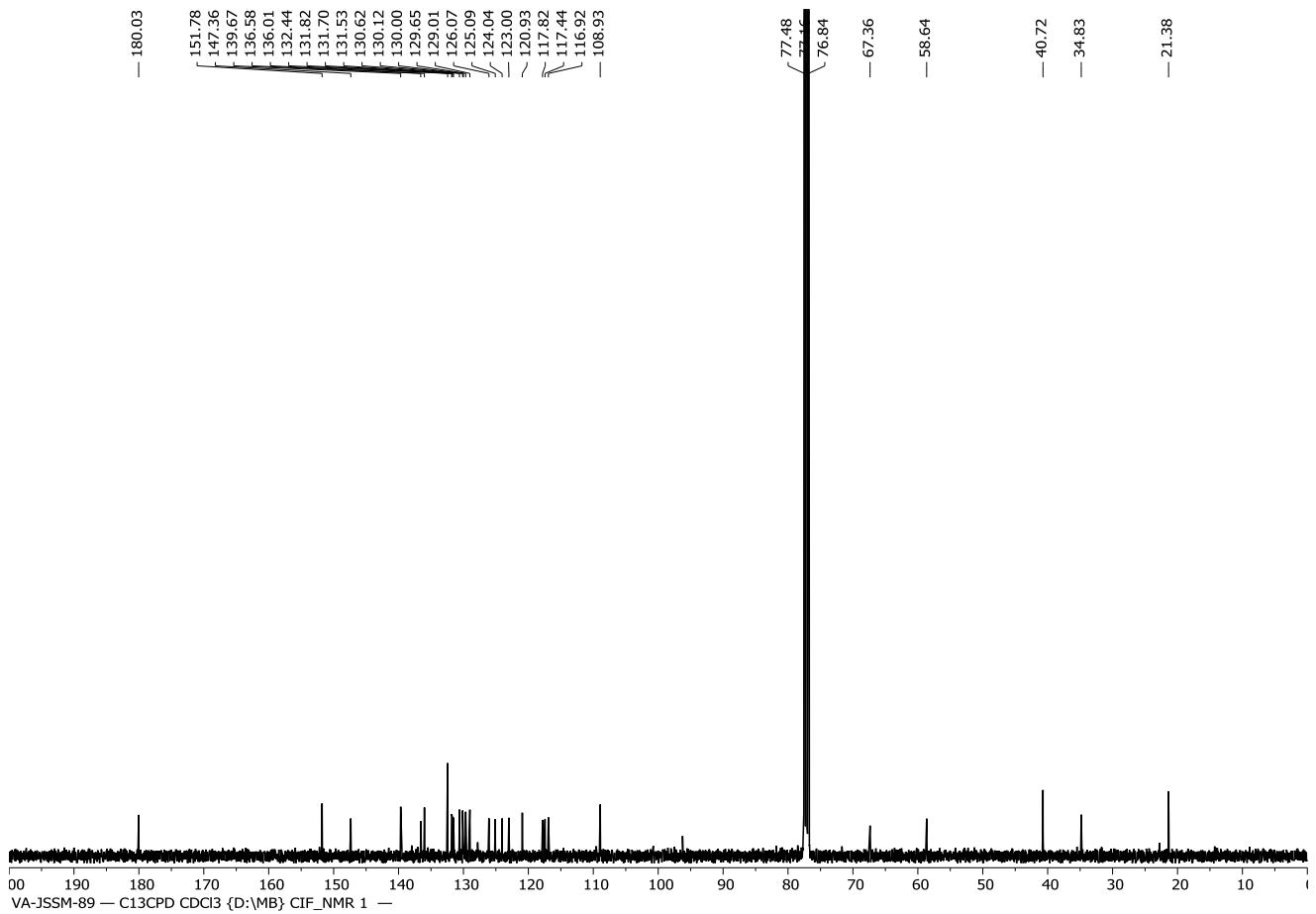


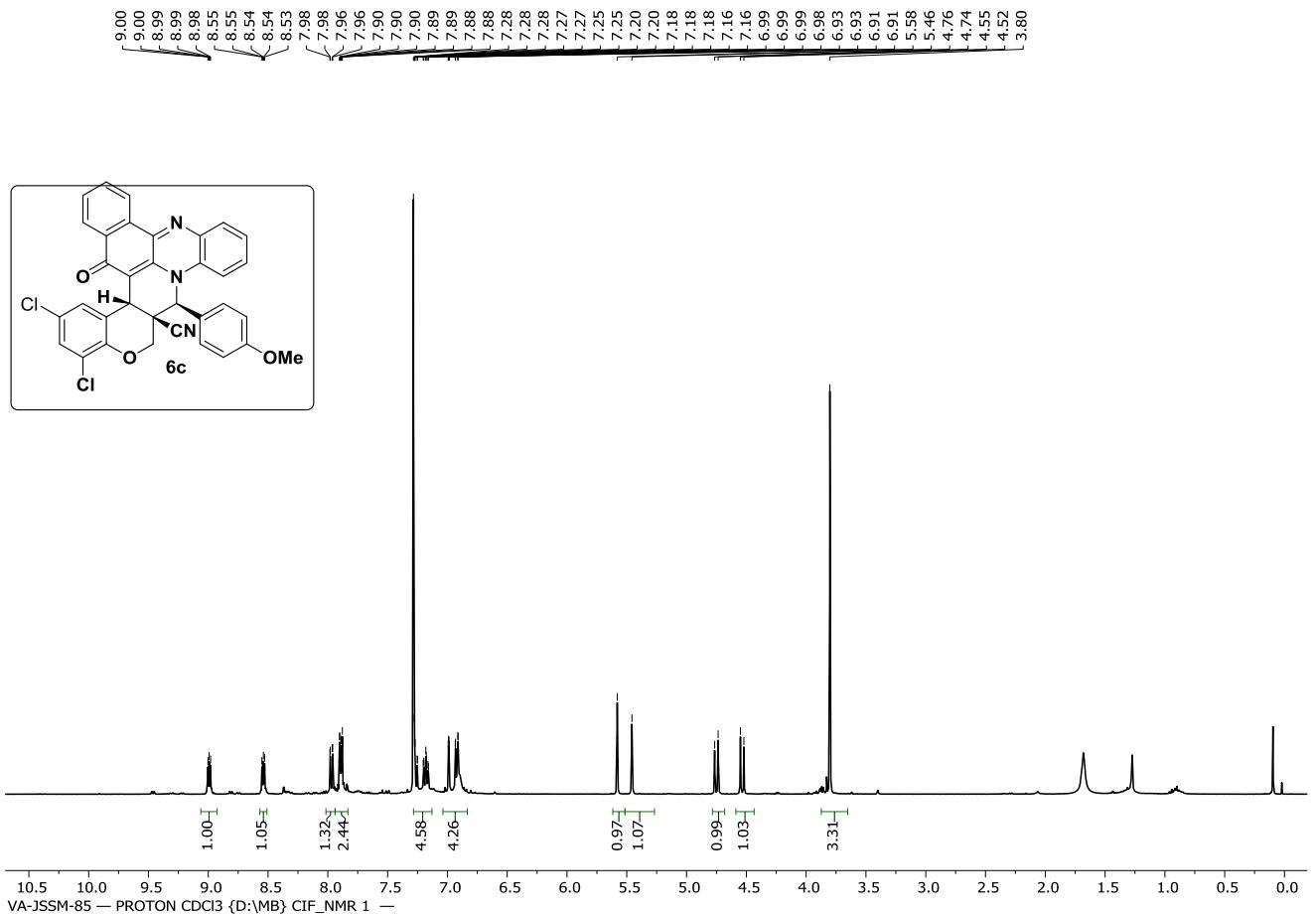


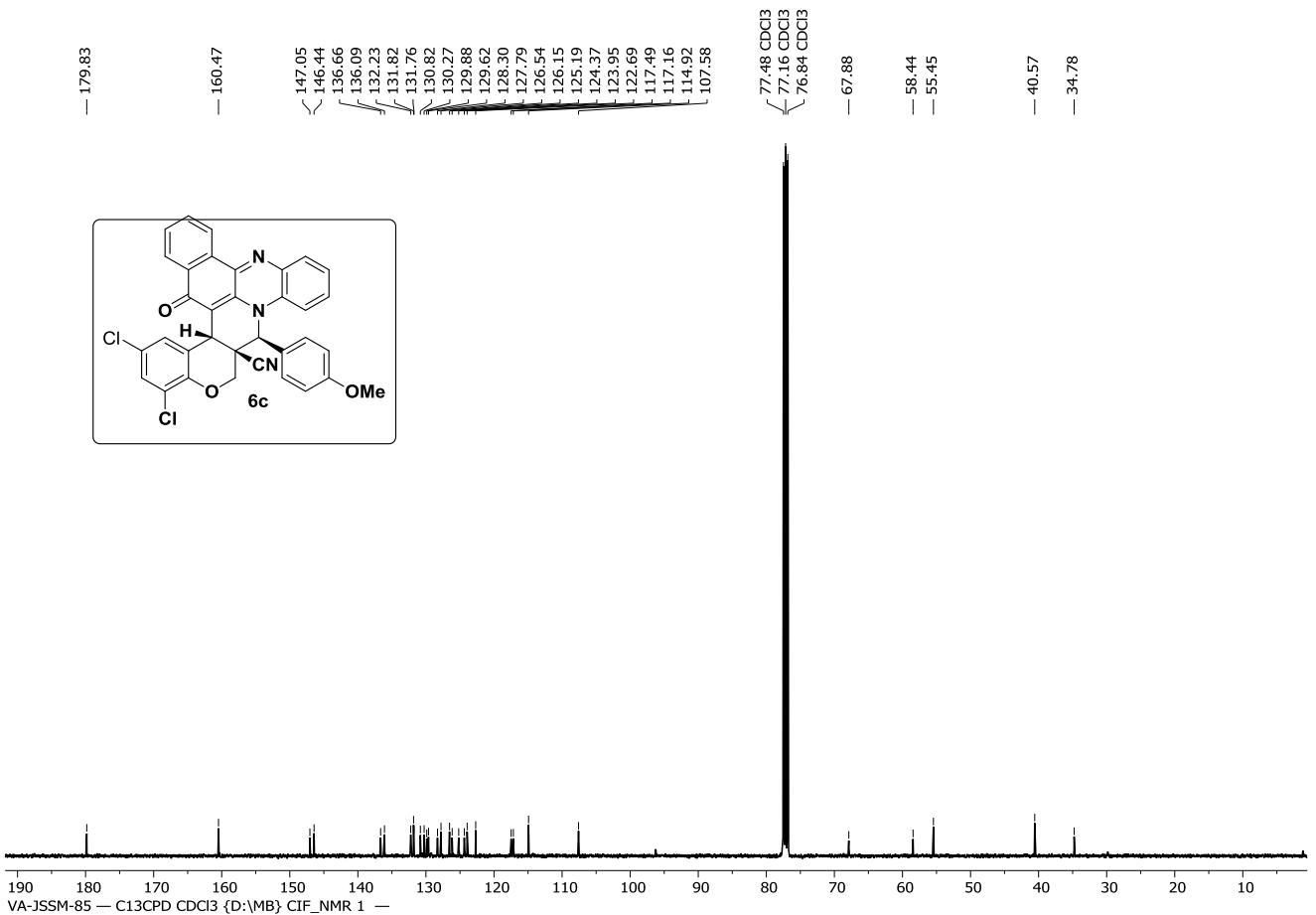


