

Supporting Information

Copper(I)-catalyzed [4+2] cycloaddition of aza-ortho-quinone methides with bicyclic alkenes

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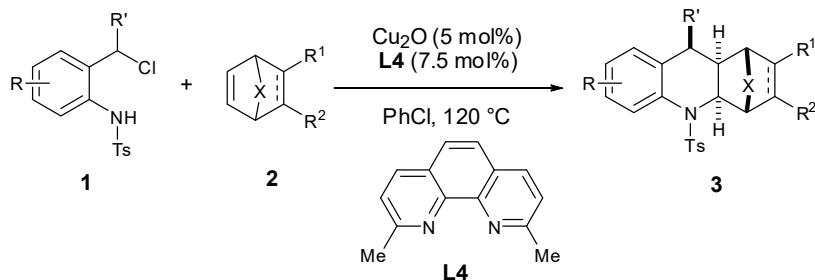
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1. General Experimental Information

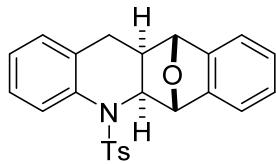
¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using 400, 500 or 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm. TMS (δ 0.00) or CDCl₃ (δ 7.26) were used as internal standard in ¹H NMR as well as CDCl₃ (δ 77.00) were used as internal standard in ¹³C NMR, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. High resolution mass spectra were acquired on an LTQ FT spectrometer, and were obtained by peak matching. Diastereomeric ratio was determined by ¹H NMR. Melting points are reported uncorrected. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm extra hard silica gel plates with UV254 fluorescent indicator. Chromatography was performed using with 300-400 mesh silica gel (SiO₂). Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and, where appropriate, purified prior to use. The *o*-chloromethyl arylsulfonamides **1a-1j**^[1] and bicyclic alkenes **2a-2o**^[2] were prepared according the literature methods and their spectral data matched literature values.

2. Synthesis of compounds **3aa-3ko**



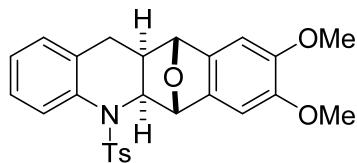
A Schlenk flask was charged with *o*-chloromethyl arylsulfonamides **1** (0.4 mmol), bicyclic alkenes (0.2 mmol), Cu₂O (5 mol%), neocuproine **L4** (7.5 mol%), and chlorobenzene (2 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 120 °C for 6 hours until bicyclic alkenes **2** were completely consumed (monitored by TLC). At this time, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by

flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/10 to 1/1, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide tetrahydroquinoline-fused bicycles **3**.



3aa

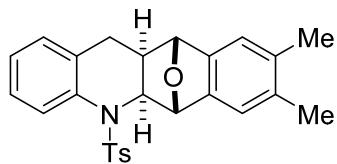
5-Tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3aa). White solid, 0.066 g, 82% yield; Mp: 213–214 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 6H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.56 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.7, 143.5, 143.4, 136.8, 136.5, 134.0, 129.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 120.4, 118.7, 86.5, 85.2, 60.3, 44.0, 30.1, 21.4; IR (thin film) 3043, 2939, 1915, 1676, 1598, 1488, 1342, 1165, 1077, 962, 818 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₁NNaO₃S [M + Na]⁺: 426.1135, found 426.1149.



3ab

8,9-Dimethoxy-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ab). White solid, 0.068 g, 73% yield; Mp: 162–163 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.45–2.38 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.53–1.47 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.2, 147.9, 143.5, 139.1, 136.8, 136.5, 135.6, 134.0, 129.5, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 104.8, 103.4, 86.7, 85.4, 60.6, 56.1,

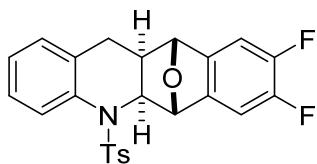
44.7, 30.0, 21.4; IR (thin film) 2961, 1597, 1491, 1463, 1347, 1163, 1009, 965, 815 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₆NO₅S [M + H]⁺: 464.1526, found 464.1530.



3ac

8,9-Dimethyl-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine

(3ac). White solid, 0.068 g, 77% yield; Mp: 184–185 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46–2.37 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.53–1.47 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.6, 143.4, 141.2, 136.9, 136.5, 135.3, 134.9, 134.1, 129.5, 128.1, 127.5, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 121.6, 120.0, 86.4, 85.1, 60.6, 44.5, 30.1, 21.4, 19.9, 19.8; IR (thin film) 2962, 1598, 1489, 1459, 1349, 1166, 1077, 954, 808 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺: 432.1628, found 432.1621.

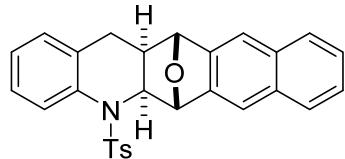


3ad

8,9-Difluoro-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine

(3ad). White solid, 0.046 g, 53% yield; Mp: 227–228 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 18.4 Hz, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.54–1.50 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.7, 136.7, 136.3, 133.6, 129.6, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3,

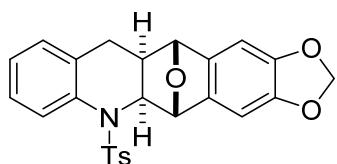
127.0, 126.7, 110.6, 110.4, 109.0, 108.8, 86.8, 84.8, 60.1, 44.0, 29.9, 21.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -138.2, , -138.8; IR (thin film) 2926, 1734, 1658, 1596, 1449, 1334, 1157, 1040, 934, 814 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 440.1126, found 440.1154.



3ae

5-Tosyl-5,5a,6,13,13a,14-hexahydro-6,13-epoxynaphtho[2,3-b]acridine (3ae).

White solid, 0.055 g, 63% yield; Mp: 153–154 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.56–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.55–1.51 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.9, 143.6, 140.8, 136.8, 136.6, 133.9, 132.9, 132.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 119.0, 116.9, 86.4, 85.1, 60.9, 45.2, 30.1, 21.5; IR (thin film) 2924, 1916, 1597, 1491, 1458, 1345, 1161, 1069, 953, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 454.1471, found 454.1441.

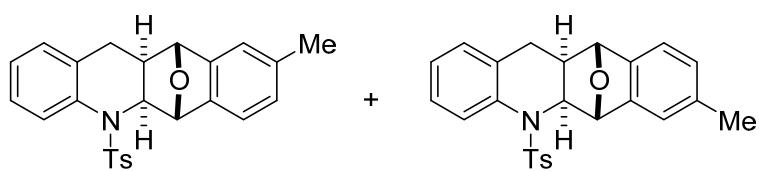


3af

6-Tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-5,12-epoxy[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-b]acridine (3af).

White solid, 0.064 g, 72% yield; Mp: 268–269 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,

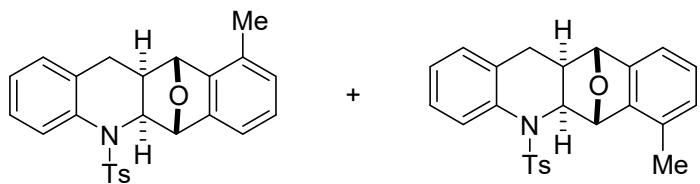
1H), 7.14–7.12 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.59 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.45–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.55–1.49 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.8, 146.3, 143.5, 140.6, 137.0, 136.8, 136.4, 134.0, 129.5, 128.0, 127.5, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 102.4, 101.2, 101.0, 86.4, 85.1, 60.4, 44.2, 30.0, 21.4; IR (thin film) 2995, 2938, 1598, 1489, 1469, 1308, 1165, 1033, 931, 817 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_5\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 448.1213, found 448.1217.



3ag (*isomer ratio* = 1:1)

9-Methyl-5-tosyl-5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ag).

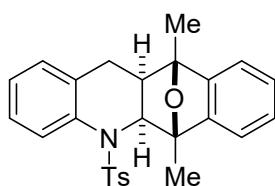
White solid, 0.071 g, 85% yield; Mp: 110–111 °C; *isomer one*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.62 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.01–6.93 (m, 3H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.63 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.47–2.38 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.54–1.47 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.0, 143.9, 137.1, 136.8, 136.5, 134.2, 129.5, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 126.9, 126.6, 121.2, 119.6, 86.4, 85.1, 60.5, 44.3, 30.0, 21.4, 21.3; *isomer two*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.62 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.01–6.93 (m, 3H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.61 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.47–2.38 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.54–1.47 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.7, 143.5, 140.6, 136.8, 136.6, 136.4, 134.1, 129.5, 127.5, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 120.0, 118.4, 86.3, 85.1, 60.4, 44.2, 30.0, 21.4, 21.3; IR (thin film) 2928, 2253, 1919, 1599, 1488, 1458, 1348, 1167, 1033, 911, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 418.1471, found 418.1478.



3ah (*isomer ratio* = 1:1)

10-Methyl-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ah).

White solid, 0.068 g, 82% yield; Mp: 132–133 °C; *isomer one*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.92 (m, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.58–1.50 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.4, 143.5, 142.1, 136.8, 136.5, 134.0, 129.5, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 117.6, 86.7, 85.1, 60.3, 44.0, 30.2, 21.4, 18.3; *isomer two*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.92 (m, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.49–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.58–1.50 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.4, 143.0, 136.9, 136.5, 134.1, 130.4, 129.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 116.0, 85.4, 83.7, 59.7, 43.3, 30.0, 21.4, 18.1; IR (thin film) 2928, 2253, 1920, 1599, 1488, 1458, 1348, 1167, 1091, 911, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 418.1471, found 418.1479.

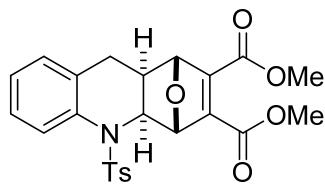


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6,11-Dimethyl-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine

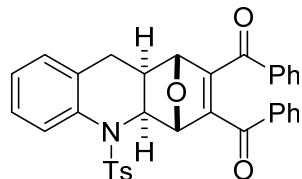
(3ai). White solid, 0.046 g, 66% yield; Mp: 228–229 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.14 (m,

3H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.41–1.35 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.7, 147.2, 143.3, 137.4, 137.0, 134.4, 129.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 119.1, 116.9, 88.1, 85.9, 64.0, 48.2, 27.0, 21.4, 14.6, 14.3; IR (thin film) 3026, 2963, 1595, 1489, 1458, 1346, 1261, 1166, 1090, 901, 806 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 432.1628, found 432.1612.



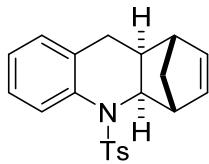
3aj

Dimethyl 10-tosyl-1,4,4a,9,9a,10-hexahydro-1,4-epoxyacridine-2,3-dicarboxylate (3aj). White solid, 0.052 g, 55% yield; Mp: 146–147 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.57 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44–2.39 (m, 4H), 1.67 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.7, 162.0, 147.0, 143.8, 143.2, 136.8, 136.3, 133.5, 129.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 126.8, 88.0, 86.6, 58.4, 52.6, 52.4, 40.9, 29.5, 21.5; IR (thin film) 3036, 2955, 1949, 1729, 1714, 1636, 1593, 1488, 1336, 1168, 1002, 926, 820 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 470.1268, found 470.1263.



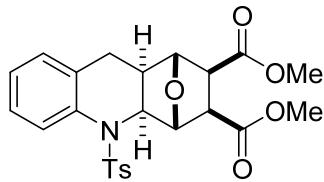
3ak

(10-Tosyl-1,4,4a,9,9a,10-hexahydro-1,4-epoxyacridine-2,3-diy)bis(phenyl methanone) (3ak). White solid, 0.068 g, 61% yield; Mp: 159–160 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 2.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.78 (dd, $J = 15.6$ Hz, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.8, 189.9, 153.0, 149.3, 143.8, 136.8, 136.6, 136.4, 136.2, 133.8, 133.7, 133.6, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 126.8, 89.5, 87.9, 58.7, 41.7, 29.6, 21.5; IR (thin film) 2926, 1734, 1658, 1598, 1494, 1334, 1157, 1091, 1040, 934, 814 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 562.1683, found 562.1668.



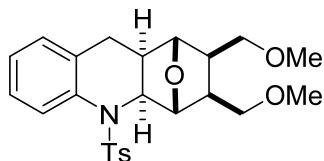
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10-Tosyl-1,4,4a,9,9a,10-hexahydro-1,4-methanoacridine (3al). White solid, 0.056 g, 80% yield; Mp: 150–151 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.58 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 2H), 4.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.59 (m, 1H), 1.08 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 0.88 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.2, 141.6, 137.4, 137.2, 137.1, 134.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 59.0, 50.6, 48.8, 43.7, 40.4, 30.4, 21.4; IR (thin film) 3041, 2984, 1932, 1599, 1489, 1341, 1168, 1046, 961, 812 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 352.1366, found 352.1370.



3am

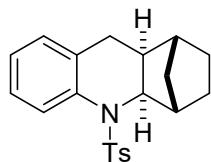
Dimethyl 10-tosyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,9a,10-octahydro-1,4-epoxyacridine-2,3-dicarboxylate (3am). White solid, 0.056 g, 80% yield; Mp: 196–197 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.34–2.29 (m, 1H), 1.43 (dd, *J* = 14.4 Hz, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.5, 170.4, 143.7, 136.5, 136.0, 133.0, 129.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 85.1, 84.0, 61.3, 52.2, 52.1, 51.6, 49.3, 46.8, 29.7, 21.5; IR (thin film) 2960, 2925, 1726, 1598, 1489, 1346, 1263, 1166, 1026, 930, 810 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₆NO₇S [M + H]⁺: 472.1424, found 472.1405.



3an

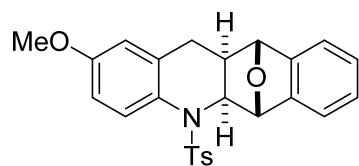
2,3-Bis(methoxymethyl)-10-tosyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,9a,10-octahydro-1,4-epoxyacridine (3an). White solid, 0.073 g, 83% yield; Mp: 170–171 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 1H), 4.05 (s, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.15 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (dd, *J* = 14.7 Hz, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.05–2.00

(m, 1H), 1.45–1.40 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.4, 136.9, 136.6, 133.9, 129.5, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.7, 85.9, 84.6, 70.3, 70.2, 62.2, 58.7, 58.6, 46.9, 45.5, 42.9, 30.0, 21.5; IR (thin film) 3022, 2920, 1930, 1736, 1598, 1487, 1347, 1166, 1033, 920, 820 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 444.1839, found 444.1826.



3ao

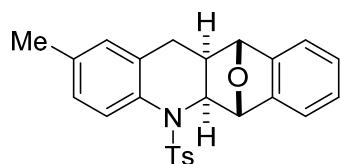
10-Tosyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,9a,10-octahydro-1,4-methanoacridine (3ao). White solid, 0.055 g, 78% yield; Mp: 125–127 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 4H), 0.68–0.59 (m, 2H), 1.85 (s, 1H), 1.52–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.12–1.09 (m, 1H), 1.12–1.09 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.1, 137.4, 137.1, 134.6, 129.4, 128.2, 127.7, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4, 62.4, 46.6, 45.2, 43.6, 35.0, 30.8, 29.8, 27.3, 21.4; IR (thin film) 3032, 2964, 2875, 1597, 1486, 1348, 1165, 804 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 354.1522, found 354.1549.



3ba

2-Methoxy-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ba). White solid, 0.066 g, 76% yield; Mp: 147–148 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.52 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.17–7.10 (m, 5H), 6.79 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz,

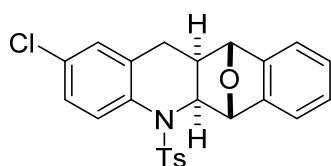
1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.40–2.37 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.43–1.37 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.1, 146.6, 143.5, 143.4, 136.6, 135.4, 129.5, 129.2, 129.0, 127.1, 126.8, 126.7, 120.3, 118.7, 113.5, 111.4, 86.4, 85.2, 60.2, 55.1, 43.3, 30.3, 21.4; IR (thin film) 2961, 1929, 1597, 1497, 1450, 1344, 1162, 1035, 1003, 961, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_4\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 434.1421, found 434.1396.



3ca

1-Chloro-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ca).

White solid, 0.082 g, 99% yield; Mp: 175–176 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.49 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.16–7.05 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.42–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.50–1.42 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.7, 143.5, 143.4, 136.8, 136.5, 133.8, 133.7, 129.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.7, 120.3, 118.7, 86.4, 85.2, 60.3, 43.8, 30.0, 21.4, 21.1; IR (thin film) 3049, 2938, 1929, 1598, 1496, 1342, 1162, 961, 758 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 418.1471, found 418.1478.

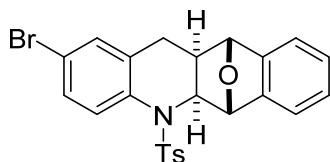


3da

9-Methyl-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3da).

White solid, 0.058 g, 66% yield; Mp: 271–272 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 6H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.45–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H),

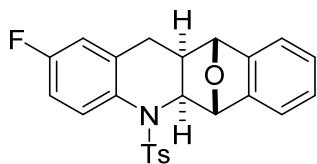
1.50–1.44 (dd, $J = 15.6$ Hz, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.5, 143.8, 143.2, 136.6, 135.8, 135.2, 132.1, 129.7, 129.3, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 120.4, 118.8, 86.5, 85.1, 60.3, 43.9, 29.9, 21.5; IR (thin film) 3001, 2940, 1596, 1482, 1431, 1305, 1153, 1089, 961, 814 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClNO}_3\text{SNa} [\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 460.0745, found 460.0760.



3ea

2-Bromo-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ea).

White solid, 0.049 g, 51% yield; Mp: 176–177 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.13 (m, 6H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.45–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.51–1.46 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.5, 143.8, 143.2, 136.6, 136.2, 135.8, 130.5, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.7, 120.5, 120.2, 118.8, 86.5, 85.1, 60.3, 44.0, 29.9, 21.5; IR (thin film) 2962, 1595, 1480, 1349, 1261, 1165, 1003, 961, 811 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrNO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 482.0420, found 482.0438.

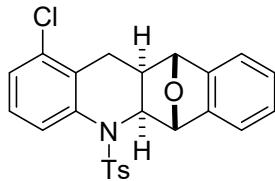


3fa

2-Fluoro-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3fa).

White solid, 0.056 g, 67% yield; Mp: 147–148 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.59 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 5H), 6.97 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.65 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.45–2.40 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.48–1.42 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ

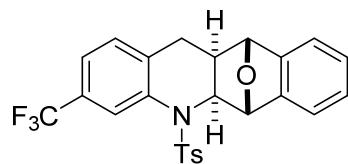
161.9 (d, $J = 244.5$ Hz), 146.5, 143.8, 143.3, 136.5, 136.4 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 132.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 126.9, 126.7, 120.4, 118.8, 114.7 (d, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 86.5, 85.2, 60.3, 43.6, 30.2, 21.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -114.7; IR (thin film) 3006, 2963, 1597, 1492, 1342, 1261, 1090, 1020, 961, 802 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{FNO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 422.1221, found 422.1250.



3ga

1-Chloro-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ga).

White solid, 0.052 g, 59% yield; Mp: 210–211 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 5H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.34–1.28 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.6, 143.9, 143.1, 138.2, 136.7, 132.3, 132.2, 129.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 126.7, 120.4, 118.8, 86.4, 85.1, 60.2, 44.1, 29.6, 26.4, 21.5; IR (thin film) 3033, 2962, 1932, 1595, 1454, 1163, 972, 831 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 438.0925, found 438.0950.

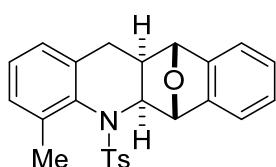


3ha

5-Tosyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]

acridine (3ha). White solid, 0.077 g, 72% yield; Mp: 208–209 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$

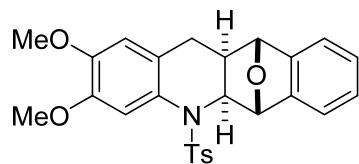
Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.63 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.3, 144.0, 143.1, 138.3, 137.3, 136.6, 129.7, 128.0, 127.4, 127.0, 126.7, 124.9, 123.5, 120.5, 118.8, 86.5, 85.1, 60.3, 44.3, 30.2, 21.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.1; IR (thin film) 2941, 1929, 1593, 1496, 1428, 1329, 1275, 1168, 1069, 961, 818 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 472.1189, found 472.1189.



3ia

4-Methyl-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ia).

White solid, 0.047 g, 56% yield; Mp: 247–248 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.08 (m, 7H), 6.82 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.36–2.27 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.38 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.7, 143.7, 143.6, 138.5, 137.0, 135.5, 135.4, 129.7, 129.6, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 125.5, 120.2, 118.7, 85.7, 85.3, 61.3, 42.9, 30.5, 21.5, 19.1; IR (thin film) 2923, 1593, 1460, 1304, 1161, 1090, 964, 810, 760 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 418.1471, found 418.1470.

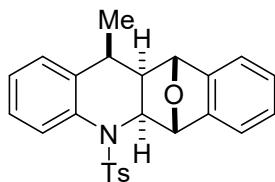


3ja

2,3-Dimethoxy-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine

(3ja). White solid, 0.050 g, 54% yield; Mp: 148–150 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3):

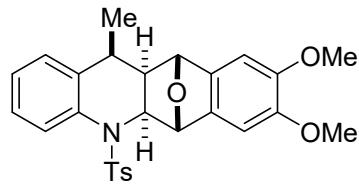
δ 7.38–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.19–7.11 (m, 6H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.36–2.34 (m, 5H), 1.39–1.33 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.6, 147.4, 146.7, 143.6, 143.5, 136.4, 129.4, 128.7, 127.2, 126.8, 126.1, 120.3, 120.3, 118.7, 112.2, 110.2, 86.6, 85.5, 60.1, 56.0, 55.8, 43.6, 29.6, 21.4; IR (thin film) 2929, 1611, 1597, 1511, 1340, 1162, 1090, 814 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ [M + H] $^+$: 464.1526, found 464.1515.



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12-Methyl-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3ka):

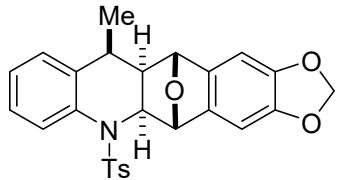
White solid, 0.043 g, 52% yield; Mp: 227–228 °C; *Major isomer*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.61 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.10–7.08 (m, 1H), 5.22 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40–2.38 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.89–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.32 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.0, 143.5, 143.4, 137.5, 137.0, 136.9, 129.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 124.1, 120.4, 118.4, 86.3, 78.6, 60.8, 51.7, 30.3, 21.4, 15.0; IR (thin film) 2921, 1486, 1455, 1342, 1161, 1042, 942, 819 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ [M + H] $^+$: 418.1471, found 418.1473.



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8,9-Dimethoxy-12-methyl-5-tosyl-5,5a,6,11,11a,12-hexahydro-6,11-epoxybenzo[b]acridine (3kb): White solid, 0.047 g, 49% yield; Mp: 156–157 °C; ^1H NMR (400

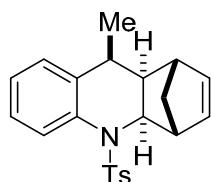
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3kf (*dr* > 20 :1)

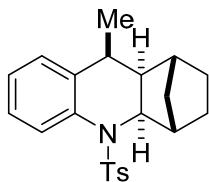
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benzo[1,2-b]acridine (3kf). White solid, 0.066 g, 72% yield; Mp: 188–189 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.40–2.31 (m, 4H), 1.88 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 146.9, 146.3, 143.4, 140.8, 137.3, 137.1, 137.0, 136.8, 129.5, 126.9, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 124.1, 102.6, 101.2, 100.8, 86.2, 78.6, 60.9, 51.8, 30.3, 21.4, 15.0; IR (thin film) 2964, 2253, 1929, 1598, 1488, 1345, 1166, 1035, 913, 814 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₄NO₅S [M + H]⁺: 462.1370, found 462.1370.



3kl ($dr = 2 : 1$)

9-Methyl-10-tosyl-1,4,4a,9,9a,10-hexahydro-1,4-methanoacridine (3kl). White solid, 0.048 g, 65% yield; Mp: 78–80 °C; *major isomer*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.04 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.23–6.10 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.95 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.12–1.04 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.1, 141.9, 138.3, 137.7, 137.5, 136.7, 129.5, 127.8, 127.2, 126.7, 126.3, 124.6, 59.7, 50.5, 48.5, 43.3, 41.3, 30.7, 21.5, 15.0; *minor isomer*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H), 6.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.27–6.21 (m, 2H), 4.34 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 1H), 2.09 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.15–1.12 (m, 1H), 0.75 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.65 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.3, 141.8, 138.0, 137.8, 137.6, 136.5, 129.5, 128.4, 126.9, 126.7, 125.2, 125.1, 58.5, 51.1, 48.9, 47.6, 43.5, 37.7, 23.9, 15.0; IR (thin film) 2964, 1488, 1349, 1166, 1091, 945, 821 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 366.1522, found 366.1526.

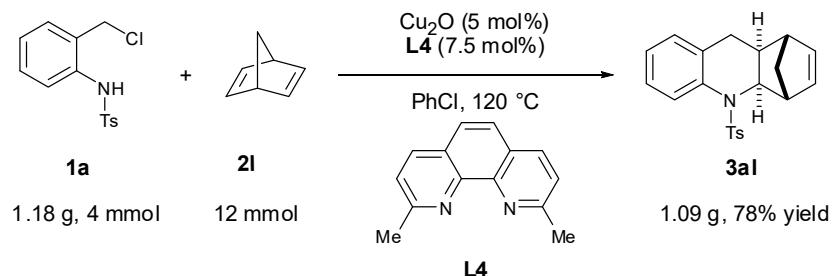


3ko ($dr = 1.3 : 1$)

9-Methyl-10-tosyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,9a,10-octahydro-1,4-methanoacridine (3ko). White solid, 0.043 g, 59% yield; Mp: 89–91 °C; *major isomer*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.56 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 3H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.35 (dd, $J = 13.2$ Hz, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 1H), 1.45–1.31 (m, 3H), 1.16 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz,

3H), 0.83 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 0.60 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.0, 137.6, 137.5, 136.7, 129.4, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 126.1, 124.2, 63.2, 53.9, 45.0, 43.7, 35.8, 34.8, 30.9, 30.5, 27.0, 21.4; *minor isomer*: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 6.97 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.14–2.07 (m, 2H), 1.91 (s, 1H), 1.45–1.31 (m, 3H), 0.77 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.72 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 0.41 (d, $J = 13.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.2, 137.8, 137.7, 137.3, 129.5, 128.1, 127.1, 126.6, 125.0, 124.4, 62.0, 53.5, 45.4, 37.8, 34.5, 30.3, 26.4, 23.2, 21.4, 15.1; IR (thin film) 2962, 1600, 1487, 1455, 1349, 1184, 1040, 916, 813 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 368.1679, found 368.1667.

3. Gram scale preparation of compound 3al

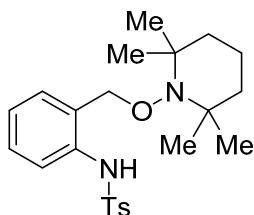


A Schlenk flask was charged with *o*-chloromethyl arylsulfonamides **1a** (4 mmol, 1.18 g), bicyclic alkene **2l** (3.0 equiv.), Cu_2O (5 mol%), neocuproine **L4** (7.5 mol%), and chlorobenzene (20 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 120 °C for 12 hours until bicyclic alkene **2l** were completely consumed (monitored by TLC). At this time, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/20 to 1/10, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide desired tetrahydroquinoline **3al**.

4. Synthesis of compound 4



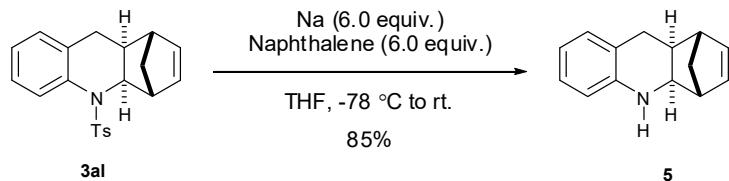
A Schlenk flask was charged with *o*-chloromethyl arylsulfonamides **1a** (0.4 mmol), bicyclic alkene **2a** (0.2 mmol), Cu₂O (5 mol %), neocuproine (7.5 mol%), 2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine *N*-oxide (TEMPO) (3.0 equiv), and chlorobenzene (2 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 120 °C for 3 hours until bicyclic alkene **2a** were completely consumed (monitored by TLC). At this time, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/50 to 1/20, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide **3aa** and **4**.



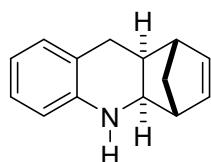
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4-Methyl-N-(2-(((2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxy)methyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide (4). White solid, 0.032 g, 39% yield; Mp: 104–105 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.53–1.33 (m, 6H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 12H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.5, 137.0, 136.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 126.8, 124.5, 121.6, 77.8, 60.1, 39.5, 32.8, 21.4, 20.3, 16.8; IR (thin film) 2970, 2188, 1592, 1494, 1340, 1165, 1020, 814 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₃N₂O₃S [M + H]⁺: 417.2206, found 417.2221.

5. Synthesis of compound 5



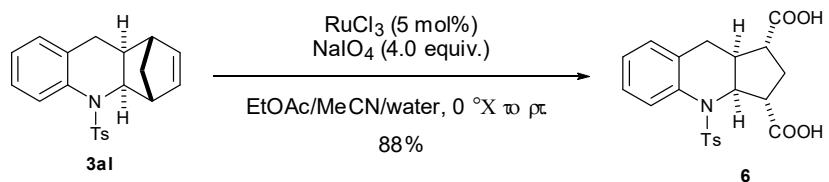
To a solution of naphthalene (150 mg, 1.2 mmol, 6.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) at room temperature under inert atmosphere was added sodium metal (25 mg, 1.2 mmol, 6.0 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred until complete consumption of sodium, which was then cooled to -78 °C. A solution of compound **3al** (70 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added to the Nanaphthalene solution, and it was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. It was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL×3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/20 to 1/10, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide **5**.



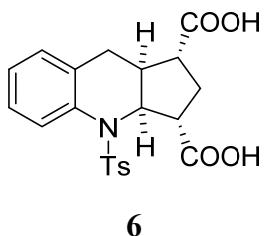
1,4,4a,9,9a,10-Hexahydro-1,4-methanoacridine (5): Light gray solid, 0.033 g, 85% yield; Mp: 68–69 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.02–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 5.6 Hz, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.4, 139.1, 134.5, 128.0, 127.4, 126.7, 118.8, 114.4, 58.2, 49.2, 47.5,

42.9, 41.6, 32.3; IR (thin film) 3058, 2963, 1590, 1497, 1472, 1342, 1263, 1164, 900, 795 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₆N [M + H]⁺: 198.1277, found 198.1271.

6. Synthesis of compounds 6



To a solution of RuCl₃ (2 mg, 2.2 mol %) in EtOAc/MeCN/water (3.5 mL, v/v = 1:1:1.5), NaIO₄ (171 m, 0.8 mmol) was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C. **3aI** (70 mg, 0.2 mmol) was then added slowly, and the mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched and extracted with EtOAc and water. The aqueous layer was extracted by EtOAc and the organic layers were dried and concentrated under vacuum to obtain the desired product compound **6**.

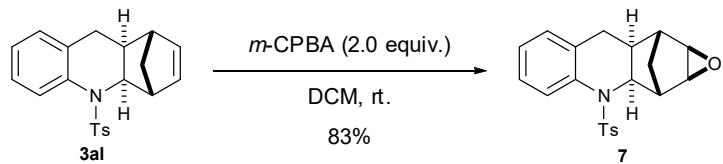


4-Tosyl-2,3,3a,4,9,9a-hexahydro-1H-cyclopenta[b]quinoline-1,3-dicarboxylic acid

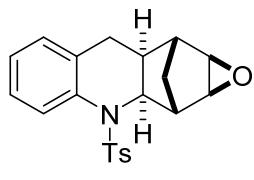
(6), Light gray solid, 0.063 g, 88% yield; Mp: 165–166 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.13 (s, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 16.0 Hz, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.62–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.35–2.26 (m, 2H), 2.24–2.19 (m, 1H), 2.00 (q, J = 12. Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dd, J = 15.2 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 179.0, 178.4, 143.8, 136.9, 135.3, 133.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 127.7, 127.4, 126.8, 62.1, 51.0, 47.0, 44.6, 31.8, 28.6, 21.5;

IR (thin film) 3467, 3350, 2925, 1748, 1594, 1492, 1261, 1165, 1092, 971, 802 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_6\text{SNa} [\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 438.0982, found 438.0972.

7. Synthesis of compound 7



To a magnetically stirred solution of compound **3al** (70 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) was added m-CPBA (2.0 equiv) portionwise at 0 °C and allowed to stir at rt for 8 h. After completion of the starting material (by TLC monitoring), the reaction mixture was poured into ice water and extracted with DCM (3×10 mL) and the combined organics were washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO_3 solution (3×10 mL), water, and then brine. the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/20 to 1/10, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide **7**.



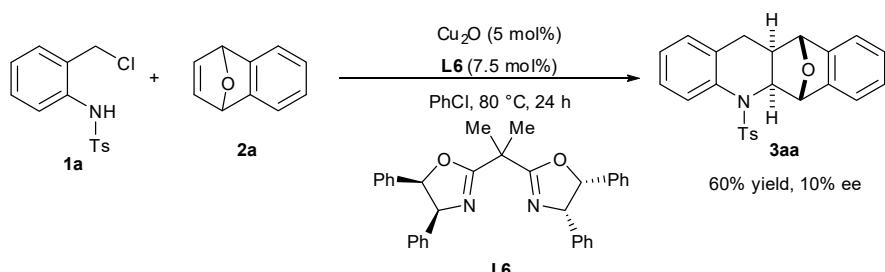
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3-Tosyl-1a,2,2a,3,8,8a,9,9a-octahydro-2,9-methanooxireno[2,3-b]acridine (7):

White solid, 0.074 g, 83% yield; Mp: 196–197 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.60 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dd, $J = 10.8$ Hz, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 2.63 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.58–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.39 (m, 5H), 2.31 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.56–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.25 (m, 1H), 0.82 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.6, 137.7, 136.7, 134.6, 129.6, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.7, 58.7, 50.6, 50.0, 45.3, 43.6, 41.2, 27.4, 26.3, 21.5;

IR (thin film) 3042, 2924, 1937, 1597, 1458, 1341, 1167, 1054, 963, 822 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 368.1315, found 368.1303.

8. Testing asymmetric synthesis of **3aa**



A Schlenk flask was charged with *o*-chloromethyl arylsulfonamides **1a** (0.2 mmol), bicyclic alkene **2a** (0.1 mmol), Cu_2O (5 mol%), ligand **L6** (7.5 mol%), and chlorobenzene (2 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously at 80 °C for 24 hours until bicyclic alkene **2a** was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). At this time, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (the crude residue was dry loaded with silica gel, 1/20 to 1/10, ethyl acetate/petroleum ether) to provide chiral tetrahydroquinoline **3aa** (60% yield. 10% ee (OD, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, 254 nm, 0.8 mL/min. t_1 = 9.7 min (minor), t_2 = 16.9 min (major)).

