

Supporting Information

Iron-catalysed chemo- and ortho-selective C-H bond functionalization of phenols with α -aryl- α -diazoacetates

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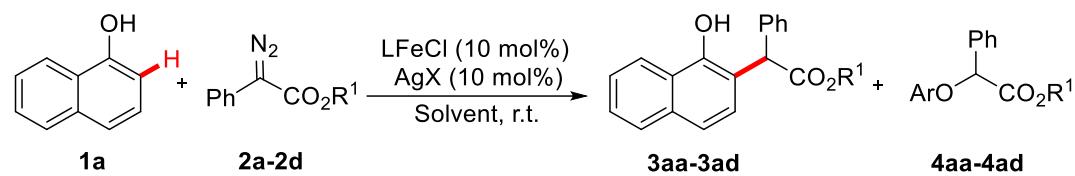
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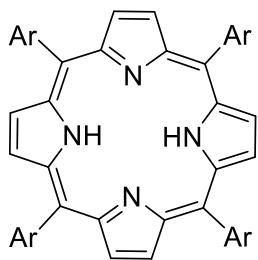
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Table S1: Optimization of Reaction Conditions.



Entry	R ¹	L	AgX	Solvent	3aa-3ad (%) ^a	4aa-4ad (%) ^a
1	Me	L1	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	39	19
2	Me	L2	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	33	15
3	Me	L3	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	39	23
4	Me	L4	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	71	16
5	Me	L5	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	60	19
6	Me	L6	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	60	15
7	Me	L7	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-	-
8	Me	L8	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	52	15
9	Me	L4	AgOTf	CH ₂ Cl ₂	trace	trace
10	Me	L4	AgNTf ₂	CH ₂ Cl ₂	trace	trace
11	Me	L4	NaBArF	CH ₂ Cl ₂	58	15
12	2a /Me	L4	AgBF ₄	CH ₂ Cl ₂	32	N.D
13	2a /Me	L4	AgPF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	Trace	Trace
14	2a /Me	L4	AgClO ₄	CH ₂ Cl ₂	Trace	Trace
15	2a /Me	L4	-	CH ₂ Cl ₂	NR	NR
16	Me	L4	AgSbF ₆	DCE	66	16
17	Me	L4	AgSbF ₆	CH ₃ CN	NR	NR
18	Me	L4	AgSbF ₆	Toluene	41	13
19	Me	L4	AgSbF ₆	THF	52	10
20	Et	L4	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	75	12
21	<i>i</i> Pr	L4	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	70	7
22	<i>t</i> Bu	L4	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	81(69)	7.7
23	<i>t</i> Bu	L4	-	CH ₂ Cl ₂	NR	NR
24	<i>t</i> Bu	-	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-	trace
25 ^b	<i>t</i> Bu	L1	-	CH ₂ Cl ₂	NR	NR
26	Me	L1	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	NR	NR
27 ^c	<i>t</i> Bu	L1	AgSbF ₆	CH ₂ Cl ₂	NR	NR



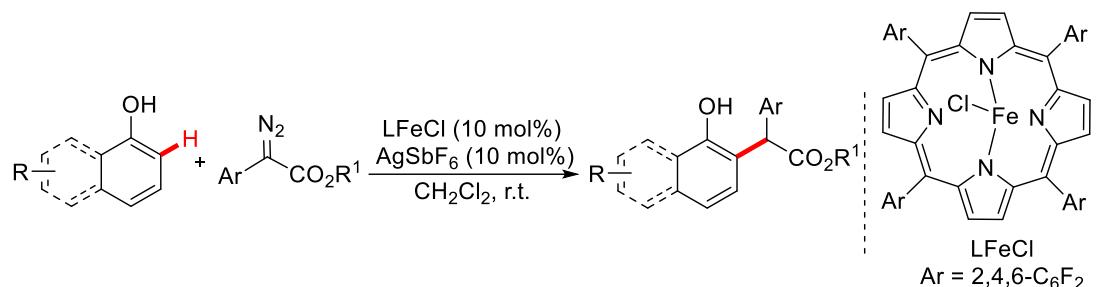
L1, Ar = Ph,	L2, Ar = 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄
L3, Ar = 4-CF ₃ C ₆ H ₄ ,	L4, Ar = 2,4,6-F ₃ C ₆ H ₂
L5, Ar = C ₆ F ₅	L6, Ar = 2,6-F ₂ C ₆ H ₃
L7, Ar = 3,4,5-F ₃ C ₆ H ₂	L8, Ar = 3,5-(CF ₃) ₂ C ₆ H ₃

Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.4 mmol), **2a** (0.6 mmol), catalyst (10 mol%), solvent (5 mL), rt. ^aNMR yield, the number in parenthesis is isolated yield. ^bCobalt porphyrin was used instead. ^cManganese was used instead.

1. General Information:

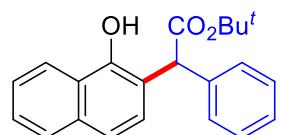
All air- and moisture-sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under nitrogen or in a glove box under nitrogen. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra were measured at 400 MHz and 100 MHz in CDCl₃. Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to TMS; s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (ppm) relative to residual solvent peak (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm). THF, Toluene, 1,4-dioxane, Ether were distilled from sodium and benzophenone prior to be used. CH₂Cl₂, CH₃CN were distilled from CaH₂ prior to be used.

2. General procedure for the *ortho* C-H bond functionalization of naphthalenols^[1]



In a dried glass tube, a mixture of LFeCl (0.04 mmol), AgX (0.04 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 mins. Subsequently, naphthalenol (0.4 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at room temperature. Then a solution of diazo compounds (0.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was introduced into the reaction mixture by a syringe in a period of 15 mins. The resulting mixture was continually stirred at room temperature for 1 min. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10:1 to 5:1) to afford the desired product.

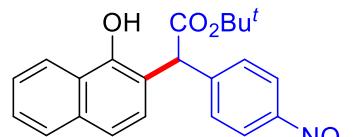
1) Synthesis of 3ad^[2]



3ad

3ad, colorless oil, 69% yield. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.45 (m, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.35 (m, 6H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H).

2) Synthesis of 3ae

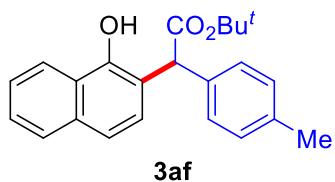


3ae

3ae, colorless oil, 61% yield. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.32 (m, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.91, 56.97, 84.82, 115.46, 120.58, 122.56, 123.77, 125.60, 126.43, 126.90, 127.28,

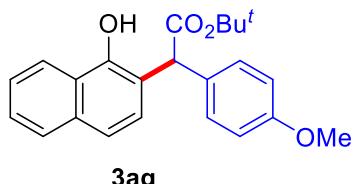
128.43, 128.77, 134.57, 144.63, 147.09, 151.55, 174.67. MS(EI): m/z (%): 379 (M^+ , 6.90), 57 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_5$: 379.1420, found: 379.1423.

3) Synthesis of 3af



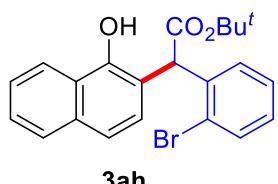
3af, colorless oil, 56% yield. 1H -NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.32-8.38 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.16 (m, 4H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 21.00, 27.96, 57.31, 83.85, 116.30, 119.86, 122.88, 125.16, 126.46, 126.53, 127.09, 127.15, 129.35, 129.51, 134.14, 134.37, 136.98, 151.76, 176.03. MS(EI): m/z (%): 348 (M^+ , 6.98), 231 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $C_{23}H_{24}O_3$: 348.1725, found: 348.1722.

4) Synthesis of 3ag^[2]



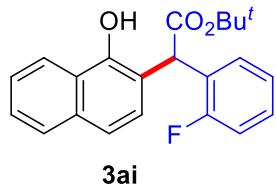
3ag, colorless oil, 56% yield. 1H -NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.15-8.25 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.40-6.45 (m, 1H), 6.22 (bs, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ^{13}C -NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 27.95, 53.44, 55.20, 81.64, 107.98, 113.95, 122.62, 123.08, 124.71, 124.96, 126.28, 126.63, 127.34, 129.98, 130.51, 132.69, 151.20, 158.57, 173.29. MS(EI): m/z (%): 364 (M^+ , 10.45), 263 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $C_{23}H_{24}O_4$: 364.1675, found: 364.1680.

5) Synthesis of 3ah^[2]



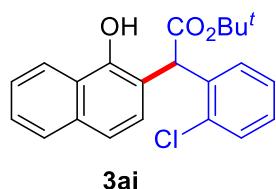
3ah, colorless oil, 56% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15-8.25 (m, 1H), 7.90-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.40-6.45 (m, 1H), 6.22 (bs, 1H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H).

6) Synthesis of 3ai



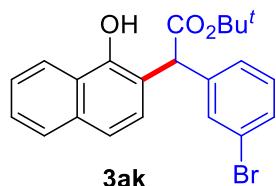
3ai, colorless oil, 78% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.89 (s, 1H), 8.30-8.40 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.98-7.10 (m, 3H), 5.17 (s, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.75, 51.84, 83.80, 113.95, [115.35, $J = 21$ Hz, 1C], 120.28, 122.72, [123.88, $J = 21$ Hz, 1C], [124.18, $J = 3$ Hz, 1C], 125.31, 126.24, 126.65, 127.22, 128.64, [129.34, $J = 15$ Hz, 1C], 129.35, 134.48, 151.94, [160.70, $J = 45$ Hz, 1C], 174.81. MS(EI): m/z (%): 352 (M^+ , 7.82), 249 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $C_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{F}$: 352.1475, found: 352.1478.

7) Synthesis of 3aj^[2]



3aj, colorless oil, 56% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25-8.35 (m, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.75-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.30 (m, 4H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H).

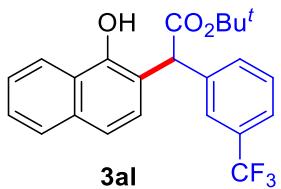
8) Synthesis of 3ak^[2]



3ak, colorless oil, 56% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 8.30-8.40 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.10-7.25 (m, 3H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 1.55

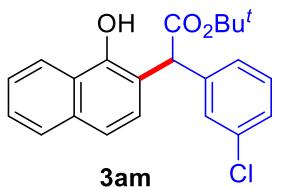
(s, 9H).

9) Synthesis of 3al^[2]



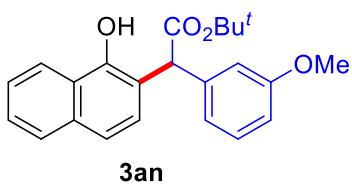
3al, colorless oil, 56% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.27 (s, 1H), 8.35-8.40 (m, 1H), 7.80-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.65 (m, 7H), 7.20-7.30 (m, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H).

10) Synthesis of 3am^[2]



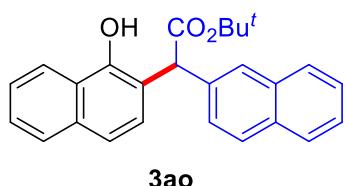
3am, colorless oil, 56% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.25-8.35 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.10-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H).

11) Synthesis of 3an



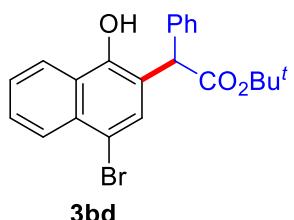
3an, colorless oil, 61% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 8.30-8.40 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.25 (m, 2H), 6.75-6.85 (m, 3H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.93, 55.08, 57.52, 83.94, 112.31, 113.53, 116.05, 119.64, 119.89, 122.85, 125.17, 126.49, 127.09, 129.46, 129.59, 134.40, 138.71, 151.77, 159.72, 175.6. MS(EI): m/z (%): 364 (M^+ , 8.39), 231 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$: 364.1675, found: 364.1674.

