

Supporting Information for

**Oxidative Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling between *N*-aryl
Tetrahydroisoquinolins and 5*H*-Oxazol-4-ones through Two
Methodologies: Copper Catalysis or a Metal-Free Strategy**

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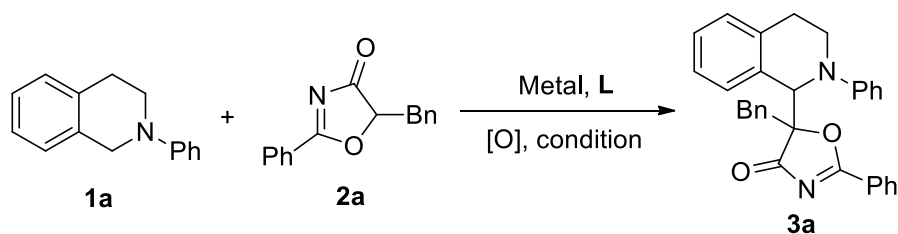
(A) General Information

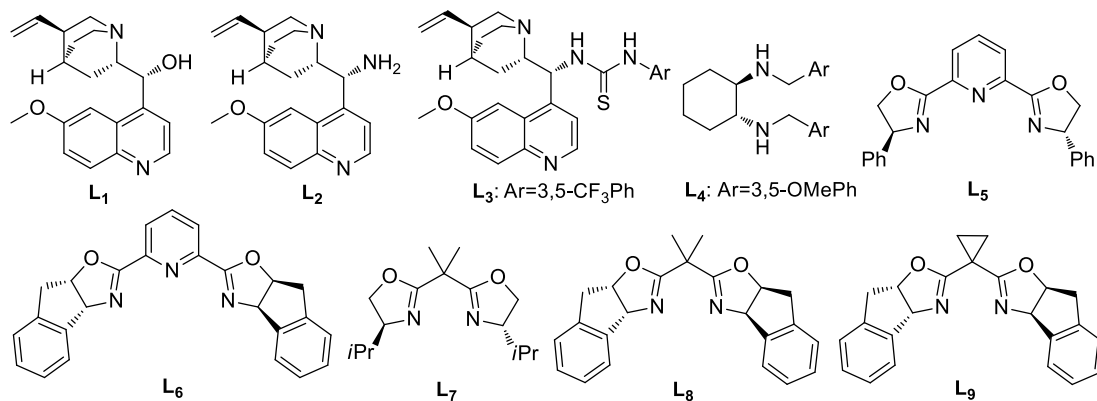
Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame dried glassware. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), column chromatography purifications were carried out using silica gel. Proton nuclear resonance (^1H NMR) spectra were recorded on 300 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) spectra were recorded on 75 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Data for ^1H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet or unresolved, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). Data for ^{13}C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm). IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrometer and only major peaks were reported in cm^{-1} . High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by the ESI ionization sources. Substrates *N*-aryl tetrahydroisoquinolins **1**^[1] and Oxazol-4(*5H*)-ones **2**^[2] were prepared according to literature.

(B) Attempt at asymmetric aerobic oxidative coupling reaction between *N*-aryl Tetrahydroisoquinolins and 5*H*-Oxazol-4-ones

Typical experimental procedure: A solution of $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.01 mmol) and chiral ligand in anhydrous DCM (0.3 mL) under Air (for **L**₁ – **L**₃) or Ar (for **L**₄ – **L**₉) atmosphere was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, and then a mixture of **1a** (0.15 mmol) and **2a** (0.10 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (0.2 mL) was added. The resultant reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature under air (O_2) atmosphere for 36 h.

Table 1. Optimizing reaction conditions^a

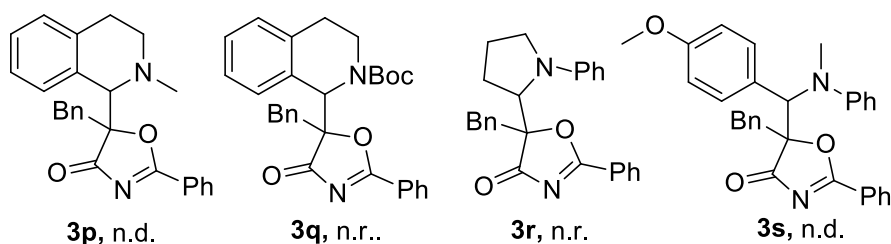
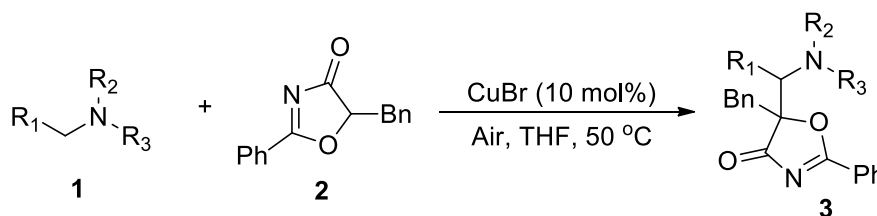




| Entry | Metal (10 mol %) | L (mol %) | [O] | Ee (%) ^b | Conversion (%) ^c |
|-------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₁ (20) | Air | 0 | 67 |
| 2 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₂ (20) | Air | - | trace |
| 3 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₃ (20) | Air | - | trace |
| 4 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₄ (12) | Air | 0 | 46 |
| 5 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₅ (12) | Air | - | trace |
| 6 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₆ (12) | Air | - | trace |
| 7 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₇ (12) | Air | 0 | 88 |
| 8 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₈ (12) | Air | 0 | 47 |
| 9 | Cu(OTf) ₂ | L ₉ (12) | Air | 0 | 35 |
| 10 | Mg(ClO ₄) ₂ | L ₇ (12) | Air | - | trace |

^a Unless otherwise specified, the reaction was performed on a 0.1 mmol scale at room temperature. ^b Determined by HPLC on chiral stationary phase. ^c The conversion was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy of the crude mixture.

(C) Unsuccessful examples of aerobic oxidative coupling reaction of other amines and Oxazol-4(5*H*)-ones



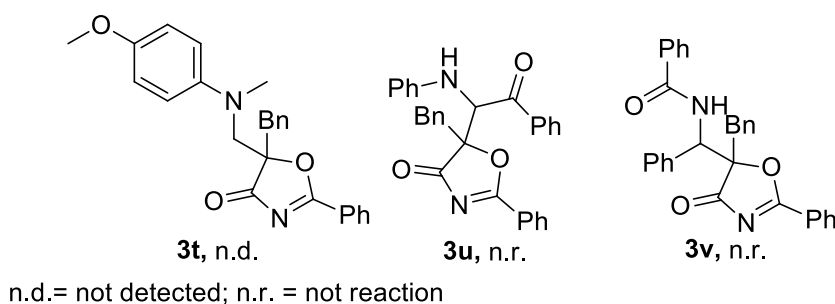
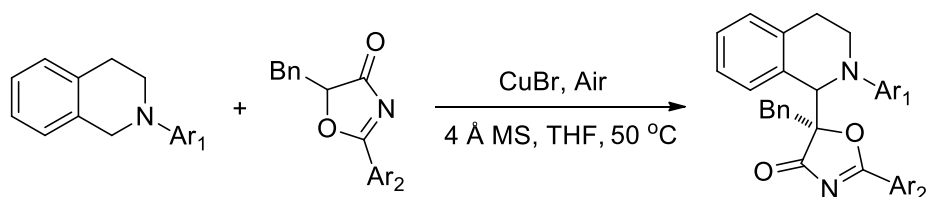


Figure 1. Unsuccessful examples

(D) General procedure of aerobic oxidative coupling reaction

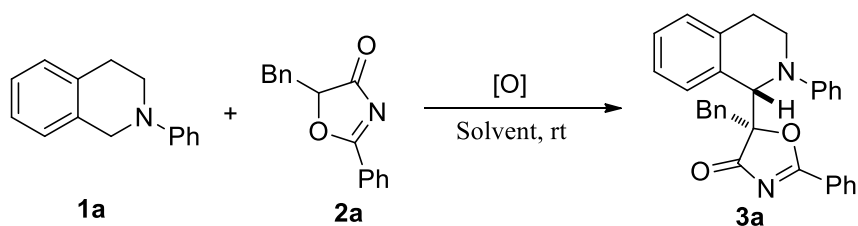


Method A: The reaction mixture of aryl-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv) , Oxazol-4(5H)-ones (0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 4Å molecular sieves (100 mg) and CuBr (0.03mmol, 0.1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.6 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for the appropriate time under air atmosphere. After the reaction finished (monitored by TLC), the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent, ethyl acetate / hexane 1:7) to afford the desired coupling products, which can be further purified by recrystallization.

(E) General procedure of metal-free coupling reaction

1. The optimization of reaction conditions

Table 2. Optimizing reaction conditions ^a



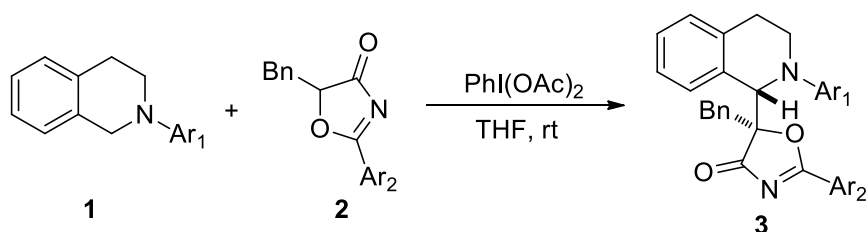
| Entry | [O] | Solvent | Conversion (%) ^b |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | TBHP | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 60 |
| 2 | <i>t</i> BuOO <i>t</i> Bu | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 38 |

| | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|----|
| 3 | DDQ | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 38 |
| 4 | PhI(OAc) ₂ | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 90 |
| 5 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 43 |
| 6 | PhI(OAc) ₂ | THF | 98 |
| 7 | PhI(OAc) ₂ | toluene | 84 |

^a Reactions were carried out with **1a** (0.12 mmol), **2a** (0.1 mmol), oxidant (0.12 mmol) in solvent (0.4 mL) for 24h. ^b The conversion was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy of the crude mixture.

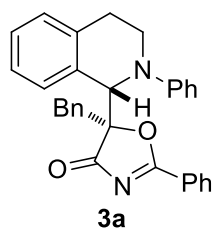
Several oxidants were evaluated. As summarized in Table 1, excellent conversion could be obtained in the presence of PhI(OAc)₂ and subsequent screening of solvent displayed that THF gave the best result.

2. General Procedure for synthesis of compound 3



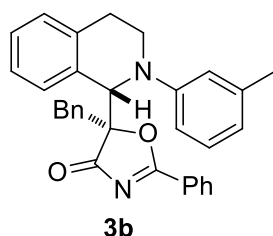
Method B: The reaction mixture of aryl-substituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), Oxazol-4(5H)-ones (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and PhI(OAc)₂ (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.4 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 24h. Then the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent, ethyl acetate / hexane 1:7) to afford the desired coupling products, which can be further purified by recrystallization.

(F) Characterization of products

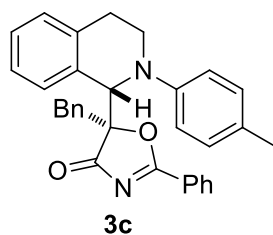


5-benzyl-2-phenyl-5-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)oxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 186 – 188 °C; 82% yield (method B: 87% yield); ¹H NMR (300

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.01 (m, 8H), 6.96 (s, 3H), 6.83 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.20 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.62 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 2.91 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.42, 185.42, 149.39, 135.53, 134.68, 133.22, 131.29, 130.01, 129.48, 129.28, 128.57, 128.25, 128.14, 127.69, 127.14, 127.06, 126.06, 125.11, 118.72, 114.76, 95.55, 63.31, 43.03, 39.86, 26.11; **IR**: 3464.6, 2924.7, 2158.2, 1738.4, 1536.4, 1359.9, 1177.0, 942.3, 751.9, 548.0 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₃₁H₂₆N₂O₂+Na⁺: 481.1886; found: 481.1885.

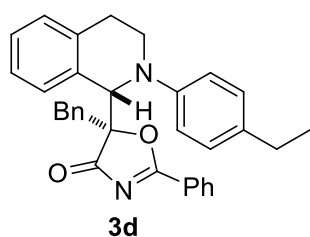


5-benzyl-2-phenyl-5-(2-(m-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)oxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 175 - 176 °C; 77% yield; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.01 (m, 7H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 5H), 6.66 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.20 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 4.01 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.62 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.46, 185.42, 149.46, 139.26, 135.50, 134.67, 133.25, 131.29, 130.00, 129.32, 129.27, 128.56, 128.30, 128.13, 127.63, 127.12, 127.05, 125.99, 125.10, 119.66, 115.53, 112.00, 95.67, 63.27, 42.89, 39.86, 26.02, 21.92; **IR**: 3382.0, 2923.6, 2370.7, 1886.7, 1746.5, 1602.2, 1450.9, 1261.3, 1115.4, 1026.9, 702.9, 603.5 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI)**: calcd for C₃₂H₂₈N₂O₂+Na⁺: 495.2043; found: 495.2048.

