

Supporting Information

Rhodium(III)-catalyzed intramolecular amidoarylation and hydroarylation of alkyne via C–H activation: Switchable synthesis of 3,4-fused tricyclic indoles and chromans

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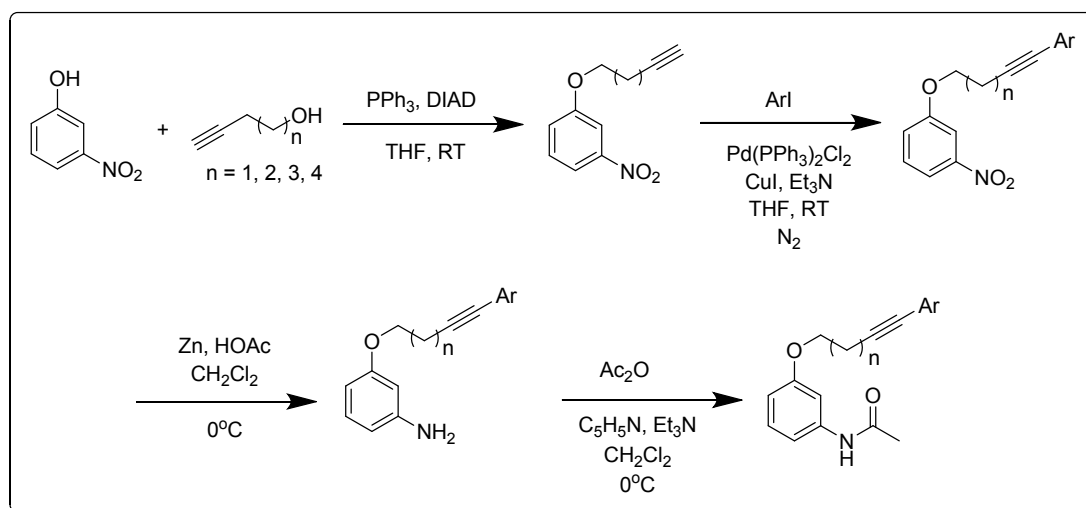
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I. General Information

All Rhodium-catalyzed reactions were carried out without any particular precautions to extrude moisture or oxygen.

All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification, unless otherwise indicated. All reactions were monitored by TLC, which was performed on precoated aluminum sheets of silica gel 60 (F254). The products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (300–400 mesh). Melting points were uncorrected. NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian Inova 500 spectrometer (500 MHz for ^1H NMR; 125 MHz for ^{13}C NMR), with TMS as the internal standard. All chemical shifts are given in ppm. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using a Bruker microTOF II focus spectrometer (ESI).

The starting materials **1** were prepared according to the literature procedures¹.



1. Dong Shan, Yan Gao, and Yanxing Jia, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2013**, 52, 4902.

II. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Table 1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

1a **2a**

entry	x	additive	temp	Time (h)	yield of 2a (%)
1	2.5	AgSbF ₆	120°C	0.3	70
2	1.0	AgSbF₆	120 °C	0.3	87
3	1.0	AgSbF ₆	100°C	1.0	65
4	2.5	AgOAc	100°C	2.0	Trace

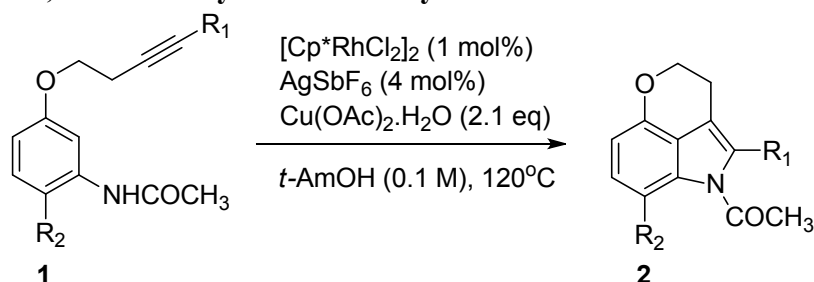
Table 2 Optimization of Reaction Conditions for **2d** and **3d**

1d **2d** + **3d**

entry	x	additive (equiv)	solvent (0.1 M)	time (h)	yield (%)	
					2d	3d
1	1.0	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (2.1)	<i>t</i> -AmOH	0.3	26	51
2	1.0	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (2.1)	acetone	0.3	53	40
3	1.0	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (2.1)	DCE	0.3	32	55
4	1.0	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (2.1)	CH ₃ CN	48	5	---
5	2.5	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (2.1)	CH ₃ CN	8.0	32	---
6	5.0	Cu(OAc)₂.H₂O (2.1)	CH₃CN	3.0	85	---
7	1.0	PivOH (1.0)	<i>t</i> -AmOH	3.5	20	56
8	2.5	PivOH (1.0)	<i>t</i> -AmOH	0.4	0	94
9	2.5	PivOH (5.0)	<i>t</i>-AmOH	0.3	0	98

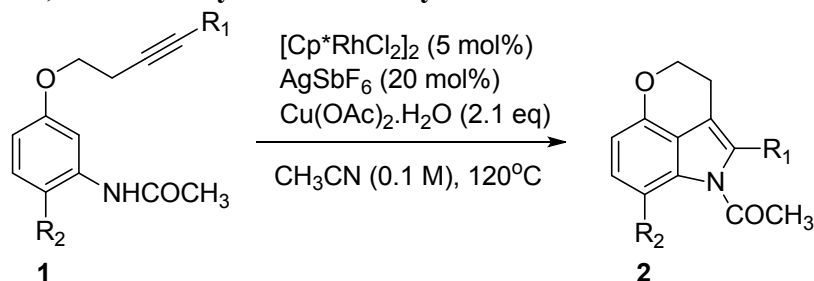
III. Synthetic procedures and analytical data of compounds 2, 3

Synthesis of 3, 4-fused tricyclic indole 2 by conditions A



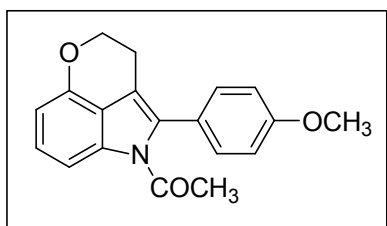
General procedure for the synthesis of 2 (taking 2a as an example): To a 1 dram screw-cap vial mixture of **1a** ($R^1 = 4\text{-CH}_3\text{OPh}$, $R^2 = \text{H}$, 62.0 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.0 eq), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (1.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1.0 mol%) and $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (84.0 mg, 0.420 mmol, 2.1 eq) in $t\text{-AmOH}$ (2 mL, 0.1 M), then the reaction mixture was added AgSbF_6 (2.8 mg, 0.008 mmol, 4.0 mol%) in glove-box. The reaction mixture was sealed and placed in a pre-heated (120°C) block until the substrate **1a** was consumed as indicated by TLC. Then the reaction is cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether /EtOAc = 10:1) to give **2a** (53.0 mg, 87%) as a white solid.

Synthesis of 3, 4-fused tricyclic indole 2 by conditions B

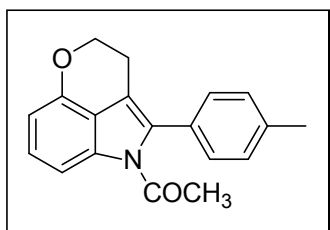


General procedure for the synthesis of 2 (taking 2d as an example): To a 1 dram screw-cap vial mixture of **1d** ($R^1 = 4\text{-ClPh}$, $R^2 = \text{H}$, 63.0 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.0 eq), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (6.0 mg, 0.010 mmol, 5.0 mol%) and $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (84.0 mg, 0.420 mmol, 2.1 eq) in CH_3CN (2 mL, 0.1 M), then the reaction mixture was added AgSbF_6 (14.0 mg, 0.040 mmol, 20.0 mol%) in glove-box. The reaction mixture was sealed and placed in a pre-heated (120°C) block until the substrate **1d** was consumed as indicated by TLC. Then the reaction is cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether /EtOAc = 10:1) to give **2d** (53.0 mg, 85%) as a white solid.

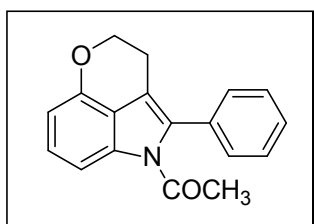
Analytical data of compounds 2



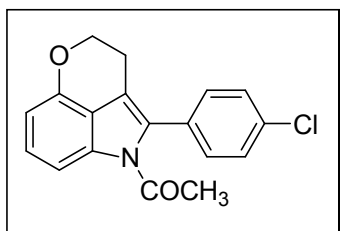
2a, 1-(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2H-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3H)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 164–166 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.11(s, 3H), 2.89 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 23.0, 27.2, 55.3, 67.7, 107.8, 109.4, 114.2, 114.3, 118.5, 125.1, 126.6, 130.6, 130.7, 136.5, 150.4, 159.6, 171.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 308.1281. Found 308.1285.



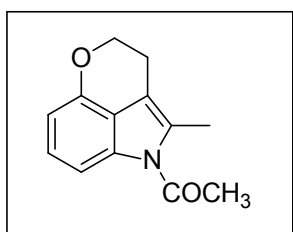
2b, 1-(4-(*p*-Tolyl)-2H-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3H)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 153–155 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.42, (s, 3H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H). 4.35 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 21.3, 23.0, 27.4, 67.7, 107.8, 109.3, 114.6, 118.5, 126.8, 129.1, 129.5, 129.9, 130.9, 136.6, 138.2, 150.5, 171.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 292.1332. Found 292.1331.



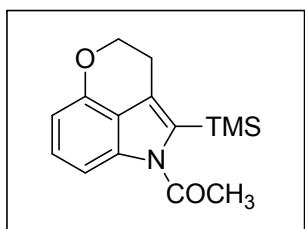
2c, 1-(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2H-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3H)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 142–144 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.39–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 23.0, 27.3, 67.7, 107.8, 109.3, 115.0, 118.5, 126.9, 128.2, 128.7, 129.2, 130.8, 133.0, 136.6, 150.6, 171.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 300.0995. Found 300.0993.



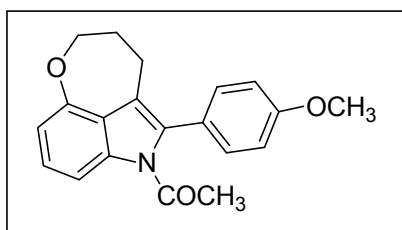
2d, 1-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2*H*-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 153–155 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 23.0, 27.4, 67.6, 107.9, 109.1, 115.6, 118.4, 127.2, 129.0, 129.7, 130.4, 131.5, 134.2, 136.6, 150.7, 170.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 312.0786. Found 312.0785.



2e, 1-(4-Methyl-2*H*-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 123–125 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 15.0, 22.3, 27.1, 67.6, 107.3, 108.0, 111.8, 119.1, 125.0, 129.5, 135.2, 150.1, 170.5.

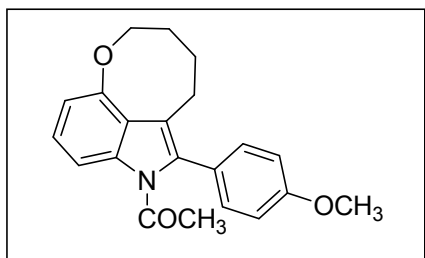


2f, 1-(4-(Trimethylsilyl)-2*H*-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. Yellow oli. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 0.33 (s, 9H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 1.93, 25.6, 25.9, 67.7, 106.8, 107.0, 121.5, 125.3, 126.6, 133.1, 136.7, 151.4, 169.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 274.1258. Found 274.1238.

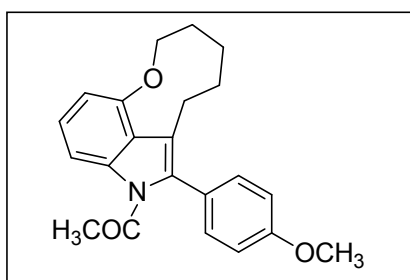


2g, 1-(5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydrooxepino[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-6(2*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 166–168 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 1.97 (s, 3H), 2.09–2.14 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t, *J* = 6.0

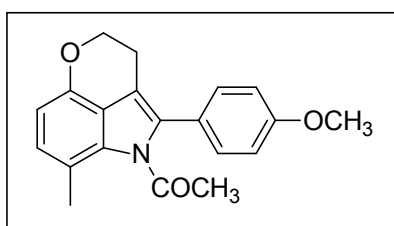
Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 6.5, 4.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.00–7.02 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.30 (m, 2H), 8.08 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 27.3, 27.8, 29.5, 55.3, 72.6, 108.9, 111.7, 114.3, 118.2, 120.1, 125.8, 125.9, 131.4, 132.6, 138.8, 152.4, 159.7, 171.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 322.1438. Found 322.1427.



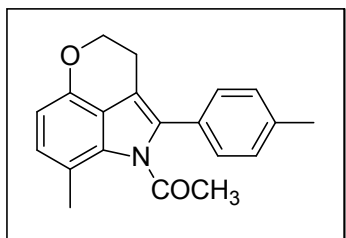
2h, 1-(6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-2H-oxocino[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-7(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 120–122 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 1.69 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, $J = 8.0, 0.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 23.2, 27.6, 27.7, 29.7, 55.3, 75.5, 112.6, 114.1, 116.4, 121.1, 125.2, 126.0, 126.2, 131.6, 133.8, 137.5, 150.9, 159.8, 171.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 336.1594. Found 336.1593.



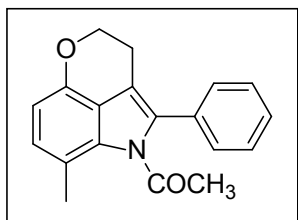
2i, 1-(7-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,4,5,6-tetrahydrooxonino[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-8(2*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 104–106 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 1.58 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 4H), 1.78 (s, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.24 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.30 (m, 4H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 22.3, 24.7, 27.7, 33.3, 55.3, 79.1, 111.9, 114.1, 116.1, 122.4, 124.8, 125.6, 125.9, 131.6, 134.4, 137.5, 155.6, 159.7, 171.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 350.1751. Found 350.1755.



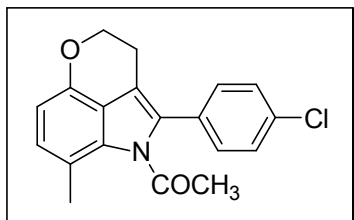
2j, 1-(4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2*H*-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 128–130 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 20.9, 23.0, 28.4, 55.3, 67.5, 107.1, 112.7, 114.2, 117.8, 119.2, 125.0, 128.7, 130.4, 130.7, 135.0, 148.7, 159.5, 172.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 322.1438. Found 322.1430.



2k, 1-(6-Methyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)-2*H*-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 132–134 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.27 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 20.9, 21.3, 23.1, 28.5, 67.5, 107.1, 113.0, 117.8, 119.2, 128.8, 128.9, 129.5, 129.8, 130.9, 135.1, 138.1, 148.8, 172.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 306.1489. Found 306.1495.

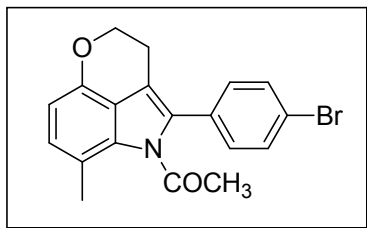


2l, 1-(6-Methyl-4-phenyl-2*H*-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 118–120 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 2H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 20.9, 23.1, 28.5, 67.5, 107.1, 113.4, 117.8, 119.1, 128.1, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0, 130.8, 132.8, 135.2, 148.9, 172.1. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 292.1332. Found 292.1323.

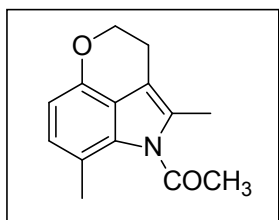


2m, 1-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-2*H*-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 173–175 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 20.9, 23.1, 28.6, 67.4, 107.3, 114.0, 117.9, 119.1, 129.1,

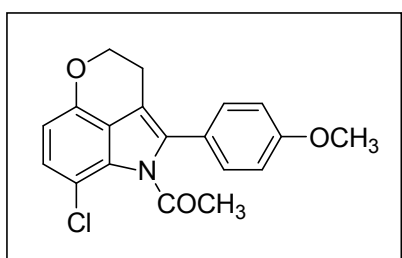
129.3, 129.5, 130.2, 131.2, 134.2, 135.3, 148.9, 171.8. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{23}O_2S_4^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 326.0942. Found 326.0939.



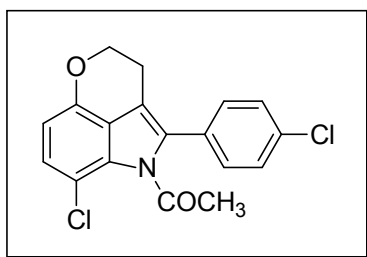
2n, 1-(4-(4-Bromophenyl)-6-methyl-2H-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 127–129 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz) δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz) δ 20.9, 23.1, 28.6, 67.4, 107.3, 114.1, 117.9, 119.1, 122.3, 129.4, 129.6, 130.1, 131.7, 132.0, 135.4, 148.9, 171.8. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{23}O_2S_4^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 370.0437. Found 370.0424.



2o, 1-(4,6-Dimethyl-2H-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 94–96 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz) δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.89 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.33 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz) δ 13.8, 20.7, 22.6, 27.4, 67.6, 107.2, 110.8, 117.3, 119.7, 127.4, 127.8, 135.1, 148.2, 171.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $C_{26}H_{23}O_2S_4^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 230.1176. Found 230.1187.

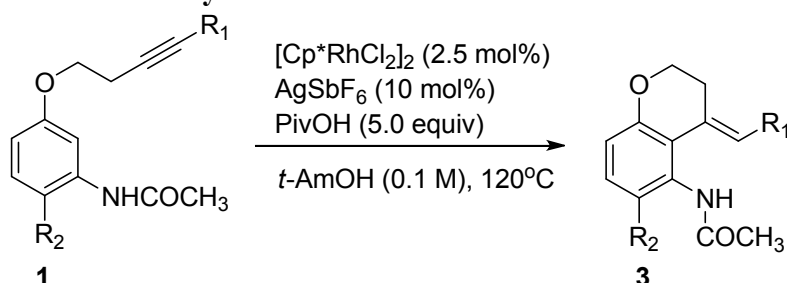


2p, 1-(6-Chloro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3*H*)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 137–139 °C. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz) δ 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.92 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.34 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz) δ 22.8, 28.8, 55.3, 67.9, 107.7, 110.8, 111.2, 114.1, 121.0, 123.6, 126.9, 130.7, 131.8, 131.9, 149.4, 159.7, 172.1. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{23}O_2S_4^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) 342.0891. Found 342.0887.



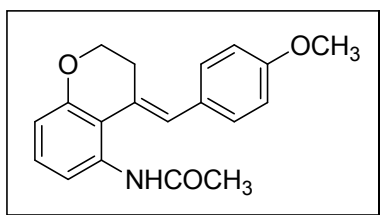
2q, 1-(6-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2H-pyrano[4,3,2-*cd*]indol-5(3H)-yl)ethanone. White solid. m.p. 136–138 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 22.8, 29.0, 67.8, 108.0, 110.8, 112.2, 120.9, 127.4, 128.9, 129.8, 130.6, 130.9, 132.0, 134.6, 149.7, 171.8. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃O₂S₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 368.0216. Found 368.0210.

Synthesis of chromans **3** by condition C



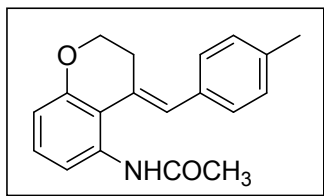
General procedure for the synthesis of 3 (taking 3d as an example): To a 1 dram screw-cap vial mixture of **1d** (*R*₁ = 4-ClPh, *R*₂ = H, 63.0 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.0 eq), [Cp*RhCl₂]₂ (3.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol%) and PivOH (102.0 mg, 1.000 mmol, 5.0 eq) in *t*-AmOH (2 mL, 0.1 M), then the reaction mixture was added AgSbF₆ (6.9 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10.0 mol%) in glove-box. The reaction mixture was sealed and placed in a pre-heated (120 °C) block until the substrate **1d** was consumed as indicated by TLC. Then the reaction is cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether /EtOAc = 10:1) to give **3d** (61.0 mg, 98%) as a white solid.

Analytical data of compounds **3**

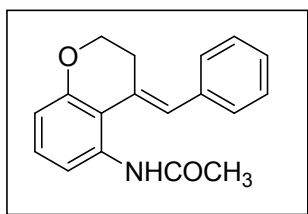


3a, (*E*)-N-(4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)chroman-5-yl)acetamide. White solid. m.p. 142–144 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 10.5

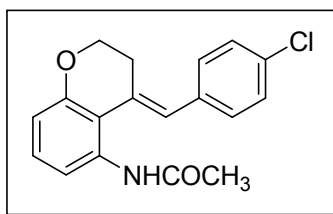
Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 24.8, 27.1, 55.3, 66.8, 113.1, 113.9, 115.1, 115.3, 127.4, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 130.3, 134.3, 155.0, 158.8, 168.2. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 310.1438. Found 310.1464.



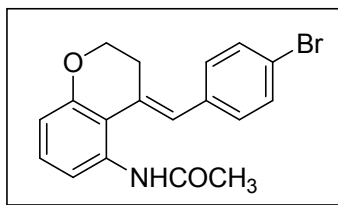
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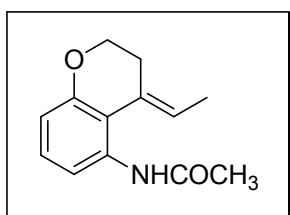
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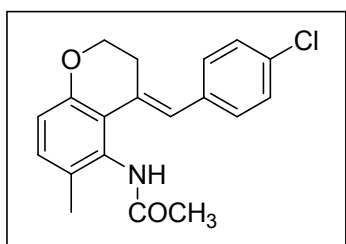
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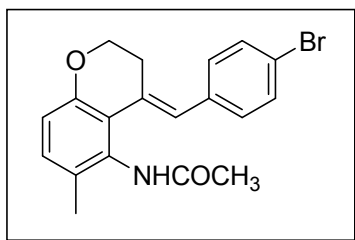
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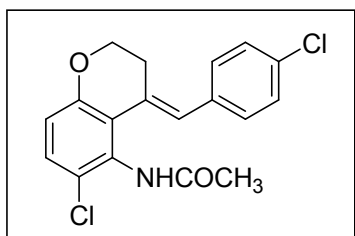
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3g, (*E*)-*N*-(4-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-6-methylchroman-5-yl)acetamide. White solid. m.p. 135–137 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 1.92 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 6.69 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 9.42 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 18.3, 23.2, 27.2, 66.8, 115.5, 122.1, 125.4, 128.9, 129.0, 130.4, 131.0, 131.2, 131.8, 133.8, 136.4, 153.8, 168.8. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 328.1099. Found 328.1106.

