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Synthesis of Isoquinolines via Visible Light-Promoted Insertion of Vinyl Isocyanides with Diaryliodonium Salts

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1. General methods.

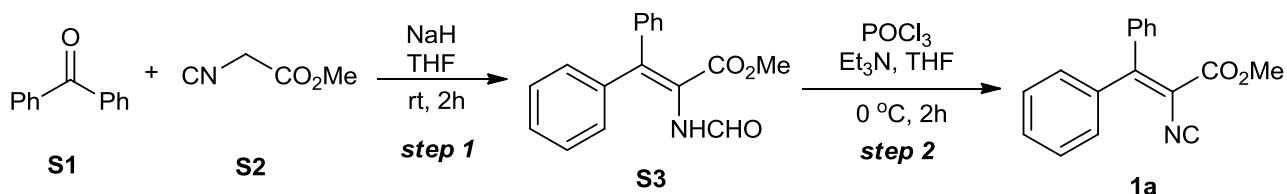
MeOH and THF were dried according to *Purification of Common Laboratory Chemicals*. Other reagents were used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on EMD precoated plates (silica gel 60 F254, Art 5715) and visualized by fluorescence quenching under UV light and by staining with phosphomolybdic acid or potassium permanganate, respectively. Column chromatography was performed on EMD Silica Gel 60 (300–400 Mesh) using a forced flow of 0.5–1.0 bar. ¹H NMR (400 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100MHz) and ¹⁹F (376MHz) were measured on a Bruker AVANCE III–400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm) with respect to the residual solvent peak. Coupling constants are reported as Hertz (Hz), signal shapes and splitting patterns are indicated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 6700 spectrophotometer and are reported as wavenumber (cm⁻¹). Diaryliodonium salts **2a-2n** were prepared according to published literature procedures.^{1,2}

¹ M. Bielawski, D. Aili and B. Olofsson, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2008, **73**, 4602.

² M. Bielawski, M. Zhu and B. Olofsson, *Adv. Synth. Catal.*, 2007, **349**, 2610.

2. Synthesis of vinyl isocyanides 1a-1z.

Methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** was prepared according to the previously reported procedures:³



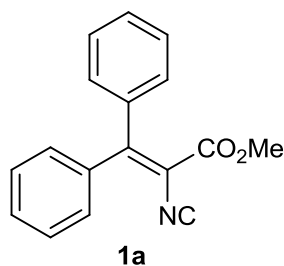
Step 1: A mixture of benzophenone (**S1**, 1.82 g, 10.0 mmol) and methyl isocyanoacetate (**S2**, 0.99 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise to a suspension of NaH (60% in oil) (0.48 g, 12.0 mmol) in THF (10.0 ml) at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h at room temperature, 10% AcOH was added to the mixture at 0 °C until there is no hydrogen release. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times and the extract was washed with H₂O, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Further recrystallization in MeOH afforded the product **S3** (2.0 g, 72%) as a white solid.

Step 2: THF (10.0 mL), NEt₃ (5.6 mL, 40 mmol) and **S3** (1.41 g, 5.0 mmol) were added to an oven-dried three necked flask under N₂ atmosphere and cooled to 0 °C. POCl₃ (0.93 mL, 10.0 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C after the addition was completed. Then the mixture was quenched by sat. Na₂CO₃ and stirred for another 1 h. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1) to give **1a** (0.93 g, 92%) as a white solid.

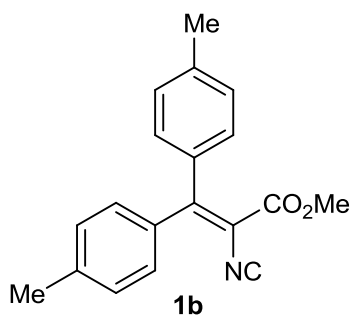
1b-1d were prepared according to procedures described for **1a**. **1w**, **1y** were also prepared with this method from 2-isocyano-1-(piperidin-1-yl)ethanone and N-benzyl-2-isocyanoacetamide.⁴

³ M. Suzuki, K.-I. Nunami, K. Matsumoto, N. Yoneda, O. Kasuga, H. Yoshida and T. Yamaguchi, *Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, 1980, **28**, 2374.

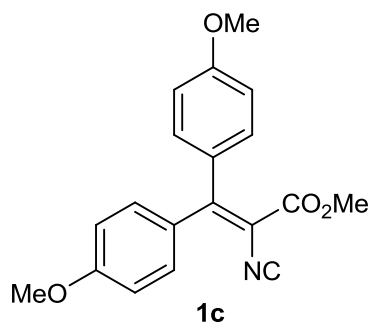
⁴ B. Beck, G. Larbig, B. Mejat, M. Magnin-Lachaux, A. Picard, E. Herdtweck and Dömling, A. *Org. Lett.*, 2003, **5**, 1047.



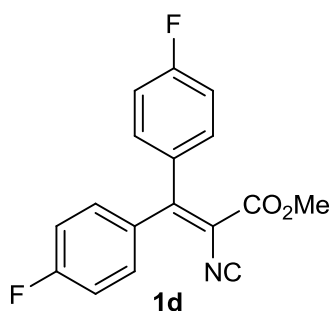
Methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate (1a): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 104–106°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2113.7, 1732.9, 1568.9, 1444.3, 1245.7, 1183.9, 1110.1, 858.3, 785.3, 698.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 8H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.74, 162.24, 154.56, 137.76, 137.35, 130.28, 129.85, 129.56, 129.06, 128.42, 128.22, 113.75, 52.89. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄NO₂: 264.1025; found: 264.1016.



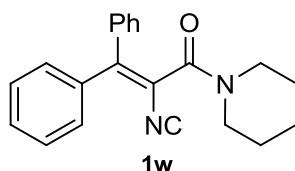
Methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-dip-tolylacrylate (1b): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 94–96°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2110.1, 1723.4, 1608.4, 1431.6, 1331.1, 1267.3, 1177.5, 1110.5, 817.2, 780.8, 739.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.36 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.10, 162.57, 155.10, 140.76, 139.87, 135.06, 134.73, 130.10, 129.29, 129.06, 128.90, 112.66, 52.81, 21.47, 21.43. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NO₂: 292.1338; found: 292.1328.



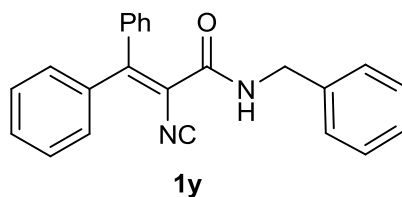
Methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (1c): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 2:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 20:1 to 5:1. m.p.: 96–98°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2110.5, 1722.2, 1602.0, 1506.7, 1434.2, 1329.0, 1243.7, 1171.9, 1107.4, 1026.6, 830.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.45, 162.95, 161.31, 160.97, 154.69, 132.33, 131.35, 130.22, 129.83, 113.71, 113.57, 111.27, 55.38, 55.30, 52.74. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NO₄: 324.1236; found: 324.1239.



Methyl 3,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyanoacrylate (1d): brown oil. For *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2119.5, 1733.7, 1599.3, 1505.3, 1261.8, 1221.9, 1112.6, 993.0, 837.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.03 (m, 6H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.29, 163.74 (d, *J* = 252.6 Hz), 163.57 (d, *J* = 251.4 Hz), 161.99, 152.47, 133.46 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 133.19 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 132.25 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 131.27 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 115.82 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 115.60 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 113.75, 53.05. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -108.56 (s, 1F), -110.16 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₂F₂NO₂: 300.0836; found: 300.0827.

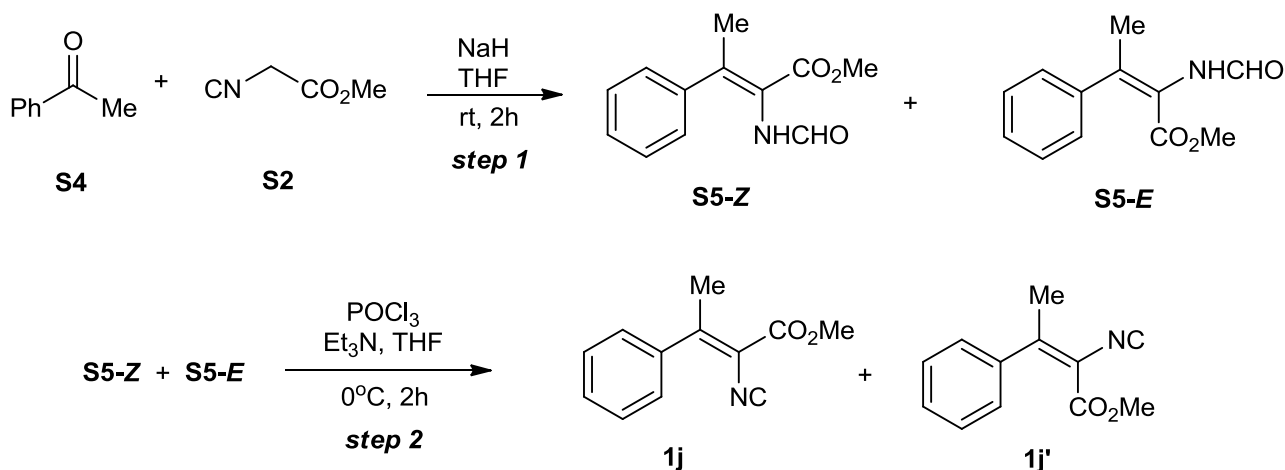


2-Isocyano-3,3-diphenyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (1w): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:2; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 50:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 143–145°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2116.4, 1625.9, 1437.2, 1265.6, 1108.7, 1003.5, 776.5, 701.7. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.45 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.47 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.31 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.52 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.06 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.23, 161.48, 145.06, 136.77, 129.71, 129.60, 129.57, 129.46, 128.43, 128.41, 115.88, 47.54, 42.72, 25.48, 24.82, 24.10. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}$: 339.1473; found: 339.1481.



N-Benzyl-2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylamide (1y): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:5; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 10:1. m.p.: 128–130°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2104.6, 1643.6, 1530.5, 1443.7, 1362.7, 1270.7, 1148.7, 1030.1, 978.2, 736.4, 696.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.21 (m, 11H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.05 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.01, 161.18, 149.65, 137.39, 137.26, 136.78, 129.92, 129.72, 129.64, 129.39, 128.76, 128.63, 128.49, 127.96, 127.78, 117.25, 44.22. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 339.1497; found: 339.1499.

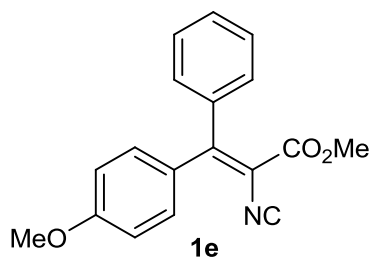
Methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1j** was prepared according to the modified procedure of previously reported procedures:³



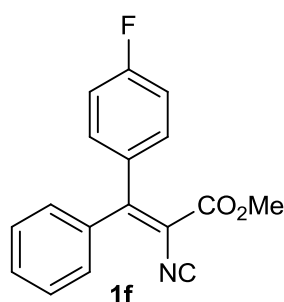
Step 1: A mixture of acetophenone (**S4**, 1.2 g, 10.0 mmol) and methyl isocyanoacetate (**S2**, 0.99 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise to a suspension of NaH (60% in oil) (0.48 g, 12.0 mmol) in THF (10.0 ml) at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h at room temperature, 10% AcOH was added to the mixture at 0 °C until there is no hydrogen release. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times and the extract was washed with H₂O, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Further recrystallization in MeOH afforded the mixture of **S5-Z** and **S5-E** (1.64 g, 75%) as a white solid.

Step 2: THF (10.0 mL), NEt₃ (5.6 mL, 40 mmol) and the mixture of **S5-Z** and **S5-E** (1.1 g, 5.0 mmol) were added to an oven-dried three necked flask under N₂ atmosphere and cooled to 0 °C. POCl₃ (0.93 mL, 10.0 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C after the addition was complete. Then, the mixture was quenched by sat. Na₂CO₃ and stirred for another 1 h. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 100/1 to 20/1) to give **1j** (0.52 g, 52%) as a yellow oil. Isomer **1j'** (0.31 g, 31%) was also separated.

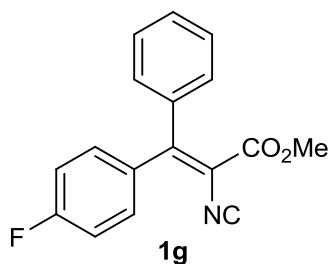
1e-1s were also prepared according to procedures described for **1j**.



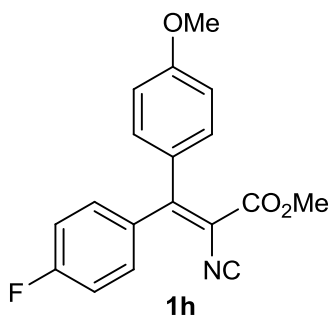
(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylacrylate (1e): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 108–110°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2116.5, 1733.2, 1605.7, 1511.2, 1433.4, 1250.6, 1174.7, 1111.0, 1027.0, 828.8. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.44 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.17, 162.55, 161.30, 154.48, 138.20, 132.15, 129.51, 129.39, 129.23, 128.17, 113.76, 112.27, 55.39, 52.78. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$: 294.1130; found: 294.1124.



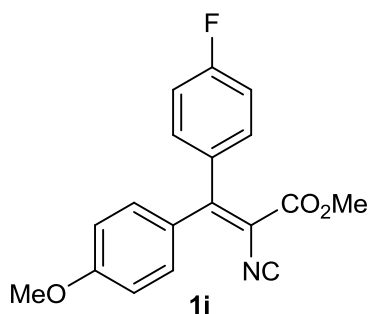
(E)-Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-phenylacrylate (1f): brown oil. For *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 2:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2120.7, 1734.5, 1598.5, 1506.2, 1443.6, 1261.8, 1215.5, 1114.1, 989.7, 833.3. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.2, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.12, 163.44 (d, $J = 250.7$ Hz), 162.13, 153.68, 137.32, 133.72 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 131.28 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 130.51, 129.89, 128.56, 115.49 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz), 113.85, 53.01. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -110.79 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2$: 282.0930; found: 282.0922.



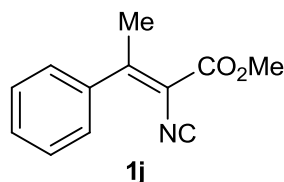
(Z)-Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-phenylacrylate (1g): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 2:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 111–112°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2117.7, 1739.5, 1598.4, 1506.3, 1255.7, 1220.5, 1055.8, 986.7, 831.7. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 3.68 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.07, 163.66 (d, $J = 252.6$ Hz), 162.14, 153.34, 137.60, 133.32 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 132.23 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 129.77, 129.10, 128.34, 115.71 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 113.76, 52.95. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -108.97 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{FNO}_2$: 282.0930; found: 282.0922.



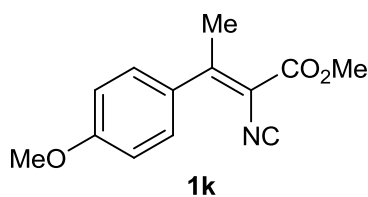
(Z)-Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (1h): yellow oil. For *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2111.2, 1706.4, 1599.6, 1554.2, 1504.0, 1436.0, 1329.7, 1255.8, 1177.3, 1119.2, 831.7. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.53, 163.49 (d, $J = 251.4$ Hz), 162.43, 161.47, 153.56, 134.10 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 132.17, 131.36 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 129.28, 115.40 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz), 113.87, 112.32, 55.42, 52.86. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -110.76 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}_3$: 312.1036; found: 312.1026.



(E)-Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (1i): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 104–106°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2112.4, 1726.8, 1601.7, 1505.1, 1435.0, 1245.9, 1173.7, 1109.4, 1028.9, 832.5. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.7, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.31, 163.67 (d, $J = 252.5$ Hz), 162.55, 161.15, 153.51, 133.77 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 132.42 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 131.26, 129.60, 115.62 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz), 113.74, 112.61, 55.33, 52.90. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -109.17 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{FNO}_3$: 312.1036; found: 312.1030.

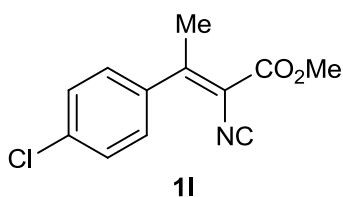


(Z)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-phenylbut-2-enoate (1j): yellow oil. for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2114.0, 1727.4, 1598.6, 1434.9, 1296.8, 1254.8, 1125.5, 1053.5, 768.2, 697.8. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.24, 161.87, 156.13, 139.48, 129.46, 128.63, 127.03, 114.49, 52.87, 21.68. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2$: 202.0868; found: 202.0858.

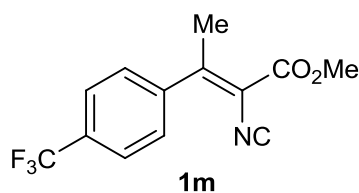


(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-enoate (1k): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane:

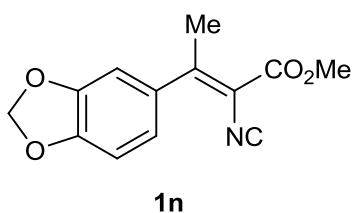
EtOAc = 1:2; for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 50:1 to 10:1. m.p.: 110–112°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2114.8, 1722.5, 1588.8, 1510.5, 1425.7, 1306.7, 1246.6, 1180.7, 1122.4, 1073.5, 1022.8, 830.7. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.38 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.83 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.85, 162.14, 160.58, 155.67, 131.28, 129.17, 113.90, 113.55, 55.35, 52.79, 21.59. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$: 232.0974; found: 232.0982.



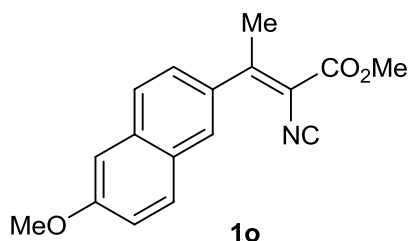
(Z)-Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-isocyanobut-2-enoate (1l): for **Step 1**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 74–76°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2119.1, 1729.3, 1428.3, 1322.8, 1258.1, 1136.9, 1087.3, 1048.0, 1010.5, 951.7, 834.5, 766.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.57, 160.64, 153.54, 136.56, 135.00, 128.64, 128.03, 115.98, 52.81, 24.66. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}_2$: 236.0478; found: 236.0471.



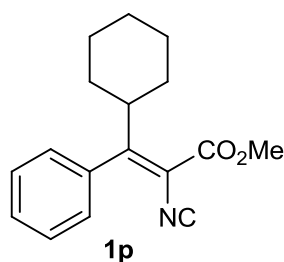
(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enoate (1m): colorless oil. For **Step 1**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 2:1; for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 50:1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2116.8, 1733.6, 1437.4, 1322.3, 1250.9, 1165.1, 1122.5, 1070.0, 1015.4, 838.6. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.65 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.12, 160.38, 153.41, 142.08, 130.76 (q, $J = 32.9$ Hz), 126.98, 125.41 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.91 (q, $J = 272.3$ Hz), 116.41, 52.89, 24.73. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.76 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$: 270.0742; found: 270.0733.



(Z)-Methyl 3-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2-isocyanobut-2-enoate (1n): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:2; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 50:1 to 10:1. m.p.: 78–80°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2111.8, 1724.1, 1574.2, 1488.6, 1434.0, 1227.9, 1072.1, 907.4, 805.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.93 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.23, 161.96, 155.56, 148.62, 147.77, 132.88, 121.74, 114.03, 108.44, 107.87, 101.57, 52.85, 21.77. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_4$: 246.0766; found: 246.0758.

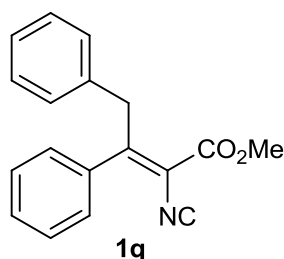


(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-3-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)but-2-enoate (1o): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:2; for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 50:1 to 10:1. m.p.: 82–84°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2117.6, 1727.2, 1594.9, 1479.9, 1245.7, 1205.0, 1129.7, 1066.9, 852.4, 771.9. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.77 (t, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.16, 162.10, 158.84, 156.12, 134.92, 134.35, 130.04, 128.23, 127.13, 127.09, 125.09, 119.66, 114.31, 105.70, 55.42, 52.87, 21.80. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_3$: 282.1130; found: 282.1121.

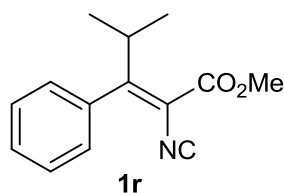


(Z)-Methyl 3-cyclohexyl-2-isocyano-3-phenylacrylate (1p): for *Step 1*, eluted by hexane:

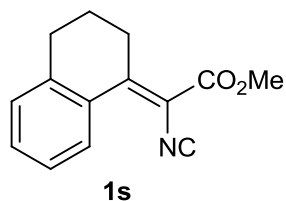
EtOAc = 1:1; for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 90–92°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2125.1, 1734.7, 1438.9, 1252.8, 1231.6, 1116.7, 999.8, 844.1, 709.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.66 (m, 1H), 1.78 – 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.43 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.16 – 0.92 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.44, 165.82, 161.39, 136.54, 128.44, 128.29, 126.45, 115.39, 52.85, 40.44, 31.03, 25.91, 25.49. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₀NO₂: 270.1494; found: 270.1485.



(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-3,4-diphenylbut-2-enoate (1q): for **Step 1**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 20:1. m.p.: 93–95°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2110.8, 1727.5, 1596.8, 1494.3, 1433.5, 1256.3, 1114.4, 1001.7, 772.6, 698.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.77, 161.73, 158.00, 137.84, 136.44, 129.38, 129.09, 128.58, 128.56, 127.55, 126.87, 115.38, 53.17, 39.50. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆NO₂: 278.1181; found: 278.1172.

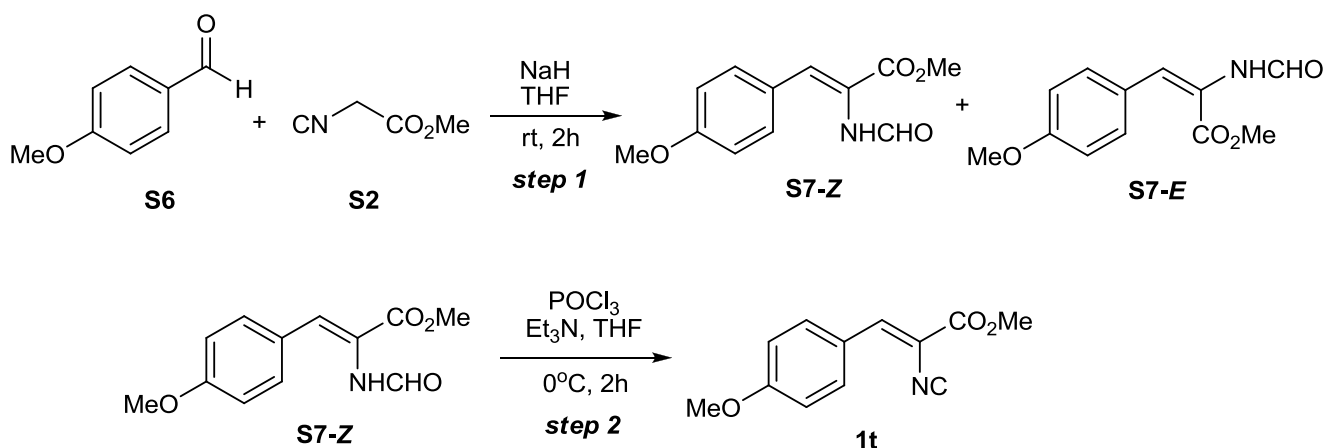


(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-4-methyl-3-phenylpent-2-enoate (1r): colorless oil. For **Step 1**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 50:1. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2122.5, 1718.5, 1428.9, 1300.9, 1251.2, 1130.6, 1091.7, 944.7, 748.3, 704.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.08 (m, 2H), 4.07 – 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.1 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.53, 165.98, 161.36, 135.68, 128.45, 128.40, 126.78, 115.38, 52.88, 29.77, 20.84. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₆NO₂: 230.1181; found: 230.1173.



(Z)-Methyl 2-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)-2-isocyanoacetate (1s): colorless oil. For **Step 1**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 1:1; for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 50:1. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2110.4, 1718.3, 1588.1, 1453.9, 1426.1, 1319.0, 1279.5, 1255.2, 1127.2, 741.7. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.84 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.81 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.28, 162.52, 151.02, 141.16, 130.90, 130.81, 129.00, 128.14, 125.43, 113.31, 52.77, 30.65, 29.71, 21.17. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$: 228.1025; found: 228.1018.

Methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1t** was prepared according to the modified procedure of previously reported procedures:³

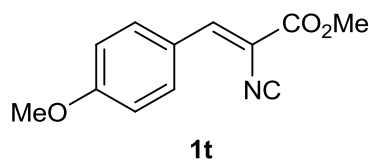


Step 1: A mixture of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (**S6**, 1.36 g, 10.0 mmol) and methyl isocyanoacetate (**S2**, 0.99 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise to a suspension of NaH (60% in oil) (0.48 g, 12.0 mmol) in THF (10.0 ml) at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h at room

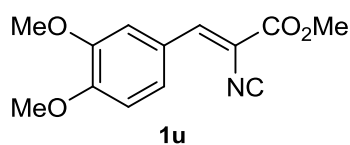
temperature, 10% AcOH was added to the mixture at 0 °C until there is no hydrogen release. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times and the extract was washed with H₂O, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Et₂O was added to the resulting residue. The insoluble precipitates were filtered off by suction, washed with Et₂O and dried *in vacuo* to give **S7-Z** (0.84 g, 41%) as a white solid.

Step 2: THF (5.0 mL), NEt₃ (2.8 mL, 20 mmol) and **S7-Z** (0.51 g, 2.5 mmol) were added to an oven-dried three necked flask under N₂ atmosphere and cooled to 0 °C. POCl₃ (0.47 mL, 5.0 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C after the addition was complete. Then, the mixture was quenched by sat. Na₂CO₃ and stirred for another 1 h. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/EtOAc = 20/1) to give **1t** (0.42 g, 90%) as a white solid.

1u, **1v** and **1x** were also prepared according to procedures described for **1t**.

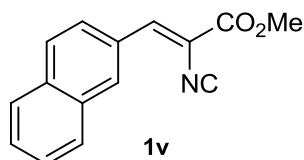


(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate (1t): for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 50: 1 to 10:1. m.p.: 110–112 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2111.3, 1714.2, 1593.1, 1566.3, 1511.3, 1427.0, 1283.5, 1258.7, 1172.6, 1023.6, 964.7, 835.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.17, 162.60, 162.29, 138.07, 133.25, 123.82, 114.62, 111.72, 55.53, 53.31. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂NO₃: 218.0817; found: 218.0810.

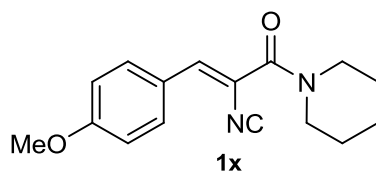


(Z)-Methyl 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-isocyanoacrylate (1u): for **Step 2**, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 20: 1 to 5:1. m.p.: 109–111 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 2112.0, 1727.1, 1592.6, 1511.3, 1423.1,

1258.3, 1227.4, 1151.0, 1088.2, 1016.3, 845.9, 803.9 . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.22, 162.24, 152.44, 149.13, 138.39, 126.74, 124.05, 112.23, 111.75, 110.99, 56.07, 56.00, 53.33. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$: 248.0923; found: 248.0914.



(Z)-Methyl 2-isocyano-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylate (1v): for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 100:1 to 50:1. m.p.: 121–123°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2114.3, 1726.0, 1619.3, 1432.8, 1337.9, 1253.0, 1182.9, 1087.1, 963.3, 814.6, 748.2. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 – 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.04, 161.95, 138.50, 134.71, 132.96, 132.90, 129.14, 128.91, 128.56, 127.80, 127.05, 126.08, 114.05, 53.53. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2$: 238.0868; found: 238.0860.

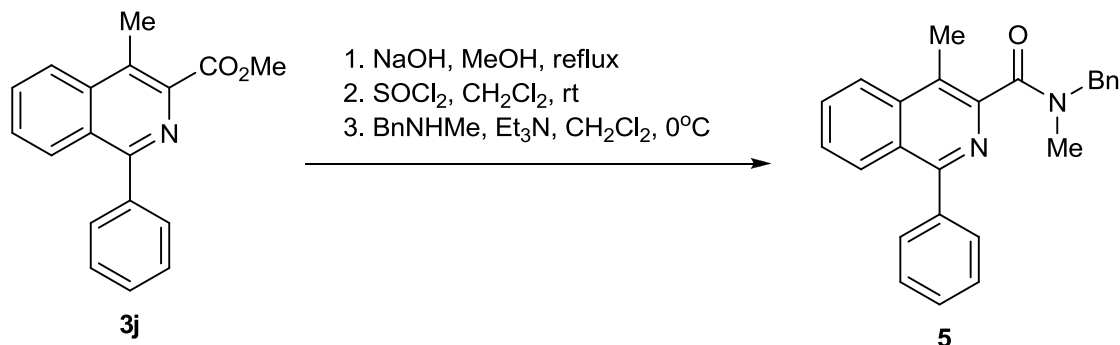


(Z)-2-Isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (1x): for *Step 2*, eluted by hexane: EtOAc = 20:1 to 5:1. m.p.: 115–117°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 2095.2, 1642.0, 1601.3, 1512.1, 1441.8, 1257.3, 1180.6, 1024.6, 909.9, 829.5. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.53 (m, 4H), 1.75 – 1.59 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.33, 163.08, 161.48, 134.39, 131.93, 124.46, 115.83, 114.37, 55.43, 25.69, 24.39. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: 271.1447; found: 271.1447.

3. General procedure: synthesis of isoquinolines.

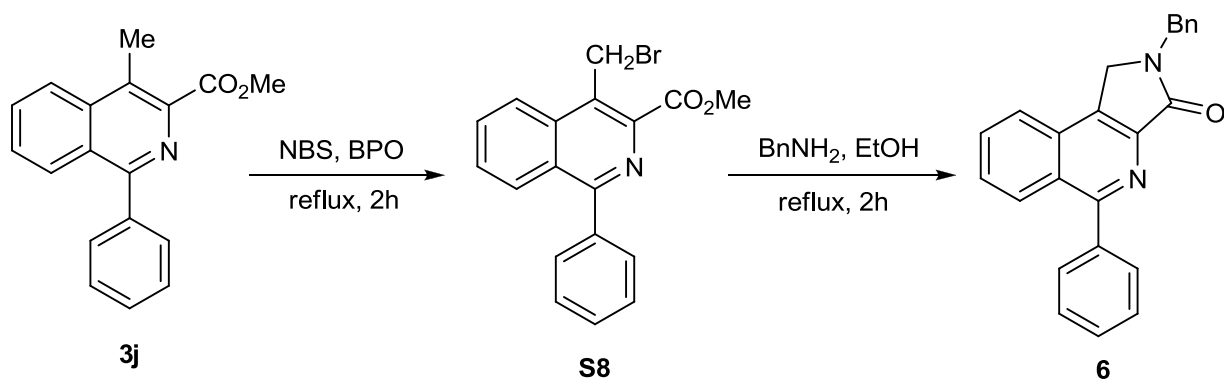
A 10 mL round bottom flask was equipped with a rubber septum and magnetic stir bar and was charged with vinyl isocyanide **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diaryliodonium salt **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.002 mmol, 0.01 equiv), Na₂CO₃ (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon for 3 times. MeOH (4.0 mL, 0.05 M) was added with syringe under argon. The mixture was then irradiated by a 3W white LED strip. After the reaction was complete (as judged by TLC analysis), The mixture was poured into a separatory funnel containing 20 mL H₂O and 20 mL CH₂Cl₂. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure after filtration. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product isoquinolines **3** or **4**.

4. Synthesis of non-benzodiazepine PBR ligands 5 and 6.



To a stirred solution of **3j** (0.3 mmol, 83.1 mg) in 10 mL MeOH was added 0.6 mL 1.0 M NaOH aqueous solution and reflux overnight. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and 10 mL H₂O was then added to the residue. KHSO₄ (0.3 mmol, 81.5 mg) was then added to the solution and the white solid was precipitated and filtrated to give the carboxylic acid in equivalent yield without further purification.

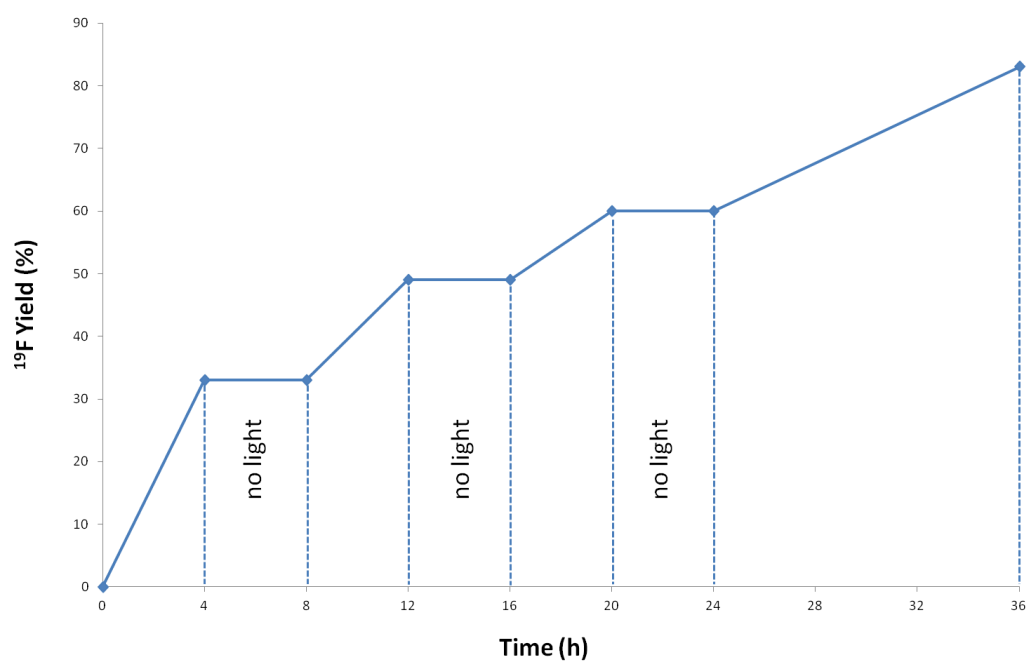
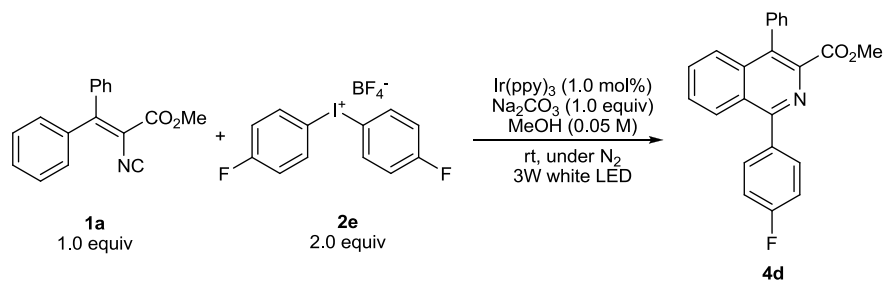
A solution of the carboxylic acid (0.3 mmol, 78.9 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) with SOCl₂ (0.22 mL, 10.0 mmol) was stirred at room temperature for 1h, and the solvent and excess SOCl₂ was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and then cooled to 0-5 °C. To the resulting mixture, N-methyl-1-phenylmethanamine (0.33 mmol, 40.0 mg) and triethylamine (0.42 mL, 3.0 mmol) were added in sequence. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h, washed with H₂O, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ : EtOAc = 5 : 1) gave **5** (93.3 mg, 85% for 2 steps) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (q, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 4.84 & 4.44 (both s, 2H, due to rotamers), 3.10 & 2.80 (both s, 3H, due to rotamers), 2.70 & 2.69 (both s, 3H, due to rotamers). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, extra signals due to rotamers): δ 170.23, 169.95, 159.11, 158.90, 146.36, 146.24, 139.26, 139.18, 137.14, 136.67, 136.60, 136.55, 130.38, 130.13, 130.11, 128.74, 128.62, 128.60, 128.58, 128.43, 128.35, 128.28, 128.21, 128.16, 127.71, 127.67, 127.52, 127.33, 127.28, 126.21, 126.19, 124.15, 123.85, 123.79, 123.44, 54.63, 50.44, 35.71, 32.53, 14.50, 14.12.



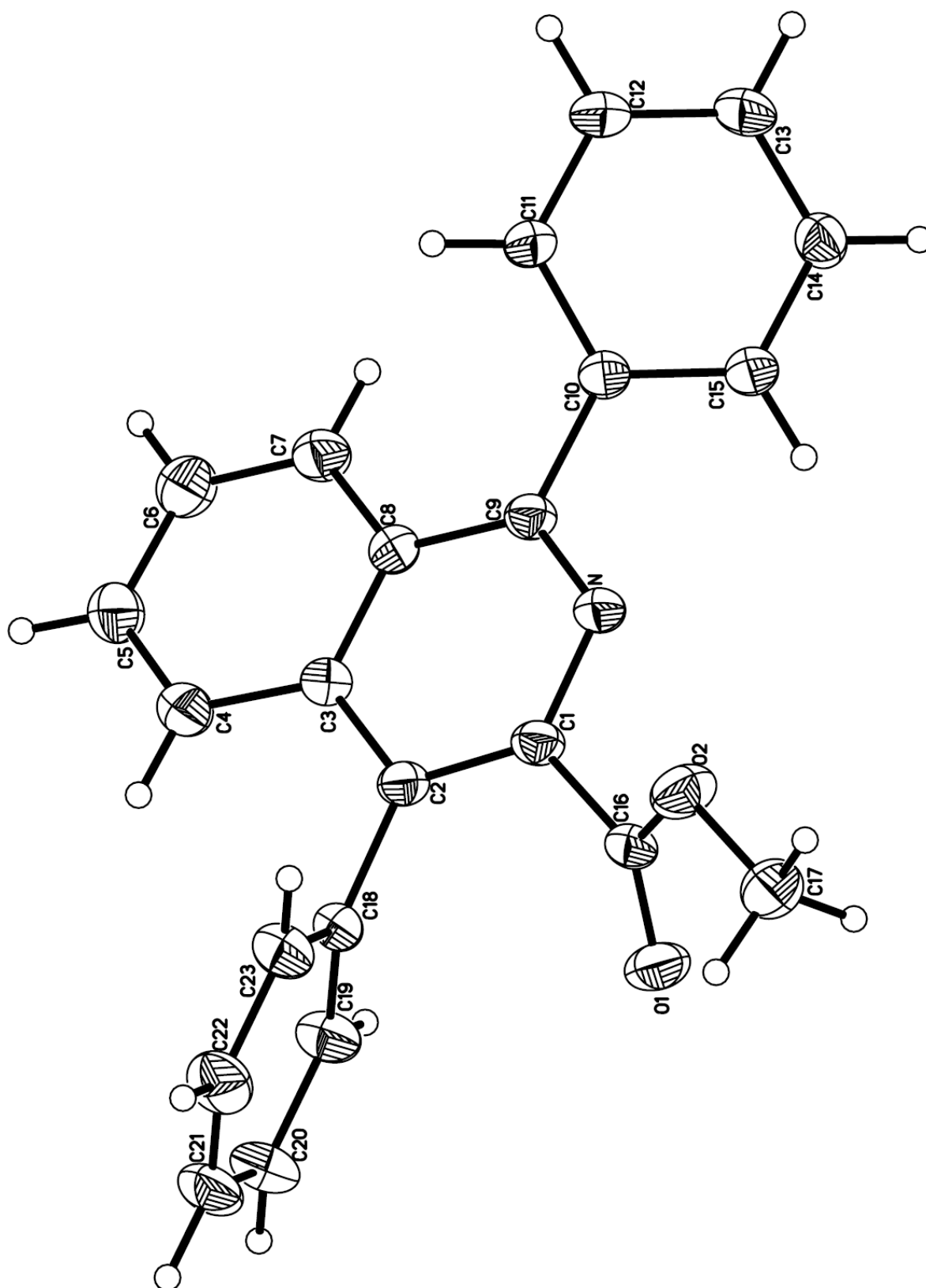
A mixture of **3j** (0.3 mmol, 83.1 mg) in CCl_4 (10 mL) with *N*-bromosuccinimide (0.3 mmol, 53.1 mg) and dibenzoyl peroxide (0.1 mmol, 14.5 mg) was heated at reflux for 2 h, the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (pure CH_2Cl_2) afforded **S8** (97.9 mg, 92%) as a white solid.

A mixture of **S8** (71.0 g, 0.20 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) with phenylmethanamine (0.18 mL, 0.11 mL) was heated at reflux for 2 h, and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 : EtOAc = 4 : 1) gave **6** (64.4 mg, 92%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.19 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.21 (m, 13H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.59 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.74, 163.37, 143.38, 138.92, 137.00, 131.92, 131.63, 131.26, 130.34, 129.30, 128.87, 128.70, 128.31, 128.22, 127.80, 127.49, 122.72, 46.86, 46.31.

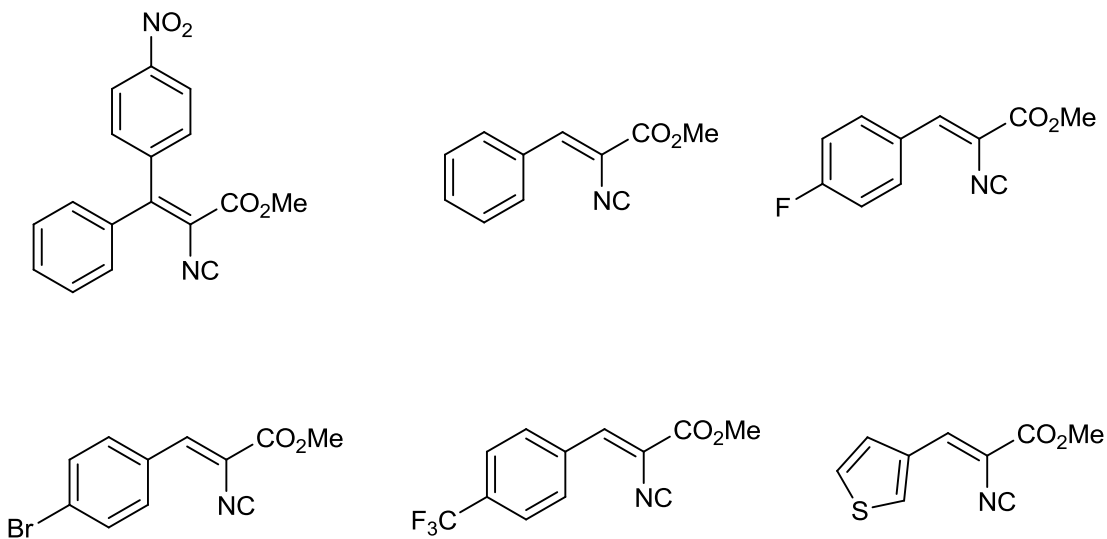
5. Result of light off/on and time profile experiment.



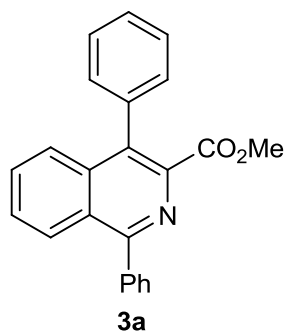
6. Single crystal X-ray analysis of 3a (CCDC 985962).



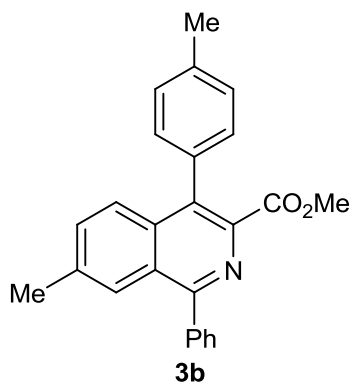
7. List of unreactive aryl aldehyde derived vinyl isocyanides.



8. Data for isoquinolines.

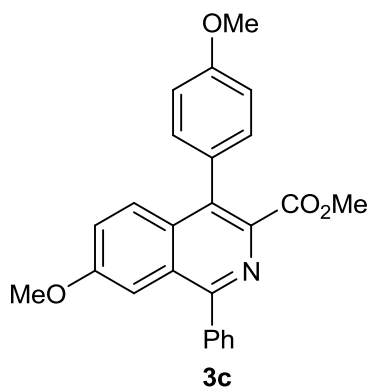


Methyl 1,4-diphenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3a): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3a** (56.3 mg, 83%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 192–194°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1721.8, 1446.7, 1338.7, 1225.4, 1114.4, 1002.5, 760.0, 707.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.46 (m, 11H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.67, 160.26, 141.39, 138.92, 136.51, 136.10, 132.73, 130.52, 130.21, 129.84, 128.91, 128.44, 128.28, 128.01, 127.74, 127.19, 126.73, 52.40. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈NO₂: 340.1338; found: 340.1335.

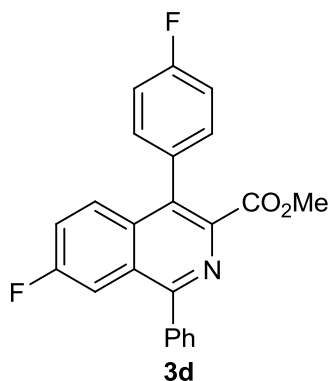


Methyl 7-methyl-1-phenyl-4-p-tolylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3b): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-dip-tolylacrylate **1b** (58.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3b** (57.3 mg, 78%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 161–162°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1722.9, 1443.0, 1374.7, 1225.5, 1166.2, 1117.7,

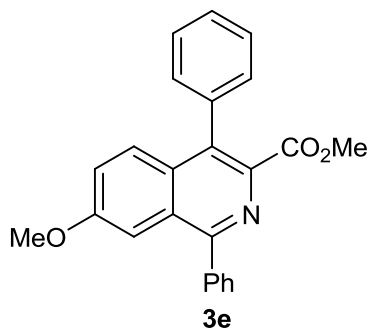
1012.8, 834.7, 704.8. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.43 (m, J = 4H), 7.30 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.83, 159.34, 140.63, 139.21, 138.54, 137.60, 134.91, 133.25, 132.95, 132.63, 130.18, 129.68, 129.02, 128.75, 128.44, 127.46, 126.70, 126.48, 52.40, 21.95, 21.45. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$: 368.1651; found: 368.1650.



Methyl 7-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3c): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate **1c** (64.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na_2CO_3 (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3c** (58.2 mg, 73%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 194–196°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 1724.5, 1607.6, 1514.0, 1405.5, 1213.8, 1160.1, 1014.7, 850.0, 704.3. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.44 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.88, 159.33, 159.20, 158.31, 139.86, 139.29, 132.82, 132.18, 130.93, 129.93, 128.78, 128.53, 128.37, 122.86, 113.75, 105.62, 55.46, 55.28, 52.38. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$: 400.1549; found: 400.1544.

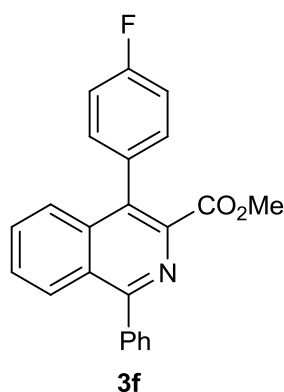


Methyl 7-fluoro-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3d): According to General Procedure, methyl 3,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyanoacrylate **1d** (59.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3d** (66.0 mg, 88%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 206–208°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1725.5, 1514.0, 1305.6, 1193.5, 1157.9, 1113.1, 949.2, 842.1, 709.1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.31, 162.69 (d, *J* = 248.2 Hz), 161.69 (d, *J* = 251.4 Hz), 159.78 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 141.11 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 138.36, 133.68, 131.73 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 131.65 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 131.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 129.96, 129.56 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 129.22, 128.65, 128.39 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 121.06 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 115.54 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 111.40 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 52.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -108.83 (s, 1F), -113.36 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₆F₂NO₂: 376.1149; found: 376.1145.

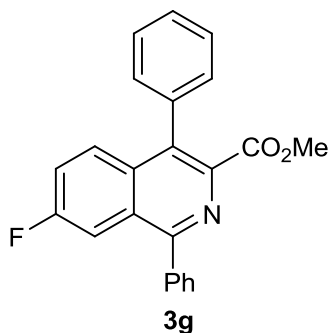


Methyl 7-methoxy-1,4-diphenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3e): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylacrylate **1e** (58.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol)

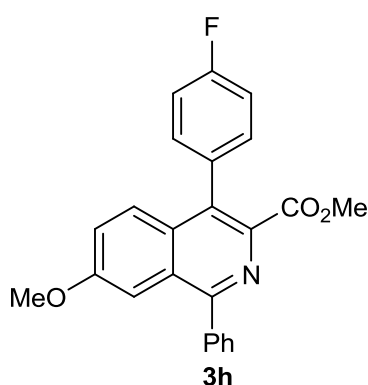
and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3e** (58.3 mg, 79%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 144–146°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1727.9, 1617.1, 1506.7, 1406.1, 1213.9, 1164.8, 1118.4, 1007.8, 836.2, 745.9, 699.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.64, 159.30, 158.54, 139.39, 139.24, 136.46, 133.33, 131.90, 129.95, 129.71, 128.83, 128.81, 128.57, 128.55, 128.24, 127.91, 122.96, 105.65, 55.48, 52.34. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀NO₃: 370.1443; found: 370.1440.



Methyl 7-fluoro-1,4-diphenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3f): According to General Procedure, (*E*)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-phenylacrylate **1f** (56.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3f** (61.4 mg, 86%) as a white solid after purification on Silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 227–229°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1717.8, 1511.4, 1445.5, 1338.5, 1211.1, 1188.2, 1115.5, 1001.3, 841.3, 772.7, 706.7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.60 (m, 5H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.56, 162.61 (d, *J* = 247.7 Hz), 160.51, 141.46, 138.81, 136.58, 131.95 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 131.78, 131.56 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 130.71, 130.20, 129.00, 128.49, 128.43, 127.85, 127.21, 126.49, 115.45 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 52.51. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.77 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₇FNO₂: 358.1243; found: 358.1239.

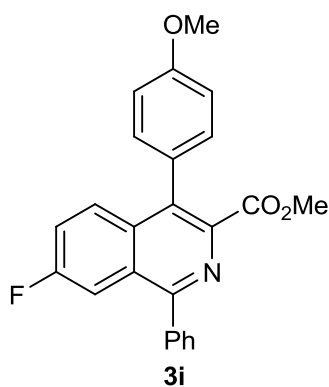


Methyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3g): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-phenylacrylate **1g** (56.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3g** (52.1 mg, 73%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 215–217°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1718.0, 1511.4, 1445.6, 1338.4, 1221.2, 1115.3, 1001.3, 841.3, 772.4, 706.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 6H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.46, 161.66 (d, *J* = 251.4 Hz), 159.57 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 140.99 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 138.47, 135.81, 133.61, 132.78 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 130.00, 129.85 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz) 129.73, 129.17, 128.65, 128.39, 128.22, 120.91 (d, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 111.29 (d, *J* = 22.3 Hz), 52.48. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.11 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₇FNO₂: 358.1243; found: 358.1239.

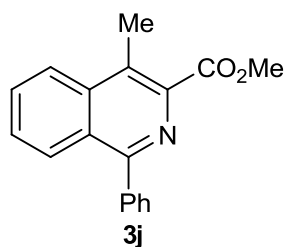


Methyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxy-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3h): According to General Procedure, (*E*)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate **1h** (62.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3h** (59.6 mg, 77%) as a white

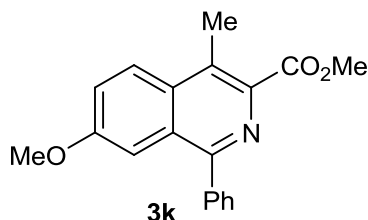
solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 203–205 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1717.7, 1616.4, 1513.5, 1407.6, 1214.1, 1158.1, 1119.9, 932.3, 837.9, 705.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.52, 162.54 (d, *J* = 248.8 Hz), 159.37, 158.76, 139.38, 139.12, 132.39, 132.31 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 131.96, 131.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 129.91, 128.91, 128.83, 128.58, 128.31, 123.13, 115.37 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 105.72, 55.50, 52.44. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.97 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₉FNO₃: 388.1349; found: 388.1346.



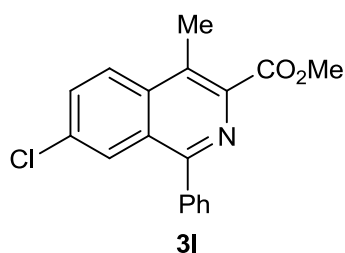
Methyl 7-fluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3i): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate **1i** (62.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3i** (55.7 mg, 72%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 208–210 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1726.5, 1411.8, 1249.1, 1160.9, 1076.4, 1027.8, 843.1, 711.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.70, 161.60 (d, *J* = 250.9 Hz), 159.53, 159.31 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz), 141.44 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 138.51, 133.89, 132.30 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 130.98, 129.98, 129.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 129.12, 128.63, 128.36 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 127.68, 120.82 (d, *J* = 24.9 Hz), 113.90, 111.25 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 55.31, 52.51. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.36 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₉FNO₃: 388.1349; found: 388.1347.



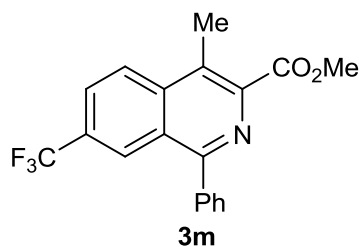
Methyl 4-methyl-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3j): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-phenylbut-2-enoate **1j** (40.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3j** (31.6 mg, 57%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 123–125 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1713.5, 1444.7, 1332.9, 1235.6, 1210.7, 1158.9, 1061.3, 1029.0, 705.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.23, 158.78, 141.24, 139.05, 136.73, 130.43, 130.19, 128.72, 128.39, 128.24, 128.13, 127.08, 124.47, 52.70, 14.41. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆NO₂: 278.1181; found: 278.1178.



Methyl 7-methoxy-4-methyl-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3k): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-2-enoate **1k** (46.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3k** (48.5 mg, 79%) as a white solid after purification on Silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 138–140 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1713.9, 1699.8, 1616.0, 1444.2, 1389.8, 1308.1, 1212.7, 1079.1, 821.2, 711.7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.21, 159.10, 157.09, 139.31, 132.04, 129.91, 128.84, 128.69, 128.63, 128.46, 126.32, 122.69, 106.16, 55.41, 52.62, 14.44. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NO₃: 308.1287; found: 308.1285.

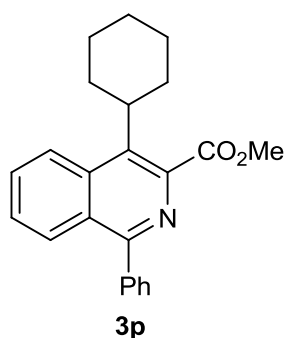


Methyl 7-chloro-4-methyl-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3l): According to General Procedure, methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-isocyanobut-2-enoate **1l** (47.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3l** (43.5 mg, 70%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 155–157°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1707.9, 1436.0, 1297.9, 1231.4, 1155.4, 1047.7, 965.2, 698.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.91, 157.93, 141.51, 138.38, 135.14, 134.35, 131.37, 130.07, 129.04, 128.62, 128.12, 127.85, 127.00, 126.40, 52.84, 14.45. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ClNO₂: 312.0791; found: 312.0787.

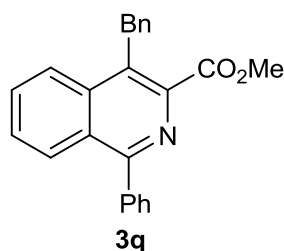


Methyl 4-methyl-1-phenyl-7-(trifluoromethyl)isoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3m): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enoate **1m** (53.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3m** (36.5 mg, 53%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 108–110°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1703.7, 1361.1, 1298.4, 1229.4, 1152.9, 1077.3, 1020.1, 945.1, 753.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.90 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.77, 159.61, 143.21, 138.31, 138.07, 130.13, 129.83 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 129.30, 128.72, 127.55, 126.11, 126.05 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 125.93 (q, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 125.87, 123.69 (q, *J* = 273.4 Hz), 52.90, 14.49. ¹⁹F NMR (376

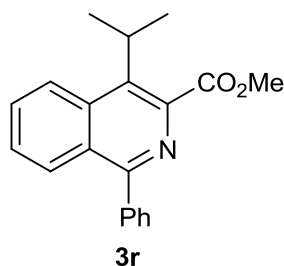
1609.2, 1353.0, 1232.7, 1049.9, 1023.5, 853.3. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 9.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 168.00, 158.49, 155.83, 143.61, 141.50, 136.65, 135.12, 131.70, 130.07, 129.20, 129.11, 128.43, 127.63, 125.00, 123.71, 122.02, 116.48, 108.33, 55.35, 52.63, 14.77. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$: 358.1443; found: 358.1441.



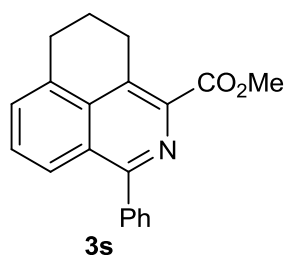
Methyl 4-cyclohexyl-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3p): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 3-cyclohexyl-2-isocyano-3-phenylacrylate **1p** (53.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na_2CO_3 (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3p** (41.4 mg, 60%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 184–186°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 1728.3, 1443.8, 1387.1, 1211.3, 1165.6, 1116.2, 1002.4, 780.0, 698.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.33 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 1.80 (m, 7H), 1.56 – 1.37 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 169.67, 159.01, 143.11, 139.07, 135.77, 132.91, 130.14, 129.74, 128.67, 128.63, 128.31, 127.44, 127.23, 124.85, 52.63, 31.74, 27.50, 26.18. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$: 346.1807; found: 346.1807.



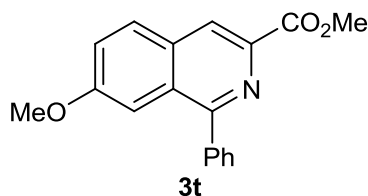
Methyl 4-benzyl-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3q): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3,4-diphenylbut-2-enoate **1q** (55.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3q** (48.0 mg, 68%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 155–157°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1720.9, 1494.2, 1445.5, 1384.6, 1333.4, 1244.6, 1214.7, 1154.6, 1067.0, 755.3, 698.1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.75 – 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.59 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.02, 159.74, 142.27, 139.87, 138.89, 136.47, 130.66, 130.20, 129.62, 128.85, 128.53, 128.41, 128.34, 128.13, 127.57, 126.16, 125.20, 52.82, 33.86. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀NO₂: 354.1494; found: 354.1493.



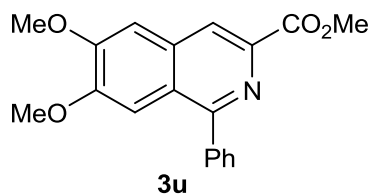
Methyl 4-isopropyl-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3r): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-4-methyl-3-phenylpent-2-enoate **1r** (45.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3r** (37.7 mg, 62%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 134–136°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1728.9, 1443.5, 1388.4, 1242.1, 1216.8, 1173.5, 1117.0, 1029.1, 960.5, 775.7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.82 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.51, 159.14, 142.75, 139.01, 135.42, 134.19, 130.10, 129.77, 128.77, 128.64, 128.33, 127.55, 127.30, 124.93, 52.73, 29.65, 22.09. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀NO₂: 306.1494; found: 306.1493.



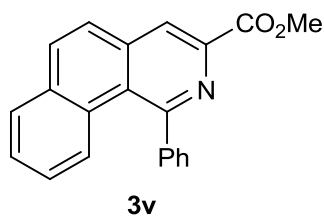
Methyl 1-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-benzo[de]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3s): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-ylidene)-2-isocyanoacetate **1s** (45.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3s** (39.4 mg, 65%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 150–152 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1710.1, 1383.7, 1328.6, 1213.4, 1115.6, 990.6, 766.4, 701.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.5 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.08 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.72, 158.32, 139.35, 138.25, 137.63, 133.99, 131.71, 130.14, 128.62, 128.57, 128.37, 128.24, 127.54, 125.67, 52.62, 30.58, 27.54, 22.70. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂: 304.1338; found: 304.1336.



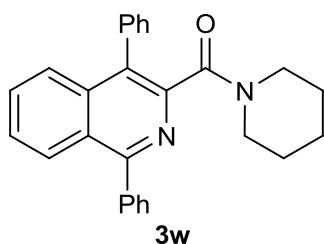
Methyl 7-methoxy-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3t): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate **1t** (43.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3t** (41.6 mg, 71%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 183–185 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1703.7, 1620.6, 1493.0, 1403.8, 1295.8, 1214.1, 1025.7, 1004.9, 710.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.95 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.71, 160.24, 159.47, 139.20, 131.93, 130.05, 129.87, 129.79, 128.82, 128.51, 123.39, 123.21, 105.84, 55.49, 52.75. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆NO₃: 294.1130; found: 294.1126.



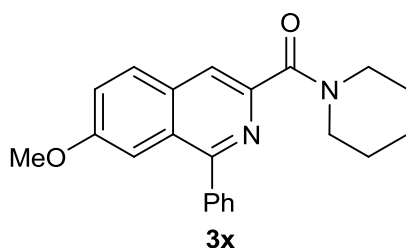
Methyl 6,7-dimethoxy-1-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3u): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-isocyanoacrylate **1u** (49.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3u** (43.3 mg, 67%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 184–186°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1705.5, 1508.4, 1422.3, 1277.7, 1258.1, 1142.2, 1009.7, 707.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.79, 158.59, 153.10, 151.78, 139.96, 139.35, 133.37, 129.84, 128.78, 128.52, 124.48, 122.13, 106.29, 105.93, 56.25, 56.03, 52.75. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NO₄: 324.1236; found: 324.1235.



Methyl 1-phenylbenzo[h]isoquinoline-3-carboxylate (3v): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylate **1v** (47.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3v** (34.4 mg, 55%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 206–208°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1707.9, 1442.2, 1348.5, 1250.7, 1218.6, 1147.8, 990.9, 747.9, 697.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.28, 159.40, 143.38, 141.65, 138.32, 134.33, 132.73, 129.31, 129.21, 129.12, 128.75, 128.72, 128.22, 127.69, 126.34, 126.20, 125.63, 123.01, 52.91. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆NO₂: 314.1181; found: 314.1178.

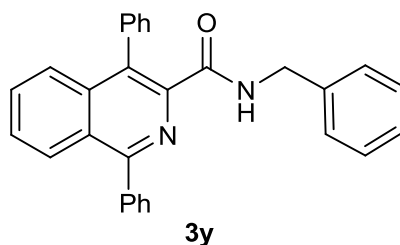


(1,4-Diphenylisoquinolin-3-yl)(piperidin-1-yl)methanone (3w): According to General Procedure, 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)prop-2-en-1-one **1w** (63.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3w** (65.0 mg, 83%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 227–229°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1726.7, 1630.8, 1444.5, 1230.4, 1194.8, 1157.8, 986.2, 698.2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.41 (m, 10H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.52 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.20 – 1.08 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.51, 160.43, 146.26, 139.08, 136.06, 134.93, 130.78, 130.44, 130.21, 128.74, 128.43, 128.36, 128.35, 128.23, 127.73, 127.33, 126.40, 125.90, 47.54, 42.10, 25.82, 25.15, 24.33. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₇H₂₅N₂O: 393.1967; found: 393.1967.

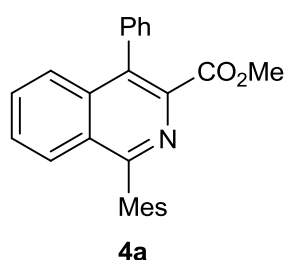


(7-Methoxy-1-phenylisoquinolin-3-yl)(piperidin-1-yl)methanone (3x): According to General Procedure, (*Z*)-2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(piperidin-1-yl)prop-2-en-1-one **1x** (54.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3x** (53.3 mg, 77%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 5:1). m.p.: 188–190°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1619.4, 1492.5, 1443.3, 1406.0, 1292.5, 1292.5, 1213.6, 1027.2, 907.7, 727.1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.77 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 1.75 – 1.57 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.26, 159.20, 157.71, 145.73, 139.46, 132.69, 129.80, 129.40, 128.71, 128.48,

127.92, 123.22, 120.30, 105.32, 55.43, 48.64, 43.62, 26.58, 25.63, 24.69. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$)
Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{23}N_2O_2$: 347.1760; found: 347.1757.

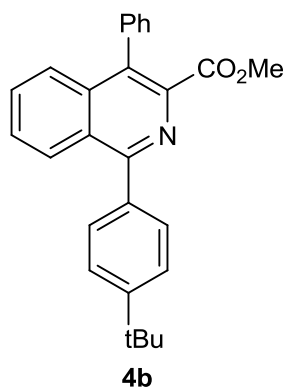


N-Benzyl-1,4-diphenylisoquinoline-3-carboxamide (3y): According to General Procedure, N-benzyl-2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylamide **1y** (67.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), diphenyliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2a** (147.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **3y** (53.8 mg, 65%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 200–202°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1670.9, 1497.5, 1386.1, 1248.8, 1177.9, 979.2, 908.1, 696.3. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.66 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 8.20 – 8.13 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.46 (m, 9H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.08, 158.67, 139.05, 138.94, 138.82, 137.96, 137.42, 133.68, 130.36, 130.04, 129.26, 128.93, 128.51, 128.43, 128.22, 128.06, 127.67, 127.41, 127.36, 127.35, 127.24, 127.13, 43.16. HRMS (ESI) ($[M+H]^+$) Calcd. for $C_{29}H_{23}N_2O$: 415.1810; found: 415.1808.

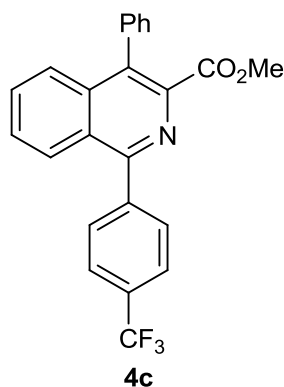


Methyl 1-mesityl-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4a): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), dimesityliodonium tetrafluoroborate **2b** (180.8 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4a** (57.1 mg, 75%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 204–206°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1729.9, 1444.4, 1377.8, 1321.7, 1221.5, 1187.2, 1107.2, 1005.2, 851.6, 779.5. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m,

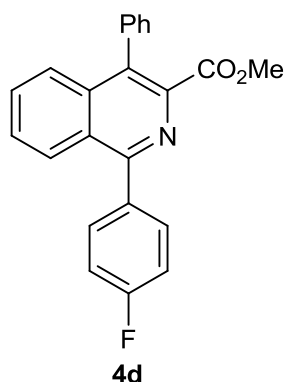
2H), 7.55 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.78, 161.09, 141.90, 138.00, 136.47, 136.11, 135.83, 134.94, 132.43, 130.70, 129.94, 128.48, 128.42, 128.28, 128.07, 128.03, 126.97, 126.71, 52.43, 21.22, 20.04. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$: 382.1807; found: 382.1808.



Methyl 1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4b): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2c** (192.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na_2CO_3 (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4b** (63.2 mg, 80%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 173–175°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 1734.9, 1721.8, 1502.7, 1386.7, 1216.3, 1188.4, 1003.6, 774.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.66 – 7.45 (m, 7H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.72, 160.36, 152.00, 141.43, 136.52, 136.19, 136.10, 132.47, 130.47, 129.94, 129.88, 128.28, 128.16, 127.98, 127.92, 127.21, 126.69, 125.46, 52.37, 34.80, 31.39. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2$: 396.1964; found: 396.1964.

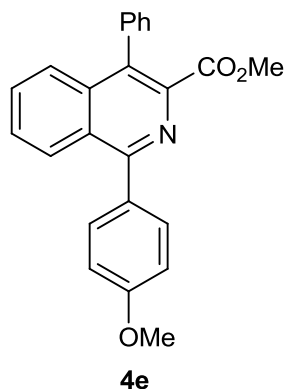


Methyl 4-phenyl-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)isoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4c): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2d** (201.6 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4c** (73.3 mg, 90%) as a white solid after purification on Silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 181–183 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1716.2, 1325.8, 1225.6, 1162.9, 1106.9, 1065.8, 853.7, 717.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.47, 158.60, 142.44 (q, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 141.52, 136.56, 135.80, 133.42, 130.97 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 130.82, 130.60, 129.77, 128.70, 128.35, 128.18, 127.07, 126.98, 125.46 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.12 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz), 52.46. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.59 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₄H₁₇F₃NO₂: 408.1211; found: 408.1206.

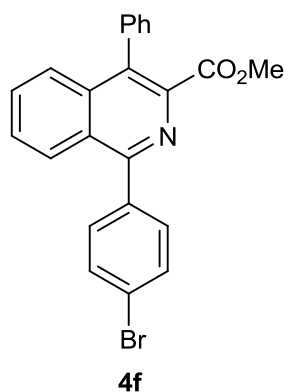


Methyl 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4d): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-fluorophenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2e** (161.6 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4d** (58.5 mg, 82%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 191–193 °C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1717.7, 1604.5, 1512.4, 1329.2, 1219.6, 1115.8, 1004.6, 849.4, 772.8. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.68 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.61, 163.35 (d, *J* = 248.3 Hz), 159.11, 141.41, 136.57, 135.99, 135.01 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 132.87, 132.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 130.63, 129.82, 128.45, 128.31, 128.08, 127.41, 127.13, 126.85, 115.50 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 52.42.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -112.57 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}_2$: 358.1243; found: 358.1239.

