

# Supporting Information

## Highly Efficient Vinylaromatics Generation *via* Iron-Catalyzed $sp^3$ C-H Bond Functionalization CDC Reaction: A Novel Approach to Preparing Substituted Benzo[ $\alpha$ ]phenazines

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## General

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without purifications. FeCl<sub>3</sub> (>99.99%, trace metal basis) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. NEt<sub>3</sub> and DMA applied in the Heck closure were dried, distilled and degassed prior to use according to standard methods. Starting materials 2-aryl-3-methylquinoxalines and 2-phenyl-3-ethylquinoxaline (**1a-o**)<sup>[1,2]</sup>, 2-methyl-3-phenoxyquinoxaline (**3b**)<sup>[3]</sup>, 2-methoxy-3-methylquinoxaline (**3c**)<sup>[4]</sup>, methyl 3-methylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (**3d**)<sup>[5]</sup>, 2-methyl-3-phenylpyrazine (**3e**)<sup>[6]</sup>, 2-aryl-3-methylquinolines (**3g, 3h**)<sup>[7]</sup>, diethyl 2,6-dimethylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (**3j**)<sup>[8]</sup>, were synthesized according to the literature procedures. Melting points are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE III 500 instrument in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using TMS as internal standard, operating at 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in ppm and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are given in Hz. GC-MS experiments were performed with an Agilent 6890N GC system equipped with a 5973N mass-selective detector. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) of starting materials and products were obtained on a Water GCT Premier TOF MS with EI source. Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass experiments were performed on a Thermo LCQ fleet. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) of CDC intermediate **9** was obtained on a Agilent 6210 TOF LC/MS with ESI source.

## General synthesis of 2-(2-bromoaromatic)-3-methylquinoxalines (**1p-1v**)

O-methyl oximes **I** were synthesized according to the literature procedures<sup>[9]</sup>. Then, **I** (5.0 mmol) were combined with NBS (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.25 mmol, 5 mol%) and AcOH (30 mL), the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 12 h (monitored by TLC) to give **II** according to previous report by Sanford<sup>[10]</sup>. **II** underwent deprotection and  $\alpha$ -bromination using general procedures. Finally, **III** were treated with *o*-PDA (*o*-phenylenediamine) as the preparation of substrates (**1a-1o**) to gain the desired **1p-1v**.

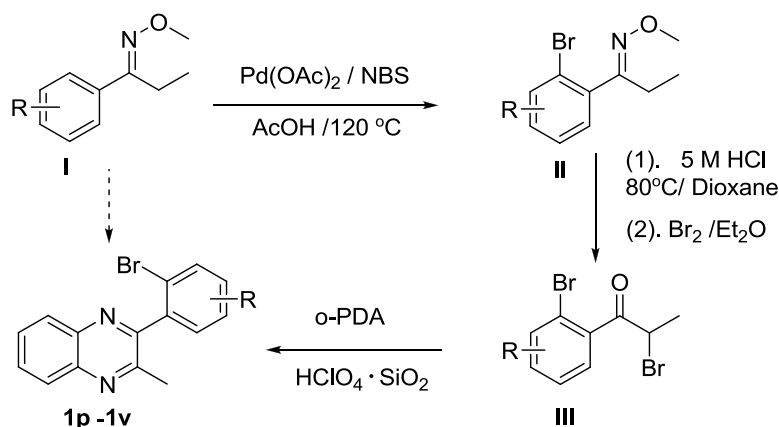
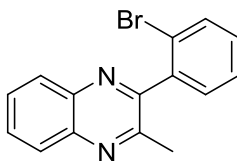


Figure 1. synthesis of substrates

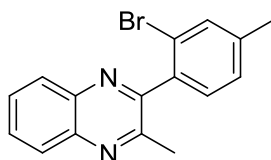
## Characterization of some new reaction substrates

### 2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-methylquinoxaline (1j)



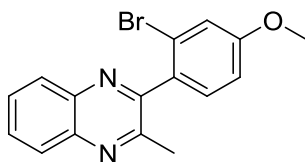
White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.37 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 87-88°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.14-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.73 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 154.7, 153.0, 141.7, 140.6, 140.0, 132.9, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 129.3, 128.5, 127.9, 122.4, 23.1 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 298 (60)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 219 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 298.0106, found 298.0099.

### 2-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)-3-methylquinoxaline (1p)



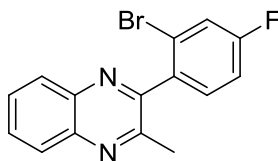
White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.38 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 83-84°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.13-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 154.8, 153.2, 141.6, 140.8, 140.7, 137.1, 133.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 122.1, 23.1, 21.0 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 312 (52)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 233 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 312.0262, found 312.0282.

### 2-(2-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylquinoxaline (1q)



Pale yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.21 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 88-89°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.13-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 160.6, 154.6, 153.5, 141.6, 140.7, 132.3, 130.8, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 122.8, 118.1, 114.0, 55.7, 23.2 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 328 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 249 (83); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{OBr}$ : calcd. 328.0211, found 328.0211.

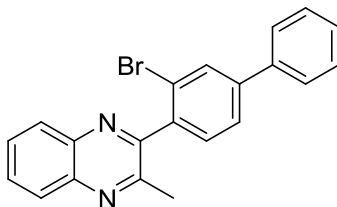
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White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.34 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 103-104°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.13-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (td,  $J_1$  = 8.3 Hz,  $J_2$  =

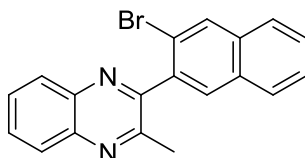
2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 162.6 (d,  $J$  = 251.5 Hz), 153.8, 152.9, 141.7, 140.6, 136.2, 131.3 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz), 130.3, 129.4, 129.2, 128.4, 122.8 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz), 120.3 (d,  $J$  = 24.4 Hz), 115.3 (d,  $J$  = 21.1 Hz), 23.1 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 316 (77) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 237 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{BrF}$ : calcd. 316.0011, found 315.9993.

### 2-(3-bromobiphenyl-4-yl)-3-methylquinoxaline (1s)



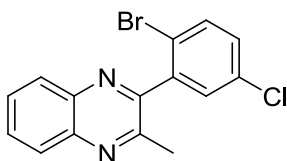
White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 134-135°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.16-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 154.6, 153.1, 143.8, 141.8, 140.7, 139.1, 138.7, 131.5, 130.5, 130.2, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 126.6, 122.8, 22.3 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 374 (52) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 295 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 374.0419, found 374.0438.

### 2-(3-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-3-methylquinoxaline (1t)



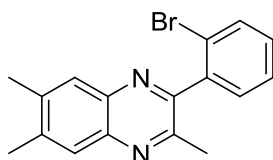
White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.36 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 144-145°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.15 (td,  $J_1$  = 8.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.57 (m, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 154.7, 153.3, 141.8, 140.6, 137.4, 134.4, 132.2, 131.6, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 139.3, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.0, 136.9, 119.4, 23.3 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 348 (27) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 269 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 348.0262, found 348.0259.

### 2-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-3-methylquinoxaline (1u)



White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.47 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 122-123°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.13-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.3, 152.6, 141.9, 141.5, 140.5, 134.1, 134.0, 130.5, 130.4, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.5, 120.4, 23.0 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 332 (48) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 253 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{ClBr}$ : calcd. 331.9716, found 331.9712.

### 2-(2-bromophenyl)-3,6,7-trimethylquinoxaline (1v)



Yellow solid;  $R_f$ =0.35 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp 119-120°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.48 (td,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.7, 151.8, 140.7, 140.6, 140.3, 139.7, 139.5, 132.8, 130.2, 130.2, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 122.6, 23.0, 20.4, 20.3 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 326 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 247 (64); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 326.0419, found 326.0421.

## Screening the different iron catalysts and oxidants

**Table1.** Screening of iron catalysts <sup>a</sup>

Entry	[Fe]	T (°C)	Time (hr)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{FeCl}_3$	r.t.	24	0 <sup>c</sup>
2	$\text{FeCl}_3$	60	24	27 <sup>c</sup>
3	$\text{FeCl}_3$	110	3	94
4	$\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	110	3	94
5	$\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	110	3	91
6	$\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	110	3	91
7	Fe Powder	110	3	35
8	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	110	3	28
9	$\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$	110	3	12
10	>99.99%, $\text{FeCl}_3$	110	3	94
11	—	110	3	4

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition : **1a** (0.2 mmol), [Fe] (0.004 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$  (0.4 mmol), DMA (1.5 mL), 110 °C,  $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3$  = Ferric acetylacetonate. <sup>b</sup> GC-MS yield. <sup>c</sup> 10 mol %  $\text{FeCl}_3$  was used, DMF served as solvent.

**Table2.** Screening of other metal catalysts <sup>a</sup>

Entry	[M]	T (°C)	Time (hr)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	110	3	83
2	$\text{PdCl}_2$	110	3	24
3	$\text{AuCl}_3$	110	3	33
4	$\text{AlCl}_3$	110	3	28

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition : **1a** (0.2 mmol), [M] (0.004 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$  (0.4 mmol), DMA (1.5 mL), 110 °C. <sup>b</sup> GC-MS yield.

**Table 3.** Screening of oxidants <sup>a</sup>

Reaction scheme: **1a**  $\xrightarrow[\text{DMA}]{\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} / \text{Oxidants}}$  **2a**

Entry	Oxidants	Time (hr)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (1.0 equiv)	8	88
2	K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2.0 equiv)	3	94
3	Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2.0 equiv)	3	8
4	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (2.0 equiv)	3	52
5	OXONE (2.0 equiv)	3	11
6	BQ (2.0 equiv)	3	0
7	CAN (2.0 equiv)	3	0
8	O <sub>2</sub> (balloon)	3	0
9	PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv)	3	0
10	<i>t</i> -BuOOH (2.0 equiv)	3	0
11	DDQ (2.0 equiv)	3	0
12	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv)	3	0
13	Ag <sub>2</sub> O (2.0 equiv)	3	0
14	NaIO <sub>4</sub> (2.0 equiv)	3	0

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition : **1a** (0.2 mmol), FeCl<sub>3</sub>· 6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.004 mmol), oxidant (0.4 mmol), DMA = N,N-dimethylacetamide (1.5 ml), 110 °C, BQ = 1,4-Benzoquinone, CAN = Ammonium ceric nitrate, DDQ = 2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone. <sup>b</sup> GC-MS yield.

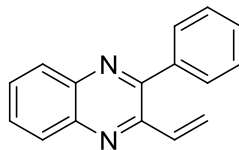
## Typical experimental procedure for the synthesis of **2**, **4** and **5**

**1** or **3** (0.2 mmol), FeCl<sub>3</sub>· 6H<sub>2</sub>O (1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (108 mg, 0.4 mmol) and DMA (1.5 mL) were sequentially added to a 10-mL tube under air. Then the tube was sealed and stirred at 110 °C for 3 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the resulting mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL) and washed by brine (10 mL × 3). The organic layer was then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated in *vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether-EtOAc as eluent to give desired products **2** or **4**.

To an oven-dried 10-mL tube were added **2j**, **2p-2v** (0.15 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (7.3 mg, 0.0075 mmol) and Ag<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (94 mg, 0.30 mmol) sequentially, then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with Argon, NEt<sub>3</sub> (61 mg, 0.6 mmol) and degassed DMA (2.0 mL) were added by syringe under Argon. The tube was heated at 140 °C with stirring for 3 hours, then the resulting mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and washed by brine (10 mL × 3). The organic layer was then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated in *vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether-EtOAc as eluent to give desired products **5**.

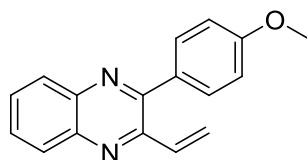
## Characterization of all Products

### 2-phenyl-3-vinylquinoxaline (2a)



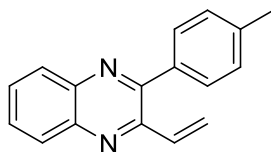
Orange oil;  $R_f$  = 0.69 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.13 (dt,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.75 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.9, 148.9, 141.6, 141.4, 139.2, 135.4, 133.9, 129.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.1, 122.3 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 231 (48)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ ; HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 232.1000, found 232.1005.

### 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2b)



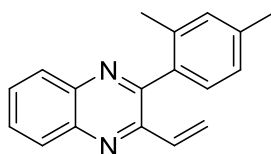
Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.38 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 69-70°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.13-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 160.5, 153.4, 148.9, 141.6, 141.3, 134.1, 131.2, 130.6, 129.6, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 122.2, 114.0, 55.4 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 261 (100)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ , 231 (45); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : calcd. 261.1028, found 261.1029.

### 2-p-tolyl-3-vinylquinoxaline (2c)



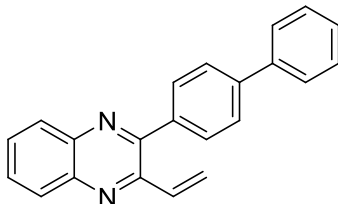
Orange solid;  $R_f$  = 0.59 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 62-63°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.14-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.8, 148.8, 141.5, 141.5, 138.2, 133.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 129.1, 128.5, 122.4, 21.4 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 245 (100)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ , 231 (59); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 246.1157, found 246.1174.

### 2-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2d)



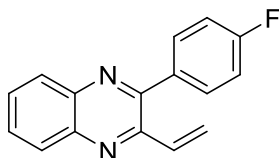
Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.58 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 65–66°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.16–8.10 (m, 2H), 7.79–7.73 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.15 (m, 2H), 6.77 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 154.9, 149.4, 141.6, 141.5, 138.8, 136.1, 135.0, 133.0, 131.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 129.2, 126.8, 122.5, 21.3, 19.6 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 259 (28)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ , 245 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 260.1313, found 260.1304.

### 2-(biphenyl-4-yl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2e)



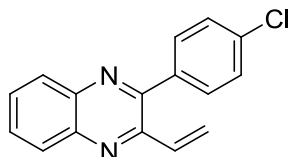
Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.63 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 89–90°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.17–8.14 (m, 2H), 7.75–7.83 (m, 6H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.4, 148.8, 142.0, 141.7, 141.5, 140.5, 137.1, 133.8, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 122.5 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 307 (100)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ ; HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 308.1313, found 308.1315.

### 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2f)



Orange solid;  $R_f$  = 0.66 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 68–69°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.15–8.10 (m, 2H), 7.78–7.71 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1.2H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.75 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 11.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 0.8H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 163.4 (d,  $J$  = 250.0 Hz), 152.6, 148.7, 141.5, 134.3, 133.6, 131.7 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 130.0, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 122.7, 115.6 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz) ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 249 (100)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ , 231 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{F}$ : calcd. 250.0906, found 250.0889.

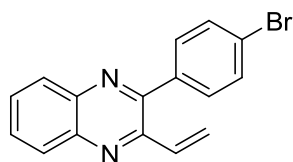
### 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2g)



Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.69 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 94–95°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.15–8.10 (m, 2H), 7.80–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 152.5, 148.6, 141.6, 141.5, 136.7, 135.4, 133.4, 131.1, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 122.8 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 265 (49)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ , 231 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$ : calcd. 266.0611, found 266.0624.

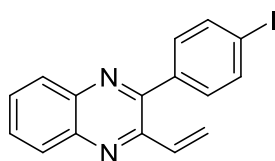
### 2-(4-bromophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2h)





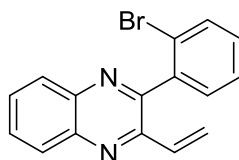
Yellow solid;  $R_f$ =0.67 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp =105-106°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.15-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.75 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.75 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 152.5, 148.6, 141.6, 141.5, 137.2, 133.4, 131.7, 131.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 127.9, 123.7, 122.9 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 311 (13)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 231 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 310.0106, found 310.0095.

### 2-(4-iodophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2i)



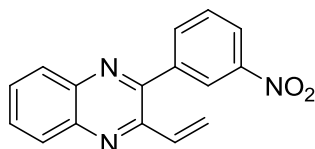
Yellow solid;  $R_f$ =0.58 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 96-97°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.14-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.75 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.75 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 152.6, 148.5, 141.6, 137.7, 137.7, 133.4, 131.5, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 122.9, 95.5 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 357 (10)  $[\text{M-H}]^+$ , 231 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{I}$ : calcd. 357.9967, found 357.9956.

### 2-(2-bromophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2j)



Pale yellow solid;  $R_f$ =0.58 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 95-96°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.18-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.73 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.5, 148.9, 142.0, 141.2, 139.3, 132.9, 132.6, 130.9, 130.5, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 127.8, 122.9, 122.8 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 310 (3)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 231 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 310.0106, found 310.0108.

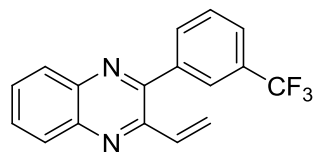
### 2-(3-nitrophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2k)



Yellow solid;  $R_f$ =0.38 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 88-89°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.65 (t,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd,  $J_1$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.74 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.75 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.75 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  =

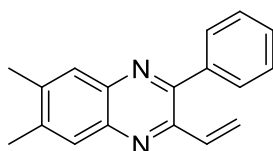
150.9, 148.4, 148.4, 141.9, 141.5, 140.0, 135.7, 132.8, 130.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 124.9, 123.9, 123.8 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 277 (50) [M<sup>+</sup>], 230 (100); HRMS (EI) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calcd. 277.0851, found 277.0859.

### 2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2l)



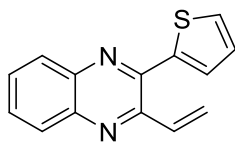
Orange oil;  $R_f$ =0.62 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.17-8.13 (m, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.77 (m, 3H), 7.69 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 152.1, 148.5, 141.7, 141.5, 139.1, 133.1, 133.0, 131.1 (q,  $J$  = 32.5 Hz), 130.4, 130.1, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 126.6 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 125.9 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 123.9 (q,  $J$  = 271.1 Hz), 123.2 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 299 (100) [M-H]<sup>+</sup>, 231 (41); HRMS (EI) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: calcd. 300.0874, found 300.0865.

### 6,7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-3-vinylquinoxaline (2m)



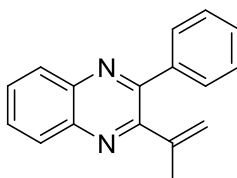
Yellow solid;  $R_f$ =0.53 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 82-83°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 152.9, 147.8, 140.6, 140.5, 140.4, 140.3, 138.6, 133.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 128.2, 121.4, 20.4, 20.3 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 259 (100) [M-H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: calcd. 260.1313, found 260.1322.

### 2-(thiophen-2-yl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2n)



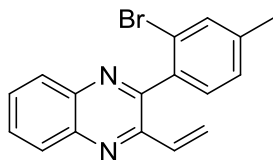
Brown oil;  $R_f$ =0.55 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.10-8.07 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.75 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J_1$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.75 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.75 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 148.3, 147.0, 141.8, 141.4, 140.9, 134.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 127.8, 123.0 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 237 (50) [M-H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: calcd. 238.0565, found 238.0560.

### 2-phenyl-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)quinoxaline (2o)



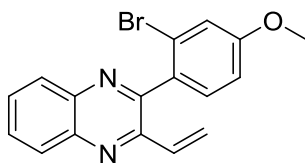
White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.56 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 118-119°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.16-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.75 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 3H), 5.42 (t,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (s, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 155.4, 152.9, 144.1, 141.2, 140.7, 139.4, 129.8, 129.8, 129.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 120.6, 21.9 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 245 (30)  $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ , 231 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 246.1157, found 246.1151.

### 2-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2p)



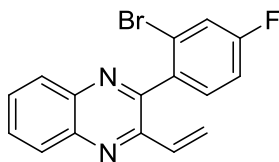
Isolated as yellow solid in 86% yield;  $R_f$  = 0.57 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp 115-116°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.17-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.82-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.6, 149.1, 141.9, 141.3, 140.9, 136.4, 133.3, 132.3, 130.6, 130.2, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 122.6, 122.5, 21.01 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 324 (7)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 245 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 324.0262, found 324.0277.

### 2-(2-bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2q)



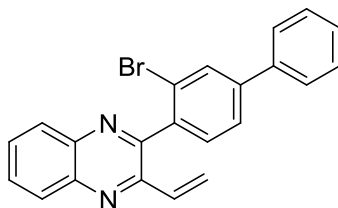
Isolated as pale yellow solid in 88% yield;  $R_f$  = 0.31 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 117-118°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.16-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.81-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 160.7, 153.4, 149.3, 141.9, 141.3, 132.9, 131.7, 131.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 123.3, 122.6, 118.2, 113.9, 55.7 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 340 (11)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 261 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 338.0419, found 338.0447.

### 2-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2r)



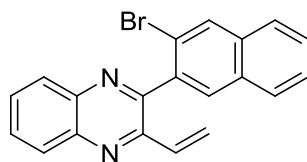
Isolated as pale yellow solid in 83% yield;  $R_f$  = 0.58 (petroleum ether-EtOAc = 6:1); mp = 129-130°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.17-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.84-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24 (td,  $J_1$  = 8.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 162.7 (d,  $J$  = 252.5 Hz), 152.6, 149.0, 142.1, 141.2, 135.6 ((d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 132.4, 132.1 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz), 130.5, 130.0, 129.4, 129.2, 123.3 (d,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz), 123.1, 120.3 (d,  $J$  = 24.5 Hz), 115.2 (d,  $J$  = 21.6 Hz) ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 328 (7)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 249 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{BrF}$ : calcd. 328.0011, found 328.0025.

### 2-(3-bromobiphenyl-4-yl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2s)



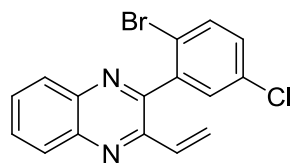
Isolated as yellow solid in 82% yield;  $R_f$ =0.48 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 122-123°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.19-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.72 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 1H), 6.83 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.4, 149.0, 143.8, 142.0, 141.2, 139.1, 137.9, 132.7, 131.4, 131.2, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.2, 127.2, 126.5, 123.2, 122.9 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 386 (7)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 307 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 386.0419, found 386.0418.

### 2-(3-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2t)



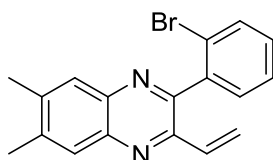
Isolated as yellow solid in 85% yield;  $R_f$ =0.56 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 130-131°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.57 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 153.5, 149.3, 142.0, 141.2, 136.7, 134.5, 132.7, 132.2, 131.6, 130.4, 130.4, 129.9, 129.3, 129.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 126.9, 122.9, 119.8 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 360 (4)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 281 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 360.0262, found 360.0257.

### 2-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)-3-vinylquinoxaline (2u)



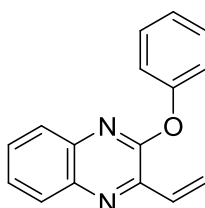
Isolated as yellow solid in 86% yield;  $R_f$ =0.65 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 124-125°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.18-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 152.2, 148.6, 142.1, 141.1, 140.7, 134.0, 132.2, 130.9, 130.6, 130.0, 129.4, 129.2, 123.3, 120.8 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 344(1)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 265 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{ClBr}$ : calcd. 343.9716, found 343.9748.

### 2-(2-bromophenyl)-6,7-dimethyl-3-vinylquinoxaline (2v)



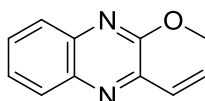
Isolated as yellow solid in 88% yield;  $R_f$  = 0.56 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 114-115°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.92 (s, 1 H), 7.87 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (td,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (td,  $J_1$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.70 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.59 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.54 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.53 (s, 3 H), 2.51 (s, 3 H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 152.6, 147.9, 141.0, 140.9, 140.5, 140.2, 139.5, 132.8, 132.7, 130.9, 130.3, 128.2, 127.7, 123.0, 121.9, 20.4, 20.4 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 338 (12) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 259 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{Br}$ : calcd. 338.0419, found 338.0414.

### 2-phenoxy-3-vinylquinoxaline (4b)



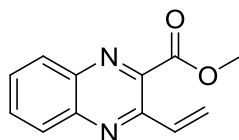
Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.75 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 75-76°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.06-8.04 (m, 1 H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 1 H), 7.62-7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 3 H), 6.80 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.83 (dd,  $J_1$  = 11.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 155.1, 153.0, 143.8, 139.7 (2C), 130.5, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 125.2, 123.6, 121.7 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 248 (100) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 219 (100); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : calcd. 248.0950, found 248.0962.

### 2-methoxy-3-vinylquinoxaline (4c)



Yellow oil;  $R_f$  = 0.75 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.00 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (td,  $J_1$  = 7.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1 H), 7.23 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.74 (dd,  $J_1$  = 11.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (s, 3 H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 155.8, 143.8, 140.2, 138.8, 130.8, 129.4, 128.8, 126.7, 126.6, 123.1, 53.7 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 186 (100) [ $\text{M}^+$ ], 157 (43); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ : calcd. 186.0793, found 186.0799.

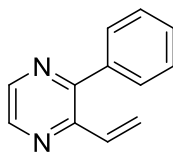
### methyl 3-vinylquinoxaline-2-carboxylate (4d)



Orange solid;  $R_f$  = 0.32 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 66-67°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.18 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.12 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (ddd,  $J_1$  = 8.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 6.9 Hz,  $J_3$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (ddd,  $J_1$  = 8.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 6.9 Hz,  $J_3$  = 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.70 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.77 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.10 (s, 3 H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.9, 148.9, 142.9 (2C), 140.4,

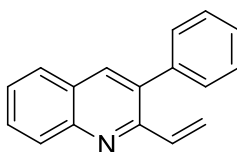
132.0 (2C), 130.4, 129.7, 129.3, 123.7, 53.3 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 214 (86) [M<sup>+</sup>], 199 (59), 156 (100); HRMS (EI) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calcd. 214.0742, found 214.0750.

### 2-phenyl-3-vinylpyrazine (4e)



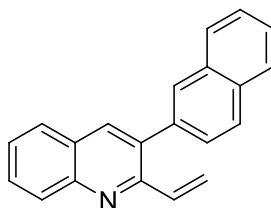
Yellow oil;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.56 (s, 2 H), 7.63-7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 3 H), 6.95 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.56 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.58 (dd,  $J_1$  = 11.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.5 Hz, 1 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 152.6, 148.1, 142.5, 142.4, 137.5, 132.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 121.5 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 181 (100) [M-H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: calcd. 182.0844, found 182.0840.

### 3-phenyl-2-vinylquinoline (4g)



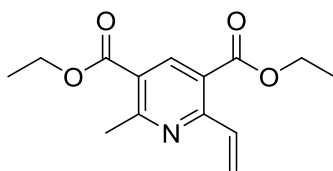
Yellow oil;  $R_f$  = 0.63 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.45 (m, 6H), 6.99 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dd,  $J_1$  = 17.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 153.5, 147.3, 139.1, 136.7, 134.8, 134.7, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 120.9 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 230 (100) [M-H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N: calcd. 231.1048, found 231.1040.

### 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-vinylquinoline (4h)



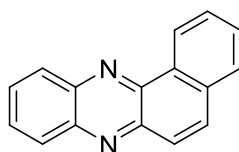
Pale yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.58 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 85-86°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.21 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 5.5 Hz, 3H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.32 (ddd,  $J_1$  = 8.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 6.8 Hz,  $J_3$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 157.9, 148.1, 147.9, 138.6, 136.3, 133.7, 132.0, 129.8, 129.6, 128.3, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.9, 125.6, 121.6, 120.4 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 280 (100) [M-H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS (EI) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N: calcd. 281.1204, found 281.1205.

### diethyl 2-methyl-6-vinylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (4j)



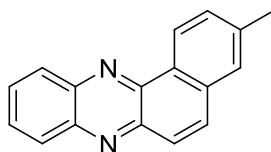
White solid;  $R_f$  = 0.63 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 47-48°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.67 (s, 1 H), 7.67 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.9 Hz,  $J_2$  = 10.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.66 (dd,  $J_1$  = 16.9 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.44-4.39 (m, 4H), 2.89 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 6H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 165.9 (2C), 162.3, 156.3, 141.3, 133.3, 123.9, 123.7, 121.8, 61.6, 61.4, 25.3, 14.3 (2C) ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 263 (48)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 234 (93), 206 (100) HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$ : calcd. 263.1158, found 263.1161.

### benzo[a]phenazine (5j)



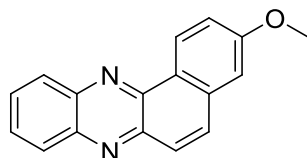
Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.42 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 142-143°C (lit.<sup>[11]</sup> 142°C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 9.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.38-8.36 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.28 (m, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.86 (m, 3H), 7.82-7.76 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 143.4, 142.7, 142.6, 142.0, 133.3, 133.2, 131.1, 130.0, 129.8 (2C), 129.7, 129.2, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 125.4 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 230 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ .

### 3-methylbenzo[a]phenazine (5p)



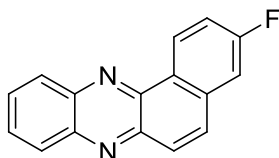
Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.48 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 186-187°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 9.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.38-8.29 (m, 2H), 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.89-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 143.4, 142.9, 142.3, 142.1, 140.2, 133.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.2, 127.0, 125.4, 21.8 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 244 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ ; HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 244.1000, found 244.0977.

### 3-methoxybenzo[a]phenazine (5q)



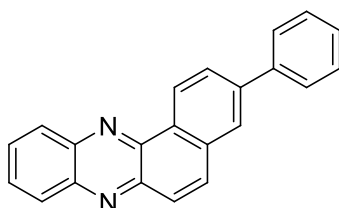
Yellow solid;  $R_f$  = 0.28 (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 166-167°C (lit.<sup>[12]</sup> 160-161°C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 9.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd,  $J_1$  = 7.3 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 161.1, 142.8, 142.7, 142.1, 142.0, 134.9, 133.2, 129.8, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 127.6, 127.2, 124.8, 117.1, 109.7, 55.6 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 260 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 245 (7).

### 3-fluorobenzo[a]phenazine (5r)



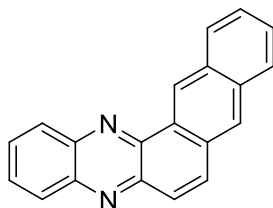
Yellow solid;  $R_f = 0.54$  (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 195-196°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.42$  (dd,  $J_1 = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_2 = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.37-8.28 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 163.6$  (d,  $J = 250.0$  Hz), 143.2, 142.8, 142.2, 142.2, 135.0 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz), 132.2, 130.1, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.1 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz), 127.7, 116.4 (d,  $J = 23.1$  Hz), 113.1 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz) ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 248 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ ; HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{F}$ : calcd. 248.0750, found 248.0748.

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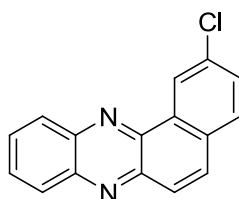
Yellow solid;  $R_f = 0.50$  (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 179-180°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.44$  (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.39-8.29 (m, 2H), 8.10 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.11-8.04 (m, 2H), 8.00 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 143.6$ , 142.6, 142.6, 142.1, 140.4, 133.6, 133.5, 130.1, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.5, 127.0, 126.4, 126.0 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 306 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ ; HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 306.1157, found 306.1151.

### naphtho[2,3-a]phenazine (5t)



Yellow solid;  $R_f = 0.43$  (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 225-226°C (lit.<sup>[13]</sup> 220°C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.80$  (s, 1H), 8.37-8.35 (m, 1H), 8.28-8.23 (m, 3H), 8.05 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 144.6$ , 144.0, 142.4, 141.6, 134.2, 133.7, 132.4, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 125.7 ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 280 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ .

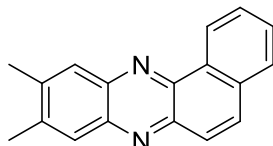
### 2-chlorobenzo[a]phenazine (5u)





Yellow solid;  $R_f = 0.49$  (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 208-209°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.34$  (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.36-8.27 (m, 2H), 7.96 (s, 2H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.0$  Hz, 1 H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 143.4, 143.0, 142.0, 141.5, 134.3, 132.4, 132.2, 131.4, 130.5, 130.1, 130.09, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 127.4, 125.0$  ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 264 (100)  $[\text{M}^+]$ , 229 (24); HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$ : calcd. 264.0454, found 264.0462.

### 9,10-dimethylbenzo[a]phenazine (5v)



Pale yellow solid;  $R_f = 0.47$  (petroleum ether-EtOAc= 6:1); mp = 211-212°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.39$  (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 8.00-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.74 (m, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 143.0, 142.0, 142.0, 141.3, 141.1, 140.9, 133.1, 132.3, 131.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 125.1, 20.6, 20.5$  ppm; MS (EI, 70eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 258 (100), 243 (30)  $[\text{M}^+]$ ; HRMS (EI) for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2$ : calcd. 258.1157, found 258.1145.

## Preliminary mechanistic studys

### Effect of radical scavenger TEMPO on the reaction

**Table 4.** Effect of radical scavenger TEMPO <sup>a</sup>

Entry	TEMPO	Conversion (%)	Yields of <b>2a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	0	100	94
2	50 mol %	90	64 <sup>c</sup>
3	200 mol %	97	5 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition : **1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.004 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$  (0.4 mmol), DMA (1.5 mL), 110 °C, under air, 3h. <sup>b</sup> GC-MS yields. <sup>c</sup> An oxidation product 3-phenylquinoxaline-2-carbaldehyde was formed as a side product.

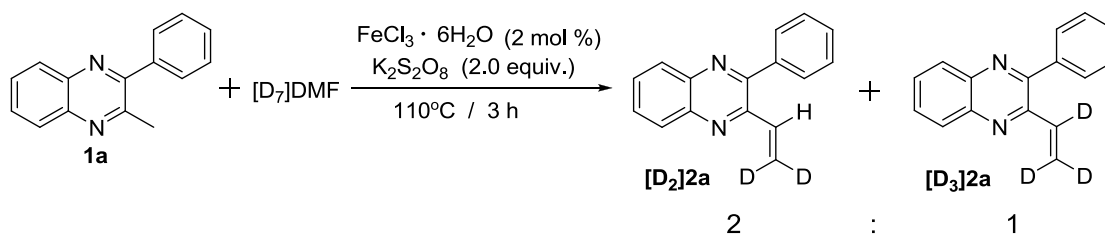
### Deuterated experiments

All the deuterated experiments were carried out twice.

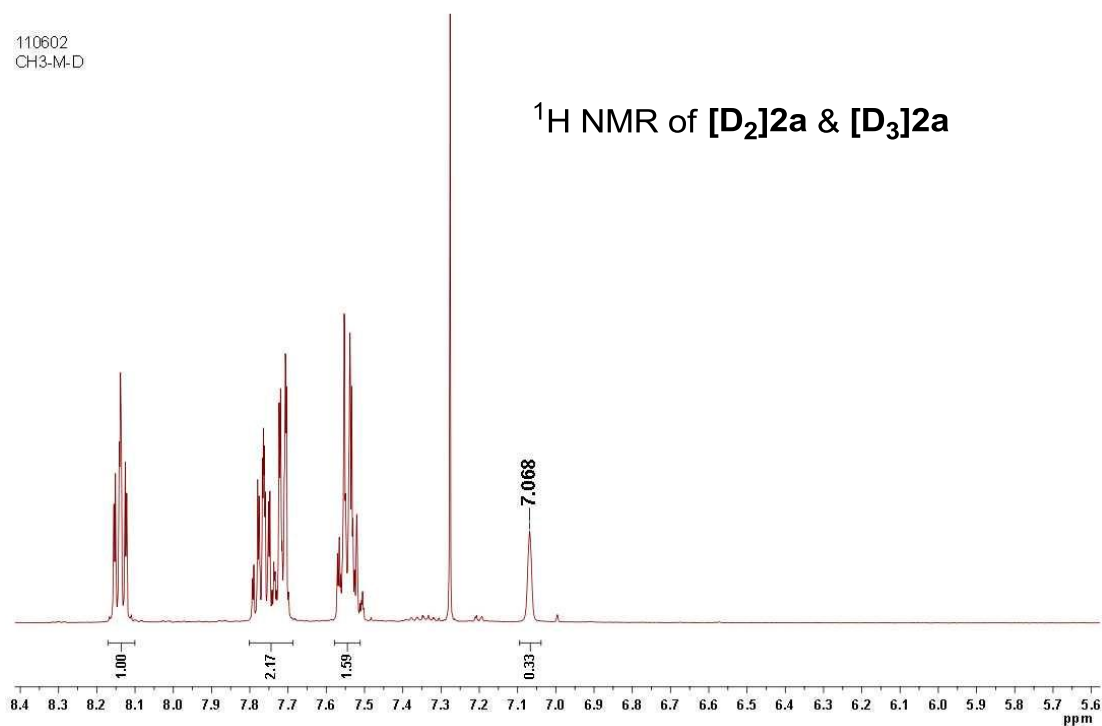
(a) **1a** treated with  $[\text{D}_7]$ DMF under the present condition

**1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$  (108 mg, 0.4 mmol) and  $[\text{D}_7]$  DMF (1.2 mL) were sequentially added to a 10-mL tube under air. Then the tube was sealed and stirred at 110 °C for 3 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the resulting mixture was diluted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (15 mL) and washed

by brine (10 mL  $\times$  3). The organic layer was then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated in *vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether-EtOAc as eluent to give [D<sub>2</sub>]2a and [D<sub>3</sub>]2a in the ratio 2 : 1.

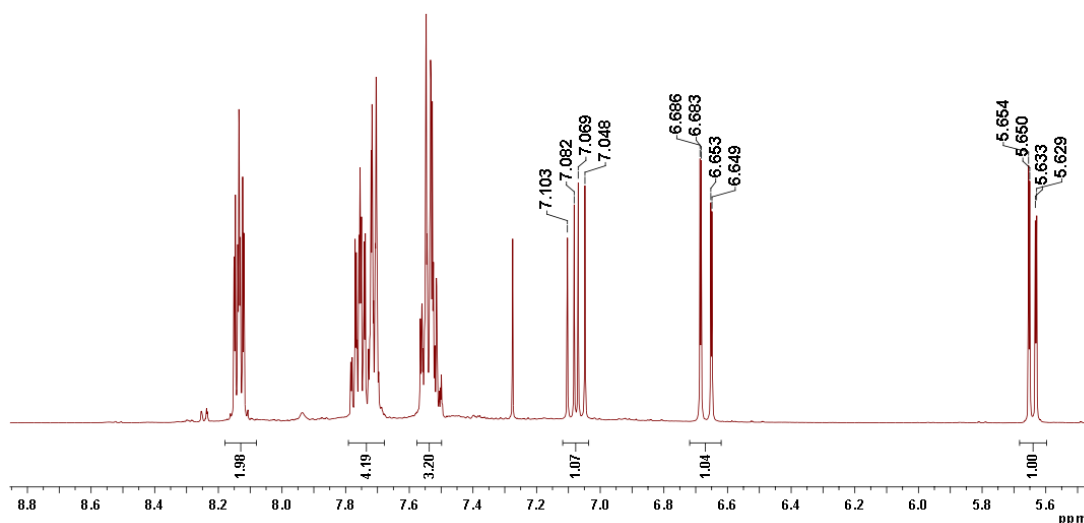


**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of [D<sub>2</sub>]2a and [D<sub>3</sub>]2a



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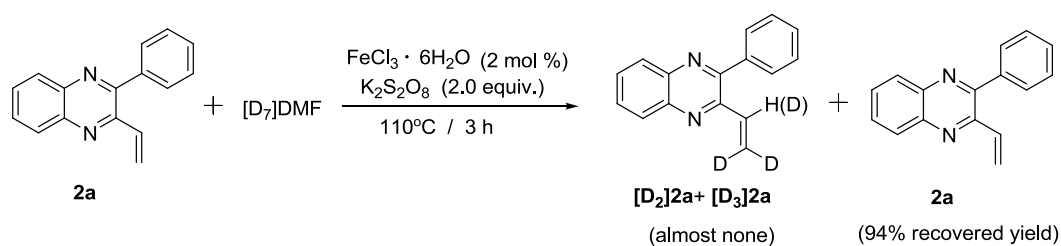
# <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **2a**



**Figure 2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of deuterated products

(b) **2a** treated with [D<sub>7</sub>]DMF under the present condition

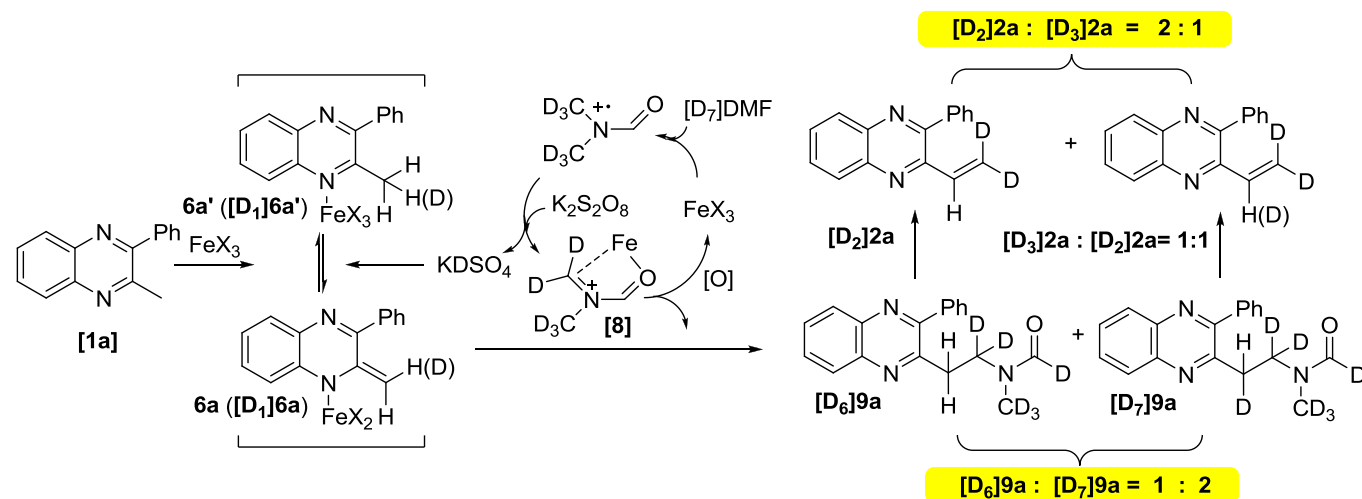
**2a** (0.2 mmol), FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (108 mg, 0.4 mmol) and [D<sub>7</sub>] DMF (1.2 mL) were sequentially added to a 10-mL tube under air. Then the tube was sealed and stirred at 110 °C for 3 h. The resulting mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL) and washed by brine (10 mL × 3). The organic layer was then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated in *vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether-EtOAc as eluent. **2a** was recovered in 94% yield, and no obvious deuterated of **2a** were detected according to the <sup>1</sup>H NMR result.



**Scheme 2.** **2a** treated with [D<sub>7</sub>]DMF

Deuterated experiments (a) and (b) indicated that the C-H bond activation occurs on both coupling partners and the terminal vinyl carbon should be given by the N,N-dimethyl moiety of amides. In addition, the 2 : 1 ratio of [D<sub>2</sub>]2a and [D<sub>3</sub>]2a might be obtained through the following process. Firstly, the in-situ generated deuterium ion exchanged immediately with the benzylic hydrogen of [Fe]-promoted **1a** to form

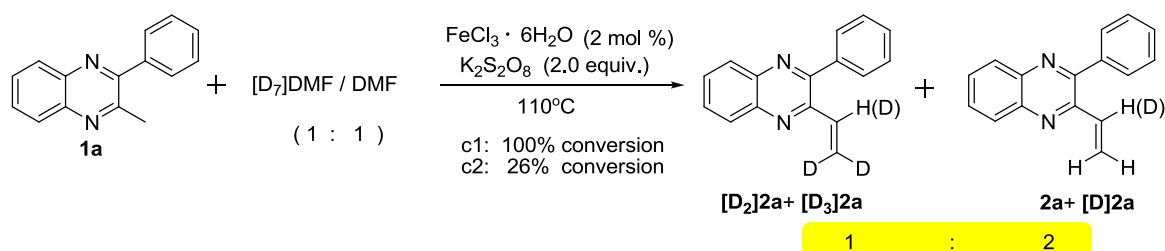
**[D<sub>1</sub>]**6a. Then **6a** or **[D<sub>1</sub>]**6a fastly attacked the iminium **8**, intermediate **[D<sub>6</sub>]**9a and **[D<sub>7</sub>]**9a was thus generated respectively in the ratio of **1:2**. Then the **[D<sub>6</sub>]**9a occurred elimination to form **[D<sub>2</sub>]**2a entirely, meanwhile the **[D<sub>7</sub>]**9a occurred elimination to give the product **[D<sub>3</sub>]**2a and **[D<sub>2</sub>]**2a in the ratio of **1:1**. To sum up, the ratio of **[D<sub>2</sub>]**2a and **[D<sub>3</sub>]**2a was eventually come to **2:1**.



