

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis of naphthalene amino esters and arylnaphthalene lactone lignans through tandem reactions of 2-alkynylbenzonitriles

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## I. General Experimental Information

Commercial reagents were used without further purification, and the solvents were dried before using. 2-Alkyneylbenzonitriles (**1** and **4**) were prepared according to published method.<sup>1</sup> Melting points were recorded with a micro melting point apparatus and uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by using a MicrOTOF mass spectrometer. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel plates (silica gel 60 F254 0.25 mm) and components were visualized by observation under UV light (254 and 365 nm).

## II. Experimental Procedures and Spectroscopic Data

### 1. Typical procedure for the preparation of 2-(phenylethynyl)benzonitrile (**1a**)

To a flask containing 2-bromobenzonitrile (2 mmol) and ethynylbenzene (2.4 mmol) in Et<sub>3</sub>N (8 mL) was added Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.04 mmol) and CuI (0.02 mmol). After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 2 h, the reaction was quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the crude product was purified by chromatography on silica-gel to afford **1a** in 90% yield. Other 2-alkynylbenzonitriles (**1b-1m**) were prepared in a similar manner.

#### **2-(Phenylethynyl)benzonitrile (**1a**)<sup>2</sup>**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow liquid (365 mg, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.33-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.63 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 85.8, 96.0, 115.2, 117.6, 122.0, 127.7, 128.4, 129.3, 132.1, 132.5, 132.6, 133.2, 134.3. MS: m/z 204 [MH]<sup>+</sup>.

#### **2-(*m*-Tolylethynyl)benzonitrile (**1b**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow liquid (382 mg, 88%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 21.3, 85.3, 96.3, 115.2, 117.7, 121.8, 127.3, 128.2, 128.4, 129.2, 130.2, 132.1, 132.4, 132.5, 132.7, 138.2. MS: m/z 218 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N: 218.0970 [M+H], found: 218.0974.

#### **2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (**1c**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (387 mg, 83%), mp 77-79 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.87-6.90 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.58 (4H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 55.4, 84.7, 96.4, 114.08, 114.15, 114.9, 117.8, 127.6, 127.9, 131.8, 132.4,

132.6, 133.6, 160.4. MS: m/z 234 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO: 234.0919 [M+H], found: 234.0921.

### **2-(*p*-Tolylethynyl)benzonitrile (**1d**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow liquid (373 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.30 (s, 3H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.57 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 21.6, 85.3, 96.3, 115.0, 117.7, 119.0, 127.8, 128.2, 129.3, 132.0, 132.5, 134.1, 134.3, 139.6. MS: m/z 218 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N: 218.0970 [M+H], found: 218.0978.

### **2-((4-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (**1e**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (398 mg, 90%), mp 86-88 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.05-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 85.4, 94.9, 115.3, 115.8, 116.0, 117.6, 118.1, 118.2, 127.1, 128.3, 132.0, 132.5, 132.7, 134.0, 134.1, 161.9, 164.4. MS: m/z 222 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN: 222.0719 [M+H], found: 222.0725.

### **2-((4-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (**1f**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (436 mg, 92%), mp 60-61 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 86.5, 94.8, 115.3, 117.6, 120.5, 126.9, 128.5, 128.9, 132.1, 132.5, 132.7, 133.2, 135.4. MS: m/z 238 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN: 238.0424 [M+H], found: 238.0430.

### **2-Ethynylbenzonitrile (**1g**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (234 mg, 92%), mp 65-66 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.48 (s, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 79.5, 83.8, 115.8, 117.2, 125.9, 129.0, 132.4, 132.7, 133.0. MS: m/z 128 [MH]<sup>+</sup>.

HRMS calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N: 128.0500 [M+H], found: 128.0507.

### **2-(Dec-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (1h)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow liquid (392 mg, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.28-1.30 (m, 8H), 1.45-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.63 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 14.1, 19.6, 22.7, 28.4, 28.9, 29.1, 29.2, 31.8, 98.1, 115.3, 117.8, 127.5, 128.1, 132.2, 132.3, 132.5. MS: m/z 240 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N: 240.1752 [M+H], found: 240.1757.

### **5-Methoxy-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (1i)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (458 mg, 87%), mp 103-105 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.8 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 55.3, 55.7, 84.4, 94.4, 114.1, 114.5, 115.9, 117.2, 117.6, 119.2, 119.8, 133.30, 133.33, 158.8, 160.1. MS: m/z 264 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 264.1025 [M+H], found: 264.1029.

### **5-Fluoro-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (1j)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (462 mg, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.58 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 55.4, 83.6, 96.1, 113.9, 114.2, 116.4, 116.5, 116.56, 116.59, 119.5, 119.7, 120.3, 120.5, 124.15, 124.19, 133.5, 133.8, 133.9, 159.8, 160.5, 162.3. MS: m/z 252 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FNO: 252.0825 [M+H], found: 252.0831.

### **5-Fluoro-2-(*p*-tolylethynyl)benzonitrile (1k)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (428 mg, 91%), mp 55-57 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.37 (s, 3H), 7.16-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.59 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz,

$\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 21.6, 84.2, 96.1, 116.5, 116.6, 118.8, 119.5, 119.7, 120.3, 120.6, 123.9, 124.0, 129.3, 131.9, 134.0, 134.1, 139.7, 159.9, 162.4. MS: m/z 236 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}$ : 236.0876 [M+H], found: 236.0882.

### **2-((4-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)-5-fluorobenzonitrile (1l)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (434 mg, 85%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.17-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.65 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 85.5, 94.5, 116.9, 117.0, 119.9, 120.3, 121.2, 121.4, 121.8, 122.0, 128.9, 133.1, 134.1, 134.9, 135.5, 159.8, 162.3. MS: m/z 256 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{ClFN}$ : 256.0329 [M+H], found: 256.0333.

### **5-Chloro-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile (1m)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (497 mg, 93%), mp 118-120 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.59 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 55.4, 83.9, 97.5, 113.7, 114.2, 116.2, 116.5, 126.2, 132.3, 132.88, 132.91, 133.66, 133.70, 160.6. MS: m/z 268 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClNO}$ : 268.0529 [M+H], found: 268.0534.

## **2. Typical procedure for the preparation of 2-(3-hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4a)**

To a flask containing 2-bromobenzonitrile (2 mmol) and prop-2-yn-1-ol (2.4 mmol) in  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (8 mL) was added  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.04 mmol) and  $\text{CuI}$  (0.02 mmol). After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere for 2 h, the reaction was quenched with aqueous  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, and then dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the crude product was purified by chromatography on silica-gel to afford **4a** in 81% yield. Other 2-(3-hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)benzonitriles (**4b-4k**) were prepared in a similar manner.

### **2-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4a)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (254 mg, 81%), mp 57-59 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.68 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 51.0, 81.3, 94.4, 114.8, 117.7, 126.6, 128.5, 132.5, 132.6. MS: m/z 158 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{NO}$ : 158.0606 [M+H], found: 158.0610.

#### **2-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)-5-methoxybenzonitrile (4b)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow liquid (318 mg, 85%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 7.05 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 51.4, 55.8, 81.5, 92.3, 116.3, 117.3, 117.4, 118.7, 119.2, 134.0, 159.3. MS: m/z 188 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2$ : 188.0712 [M+H], found: 188.0718.

#### **4-Fluoro-2-(3-hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4c)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (305 mg, 87%), mp 45-47 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.23 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 51.1, 80.37, 80.41, 95.6, 111.3, 111.4, 116.5, 116.8, 117.0, 119.7, 119.9, 129.2, 129.4, 134.9, 135.0, 163.1, 165.7. MS: m/z 176 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{FNO}$ : 176.0512 [M+H], found: 176.0517.

#### **5-Fluoro-2-(3-hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4d)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (280 mg, 80%), mp 88-89 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 2.88 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 3.2$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 51.2, 80.5, 94.1, 116.4, 116.5, 116.6, 116.7, 119.5, 119.8, 120.5, 120.7, 123.08, 123.12, 134.6, 134.7, 160.1, 162.7. MS: m/z 176 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{FNO}$ : 176.0512 [M+H], found: 176.0518.

#### **5-Chloro-2-(3-hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4e)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (317 mg, 83%), mp 80-82 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.31 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 51.2, 80.5, 95.4, 116.4, 125.1, 132.2, 133.1, 133.7, 134.6. MS: m/z 192 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{ClNO}$ : 192.0216 [M+H], found: 192.0219.

### **2-(3-Hydroxypent-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4f)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow liquid (326 mg, 88%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.07-1.11 (m, 3H), 1.84-1.87 (m, 2H), 2.81 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 9.4, 30.7, 64.0, 80.9, 96.9, 115.2, 126.7, 128.4, 132.36, 132.41, 132.5. MS: m/z 186 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$ : 186.0919 [M+H], found: 186.0925.

### **6-(3-Hydroxypent-1-ynyl)benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonitrile (4g)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (412 mg, 90%), mp 63-64 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.03-1.07 (m, 3H), 1.80-1.83 (m, 2H), 3.00 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 6.05 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 9.4, 30.6, 63.9, 80.7, 95.5, 102.8, 108.5, 111.3, 112.0, 117.7, 122.5, 147.8, 151.2. MS: m/z 230 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$ : 230.0817 [M+H], found: 230.0822.

### **2-(3-Hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4h)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (410 mg, 88%), mp 182-184 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.46 (s, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 7.33-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 64.8, 82.5, 95.7, 115.2, 117.7, 126.5, 126.7, 126.9, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 132.5, 132.58, 132.60, 139.9. MS: m/z 234 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}$ : 234.0919 [M+H], found: 234.0923.

### **2-(3-Hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-ynyl)-5-methoxybenzonitrile (4i)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (447 mg, 85%), mp 192-194 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.59 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.4 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 55.8, 64.8, 82.4, 93.9, 116.2, 117.4, 117.6, 118.6, 119.1, 126.7, 127.0, 128.5, 128.7, 134.1, 140.2, 159.3. MS: m/z 264 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 264.1025 [M+H], found: 264.1027.

### **5-Fluoro-2-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-ynyl)benzonitrile (4j)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow liquid (457 mg, 91%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.47 (s, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 64.8, 81.4, 95.5, 116.5, 116.8, 116.9, 119.6, 119.8, 120.4, 120.6, 123.0, 126.9, 128.6, 128.8, 134.7, 134.8, 139.8, 160.2, 162.8. MS: m/z 252 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FNO: 252.0825 [M+H], found: 252.0831.

### **6-(3-Hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbonitrile (4k)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); white solid (306 mg, 76%), mp 139-141 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 6.21 (s, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ: 49.9, 80.0, 93.7, 103.3, 108.2, 111.3, 111.9, 117.1, 122.0, 148.4, 151.6. MS: m/z 202 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 202.0504 [M+H], found: 202.0509.

### **3. Typical procedure for the preparation of ethyl 1-amino-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3a)**

To a flask containing 2-(phenylethynyl)benzonitrile (**1a**, 1 mmol), THF (3 mL), and ethyl 2-bromoacetate (**2**, 2 mmol) were added activated zinc dust (3 mmol) portion-wise with stirring. The mixture was then stirred at 80 °C. Upon completion, it was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and the excess zinc was filtered. The filtrate was concentrated and to the residue was added water. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with

EtOAc/hexane (5%) to give **3a** in 75% yield. Other 1-aminonaphthalene-2-carboxylates (**3b-3m**) were obtained in a similar manner from **1b-1m**. 9-Aminonaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-ones (**5a-5k**) were obtained in a similar manner from **4a-4k**, respectively.

**Ethyl 1-amino-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate (3a)<sup>3</sup>**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (218 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 0.72 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 3.94 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 13.1, 60.3, 107.8, 119.1, 121.5, 122.5, 125.5, 126.5, 128.1, 128.4, 130.5, 133.4, 134.8, 140.1, 144.0, 146.3, 170.1. MS: m/z 292 [MH]<sup>+</sup>.

**Ethyl 1-amino-3-*m*-tolyl-2-naphthoate (3b)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (223 mg, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 0.80 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 2H), 7.19-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 13.3, 21.5, 60.4, 107.8, 119.0, 121.6, 122.5, 125.3, 125.5, 127.3, 128.0, 128.4, 128.7, 128.9, 134.9, 137.5, 140.2, 144.0, 146.5, 170.3. MS: m/z 306 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 306.1494 [M+H], found: 306.1498.

**Ethyl 1-amino-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (3c)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (221 mg, 69%), mp 128-130 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.98 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 13.4, 55.4, 60.4, 108.2, 113.4, 118.9, 121.5, 122.3, 125.3, 128.3, 128.6, 129.1, 134.9, 136.5, 139.6, 146.1, 158.6, 170.3. MS: m/z 322 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 322.1443 [M+H], found: 322.1450.

### **Ethyl 1-amino-3-*p*-tolyl-2-naphthoate (3d)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (217 mg, 71%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.75 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.95 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13.2, 21.1, 60.5, 119.5, 121.5, 125.5, 122.5, 127.9, 128.3, 128.6, 130.0, 130.5, 133.4, 134.9, 136.1, 140.0, 140.9, 145.4, 170.1. MS: m/z 306 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ : 306.1494 [M+H], found: 306.1498.

### **Ethyl 1-amino-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3e)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (238 mg, 77%), mp 68-69 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.80 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 3.97 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.20 (s, 2H), 7.06-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13.3, 60.4, 107.2, 114.6, 114.8, 119.0, 121.6, 122.5, 125.6, 128.5, 128.6, 129.5, 129.6, 134.8, 139.0, 140.18, 140.21, 146.9, 160.4, 163.2, 170.0. MS: m/z 310 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}_2$ : 310.1243 [M+H], found: 310.1247.

### **Ethyl 1-amino-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-naphthoate (3f)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (244 mg, 75%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.76 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 3.93 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13.3, 60.4, 106.1, 122.5, 125.7, 128.56, 128.64, 129.4, 132.4, 134.8, 138.8, 142.7, 147.0, 159.9, 169.8. MS: m/z 326 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_2$ : 326.0948 [M+H], found: 326.0952.

### **Ethyl 1-amino-2-naphthoate (3g)<sup>4</sup>**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); white solid (146 mg, 68%), mp 103-105 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.42 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 4.38 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.82 (s, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.89-7.91 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 14.4, 60.3, 104.3, 115.8, 121.5, 125.2, 126.6, 128.3, 128.5, 136.4, 148.9, 169.0. MS: m/z 216 [MH]<sup>+</sup>.

**Ethyl 1-amino-3-octyl-2-naphthoate (3h)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (213 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 0.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.31-1.47 (m, 13H), 1.60-1.65 (m, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (s, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 14.2, 14.3, 22.7, 29.4, 29.6, 29.9, 31.9, 32.0, 36.6, 60.8, 108.6, 118.5, 121.4, 122.1, 124.7, 127.90, 127.94, 135.2, 140.0, 146.3, 170.2. MS: m/z 328 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 328.2277 [M+H], found: 328.2282.

**Ethyl 1-amino-7-methoxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (3i)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (239 mg, 68%), mp 153-154 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 0.81 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.98 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (s, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 13.4, 55.38, 55.40, 60.5, 100.9, 109.2, 113.4, 119.0, 120.0, 123.3, 129.0, 130.0, 130.2, 136.4, 137.1, 144.7, 157.6, 158.5, 170.4. MS: m/z 352 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 352.1549 [M+H], found: 352.1556.

**Ethyl 1-amino-7-fluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (3j)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (285 mg, 84%), mp 139-141 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 0.81 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.98 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 9.2 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.50 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 10.0 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.75 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 13.4, 55.4, 60.6, 105.8, 106.0, 109.6, 113.5, 118.0, 118.3, 118.9, 123.1, 129.1, 130.9, 131.0, 131.7, 136.0, 138.8, 144.9, 158.7, 159.3, 161.7, 170.0. MS: m/z 340 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>: 340.1349 [M+H], found: 340.1353.

### **Ethyl 1-amino-7-fluoro-3-p-tolyl-2-naphthoate (3k)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (268 mg, 83%), mp 124-126 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.75-0.80 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.95-4.01 (m, 2H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.75 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13.2, 21.1, 60.6, 105.8, 106.0, 109.3, 118.0, 118.3, 118.9, 123.1, 123.2, 127.9, 128.7, 130.9, 131.0, 131.7, 136.3, 139.3, 140.6, 145.1, 145.2, 159.3, 161.8, 170.1. MS: m/z 324 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}_2$ : 324.1400 [M+H], found: 324.1408.

### **Ethyl 1-amino-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-7-fluoro-2-naphthoate (3l)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow syrup (295 mg, 86%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.97 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.49-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13.3, 60.6, 105.9, 106.1, 108.3, 118.3, 118.5, 118.9, 123.38, 123.45, 128.1, 129.3, 131.0, 131.1, 131.6, 132.6, 138.08, 138.11, 142.2, 145.7, 159.5, 162.0, 169.6. MS: m/z 344 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClFNO}_2$ : 344.0854 [M+H], found: 344.0859.

### **Ethyl 1-amino-7-chloro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (3m)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); yellow solid (312 mg, 88%), mp 133-135 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 0.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.98 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (s, 2H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J_1$  = 8.8 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 13.4, 55.4, 60.6, 109.2, 113.5, 118.5, 121.0, 123.0, 128.9, 129.0, 130.1, 131.0, 133.1, 136.0, 139.9, 145.1, 158.7, 170.0. MS: m/z 356 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNO}_3$ : 356.1053 [M+H], found: 356.1060.

### **9-Aminonaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5a)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (139 mg, 70%), mp 178-180 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 5.35 (s, 2H), 6.10 (s, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.4

Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 69.6, 108.1, 121.69, 121.73, 125.0, 128.9, 129.0, 137.8, 140.9, 145.0, 145.6, 173.1. MS: m/z 200 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2$ : 200.0712 [M+H], found: 200.0716.

**9-Amino-7-methoxynaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5b)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); yellow solid (142 mg, 62%), mp 191-193 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 3.95 (s, 3H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 55.5, 69.5, 100.9, 102.8, 108.3, 121.2, 122.7, 130.3, 133.0, 138.6, 144.4, 157.3, 174.1. MS: m/z 230 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3$ : 230.0817 [M+H], found: 230.0828.

**9-Amino-6-fluoronaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5c)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); brown solid (167 mg, 77%), mp 185-187 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 5.32 (s, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.6 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 69.3, 100.2, 106.29, 106.33, 111.8, 112.0, 114.2, 114.4, 118.9, 127.3, 127.4, 139.8, 139.9, 143.7, 147.3, 161.3, 163.7, 172.6. MS: m/z 218 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{FNO}_2$ : 218.0617 [M+H], found: 218.0623.

**9-Amino-7-fluoronaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5d)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); brown solid (163 mg, 75%), mp 250-251 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 5.35 (s, 2H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dd,  $J_1$  = 10.0 Hz,  $J_2$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd,  $J_1$  = 9.2 Hz,  $J_2$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 69.5, 102.9, 105.9, 106.1, 108.2, 119.0, 119.3, 131.1, 131.2, 134.6, 140.3, 144.86, 144.92, 172.8. MS: m/z 218 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{FNO}_2$ : 218.0617 [M+H], found: 218.0624.

**9-Amino-7-chloronaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5e)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); brown solid (182 mg, 78%), mp 177-179 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 5.35 (s, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 2H), 7.59 (dd,  $J_1 = 8.8$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 69.5, 106.8, 122.6, 123.4, 129.5, 129.7, 130.8, 136.4, 142.8, 146.4, 172.5. MS: m/z 234 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{ClNO}_2$ : 234.0322 [M+H], found: 234.0328.

### **9-Amino-3-ethylnaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5f)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); brown solid (163 mg, 72%), mp 111-113 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.80-2.13 (m, 2H), 5.42-5.44 (m, 1H), 6.19 (s, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.8, 28.2, 82.2, 102.4, 107.8, 121.7, 121.9, 124.9, 128.8, 128.9, 137.7, 144.4, 145.6, 172.7. MS: m/z 228 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ : 228.1025 [M+H], found: 228.1036.

### **9-Amino-6,7-methylenedioxy-3-ethylnaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5g)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (5%); brown solid (179 mg, 66%), mp 195-197 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.00-1.04 (m, 3H), 1.82-2.12 (m, 2H), 5.41-5.43 (m, 1H), 5.80 (s, 2H), 6.09 (s, 2H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 7.07 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.9, 28.2, 82.0, 98.4, 101.7, 102.9, 105.1, 107.9, 117.7, 135.7, 143.8, 144.3, 147.4, 150.0, 172.6. MS: m/z 272 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_4$ : 272.0923 [M+H], found: 272.0929.

### **9-Amino-3-phenylnaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (5h)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); brown solid (226 mg, 82%), mp 200-202 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 6.41 (d,  $J = 0.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 82.5, 101.8, 109.3, 121.8, 125.2, 127.1, 128.9, 129.05, 129.08, 129.12, 137.7, 137.9, 144.3, 145.6, 172.4. MS: m/z 276 [MH] $^+$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2$ : 276.1025 [M+H], found: 276.1033.

### **9-Amino-7-methoxy-3-phenylnaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (**5i**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); brown solid (226 mg, 74%), mp 222-224 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.94 (s, 3H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.36 (s, 5H), 7.62 (dd, *J<sub>1</sub>* = 8.8 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 2.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 55.5, 82.5, 100.9, 102.6, 109.5, 121.2, 122.9, 127.1, 128.8, 129.0, 130.5, 133.0, 137.9, 142.0, 144.3, 157.5, 172.6. MS: m/z 306 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 306.1130 [M+H], found: 306.1132.

### **9-Amino-7-fluoro-3-phenylnaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (**5j**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); brown solid (258 mg, 88%), mp 213-215 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 6.08 (s, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.55 (dd, *J<sub>1</sub>* = 10.0 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, *J<sub>1</sub>* = 9.6 Hz, *J<sub>2</sub>* = 2.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 82.5, 102.6, 106.0, 106.2, 109.3, 119.0, 119.3, 122.5, 122.6, 127.1, 128.9, 129.1, 131.27, 131.34, 134.7, 137.6, 143.7, 144.8, 144.9, 159.0, 161.5, 172.2. MS: m/z 294 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>: 294.0930 [M+H], found: 294.0938.

### **9-Amino-6,7-methylenedioxynaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (**5k**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (33.3%); white solid (170 mg, 70%), mp 233-235 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 5.29 (s, 2H), 5.80 (s, 2H), 6.09 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 69.3, 98.4, 101.7, 104.9, 108.0, 117.6, 134.6, 144.5, 147.4, 150.0, 155.0, 161.0, 171.6. MS: m/z 244 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: 244.0610 [M+H], found: 244.0613.

## **4. Procedure for the preparation of 9-iodo-6,7-methylenedioxynaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (**6**)**

To a flask containing 9-amino-6,7-methylenedioxynaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (**5k**, 1 mmol) and hydrochloric acid (w/w = 25%, 0.2 mL) were added NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mmol) with stirring at 0 °C. The mixture was then stirred at 5 °C for 30 minutes. To the resulting mixture was added aqueous KI (w/w = 40%, 0.5 mL) at room temperature. Upon completion, it was diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The

filtrate was concentrated and to the residue was added water. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with EtOAc/hexane (10%) to give **6** in 85% yield.

### **9-Iodo-6,7-methylenedioxynaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan- 1(3*H*)-one (**6**)**

Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (20%); white solid (301 mg, 85%), mp 238-240 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 5.29 (s, 2H), 6.17 (s, 2H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 66.7, 66.8, 98.5, 102.3, 103.7, 110.0, 124.2, 133.4, 134.4, 141.0, 150.4, 150.6, 169.7. MS: m/z 355 [MH]<sup>+</sup>. HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>IO<sub>4</sub>: 354.9467 [M+H], found: 354.9471.

### **5. Typical procedure for the preparation of taiwanin C and chinensin**

To a flask containing 9-iodo-6,7-methylenedioxynaphtho[2,3-*c*]furan-1(3*H*)-one (**6**, 0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.002 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.006 mmol) and benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-ylboronic acid (**7a**, 0.22 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol). Then, the mixture was stirred at 80 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 8 h. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the crude product was purified by chromatography on silica-gel to afford taiwanin C. Chinensin was prepared in a similar manner through the coupling of **6** with 3,4-dimethoxyphenylboronic acid (**7b**).

### **Taiwanin C<sup>5</sup>**

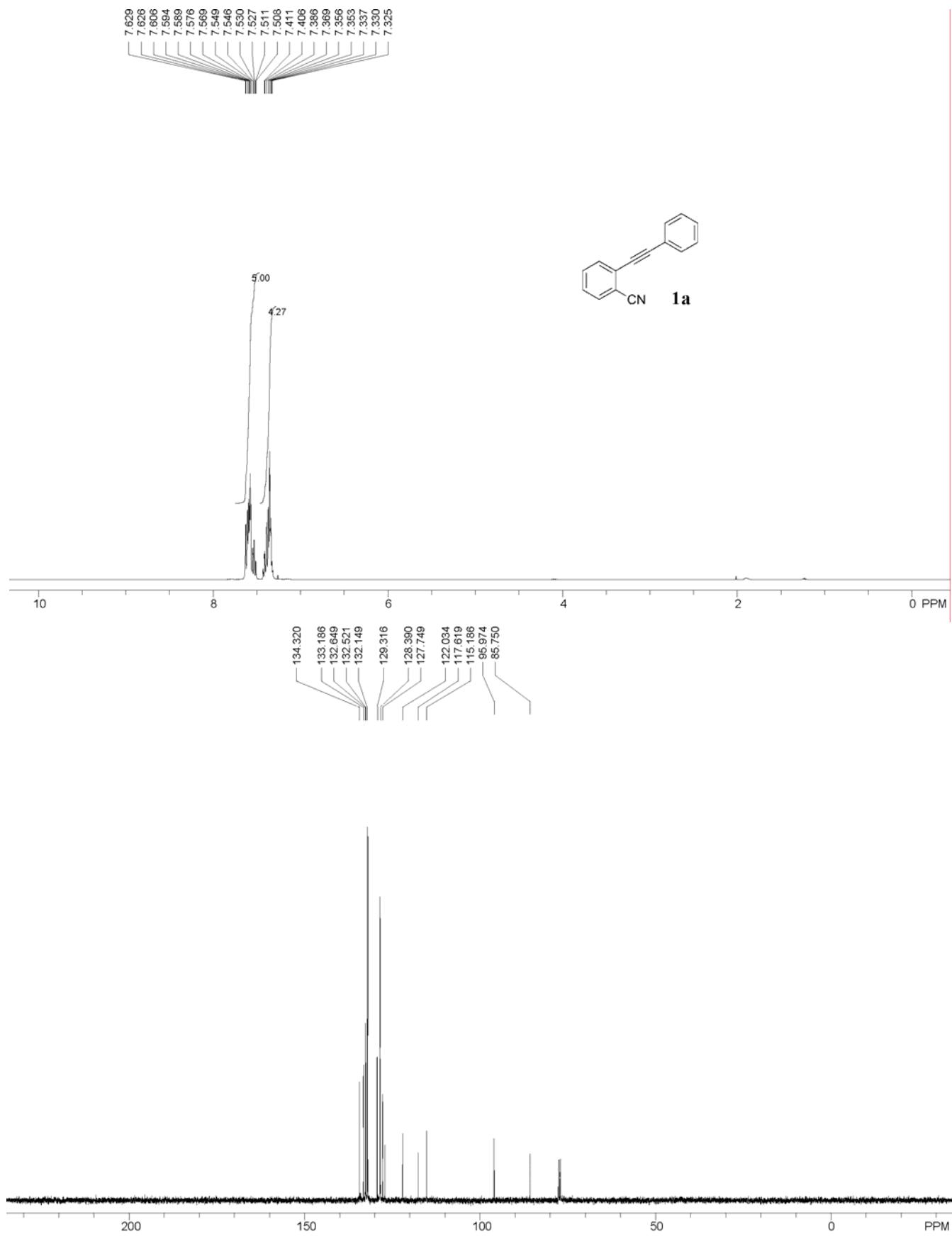
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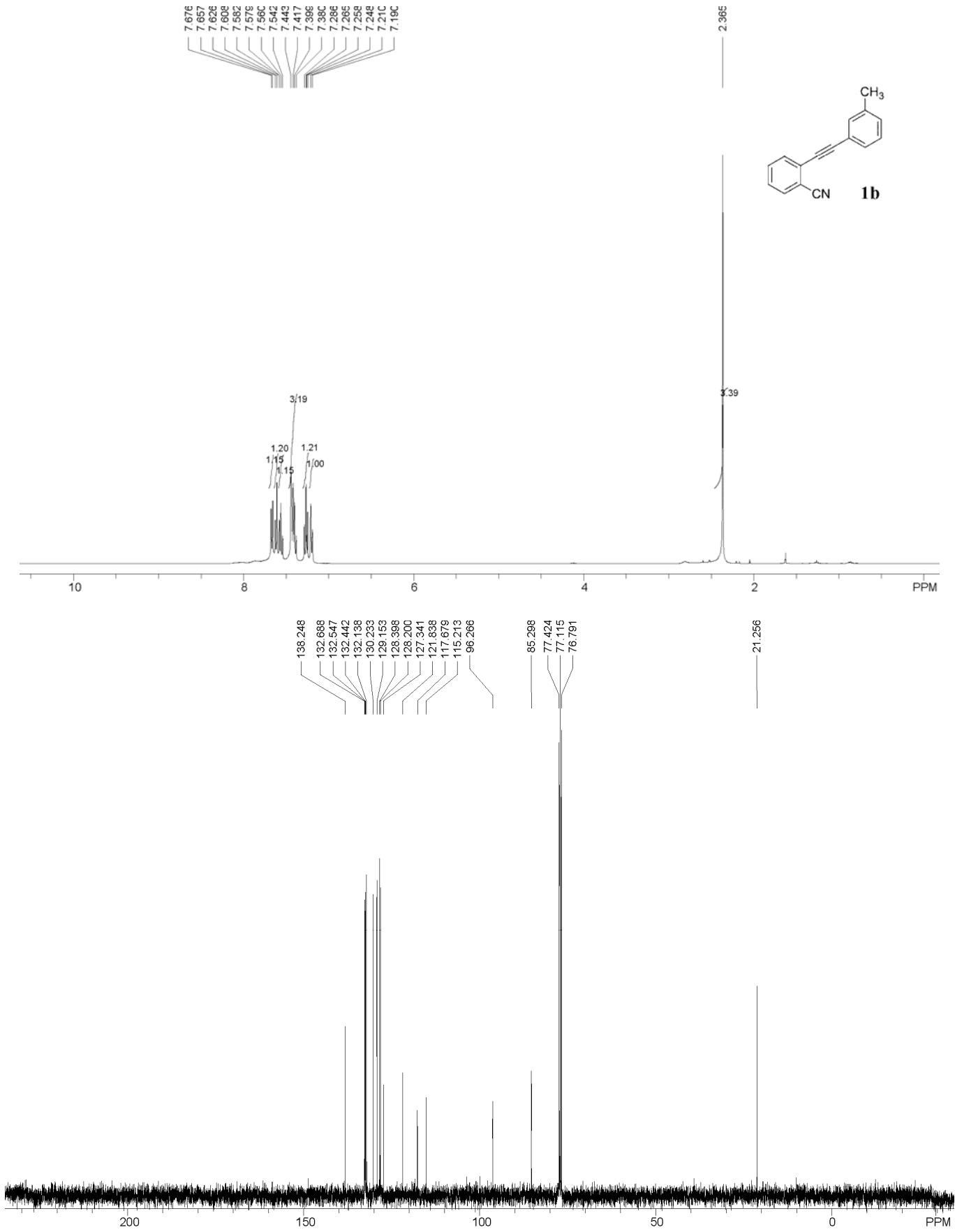
110.6, 118.9, 119.1, 123.5, 128.4, 130.5, 134.6, 139.8, 140.1, 147.5, 147.6, 148.7, 150.0, 169.9. MS: m/z 349 [MH]<sup>+</sup>.