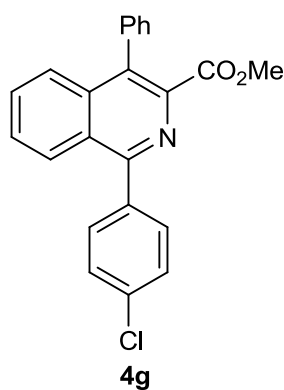


Methyl 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4e): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-methoxyphenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2f** (171.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na_2CO_3 (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4e** (47.9 mg, 65%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 182–184 °C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 1729.0, 1607.5, 1514.6, 1386.0, 1335.3, 1252.4, 1229.4, 1166.8, 1112.8, 1029.7, 844.3, 771.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.70 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.75, 160.36, 159.91, 141.39, 136.58, 136.19, 132.29, 131.66, 131.47, 130.44, 129.88, 128.28, 128.17, 127.97, 127.79, 127.19, 126.71, 113.94, 55.46, 52.36. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3$: 370.1443; found: 370.1441.

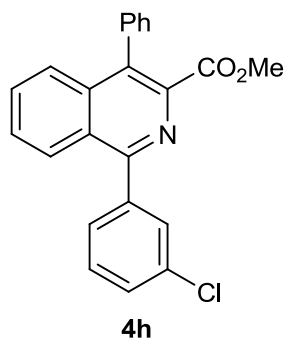


Methyl 1-(4-bromophenyl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4f): According to General

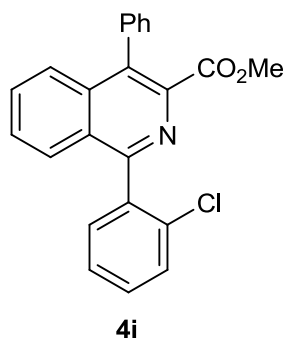
Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-bromophenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2g** (209.5 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4f** (63.4 mg, 76%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 178–180°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1714.8, 1440.9, 1328.6, 1222.9, 1116.8, 1070.2, 1004.3, 974.2, 766.1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.73 – 7.59 (m, 7H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.56, 158.95, 141.46, 137.80, 136.57, 135.92, 133.06, 131.86, 131.67, 130.71, 129.80, 128.54, 128.33, 128.12, 127.27, 126.99, 126.90, 123.45, 52.45. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₇BrNO₂: 418.0443; found: 418.0436.



Methyl 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4g): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-chlorophenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2h** (174.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4g** (64.9 mg, 87%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 183–185°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1716.5, 1440.8, 1329.1, 1222.5, 1117.1, 1088.6, 1004.5, 844.3, 766.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.59 (m, 5H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.57, 158.92, 141.46, 137.35, 136.57, 135.93, 135.18, 133.04, 131.59, 130.69, 129.81, 128.72, 128.53, 128.33, 128.11, 127.29, 127.03, 126.90, 52.44. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₇ClNO₂: 374.0948; found: 374.0944.

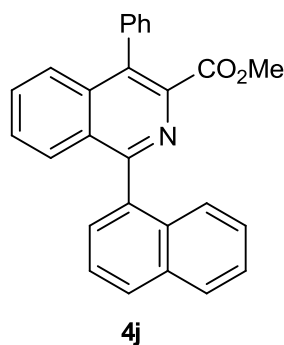


Methyl 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4h): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(3-chlorophenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2i** (174.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4h** (55.2 mg, 74%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 136–138°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1723.3, 1567.8, 1372.9, 1332.0, 1229.0, 1188.4, 1115.7, 888.8, 757.5, 699.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.51, 158.63, 141.41, 140.63, 136.55, 135.89, 134.55, 133.27, 130.76, 130.28, 129.79, 129.70, 129.07, 128.63, 128.41, 128.33, 128.13, 127.26, 127.03, 126.90, 52.47. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₇ClNO₂: 374.0948; found: 374.0944.

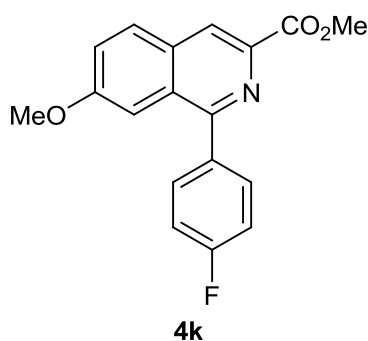


Methyl 1-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4i): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(2-chlorophenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2j** (174.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4i** (52.2 mg, 70%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 166–168°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1724.0, 1429.9, 1385.4, 1332.1, 1227.7, 1164.6, 1005.5, 917.4, 760.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73

– 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.37 (m, 10H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.49, 158.22, 141.37, 137.81, 135.98, 135.96, 133.73, 133.58, 131.69, 130.78, 130.18, 129.92, 129.76, 129.72, 128.56, 128.30, 128.10, 127.68, 127.43, 127.02, 126.74, 52.52. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_2$: 374.0948; found: 374.0943.

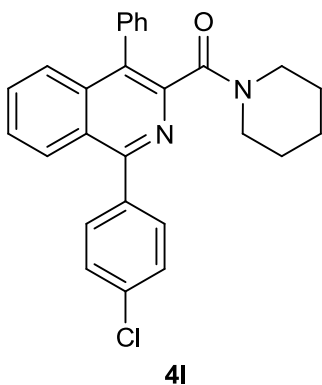


Methyl 1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-phenylisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4j): According to General Procedure, methyl 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate **1a** (52.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), dinaphthalen-1-ylidonium tetrafluoroborate **2k** (187.2 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na_2CO_3 (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4j** (52.1 mg, 67%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 204–206°C. IR (neat, cm^{-1}): 1724.5, 1443.1, 1324.5, 1227.4, 1163.6, 1118.6, 967.5, 768.3, 697.4. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.59 – 7.42 (m, 8H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.63, 159.92, 141.64, 136.29, 136.03, 136.01, 133.70, 133.11, 132.37, 130.75, 129.89, 129.84, 129.15, 128.69, 128.35, 128.30, 128.25, 128.09, 127.95, 126.58, 126.44, 126.03, 126.01, 125.26, 52.47. HRMS (ESI) ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$: 390.1494; found: 390.1493.



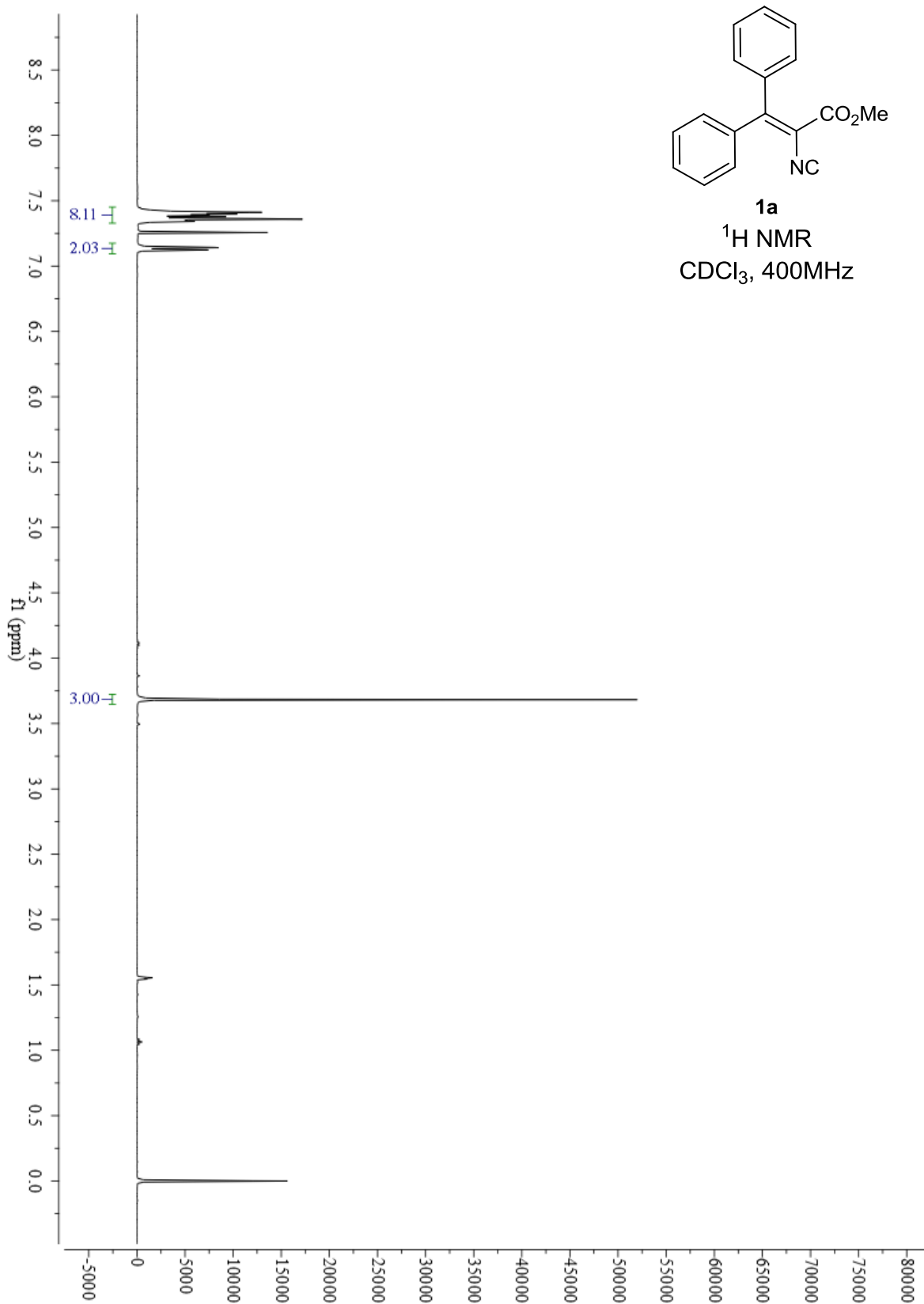
Methyl 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-7-methoxyisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (4k): According to General

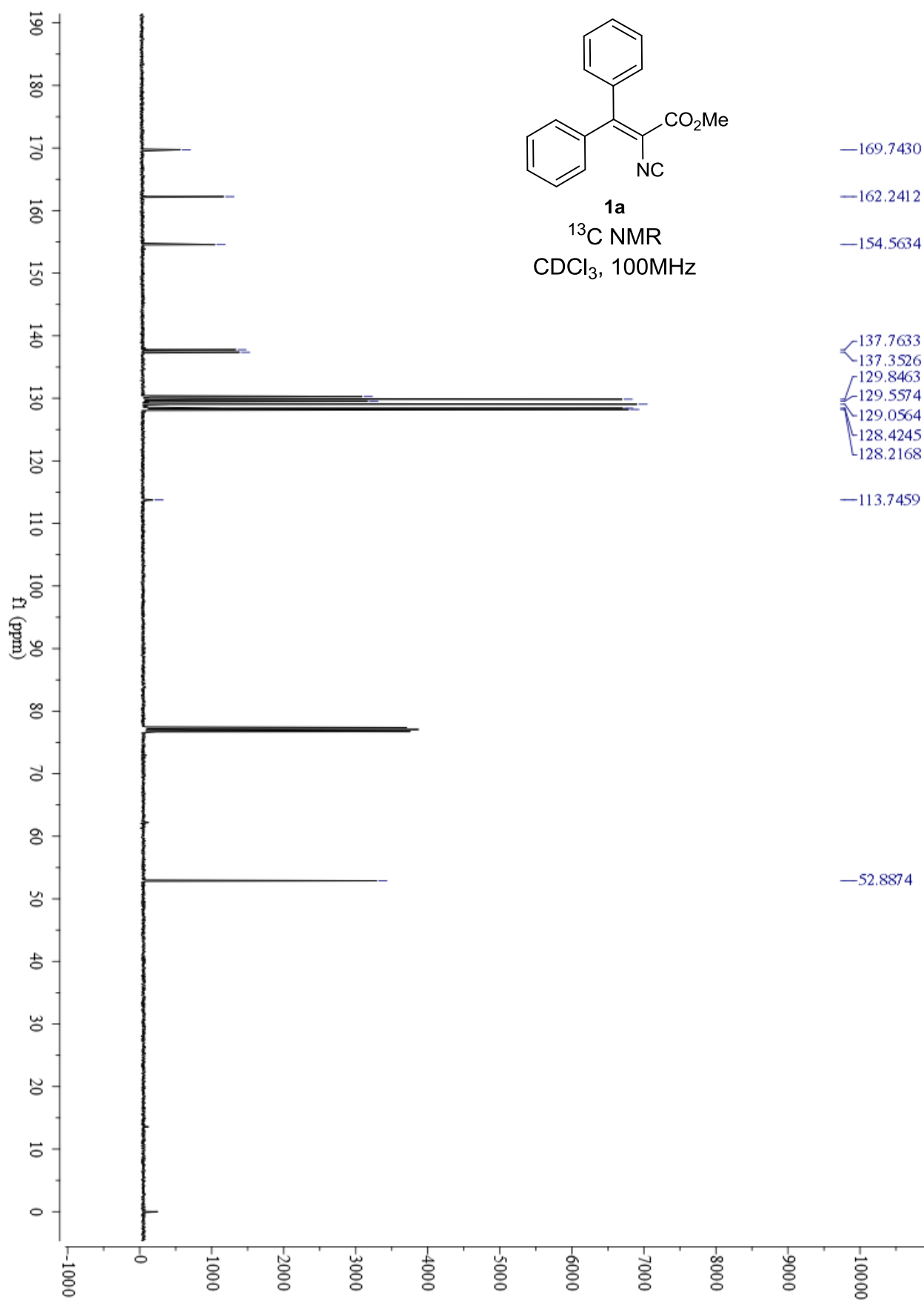
Procedure, (*Z*)-methyl 2-isocyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylate **1t** (43.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-fluorophenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2e** (161.6 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4k** (44.1 mg, 71%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 20:1). m.p.: 172–174°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1714.2, 1617.8, 1496.5, 1403.1, 1206.4, 1153.2, 1003.5, 909.4, 828.4, 776.4. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.58, 163.23 (d, *J* = 247.7 Hz), 160.36, 158.35, 139.28, 135.29 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 131.97, 131.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 130.16, 129.74, 123.48, 123.31, 115.56 (d, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 105.55, 55.51, 52.77. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅FNO₃: 312.1036; found: 312.1031.

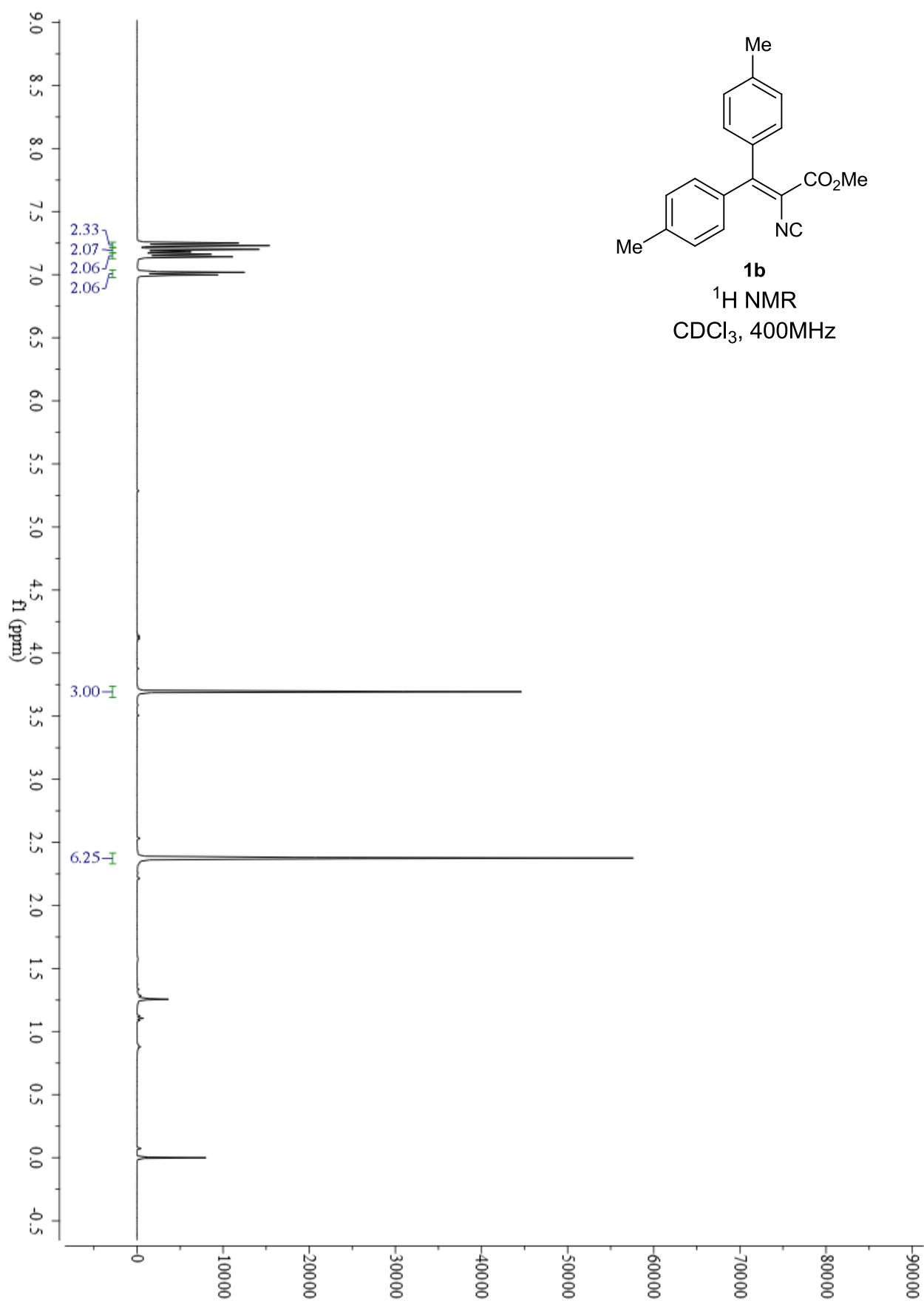


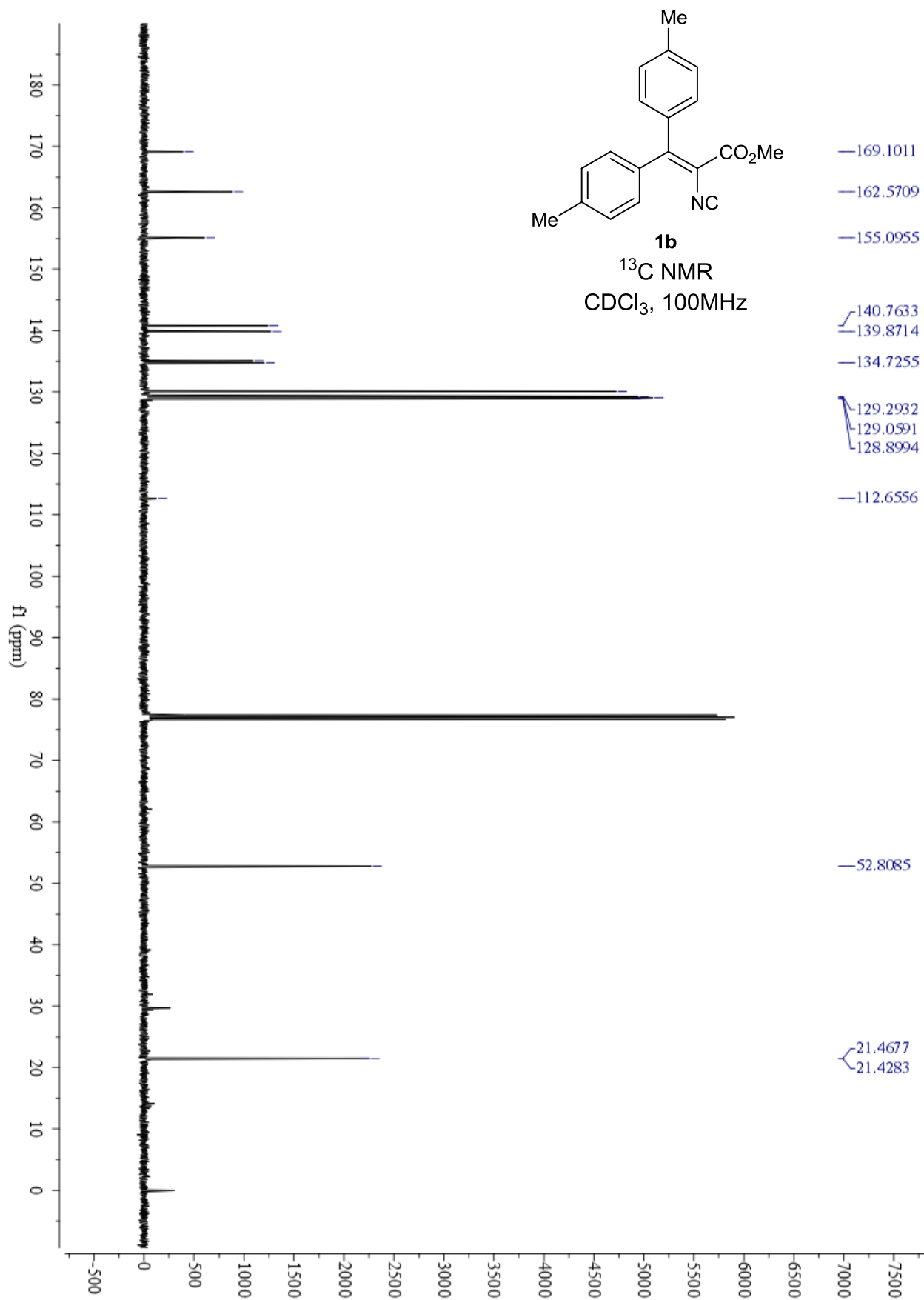
(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-phenylisoquinolin-3-yl)(piperidin-1-yl)methanone (4l): According to General Procedure, 2-isocyano-3,3-diphenyl-1-(piperidin-1-yl)prop-2-en-1-one **1w** (63.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), bis(4-chlorophenyl)iodonium tetrafluoroborate **2h** (174.4 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (1.3 mg, 0.002 mmol) and Na₂CO₃ (21.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) afforded **4l** (75.0 mg, 88%) as a white solid after purification on silica gel (hexane: EtOAc = 10:1). m.p.: 195–197°C. IR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1627.0, 1472.6, 1383.9, 1254.0, 1089.6, 1015.2, 907.4, 770.5, 726.0. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.45 (m, 8H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.09 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.40, 159.09, 146.33, 137.51, 136.10, 134.96, 134.76, 131.59, 130.74, 130.56, 128.66, 128.60, 128.40, 128.31, 127.54, 127.27, 126.24, 126.05, 47.53, 42.11, 25.81, 25.13, 24.30. HRMS (ESI) ([M+H]⁺) Calcd. for C₂₇H₂₄ClN₂O: 427.1577; found: 427.1574.

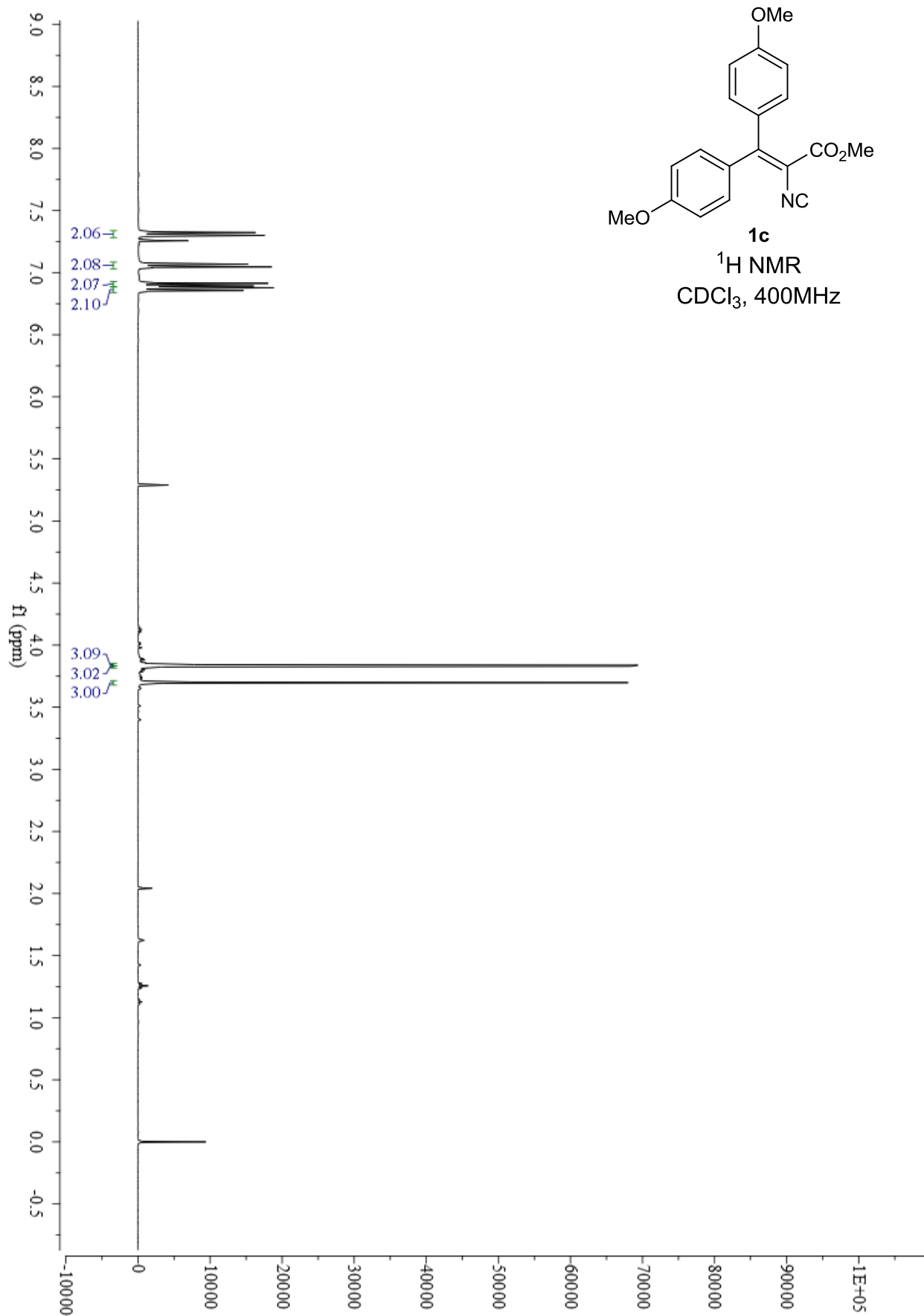
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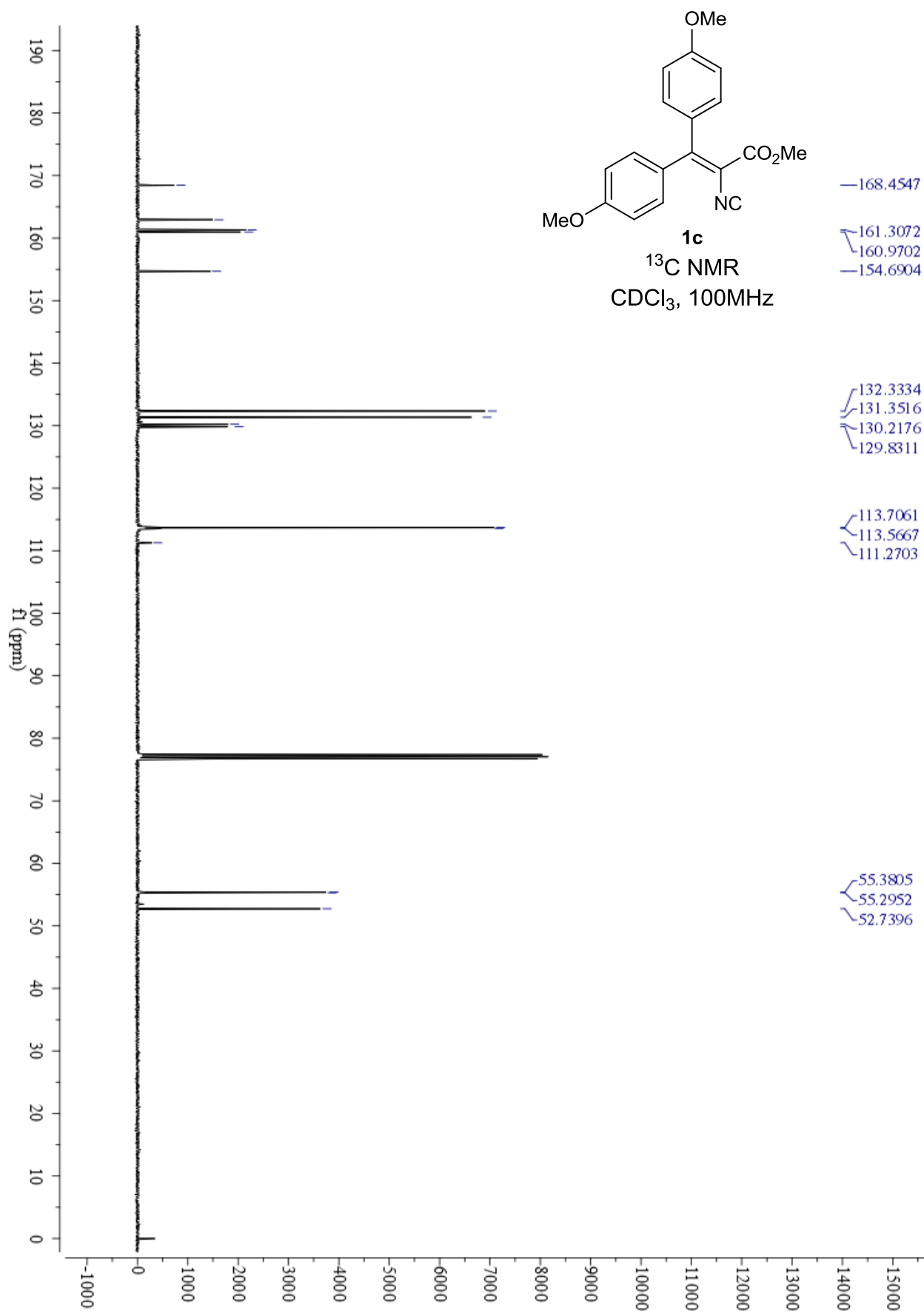


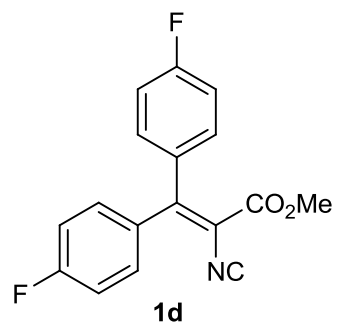




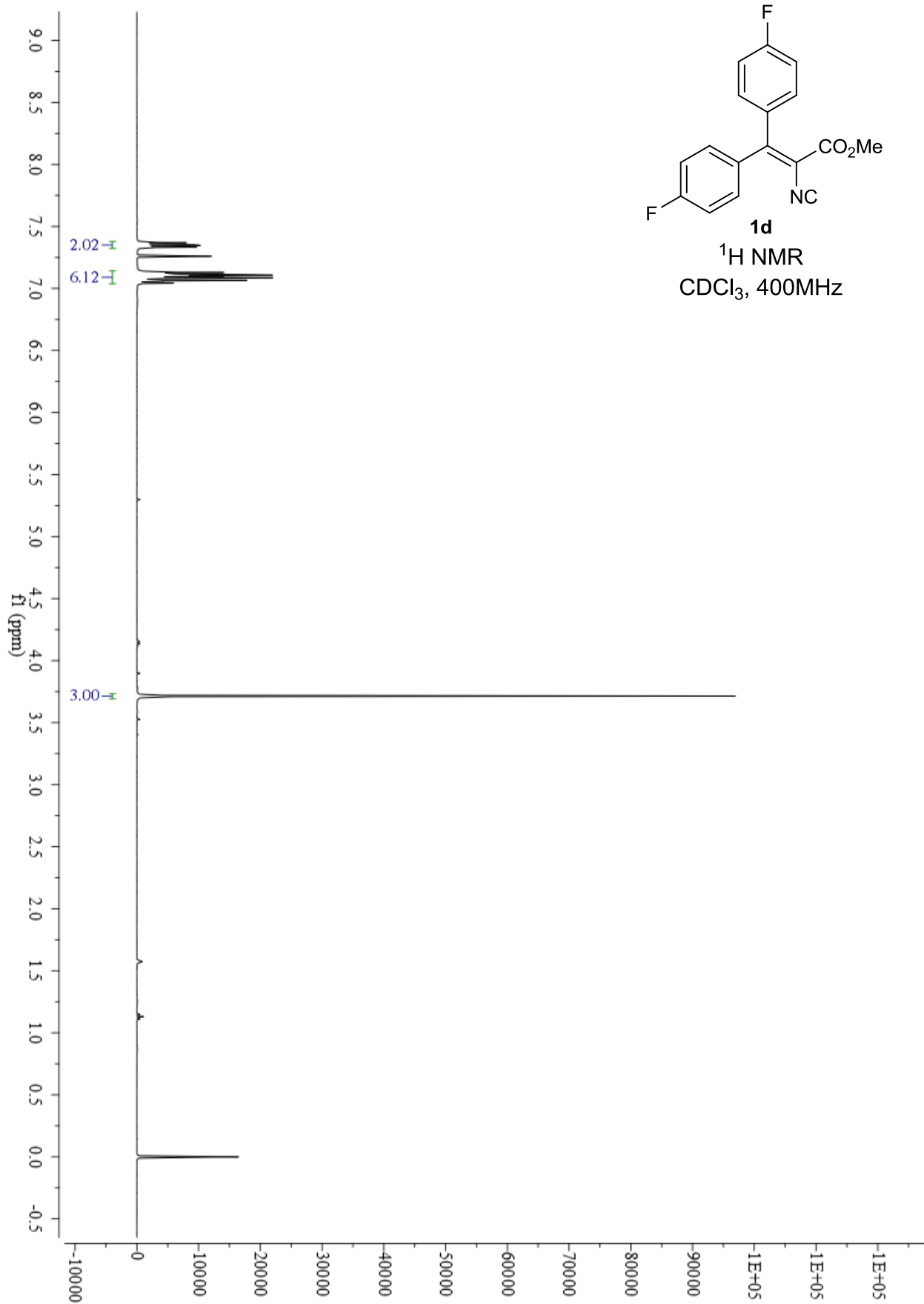


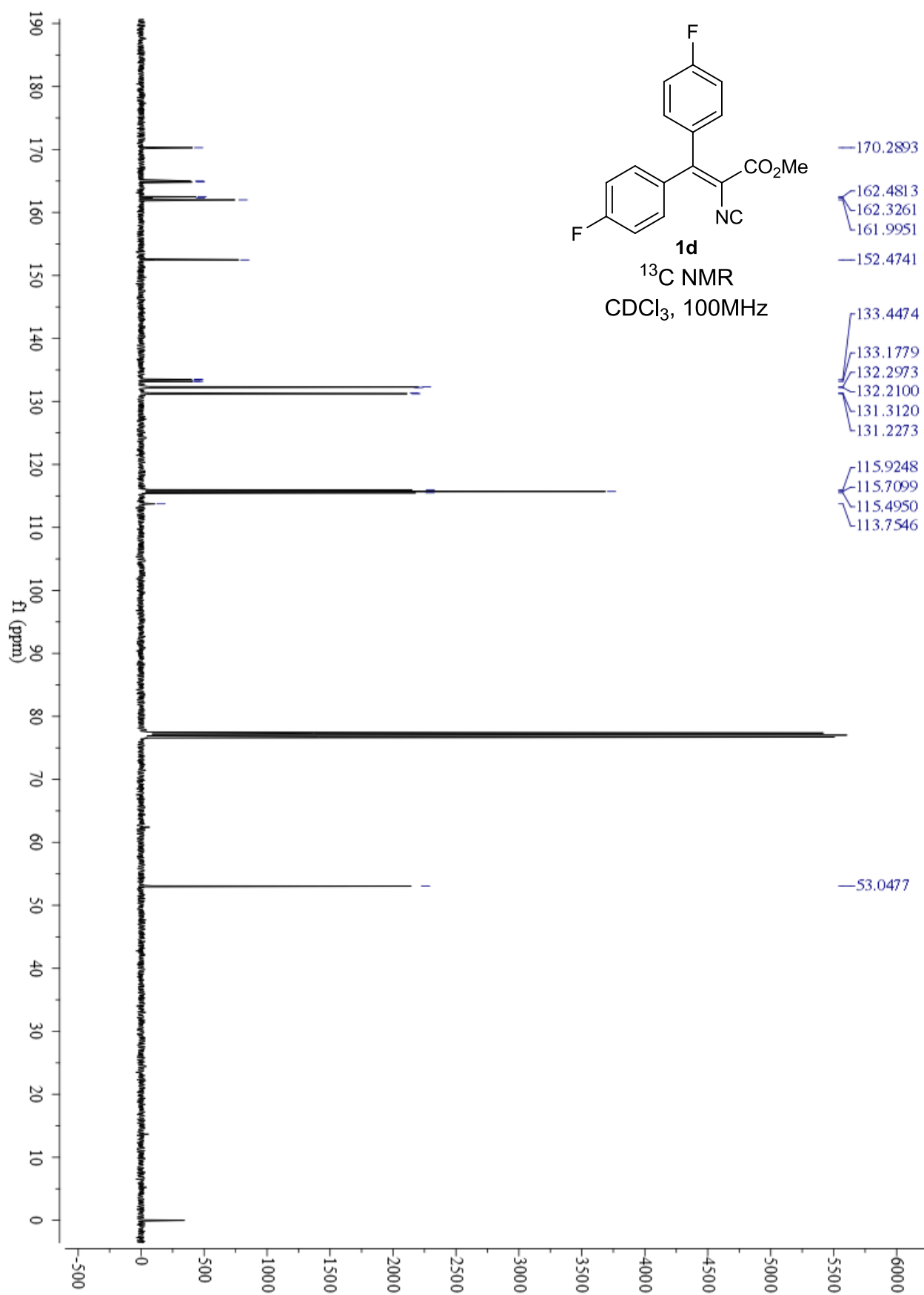


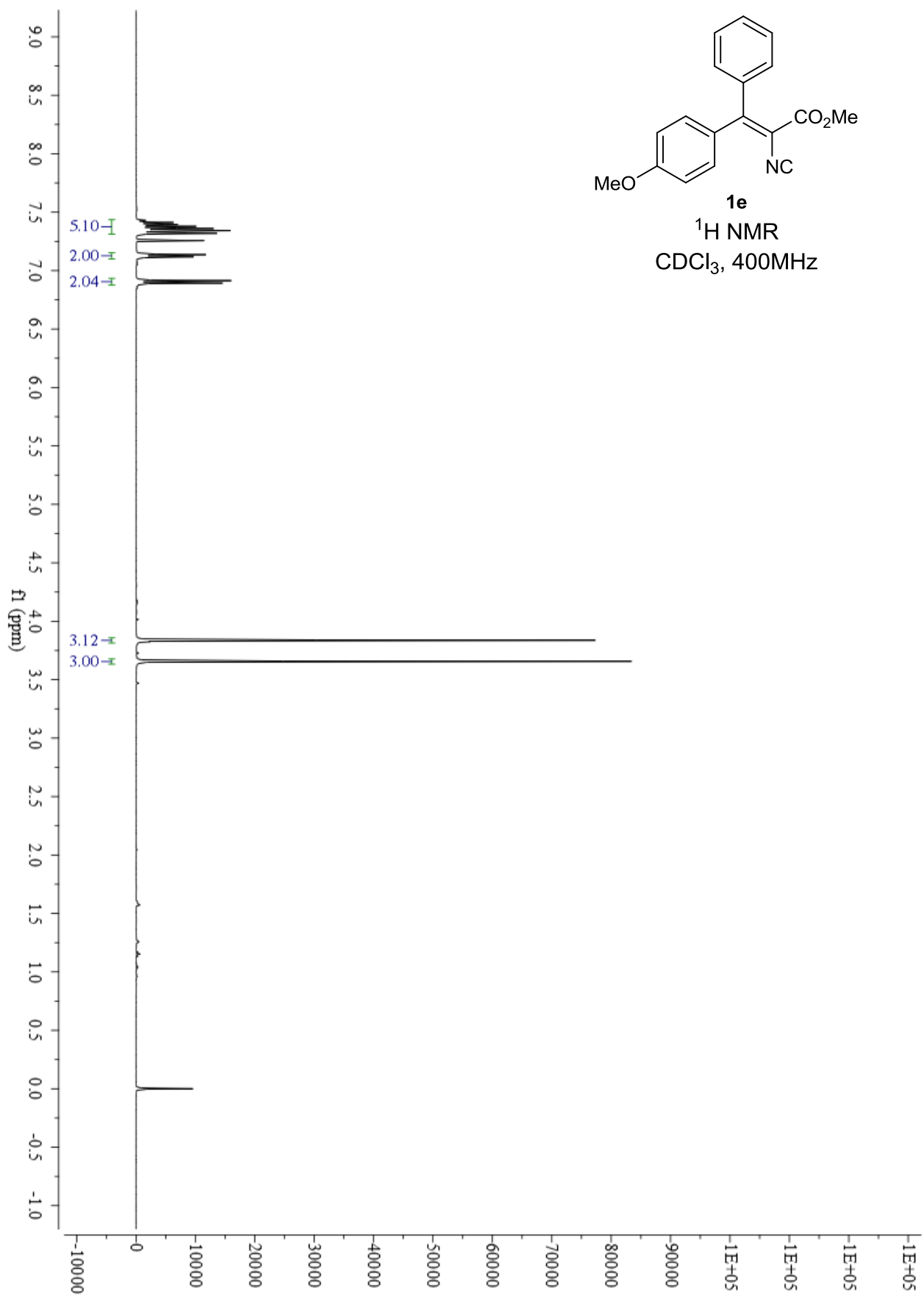


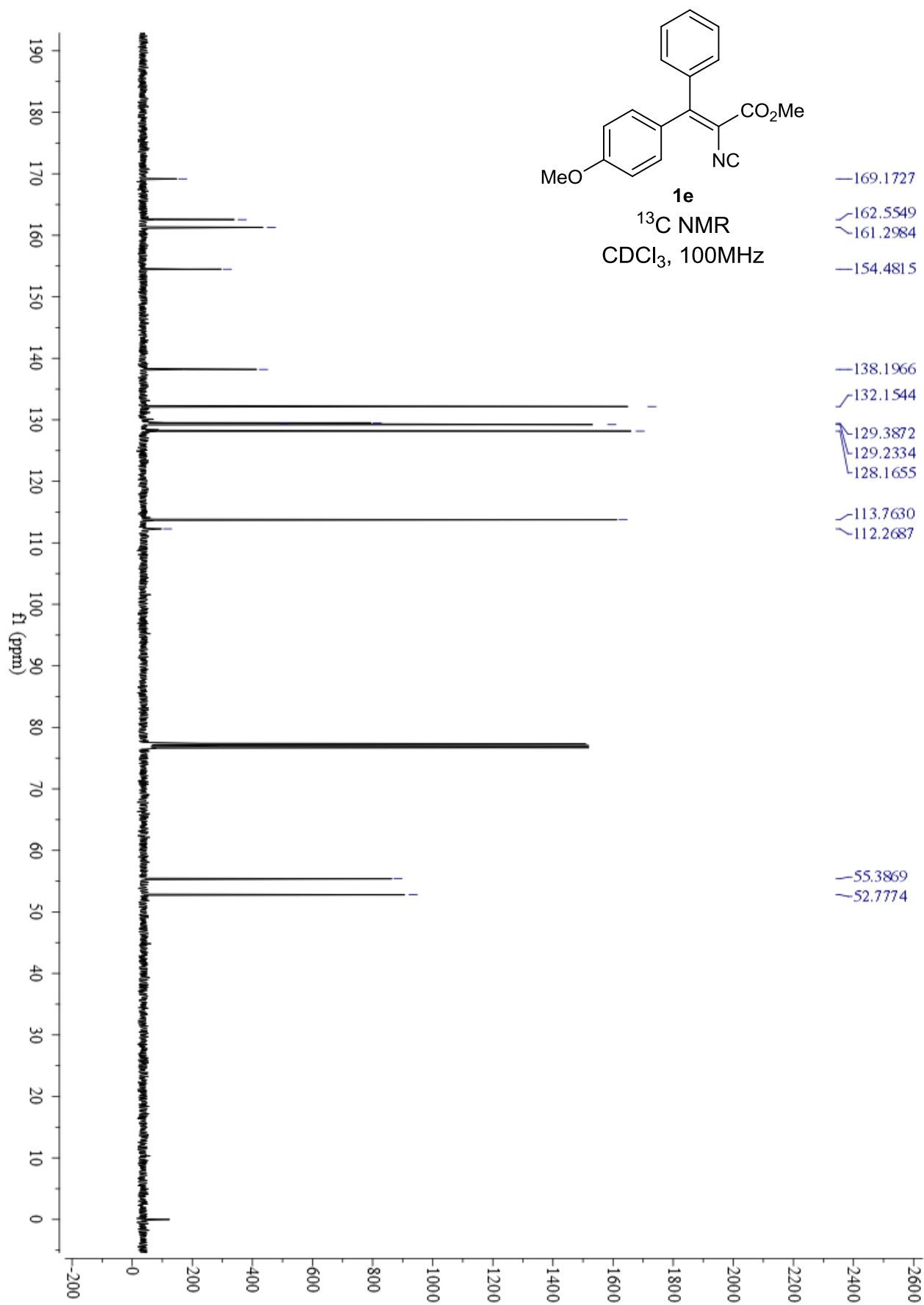


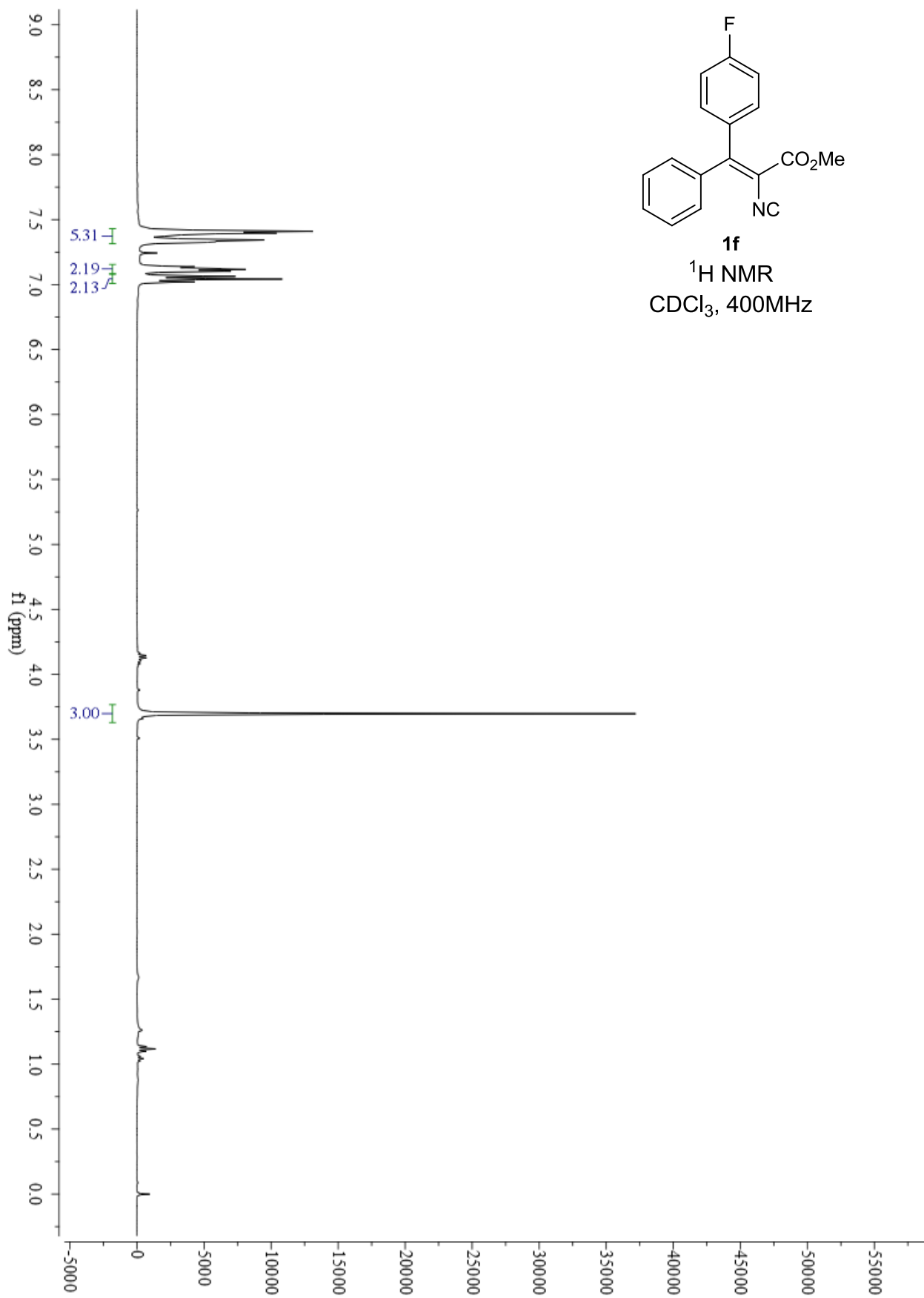
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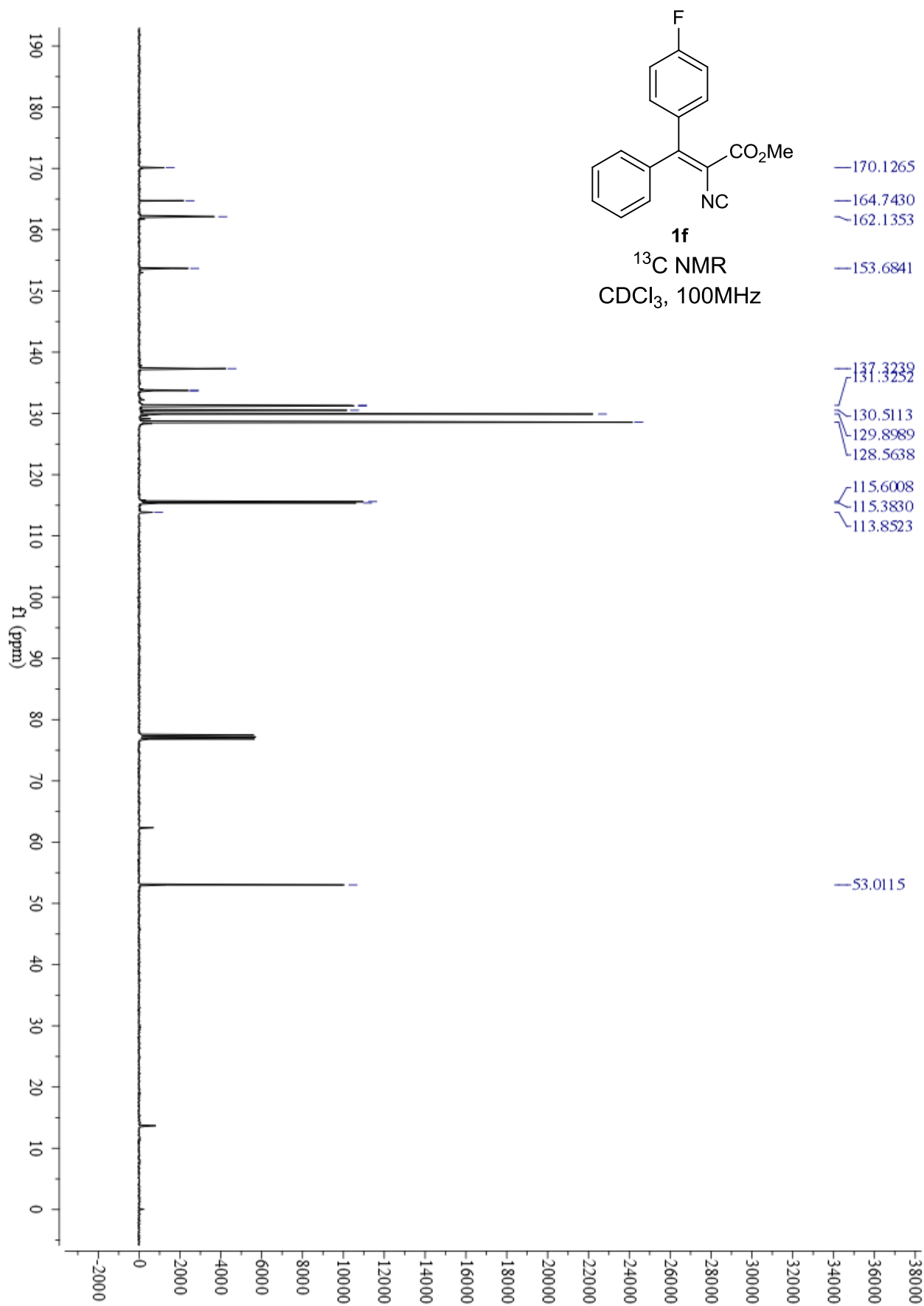


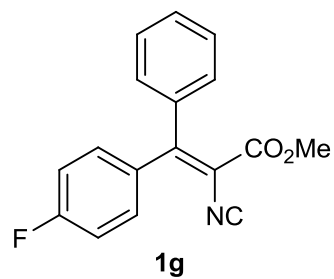




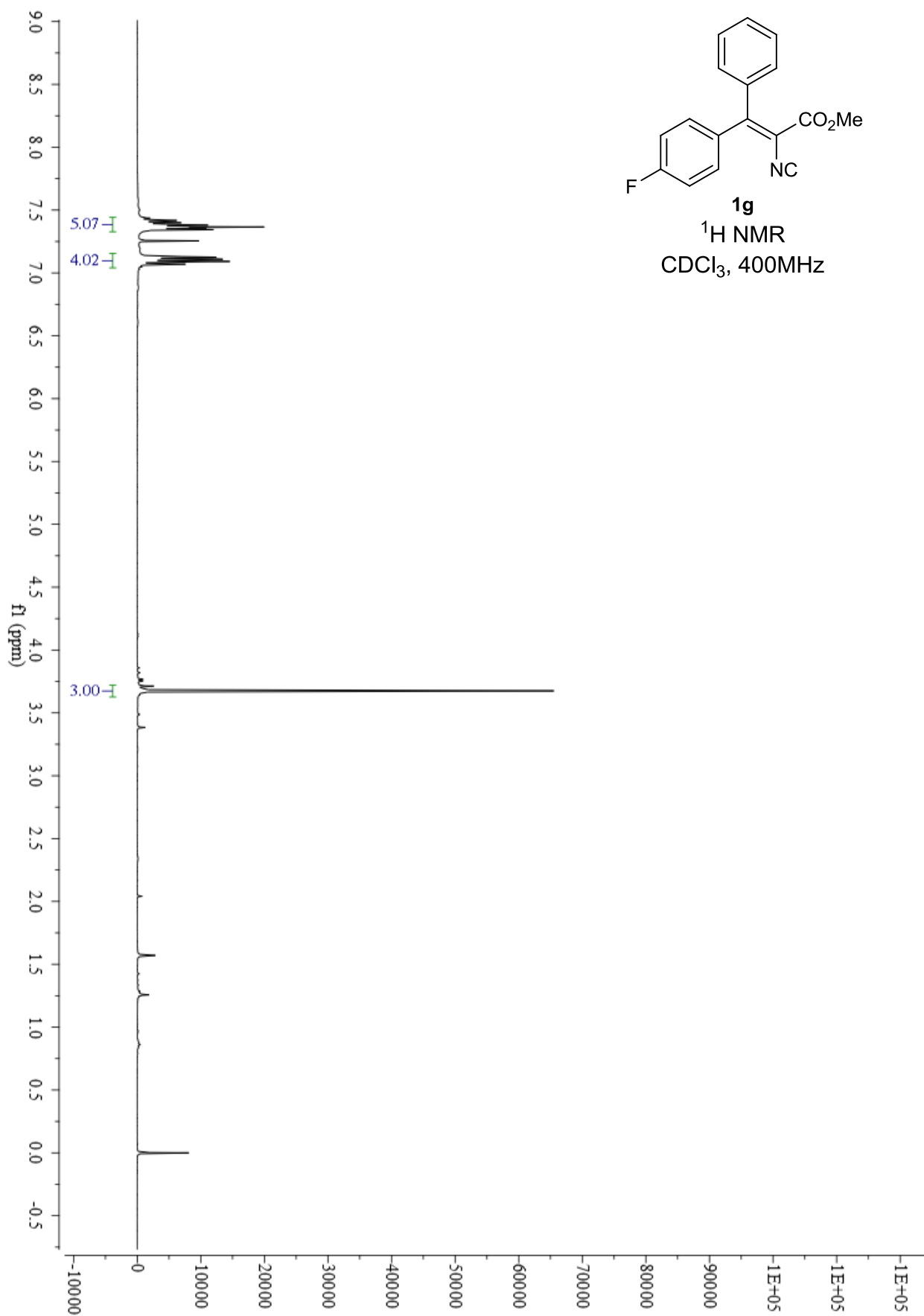


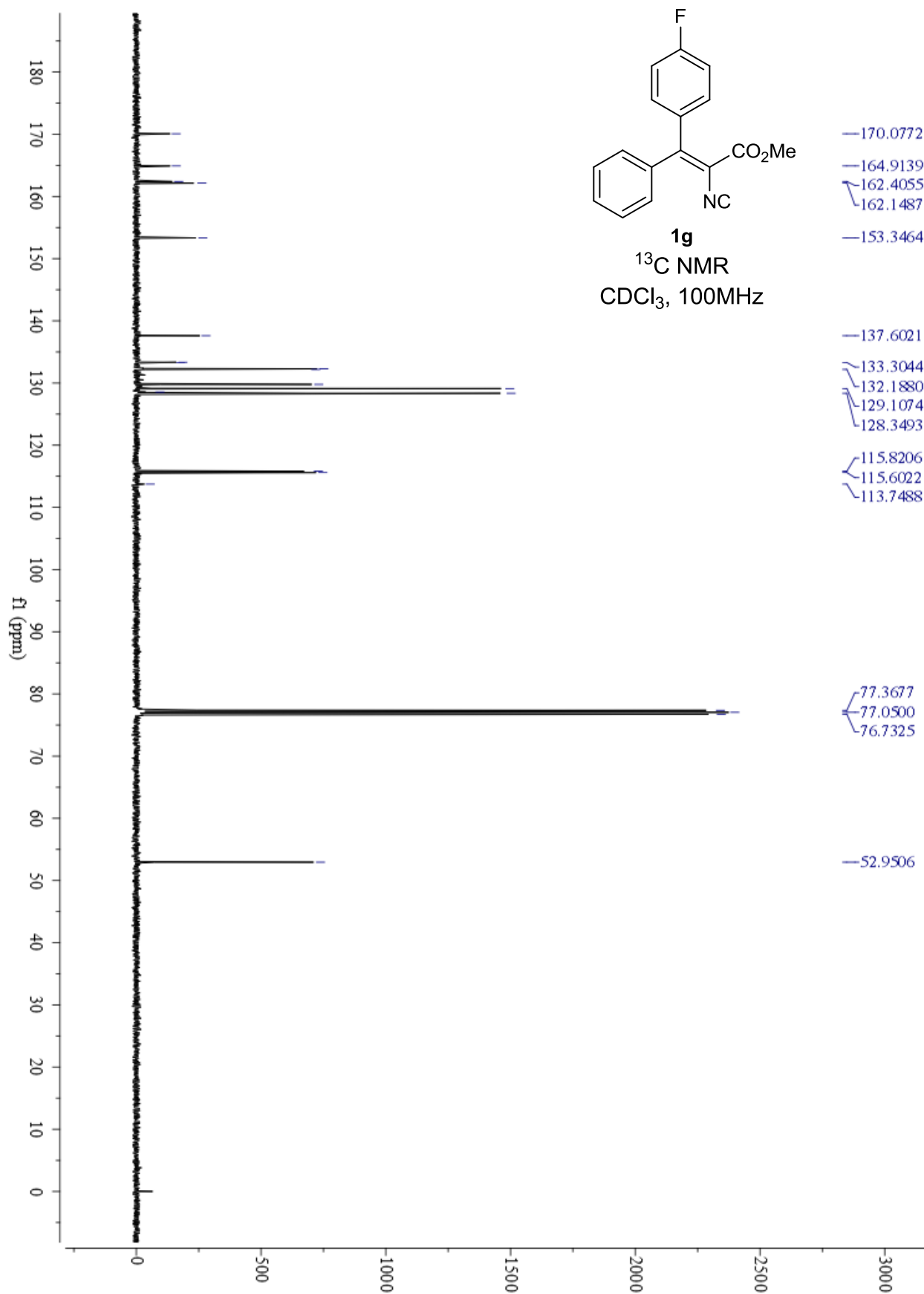


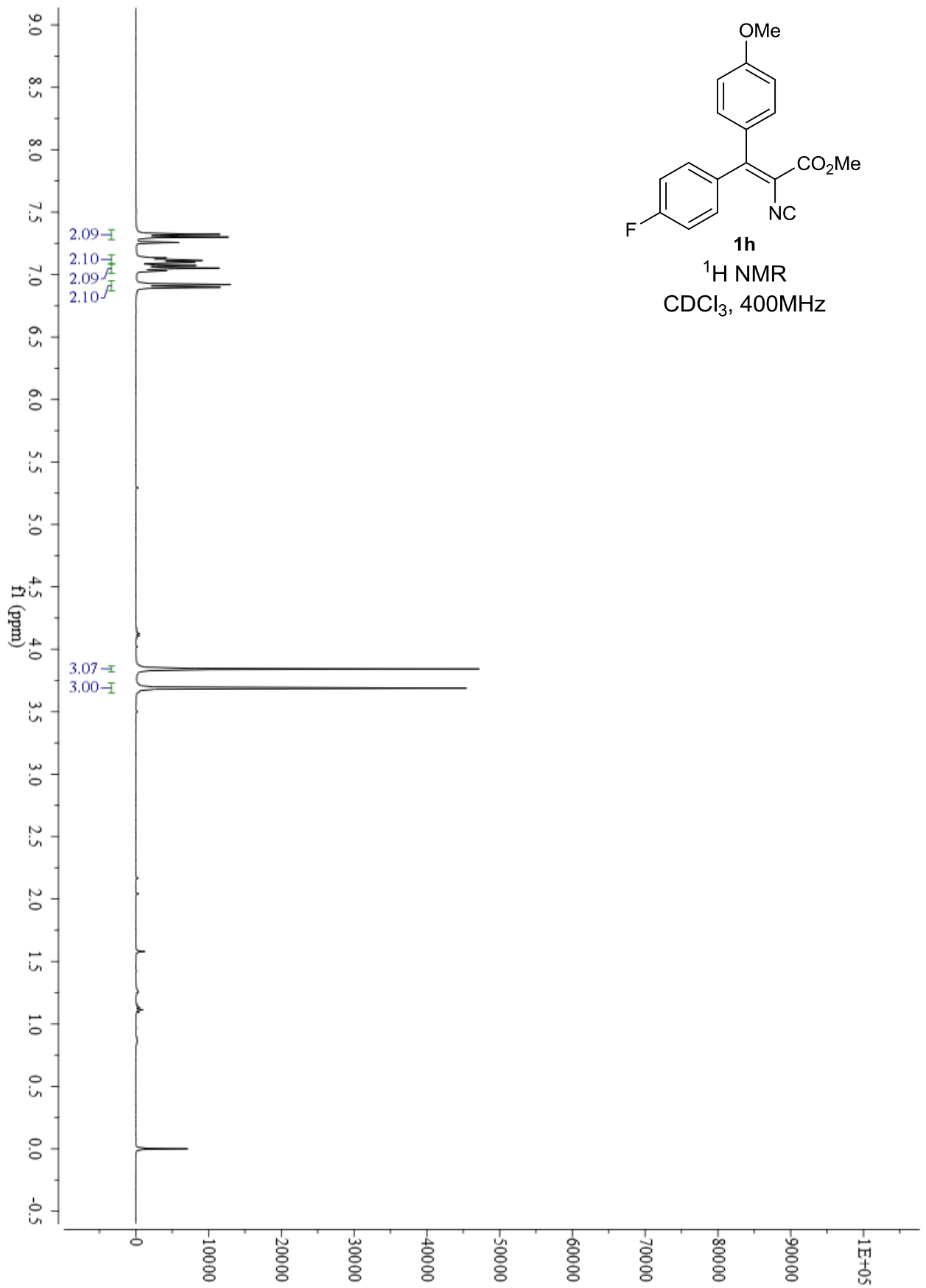


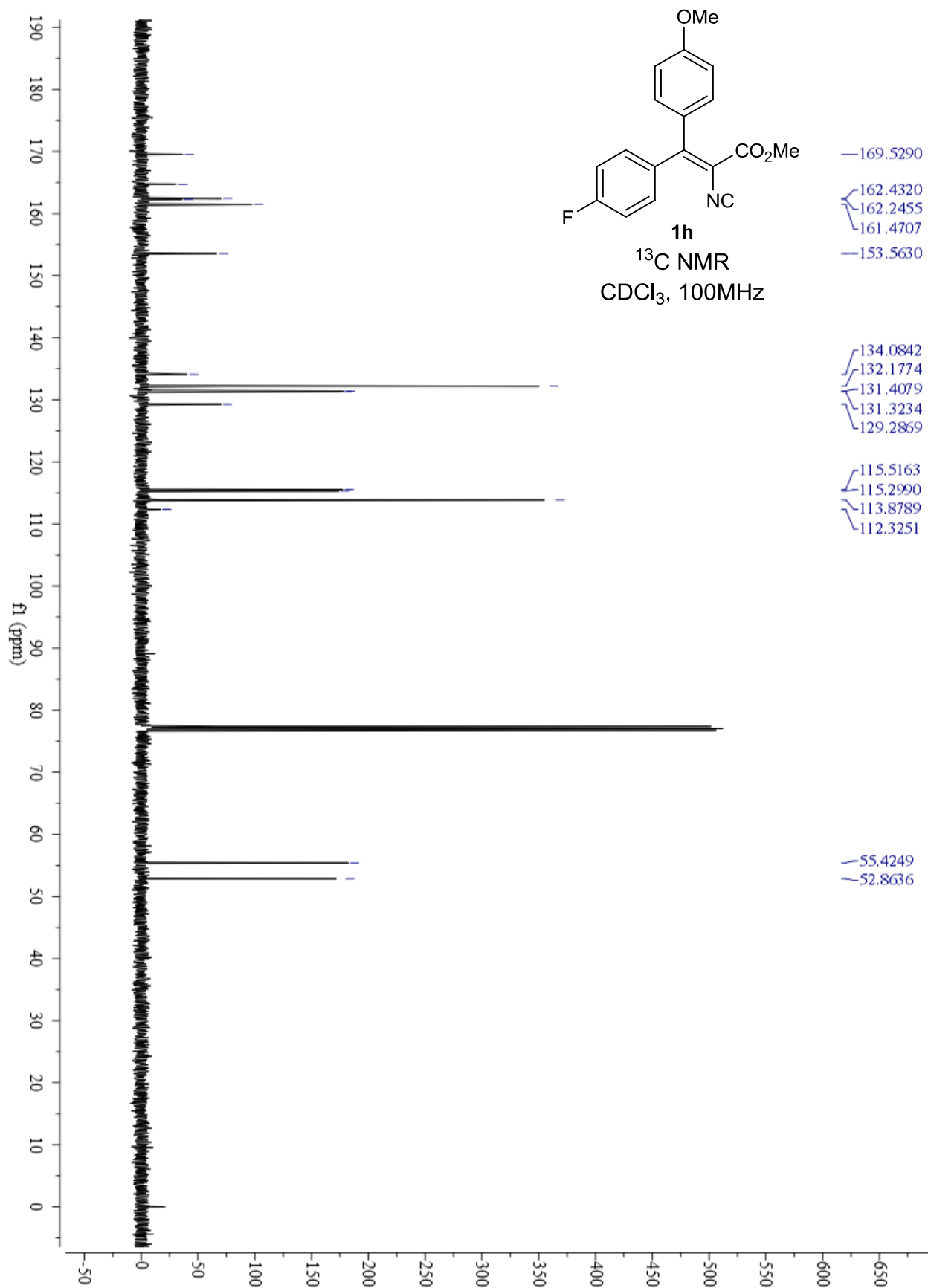


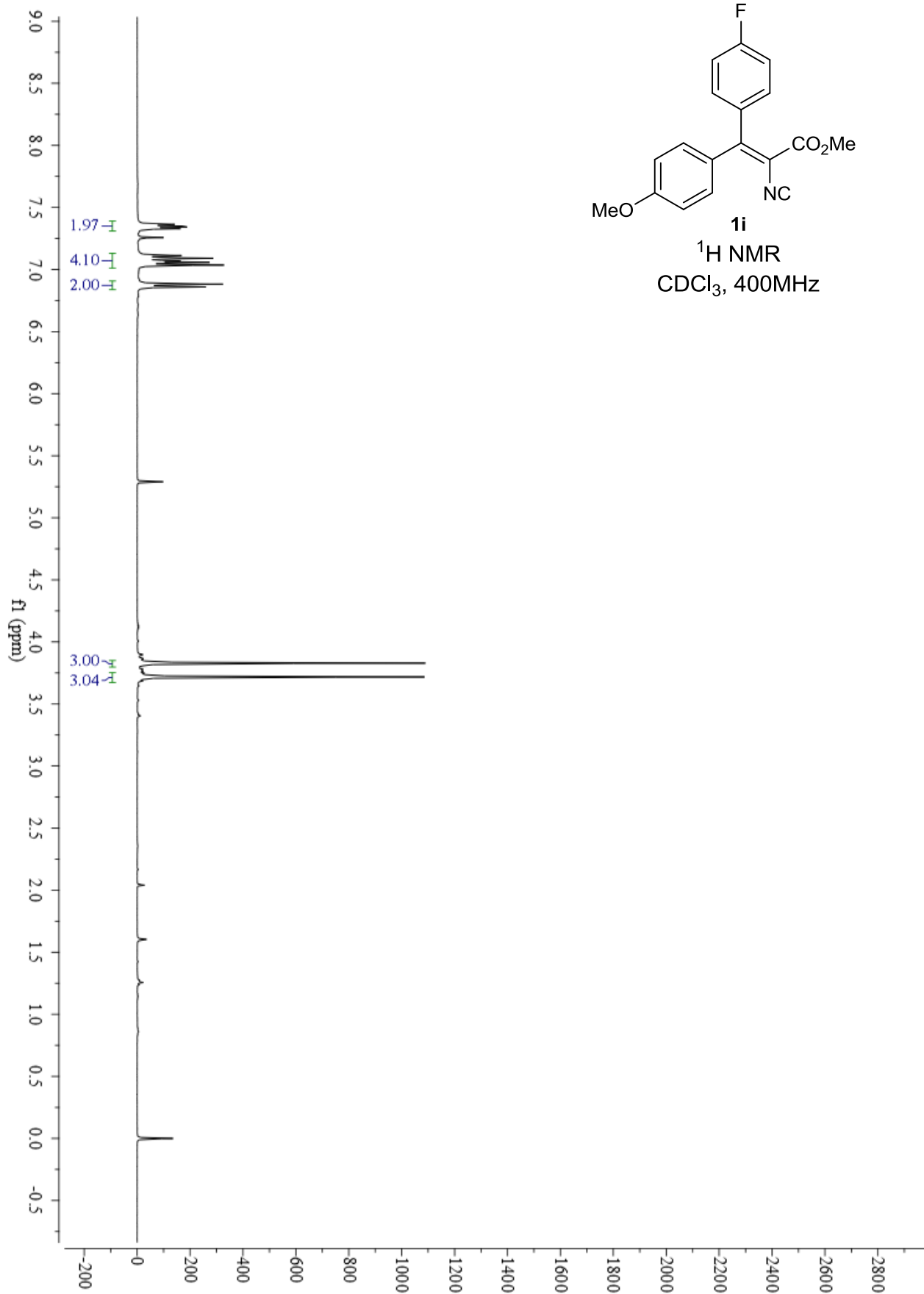
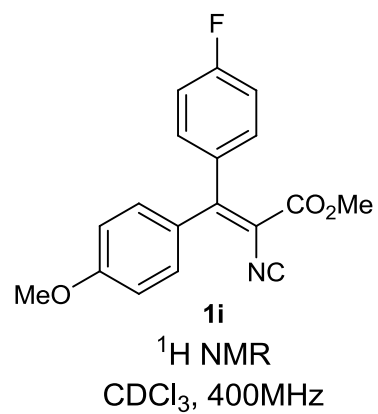
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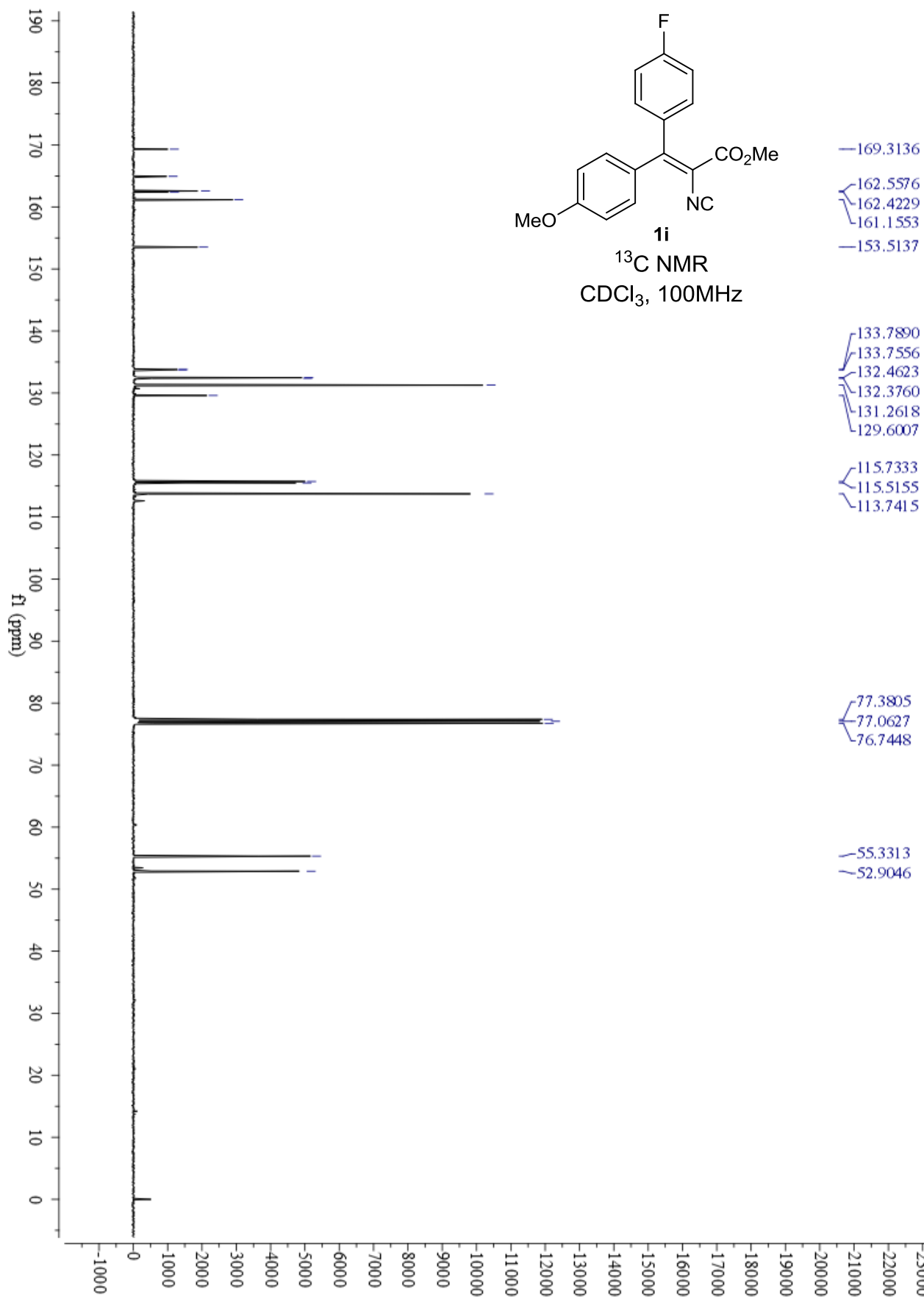


