

Supporting Information

Redox-Neutral *Ortho*-C–H Amination of Pinacol Arylborates via Palladium(II)/Norbornene Catalysis for Anilines Synthesis

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1. General information.

All reactions dealing with moisture-sensitive compounds were performed by standard Schlenk techniques in oven-dried reaction vessels under air atmosphere. Unless otherwise noted, all solvents were dried by JC Meyer Solvent Drying System. Most reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.2 mm commercial silica gel plates, using UV light as the visualizing agent or basic solution of KMnO₄ as a developing agent. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 MHz instrument and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 100 MHz instrument and were calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent as an internal reference (CDCl₃ @ 7.26 ppm ¹H NMR, 77.16 ppm ¹³C NMR). The following abbreviations were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, td = triplet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, m = multiplet, br = broad. IR spectra were obtained on a Thermo Scientific Spectrum Nicolet iS10 spectrometer using thin films deposited on KBr plates (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and were reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Gas chromatography (GC) were recorded on Agilent 7890 instrument and the biphenyl as internal standard. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on DIONEX UltiMate 3000 & Bruker Compact TOF mass spectrometer.

2. Optimization of reaction conditions.

Table S1. Solvent screening.^a

Pd(OAc)_2 (10 mol%)
 NBE (2.0 equiv)
 K_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv)
 Solvent (1.0 M), air, 50 °C

Entry	Solvent	Yield
1	DMA	14%
2	DMF	15%
3	CH ₃ CN	9%
4	Dioxane	1%
5	Toluene	1%
6	DCE	n.d.
7	DMSO	35%

[a] GC yield, using biphenyl as internal standard.

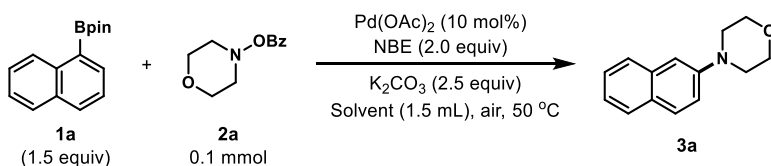
Table S2. Base screening.^a

Pd(OAc)_2 (10 mol%)
 NBE (2.0 equiv)
 Base (2.0 equiv)
 DMSO (1.5 mL), air, 70 °C

Entry	Base	Yield
1	K ₂ CO ₃	53%
2	Na ₂ CO ₃	33%
3	Cs ₂ CO ₃	17%
4	KOAc	5%
5	KHCO ₃	58%
6	KOH	67%
7 ^b	KOH	70%

[a] GC yield, using biphenyl as internal standard; [b] KOH (2.5 equiv).

Table S3. Co-solvent screening.^a

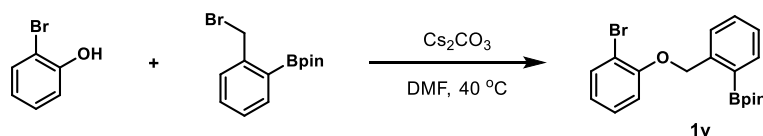


Entry	Solvent / (v:v)	Yield
1 ^b	DMSO:Dioxane (2:5)	70%
2	DMSO:Dioxane (2:5)	82%
3	DMSO:Toluene (2:5)	77%
4	DMSO:THF (2:5)	65%
5	DMSO:DMF (2:5)	68%
6	DMSO:CH ₃ CN (2:5)	76%
7	DMSO:Dioxane (1:2)	45%
8	DMSO:Dioxane (1:4)	75%

[a] GC yield, using biphenyl as internal standard; [b] KOH instead of K_2CO_3 .

3. Preparation of arylboronic esters.

3.1. Preparation of arylboronic ester **1v**.



To a 25 mL of oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 2-bromophenol (778.0 mg, 4.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 2-(2-(bromomethyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (888.0 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), cesium carbonate (1.9 g, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMF (10.0 mL) at r.t.. The reaction was heated at 40 °C and stirred for 5 h. Then the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and sequentially washed with water, brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 50:1) to yield the desired product **1v** (673 mg, 59% yield).

Physical state: colorless oil;

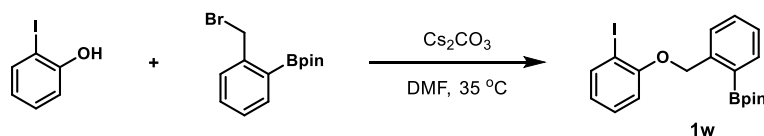
R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 50:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.87 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 2H), 1.32 (s, 12H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.5, 143.2, 136.2, 133.4, 131.1, 128.5, 127.06, 127.05, 121.2, 113.7, 112.4, 83.9, 70.3, 25.0;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{BBrNaO}_3^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 410.0773, found 410.0772.

3.2. Preparation of arylboronic ester **1w**.



To a 25 mL of oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 2-iodophenol (330.0 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), 2-(2-(bromomethyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (296.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), cesium carbonate (651.5 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMF (4.0 mL) at r.t.. The reaction was heated at $35\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred for 3 h. Then the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and sequentially washed with water, brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 50:1) to yield the desired product **1w** (300 mg, 69% yield).

Physical state: colorless oil;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 50:1);

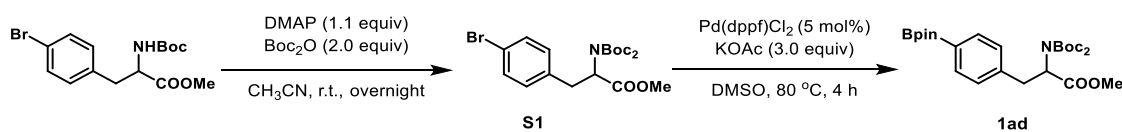
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 1.33 (s, 12H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.6, 143.2, 139.5, 136.1, 131.5, 129.5, 127.1, 127.0, 122.4, 112.6, 86.8, 83.9, 70.4, 25.1;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{BNaO}_3^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 459.0599, found 459.0603.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.¹

3.3. Preparation of arylboronic ester **1ad**.



To a solution of methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)propanoate (1.07 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₃CN (10 mL) were added DMAP (403 mg, 3.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Boc₂O (1.4 mL, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at r.t., and the mixture was stirred overnight. Then the reaction mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel containing saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The aqueous portion was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield the crude product **S1** (1.41 g) used in the next step straightly.

To a 50 mL of oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **S1** (457 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Bis(pinacolato)diboron (280 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv), PdCl₂(dppf) (36 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.05 equiv), KOAc (290 mg, 3.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and DMSO (6 mL) under Ar atmosphere, then heated at 80 °C and stirred for 4 h. Then the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 10:1) to yield the desired product **1ad** (460 mg, 93% yield for two steps).

Physical state: colorless oil;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

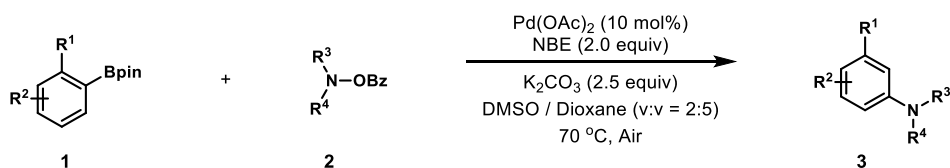
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 18H), 1.32 (s, 12H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.0, 151.8, 141.1, 135.0, 129.1, 83.8, 83.1, 59.4, 52.4, 36.5, 28.0, 25.2, 24.9;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2979, 2934, 1748, 1701, 1366, 1267, 1142, 1089, 859, 658 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₆H₄₀BNNaO₈⁺ [*M*+Na⁺] 528.2744, found 528.2754.

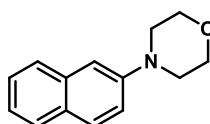
4. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3.



To a 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the corresponding pinacol arylborate **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), *O*-benzoyl hydroxylamines **2** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), K₂CO₃ (69.0 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv), NBE (37.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMSO / Dioxane (2.8 mL, v:v = 2:5). The reaction was stirred at 70 °C under air (ballon) and monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., then filtered through a thin pad of celite, eluting with ethyl acetate (15 mL). The filtrate was sequentially washed with water, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel or by PTLC to yield the title product **3**.

5. Characterization data for compounds 3.

4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)morpholine (3a, CAS: 7508-21-6)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Yield: 84%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

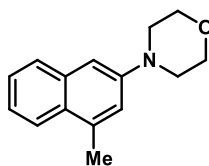
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.94 – 3.91 (m, 4H), 3.28 – 3.26 (m, 4H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.2, 134.6, 129.0, 128.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 123.7, 119.1, 110.2, 67.1, 49.9;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₄H₁₆NO⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 214.1226, found 214.1228.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.²

4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)morpholine (3b, CAS: 1174508-56-5)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 68%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

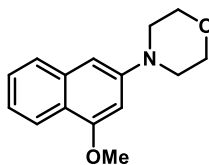
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 3.94 – 3.92 (m, 4H), 3.28 – 3.26 (m, 4H), 2.69 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.8, 135.4, 134.9, 128.2, 127.5, 126.2, 124.0, 123.5, 119.8, 108.7, 67.1, 49.9, 19.8;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 228.1383, found 228.1382.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.³

4-(4-Methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)morpholine (3c)



Physical state: brown oil;

Yield: 62%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

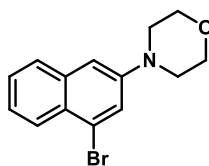
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.94 – 3.92 (m, 4H), 3.27 – 3.25 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.3, 149.8, 135.3, 127.1, 126.6, 123.1, 121.9, 121.7, 103.2, 98.0, 67.1, 55.5, 50.4;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 3446, 2957, 2359, 1627, 1446, 1409, 1269, 1109, 985, 746 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 244.1332, found 244.1334.

4-(4-Bromonaphthalen-2-yl)morpholine (3d)



Physical state: light yellow oil;

Yield: 68%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 30:1);

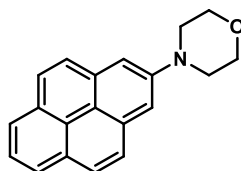
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.89 (m, 4H), 3.26 – 3.23 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.2, 135.4, 127.30, 127.28, 127.27, 126.9, 124.9, 123.7, 122.9, 110.2, 66.9, 49.6;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2960, 2852, 1621, 1595, 1448, 1225, 1121, 983, 942, 763 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 292.0332, found 292.0332.

4-(Pyren-2-yl)morpholine (3e)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Melting point: 156 – 158 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

Yield: 70%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

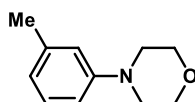
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.03 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.96 – 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 4.01 – 3.99 (m, 4H), 3.47 – 3.45 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.7, 132.4, 130.3, 128.0, 127.1, 125.2, 124.9, 124.8, 119.9, 112.7, 67.2, 50.1;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2960, 2843, 1601, 1448, 1256, 1120, 984, 859, 848, 706 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 288.1383, found 288.1385.

4-(*m*-Tolyl)morpholine (3f, CAS:7025-91-4)



Physical state: colorless oil

Yield: 70%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

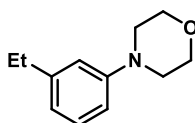
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.71 (m, 3H), 3.88 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.17 – 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.5, 139.0, 129.2, 121.1, 116.7, 113.0, 67.1, 49.6, 21.9;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 178.1226, found 178.1229.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.²

4-(3-Ethylphenyl)morpholine (3g)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 61%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

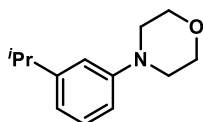
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 3.89 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 3.18 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.63 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.5, 145.4, 129.2, 119.9, 115.6, 113.2, 67.1, 49.6, 29.3, 15.8;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 192.1383, found 192.1385.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁴

4-(3-Isopropylphenyl)morpholine (3h)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 44%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

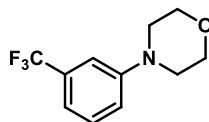
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.22 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.74 (m, 3H), 3.89 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 3.18 – 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.87 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.5, 150.1, 129.2, 118.5, 114.4, 113.3, 67.1, 49.7, 34.6, 24.2;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 206.1539, found 206.1543.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁴

4-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)morpholine (3i)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 39%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 3.88 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 3.21 – 3.19 (m, 4H);

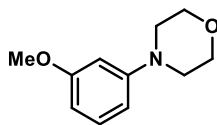
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.52, 131.63 (q, J = 31.8 Hz), 129.76, 124.40 (q, J = 272.4 Hz), 118.58, 118.57, 116.37 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 112.00 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 66.86, 48.97;

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.7;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 232.0944, found 232.0946.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.²

4-(3-Methoxyphenyl)morpholine (3j, CAS: 32040-09-8)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 67%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

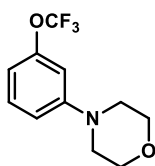
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.55 – 6.52 (m, 1H), 6.46 – 6.44 (m, 2H), 3.87 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.17 – 3.14 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.7, 152.8, 123.0, 108.6, 104.8, 102.3, 67.0, 55.3, 49.4;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 194.1176, found 194.1177.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.²

4-(3-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)morpholine (3k)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 38%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.80 (m, 1H), 6.73 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 3.87 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.18 – 3.16 (m, 4H);

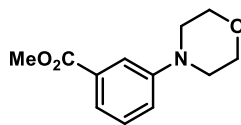
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.7, 150.4, 130.2, 120.6 (q, J = 255.2 Hz), 113.6, 111.8, 108.2, 66.8, 48.9;

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -57.47;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 248.0893, found 248.0895.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁵

Methyl 3-morpholinobenzoate (3l)



Physical state: light yellow oil;

Yield: 75%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

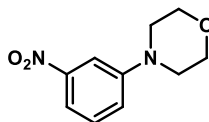
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.87 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.20 – 3.18 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4, 151.3, 131.1, 129.3, 121.1, 120.1, 116.4, 66.9, 52.2, 49.2;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 222.1125, found 222.1125.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.²

4-(3-Nitrophenyl)morpholine (3m, CAS: 116922-22-6)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Yield: 77%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

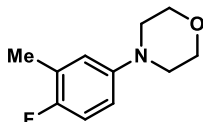
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.87 (m, 4H), 3.26 – 3.24 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.0, 149.4, 129.9, 121.0, 114.3, 109.6, 66.7, 48.6;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_3^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 231.0740, found 231.0737.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.²

4-(4-Fluoro-3-methylphenyl)morpholine (3n)



Physical state: light yellow oil;

Yield: 54%;

R_f = 0.35 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.91 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 3.86 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 3.08 – 3.05 (m, 4H), 2.25 (s, 3H);

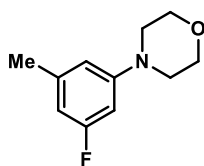
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.1 (d, J = 236.6 Hz), 147.7 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 125.2 (d, J = 17.8 Hz), 119.3 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 115.3 (d, J = 22.9 Hz), 114.9 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 67.1, 50.5, 15.1 (d, J = 3.3 Hz);

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –128.3;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2960, 2854, 1505, 1261, 1223, 1121, 880, 803, 759, 701 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 196.1132, found 196.1133.

4-(3-Fluoro-5-methylphenyl)morpholine (3o)



Physical state: light yellow oil;

Yield: 56%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.49 (s, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 3.85 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 3.15 – 3.13 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H);

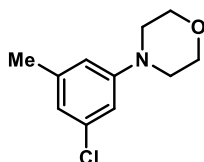
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.9 (d, J = 242.6 Hz), 152.8 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 140.7 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 111.7 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 107.3 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 99.8 (d, J = 25.3 Hz), 66.9, 49.1, 21.9 (d, J = 2.3 Hz);

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ –113.4;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2961, 2855, 1614, 1589, 1450, 1268, 1194, 1134, 1123, 1019 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 196.1132, found 196.1135.

4-(3-Chloro-5-methylphenyl)morpholine (3p)



Physical state: light yellow oil;

Yield: 62%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 30:1);

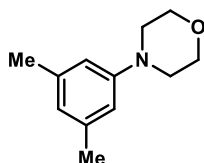
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.69 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 3.85 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 3.15 – 3.12 (m, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.3, 140.4, 134.8, 120.7, 114.6, 112.9, 66.9, 49.1, 21.7;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2961, 2854, 1600, 1572, 1449, 1250, 1122, 992, 890, 828 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 212.0837, found 212.0839.

4-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)morpholine (3q, CAS: 16800-77-4)



Physical state: light yellow oil;

Yield: 60%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

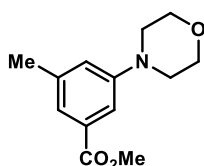
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.57 (s, 3H), 3.87 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.16 – 3.14 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 6H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.5, 138.8, 122.1, 113.8, 67.1, 49.7, 21.8;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 192.1383, found 192.1387.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁶

Methyl 3-methyl-5-morpholinobenzoate (3r)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 74%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

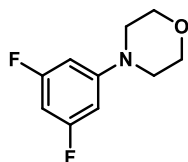
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 2.94 – 2.92 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.3, 151.4, 138.5, 131.3, 128.8, 124.7, 120.2, 67.4, 52.3, 52.1, 18.3;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2952, 2852, 1720, 1435, 1270, 1251, 1117, 1000, 941, 762 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 236.1281, found 236.1283.

4-(3,5-Difluorophenyl)morpholine (3s, CAS: 736991-31-4)



Physical state: light yellow oil;

Yield: 69%;

R_f = 0.6 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.39 – 6.32 (m, 2H), 6.28 (tt, J = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.82 (m, 4H), 3.15 – 3.13 (m, 4H);

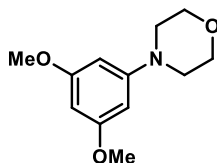
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.1 (dd, J = 244.3, 15.8 Hz), 153.4 (t, J = 12.2 Hz), 98.0 – 97.7 (m), 94.6 (t, J = 26.1 Hz), 66.6, 48.4;

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -119.0 (s);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 200.0881, found 200.0877.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁷

4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)morpholine (3t, CAS: 102739-73-1)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 52%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

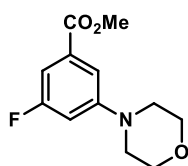
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.084 – 6.079 (m, 2H), 6.05 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.15 – 3.12 (m, 4H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.6, 153.4, 94.8, 91.9, 67.0, 55.4, 49.5;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈NO₃⁺ [M+H⁺] 224.1281, found 224.1276.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁴

Methyl 3-fluoro-5-morpholinobenzoate (3u)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 50%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 10:1);

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.74 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.87 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 3.21 – 3.19 (m, 4H);

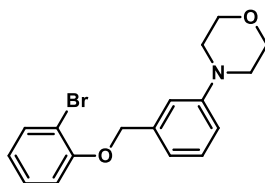
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.5 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 163.6 (d, *J* = 244.1 Hz), 152.8 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 132.5 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 112.0 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 107.2 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 106.5 (d, *J* = 25.5 Hz), 66.7, 52.5, 48.6;

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –111.4;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2957, 2855, 1723, 1613, 1588, 1448, 1277, 1122, 1008, 766 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₂H₁₅FNO₃⁺ [M+H⁺] 240.1030, found 240.1024.

4-(3-((2-Bromophenoxy)methyl)phenyl)morpholine (3v)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 55%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 6:1);

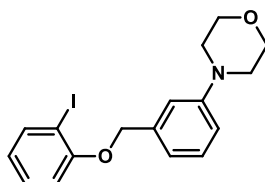
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.88 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 3.20 – 3.18 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.1, 151.7, 137.7, 133.5, 129.5, 128.6, 122.3, 118.5, 115.2, 114.1, 114.0, 112.6, 71.0, 67.0, 49.3;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2919, 2850, 1603, 1585, 1477, 1441, 1243, 1121, 1029c, 747 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrNO}_2^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 348.0594, found 348.0589.

4-(3-((2-Iodophenoxy)methyl)phenyl)morpholine (3w)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 51%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

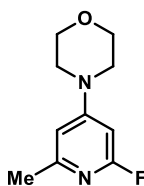
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.72 (td, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.88 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 3.21 – 3.18 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 157.3, 151.7, 139.6, 137.7, 129.6, 129.4, 123.0, 118.4, 115.2, 114.2, 112.9, 87.0, 71.0, 67.0, 49.4;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2958, 2852, 2360, 1603, 1583, 1470, 1244, 1121, 1017, 748 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{INO}_2^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 396.0455, found 396.0454.

4-(2-Fluoro-6-methylpyridin-4-yl)morpholine (3x)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 43%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 10.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 – 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.10 – 3.07 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H);

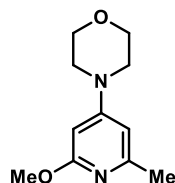
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 154.5 (d, J = 236.8 Hz), 138.2 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 134.5 (d, J = 23.8 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 128.2 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 66.9, 50.4 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 17.8;

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –78.1;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2965, 2857, 1740, 1451, 1249, 1102, 1048, 1008, 858, 709 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 197.1085, found 197.1086.

4-(2-Methoxy-6-methylpyridin-4-yl)morpholine (3y)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 44%;

R_f = 0.2 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

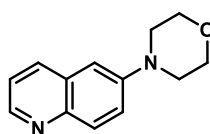
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.25 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.81 – 3.79 (m, 4H), 3.23 – 3.21 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.6, 158.6, 156.6, 102.9, 90.3, 66.6, 53.4, 46.9, 24.7;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2961, 2854, 1606, 1556, 1453, 1205, 1123, 1080, 1051, 818 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 209.1285, found 209.1289.

4-(Quinolin-6-yl)morpholine (3z, CAS: 1275591-19-9)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Melting point: 93 – 95 °C;

Yield: 74%;

R_f = 0.2 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 3:1);

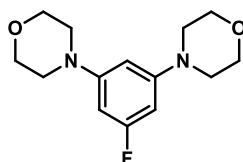
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.72 (dd, J = 4.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.47 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 – 3.90 (m, 4H), 3.29 – 3.27 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.4, 147.9, 144.1, 134.9, 130.2, 129.5, 122.2, 121.57, 109.1, 66.9, 49.5;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 215.1179, found 215.1183.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁴

4,4'-(5-Fluoro-1,3-phenylene)dimorpholine (3aa)



Physical state: white solid;

Boiling point: 98 – 100 °C;

Yield: 42%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.18 – 6.16 (m, 2H), 6.13 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.82 (m, 8H), 3.14 – 3.12 (m, 8H);

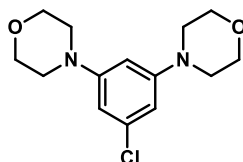
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 164.8 (d, J = 240.1 Hz), 153.5 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 98.4 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 94.9 (d, J = 25.7 Hz), 66.9, 49.3;

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -109.7;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2959, 2853, 1614, 1581, 1449, 1267, 1203, 1121, 1005, 814 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 267.1503, found 267.1502.

4,4'-(5-Chloro-1,3-phenylene)dimorpholine (3ab, CAS: 55086-81-2)



Physical state: colorless oil

Yield: 47%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

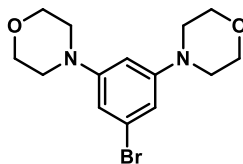
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.43 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.28 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.82 (m, 8H), 3.14 – 3.12 (m, 8H);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.1, 135.8, 108.0, 101.5, 66.9, 49.3;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2959, 2853, 1591, 1565, 1447, 1204, 1121, 1002, 940, 817 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 283.1208, found 283.1207.

4,4'-(5-Bromo-1,3-phenylene)dimorpholine (3ac)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 36%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.32 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.81 (m, 8H), 3.14 – 3.11 (m, 8H);

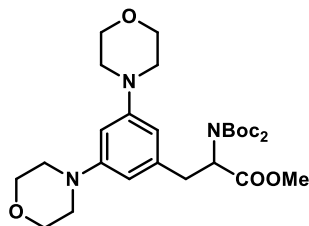
$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.3, 124.1, 111.0, 102.1, 66.9, 49.4;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2958, 2852, 1594, 1557, 1446, 1203, 1120, 1001, 929, 763 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 327.0703, found 327.0704.

Methyl

2-(bis(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(3,5-dimorpholinophenyl)propanoate (3ad)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 26%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 2:1);

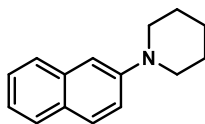
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.30 – 6.28 (m, 3H), 5.13 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 – 3.81 (m, 8H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 3.12 (m, 1H), 3.12 – 3.09 (m, 8H), 1.39 (s, 18H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.1, 152.5, 151.9, 139.2, 109.9, 102.7, 83.0, 67.1, 59.4, 52.4, 49.9, 36.8, 28.0;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2920, 2851, 1744, 1594, 1367, 1253, 1141, 1121, 1004, 872 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₈H₄₃N₃NaO₈⁺ [*M*+Na⁺] 572.2941, found 572.2941.

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)piperidine (3B, CAS: 5465-85-0)



Physical state: white solid;

Yield: 57%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

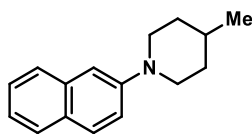
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 – 3.21 (m, 4H), 1.79 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.2, 134.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 126.8, 126.2, 123.2, 120.3, 110.5, 51.2, 26.0, 24.5;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈N⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 212.1434, found 212.1432.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁸

4-Methyl-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidine (3C)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Melting point: 44 – 46 °C;

Yield: 70%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 15:1);

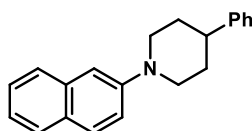
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.64 – 7.59(m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 3.72 – 3.68 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 134.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 126.8, 126.2, 123.2, 120.3, 110.5, 50.5, 34.3, 30.9, 22.1;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2948, 2922, 1627, 1597, 1508, 1338, 1214, 1135, 844, 744 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀N⁺ [M+H⁺] 226.1590, found 226.1592.

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-4-phenylpiperidine (3D, CAS: 1185746-63-7)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Melting point: 116 – 118 °C;

Yield: 72%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 15:1);

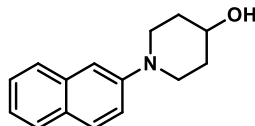
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.18 (m, 8H), 3.95 – 3.92 (m, 2H), 2.93 – 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.74 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.91 (m, 4H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.8, 146.2, 134.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.01, 126.8, 126.5, 126.3, 123.4, 120.3, 110.7, 51.0, 42.7, 33.5;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₁H₂₂N⁺ [M+H⁺] 288.1747, found 288.1747.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁹

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)piperidin-4-ol (3E)



Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 94 – 96 °C;

Yield: 73%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 2:1);

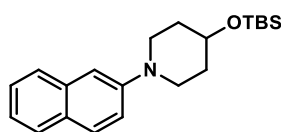
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.89 – 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.68 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.02 – 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.07 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.2, 134.7, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 123.4, 120.1, 110.7, 68.0, 47.8, 34.3;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2939, 2922, 1628, 1508, 1382, 1209, 1062, 833, 738, 475 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈NO⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 228.1383, found 228.1378.

4-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidine (3F)



Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 74 – 76 °C;

Yield: 45%;

R_f = 0.7 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

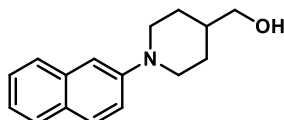
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.57 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.14 – 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 6H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.5, 134.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 123.3, 120.0, 110.5, 67.6, 47.1, 34.5, 26.0, 18.5, -4.5;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2950, 2927, 2854, 1253, 1114, 844, 836, 823, 774, 754 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₁H₃₂NOSi⁺ [M+H⁺] 342.2248, found 342.2243.

(1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)piperidin-4-yl)methanol (3G)



Physical state: purple solid;

Yield: 83%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 2:1);

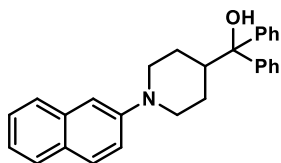
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 3.79 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.66 – 3.53 (m, 3H), 2.83 – 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.26 – 1.11 (m, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 134.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 123.4, 120.4, 110.8, 66.2, 53.8, 51.0, 38.7, 27.2, 24.8;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2928, 2853, 1627, 1597, 1508, 1390, 1216, 1117, 1030, 746 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀NO⁺ [M+H⁺] 242.1539, found 242.1547.

(1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)piperidin-4-yl)diphenylmethanol (3H)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Melting point: 110 – 112 °C;

Yield: 53%;

R_f = 0.6 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.19 (m, 9H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 3.86 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 2.84 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.58 (m, 1H),

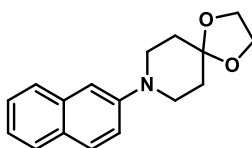
2.13 (s, 1H), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.5, 145.9, 134.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 125.9, 123.4, 120.2, 110.6, 79.7, 50.7, 44.3, 26.6;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2956, 1626, 1596, 1508, 1446, 1387, 1180, 1064, 746, 703 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 394.2165, found 394.2169.

8-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]decane (3I)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Melting point: 90 – 92 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

Yield: 57%;

R_f = 0.6 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

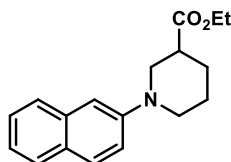
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 4H), 3.47 – 3.42 (m, 4H), 1.95 – 1.89 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.9, 134.7, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 123.4, 120.1, 110.8, 107.3, 64.5, 48.2, 34.7;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2957, 1627, 1597, 1508, 1210, 1142, 1099, 1035, 842, 747 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 270.1489, found 270.1489.

Ethyl 1-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidine-3-carboxylate (3J)



Physical state: yellow oil;

Yield: 71%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 8:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29

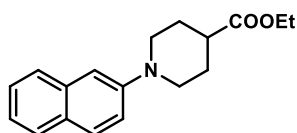
(m, 2H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.63 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.17 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.79 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.92 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 174.0, 149.4, 134.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 123.5, 120.4, 110.9, 60.7, 52.6, 50.3, 41.6, 27.1, 24.4, 14.4;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2936, 1728, 1627, 1598, 1508, 1389, 1178, 1034, 838, 746 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 284.1645, found 284.1639.

Ethyl 1-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (3K)



Physical state: yellow oil;

Yield: 59%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

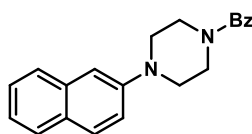
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.75 (dt, $J = 12.4, 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.86 (td, $J = 12.3, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.51 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.15 – 1.86 (m, 4H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 175.0, 149.5, 134.7, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.3, 123.5, 120.2, 110.8, 60.6, 49.7, 41.2, 28.2, 14.4;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2952, 1729, 1627, 1597, 1508, 1389, 1173, 1044, 959, 746 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 284.1645, found 284.1646.

(4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (3L)



Physical state: yellow oil;

Yield: 43%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 2:1);

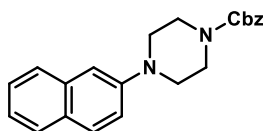
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 3.99 (brs, 2H), 3.64 (brs, 2H), 3.35 (brs, 2H), 3.21 (brs, 2H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.5, 148.8, 135.7, 134.5, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 124.0, 119.8, 111.2, 50.3, 50.1, 47.7, 42.2;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2859, 1699, 1627, 1597, 1429, 1242, 1223, 1120, 963, 747 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₁H₂₁N₂O⁺ [M+H⁺] 317.1648, found 317.1649.

Benzyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3M)



Physical state: yellow solid;

Melting point: 66 – 68 °C;

Yield: 50%;

R_f = 0.5 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 4:1);

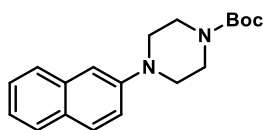
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 3.24 (s, 4H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 155.4, 149.0, 136.7, 134.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 123.9, 119.9, 111.1, 67.4, 49.9, 43.9;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2820, 1702, 1627, 1597, 1429, 1243, 1223, 1120, 963, 697 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₂⁺ [M+H⁺] 347.1754, found 347.1751.

***tert*-Butyl 4-(naphthalen-2-yl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (3N, CAS: 684249-11-4)**



Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 79 – 81 °C;

Yield: 60%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

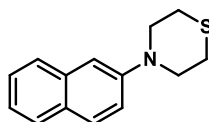
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 3.23 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 1.50 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.9, 149.2, 134.6, 129.0, 128.9, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 123.8, 119.9, 111.0, 80.1, 49.9, 28.6;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2975, 1695, 1628, 1420, 1365, 1247, 1169, 1122, 961, 746 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₉H₂₄N₂NaO₂⁺ [*M*+Na⁺] 335.1730, found 335.1731.

4-(Naphthalen-2-yl)thiomorpholine (3O)



Physical state: white solid;

Yield: 56%;

R_f = 0.6 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

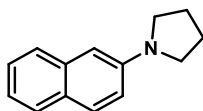
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 – 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (m, 1H), 3.65 – 3.63 (m, 4H), 2.83 – 2.81 (m, 4H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.2, 134.7, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8, 126.5, 123.7, 120.3, 111.5, 52.5, 27.1;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₄H₁₆NS⁺ [*M*+H⁺] 230.0998, found 230.0993.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.¹⁰

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)pyrrolidine (3P, CAS: 13672-14-5)



Physical state: white solid;

Yield: 42%;

R_f = 0.8 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 50:1);

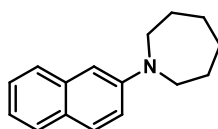
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.43 – 3.40 (m, 4H), 2.08 – 2.04 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.0, 135.4, 128.9, 127.7, 126.4, 126.3, 125.9, 121.3, 115.8, 104.8, 48.0, 25.7;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 198.1277, found 198.1276.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁸

1-(Naphthalen-2-yl)azepane (3Q, CAS:55045-05-1)



Physical state: yellow oil;

Yield: 33%;

R_f = 0.6 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 50:1);

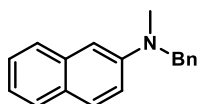
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.57 (m, 4H), 1.88 – 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.60 – 1.56 (m, 4H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.9, 135.5, 129.0, 127.5, 126.2, 126.0, 121.4, 115.3, 104.6, 49.6, 28.0, 27.2;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$] 226.1590, found 226.1591.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁸

N-Benzyl-N-methylnaphthalen-2-amine (3R, CAS: 447407-87-6)



Physical state: yellow oil;

Yield: 35%;

R_f = 0.7 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 5:1);

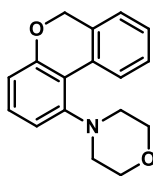
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.09 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.8, 139.0, 135.2, 129.0, 128.7, 127.6, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.4, 126.3, 122.1, 116.3, 106.3, 56.9, 38.8;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₈H₁₈N⁺ [M+H⁺] 248.1434, found 248.1427.

Both the proton and carbon NMR match the literature reported data.⁹

4-(6*H*-Benzo[*c*]chromen-1-yl)morpholine (5)



Physical state: colorless oil;

Yield: 12%;

R_f = 0.3 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

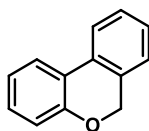
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.73 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 3.85 – 3.79 (m, 6H), 3.18 (s, 1H), 2.88 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.4, 151.0, 131.6, 130.7, 129.7, 128.1, 127.3, 124.9, 124.3, 115.5, 111.9, 111.1, 68.8, 67.0, 52.1;

IR (KBr pellet): ν 2851, 1593, 1446, 1248, 1118, 1029, 977, 798, 741, 722 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₁₇H₁₈NO₂⁺ [M+H⁺] 268.1332, found 268.1326.

6*H*-Benzo[*c*]chromene (6, CAS: 229-95-8)



Physical state: colorless oil;

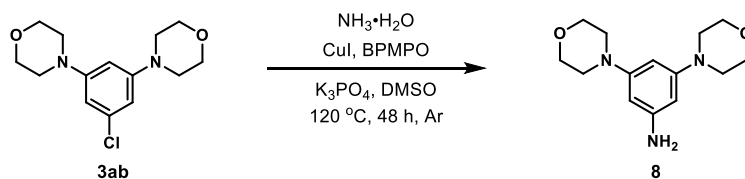
Yield: 84%;

R_f = 0.8 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

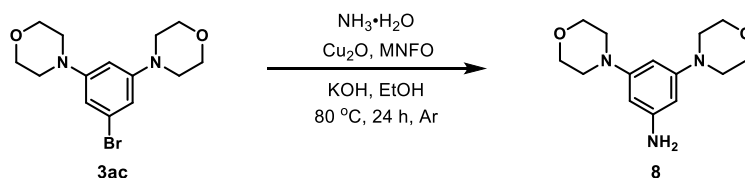
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38

7. Procedure for the synthesis of compound 8.

Compound **8** was prepared according to the literature reported procedure.^{12,13}



Method A: In an argon-filled glove box, an 4.0 mL vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with CuI (0.005 mmol, 1.0 mg, 0.05 equiv), BPMPO (0.01 mmol, 4.0 mg, 0.1 equiv), K_3PO_4 (0.11 mmol, 23.3 mg, 1.1 equiv), **3ab** (0.1 mmol, 28.0 mg, 1.0 equiv), then the vial was tightly sealed and transferred out of glovebox. Ammonia aqueous solution (w/w 25%, 0.3 mmol, 46 μL , 3.0 equiv) and DMSO (0.2 mL) were then added into the reaction vessel via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 48 hours. After the reaction vessel was cooled to r.t., then the mixture was directly concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ($\text{PE}:\text{EtOAc} = 2:1$) to yield the desired product **8** (16.0 mg, 61% yield, 90% brsm) as a white solid and recovered substrate **3ab** (10 mg, 32% yield) as a colorless oil.



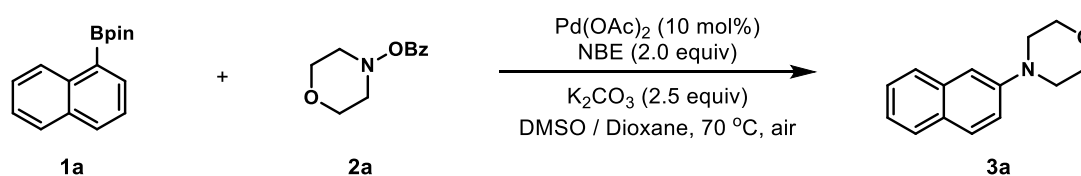
Method B: In an argon-filled glove box, an 4.0 mL vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with Cu_2O (0.008 mmol, 1.2 mg, 0.05 equiv), MNFO (0.008 mmol, 2.32 mg, 0.05 equiv), KOH (0.21 mmol, 11.8 mg, 1.3 equiv), **3ac** (0.16 mmol, 53.0 mg, 1.0 equiv), then the vial was tightly sealed and transferred out of glovebox. Ammonia aqueous solution (w/w 25%, 0.8 mmol, 64 μL , 5.0 equiv) and EtOH (0.2 mL) were then added into the reaction vessel via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 hours. After the reaction vessel was cooled to r.t., then the mixture was concentrated directly *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel ($\text{PE}:\text{EtOAc} = 2:1$) to yield the desired product **8** (27.0 mg, 64% yield) as a white solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.92 (t, $J = 2.1\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.84 (d, $J = 1.9\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 3.83 – 3.81 (m, 8H), 3.12 – 3.09 (m, 8H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 153.5, 148.1, 95.8, 95.3, 67.1, 49.7.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 264.1706, found 264.1701.

The proton NMR match the literature reported data.¹⁴

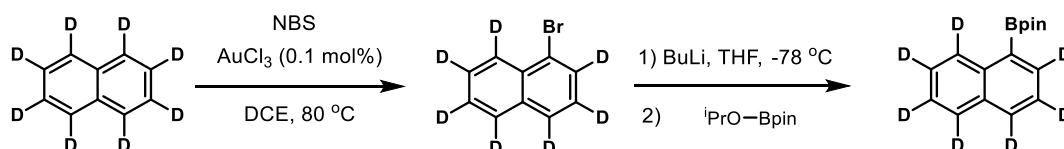
8. Experimental procedure for gram-scale synthesis of compound 3a.



To a 250 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane **1a** (2.29 g, 9.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (135.0 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (2.07 g, 15.0 mmol, 2.5 equiv), morpholino benzoate **2a** (1.24 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), norbornene (1.13 g, 12.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), DMSO (20.0 mL) and Dioxane (50 mL) under air. The reaction was stirred at 70 °C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool down to r.t. and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×40 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 . After filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 20:1) to yield the desired product **3a** (0.92 g, 72% yield) as a yellow solid.

9. Mechanistic study.

9.1. Preparation of 1-naphthylboronic ester- d_7 (**1a-d**).

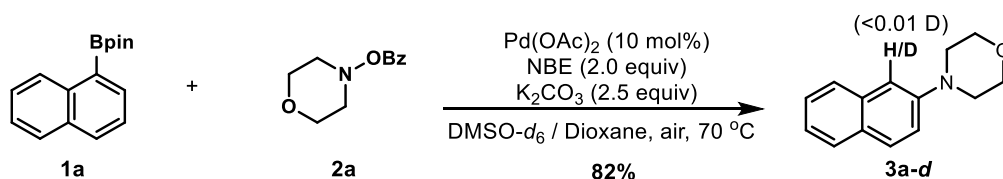


1-Bromonaphthalene- d_7 was prepared according to the literature reported procedure.¹⁵

To a 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with NBS (356.0 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), naphthalene- d_8 (272.4 mg, 2.0 mmol, equiv) and DCE (4 mL). AuCl_3 (0.003 mmol, 1 mg) was dissolved in another 1 mL DCE. 0.07 mL of this AuCl_3 solution was added to the reaction mixture via syringe. The reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h. Upon completion of bromination, the solvent was removed

under reduced pressure. Then 4.0 mL dry THF was added to the reaction mixture under Ar atmosphere and cooled down to -78 °C. ⁿBuLi (0.8 mL, 2.0 mmol, 2.5 M in hexane) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. The temperature was maintained at -78 °C for 1 h and afterwards ^tPrOBpin (446.0 mg, 2.4 mmol) was added. The resulting reaction mixture was allowed to warm to r.t. and stirred for 40 min. The reaction was quenched by saturated NH₄Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL), washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was directly purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE:EtOAc = 20:1) to yield the desired product **1a-d** (207 mg, 40%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (s, 12H).

9.2. Deuterium labelling study with DMSO-*d*₆.



To a 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **1a** (38.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), **2a** (20.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.25 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv), K₂CO₃ (34.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), NBE (18.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMSO-*d*₆ / Dioxane (1.4 mL, v:v=2:5) under air. The reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., then the mixture was filtered through a thin pad of celite eluting with ethyl acetate (15 mL), and the filtrate was sequentially washed with water, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄. After concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product **3a-d**.

Physical state: yellow solid;

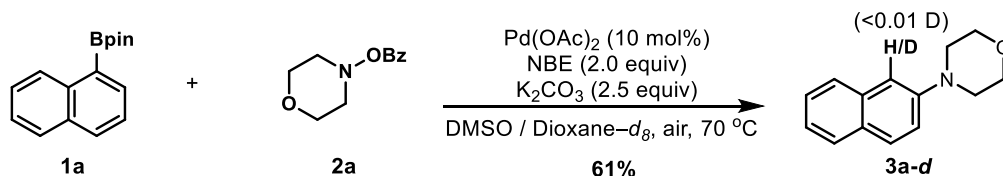
Yield: 82%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.94 – 3.91 (m, 4H), 3.28 – 3.26 (m,

4H).

9.3. Deuterium labelling study with Dioxane-*d*₈



To a 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **1a** (38.1 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), **2a** (20.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.25 mg, 0.01 mmol, 0.1 equiv), K_2CO_3 (34.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv), NBE (18.8 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMSO / Dioxane-*d*₈ (0.7 mL, v:v=2:5) under air. The reaction was stirred at 70 °C. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to r.t., then the mixture was filtered through a thin pad of celite eluting with ethyl acetate (15 mL), and the filtrate was sequentially washed with water, brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 . After concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to yield the desired product **3a-d**.

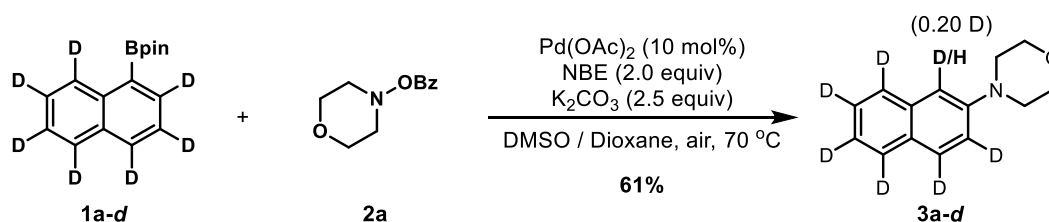
Physical state: yellow solid;

Yield: 61%;

R_f = 0.4 (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.94 – 3.91 (m, 4H), 3.28 – 3.26 (m, 4H).

9.4. Deuterium labelling study with 1-naphthylboronic ester-*d*₇



To a 25 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **1a-d** (39.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), **2a** (20.7 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv),

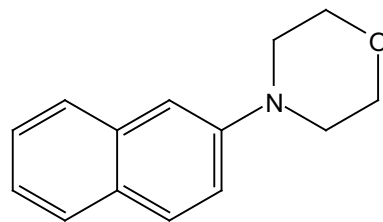
$R_f = 0.4$ (silica gel, PE:EtOAc = 20:1);

$^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.13 (s, 0.35H), 3.94 – 3.91 (m, 4H), 3.28 – 3.26 (m, 4H).

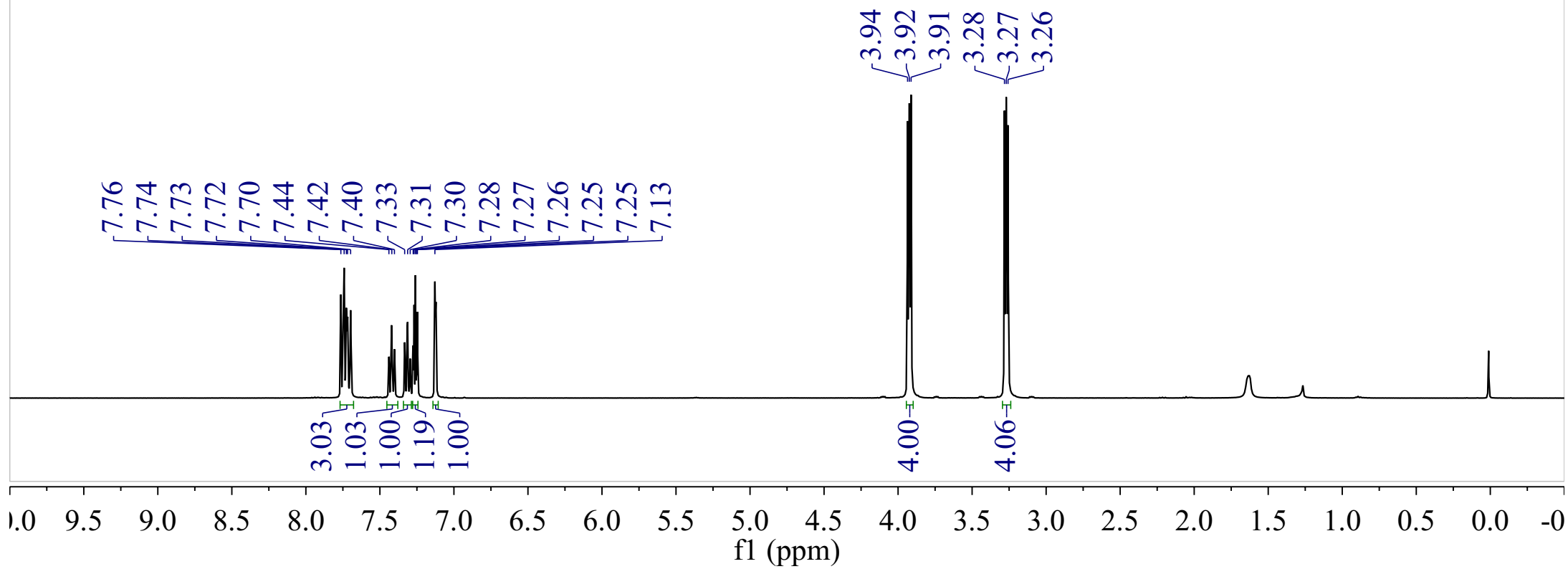
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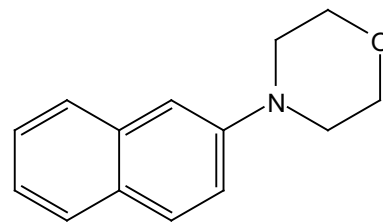
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11. NMR spectra of the new compounds.

