

A Visible Light-Mediated Three-Component Strategy Based on the Ring-Opening of Cyclic Ethers with Aryldiazoacetates and Nucleophiles

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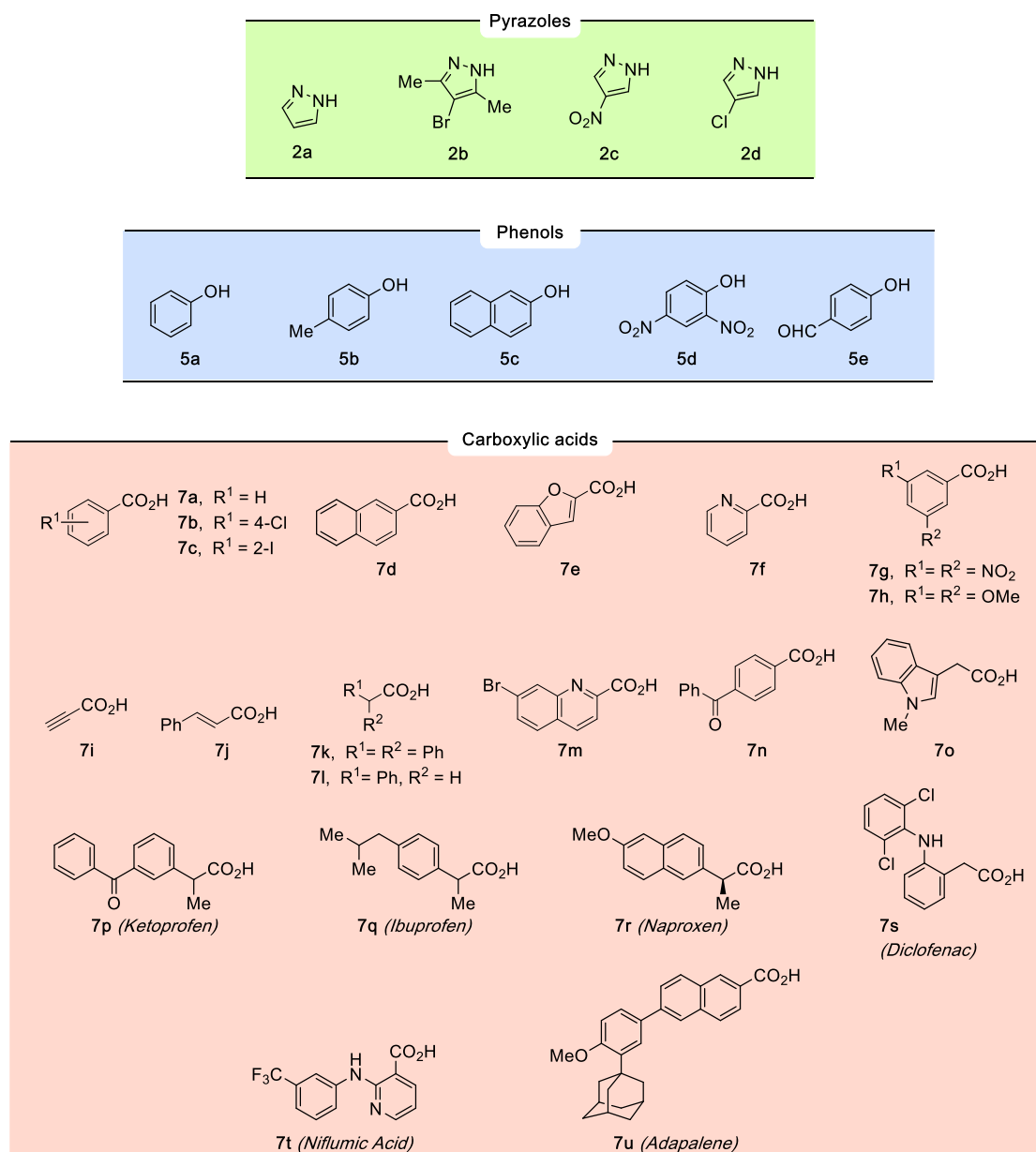
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1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

All reactions were carried out under air, in oven dried glassware with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise noted. All reagents employed in this work were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich/Merck or Oakwood and used as such without further purification. All solvents employed in the reactions were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a IKA rotary evaporator RV-10 Control. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ aluminium plates (Merck). Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV light at 254 nm or by staining using anisaldehyde or vanillin solution. Flash column chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 (particle size 35-70 μ m). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-250. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in parts per million, referenced to the residual peak of CDCl₃, δ = 7.26 (¹H NMR) and δ = 77.0 (¹³C NMR) as internal references. The following abbreviations were used to designate chemical shift multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint. = quintuplet, sext. = sextuplet, sept. = septuplet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on Q Exactive Orbitrap spectrometer working with an electrospray ionization (ESI). Infrared spectra were performed on the Agilent Cary 630 FTIR spectrometer. Melting points was measured on Mettler Toledo MP50 Melting Point System and are uncorrected. Commercially available blue LED lamps (PAR38 Reflector Flood, Medium Base E26, from Westinghouse) emitting only in the blue region (maximum wavelength at 452 nm, no filters are used), 15W and intensity measured with an approximate value of 31 mW/ cm² were employed.

1.1. MOLECULES COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE EMPLOYED IN THIS WORK



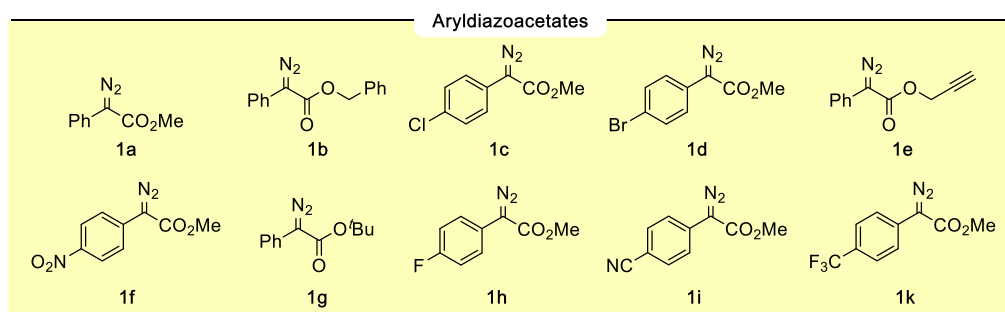
1.2. PREPARATION OF ARYLDIAZOACETATES 1

1.2.1 Known Aryldiazoacetates

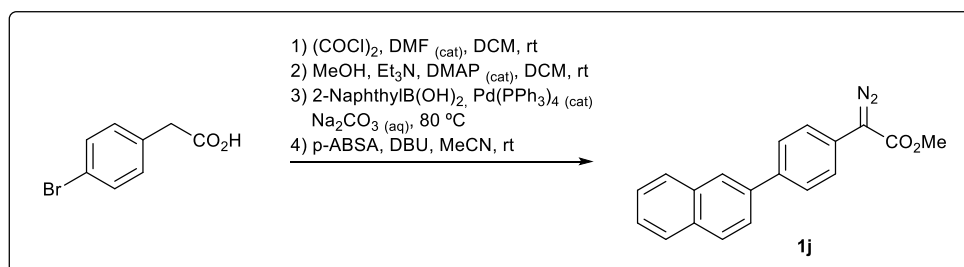
The following aryldiazoacetates have been prepared as previously described in the literature, being numbered following their order of appearance in the manuscript: *methyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate* (**1a**),¹ *benzyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate* (**1b**),¹ *methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-diazoacetate* (**1c**),¹ *methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-diazoacetate* (**1d**),¹ *prop-2-yn-1-yl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate*

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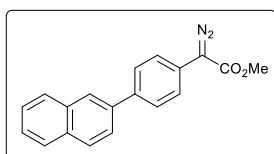
(1e),² methyl 2-diazo-2-(4-nitrophenyl)acetate (1f),³ tert-butyl 2-diazo-2-phenylacetate (1g),³ methyl 2-diazo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)acetate (1h),⁴ methyl 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-diazoacetate (1i),⁵ methyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (1k).¹



1.2.2 New Aryldiazoacetates



Molecule 1j: methyl 2-diazo-2-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)acetate



Step 1: Under nitrogen, at room temperature, a round bottomed flask is charged with 2-(4-bromophenyl)acetic acid (1.07 g, 5 mmol, 1 equiv.), dry DCM (25 mL, 0.2 M), oxalyl chloride (847 μ L, 10 mmol, 2 equiv.). Then, DMF (2 drops) is added and the reaction is allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. Then, the reaction mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure. The corresponding acyl chloride is obtained clean and is directly employed in the next step. **Step 2:** Under nitrogen, at room temperature, a round bottom flask is charged with dry DCM (25 mL, 0.2 M), MeOH (242 μ L, 6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), Et₃N (834 μ L, 6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.)

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⁴ A. F. da Silva, M. A. S. Afonso, R. A. Cormanich, I. D. Jurberg, *Chem. Eur. J.* 2020, **26**, 5648 - 5653.

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and DMAP (61 mg, 0.5 mmol, 0.1 equiv.). Then, the temperature of the reaction mixture is cooled to 0 °C and the previously prepared acyl chloride (5 mmol, 1 equiv., dissolved in a minimum amount of DCM) is added. The reaction is allowed to warm up to room temperature and to stir at this temperature overnight. Then, the reaction is quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃, extracted with AcOEt (3x), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)acetate as a transparent oil: 664 mg, 58 %. **Step 3:** A round bottom flask is charged with the previously prepared ester (664 mg, 2.9 mmol, 1 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5 mg, 0.004 mmol, 1.5 mol%), a 2M aqueous solution of Na₂CO₃ (2.6 mL, 2 equiv.), naphthalen-2-ylboronic acid (598 mg, 3.5 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and dioxane (10.5 mL). The reaction mixture is heated at 80 °C for 12 h. Upon completion (TLC), the reaction is filtered through a short pad of celite, while eluting with DCM. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords methyl 2-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)acetate as a transparent oil: 641 mg, 80 %. **Step 4:** Under nitrogen, a round bottom flask is charged with the previously prepared ester (243 mg, 0.88 mmol, 1 equiv.), dry MeCN (9 mL, 0.1 M) and *p*-ABSA (274 mg, 1.14 mmol, 1.3 equiv.). The solution is cooled to 0 °C and DBU (170 µL, 1.14 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) is slowly added. The temperature is allowed to warm up to 25 °C and the reaction mixture is stirred at this temperature overnight. Then, a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl is added. The resulting mixture is extracted with AcOEt (3x). The combined organic extracts are dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue is purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 98:2 Hex:AcOEt - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid: 136 mg, 45%.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.94 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 165.6, 138.5, 137.6, 133.7, 132.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.5, 125.2, 124.4, 124.3, 63.3, 52.1.

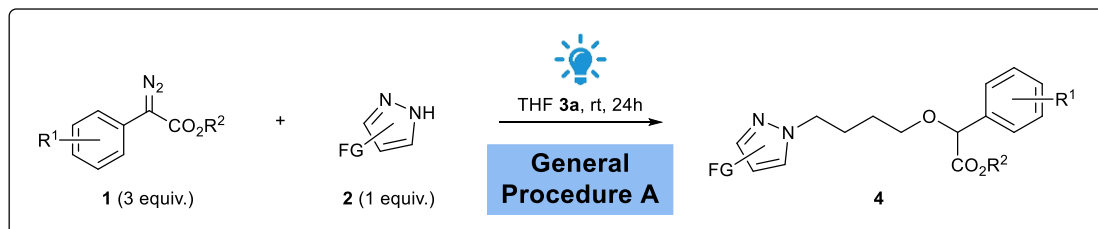
M.P.: 122 – 123 °C.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2089, 1702, 1438, 1361, 1287, 1273, 1252, 1162, 1058.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[C_{19}H_{15}N_2O_2 - N_2]^+$: 275.1067, found: 275.1065.

2. BLUE LIGHT-MEDIATED RING-OPENING OF THF WITH ARYLDIAZOACETATES AND NUCLEOPHILES

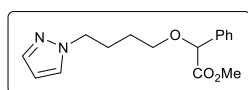
2.1 Using Pyrazoles as Nucleophiles



General Procedure A: *Photochemical Ring-Opening of THF Using Aryldiazoacetates and Pyrazoles*

A 4 mL vial is charged with aryldiazoacetate **1** (3 equiv.), pyrazole **2** (1 equiv.), and THF **3a** (0.1 M in relation to the pyrazole **2**). The reaction mixture is stirred under blue-light irradiation for 24h (using two lamps, 15 W each, displaced at approximate distances of 10 cm each from the reaction vessel). Then, the reaction mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue is purified by flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding compound **4** in the stated yield.

Molecule 4a: *methyl 2-(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate*



General Procedure A is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyrazole **2a** (7 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 9:1 Hex:AcOEt – 8:2 Hex:AcOEt – 7:3 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 22 mg, 76%.

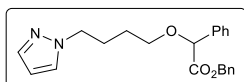
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.50 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 6.22 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.18 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.58 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.57 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.3, 139.0, 136.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 105.2, 81.1, 69.2, 52.2, 51.7, 27.3, 26.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2872, 1749, 1437, 1173, 1093.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for [C₁₆H₂₀N₂O₃ + H]⁺: 289.1547, found: 289.1550.

Molecule 4b: *benzyl 2-(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate*



General Procedure A is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1b** (76 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyrazole **2a** (10 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF

3a (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt - 7:3 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 24 mg, 66%.

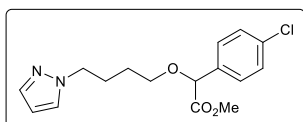
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.49 – 7.20 (m, 12H), 6.21 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.56 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.59 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.7, 139.0, 136.4, 135.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 105.1, 81.1, 69.2, 66.7, 51.6, 27.2, 26.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2935, 2872, 1749, 1456, 1167, 1121.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₄N₂O₃ + H]⁺: 365.1860, found: 365.1861.

Molecule 4c: *methyl 2-(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)butoxy)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)acetate*



General Procedure A is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1c** (63 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyrazole **2a** (10 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column

chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt - 1:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 21 mg, 65%.

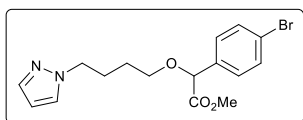
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.22 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.55 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.56 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.0, 139.2, 135.0, 134.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 105.2, 80.4, 69.4, 52.4, 51.7, 27.3, 26.6.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2872, 1752, 1491, 1173, 1089, 1016.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₉ClN₂O₃ + H]⁺: 323.1157, found: 323.1163.

Molecule 4d: methyl 2-(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)butoxy)-2-(4-bromophenyl)acetate



General Procedure A is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1d** (76 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyrazole **2a** (10 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt - 1:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 23 mg, 63%.

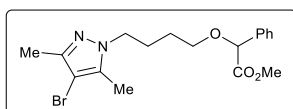
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) 6.22 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.56 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.9, 139.2, 135.5, 131.8, 129.0, 128.8, 122.8, 105.2, 80.4, 69.4, 52.4, 51.7, 27.3, 26.6.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2950, 2872, 1749, 1072, 1091, 1013.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₉BrN₂O₃ + H]⁺: 367.0652, found: 367.0661.

Molecule 4f: methyl 2-(4-(4-bromo-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure A is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyrazole **2b** (18 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 32 mg, 81%.

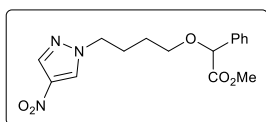
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.58 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.94 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.58 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 145.6, 136.7, 136.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 93.6, 81.0, 69.2, 52.2, 49.5, 26.9, 26.5, 12.2, 10.2.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2950, 2872, 1752, 1436, 1210, 1119.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₈H₂₃BrN₂O₃ + H]⁺: 395.0965, found: 395.0968.

Molecule 4g: methyl 2-(4-(4-nitro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure A is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyrazole **2c** (11 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 31 mg, 93%.

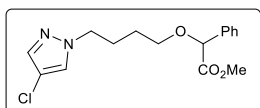
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.58 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.2, 136.2, 135.7, 135.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 81.1, 69.0, 52.9, 52.2, 27.1, 25.9.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3129, 2954, 2874, 1745, 1510, 1408, 1301.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₉N₃O₅ + H]⁺: 334.1397, found: 334.1402.

Molecule 4h: methyl 2-(4-(4-chloro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure A is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (53 mg, 0.3 mmol), pyrazole **2d** (10 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt - 7:3 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 26 mg, 81%.

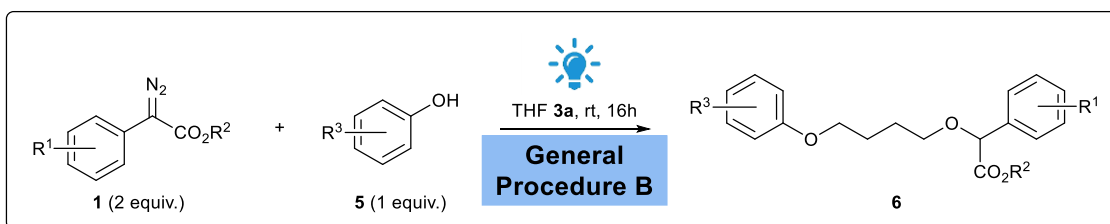
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¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 137.4, 136.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 127.1, 109.4, 81.1, 69.1, 52.4, 52.2, 27.1, 26.3.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3129, 3055, 2950, 2872, 1749, 1437, 1119.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₉ClN₂O₃ + H]⁺: 323.1157, found: 323.1161.

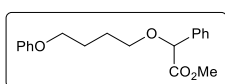
2.2 Using Phenols as Nucleophiles



General Procedure B: Photochemical Ring-Opening of THF Using Aryldiazoacetates and Phenols

A 4 mL vial is charged with aryldiazoacetate **1** (2 equiv.), phenol **5** (1 equiv.), and THF **3a** (0.1 M in relation to the phenol **5**). The reaction mixture is stirred under blue light irradiation for 16h (using two lamps, 15 W each, displaced at approximate distances of 10 cm each from the reaction vessel). Then, the reaction is concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue is purified by flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding compound **6** in the stated yield.

Molecule 6a: methyl 2-(4-phenoxybutoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5a** (9.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 30 mg, 96%.

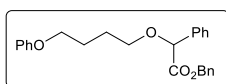
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.96 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 1.94 – 1.83 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.4, 159.0, 136.6, 129.4, 128.6 (2x), 127.1, 120.5, 114.4, 81.0, 69.4, 67.3, 52.2, 26.2, 26.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2872, 1752, 1601, 1499, 1246.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₂O₄ + H]⁺: 315.1591, found: 315.1591.

Molecule 6b: *benzyl 2-(4-phenoxybutoxy)-2-phenylacetate*



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1b** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5a** (9.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 35 mg, 90%.

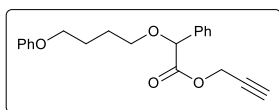
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.25 (m, 10H), 6.99 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.85 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.8, 159.0, 136.5, 135.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 120.5, 114.4, 81.1, 69.5, 67.3, 66.7, 26.2, 26.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3034, 2950, 2874, 1749, 1499, 1246, 1169.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₅H₂₆O₄ + H]⁺: 391.1904, found: 391.1903.

Molecule 6c: *prop-2-yn-1-yl 2-(4-phenoxybutoxy)-2-phenylacetate*



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1e** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5a** (9.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 33 mg, 98%.

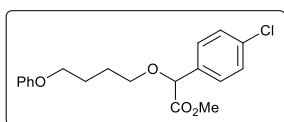
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.49 – 7.24 (m, 7H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 – 3.54 (m, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.2, 159.0, 136.1, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.2, 120.5, 114.5, 80.9, 77.1, 75.3, 69.6, 67.3, 52.5, 26.2, 26.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3289, 2946, 2872, 1756, 1601, 1499, 1244.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₂O₄ + H]⁺: 339.1591, found: 339.1590.

Molecule 6d: methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-phenoxybutoxy)acetate



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1c** (42 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5a** (9.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 32 mg, 92%.

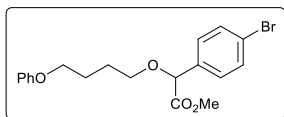
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.42 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 6.96 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.82 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.0, 158.9, 135.1, 134.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 120.5, 114.4, 80.3, 69.6, 67.3, 52.3, 26.2, 26.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2874, 1737, 1493, 1246, 1091.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁ClO₄ + H]⁺: 349.1201, found: 349.1199.

Molecule 6e: methyl 2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-phenoxybutoxy)acetate



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1d** (51 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5a** (9.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 38 mg, 97%.

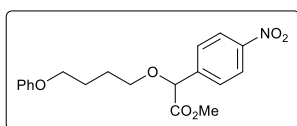
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 6.97 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.82 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.9, 158.9, 135.6, 131.7, 129.4, 128.7, 122.7, 120.5, 114.4, 80.3, 69.6, 67.3, 52.3, 26.2, 26.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2872, 1737, 1490, 1246, 1072, 1013, 753.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁BrO₄ + H]⁺: 393.0696, found: 393.0697.

Molecule 6f: *methyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-phenoxybutoxy)acetate*



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1f** (44 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5a** (9.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 13 mg, 36%.

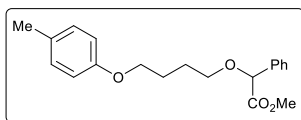
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.88 (m, 3H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.85 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.3, 158.9, 148.0, 143.6, 129.4, 127.8, 123.7, 120.6, 114.4, 80.1, 70.2, 67.2, 52.6, 26.2, 26.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2872, 1754, 1525, 1348, 1246.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁NO₆ + H]⁺: 360.1442, found: 360.1442.

Molecule 6g: *methyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-(p-tolyloxy)butoxy)acetate*



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), *p*-cresol **5b** (11 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 32 mg, 98%.

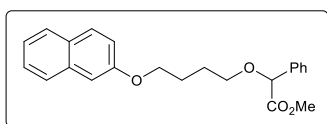
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.96 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.83 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.4, 156.8, 136.6, 129.8, 129.7, 128.6 (2x), 127.1, 114.3, 81.0, 69.5, 67.5, 52.2, 26.2, 26.0, 20.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3032, 2950, 2872, 1752, 1512, 1242, 1106.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₄O₄ + H]⁺: 329.1747, found: 329.1748.

Molecule 6h: methyl 2-(4-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), naphthalen-2-ol **5c** (14 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 36 mg, 99%.

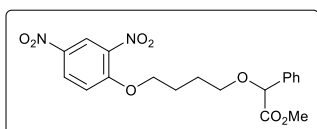
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.77 – 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.48 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.83 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.4, 156.9, 136.6, 134.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6 (2x), 127.6, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 123.4, 118.9, 106.5, 81.0, 69.4, 67.5, 52.2, 26.2, 26.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3060, 3030, 2952, 2874, 1737, 1631, 1218.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₄O₄ + H]⁺: 365.1747, found: 365.1750.

Molecule 6i: methyl 2-(4-(2,4-dinitrophenoxy)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), 2,4-dinitrophenol **5d** (18 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M,

1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt - 7:3 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 28 mg, 69%.

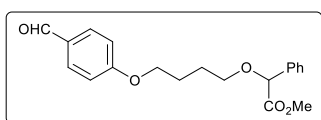
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.71 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, *J* = 9.3 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.10 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.81 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 156.8, 139.8, 138.8, 136.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 121.8, 114.4, 80.9, 70.5, 69.1, 52.2, 25.8, 25.6.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3090, 2954, 2877, 1749, 1607, 1525, 1342, 1285.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₈ + H]⁺: 405.1292, found: 405.1293.

Molecule 6j: methyl 2-(4-(4-formylphenoxy)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5e** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 33 mg, 97%.

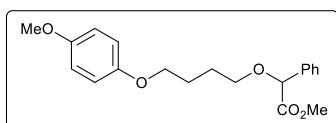
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.81 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 190.8, 171.3, 164.1, 136.5, 131.9, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 114.7, 81.0, 69.3, 67.9, 52.2, 26.0, 25.9.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2875, 1749, 1637, 1599, 1255, 1160.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₂O₅ + H]⁺: 343.1540, found: 343.1540.

Molecule 6k: methyl 2-(4-(4-methoxyphenoxy)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure B is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), phenol **5f** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification

by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 26 mg, 76%.

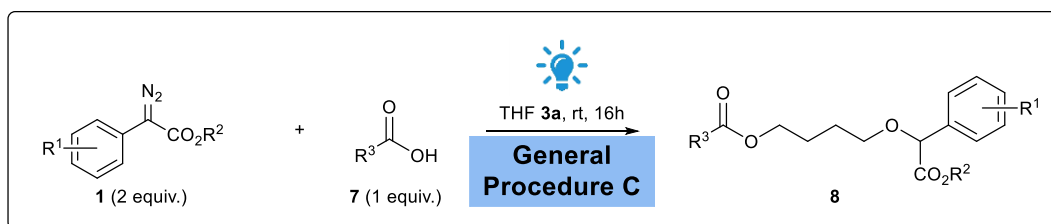
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.82 (app s, 4H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 3.96 - 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.55 - 3.49 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.81 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.4, 153.7, 153.2, 136.6, 128.6 (x2), 127.1, 115.4, 114.6, 81.1, 69.5, 68.1, 55.7, 52.2, 26.2, 26.1.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2951, 2873, 1739, 1508, 1459, 1440, 1229, 1172, 1106, 1036.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₄O₅ + H]⁺: 345.1697, found: 345.1698.

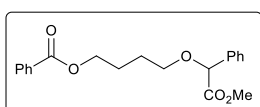
2.3 Using Carboxylic Acids as Nucleophiles



General Procedure C: Photochemical Ring-Opening of THF Using Aryldiazoacetates and Carboxylic Acids

A 4 mL vial is charged with aryldiazoacetate **1** (2 equiv.), carboxylic acid **7** (1 equiv.), and THF **3a** (0.1 M in relation to the carboxylic acid **7**). The reaction mixture is stirred under blue light irradiation for 16h (using two lamps, 15 W each, displaced at approximate distances of 10 cm each from the reaction vessel). Then, the reaction mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue is purified by flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding compound **8** in the stated yield.

Molecule 8a: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 34 mg, 99%.

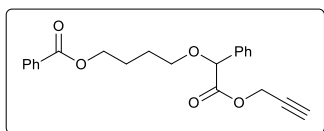
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 166.5, 136.5, 132.8, 130.3, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.0, 81.0, 69.2, 64.6, 52.1, 26.2, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2874, 1752, 1717, 1454, 1272, 1100, 1072.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₂O₅ + H]⁺: 343.1540, found: 343.1546.

Molecule 8b: 4-(2-oxo-1-phenyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yloxy)ethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1e** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 35 mg, 96%.

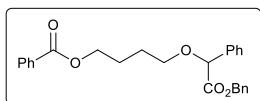
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 15.6 Hz, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.96 – 1.77 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.1, 166.5, 136.0, 132.8, 130.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.1, 80.9, 76.5, 75.3, 69.4, 64.6, 52.5, 26.2, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3289, 2950, 2875, 1756, 1715, 1274, 1100.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₂O₅ + H]⁺: 367.1540, found: 367.1546.

Molecule 8c: 4-(2-(benzyloxy)-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1b** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol),

and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 41 mg, 98%.

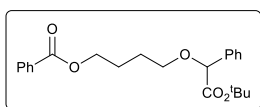
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.06 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.20 (m, 12H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.34 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.67 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.7, 166.5, 136.4, 135.4, 132.8, 130.3, 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 81.1, 69.3, 66.7, 64.6, 26.2, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3065, 3034, 2954, 2875, 1748, 1715, 1454, 1274, 1100.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₆H₂₆O₅ + H]⁺: 419.1853, found: 419.1858.

Molecule 8d: 4-(2-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1g** (44 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 34 mg, 89%.

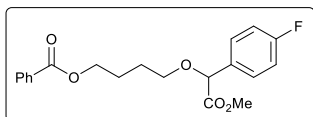
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 7H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.67 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.1, 166.6, 137.1, 132.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3 (2x), 127.0, 81.7, 81.5, 69.0, 64.7, 27.9, 26.3, 25.6.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2978, 2874, 1743, 1719, 1274, 1100, 1072.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₈O₅ + H]⁺: 385.2010, found: 385.2013.

Molecule 8e: 4-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1h** (39 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 34 mg, 94%.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.63 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.79 (m, 4H).

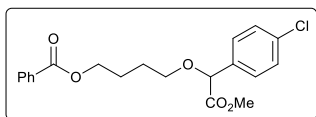
¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.2, 166.6, 162.9 (d, *J* = 245.6 Hz), 132.8, 132.4 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 130.3, 129.5, 128.9 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 128.3, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 80.4, 69.3, 64.6, 52.3, 26.2, 25.5.

¹⁹F NMR (235 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -113.2

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 1737, 1715, 1510, 1274, 1110, 1095.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₁FO₅ + H]⁺: 361.1446, found: 361.1451.

Molecule 8f: 4-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1c** (42 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 32 mg, 85%.

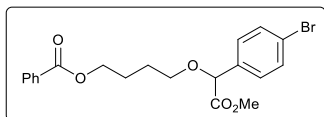
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.78 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.0, 166.5, 135.0, 134.5, 132.8, 130.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 80.4, 69.4, 64.6, 52.3, 26.2, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 1737, 1715, 1272, 1072, 1111, 1091.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₁ClO₅ + H]⁺: 377.1150, found: 377.1156.

Molecule 8g: 4-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1d** (51 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 42 mg, 100%.

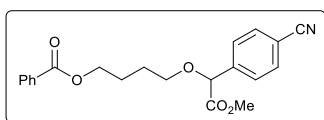
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.9, 166.5, 135.5, 132.8, 131.7, 130.3, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 122.7, 80.4, 69.4, 64.5, 52.3, 26.2, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2872, 1737, 1715, 1272, 1110, 1072.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₁BrO₅ + H]⁺: 421.0645, found: 421.0650.

Molecule 8h: 4-(1-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-methoxy-2-oxoethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1i** (40 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 36 mg, 98%.

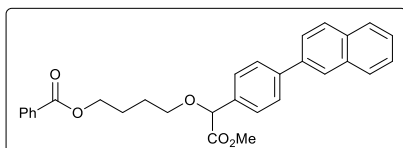
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.80 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.3, 166.5, 141.6, 132.9, 132.3, 130.2, 129.5, 128.3, 127.6, 118.4, 112.4, 80.3, 69.8, 64.5, 52.5, 26.2, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2231, 1737, 1715, 1274, 1175, 1100.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₁NO₅ + H]⁺: 368.1492, found: 368.1499.

Molecule 8i: 4-(2-methoxy-1-(4-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)-2-oxoethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1j** (60 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1

mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as yellow oil: 45 mg, 96%.

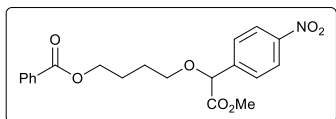
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.06 – 8.02 (m, 3H), 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 3H), 7.59 – 7.43 (m, 7H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.38 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.84 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) (1C cannot be unambiguously assigned) δ: 171.3, 166.6, 141.5, 137.9, 135.6, 133.6, 132.8, 132.7, 130.4, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.9, 125.4, 80.9, 69.4, 64.7, 52.3, 26.3, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3058, 2954, 1737, 1715, 1274, 1100.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[C_{30}H_{28}O_5 + H]^+$: 469.2010, found: 469.2016.

Molecule 8j: 4-(2-methoxy-1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-oxoethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1f** (44 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 38 mg, 98%.

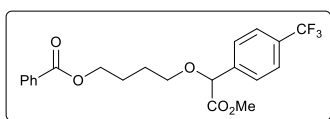
1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.20 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.36 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.82 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 170.2, 166.5, 148.0, 143.5, 132.9, 130.2, 129.5, 128.3, 127.8, 123.7, 80.2, 69.9, 64.5, 52.6, 26.2, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 2955, 2874, 1737, 1715, 1521, 1272, 1100.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[C_{20}H_{21}NO_7 + H]^+$: 388.1391, found: 388.1396.

Molecule 8k: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethoxy)butyl benzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1k** (44 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 41 mg, 100%.

1H NMR (250 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.05 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.36 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 1.93 – 1.81 (m, 4H).

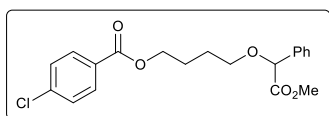
^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 170.7, 166.6, 140.4, 132.9, 130.8 (q, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 130.3, 129.5, 128.3, 127.3, 125.5 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.9 (q, $J = 270.6$ Hz), 80.5, 69.7, 64.6, 52.4, 26.2, 25.5.

^{19}F NMR (235 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : - 62.7.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 2955, 1737, 1719, 1326, 1274, 1106, 1069.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 411.1414, found: 411.1418.

Molecule 8l: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 4-chlorobenzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7b** (16 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 30 mg, 80%.

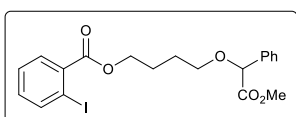
^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.95 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.34 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.63 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.77 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.3, 165.7, 139.2, 136.5, 130.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6 (2x), 127.1, 81.1, 69.2, 64.9, 52.2, 26.2, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 2952, 2874, 1752, 1719, 1596, 1272, 1093, 1016.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClO}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 377.1150, found: 377.1155.

Molecule 8m: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 2-iodobenzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7c** (25 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash

column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 44 mg, 94%.

^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.98 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 7.14 (td, $J = 7.8$ Hz, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H),

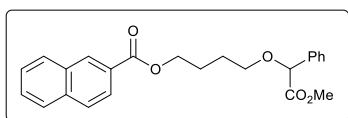
4.88 (s, 1H), 4.36 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.76 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.3, 166.6, 141.2, 136.5, 135.4, 132.5, 130.8, 128.6 (x2), 127.8, 127.1, 93.9, 81.1, 69.2, 65.4, 52.2, 26.2, 25.3.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 2952, 2872, 1726 1456, 1288, 1251, 1098, 1016.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 469.0506, found: 469.0514.

Molecule 8n: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 2-naphthoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7d** (16 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 39 mg, 100%.

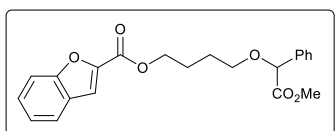
^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.61 – 8.60 (m, 1H), 8.08 – 8.04 (m, 1H), 7.98 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.42 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.67 – 3.53 (m, 2H), 1.97 – 1.85 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.3, 166.7, 136.5, 135.4, 132.4, 130.9, 129.3, 128.6 (2x), 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.5, 125.2, 81.1, 69.3, 64.8, 52.2, 26.3, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 3062, 3032, 2952, 2875, 1752, 1715, 1279, 1197.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 393.1697, found: 393.1702.

Molecule 8o: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl benzofuran-2-carboxylate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7e** (16 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 38 mg, 100%.

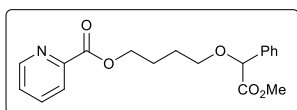
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.67 (dq, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dq, *J* = 7.4 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.41 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.80 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 159.5, 155.6, 145.5, 136.4, 128.6 (2x), 127.5, 127.1, 126.9, 123.7, 122.7, 113.7, 112.3, 81.0, 69.1, 65.1, 52.2, 26.1, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2920, 1722, 1563, 1298, 1177, 1097.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₂O₆ + H]⁺: 383.1489, found: 383.1493.

Molecule 8p: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl picolinate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate

1a (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7f** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash

column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt - 1:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 31 mg, 90%.

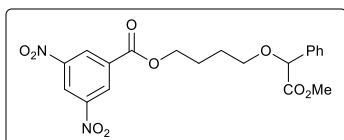
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.74 (dq, *J* = 4.8 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dt, *J* = 5.9 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.43 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.77 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 165.1, 149.8, 148.1, 136.9, 136.5, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1, 126.8, 125.1, 81.1, 69.2, 65.6, 52.2, 26.1, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 1721, 1586, 1439, 1247, 1124, 1091.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₉H₂₁NO₅ + H]⁺: 344.1492, found: 344.1500.

Molecule 8q: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 3,5-dinitrobenzoate



General Procedure C is employed with

aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7g** (21 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 24 mg, 56%.

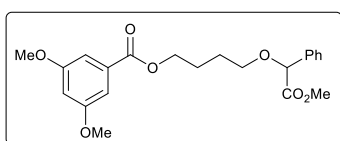
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 9.21 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 9.13 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.70 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.80 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.2, 162.4, 148.6, 136.3, 134.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 122.2, 81.1, 69.0, 66.7, 52.2, 26.0, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3101, 2955, 2920, 1730, 1544, 1346, 1275, 1167, 1076.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₉ + H]⁺: 433.1242, found: 433.1248.

Molecule 8r: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 3,5-dimethoxybenzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7h** (18 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 38 mg, 95%.

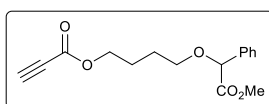
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.80 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 166.3, 160.6, 136.5, 132.2, 128.6 (2x), 127.1, 107.1, 105.5, 81.1, 69.2, 64.8, 55.5, 52.2, 26.2, 25.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2842, 1752, 1715, 1596, 1206, 1156, 1050.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₆O₇ + H]⁺: 403.1751, found: 407.1757.

Molecule 8s: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl propiolate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7i** (7 mg, 6 μL, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 26 mg, 90%.

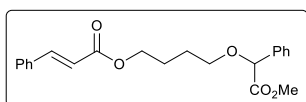
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.61 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 1.85 – 1.71 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 152.7, 136.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 81.1, 74.7, 74.5, 69.0, 66.0, 52.2, 25.9, 25.2.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3257, 2955, 2117, 1748, 1711, 1214, 1102.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₆H₁₈O₅ + H]⁺: 291.1227, found: 291.1230.

Molecule 8t: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl cinnamate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7j** (15 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt, 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 36 mg, 98%.

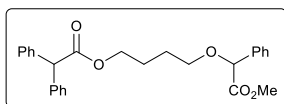
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.68 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.62 – 3.48 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.77 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 167.0, 144.6, 136.5, 134.4, 130.2, 128.8, 128.6 (2x), 128.0, 127.1, 118.1, 81.1, 69.2, 64.2, 52.2, 26.1, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3062, 2954, 1737, 1704, 1639, 1169.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₄O₅ + H]⁺: 369.1697, found: 369.1704.

Molecule 8u: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 2,2-diphenylacetate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7k** (21 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt, 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 43 mg, 100%.

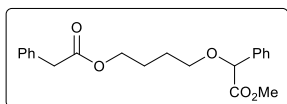
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.44 – 7.25 (m, 15H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.55 – 3.38 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.61 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 172.4, 171.3, 138.7, 136.5, 128.6 (2x), 128.5 (2x), 127.2, 127.1, 81.0, 69.1, 64.8, 57.1, 52.2, 25.9, 25.2.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 2088, 3065, 3032, 2954, 1734, 1456, 1190, 1152.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 433.2010, found: 433.2017.

Molecule 8v: methyl 2-phenyl-2-(4-(2-phenylacetoxy)butoxy)acetate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate

1a (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7I** (14 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash

column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 33 mg, 93%.

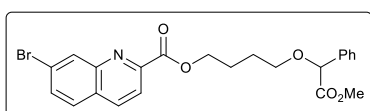
^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.46 – 7.25 (m, 10H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.11 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.56 – 3.41 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.6, 171.3, 136.5, 134.1, 129.2, 128.6 (2x), 128.5, 127.1, 127.0, 81.0, 69.1, 64.5, 52.2, 41.4, 26.0, 25.3.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 3065, 3032, 2954, 1734, 1499, 1456, 1128.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 357.1697, found: 357.1701.

Molecule 8w: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 7-bromoquinoline-2-carboxylate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7m** (25 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1

mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt - 1:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 42 mg, 89%.

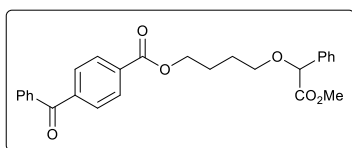
^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.50 – 8.48 (m, 1H), 8.27 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 8.16 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.51 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.78 (m, 4H).

^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 171.3, 164.9, 148.9, 148.1, 137.1, 136.5, 132.9, 132.0, 128.6 (3x), 127.8, 127.1, 124.4, 121.3, 81.1, 69.2, 66.0, 52.2, 26.1, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 2954, 1737, 1611, 1270, 1139, 1113.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 472.0754, found: 472.0764.

Molecule 8x: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 4-benzoylbenzoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7n** (23 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt, 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a white solid: 44 mg, 99%.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.39 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.64 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.80 (m, 4H).

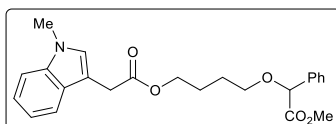
¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 196.0, 171.3, 165.8, 141.2, 136.9, 136.5, 133.4, 132.9, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.1, 81.1, 69.2, 65.1, 52.2, 26.2, 25.5.

M.P.: 77 – 78 °C.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2967, 2875, 1737, 1721, 1661, 1268, 1100.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₇H₂₆O₆ + H]⁺: 447.1802, found: 447.1808.

Molecule 8y: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 1-methyl-1H-indole-3-carboxylate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7o** (19 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt, 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a yellow oil: 38 mg, 96%.

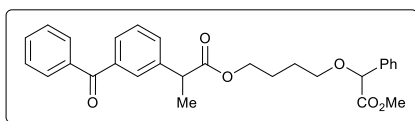
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.29 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.58 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.67 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 172.1, 171.3, 136.8, 136.5, 128.6 (2x), 127.6 (2x), 127.1, 121.6, 119.0, 118.9, 109.2, 106.8, 81.0, 69.2, 64.4, 52.2, 32.6, 31.2, 26.0, 25.3.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3058, 2952, 1730, 1475, 1134, 1117.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₇NO₅ + H]⁺: 410.1962, found: 410.1967.

Molecule 8z: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 2-(3-benzoylphenyl)propanoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), Ketoprofen **7p** (25 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a**

(0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 47 mg, 99%, > 20:1 dr.

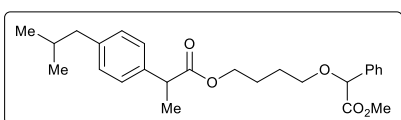
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.66 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.32 (m, 10H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.55 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 196.4, 174.0, 171.3, 140.9, 137.8 137.4, 136.4, 132.4, 131.4, 130.0, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5 (2x), 128.2, 127.1, 81.0, 69.1, 64.6, 52.2, 45.4, 25.9, 25.2, 18.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2877, 1732, 1657, 1283, 1171.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₉H₃₀O₆ + H]⁺: 475.2115, found: 475.2121.

Molecule 8aa: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), Ibuprofen **7q** (21 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL).

Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as an yellow oil: 42 mg, 99%, >20:1 dr.

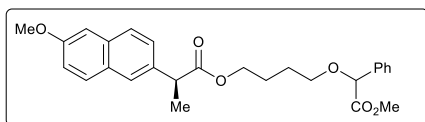
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.69 - 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.51 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 2.44 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 174.7, 171.3, 140.4, 137.8, 136.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.1 (2x), 81.0, 69.1, 64.3, 52.1, 45.1, 45.0, 30.1, 25.9, 25.2, 22.3, 18.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2955, 2870, 1734, 1456, 1167, 1097.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₆H₃₄O₅ + H]⁺: 427.2479, found: 427.2486.

Molecule 8bb: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl (2S)-2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propanoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), Naproxen **7r** (23 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF (0.1

M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt - 8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 32 mg, 71%, >20:1 dr.

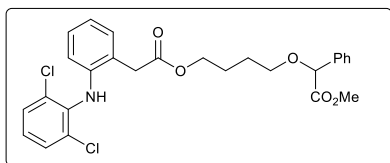
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.83 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.51 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) (1C cannot be unambiguously assigned) δ: 174.7, 171.3, 157.6, 136.5, 135.7, 133.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6 (2x), 127.1, 126.2, 125.9, 118.9, 105.5, 81.0, 69.1, 64.4, 55.2, 52.2, 45.4, 26.0, 25.2, 18.5.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2851, 1730, 1607, 1456, 1175.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₇H₃₀O₆ + H]⁺: 451.2115, found: 451.2122.

Molecule 8cc: *methyl 2-(4-(2-(2-((2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino)phenyl)acetoxymethyl)phenoxy)butyl 2-phenylacetate*



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), Diclofenac **7s** (25 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂,

gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 44 mg, 85%.

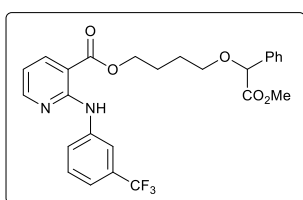
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.46 – 7.32 (m, 7H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.57 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.68 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 172.4, 171.3, 142.7, 137.8, 136.5, 130.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6 (2x), 127.9, 127.1, 124.4, 123.9, 121.9, 118.2, 81.0, 69.1, 65.0, 52.2, 38.6, 26.0, 25.3.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2918, 2851, 1737, 1721, 1452, 1210.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₇H₂₇Cl₂NO₅ + H]⁺: 516.1339, found: 516.1349.

Molecule 8dd: *4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 2-((3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)nicotinate*



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), Niflumic Acid **7t** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt -

8:2 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 40 mg, 80%.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 10.39 (s, 1H), 8.41 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.38 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.65 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 1.99 – 1.77 (m, 4H).

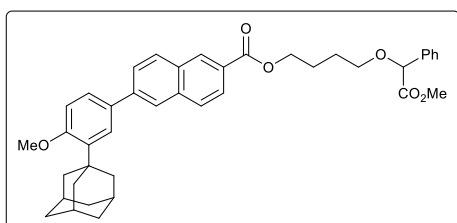
¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 167.4, 155.7, 152.9, 140.3, 140.1, 136.4, 131.0 (q, *J* = 31.9 Hz), 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 124.2 (q, *J* = 270.6 Hz), 123.4,

118.9 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 117.0 (q, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 114.0, 107.6, 81.1, 69.1, 65.1, 52.2, 26.2, 25.4.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 3276, 3315, 2954, 1687, 1331, 1089, 1119.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{H}]^+$: 503.1788, found: 503.1797.

Molecule 8ee: 4-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)butyl 6-(3-((3*r*,5*r*,7*r*)-adamantan-1-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate



General Procedure C is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), Adapalene **7u** (41 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a white solid: 58 mg, 92%.

Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a white solid: 58 mg, 92%.

^1H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.12 – 7.93 (m, 4H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 8.5$, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.46 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.71 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 6H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.02 – 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.85 (s, 6H).

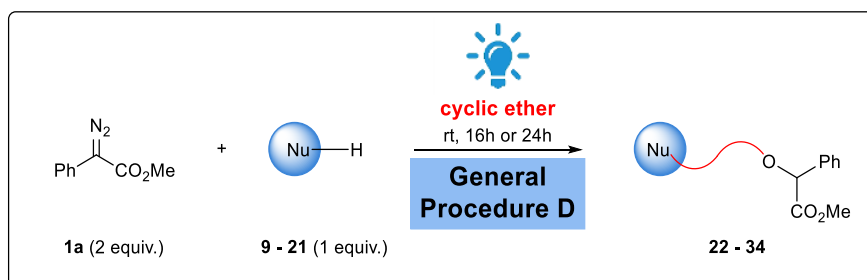
^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3) (1C cannot be unambiguously assigned) δ : 171.3, 166.7, 158.8, 141.3, 138.9, 136.5, 135.9, 132.5, 131.2, 130.7, 129.6, 128.6 (2x), 128.1, 127.1, 126.4, 125.9, 125.7, 125.5, 124.6, 112.0, 81.1, 69.3, 64.7, 55.1, 52.2, 40.5, 37.1 (2x), 29.0, 26.3, 25.5.

M.P.: 142 – 143 °C.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}): 2903, 2879, 2851, 1711, 1275, 1218, 1098.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for $[\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_6 + \text{H}]^+$: 633.3211, found: 633.3219.

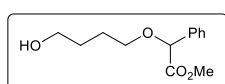
2.4 Using Other Nucleophiles and Cyclic Ethers



General Procedure D: Photochemical Ring-Opening of Cyclic Ethers Using Aryldiazoacetates and Nucleophiles

A 4 mL vial is charged with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (2 equiv.), a nucleophile **9-21** (1 equiv.), and the cyclic ether **3** (0.1 M in relation to the nucleophile). The reaction mixture is stirred under blue light irradiation (using two lamps, 15 W each, displaced at approximate distances of 10 cm each from the reaction vessel). Then, the reaction mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue is purified by flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding compound **22-34** in the stated yield.

Molecule 22: methyl 2-(4-hydroxybutoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (18 mg, 0.1 mmol), H₂O **9** (250 μ L, 13.9 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 22 mg, 92%.

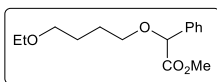
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.67 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (dt, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dt, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (br s, 1H), 1.78 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.65 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.3, 136.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 81.2, 69.8, 62.6, 52.3, 29.8, 26.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3425, 2950, 2872, 1749, 1437, 1212, 1121.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for [C₁₃H₁₈O₄ + H]⁺: 239.1278, found: 239.1277.

Molecule 23: methyl 2-(4-ethoxybutoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (18 mg, 0.1 mmol), 1:4 EtOH **10**:THF **3a** (200 μ L:800 μ L, 0.1 M), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 24 mg, 91%.

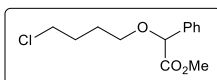
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.46 -7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.60 – 3.39 (m, 6H), 1.76 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.4, 136.6, 128.5 (x2), 127.1, 81.0, 70.2, 69.6, 66.0, 52.2, 26.3 (x2), 15.2.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2864, 1752, 1737, 1171, 1108.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₅H₂₂O₄ + H]⁺: 267.1591, found: 267.1590.

Molecule 24: methyl 2-(4-chlorobutoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (18 mg, 0.1 mmol), and 1:4 HCl(aq) 1M **11**:THF **3a** (200 μ L:800 μ L, 0.1 M). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 21 mg, 83%.

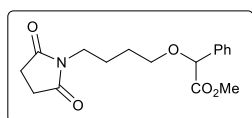
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.62 - 3.41 (m, 4H), 1.97 - 1.75 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 171.3, 136.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 81.0, 68.9, 52.2, 44.8, 29.3, 26.9.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2954, 2875, 1748, 1210, 1117.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₃H₁₇ClO₃ + H]⁺: 257.0939, found: 257.0940.

Molecule 25: methyl 2-(4-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), succinimide **12** (10 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 23 mg, 72%.

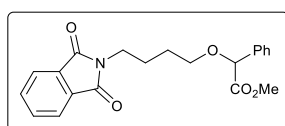
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.58 – 3.39 (m, 4H), 2.67 (s, 4H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 177.2, 171.3, 136.5, 128.6 (2x), 127.1, 81.0, 69.1, 52.2, 38.4, 28.1, 26.9, 24.4.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2950, 2872, 1750, 1694, 1402, 1171, 1125.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₁₇H₂₁NO₅ + H]⁺: 320.1492, found: 320.1494.

Molecule 26: methyl 2-(4-(1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), phthalimide **13** (15 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords

the title compound as a colorless oil: 31 mg, 85%.

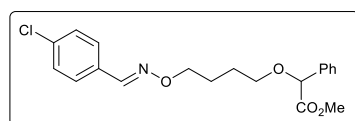
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.82 (dd, *J* = 5.5 Hz, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 5.5 Hz, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 7.9 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.73 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dt, *J* = 9.0 Hz, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dt, *J* = 9.0 Hz, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.66 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 168.4, 136.5, 133.8, 132.1, 128.6, 127.1, 123.1, 81.1, 69.1, 52.2, 37.6, 26.9, 25.3.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2950, 2872, 1752, 1704, 1396, 1210, 1048.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₁NO₅ + H]⁺: 368.1492, found: 368.1494.

Molecule 27: ⁶ methyl (*E*)-2-(4-(((4-chlorobenzylidene)amino)oxy)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), (*E*)-4-chlorobenzaldehyde oxime **14** (15 mg, 0.1 mmol) and

⁶ Spectroscopic data is in good agreement with the literature. See: Q. Li, B.-G. Cai, L. Li, J. Xuan, *Org. Lett.* 2021, **23**, 6951-6955.

THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a pale yellow oil: 36 mg, 96%.

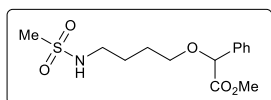
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.18 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.62 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.77 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.4, 147.1, 136.6, 135.4, 130.9, 128.9, 128.6 (2x), 128.1, 127.1, 81.0, 74.0, 69.5, 52.2, 26.0, 25.8.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2950, 2874, 1752, 1737, 1493, 1210, 1091, 1015.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for [C₂₀H₂₂ClNO₄ + H]⁺: 376.1310, found: 376.1312.

Molecule 28: methyl 2-(4-(methylsulfonamido)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), methanesulfonamide **15** (9.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 28 mg, 89%.

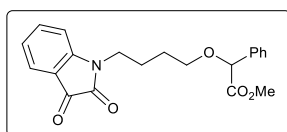
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) (1H cannot be unambiguously assigned) δ: 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.59 – 3.40 (m, 2H), 3.18 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 1.77 – 1.67 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 136.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.2, 81.1, 69.2, 52.3, 42.9, 40.0, 27.2, 26.7.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3303, 2954, 2872, 1745, 1316, 1212, 1149.

HRMS (ESI+): calcd. for [C₁₄H₂₁NO₅S + H]⁺: 316.1213, found: 316.1214.

Molecule 29: methyl 2-(4-(2,3-dioxindolin-1-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), isatin **16** (15 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column

chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a reddish oil: 29 mg, 79%.

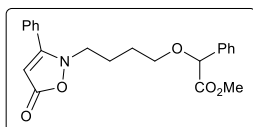
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.66 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 1.89 - 1.68 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 183.6, 171.3, 158.2, 151.0, 138.3, 136.4, 128.7 (x2), 127.1, 125.4, 123.6, 117.6, 110.4, 81.1, 69.0, 52.2, 39.9, 26.7, 24.0.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2952, 2874, 1737, 1613, 1471, 1359, 1097.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₁NO₅ + H]⁺: 368.1492, found: 368.1492.

Molecule 30: methyl 2-(4-(5-oxo-3-phenylisoxazol-2(5H)-yl)butoxy)-2-phenylacetate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), 3-phenylisoxazol-5(4*H*)-one **17** (16 mg, 0.1 mmol), and THF **3a** (0.1 M, 1 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex – 95:5 Hex:AcOEt - 9:1 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a brownish oil: 27 mg, 71%.

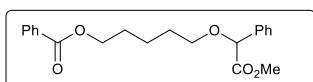
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.74 (dd, *J* = 6.6 Hz, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.32 – 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dt, *J* = 9.0 Hz, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dt, *J* = 9.1 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.81 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 173.8, 171.3, 164.1, 136.4, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.1, 126.4, 81.1, 75.7, 72.1, 69.0, 52.2, 25.8, 25.7.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 2359, 2345, 1750, 1655, 1613, 1475, 1138.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₂H₂₃NO₅ + H]⁺: 382.1649, found: 382.1649.

Molecule 8ff: 5-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)pentyl benzoate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate **1a** (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzoic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran **3b** (0.1 M, 1 mL), while

simultaneously heating at 60 °C. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 29 mg, 80%.

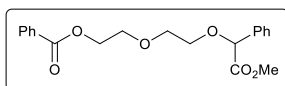
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¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.4, 166.6, 136.6, 132.8, 130.4, 129.5, 128.6 (2x), 128.3, 127.1, 81.1, 69.6, 64.9, 52.2, 29.2, 28.4, 22.6.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3065, 3032, 2950, 2868, 1752, 1715, 1274, 1100.

HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₄O₅ + H]⁺: 357.1697, found: 357.1701.

Molecule 8gg: 2-(2-(2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethoxy)ethoxy)ethyl benzoate



General Procedure D is employed with aryldiazoacetate

1a (35 mg, 0.2 mmol), carboxylic acid **7a** (12 mg, 0.1 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane **3c** (0.1 M, 1 mL), while simultaneously heating at 60 °C. Purification by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, gradient: Hex - 95:5 Hex:AcOEt) affords the title compound as a colorless oil: 29 mg, 80%.

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.49 – 4.45 (m, 2H), 3.85 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.79 – 3.70 (m, 4H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

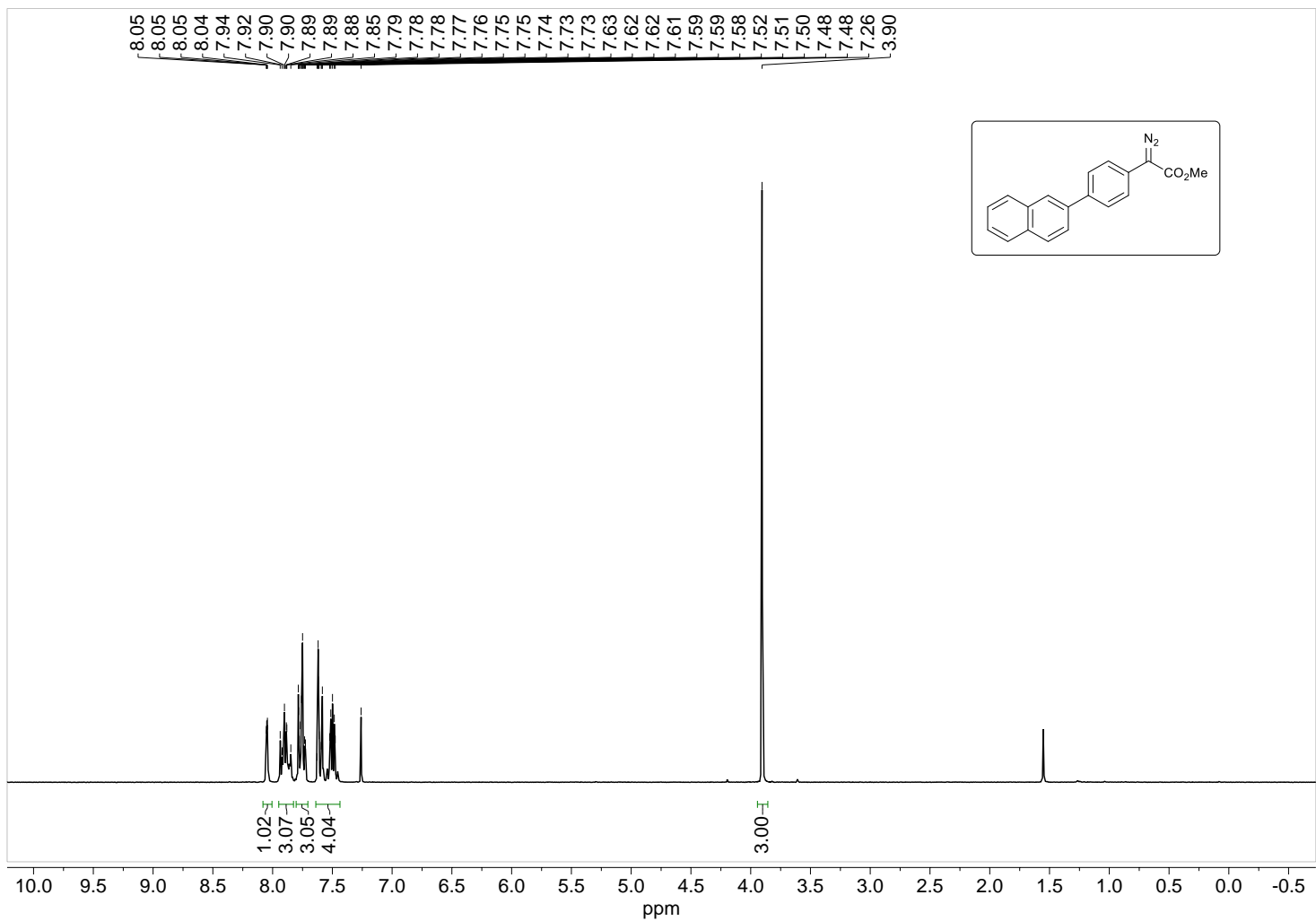
¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 171.3, 166.5, 136.3, 132.9, 130.1, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.3, 81.3, 70.7, 69.3, 68.9, 64.1, 52.2.

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3036, 3005, 2954, 1756, 1722, 1251, 1098, 1028.