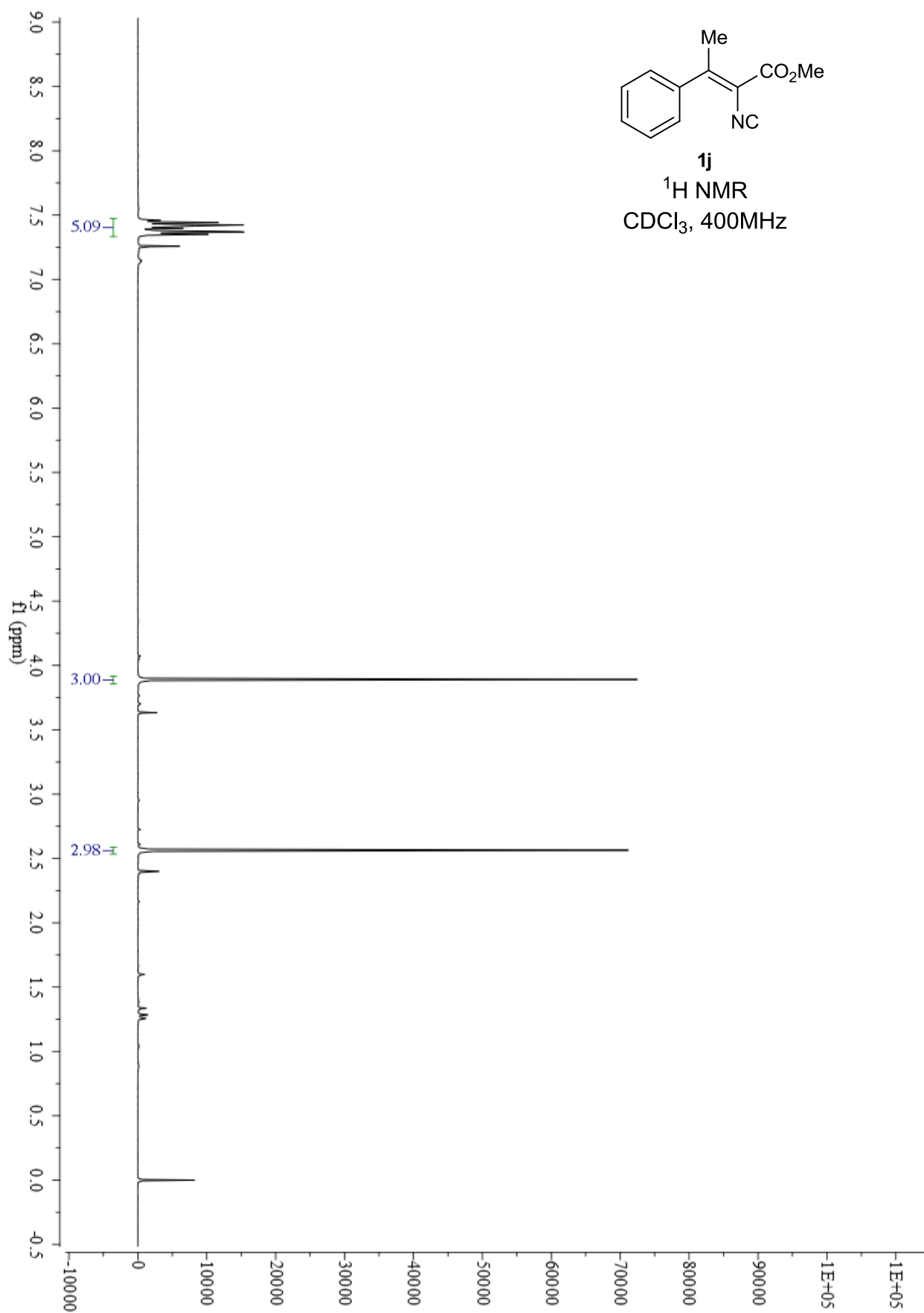


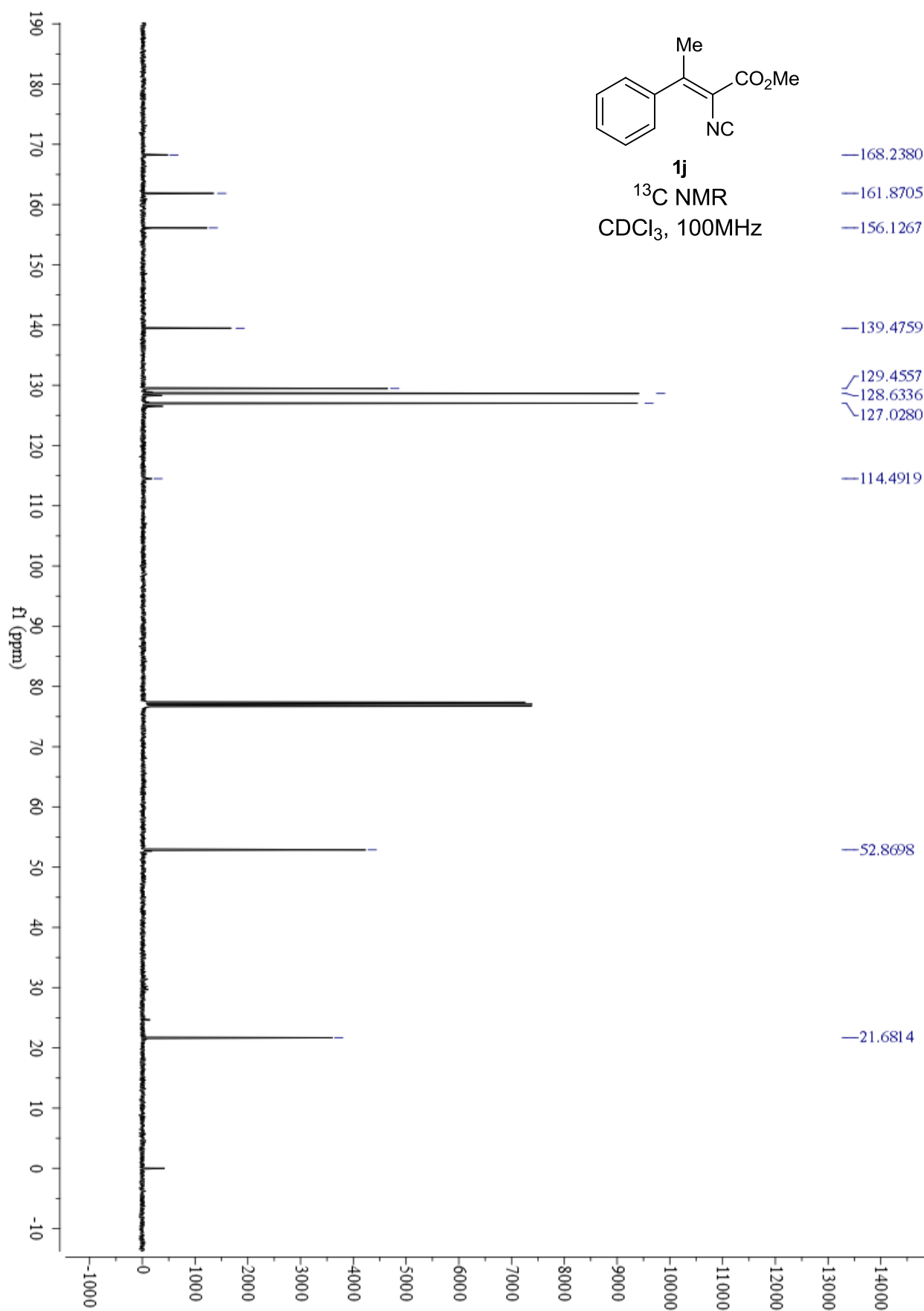


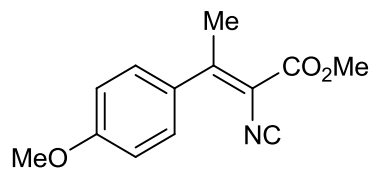




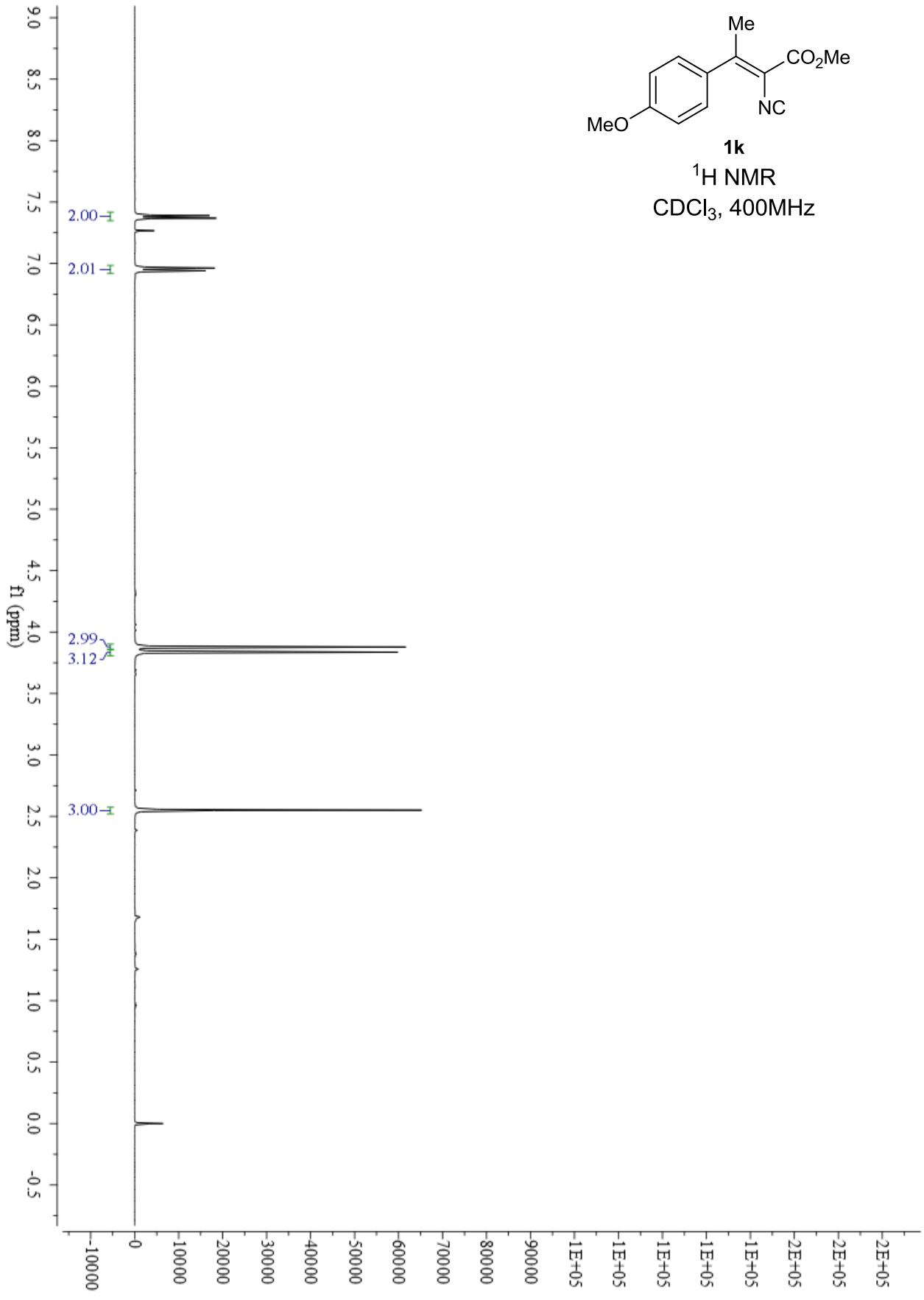


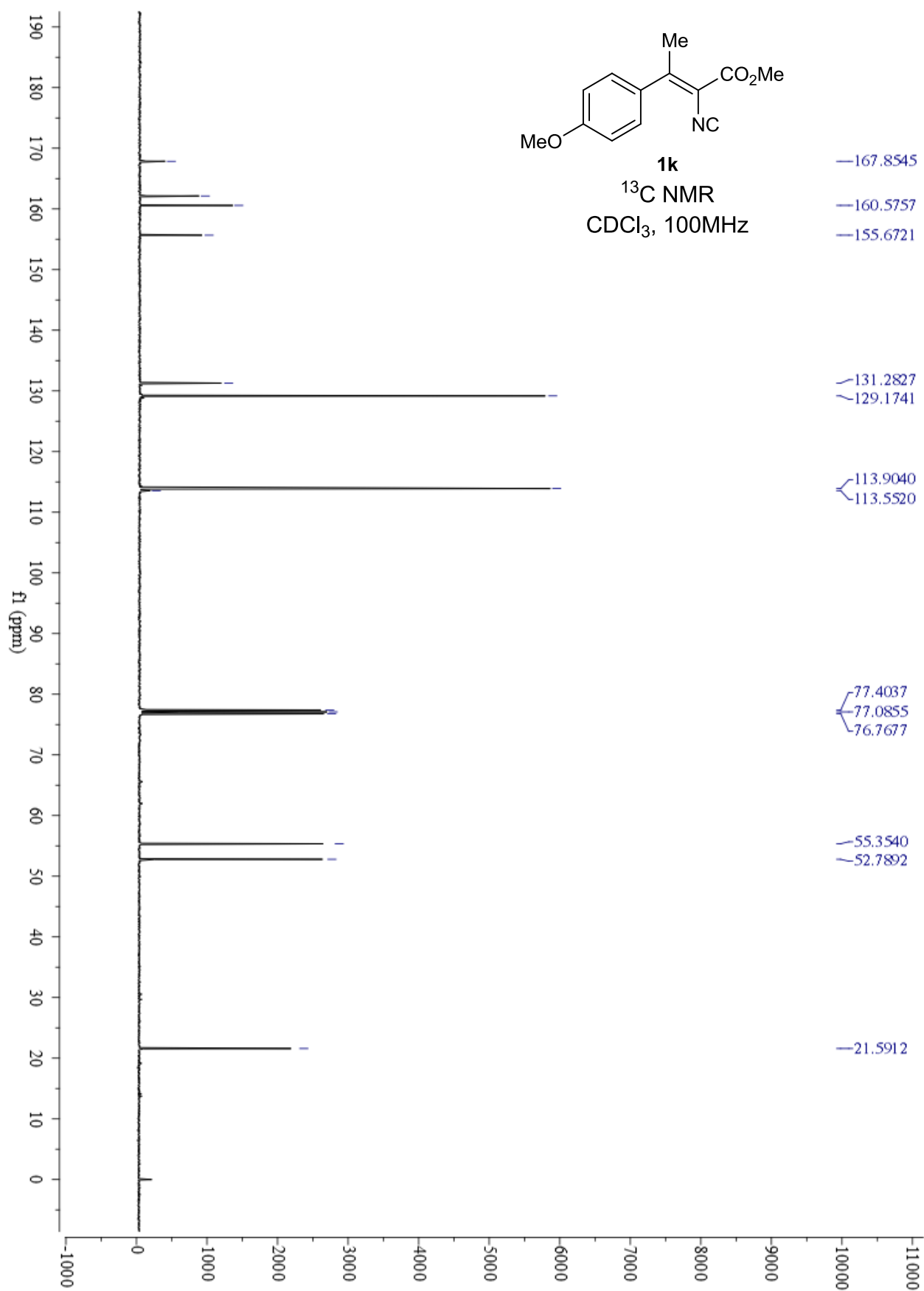


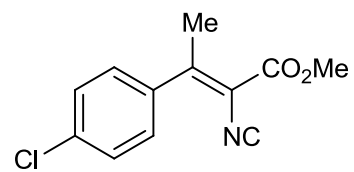




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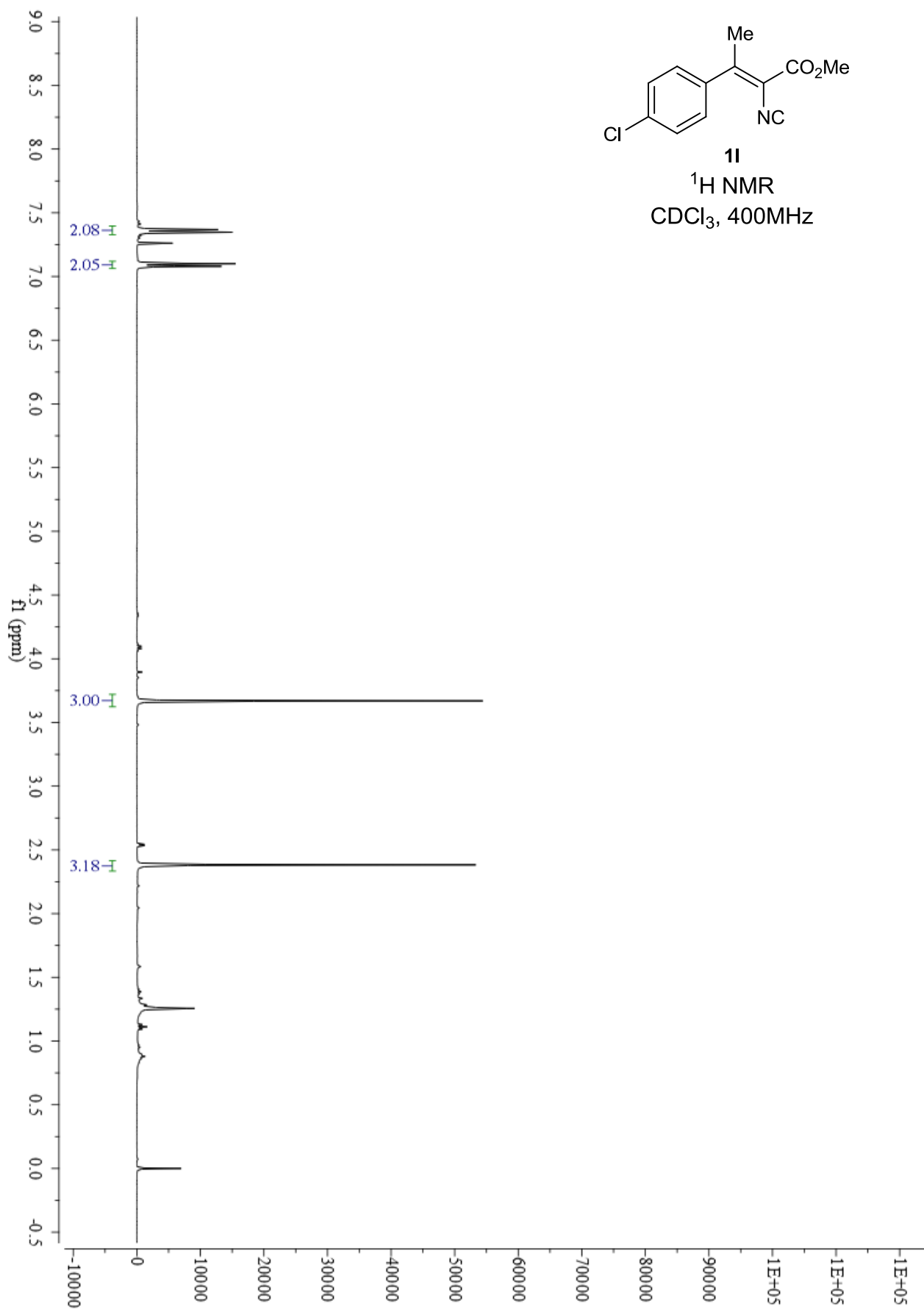


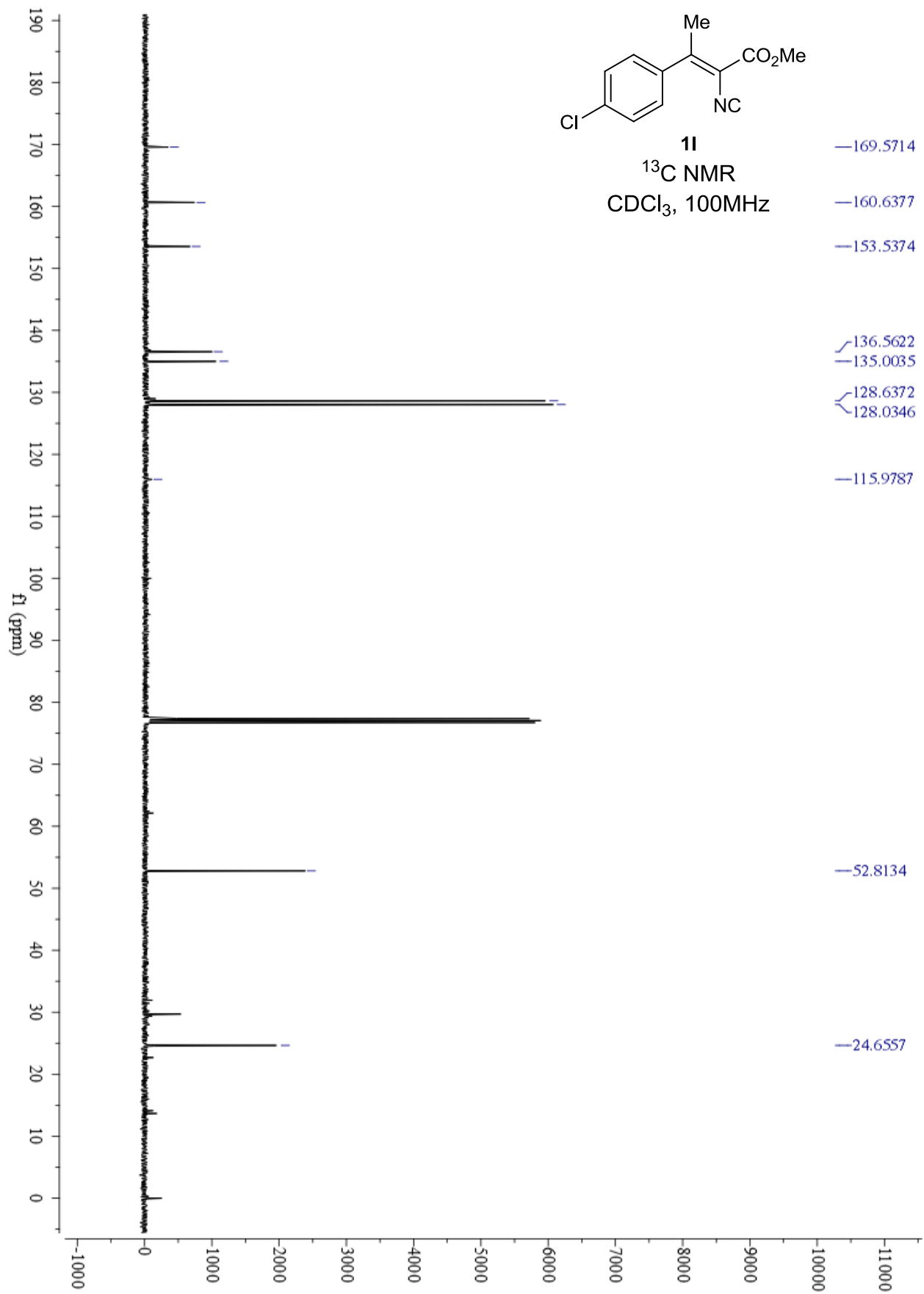


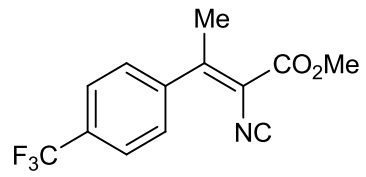


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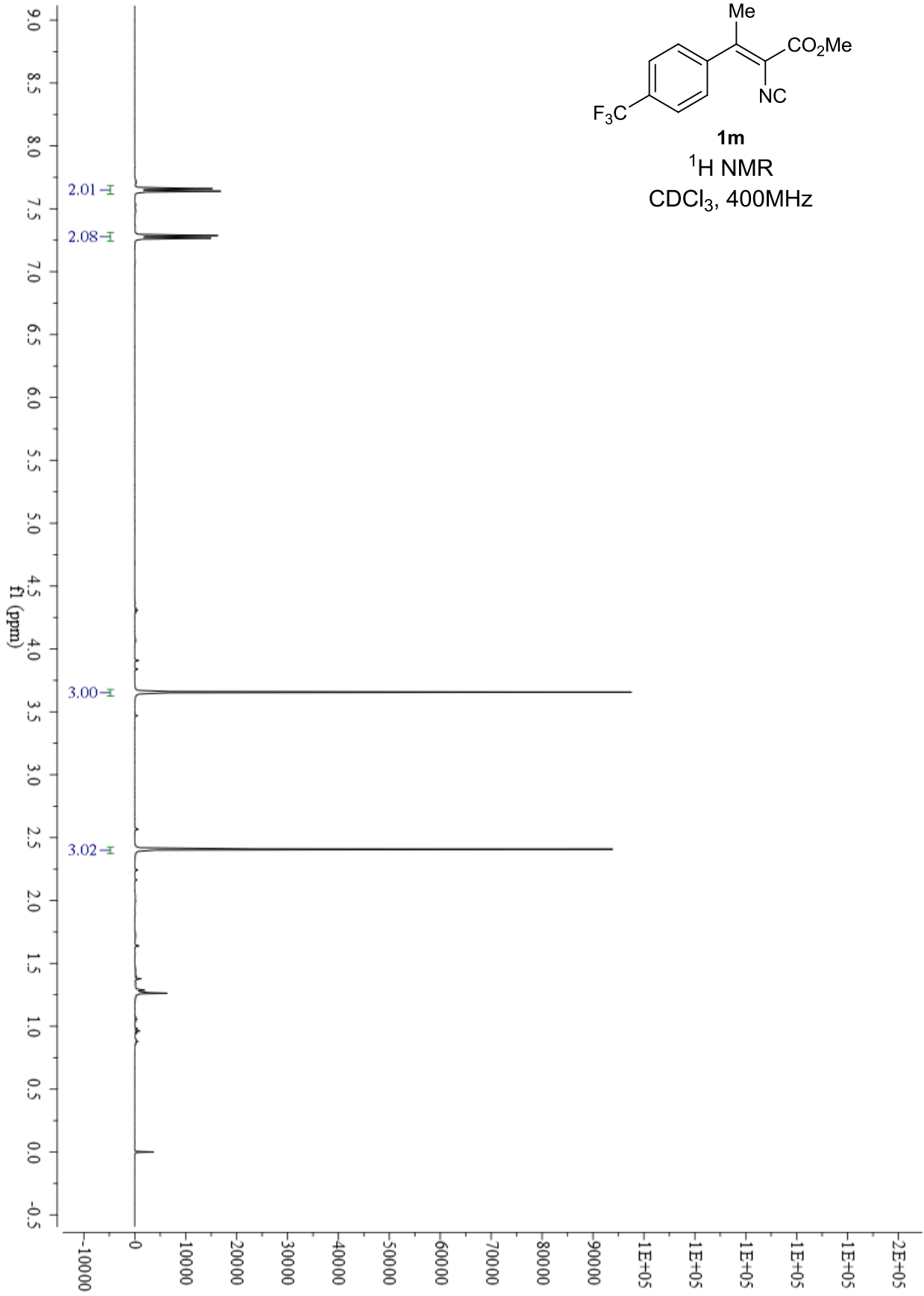
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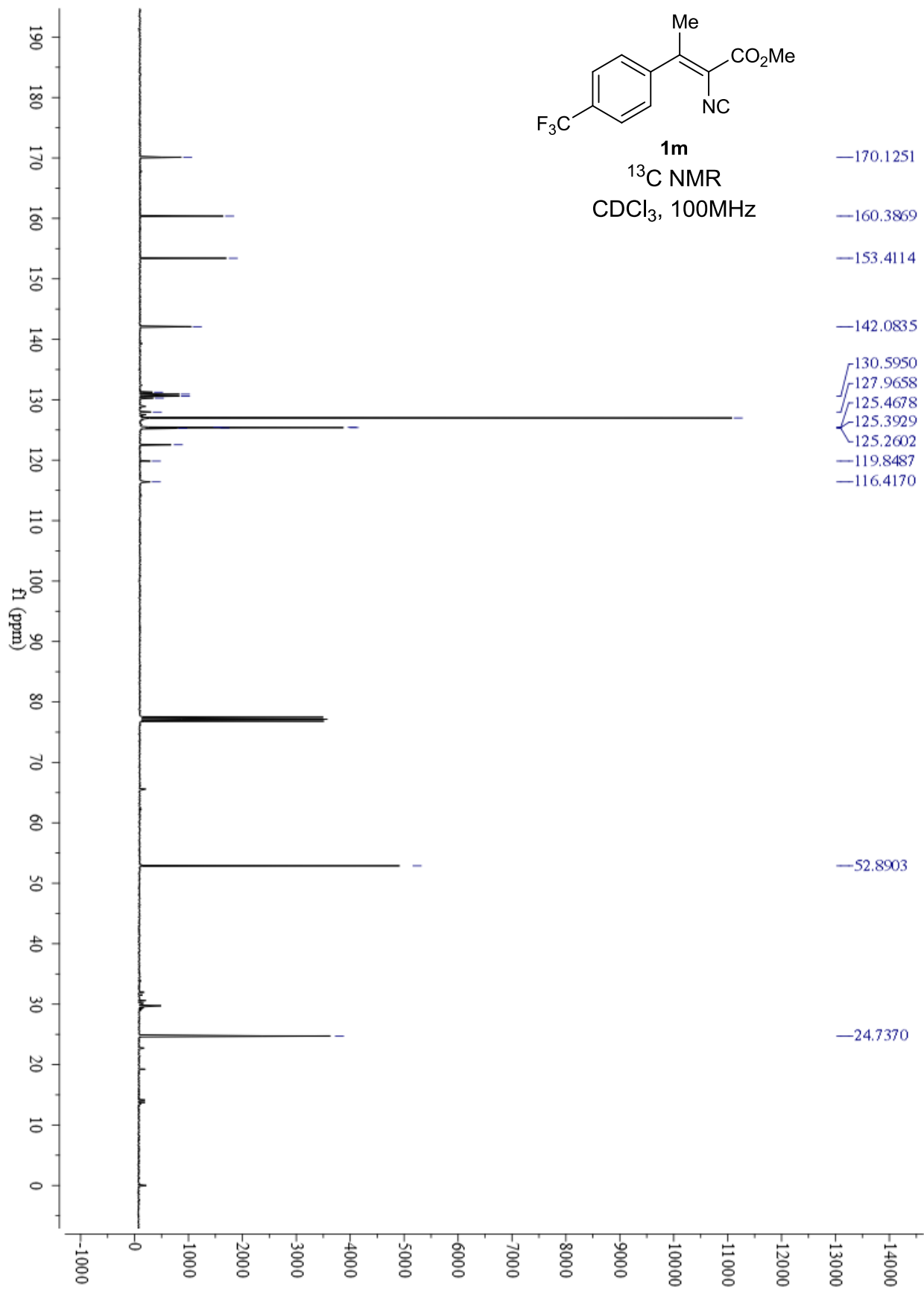


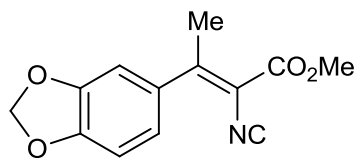




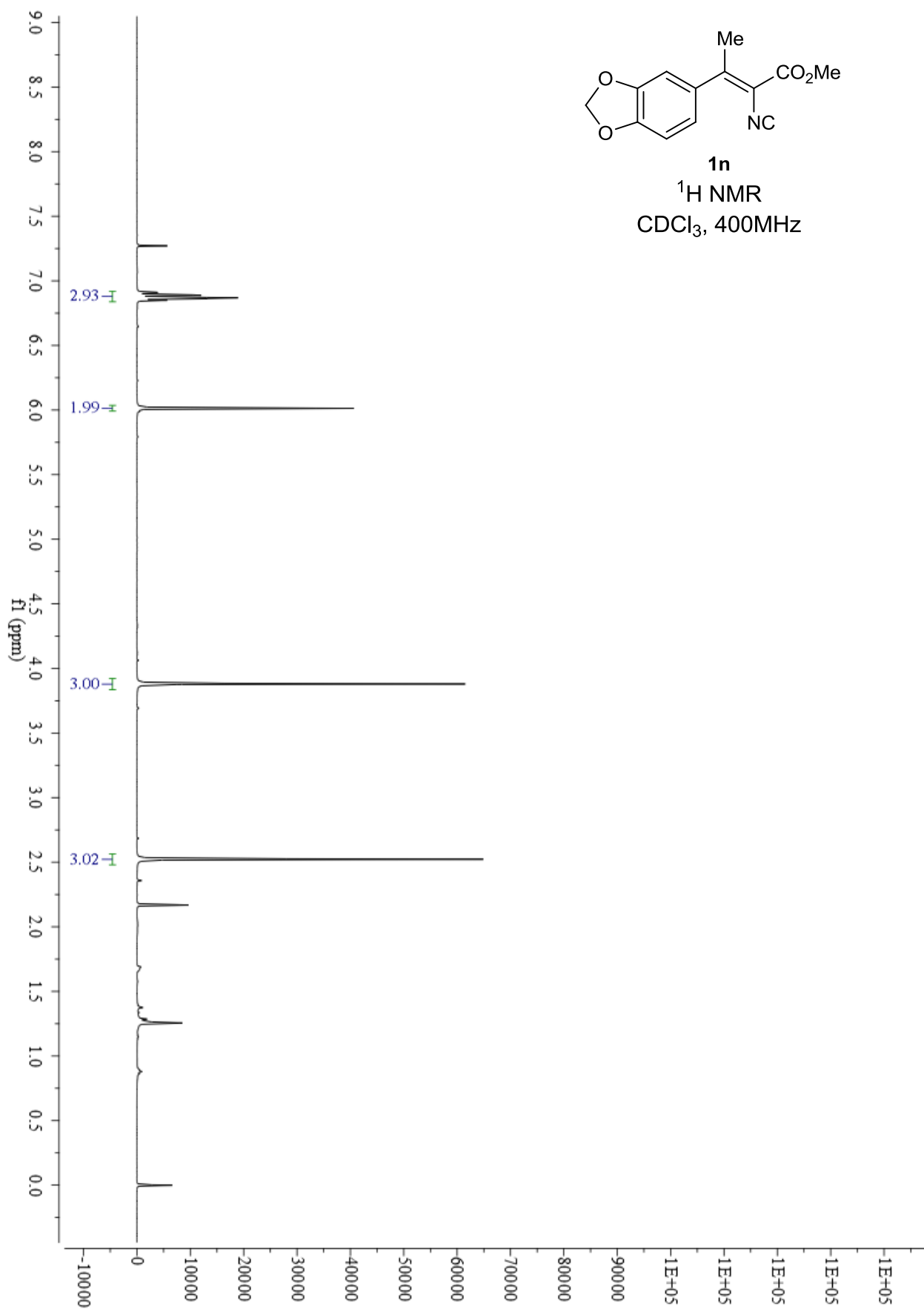
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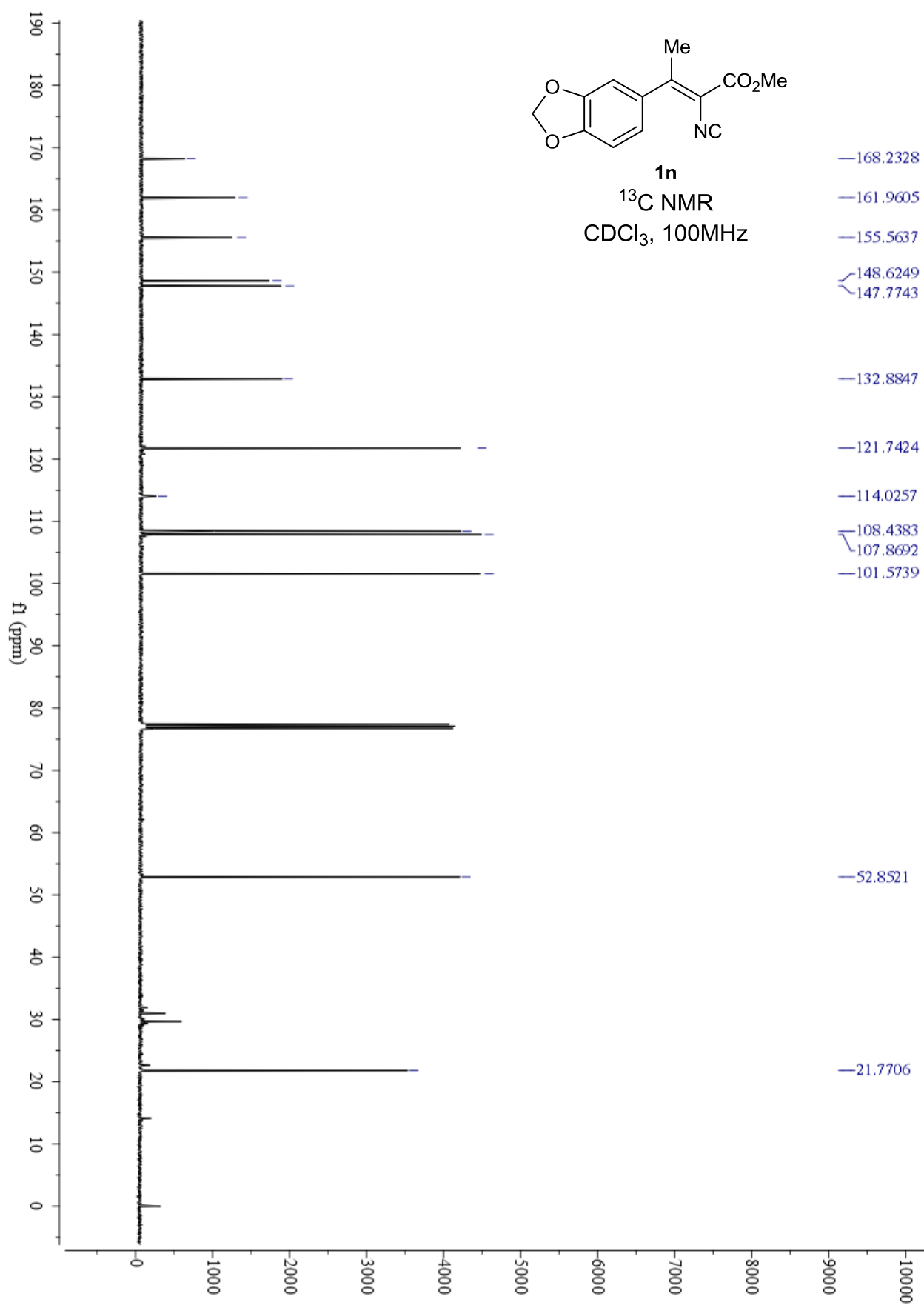


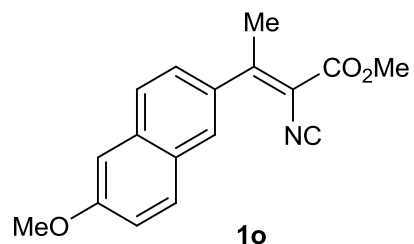




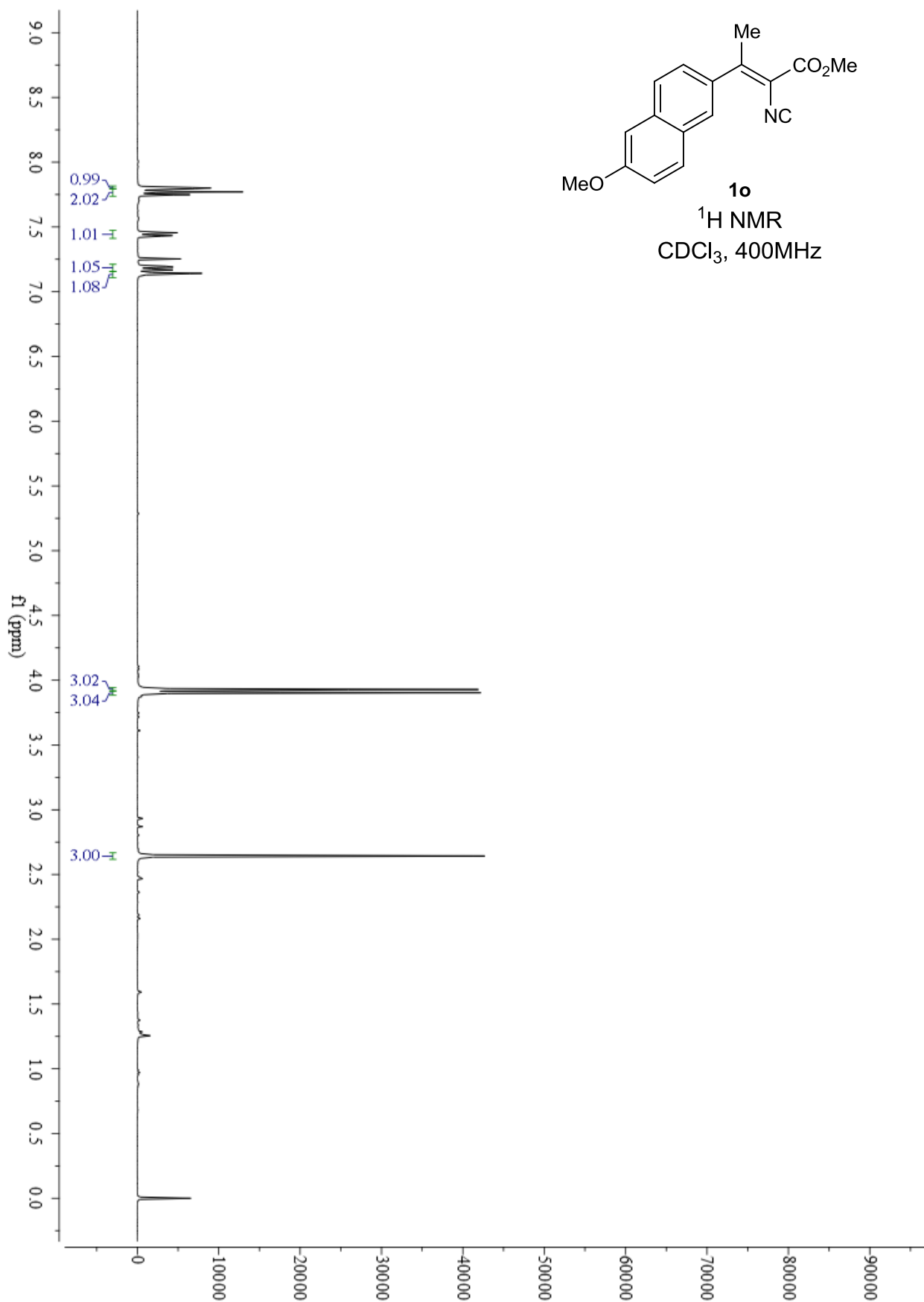
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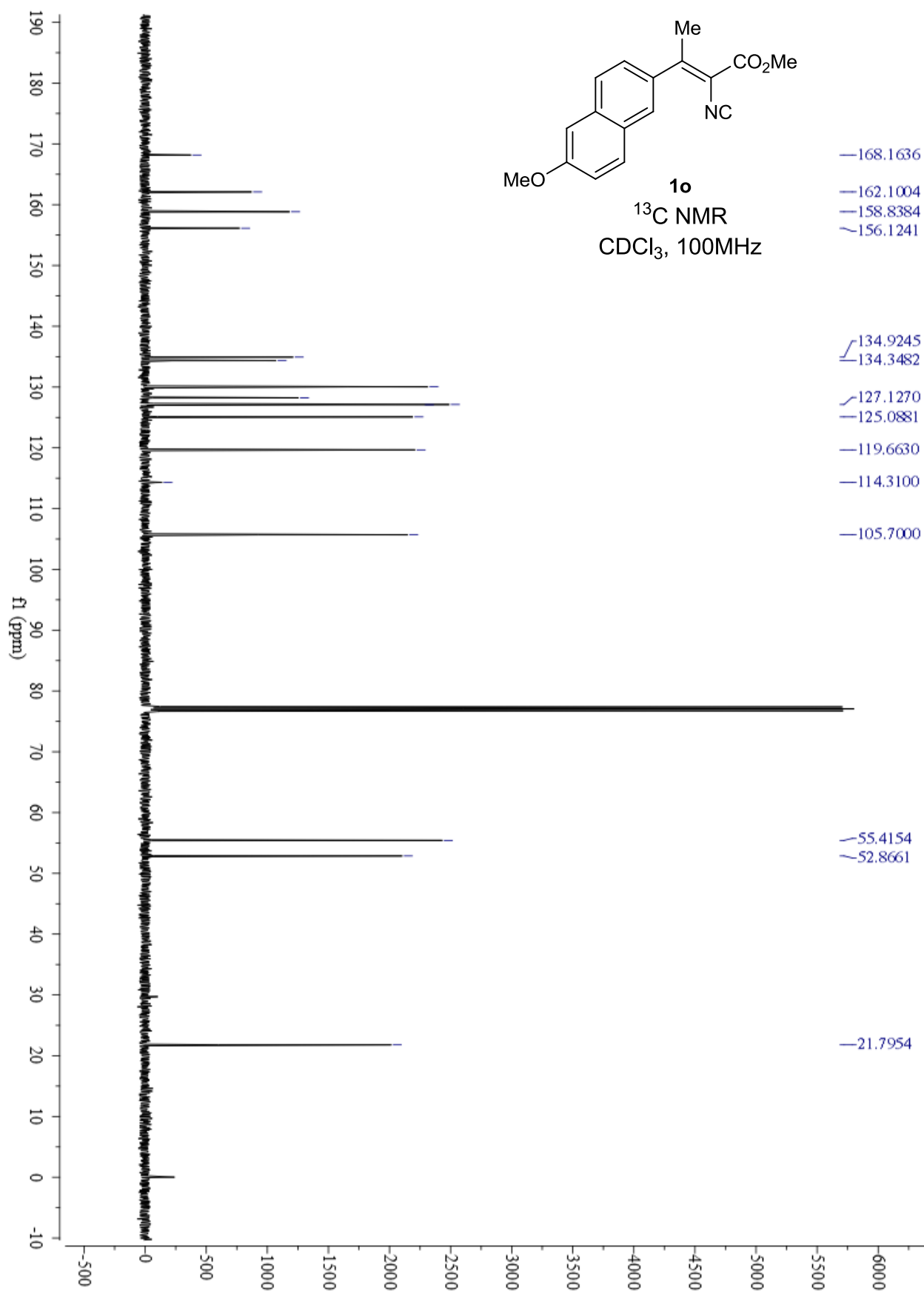


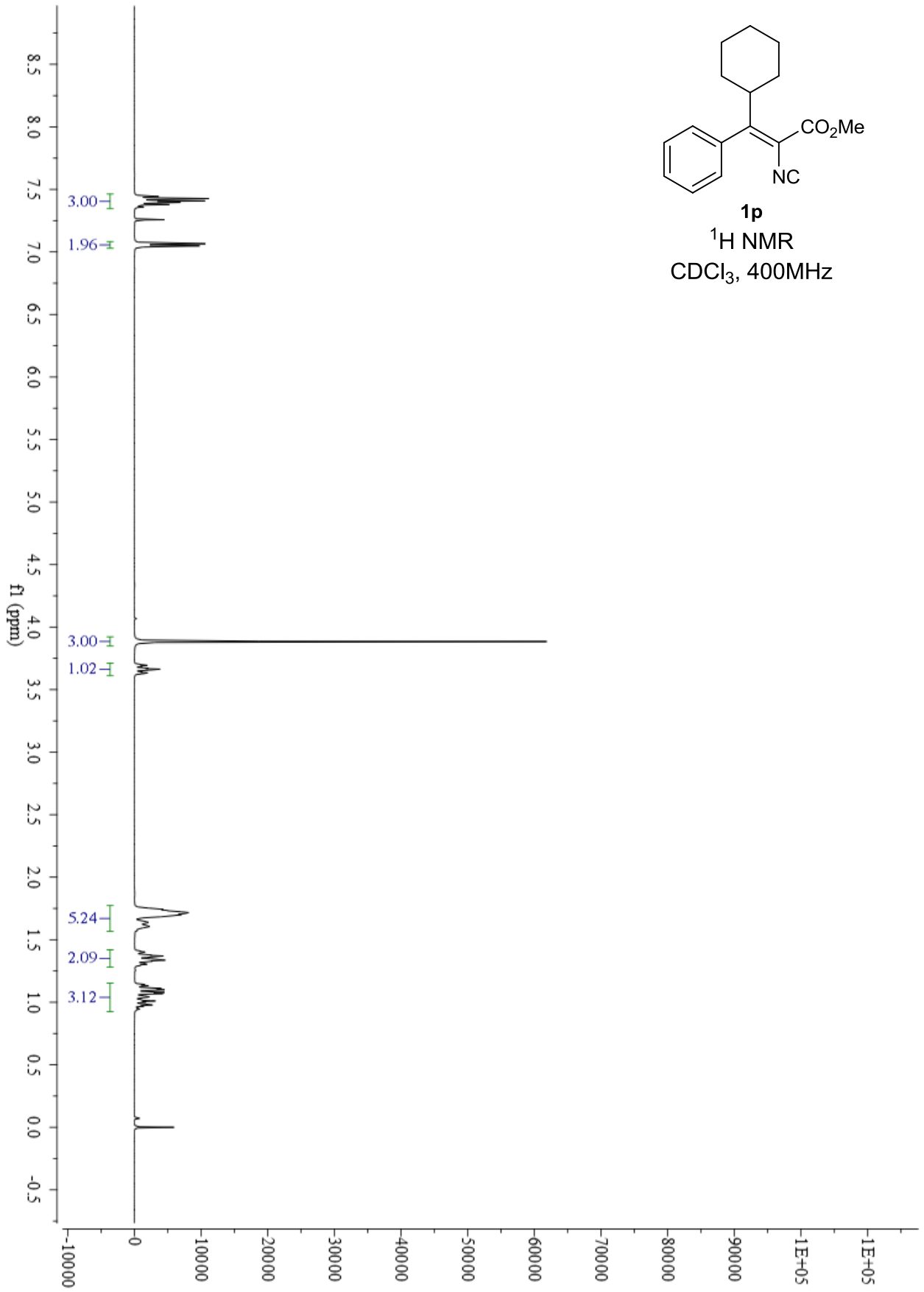
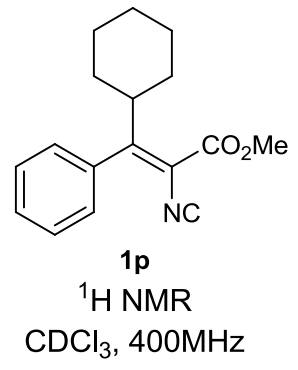


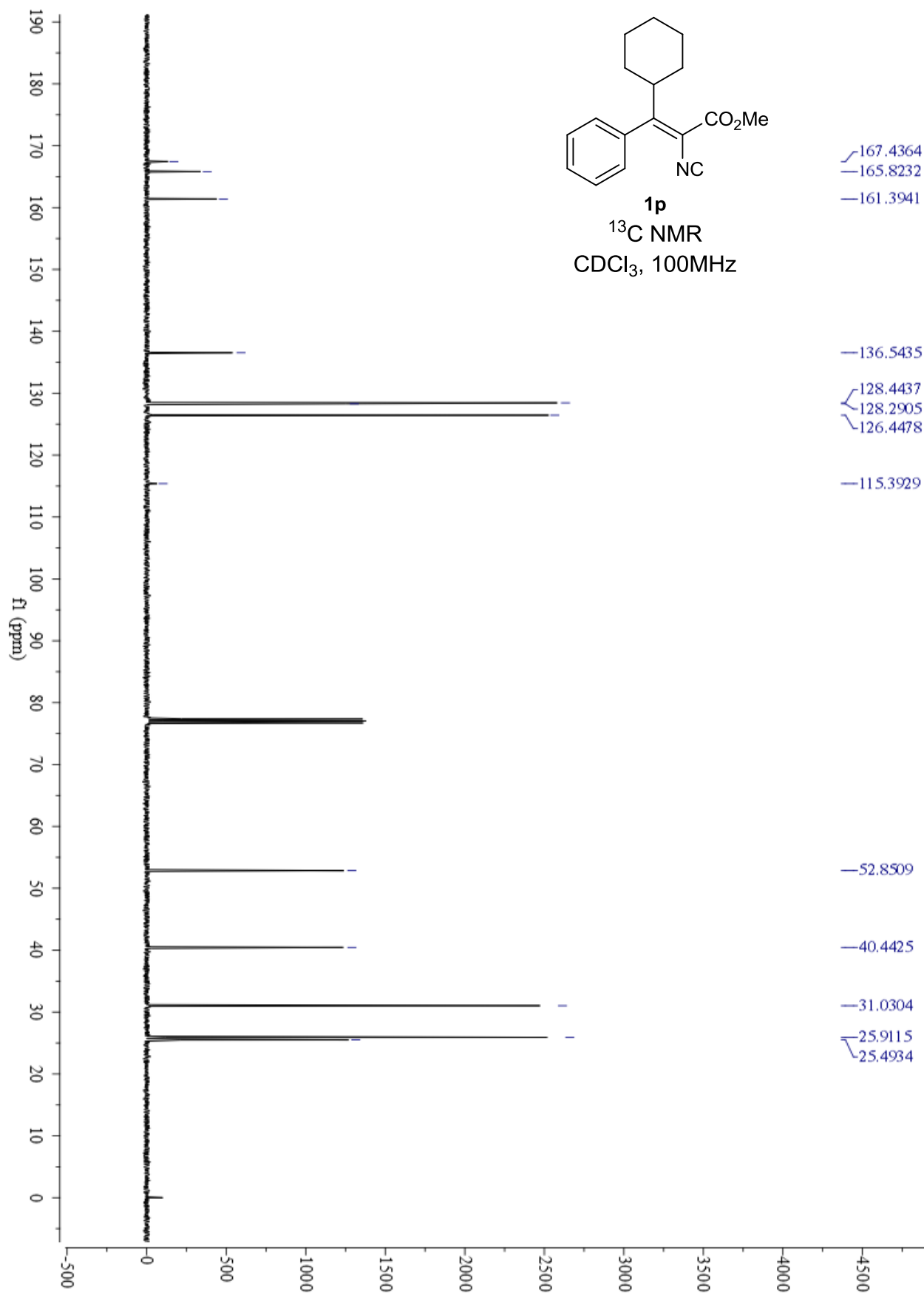


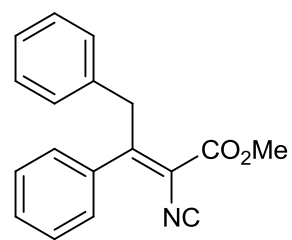
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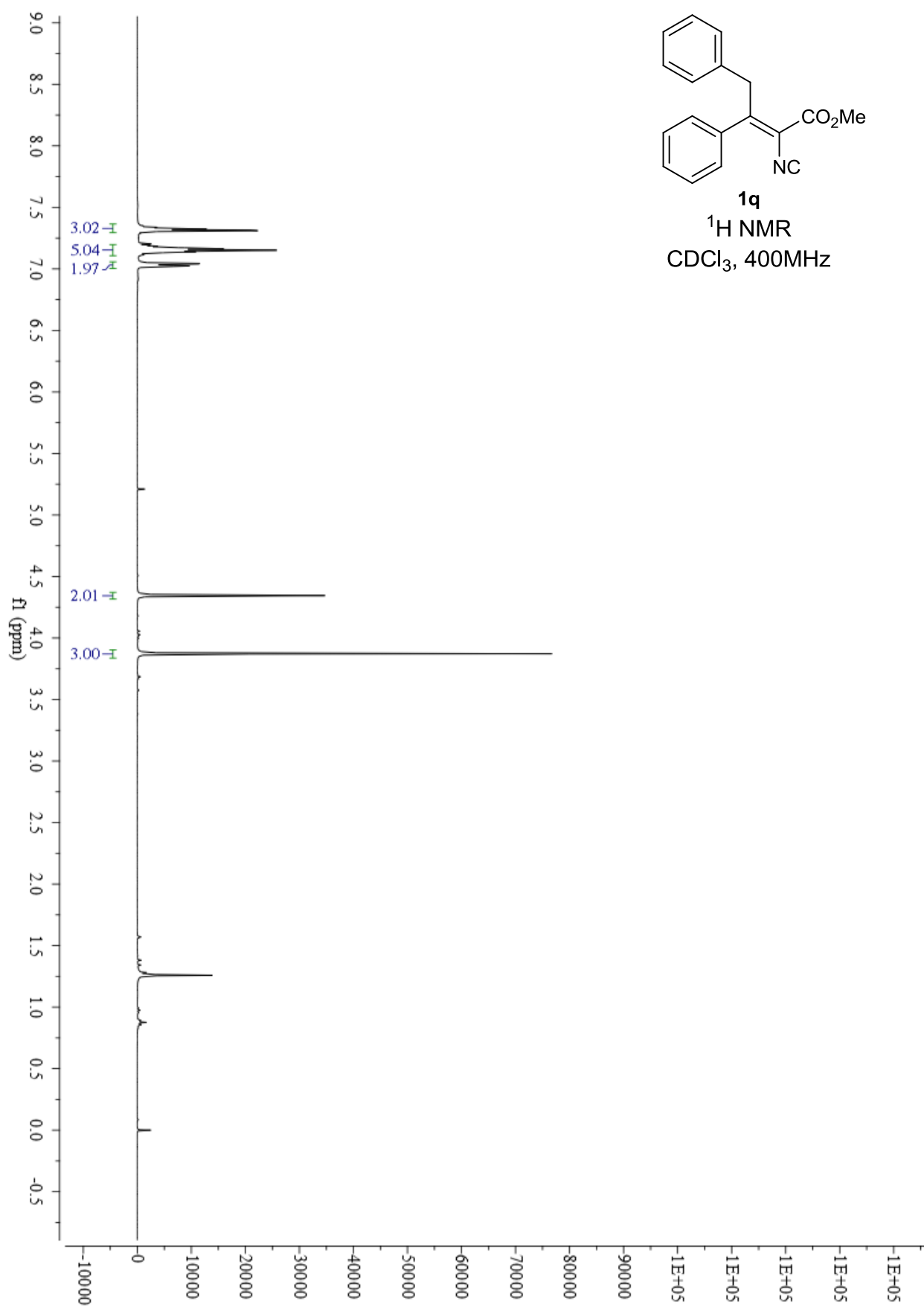


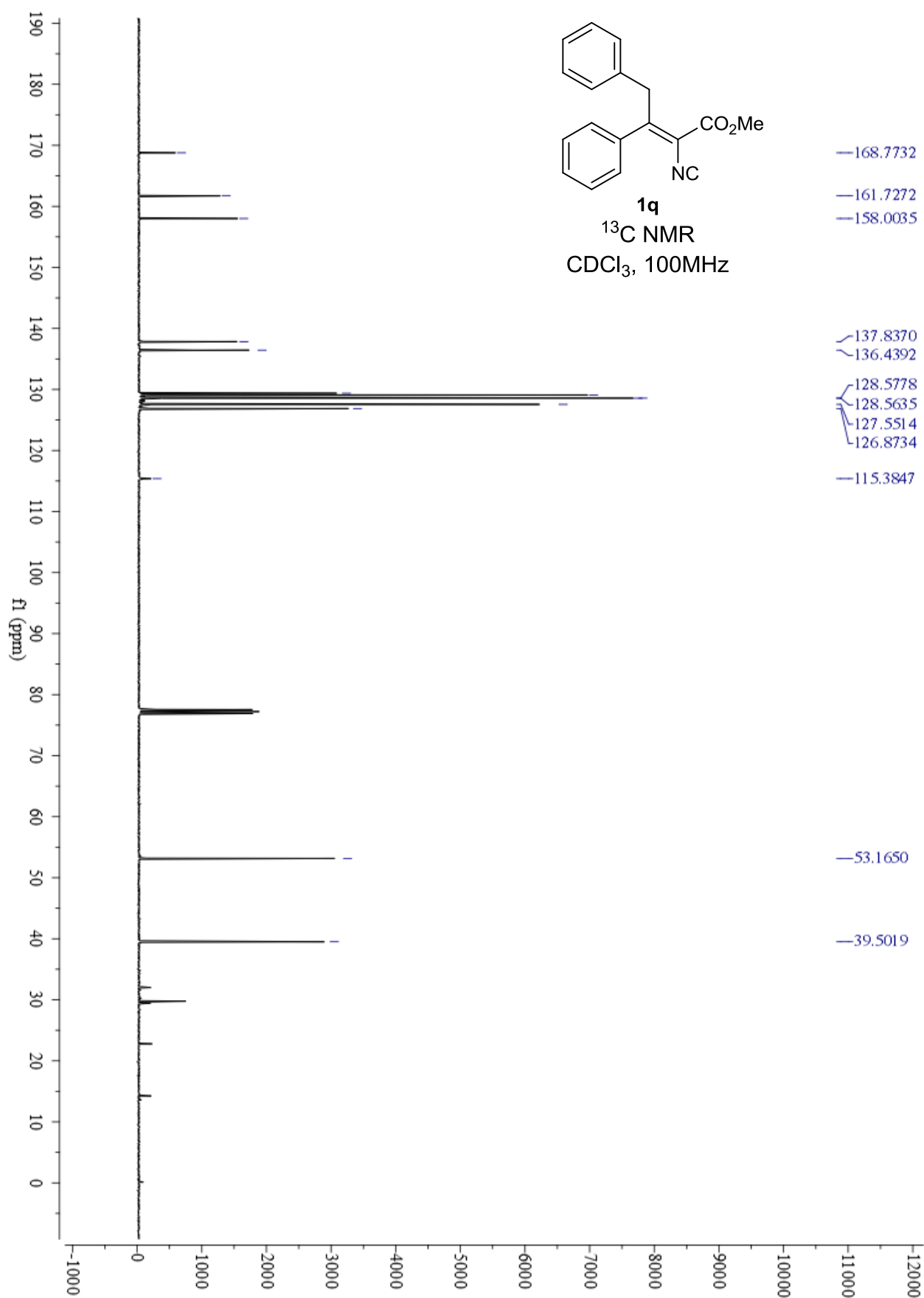


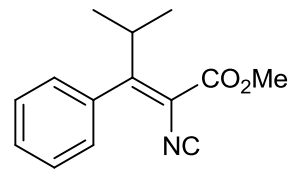


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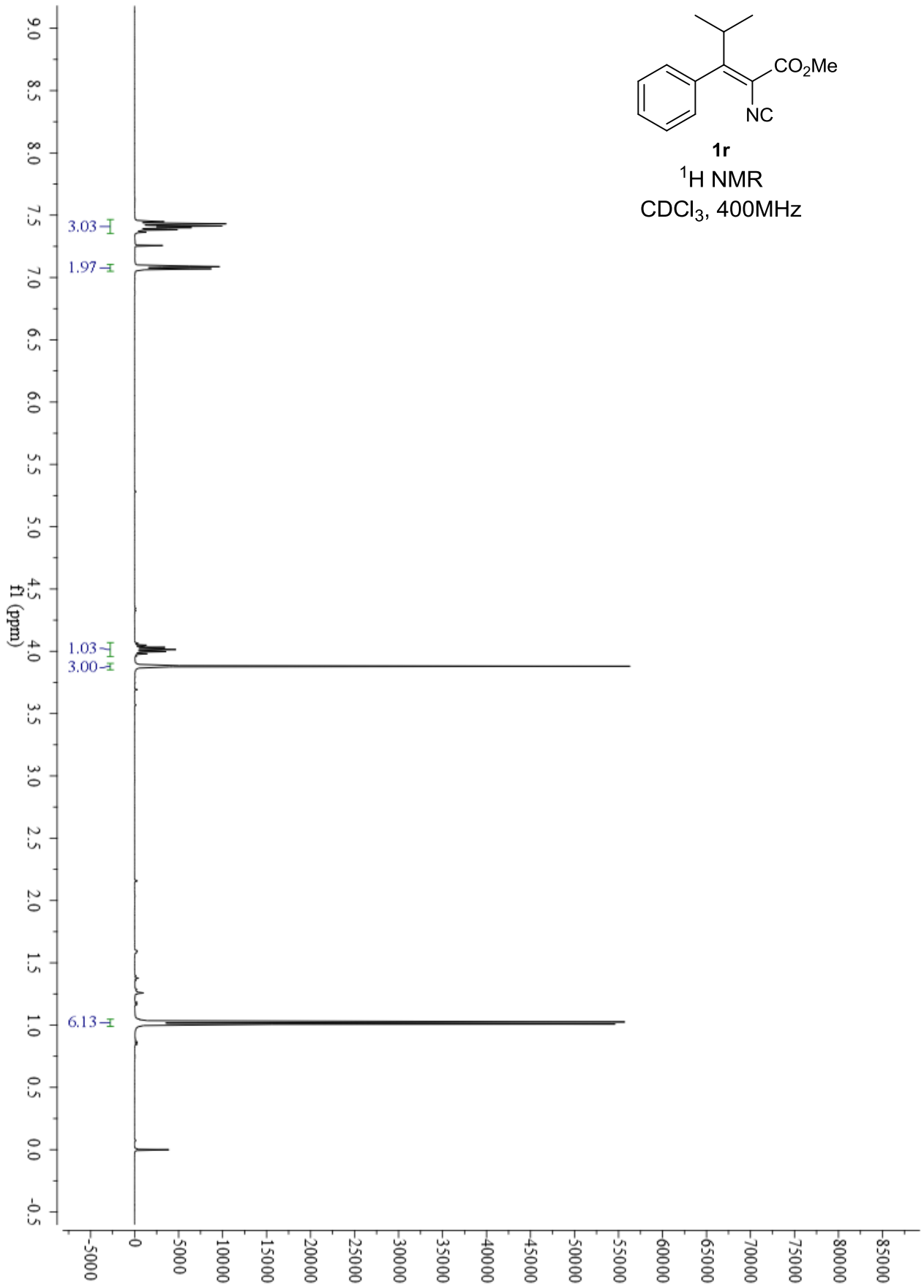