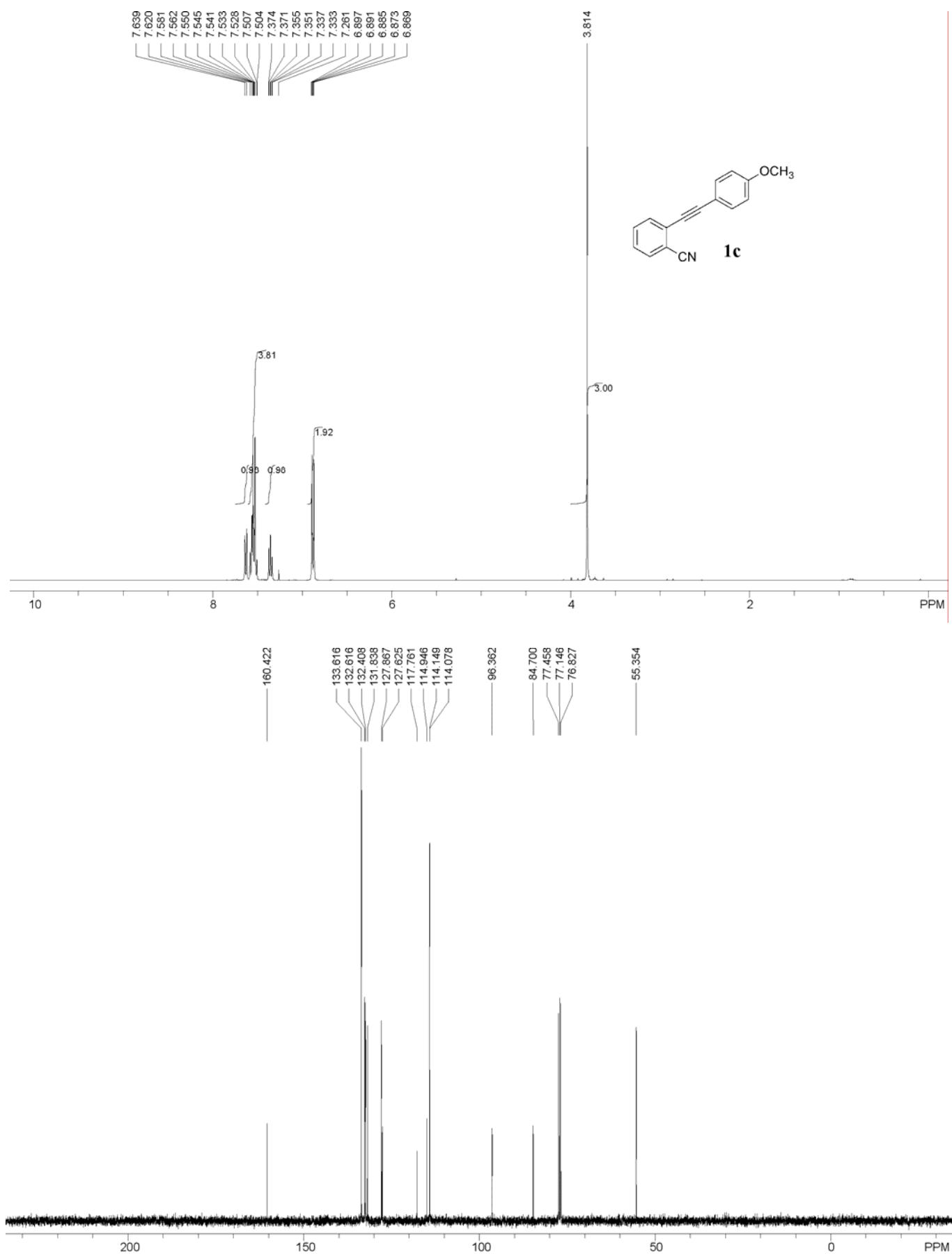
**Chinensin<sup>6</sup>**

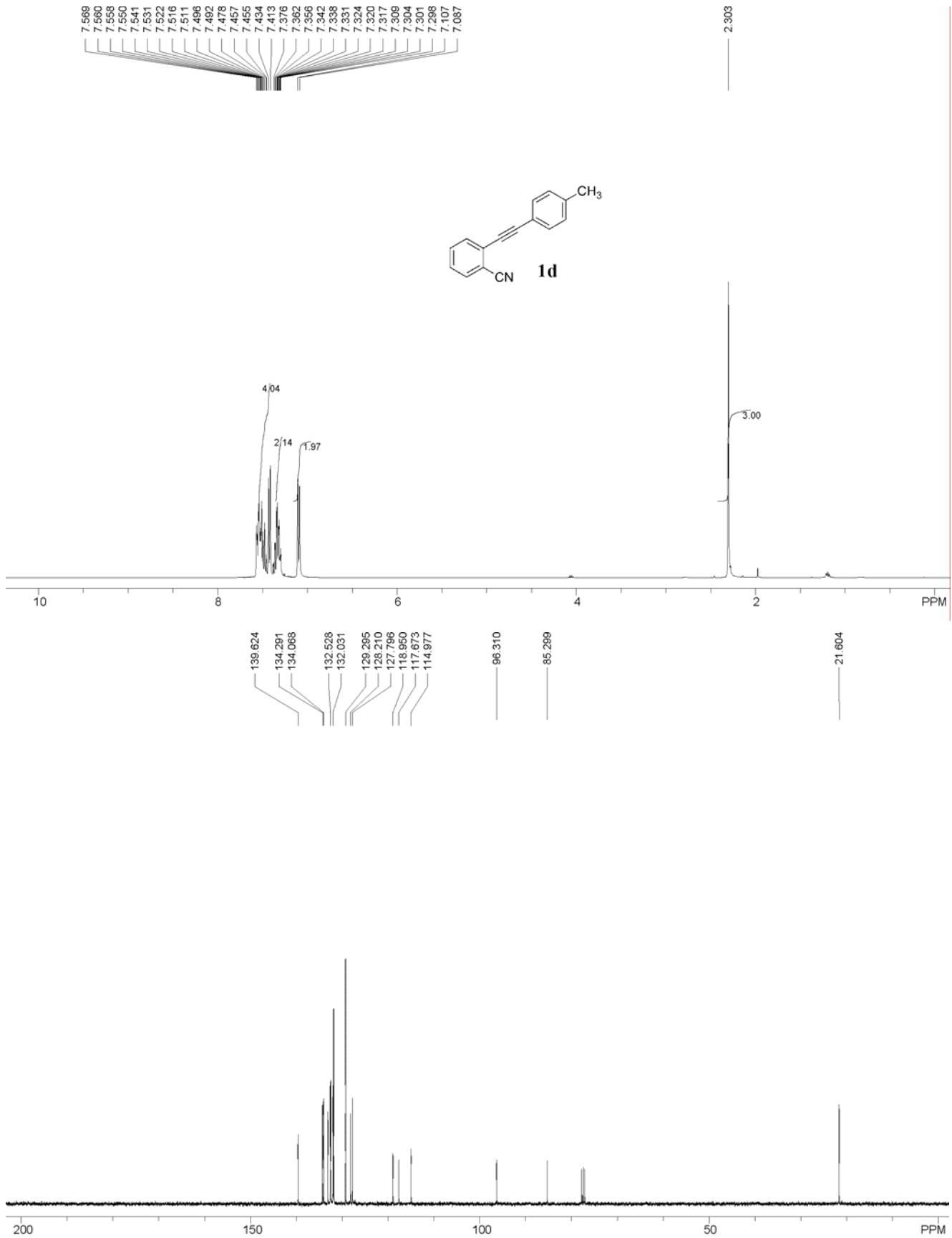
Eluent: ethyl acetate/hexanes (33.3%); white solid (69 mg, 95%), mp 224-226 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 6.08 (s, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 9.6 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 55.85, 55.95, 68.0, 101.8, 103.7, 103.8, 110.8, 113.4, 118.8, 119.0, 122.4, 127.2, 130.5, 134.6, 139.9, 140.5, 148.5, 148.6, 148.9, 149.9, 169.9. MS: m/z 365 [MH]<sup>+</sup>.

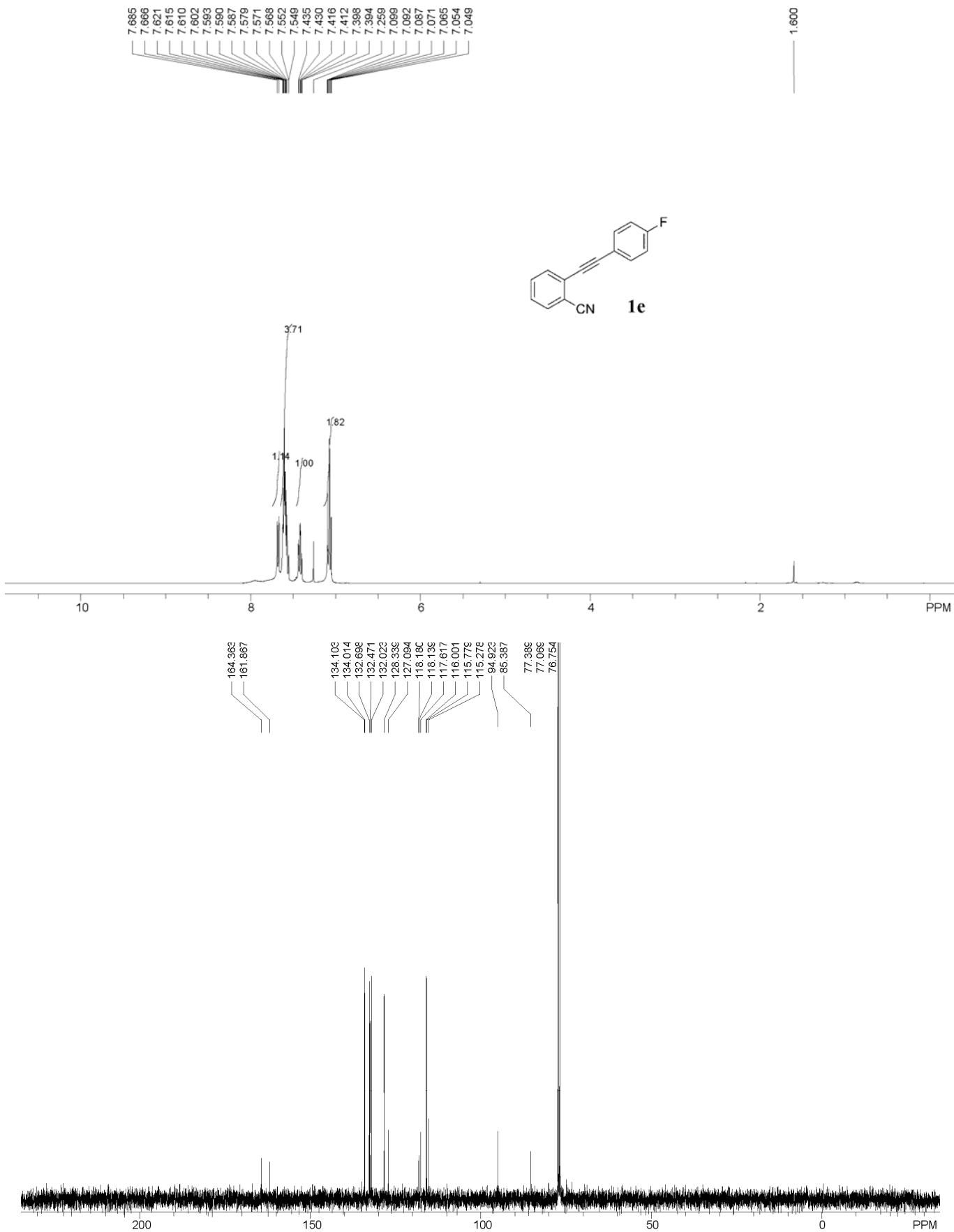
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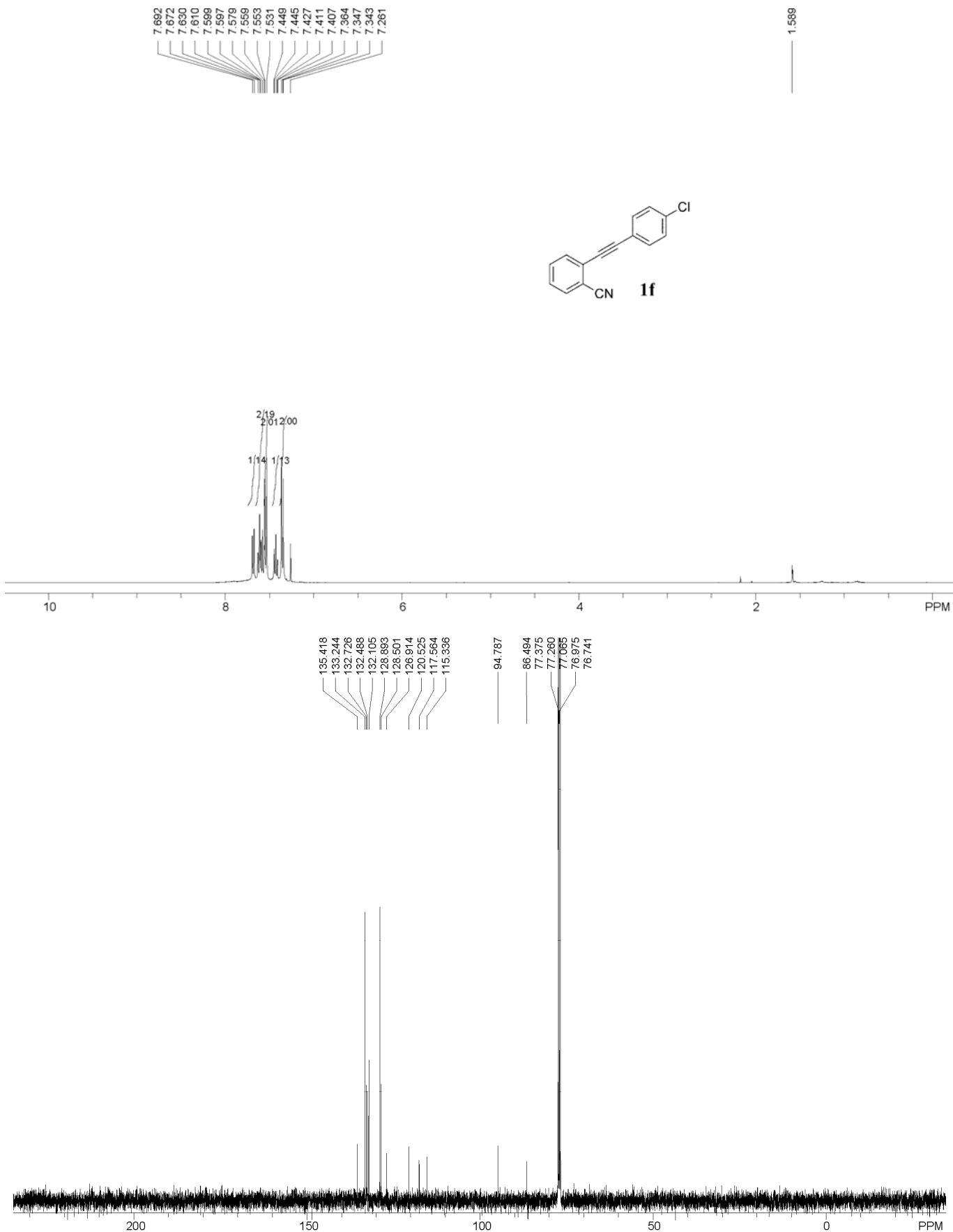