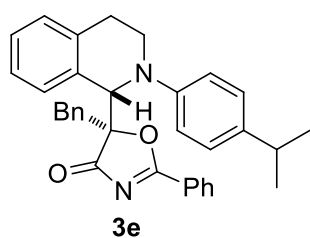


5-benzyl-2-phenyl-5-(2-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)oxazol-4(5H)-

one: yellow solid, m.p. 181 - 183 °C; 71% yield (method B: 86% yield); **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16-6.97 (m, 10H), 6.94 (s, 3H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.19 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.94 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.16 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.46, 185.39, 147.25, 135.56, 134.64, 133.30, 131.27, 129.98, 129.92, 129.23, 128.53, 128.26, 128.17, 128.09, 127.58, 127.07, 127.04, 125.96, 125.09, 115.22, 95.70, 63.40, 43.30, 39.83, 25.85, 20.25; **IR:** 3374.8, 2921.7, 2374.7, 1748.3, 1548.1, 1359.1, 1176.9, 941.6, 800.9, 703.6, 553.6 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₃₂H₂₈N₂O₂+Na⁺: 495.2043; found: 495.2045.

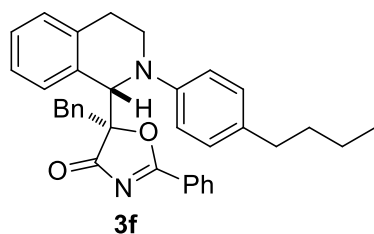


5-benzyl-5-(2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2-phenyloxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 183 - 184 °C; 87% yield; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.00 (m, 10H), 6.93 (s, 3H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.20-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.20-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.45, 185.37, 147.41, 135.56, 134.61, 133.28, 131.28, 129.96, 129.20, 128.71, 128.51, 128.39, 128.24, 128.07, 127.55, 127.05, 127.01, 126.90, 125.93, 125.07, 115.12, 95.66, 63.45, 43.23, 39.83, 27.71, 25.88, 15.77; **IR:** 3360.1, 2962.1, 1961.1, 1748.6, 1548.1, 1359.4, 1177.5, 942.3, 703.6, 599.5 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₃₃H₃₀N₂O₂+Na⁺: 509.2199; found: 509.2208.



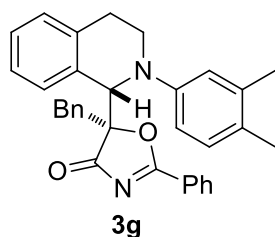
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phenyloxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 195 - 197 °C; 69% yield; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 6.99 (m, 10H), 6.99 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 4.18 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.94 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15-2.70 (m, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.49, 185.39, 147.47, 139.26, 135.59, 134.63, 133.32, 131.34, 130.00, 129.25, 128.54, 128.25, 128.11, 127.58, 127.28, 127.09, 127.05, 125.97, 125.12, 114.98, 95.68, 63.53, 43.18, 39.87, 33.02, 25.94, 24.12; **IR:** 3342.6, 2958.3, 2370.0, 1748.7, 1548.4, 1451.5, 1359.1, 1176.9, 942.3, 748.0, 702.9, 546.0 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₃₄H₃₂N₂O₂+Na⁺: 523.2356; found: 523.2360.

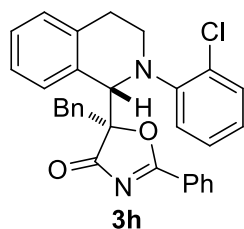


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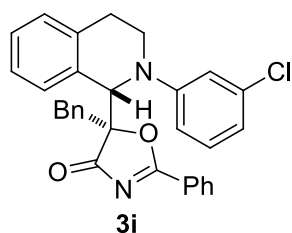
phenyloxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 157 - 159 °C; 75% yield; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 6.99 (m, 10H), 6.95 (s, 3H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 4.19 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.94 – 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 3.01 – 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.20 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.49, 185.40, 147.42, 135.61, 134.64, 133.36, 131.36, 130.02, 129.30, 128.55, 128.27, 128.12, 127.60, 127.09, 126.00, 125.16, 115.09, 95.73, 63.50, 43.27, 39.88, 34.55, 33.84, 25.95, 22.33, 13.96; **IR:** 3335.0, 2926.9, 2372.0, 1749.1, 1548.9, 1359.2, 1176.6, 942.0, 703.7, 548.3 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₂+Na⁺: 537.2512; found: 537.2532.



5-benzyl-5-(2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2-phenyloxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 151 - 153 °C; 84% yield; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 6.99 (m, 7H), 7.00-6.85 (m, 5H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.19 – 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.82 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.97-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.50, 185.41, 147.69, 137.55, 135.57, 134.63, 133.38, 131.32, 130.45, 130.02, 129.27, 128.55, 128.33, 128.12, 127.55, 127.08, 125.95, 125.17, 116.83, 112.75, 95.84, 63.36, 43.18, 39.88, 25.84, 20.36, 18.65; **IR:** 3354.9, 2923.5, 1960.2, 1748.0, 1604.0, 1451.3, 1176.0, 1025.5, 703.2, 599.7 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₃₃H₃₀N₂O₂+Na⁺: 509.2199; found: 509.2203.

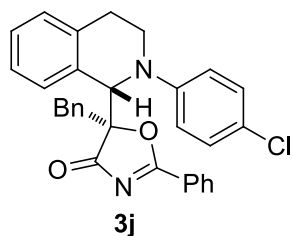


5-benzyl-5-(2-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2-phenyloxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 154 - 156 °C; 49% yield (method B: 72% yield); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.01 (m, 8H), 6.98 (s, 3H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.17 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.92 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 2.91 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.23, 185.46, 148.00, 135.31, 134.78, 132.99, 130.94, 129.98, 129.26, 128.60, 128.26, 128.18, 127.88, 127.23, 127.05, 126.20, 125.00, 123.55, 115.99, 95.24, 63.36, 43.35, 39.80, 26.04; **IR:** 3341.9, 2925.5, 2371.5, 1748.4, 1547.7, 1359.0, 1177.7, 941.2, 809.4, 700.9, 549.6 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₃₁H₂₅ClN₂O₂+Na⁺: 515.1497; found: 515.1514.



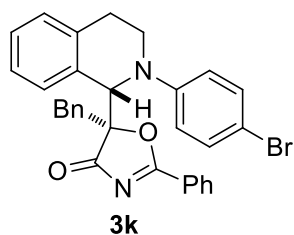
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phenyloxazol-4(5H)-one: yellow solid, m.p. 141 - 143 °C; 68% yield (method B: 79% yield); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 6.98 (m, 11H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.19 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.95 – 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.23 – 2.93 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.12, 185.46, 150.46, 135.35, 135.23, 134.79, 132.93, 130.86, 130.43, 130.00, 129.30, 128.61, 128.30, 128.19, 127.93, 127.25, 127.09, 126.22, 124.99, 118.56, 114.45, 112.75, 95.17, 63.20, 43.03, 39.81, 26.13; **IR:** 3366.4, 2925.7, 2371.6, 1748.7, 1547.7, 1358.8, 1177.8, 944.9, 701.0, 545.6 cm⁻¹. **HRMS (ESI):** calcd for C₃₁H₂₅ClN₂O₂+Na⁺: 515.1497; found: 515.1512.



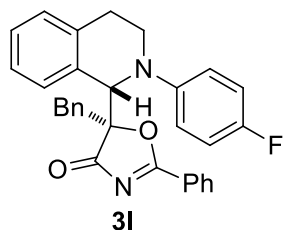
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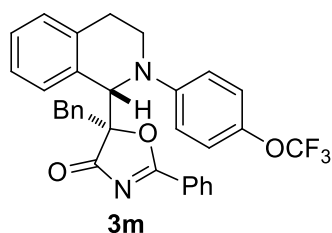
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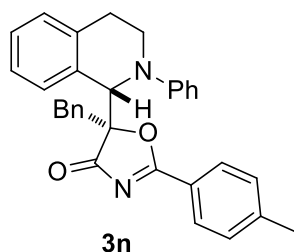
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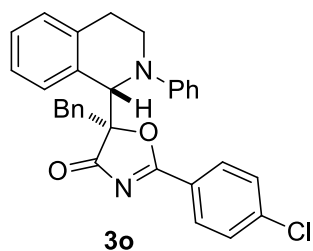
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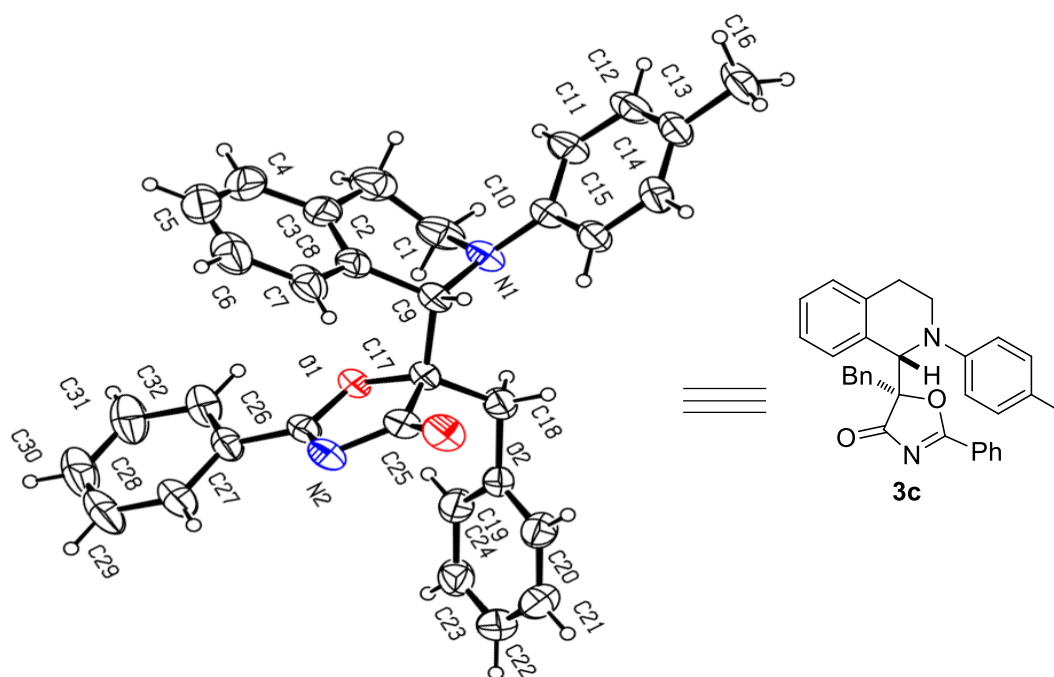
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(G) X-ray single crystal data for 3c