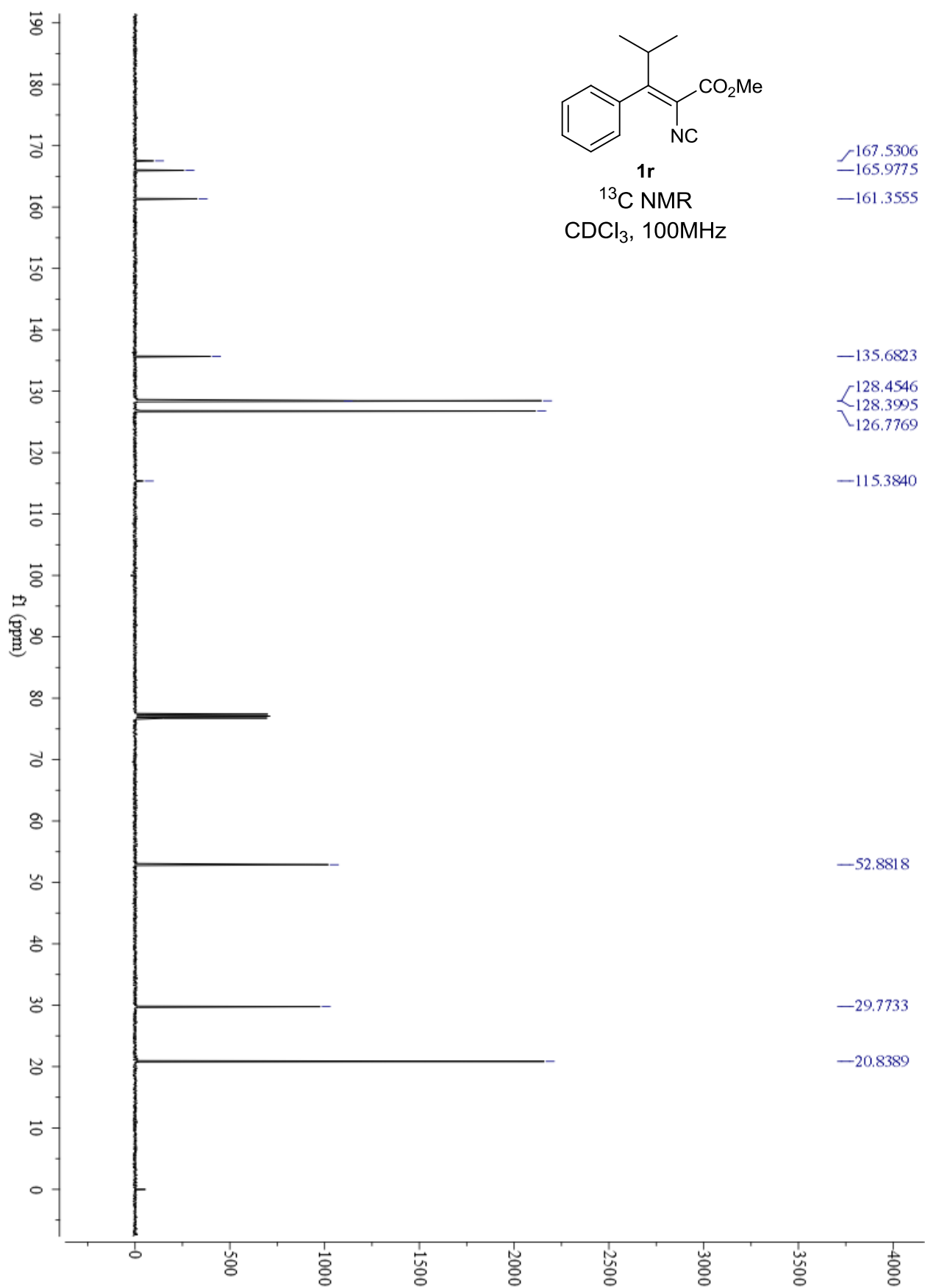


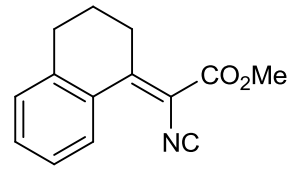


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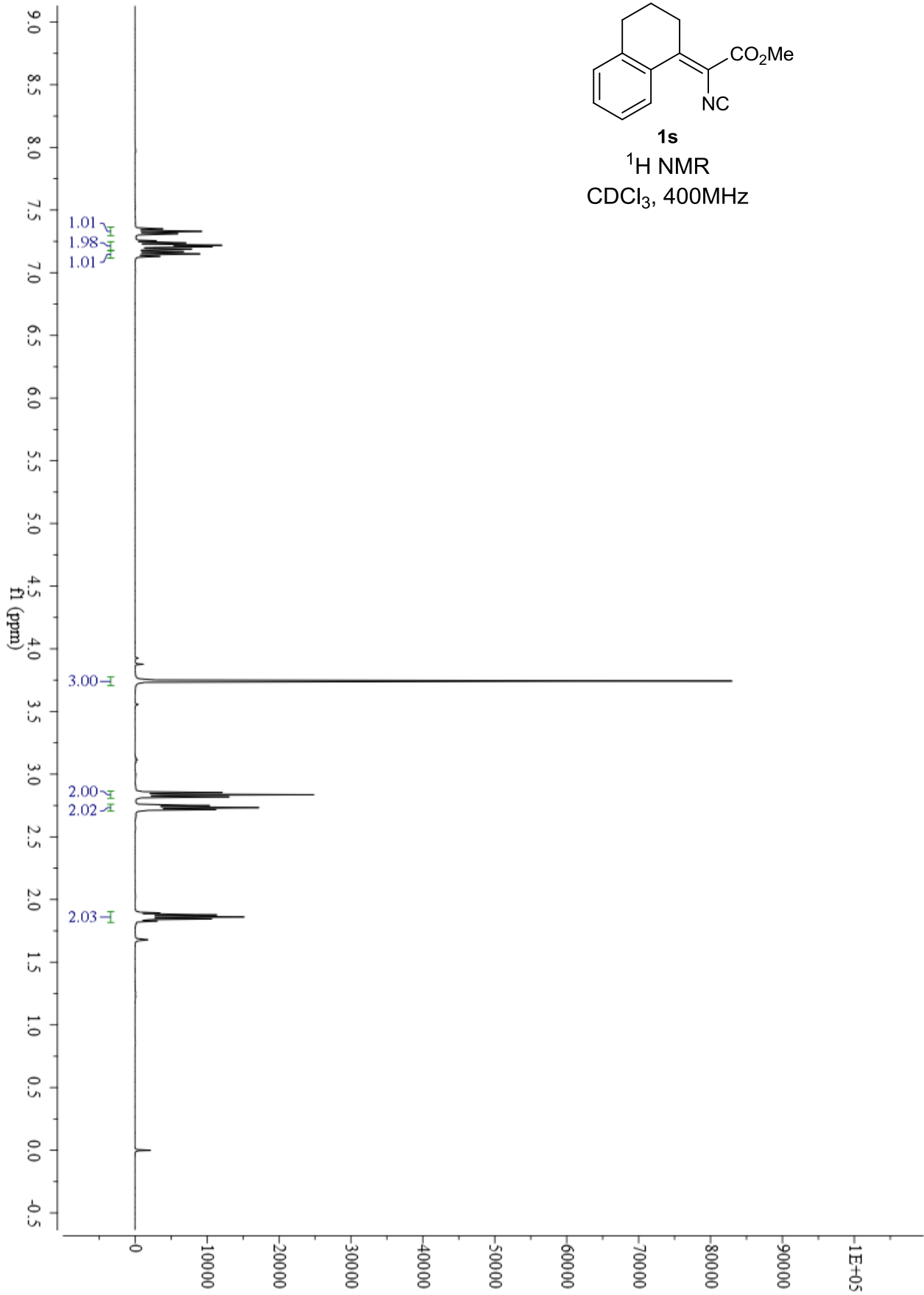


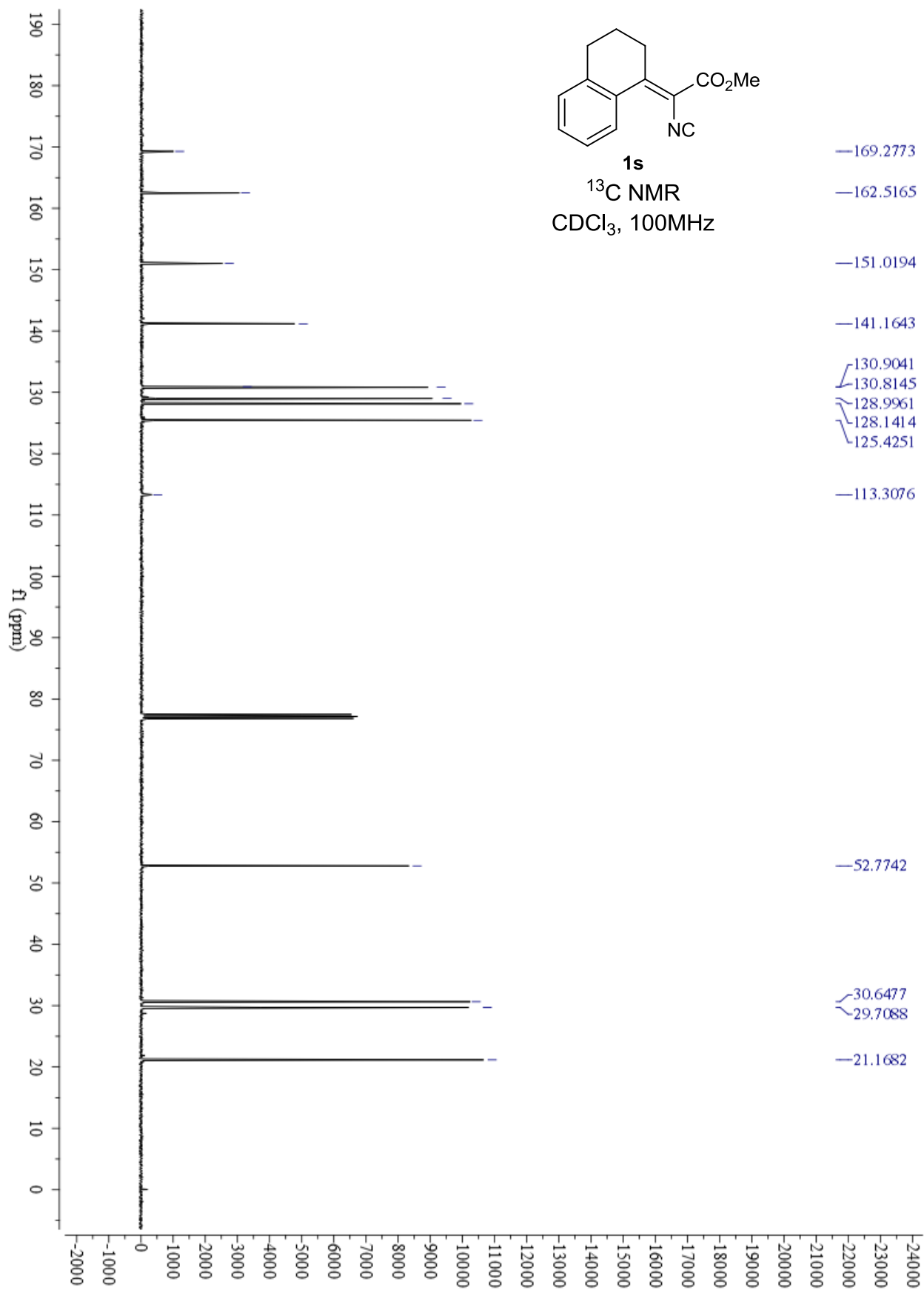


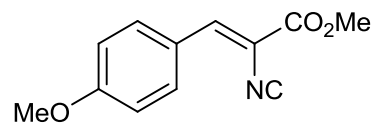
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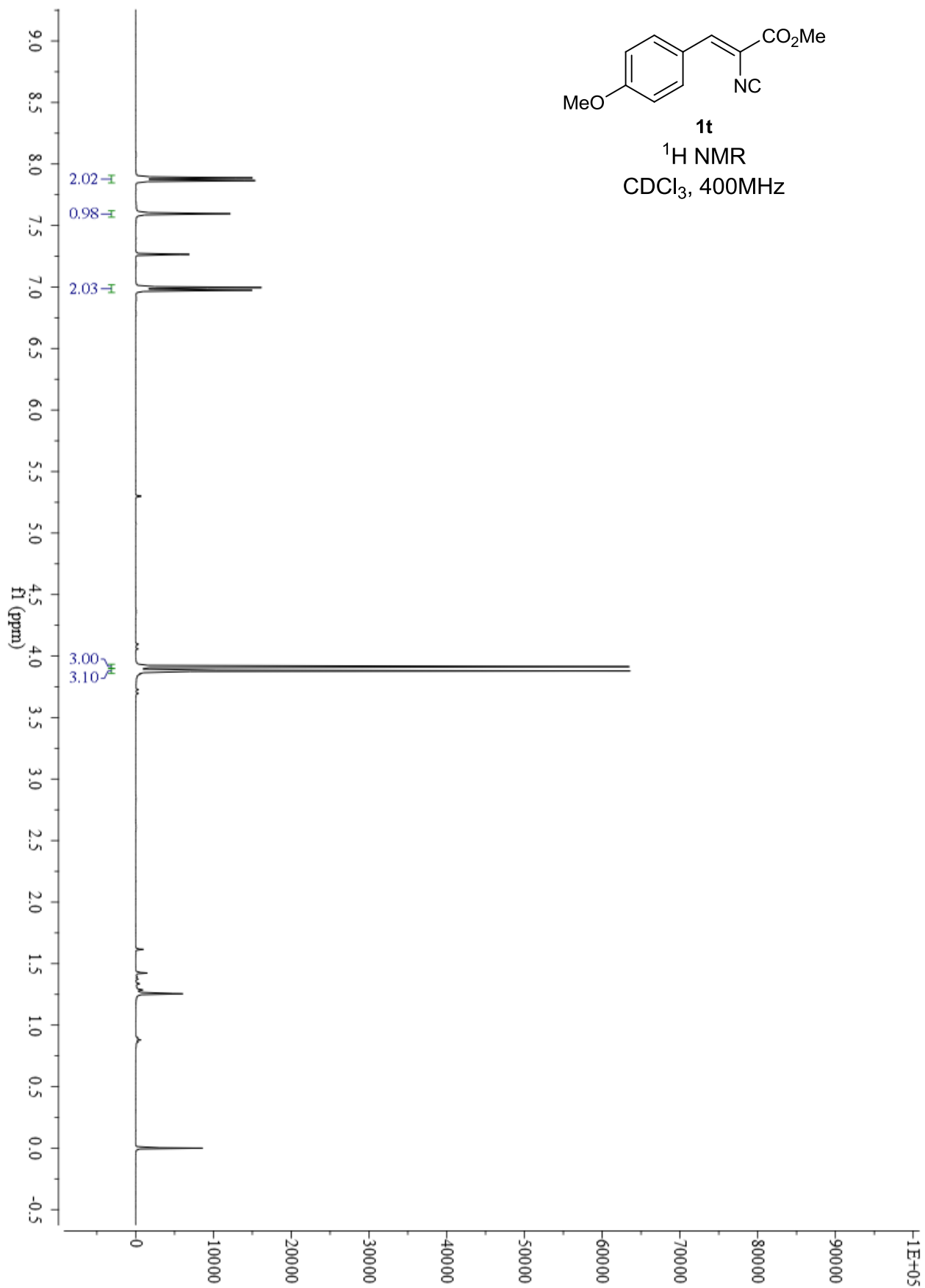


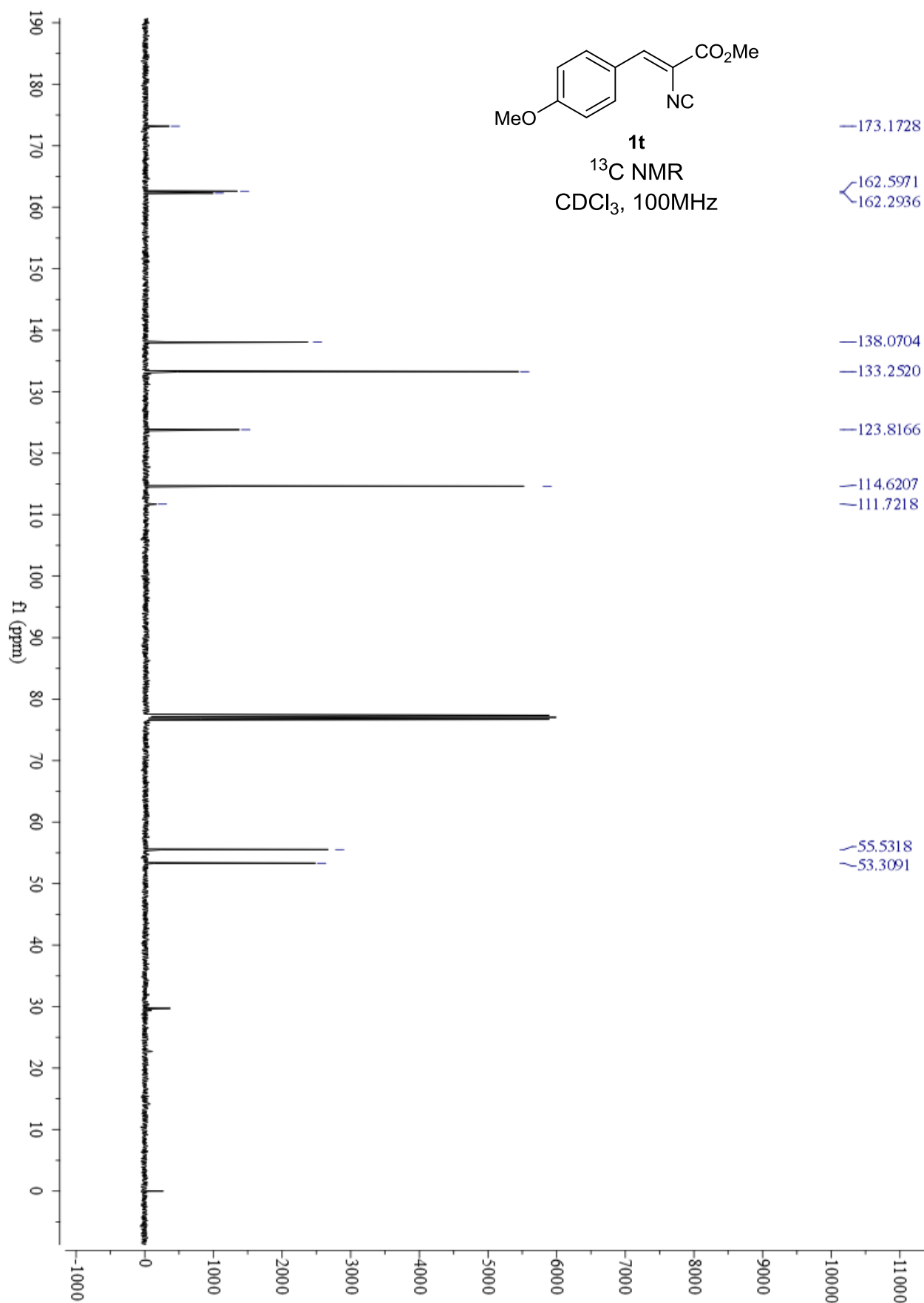


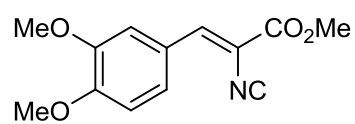
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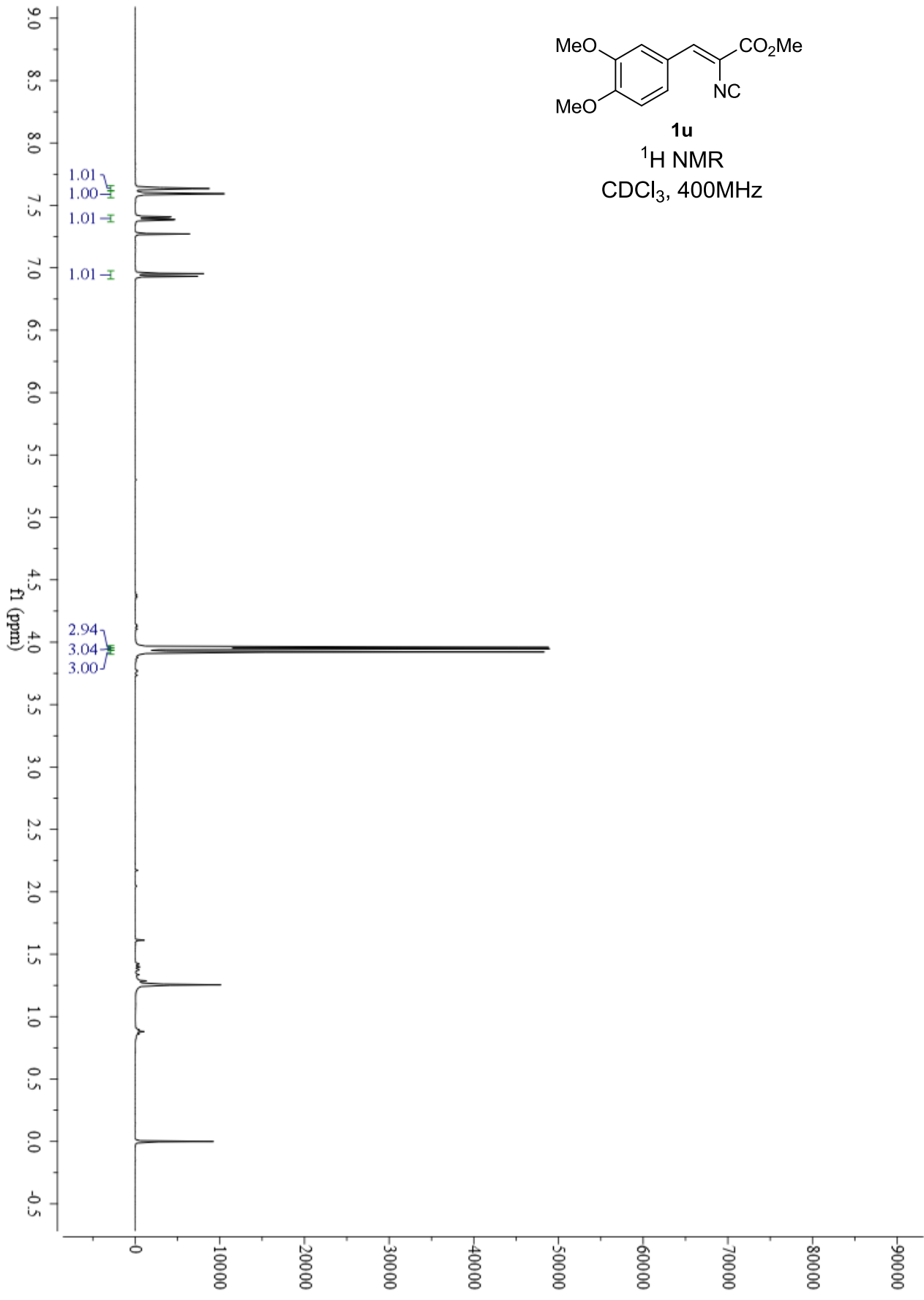


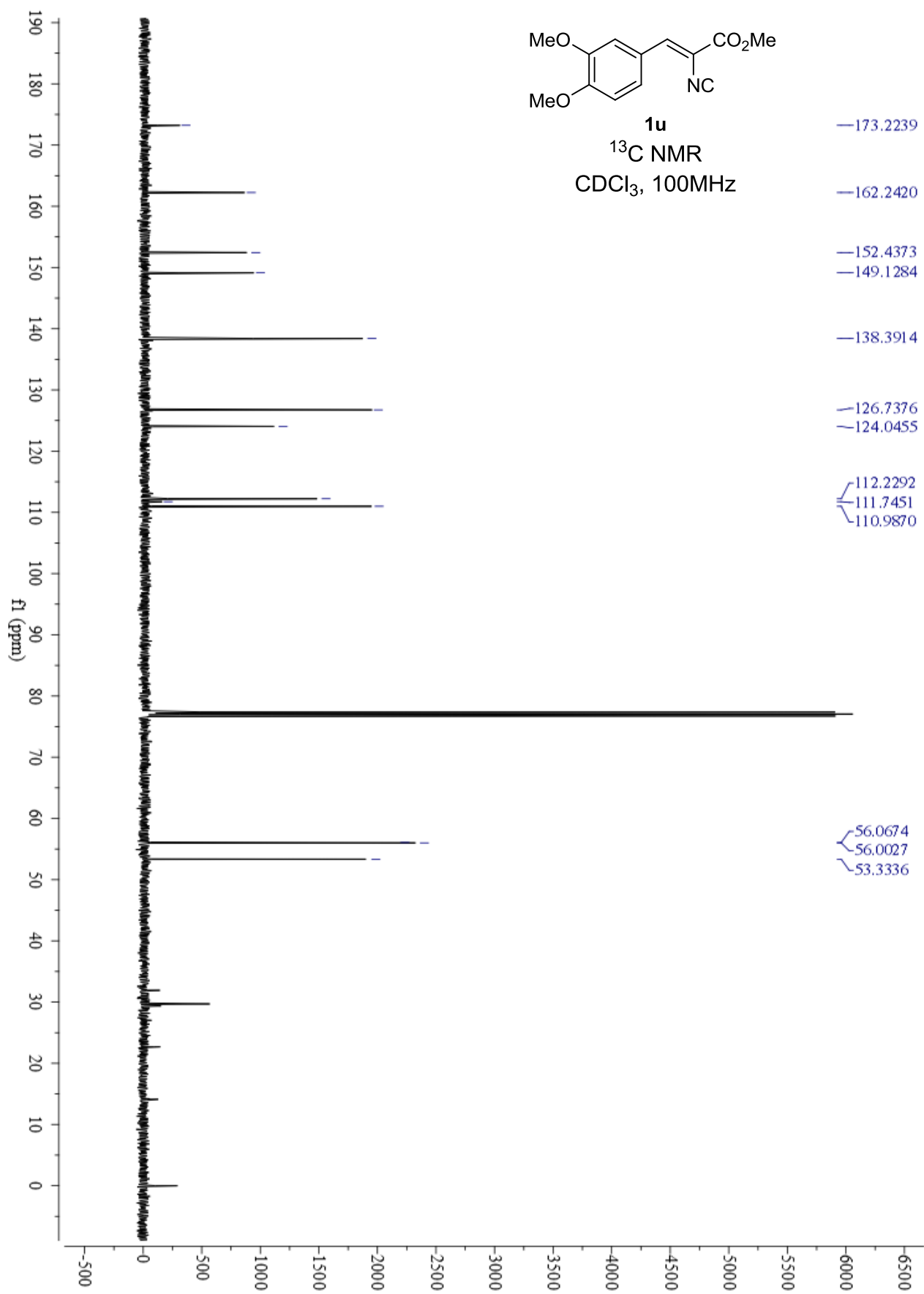


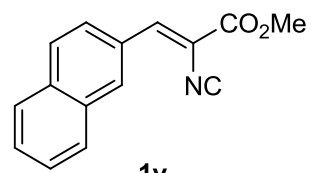


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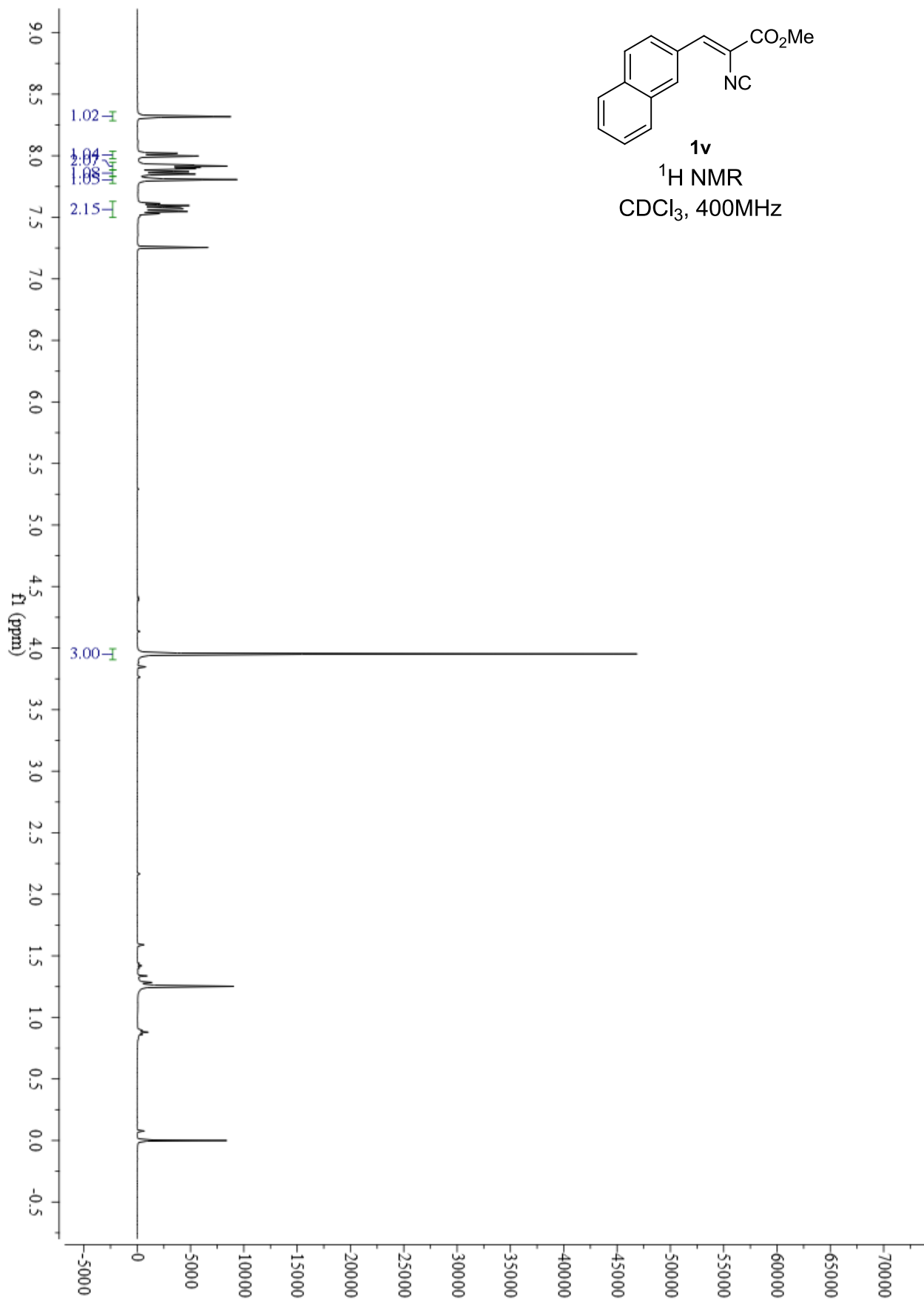
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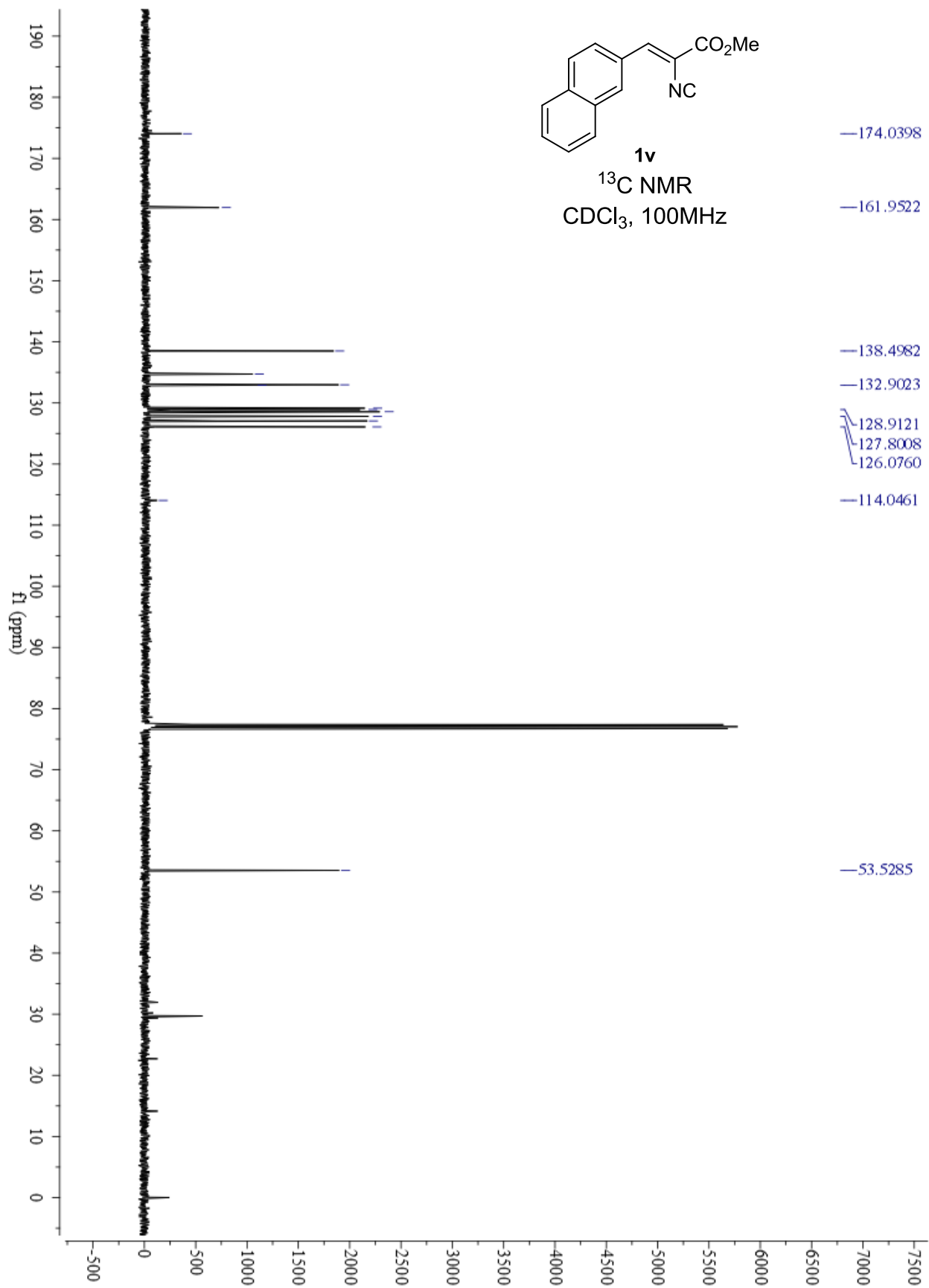


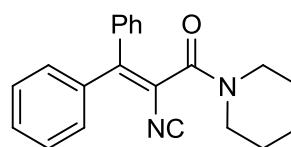




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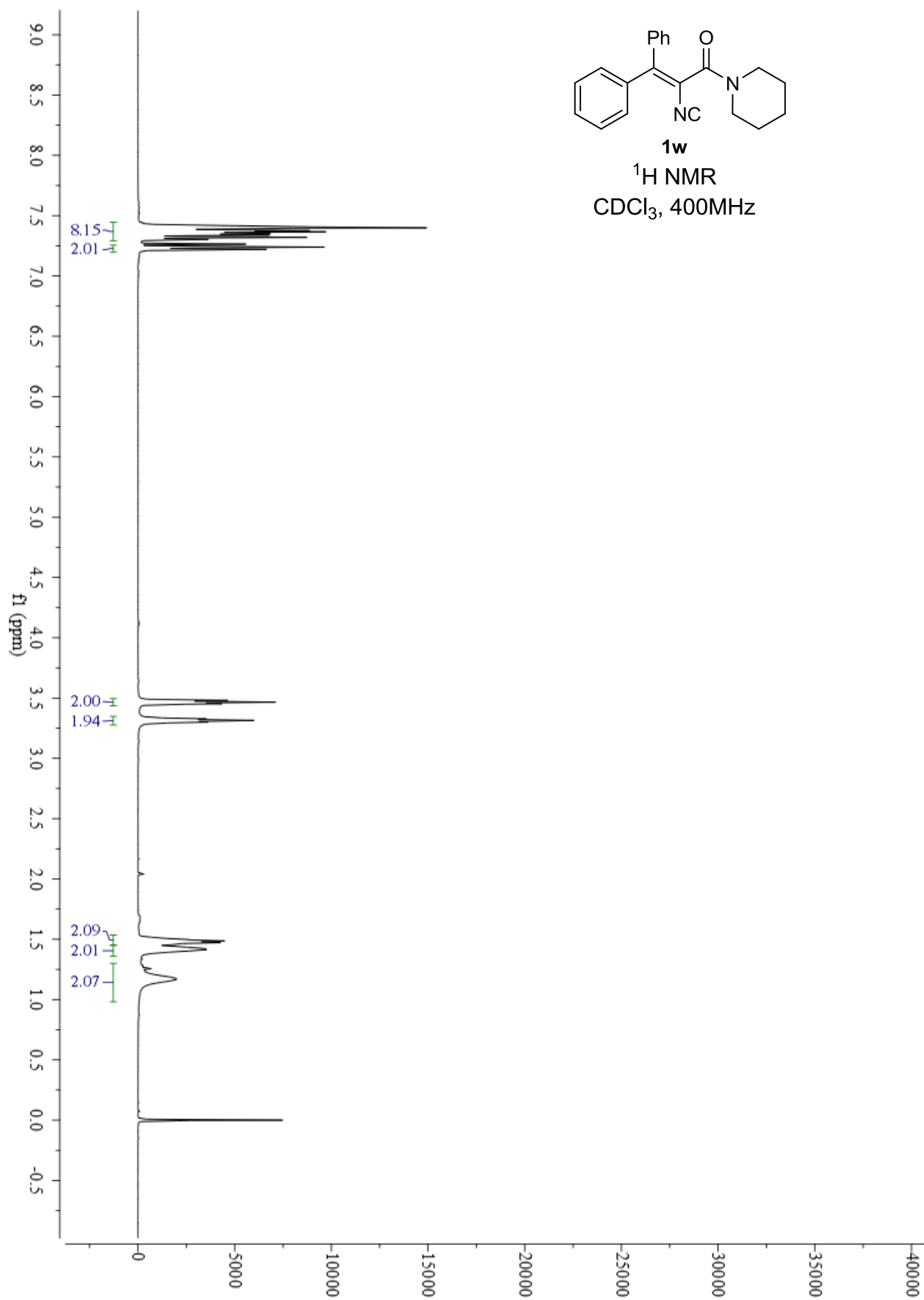


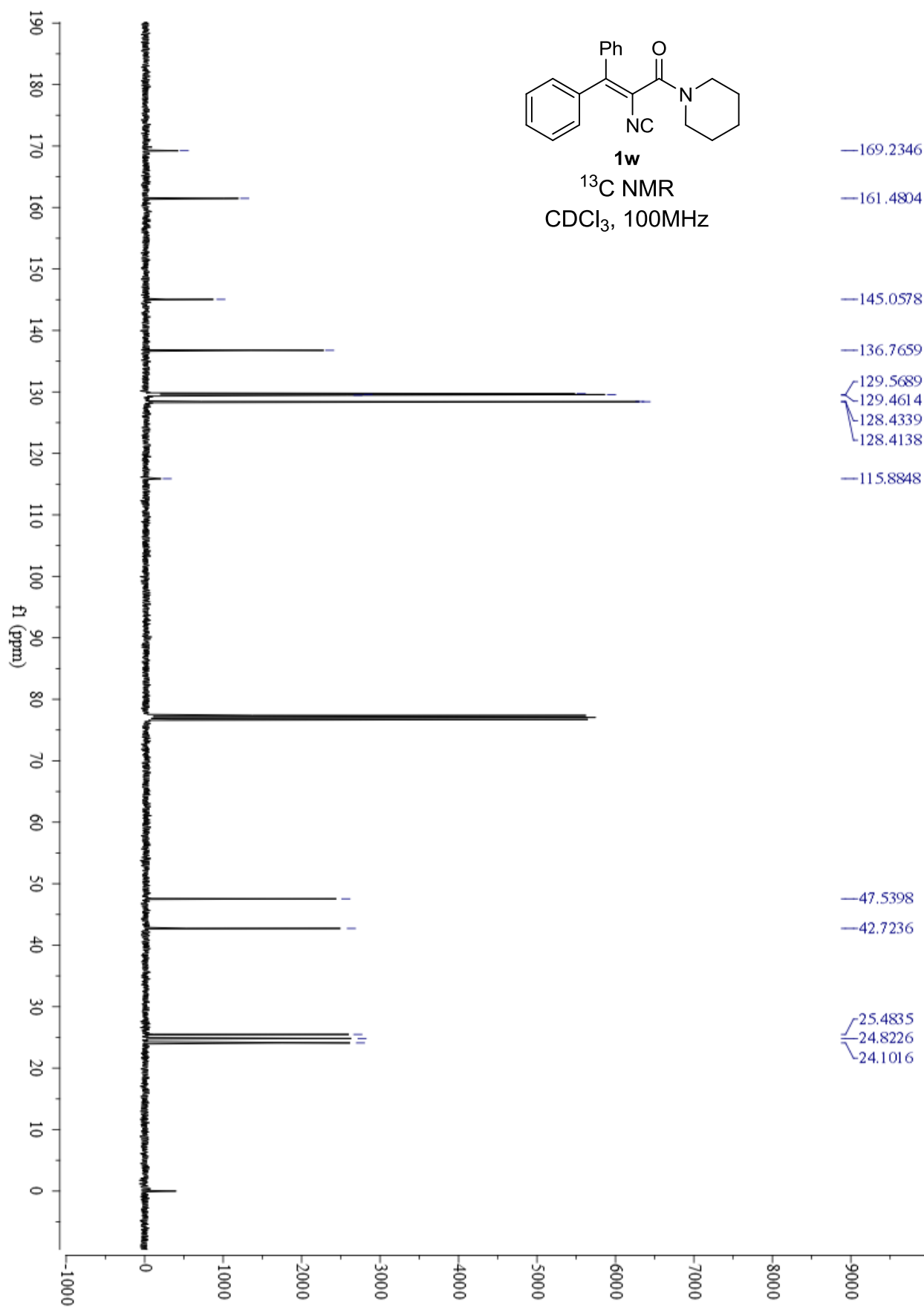


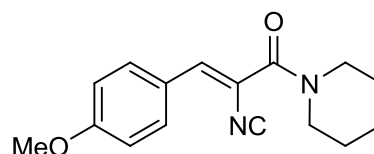


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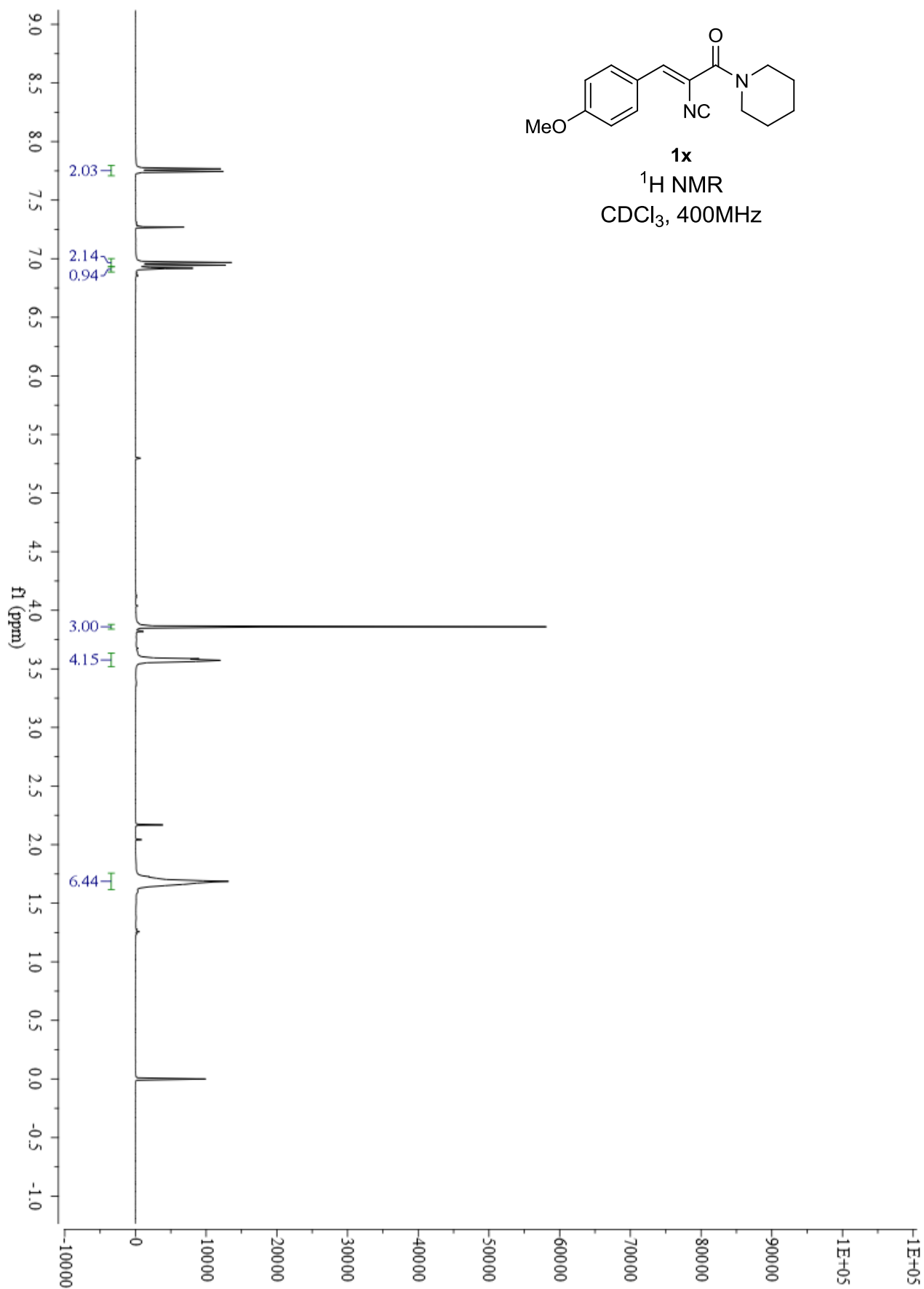
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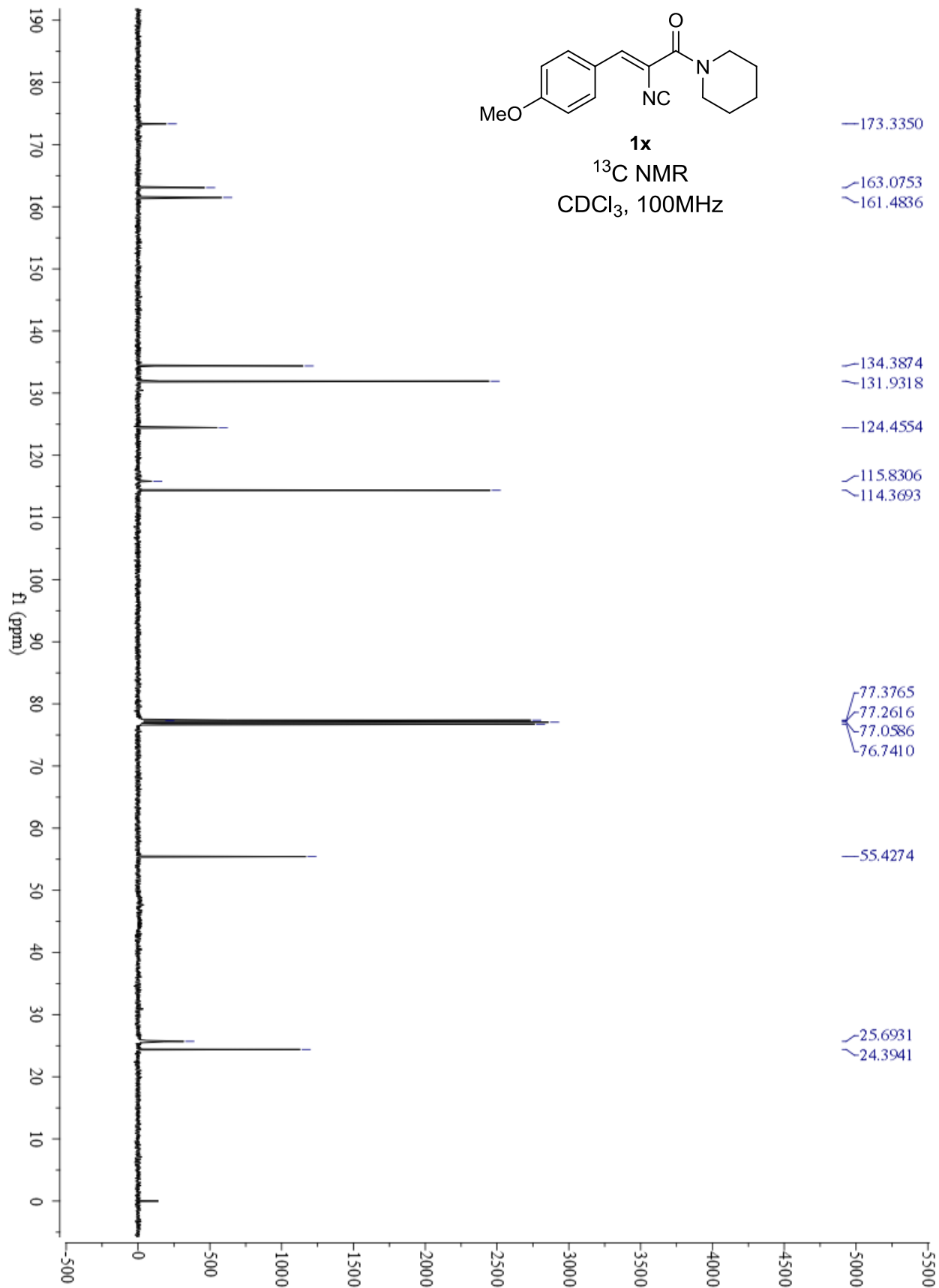


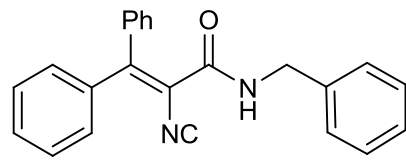




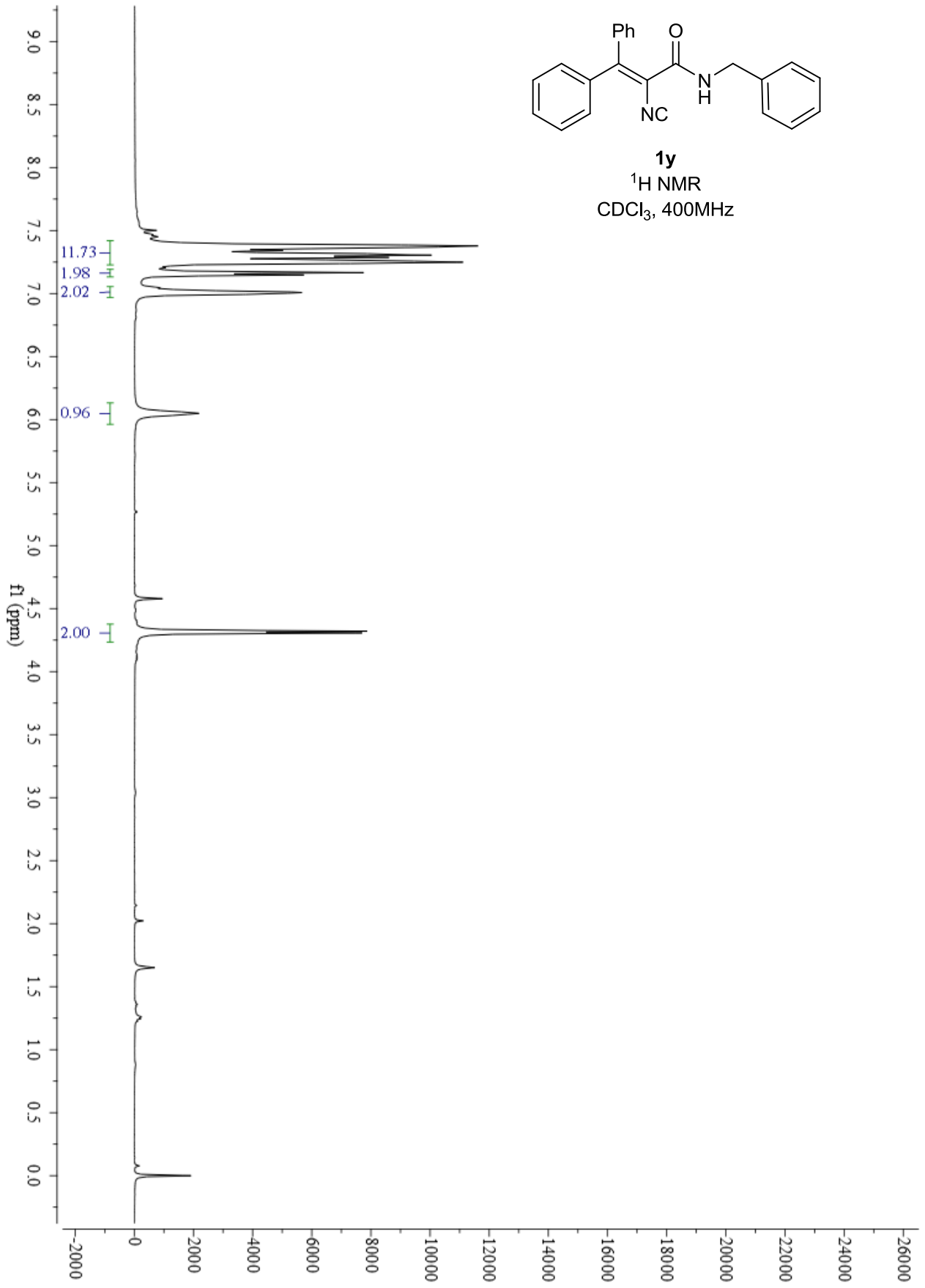
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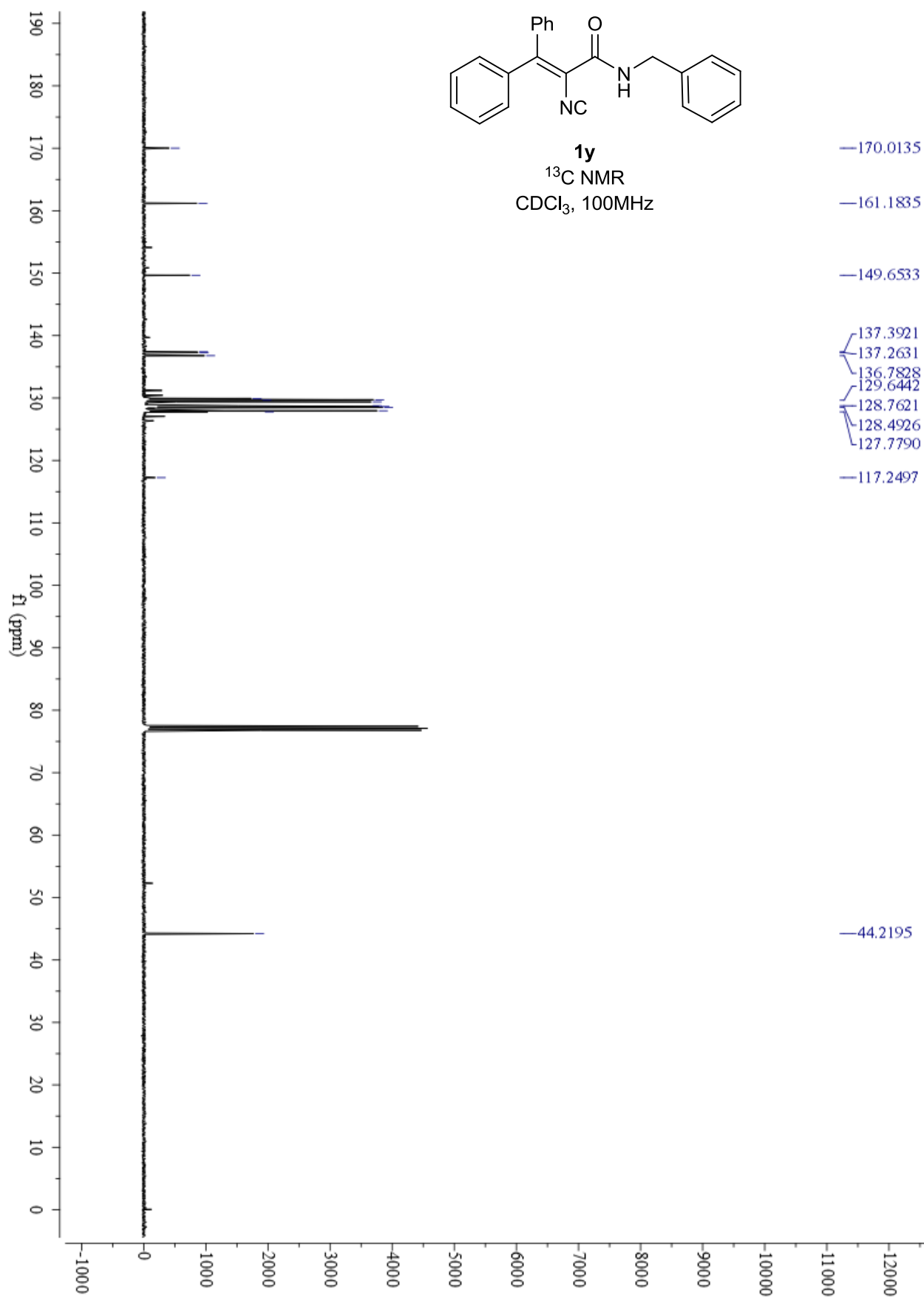


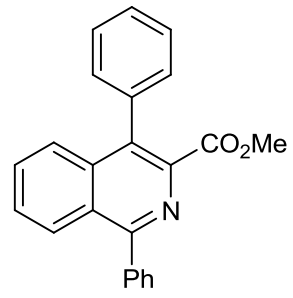




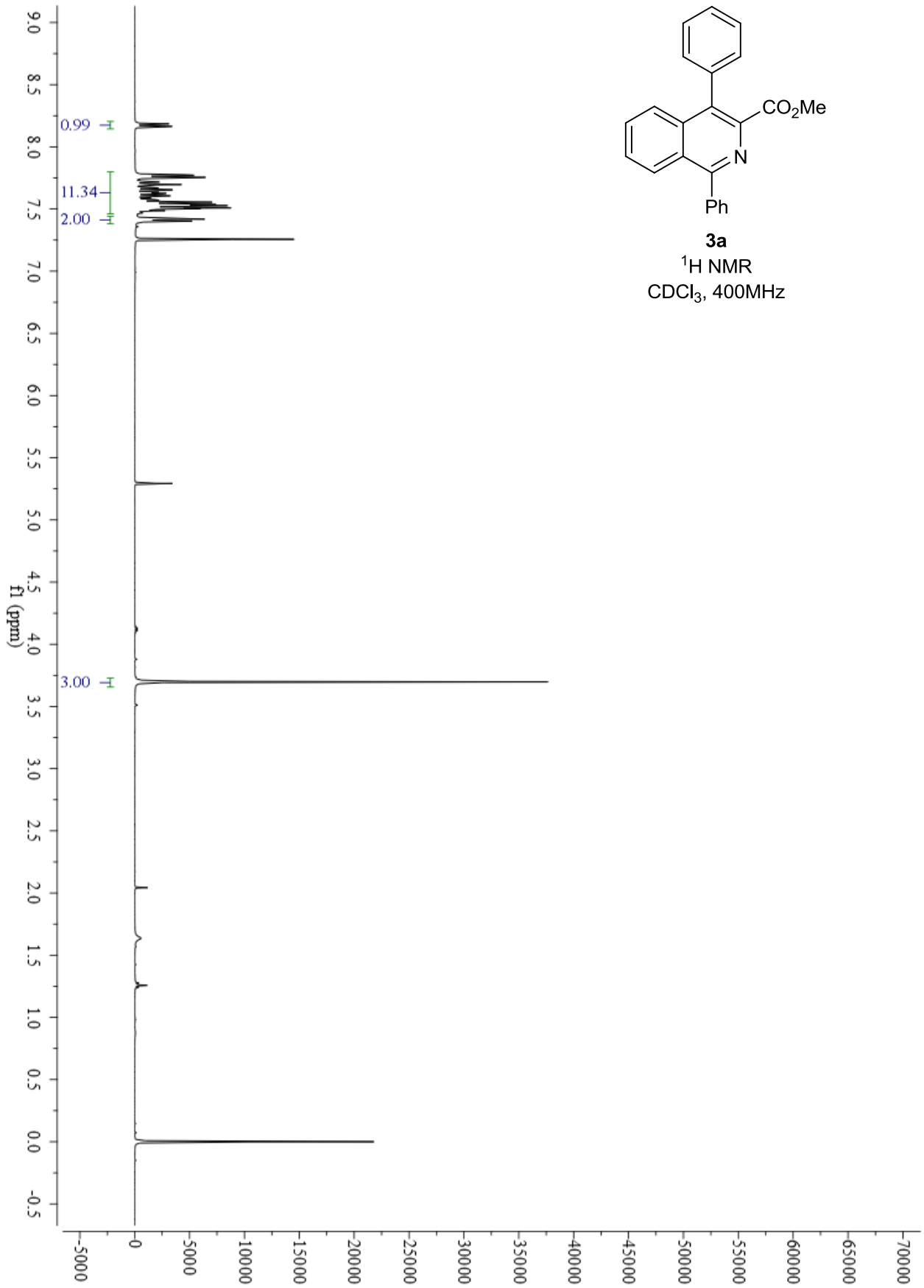
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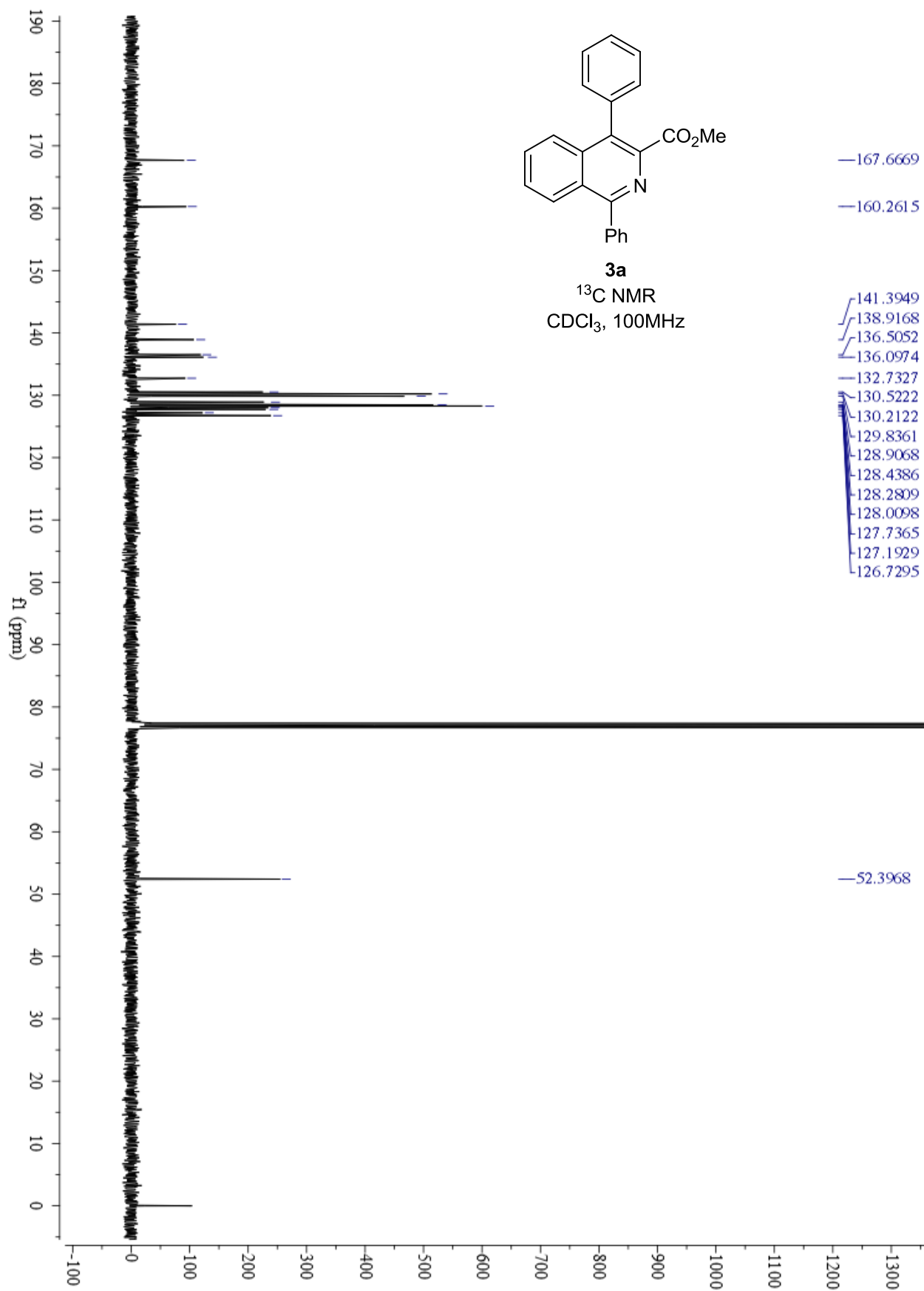


