

Supporting Information

Silver Catalyzed Direct C-H Functionalization of Quinones with Dialkyl amides

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1. General Information:

All the reagents were purchased commercially and used without further purification. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded with Bruker 400 MHz. ^1H NMR (400MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (100MHz) spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, sep = septet, br = broad resonance. All the NMR spectra were acquired at ambient temperature. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Silica Gel 60 Å F_{254} pre-coated plates (0.25 mm thickness). Visualization was accomplished by irradiation with a UV lamp and staining with I_2 on silica gel. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruker Compass Data Analysis 4.1, HRMS-ESI Mass Spectrometer with Quadrupole Time of Flight (Q-TOF) Analyzer, Source Type ESI, in positive mode.

2. Starting material preparation (1g – 1i)

Arylated naphthoquinones were synthesized by following procedure reported in the literature.¹ To a stirred solution of naphthoquinone (1.0 equiv.) and a suitable phenol or methoxy benzene (2.0 equiv.) in DCM (4 mL), $\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (3.0 equiv.) followed by which FeCl_3 (3.0 equiv.) were added in portions at room temperature. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon the complete consumption of starting materials, it was diluted with ethyl acetate and water. The organic phase was separated, extracted two or more times with ethyl acetate, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate as eluent to get the product.

3. General procedure for amidoalkylation of quinones. To 1,4-naphthoquinone (**1a**, 0.25 mmol) taken in a round bottom flask, silver nitrate (10 mol%), TBHP (1.0 mmol) and DMA (1 ml) were added then allowed to stir at 80°C, the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool down to ambient temperature and quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate then the organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified through silica gel column chromatography (eluent: Hexane/EtOAc).

(Of note, because of the electronic nature of amides, most of the products exist as a mixture of two or three rotamers as observed in the NMR charts.)²

4. Characterization of synthesized compounds

N-((1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide (3a): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1a** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80°C, 6h. The title compound **3a** (46.75 mg, 76%) was obtained as a brown gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 2:1 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.06-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.80 (m, 2H), 6.72/6.65 (s, 1H), 4.54/4.49 (s, 2H), 3.10/2.99 (s, 3H), 2.20/2.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 185.1, 184.8, 171.2, 145.5, 134.4, 134.1, 134.0, 133.9, 133.7, 132.2, 132.0, 126.5, 126.5, 126.2, 49.4, 46.5, 37.1, 34.2, 21.7, 21.2; HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃ [M + H]⁺, 244.0973; found: 244.0965.

N-((3-bromo-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide (3b): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1b** (59 mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol). Conditions: 80°C, 7h. The title compound **3b** (35 mg, 44%) was obtained as a brownish yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 1.5:0.5 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.12-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.80 (m, 2H), 4.75/4.65 (s, 2H), 3.12/2.85 (s, 3H), 2.43/2.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 181.5, 181.3, 177.6, 177.2, 170.9, 146.4, 144.5, 139.7, 134.8, 134.4, 134.9, 134.0, 131.6, 131.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 47.8, 37.5, 21.6; HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₂BrNO₃, 321.0001; found: 321.0005.

N-((3-methoxy-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide(3c):The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1c**(47mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP(129 mg, 1.0 mmol). Conditions:80°C, 11 h. The title compound **3c**(28mg, 41%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through silica gel column chromatography(hexane / EtOAc= 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 1:1 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.02-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.77 (m, 2H), 4.52/4.49 (s,2H), 4.23/4.20 (s,3H), 3.06/2.82 (s,3H), 2.35/2.06 (s,3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 185, 1, 184.5, 181.5, 181.2, 171.5, 170.8, 159.1, 158.9, 134.4, 134.0, 133.6, 133.4, 131.8, 131.5, 131.4, 128.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 96.1, 61.7, 61.5, 42.9, 41.2, 37.1, 32.4, 21.9,21.5. HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₄ [M + H]⁺, 274.1079; found: 274.1069.

N-methyl-N-((3-((methyl-d3)thio)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)acetamide(3d):The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1d**(73mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃(4.2mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80°C, 15 h. The title compound **3d**(40.3 mg, 55%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc= 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 1.5/0.5 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.03-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.76 (m, 2H), 4.71 (s,2H), 3.00/2.79 (s,3H), 2.38/2.05 (s,3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): 181.6, 181.3, 180.9, 171.5, 170.8, 150.8, 142.9, 141.3, 134.3, 133.9, 133.8, 133.5, 133.0, 132.0, 131.8, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 46.8, 44.7, 36.5, 31.9, 21.9, 21.6.

N-methyl-N-((3-methyl-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)acetamide(3e):The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1e**(43mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80°C, 6.5 h. The title compound **3e**(31 mg, 48%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (hexane / EtOAc= 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 9:1 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.07-8.10 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.76 (m, 2H), 4.62/4.56 (s,2H), 3.03/2.79 (s,3H), 2.42/2.30 (s,3H), 2.09/1.96 (s,3H); ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100MHz):δ 185.2, 185.0, 170.9, 147.4, 141.0, 134.8, 133.9, 133.6, 132.1, 131.9, 127.7, 126.6, 126.4, 126.4, 126.1 42.6, 36.7, 21.8, 13.0.HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₃[M + Na]⁺, 280.0950; found: 280.0945.

*N-((8-hydroxy-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide and N-((5-hydroxy-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide(3fa and 3fb):*The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1f**(43 mg, 0.25mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80°C, 8.5 h. The title compound **3f**(42mg, 66%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (hexane / EtOAc= 4:6); in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 11.9-11.8 (s, 1H), 7.61-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m,1H), 6.63-6.69 (m,1H),4.48-4.52 (s,2H), 3.10 (s, 2.6H), 3.11 (s, 0.8H), 2.20 (s, 2.2H), 2.10 (s, 0.8H); ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100MHz):δ 190.3, 190.1, 171.3, 161.6, 161.4, 146.9, 145.5, 136.7, 136.4, 134.7, 133.8, 132.0, 124.6, 124.4, 119.4, 119.3, 119.0, 46.6, 46.1, 37.2, 21.7. The regio isomeric ratio of two products of **3fa** and **3fb** was found to be in 3.3 : 1 ratio.

*N-methyl-N-((3-(methylthio)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)acetamide(3g):*The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1g**(51 mg, 0.25mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80°C, 8 h. The title compound **3g**(37 mg, 51%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (hexane / EtOAc= 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 1.5:0.5 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.04-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.75 (m, 2H), 4.72 (s,2H), 3.01/2.81 (s,3H), 2.72/2.69 (s,3H), 2.07 (s,3H); ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100MHz):δ 182.2, 180.9, 170.9, 158.7, 152.3, 150.8, 142.9, 141.3, 134.3, 133.9, 133.8, 133.5, 133.0, 132.0, 131.8, 130.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.0, 126.8, 124.6, 123.4, 46.8, 44.7, 36.6, 31.9, 21.6, 18.1. HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₅NO₃S[M + H]⁺: 290.0851; found: 290.0842.

*N-((3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide(3h):*The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1h**(63mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80°C, 20 h. The title compound **3h** (57mg, 67%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (hexane / EtOAc= 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 1.8:1.7 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz):δ 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.74-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.00-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.90 (m, 2H), 4.52/4.49 (s,2H), 2.98/2.69 (s,3H), 1.94/1.89 (s,3H); ¹³C

NMR (DMSO, 100MHz): δ 184.8, 184.4, 184.0, 183.9, 169.8, 169.2, 157.9, 157.6, 148.5, 146.1, 141.8, 139.6, 134.2, 134.1, 131.8, 131.7, 131.7, 131.1, 126.0, 125.8, 123.4, 122.7, 114.7, 114.5, 46.3, 43.88, 38.8, 37.40, 21.4, 21.2.

N-((3-(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-

methylacetamide(3i): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1i** (66 mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80°C, 18 h. The title compound **3i** (54 mg, 62%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc= 1:1); observed as two rotamers of 2.1/1.0 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃/DMSO, 400MHz): δ 8.09-8.14 (m, 2H), 7.73 -7.80 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.82 (m, 1H), 4.52/4.48 (s, 2H), 2.95/2.69 (s, 3H), 2.26/2.22 (s, 3H), 2.01/1.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃/DMSO, 100MHz): 185.6, 184.9, 184.9, 184.6, 171.4, 155.9, 155.7, 148.0, 140.9, 140.0, 134.1, 133.8, 132.1, 132.1, 128.4, 128.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.6, 126.2, 124.8, 123.6, 123.7, 123.1, 115.1, 115.0, 46.1, 45.9, 37.6, 21.4, 21.2, 16.0.

N-((3-(3-allyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-

methylacetamide (3j): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1j** (73mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80 °C, 15 h. The title compound **3j** (54 mg, 57%) was obtained as a orange colour gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (hexane / EtOAc= 1:1); observed as three rotamers in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.79 (m, 2H), 6.71 - 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.00-6.06 (m, 1H), 5.05-5.09 (m, 1H), 4.58/4.52/4.48 (s, 2H), 3.73-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.43 (m, 2H), 3.03/2.96/2.90 (s, 3H), 2.10/2.04/1.89 (s, 3H), ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 185.7, 185.5, 184.8, 184.5, 172.0, 171.6, 156.2, 155.6, 148.0, 147.8, 140.8, 140.6, 136.6, 136.1, 134.1, 133.8, 132.6, 132.1, 130.8, 130.1, 128.8, 126.8, 126.2, 123.7, 123.3, 116.1, 115.6, 60.2, 49.0, 45.7, 37.9, 37.0, 34.4, 31.9, 31.6, 22.7, 21.4, 14.1.; HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₂₁NO₄[M + H]⁺: 376.1549; found: 376.1540.

N-((3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-

Nmethylacetamide(3k): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1k** (66 mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80

°C, 15 h. The title compound **3k** (54 mg, 62%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 6:4); observed as two rotamers of 1.7:1 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.08-8.13 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.98-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 3.87/3.85 (s, 3H), 2.81/2.65 (s, 3H), 2.12/1.86 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): 184.6, 184.3, 171.2, 170.8, 160.5, 160.0, 146.9, 141.7, 140.2, 134.2, 134.1, 133.8, 132.5, 132.2, 132.0, 131.9, 131.0, 130.7, 128.9, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 124.8, 123.8, 115.2, 114.0, 113.6, 55.3, 46.6, 45.6, 37.3, 32.8, 21.6; HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₂₁H₁₉NO₄[M + H]⁺, 350.1392; found: 350.1380.

N-((3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide (3l): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1l** (74 mg 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80°C, 12.5 h. The title compound **3l** (68 mg, 71%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 1:1); observed as two rotamers of 1.9:1 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.08-8.12 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.79 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.69-6.81 (m, 2H), 4.47/4.46 (s, 2H), 3.93/3.91/3.88 (s, 6H), 2.80/2.67 (s, 3H), 2.11/1.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): 184.6, 184.3, 171.3, 170.6, 150.0, 149.5, 149.0, 148.5, 146.6, 142.1, 140.5, 134.2, 134.2, 133.8, 132.0, 132.0, 131.9, 126.9, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 125.1, 124.1, 122.3, 122.0, 112.6, 111.0, 110.7, 56.0, 55.9, 46.6, 45.8, 37.4, 32.1, 21.6, 21.4; HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₄H₁₃NO₃[M + H]⁺, 243.0895; found: 244.0965.

N-((1,4-dioxo-3-(2,3,4-trimethoxyphenyl)-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide (3m): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1m** (81 mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80°C, 22 h. The title compound **3m** (Trace) was obtained as a yellow colour gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 1:1); observed as two rotamers of 2.3:1.6 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.10-8.15 (m, 2H), 7.73-7.79 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.74-6.76 (m, 1H), 4.47/4.39/4.38/4.36 (s, 2H), 3.92/3.90/3.89 (s, 6H), 3.79/3.77 (s, 3H), 2.81/2.66 (s, 3H), 2.11/1.89 (s, 3H).

N-((3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide (3n): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1n** (70 mg, 0.25mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80 °C, 10.5 h. The title compound **3n**(50.2 mg, 55%) was obtained as a violet colour gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 1:1); observed as two rotamers of 2.0:1.9 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.09 - 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.78 (m, 2H), 4.56/4.52 (s, 2H), 3.04/3.00 (s, 6H), 2.80/2.67 (s, 3H), 2.16/1.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 185.3, 185.1, 184.9, 184.6, 171.4, 170.6, 151.0, 150.8, 149.3, 147.6, 140.5, 139.1, 134.0, 133.9, 133.6, 133.5, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 132.1, 131.2, 130.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 119.9, 118.7, 111.5, 111.4, 46.9, 45.3, 40.3, 40.2, 36.9, 32.4, 21.7, 21.5. HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₃ [M + H]⁺, 363.1709; found: 363.1700.

N-((2,4-dimethyl-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide(3q):The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1q**(34mg, mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80°C, 24 h. The title compound **3q**(30 mg, 54%) was obtained as a yellow colour gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 1:1); observed as two rotamers of 10:1 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 6.60/6.58 (s, 1H), 4.43/4.39 (s, 2H), 2.98/2.75 (s, 3H), 2.35/2.15 (s, 3H), 2.07/2.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 188.1, 187.5, 172.9, 170.9, 150.0, 145.8, 144.8, 138.5, 133.1, 125.1, 123.6, 119.1, 116.5, 42.3, 36.7, 21.8, 15.9, 12.5; HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NO₃ [M + Na]⁺, 244.0950; found: 244.0948.

N-((4-(tert-butyl)-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide and N-((5-(tert-butyl)-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide (3ra and 3rb): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1r** (41mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃(4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (104 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80°C, 4 h. The title compound **3r** (37.5 mg, 60%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 1:1); regioselectivity 3. 1 : 1. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 6.50-6.58 (m, 1H), 6.27-6.35 (m, 1H), 4.32/4.29 (s, 2H), 3.01/2.97 (s, 2.1H), 2.90 (s, 0.68H) 2.14/2.13/2.03(s, 3H), 1.24/1.23 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 188.3,

187.5, 171.3, 156.3, 141.6, 133.6, 133.5, 131.6, 131.6, 129.8, 45.5, 37.1, 35.1, 36.7, 21.6:HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $C_{14}H_{19}NO_3$ $[M + H]^+$, 250.1443; found: 250.1434. The regio isomeric ratio of two products of **3ra** and **3rb** was found to be in 3.1 : 1 ratio

N-((2,4 -dimethoxy-3,6-dioxocyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide(3s):The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1s**(63 mg, 0.25 mmol), $AgNO_3$ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (104 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80°C, 5 h. The title compound **3s**(Trace) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc= 1:1); observed as two rotamers of 2.4:2.3 ratio in 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400MHz): δ 5.87/5.83 (m, 1H), 4.36/4.34 (s, 2H), 4.08/4.06 (s, 3H), 3.82/3.80 (s,3H), 3.04/2.80 (s,3H), 2.29/2.05 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for $C_{12}H_{15}NO_5$, 253.0950; found: 253.0956.

N-((1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylformamide(3u):The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1a** (40mg, 0.25mmol), $AgNO_3$ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (104 mg, 1.0 mmol),Conditions:80°C, 6h. The title compound **3t**(27.5mg, 47%) was obtained as a brown gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 1:1); observed as three rotamers in 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400MHz): δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.07-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 2H), 6.77/6.69 (s, 1H), 4.49/4.40 (s, 2H), 3.15/2.91 (s, 3H), ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100MHz): δ 184.9, 184.6, 184.3, 163.6, 163.0, 144.7, 144.3, 135.1, 134.8, 134.2, 134.2, 134.0, 134.0, 132.0, 132.0, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 47.9, 43.1, 38.4, 35.2, 34.7, 30.2.

N-((1,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)acetamide (3v):The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1a** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol), $AgNO_3$ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions:80 °C, 16 h. The title compound **3w** (16.5 mg, 60%) was obtained as a yellow gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 1:1); 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400MHz): δ 8.03 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s,1H), 4.36/4.35 (s,2H), 2.04 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100MHz): δ 185.3, 184.9, 170.4, 146.2, 134.7, 134.1, 133.8, 132.0, 131.1, 126. 4, 126.3, 38.7, 26.3, 23.2.

2-(1-methyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-2-yl)naphthalene-1,4-dione & 2-((2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)methyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (3:1, 3w-3w'): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **1a** (40mg, 0.25 mmol), AgNO₃ (4.2 mg, 10 mol%), TBHP (129 mg, 1.0 mmol), Conditions: 80°C, 10 h. The title compound **3v-3v'** (43.2 mg, 67%) was obtained as a brown gummy liquid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography. This product could not be isolated in a pure form, being contaminated with **3a'**. (Hexane / EtOAc=1:1); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.01 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.80- 4.82 (m, 1H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.37 – 2.55 (m, 4H), 2.09 (s, 1H), 1.81 – 1.82 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 184.9, 184.7, 184.7, 184.5, 175.8, 148.7, 145.0, 134.4, 134.1, 134.0, 133.9, 132.7, 132.1, 132.0, 131.9, 129.5, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 58.3, 47.9, 41.4, 30.5, 29.0, 28.8, 25.8, 18.1. HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₁₅H₁₄NO₃[M + H]⁺, 256.0973; found-256.0960.

N-((10-chloro-5-oxo-5H-benzo[a]phenothiazin-6-yl)methyl)-N-methylacetamide(5): The reaction was carried out according to the general procedure A using **3b** (30 mg, 0.093 mmol), **4** (15 mg, 0.093 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (10 mg, 0.093 mmol), Conditions: RT, 40 min. The title compound **6** (27.4 mg, 77%) was obtained as a red solid after purification through a silica gel column chromatography (Hexane / EtOAc = 6:4); mp 218-222°C, observed as two rotamers of 1.3:0.2 ratio in ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz): δ 8.85-8.86 (m, 1H), 8.31-8.33 (m, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.50 (m, 2H), 4.84/4.70 (s, 2H), 2.94/2.76 (s, 3H), 2.20/2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): 179.6, 171.2, 145.3, 139.0, 136.5, 134.3, 133.3, 132.4, 132.0, 131.8, 129.9, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 122.4, 42.4, 35.4, 21.8. HRMS (ESI): exact mass calcd for C₂₀H₁₅ClN₂O₂S [M + H]⁺, 383.0621; found: 383.0613.