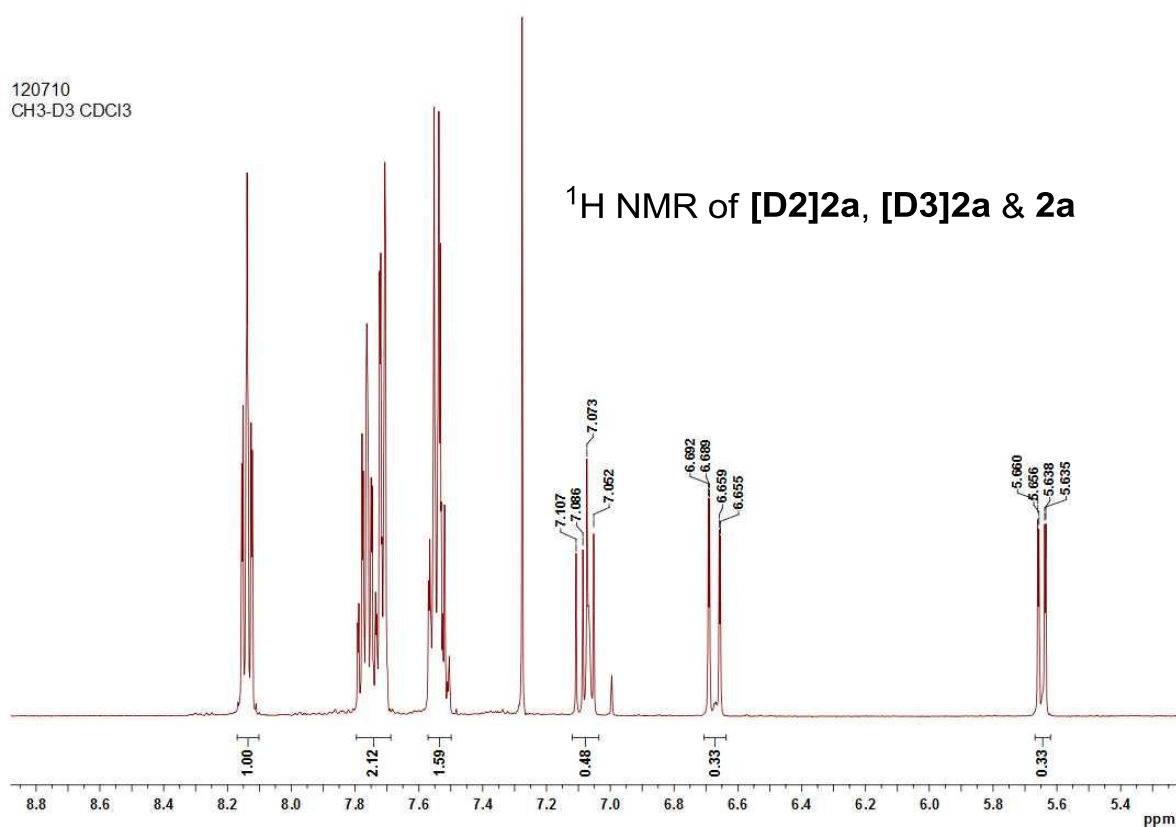
**Figure 3.** Deuterated experiments

(c) Competing reaction between **[D<sub>7</sub>]**DMF and DMF

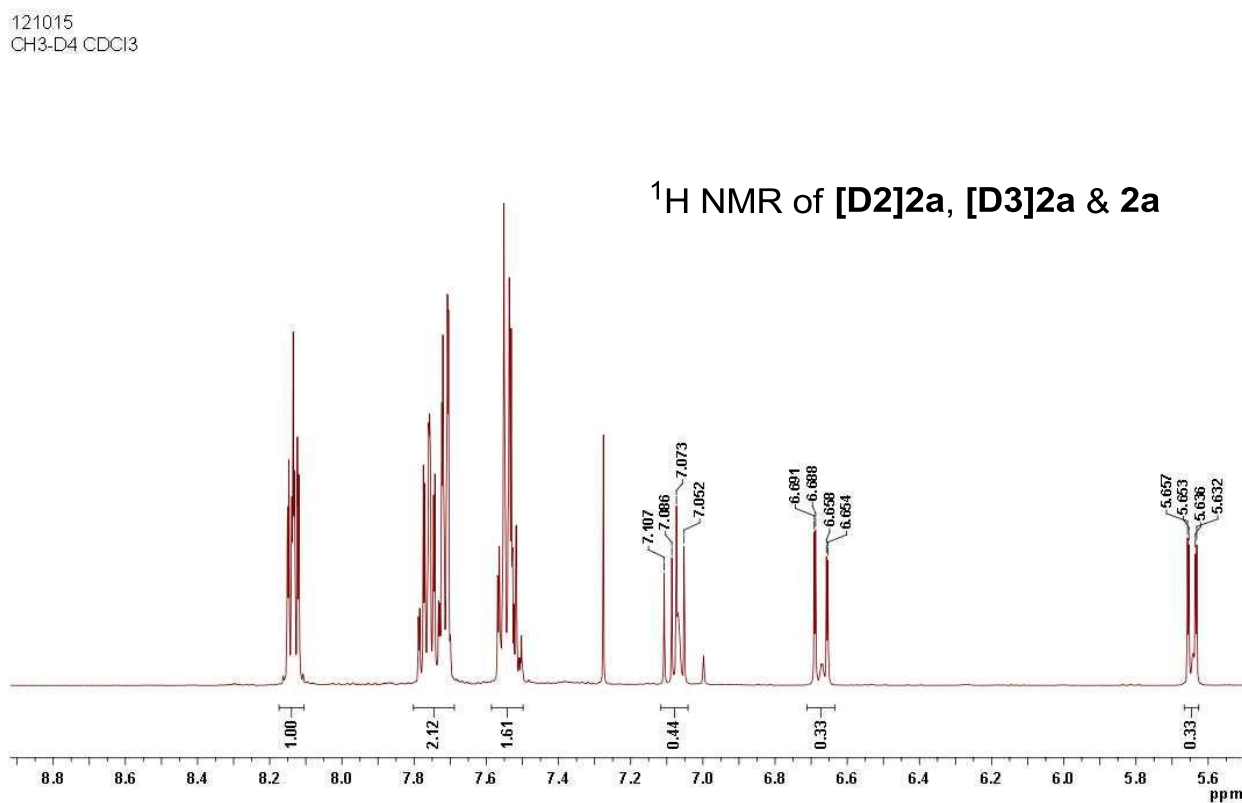
**1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$  (108 mg, 0.4 mmol) and **[D<sub>7</sub>]** DMF / DMF (0.6 mL / 0.6 mL) were sequentially added to a 10-mL tube under air. Then the tube was sealed and stirred at 110 °C for 3 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the resulting mixture was diluted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (15 mL) and washed by brine (10 mL  $\times$  3). The organic layer was then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and evaporated in *vacuo*, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (100-200 mesh) using petroleum ether-EtOAc as eluent. A mixture of **[D<sub>2</sub>]**2a, **[D<sub>3</sub>]**2a and **2a** was determined on the basis of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis. Based on the integrations related to different hydrogen resonances, the kinetic isotope effect is calculated to be  $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} \approx 2.0$ , suggesting that the C-H bond cleavage of N, N-dimethyl amides is involved in the rate-determining step. Notably, KIE value was also obtained when the reaction was stop at a lower conversion of 26%, the result was the same as it obtained after full conversion.



**Scheme 3.** Competing reaction between **[D<sub>7</sub>]**DMF and DMF



**Figure 4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of KIE experiment (c1: 100% conversion of **1a**)



**Figure 5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of KIE experiment (c2: 26% conversion of **1a**)

### ESI-MS studies to capture the coupling intermediate

**1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$  (108 mg, 0.4 mmol) and DMA (1.5 mL) were sequentially added to a 10-mL tube under air. Then the tube was sealed and stirred at 110 °C. The mixture was stopped heating and cooled to room temperature when almost half of the starting material **1a** was converted to vinylation product **2a** (monitored by TLC). Then the mixture was diluted by methanol and subjected directly to ESI-MS analysis. From the mass spectrum we could find the starting material **1a** ( $m/z$ : 221) and the product **2a** ( $m/z$ : 233). Notably, the coupling intermediate between **1a** and N,N-dimethylacetamide (DMA) was detected ( $m/z$ : 306) and its structure was further confirmed by accurate mass data. The mass experiment result indicated that a key intermediate coupled between the substrate **1a** and DMA was generated during the process, which then underwent a tandem elimination to give the final vinylation product **2a**.

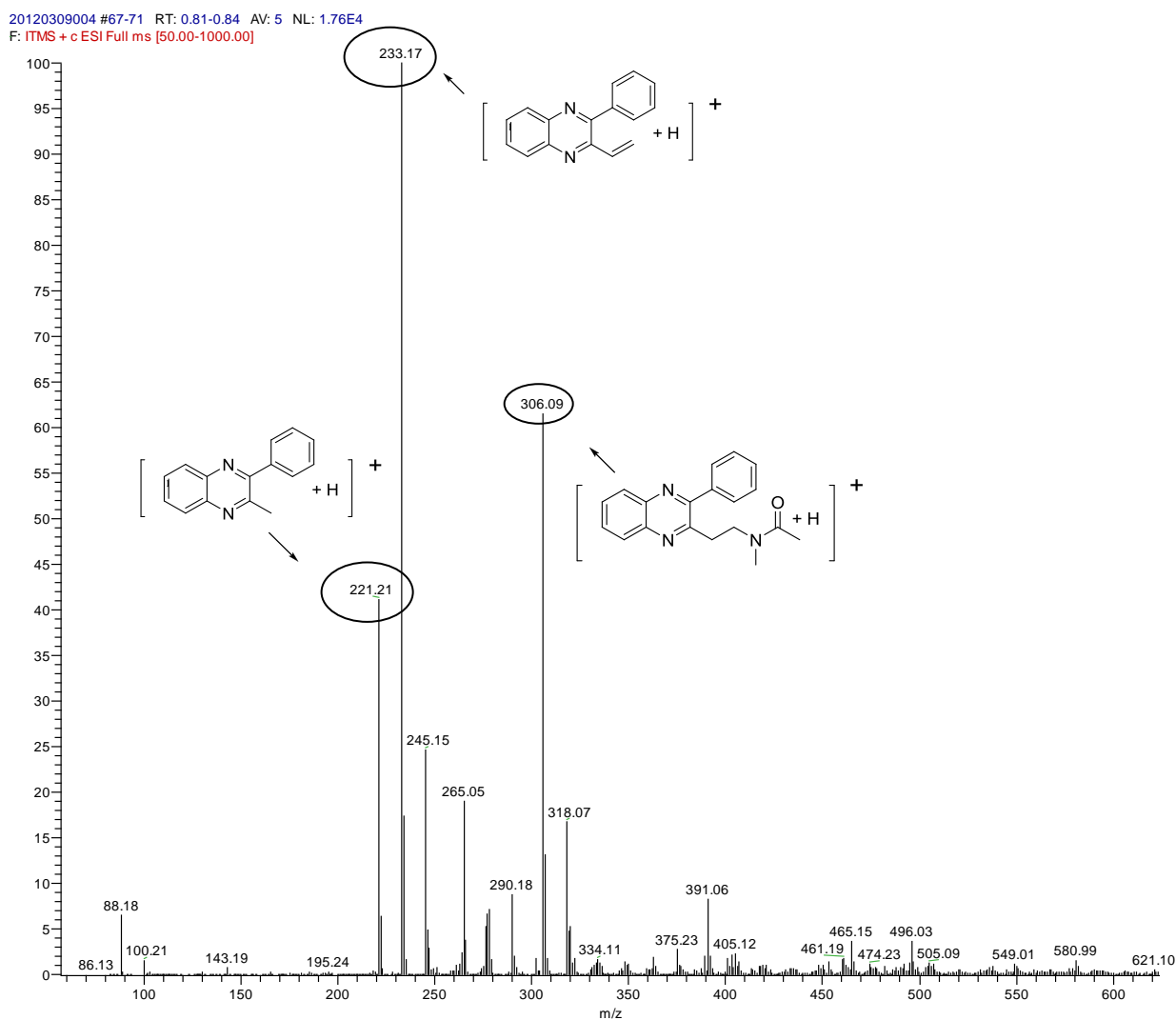
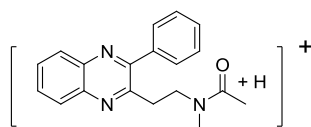


Figure 6. ESI-MS spectrum.

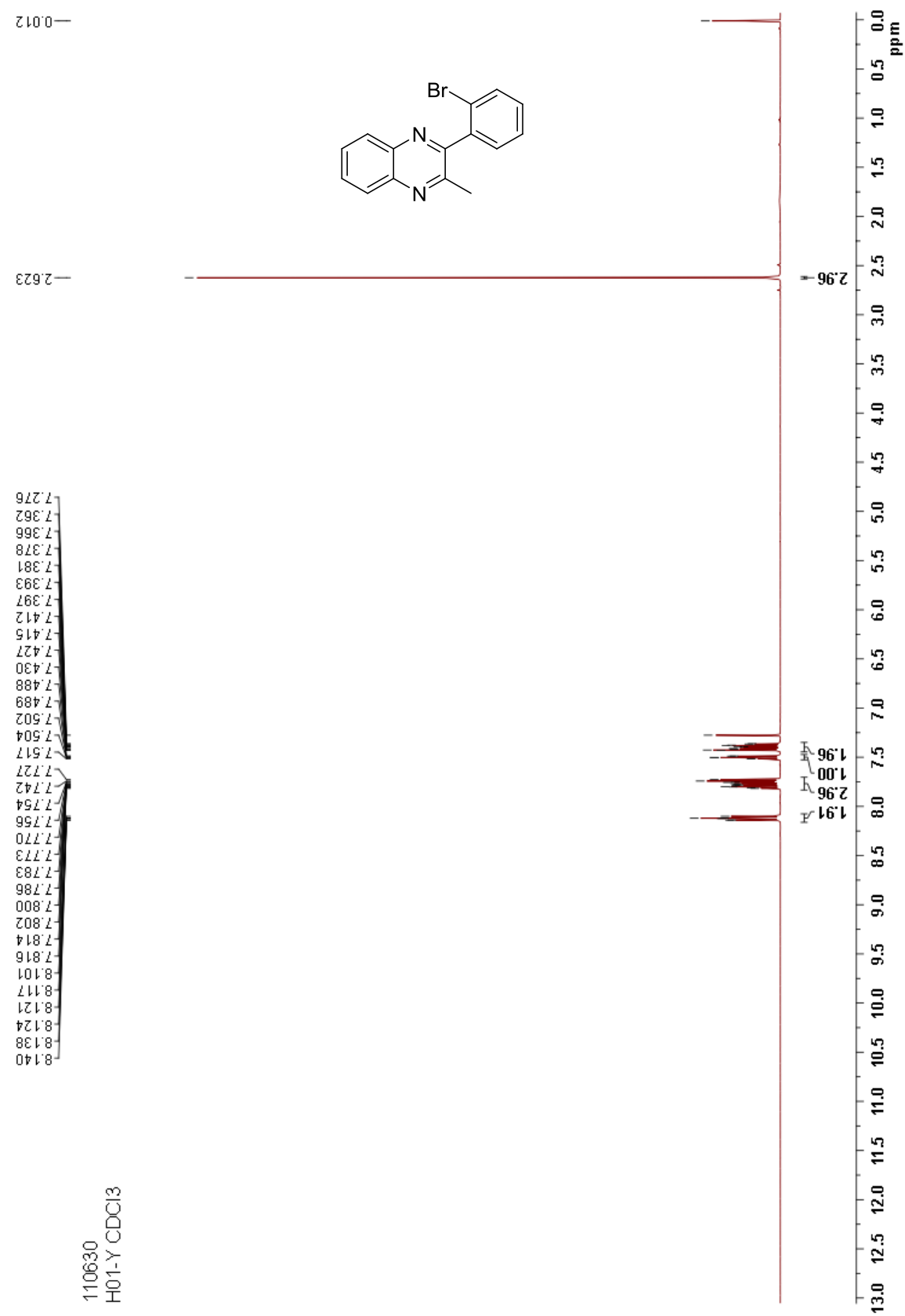


Ion Formula	m/z (measured)	m/z (calculated)	Diff (ppm)	DBE
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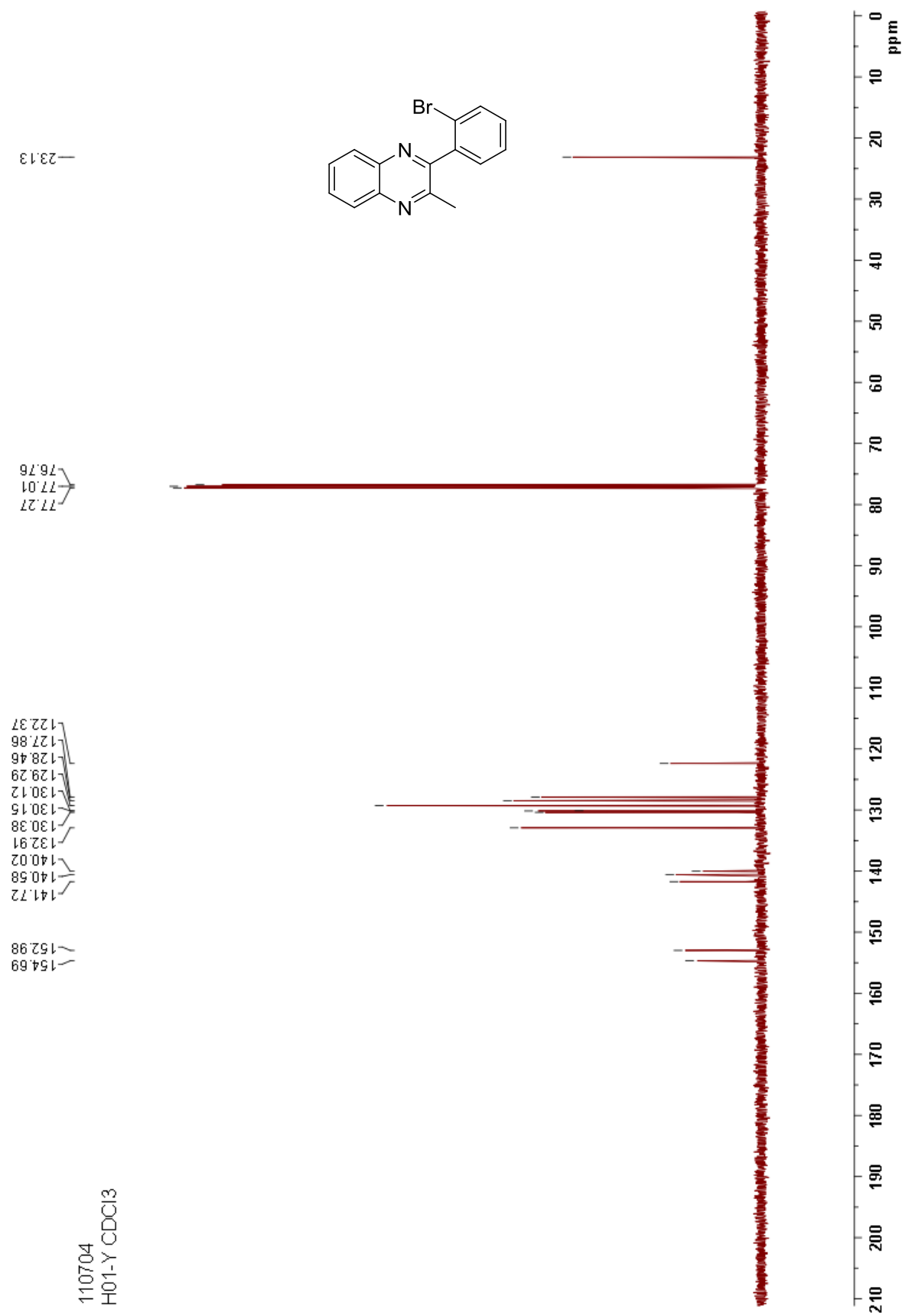
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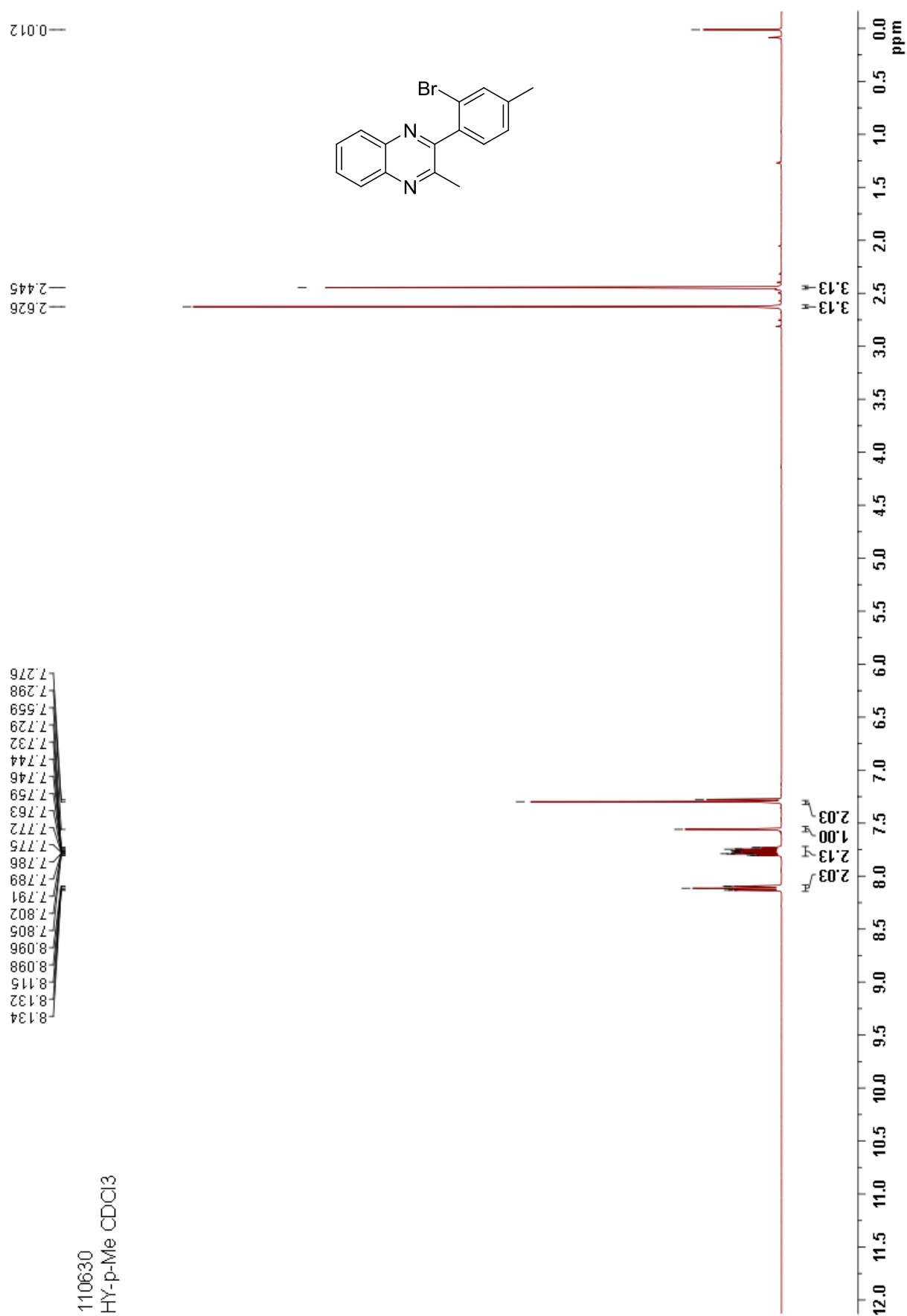
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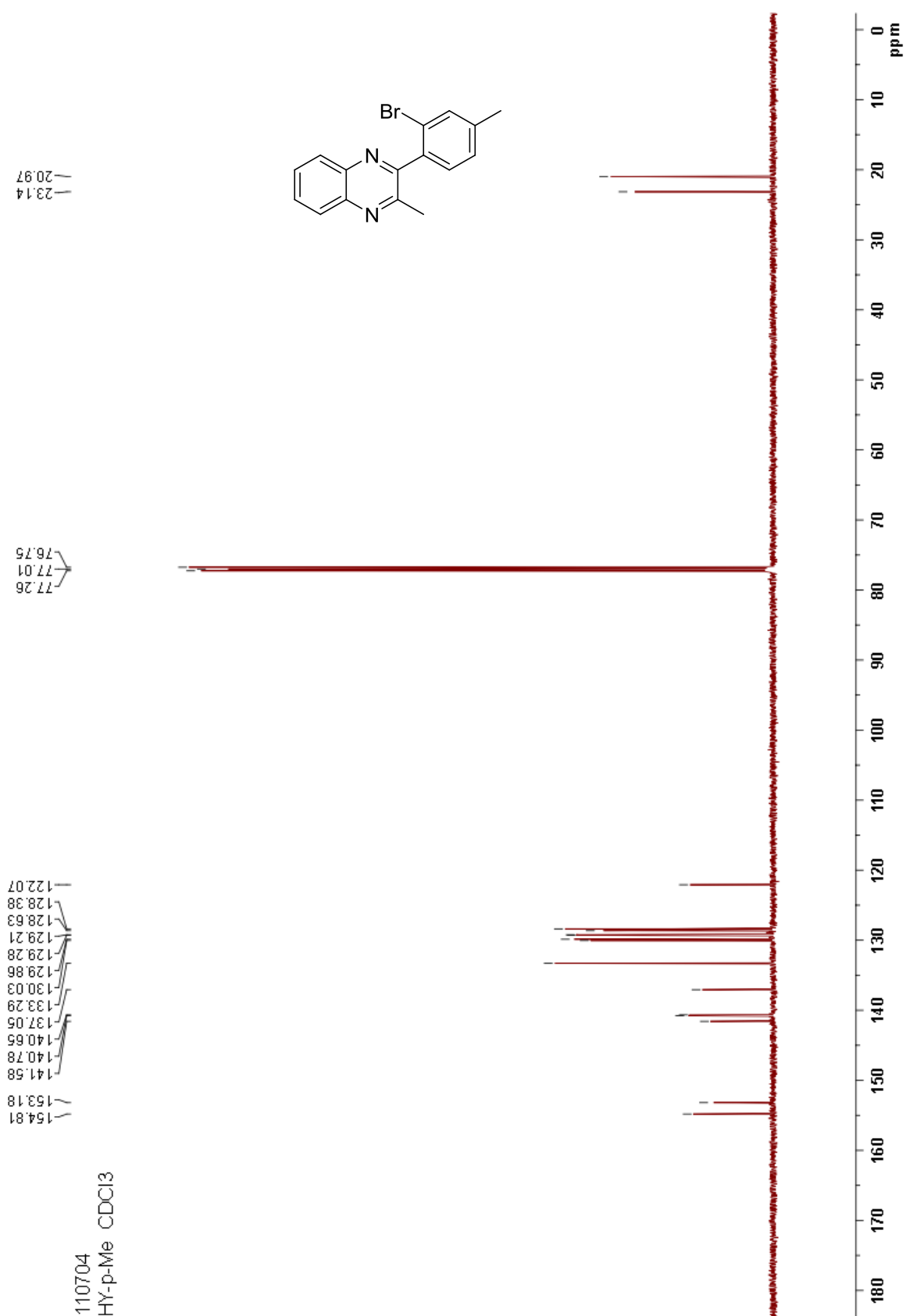
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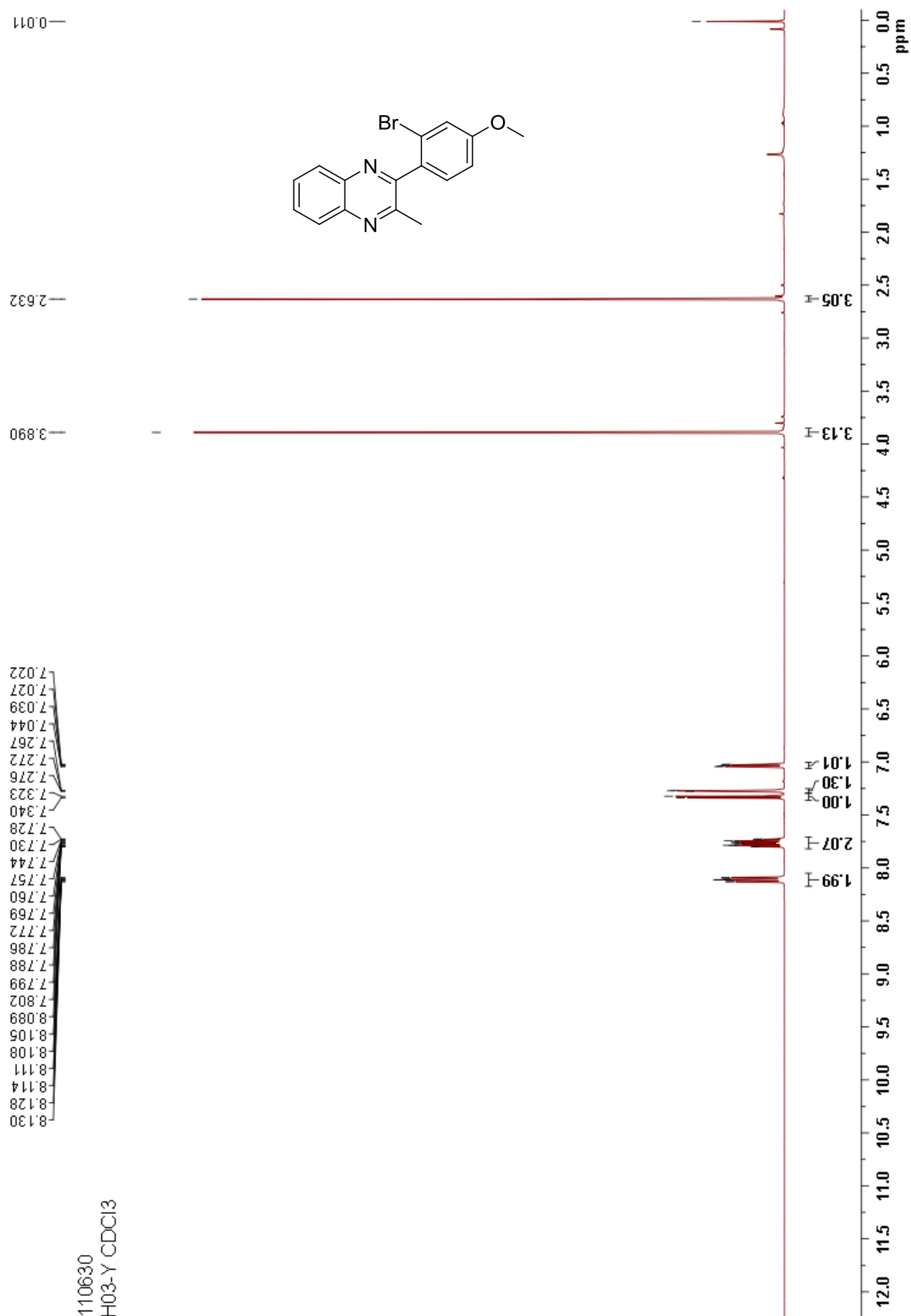