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10. X-ray structures of compounds 3aa and 3ka

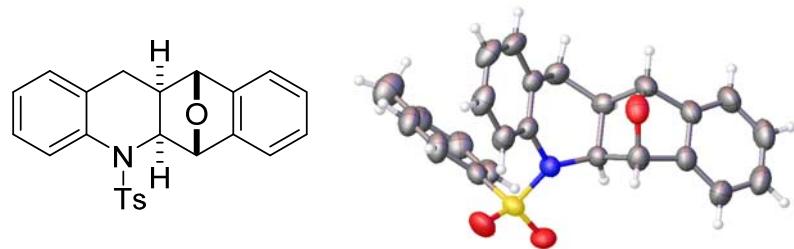
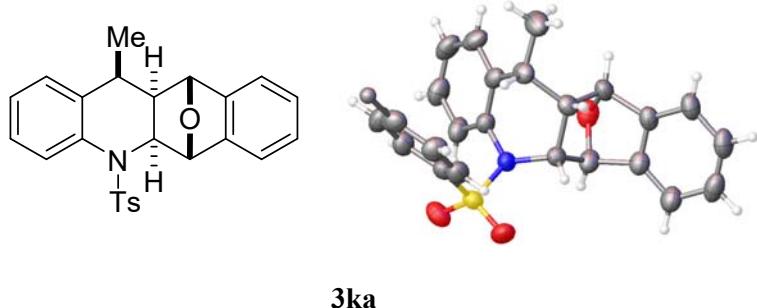


Figure S1: ORTEP diagram of **3aa** at 50% ellipsoid probability



3ka

Figure S2: ORTEP diagram of **3ka** at 50% ellipsoid probability

11. NMR spectra of 3aa-3ko, 4, 5, 6, 7 and HPLC for 3aa

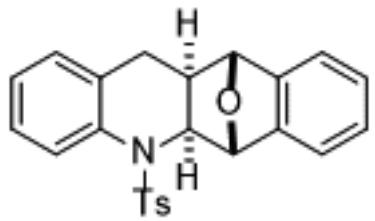
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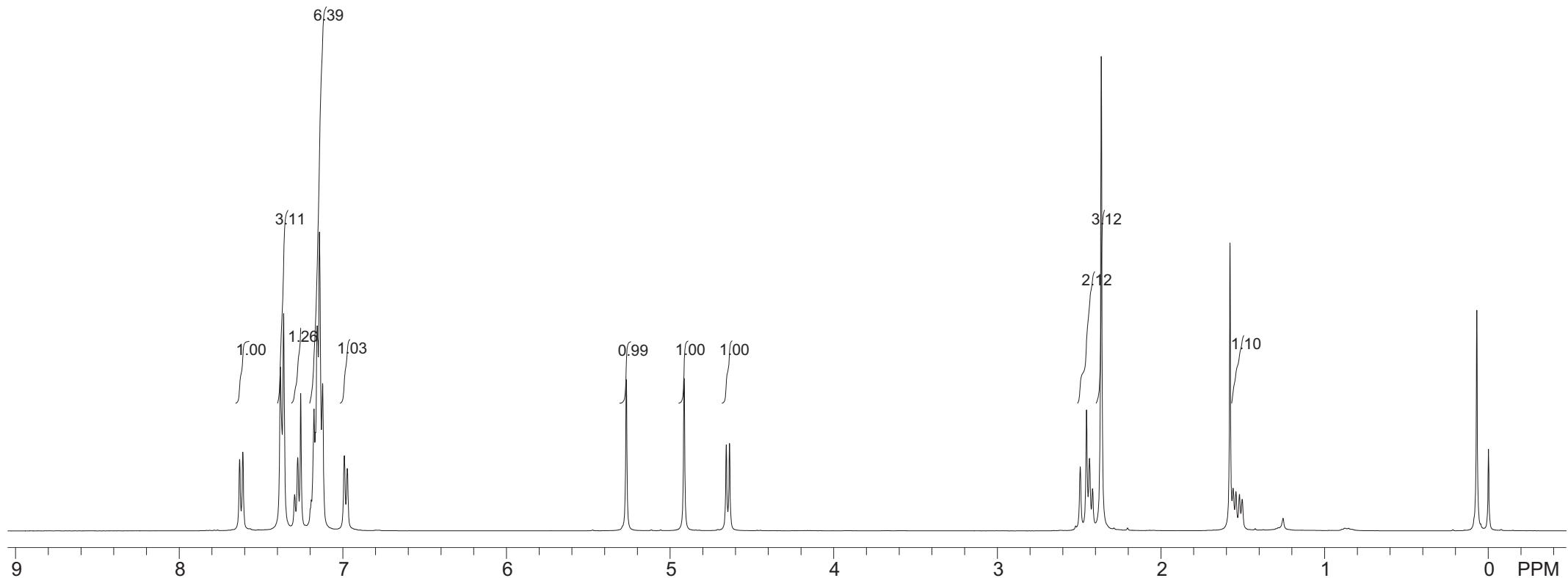
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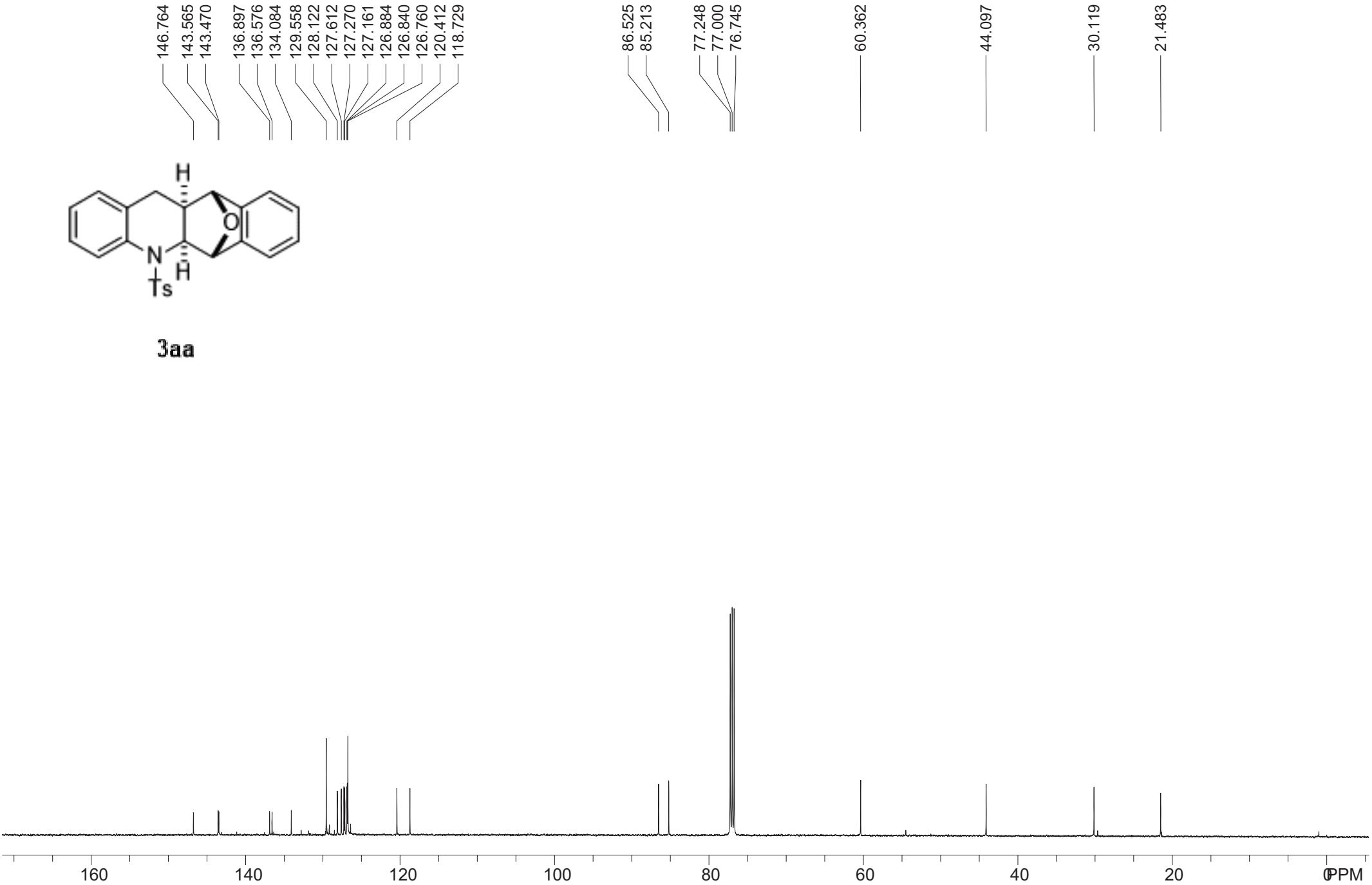
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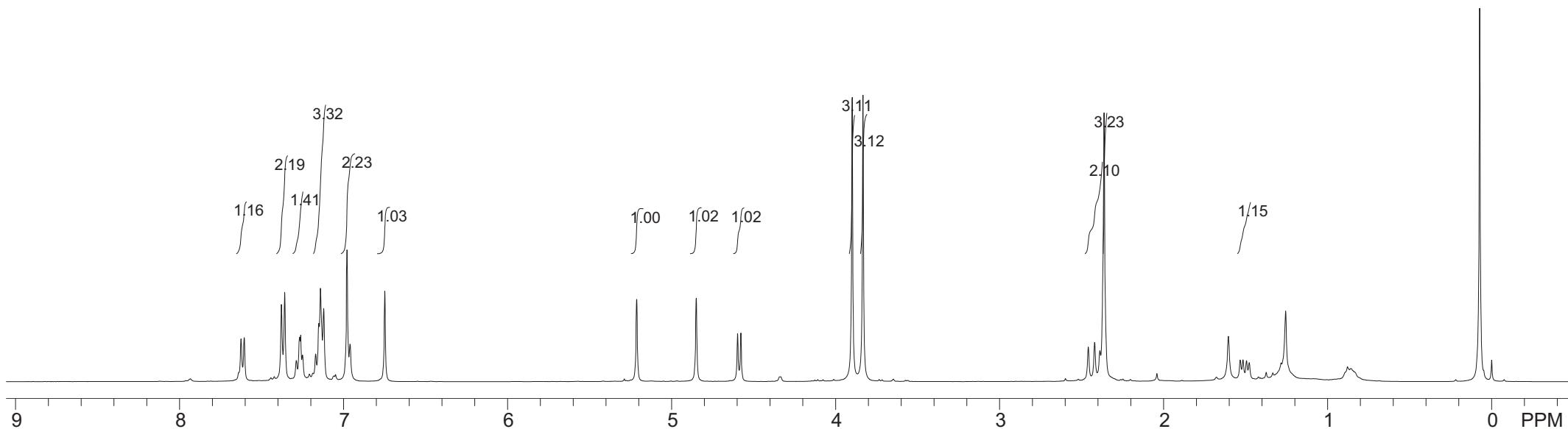
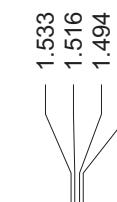
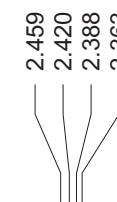
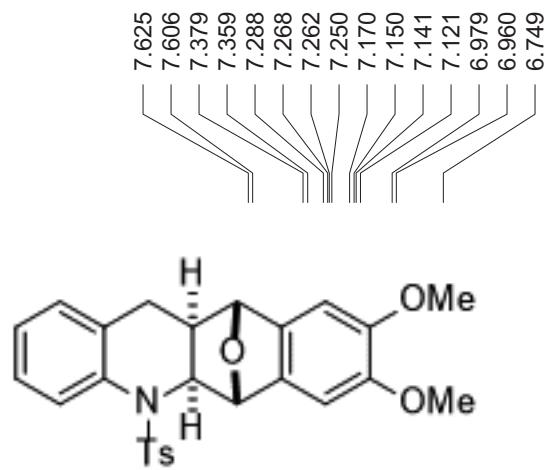
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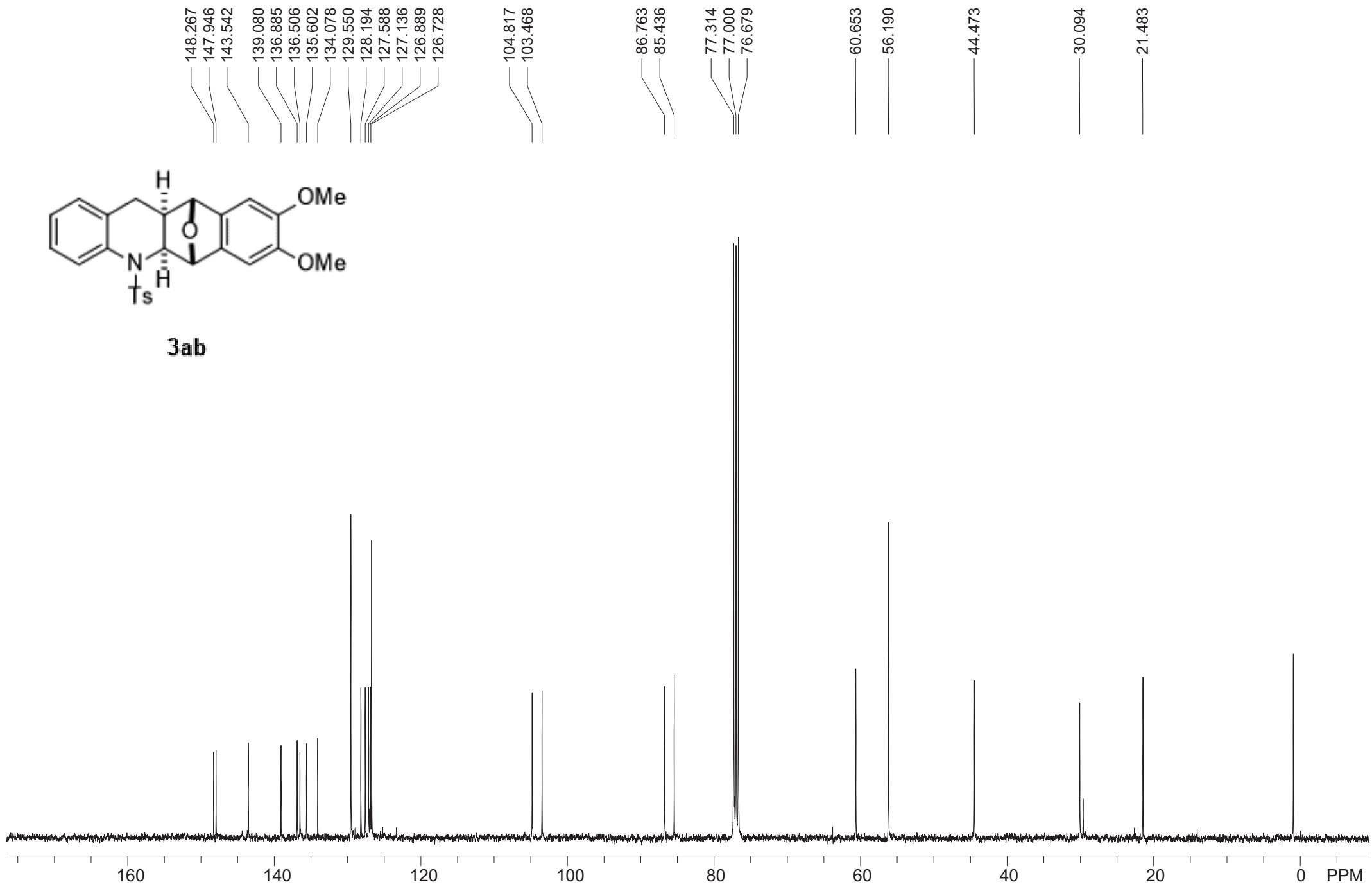


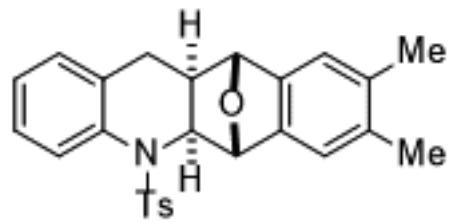
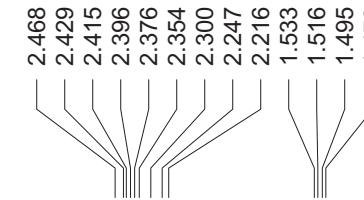
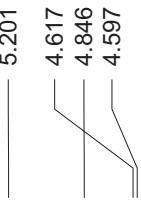
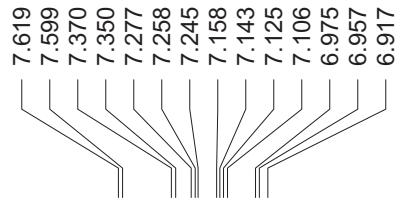
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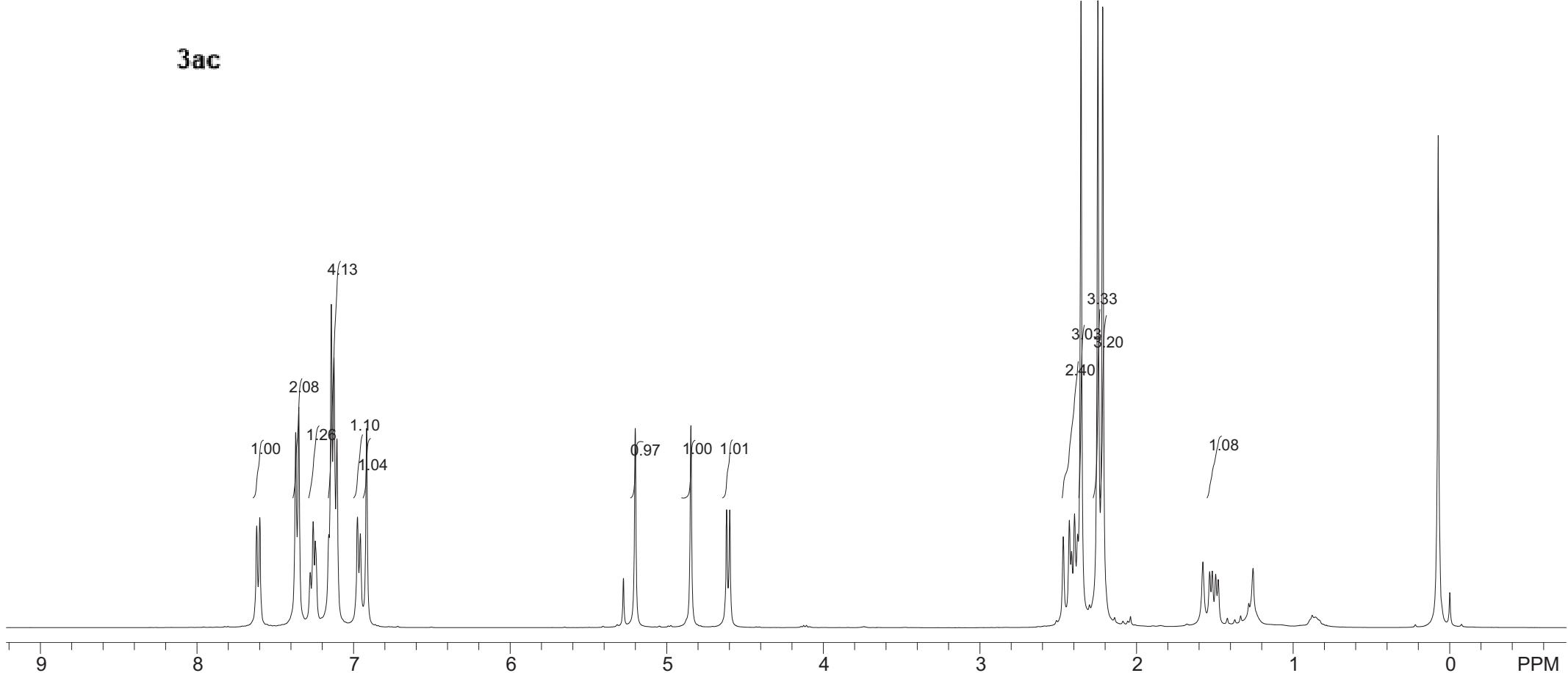


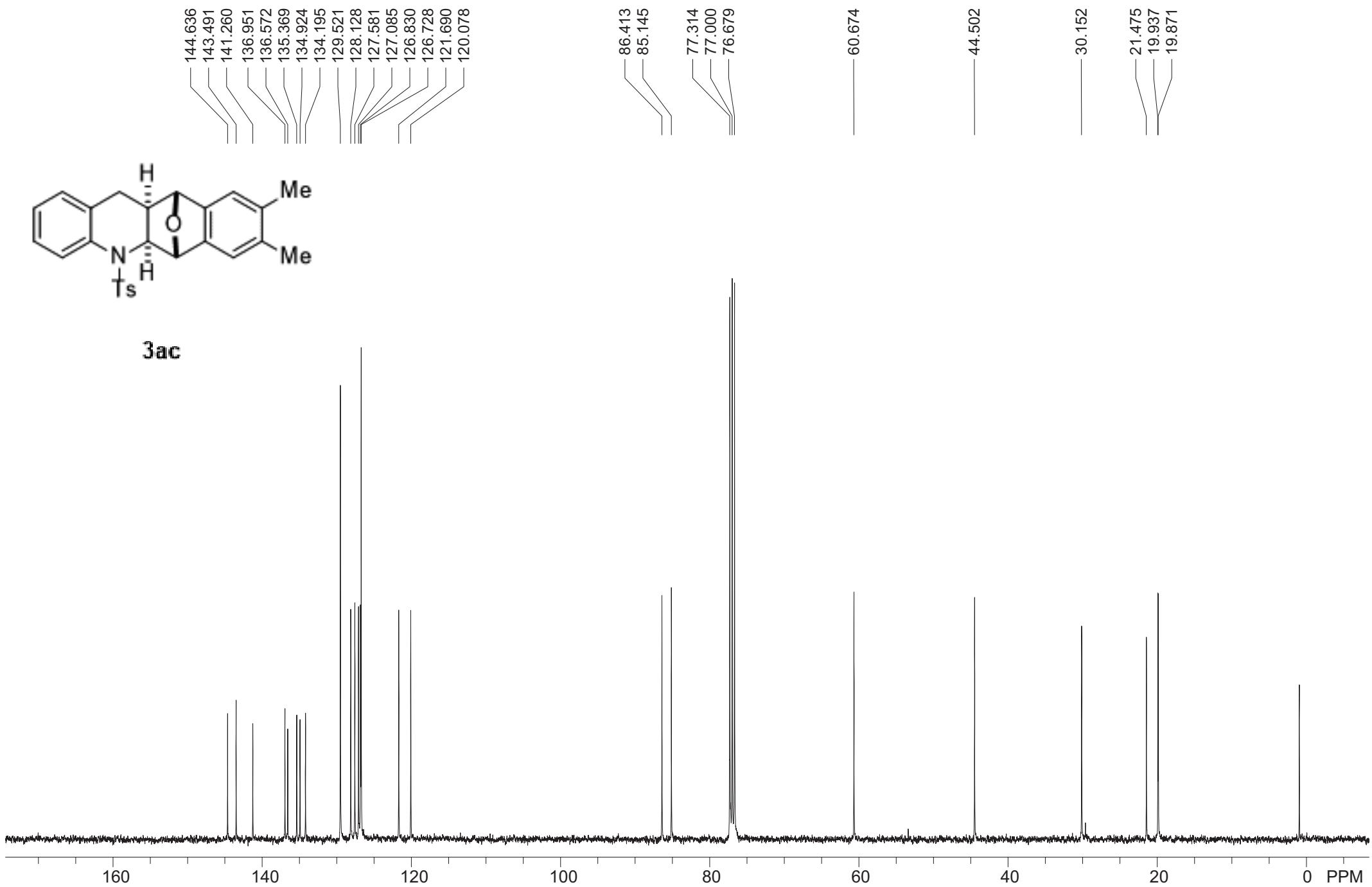


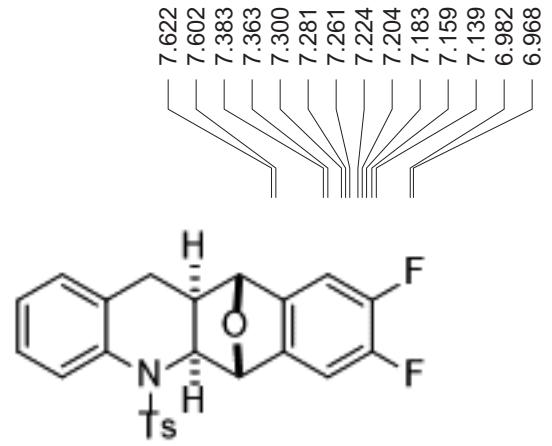




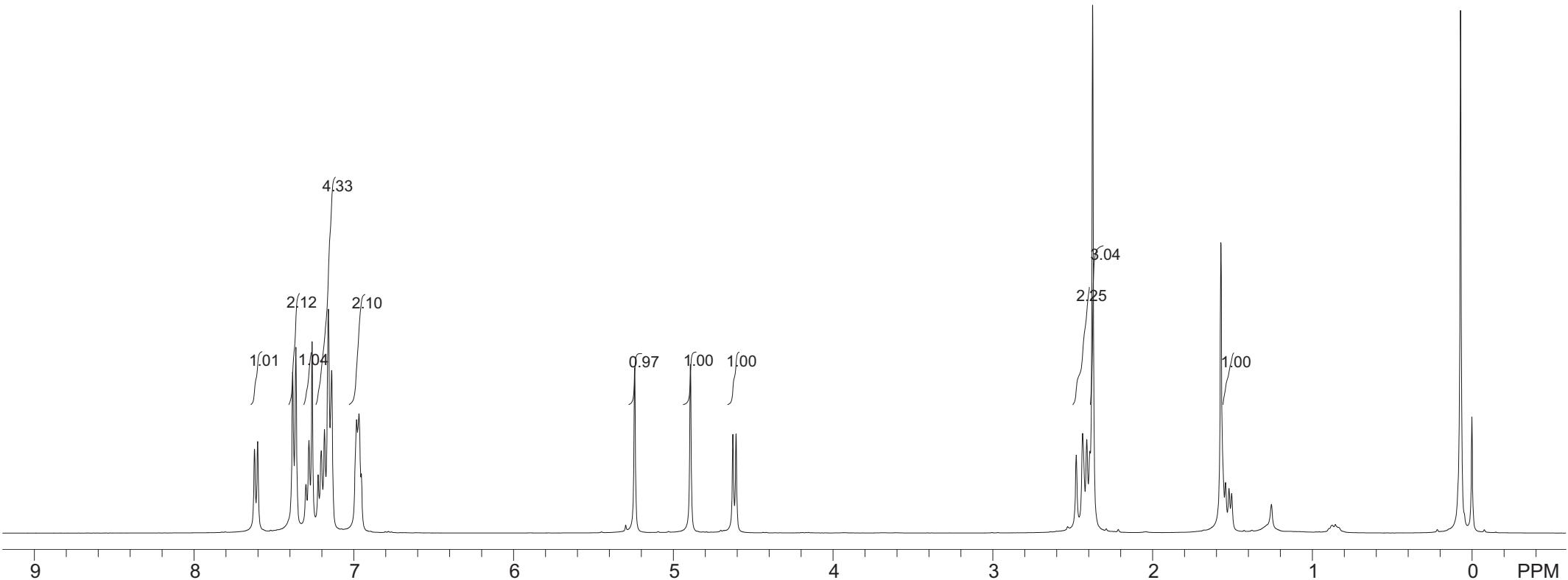
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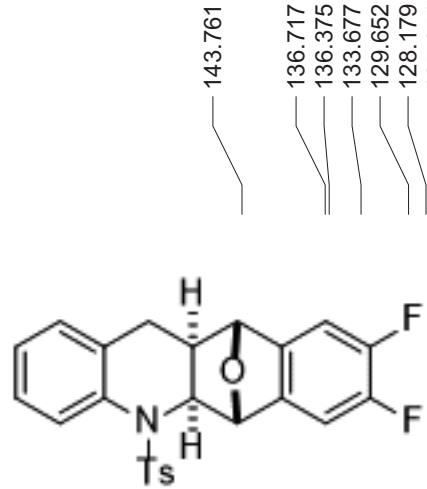




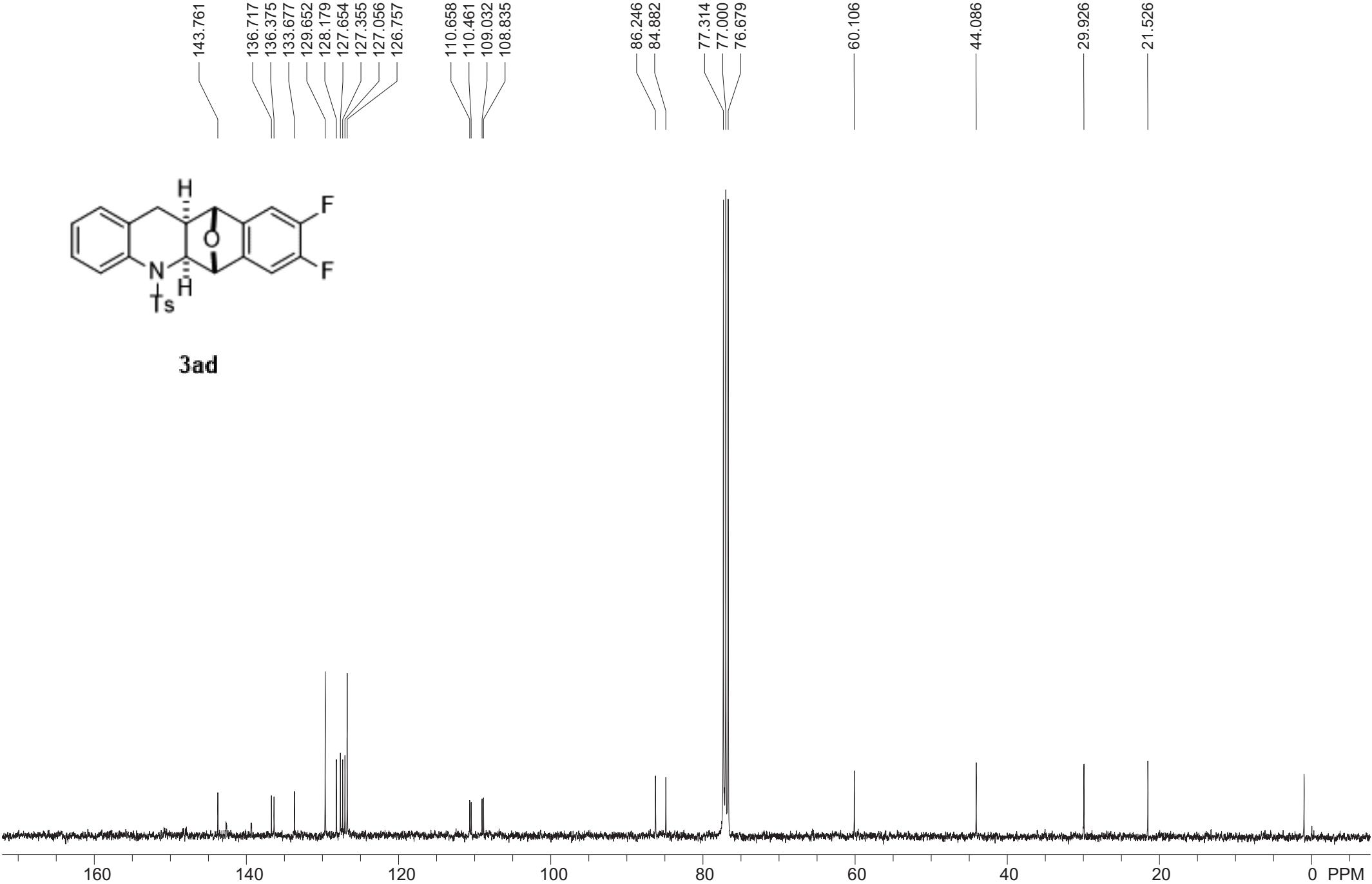


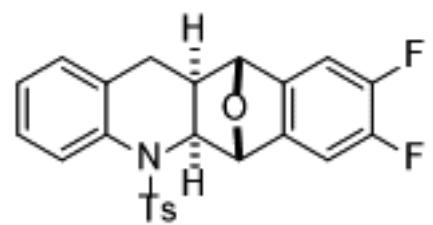
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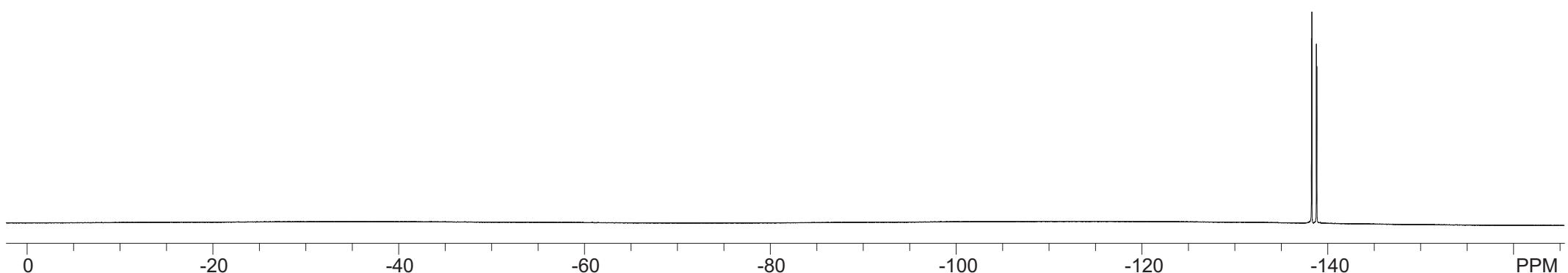


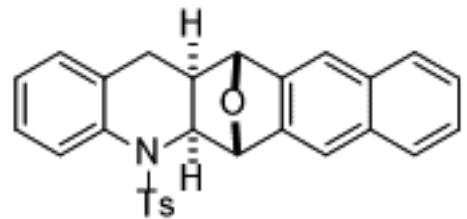
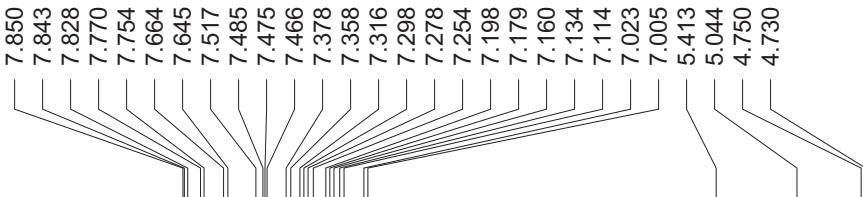
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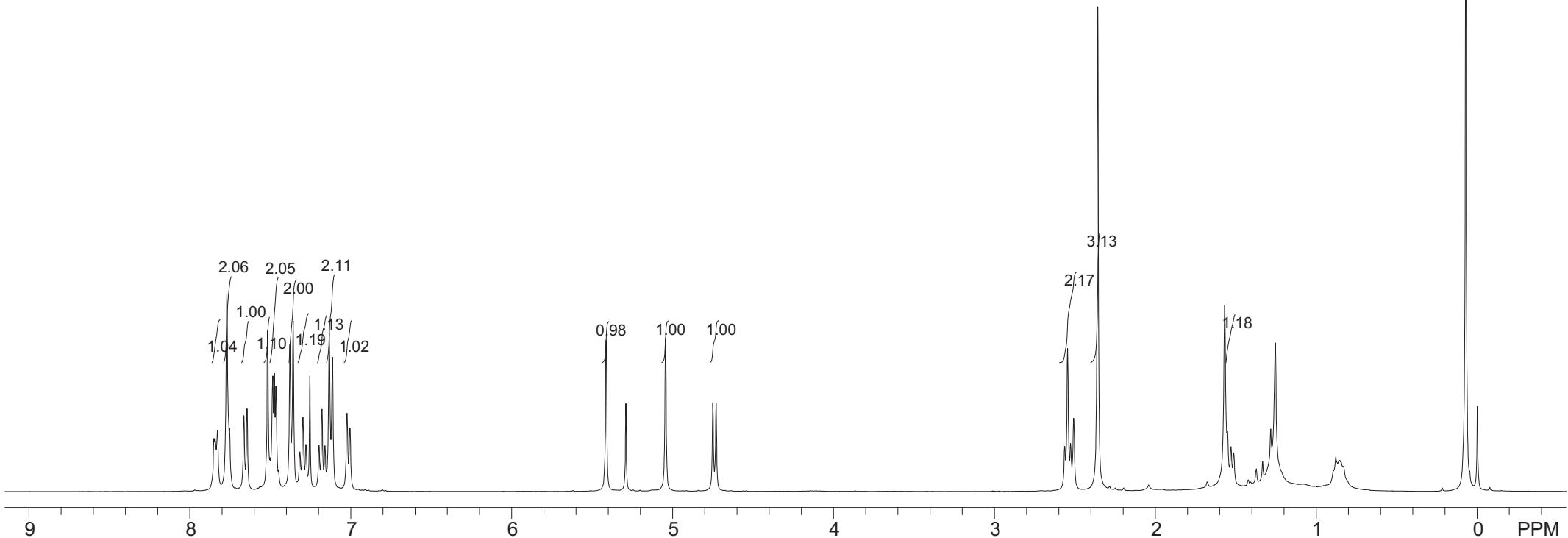