5. Molecular docking studies of compound **5b** with AChE target (PDB ID: 1B41)

The docking analyses were performed using Glide tool of Schrödinger-Maestro (ver10.7) package (Schrödinger, LLC, New York, NY, 2013). The compound **5a** was sketched by using Chemdraw 12.0 software and converted to .mol file format with the standard settings and processed with default parameters of Ligprep tool from Schrodinger,³ described by Greenwood et al., 2010. In this study, the compound **5** was docked with active site of AChE (PDB ID-1B41). The 3D structure of proteins were downloaded from the RSCB- Protein Data Bank (PDB)

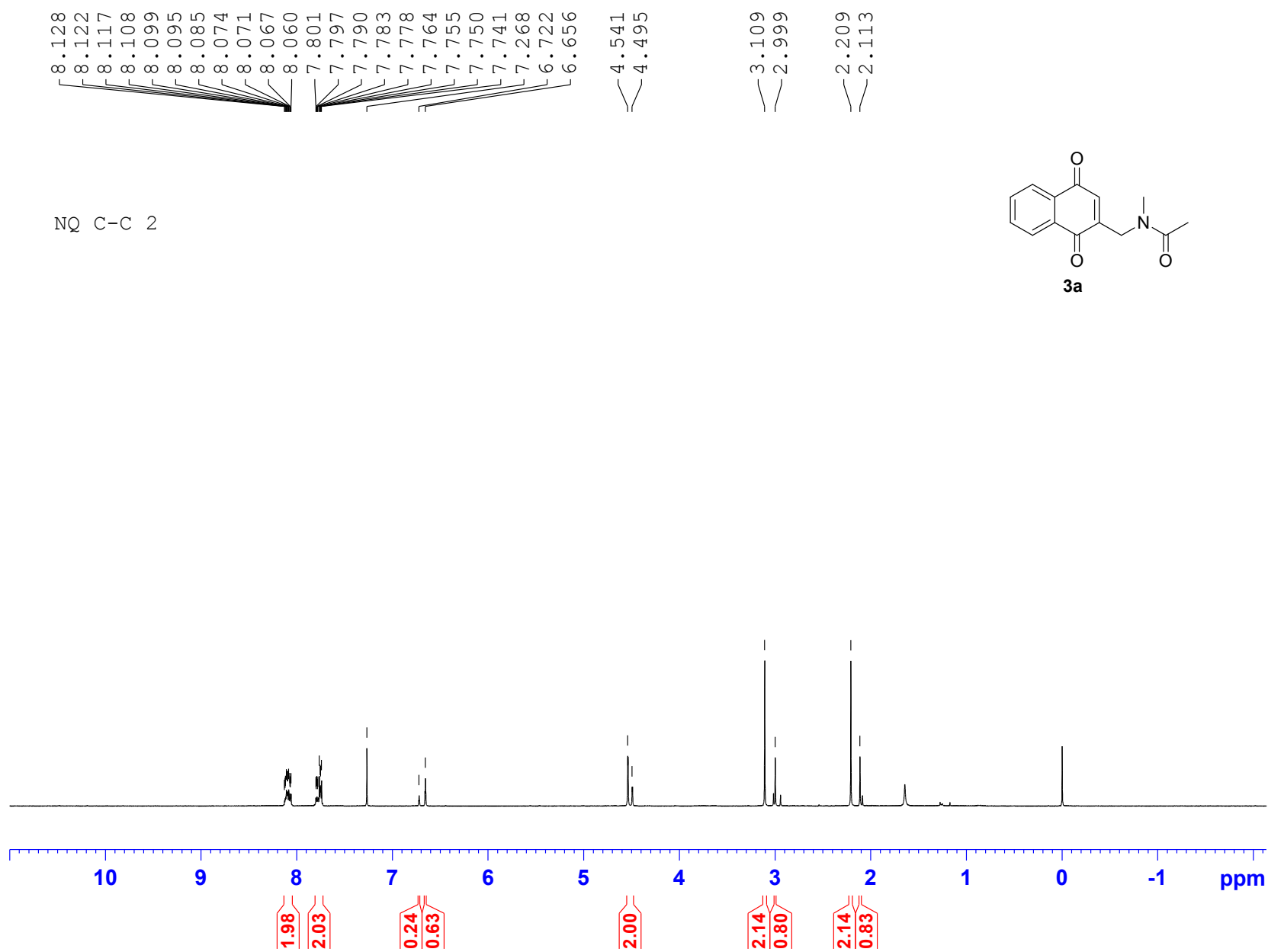
website and prepared for the docking by removing of all water molecules. For grid generation, the hydrogen's were added, bond orders were assigned and water molecules beyond 5 Å from the hetero groups were deleted in the imported protein and sitemap tool was used to locate the binding sites. For protein-ligand docking, the formation of H-bond between the ligand and the residues of the active site and its length along with Glide XP score,⁴ were recorded with the help of Glide-Ligand docking tool of Maestro in cluster node of High-Performance Computing Facility (HPC).

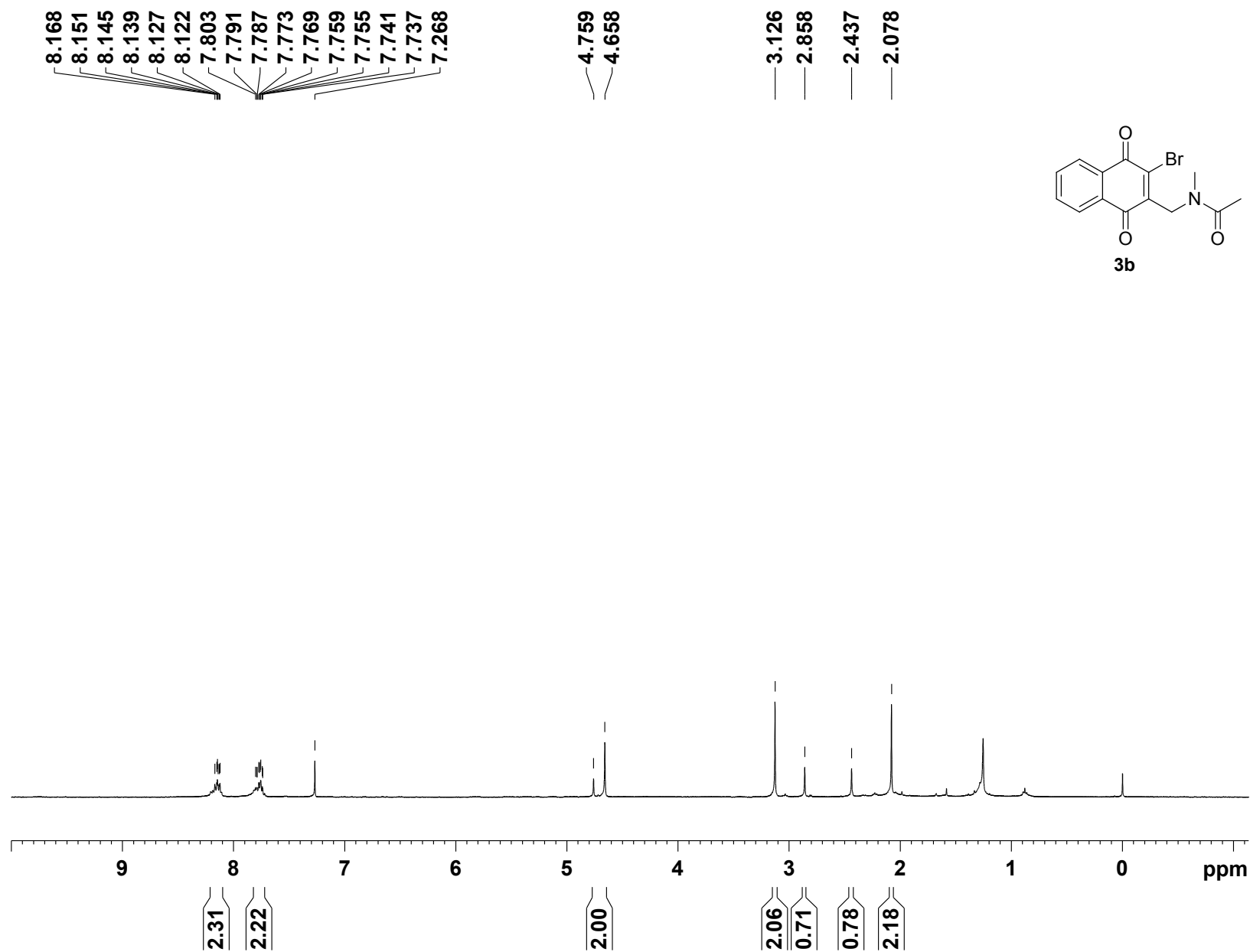
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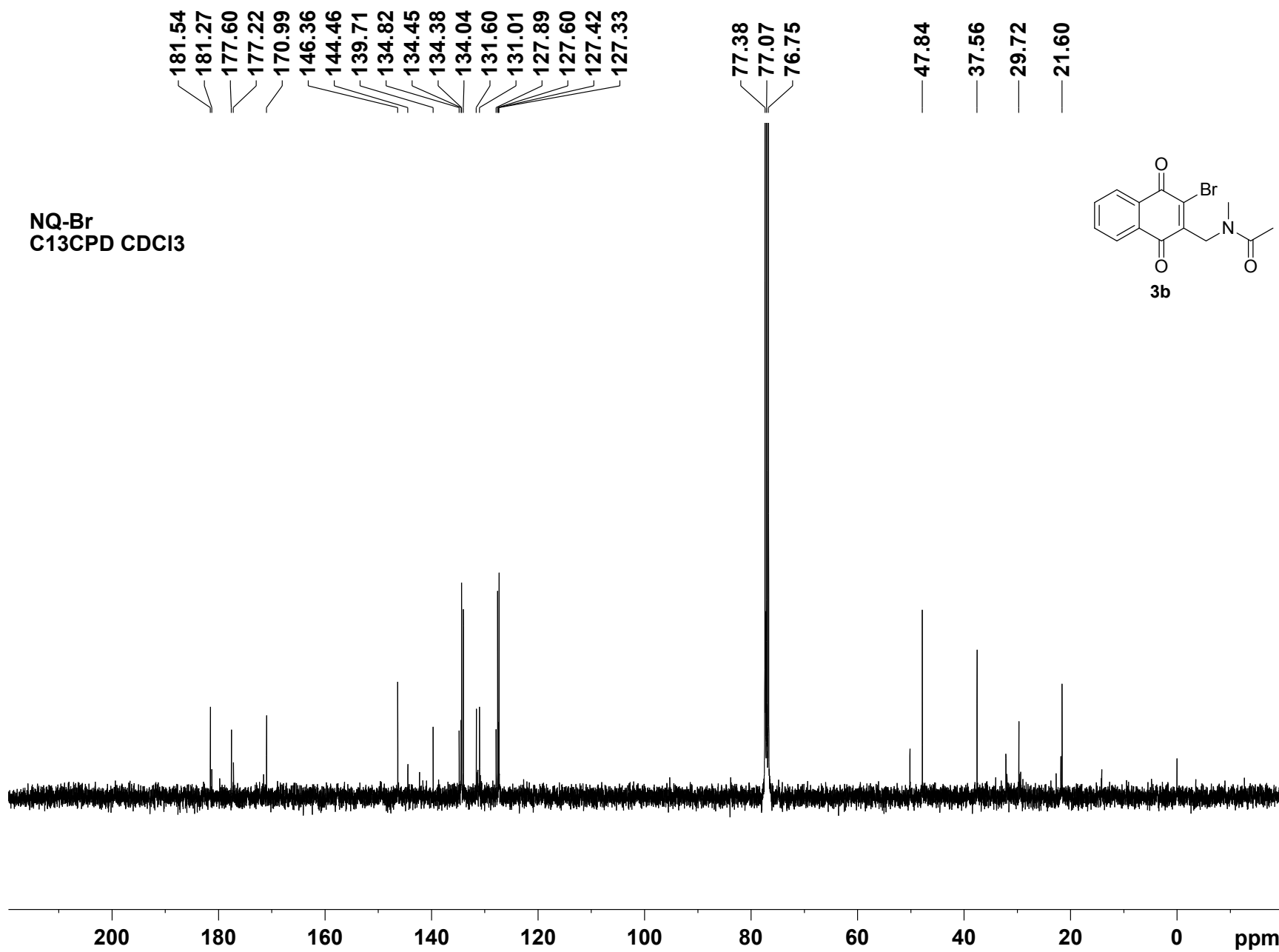
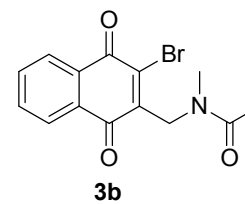
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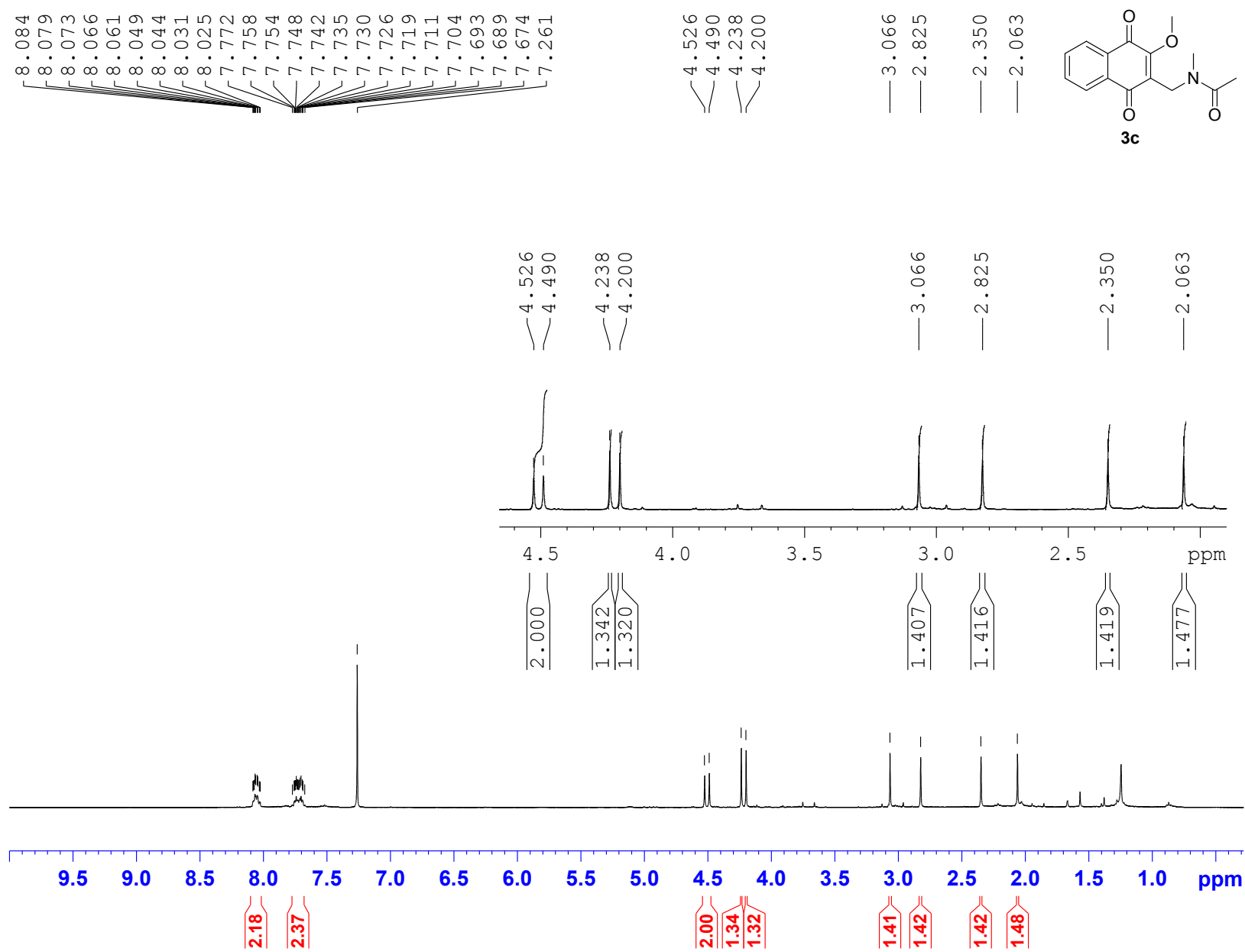
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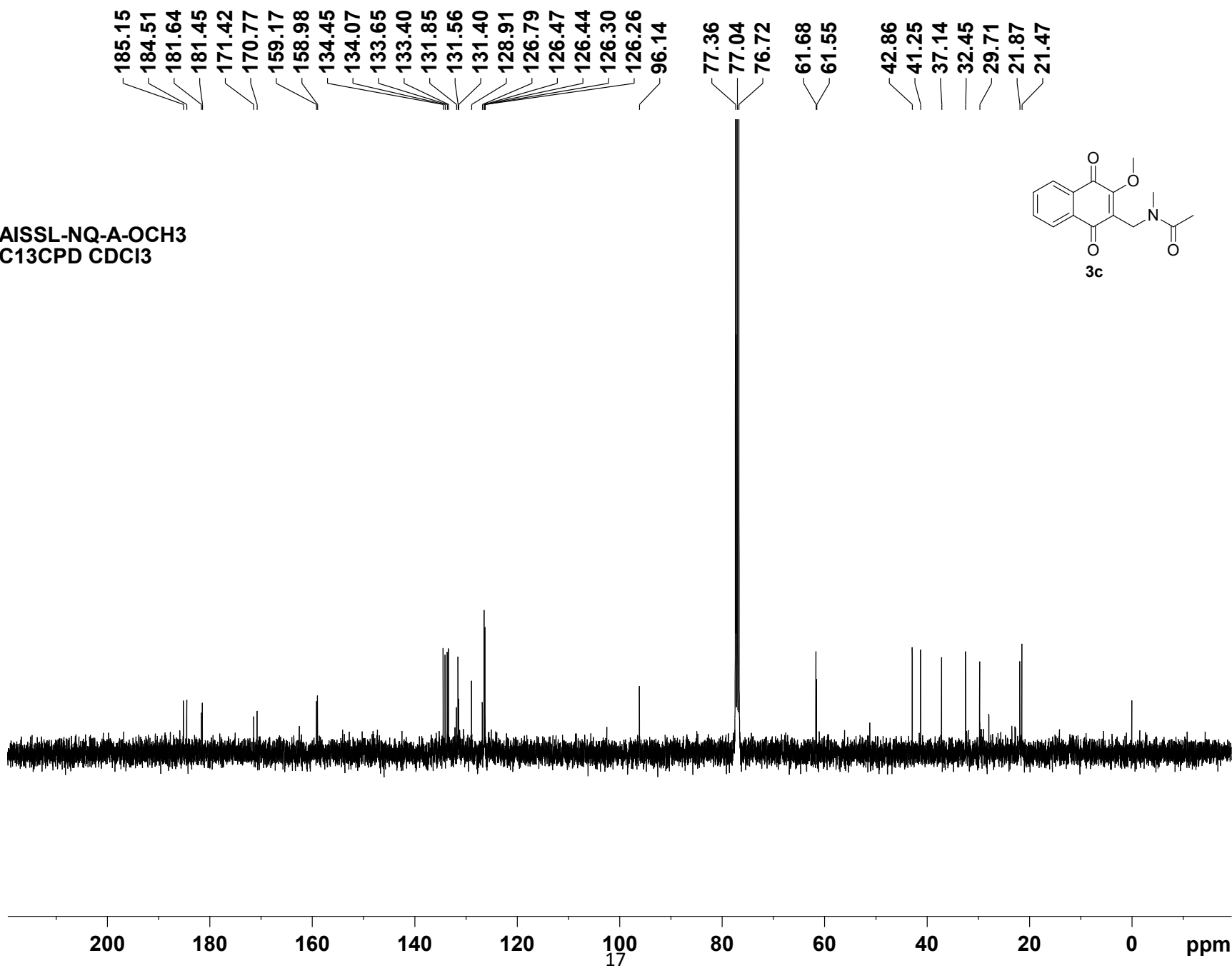
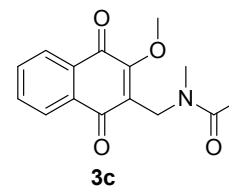