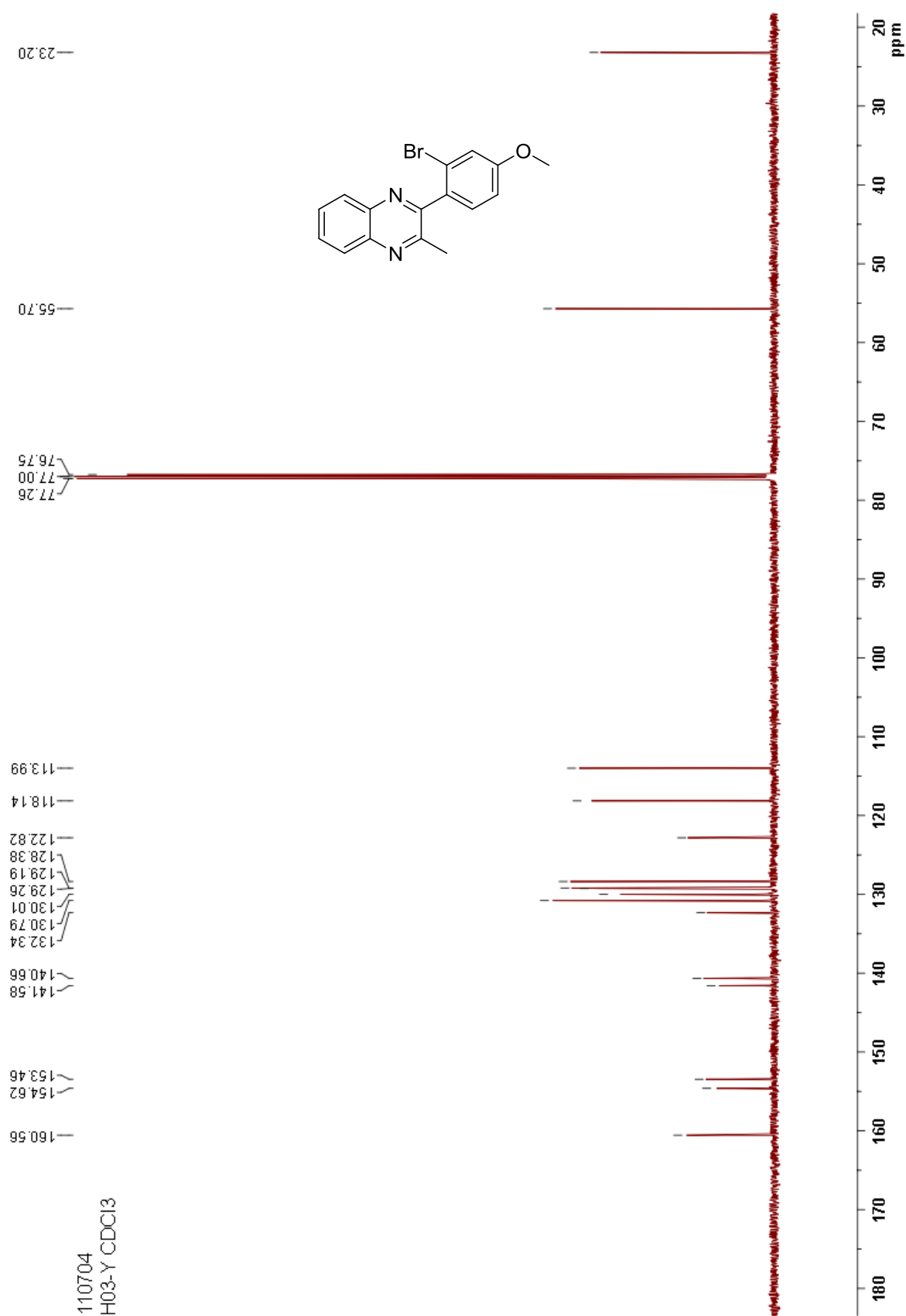


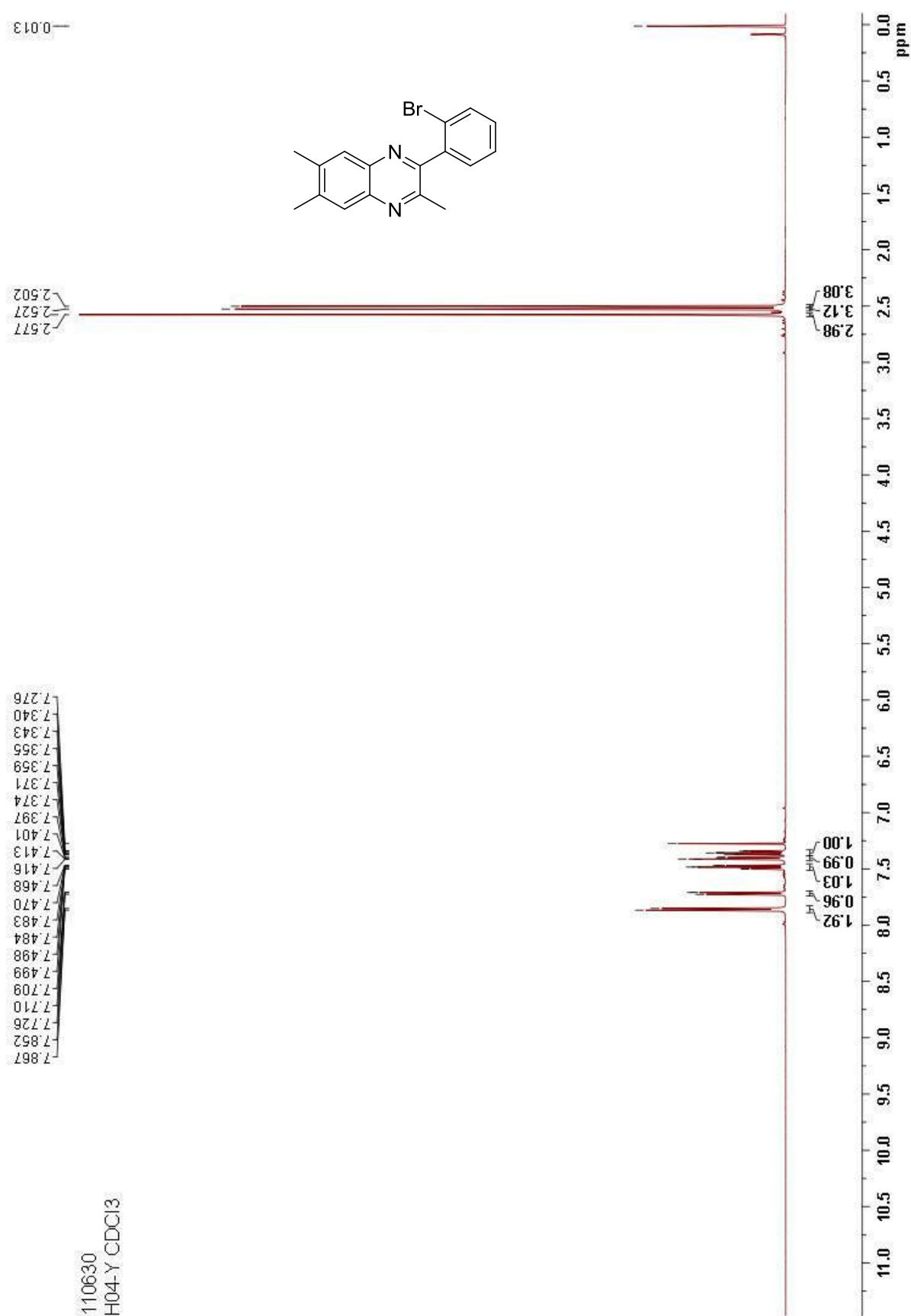


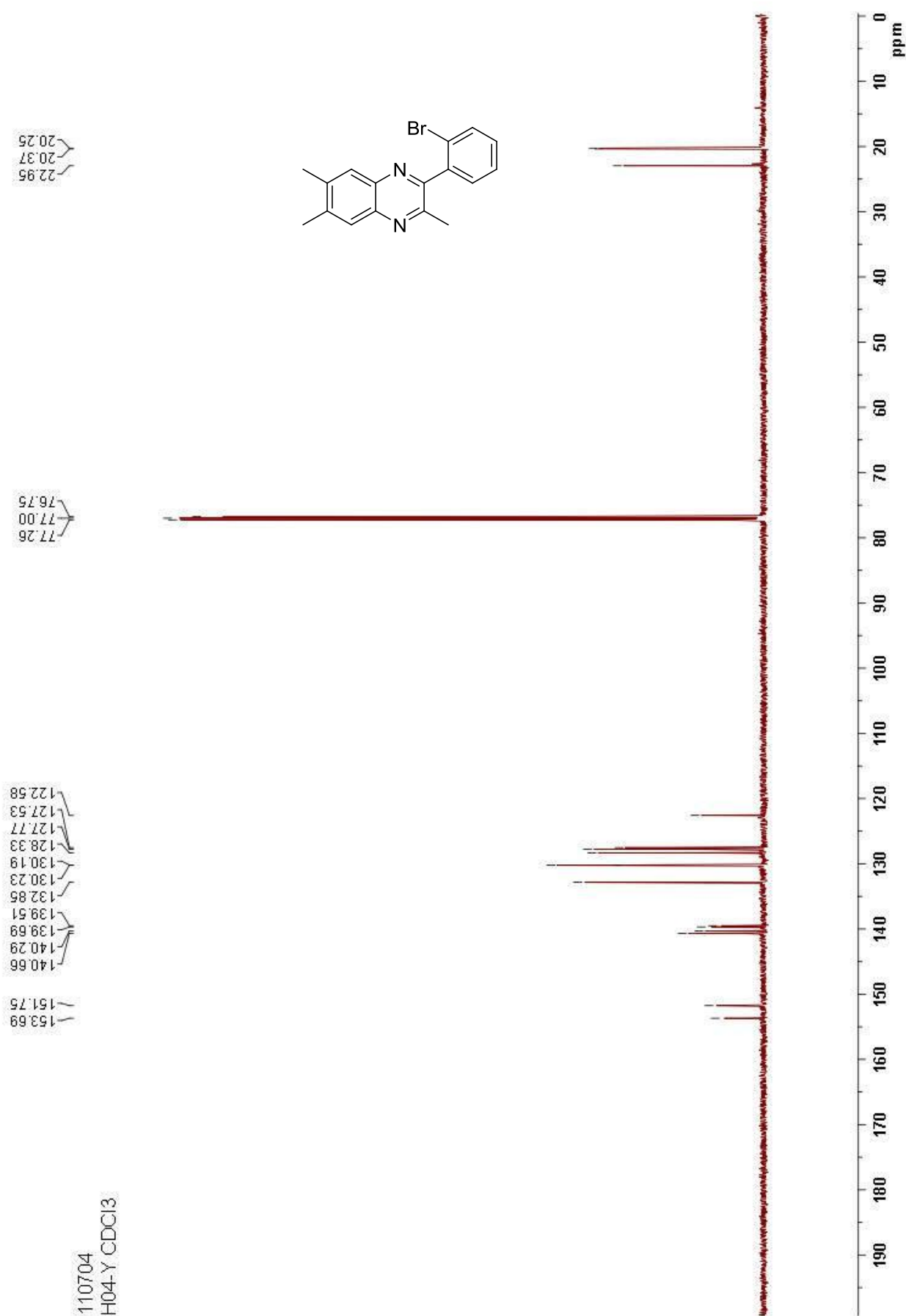


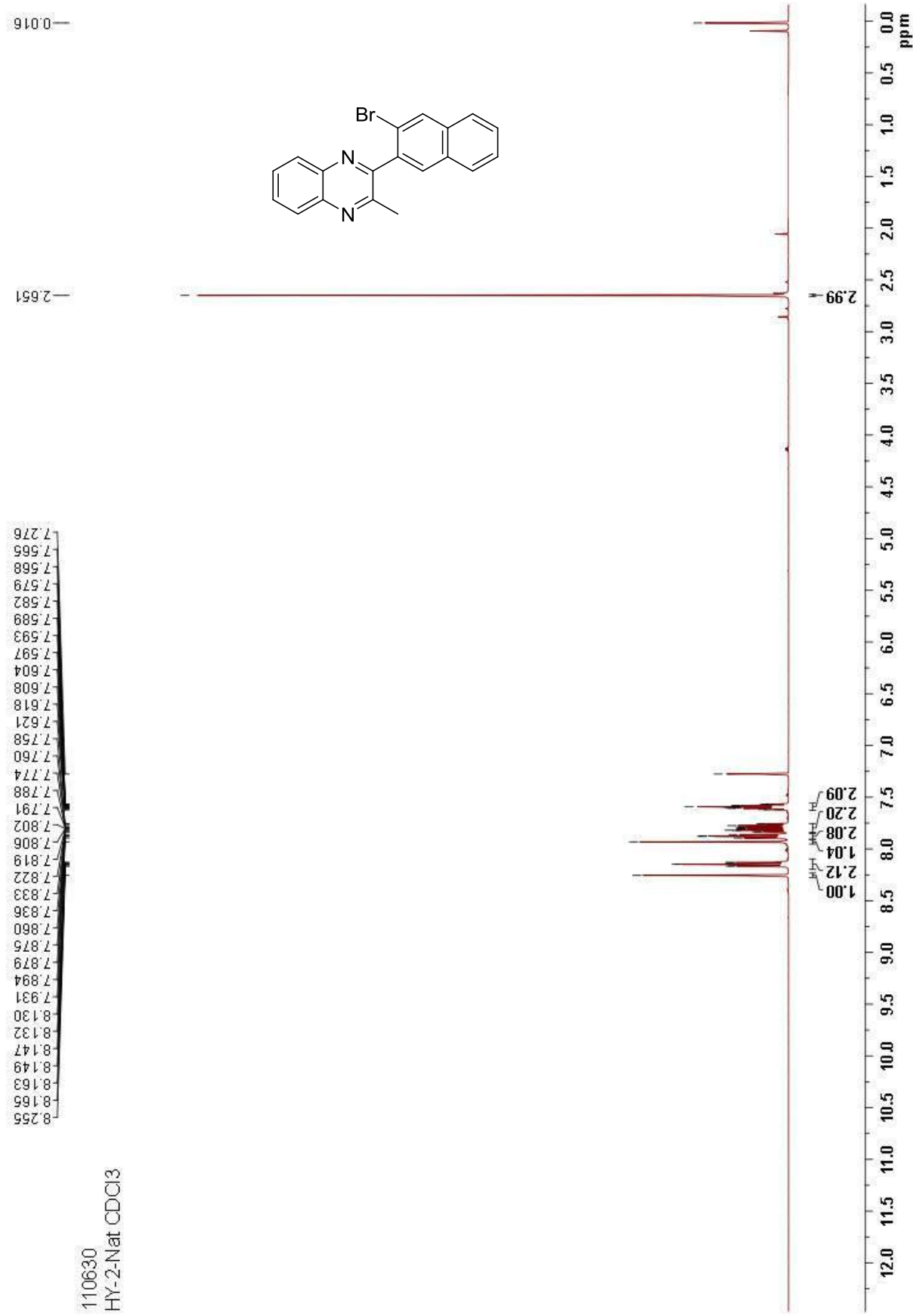




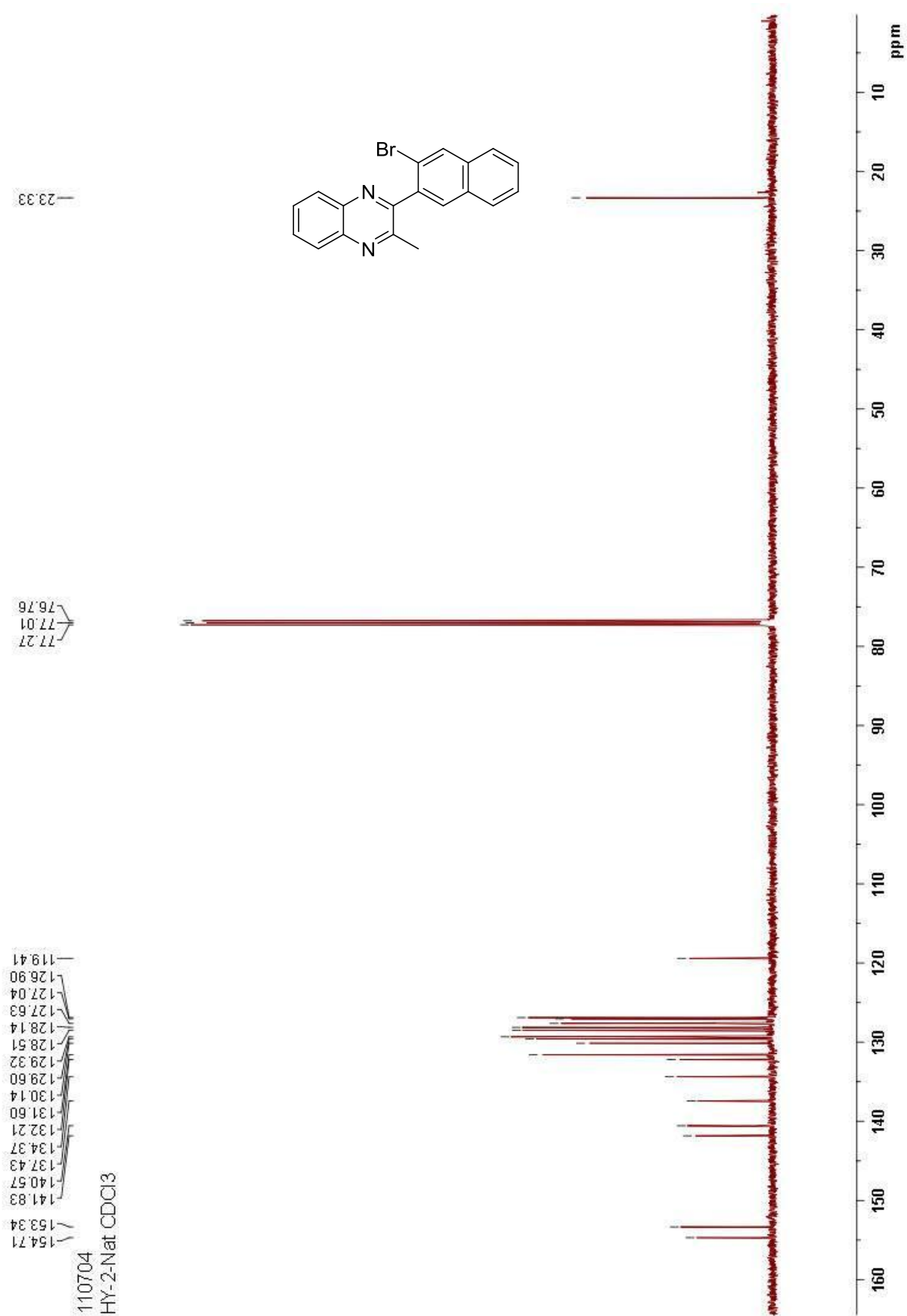


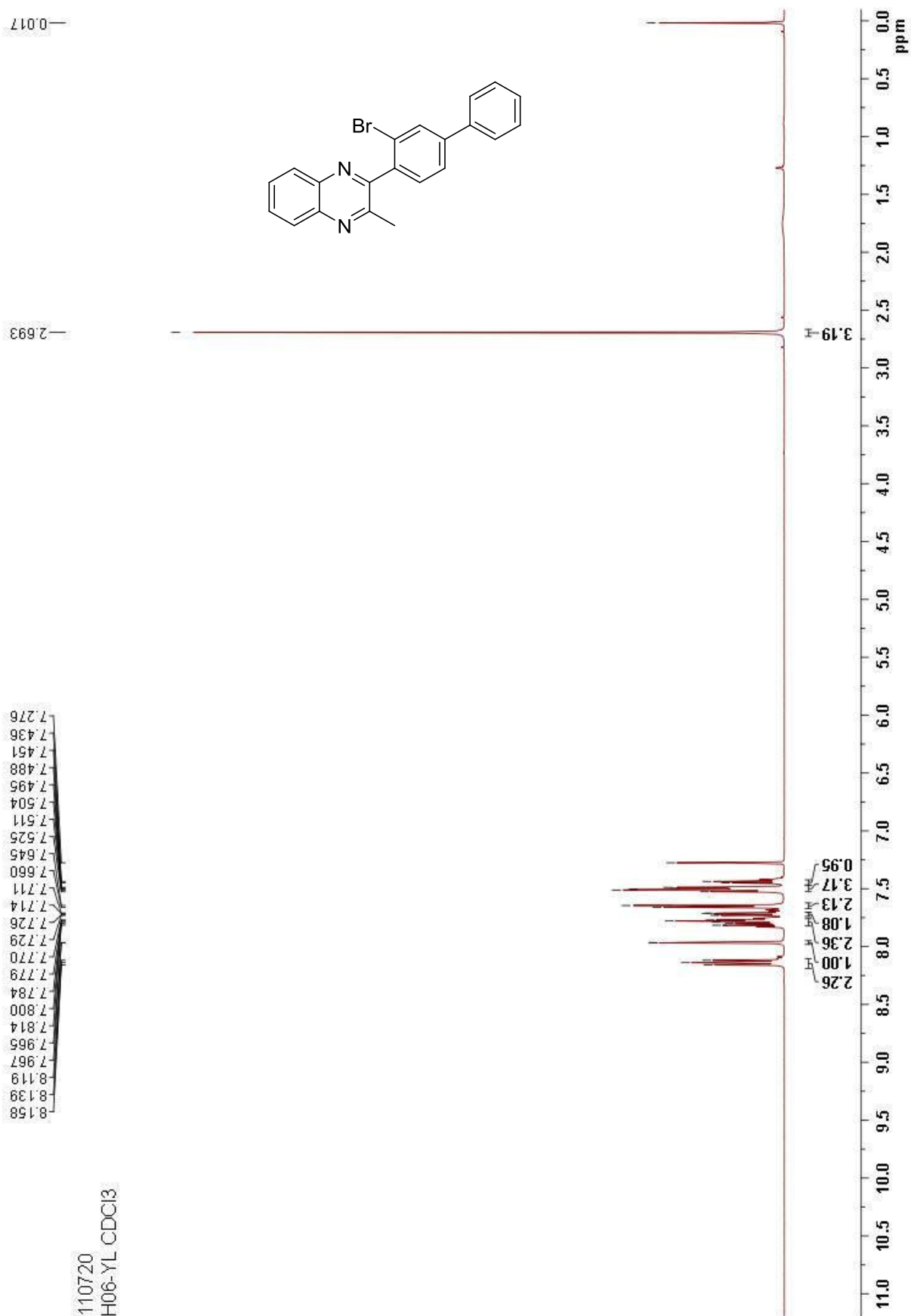


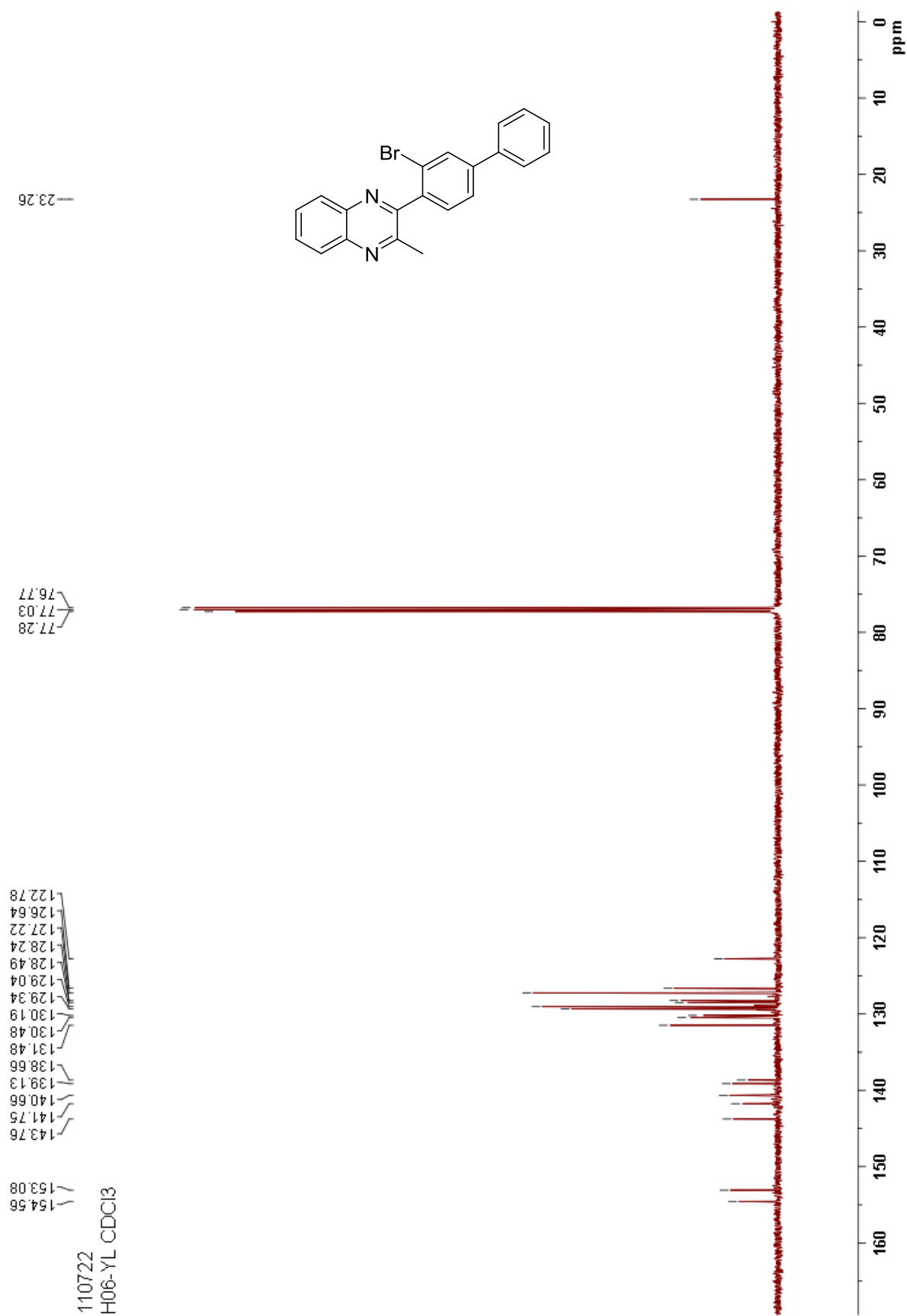


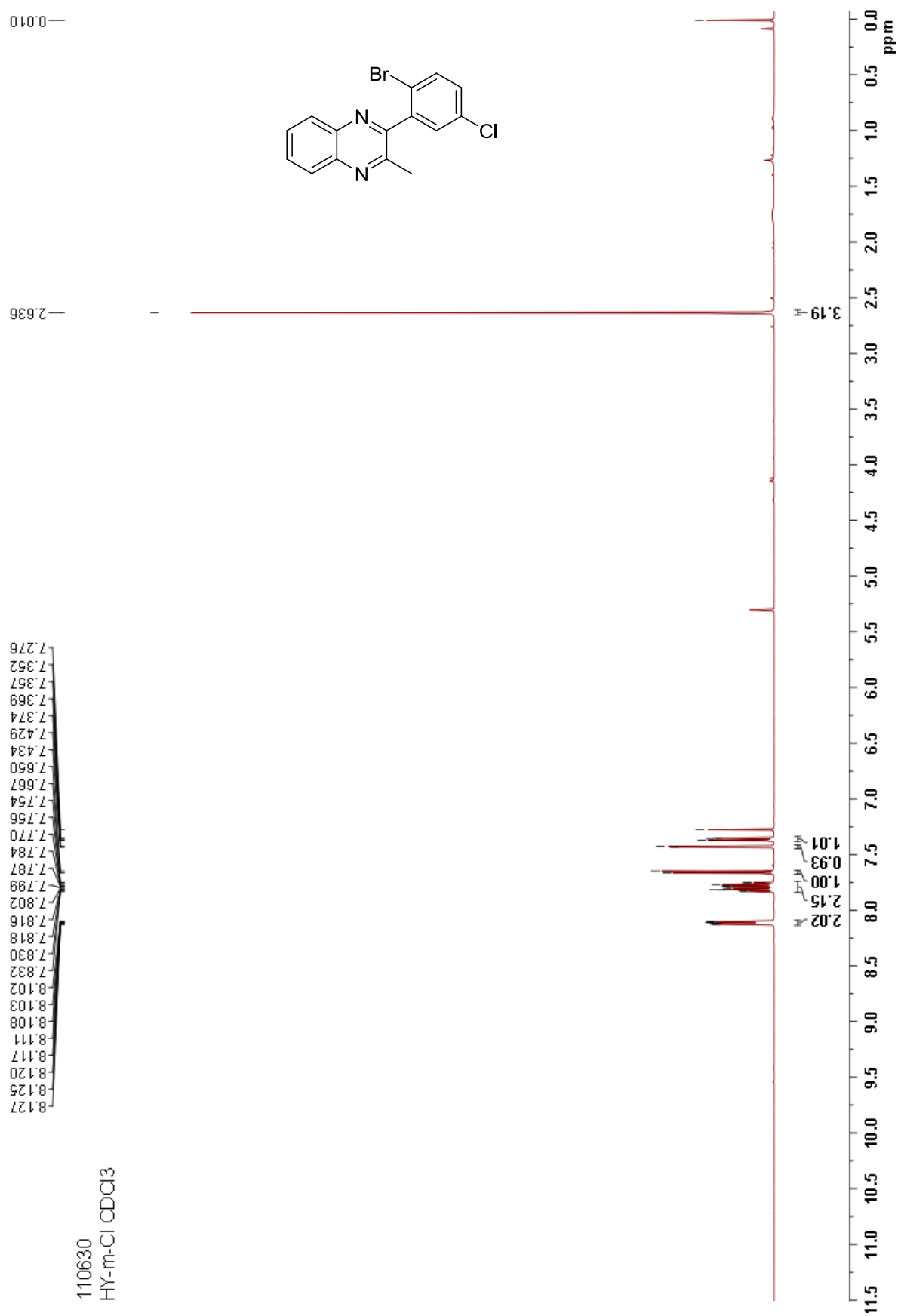


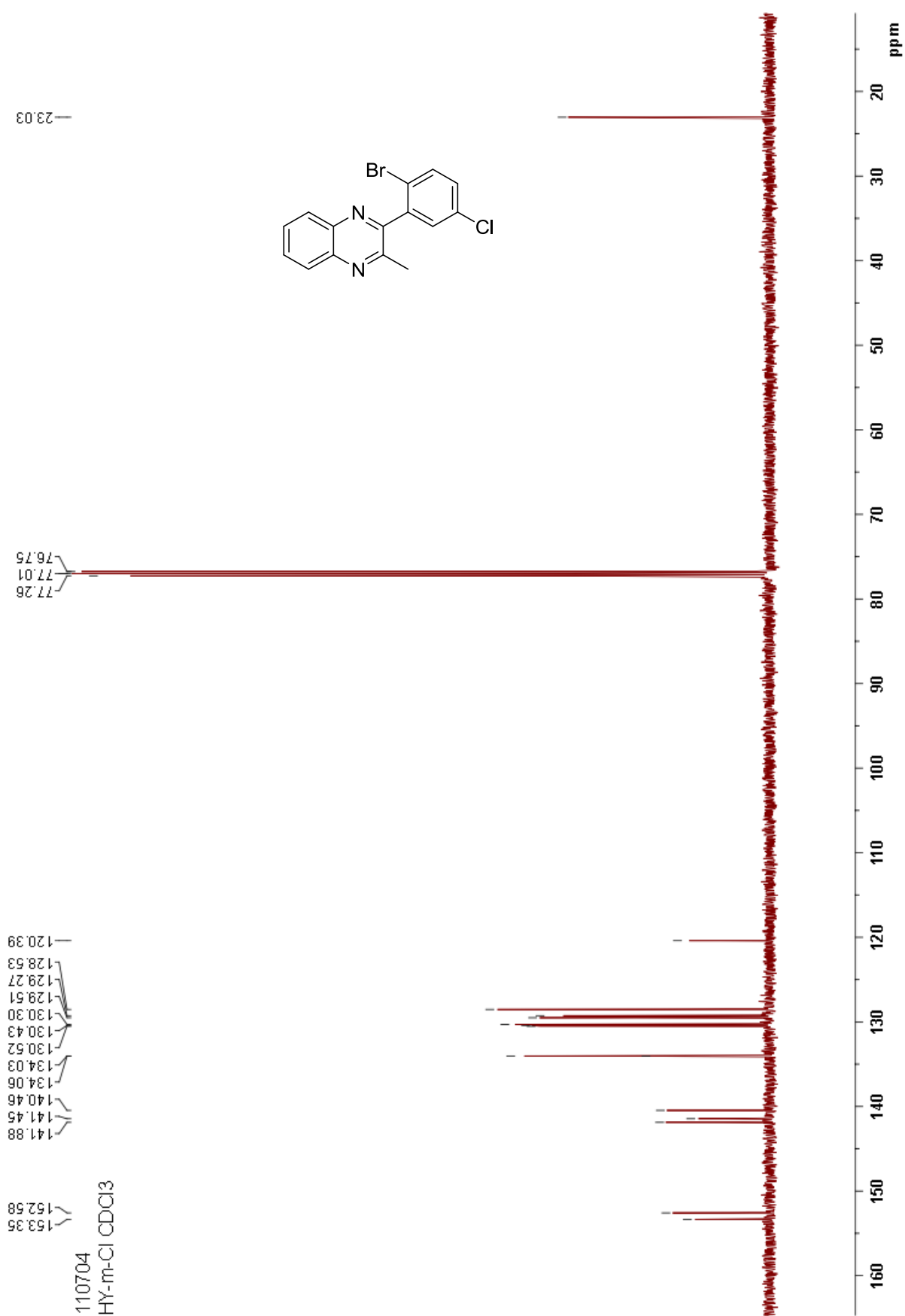


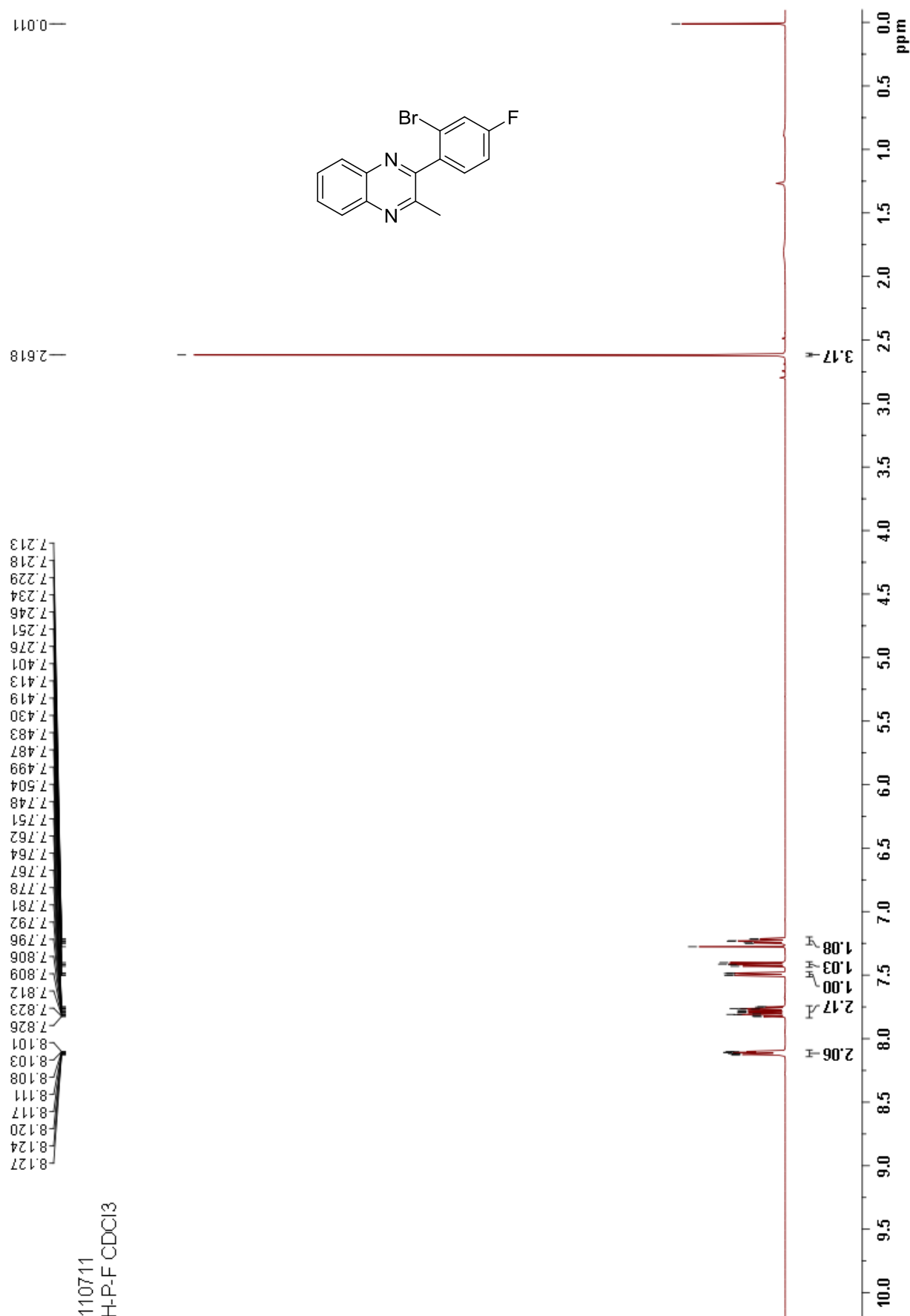


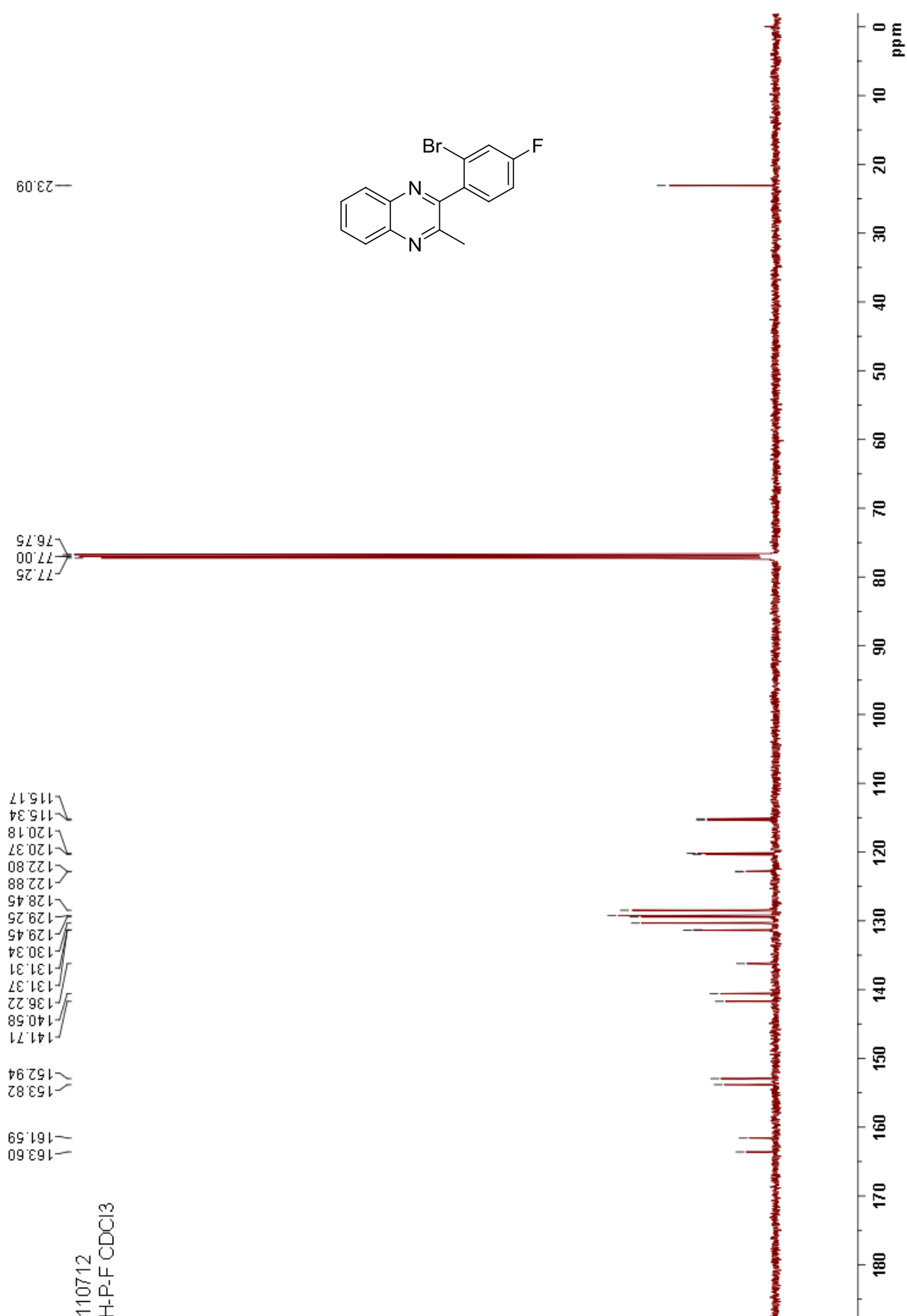




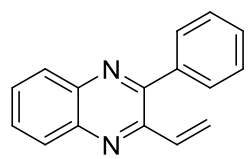






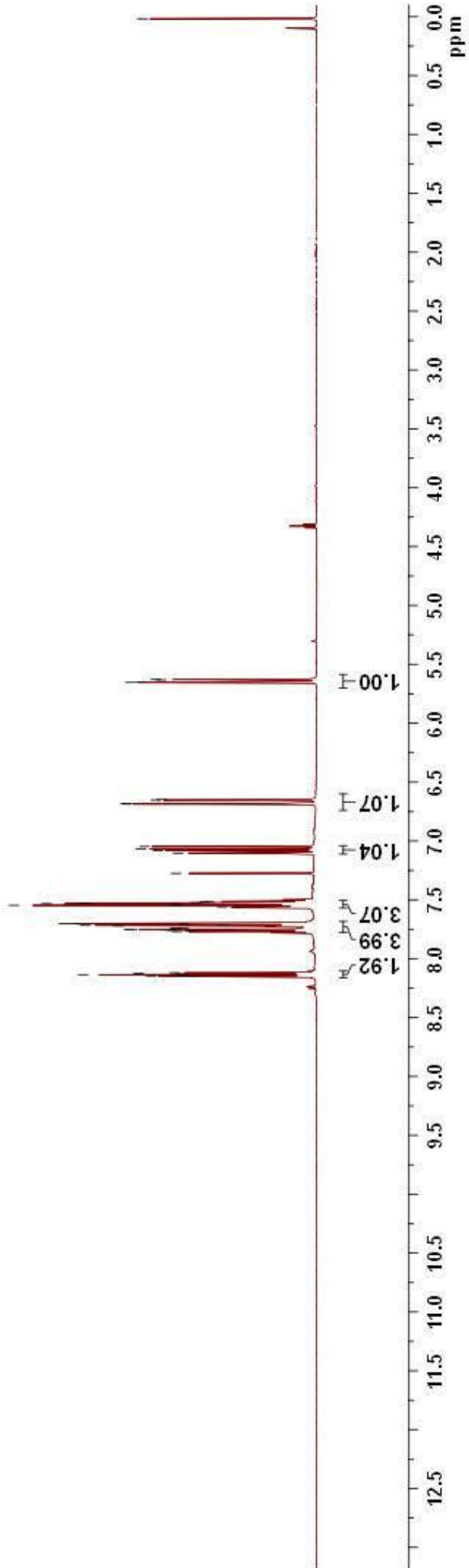


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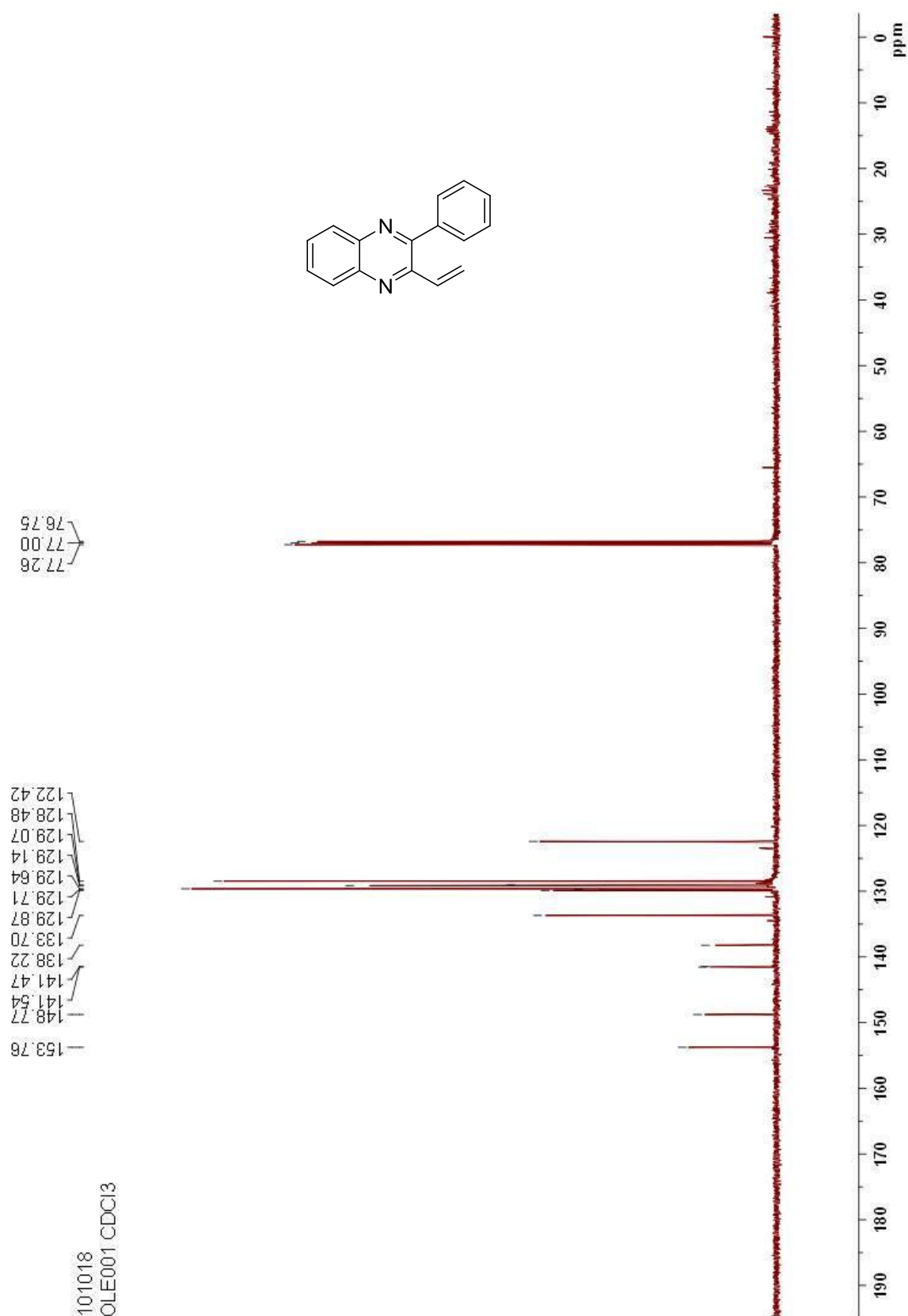


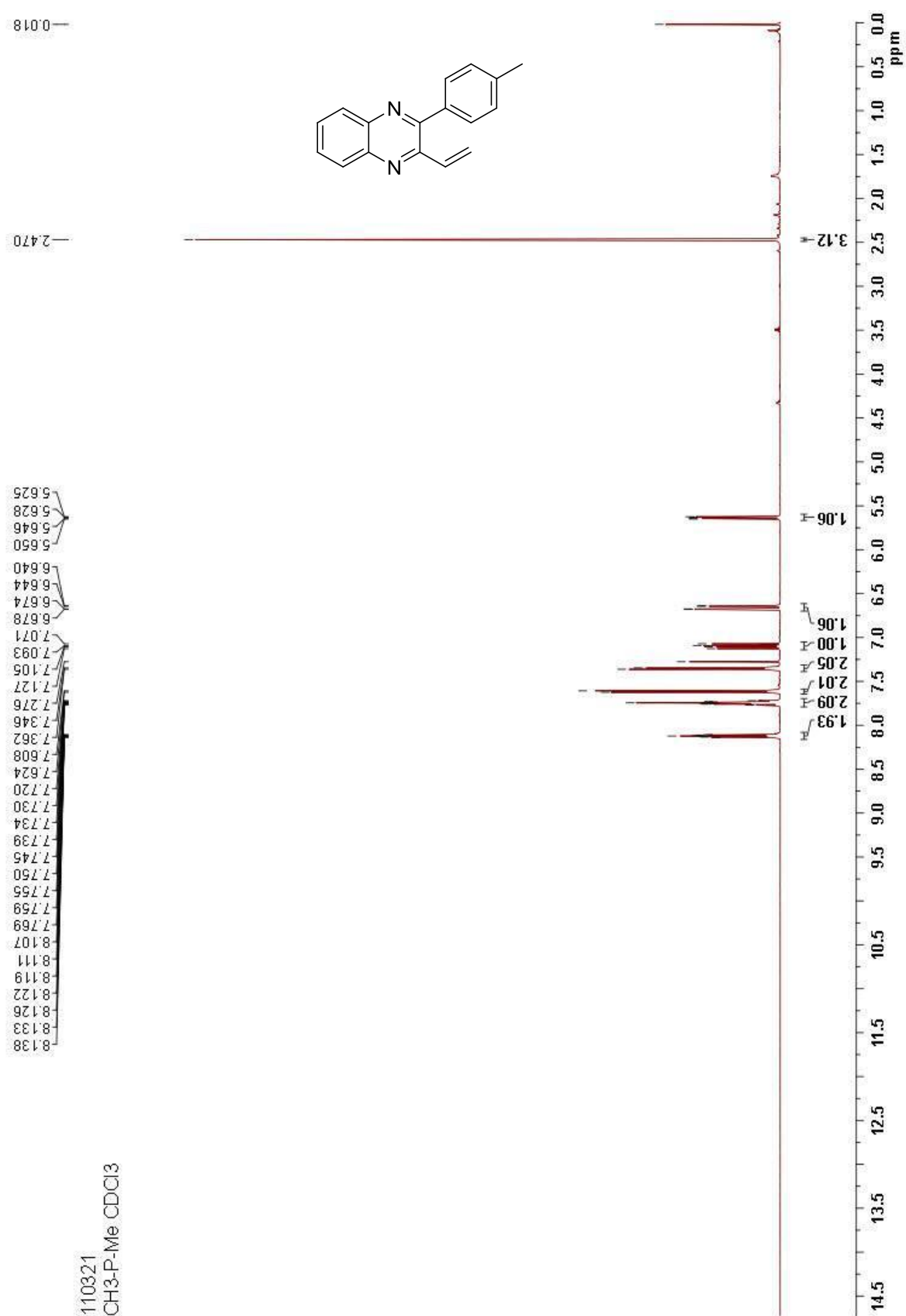
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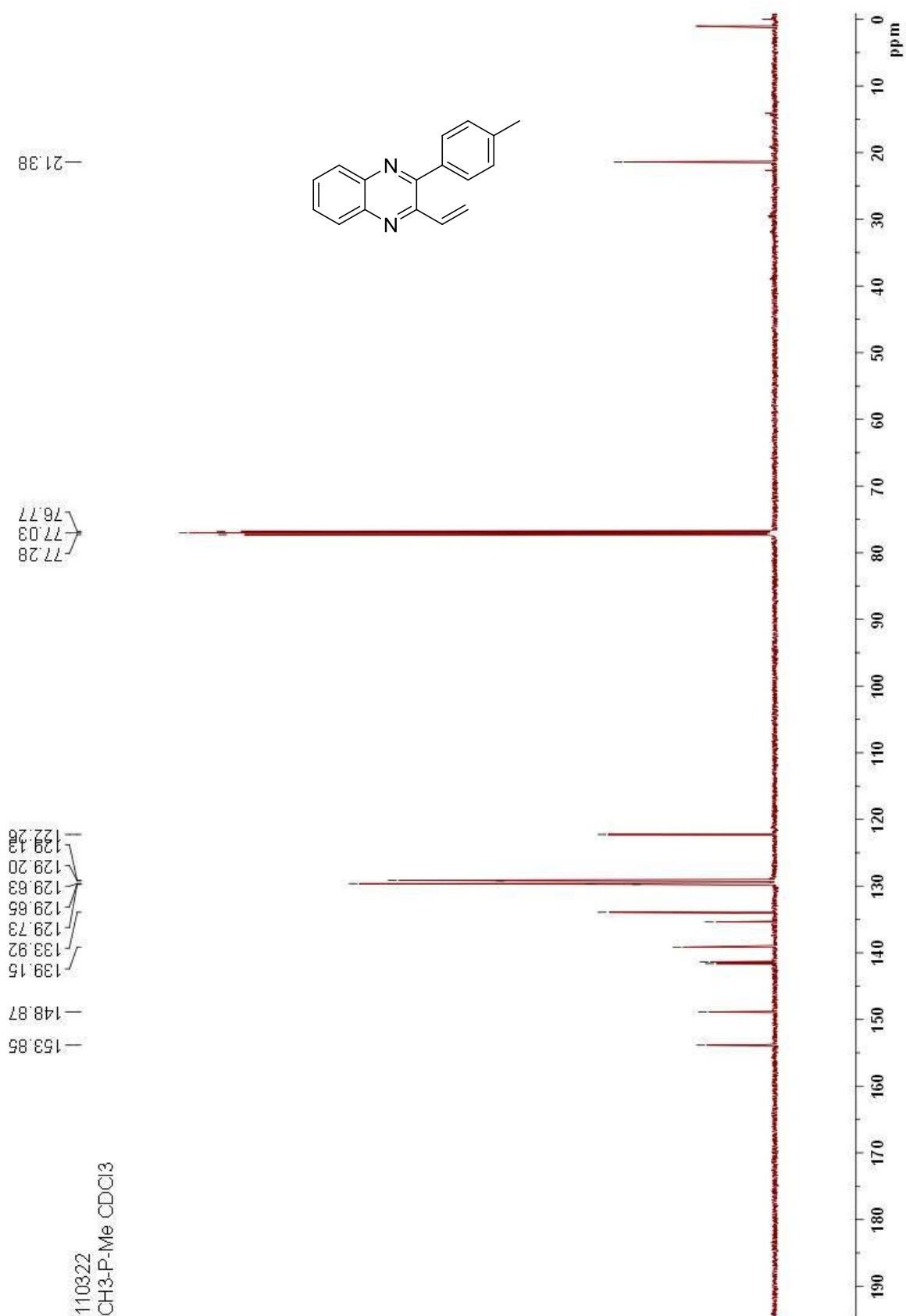
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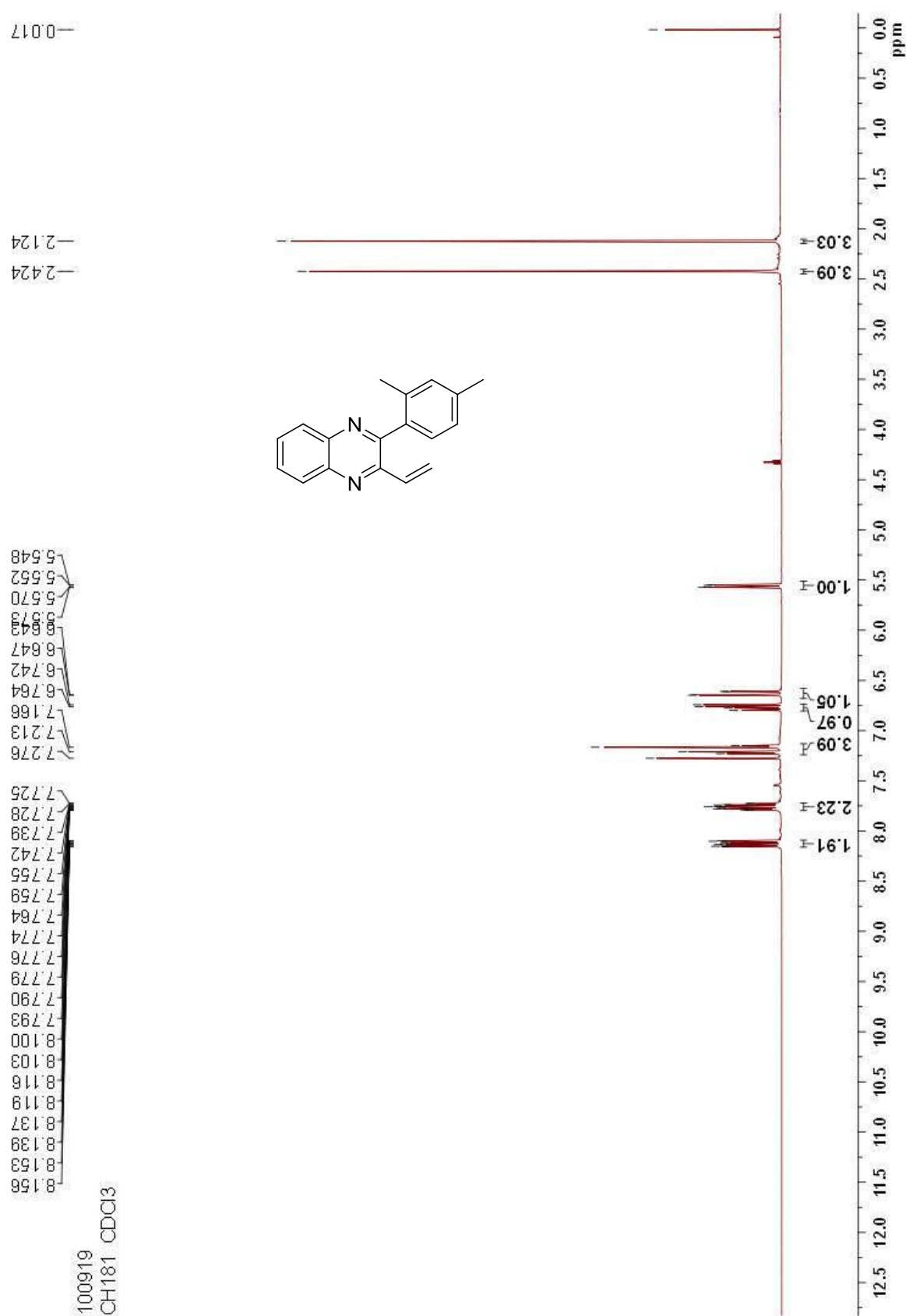