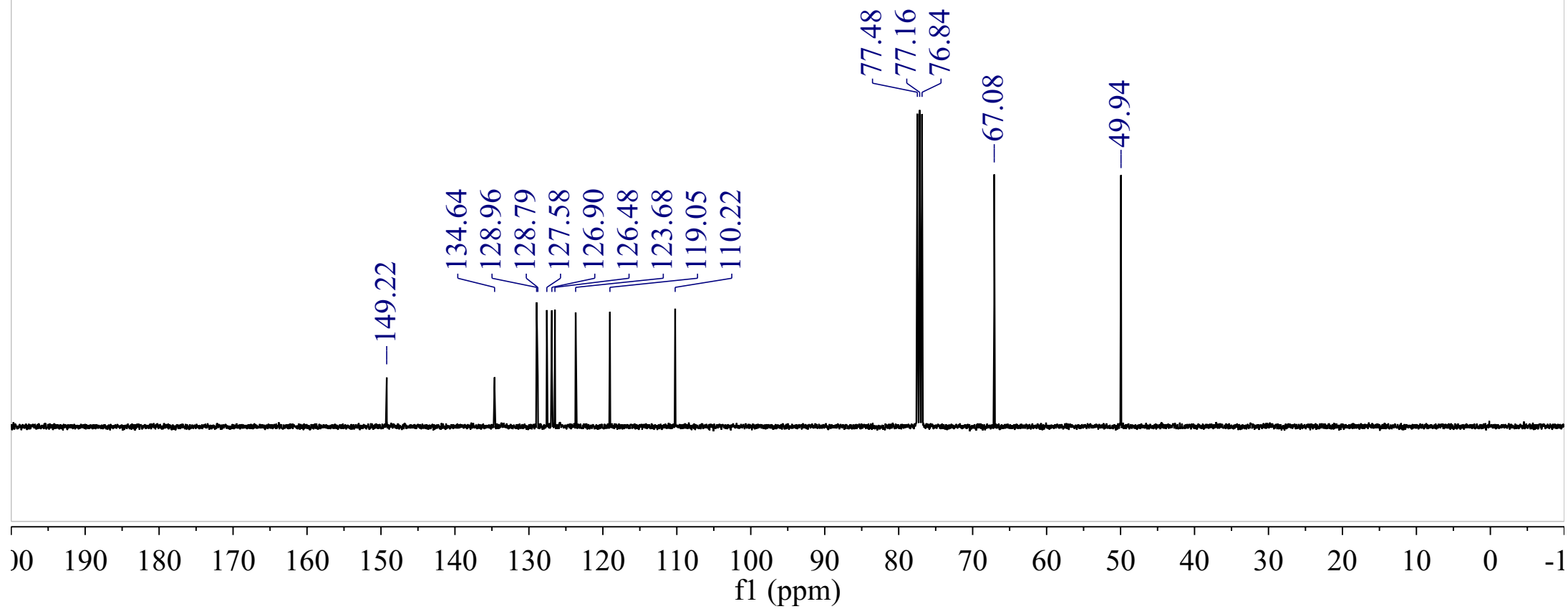


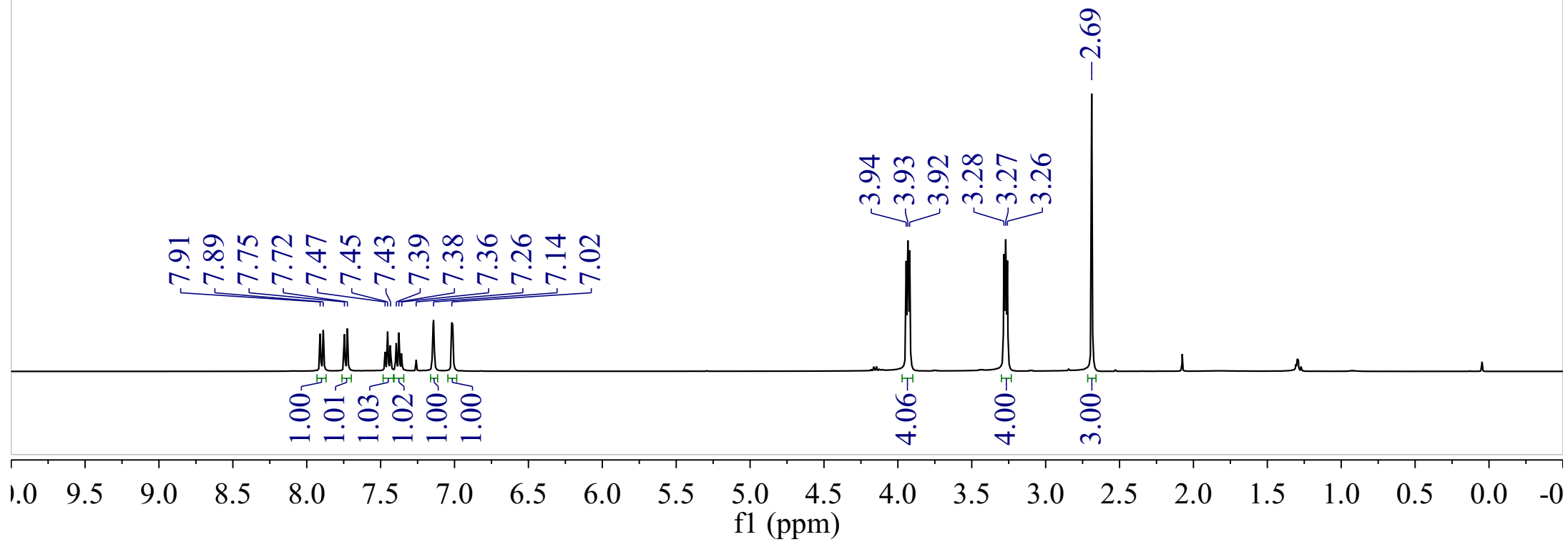
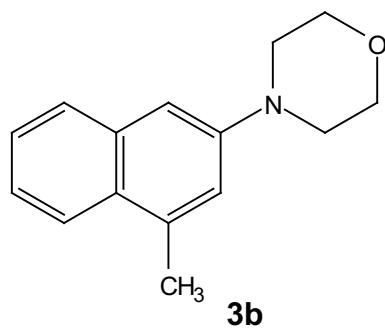
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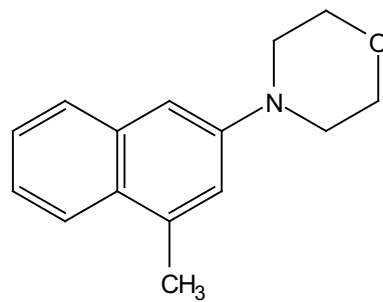




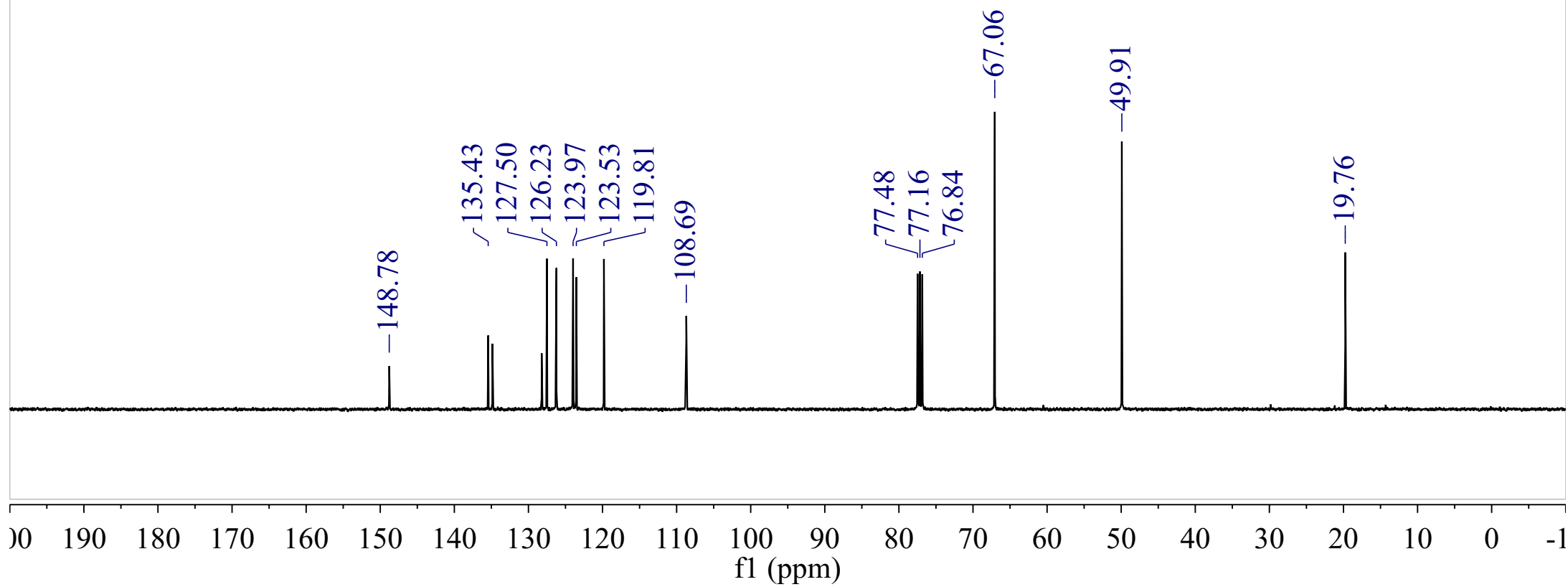
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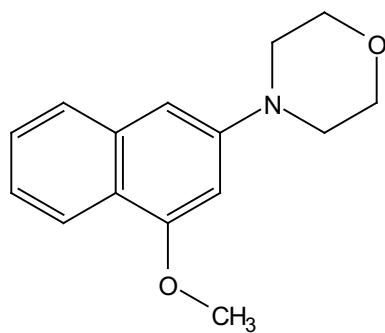




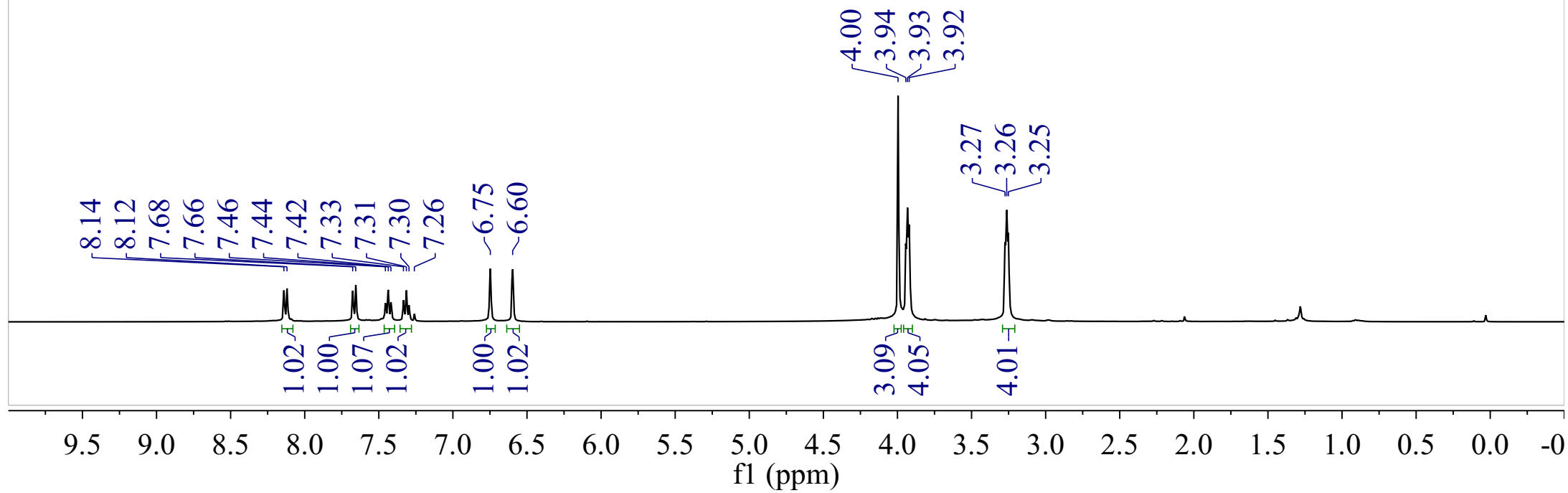


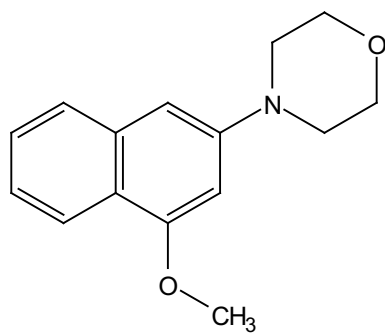
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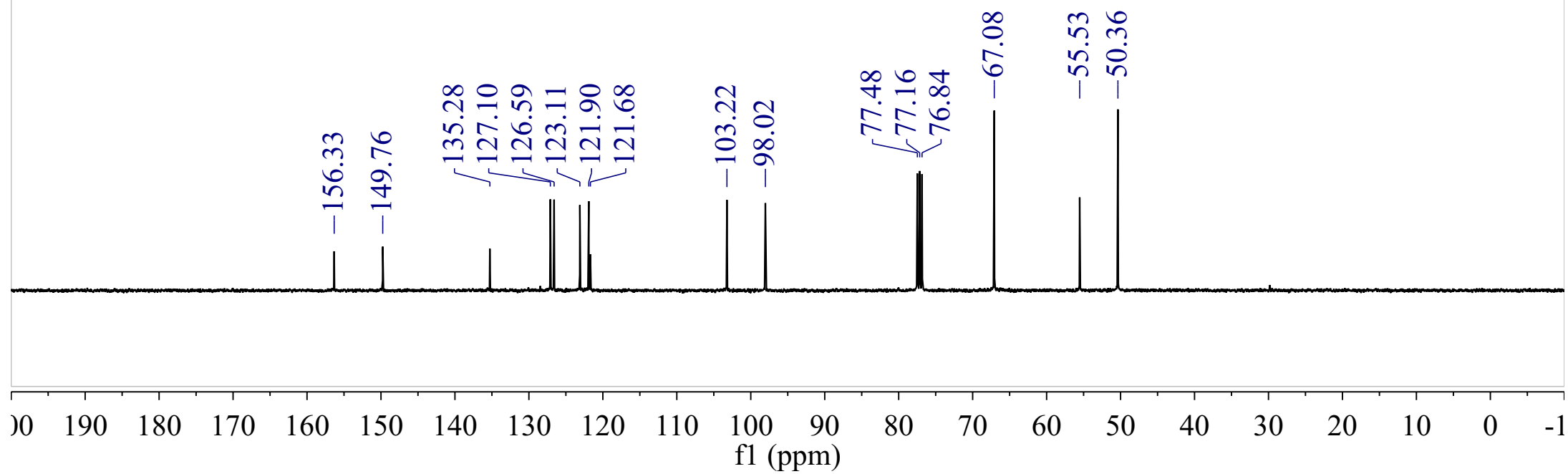


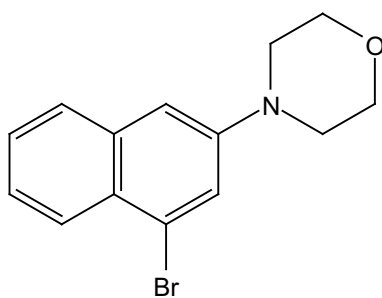
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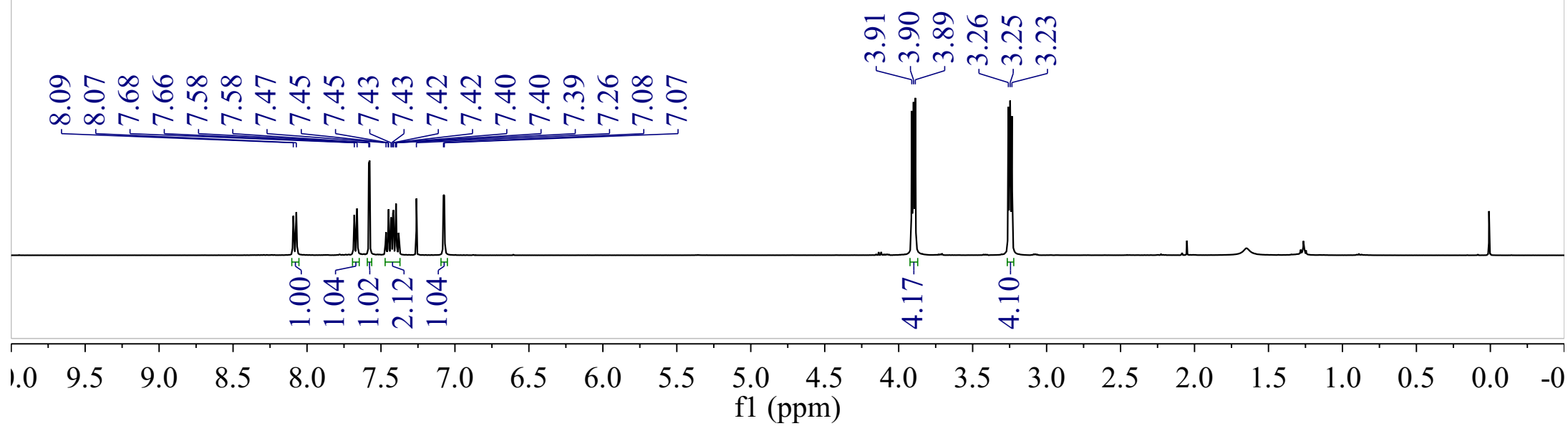


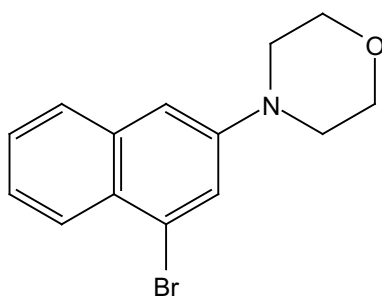
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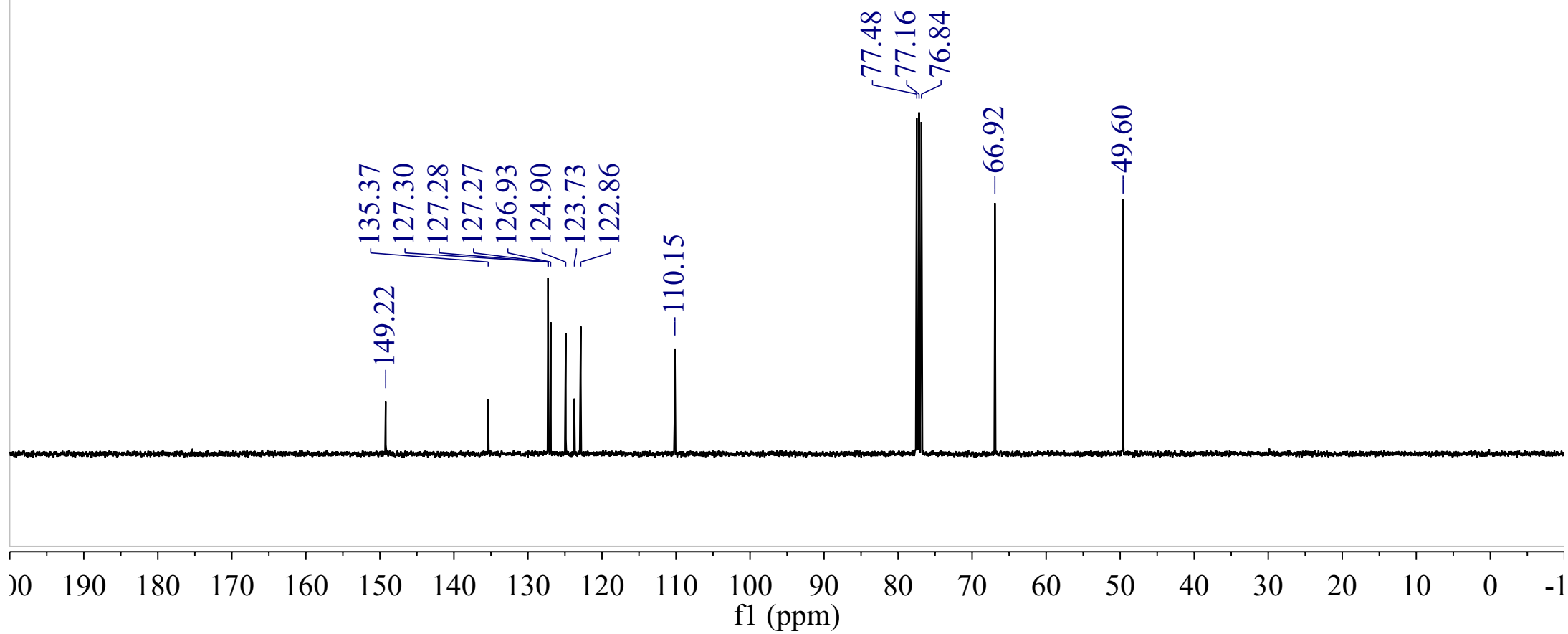


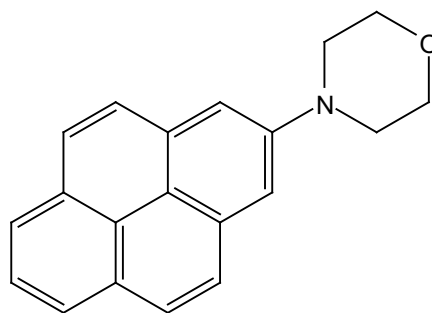
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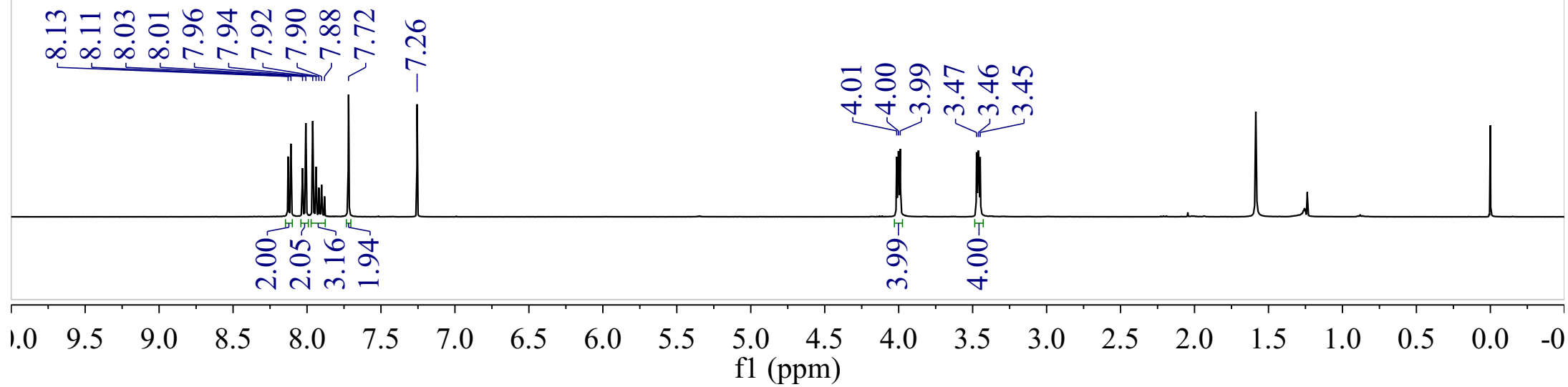


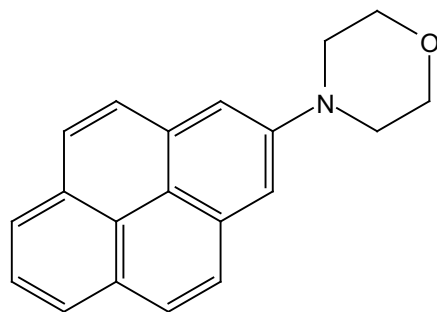
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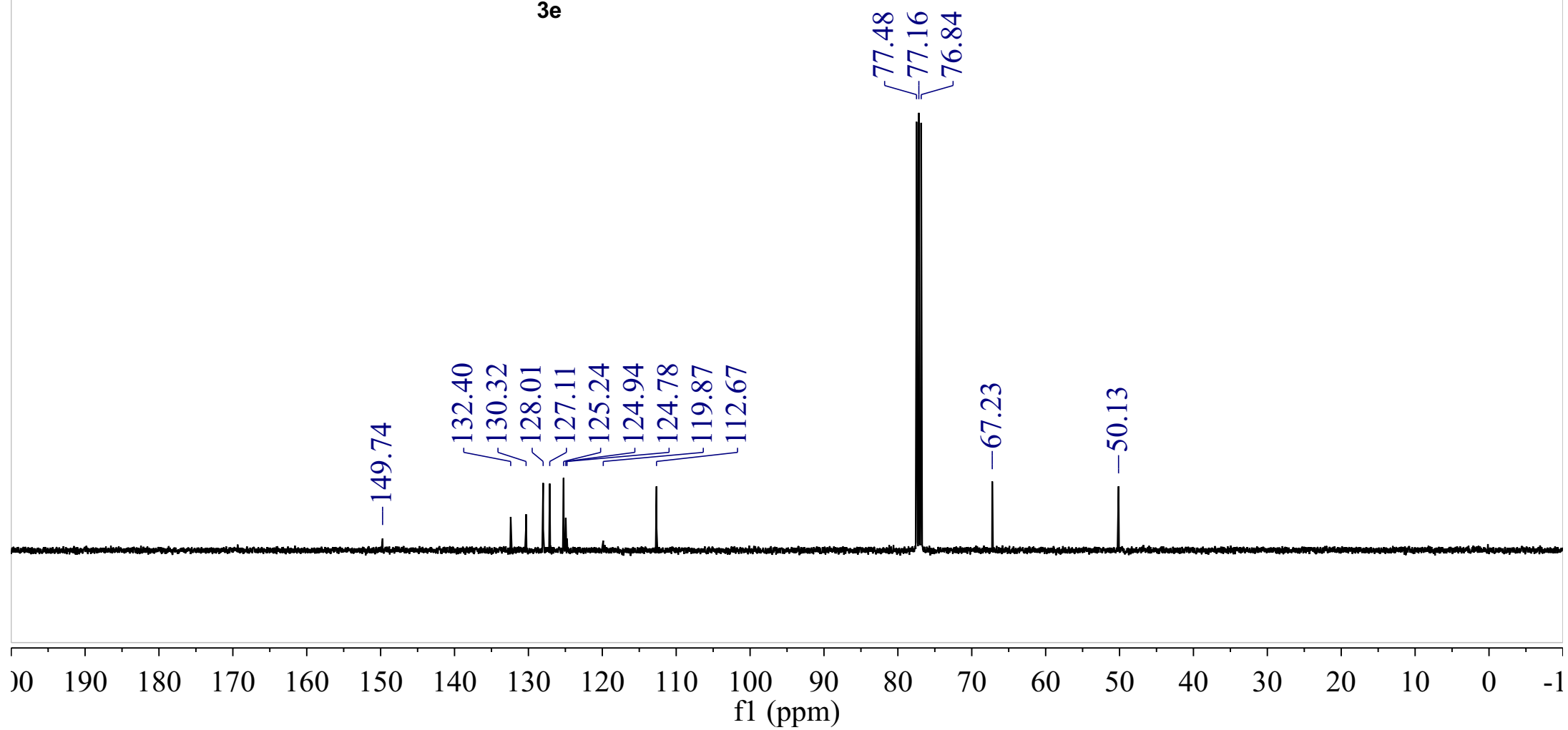


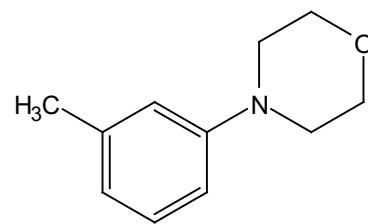
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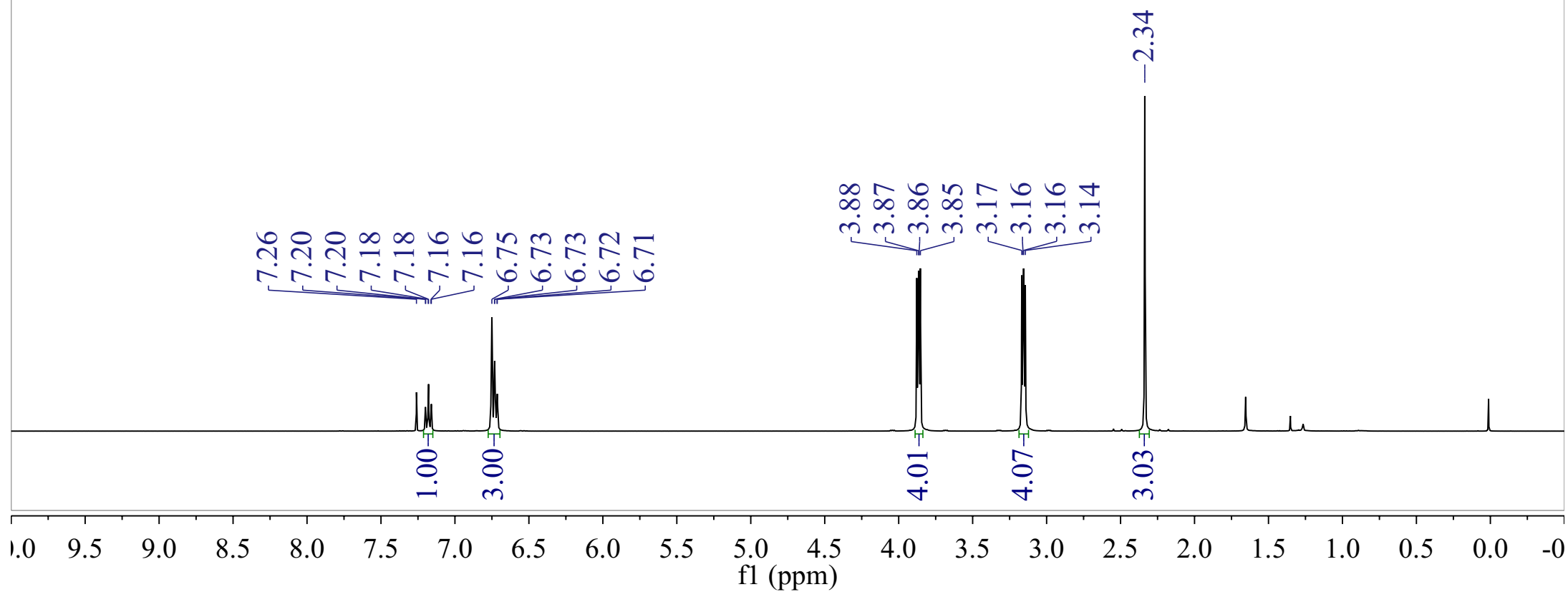


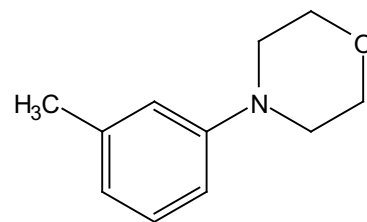
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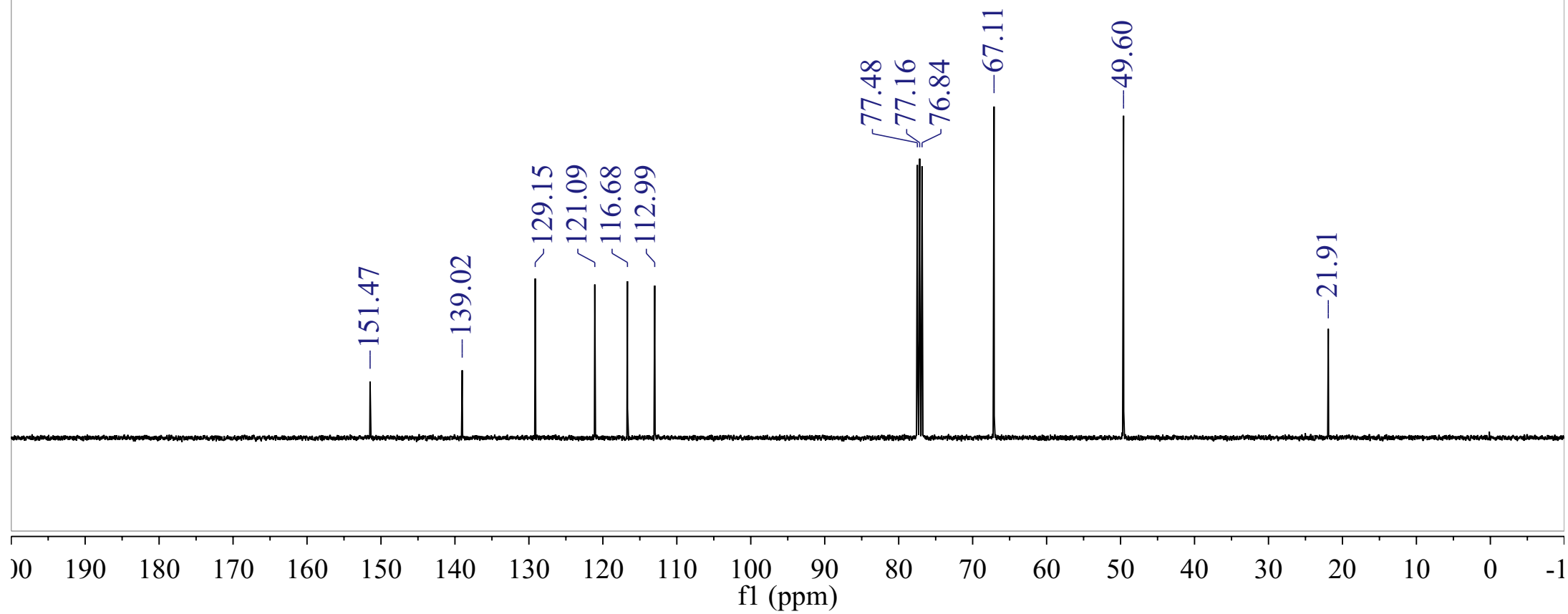


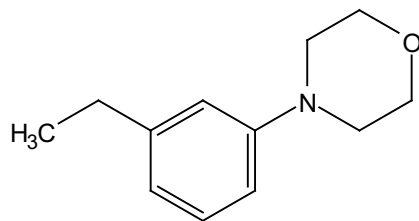
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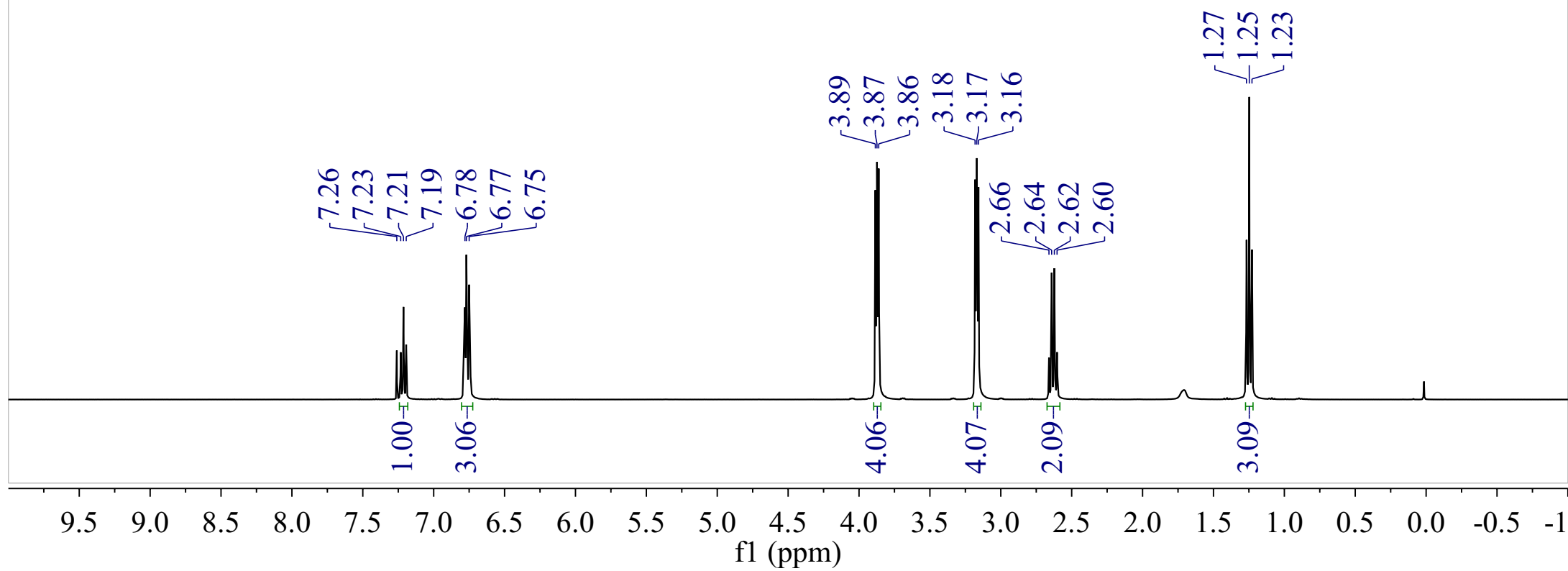


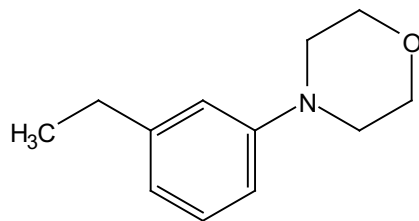
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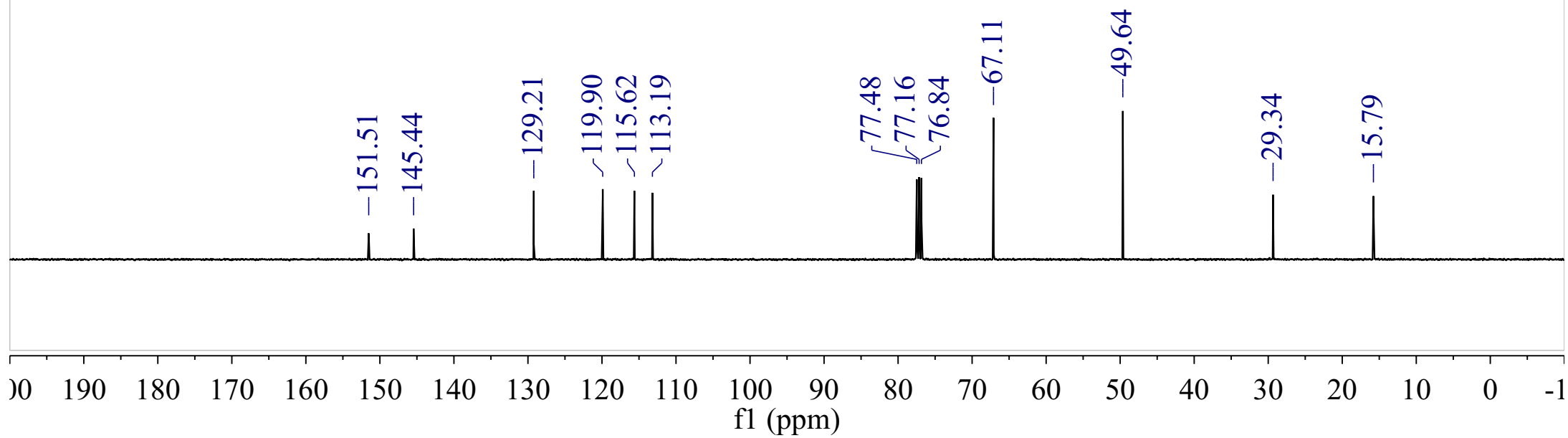


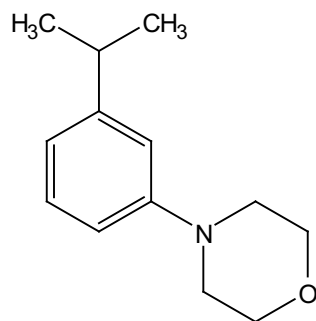
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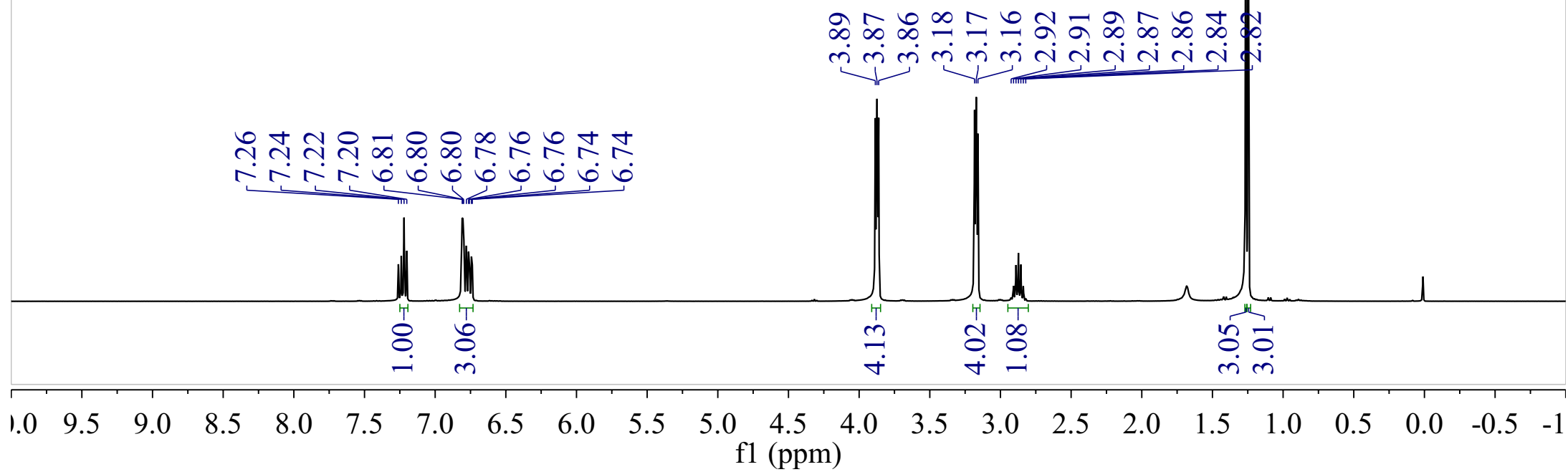


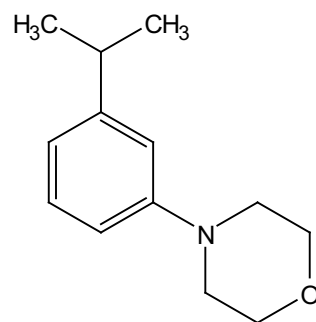
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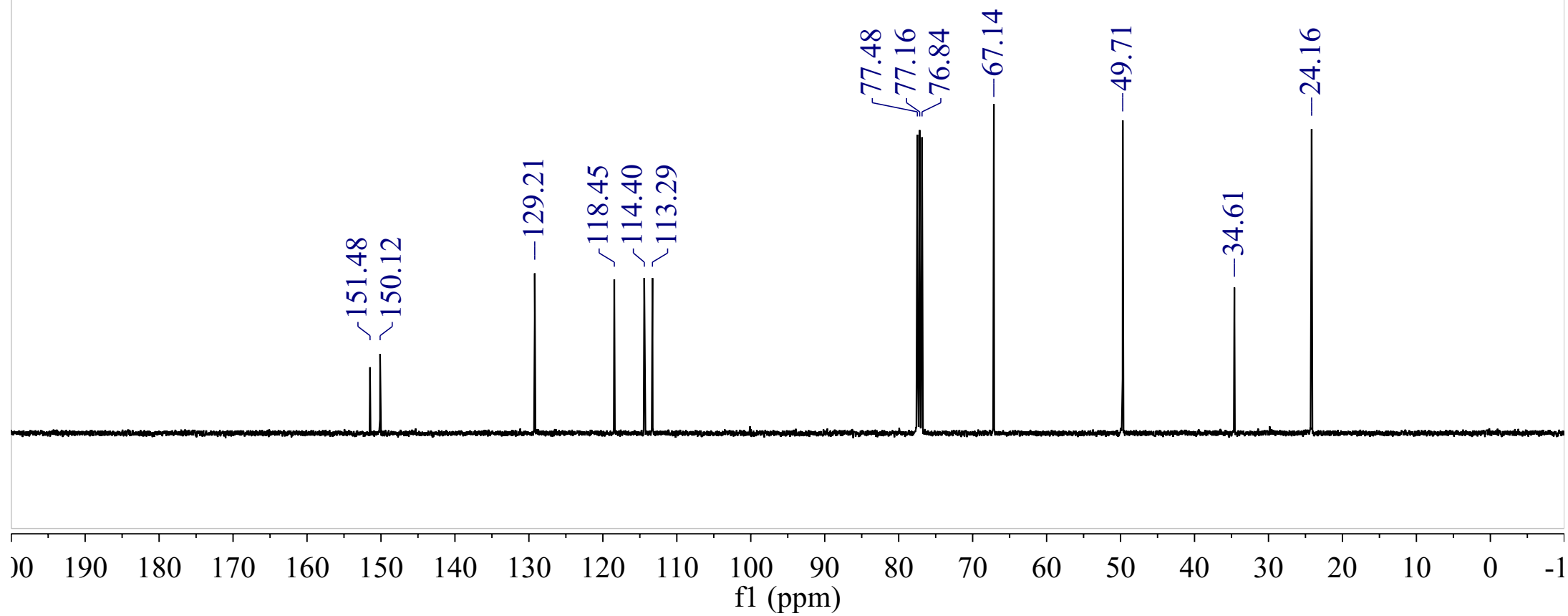


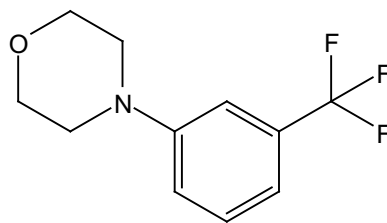
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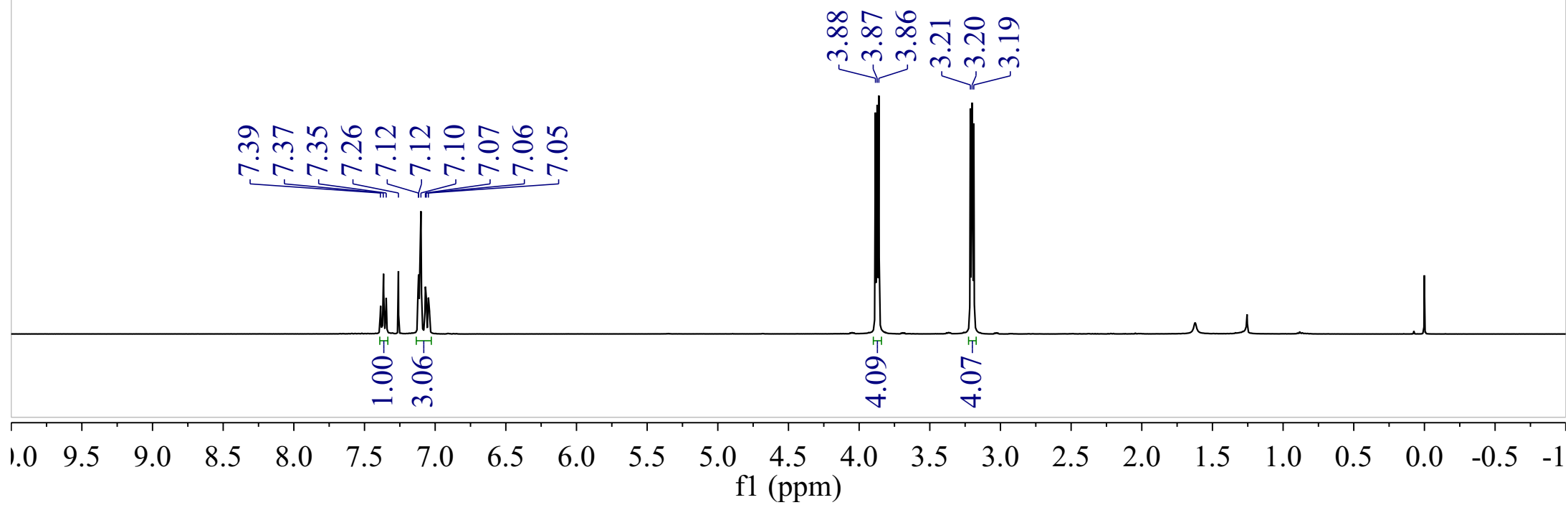


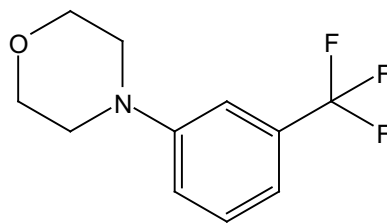
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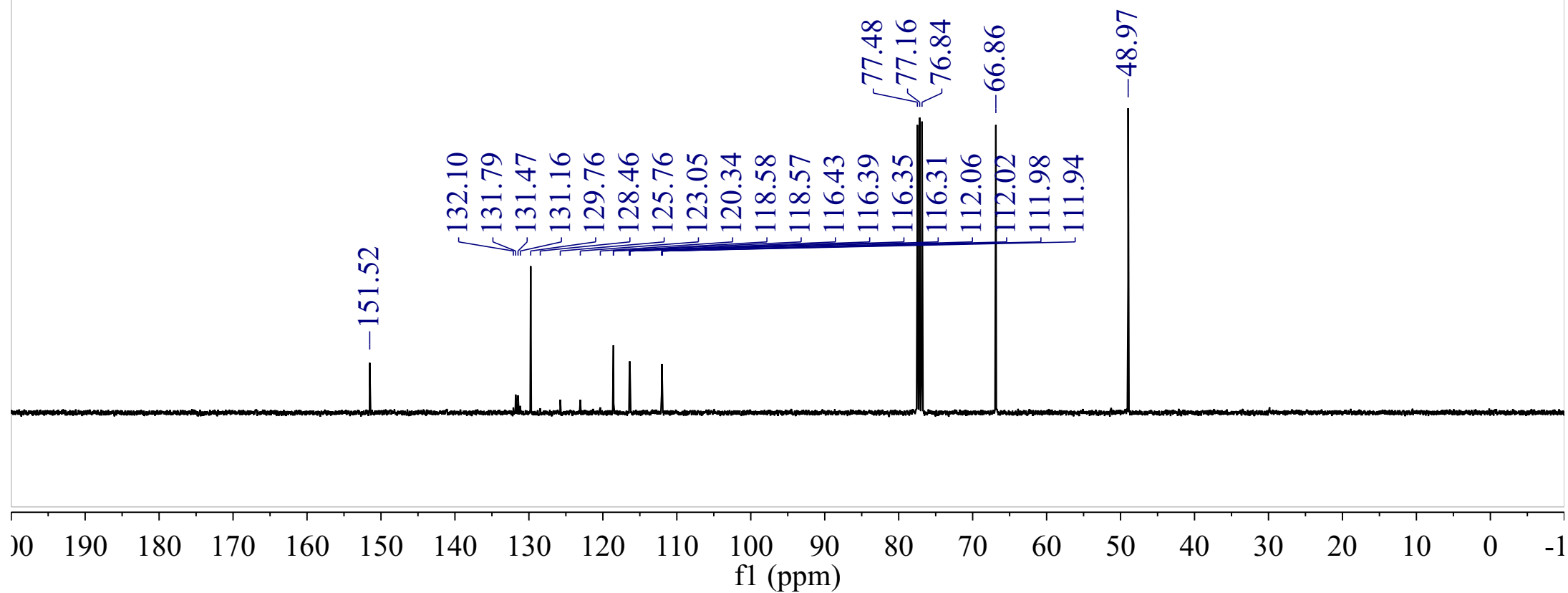


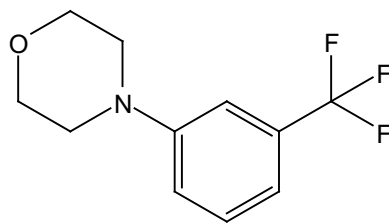
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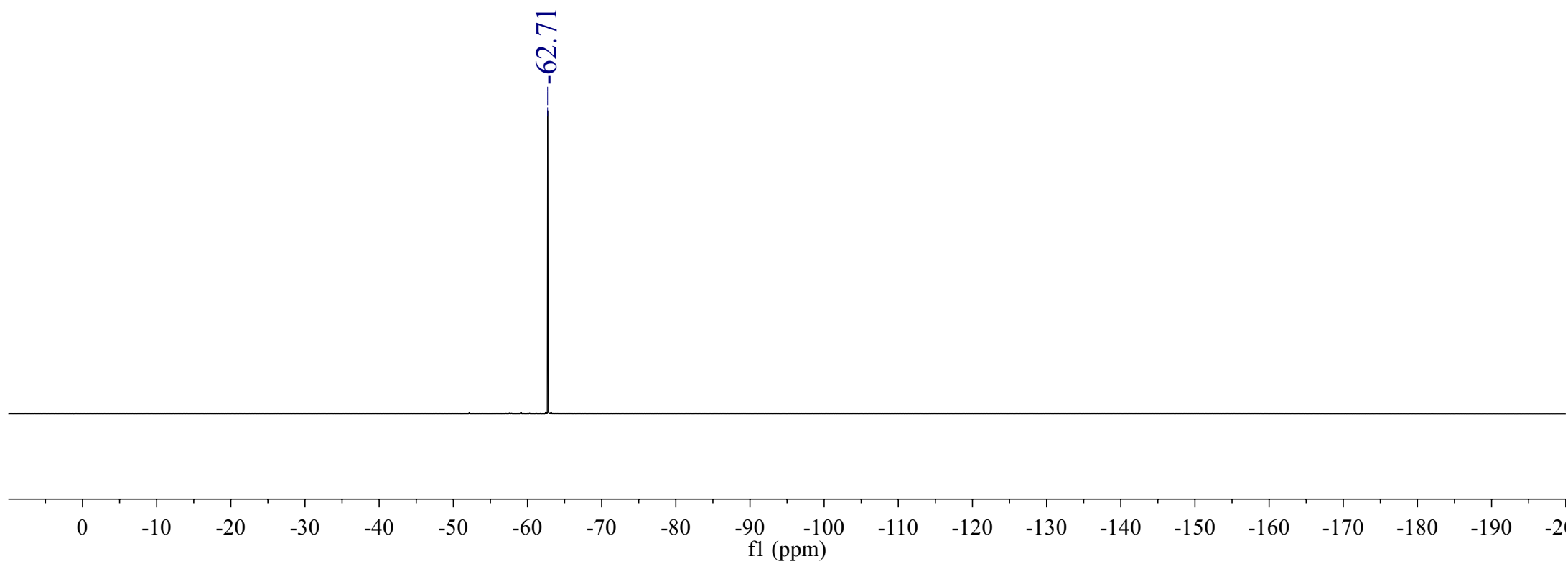


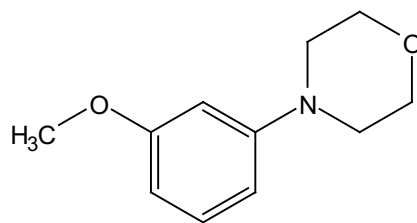
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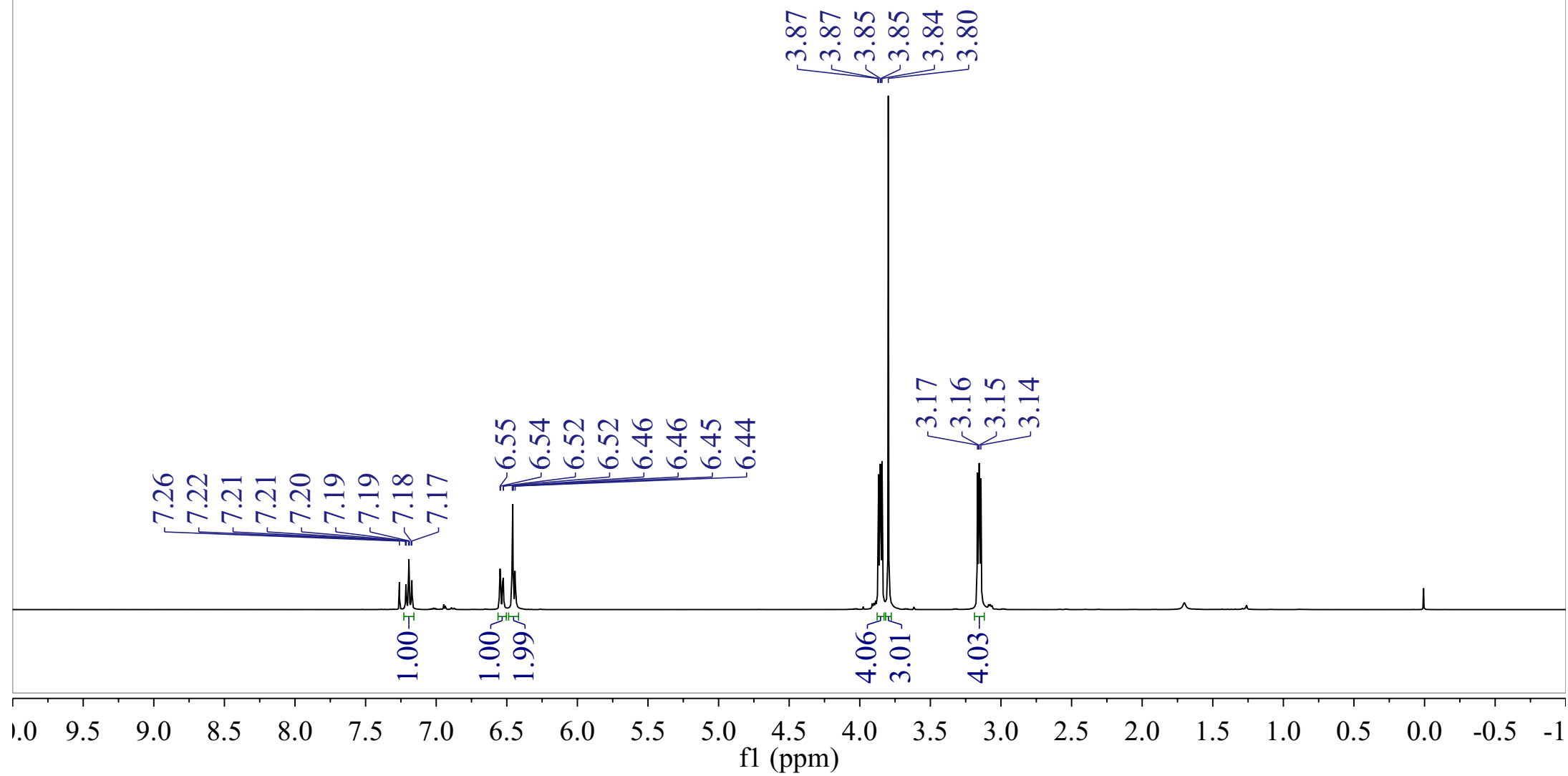