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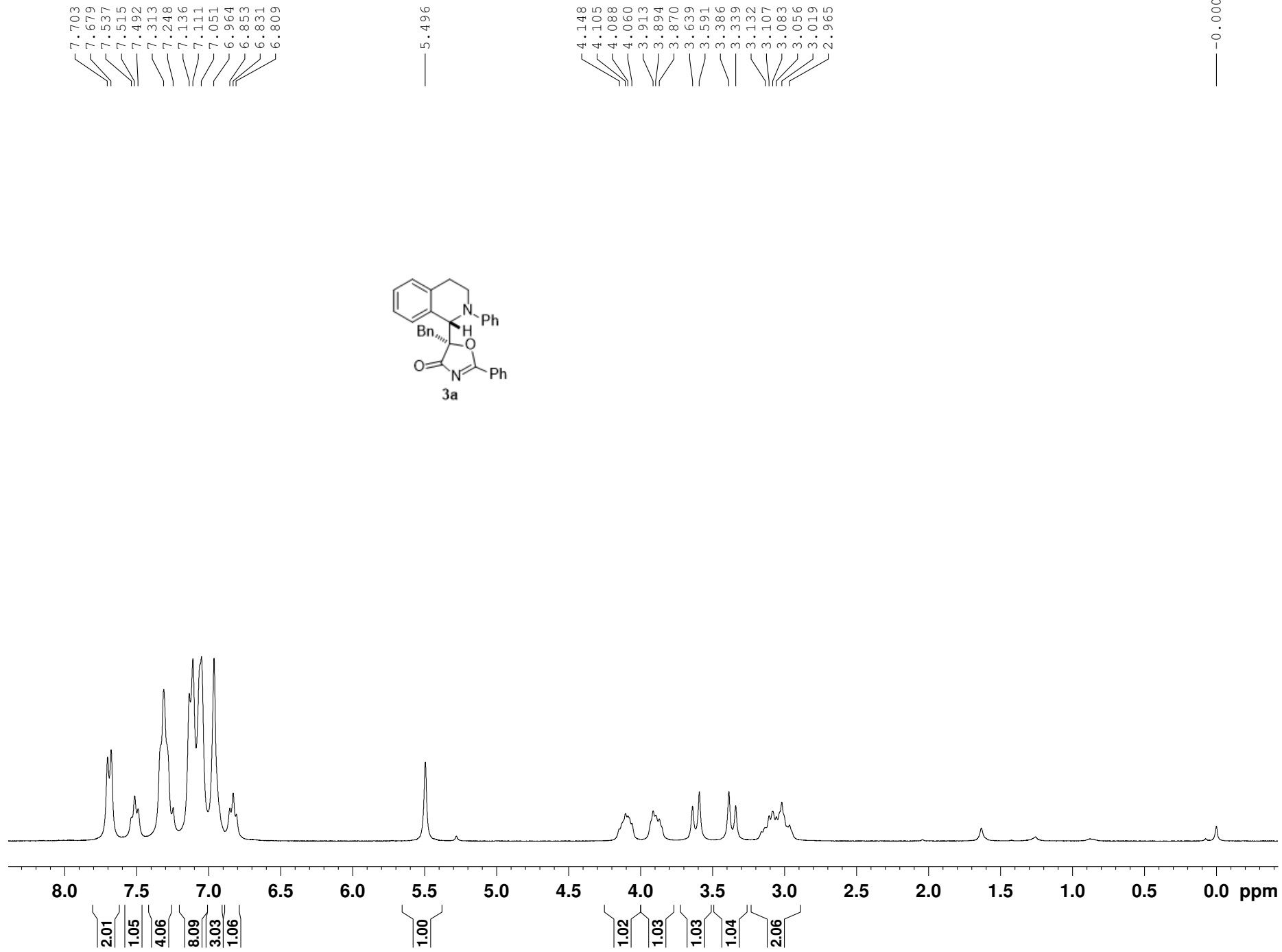
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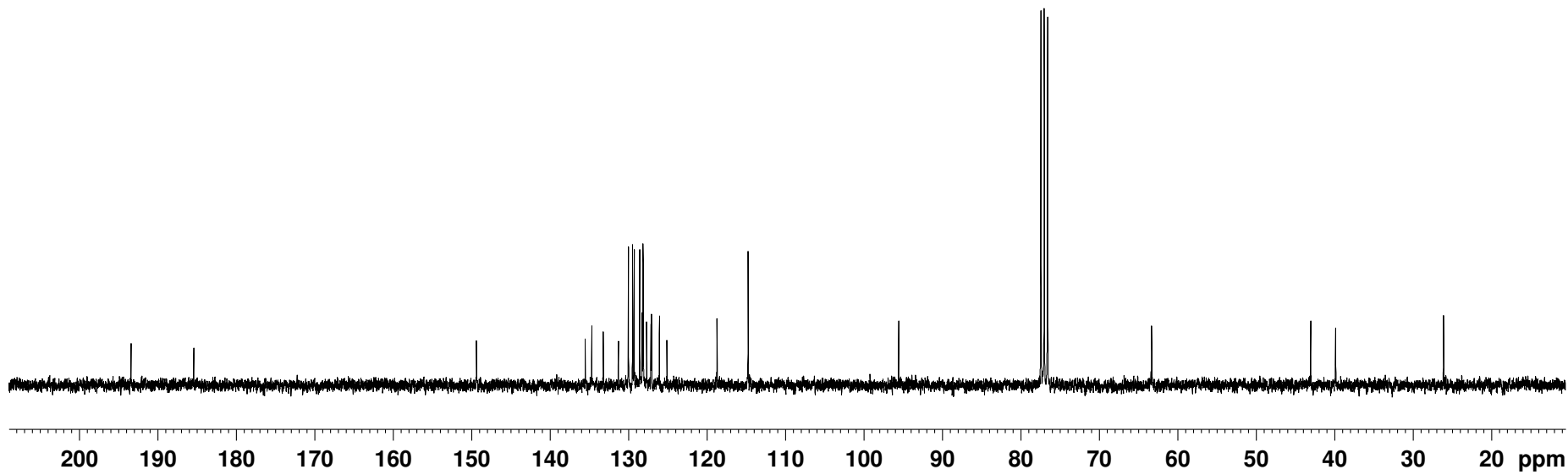
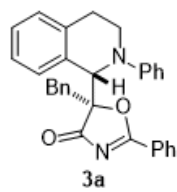
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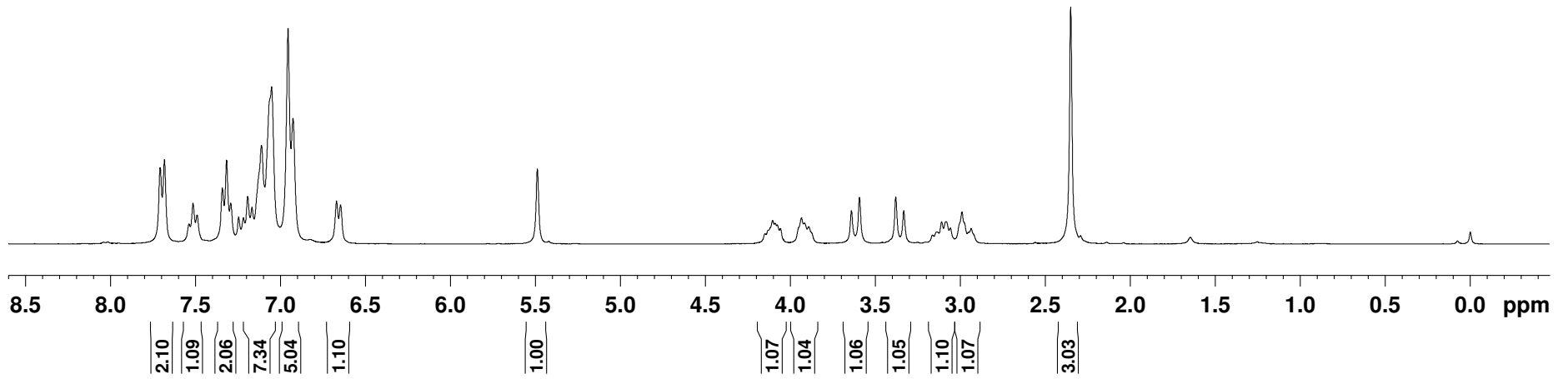
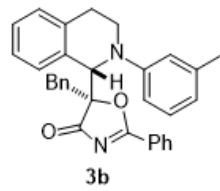