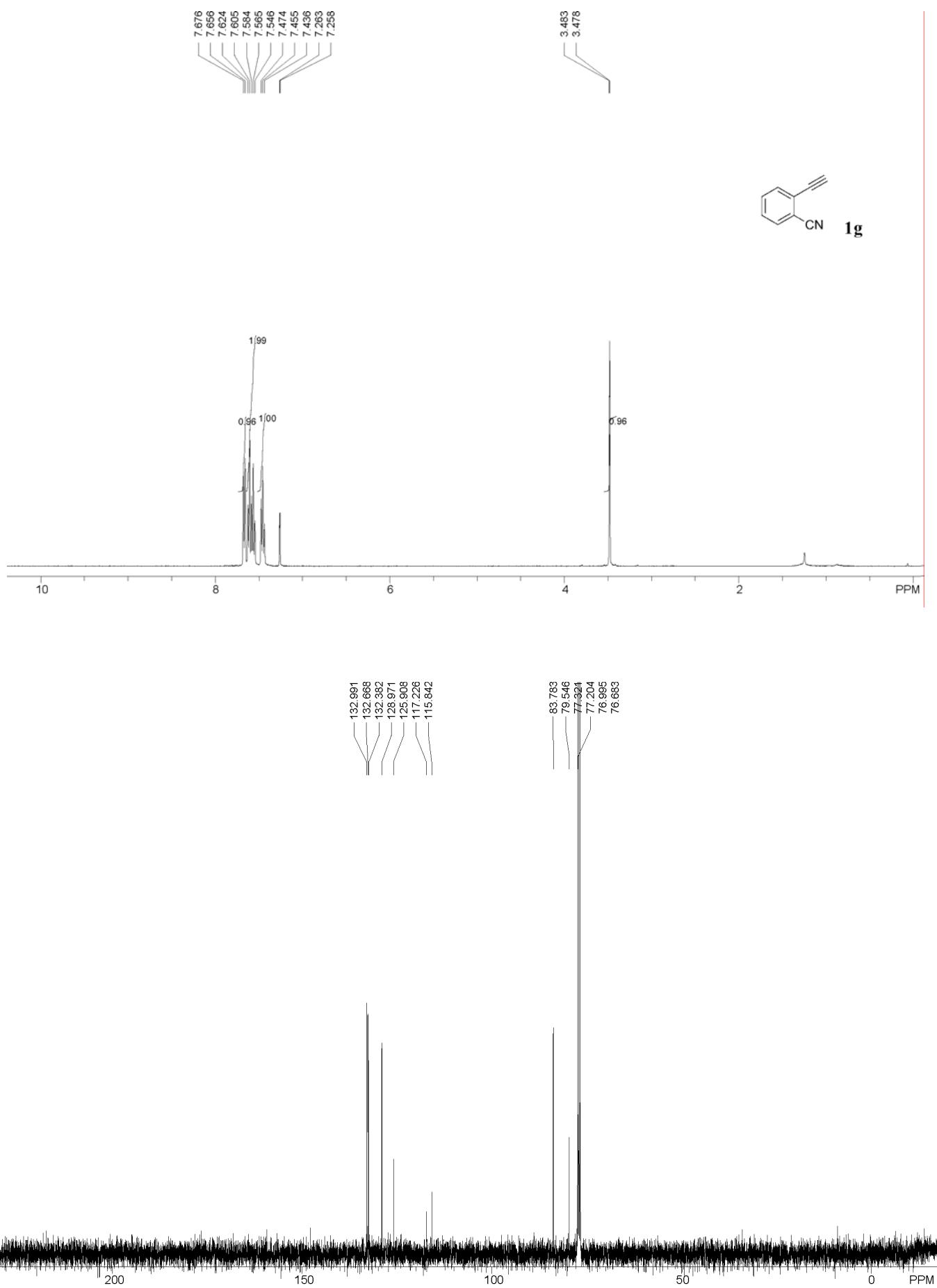


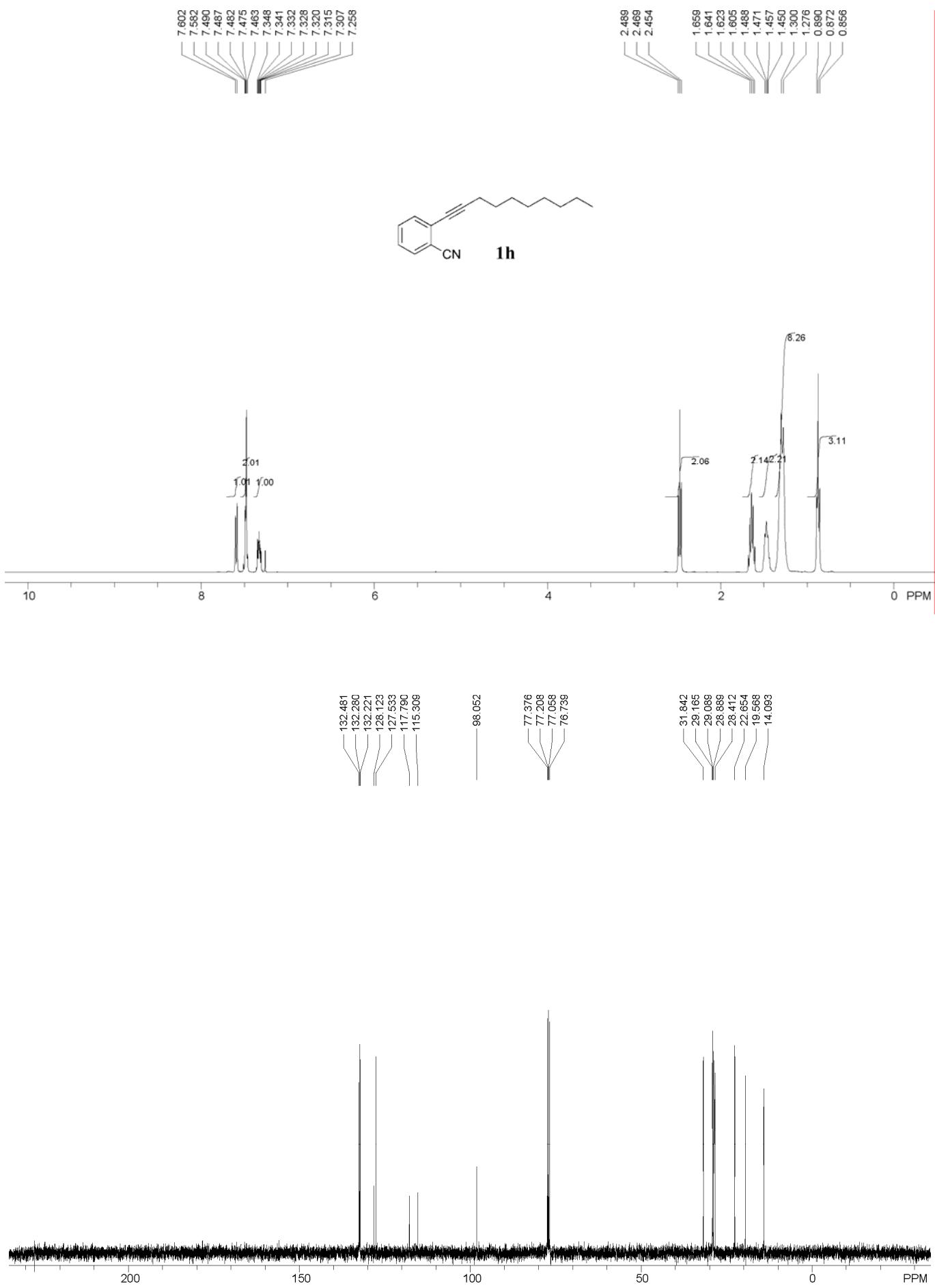


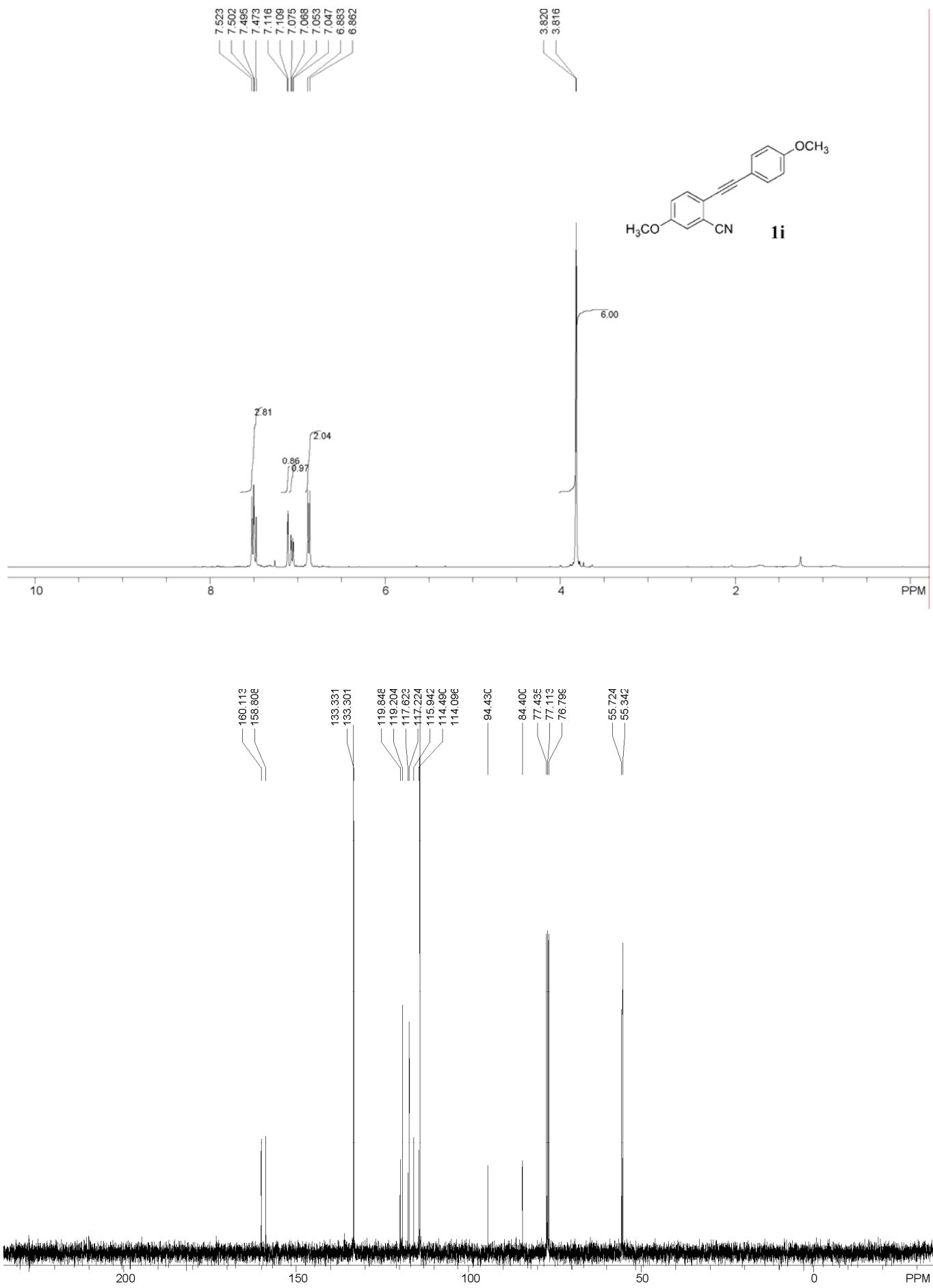


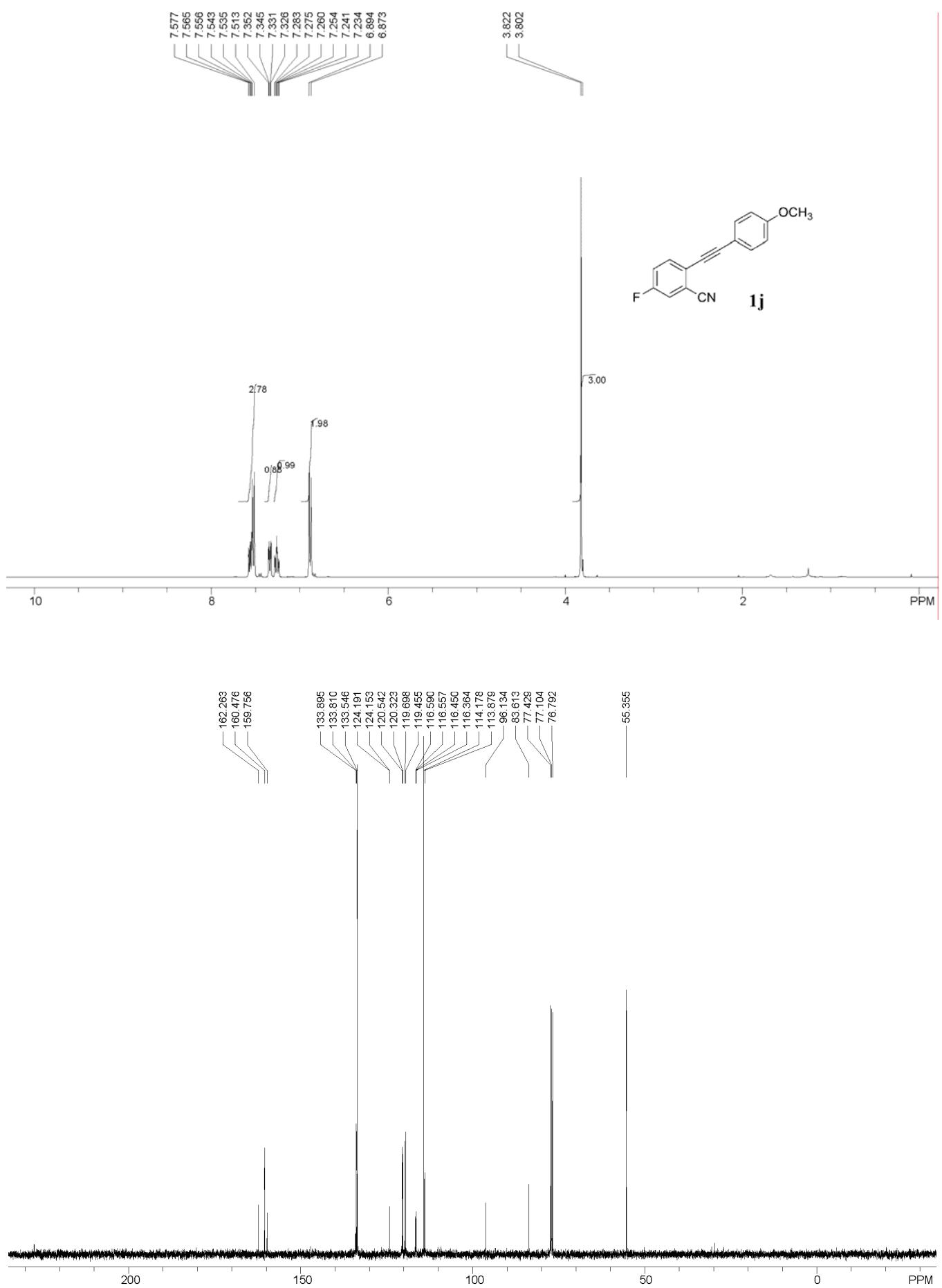


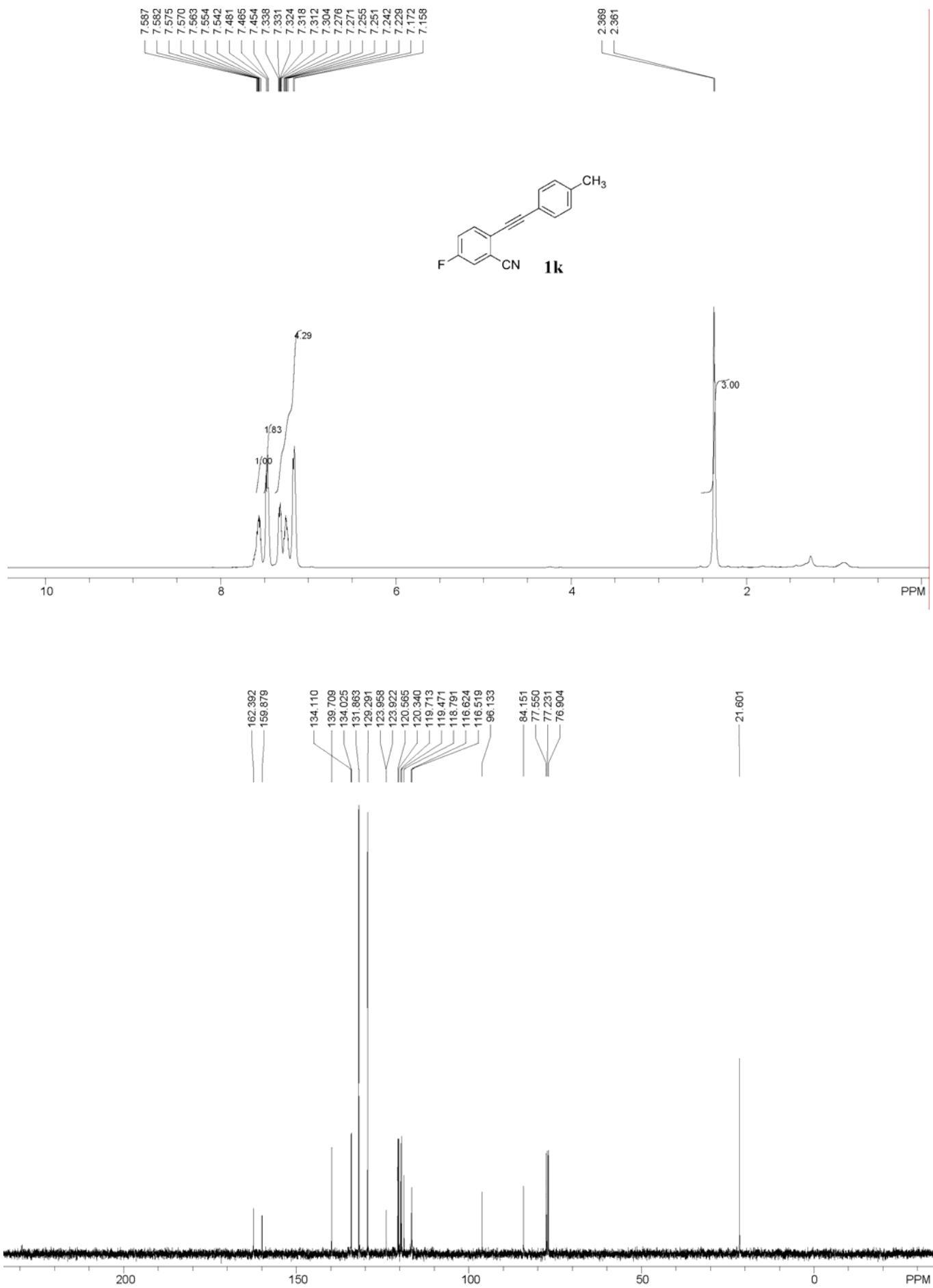


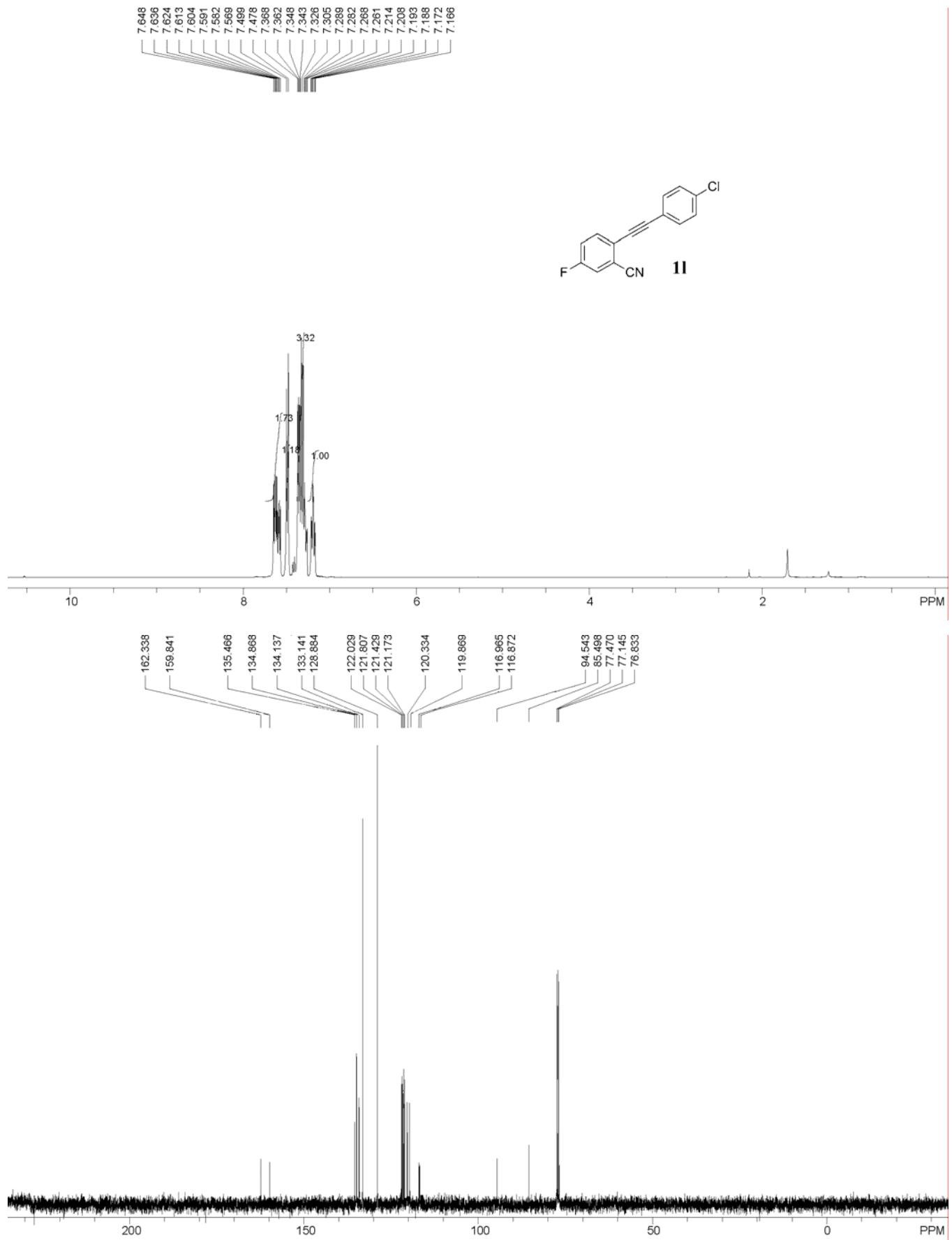


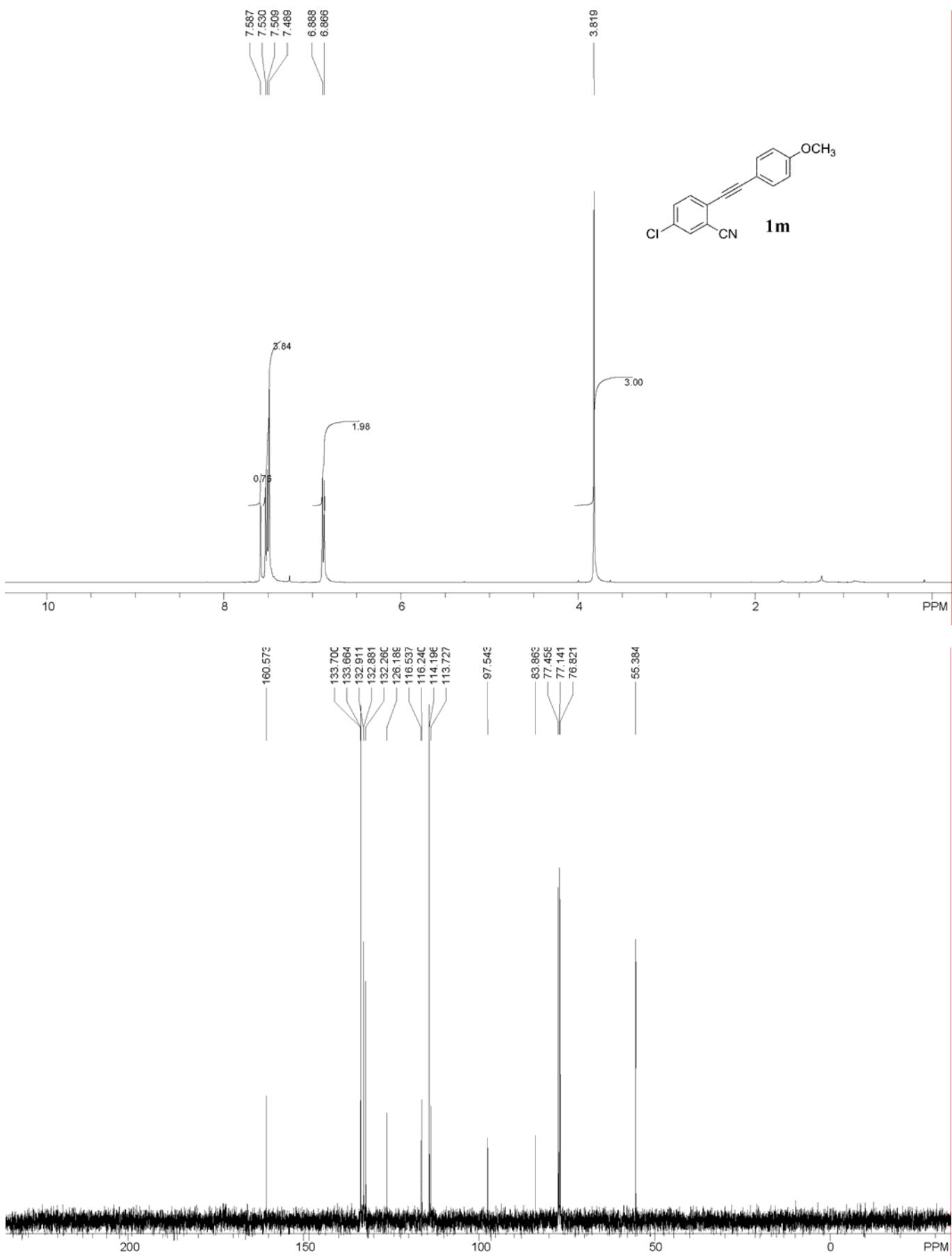




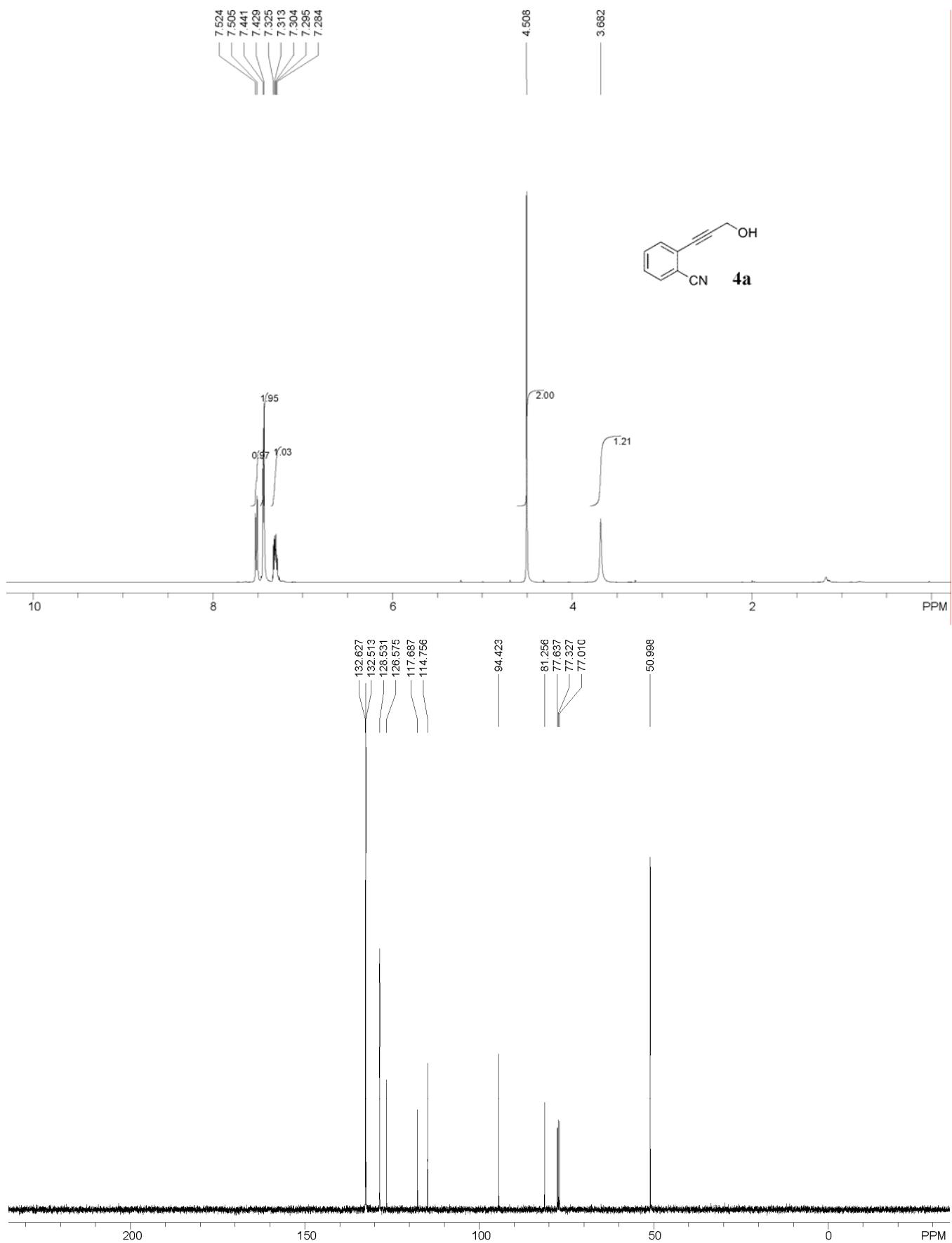


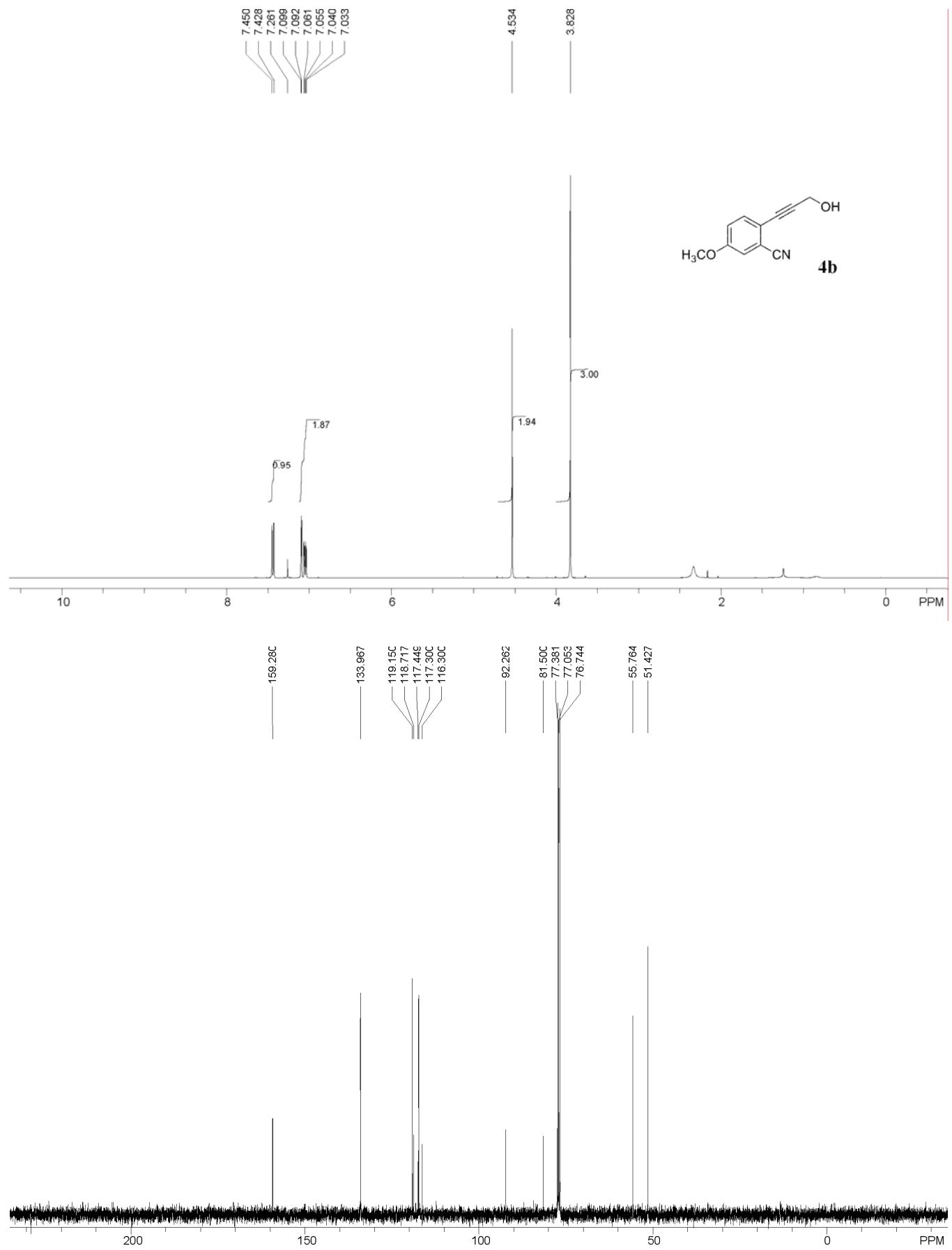


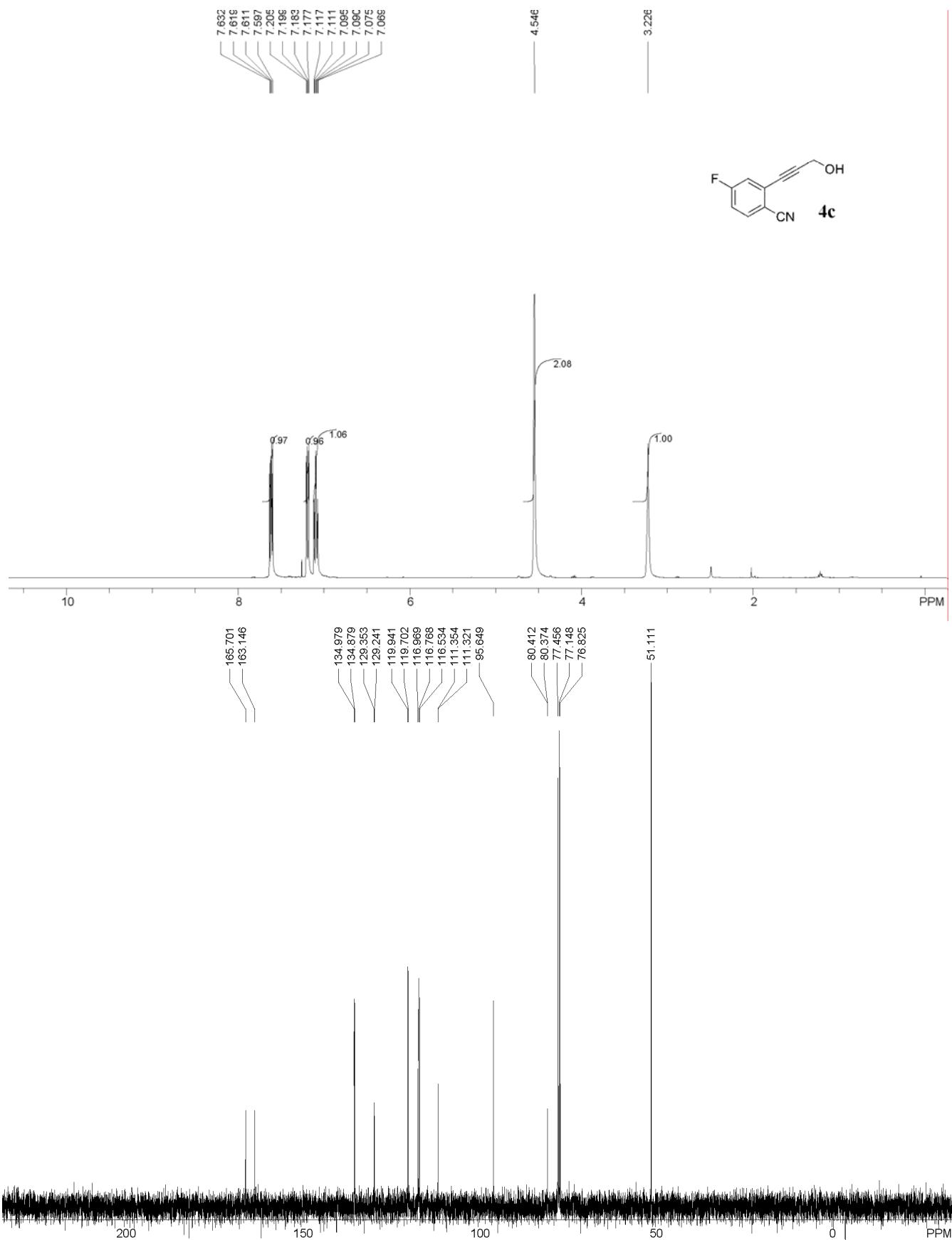


