

Supporting Information

Enantioselective Synthesis of Indanone Spiro-Isochromanone Derivatives via Dinuclear Zinc-Catalyzed Michael/Transesterification Tandem Reaction

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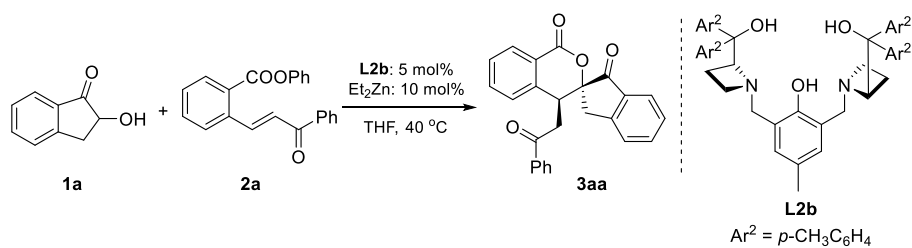
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1. Results of Nonlinear Effect Studies

Table S1 Results of Nonlinear Effect Studies^a



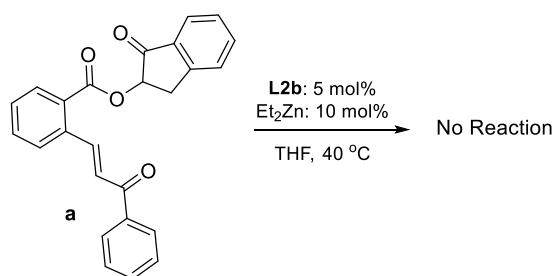
entry	ee of L2b	yield (%)	ee ^b of 3aa (%)
1	0	90	0
2	20	92	54
3	40	89	64
4	60	91	84
5	80	87	92
6	100	92	99

^aReaction conditions: unless otherwise noted, all reactions were conducted with **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.21 mmol), 5 mol % of **L2b**, 10 mol % of ZnEt_2 (1 M in hexanes) in THF (1.5 mL) under nitrogen at 40 °C. ^b Determined by chiral HPLC.

2. Discussion of Mechanism

To provide the evidence for reaction sequence, involving Michael addition then transesterification, We tried several methods for the separation of the intermediate III (Scheme 4) from the reaction system, but failed. Therefore, an ester compound **a** was prepared. Under the optimal conditions, the compound **a** was examined for the intramolecular Michael addition reaction.¹ As a result, the reaction did not take place. This result suggested that the reaction sequence was not transesterification then Michael addition.

According to the Trost's work² (*Org. Lett.*, 2012, **14**, 2446) and our previous work³ (*Org. Lett.*, 2019, **21**, 7089), which involved a catalytic asymmetric Michael addition-transesterification reaction sequence in the presence of the same type of chiral catalyst, we proposed the similar reaction mechanism, as in Scheme 4.



Scheme S1 Reaction of intramolecular reaction of ester **a**.

Reference:

- 1 X. Wang, G. Li, Y. Yang, J. Jiang, Z. Feng and P. Zhang, *Chin. Chem. Lett.*, 2019, **31**, 711.
- 2 B. M. Trost and K. Hirano, *Org. Lett.*, 2012, **14**, 2446.
- 3 M.-M. Liu, X.-C. Yang, Y.-Z. Hua, J.-B. Chang and M.-C. Wang, *Org. Lett.*, 2019, **21**, 7089.

3. X-ray Crystal Datas of 3ac

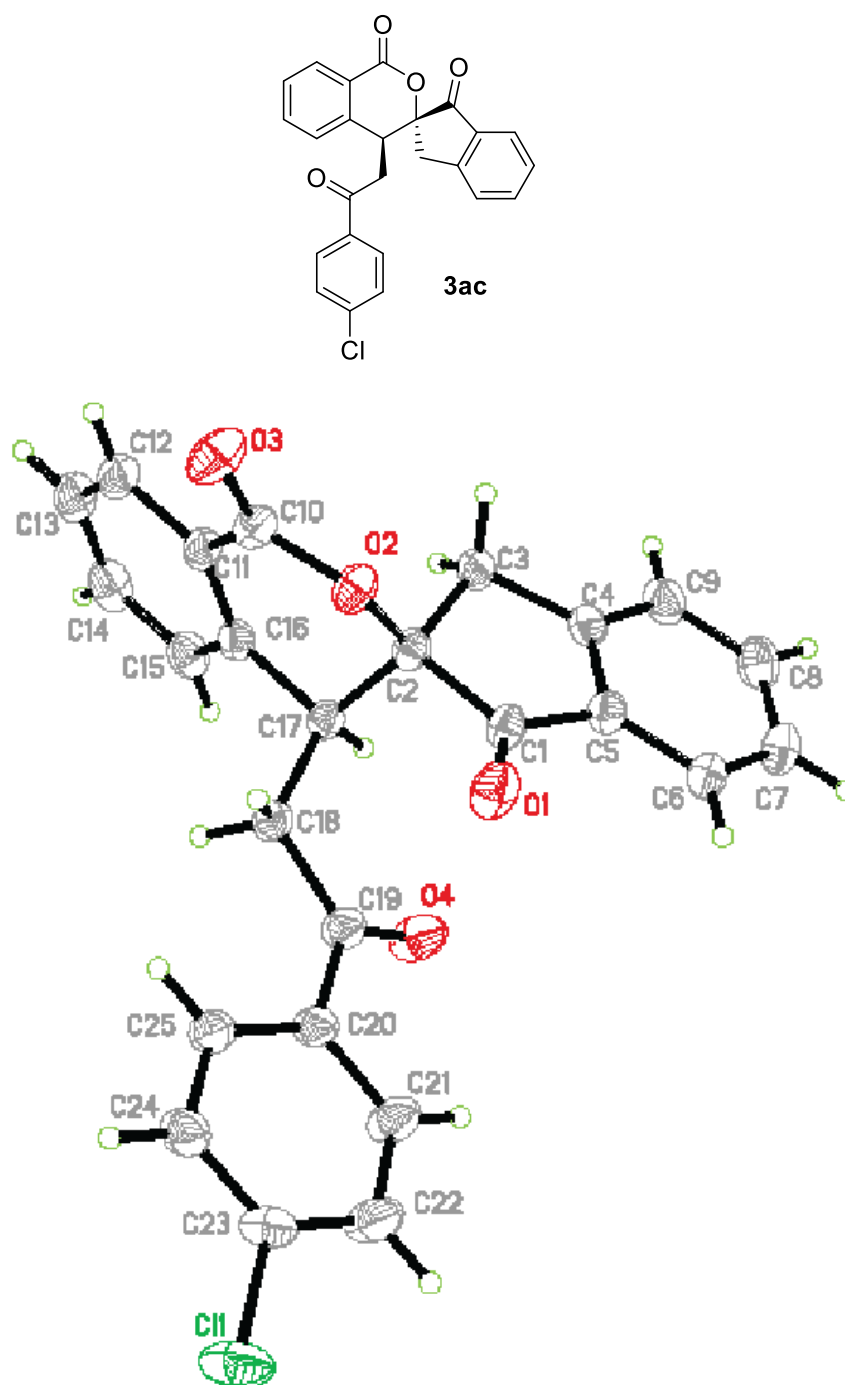


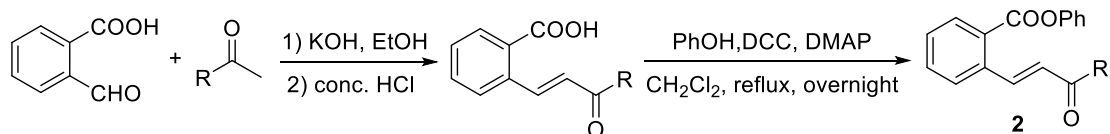
Figure S1. Crystal Structure of Compound **3ac** (CCDC: 1921049). The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at a 50% probability level.

Single crystals suitable for XRD were obtained by vapor diffusion experiment: compound **3ac** (45 mg) was dissolved in 2 mL trichloromethane and 6 mL hexane in a glass vial, which was then placed in sealed glass container with 10 ml of hexane. Crystals were obtained in 1 day.

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 20190118.

Identification code	20190118
Empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₁₇ ClO ₄
Formula weight	416.83
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2
a/Å	17.9619(4)
b/Å	9.8922(2)
c/Å	22.6104(5)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	96.832(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å ³	3988.97(15)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	1.388
μ/mm^{-1}	1.948
F(000)	1728.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.17 × 0.13 × 0.1
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
2 Θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	9.92 to 134.15
Index ranges	-21 ≤ h ≤ 20, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, -27 ≤ l ≤ 25
Reflections collected	17206
Independent reflections	7132 [R_{int} = 0.0290, R_{sigma} = 0.0310]
Data/restraints/parameters	7132/1/541
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.036
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R_1 = 0.0392, wR_2 = 0.1060
Final R indexes [all data]	R_1 = 0.0423, wR_2 = 0.1099
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.24/-0.21
Flack parameter	-0.007(7)

4. Synthesis of *ortho*-ester chalcones 2a-s.



To a solution of 2-carboxybenzaldehyde (3 g, 20 mmol), substituted acetophenone (20 mmol) and EtOH (20 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of potassium hydroxide (1.5 equiv) in EtOH. The first 1 equiv. of the potassium hydroxide solution was added dropwise over 20 min. The last third was added as one portion and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed twice with cold EtOH, once with ether and dried under vacuum to furnish the potassium salt. To a solution of potassium salt in H₂O (100 mL) at room temperature was added a solution of concentrated HCl. Then a great deal of precipitation appeared and the reaction was stirred for 3 h. Then precipitate was collected by filtration, washed thrice with distilled water and dried under vacuum to furnish the *ortho*-carboxy chalcone which was used as an intermediate, without further purification. To a solution of *ortho*-carboxy chalcone (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), phenol (1.88 g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMAP (1.46 g, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (1M) was added DCC (3.10 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was refluxed overnight. The heterogeneous reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a short pad of silica gel with suction and the product was eluted with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was washed with aqueous NaOH and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Then the pale yellow product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc:petroleum ether = 1:4) to give the corresponding product 2.

Phenyl (*E*)-2-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2a). Pale yellow solid; yield 70% (2.30 g); mp 35.2-35.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23-8.20 (m, 1H), 8.00-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.2, 165.2, 150.7, 144.0, 137.84, 137.79, 133.1, 132.8, 131.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 126.12, 126.08, 121.7. IR (neat) ν 2929, 1726, 1660, 1601, 1592, 1564, 1477, 1455, 1447, 1288, 1243, 1215, 1194, 1120, 1047, 1016 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆O₃Na⁺ 351.0992; Found 351.0995.

Phenyl (*E*)-2-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2b). Pale yellow solid; yield 77% (2.67 g); mp 79.4-80.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 1H), 8.05-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.6, 165.6 (d, *J* = 252.6 Hz), 165.1, 150.7, 144.2, 137.7, 134.1 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 133.1, 131.46, 131.37, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 128.3, 126.2, 125.8, 121.7, 115.8, 115.6. IR (neat) ν 2922, 1730, 1660, 1606,

1594, 1568, 1481, 1238, 1221, 1191, 1120, 1059, 1044, 1026, 973 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 369.0897; Found 369.0899.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2c). Pale yellow solid; yield 73% (2.65 g); mp 85.3-86.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.95-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.0, 165.1, 150.7, 144.5, 139.2, 137.7, 136.1, 133.1, 131.5, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 126.2, 126.7, 121.7. IR (neat) ν 2923, 1716, 1662, 1603, 1589, 1488, 1399, 1319, 1277, 1206, 1177, 1087, 978 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 385.0602; Found 385.0605.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2d). Pale yellow solid; yield 71% (2.89 g); mp 88.6-89.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.2, 165.1, 150.7, 144.6, 137.7, 136.5, 133.2, 131.9, 131.5, 130.3, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.3, 127.9, 126.2, 125.7, 121.7. IR (neat) ν 2925, 1716, 1662, 1603, 1583, 1490, 1477, 1396, 1247, 1178, 1043, 977 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 429.0097; Found 429.0098.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-oxo-3-(p-tolyl)prop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2e). Pale yellow solid; yield 65% (2.22 g); mp 85.1-86.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22-8.19 (m, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.22 (m, 6H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.6, 165.2, 150.7, 143.6, 143.5, 137.9, 135.3, 133.0, 131.4, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 126.1, 121.7, 21.7. IR (neat) ν 3068, 3037, 1732, 1656, 1594, 1564, 1478, 1454, 1319, 1285, 1184, 1056, 1014, 999, 974 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 365.1148; Found 365.1152.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2f): Pale yellow solid; yield 69% (2.47 g); mp 99.8-100.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.51 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 8.21-8.19 (m, 1H), 8.03-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.23 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.90 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.3, 165.3, 163.4, 150.8, 143.0, 138.0, 133.0, 131.4, 131.1, 130.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.3, 126.1, 126.0, 121.7, 113.8, 55.5. IR (neat) ν 3071, 3013, 1750, 1654, 1570, 1478, 1421, 1319, 1294, 1240, 1193, 1034, 968 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 381.1097; Found 381.1099.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2g). Pale yellow solid; yield 62% (2.14 g); mp 40.6-41.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.58 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 8.22-8.20 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.6 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 165.1, 162.8 (d, J = 246.4 Hz), 150.7, 144.7, 139.9 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 137.6, 133.2, 131.5, 130.3 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 129.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.3, 126.2, 125.4, 124.5 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 121.7, 119.8 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 22.2 Hz). IR (neat) ν

3073, 3044, 2934, 1731, 1603, 1582, 1567, 1477, 1438, 1286, 1244, 1191, 1121, 1068, 973 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{FO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 369.0897; Found 369.0901.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2h). Pale yellow solid; yield 65% (2.36 g); mp 100.0-100.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.57 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.21 (m, 1H), 7.96-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.7, 165.1, 150.7, 144.9, 139.4, 137.6, 134.9, 133.1, 132.7, 131.4, 129.94, 129.88, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.3, 126.8, 126.1, 125.4, 121.7. IR (neat) ν 3054, 2930, 2848, 1736, 1660, 1602, 1587, 1489, 1334, 1296, 1161, 1119, 1056, 1041, 980 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 385.0602; Found 385.0605.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(3-bromophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2i). Pale yellow solid; yield 67% (2.73 g); mp 117.5-118.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.57 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.22 (m, 1H), 8.11 (t, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.7, 165.1, 150.7, 144.9, 139.6, 137.6, 135.6, 134.1, 131.7, 131.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.4, 128.4, 127.3, 126.1, 125.4, 122.9, 121.7. IR (neat) ν 1734, 1659, 1603, 1587, 1489, 1322, 1295, 1240, 1160, 1041, 1023, 980 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 429.0097; Found 429.0099.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2j). Pale yellow solid; yield 58% (2.08 g); mp 83.1-83.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.54 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22-8.19 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.9, 165.2, 159.8, 150.7, 144.0, 139.2, 137.8, 133.1, 131.4, 129.67, 129.56, 129.4, 128.3, 126.1, 121.7, 121.4, 119.6, 112.9, 55.5. IR (neat) ν 3064, 3006, 1728, 1651, 1595, 1577, 1566, 1488, 1336, 1278, 1238, 1193, 1153, 1059, 1038, 981 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 381.1097; Found 381.1098.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2k). Pale yellow solid; yield 52% (1.89 g); mp 77.5-78.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20-8.17 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.2, 165.1, 150.6, 145.6, 138.6, 137.0, 133.1, 131.6, 131.4, 131.3, 130.2, 130.0, 129.56, 129.53, 129.46, 129.4, 128.3, 126.8, 126.1, 121.6. IR (neat) ν 1730, 1640, 1590, 1567, 1478, 1292, 1255, 1186, 1124, 1054, 980 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 385.0602; Found 385.0603.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(2-bromophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2l). Pale yellow solid; yield 56% (2.28 g); mp 84.6-85.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.16 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.1, 165.1, 150.6, 146.0, 140.6,

136.9, 133.4, 133.2, 131.6, 131.4, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.34, 129.30, 128.3, 127.3, 126.1, 121.6, 119.5. IR (neat) ν 1725, 1640, 1587, 1567, 1484, 1425, 1290, 1242, 1187, 1121, 1097, 1054, 1041, 977 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 429.0097; Found 429.0098.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2m). Pale yellow solid; yield 47% (1.68 g); mp 59.6-60.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.14 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.3, 165.3, 158.0, 150.7, 142.4, 137.6, 132.9, 132.8, 131.3, 130.4, 130.3, 129.54, 129.52, 129.4, 128.9, 128.2, 126.0, 121.7, 120.7, 111.6, 55.7. IR (neat) ν 3067, 3040, 1725, 1638, 1594, 1568, 1488, 1461, 1434, 1289, 1241, 1161, 1069, 986 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$ 381.1097; Found 381.1098.

phenyl (E)-2-(3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2n): Pale yellow solid; yield 55% (2.18 g); mp 64.3-65.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20-8.18 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.36 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.1, 165.0, 150.6, 146.1, 136.88, 136.87, 136.80, 133.2, 132.4, 131.7, 130.5, 130.20, 130.18, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.3, 127.2, 126.2, 121.6. IR (neat) ν 3070, 3033, 1725, 1645, 1622, 1583, 1552, 1493, 1479, 1369, 1292, 1263, 1188, 1159, 1054, 987 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 419.0212; Found 419.0217.

Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2o). Pale yellow solid; yield 62% (2.46 g); mp 84.6-85.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.57 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26-8.23 (m, 1H), 8.08-8.07 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.84-8.81 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.8, 165.0, 150.7, 145.3, 137.5, 137.4, 137.3, 133.3, 133.2, 131.5, 130.7, 130.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4, 127.8, 126.2, 125.1, 121.6. IR (neat) ν 3083, 3013, 1733, 1655, 1590, 1566, 1547, 1480, 1469, 1373, 1296, 1246, 1194, 1163, , 1121, 1058, 1029, 980 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 419.0212; Found 419.0213.

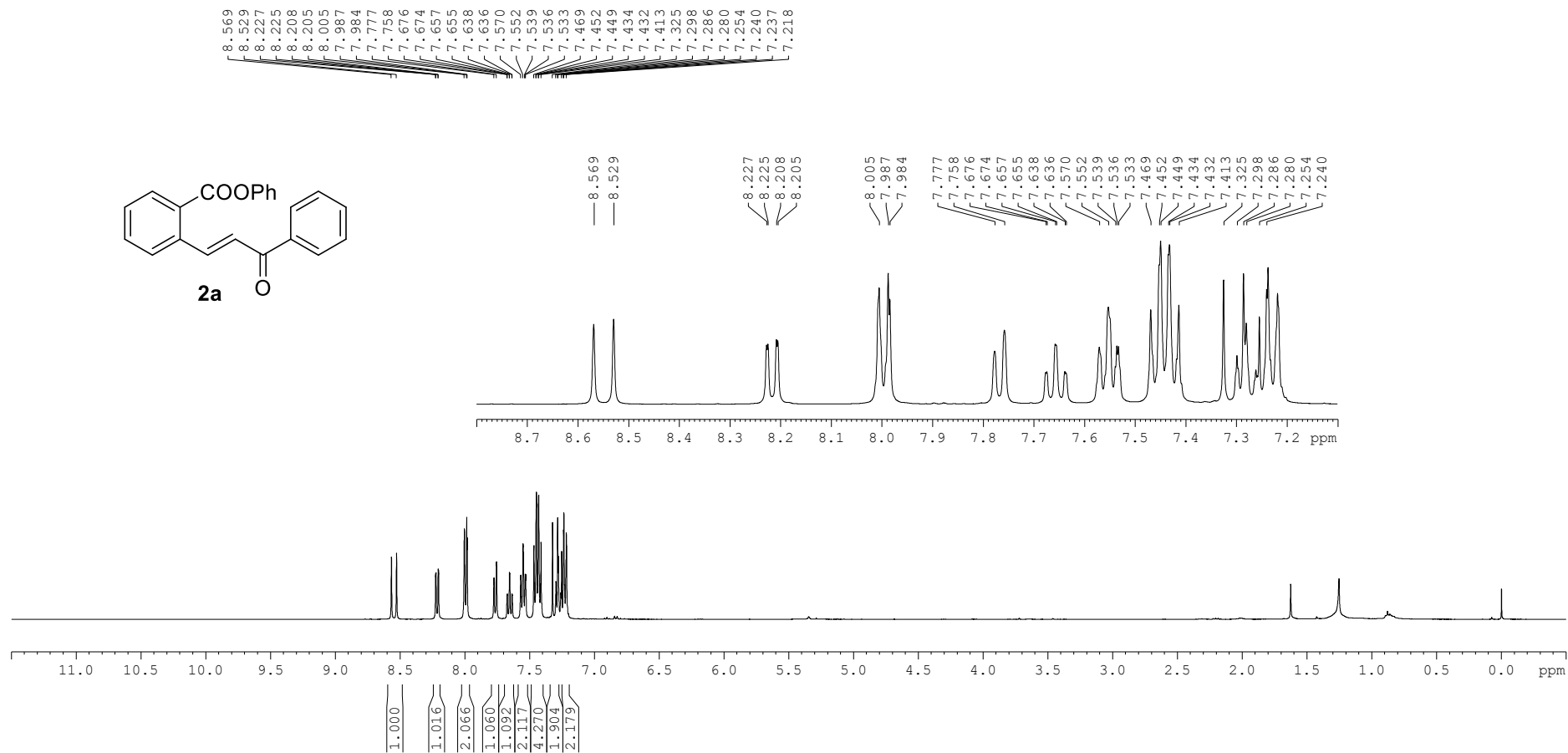
Phenyl (E)-2-(3-(2,4-dichloro-5-fluorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2p). Pale yellow solid; yield 47% (1.95 g); mp 90.1-90.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 8.23-8.20 (m, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.6, 164.9, 156.6 (d, J = 250.7 Hz), 150.5, 146.5, 138.3 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 136.7, 133.2, 132.0, 131.7, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 126.8 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 126.2, 124.0 (d, J = 18.9 Hz), 121.5, 117.4 (d, J = 23.5 Hz). IR (neat) ν 3071, 3037, 1720, 1659, 1619, 1594, 1567, 1466, 1380, 1272, 1259, 1247, 1220, 1184, 1124, 1086, 1055, 977 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{FO}_3\text{Na}^+$ 437.0118; Found 437.0122.

Phenyl (*E*)-2-(3-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2q). Pale yellow liquid; yield 35% (1.17 g). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24-8.22 (m, 1H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 184.6, 165.1, 150.8, 145.4, 142.5, 139.3, 134.2, 132.9, 132.8, 130.84, 130.80, 129.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.0, 124.7, 121.8. IR (neat) ν 3073, 3037, 1728, 1648, 1592, 1567, 1479, 1456, 1412, 1353, 1286, 1240, 1187, 1161, 1122, 1053, 973 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}^+$ 357.0556; Found 357.0559.

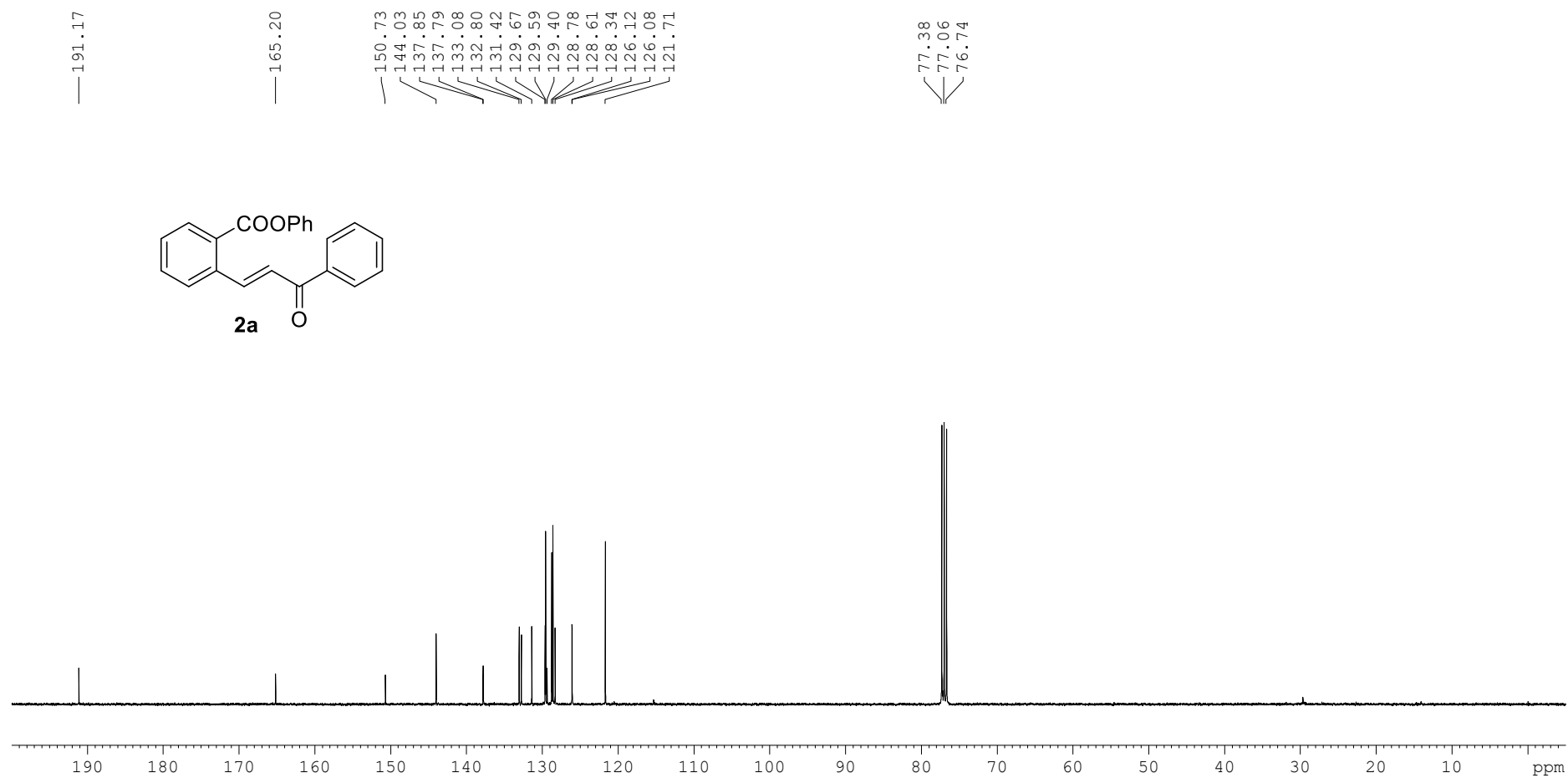
Phenyl (*E*)-2-(3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2r). Pale yellow liquid; yield 60% (2.27 g); mp 97.8-98.6 $^\circ\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.62-8.54 (m, 2H), 8.23-8.20 (m, 1H), 8.07-8.05 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.66 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.0, 165.2, 150.8, 144.0, 137.9, 135.5, 135.1, 133.1, 132.5, 131.4, 130.5, 129.7, 129.60, 129.57, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 126.8, 126.1, 124.7, 121.7. IR (neat) ν 3057, 3041, 2930, 1718, 1631, 1593, 1475, 1350, 1290, 1252, 1161, 1055, 974 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Na}^+$ 401.1148; Found 401.1150.

Phenyl (*E*)-2-(3-oxobut-1-en-1-yl)benzoate (2s). Pale yellow liquid; yield 30% (0.86 g). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (d, $J = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.28-8.26 (m, 1H), 7.68-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.1, 165.1, 150.7, 142.9, 137.7, 133.4, 131.6, 130.9, 129.75, 129.69, 128.4, 128.3, 126.2, 121.7, 26.7. IR (neat) ν 3070, 2928, 1723, 1673, 1594, 1475, 1235, 1187, 1160, 979, 745 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z : $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_3^+$ 289.0835; Found 289.0838.

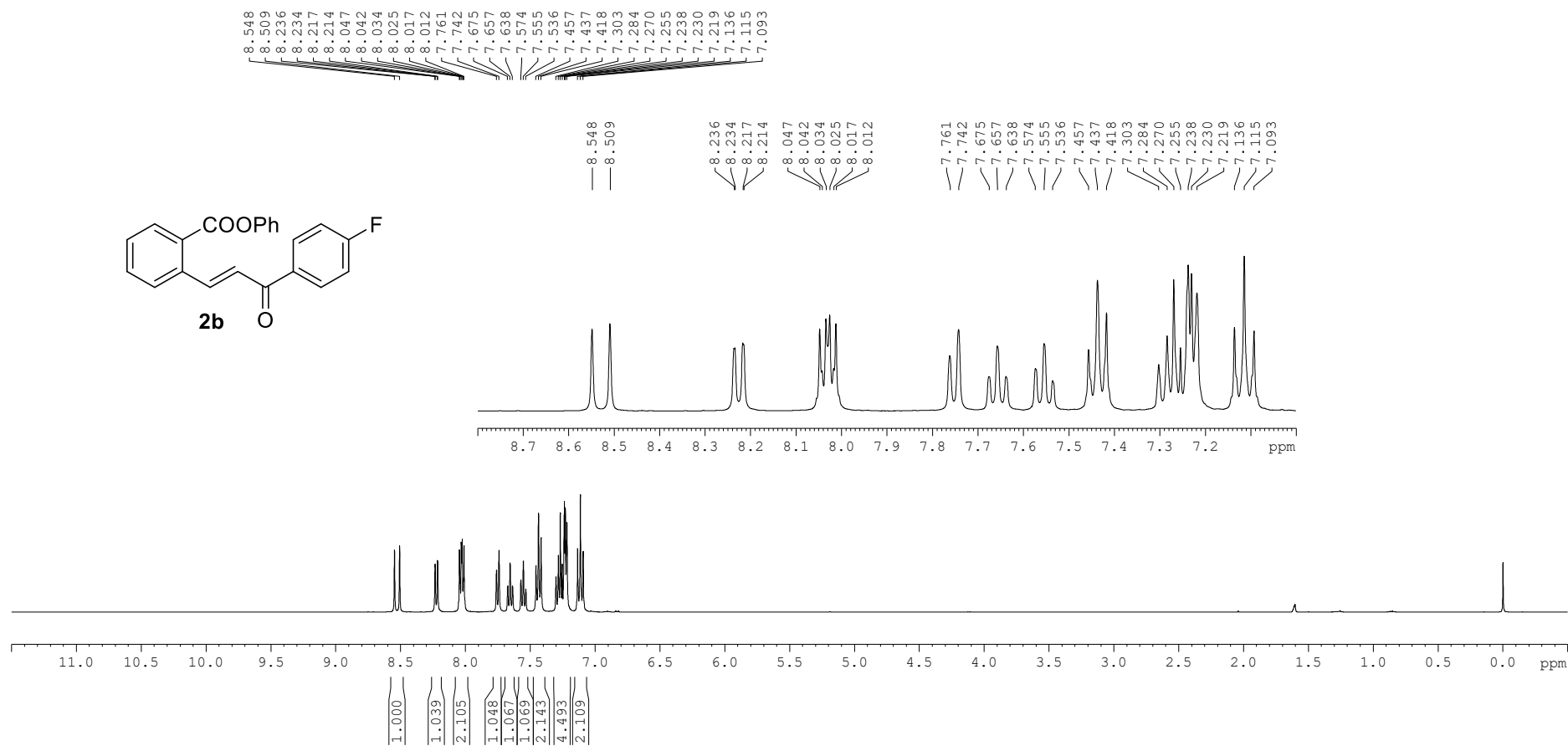
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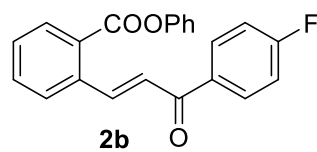
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¹³C NMR of compound **2a**



^1H NMR of compound **2b**

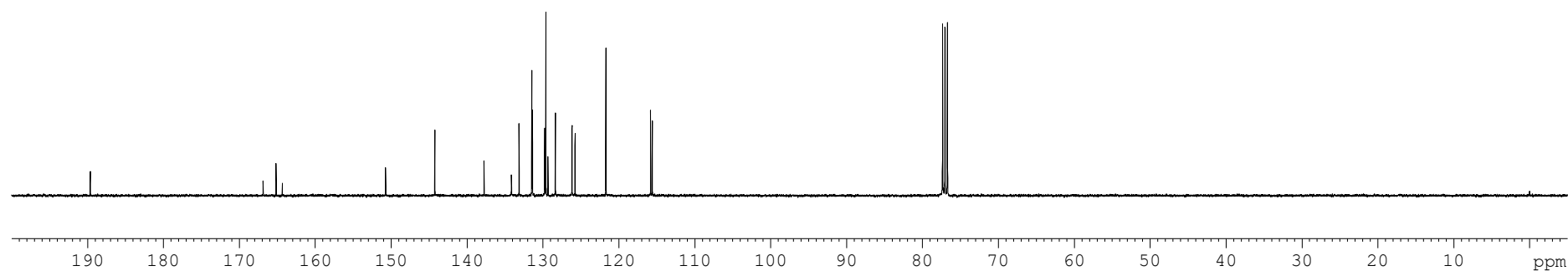


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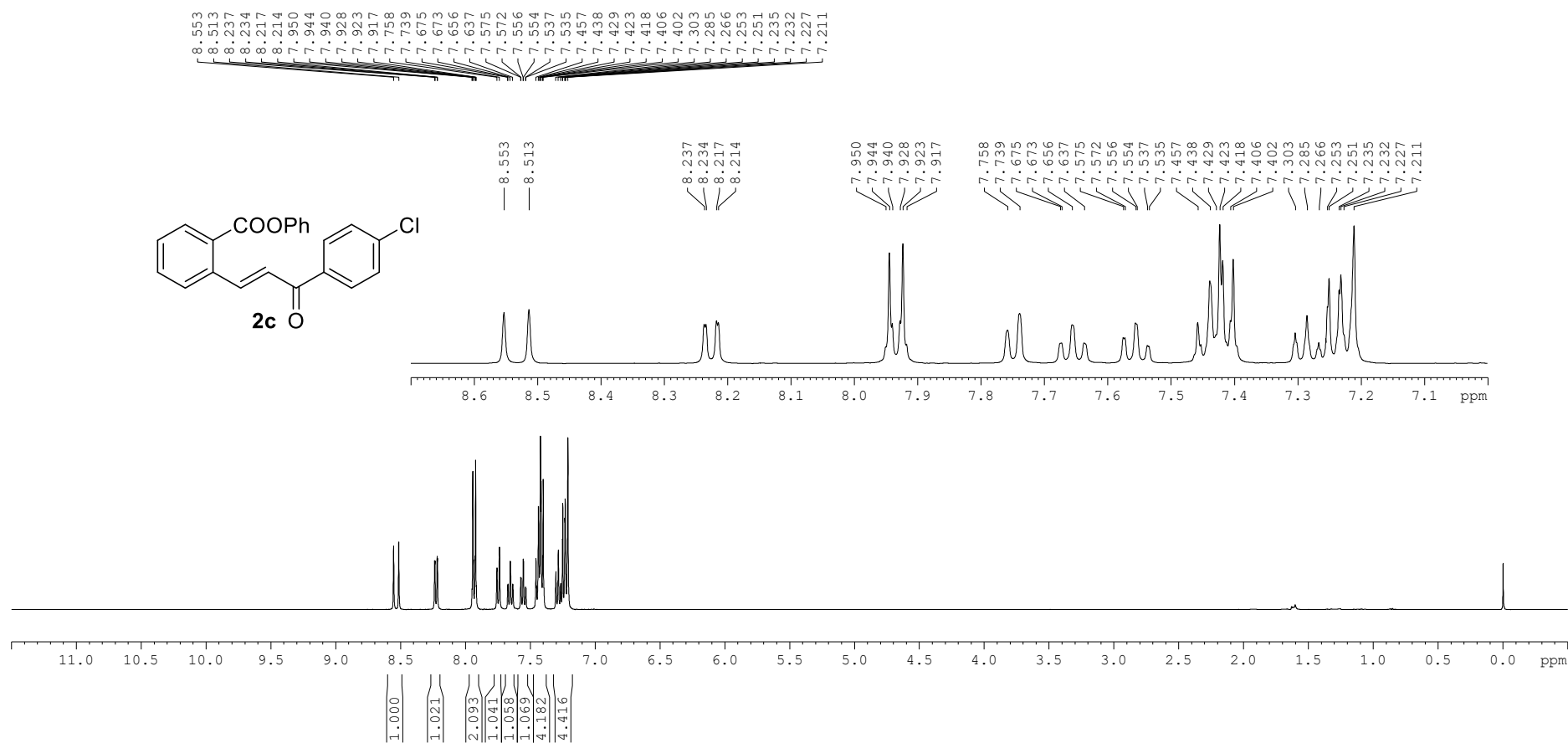
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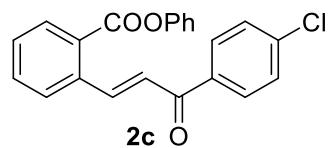
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¹³C NMR of compound **2b**



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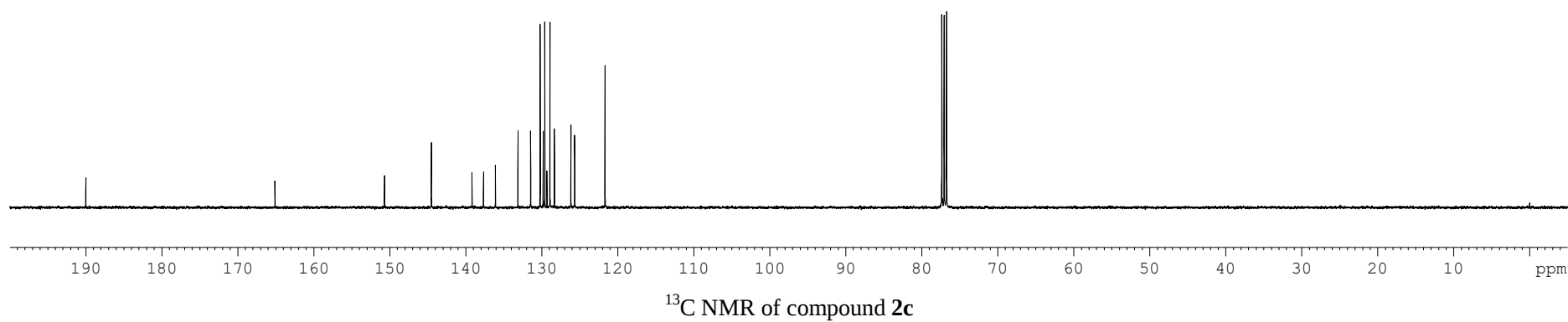


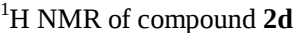
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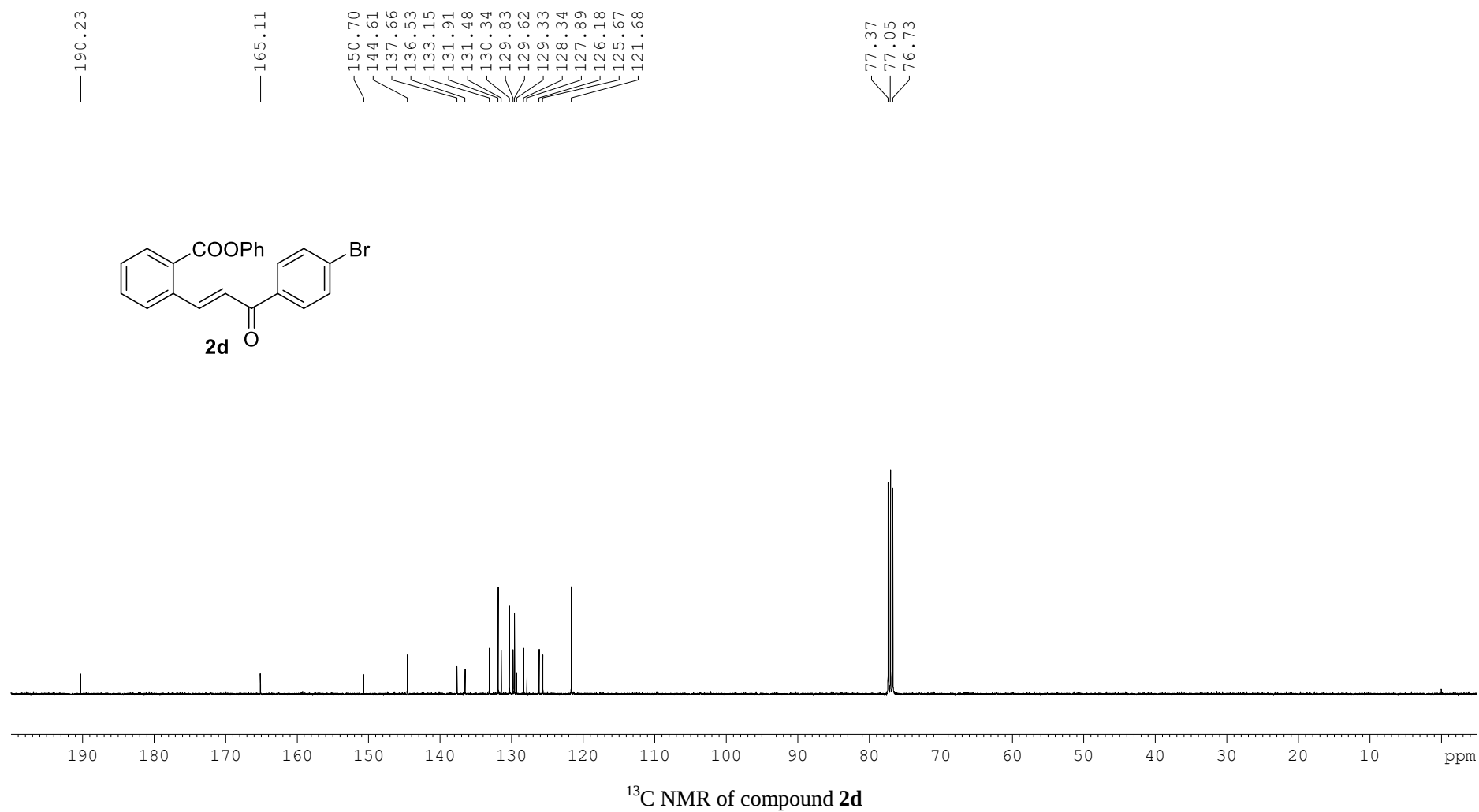
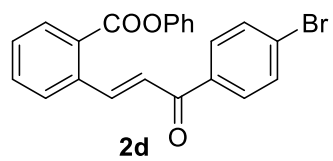
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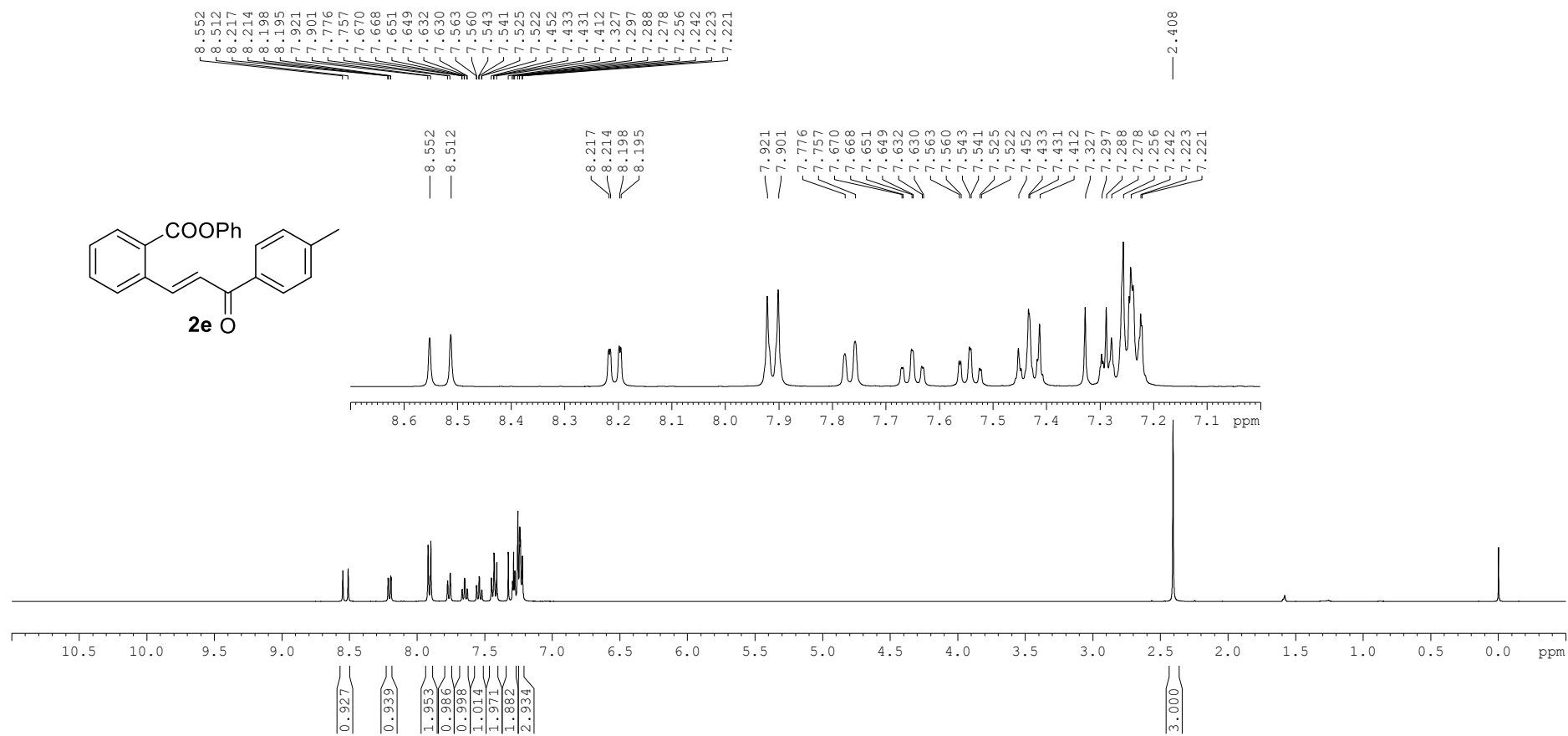
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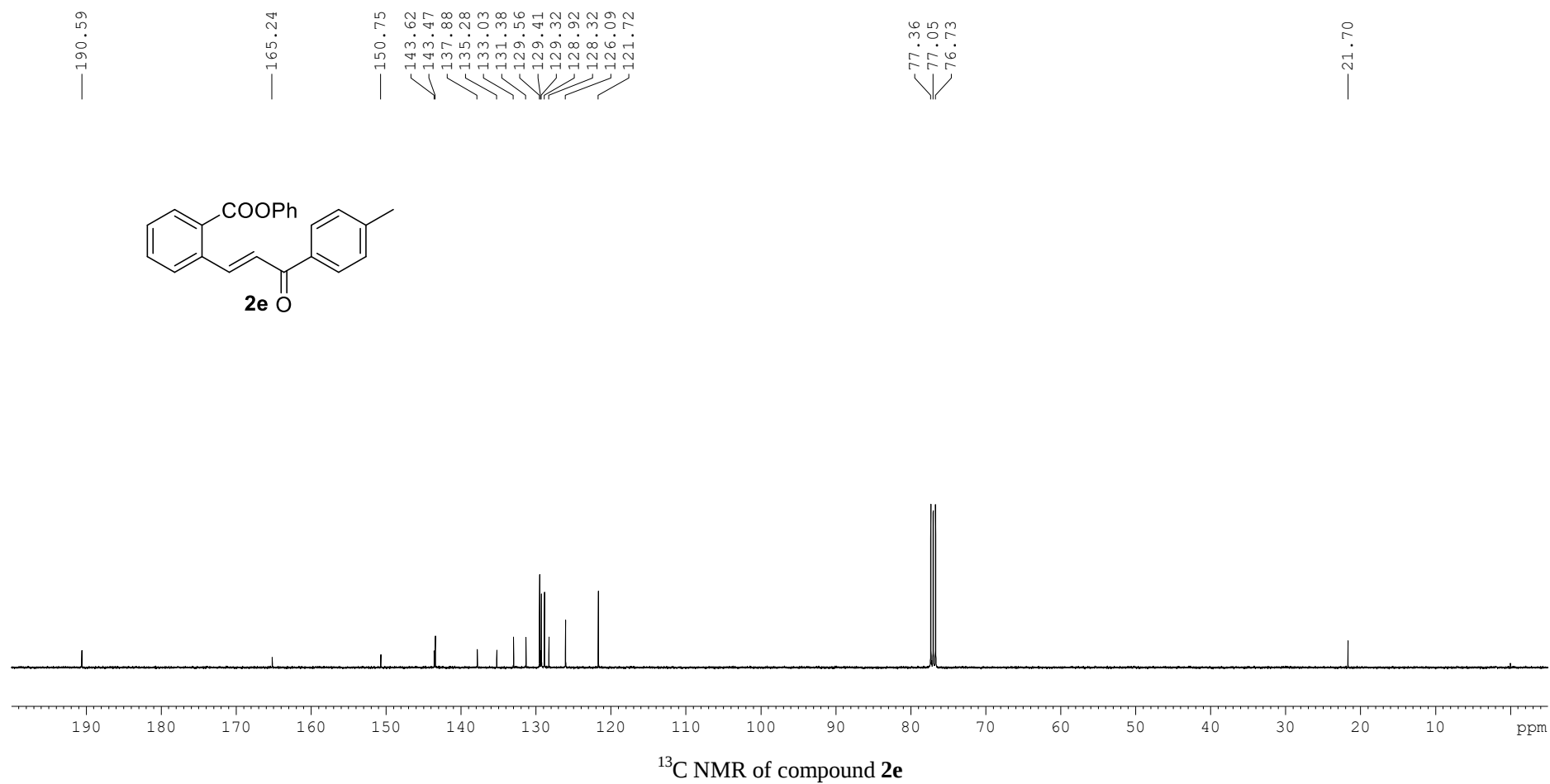
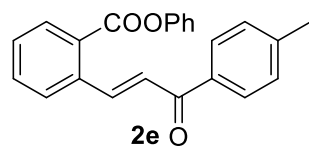