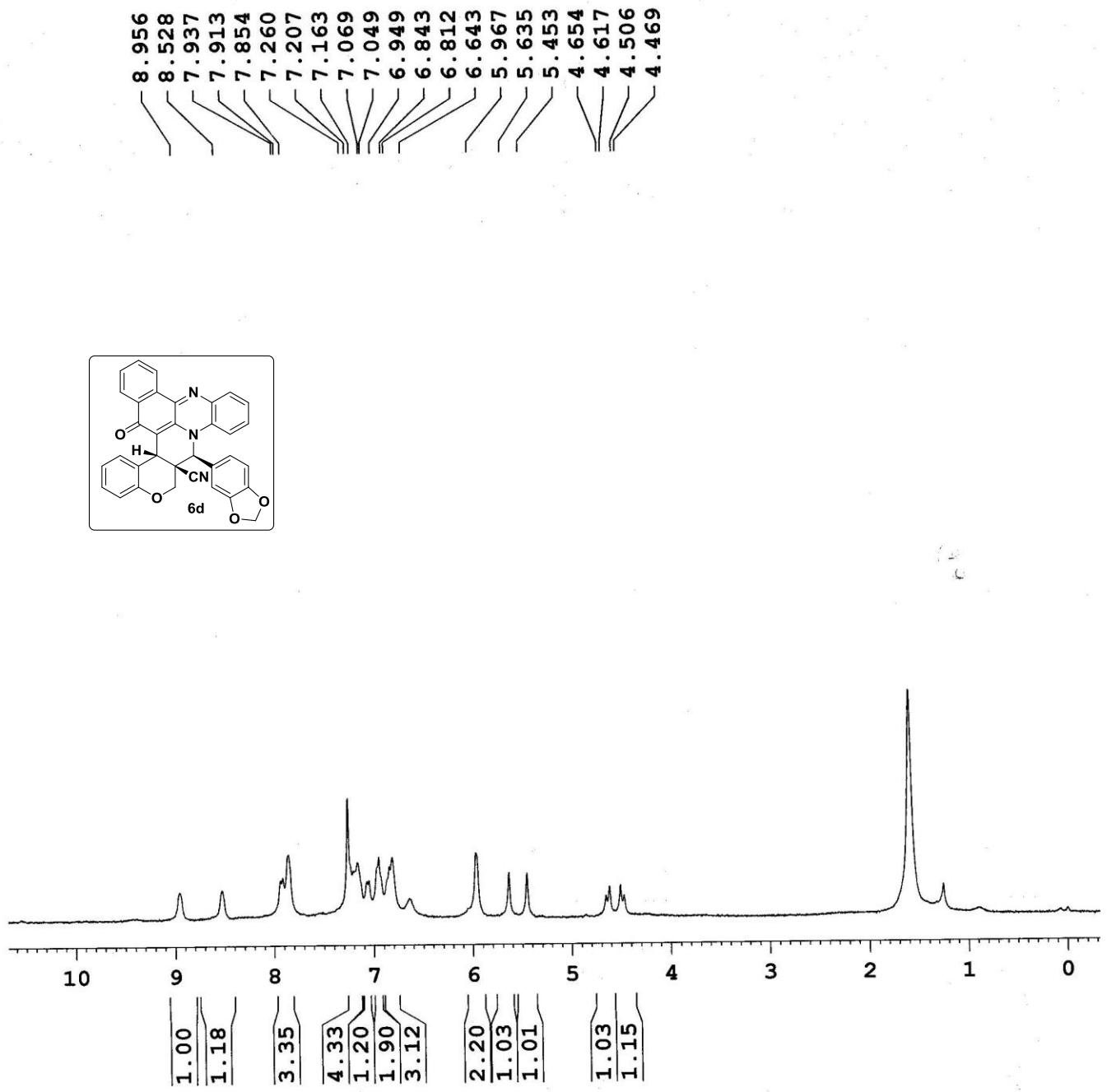


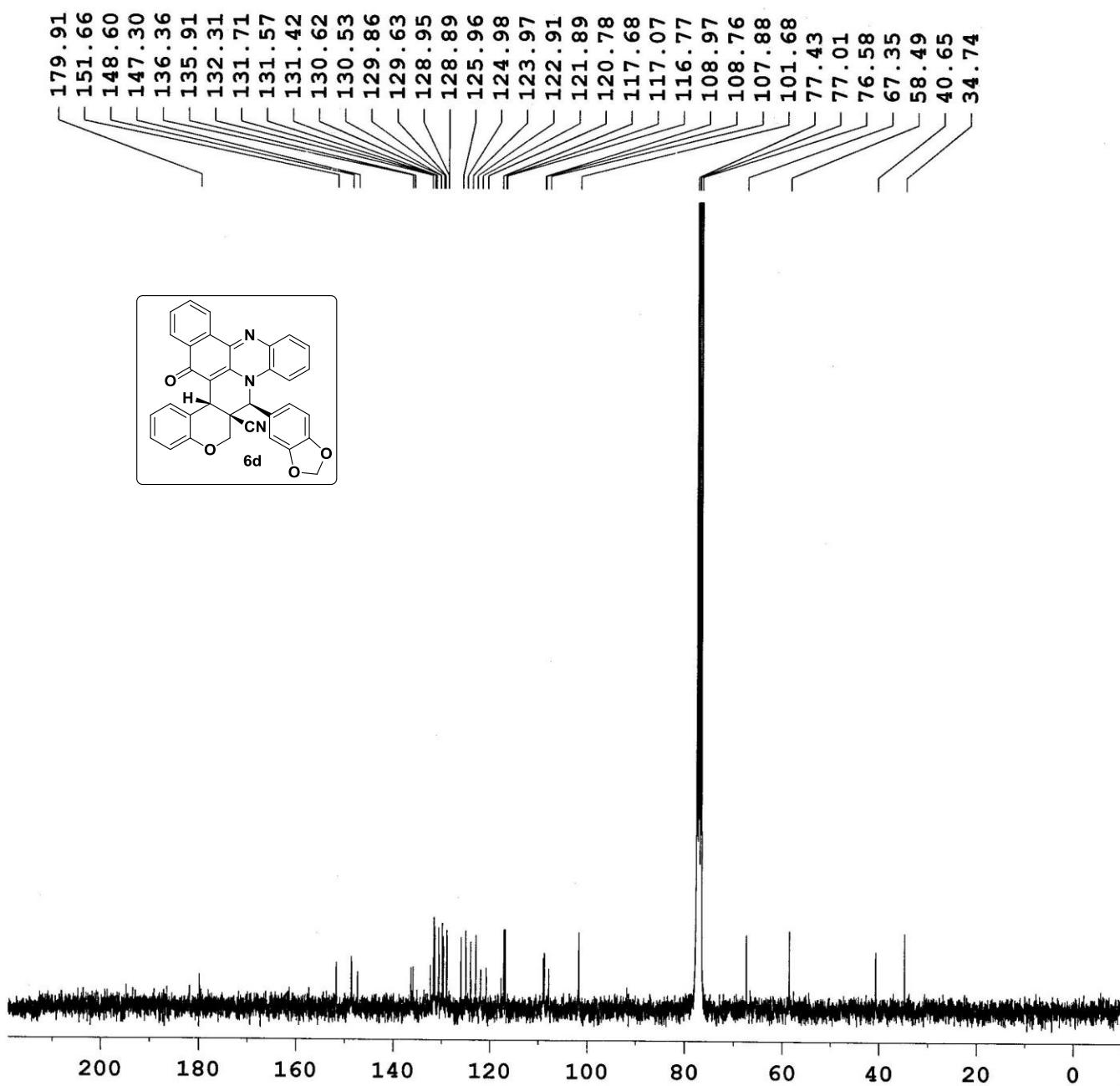