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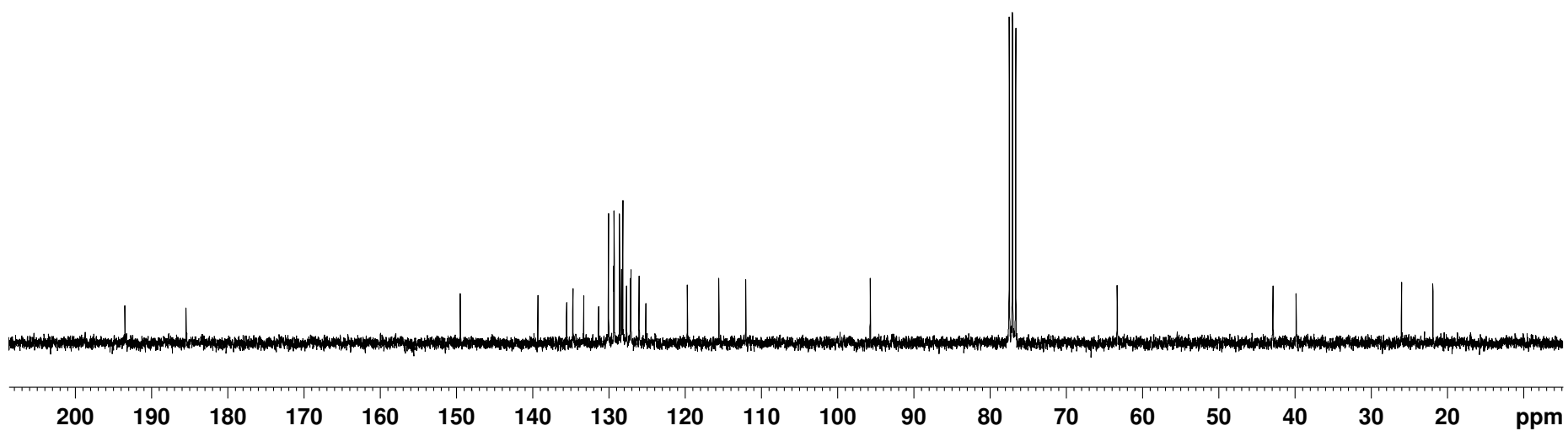
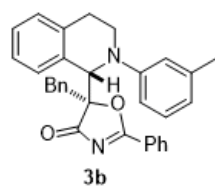
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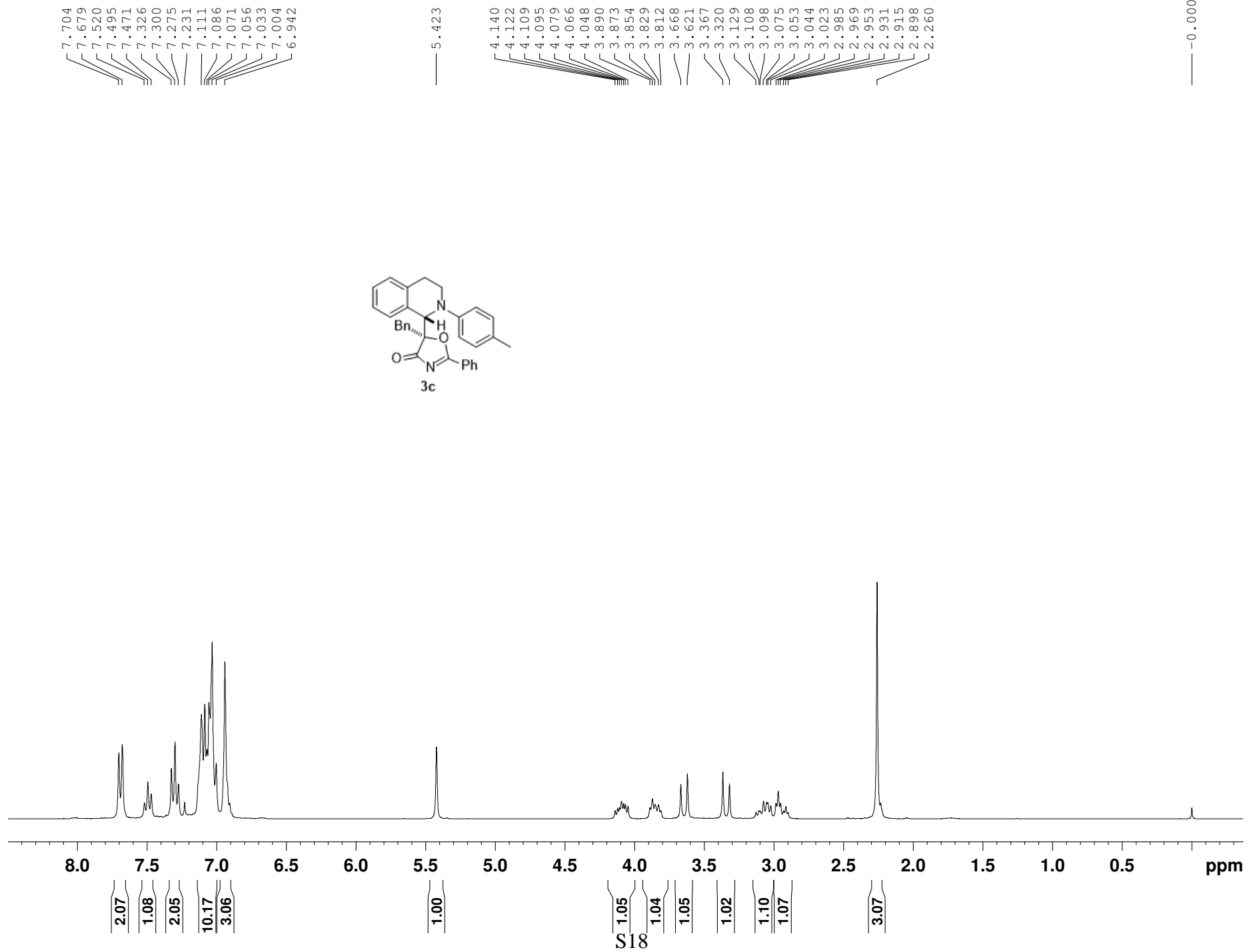
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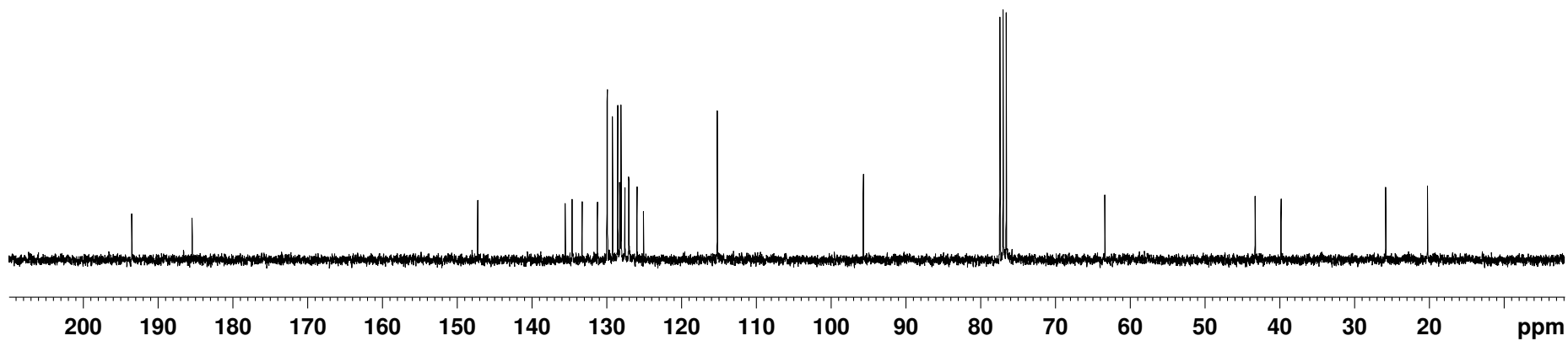
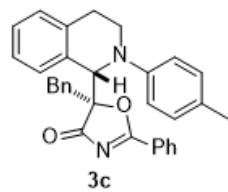
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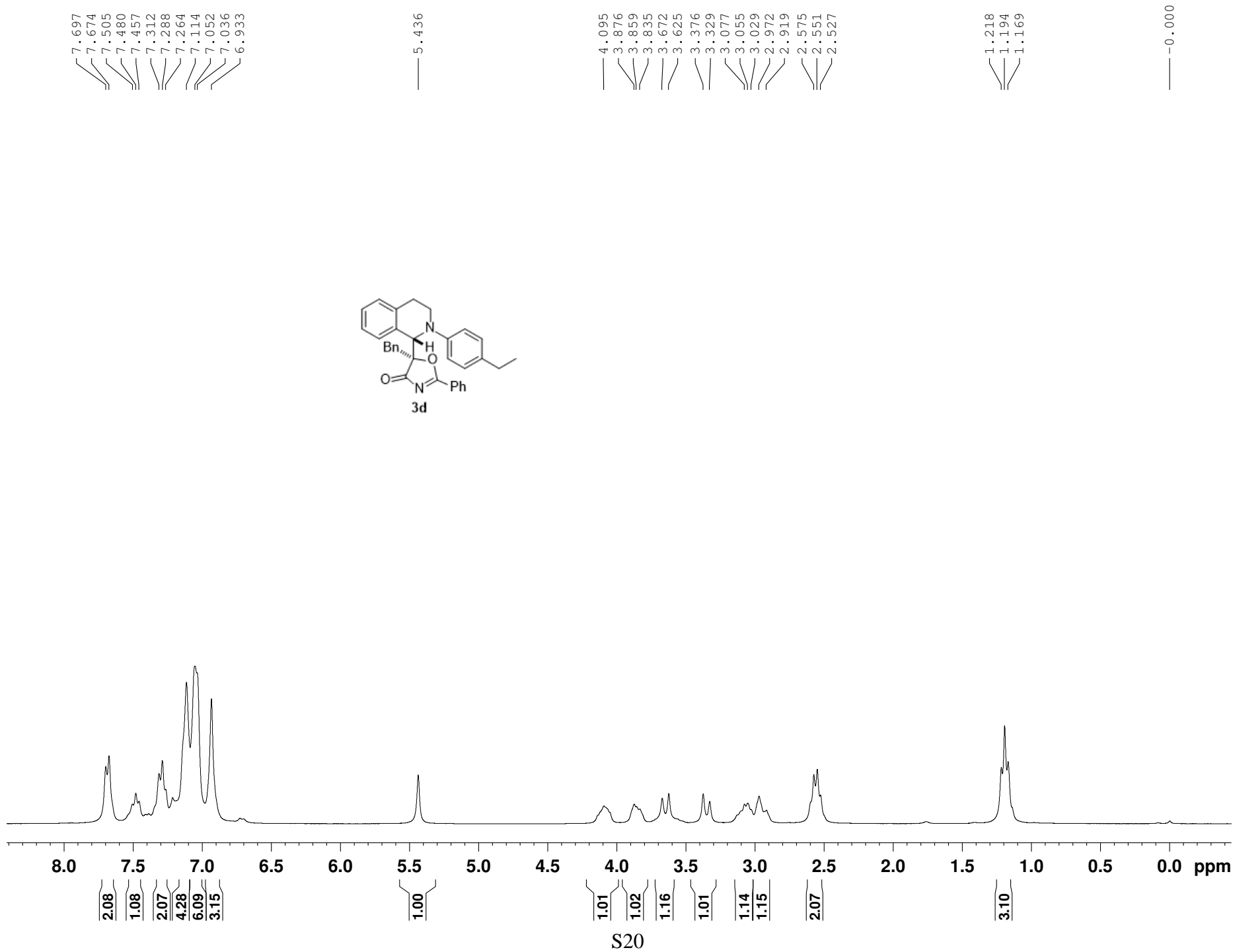
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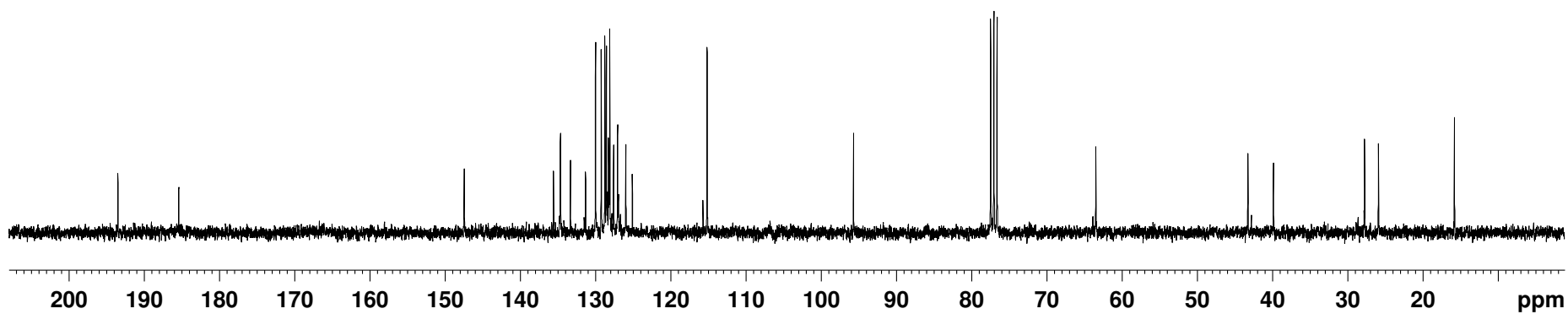
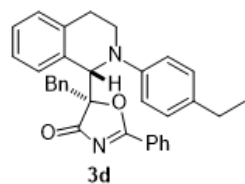