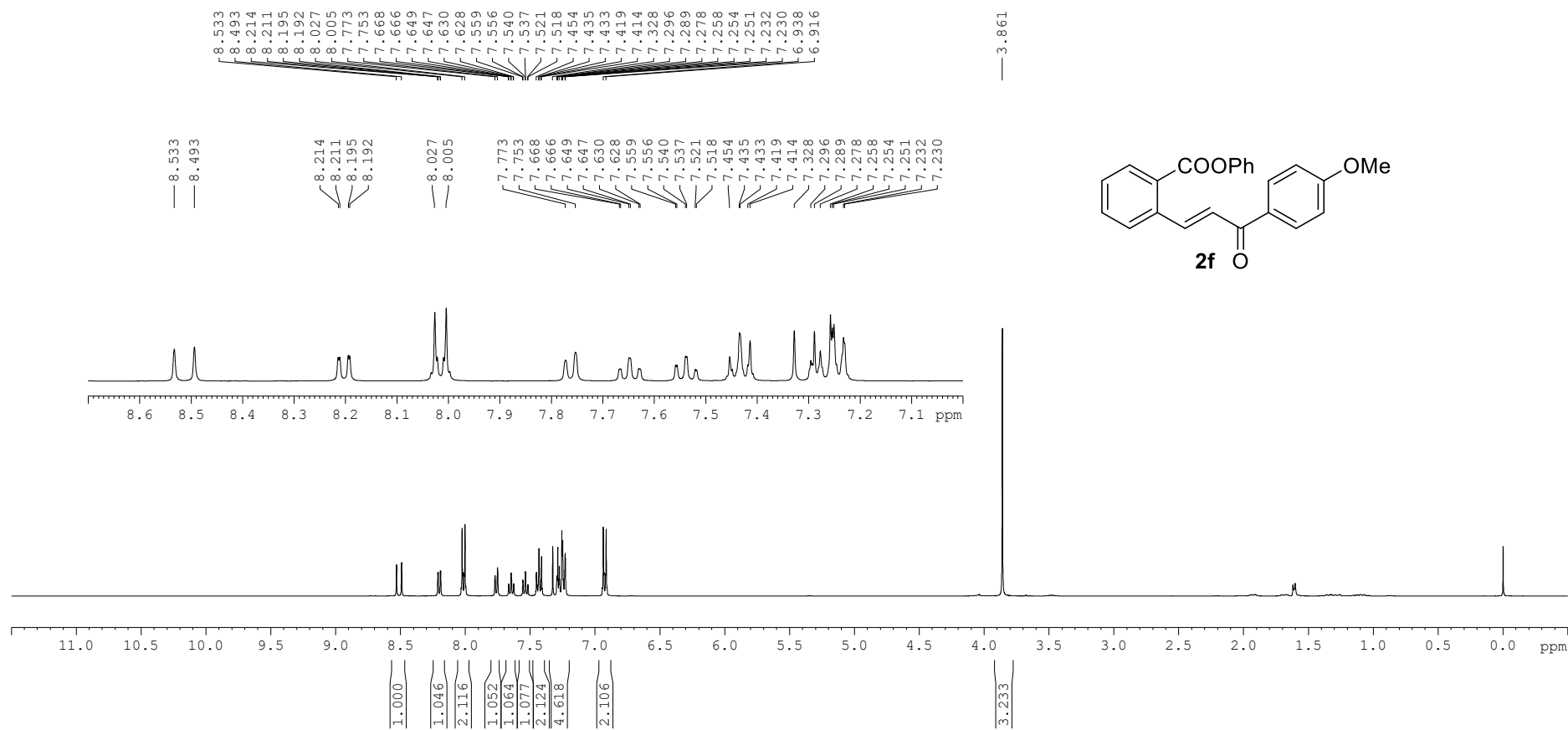




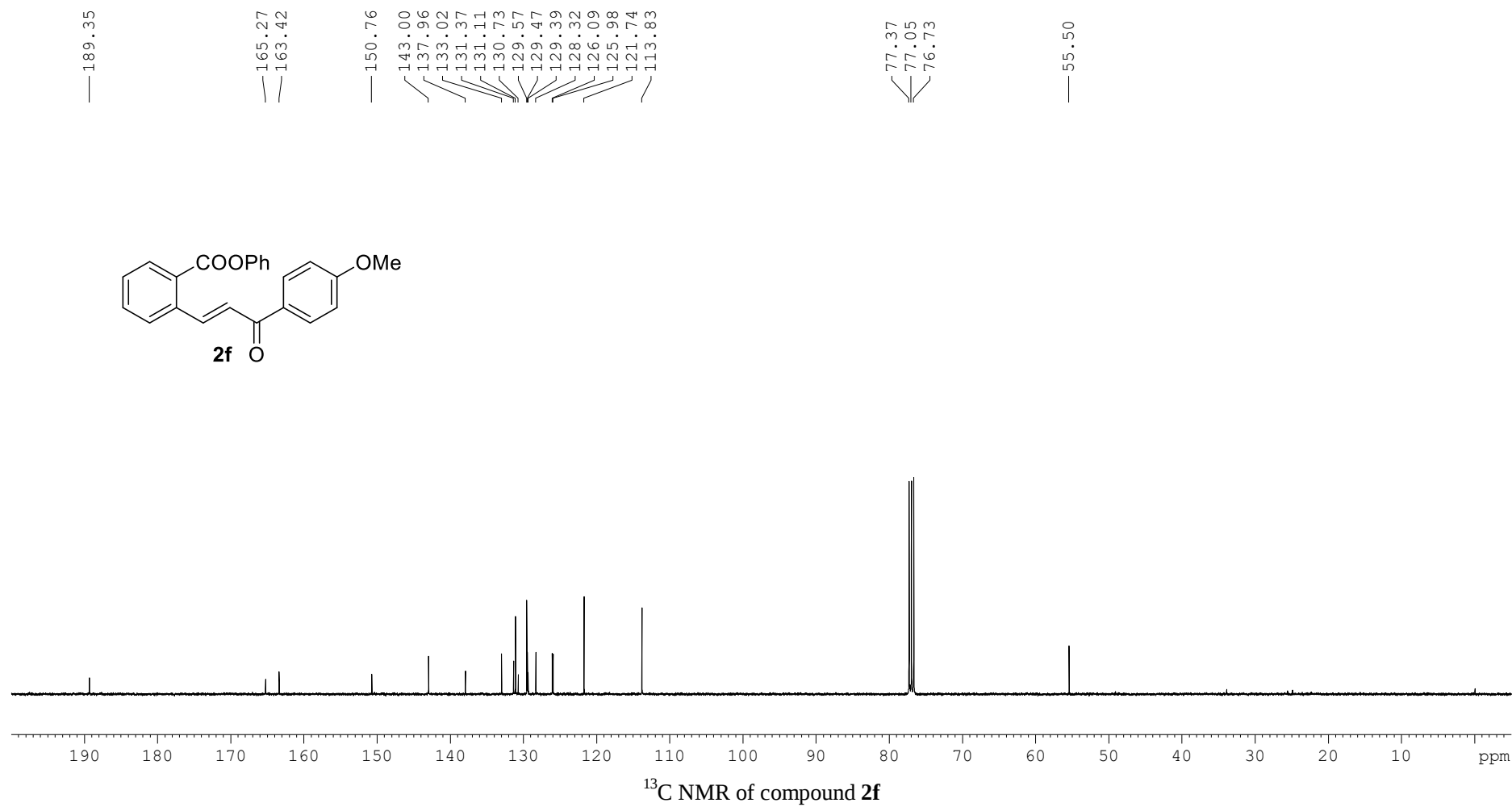
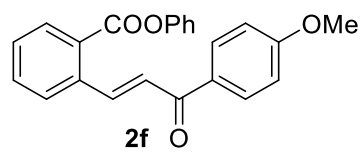


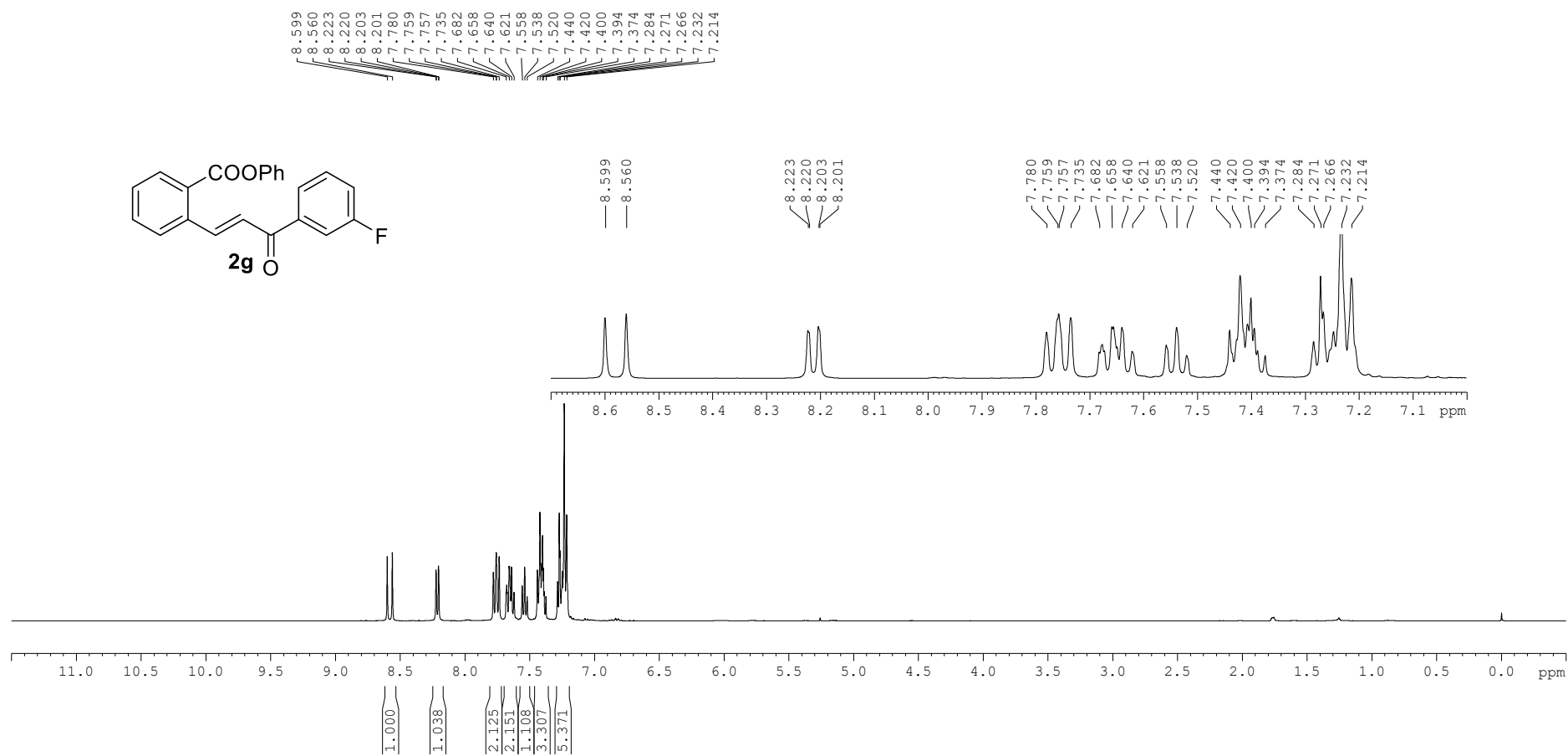
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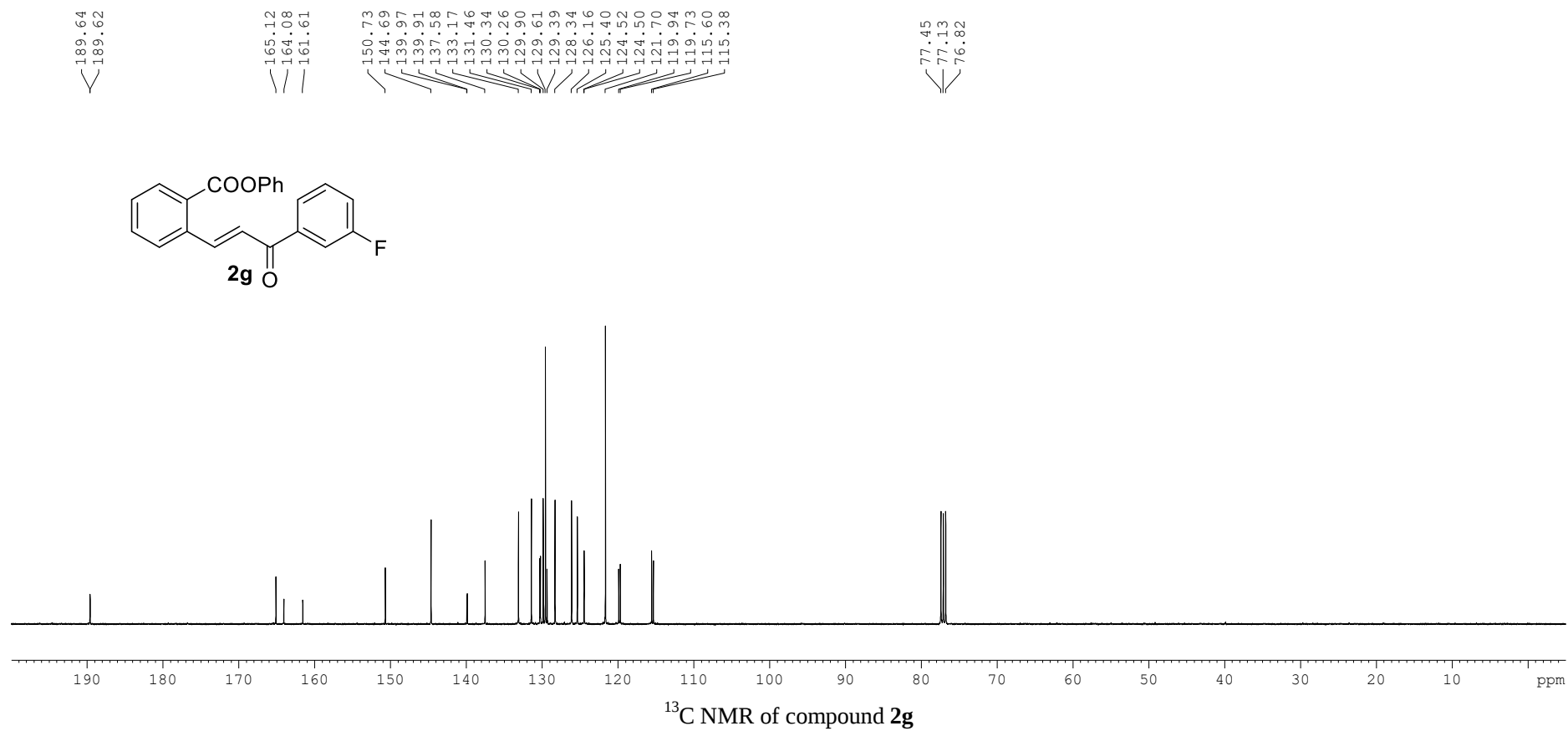
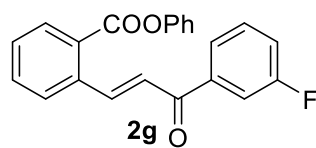


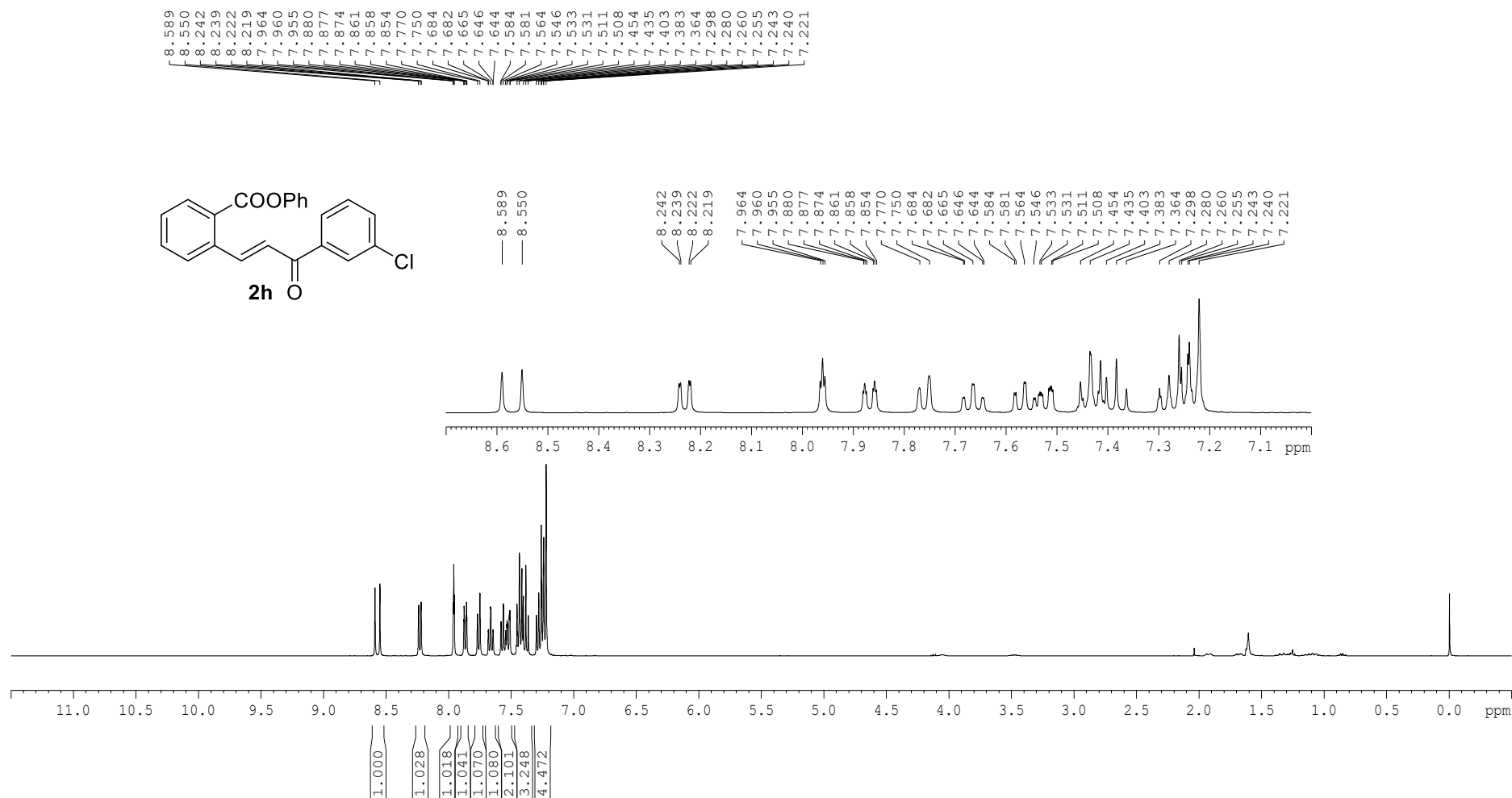
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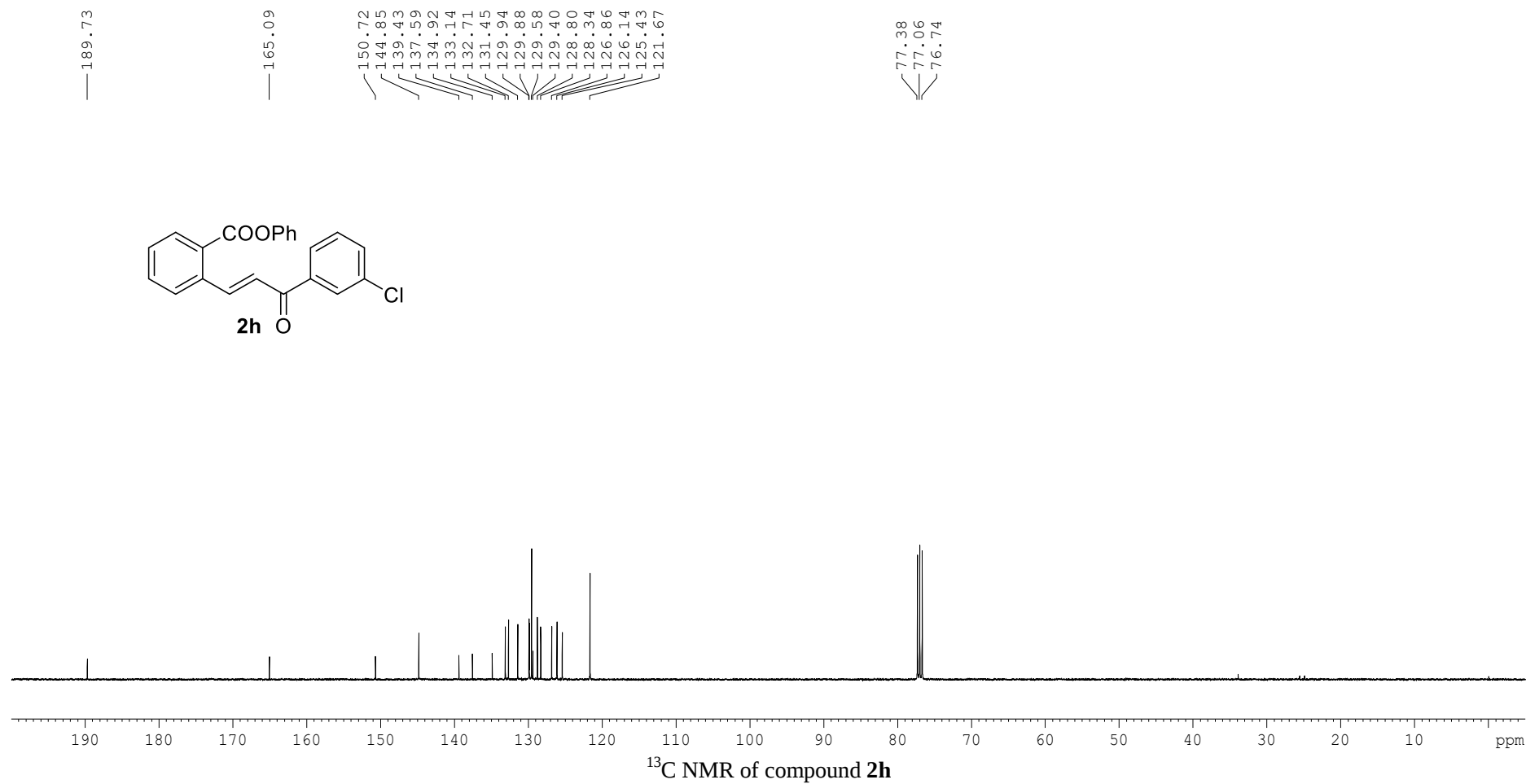
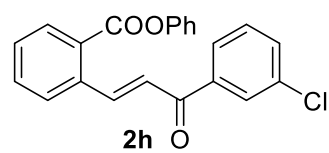


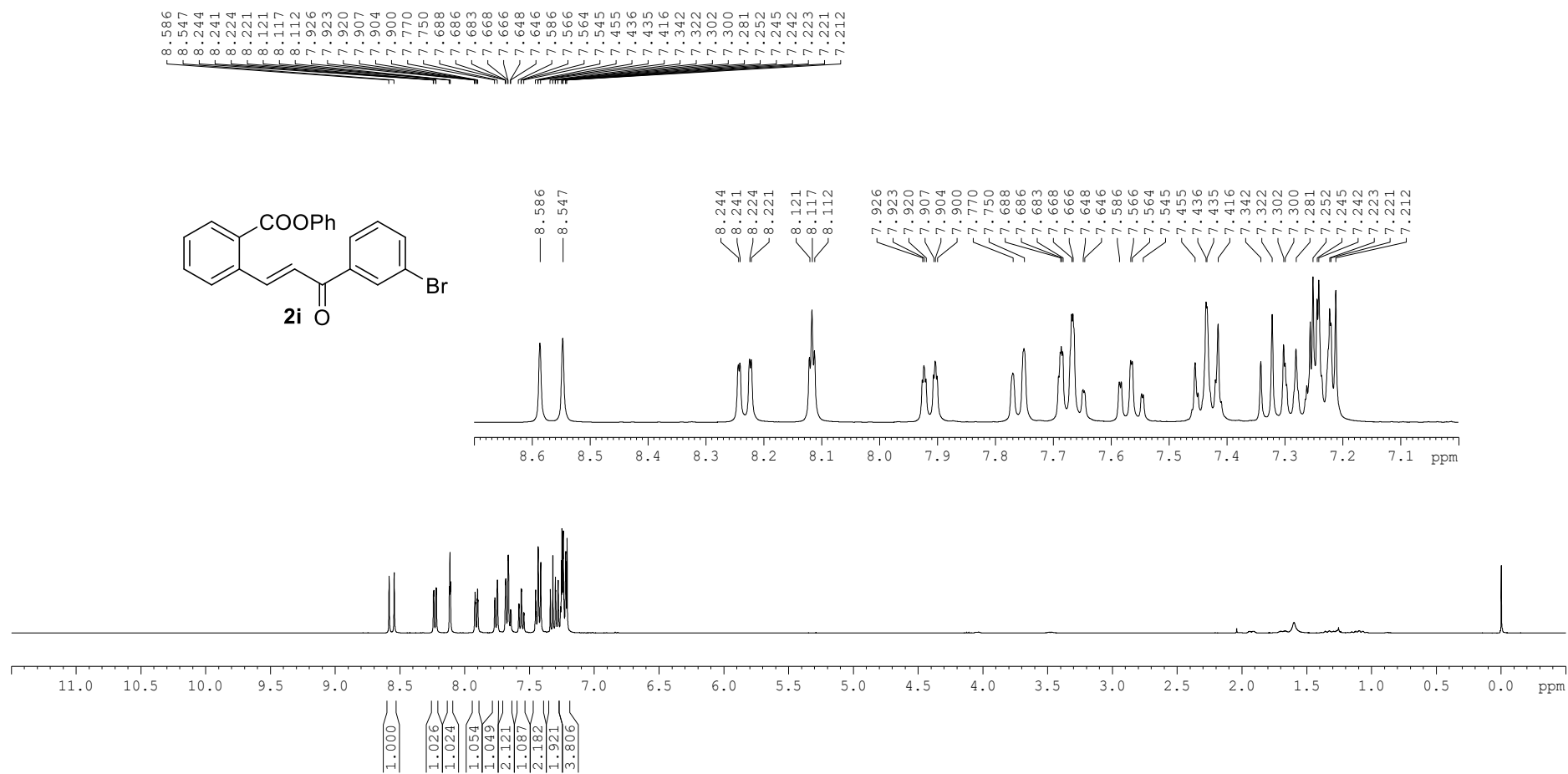
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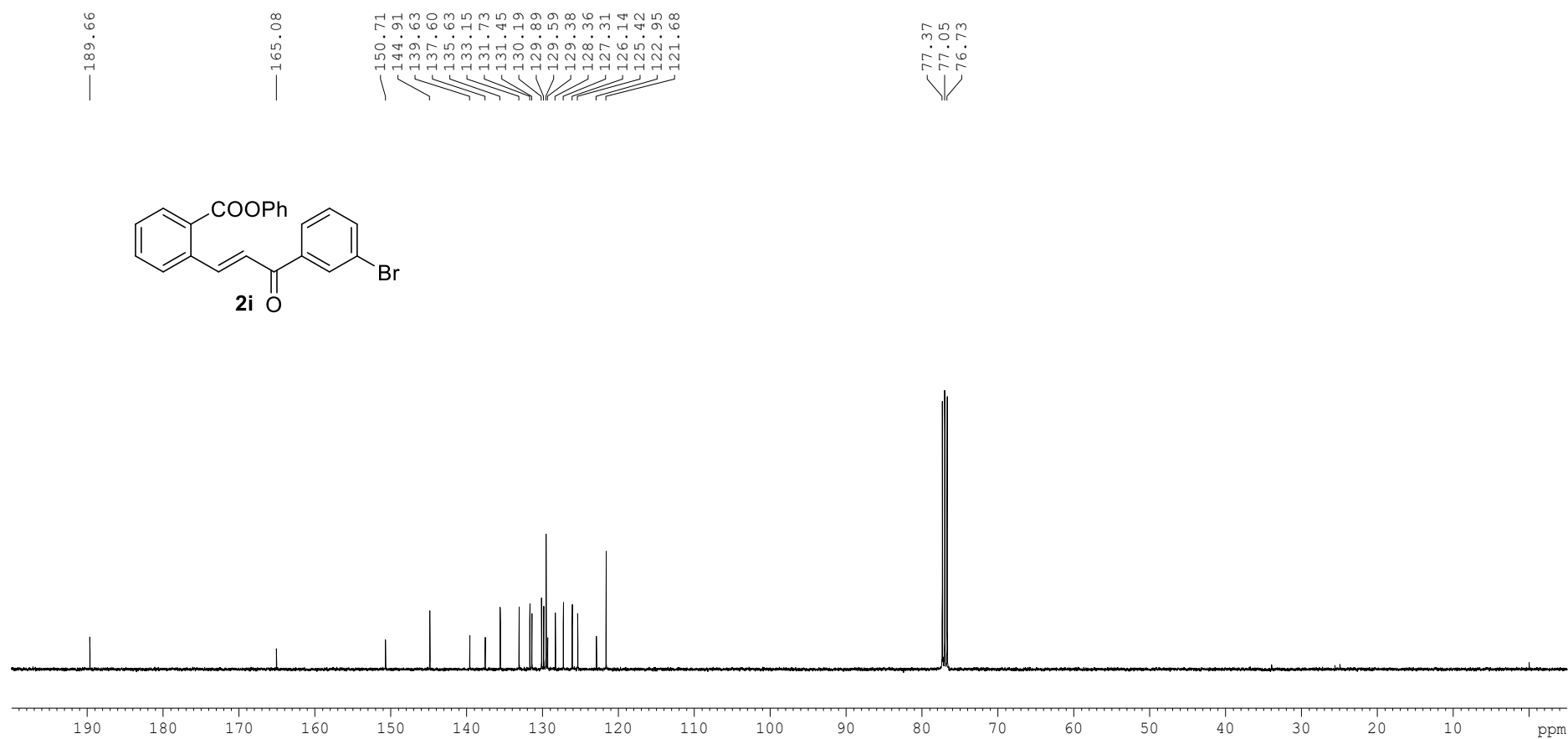
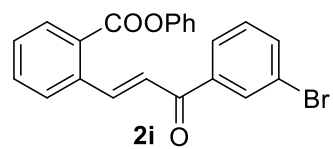


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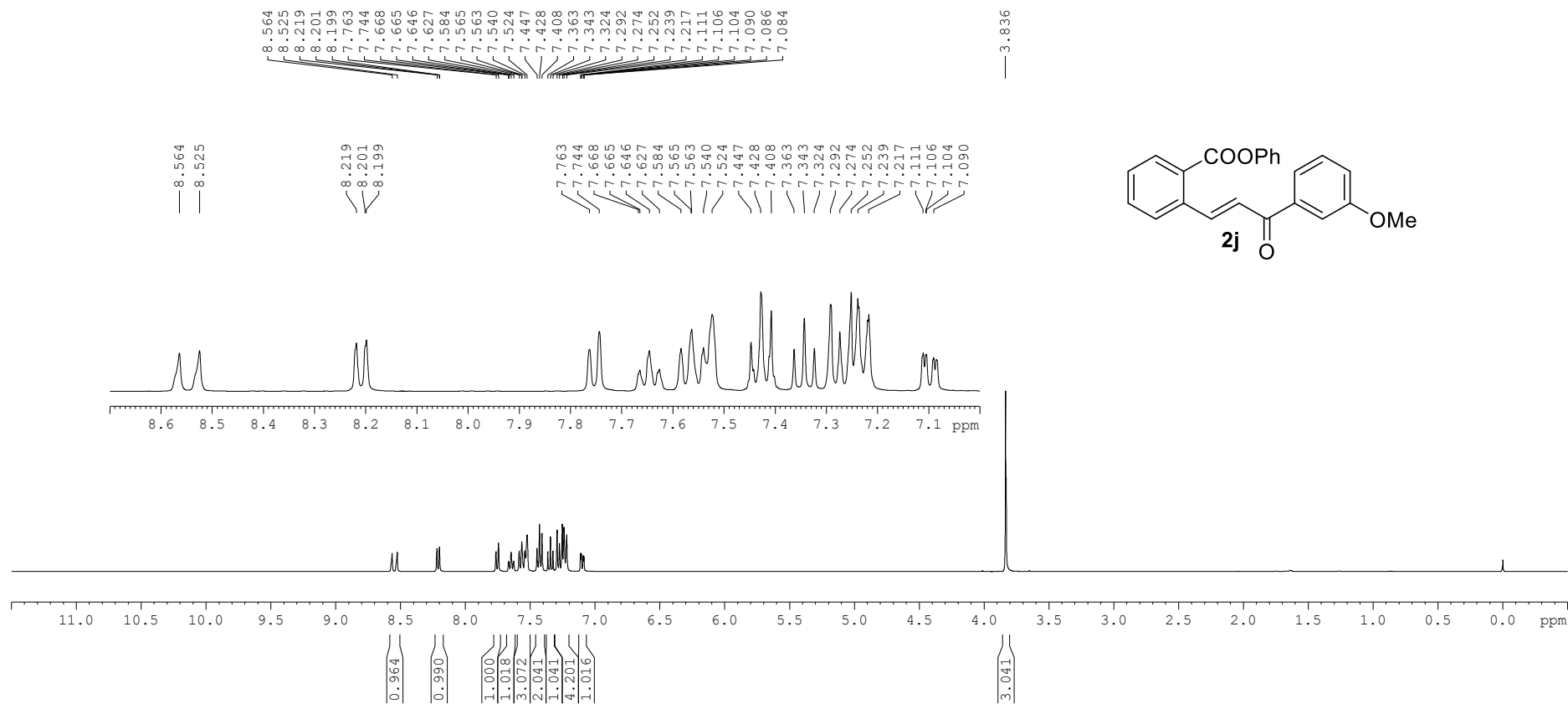




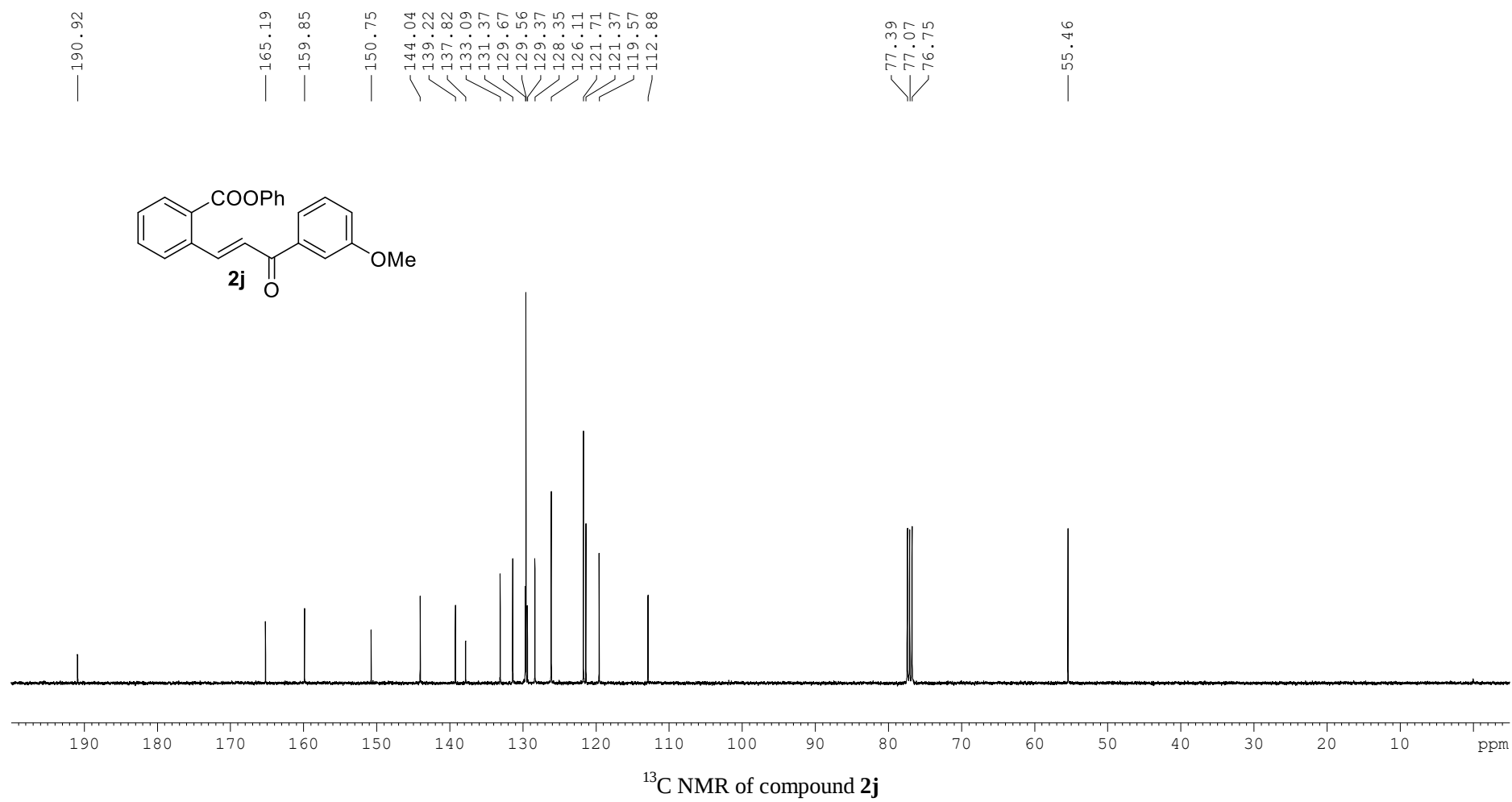
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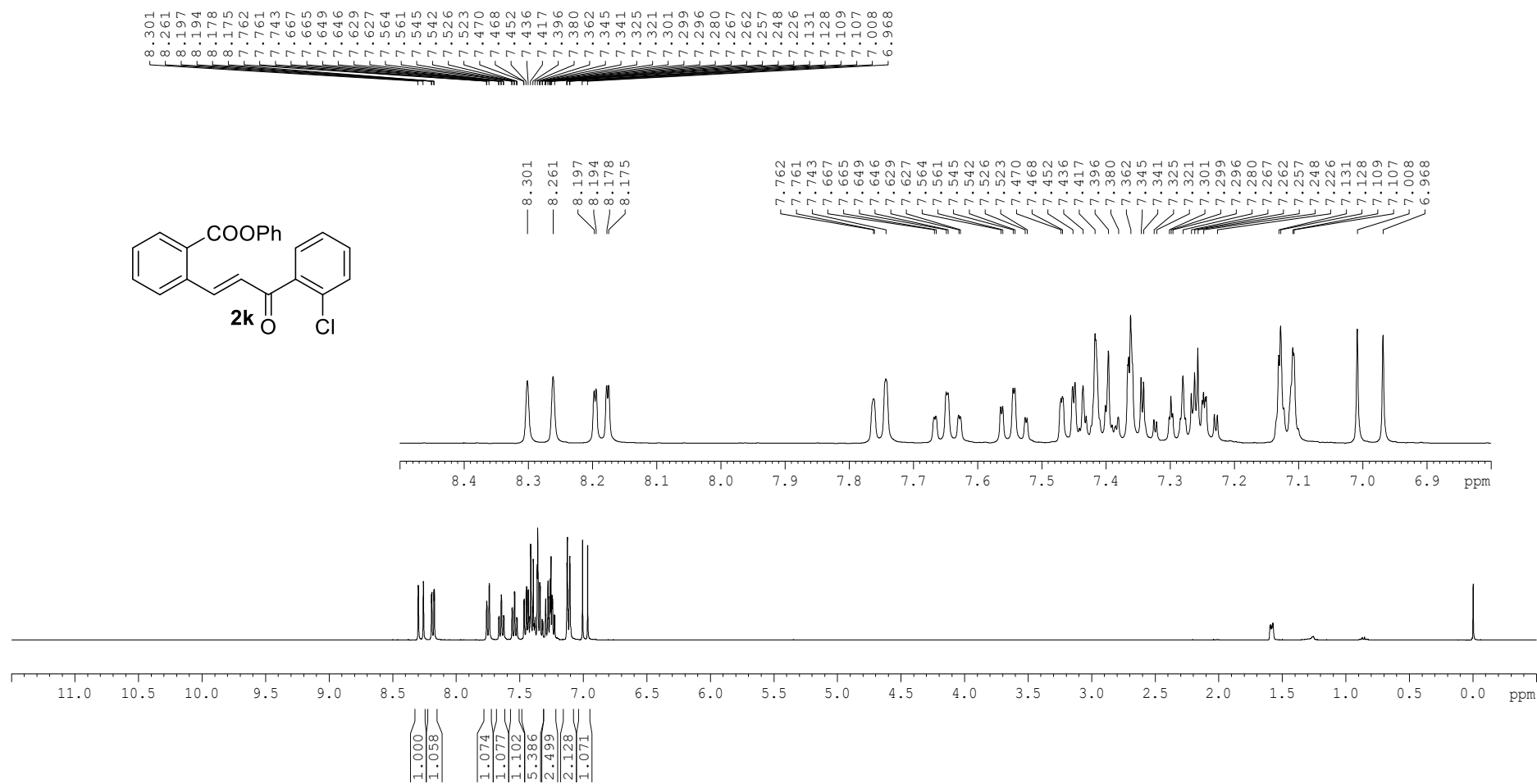


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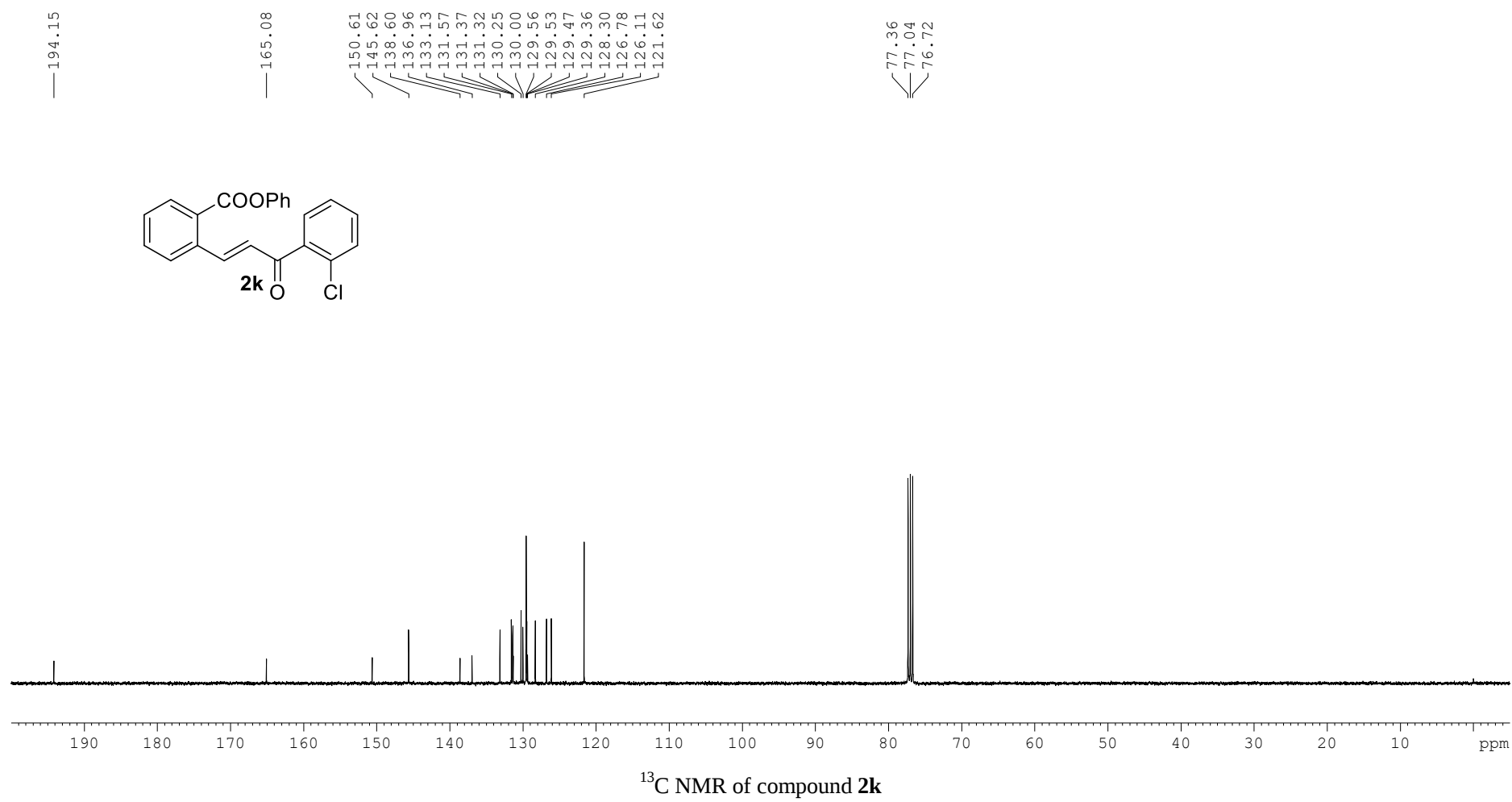


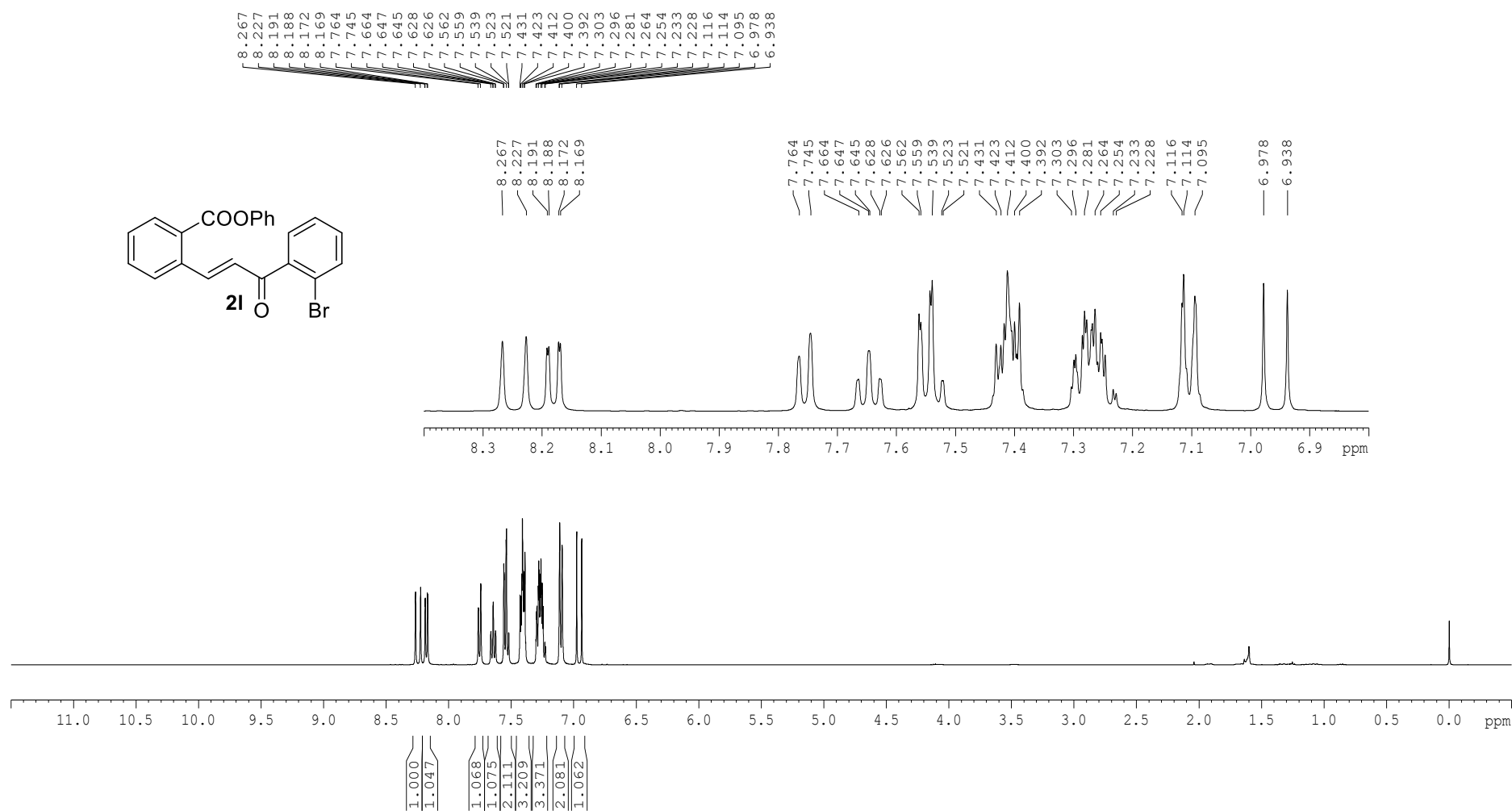
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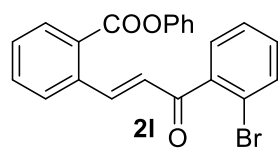


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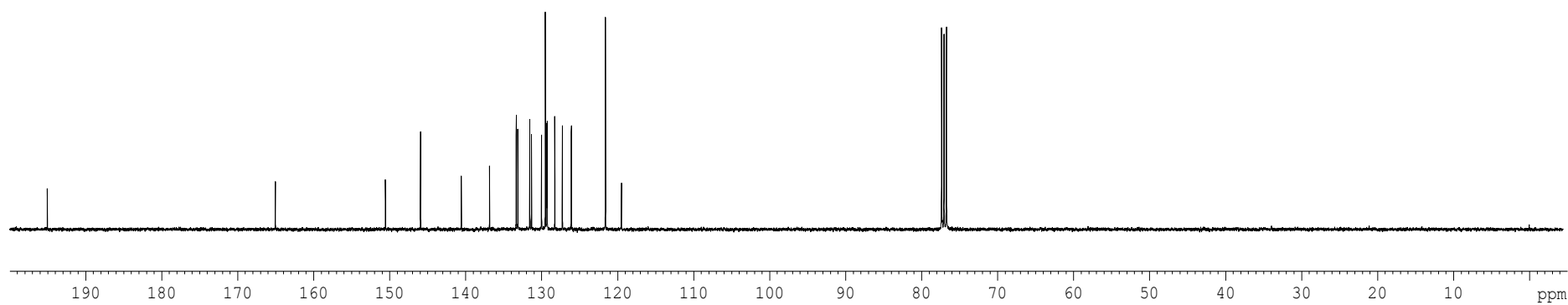


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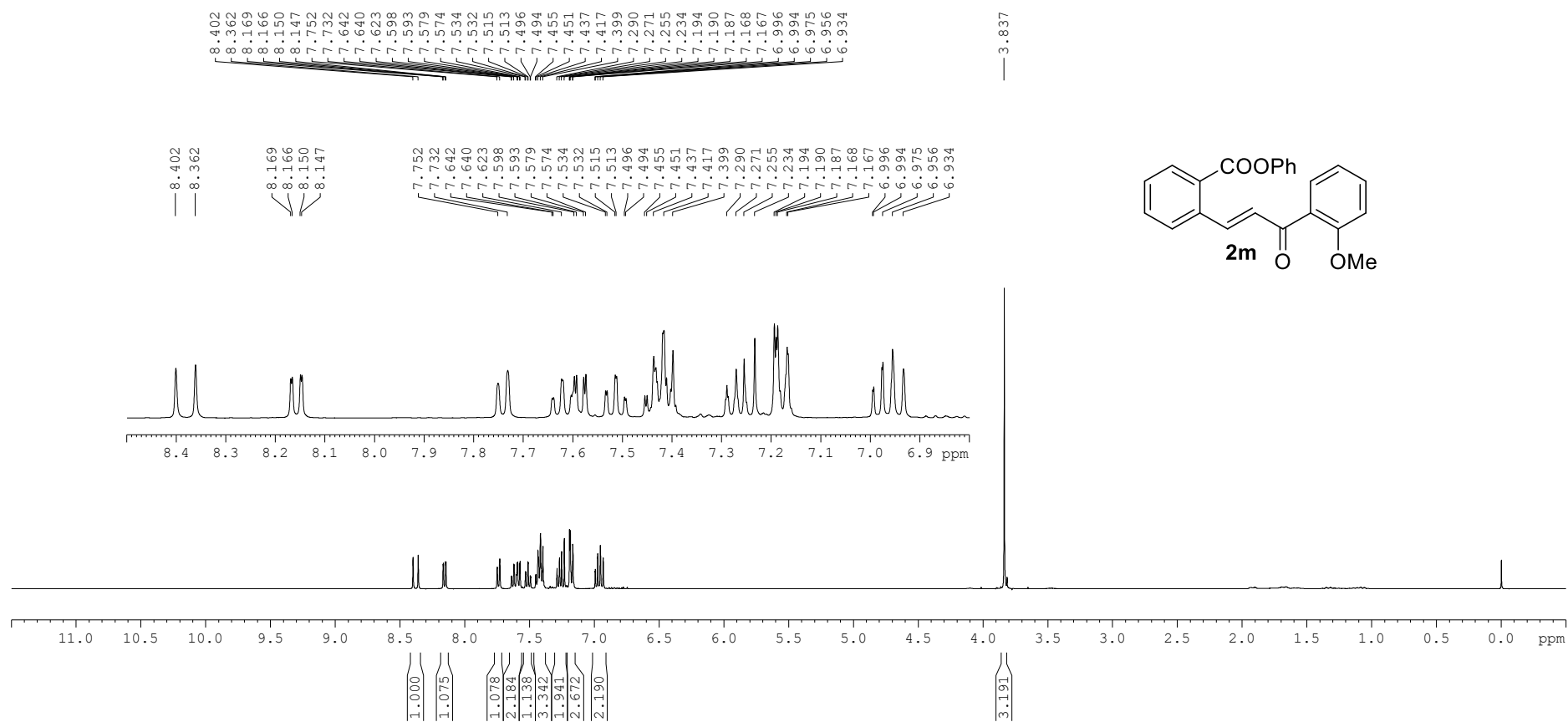
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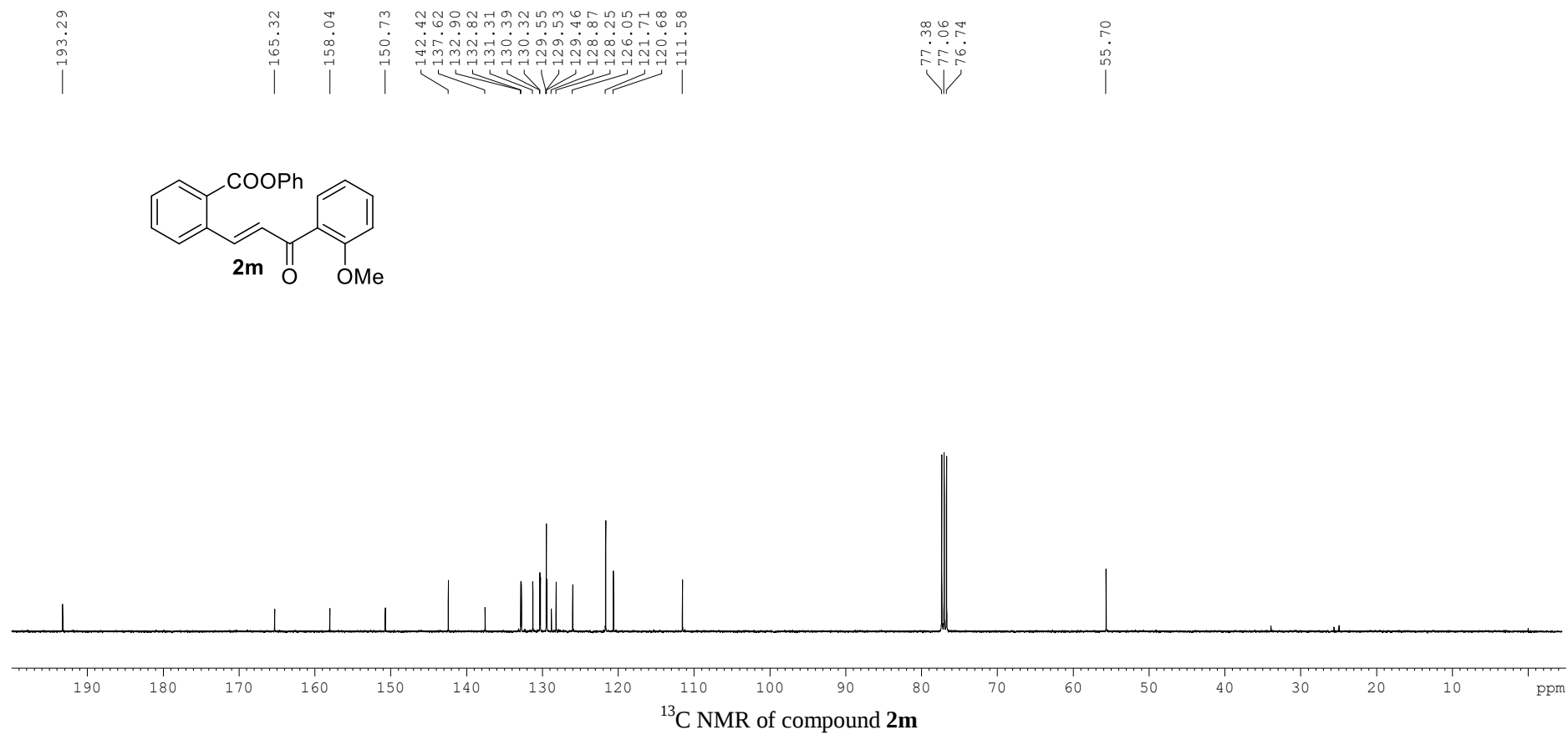
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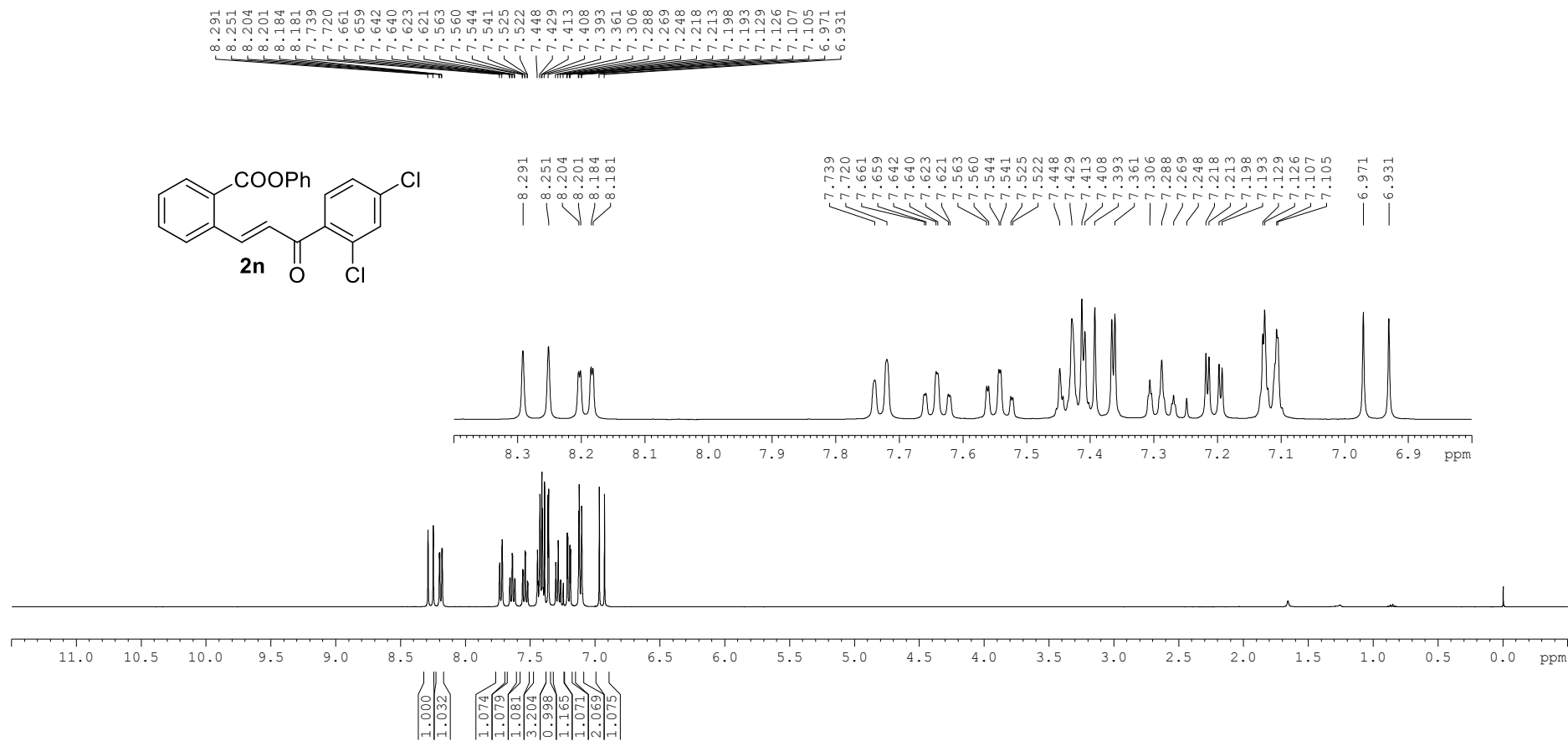