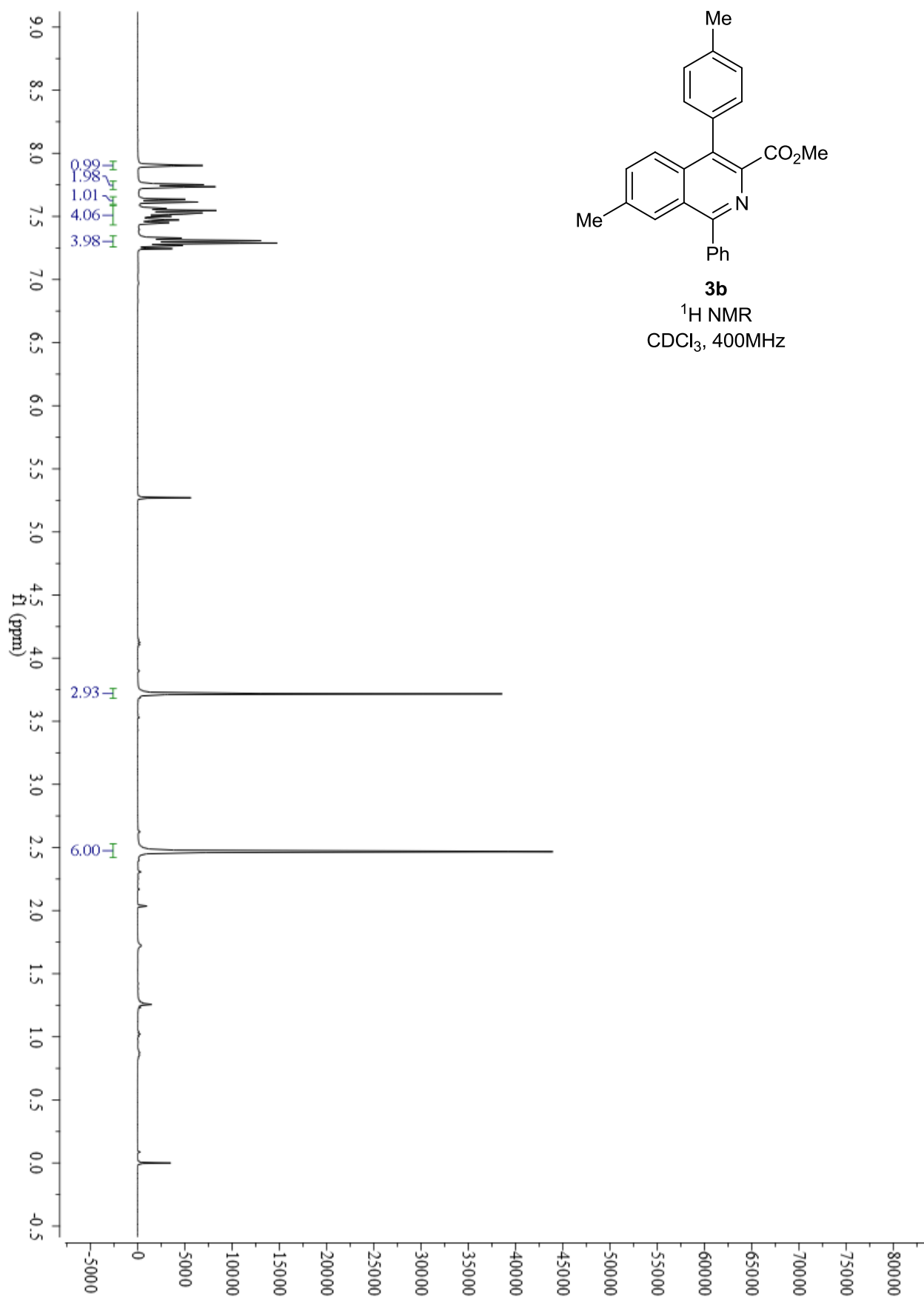


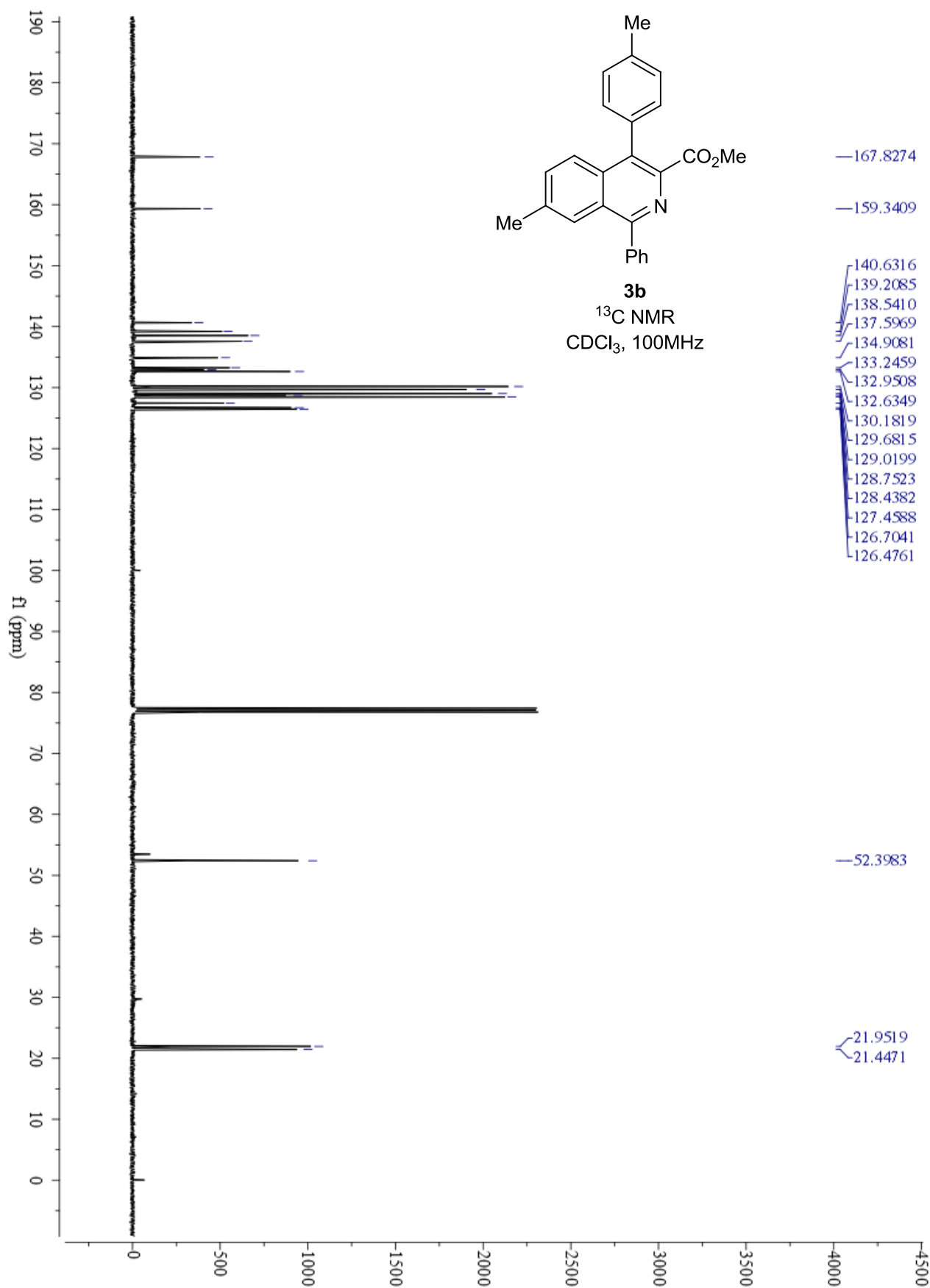


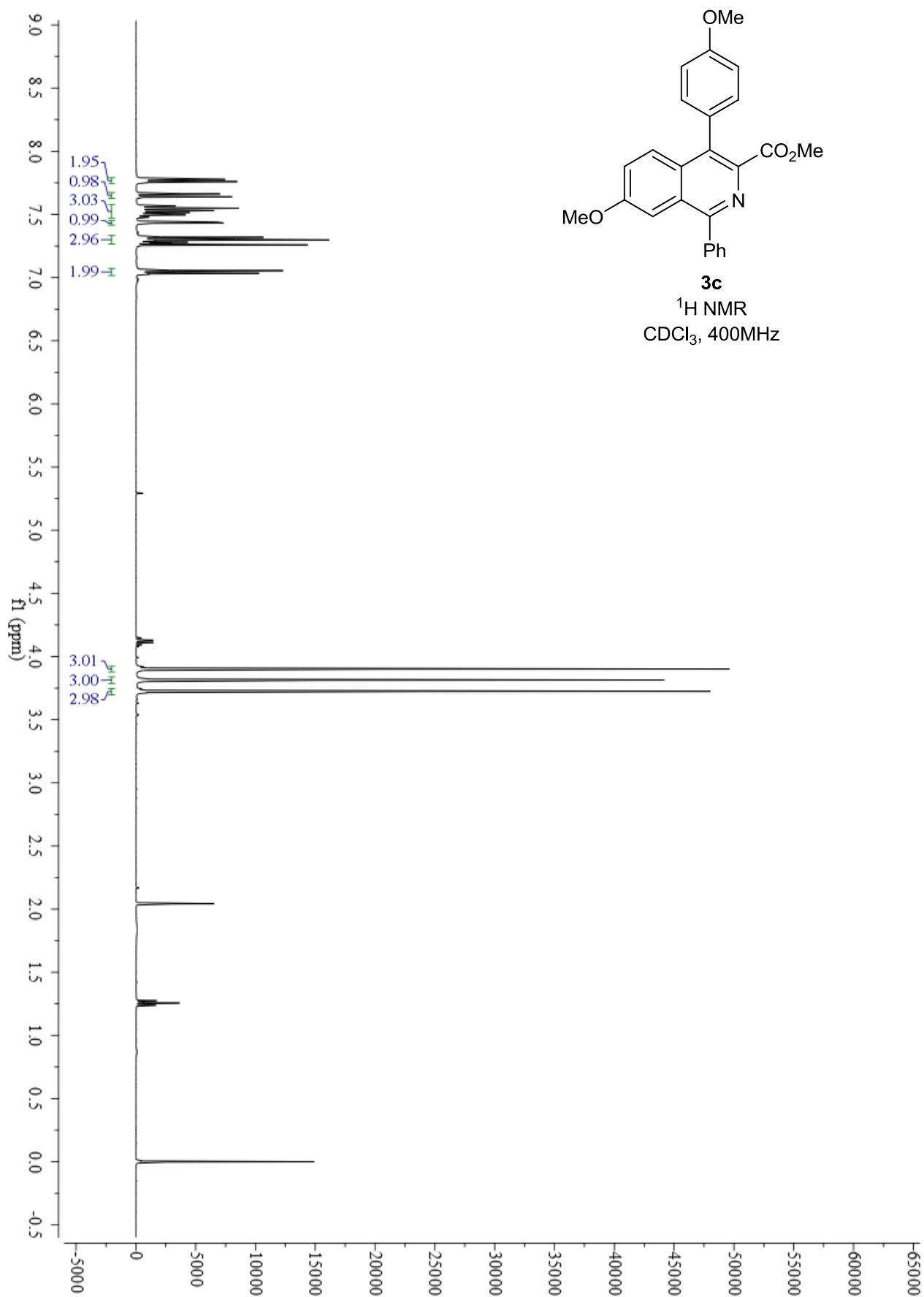
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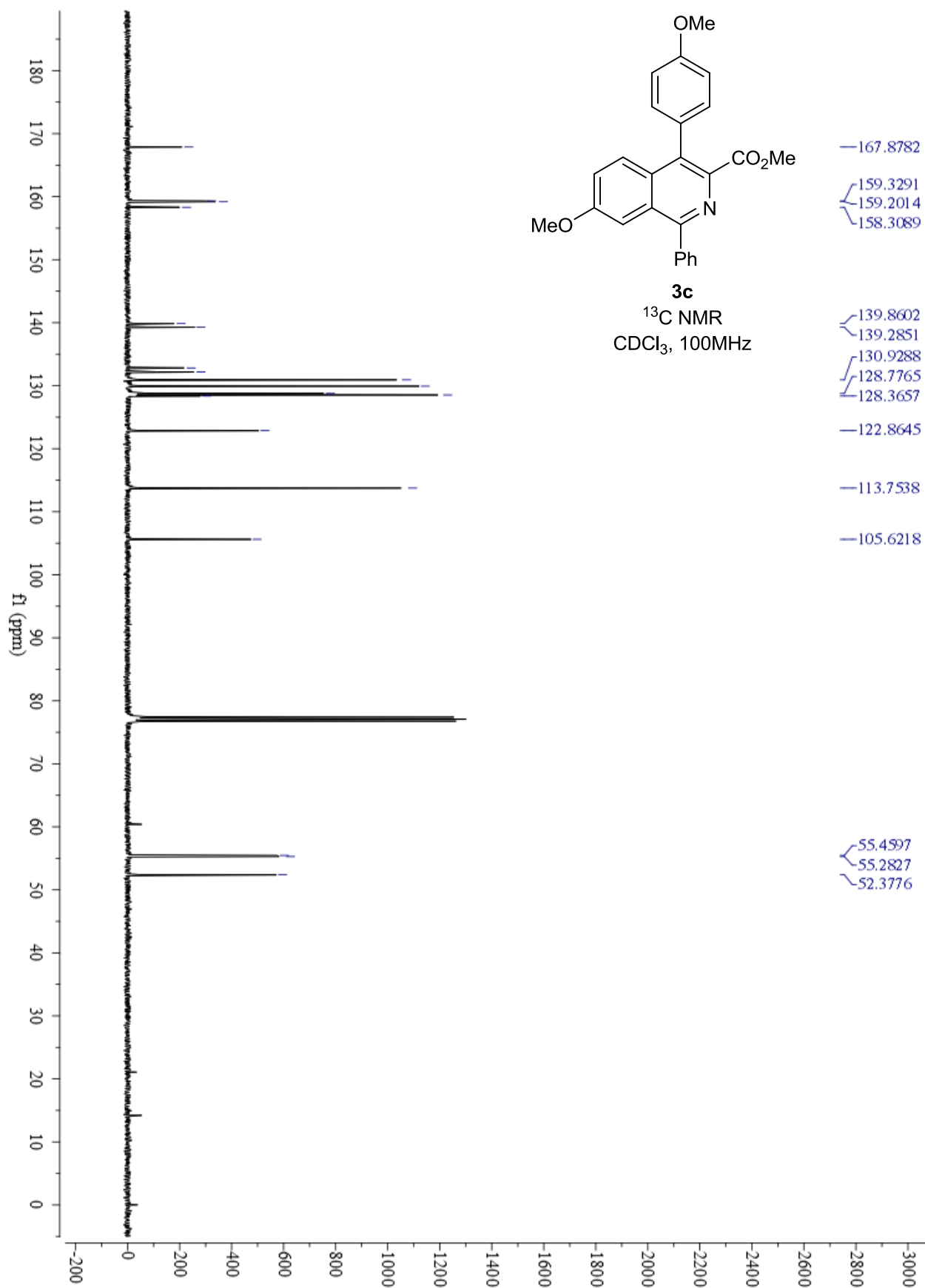


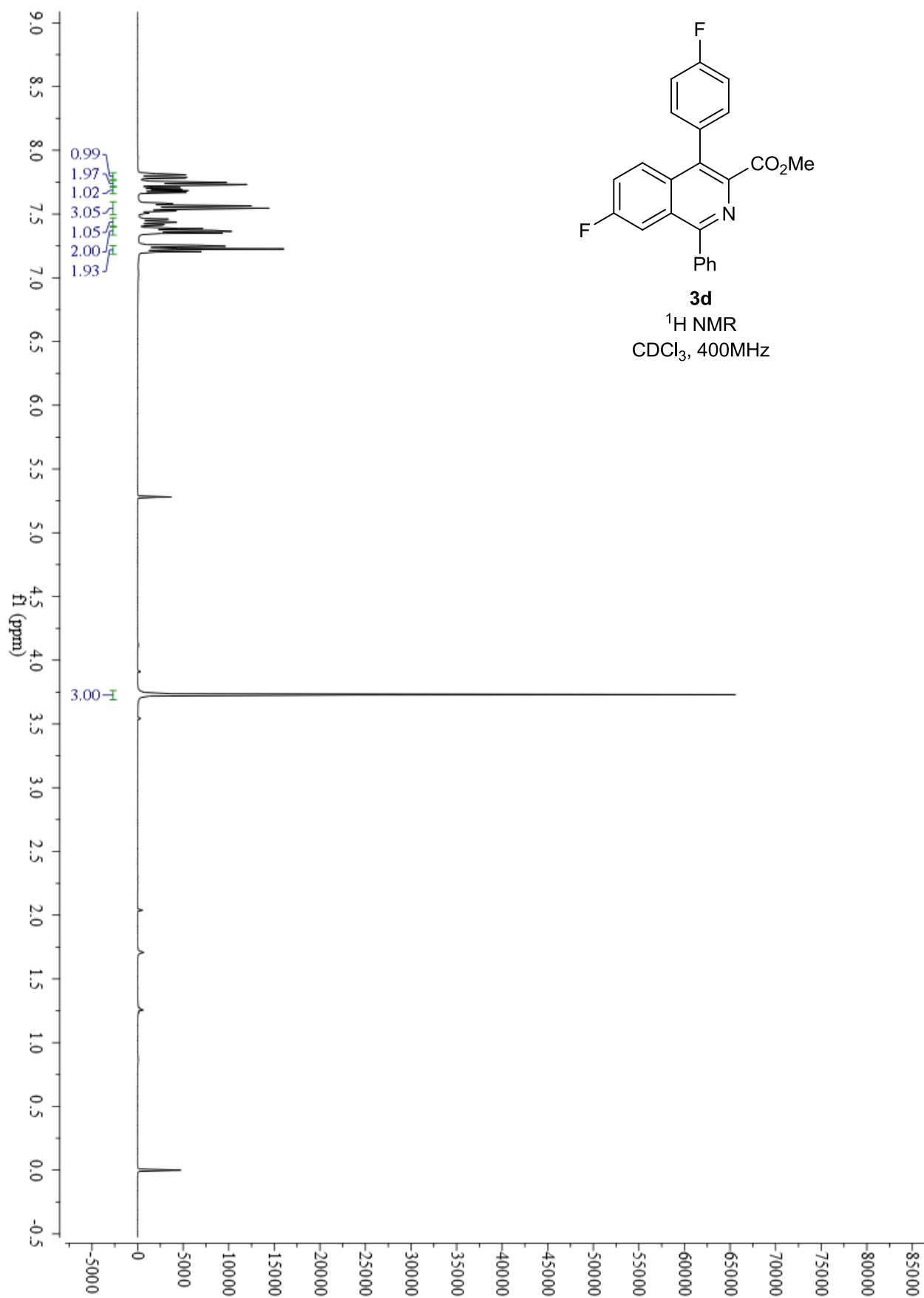


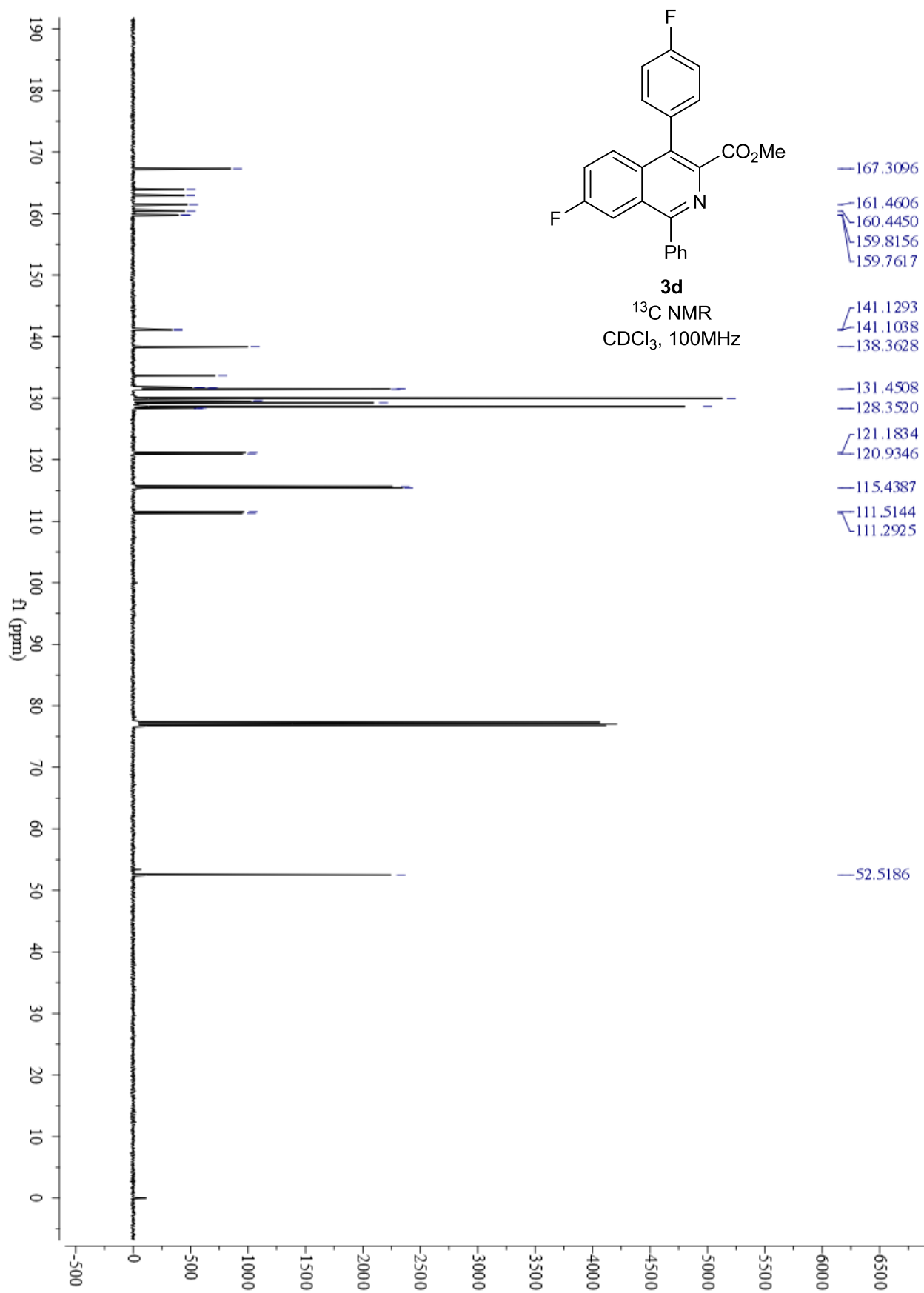


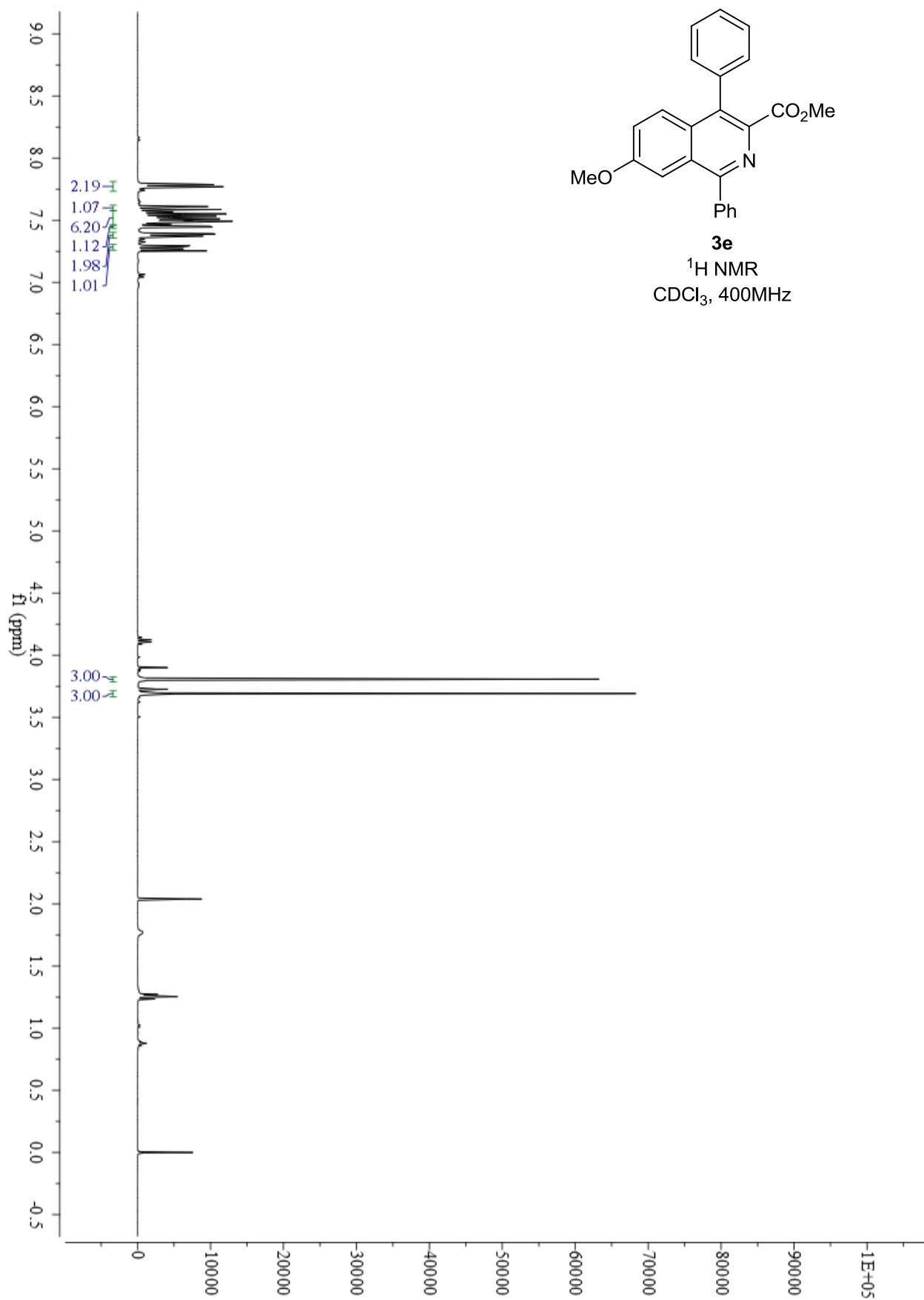


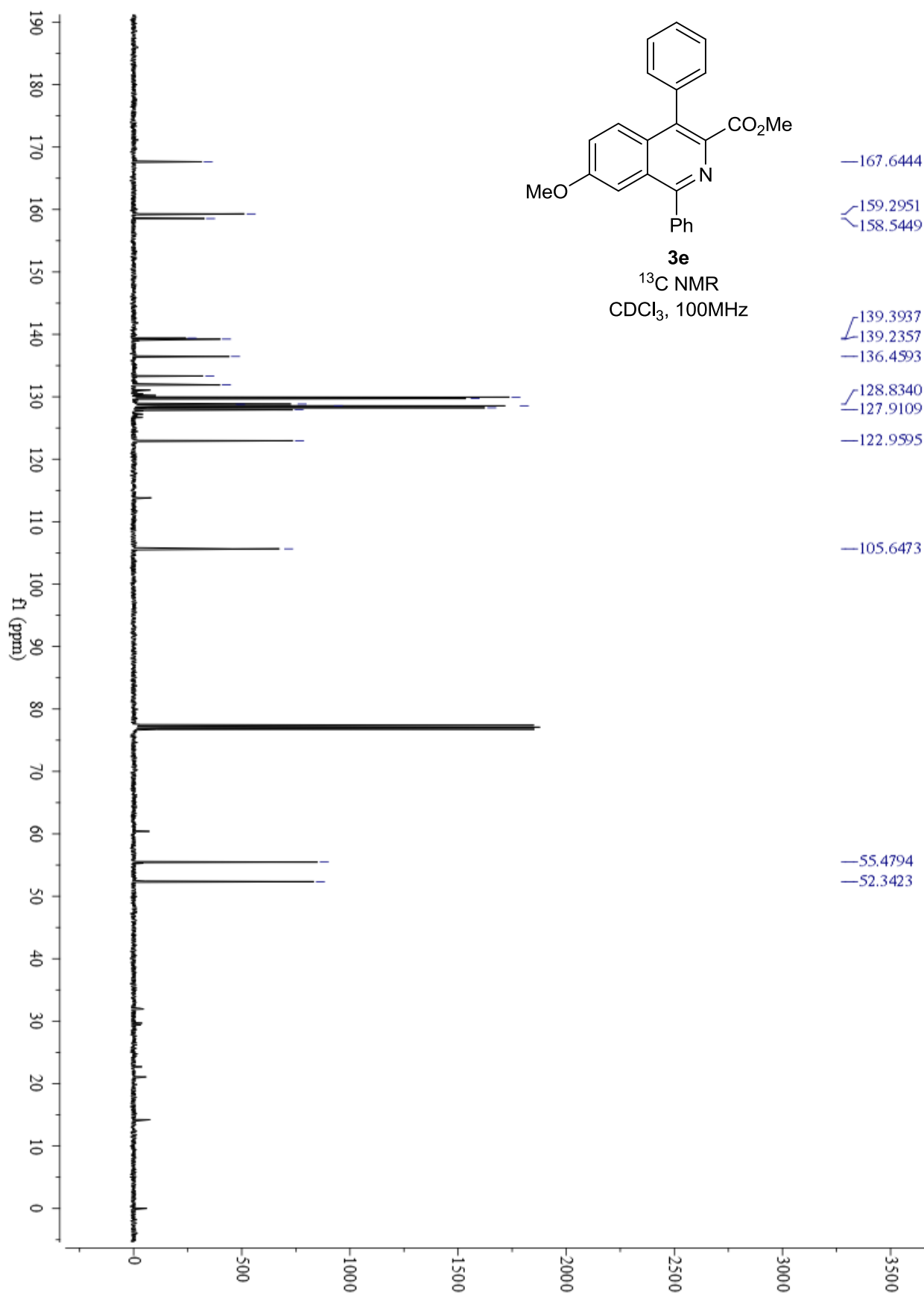


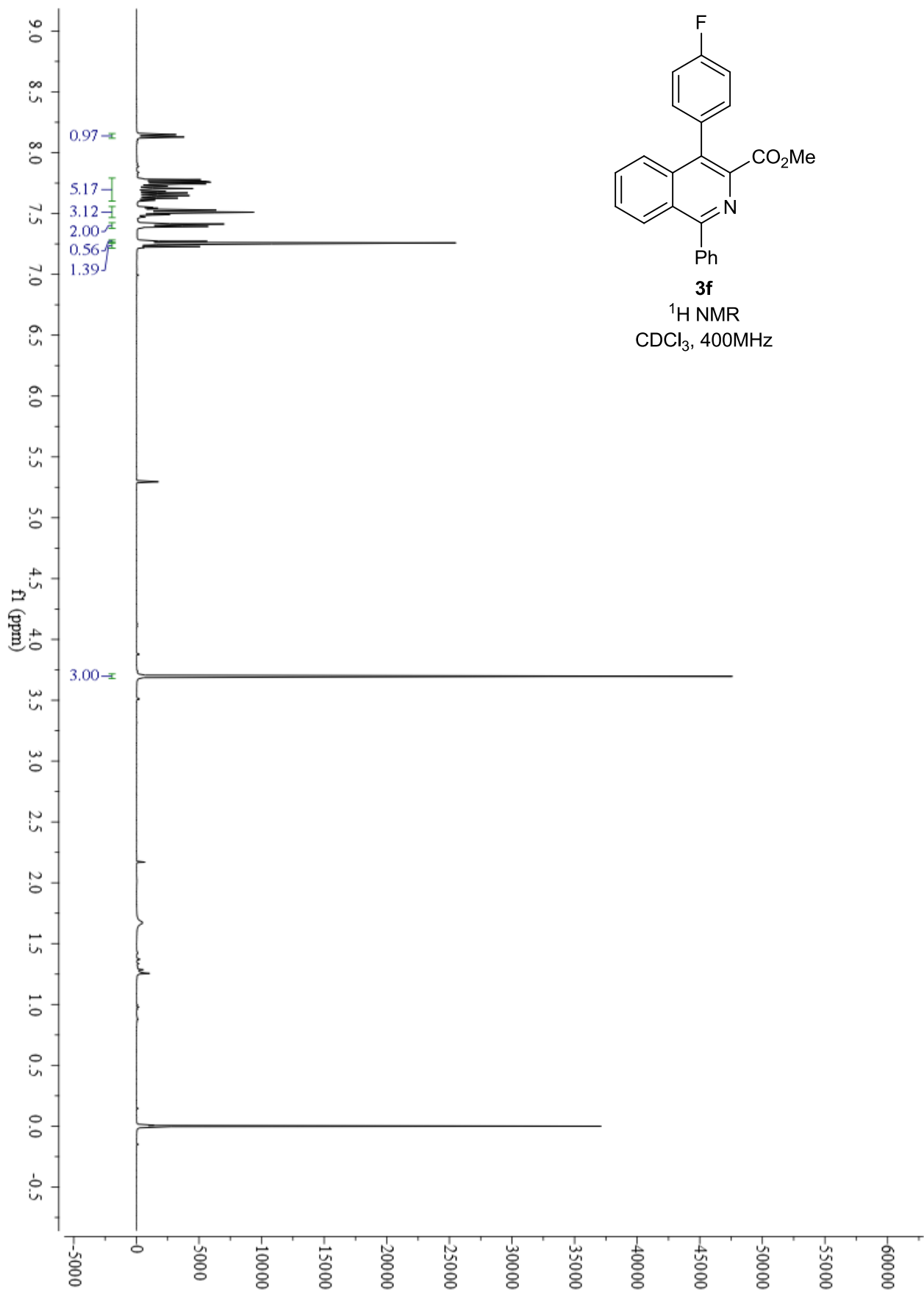


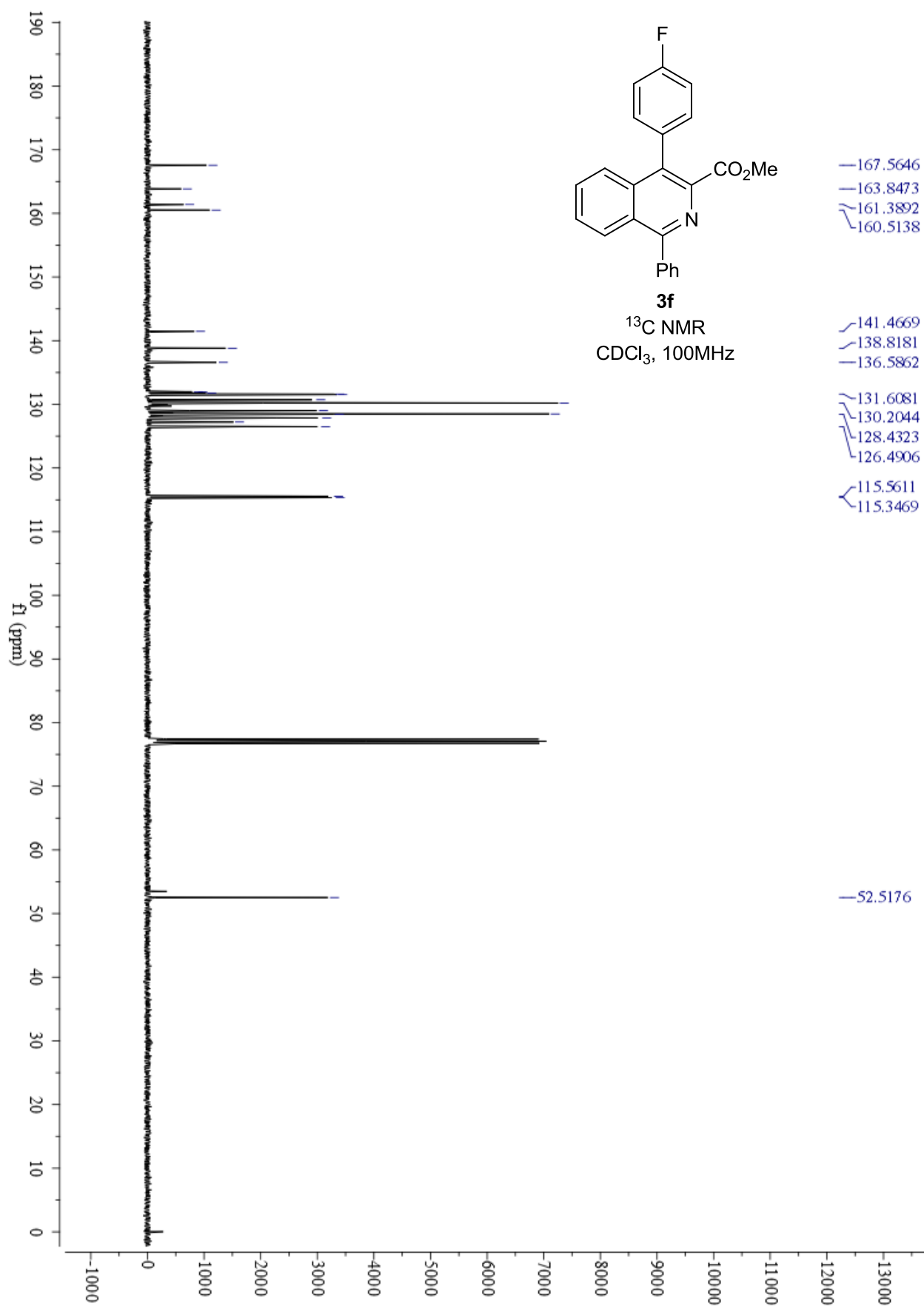


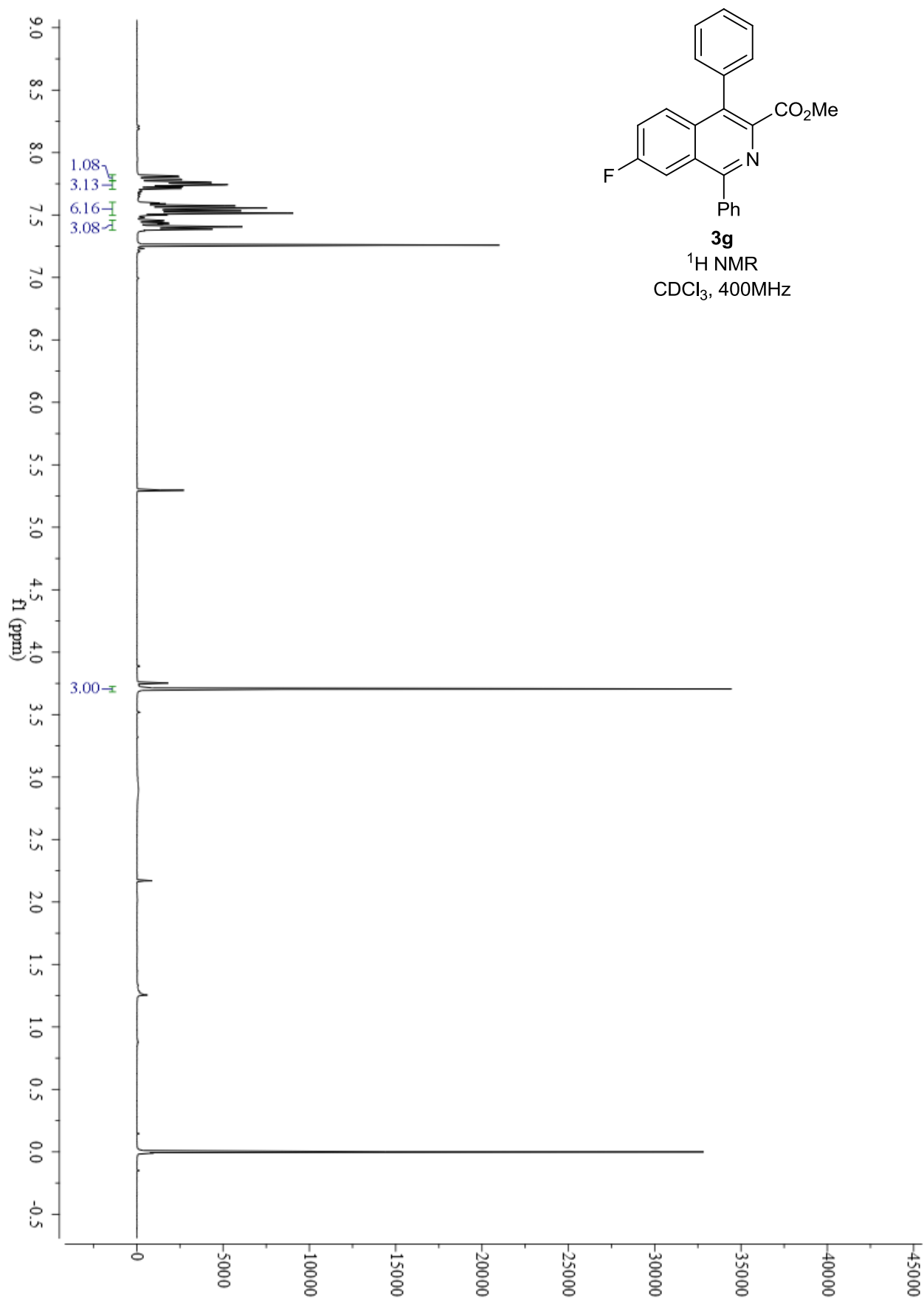


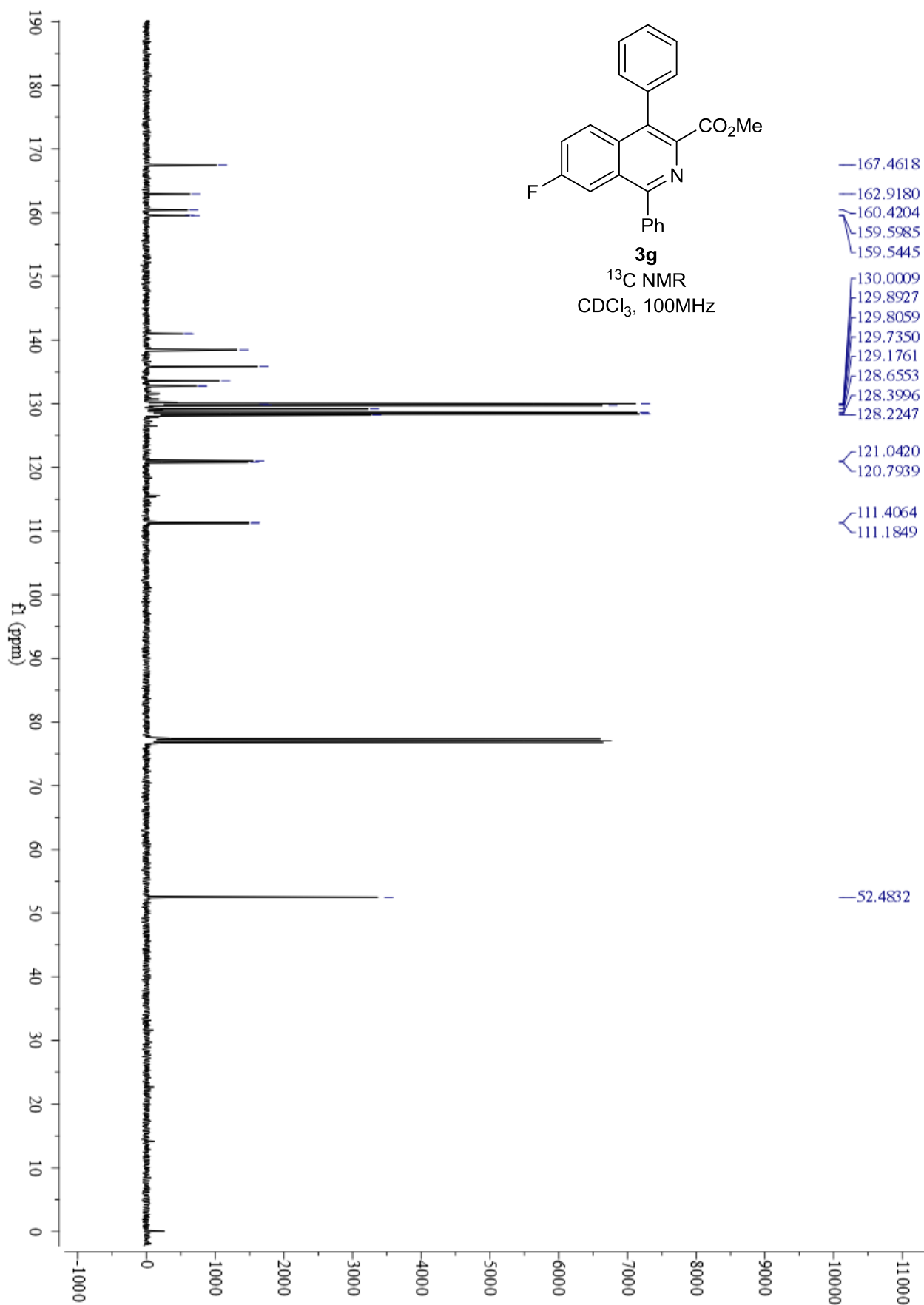


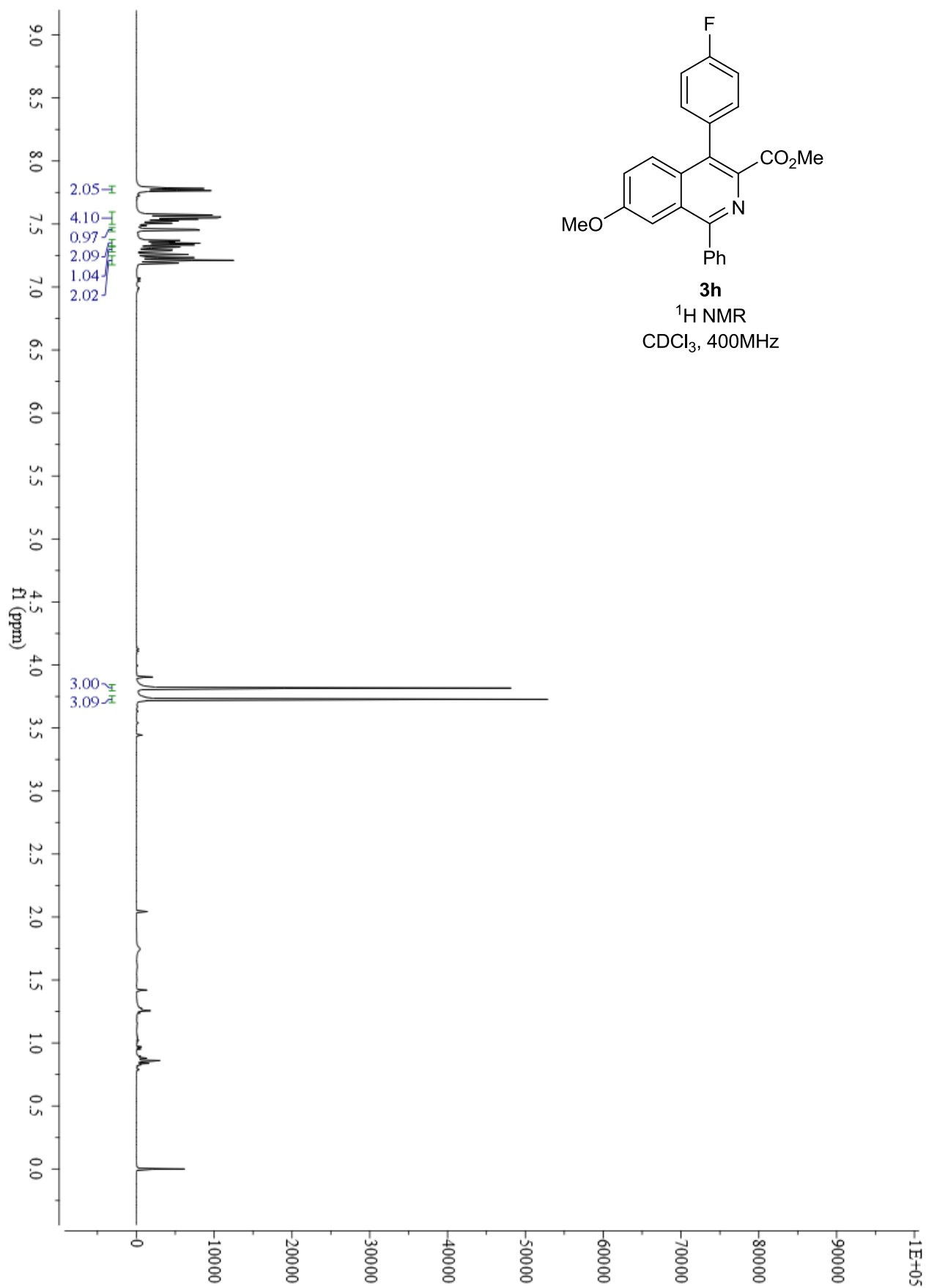


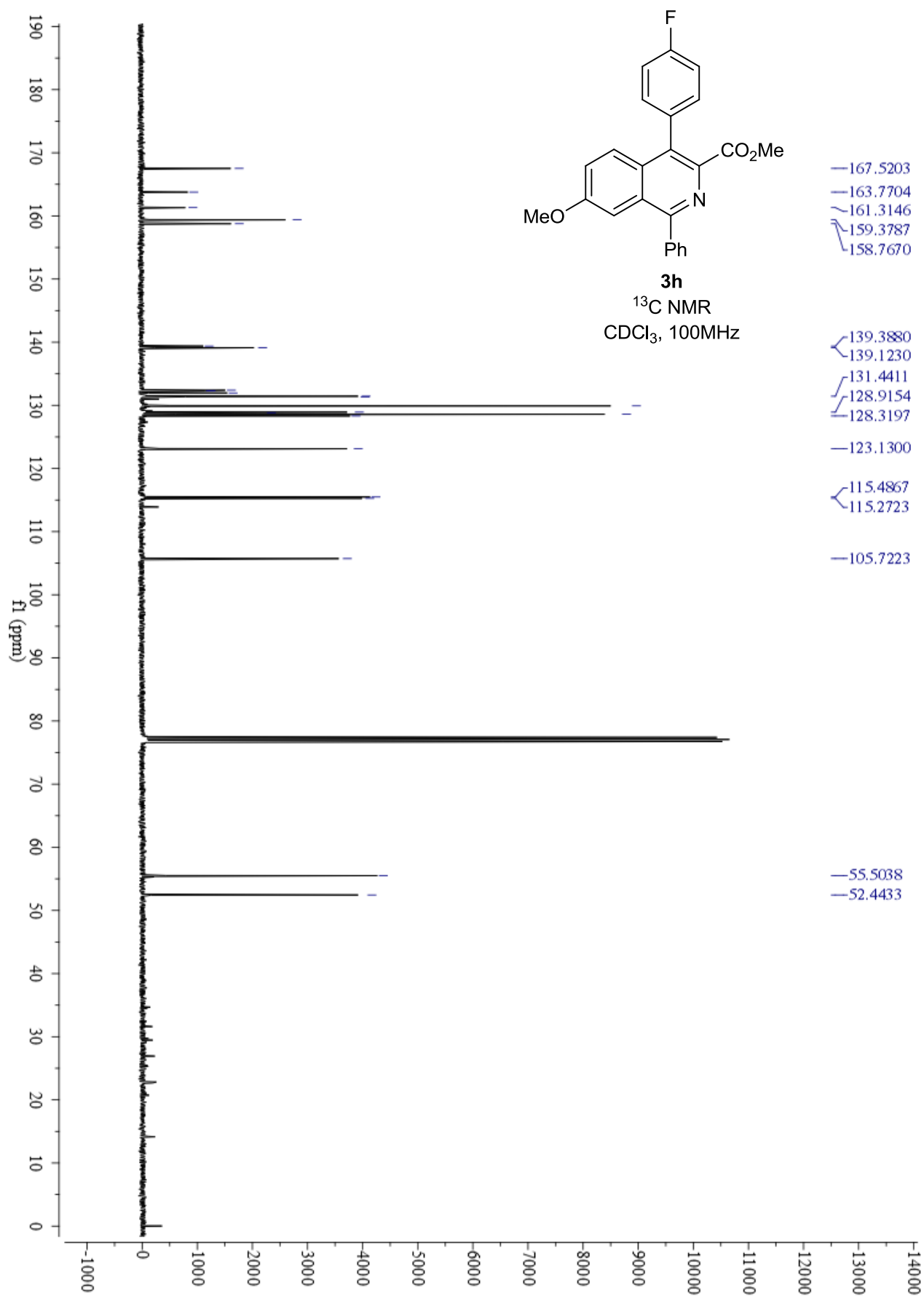


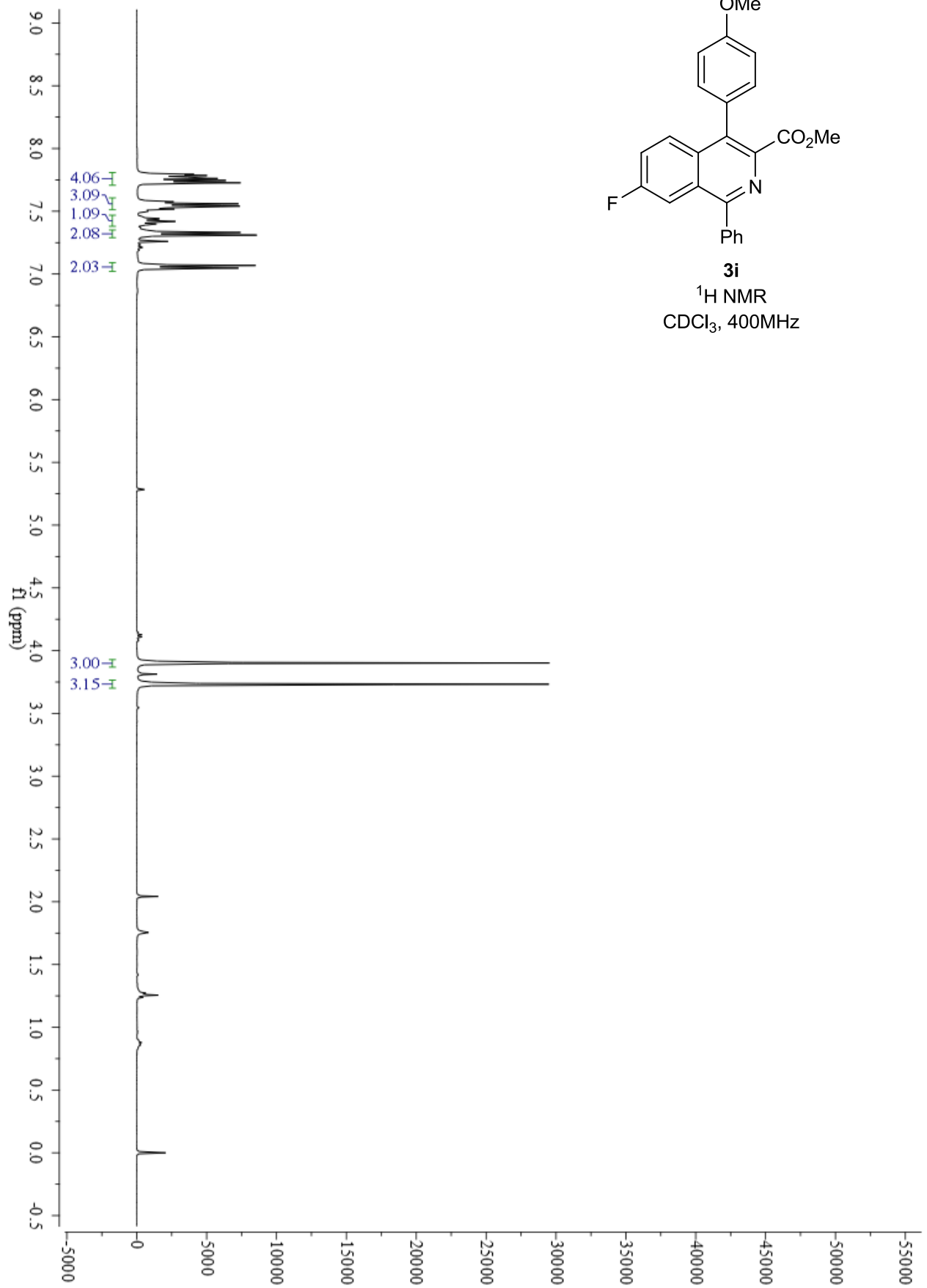


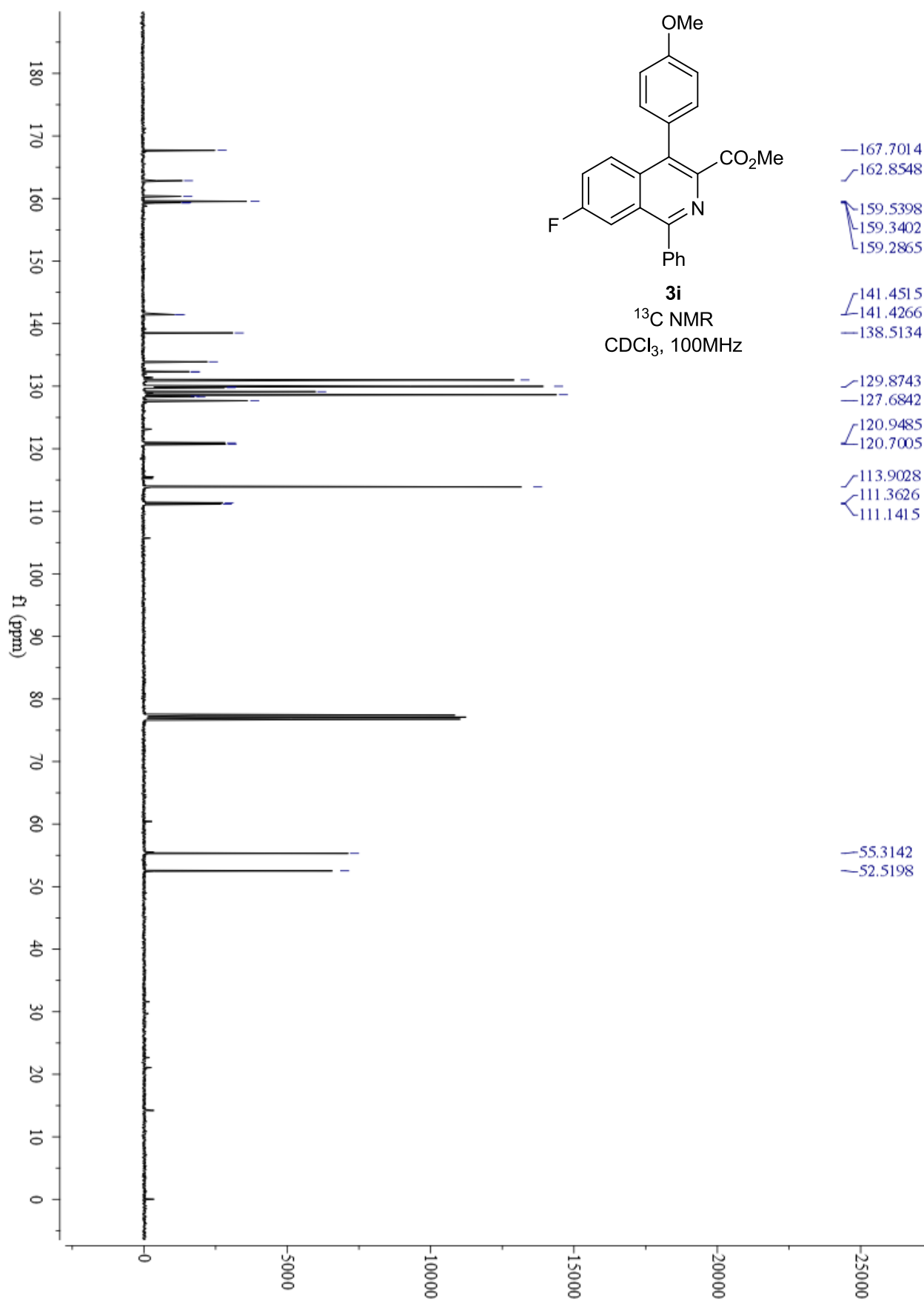


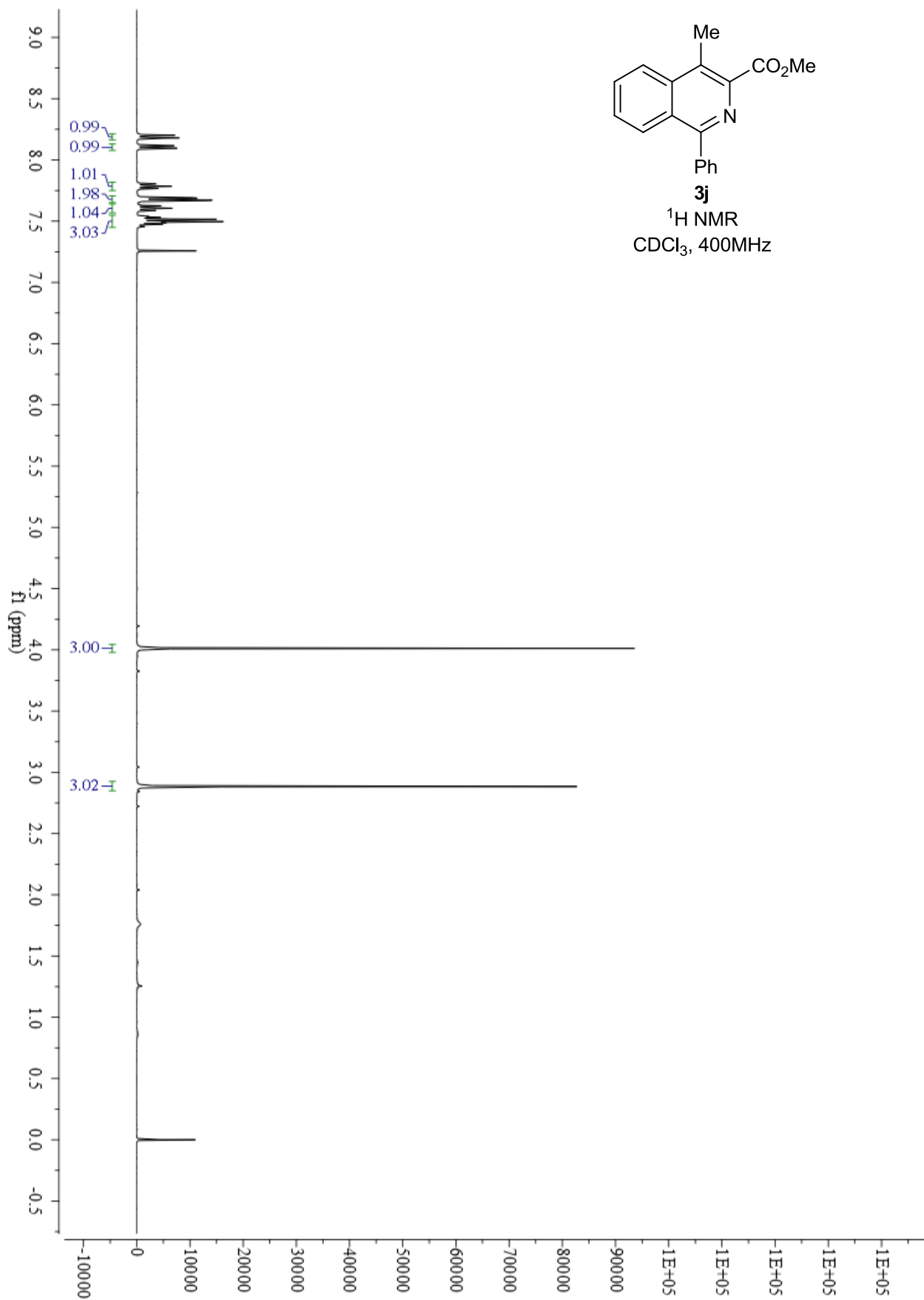
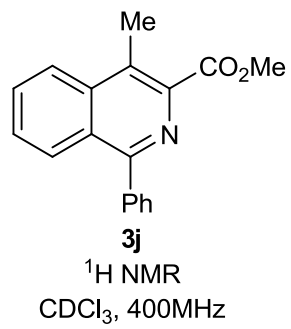