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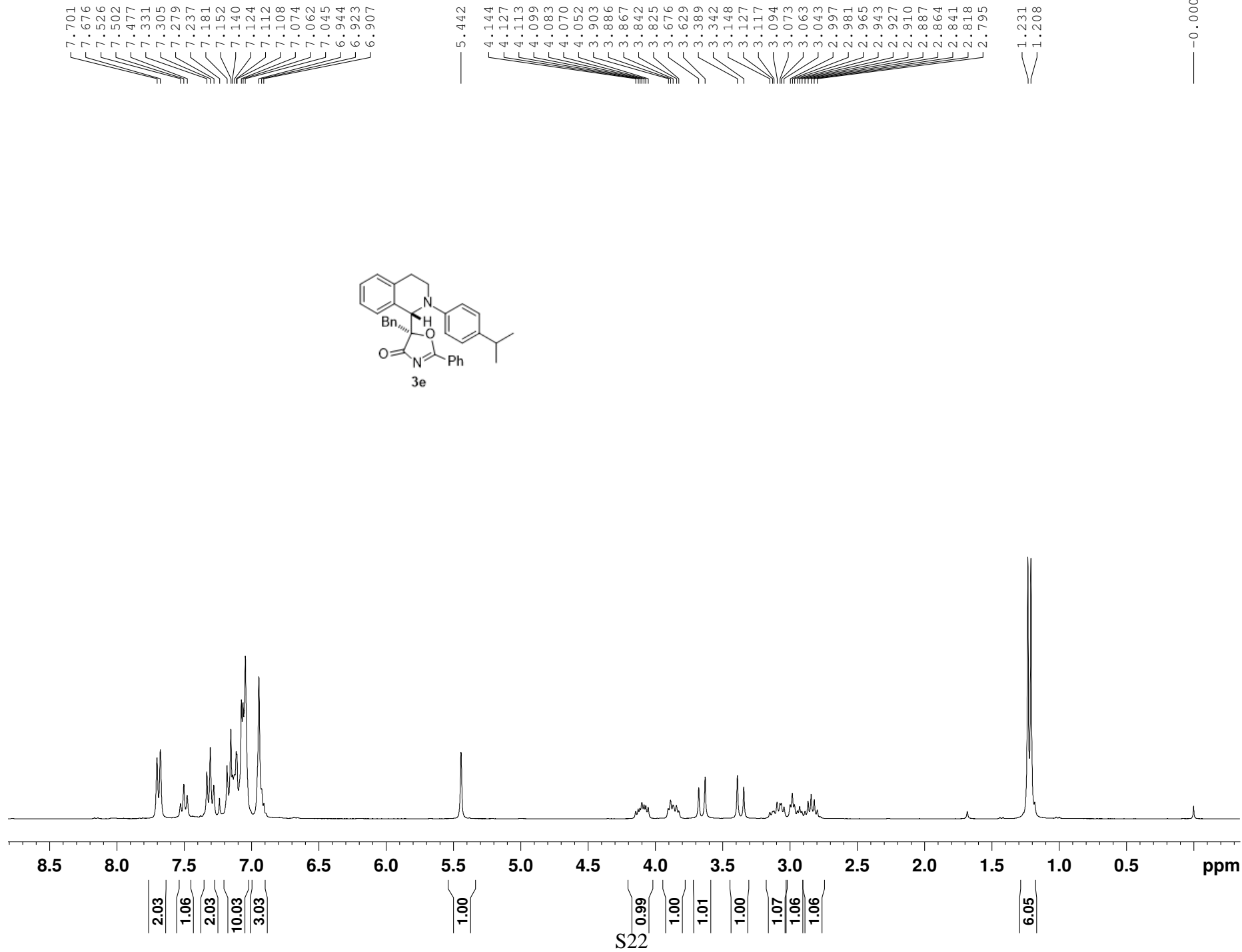
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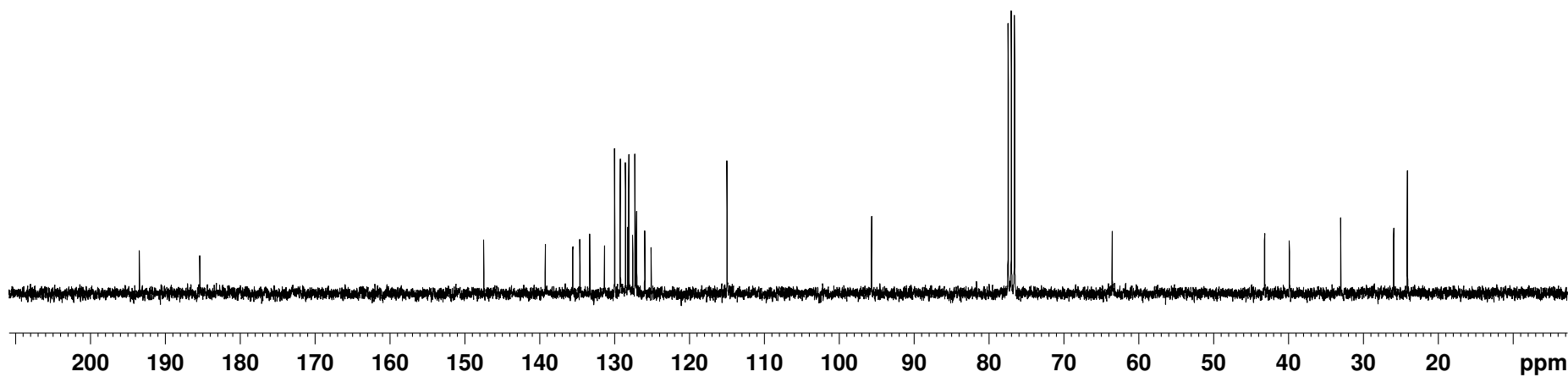
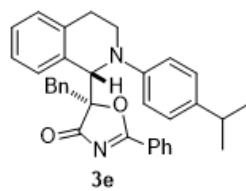
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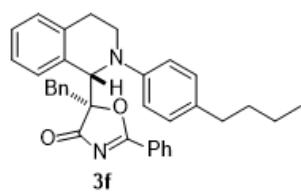
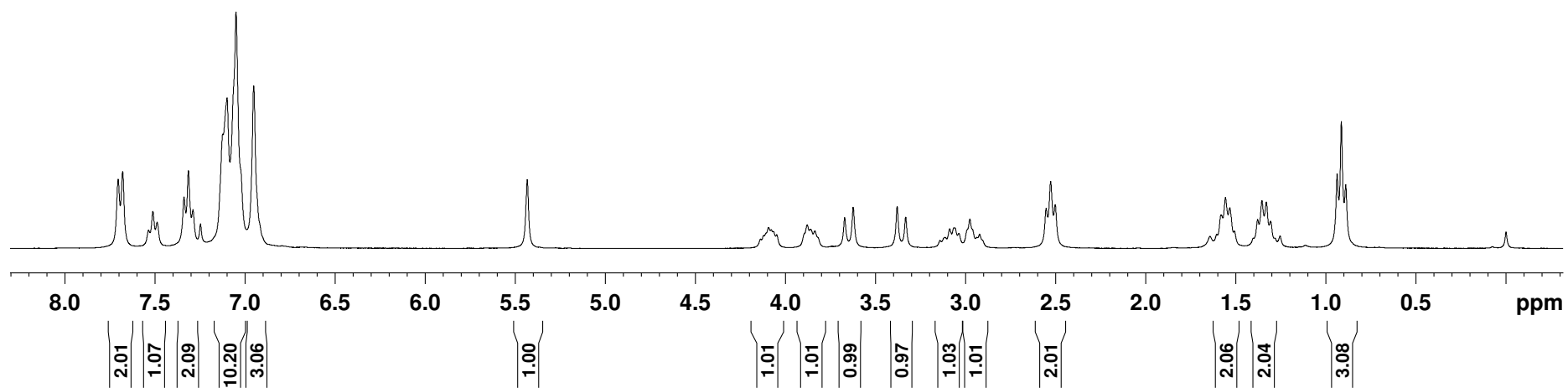
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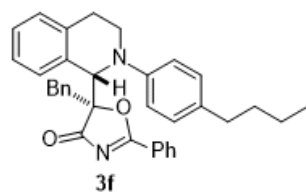
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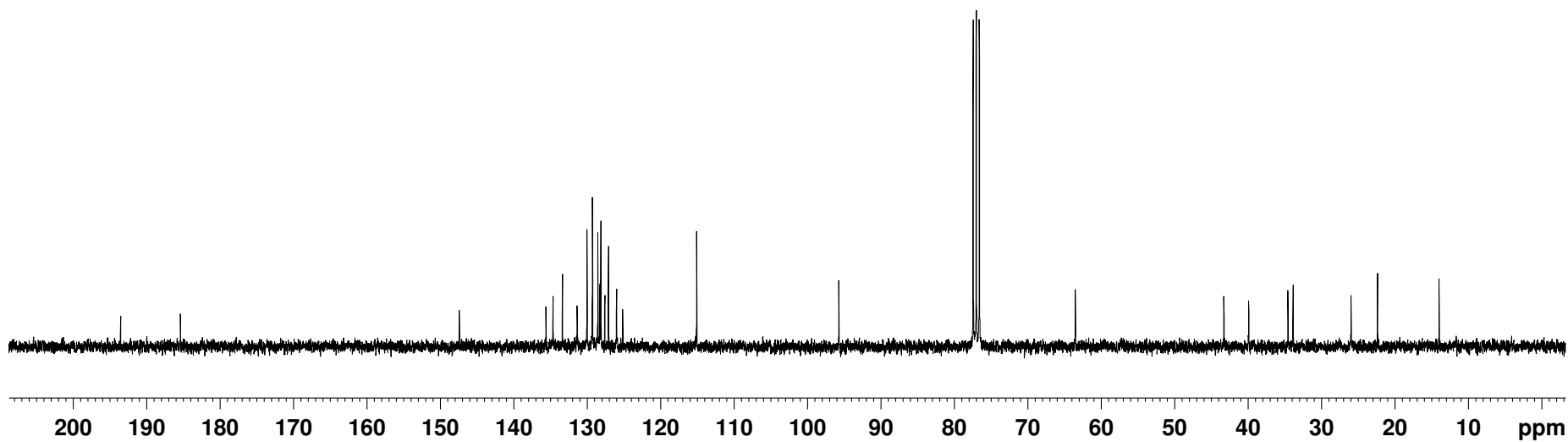
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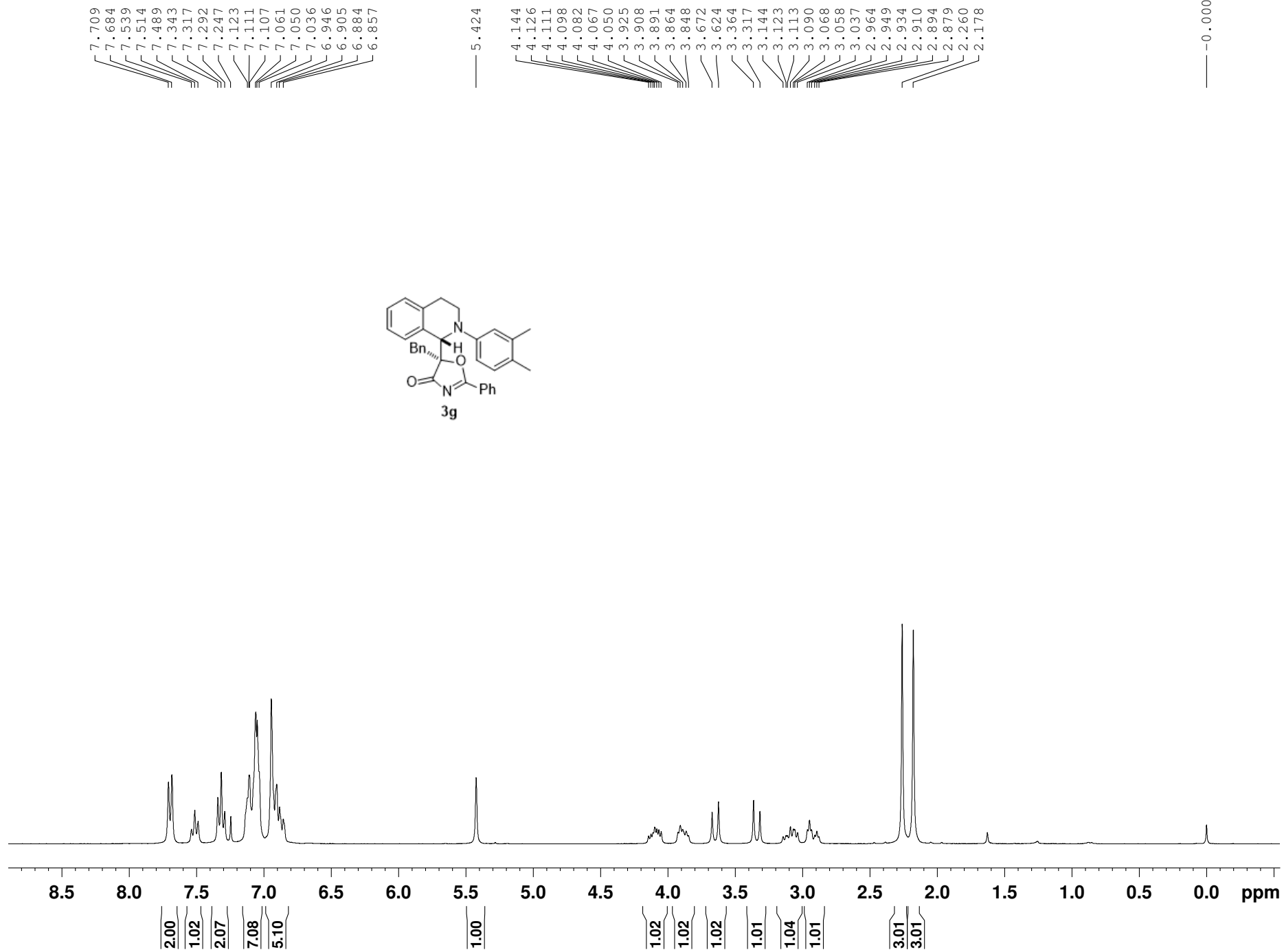