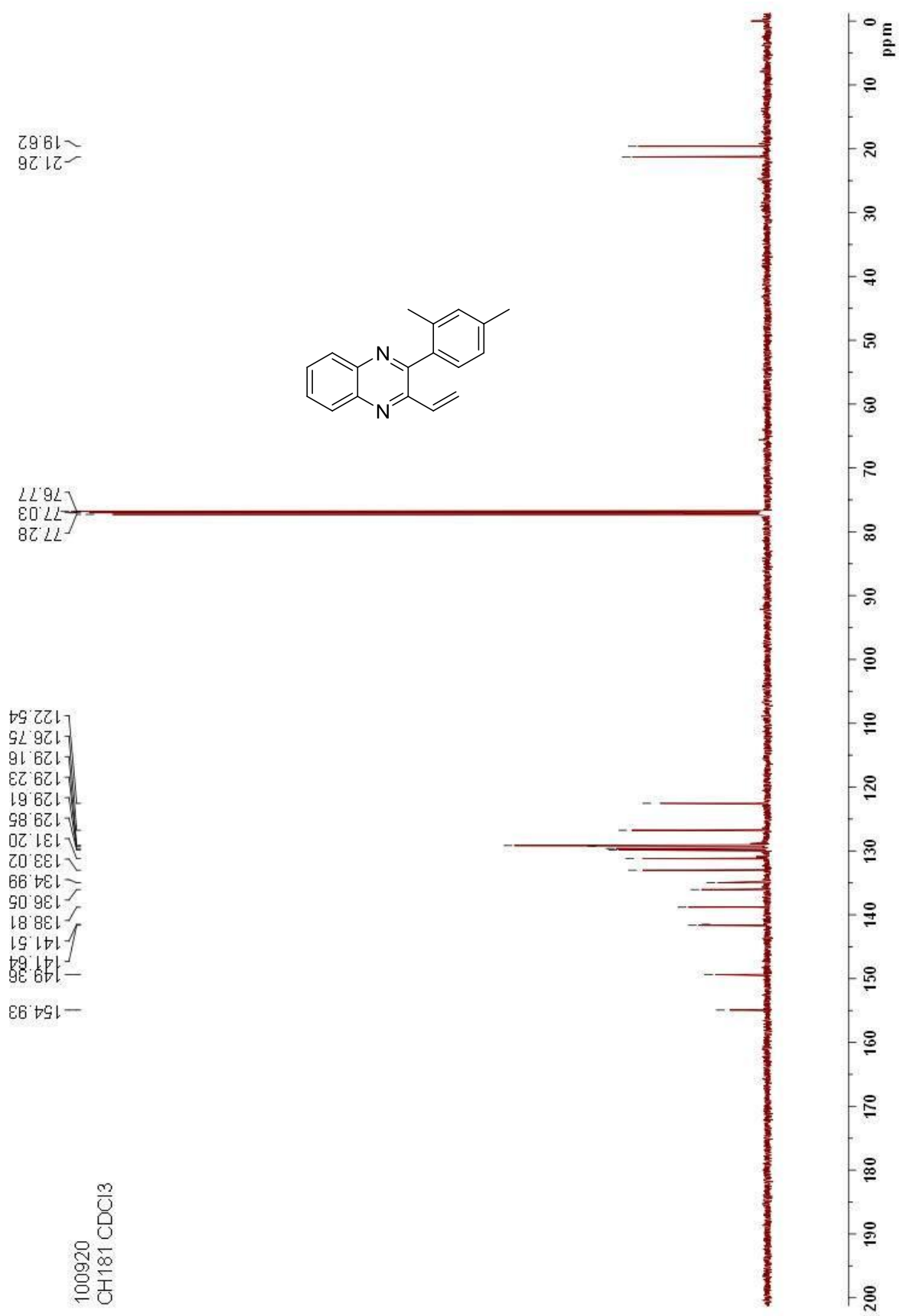


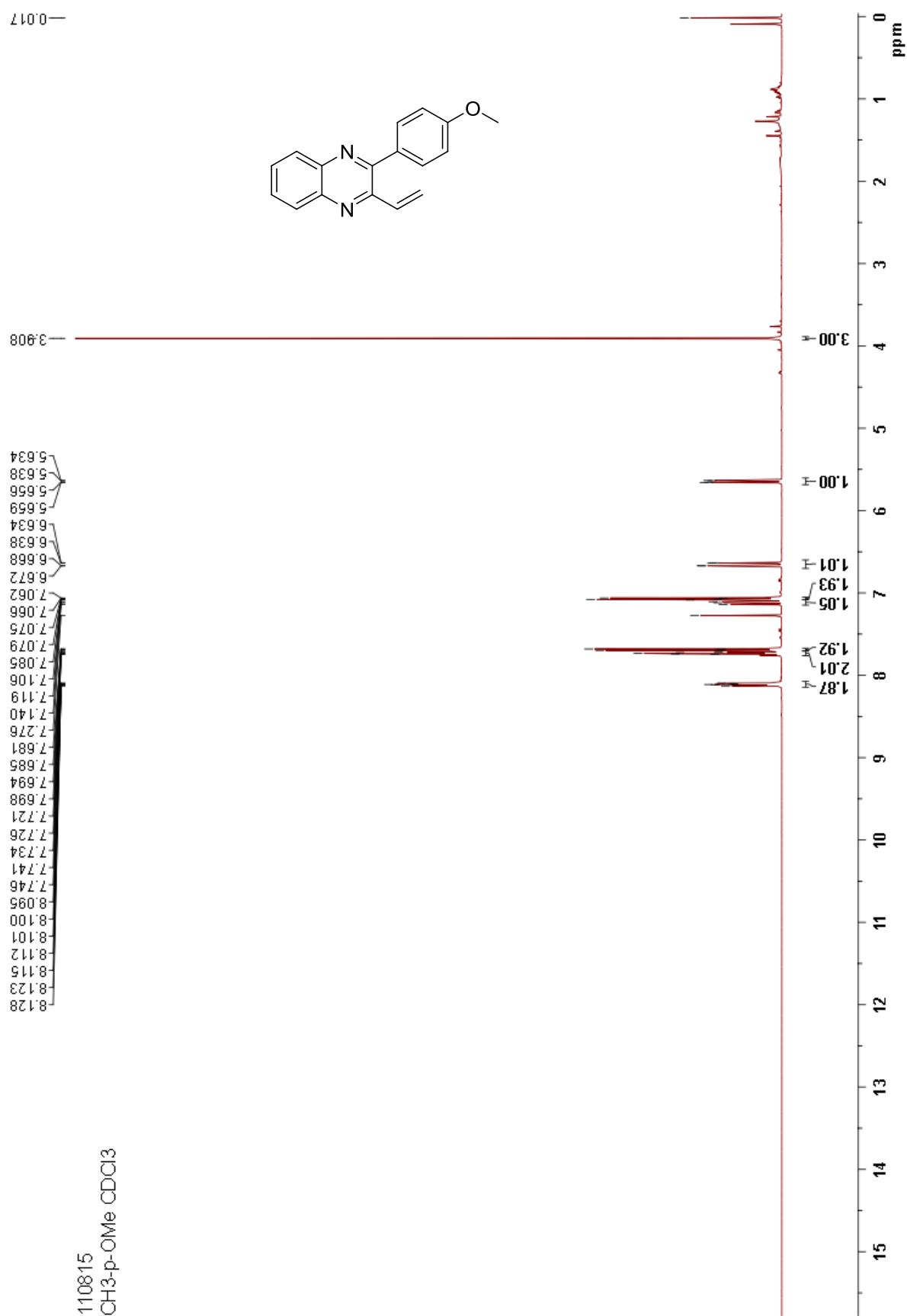


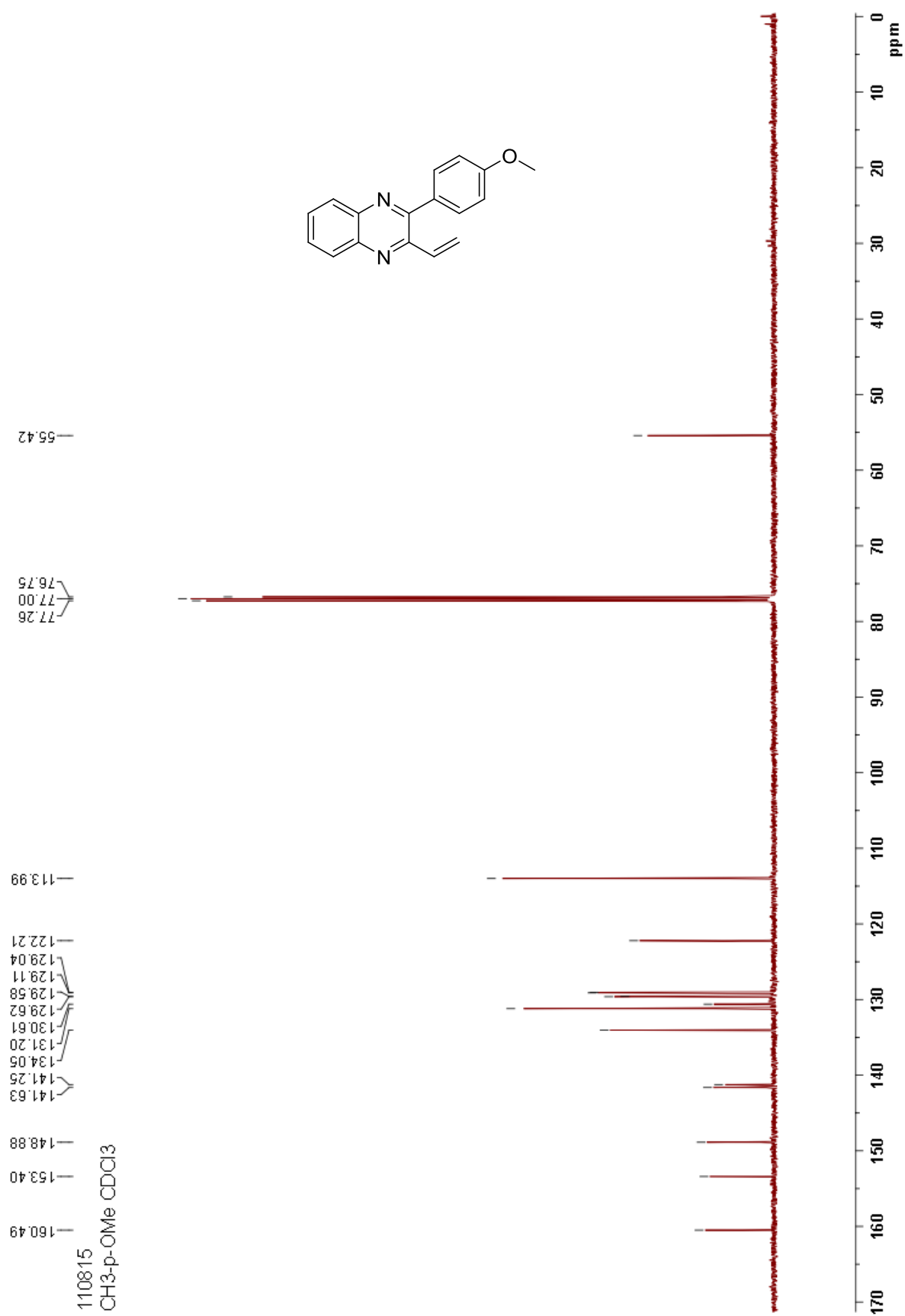


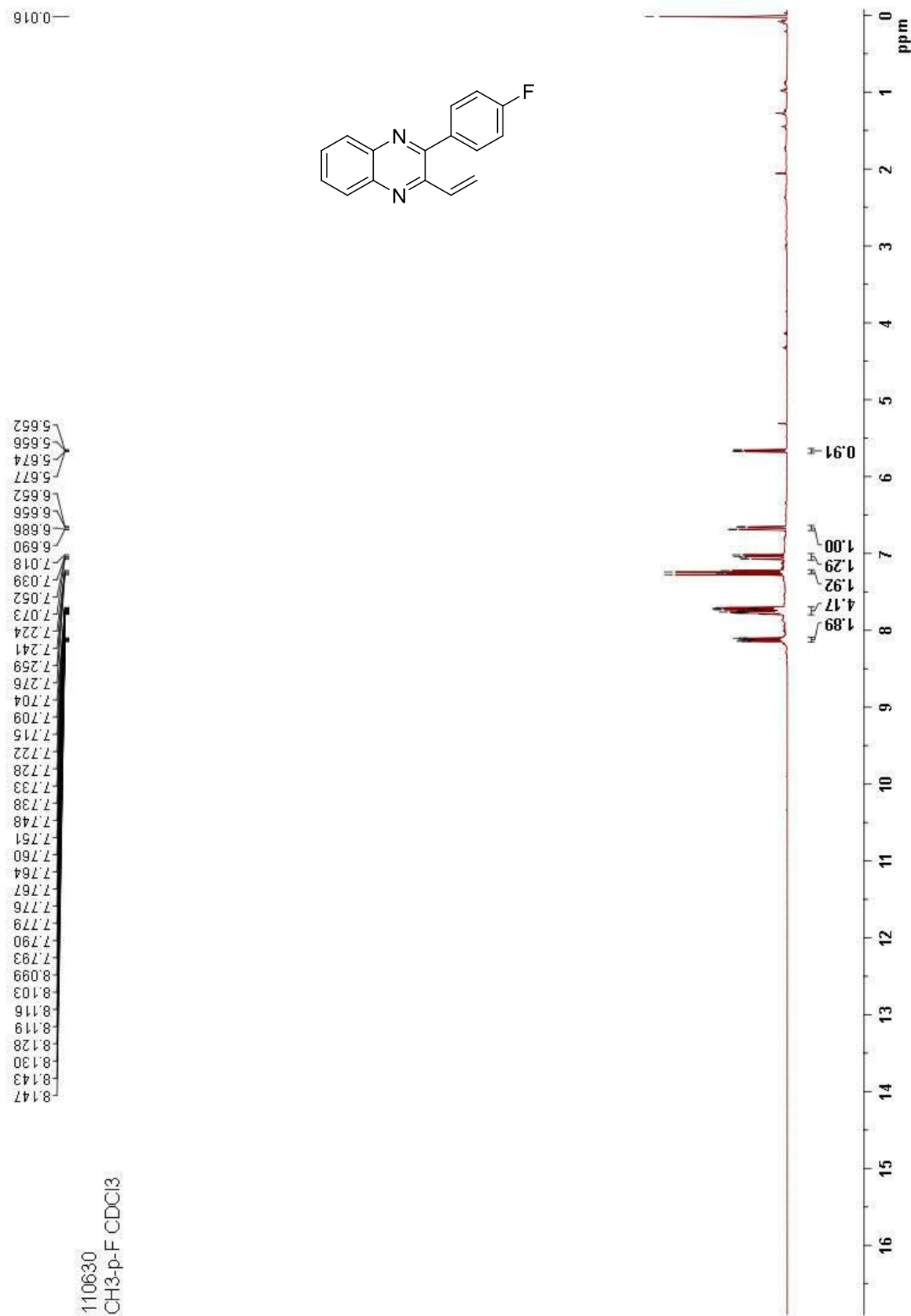




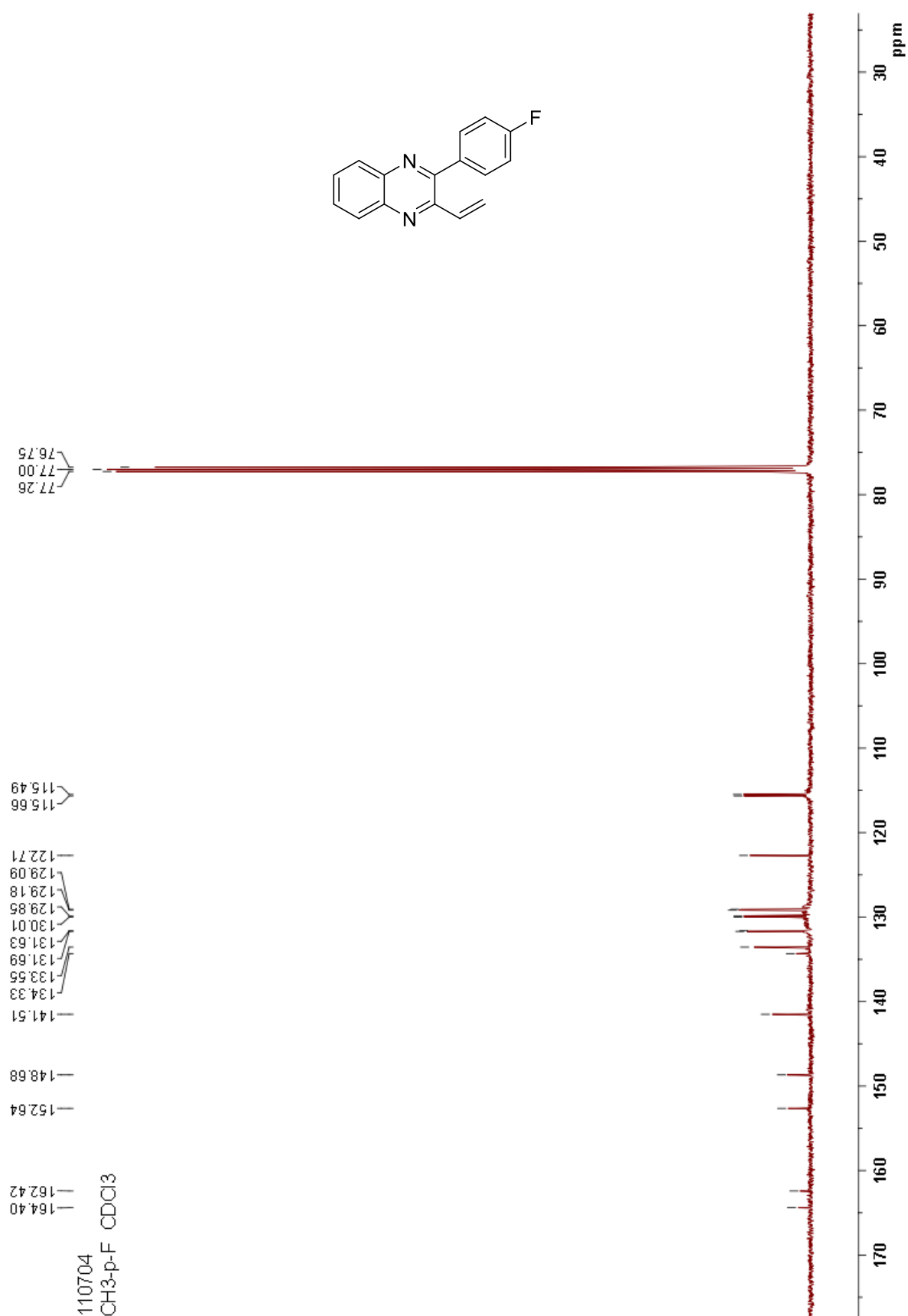




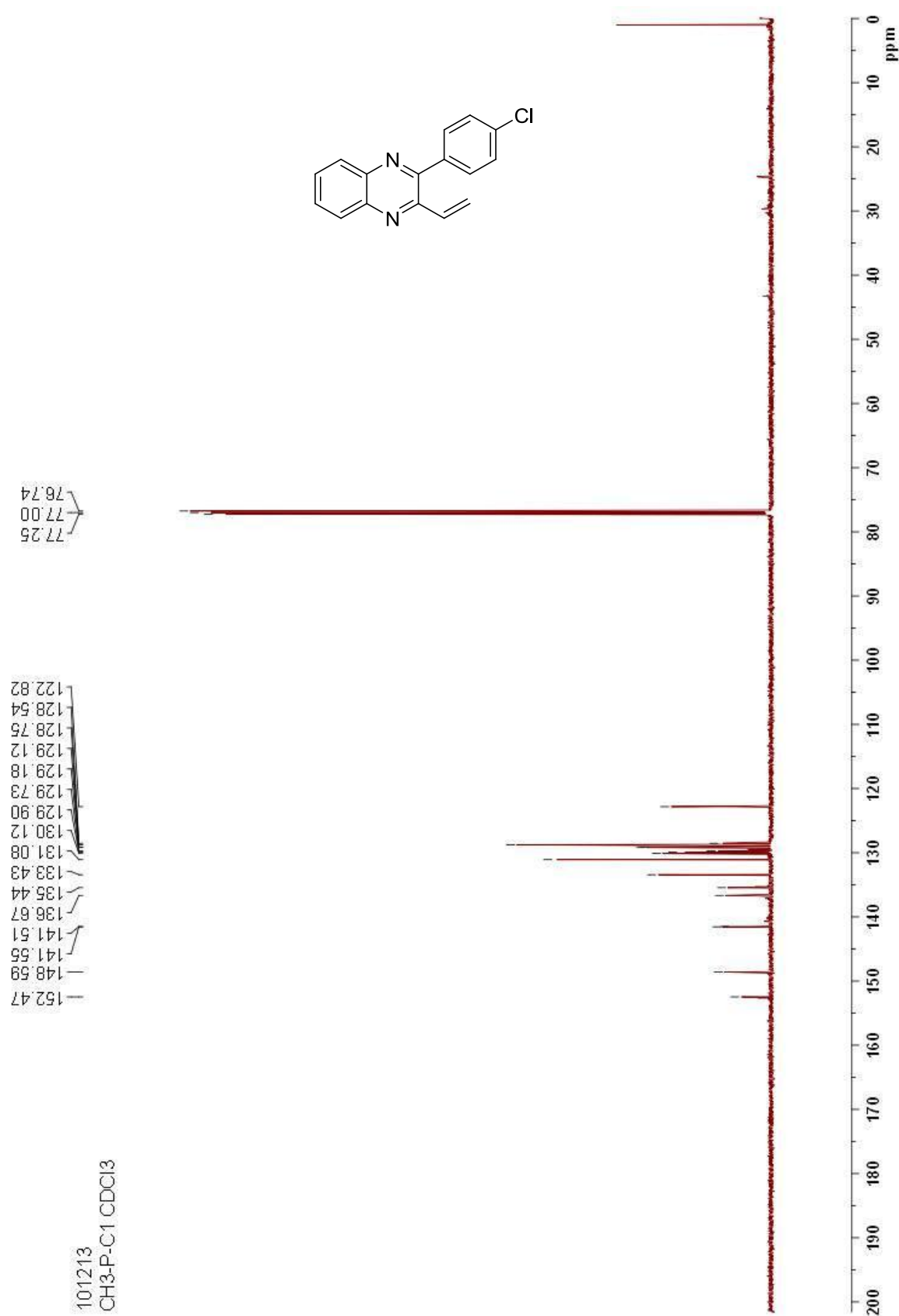


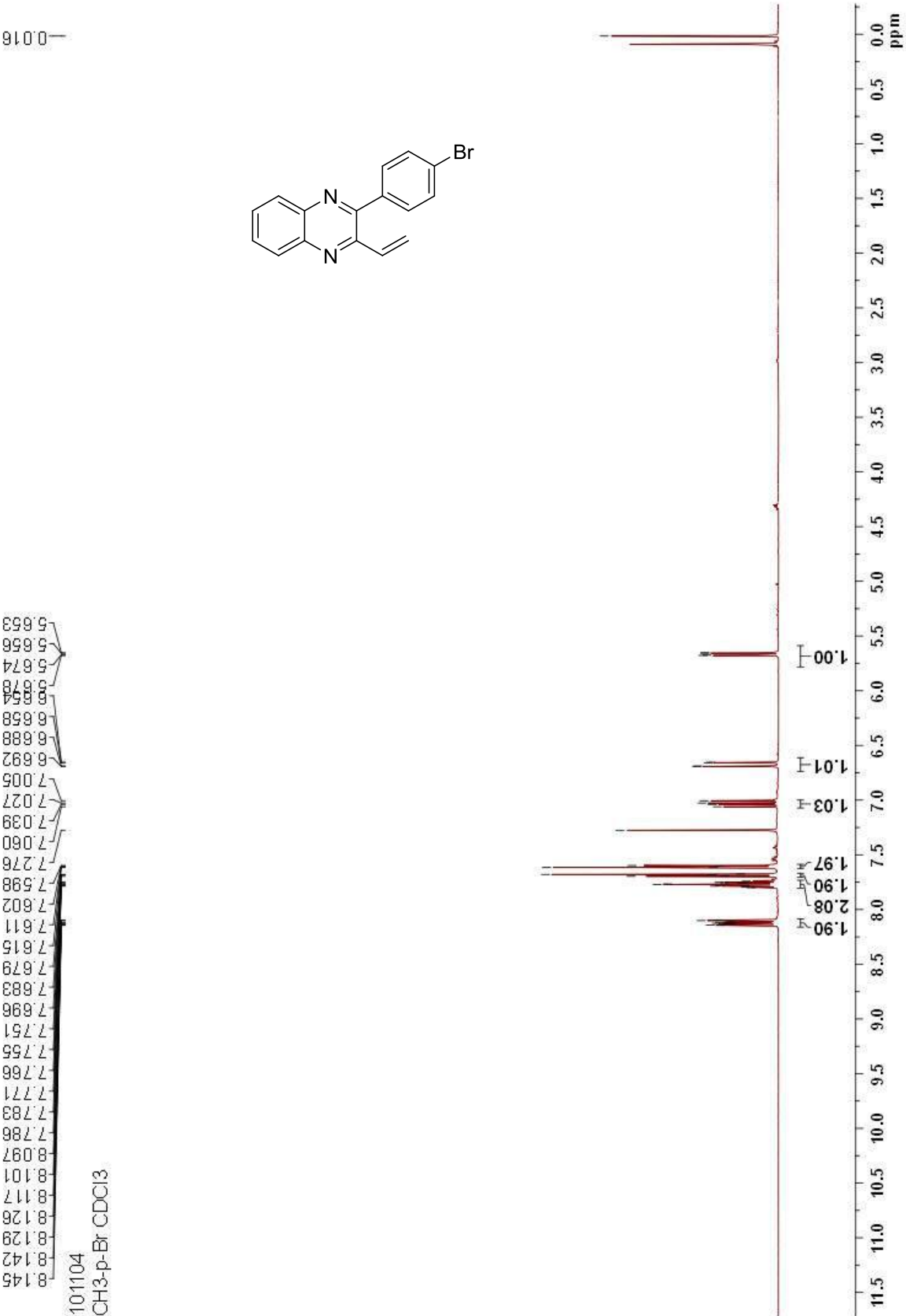


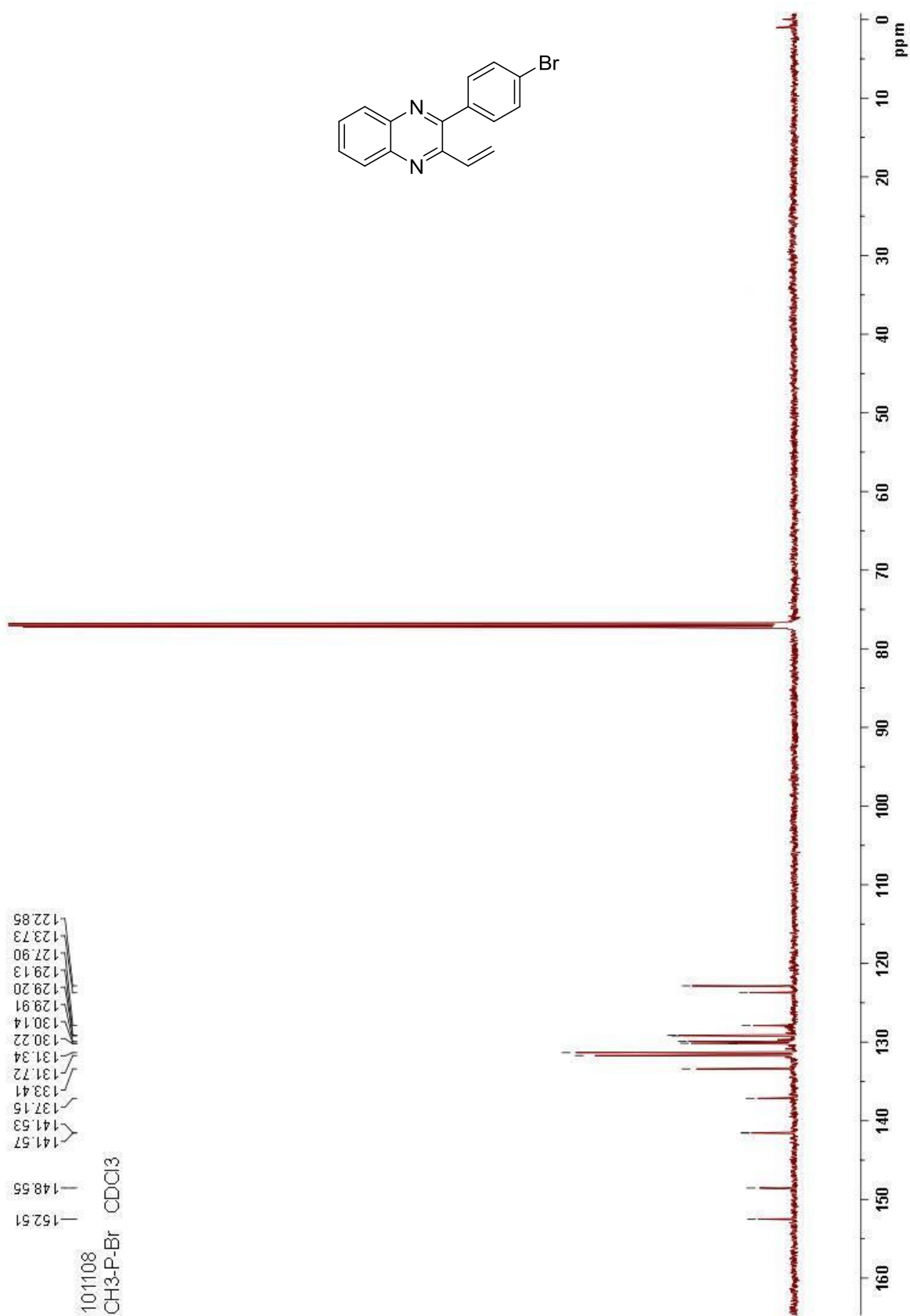


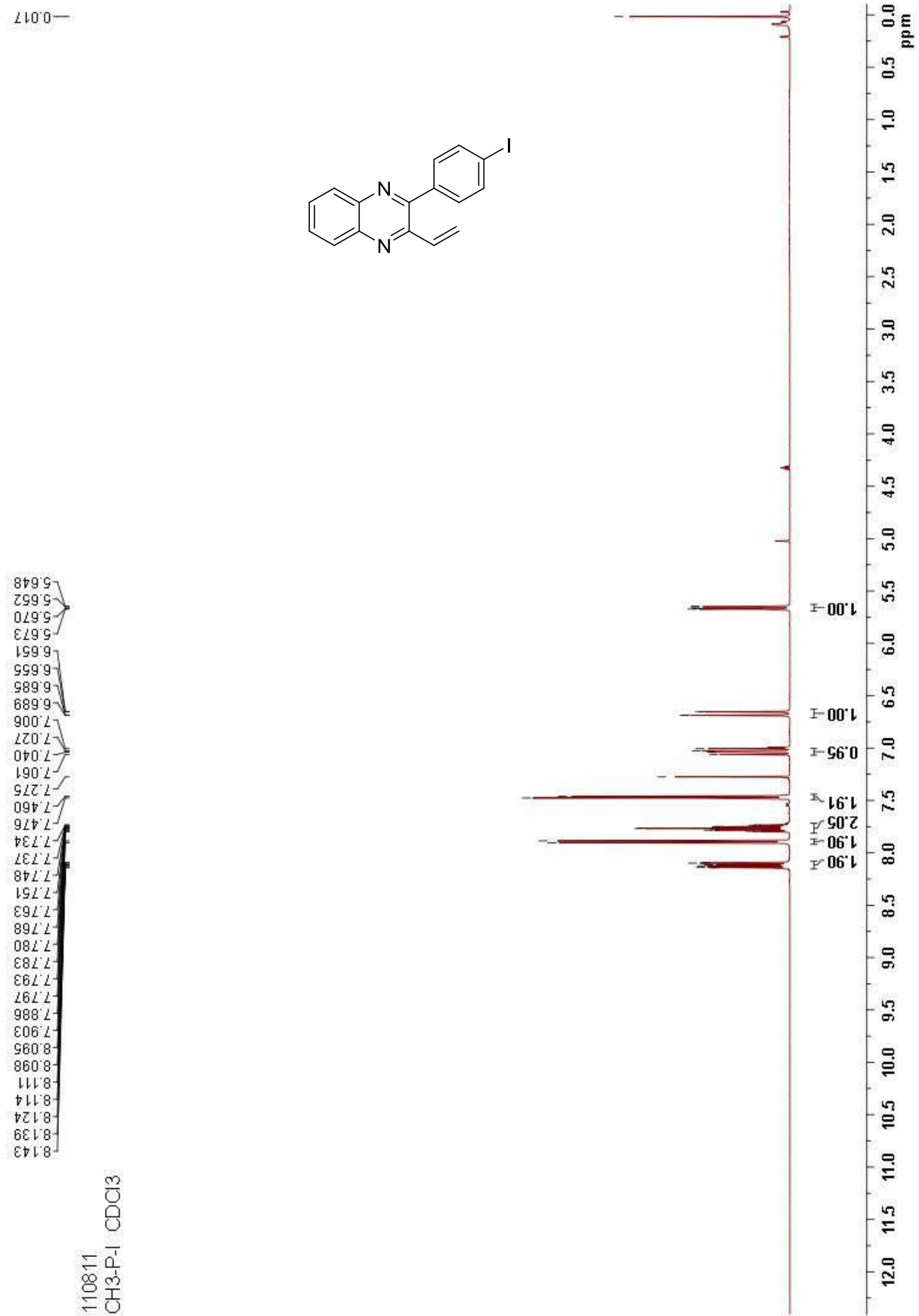


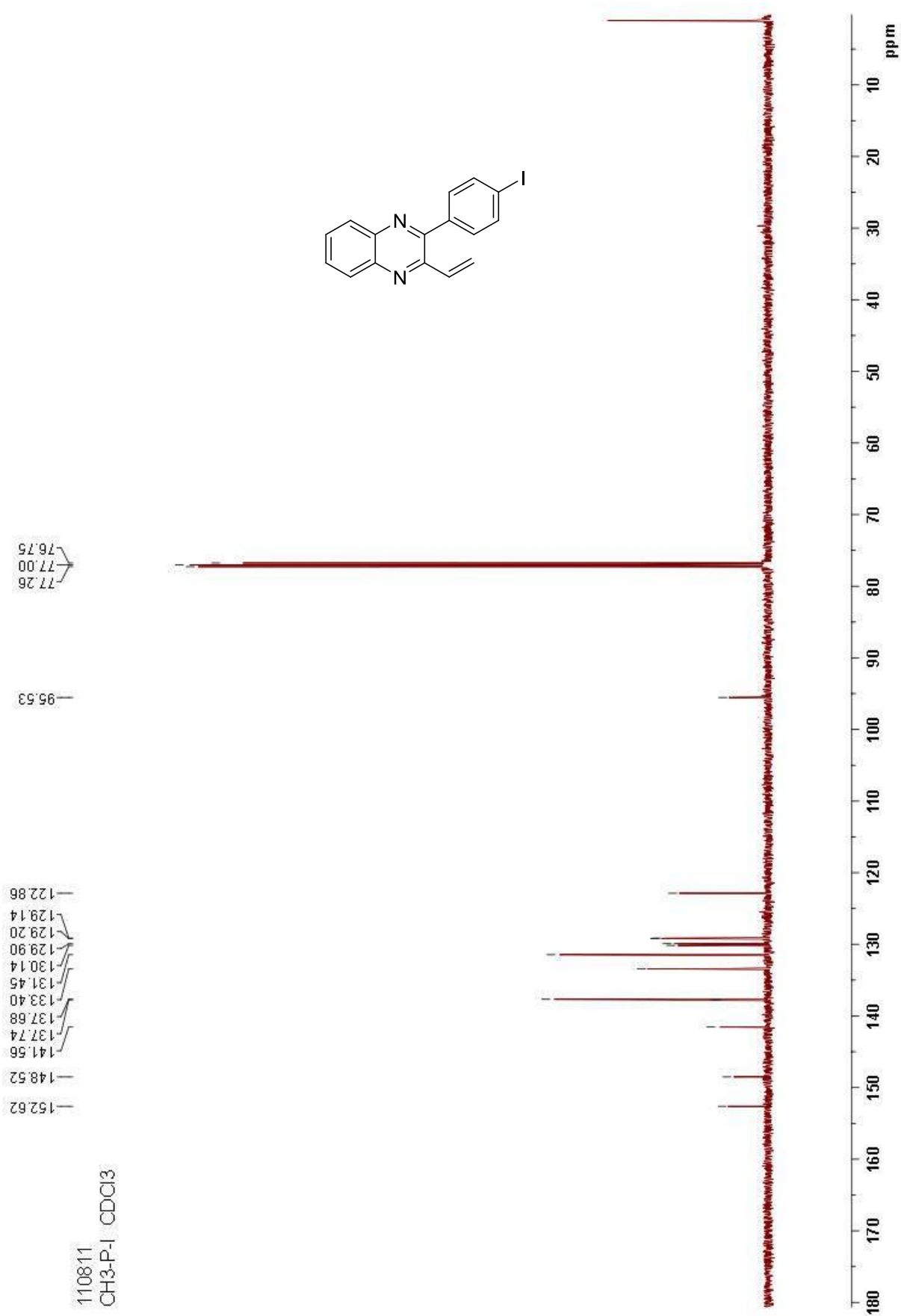


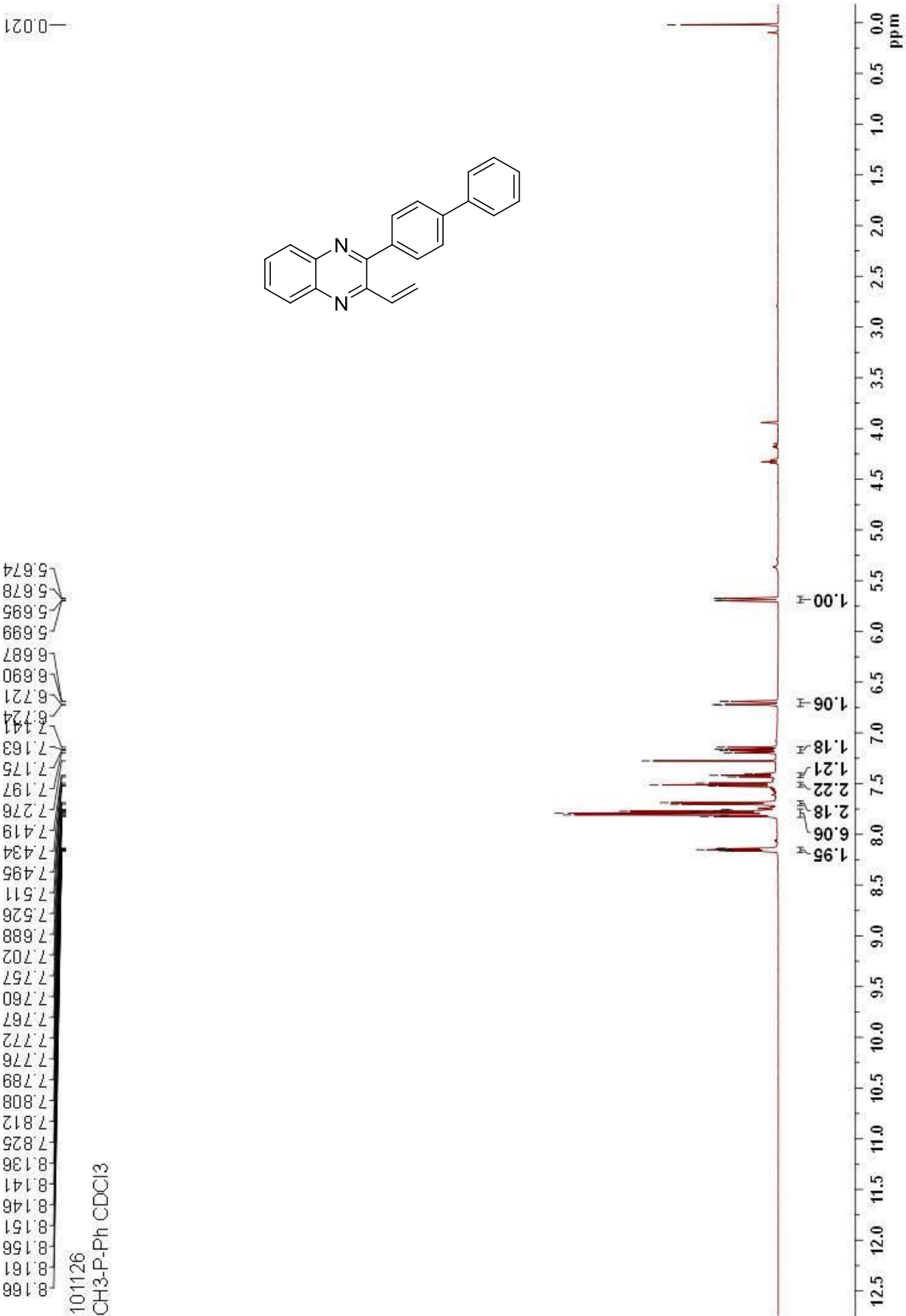




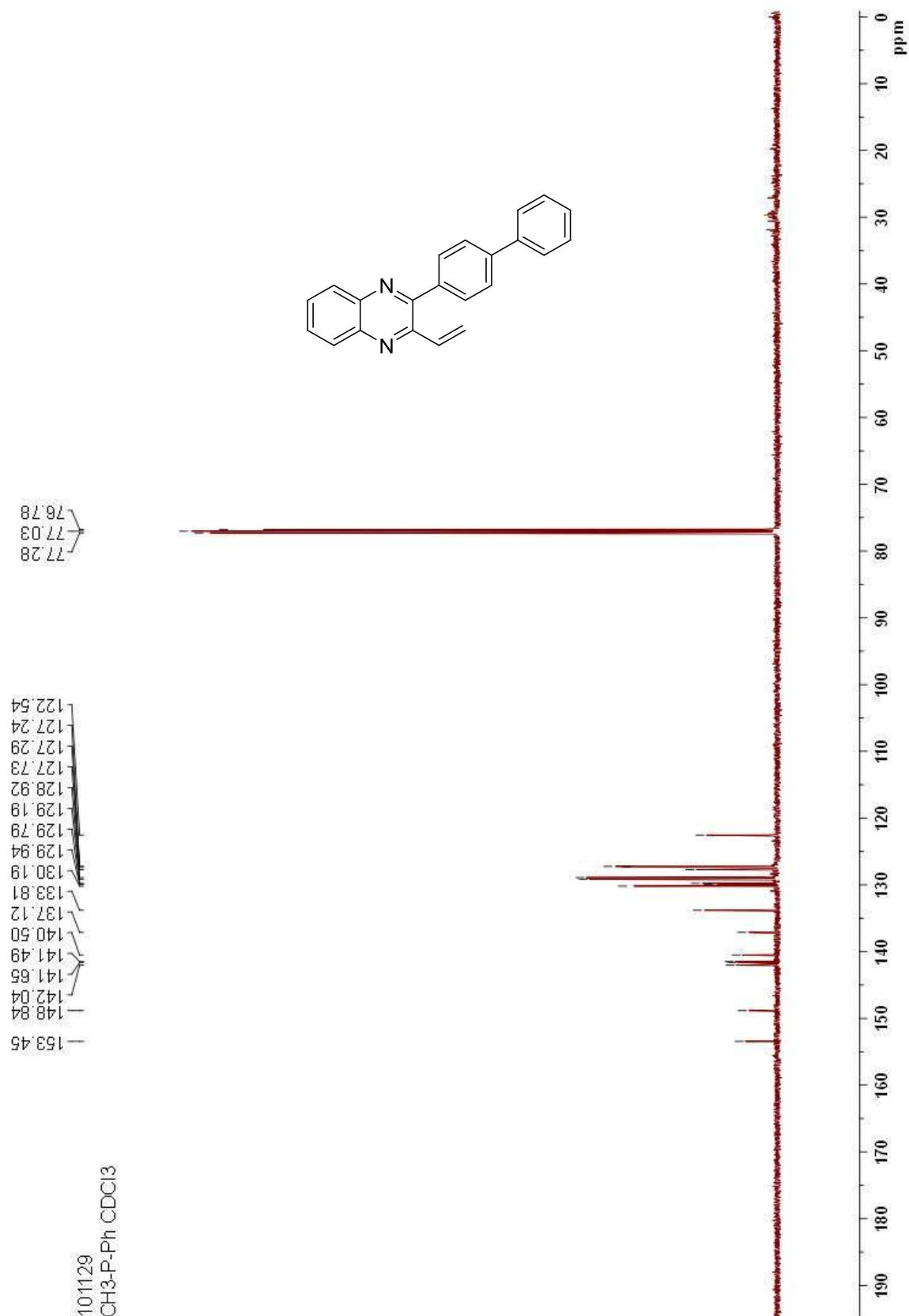