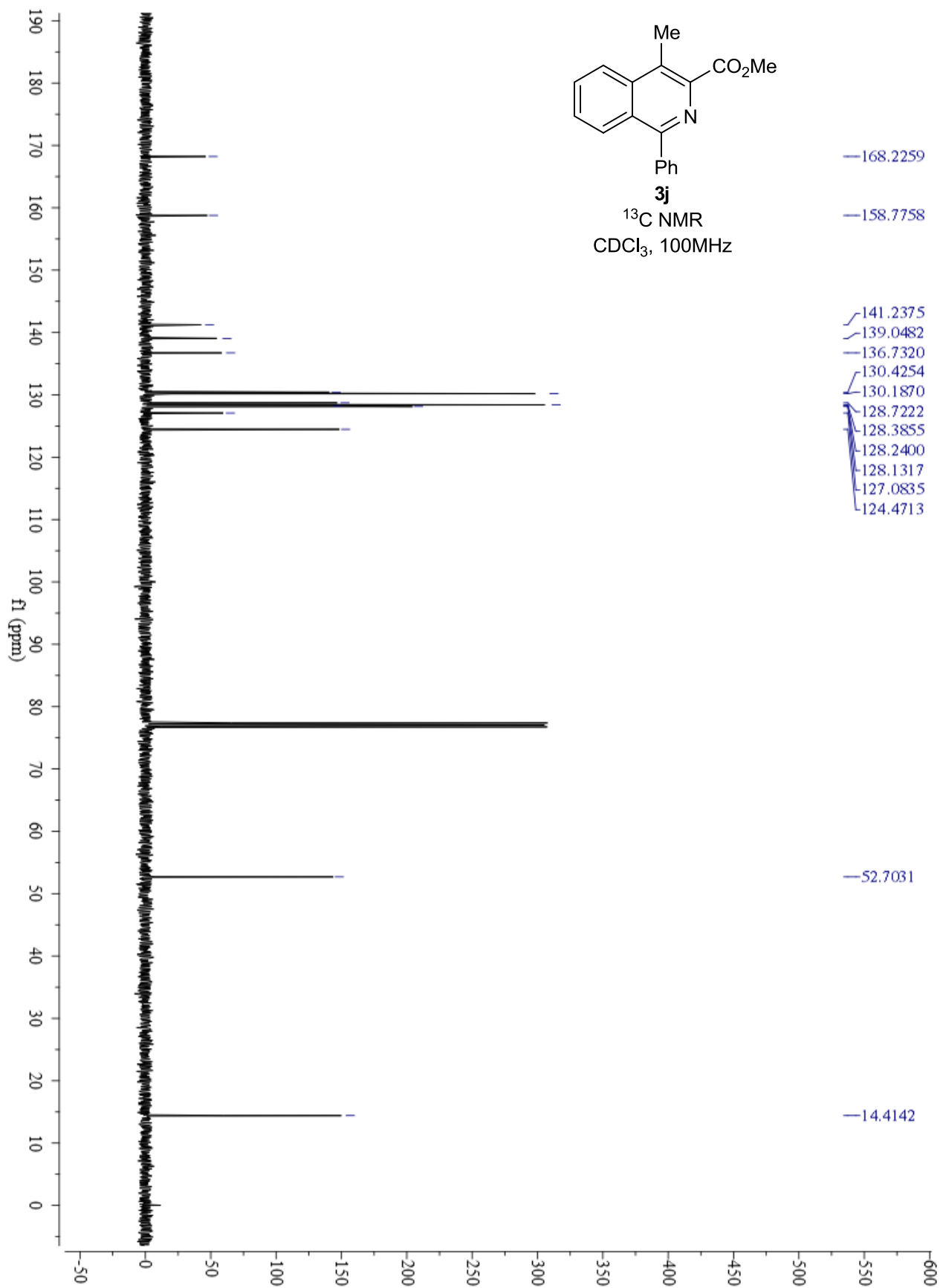


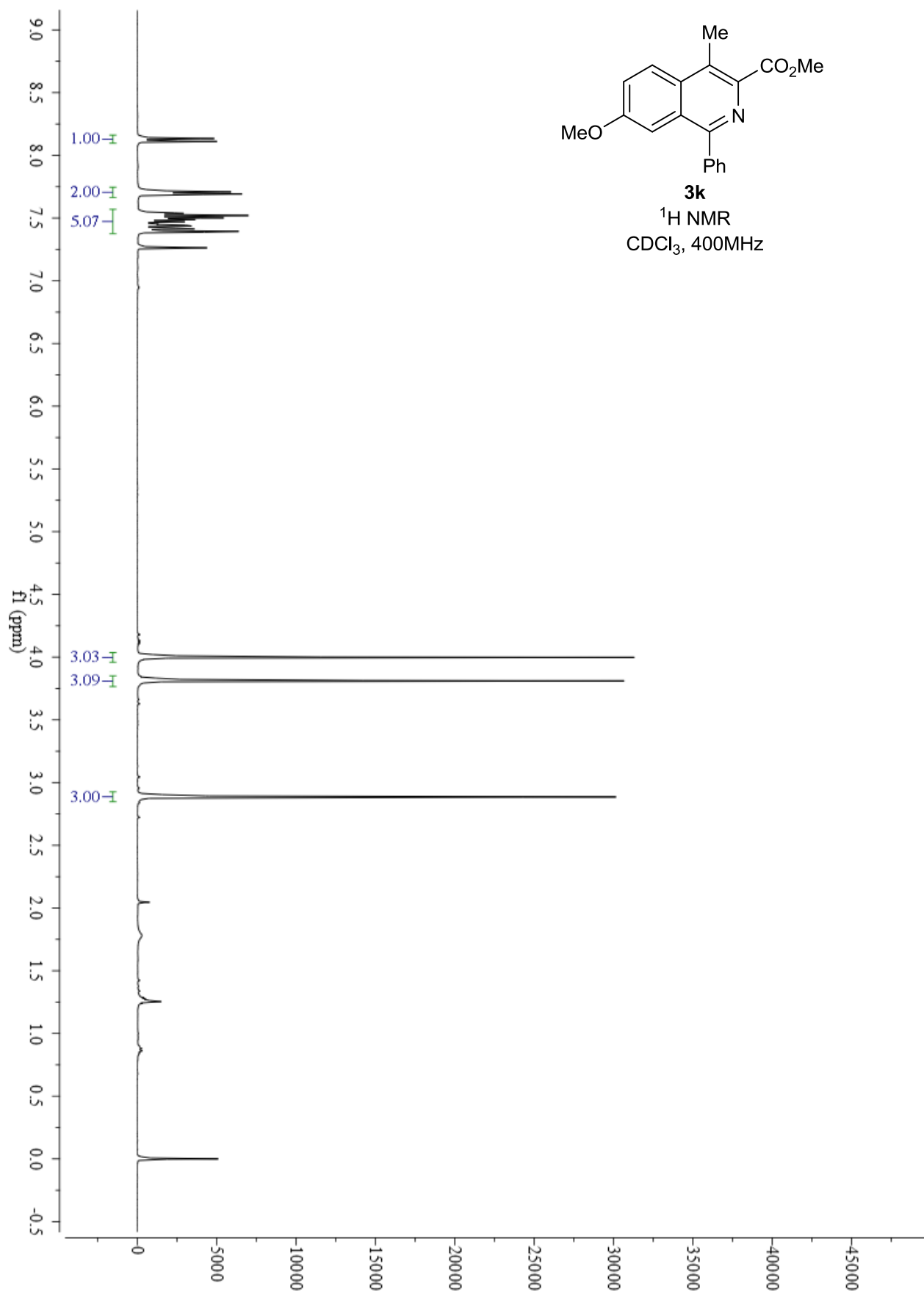


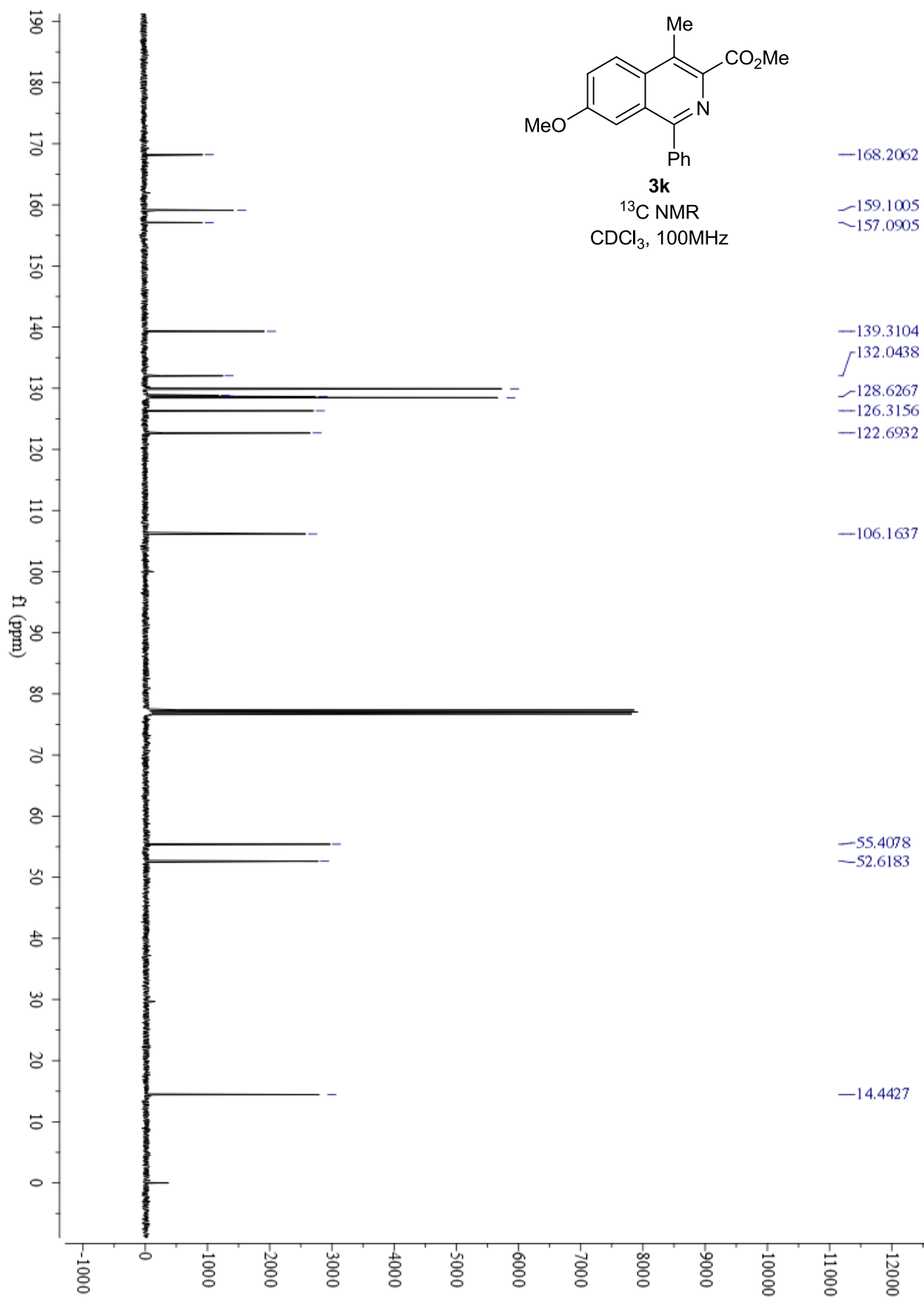


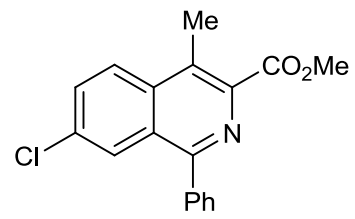




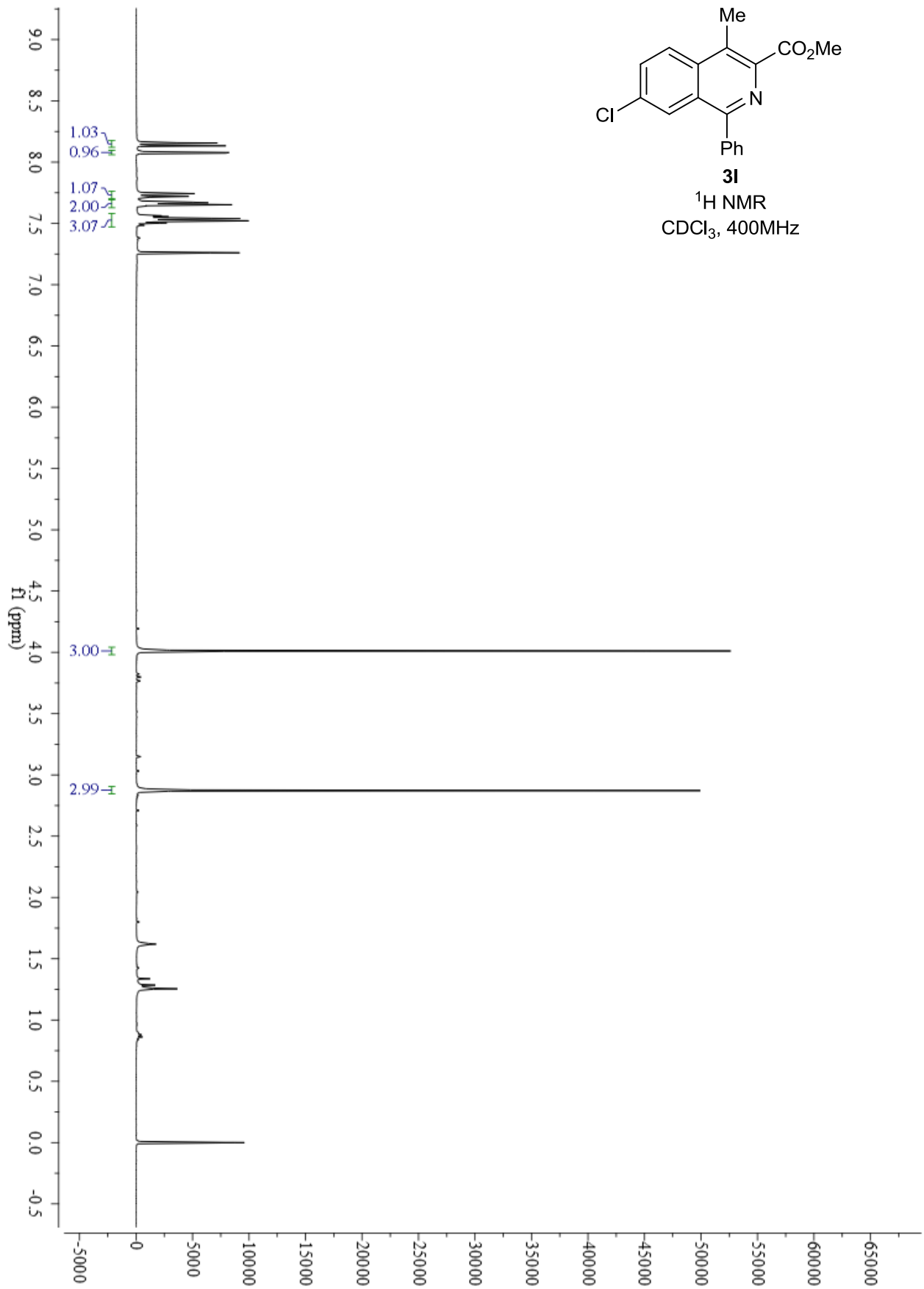


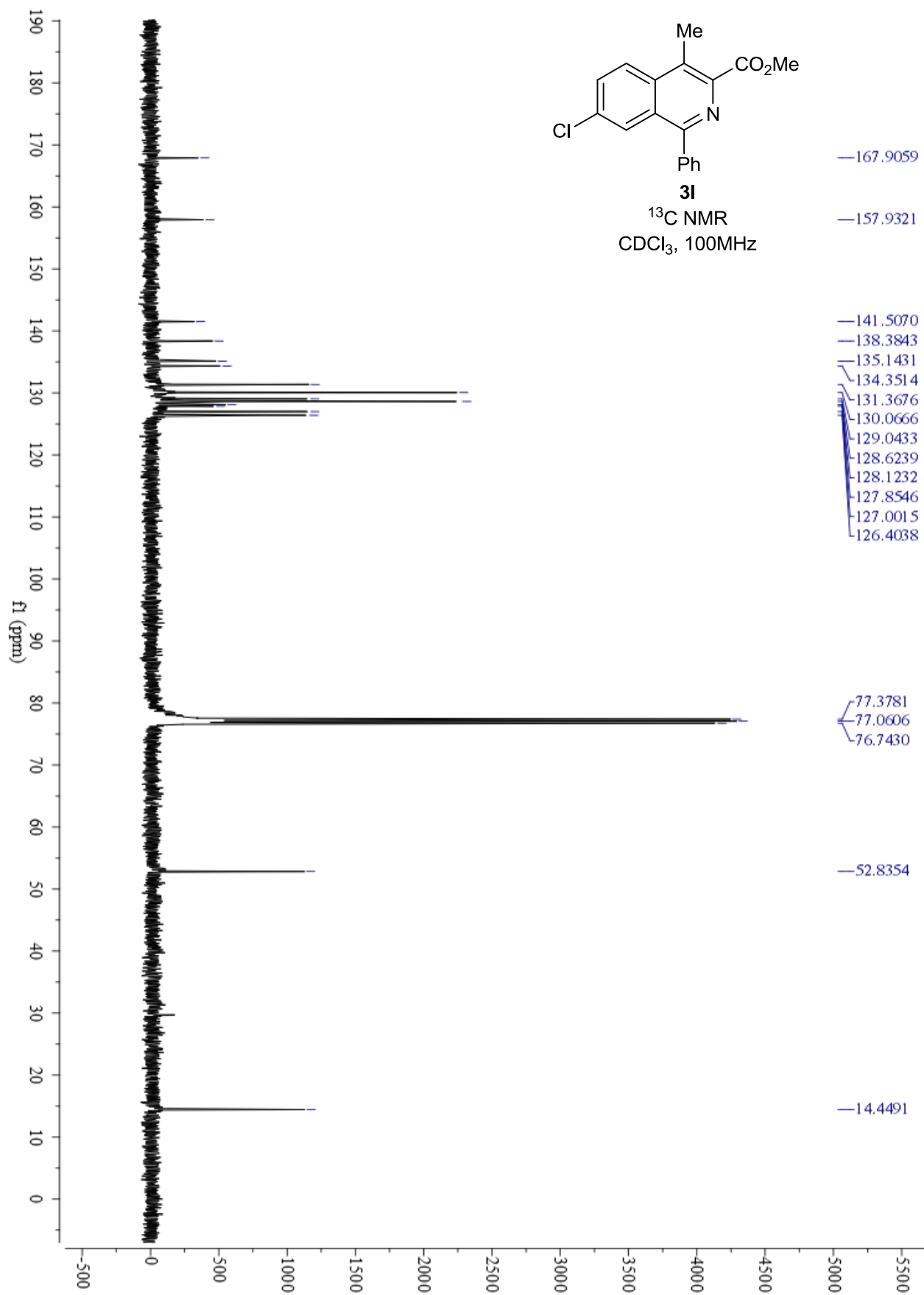


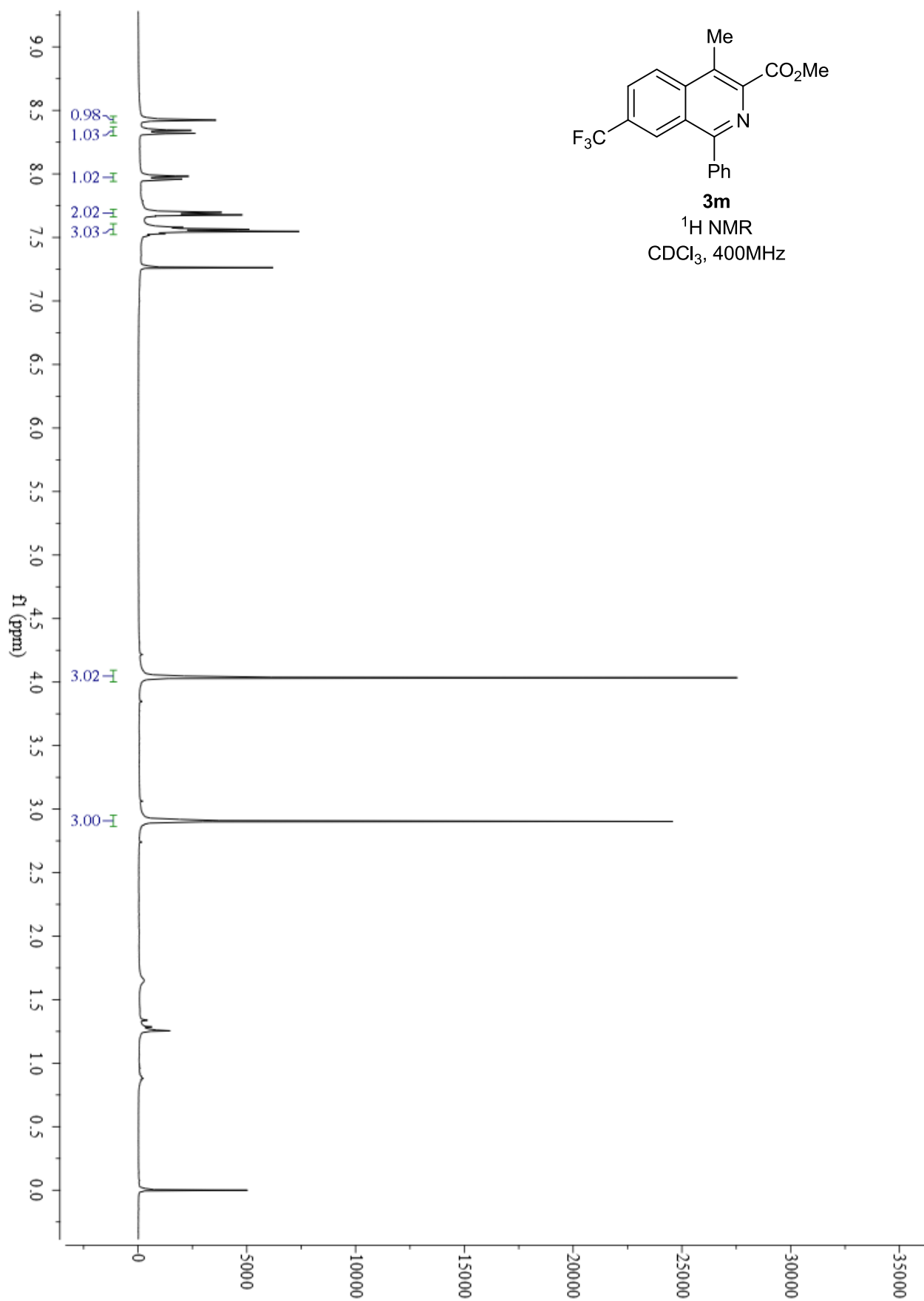


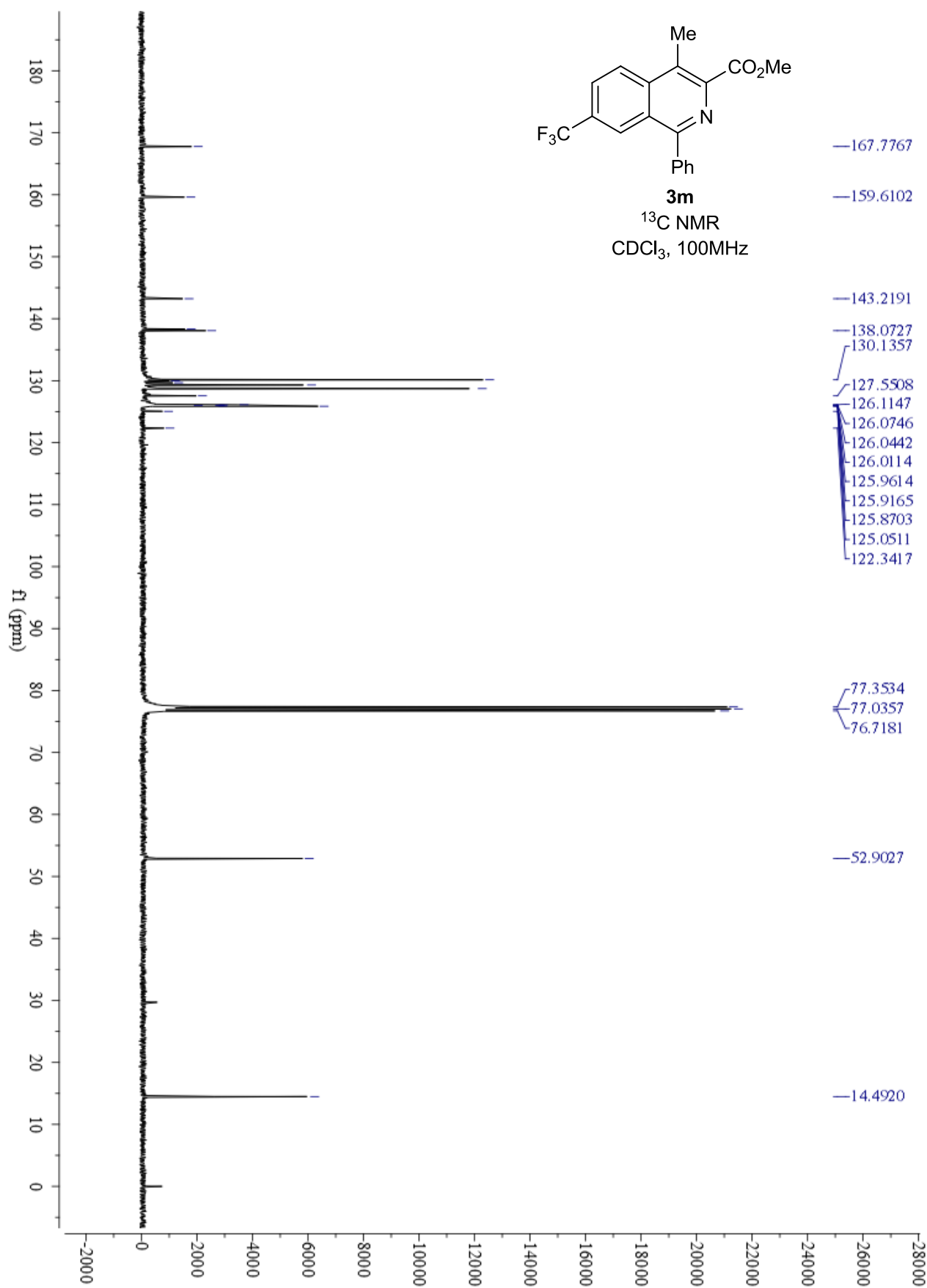


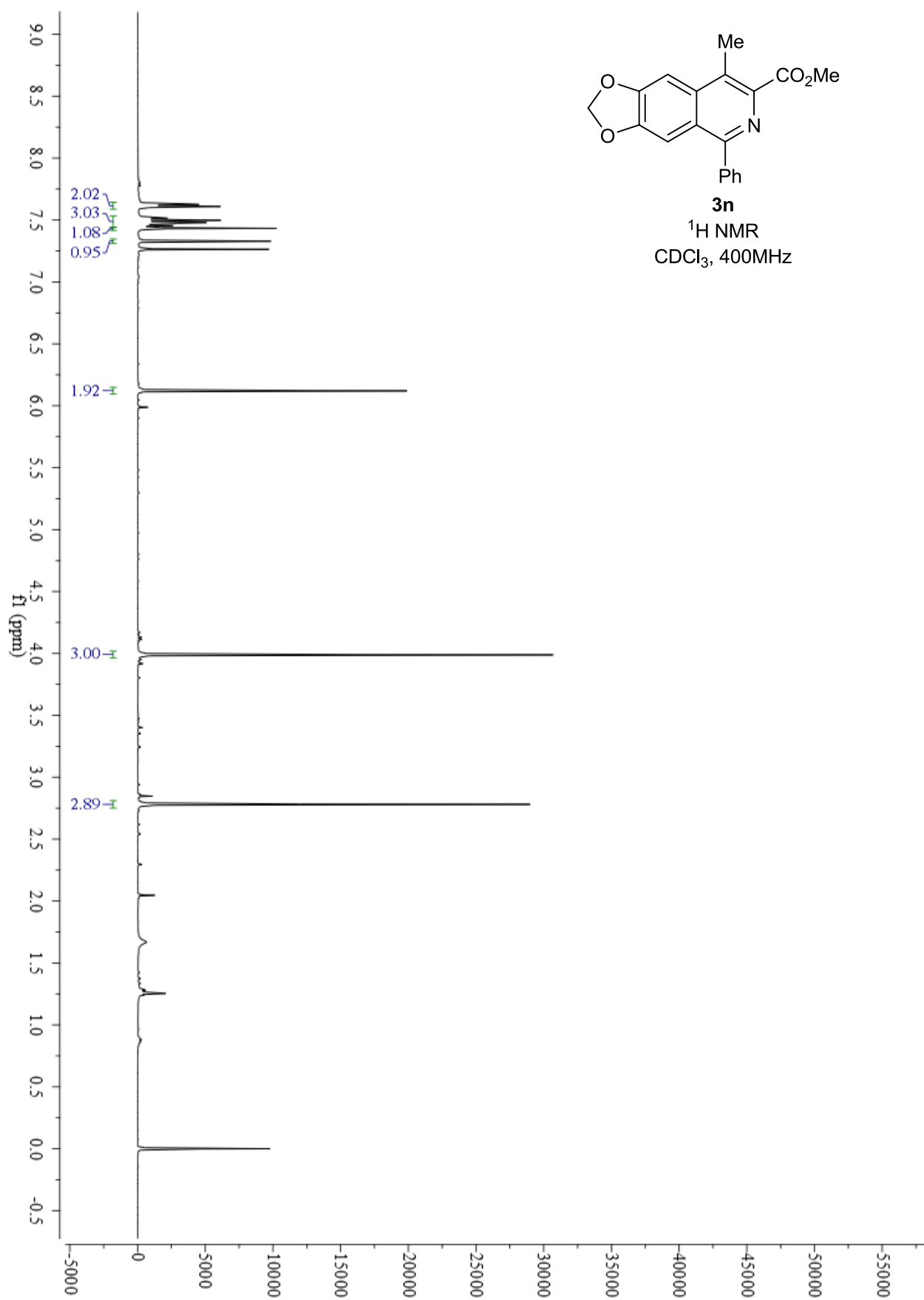
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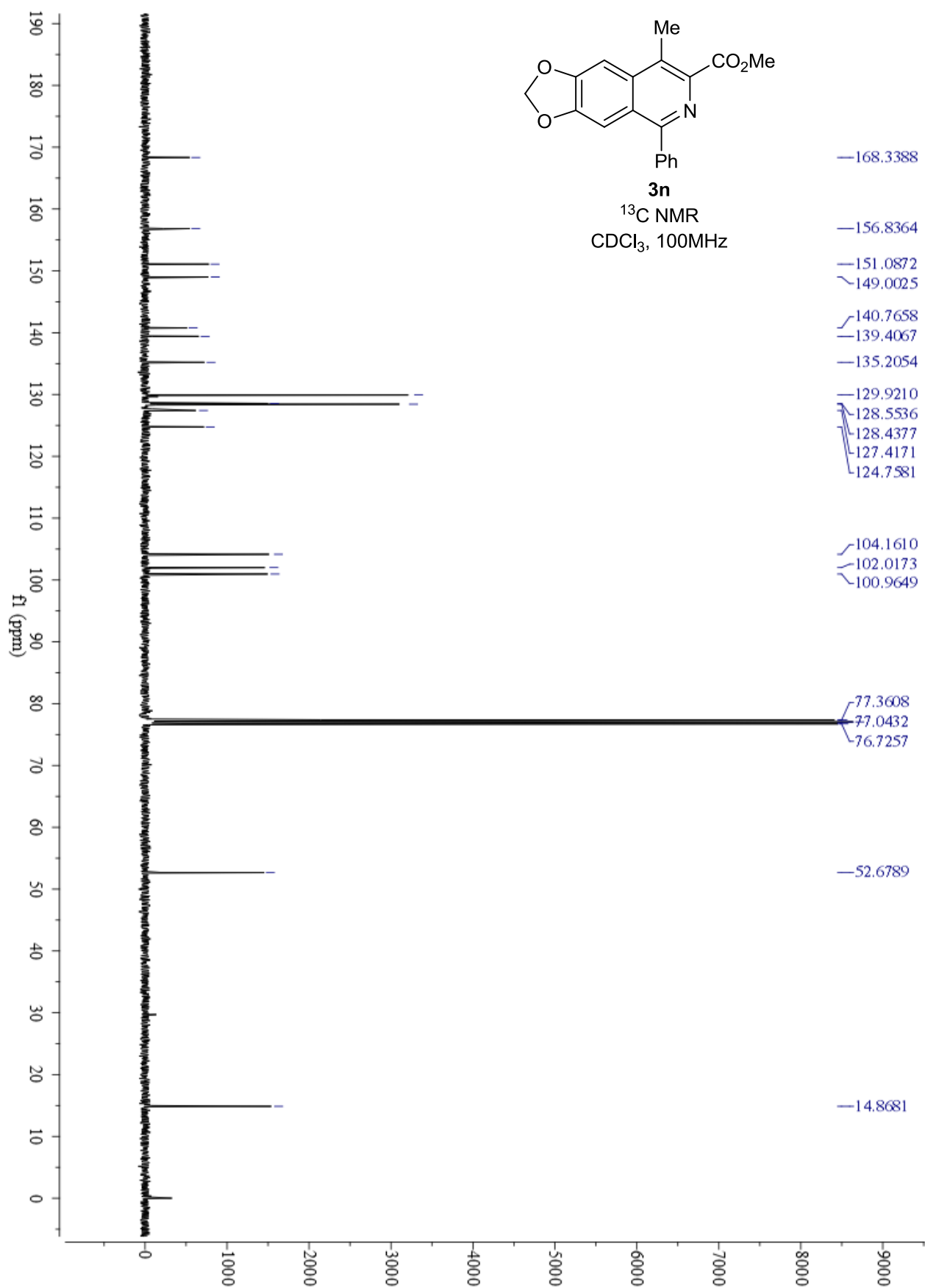