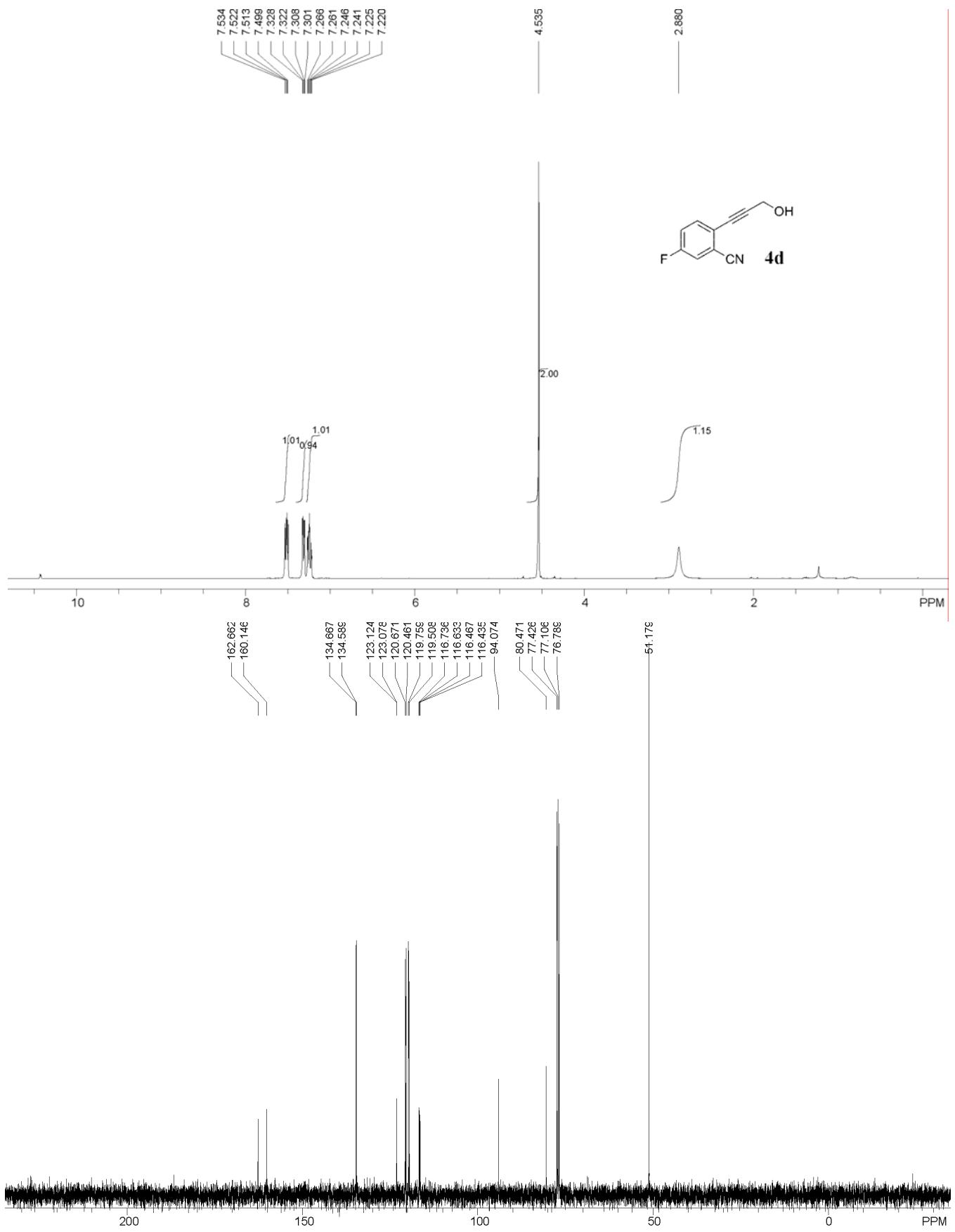


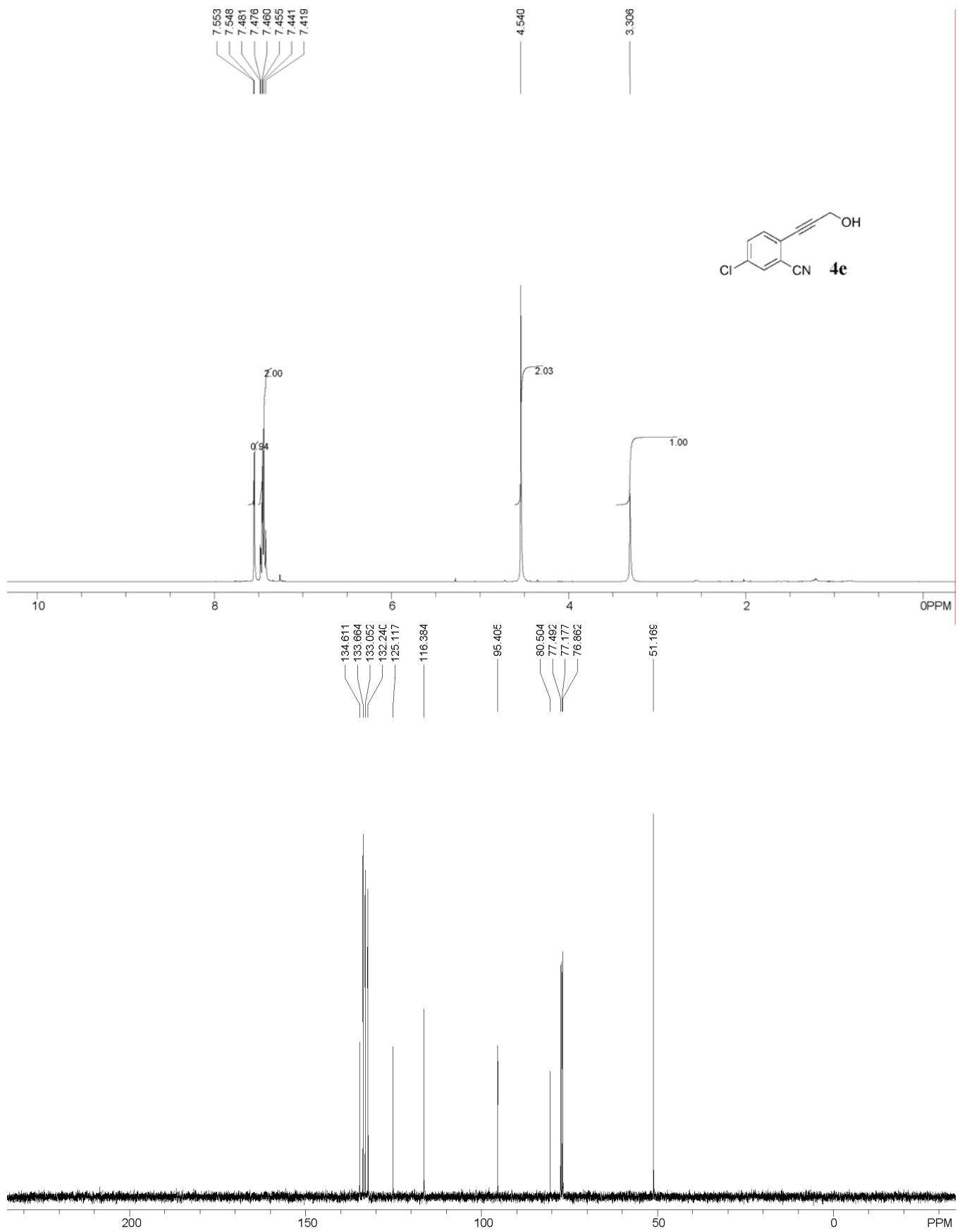
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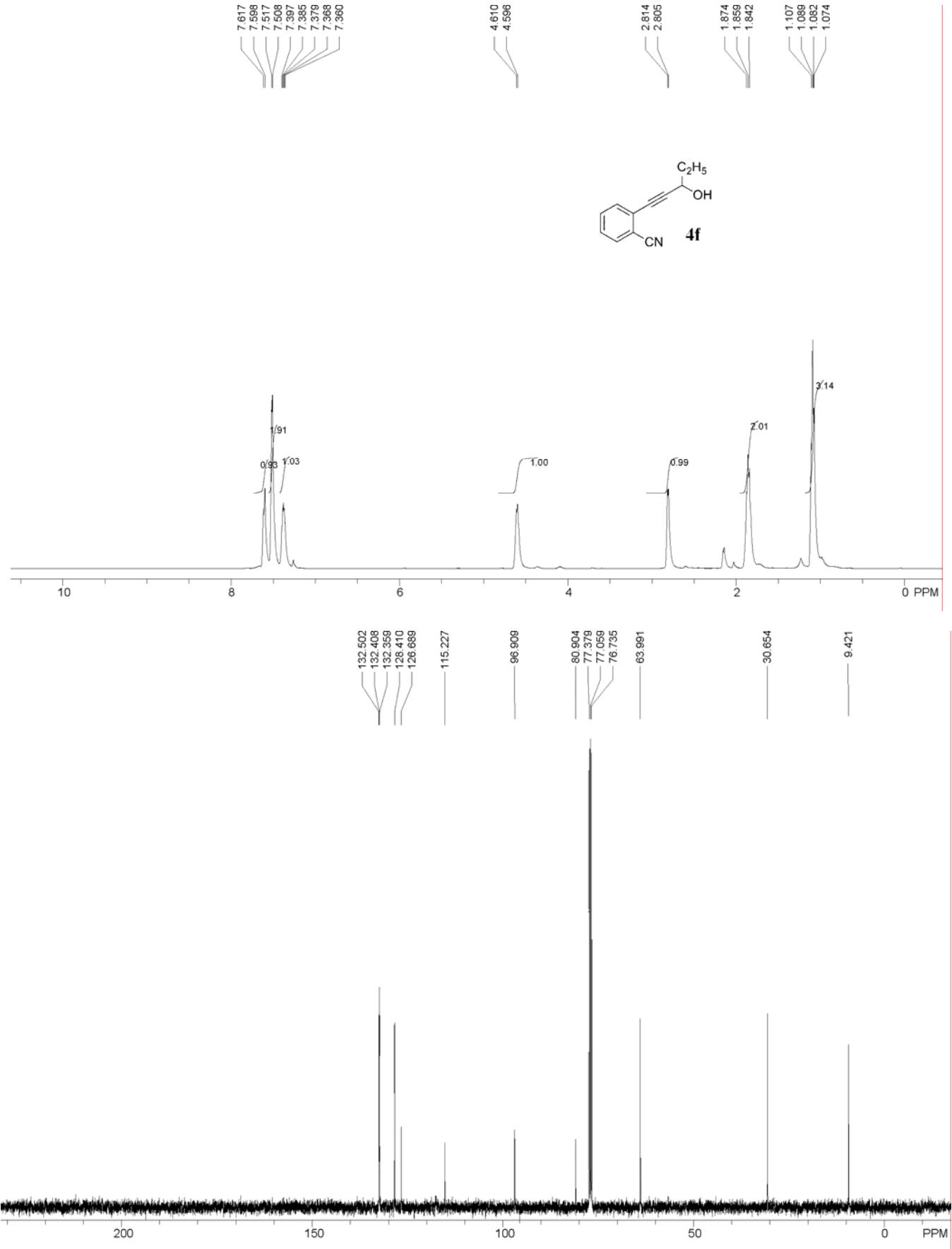


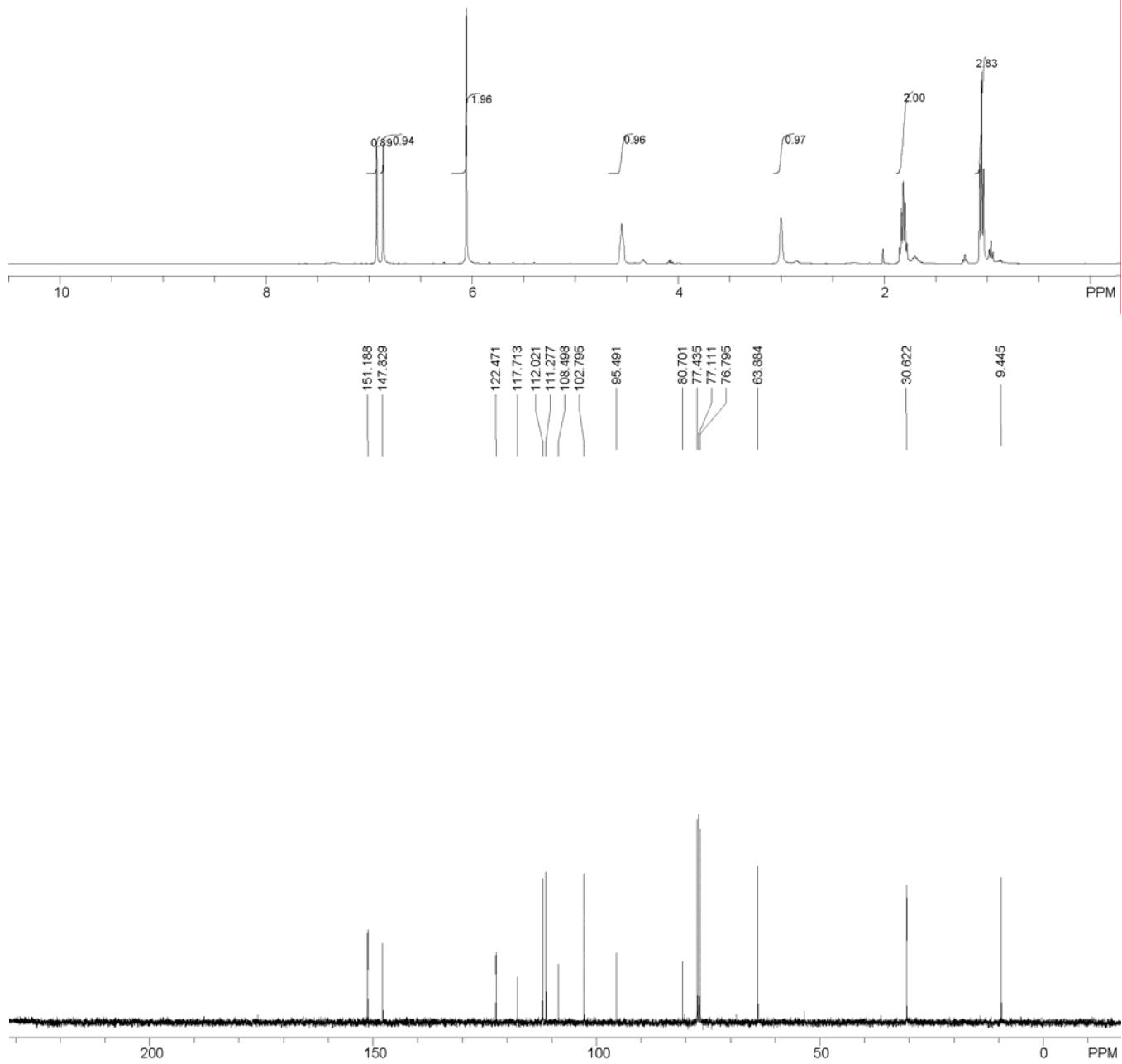


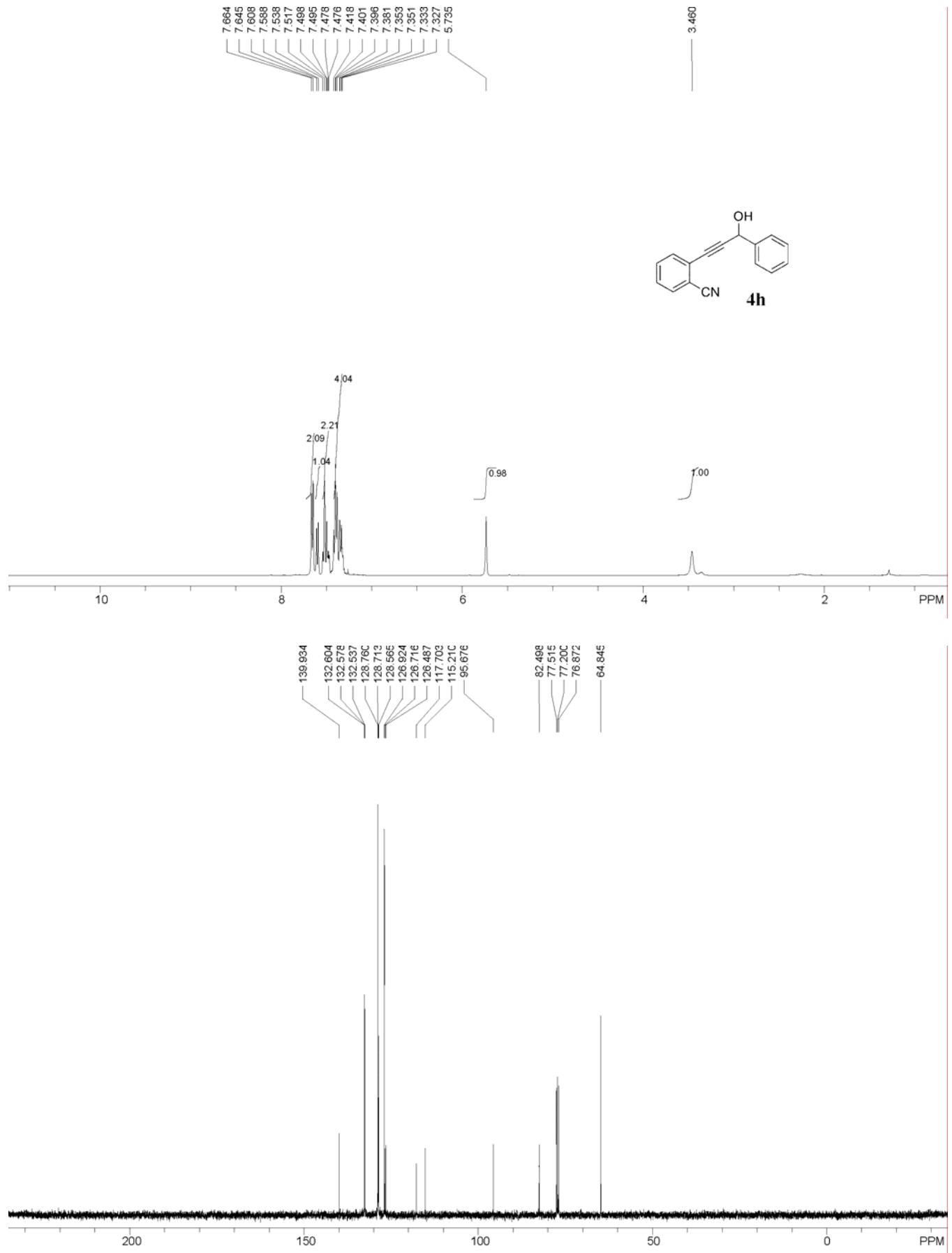


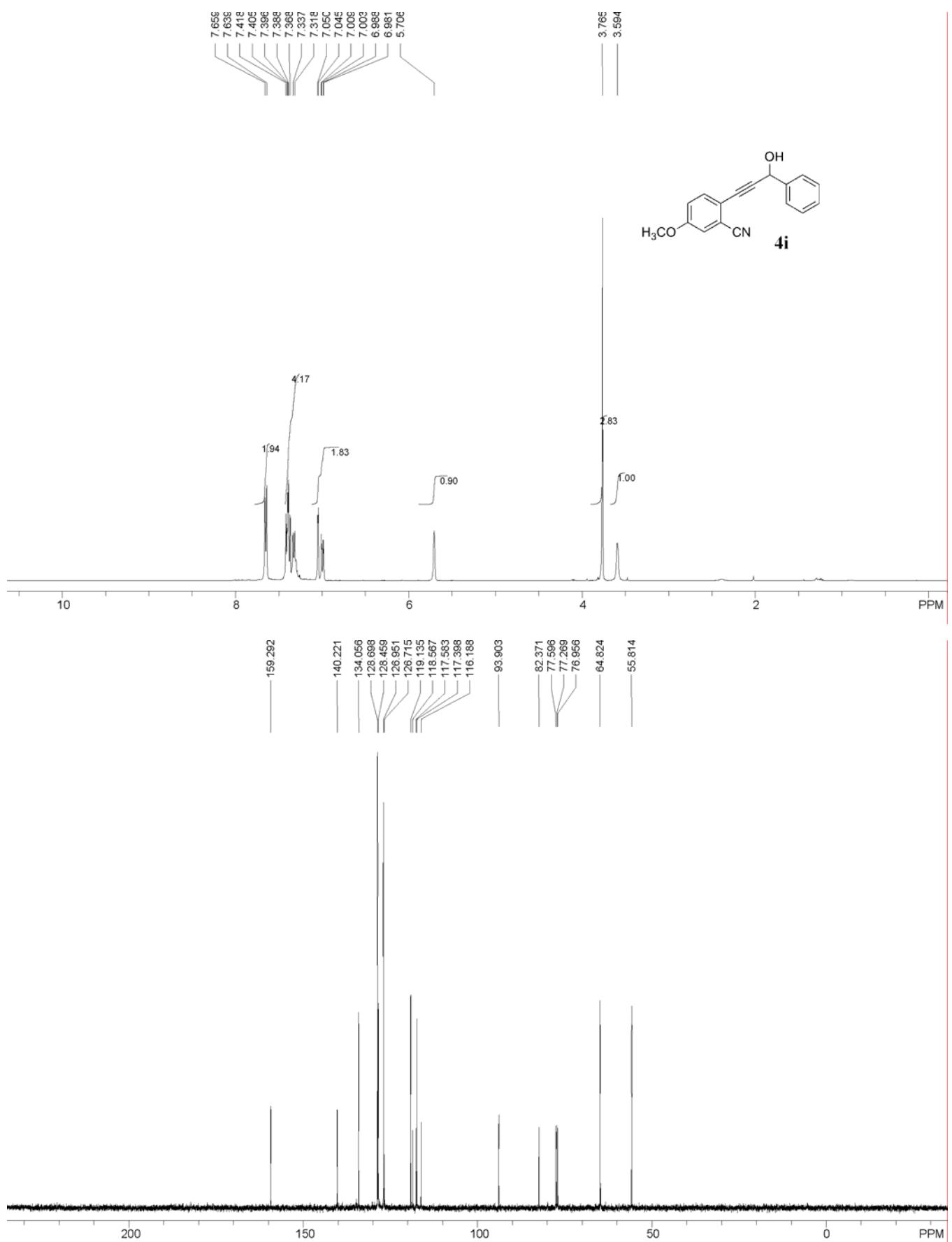


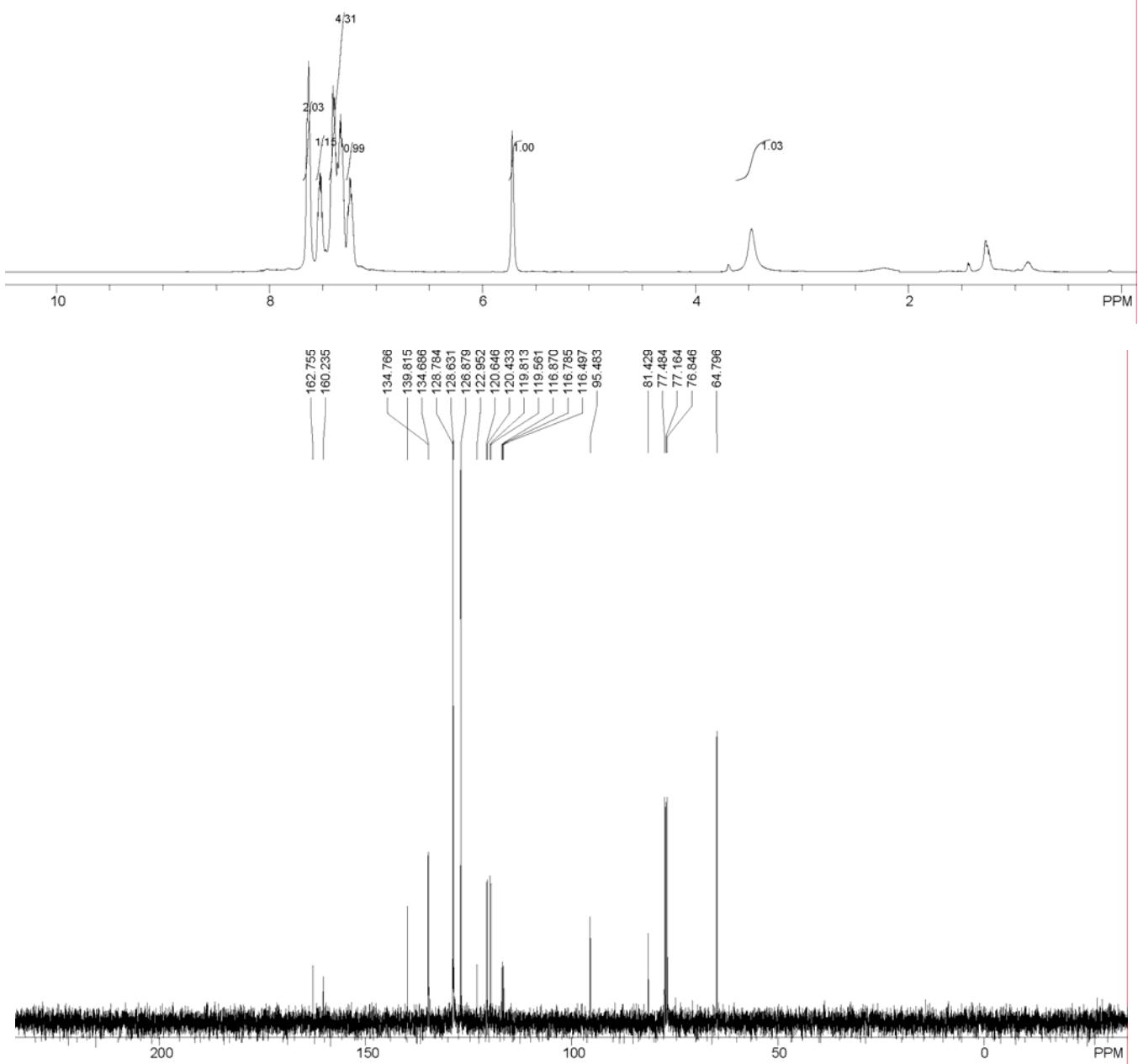
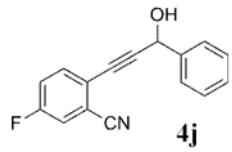
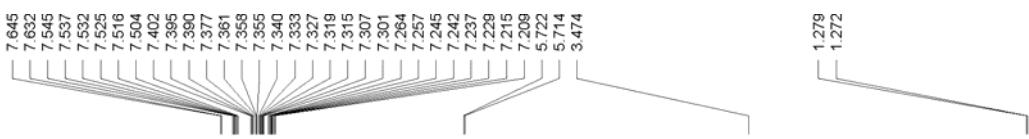