12) Synthesis of 3ao



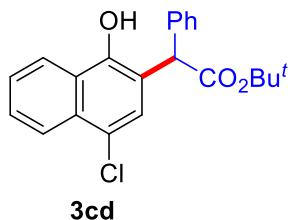
3ao, white solid, 75% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.35-8.45 (m, 1H), 7.75-7.90 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.38-7.44 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 1.60 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.96, 57.65, 84.02, 116.12, 119.99, 122.86, 125.22, 125.58, 126.01, 126.17, 126.53, 126.54, 127.14, 127.48, 128.08, 128.41, 129.46, 132.50, 133.27, 134.43, 134.53, 151.84, 175.66. MS(EI): m/z (%): 384 (M^+ , 6.71), 281 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3$: 384.1725, found: 384.1723.

14) Synthesis of 3bd



3bd, light yellow oil, 53% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.32 (m, 5H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.91, 57.36, 84.48, 112.50, 116.90, 123.40, 125.94, 126.45, 127.15, 127.53, 127.76, 127.90, 128.75, 132.40, 132.61, 136.56, 151.87, 175.80. MS(EI): m/z (%): 412 (M^+ , 2.41), 414 ($[\text{M}+2]^+$, 2.39), 311 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_3\text{Br}$: 412.0674, found: 412.0677.

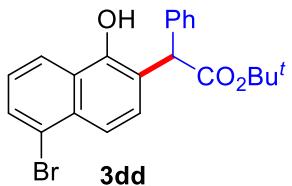
15) Synthesis of 3cd



3cd, light yellow oil, 75% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.21-7.31 (m, 5H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 1.54 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.91, 57.40, 84.43, 116.30, 122.52, 123.38, 123.85, 125.94, 127.18, 127.52, 127.59,

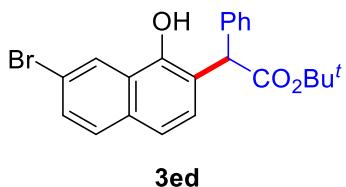
128.75, 129.05, 131.19, 136.58, 151.13, 175.74. MS(EI): m/z (%): 368 (M^+ , 2.72), 370 ($[M+2]^+$, 0.97), 265 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $C_{22}H_{21}O_3Cl$: 368.1179, found: 368.1177

16) Synthesis of 3dd^[2]



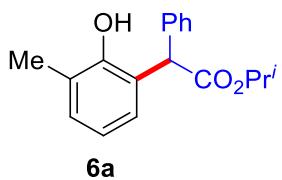
3dd, colorless oil, 56% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.71(s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.35 (m, 7H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H).

17) Synthesis of 3ed^[2]



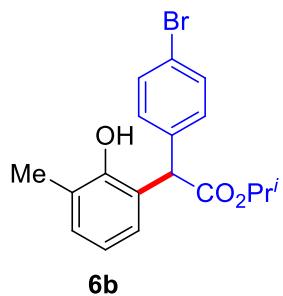
3ed, yellow solid, 56% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.57 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.30 (m, 7H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

18) Synthesis of 6a



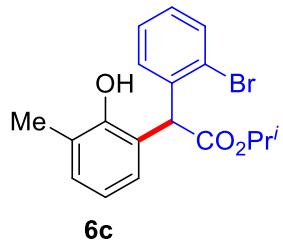
6a, colorless oil, 60% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.85 (m, 1H), 5.14 (hept, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.25, 21.61, 21.69, 55.69, 70.04, 120.07, 123.21, 126.77, 127.27, 127.55, 128.59, 129.08, 130.78, 137.05, 153.40, 175.13.

19) Synthesis of 6b



6b, colorless oil, 43% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.20 (m, 3H), 6.90-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.90 (m, 1H), 5.14 (hept, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 1.33 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.28 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.17, 21.57, 21.67, 54.77, 70.18, 77.32, 120.27, 121.31, 123.01, 126.61, 128.76, 129.46, 130.91, 131.65, 136.22, 153.11, 174.53. MS(EI): m/z (%): 362 (M^+ , 8.00), 364 ($[\text{M}+2]^+$, 7.87), 195 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{Br}$: 362.0518, found: 362.0524.

20) Synthesis of 6c



6c, white solid, 45% yield. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.80-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 5.12 (hept, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.28 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.08, 21.55, 53.93, 69.58, 120.47, 122.66, 125.02, 125.10, 127.53, 128.36, 128.94, 130.25, 130.60, 133.04, 136.71, 152.70, 172.91. MS(EI): m/z (%): 362 (M^+ , 6.15), 364 ($[\text{M}+2]^+$, 6.10), 195 (100); HRMS (EI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{Br}$: 362.0518, found: 362.0516.

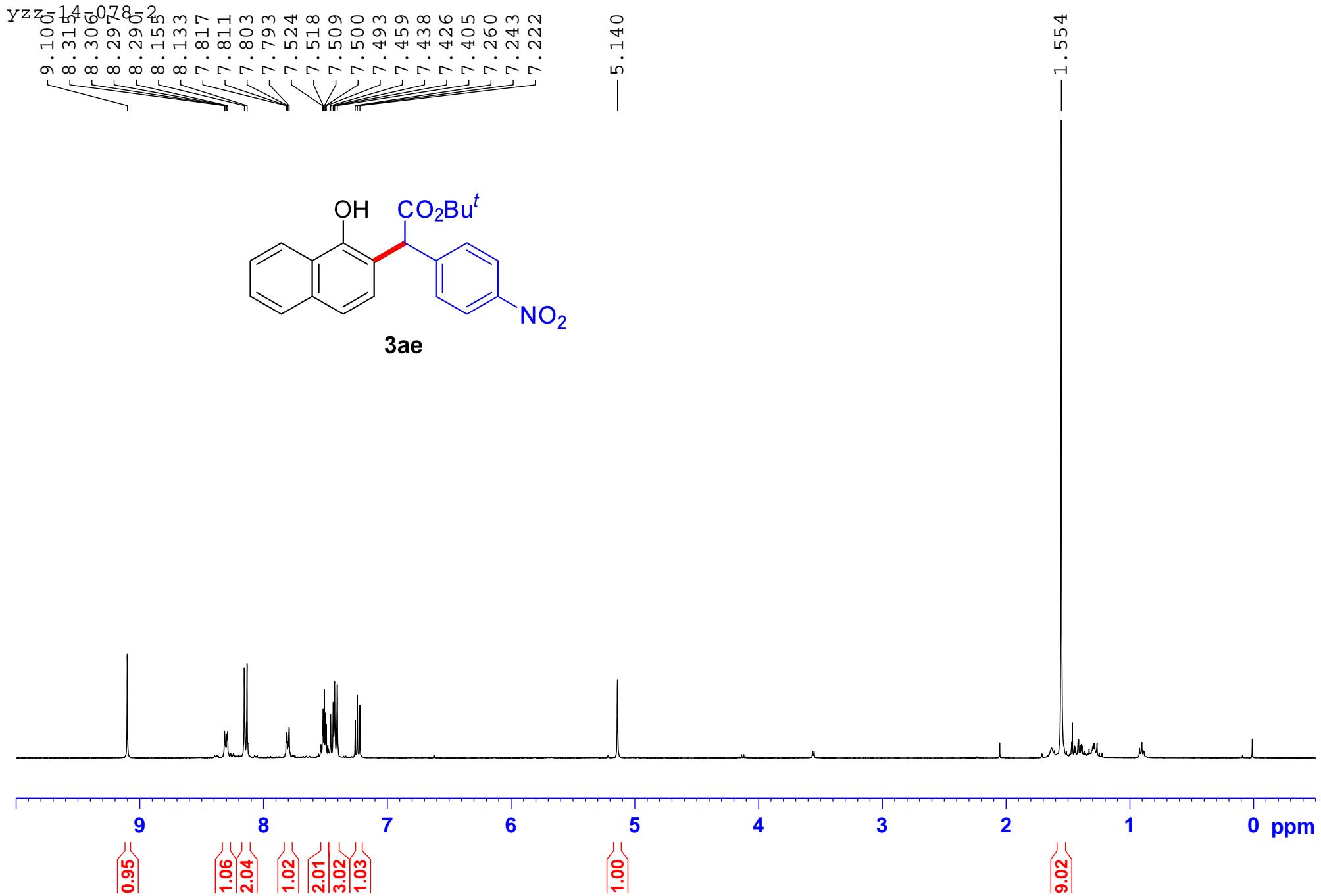
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4. X-ray crystal date for 3ed and 6a