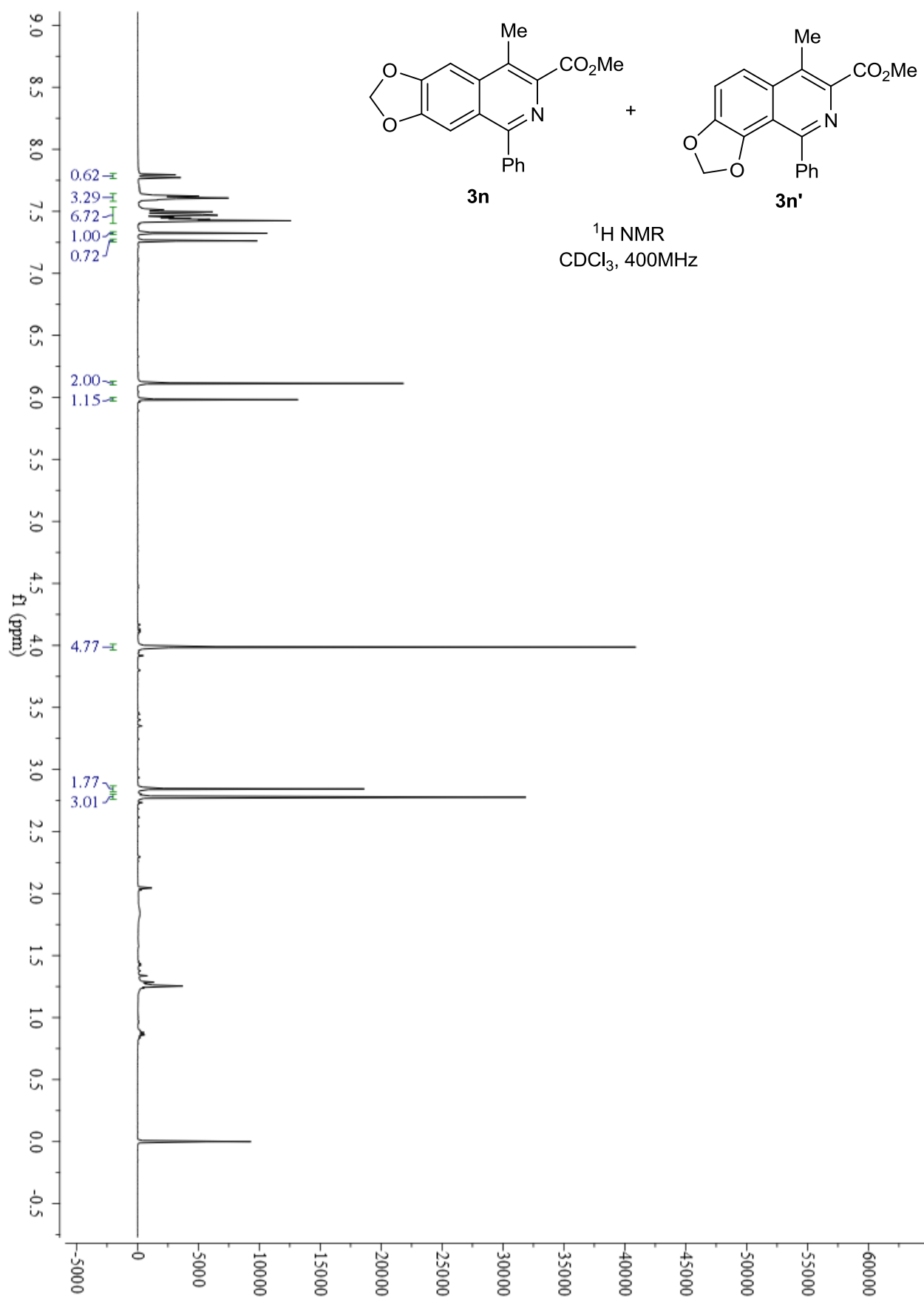


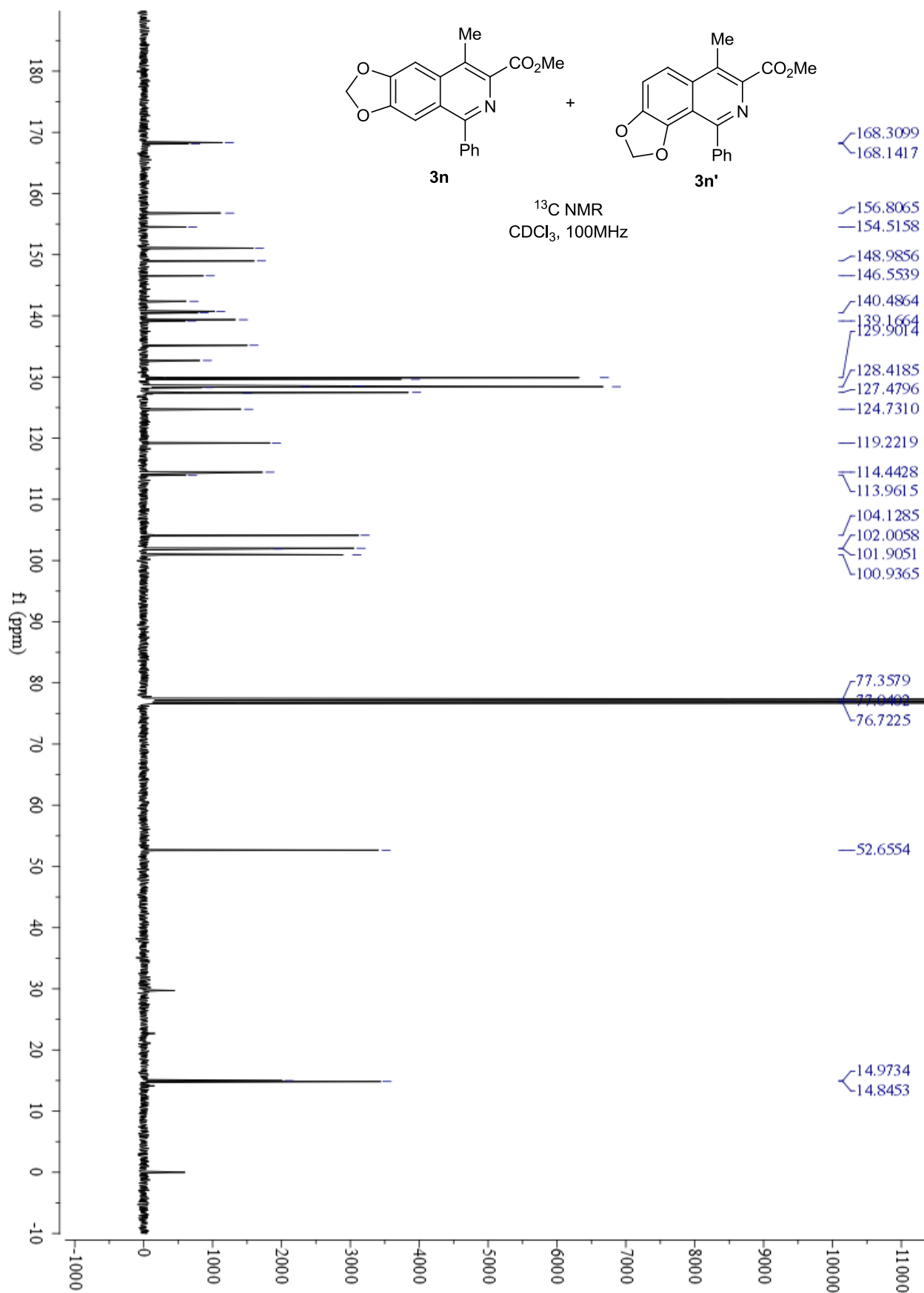


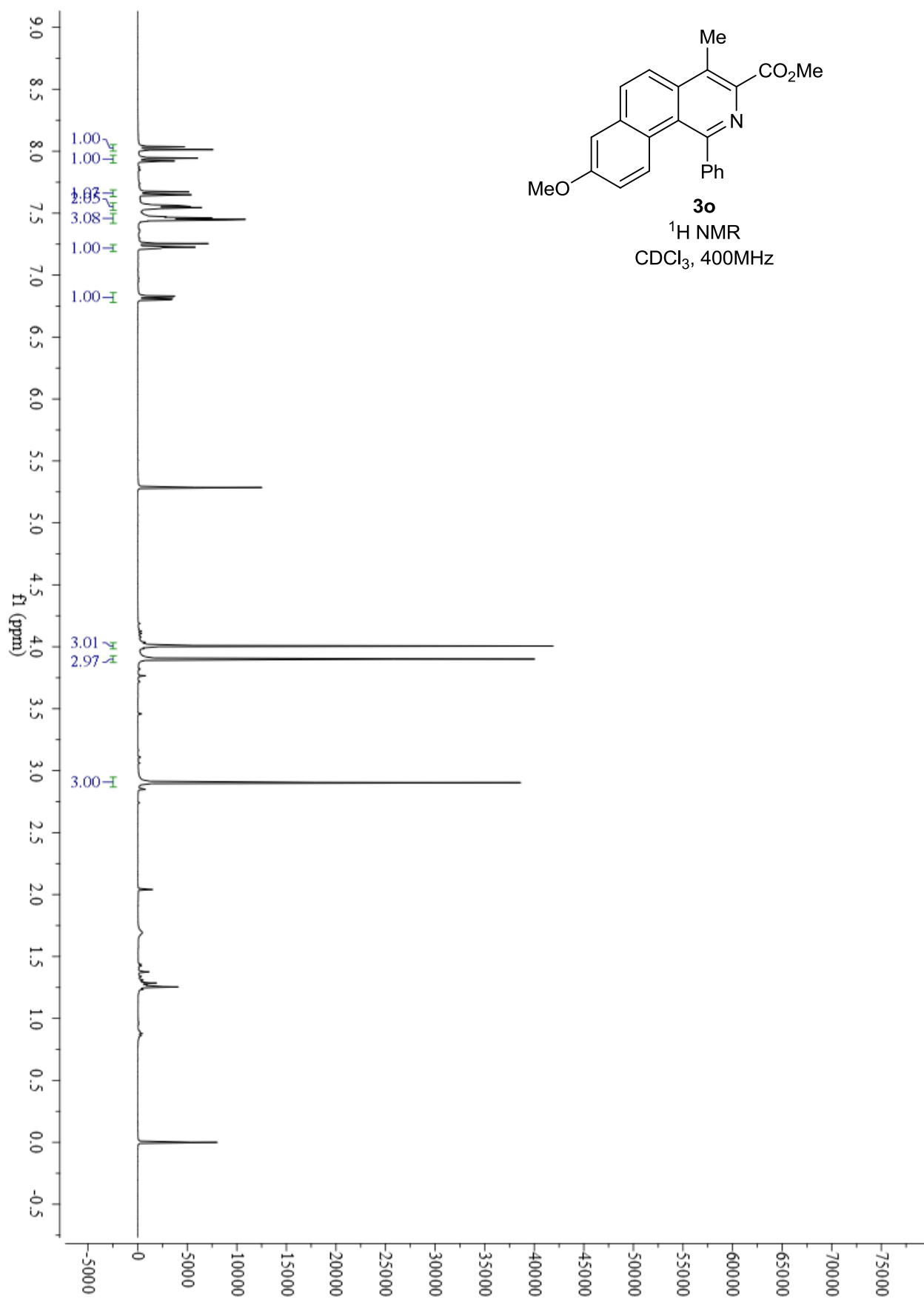


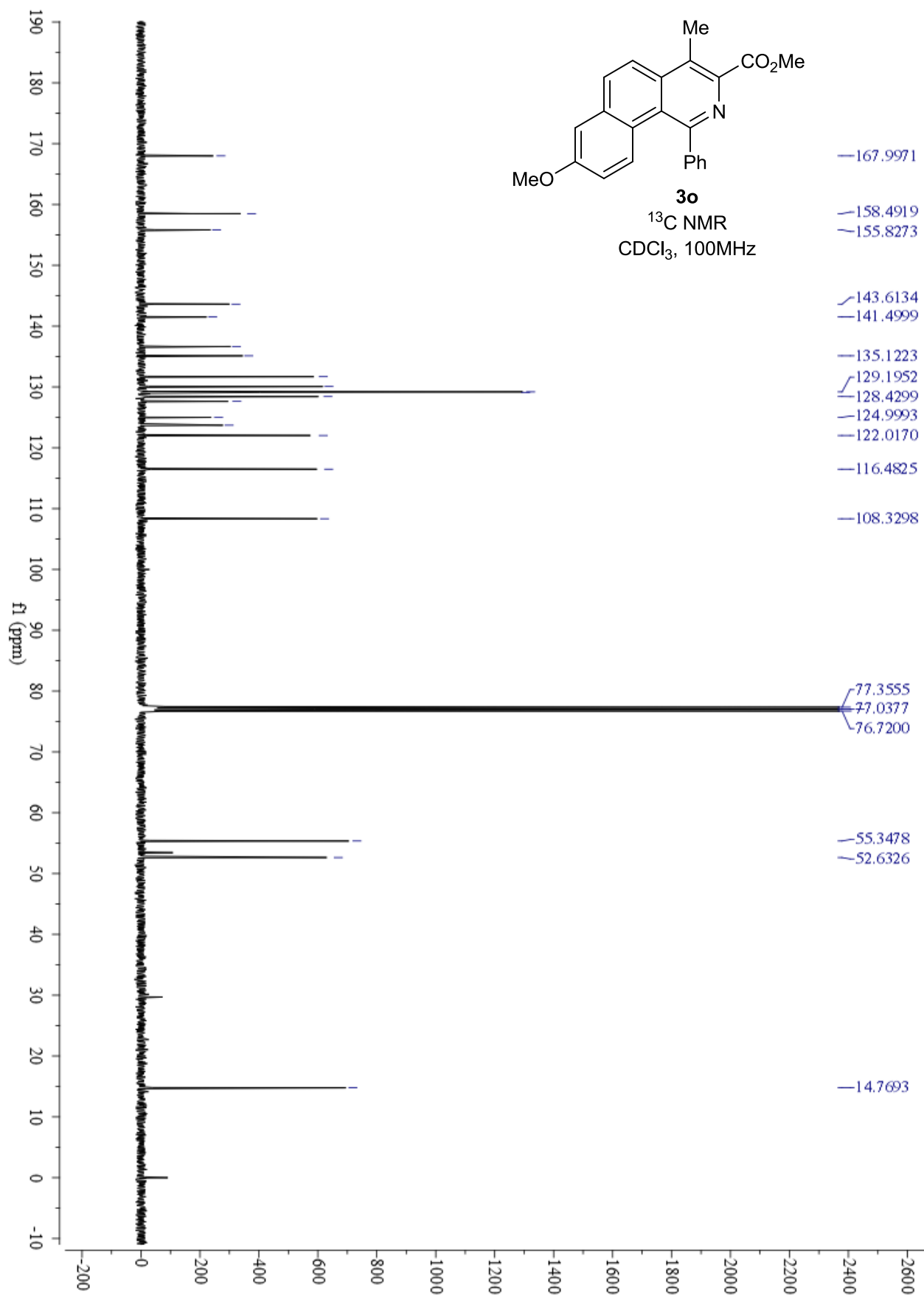


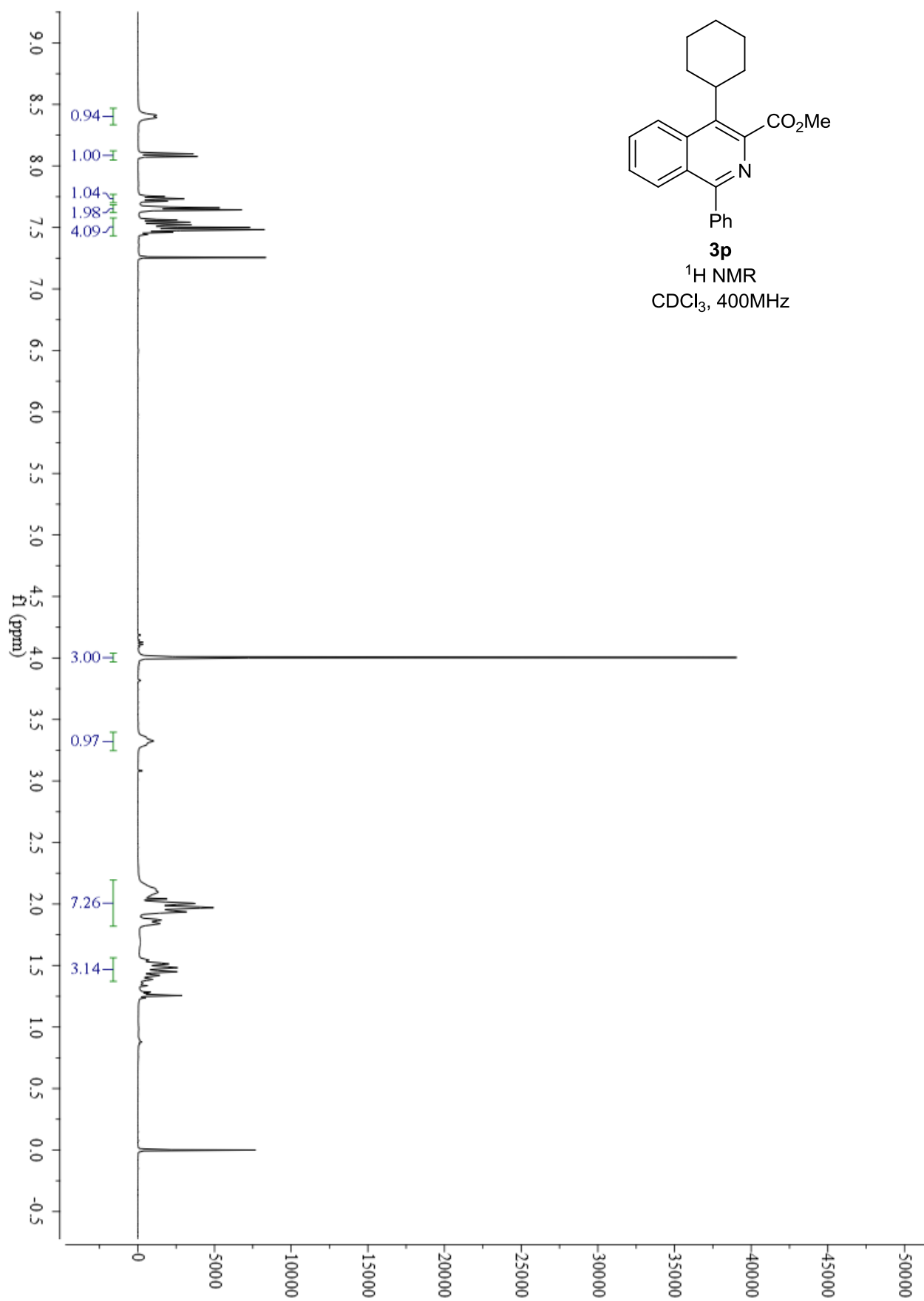


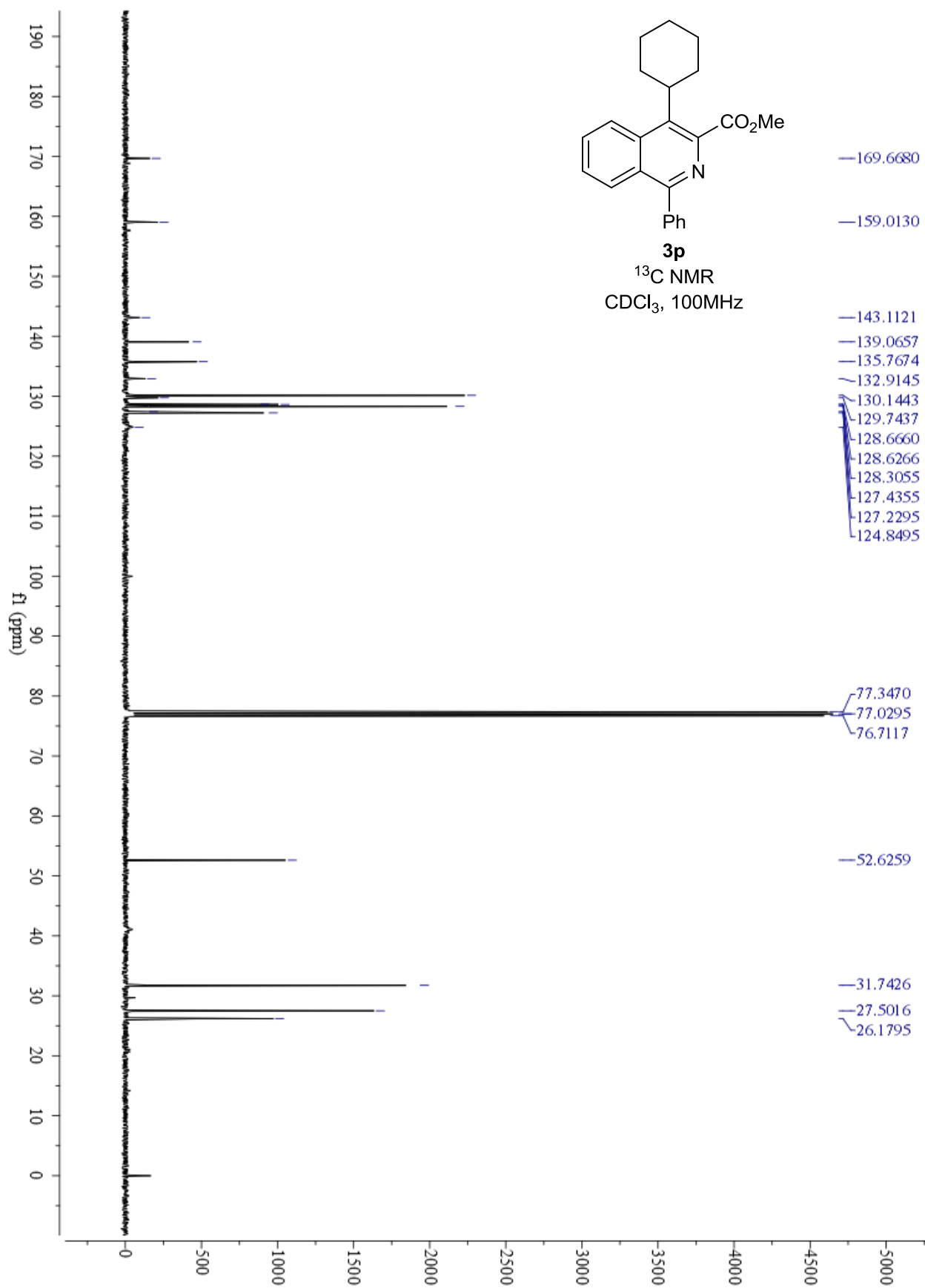


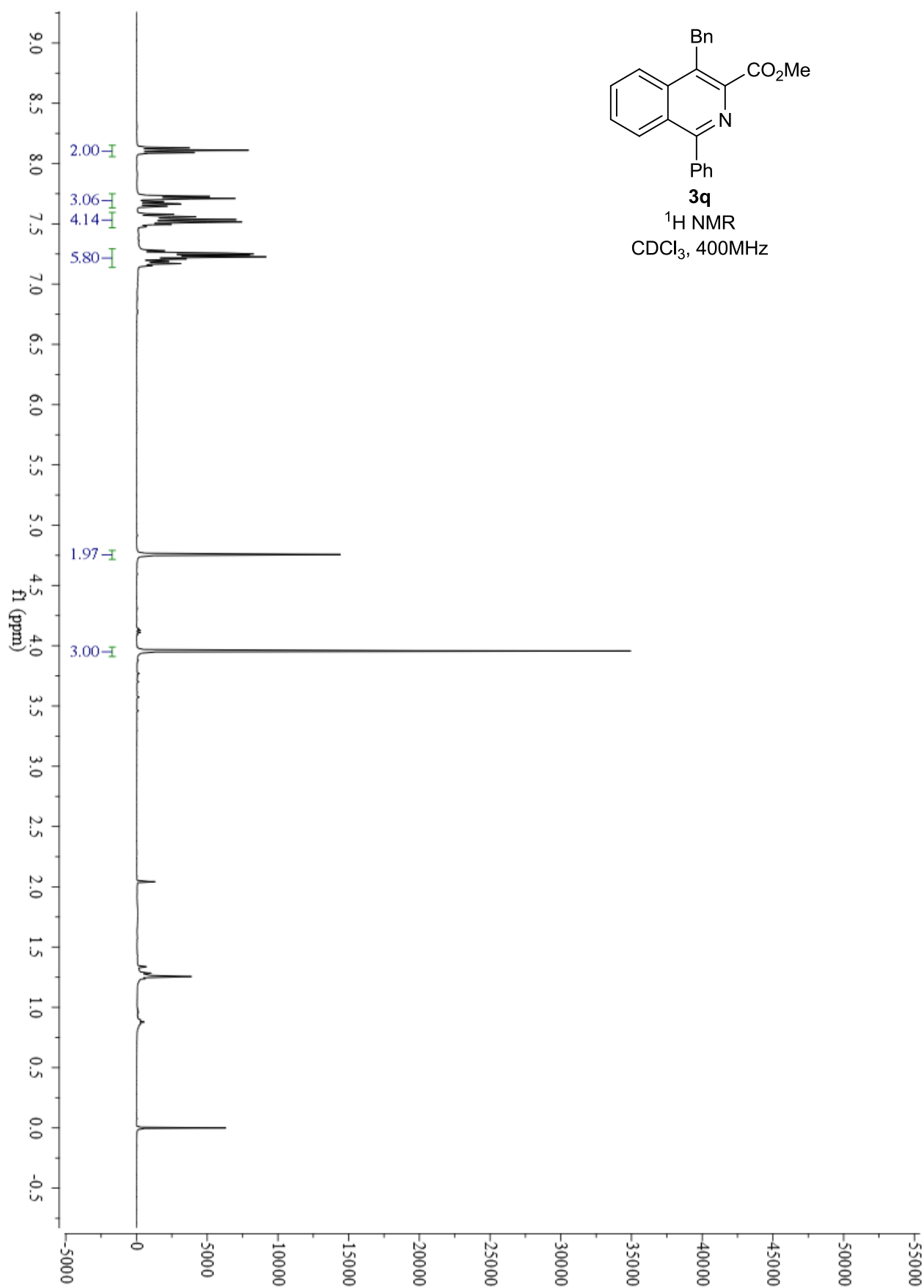


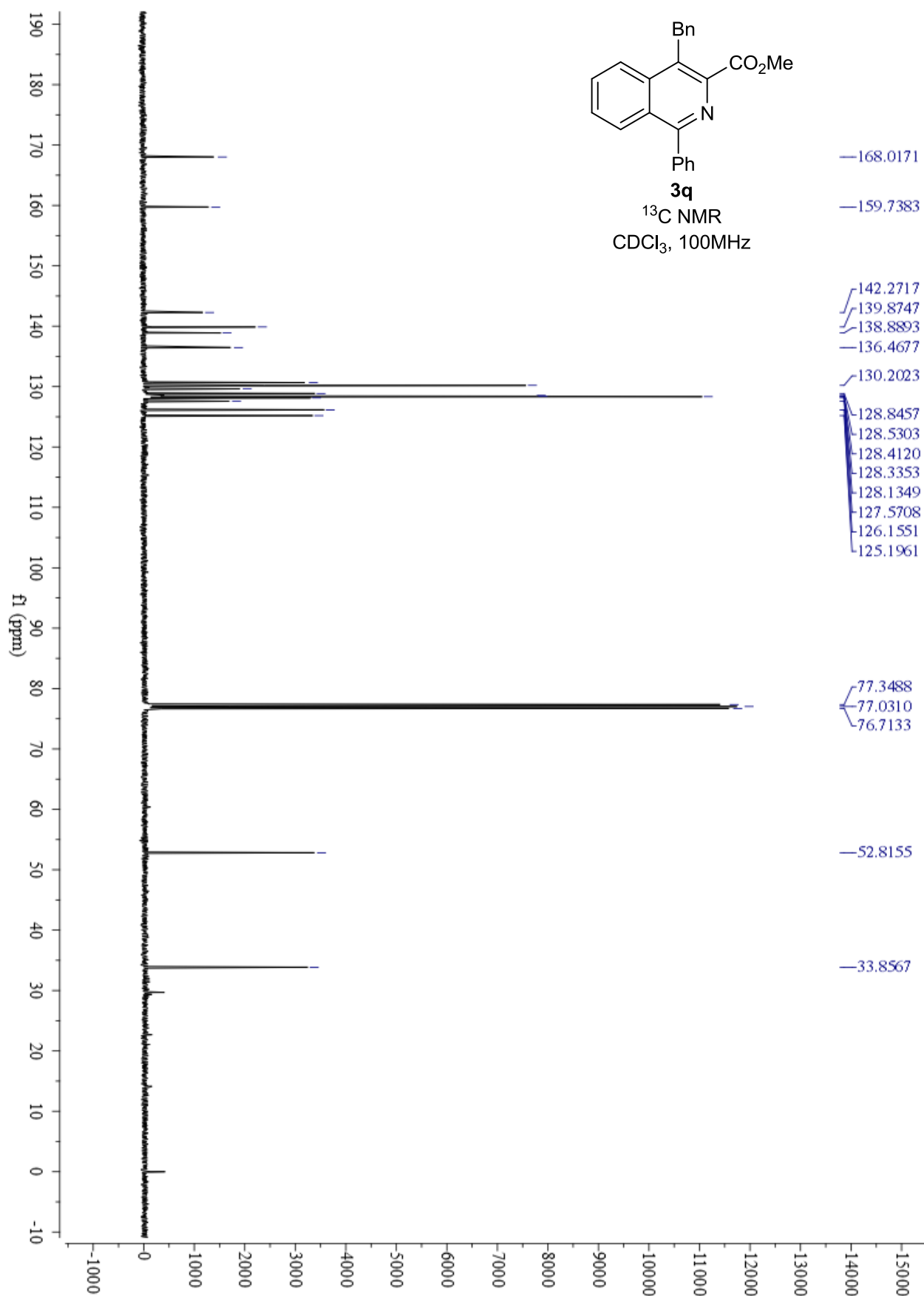


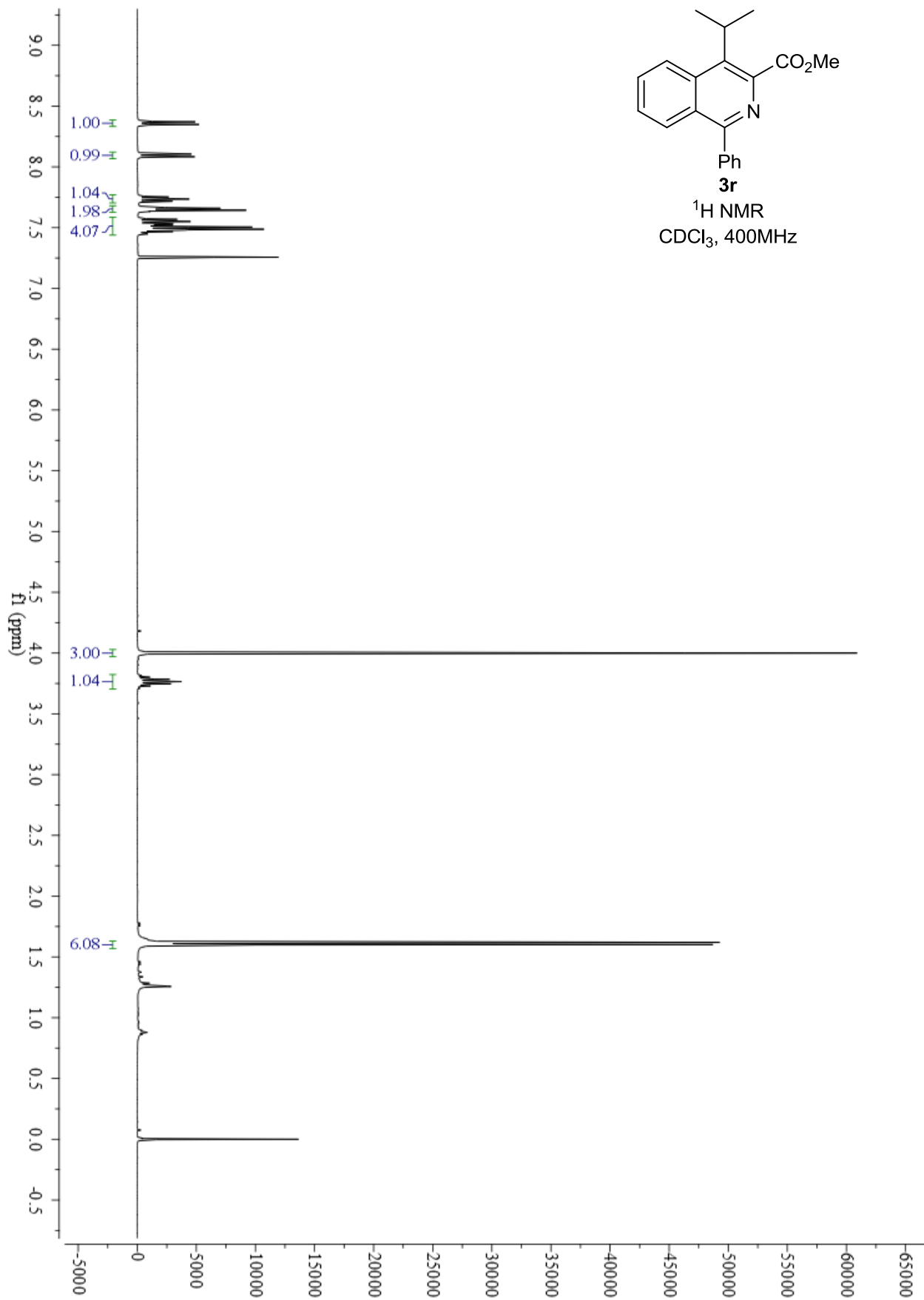


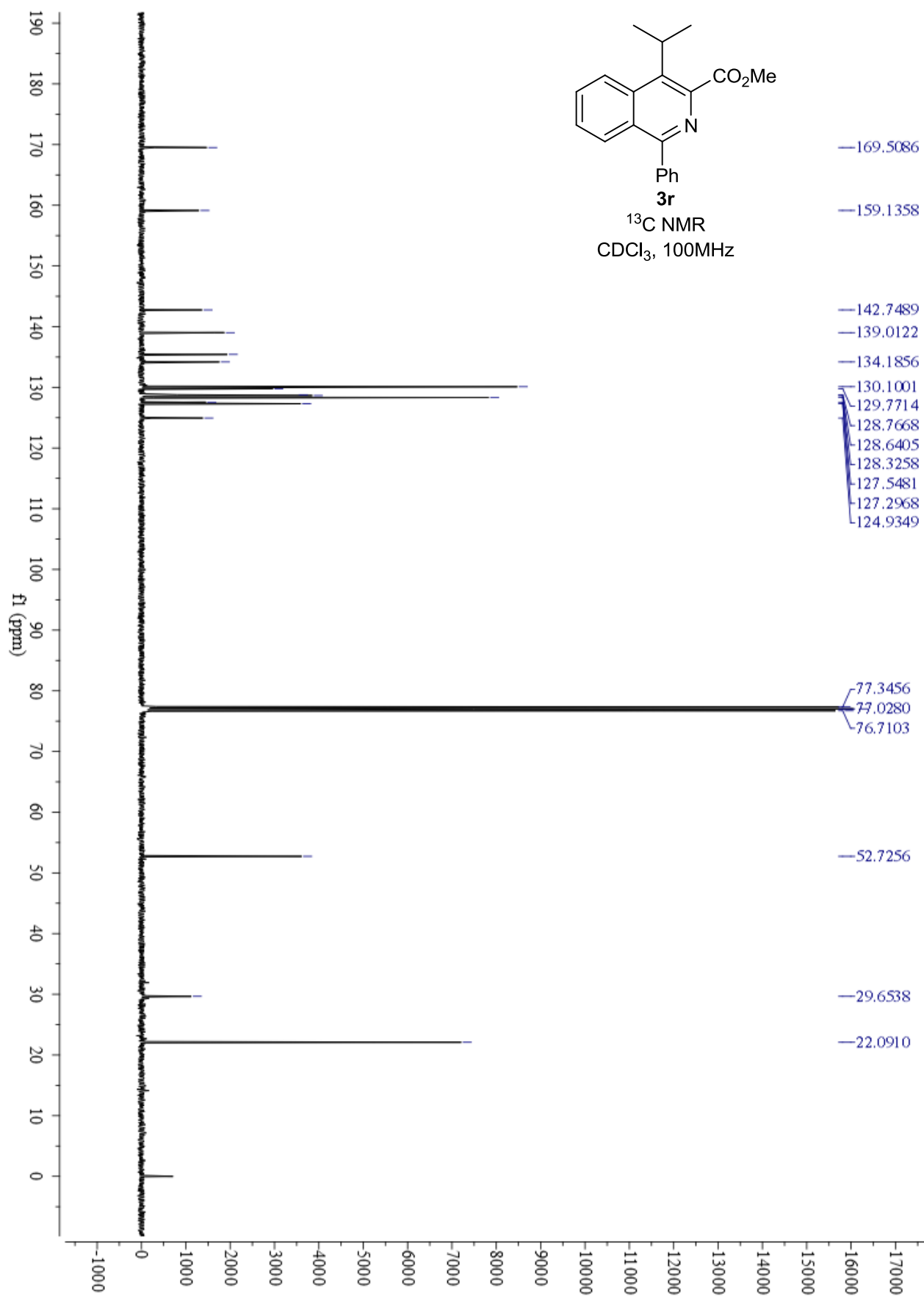


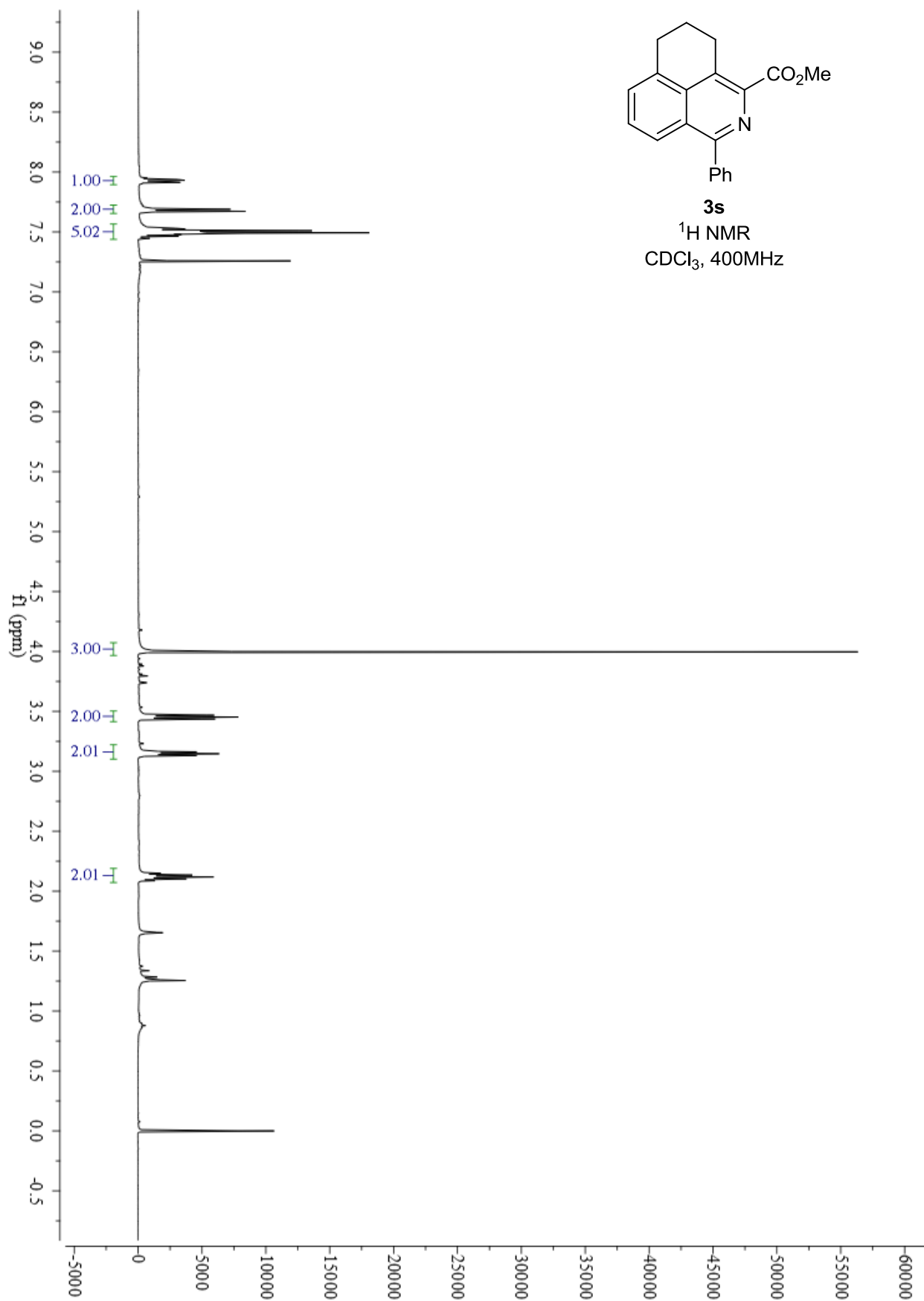


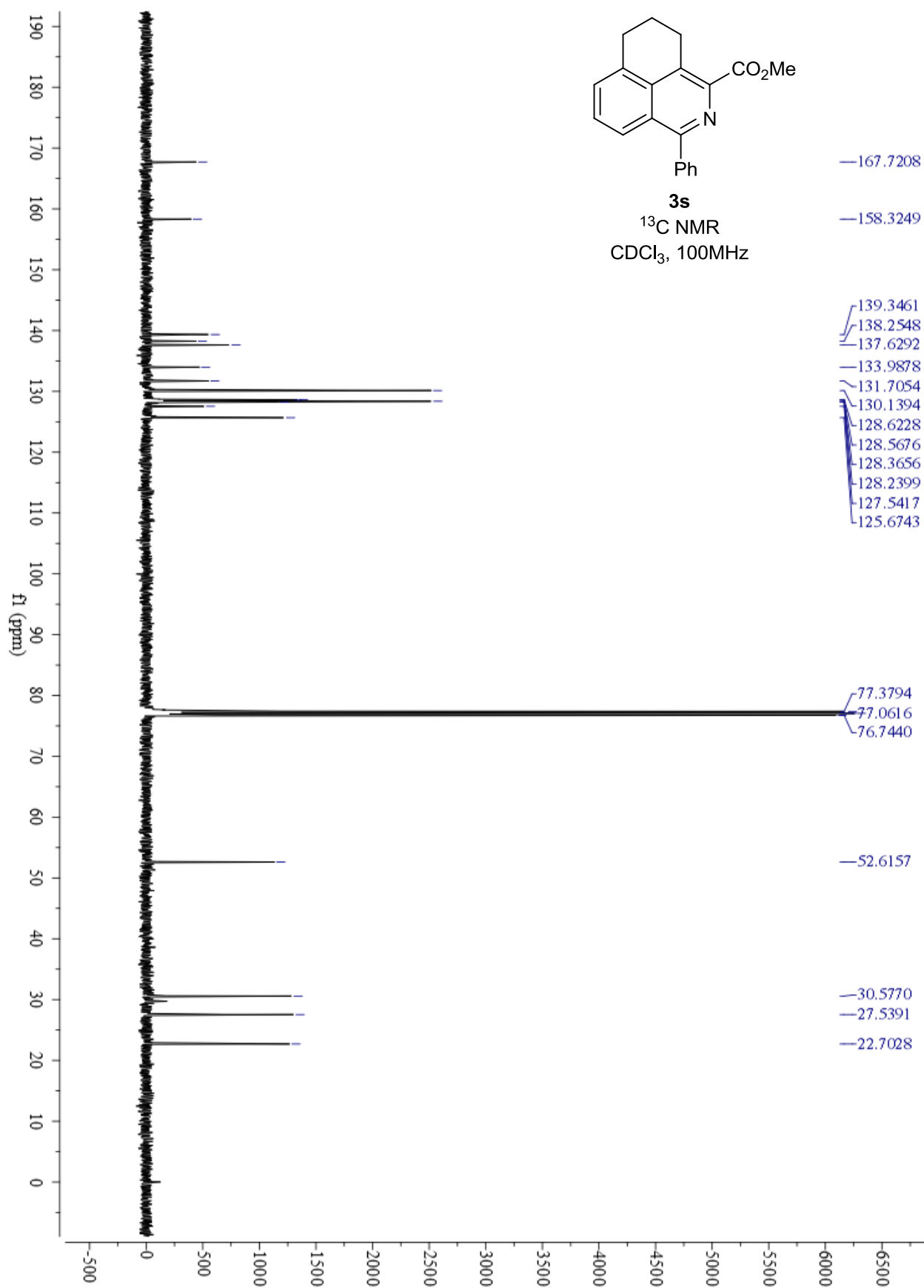


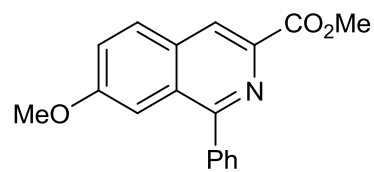




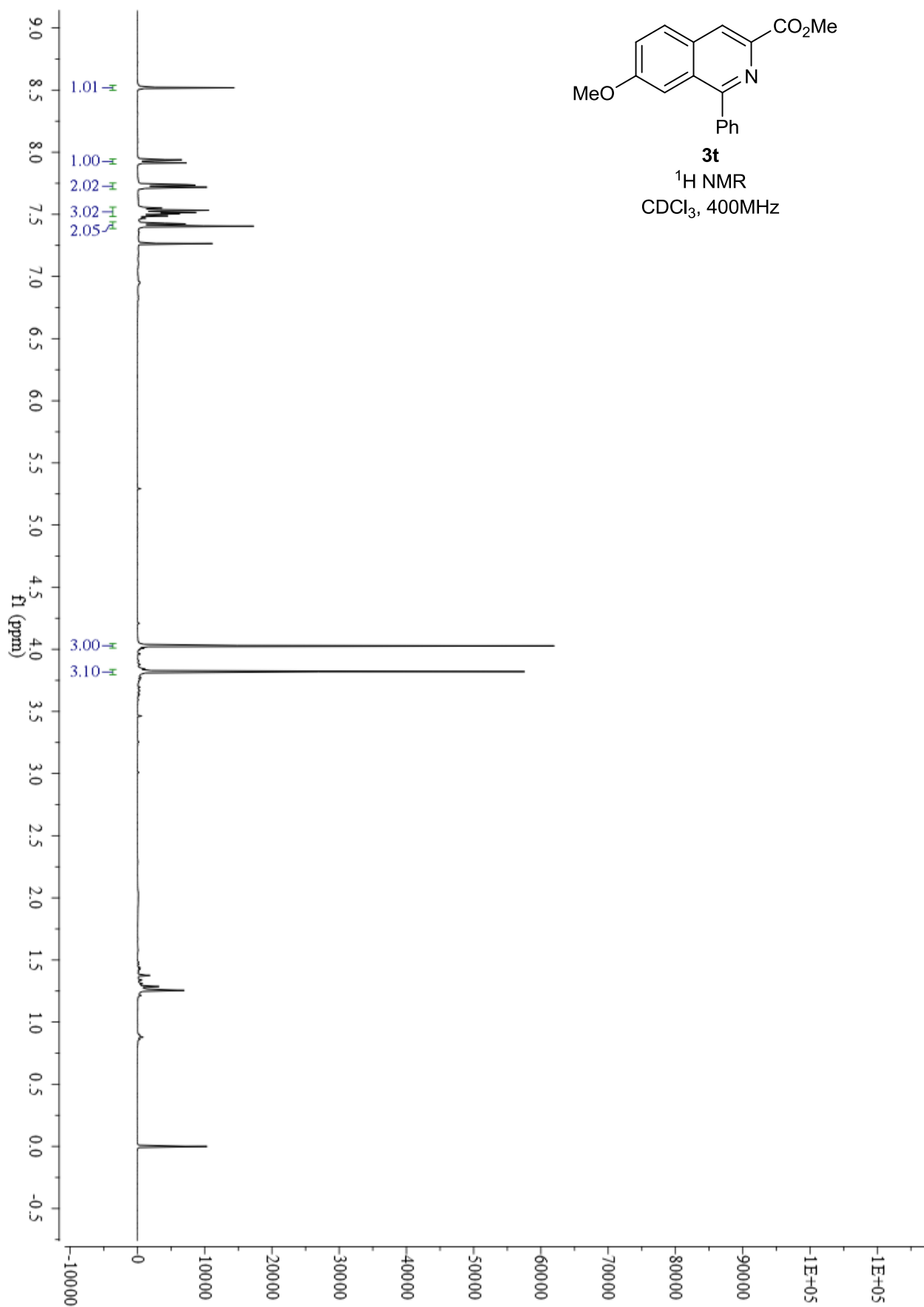


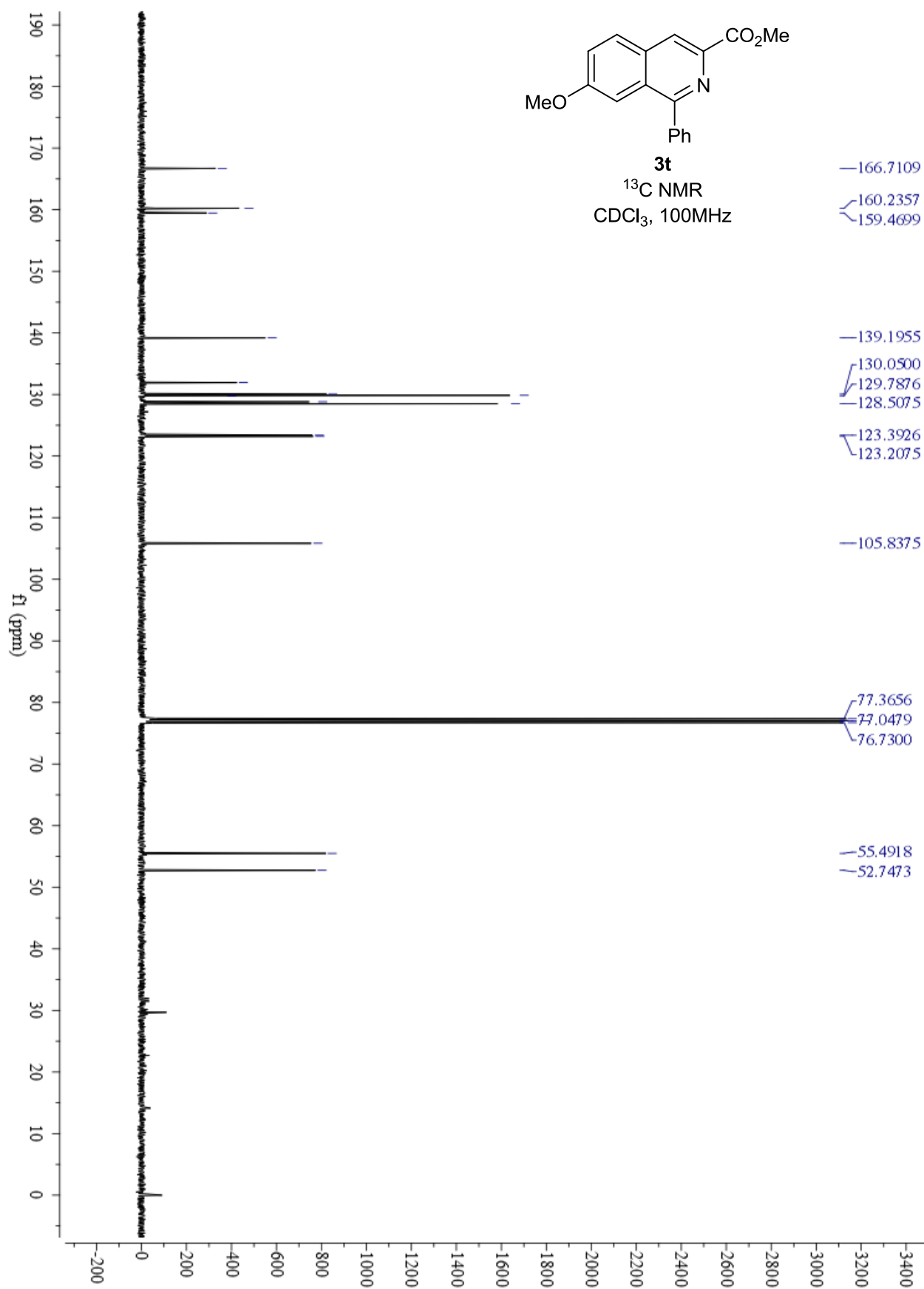


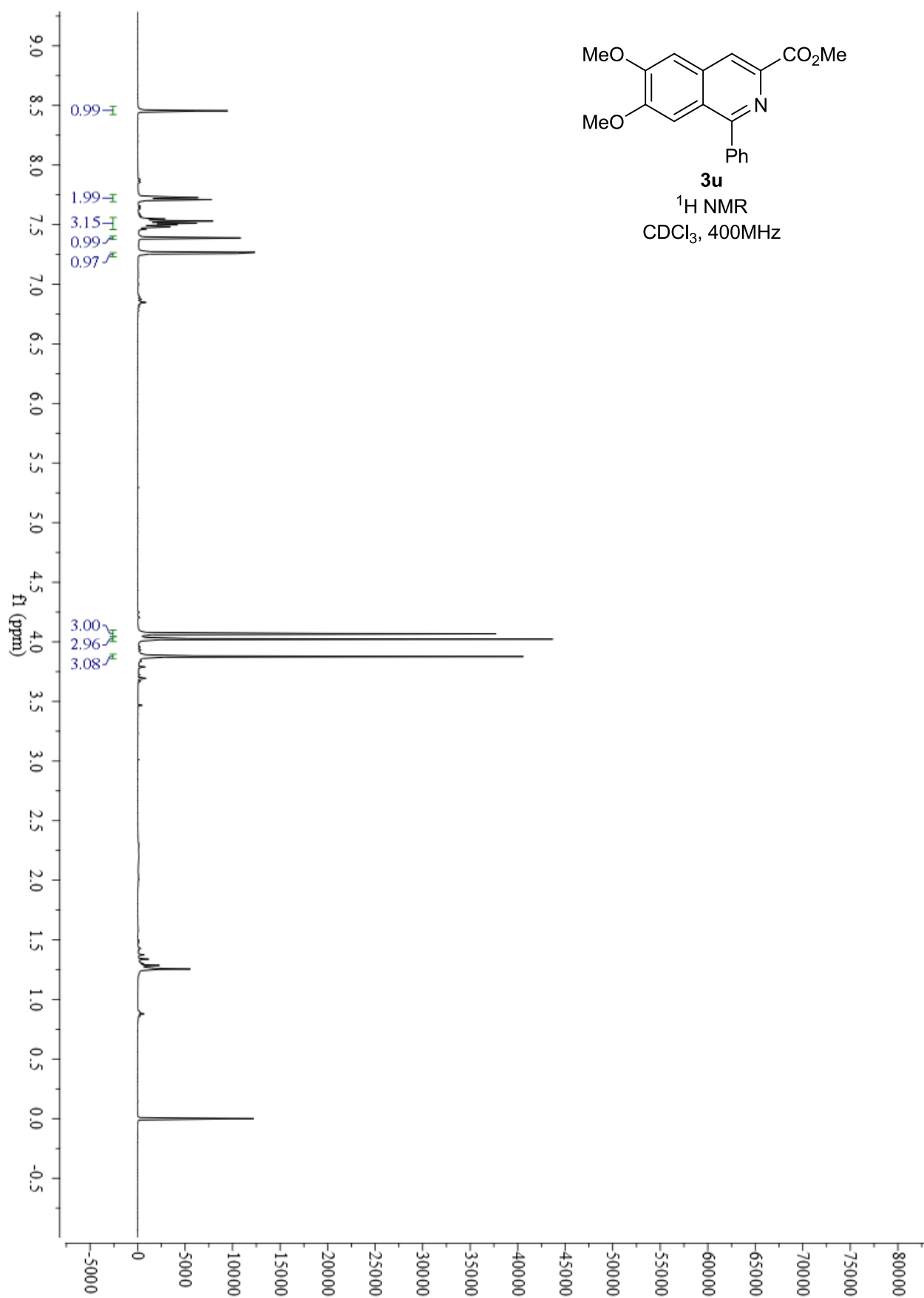


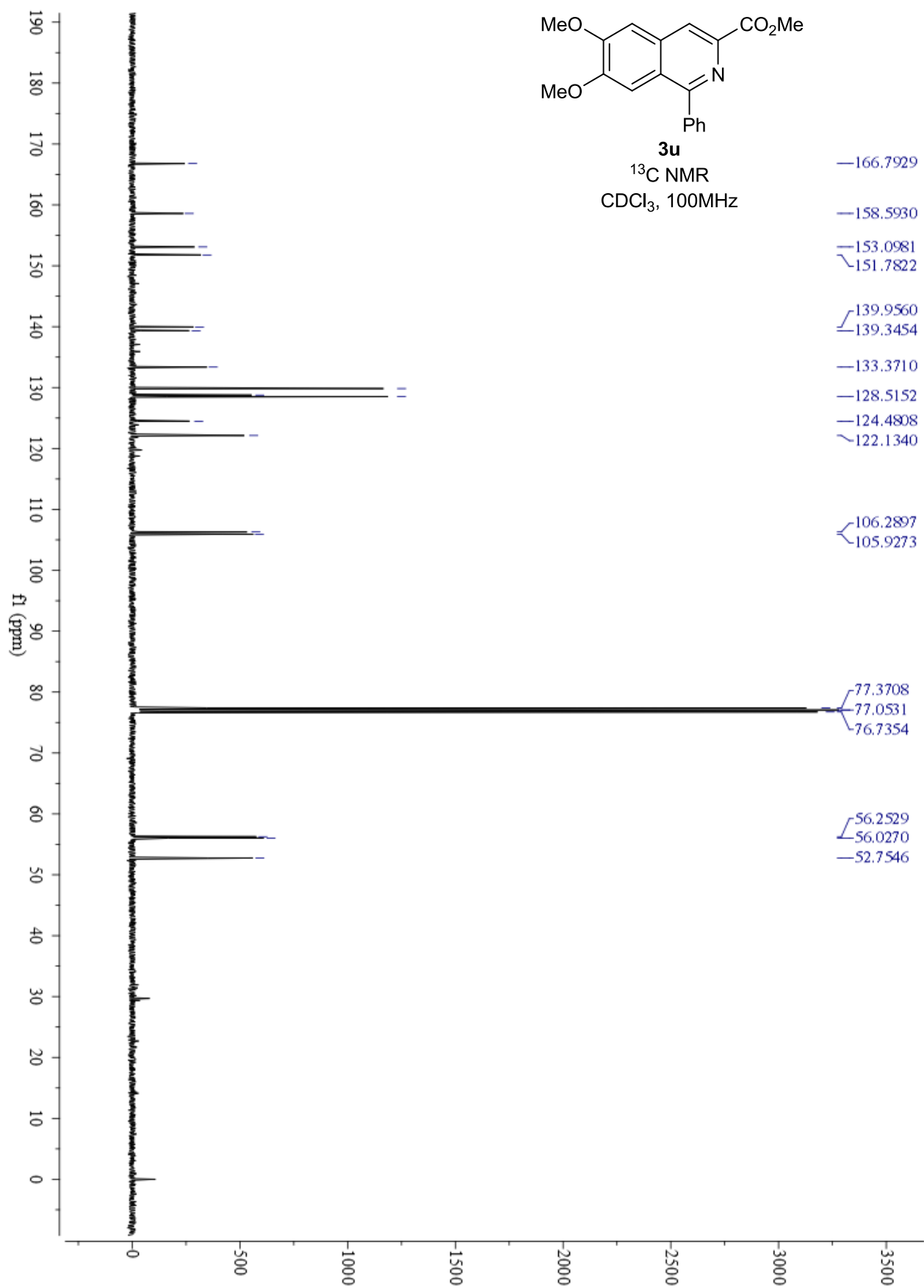


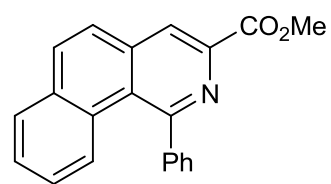
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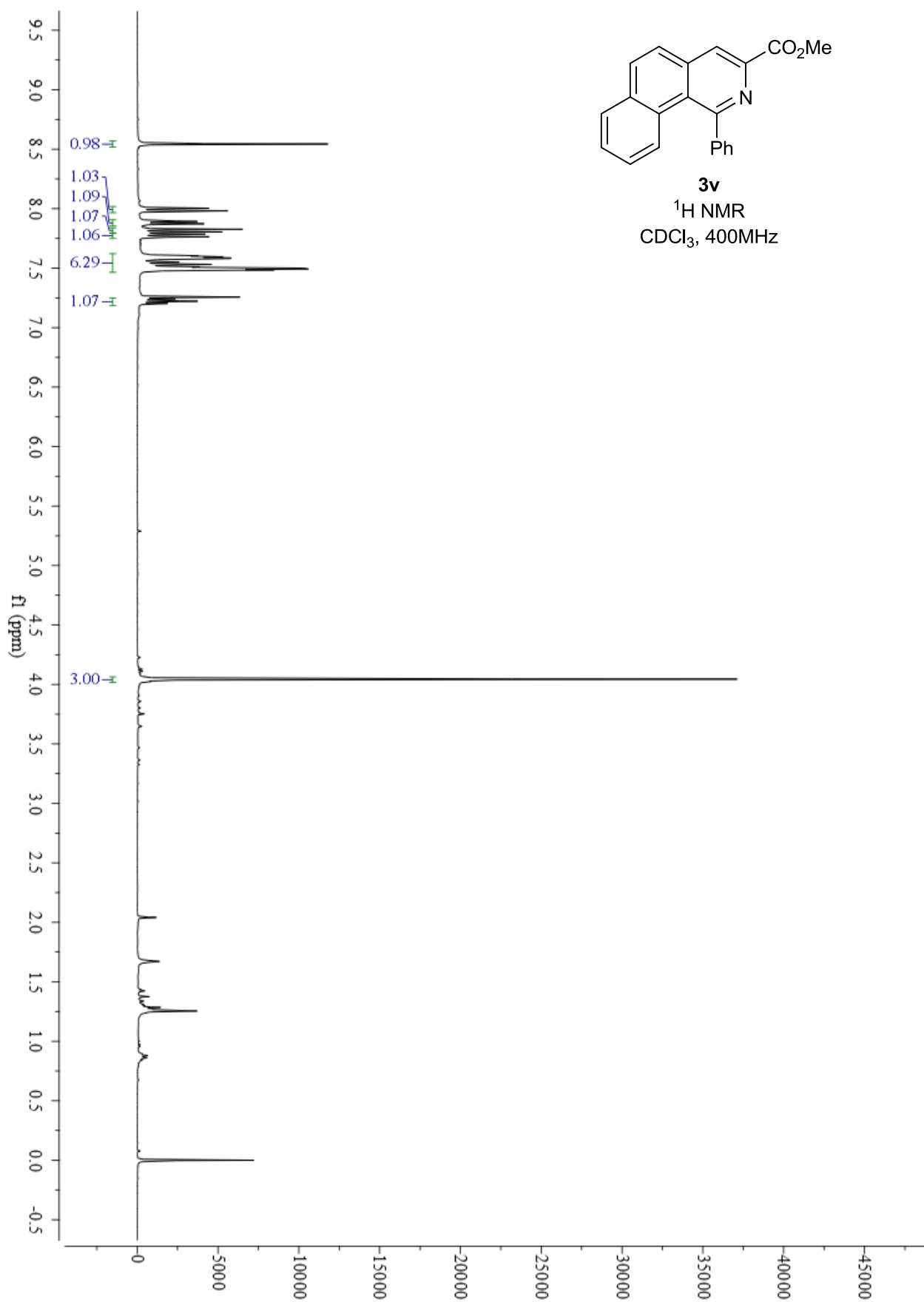


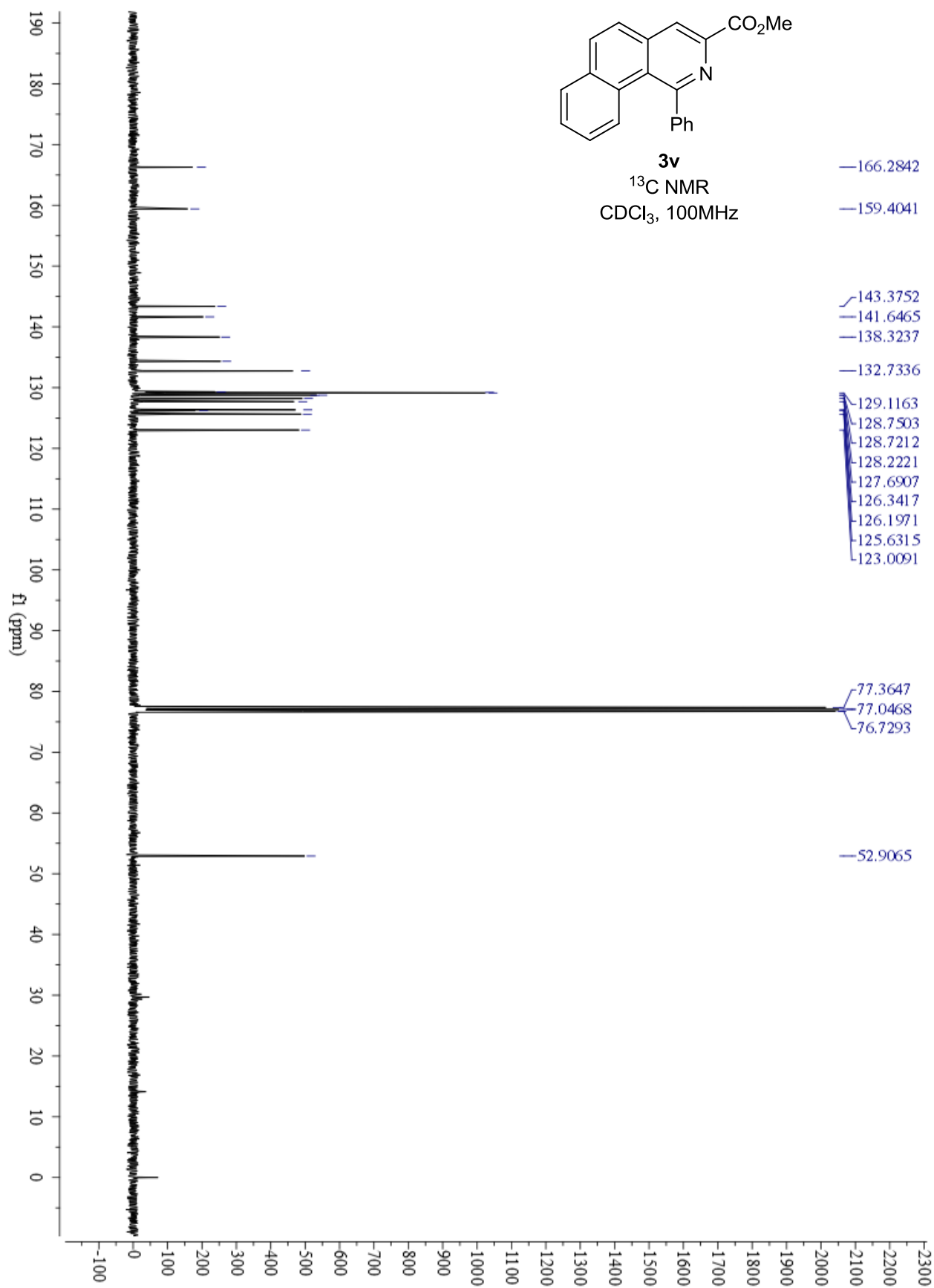


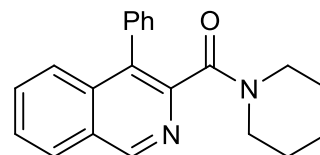




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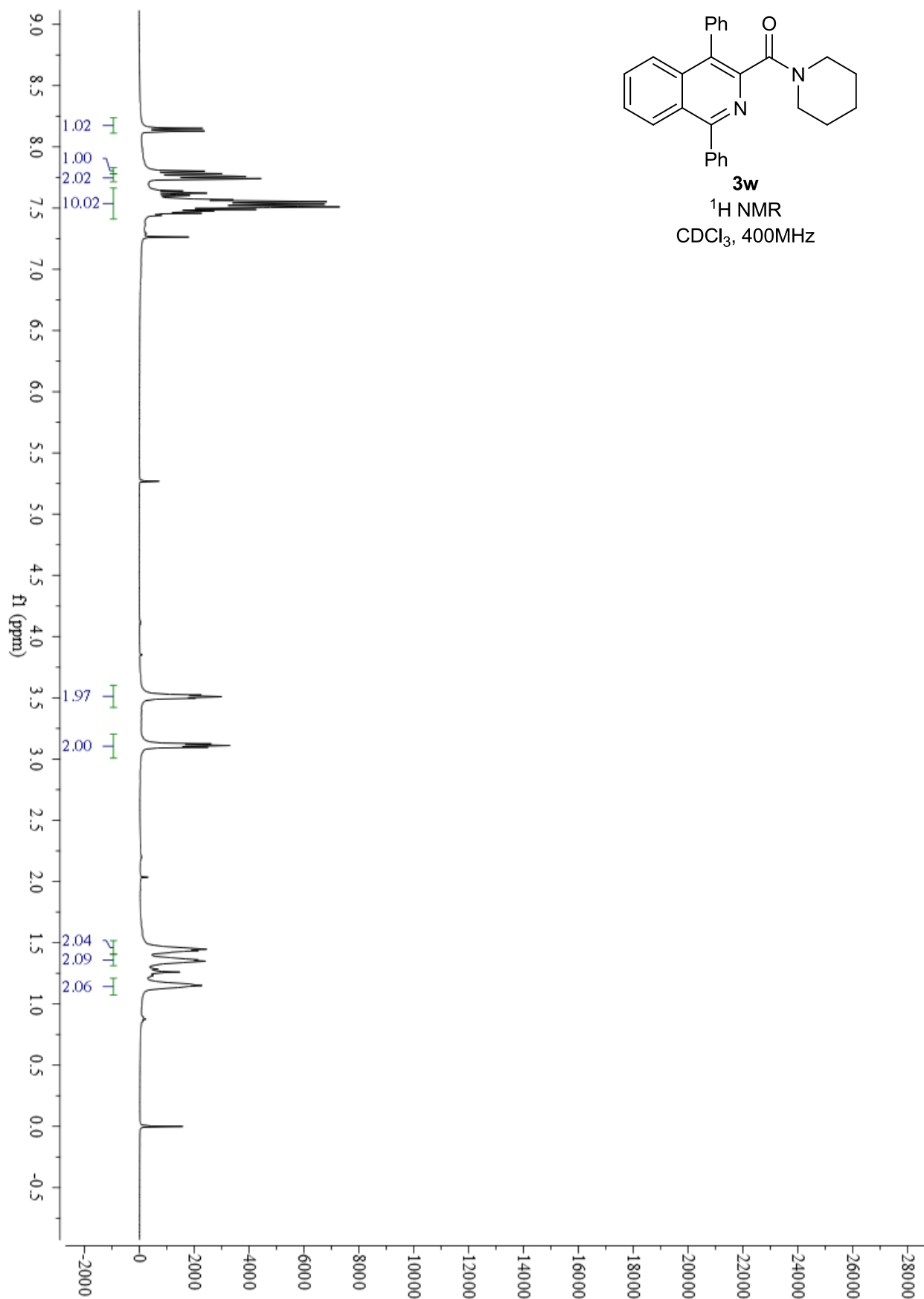


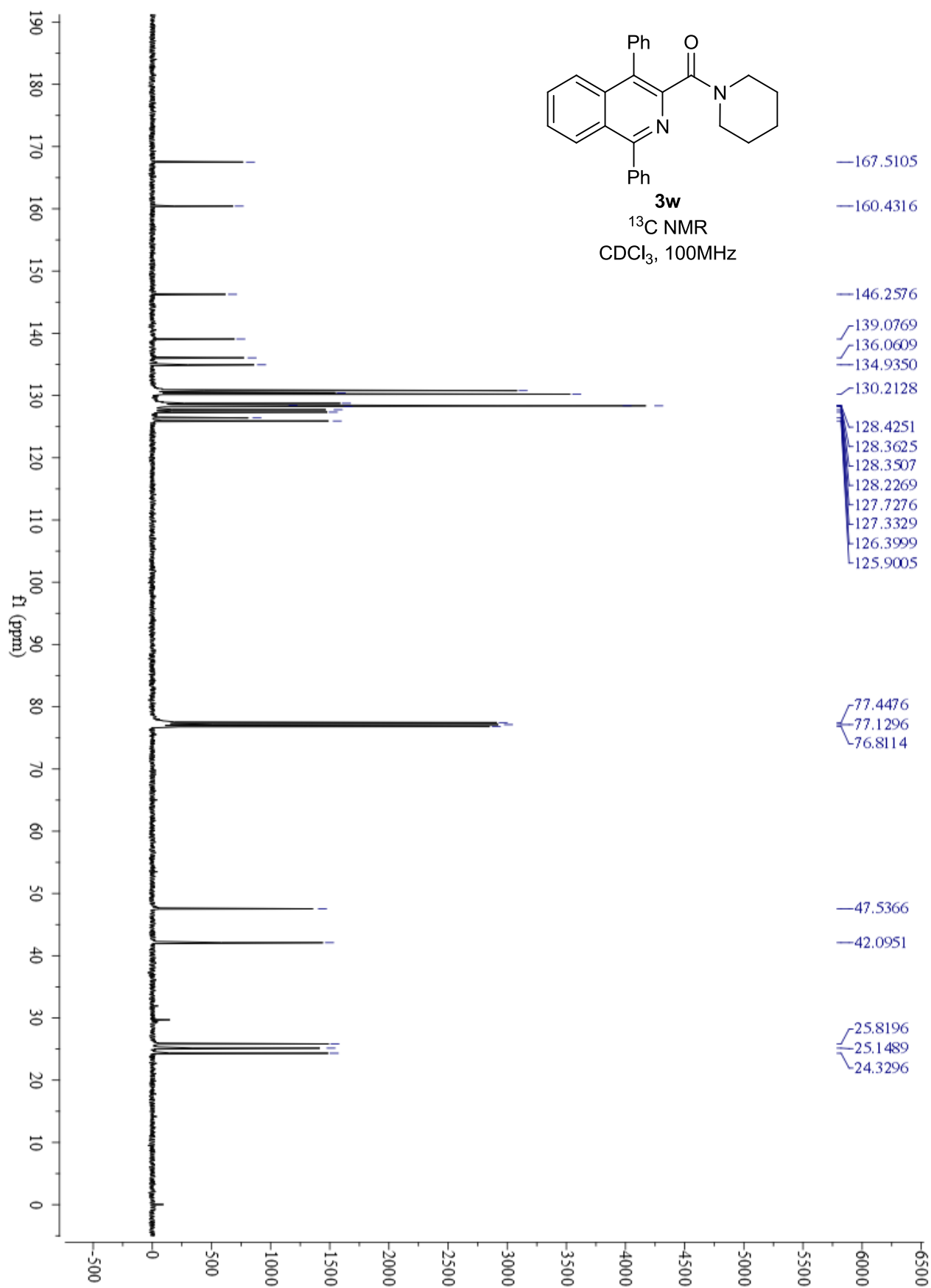


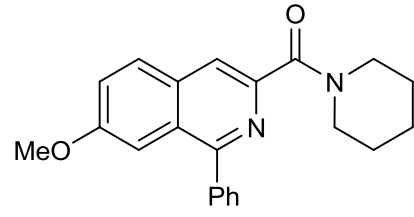


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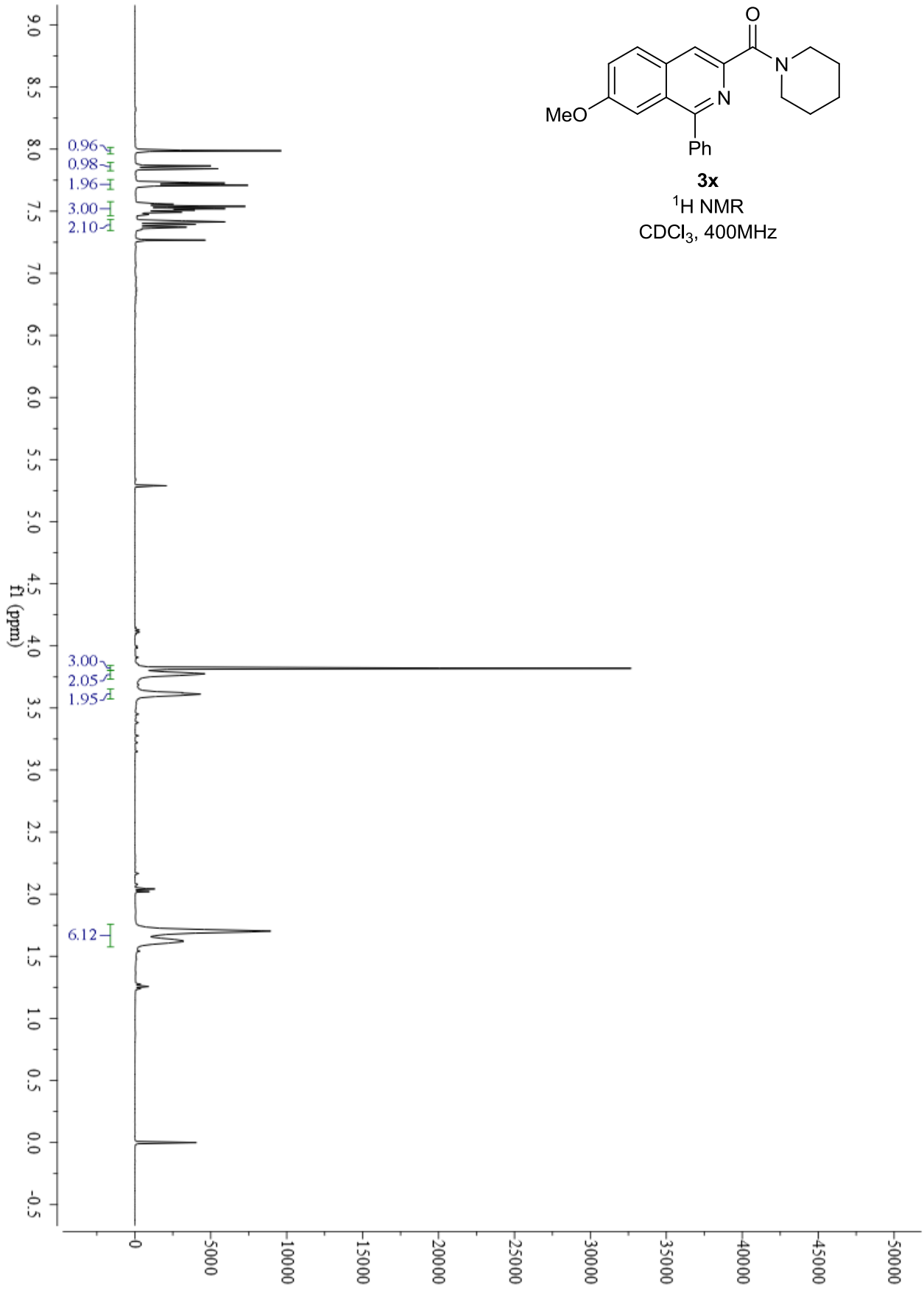
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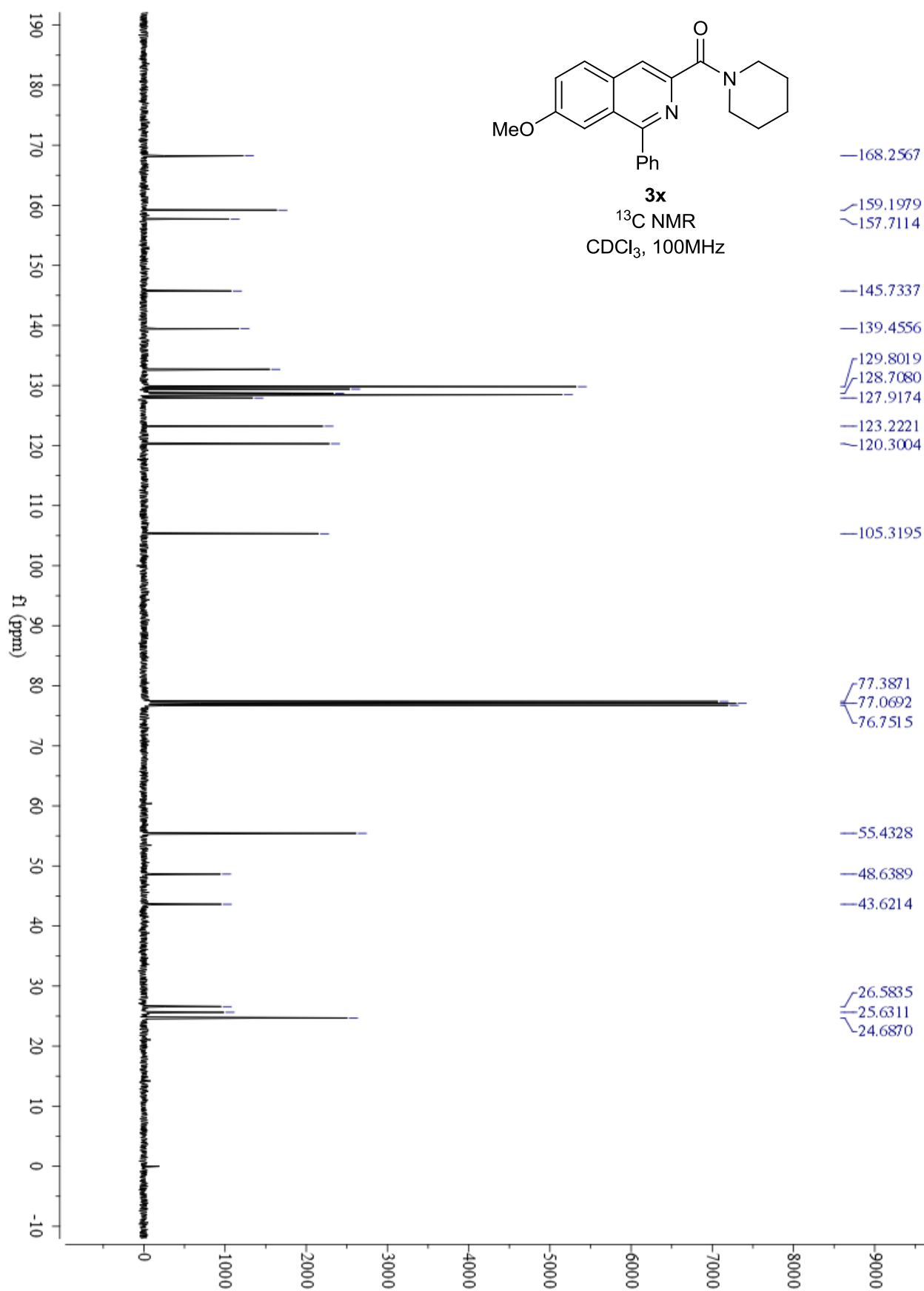


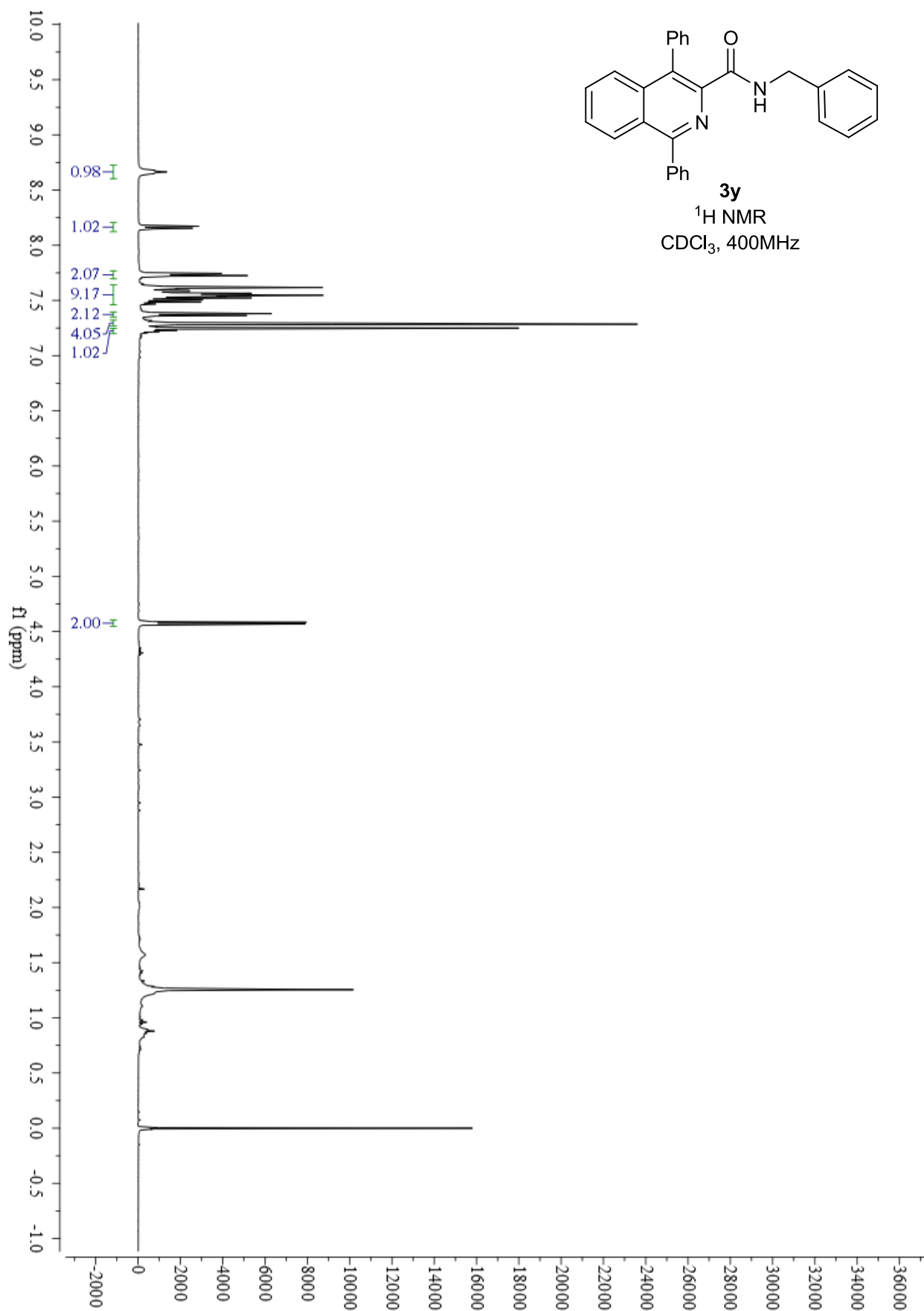


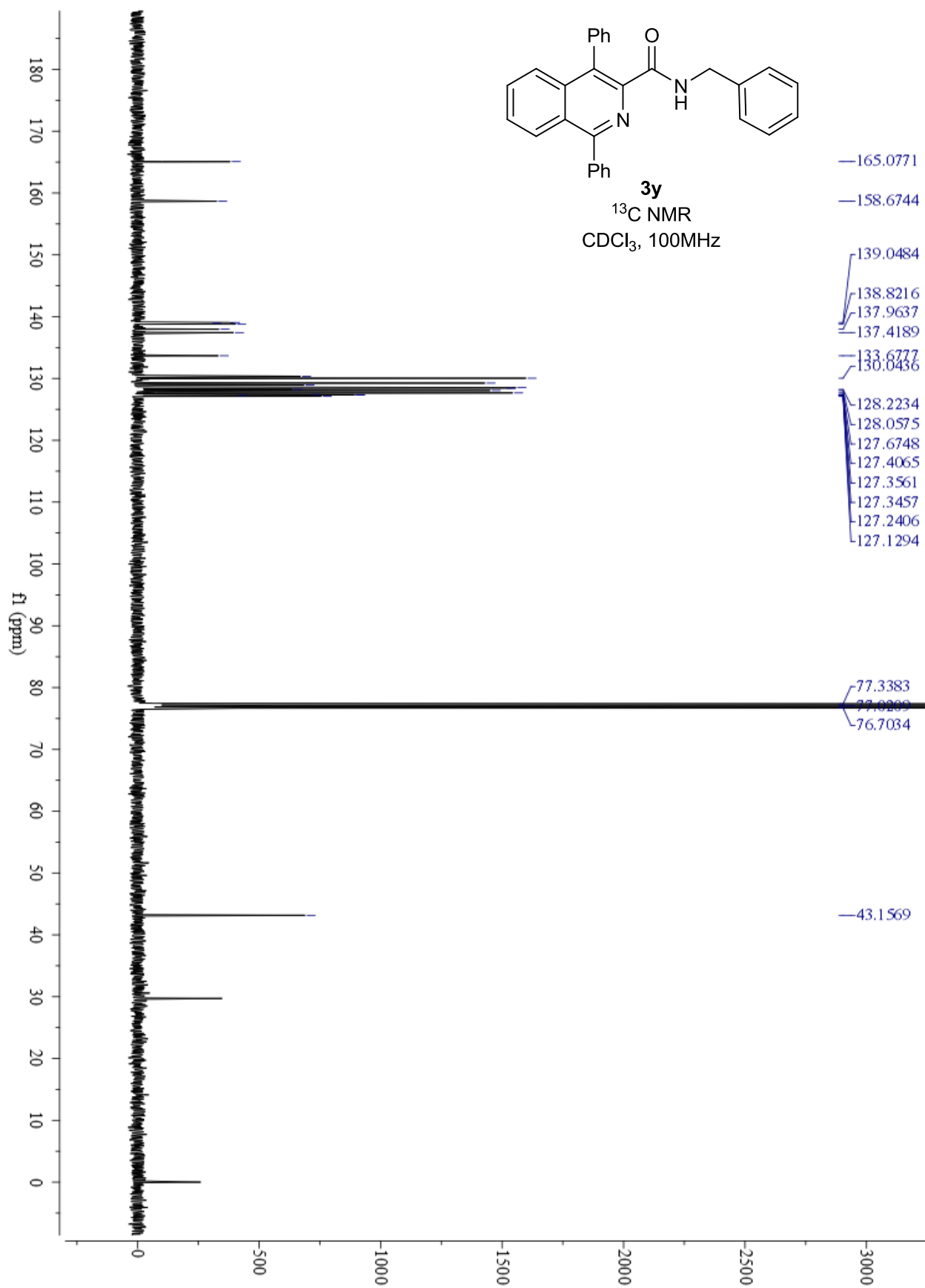


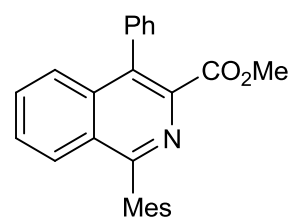
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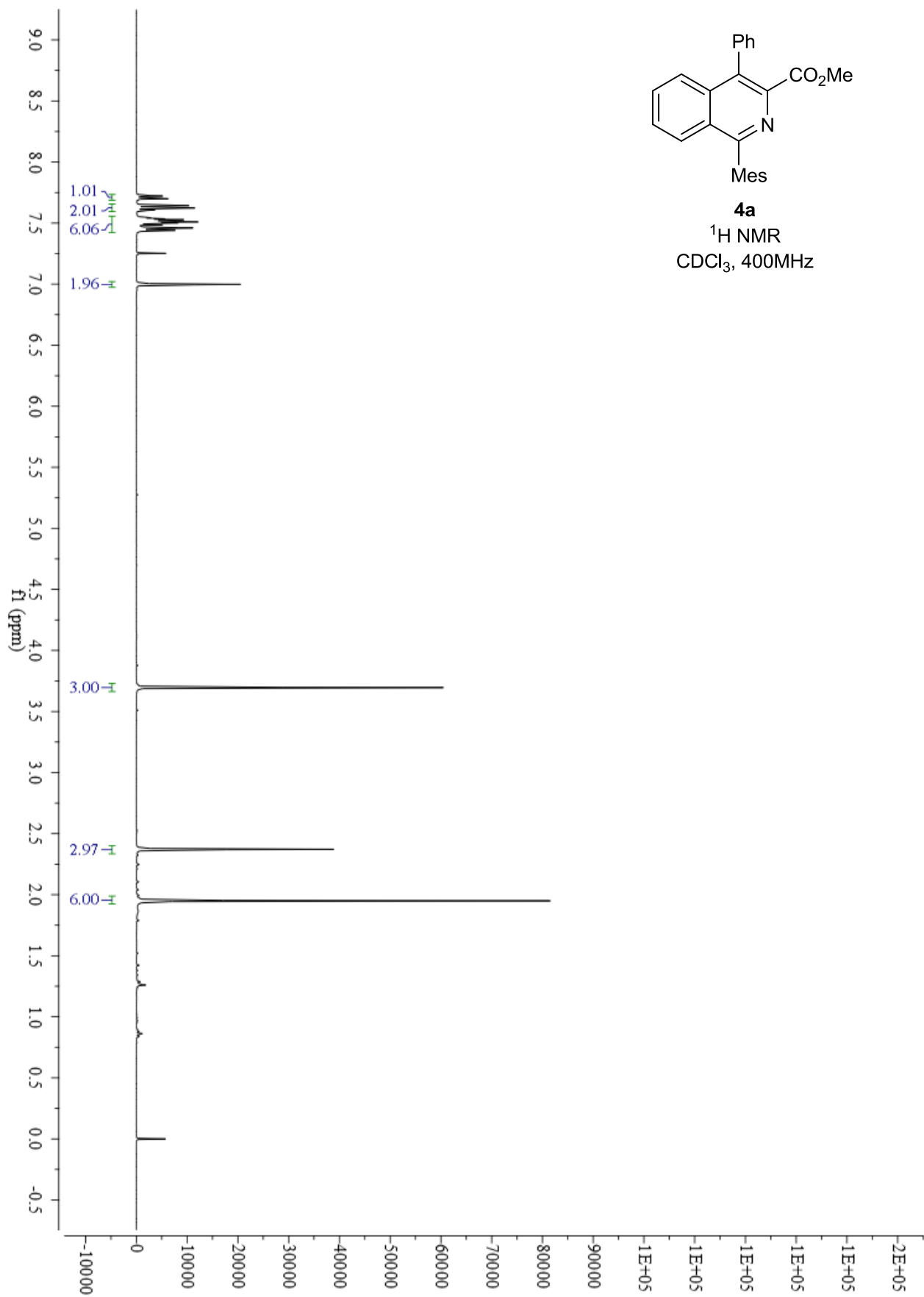


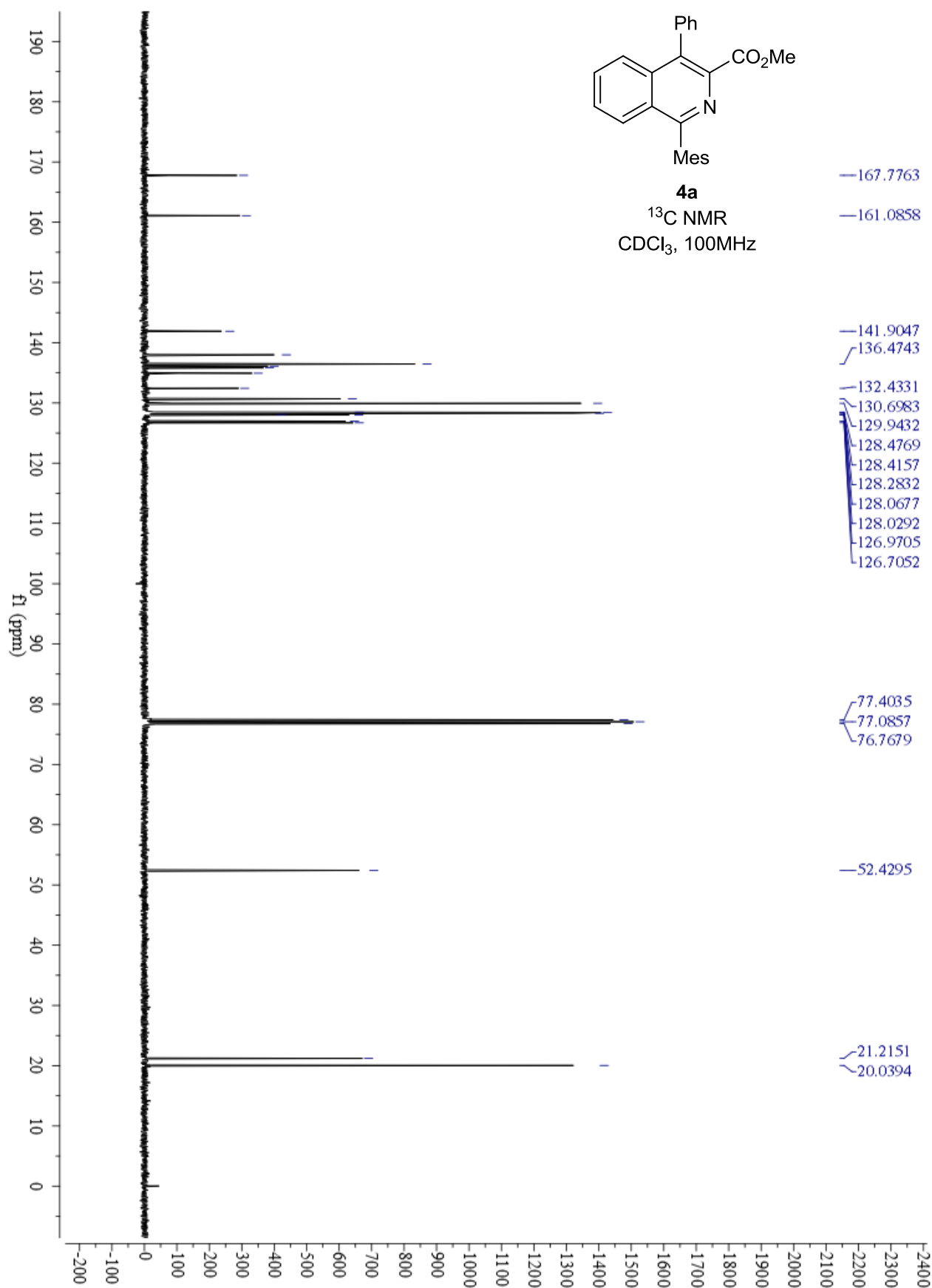


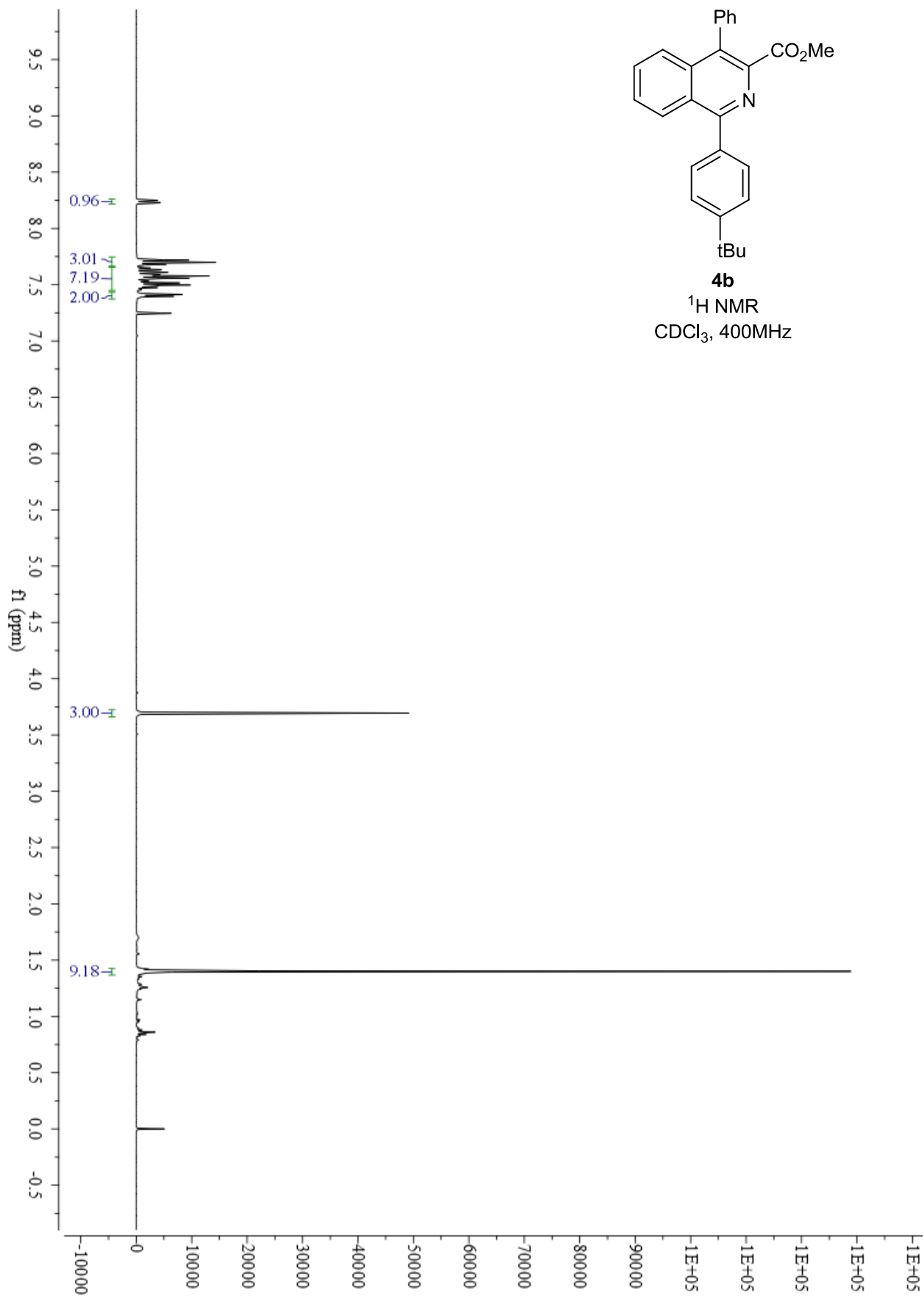


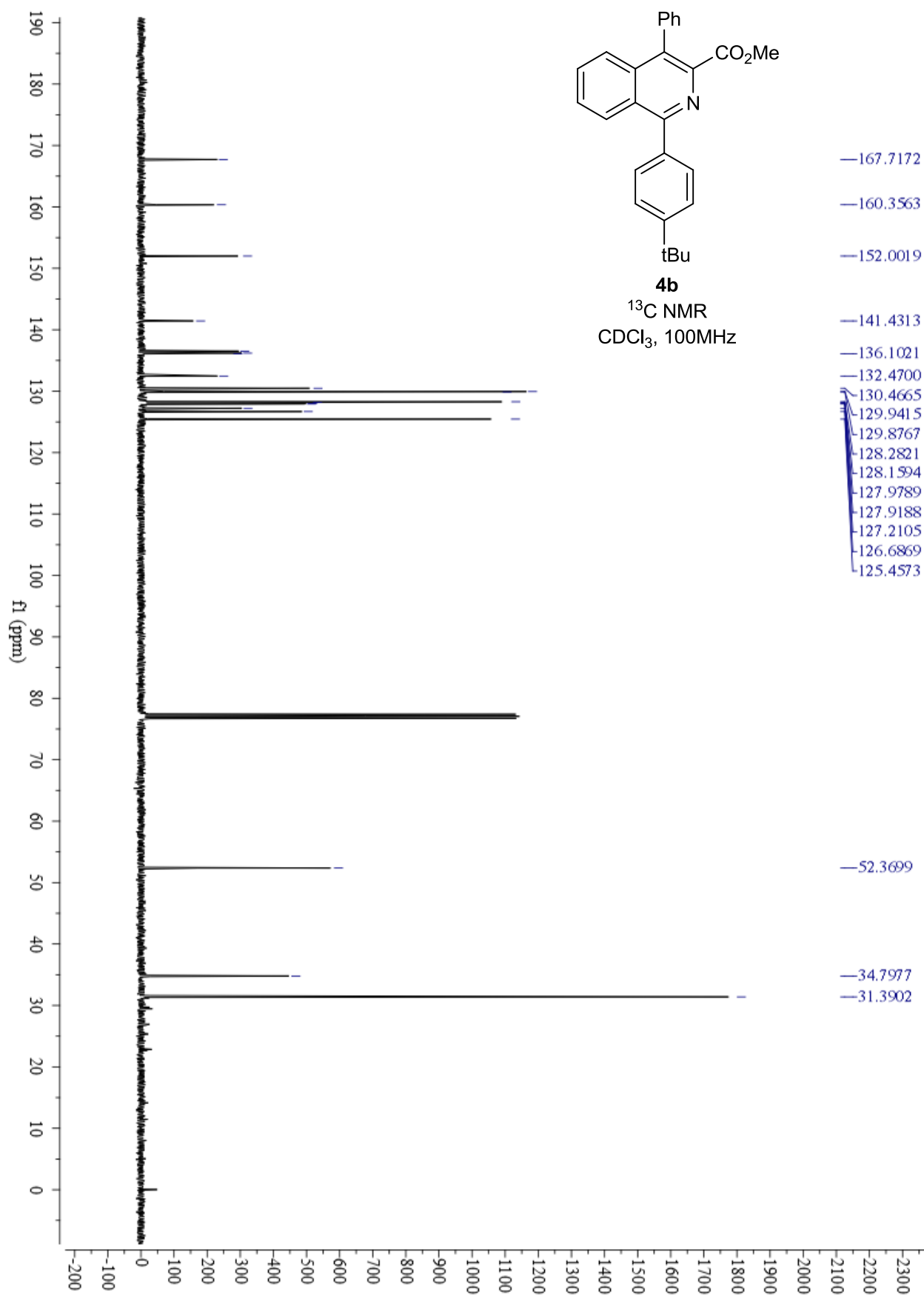


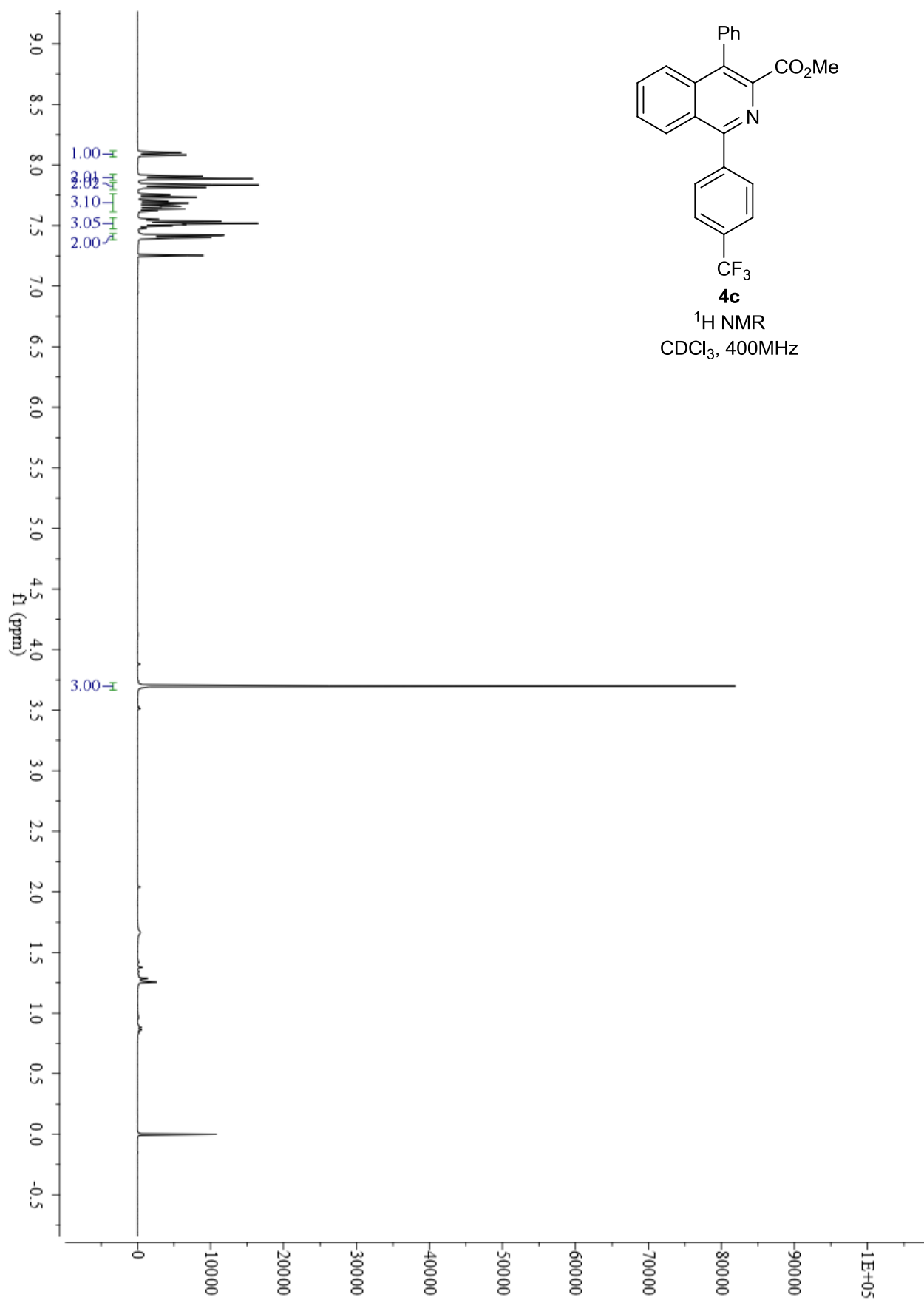
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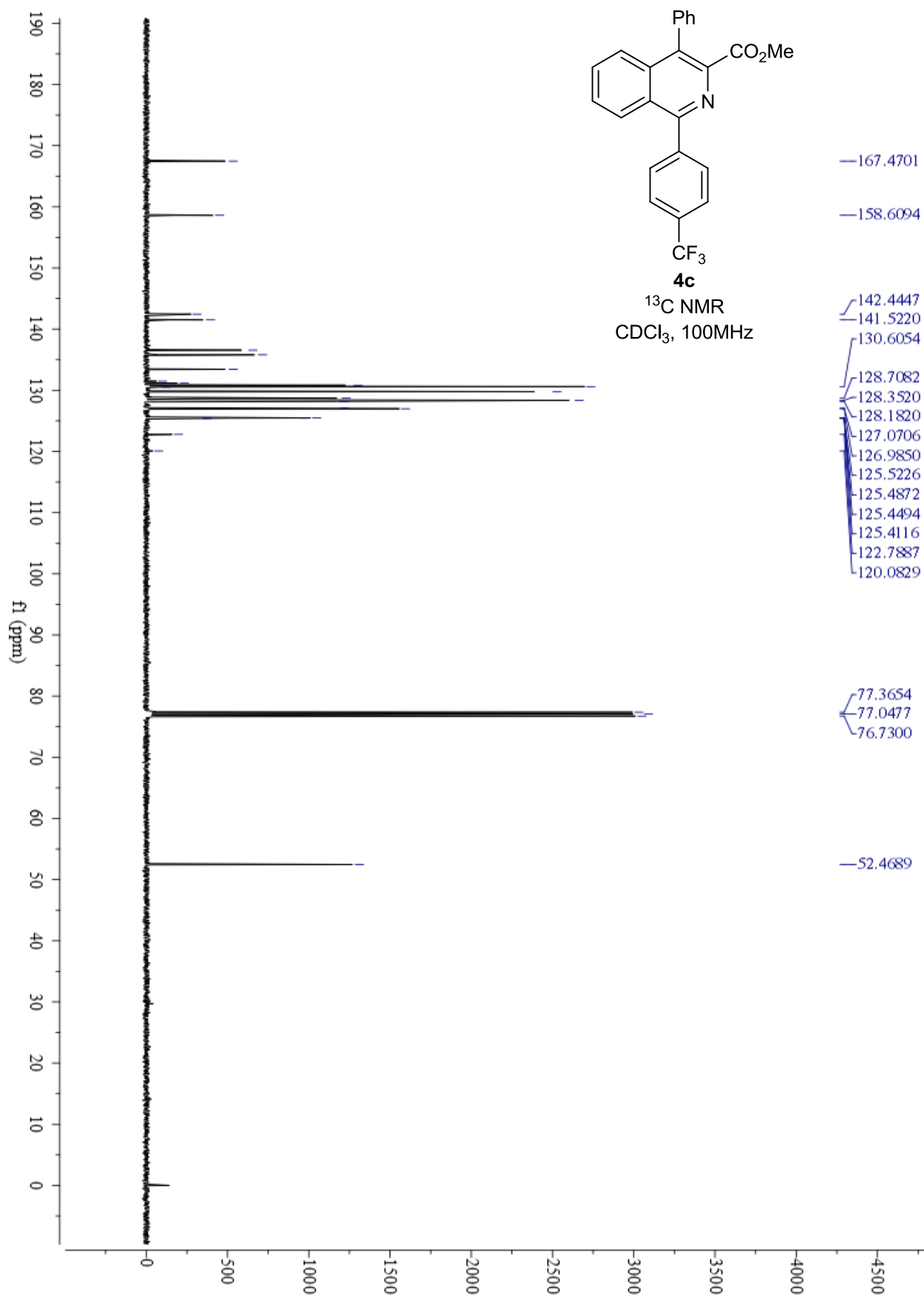