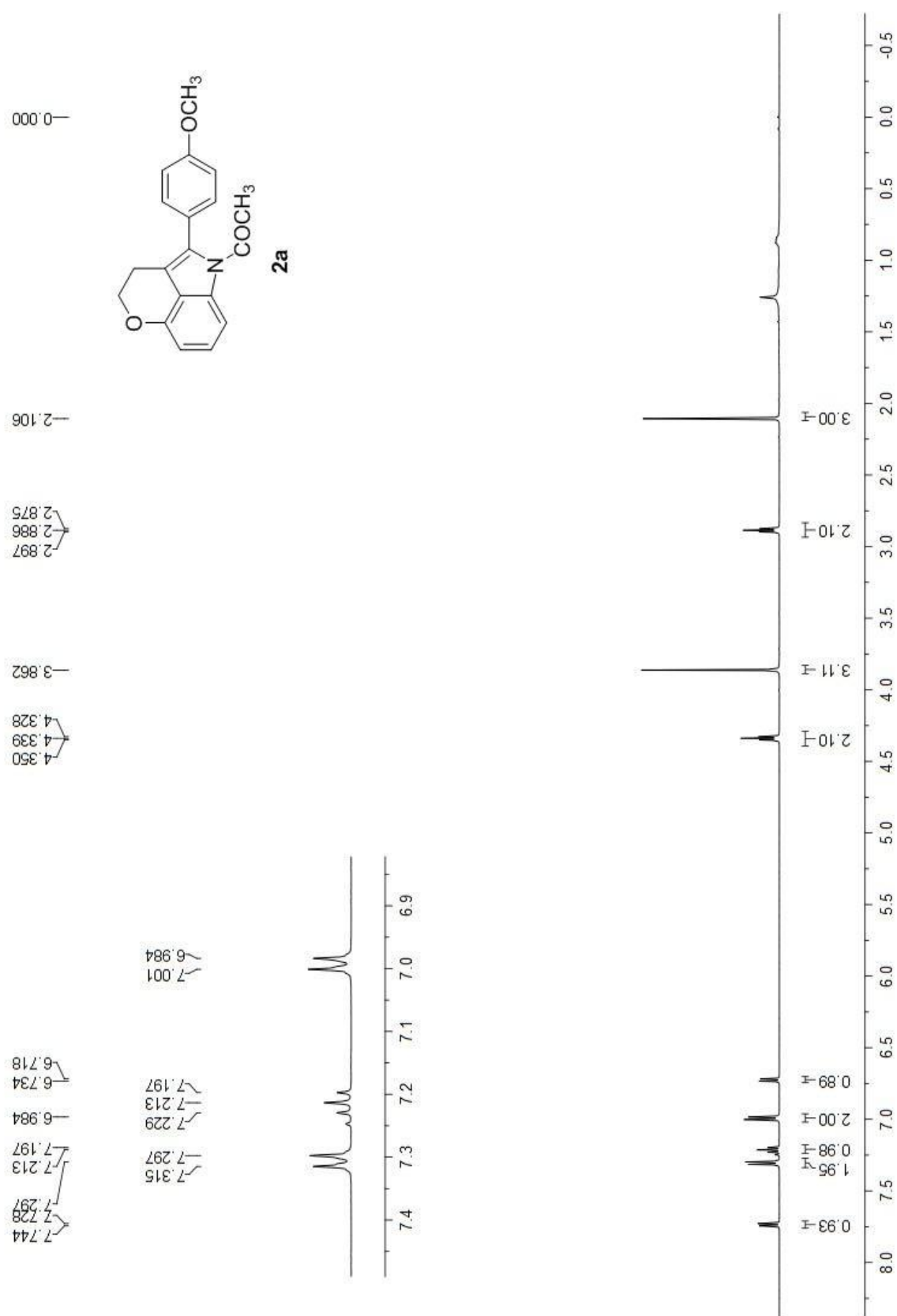


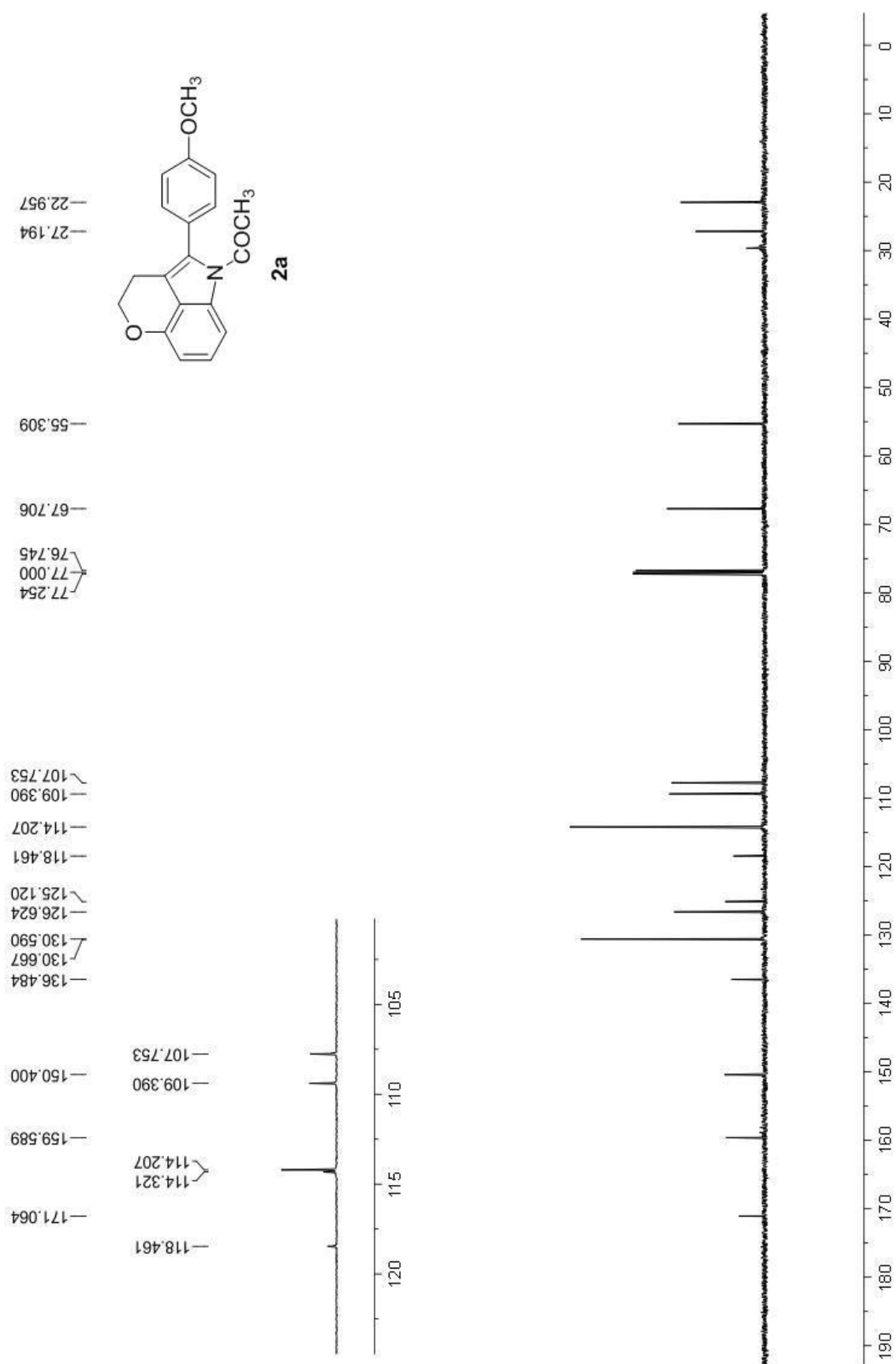
3h, (*E*)-N-(4-(4-bromobenzylidene)-6-methylchroman-5-yl)acetamide. White solid. m.p. 166–168 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 1.92 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.72 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.12 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 9.41 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 18.2, 23.2, 27.2, 66.8, 115.5, 120.4, 122.1, 125.4, 128.9, 130.4, 131.1, 131.5, 131.9, 133.8, 136.8, 153.7, 168.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{S}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 372.0594. Found 372.0603.

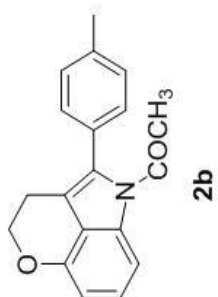
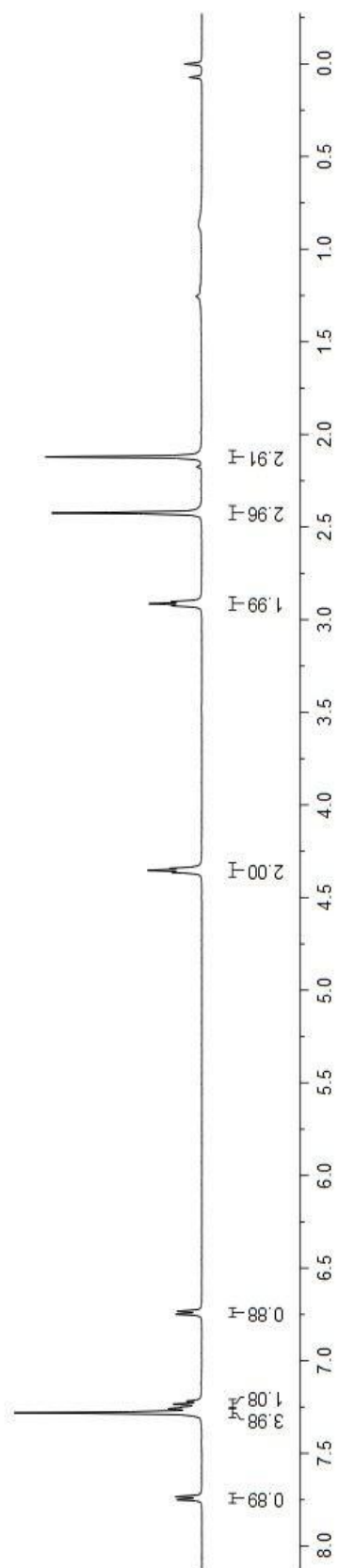


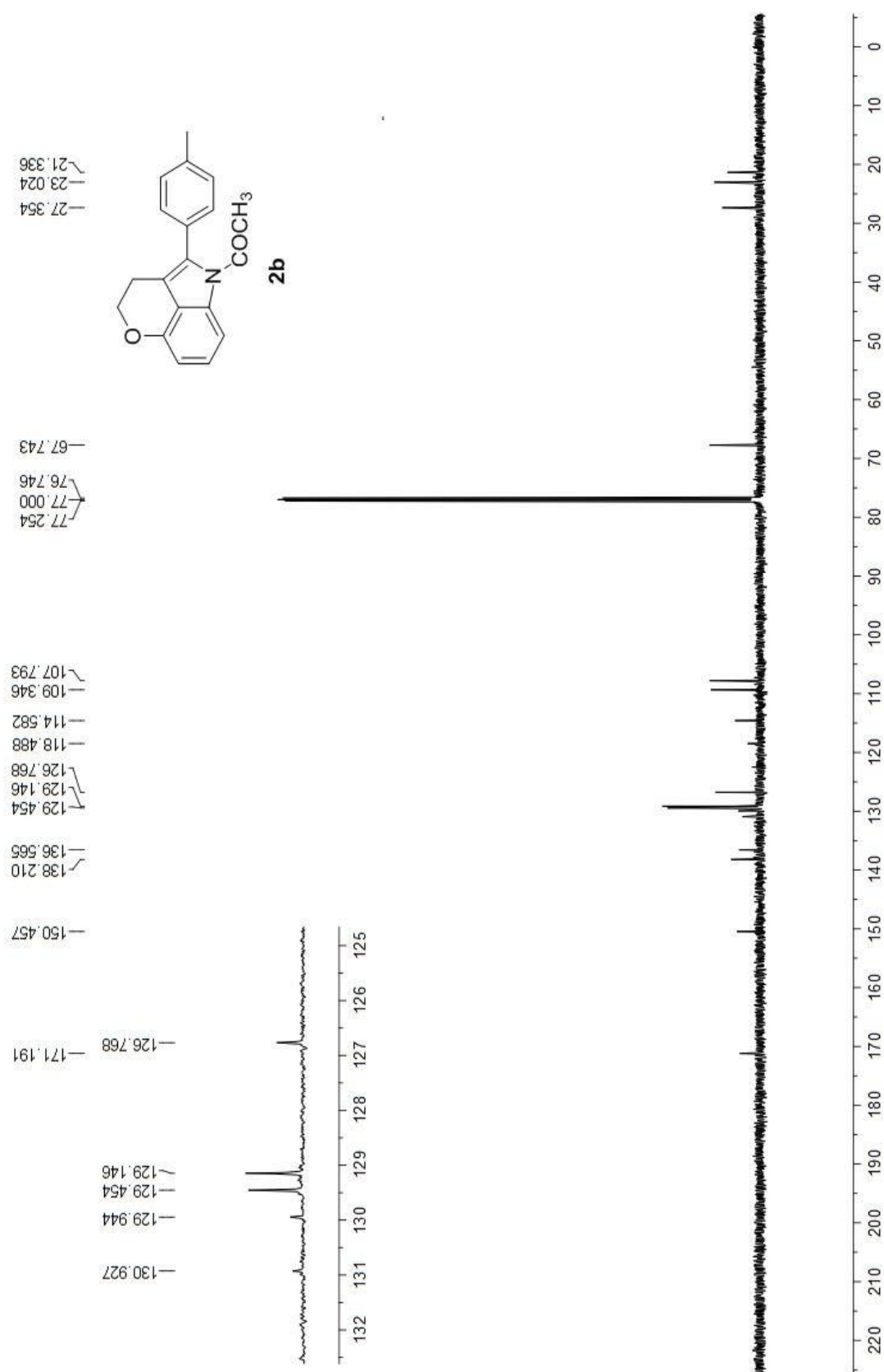
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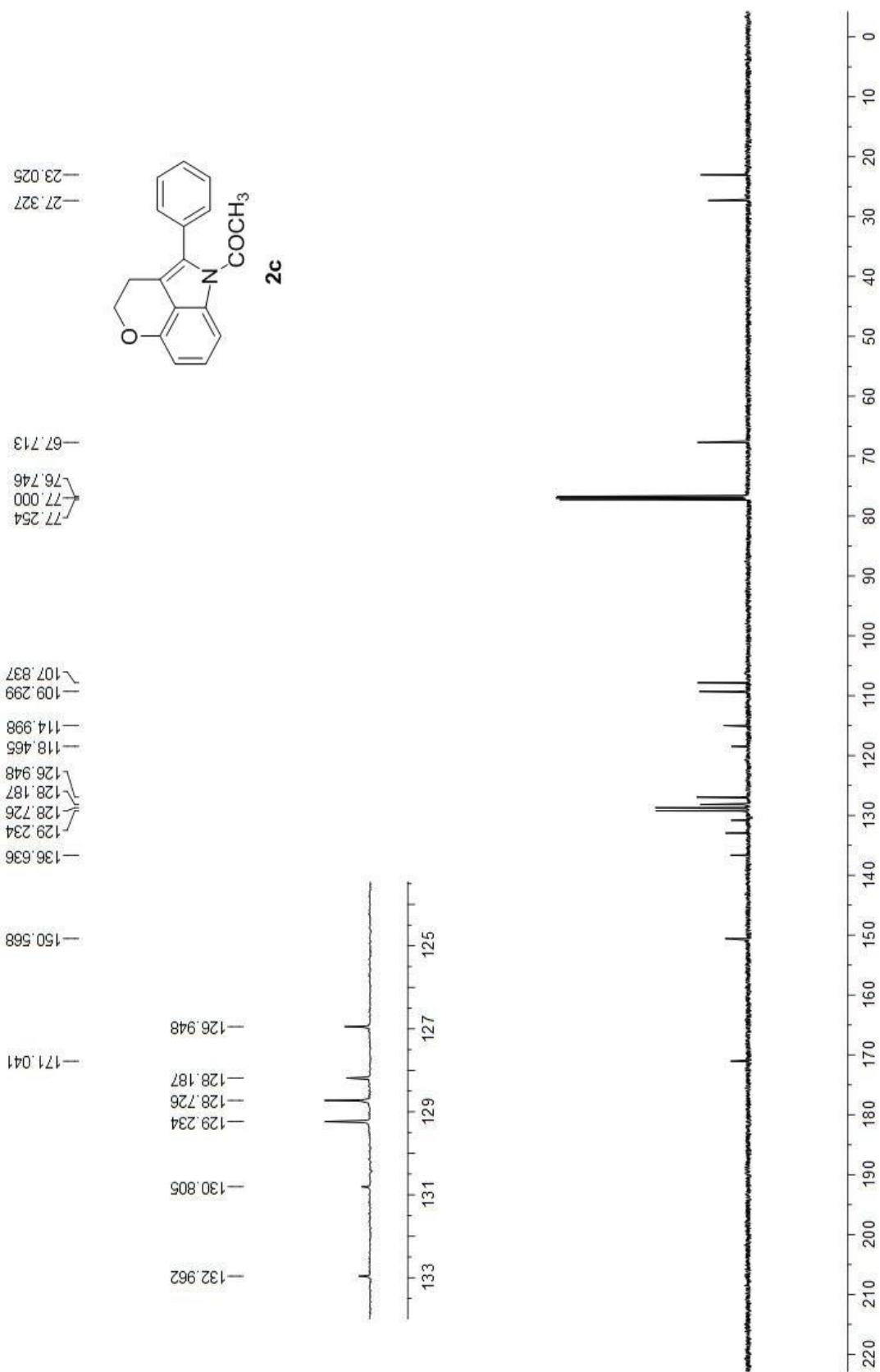


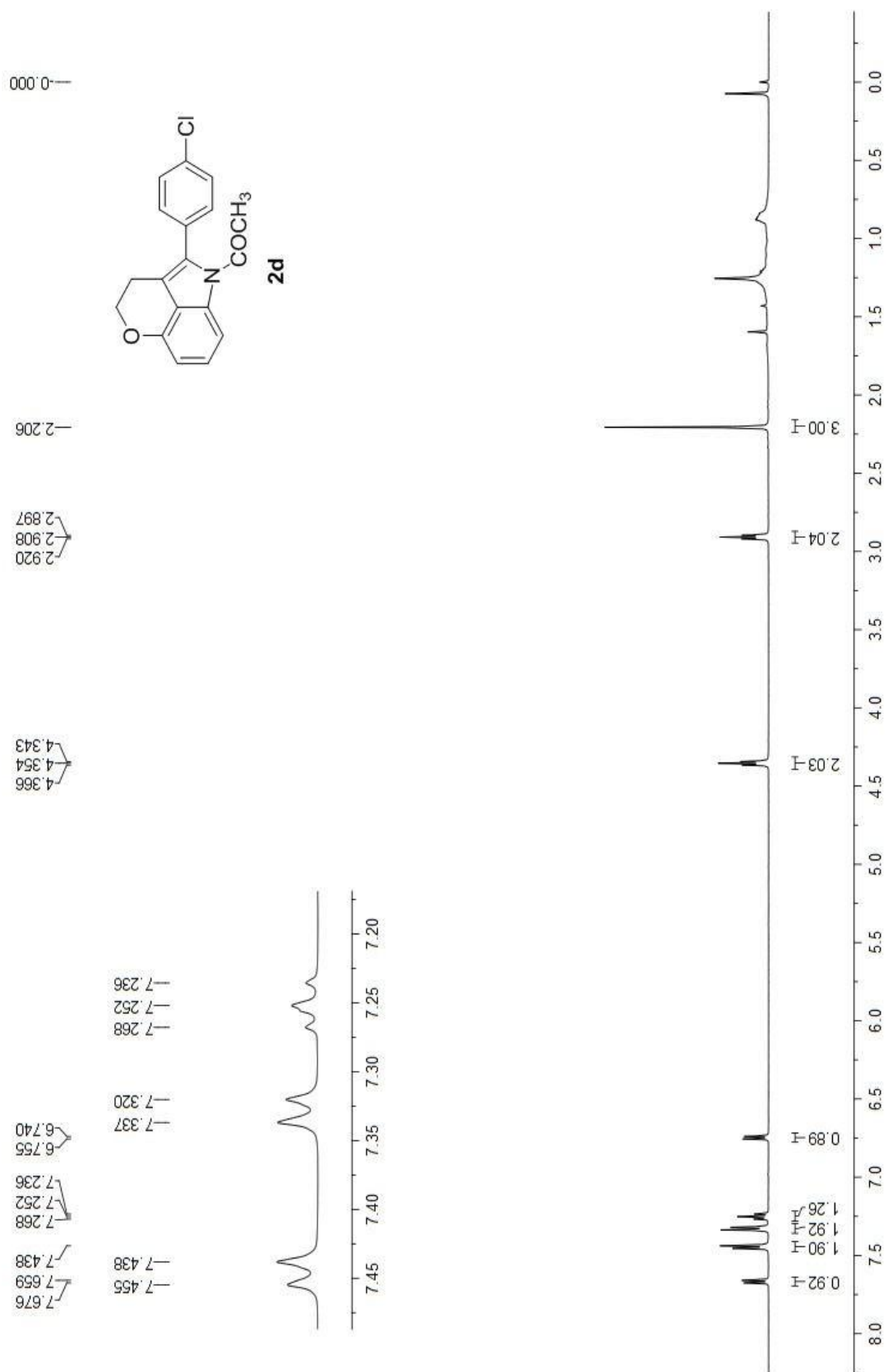


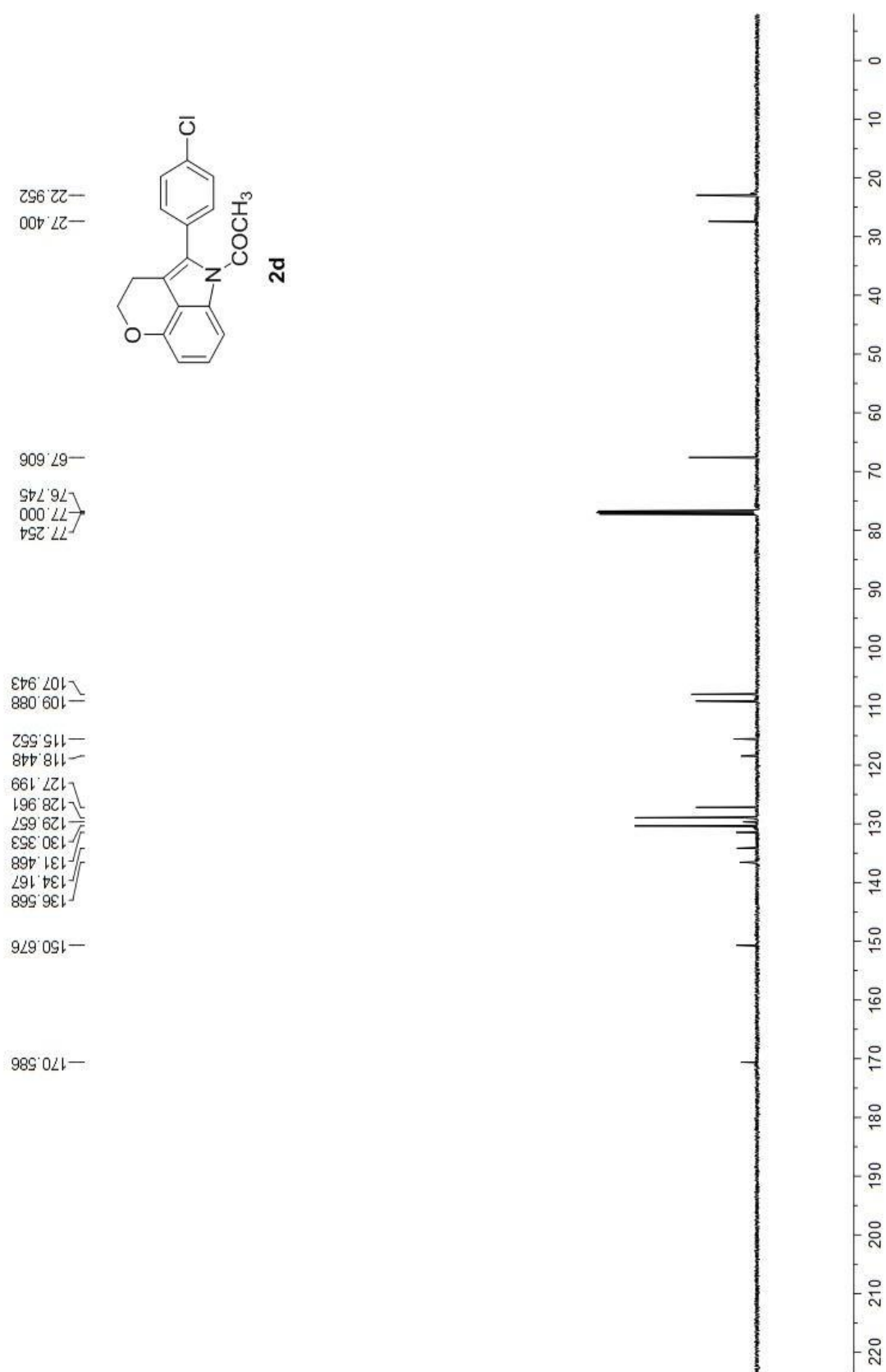


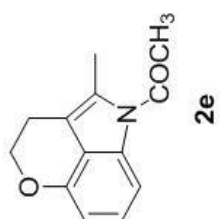
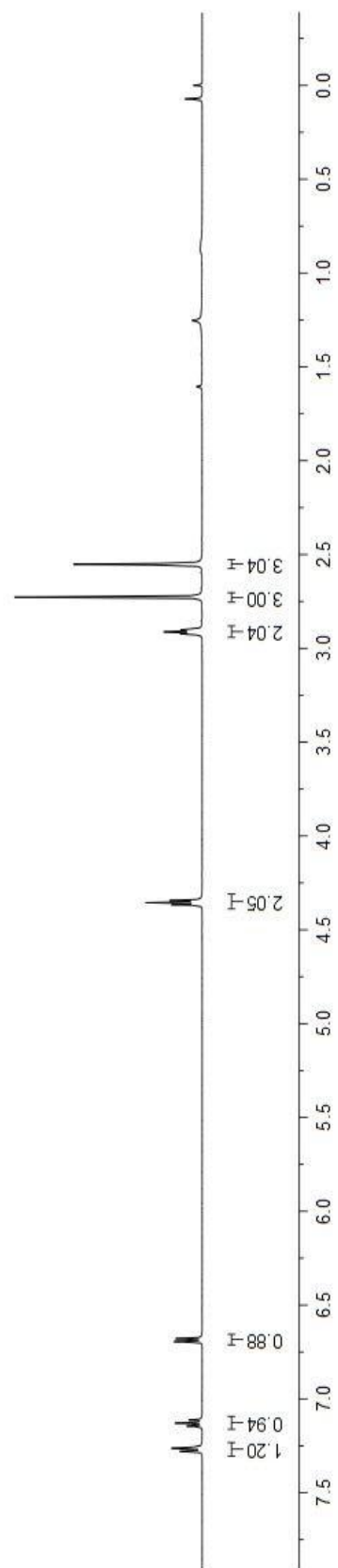