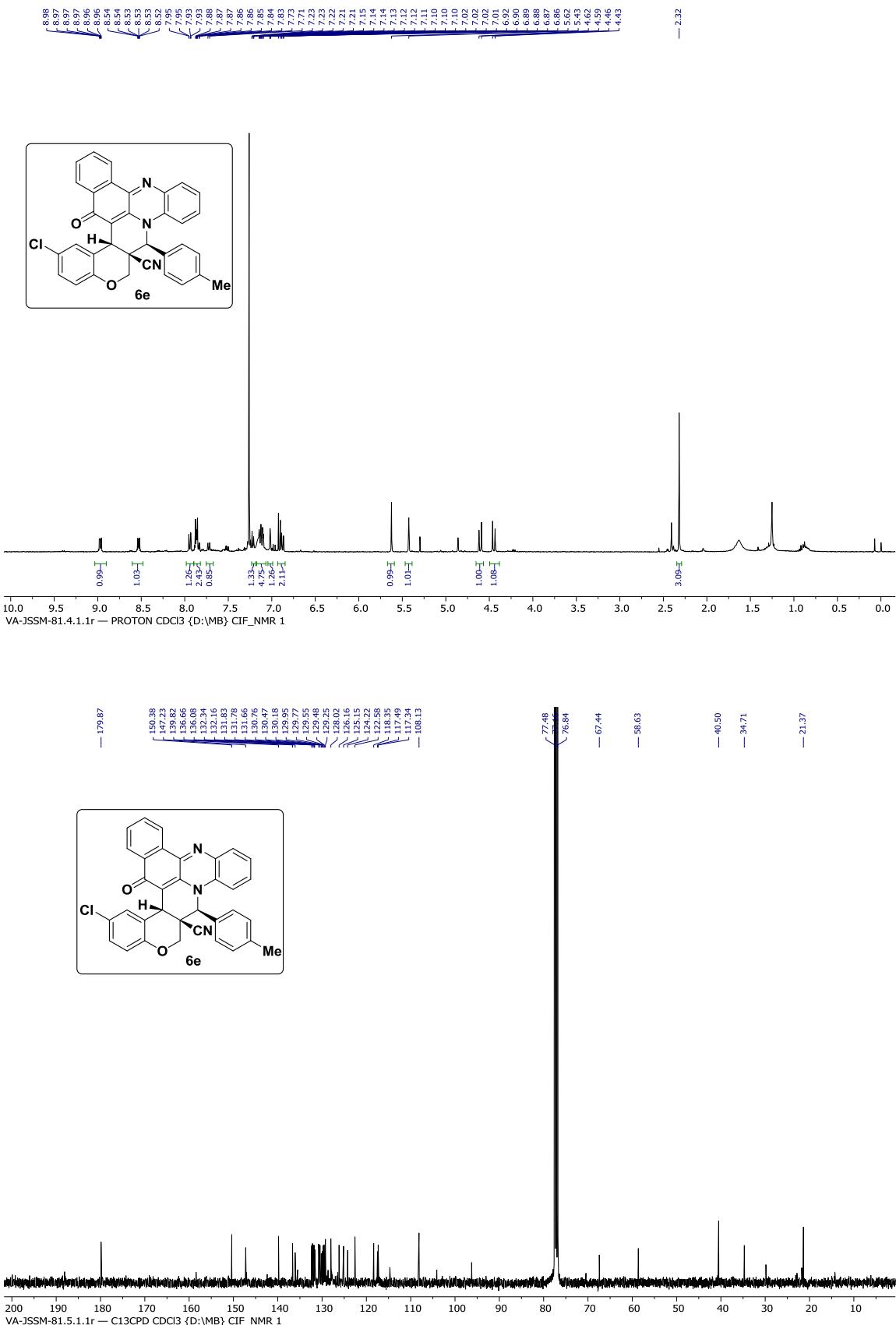


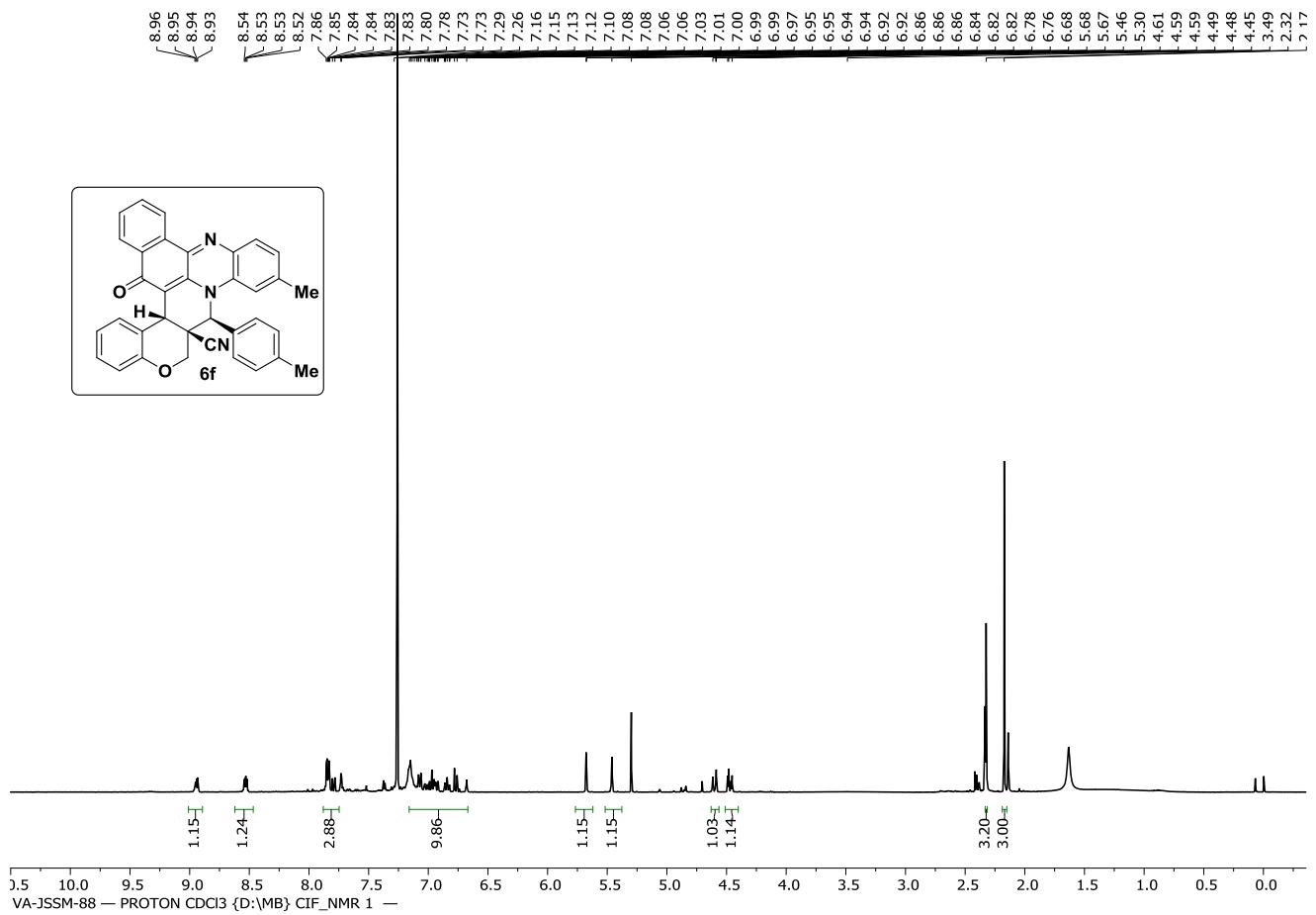


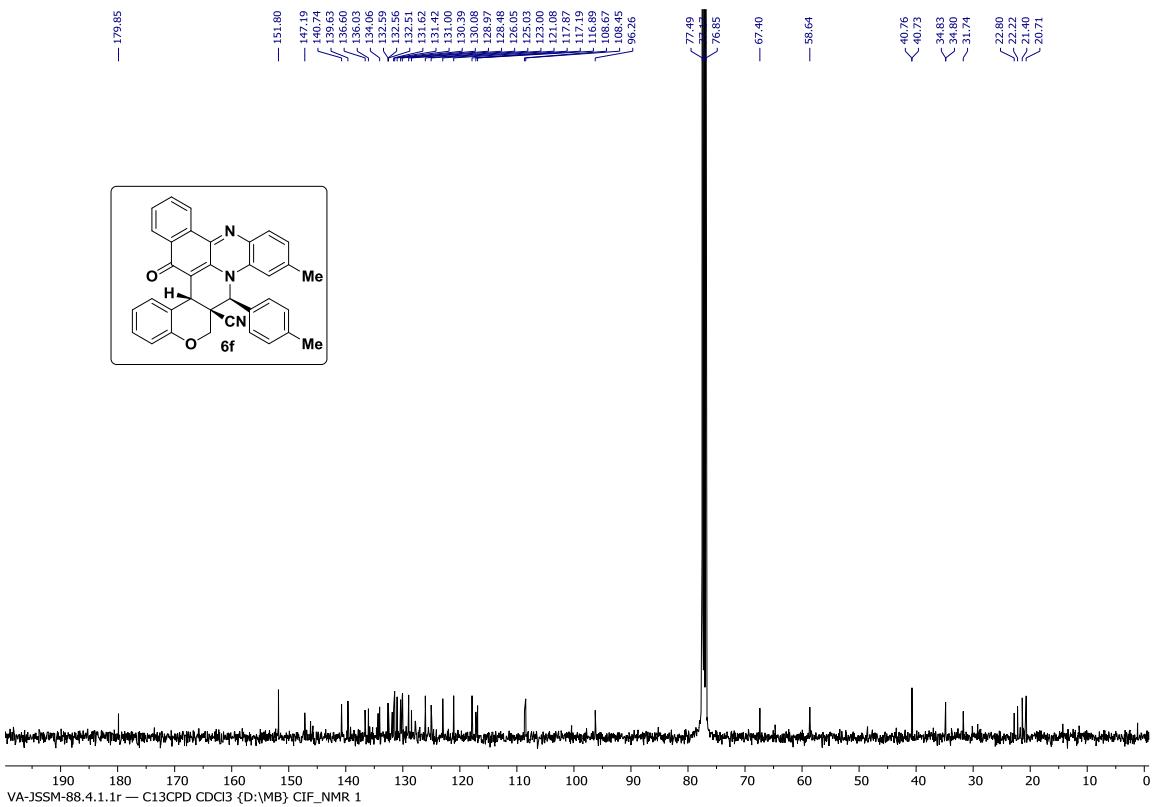