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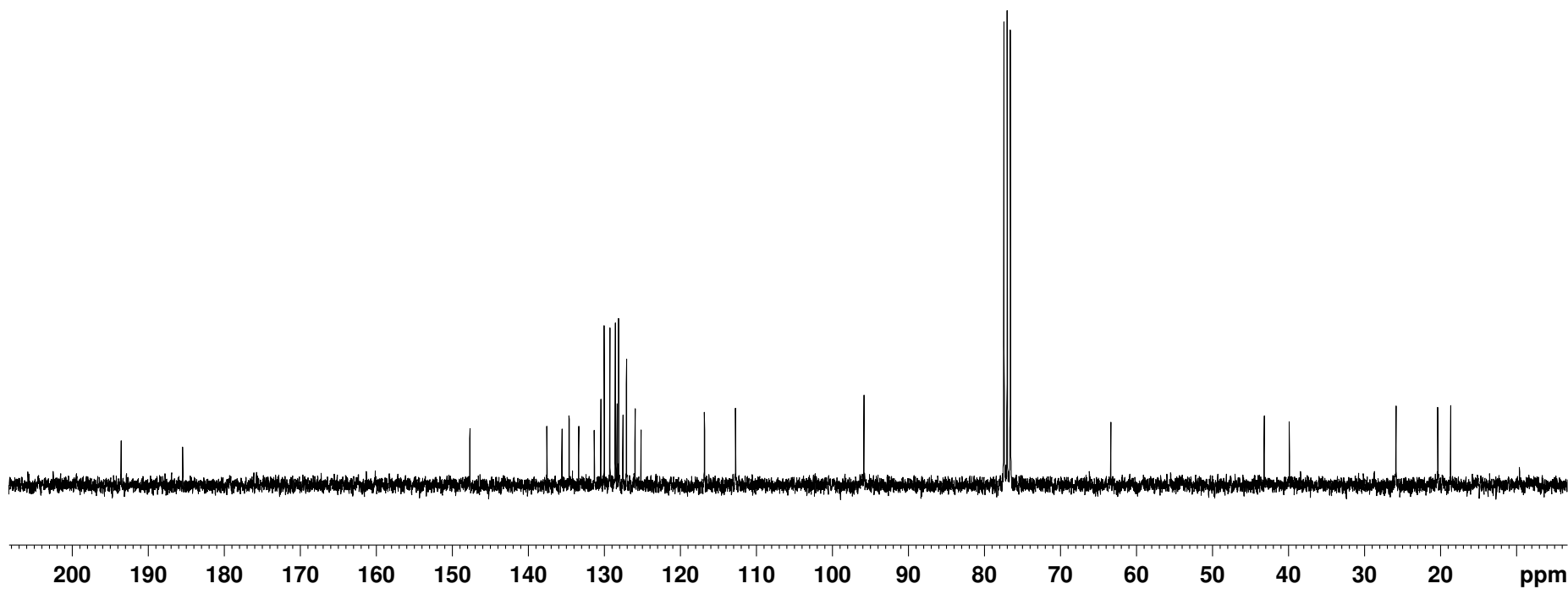
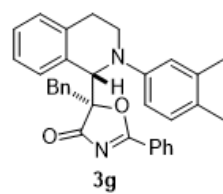
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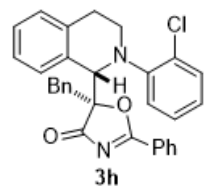
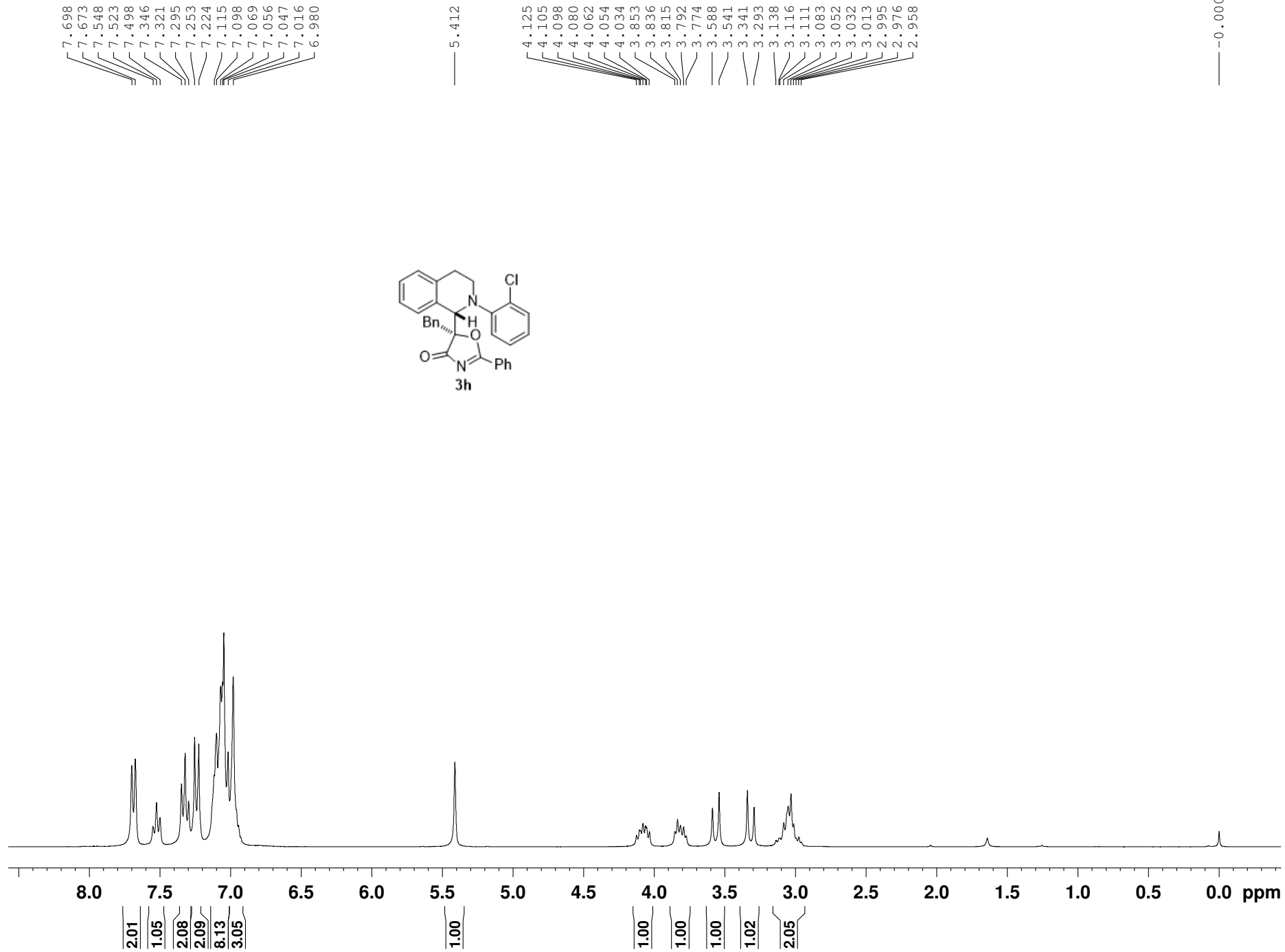
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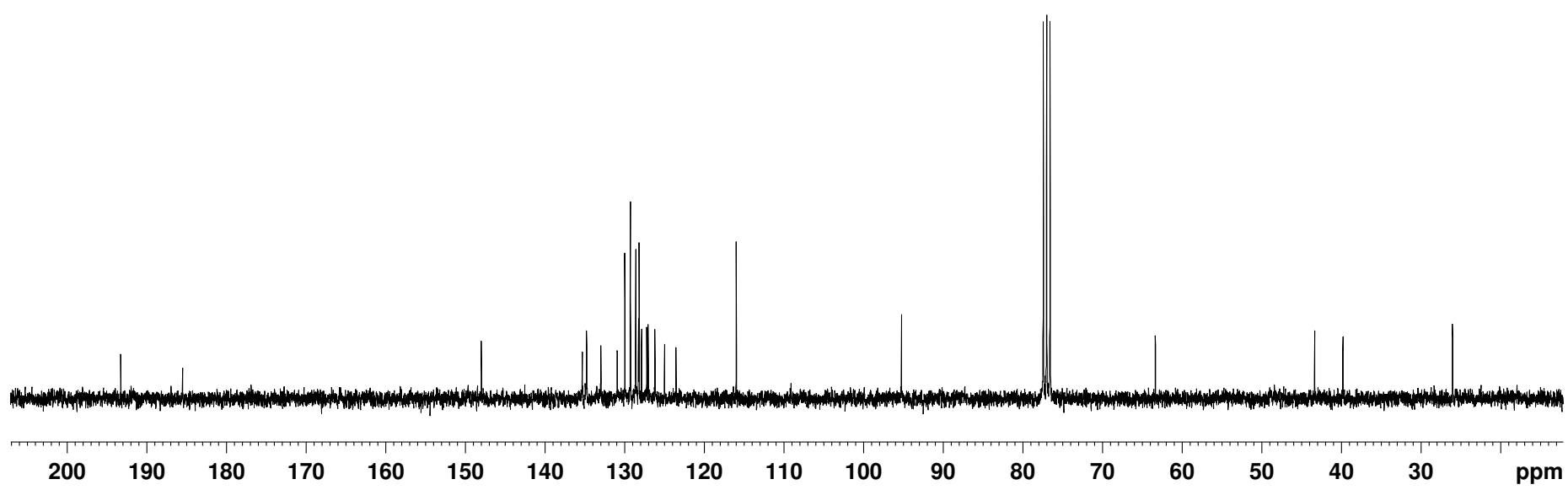
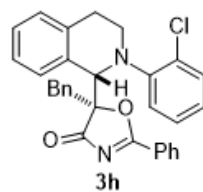
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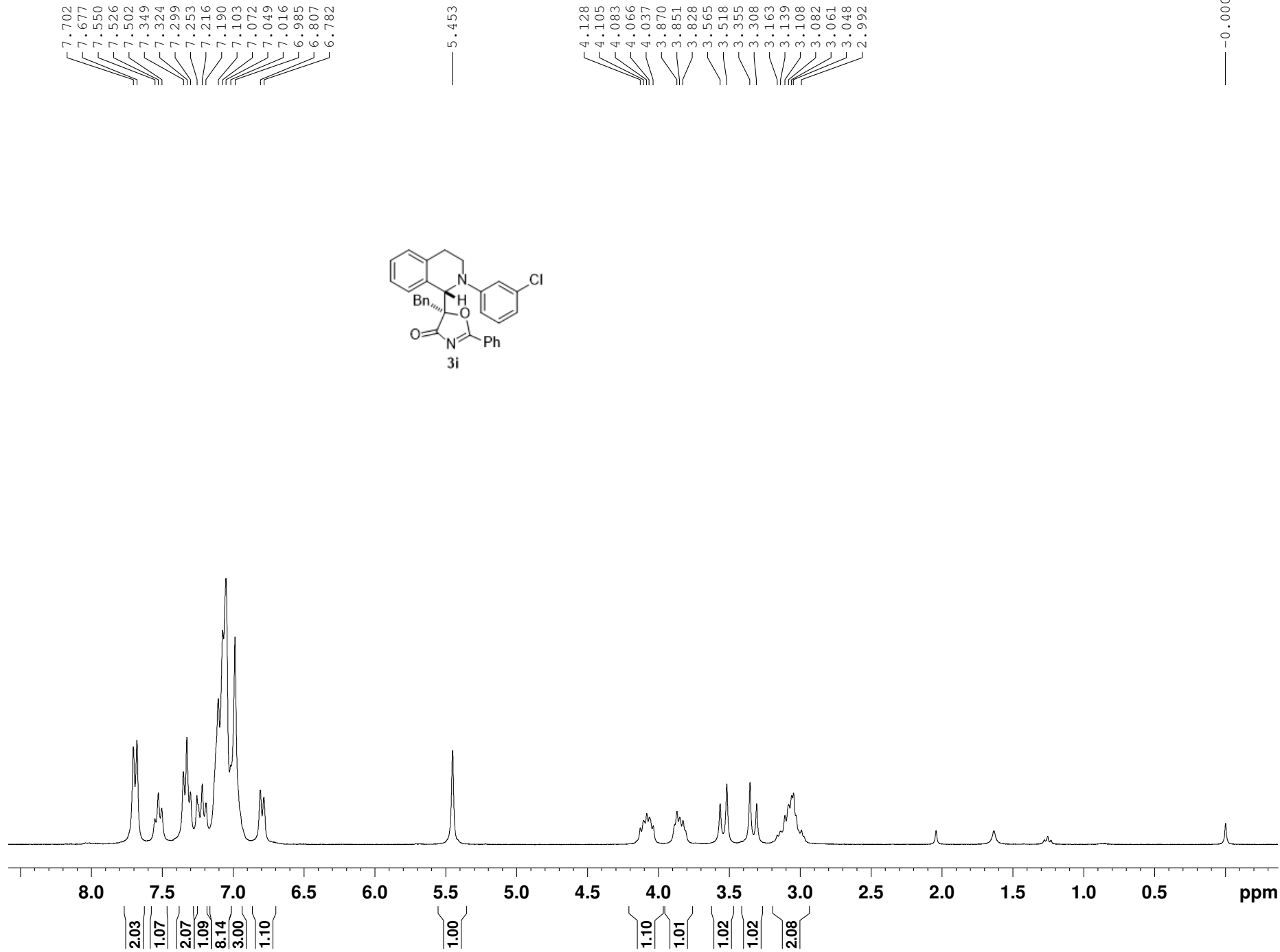
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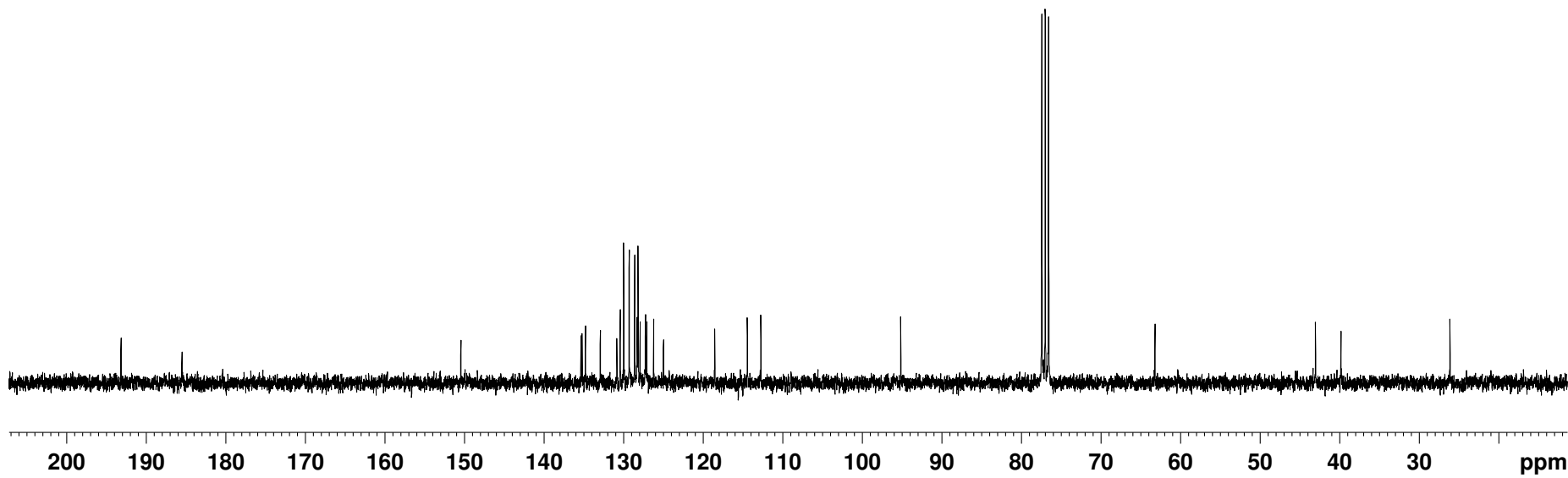
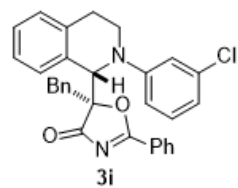