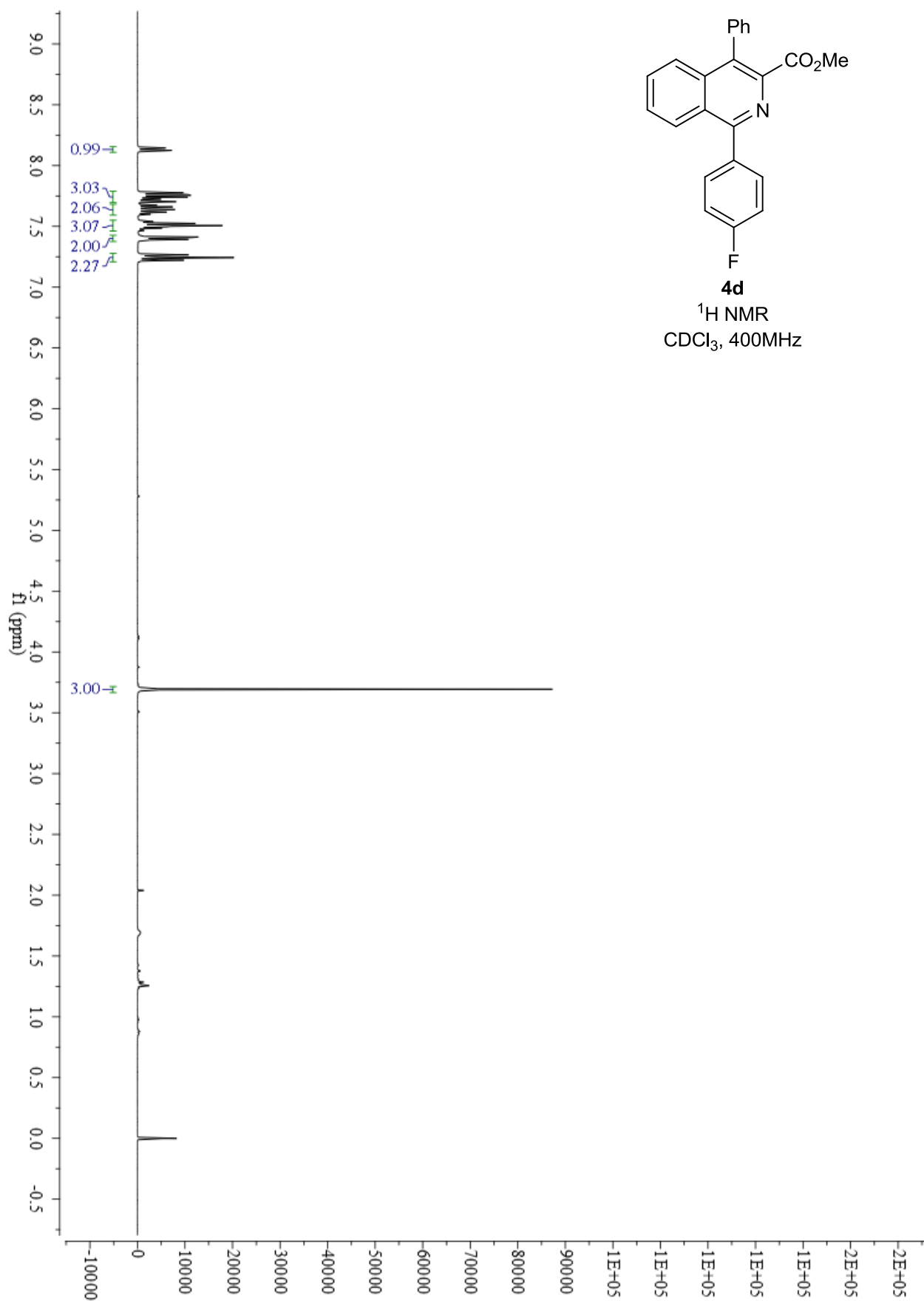


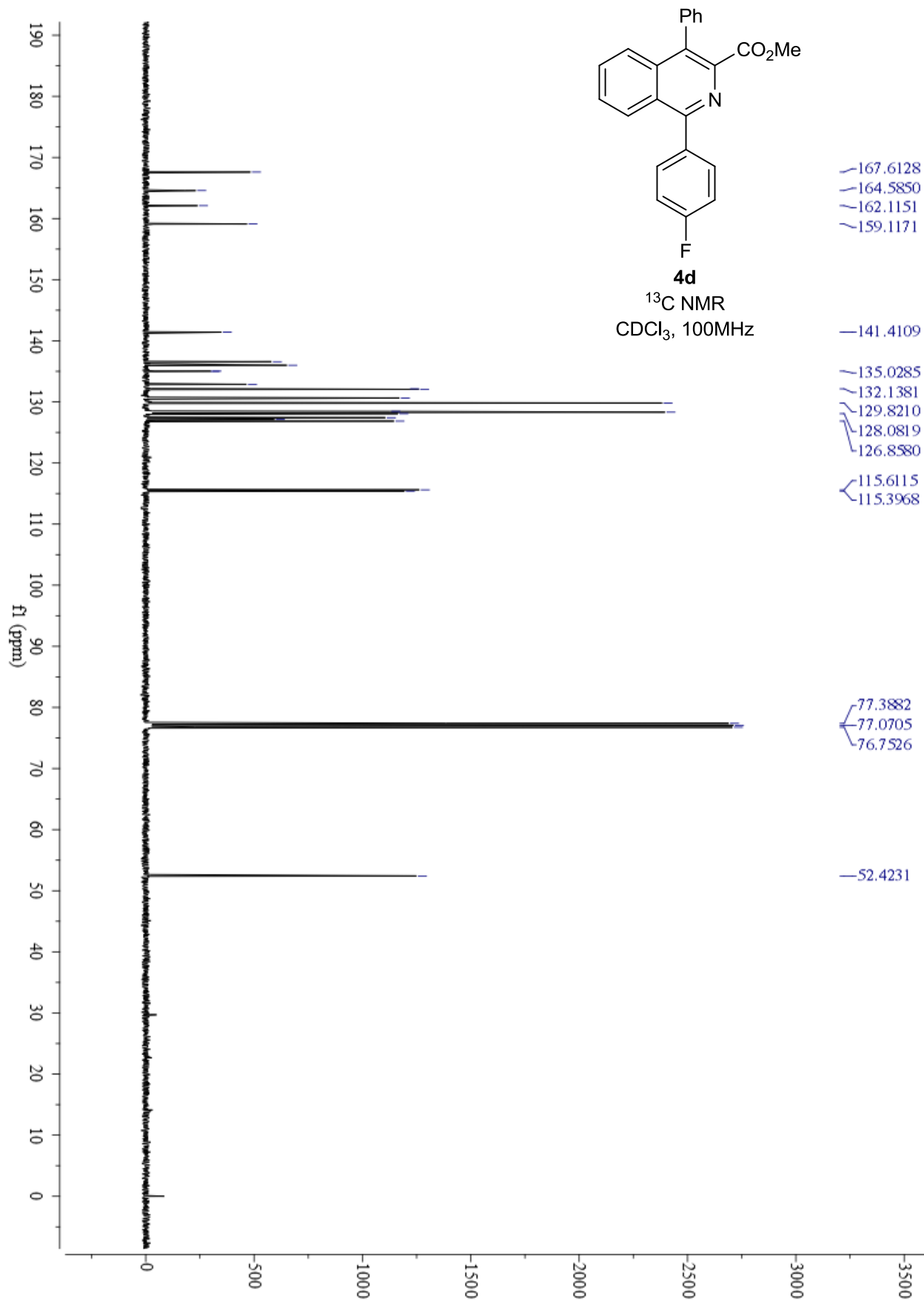


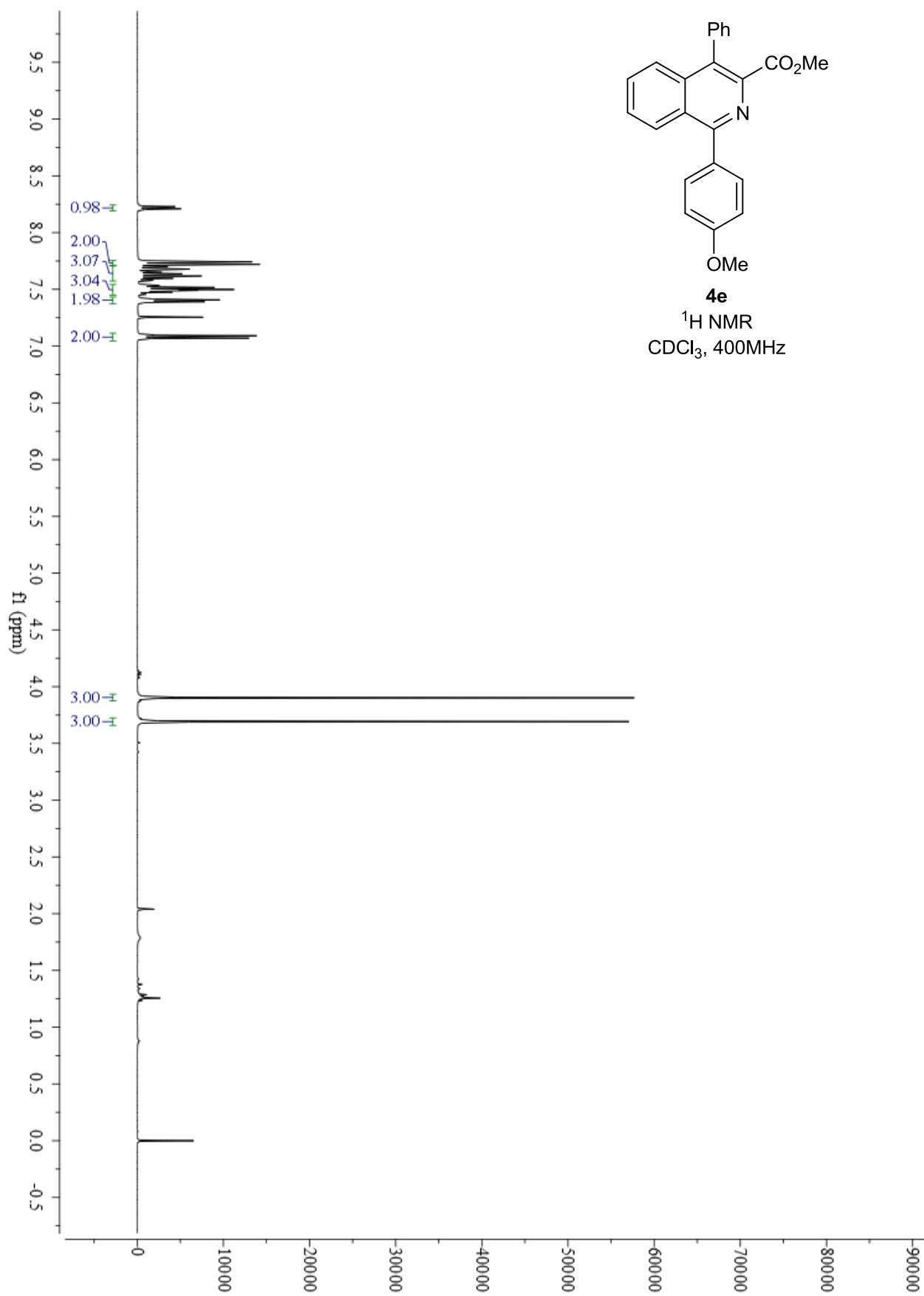


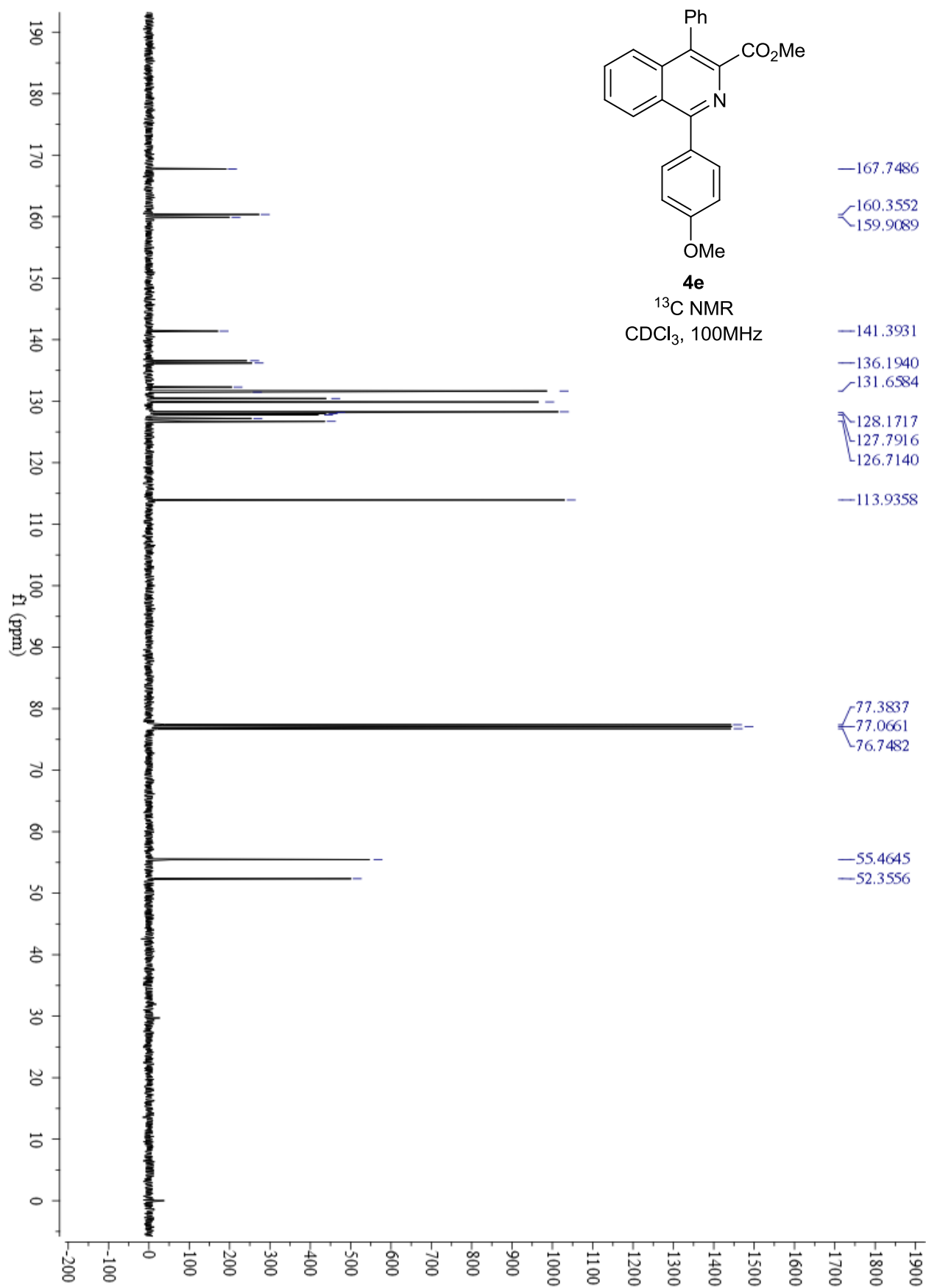


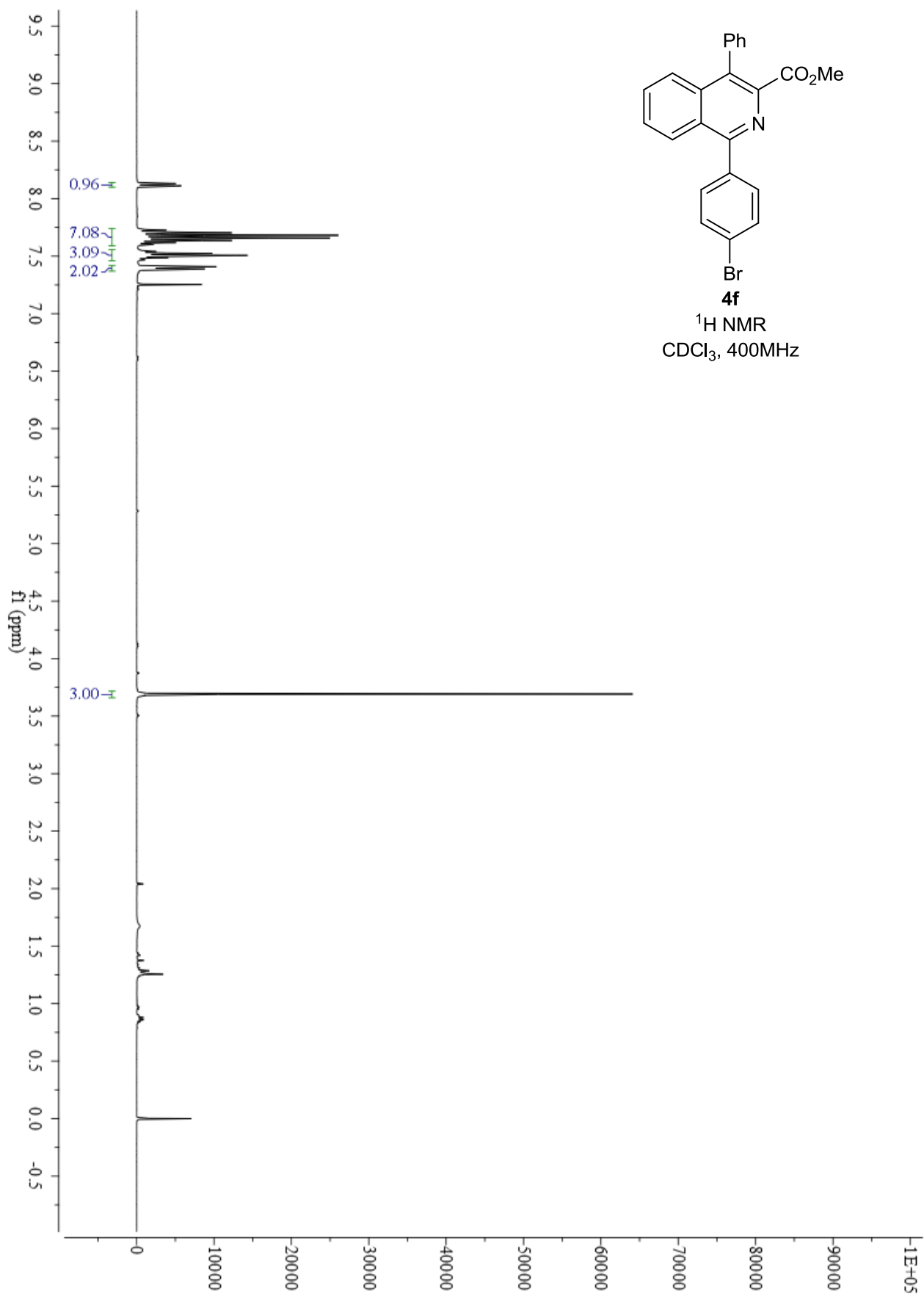


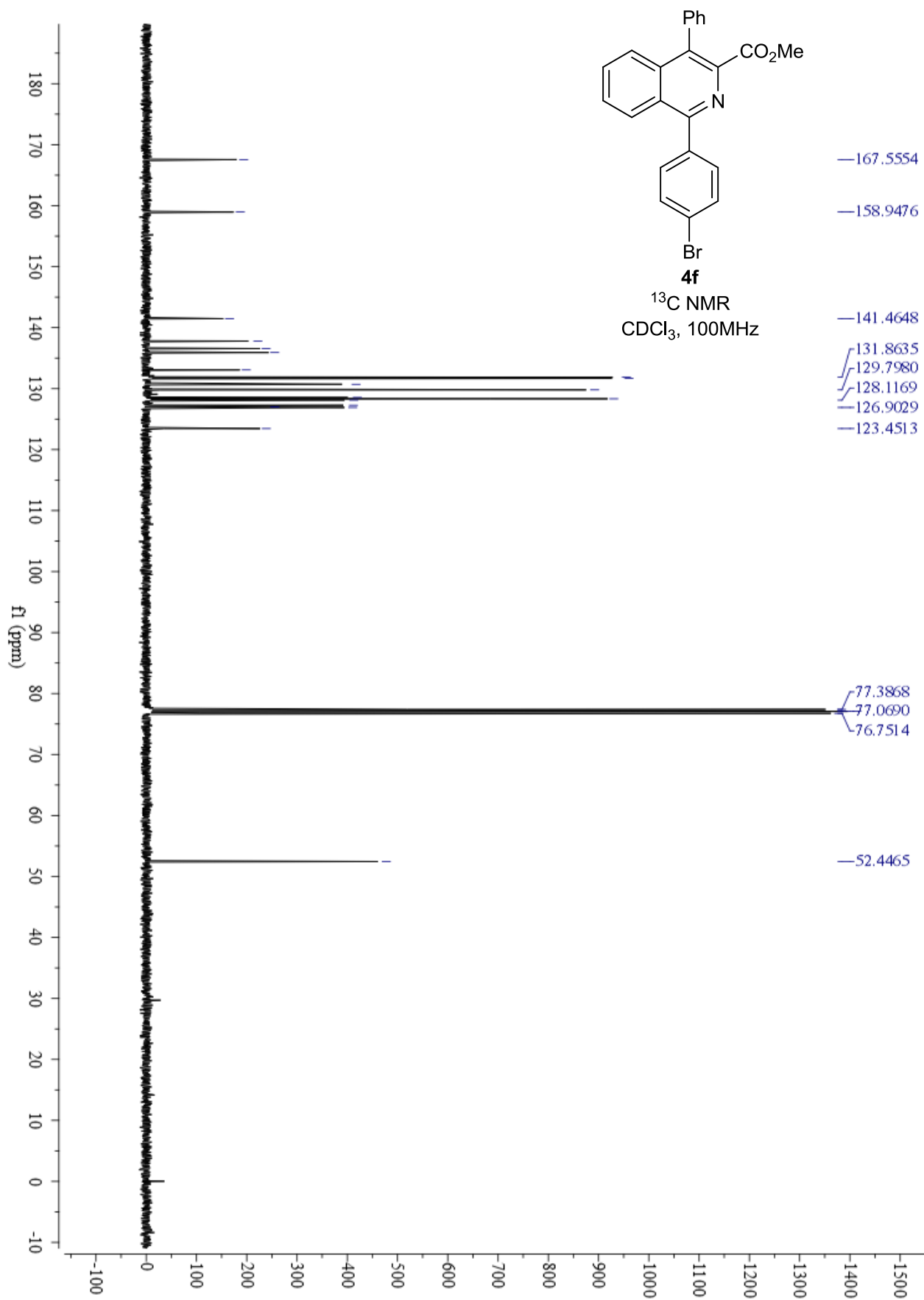


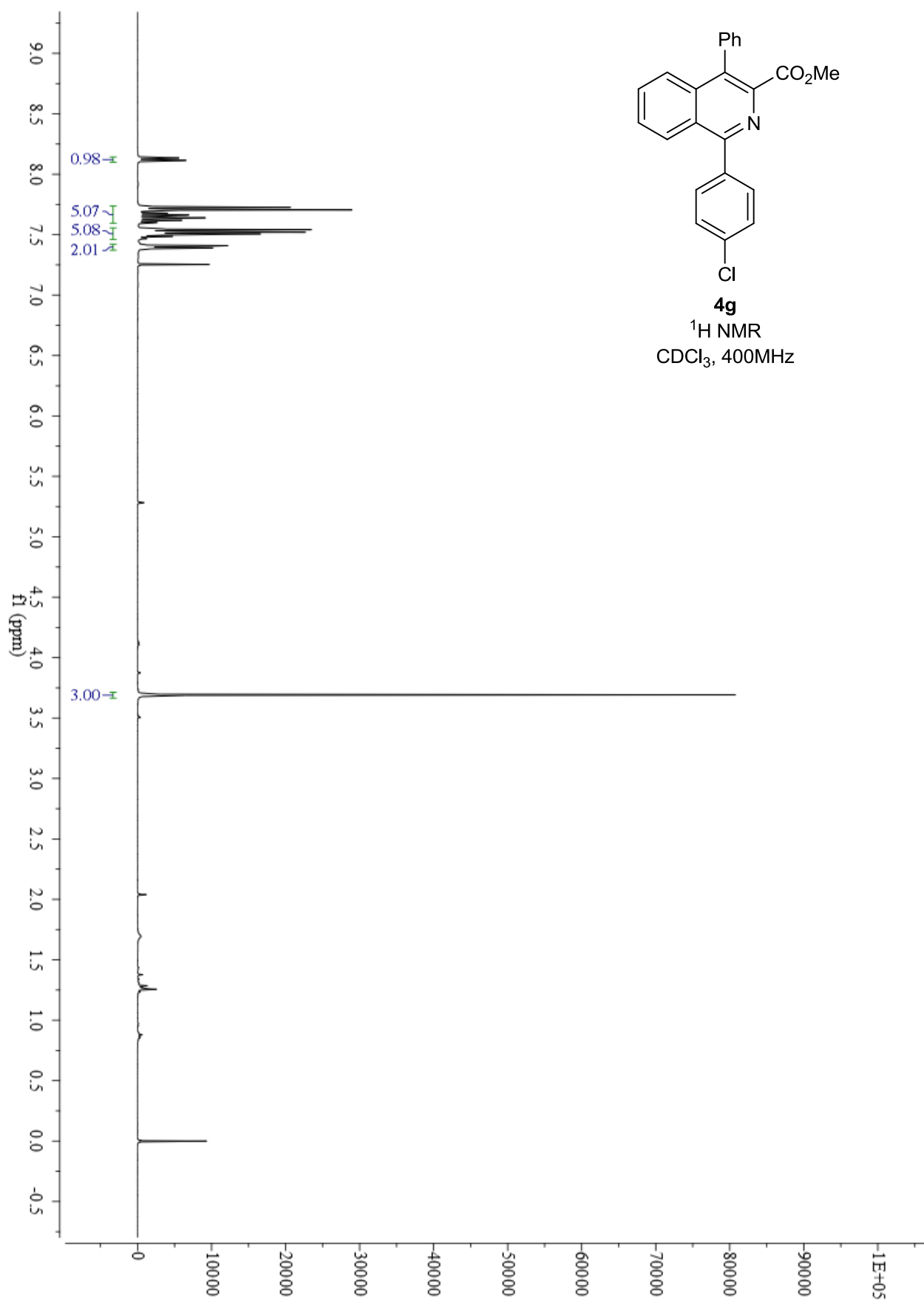


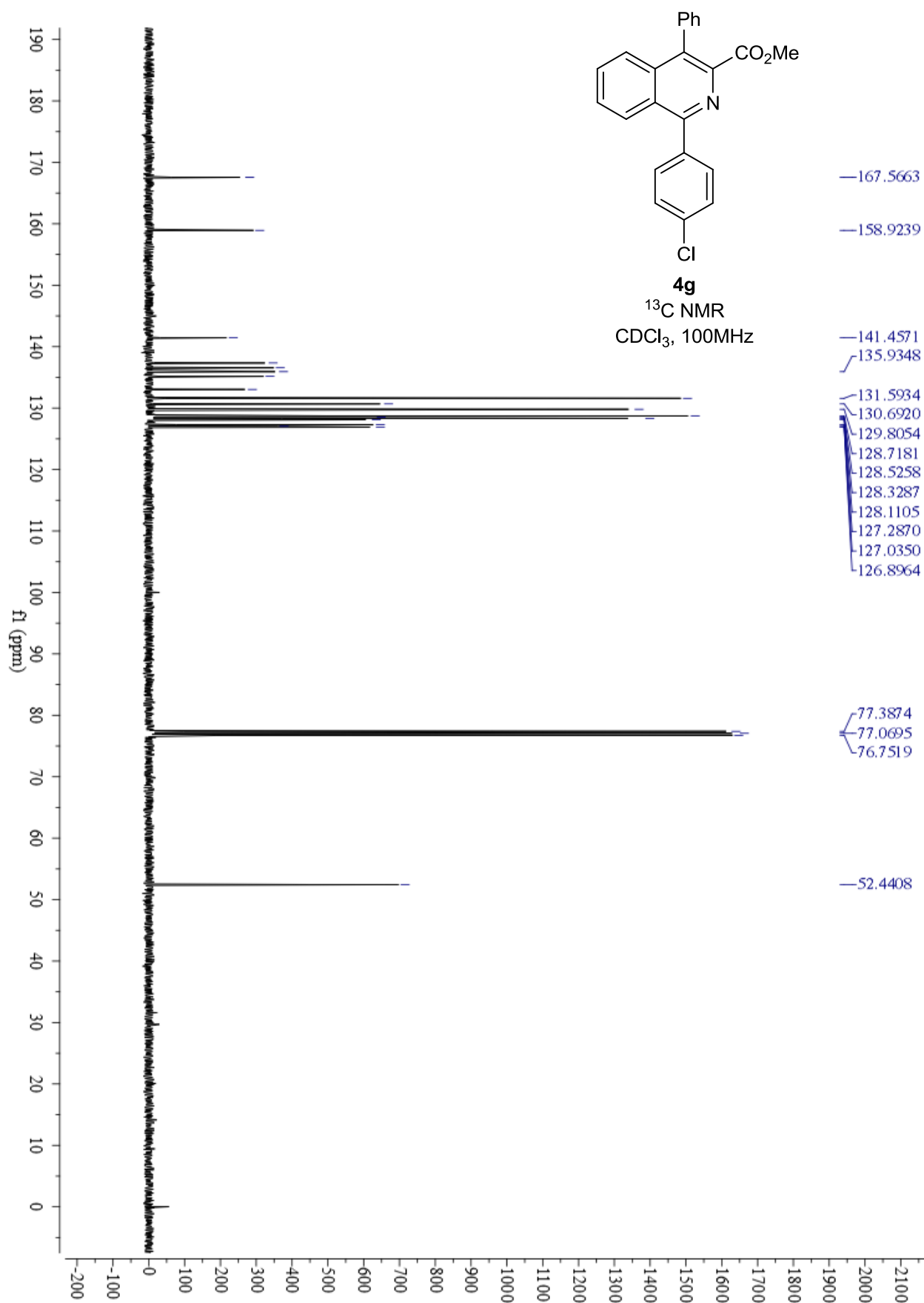


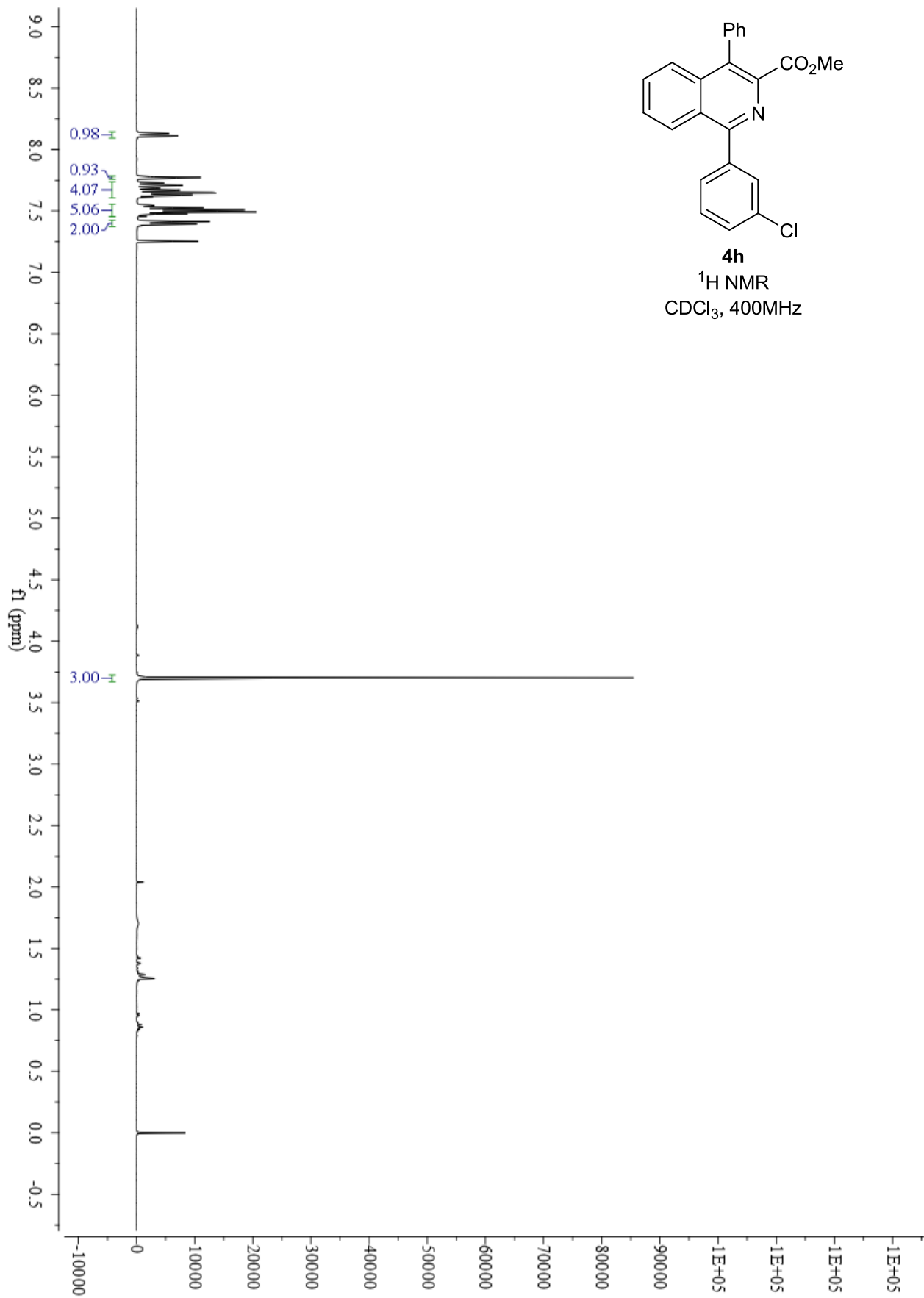


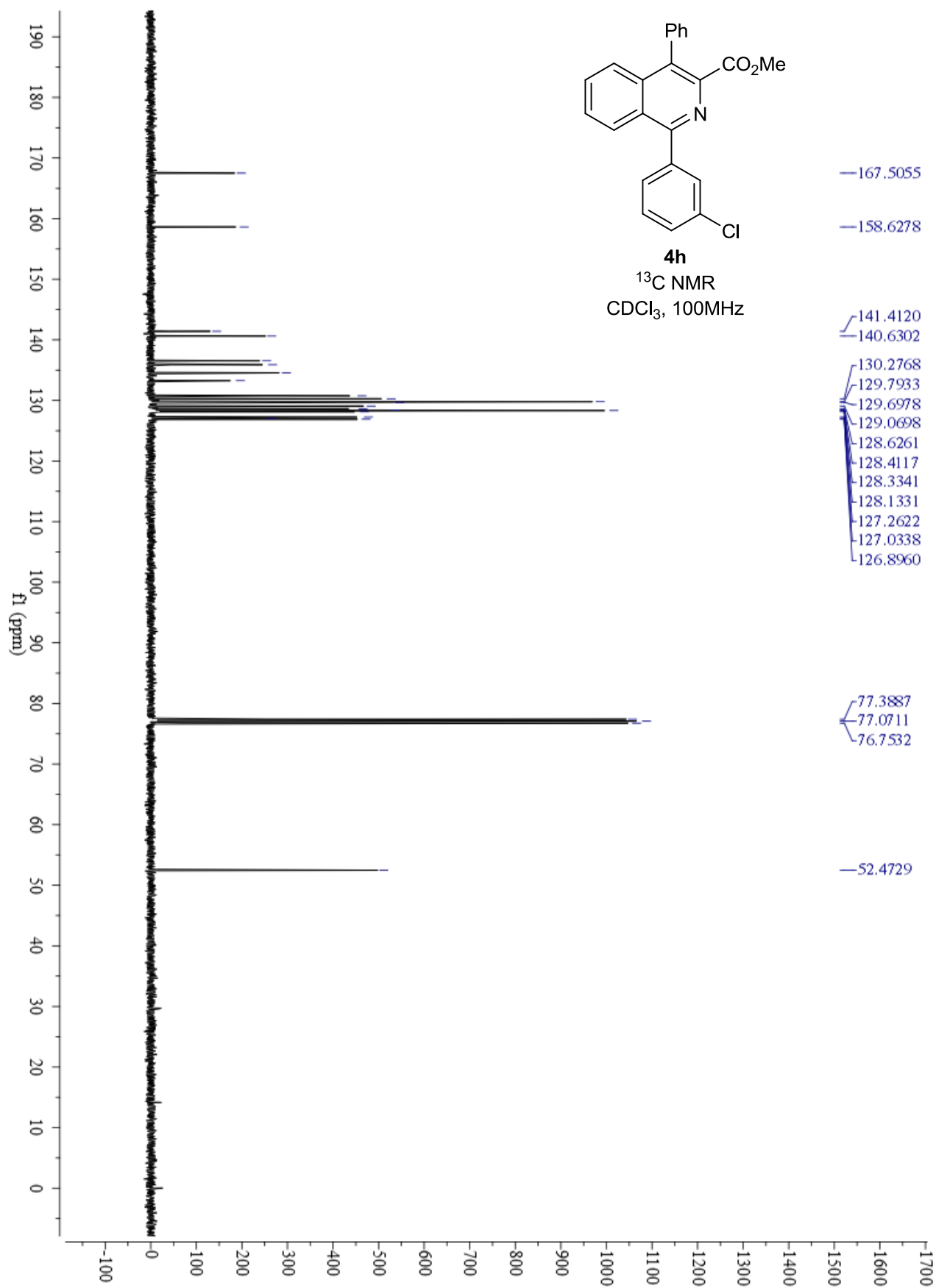


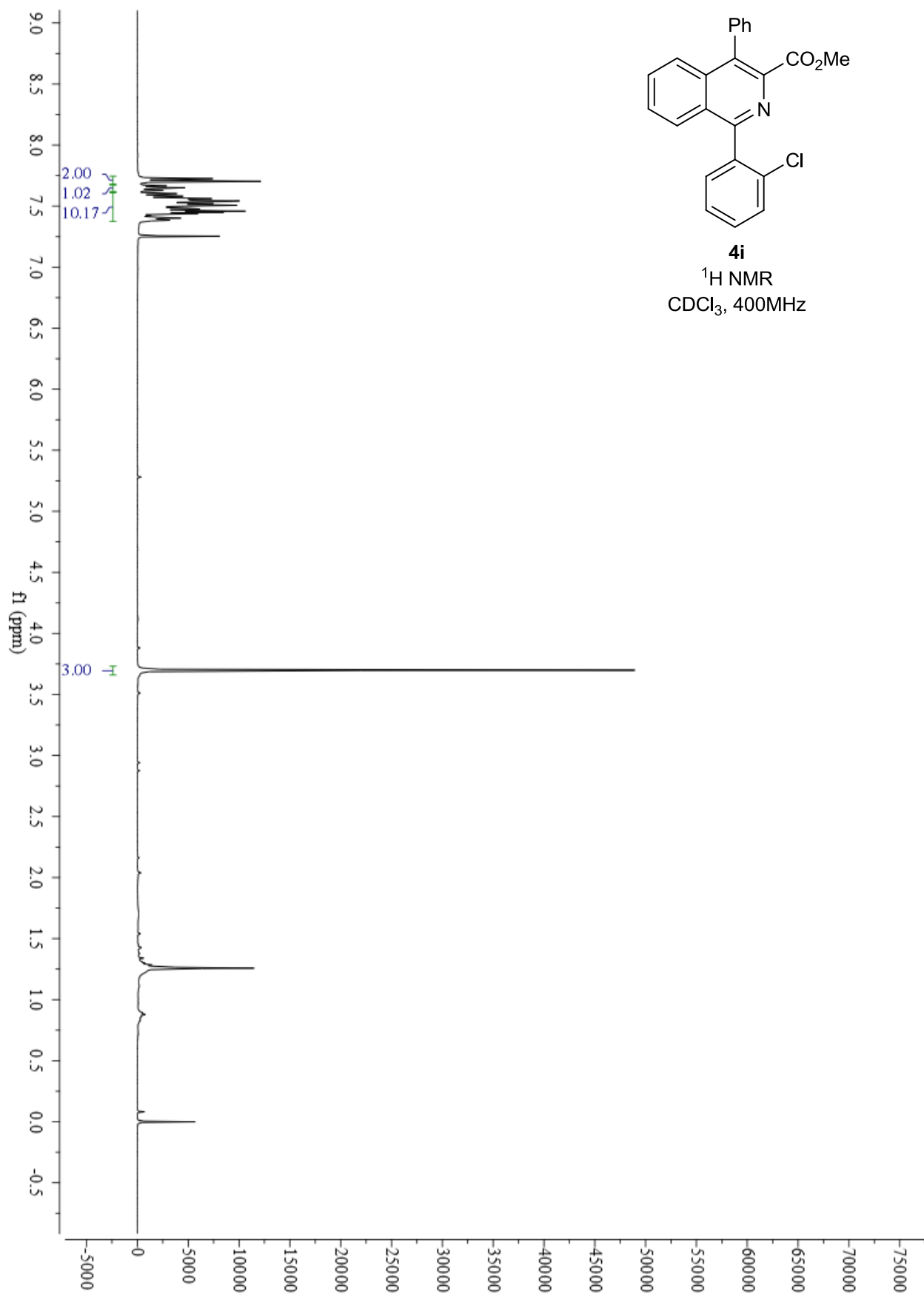


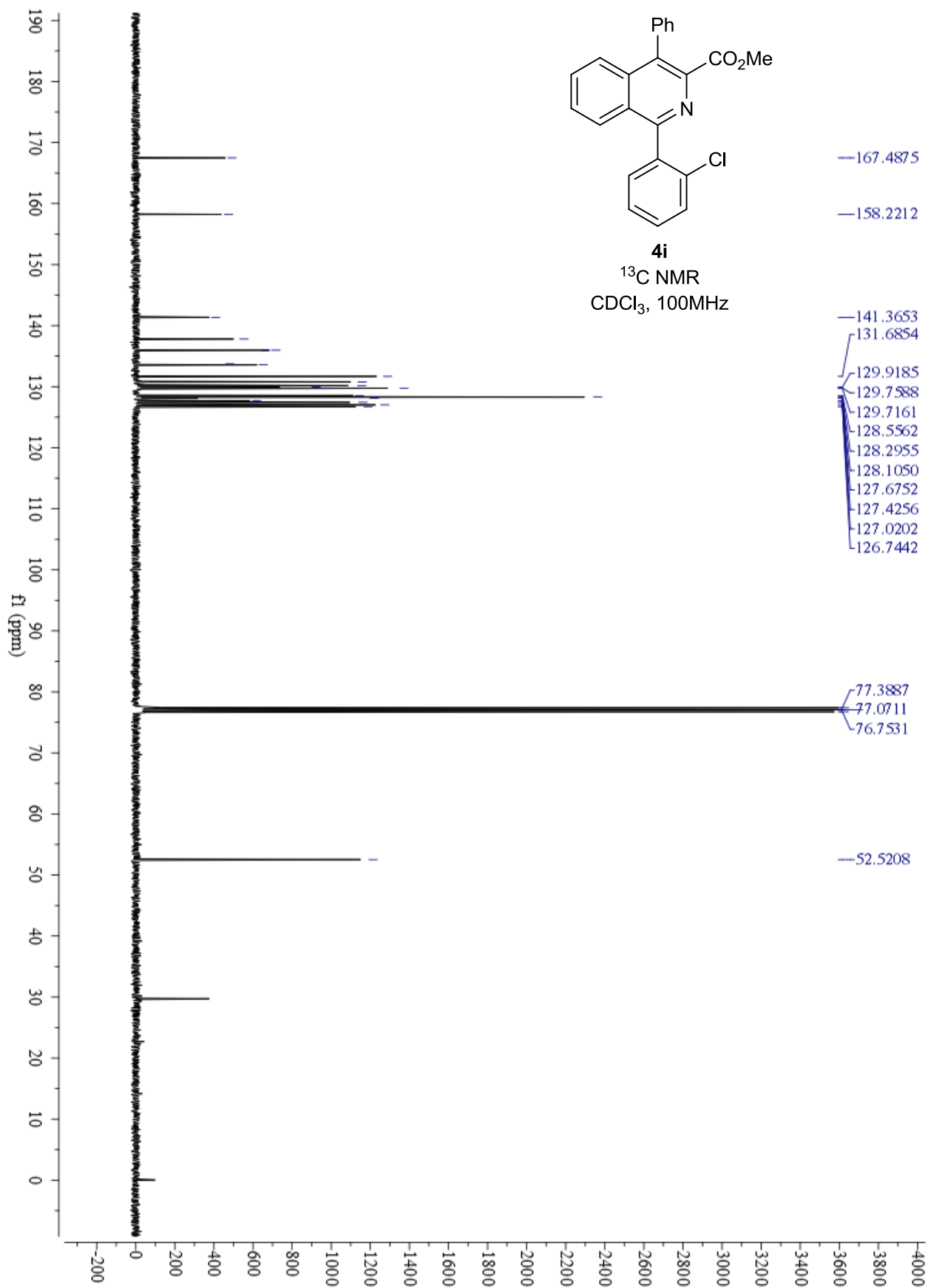


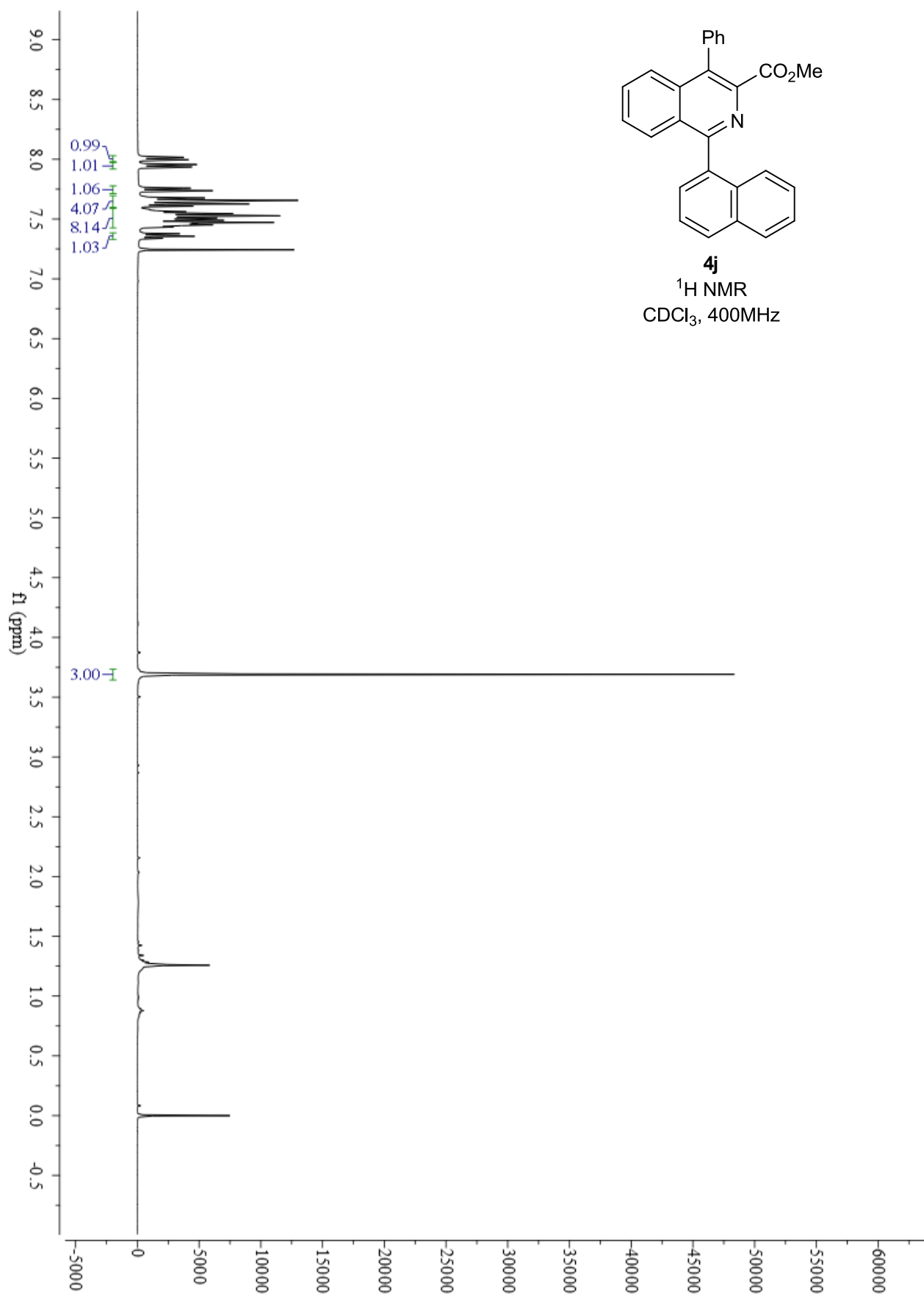


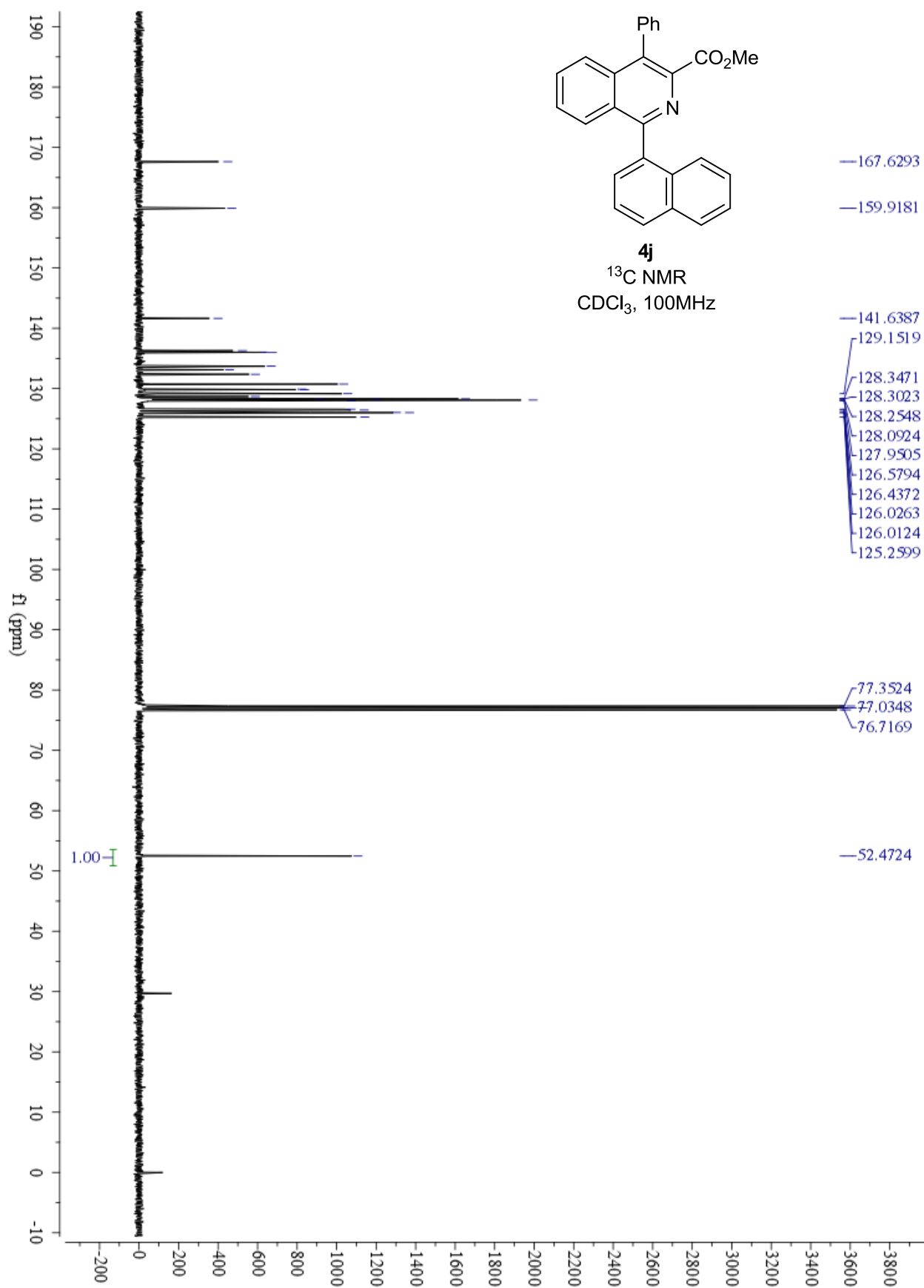


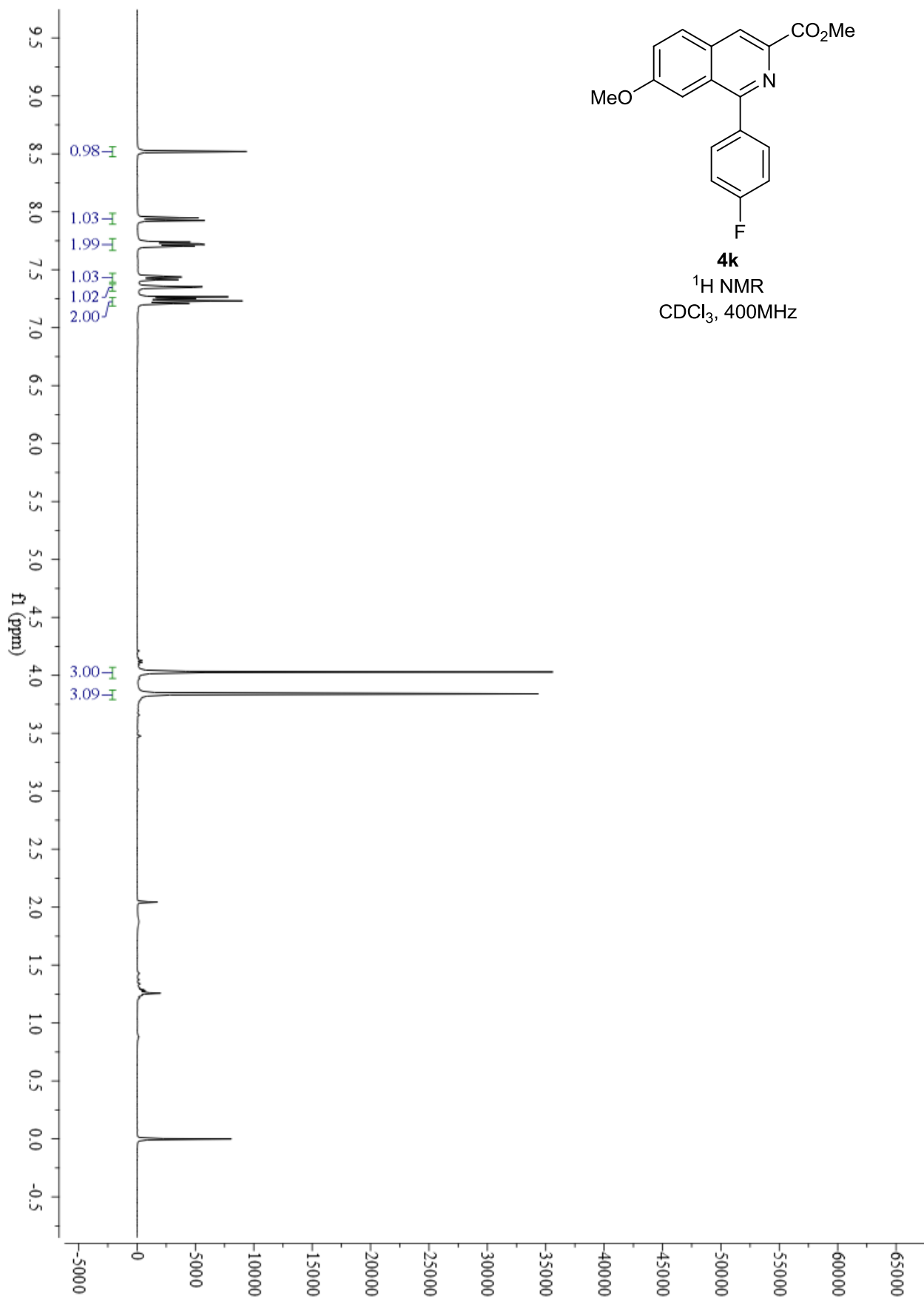


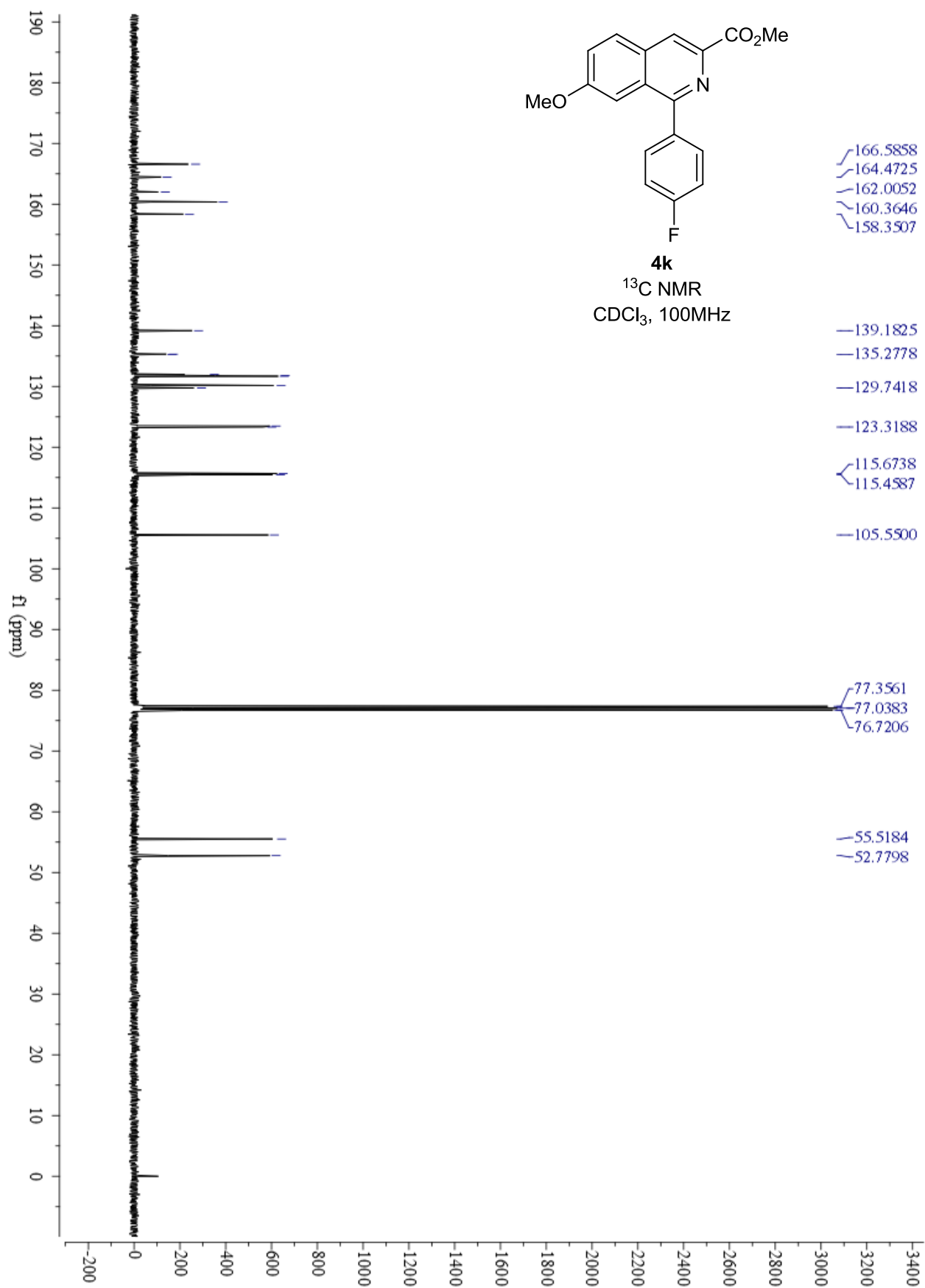


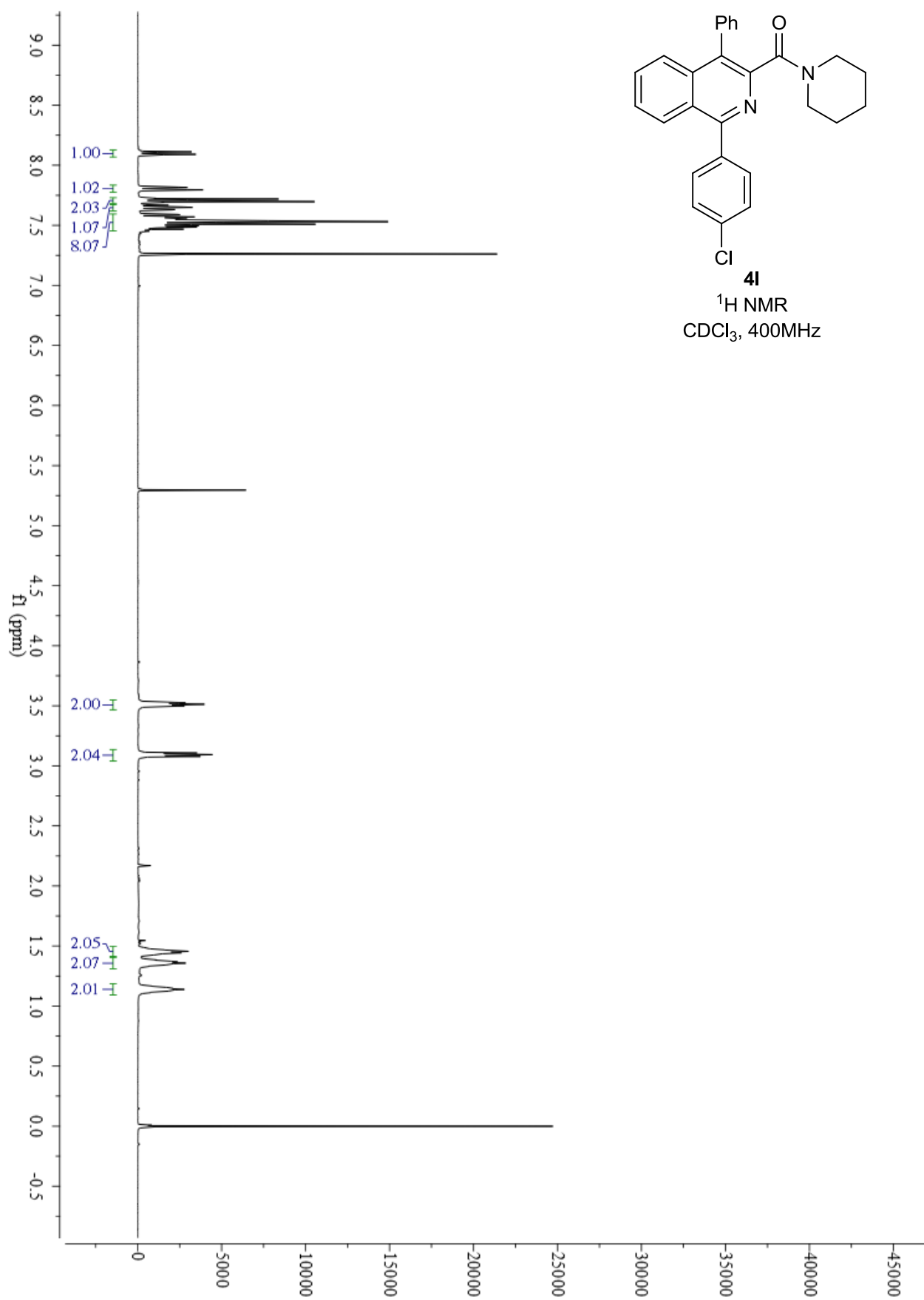


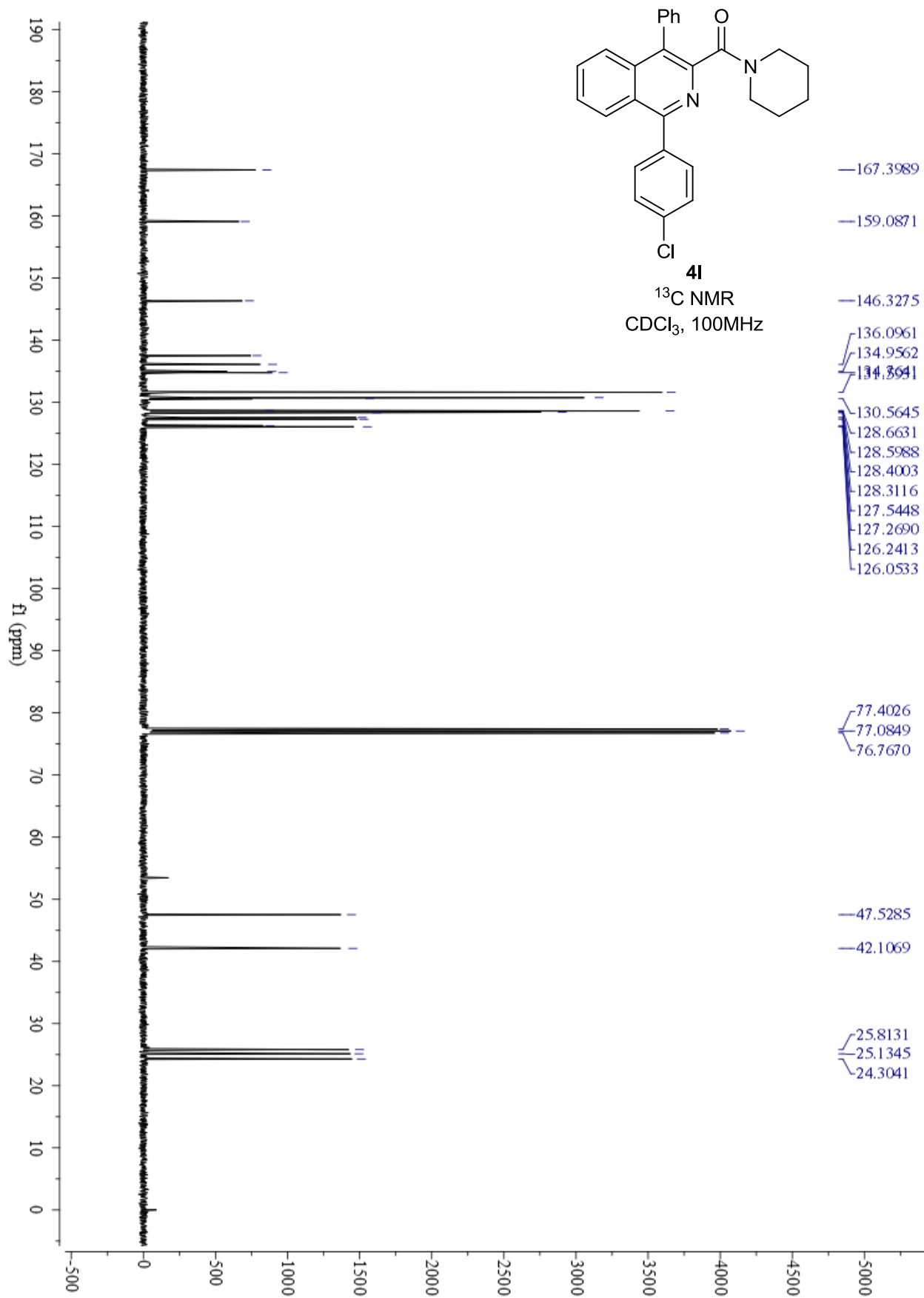


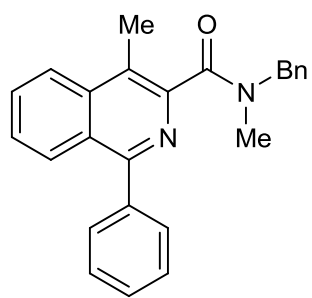












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