5. NMR Spectra of new compounds



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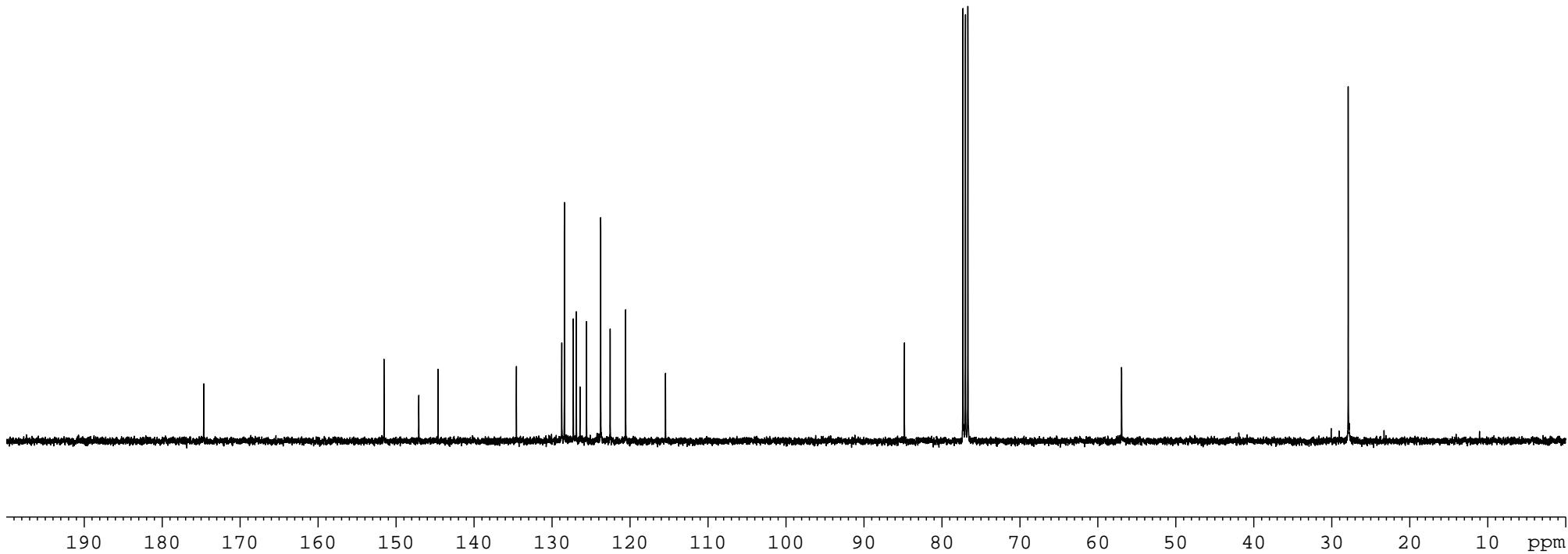
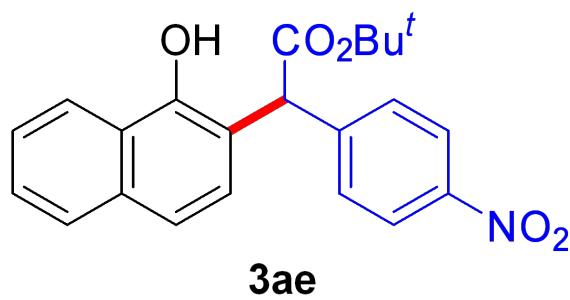
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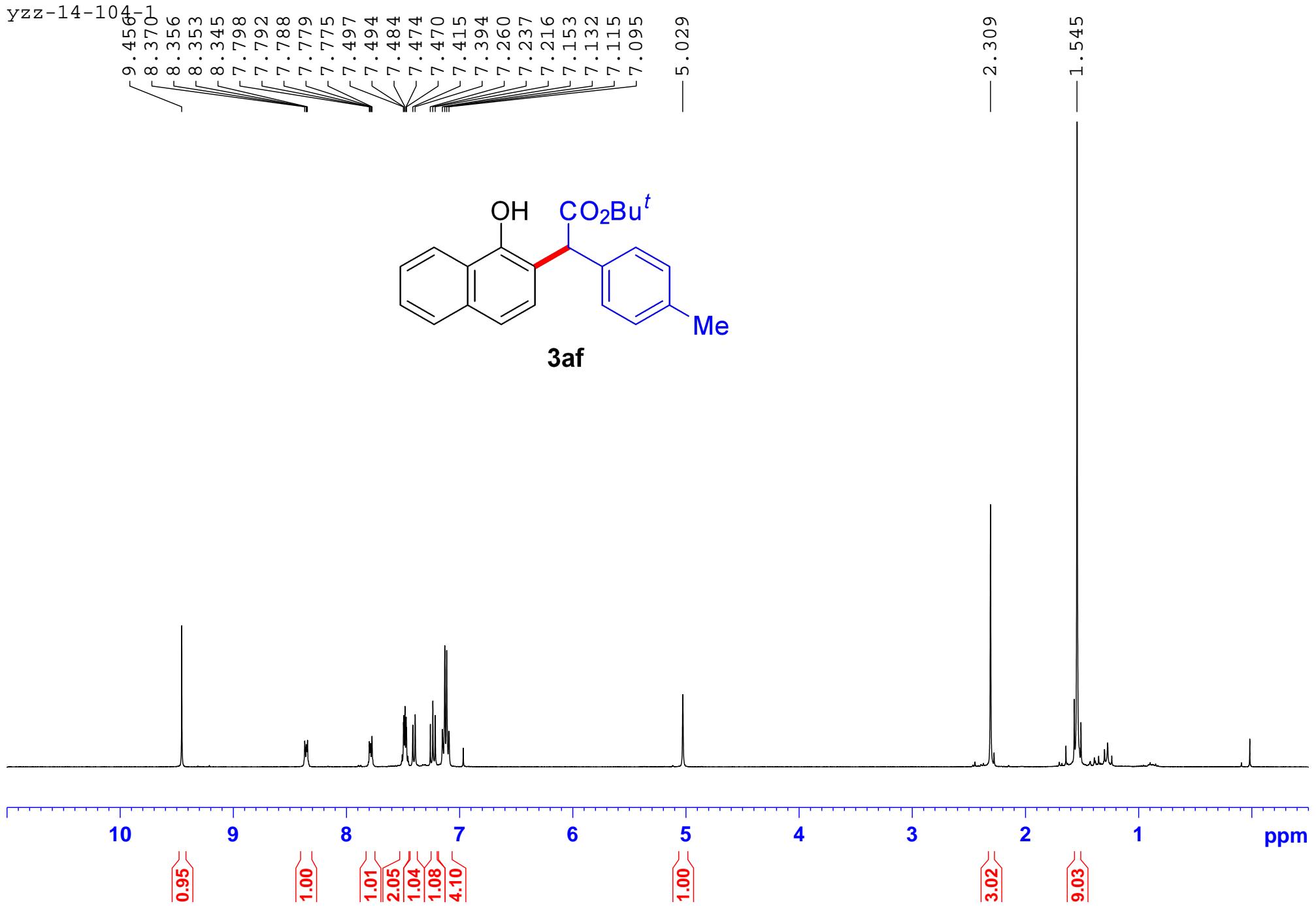
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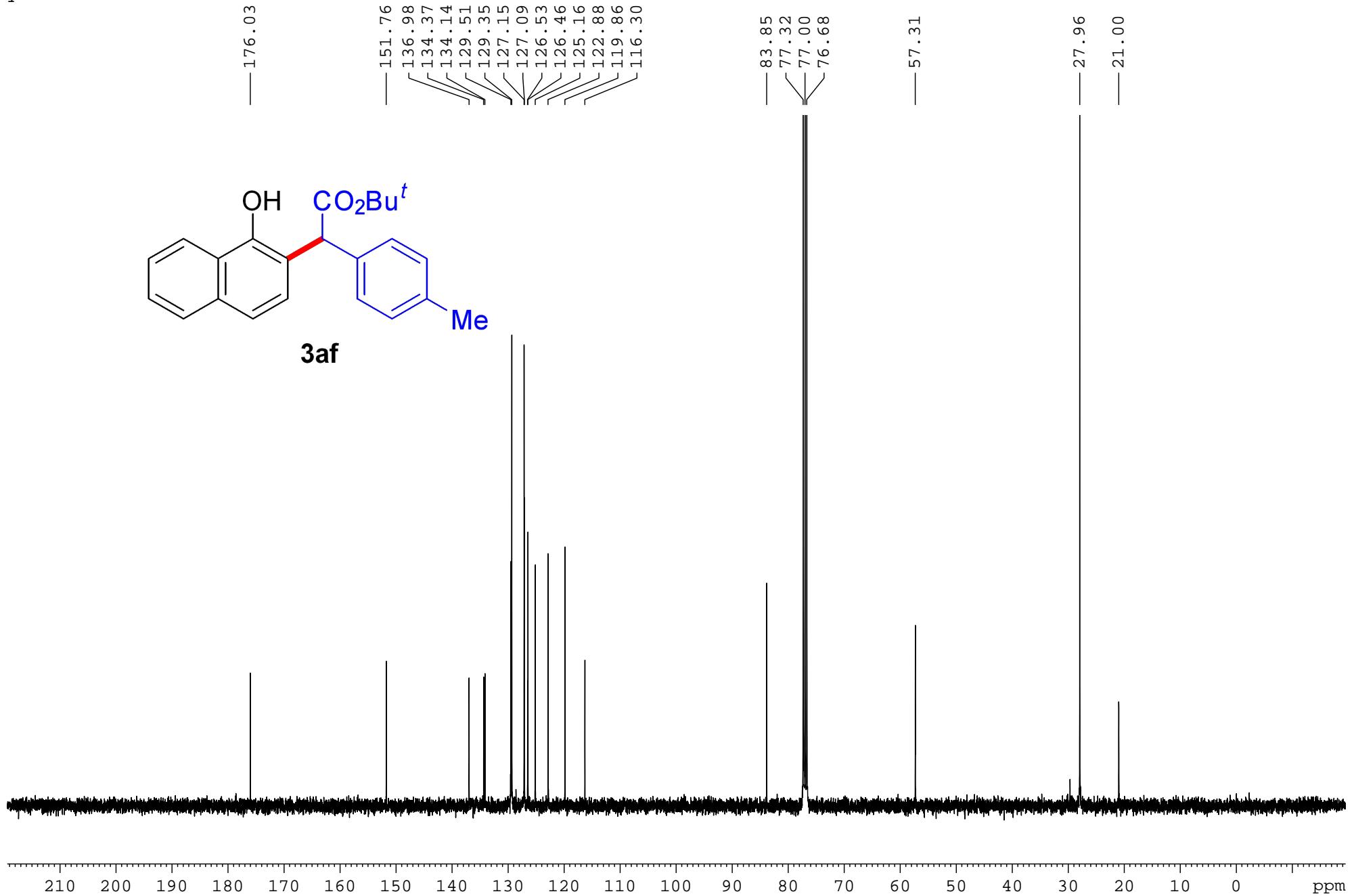
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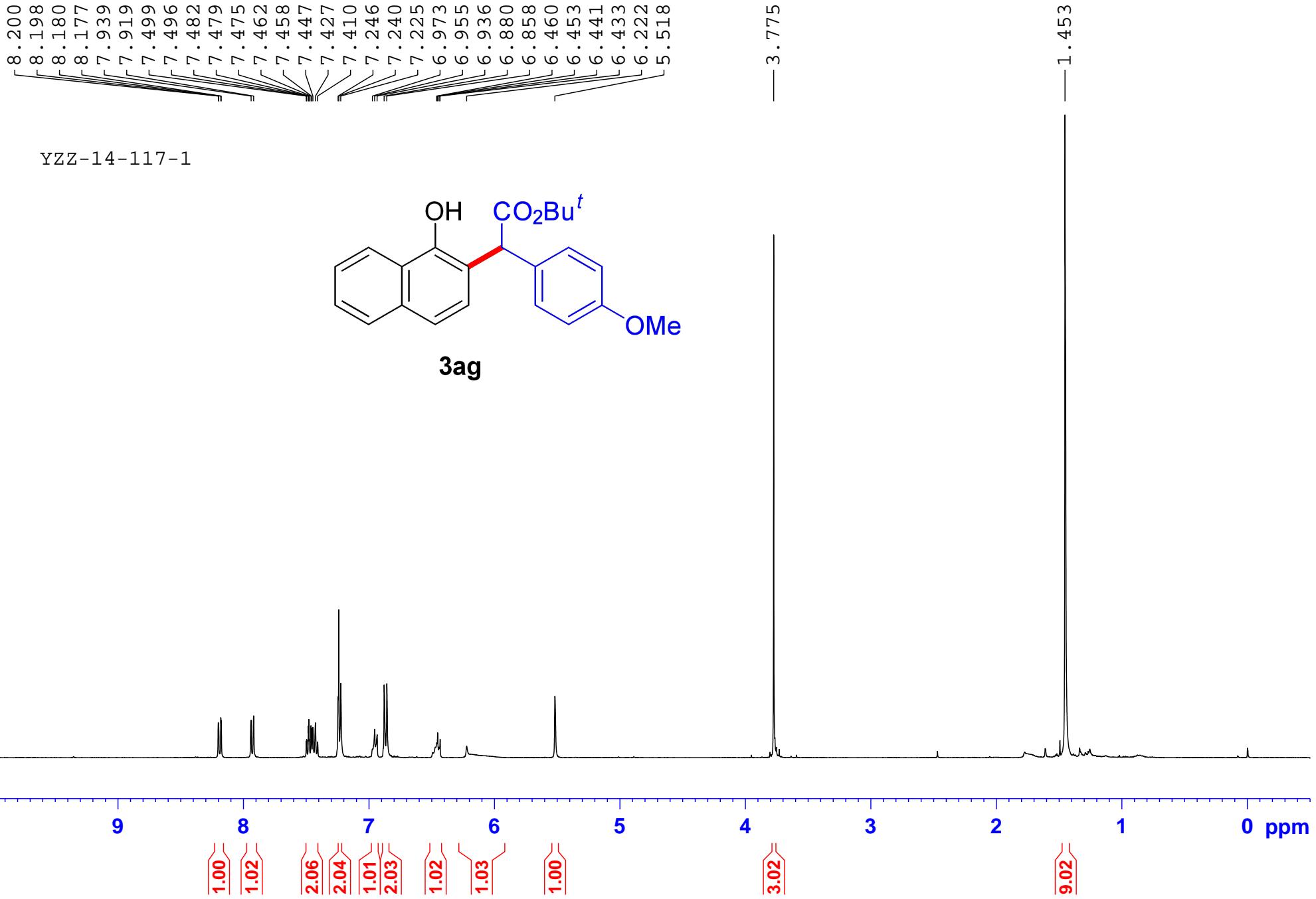
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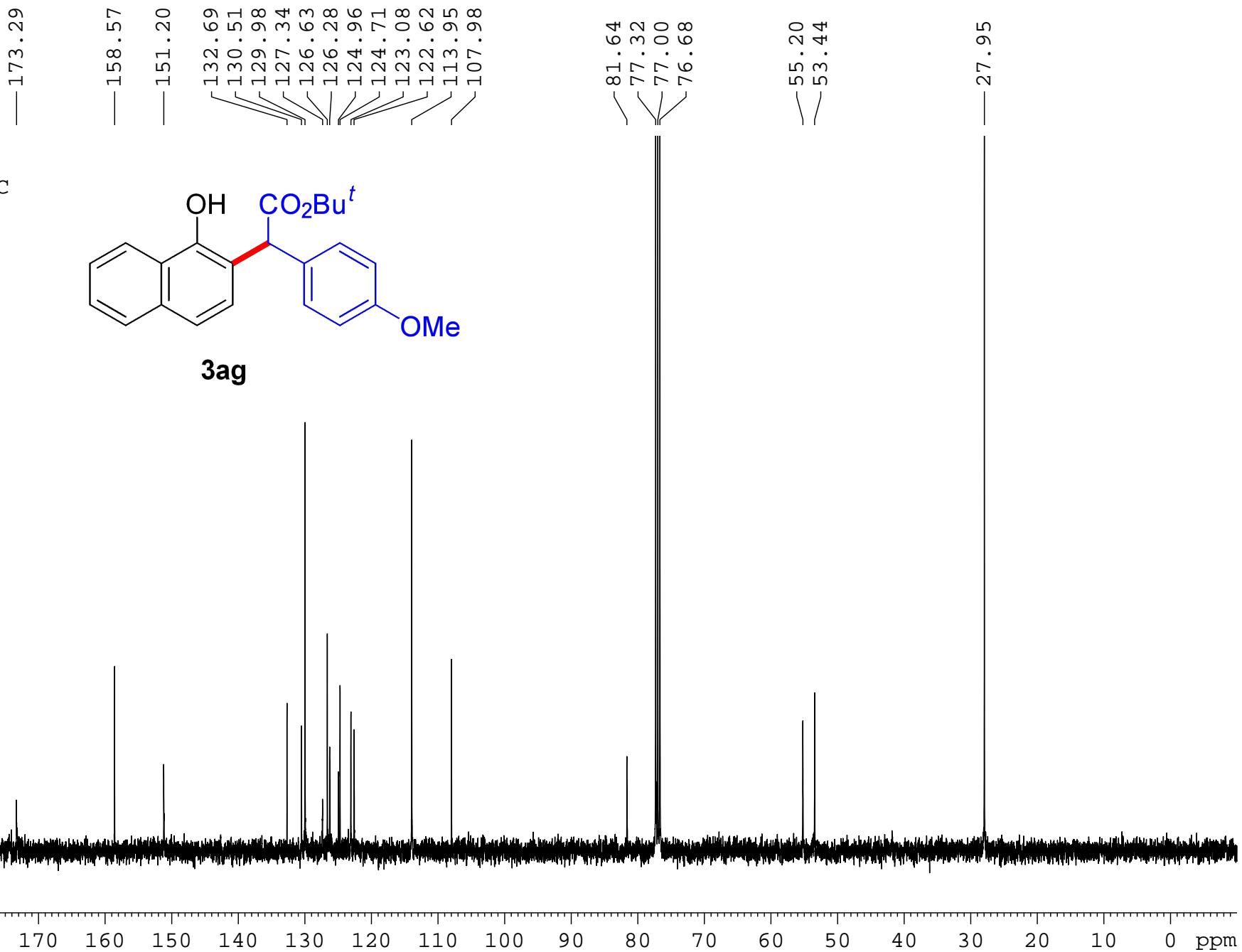