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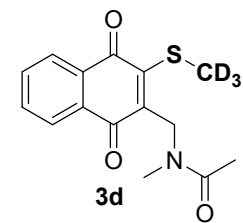
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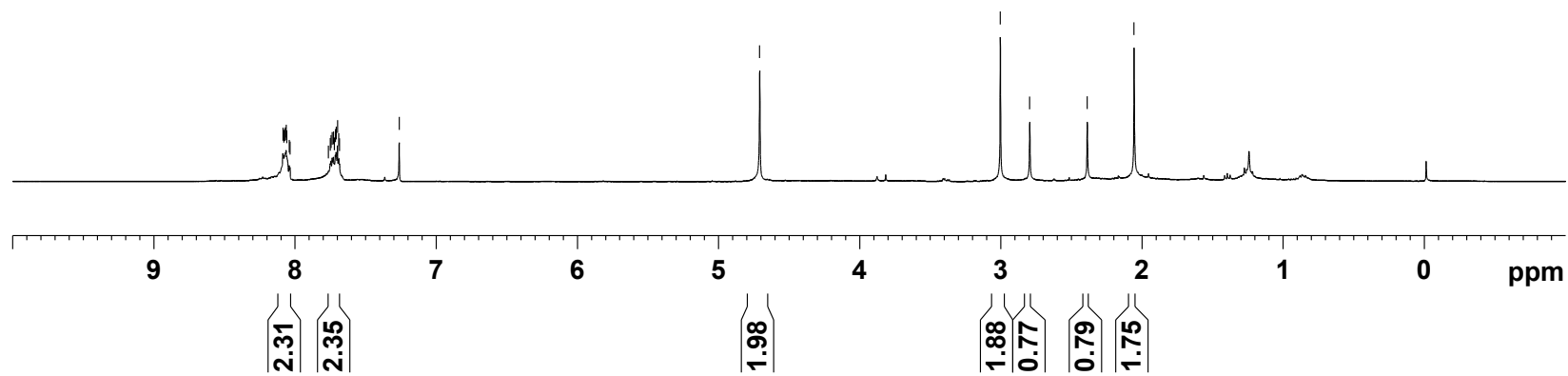
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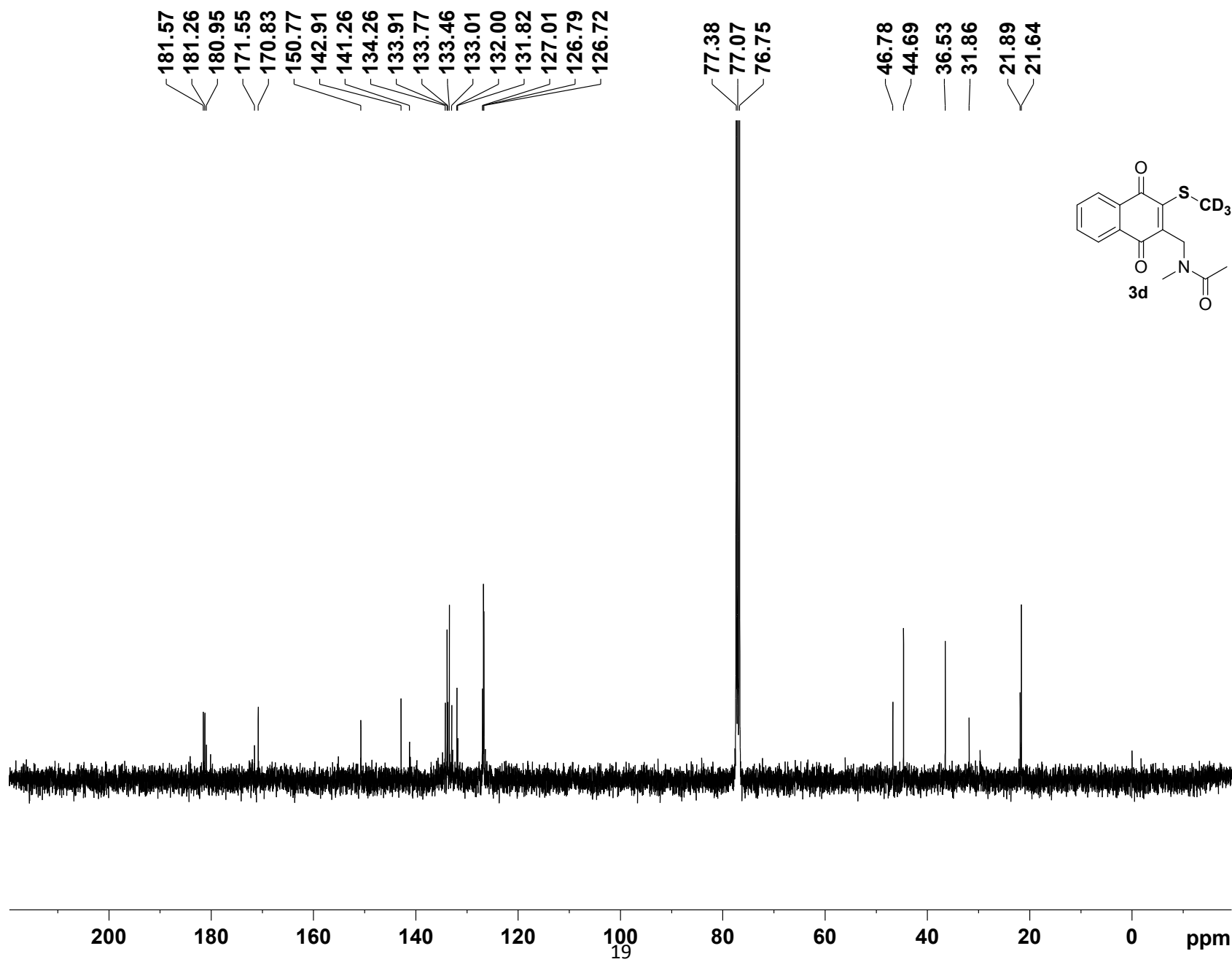
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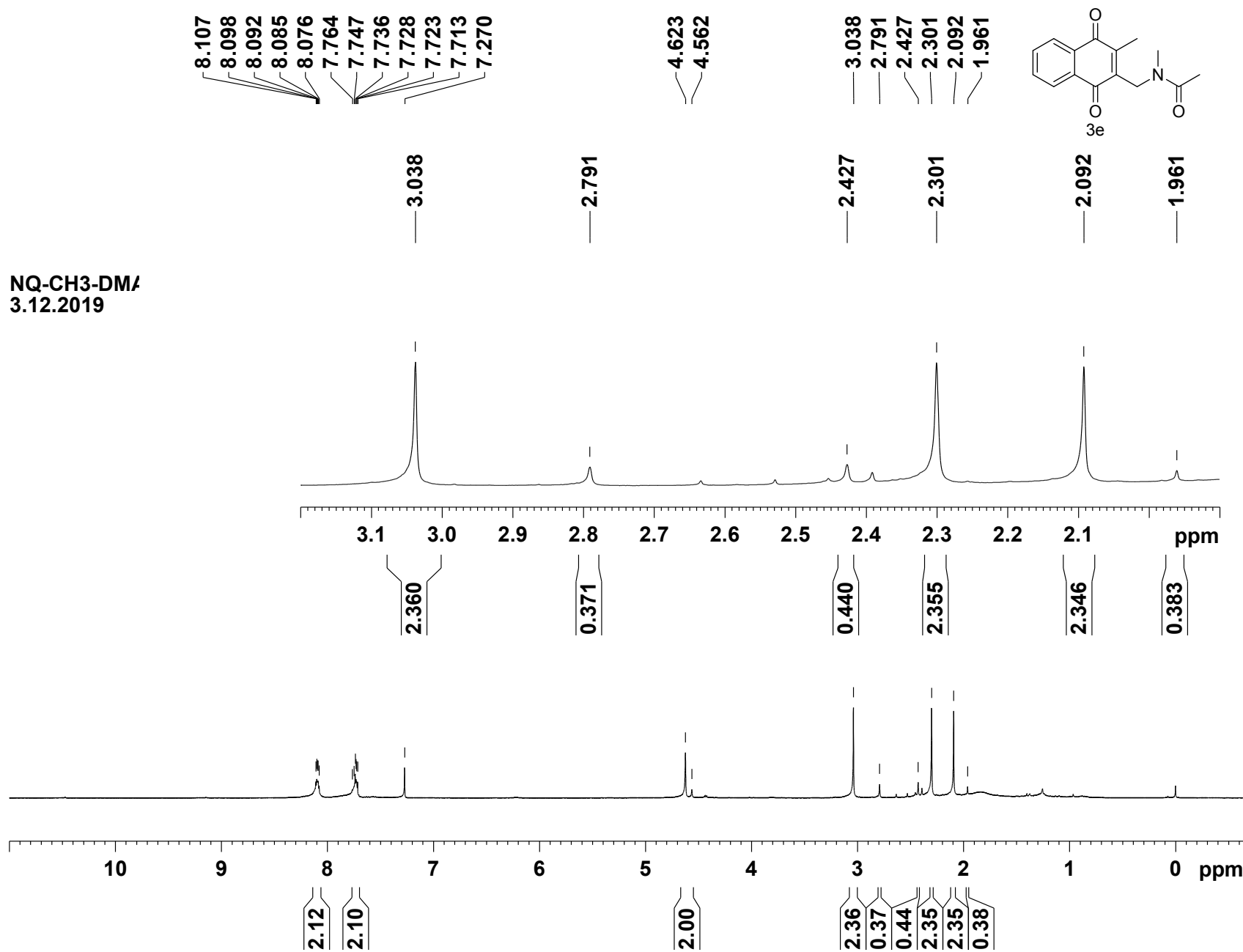


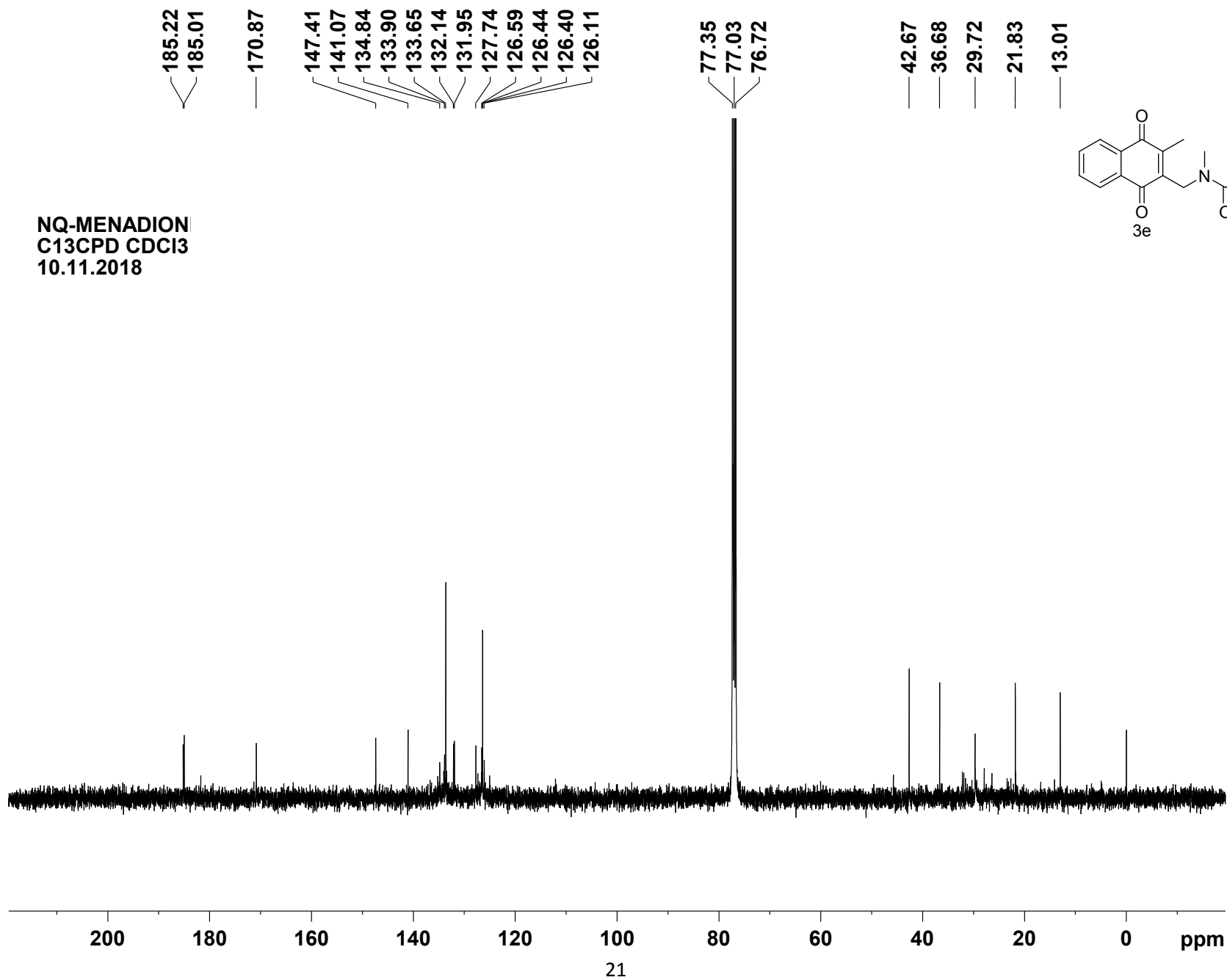
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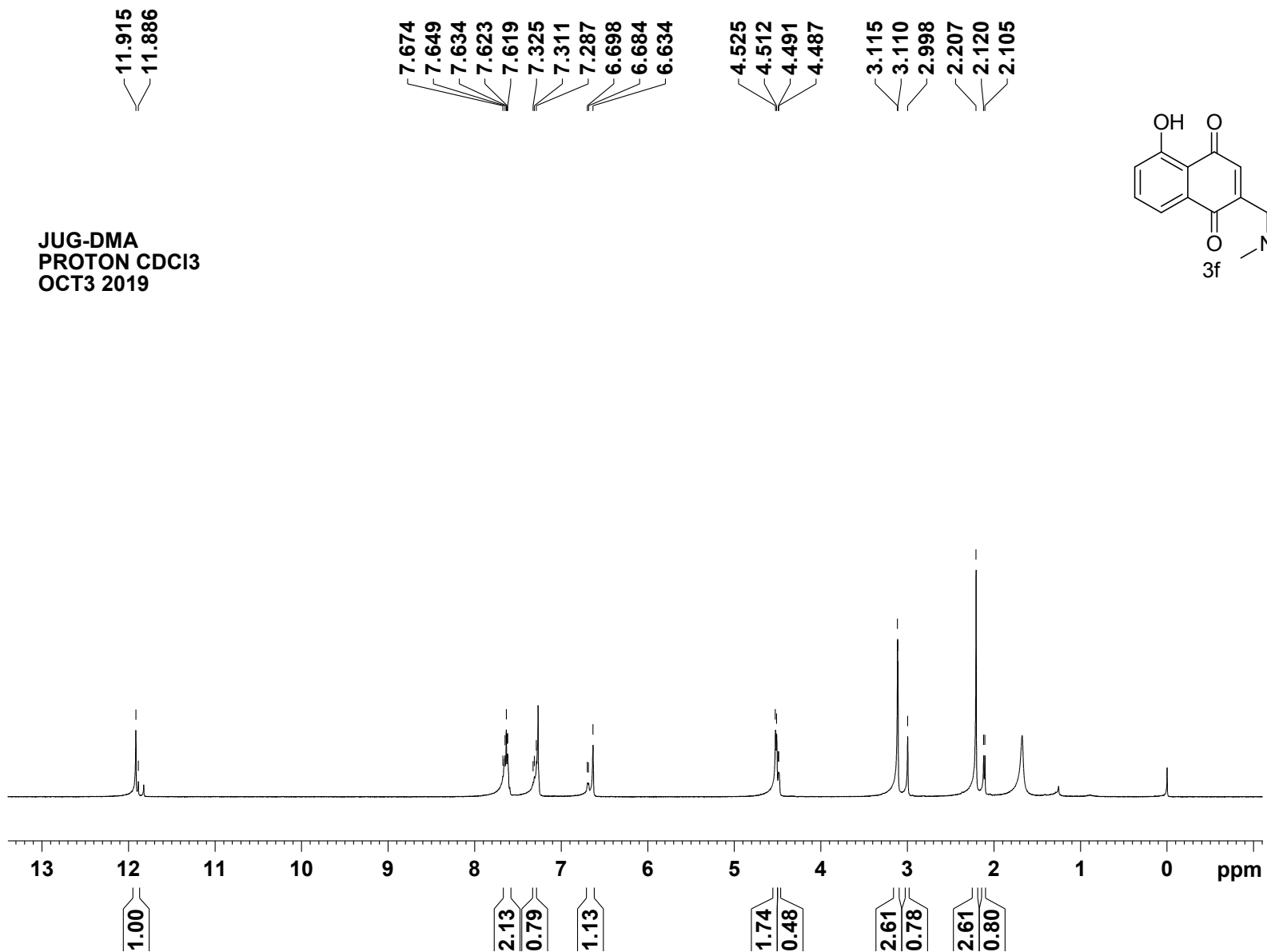