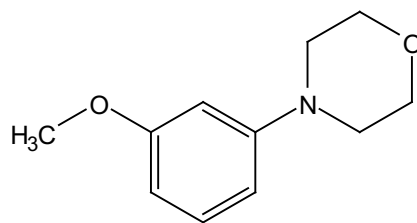
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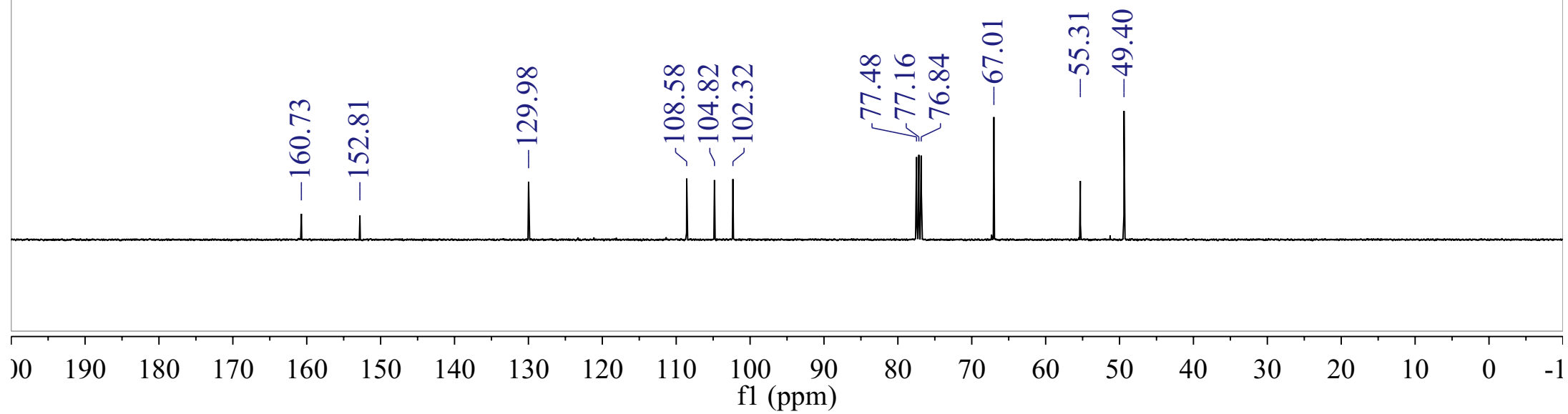


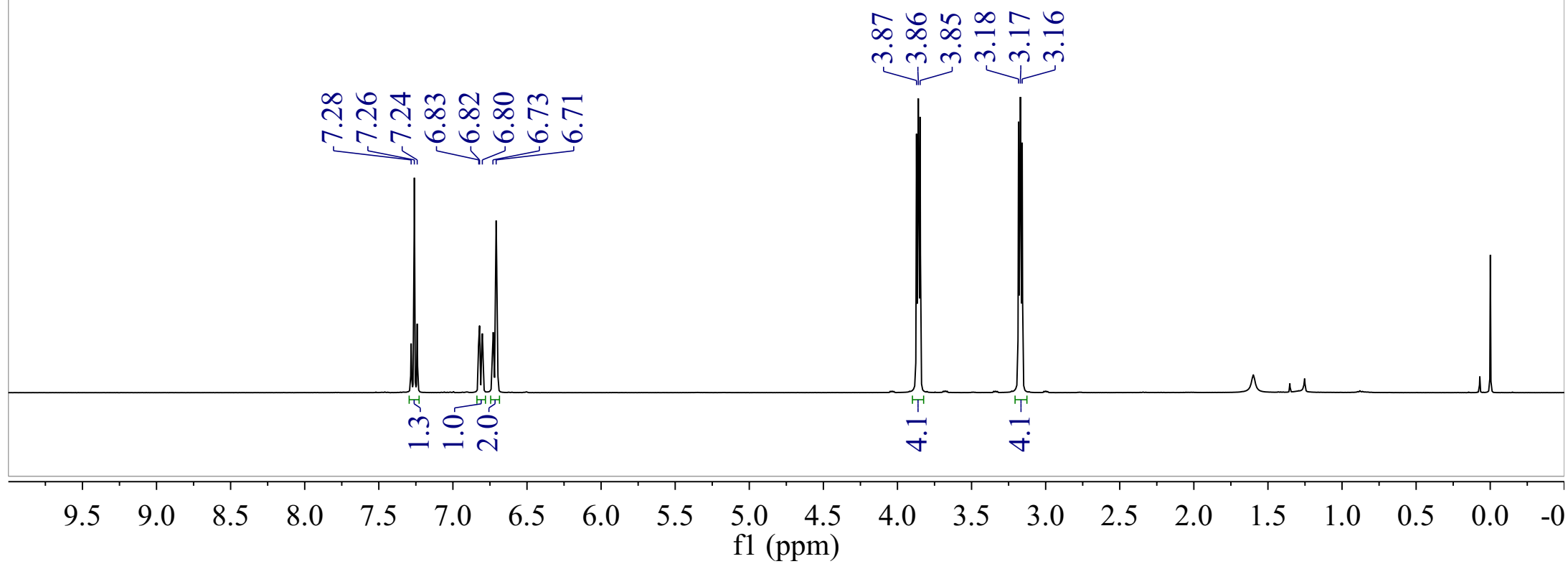
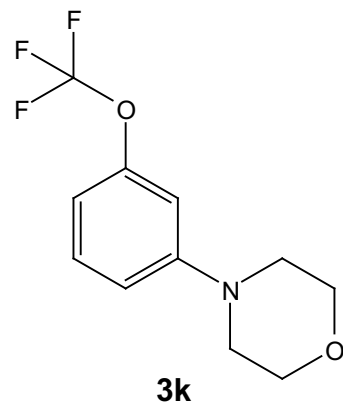
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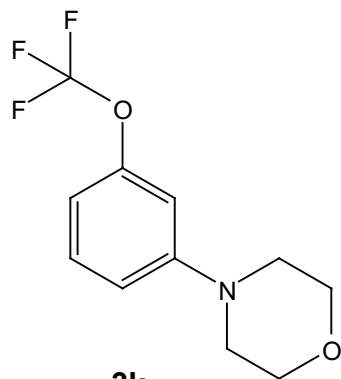




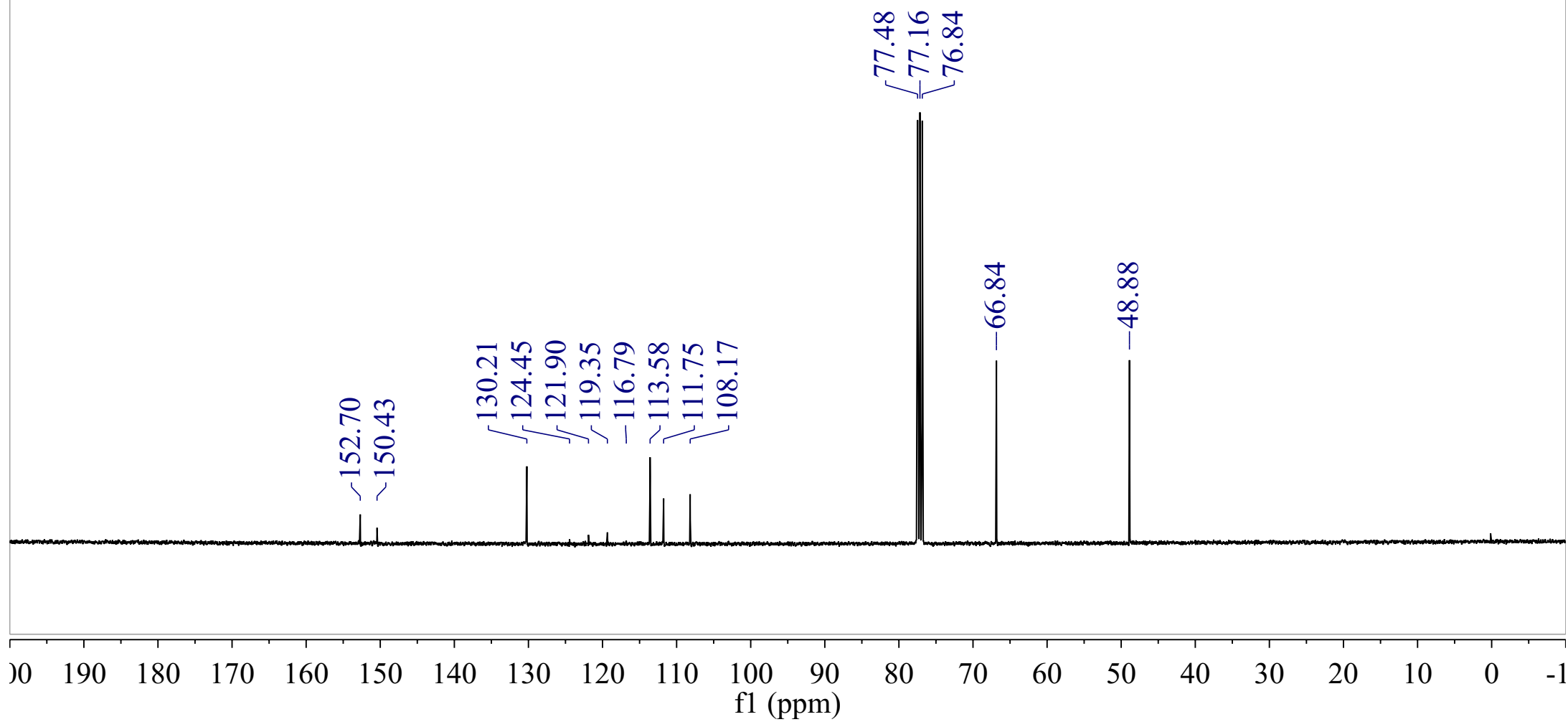
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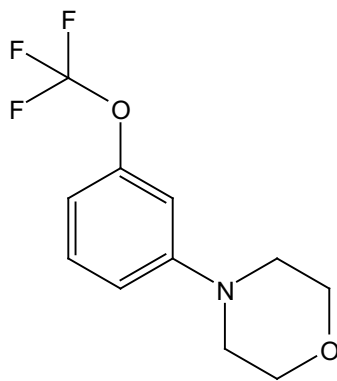






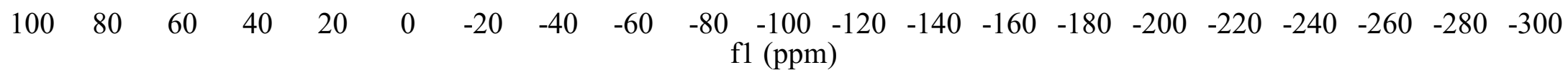
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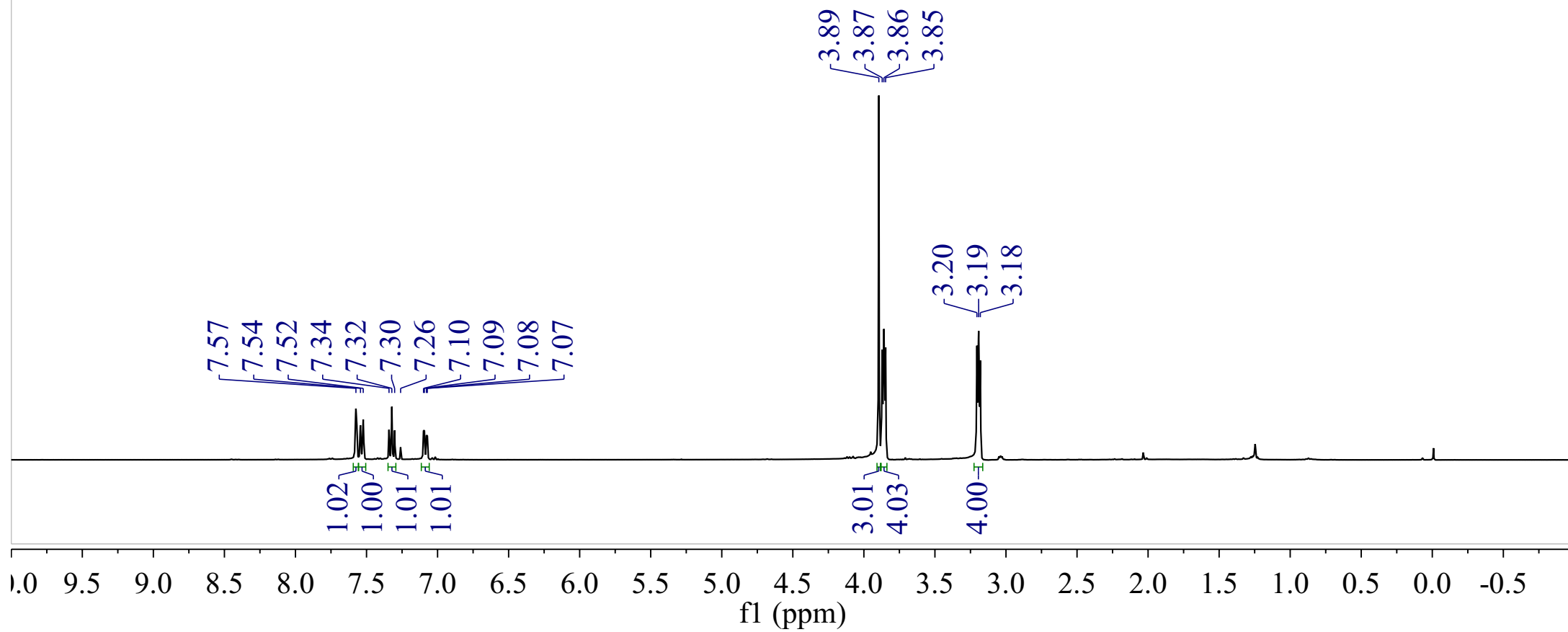
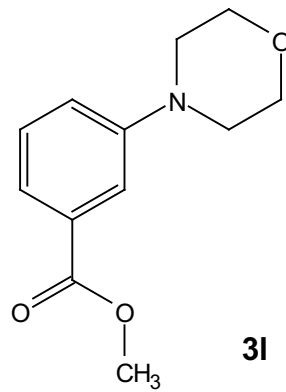


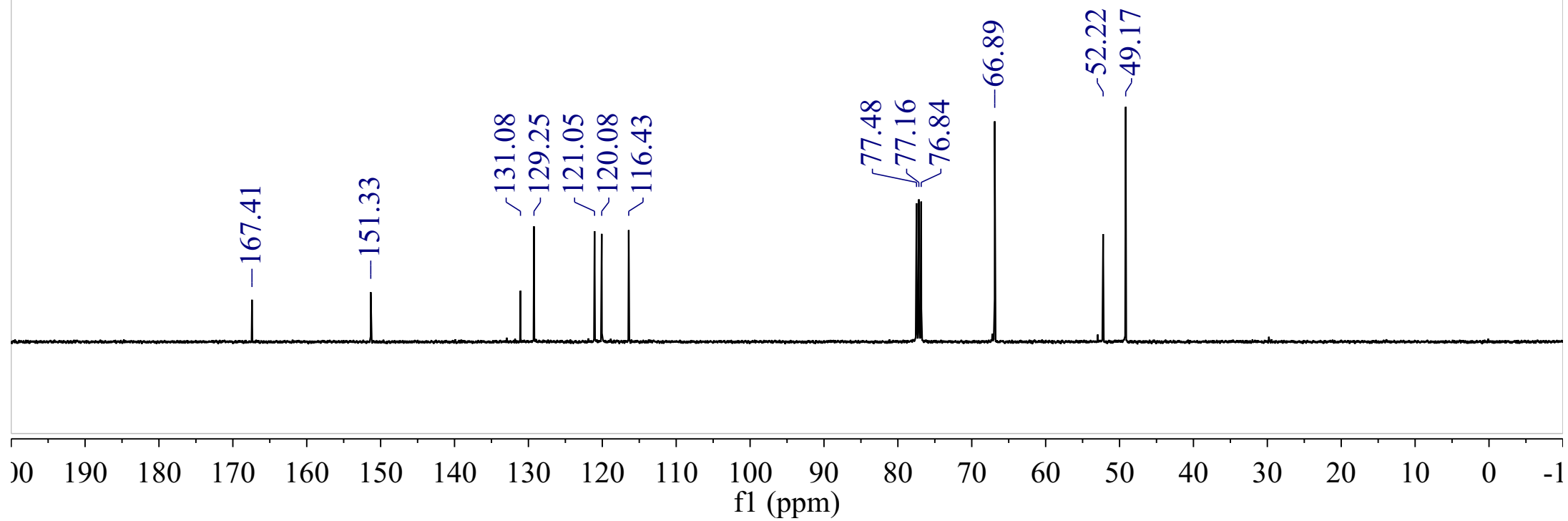
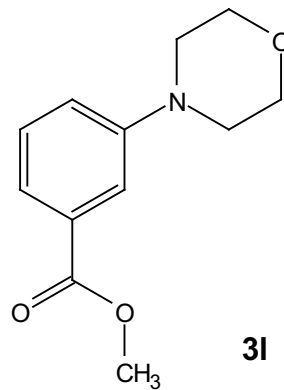


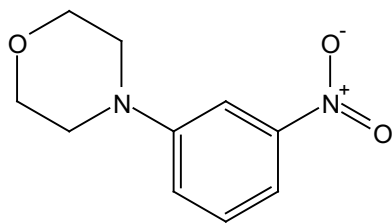
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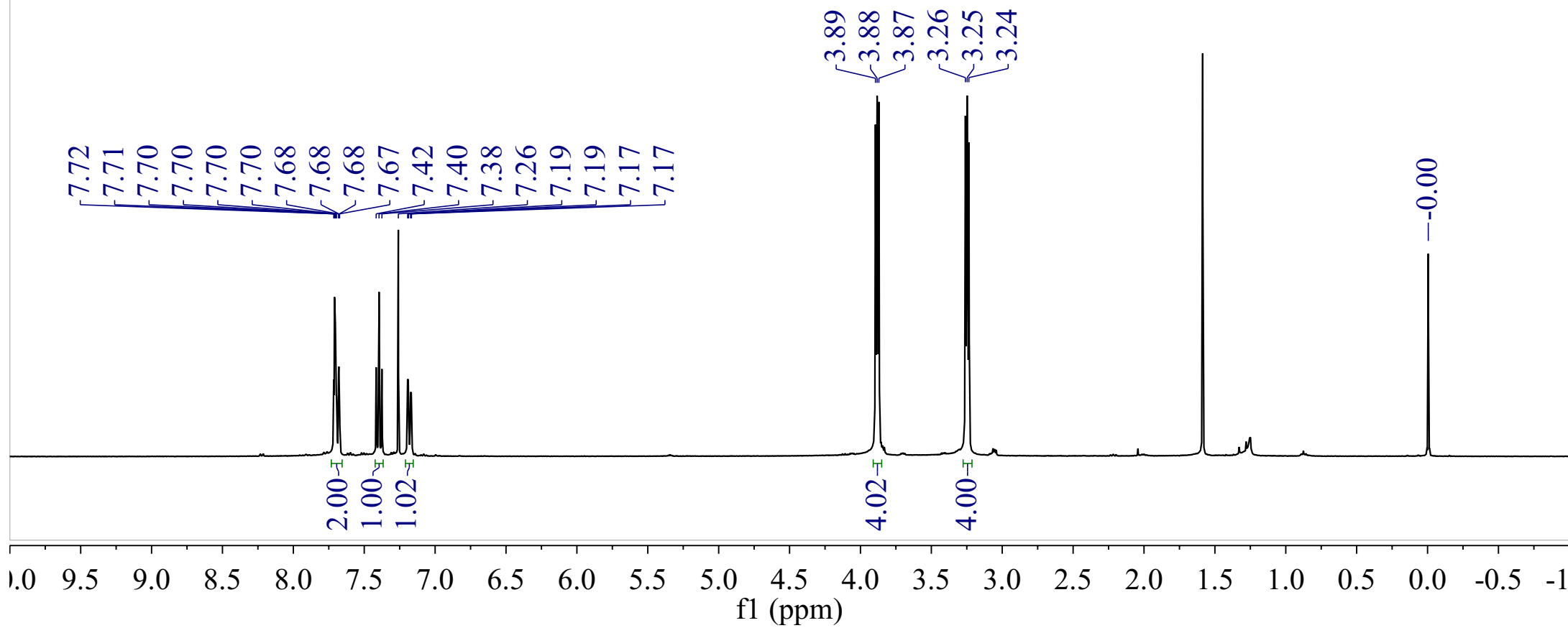


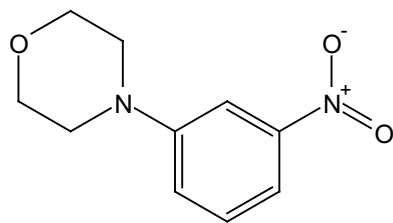




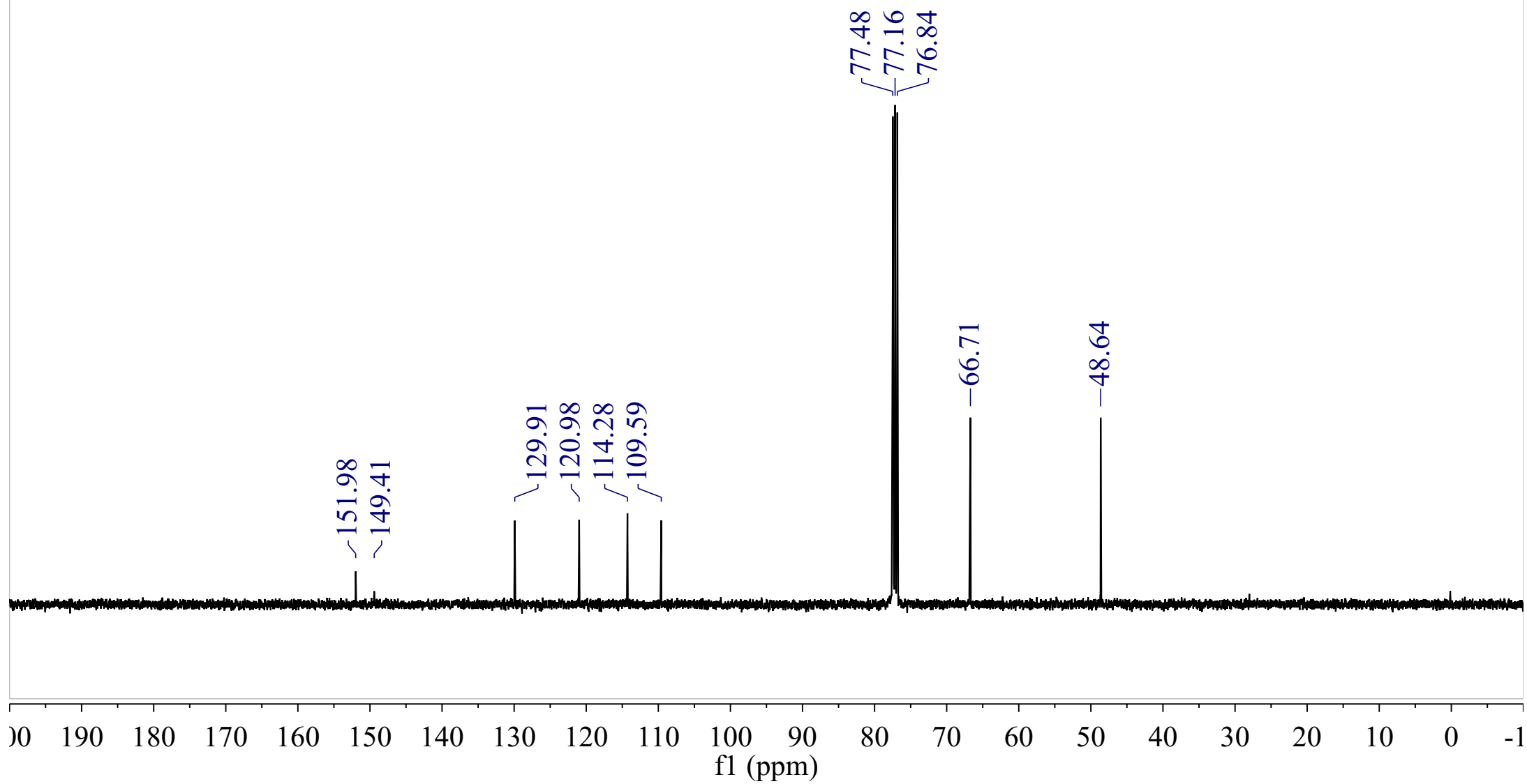


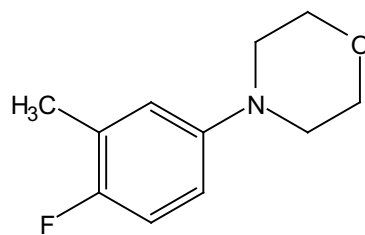
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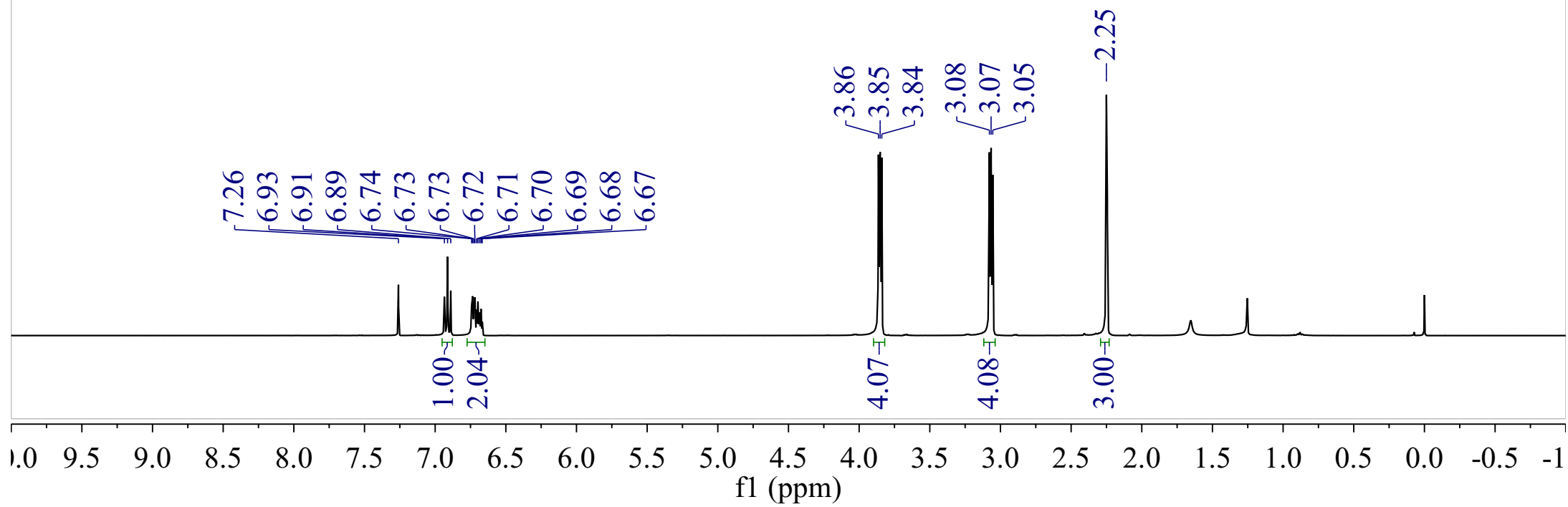


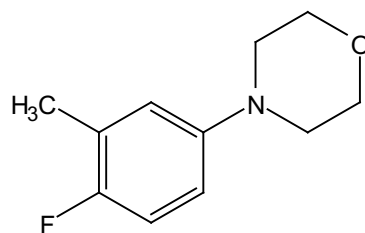
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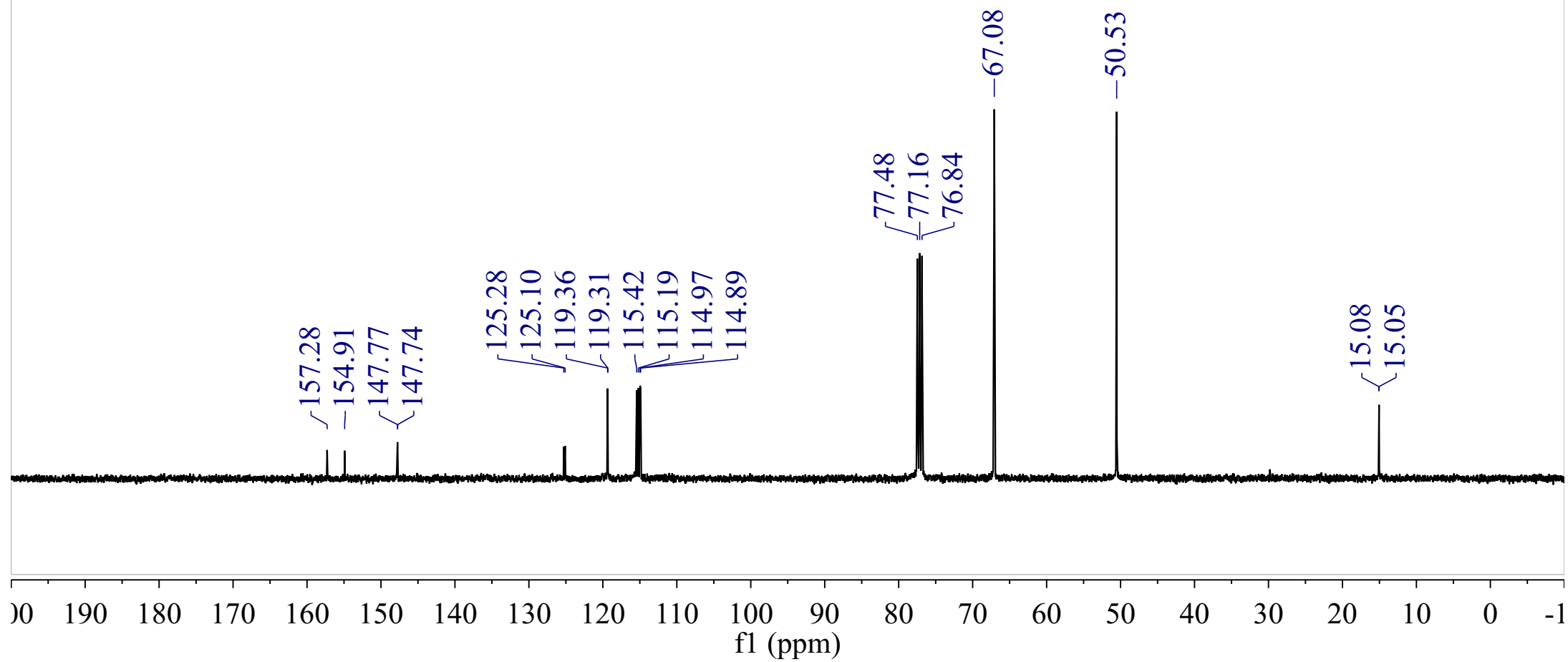


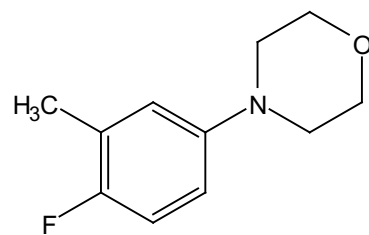
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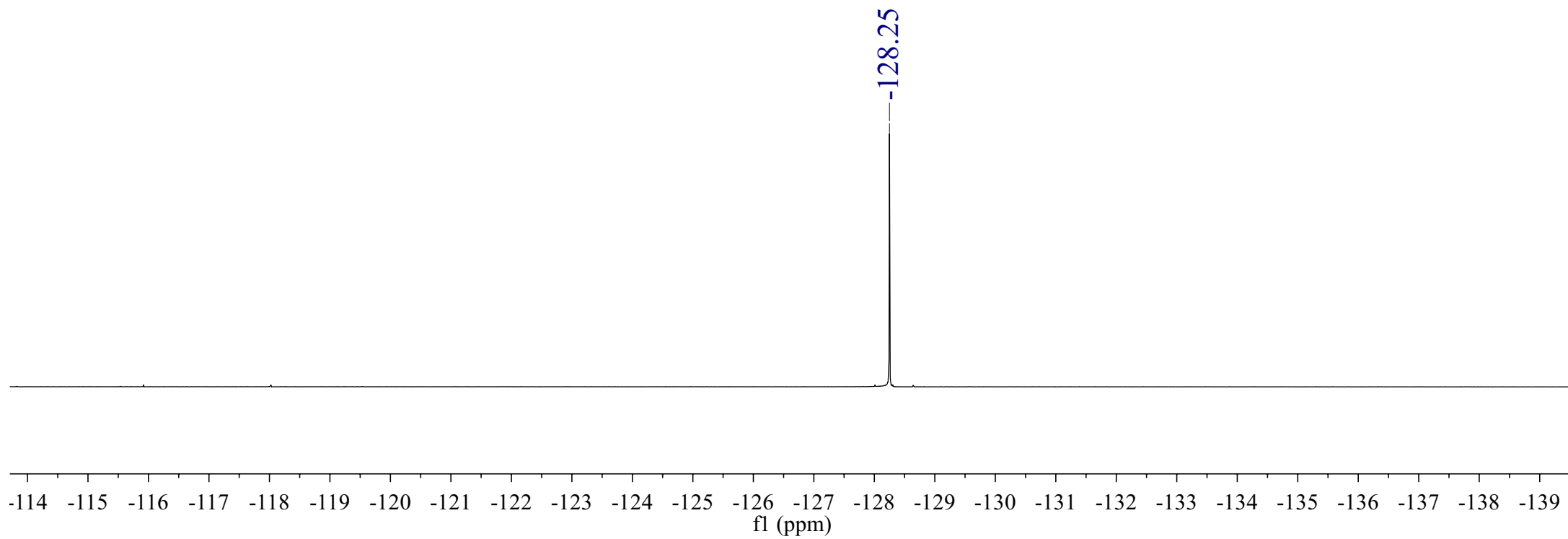


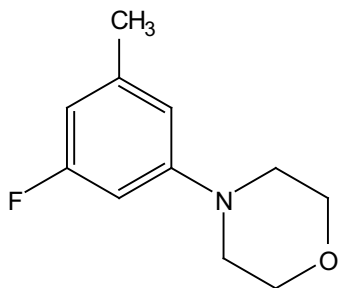
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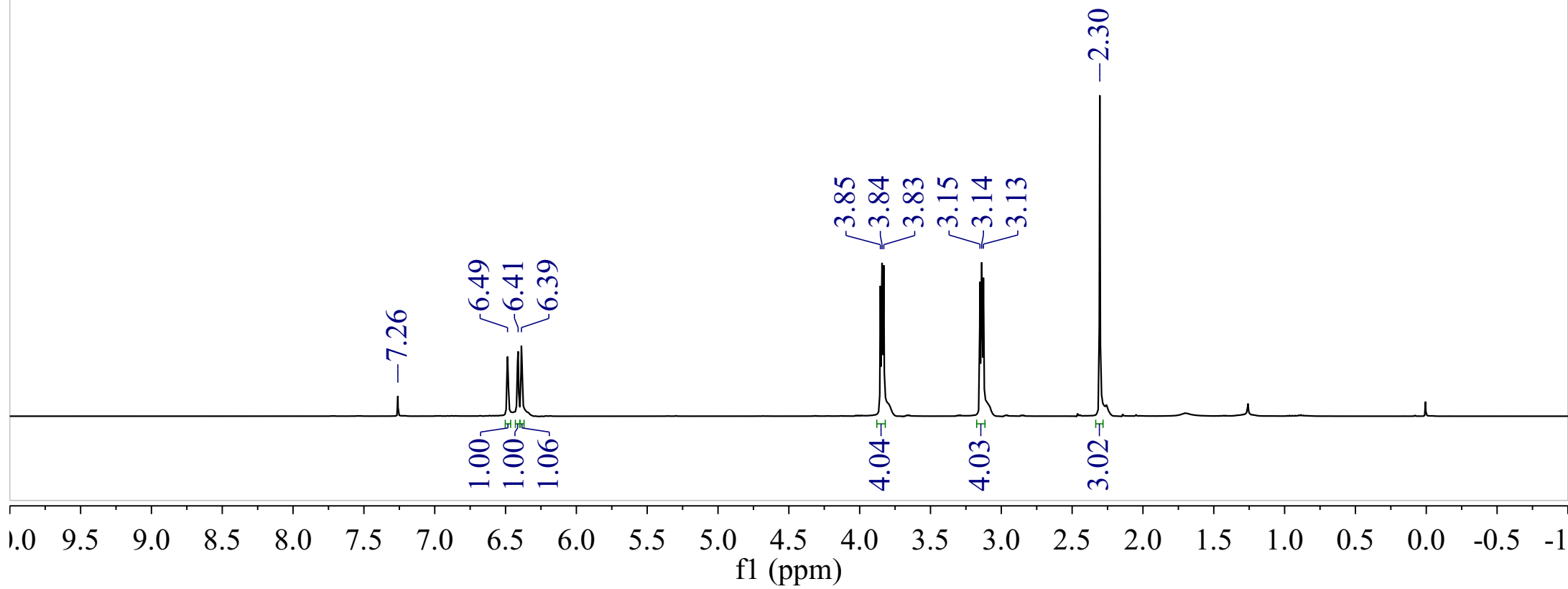


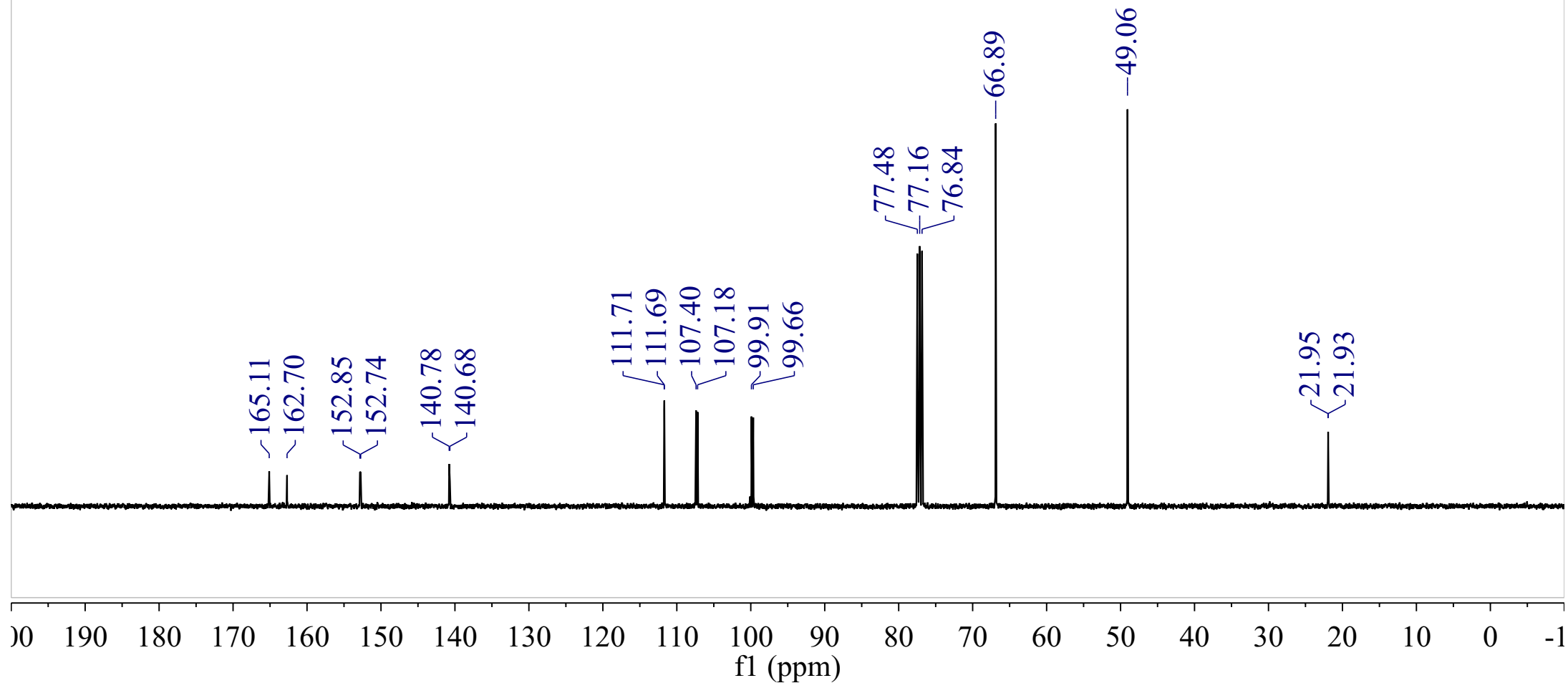
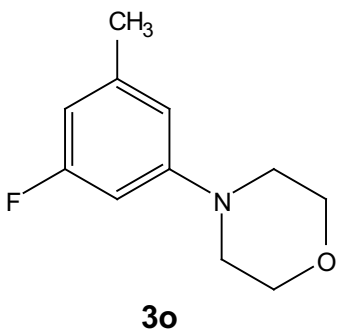
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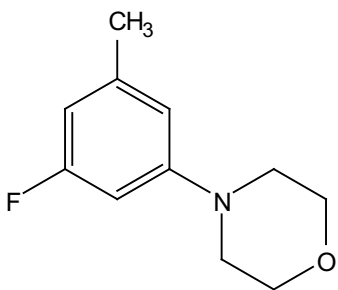




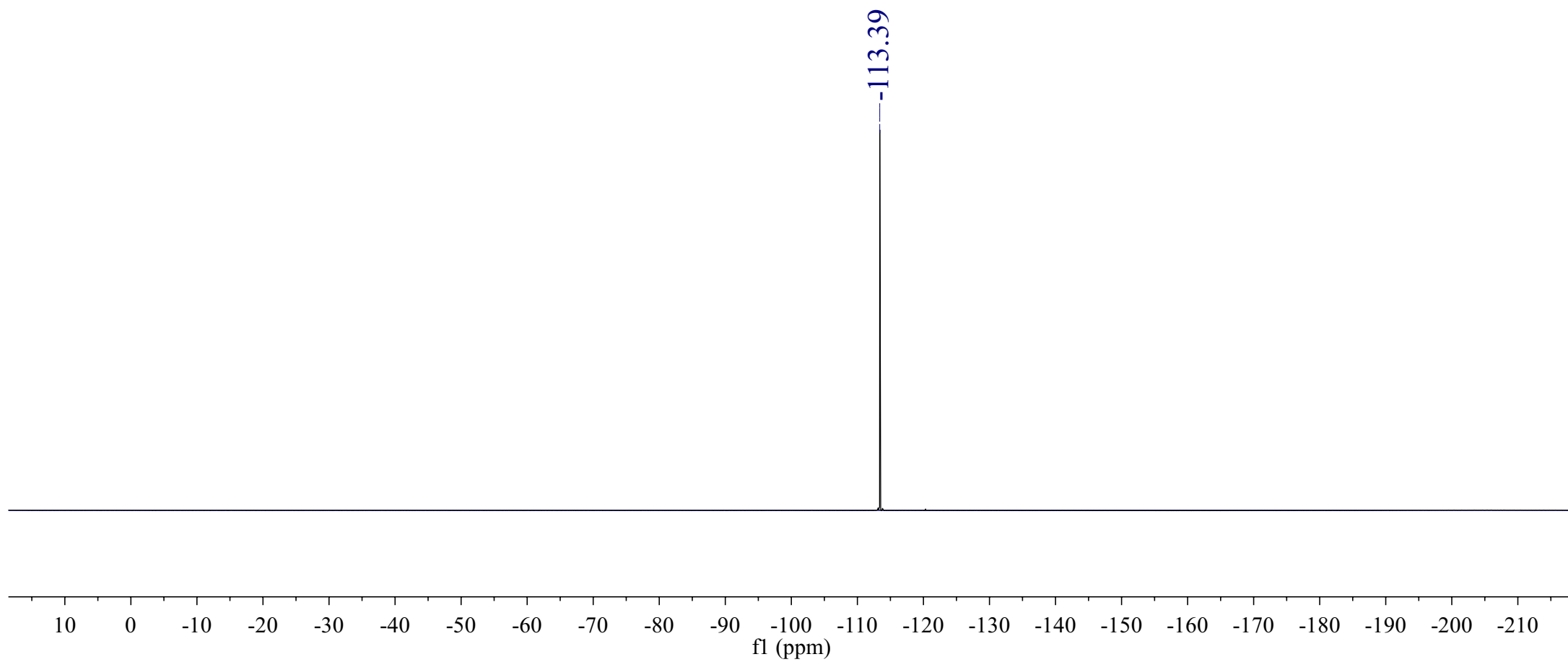
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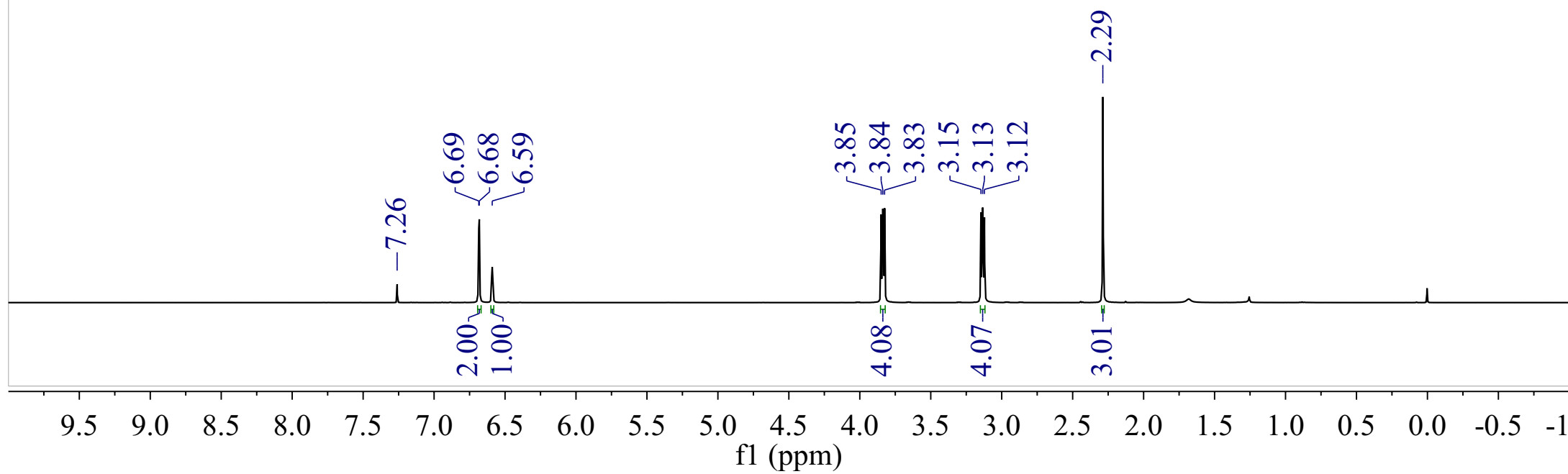
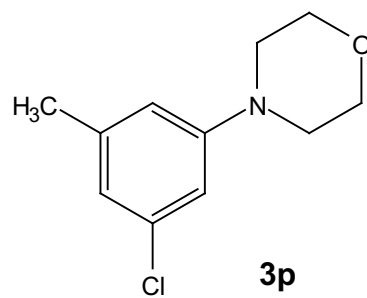


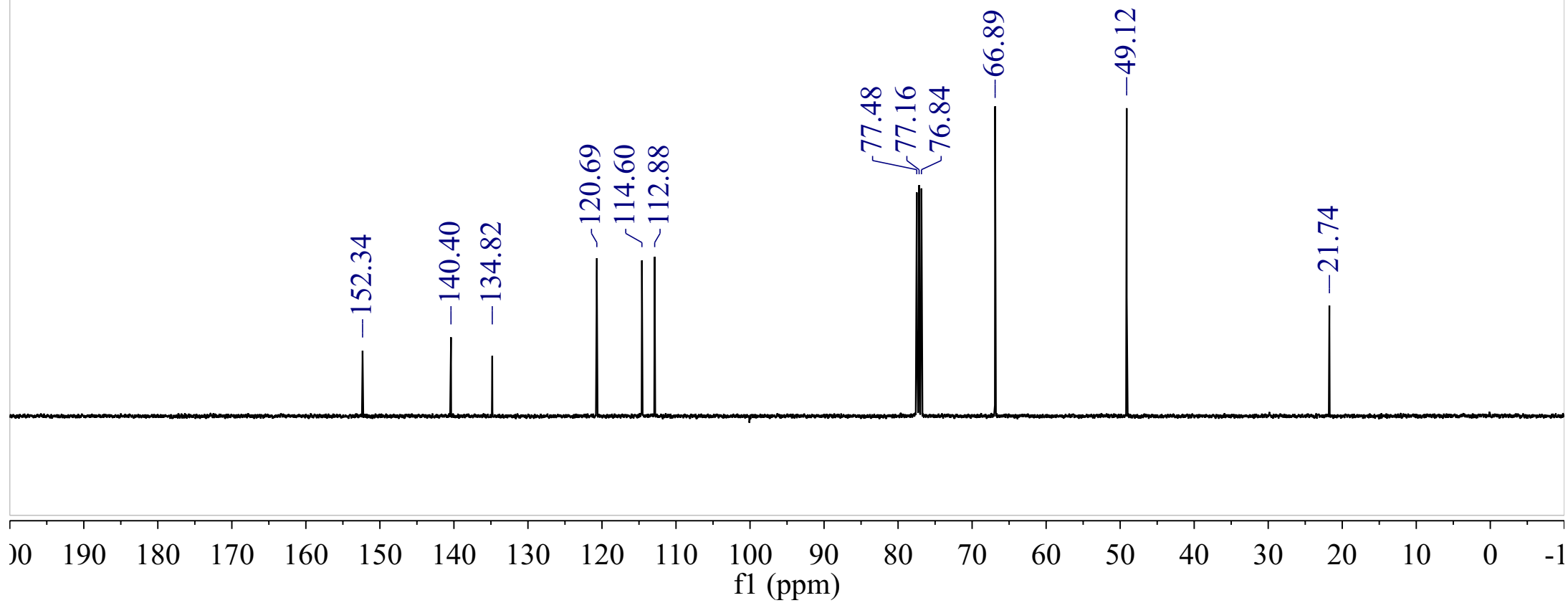
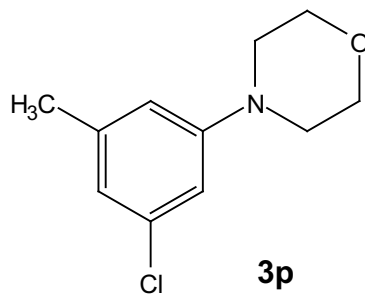