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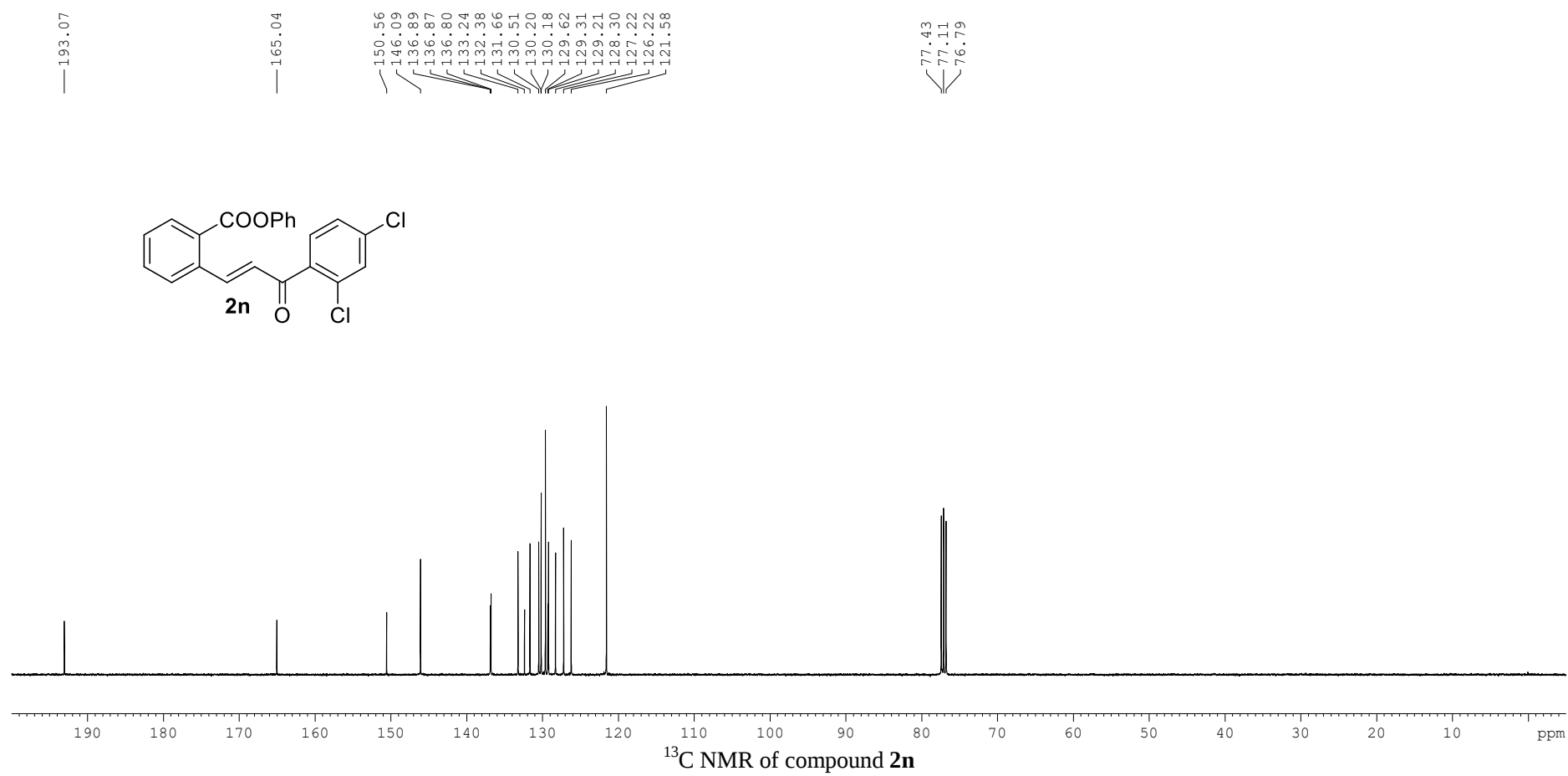


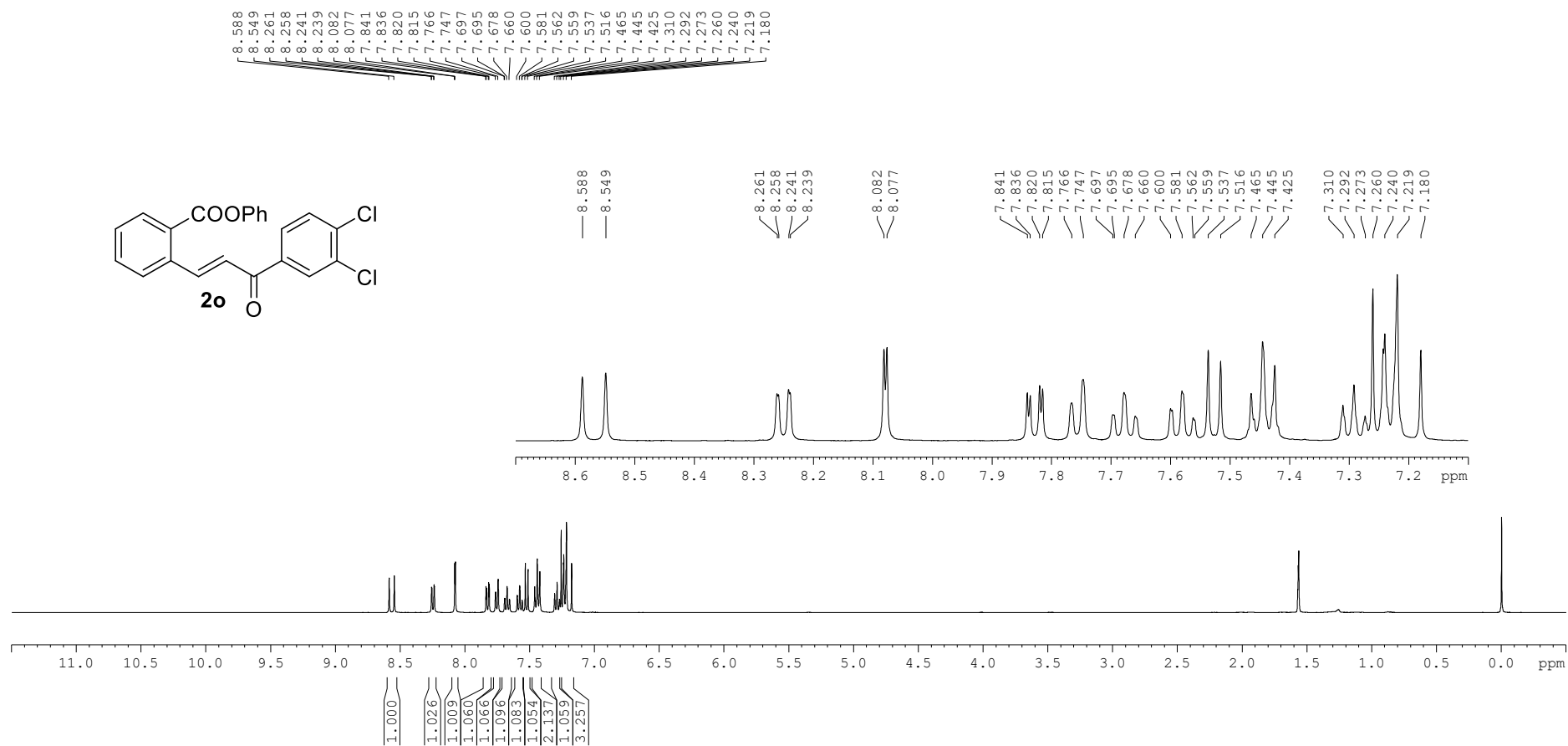
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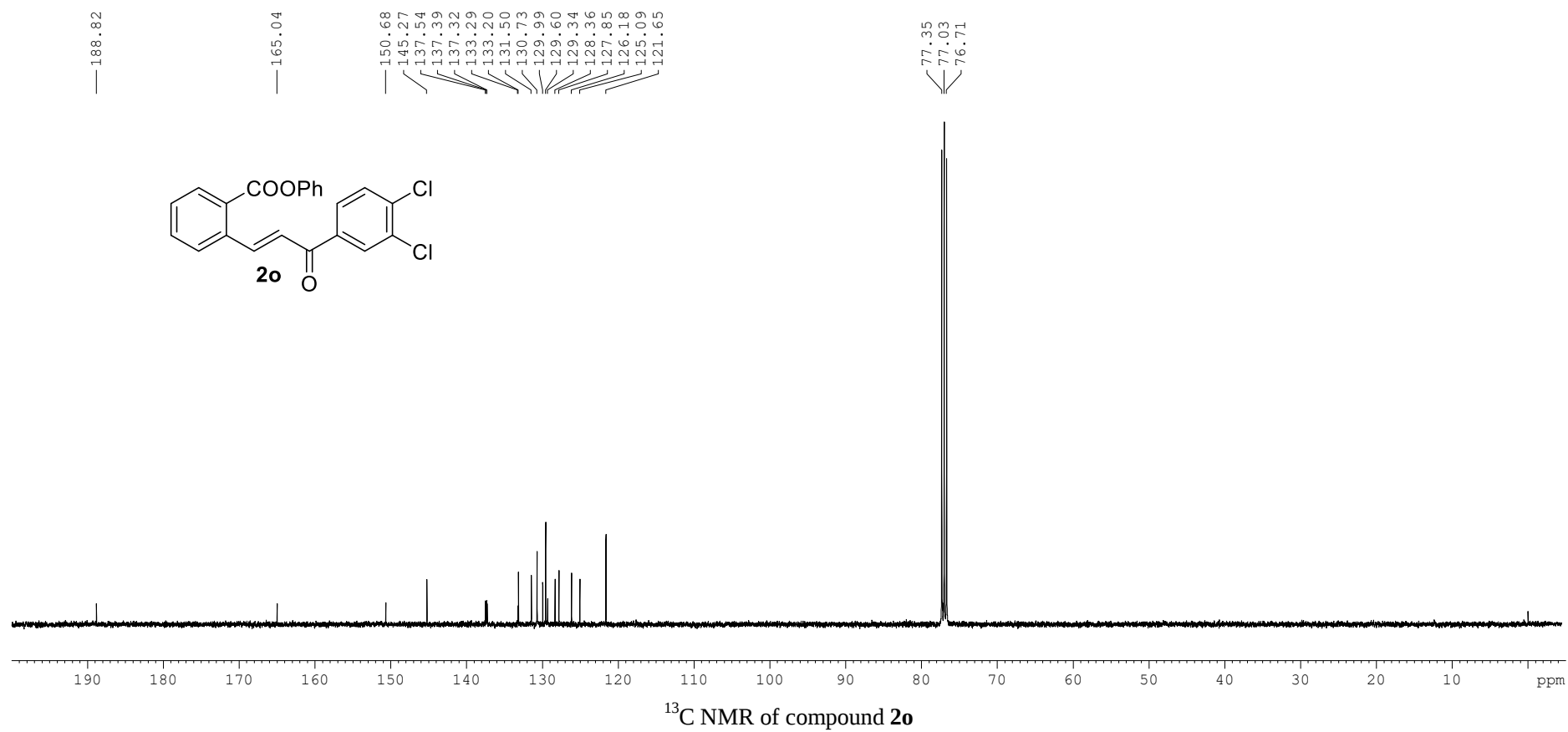


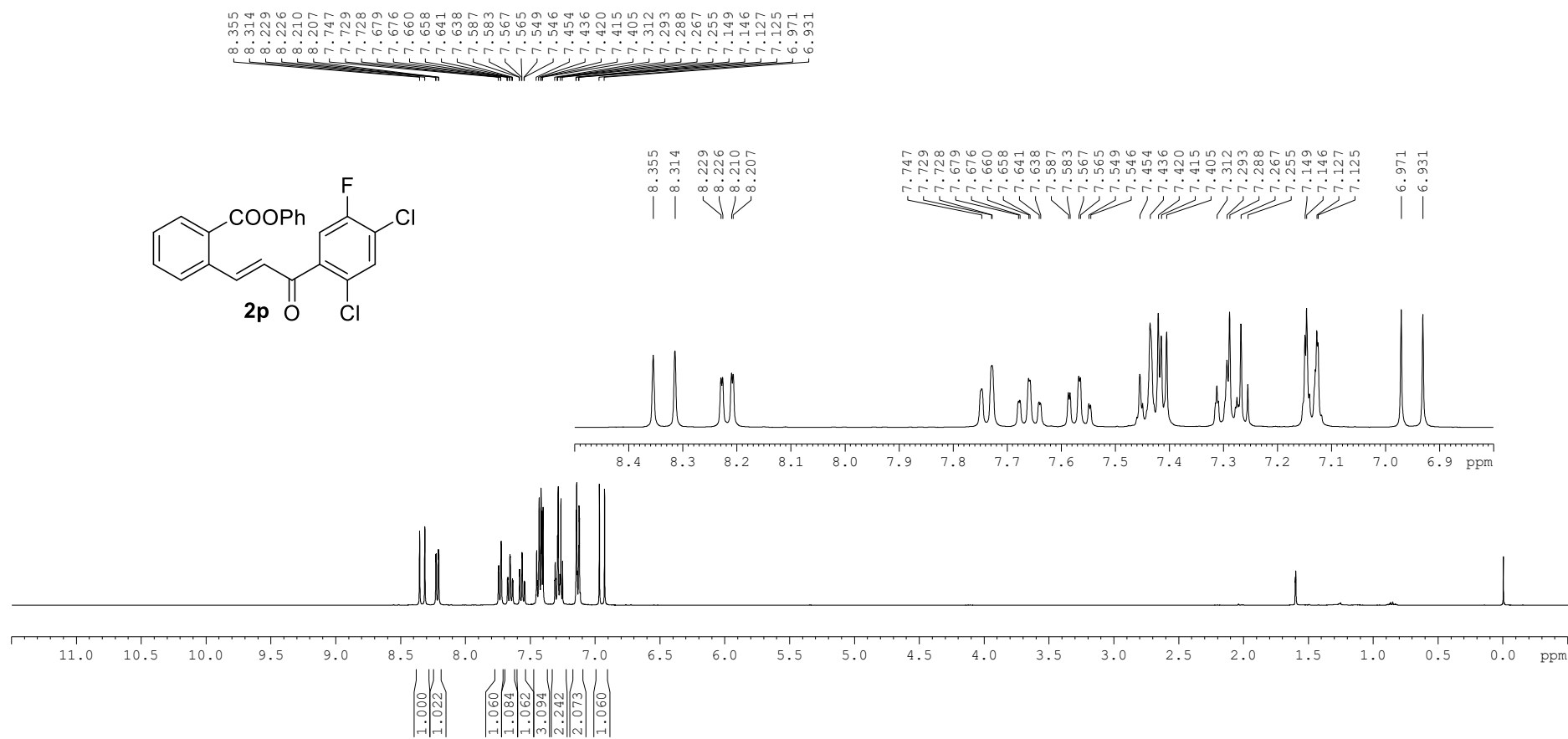
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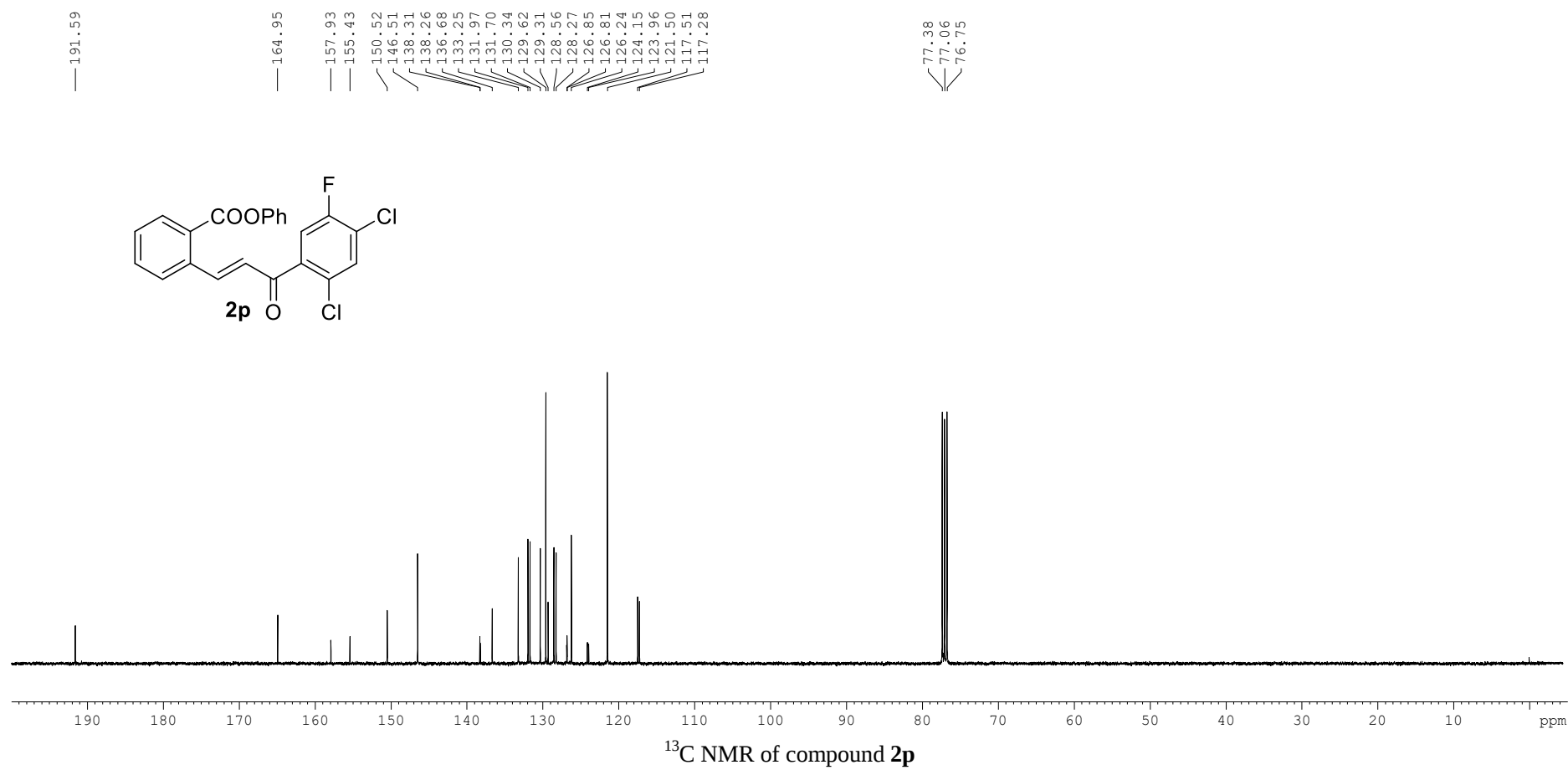


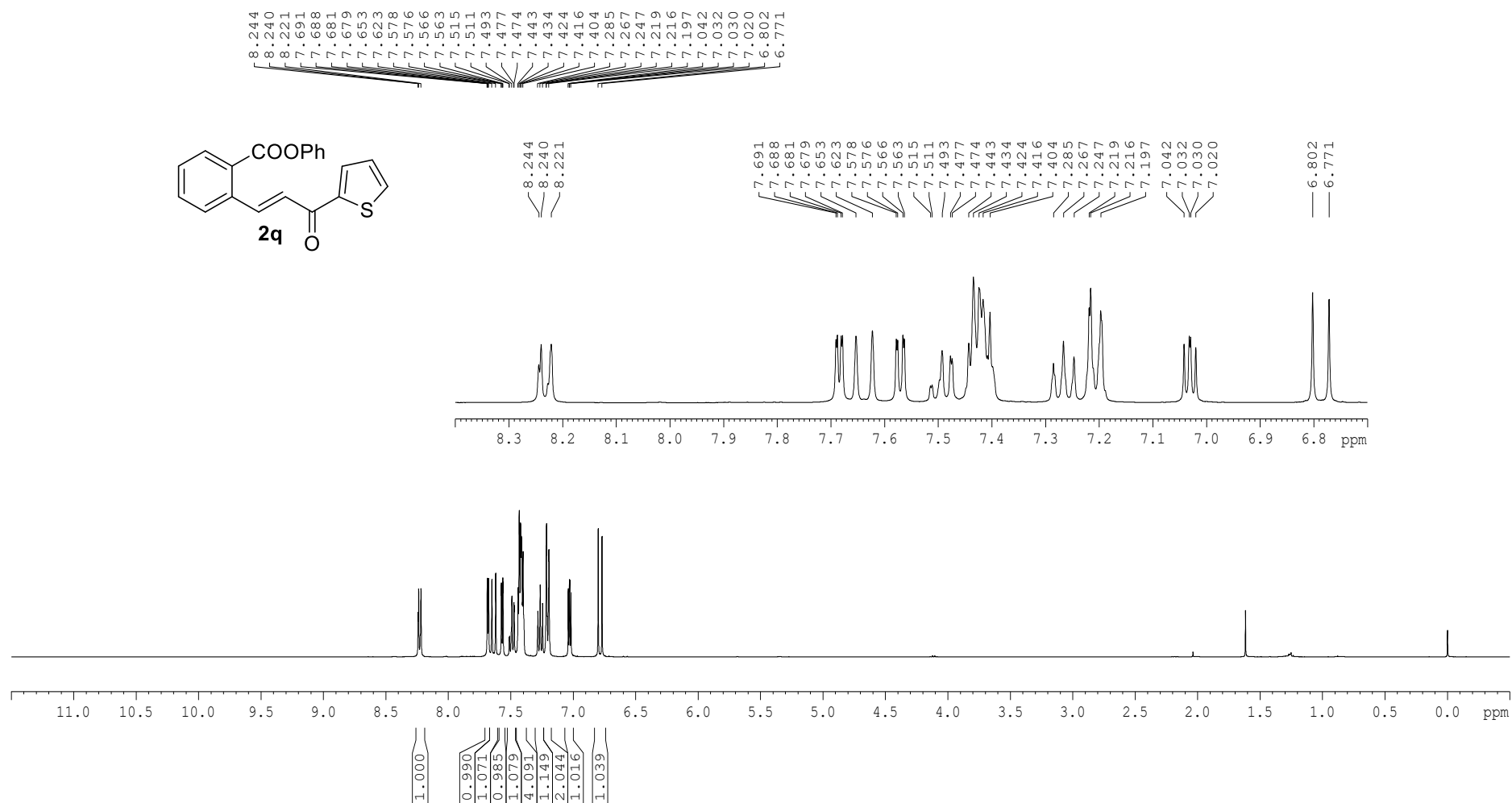
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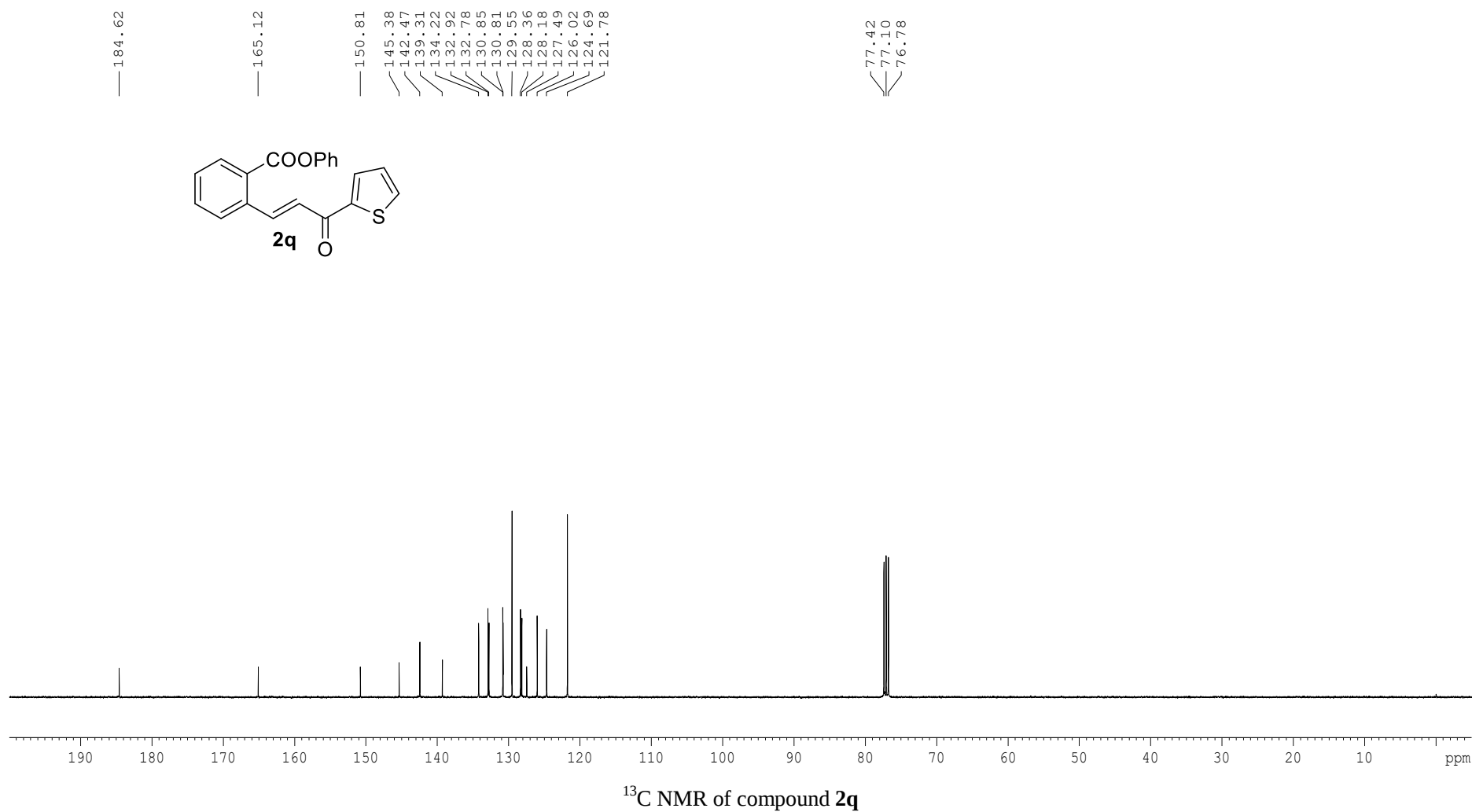
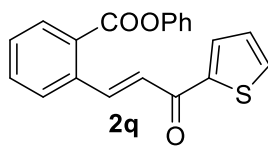


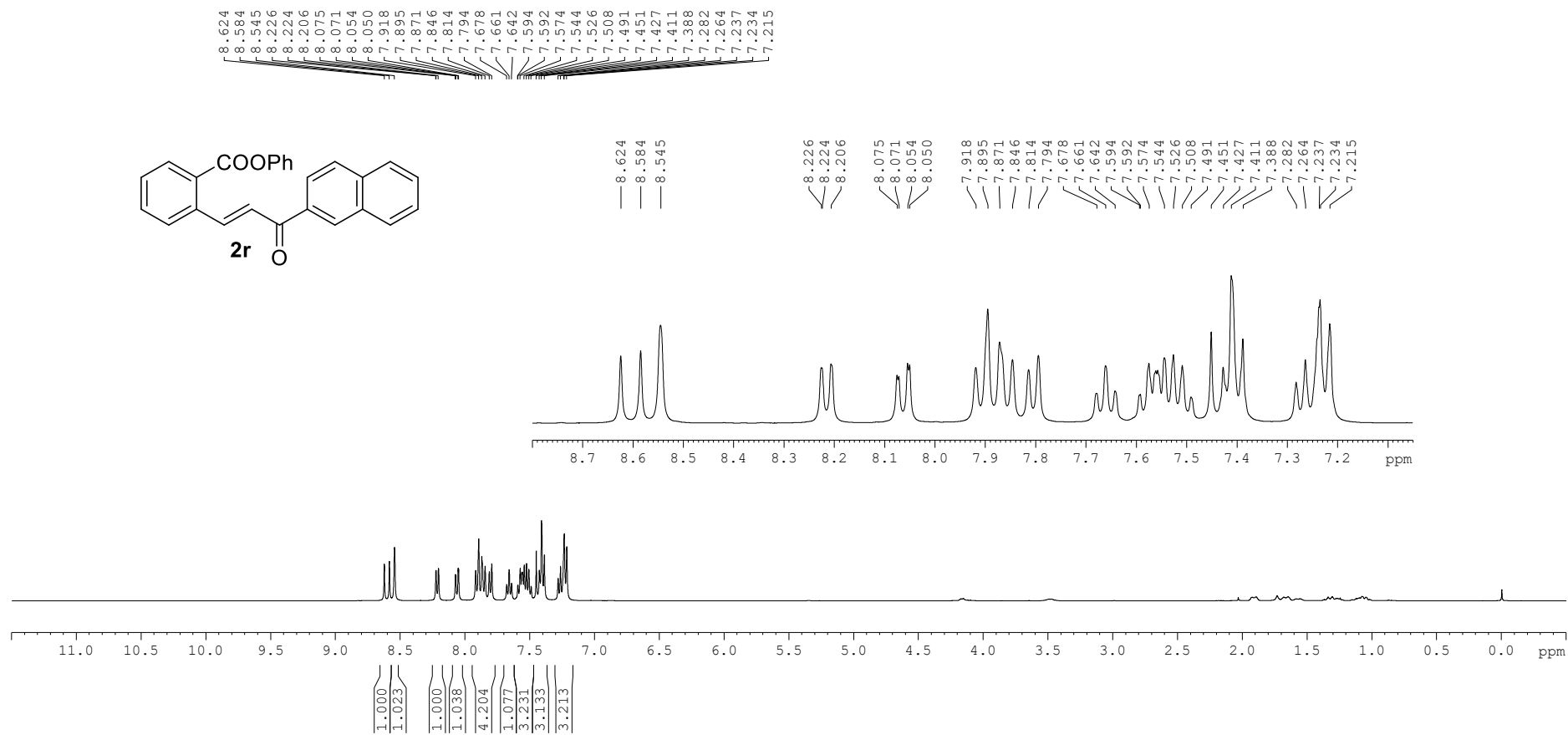
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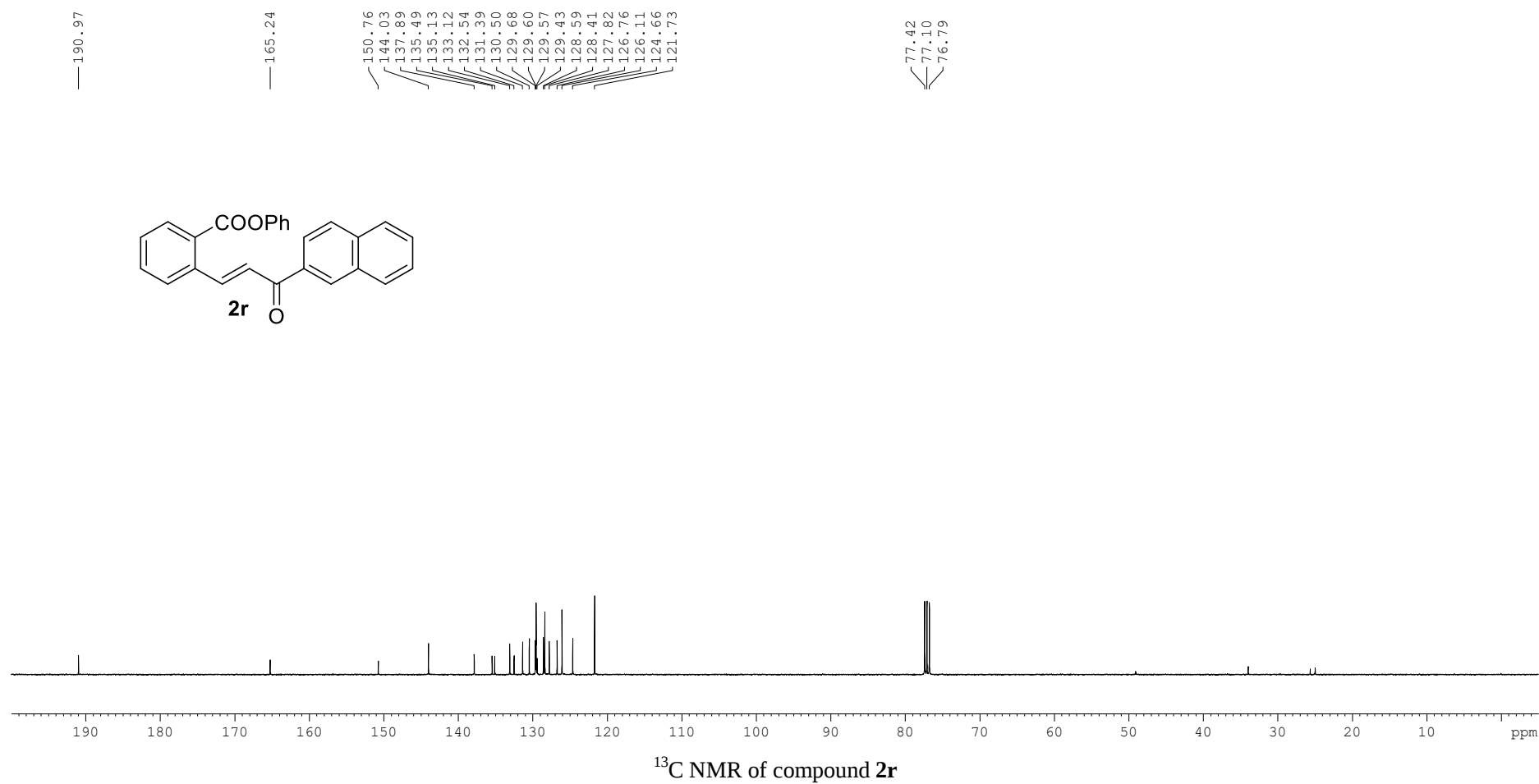
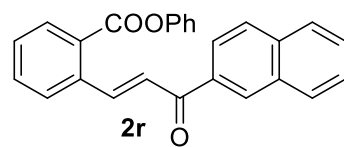


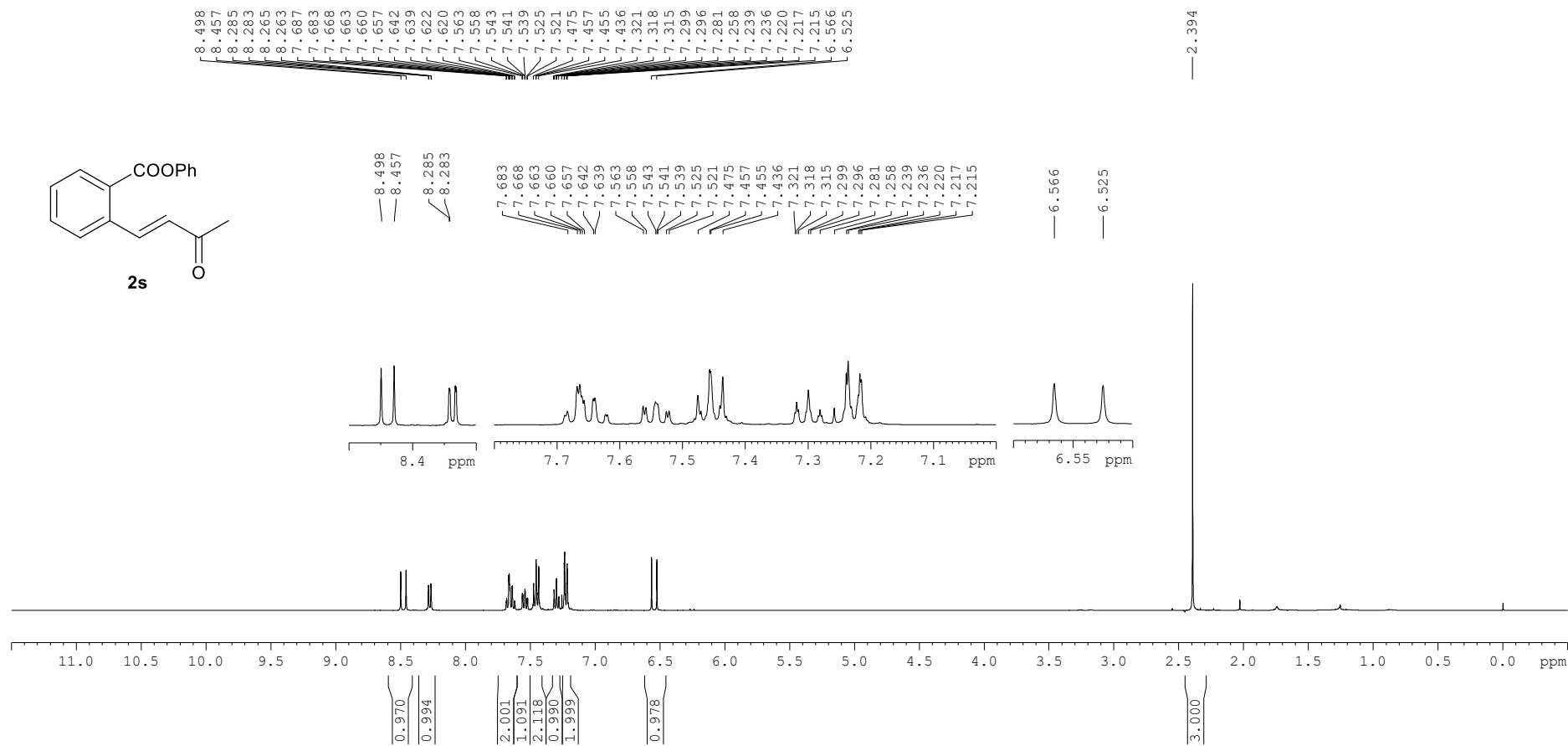
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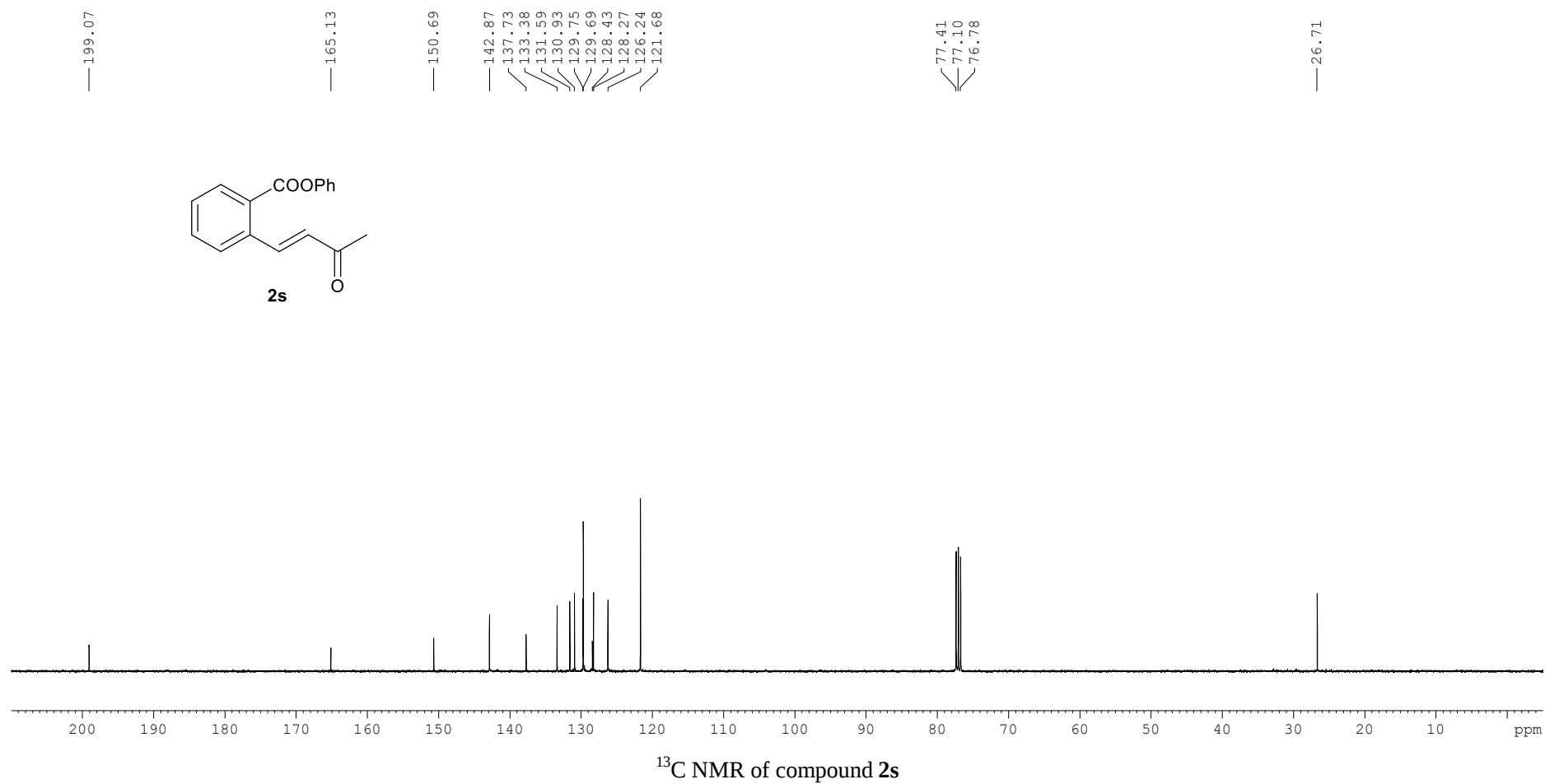


^1H NMR of compound **2r**

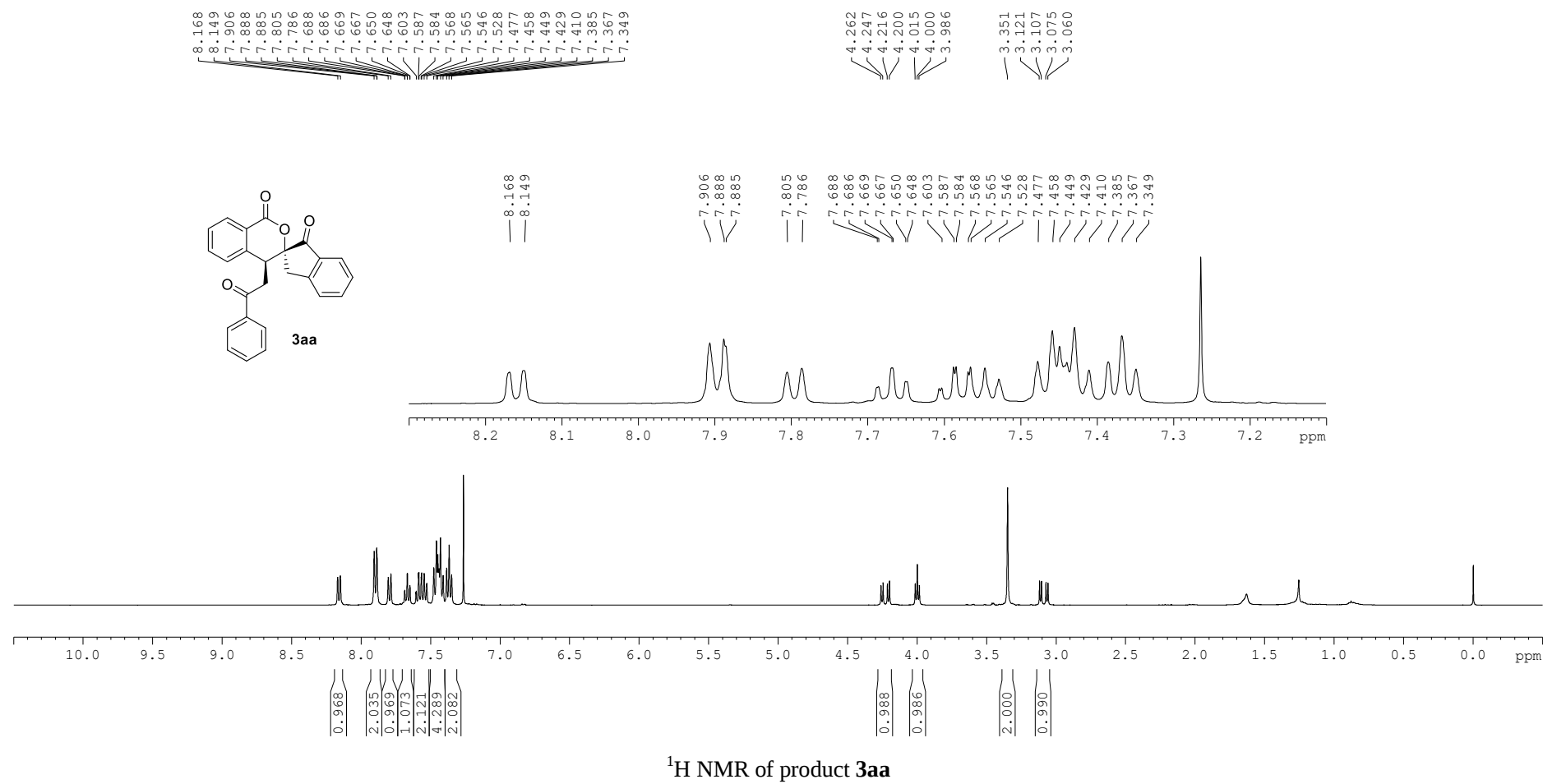


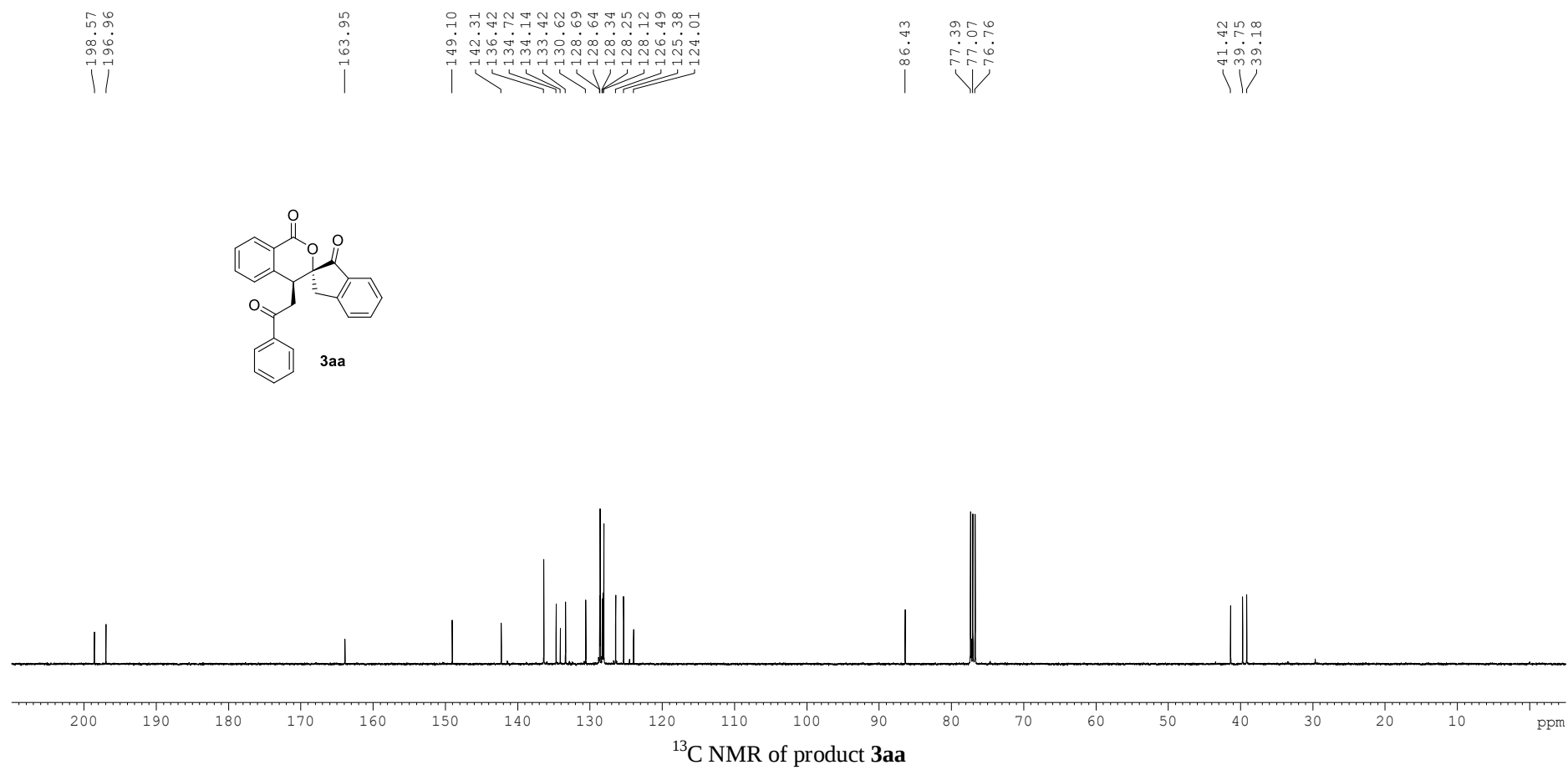


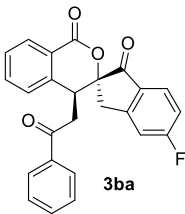
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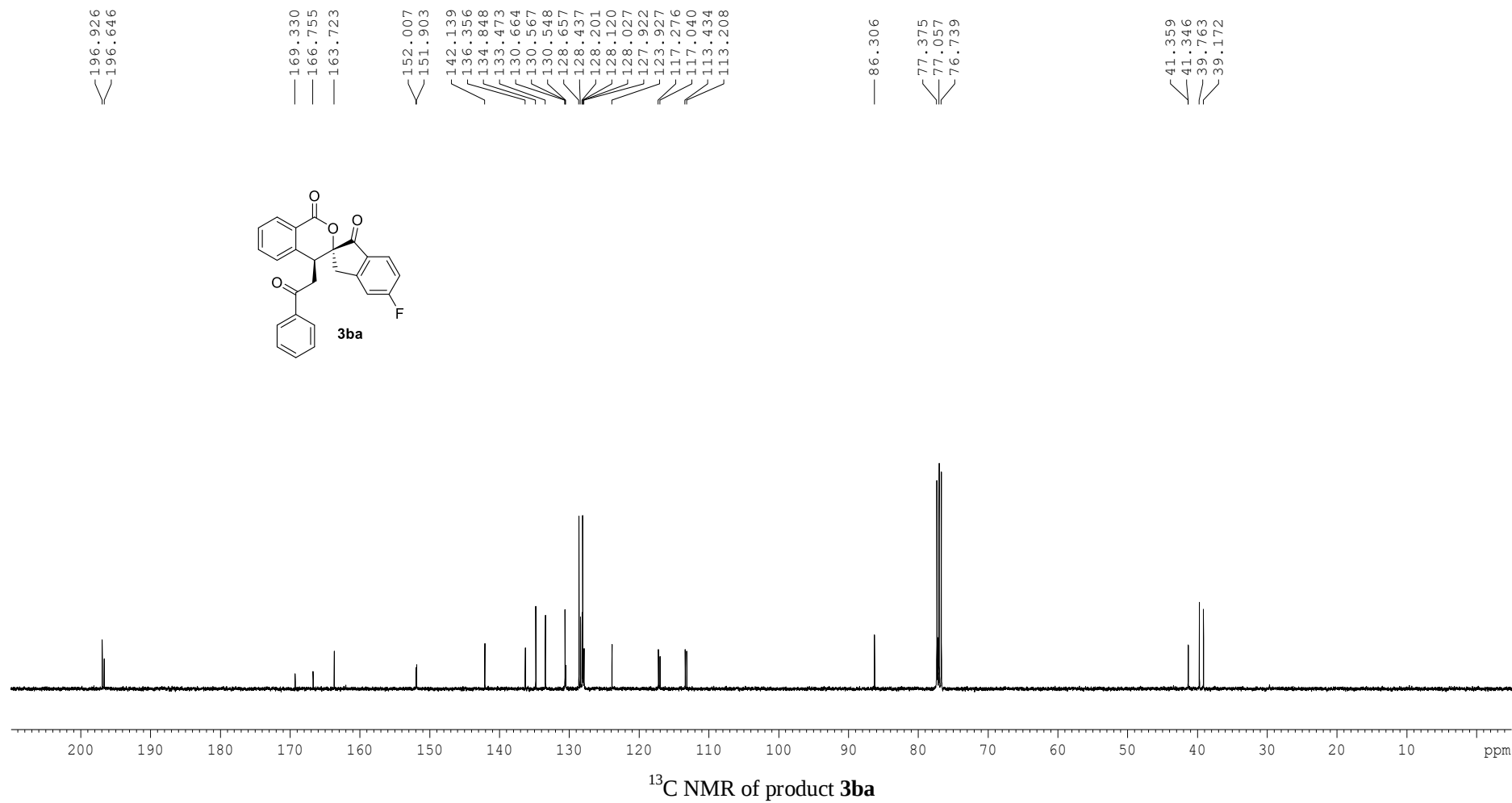