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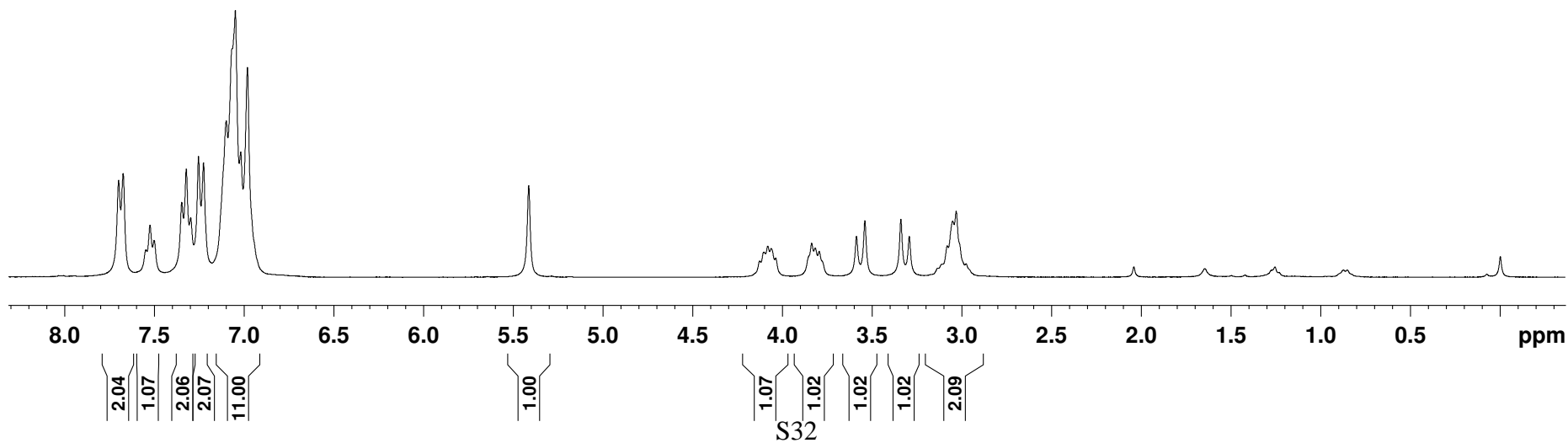
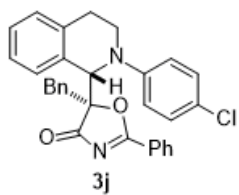
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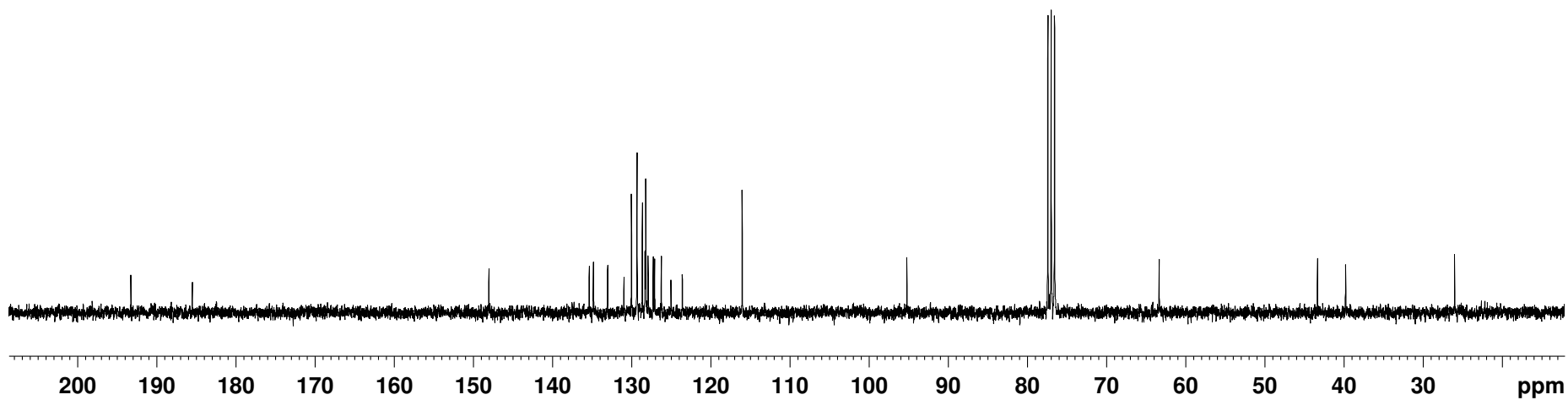
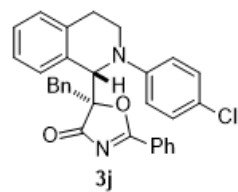
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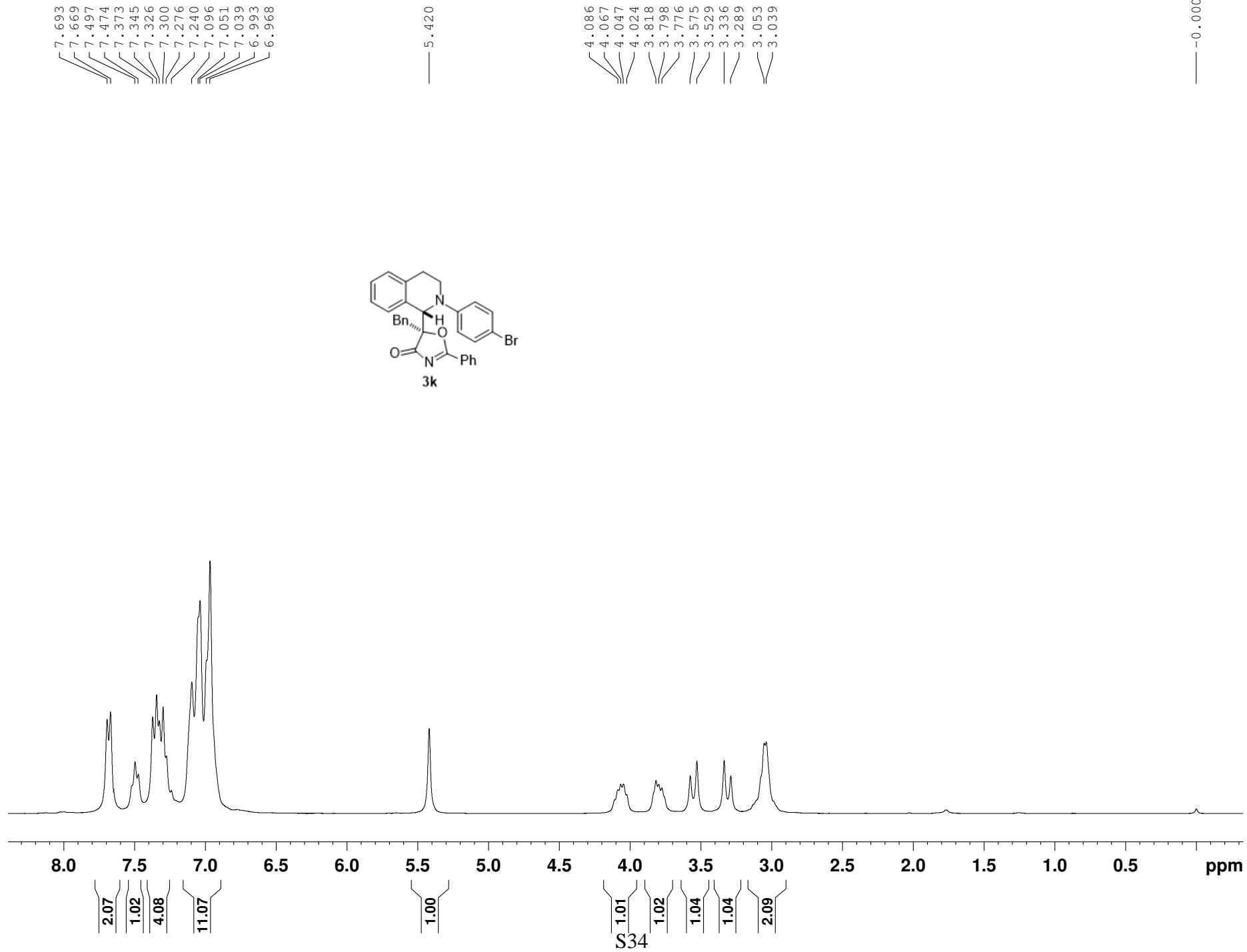
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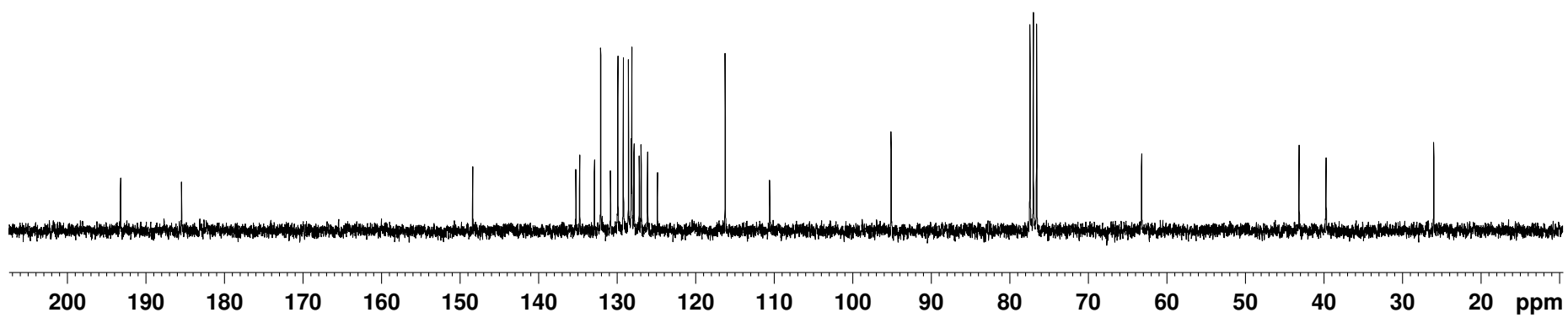
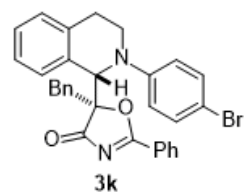
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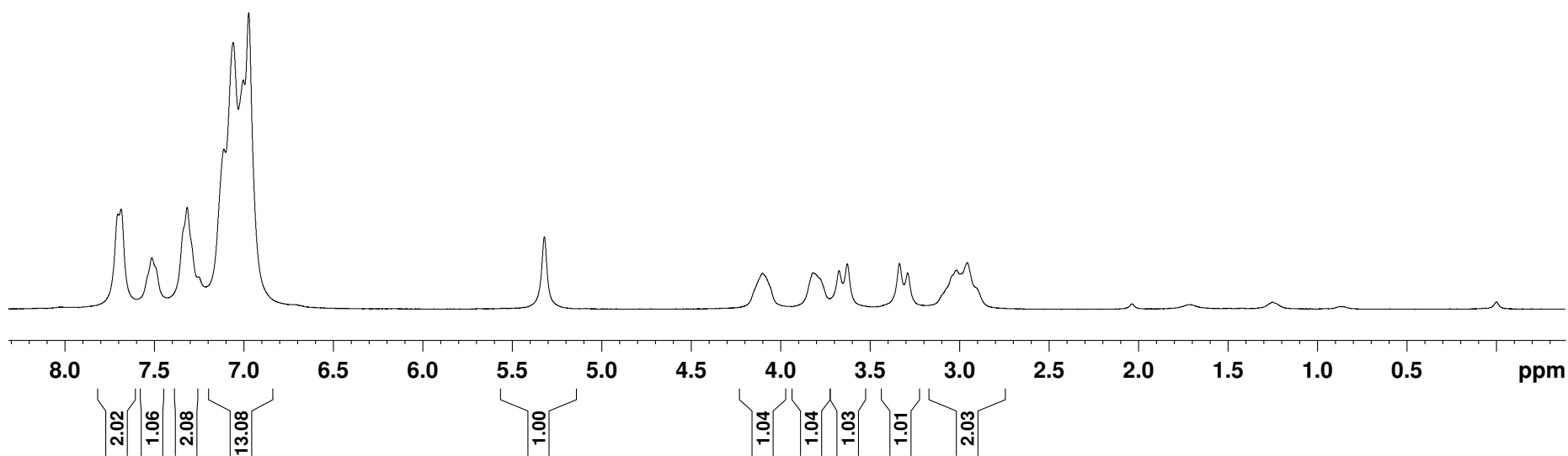
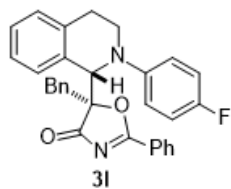