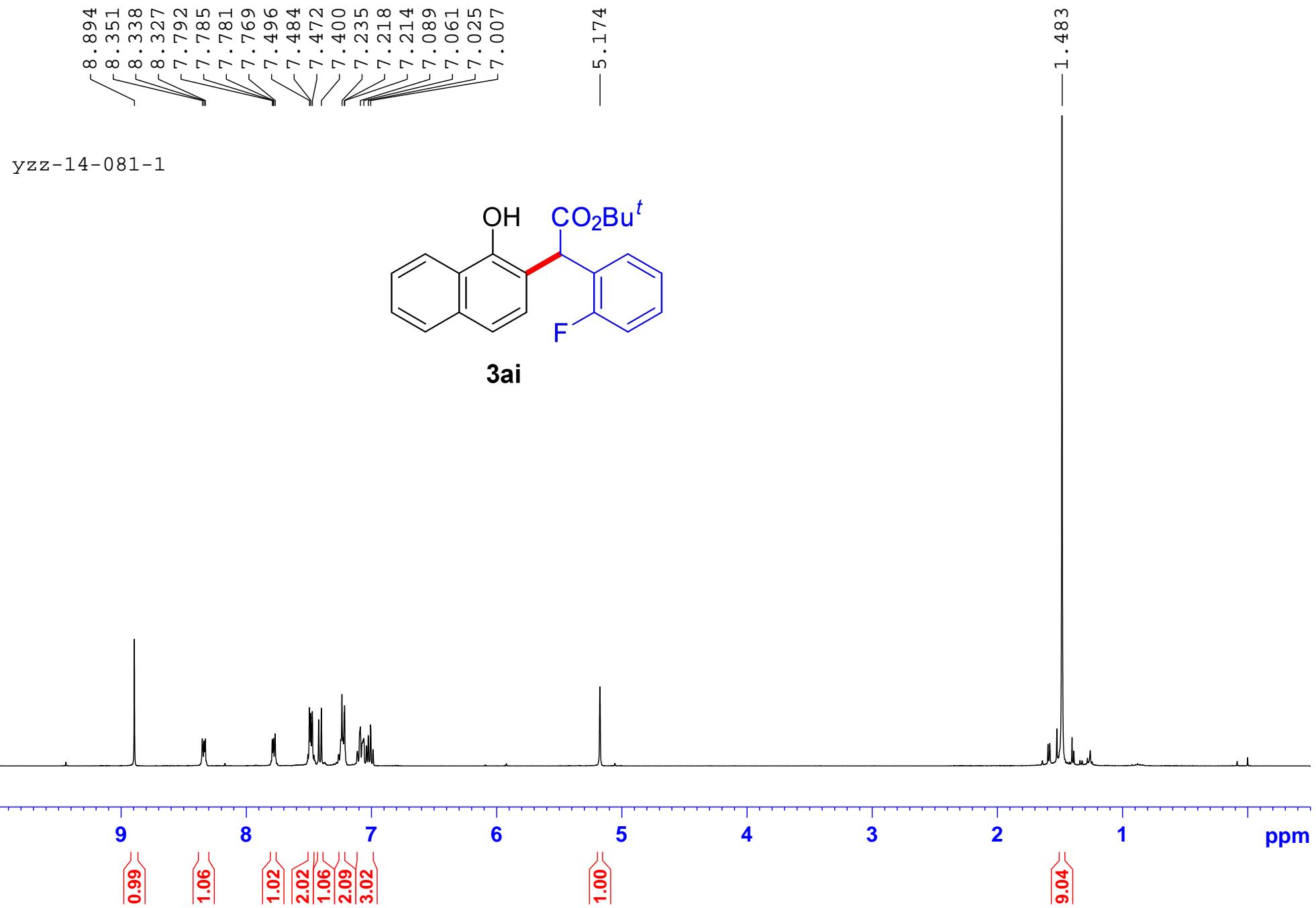
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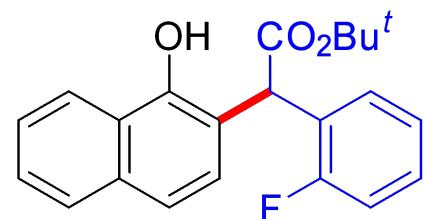
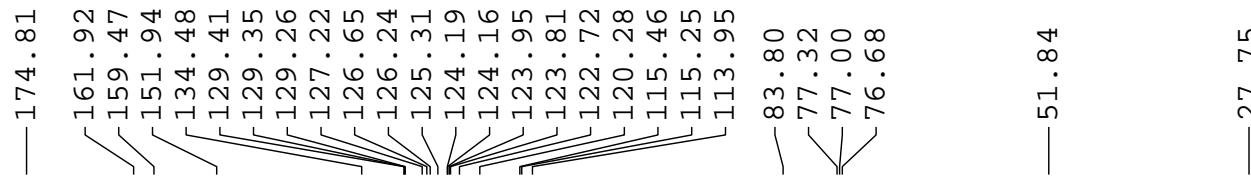


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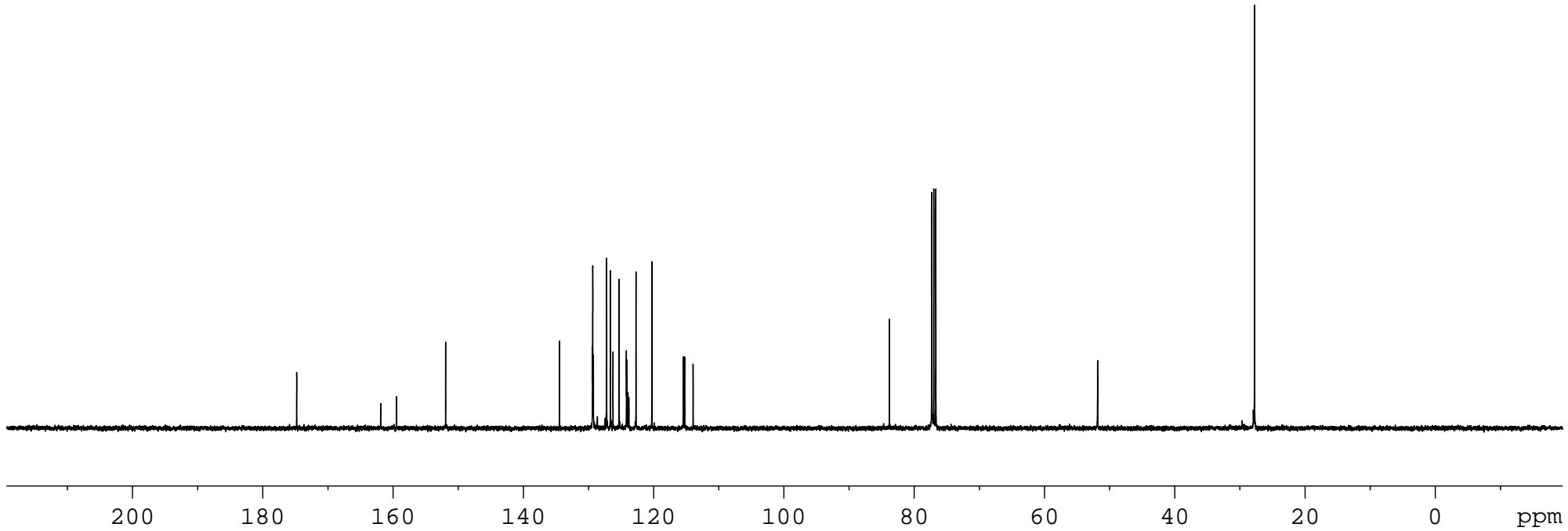