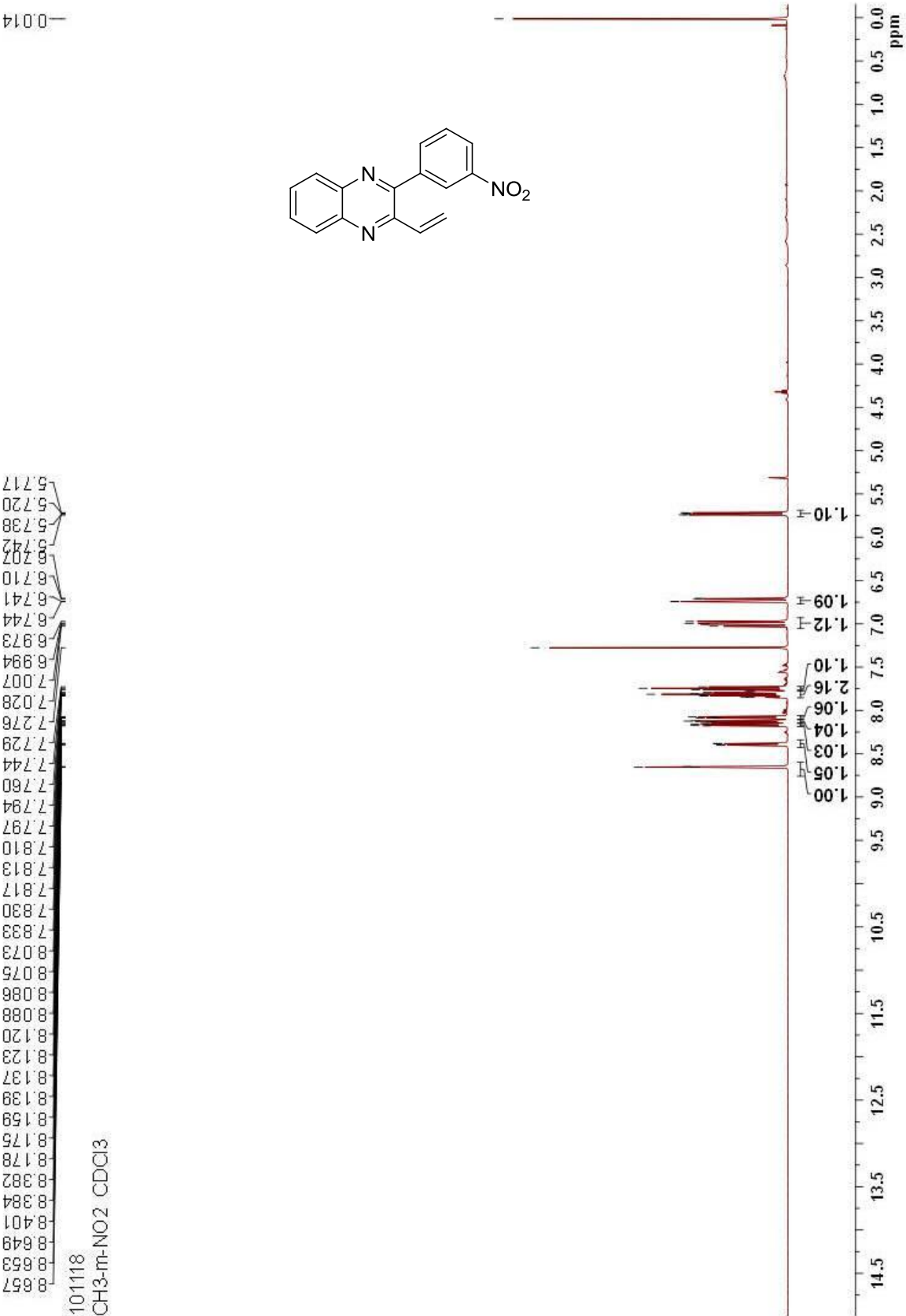


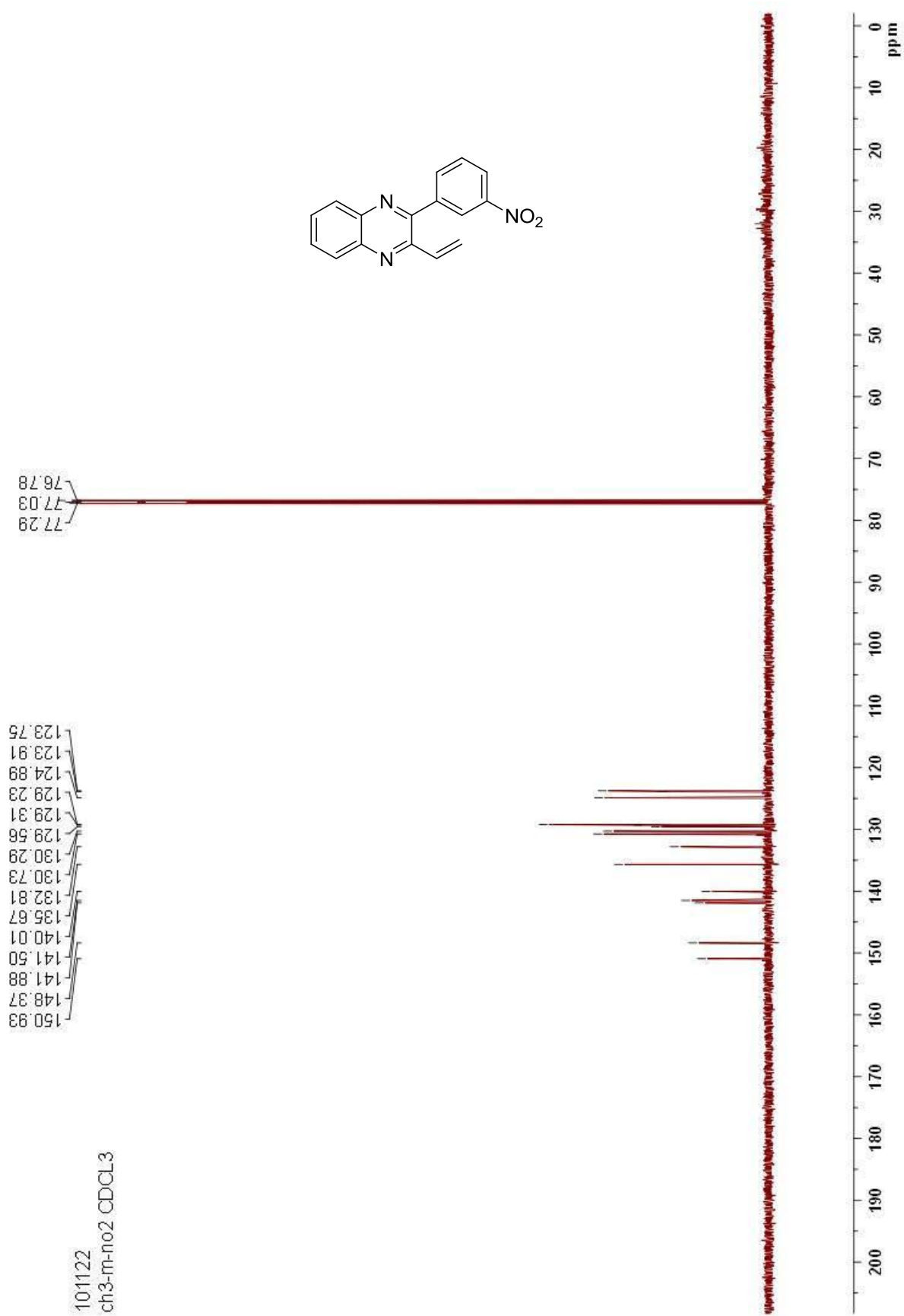


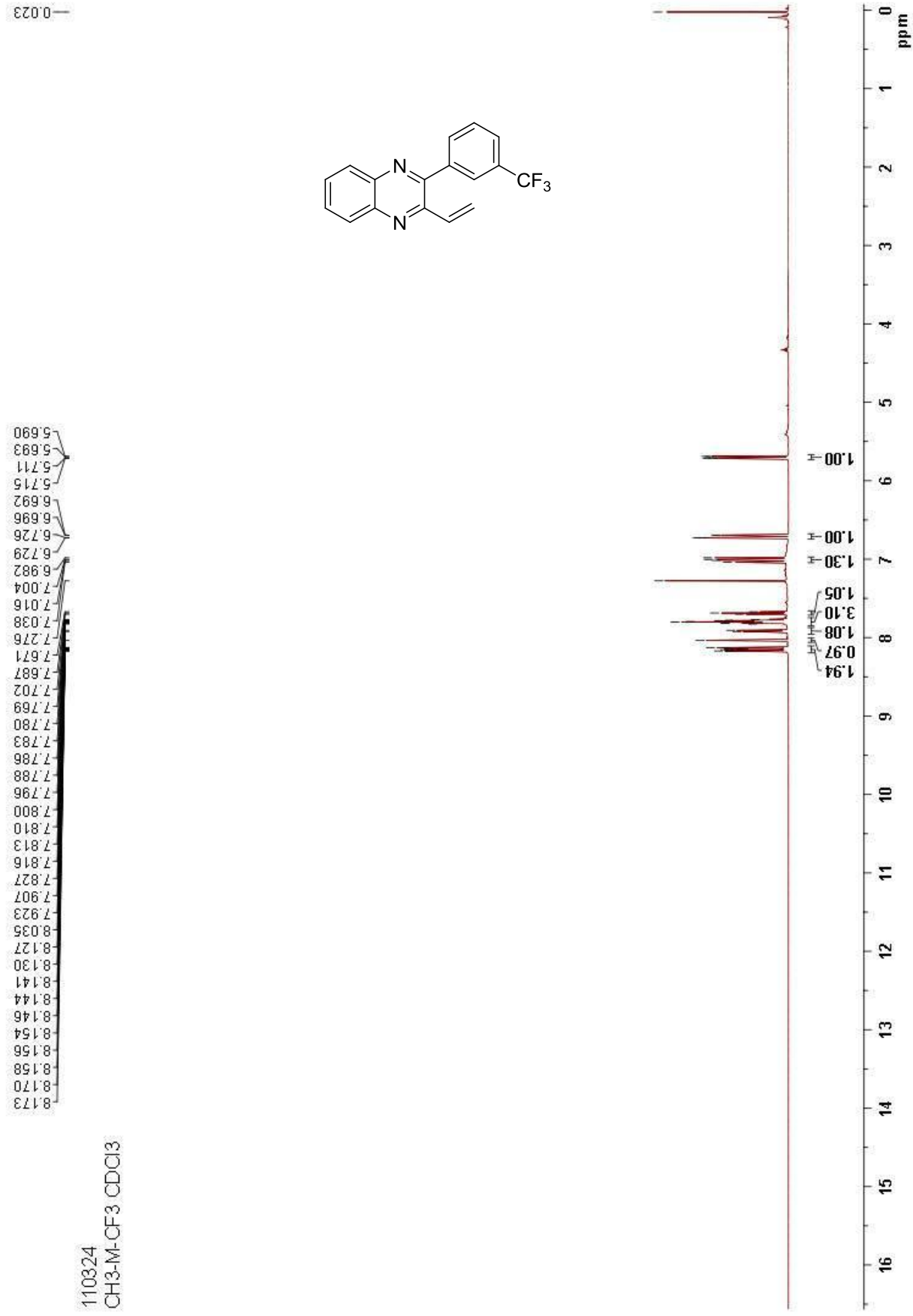


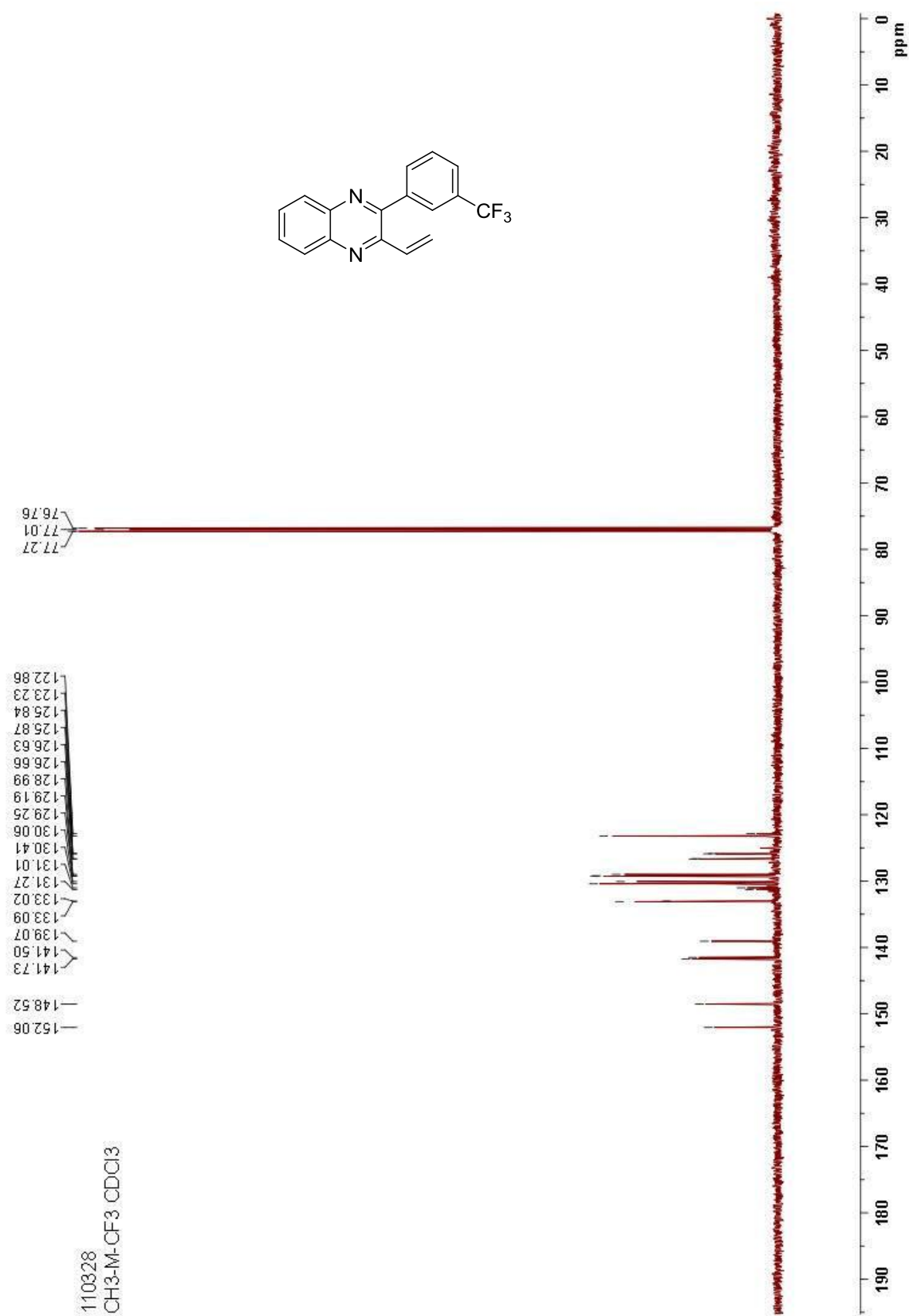


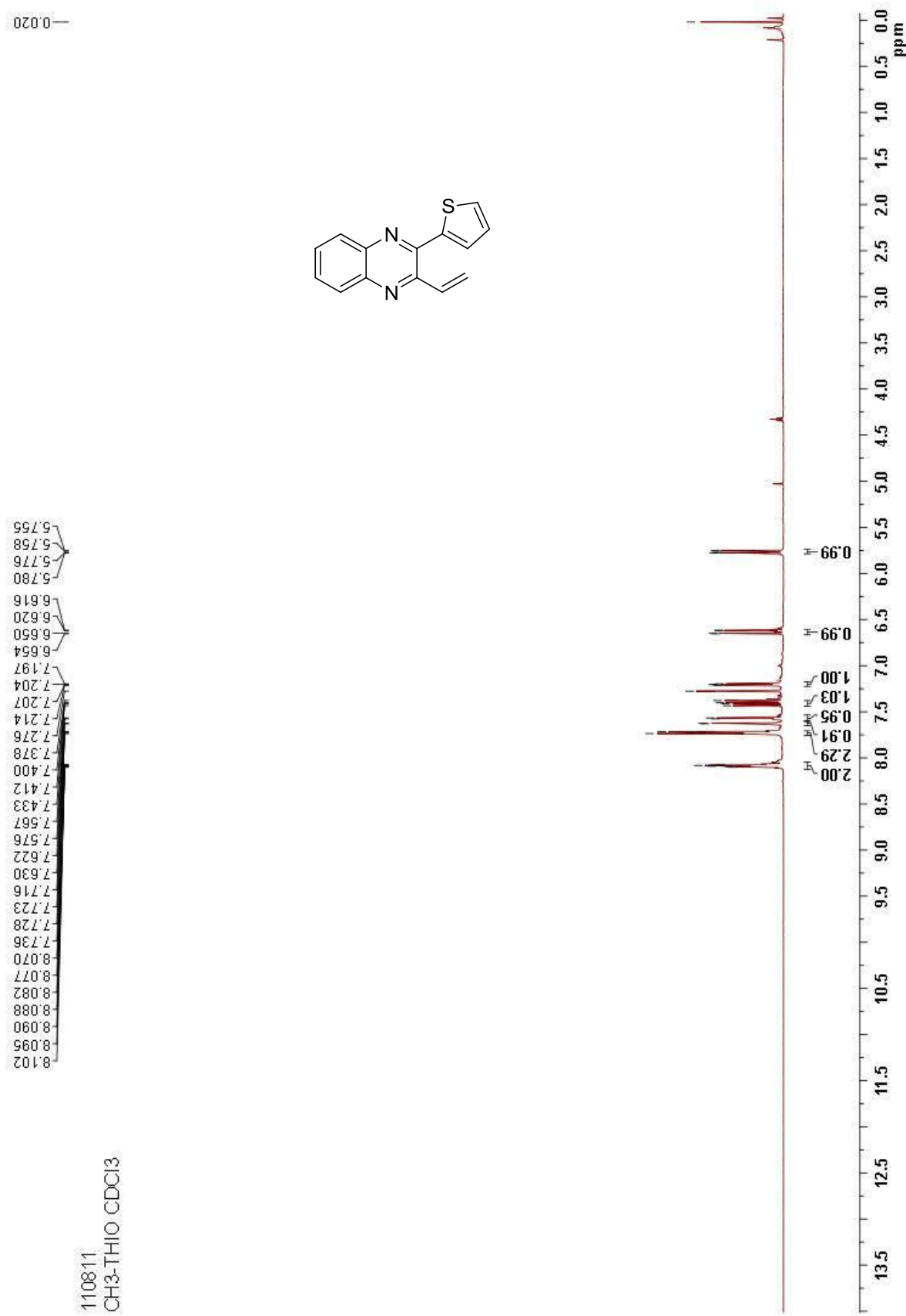


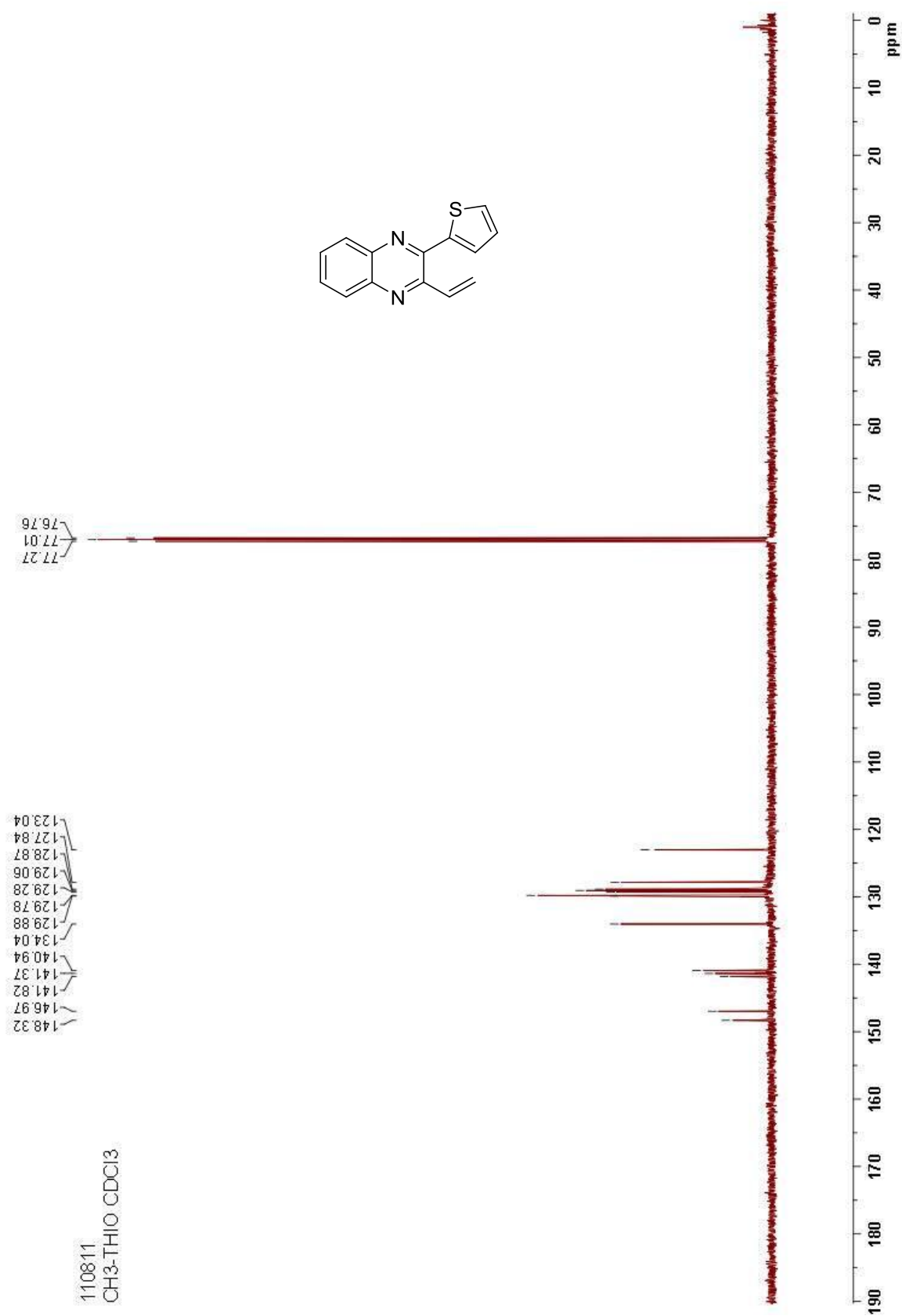


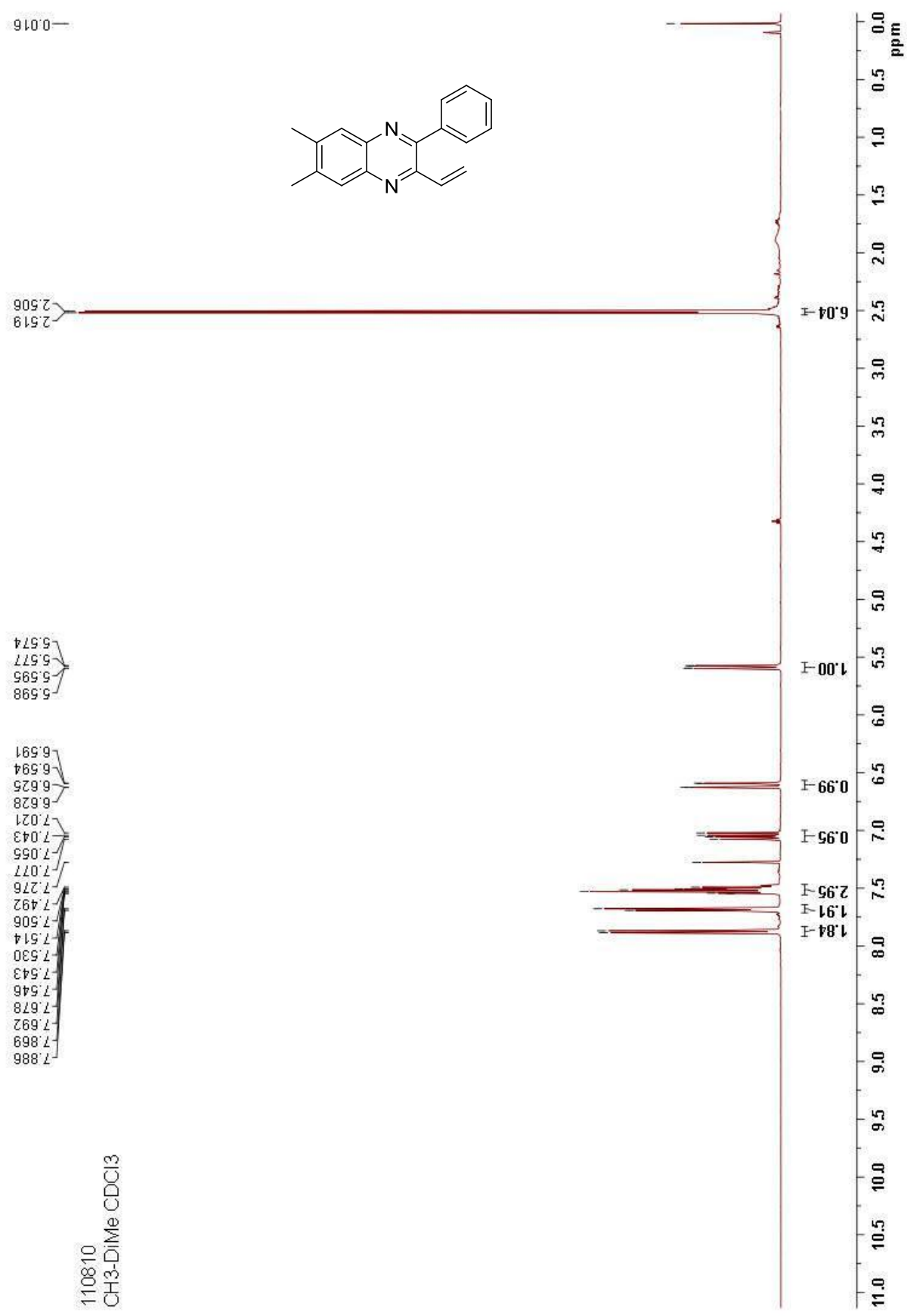




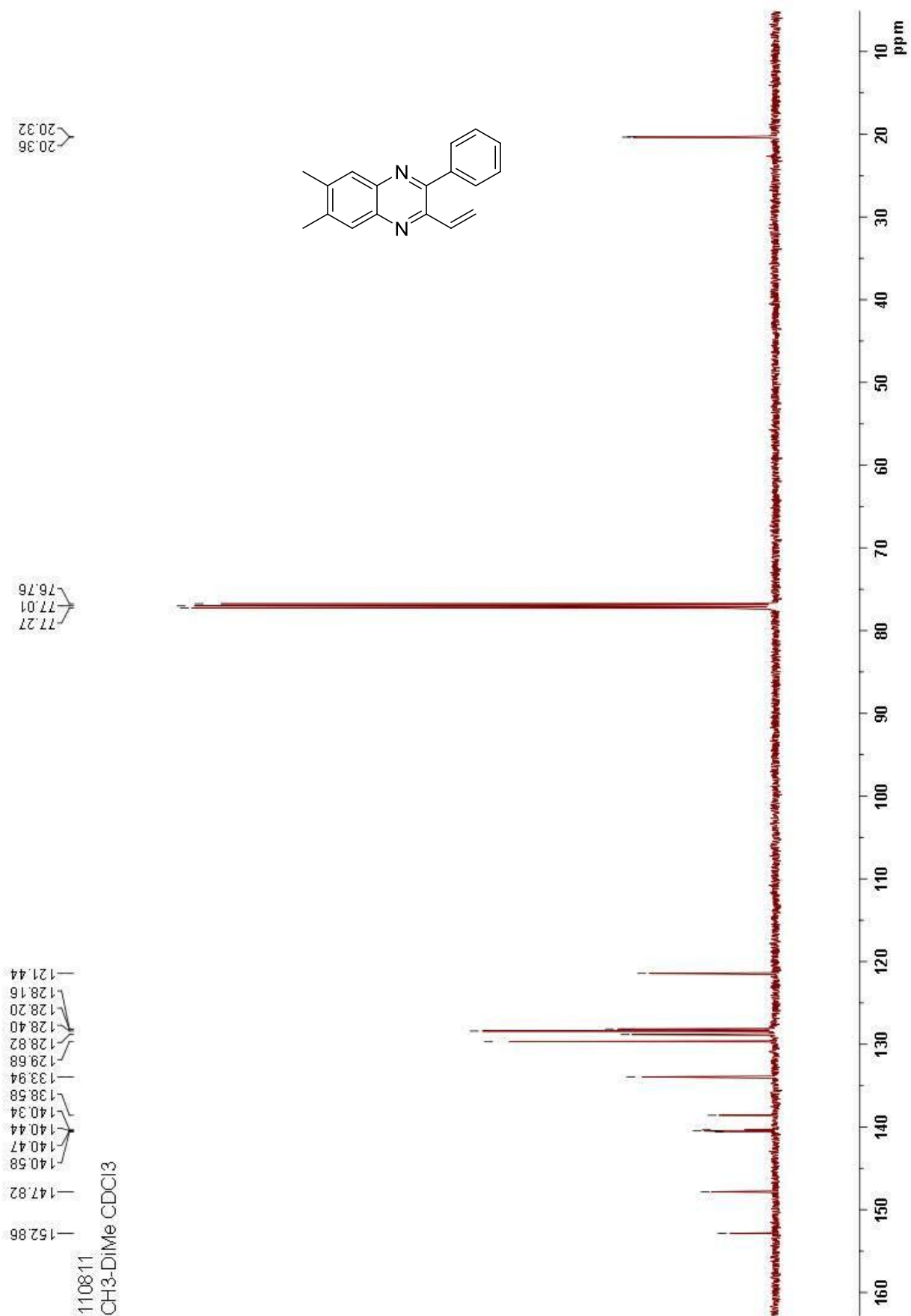


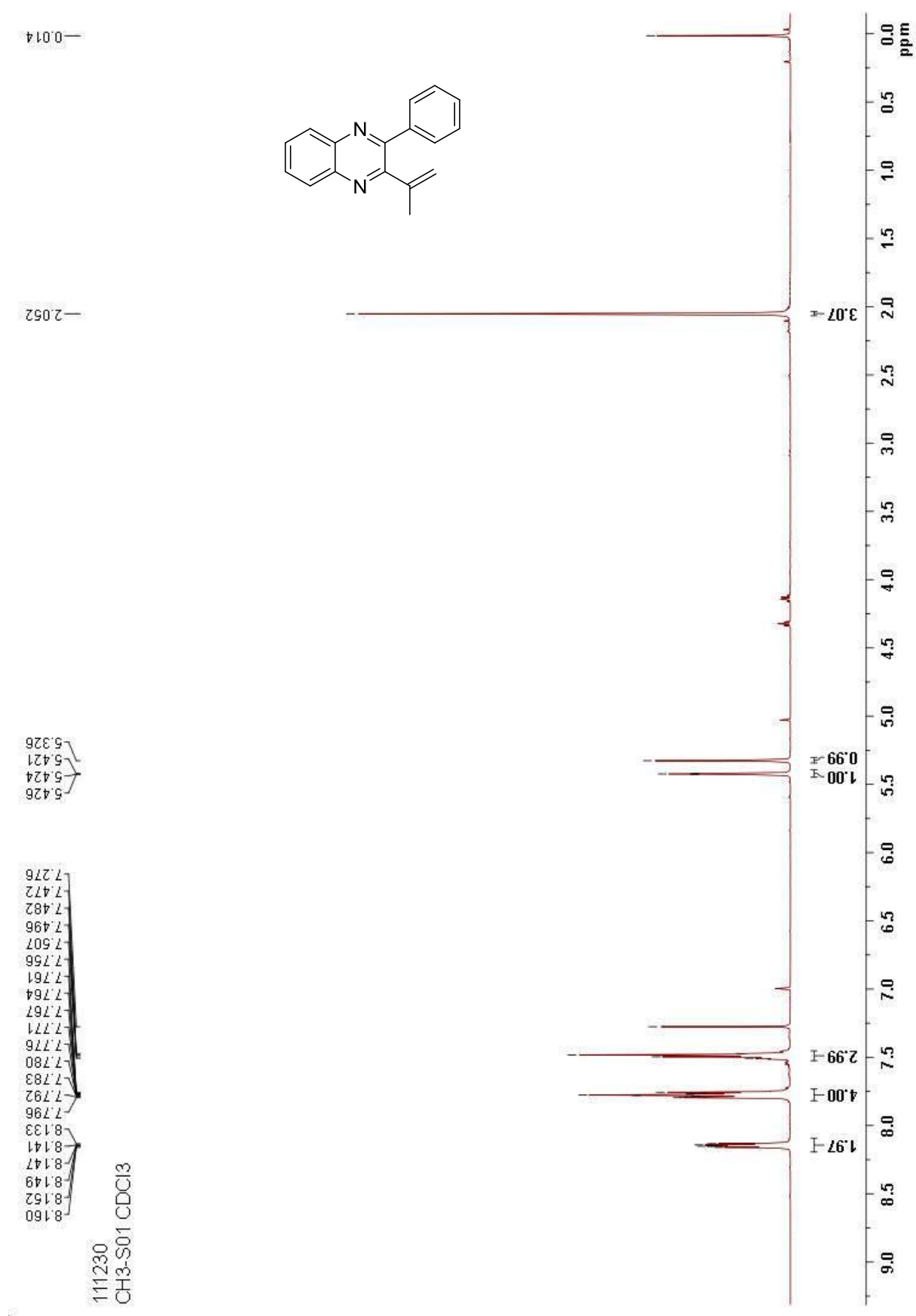


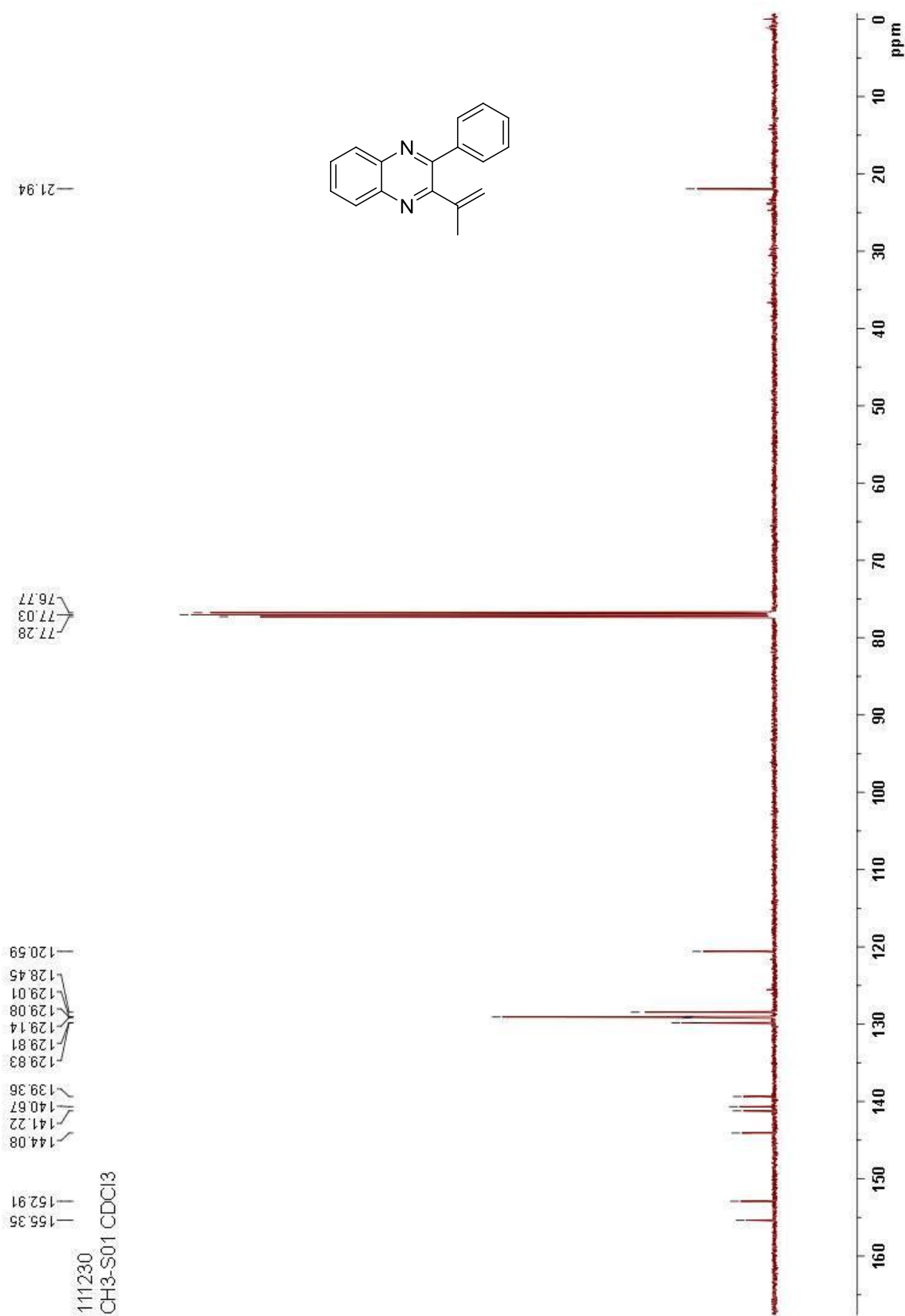


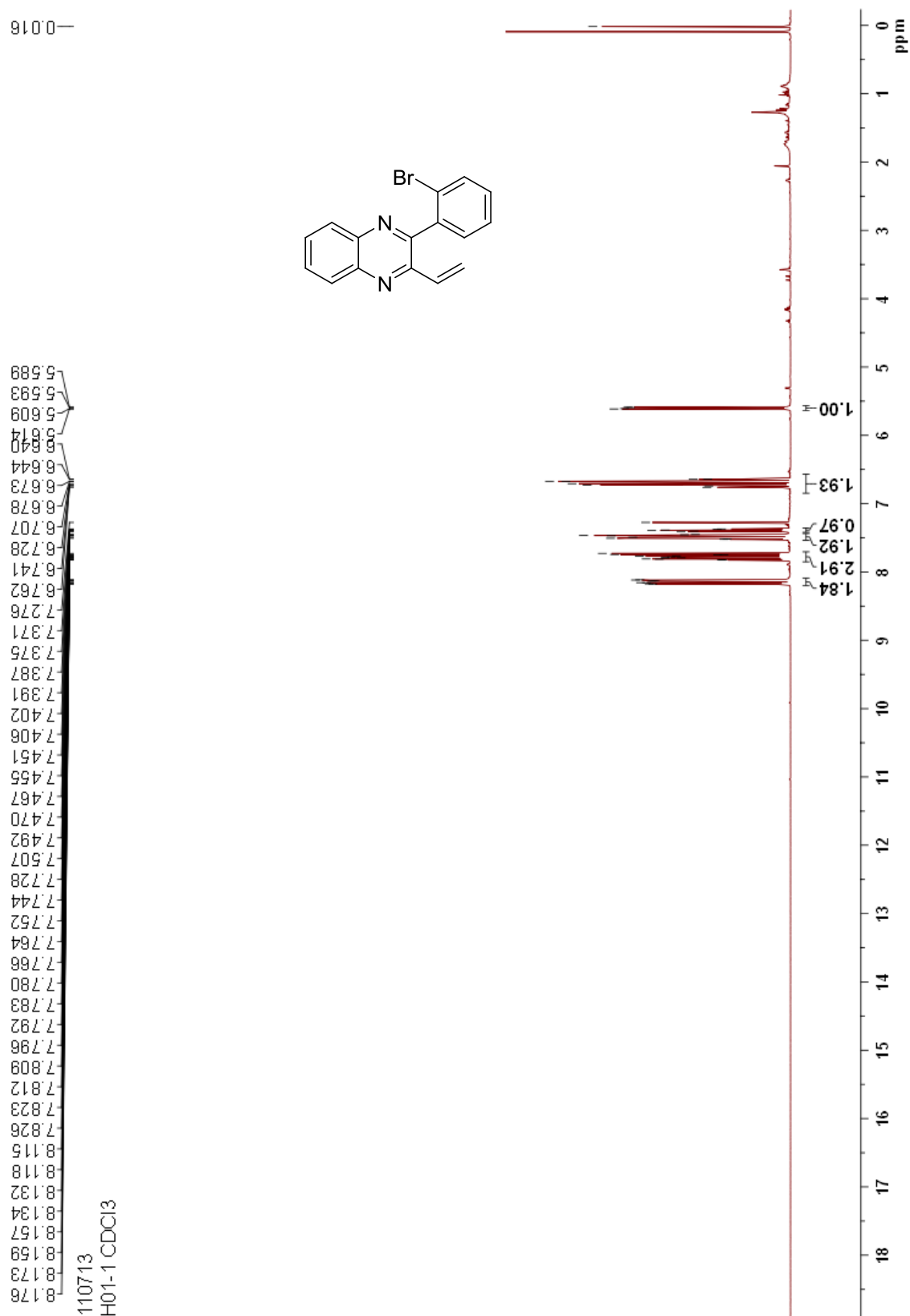


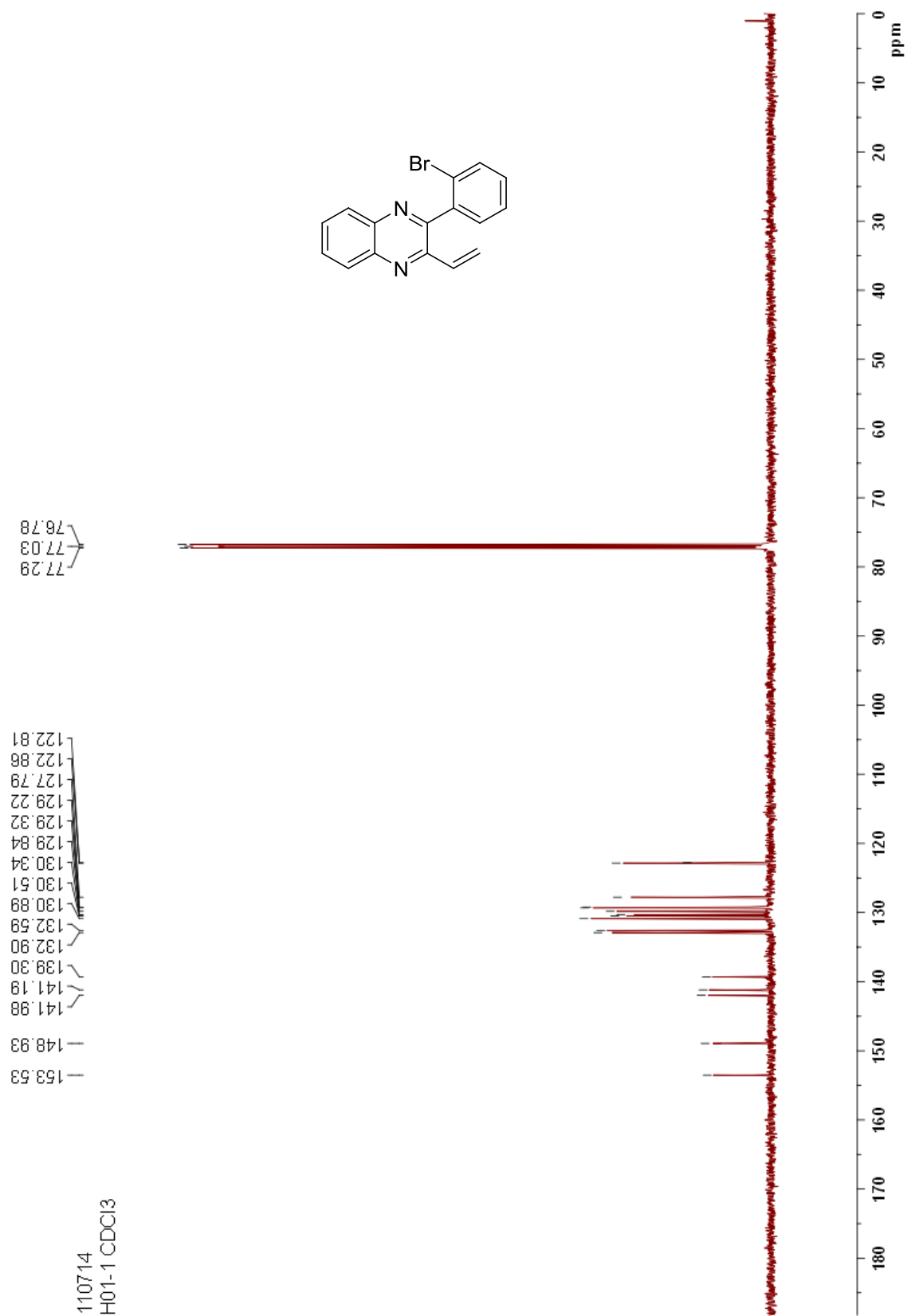