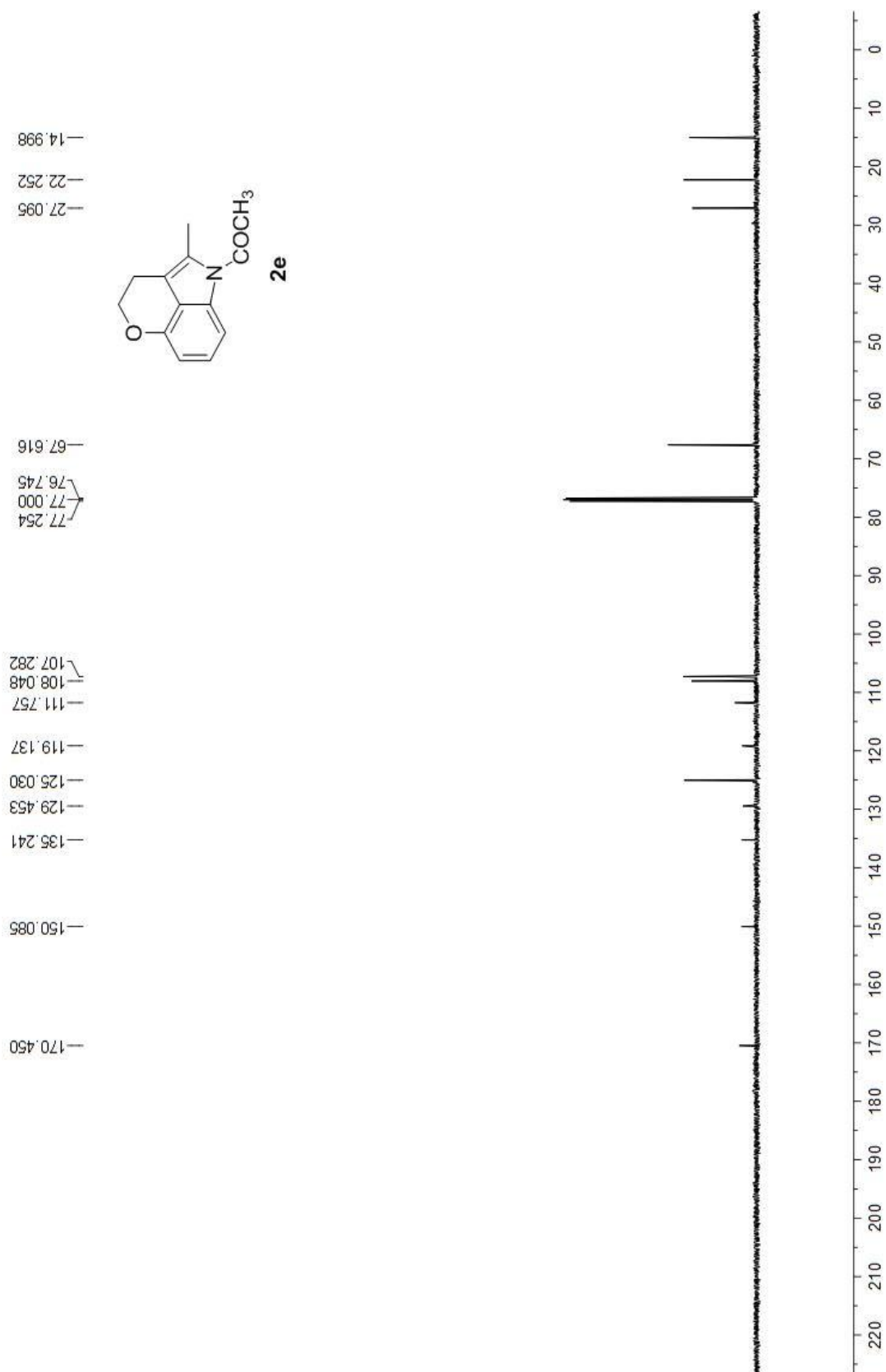


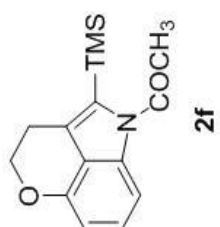
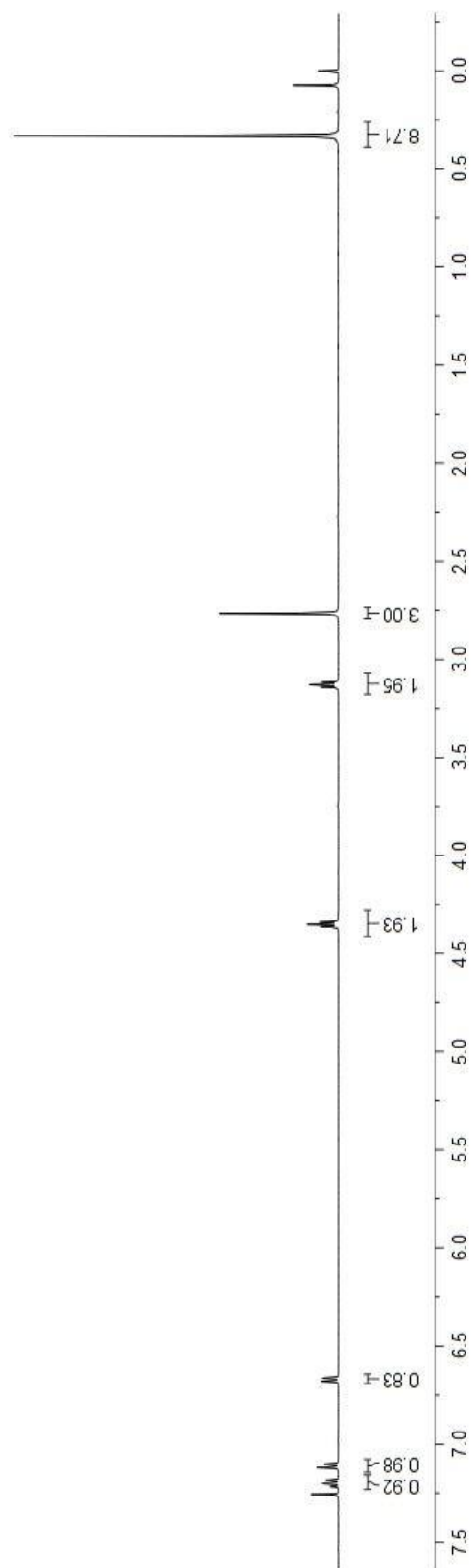
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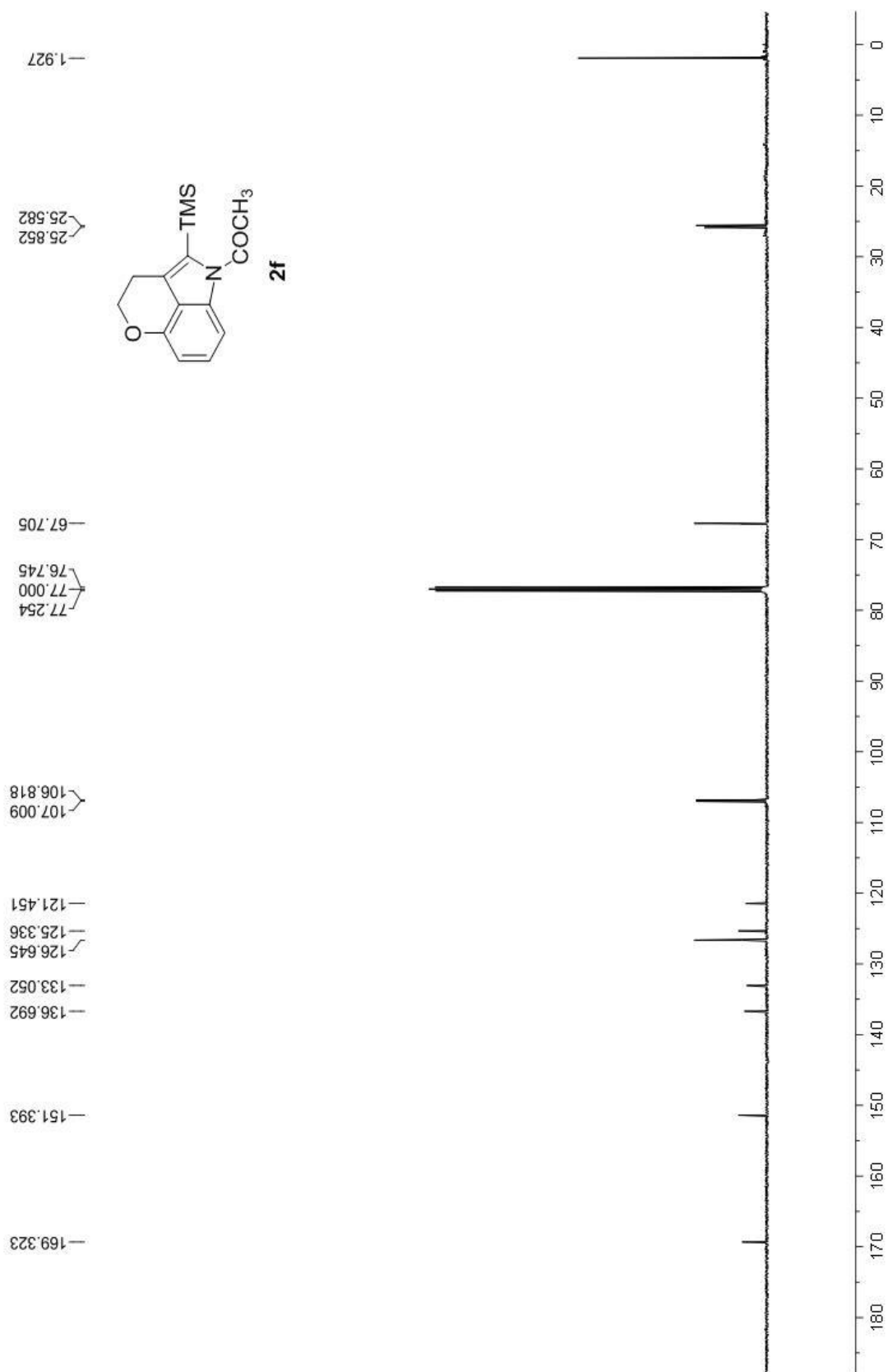


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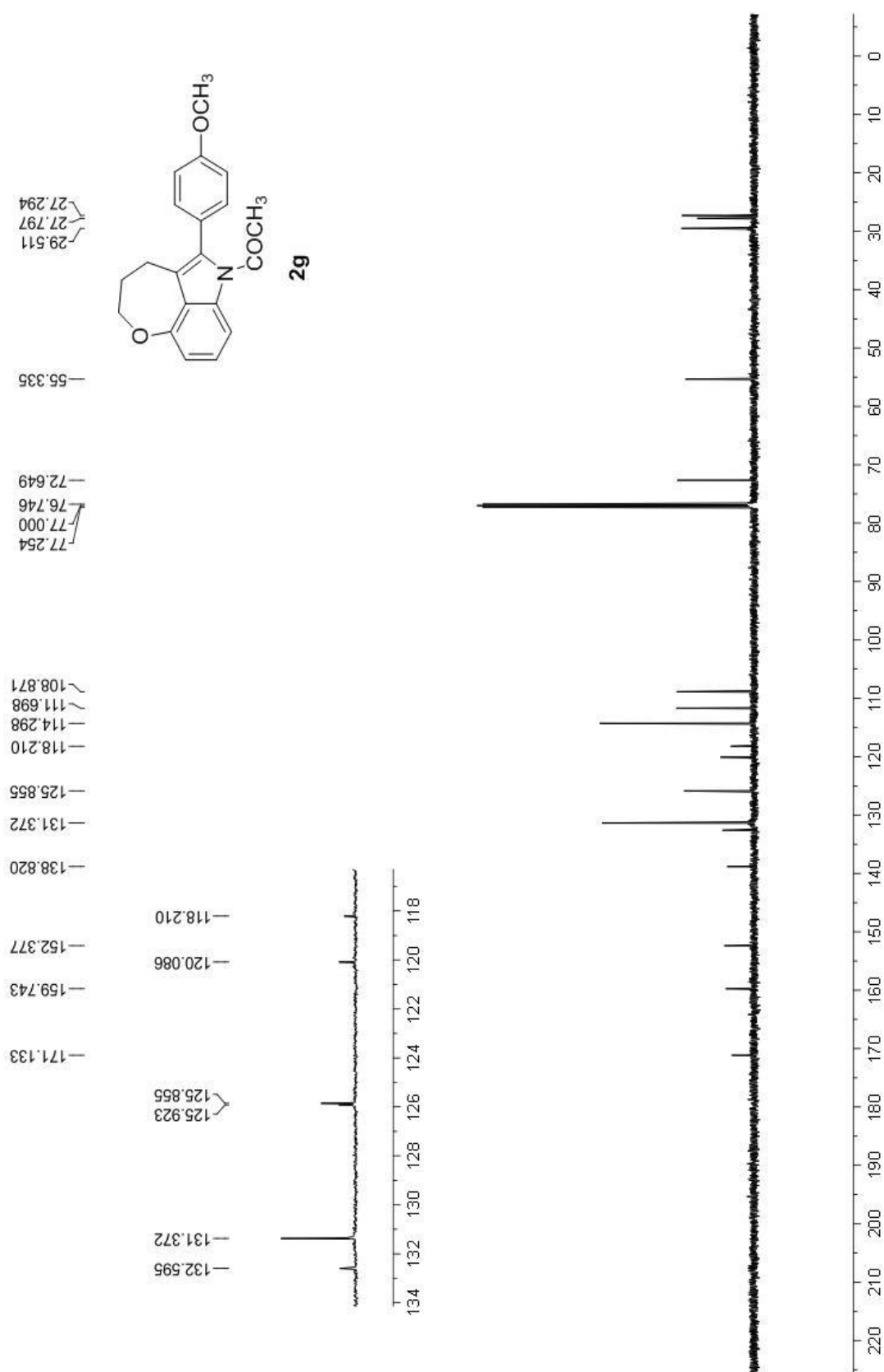
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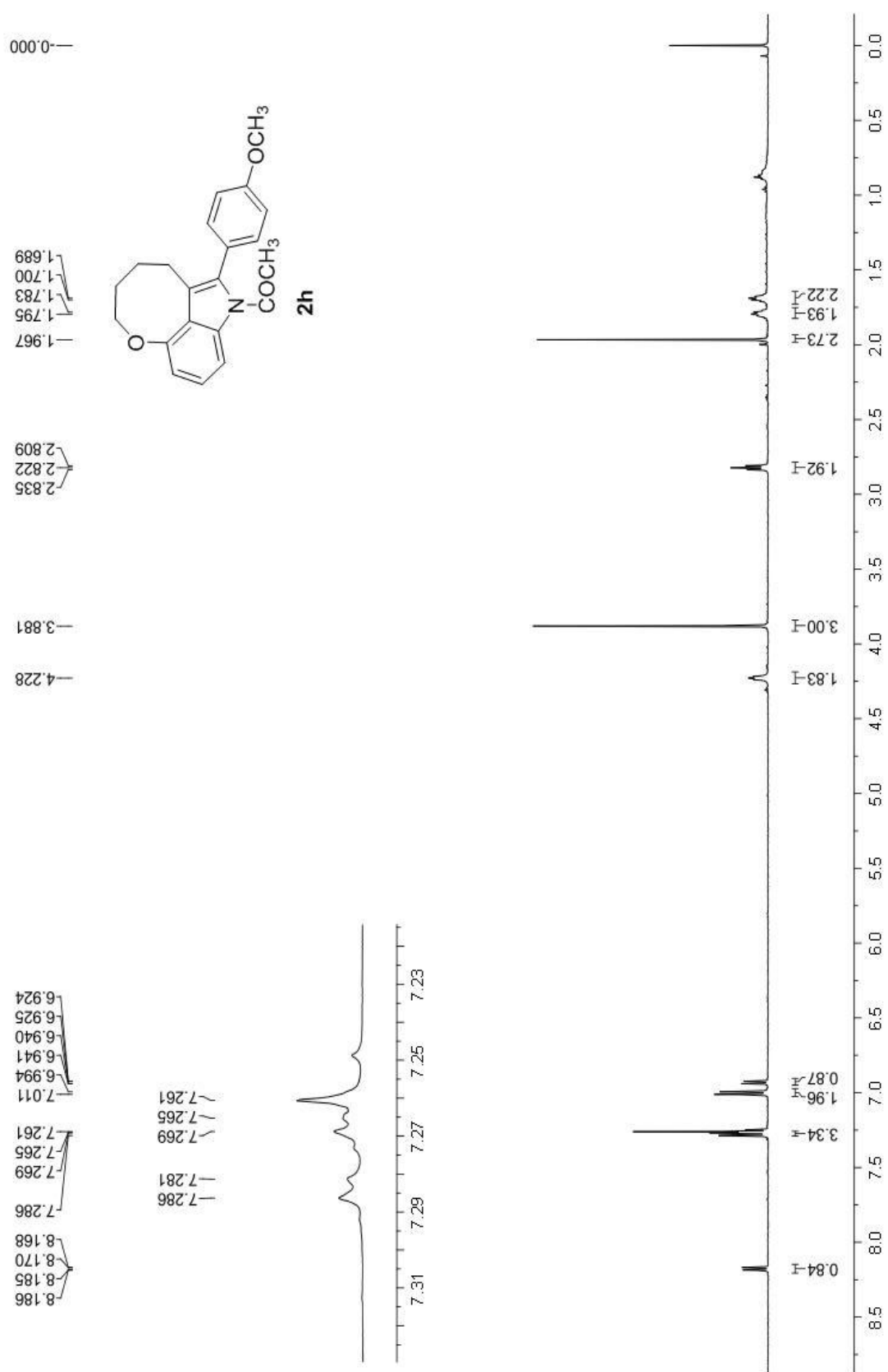
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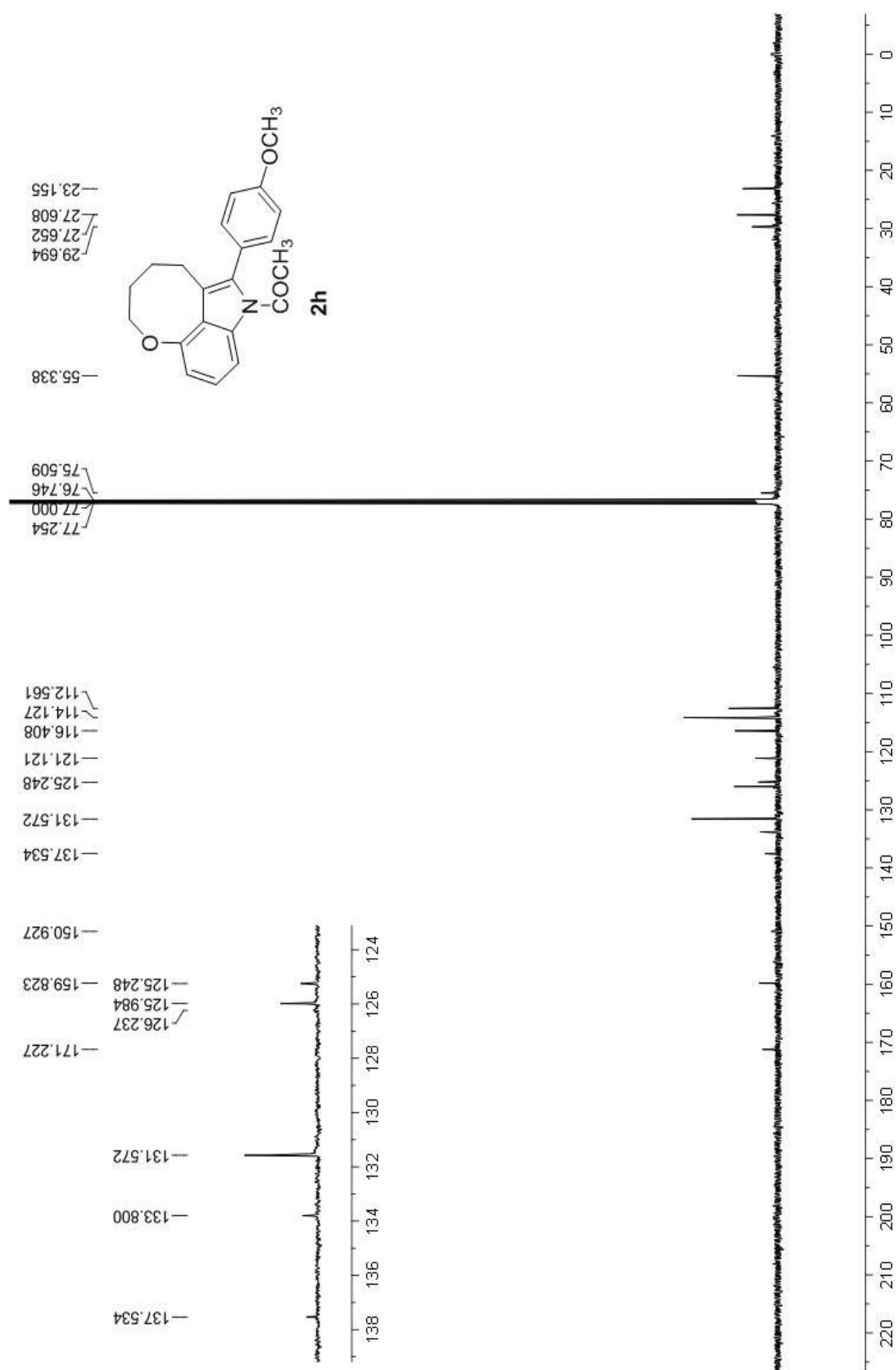
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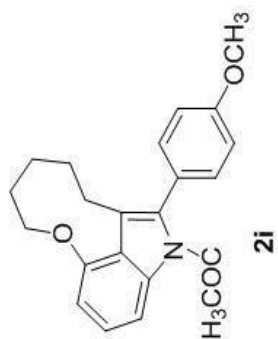
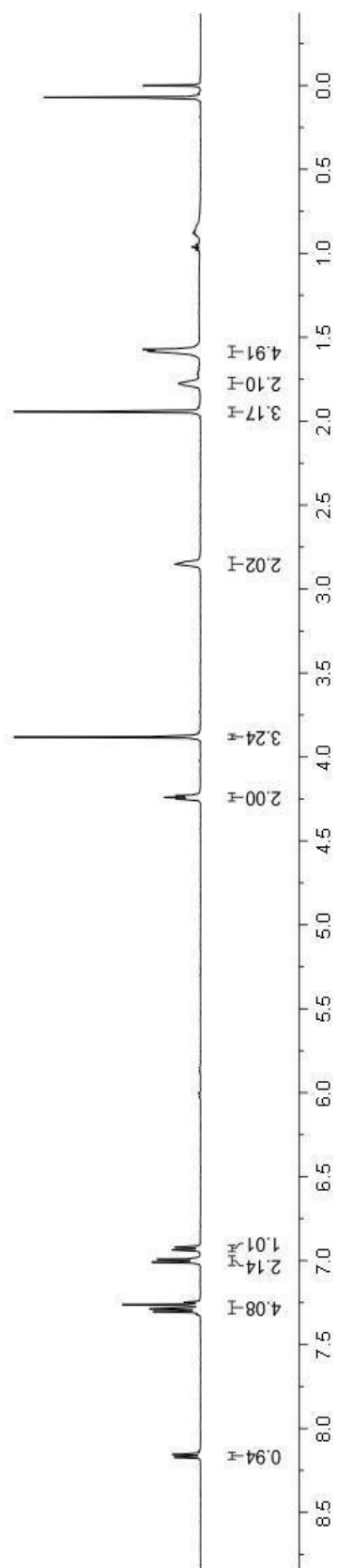