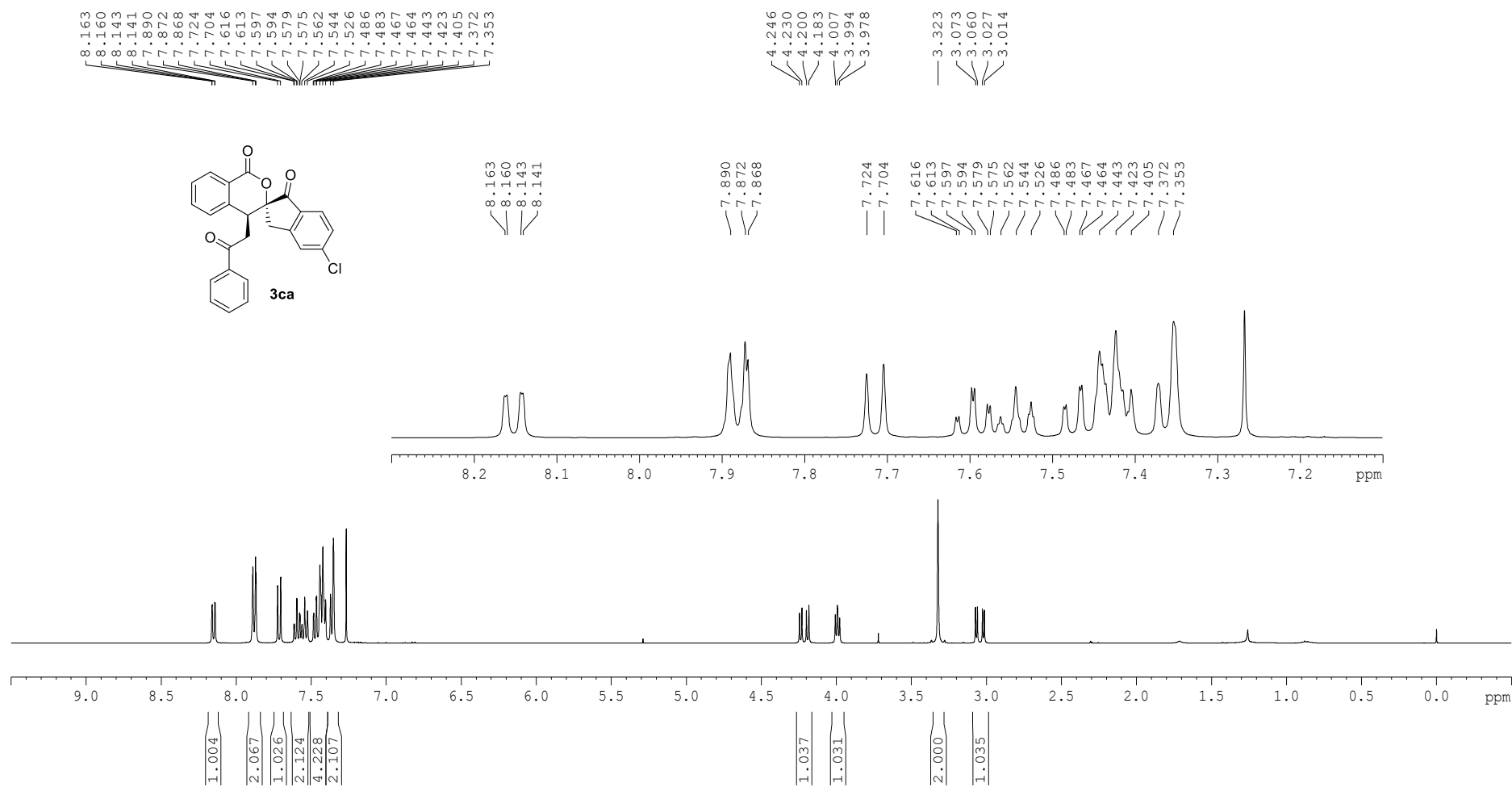
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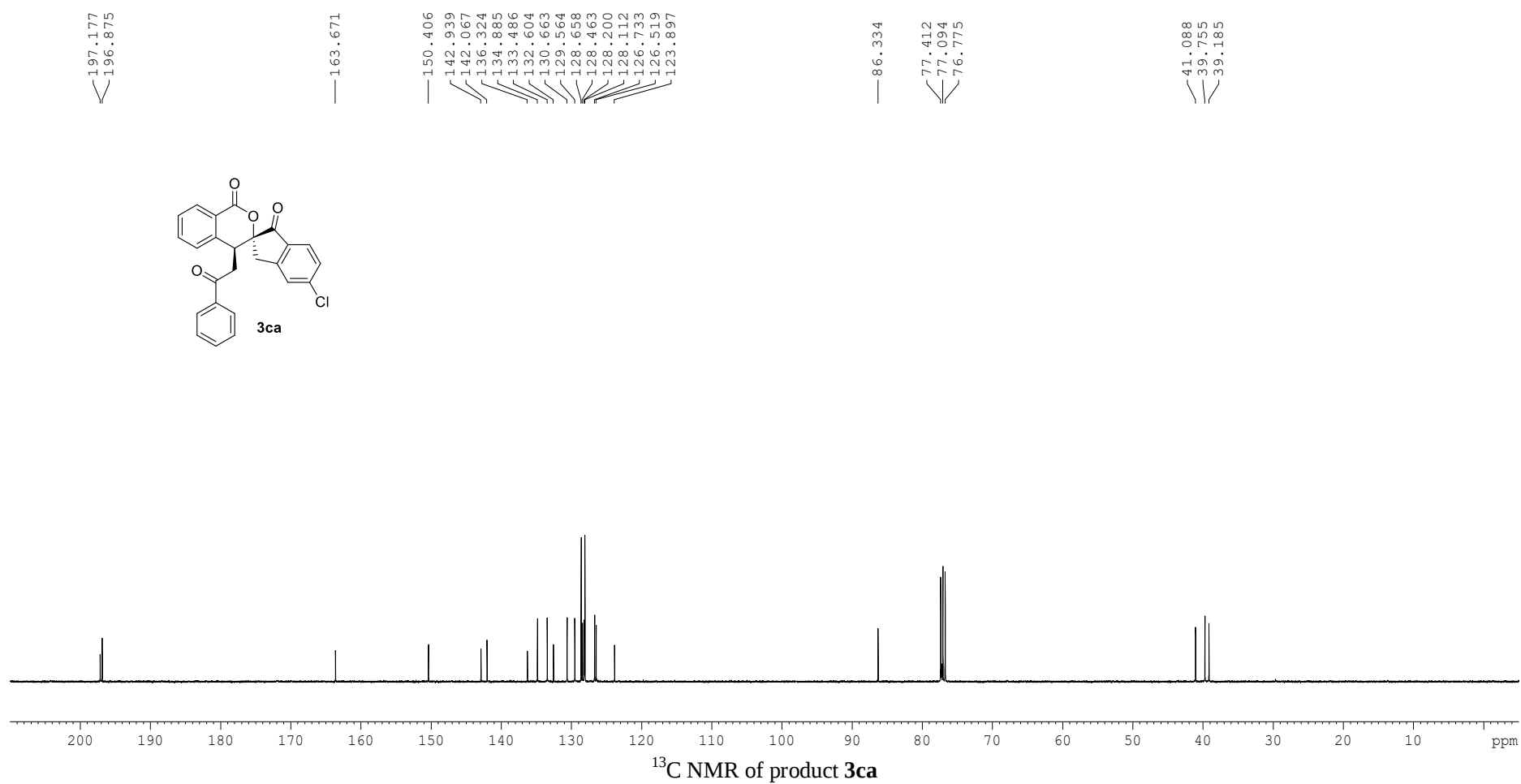


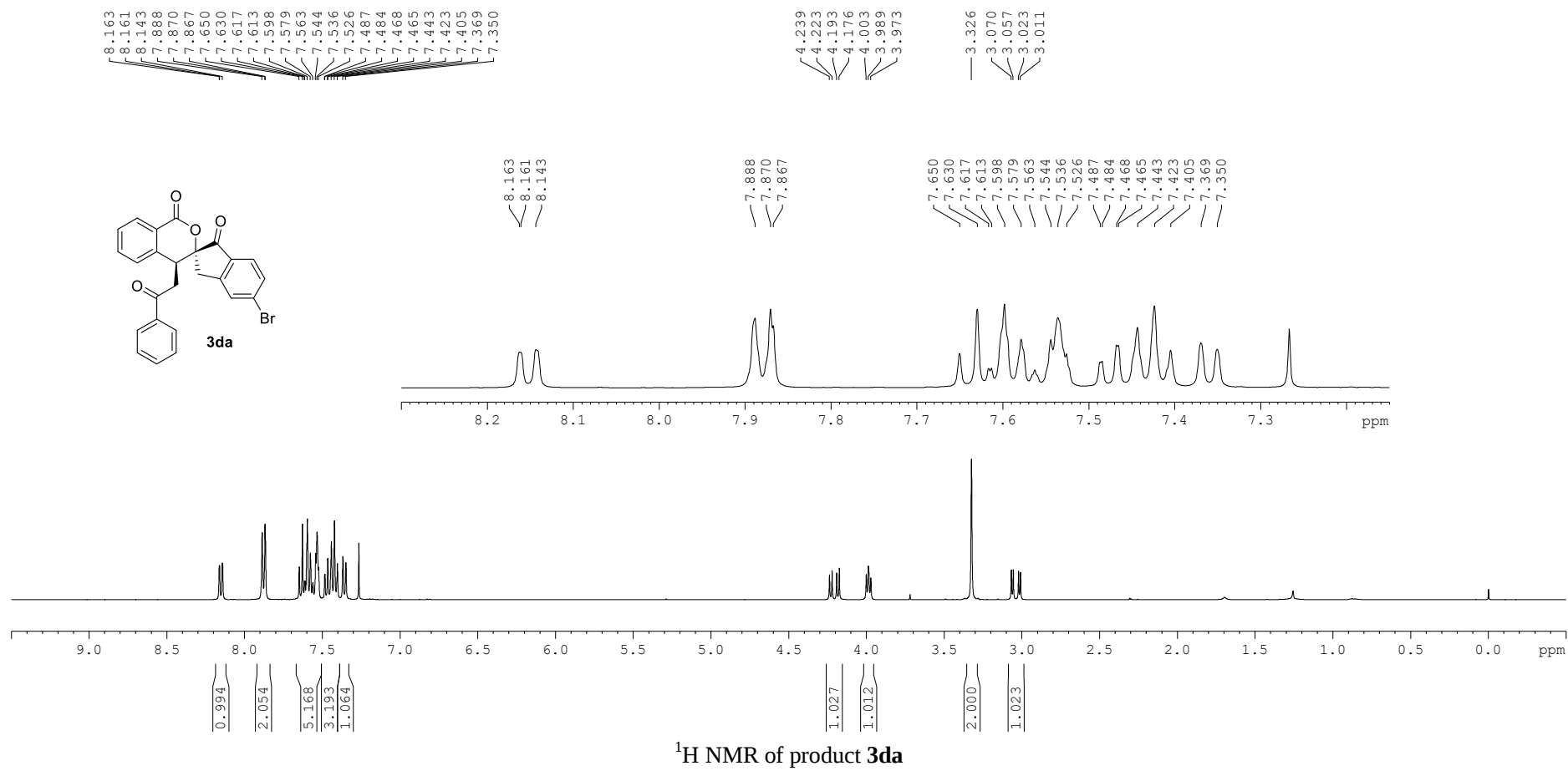


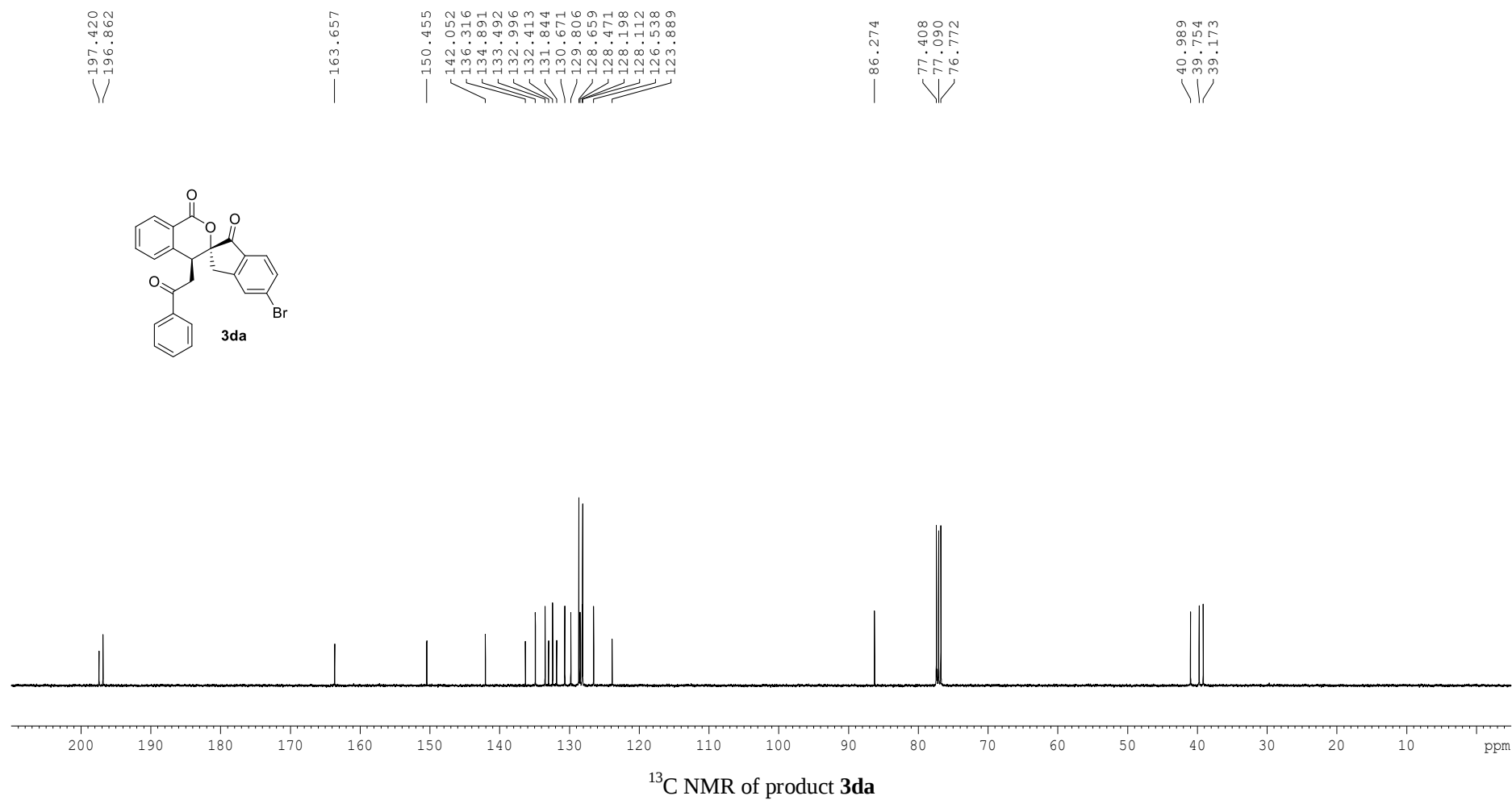
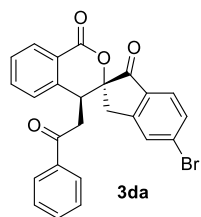


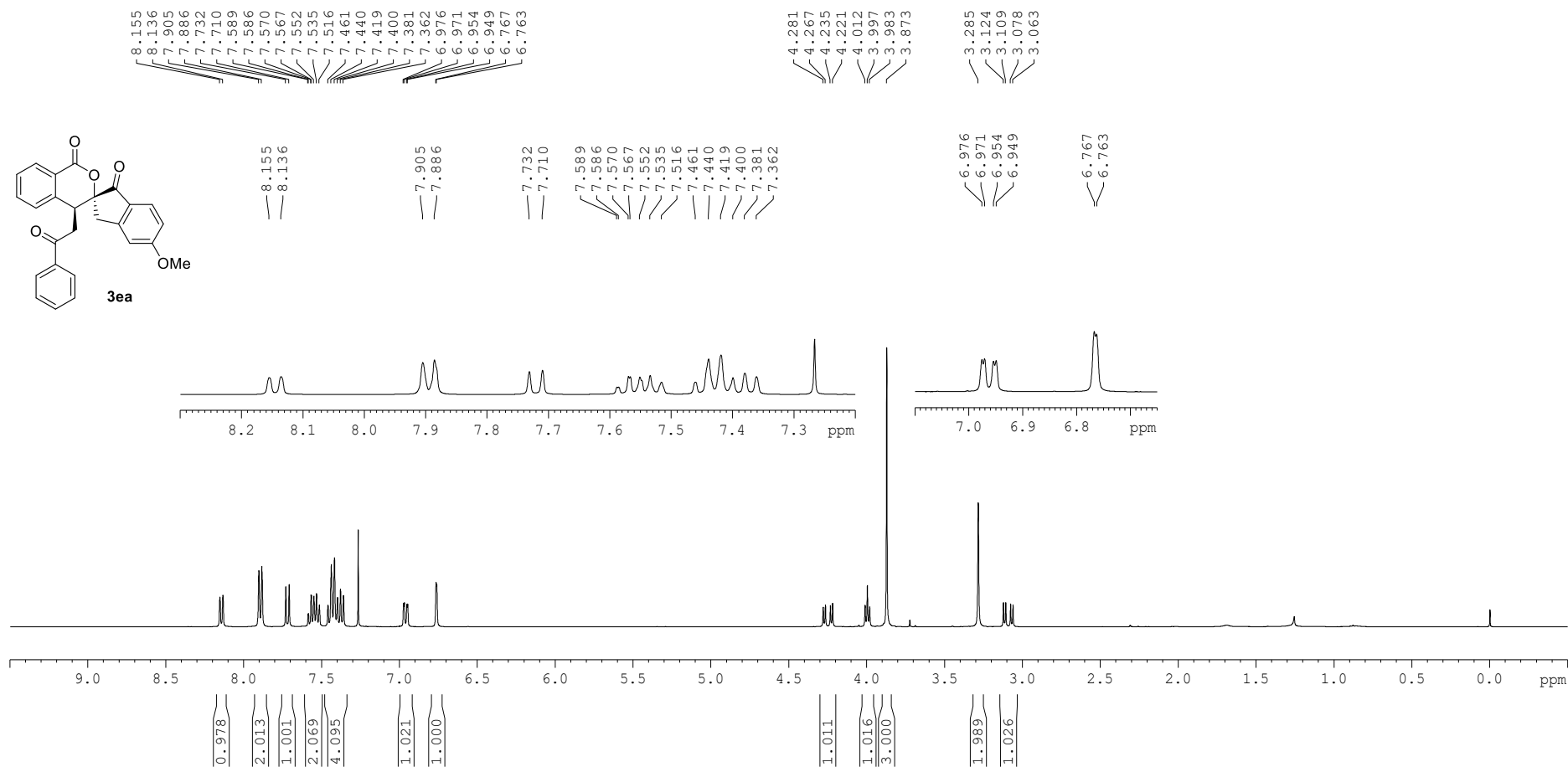


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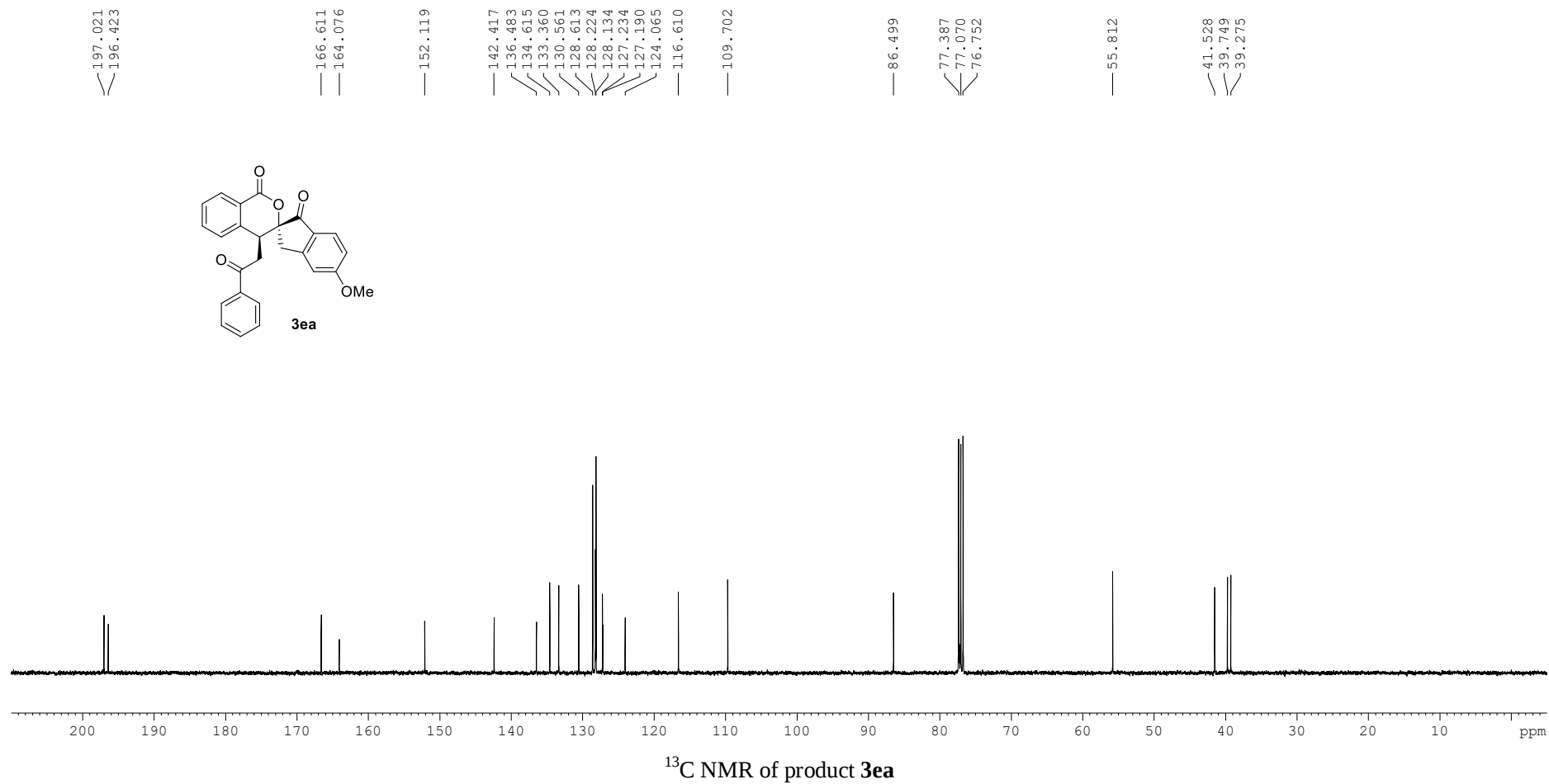
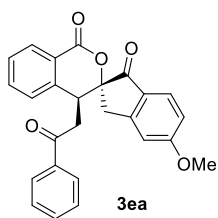


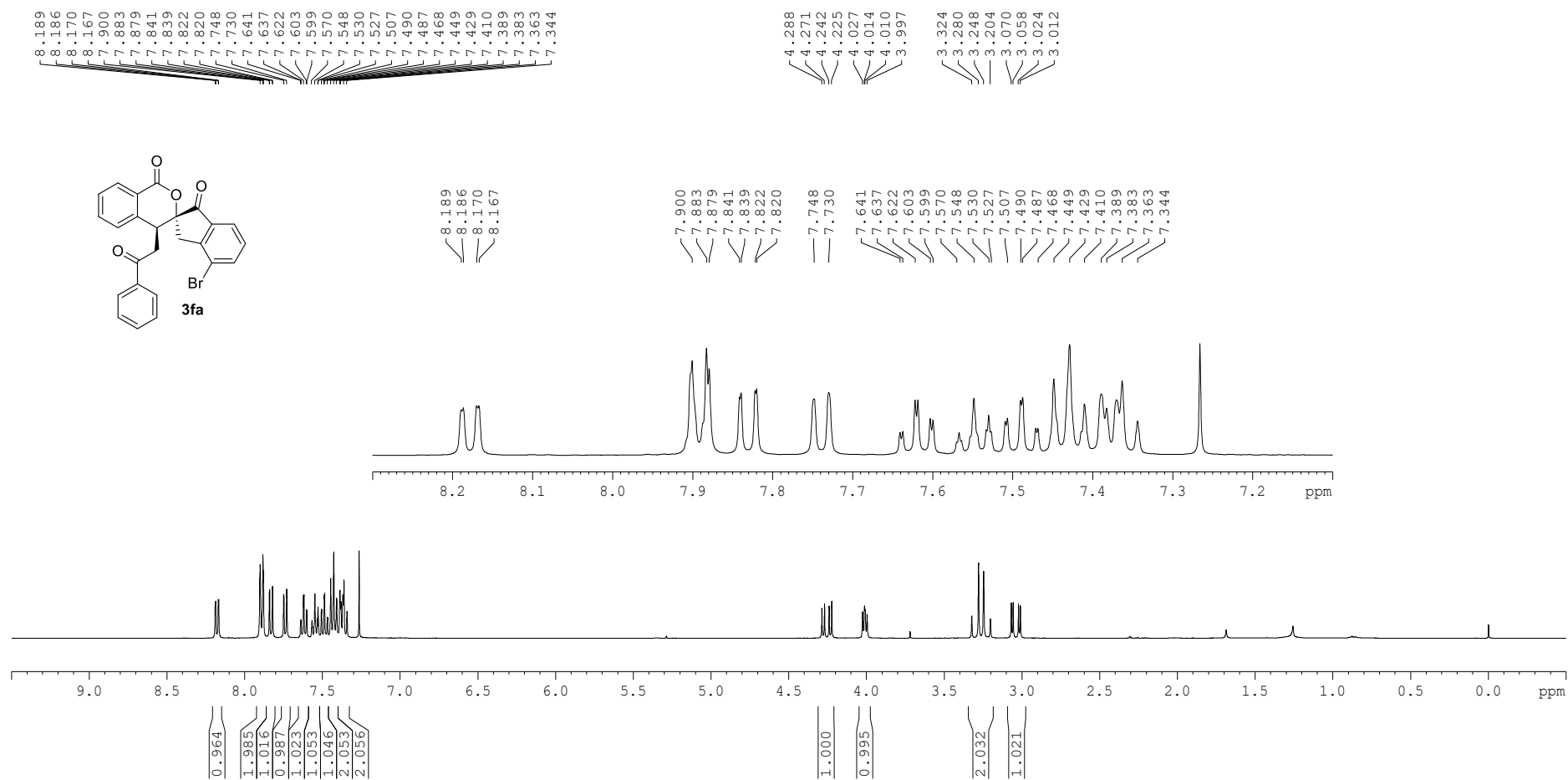




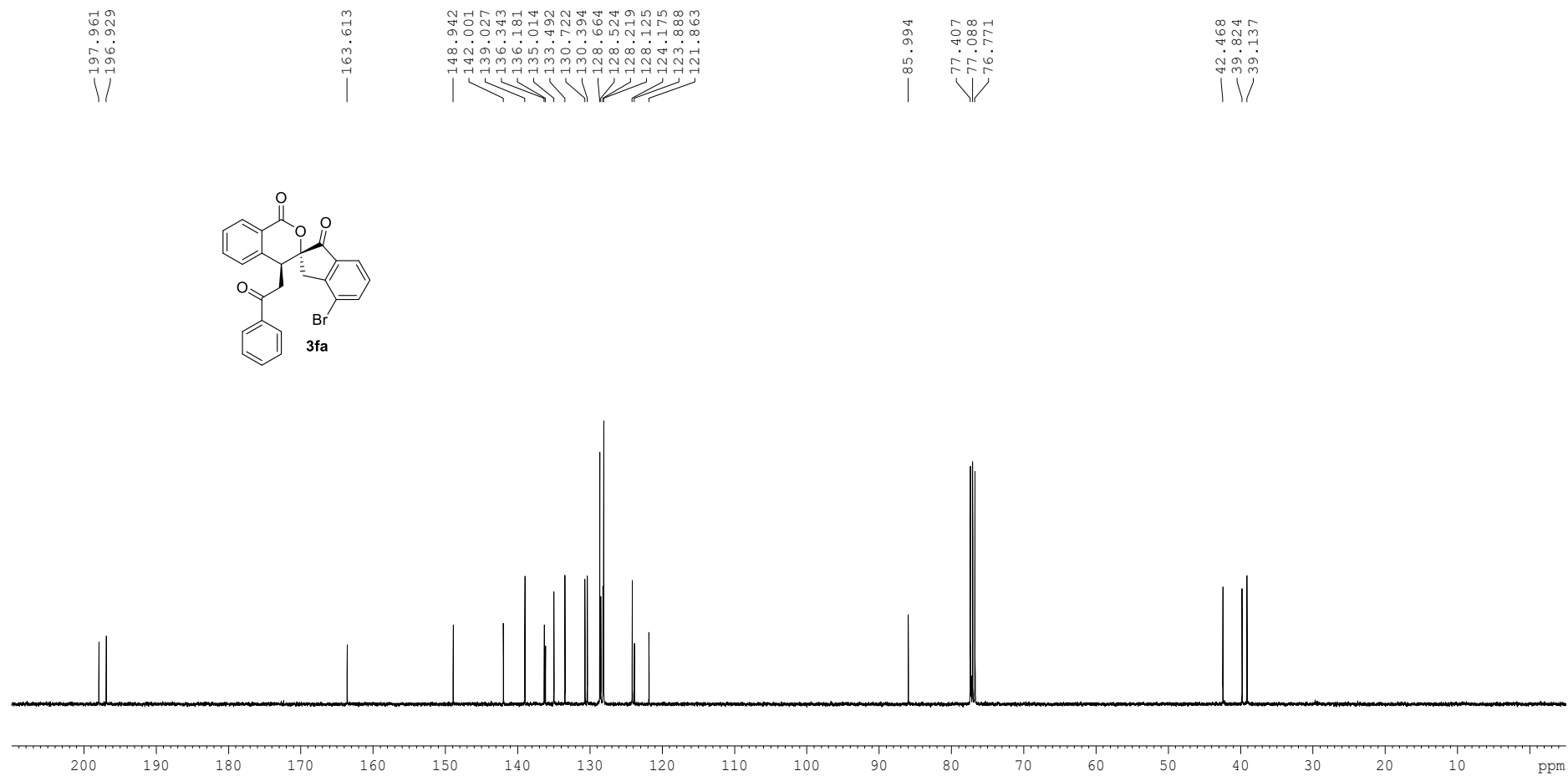
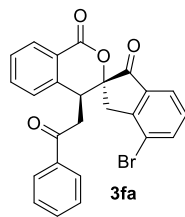


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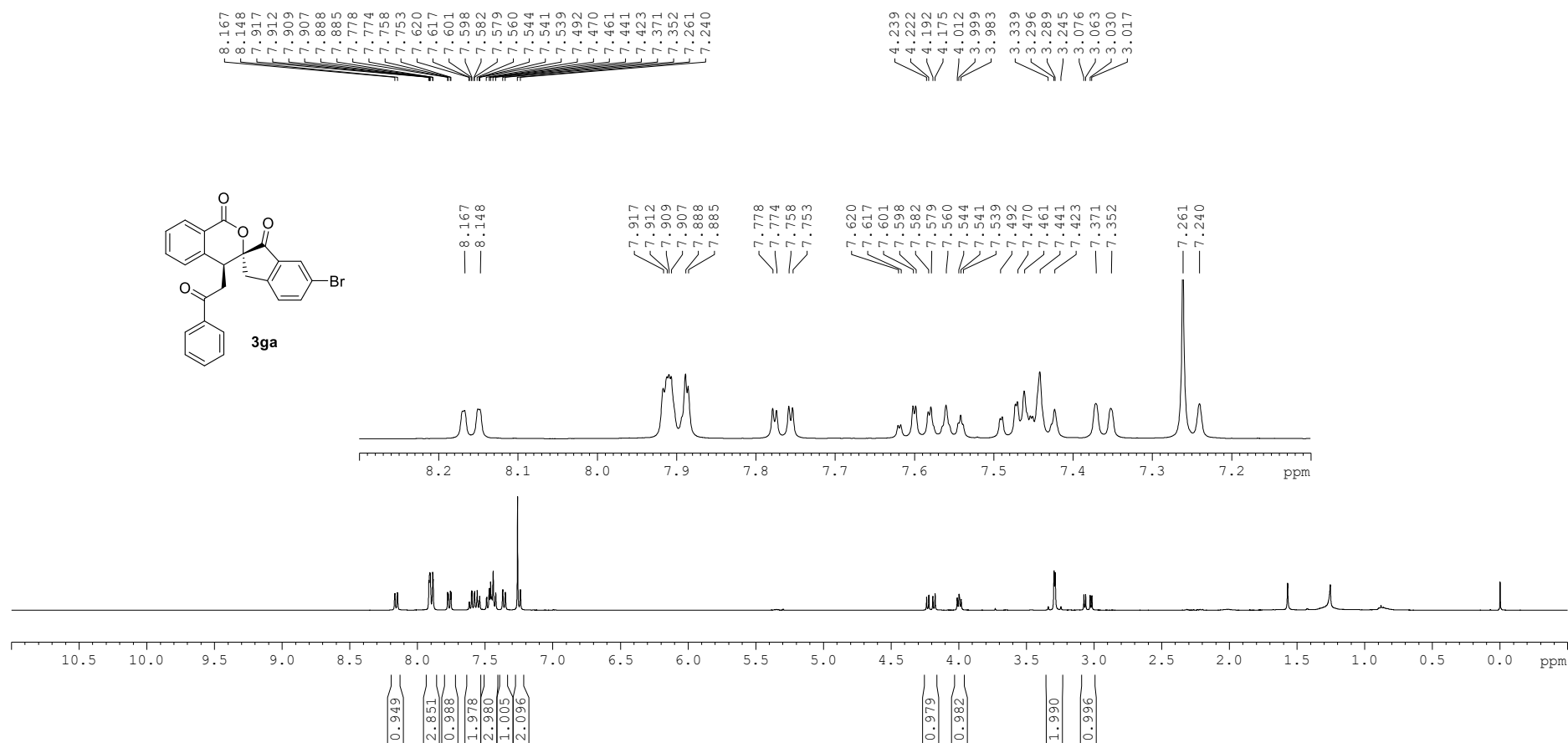




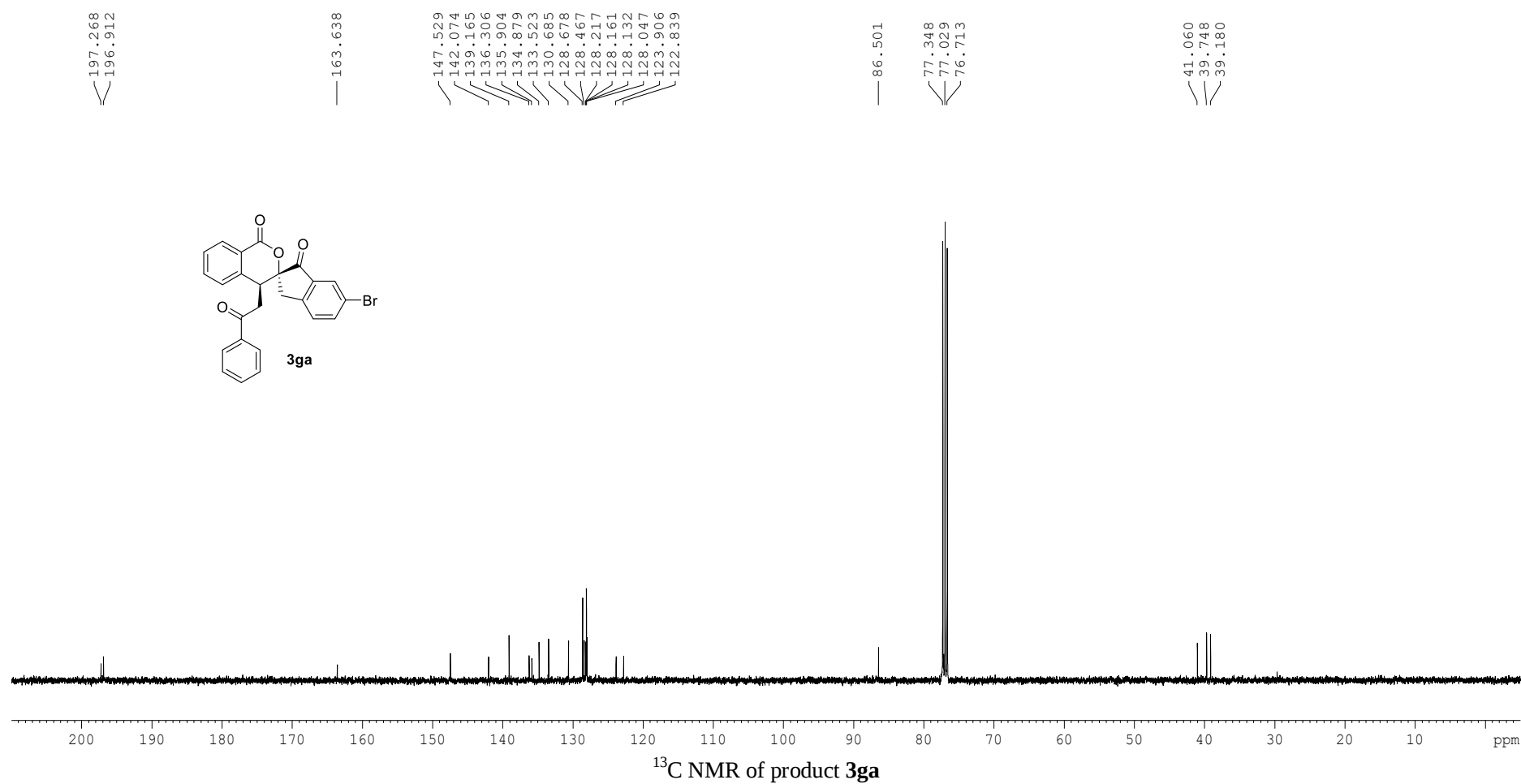
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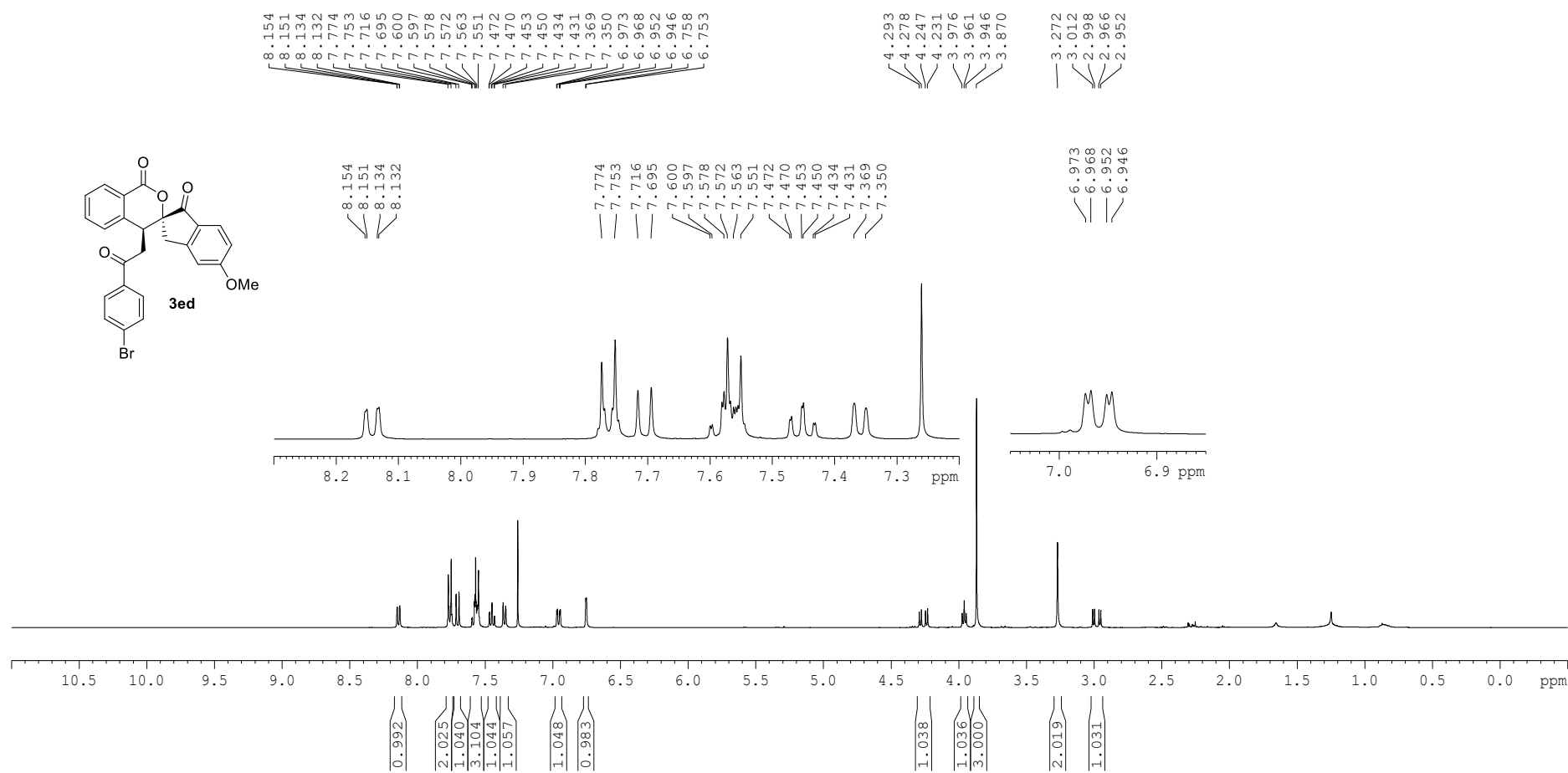


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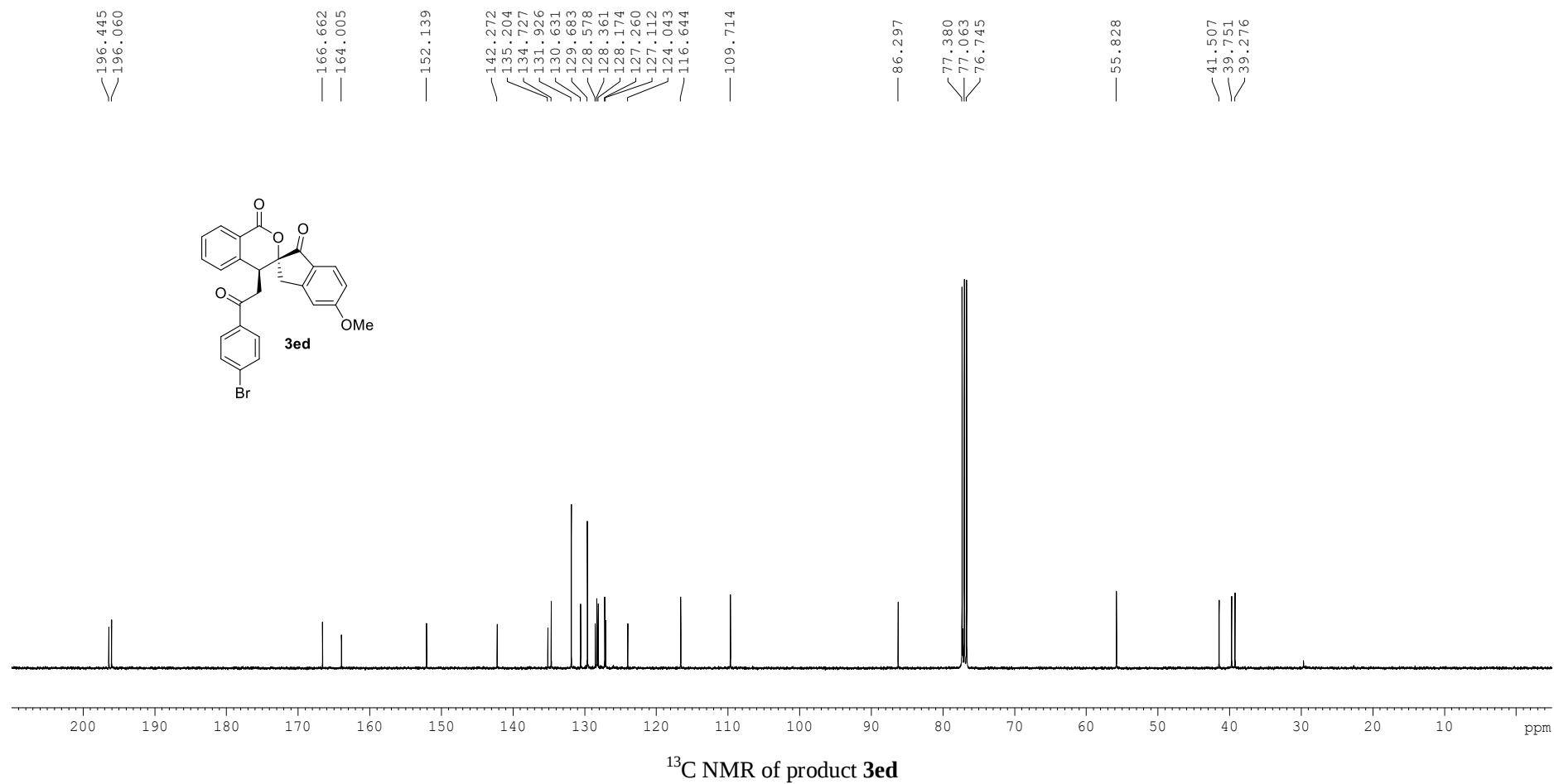