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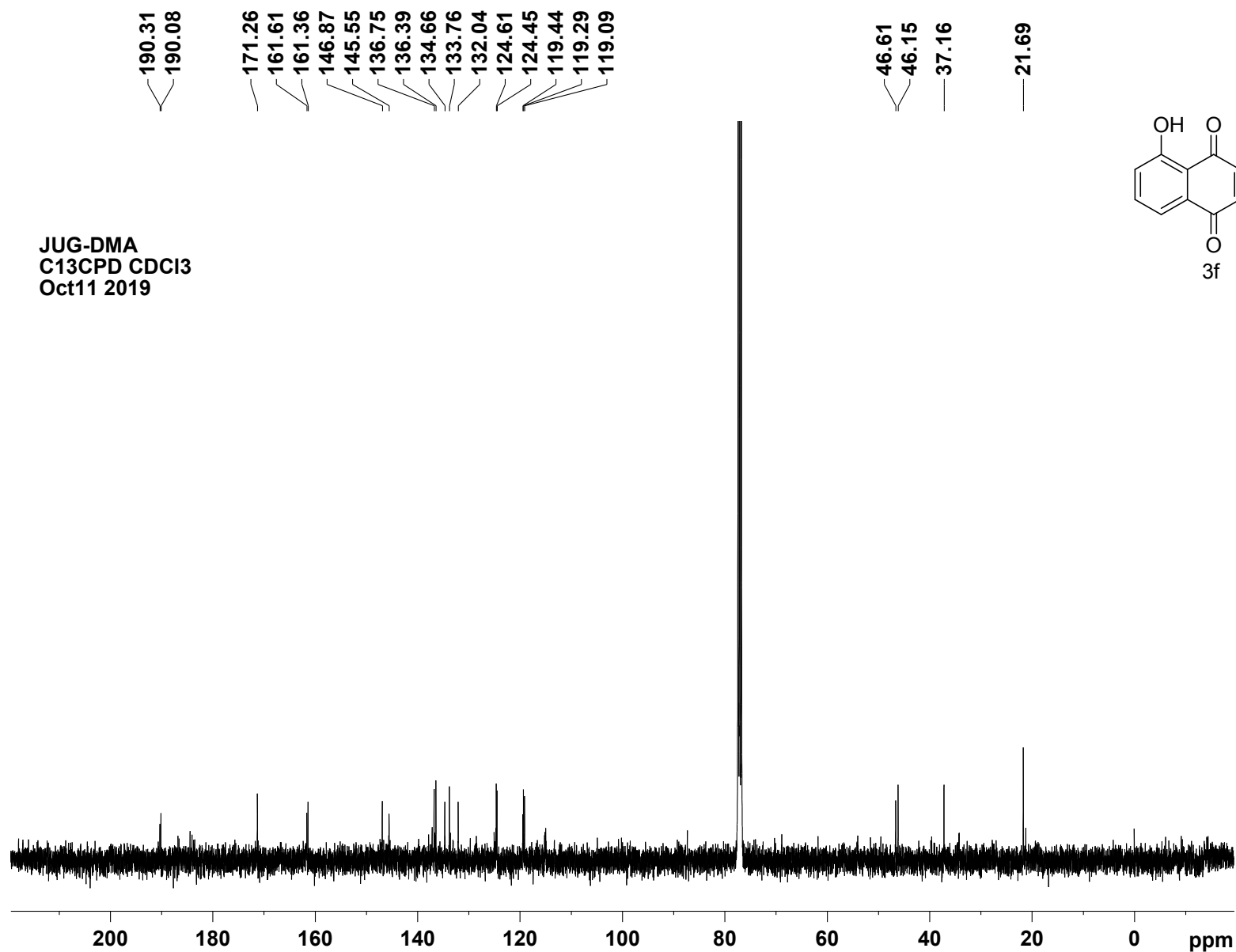


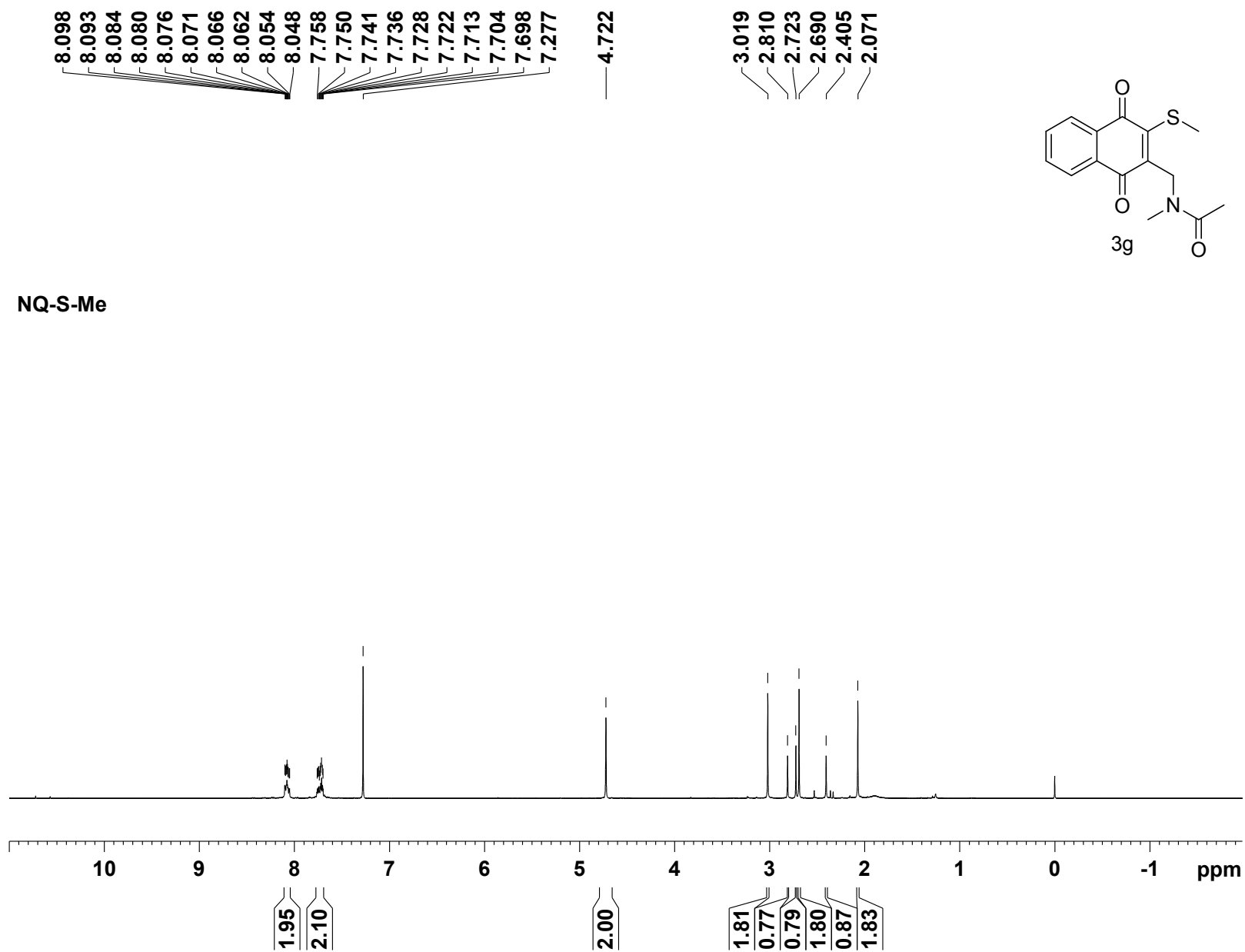


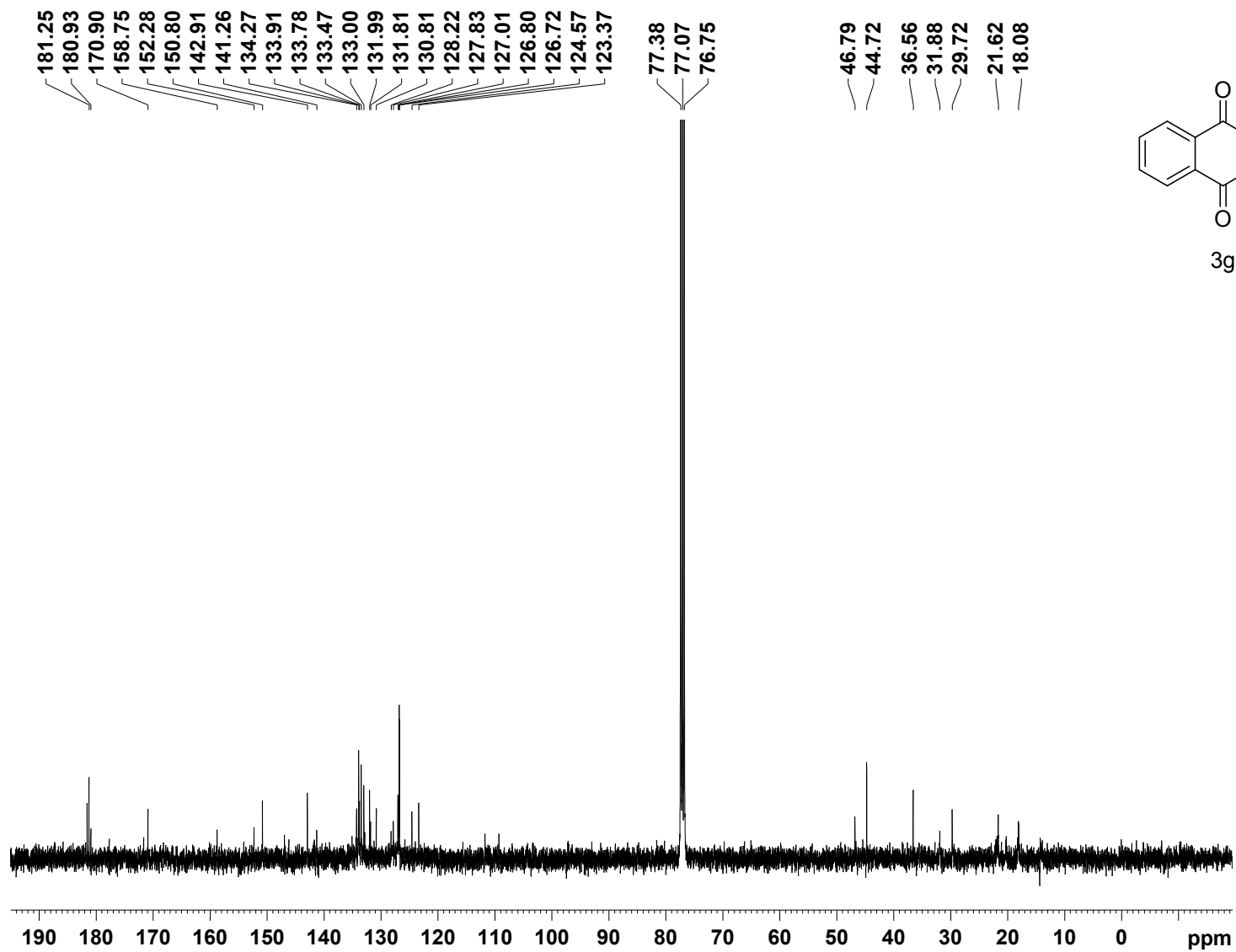
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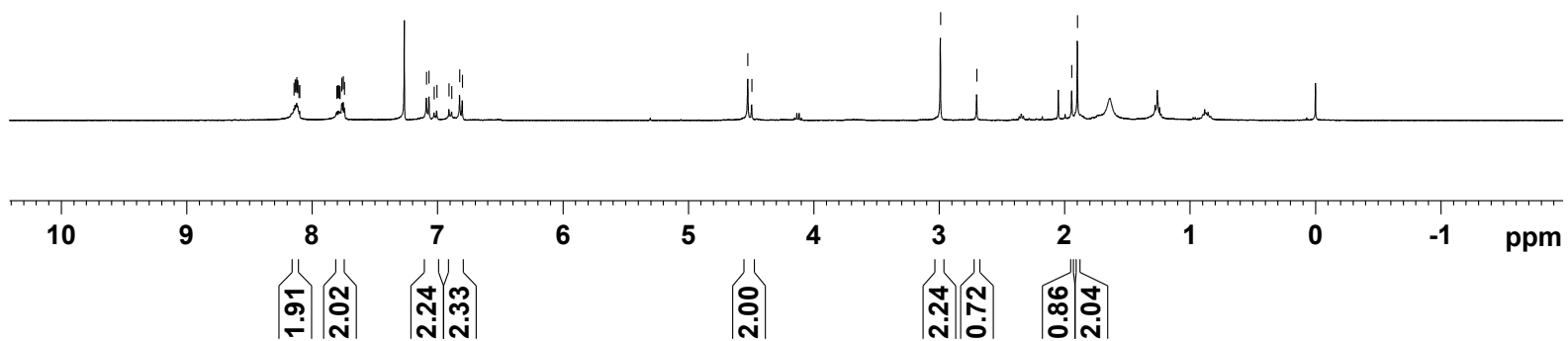
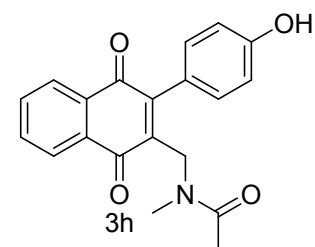