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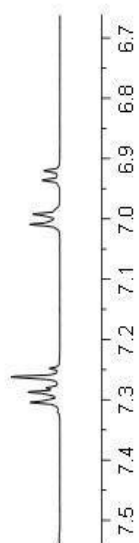
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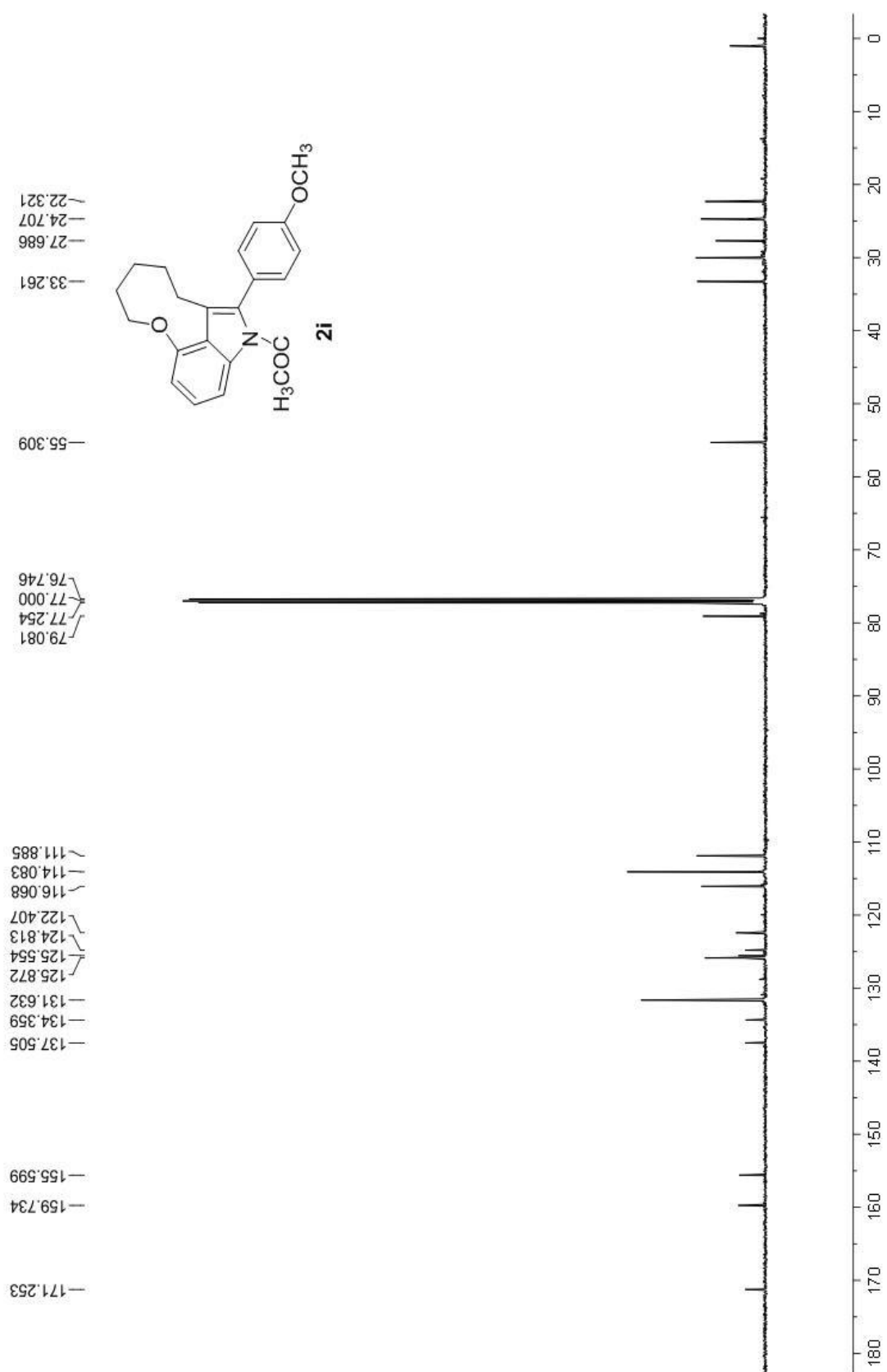
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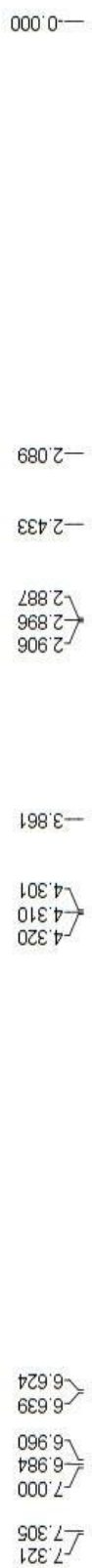
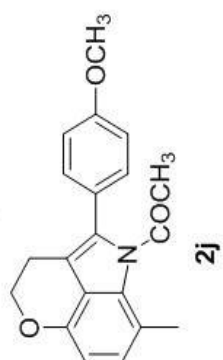
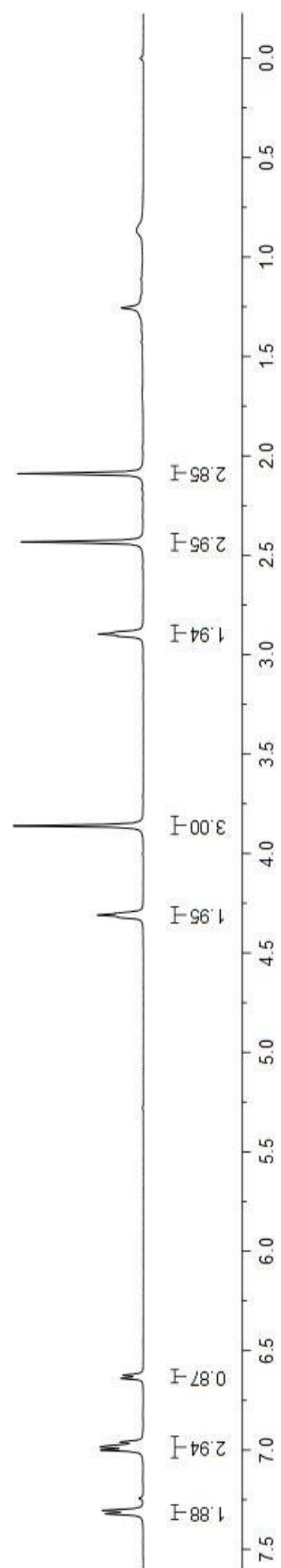
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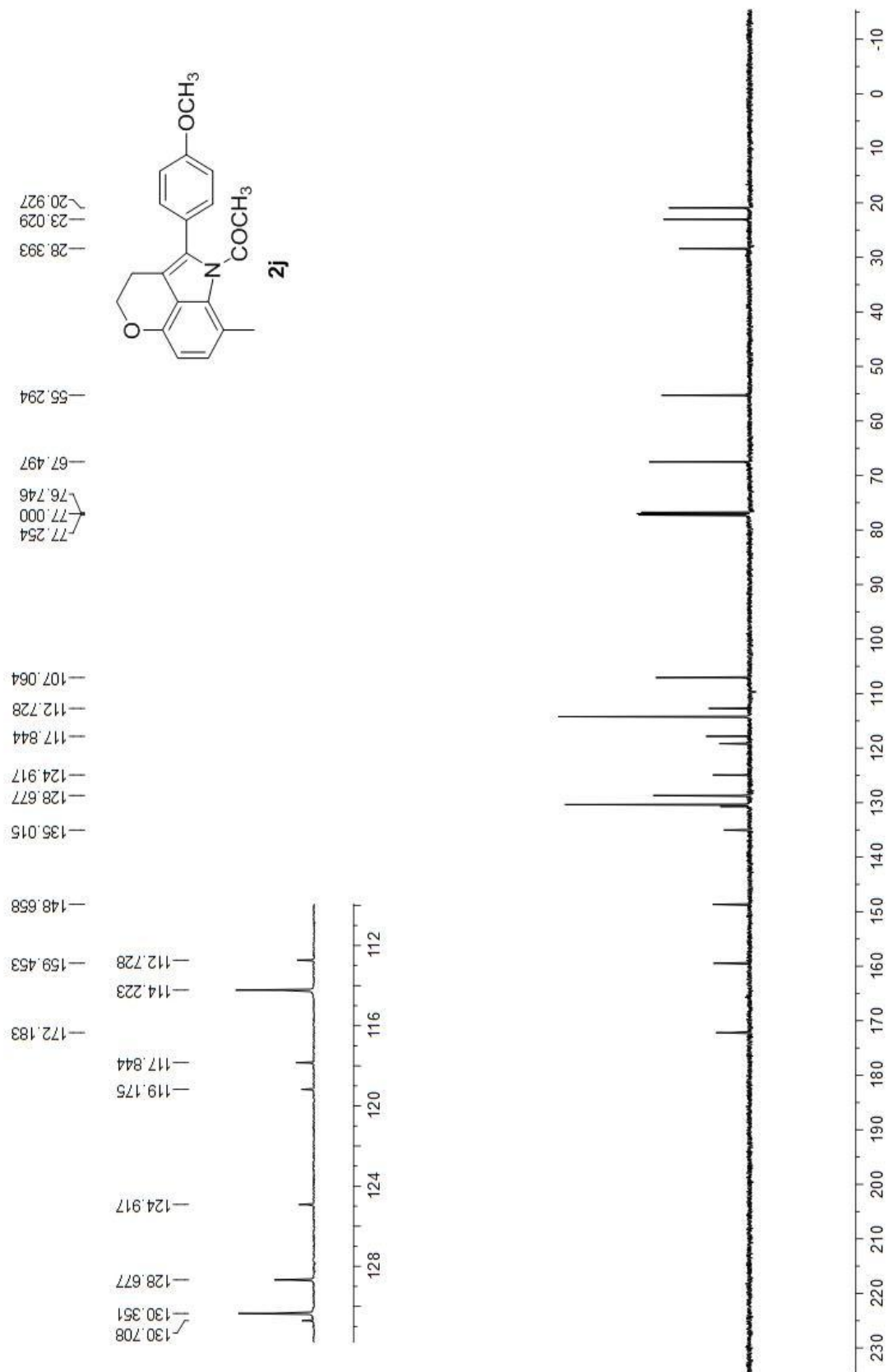
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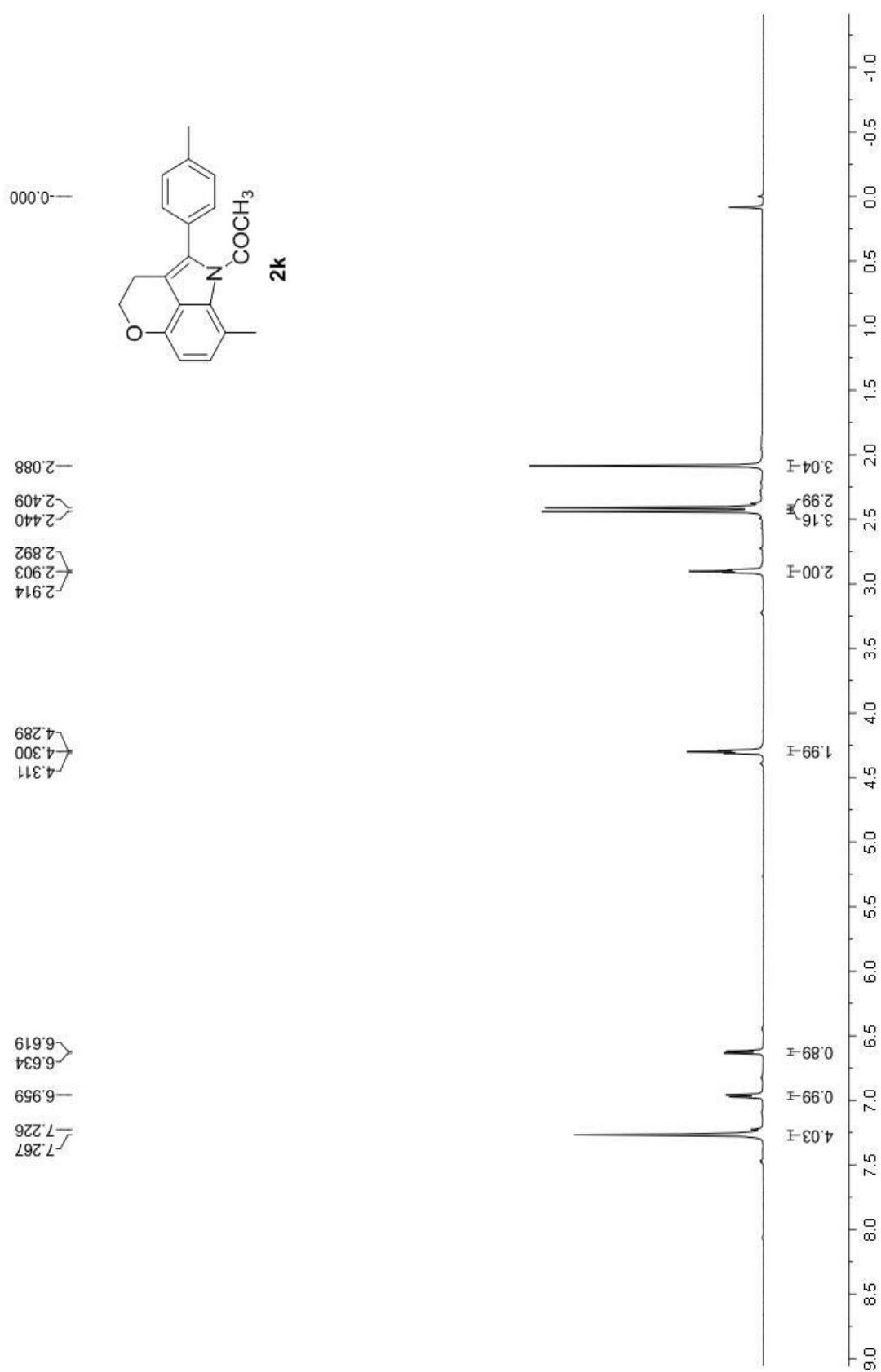
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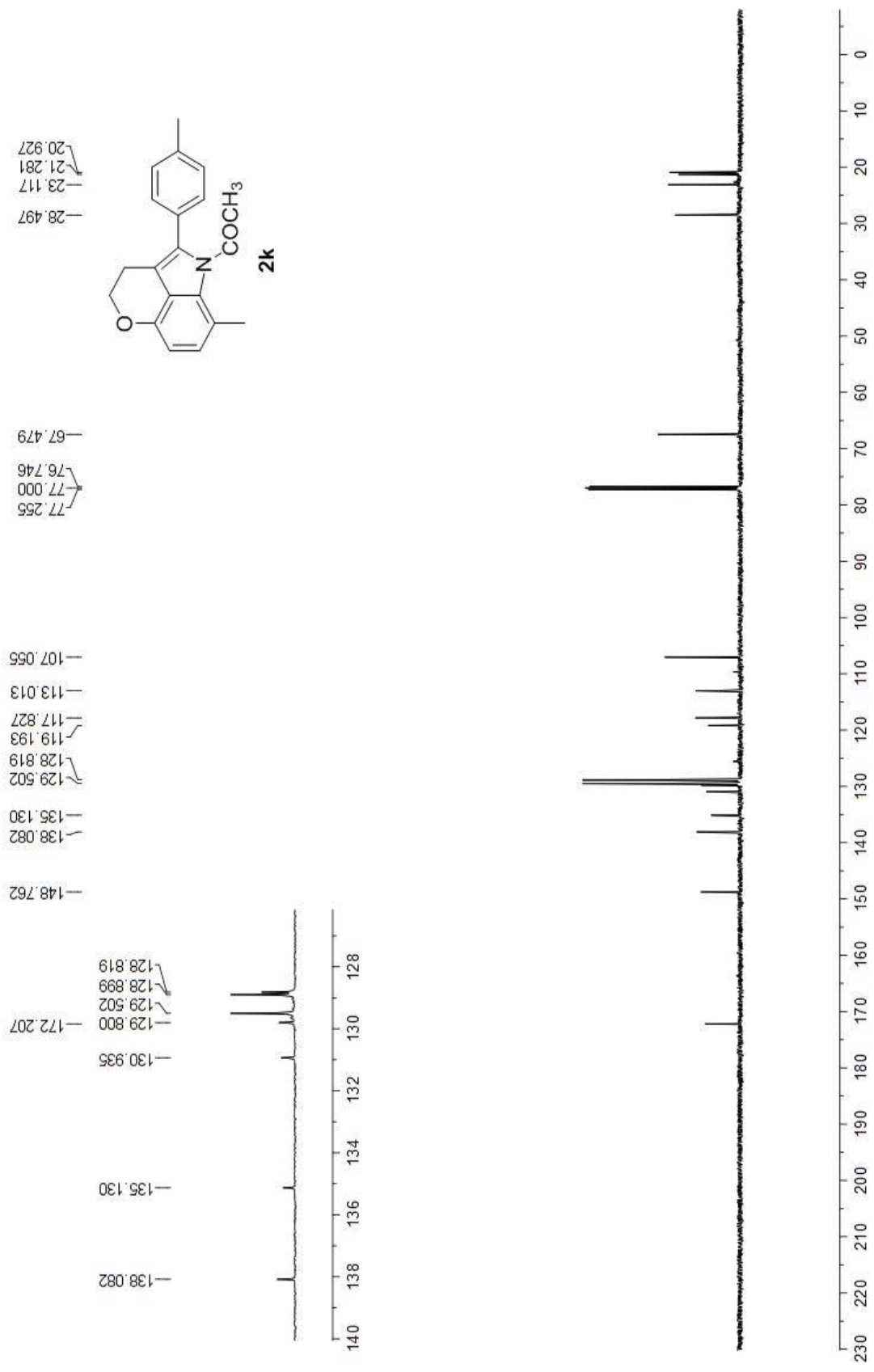


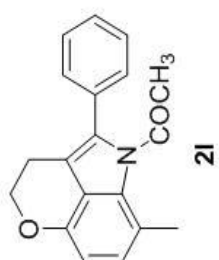
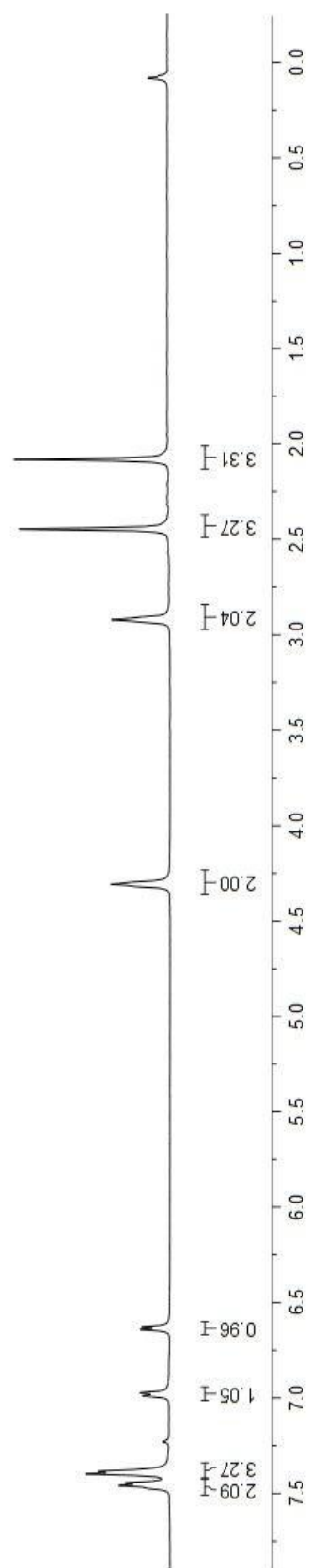