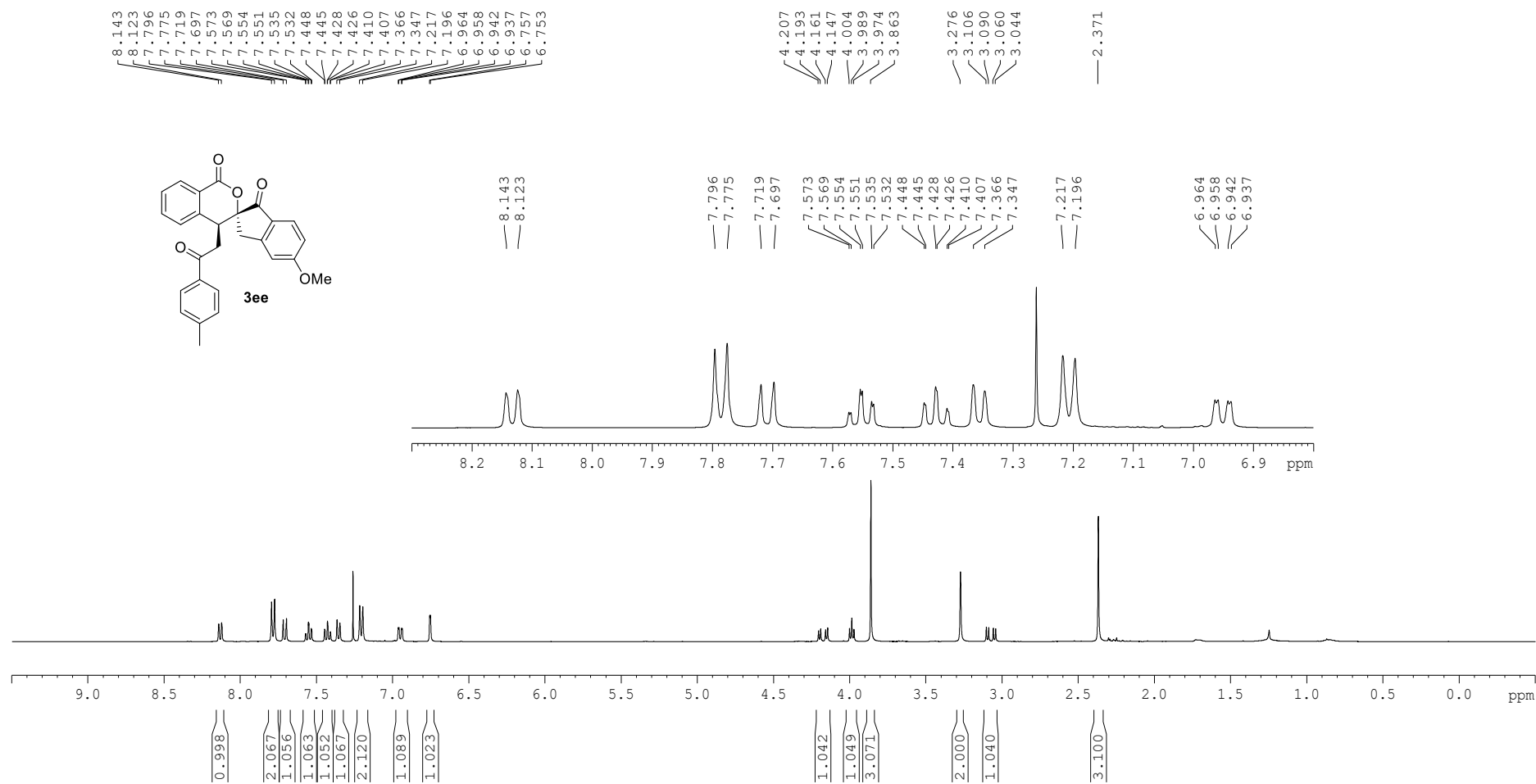
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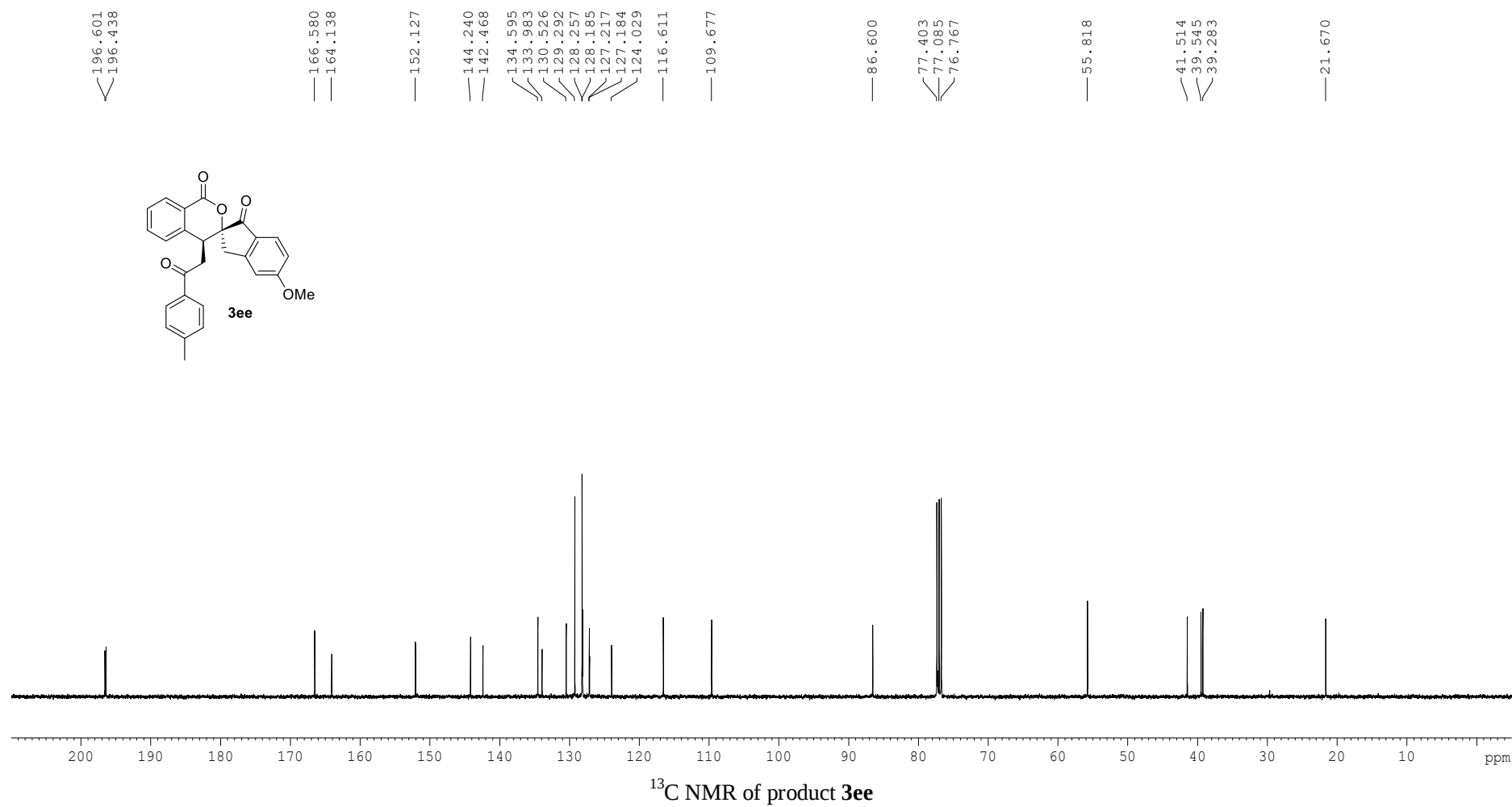


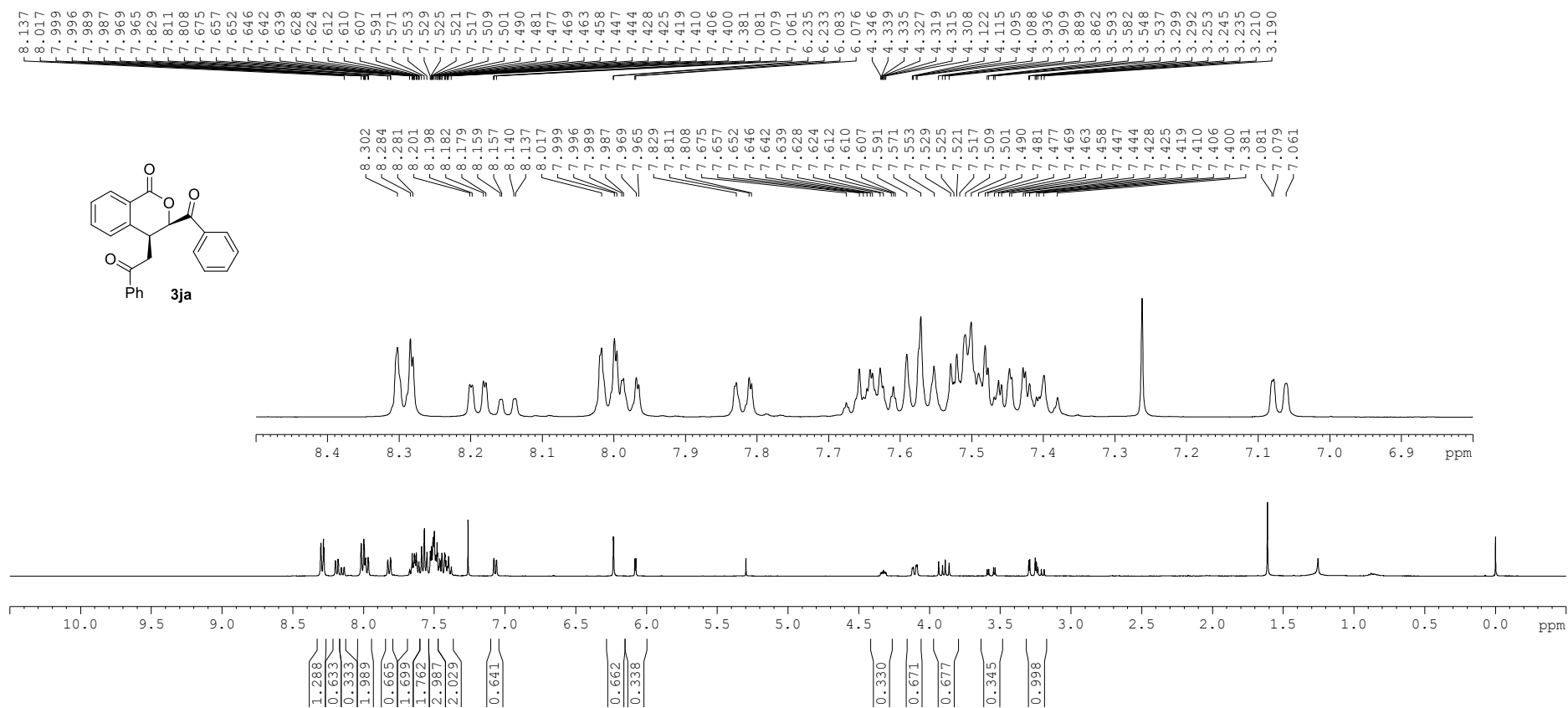
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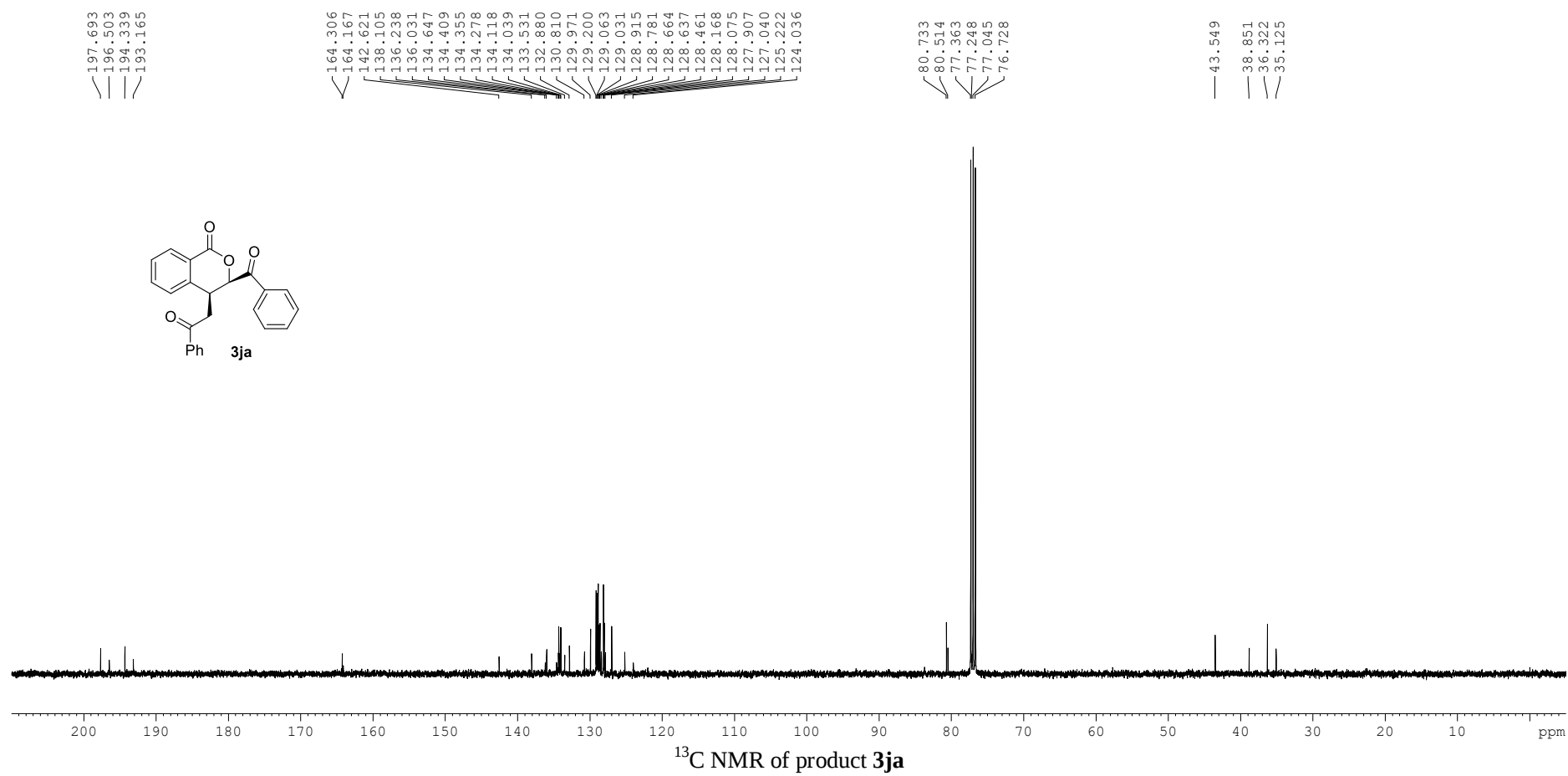


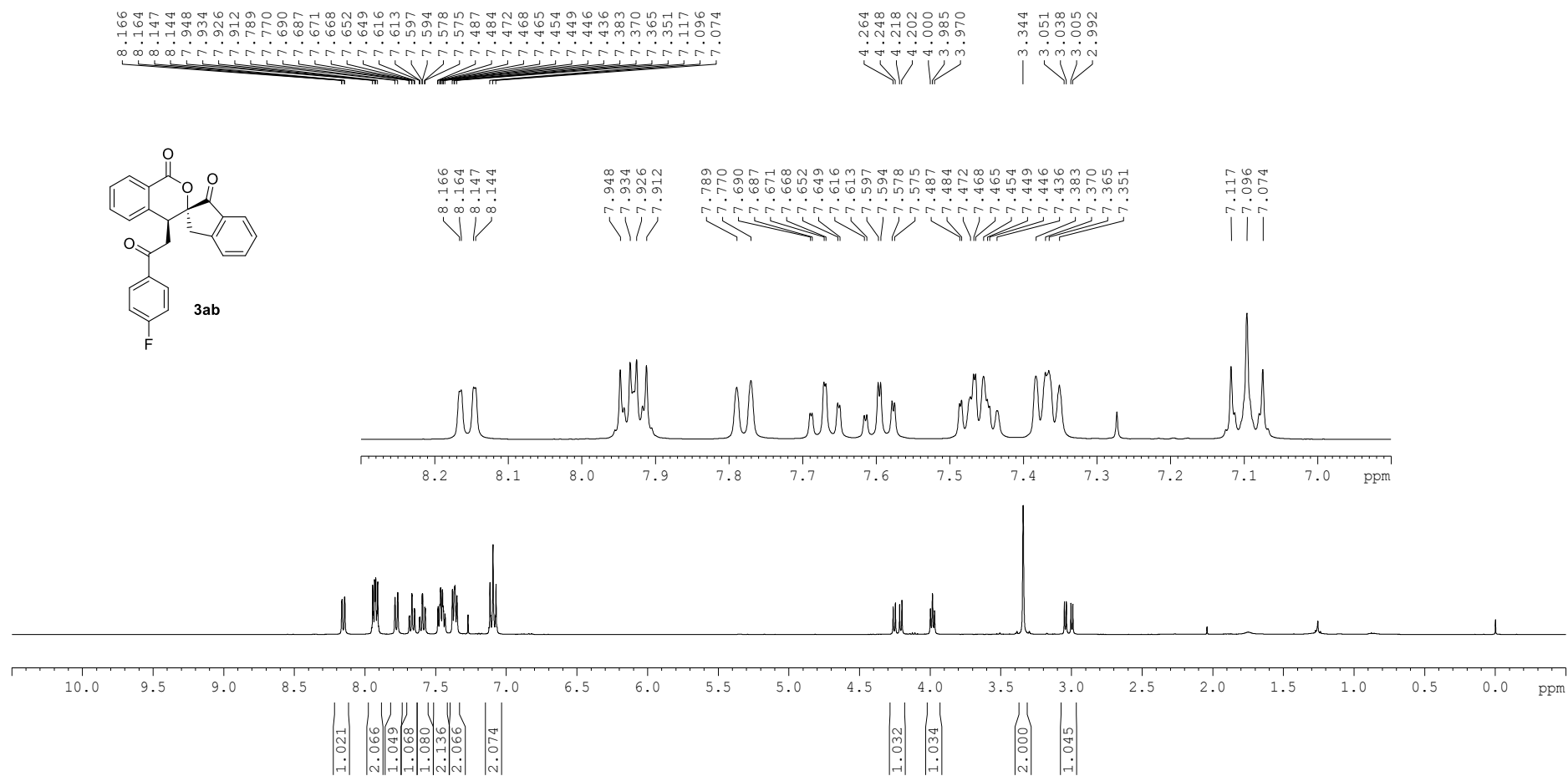
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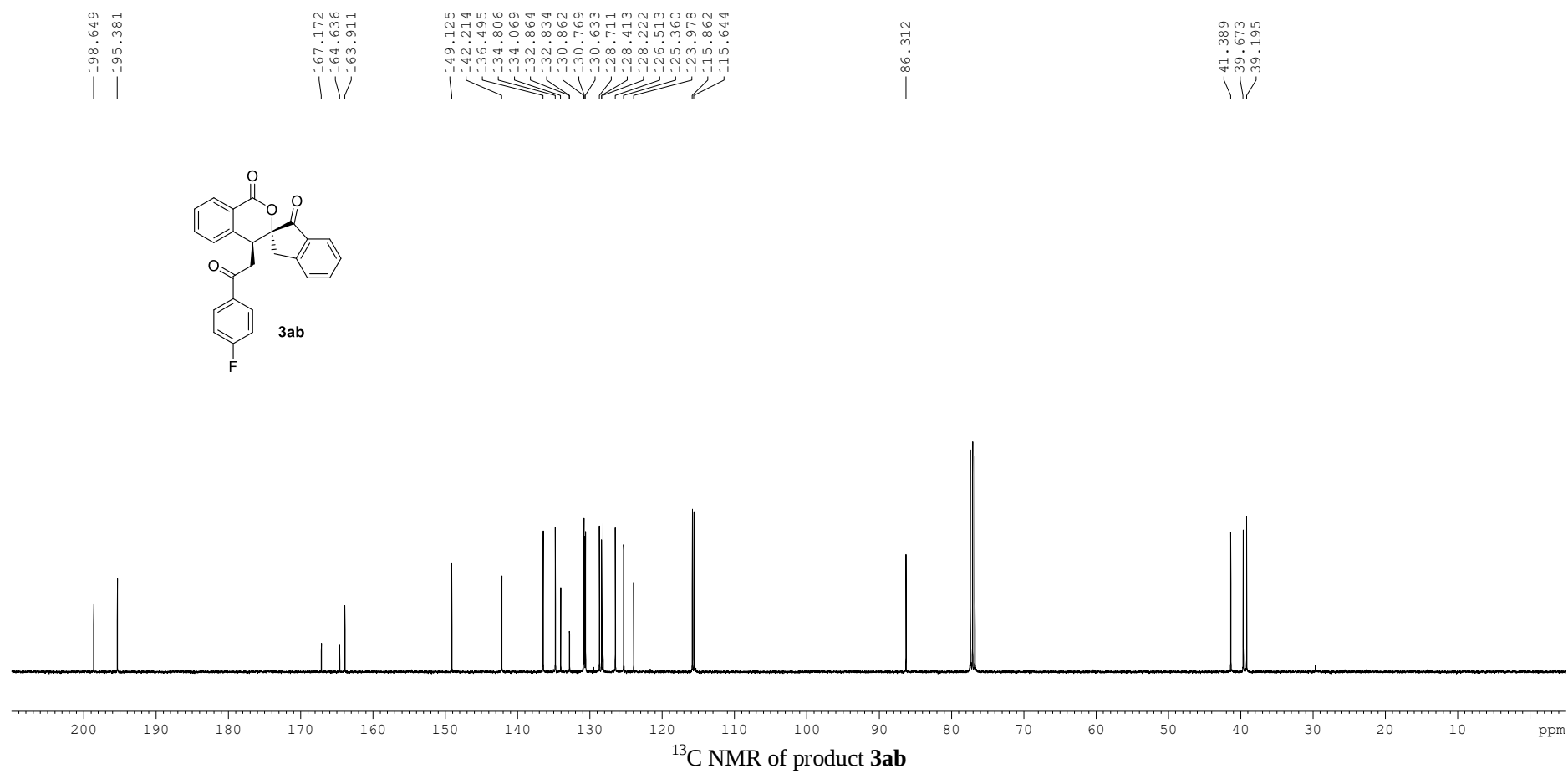


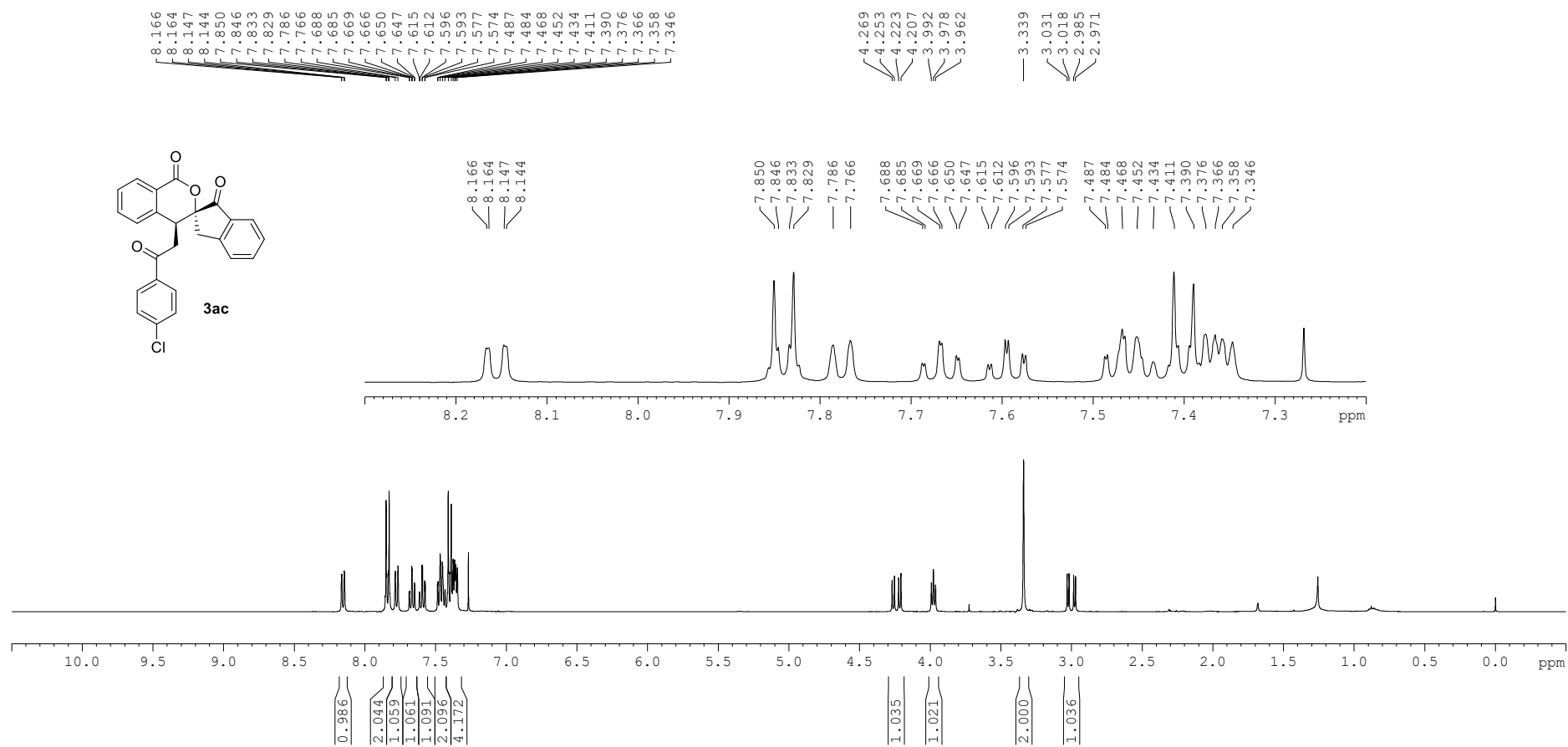
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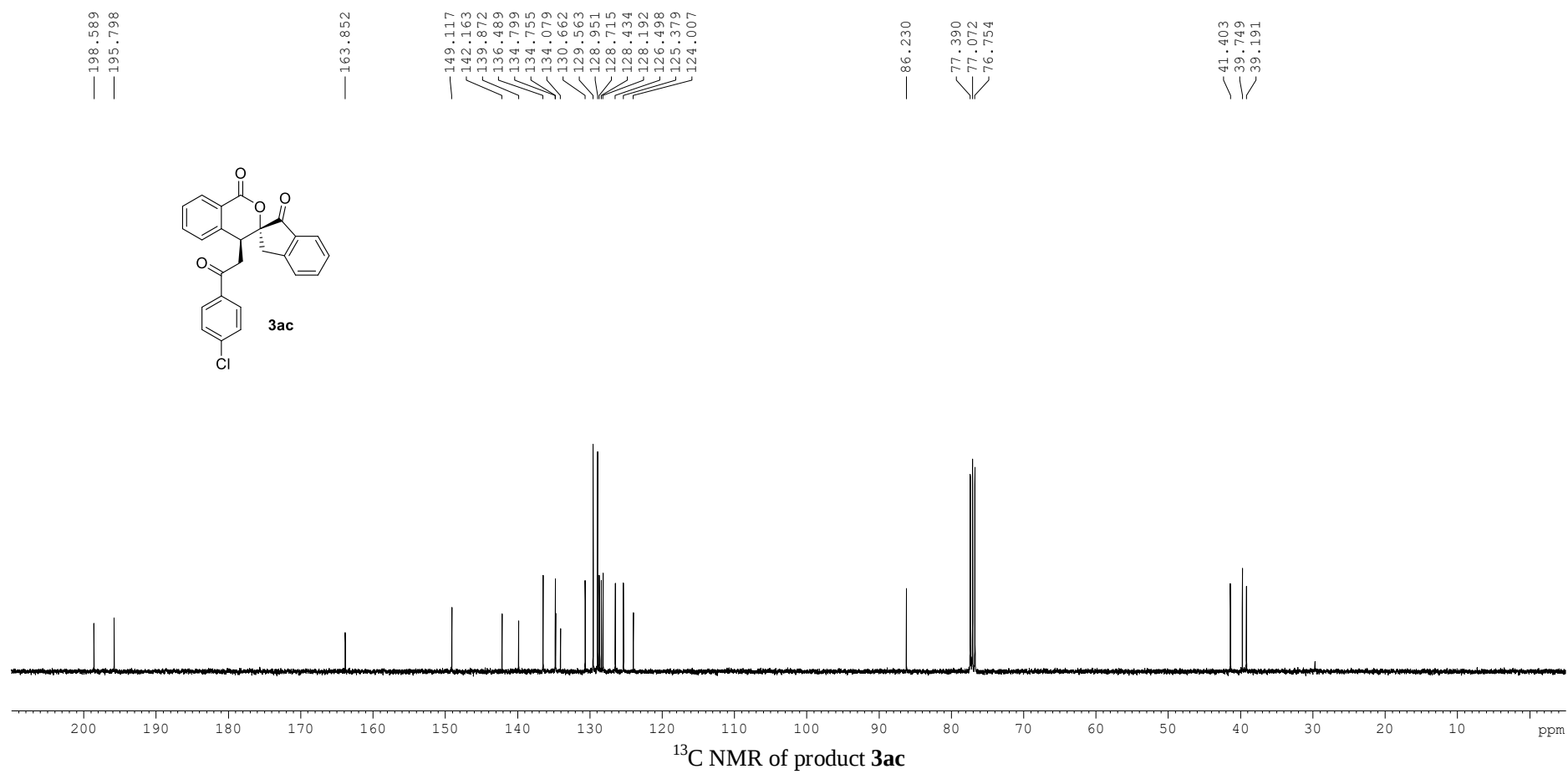


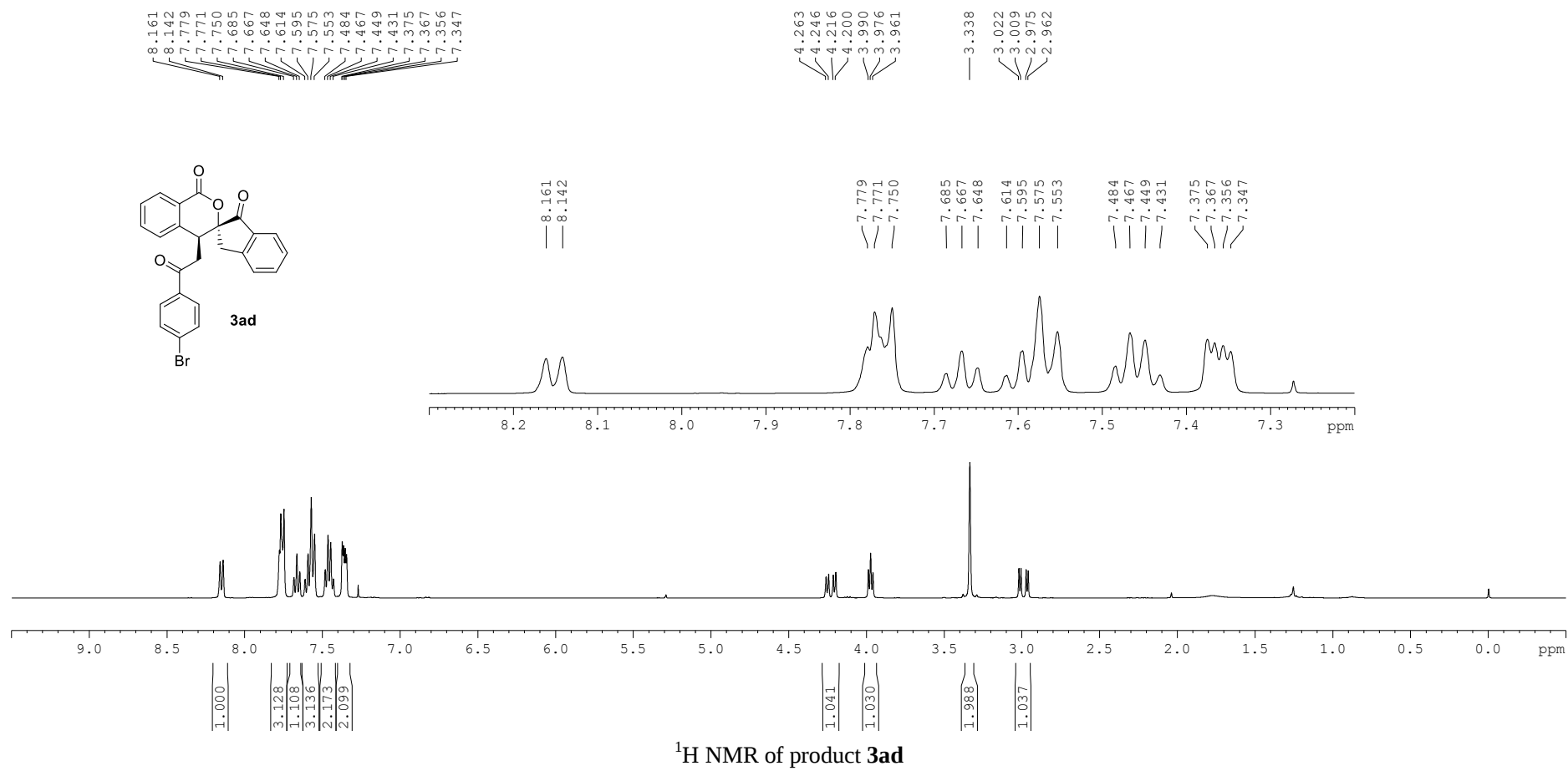
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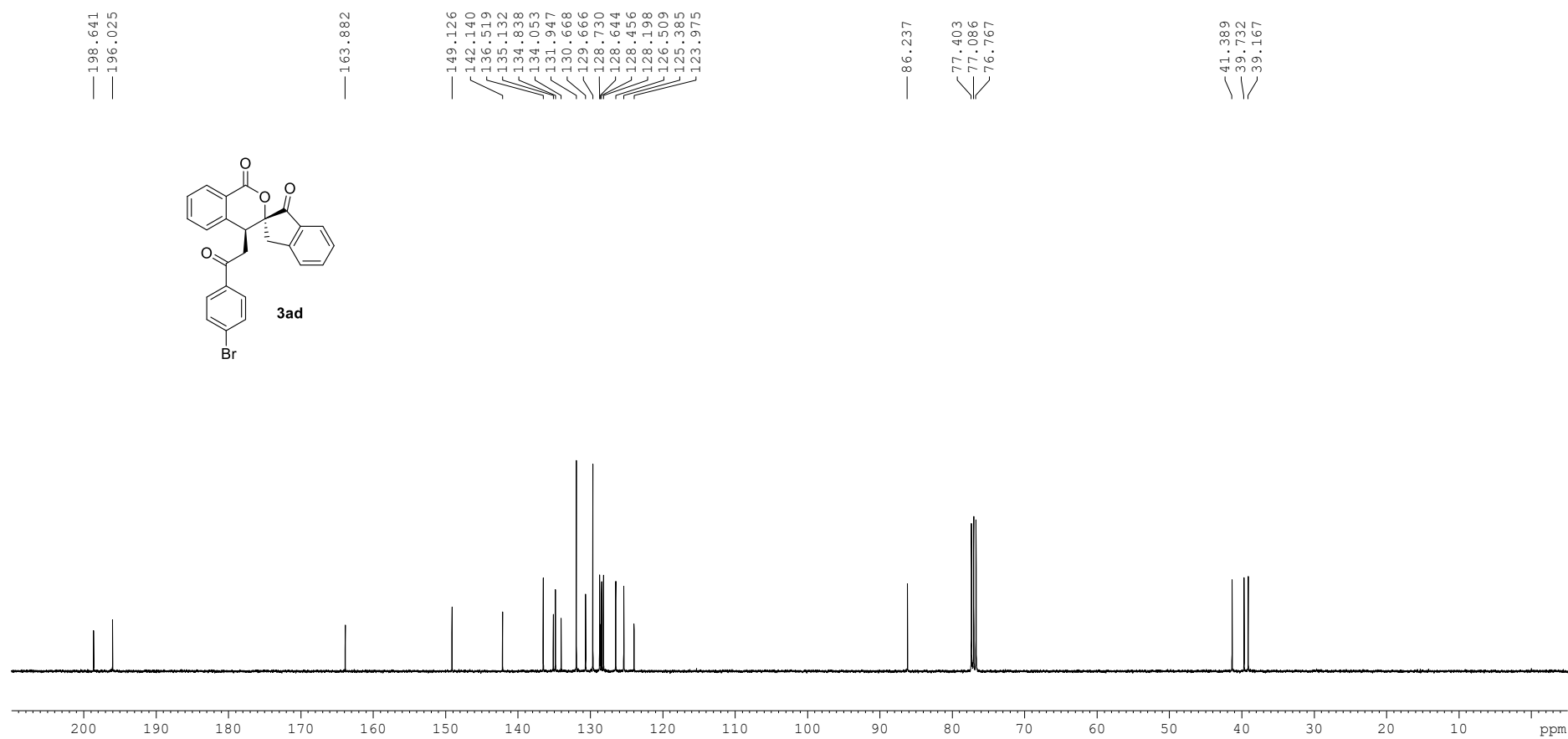




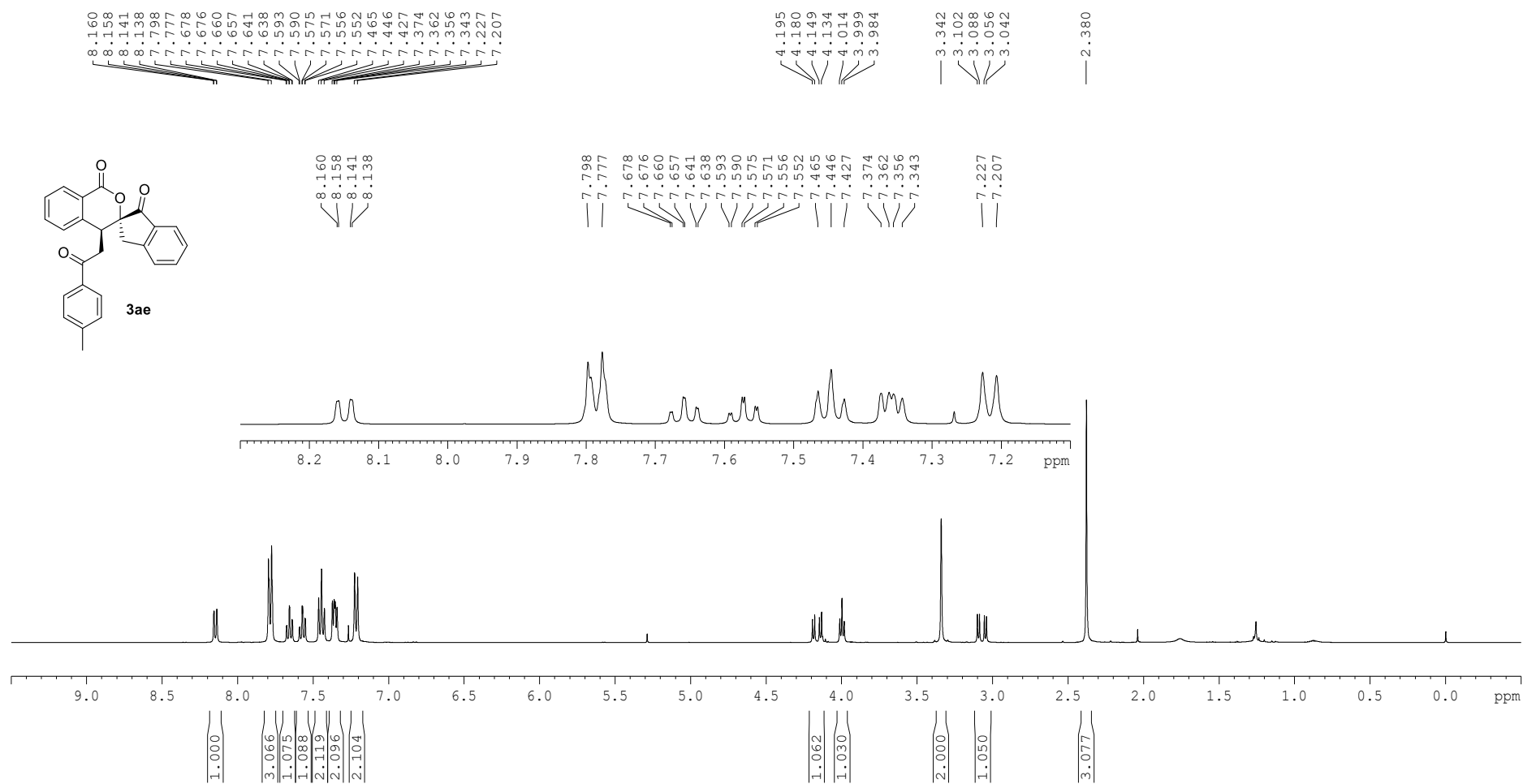
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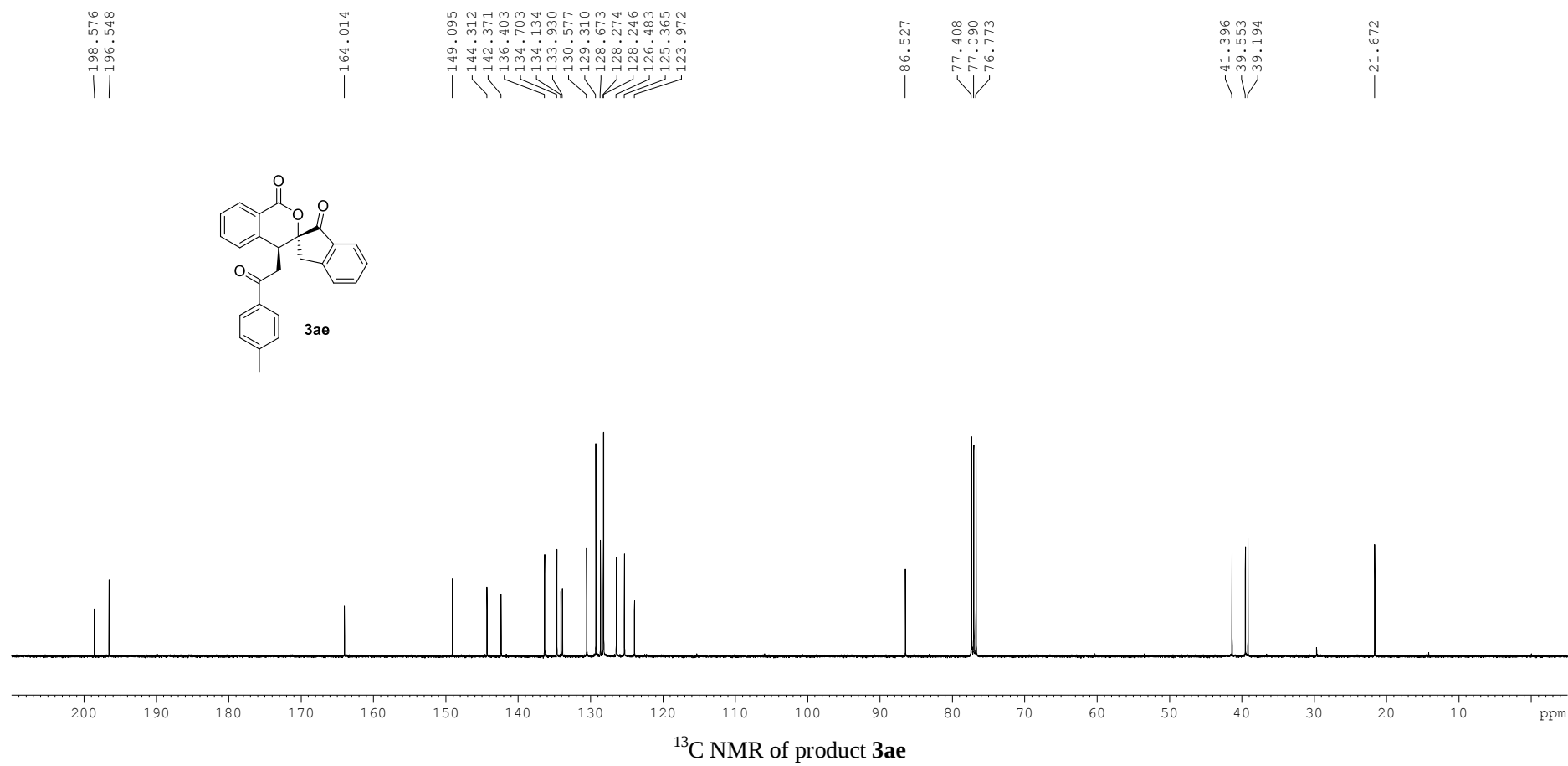


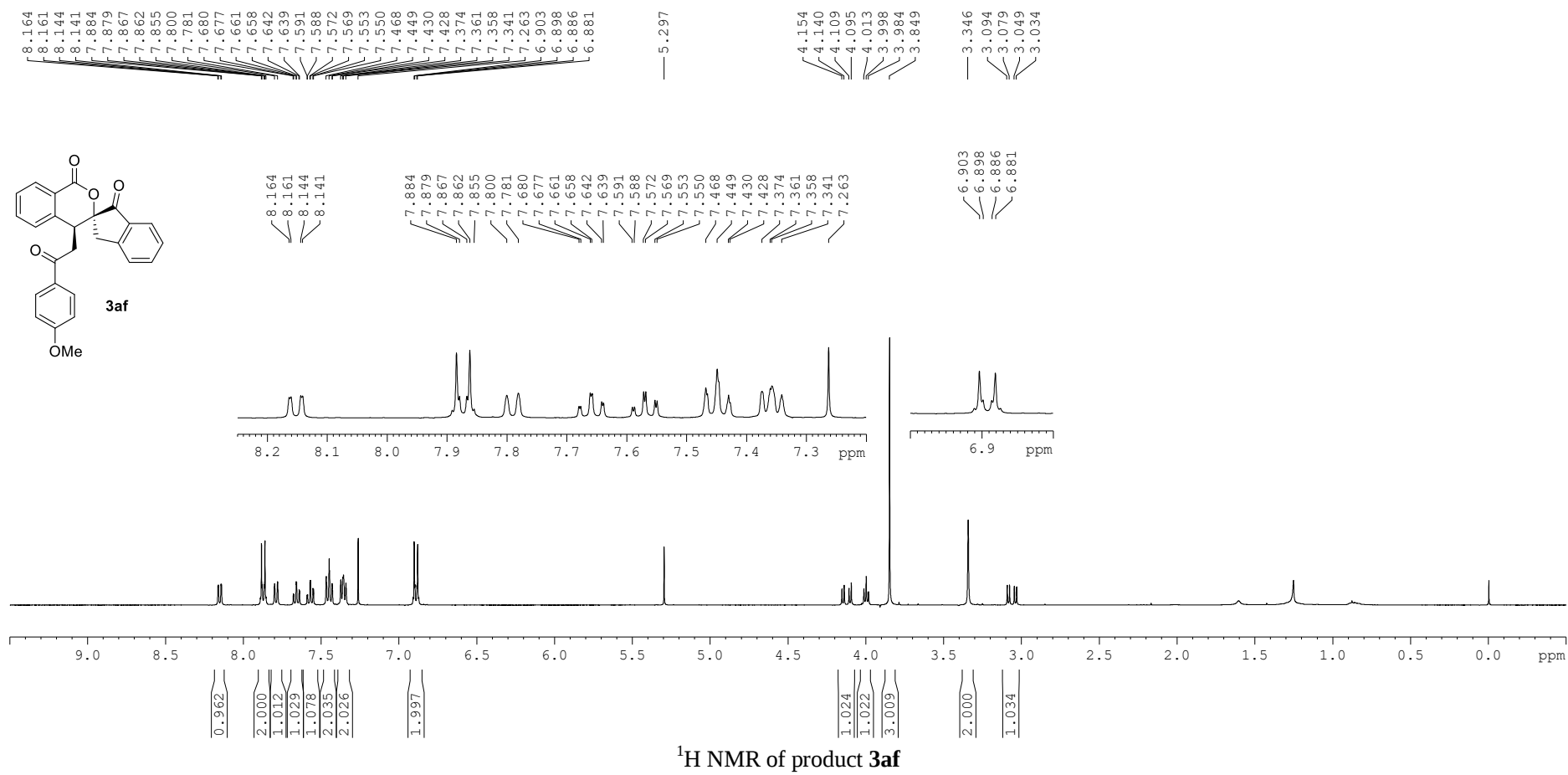


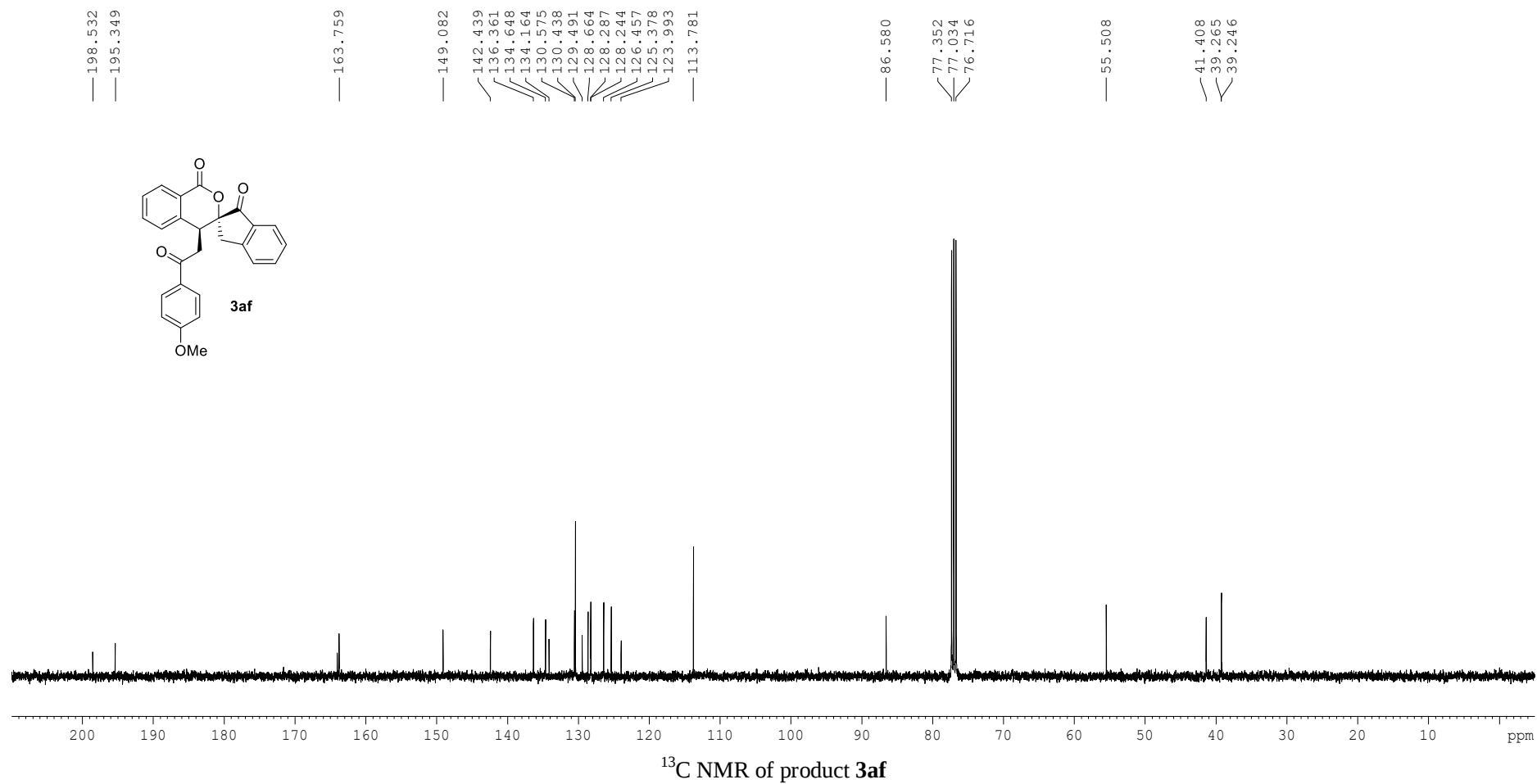
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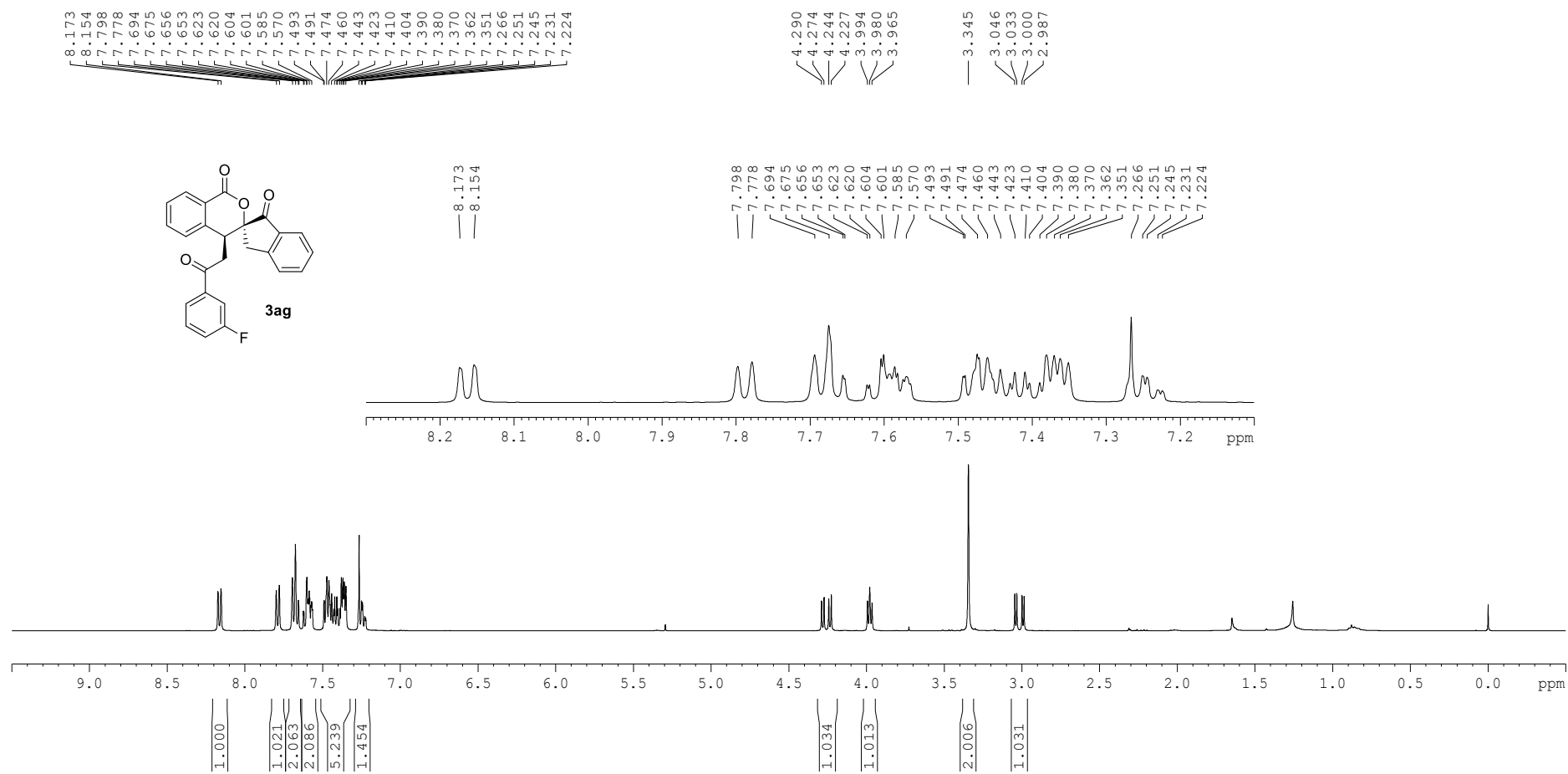