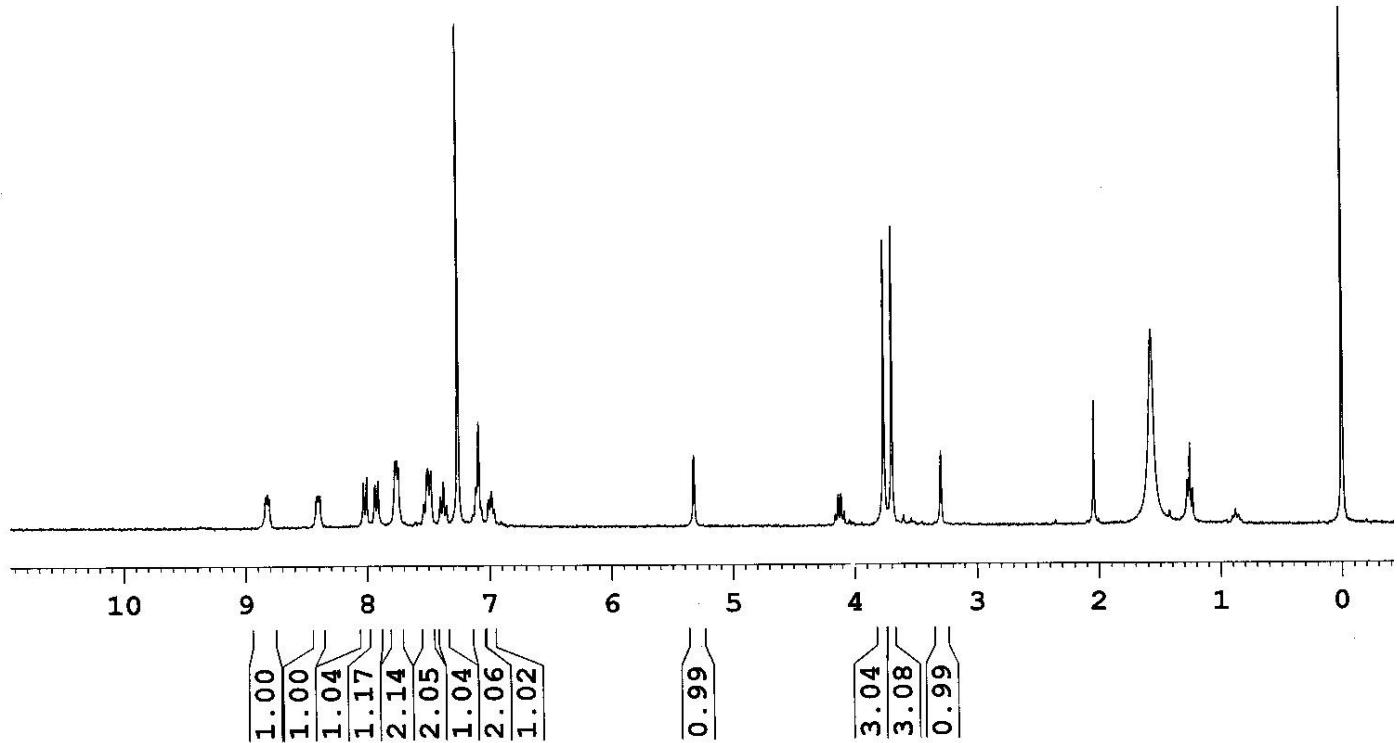
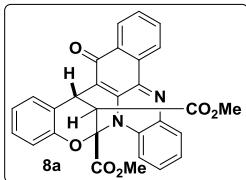
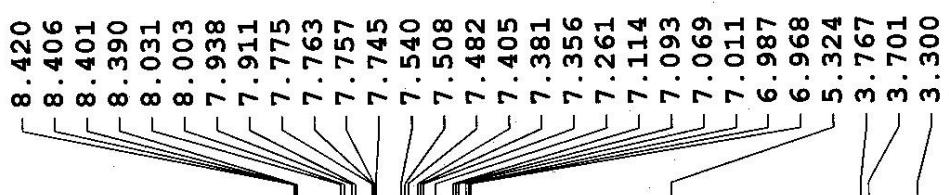