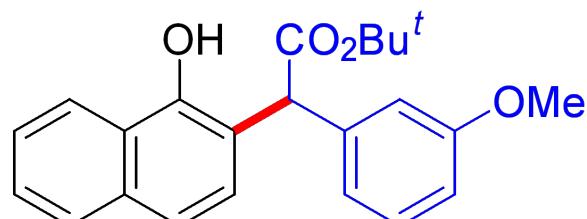
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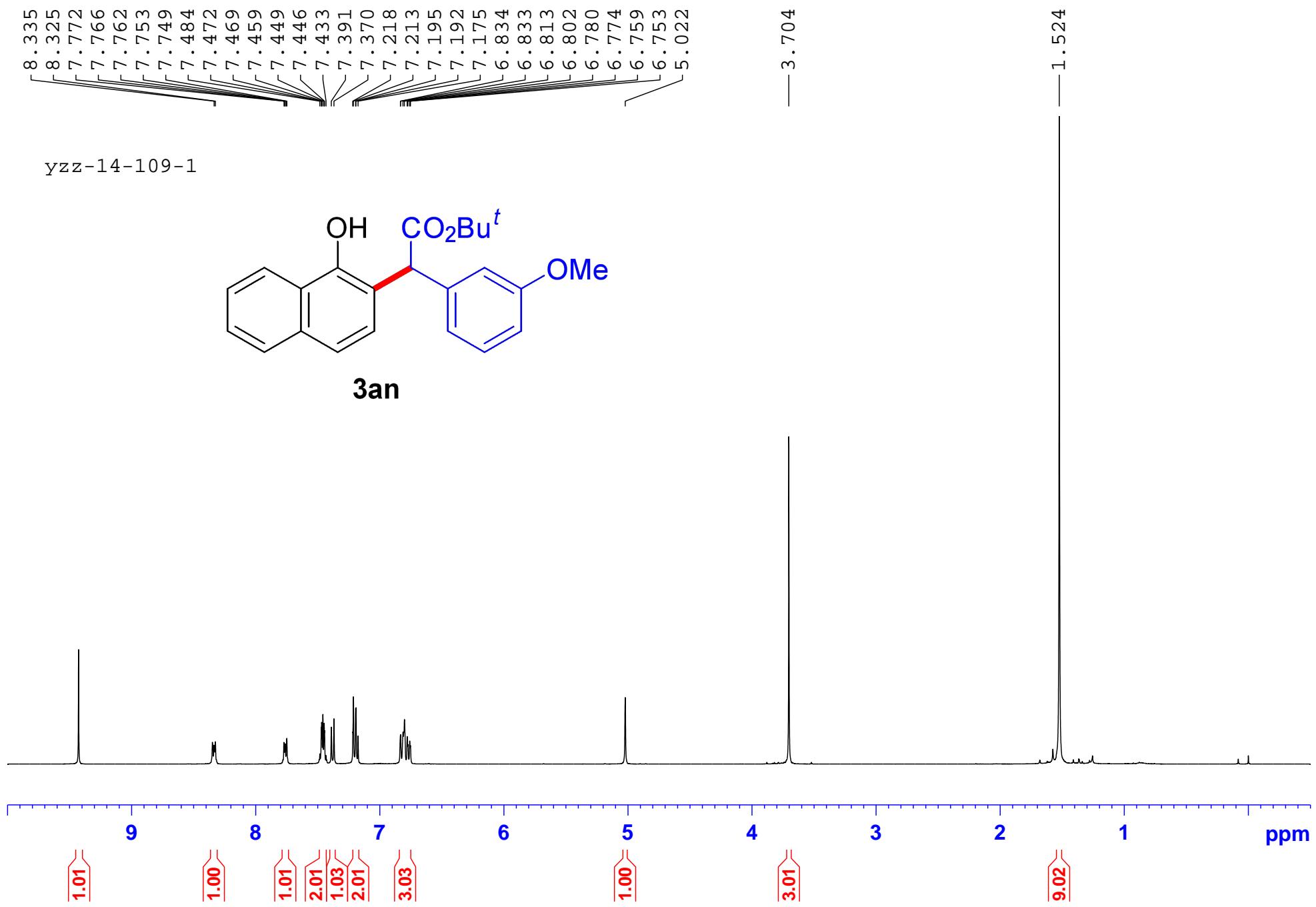
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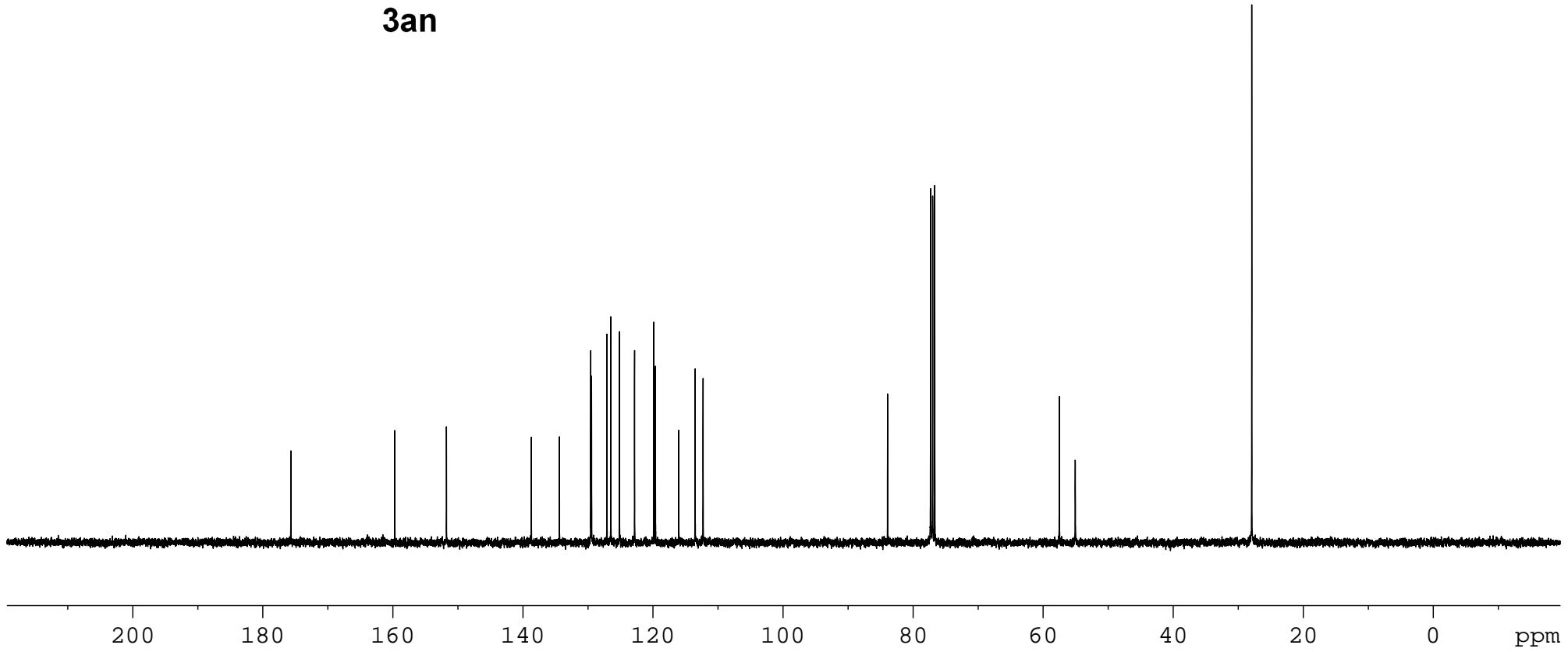
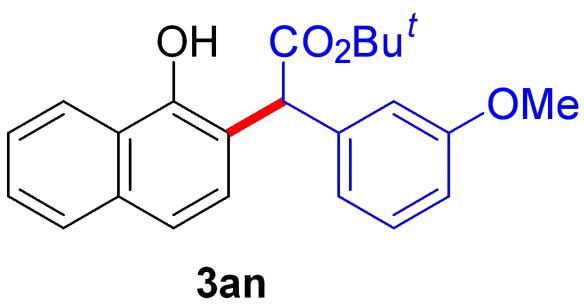
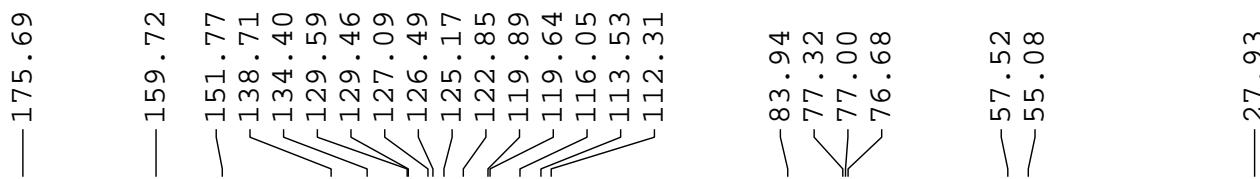
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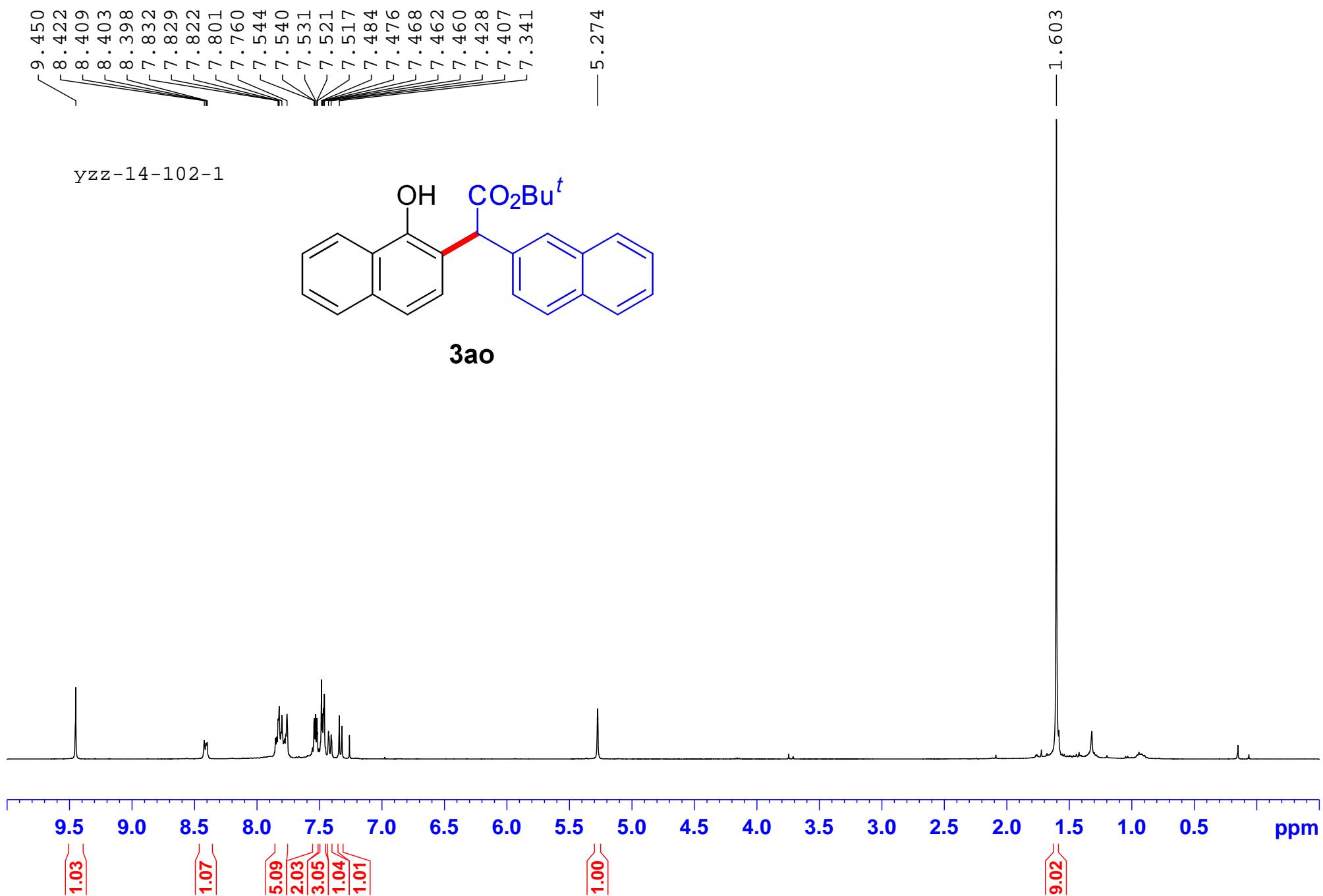