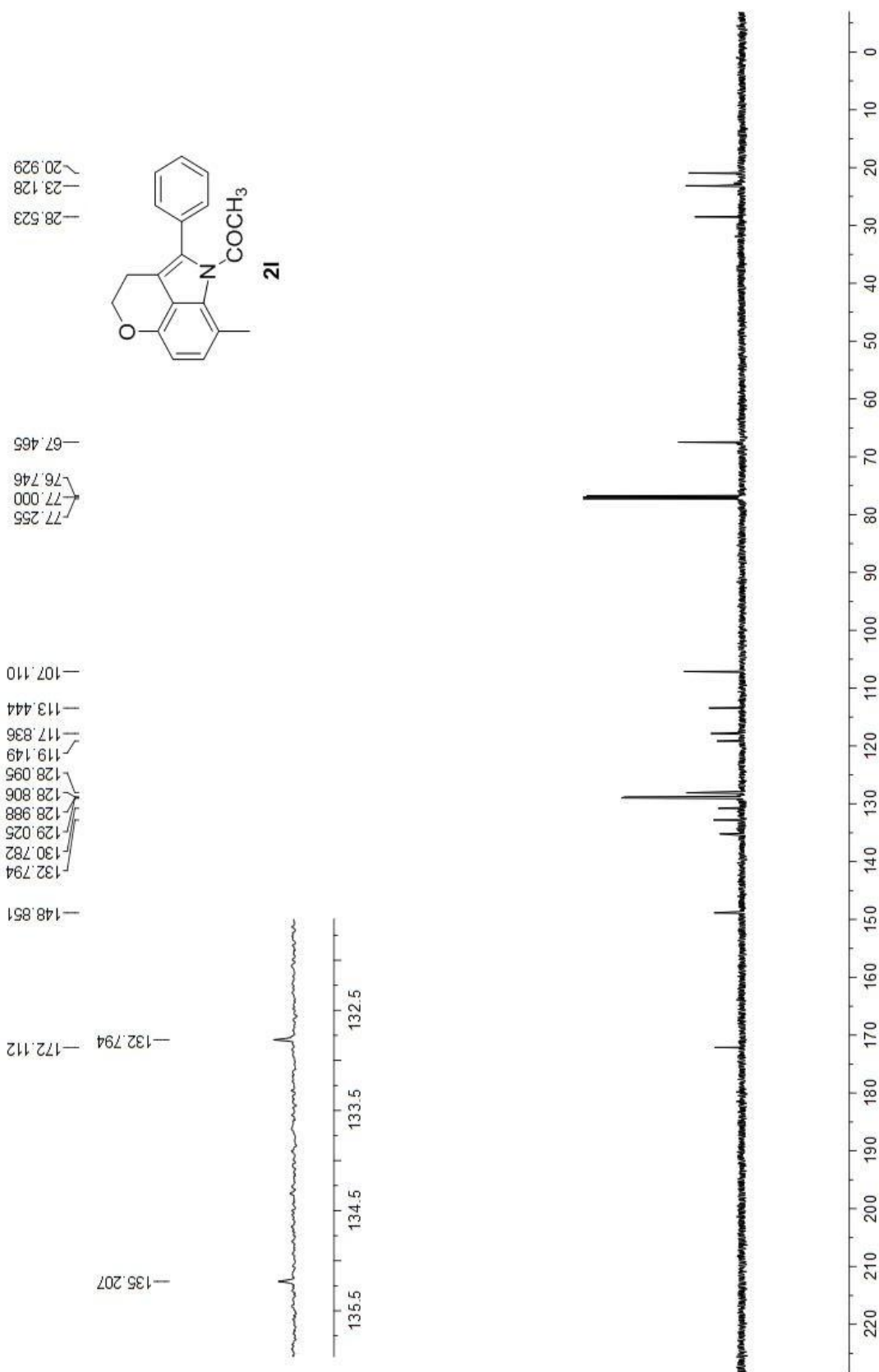


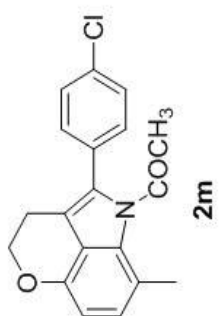
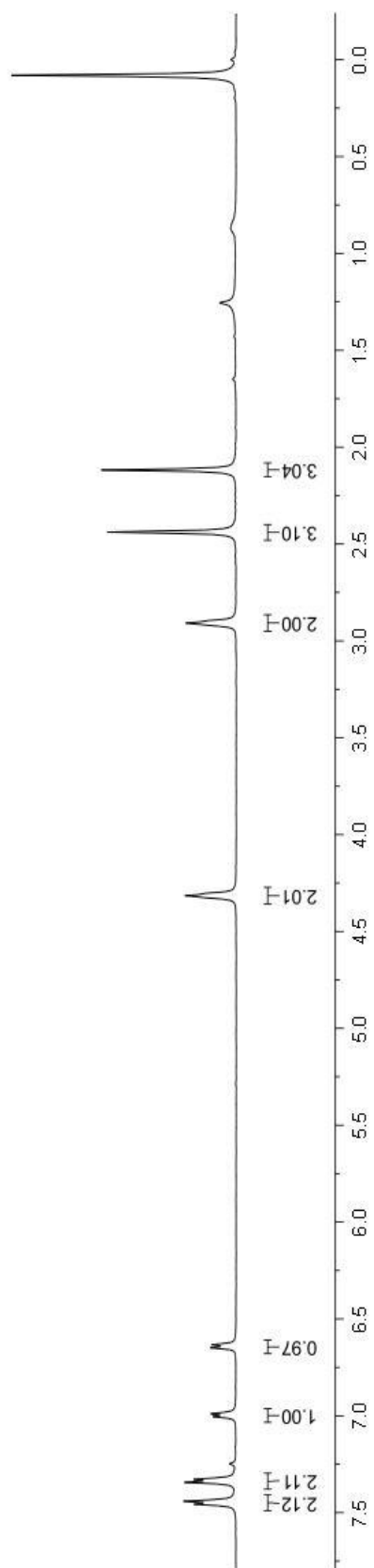


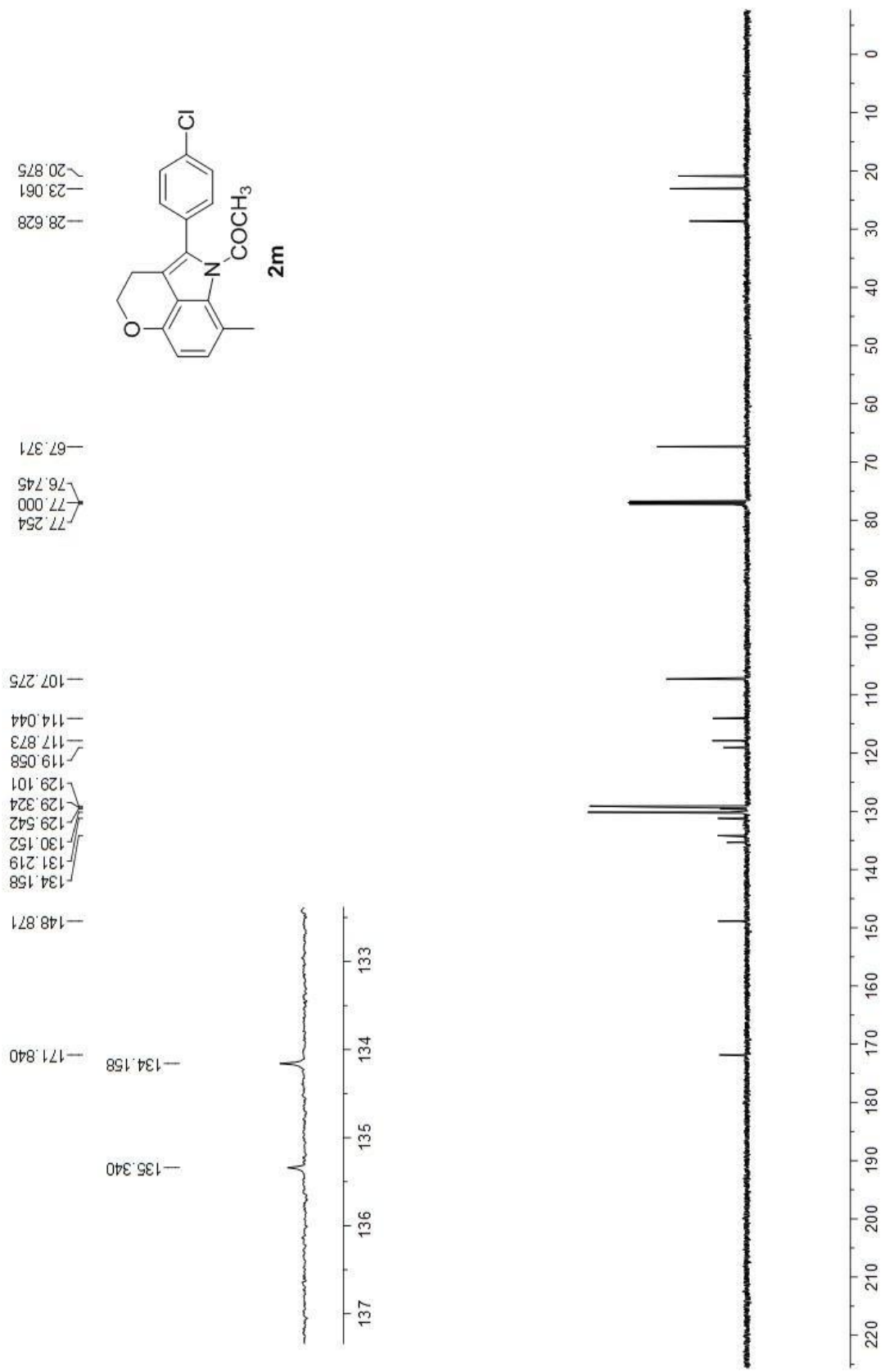


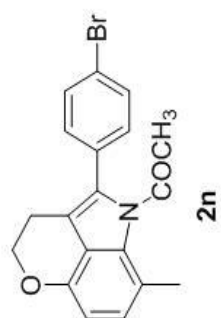
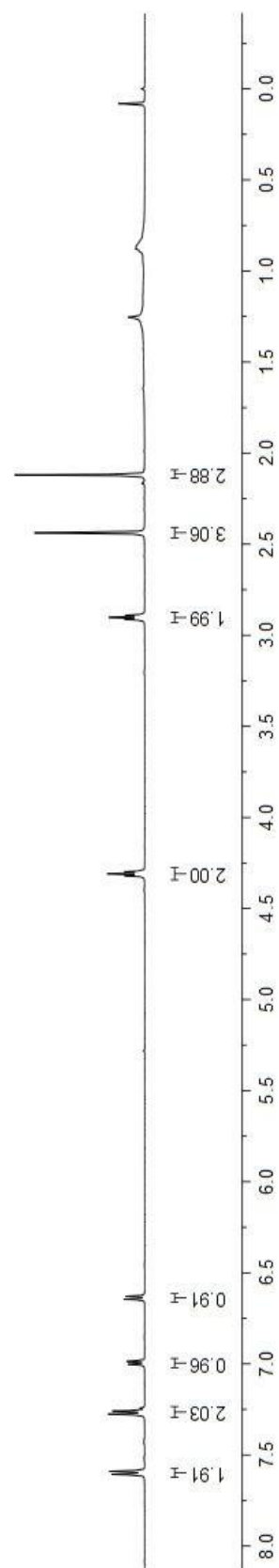


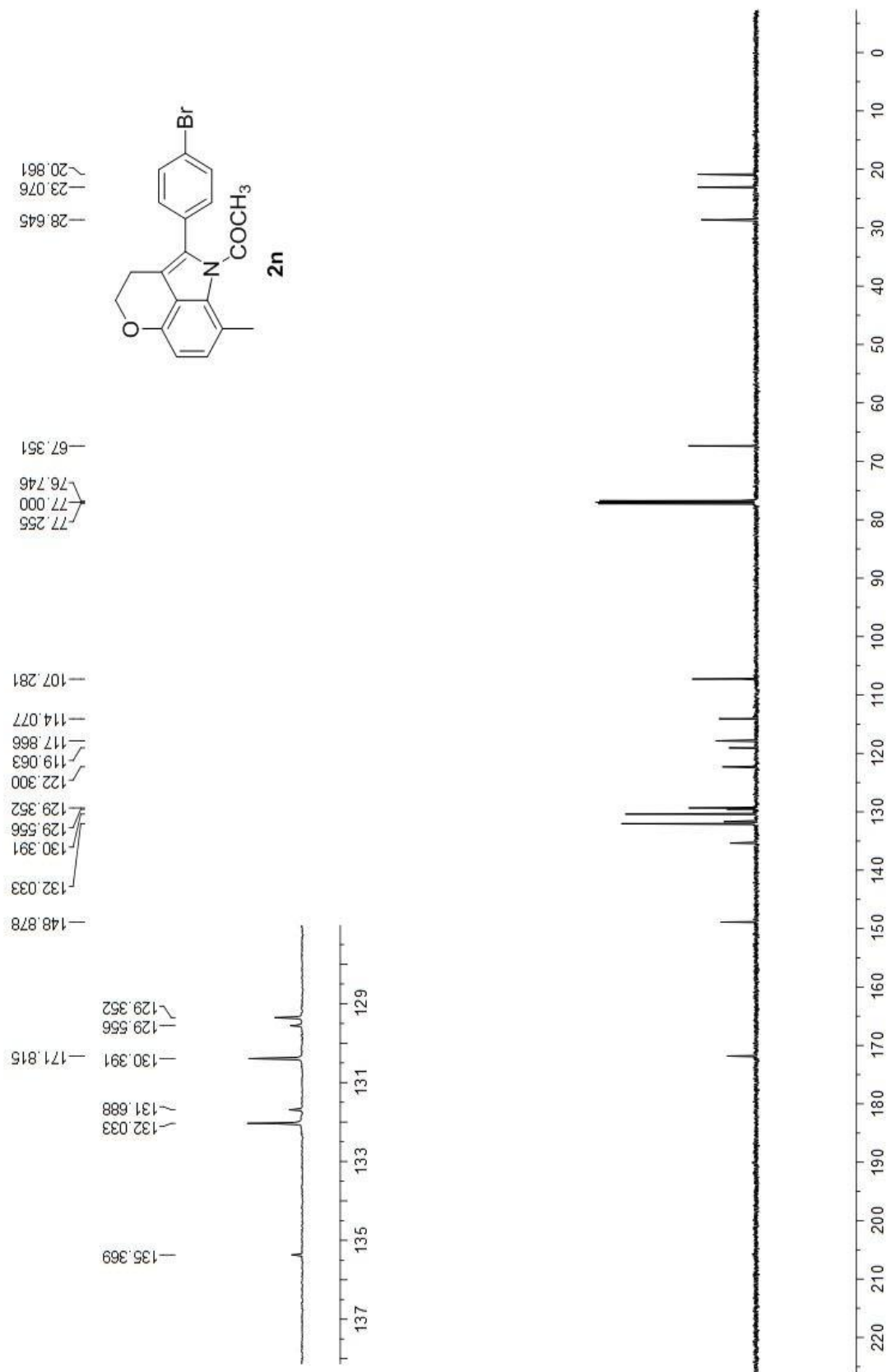


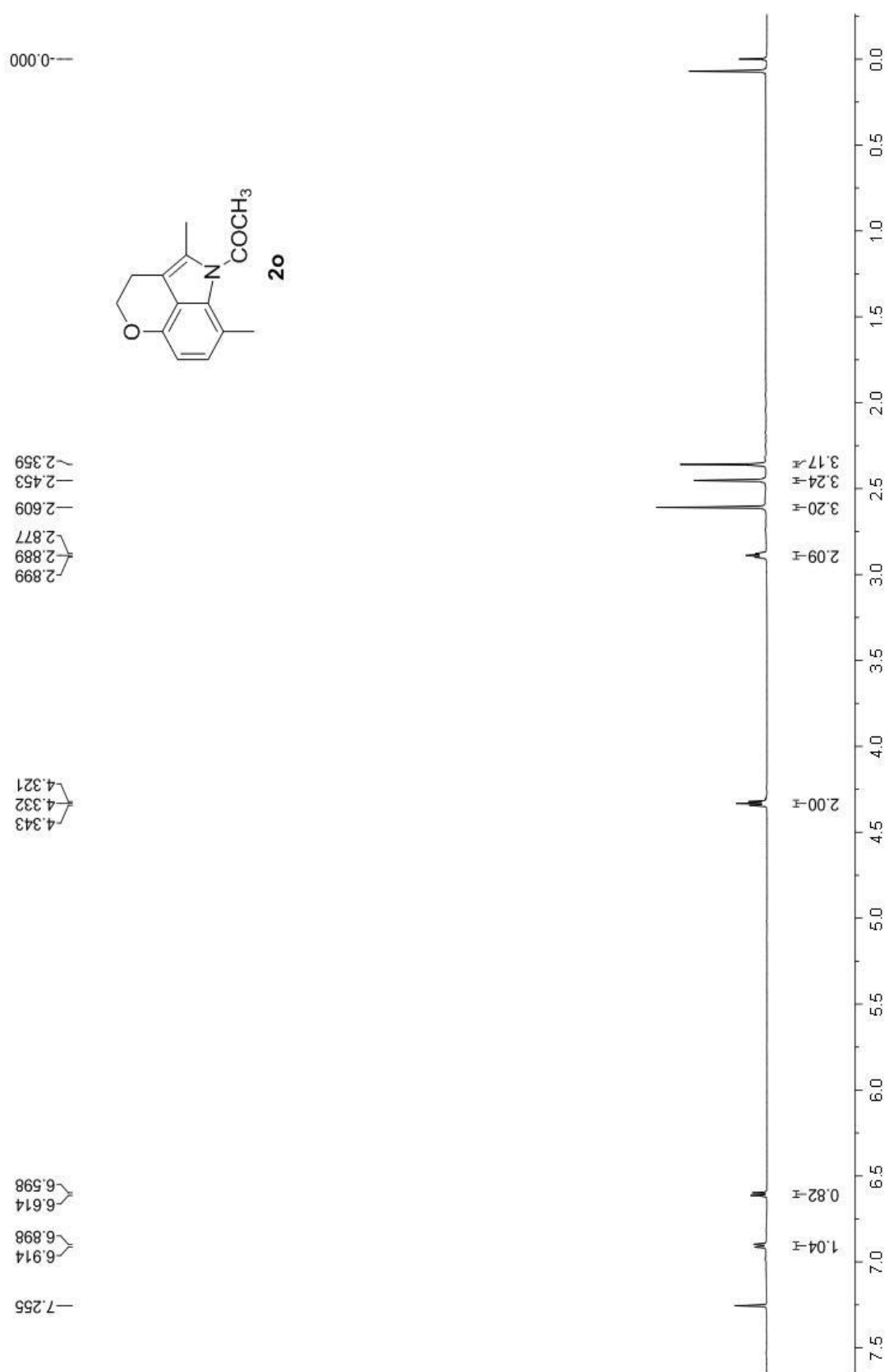


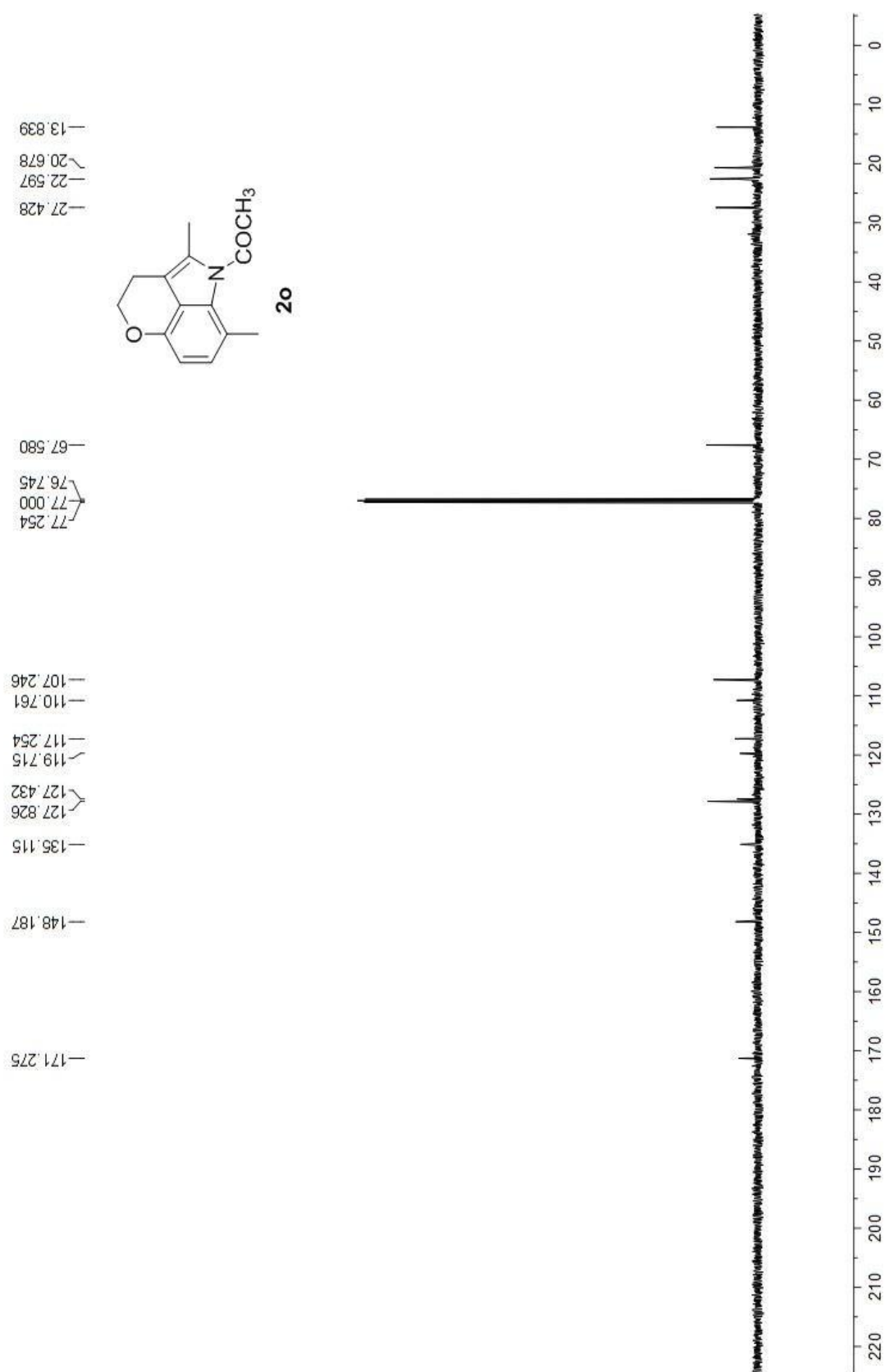


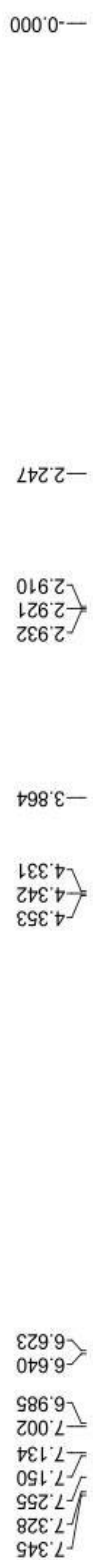
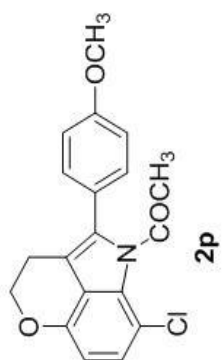
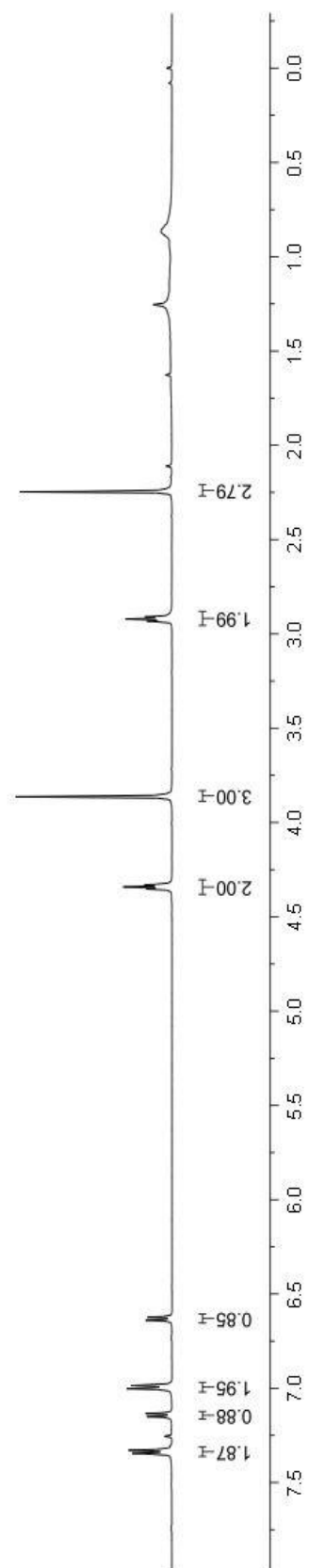