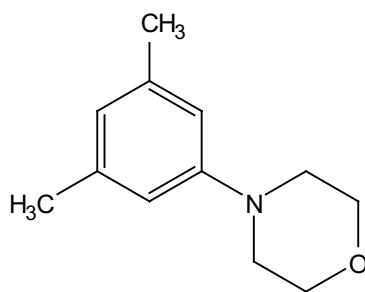


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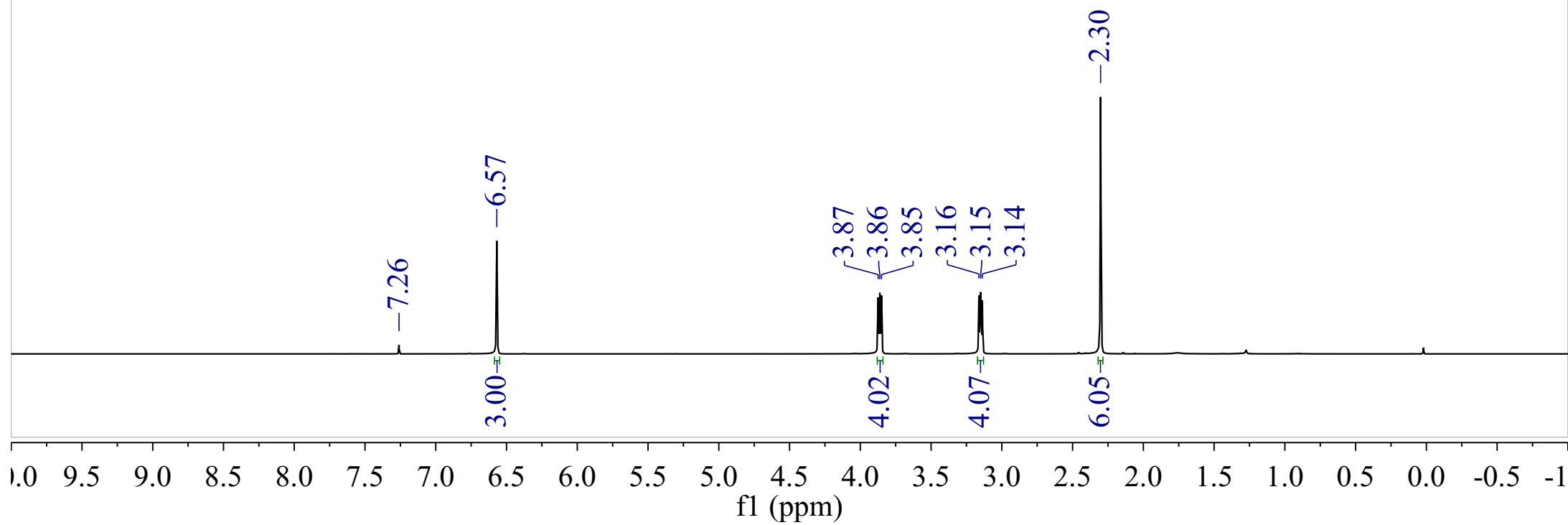


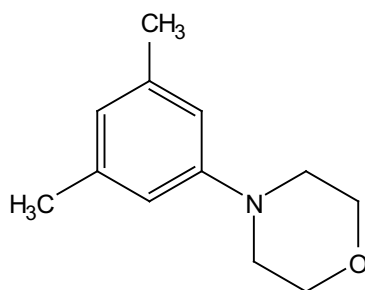




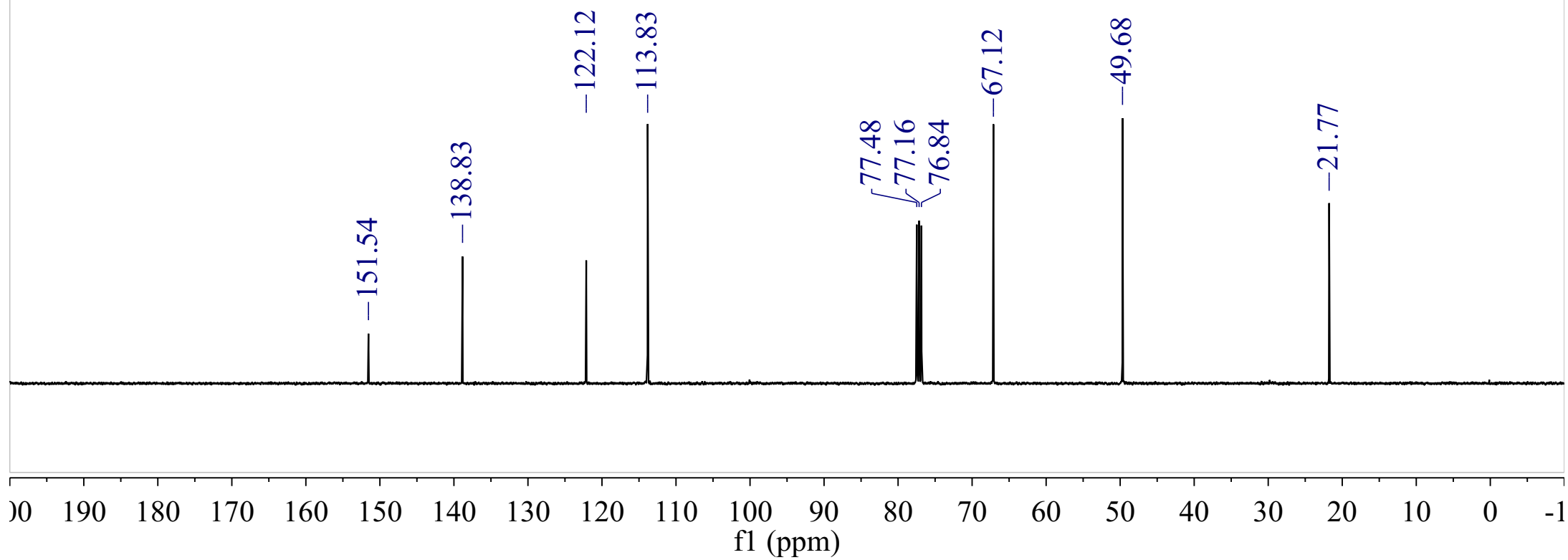


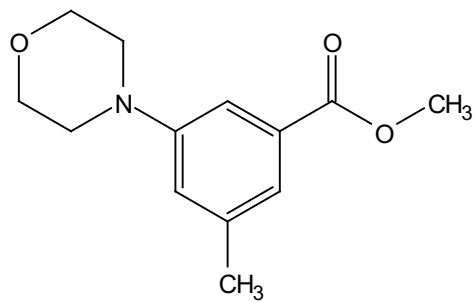
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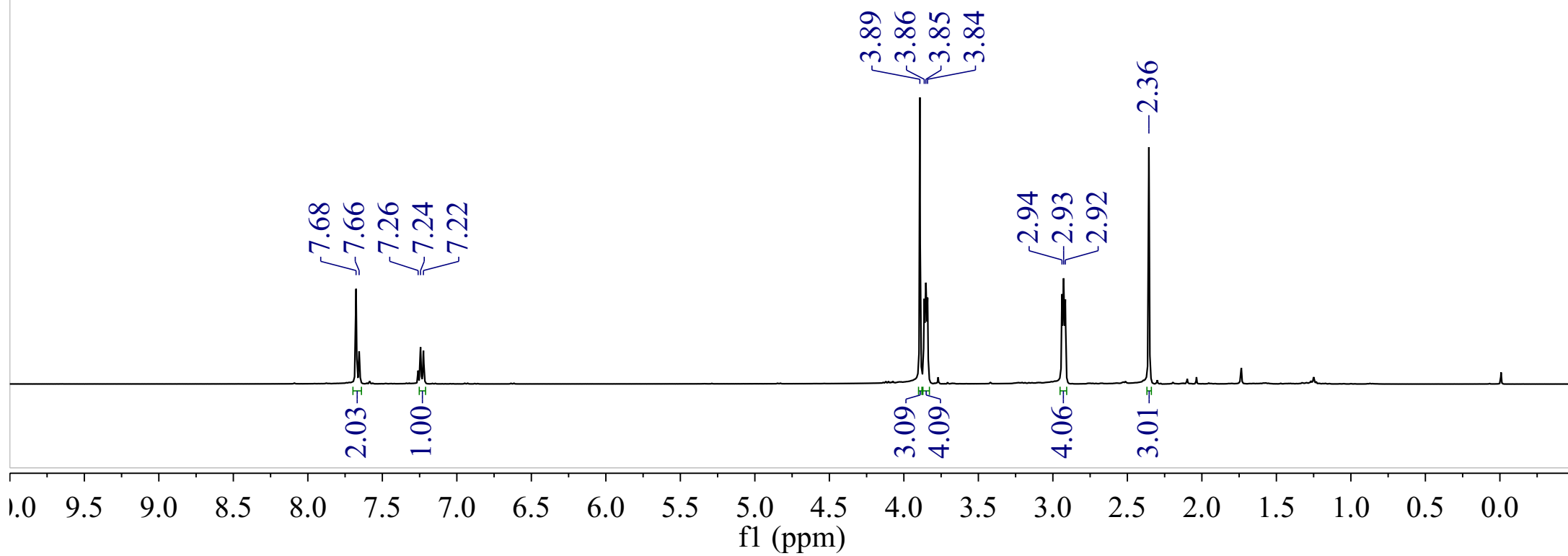


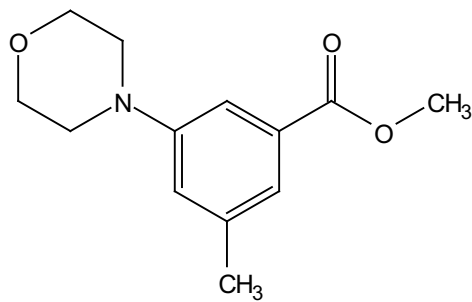
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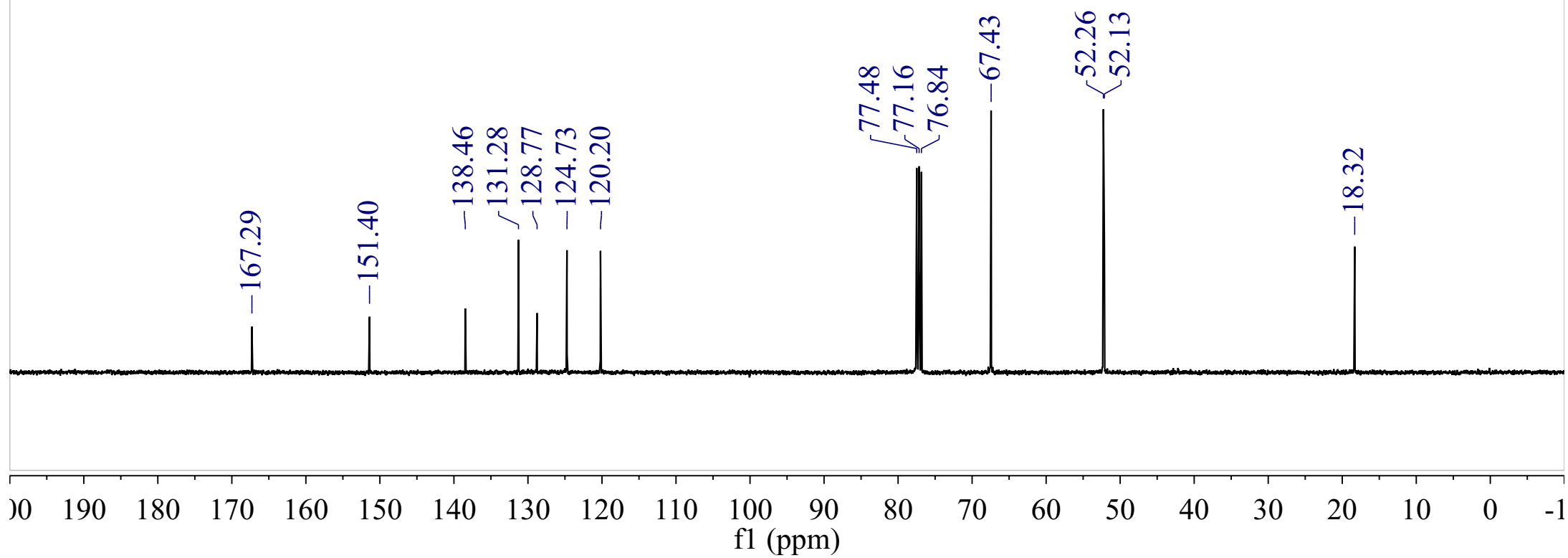


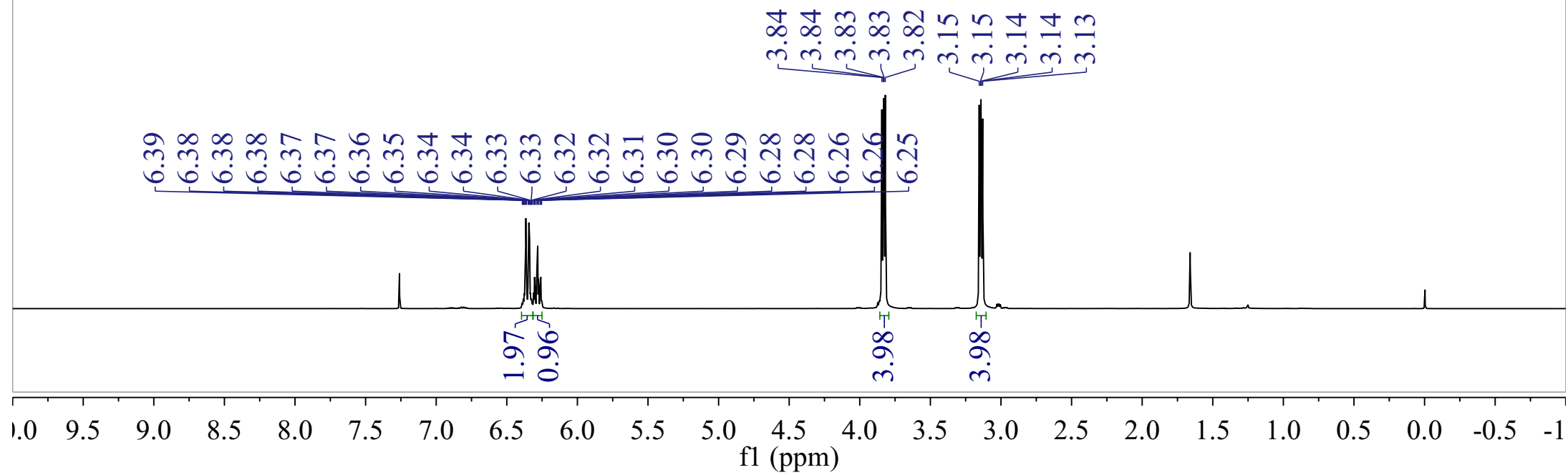
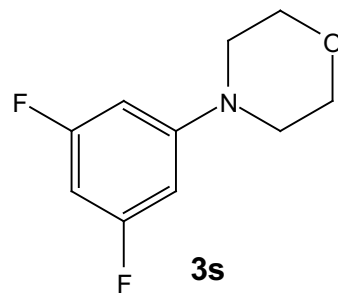
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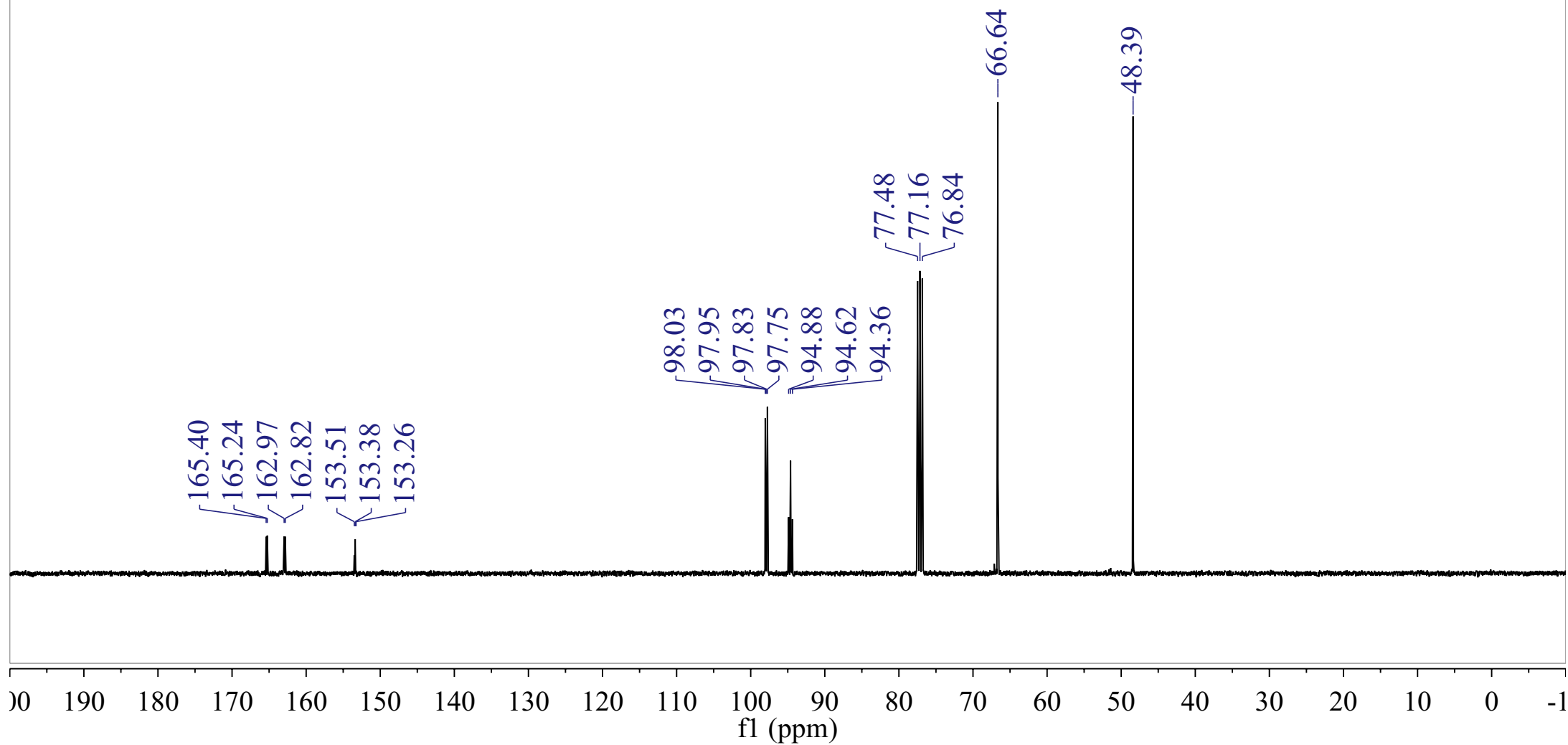
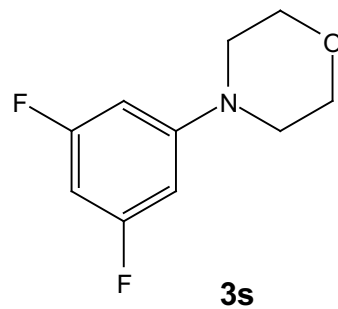


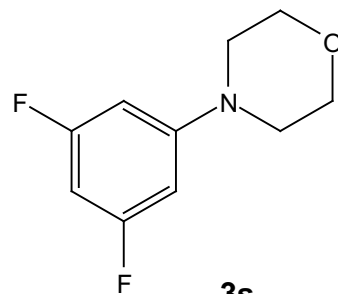


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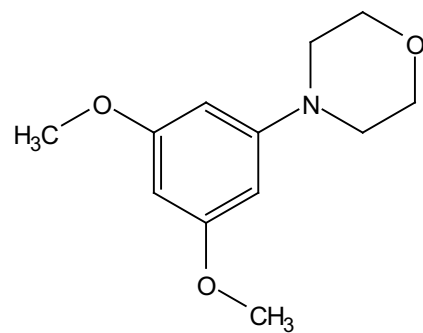




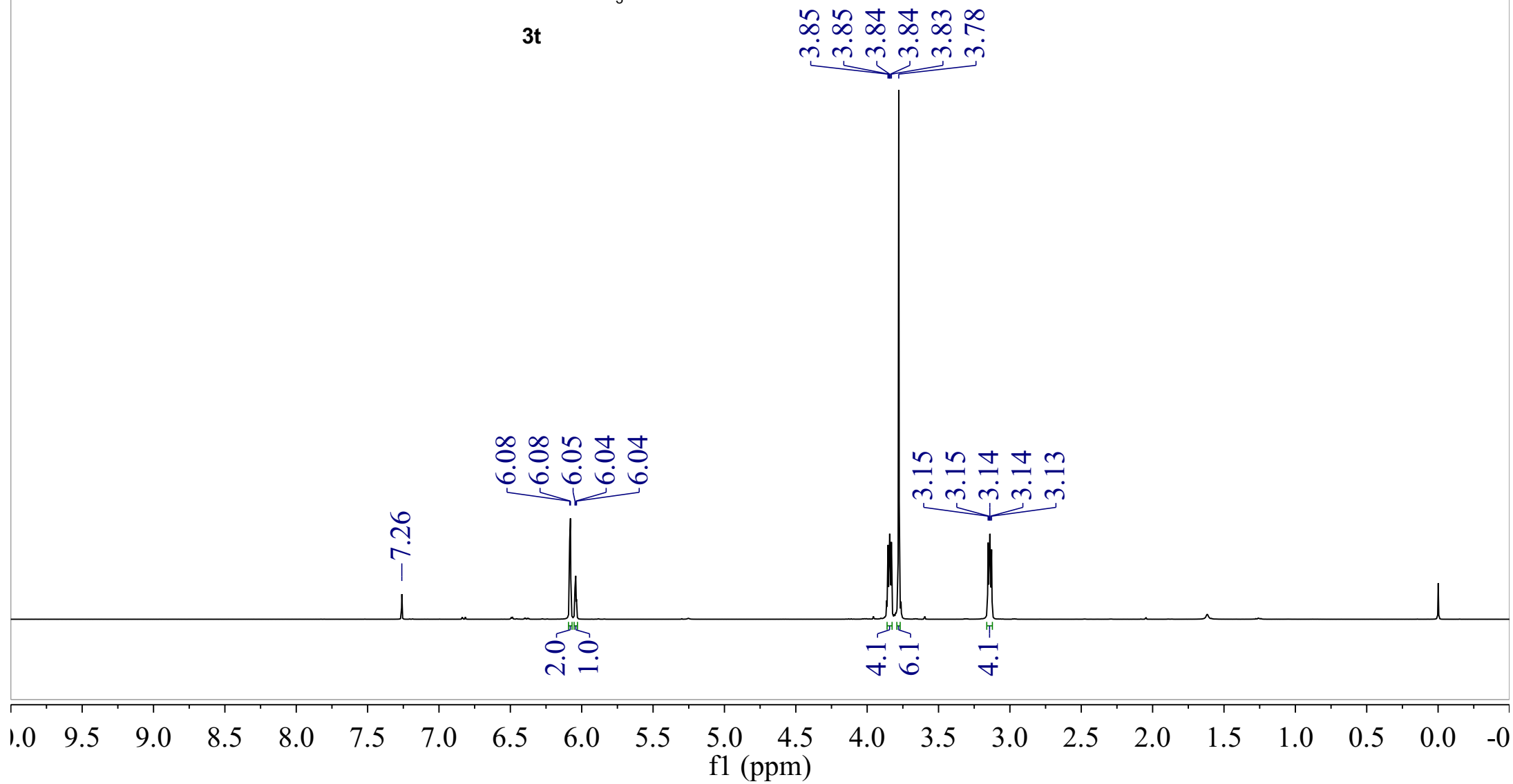


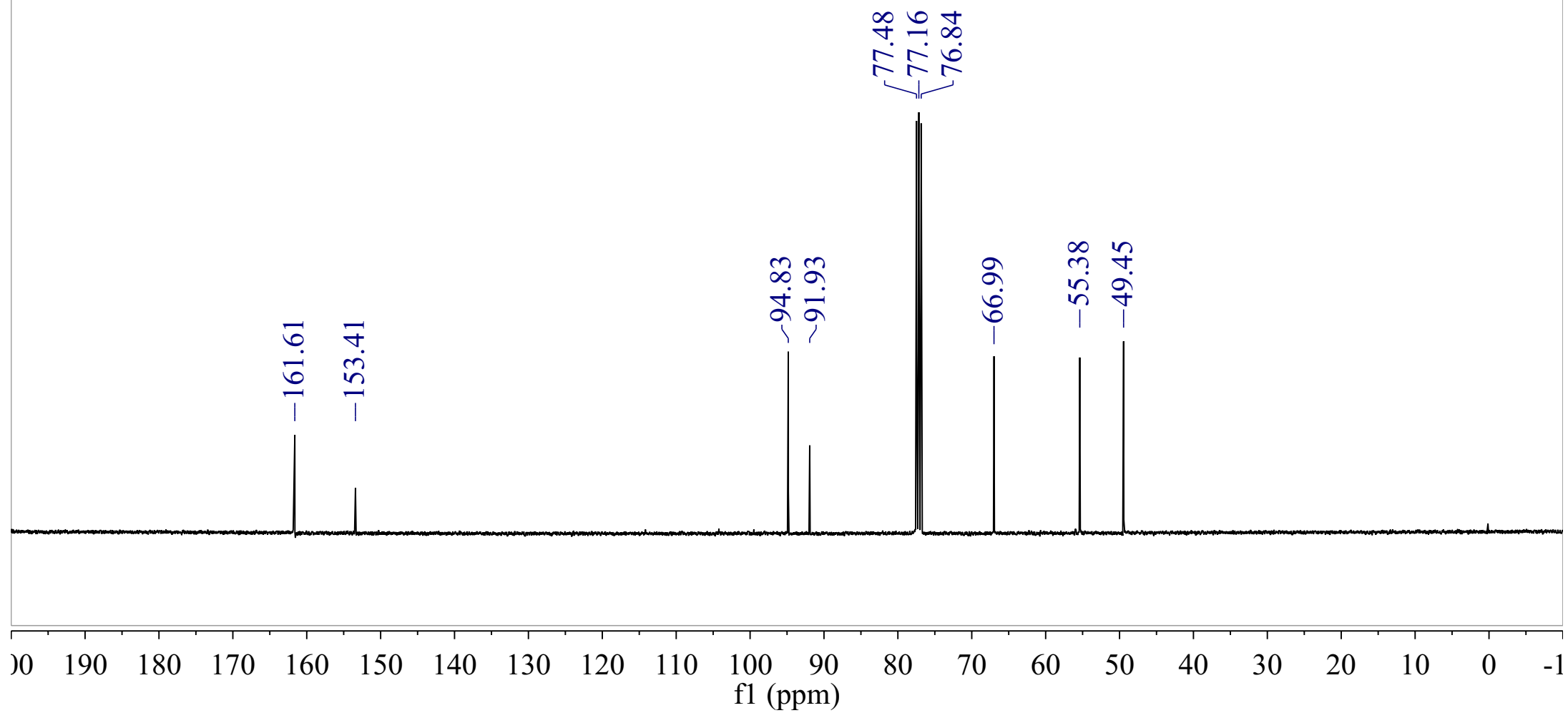
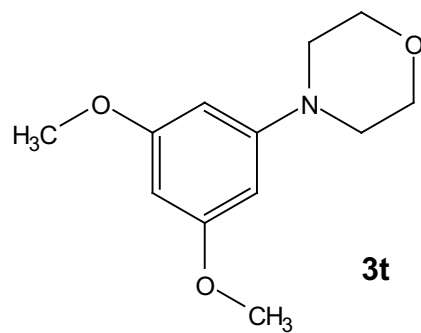
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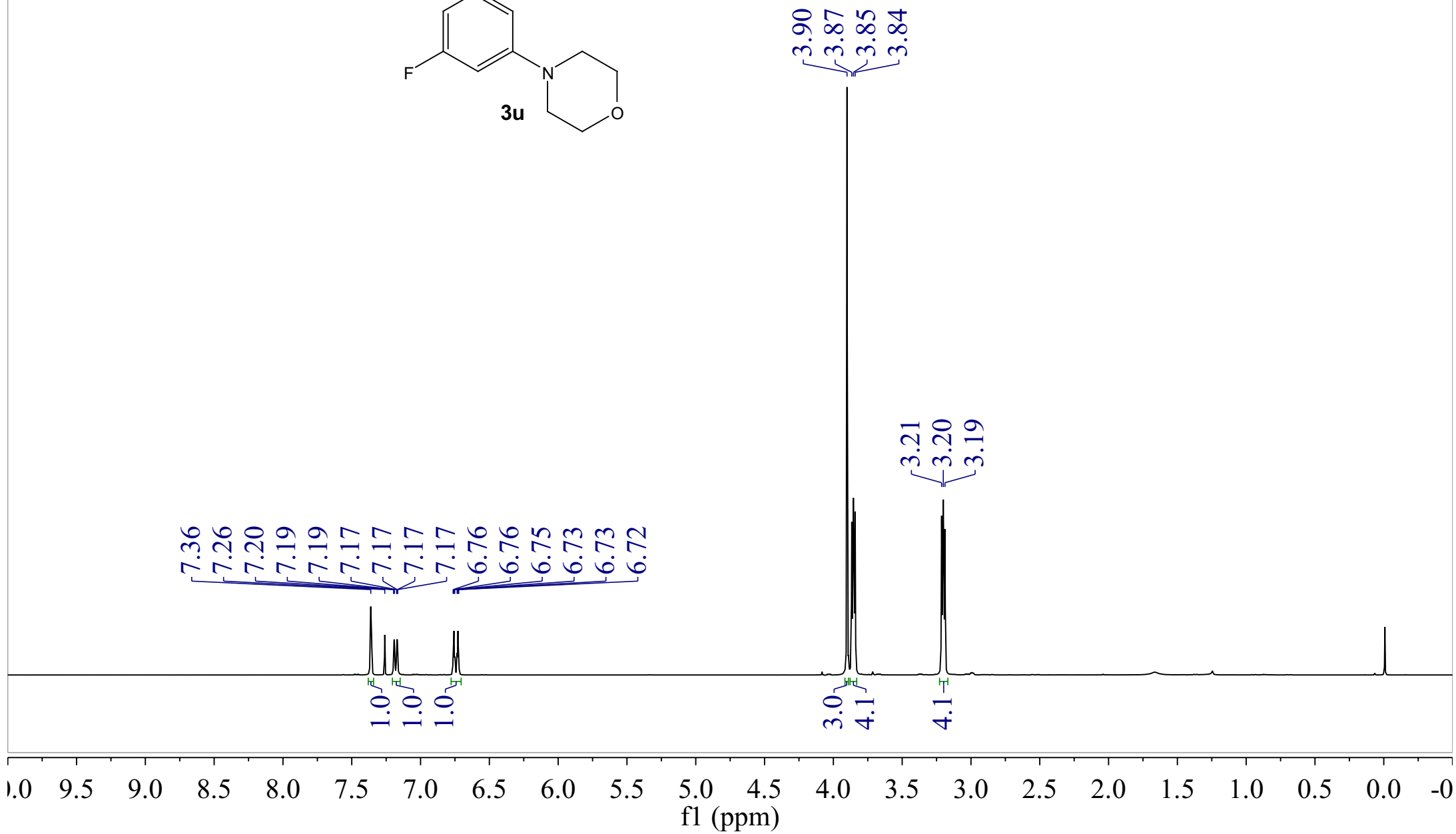
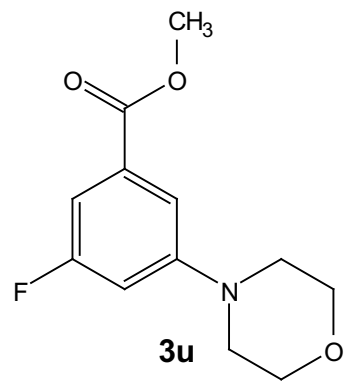
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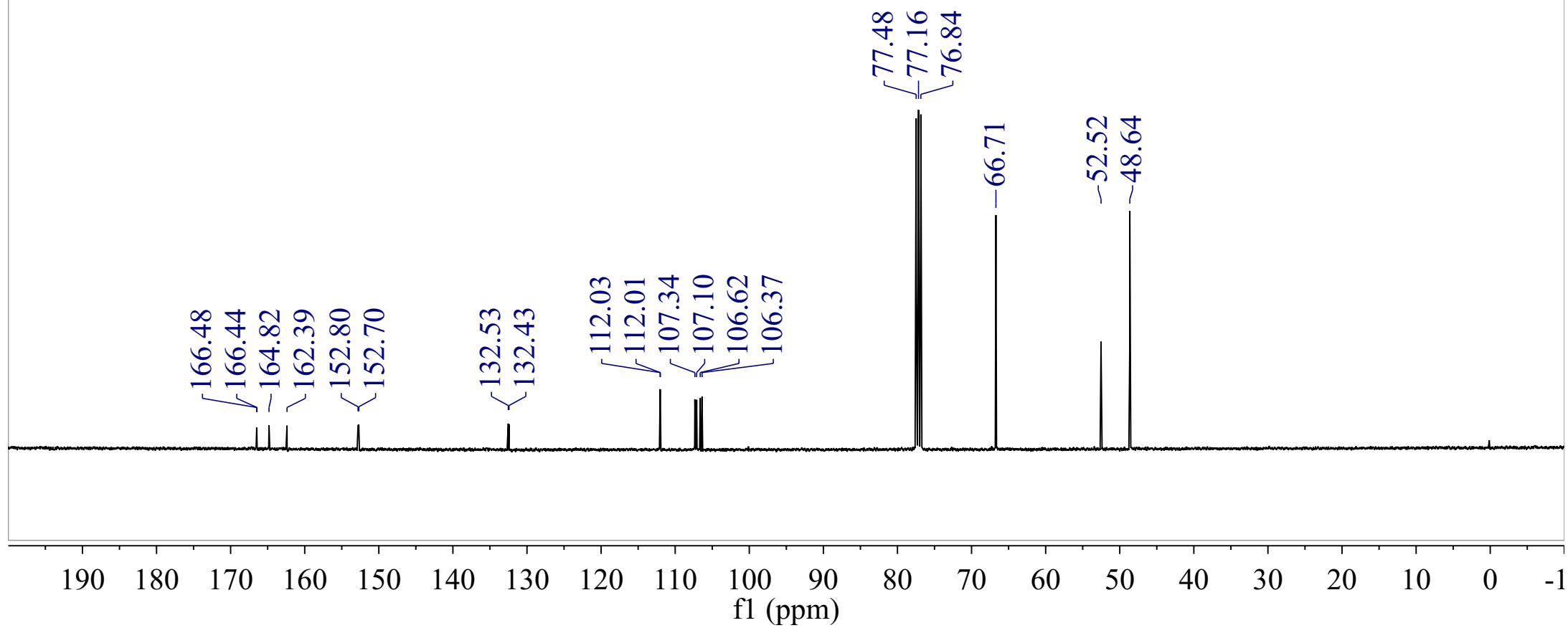
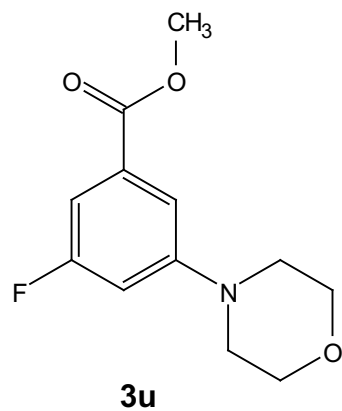


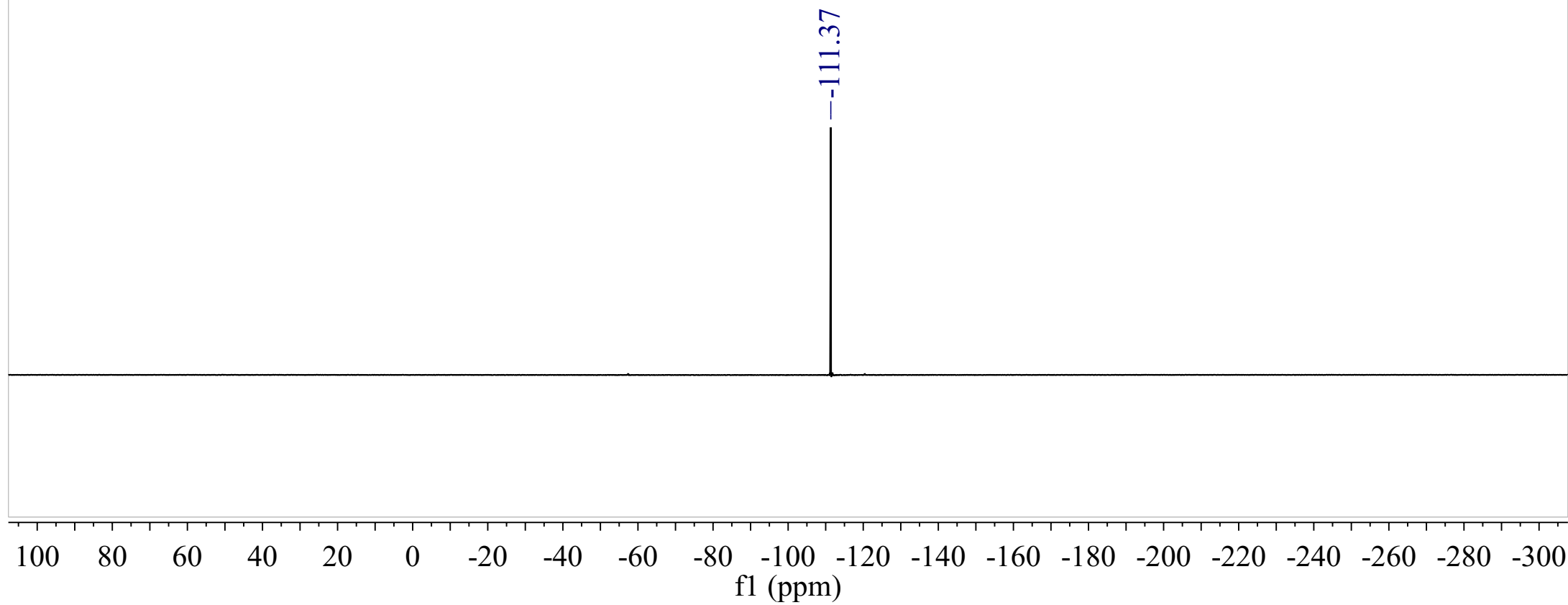
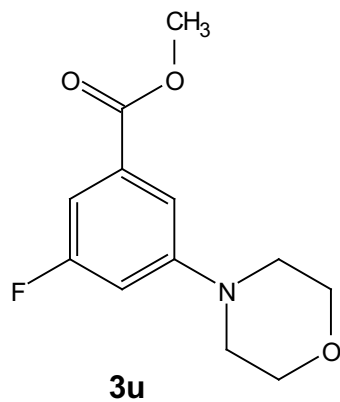
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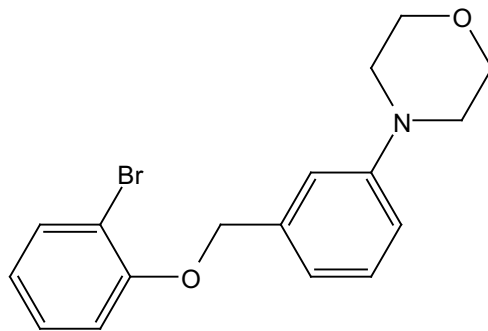




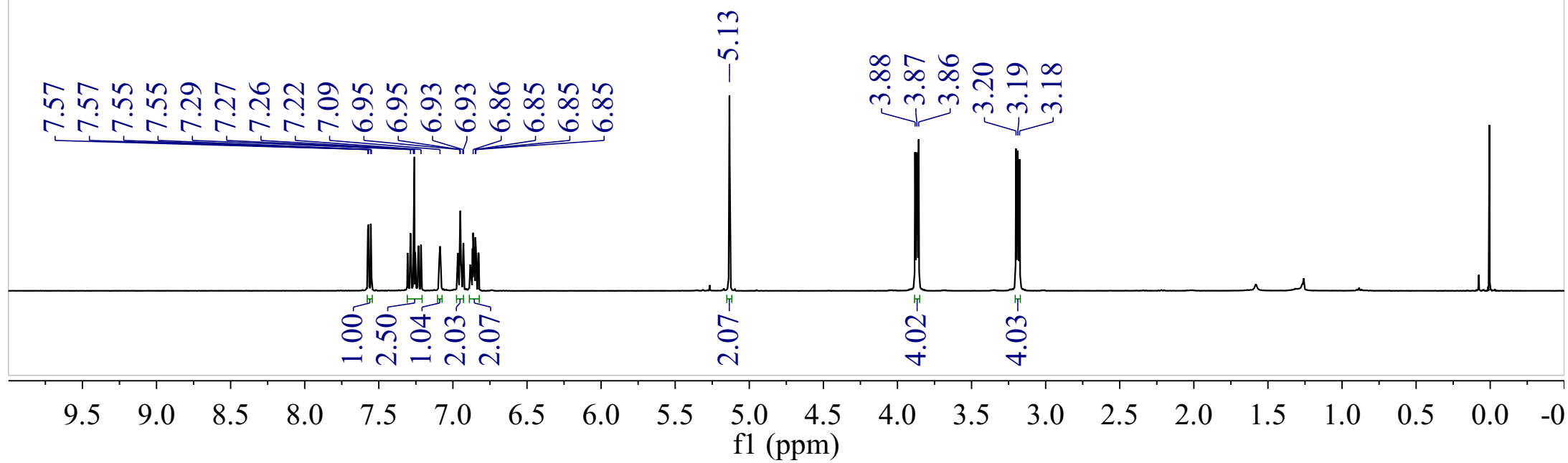


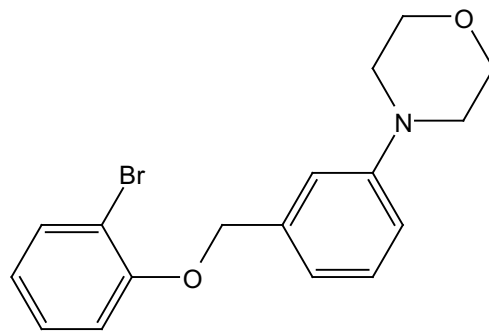




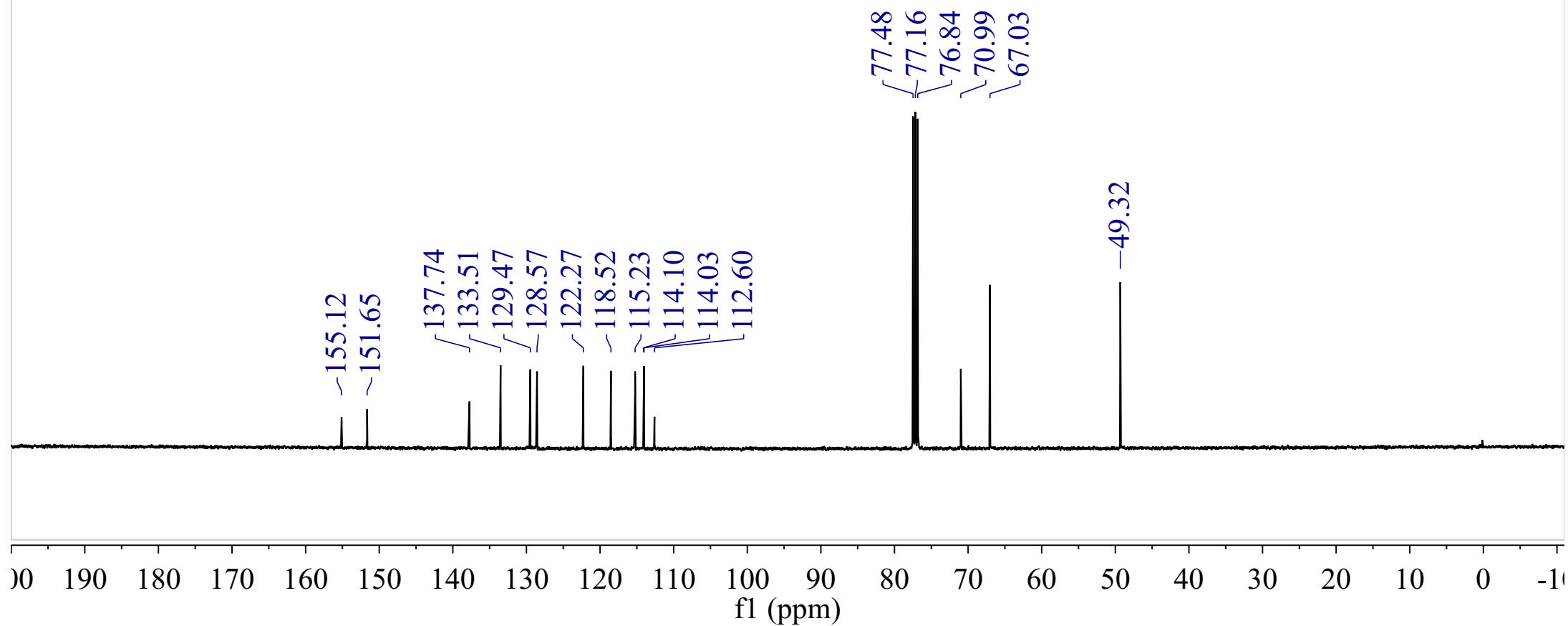


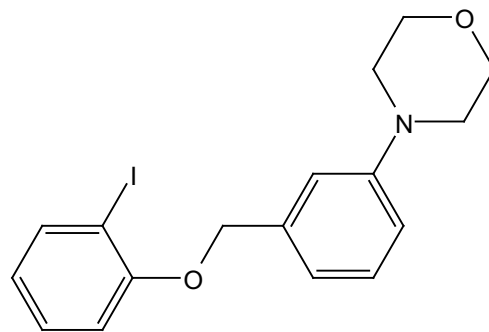
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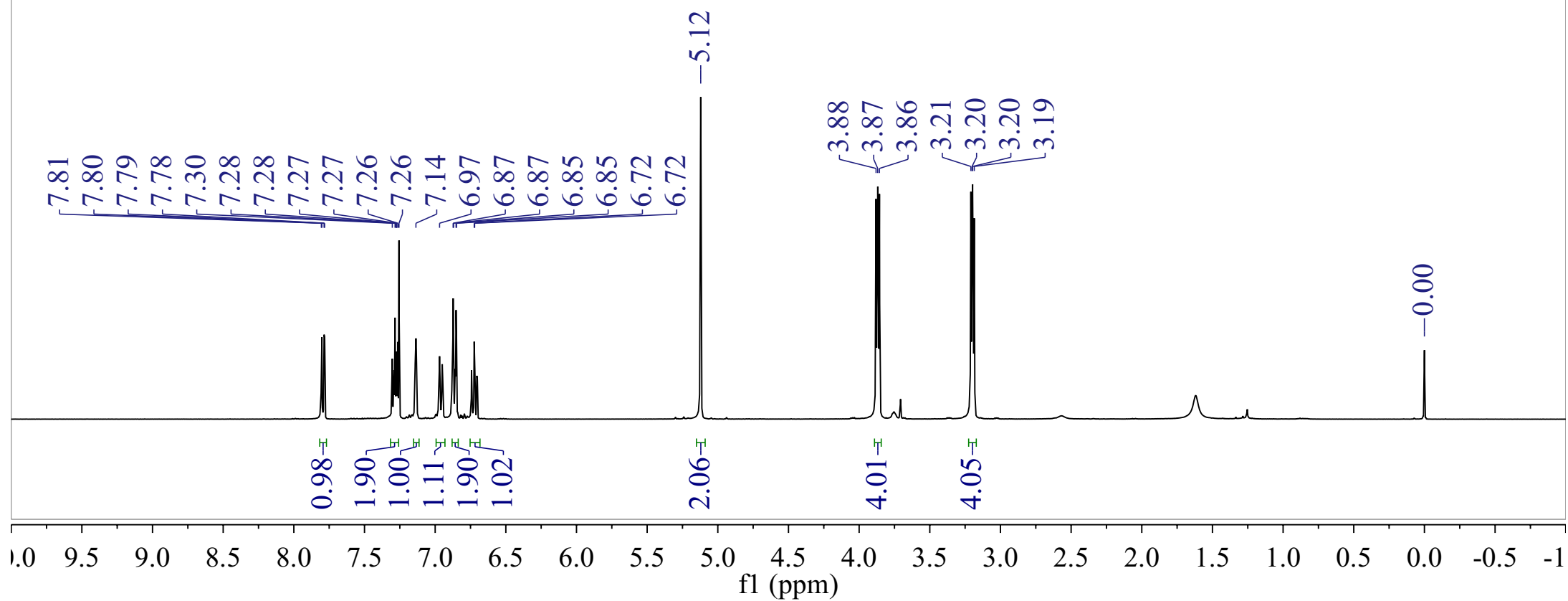


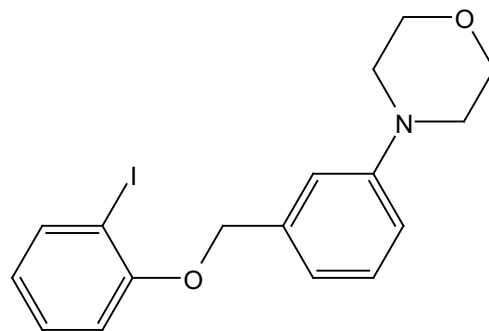
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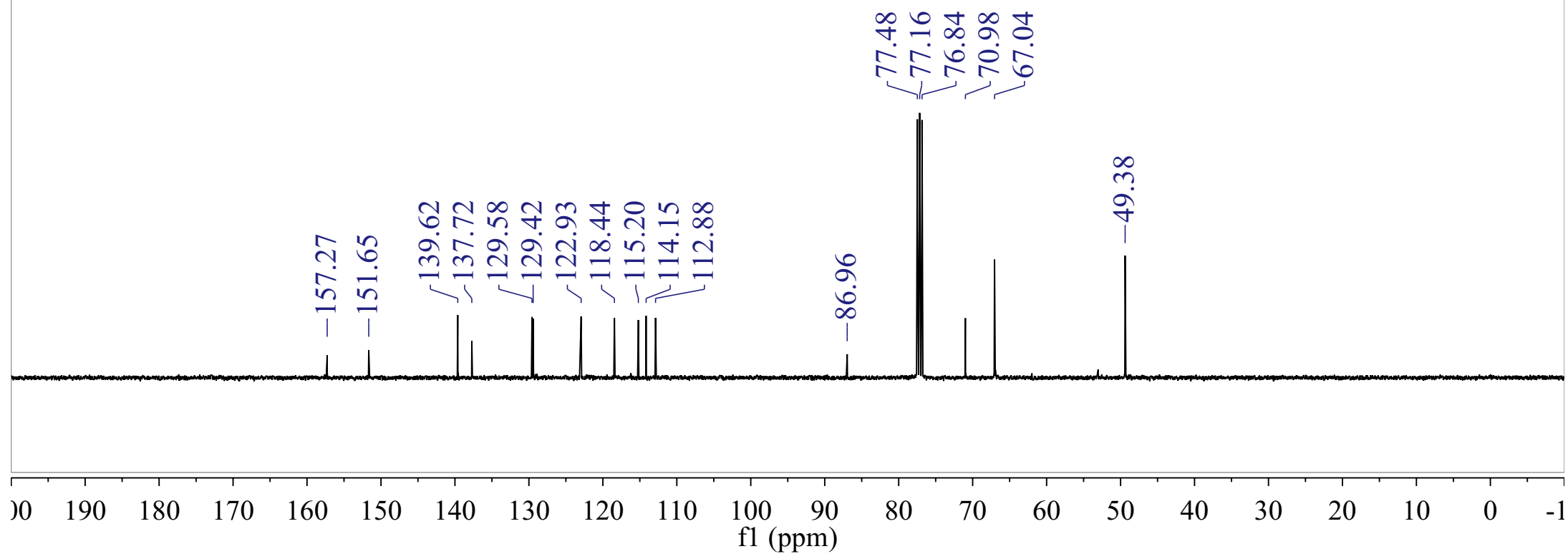