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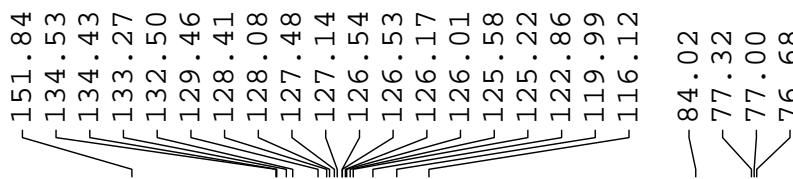
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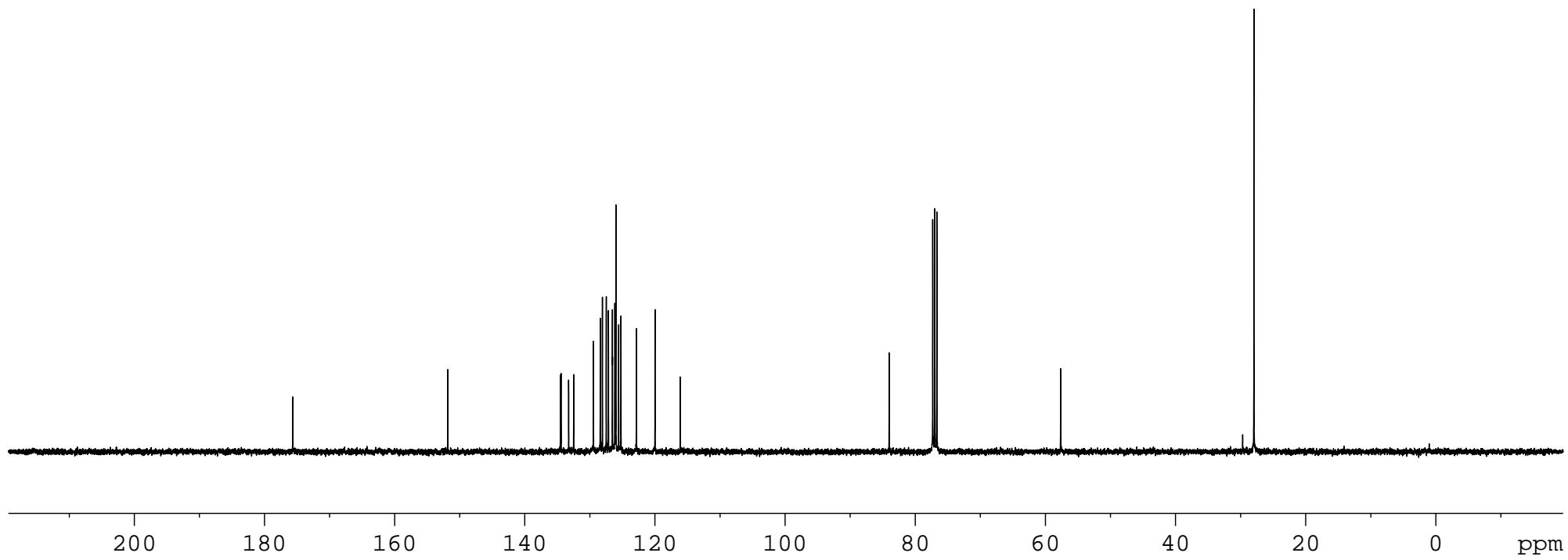
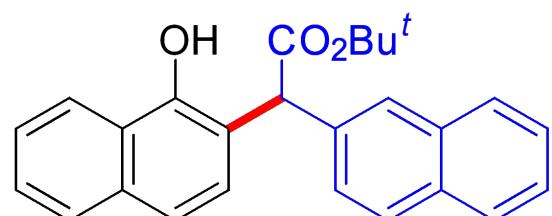
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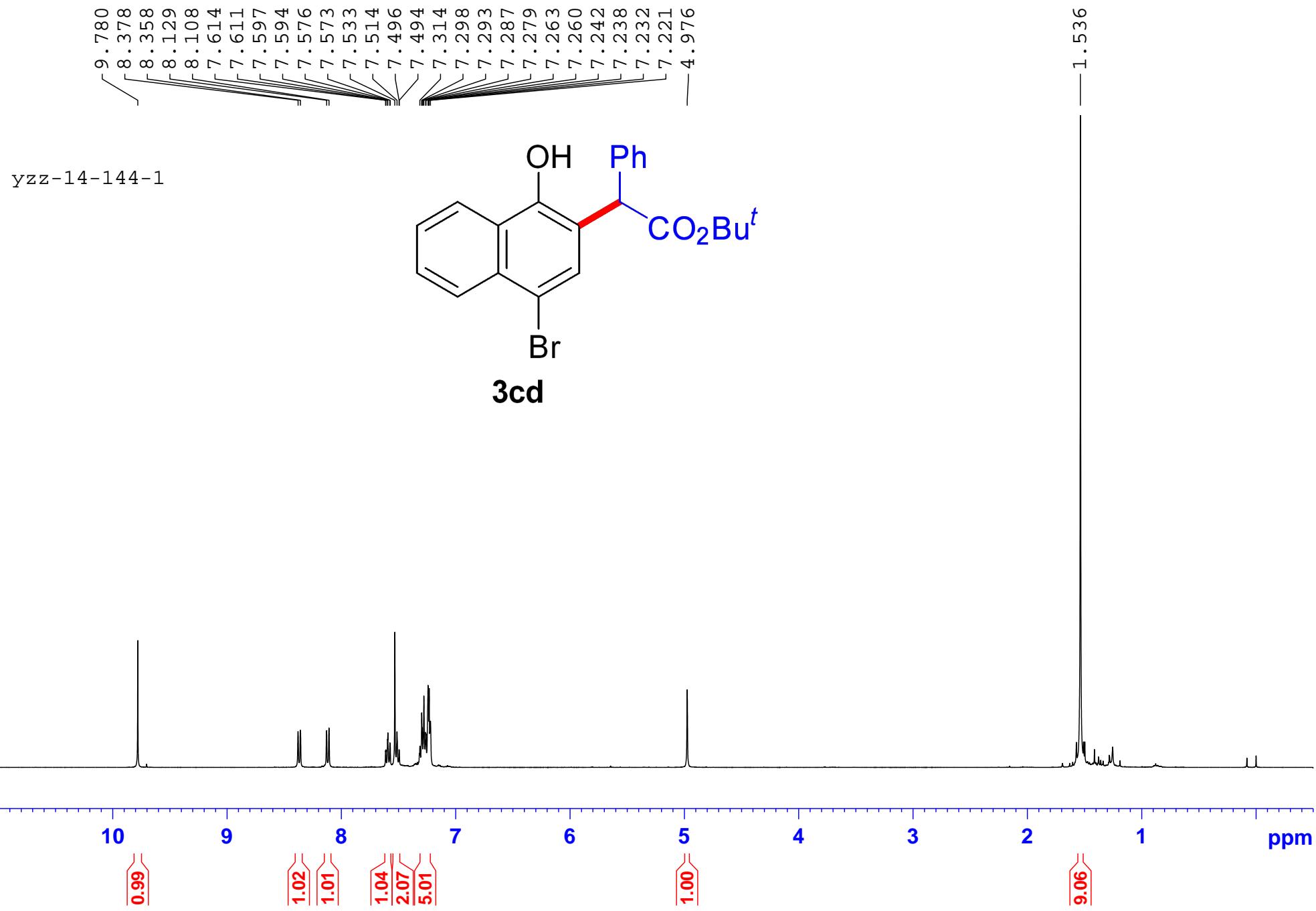
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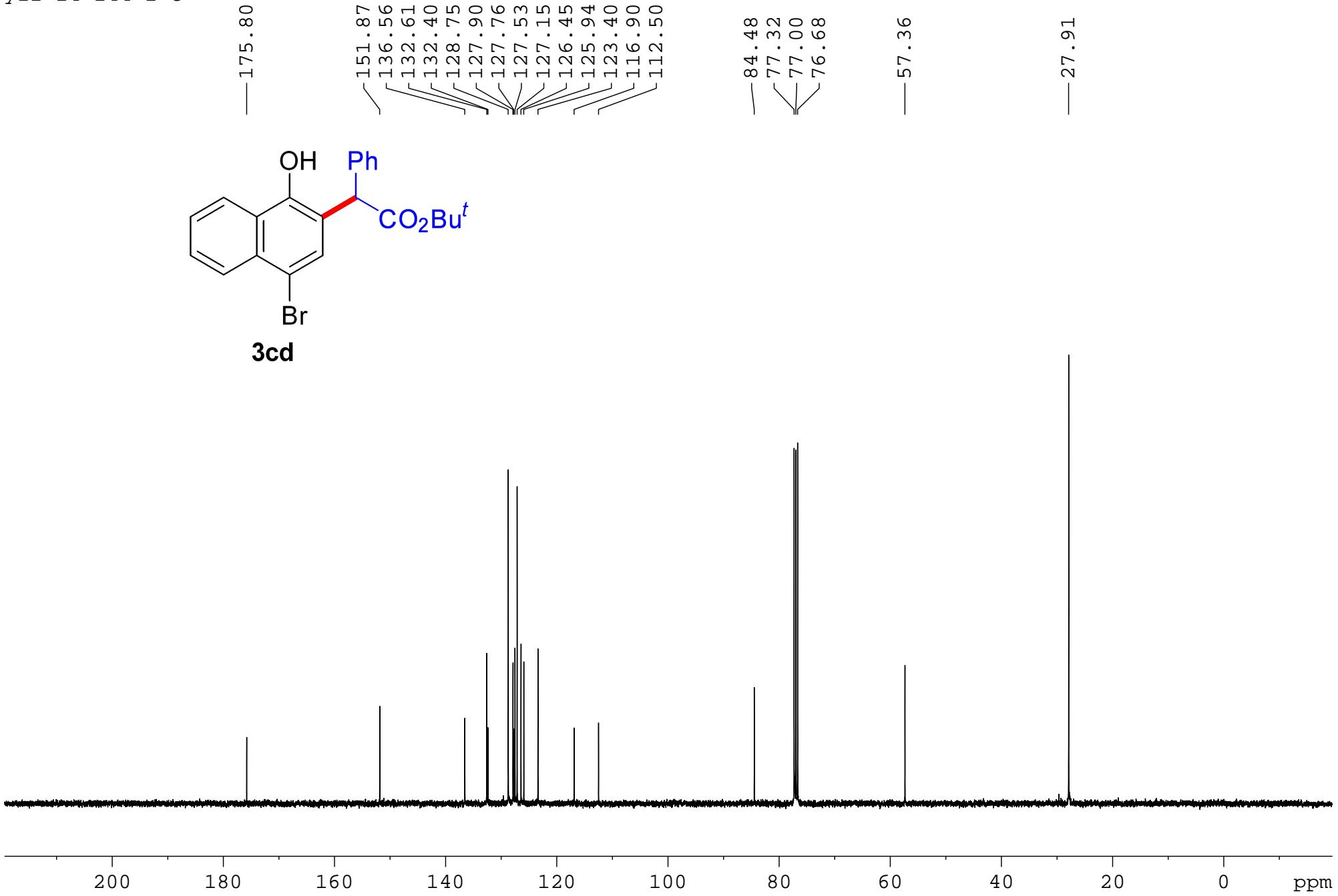
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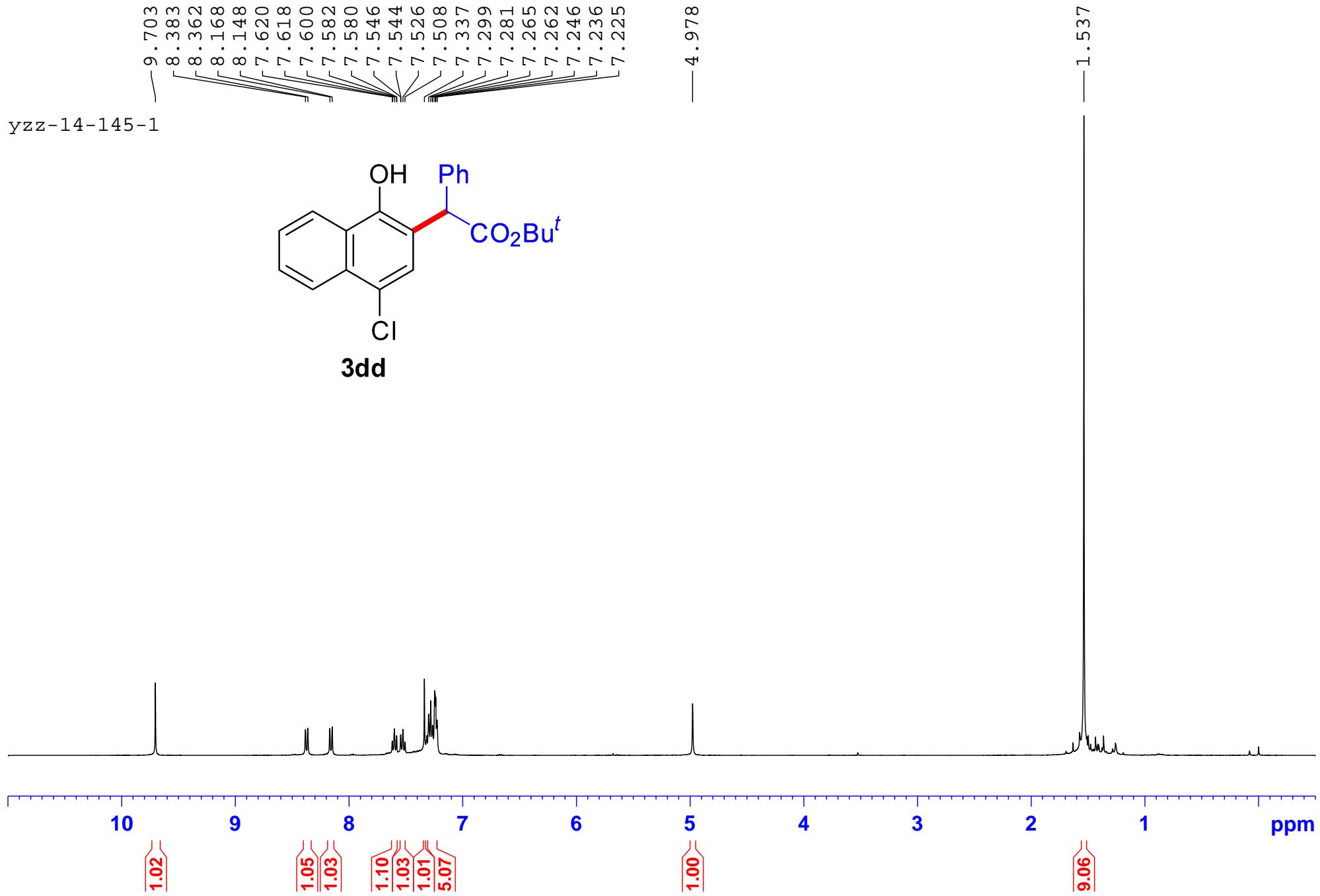
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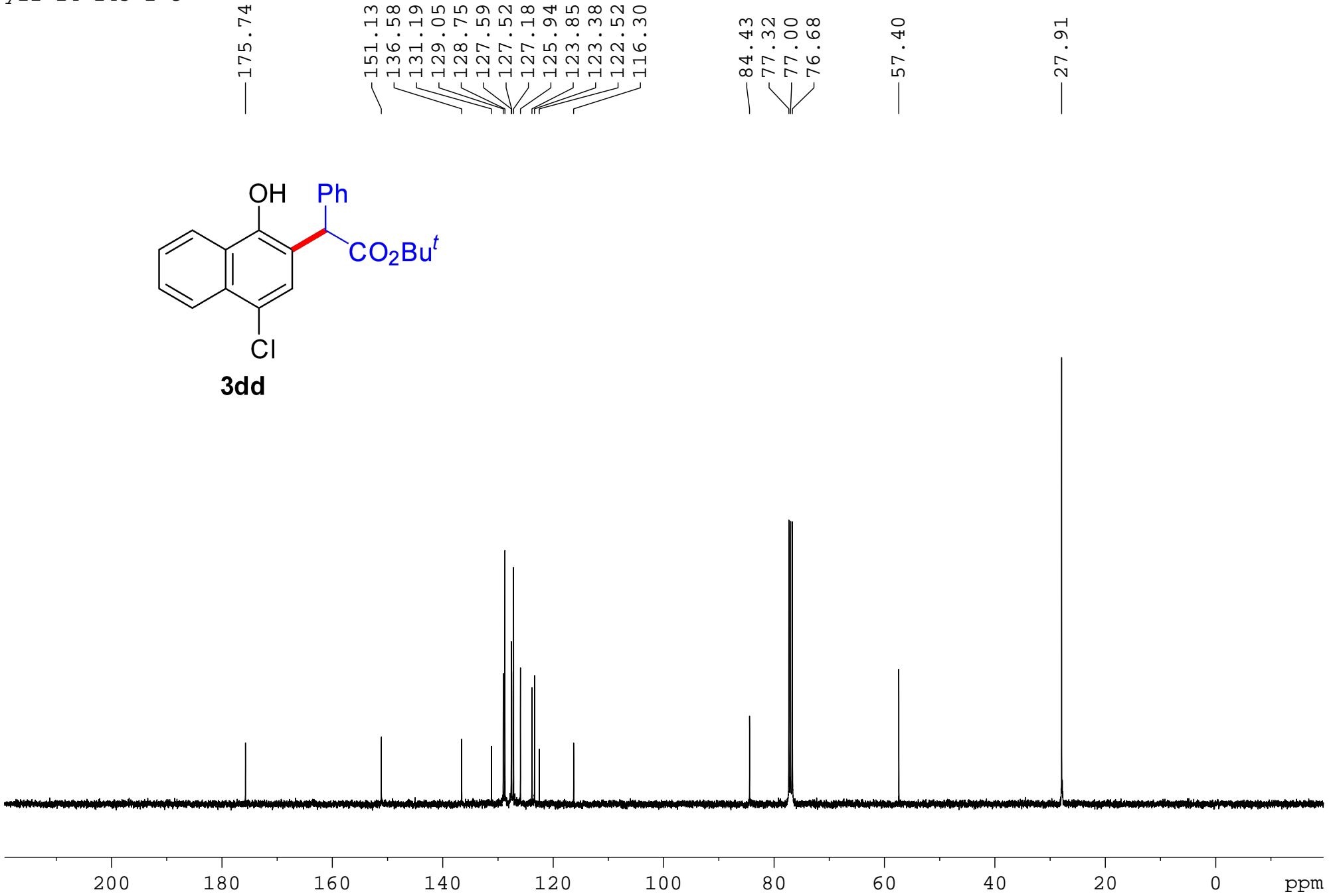