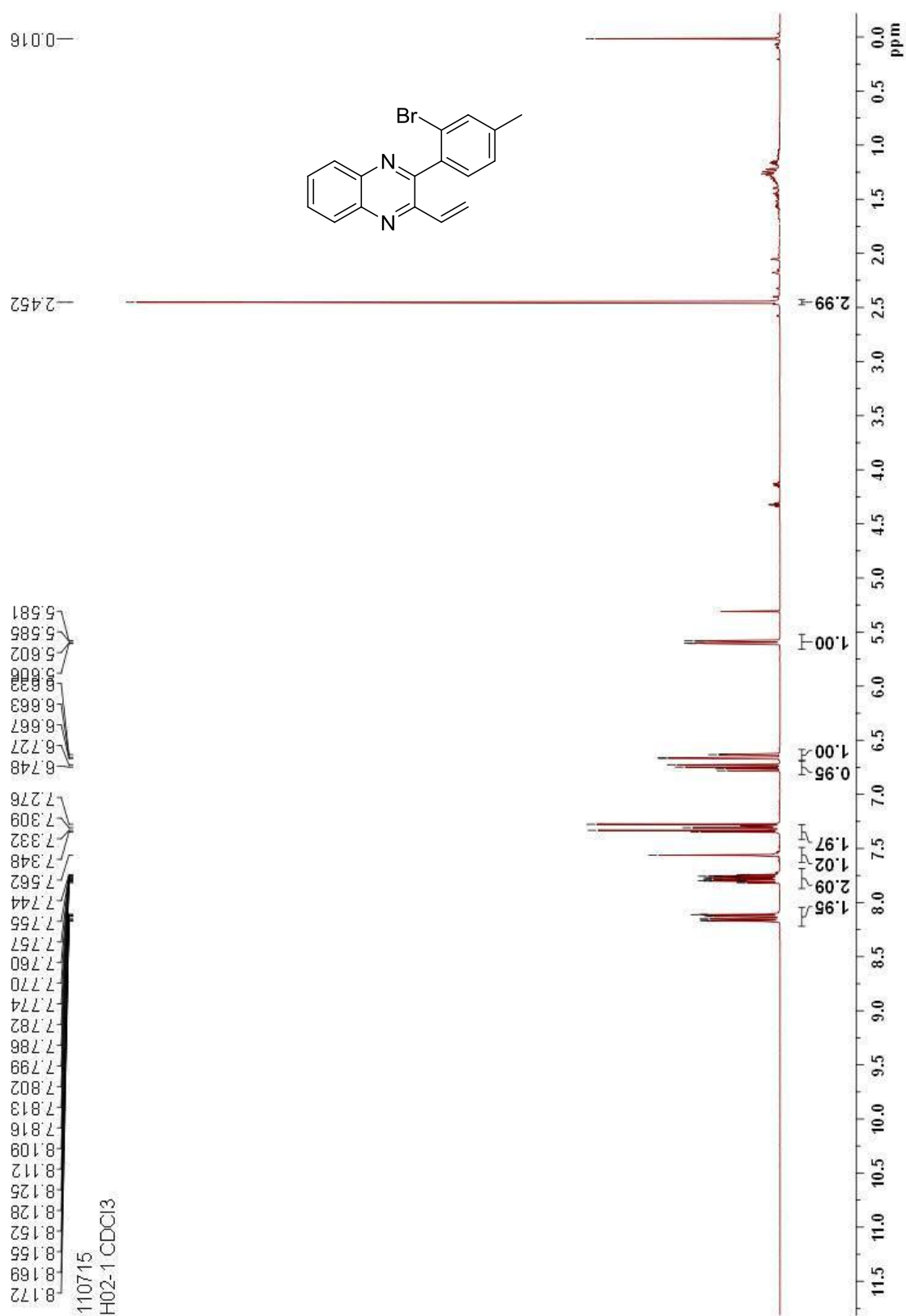


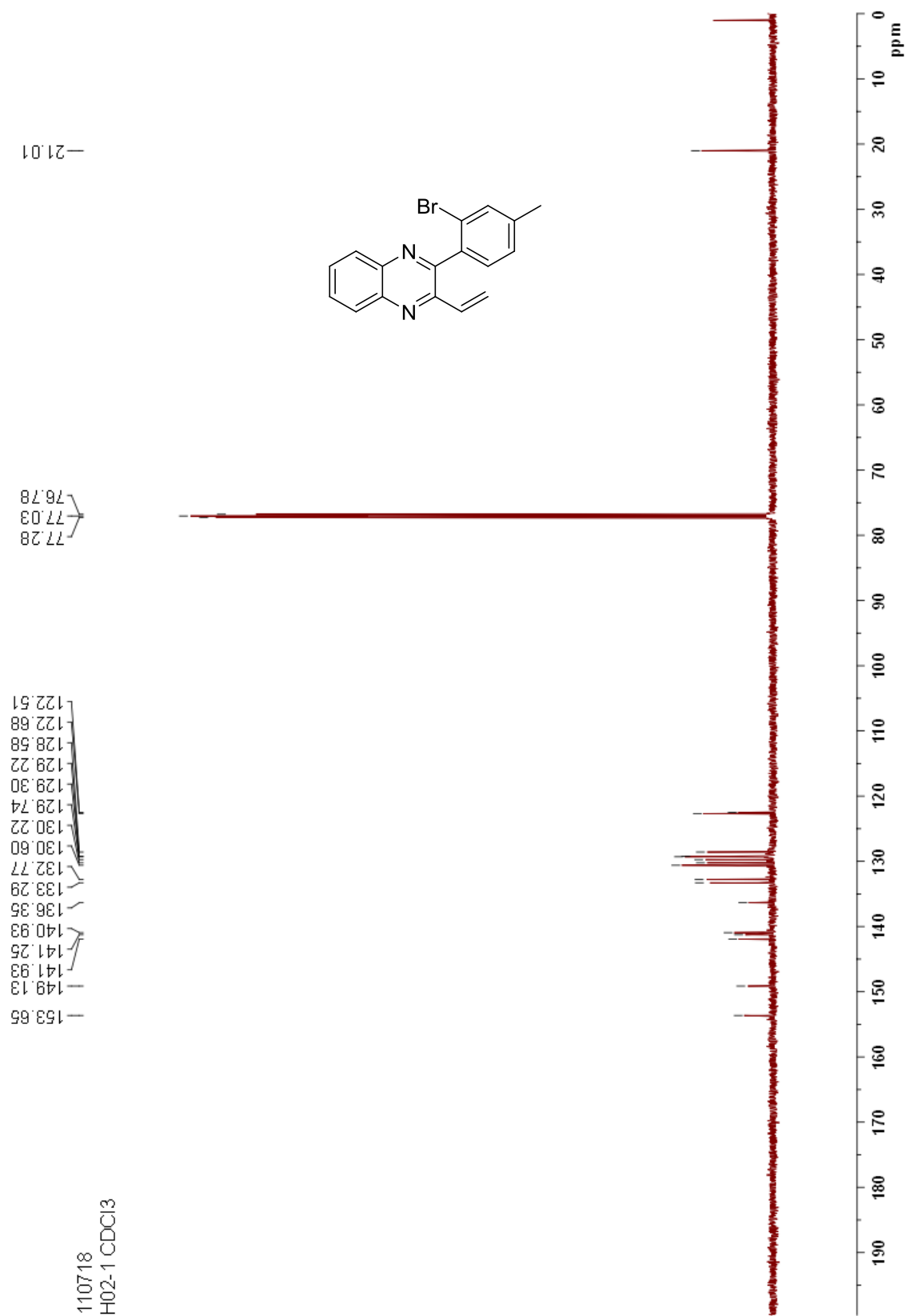


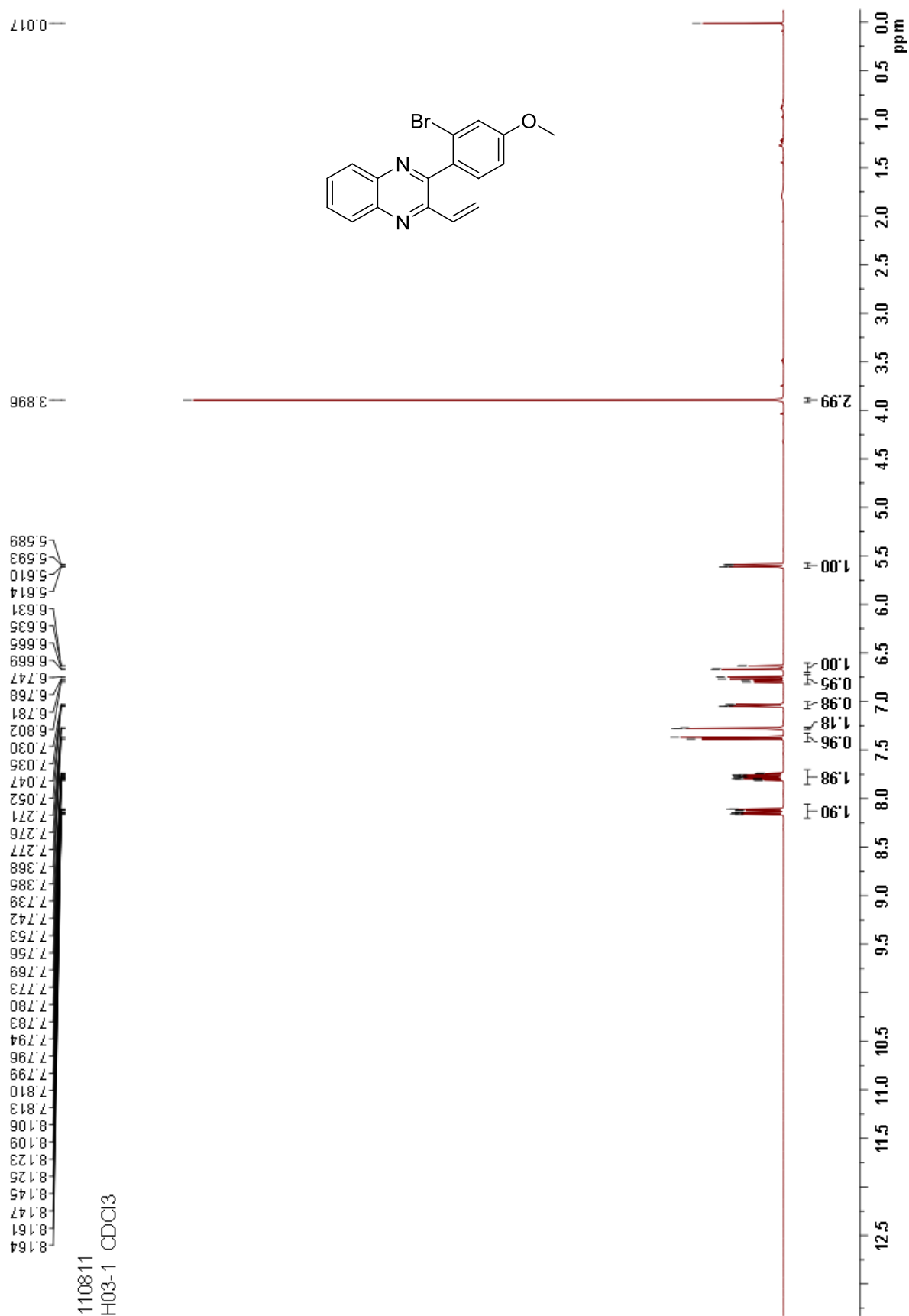




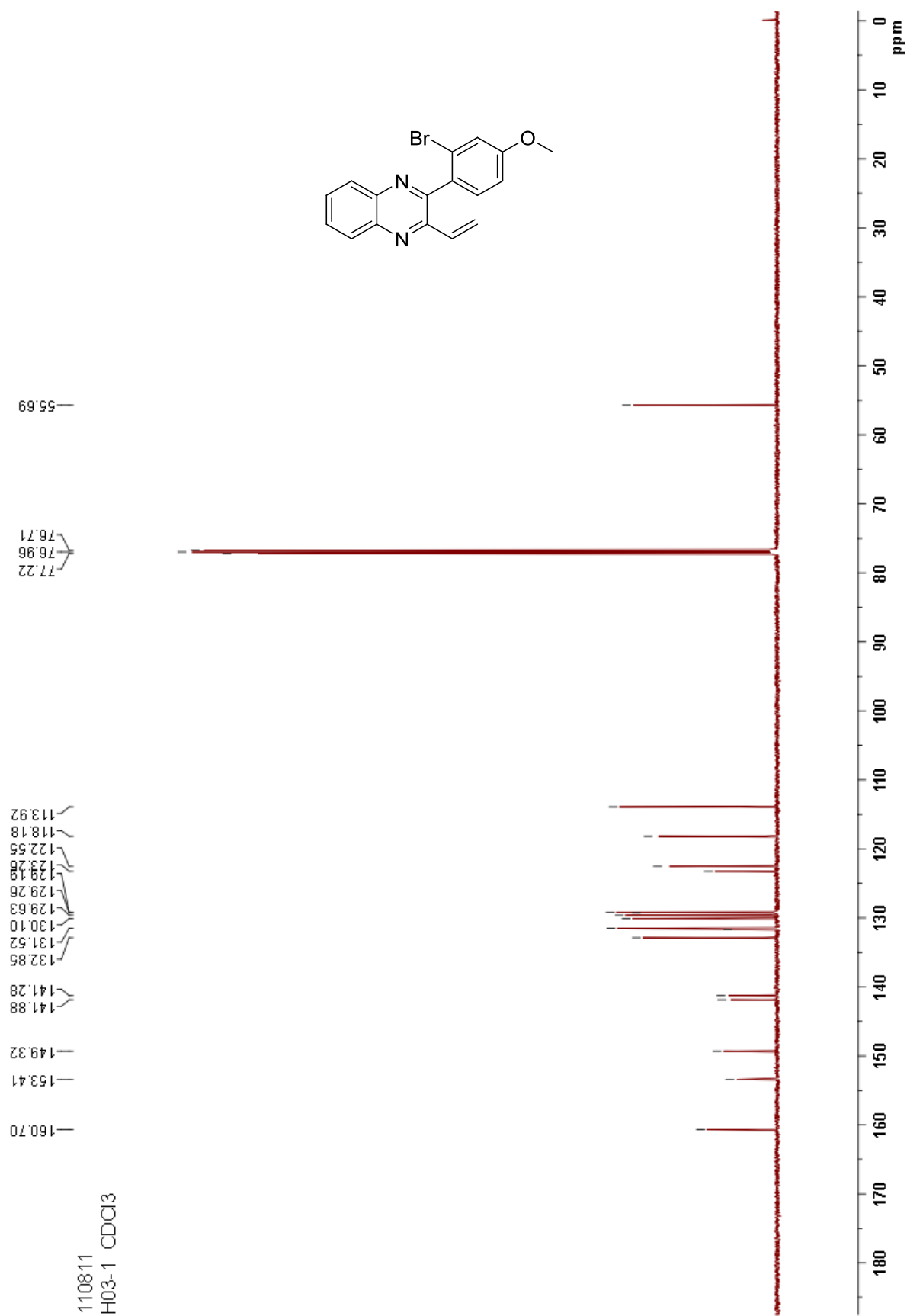


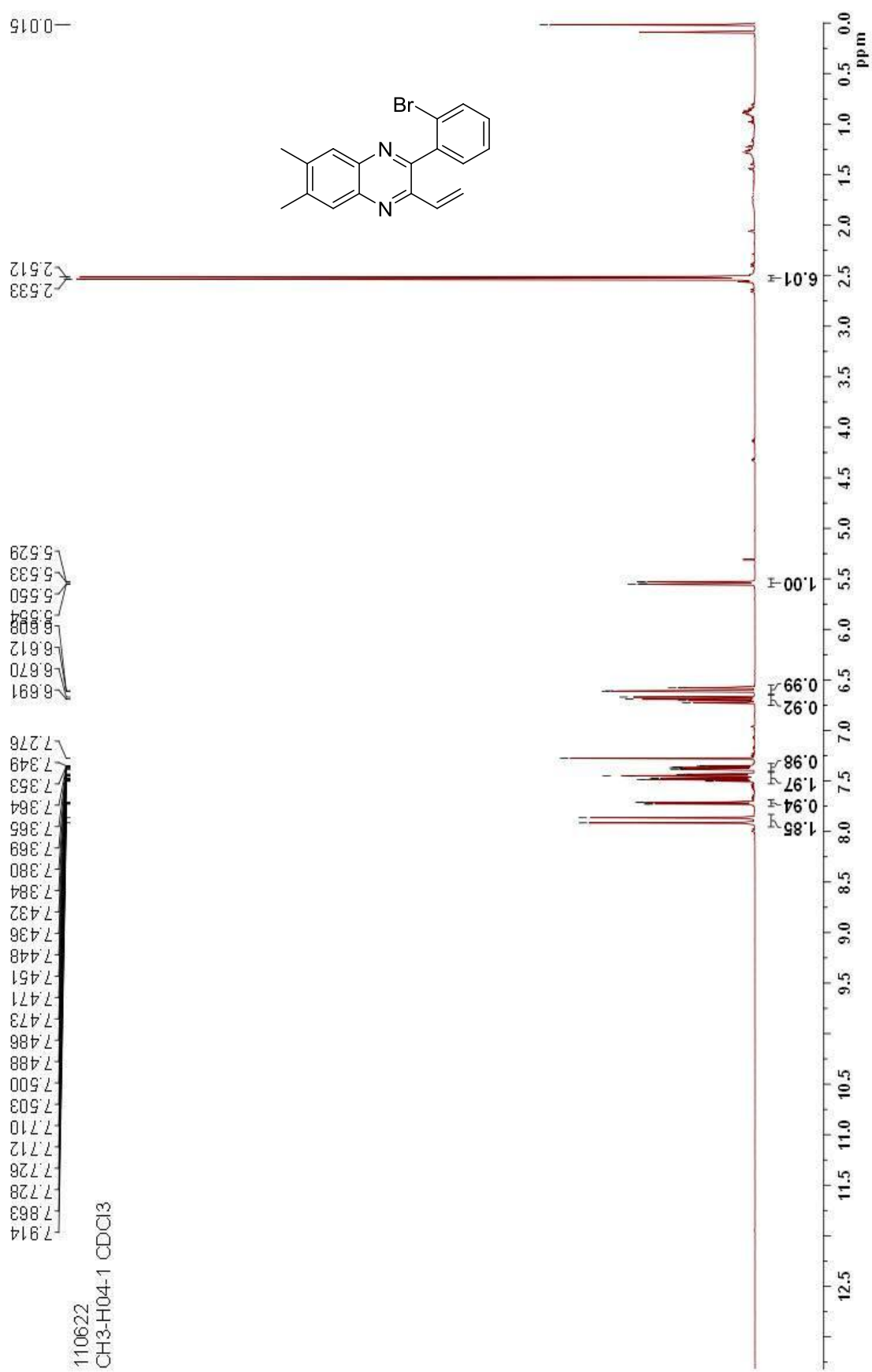


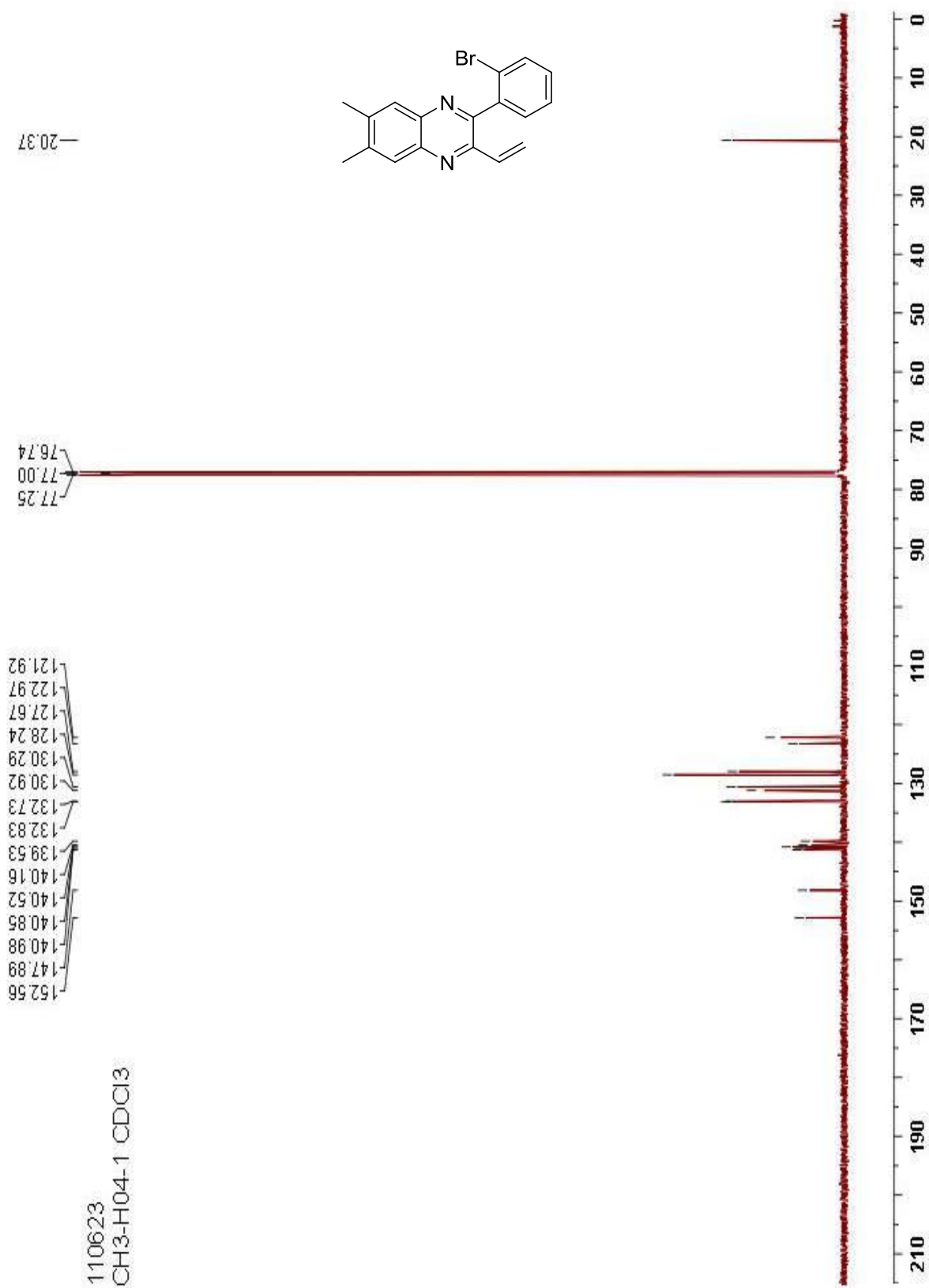






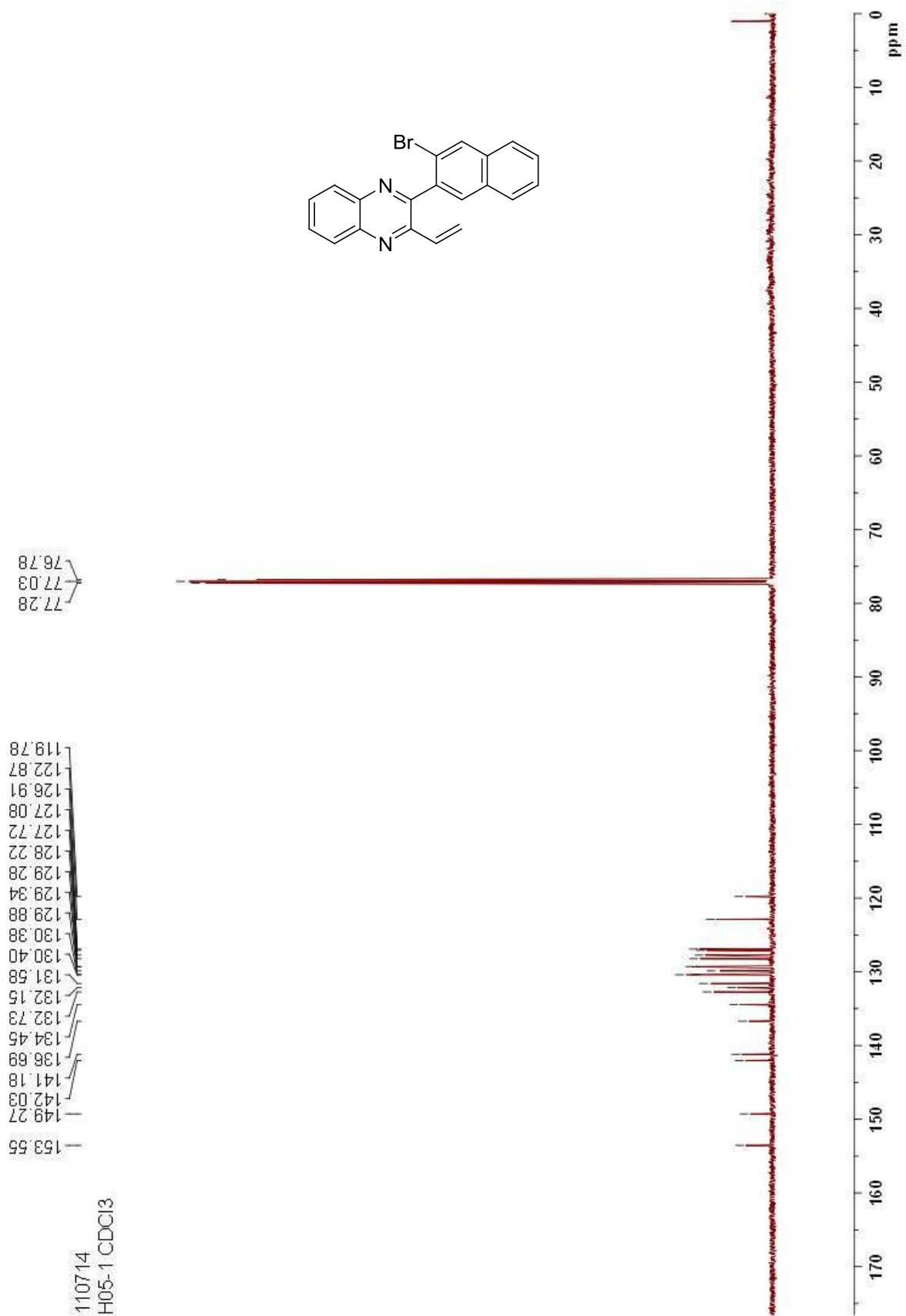


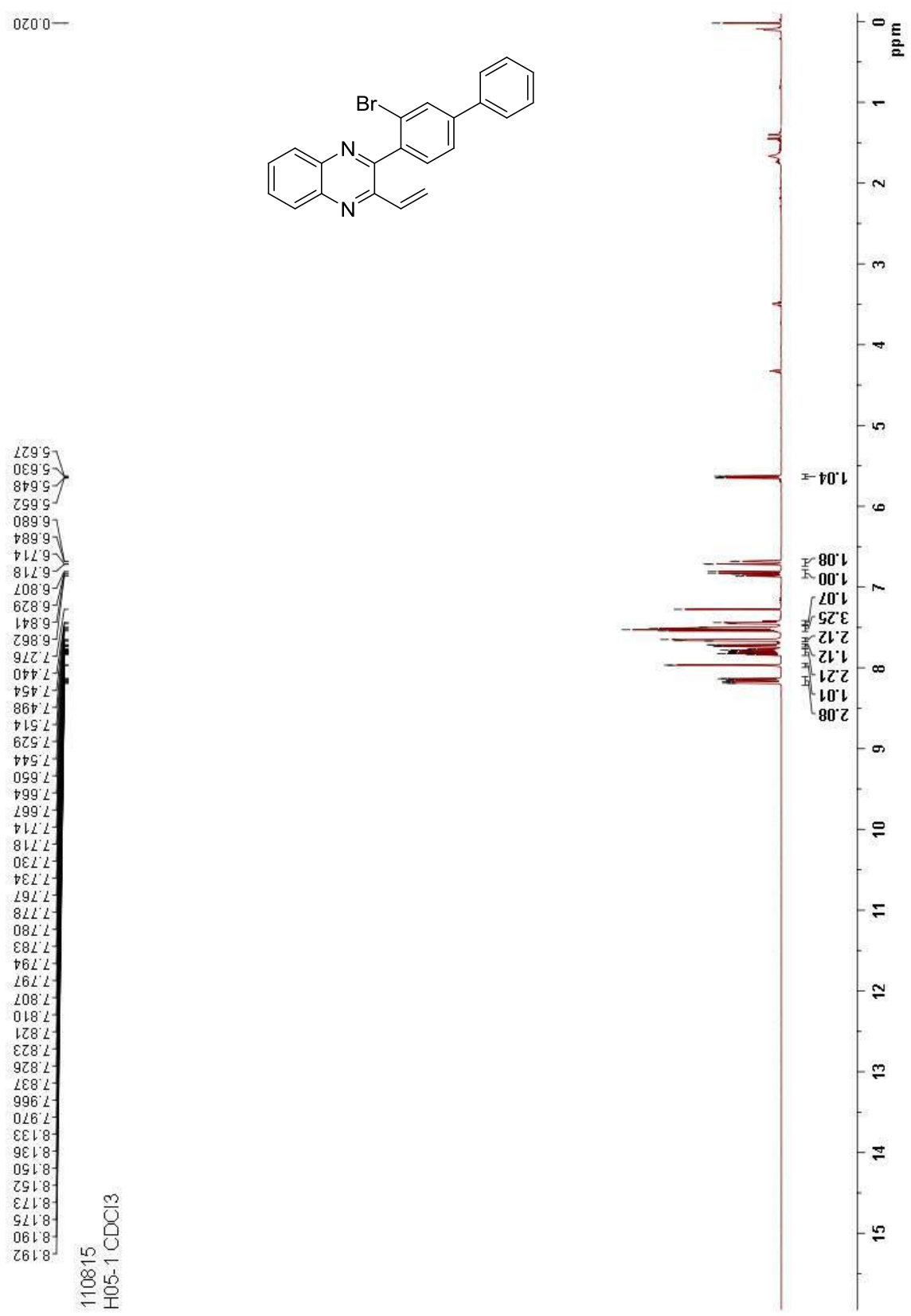


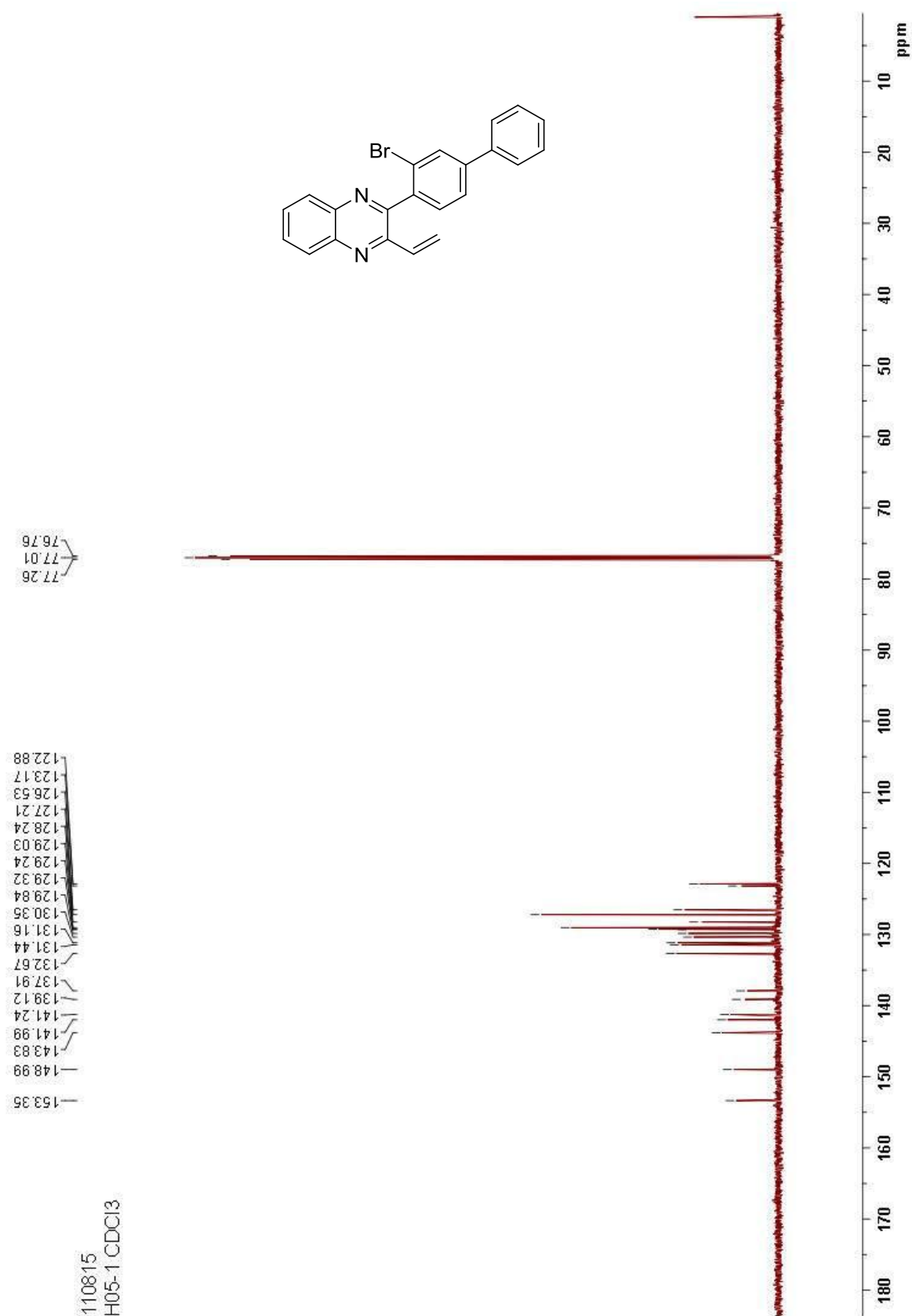


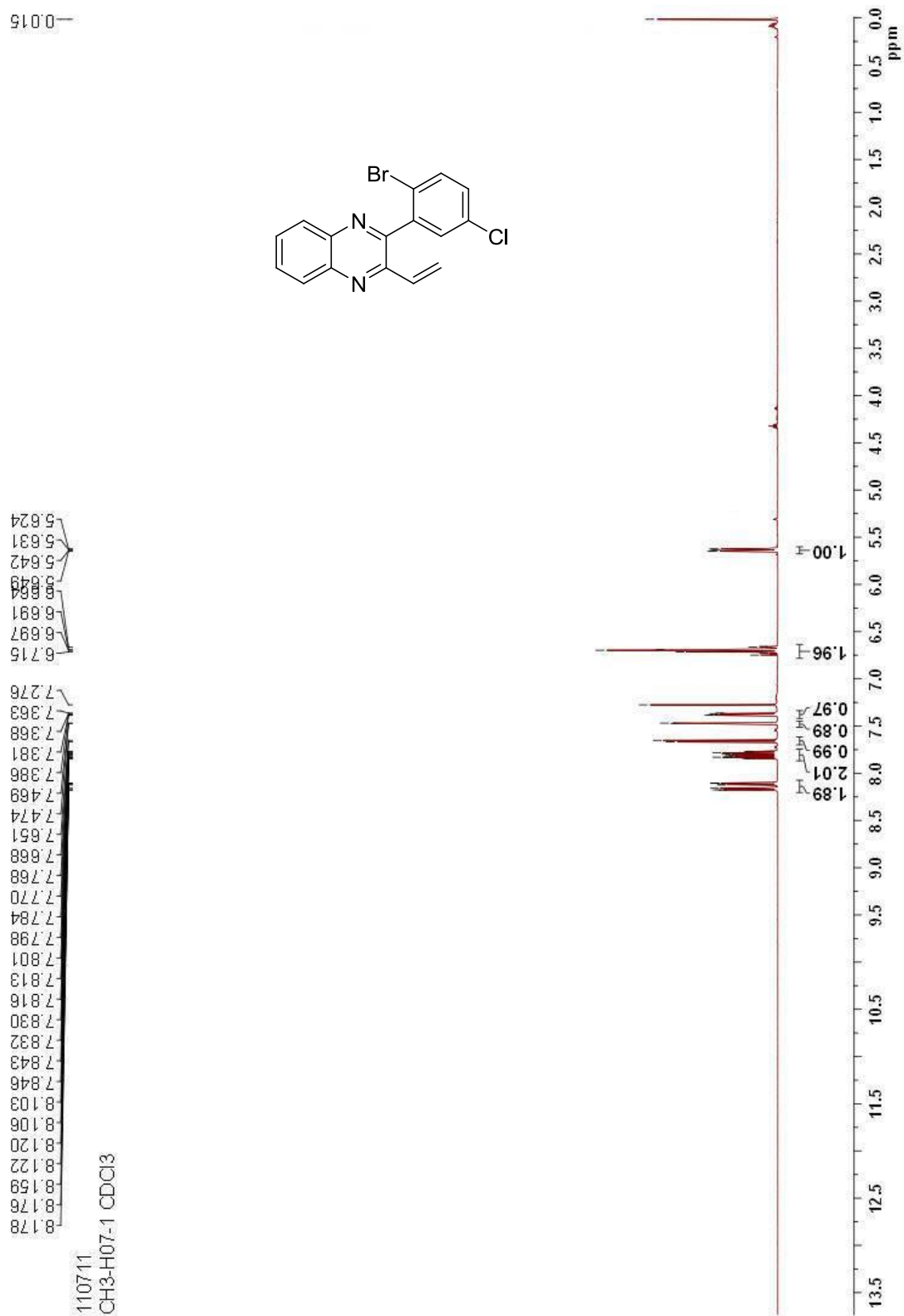


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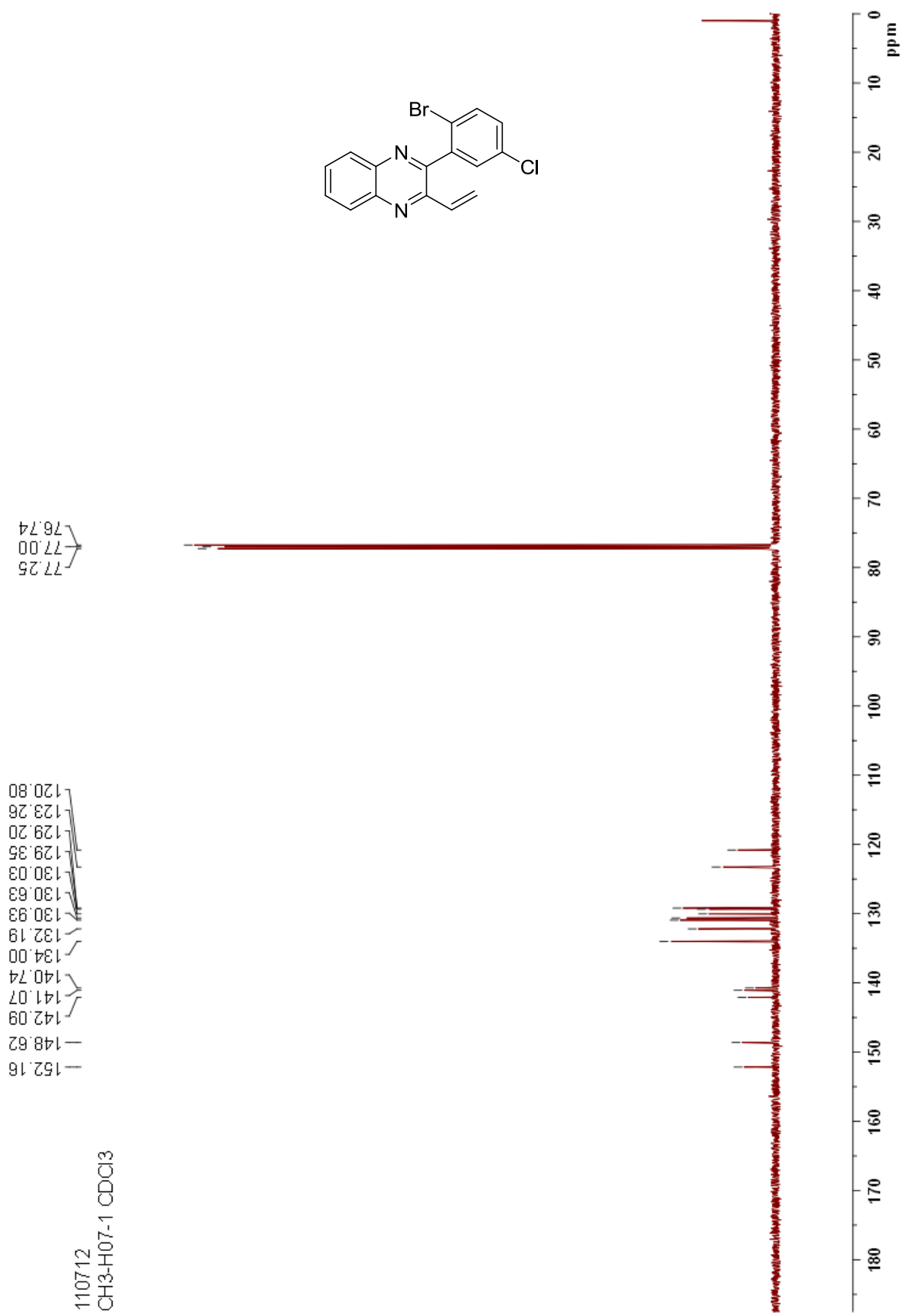