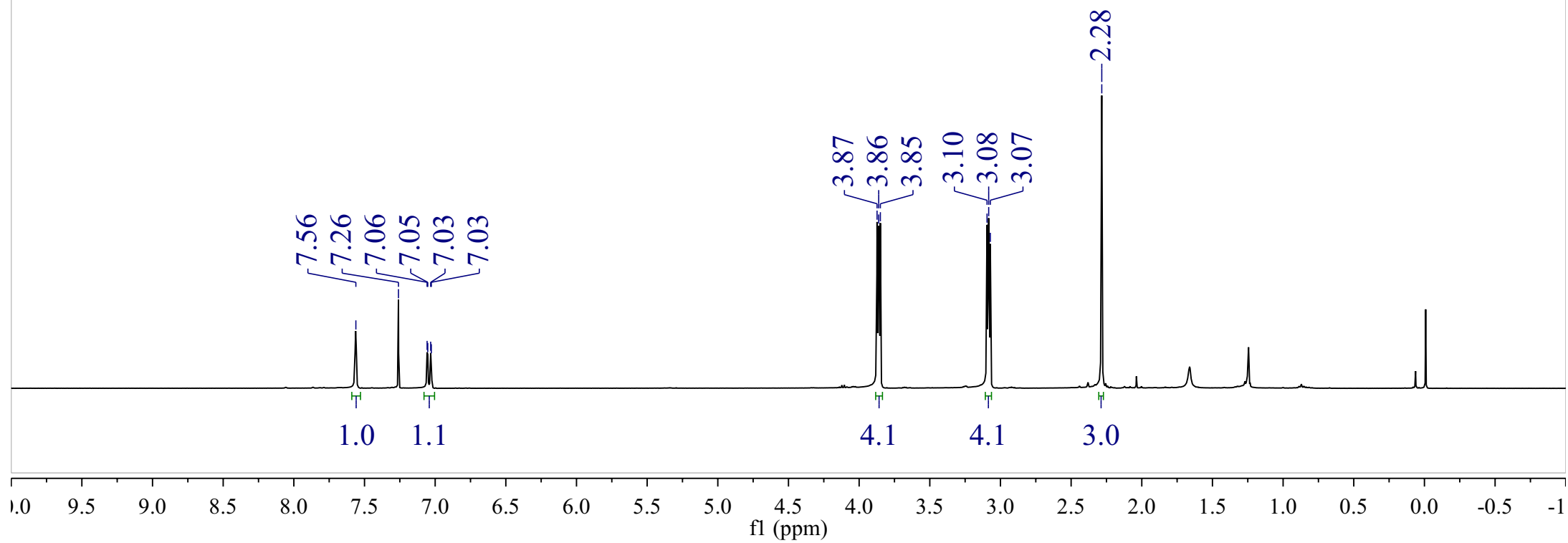
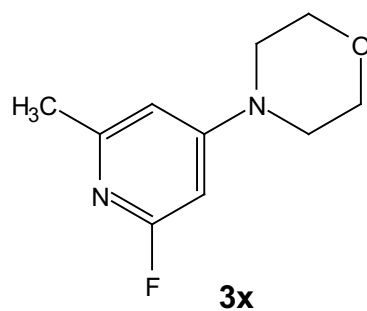
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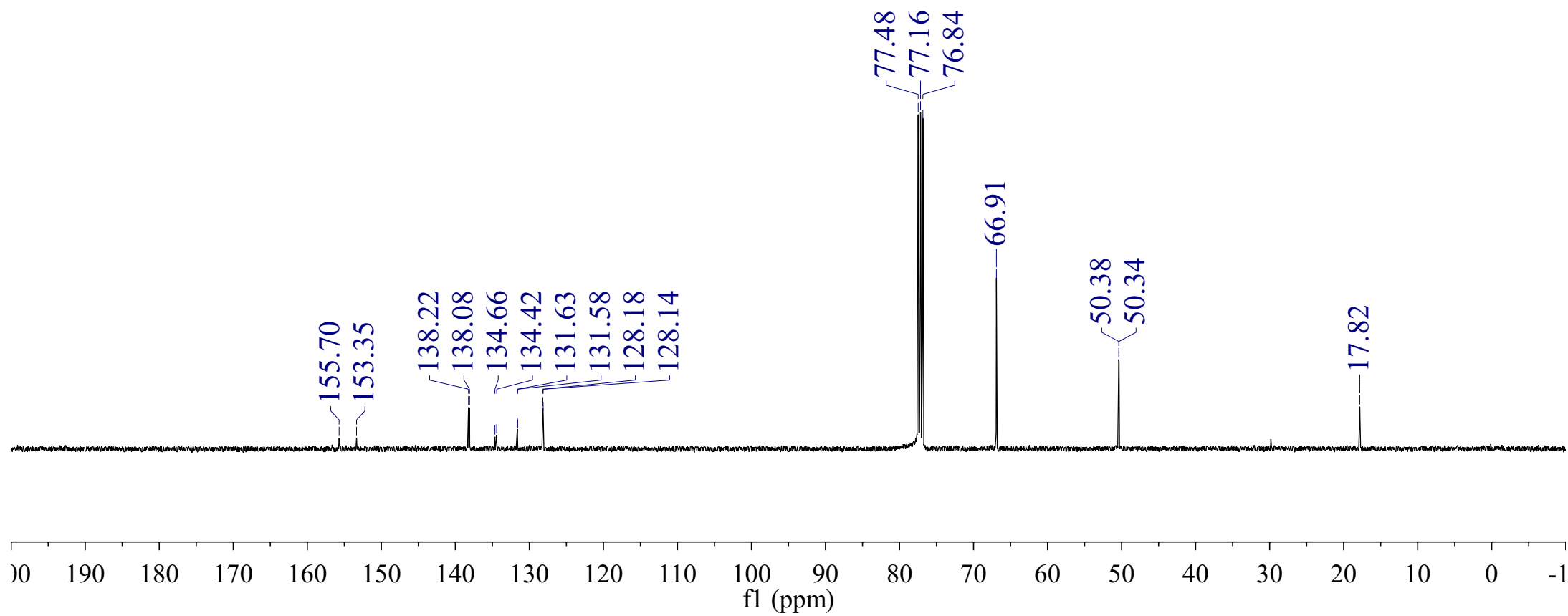
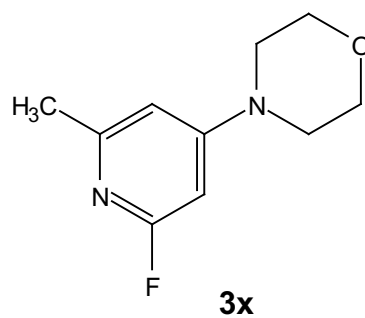


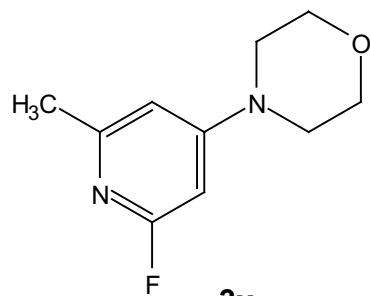


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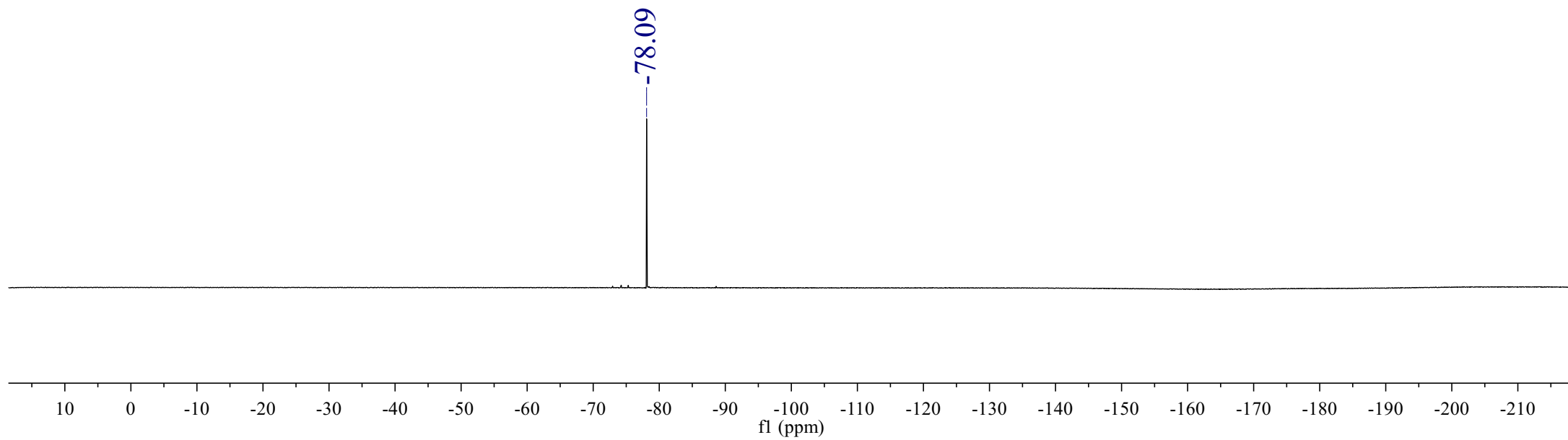


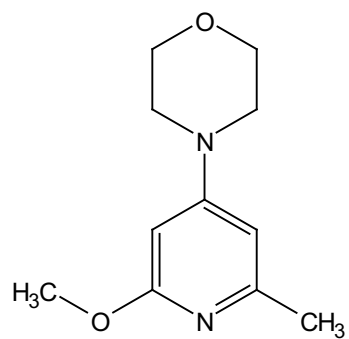




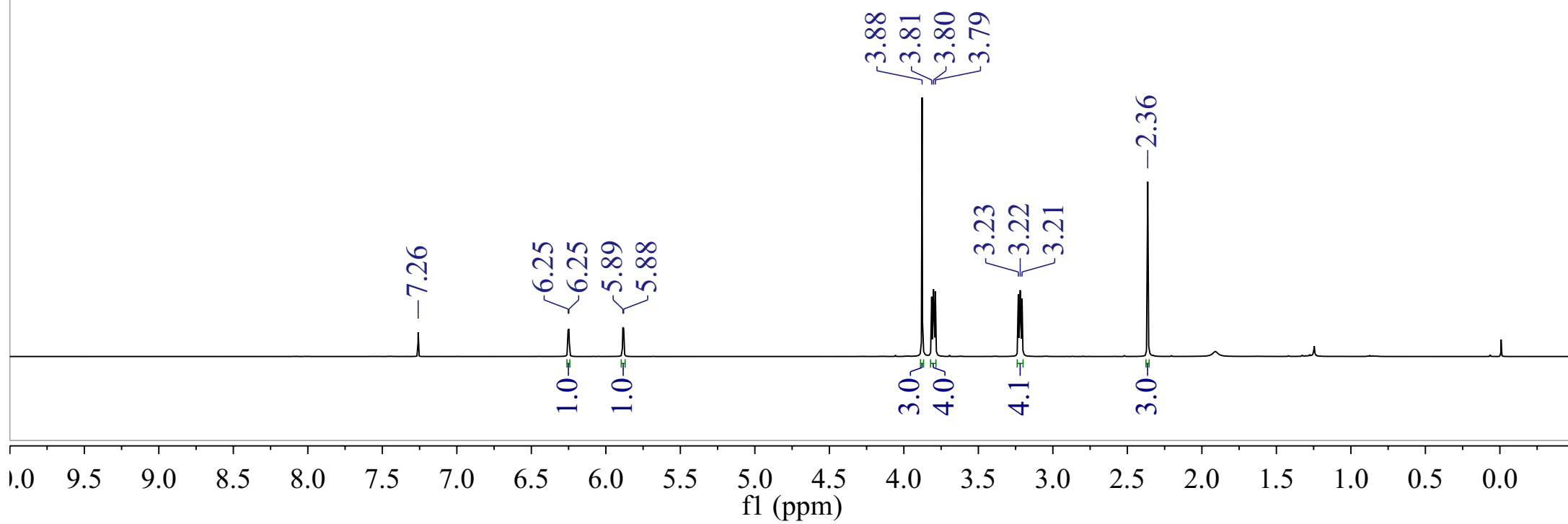


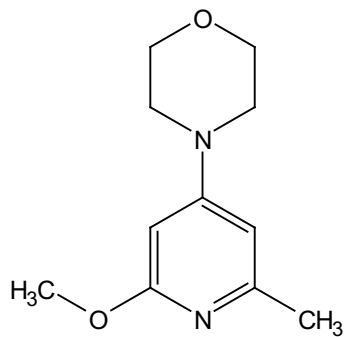
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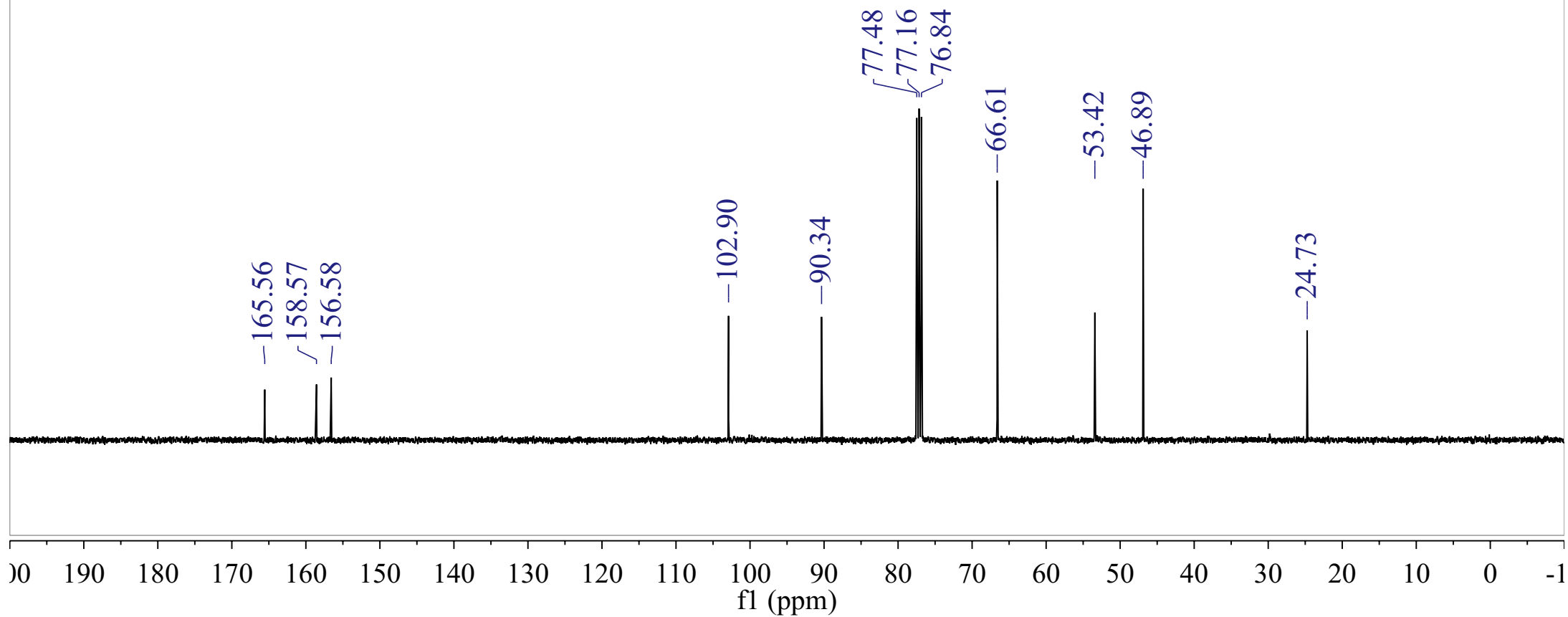


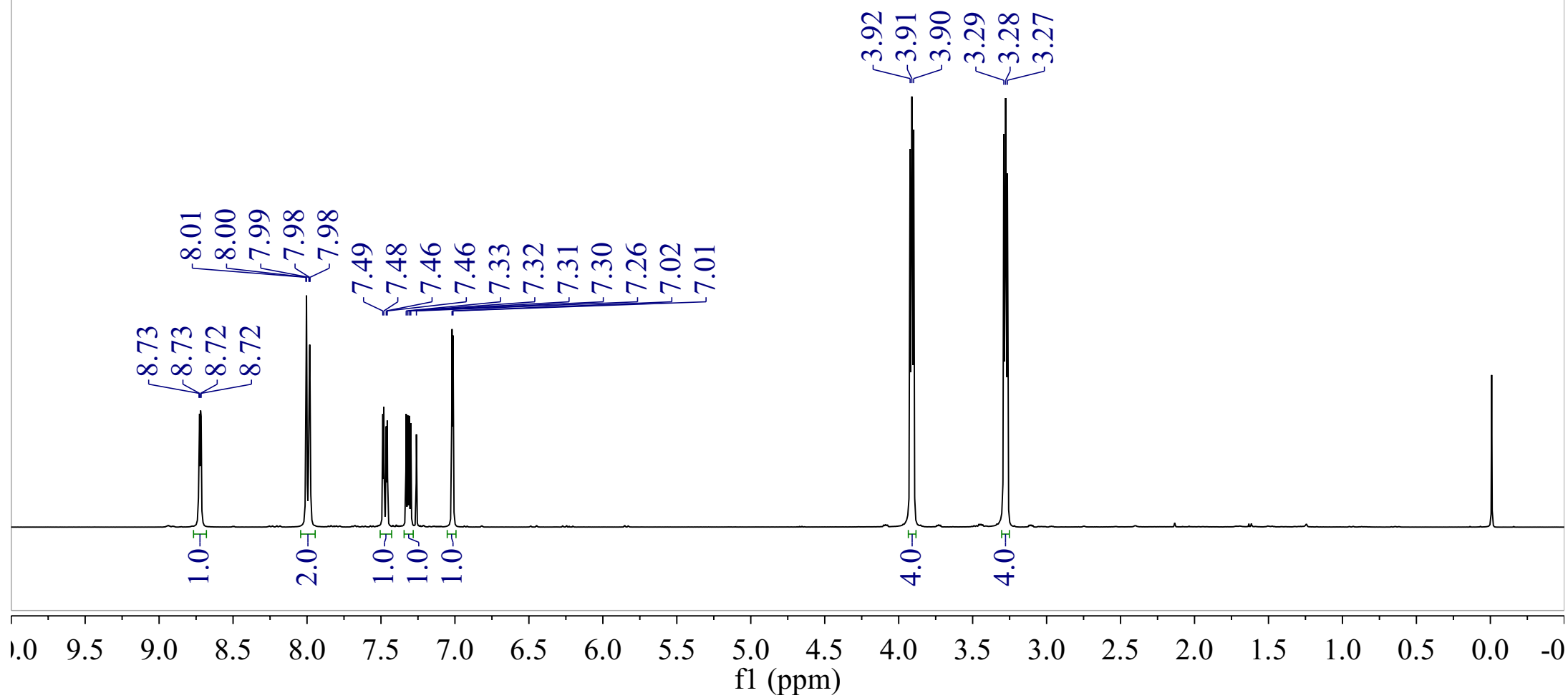
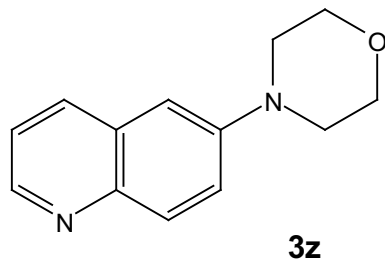
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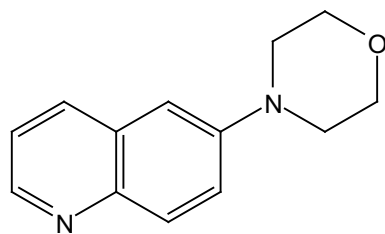




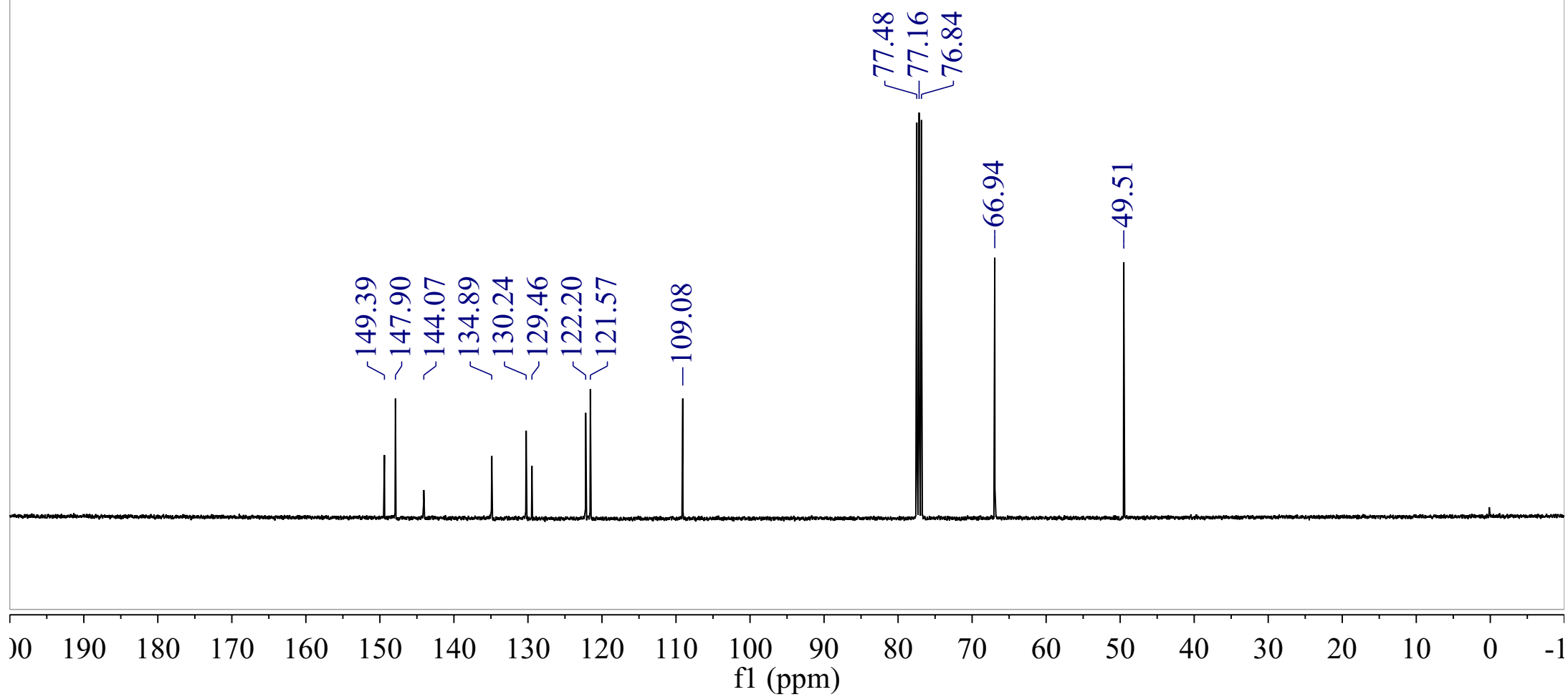
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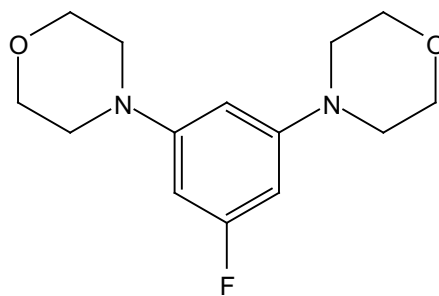




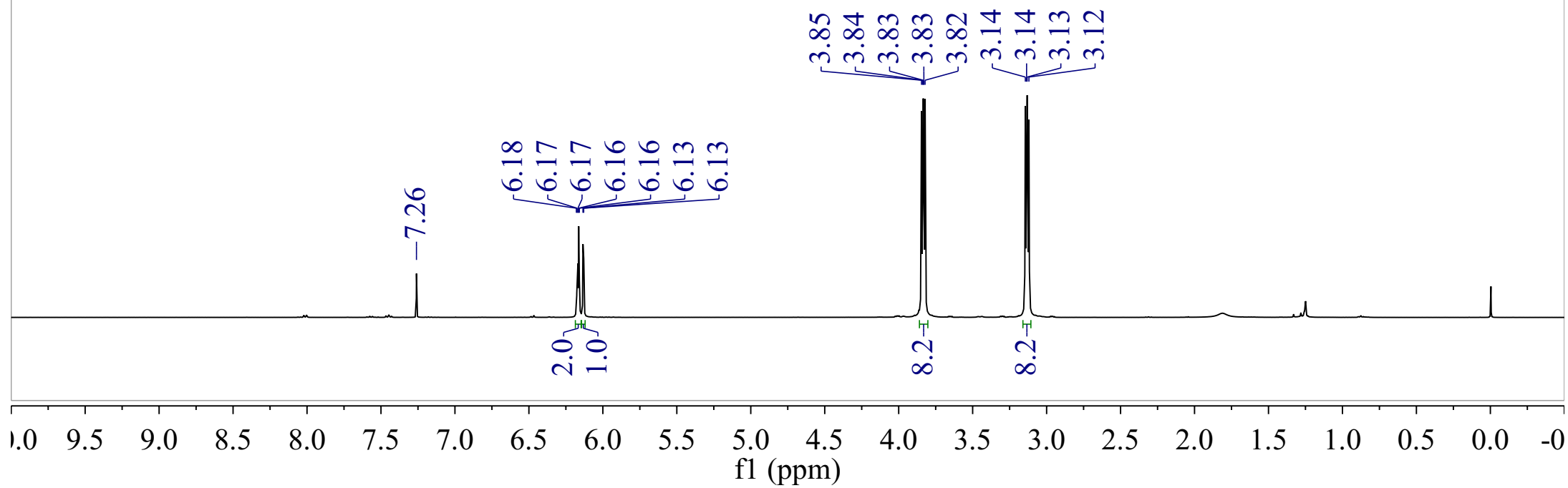


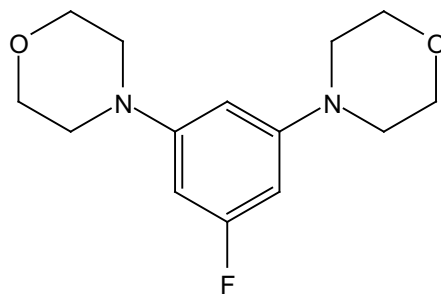
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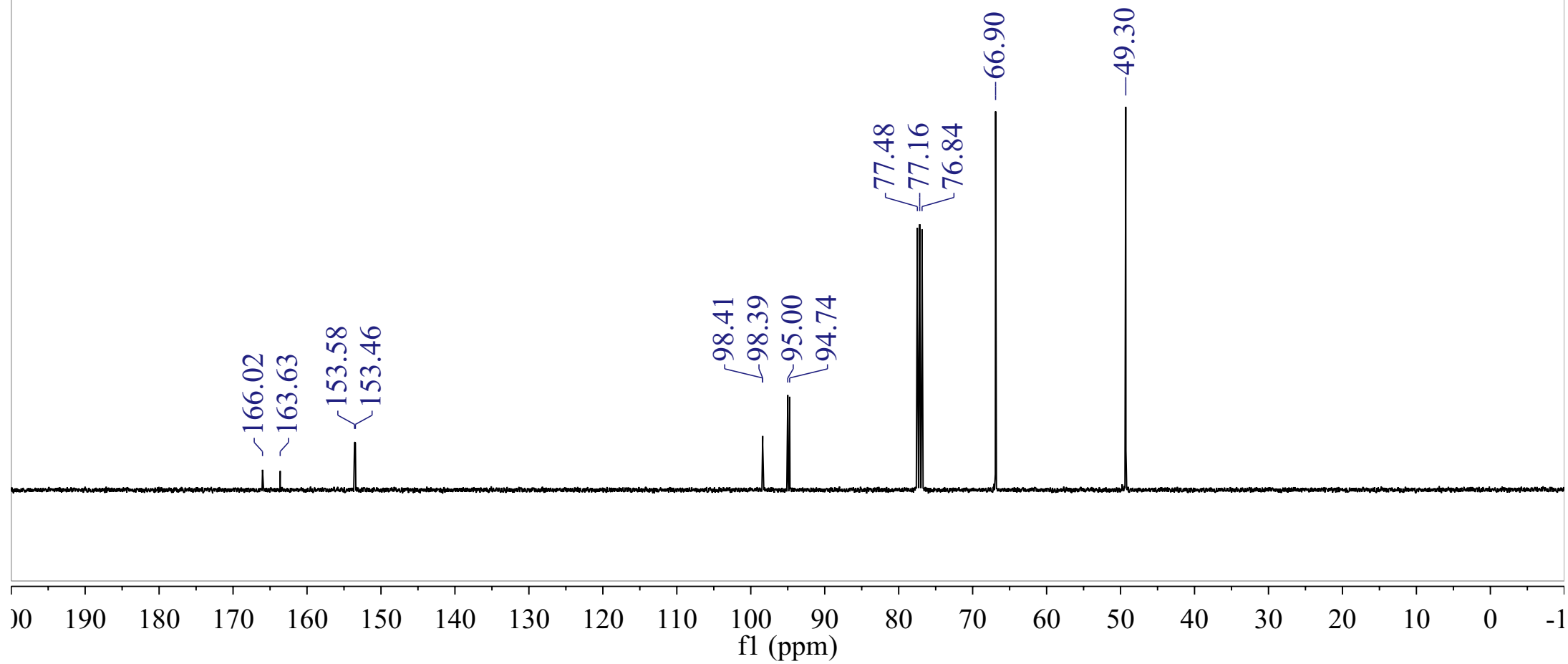


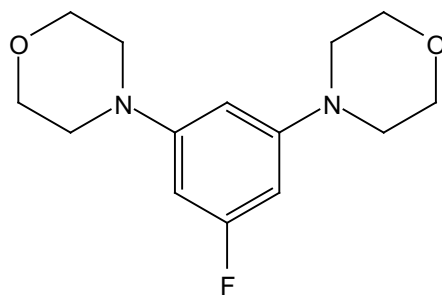
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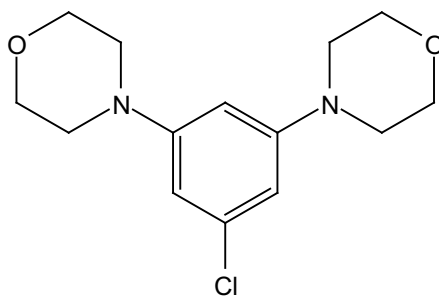




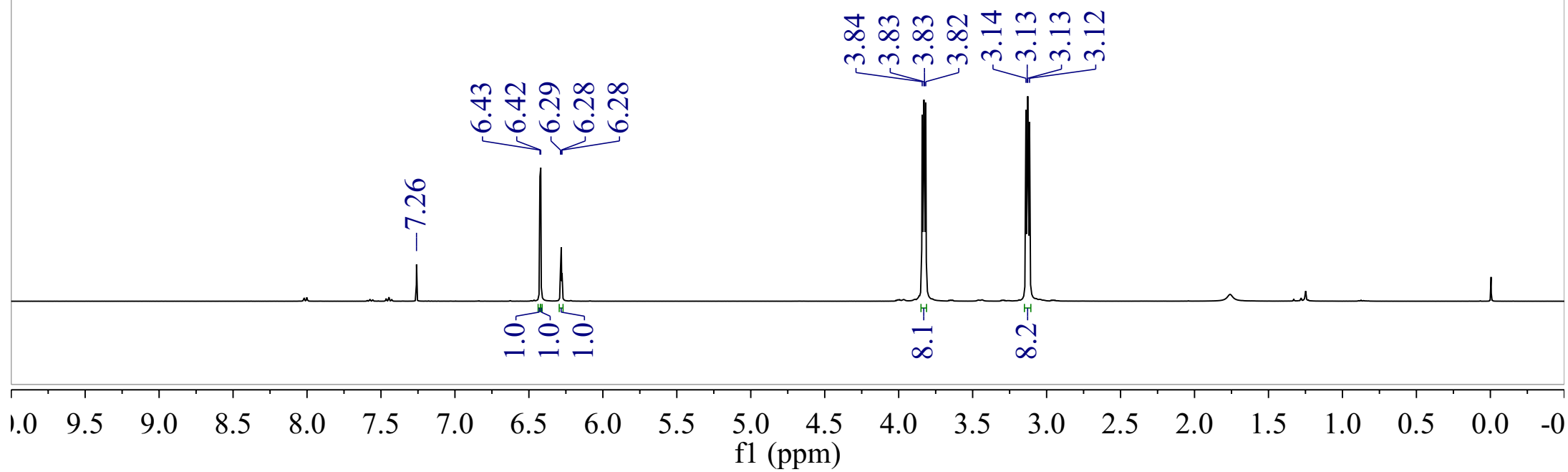
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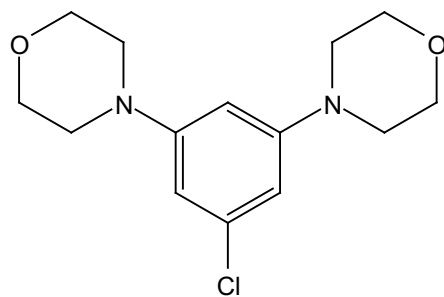
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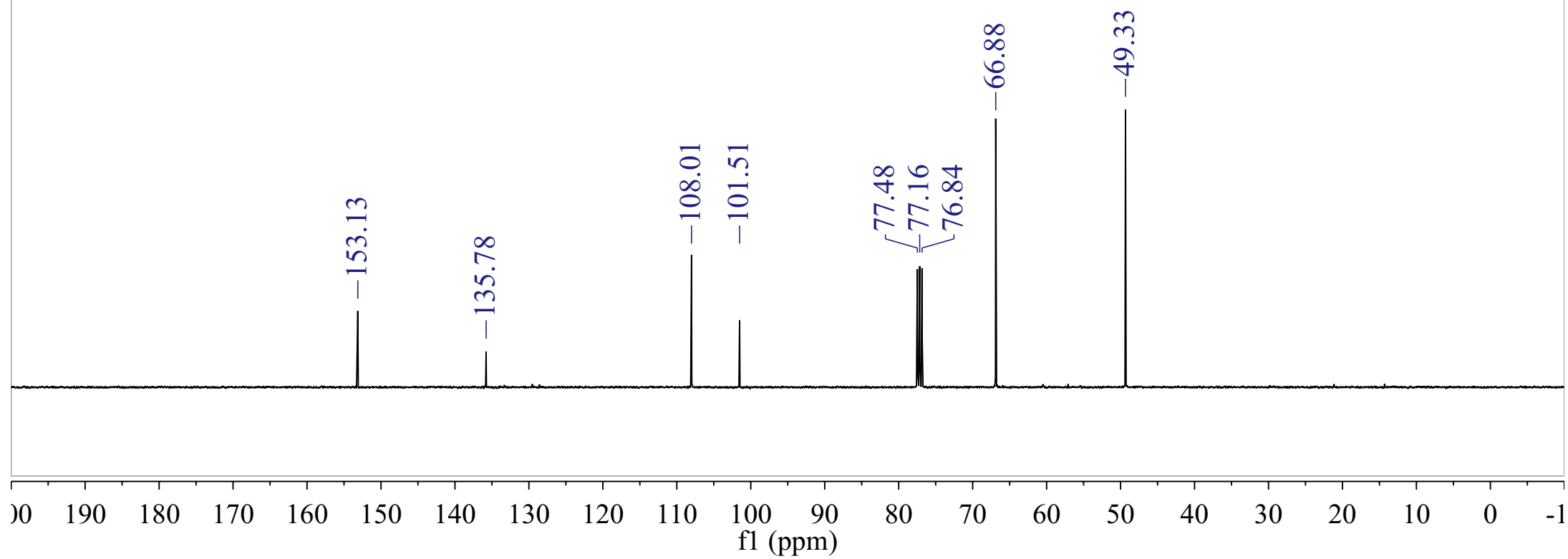


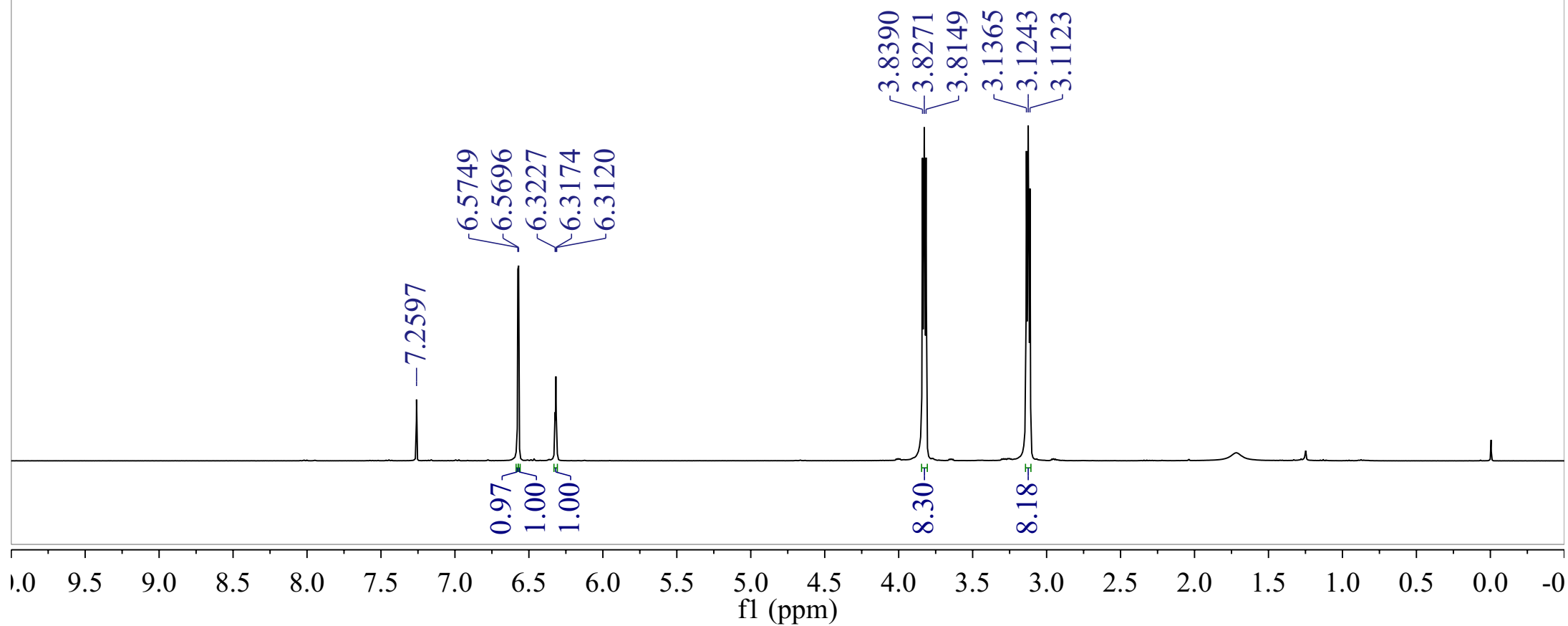
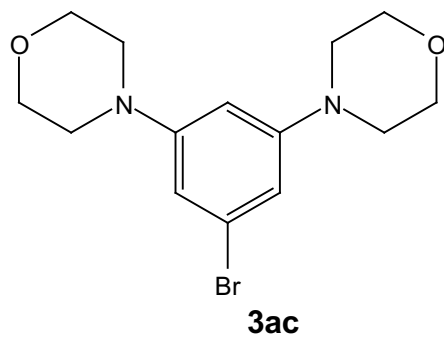
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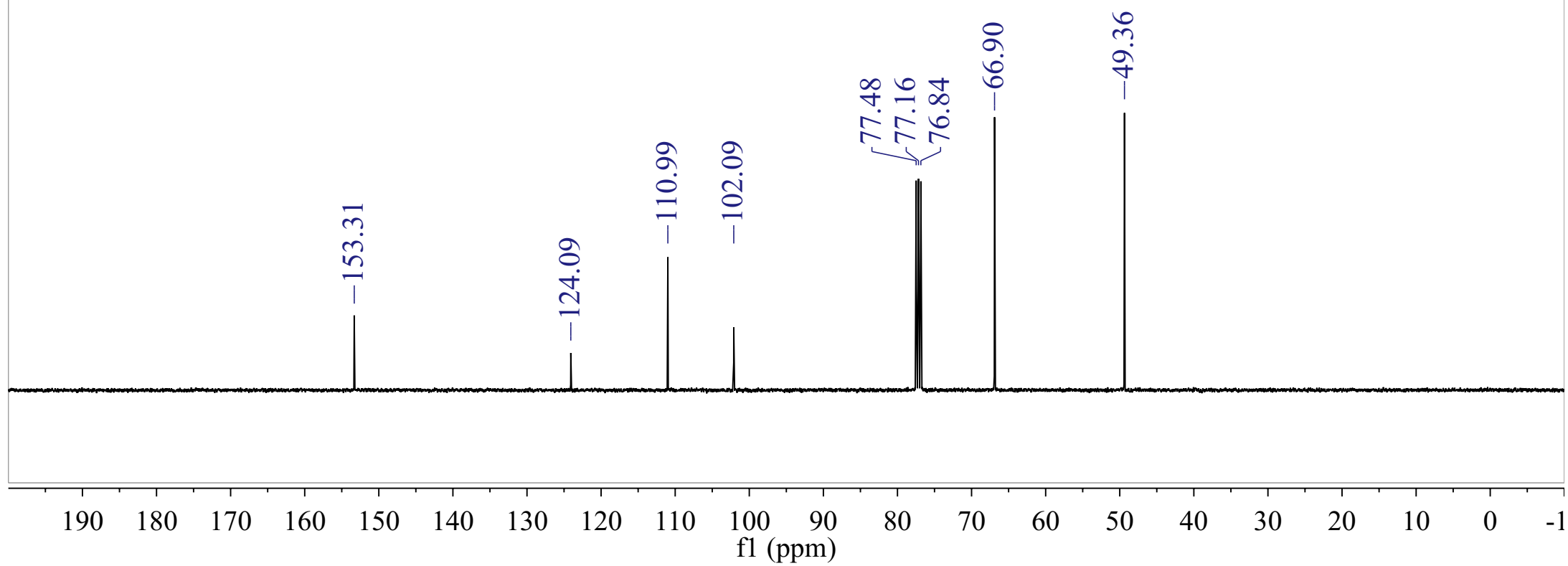
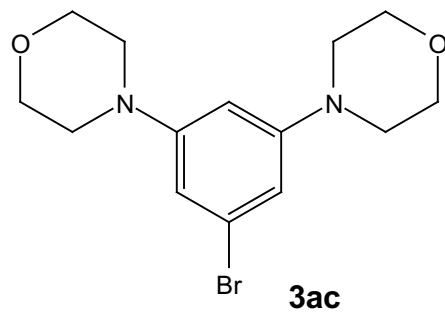


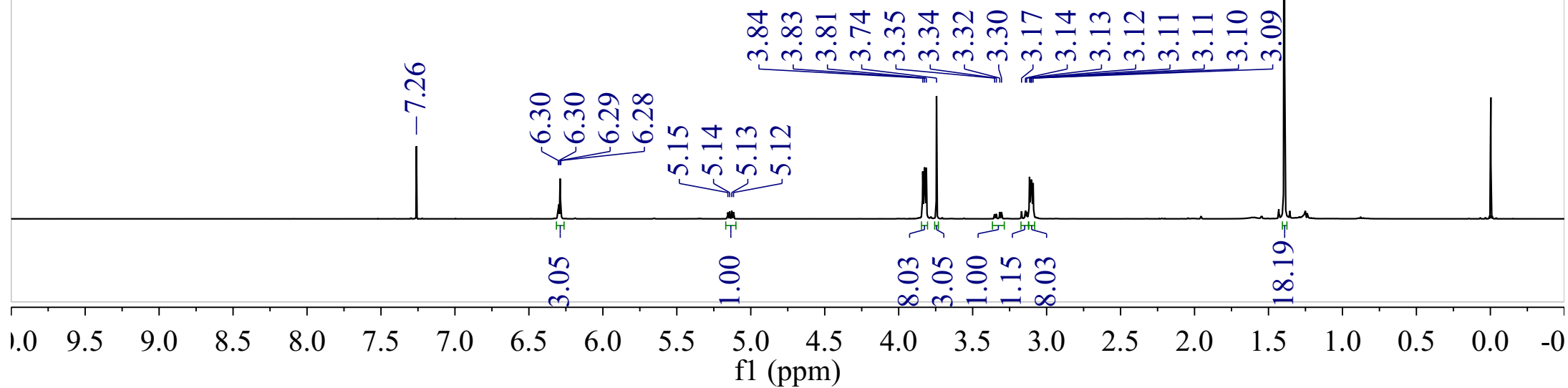
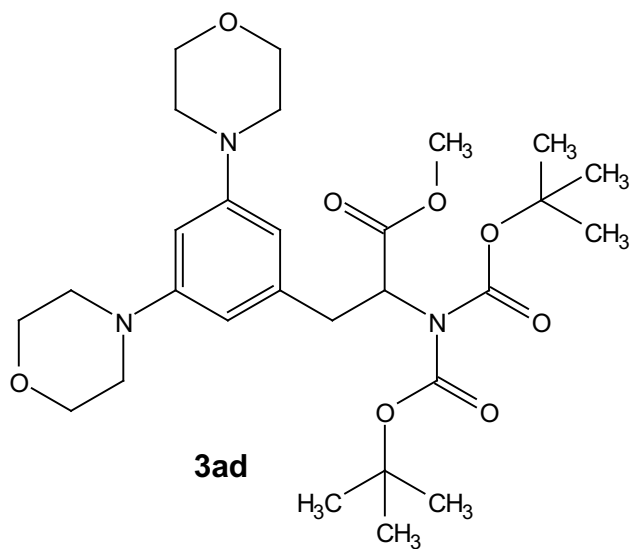


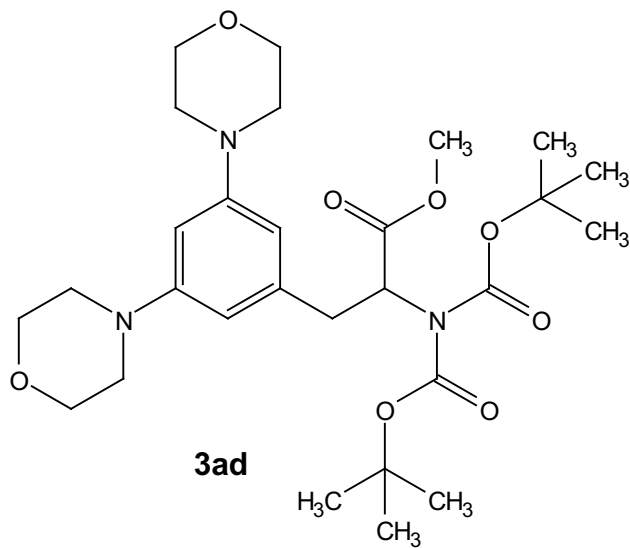
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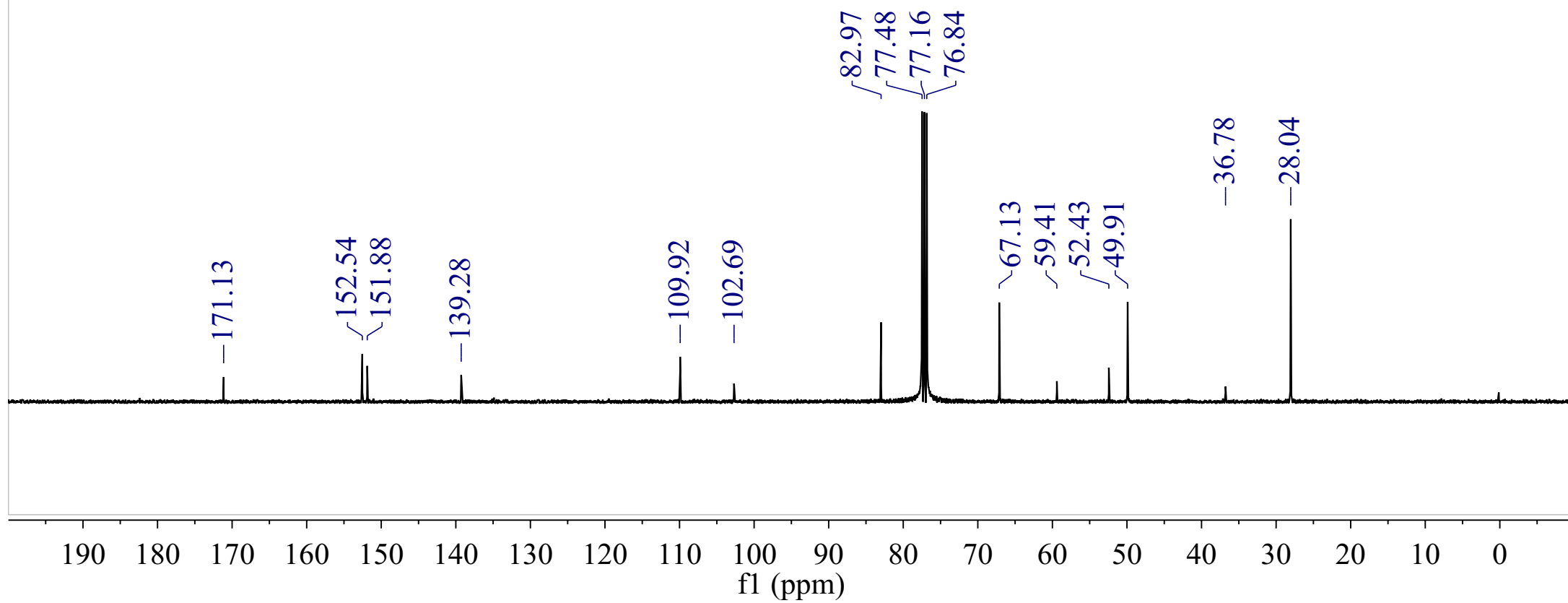


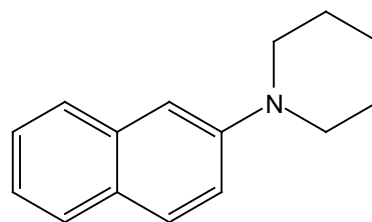




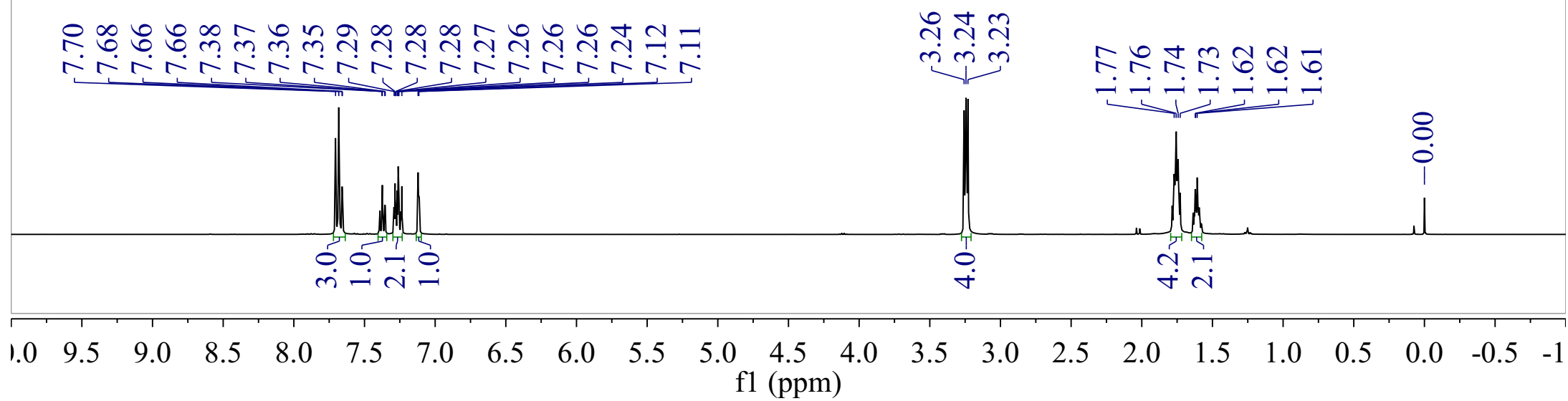


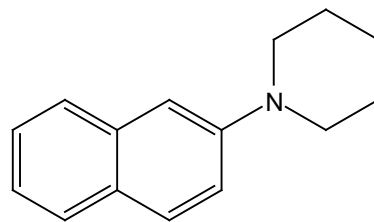
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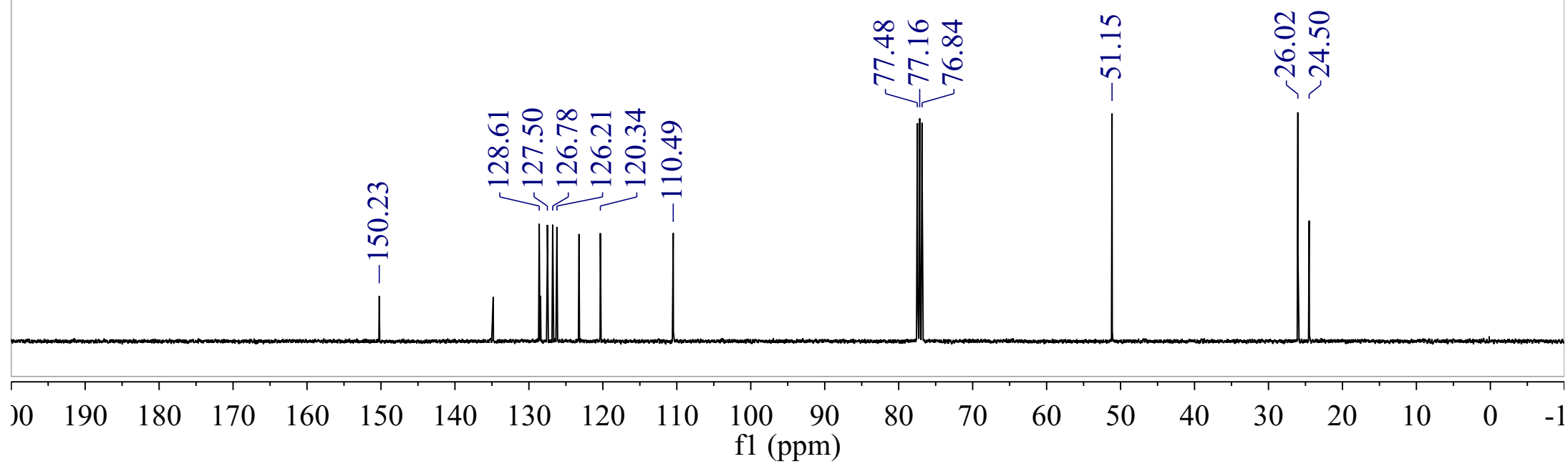