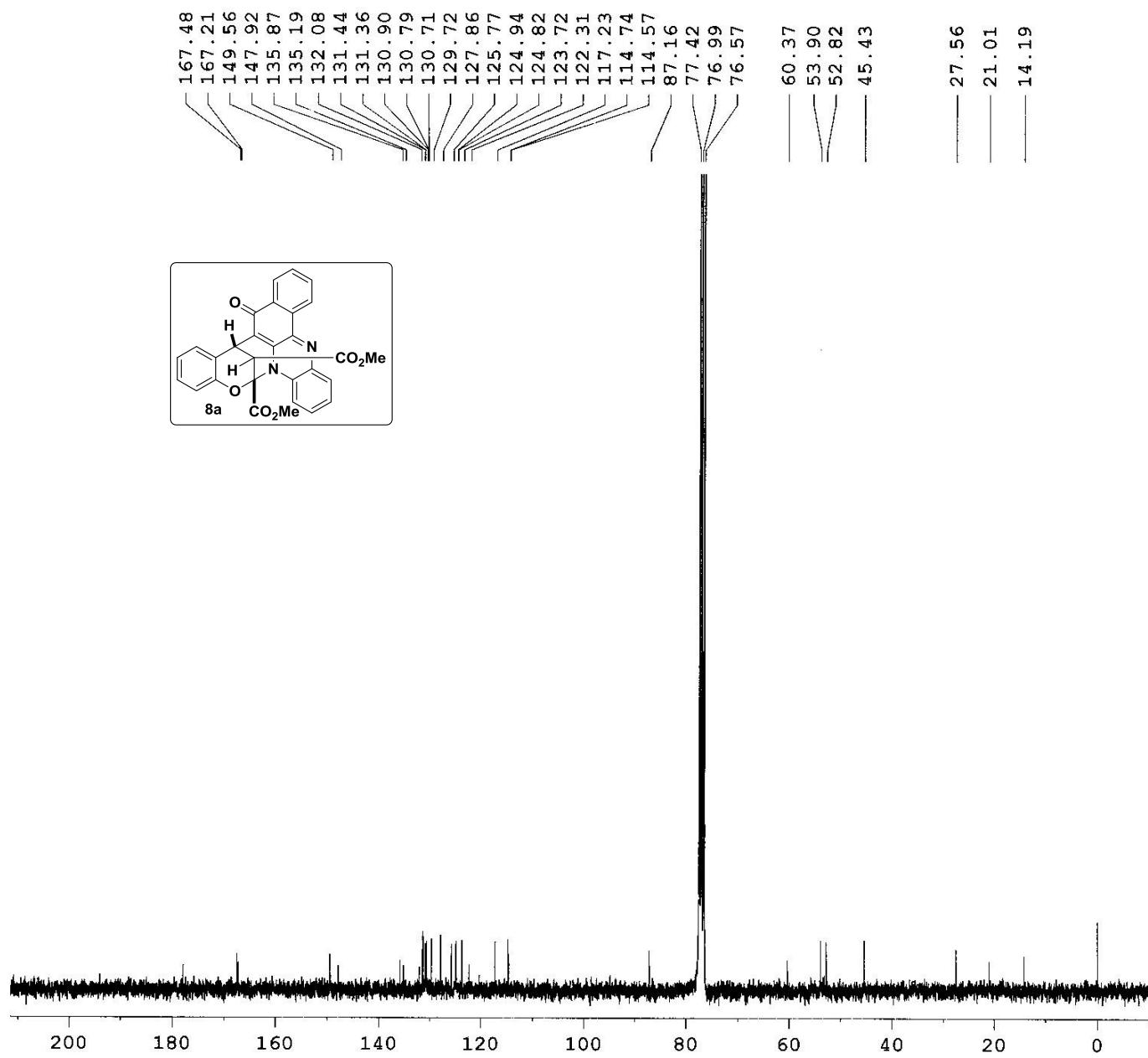


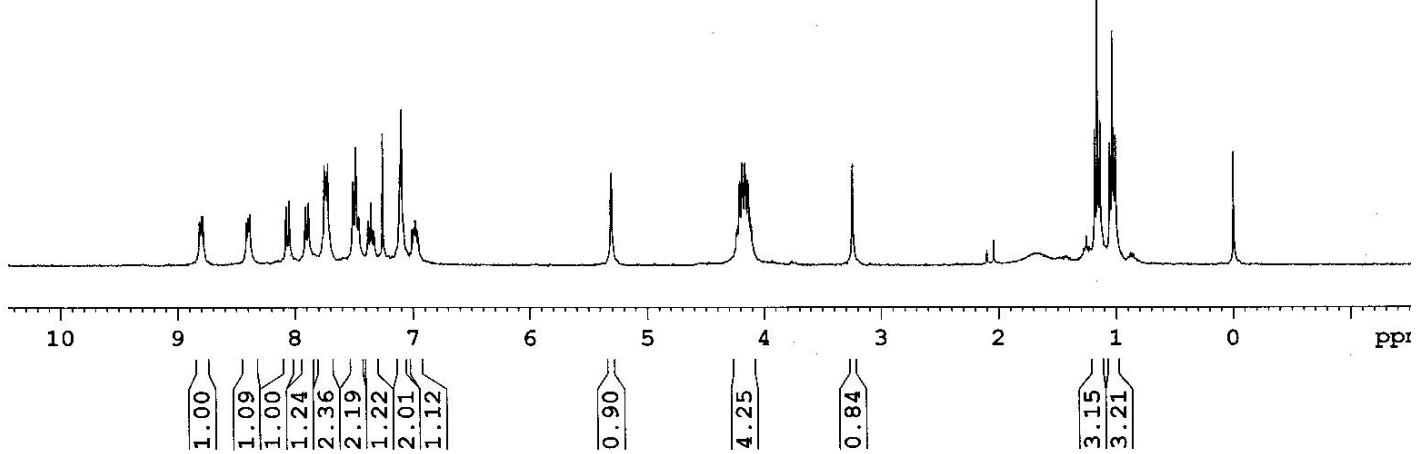
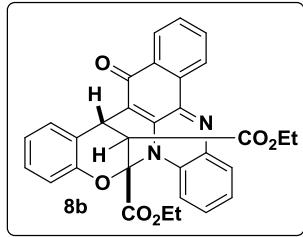
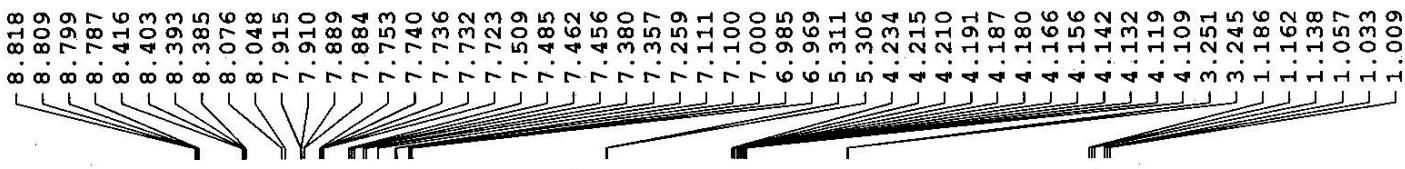