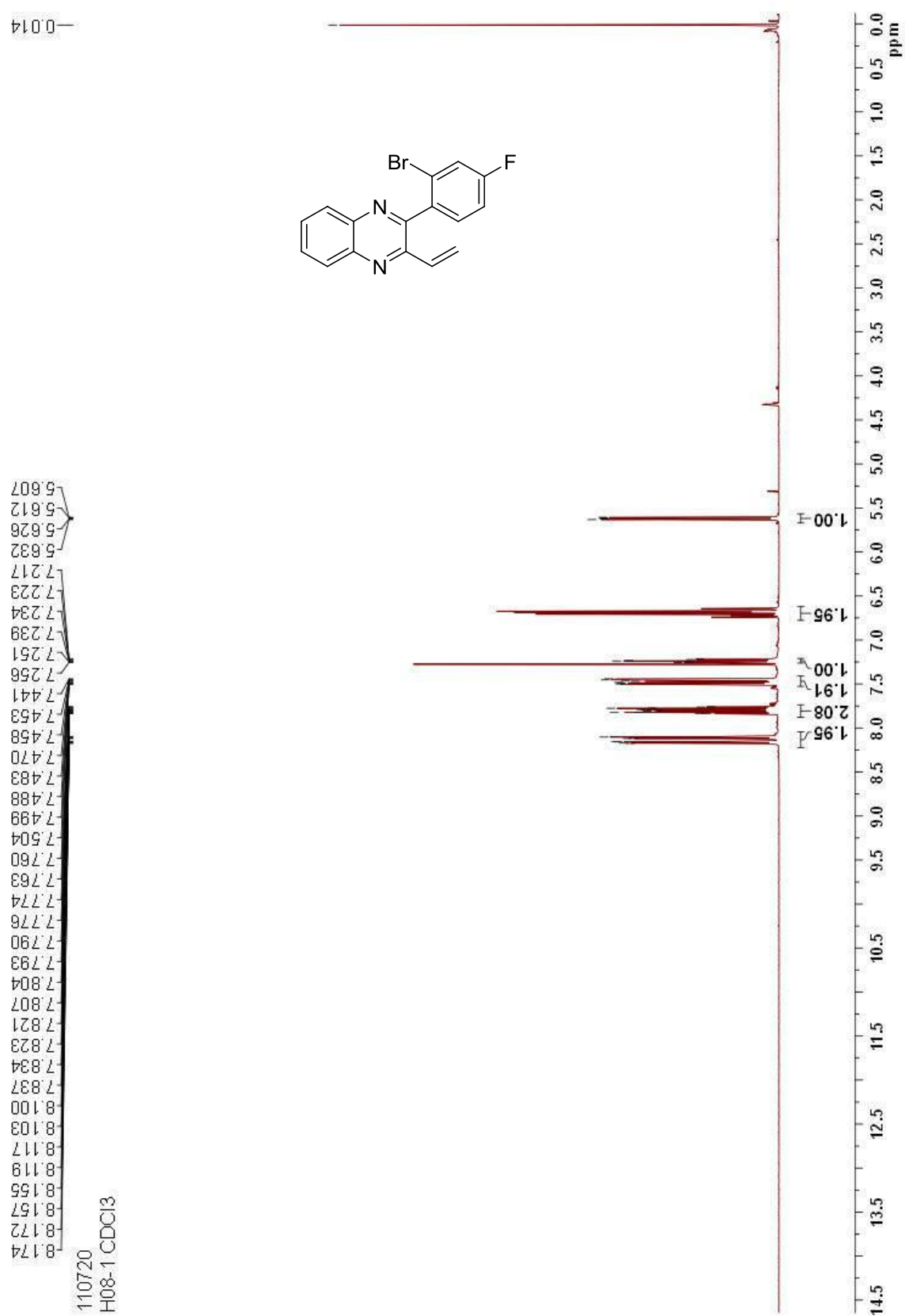


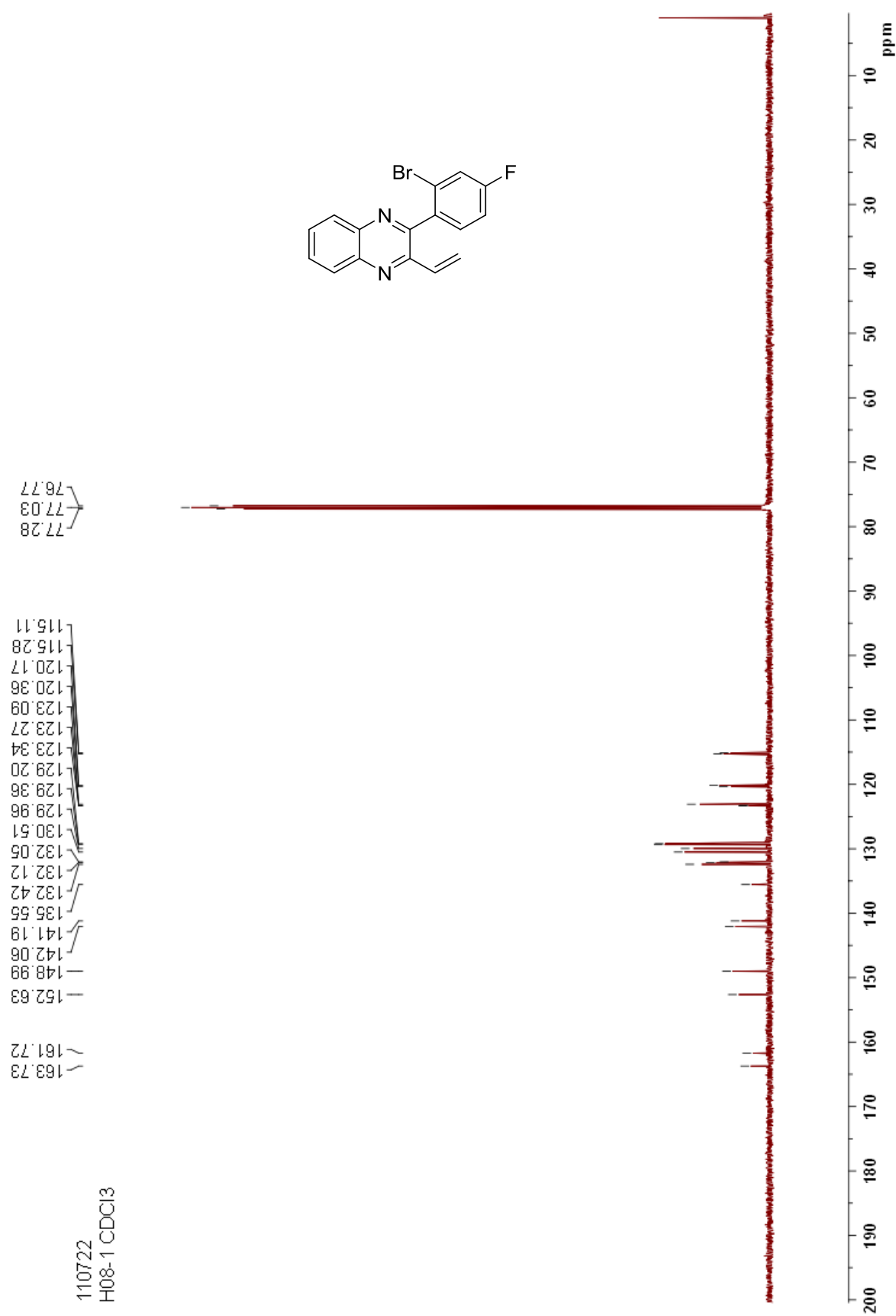


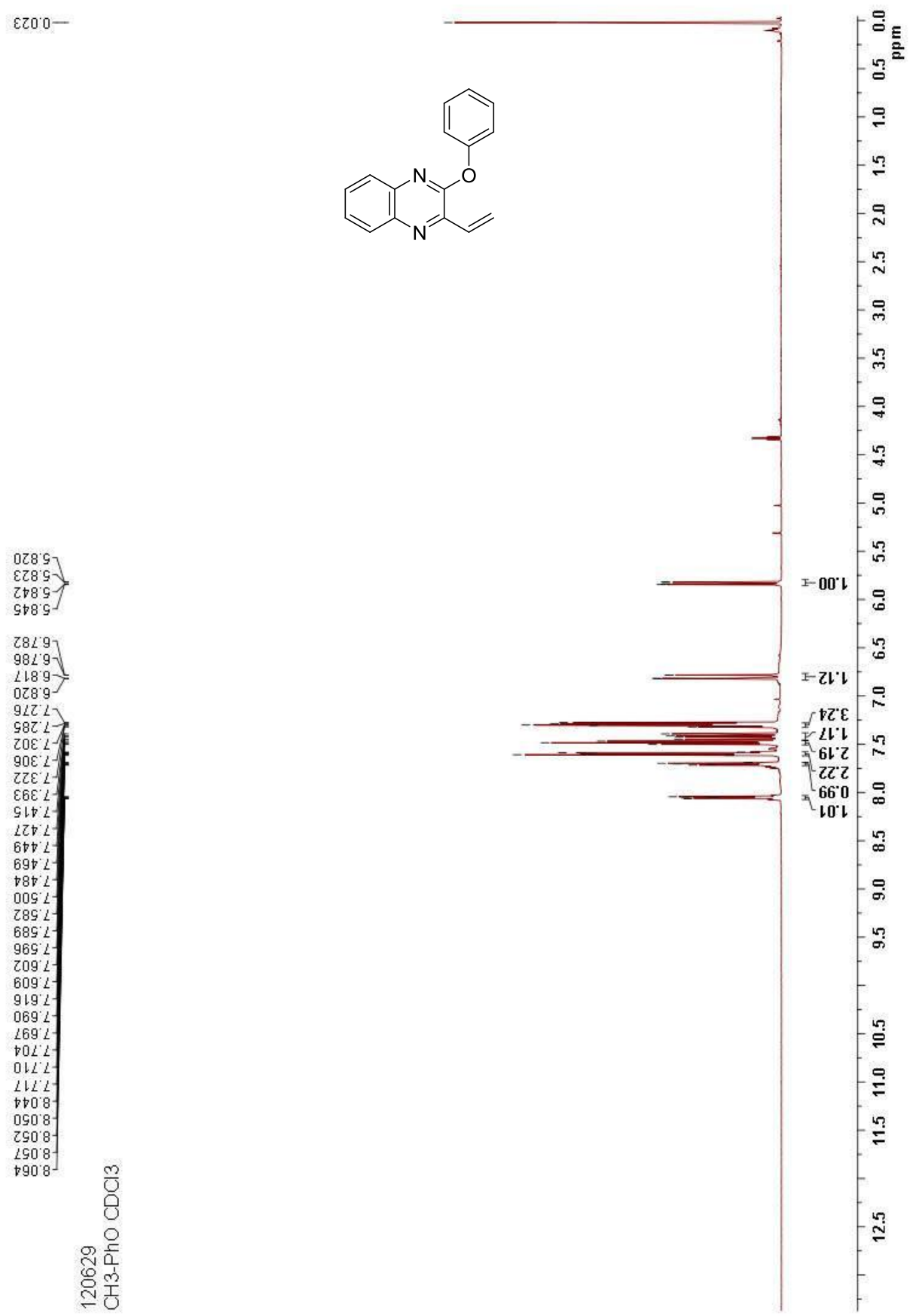


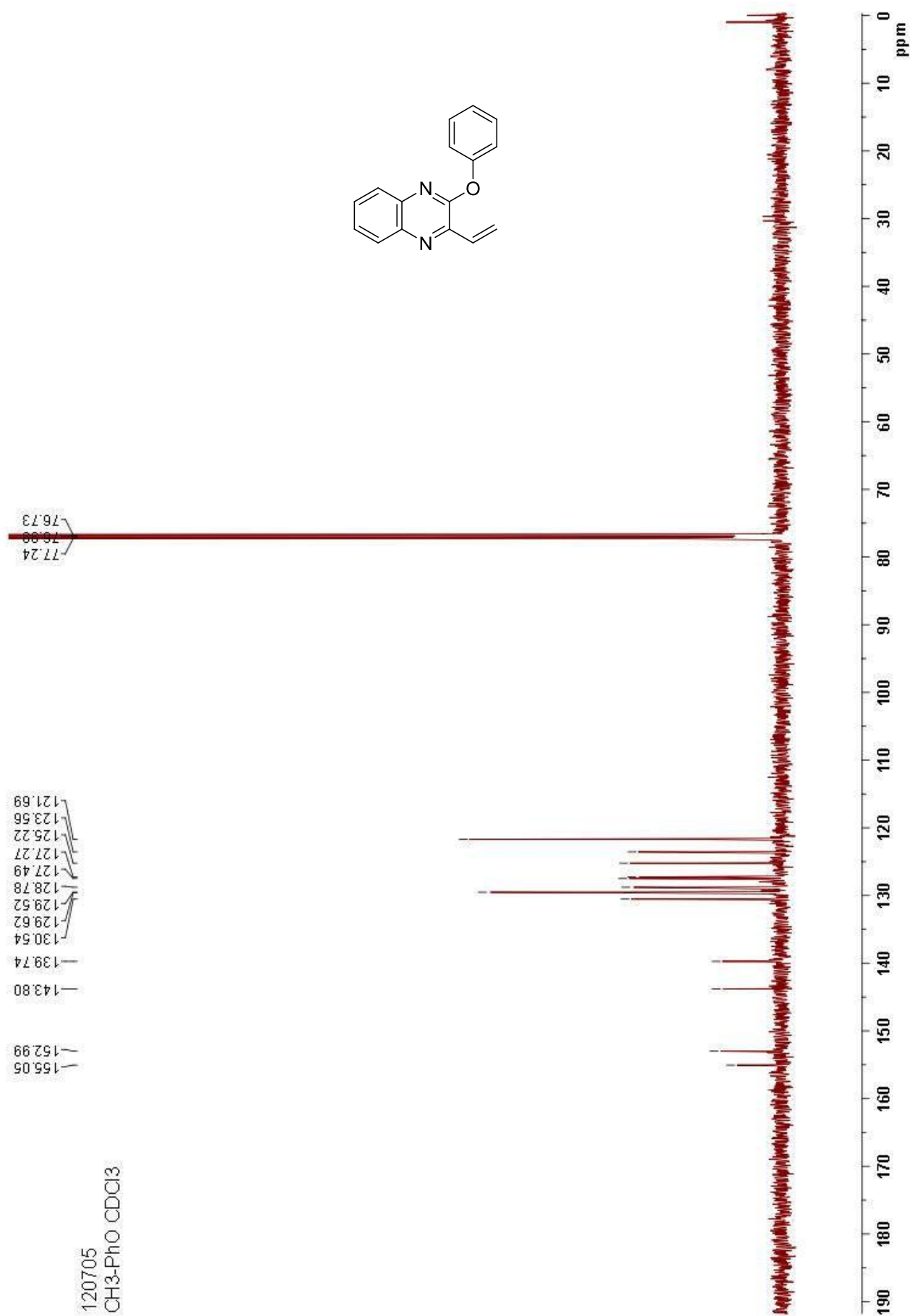


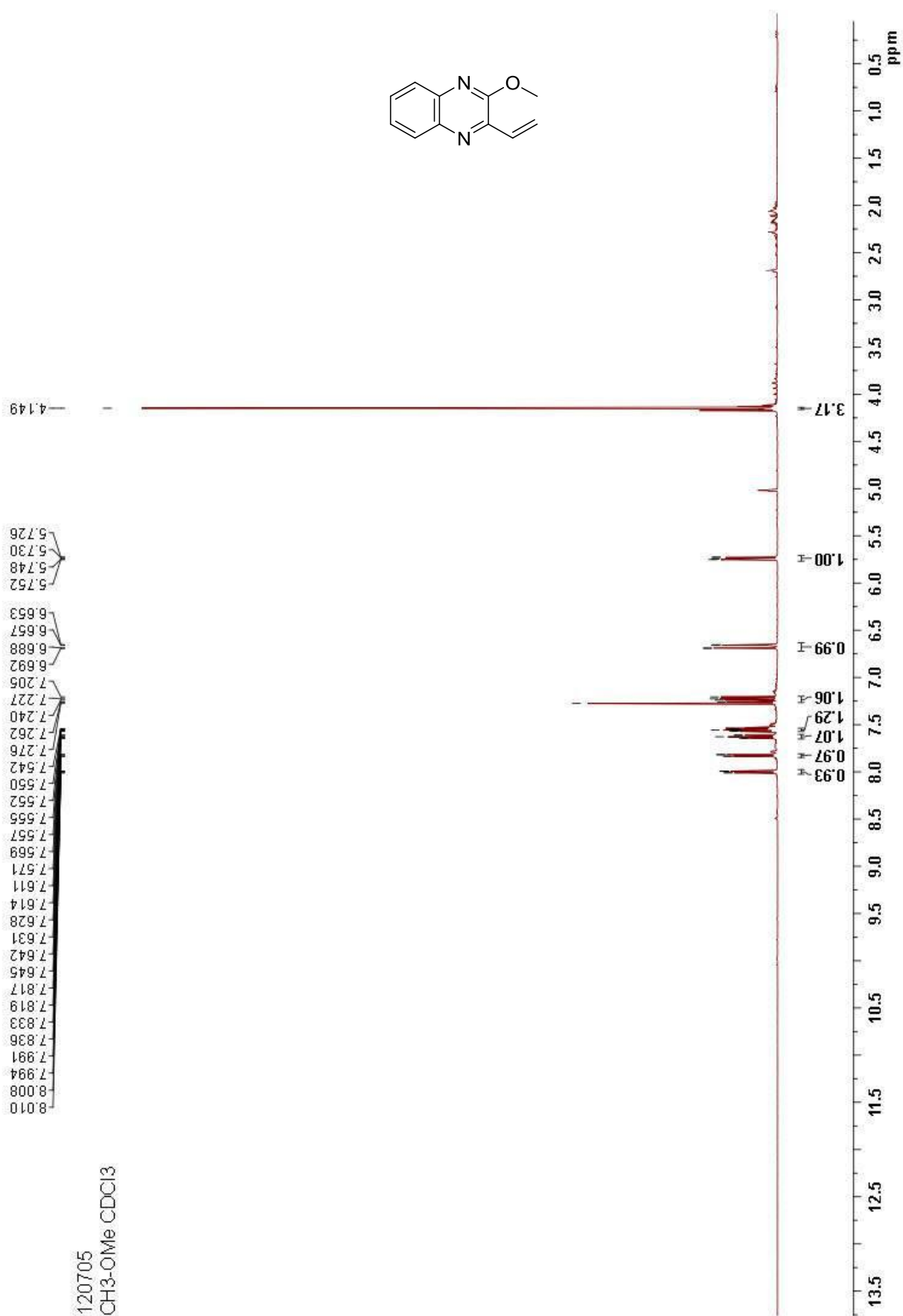


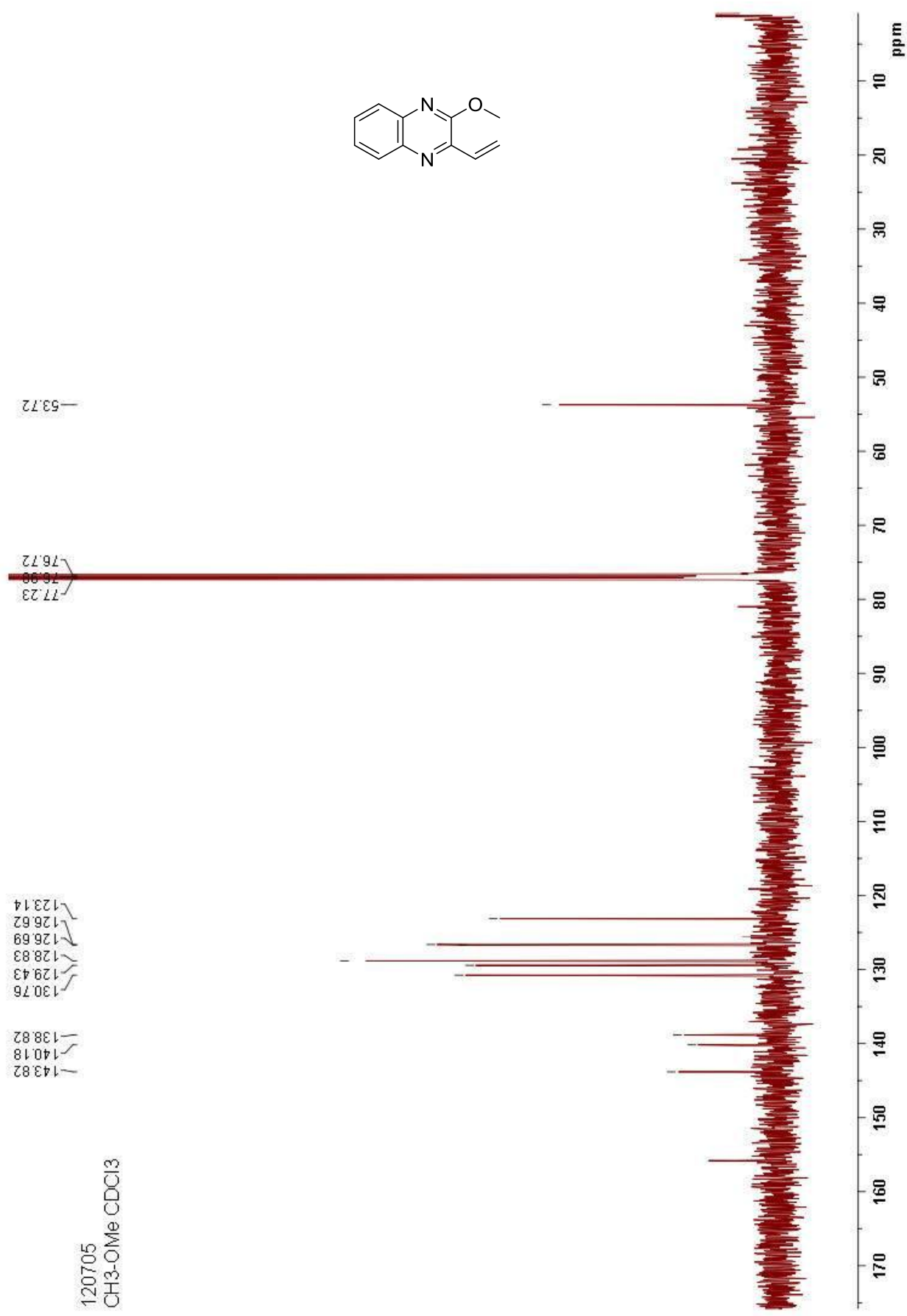


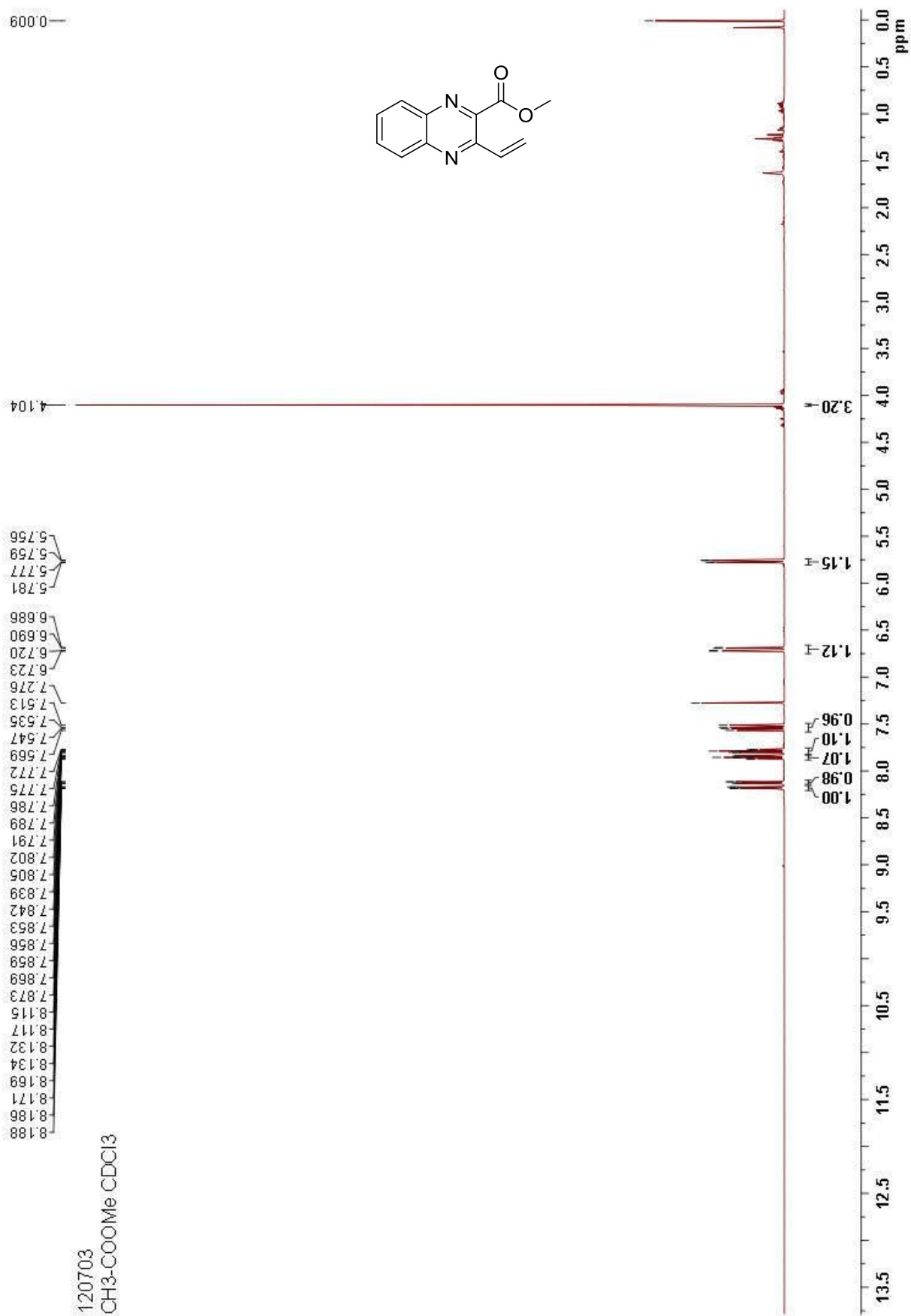




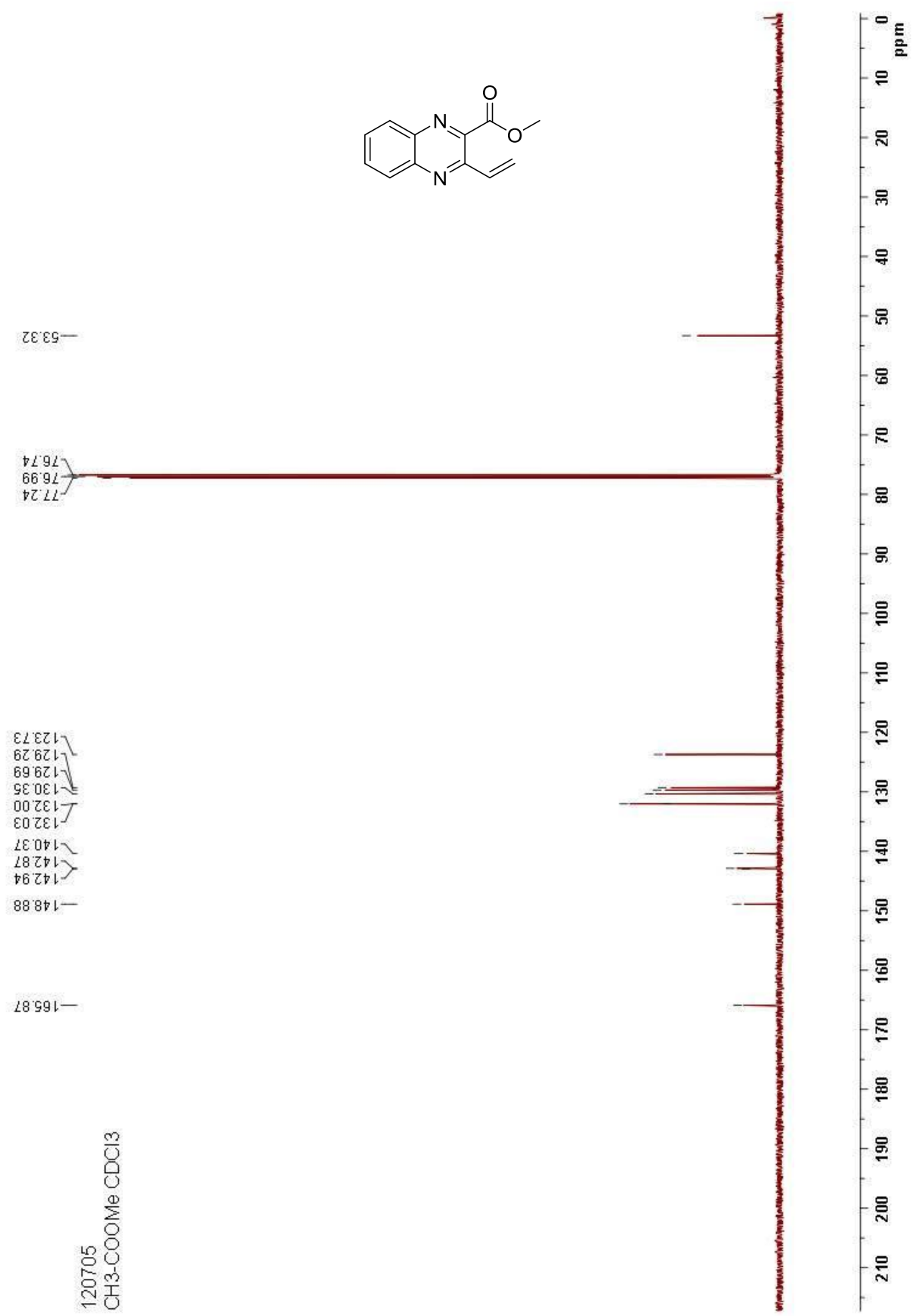








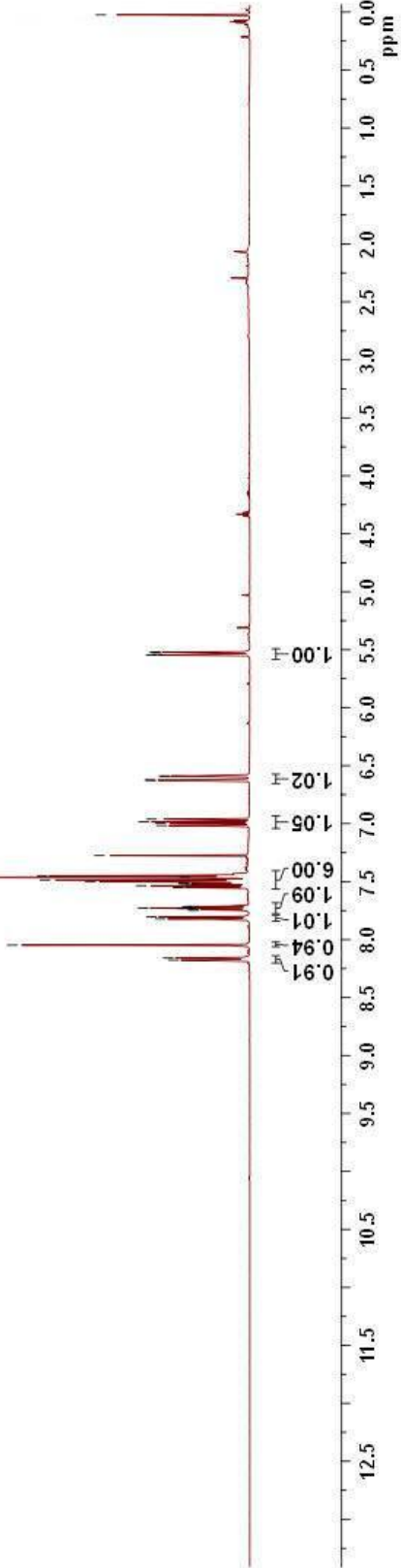
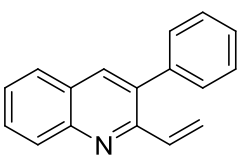


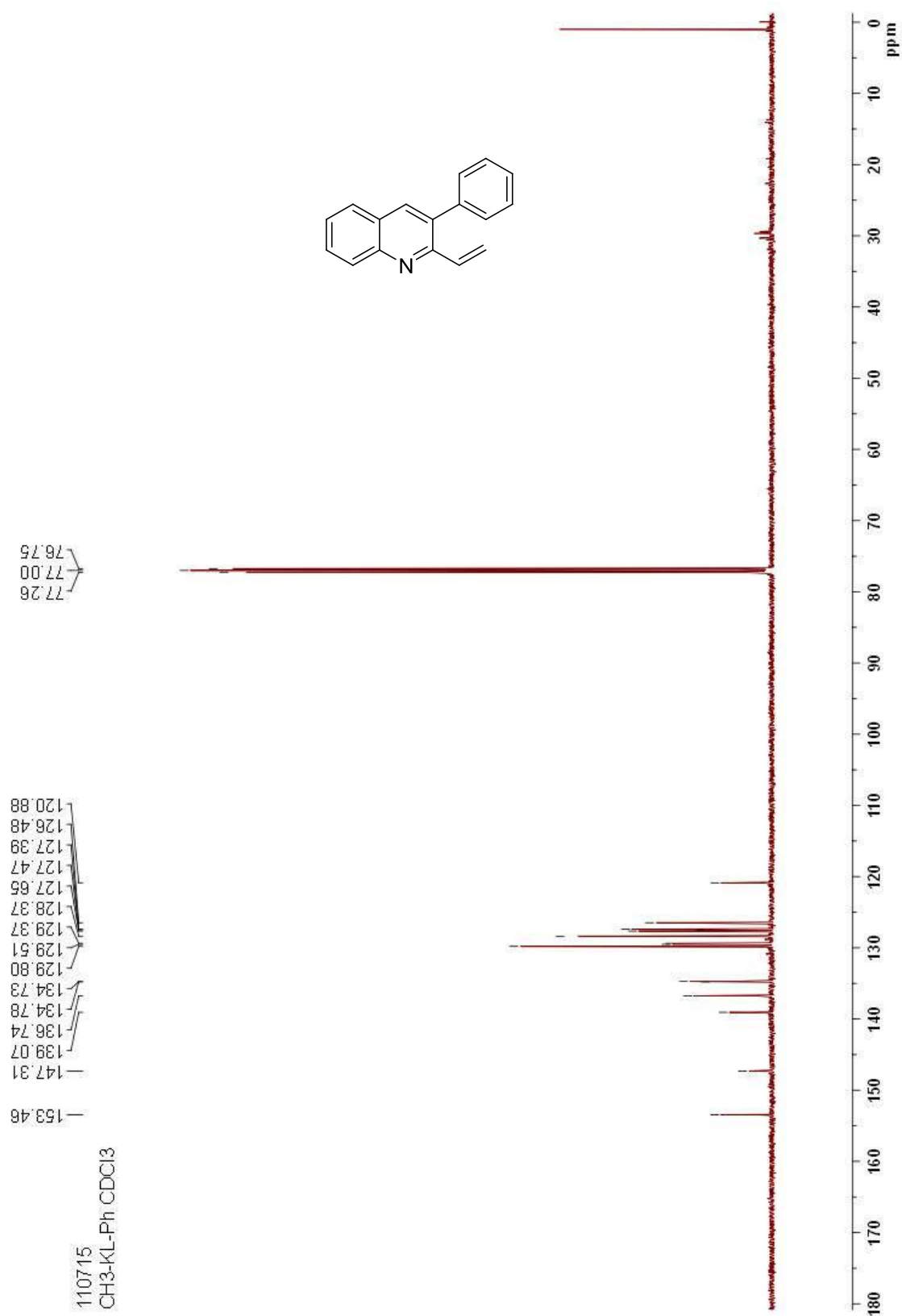


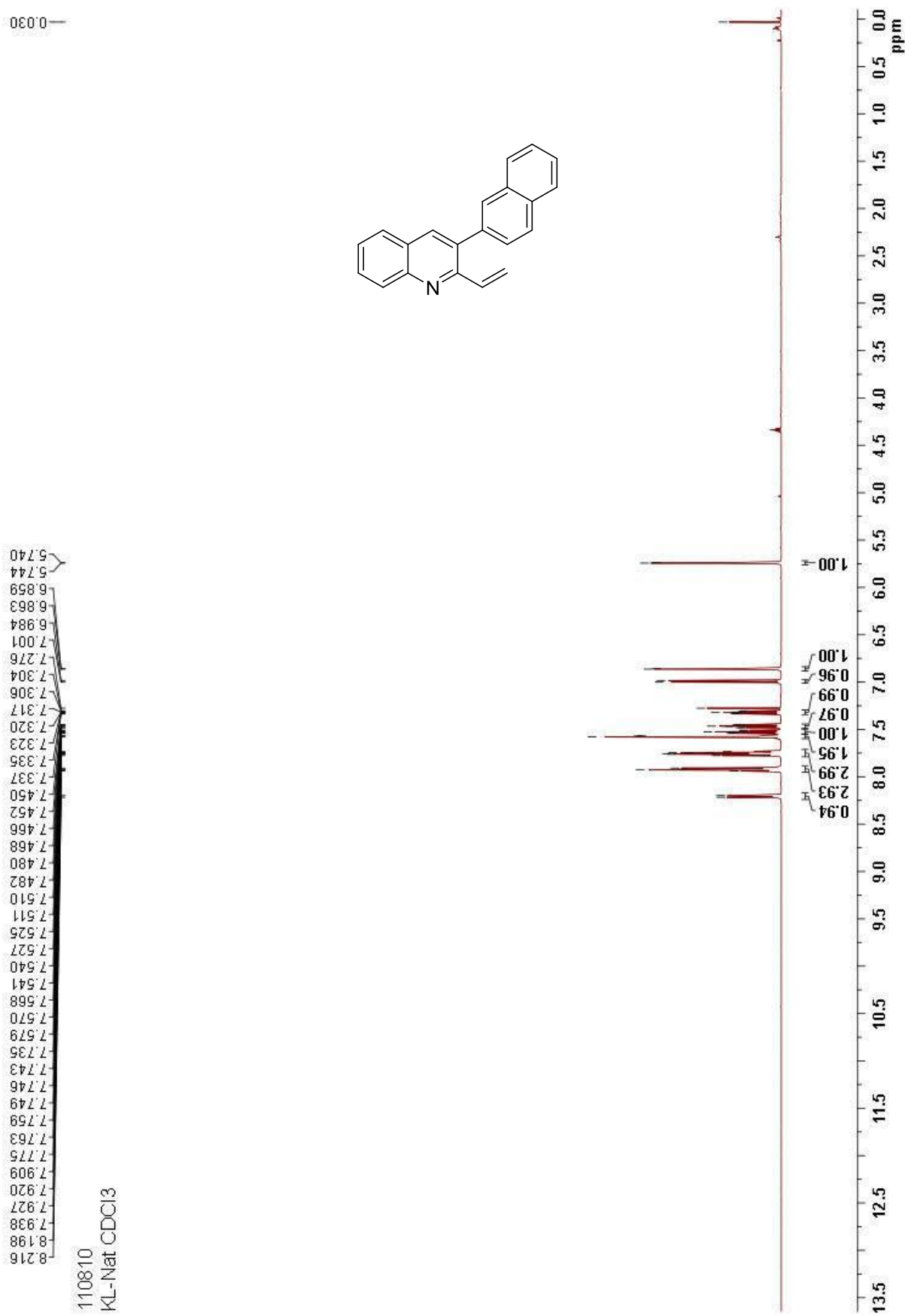
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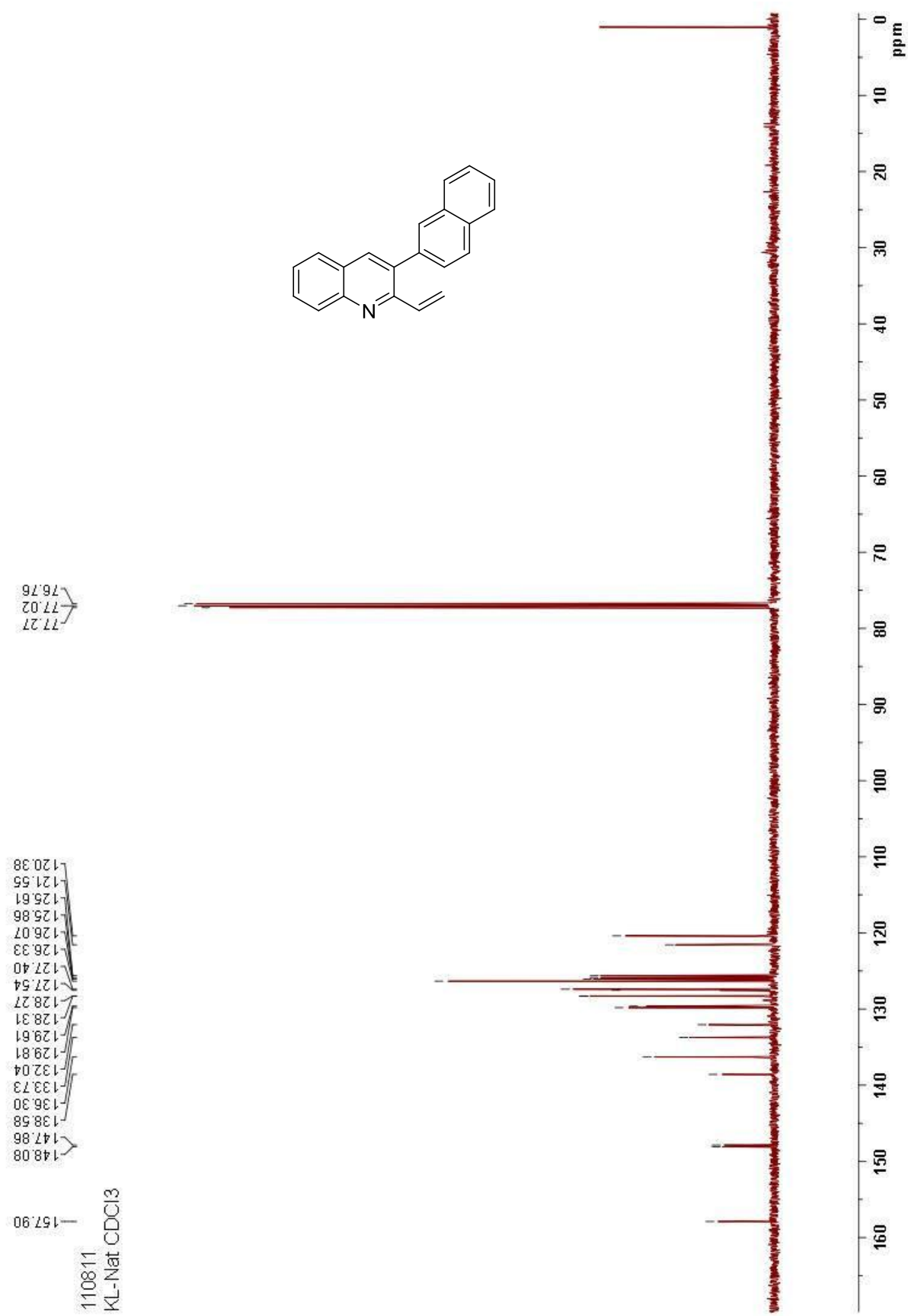
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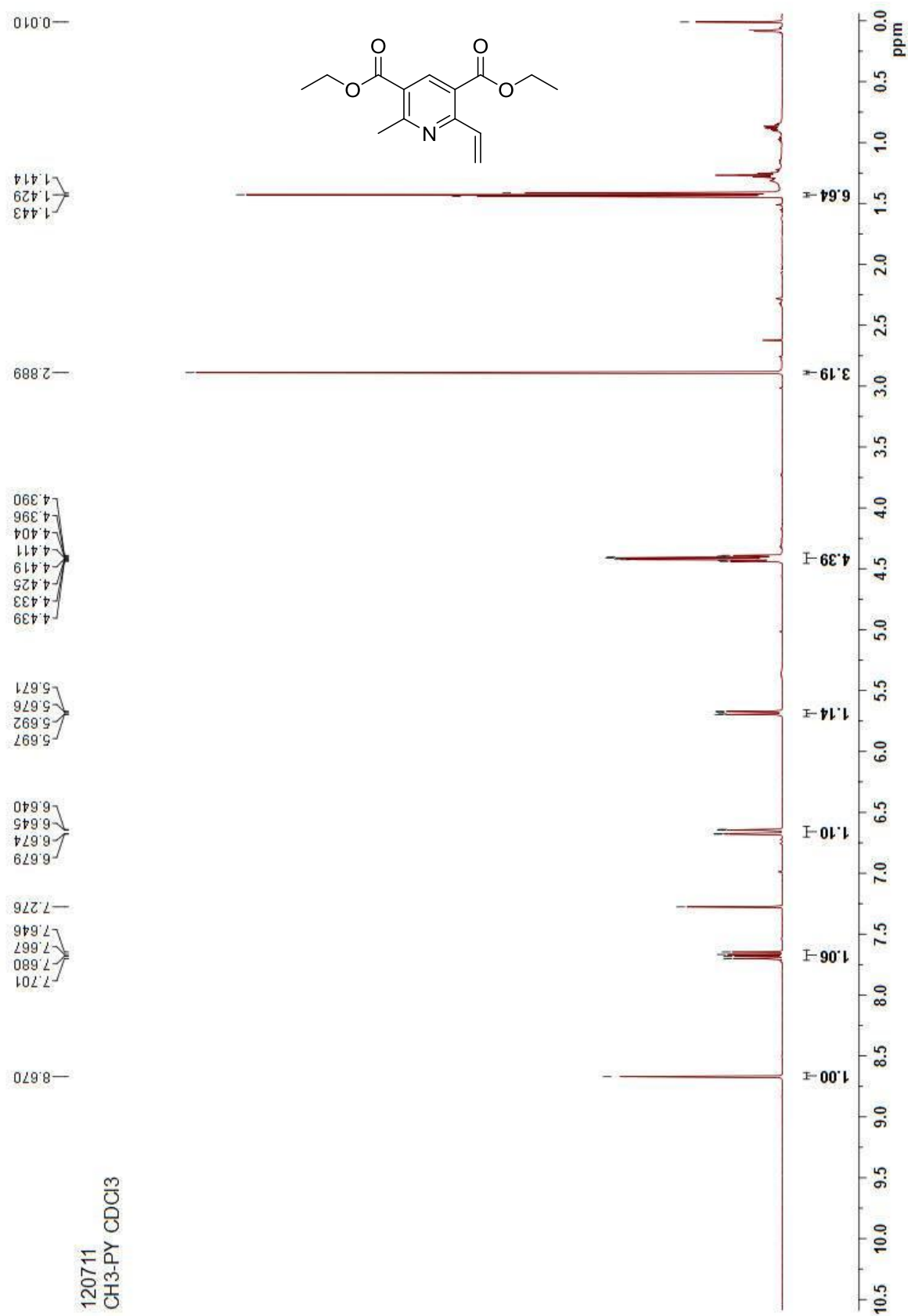
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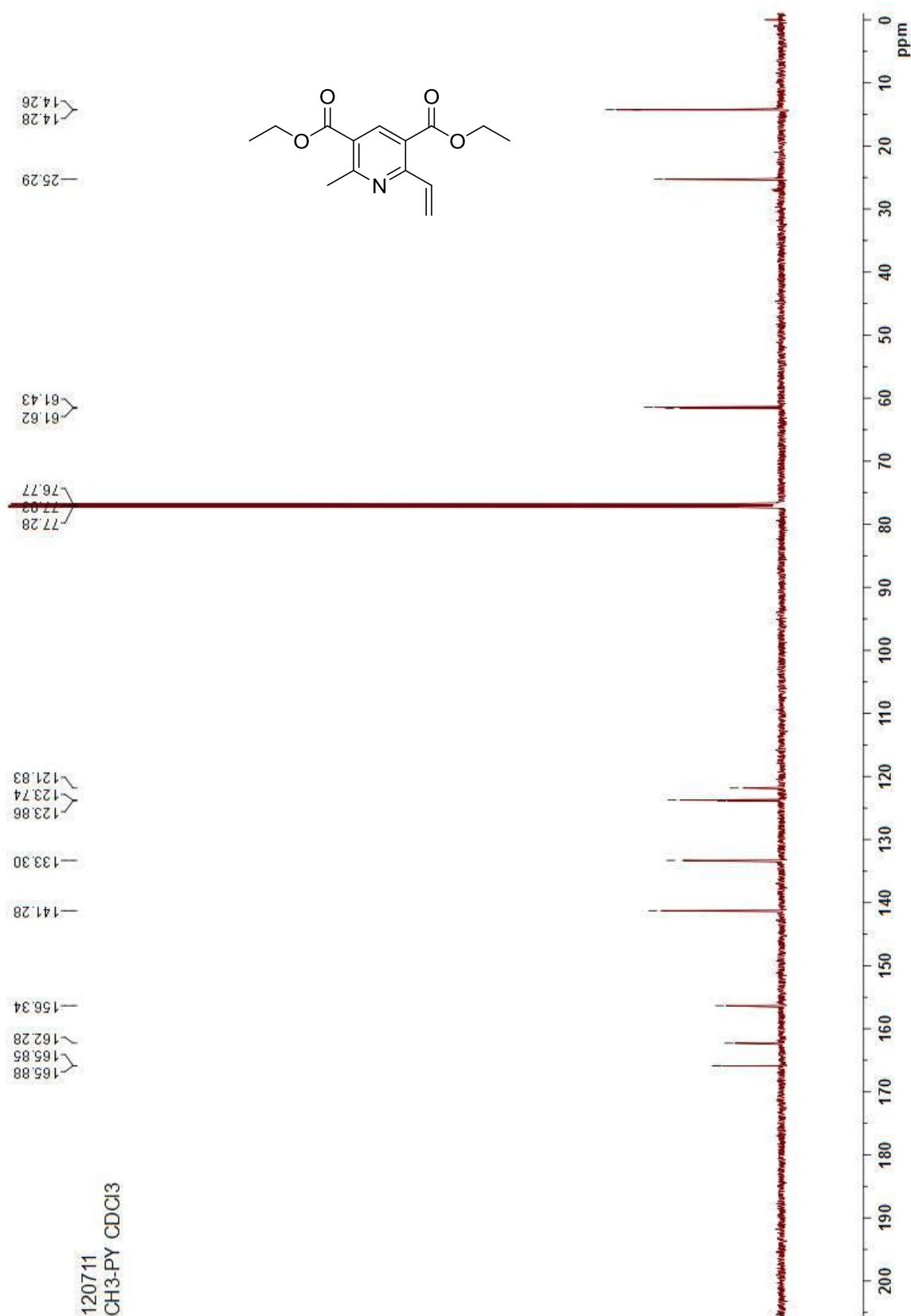