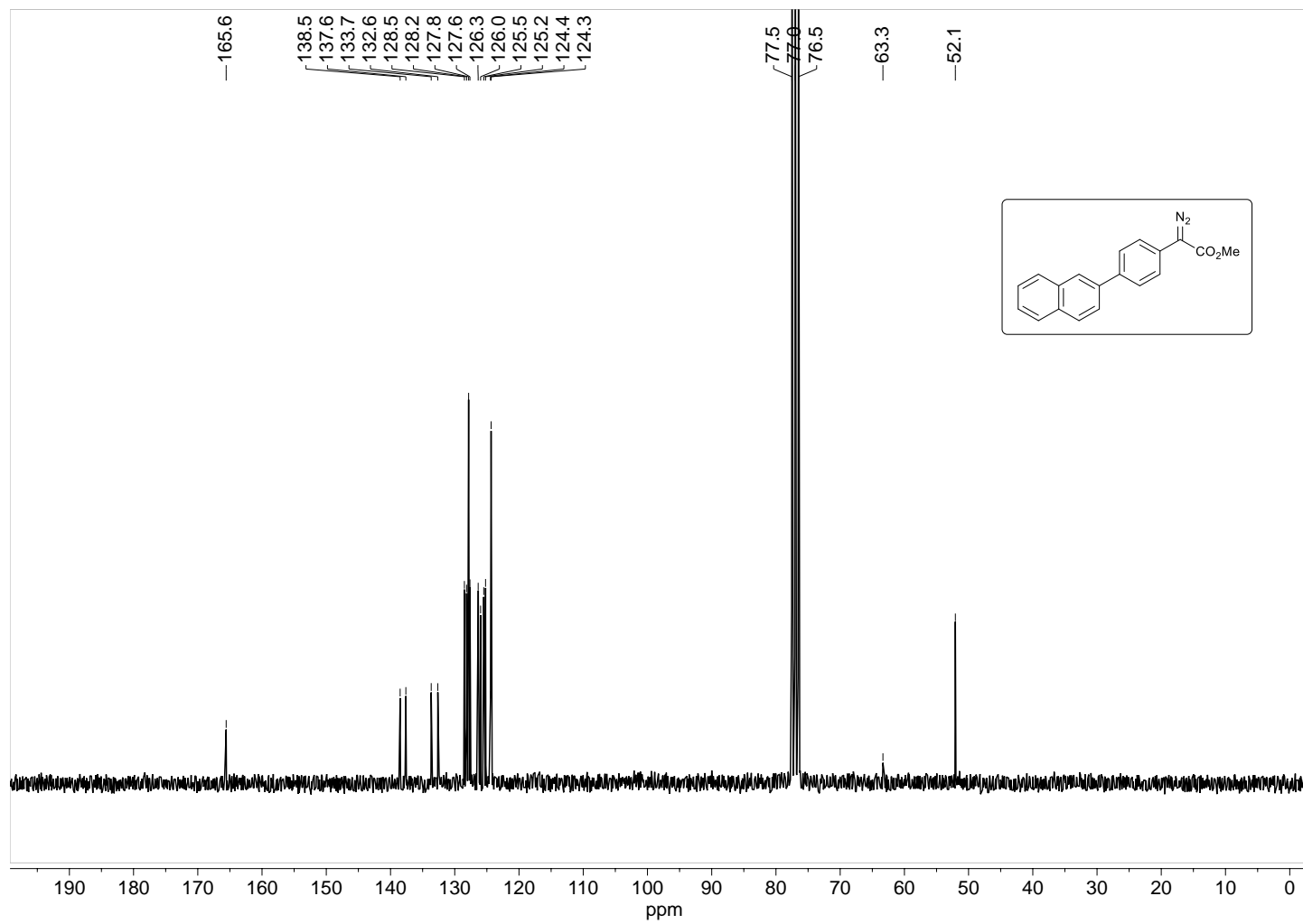
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3. ¹H AND ¹³C NMR SPECTRA OF COMPOUNDS