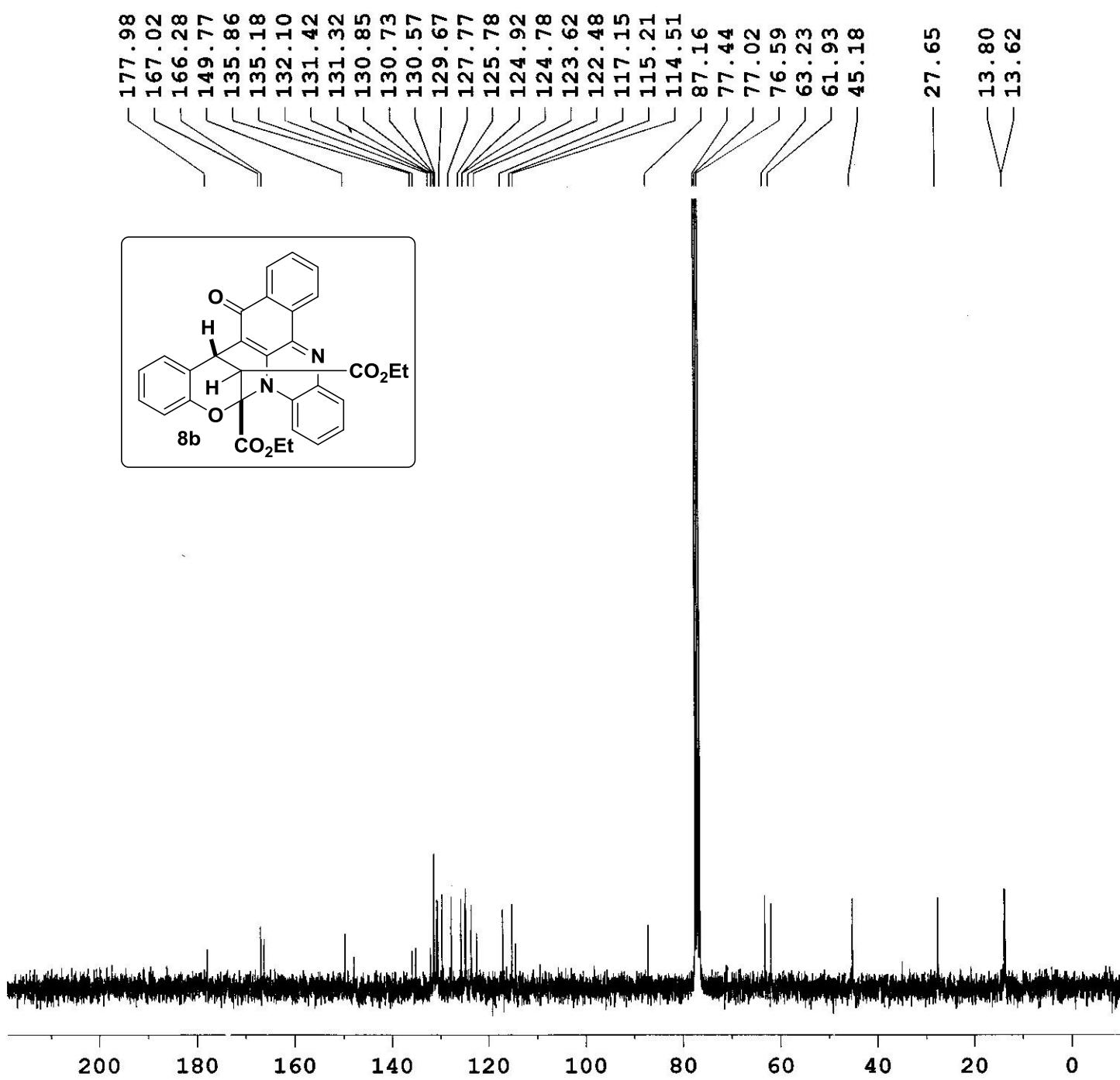


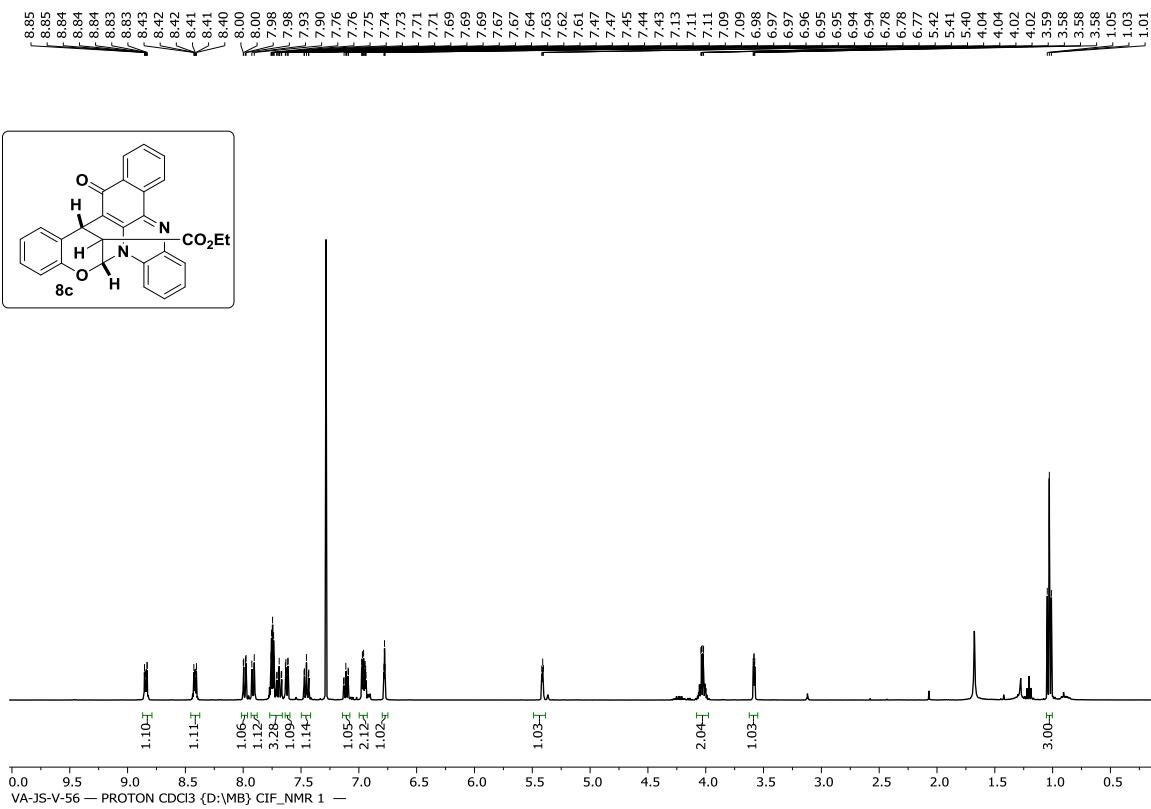


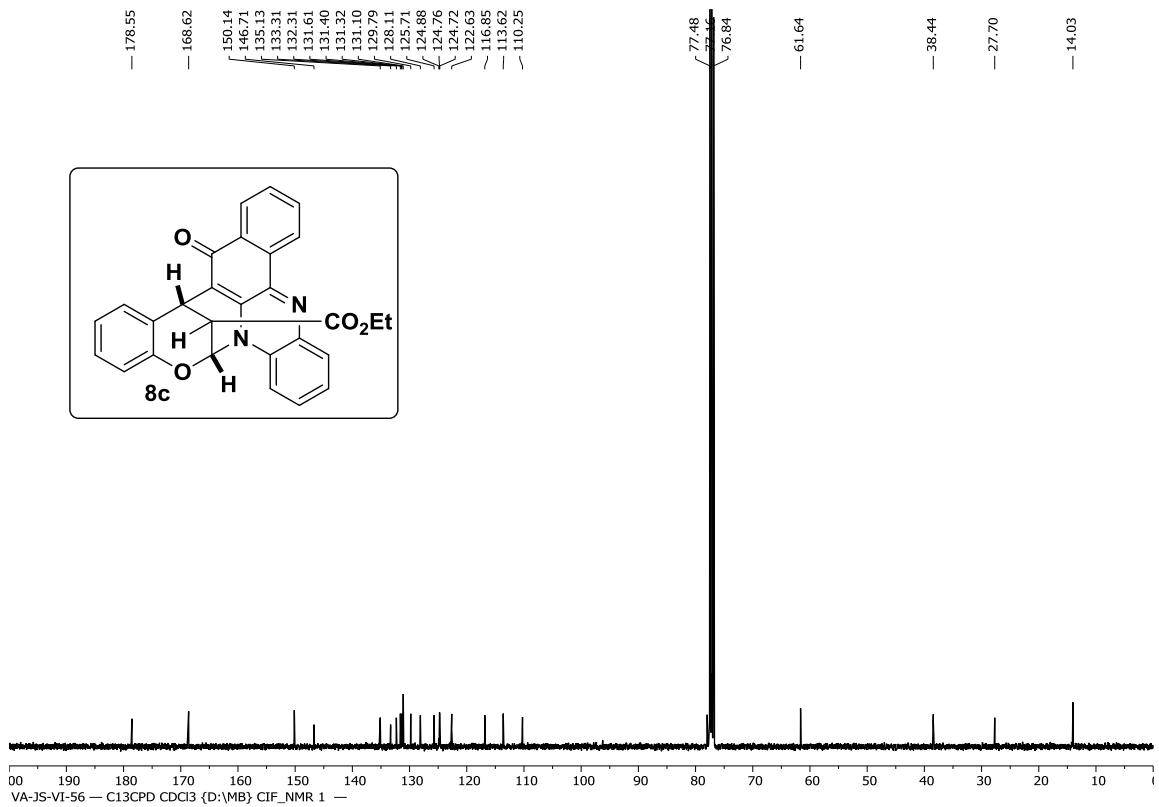