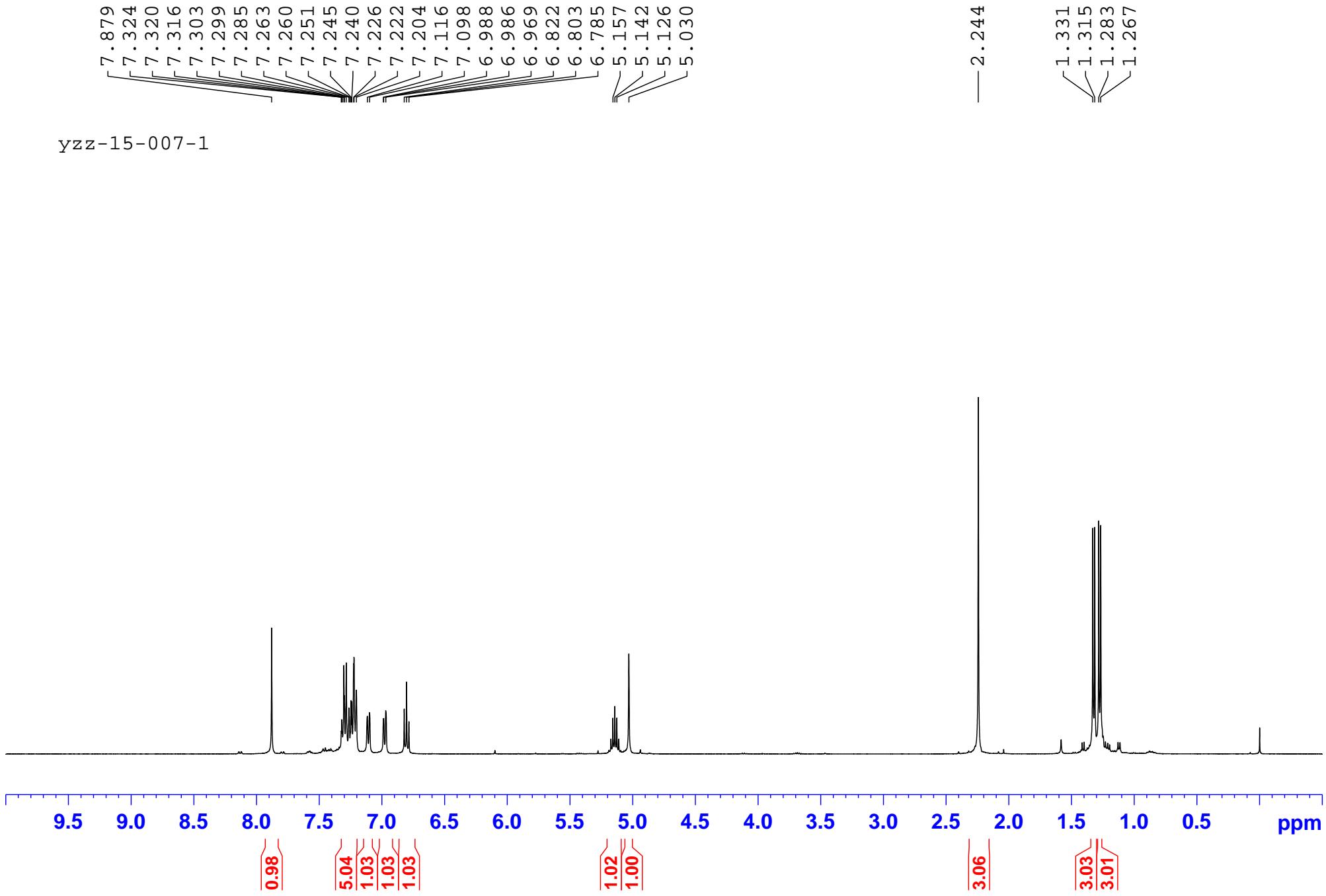
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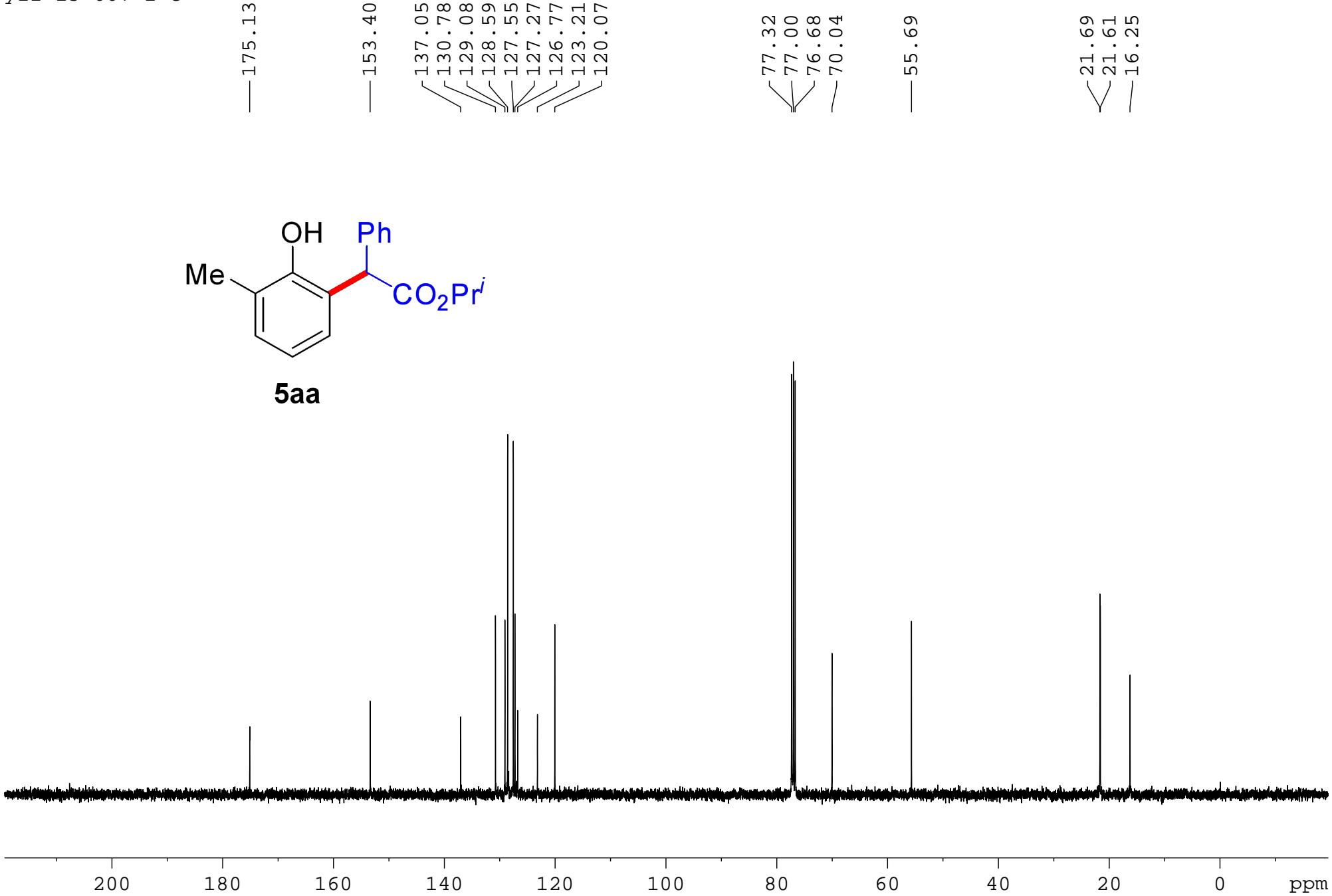