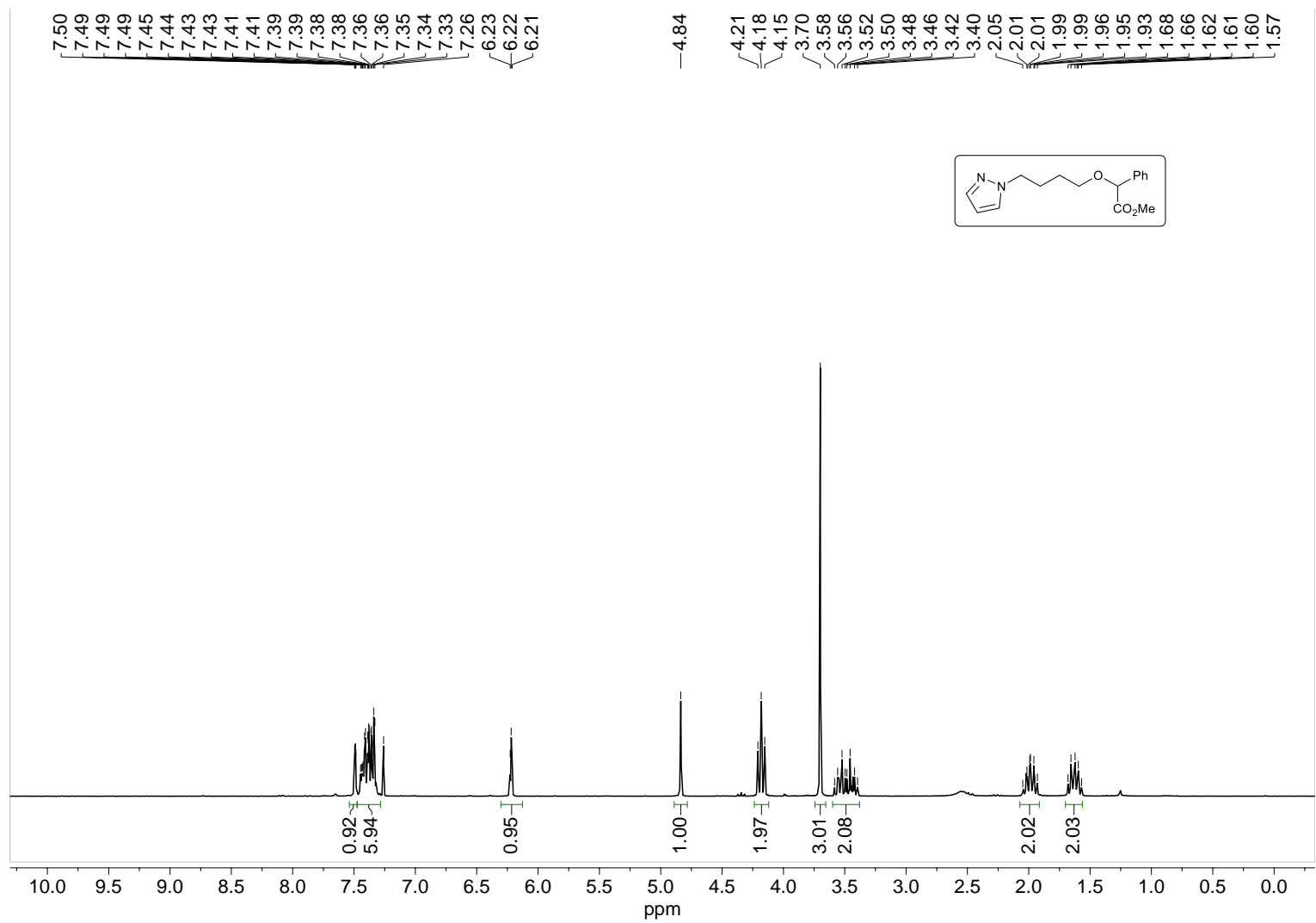
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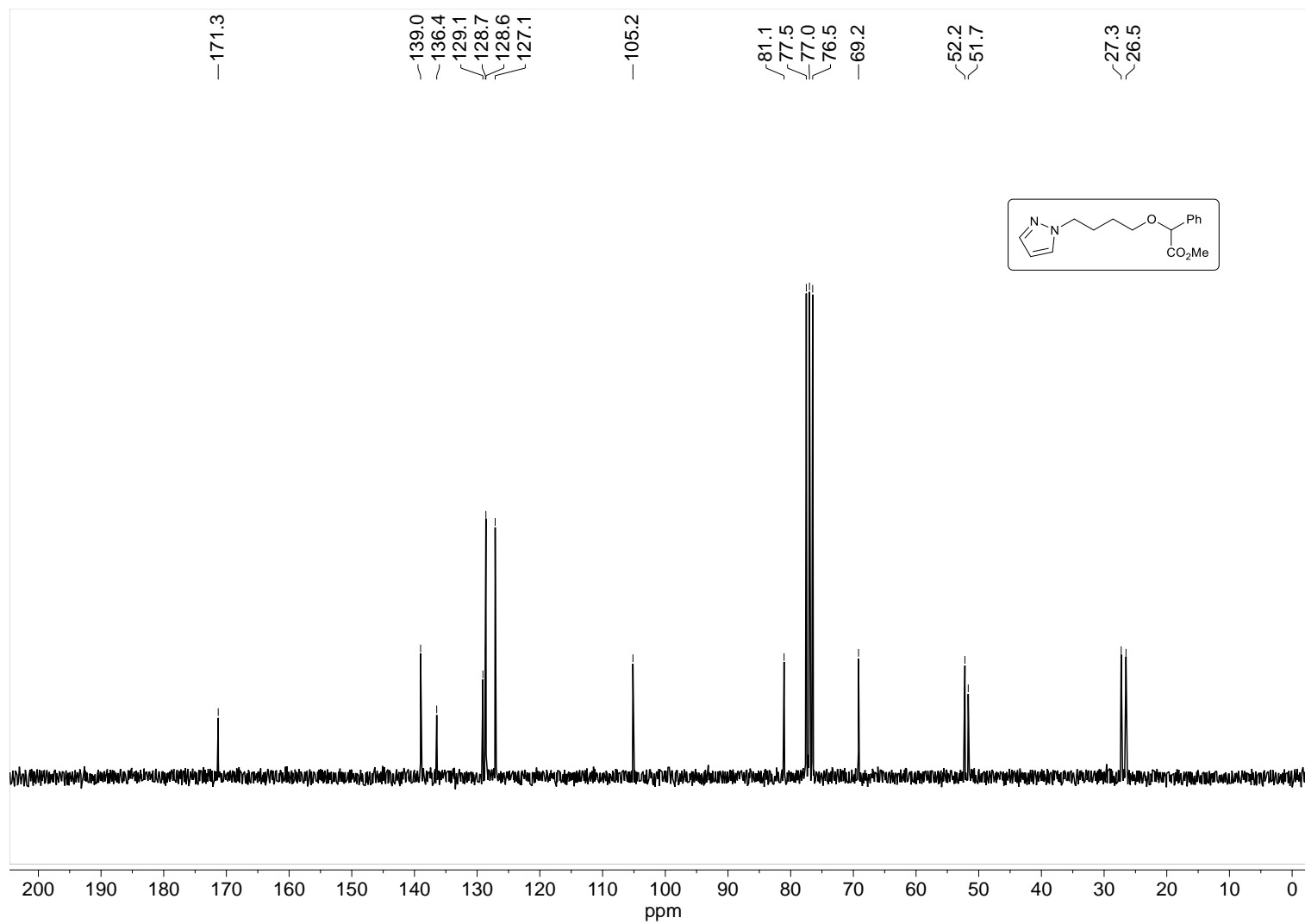
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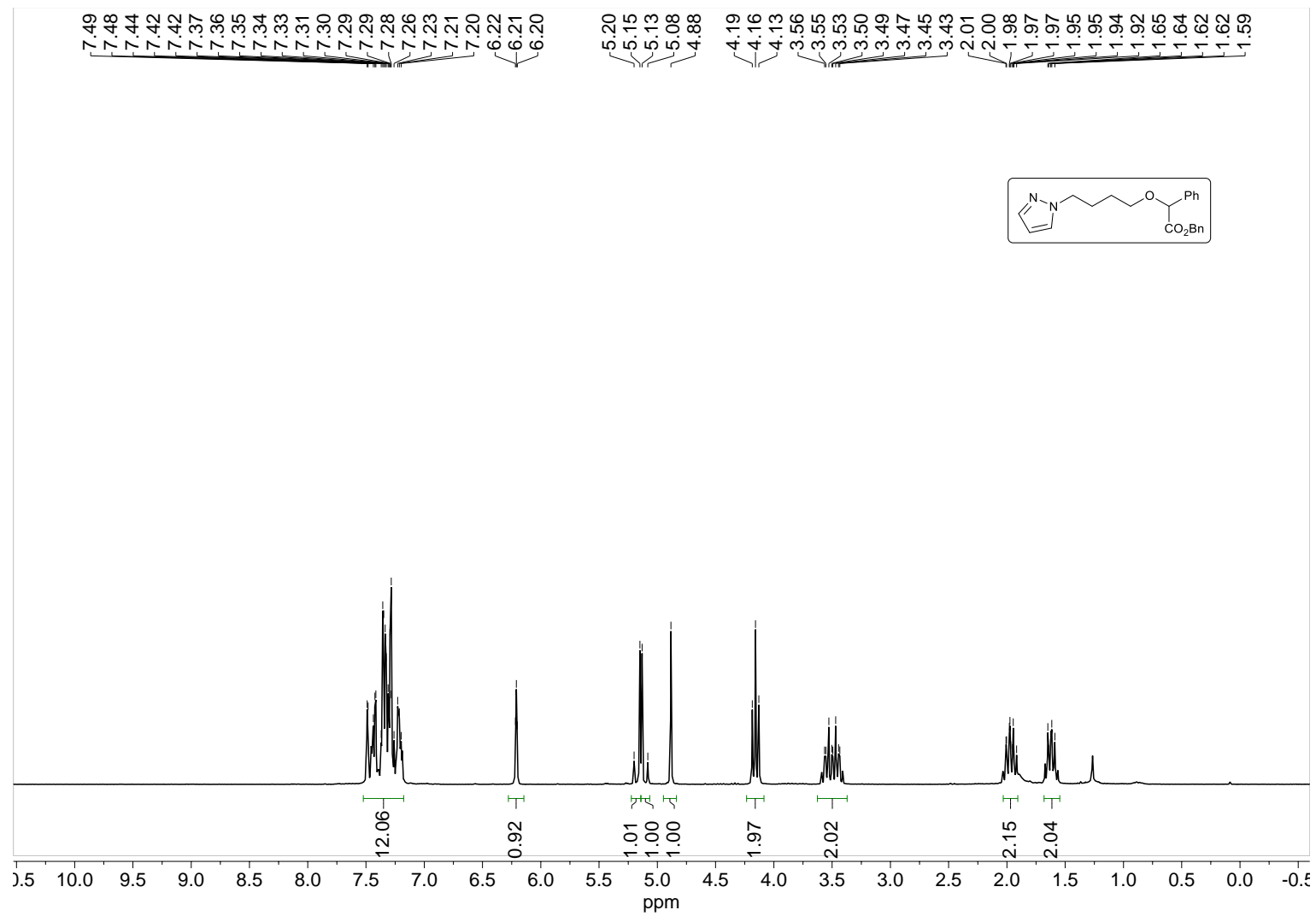
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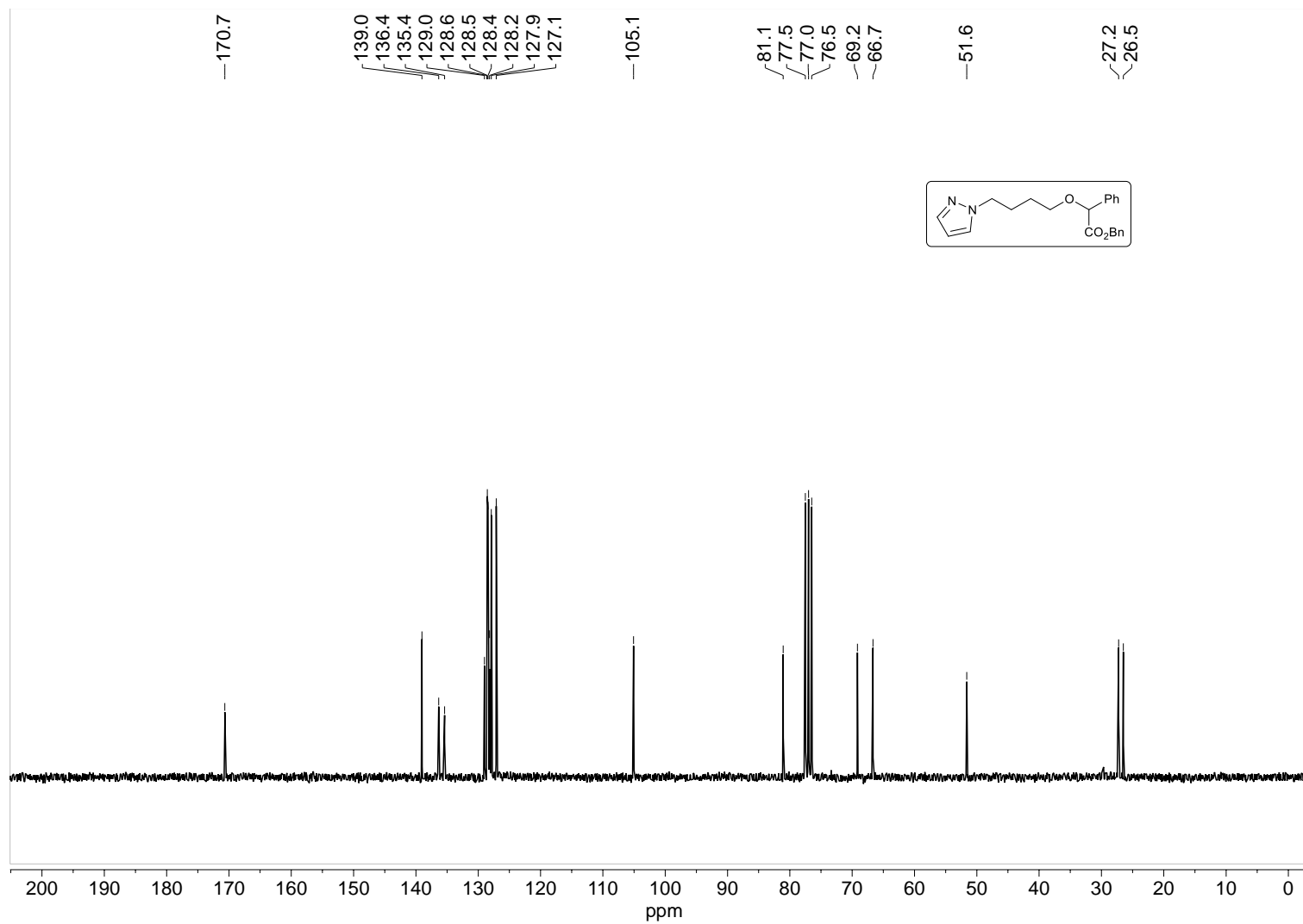
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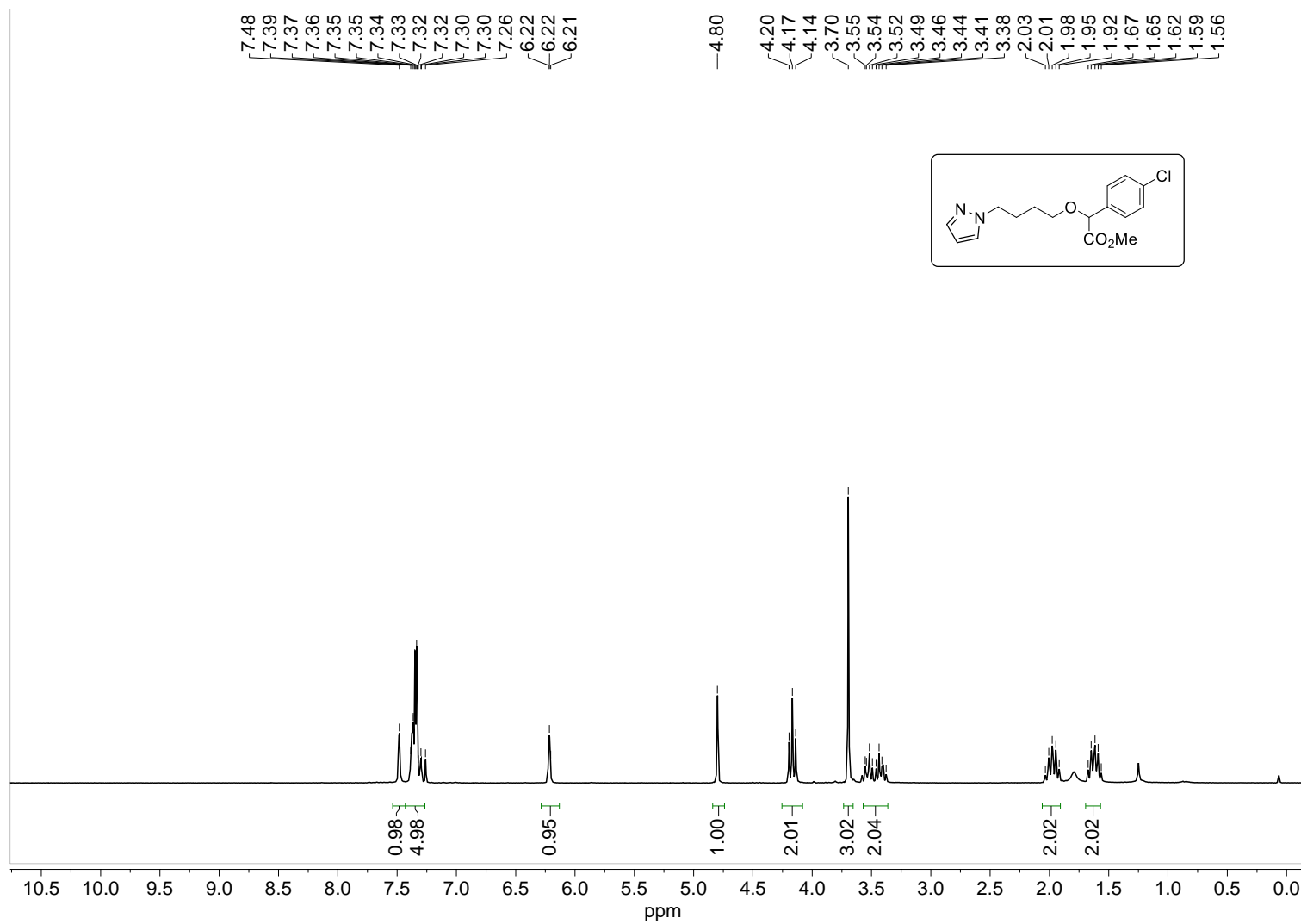
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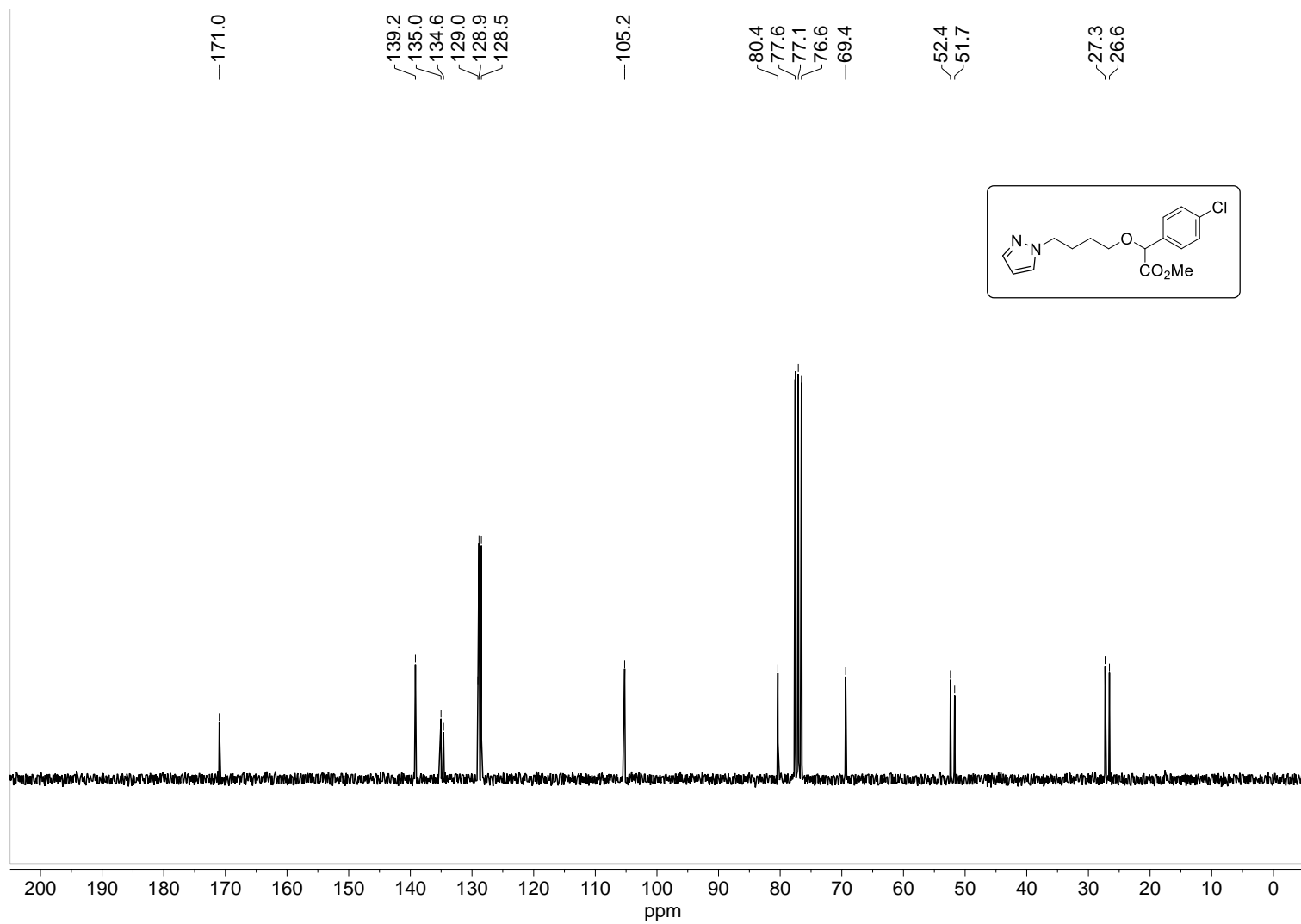
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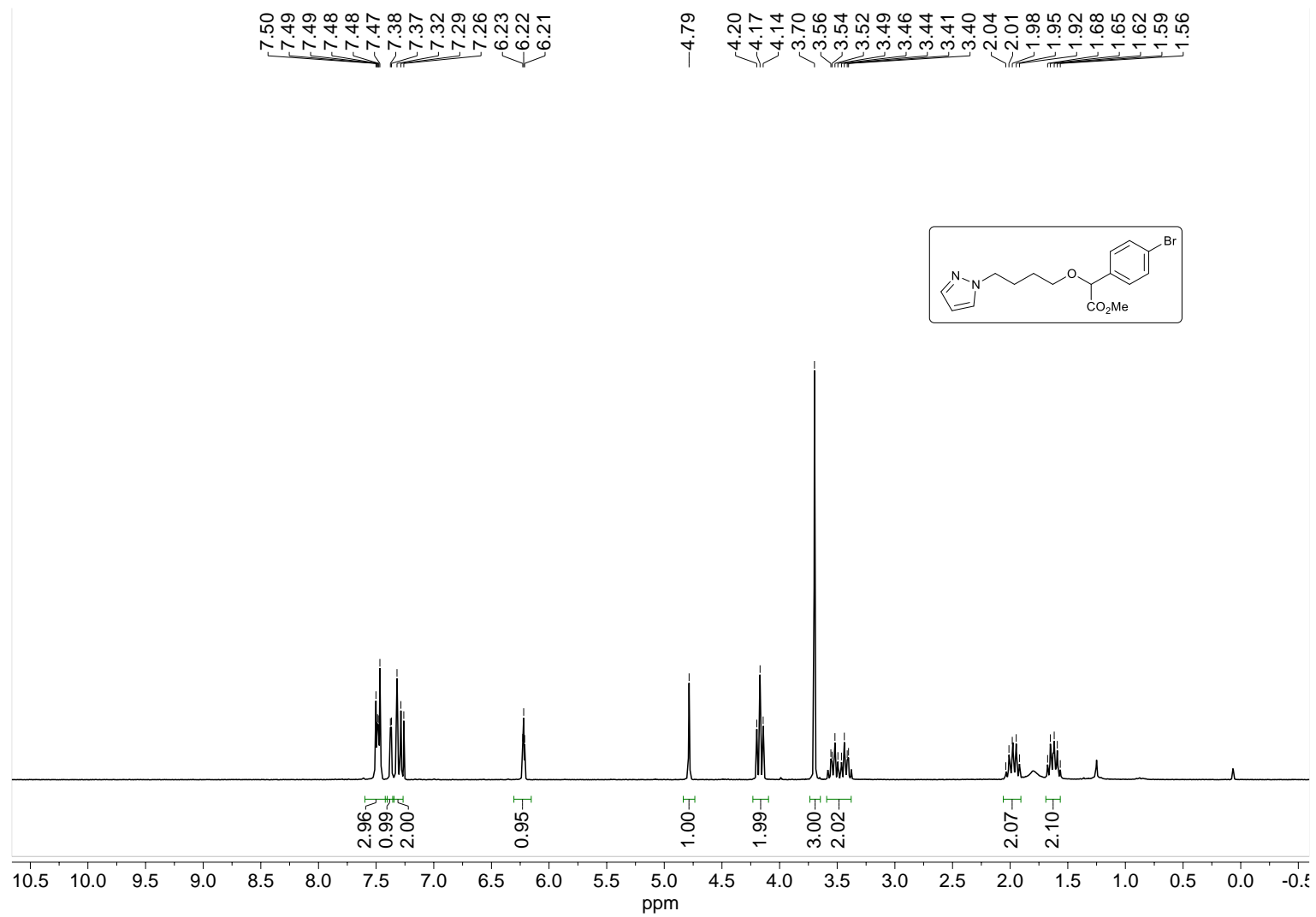
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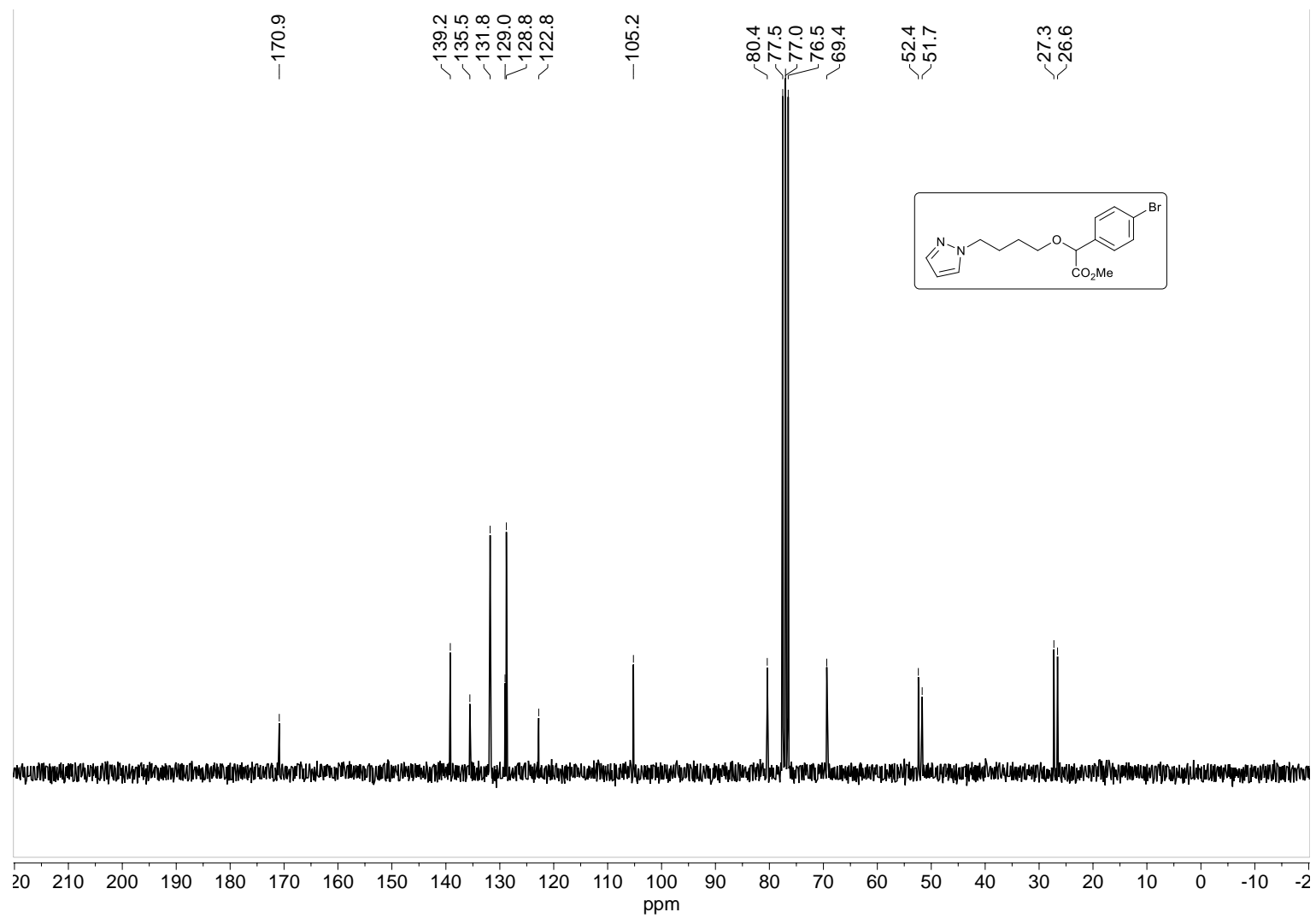
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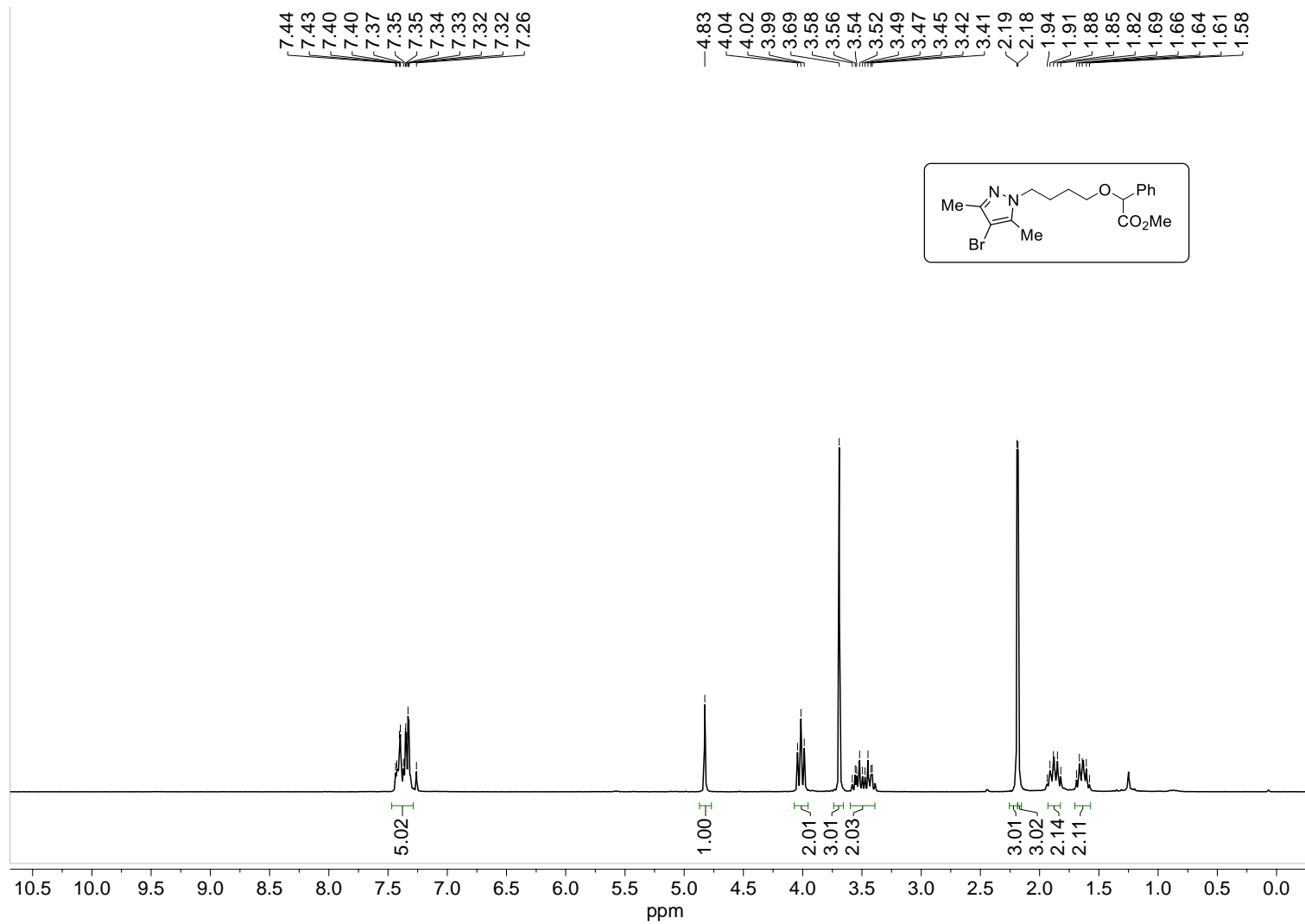
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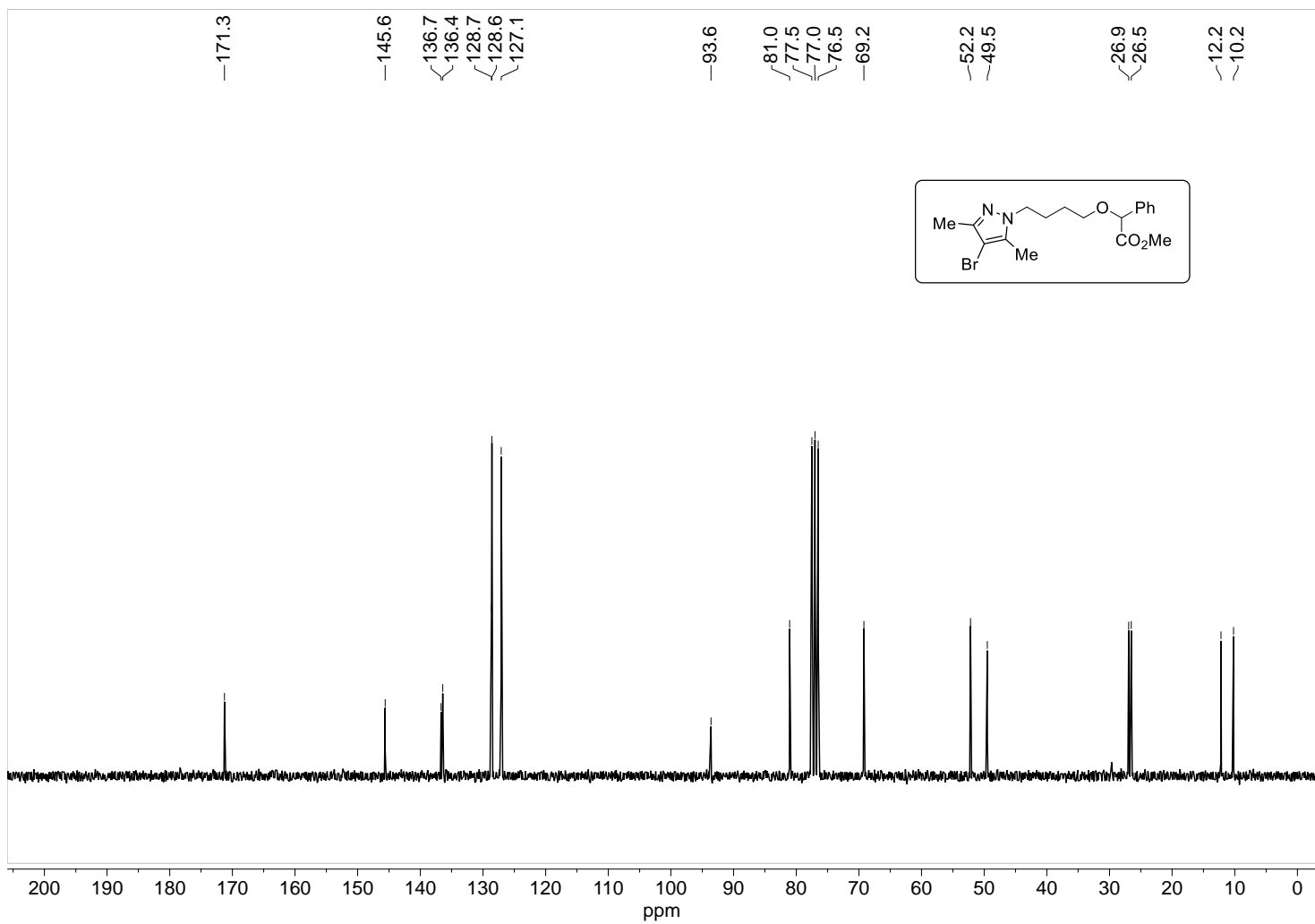
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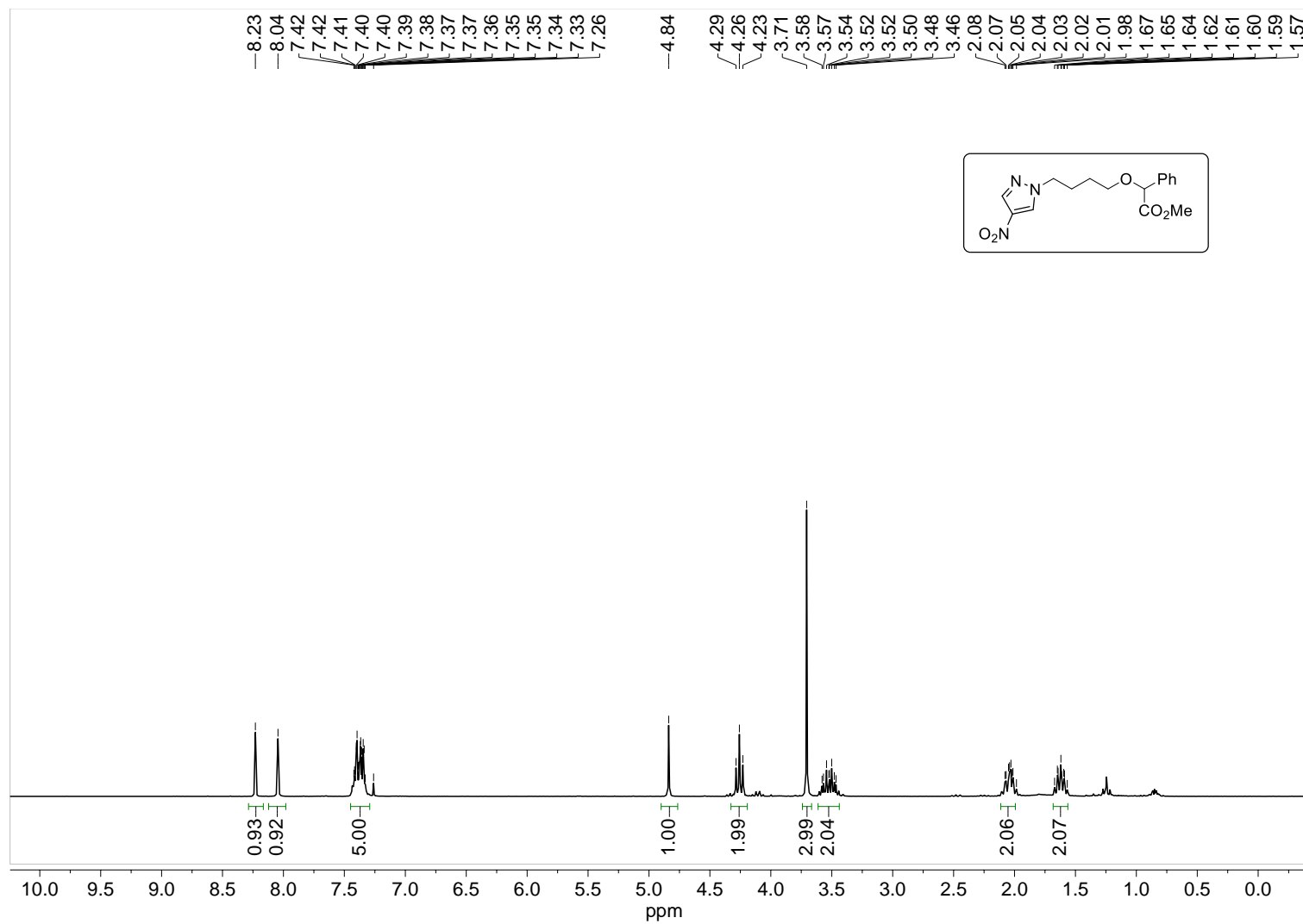
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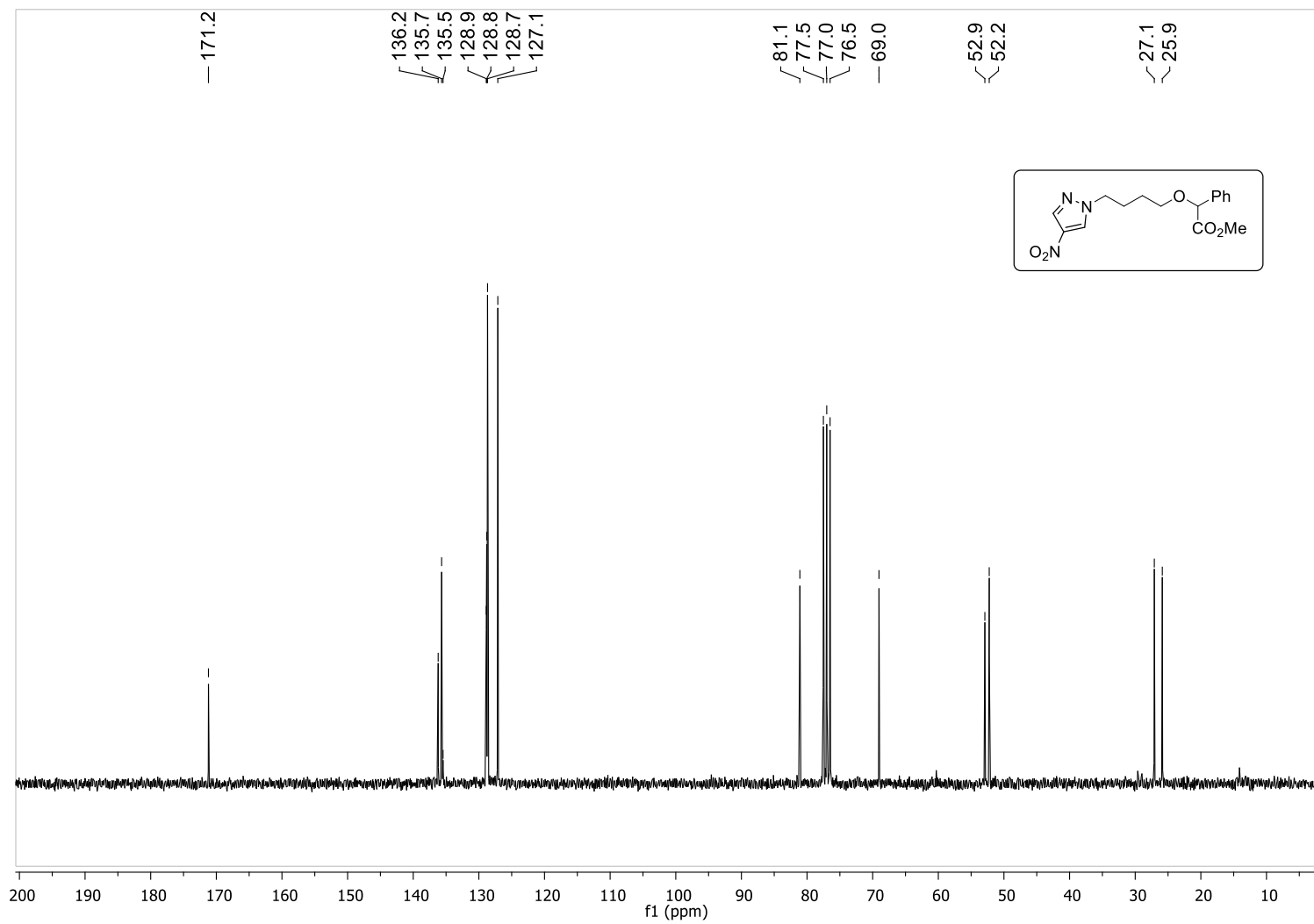
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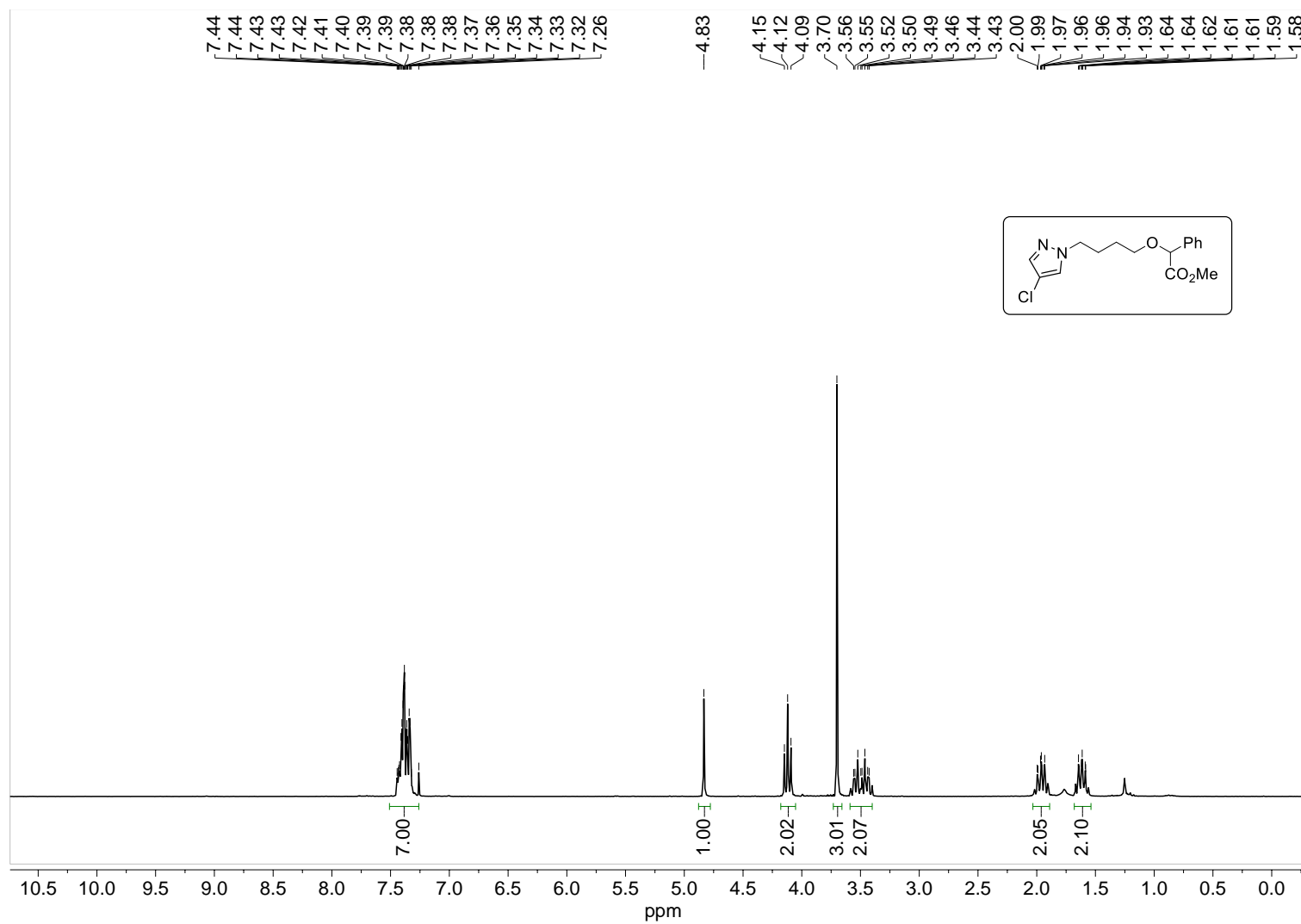
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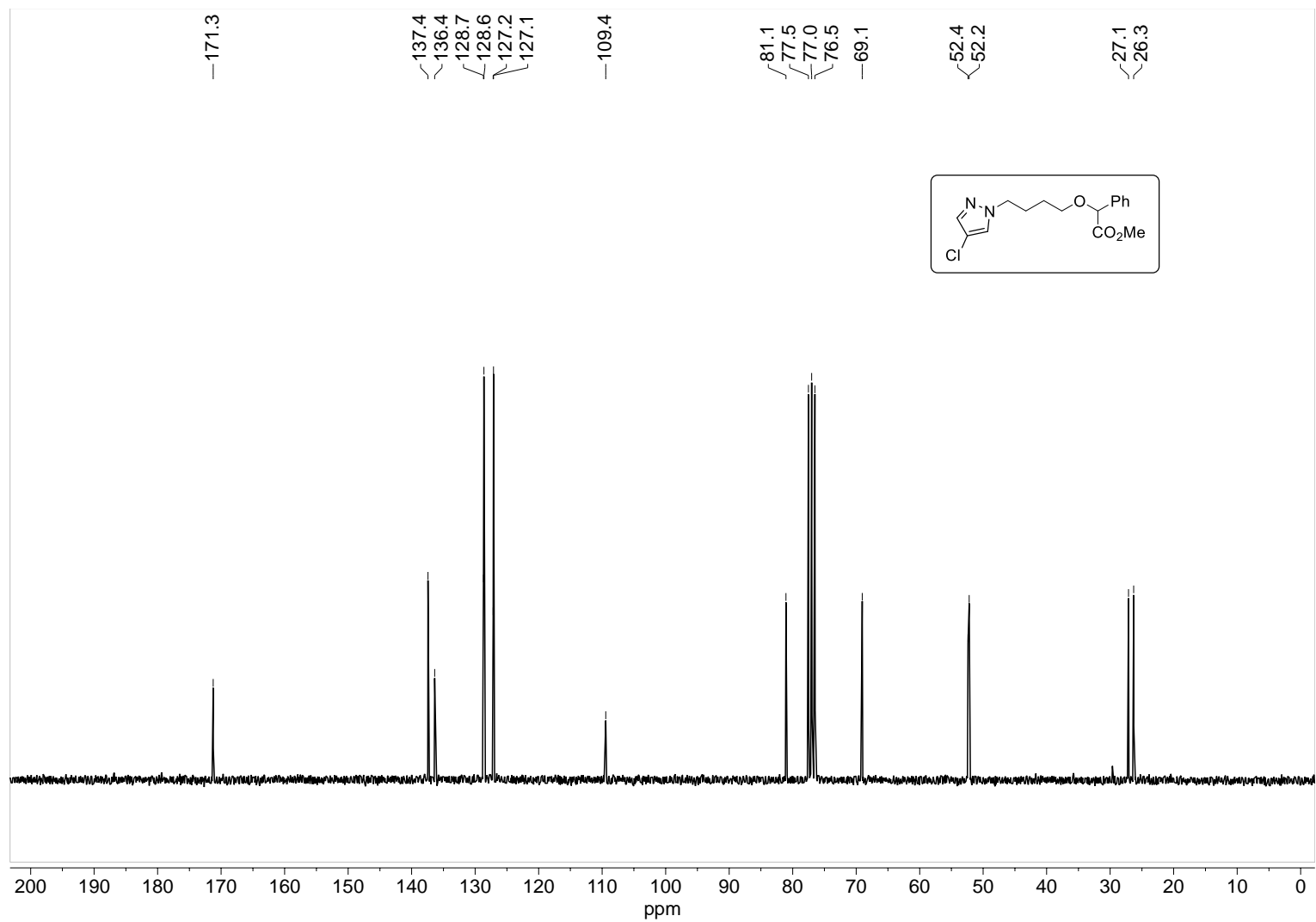
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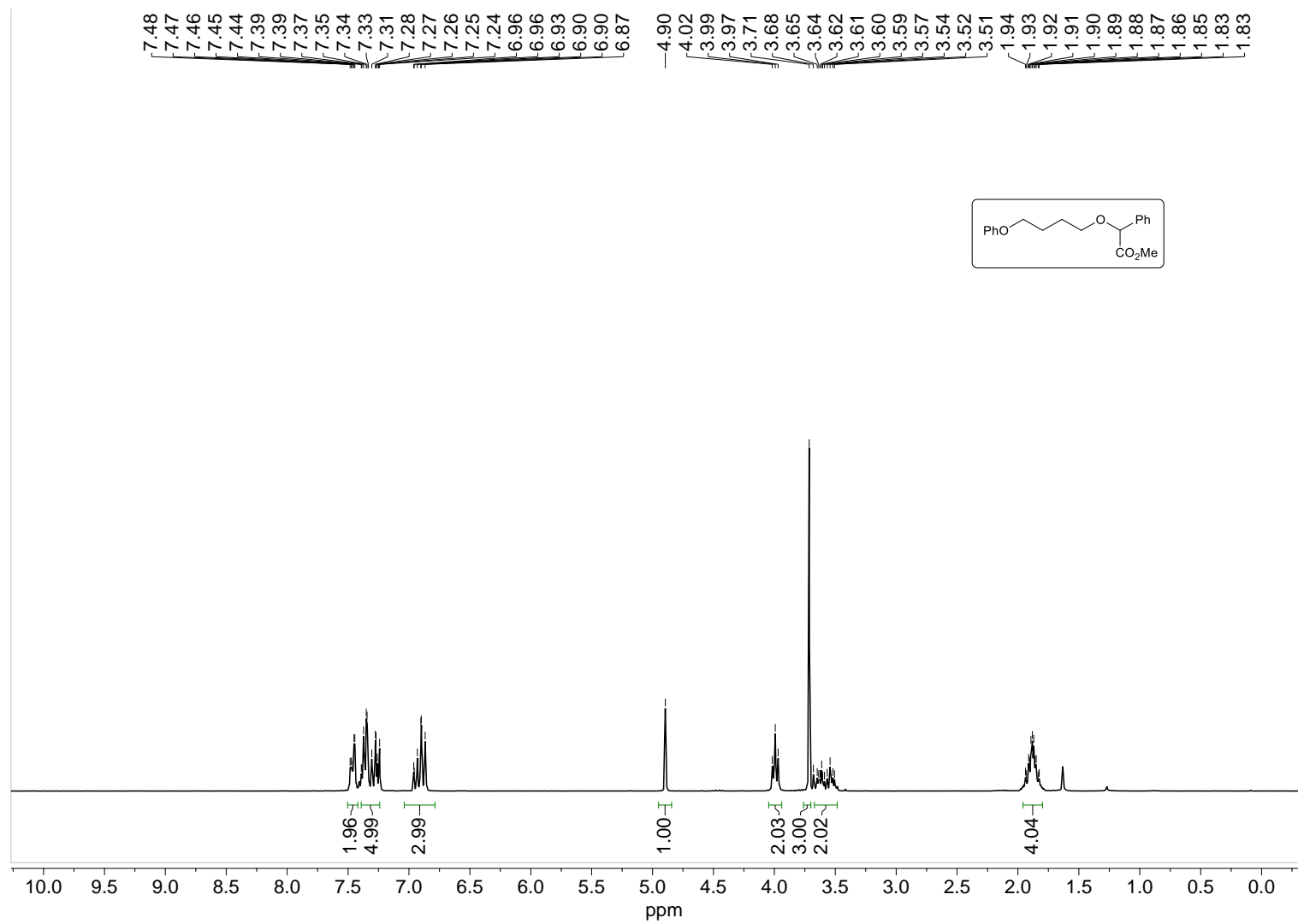
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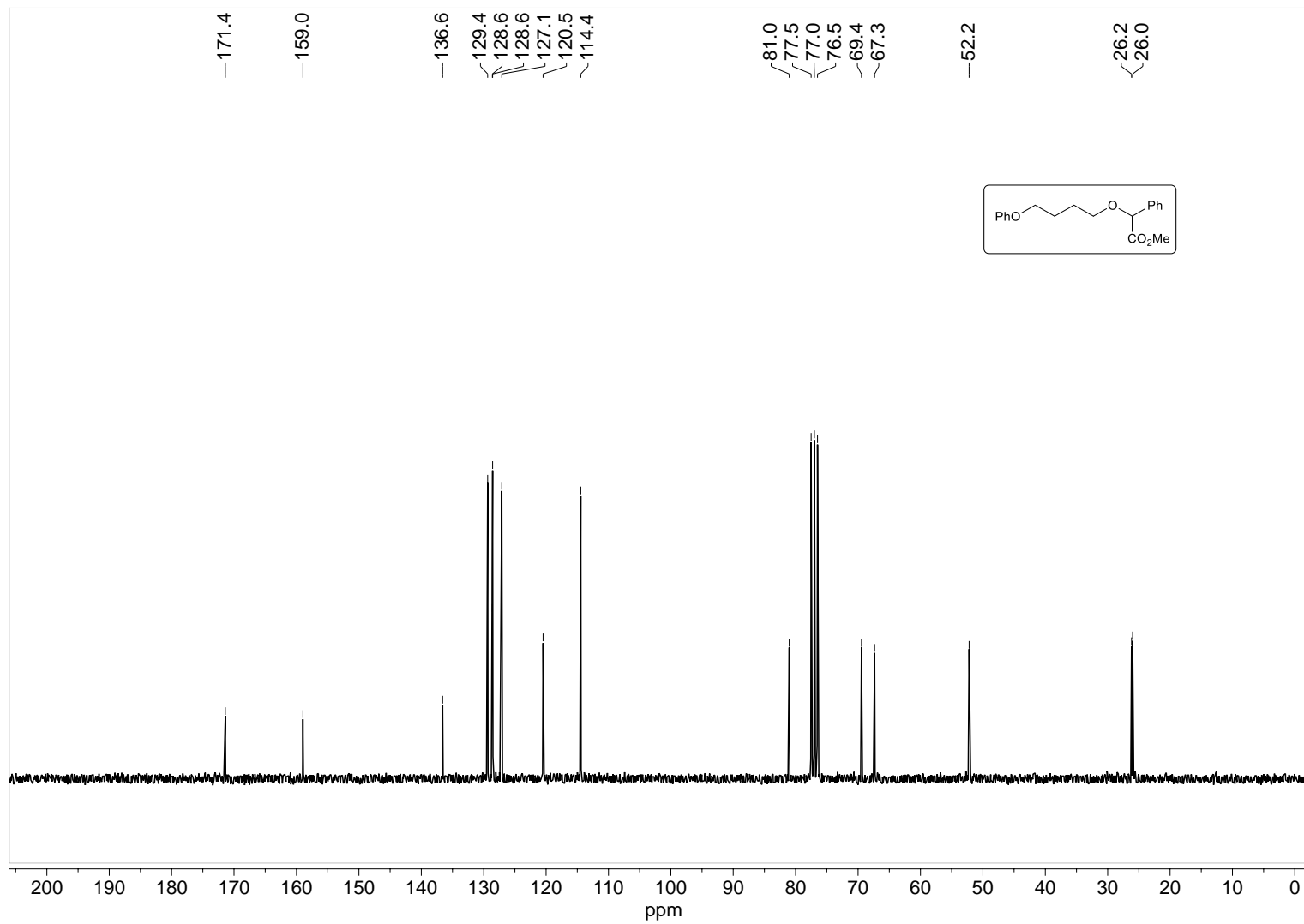
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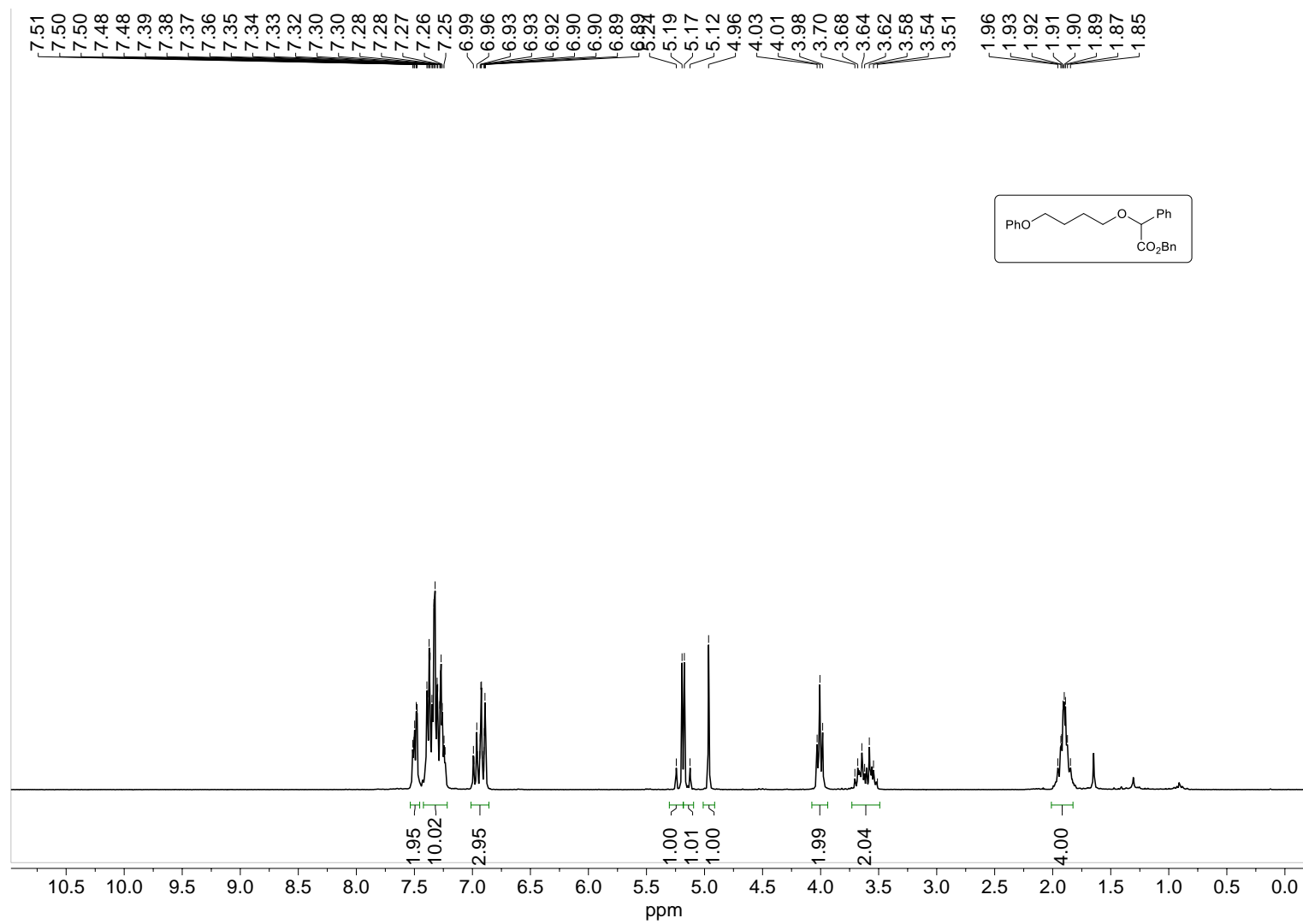
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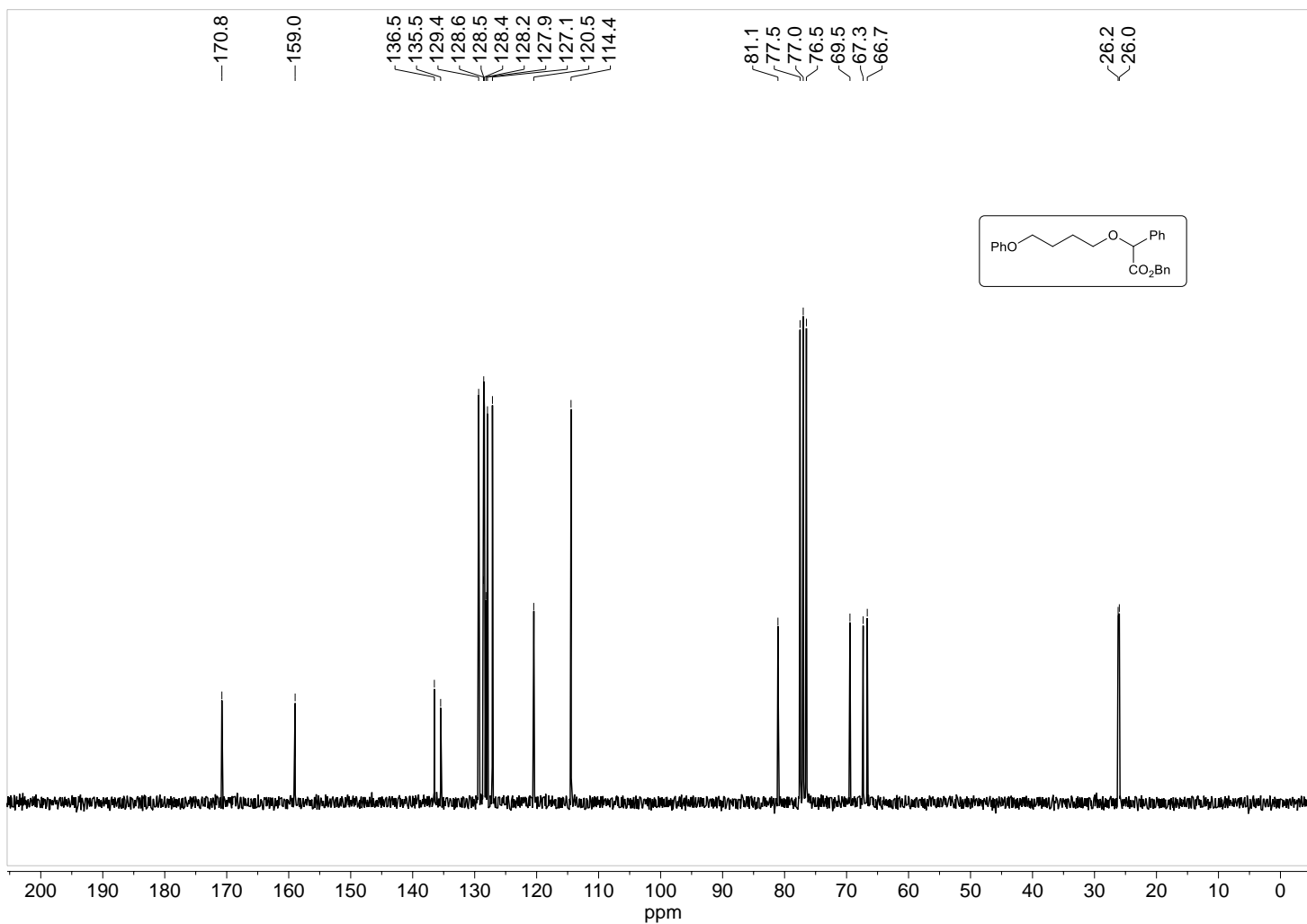
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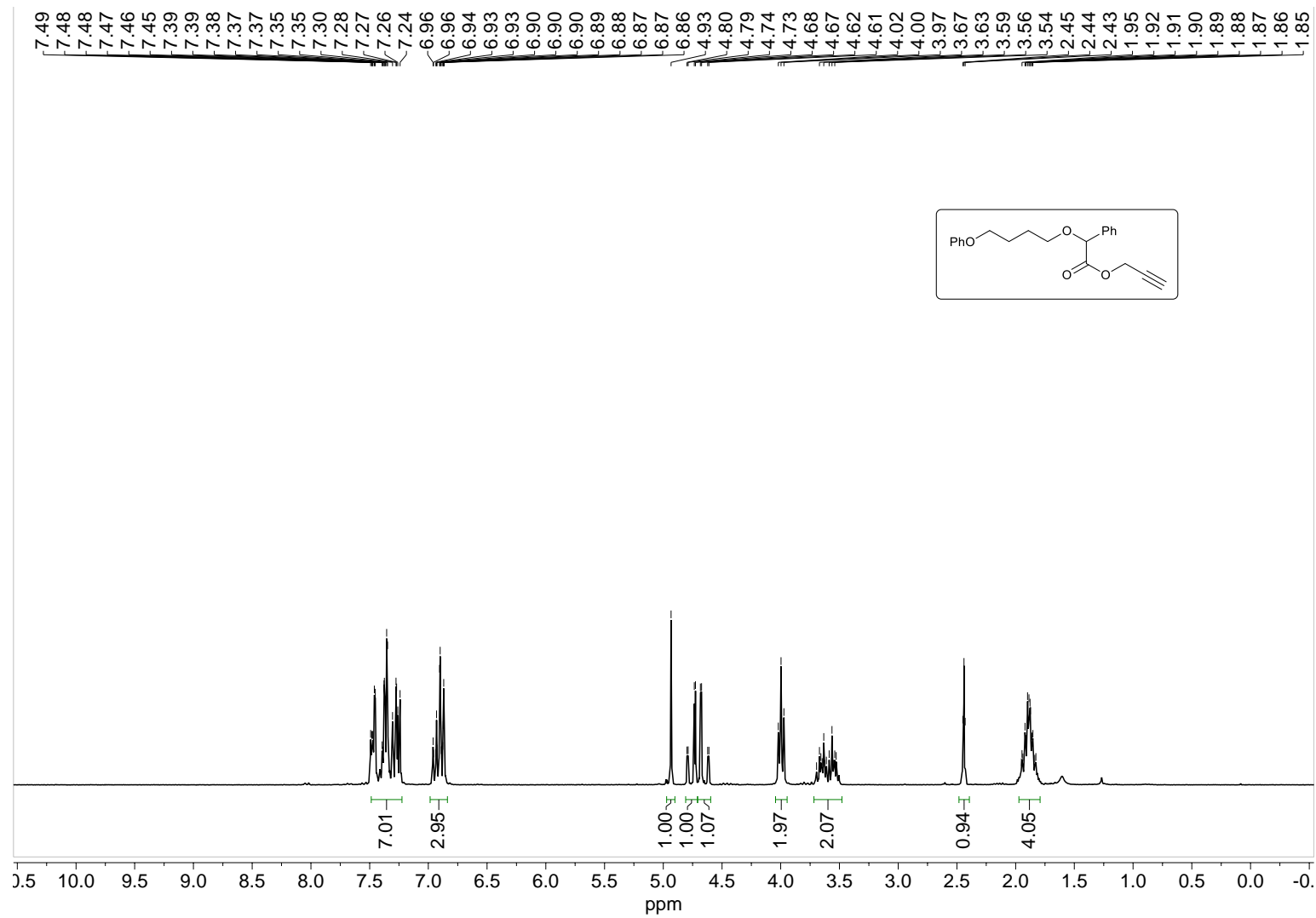
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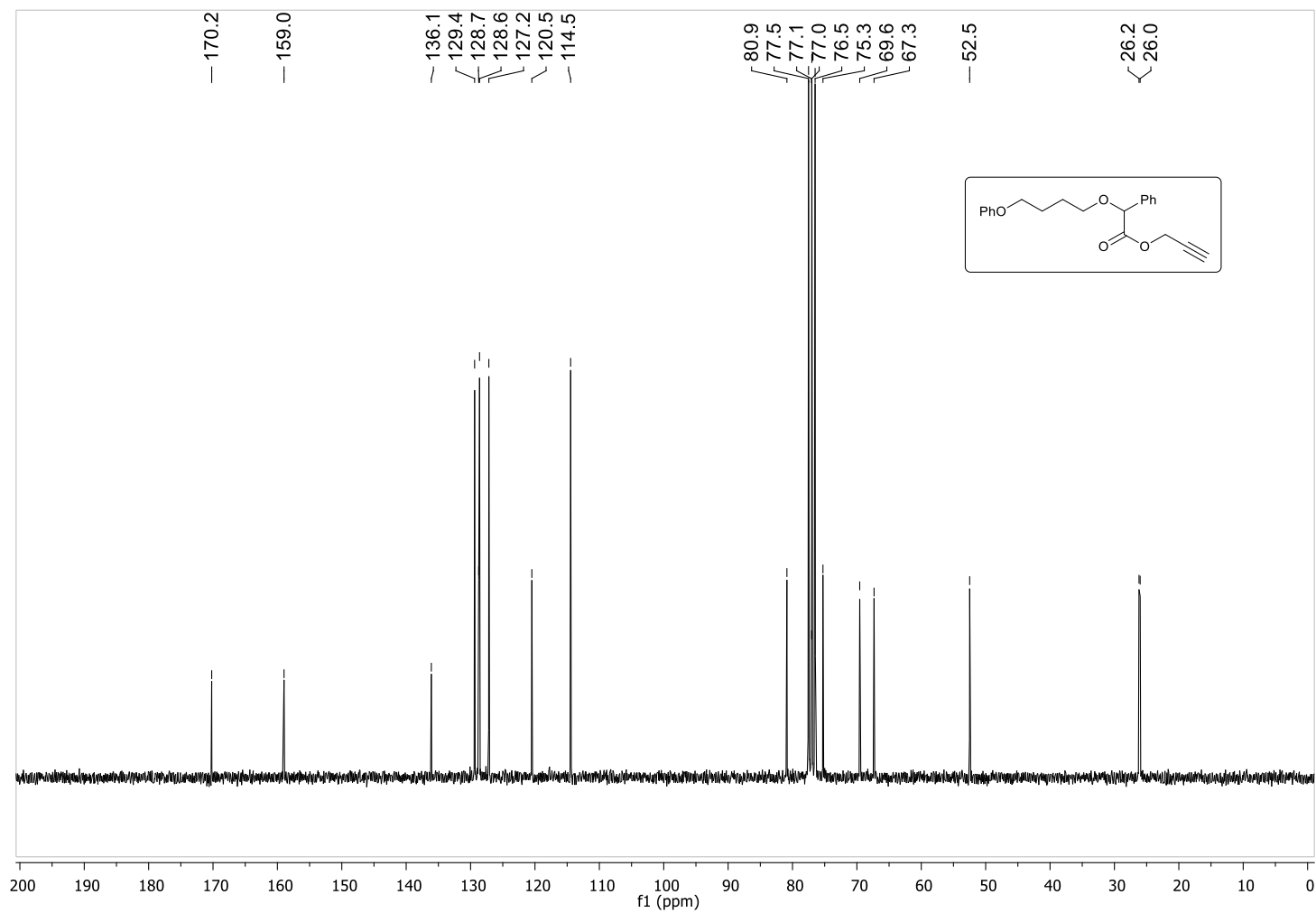