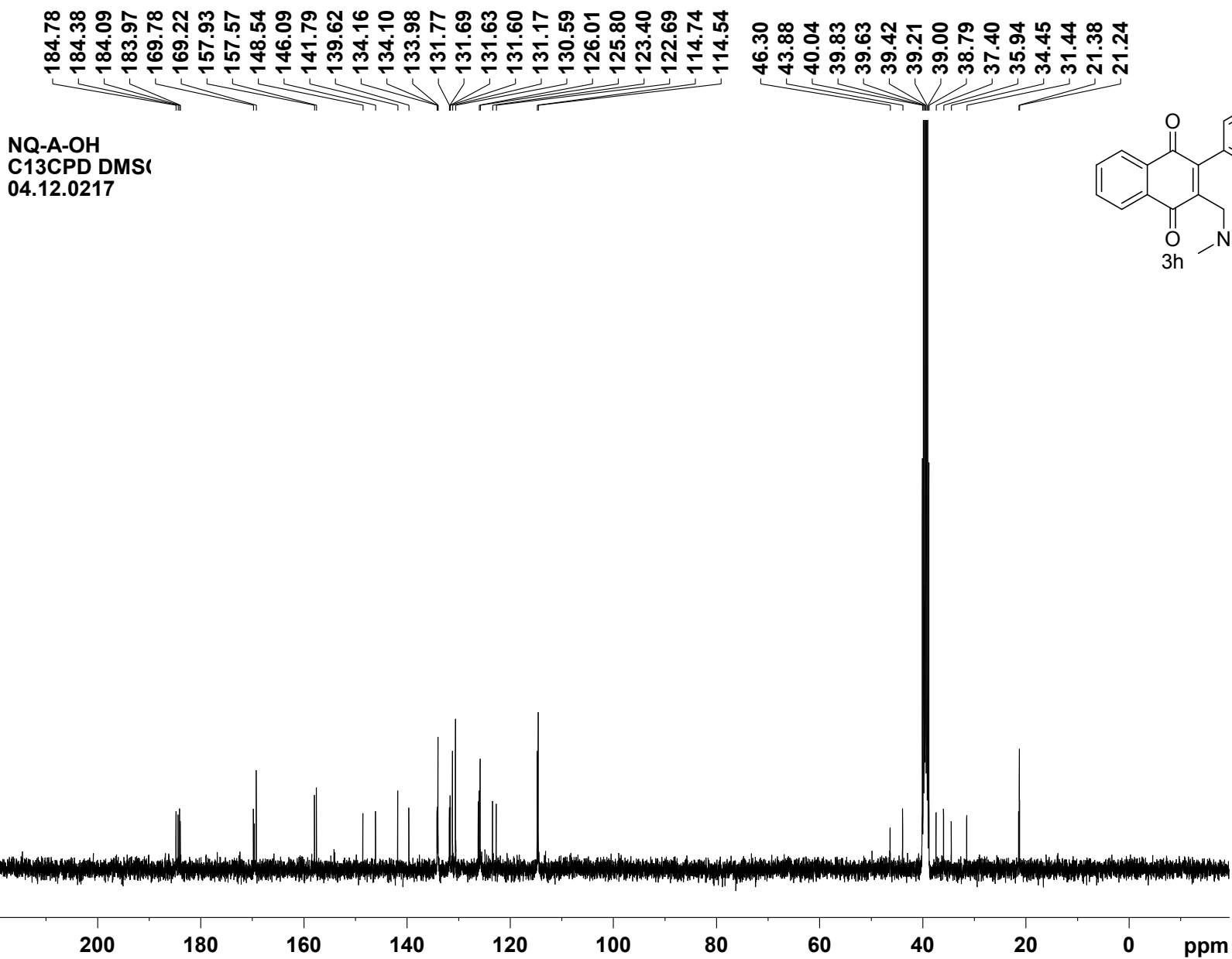


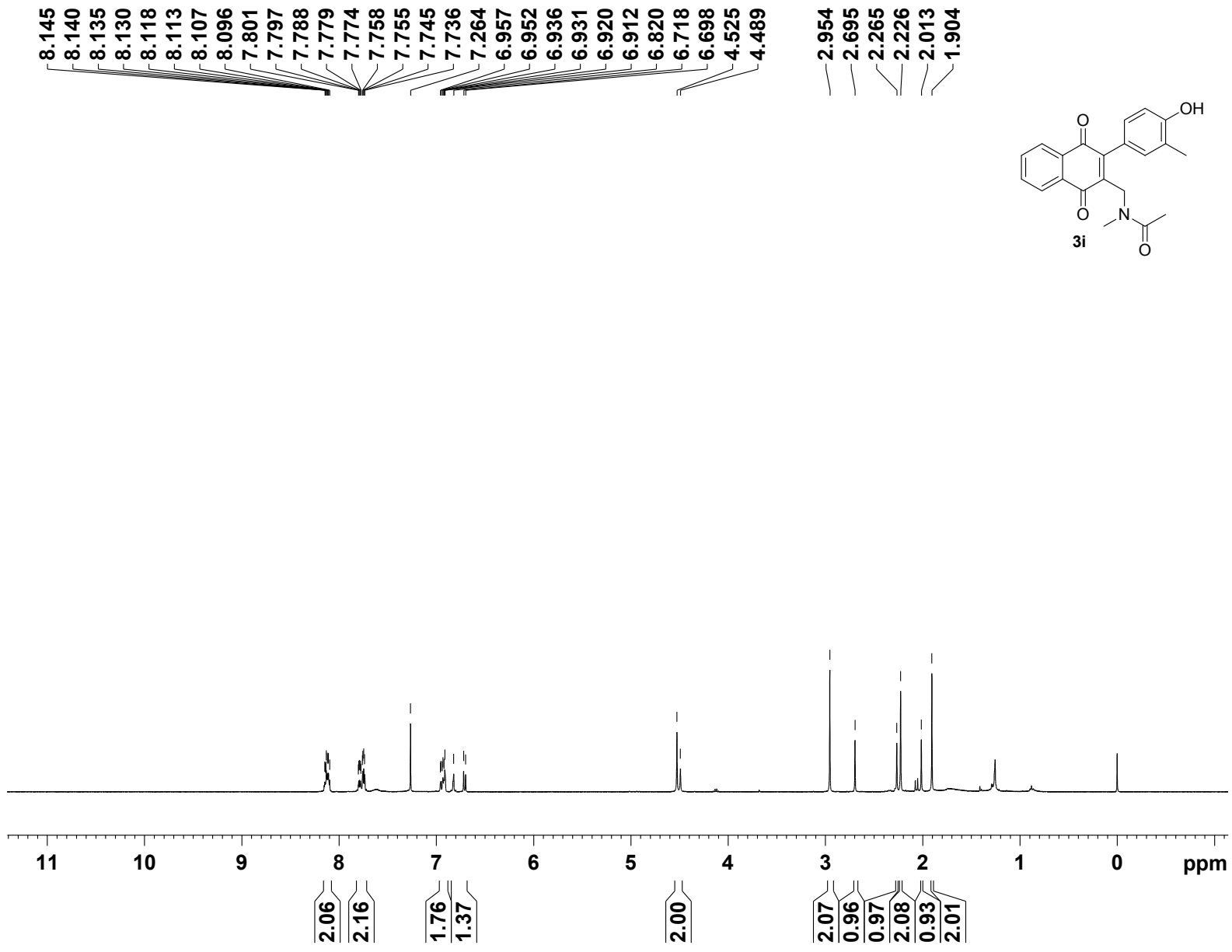
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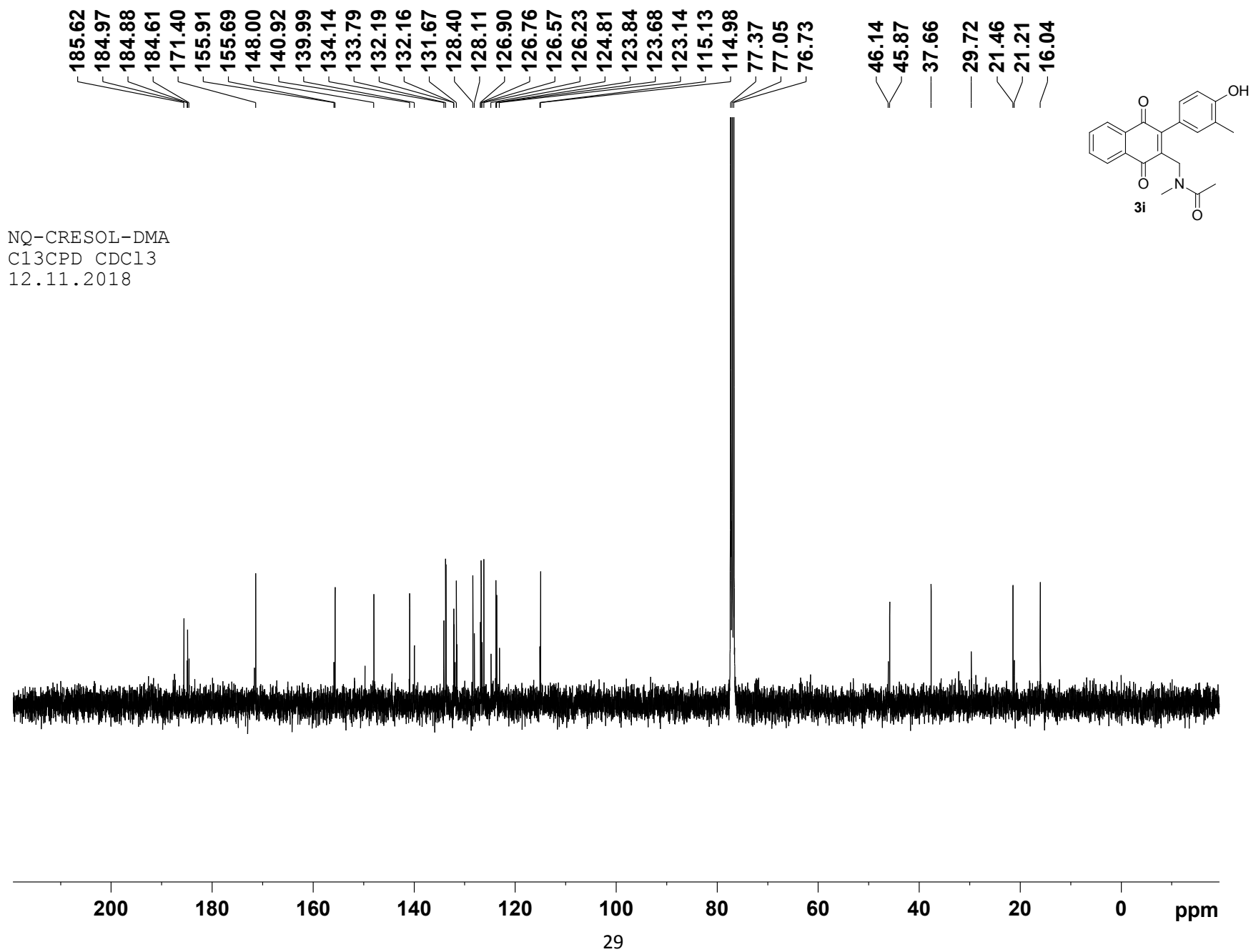
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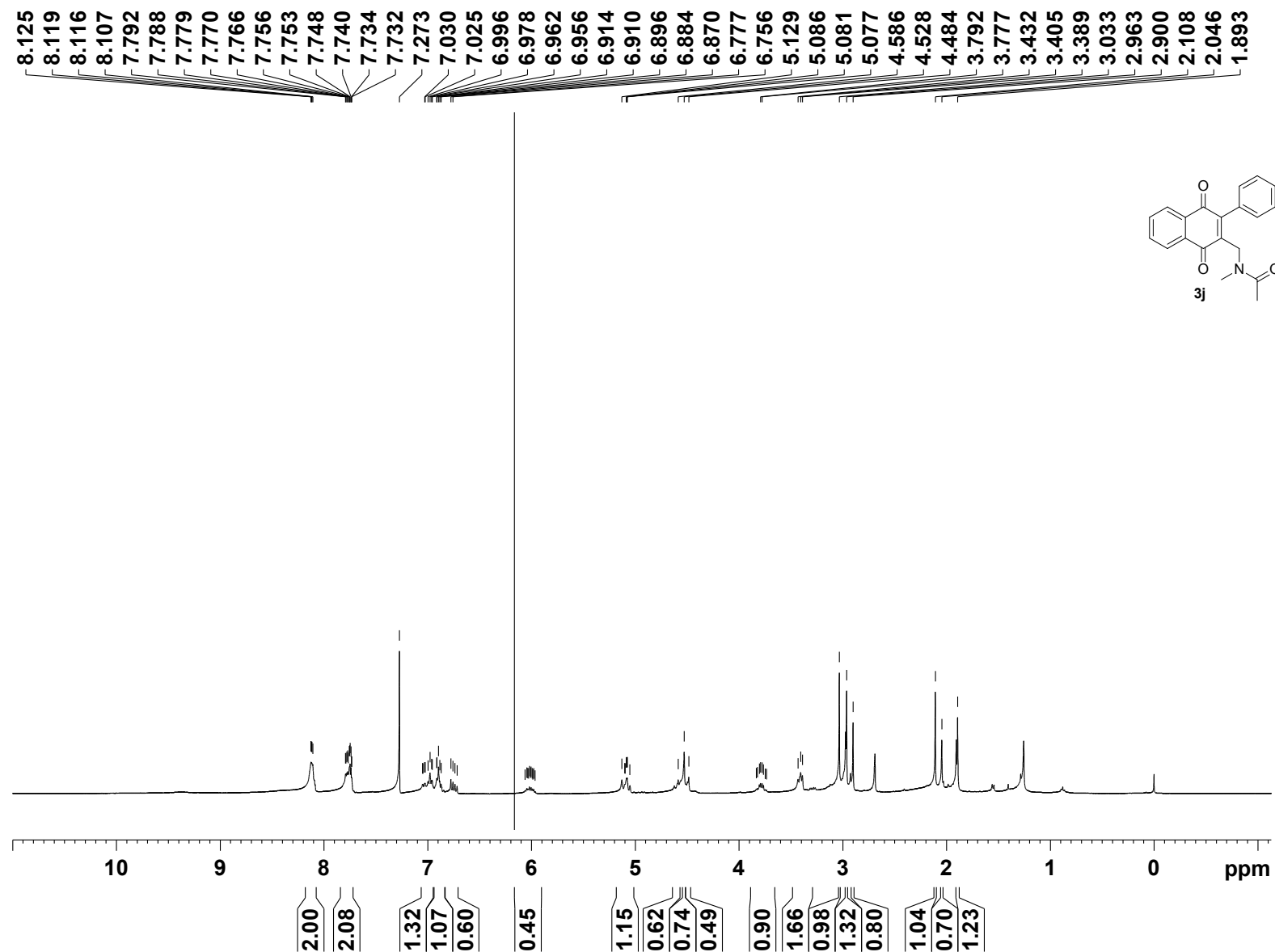
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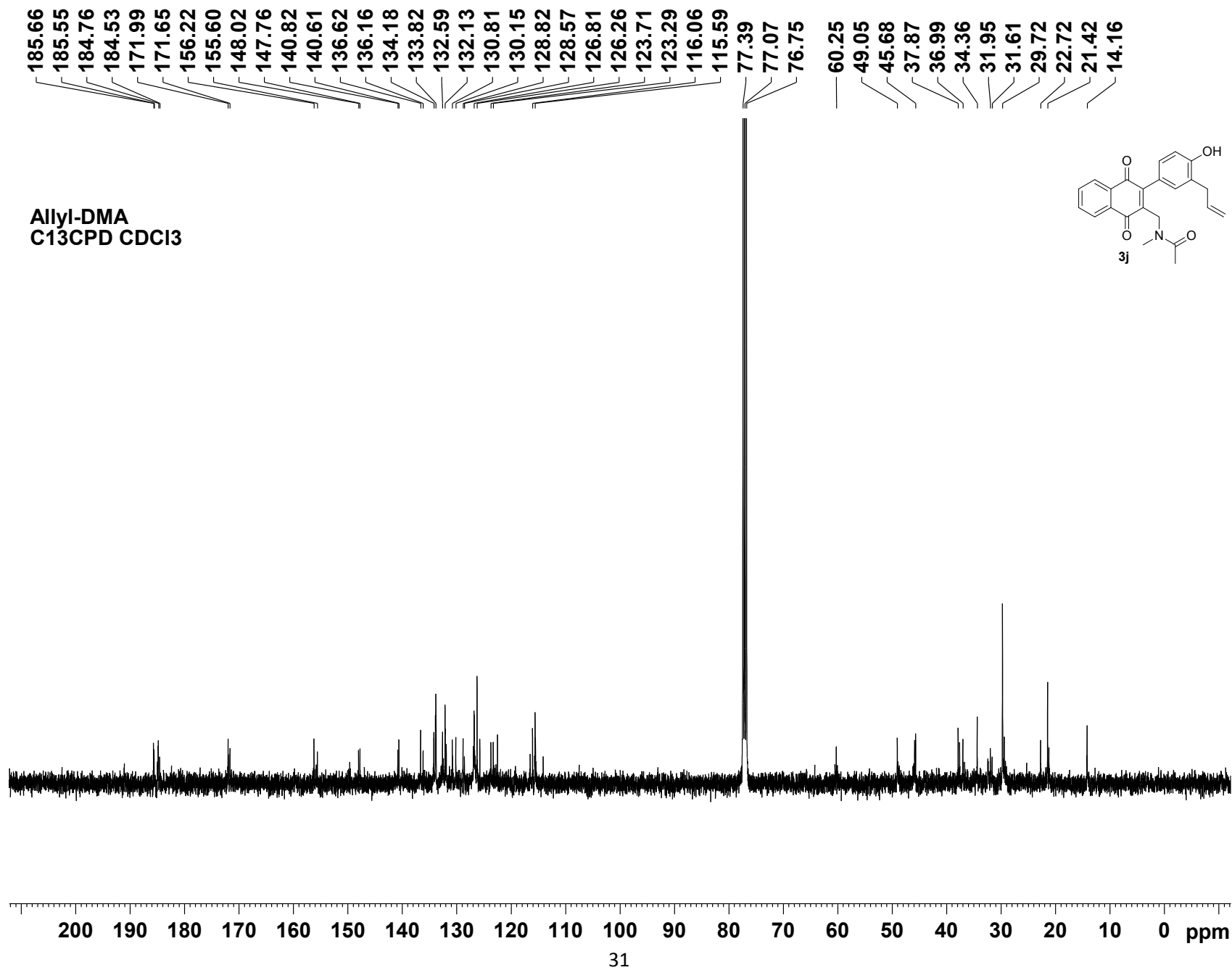