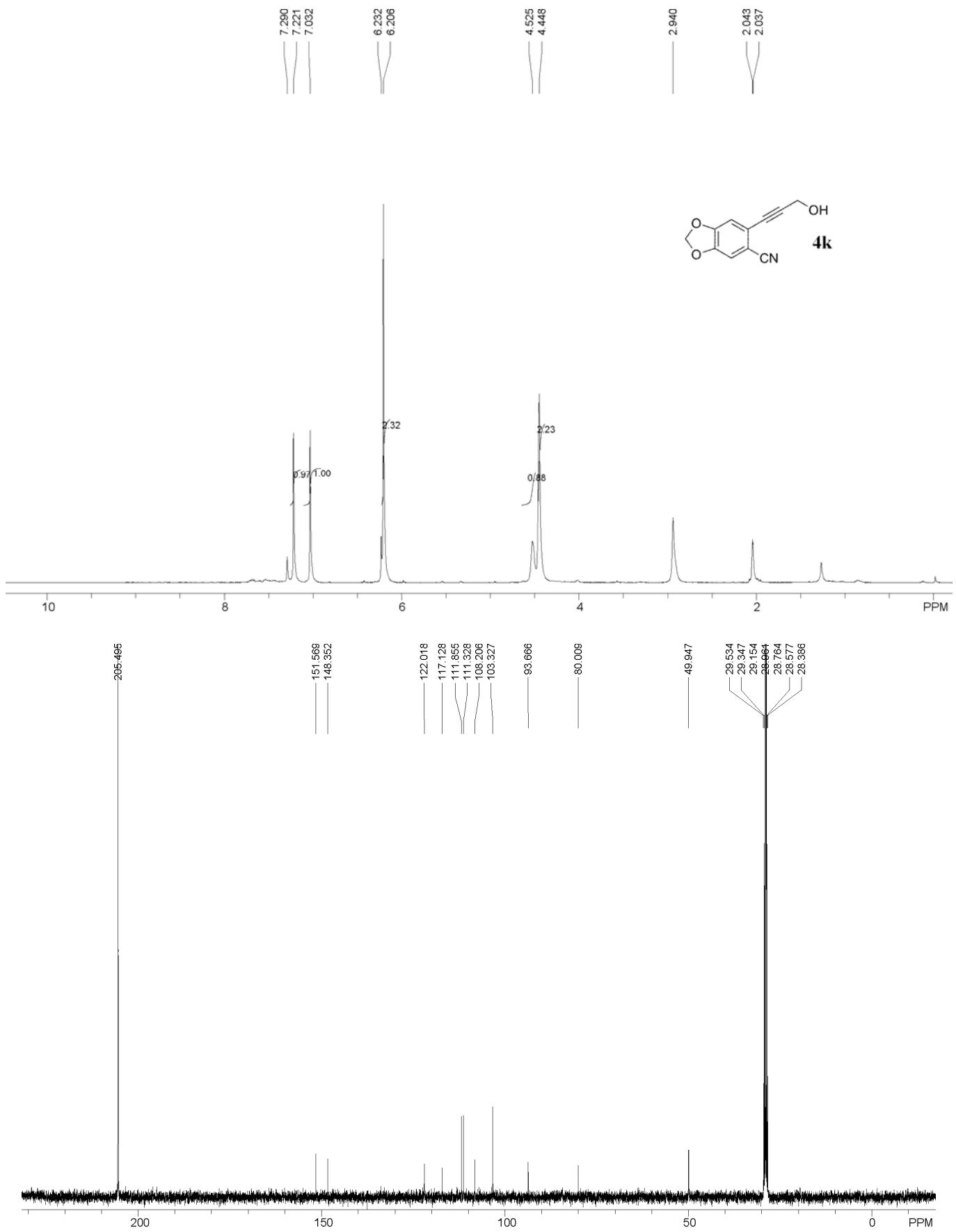




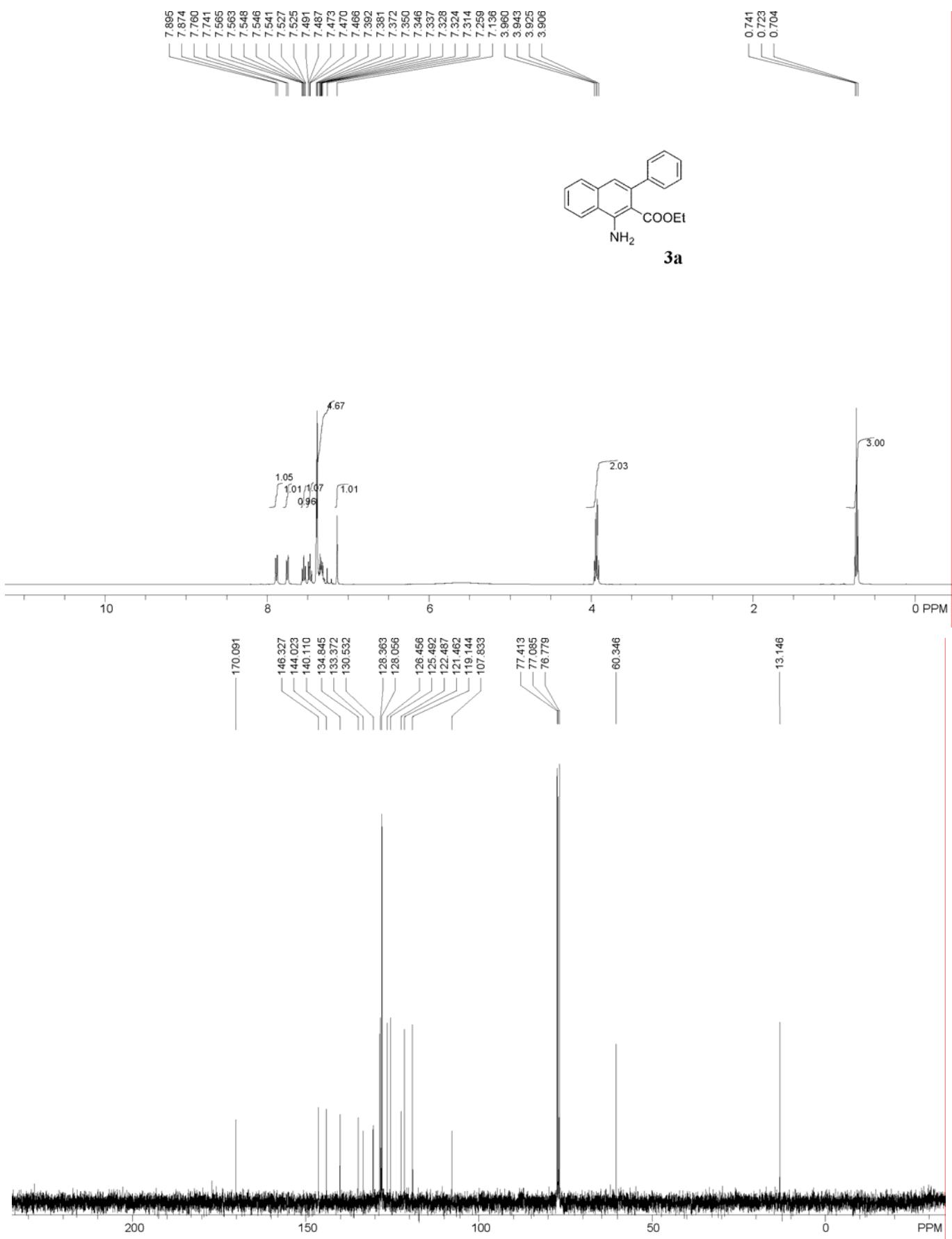


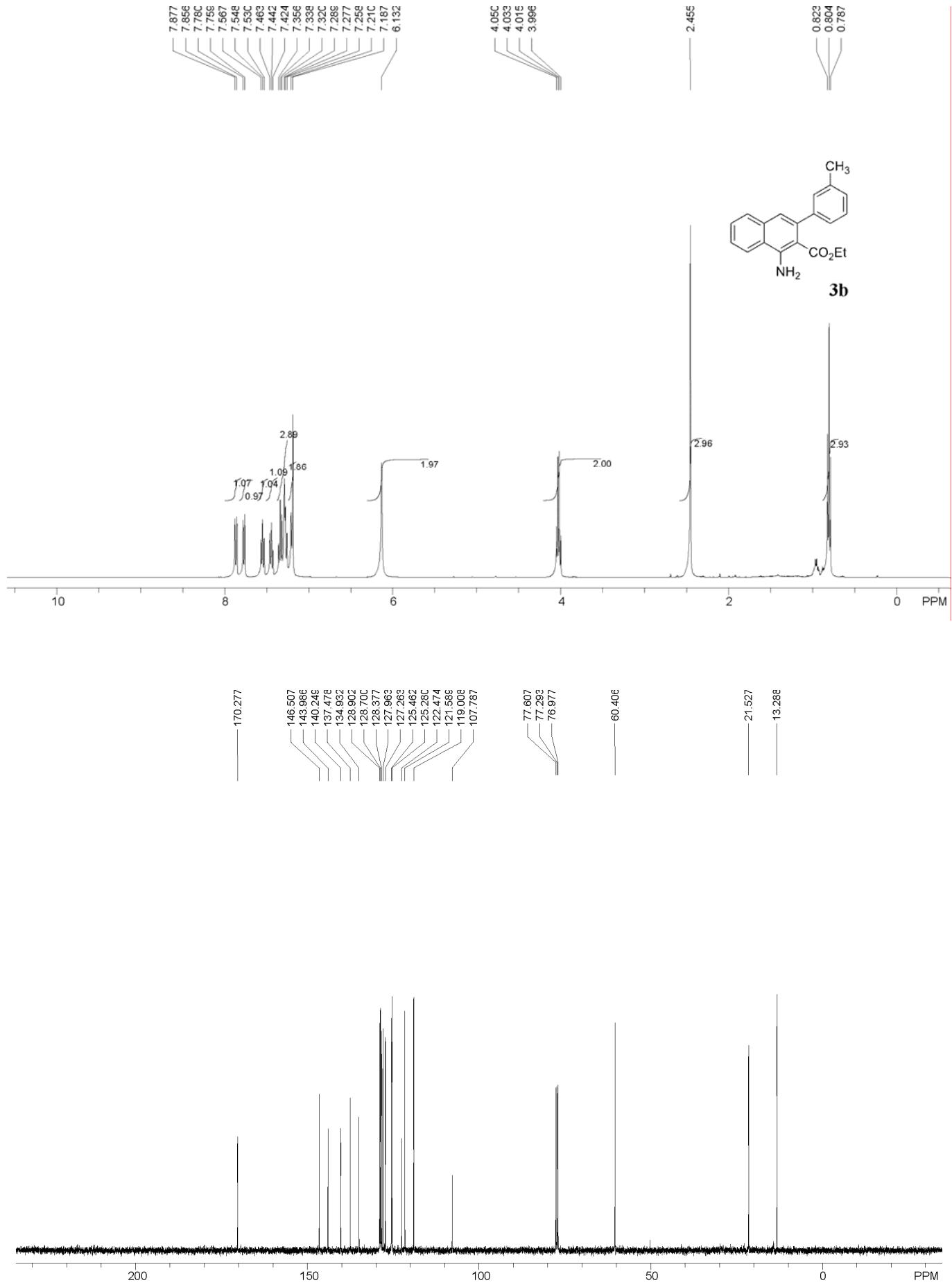


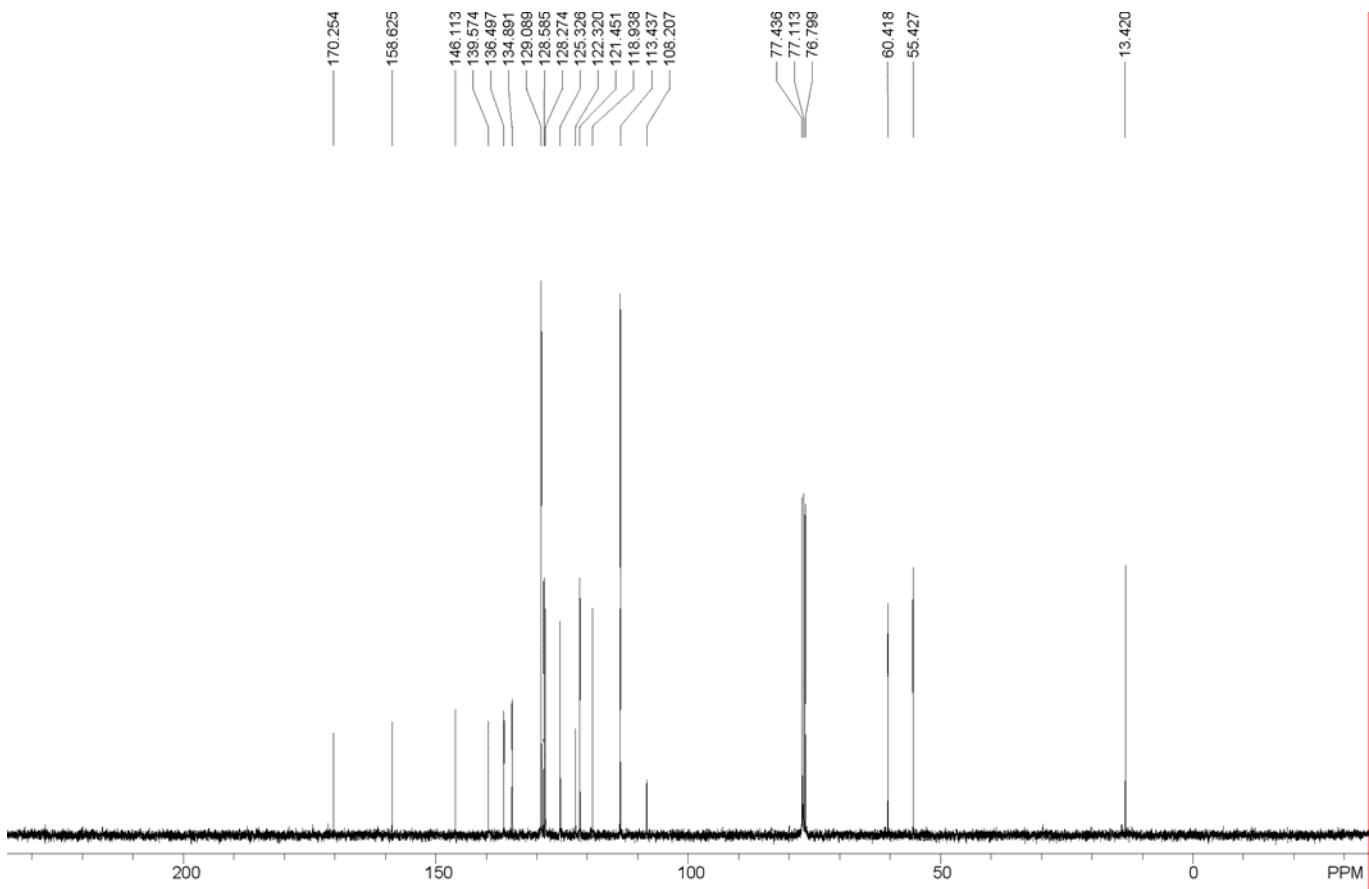
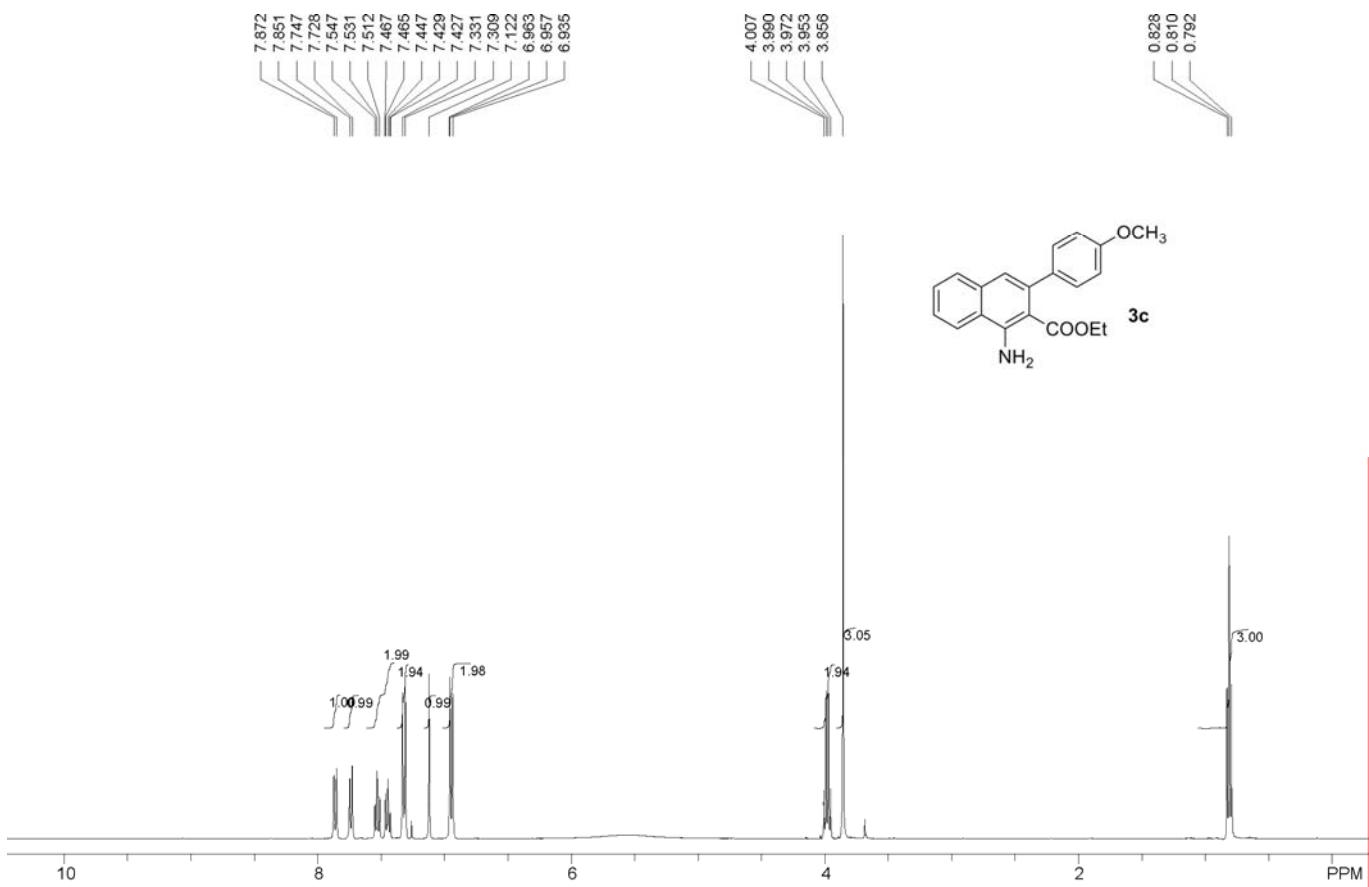


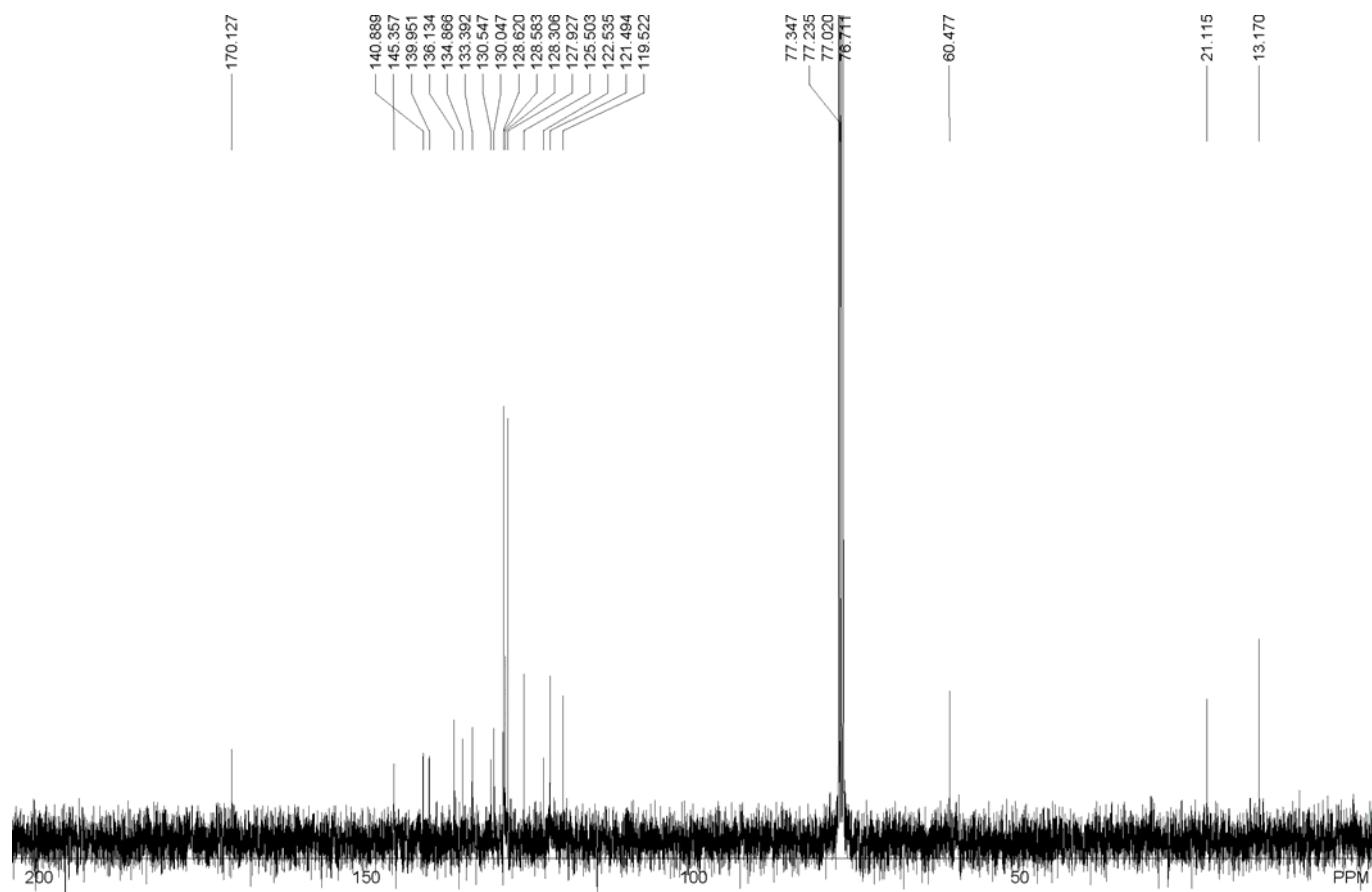
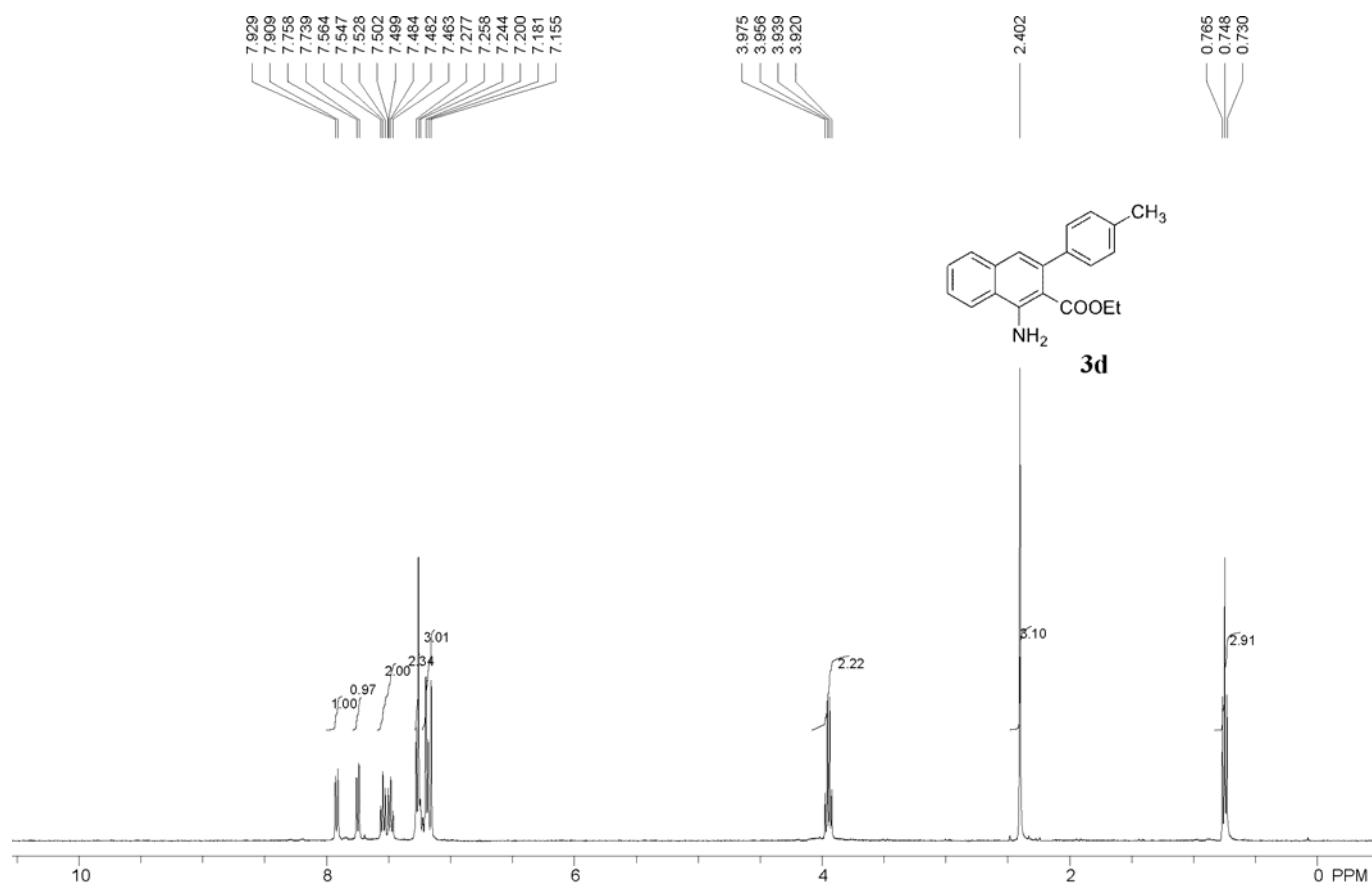


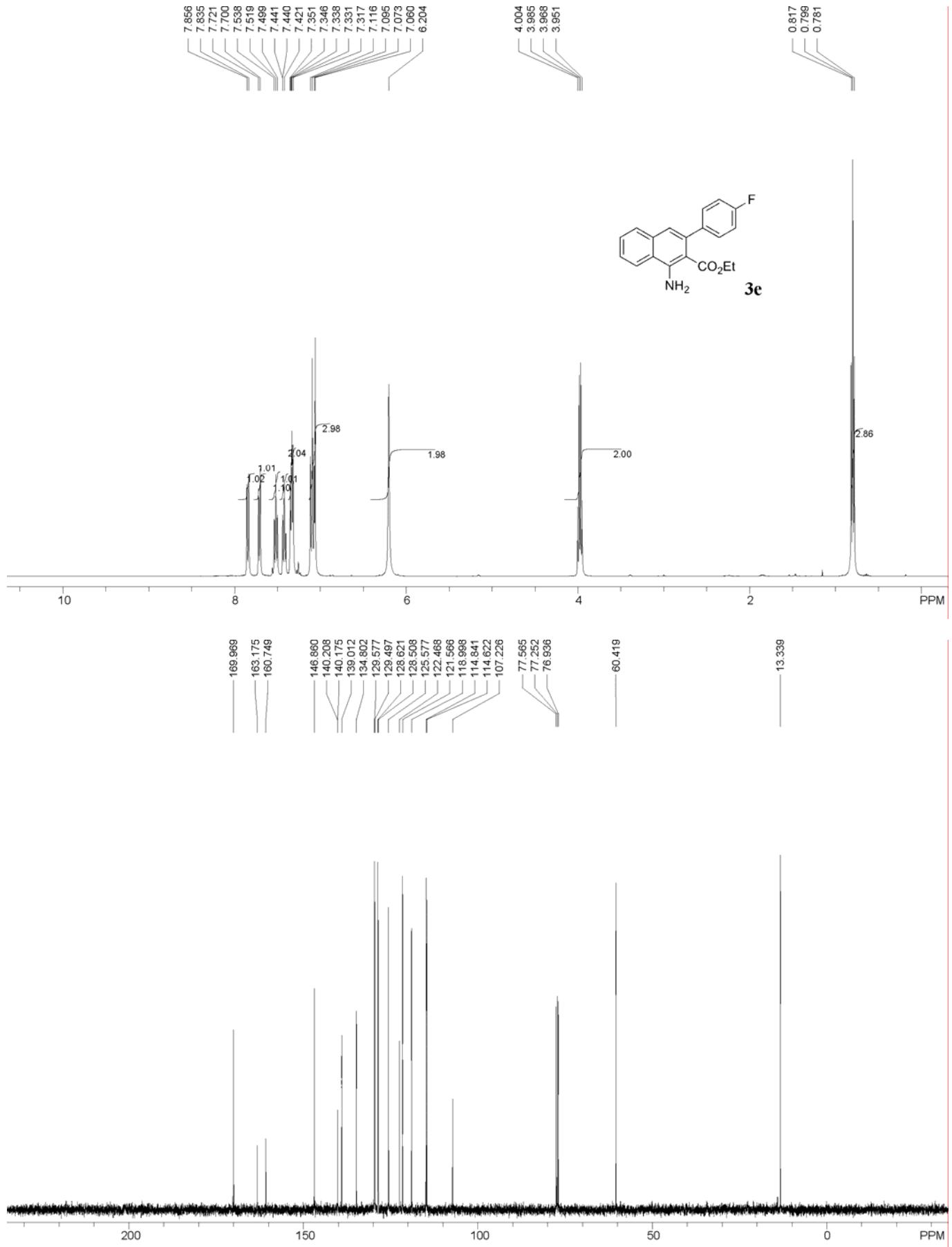
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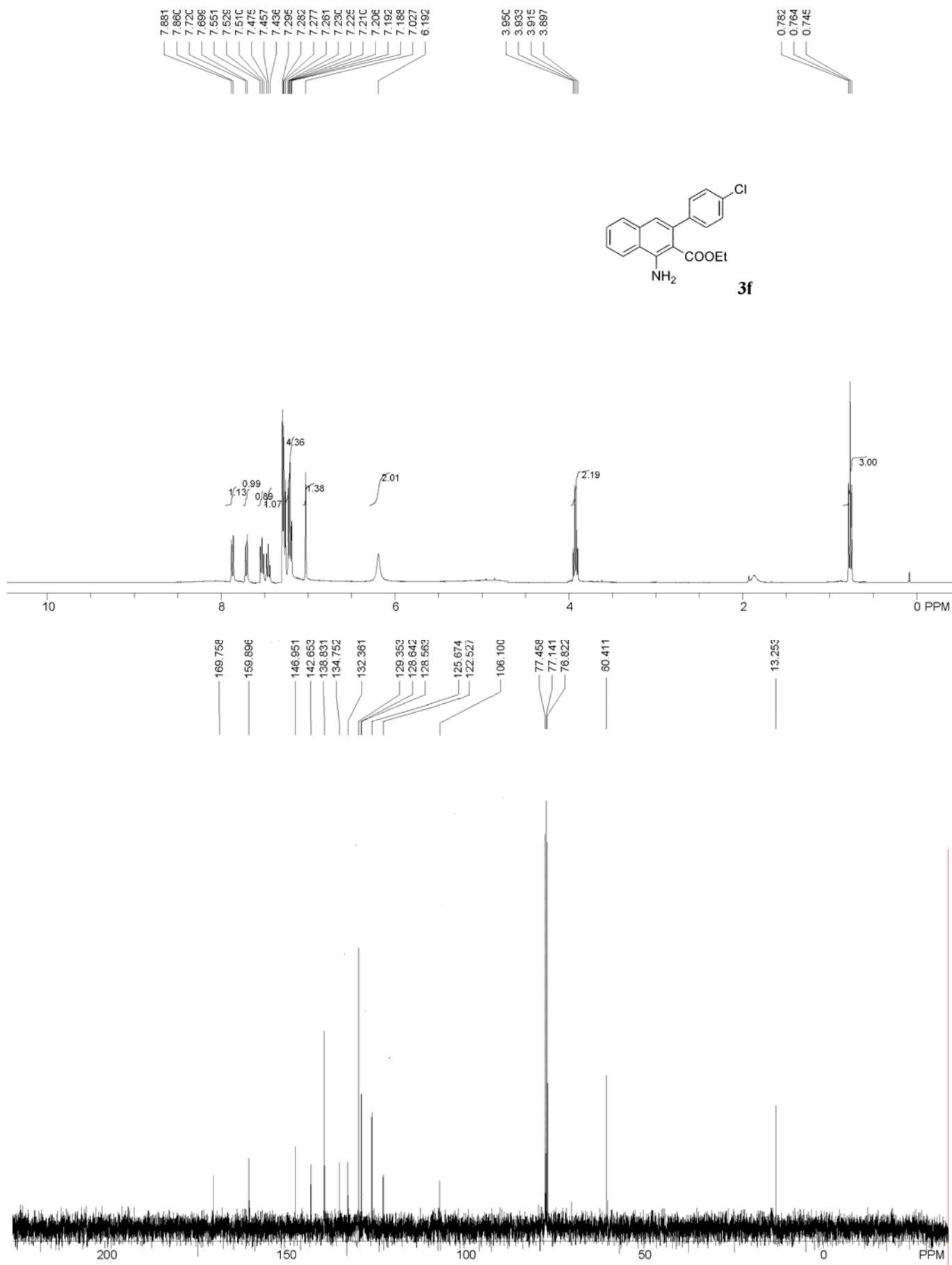