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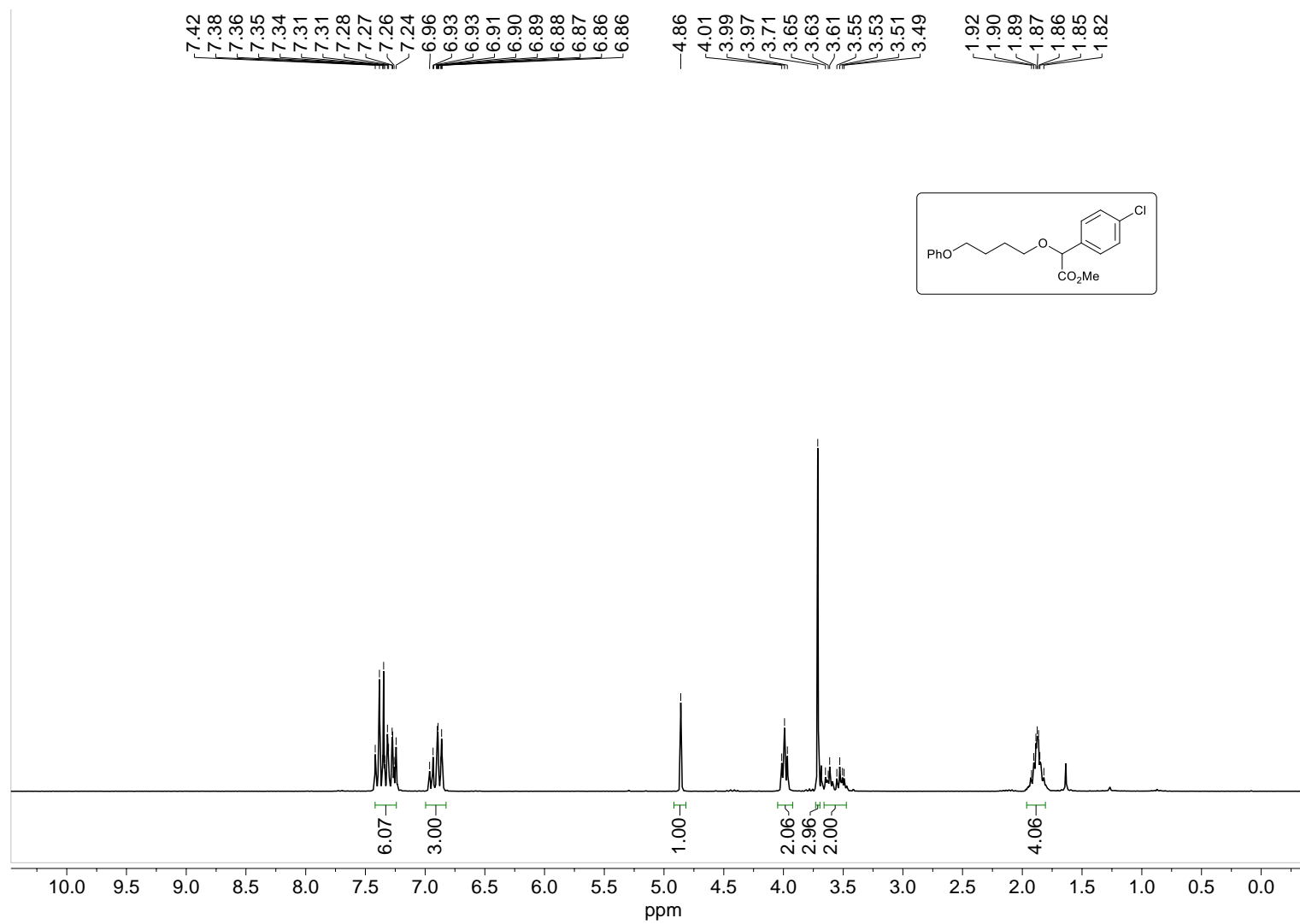
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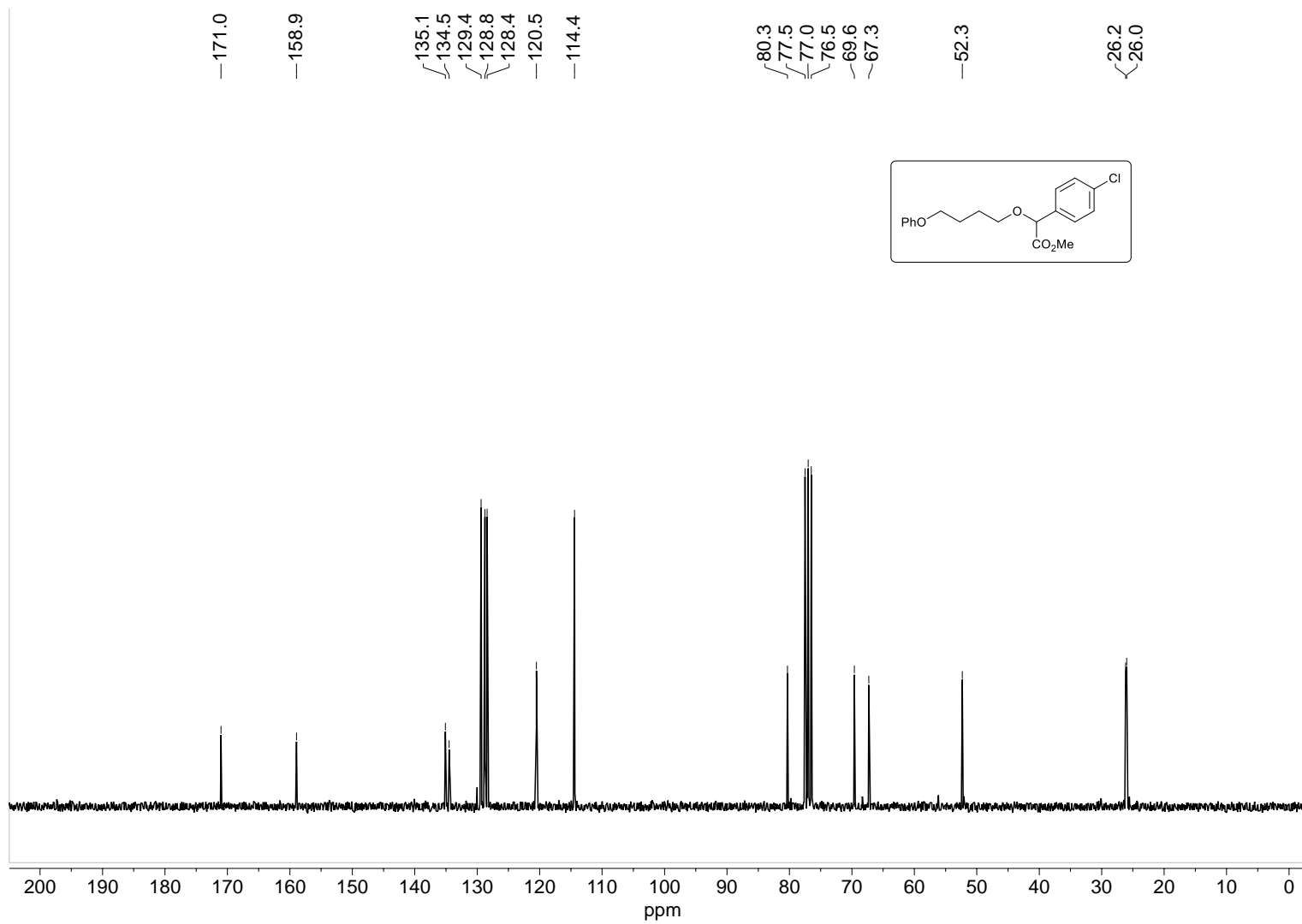
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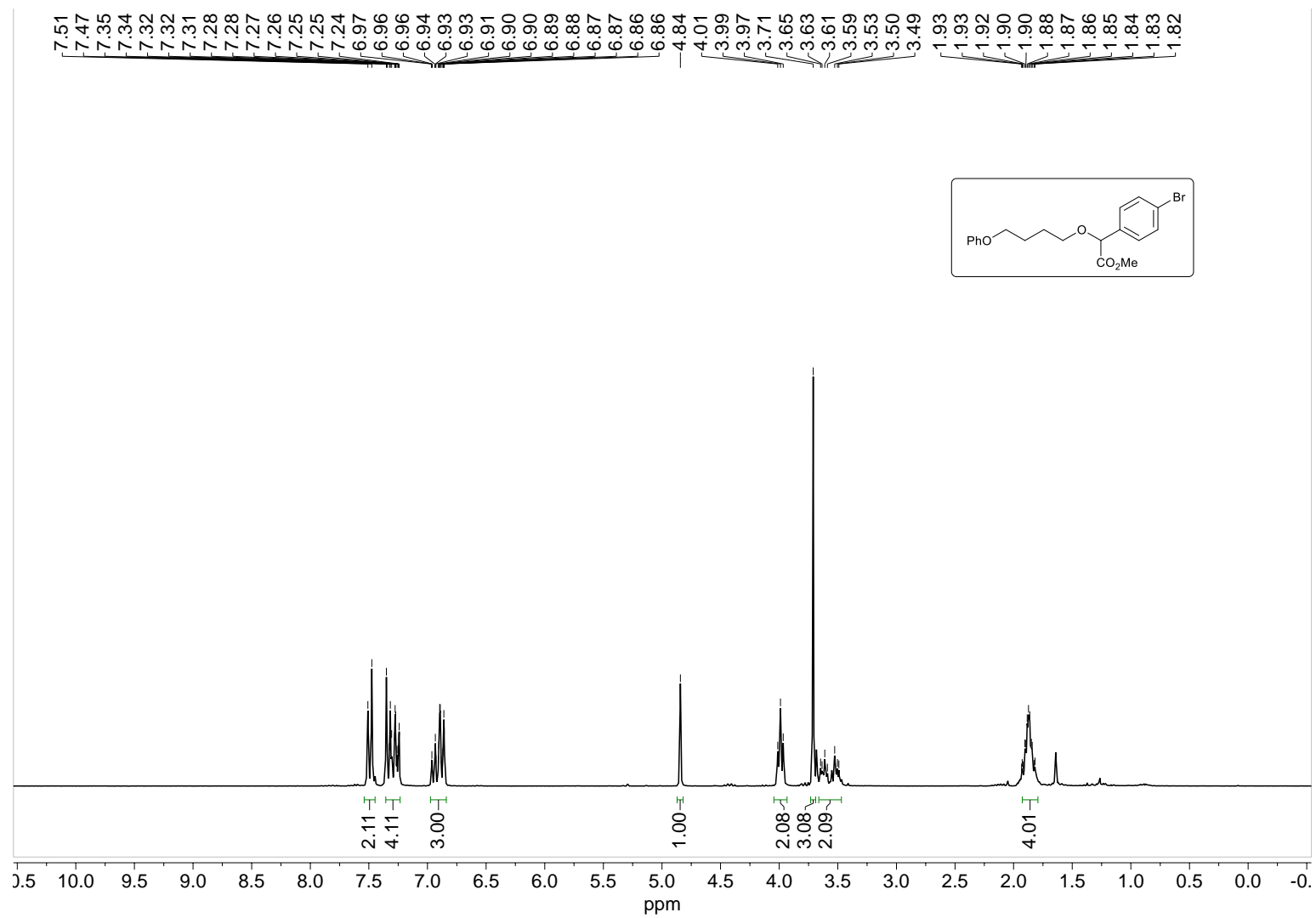
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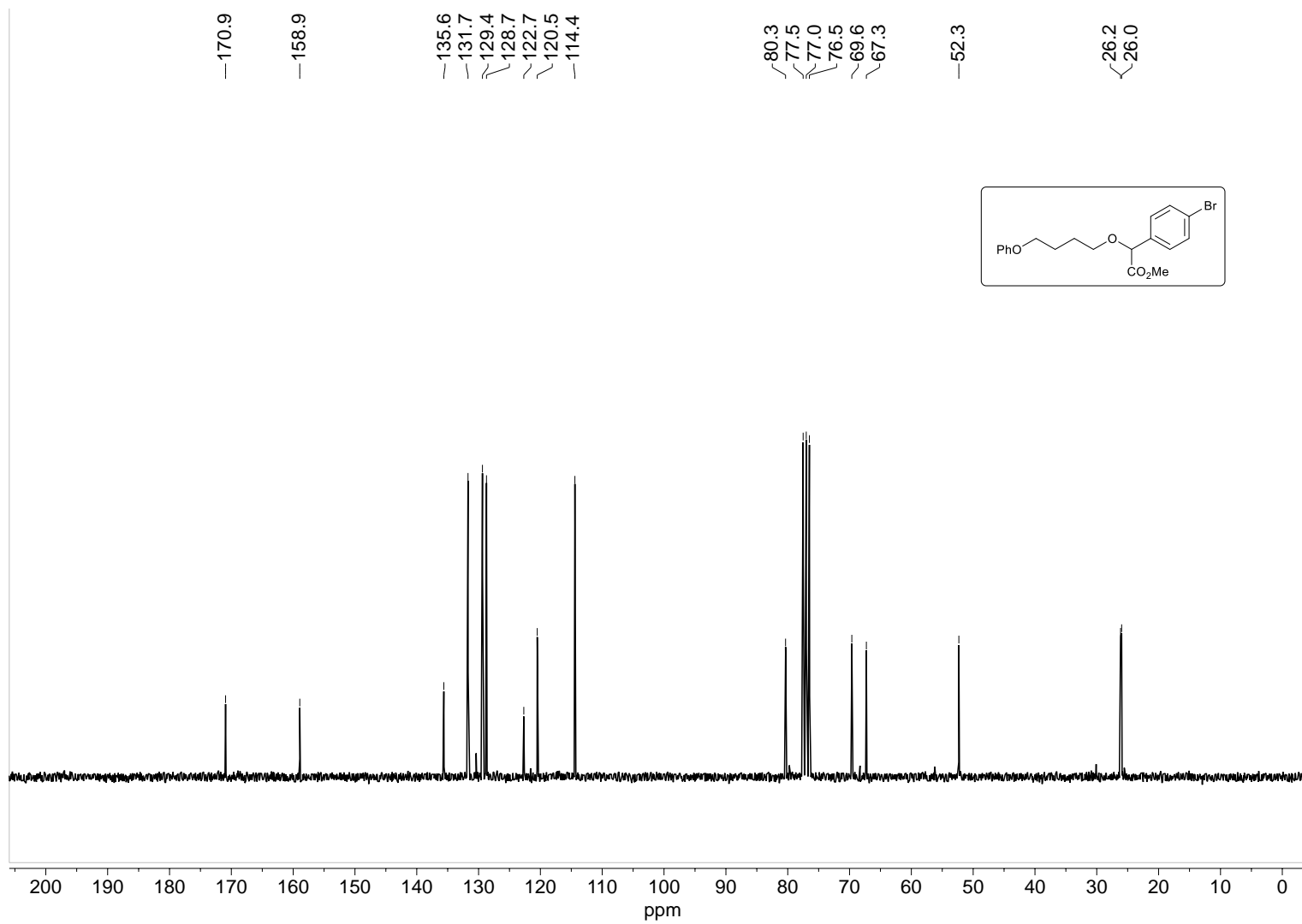
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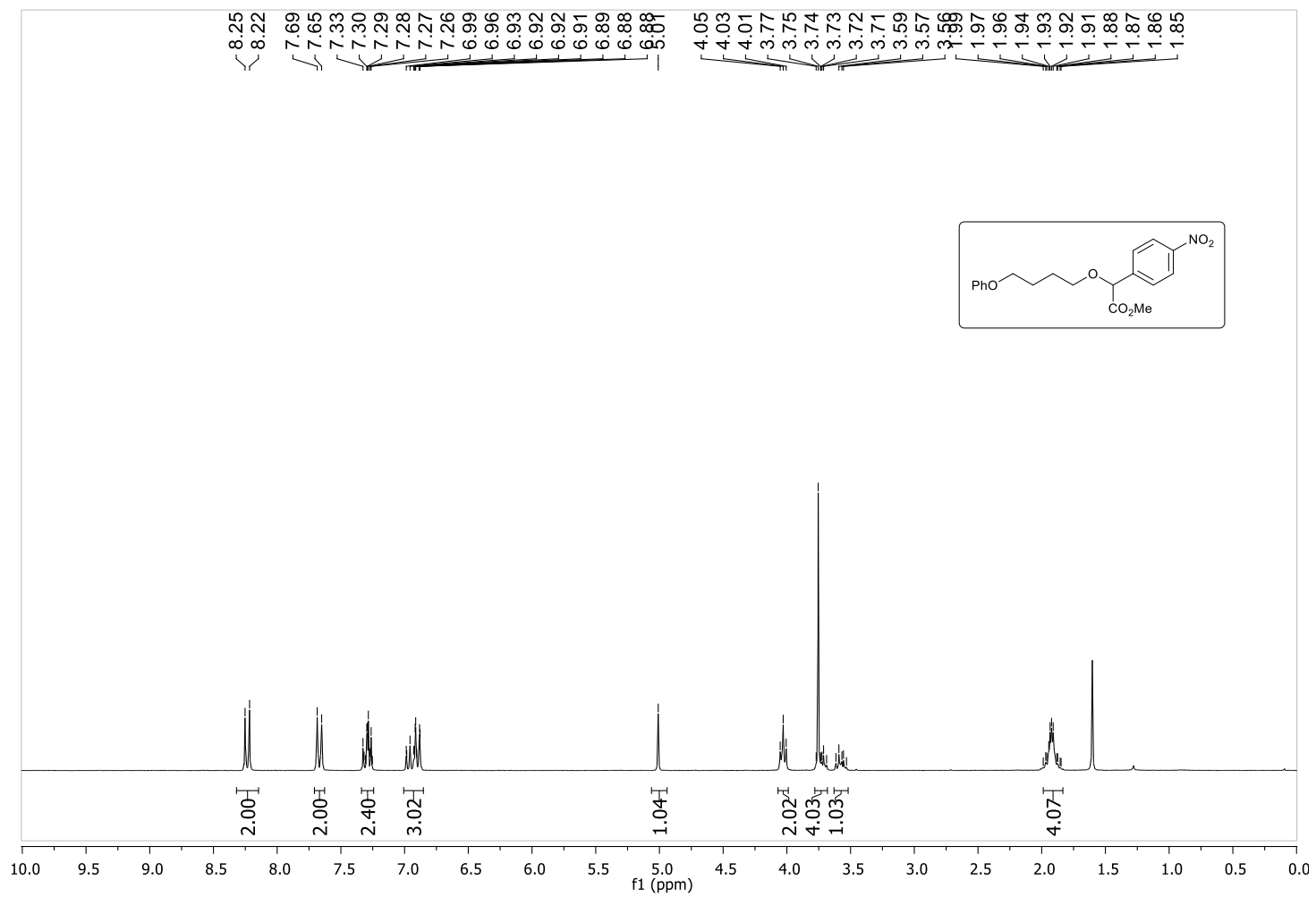
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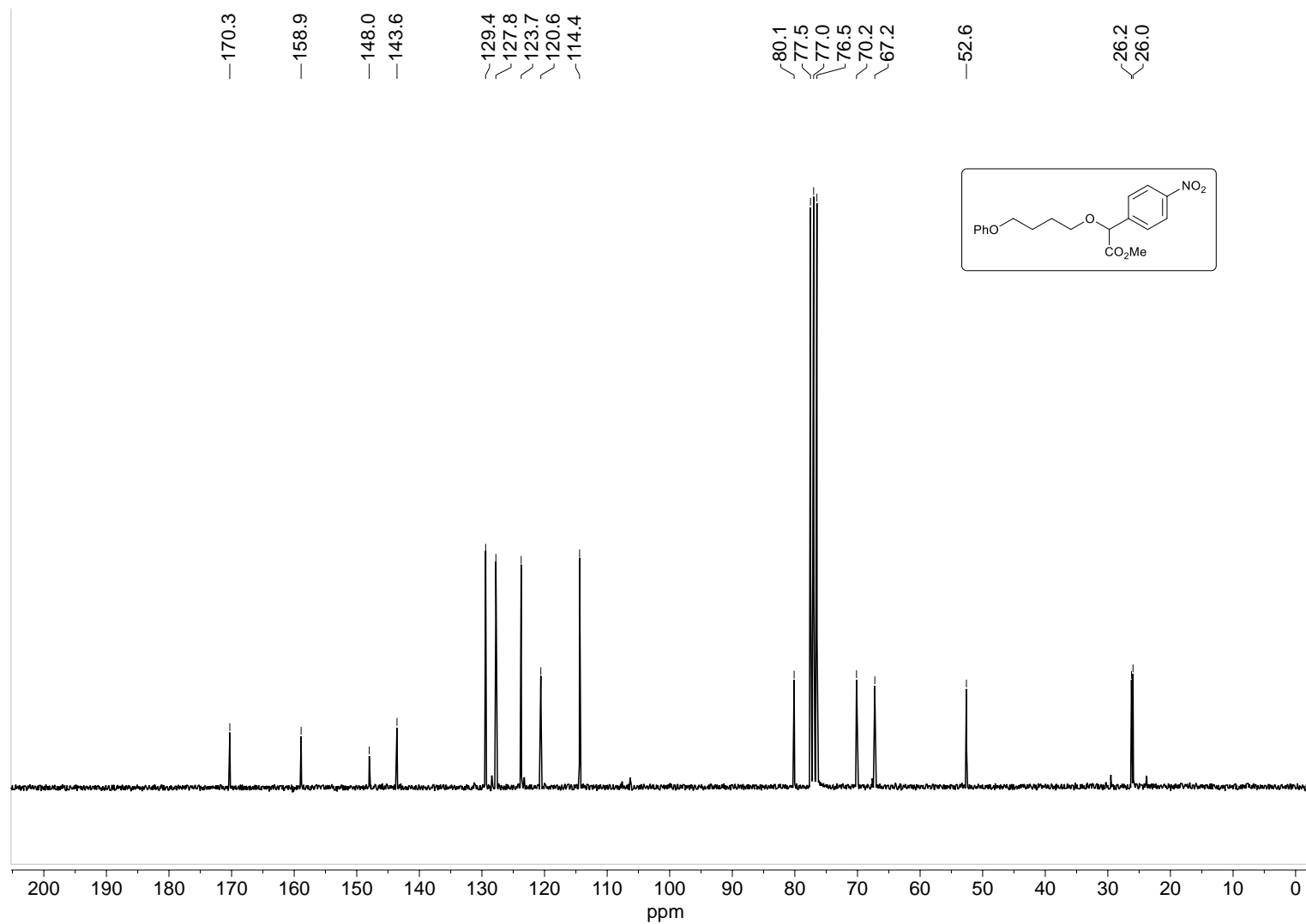
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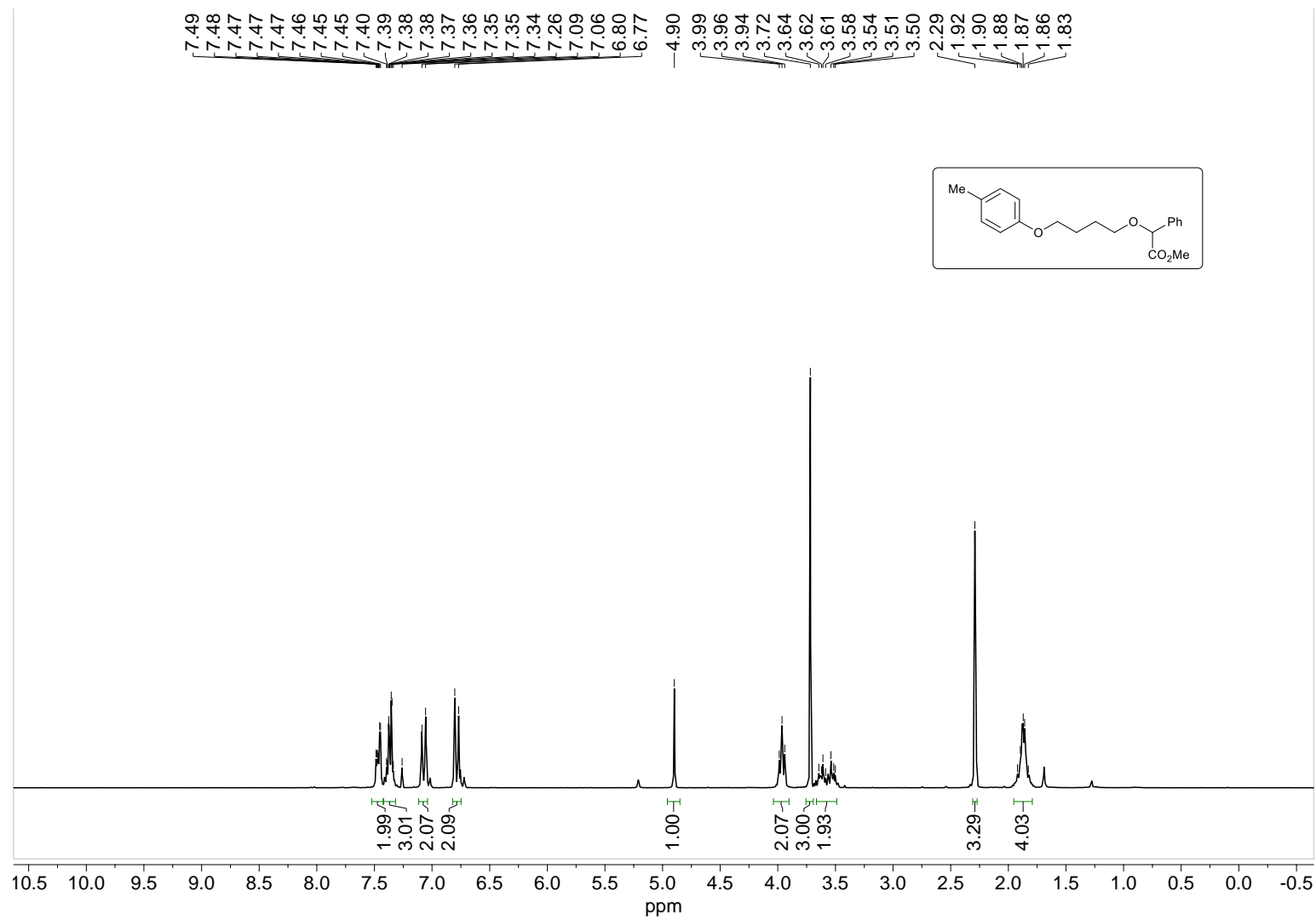
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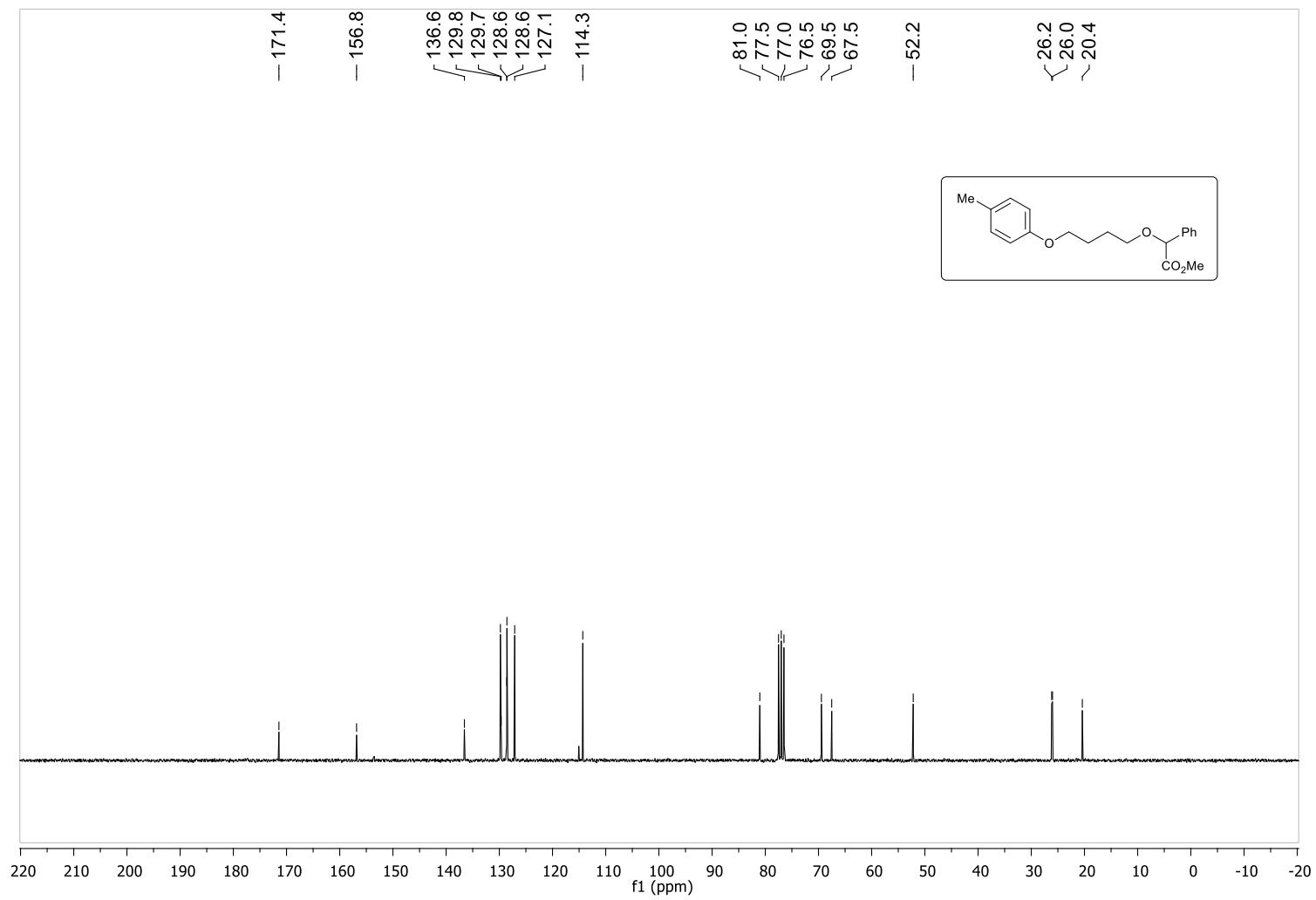
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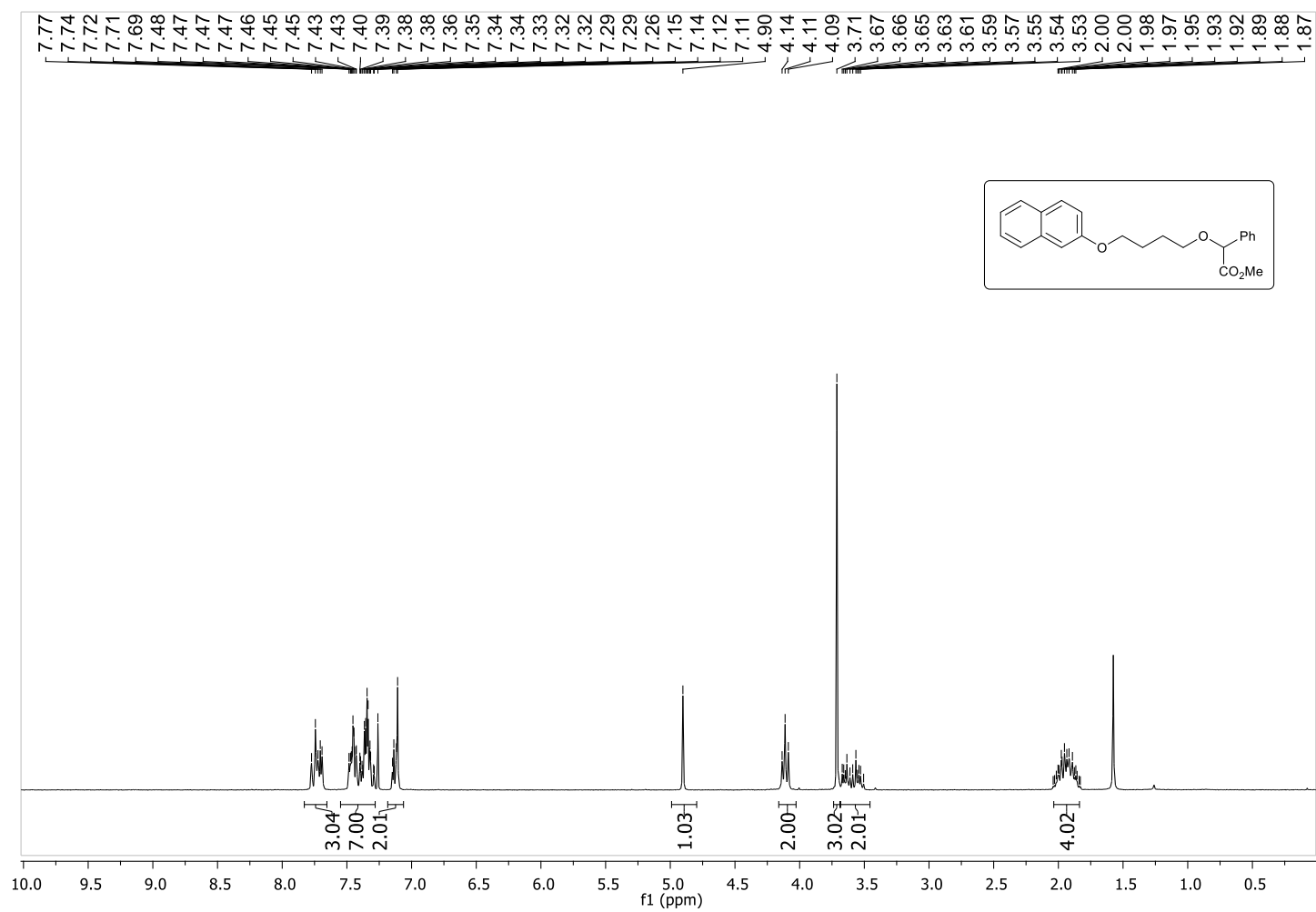
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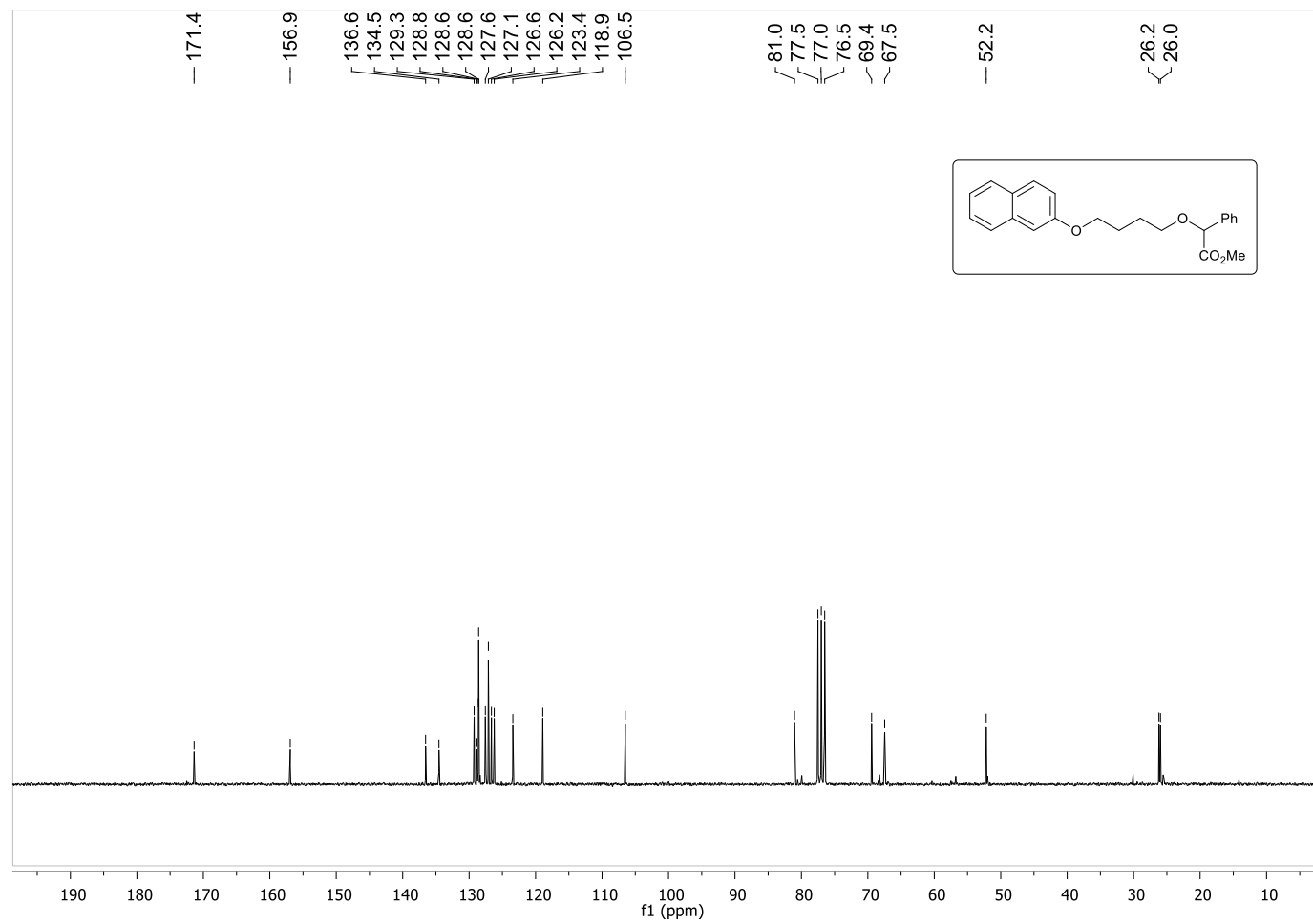
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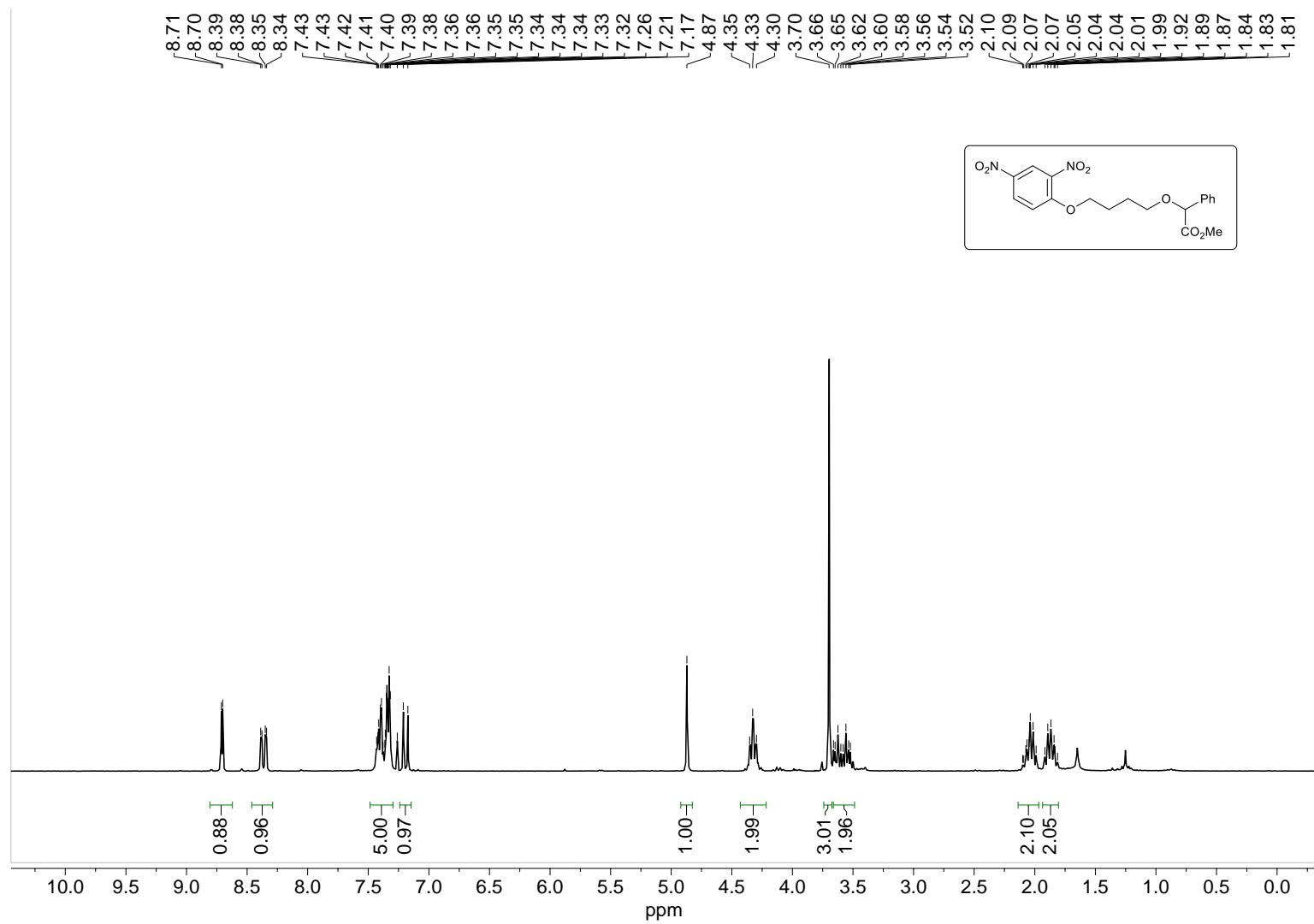
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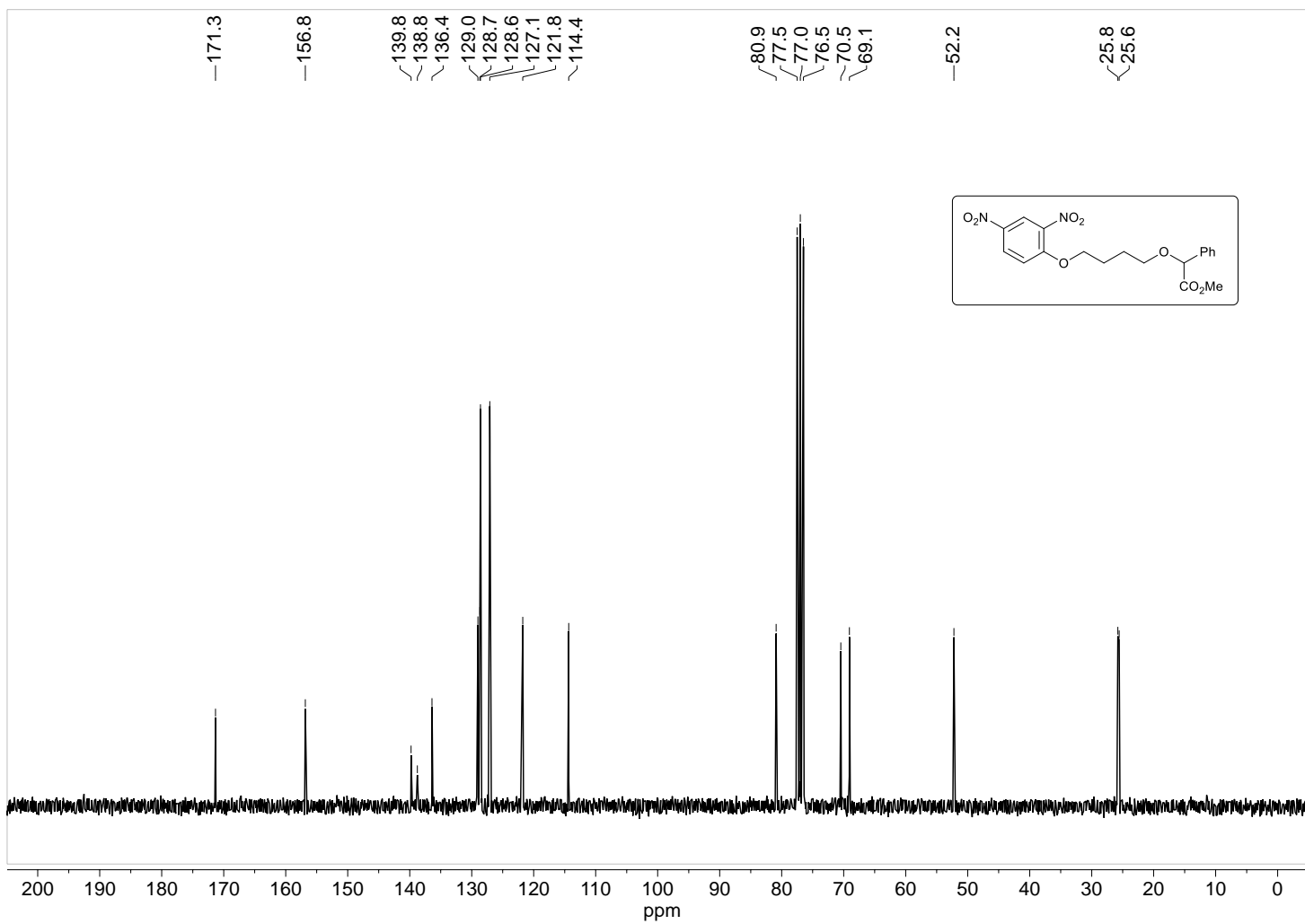
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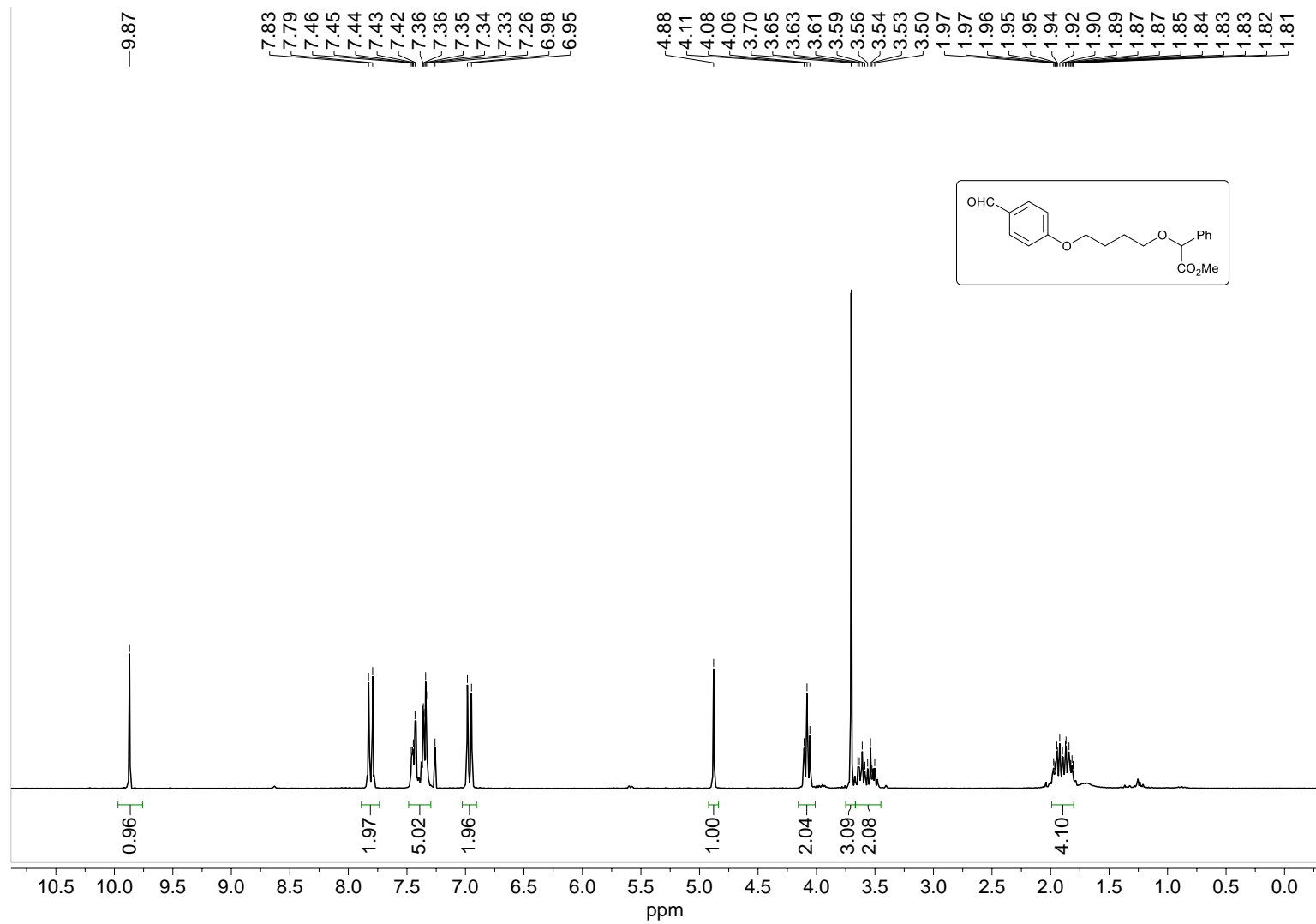
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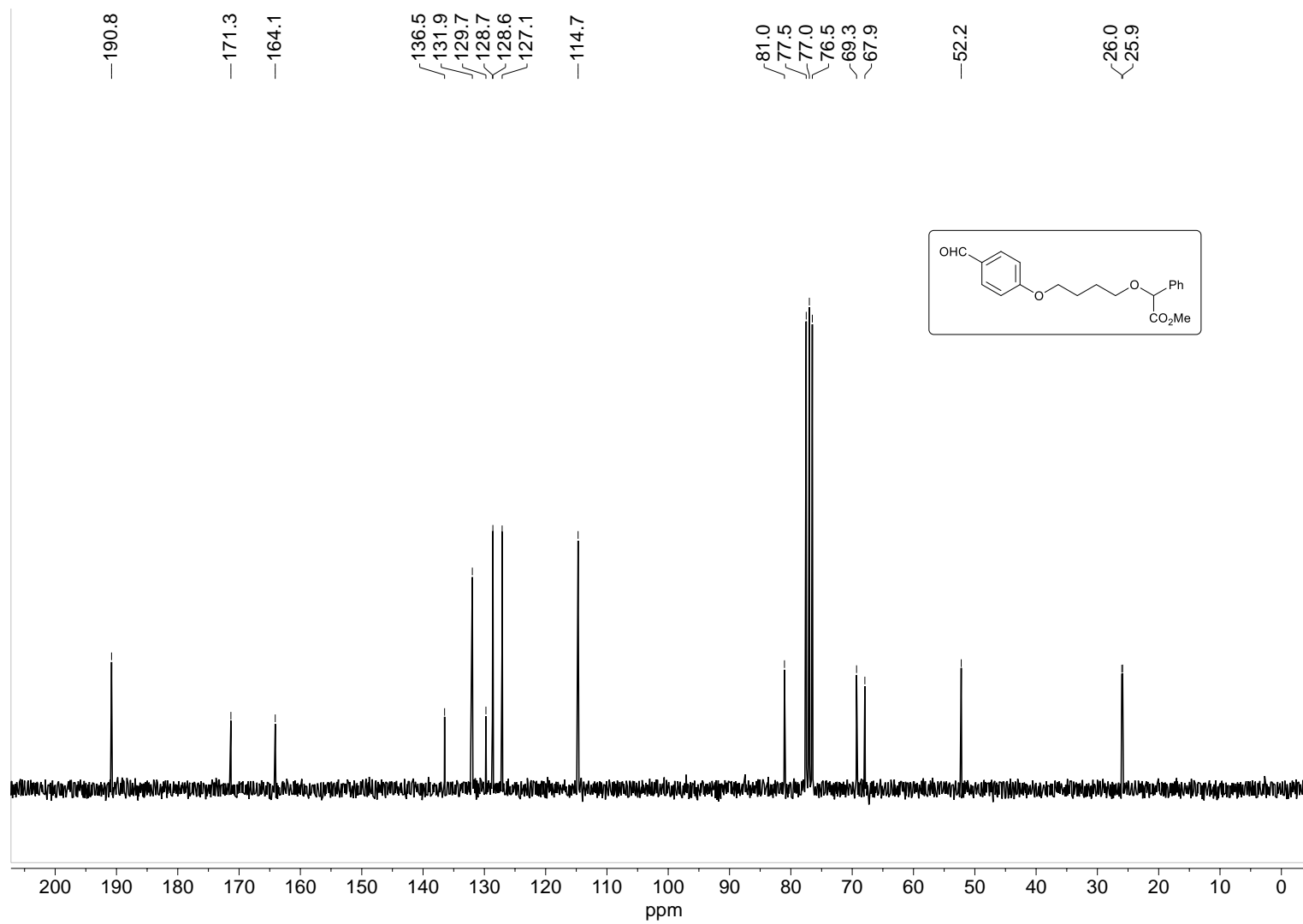
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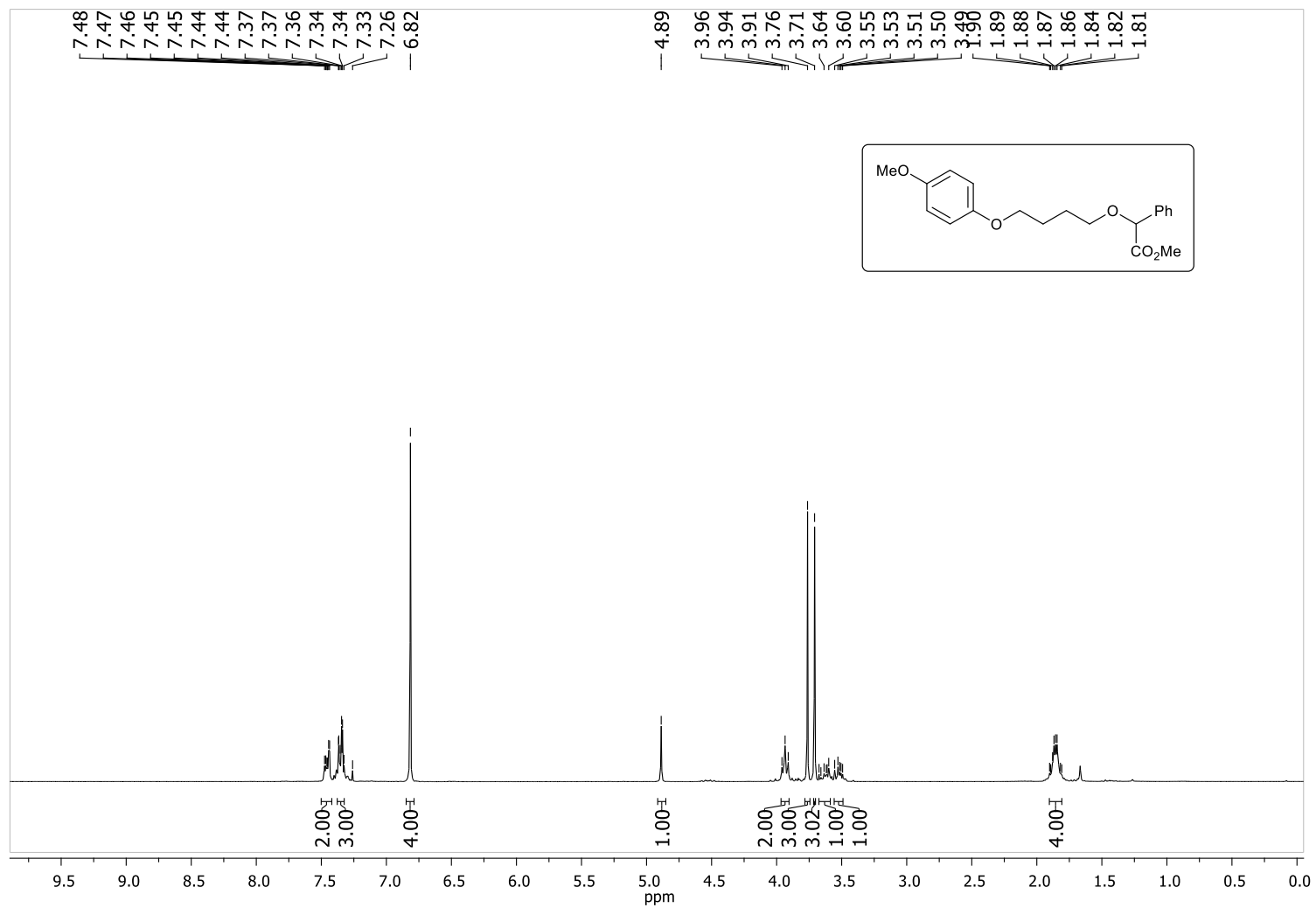
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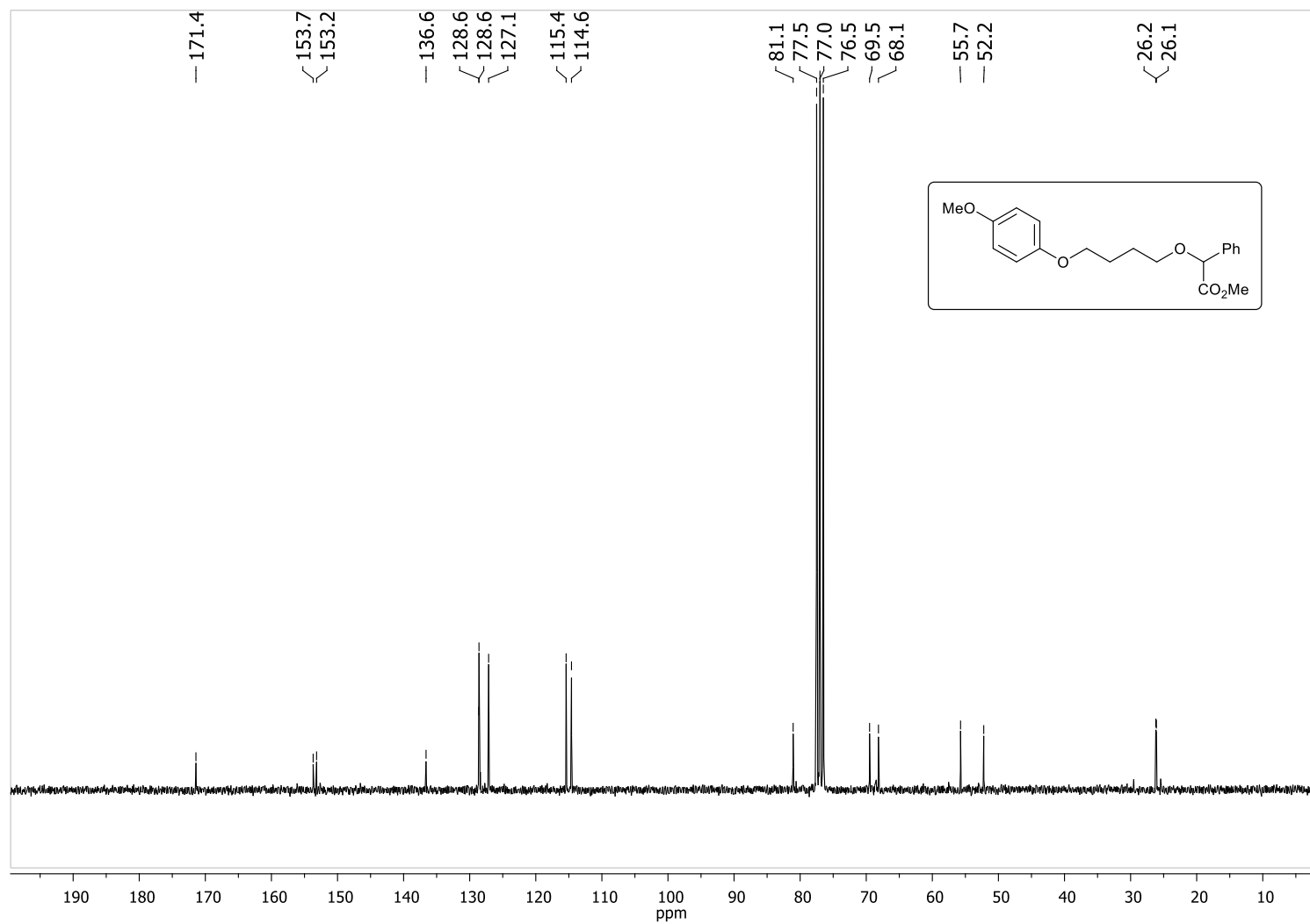
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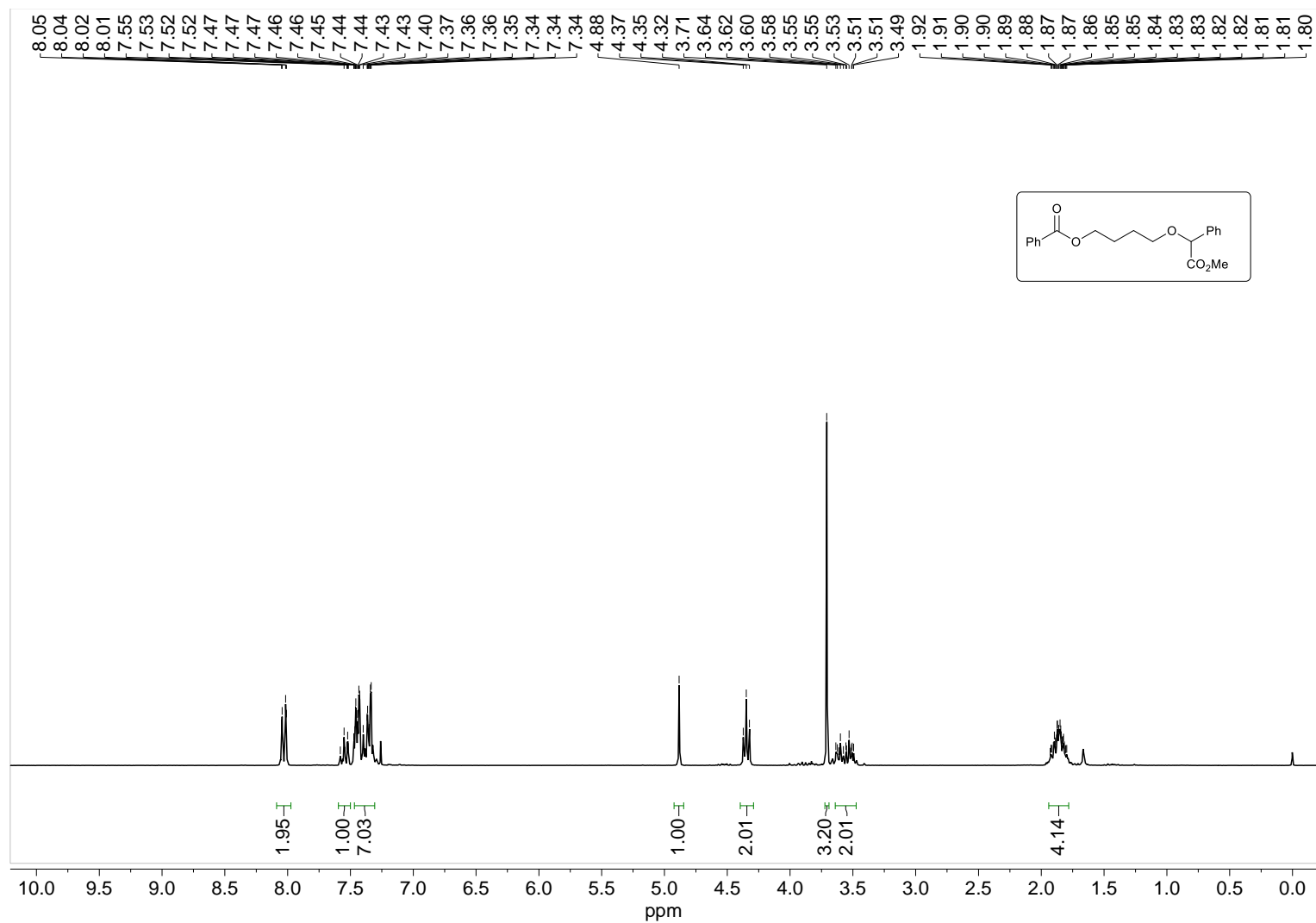
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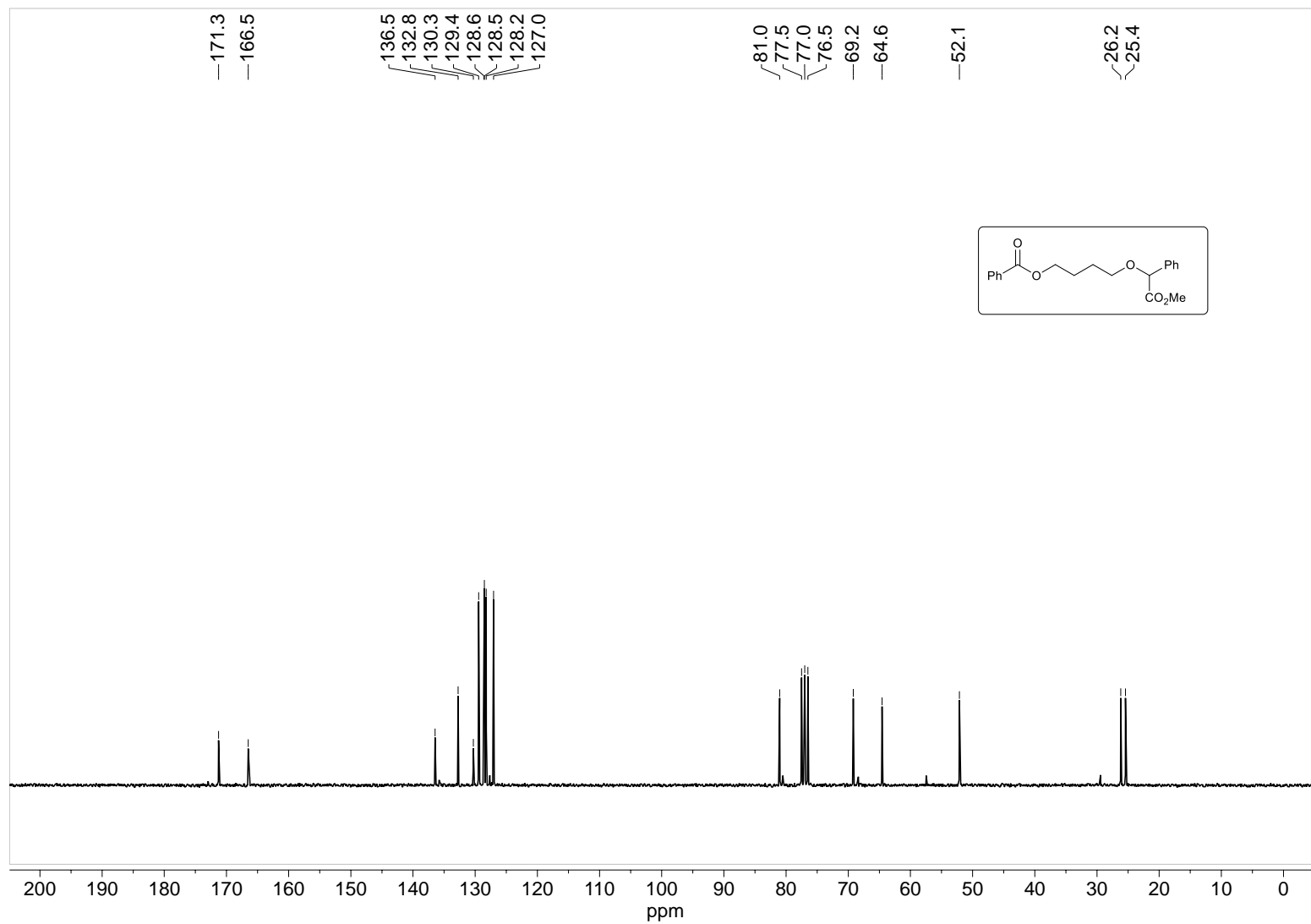
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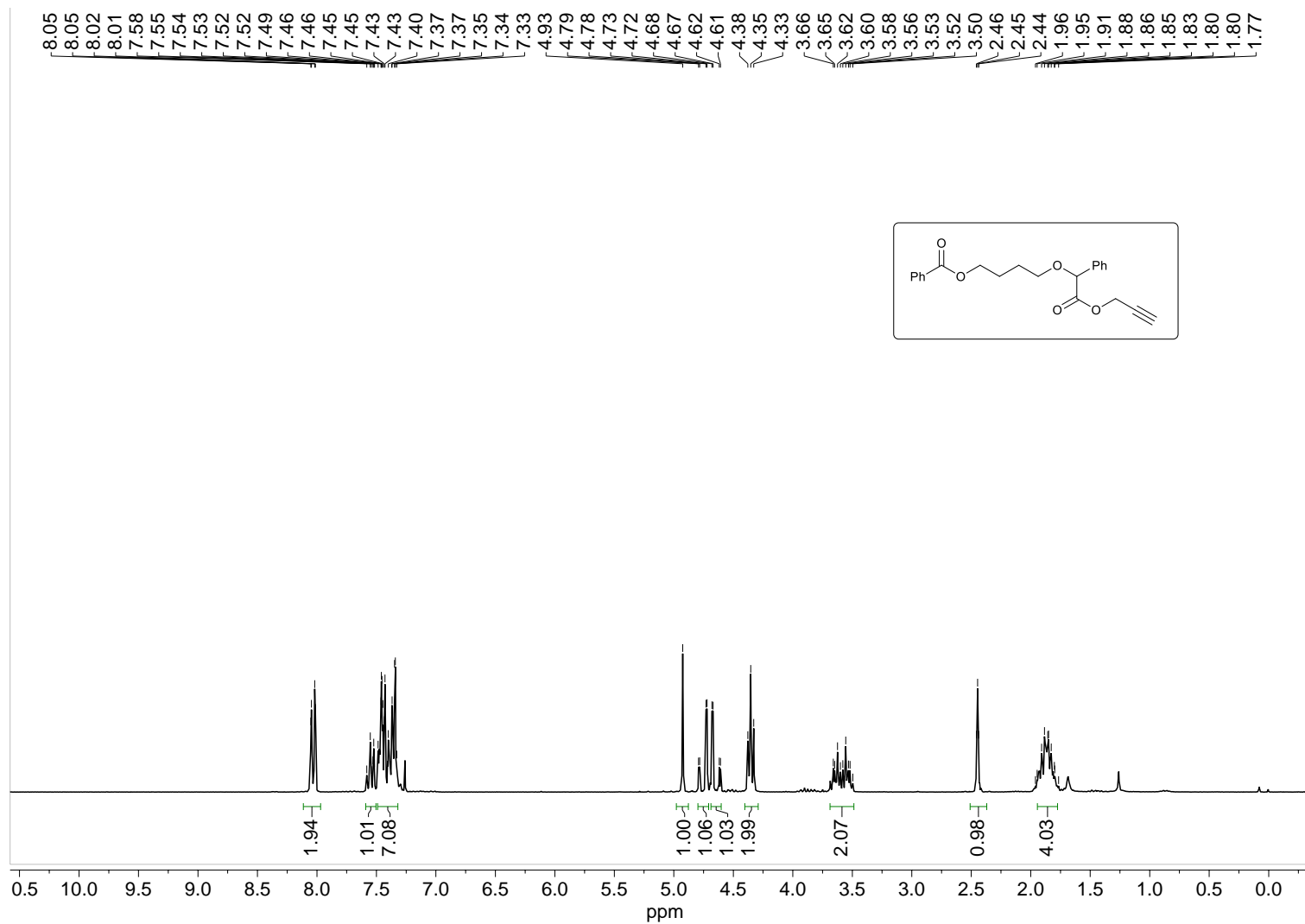
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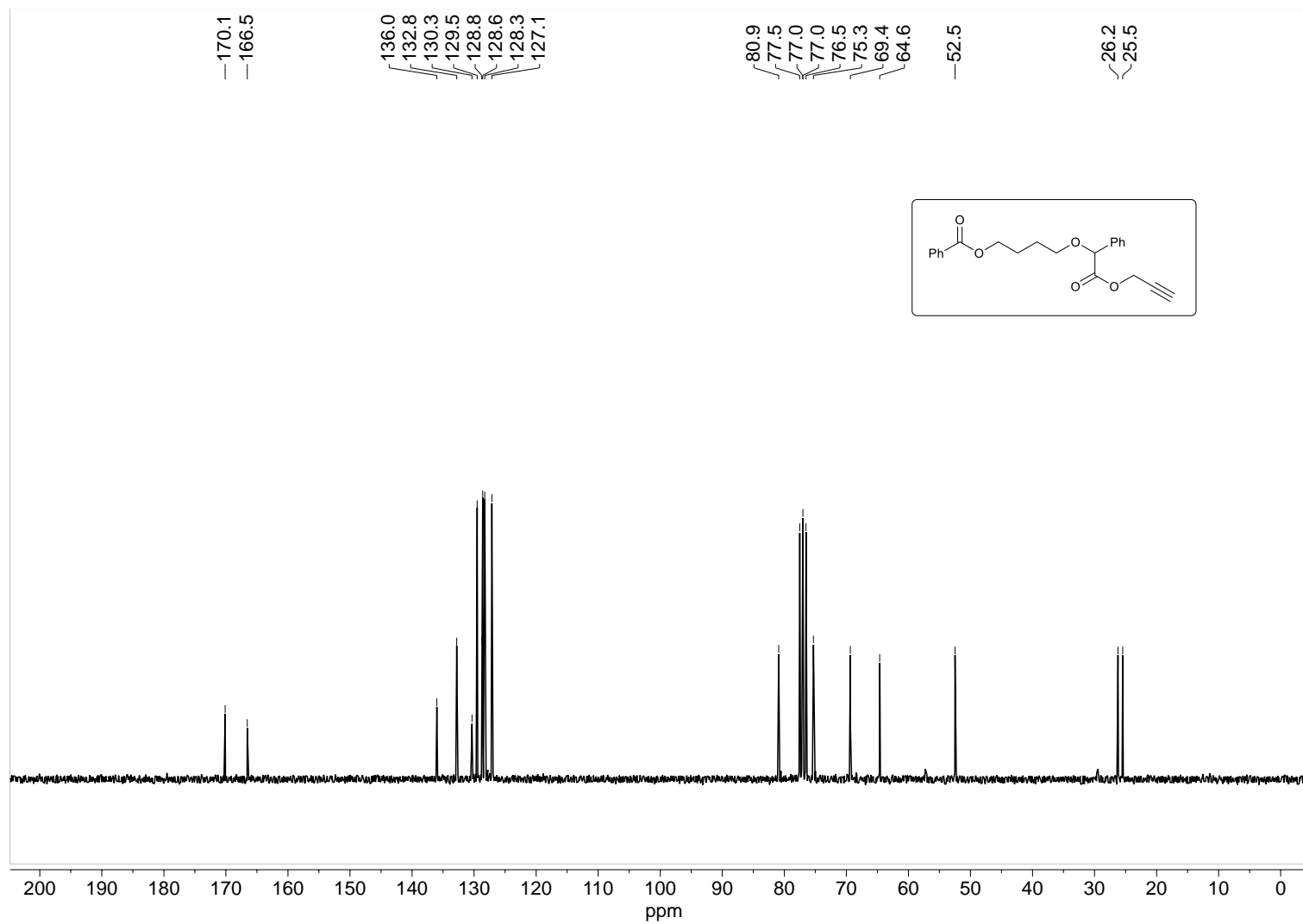