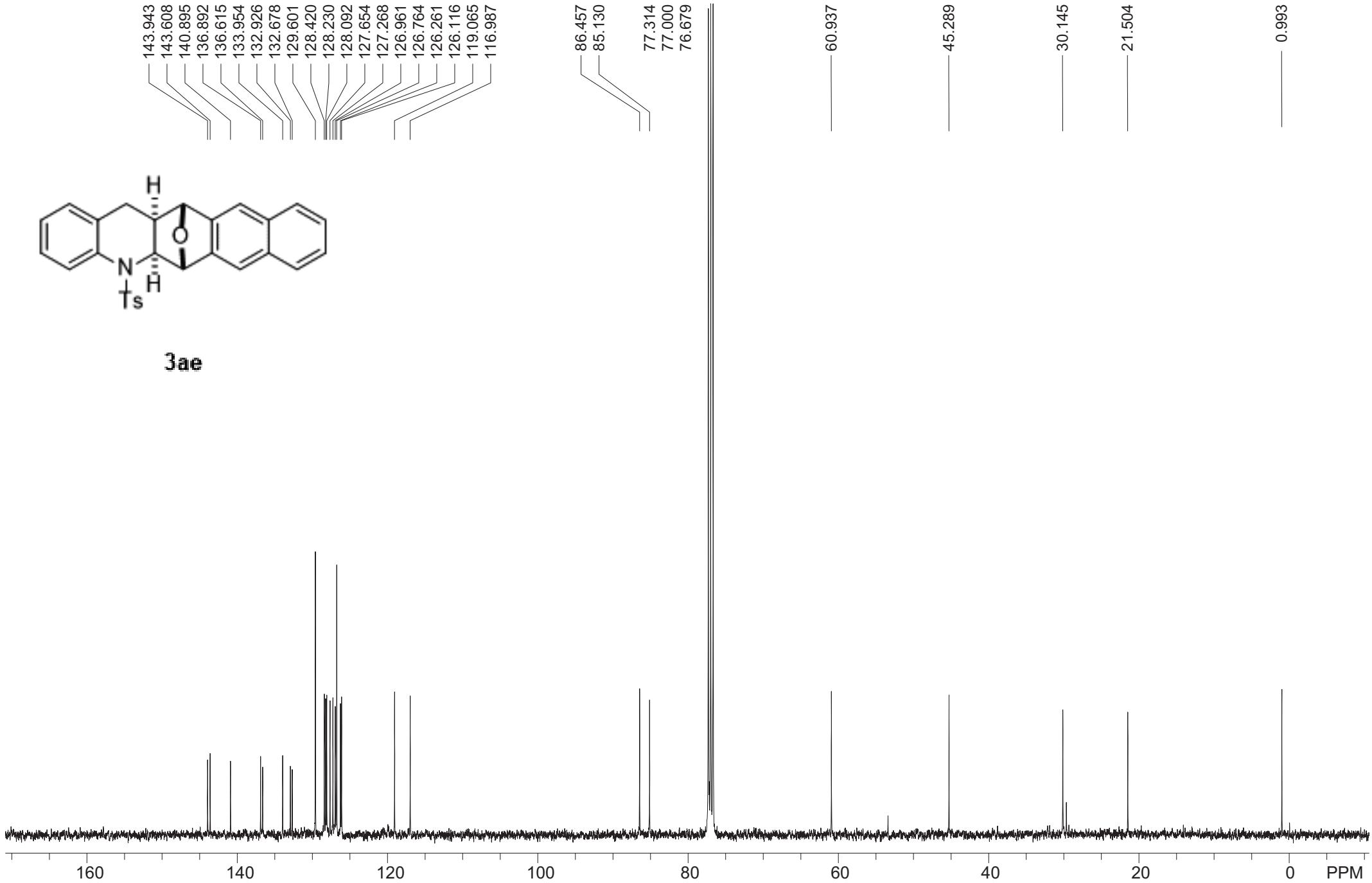
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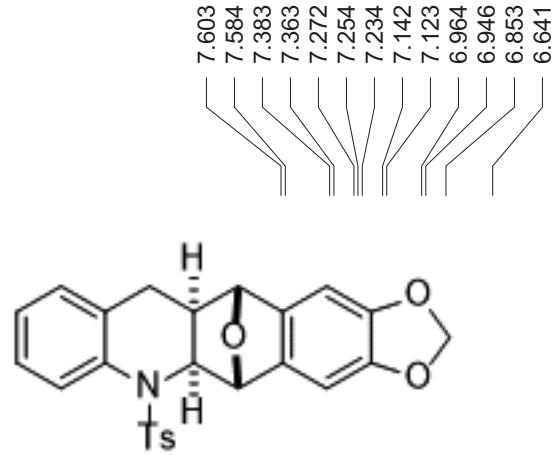




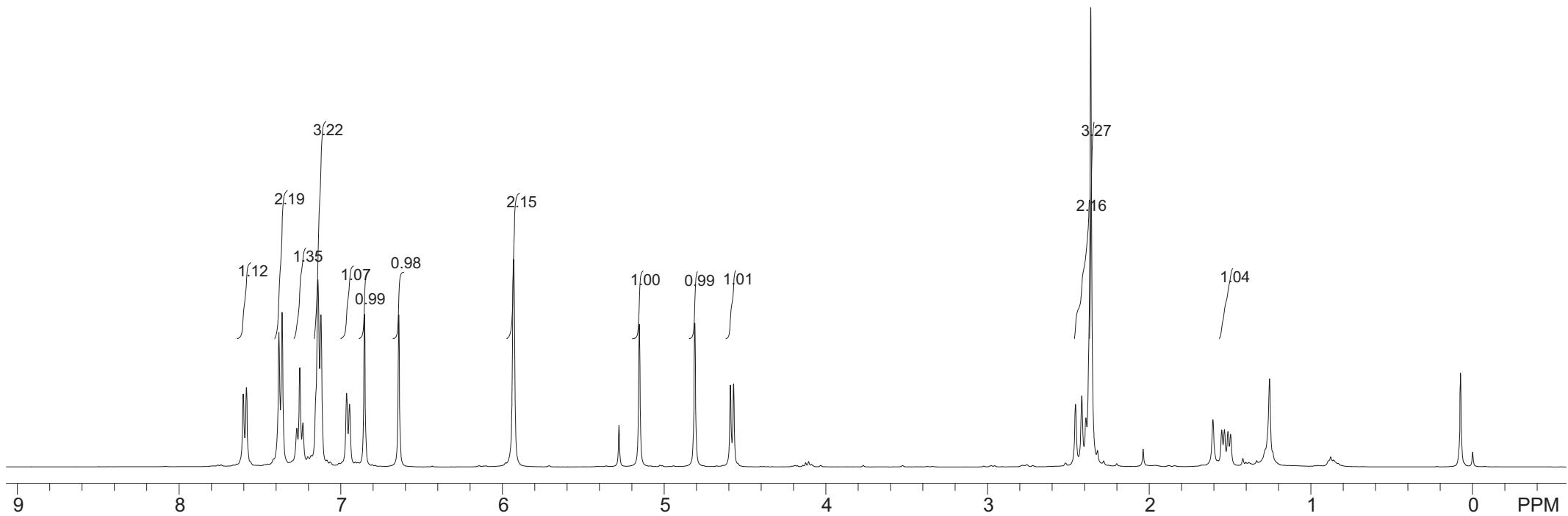
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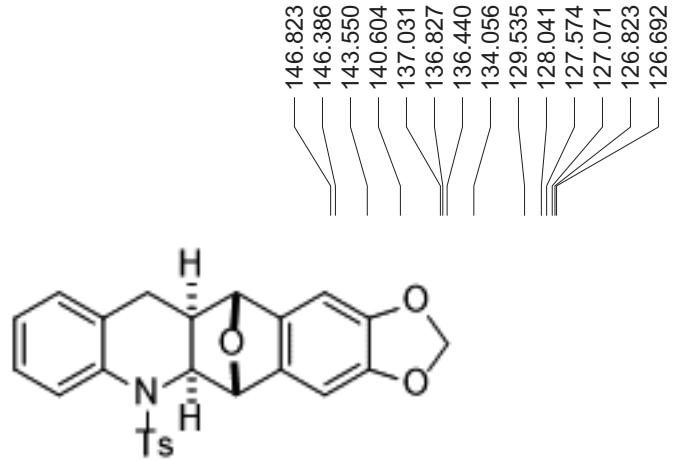




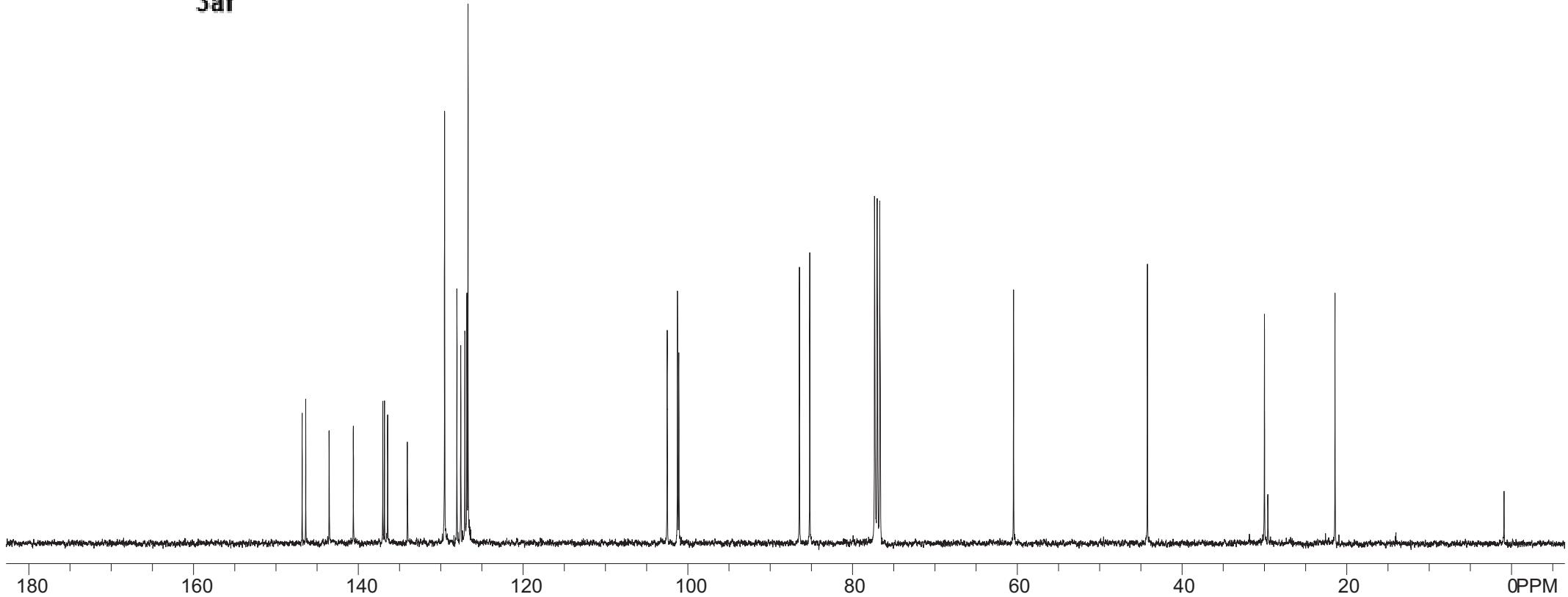


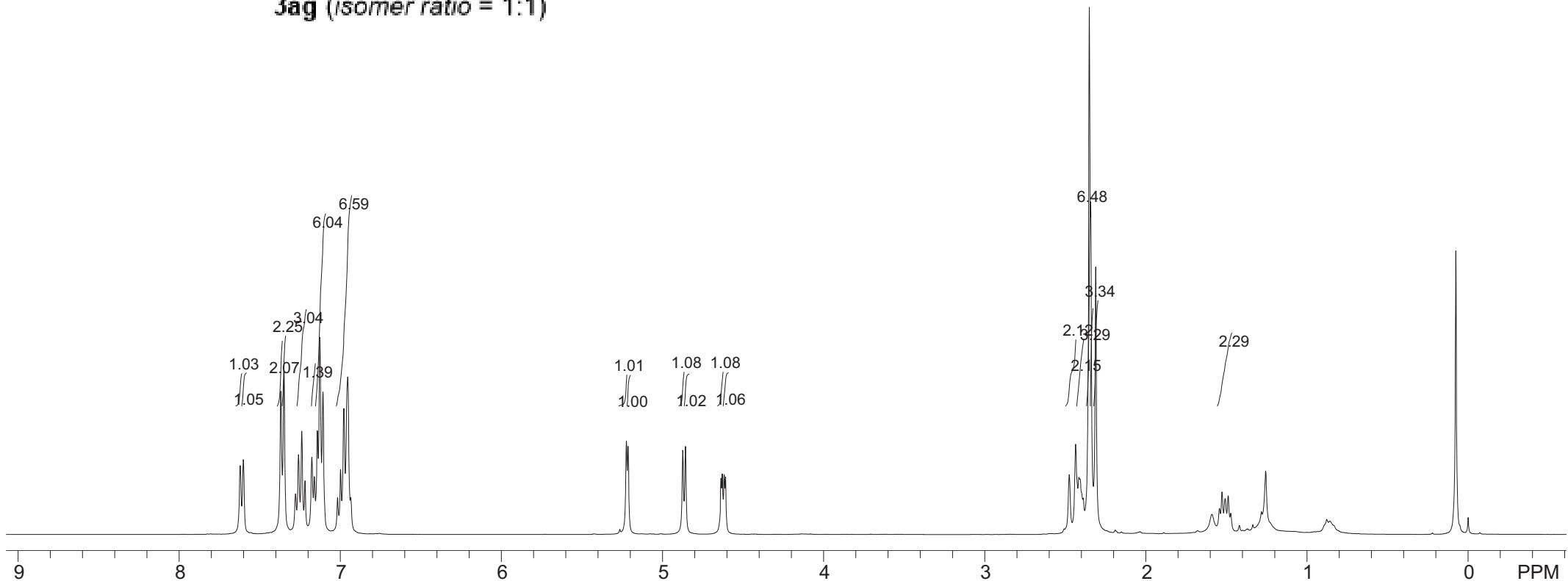
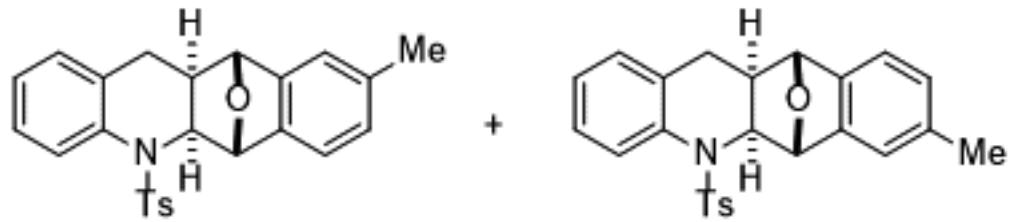
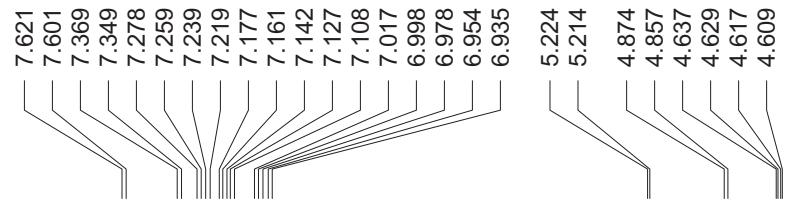
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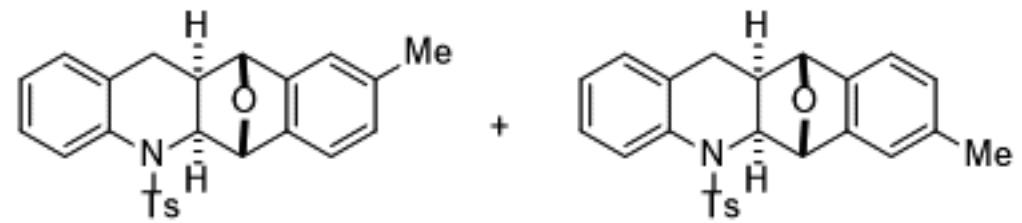




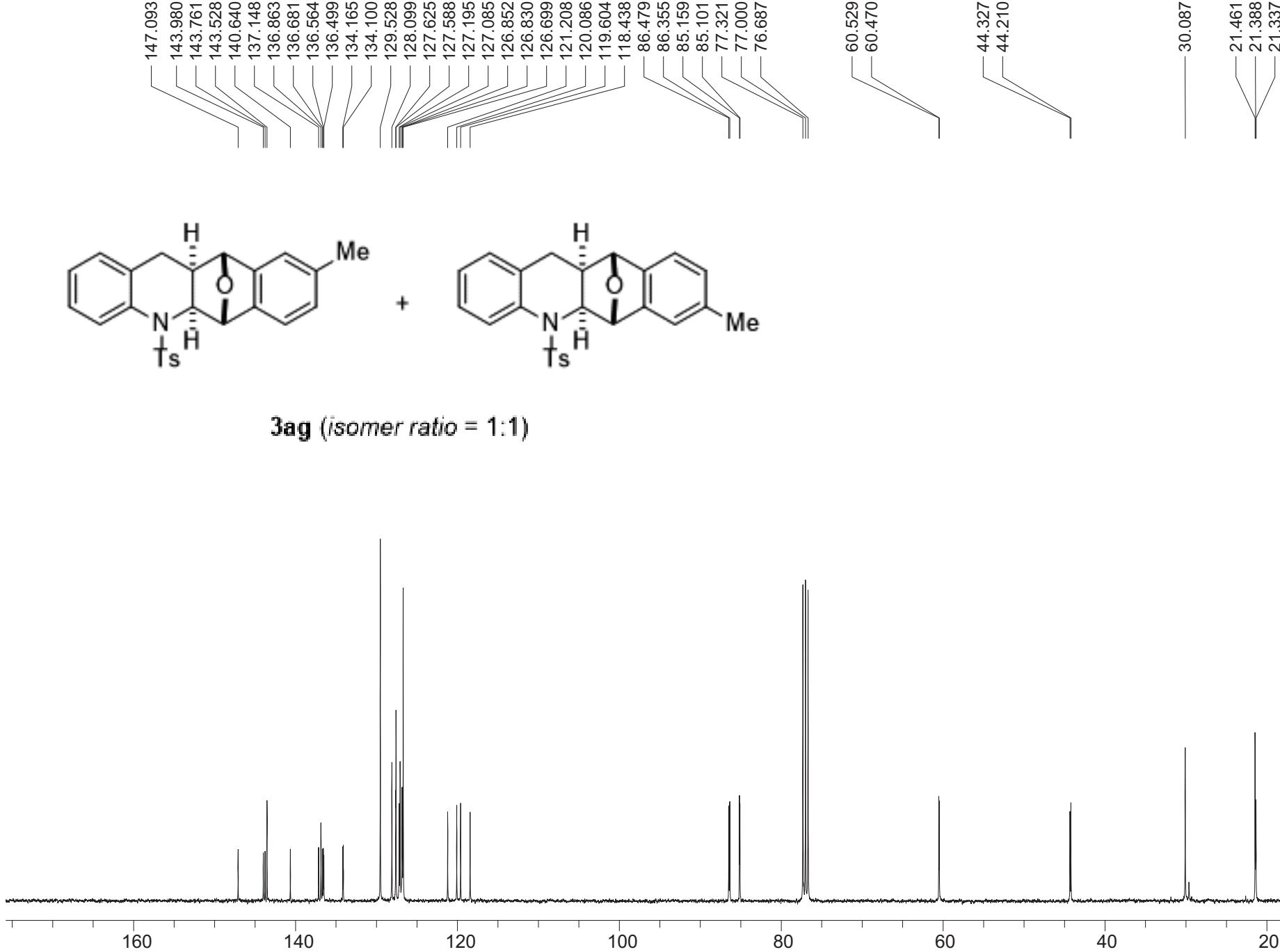
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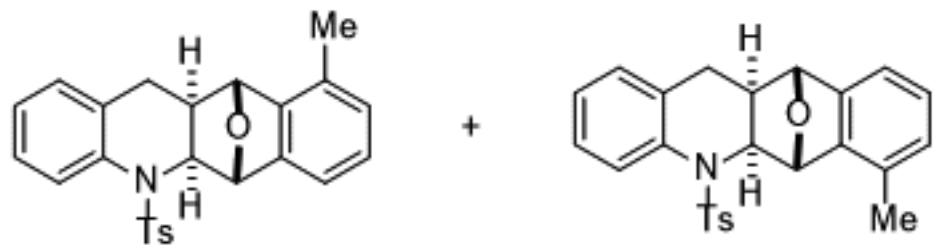
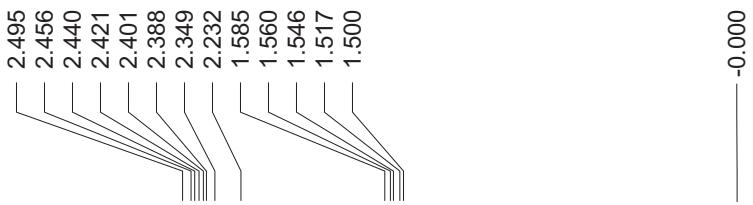
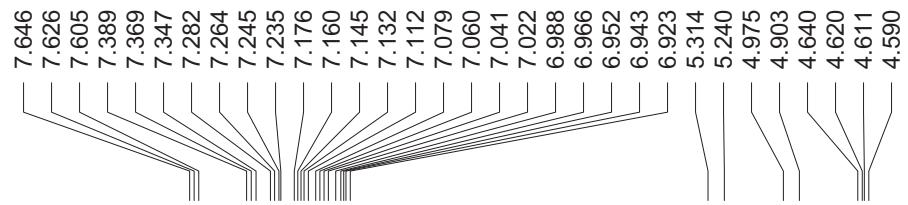




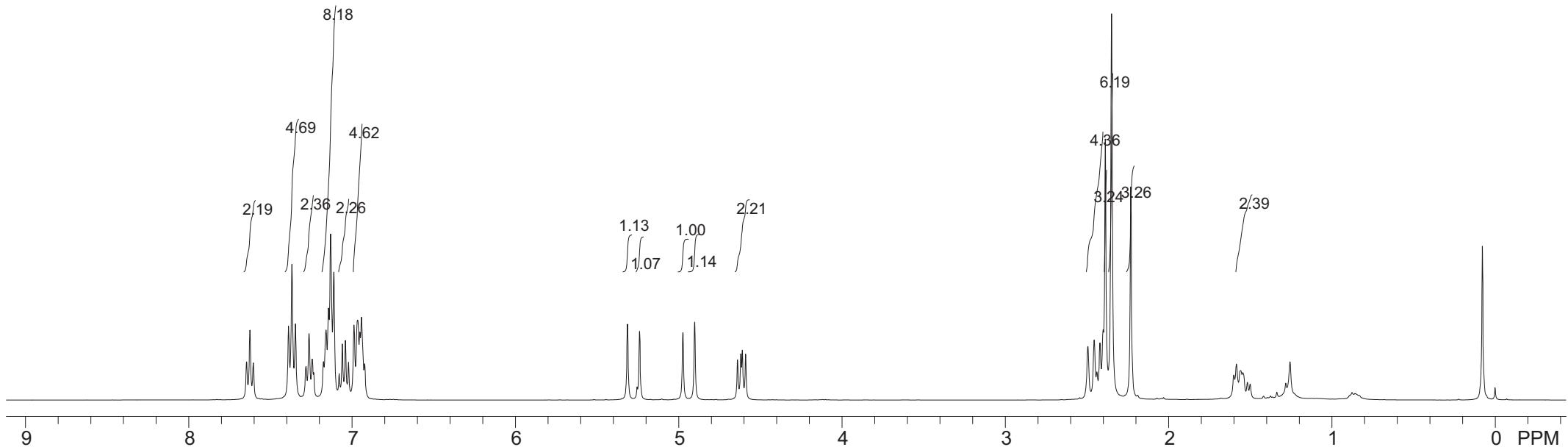


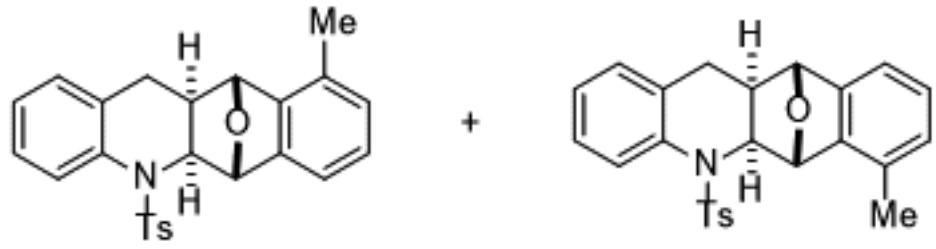
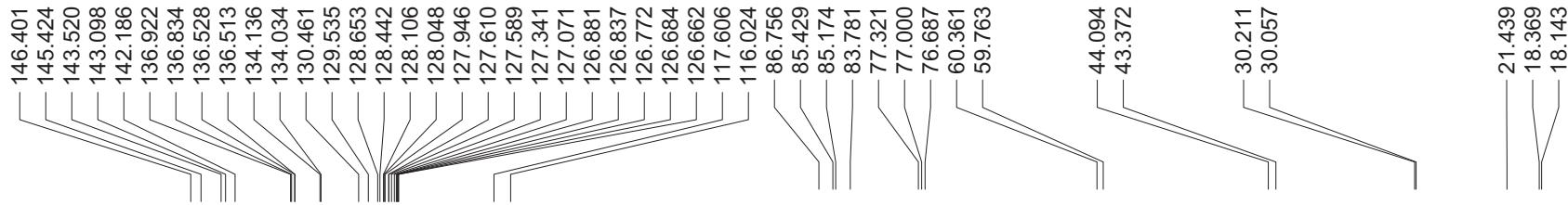
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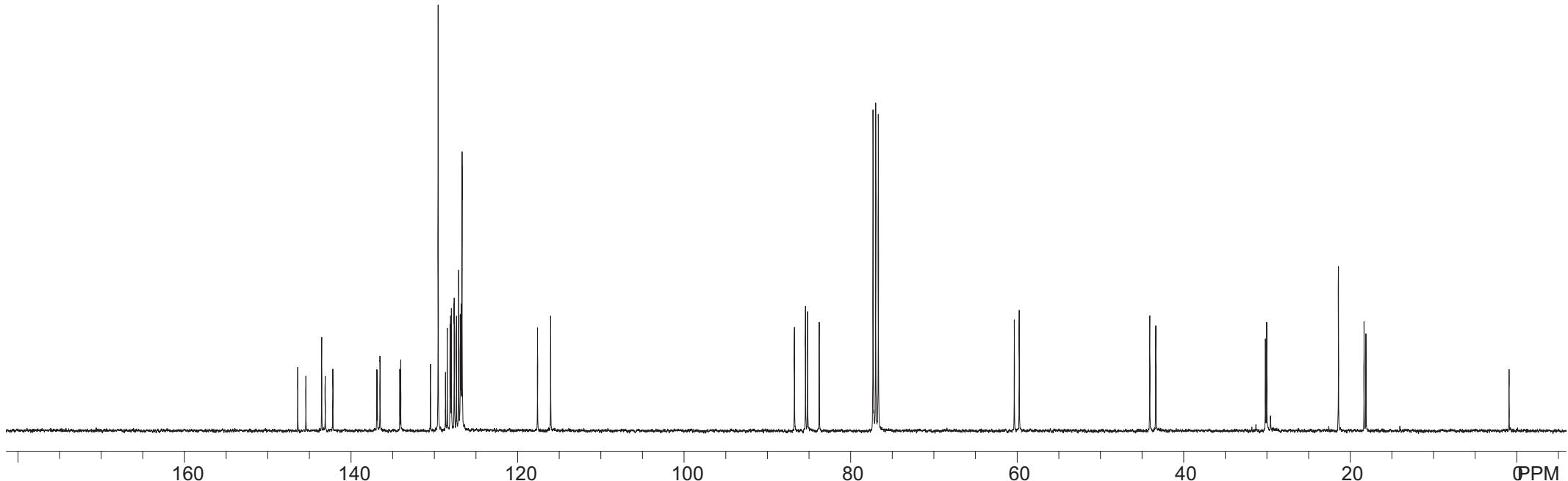


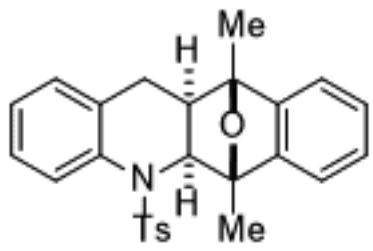
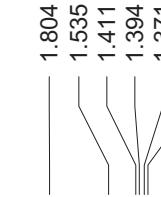
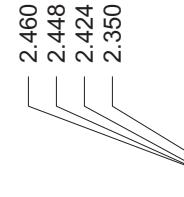
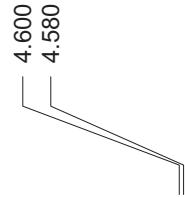
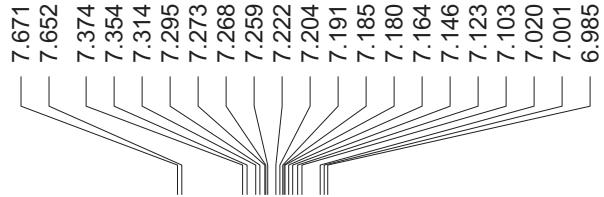
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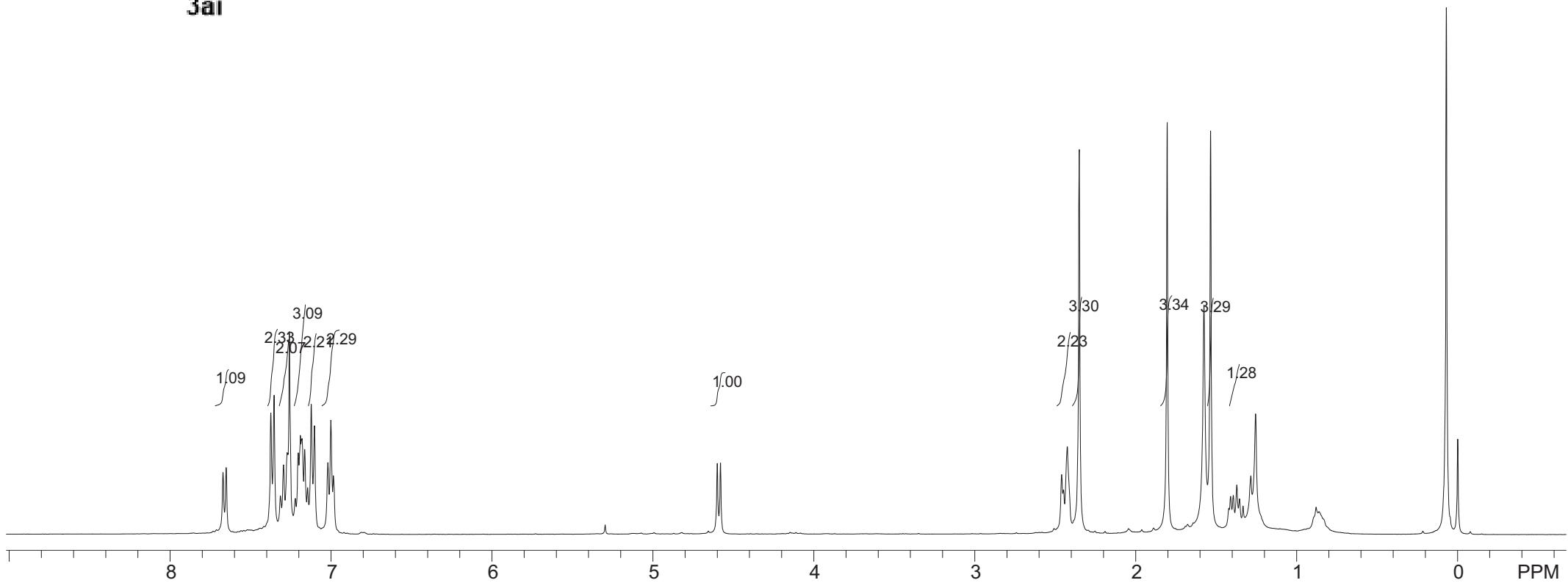


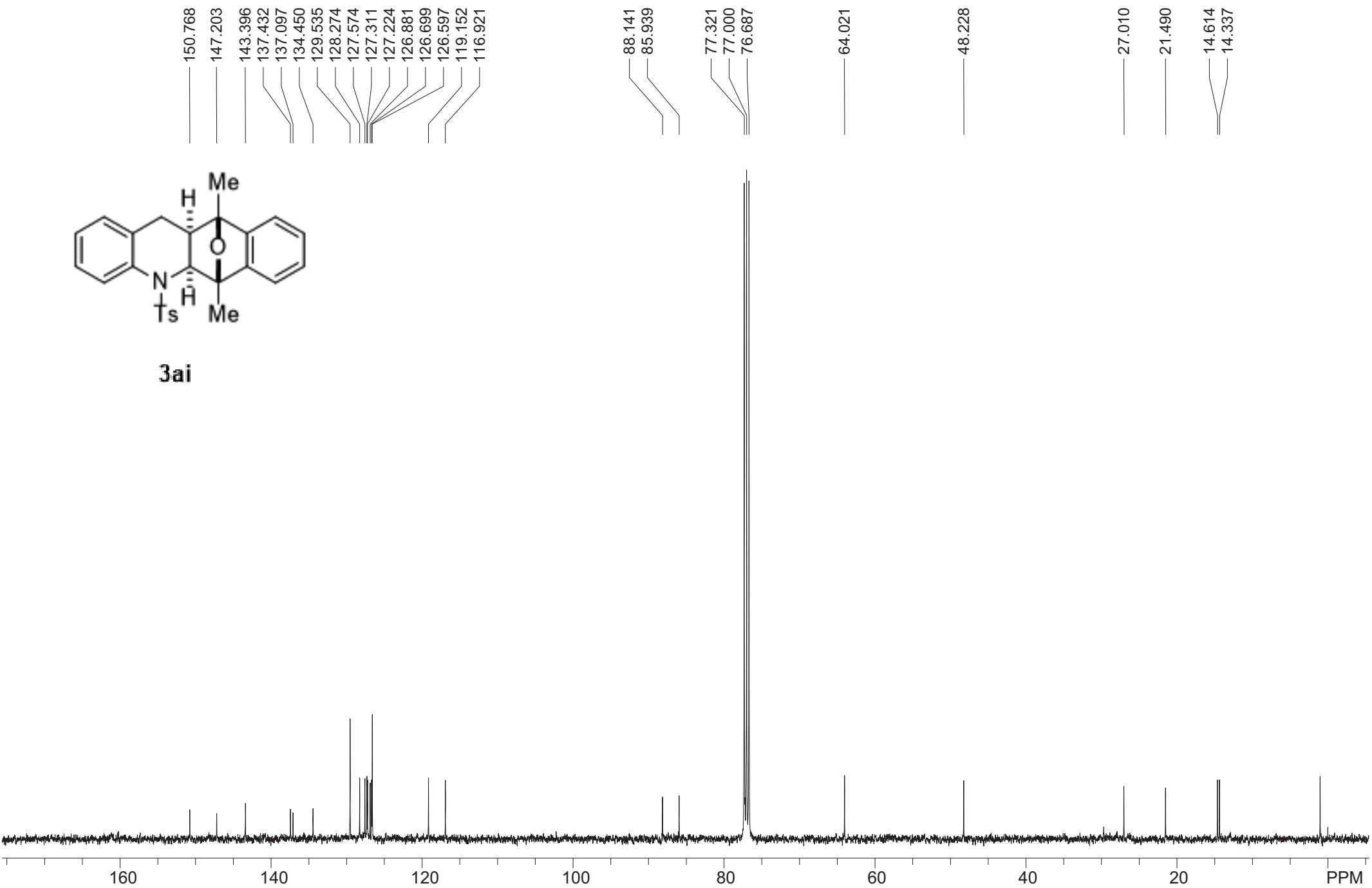
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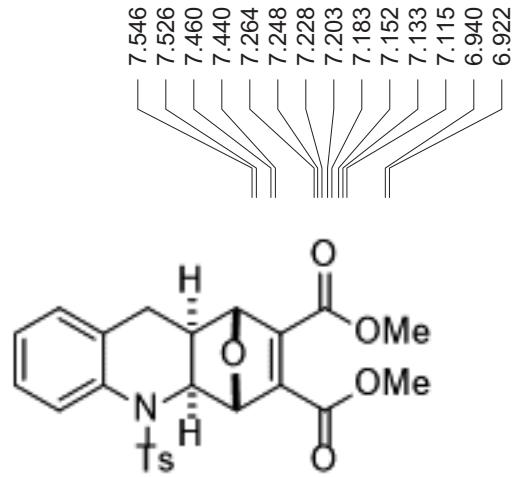