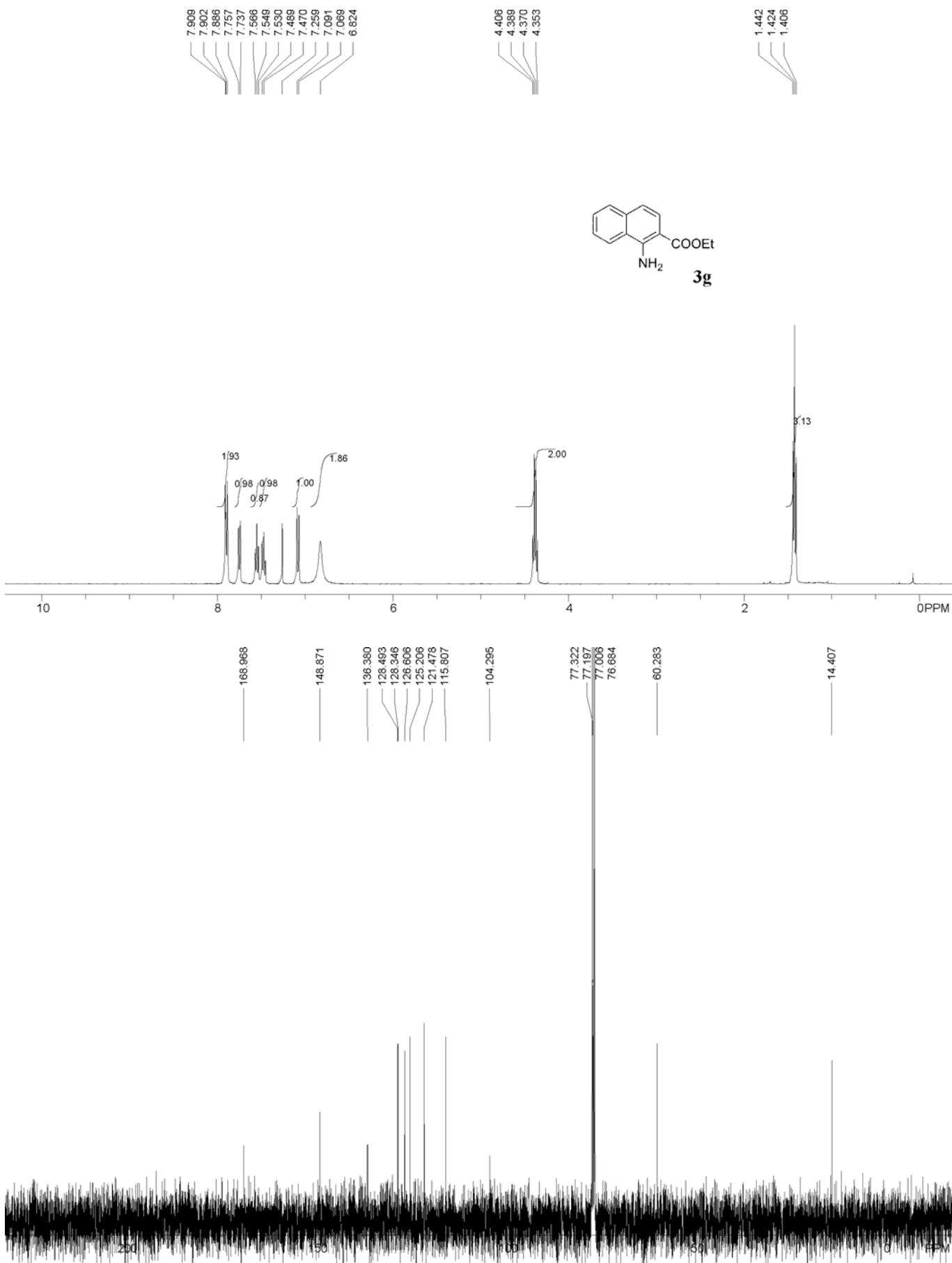


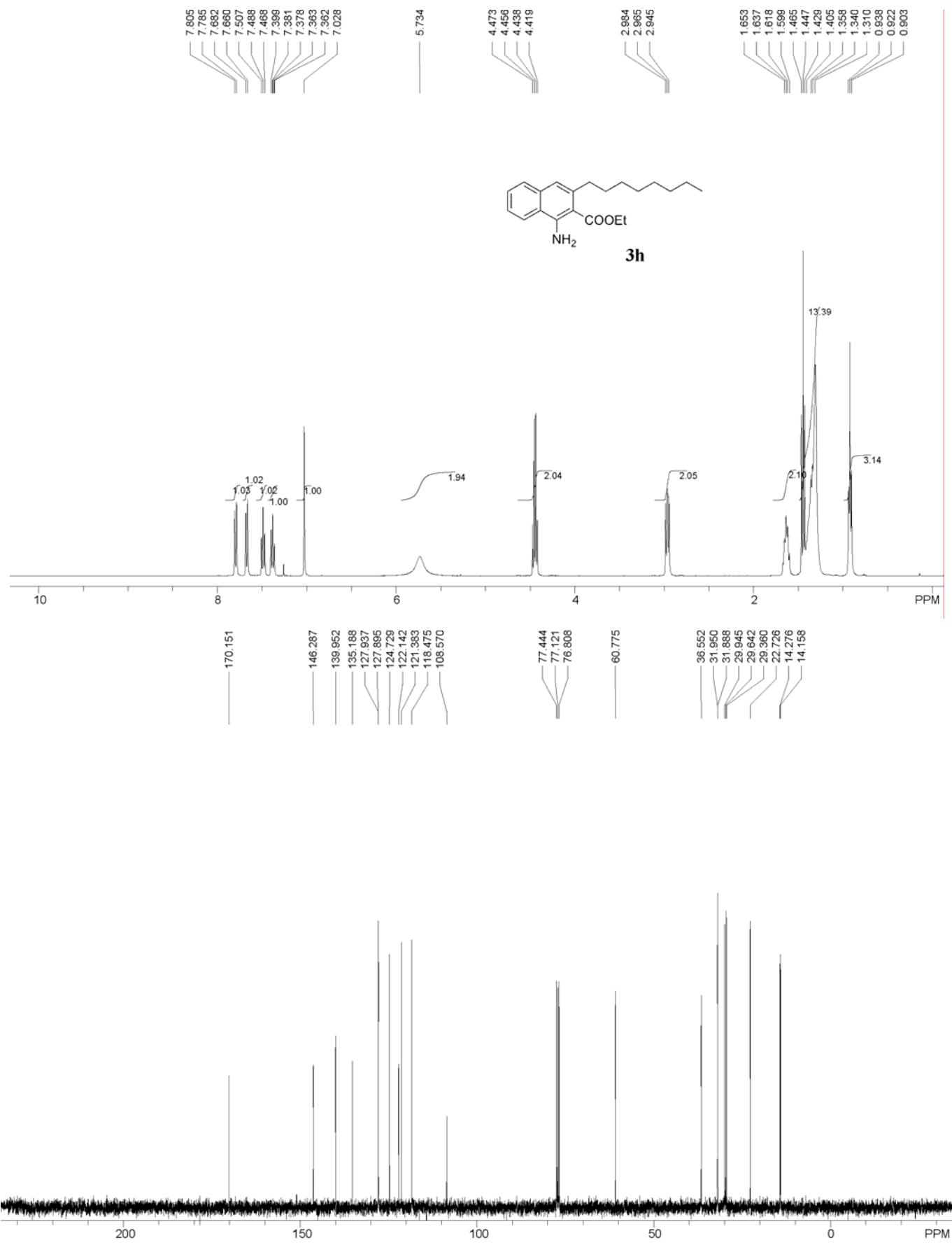


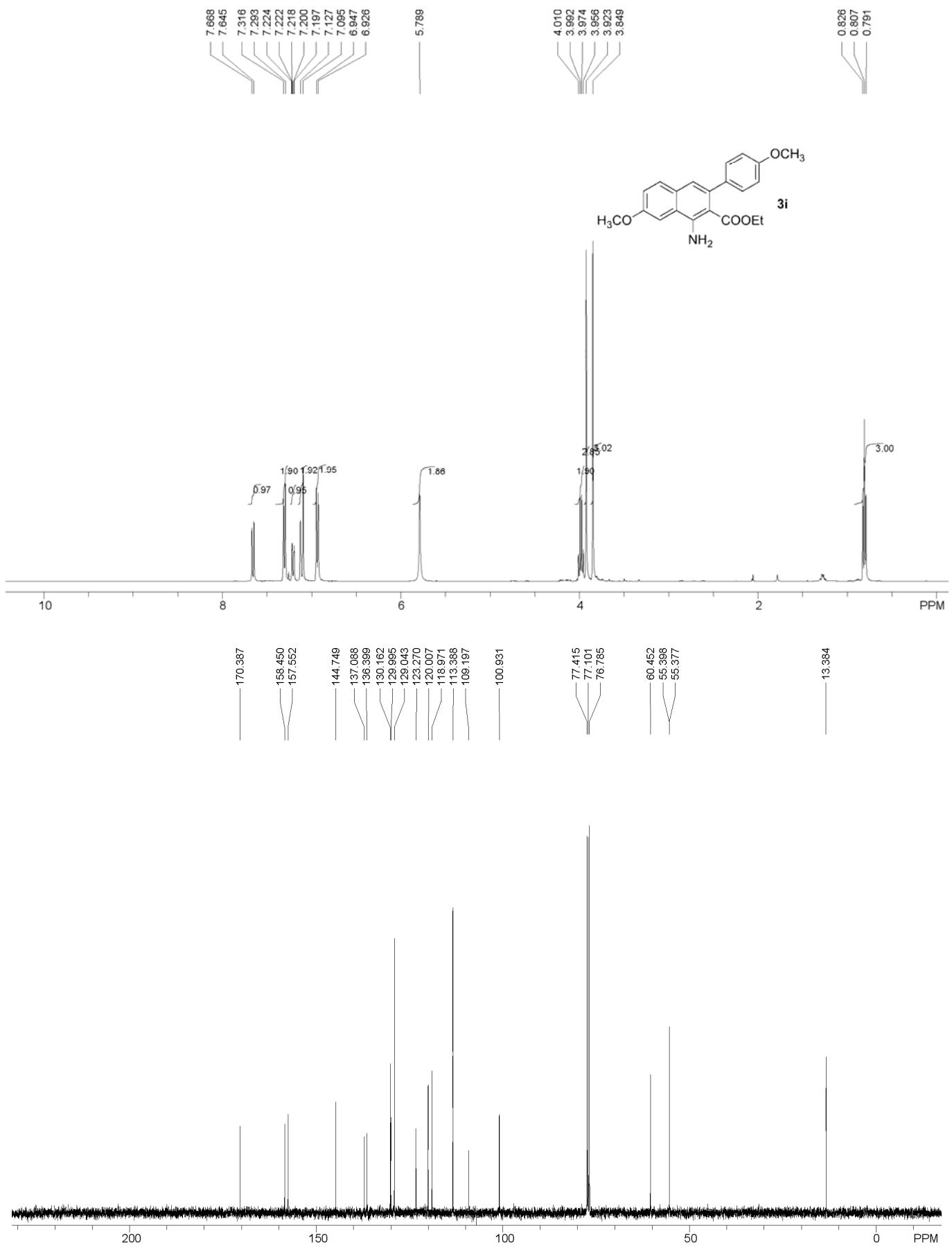


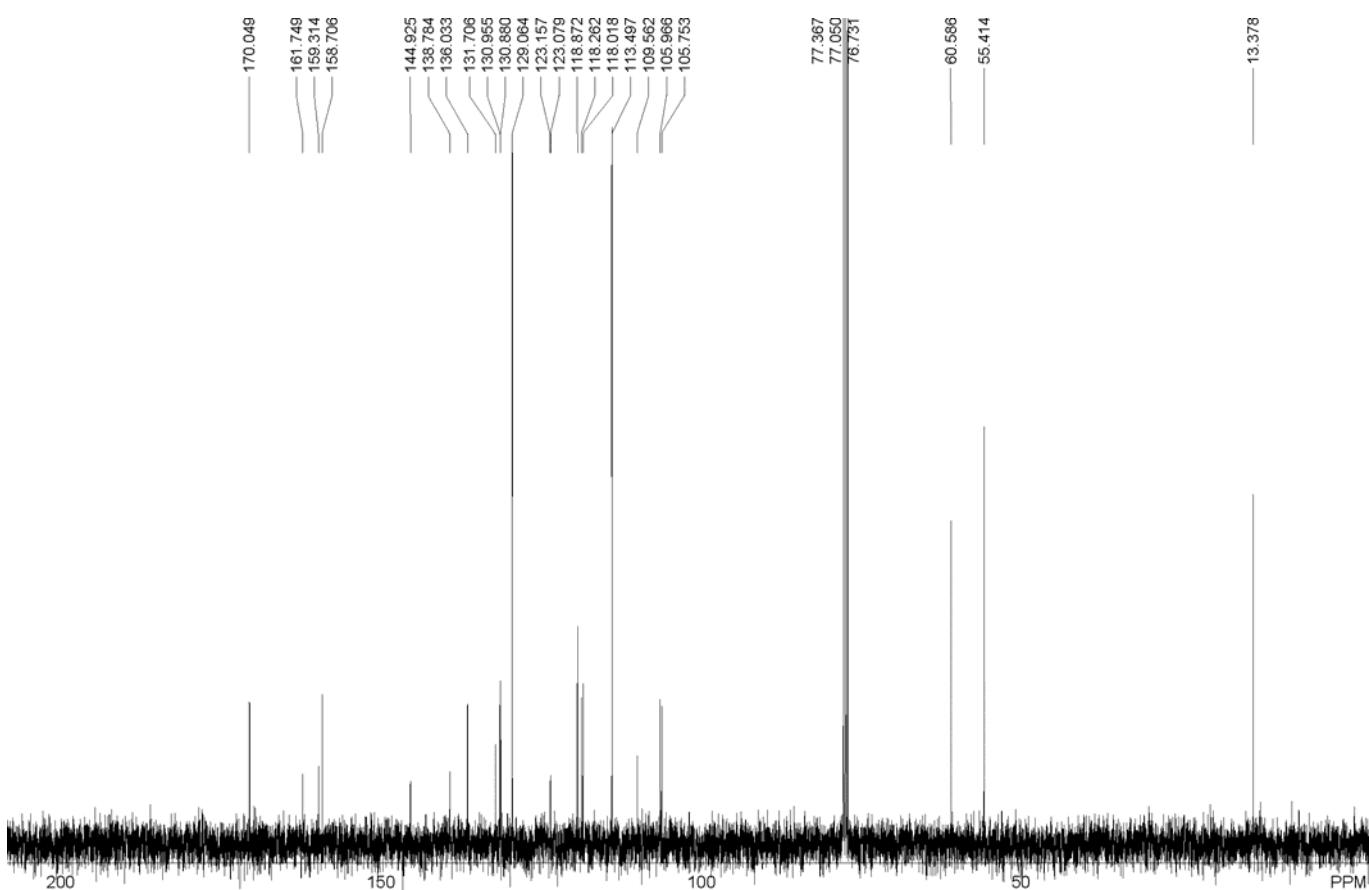
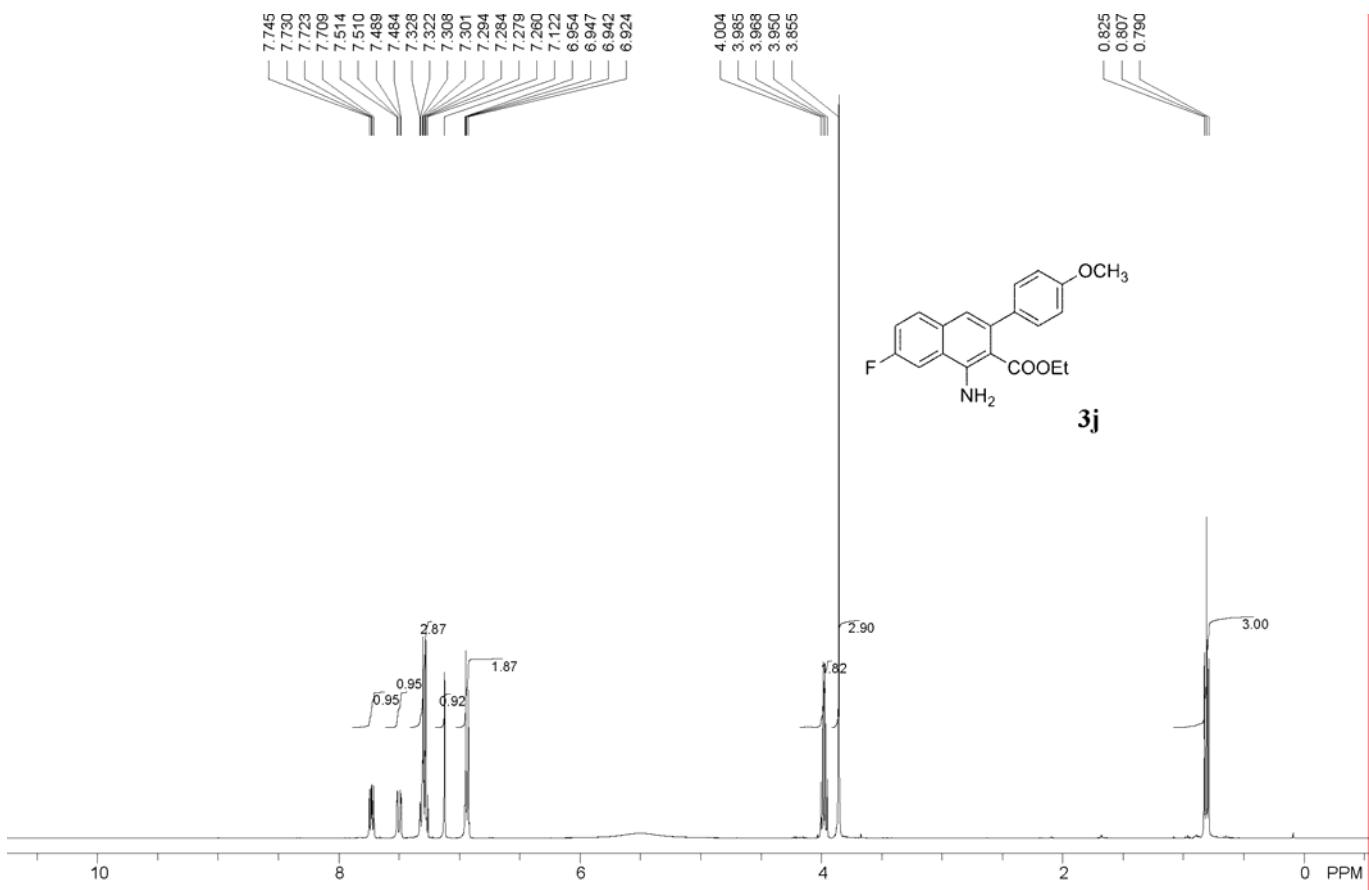