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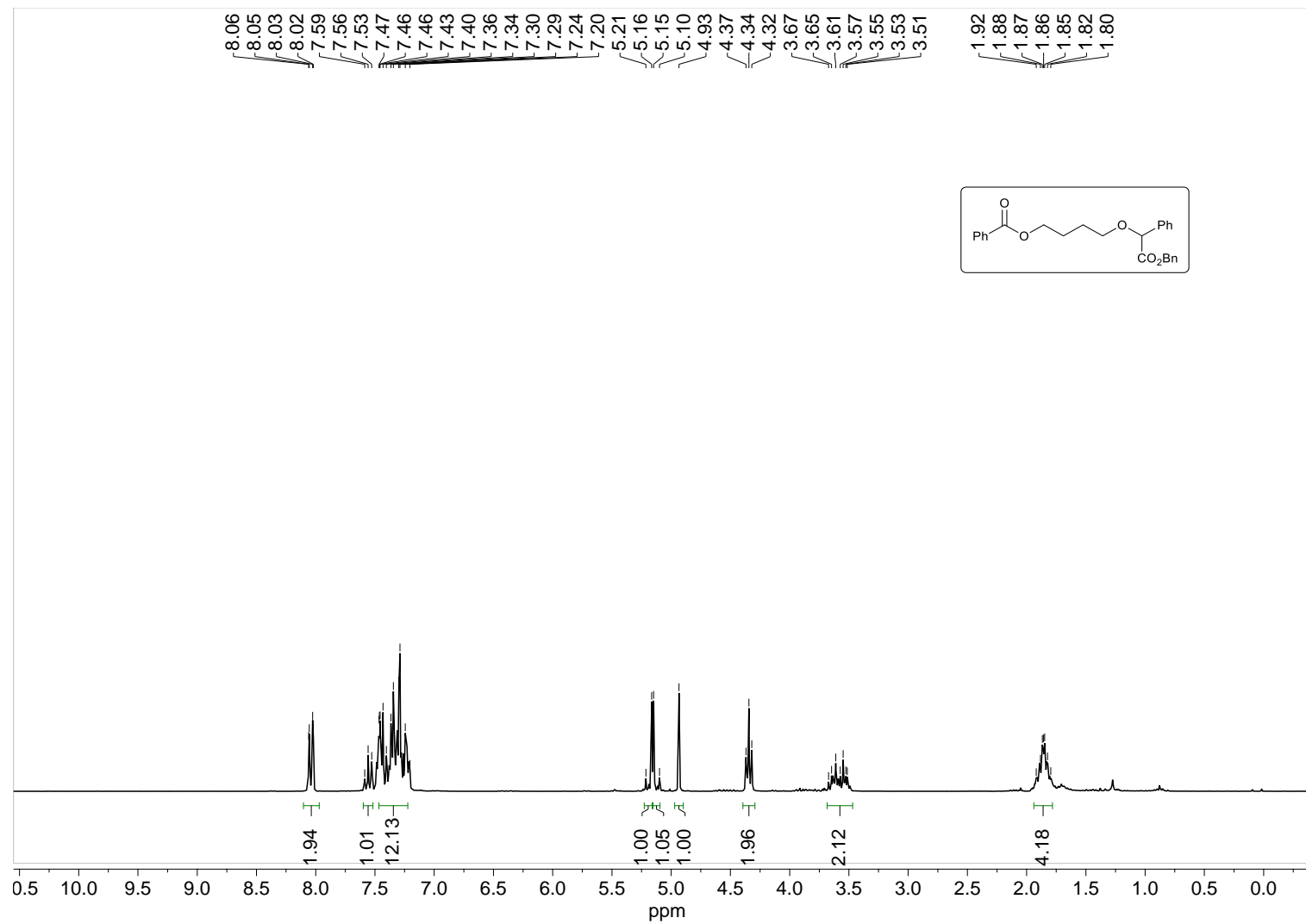
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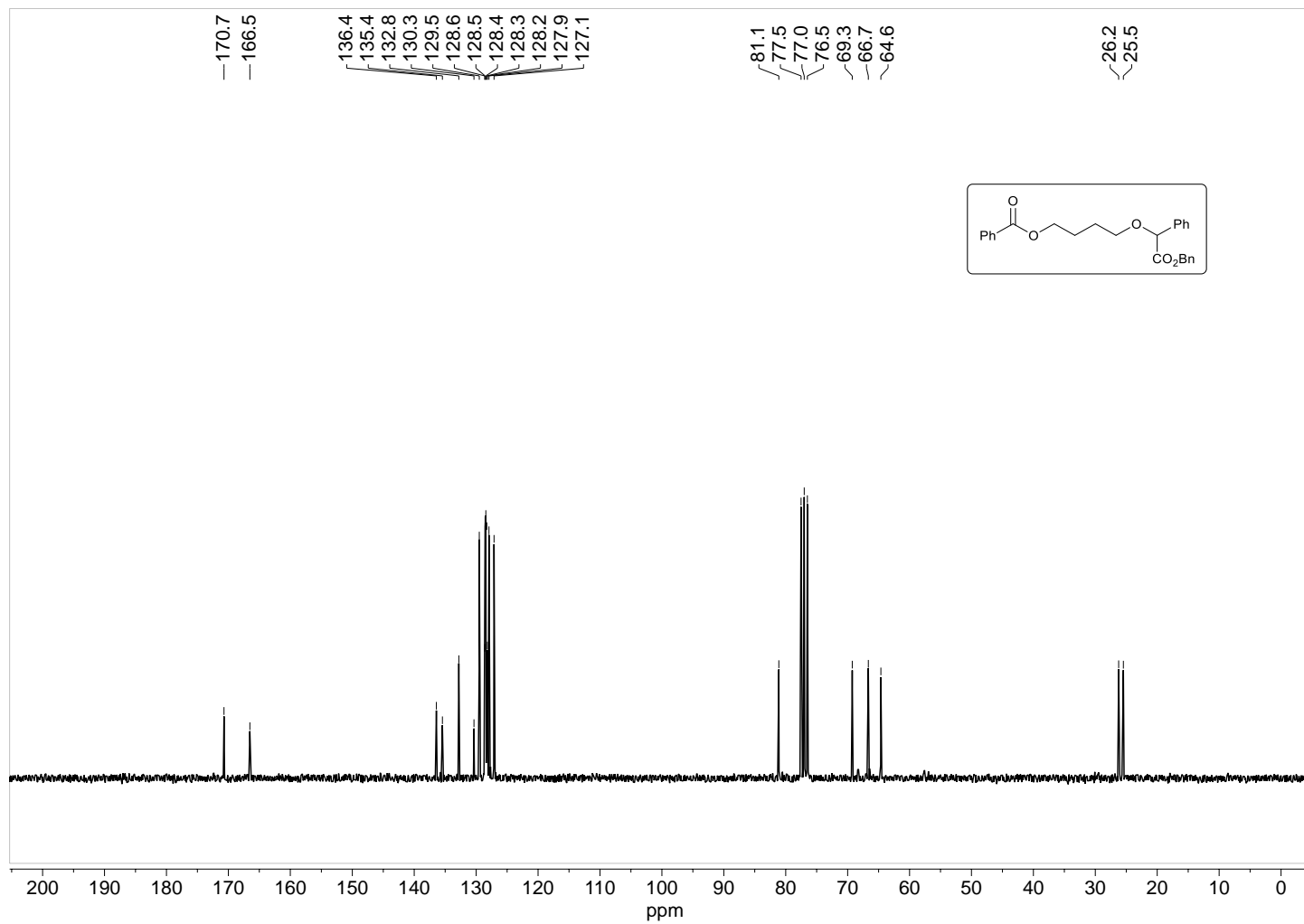
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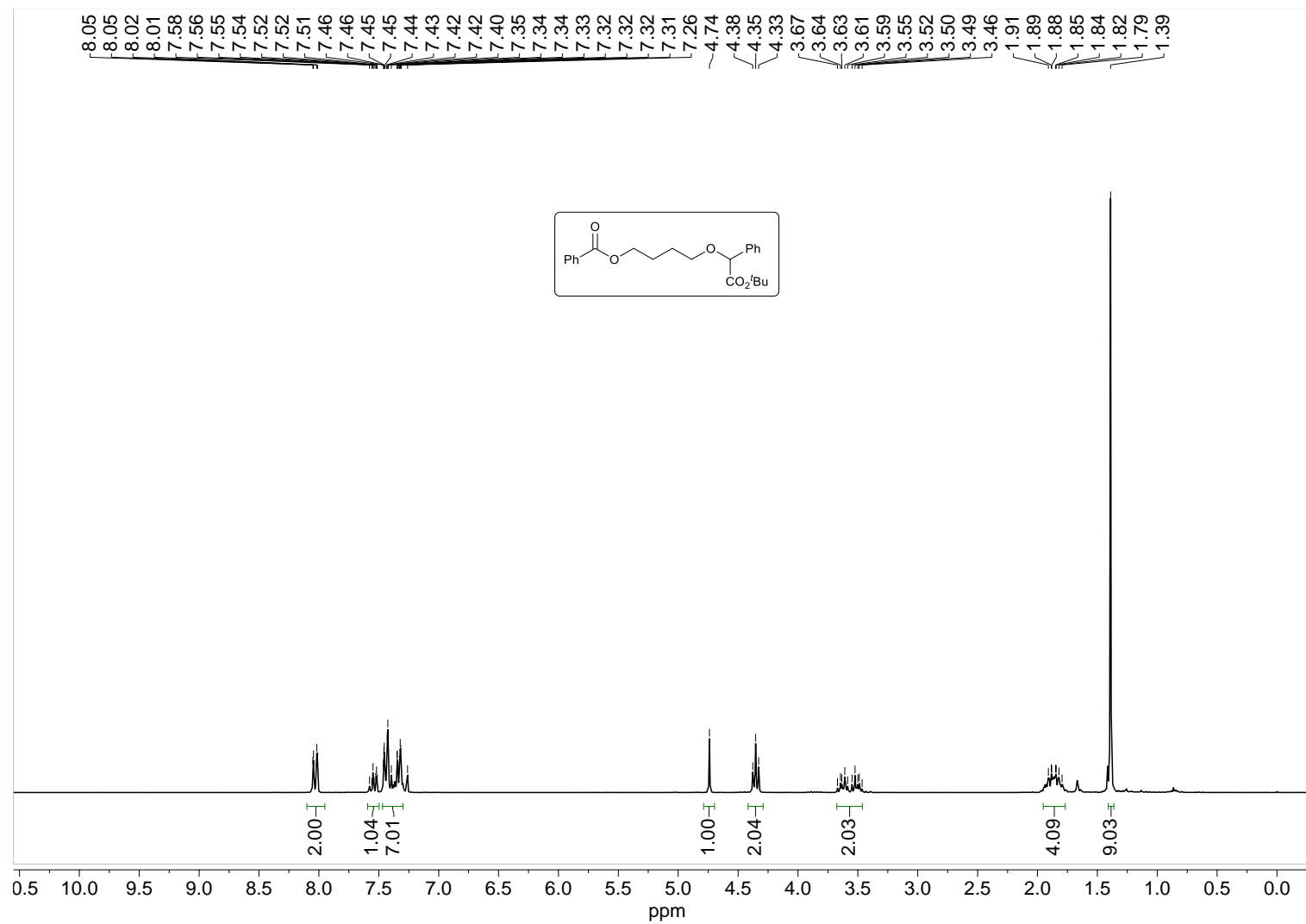
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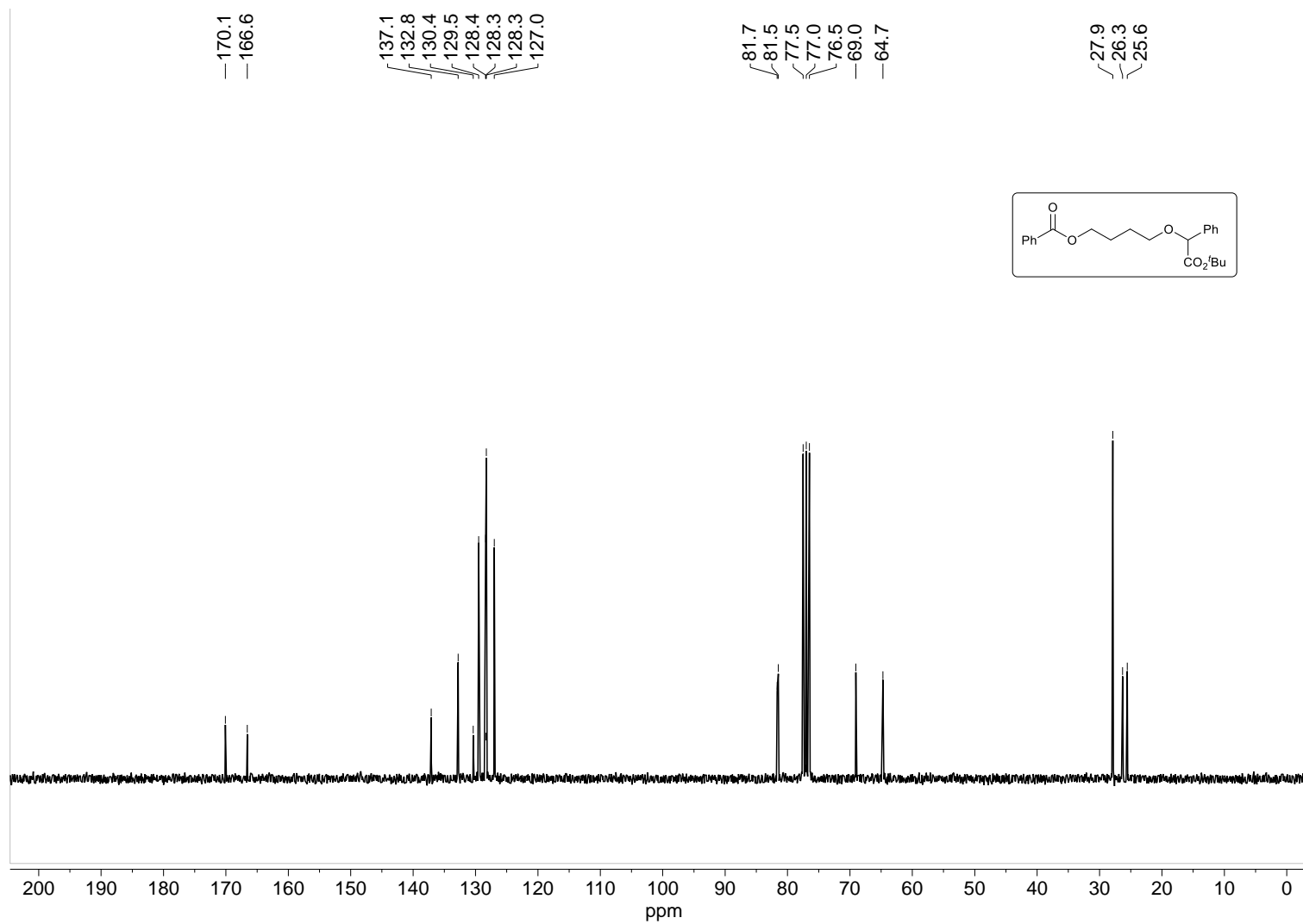
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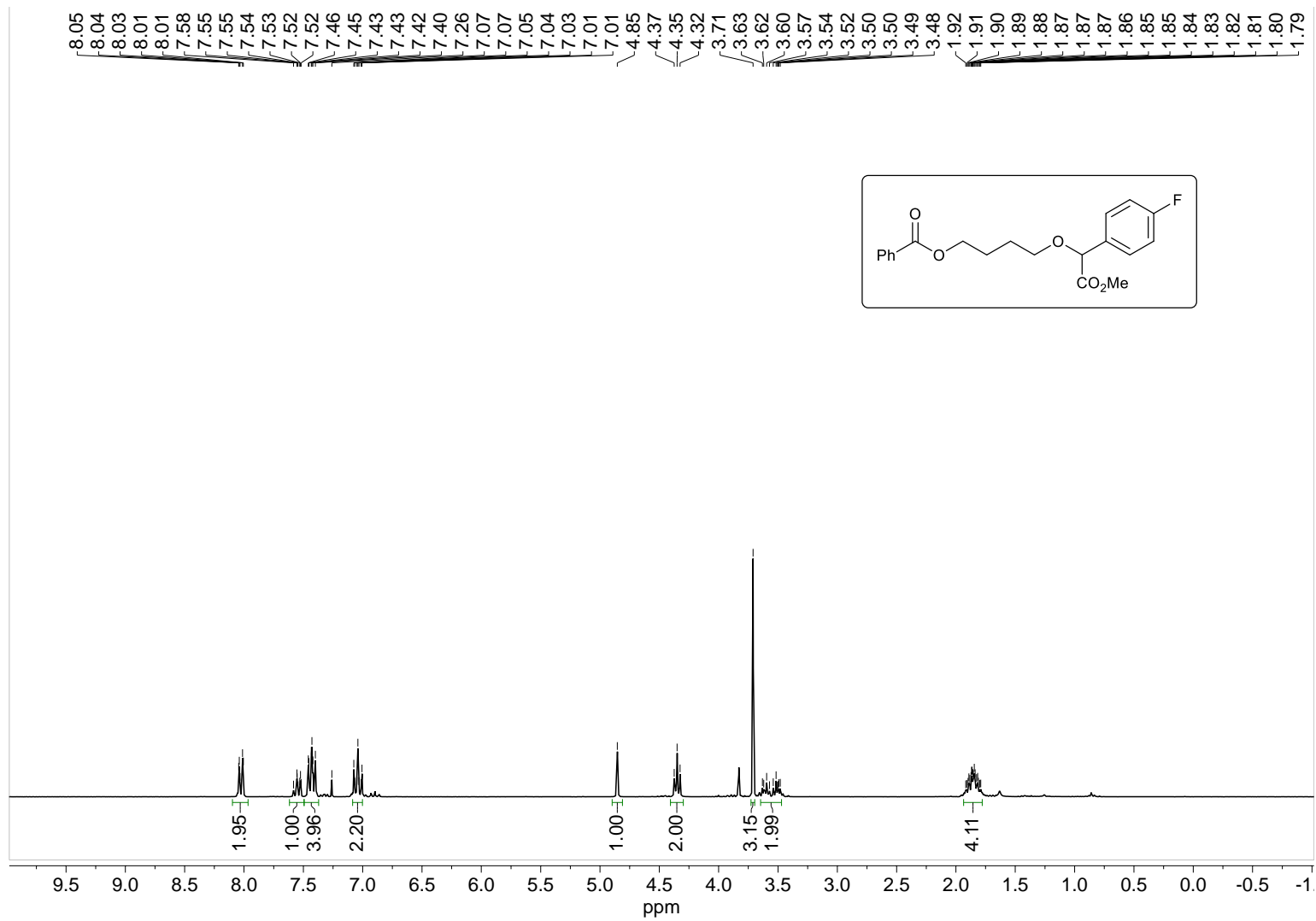
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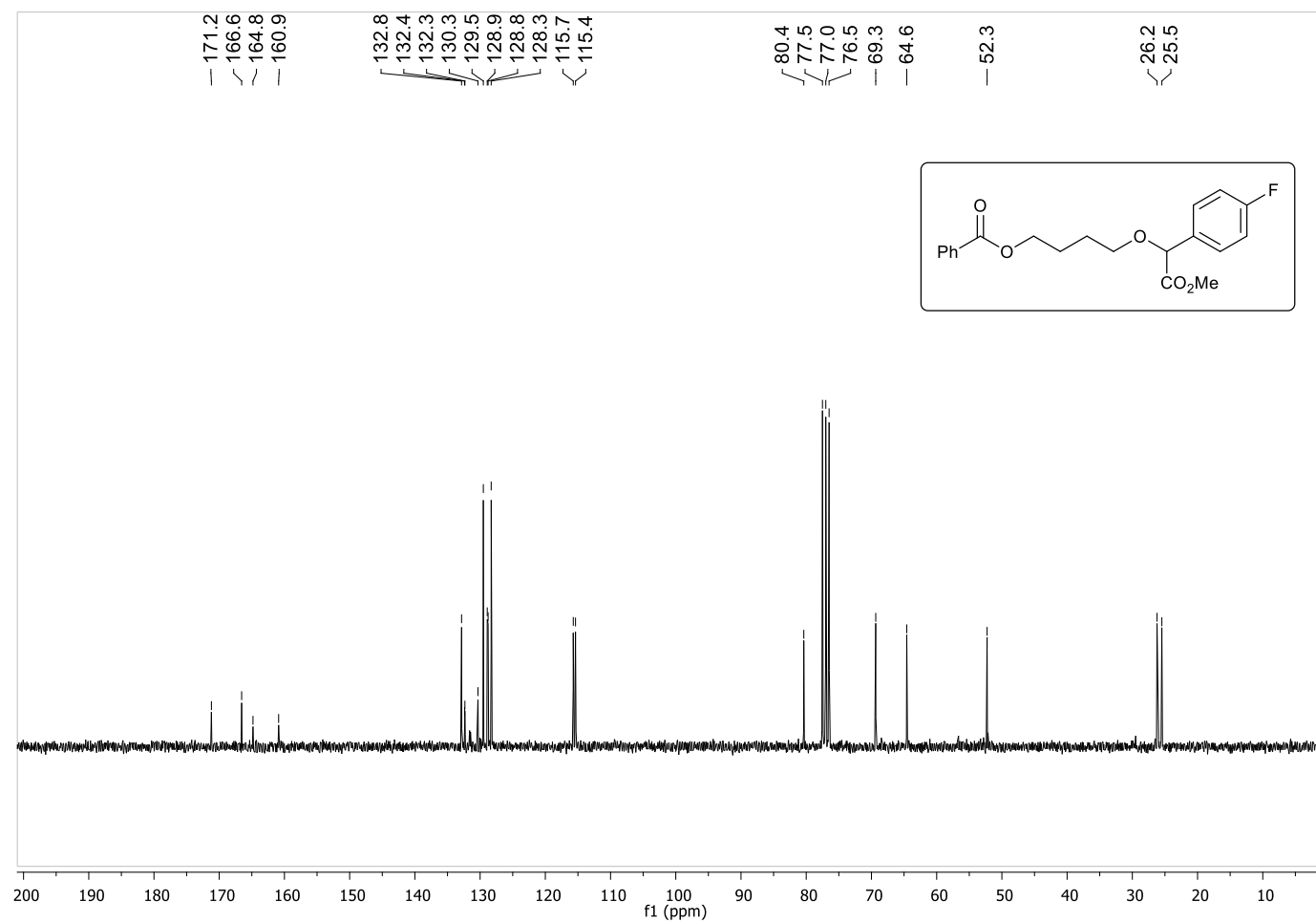
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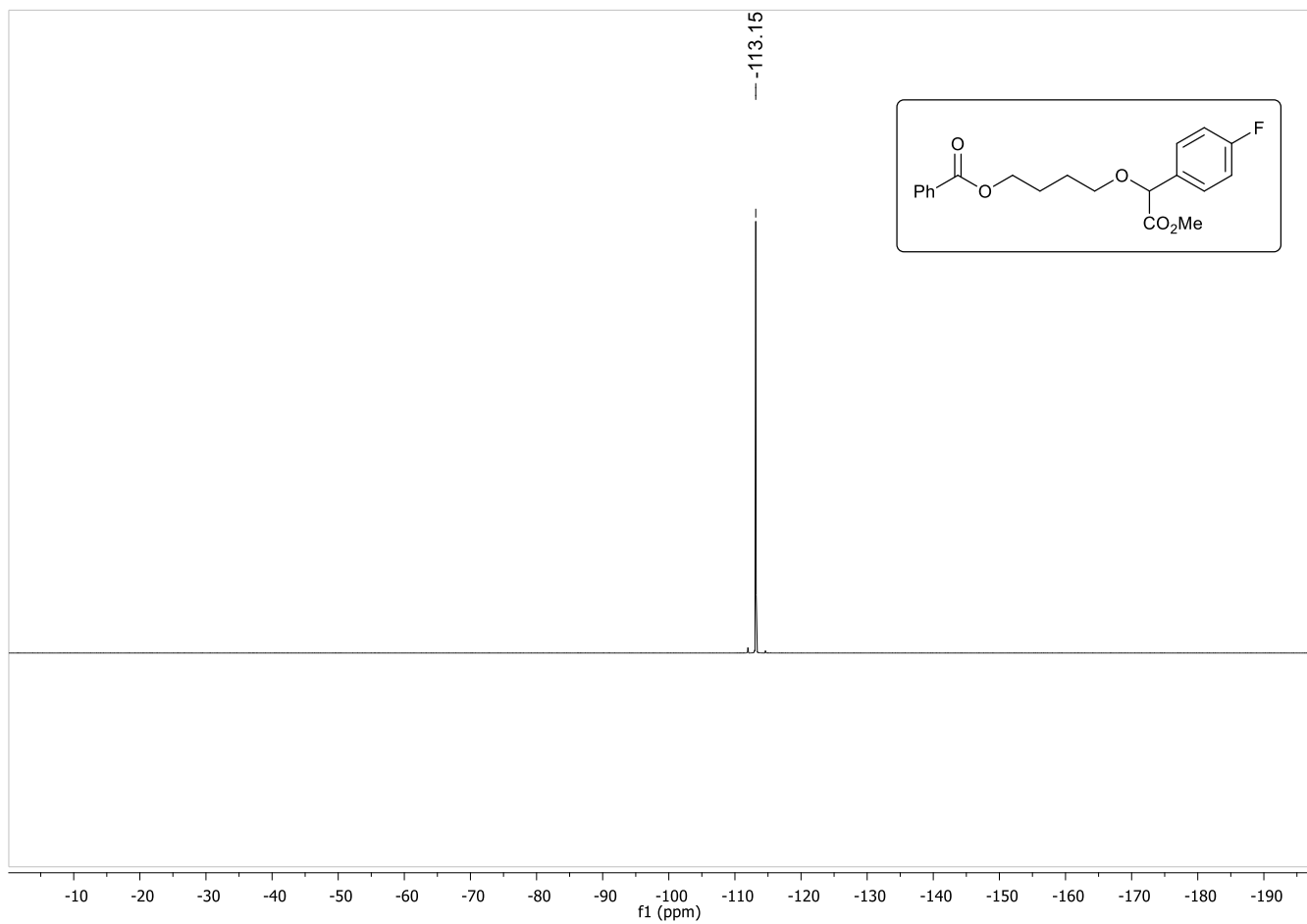
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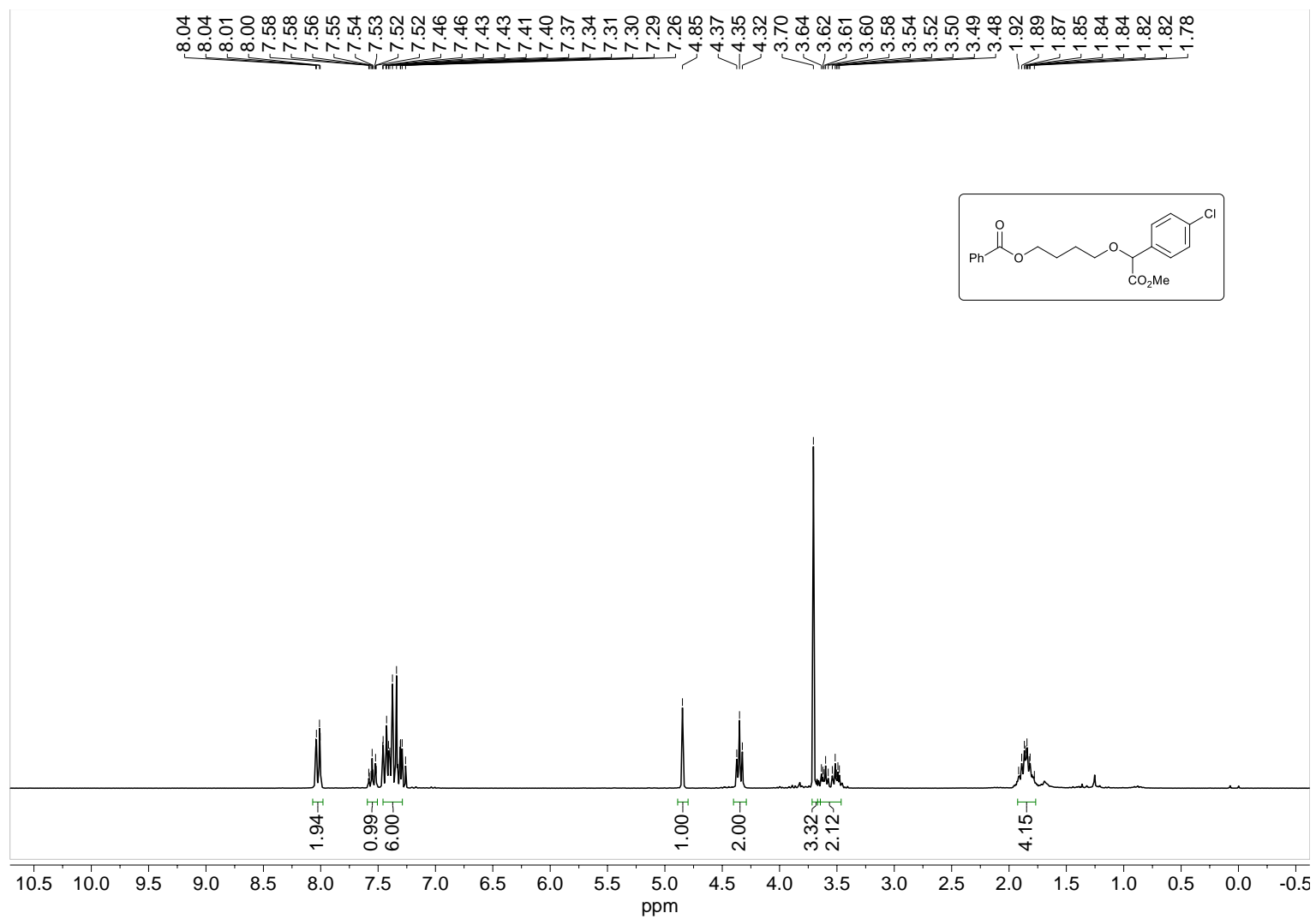
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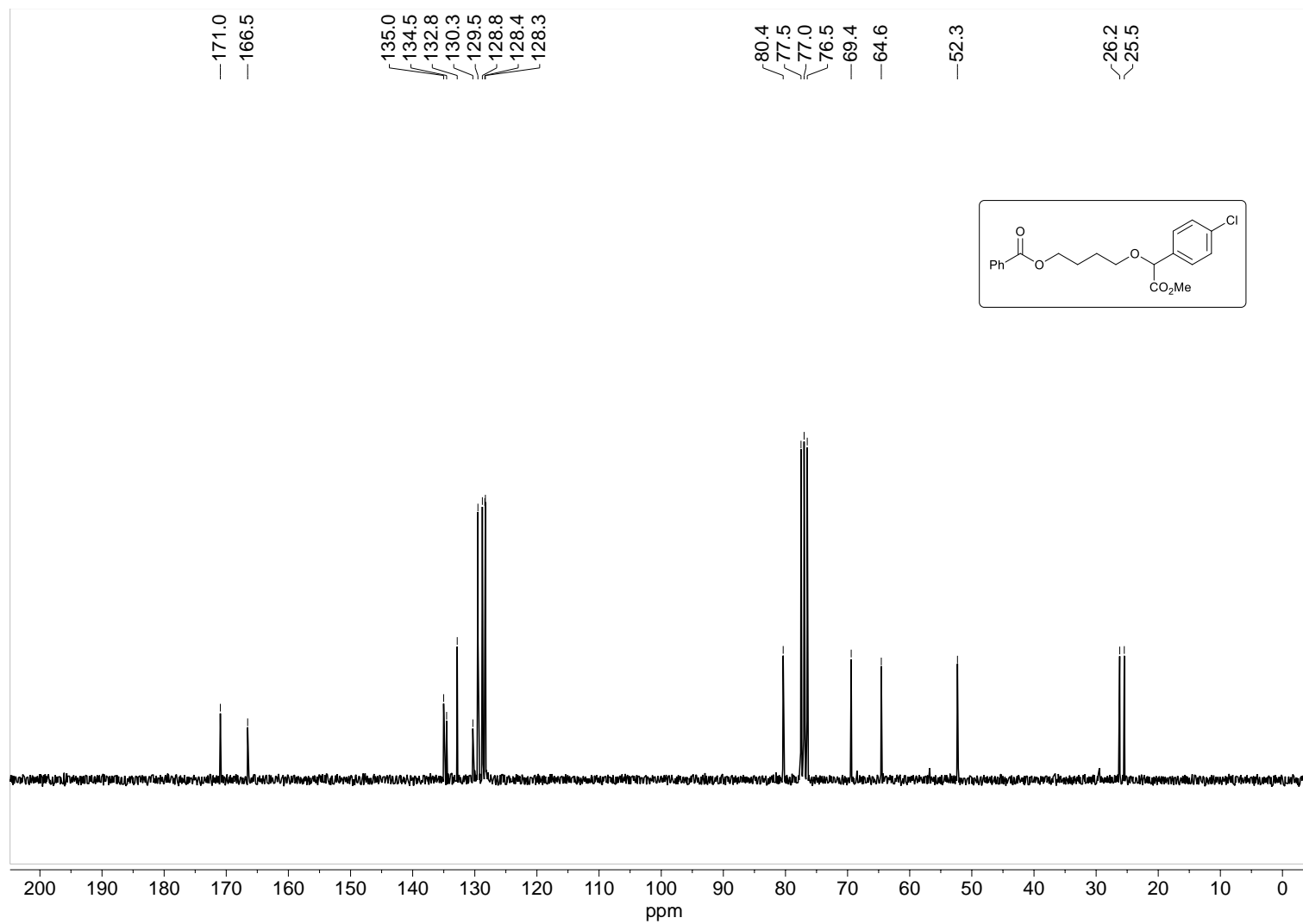
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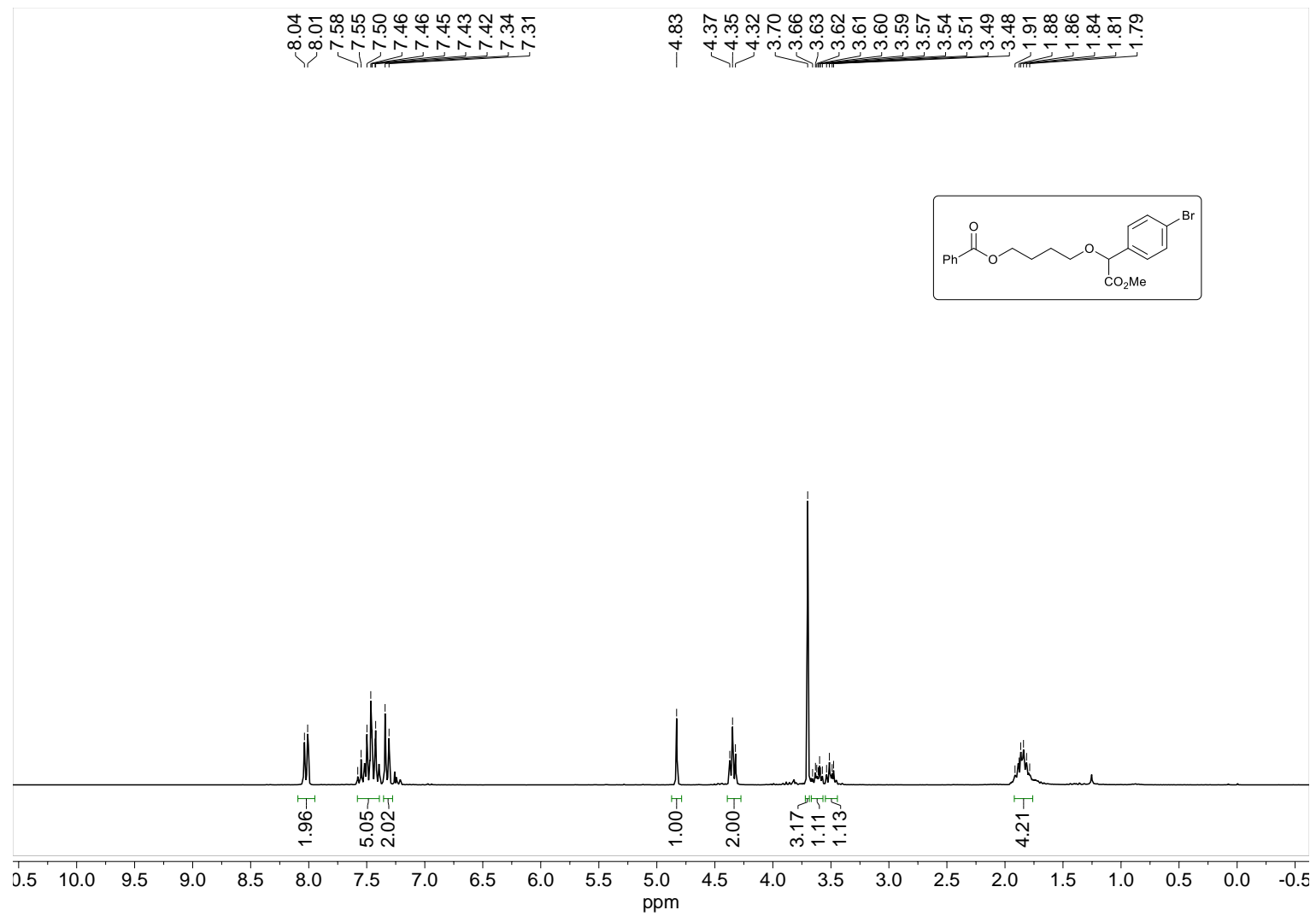
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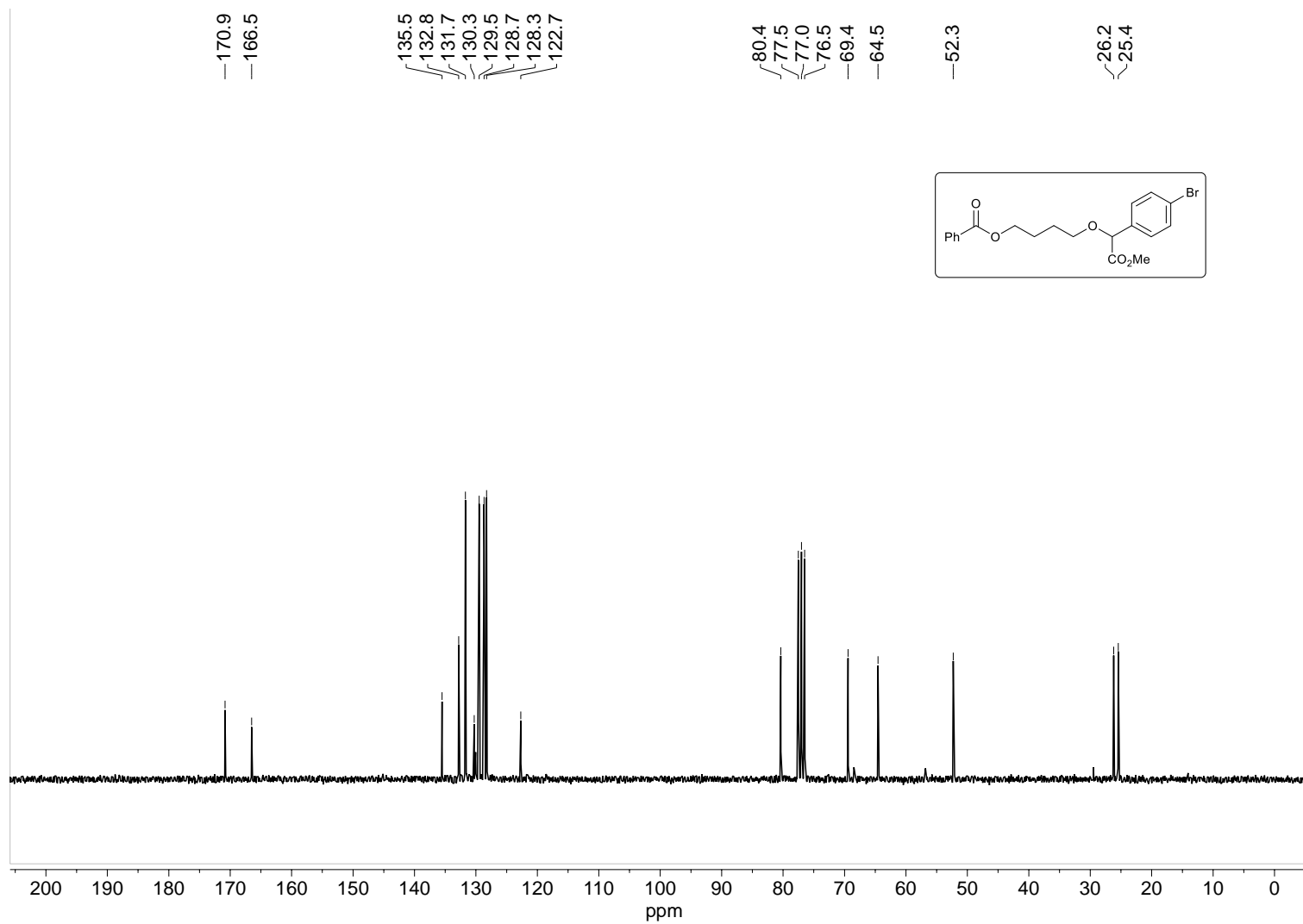
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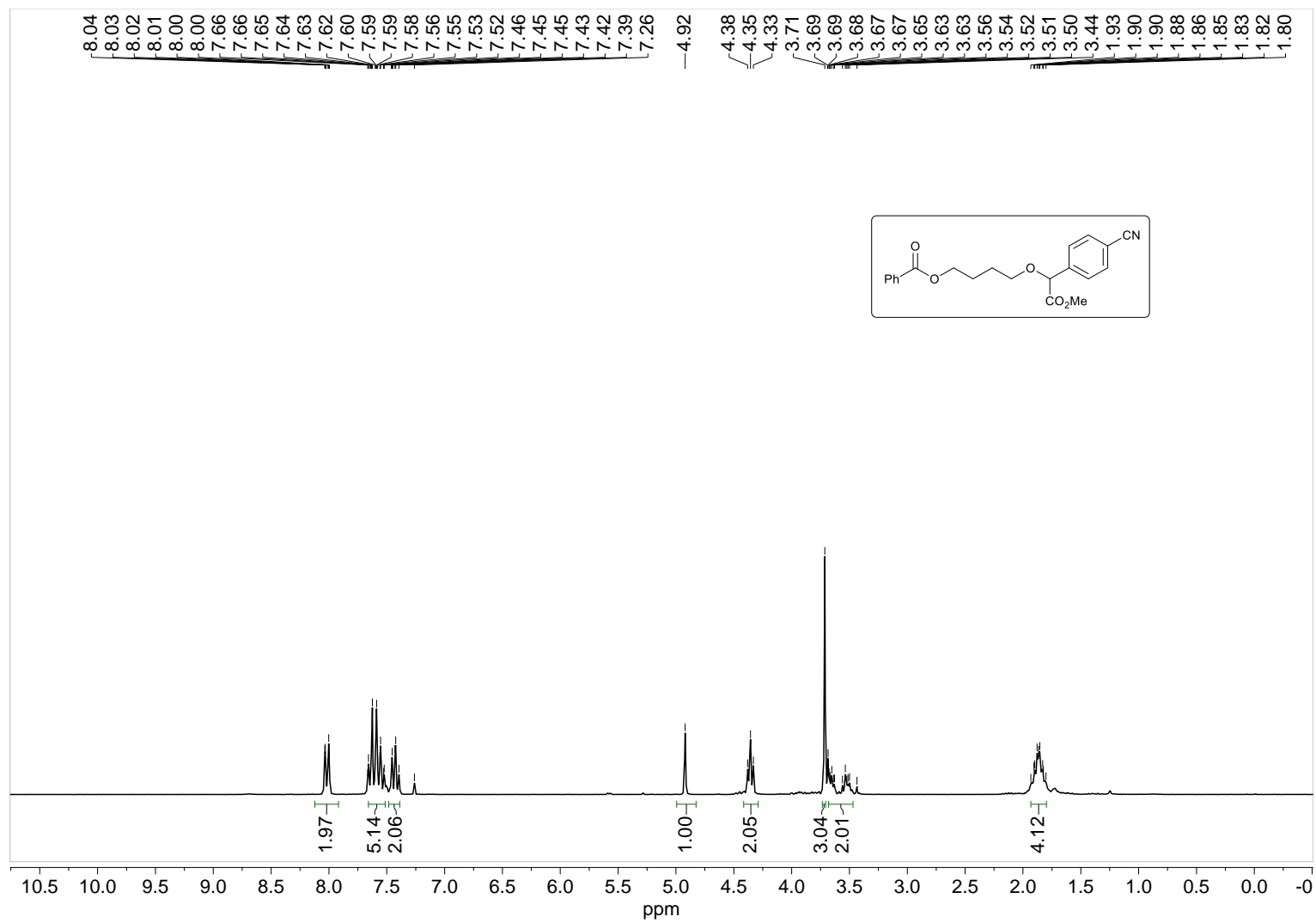
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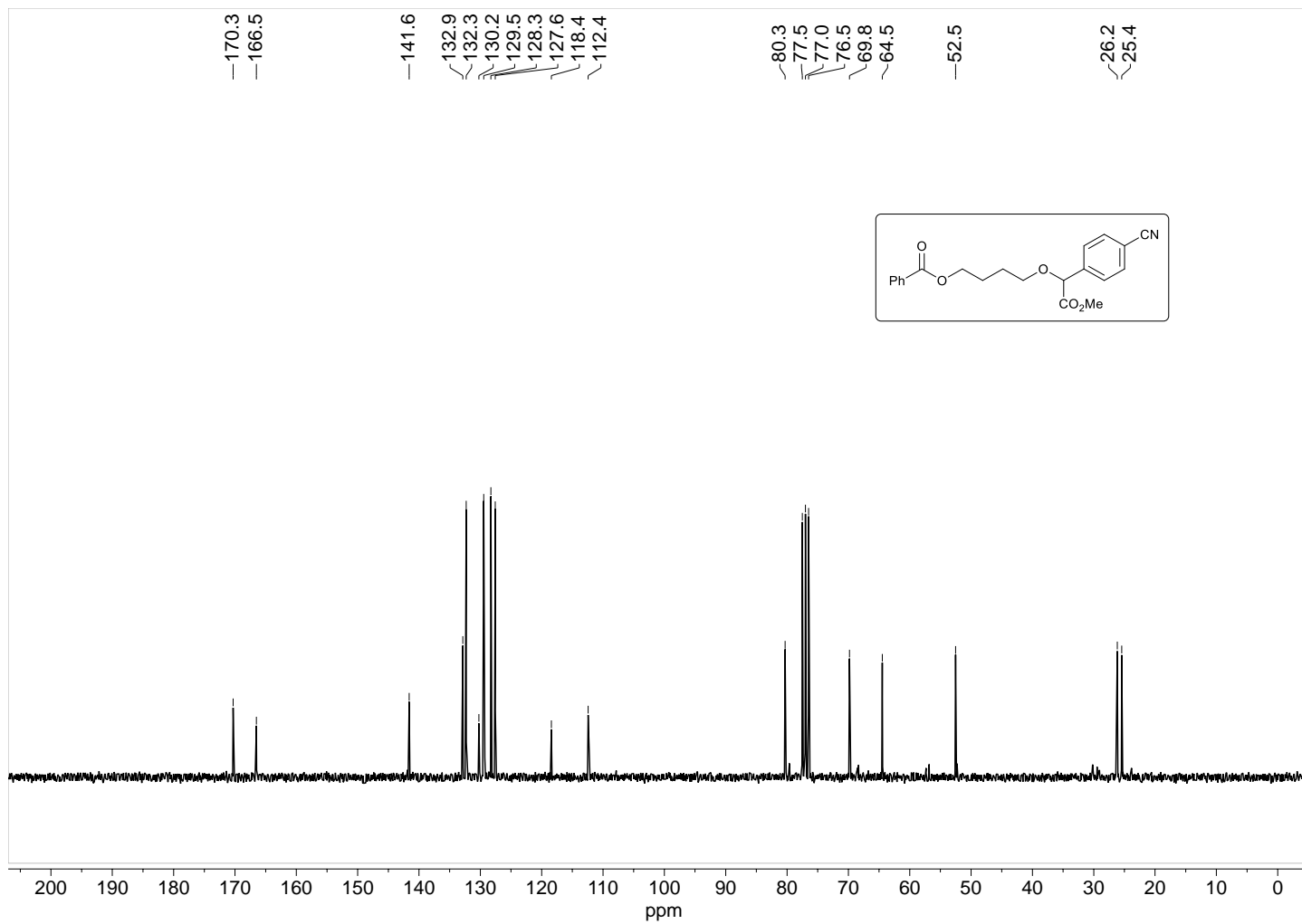
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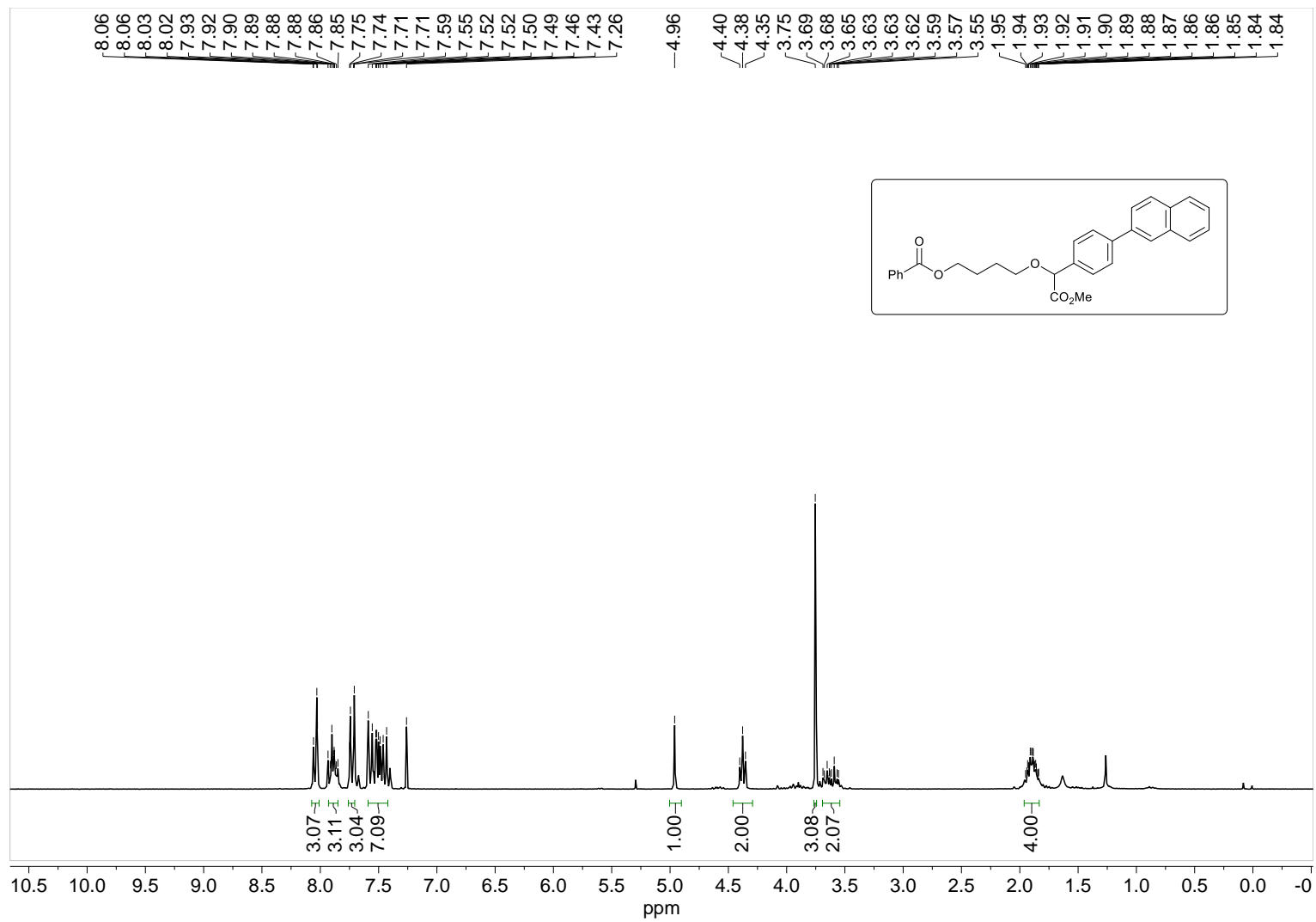
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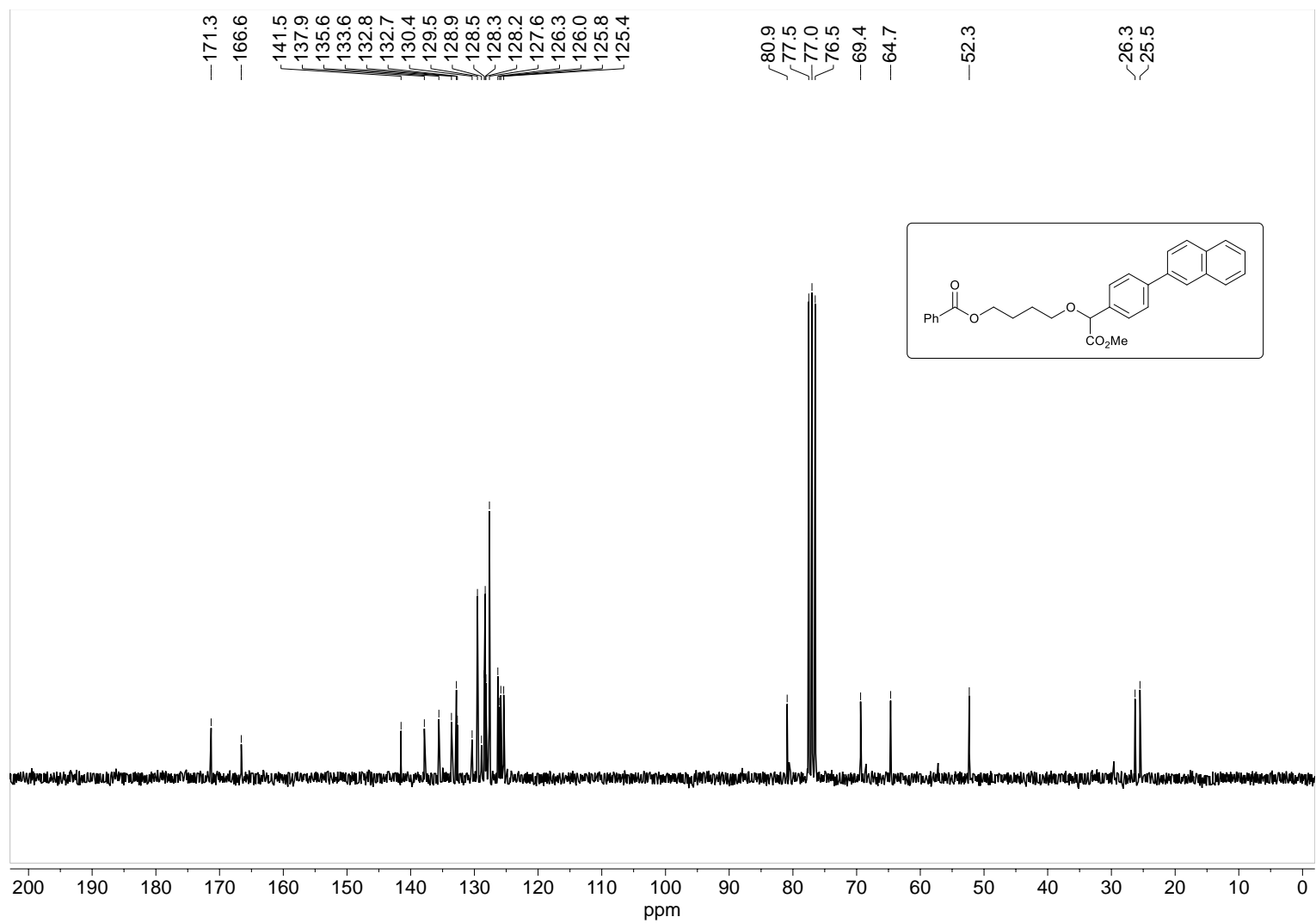
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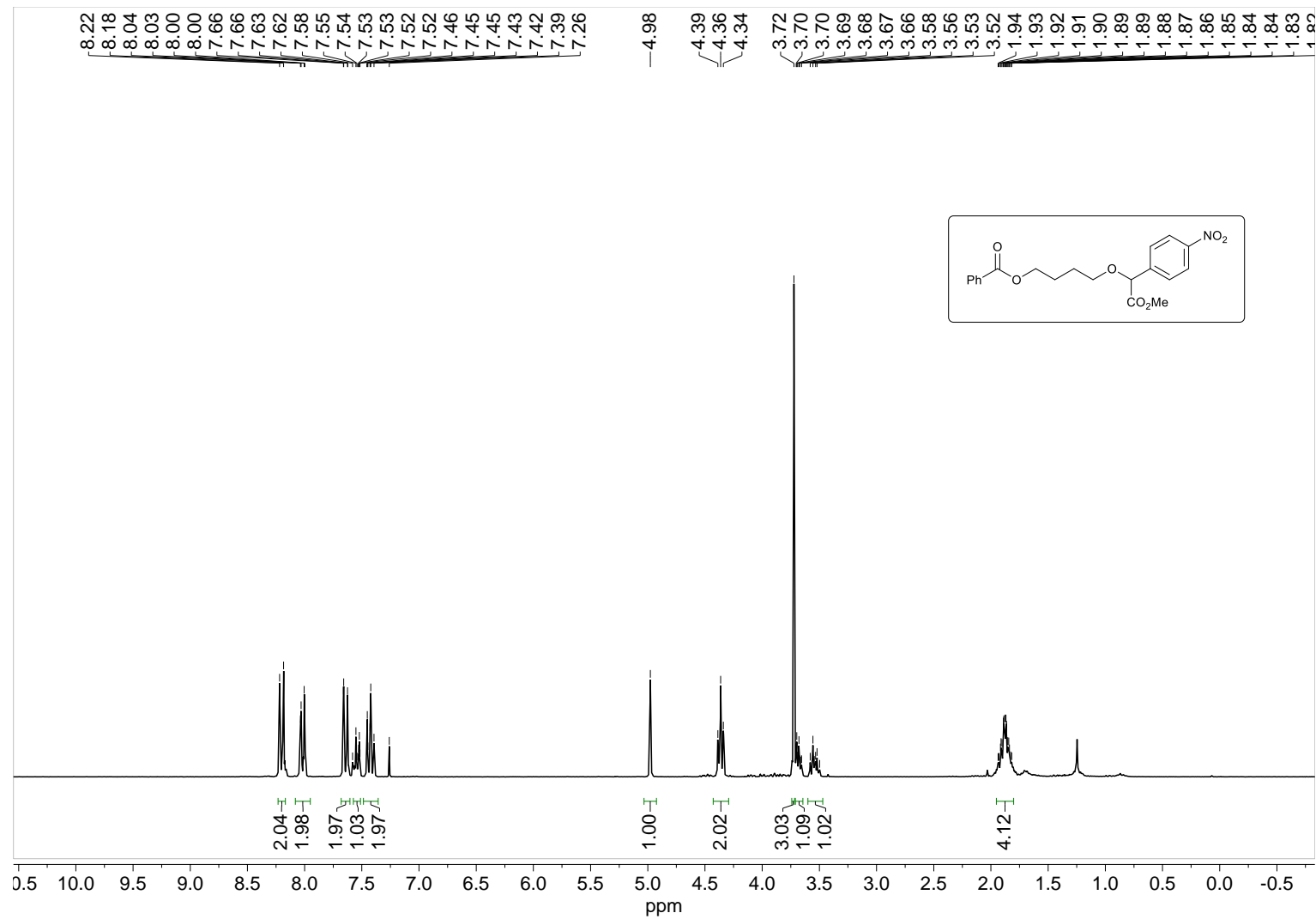
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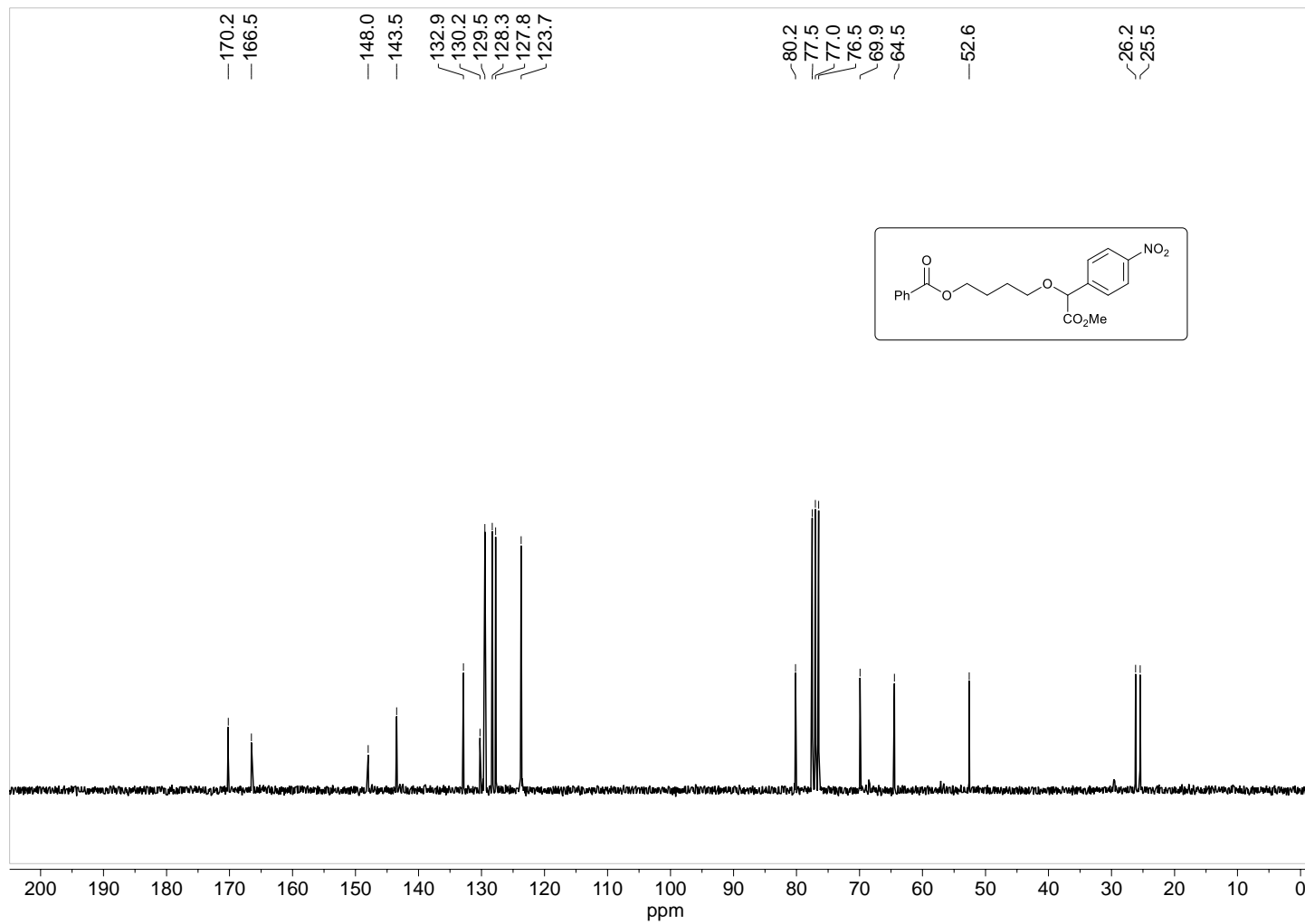
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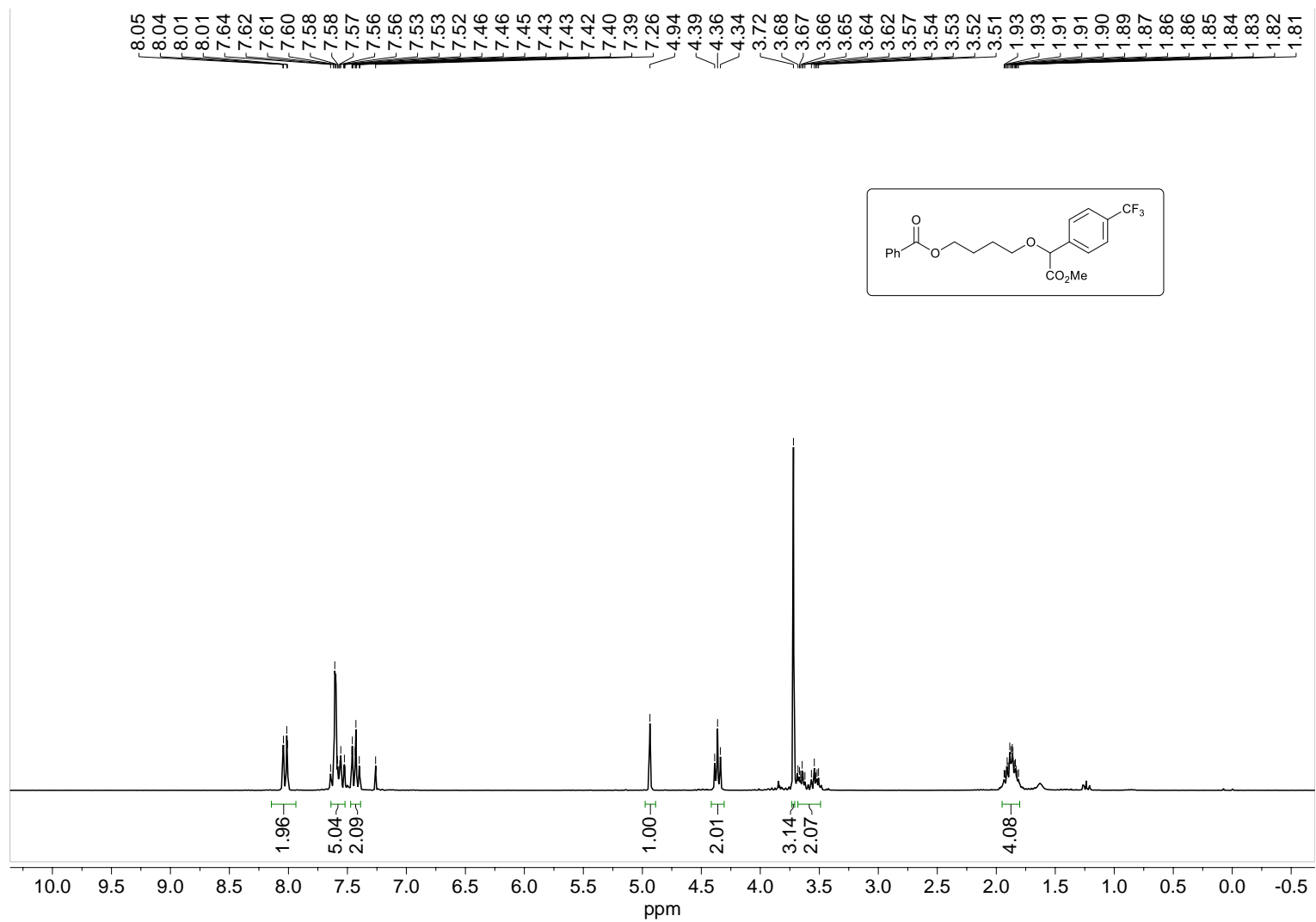
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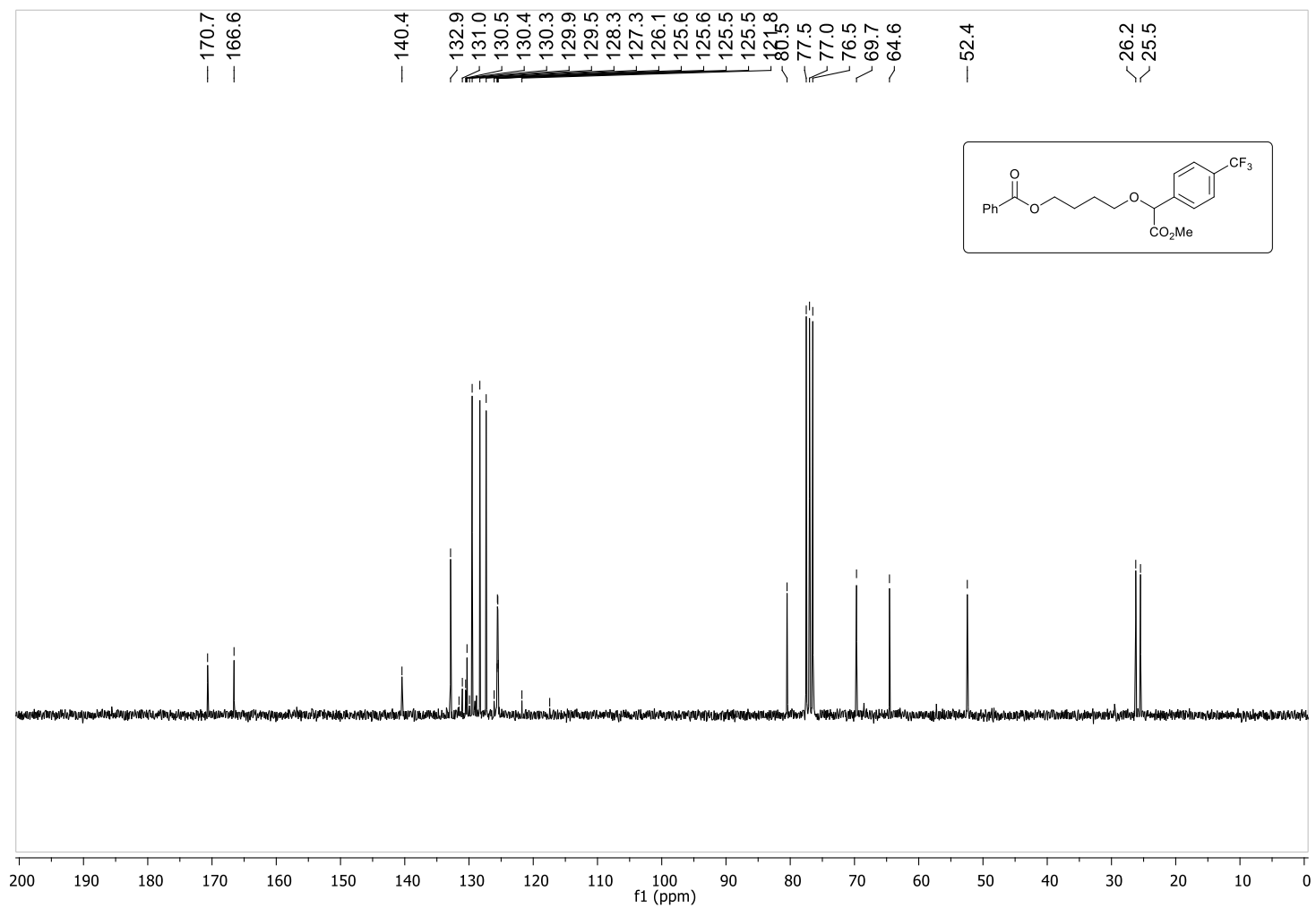