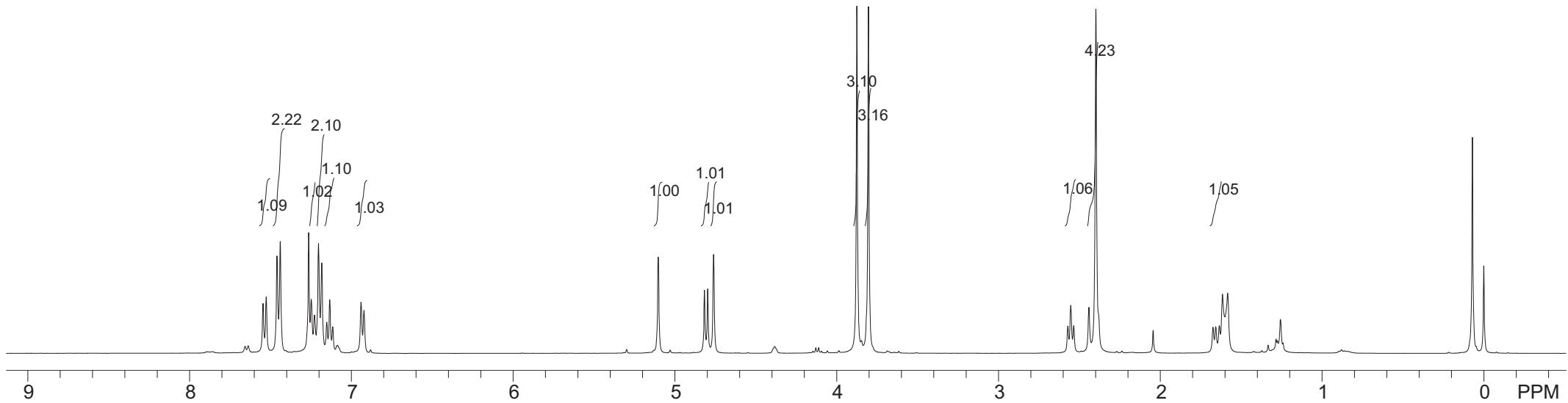
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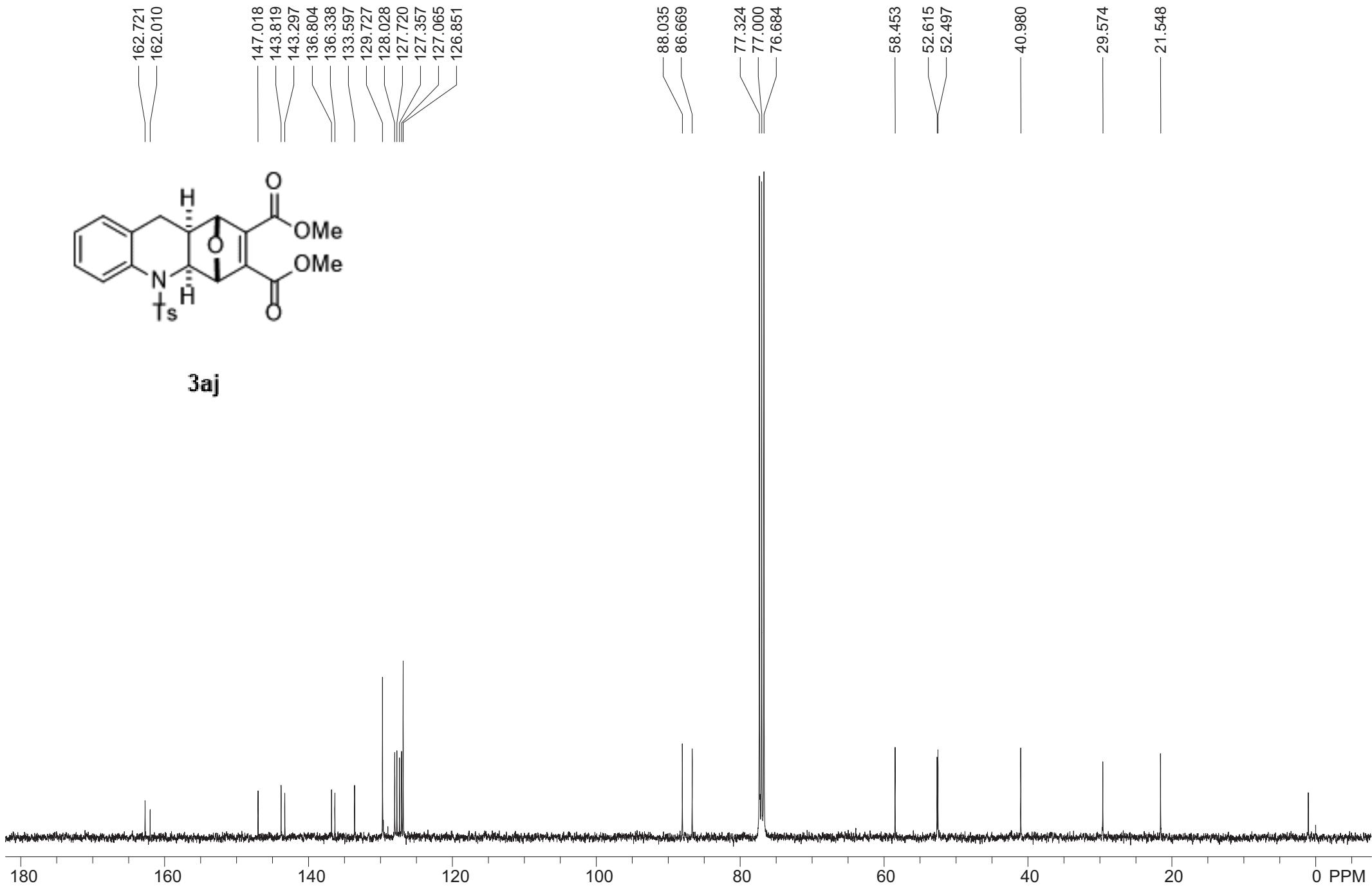


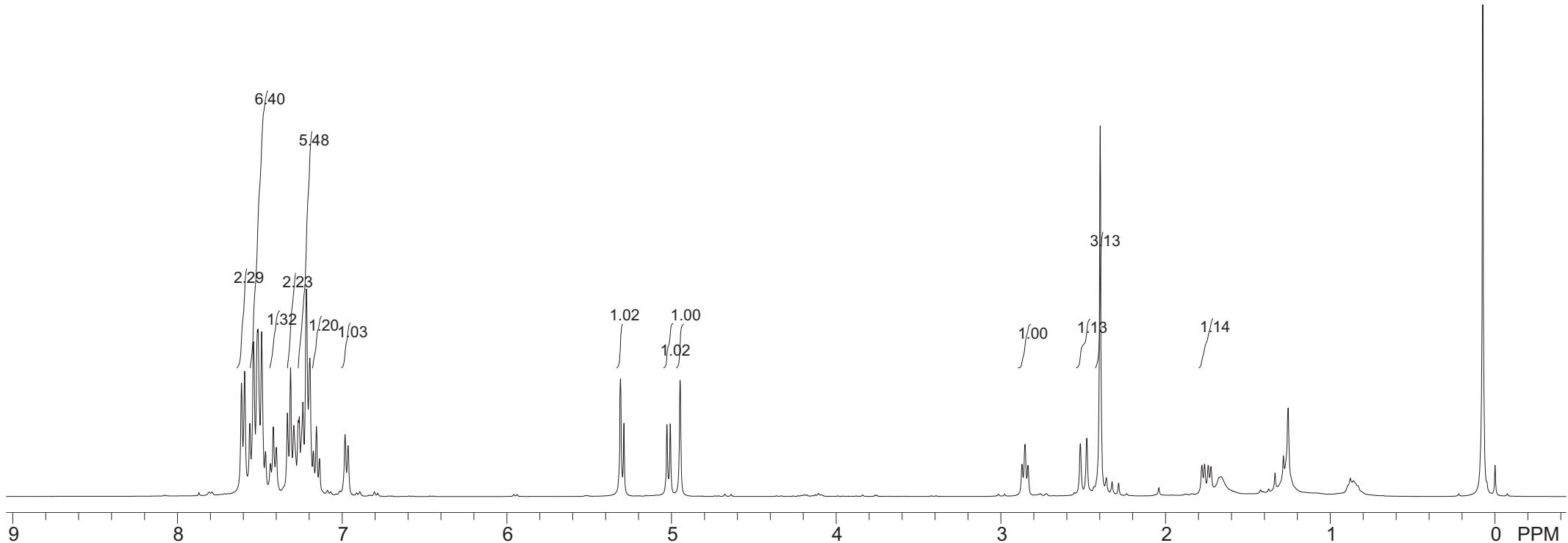
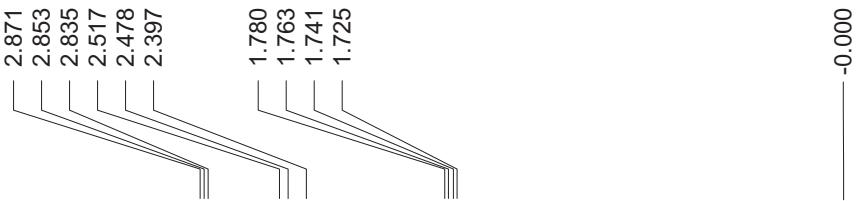
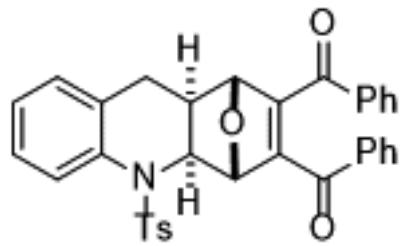
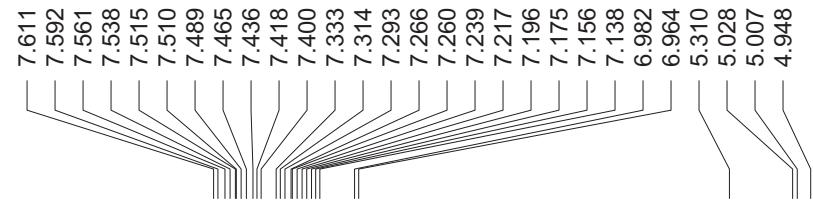


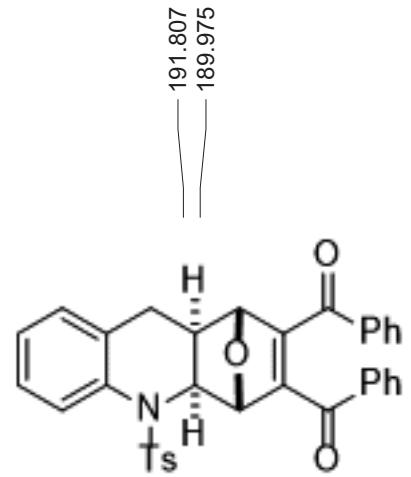


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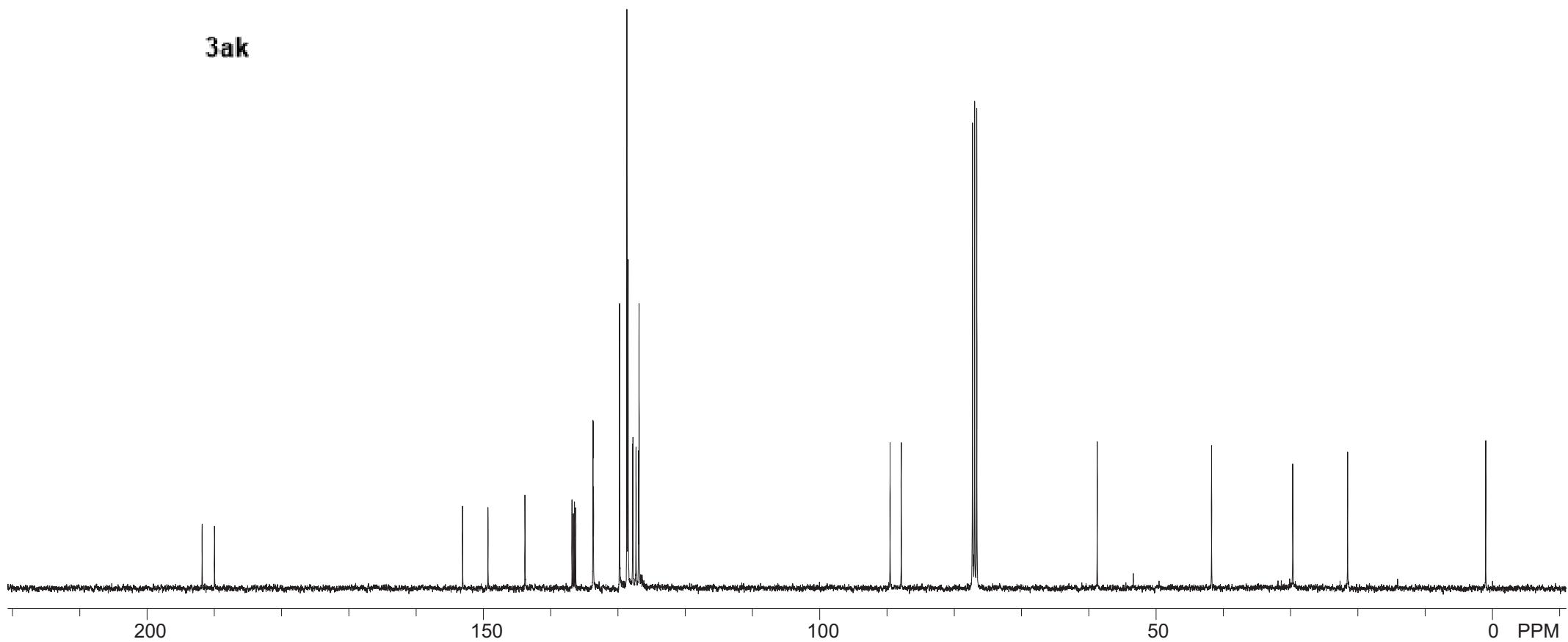


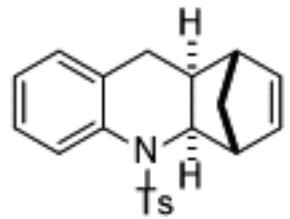
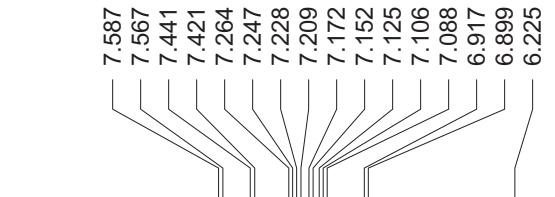




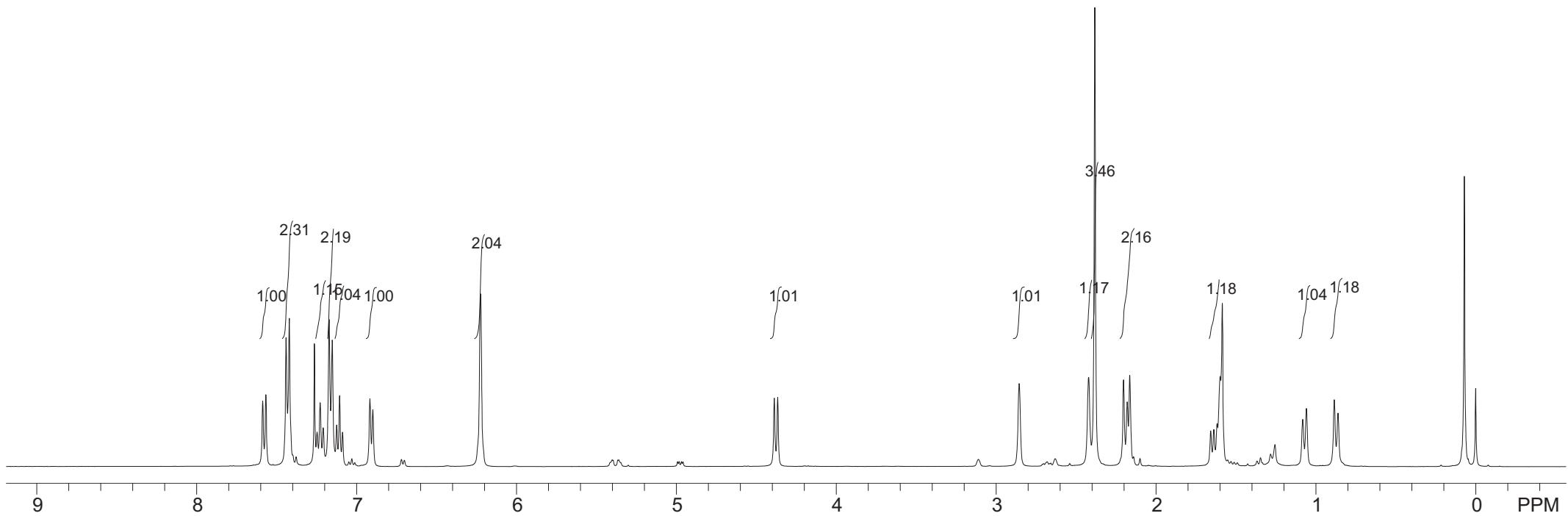
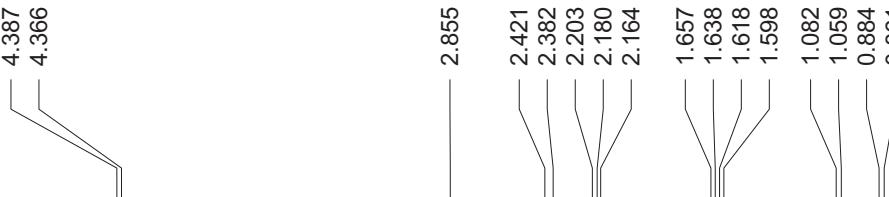


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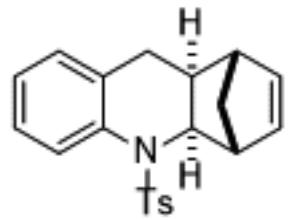




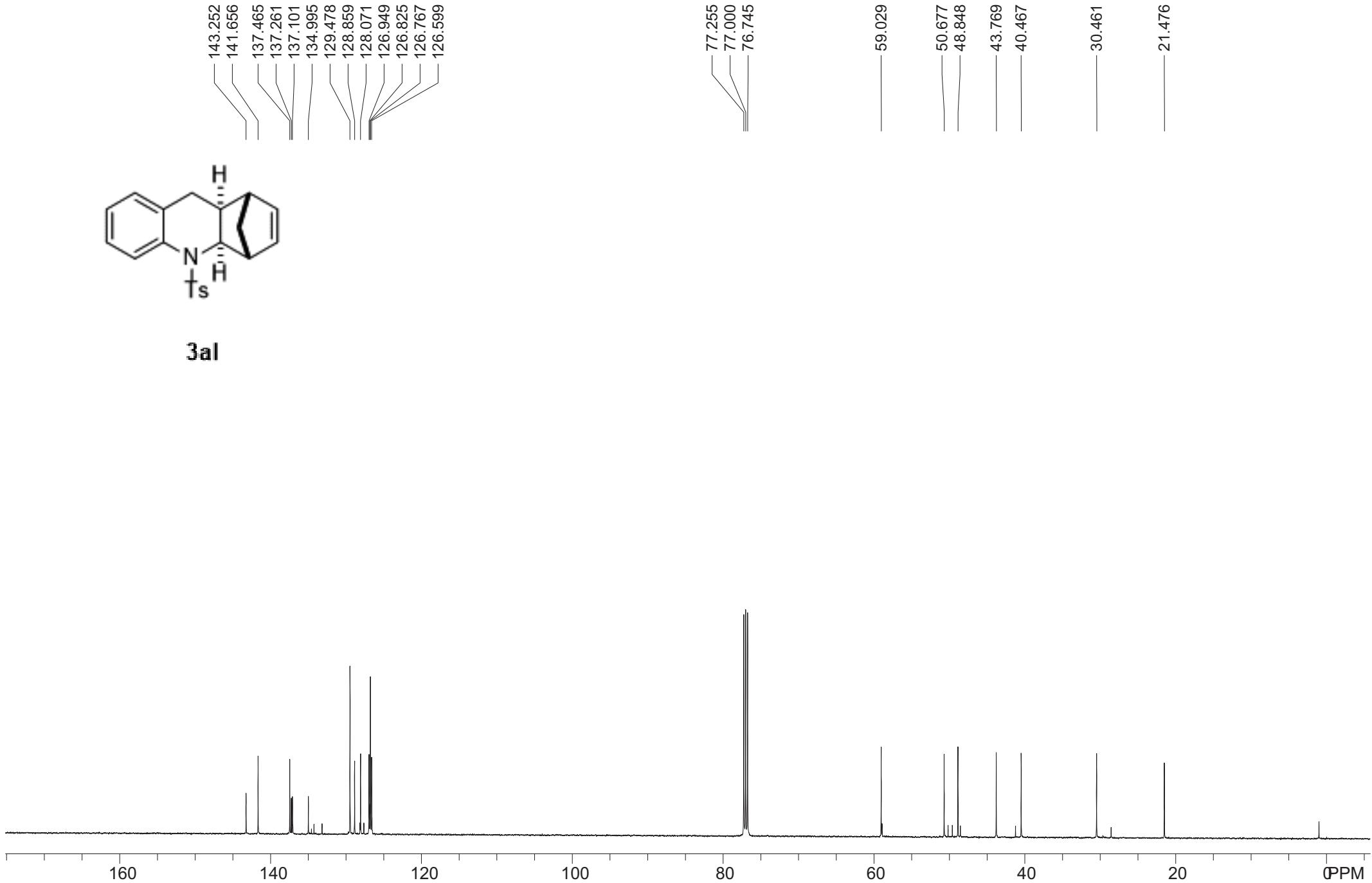
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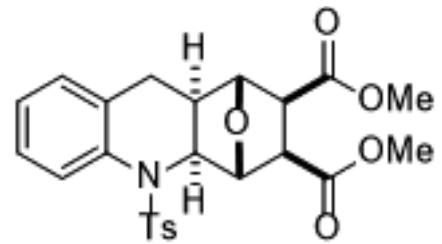
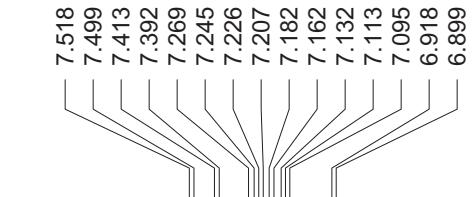


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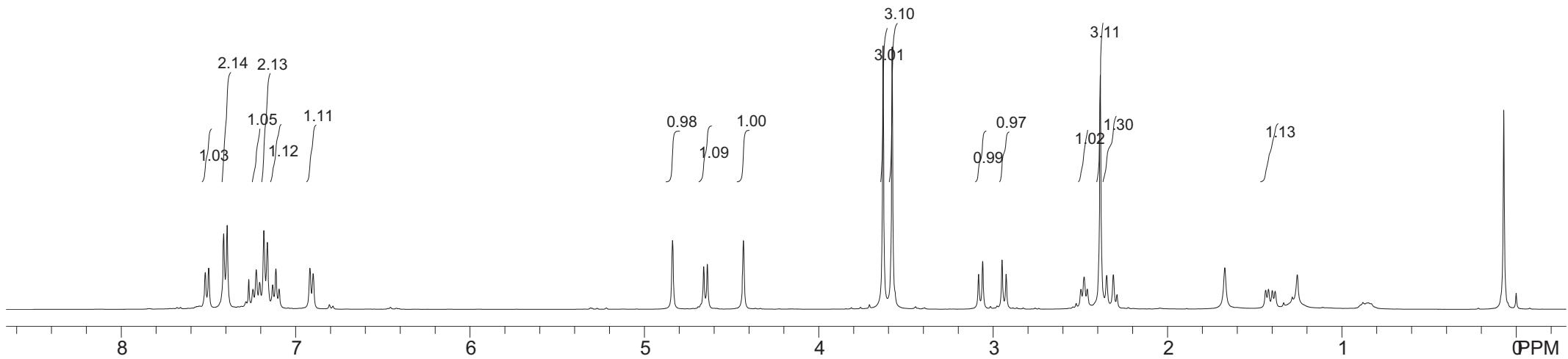


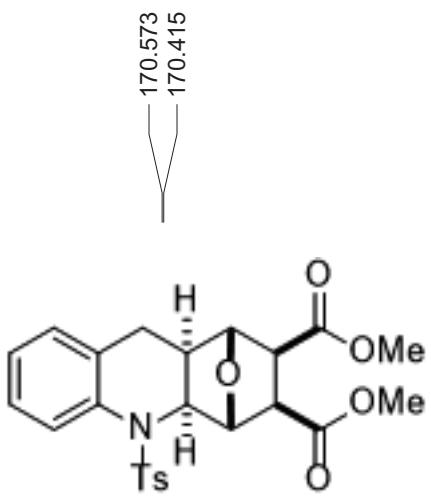
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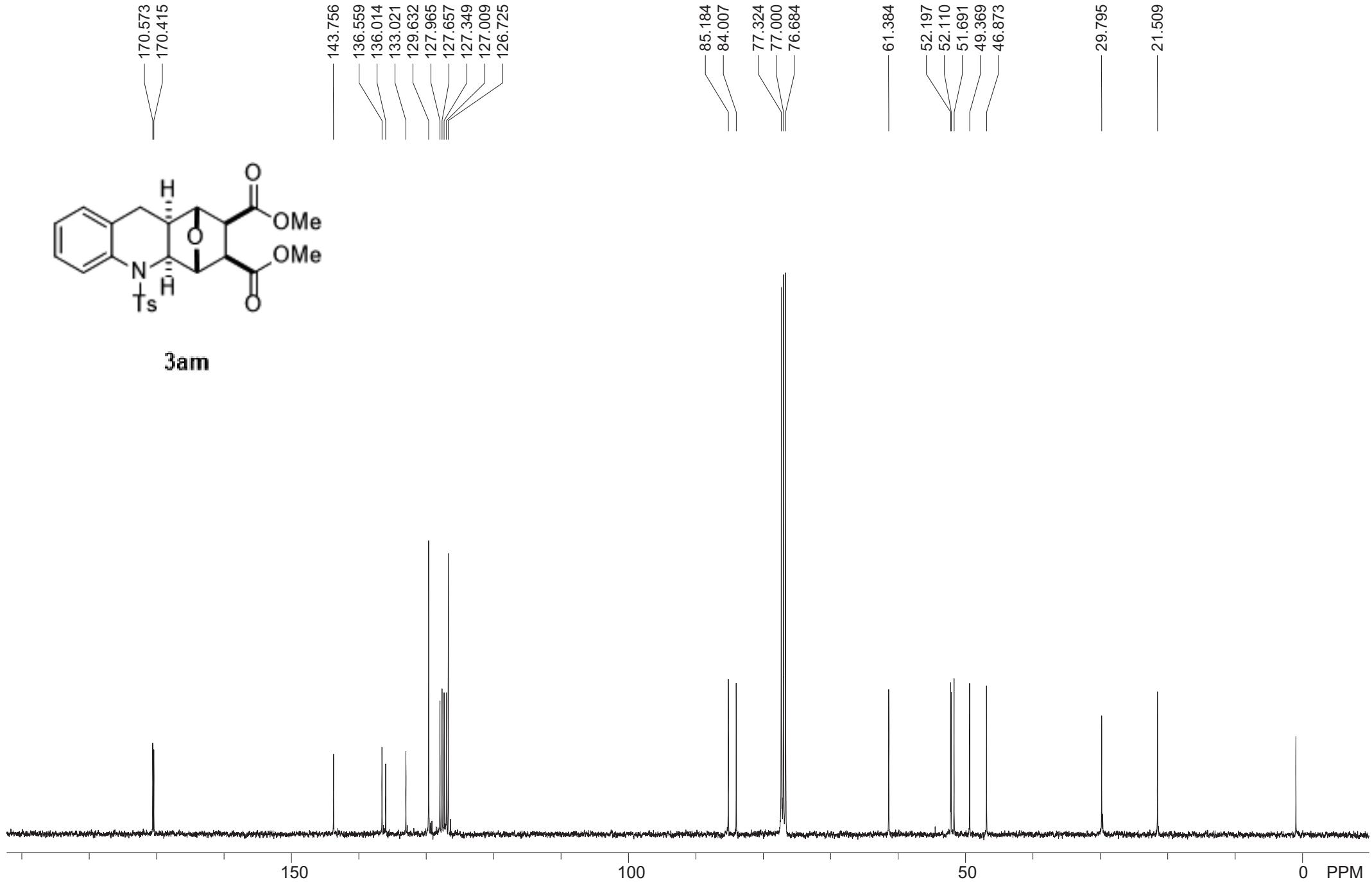


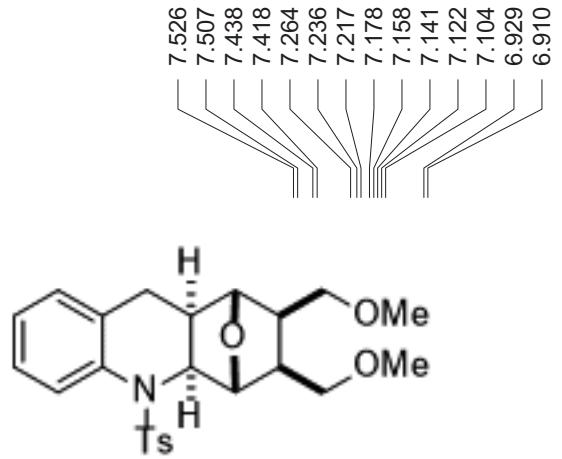
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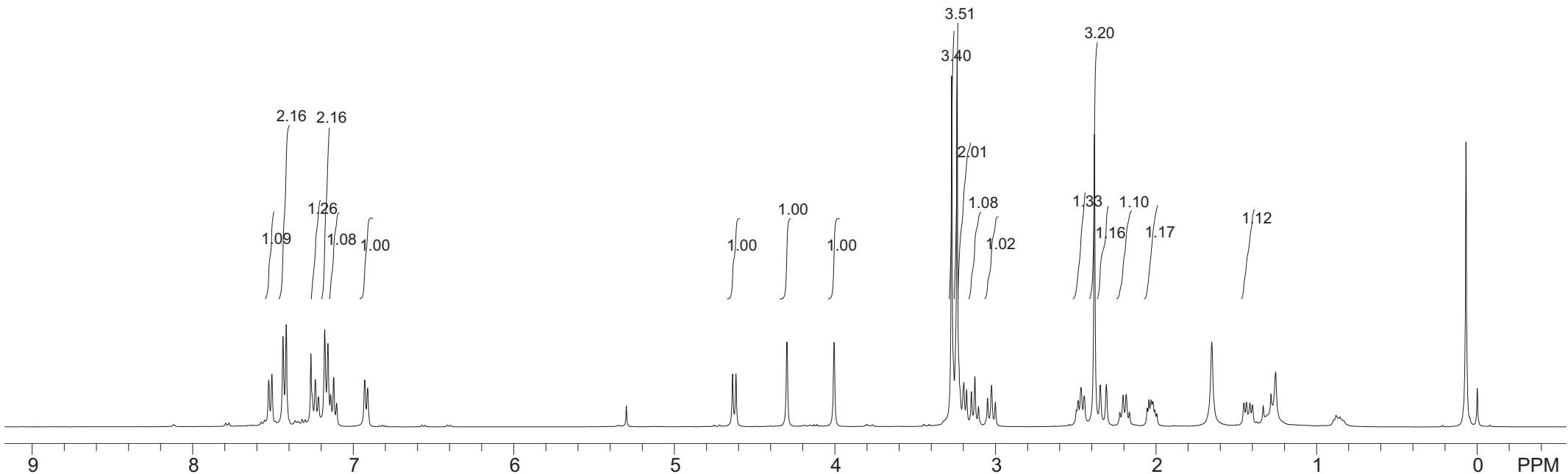


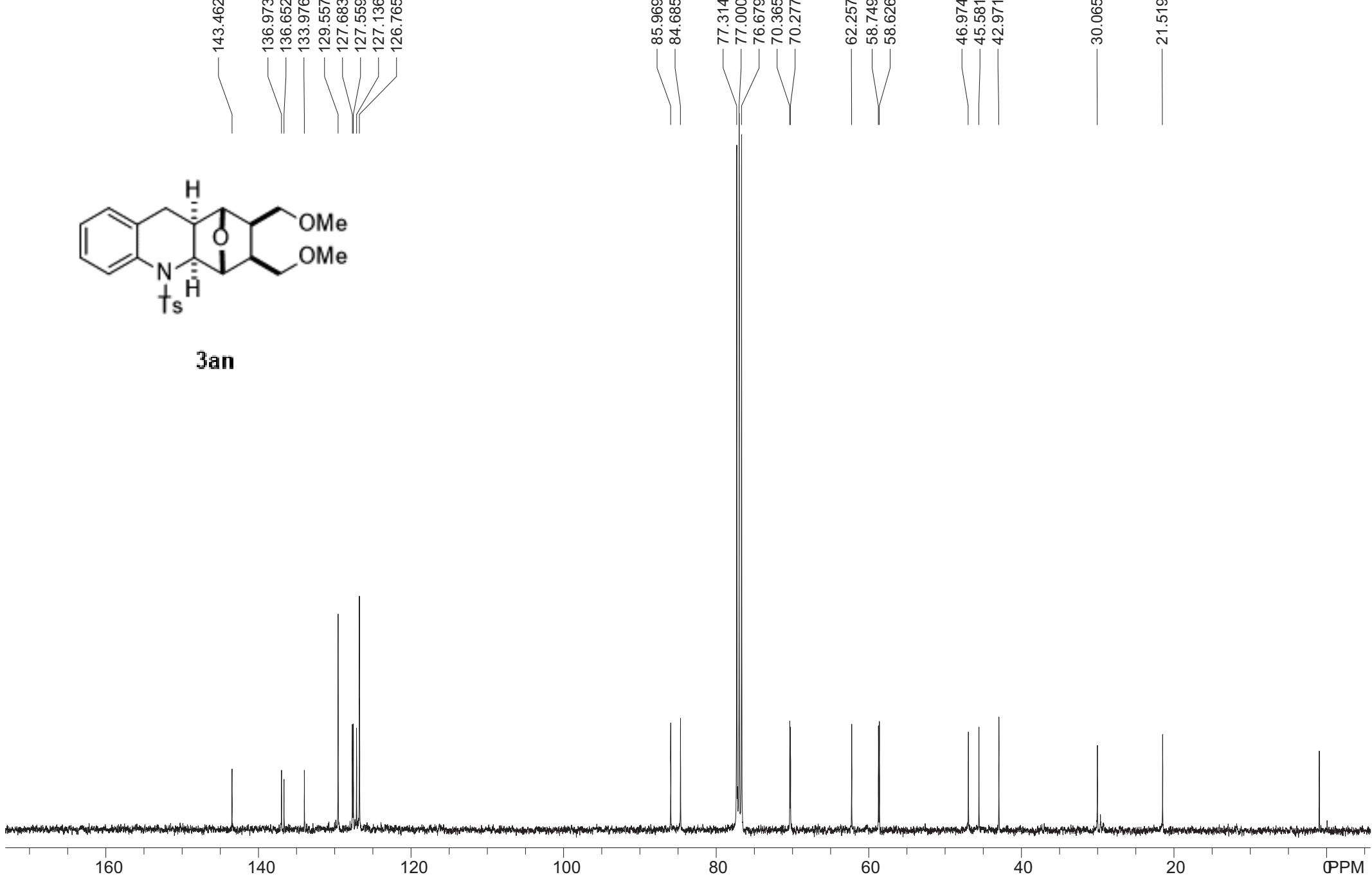
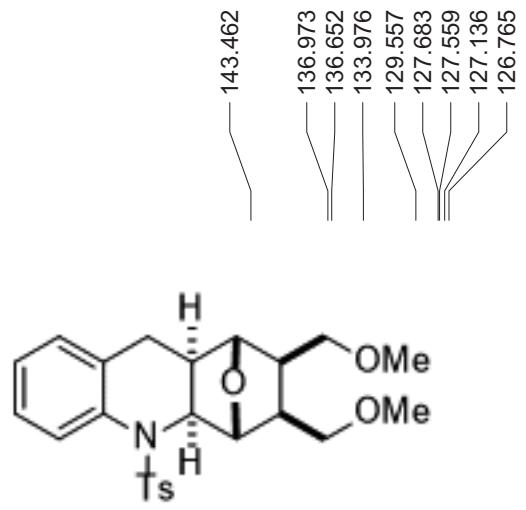
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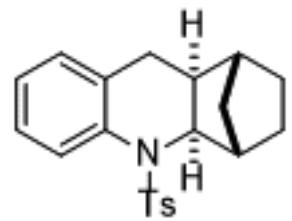
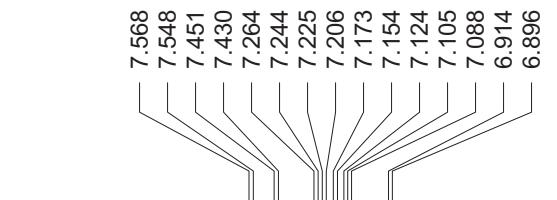




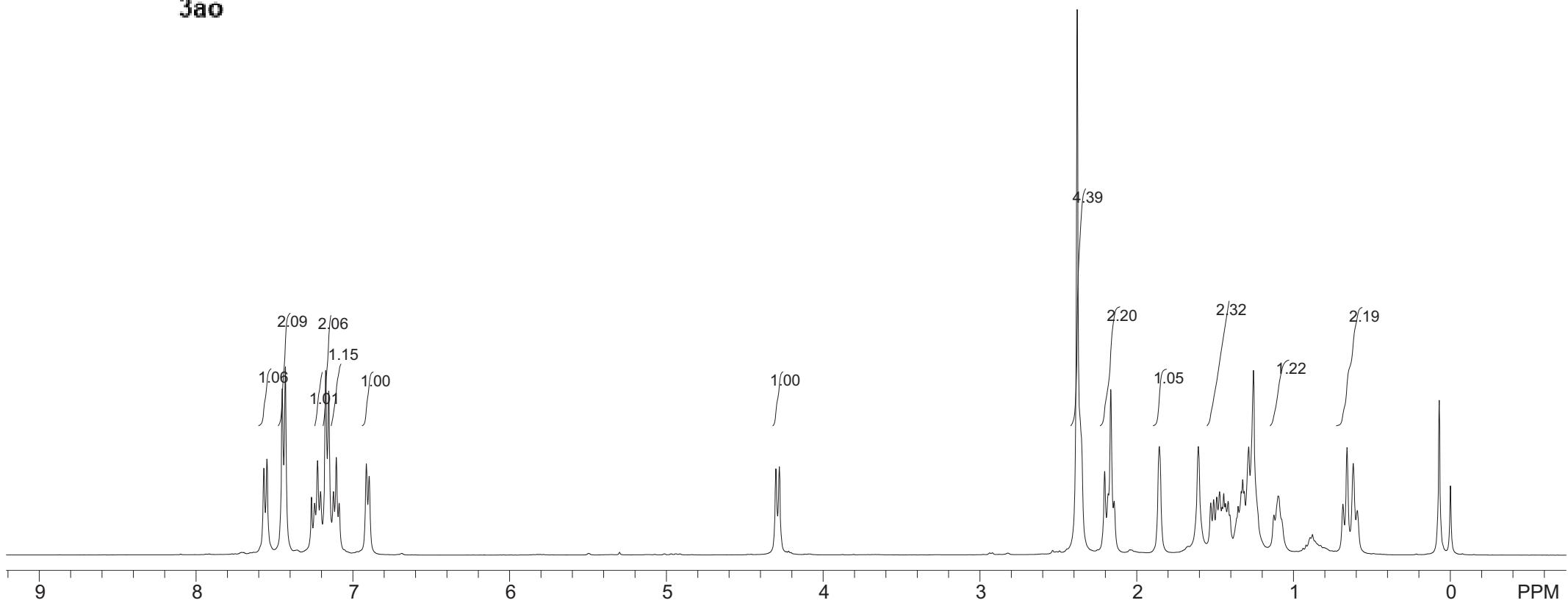
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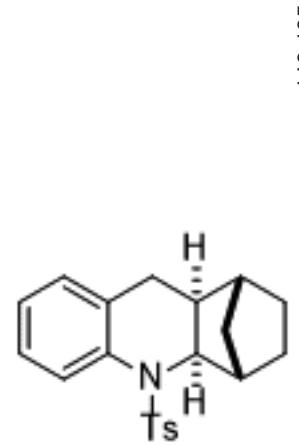