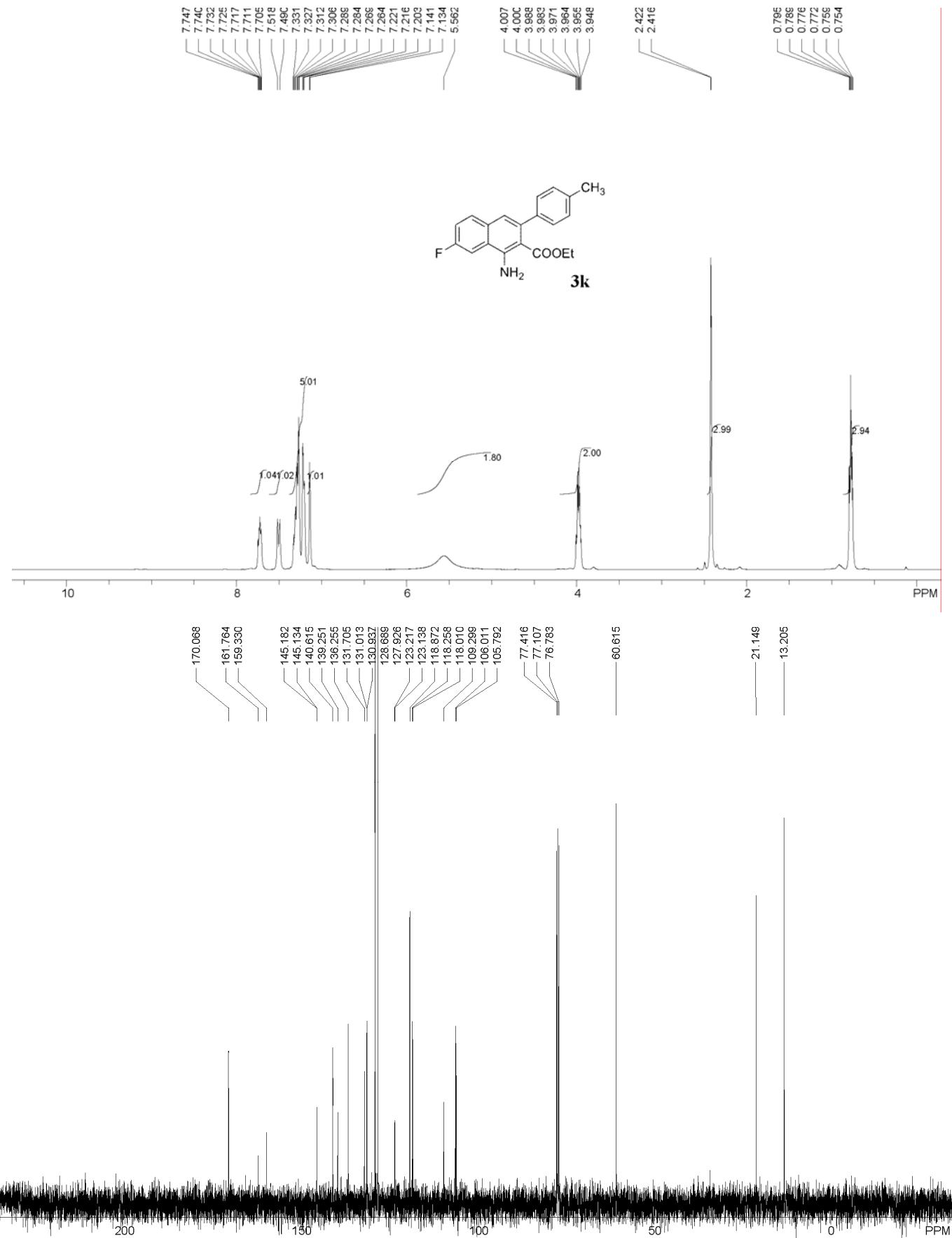


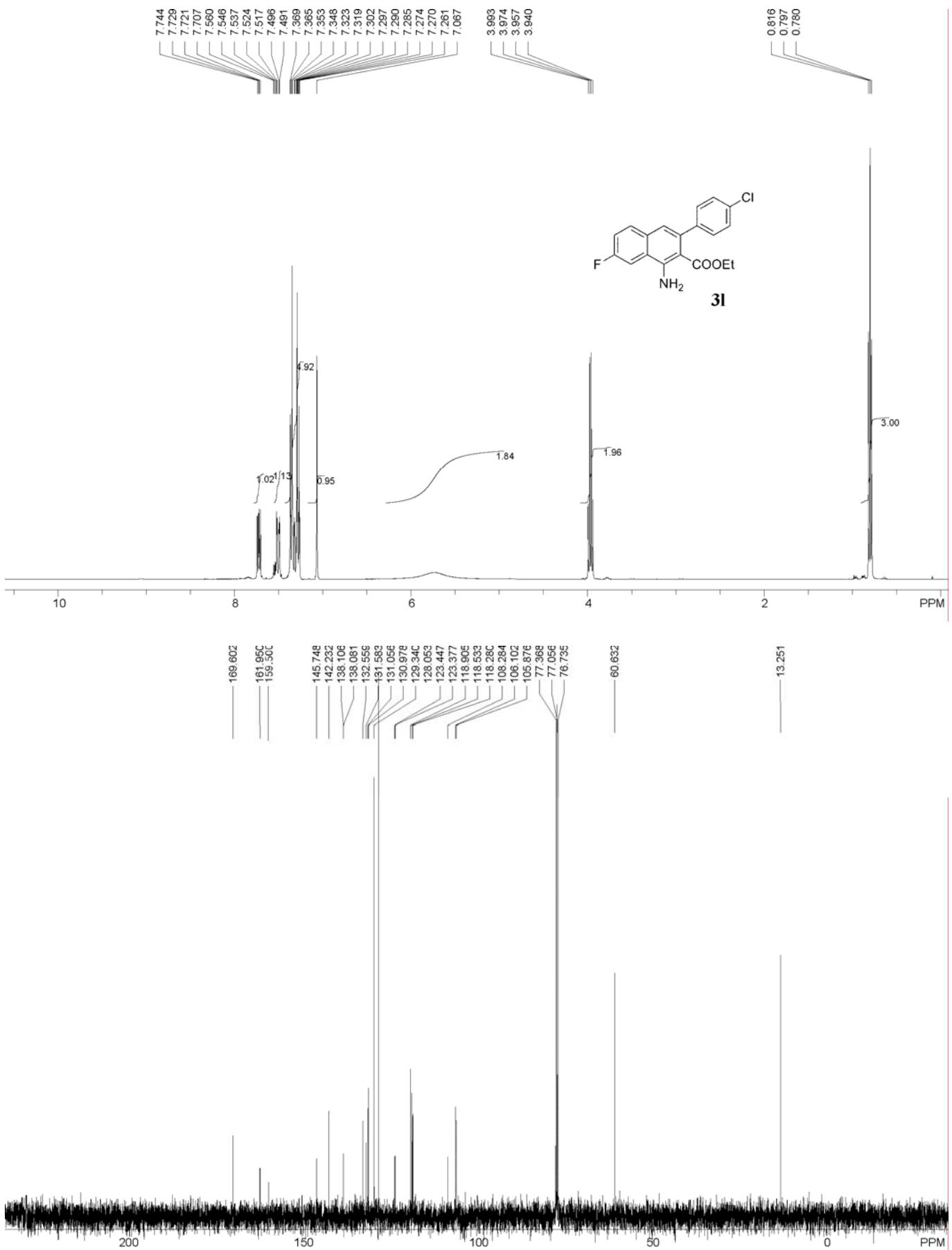


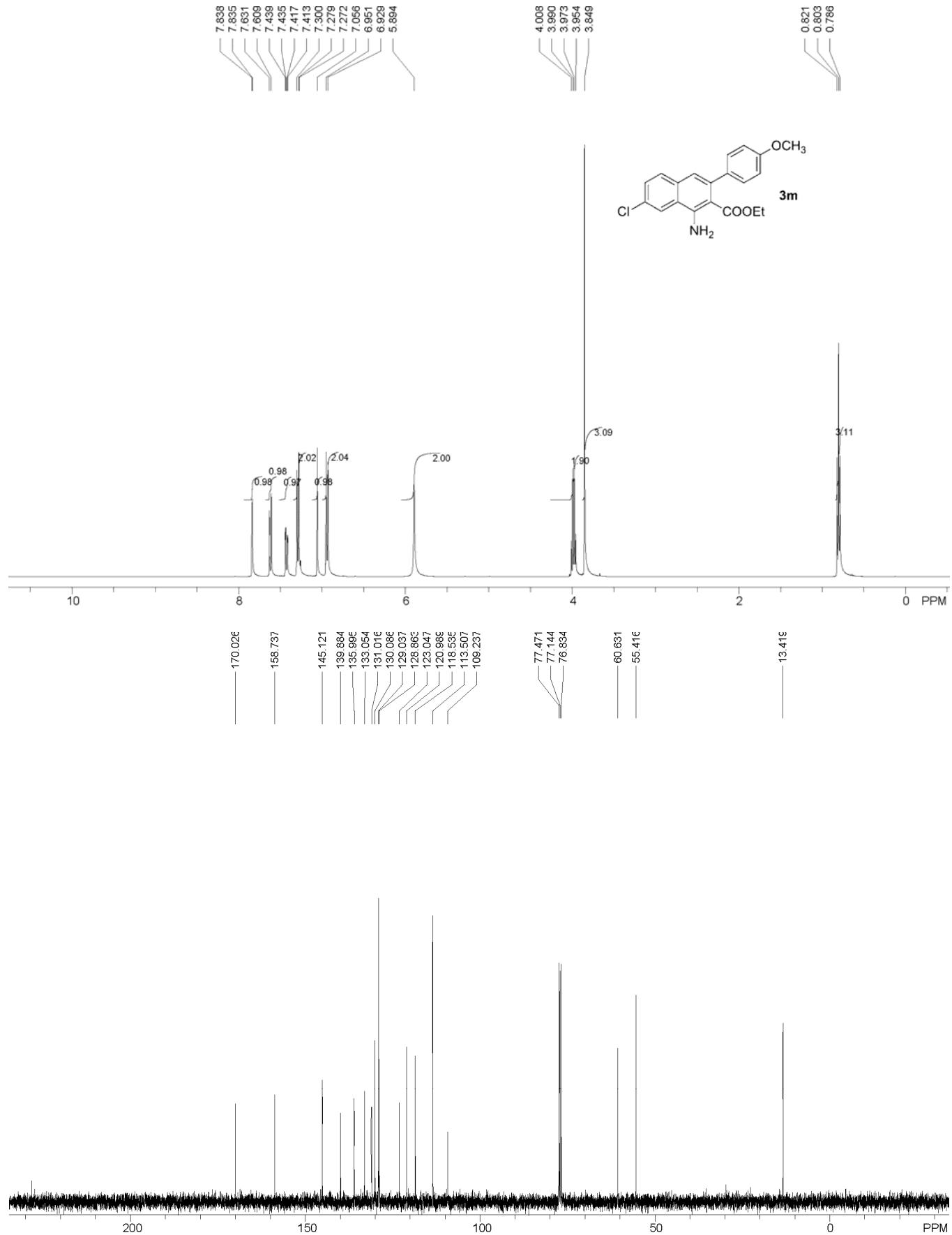




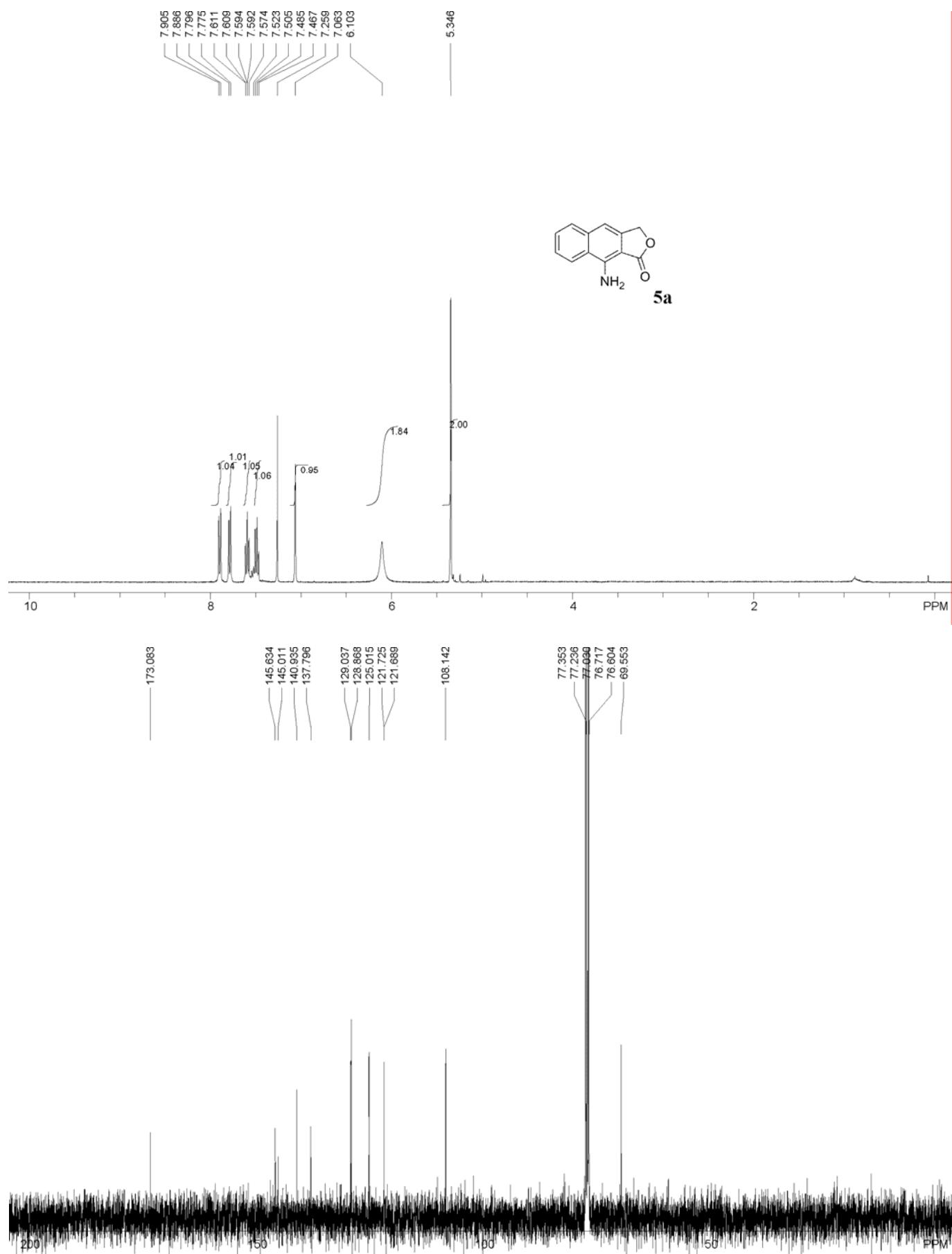


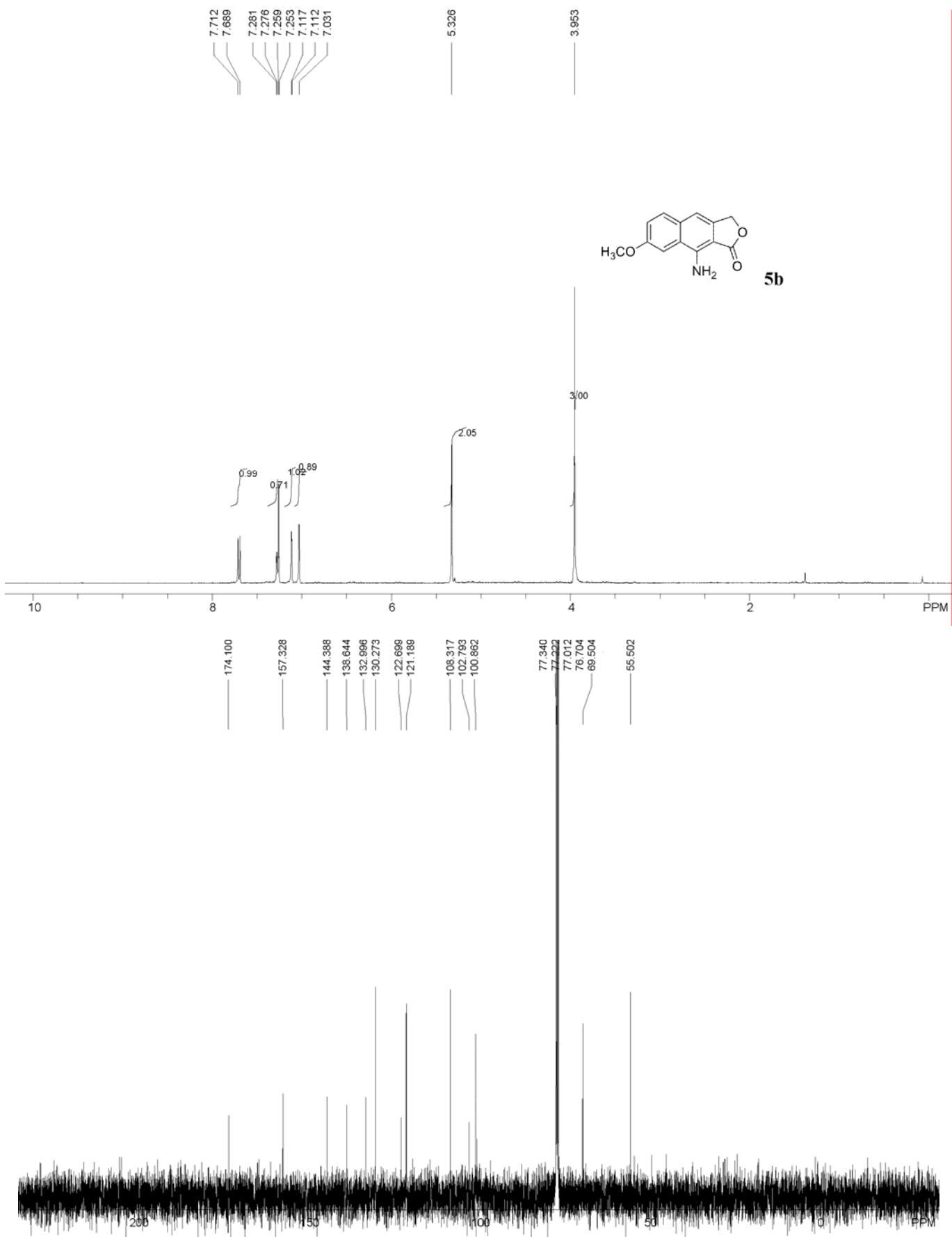


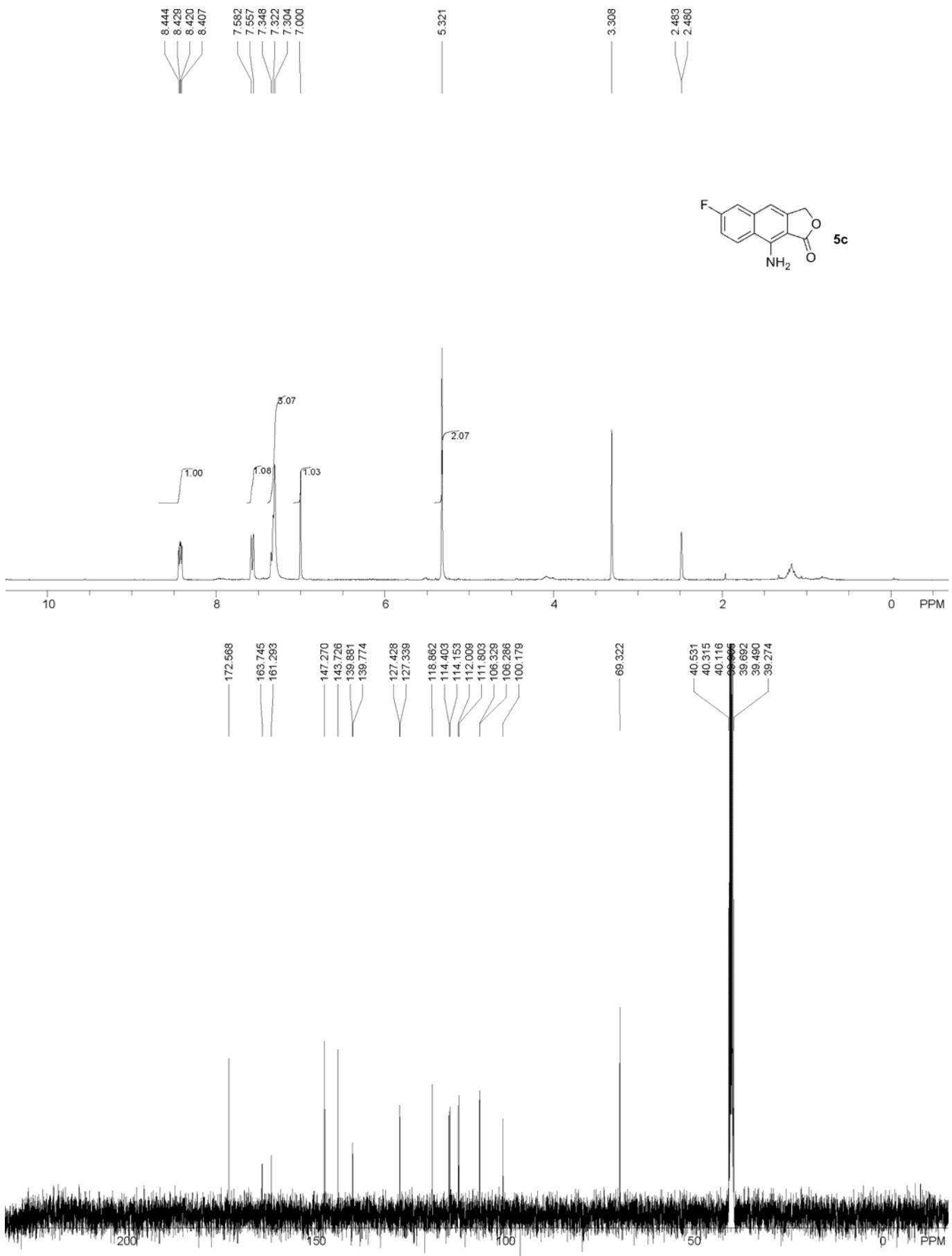


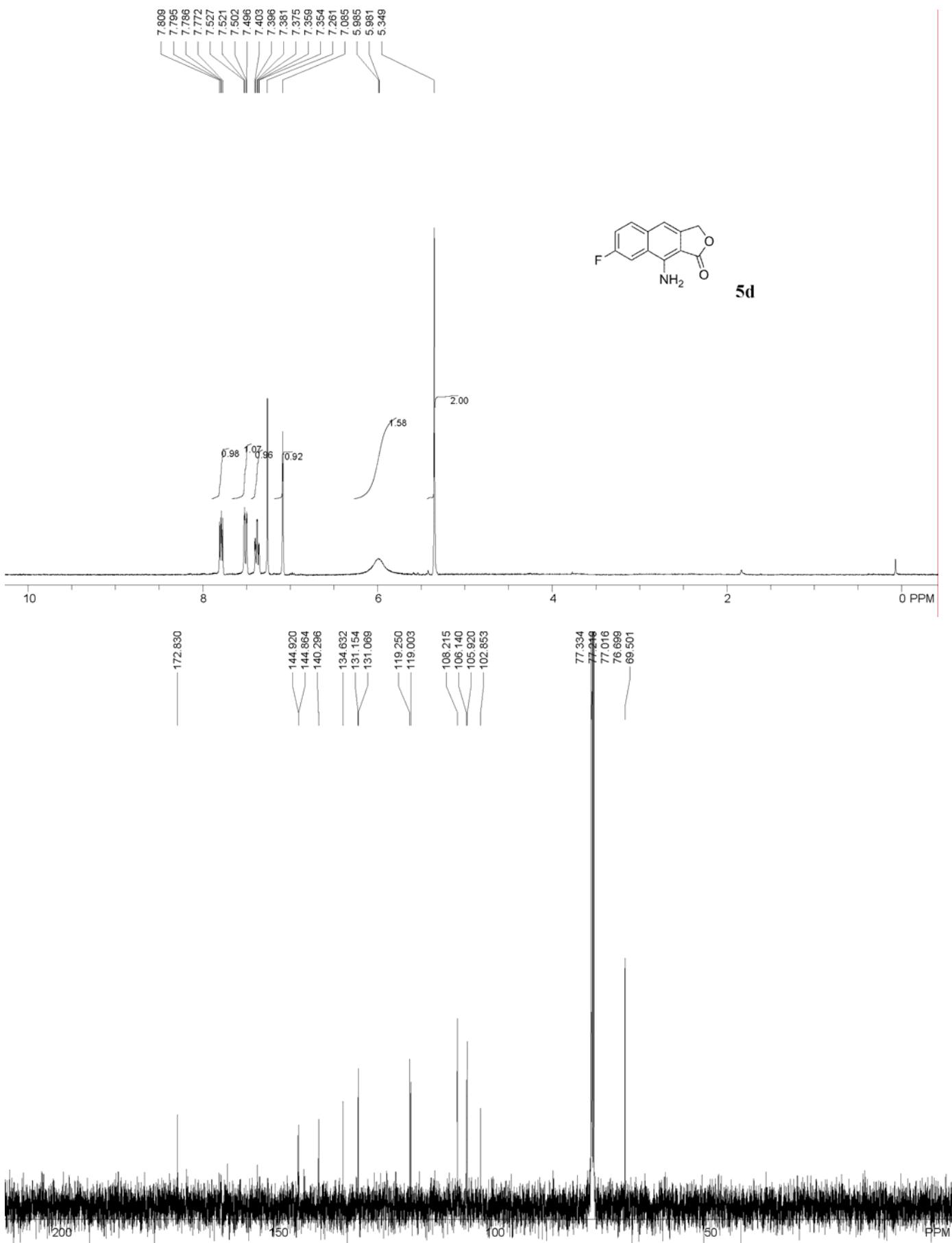


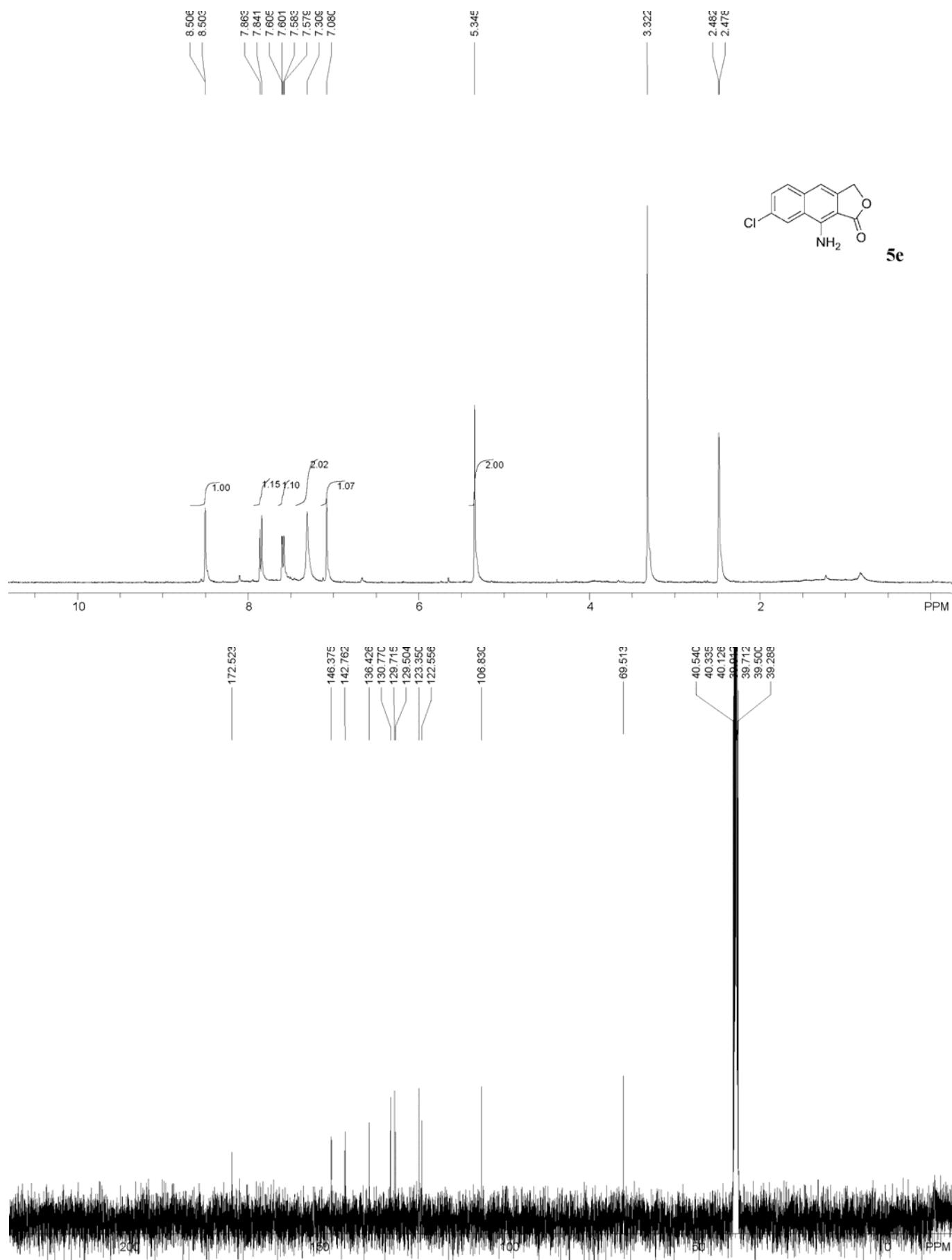
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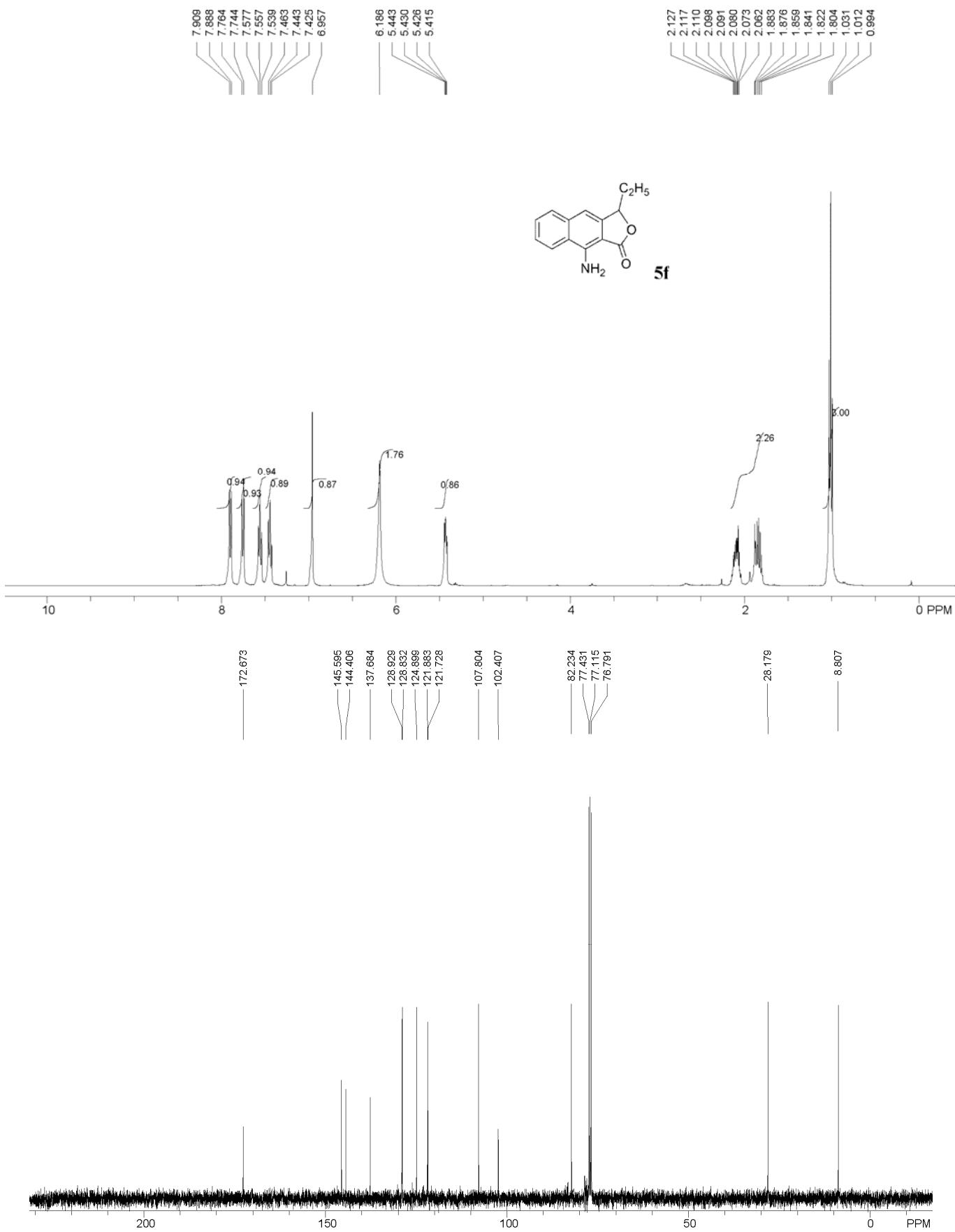