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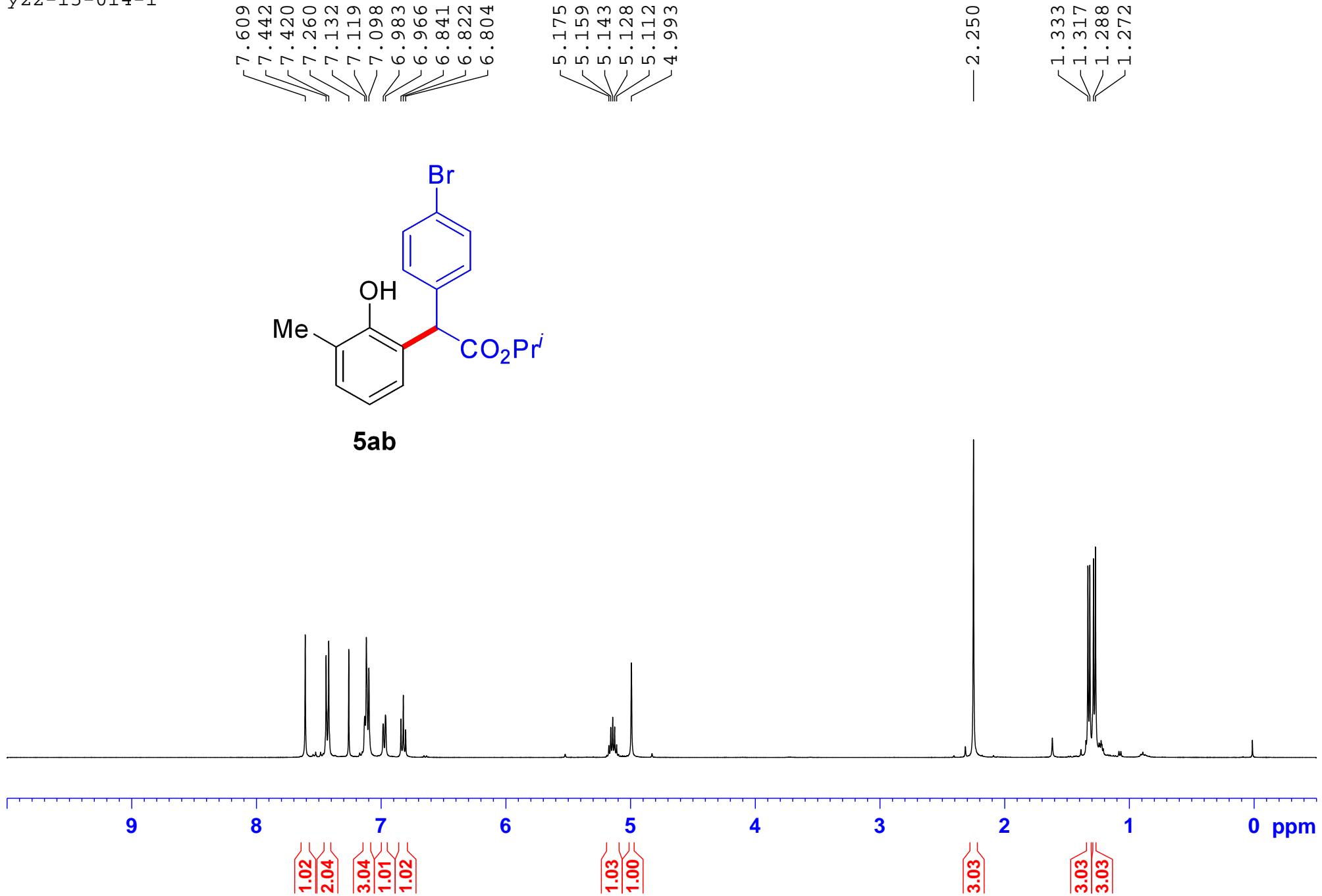




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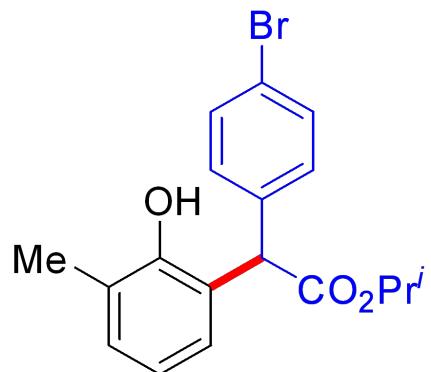
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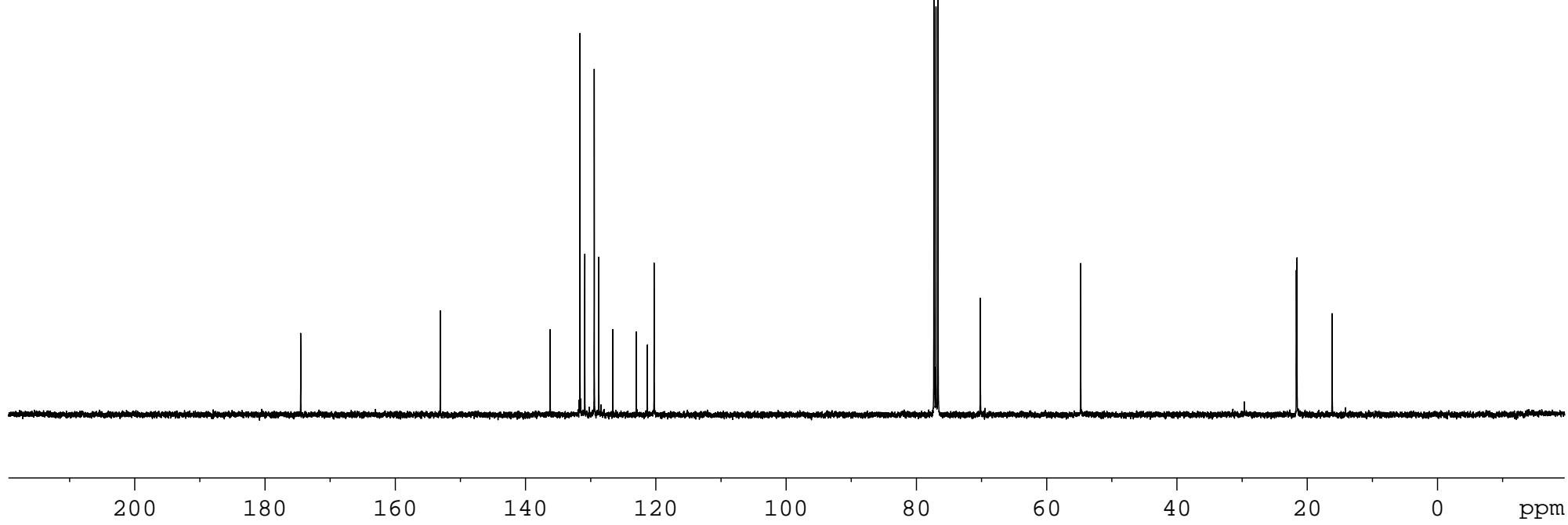
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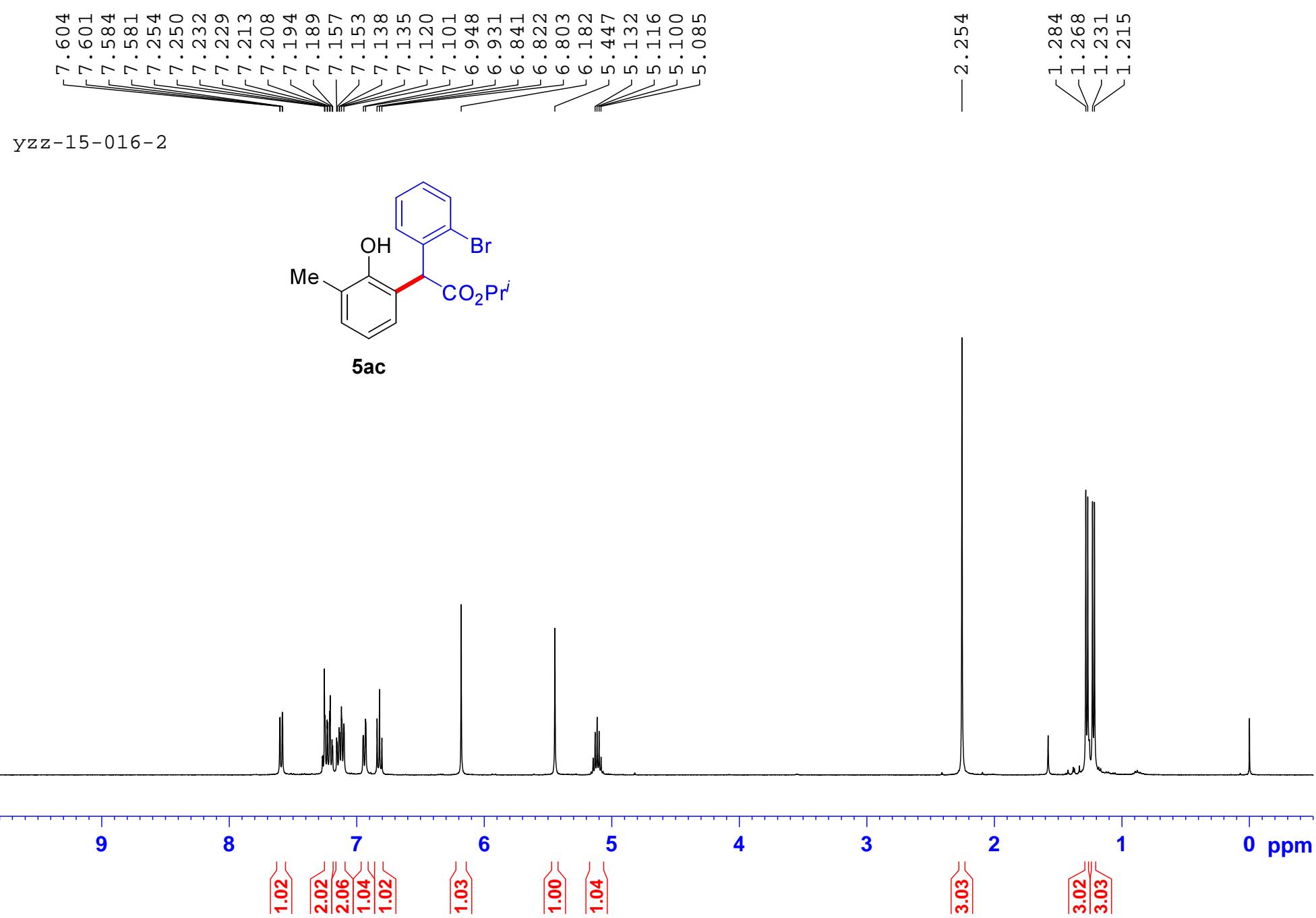
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