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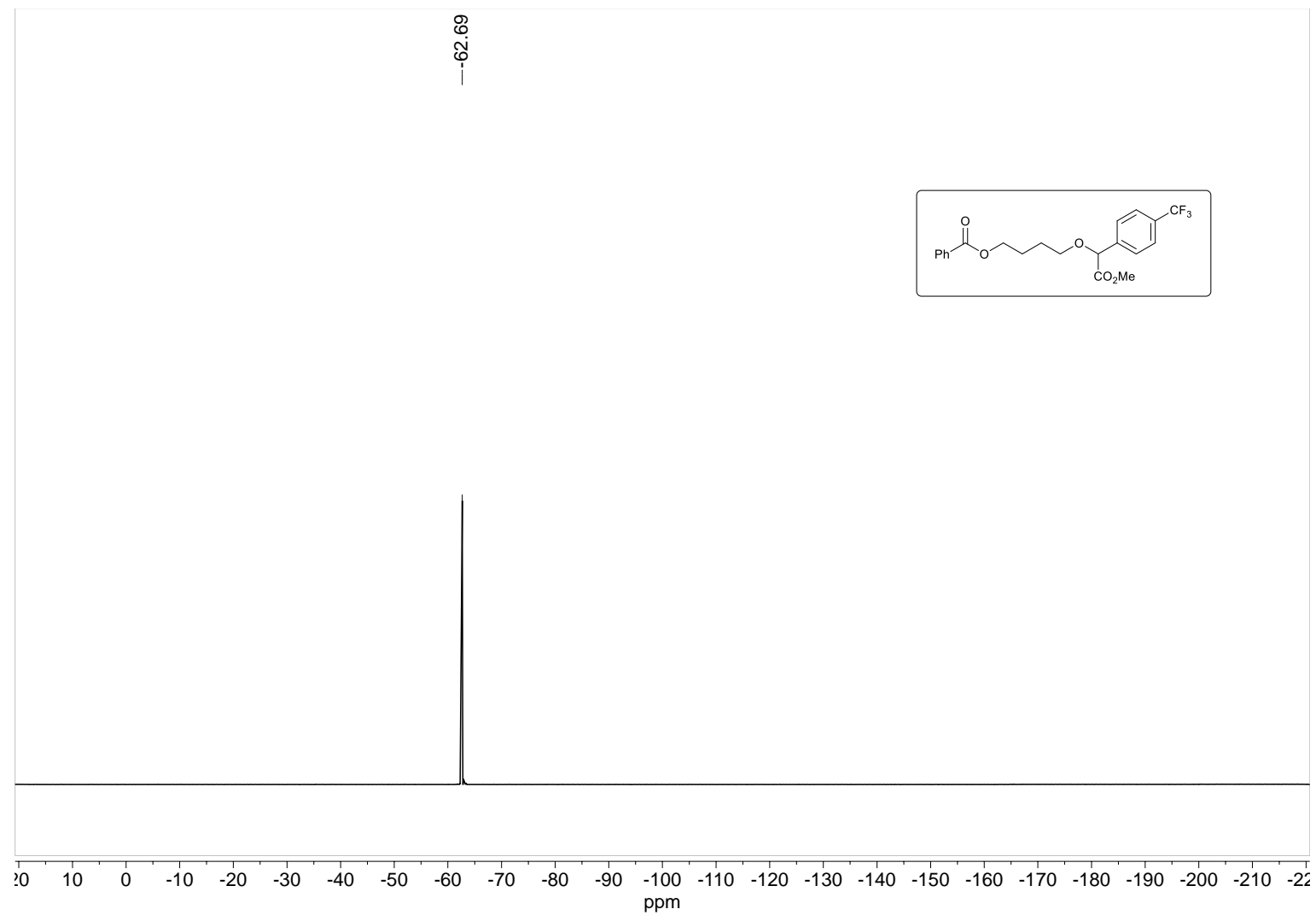
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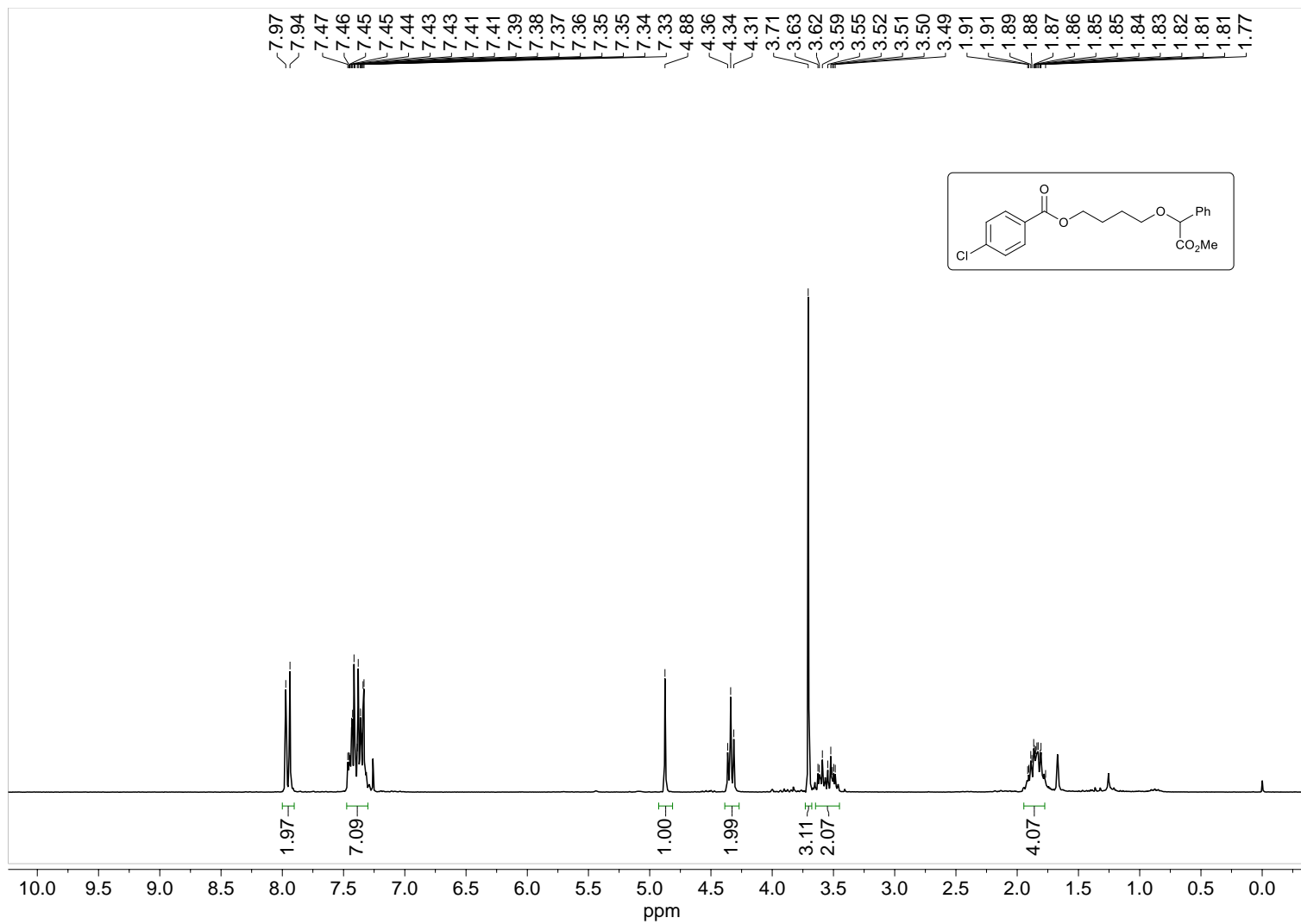
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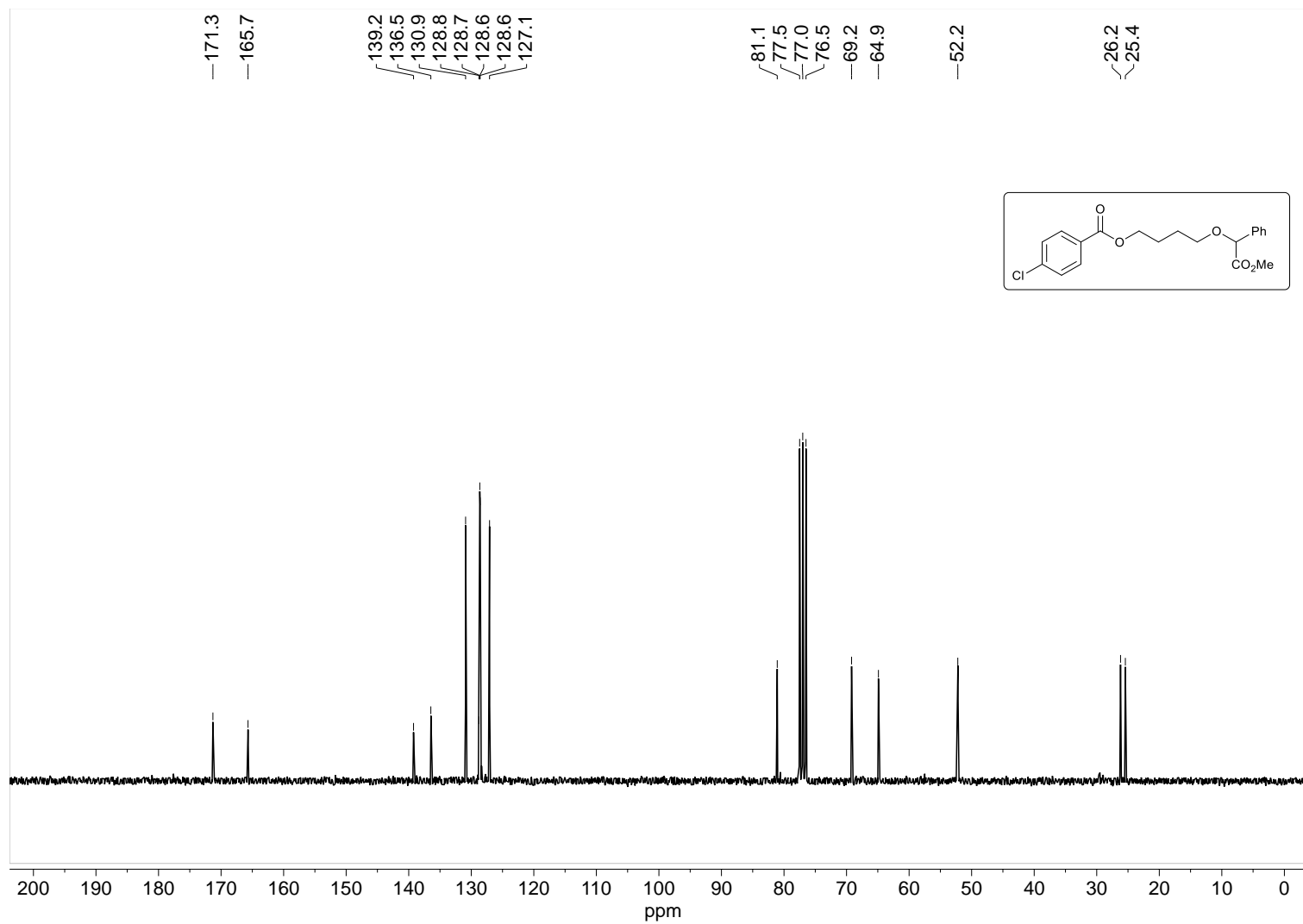
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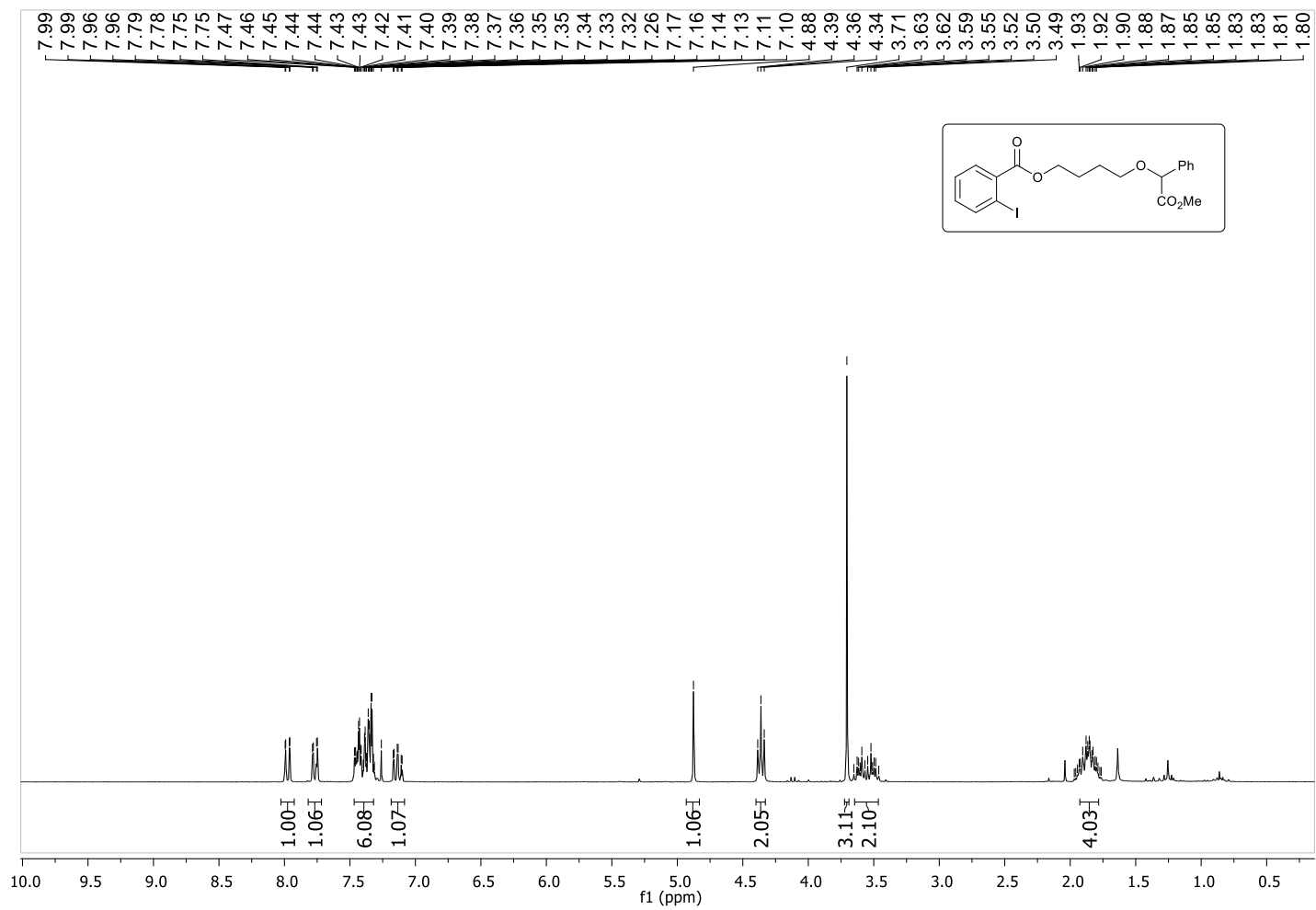
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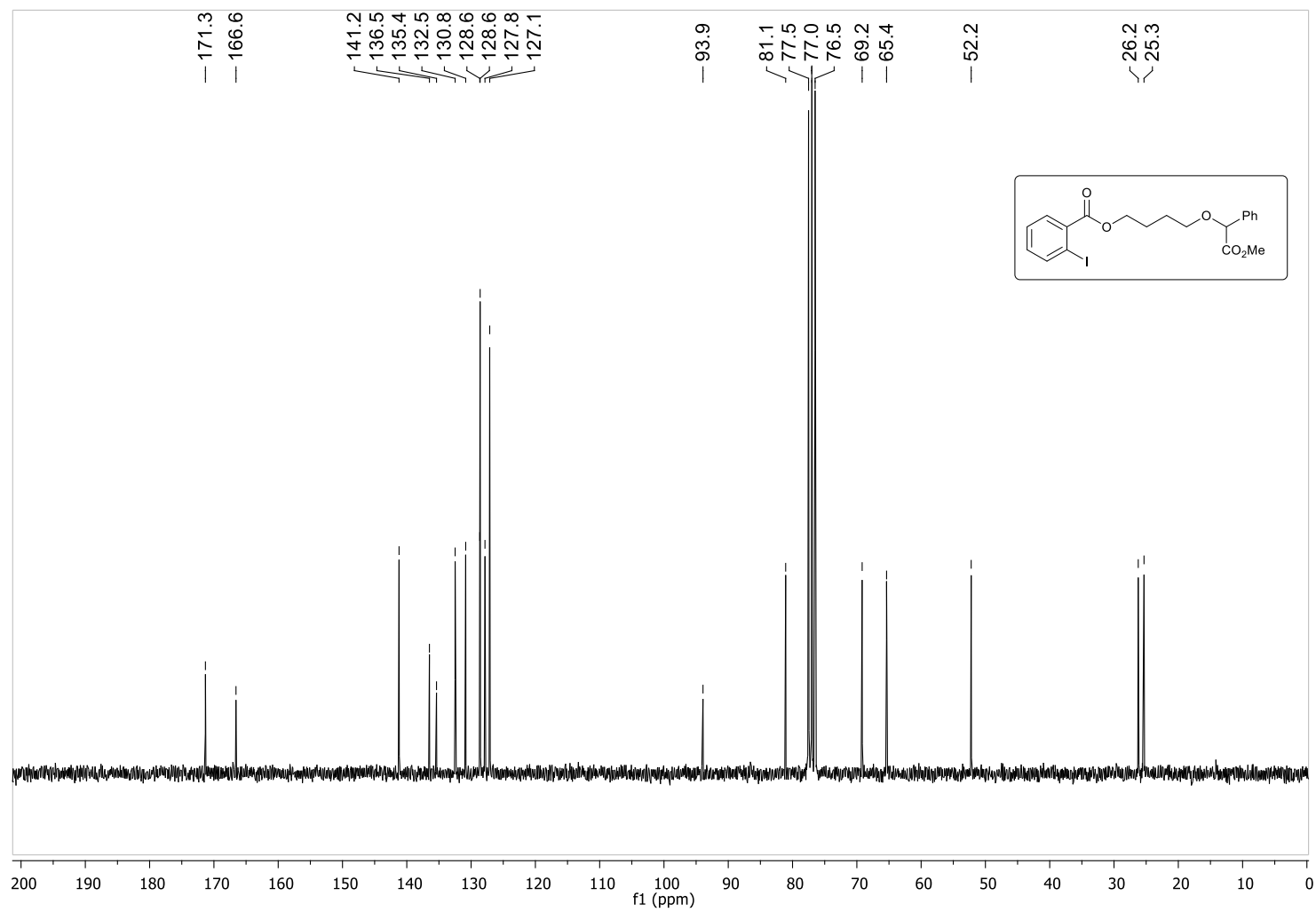
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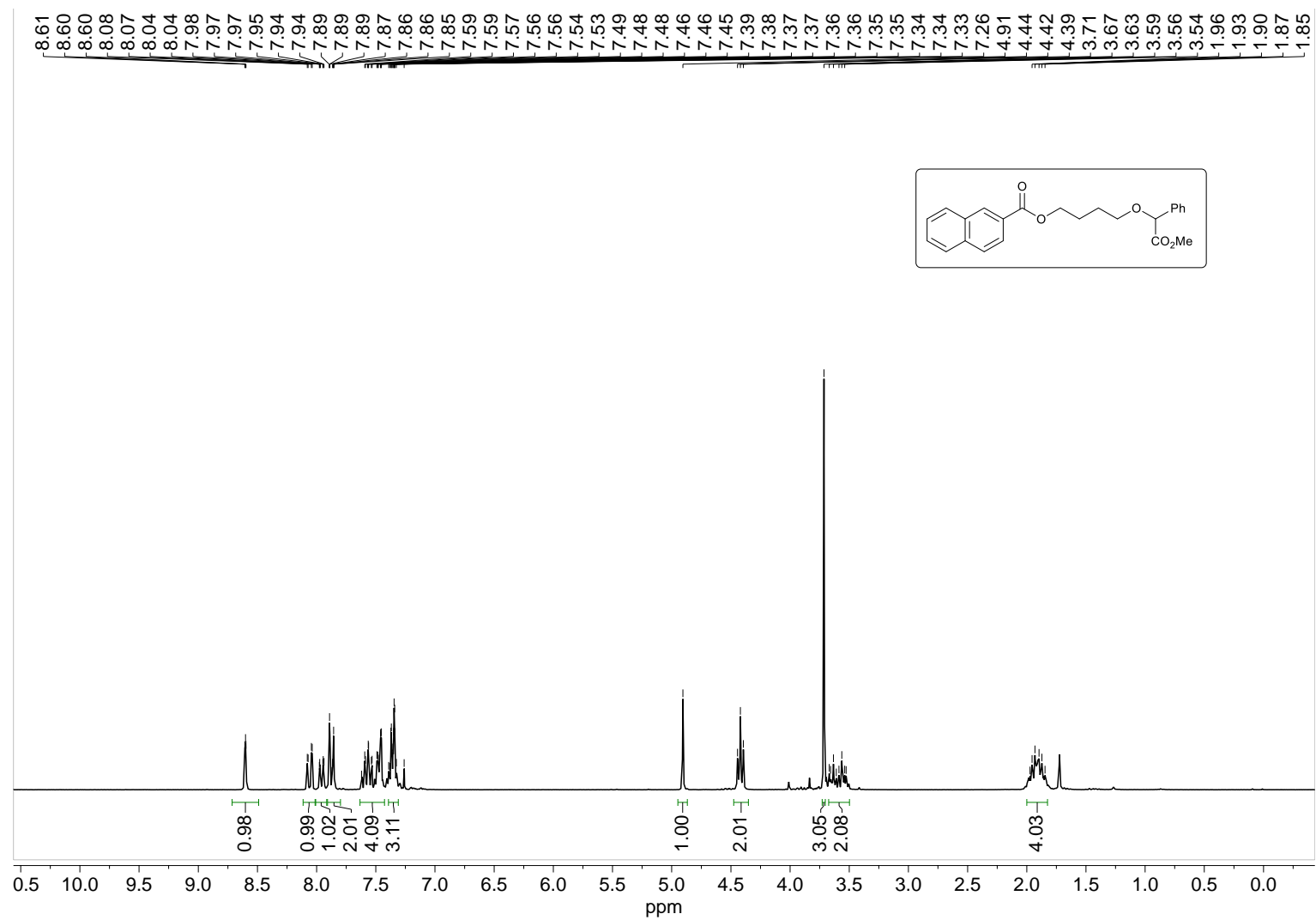
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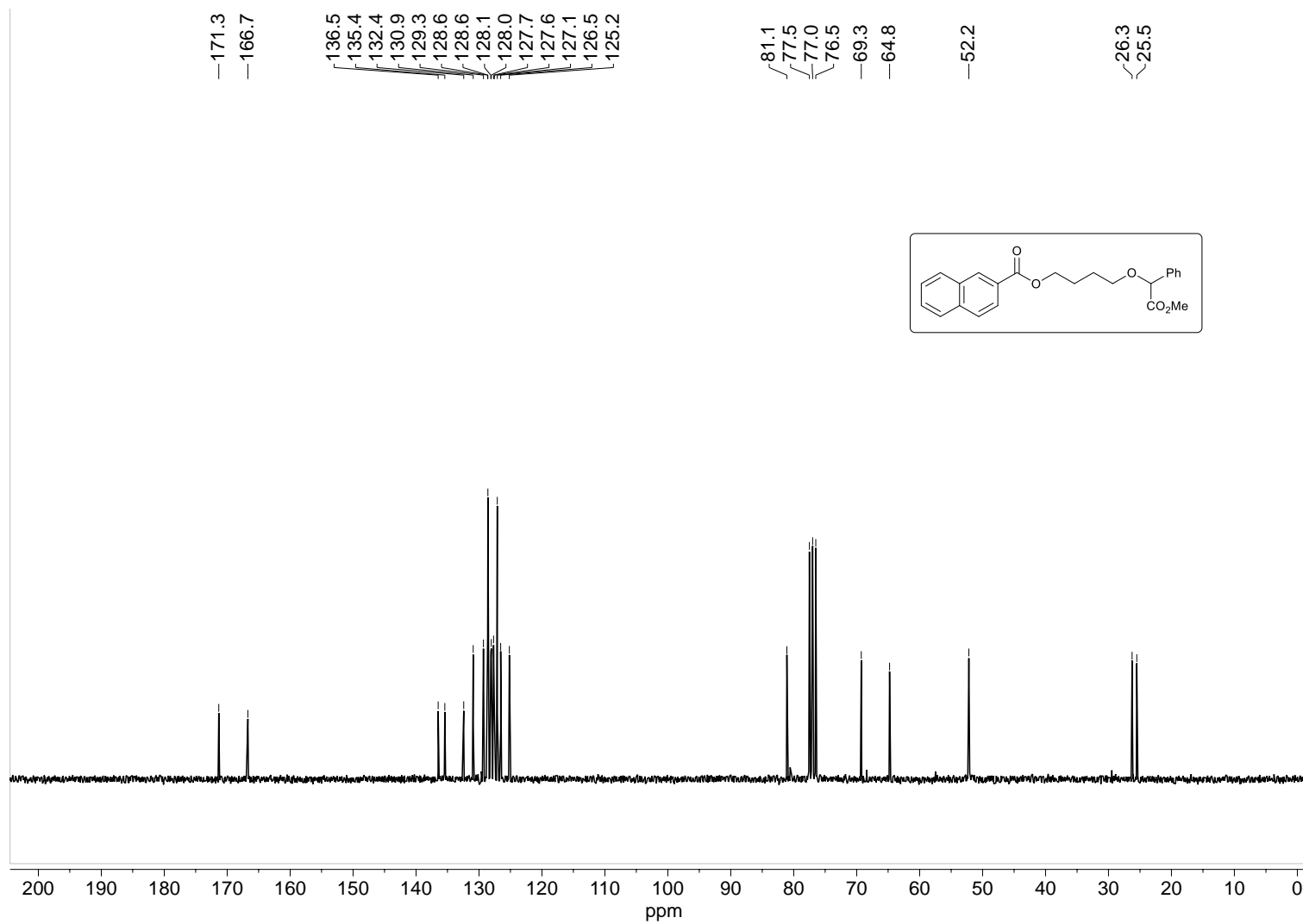
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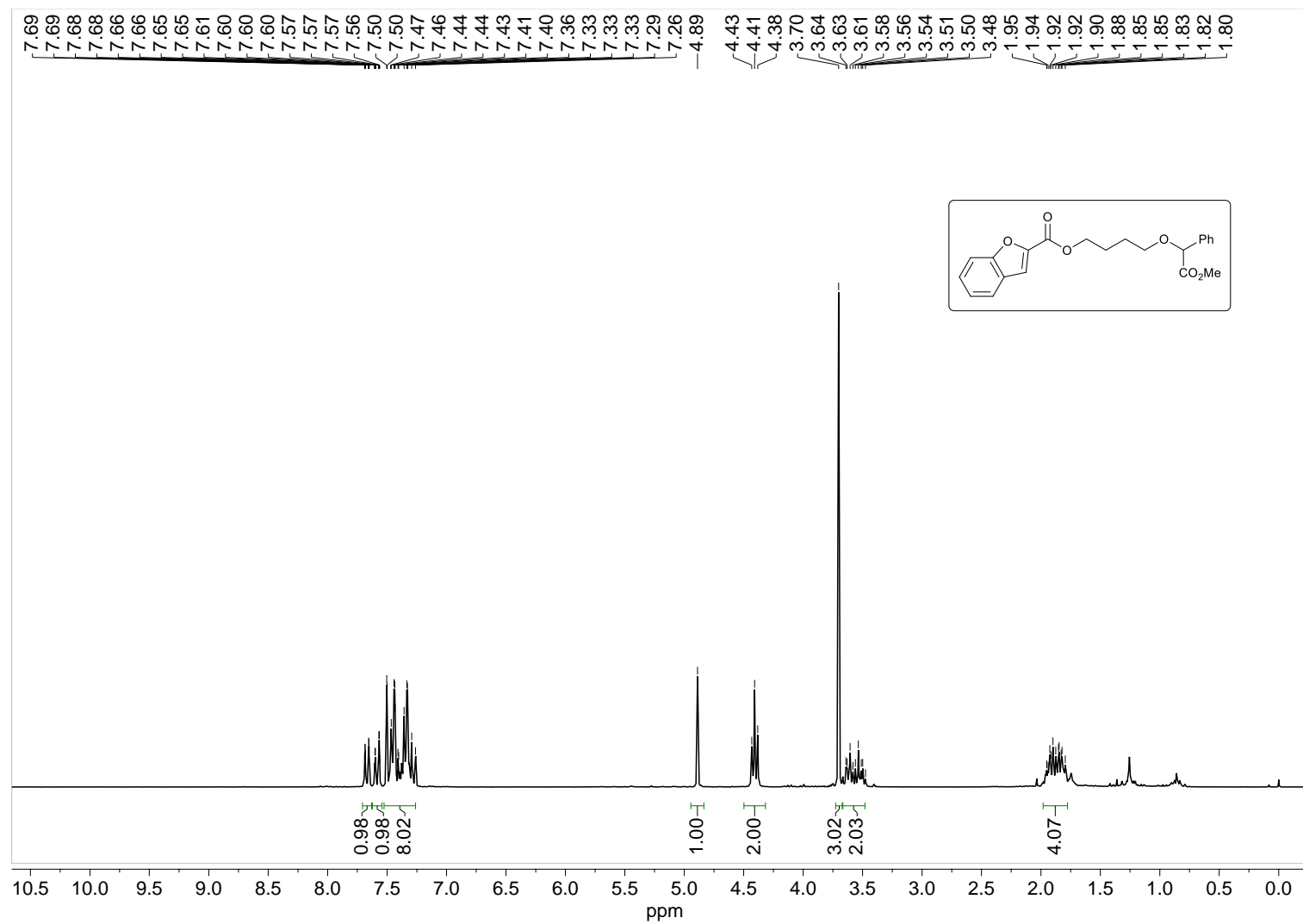
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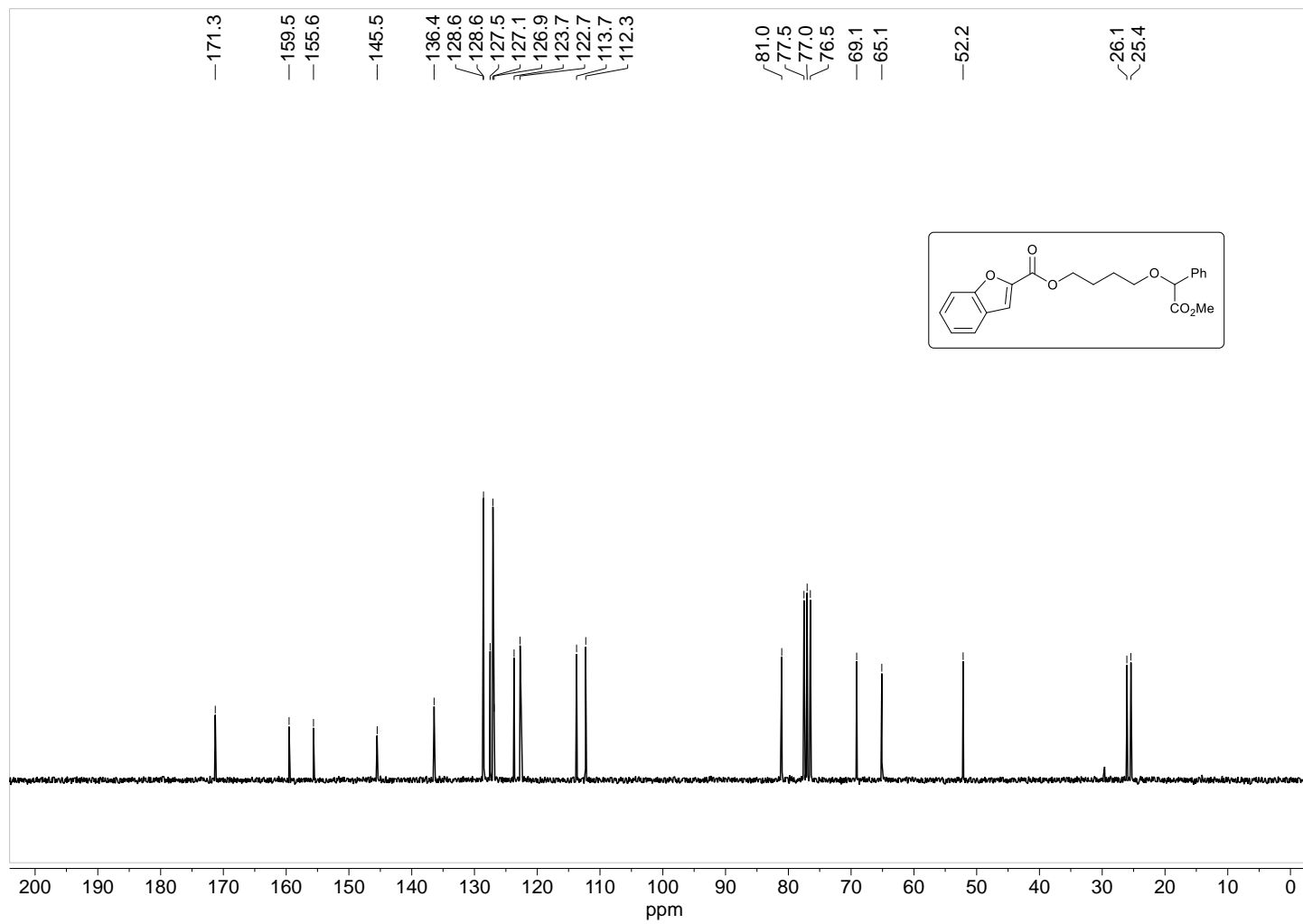
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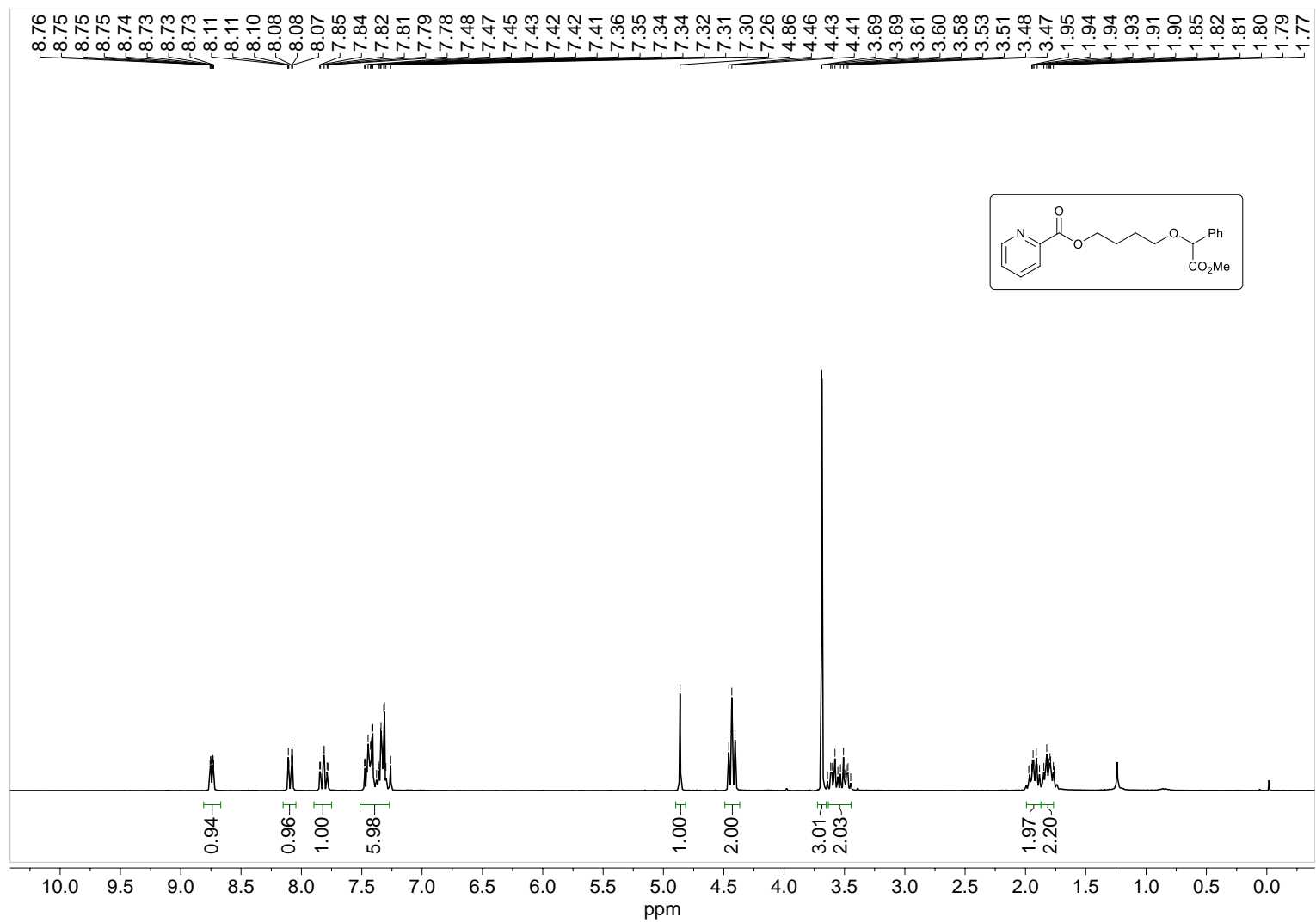
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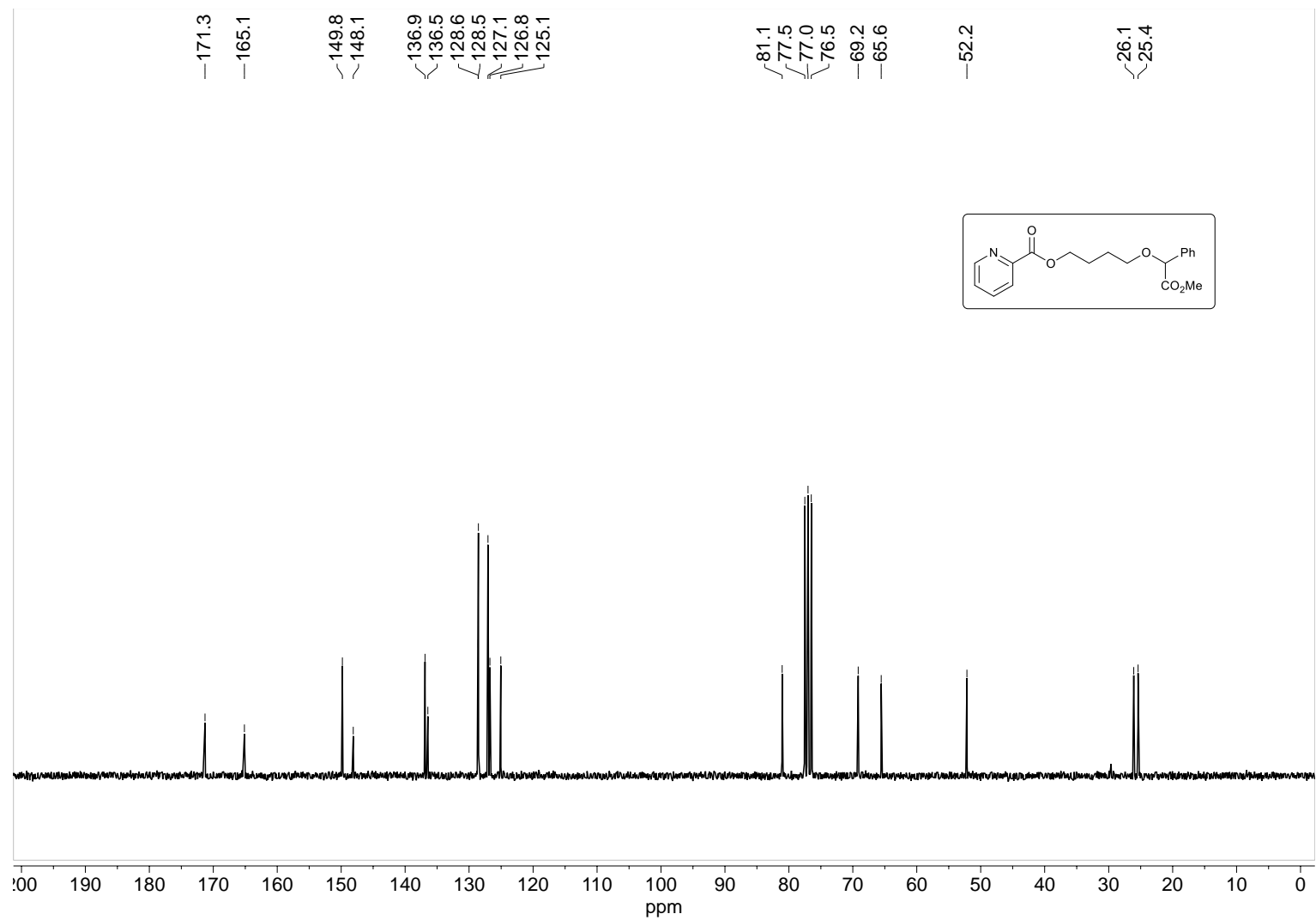
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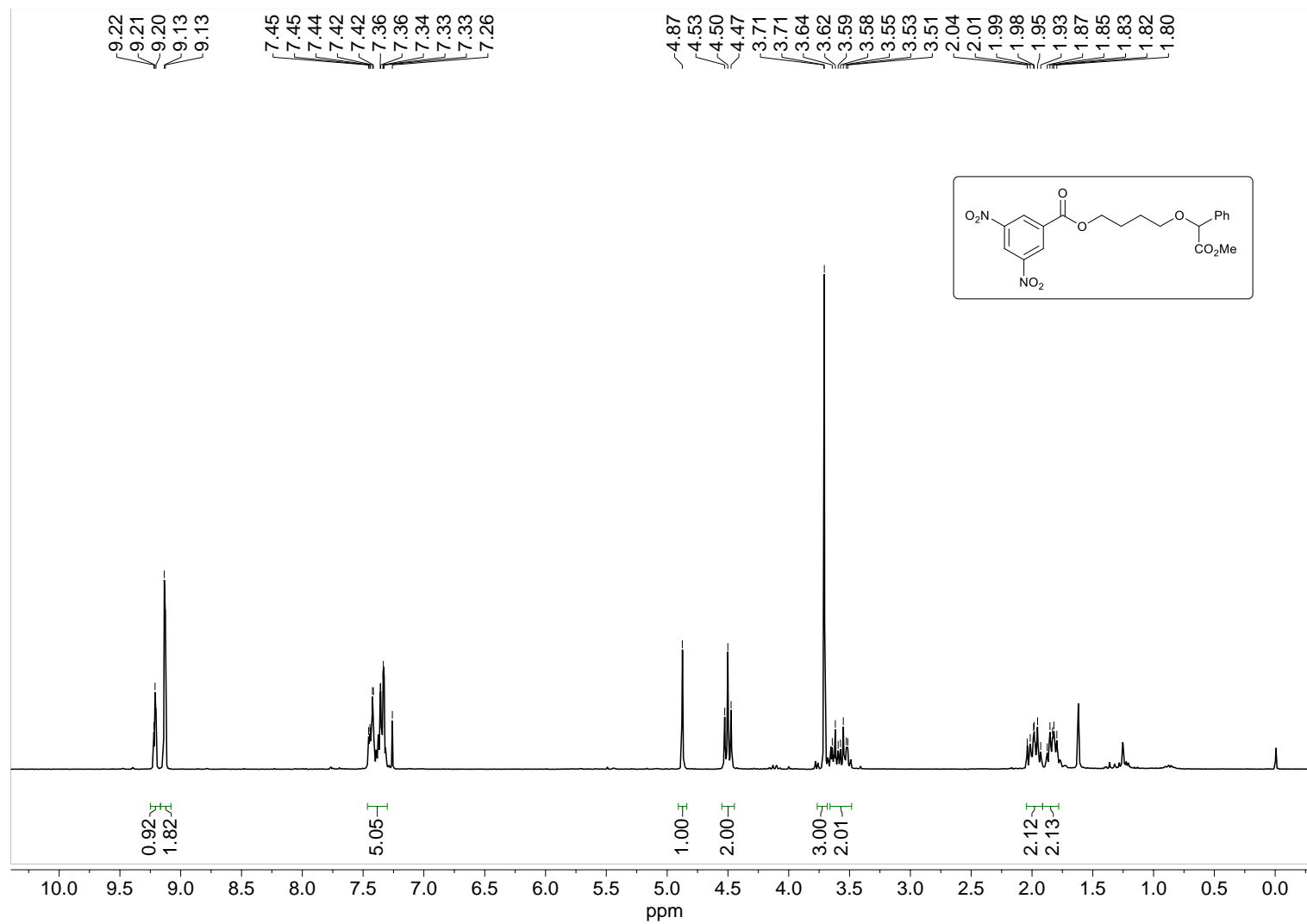
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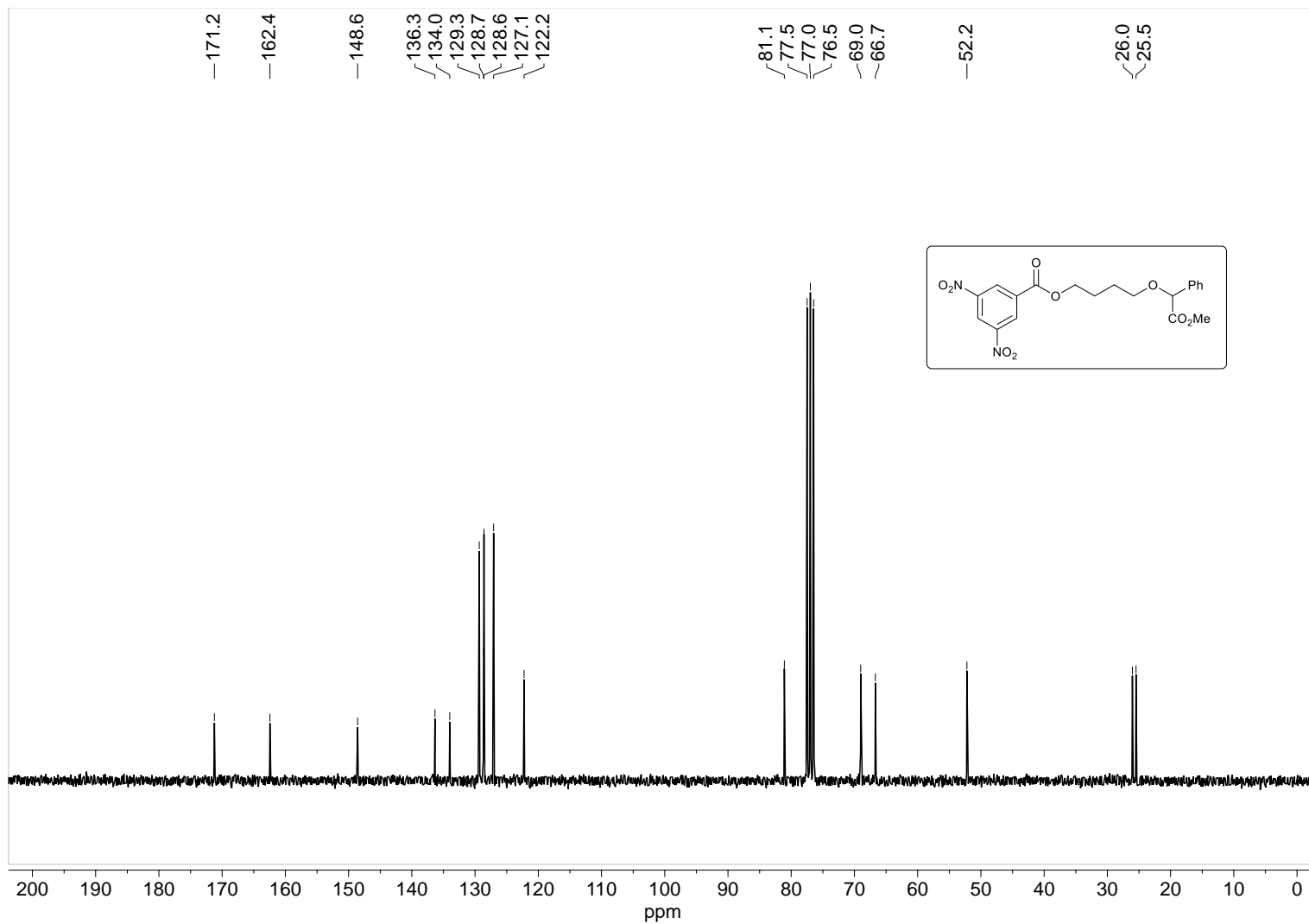
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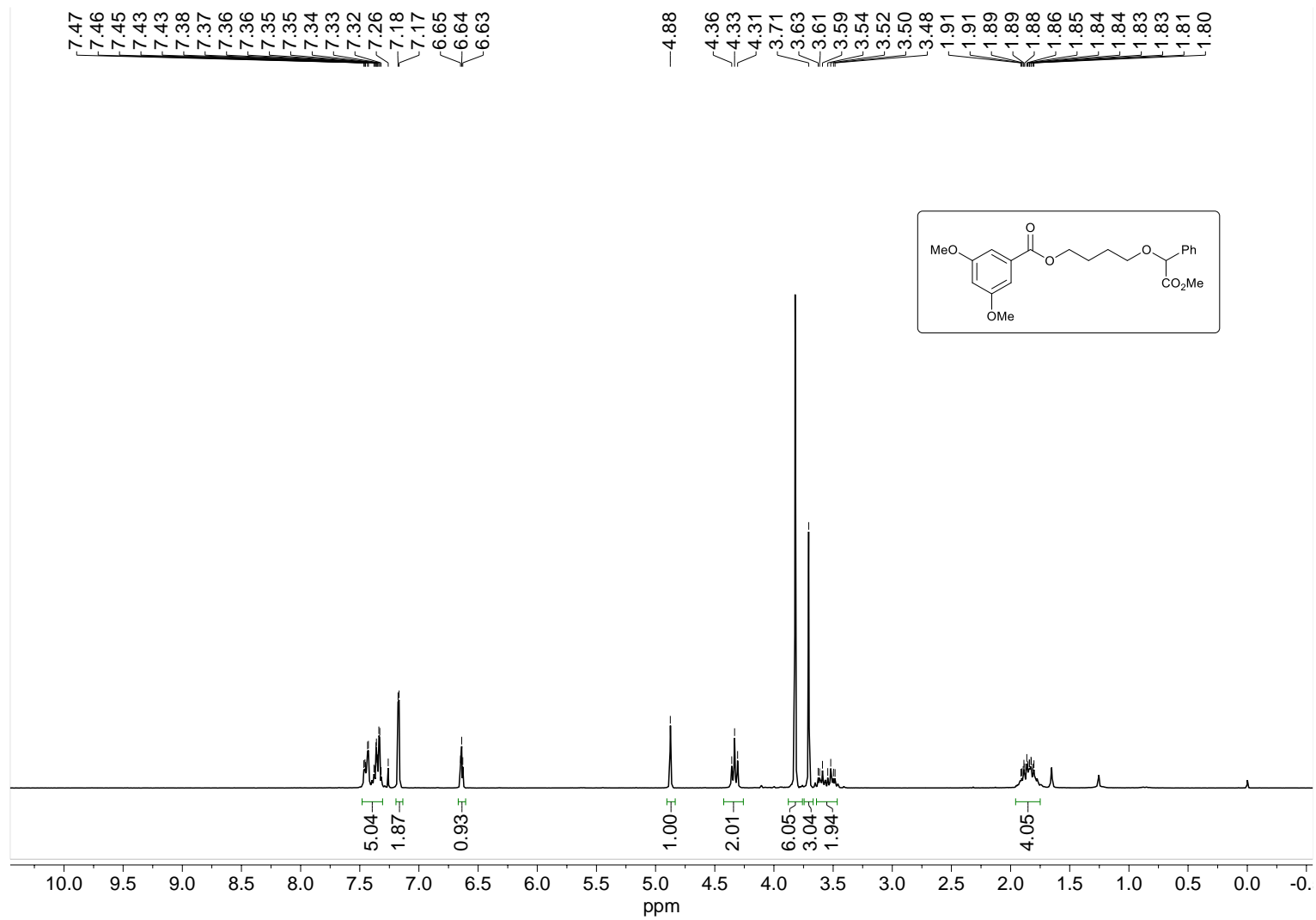
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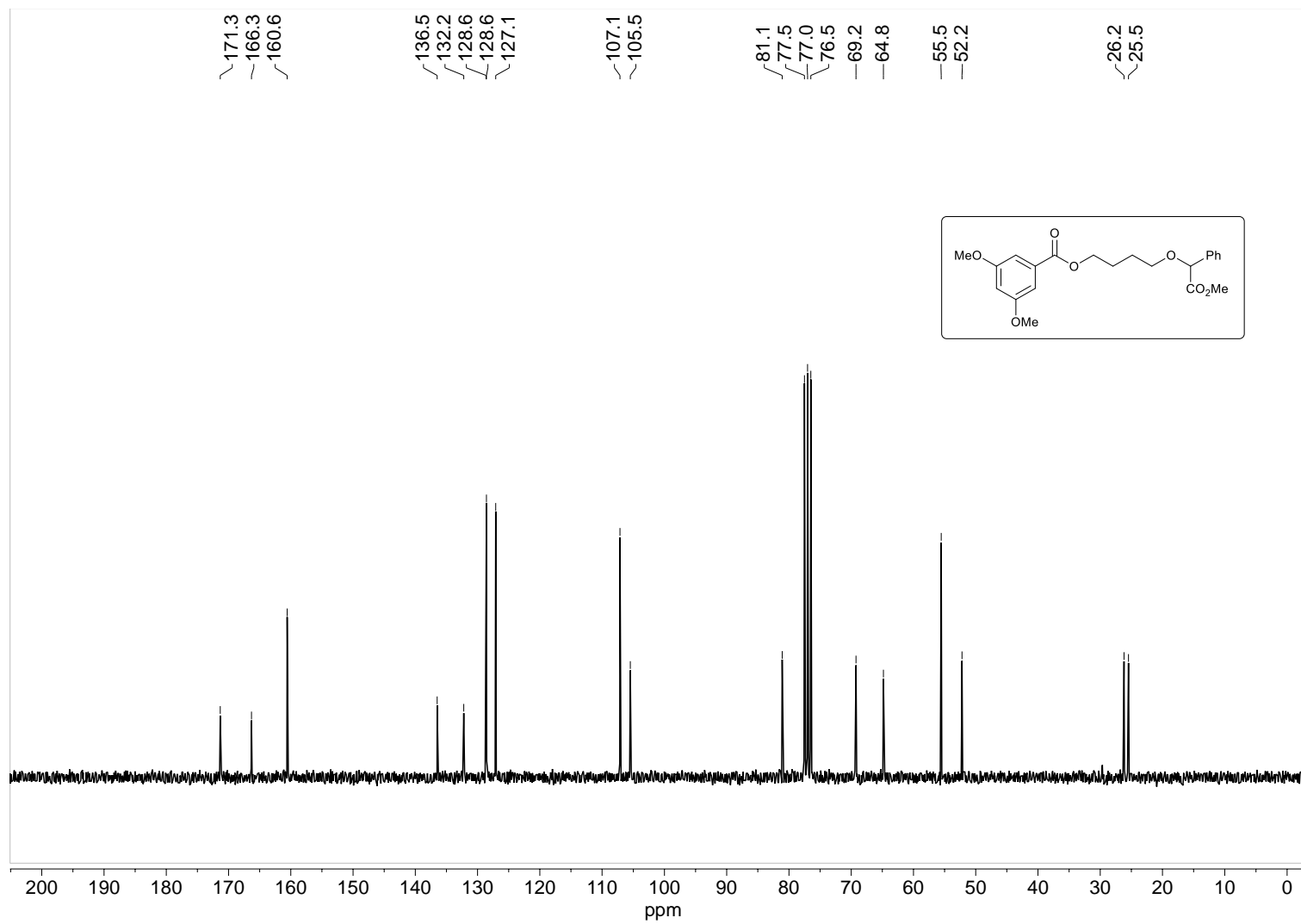
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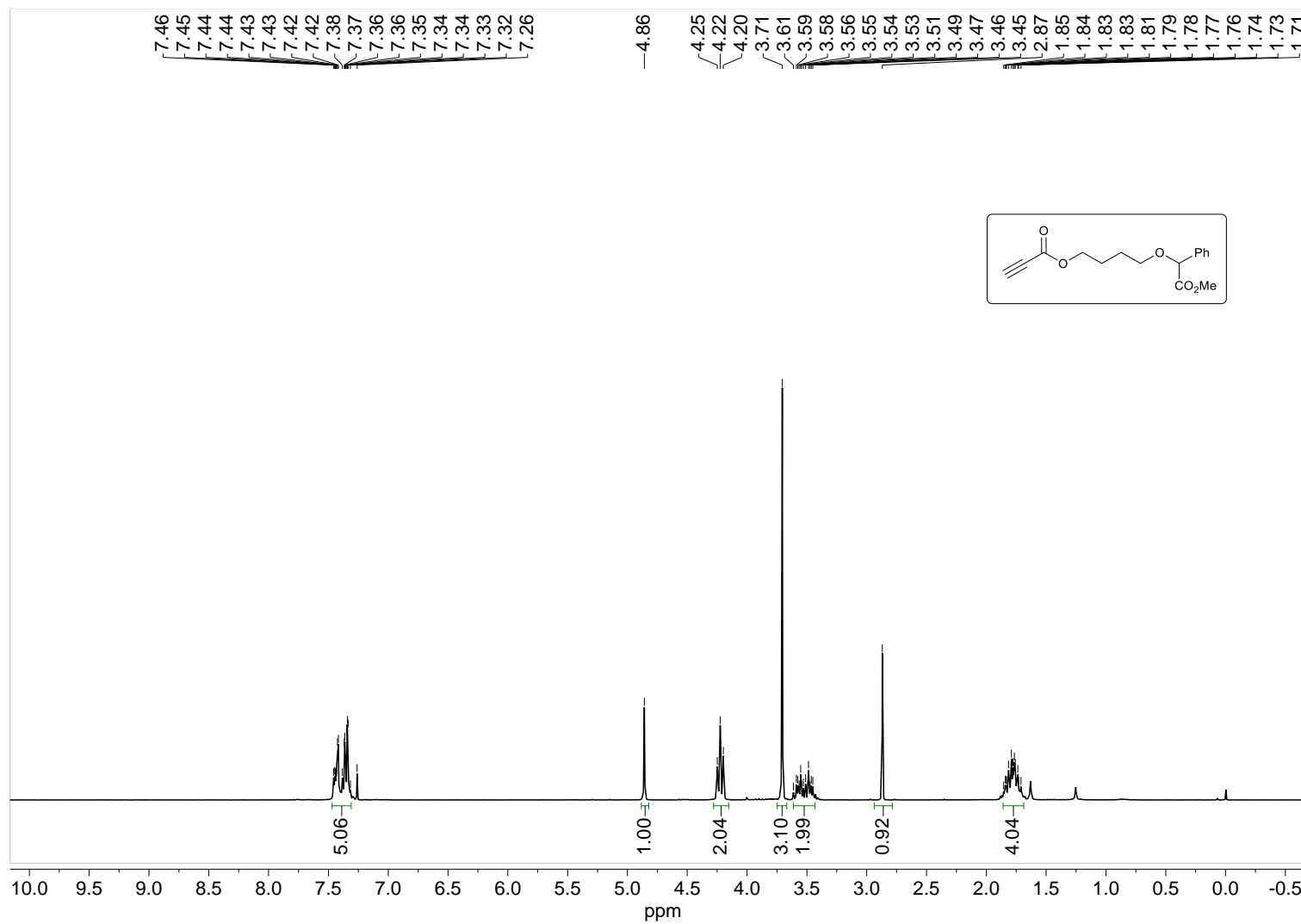
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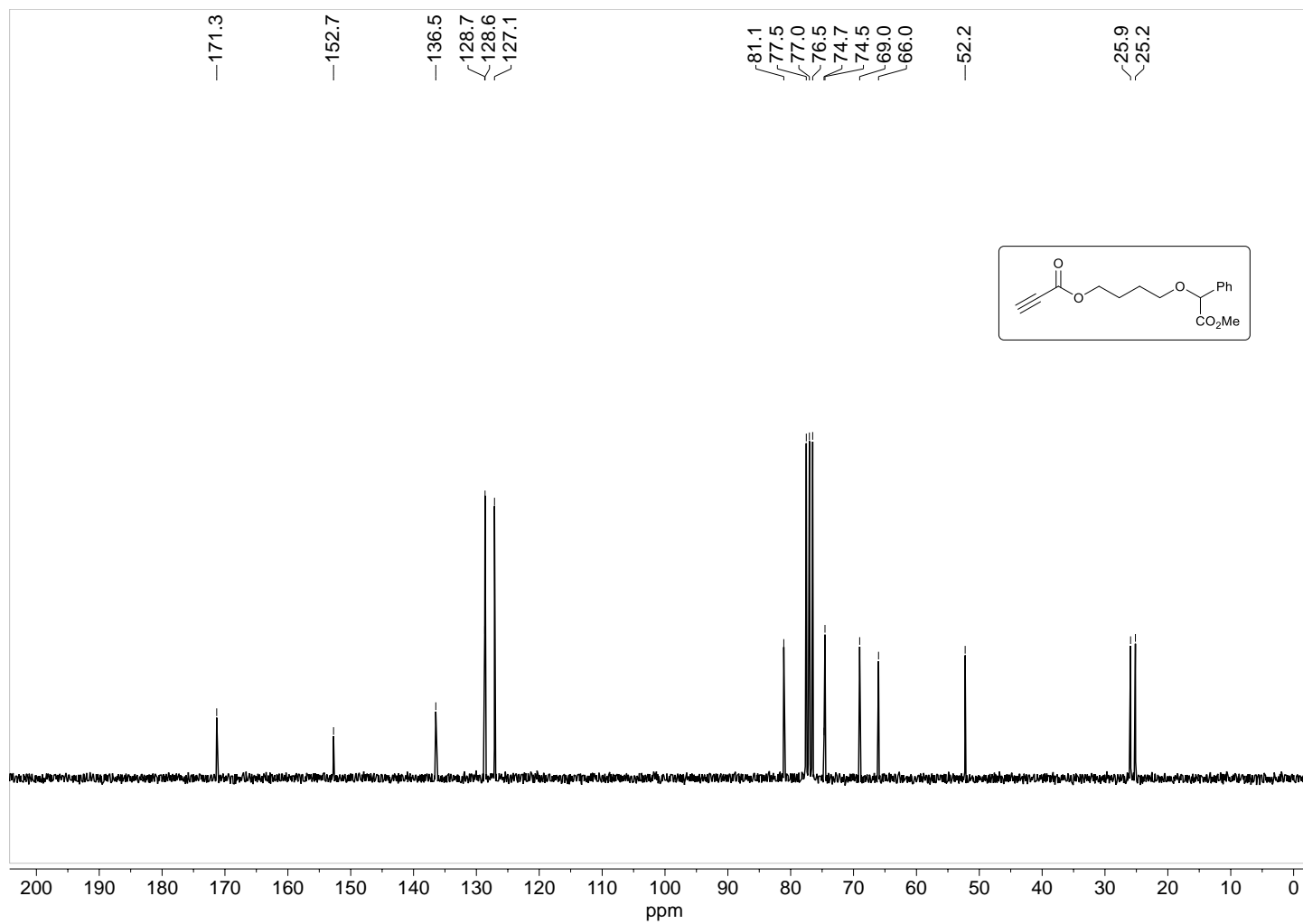
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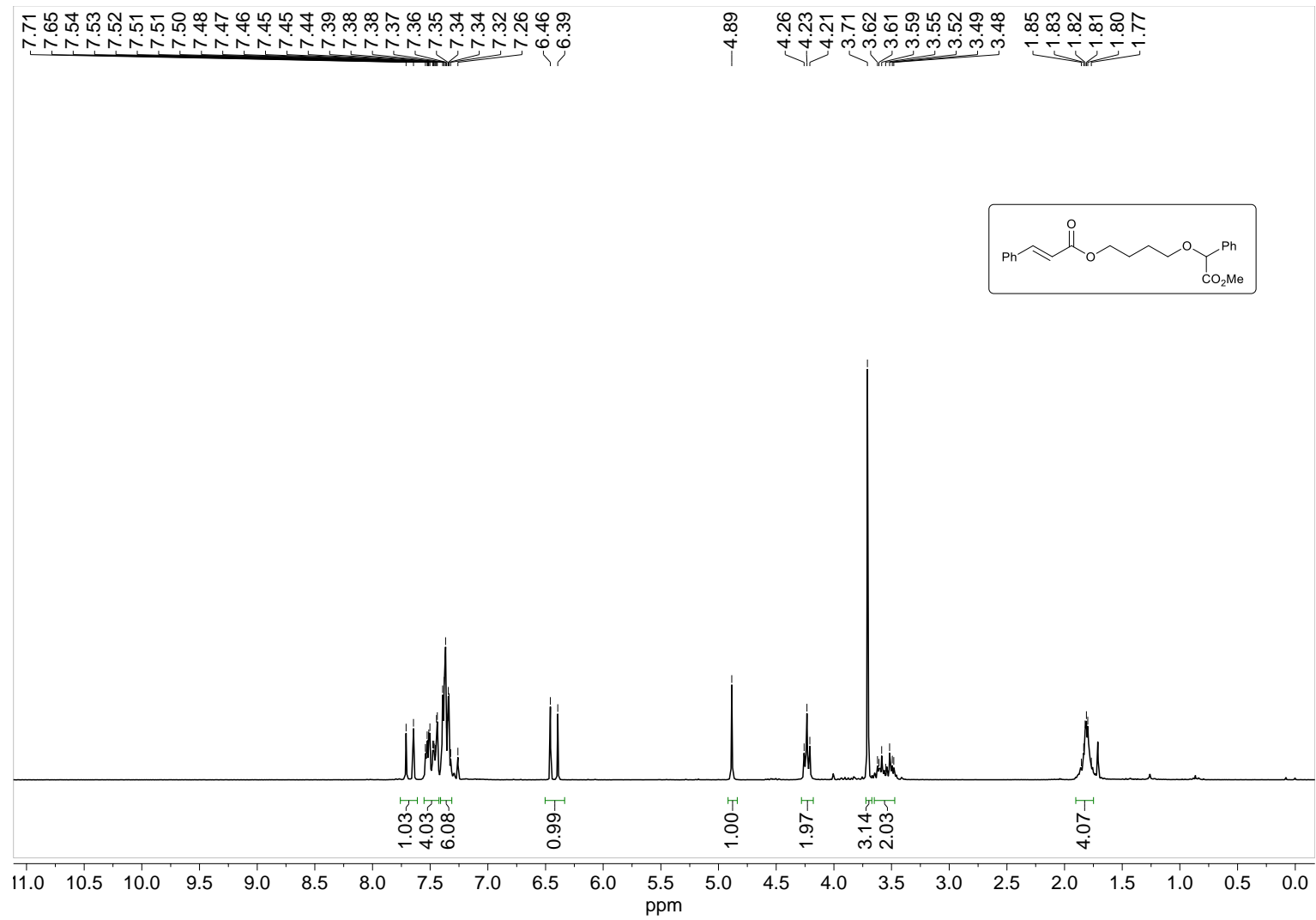
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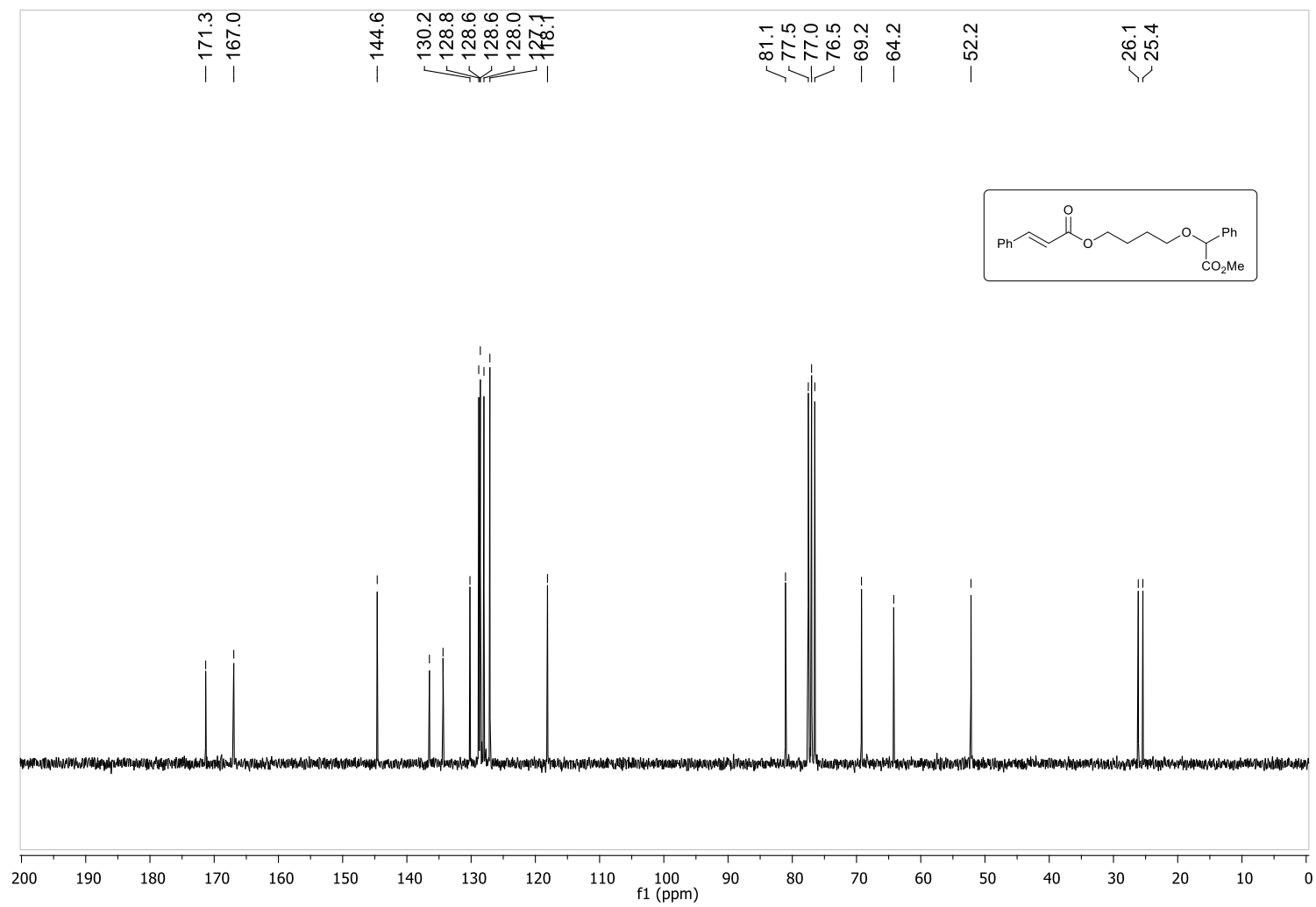
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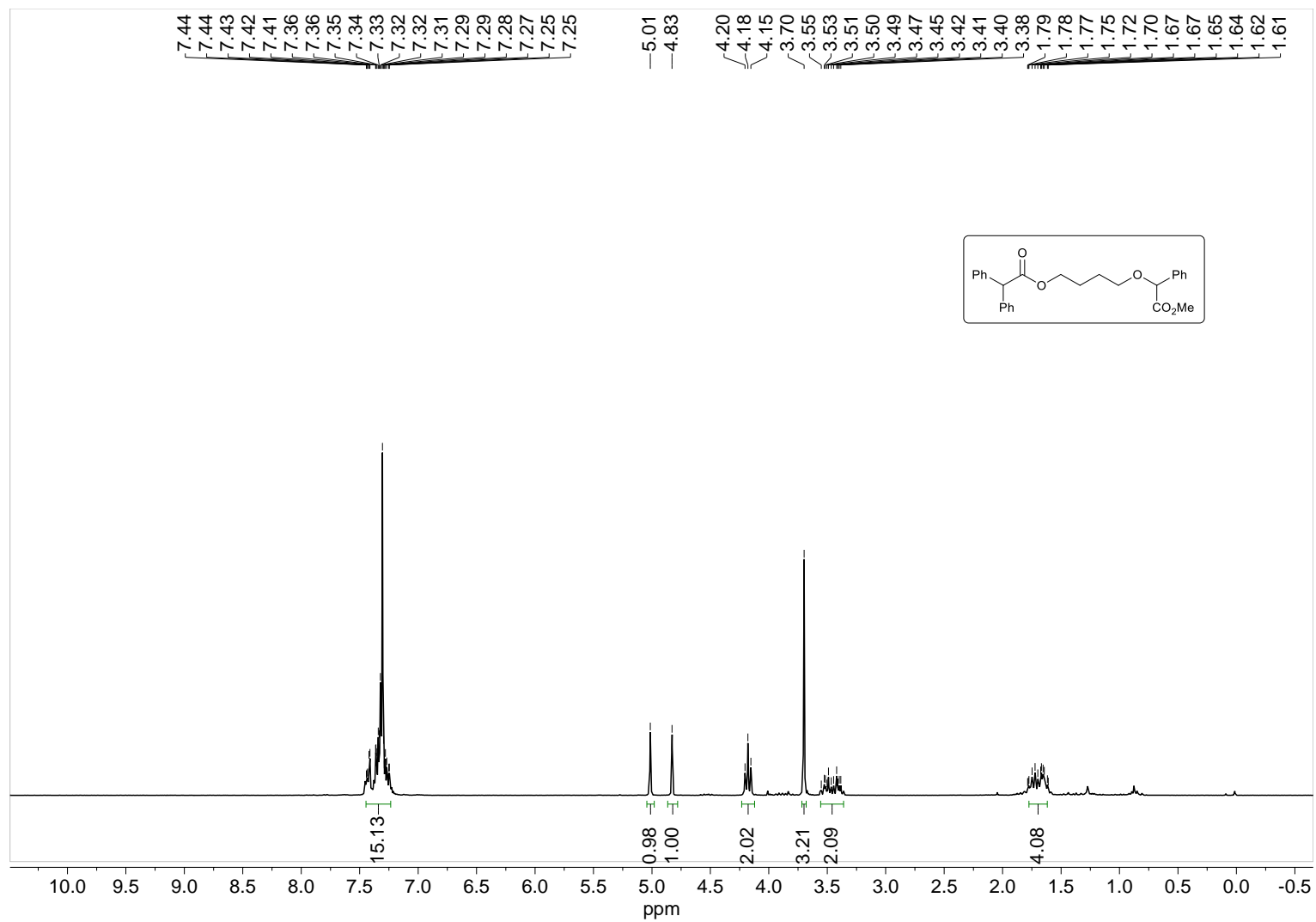