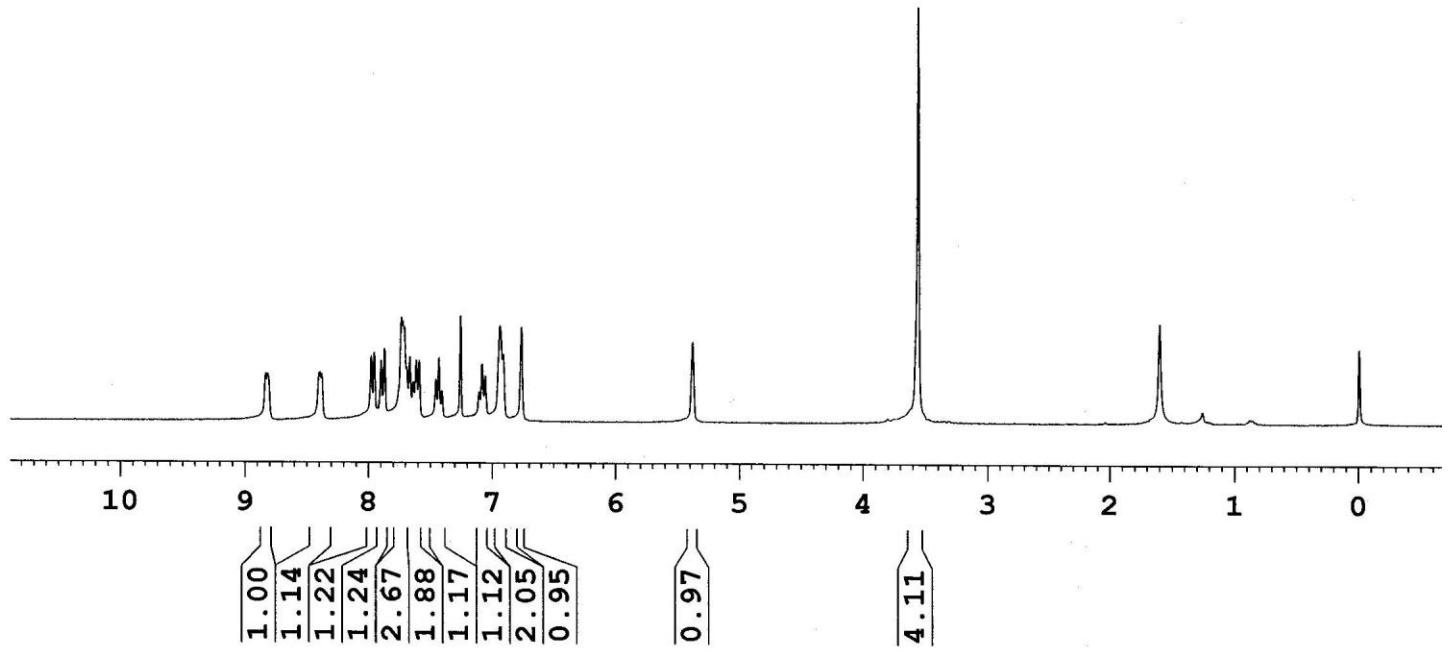
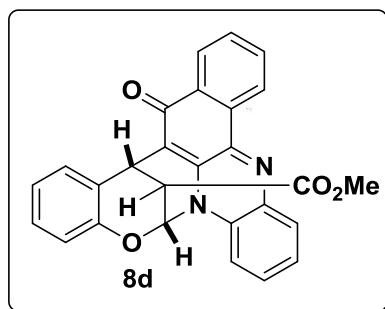
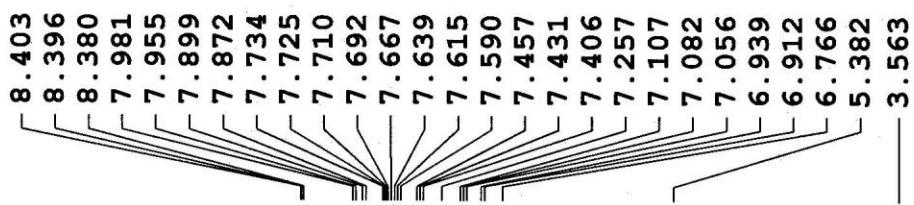