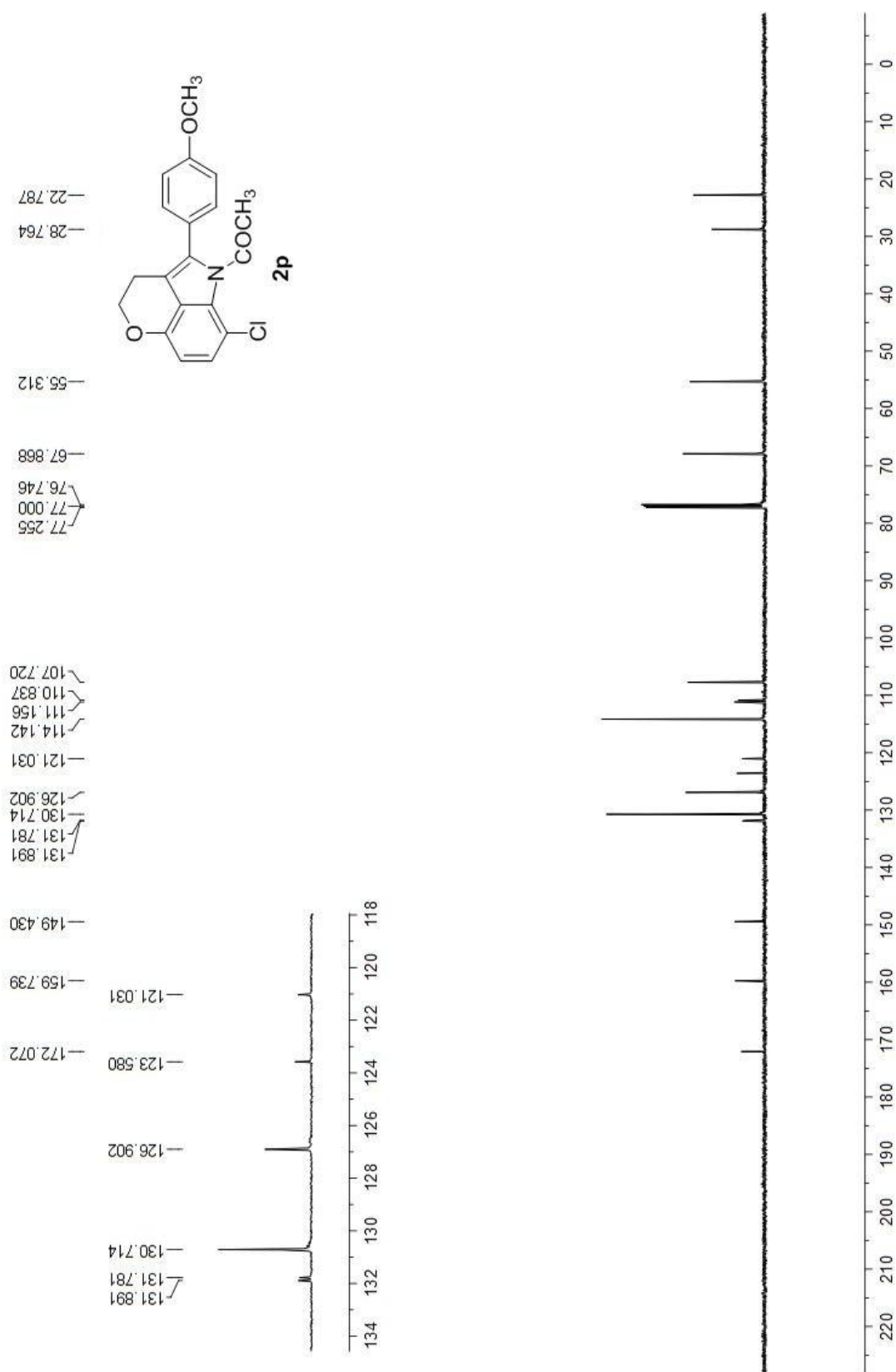


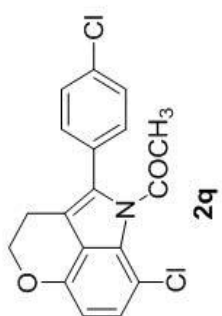
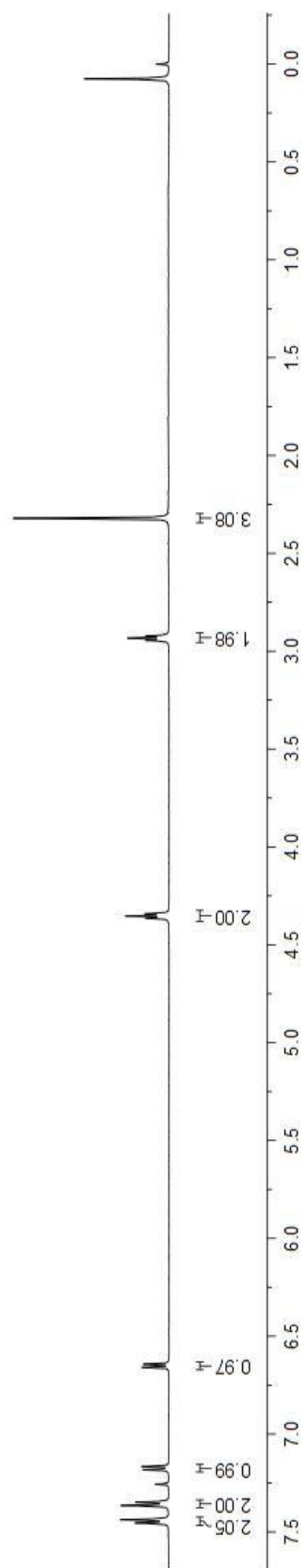