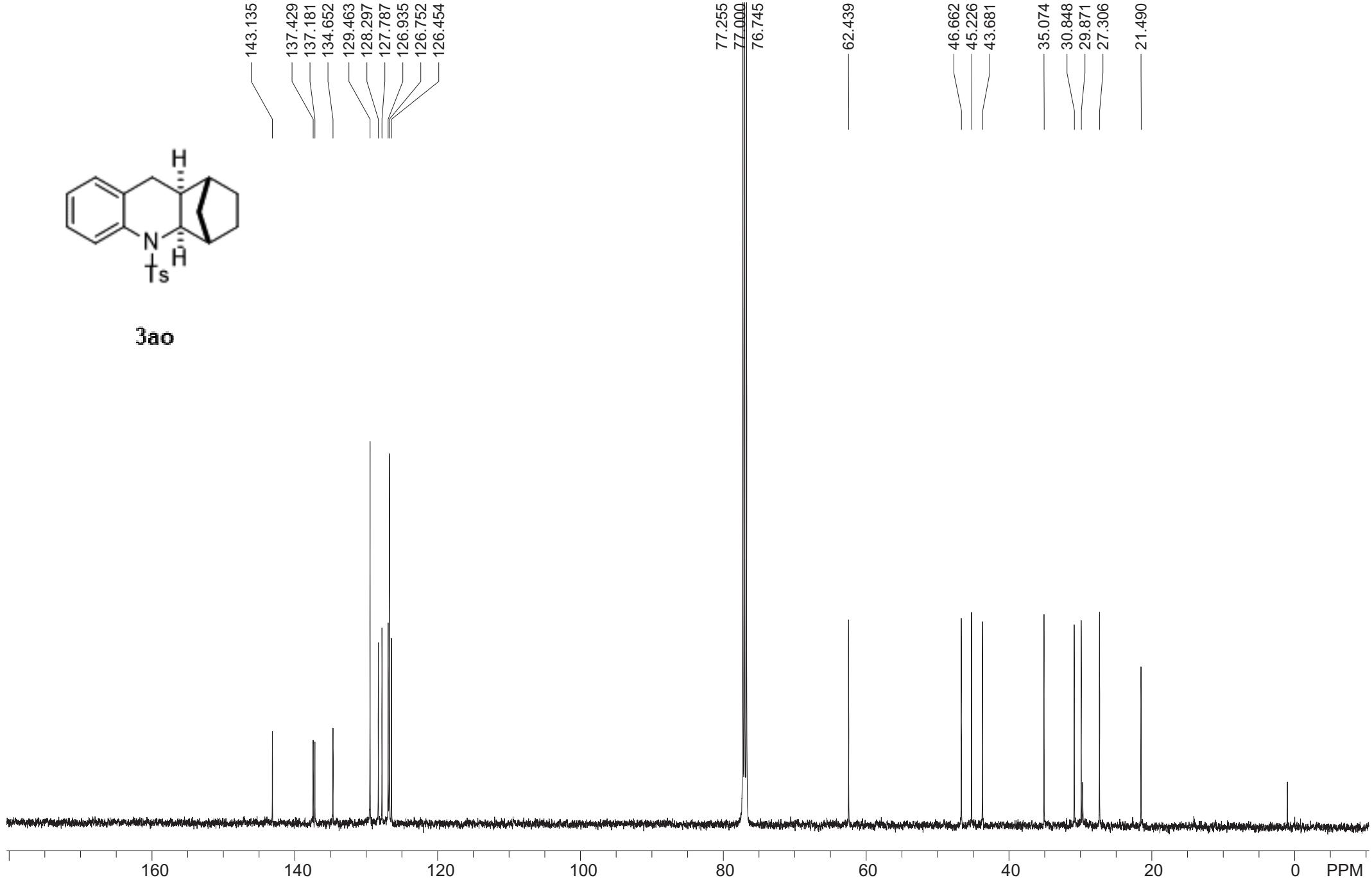


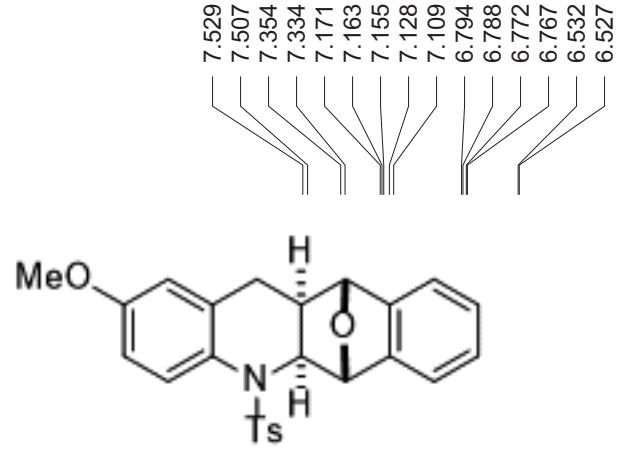
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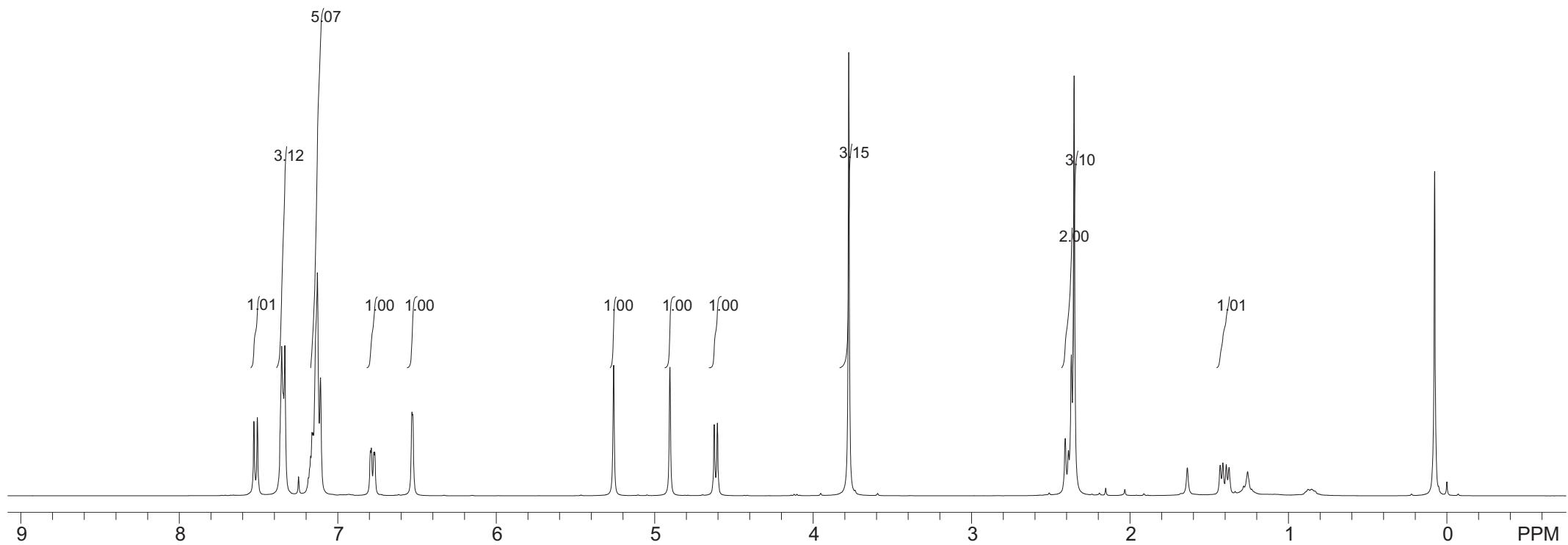


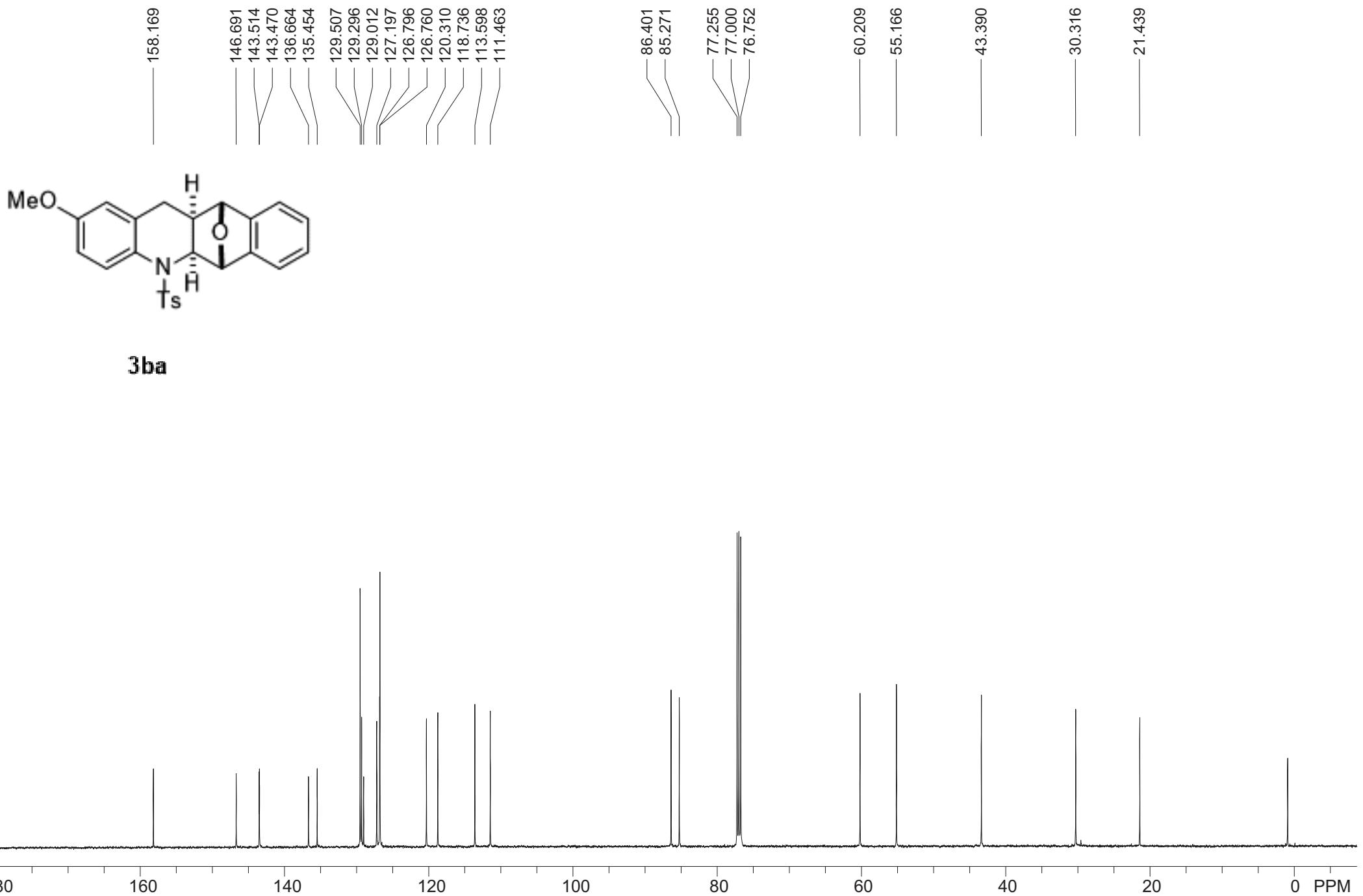
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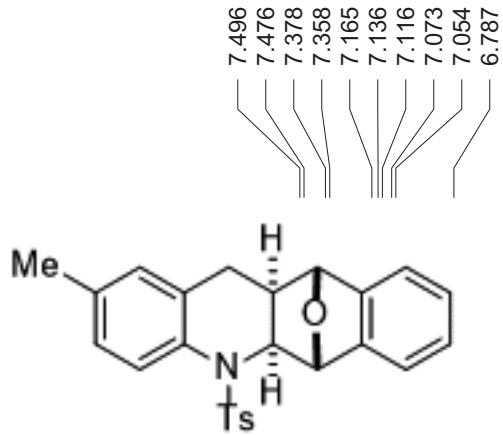




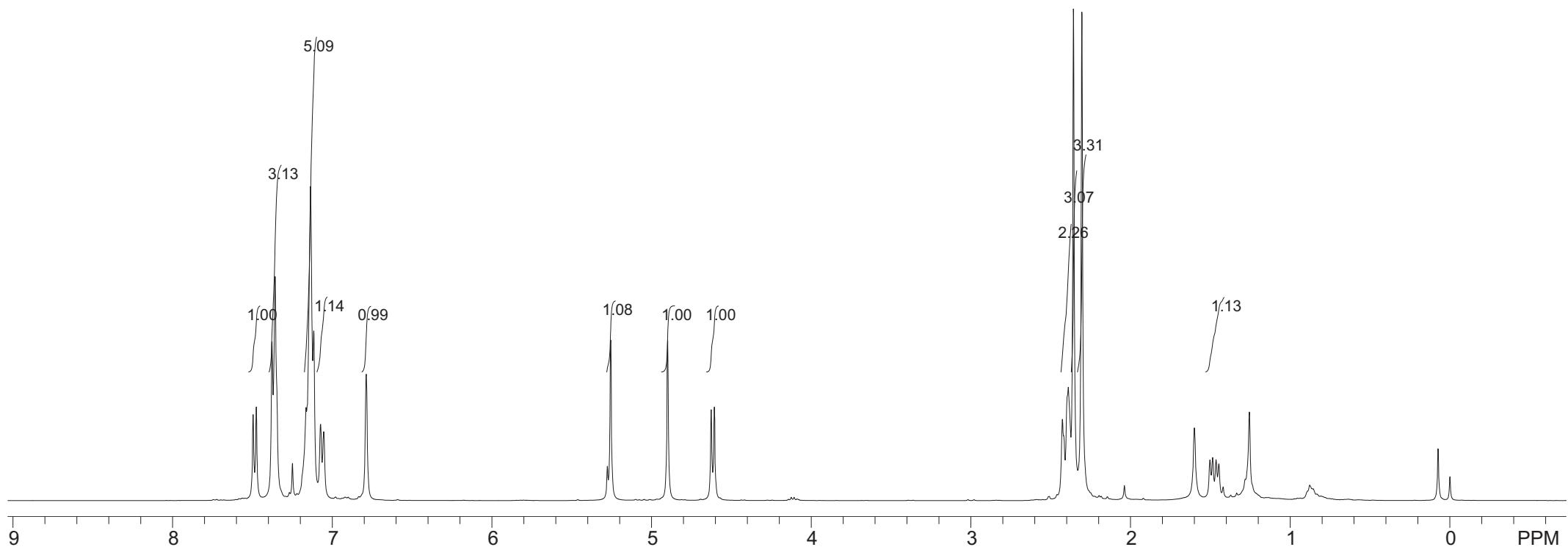
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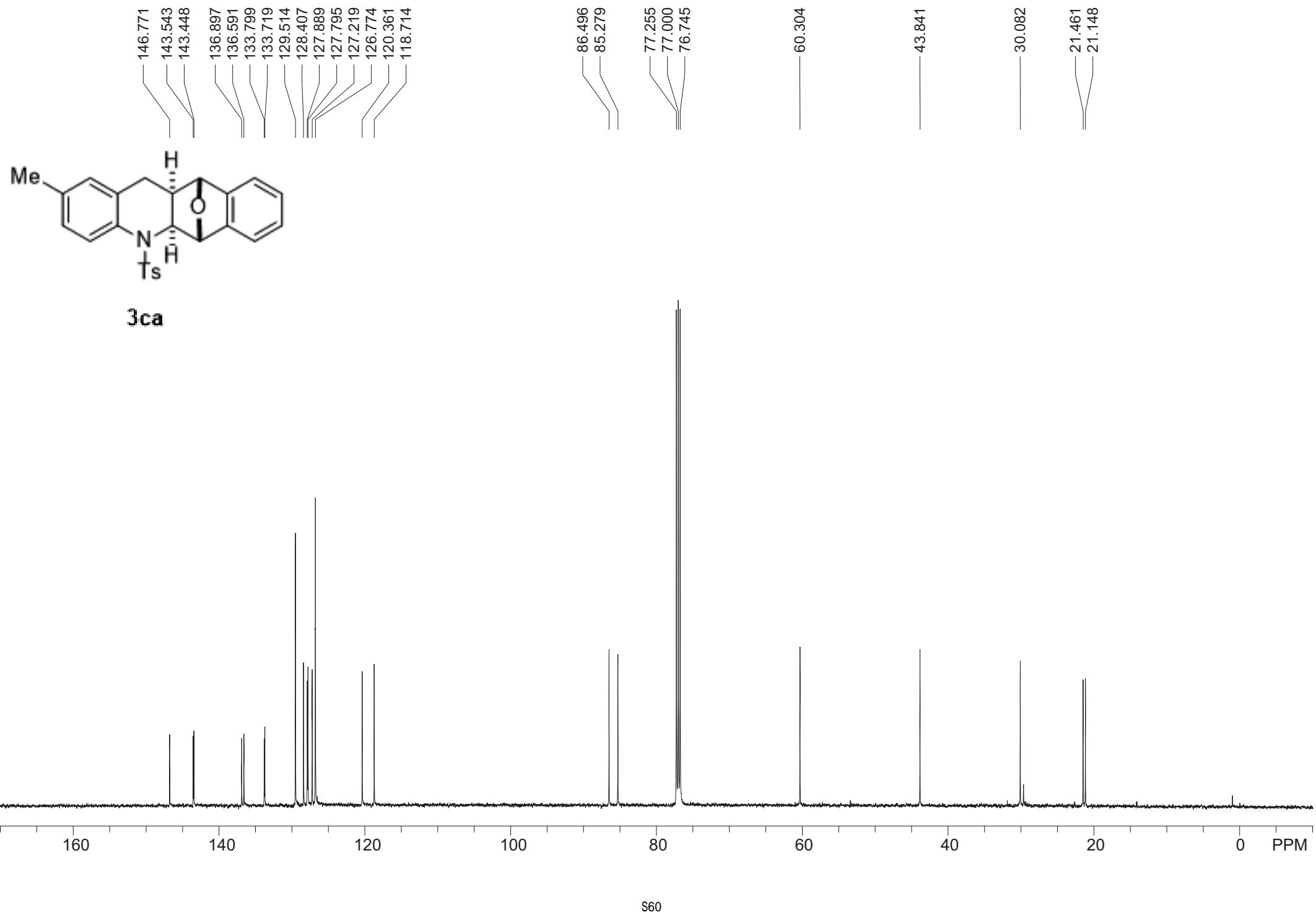


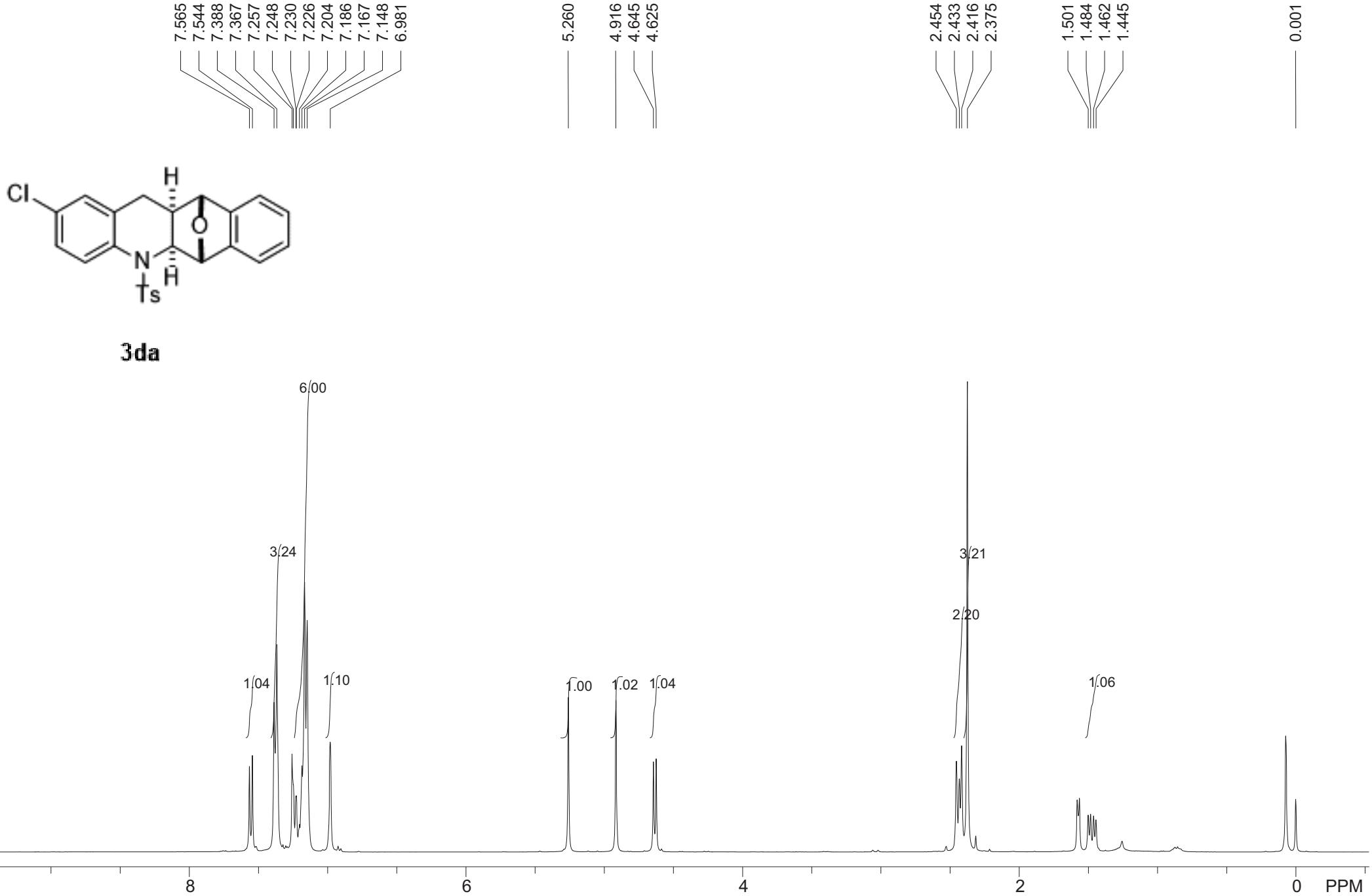


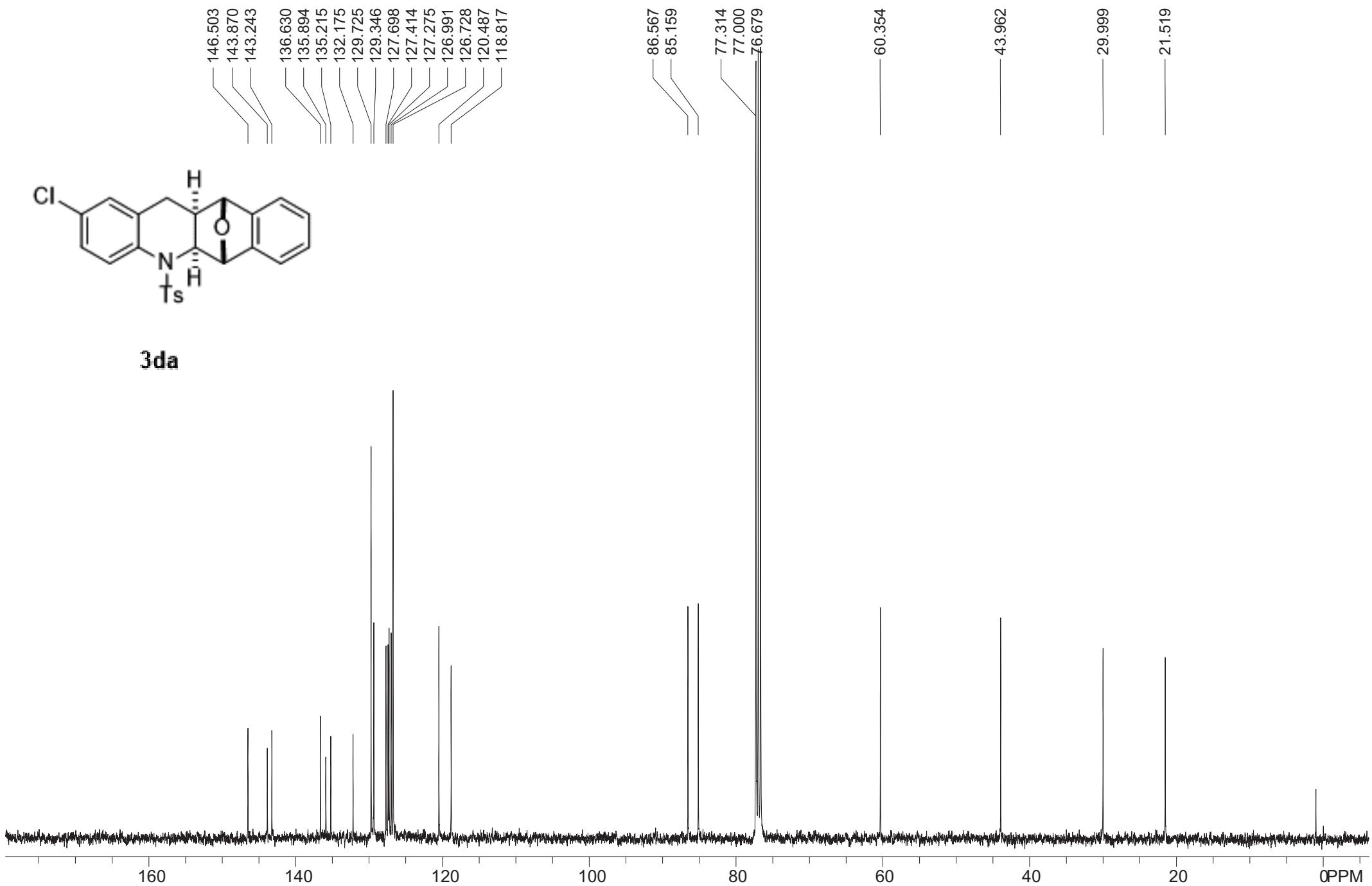


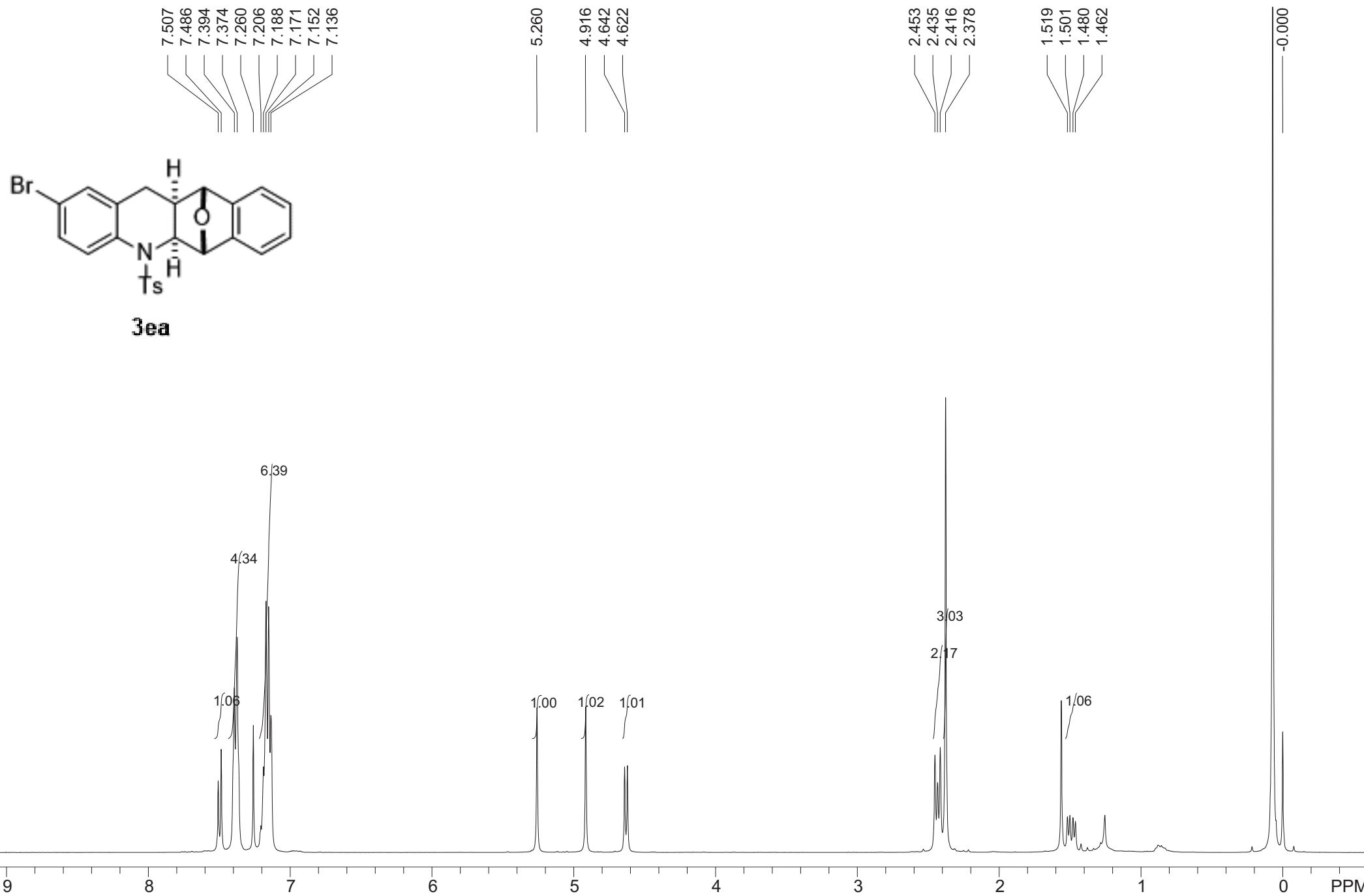
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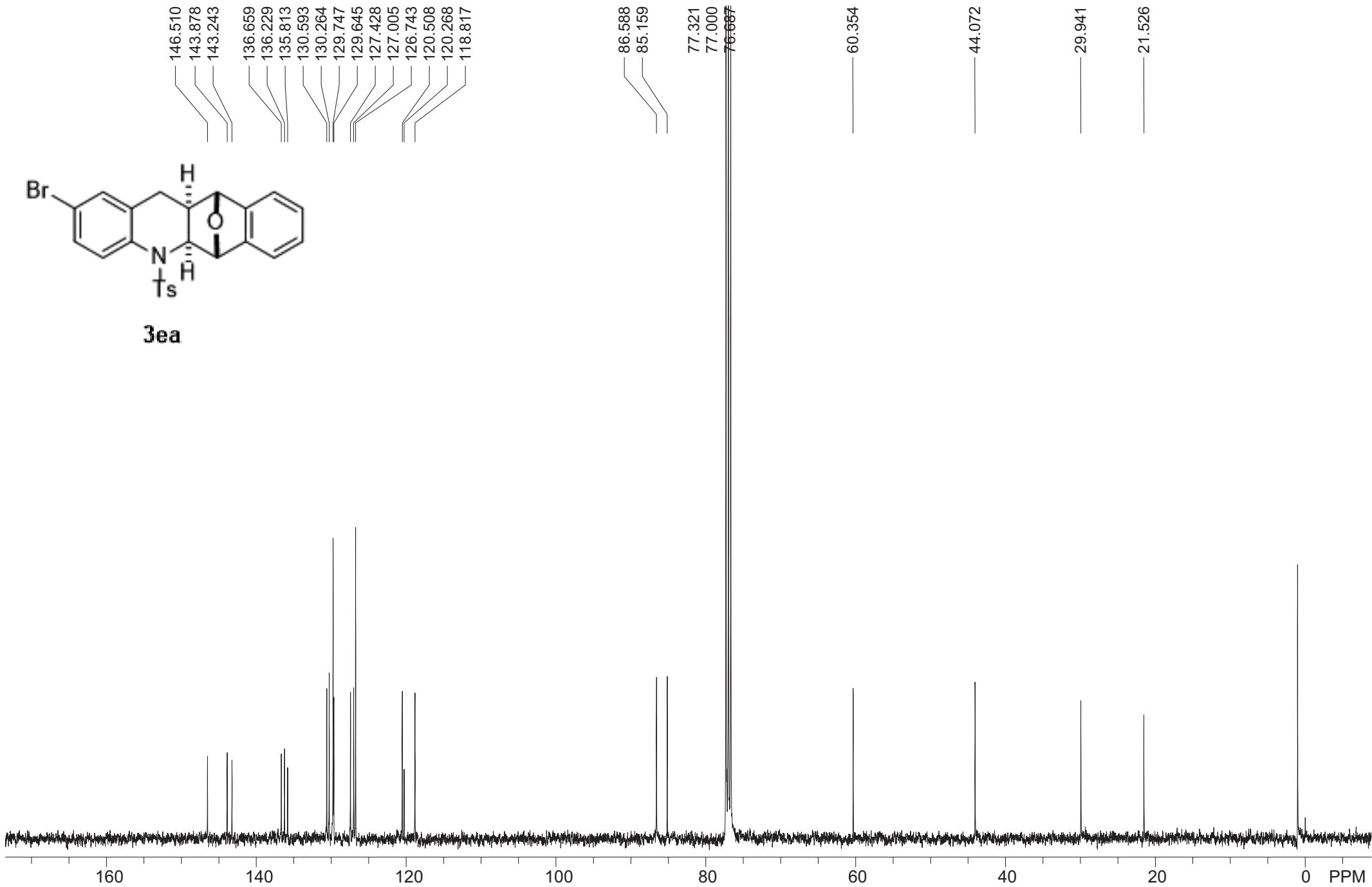