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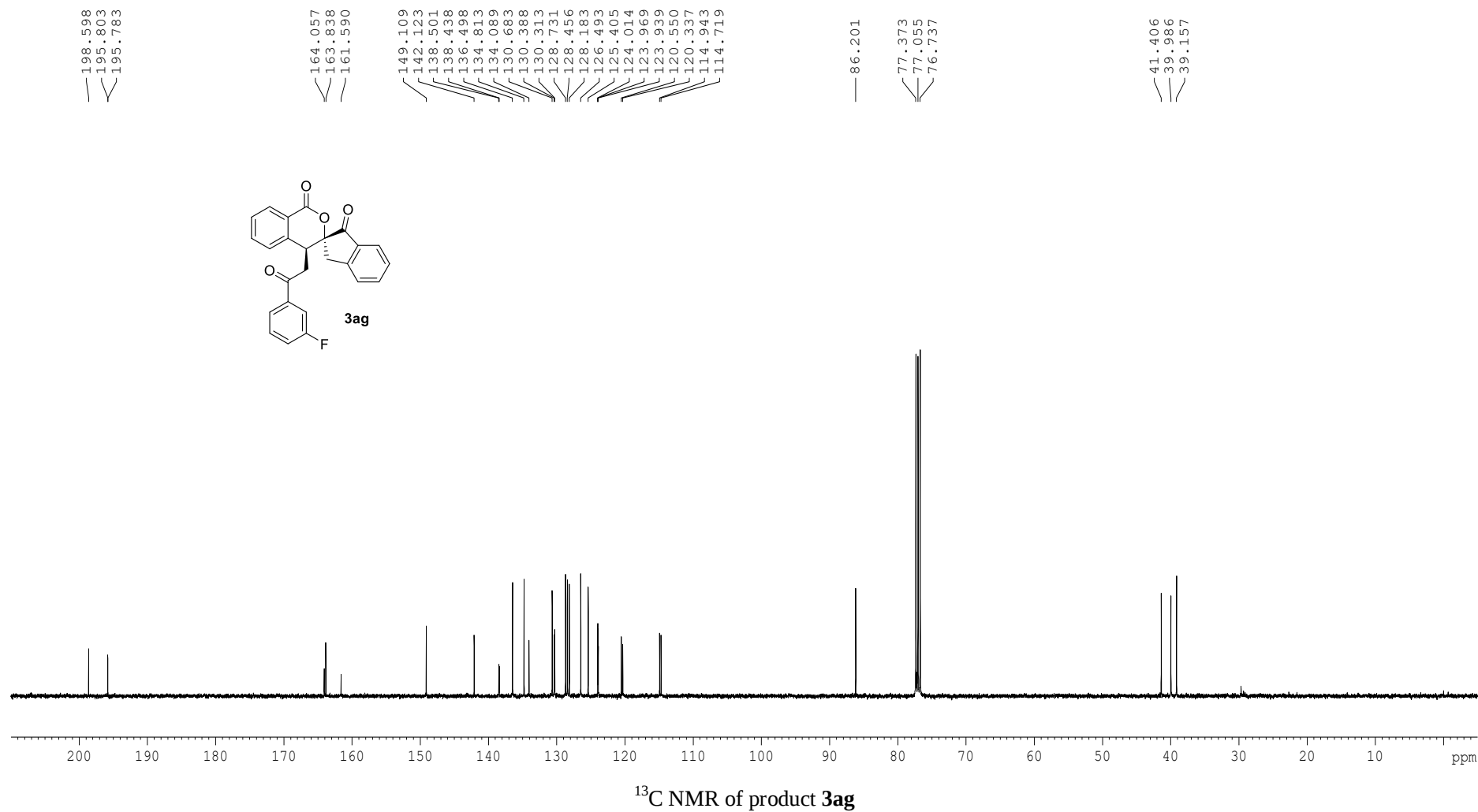


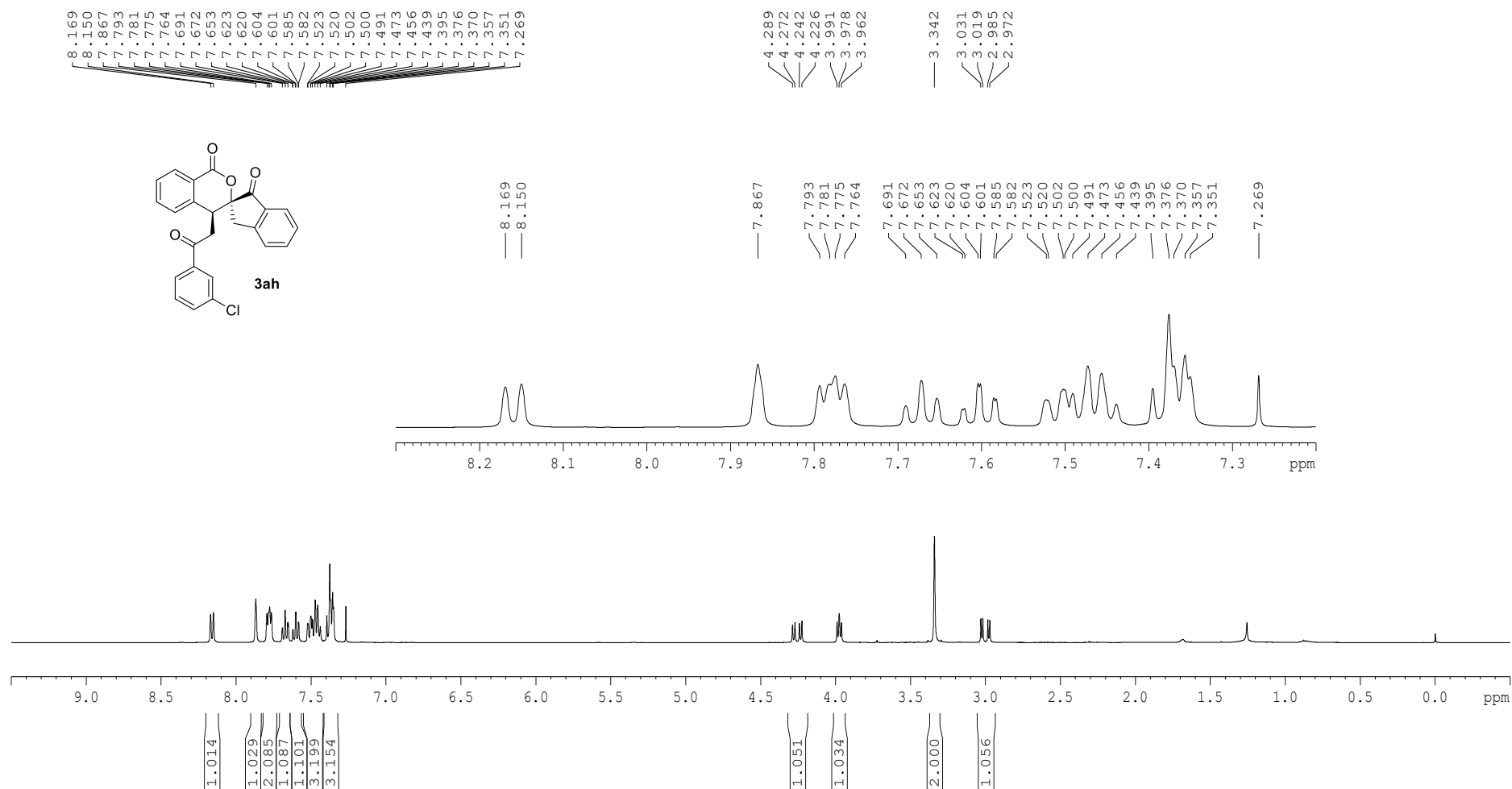




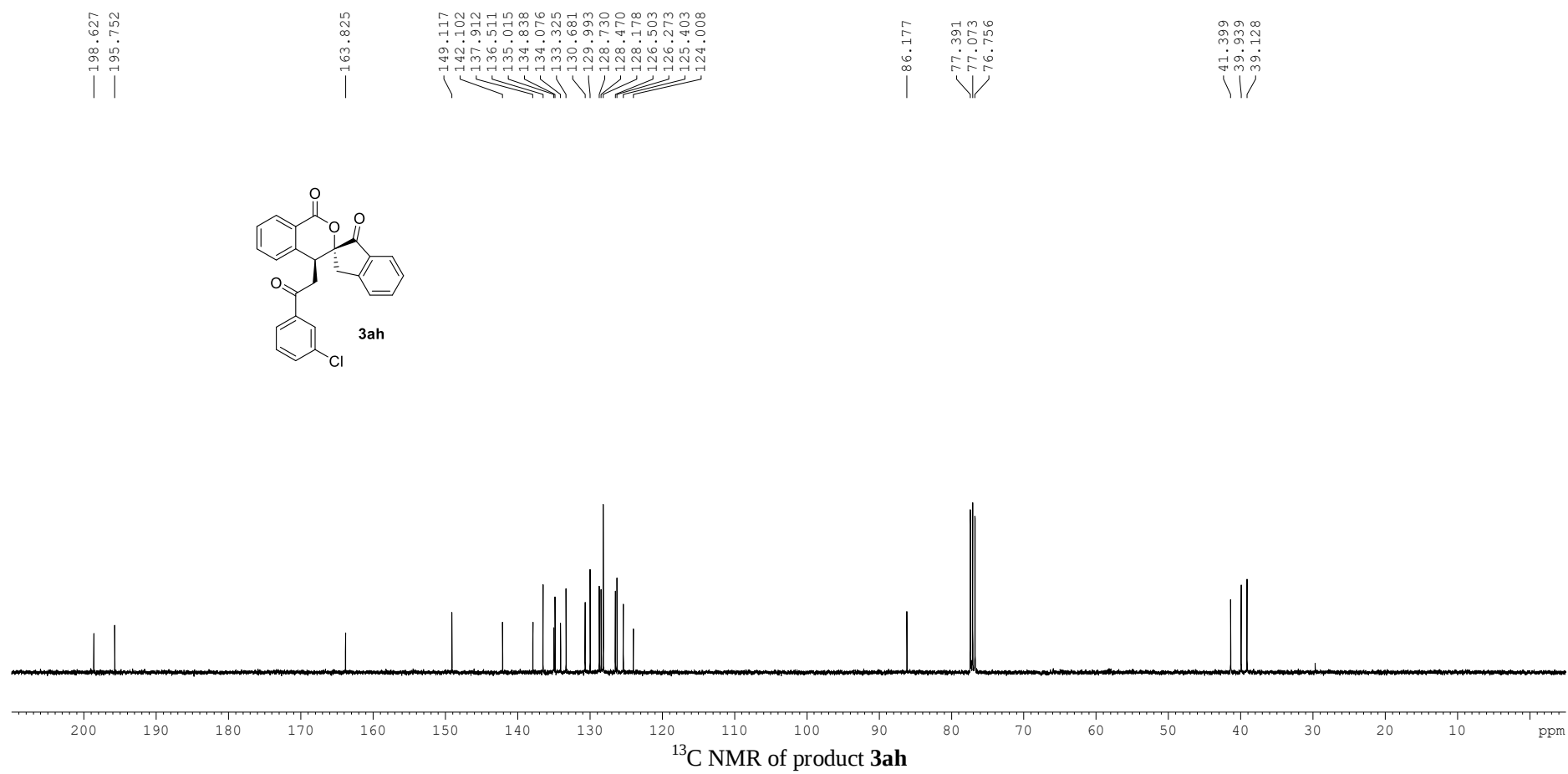


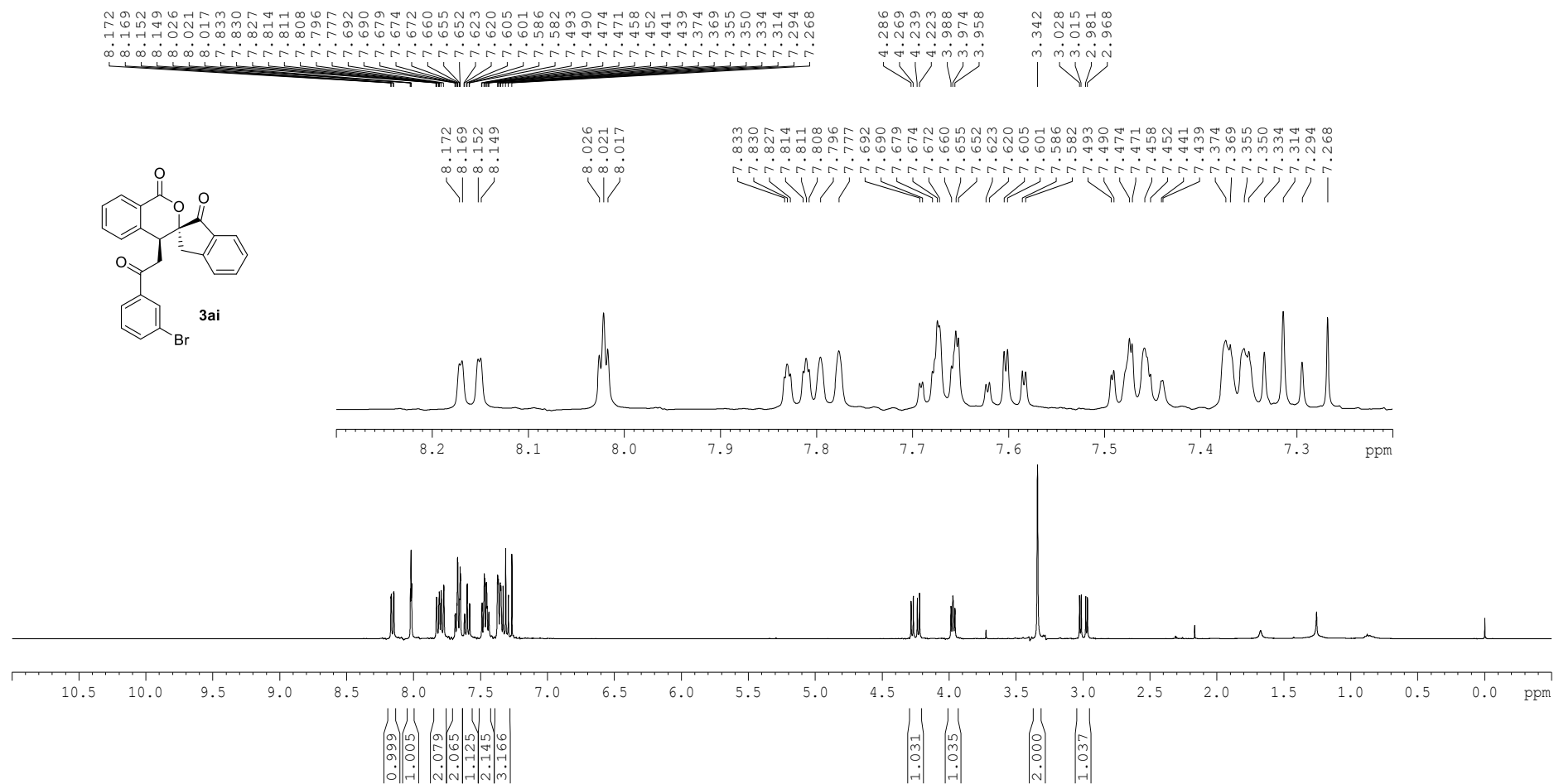
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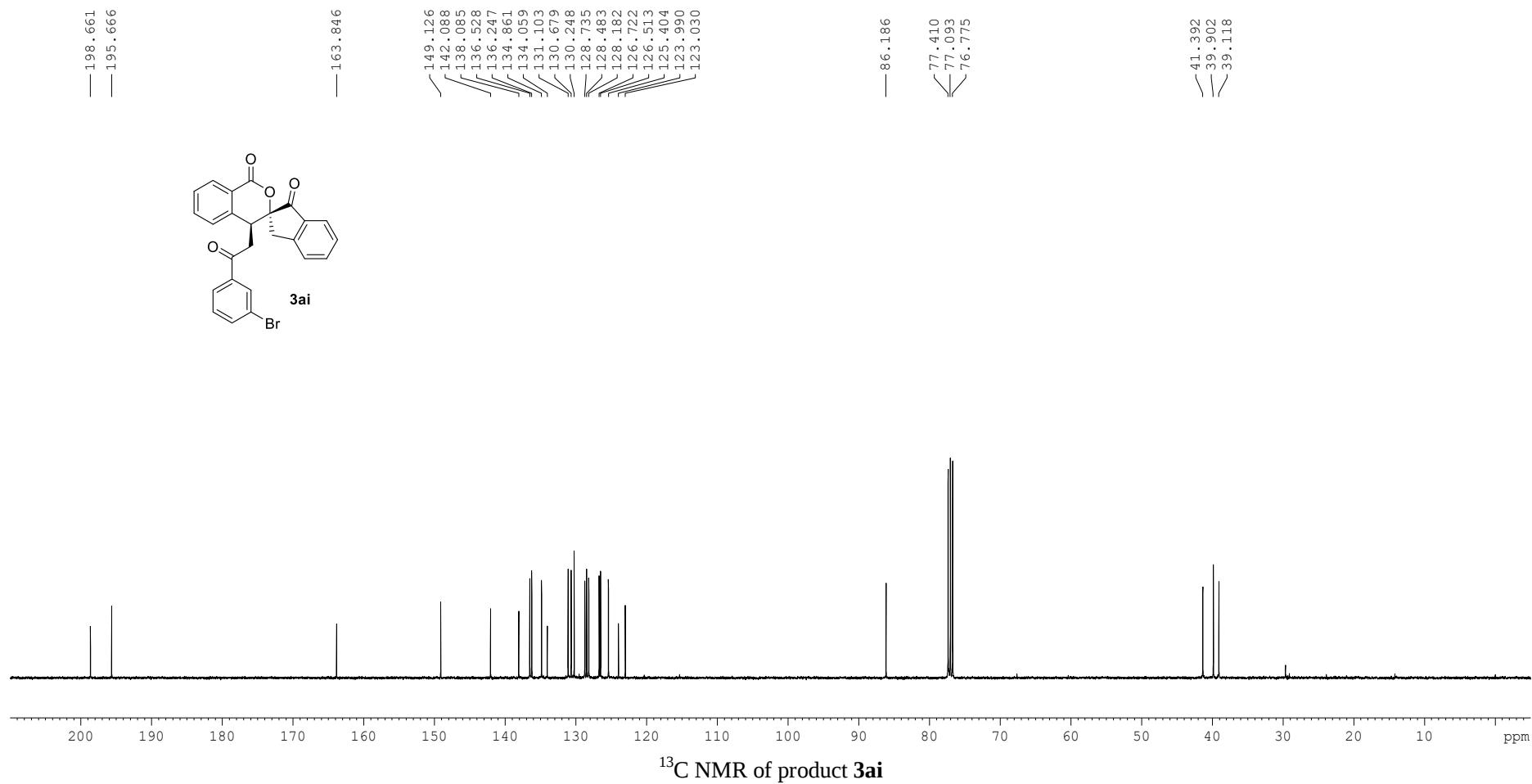


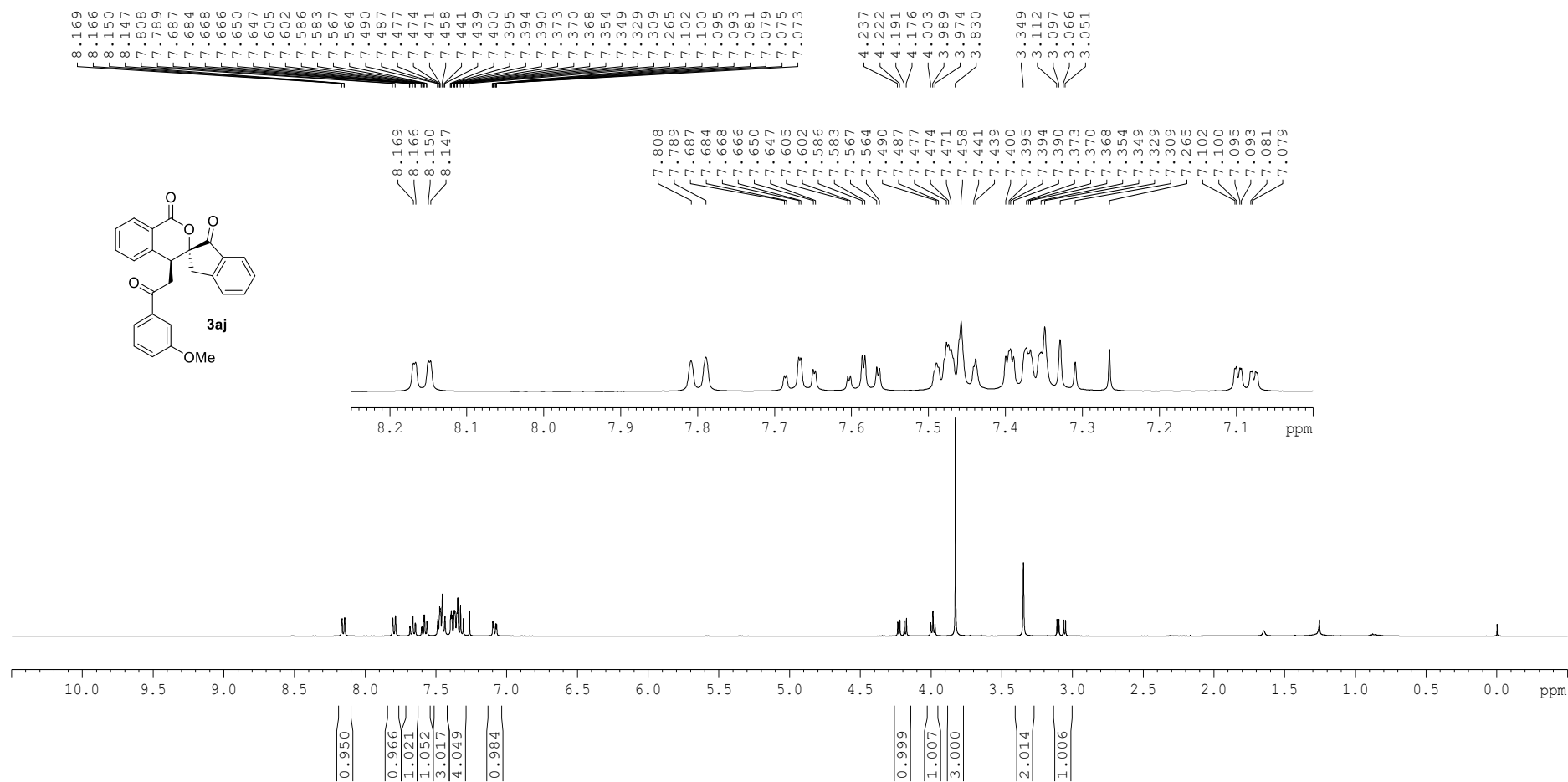
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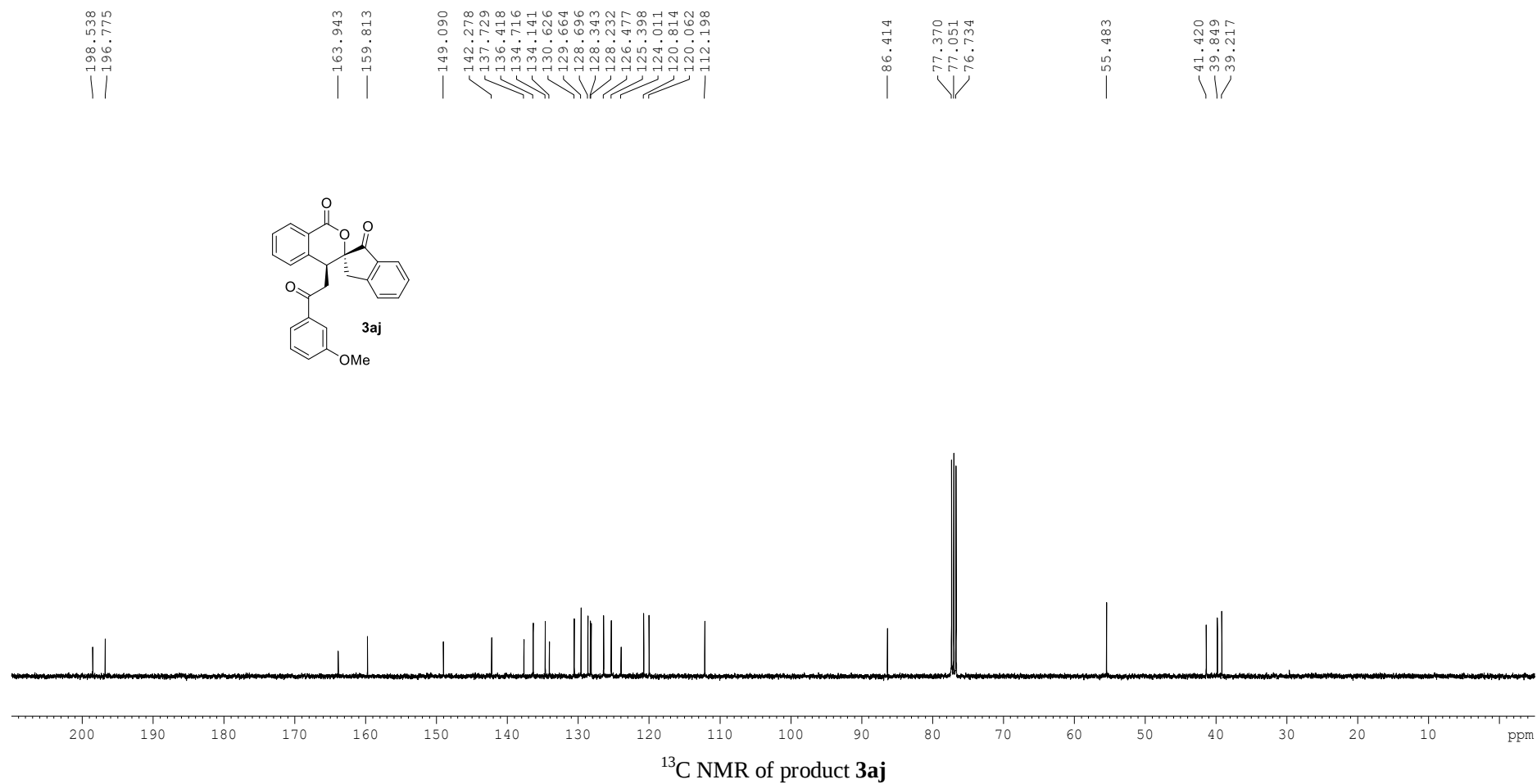


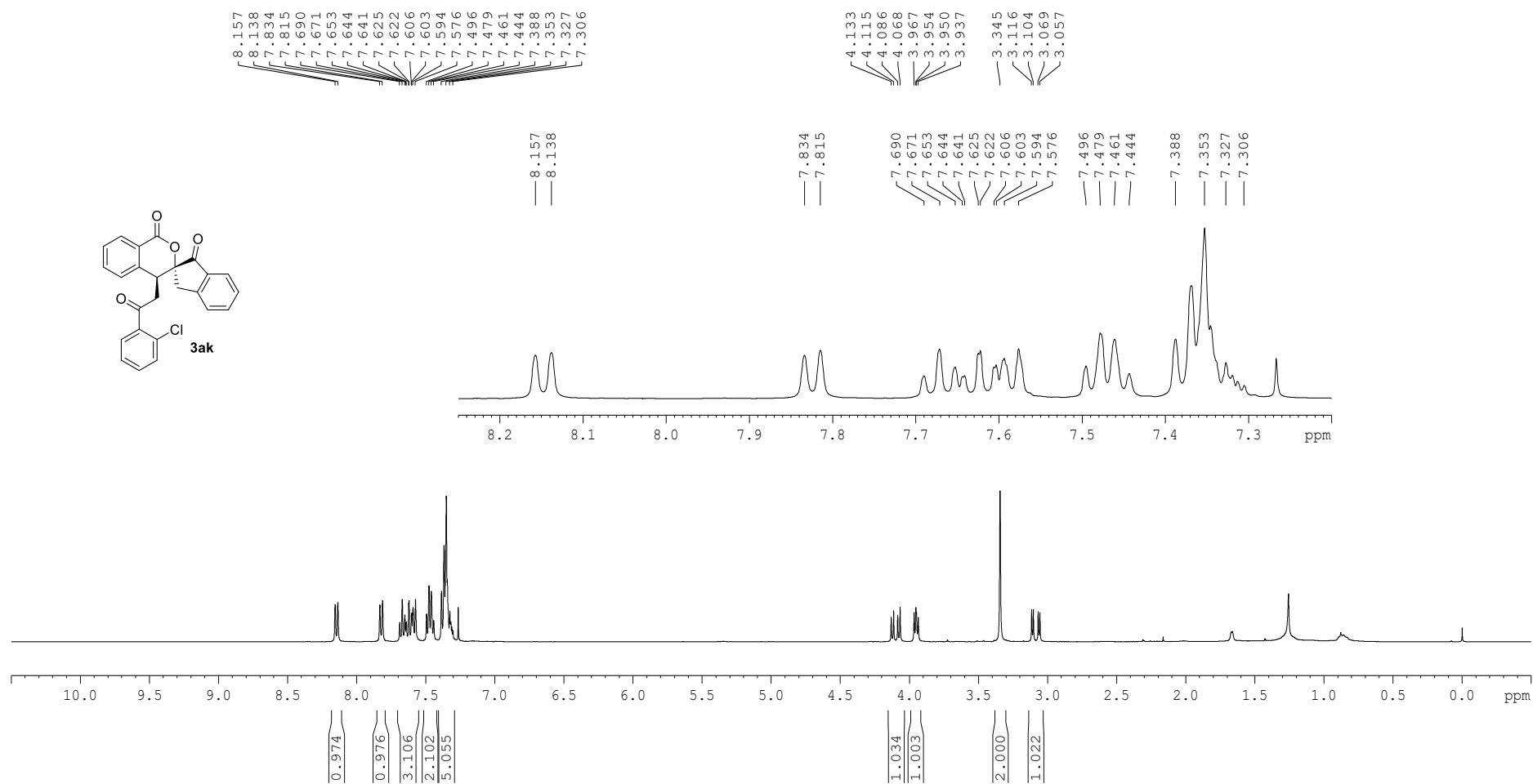
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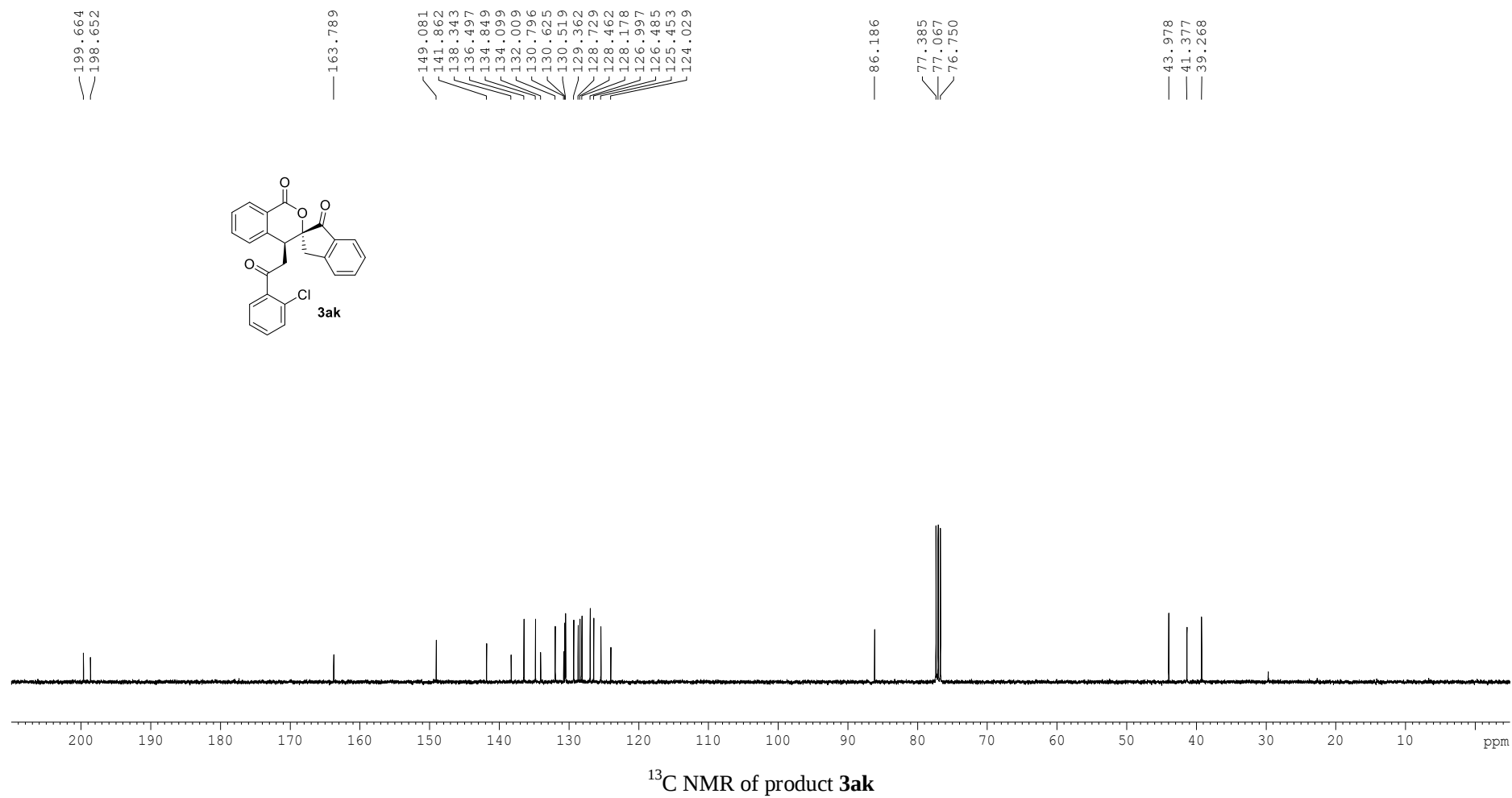


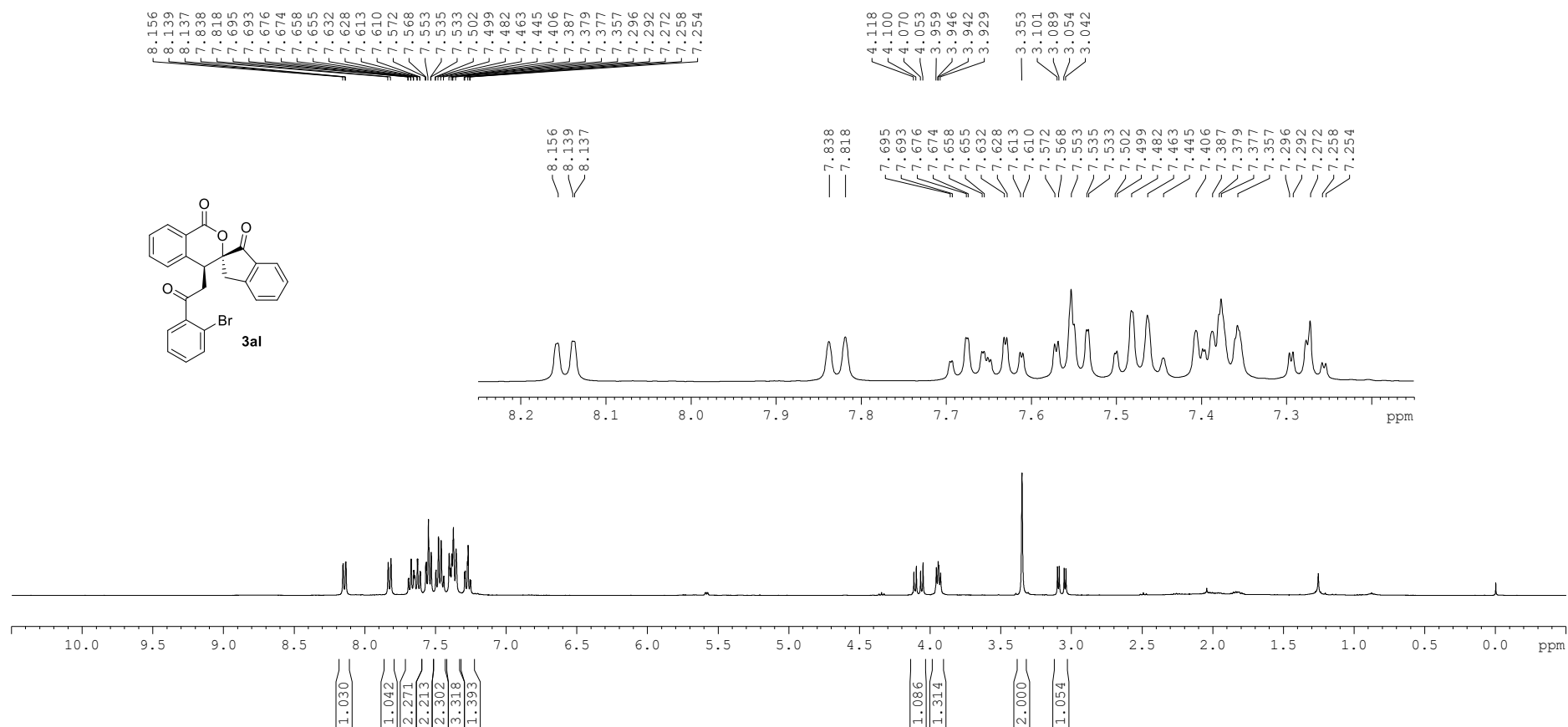
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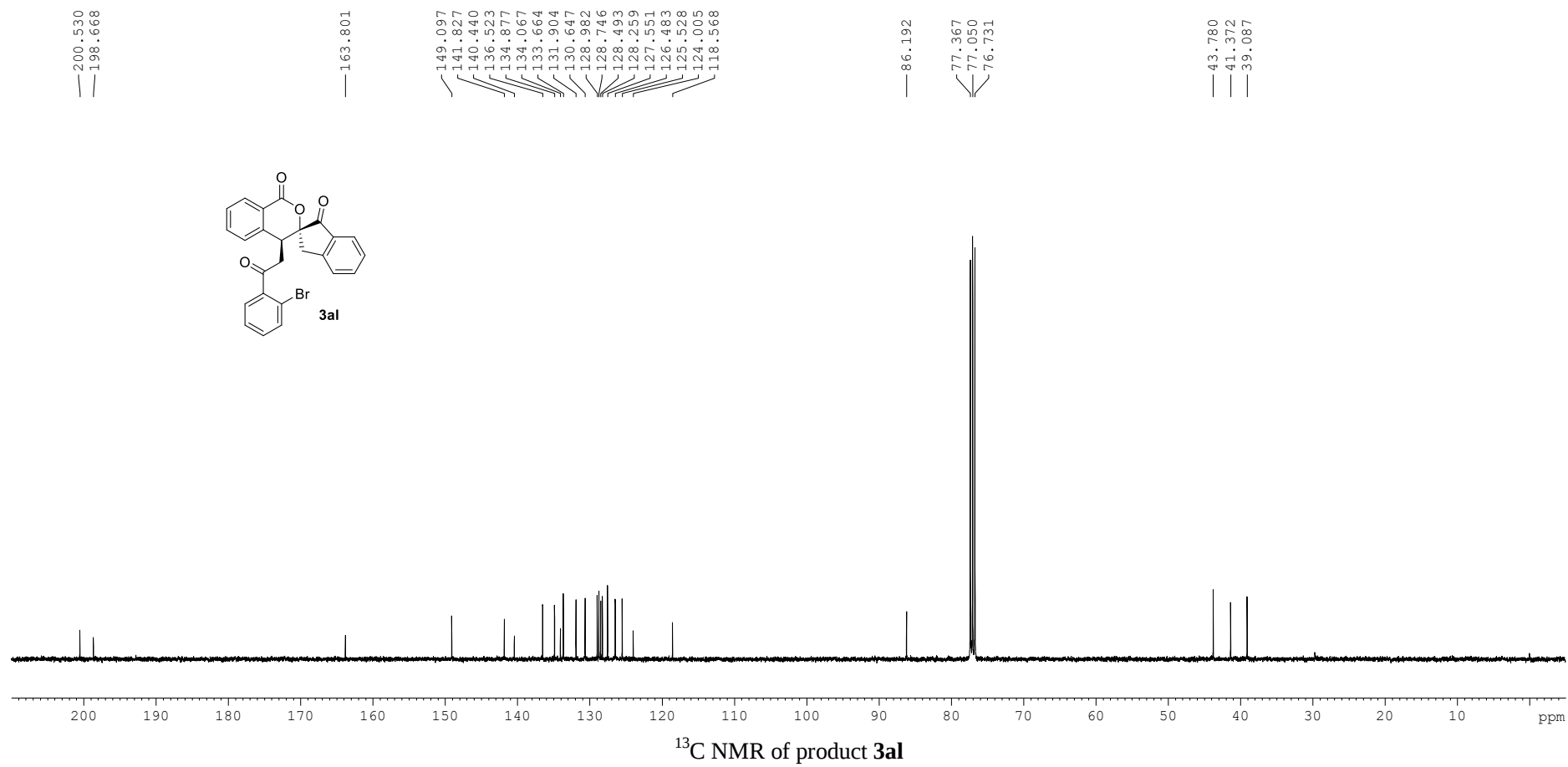


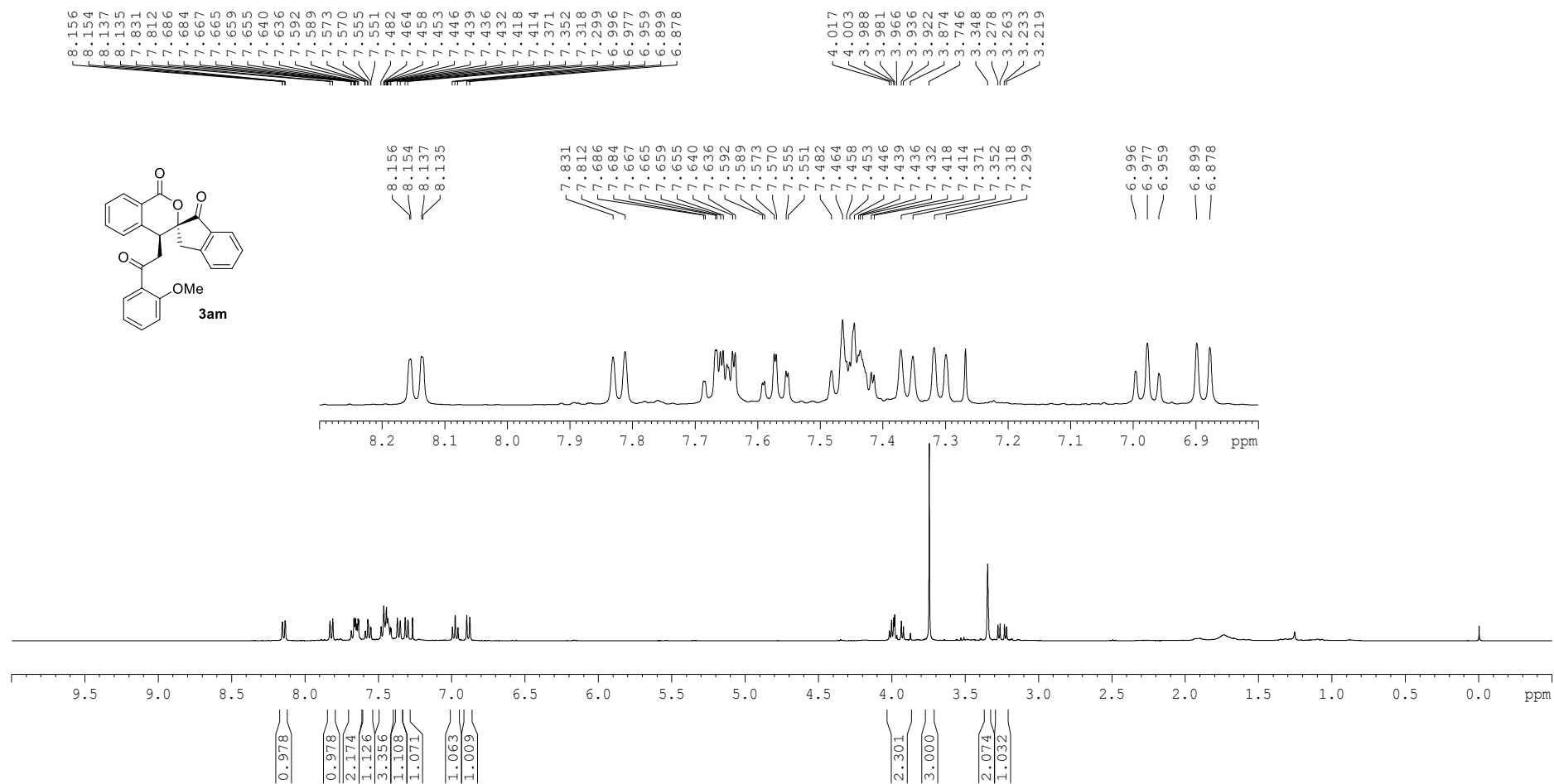
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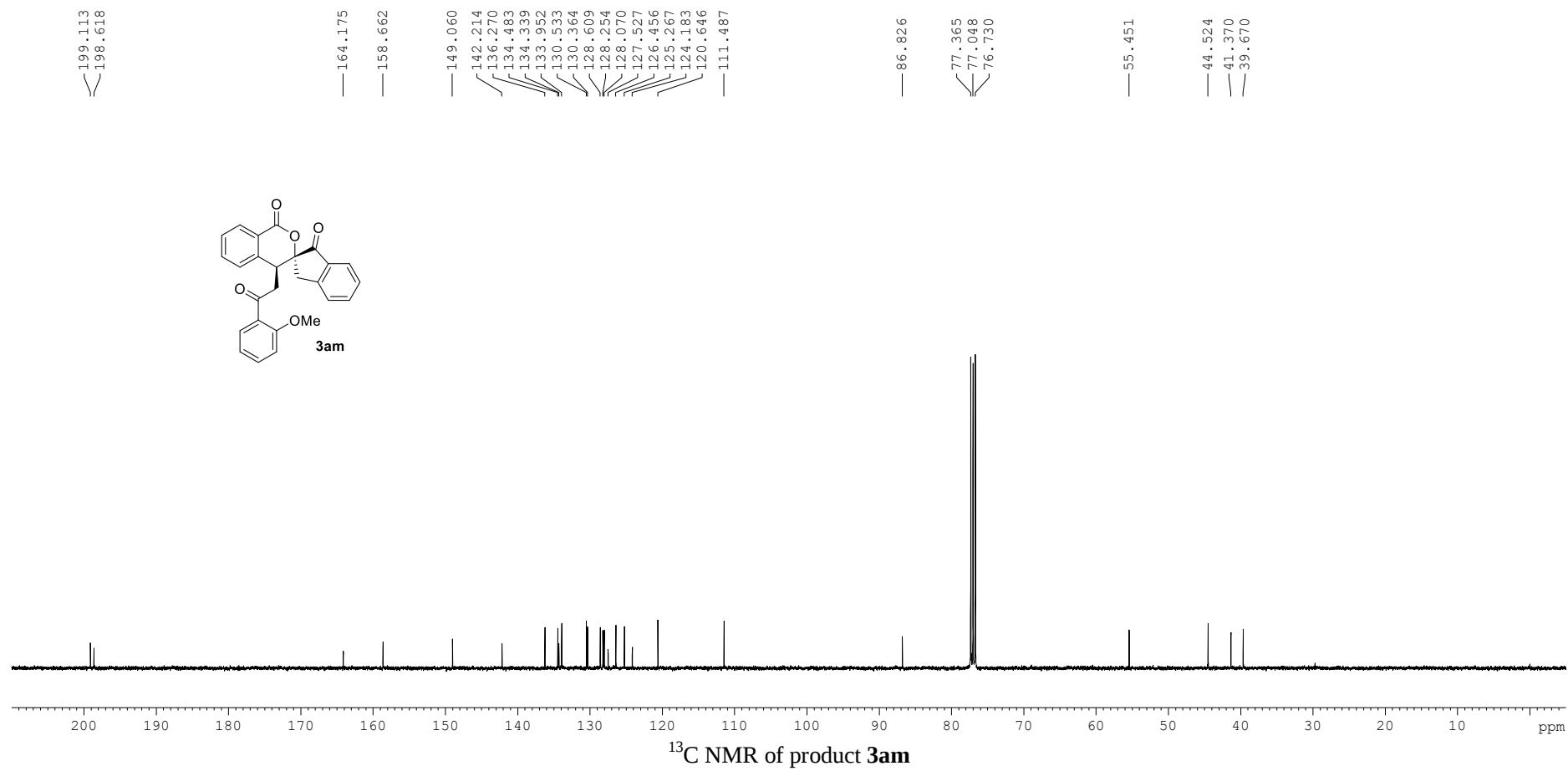


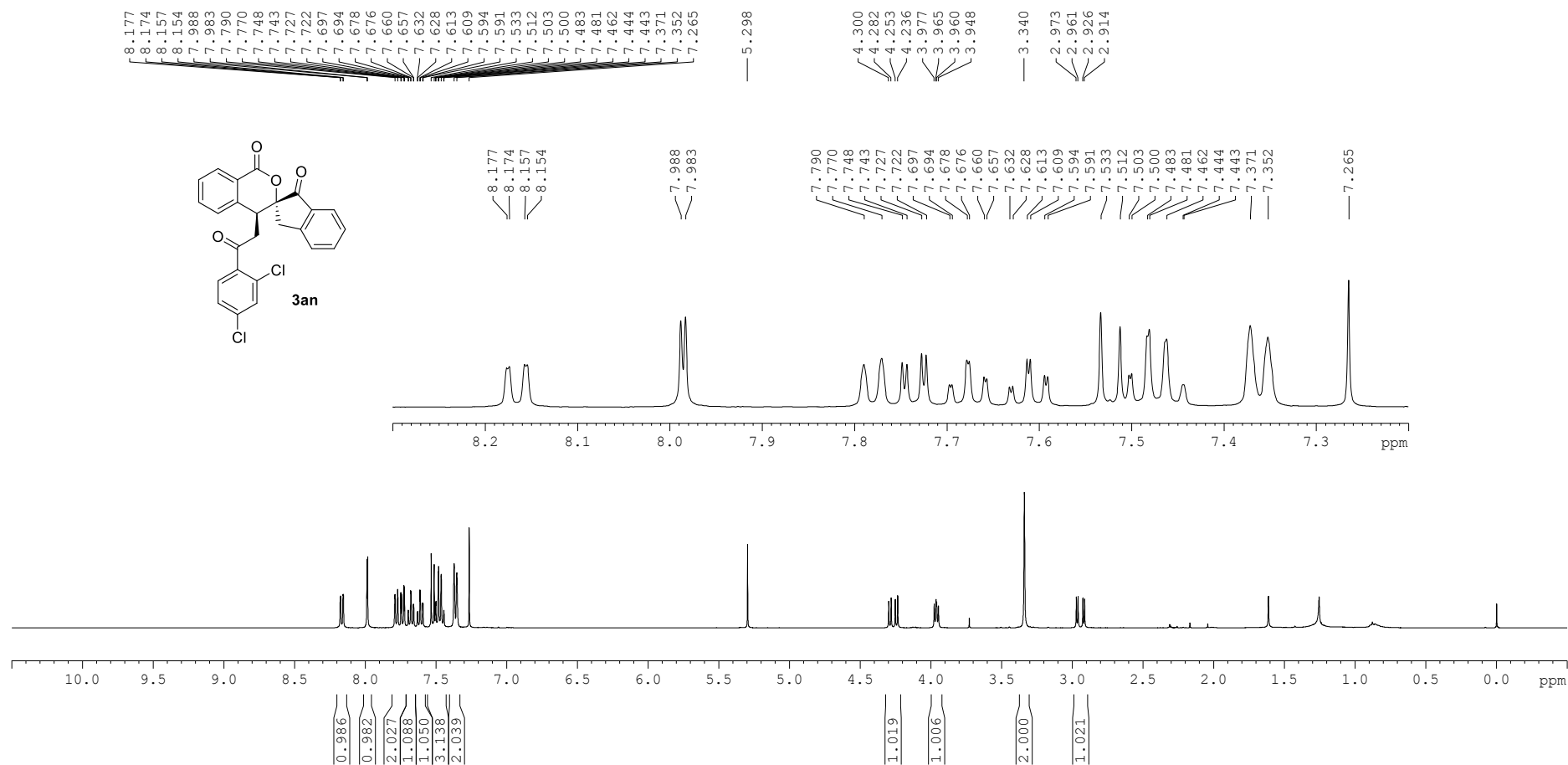
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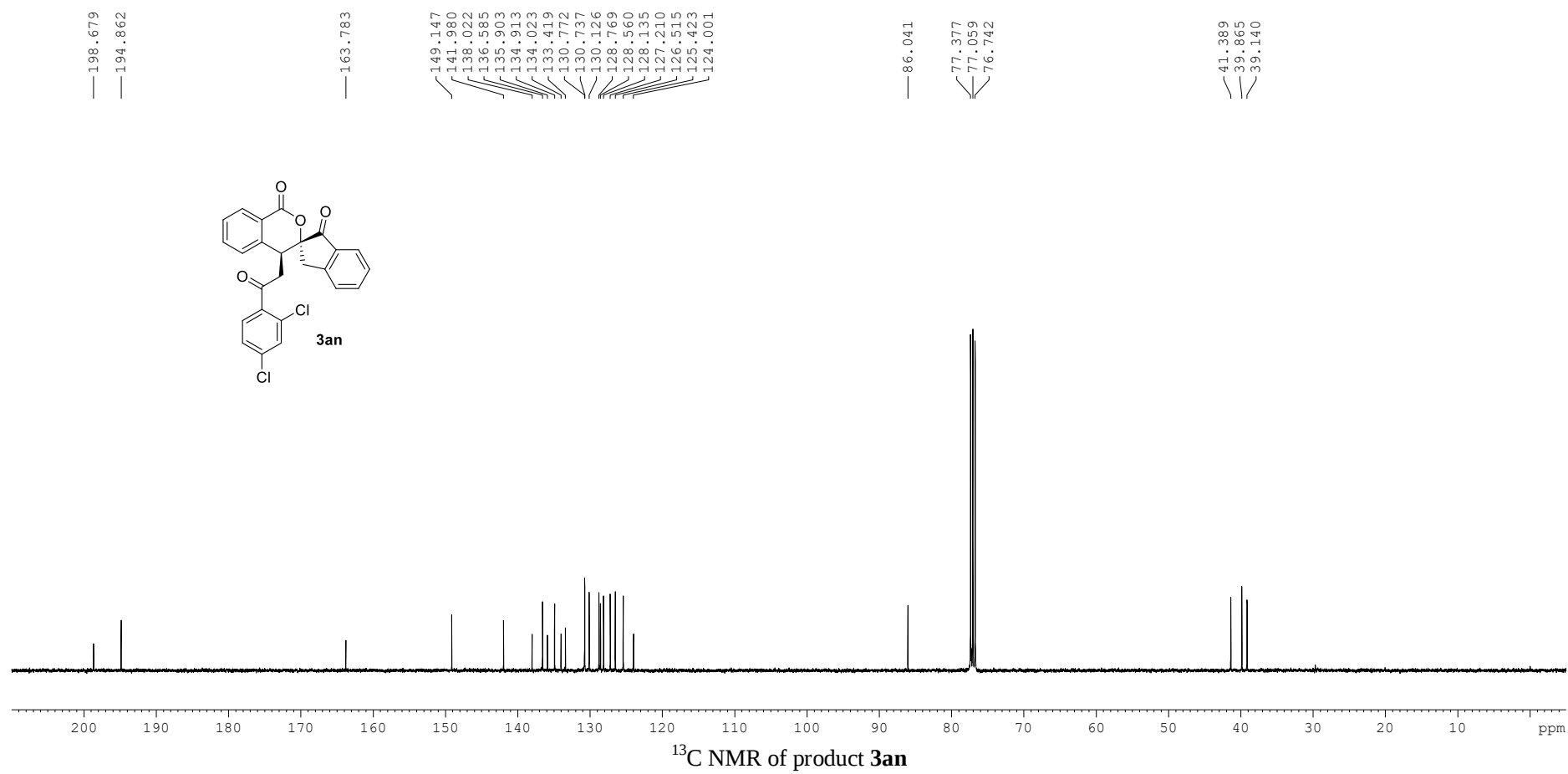