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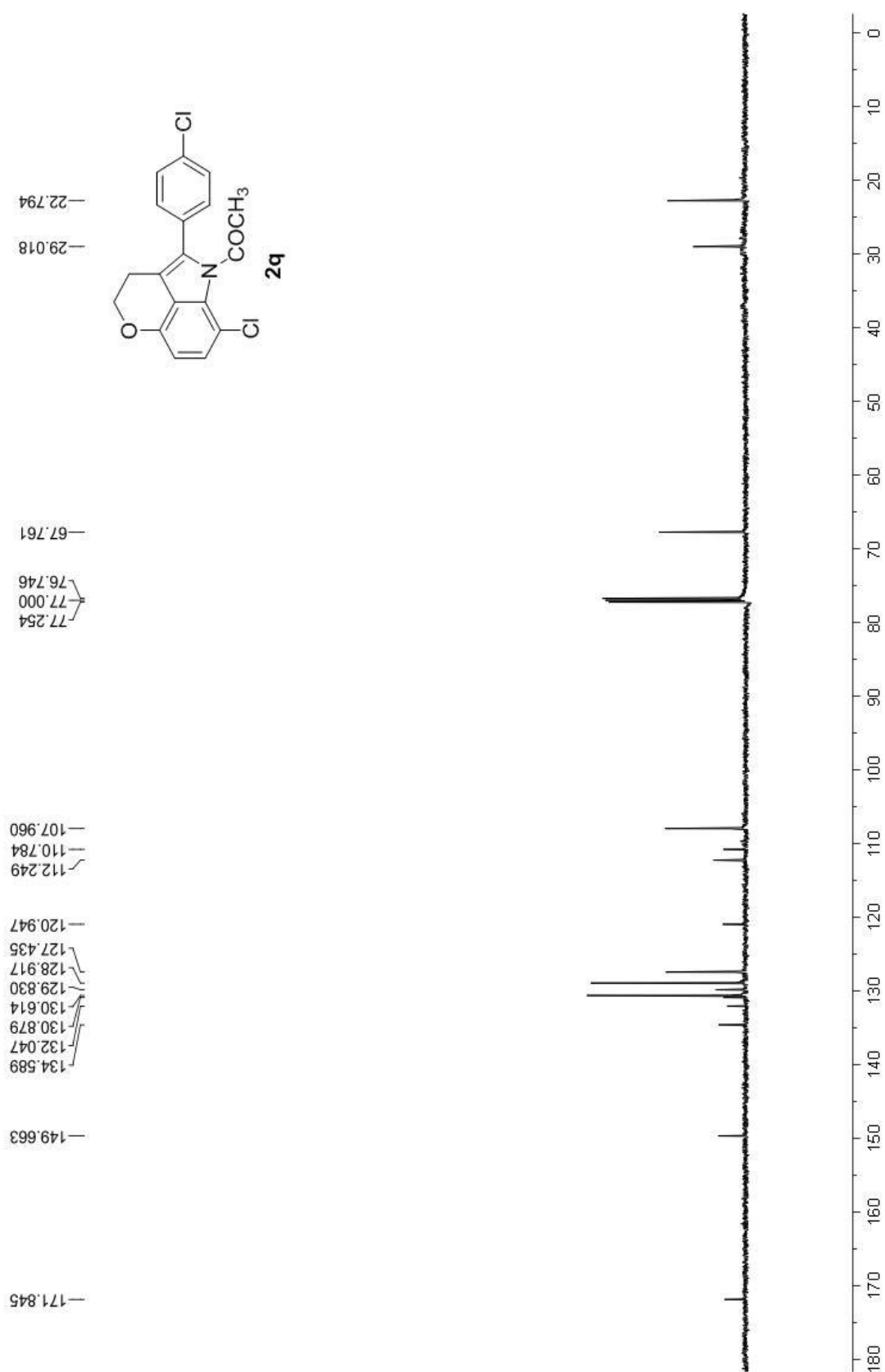
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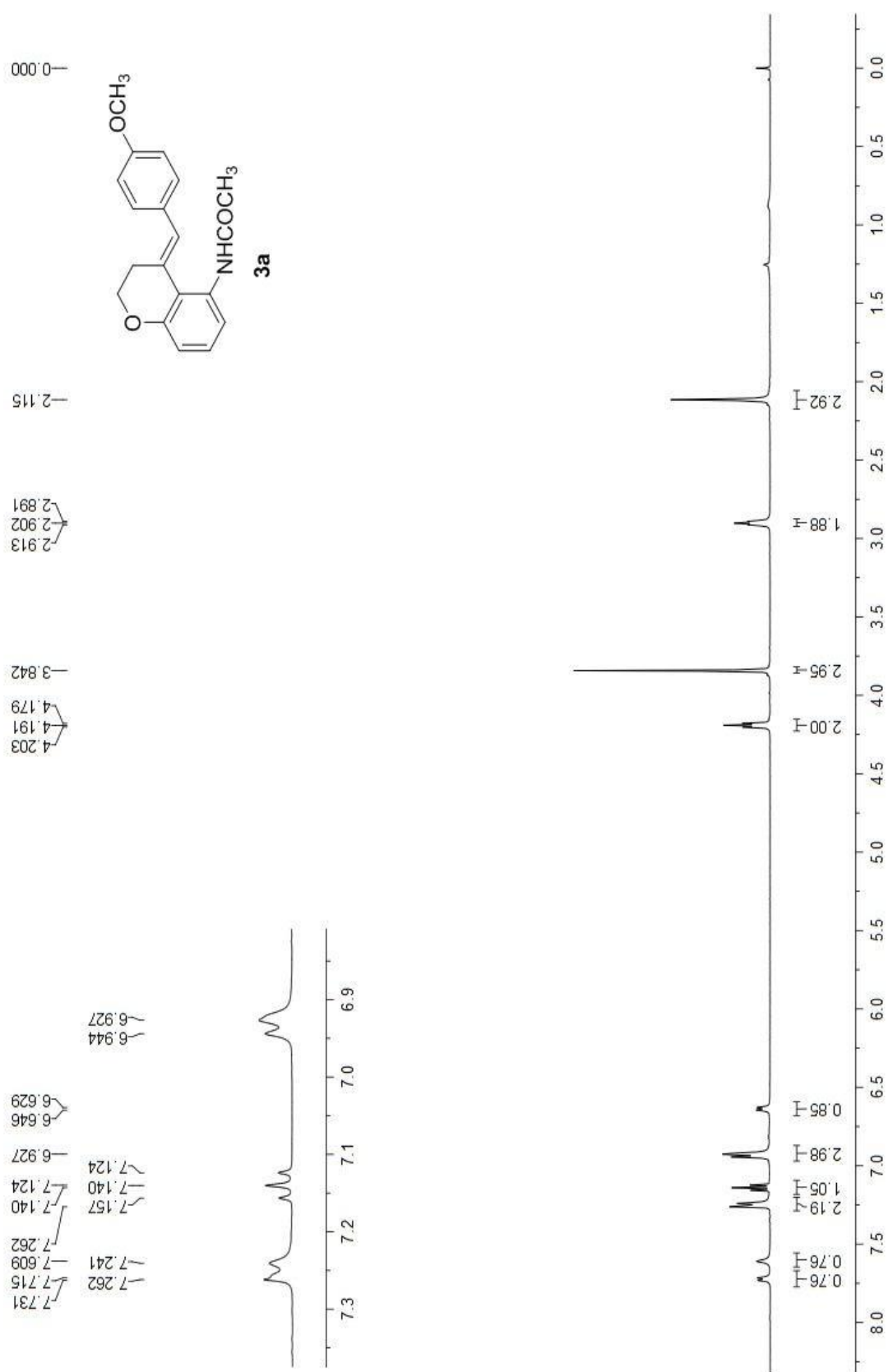
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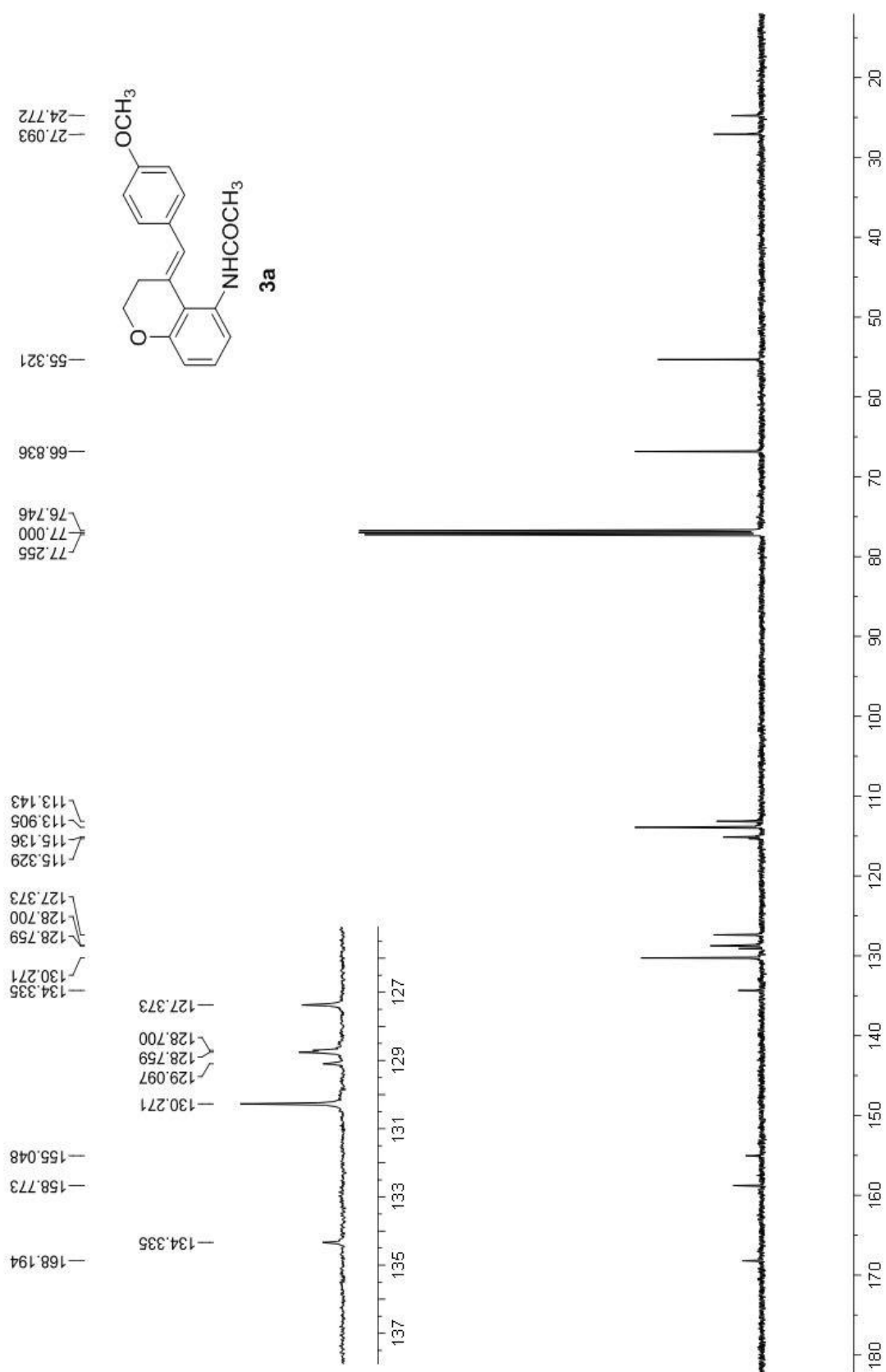
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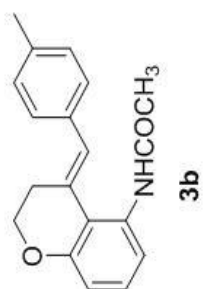
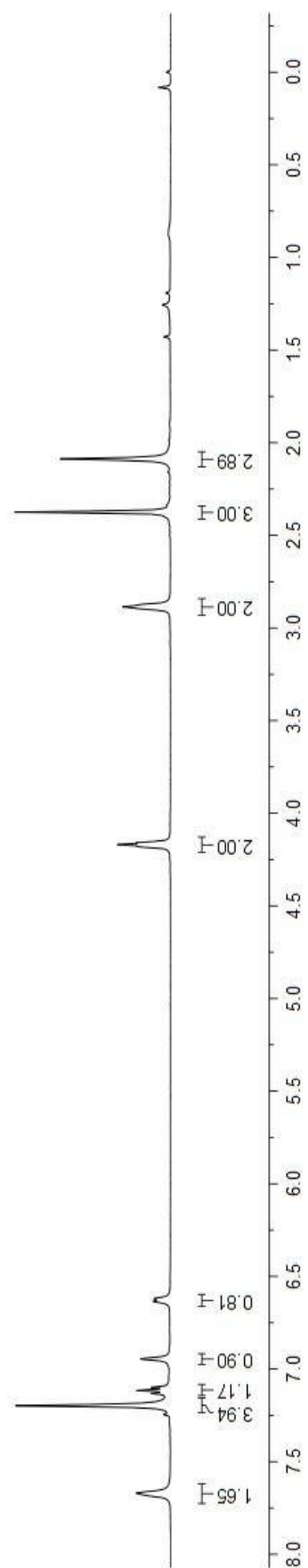
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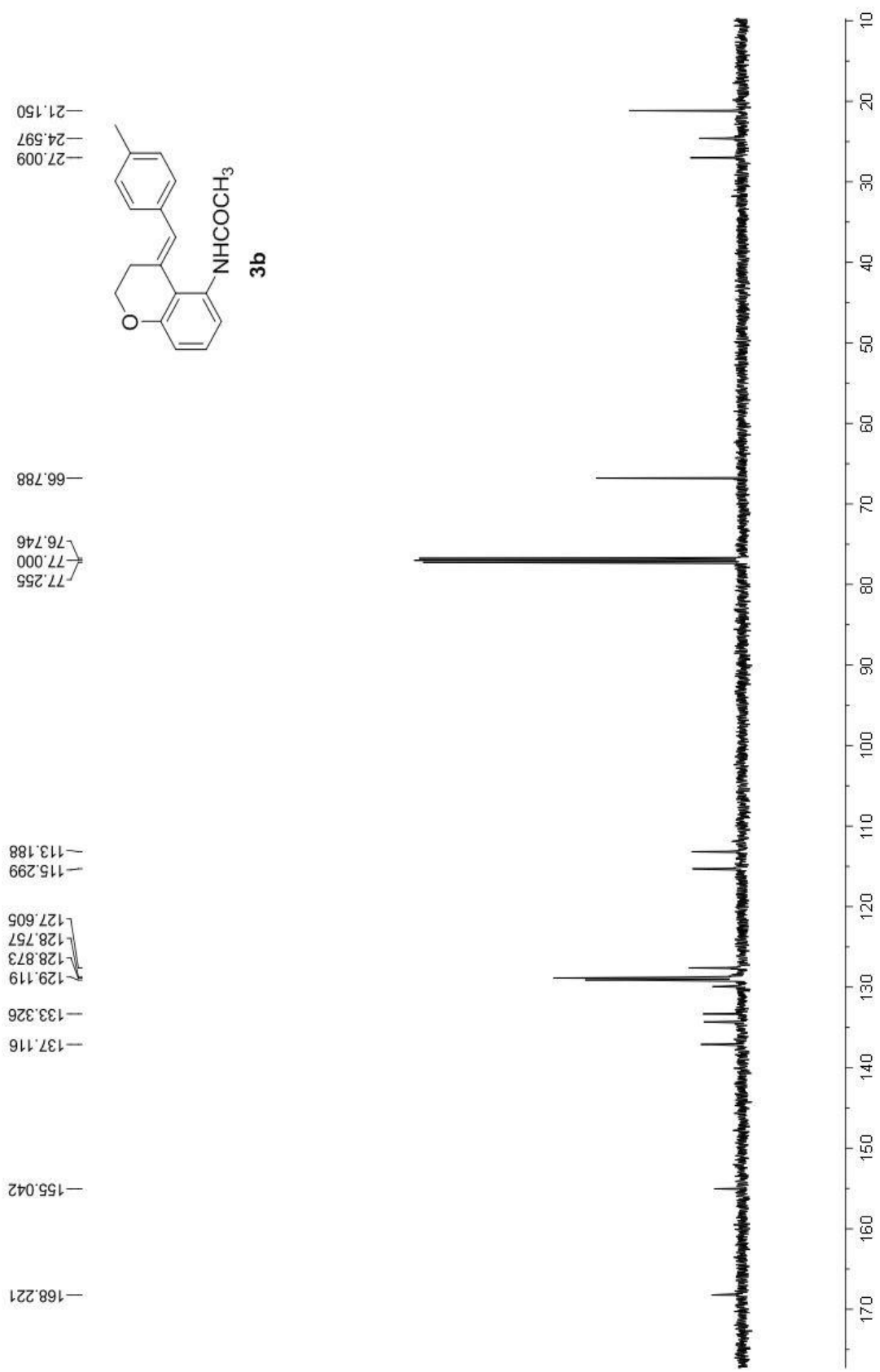
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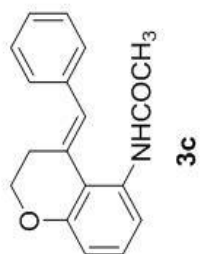
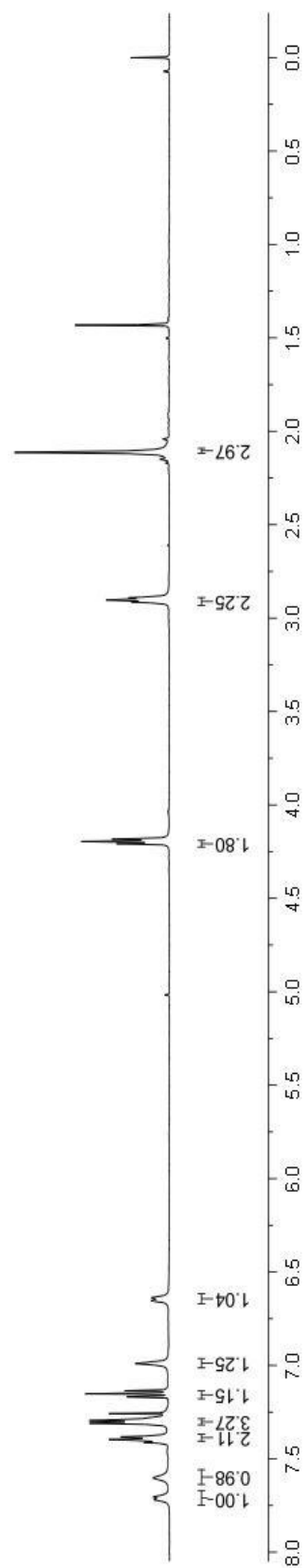
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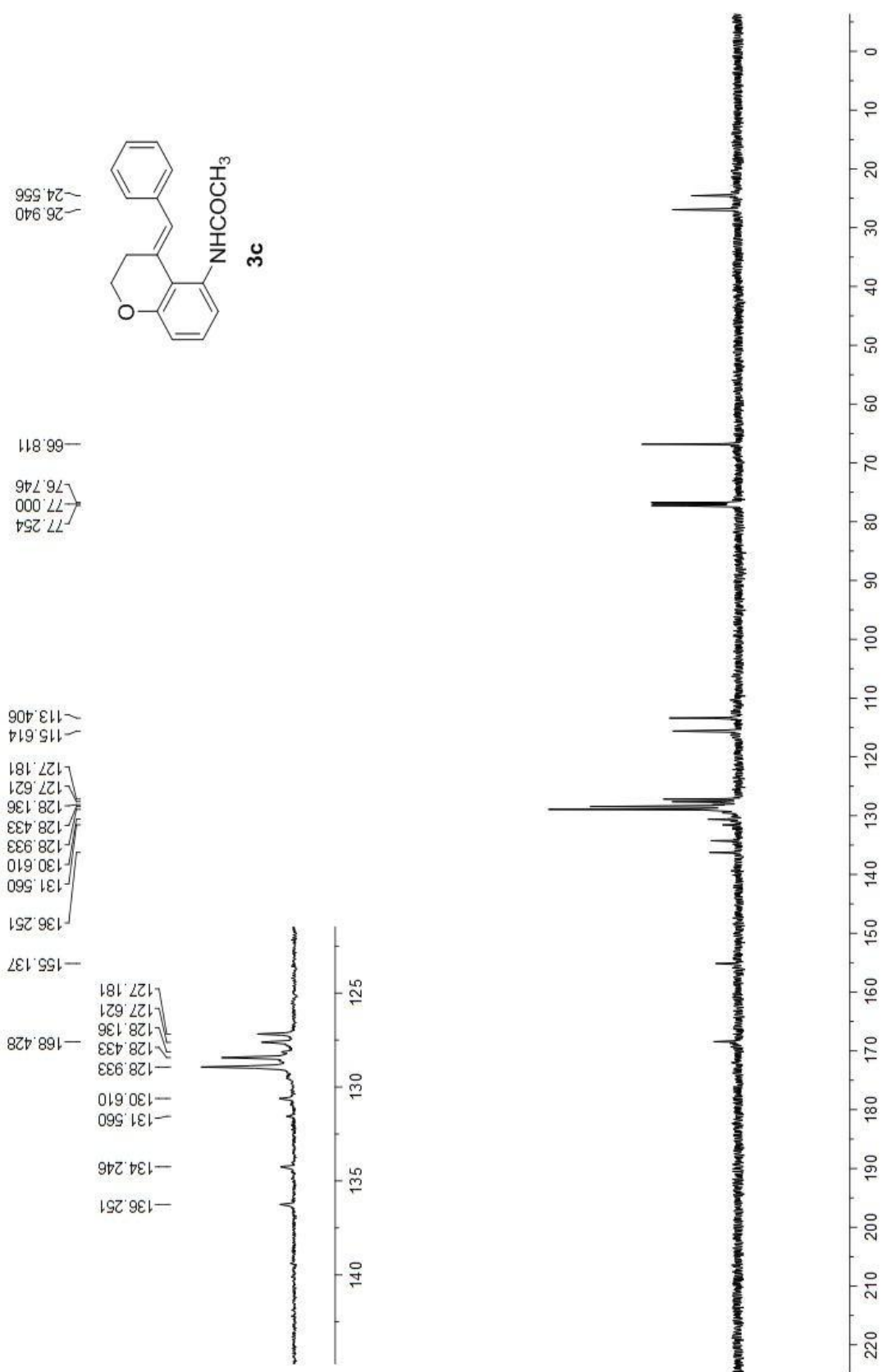
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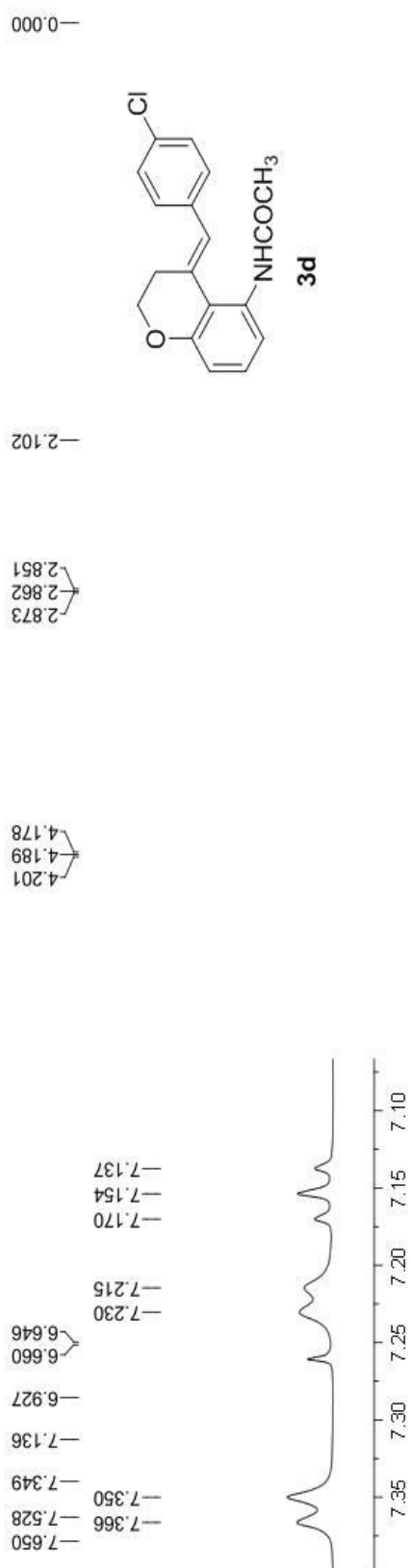
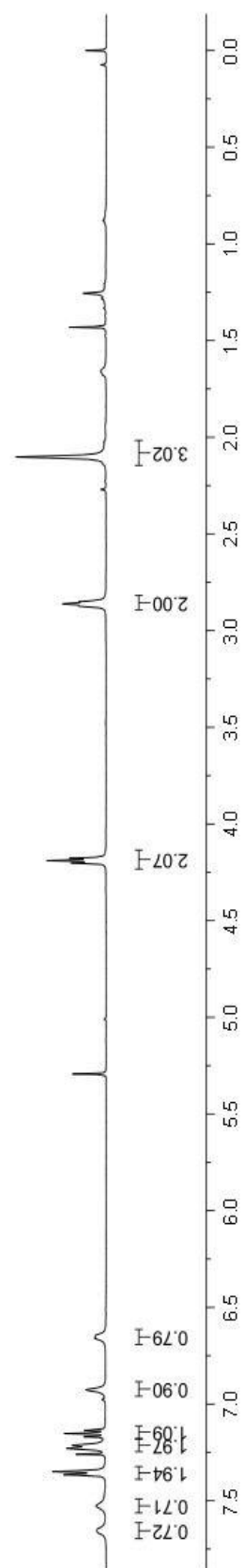
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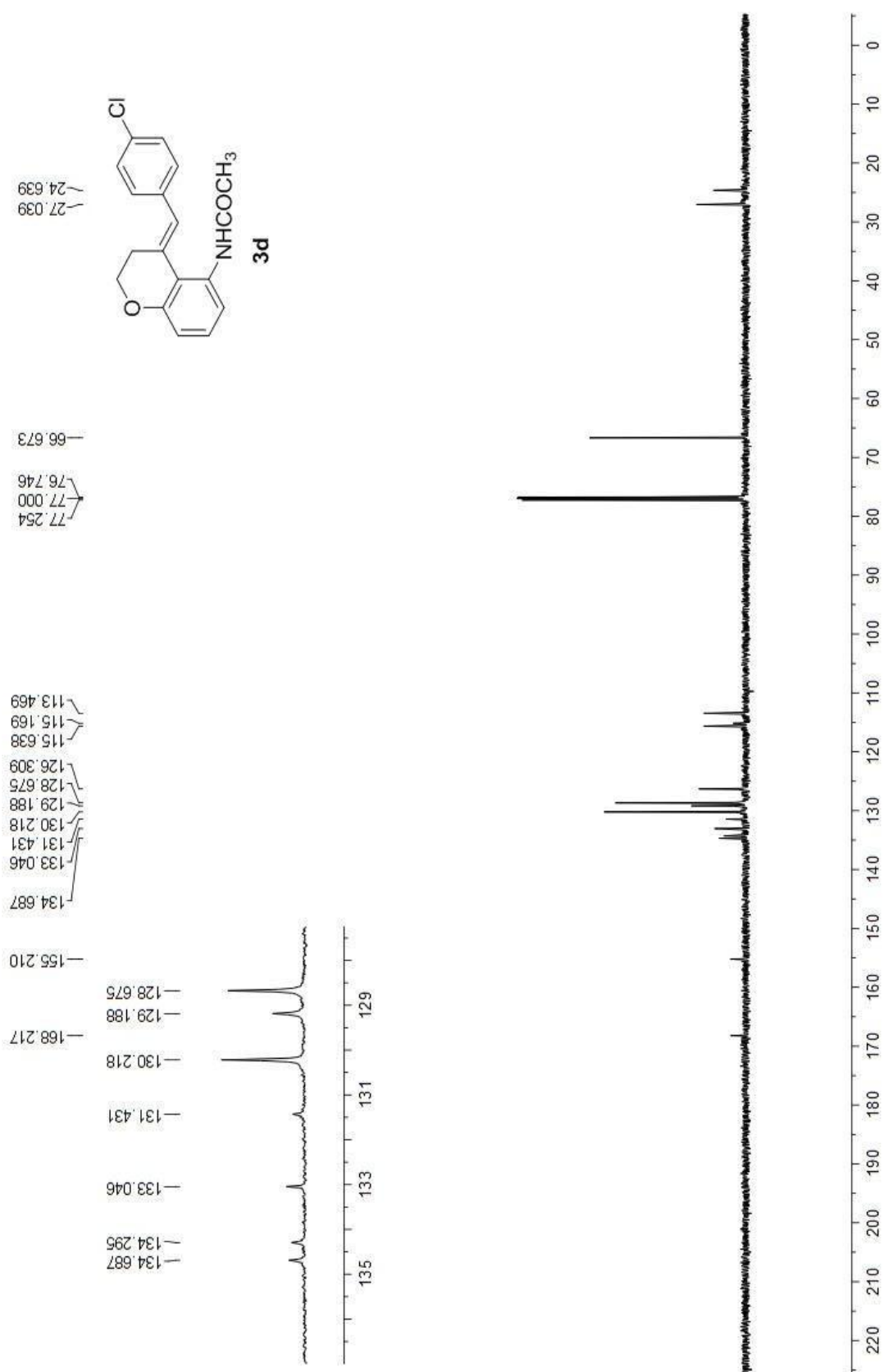
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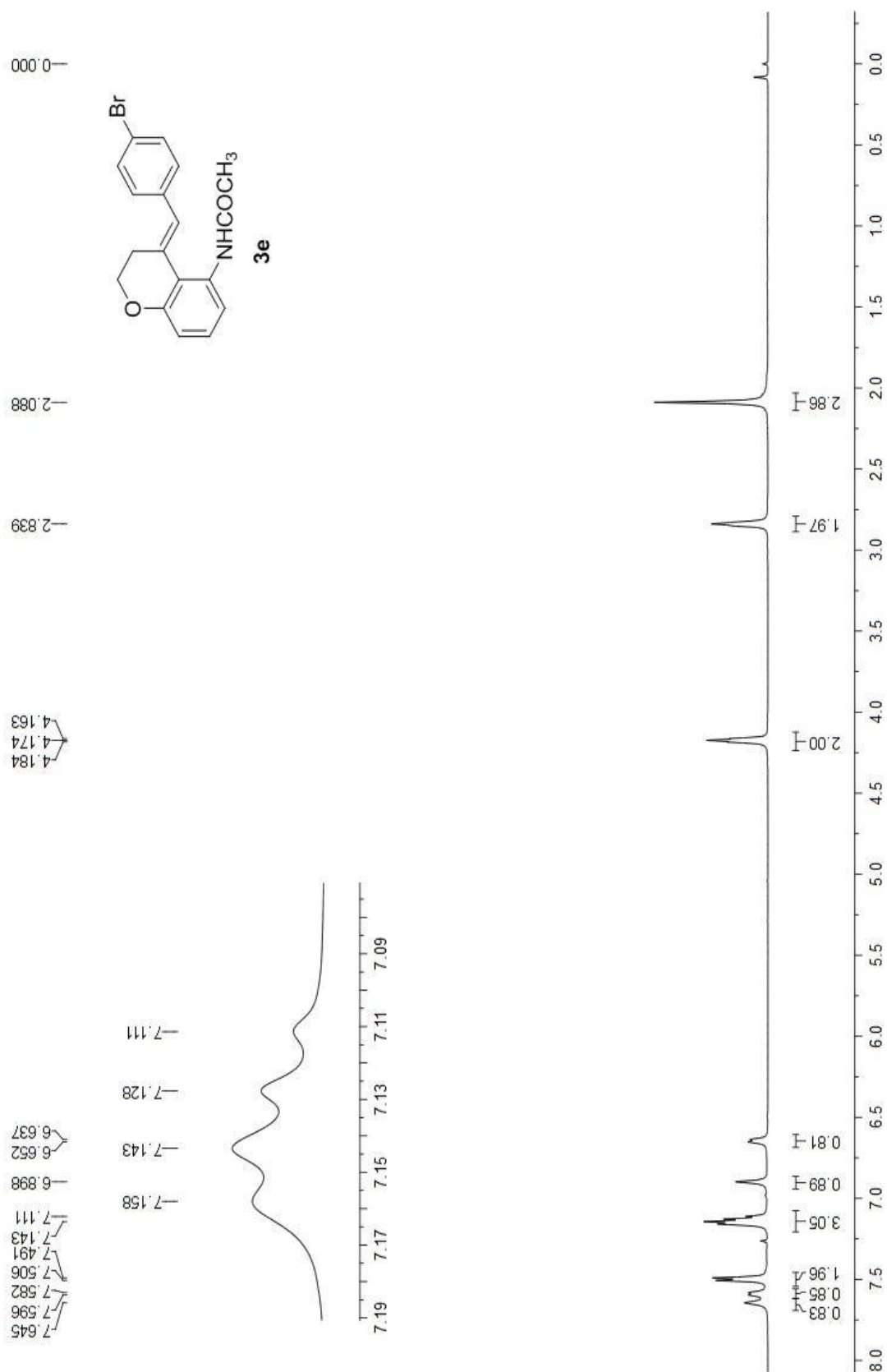
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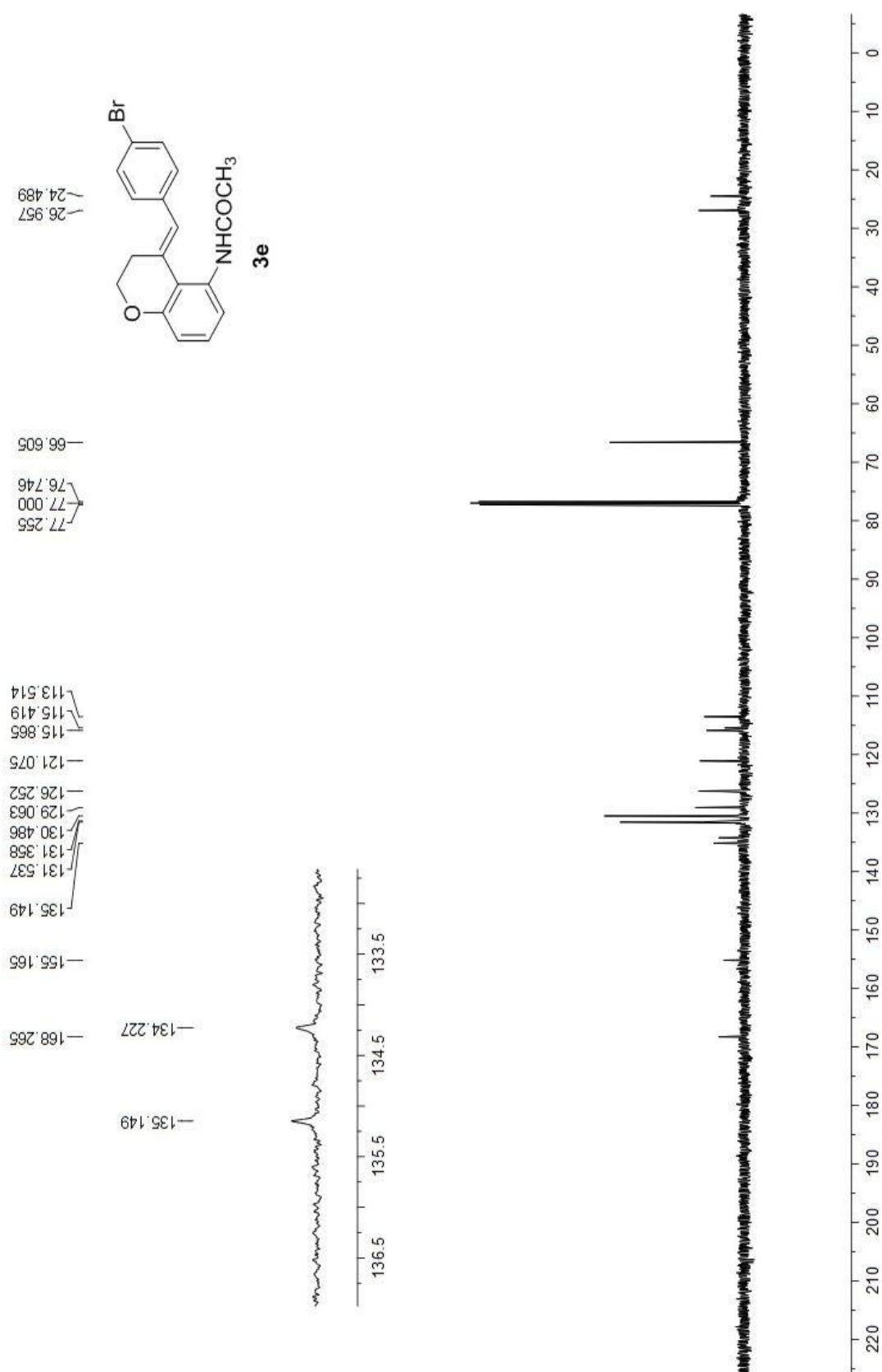


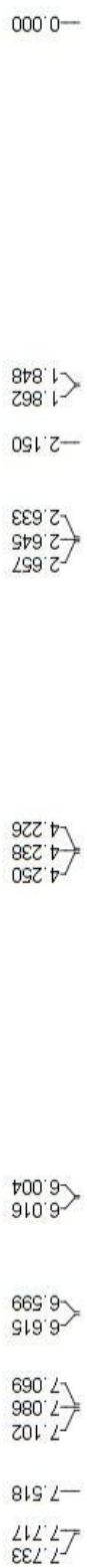
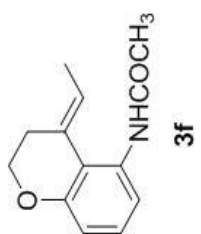
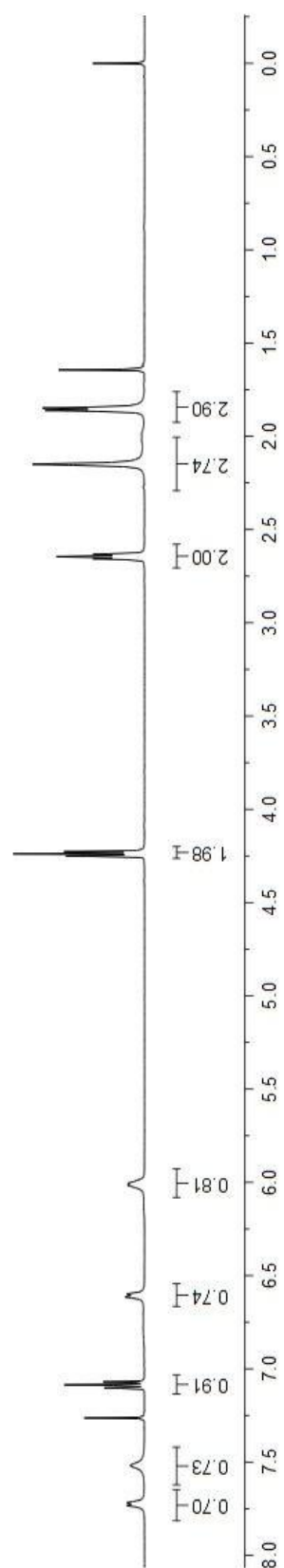