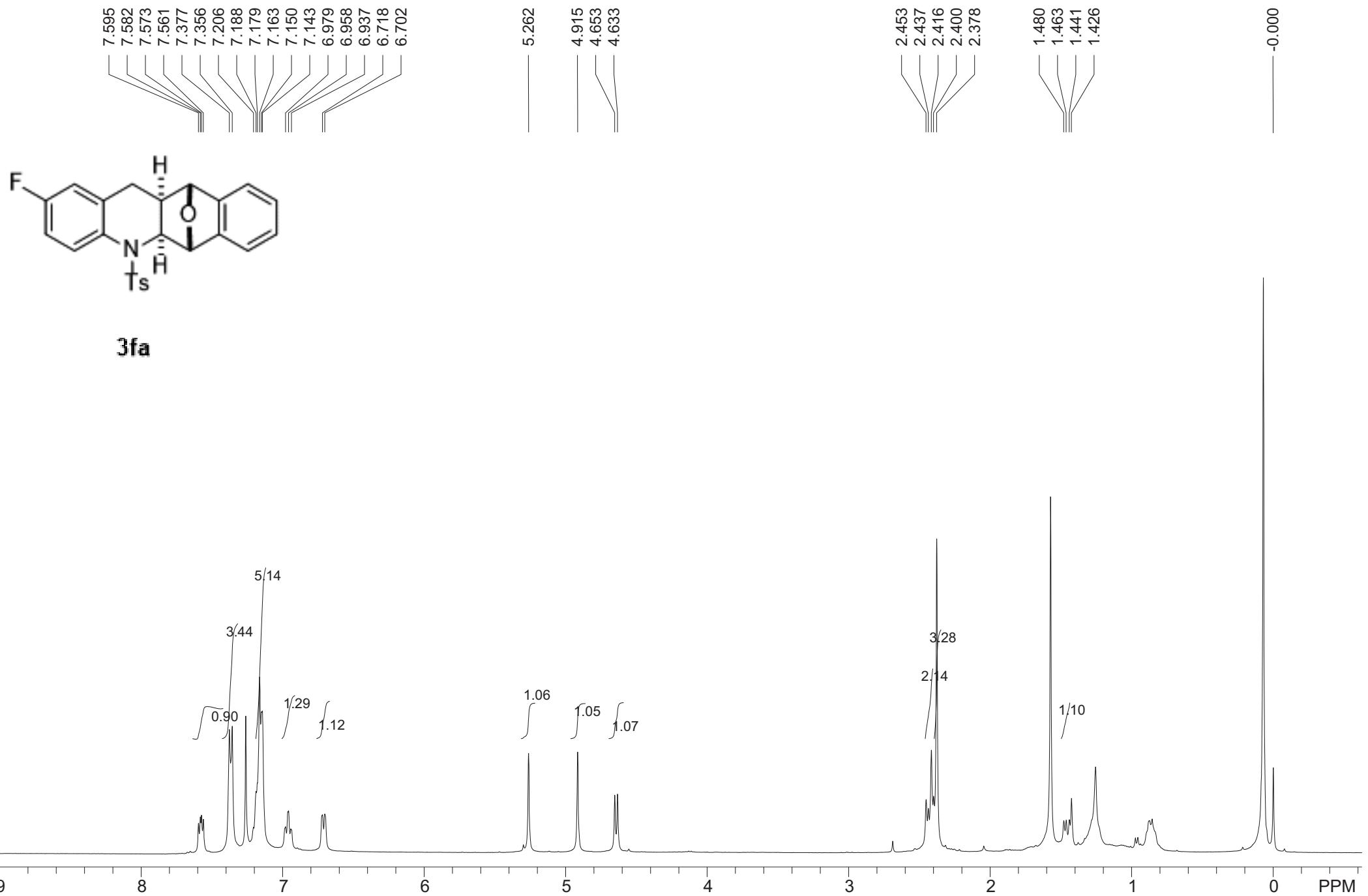


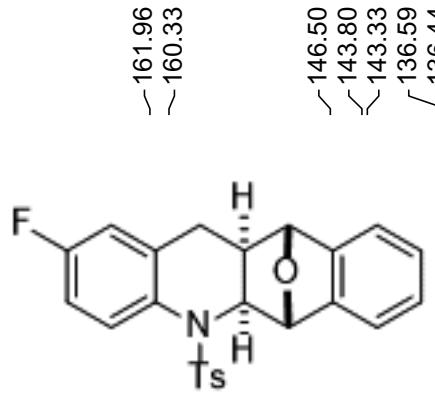




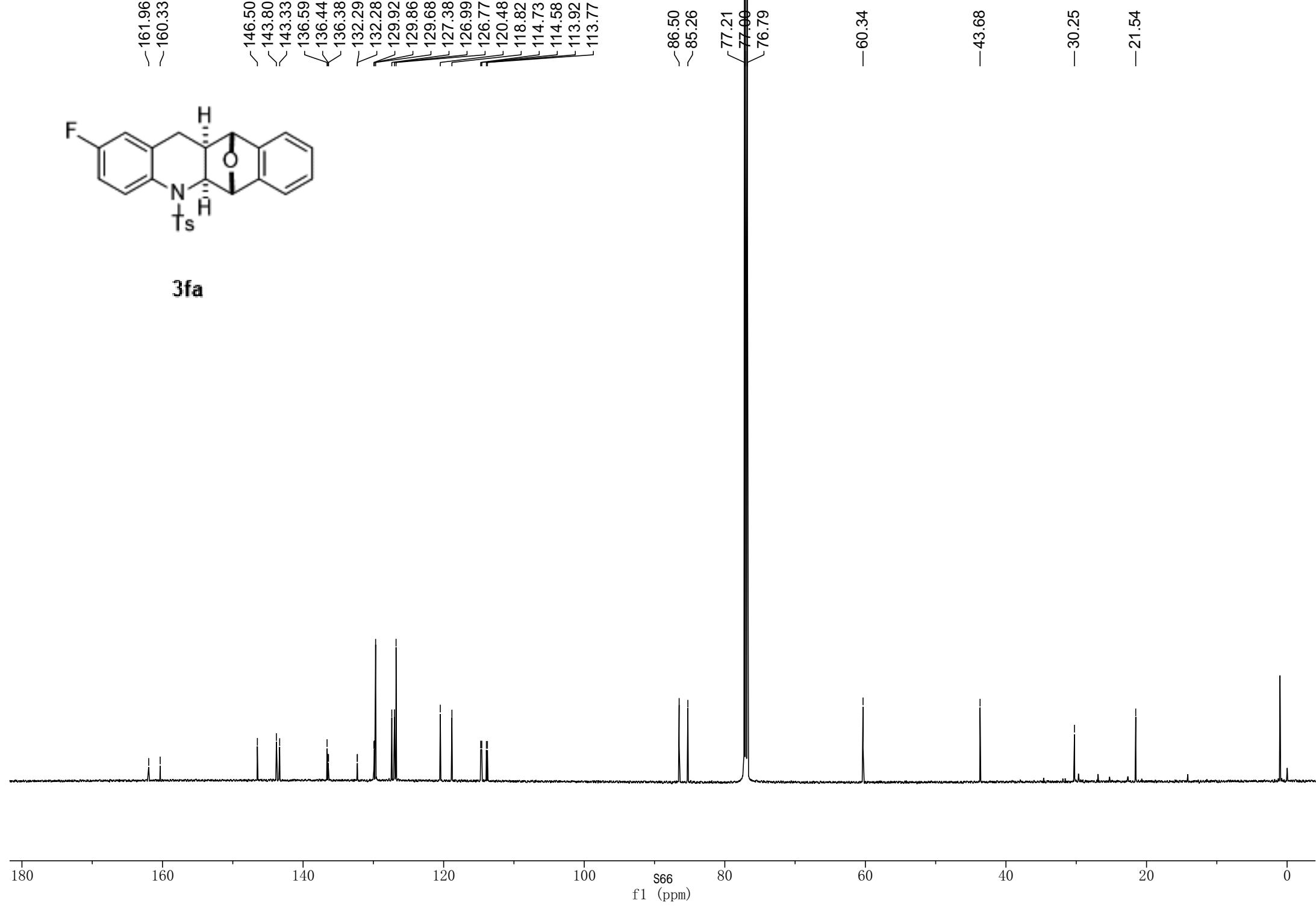


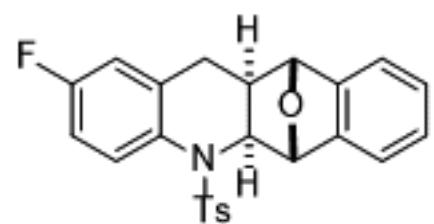






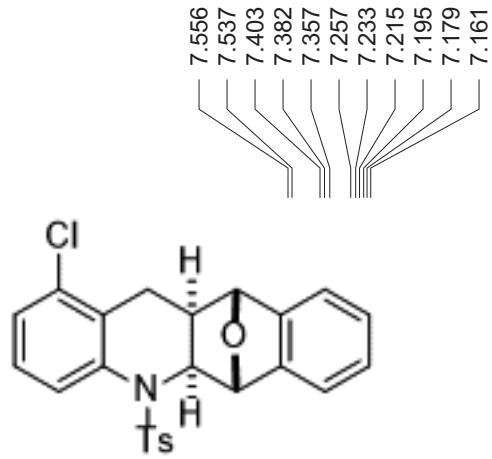
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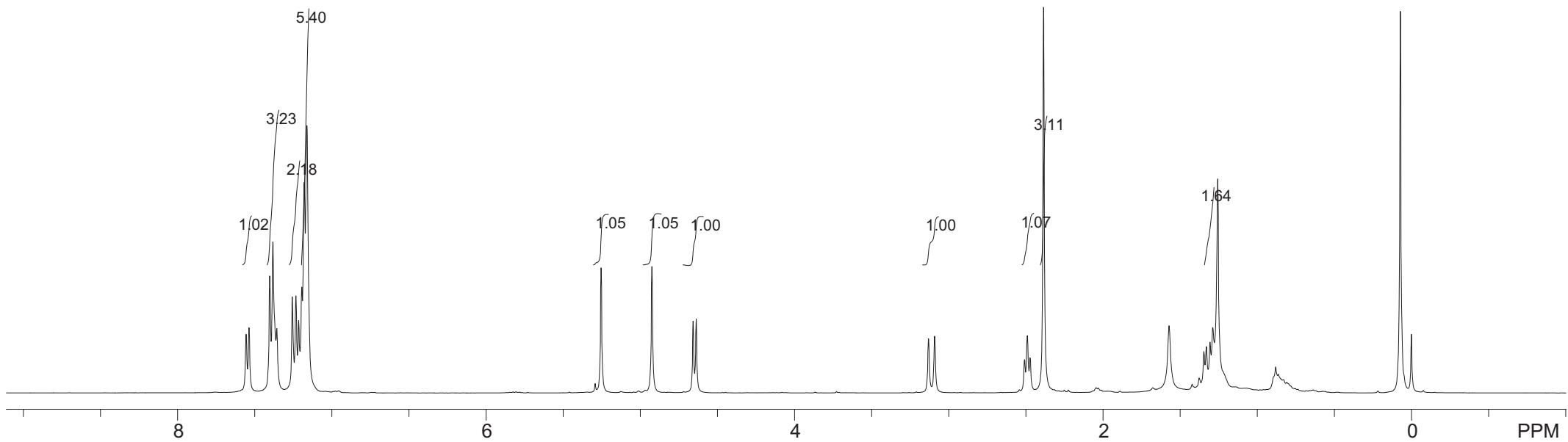


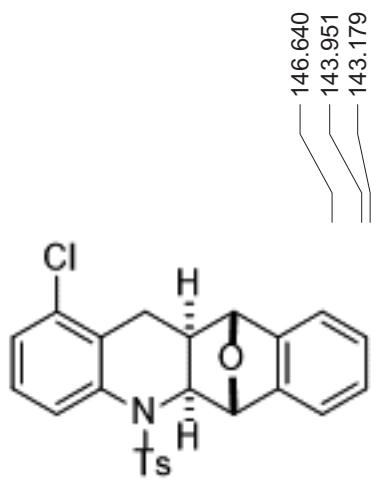
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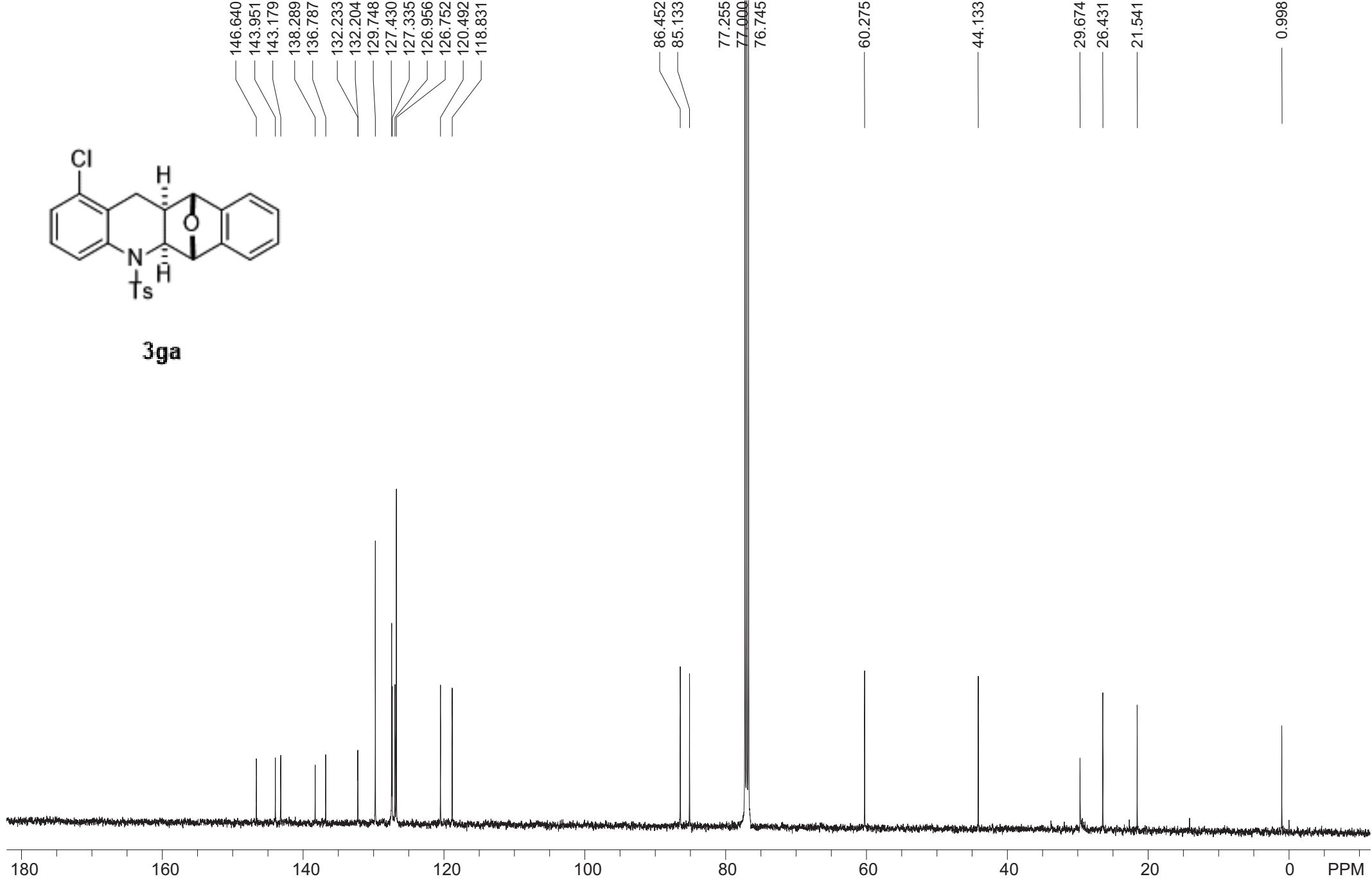


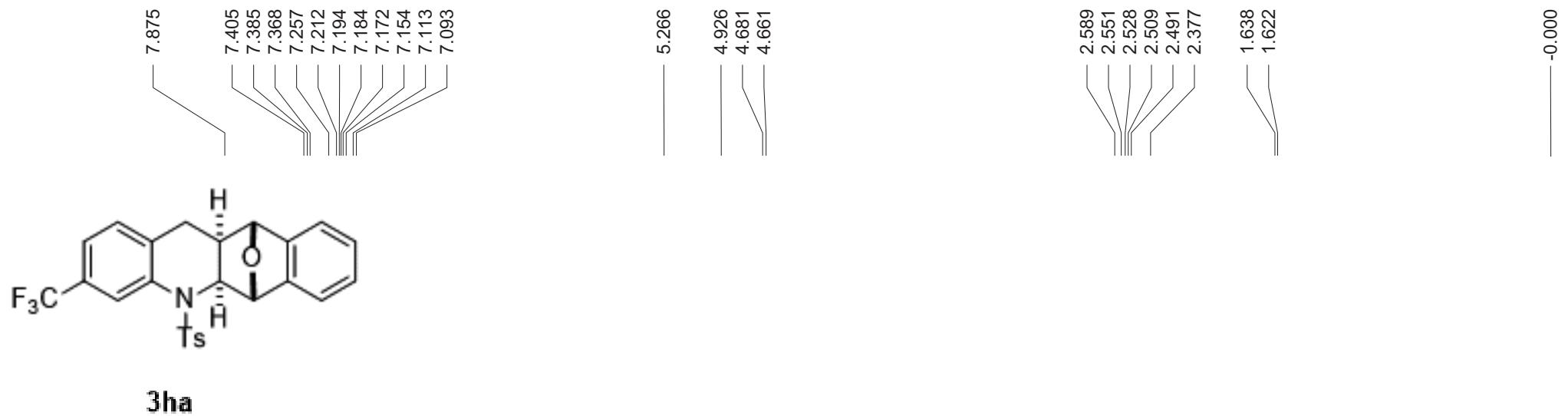
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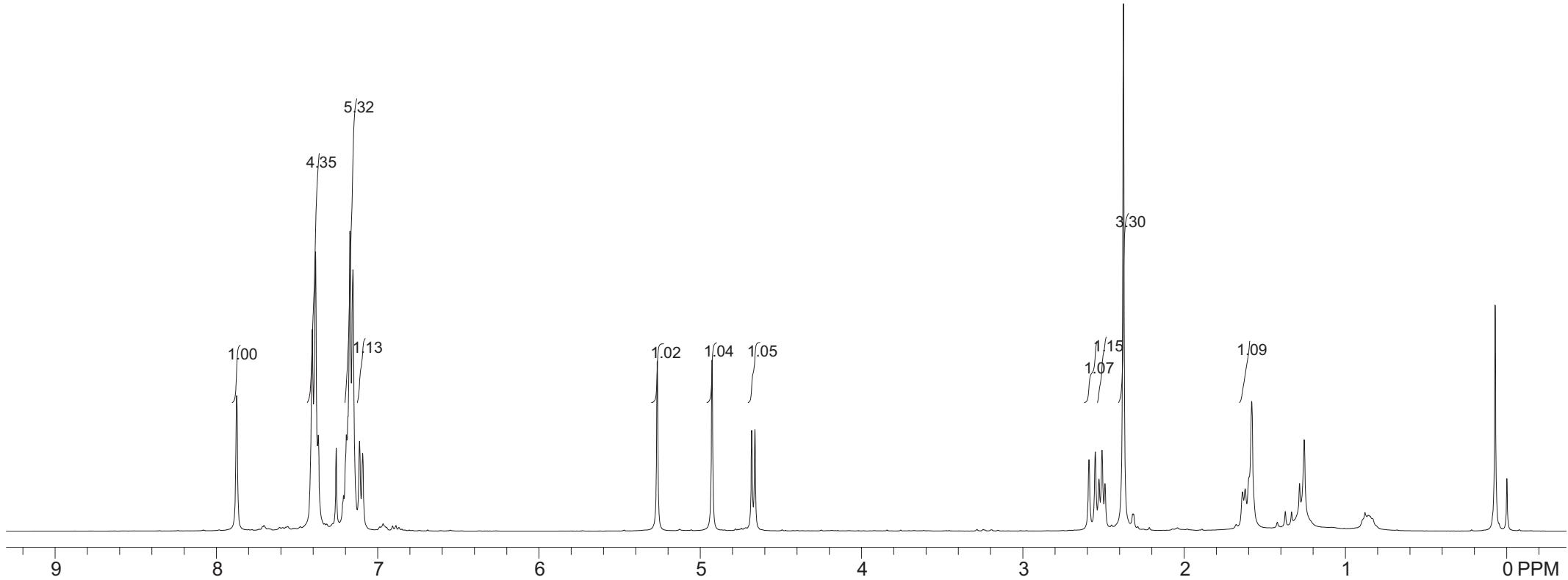


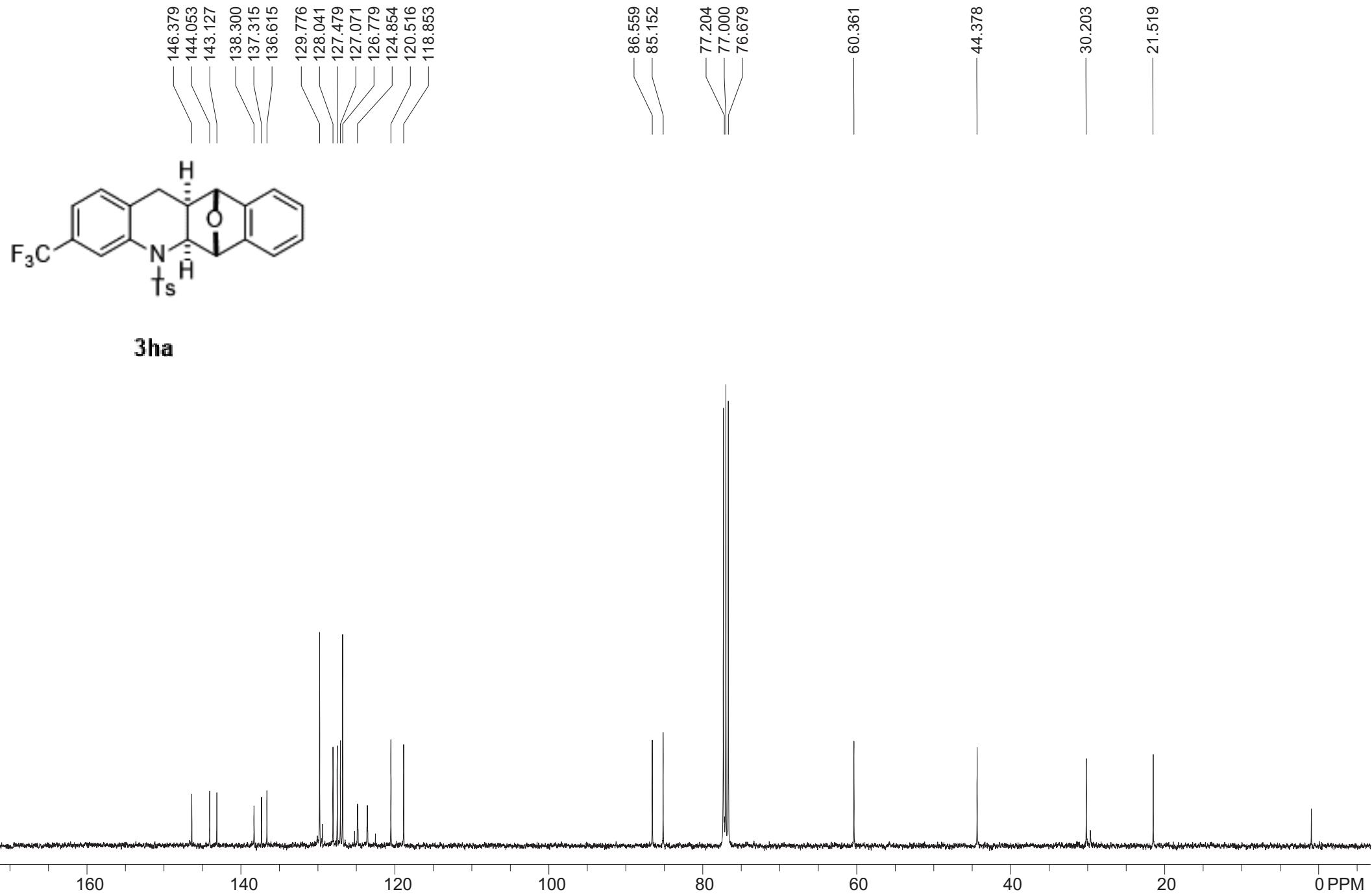
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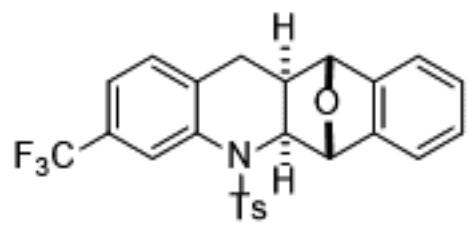




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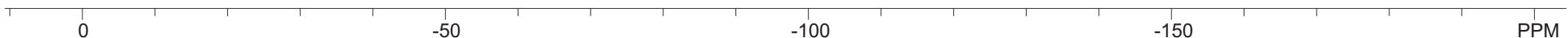


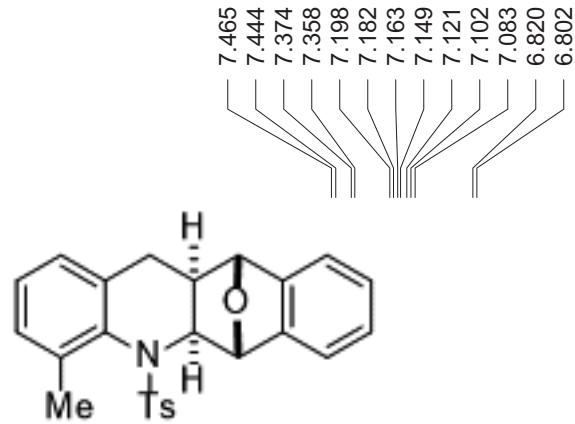




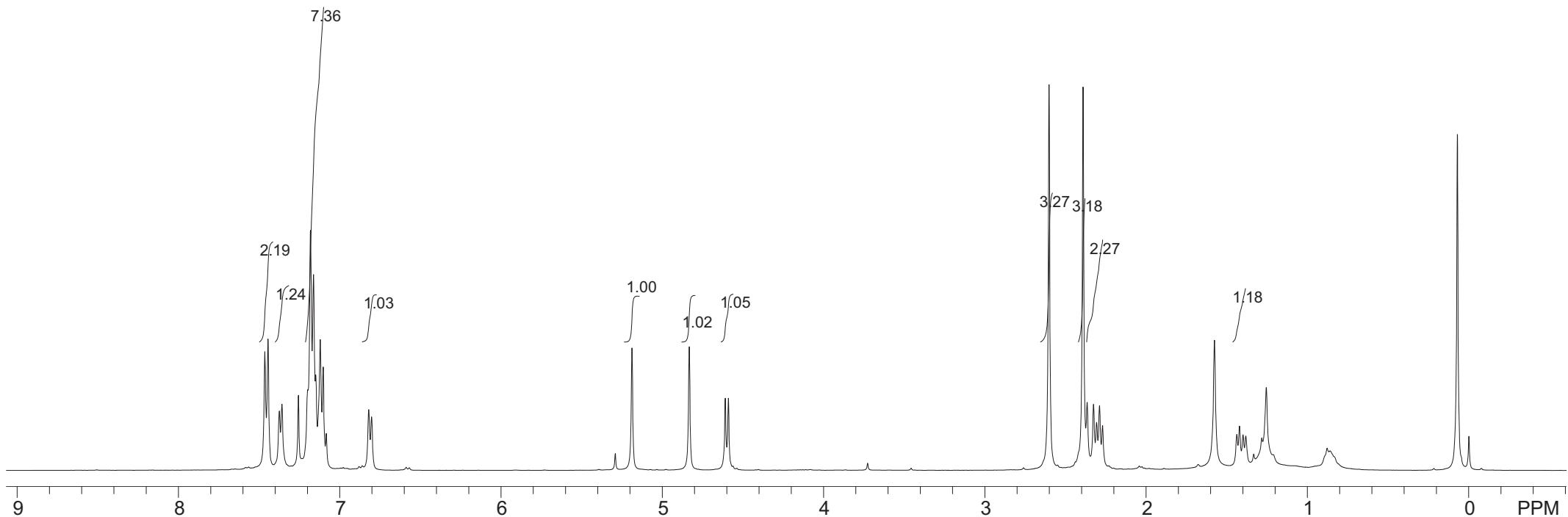
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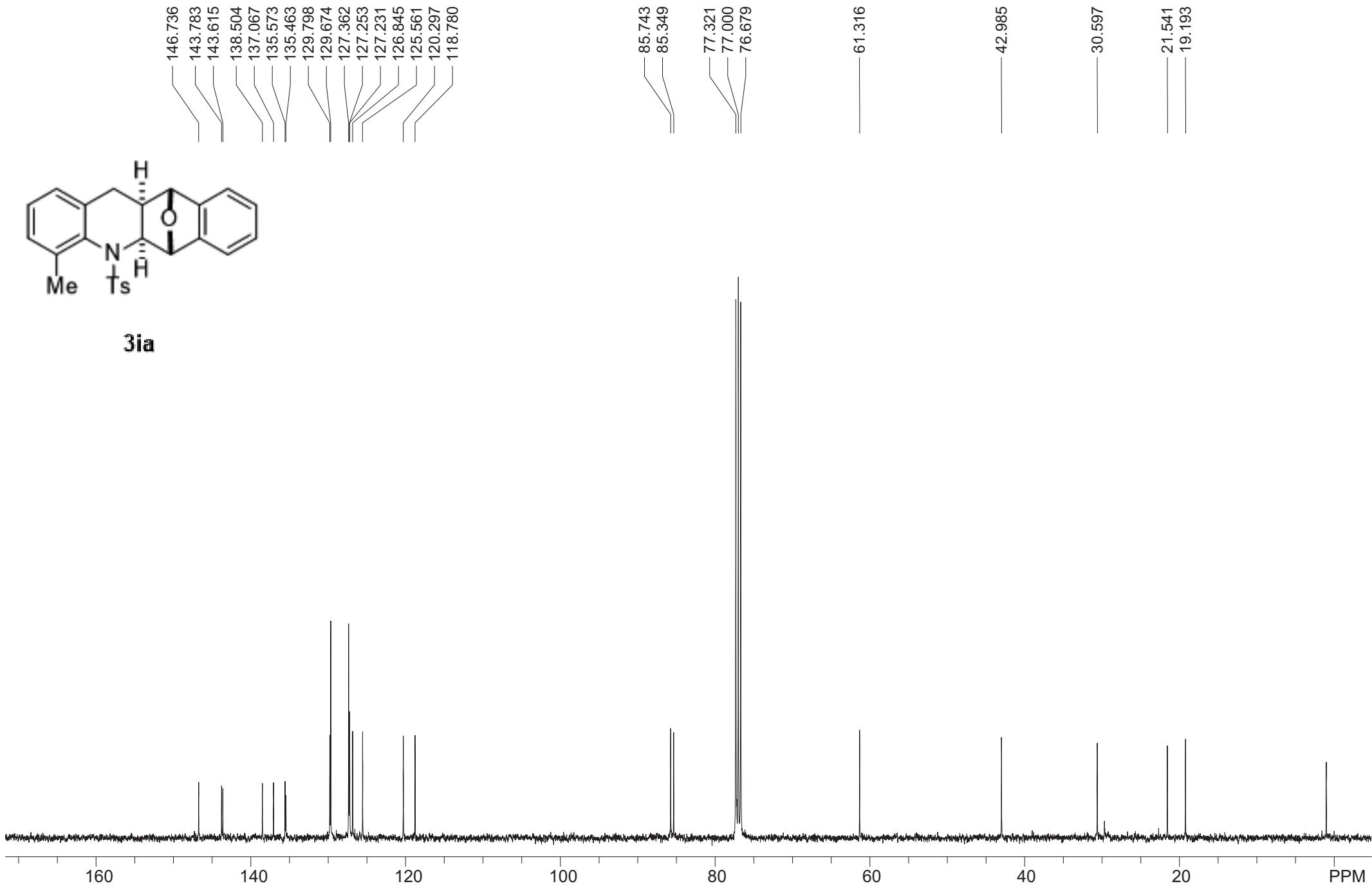
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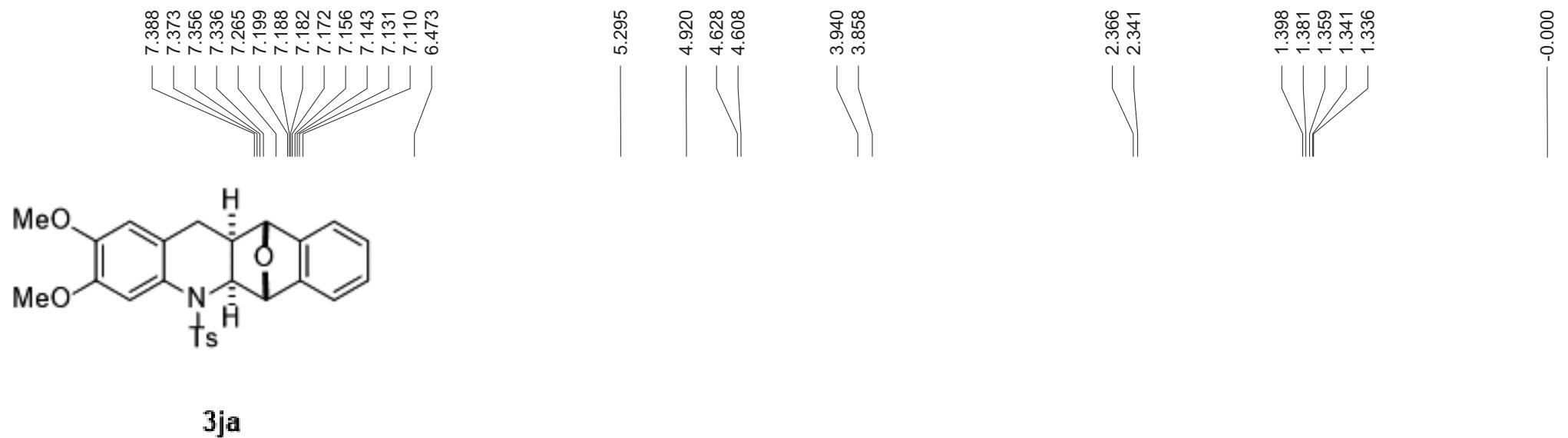




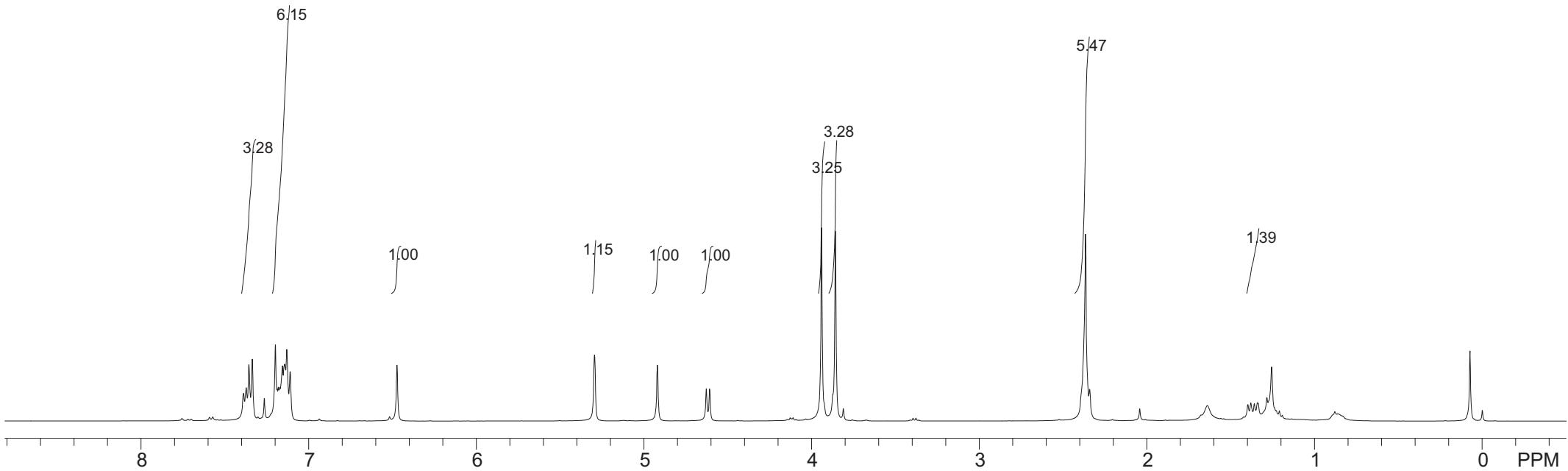
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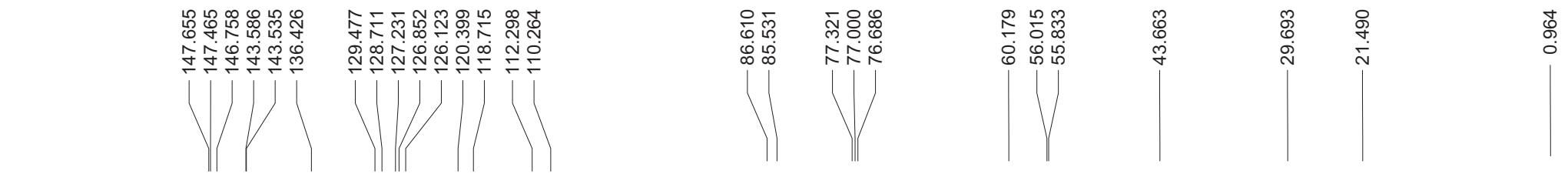