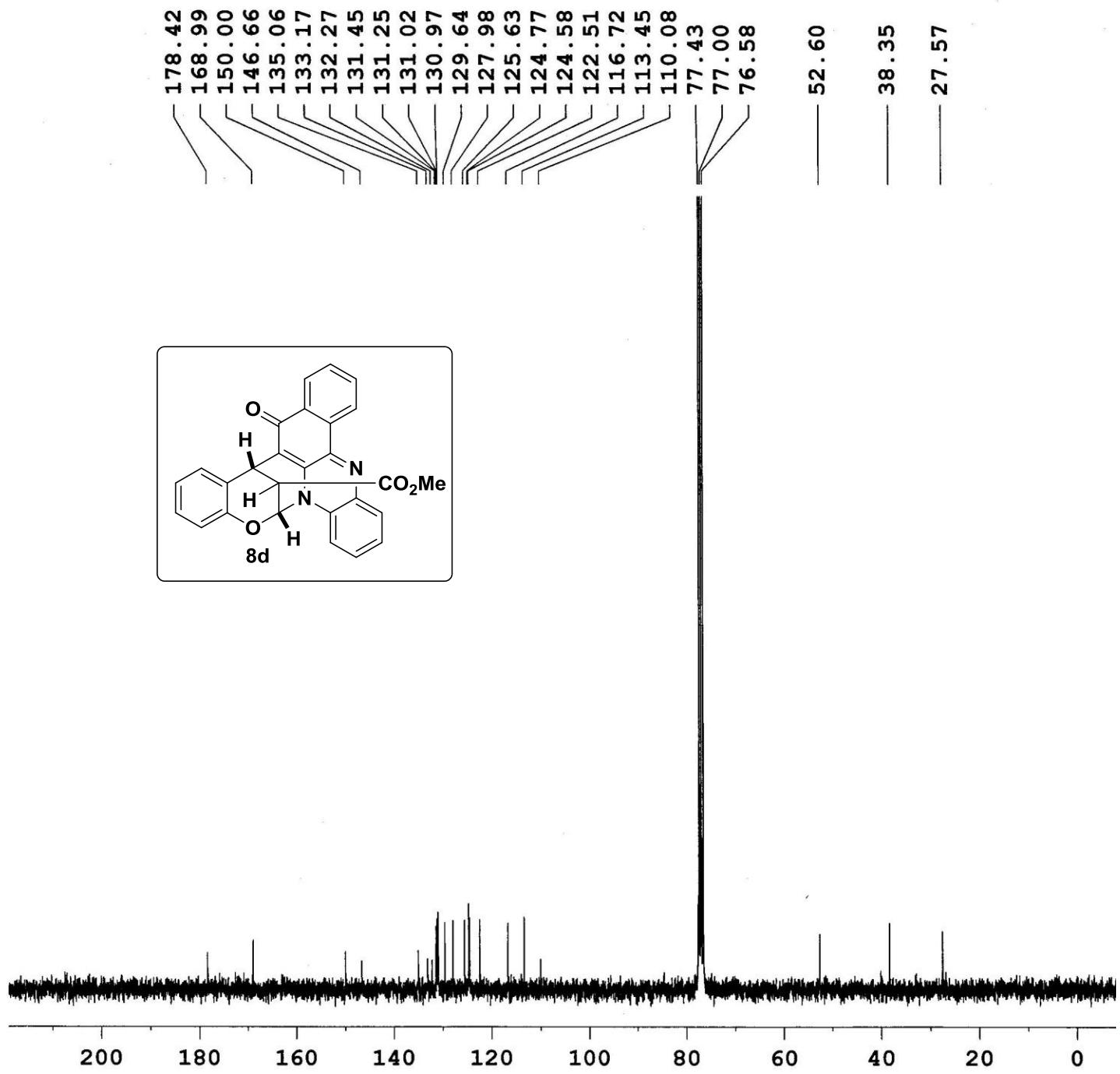




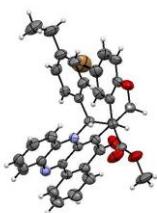
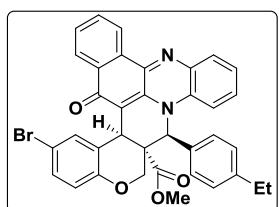






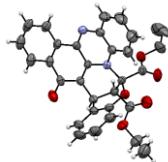
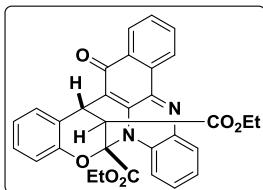


3) Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound 4l.



Identification code	MB-2-29-03-14
Empirical formula	C ₃₅ H ₂₇ BrN ₂ O ₄
Formula weight	630.11
Temperature/K	298
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	10.8736(11)
b/Å	11.2191(11)
c/Å	12.8583(13)
α/°	70.525(9)
β/°	84.720(8)
γ/°	84.754(8)
Volume/Å ³	1469.5(3)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.400
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.441
F(000)	636.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.38 × 0.24 × 0.16
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.54 to 58.42
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -14 ≤ k ≤ 15, -16 ≤ l ≤ 17
Reflections collected	15946
Independent reflections	6803 [R _{int} = 0.0439, R _{sigma} = 0.0643]
Data/restraints/parameters	6803/0/390
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.015
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0598, wR ₂ = 0.1384
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.1292, wR ₂ = 0.1773
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.41/-0.68

Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound 8b.



Identification code	MB-4-29-03-14
Empirical formula	C ₃₁ H ₂₅ N ₂ O ₆
Formula weight	521.53
Temperature/K	293 (2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	12.2139(7)
b/Å	10.5529(9)
c/Å	19.644(2)
α/°	90.00
β/°	96.522(7)
γ/°	90.00
Volume/Å ³	2515.5(4)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.377
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.096
F(000)	1092.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.28 × 0.24 × 0.18
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data collection/°	7.82 to 58.14
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 16, -10 ≤ k ≤ 14, -19 ≤ l ≤ 25
Reflections collected	7487
Independent reflections	4410 [R _{int} = 0.0290, R _{sigma} = 0.0470]
Data/restraints/parameters	4410/0/363
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.051
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0578, wR ₂ = 0.1550
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0973, wR ₂ = 0.1834
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.30/-0.23