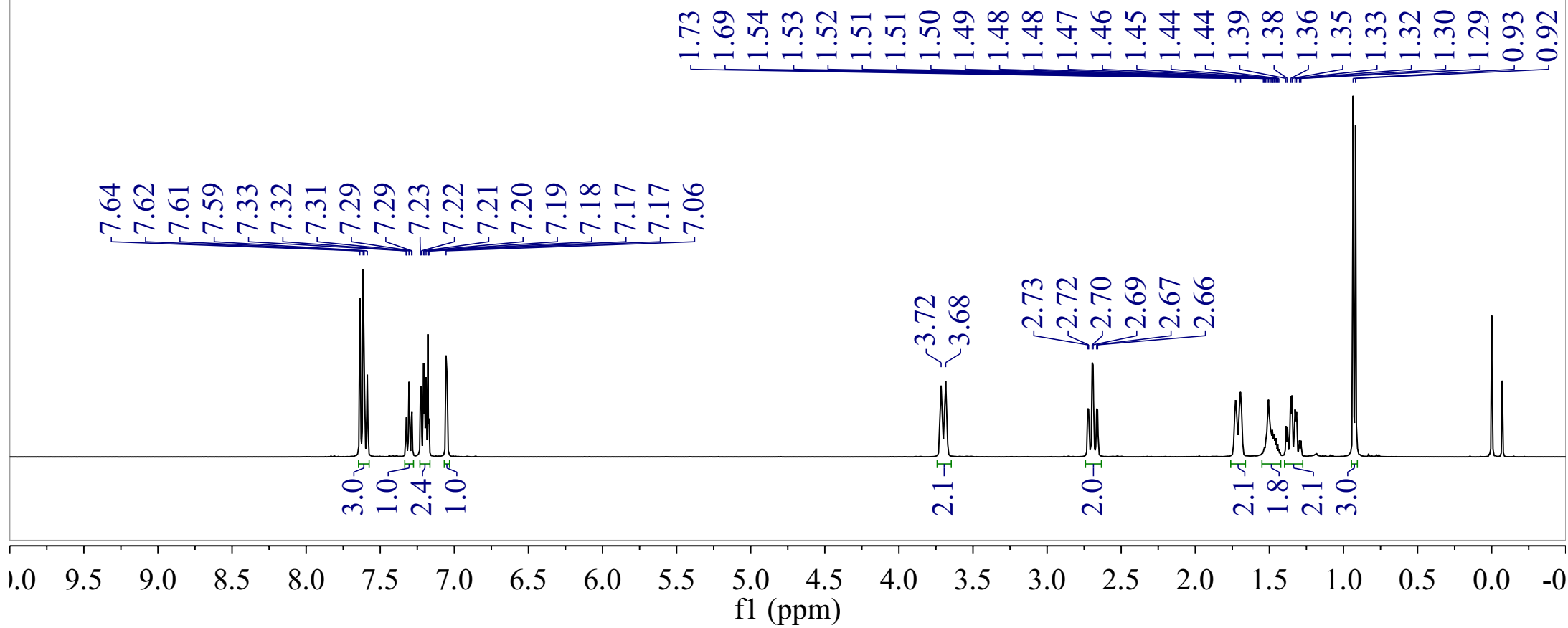
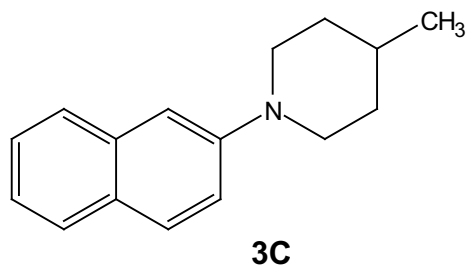
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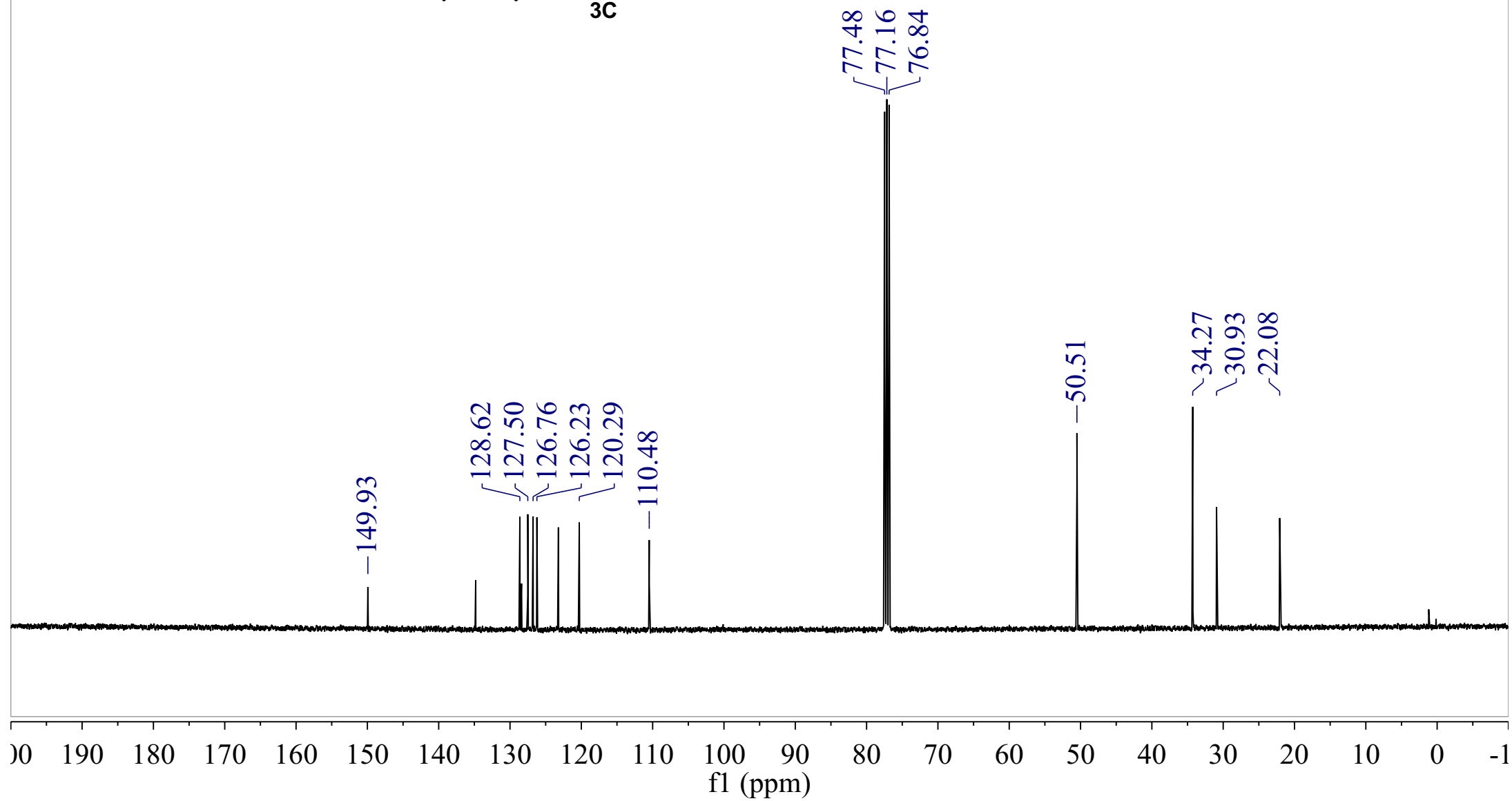
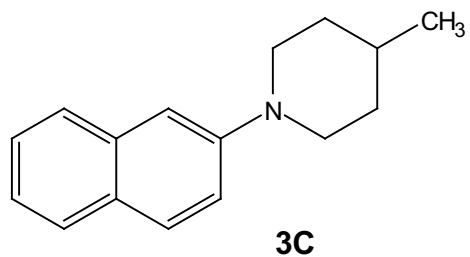


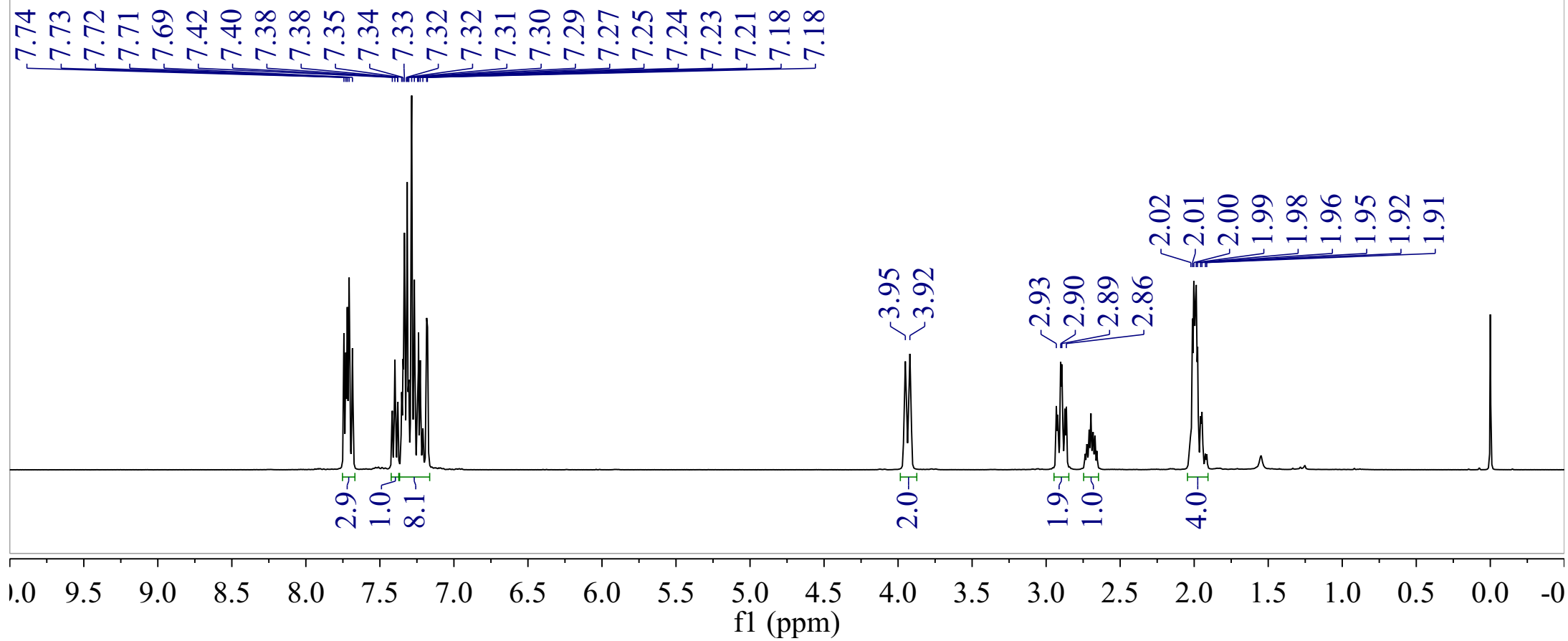
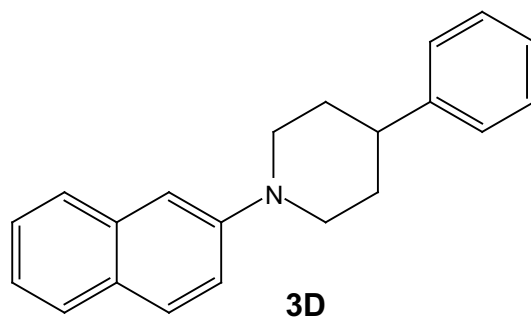


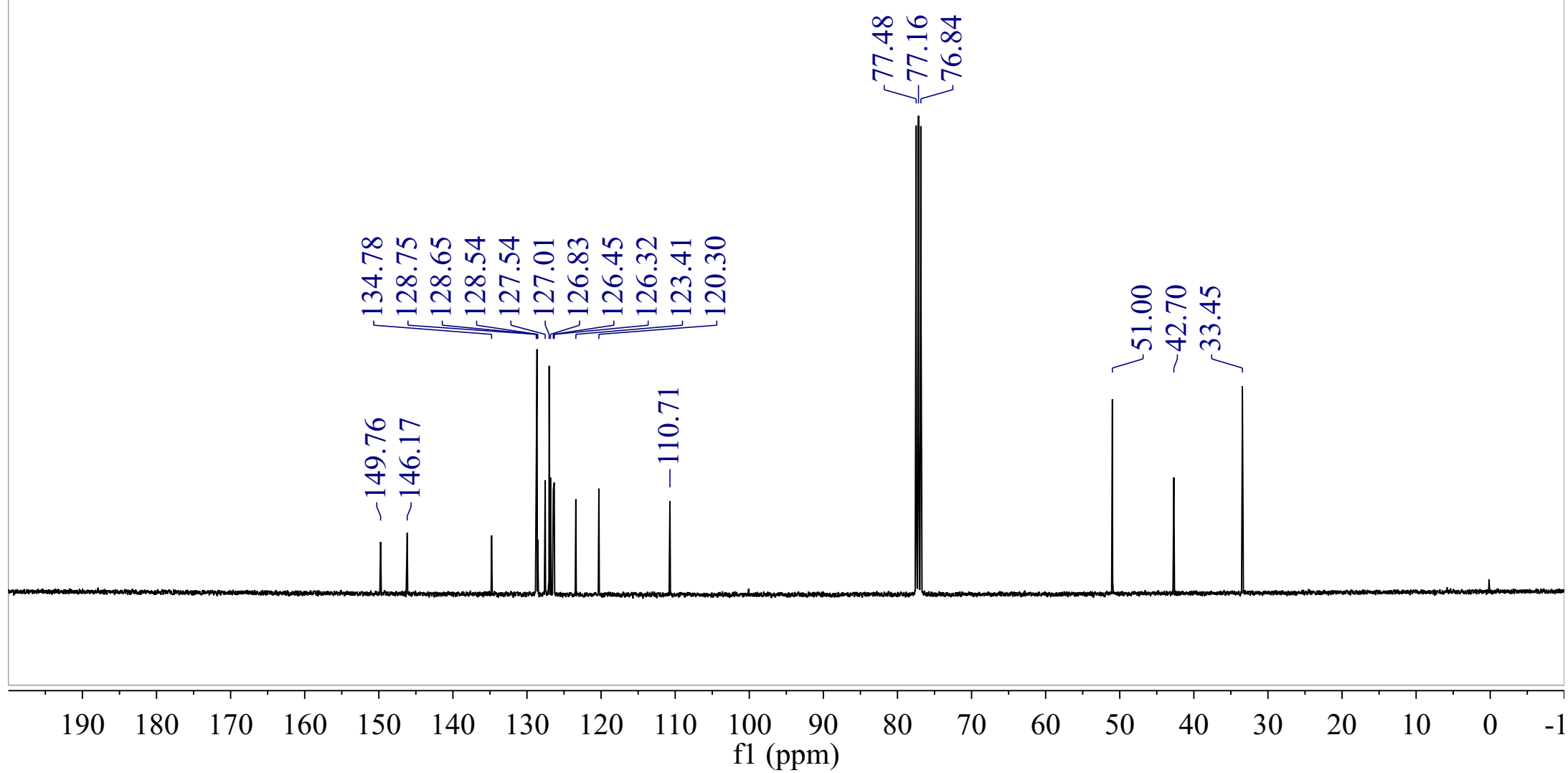
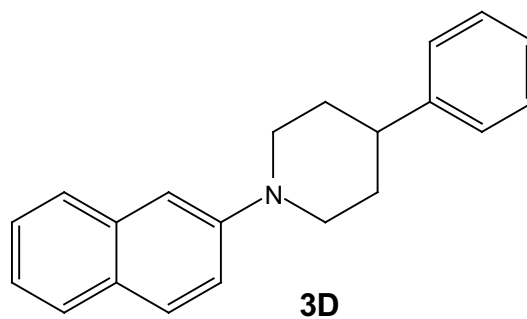
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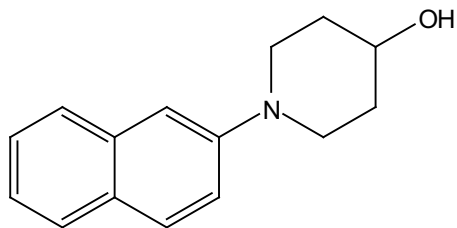




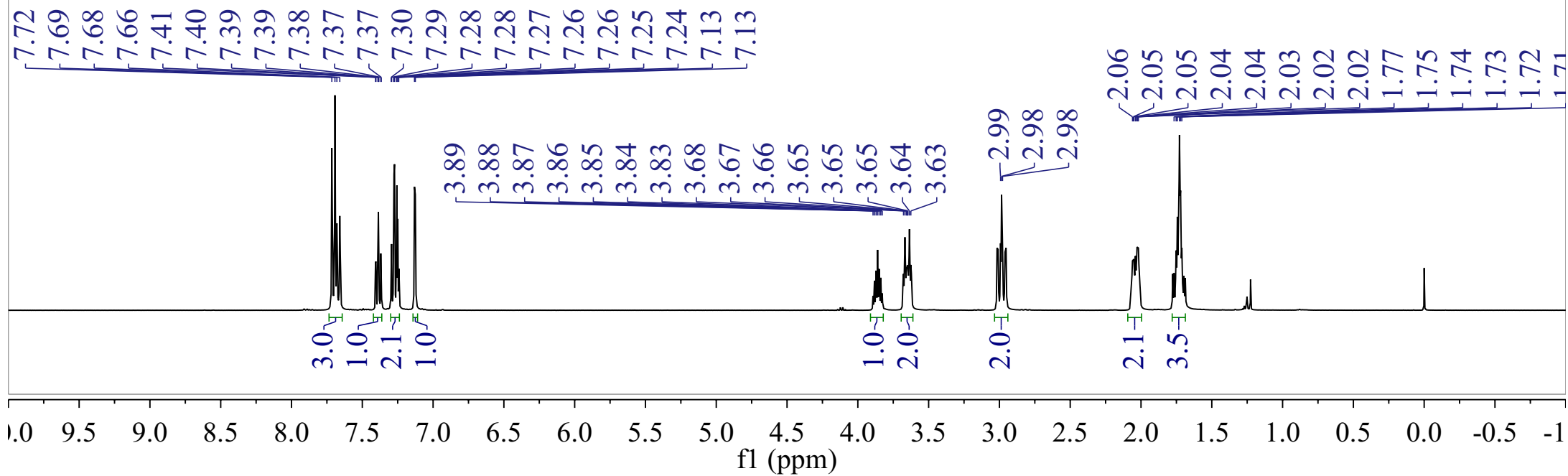


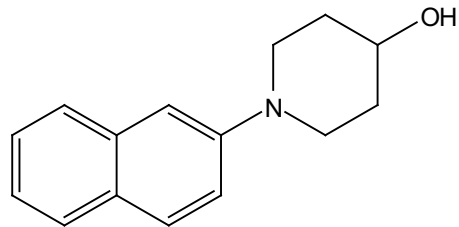




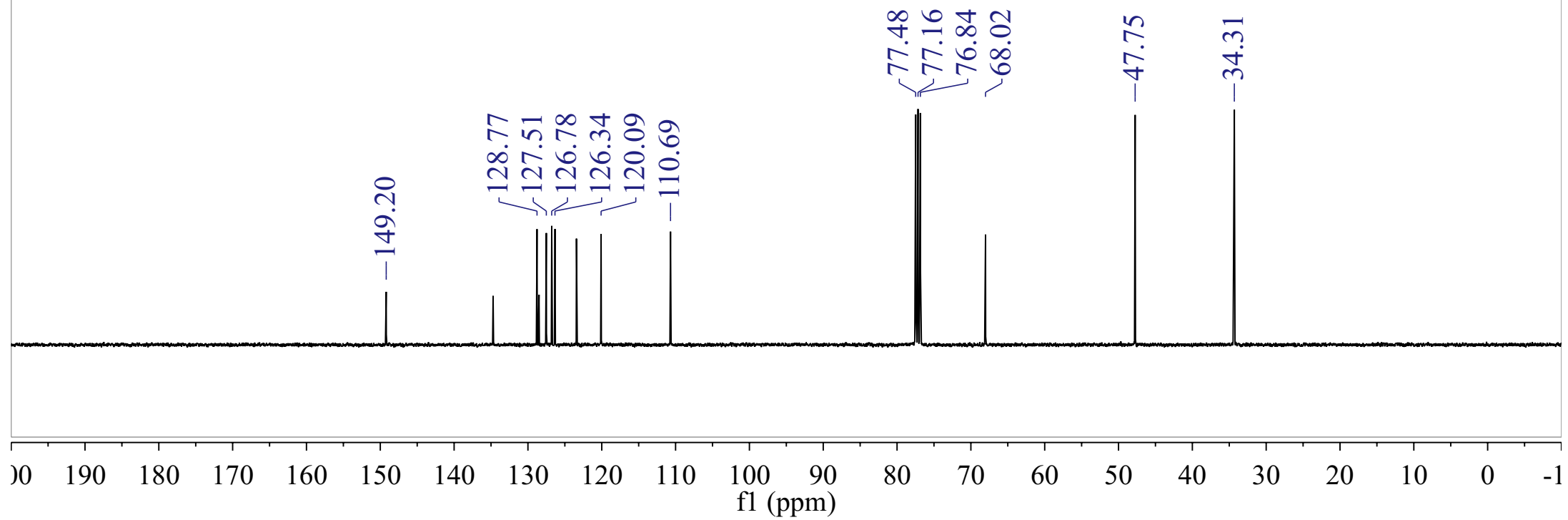


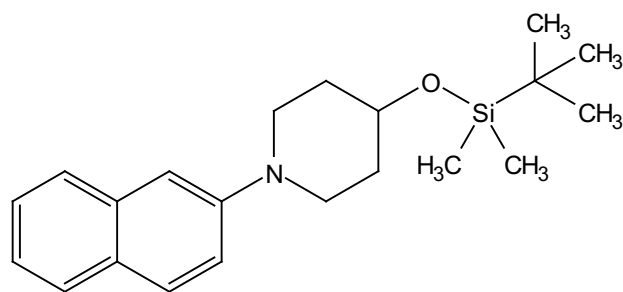
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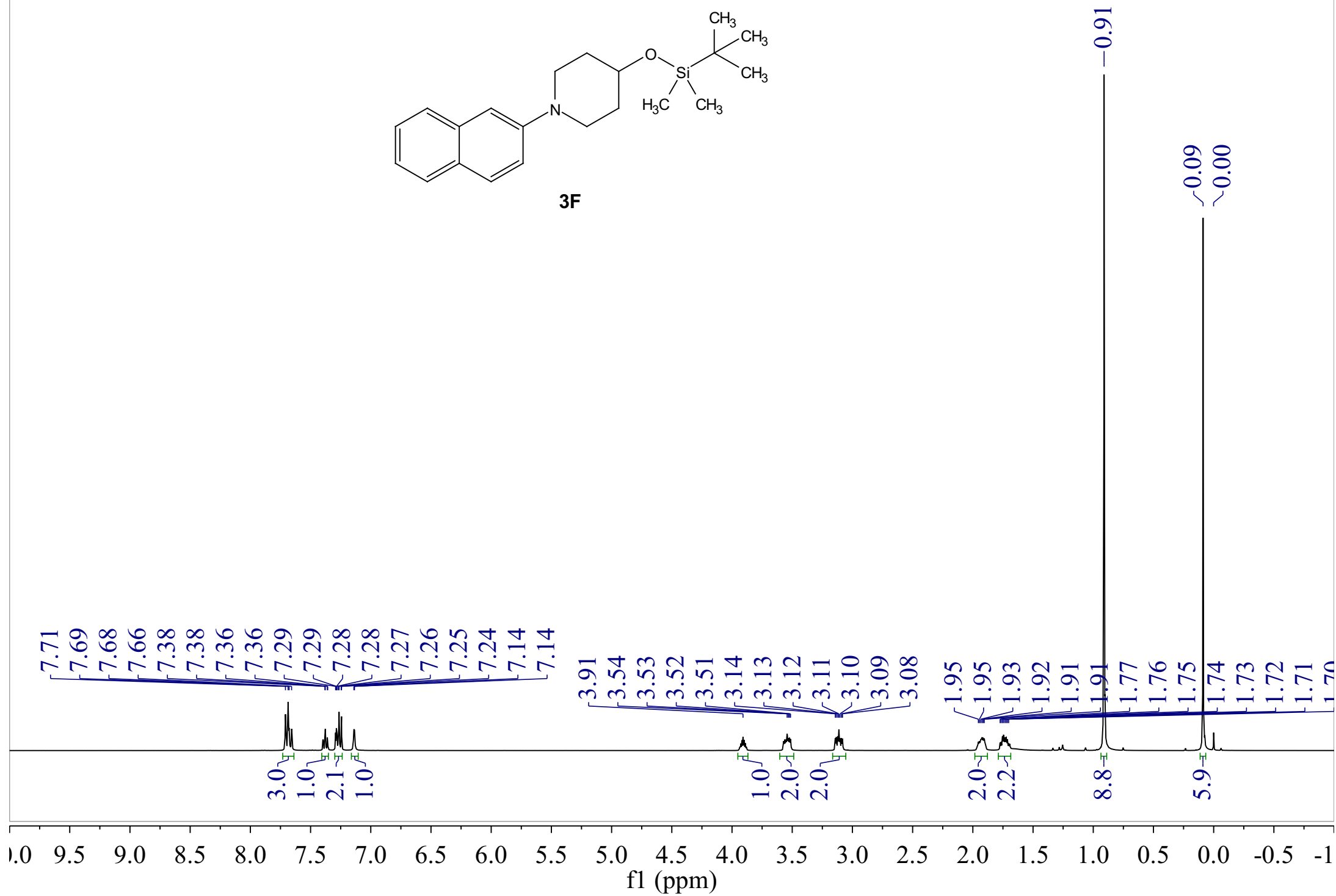


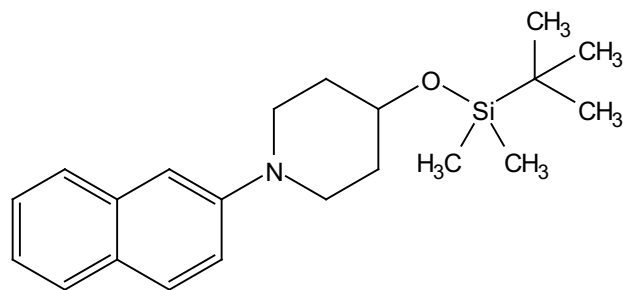
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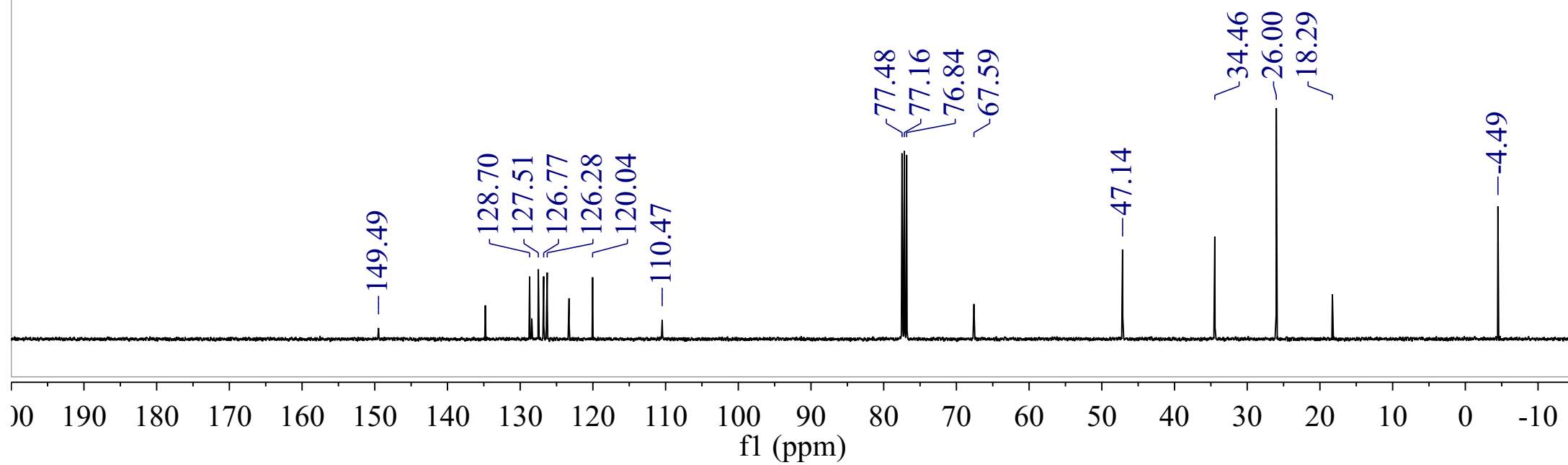


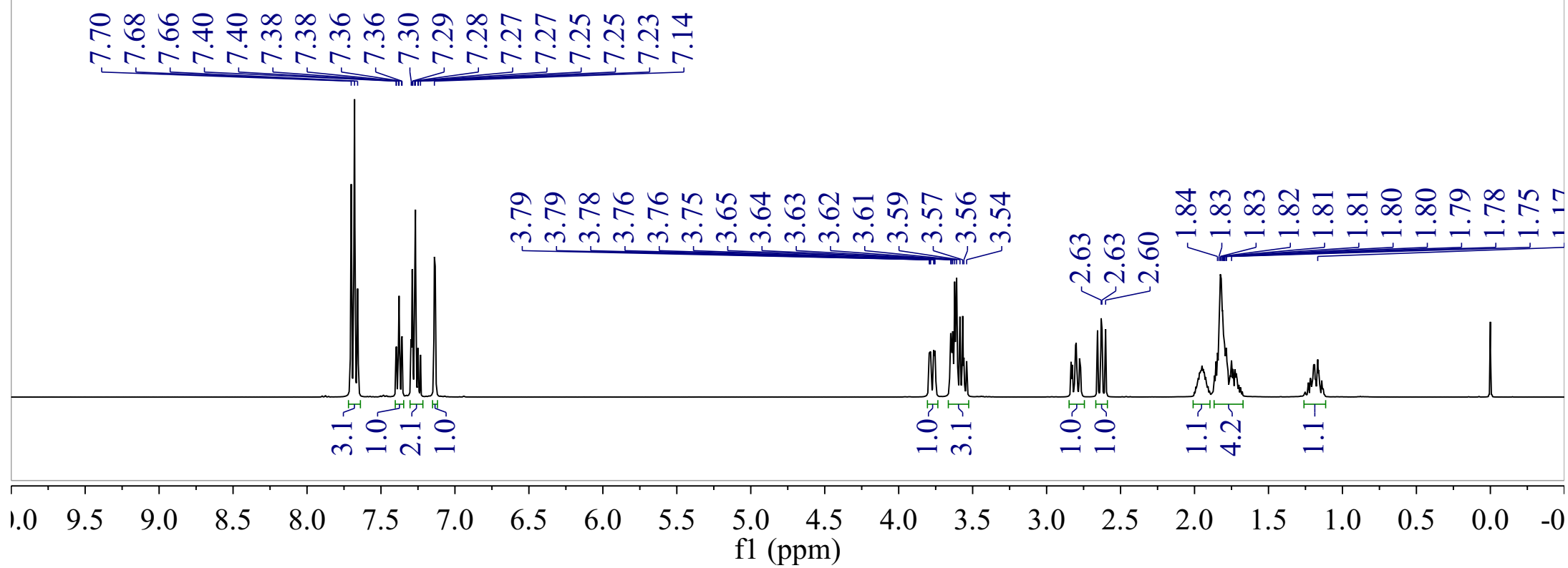
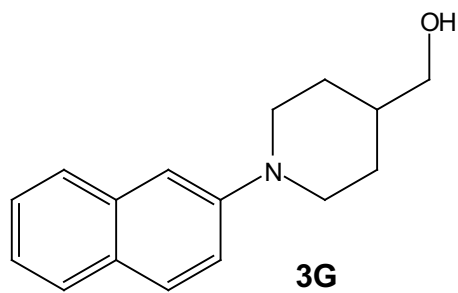
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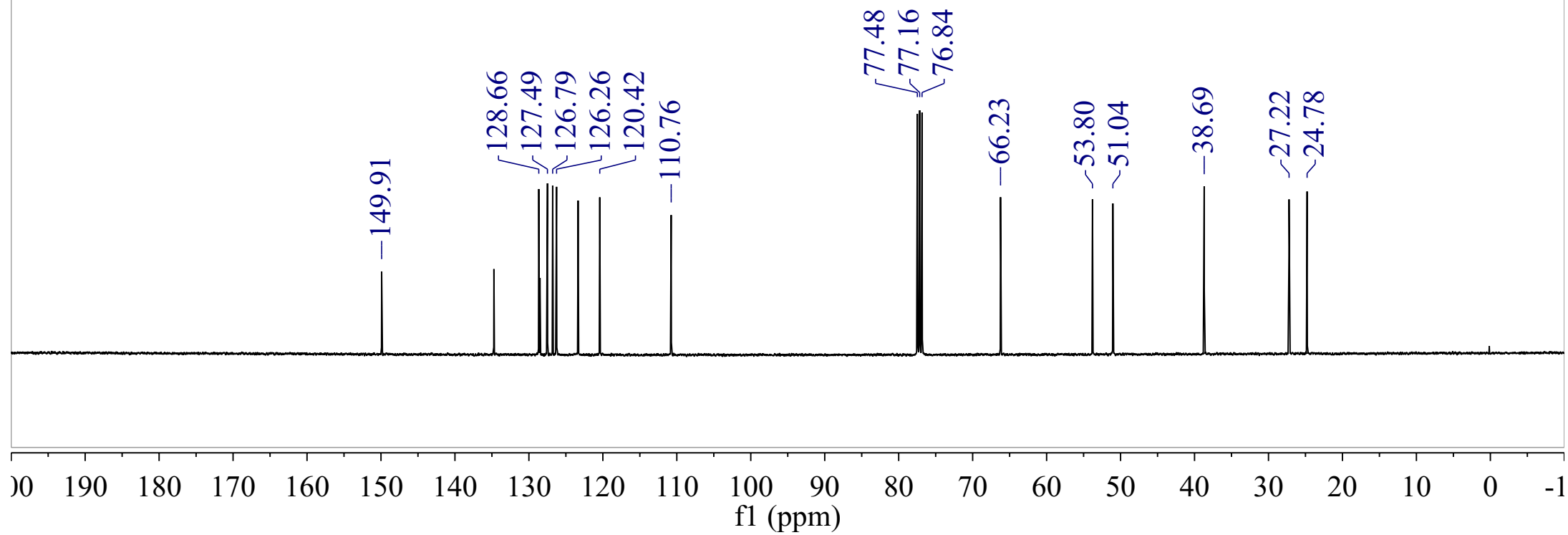
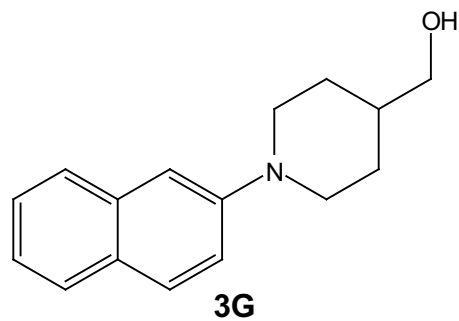


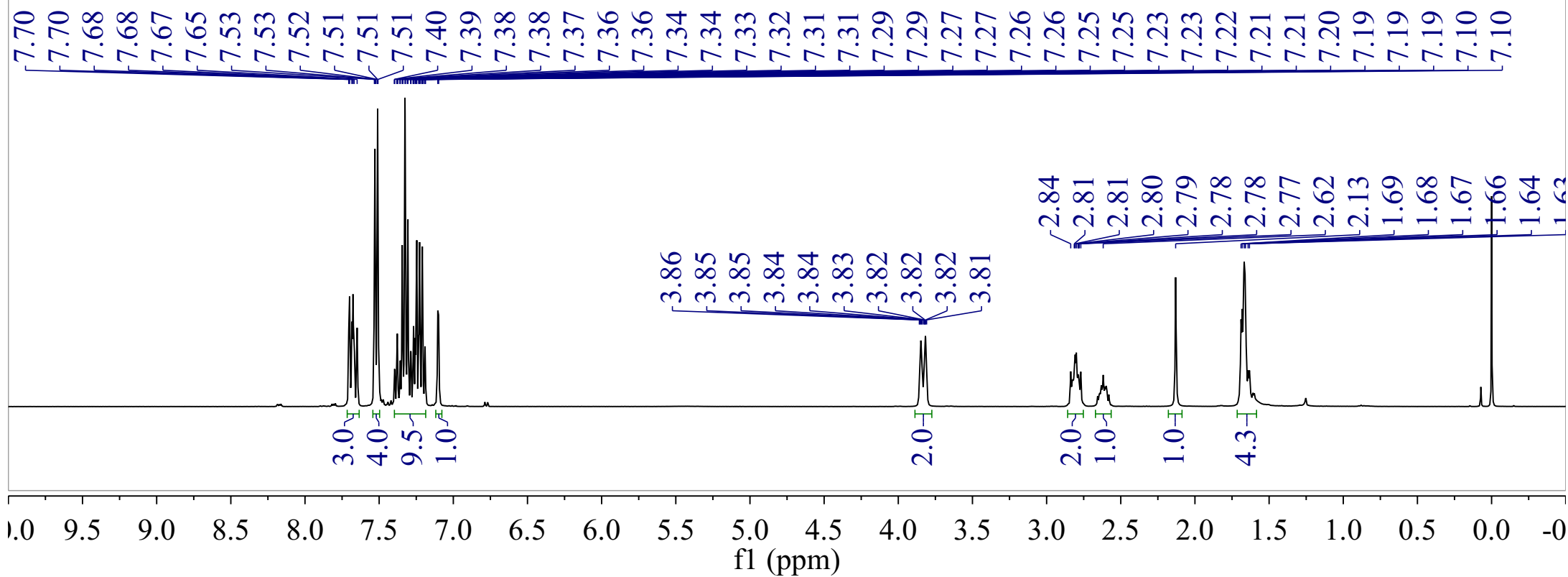
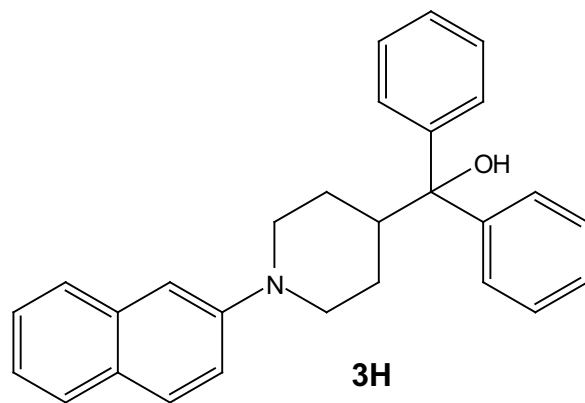


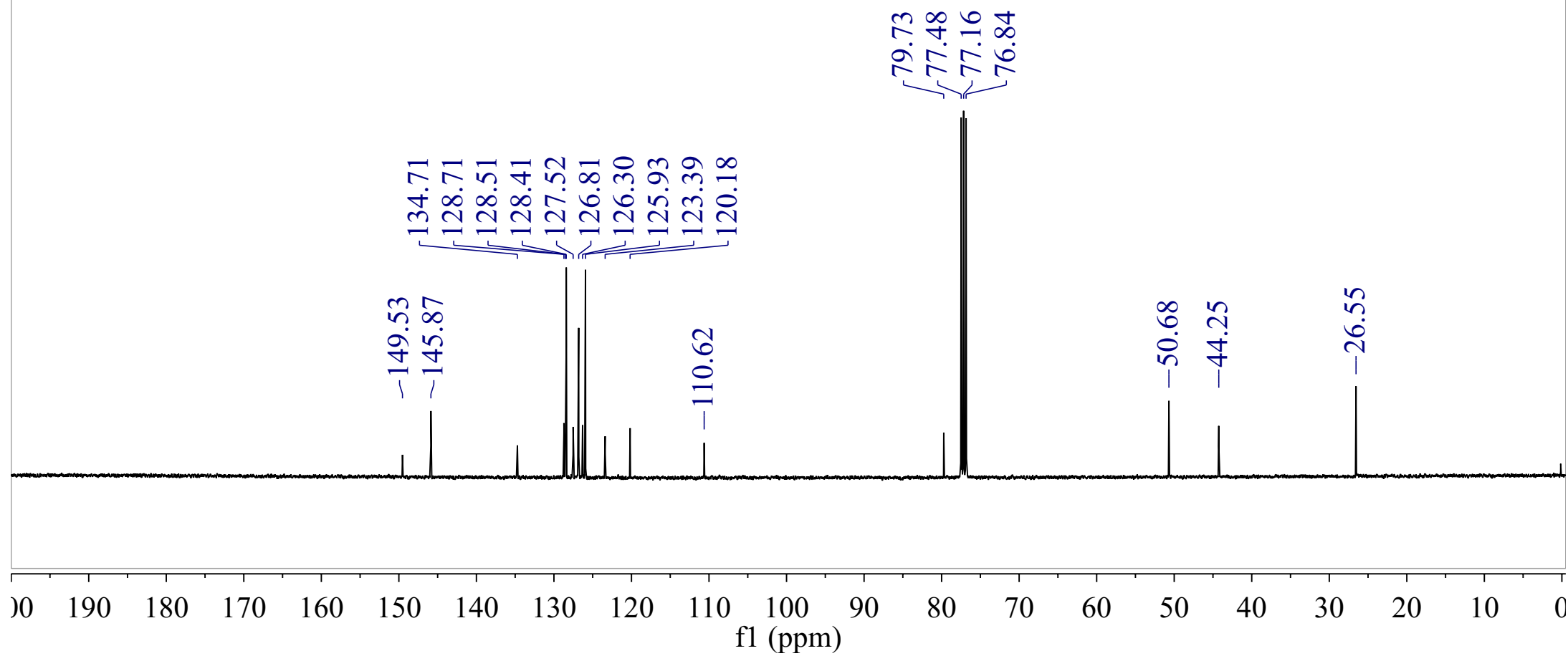
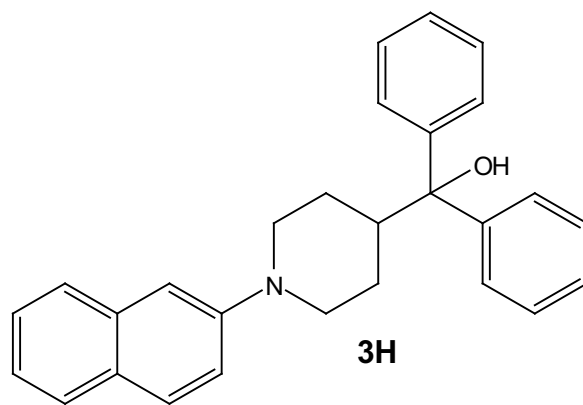
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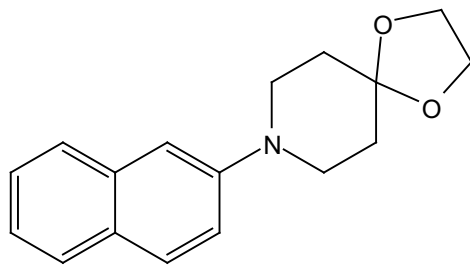




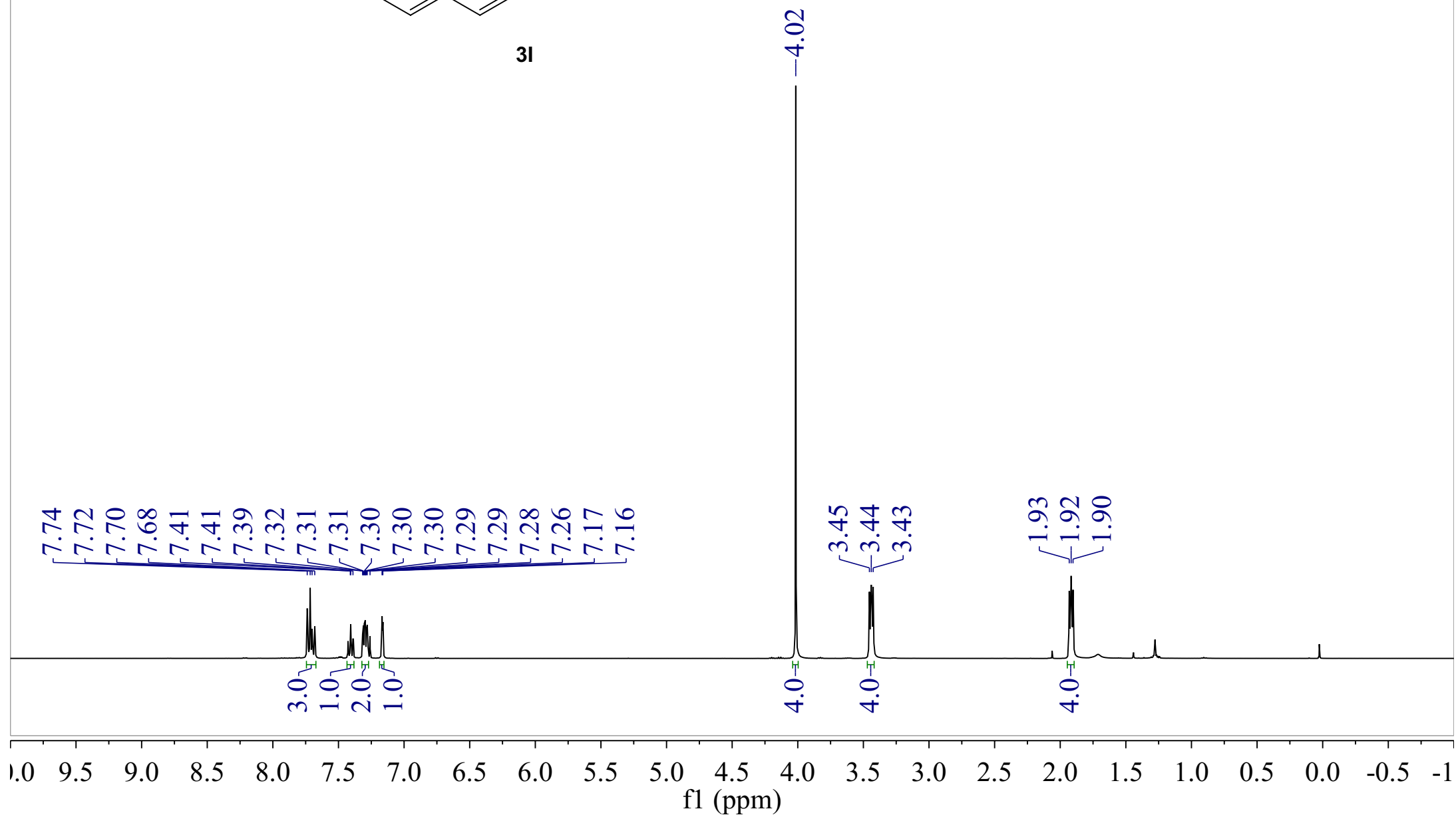


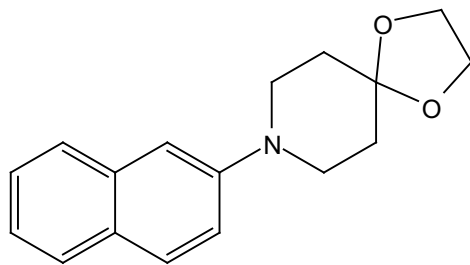




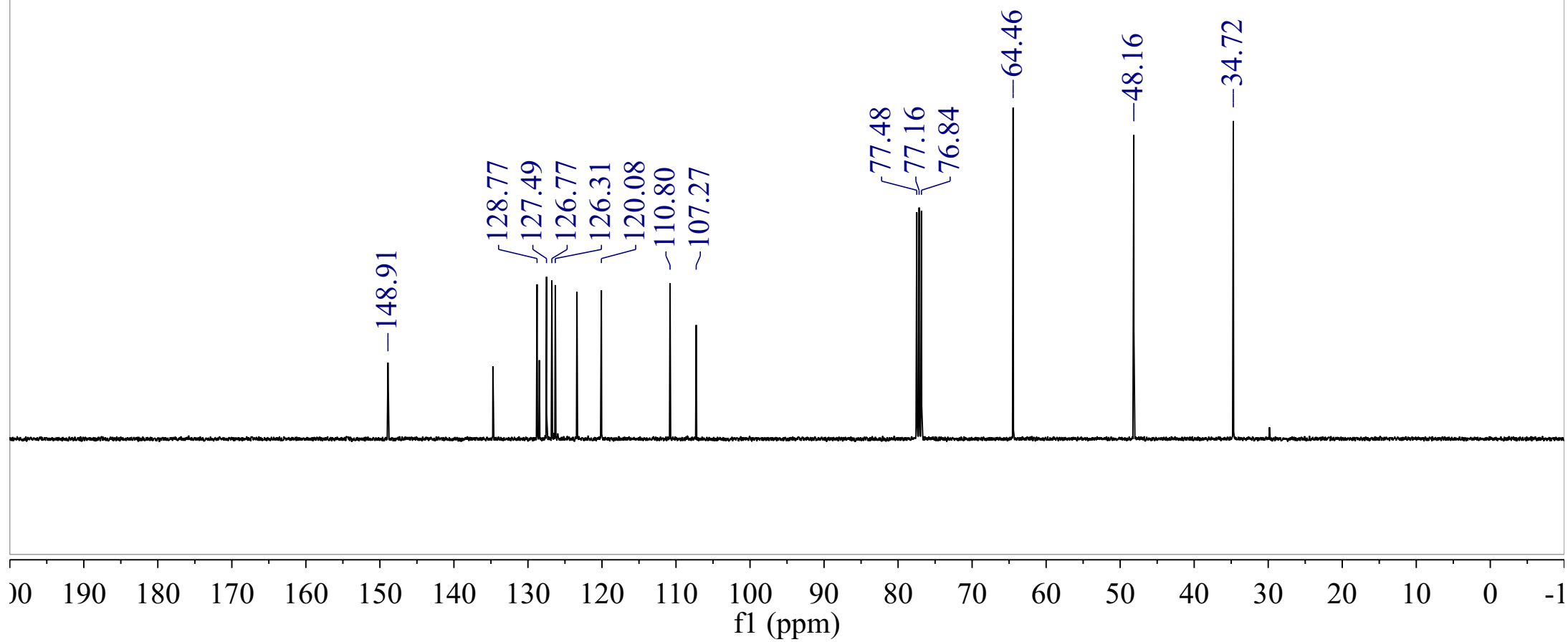


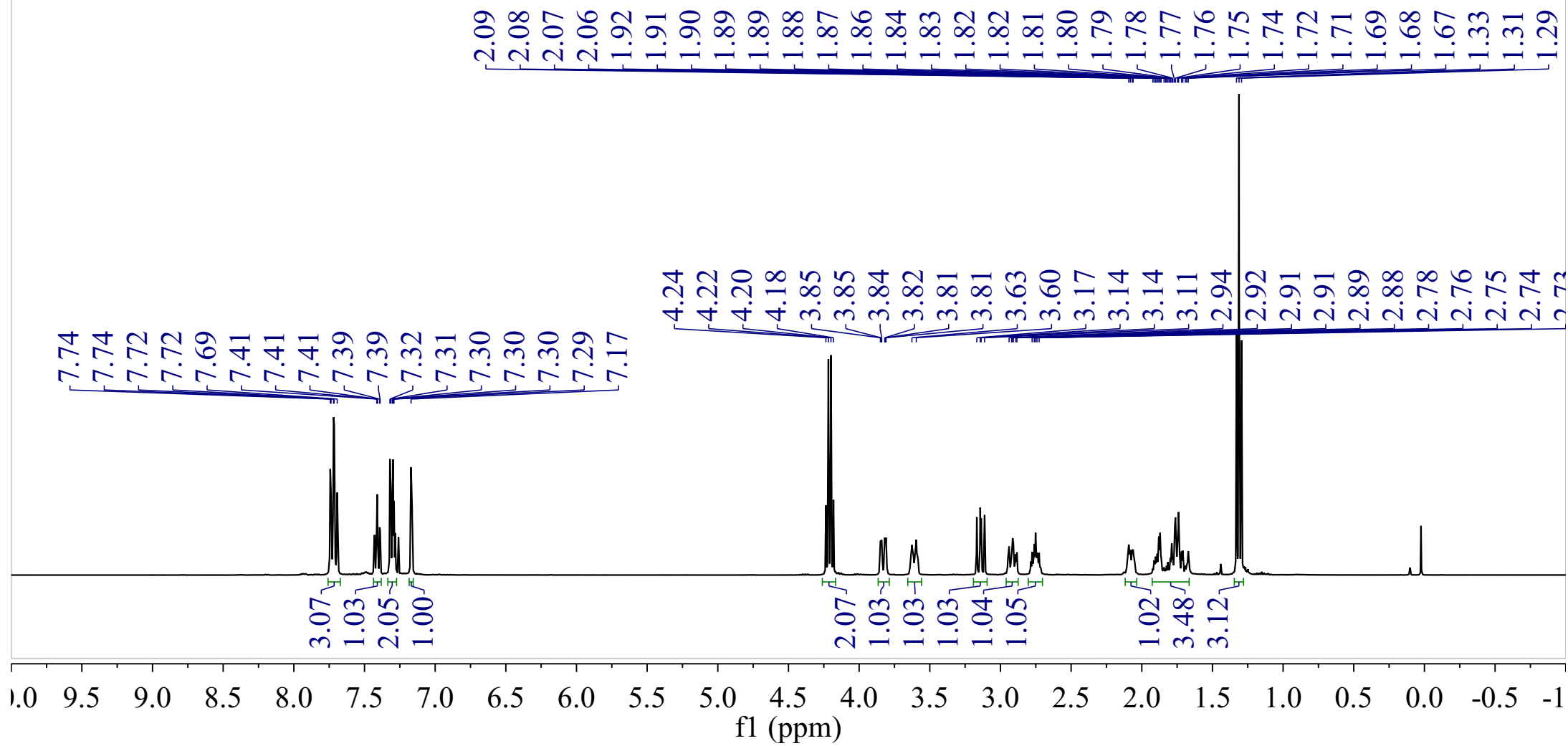
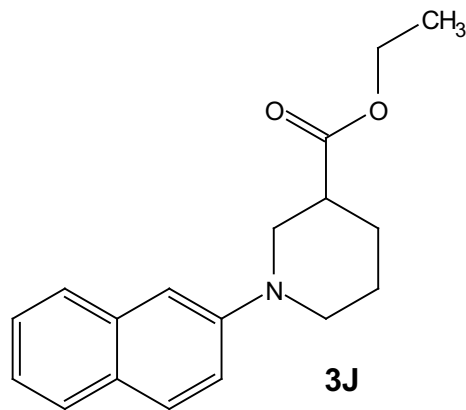
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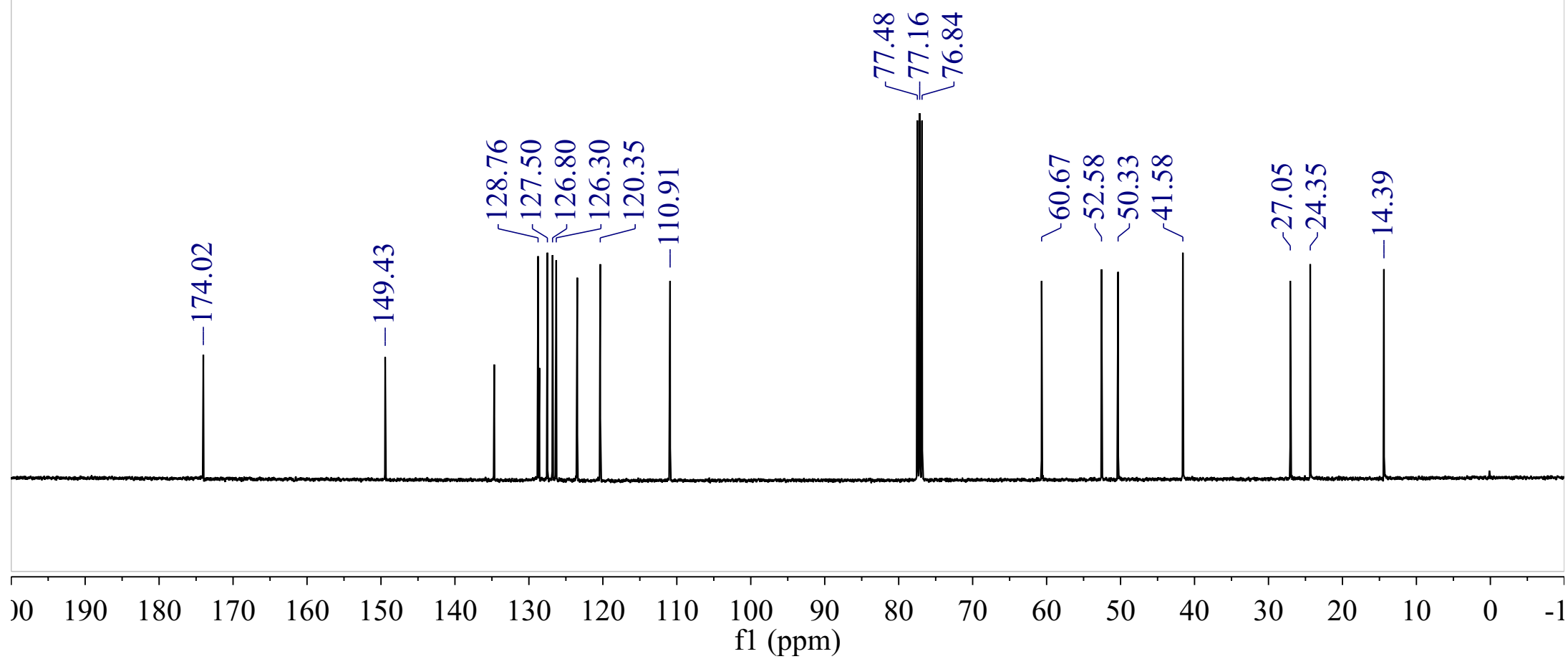
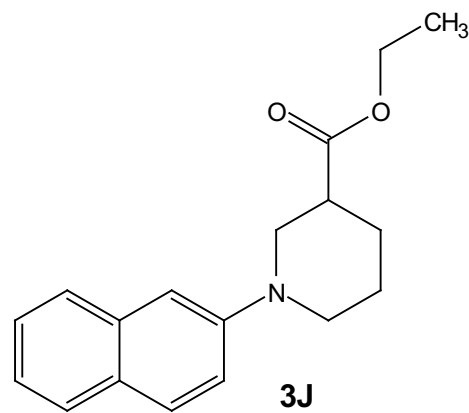