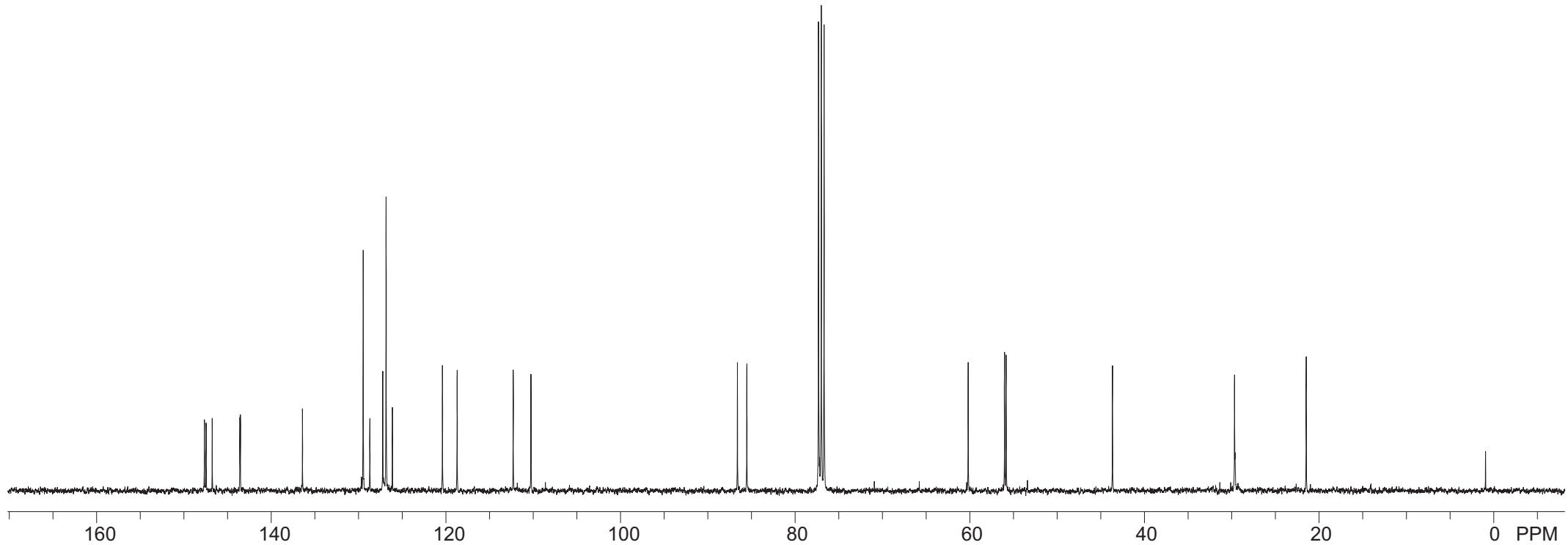


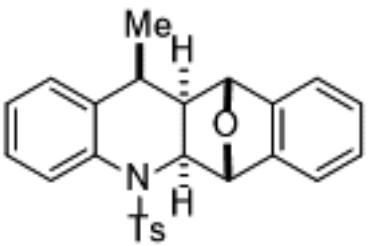
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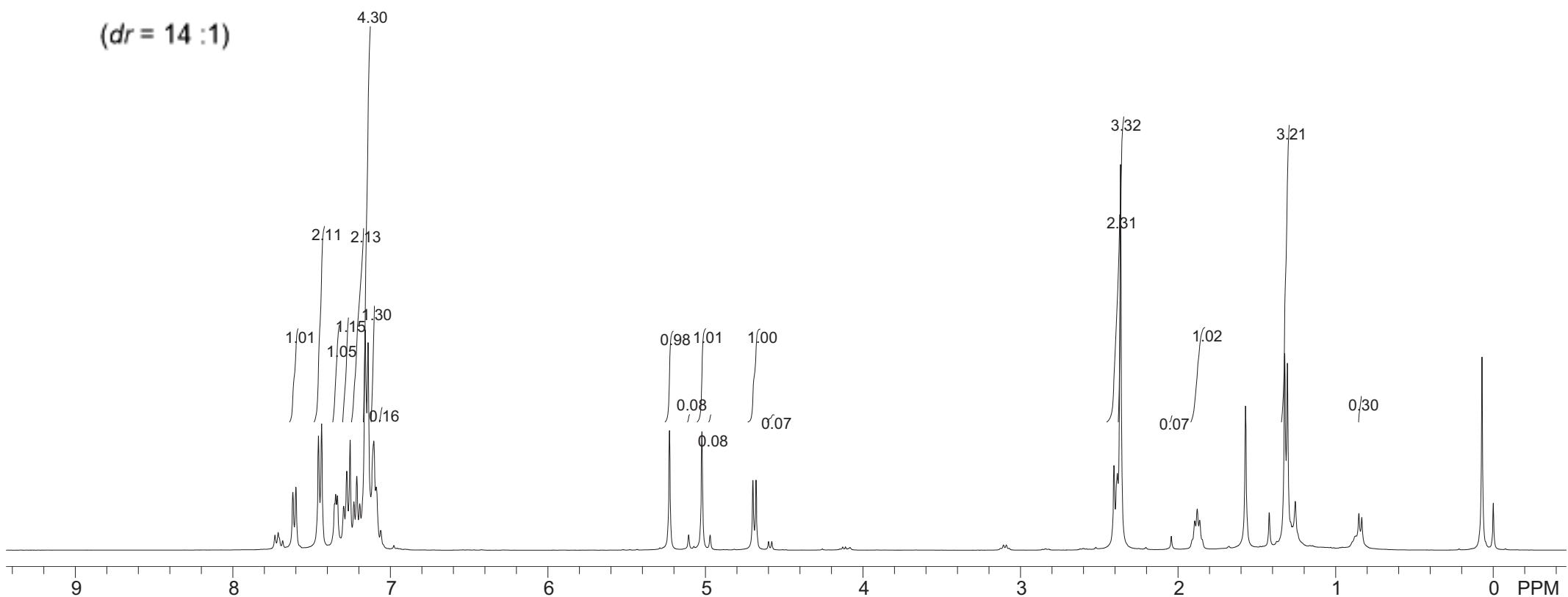


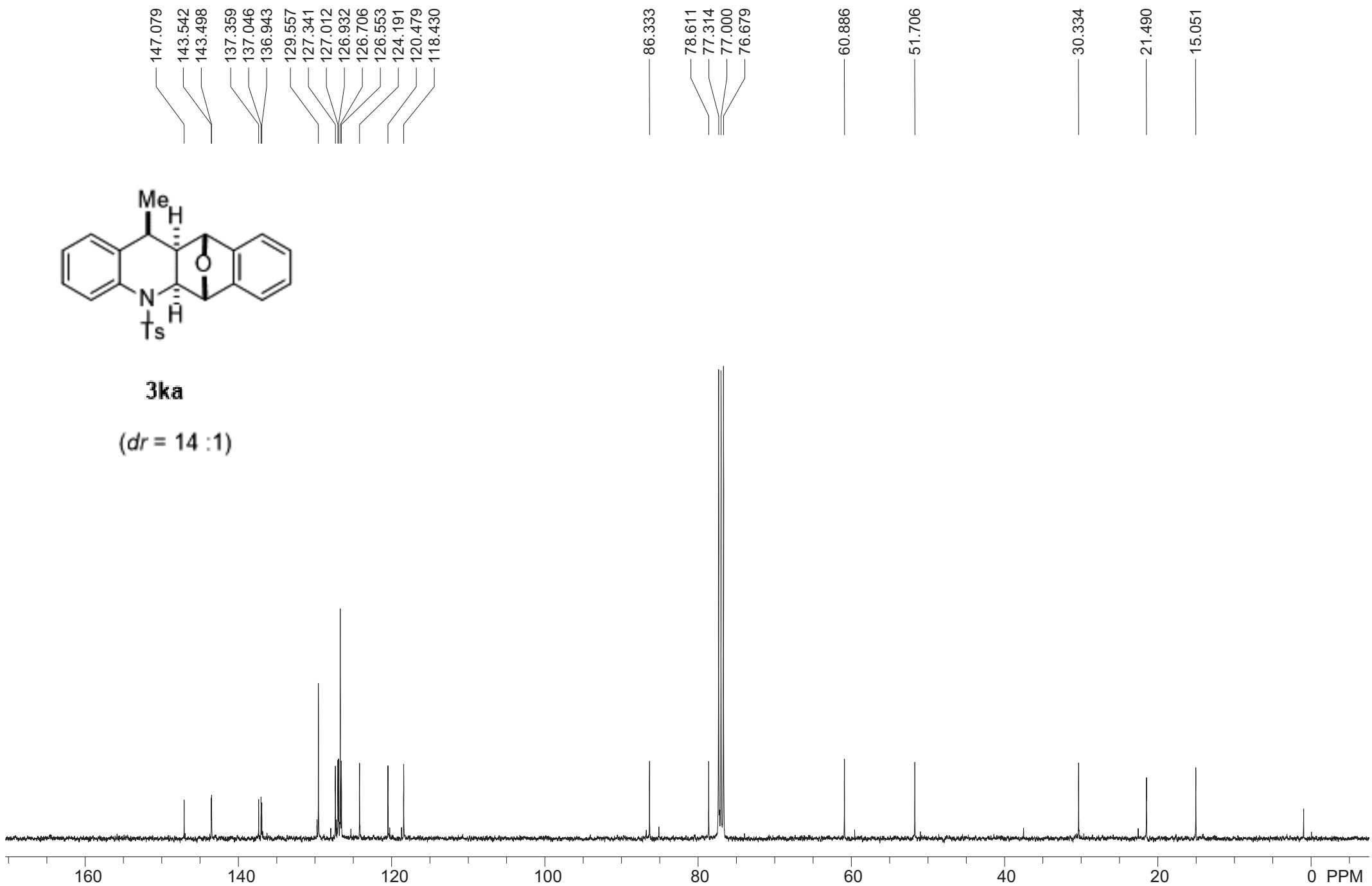
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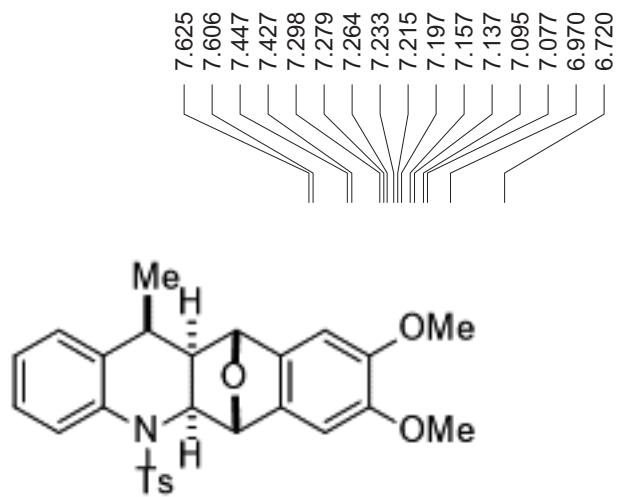




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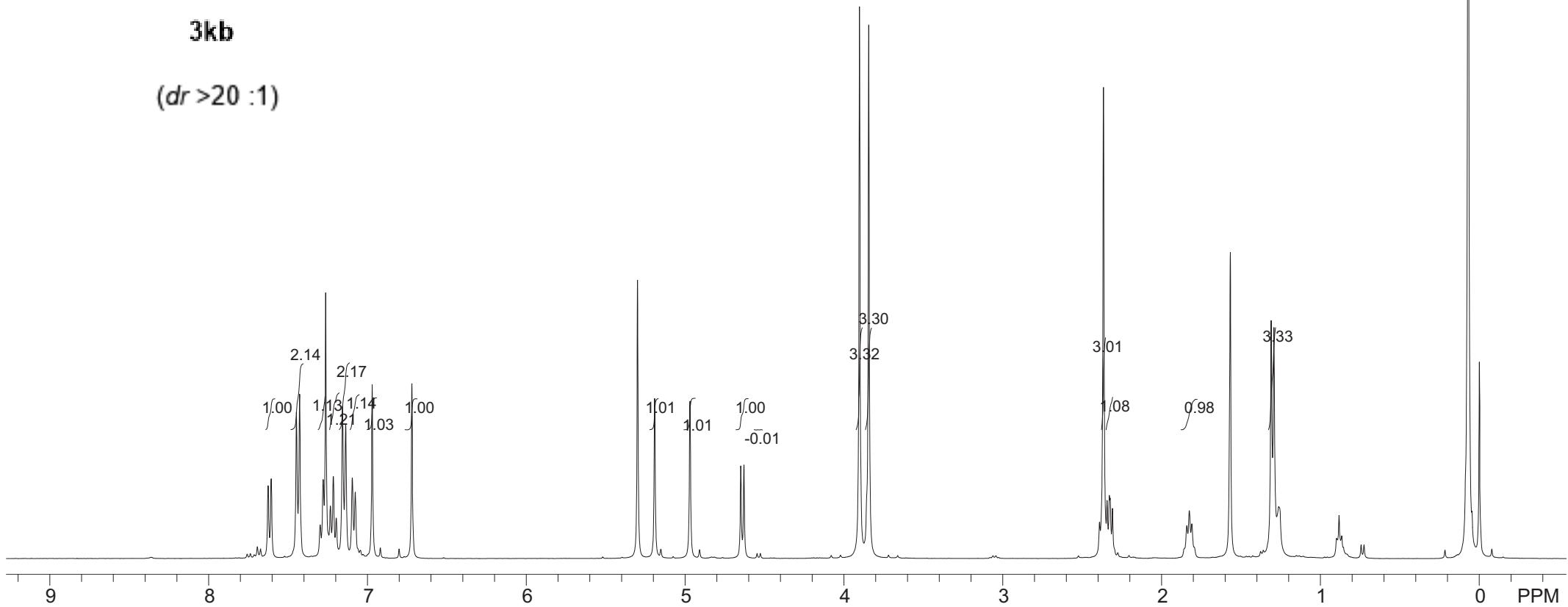


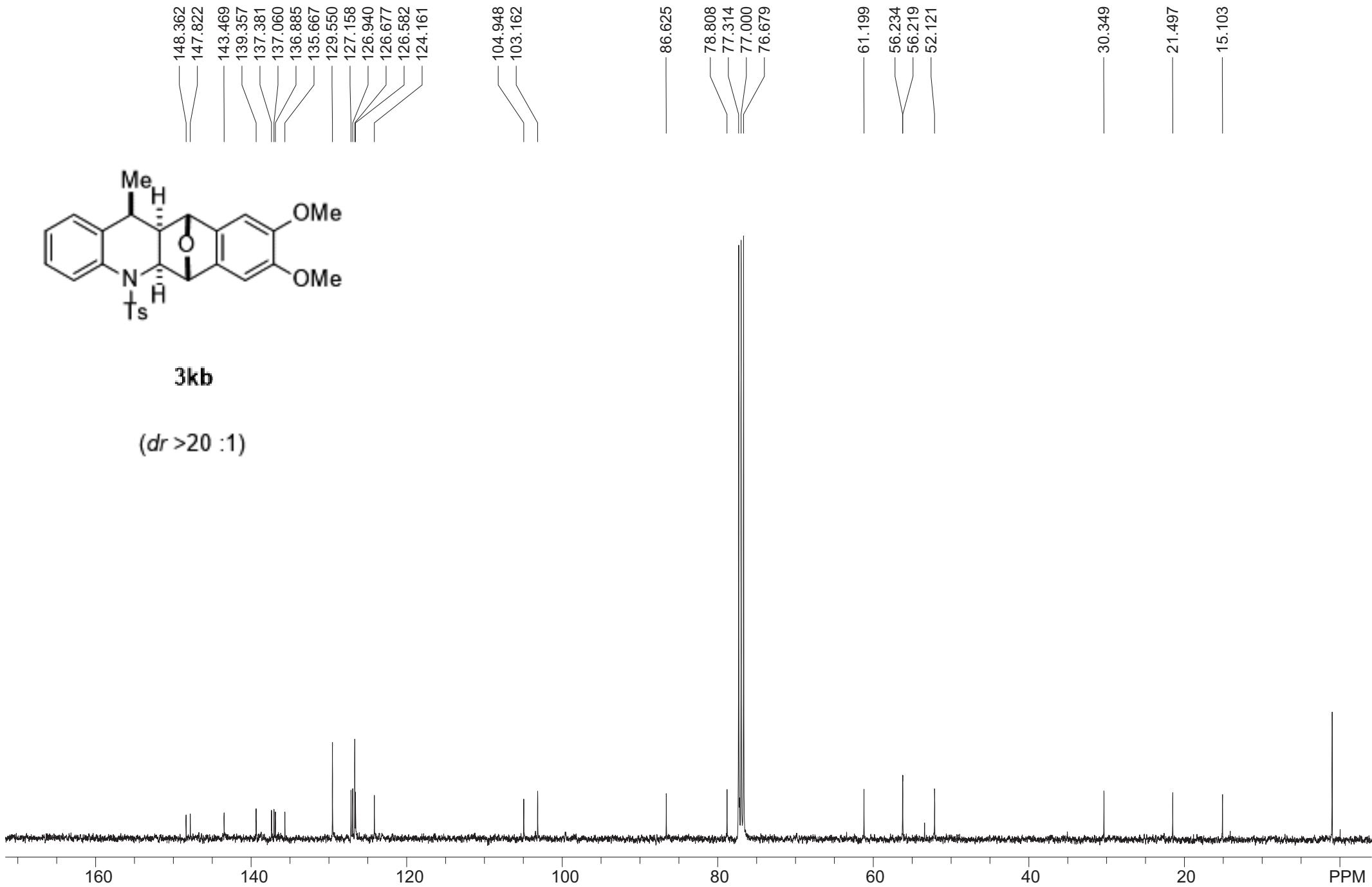


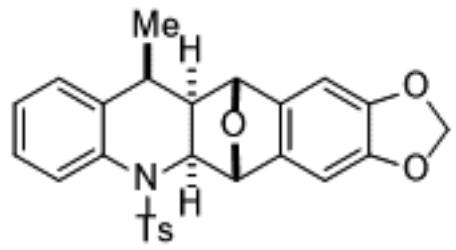
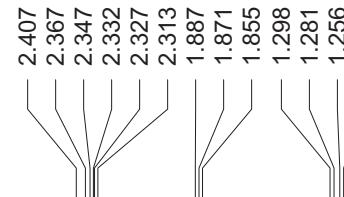
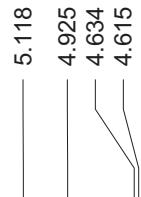
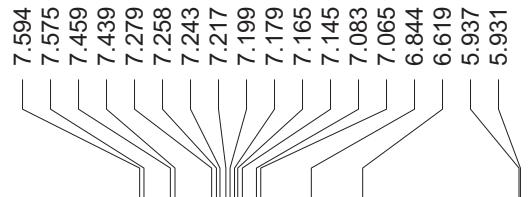


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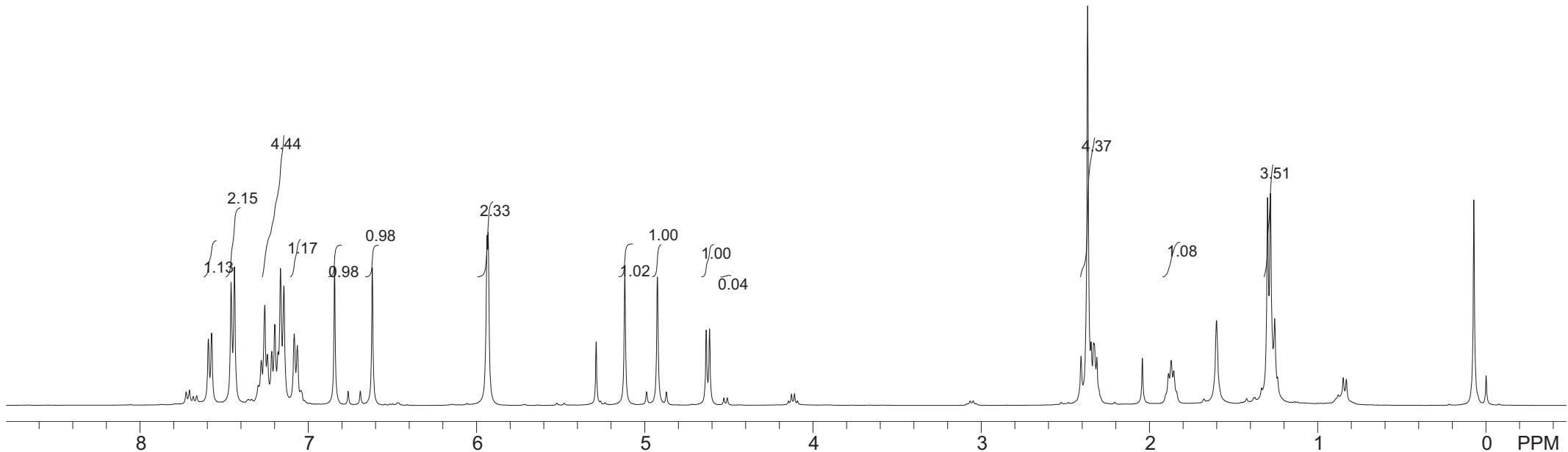


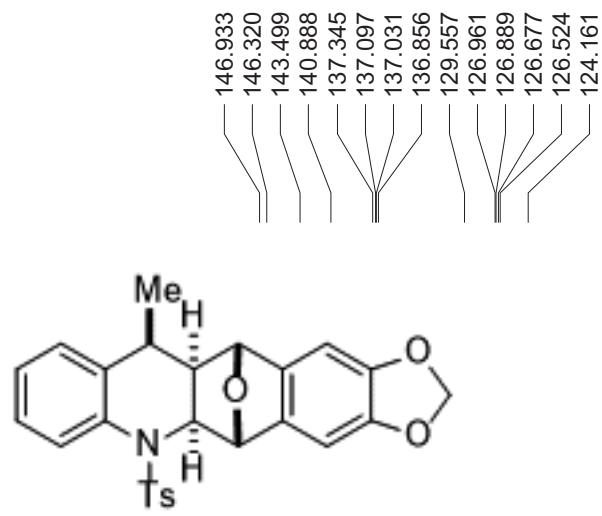




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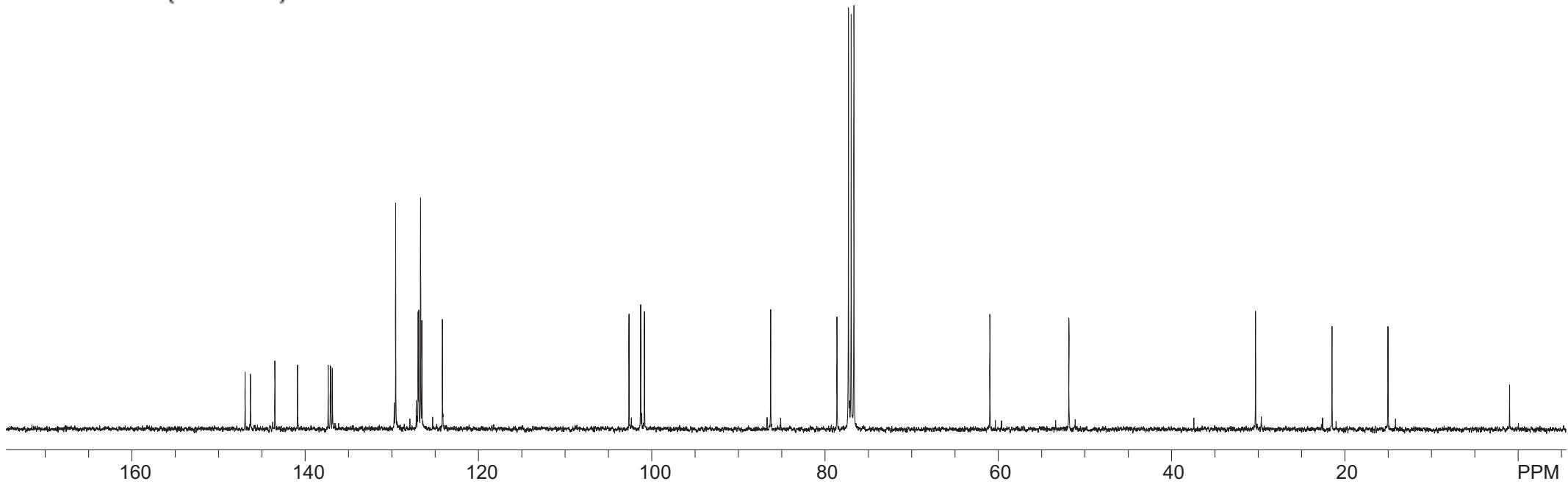
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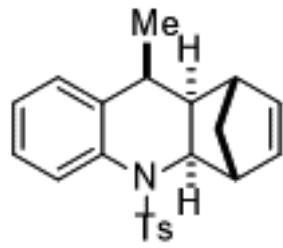
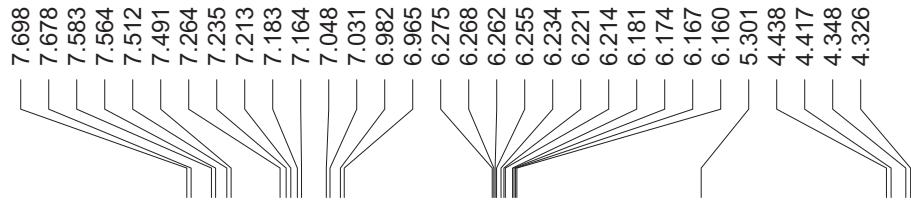




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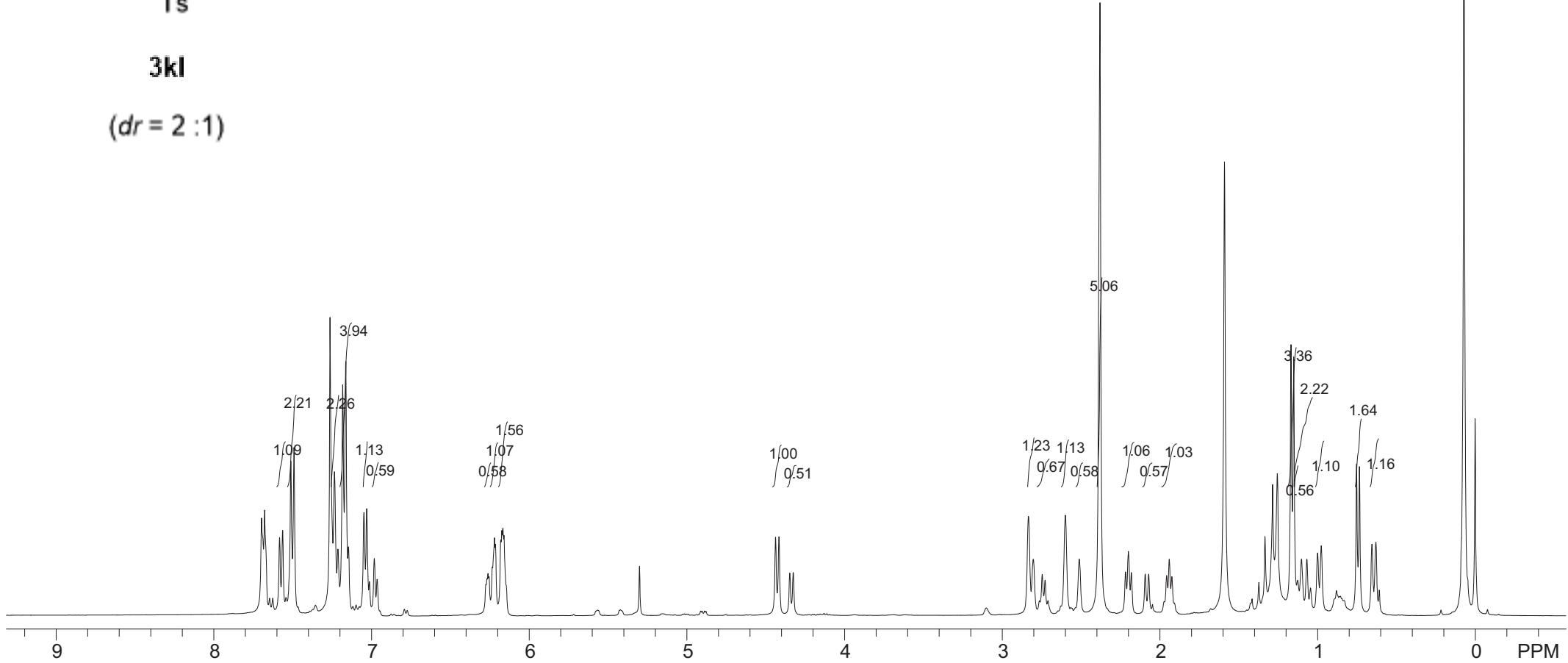
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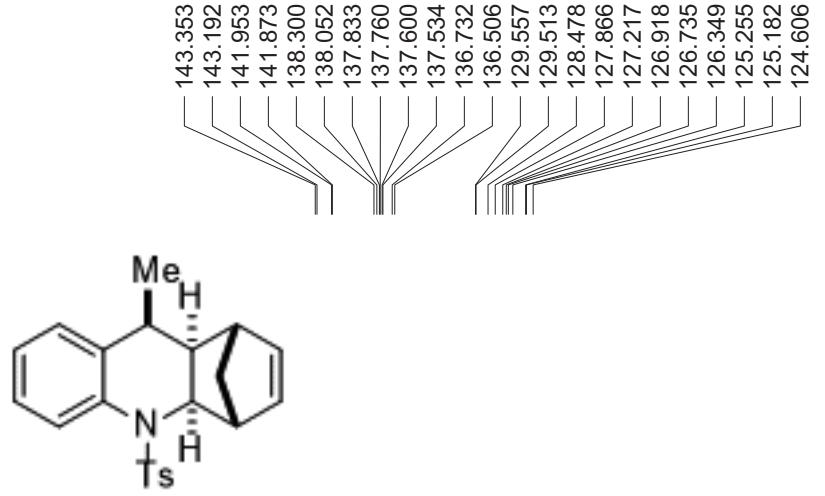




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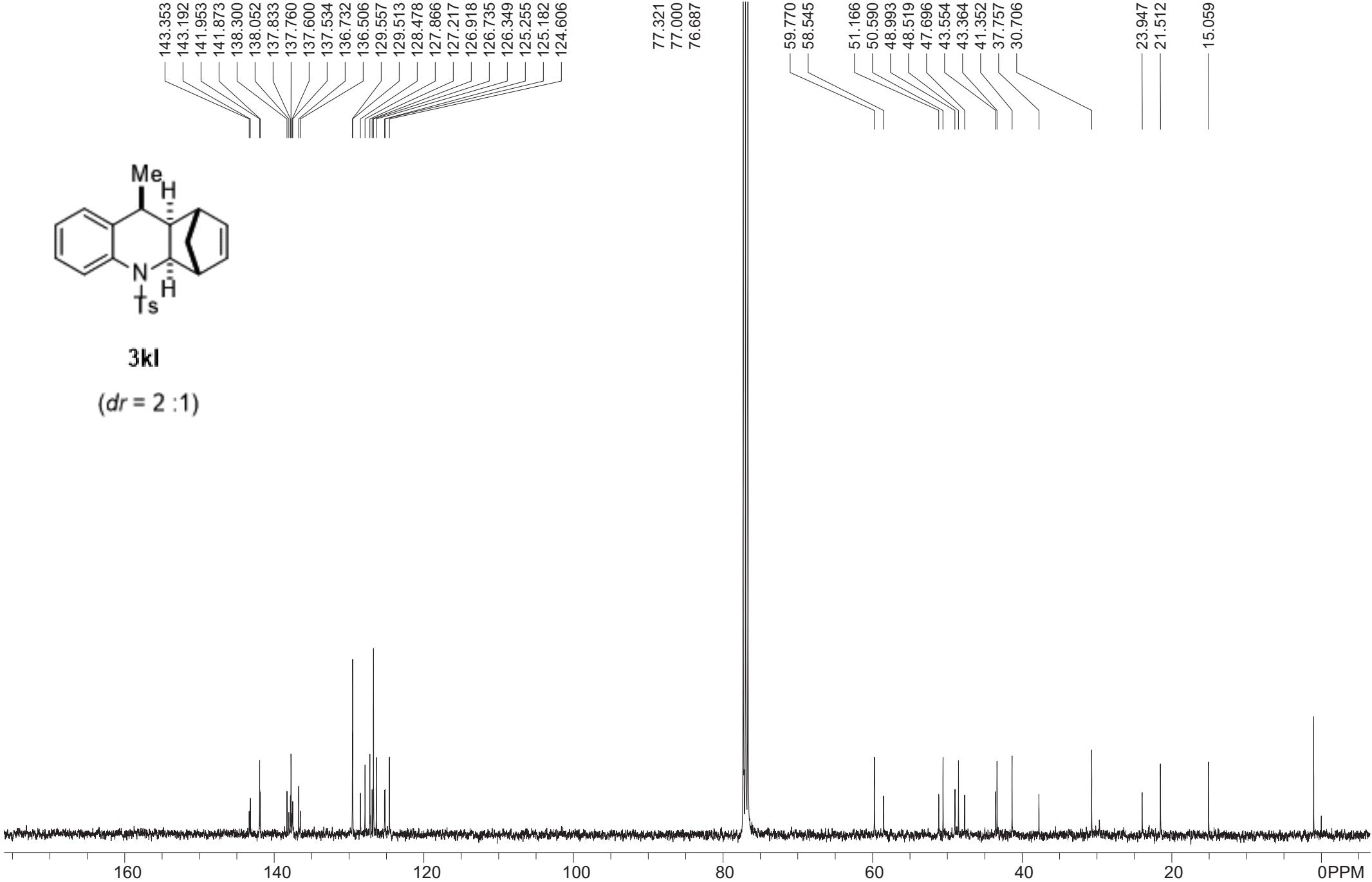
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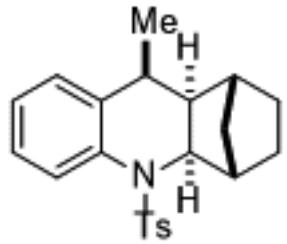
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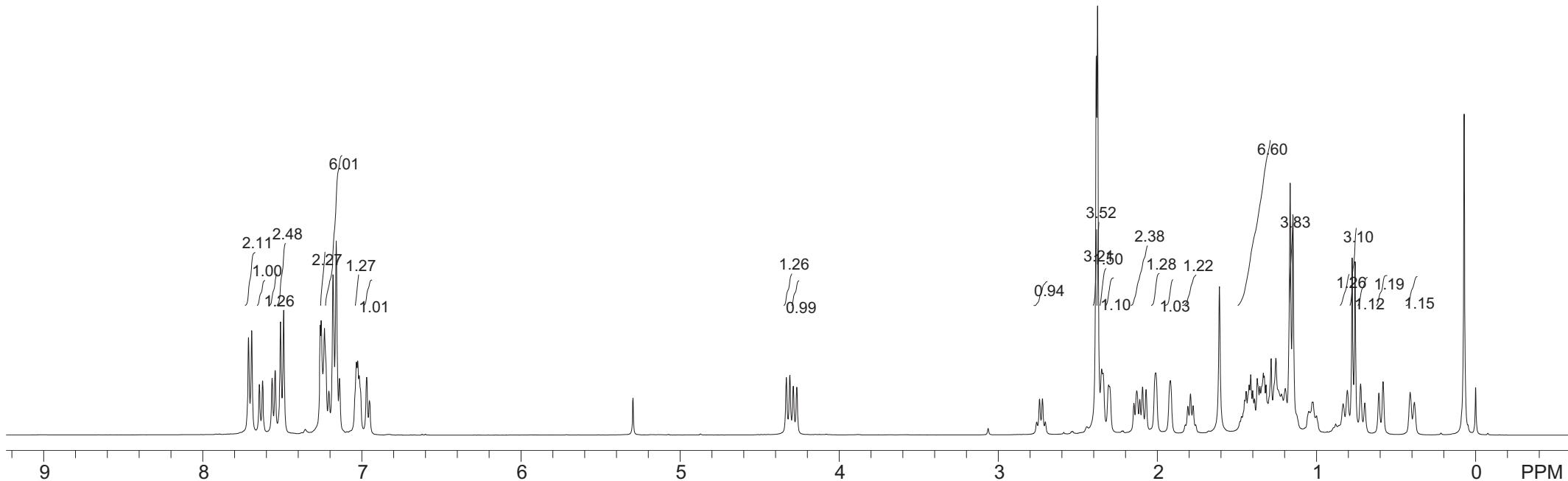
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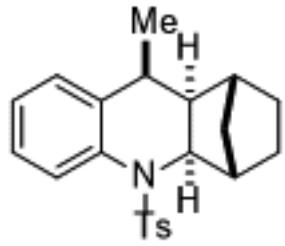
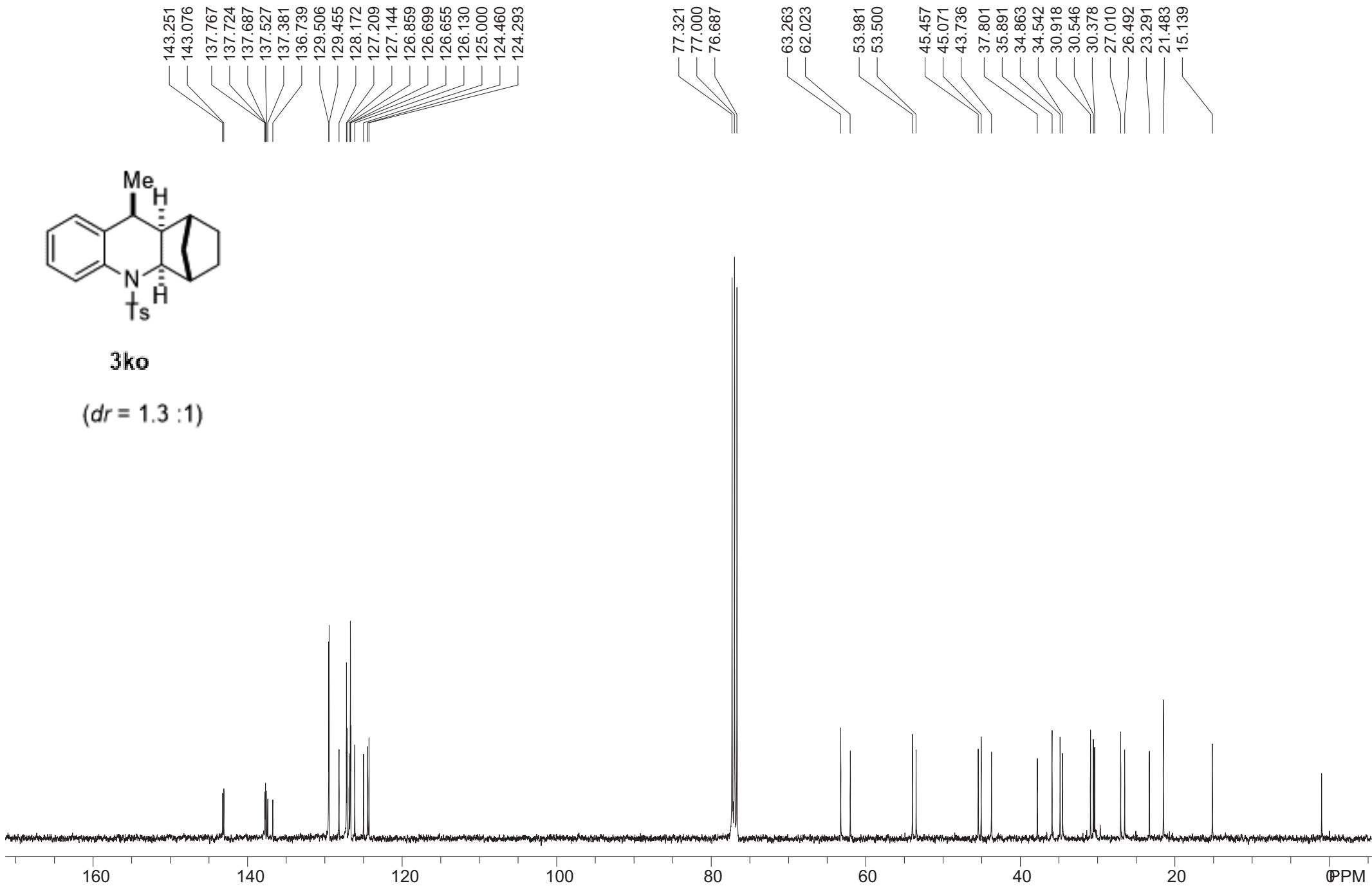
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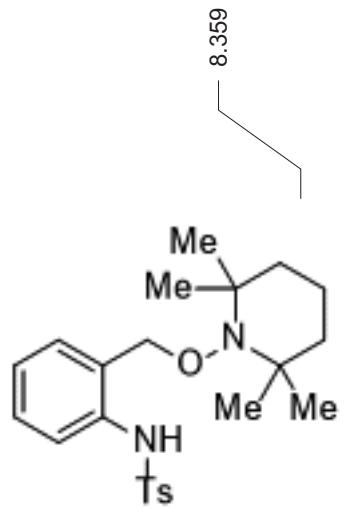
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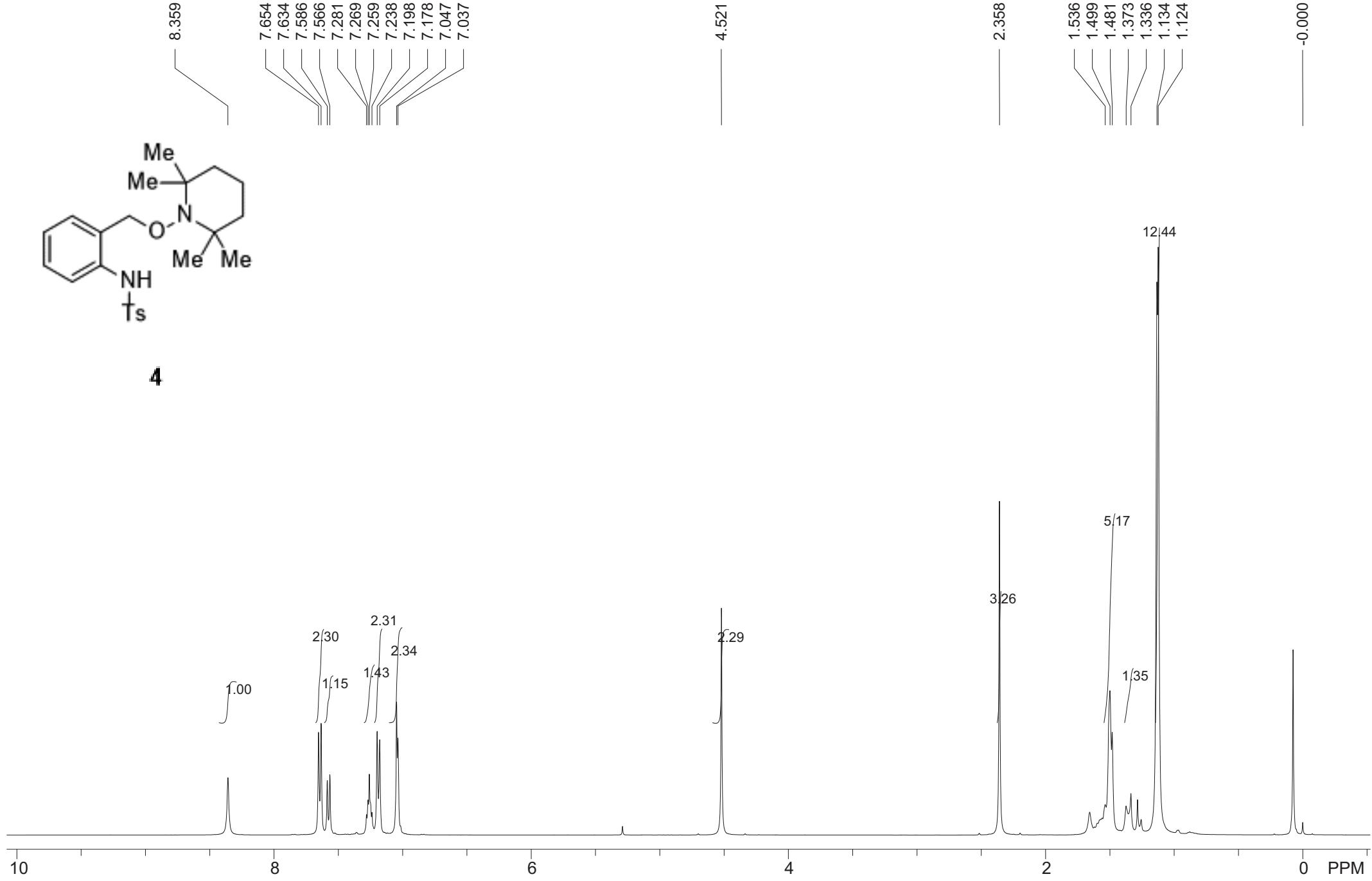