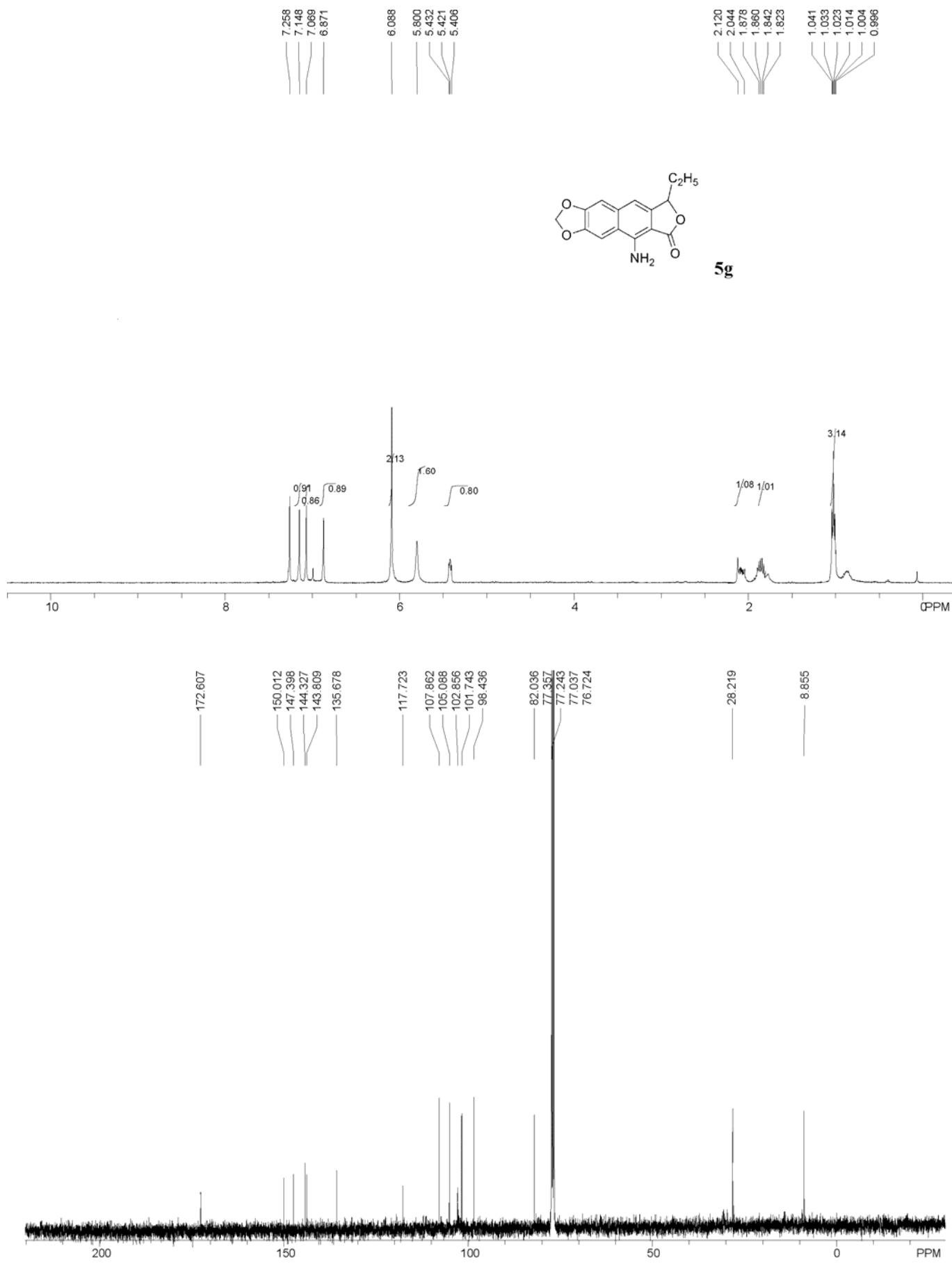


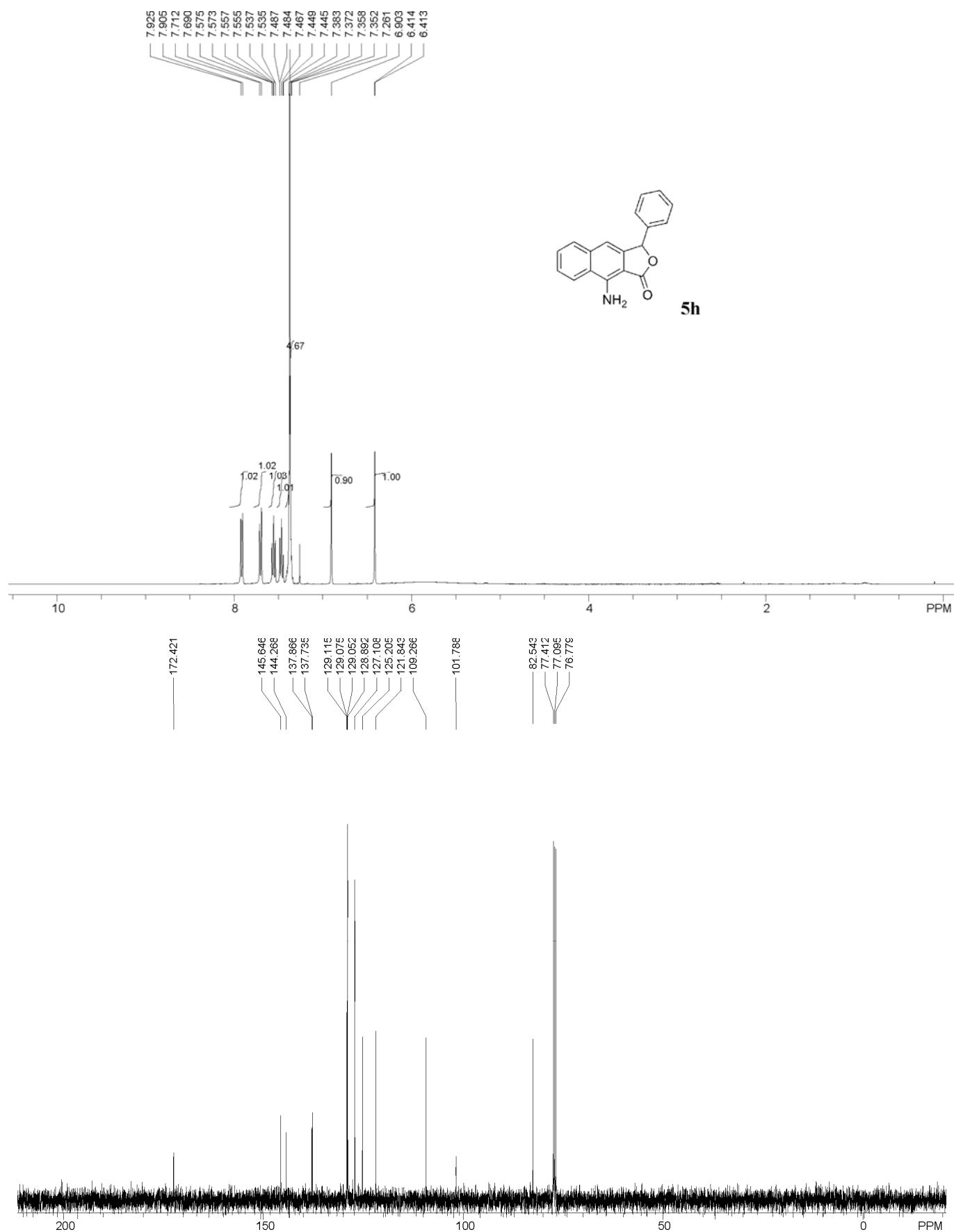


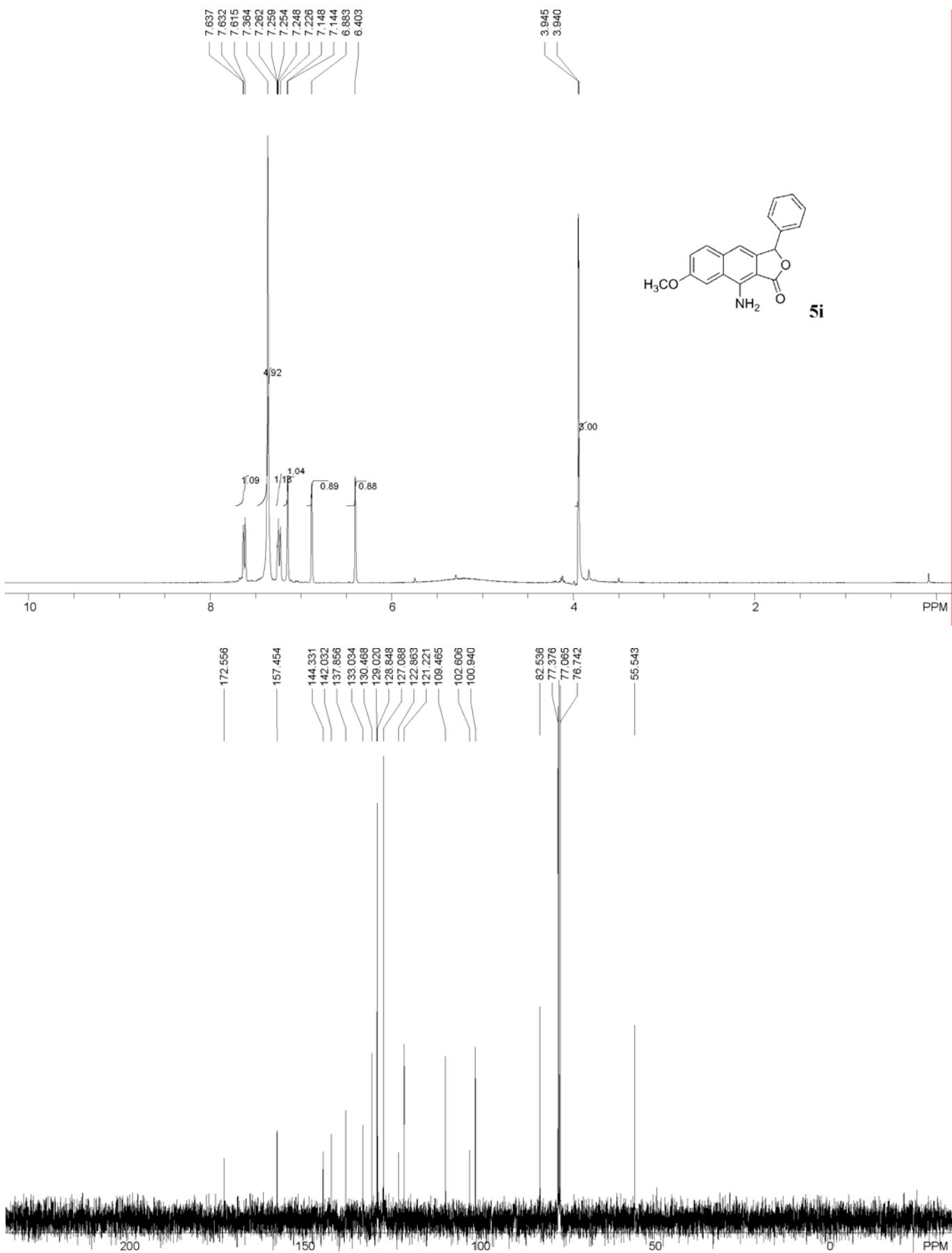


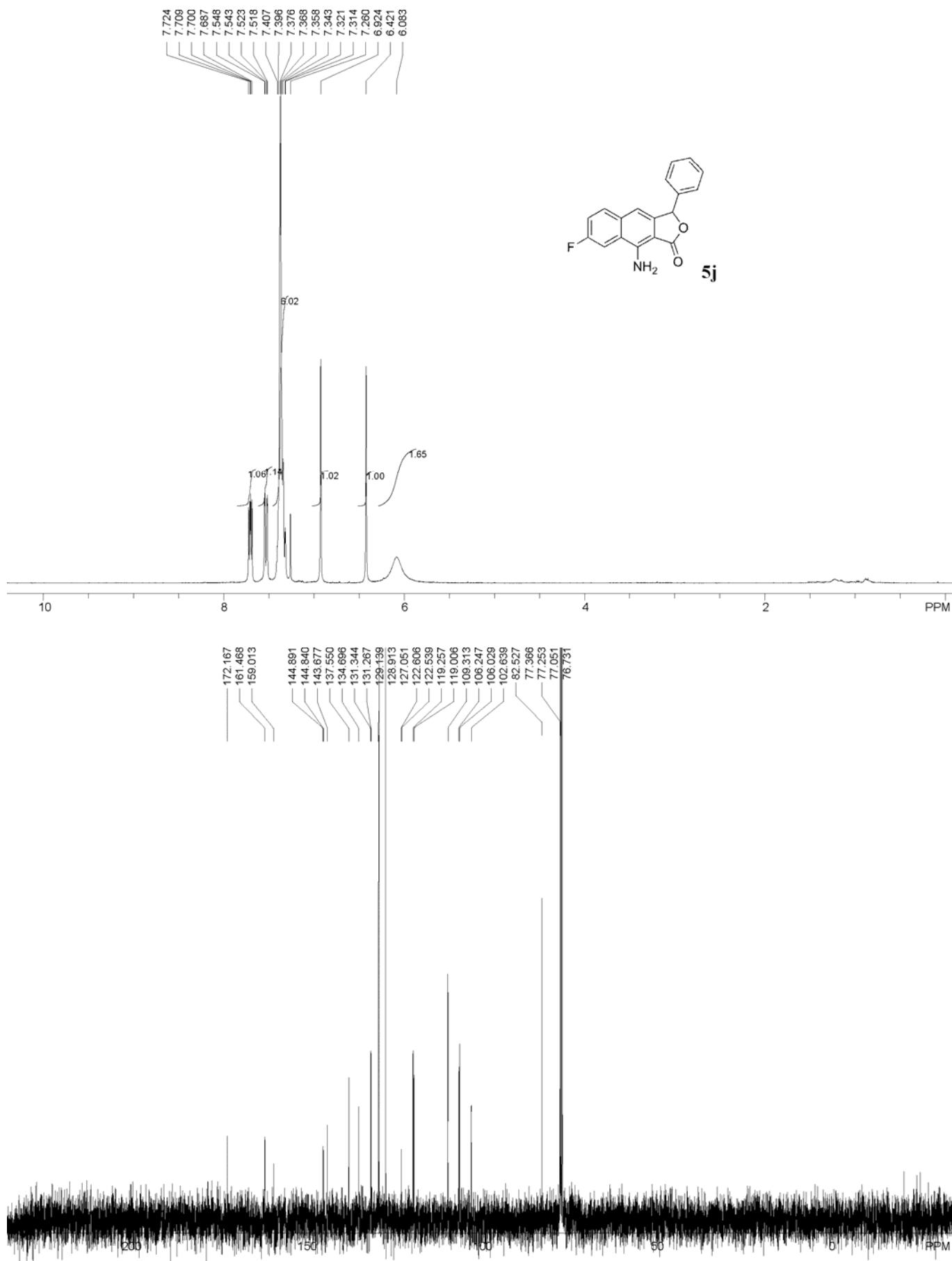


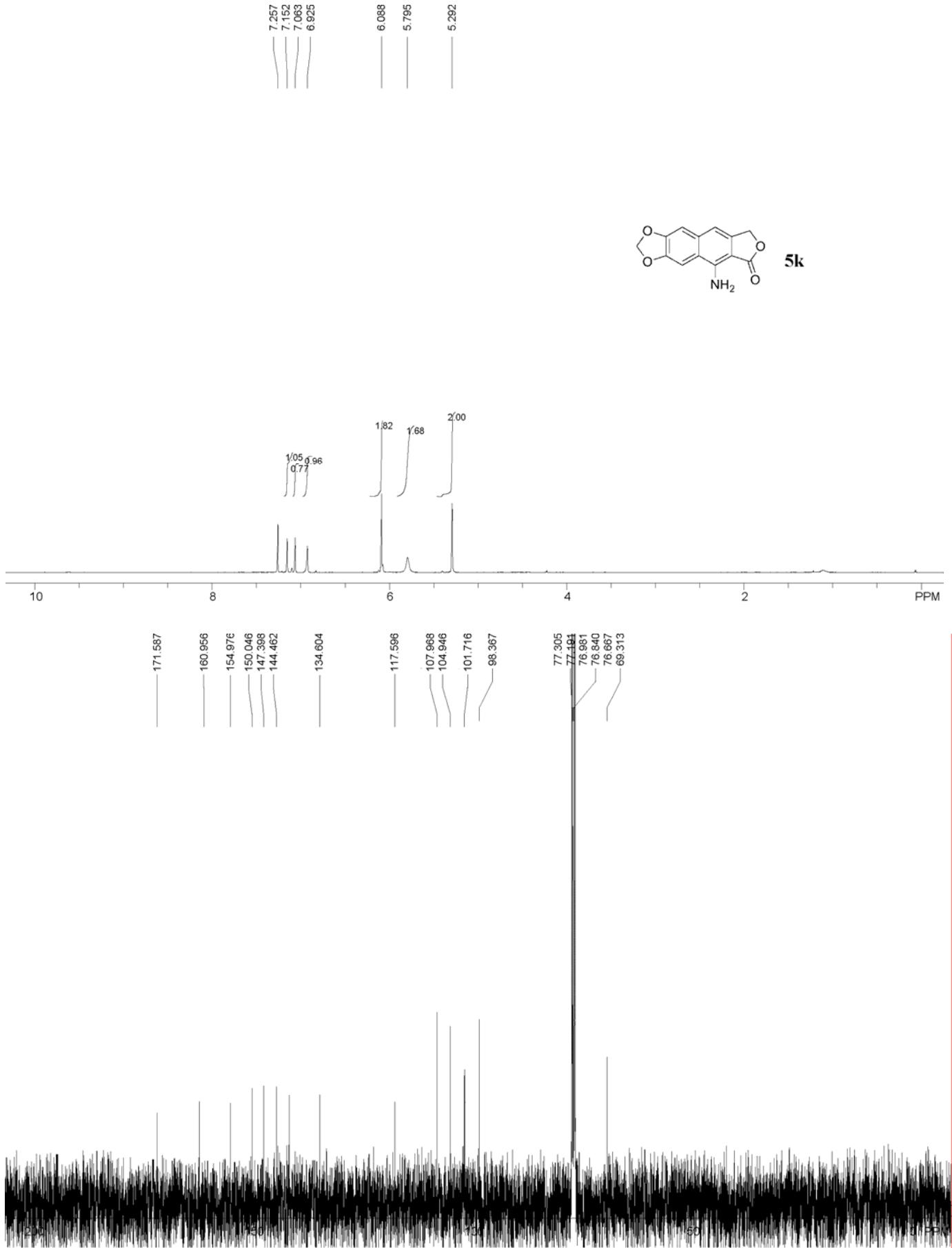




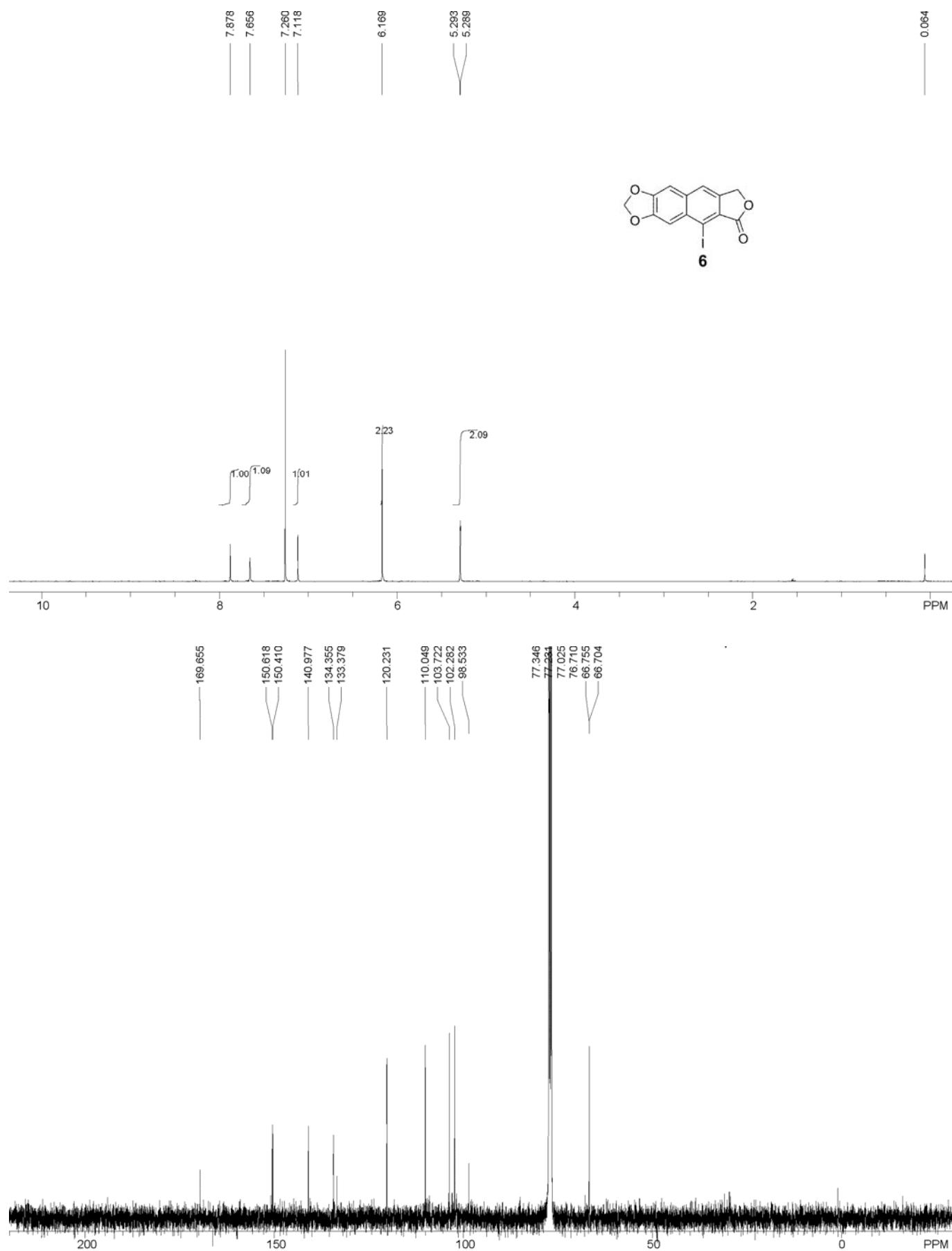




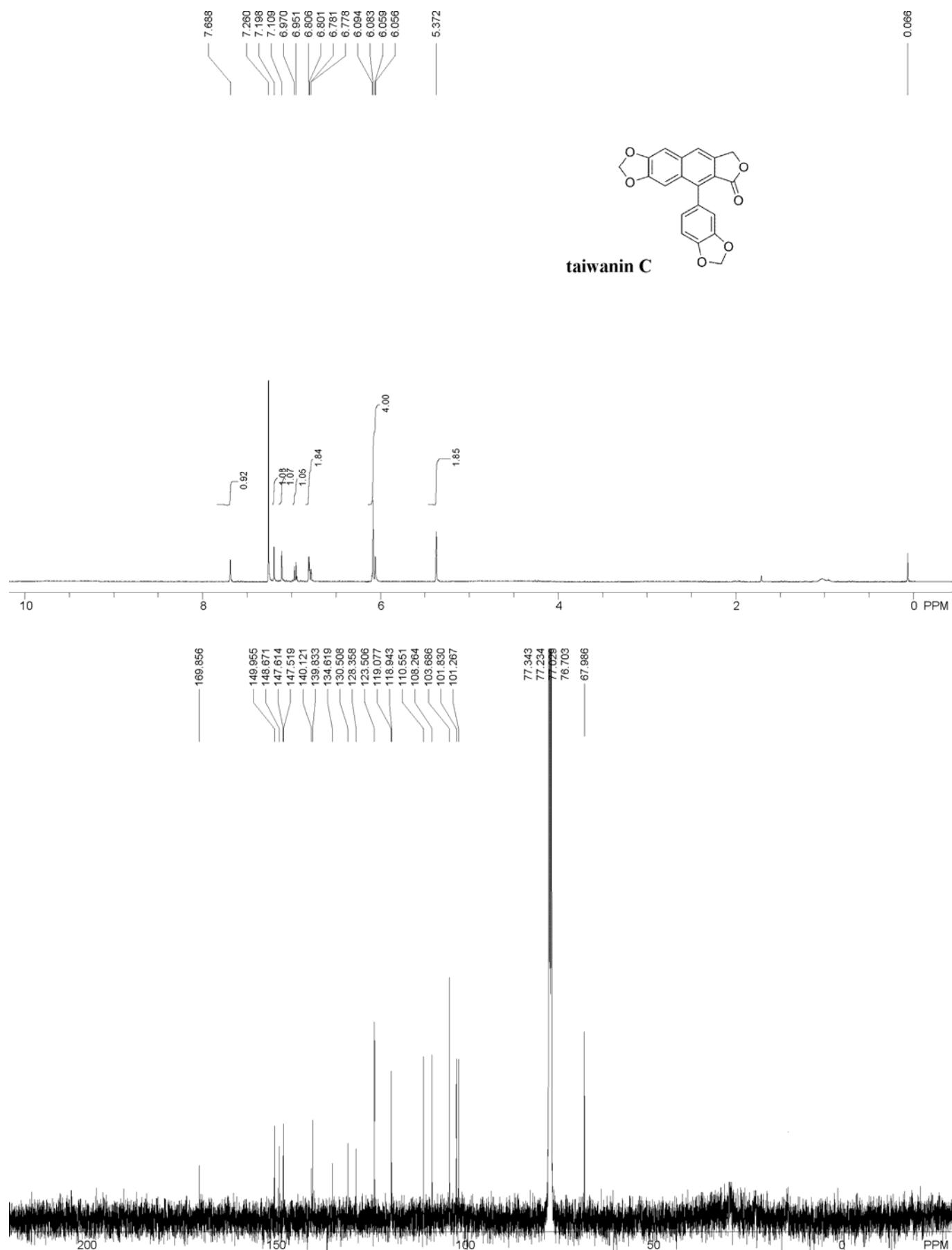




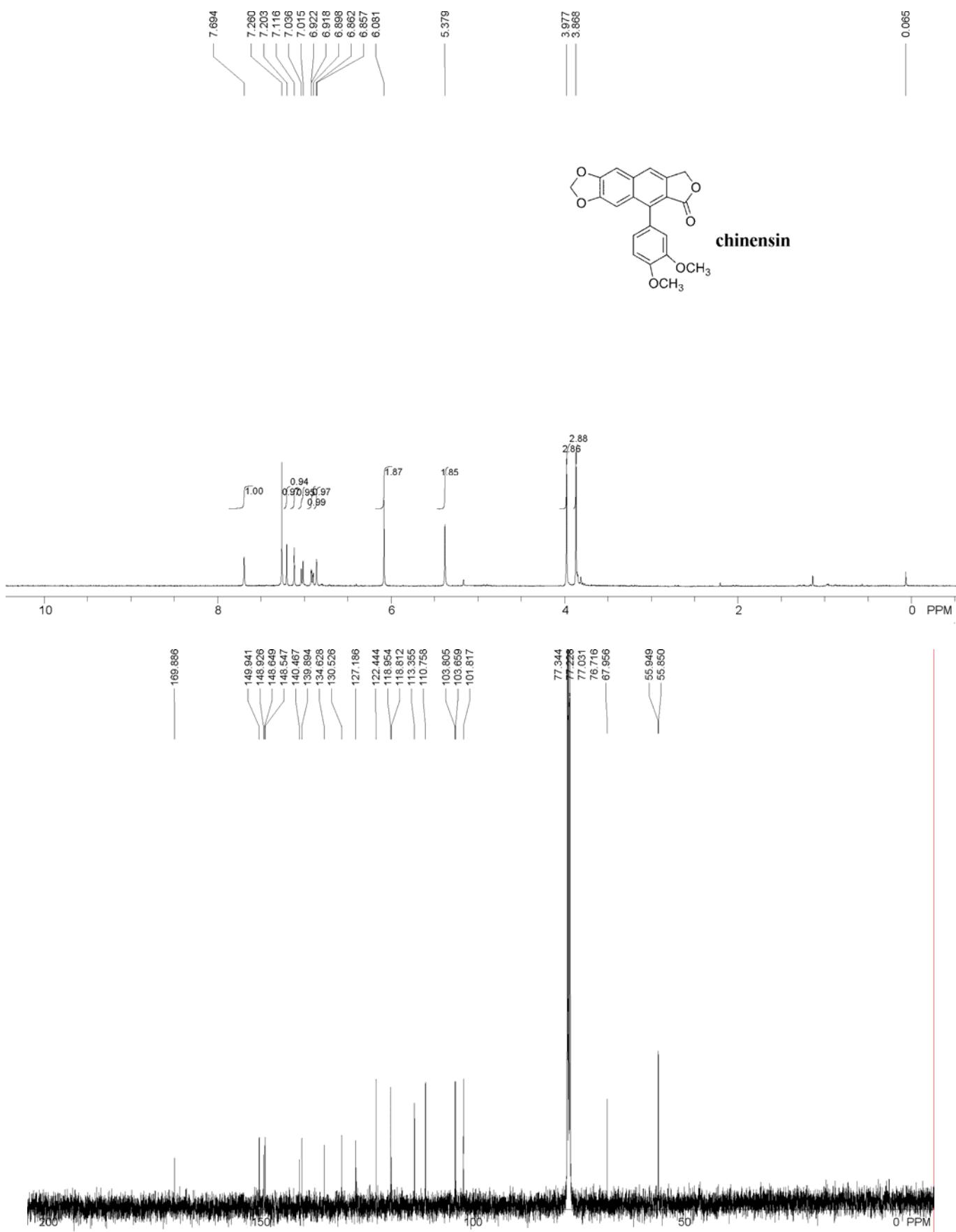
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