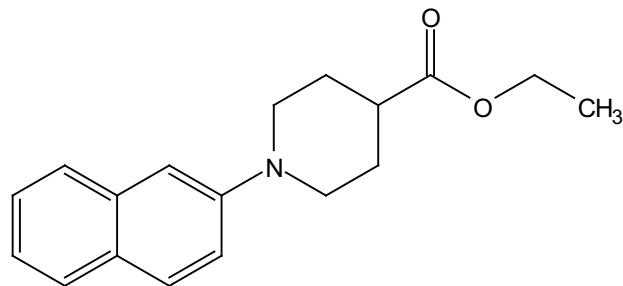


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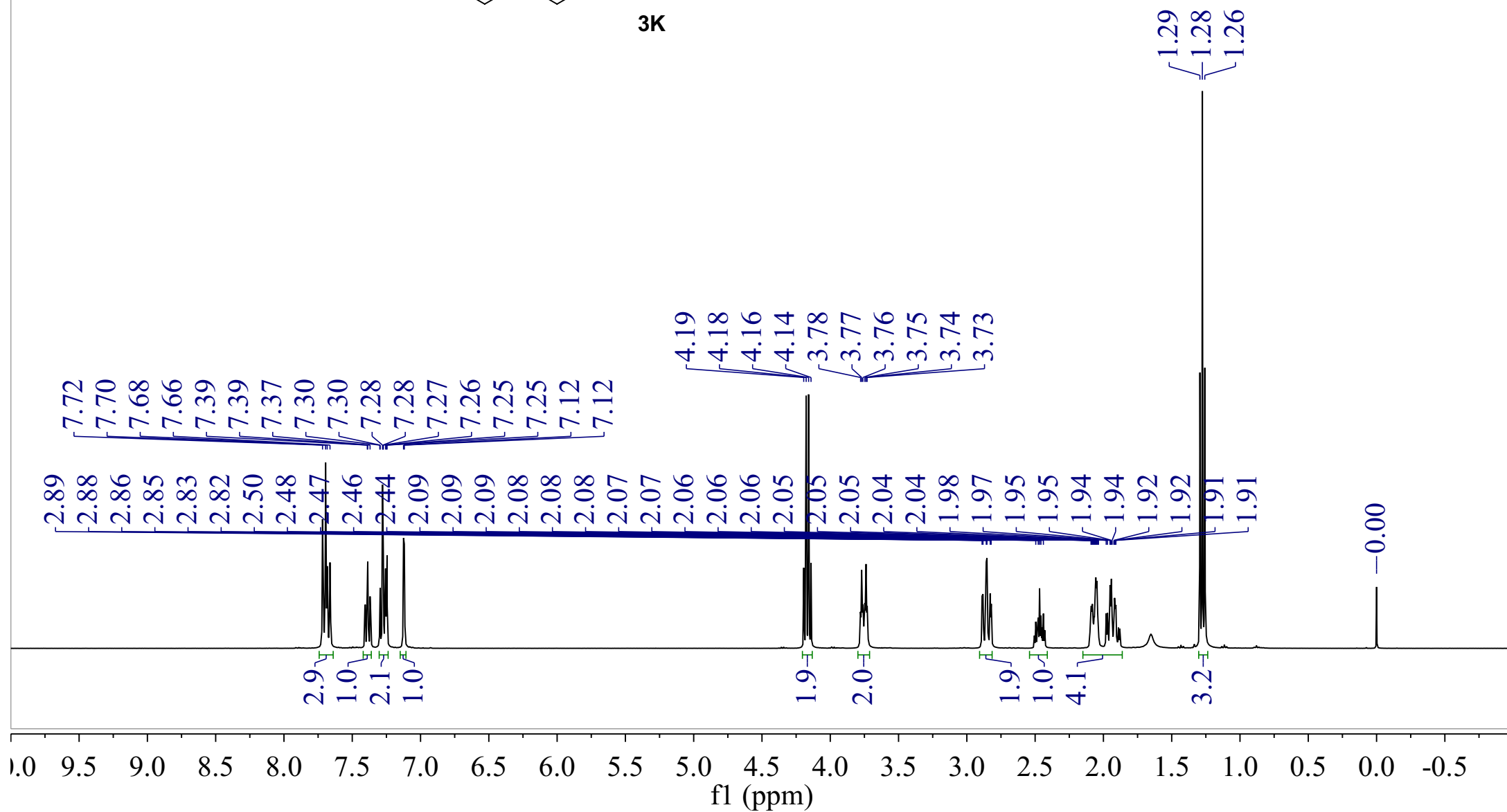


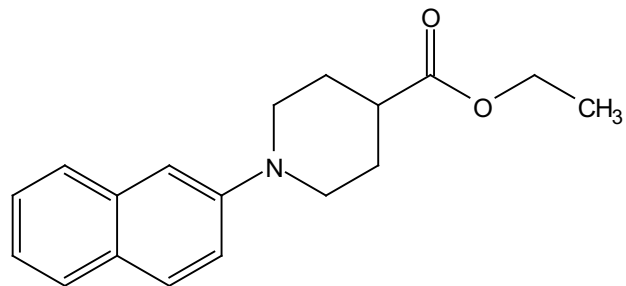




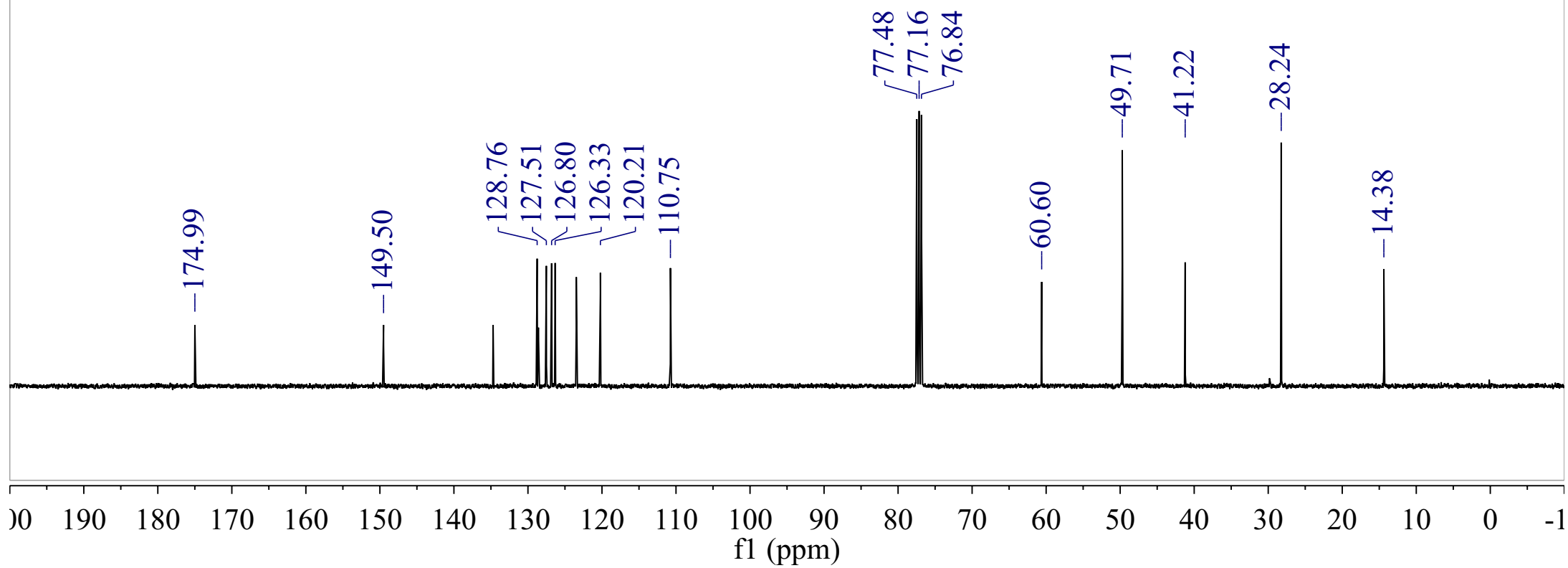


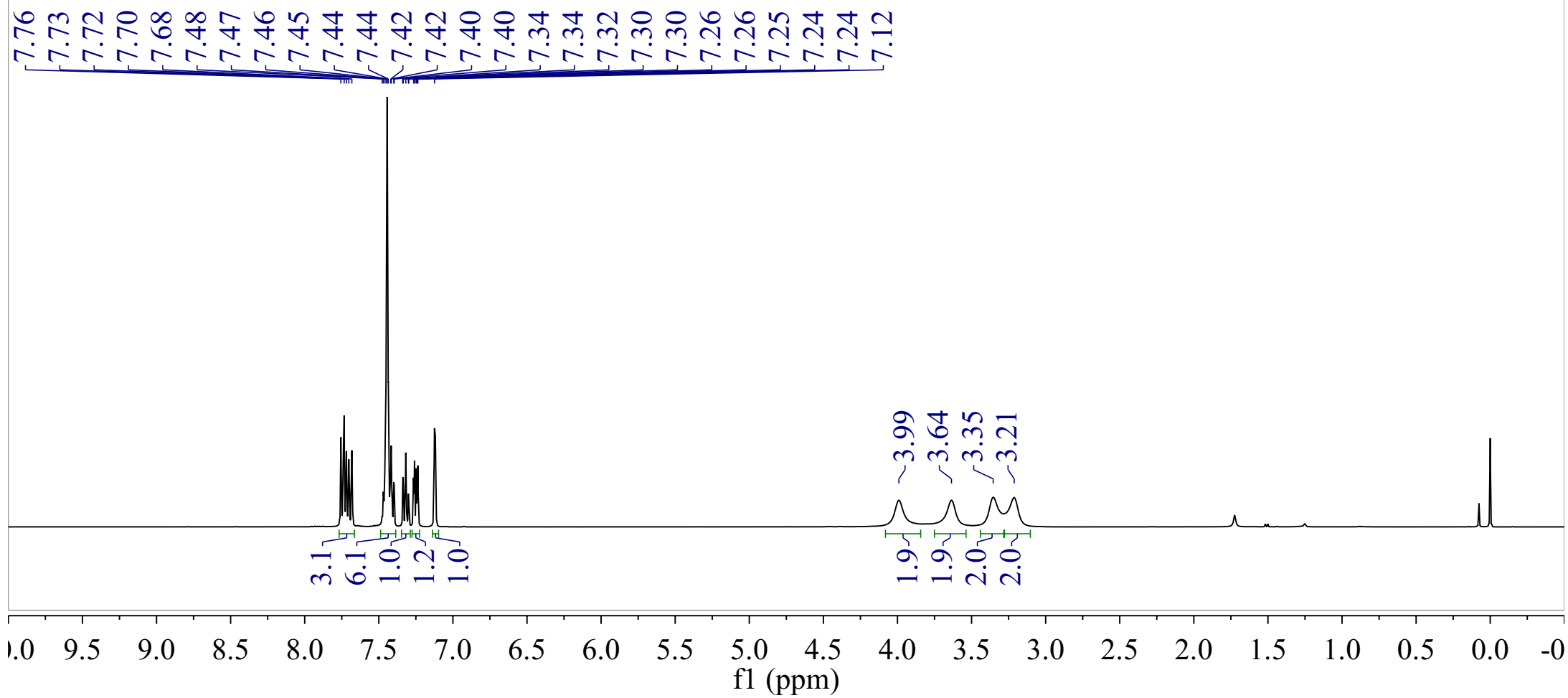
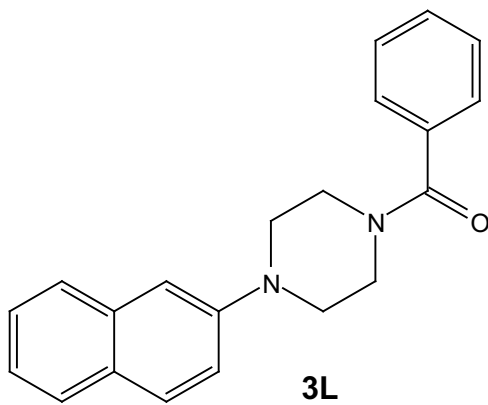
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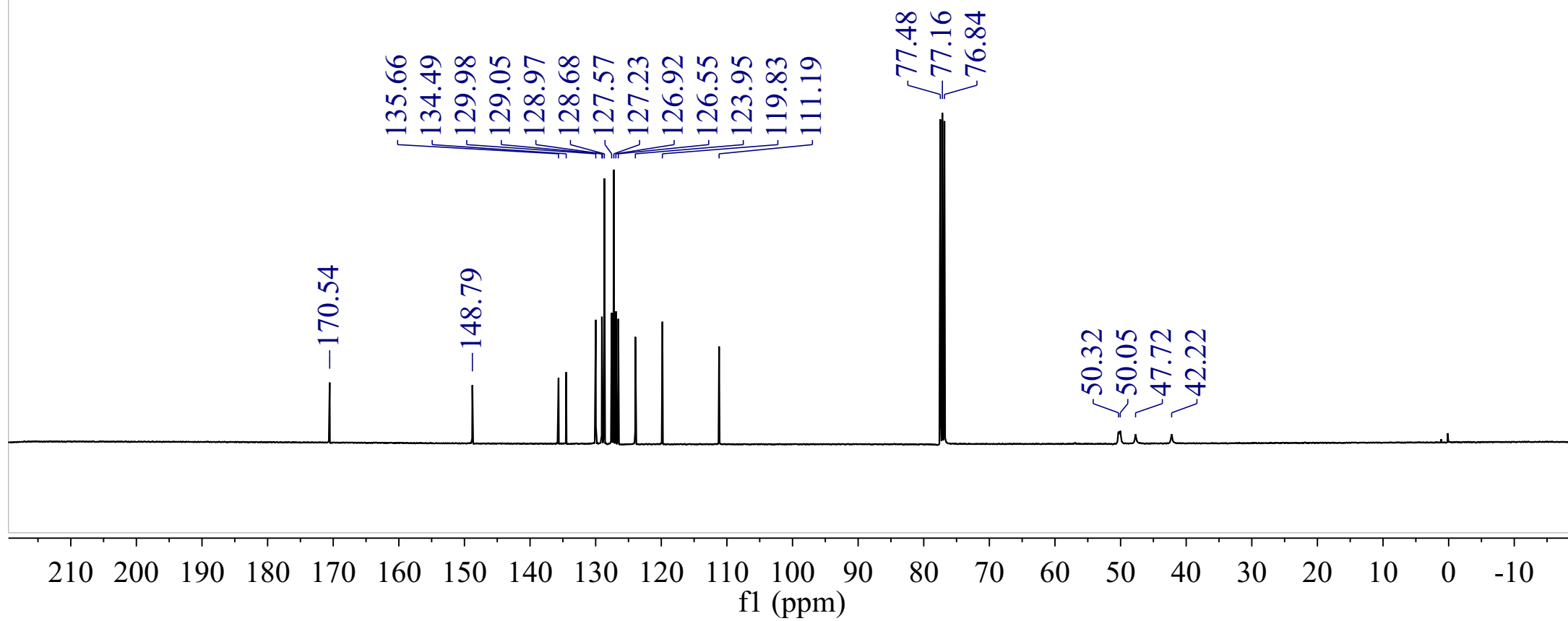
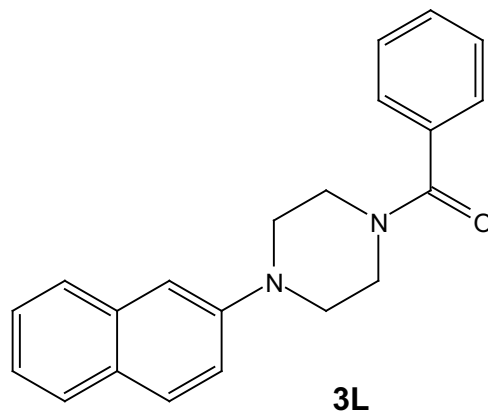


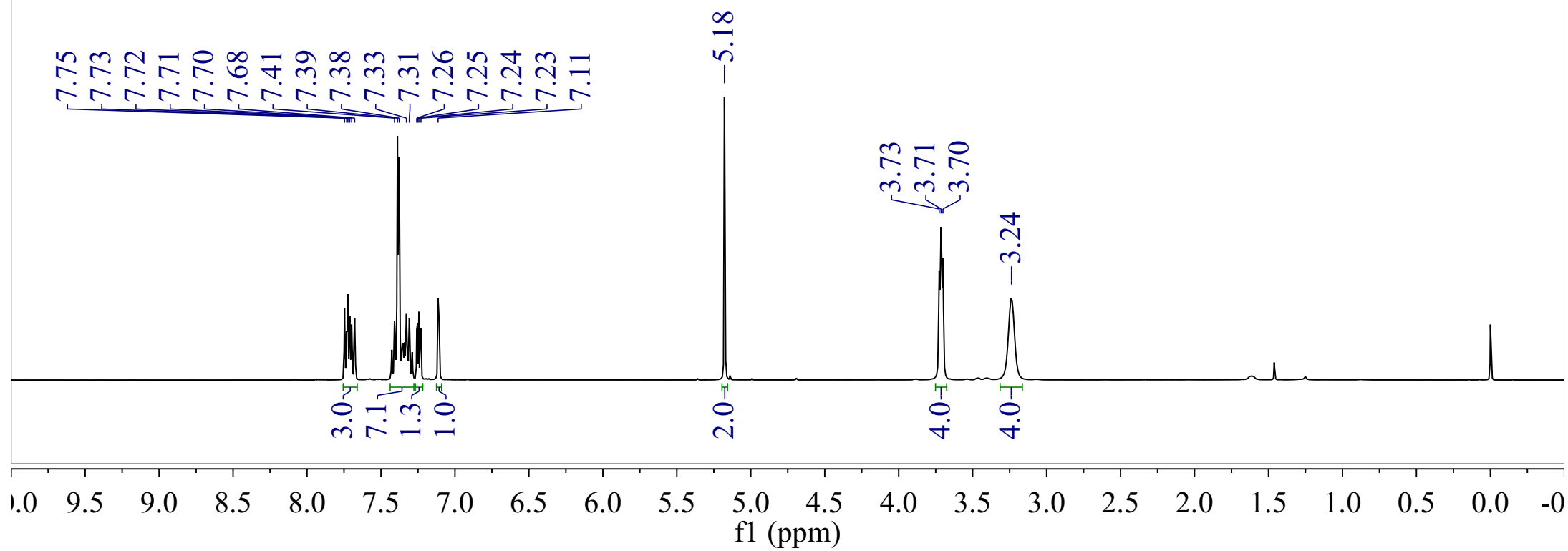
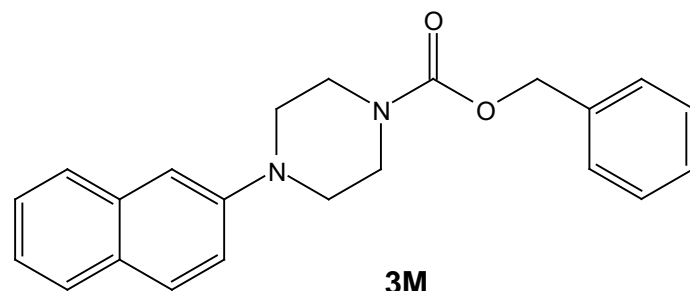


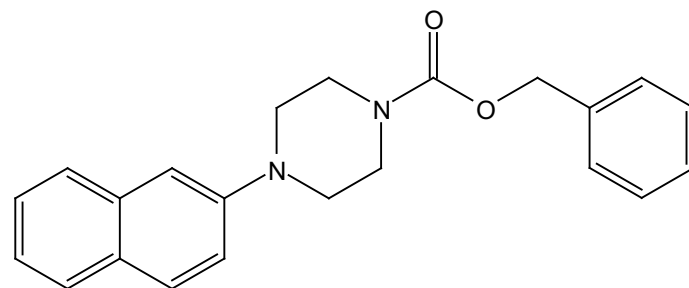
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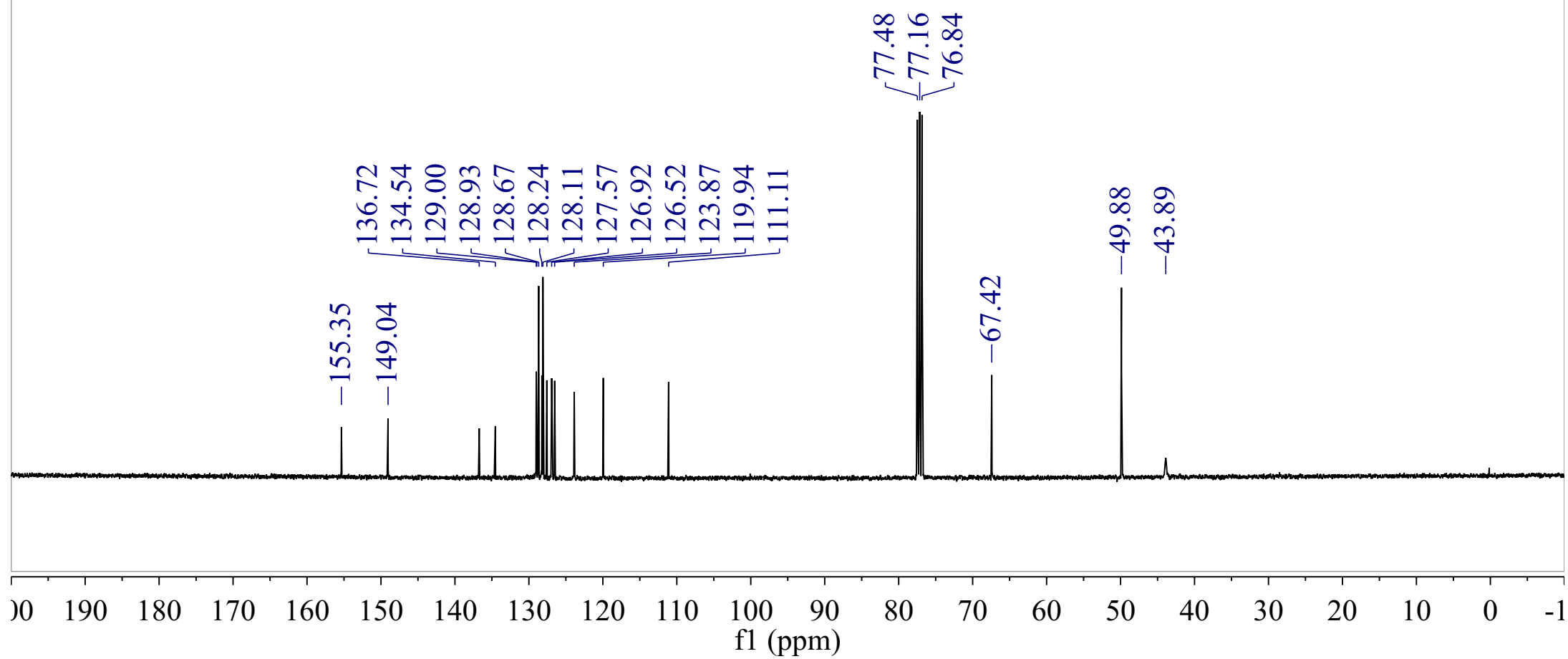


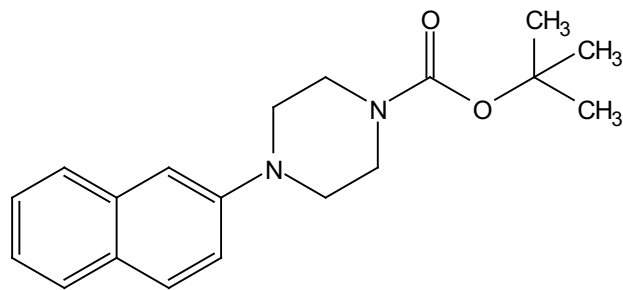




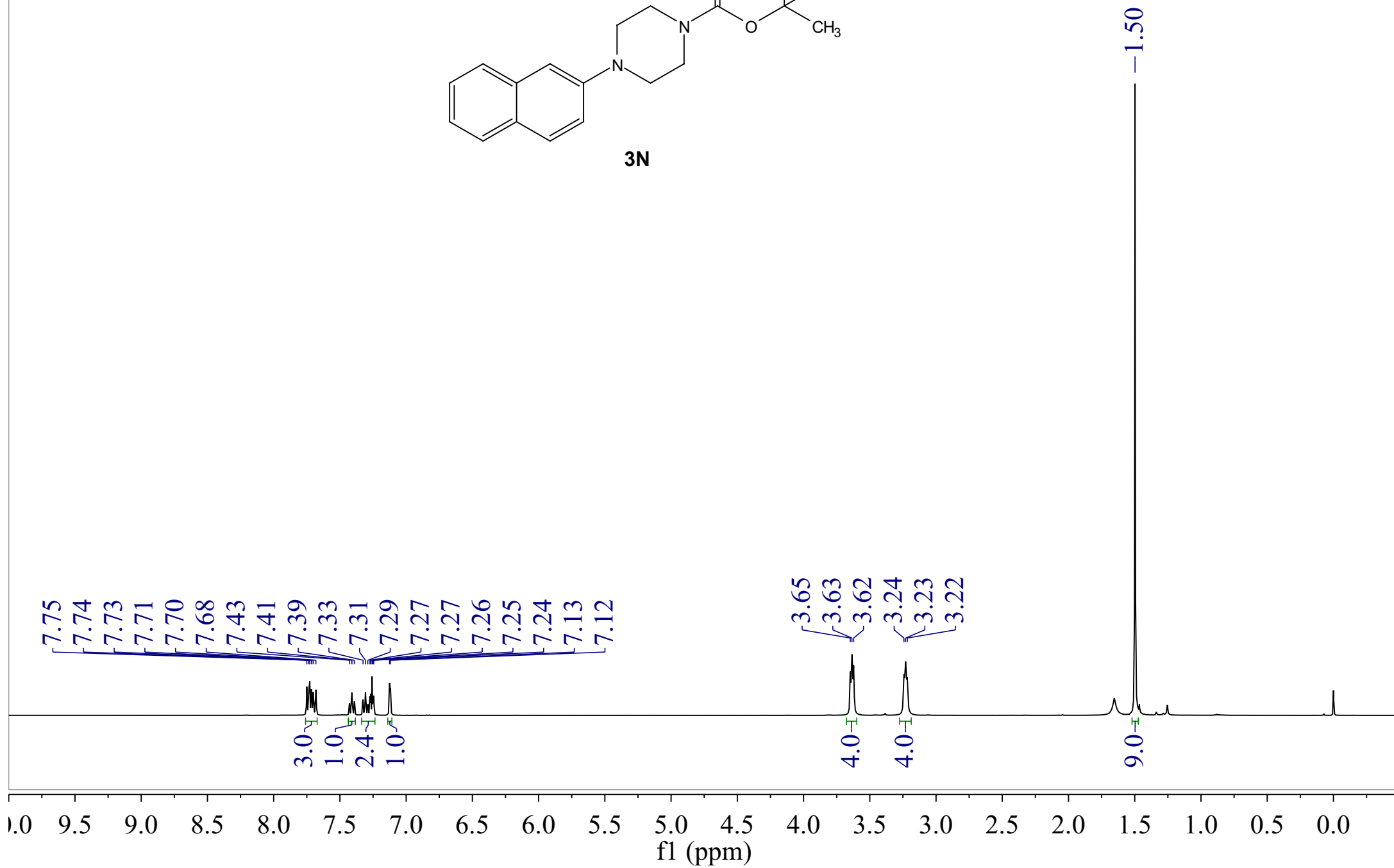


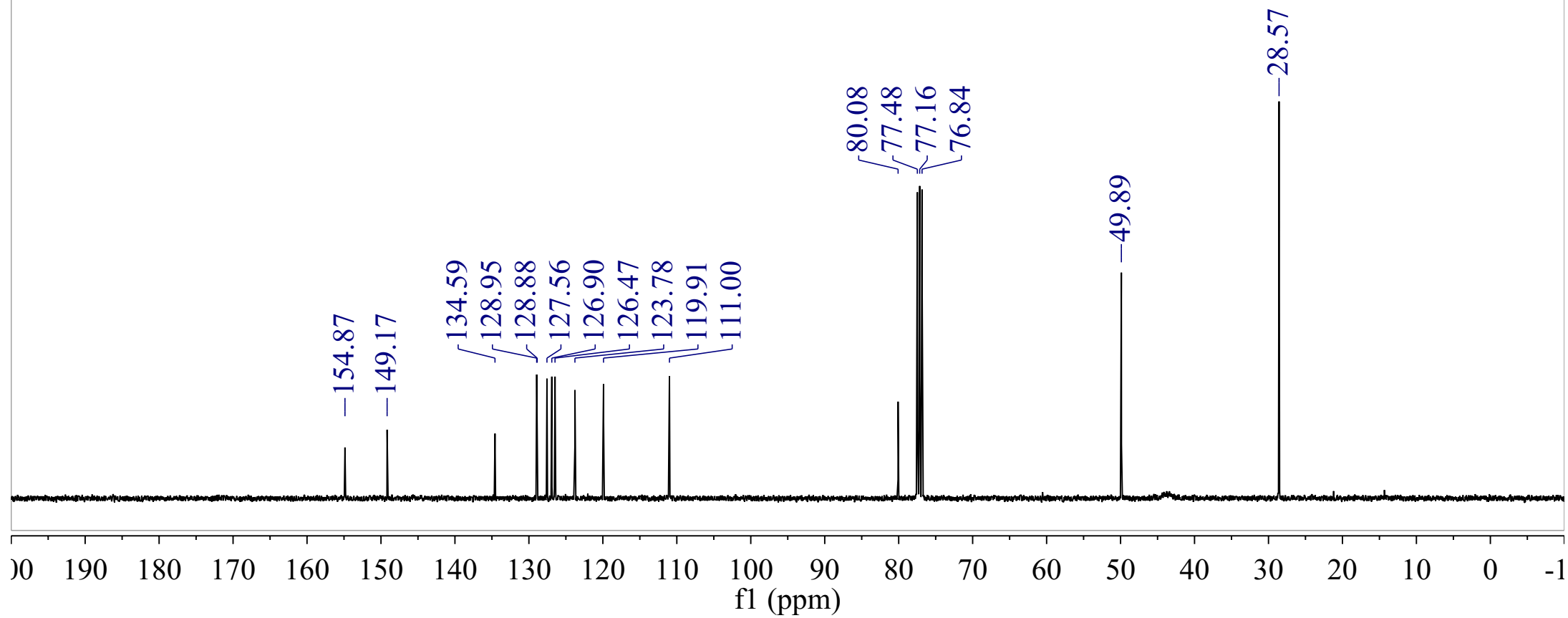
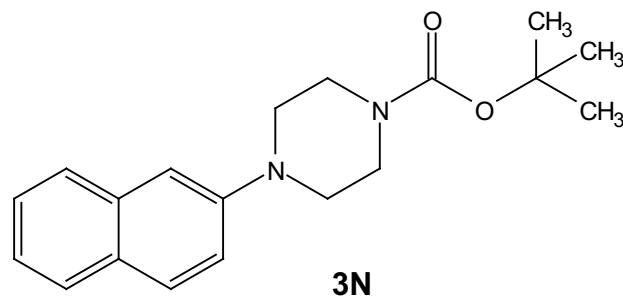
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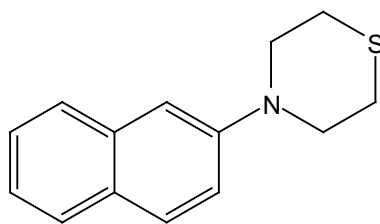




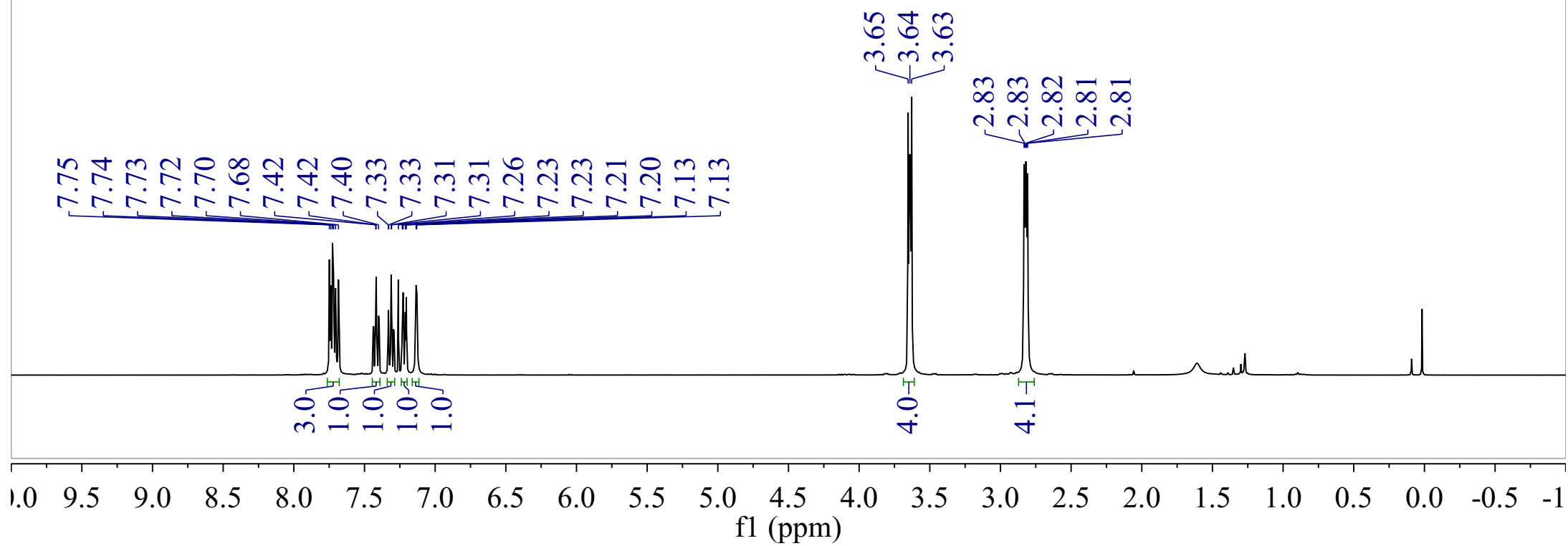
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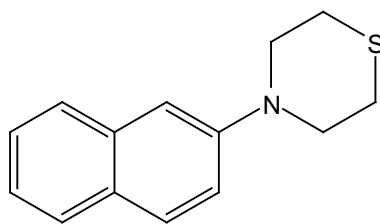




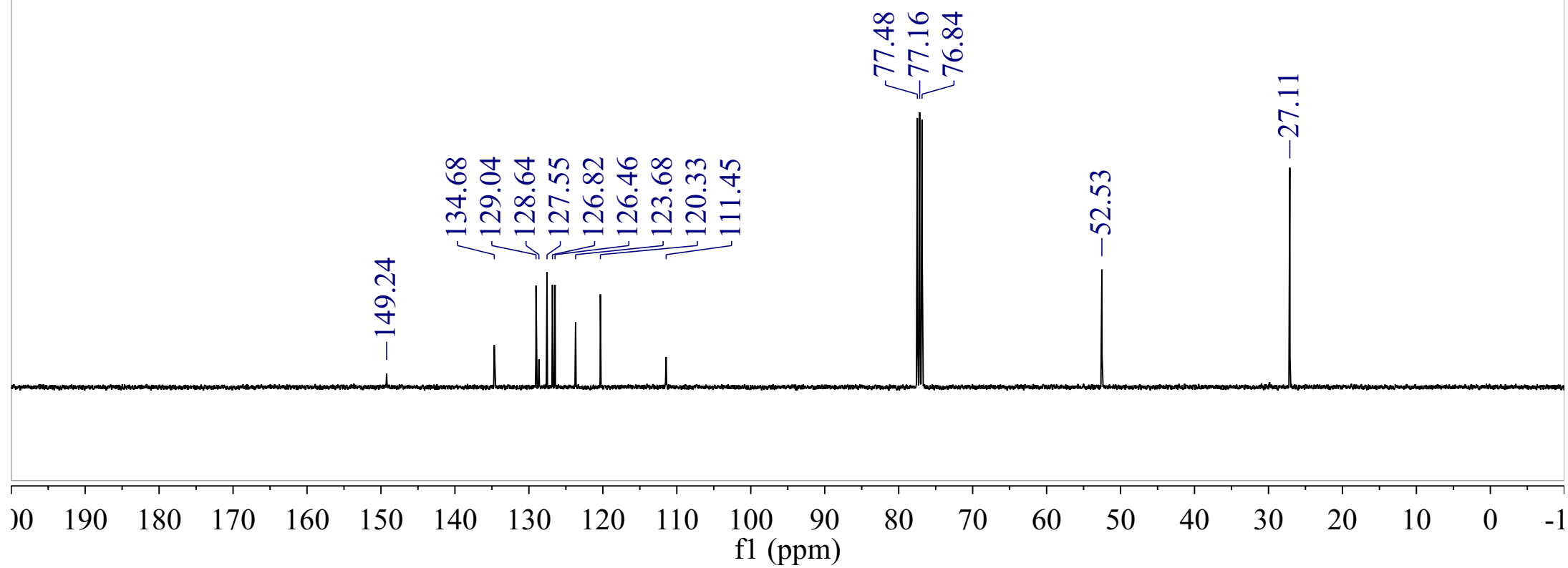


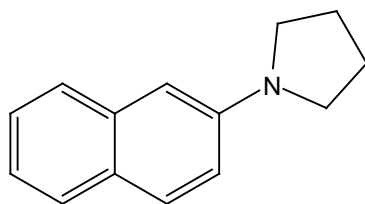
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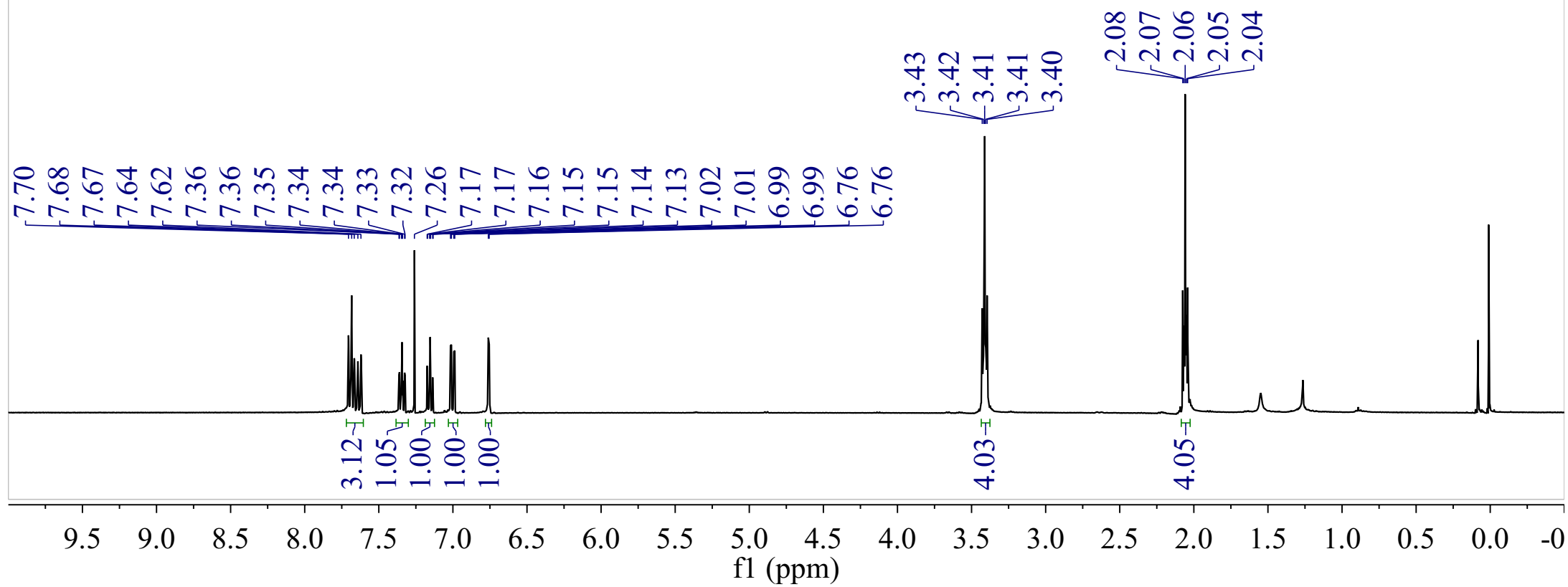


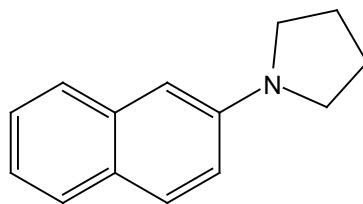
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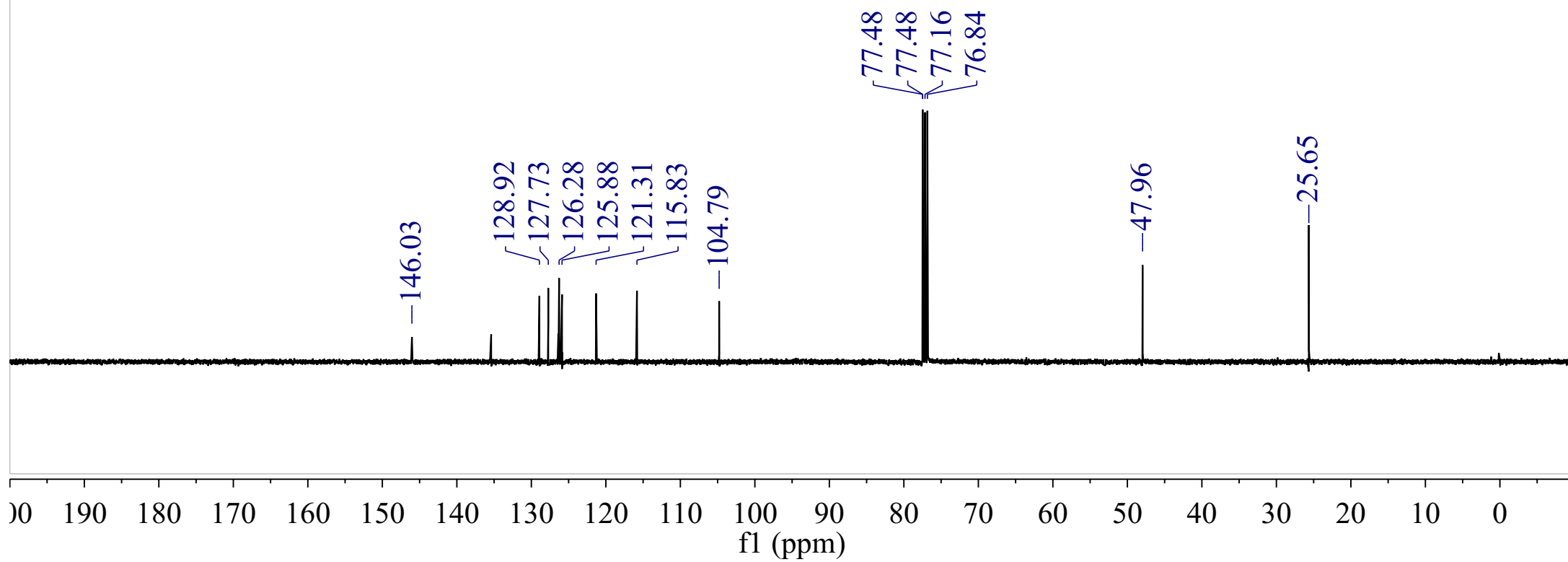


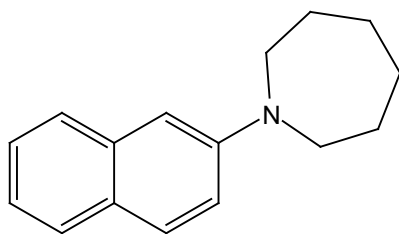
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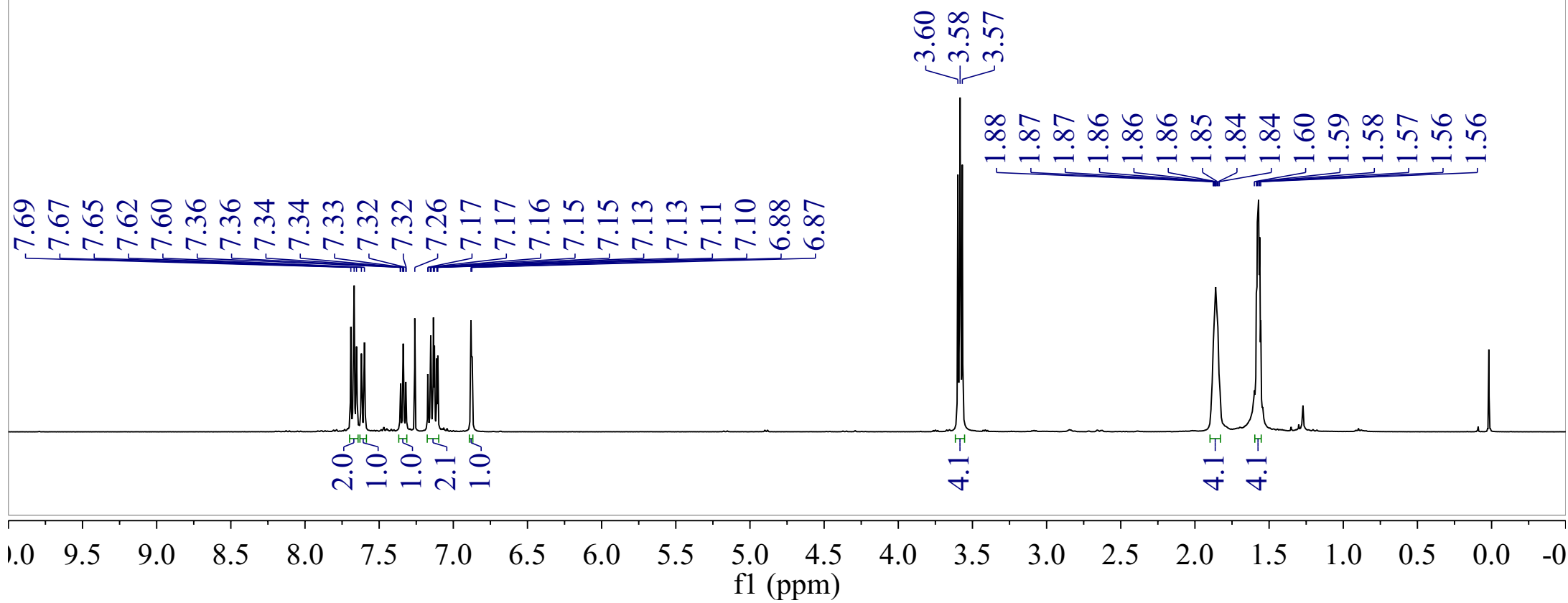