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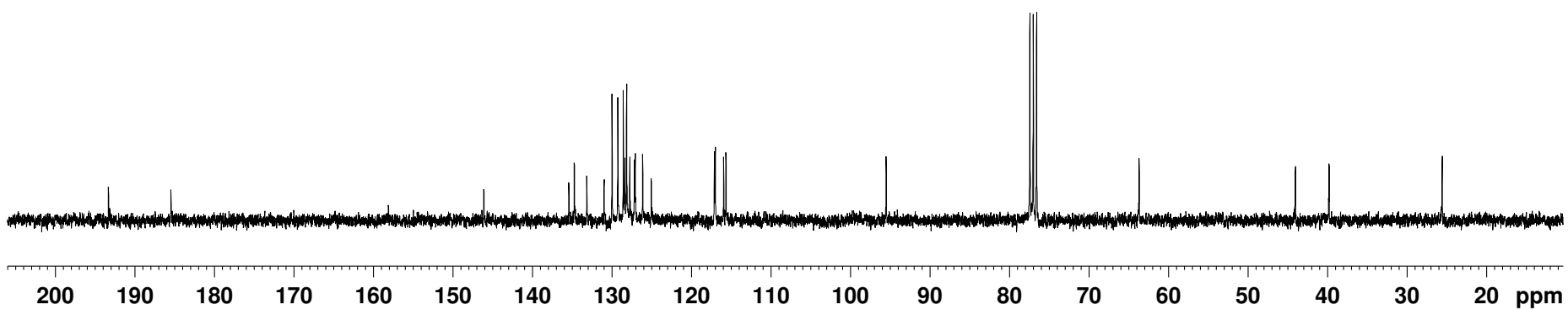
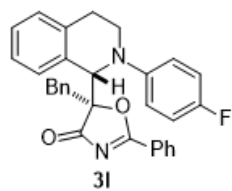
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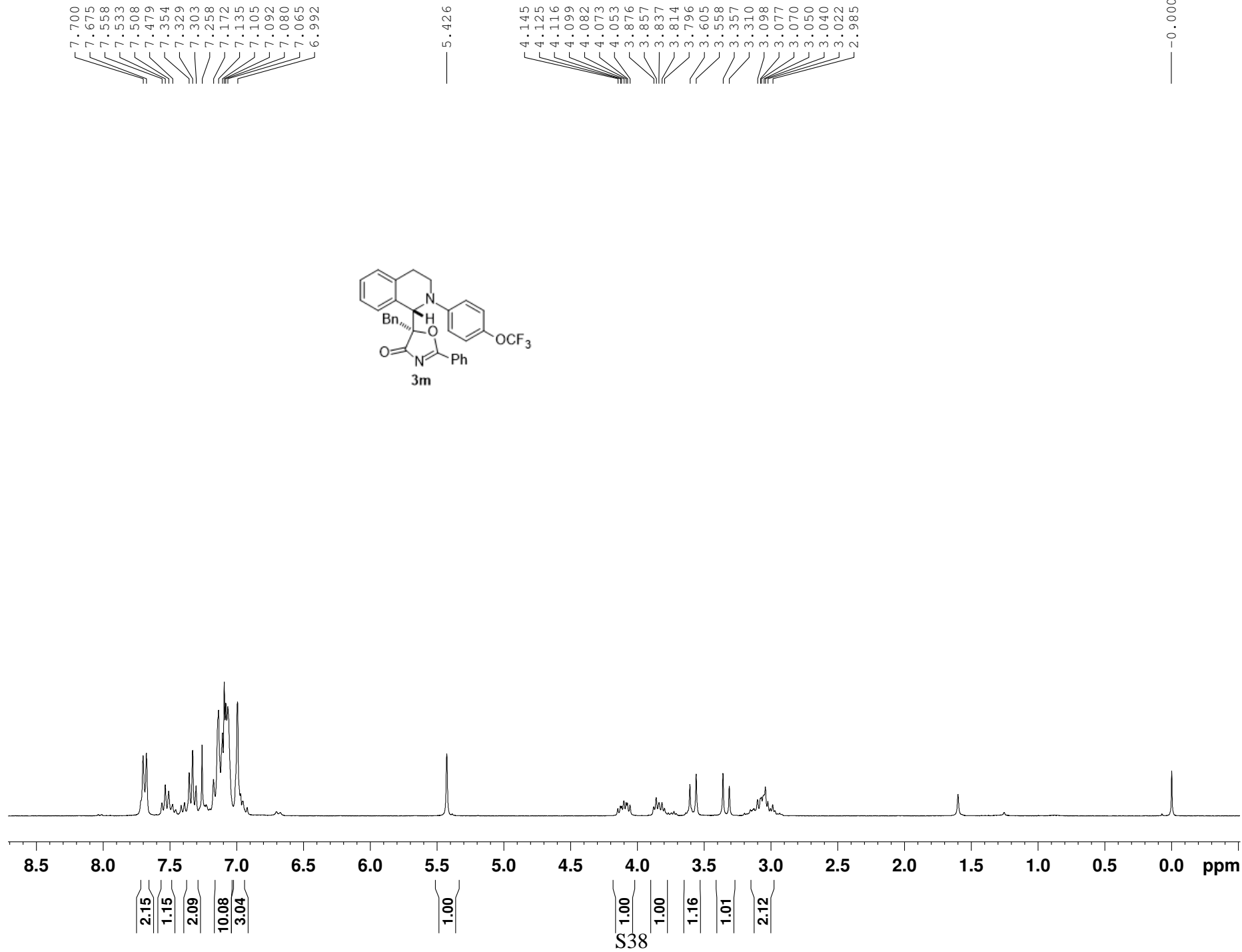
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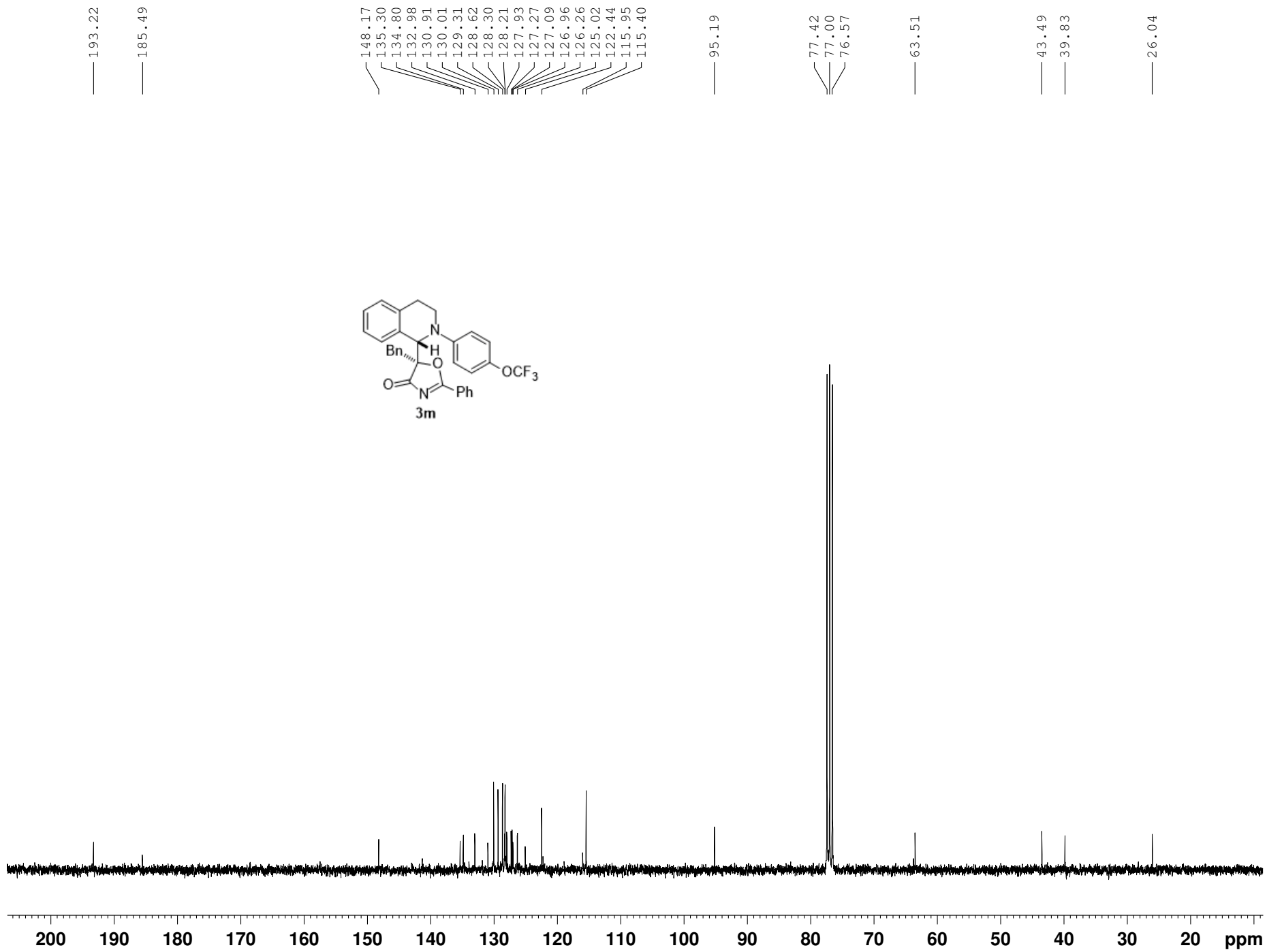
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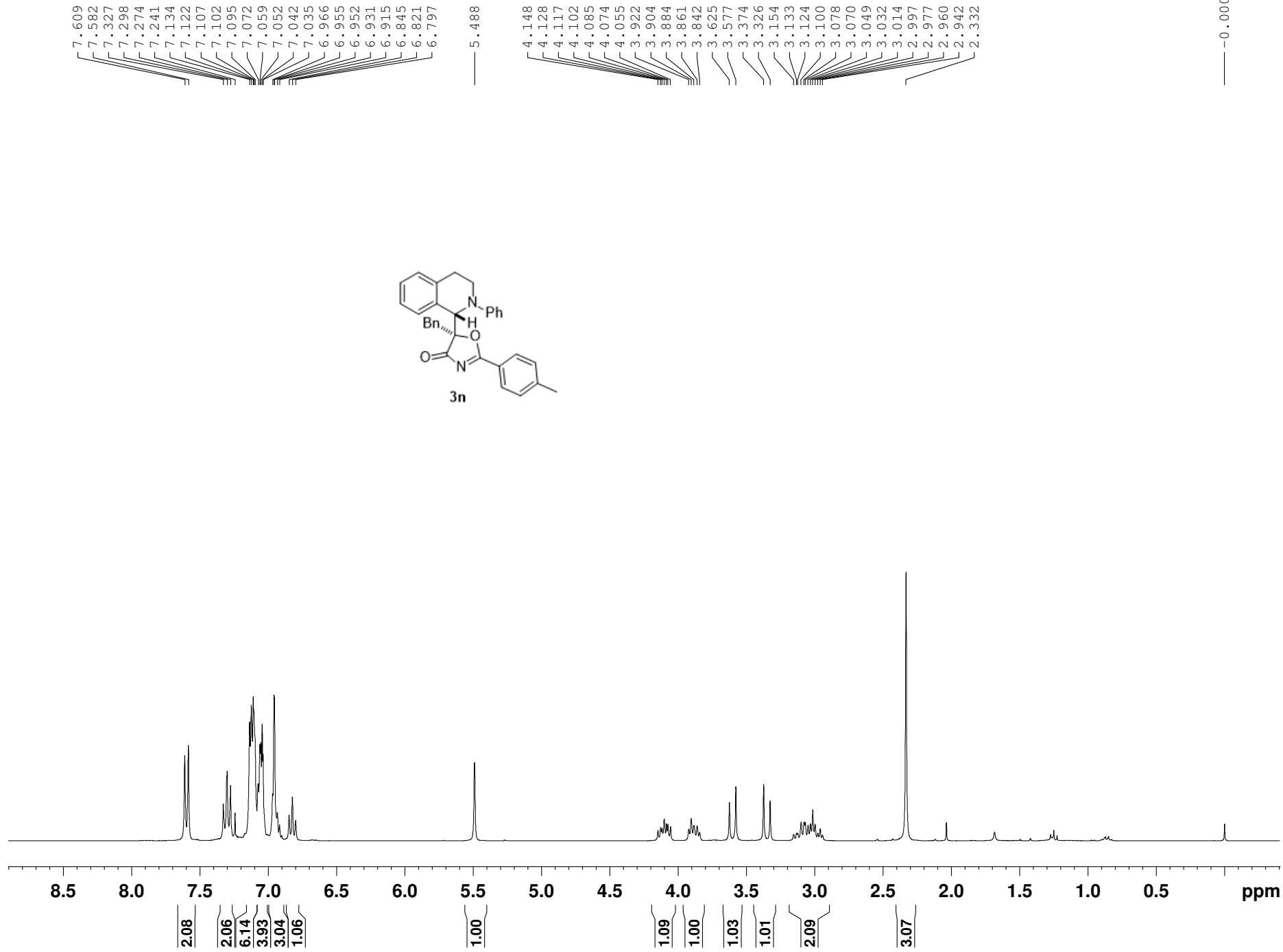
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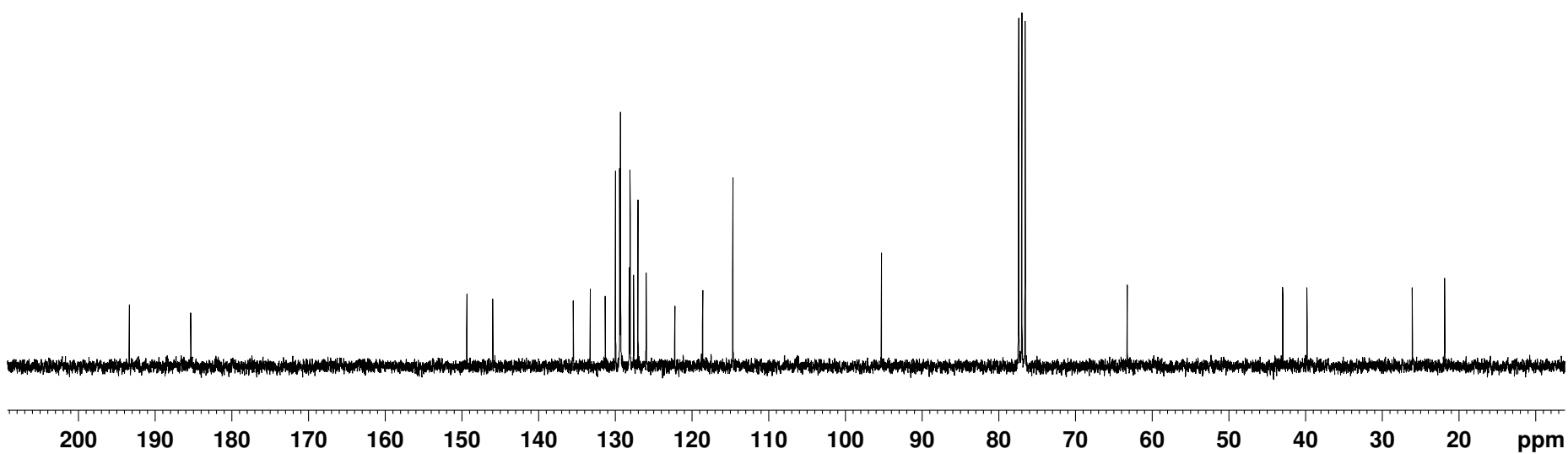
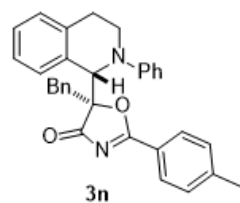
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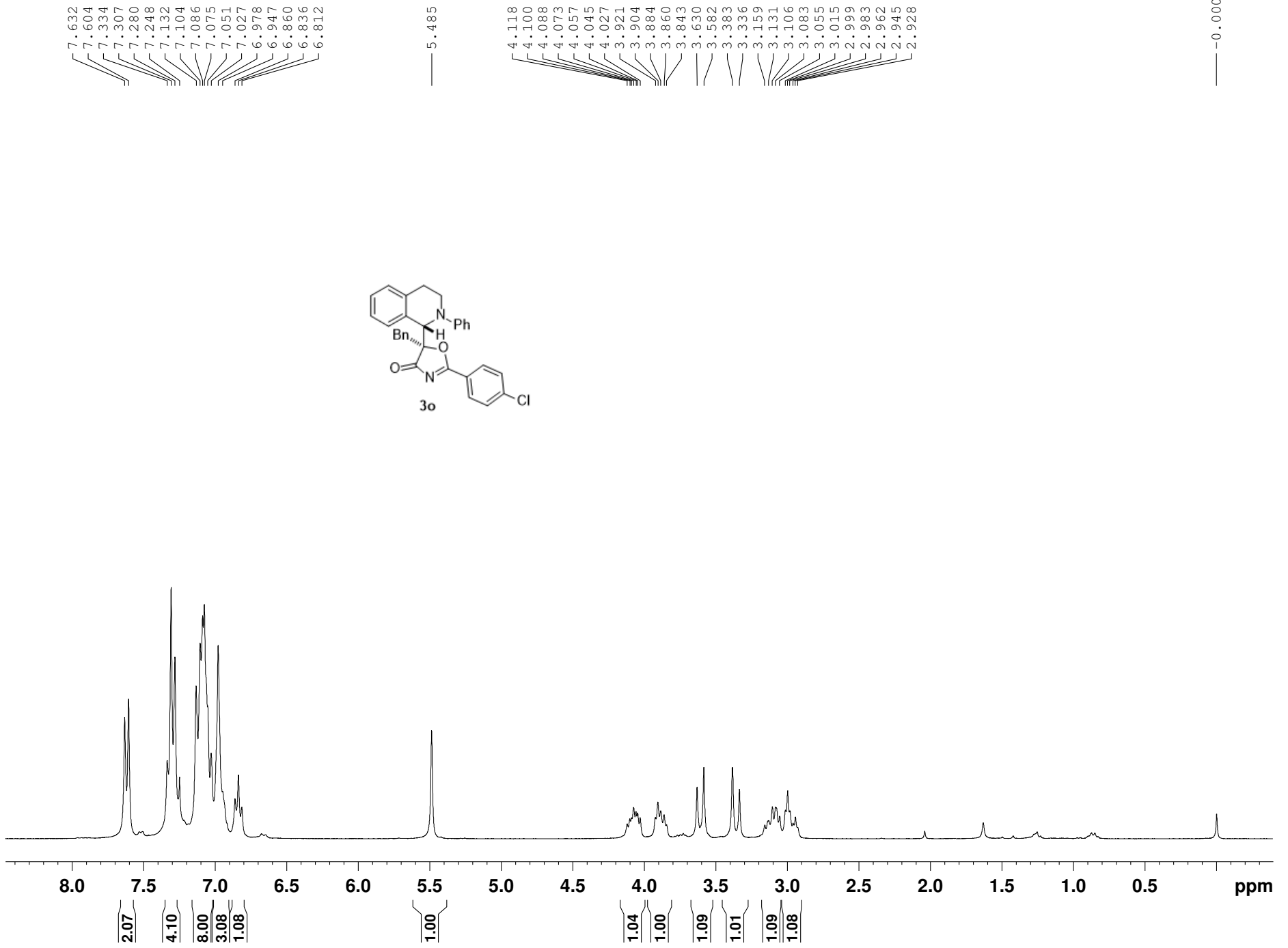
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