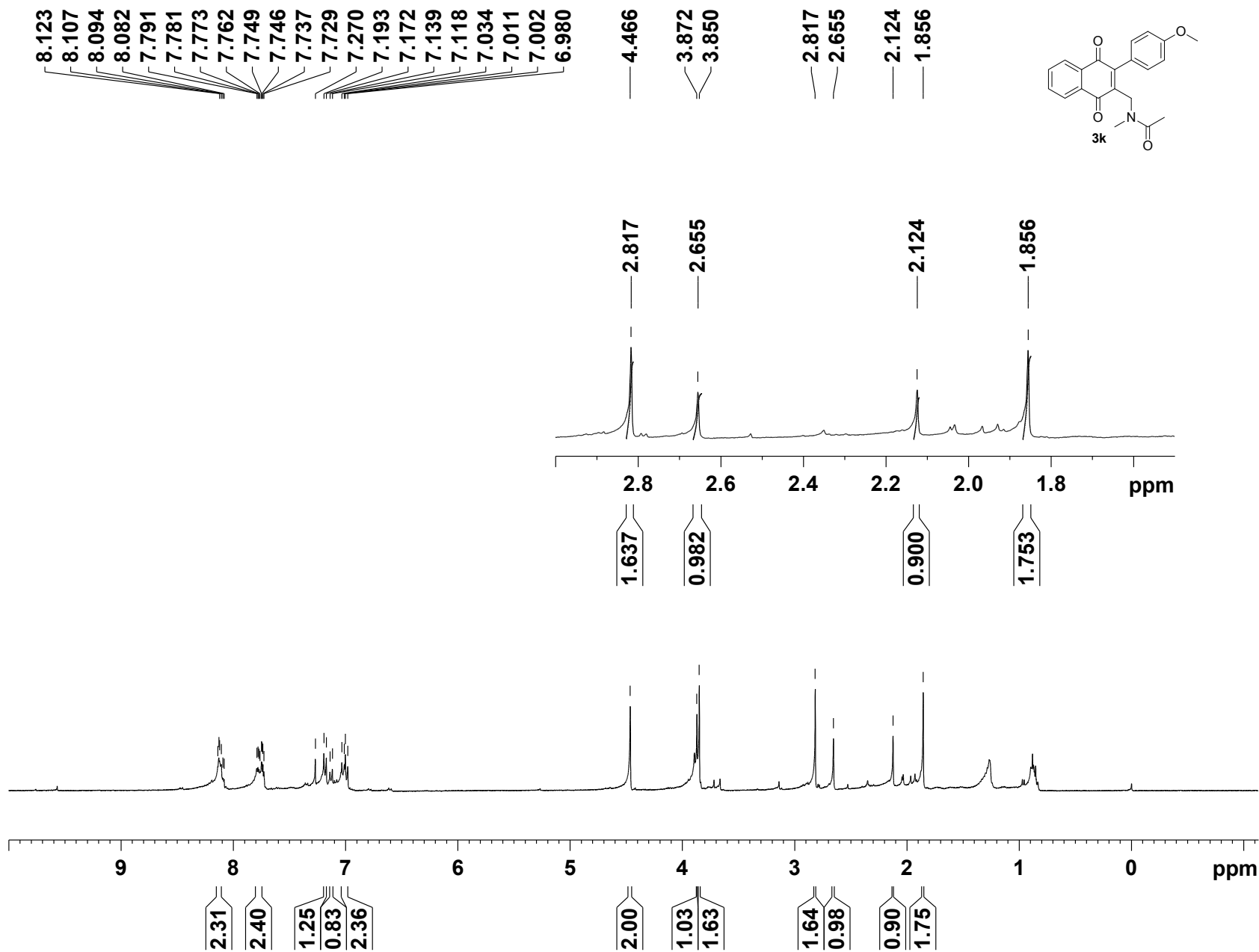


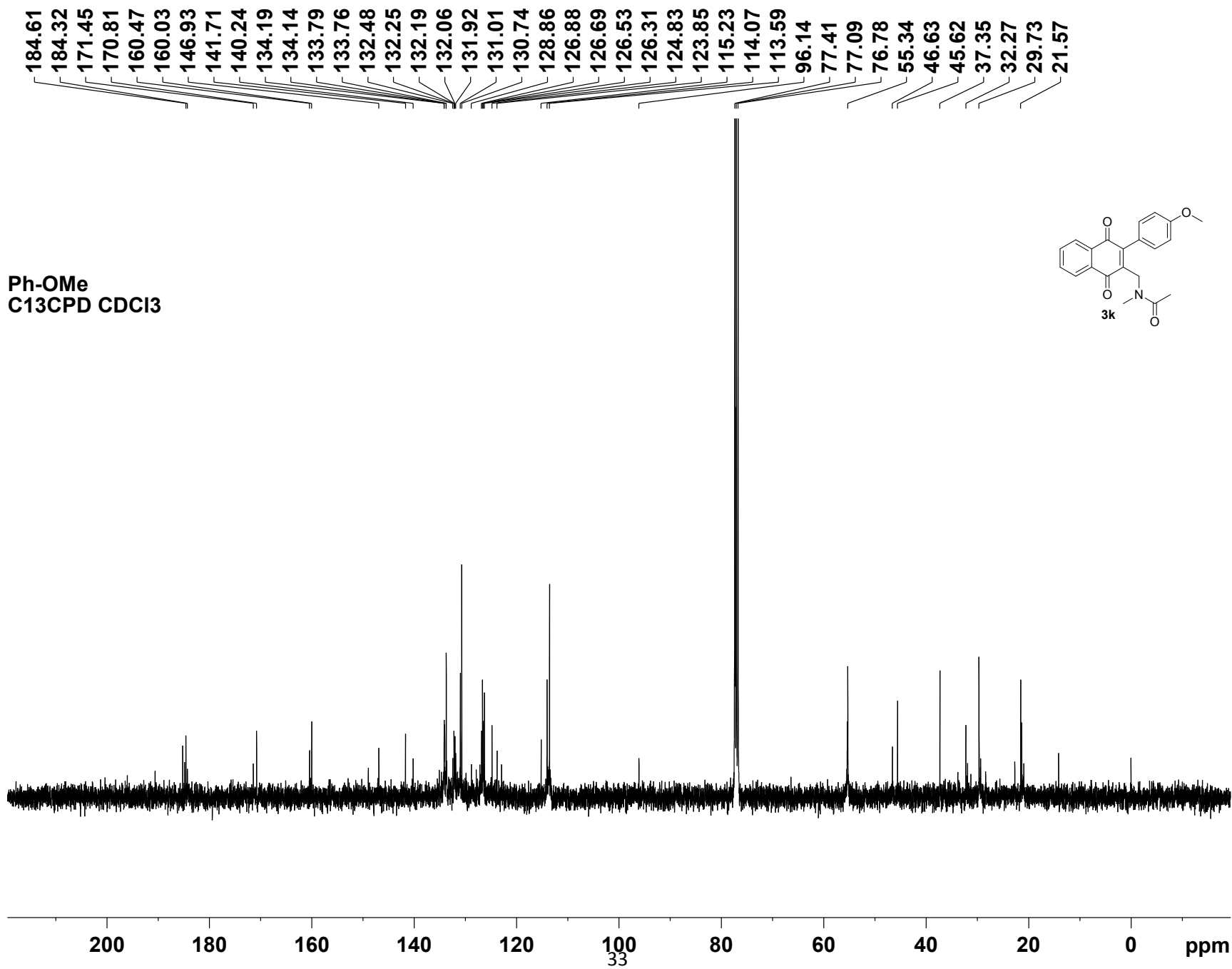




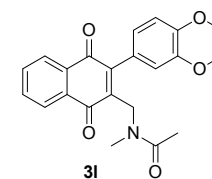
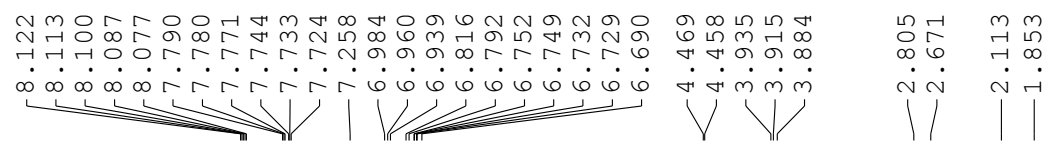
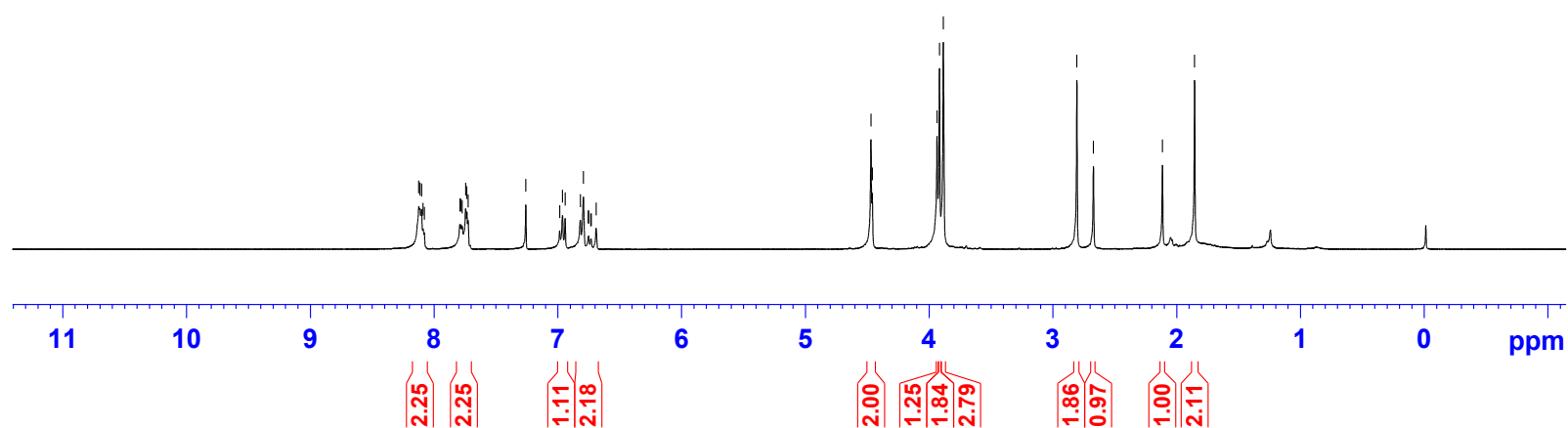


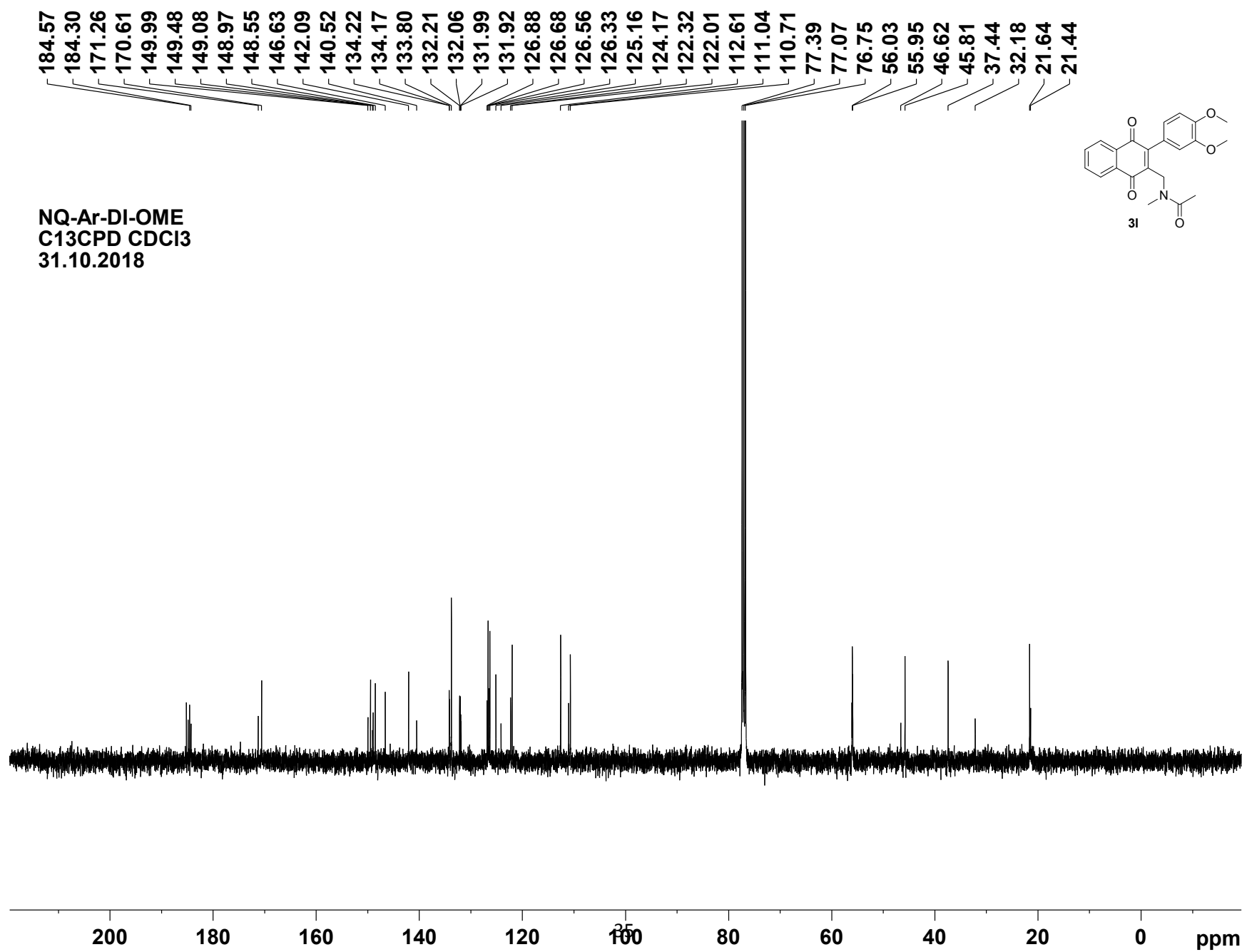


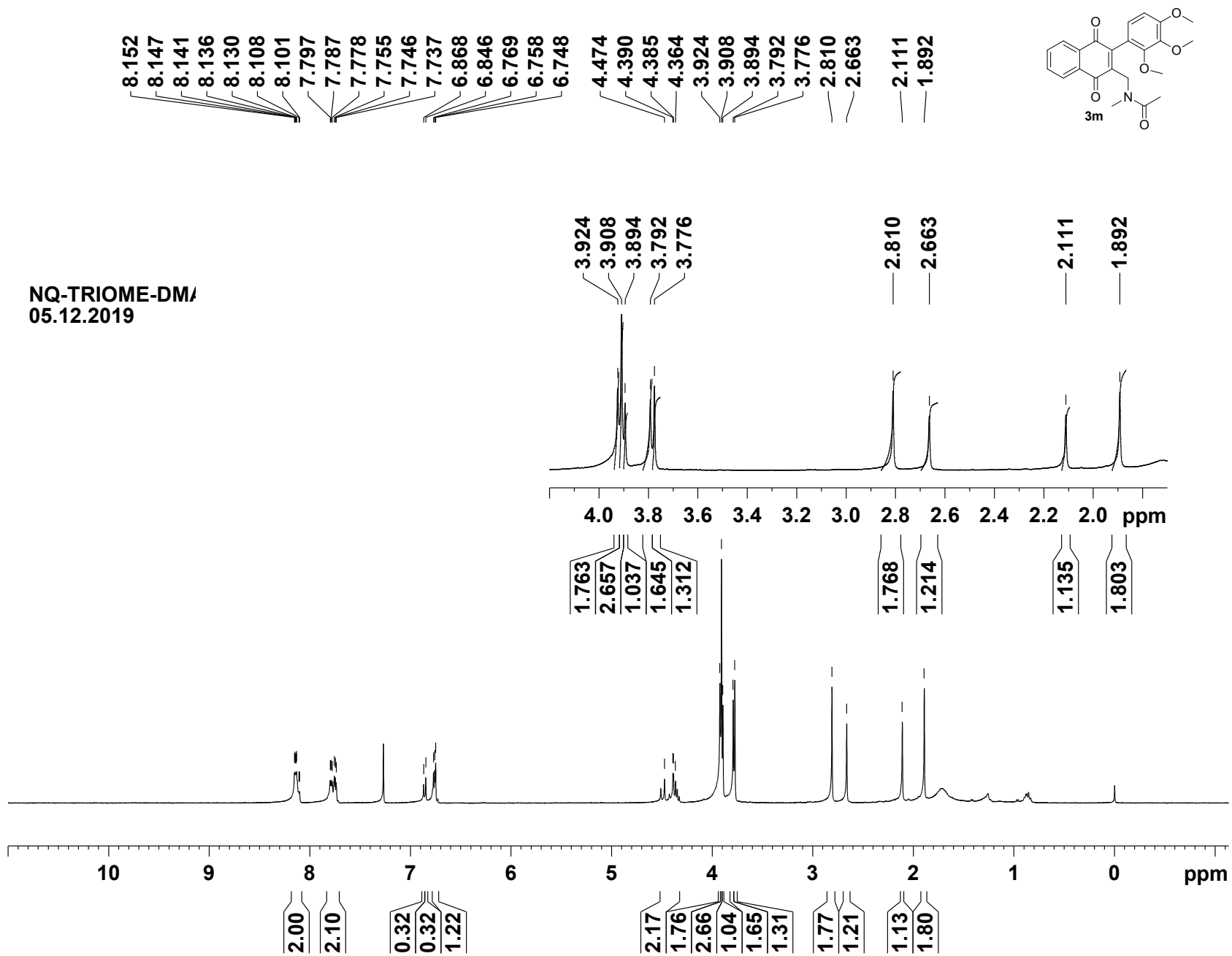


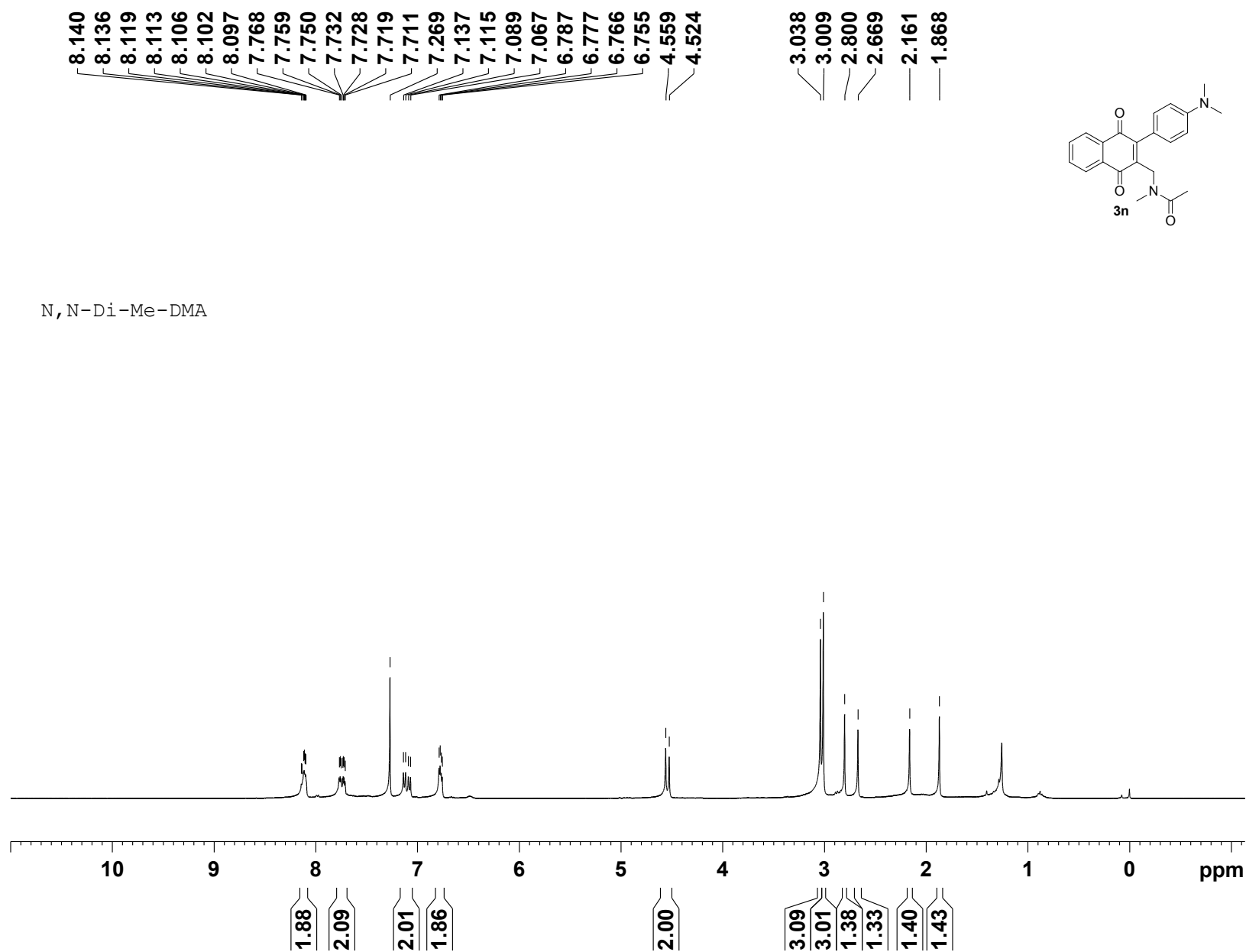


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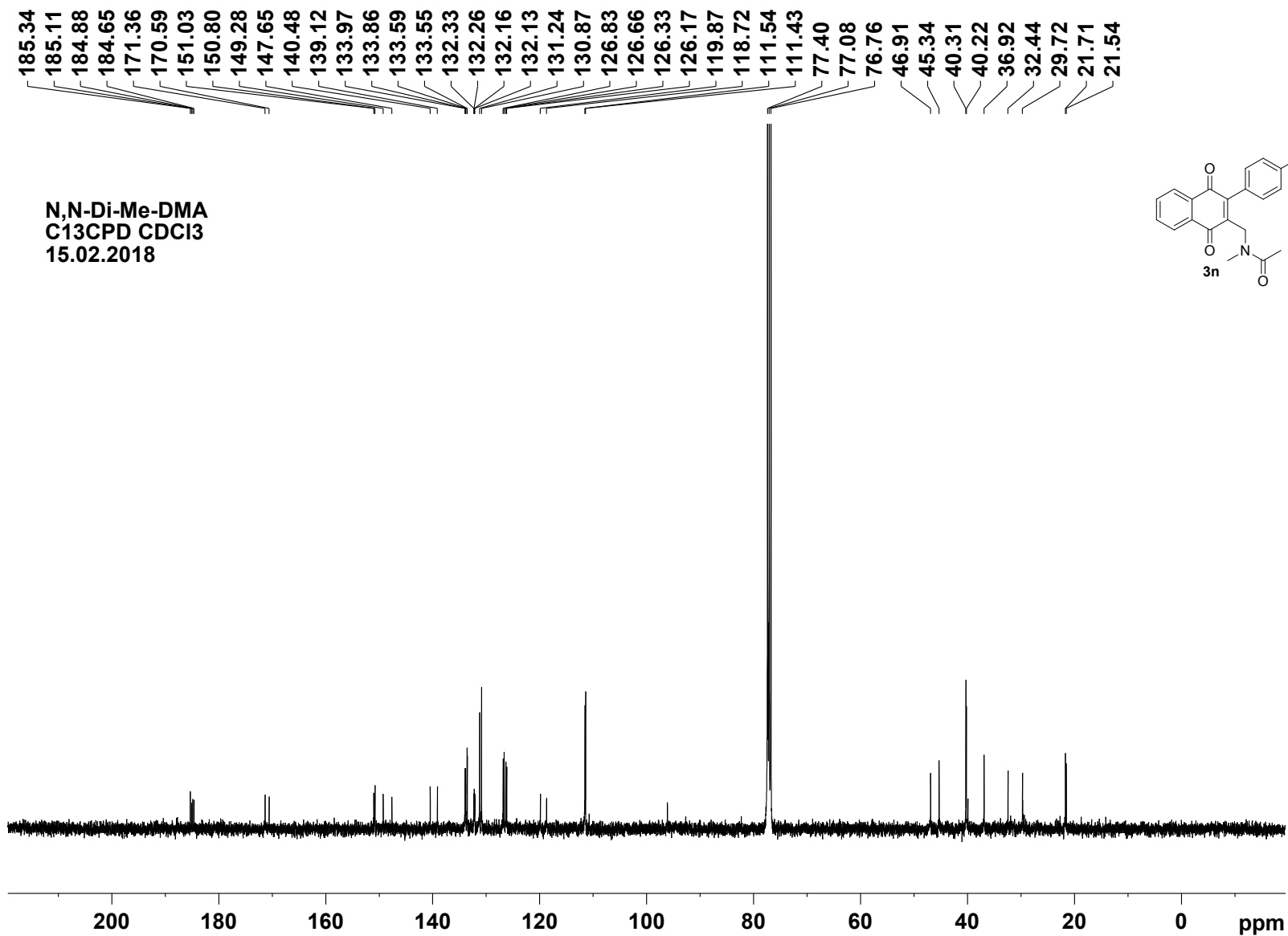