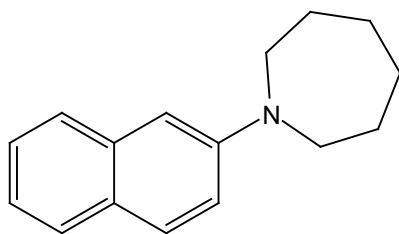
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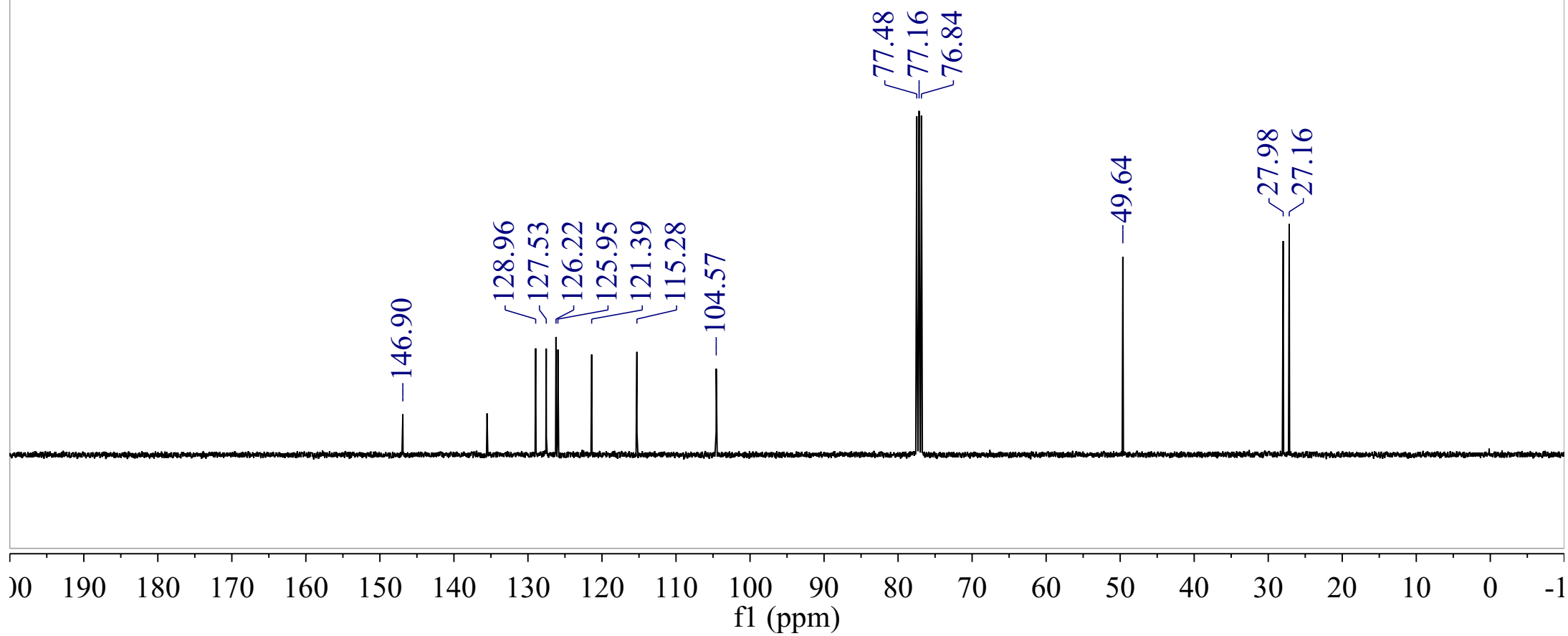


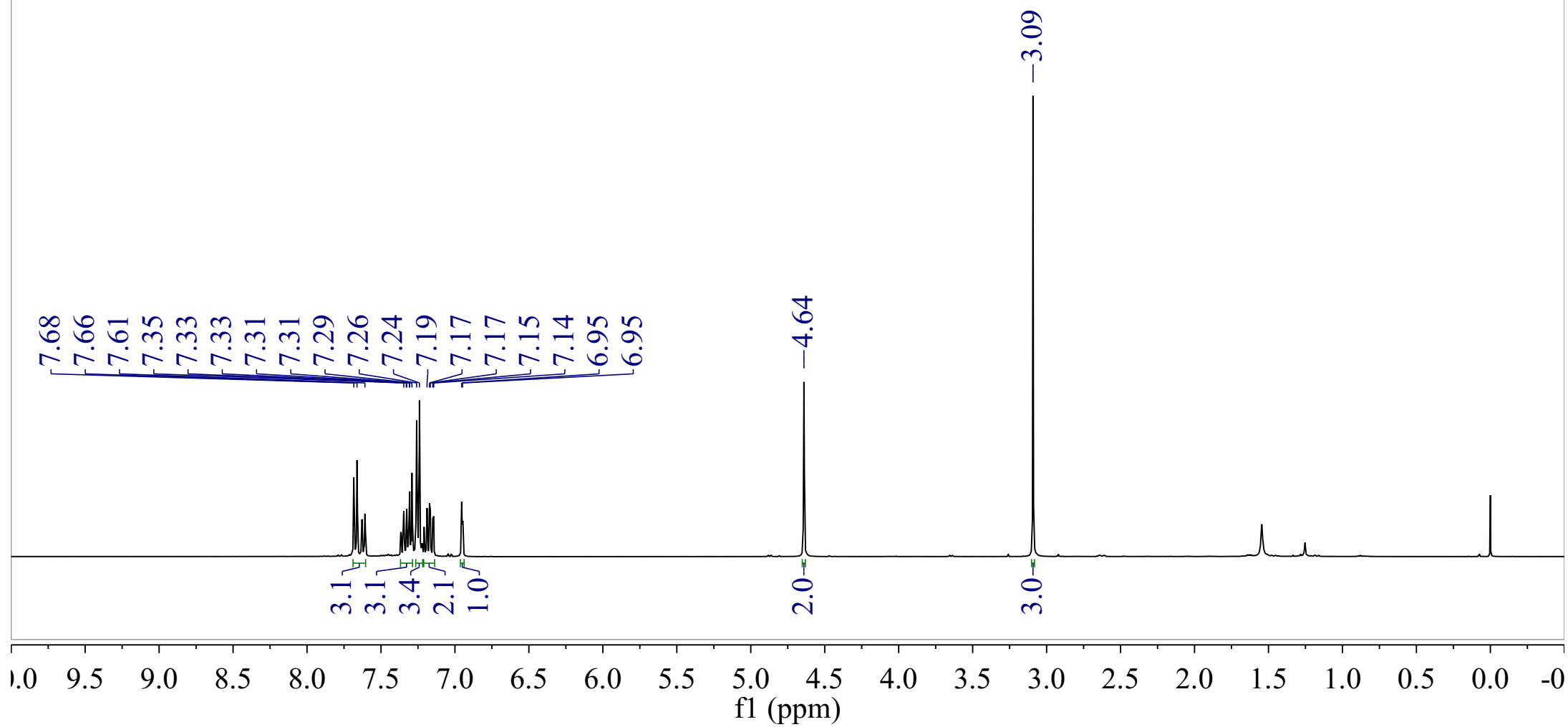
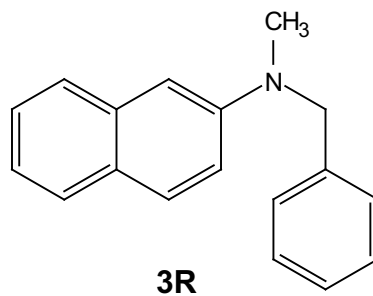
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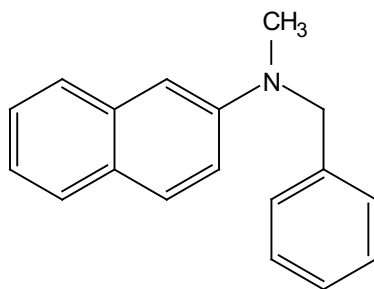




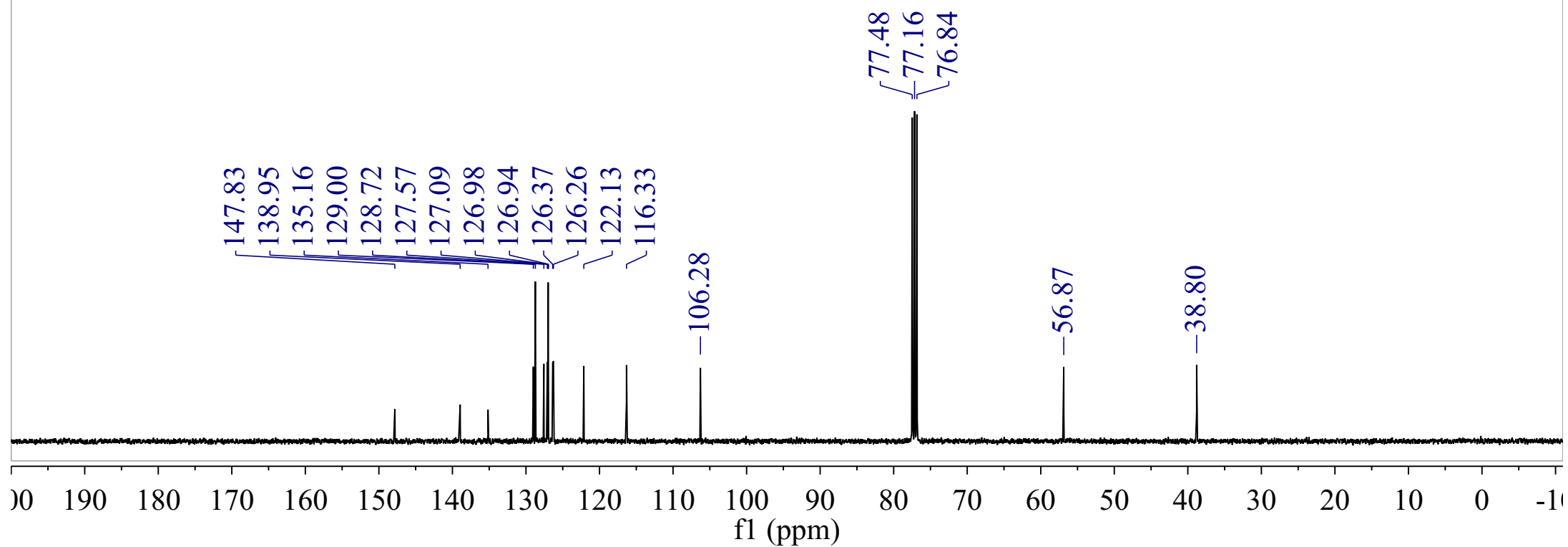
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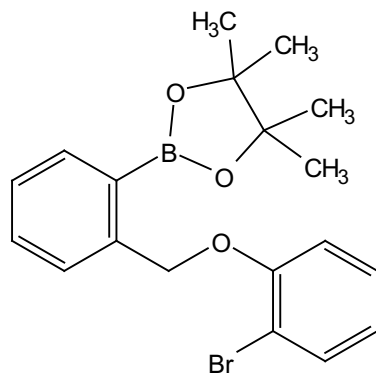




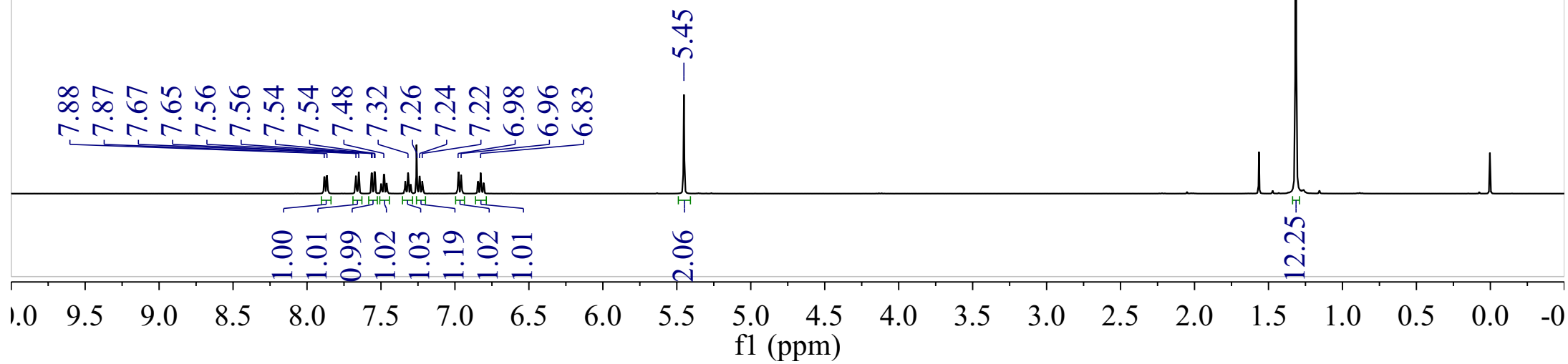


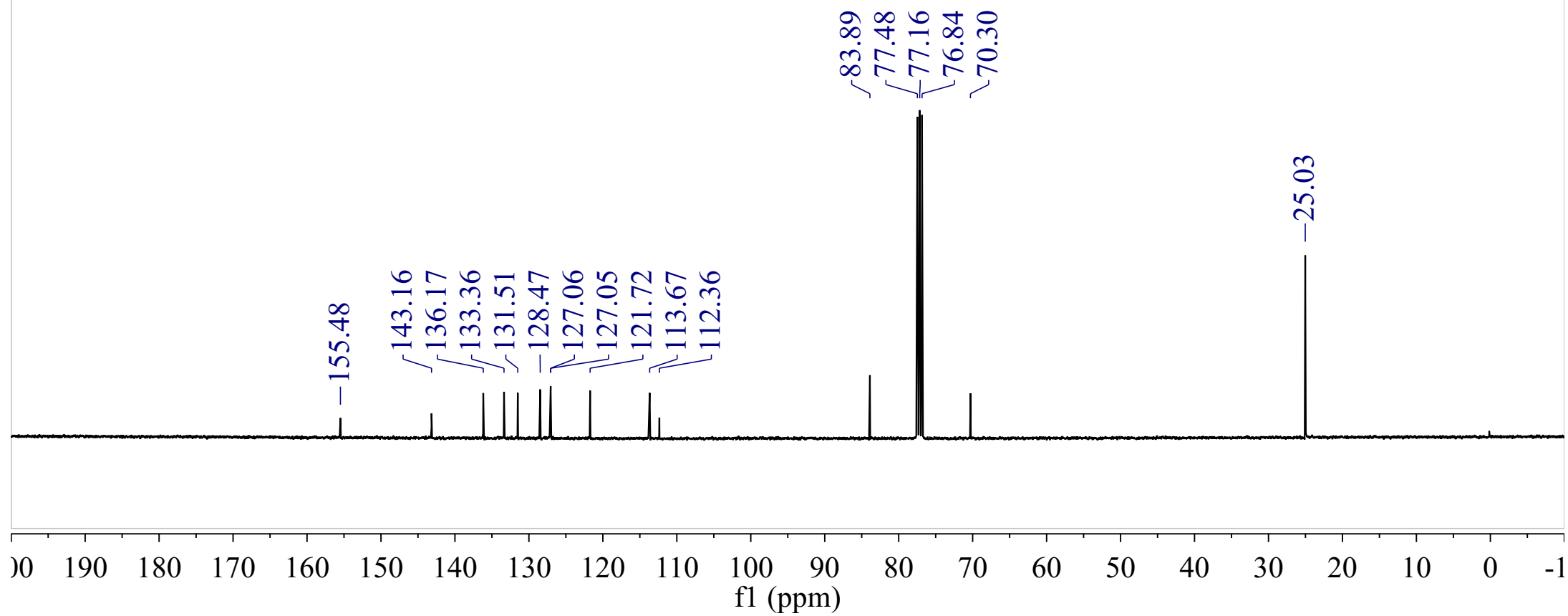
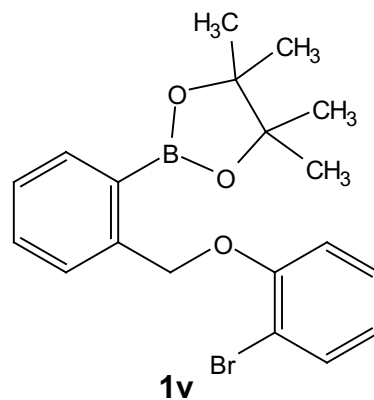
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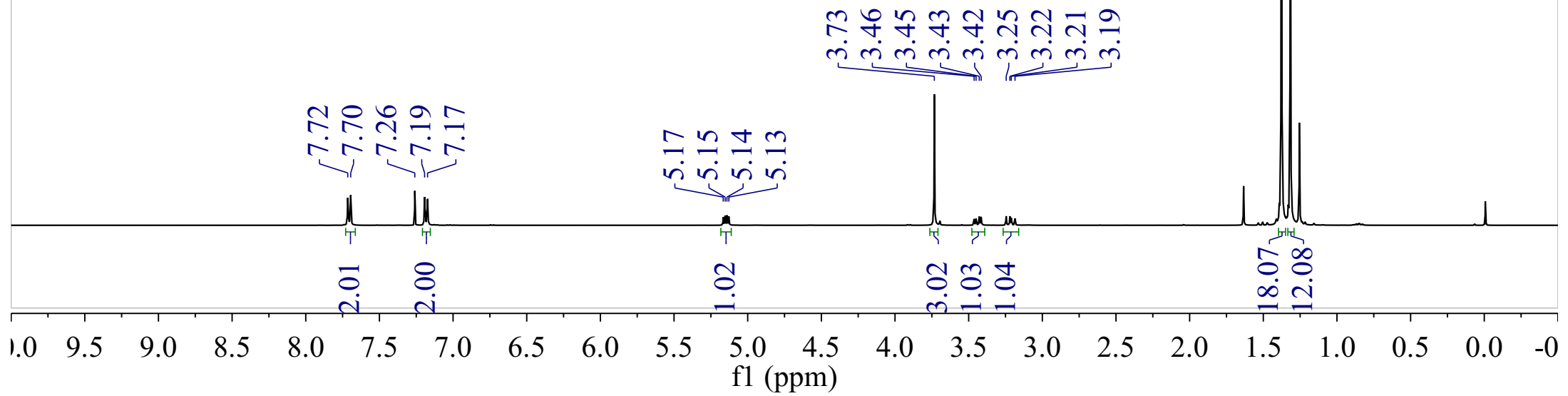
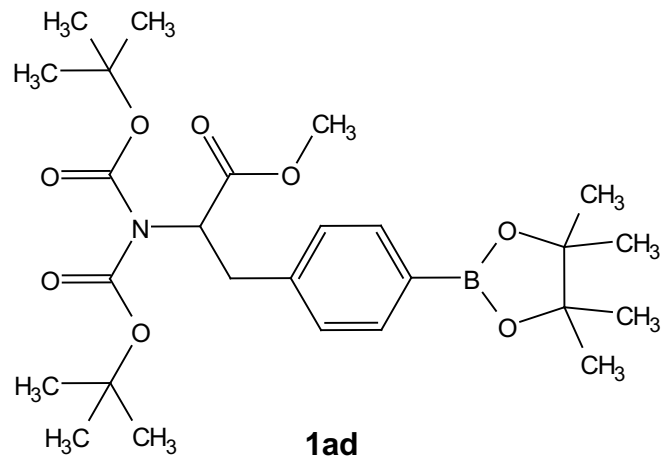


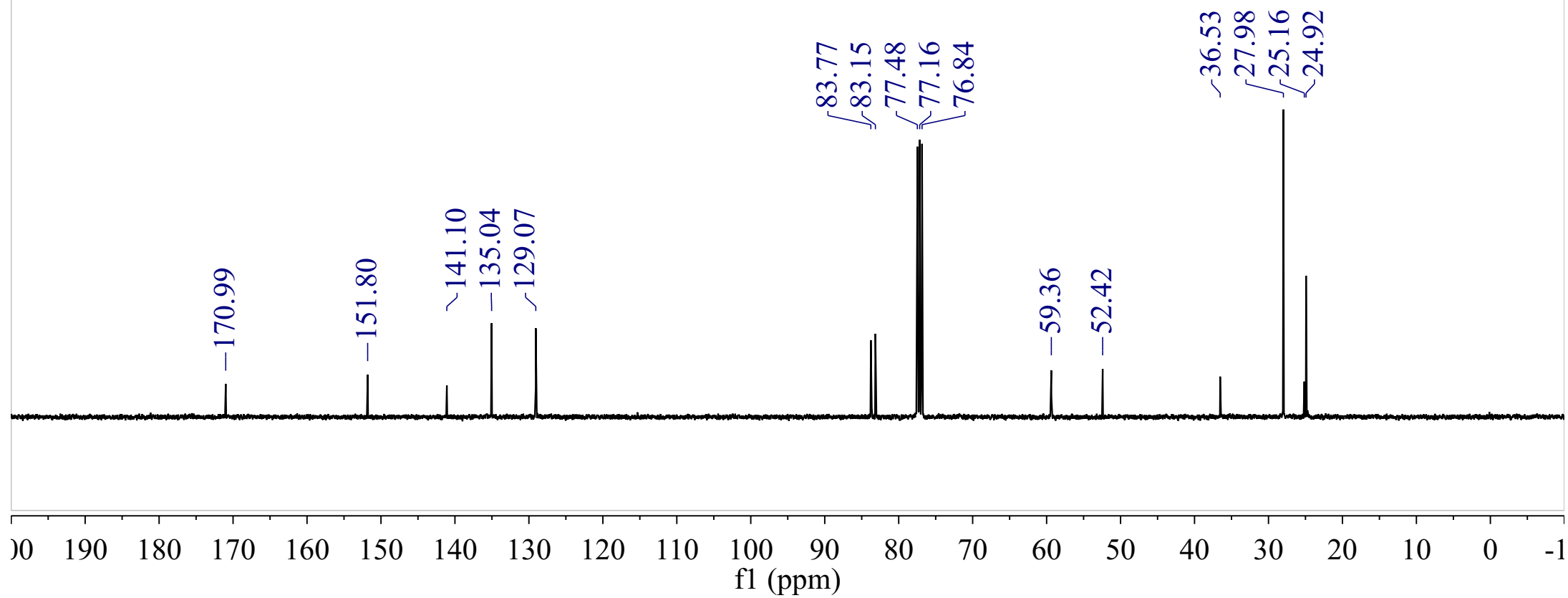
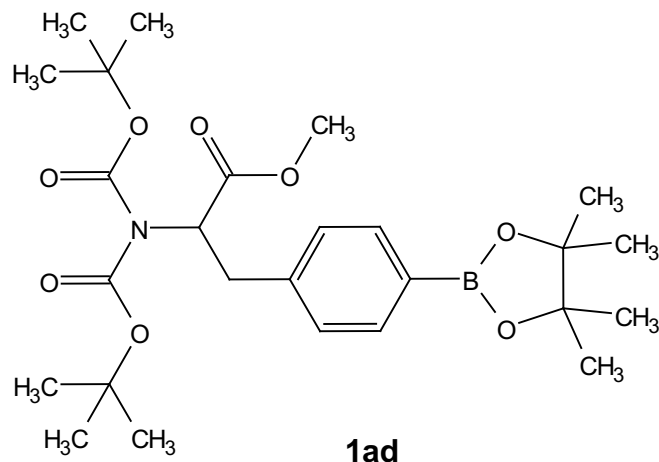


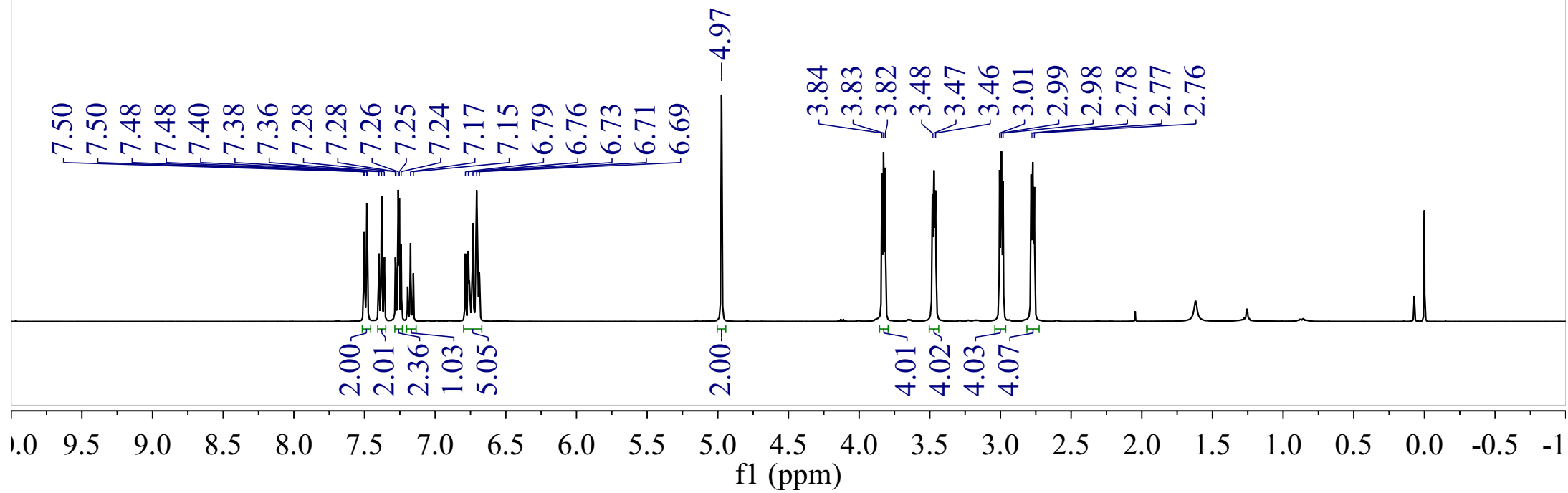
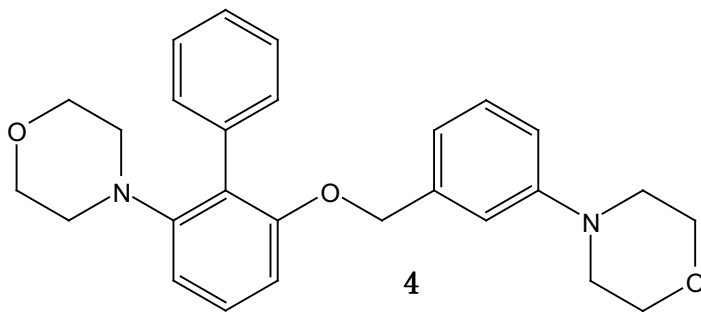
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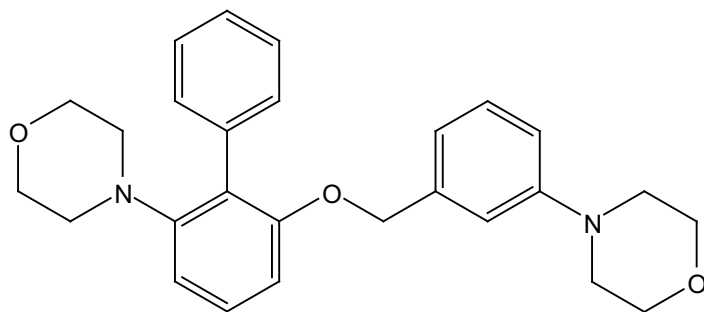




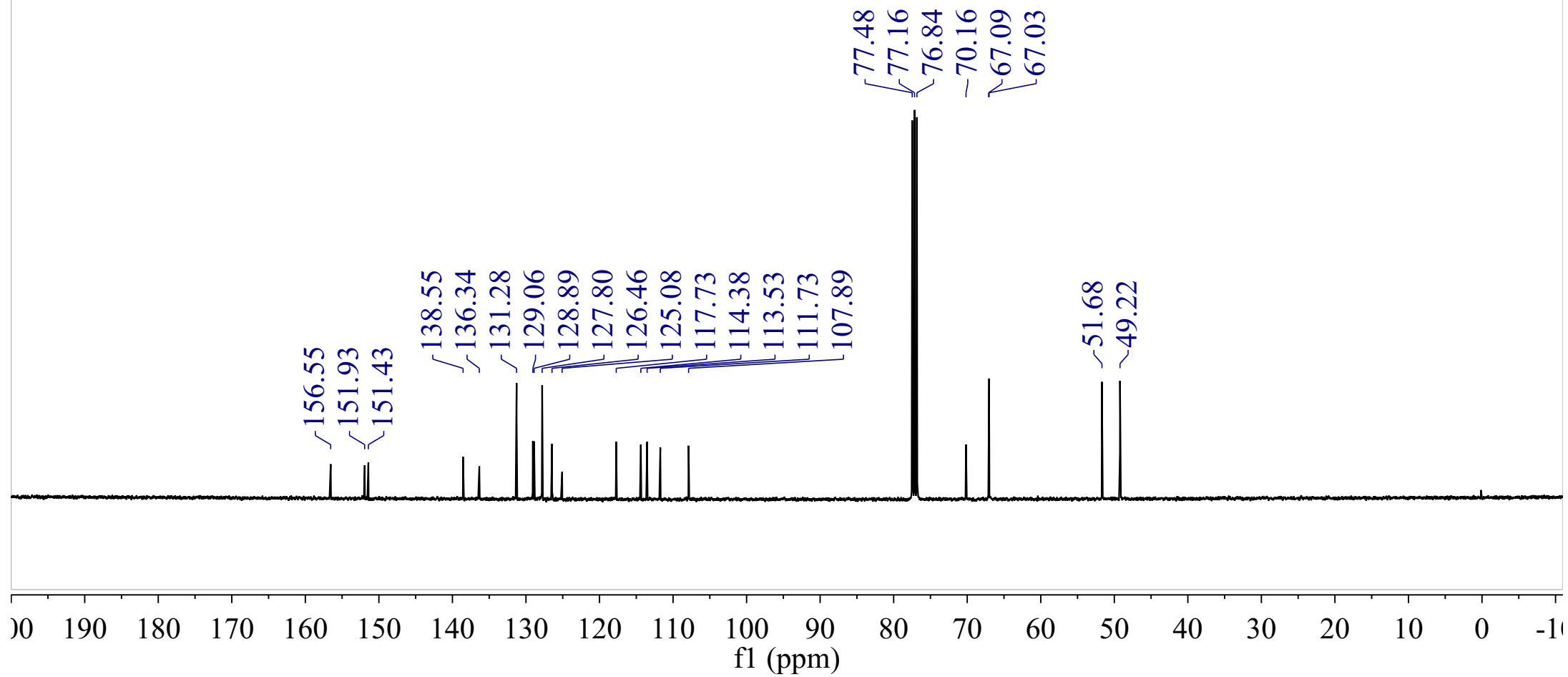


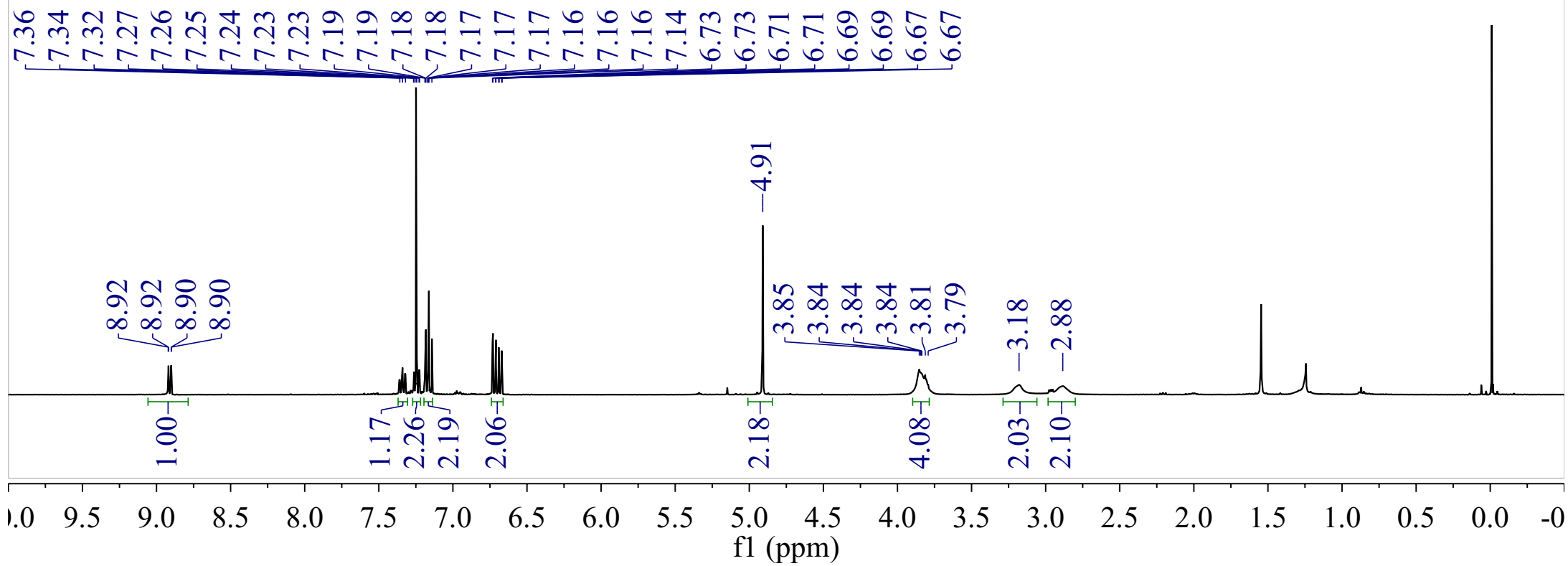
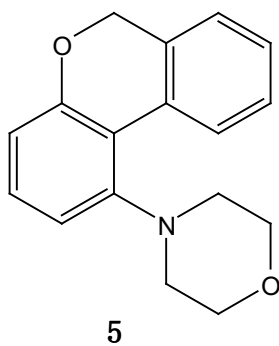


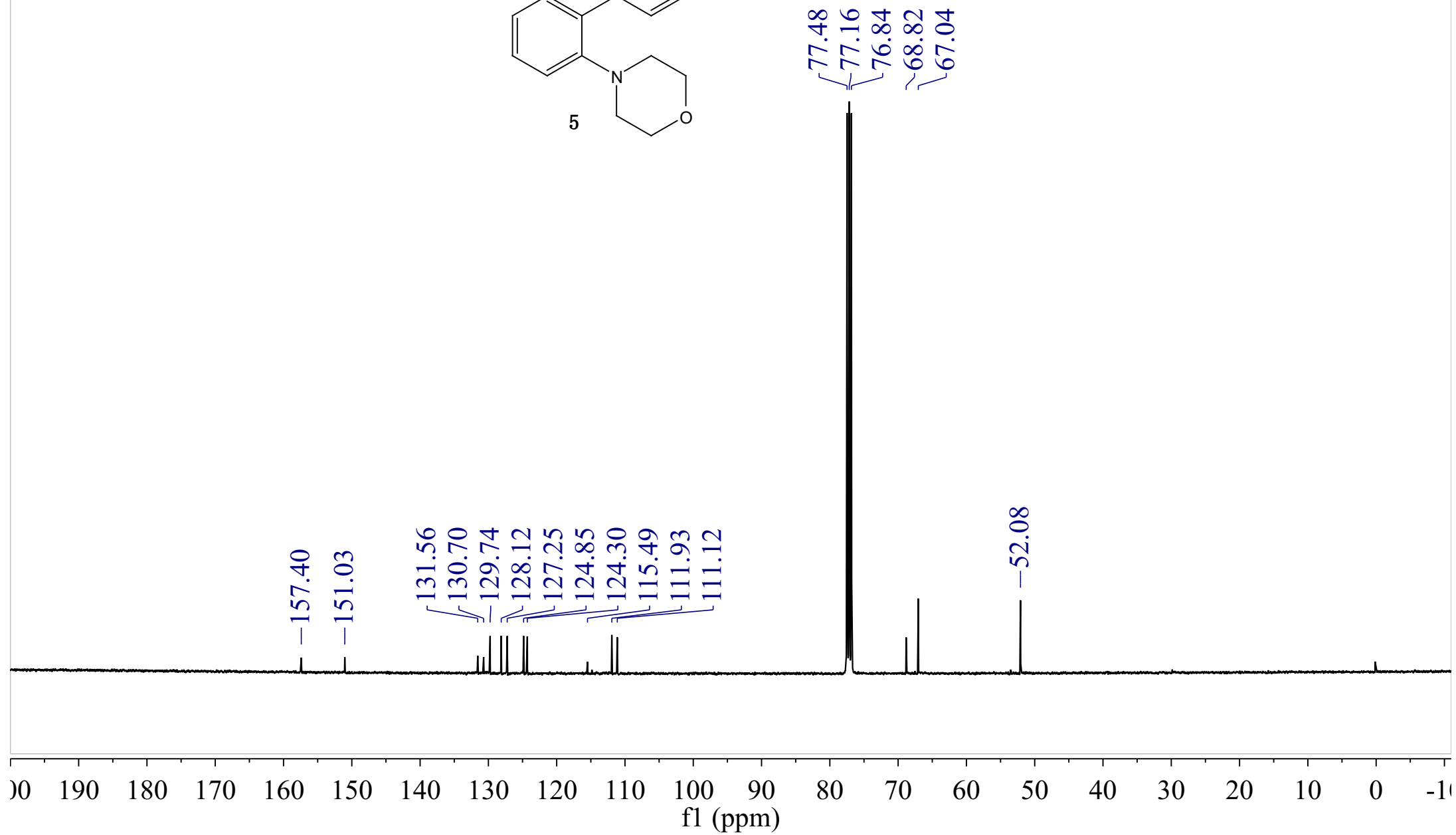
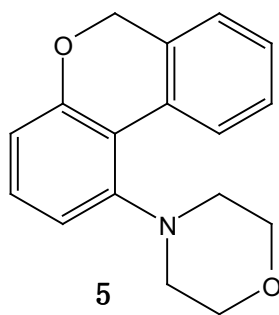


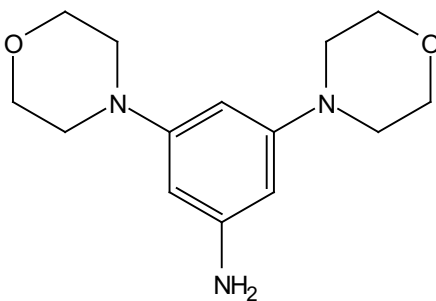


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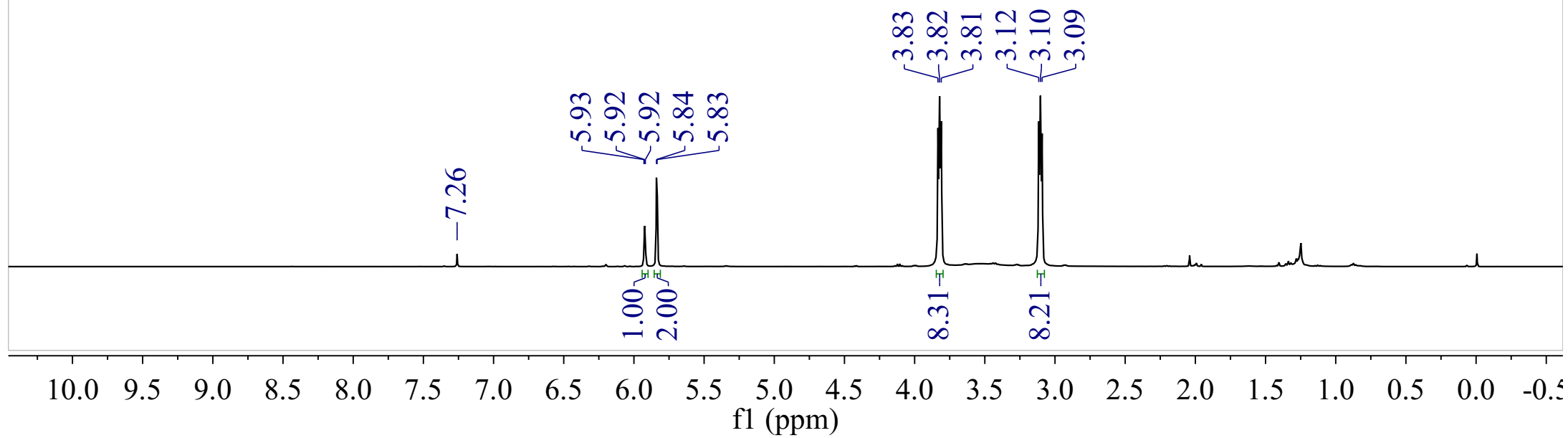


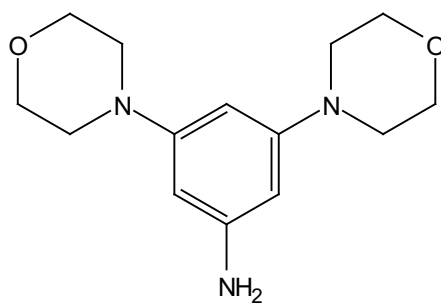




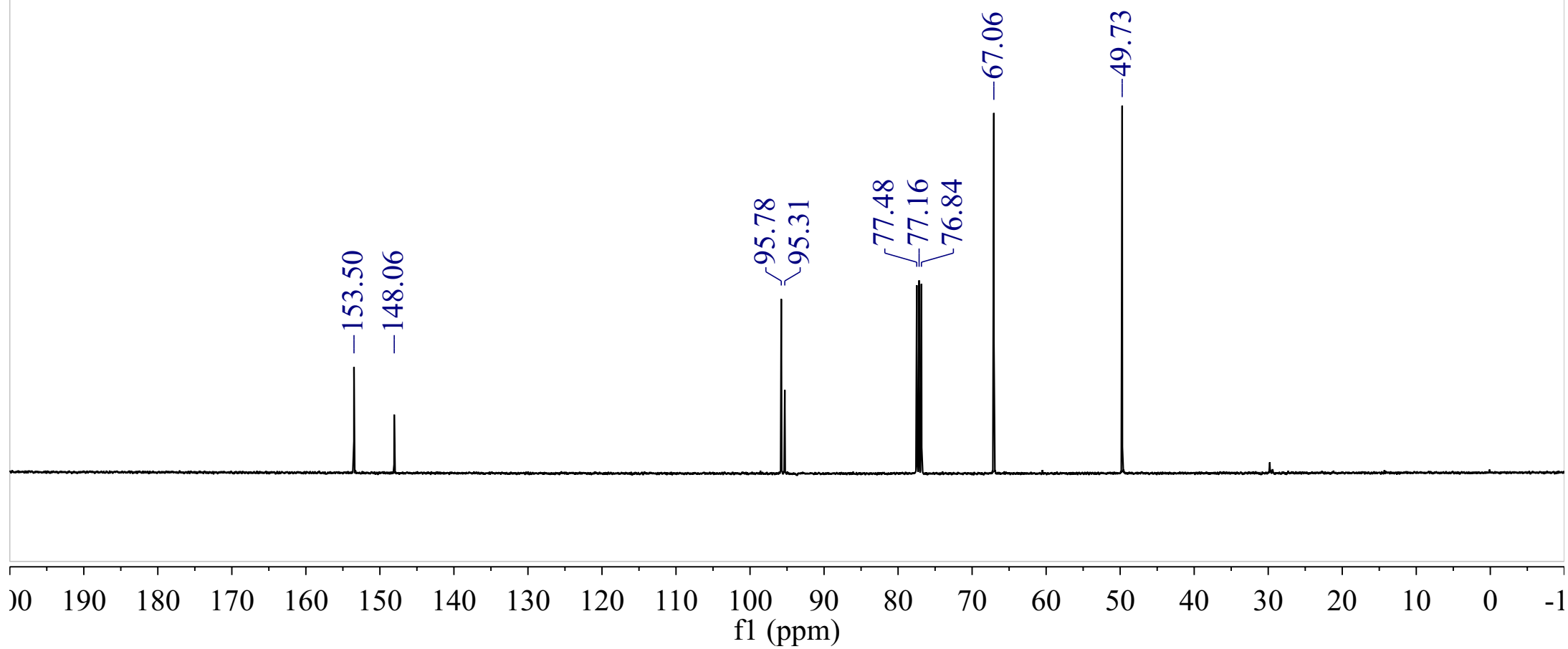


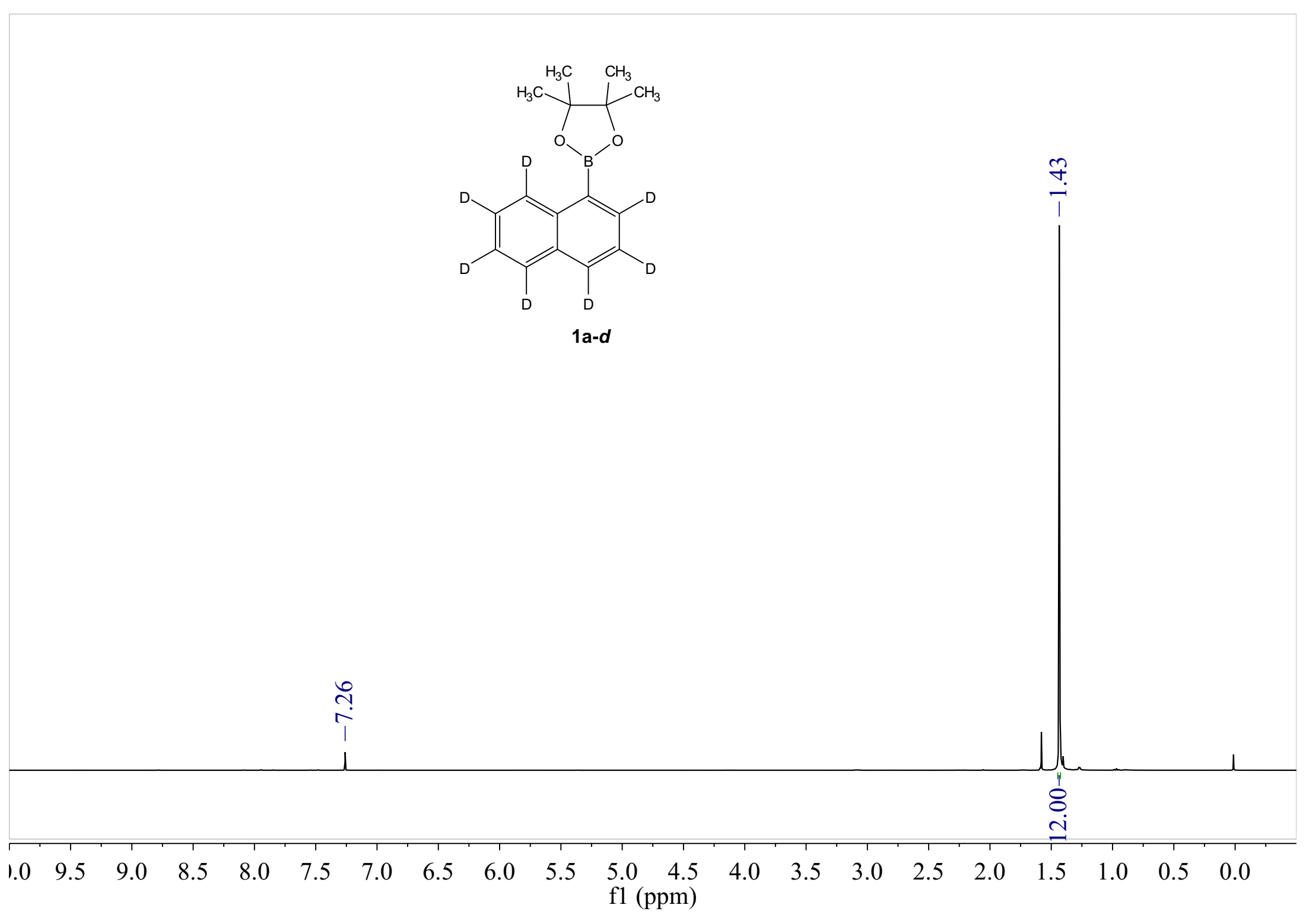
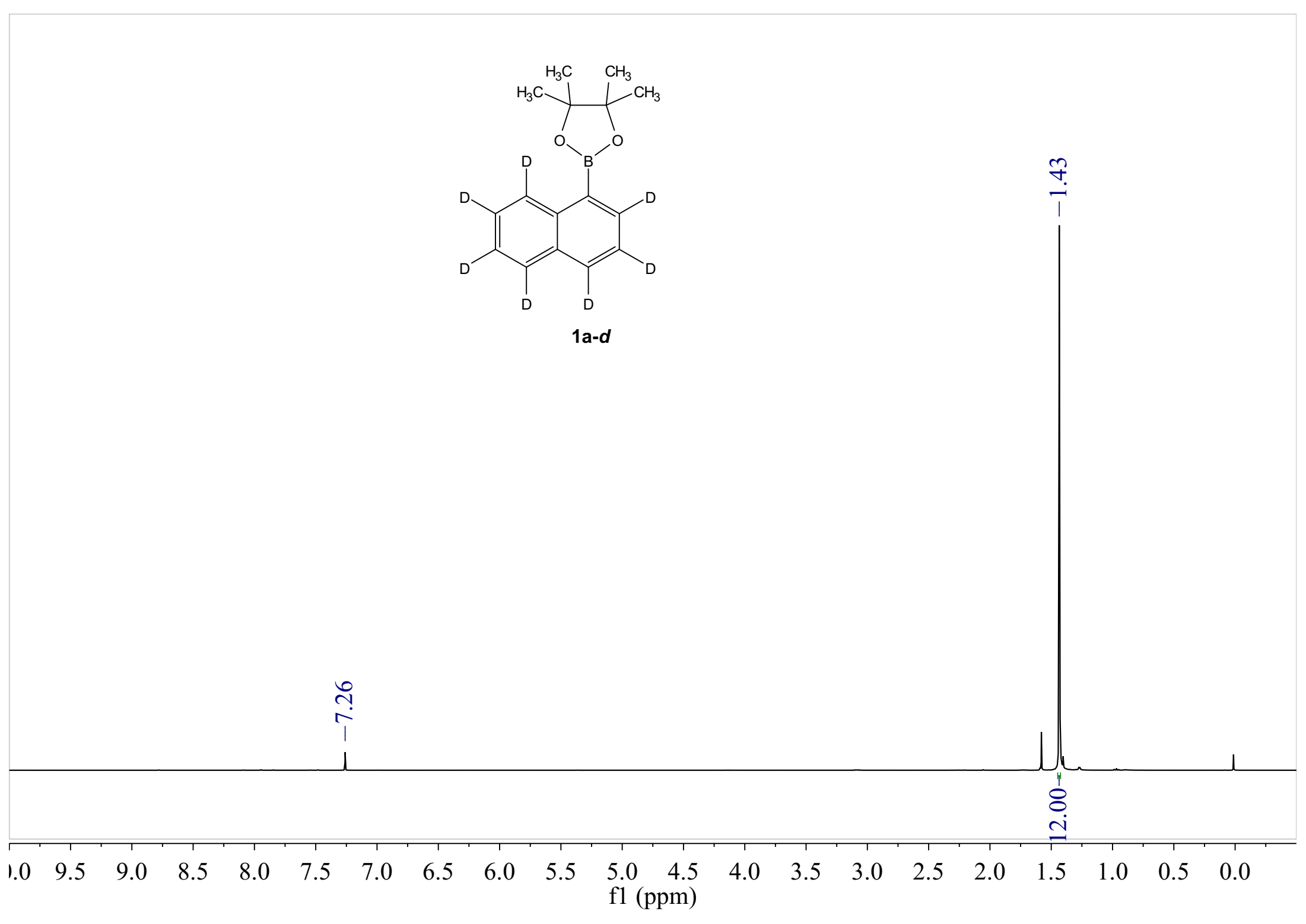
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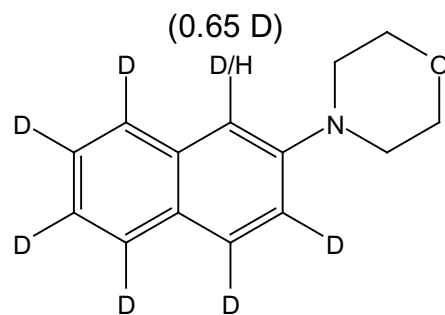




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