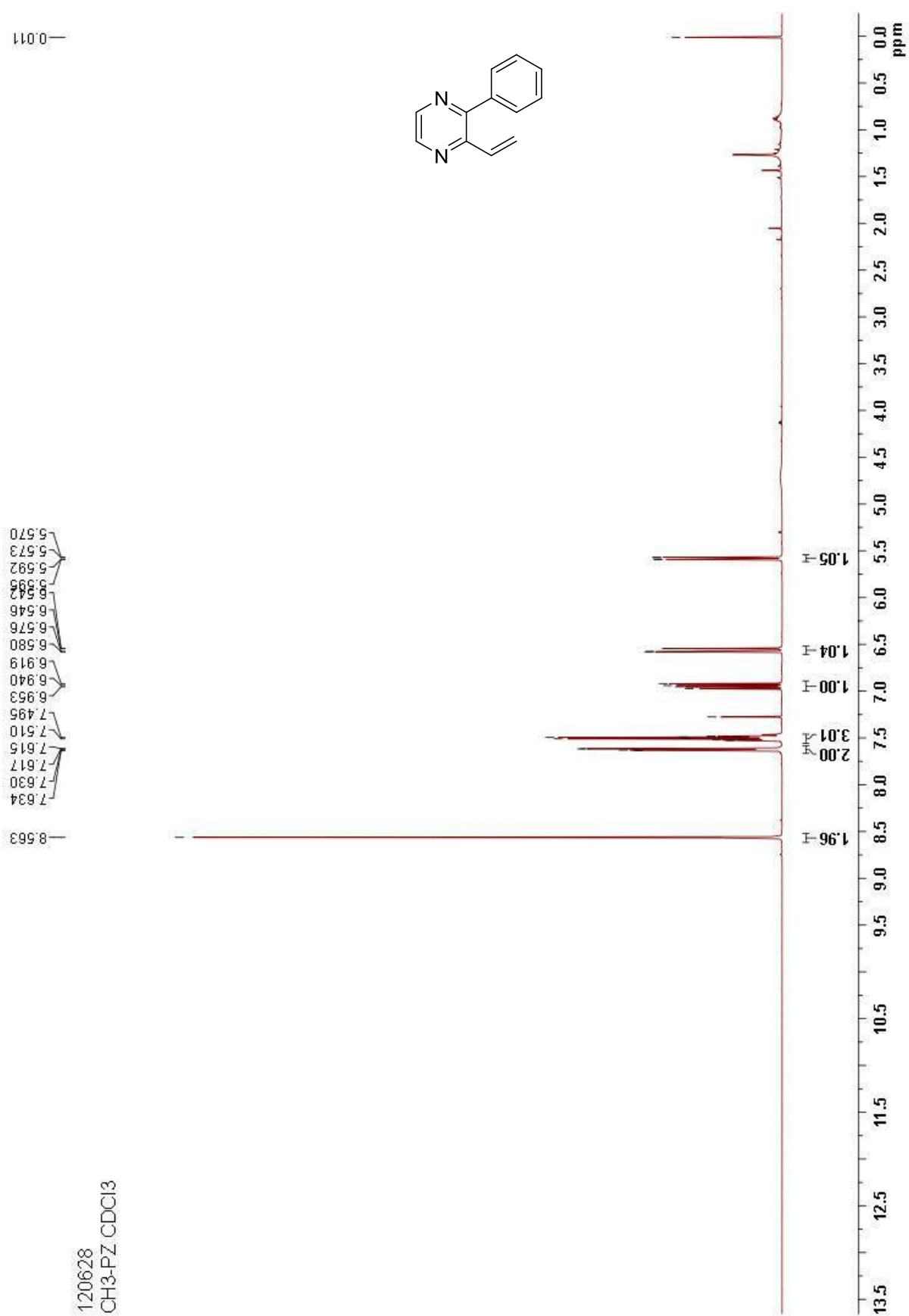




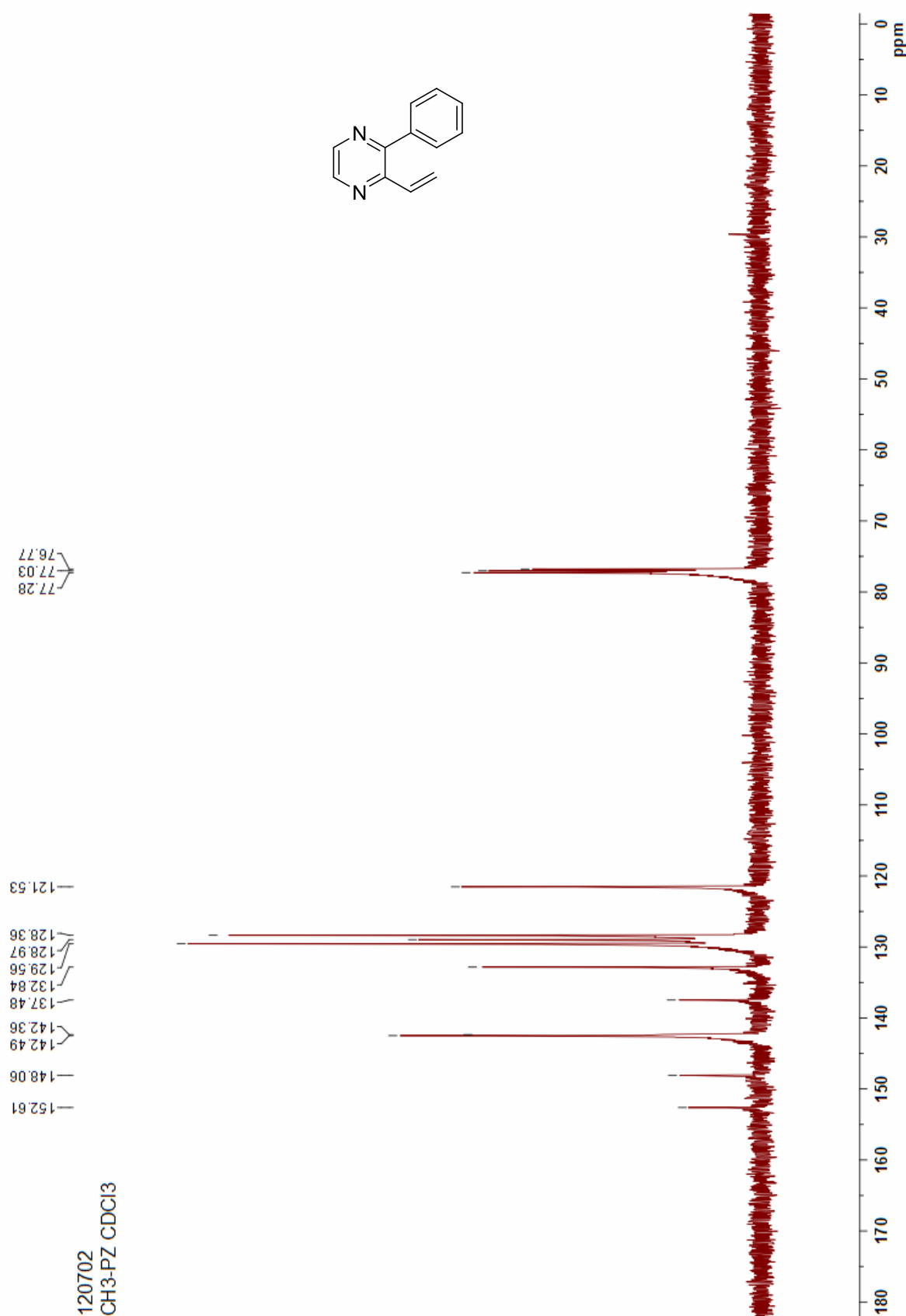


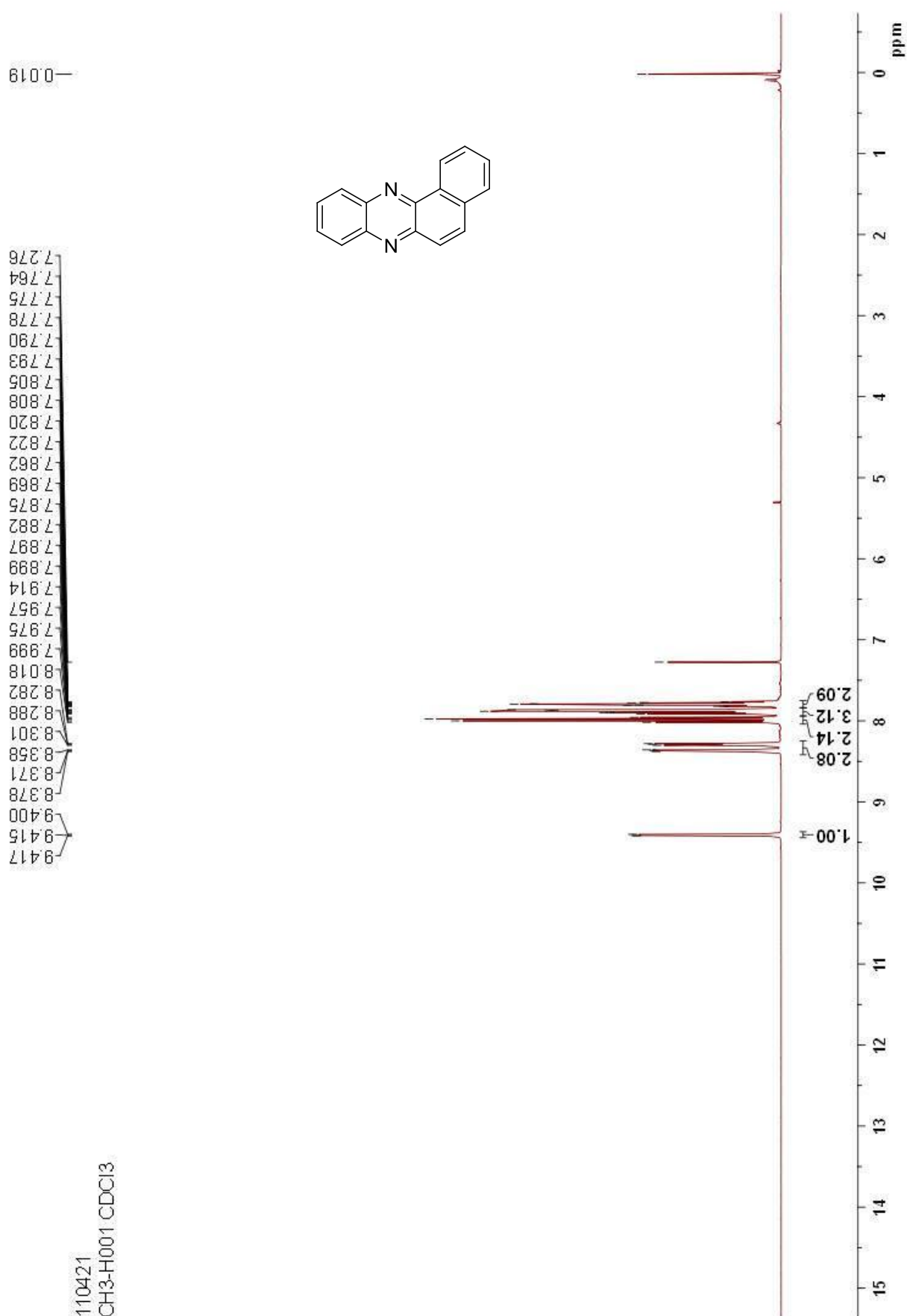


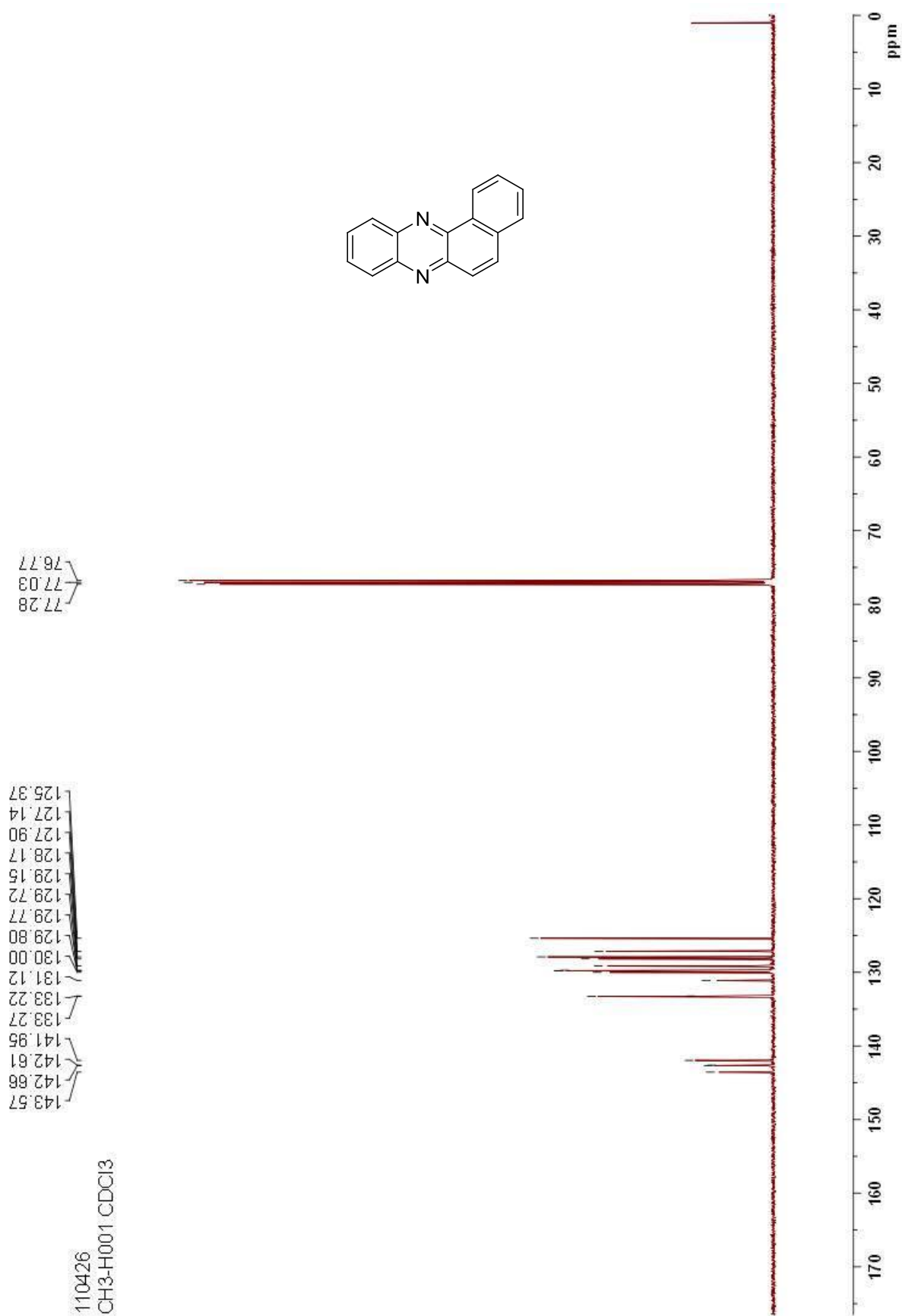


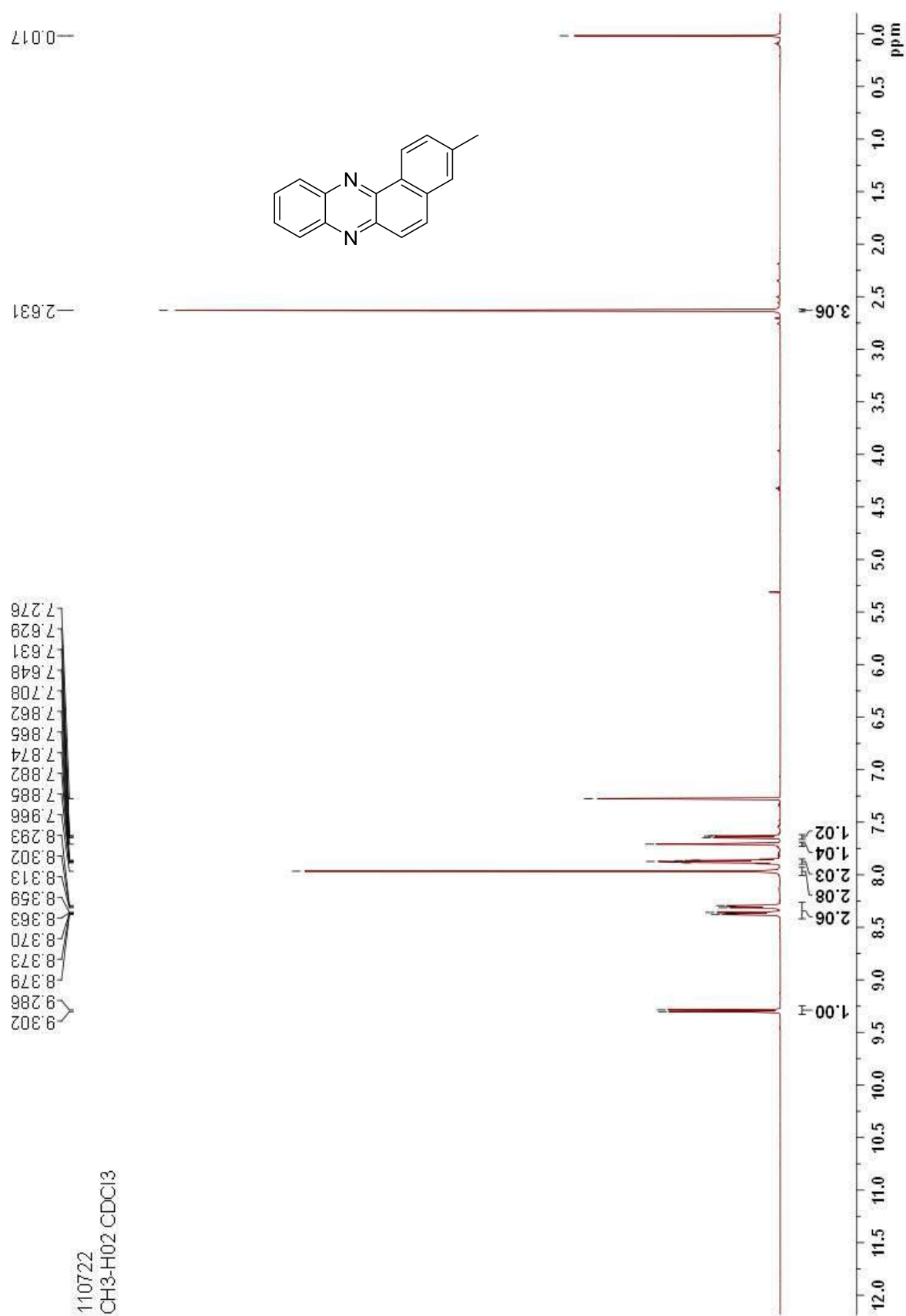


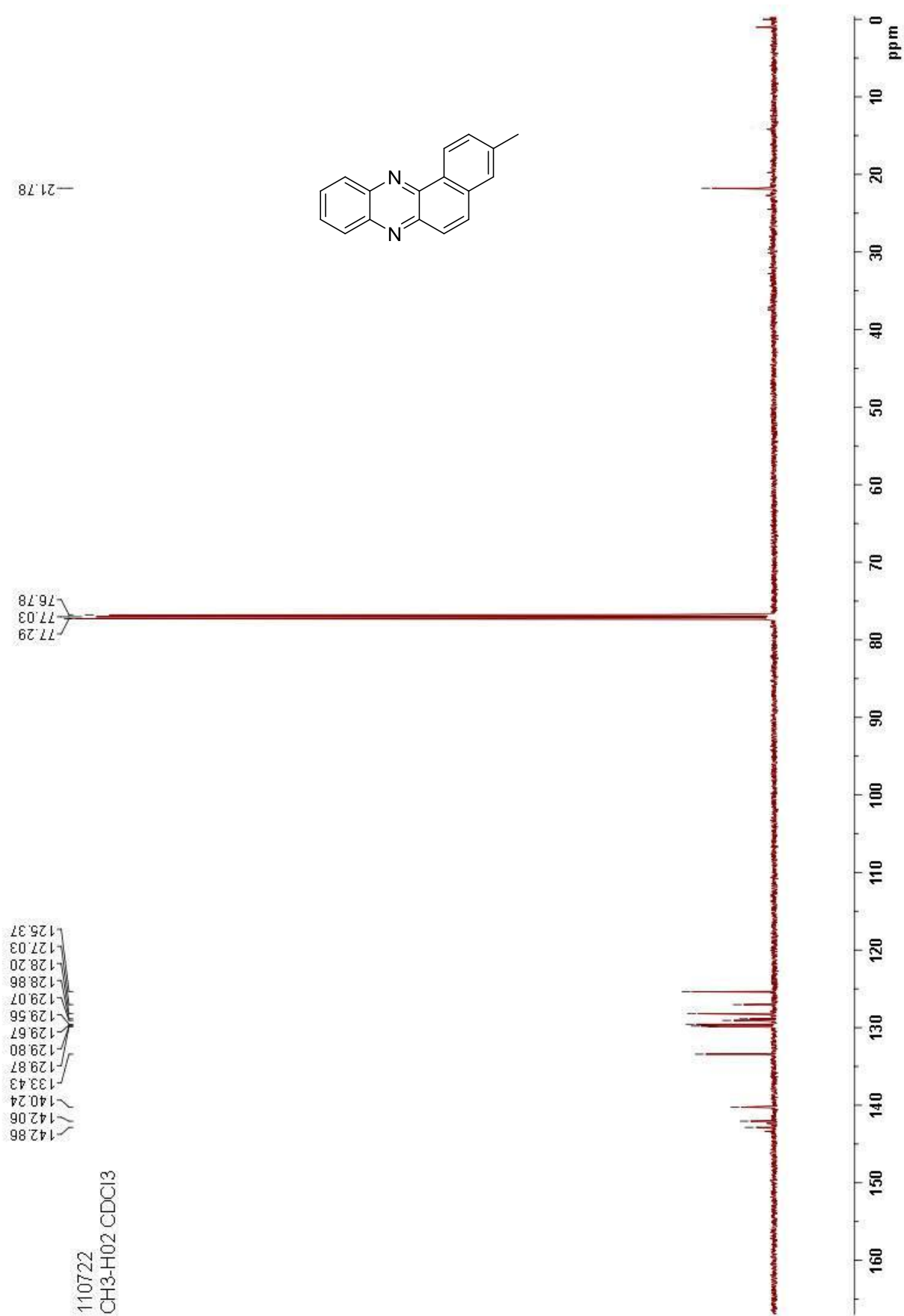


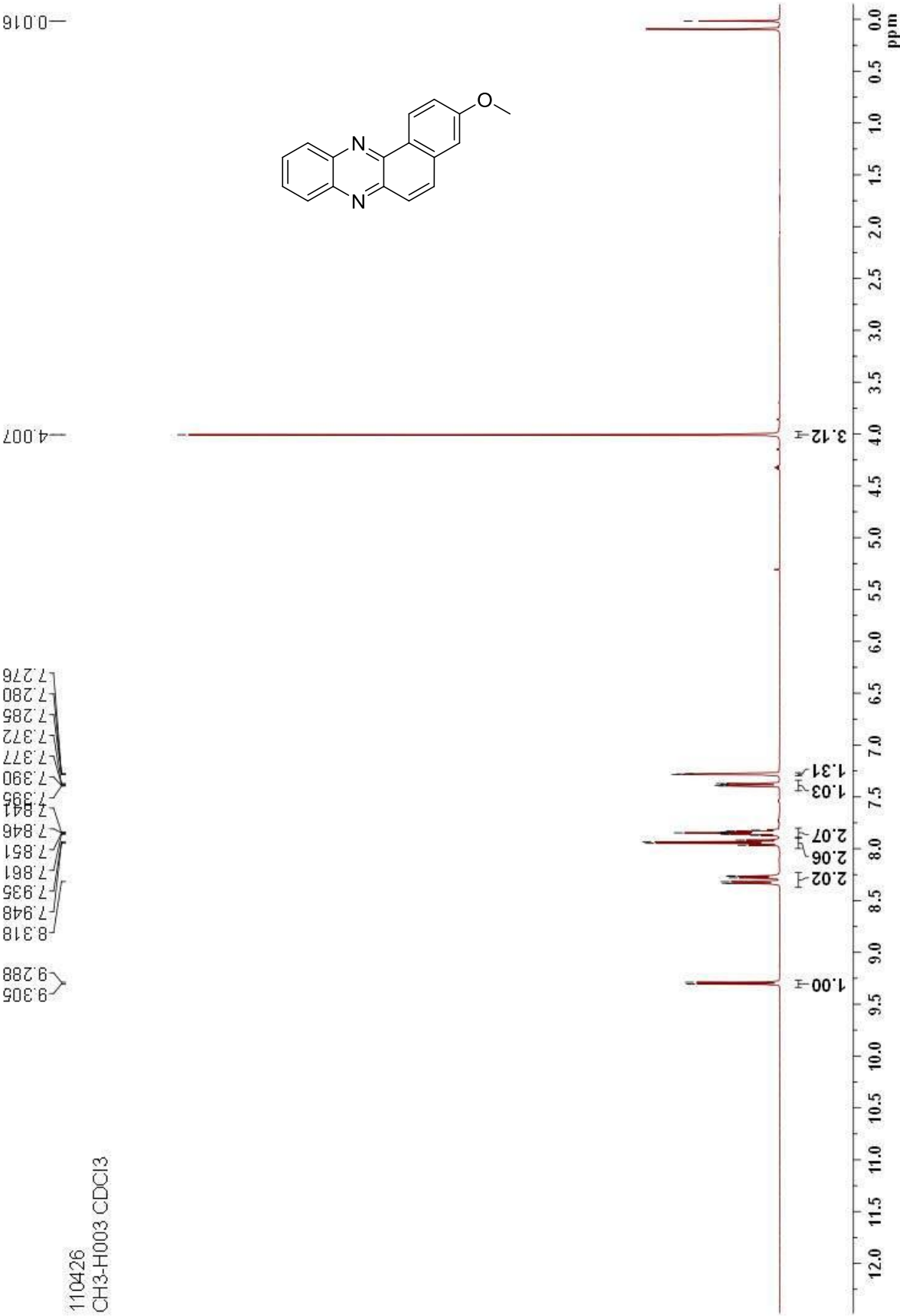




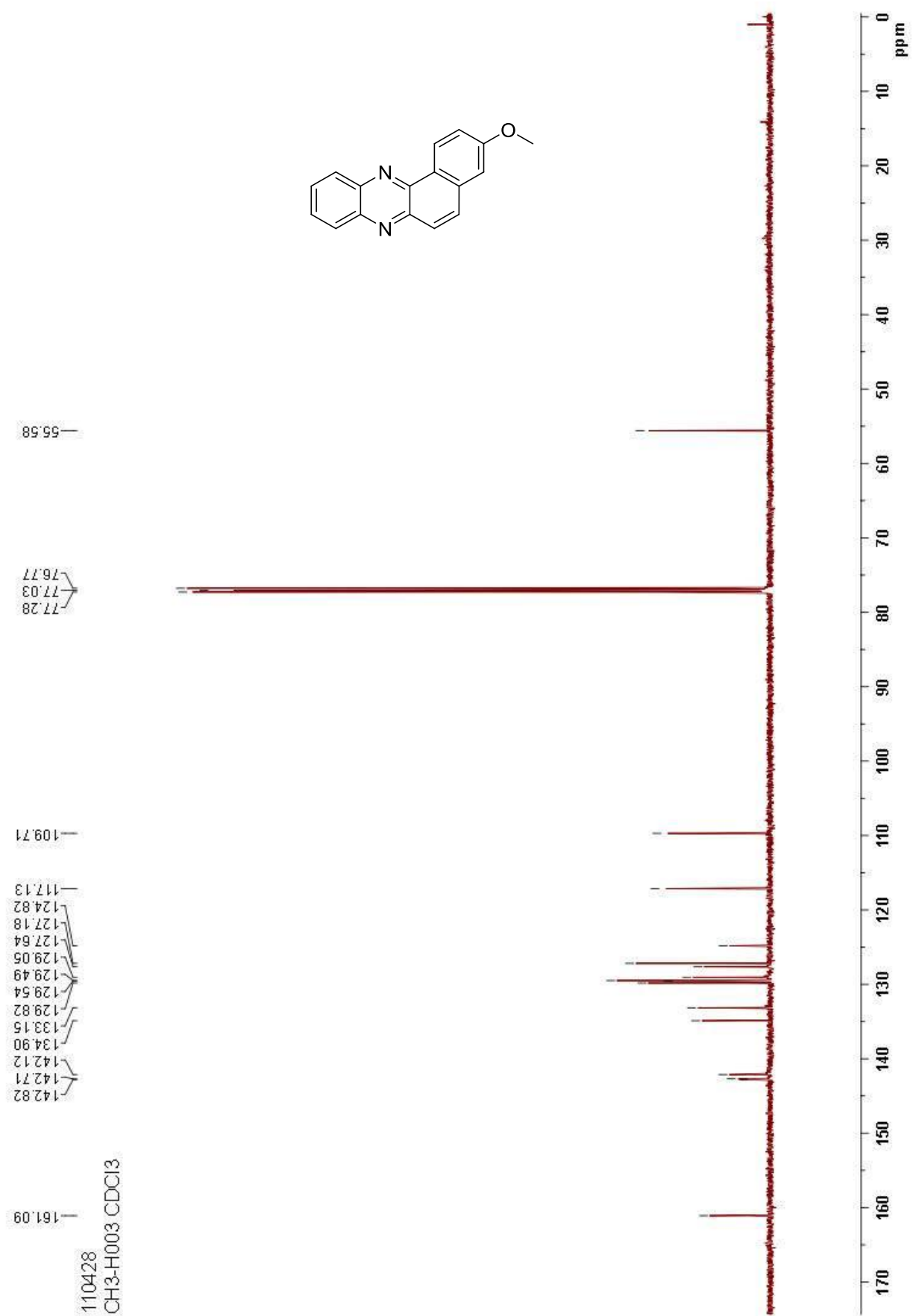


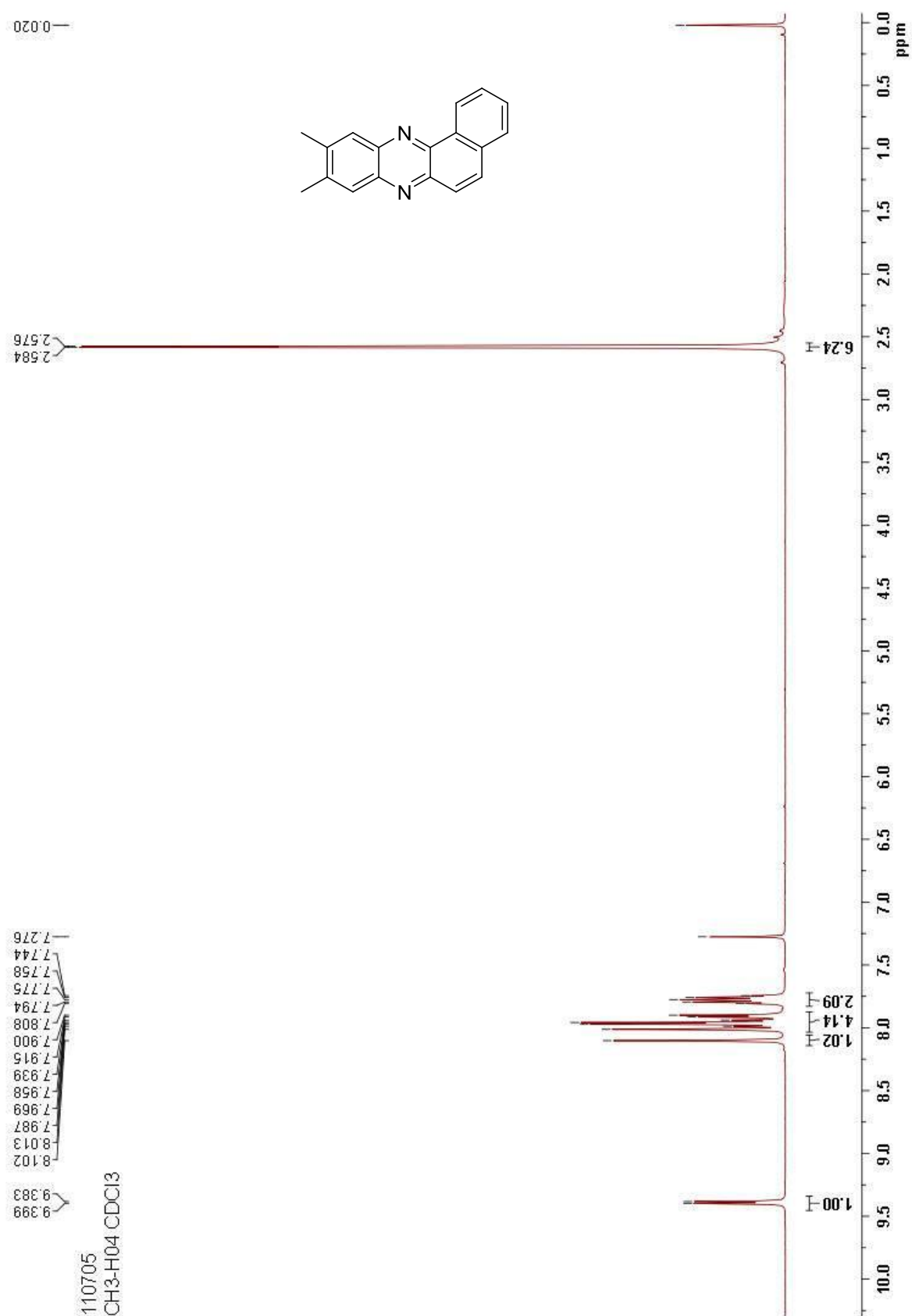




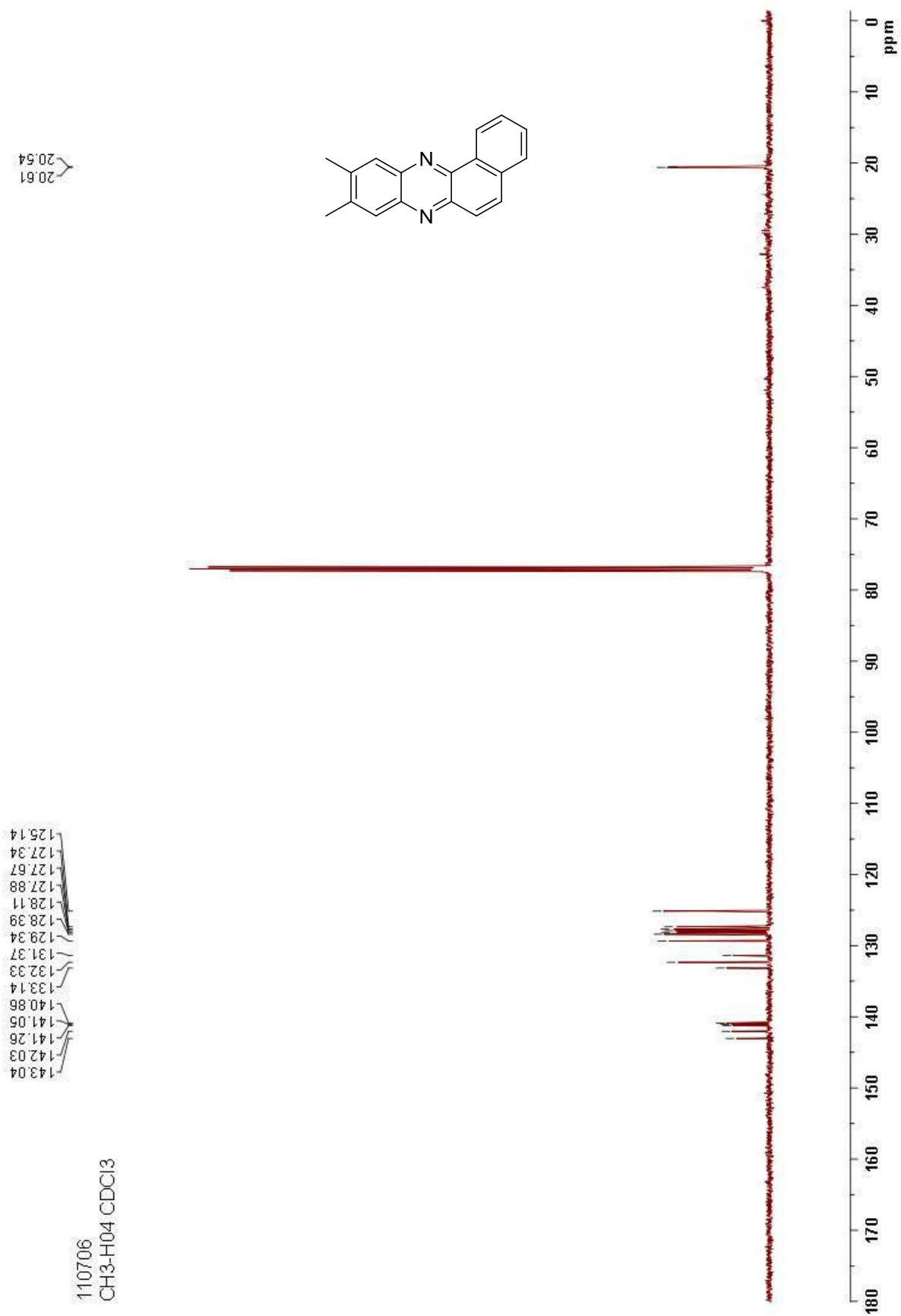


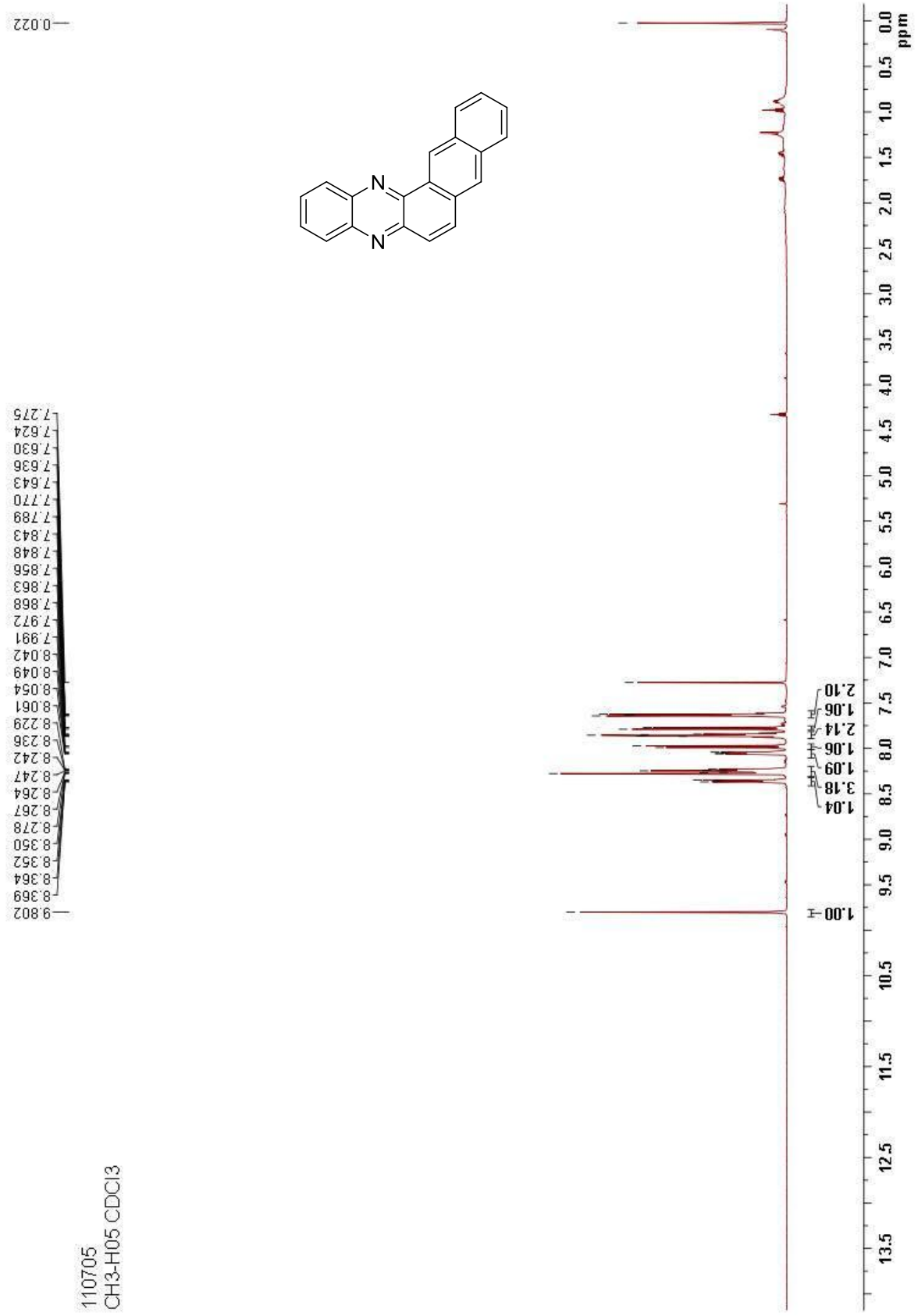
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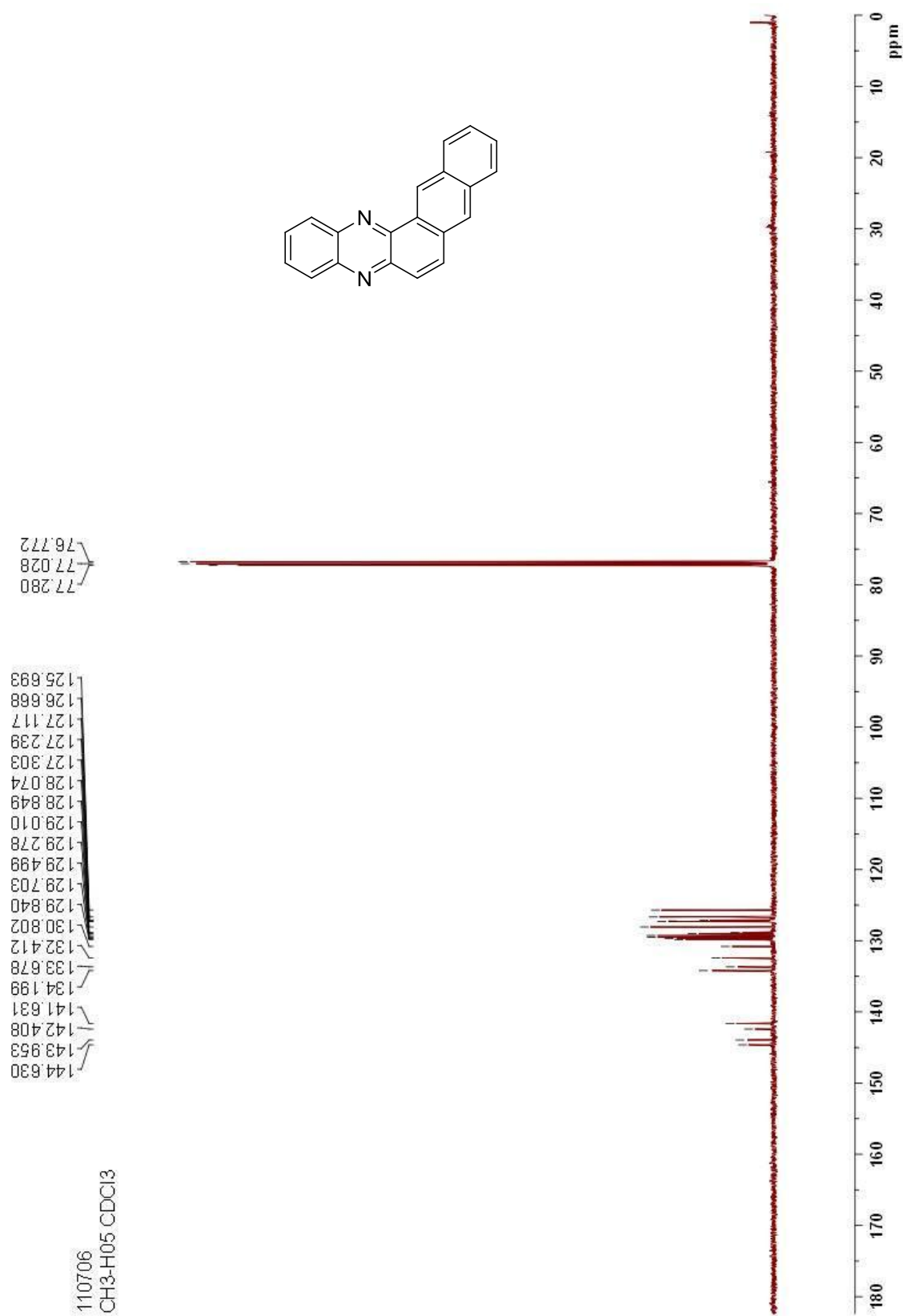


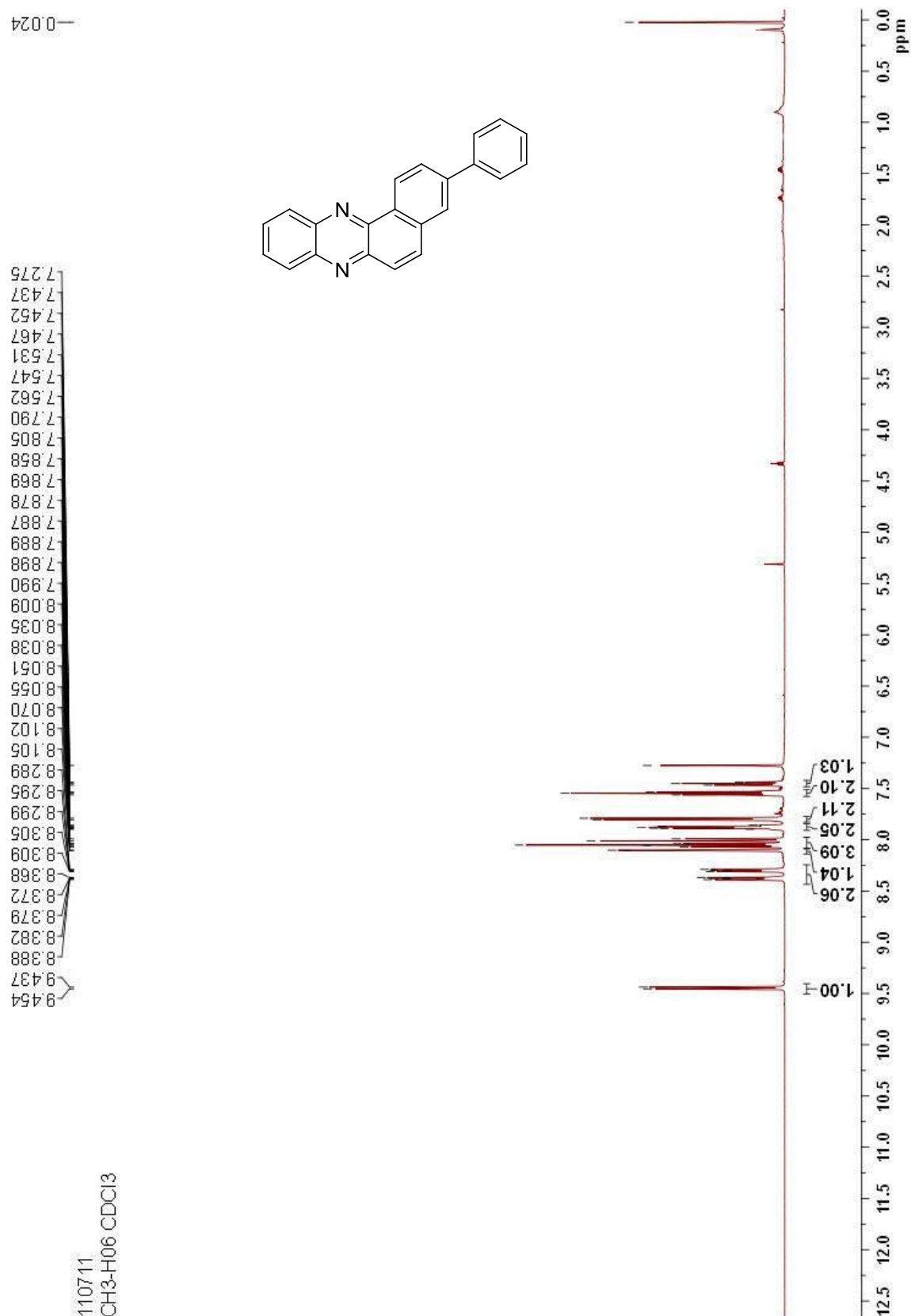


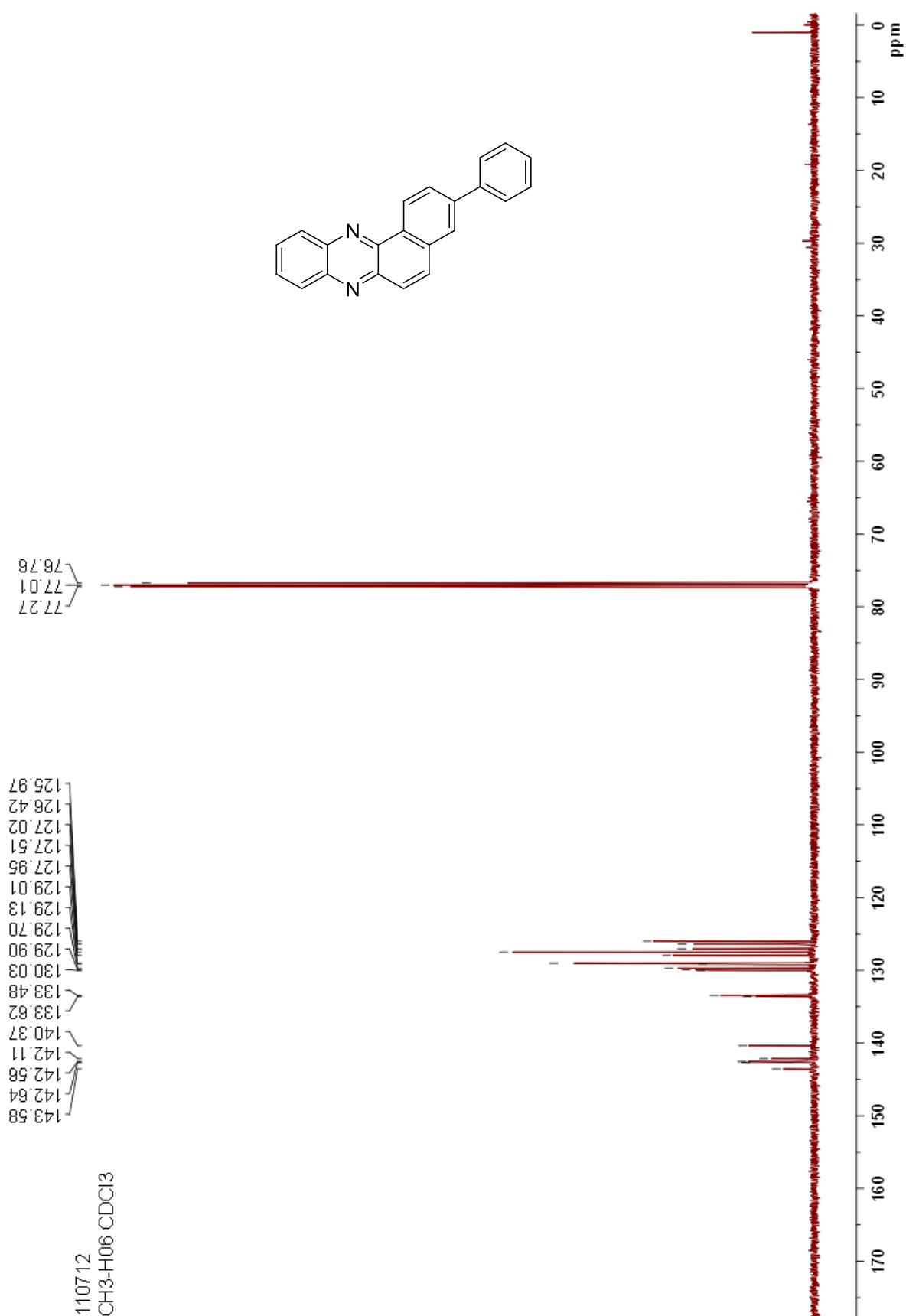


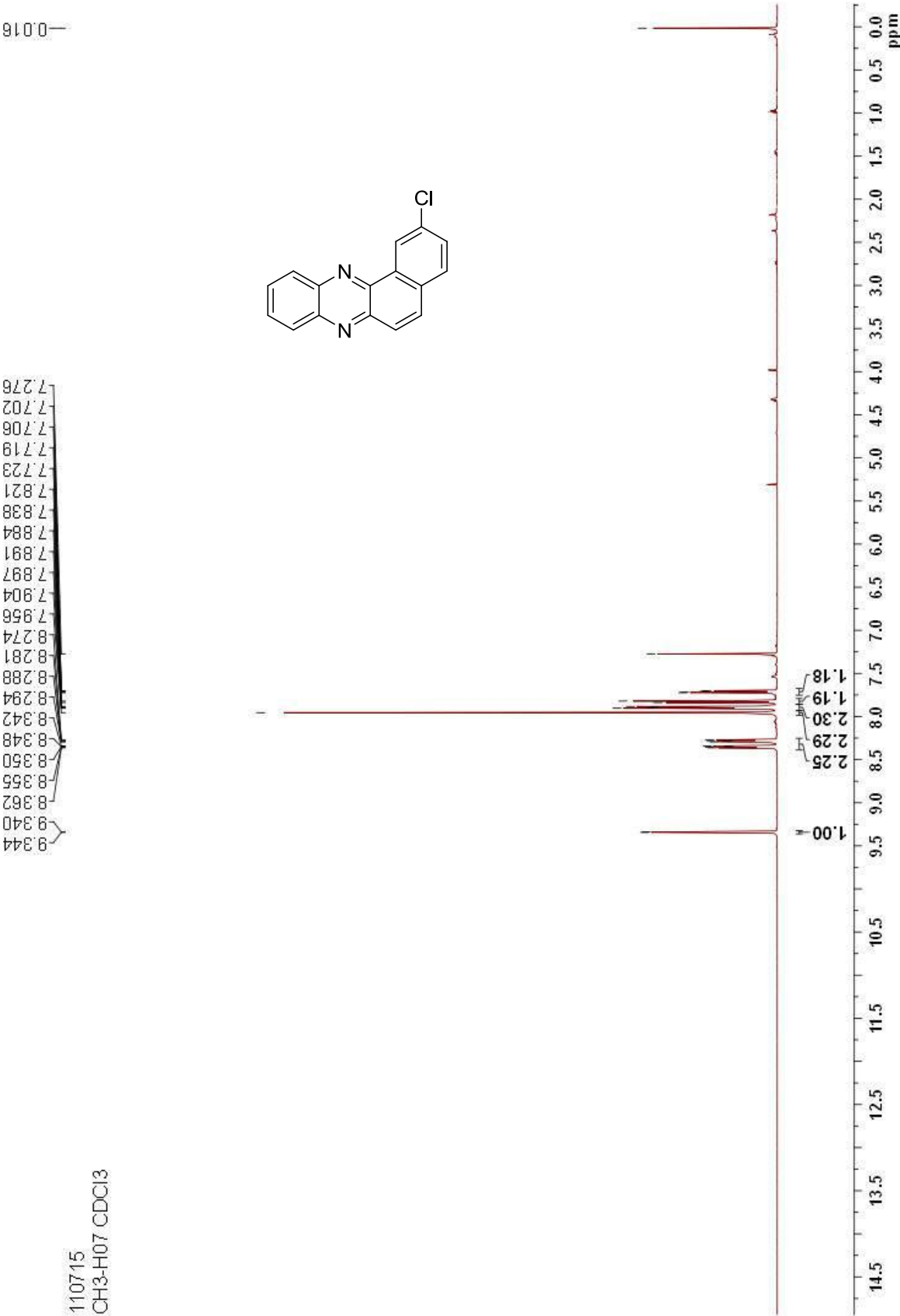


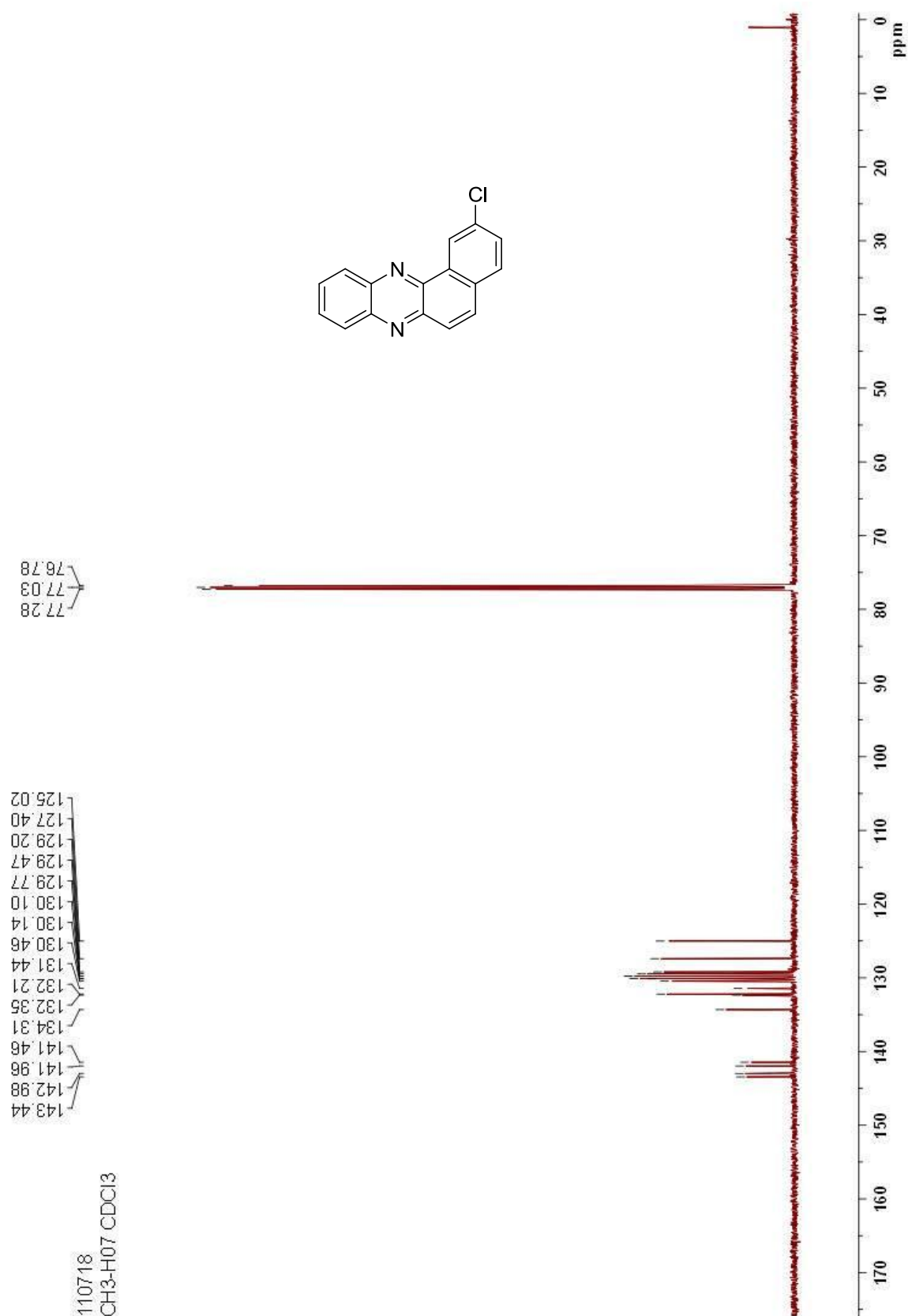












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