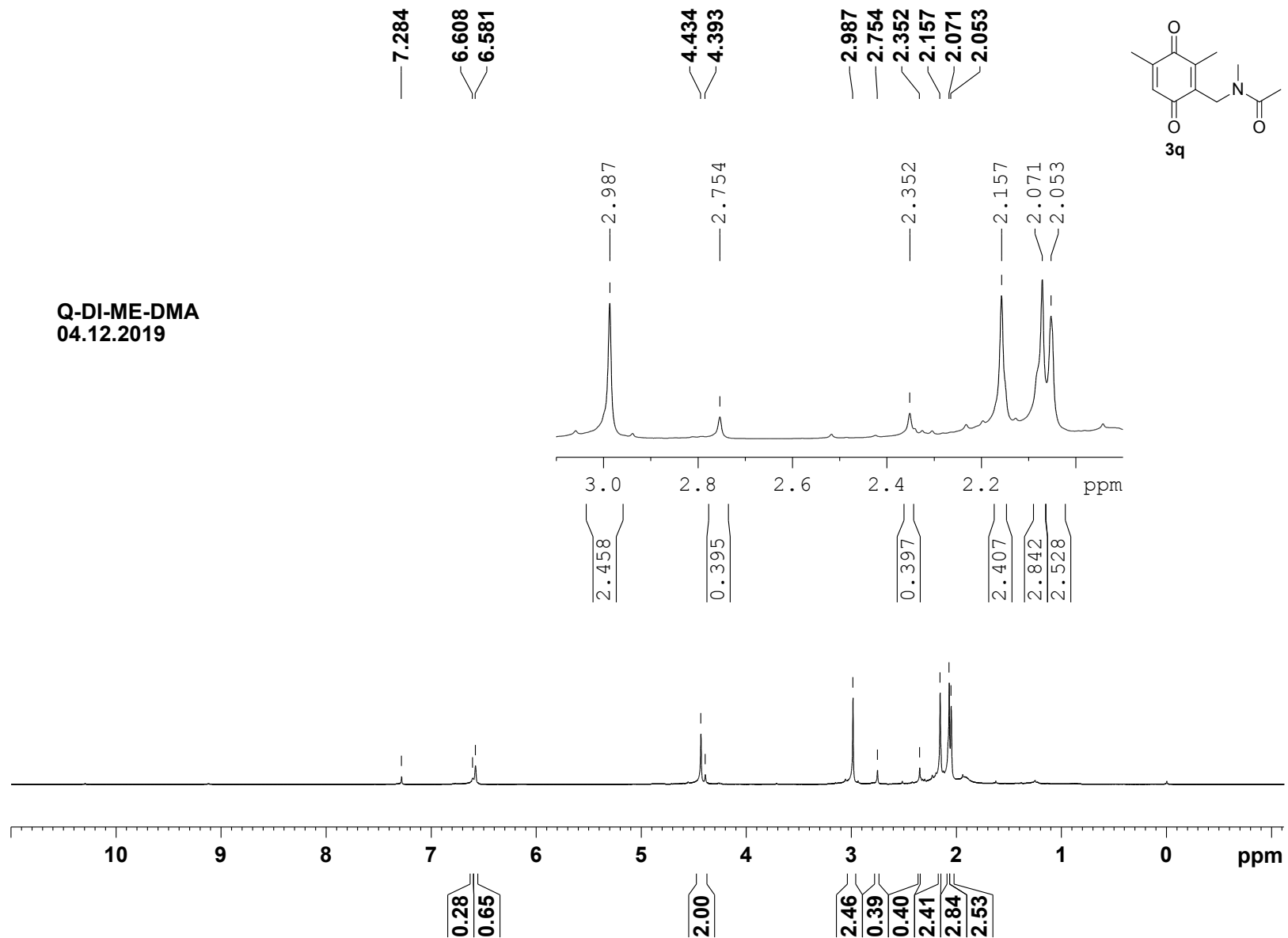




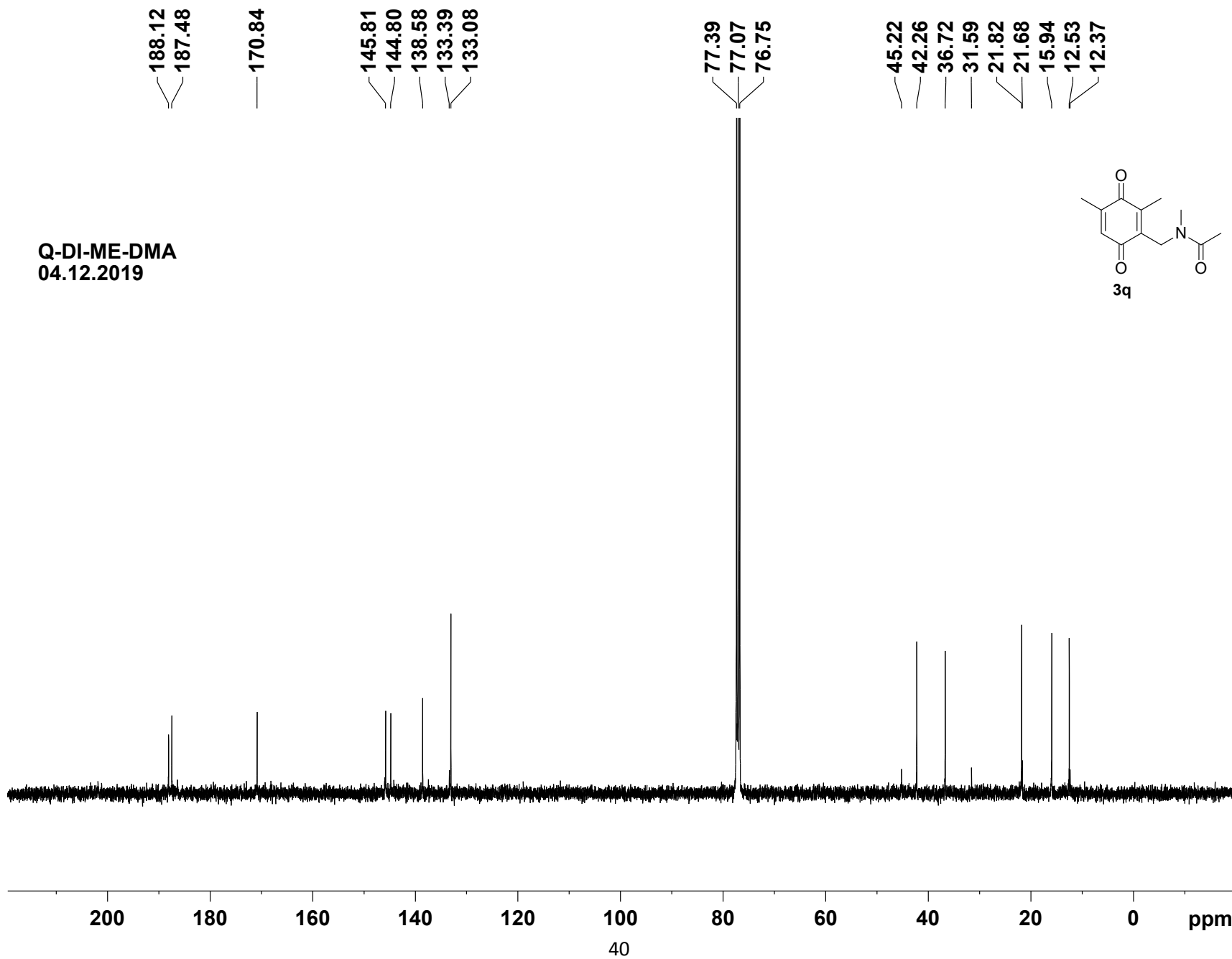
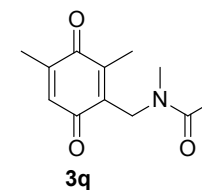
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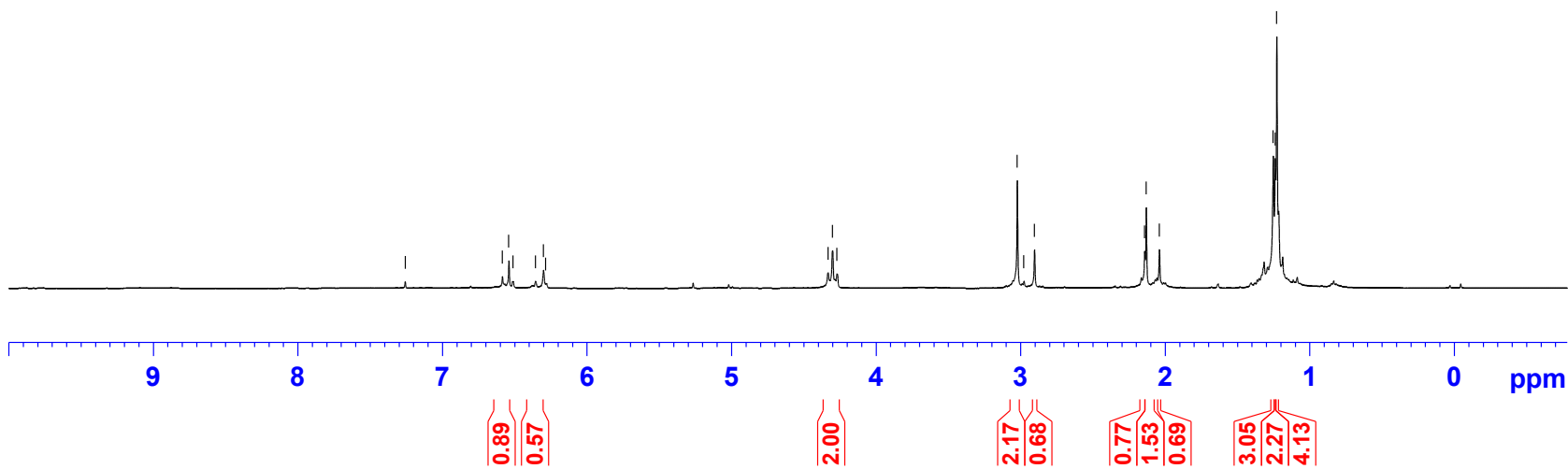
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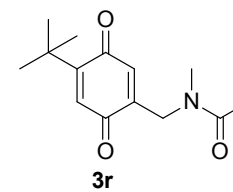
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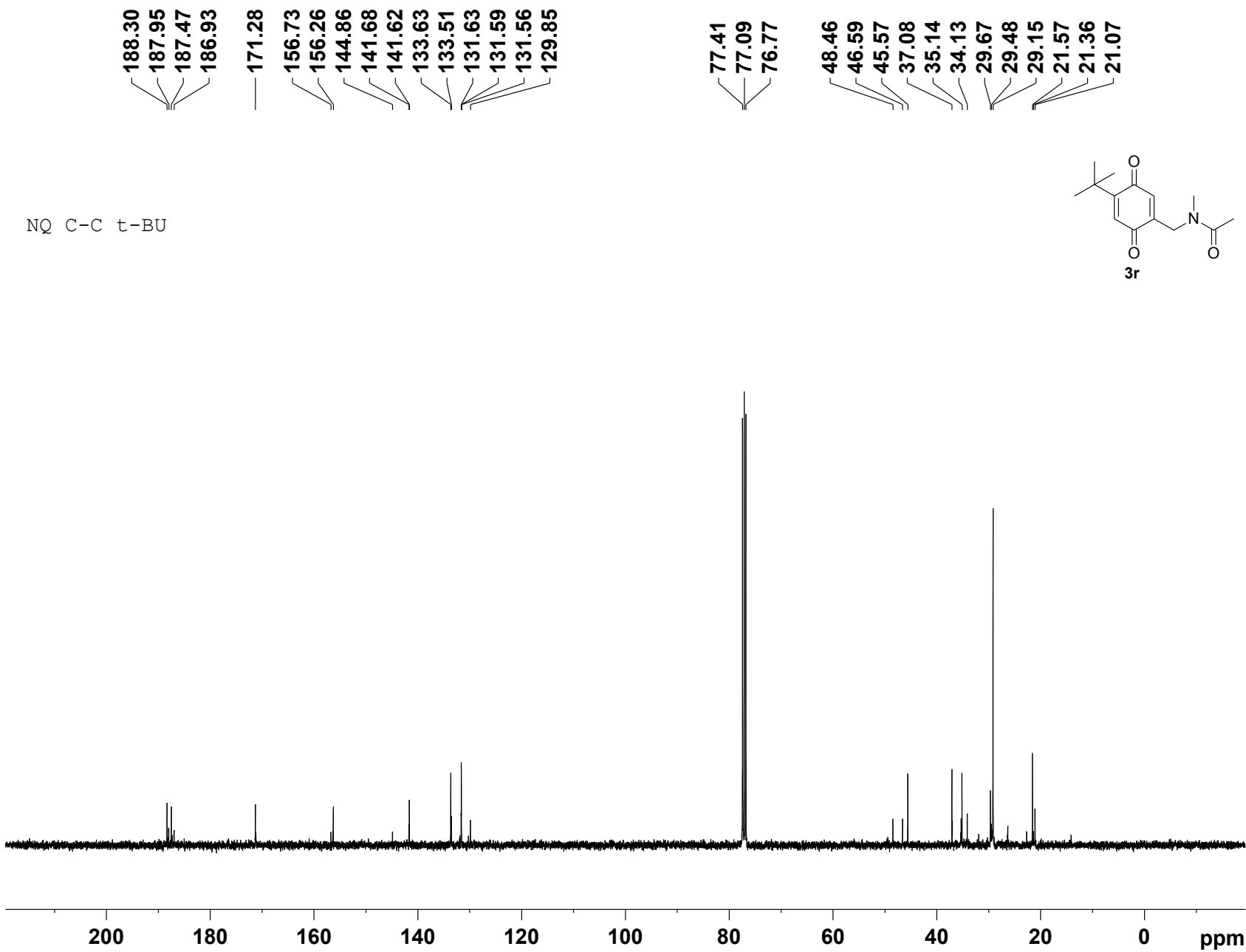
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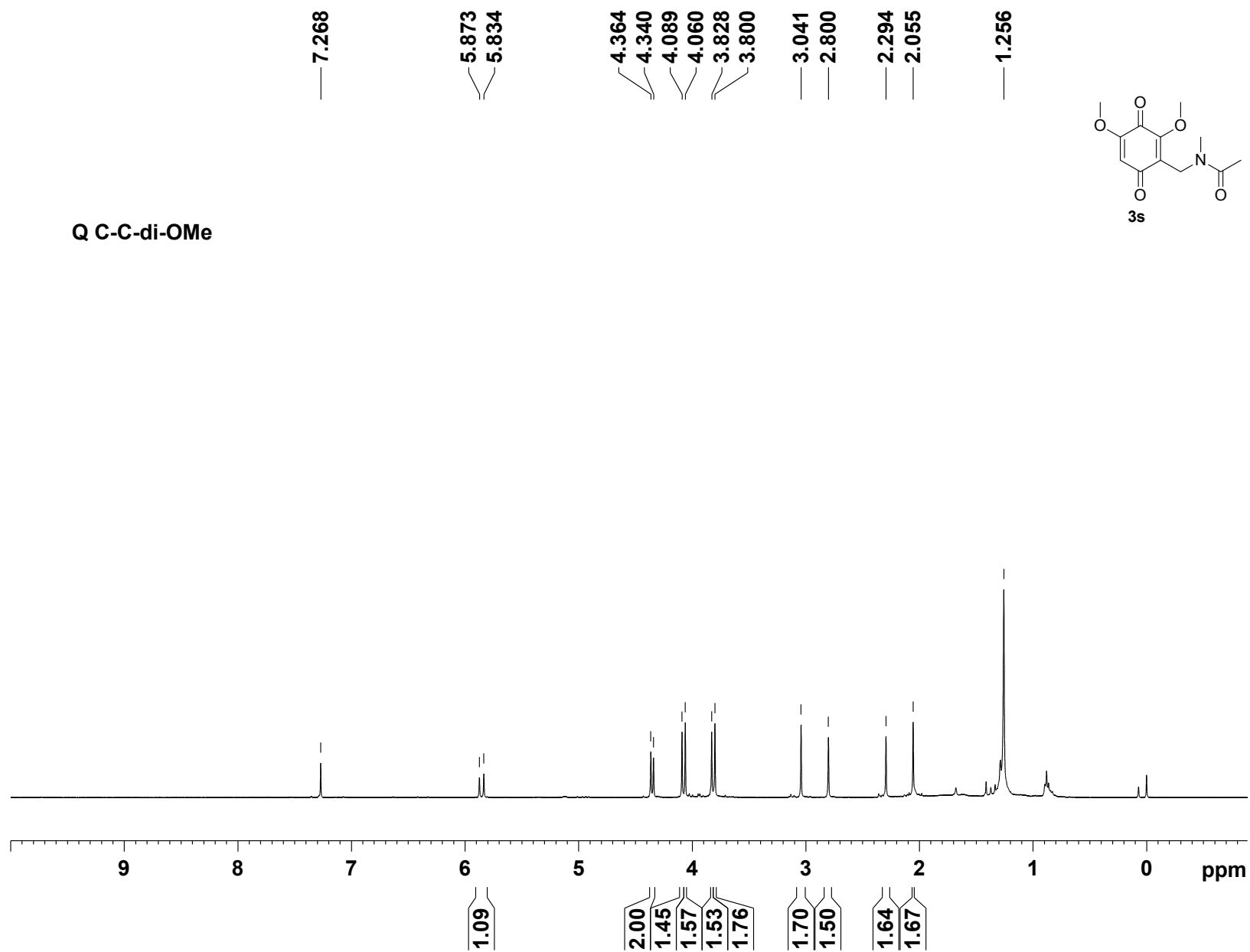
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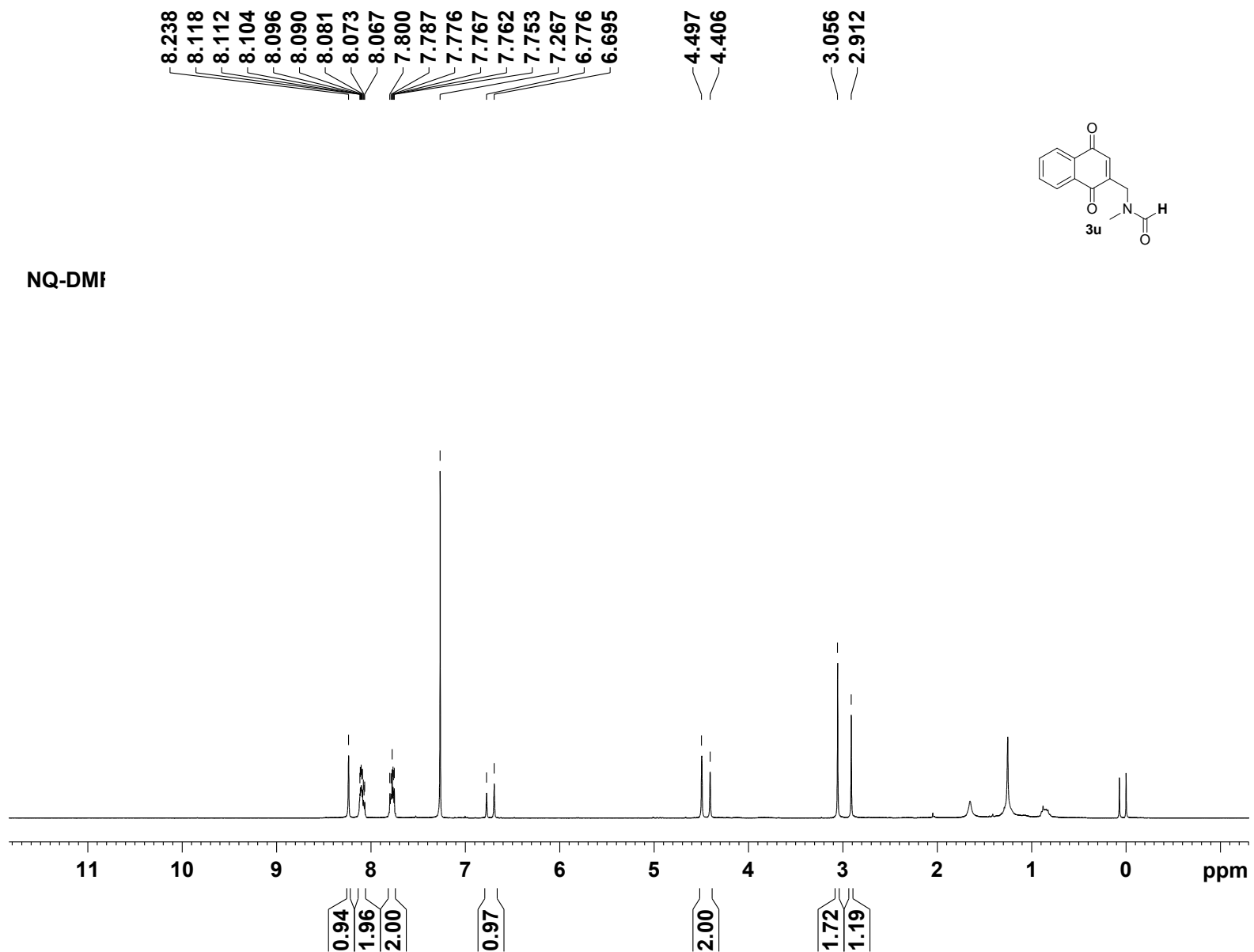
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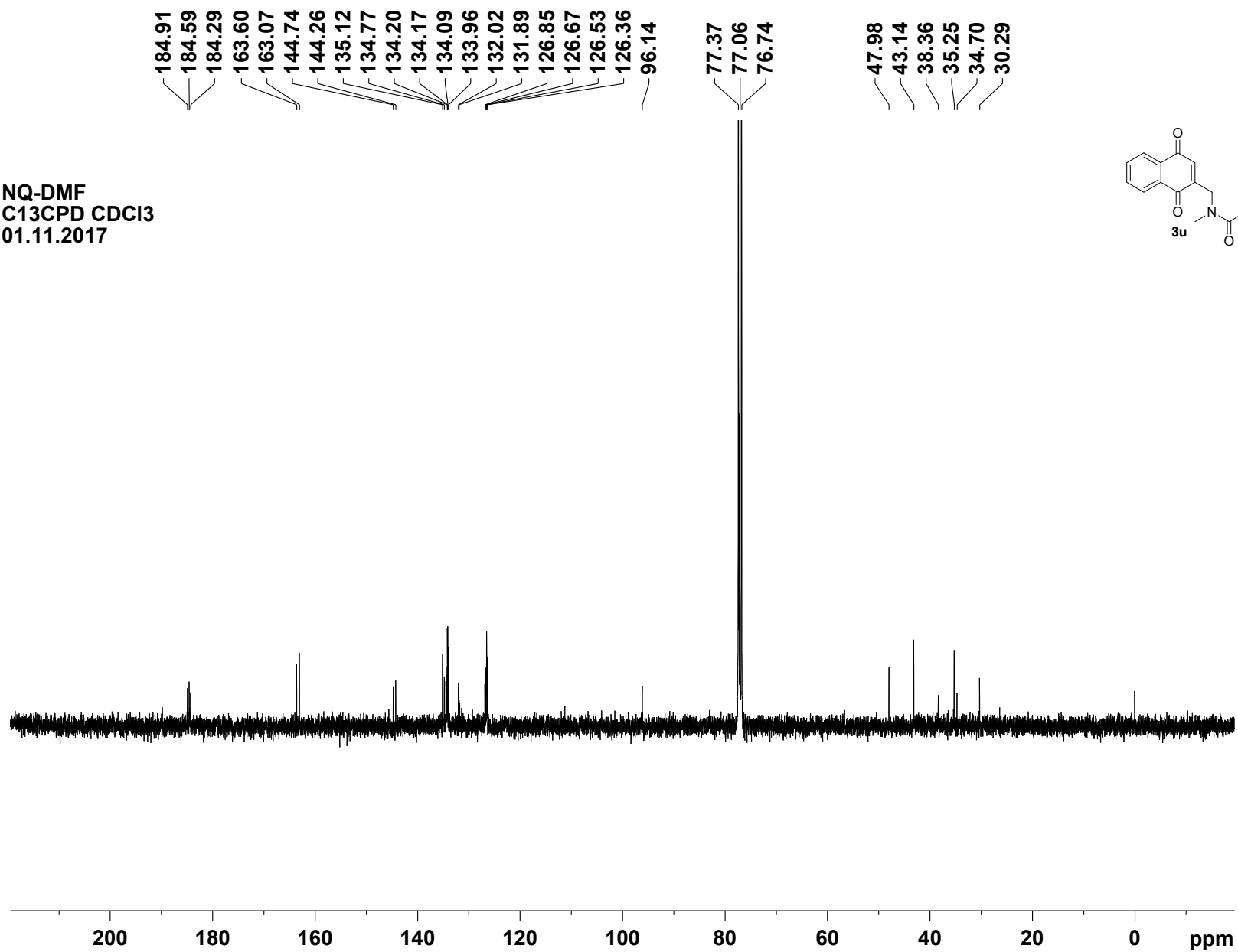