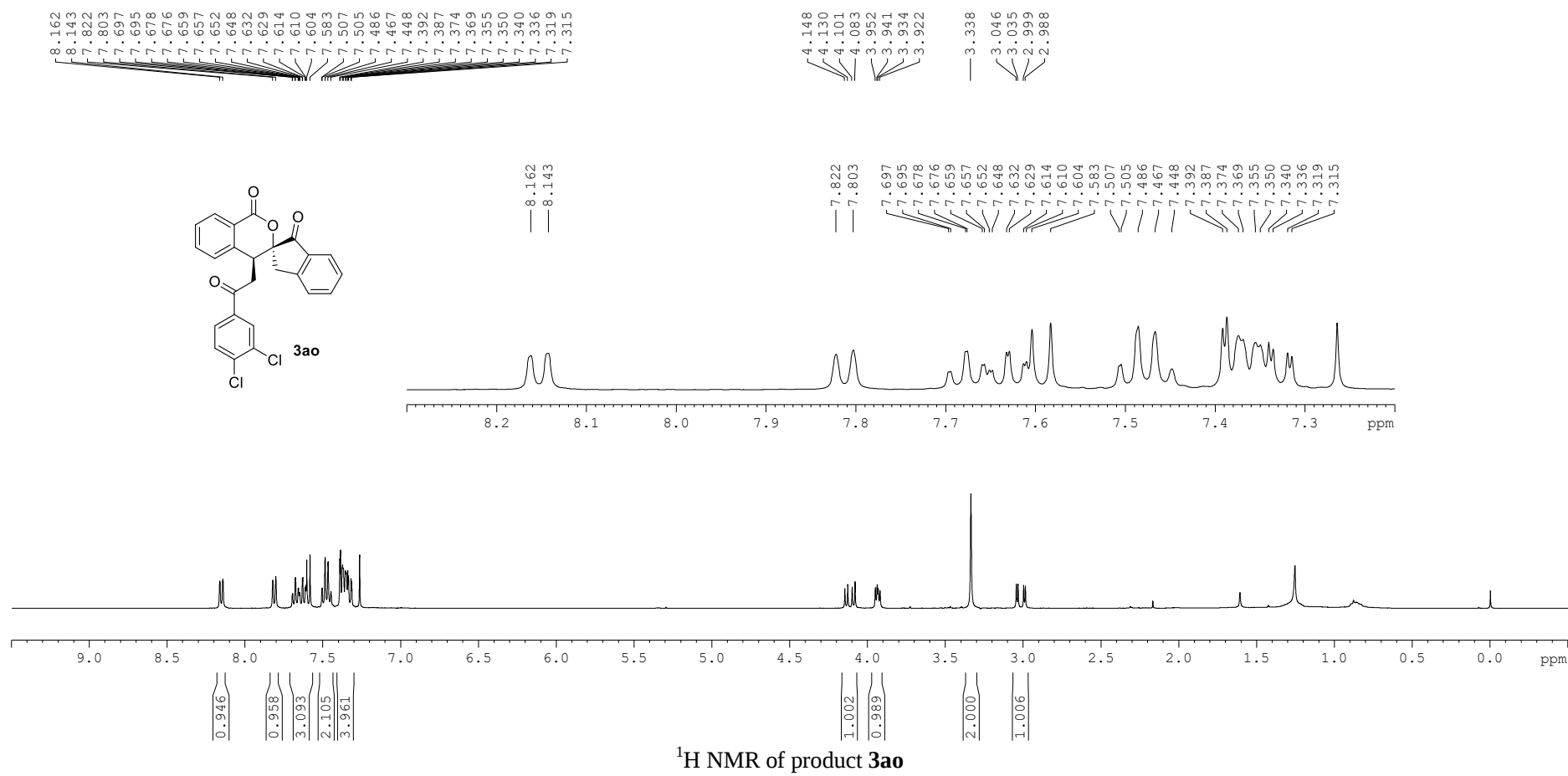
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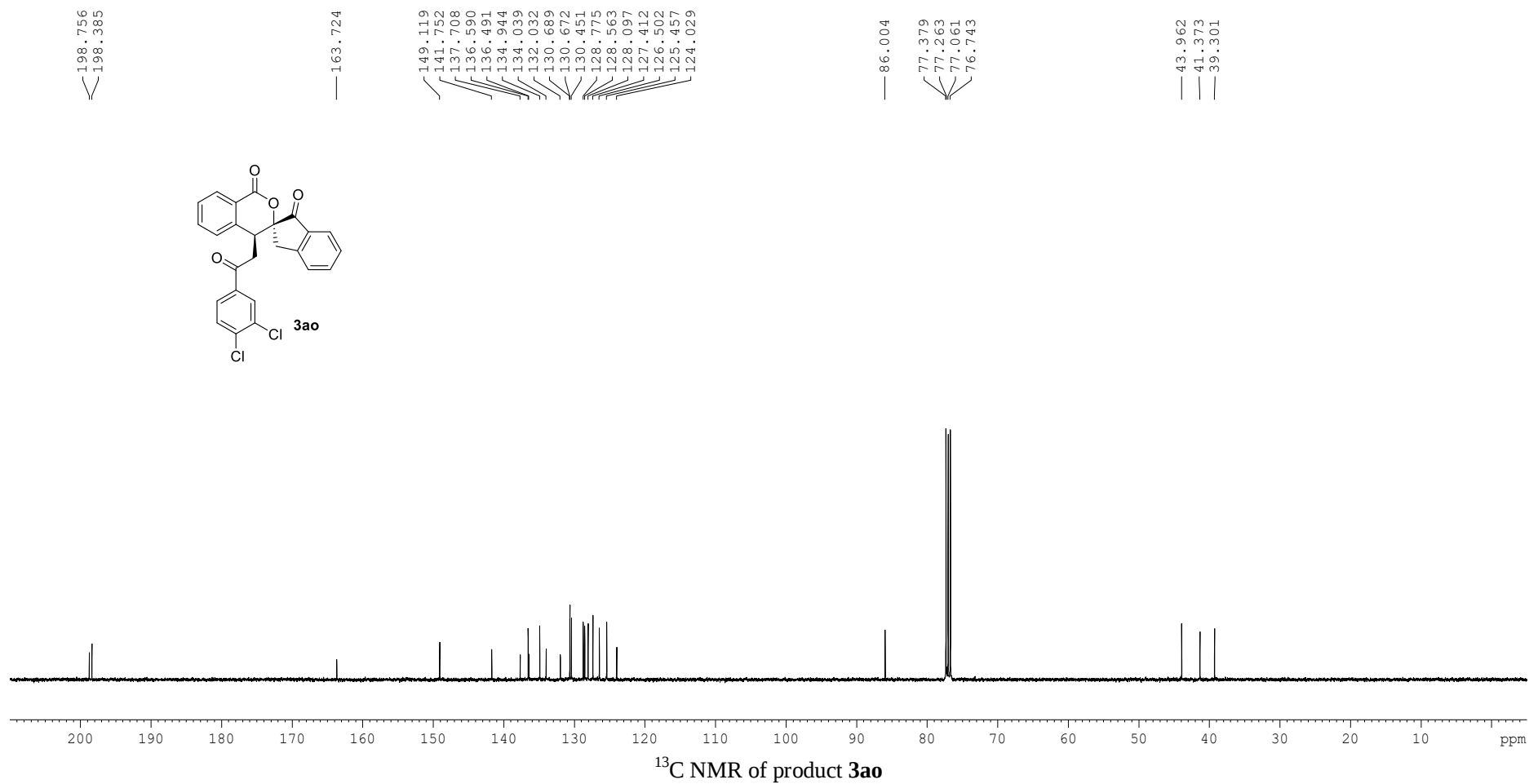


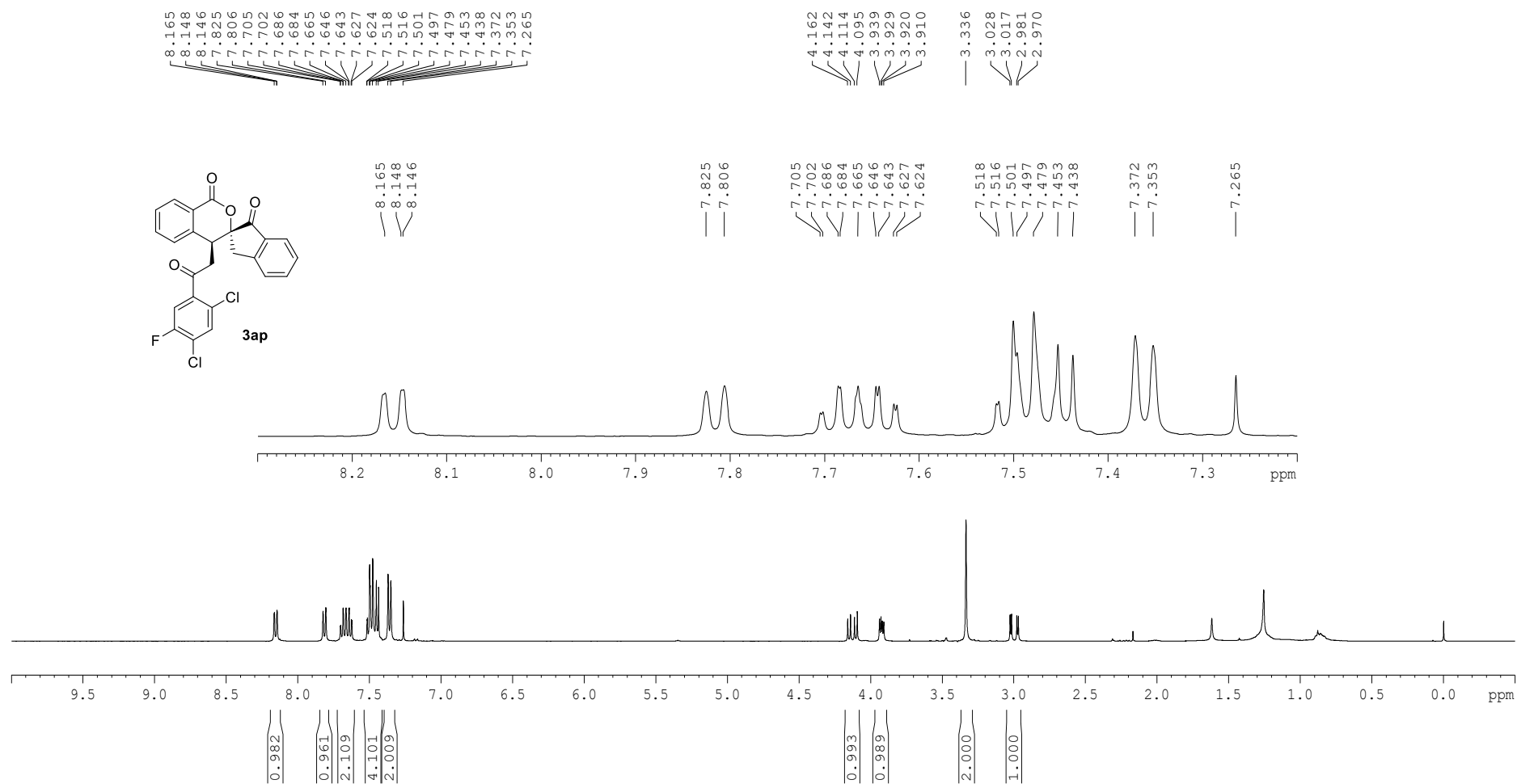


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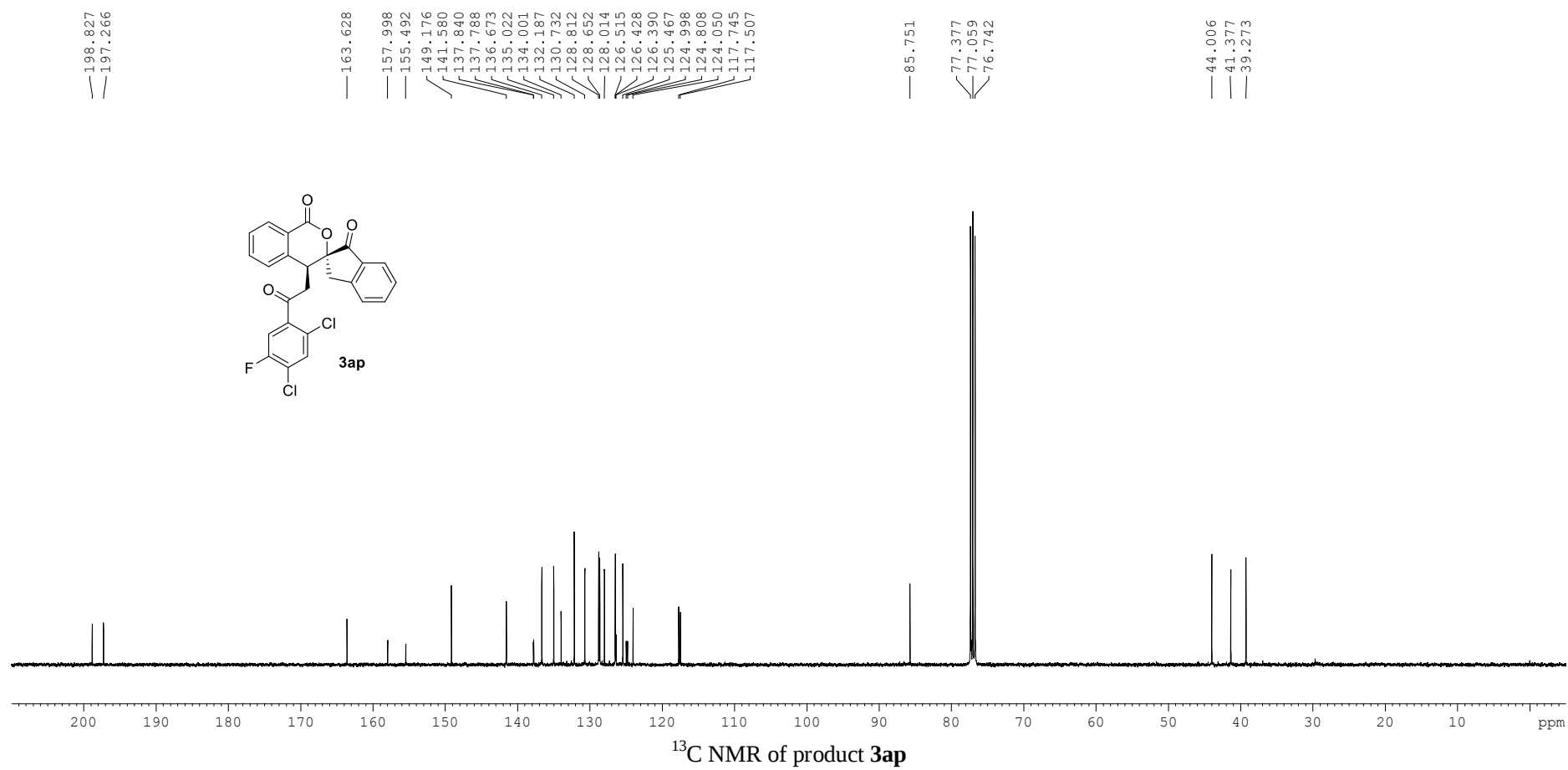


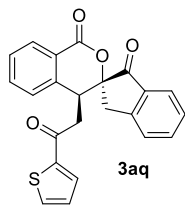


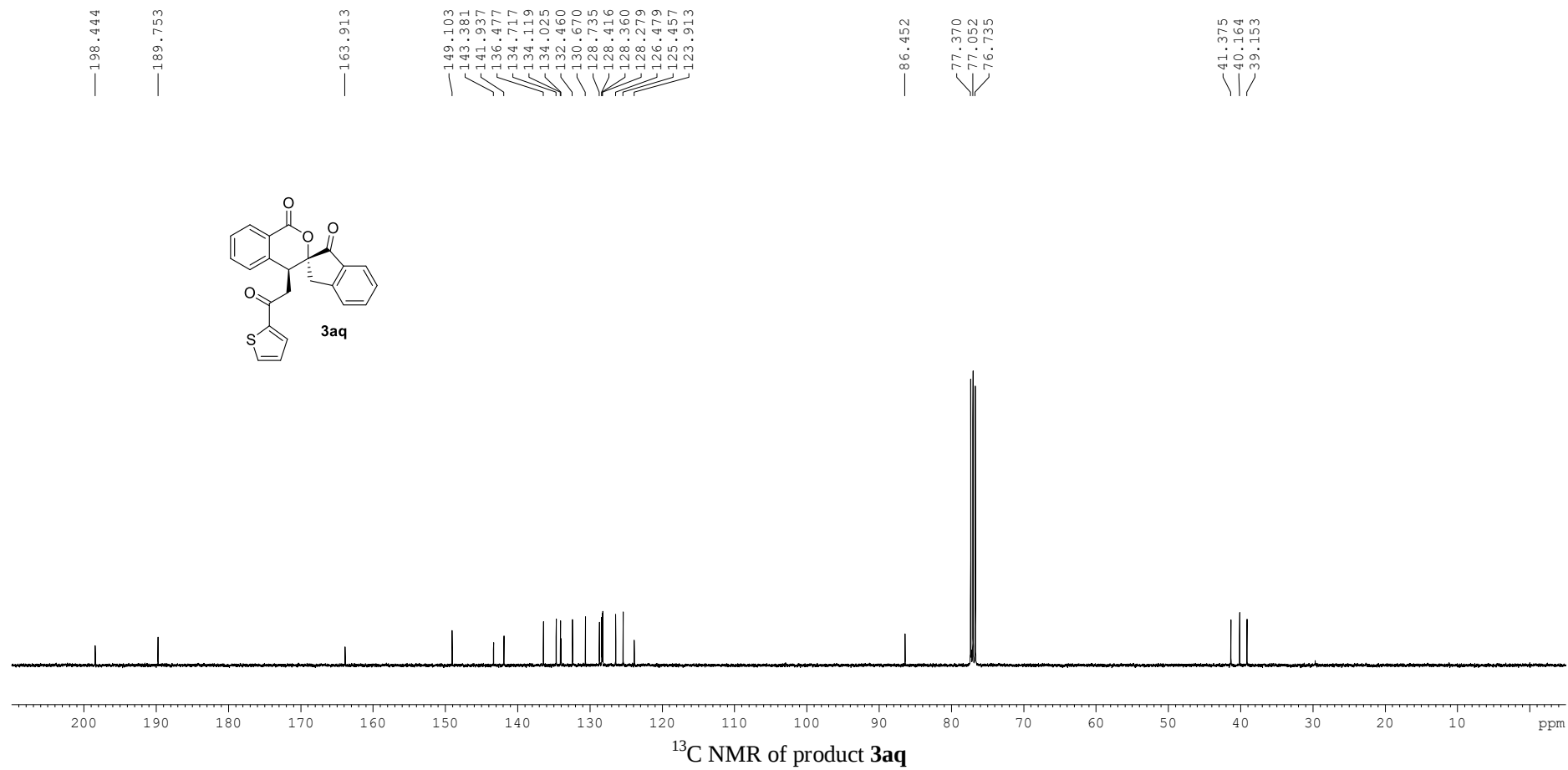


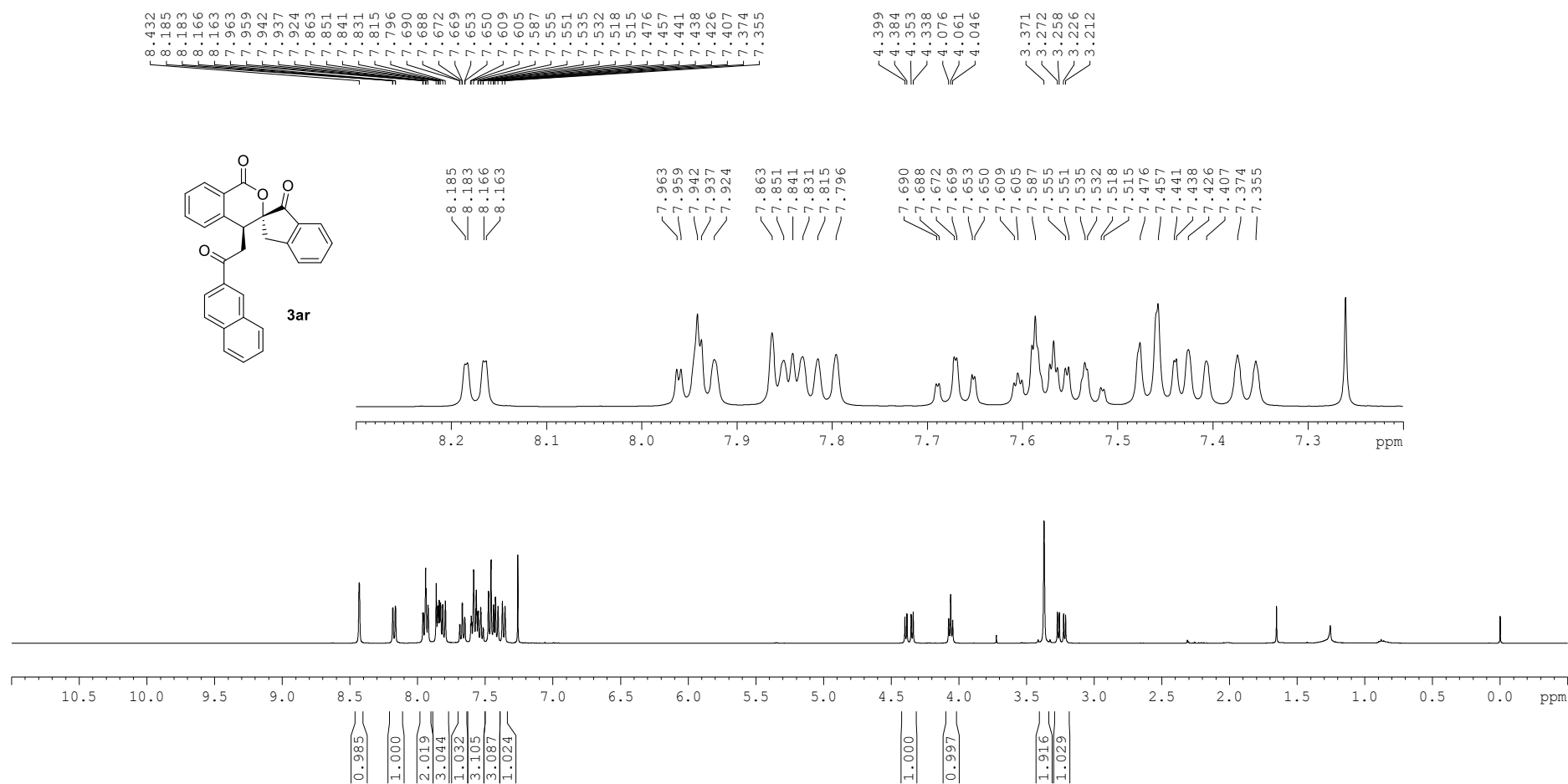


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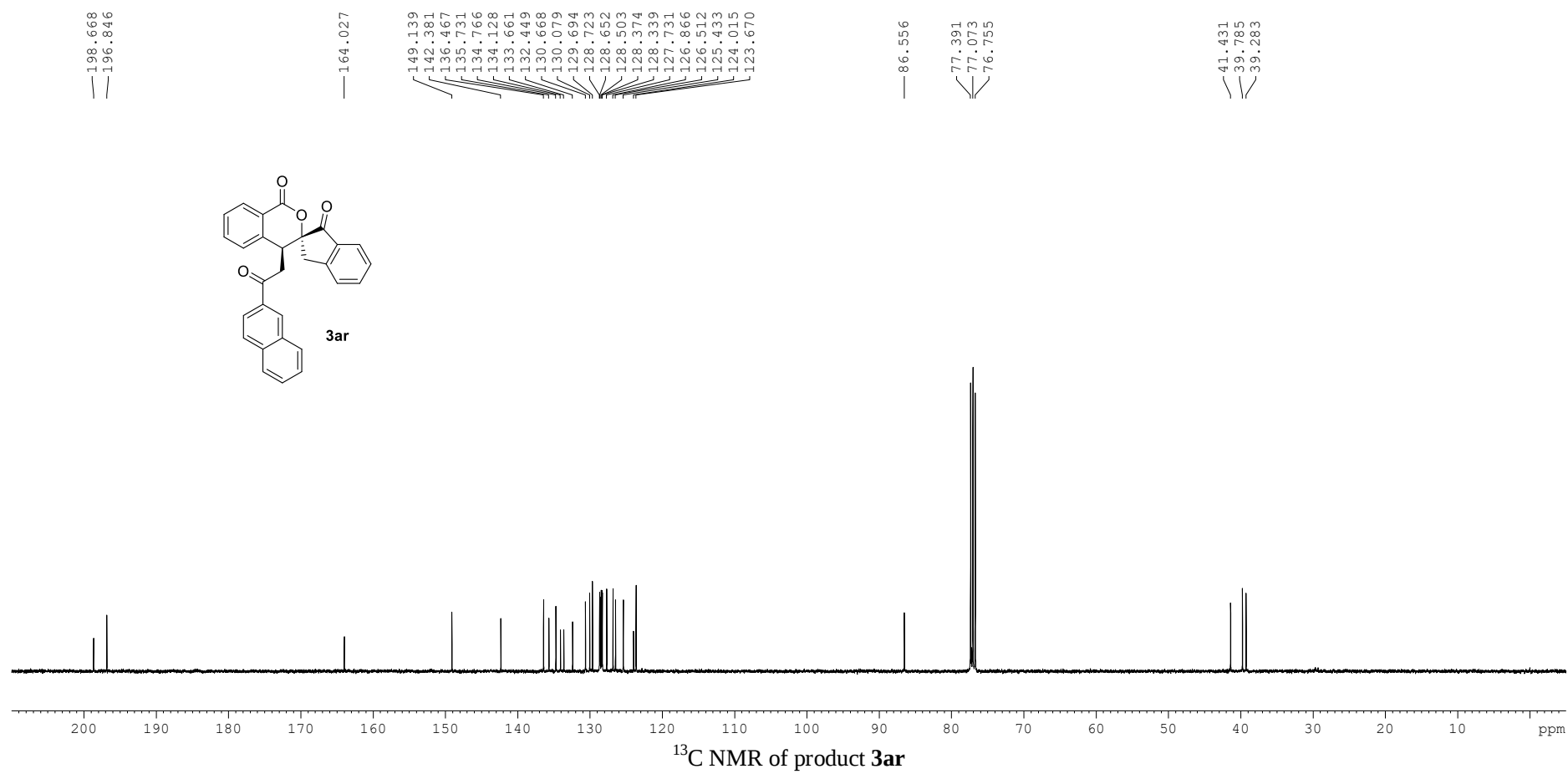


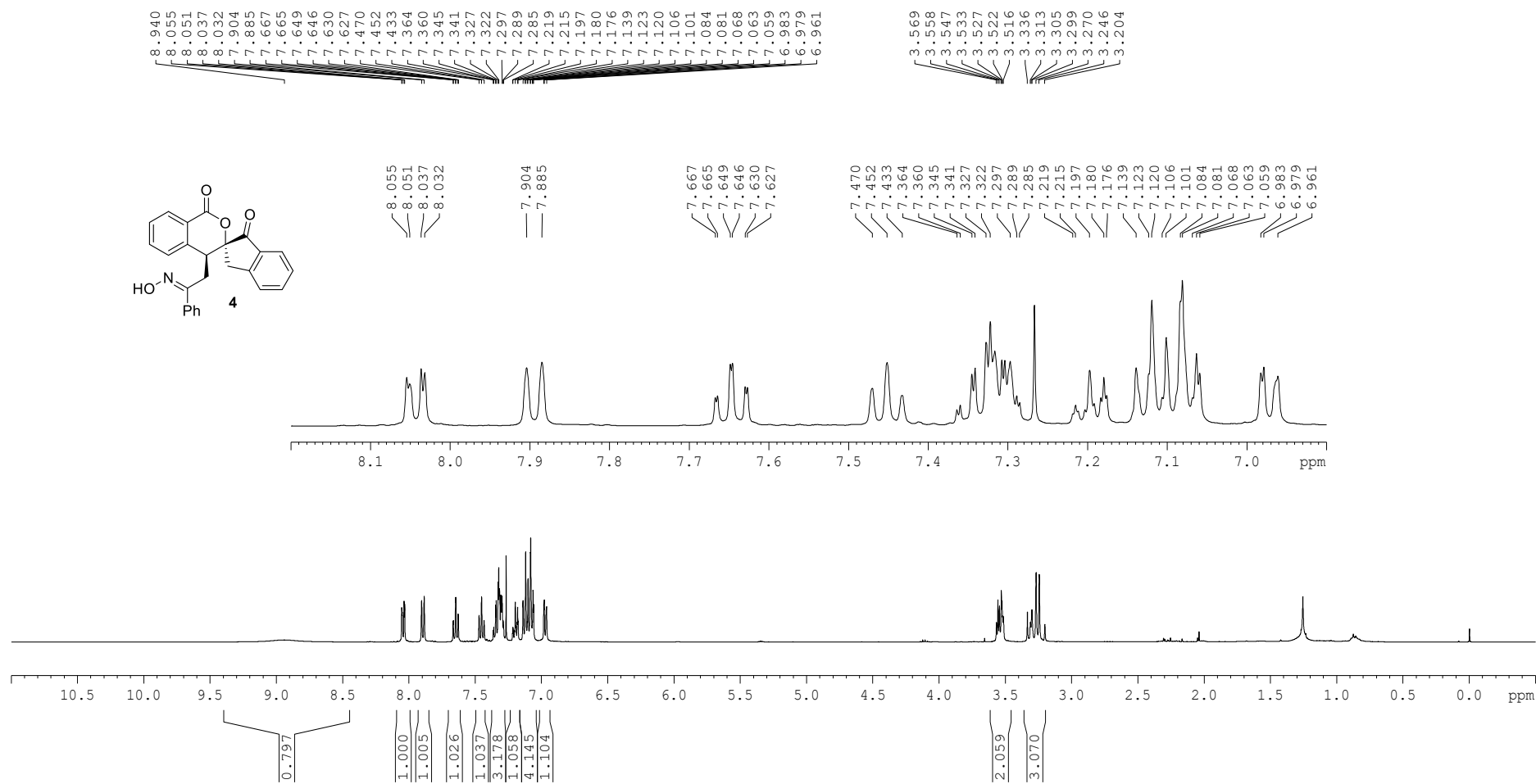


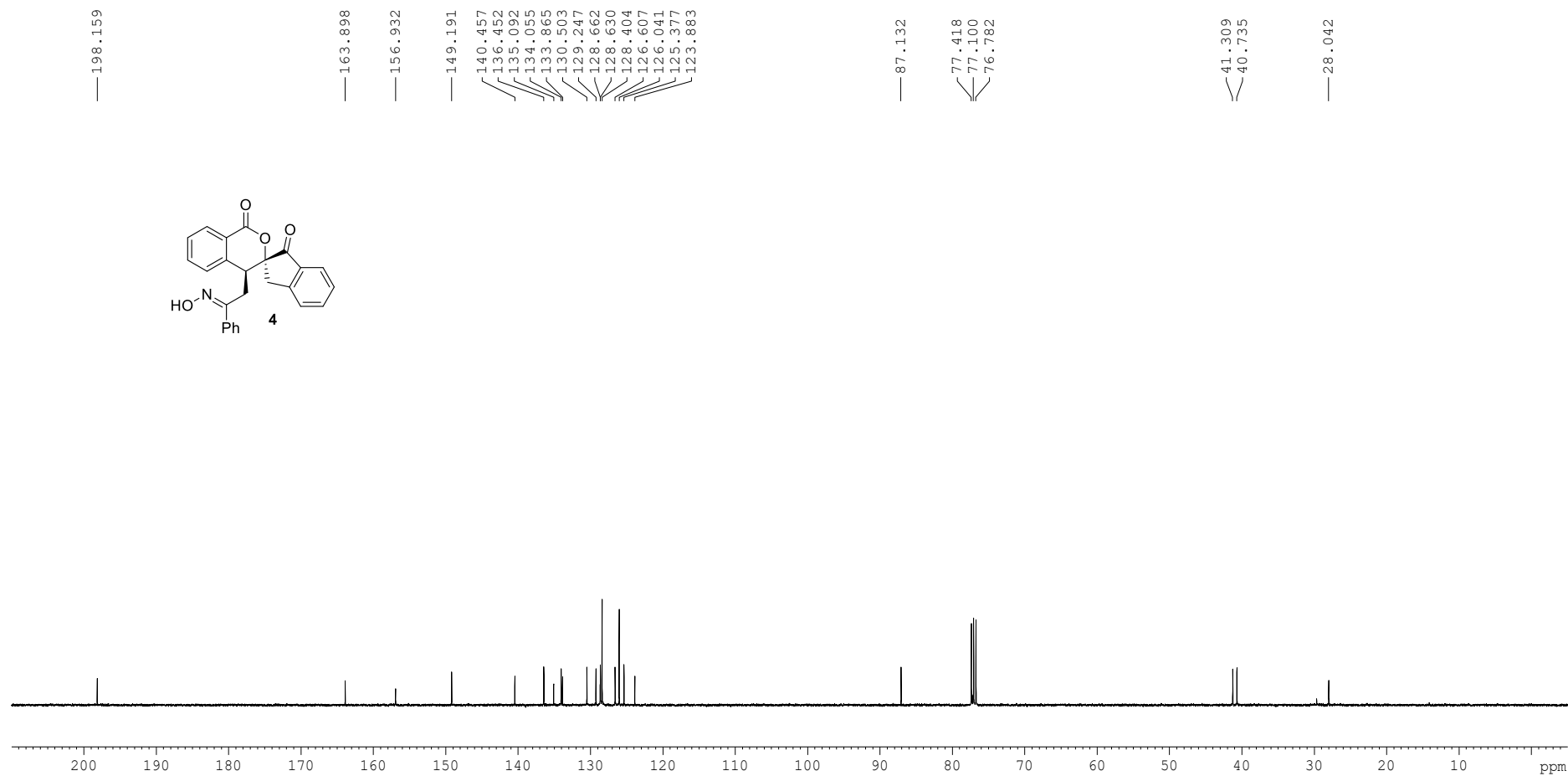
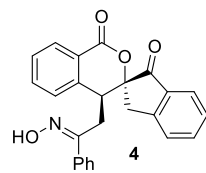




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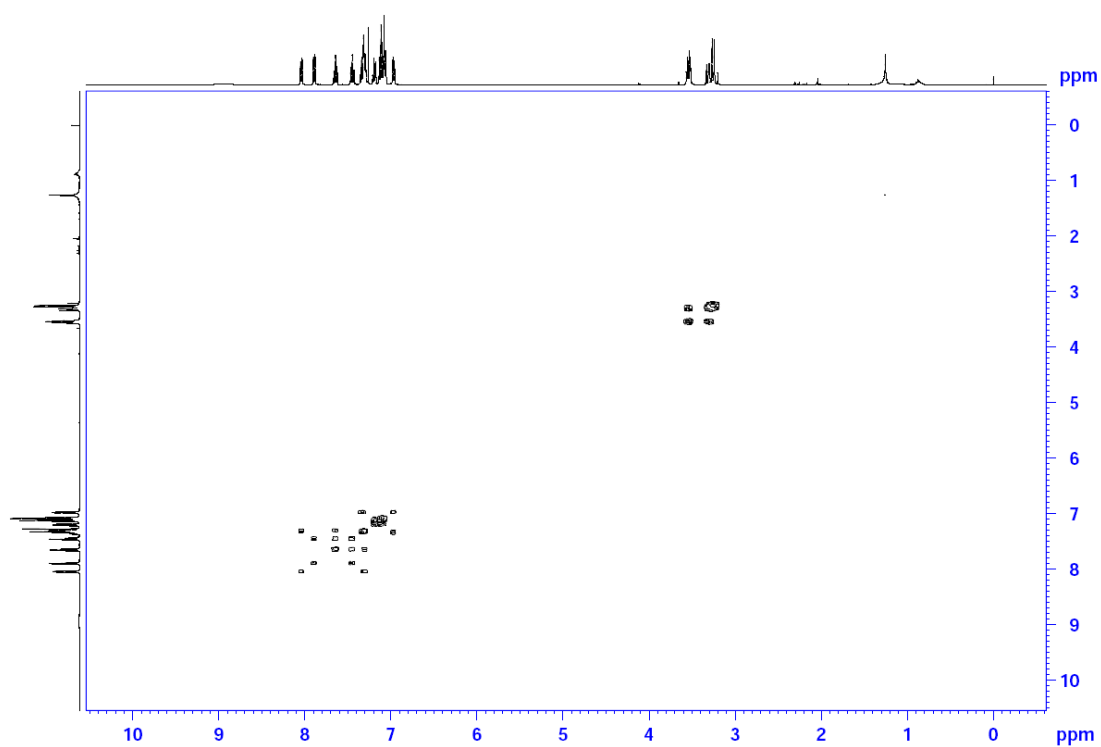




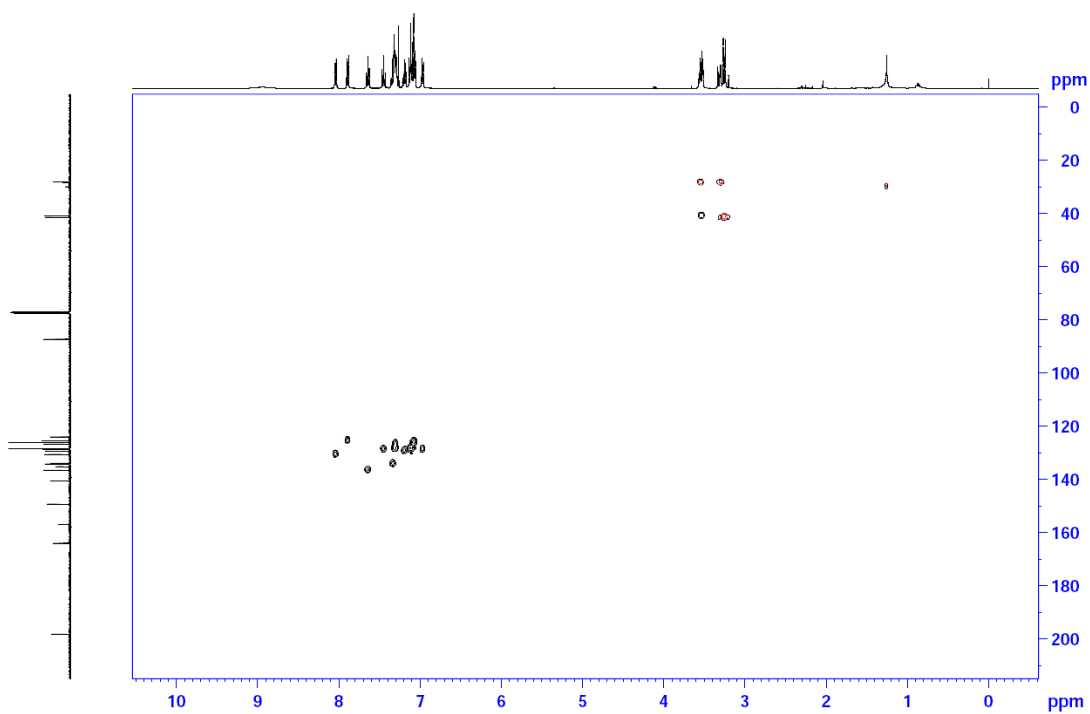


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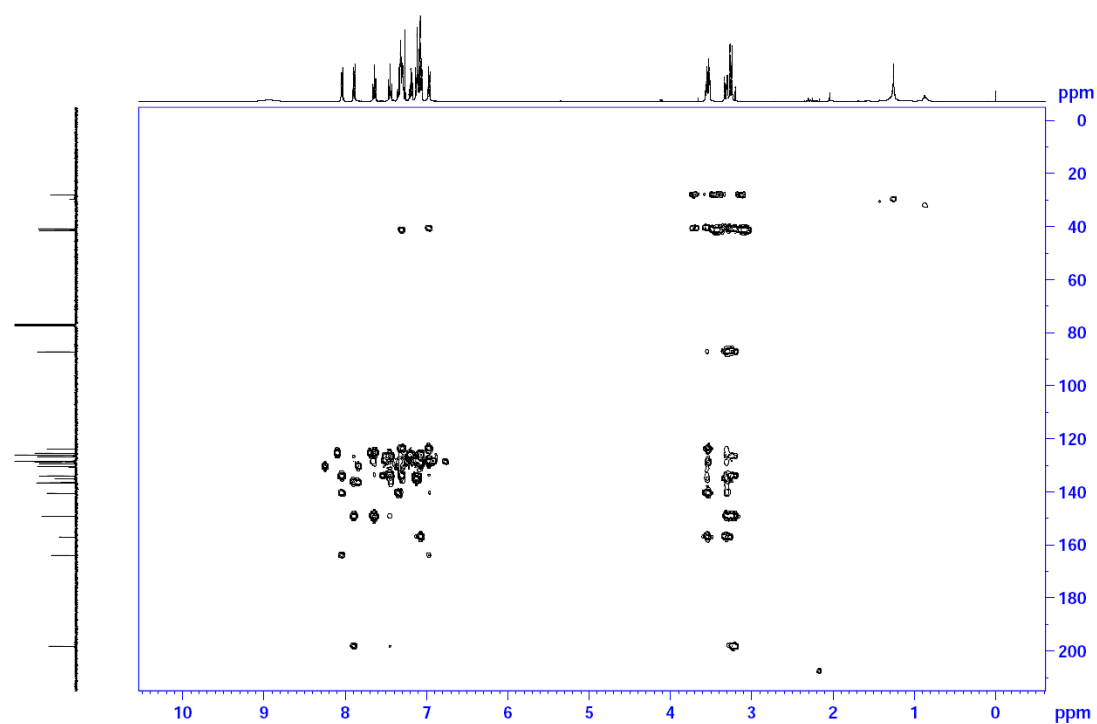
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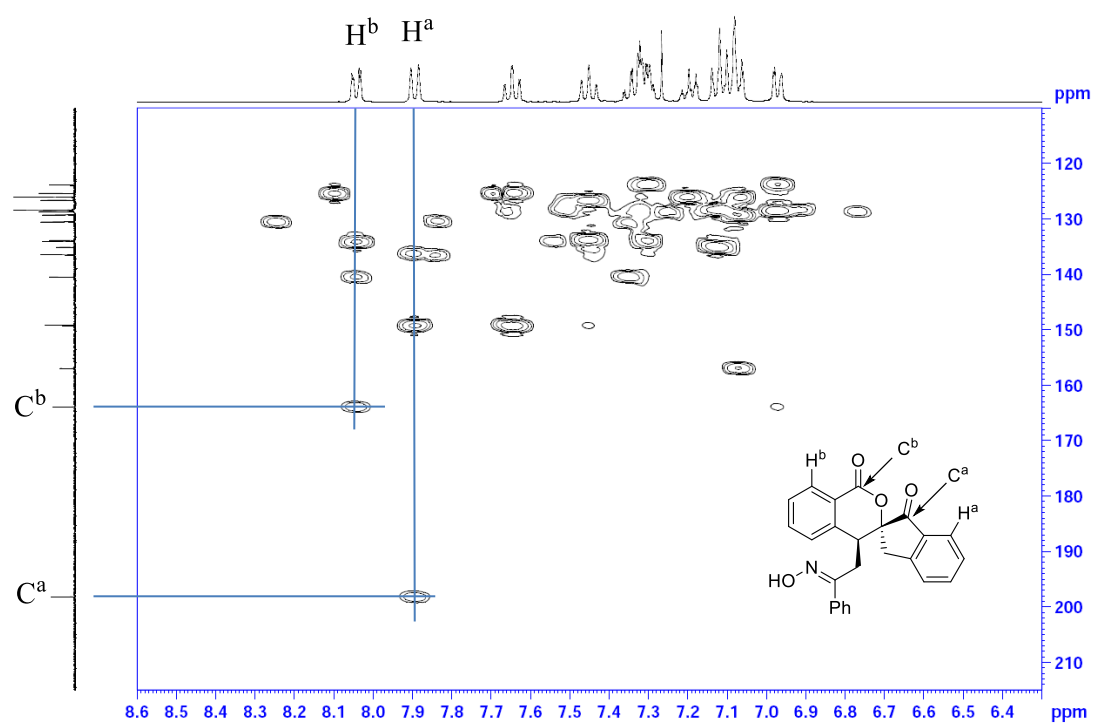
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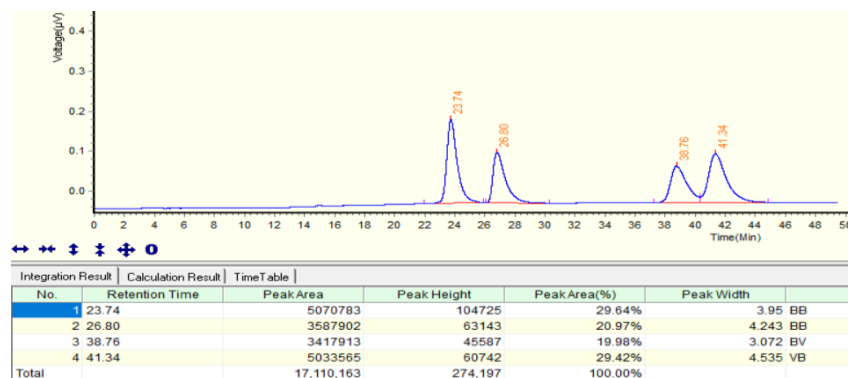


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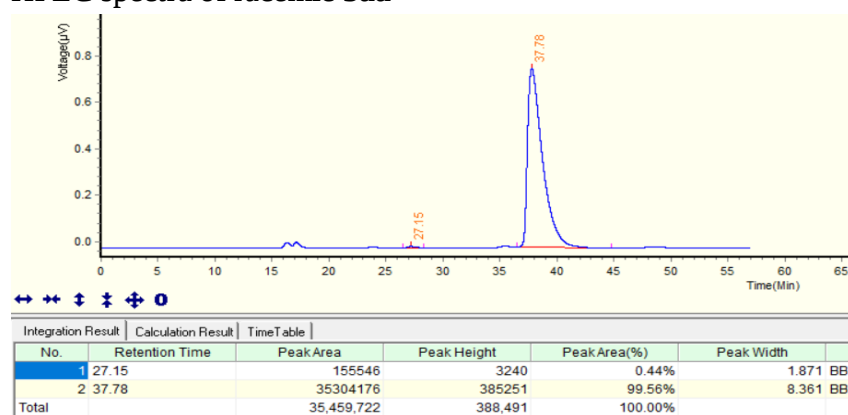