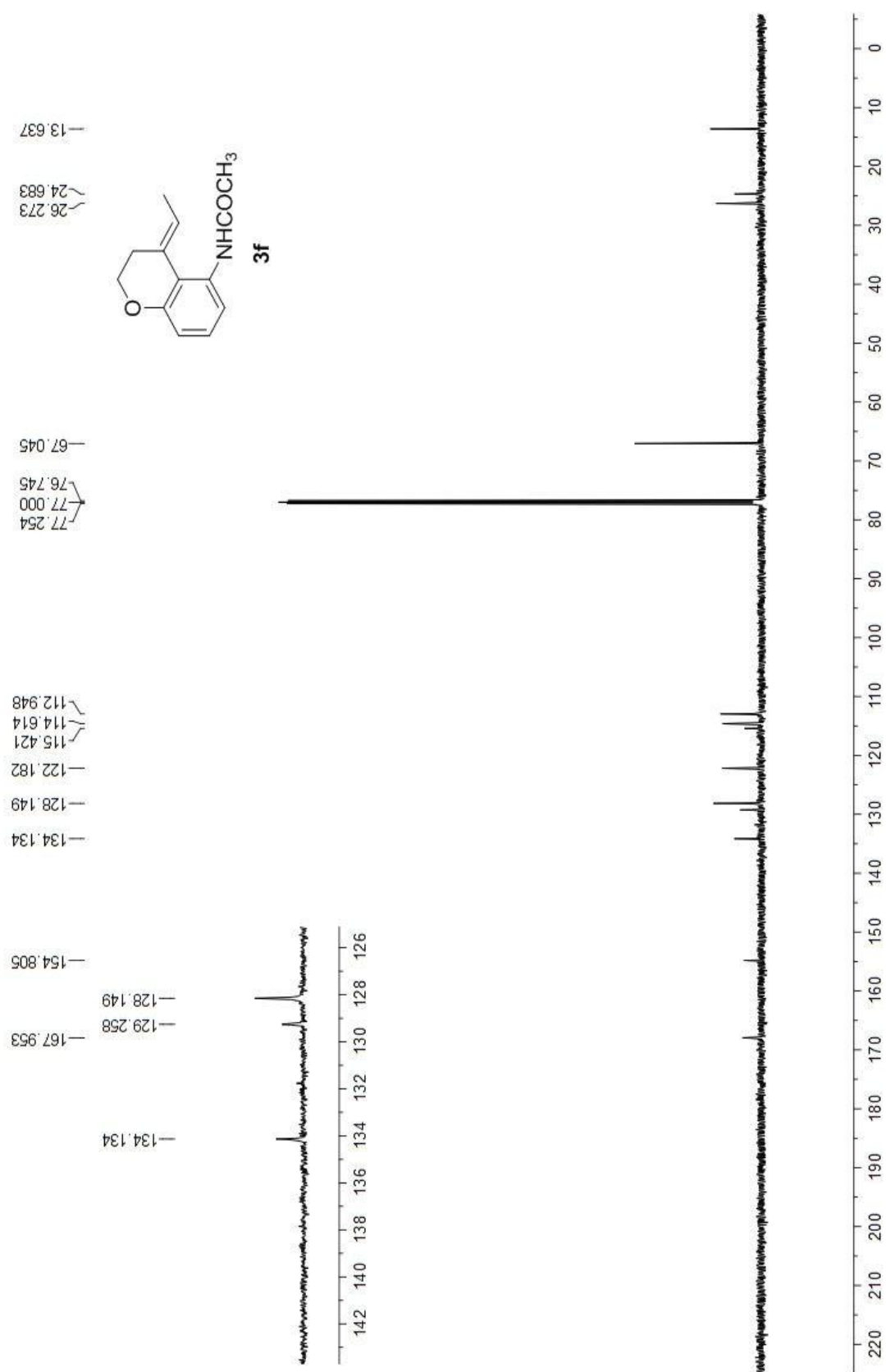


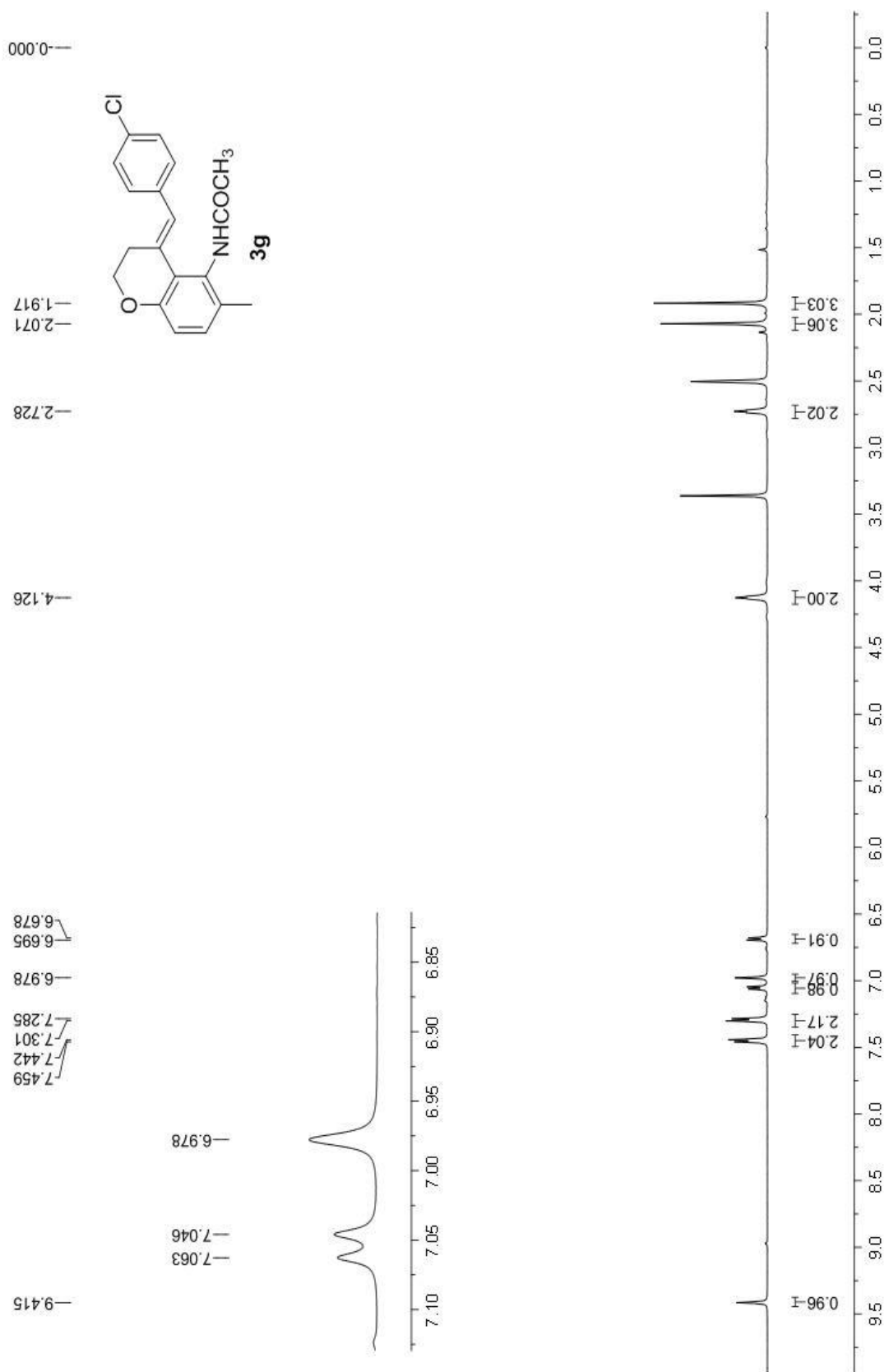


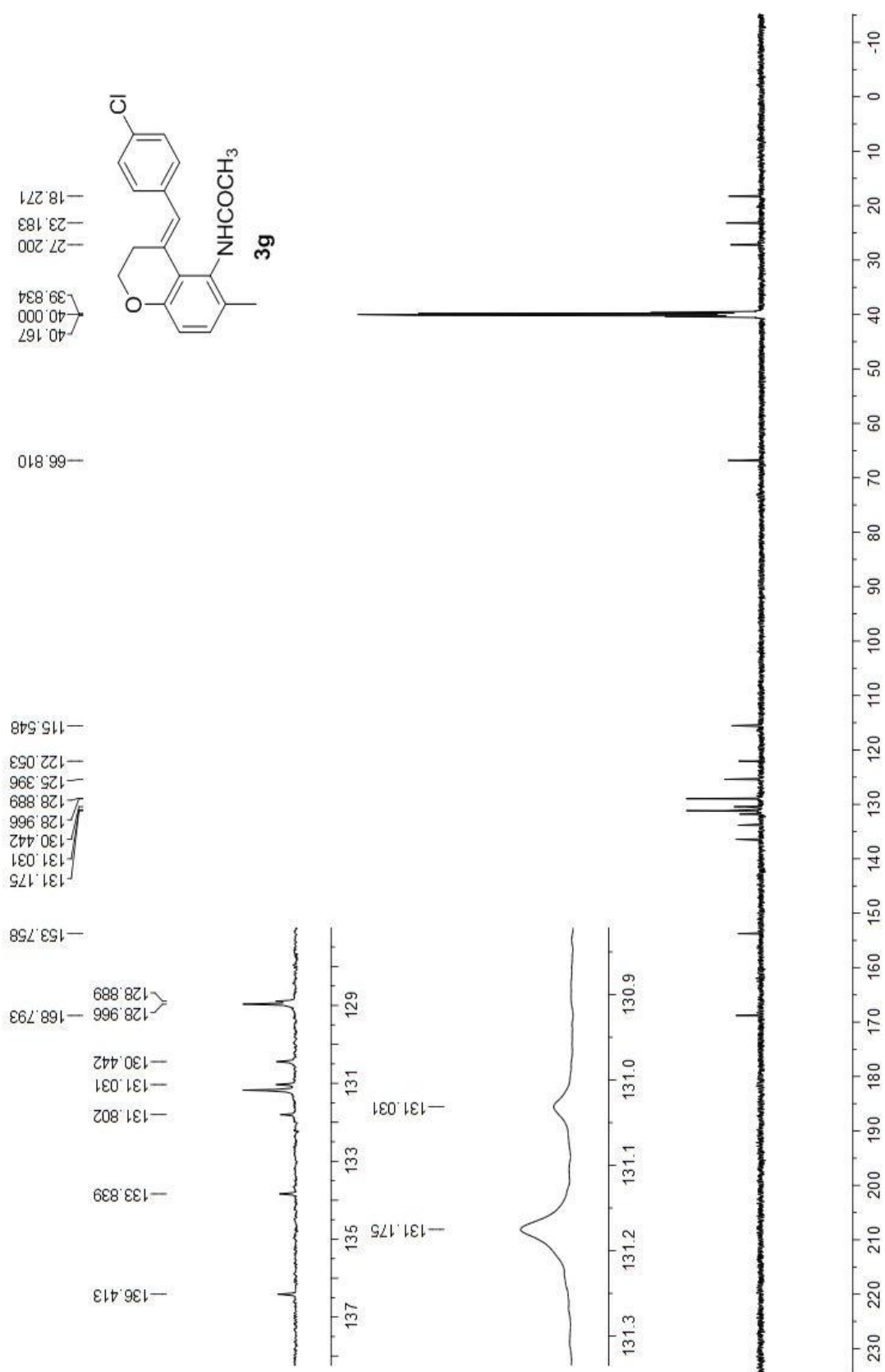


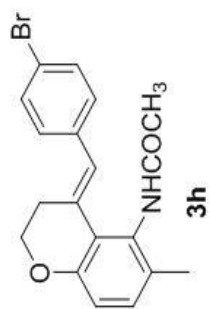
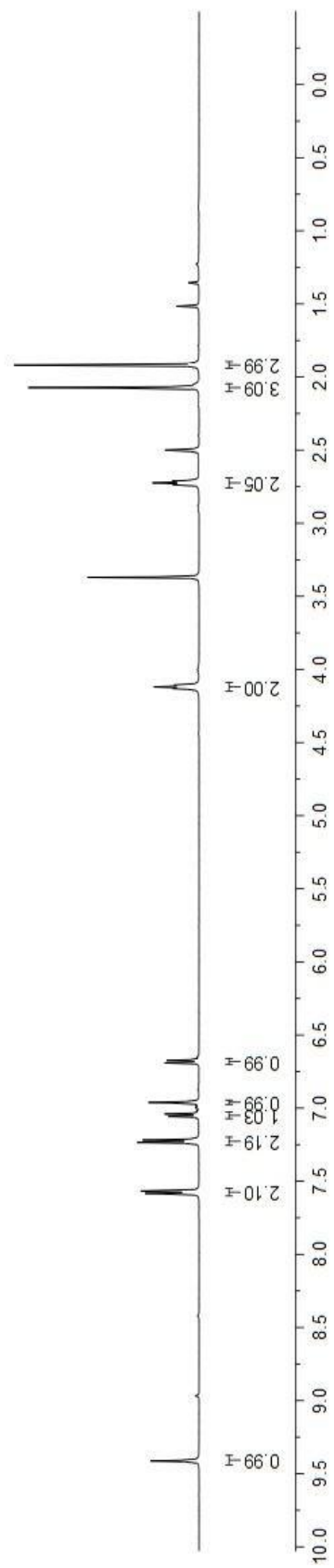












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- 2.723
- 2.712
- 2.500
- 2.072
- 1.919

Chemical shift values (ppm):

- 4.130
- 4.119
- 4.108

Chemical shift values (ppm):

- 7.583
- 7.567
- 7.235
- 7.218
- 6.961
- 6.690
- 6.673

Chemical shift value (ppm):

- 6.961

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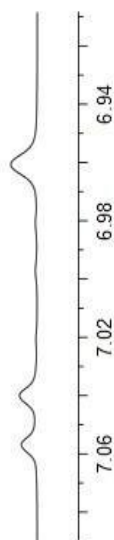
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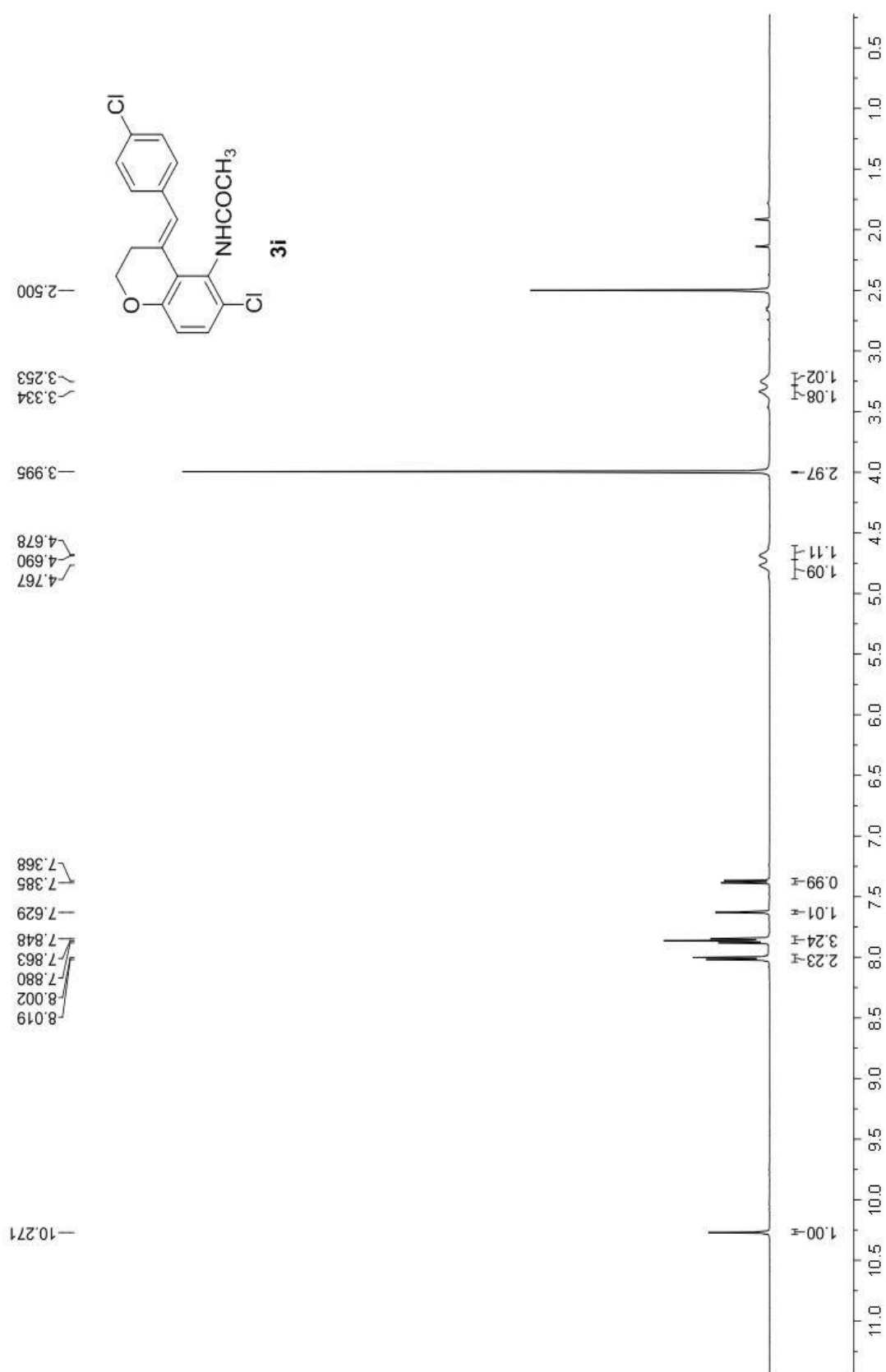
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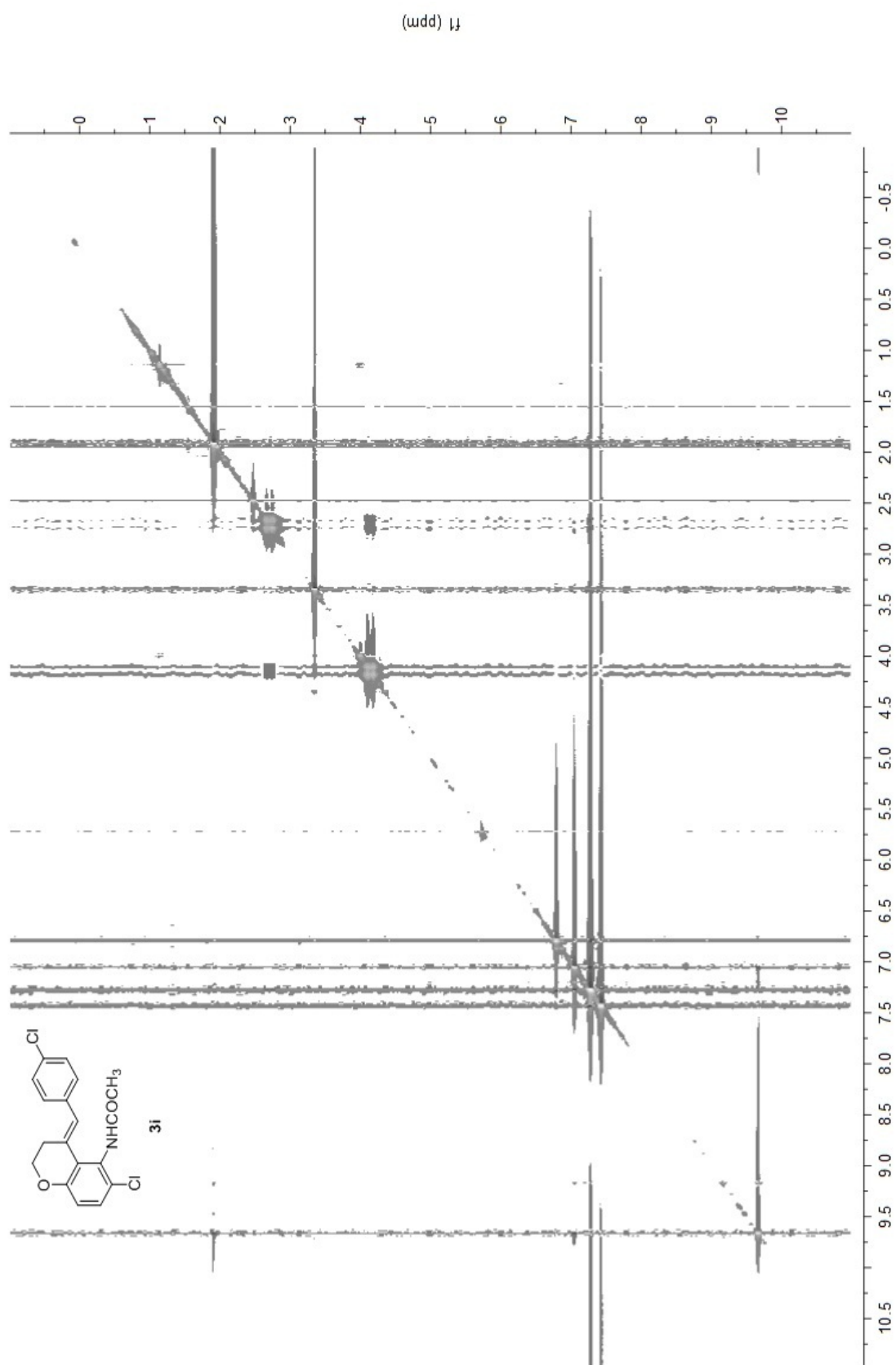
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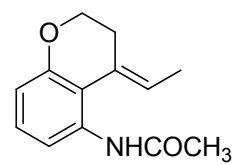
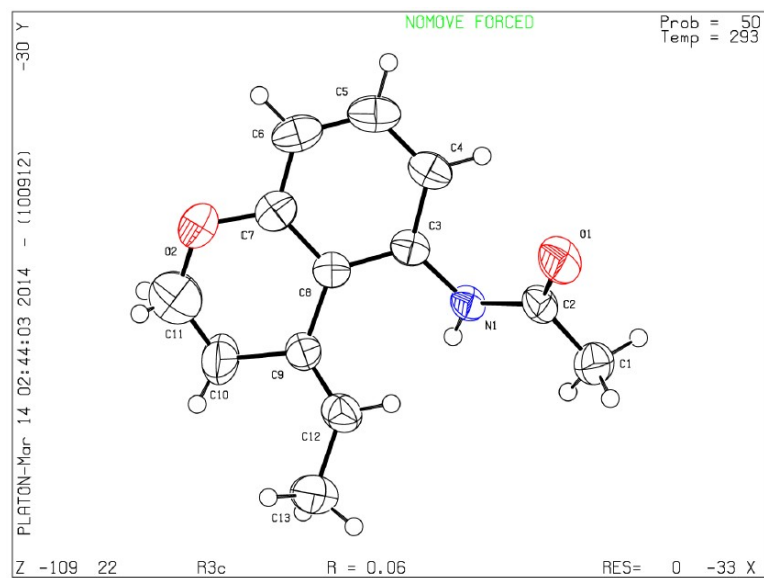








VI. Crystal structure of 3f



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