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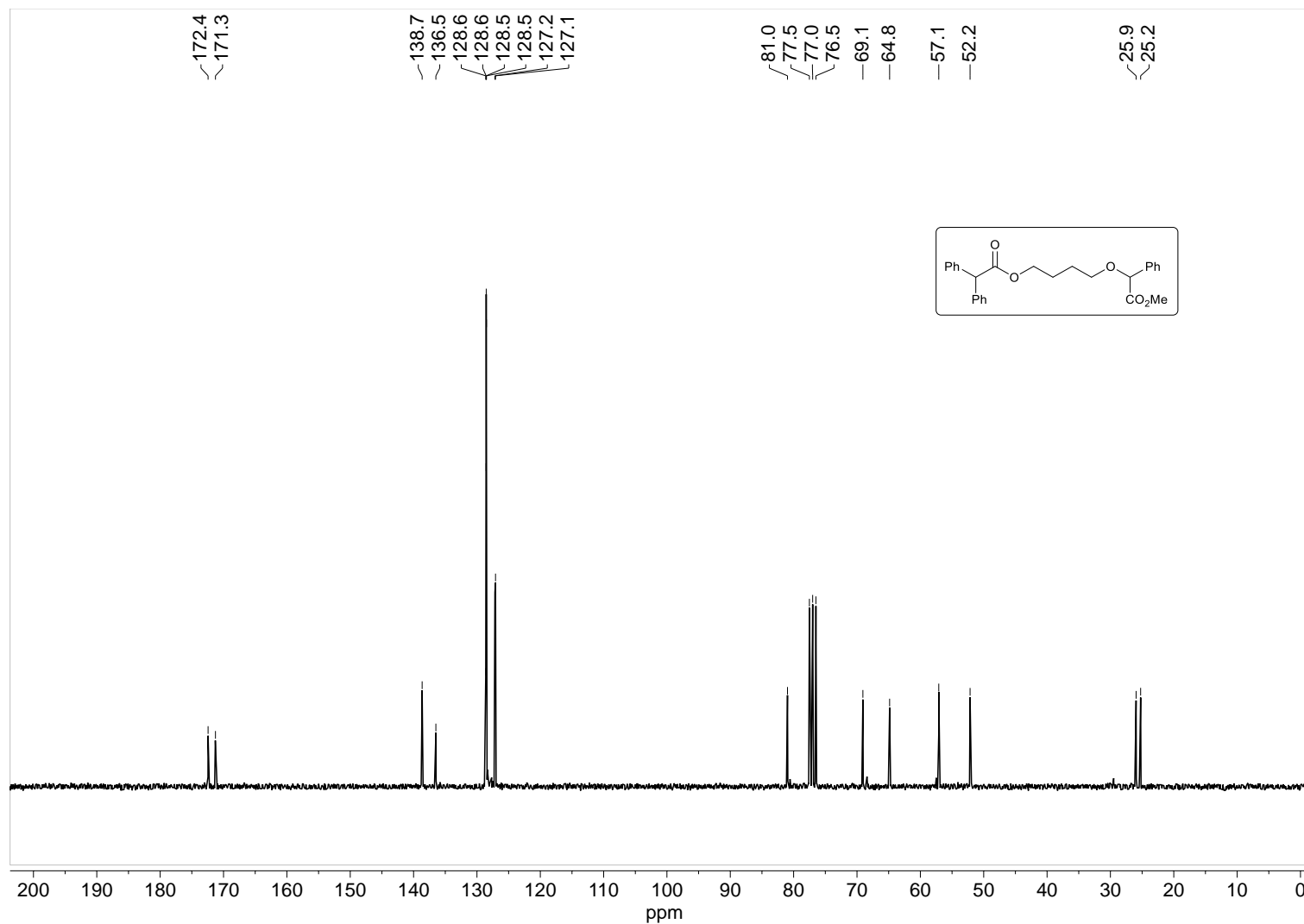
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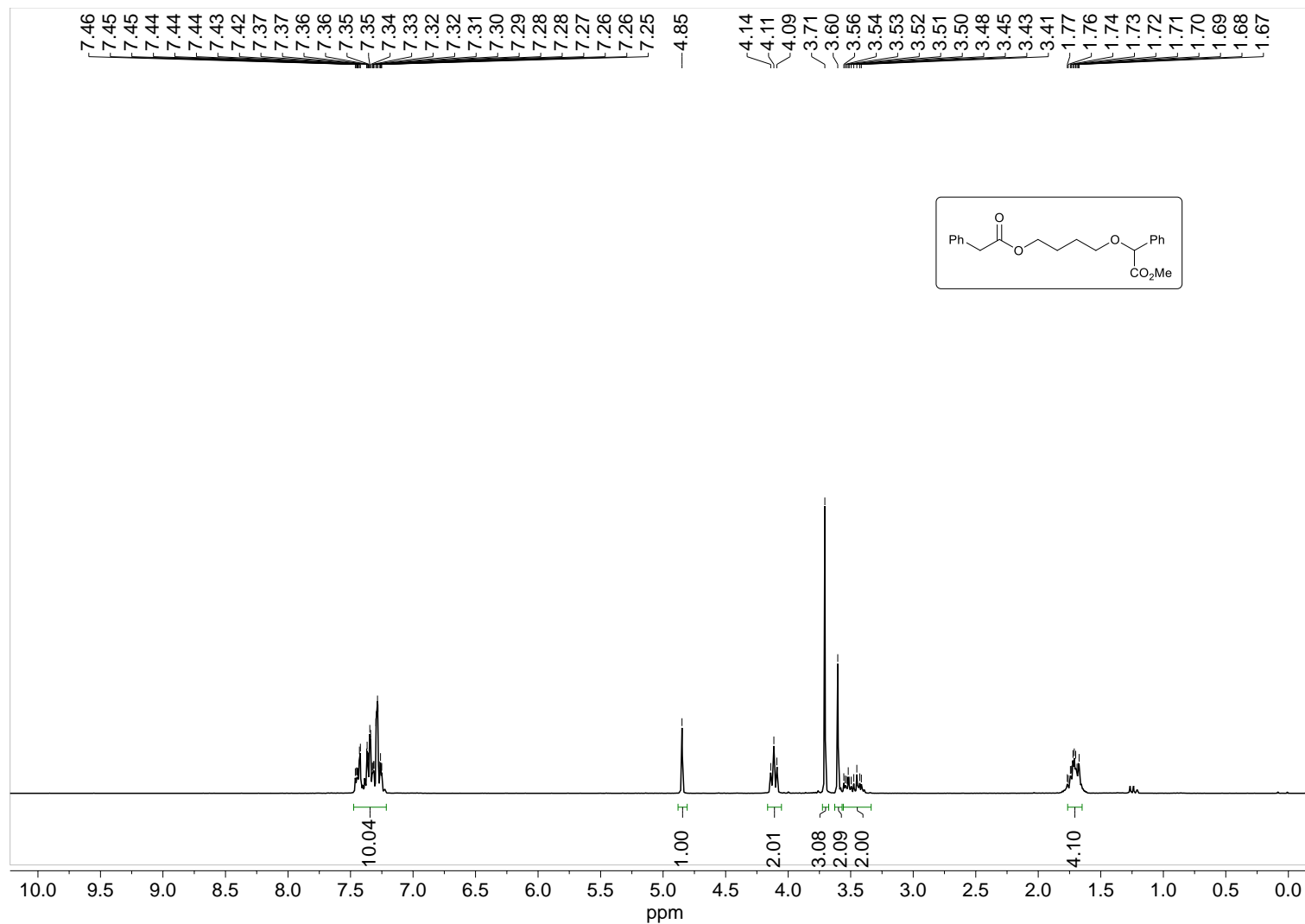
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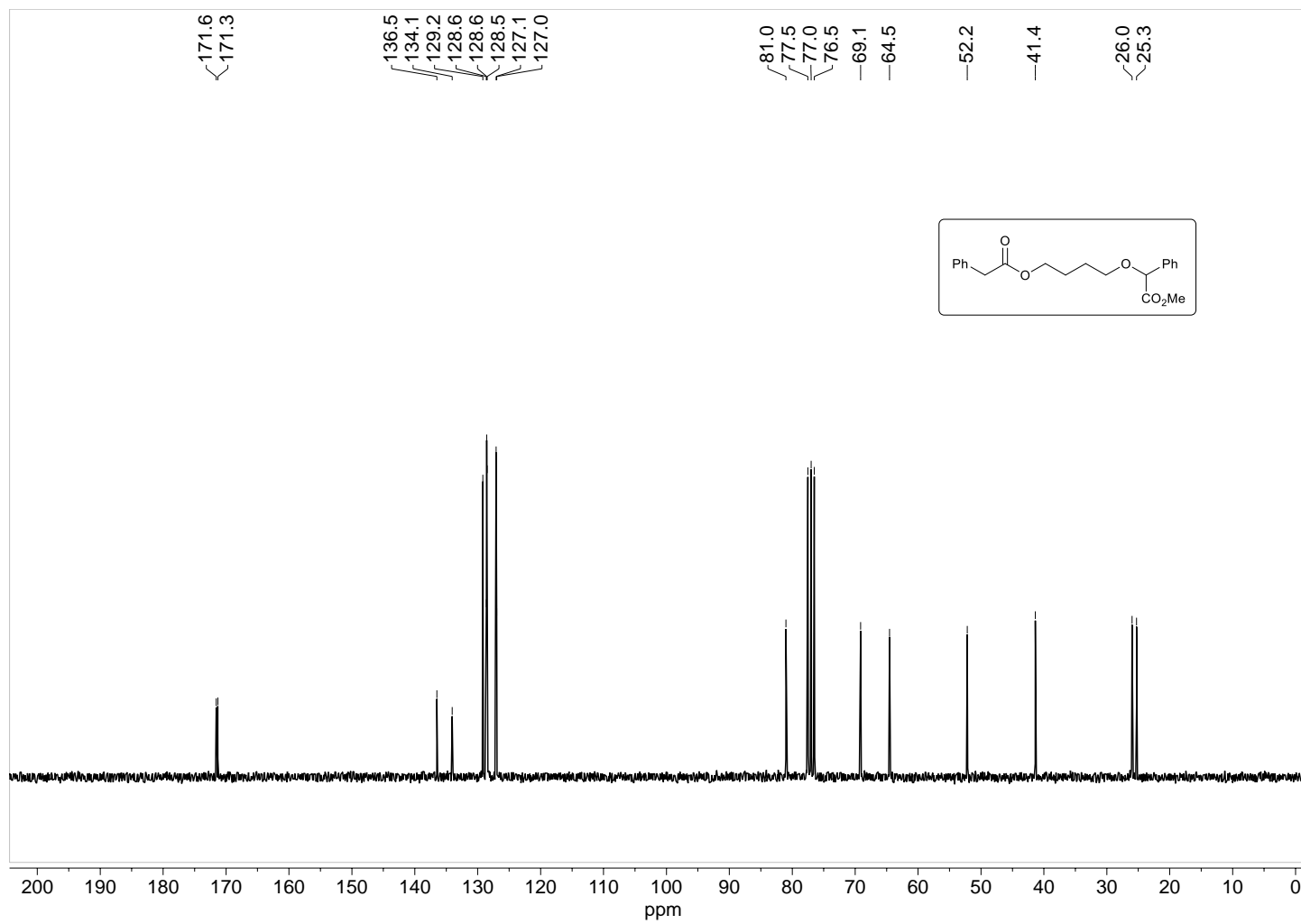
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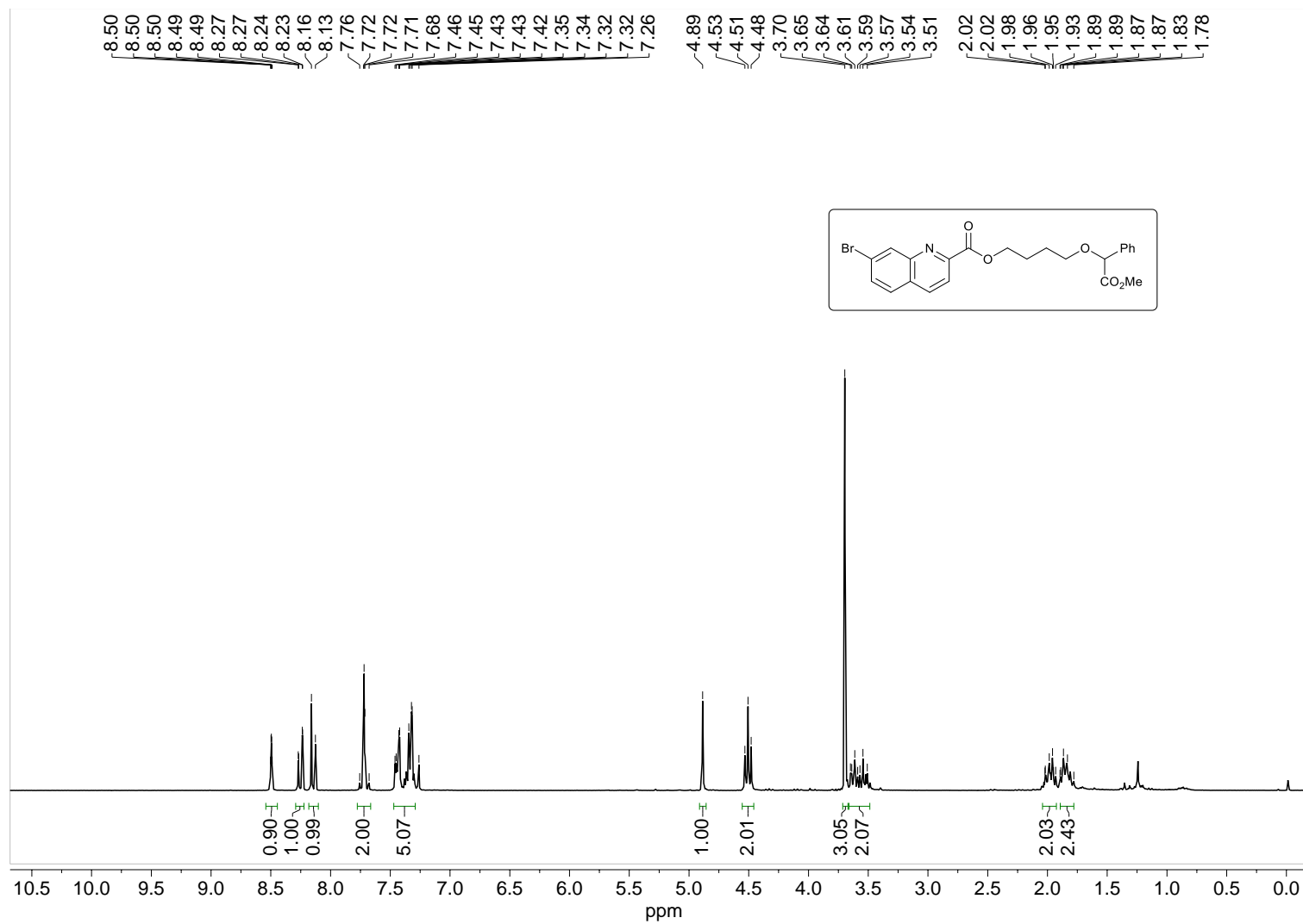
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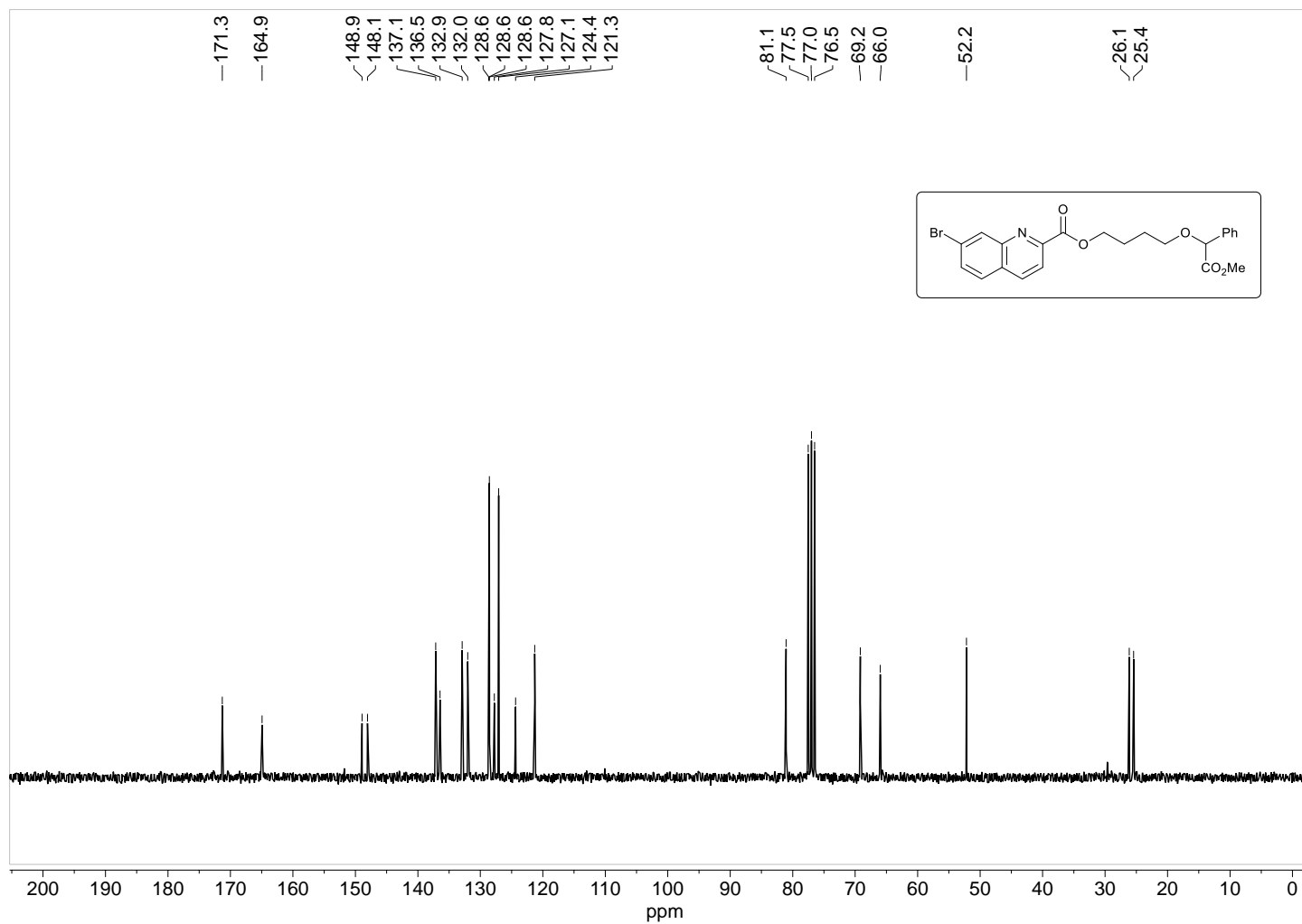
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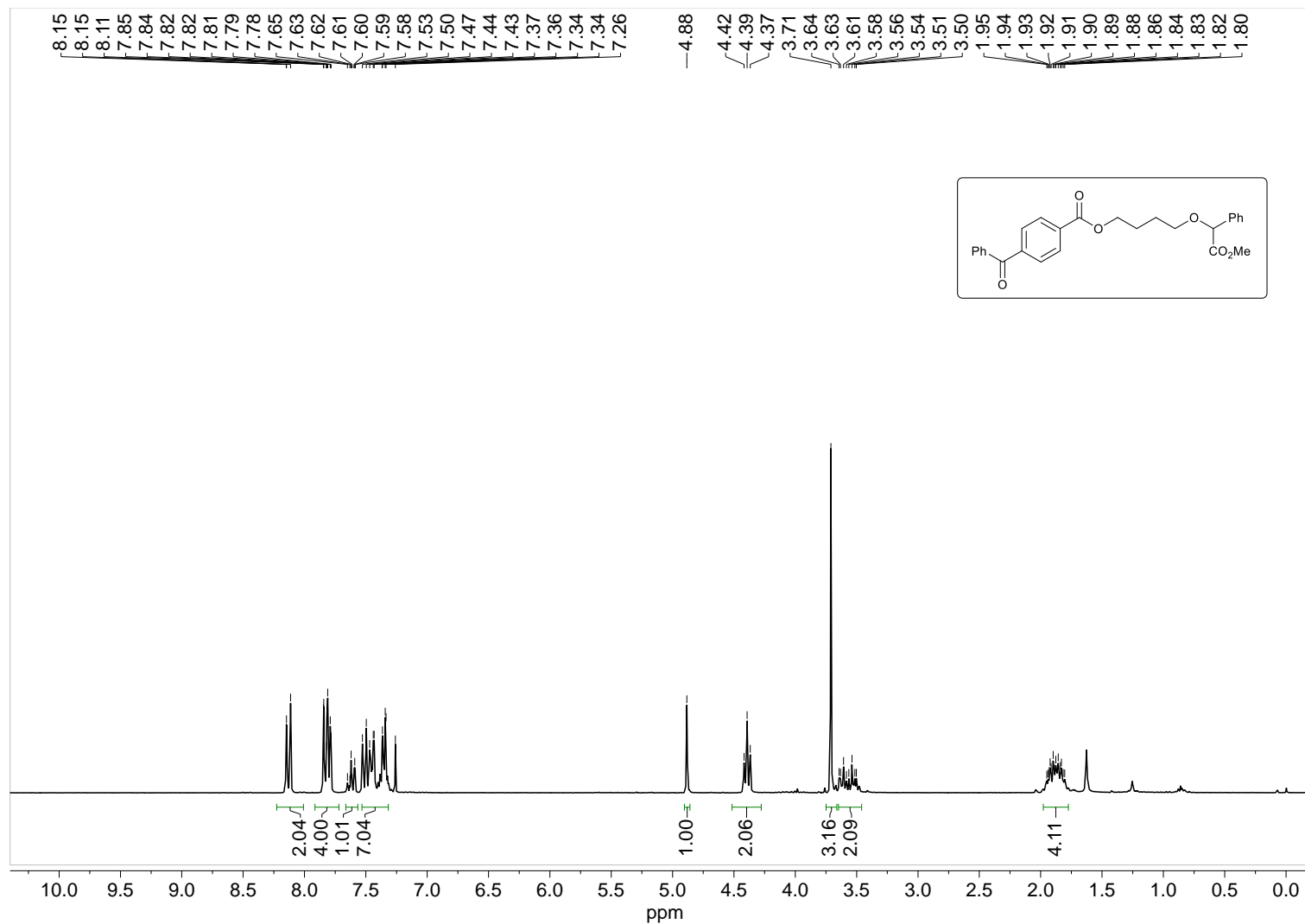
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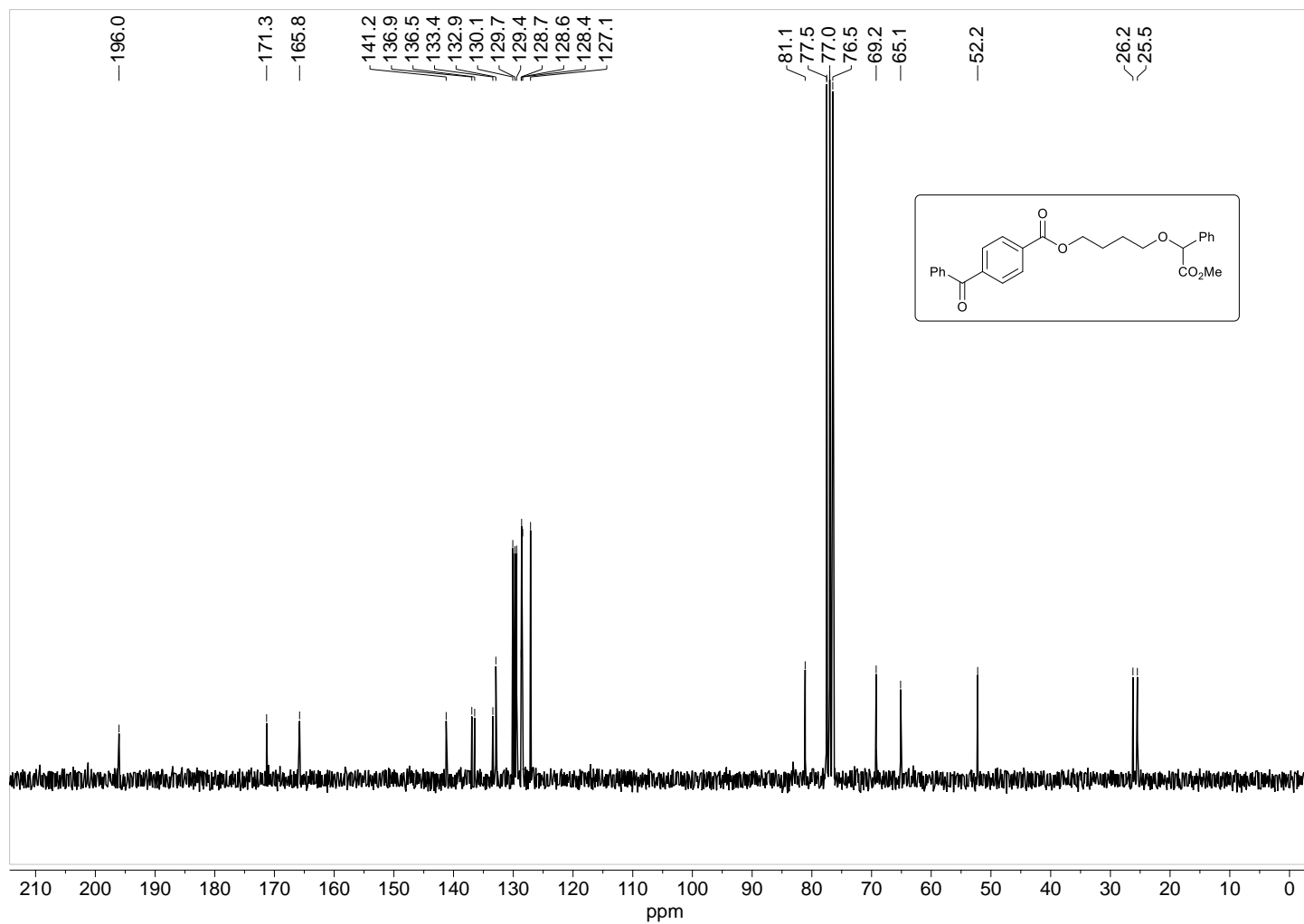
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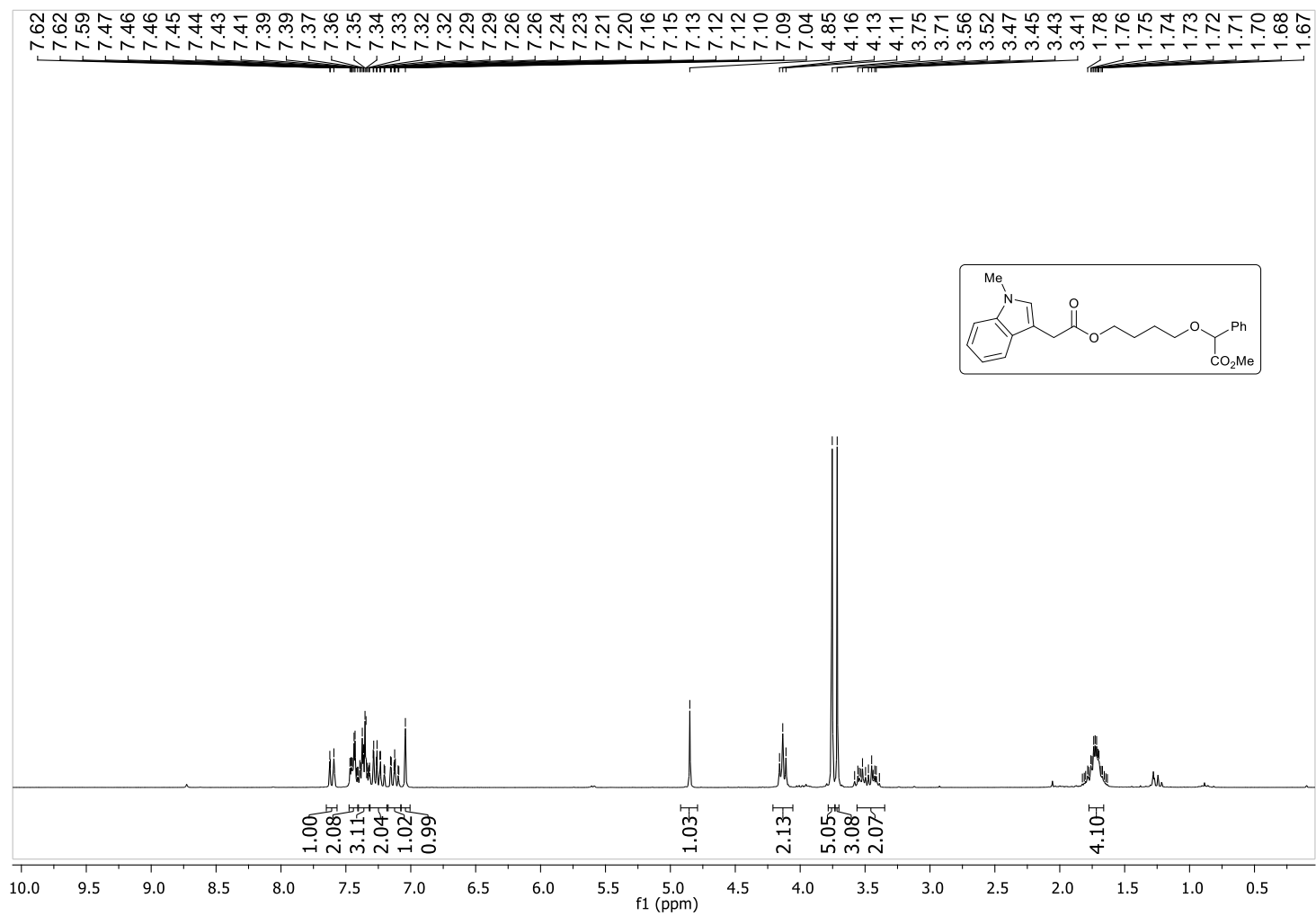
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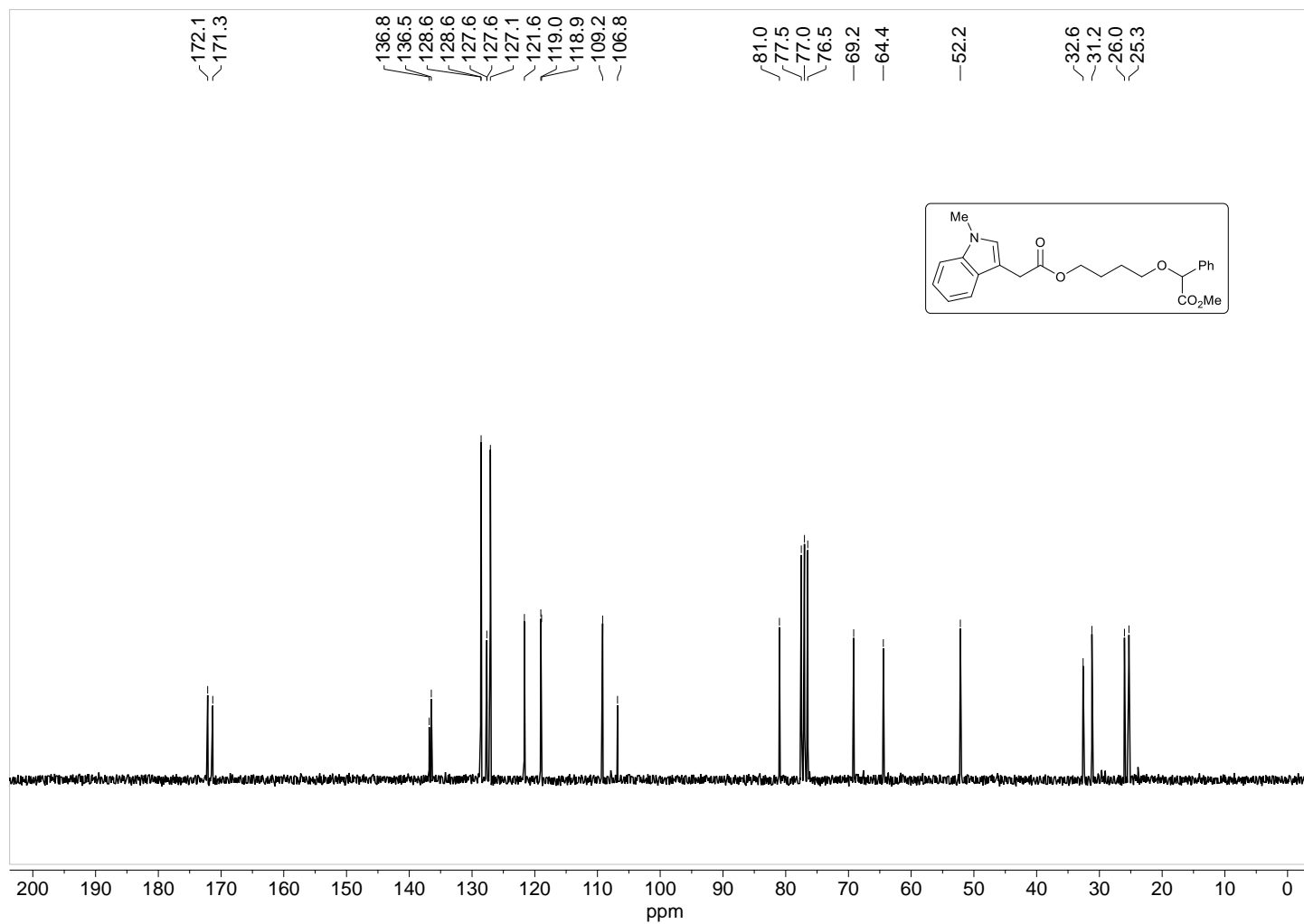
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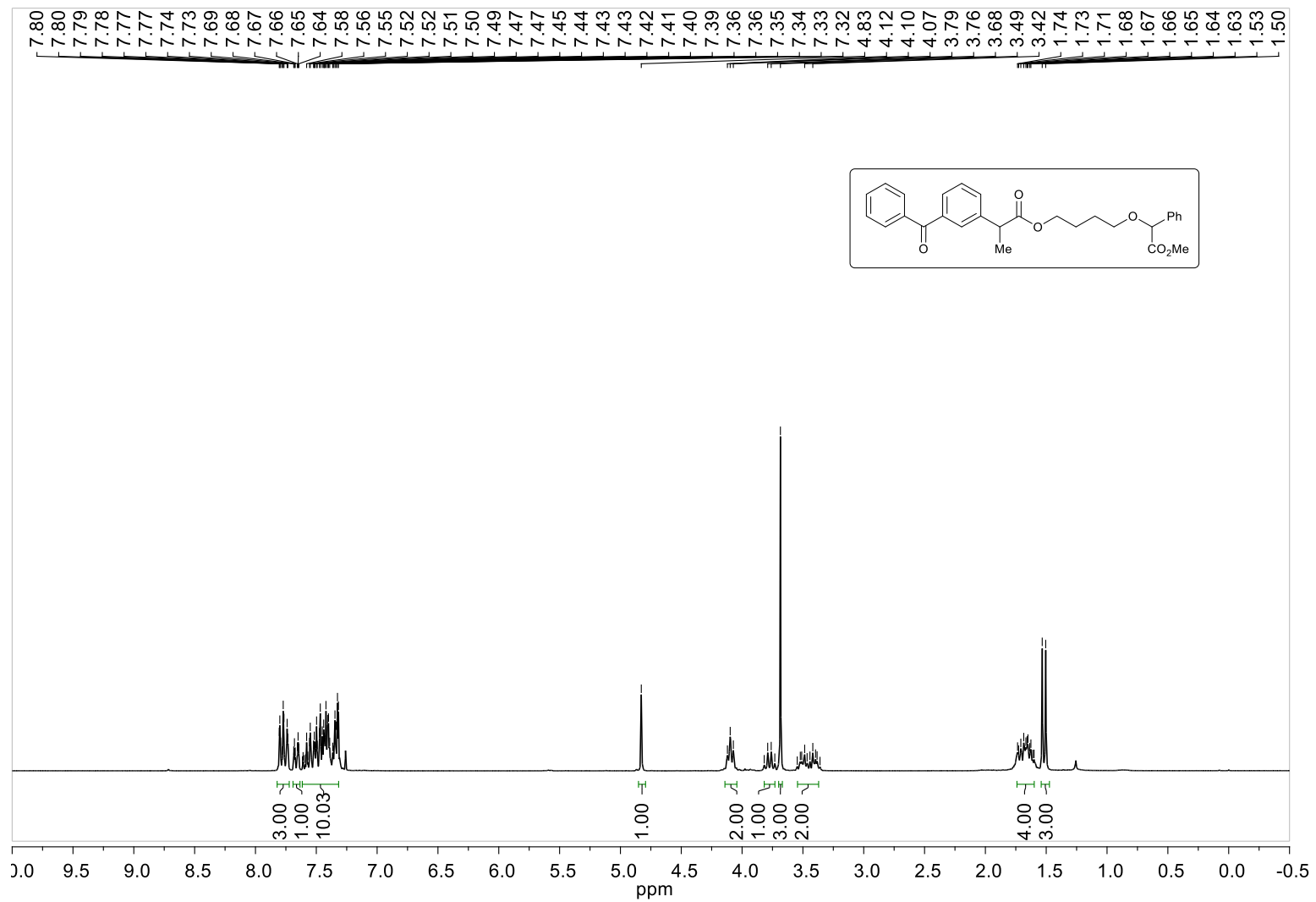
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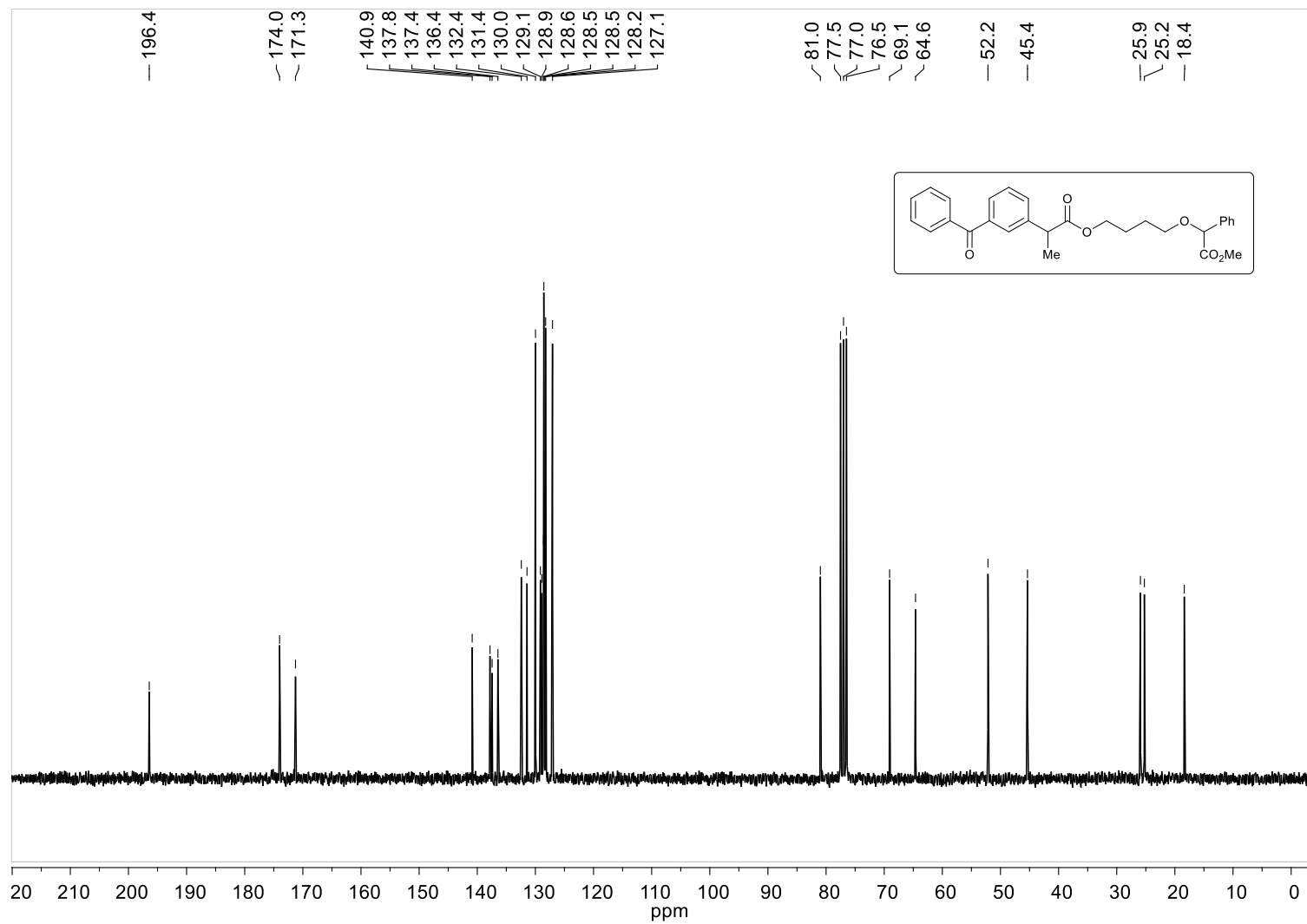
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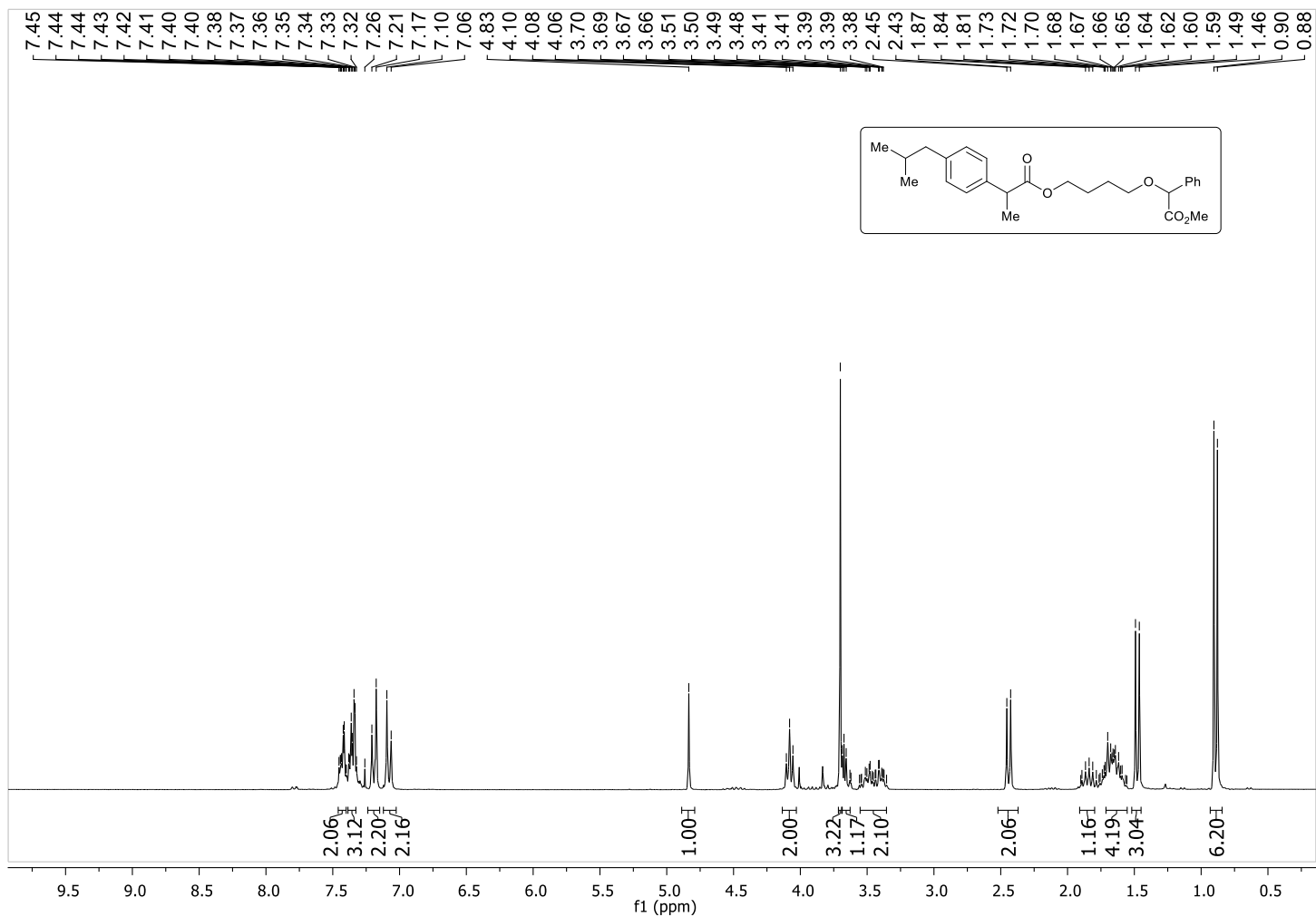
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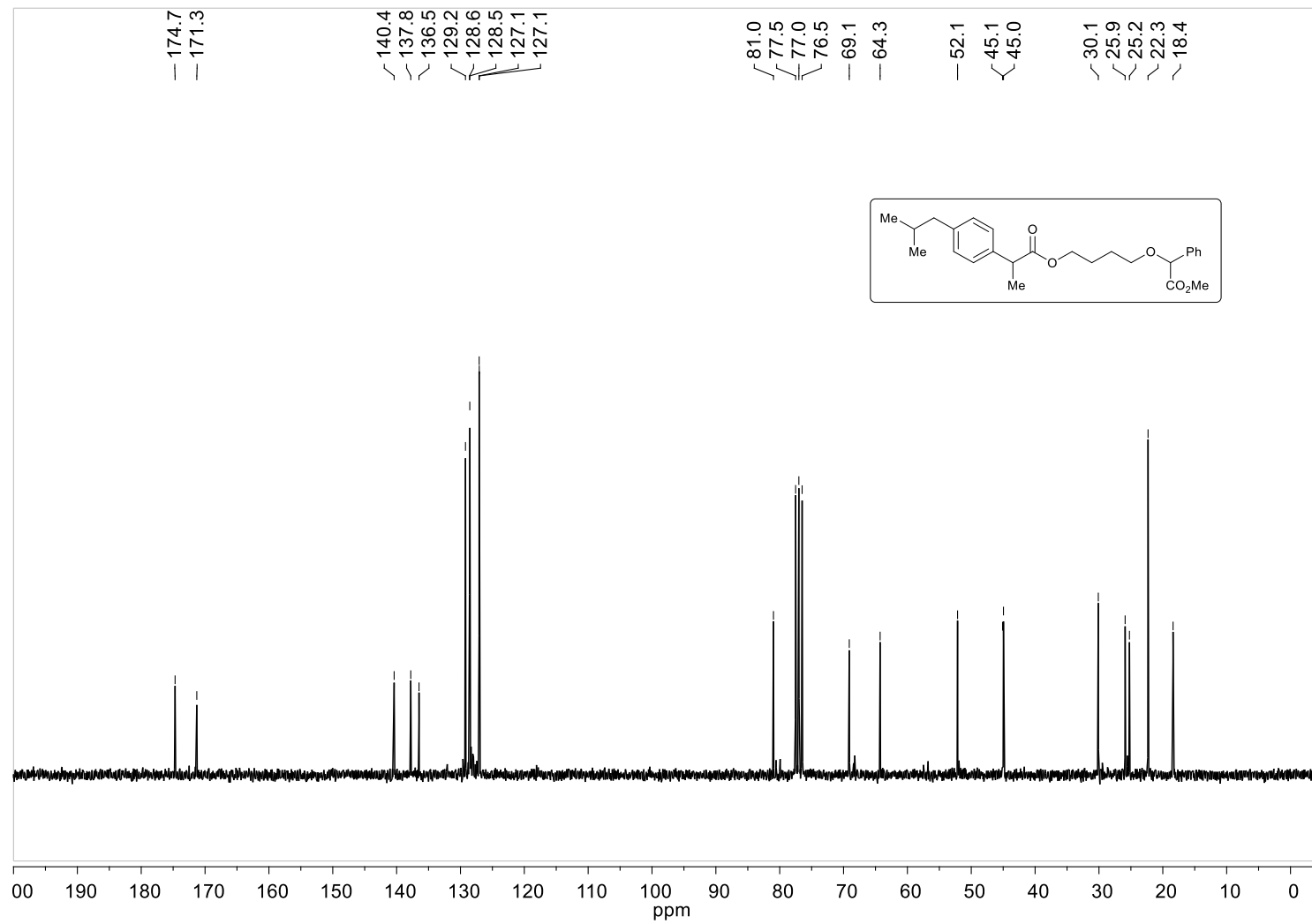
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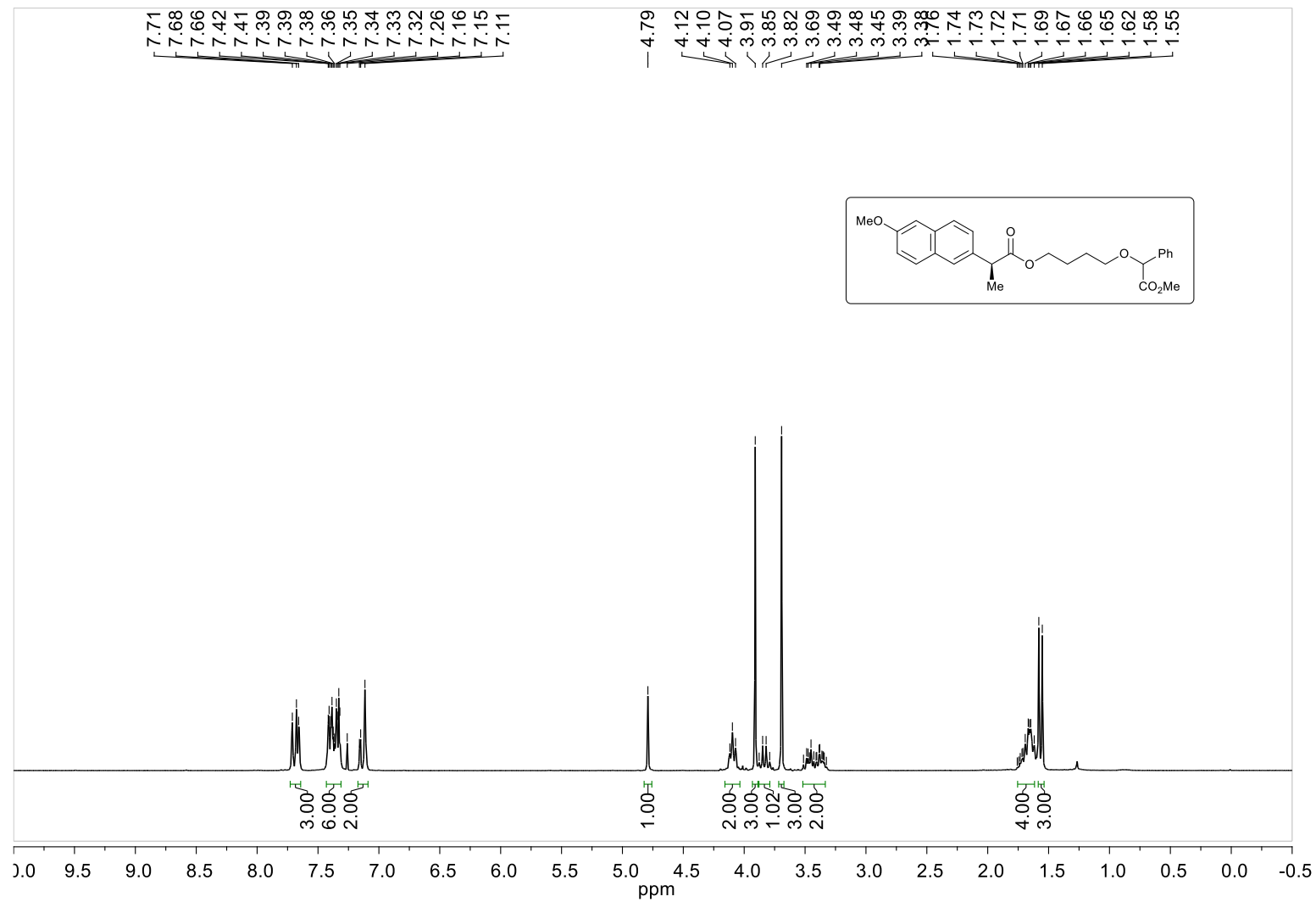
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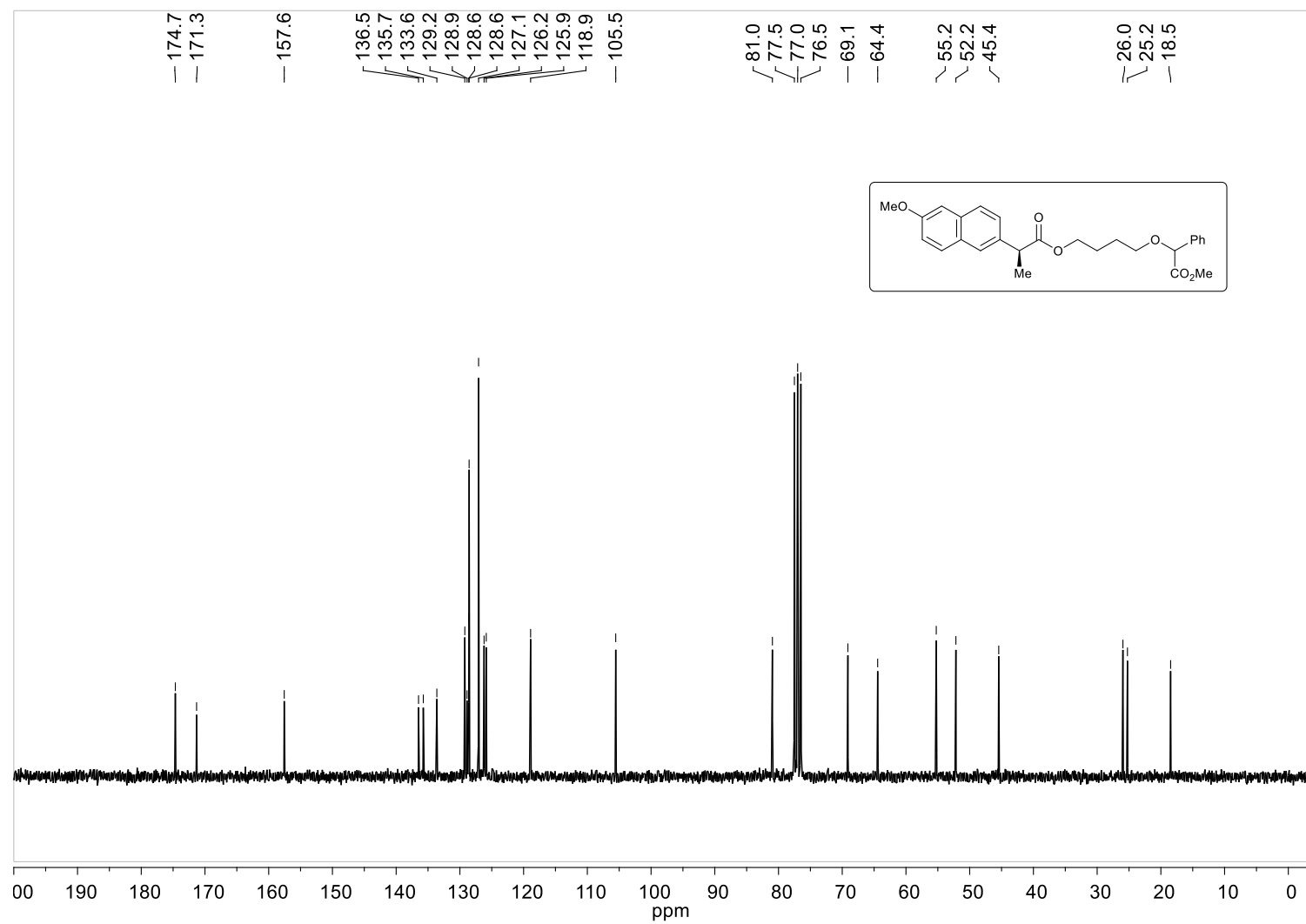
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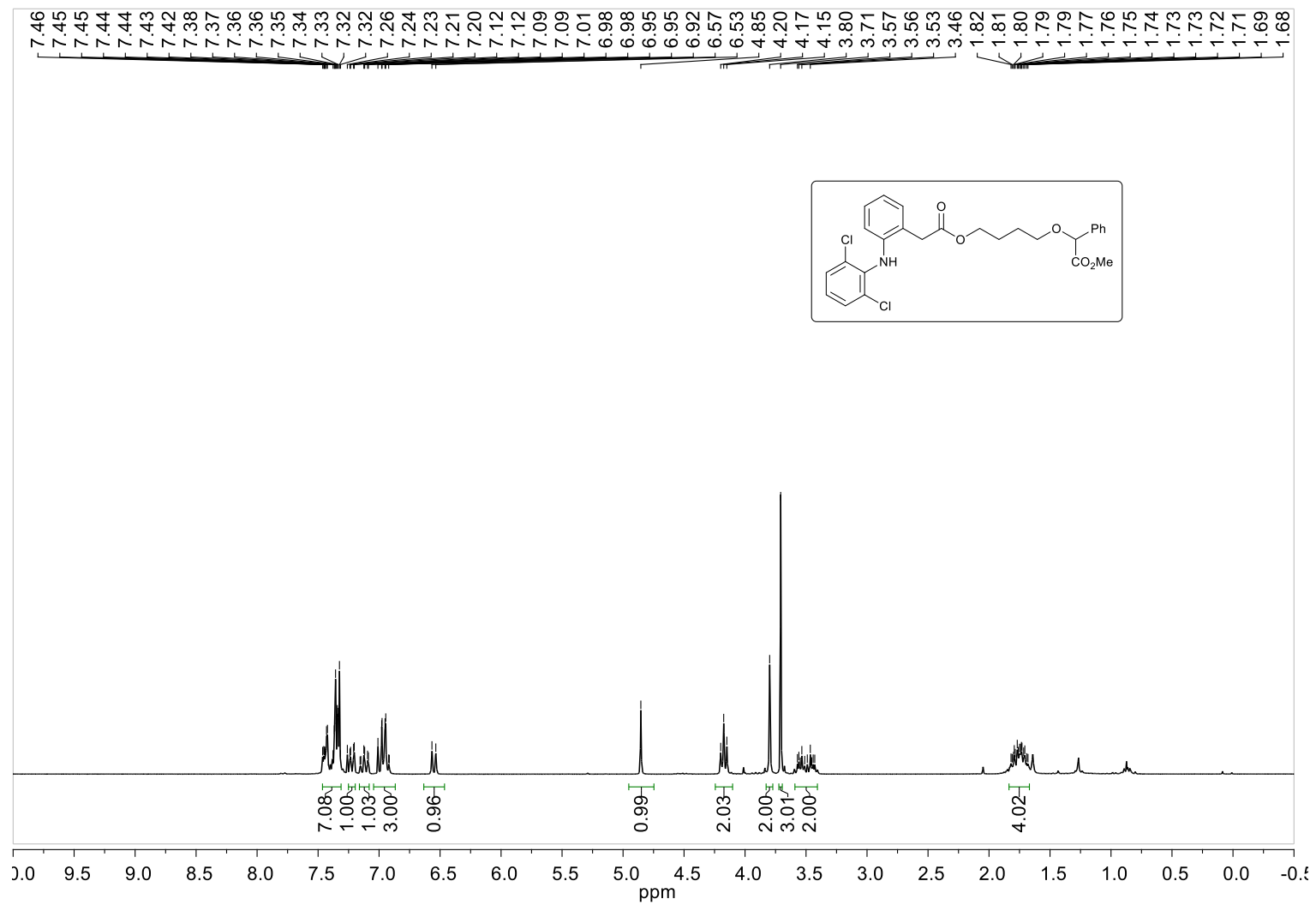
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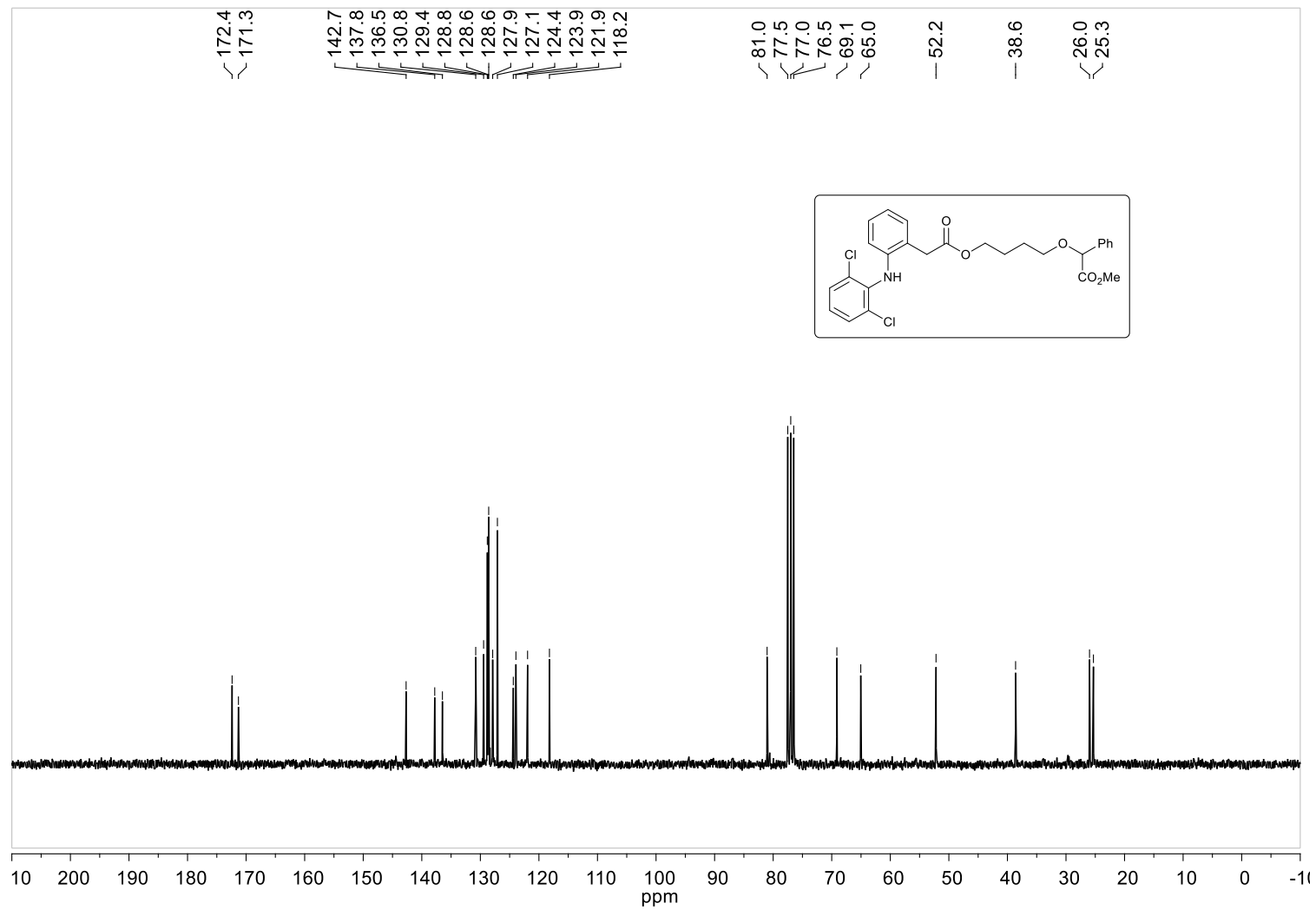
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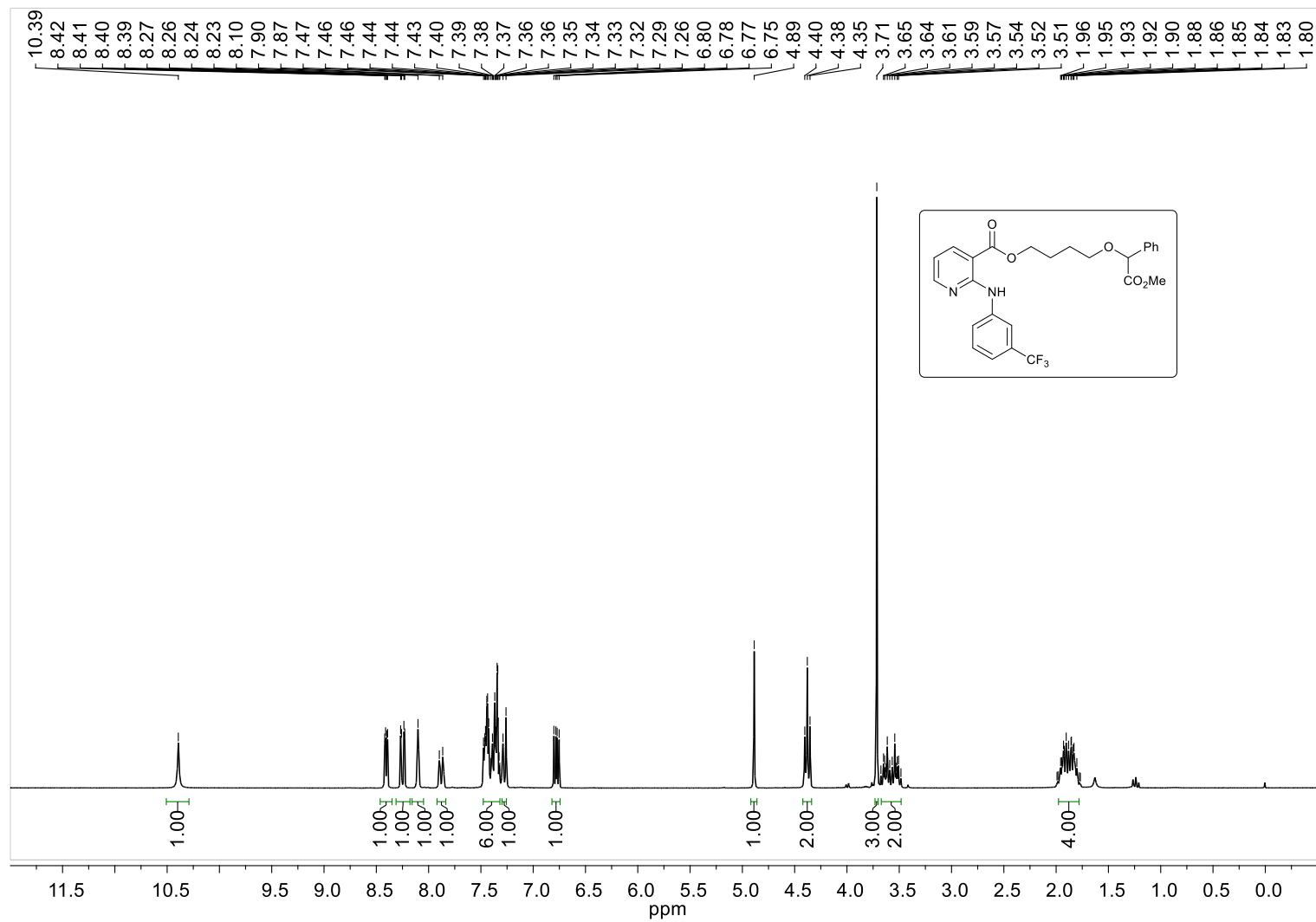
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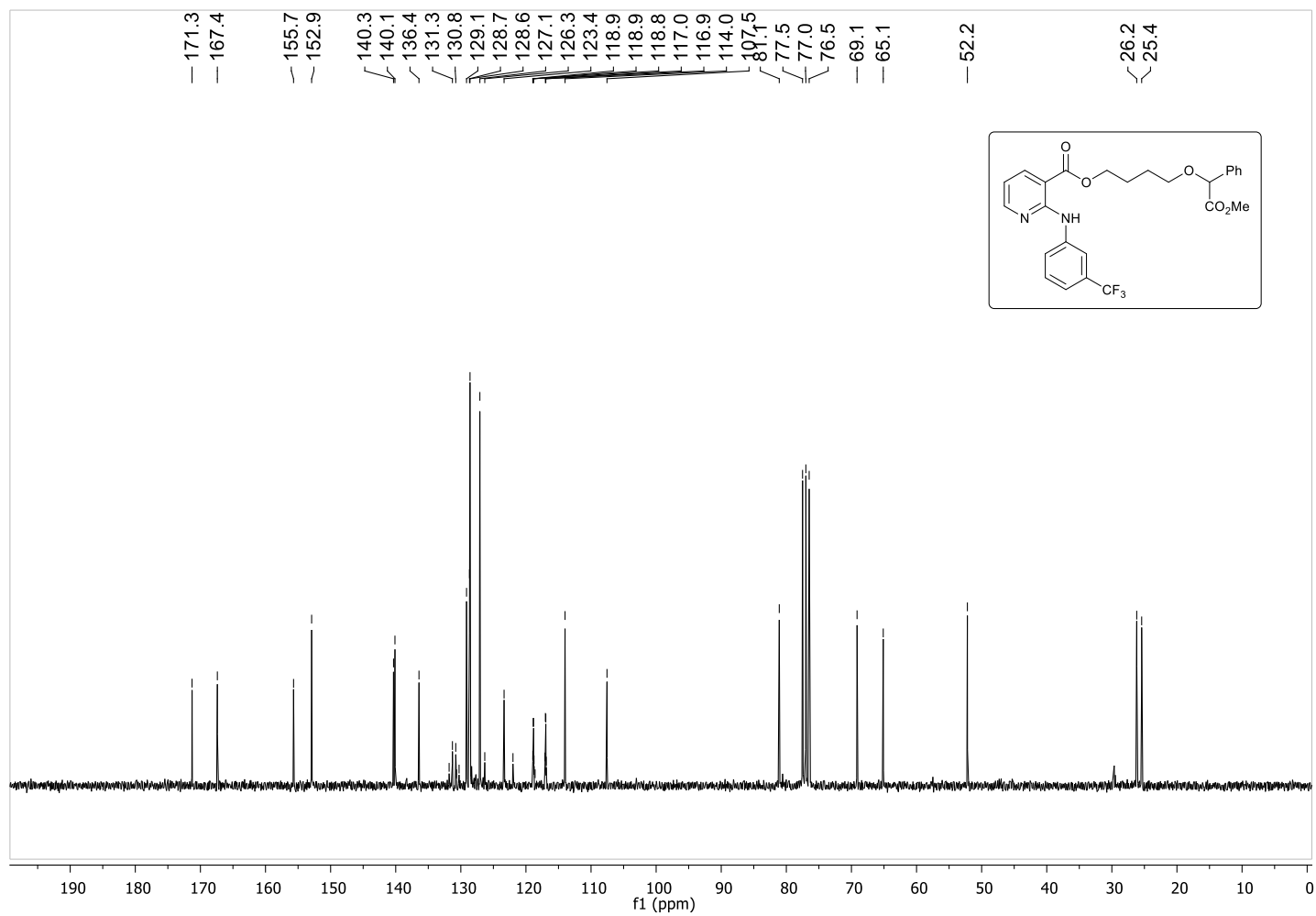