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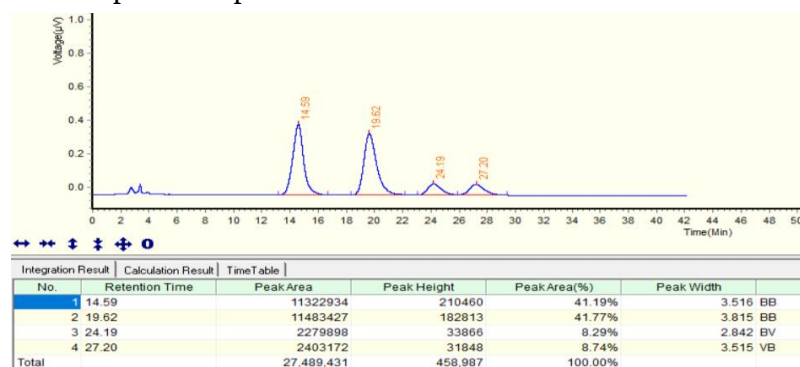
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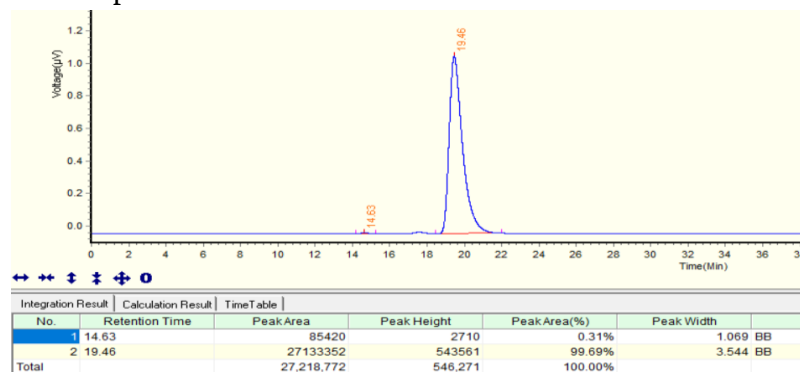
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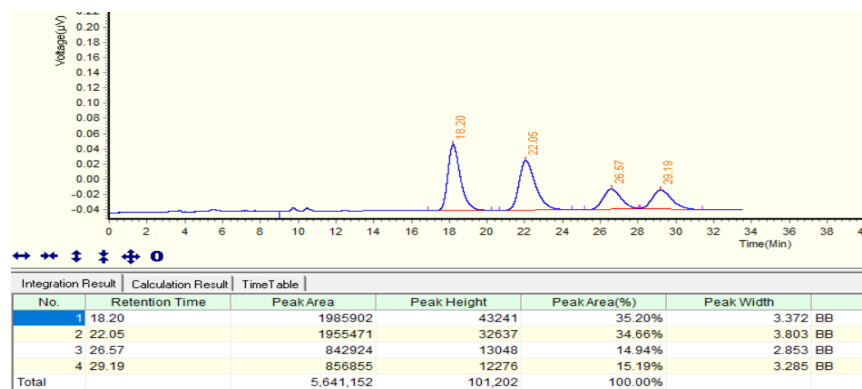
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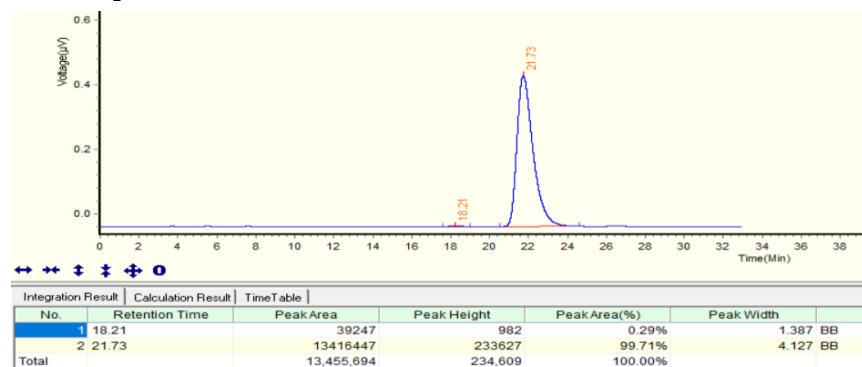
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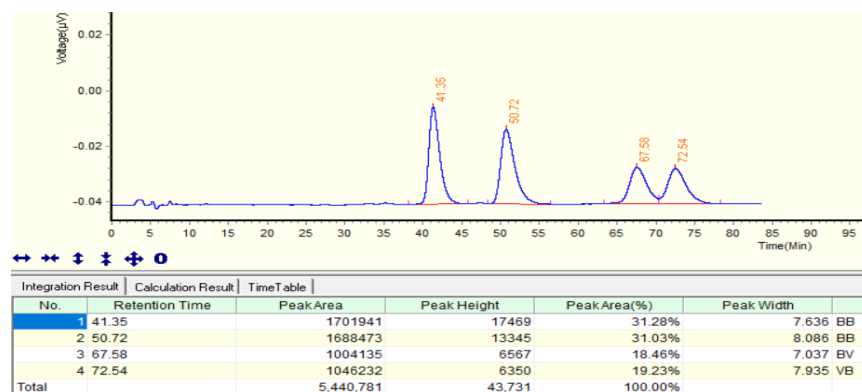
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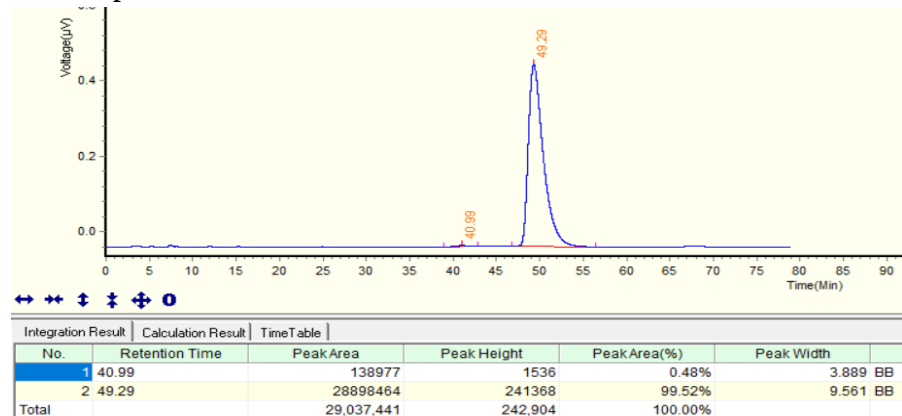
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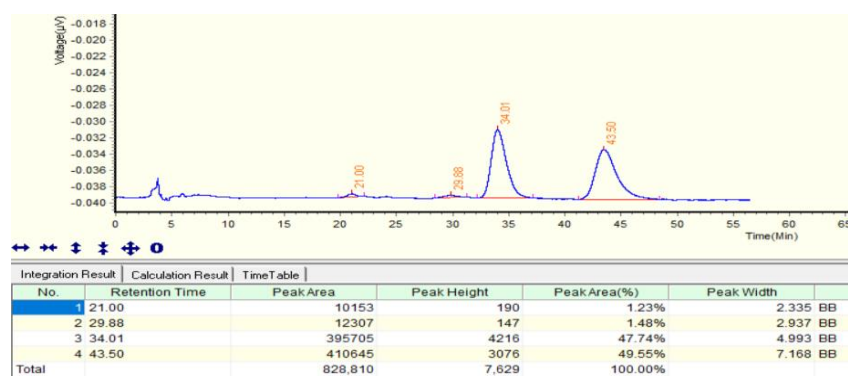
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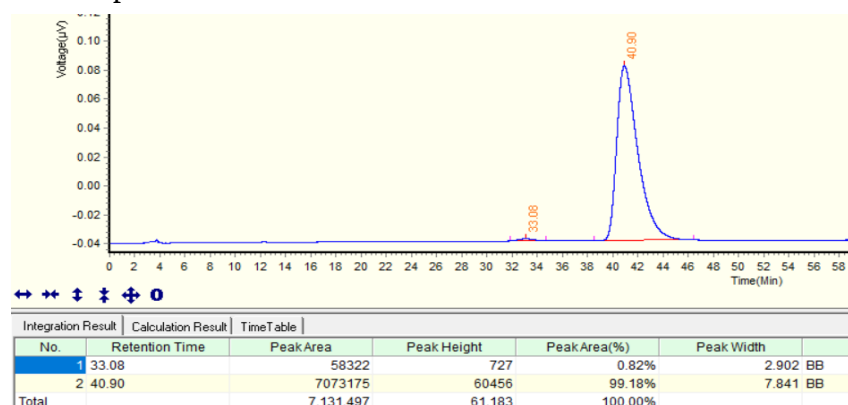
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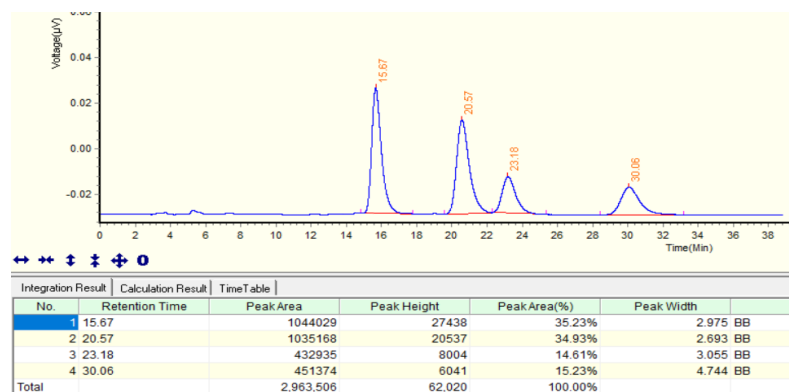
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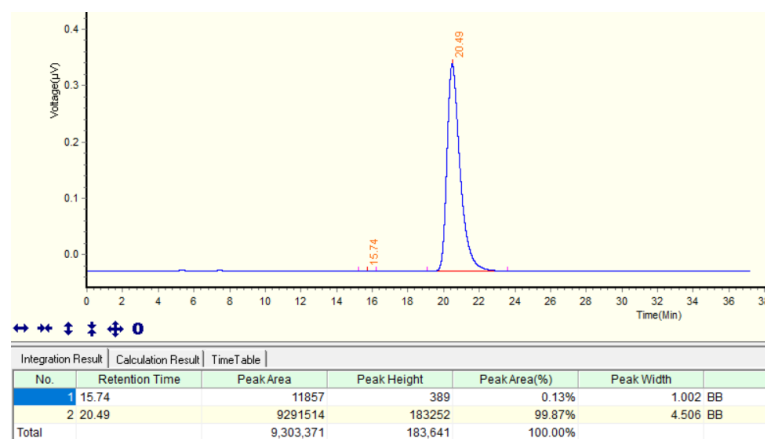
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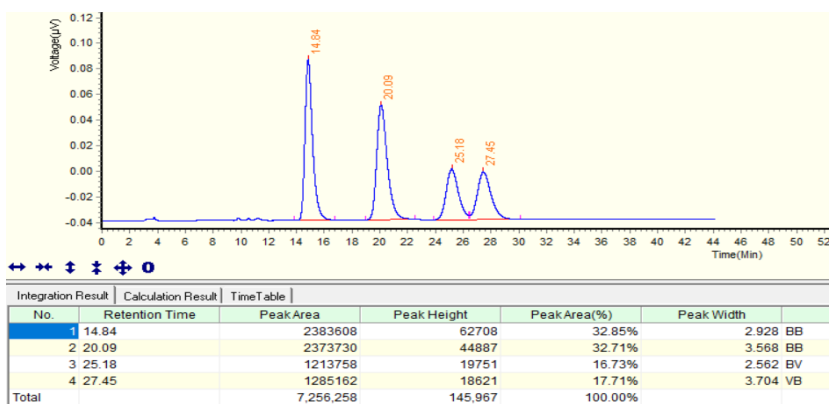
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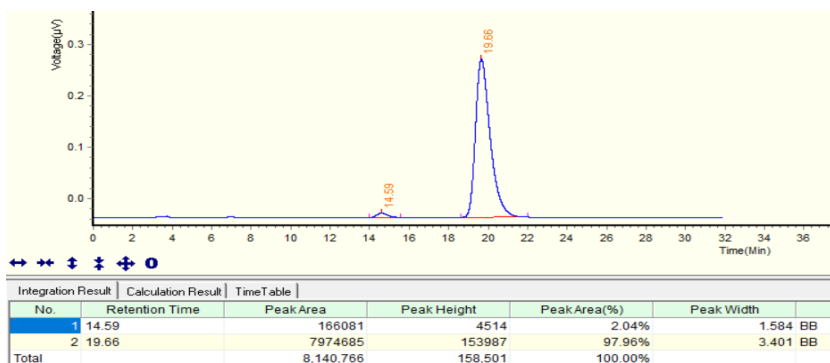
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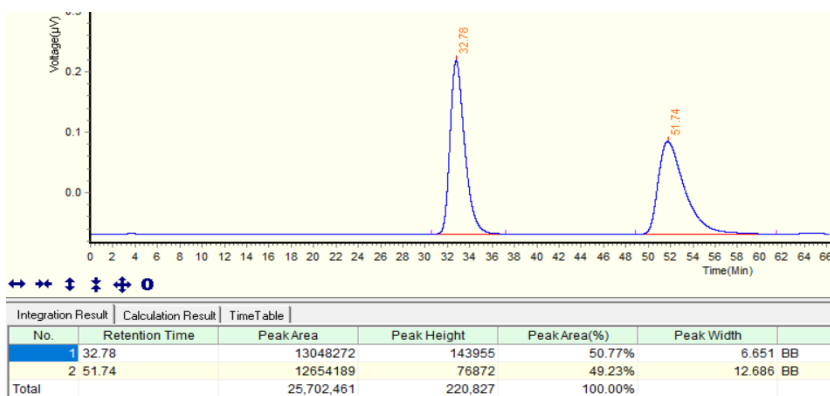
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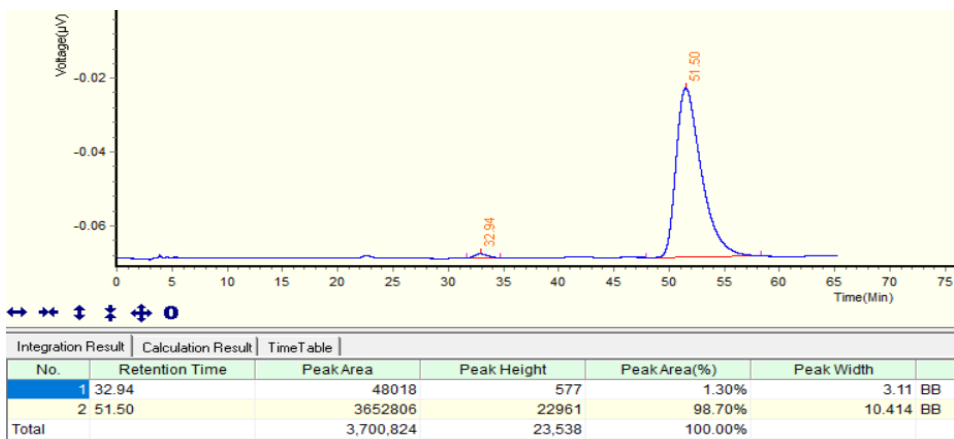
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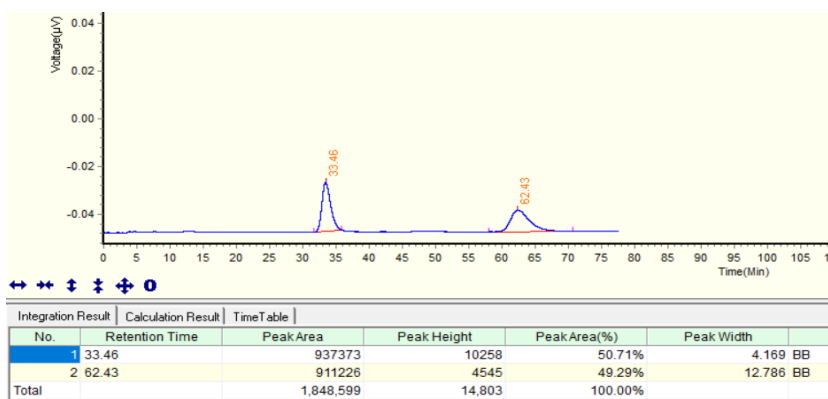
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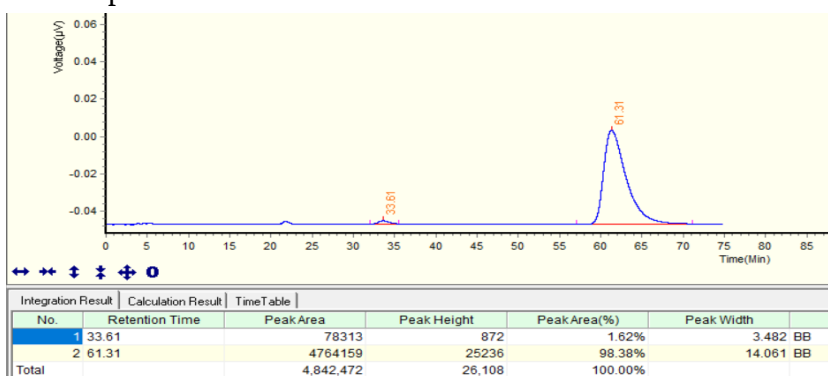
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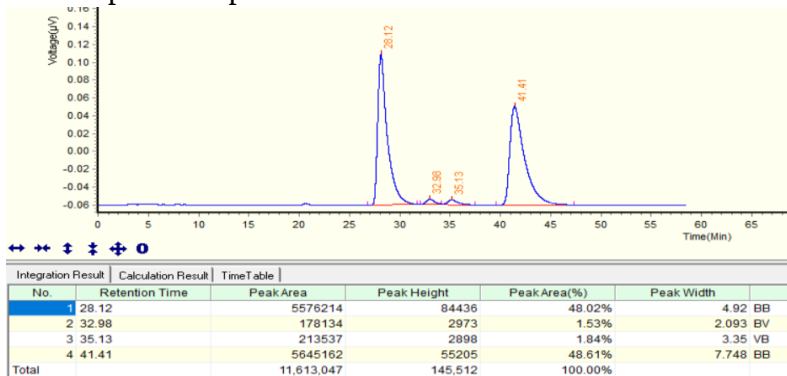
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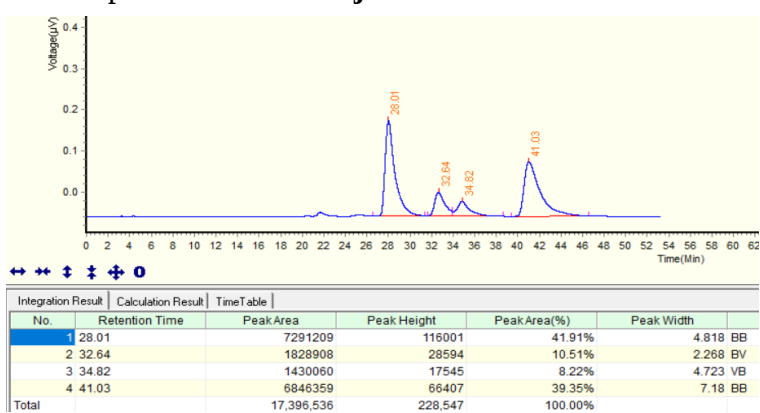
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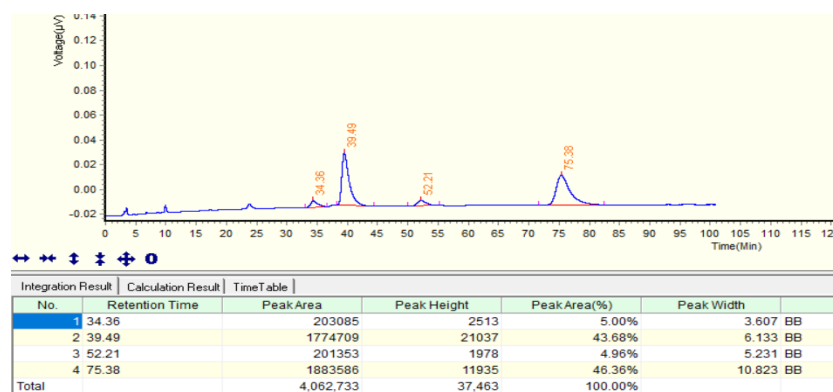
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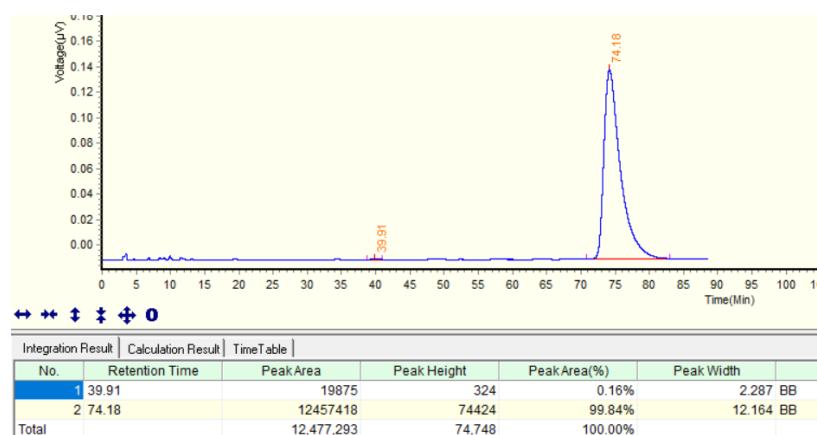
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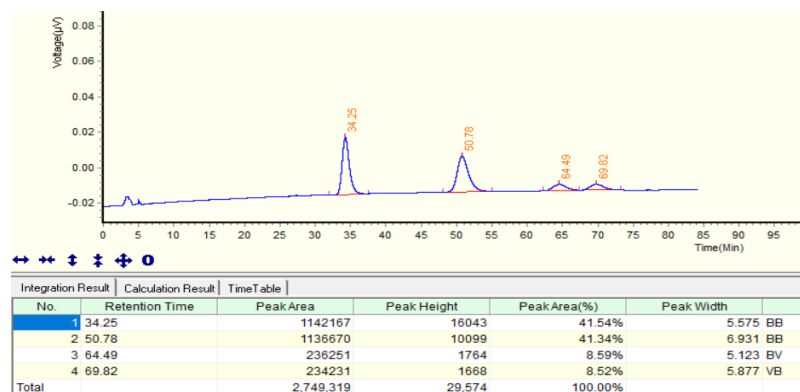
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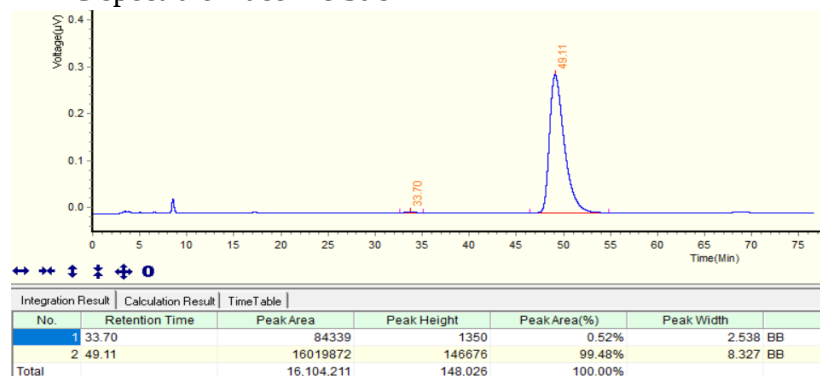
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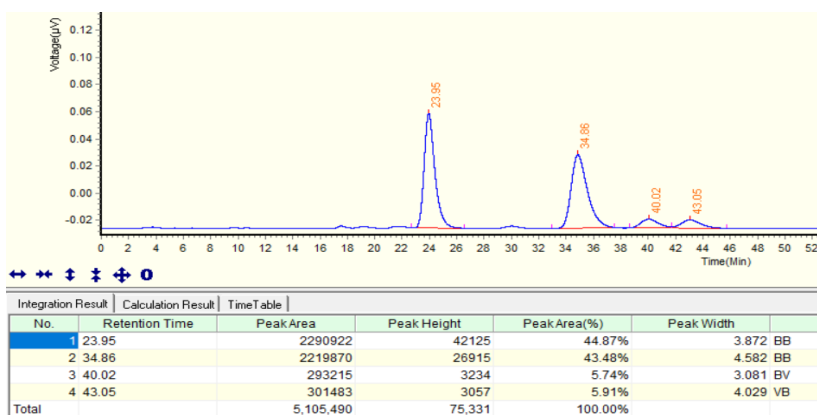
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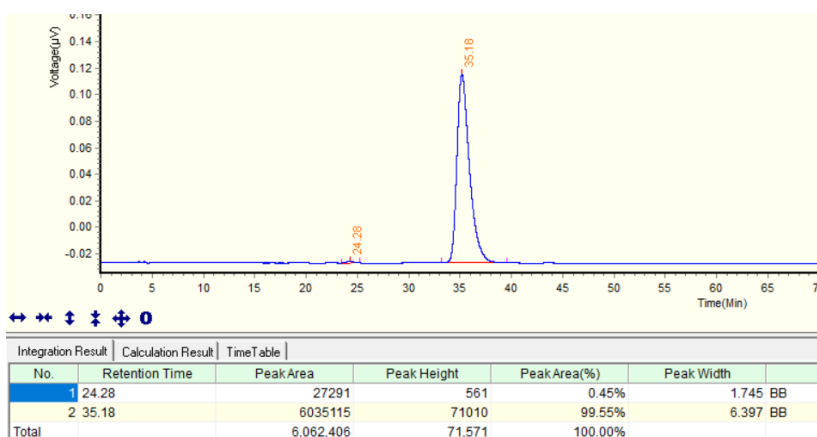
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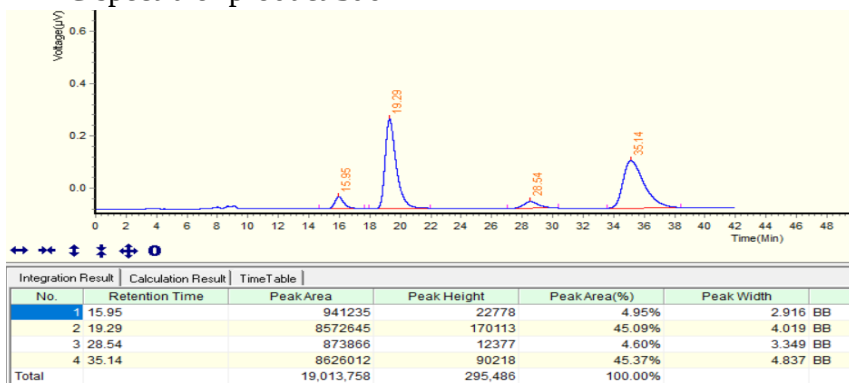
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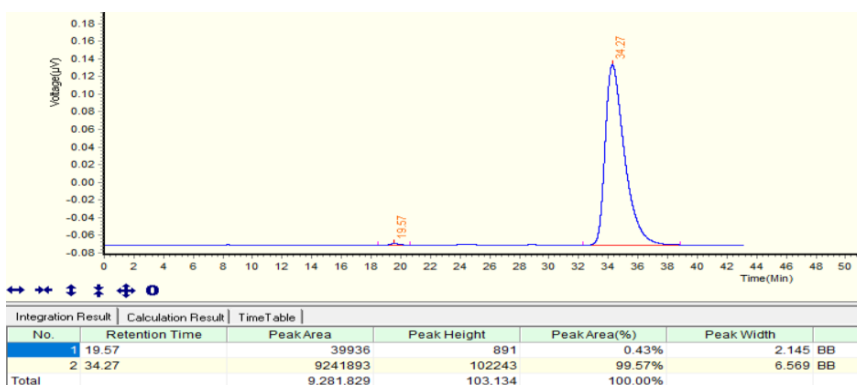
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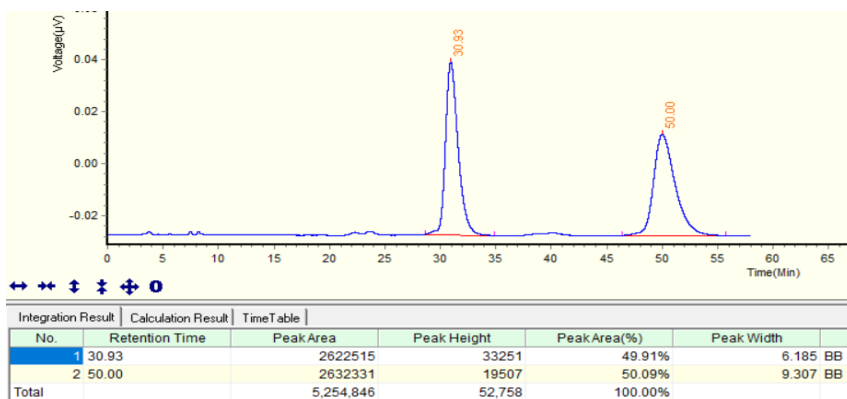
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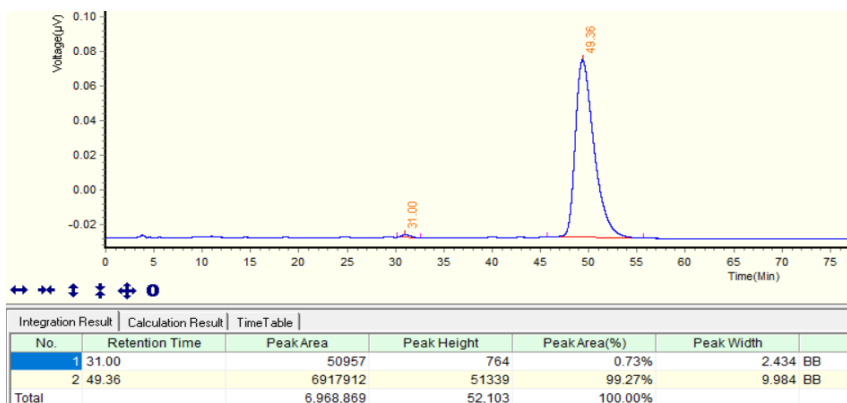
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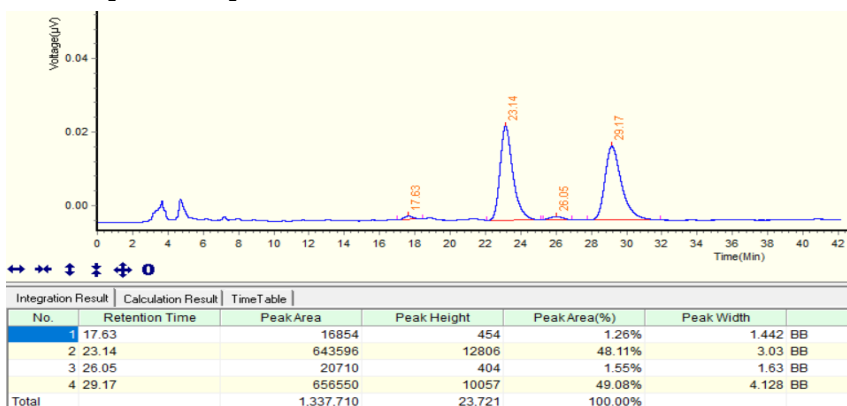
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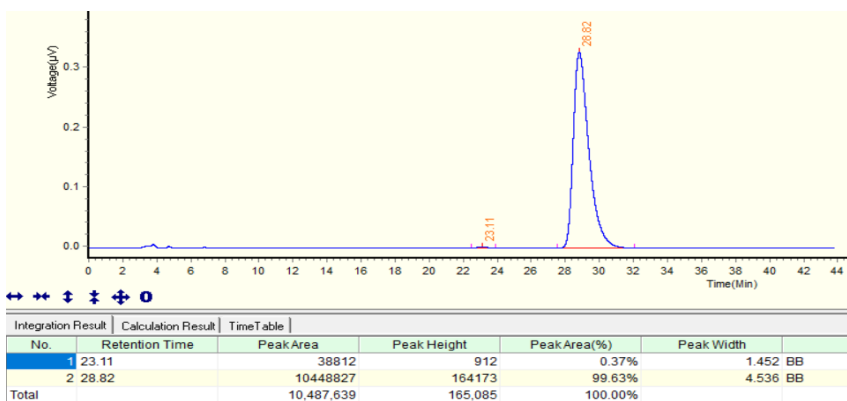
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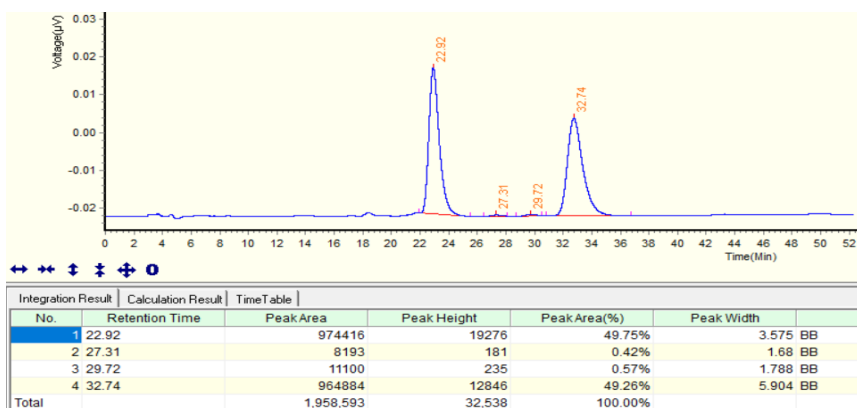
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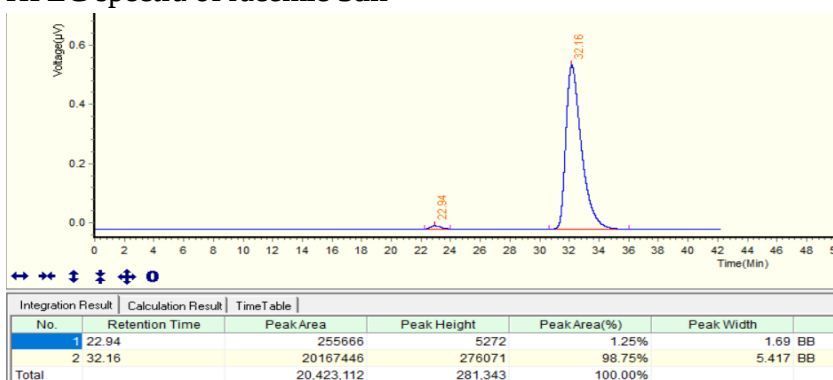
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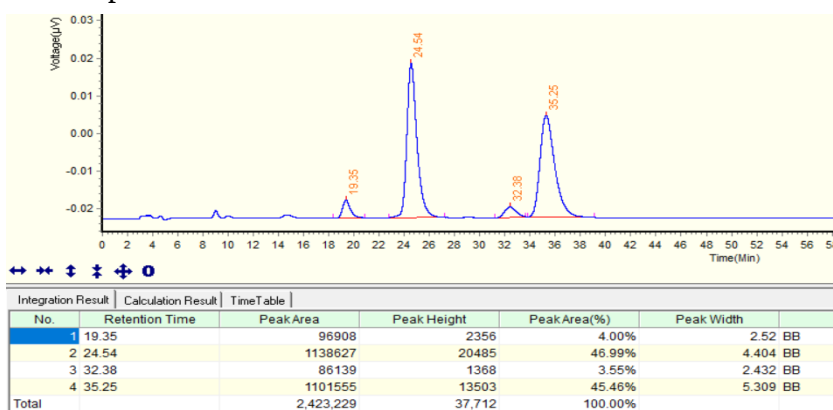
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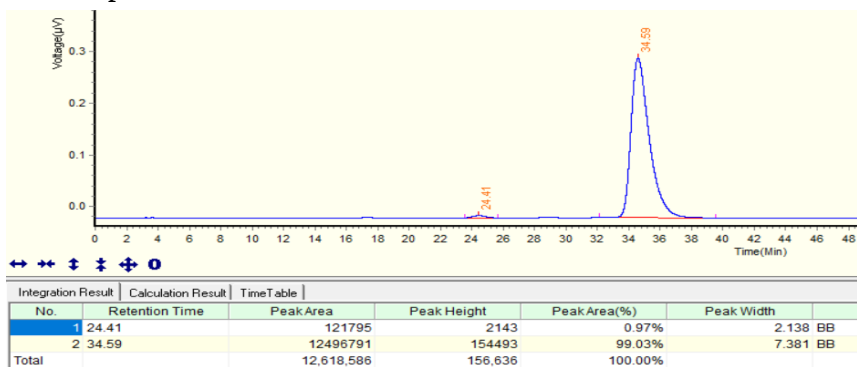
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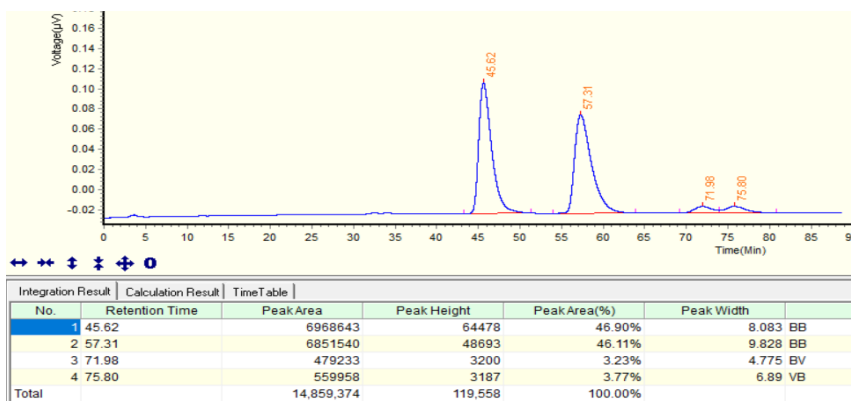
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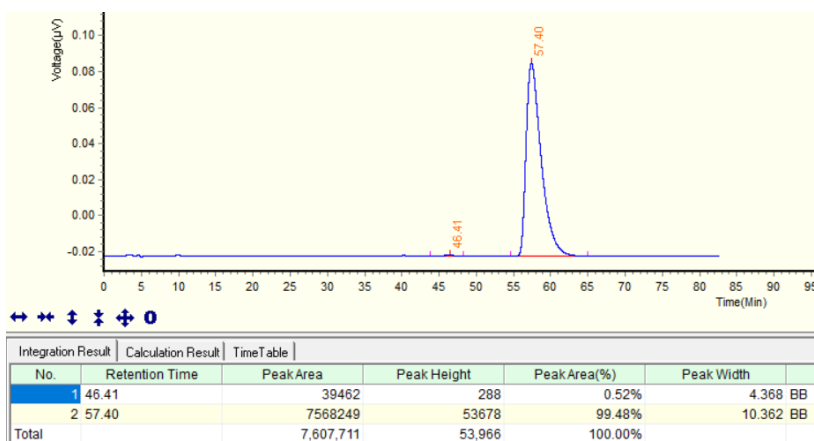
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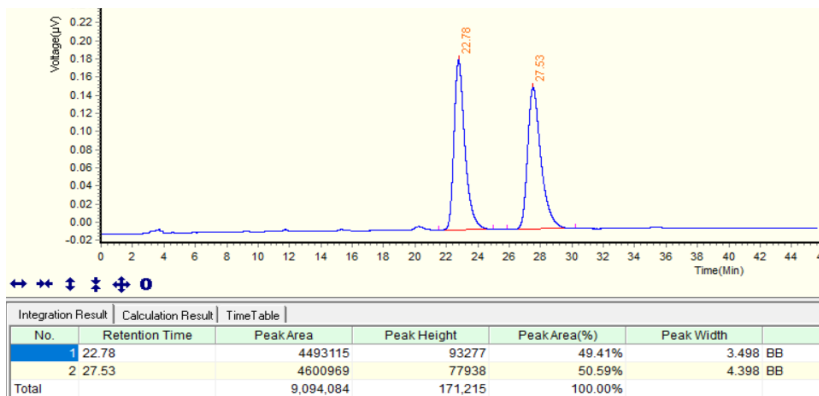
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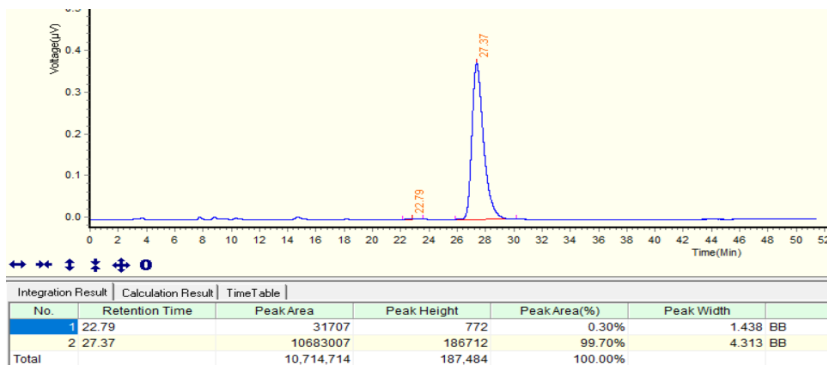
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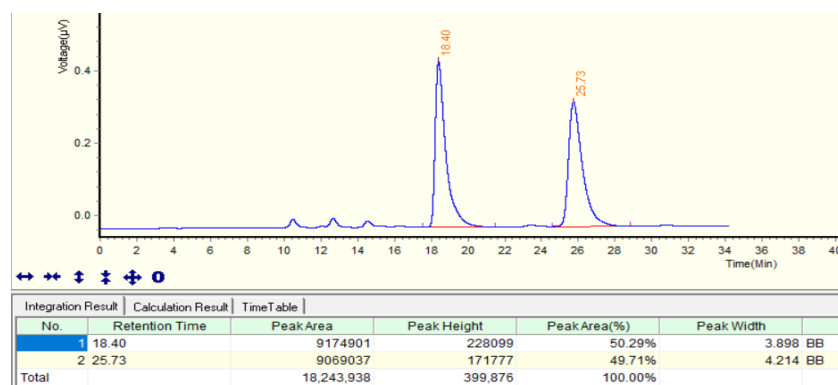
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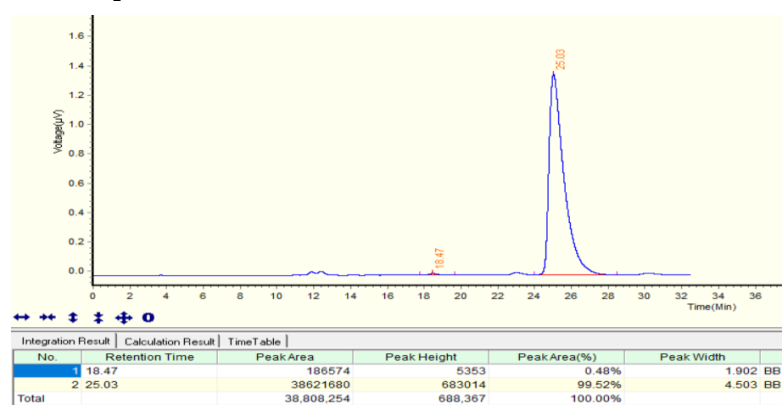
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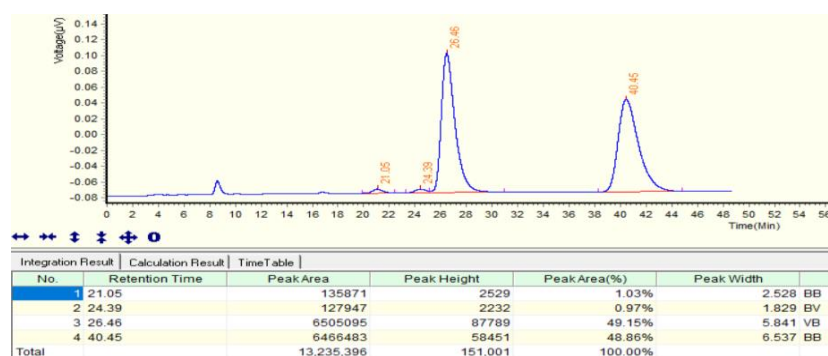
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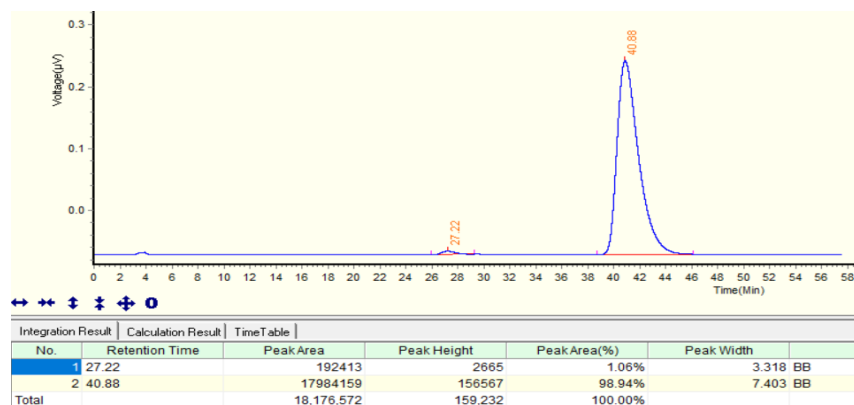
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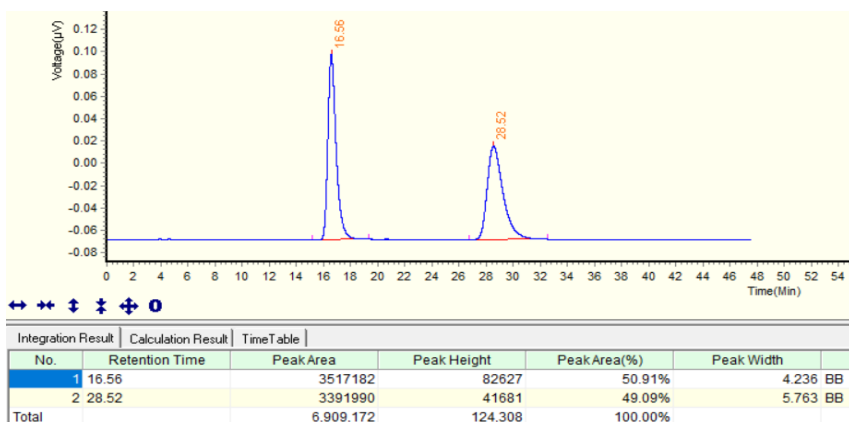
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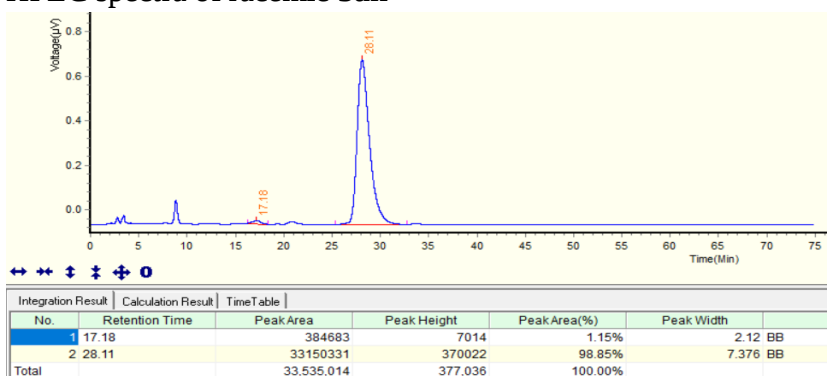
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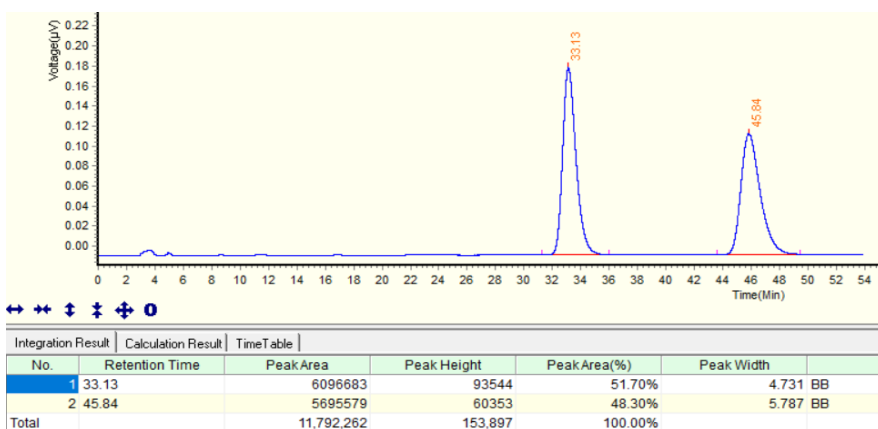
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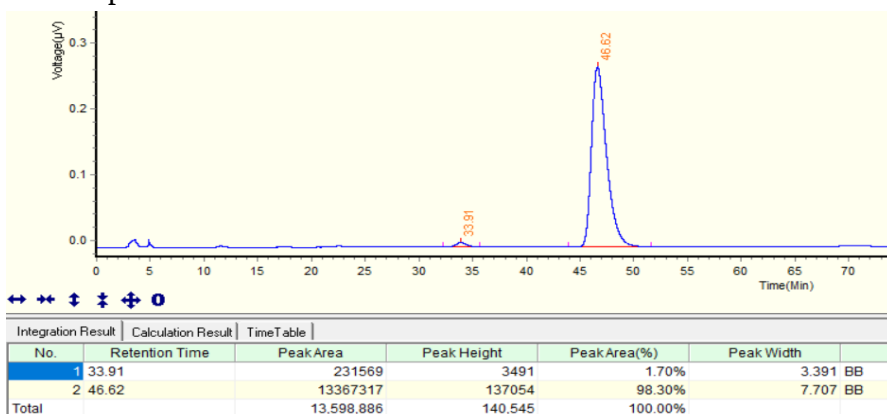
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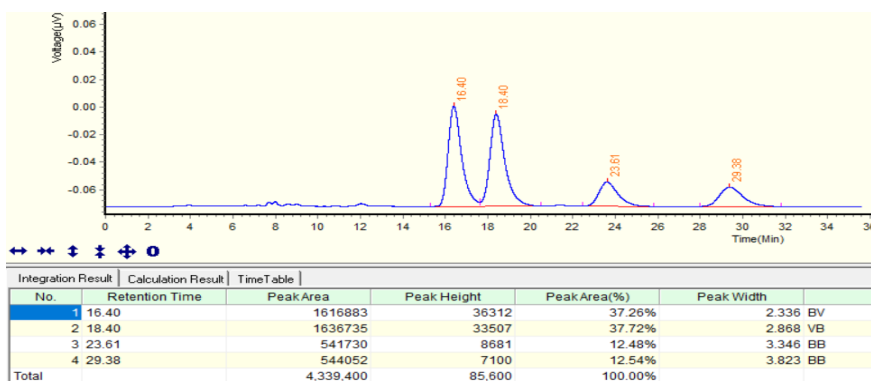
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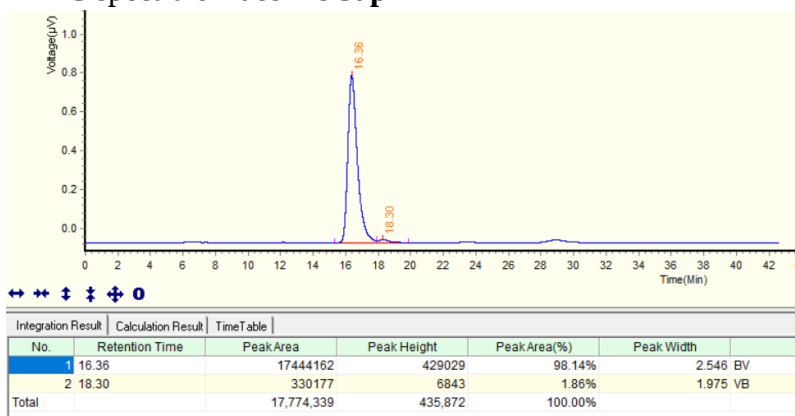
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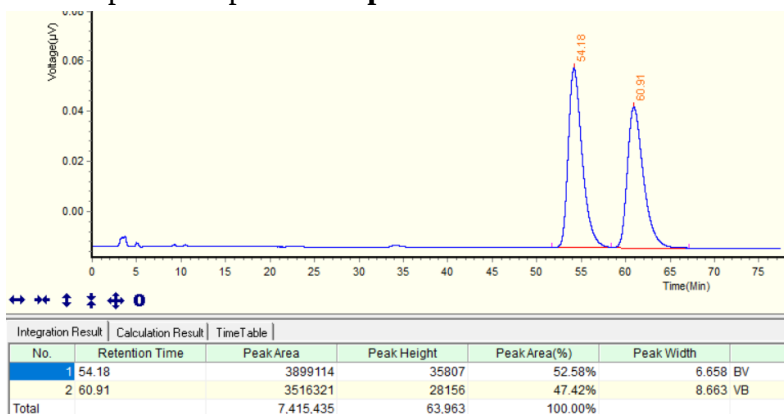
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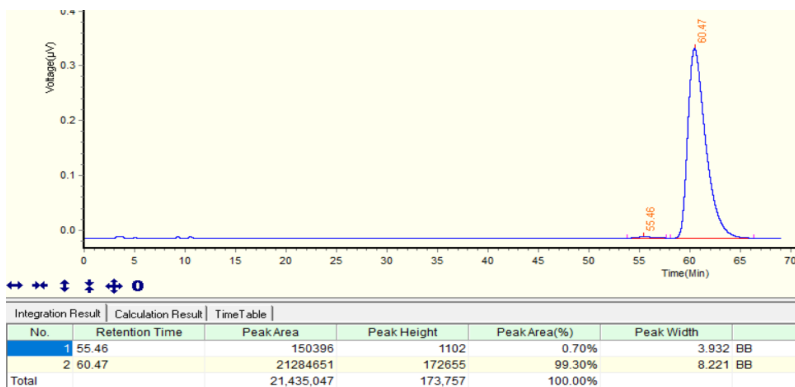
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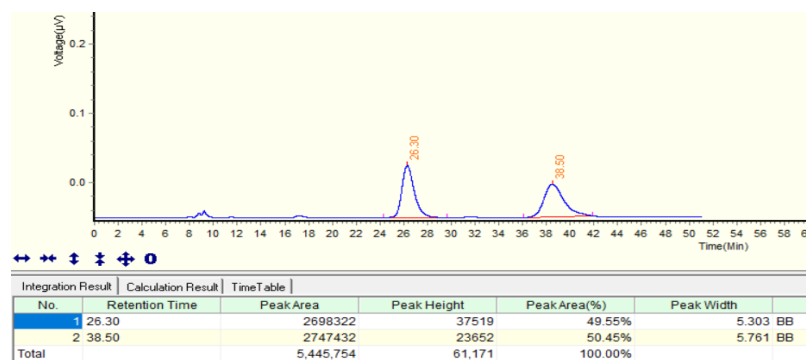
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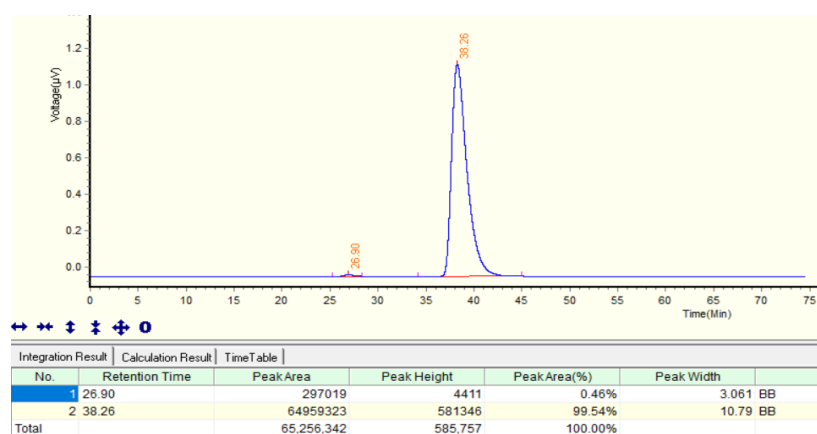
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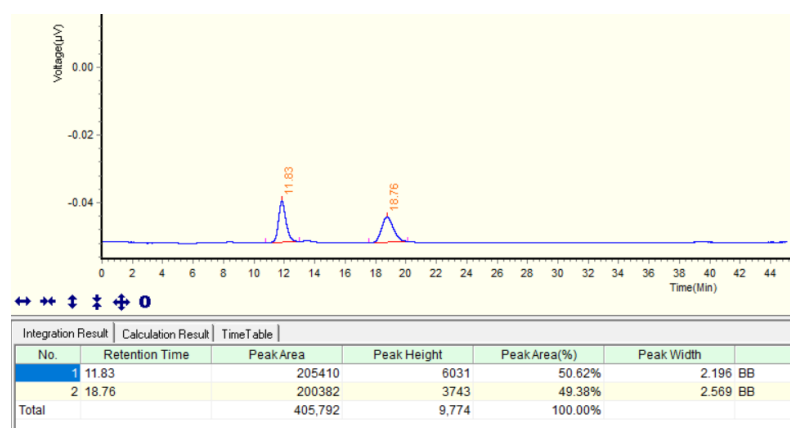
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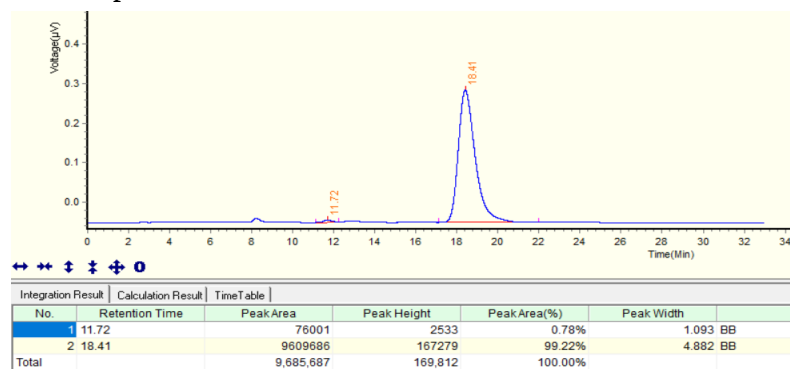
HPLC spectra of racemic **3ar**



HPLC spectra of product **3ar**



HPLC spectra of racemic **4**



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