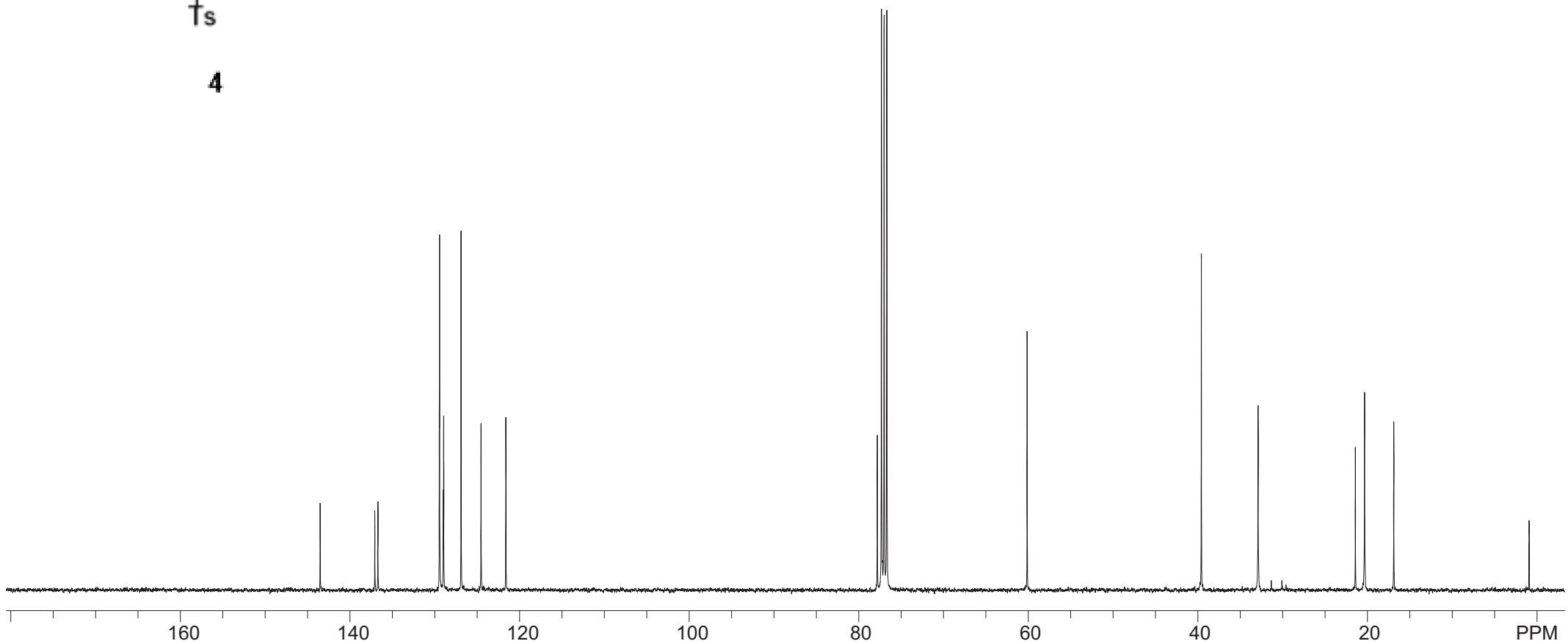
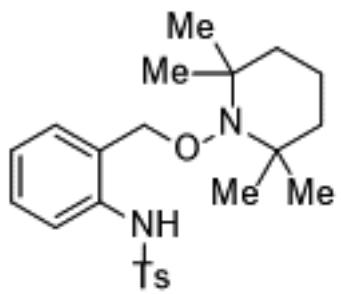
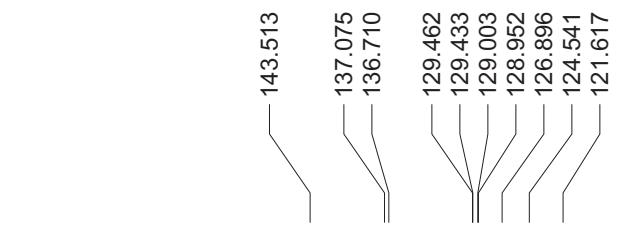
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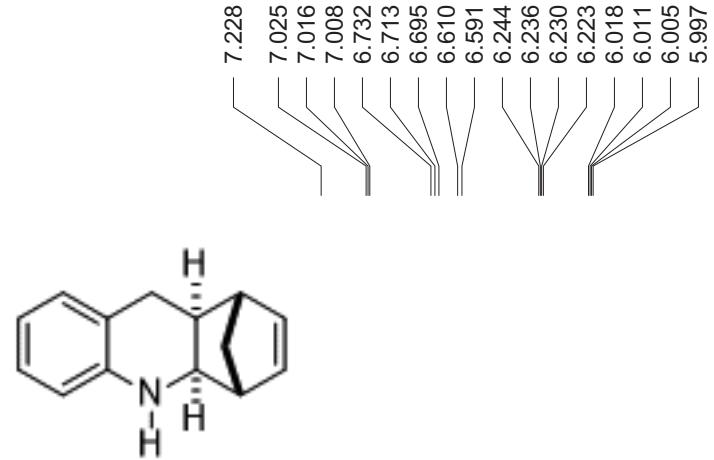
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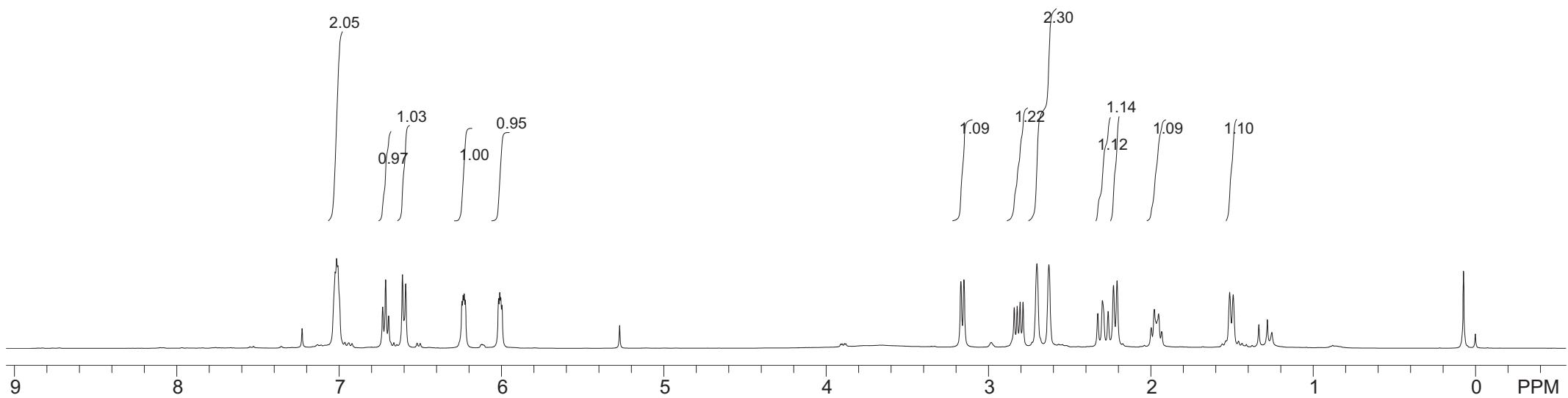
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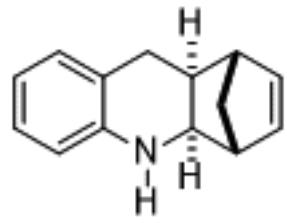




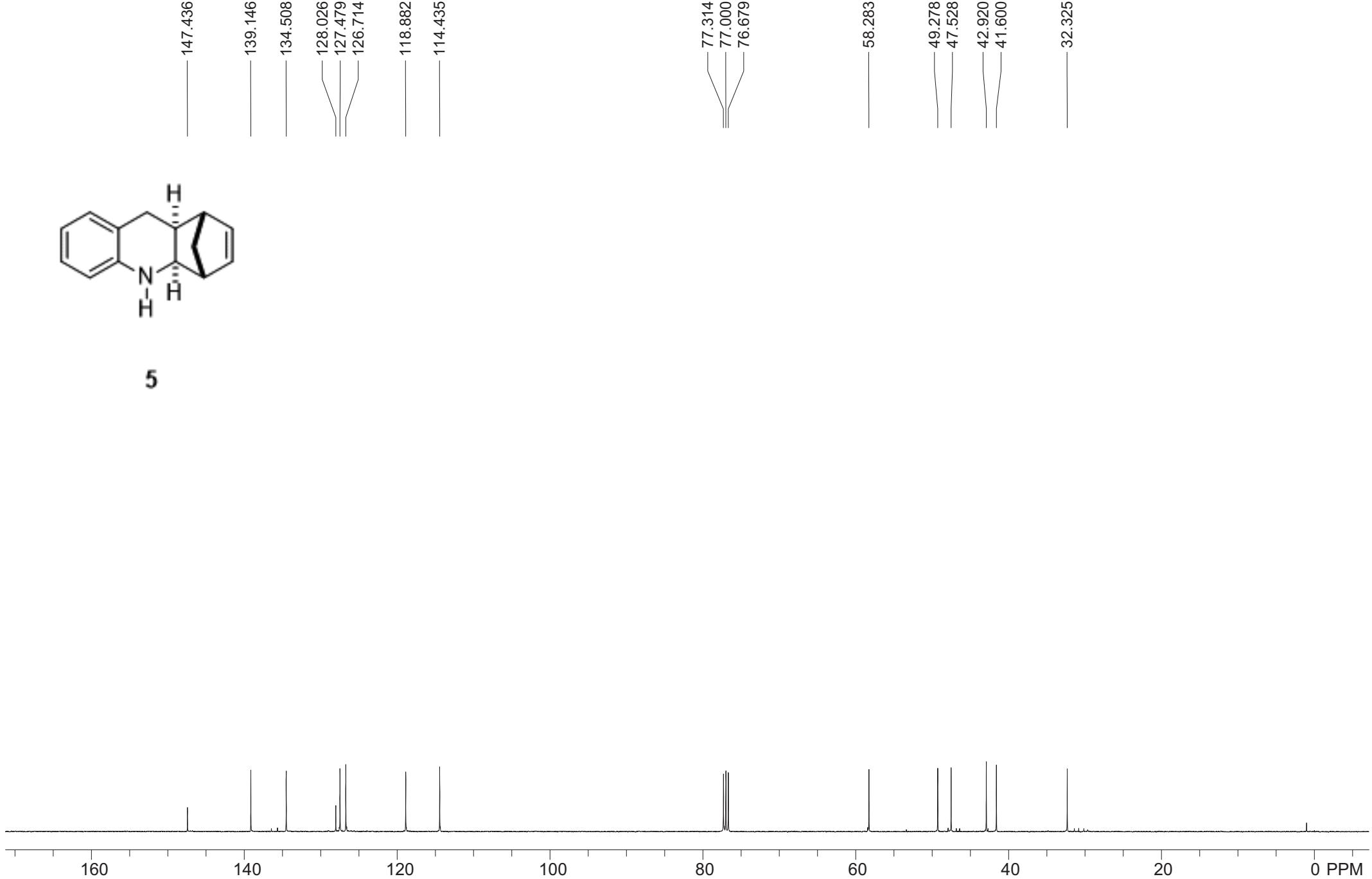
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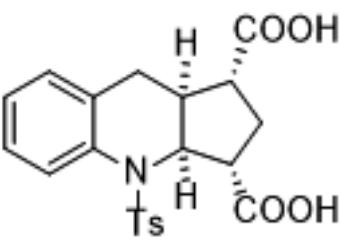


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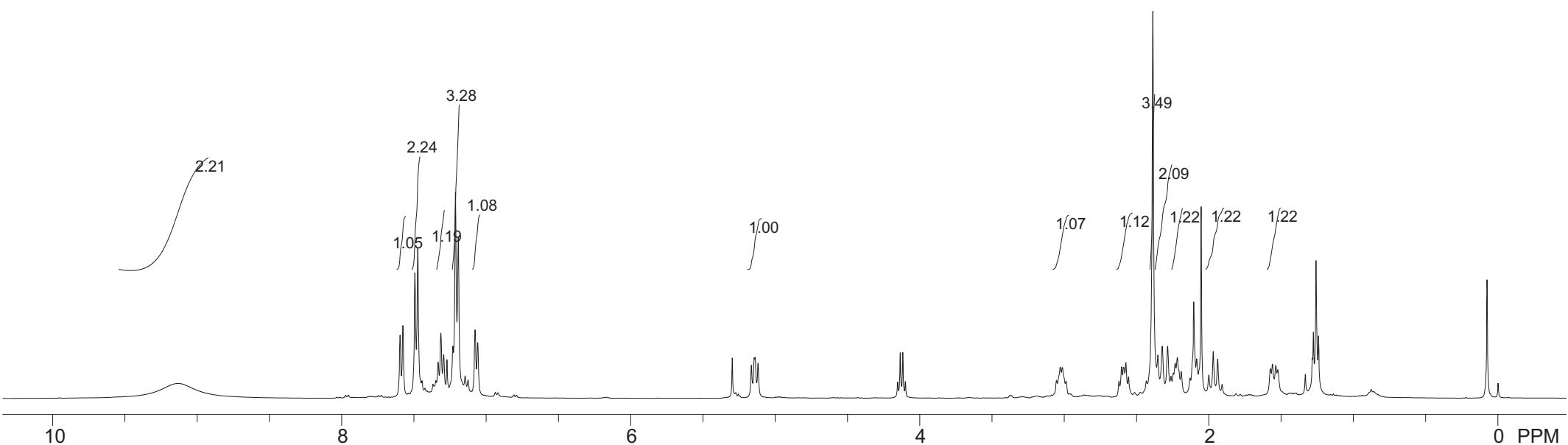
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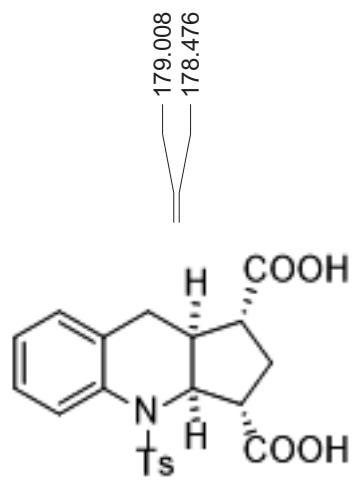
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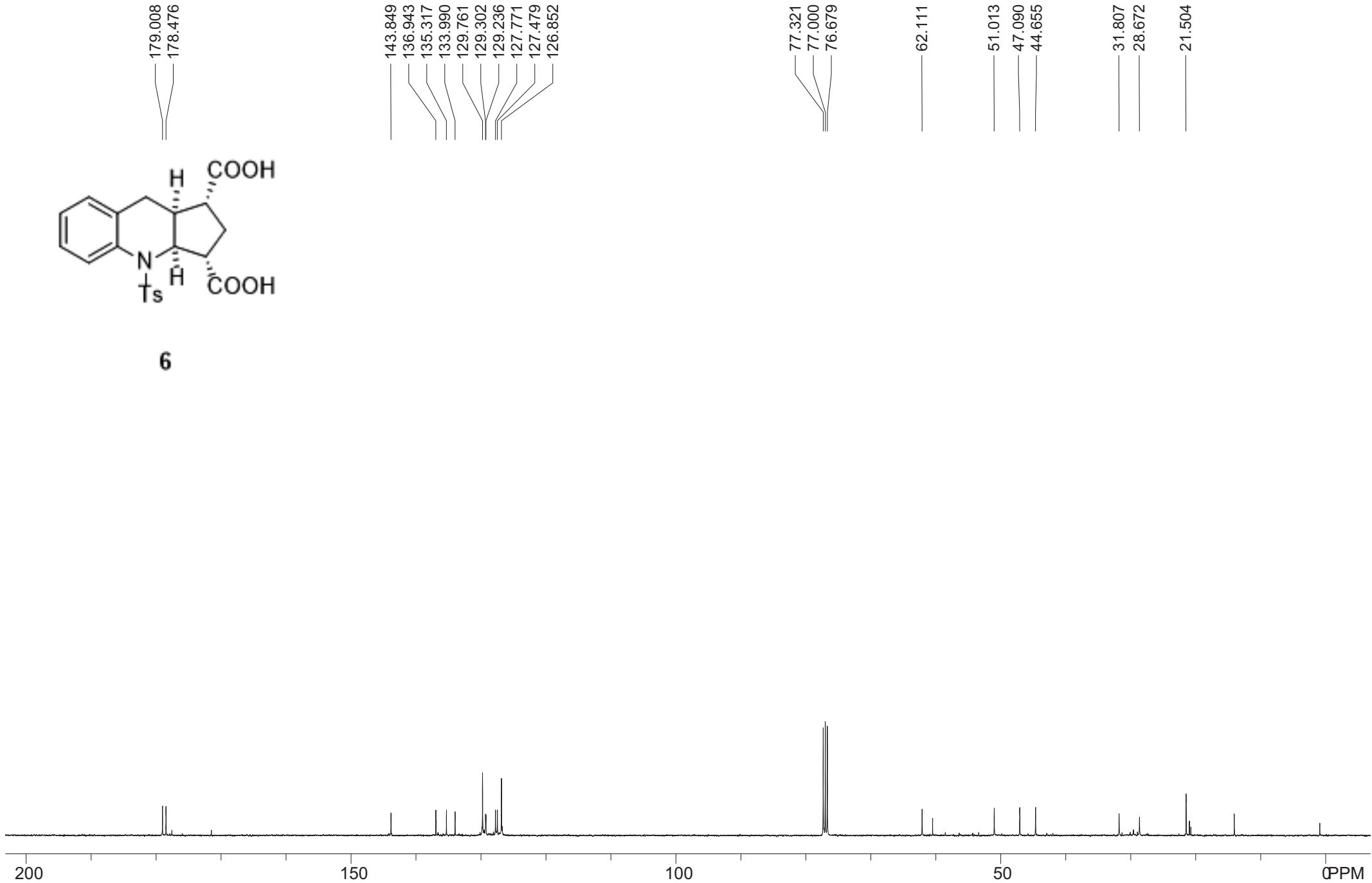
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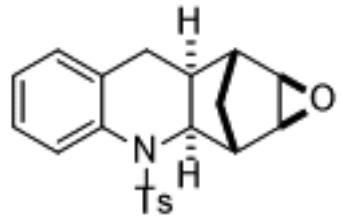
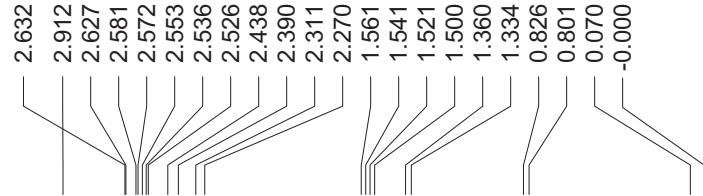
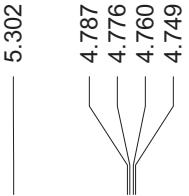
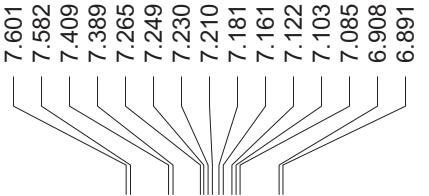
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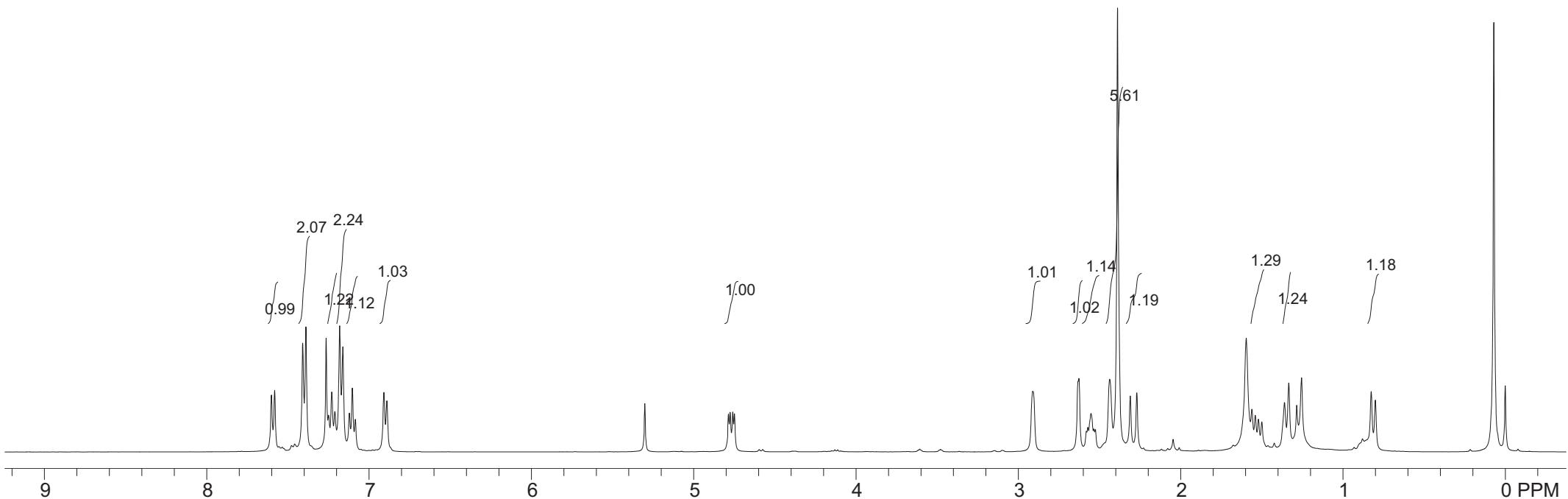


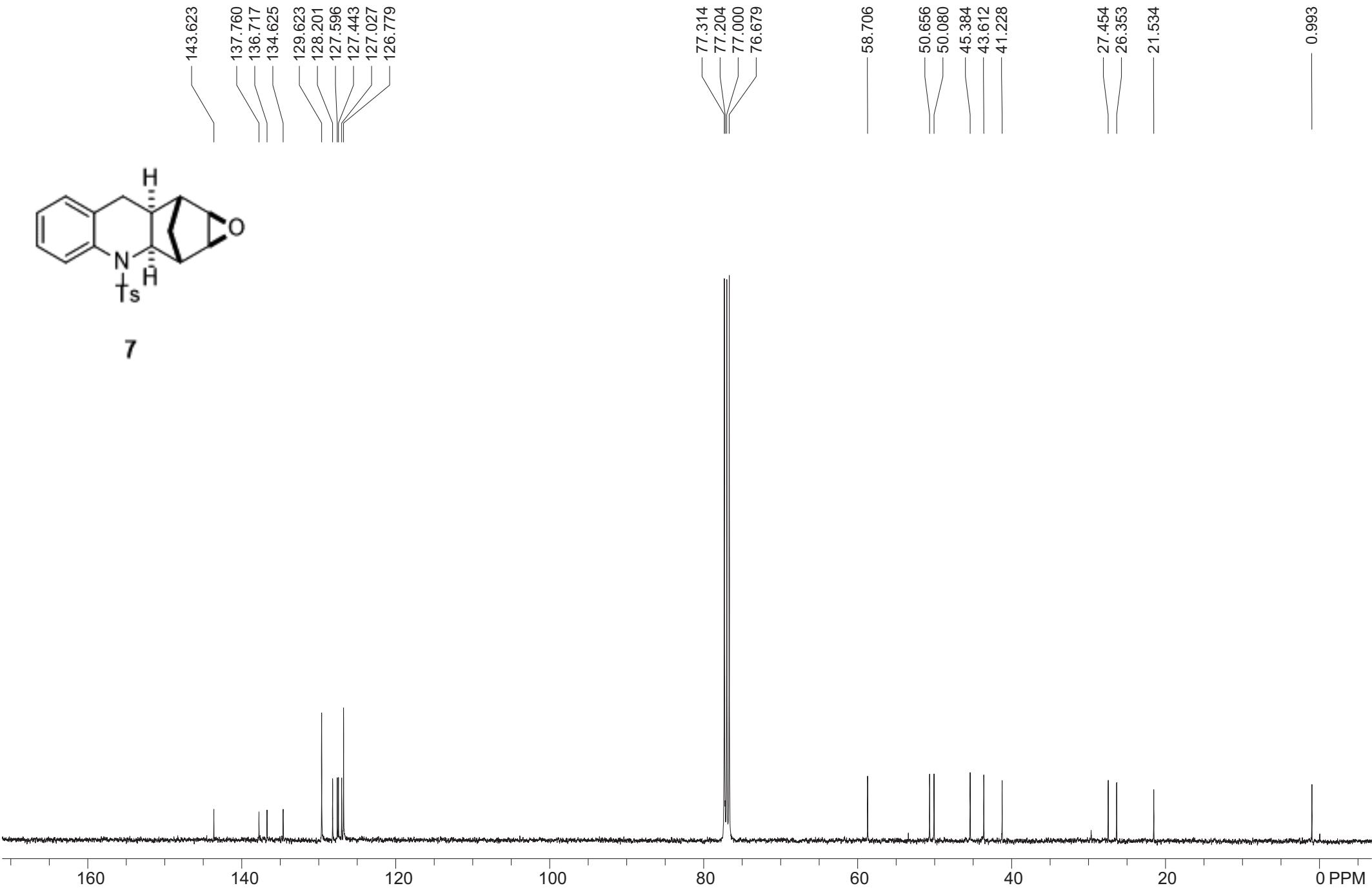
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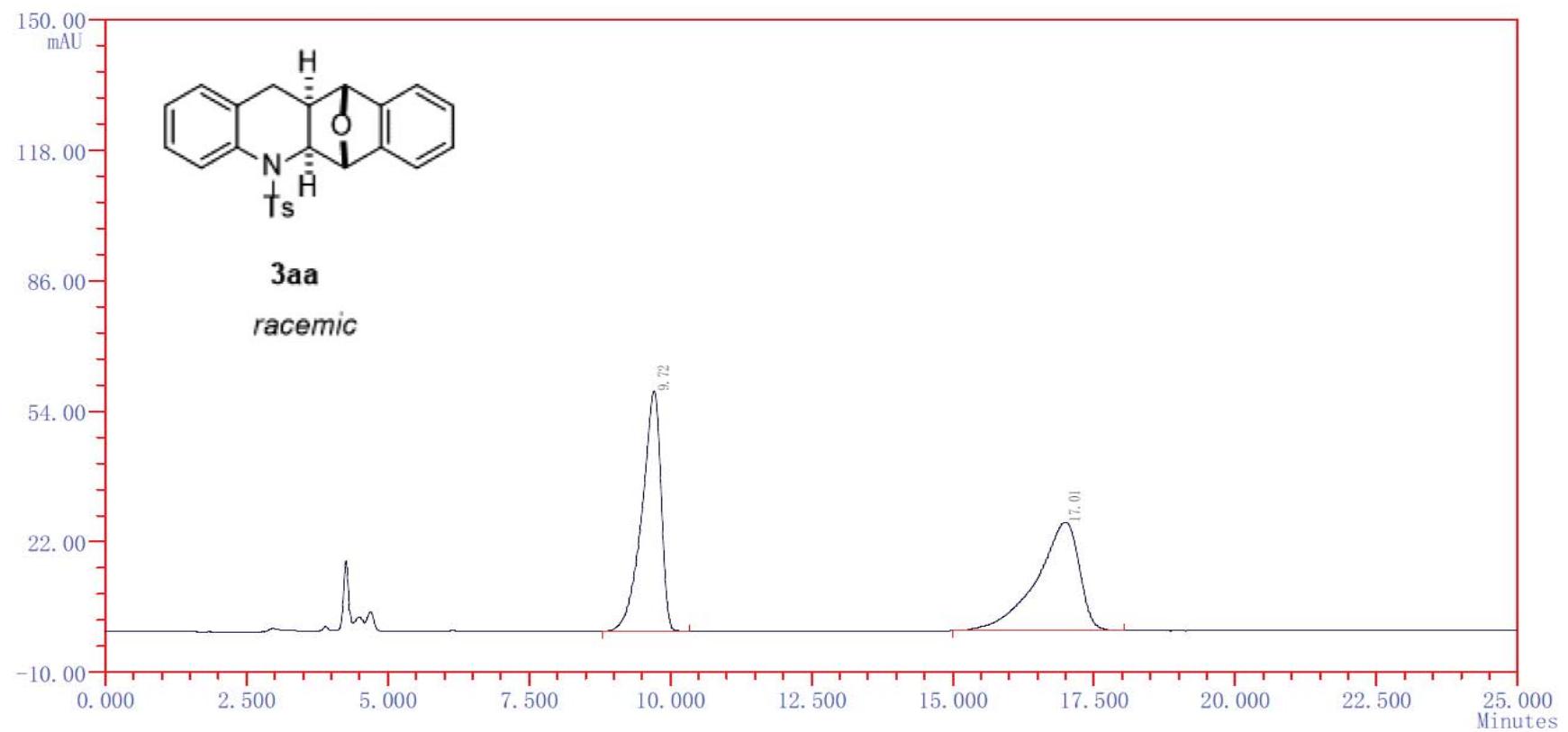




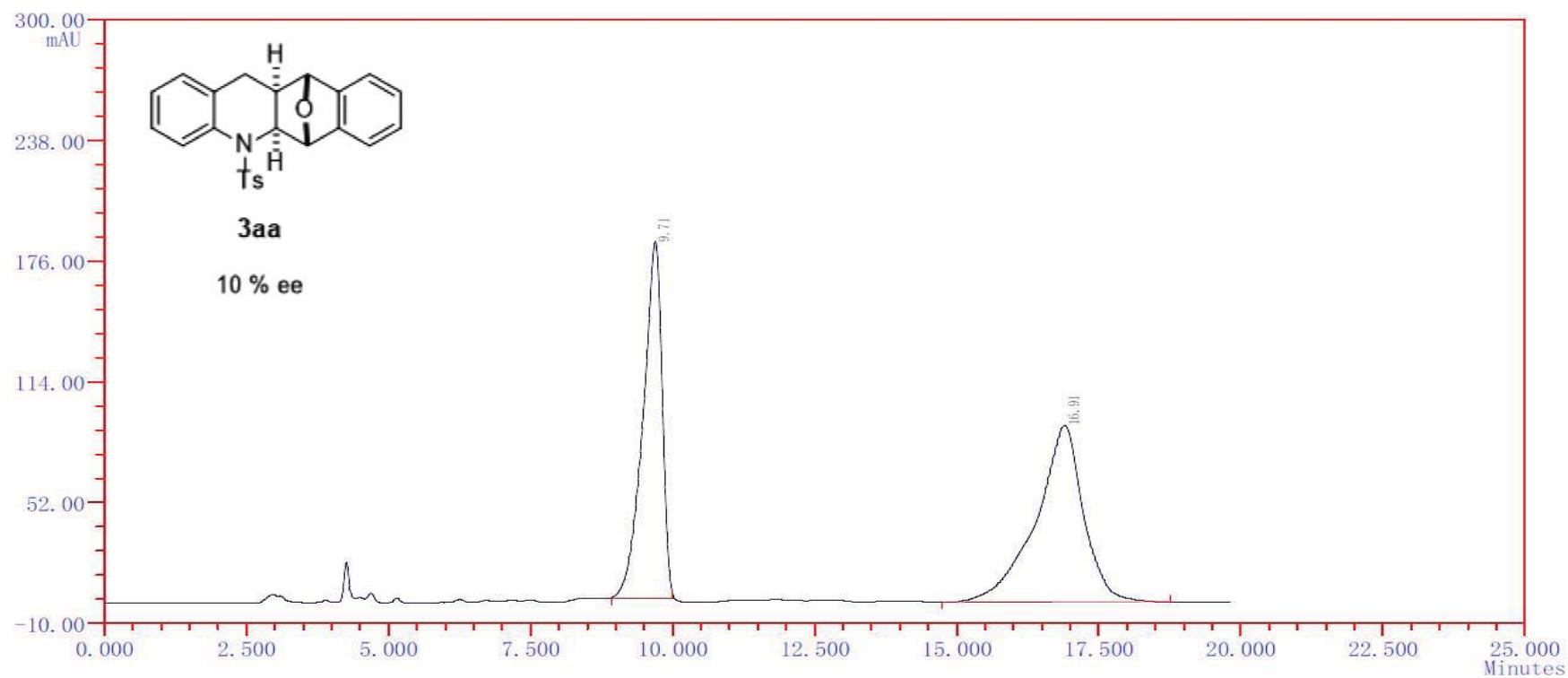
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Peak	ReTime [min]	Half width [second]	Area [MAU*S]	Height [mAU]	Area %
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2	17.007	49.26	1394.497	26.61	50.303



Peak	ReTime [min]	Half width [second]	Area [MAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	9.707	21.97	4282.155	183.19	44.889
2	16.907	54.54	5257.364	90.61	55.111