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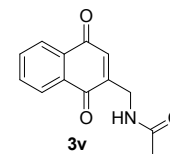




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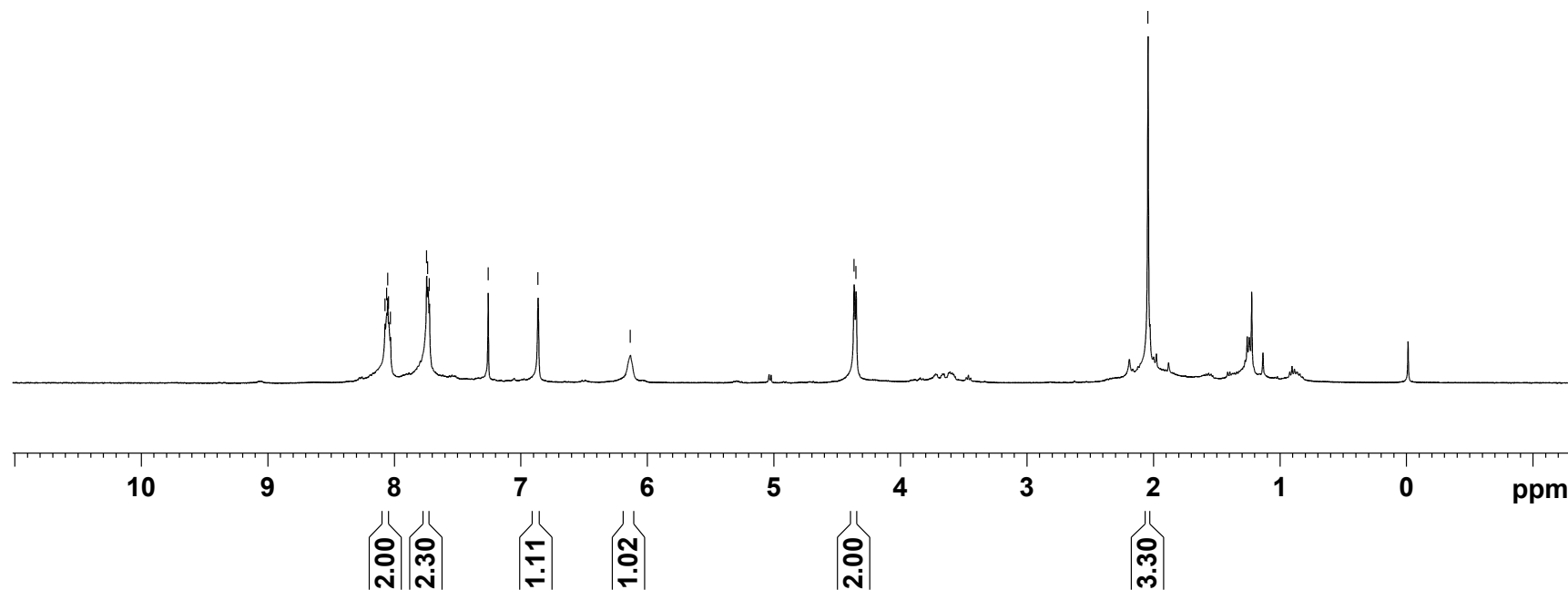
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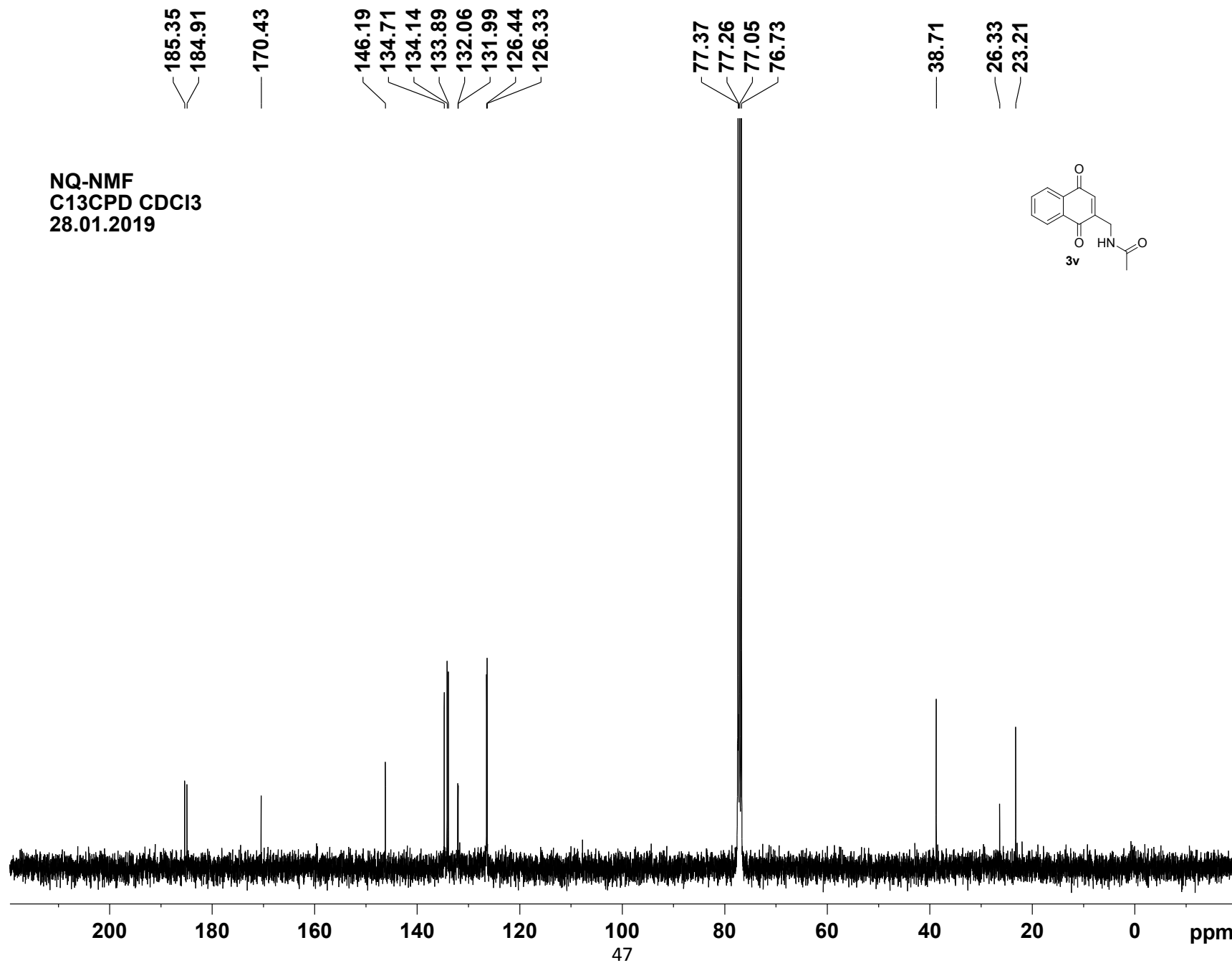
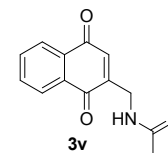
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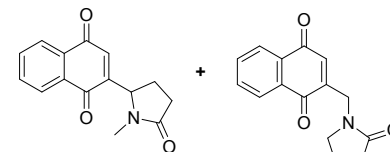


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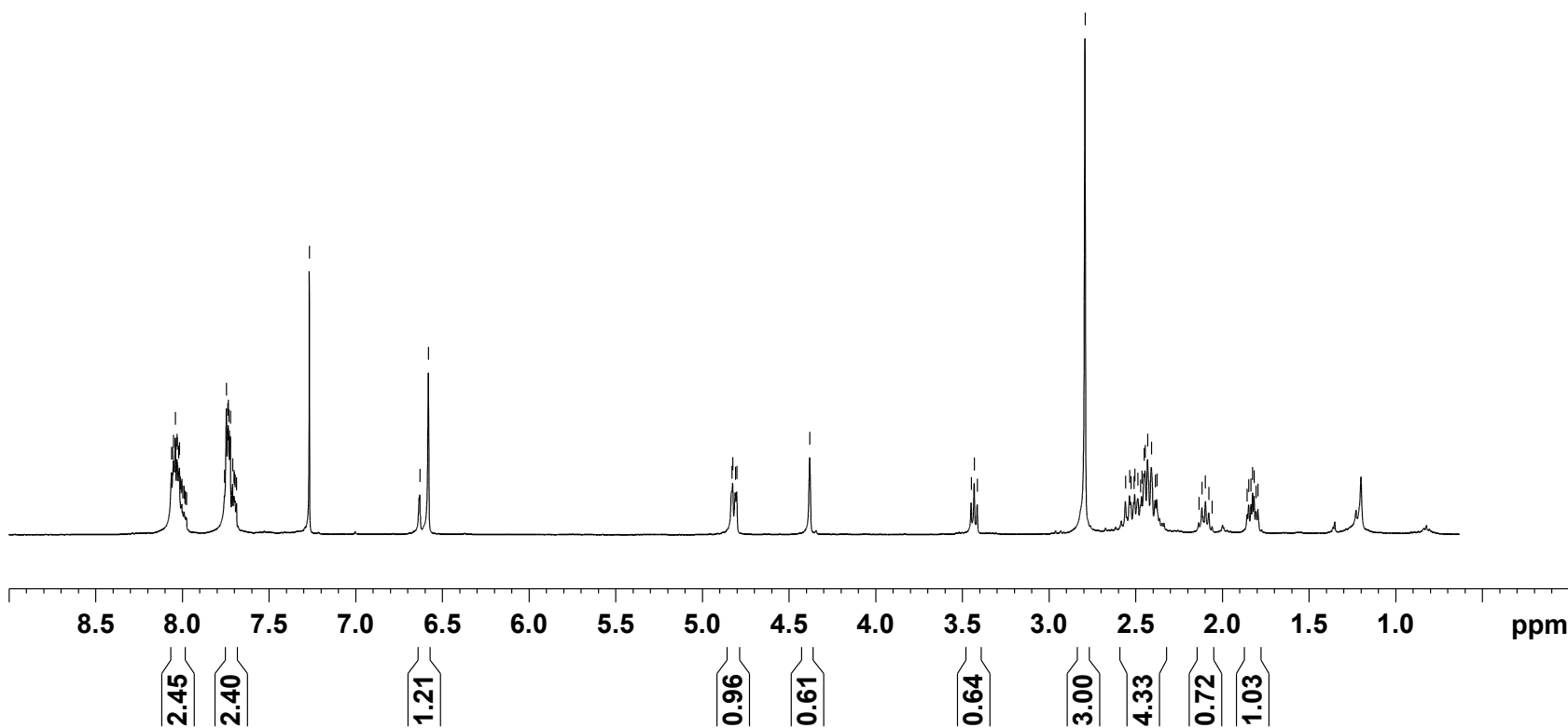


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