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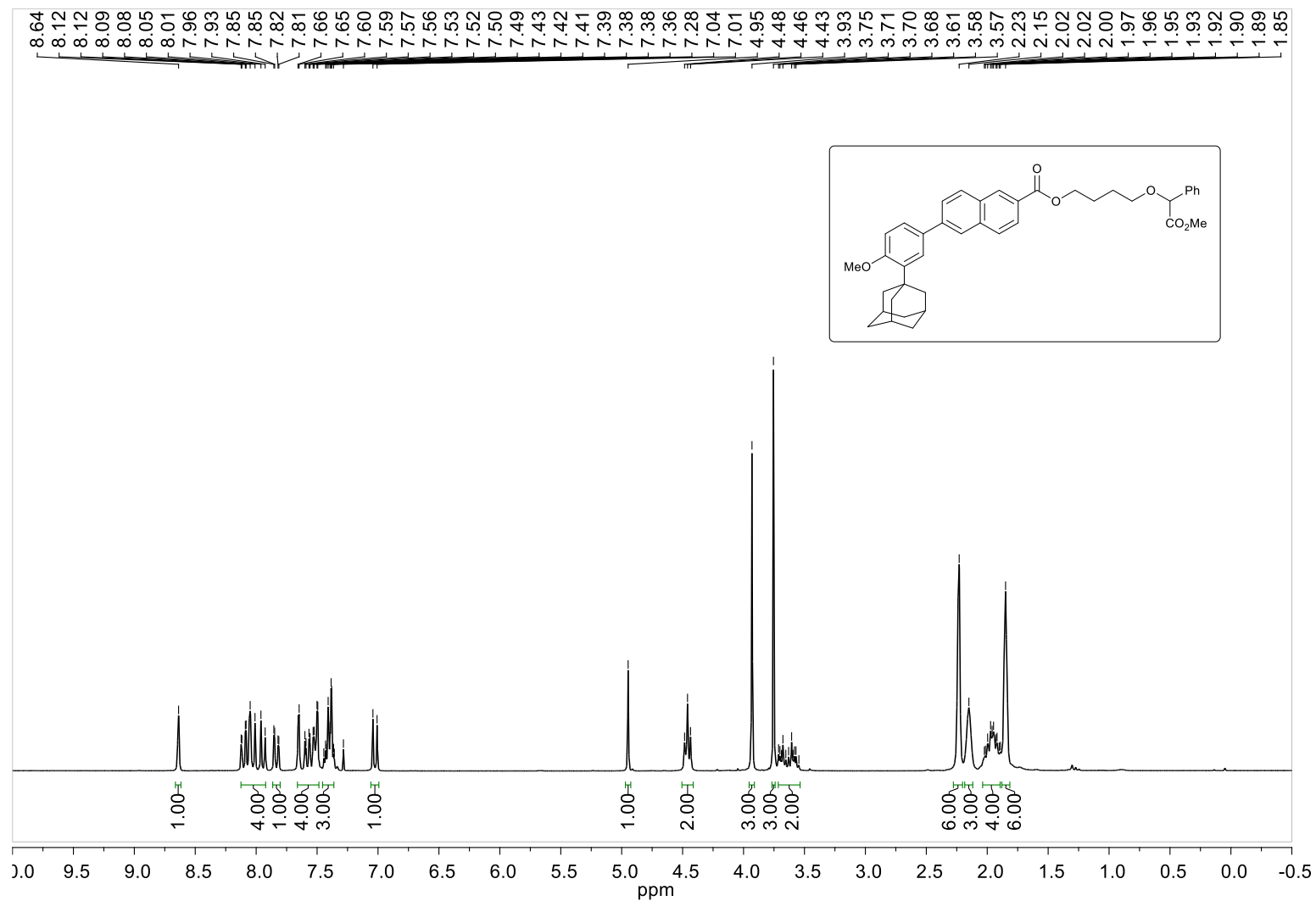
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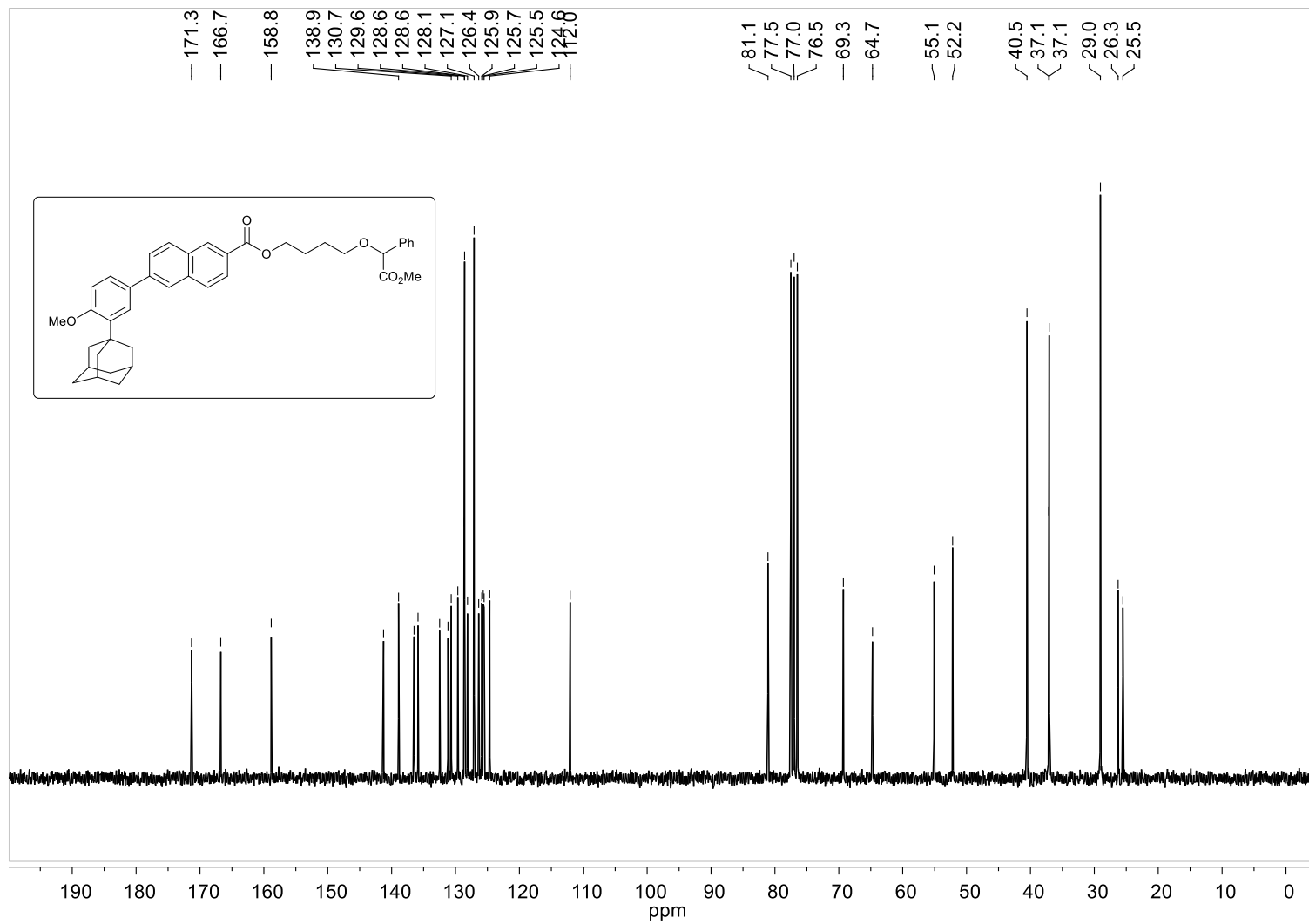
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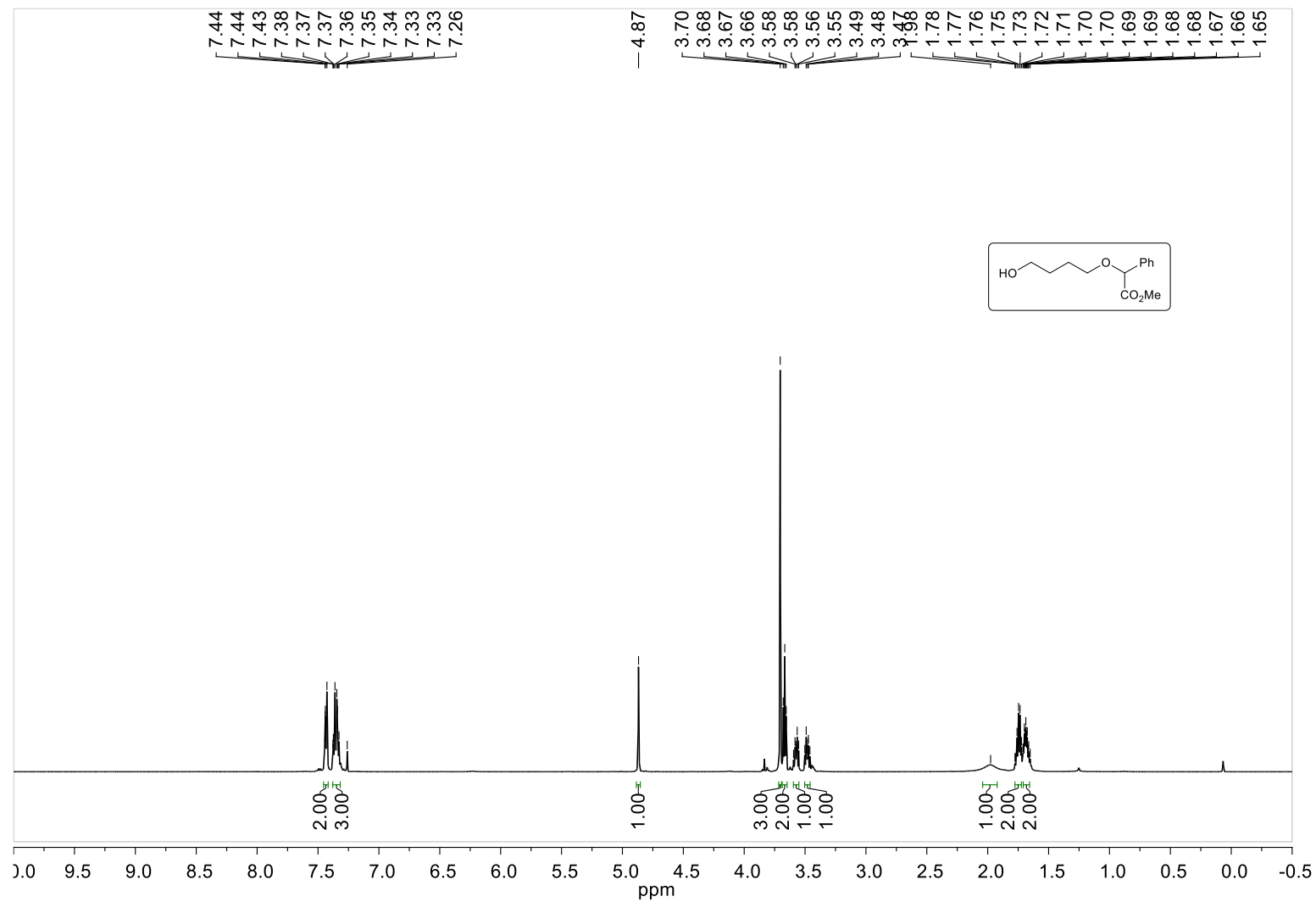
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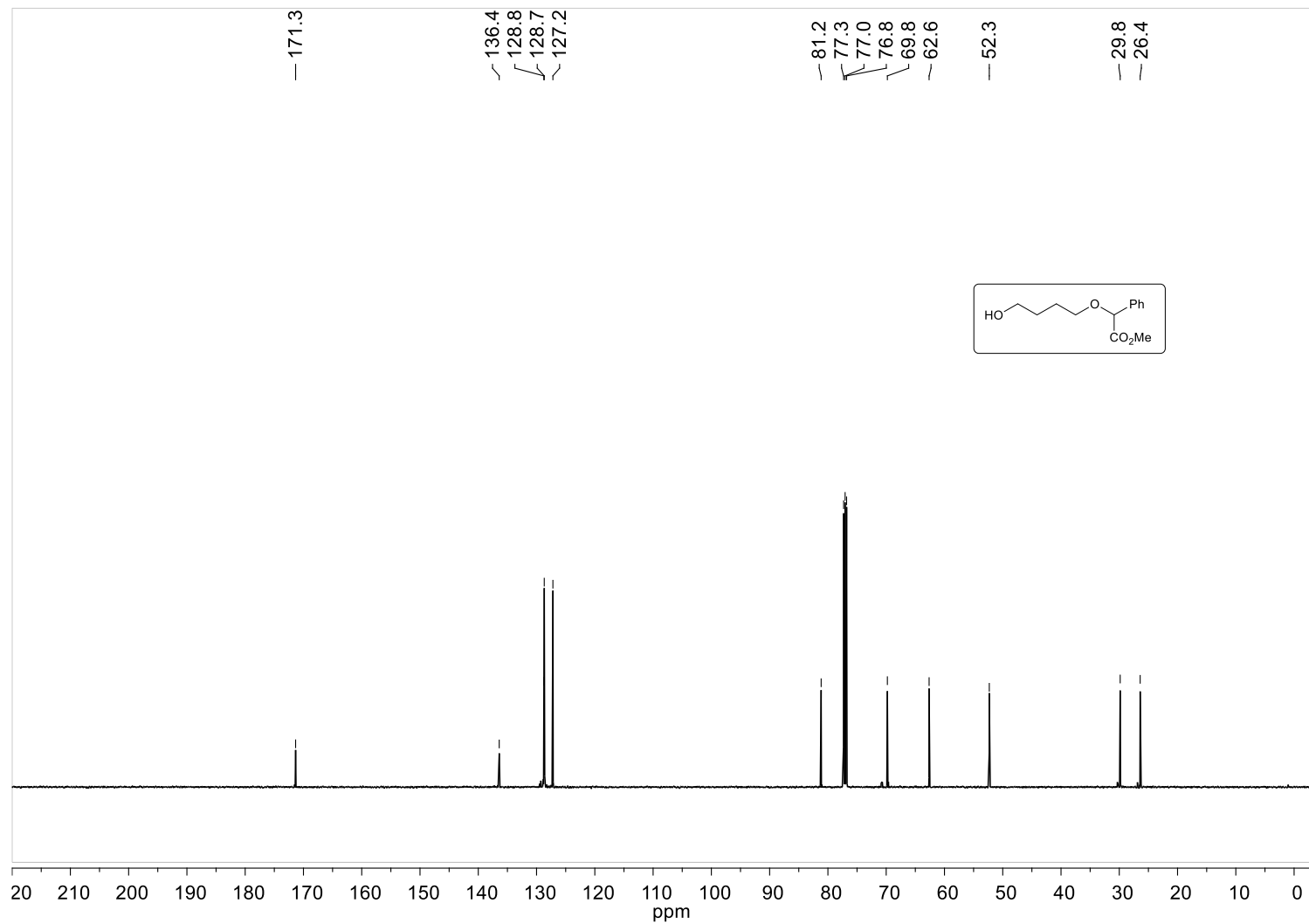
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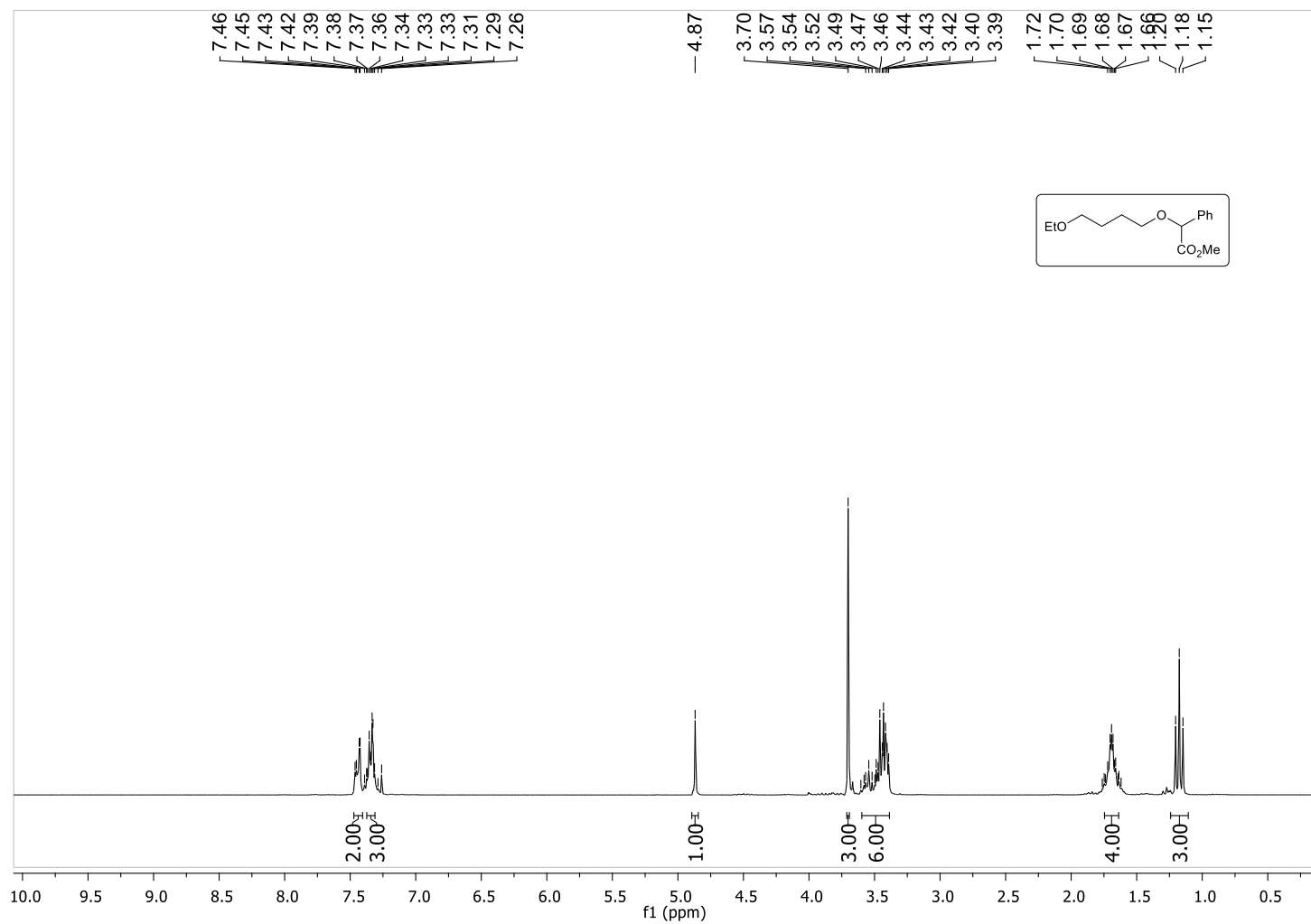
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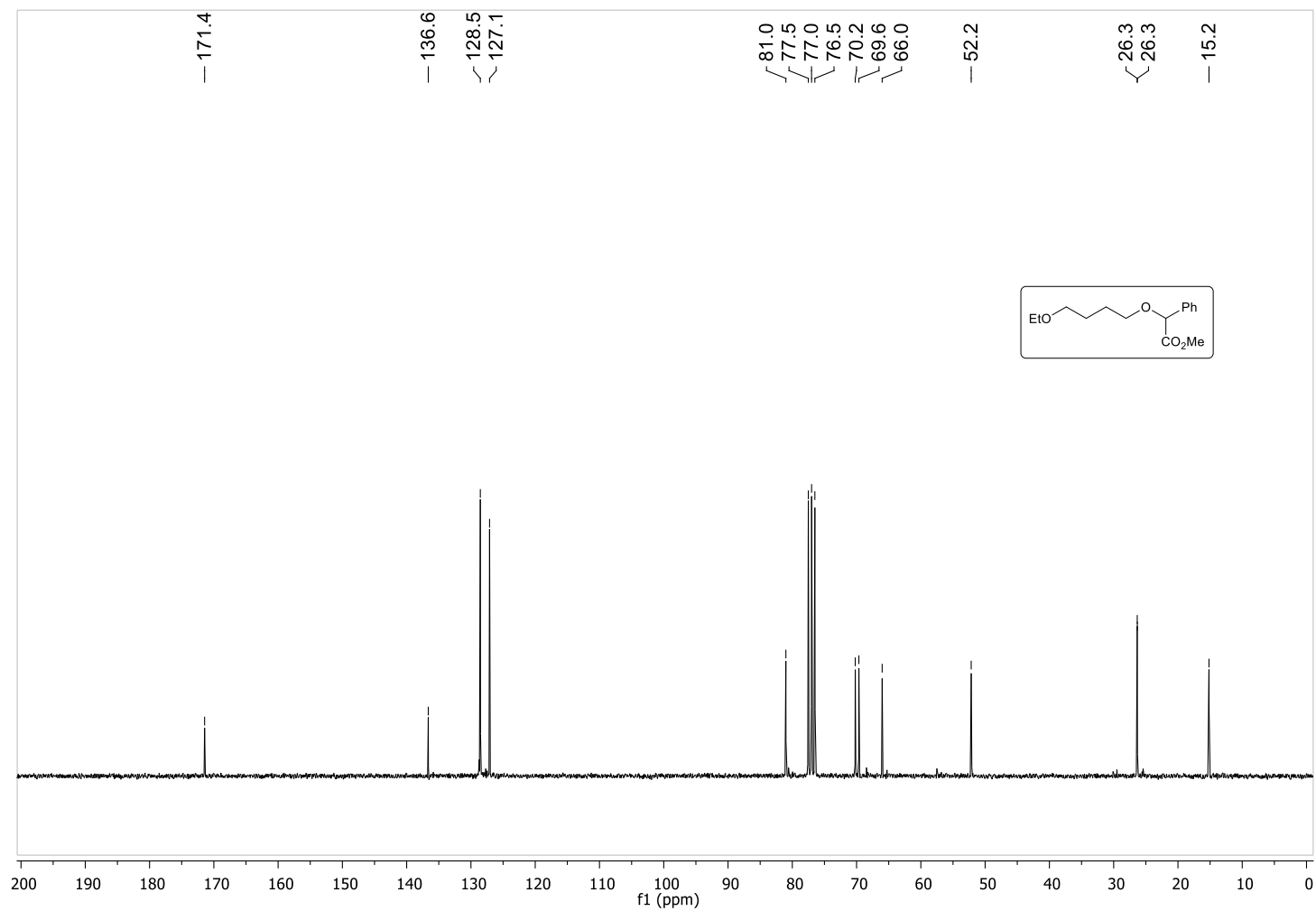
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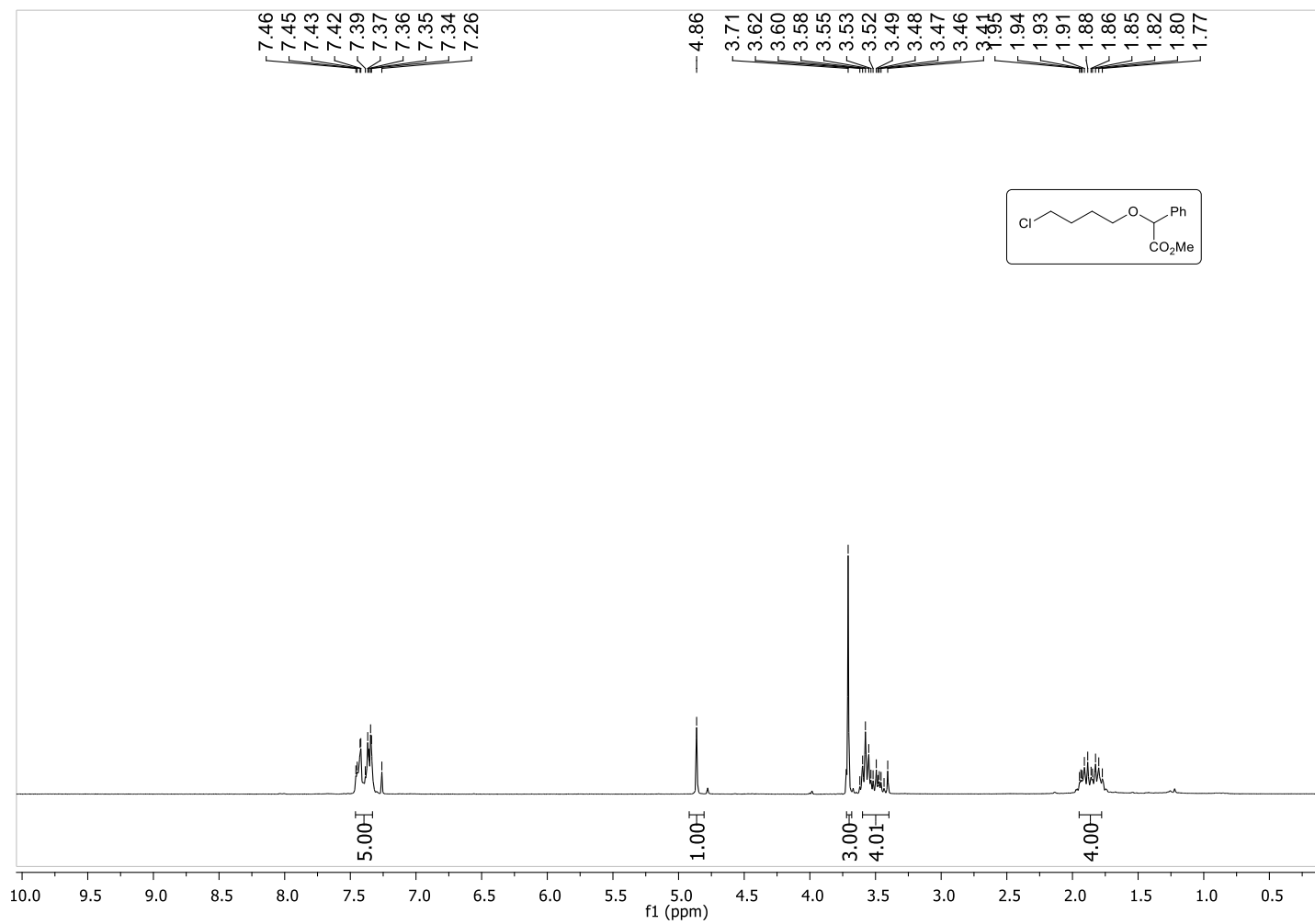
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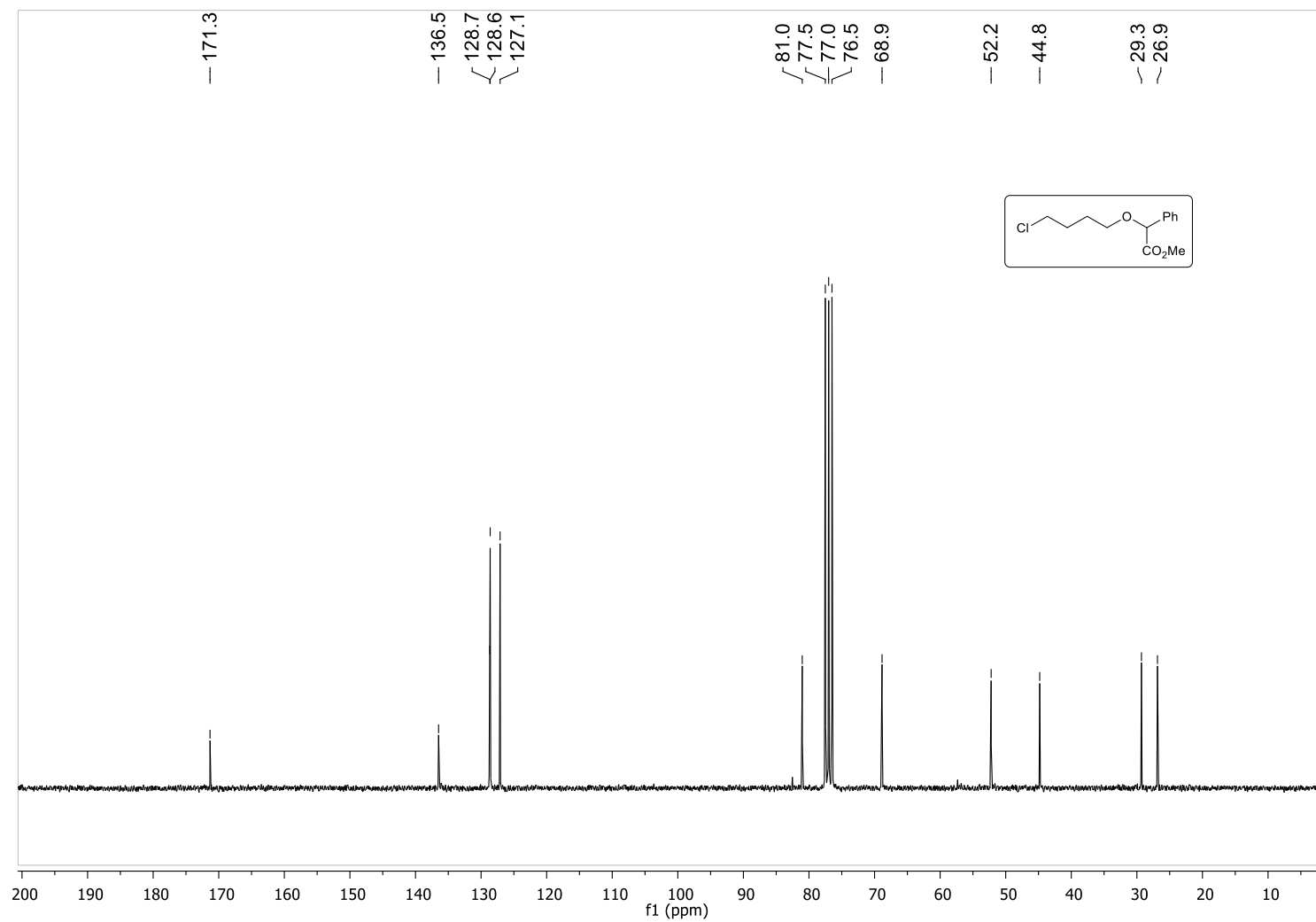
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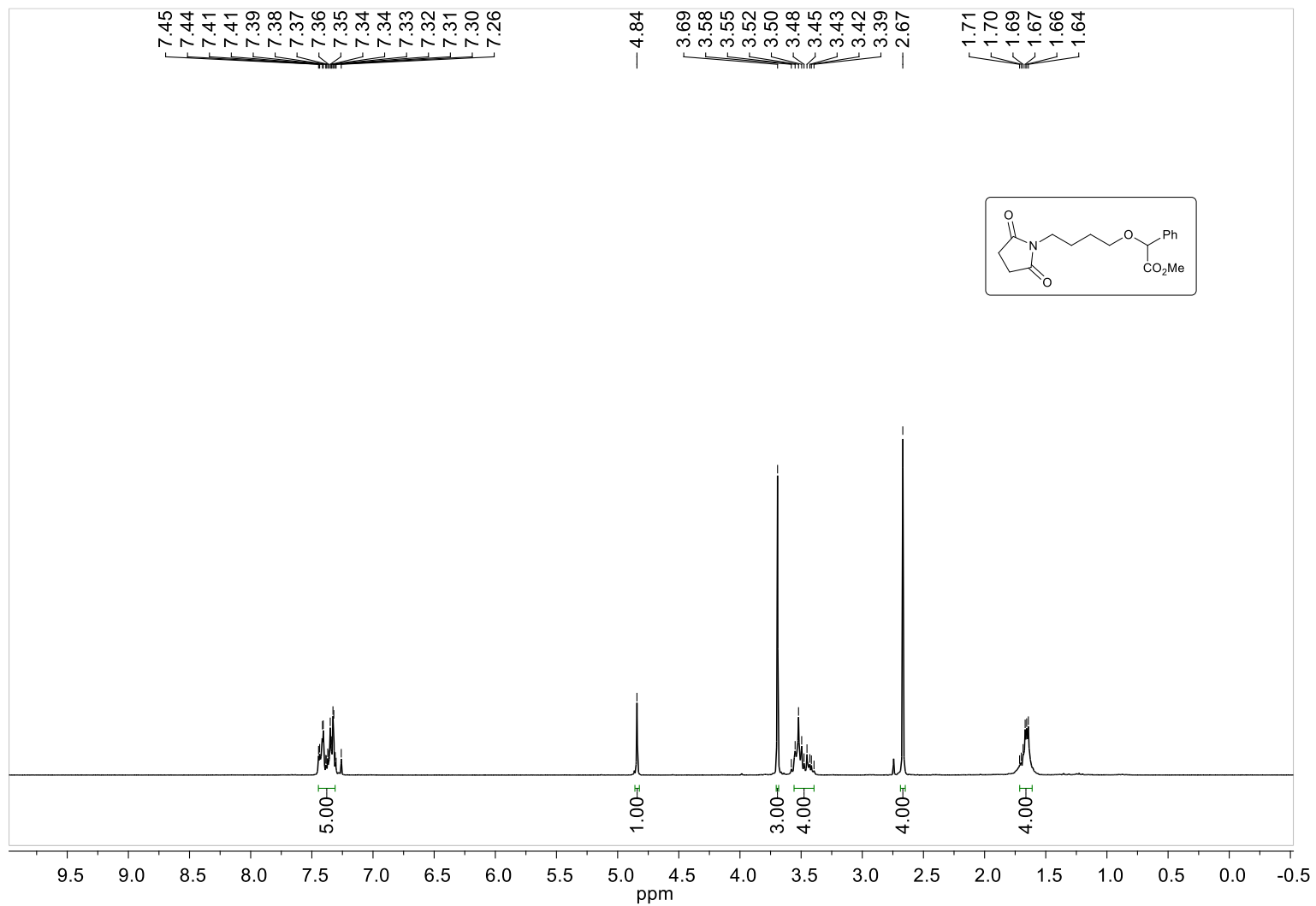
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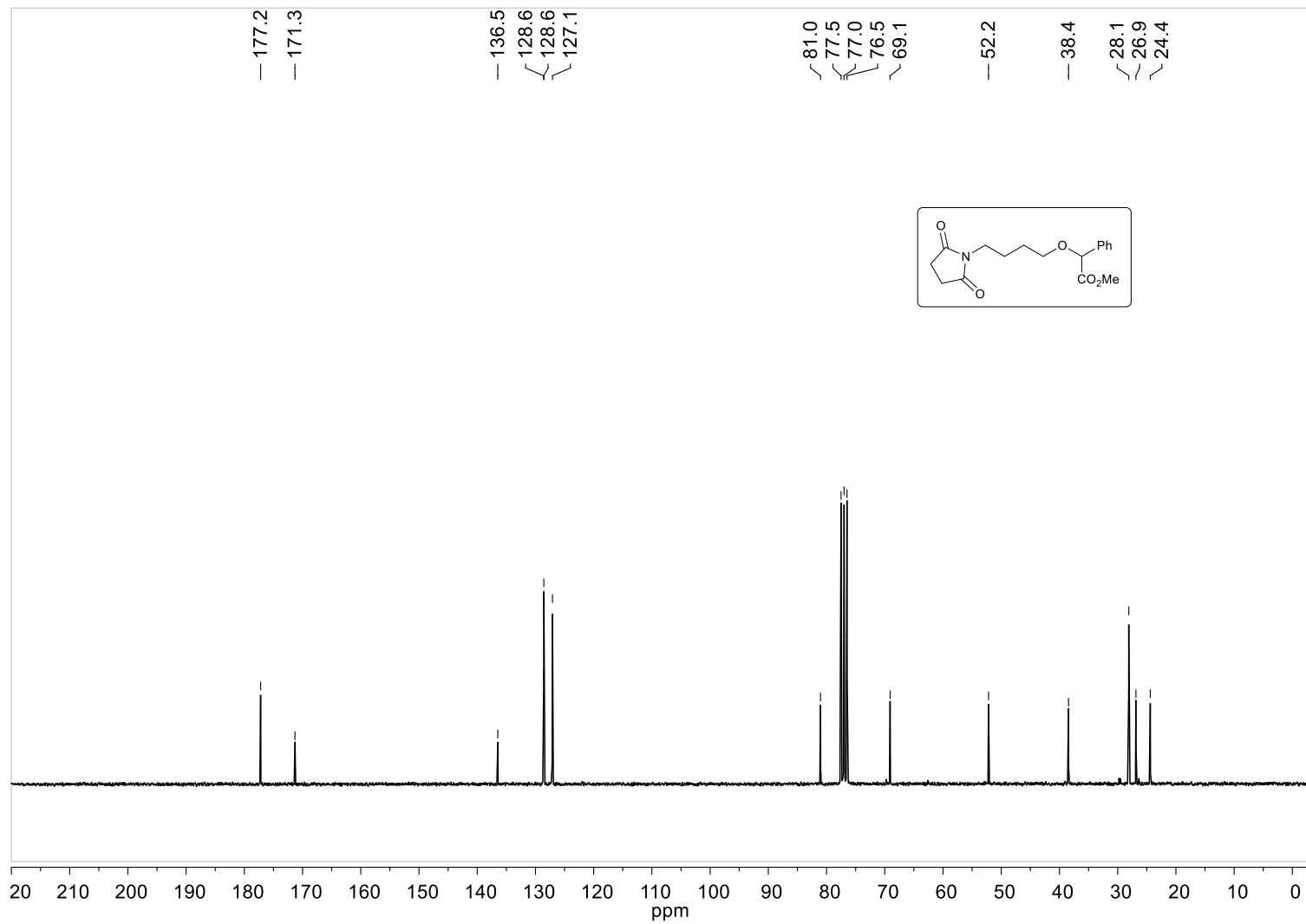
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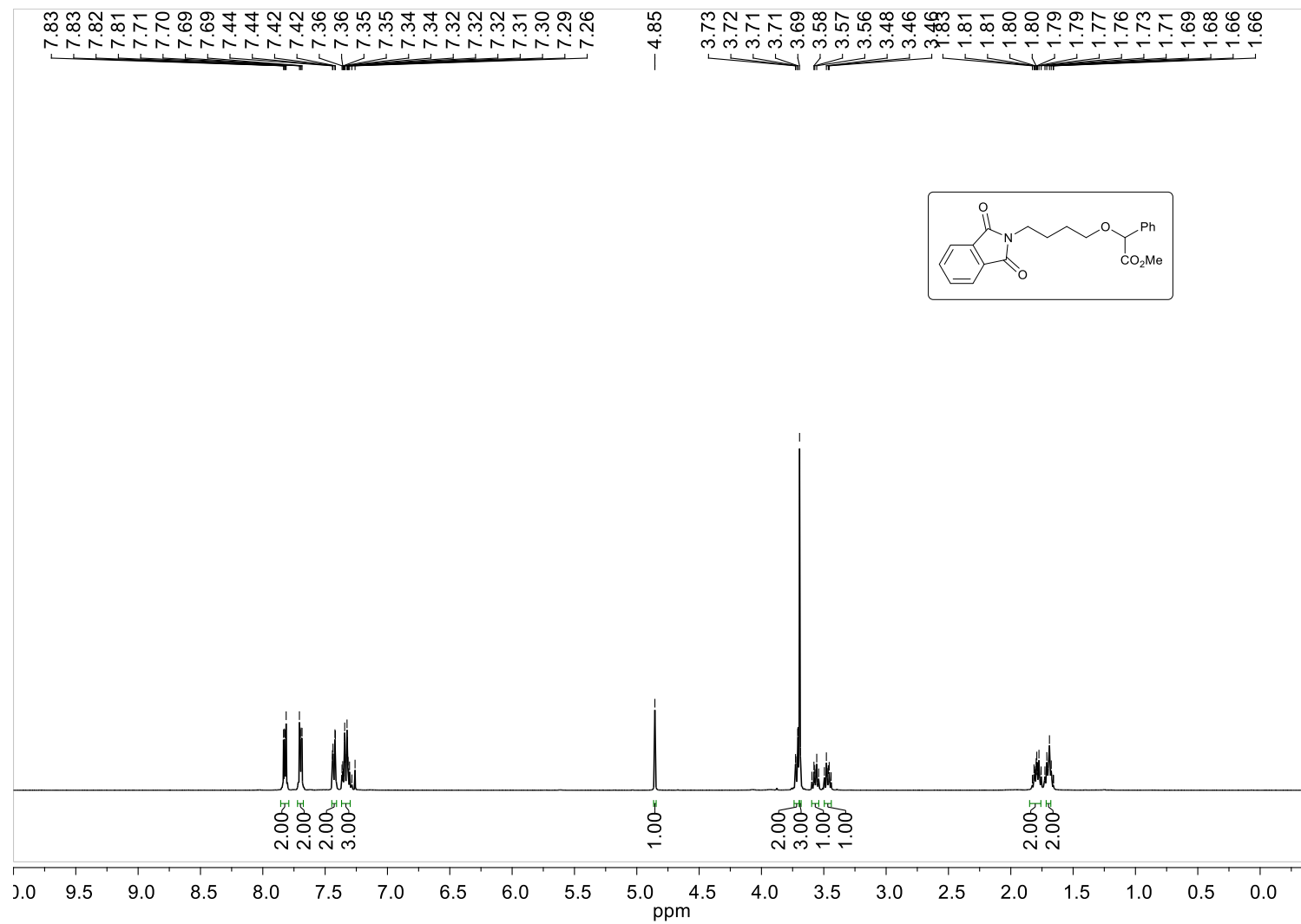
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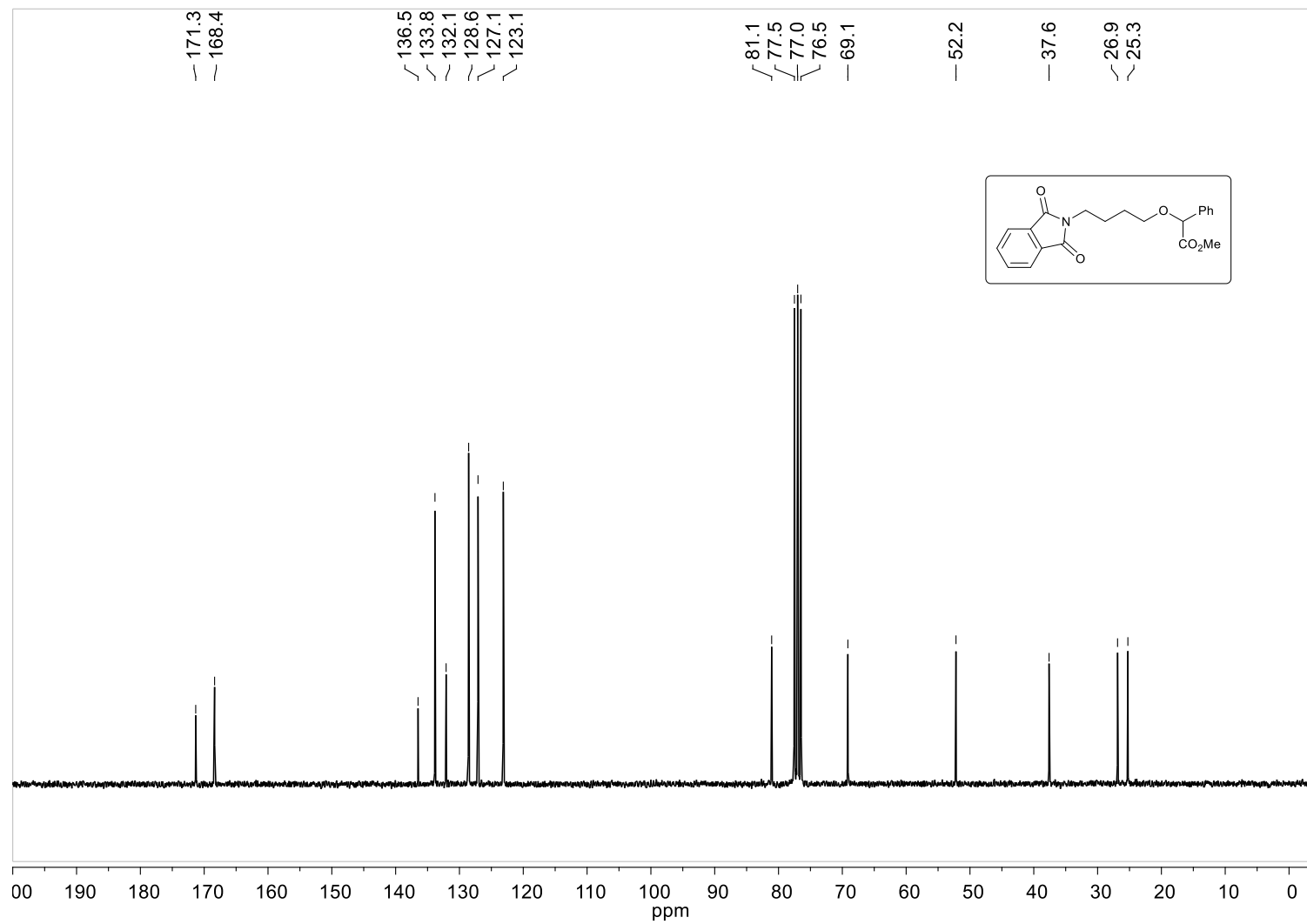
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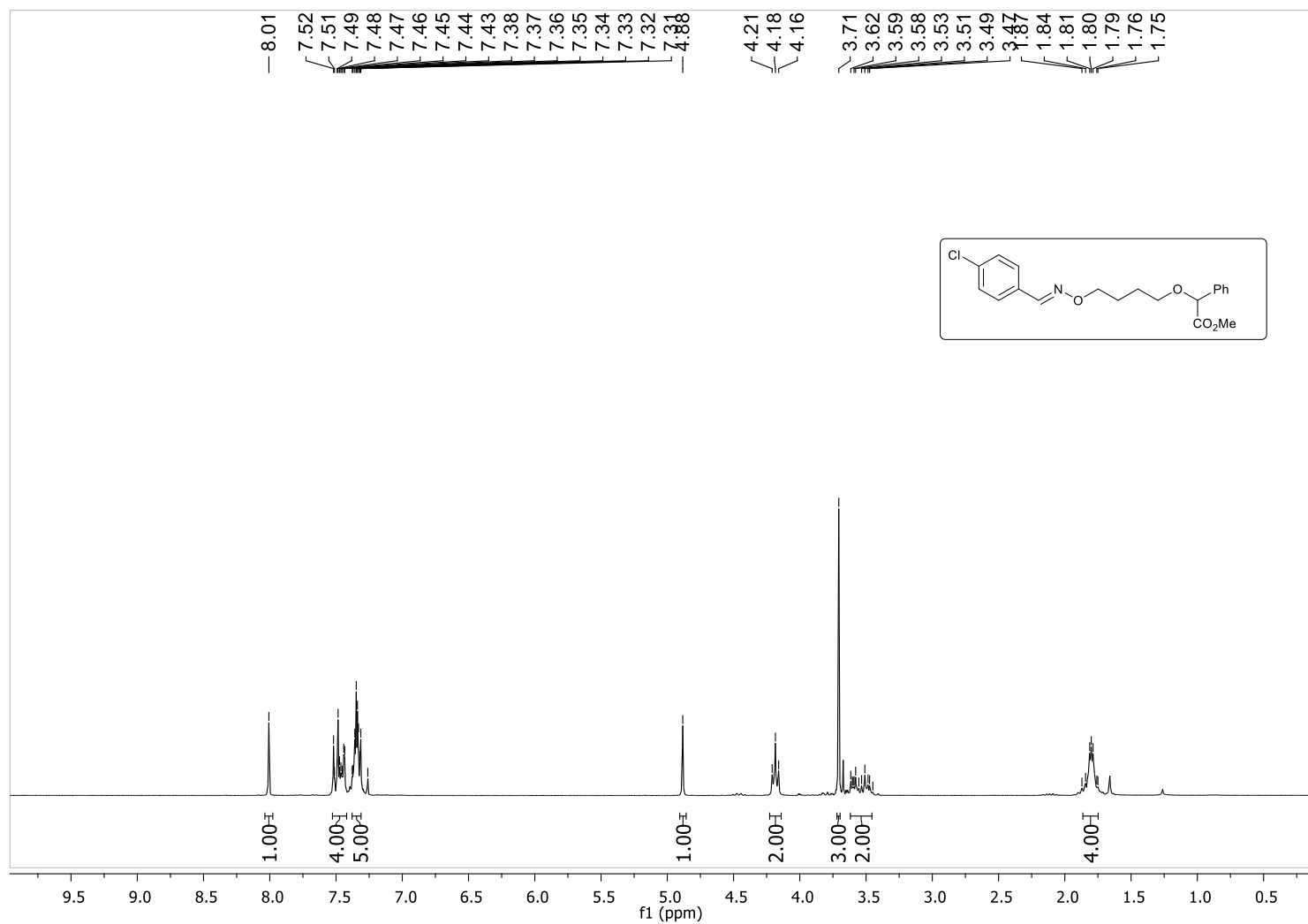
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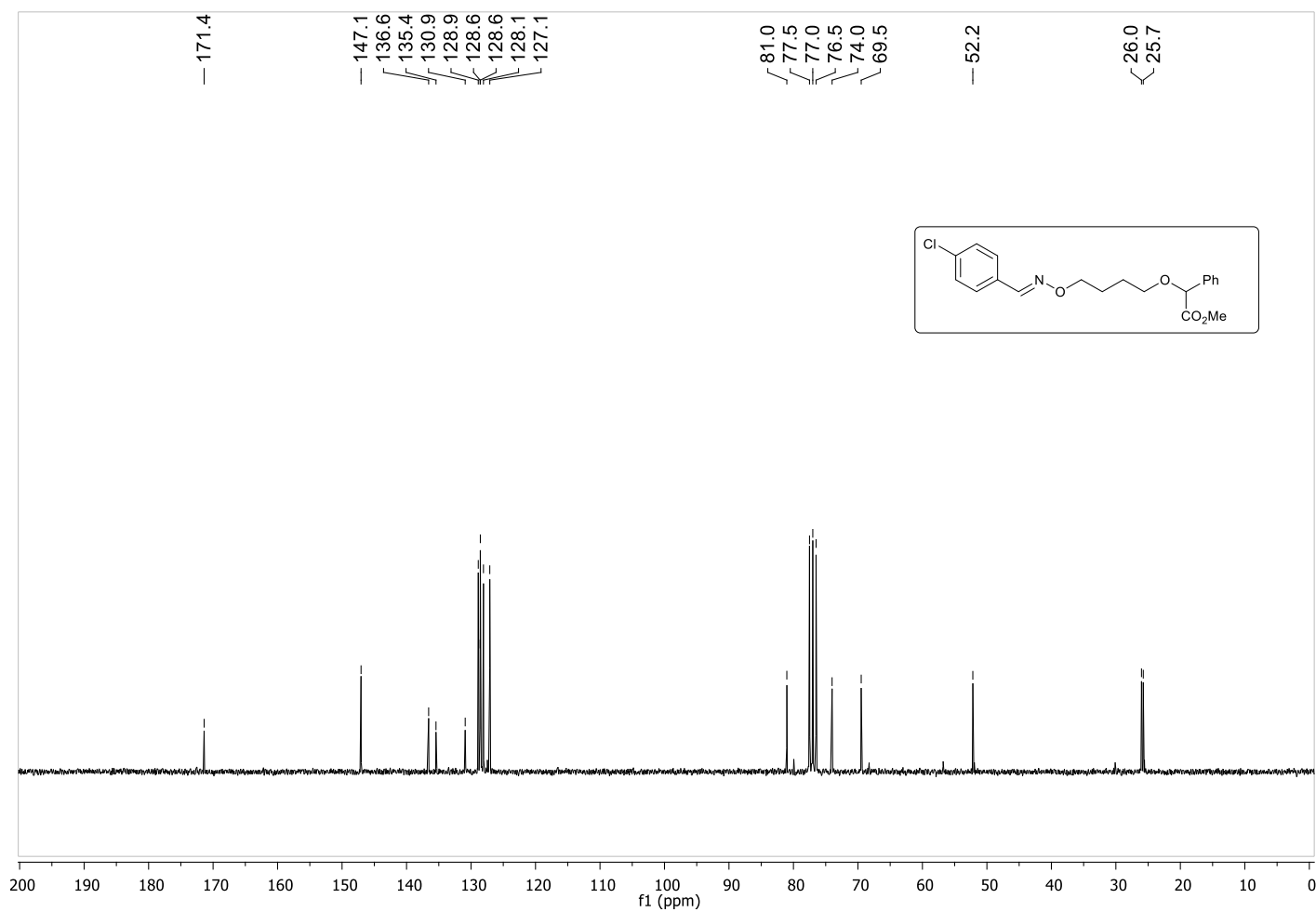
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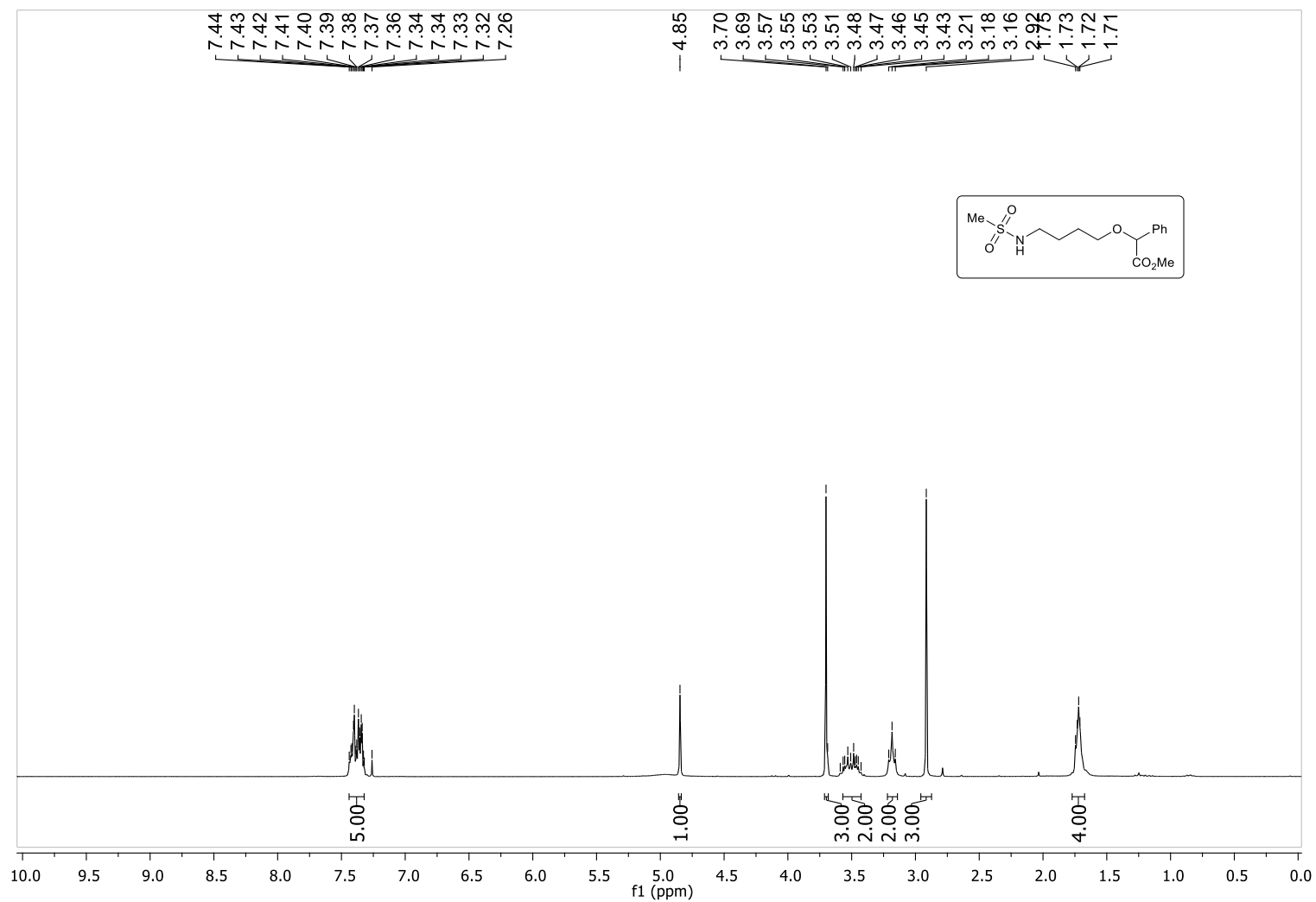
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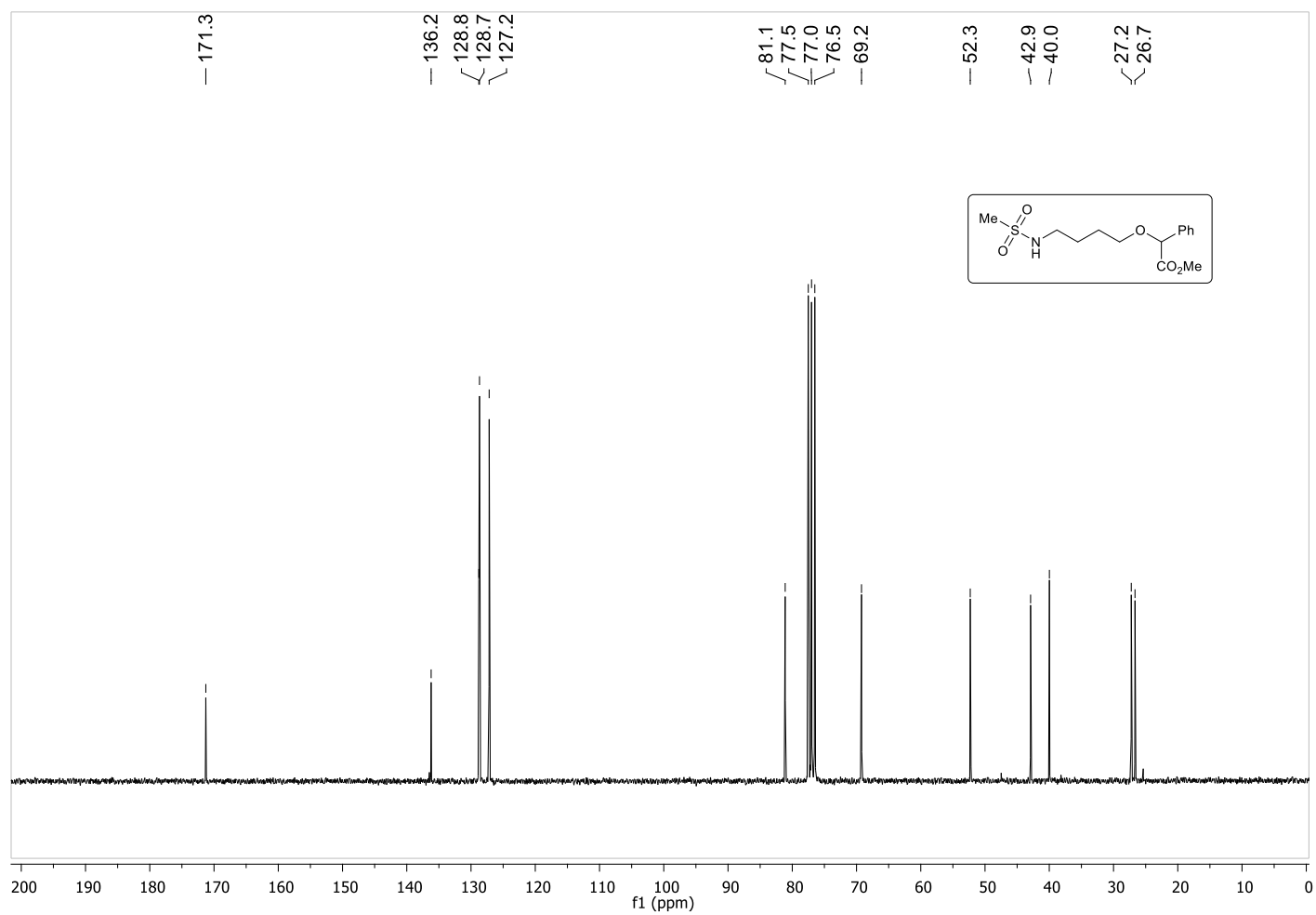
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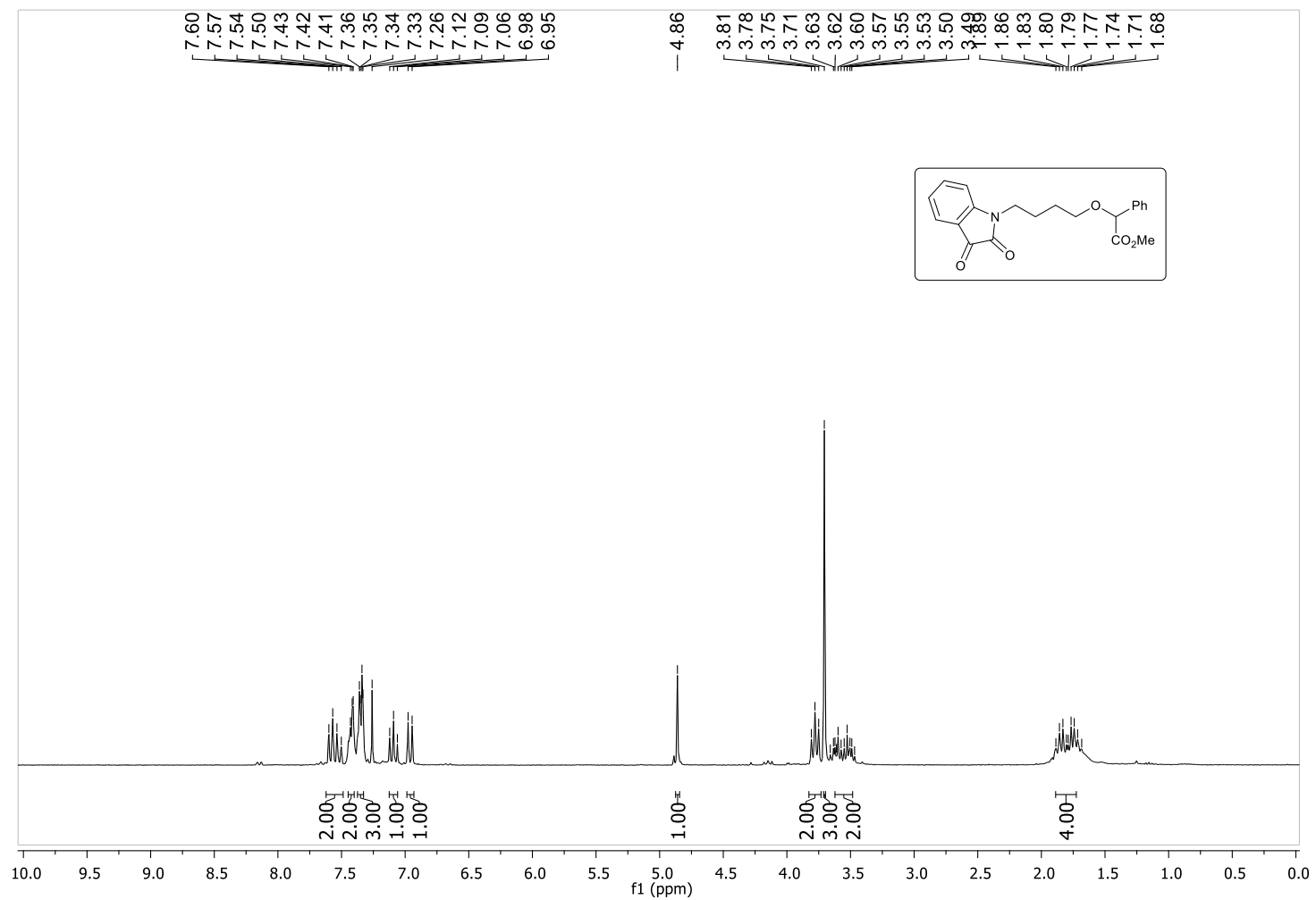
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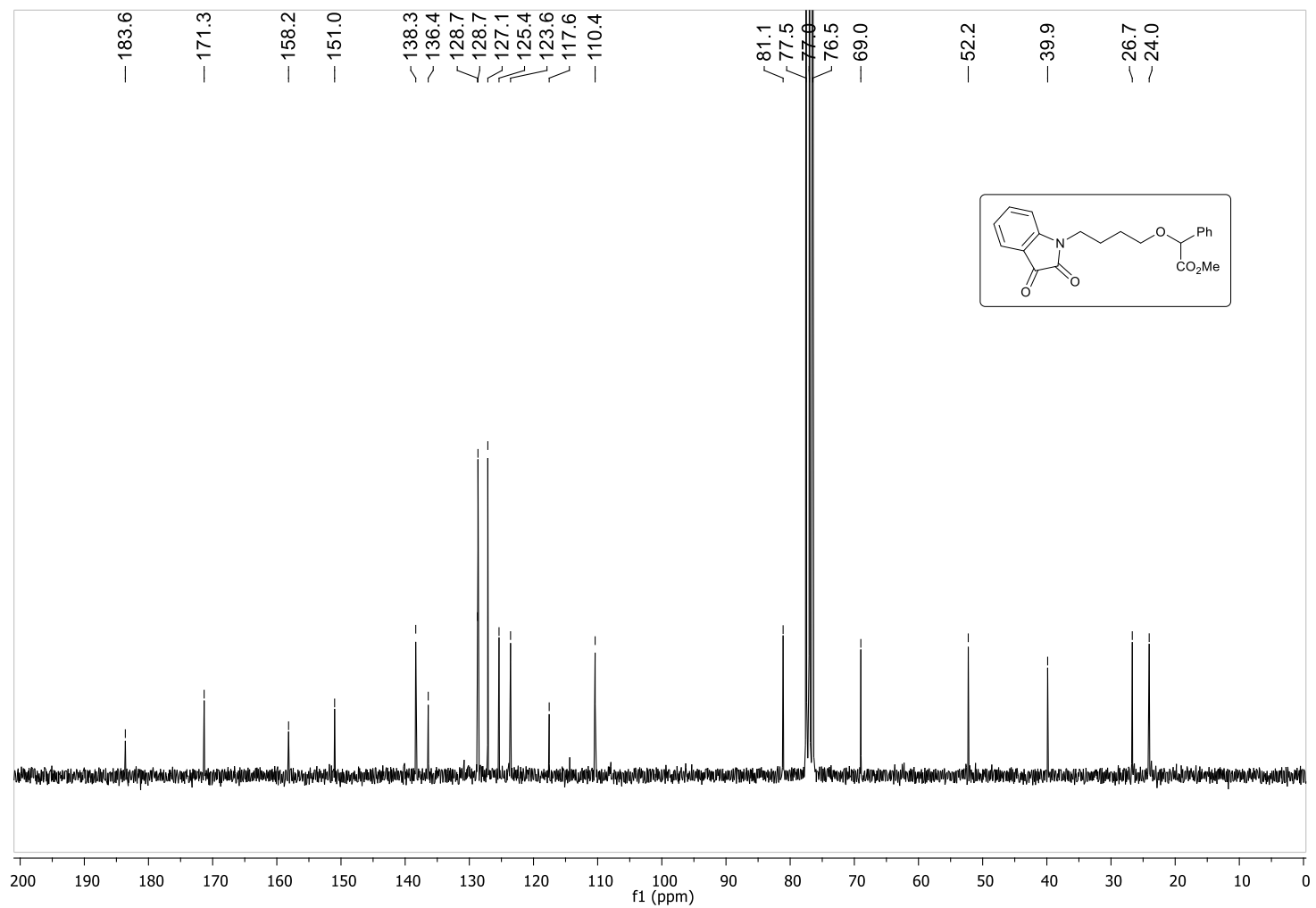
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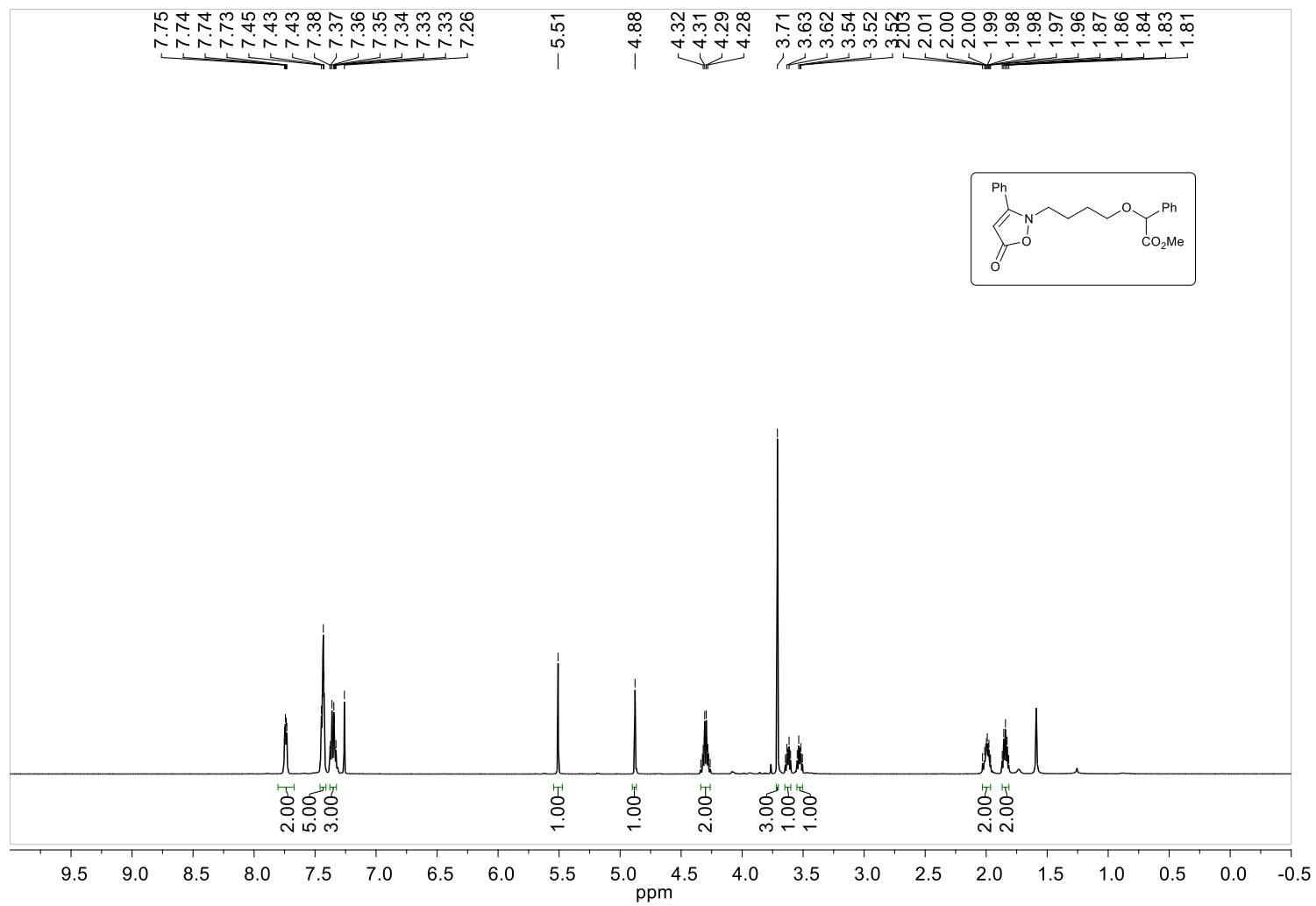
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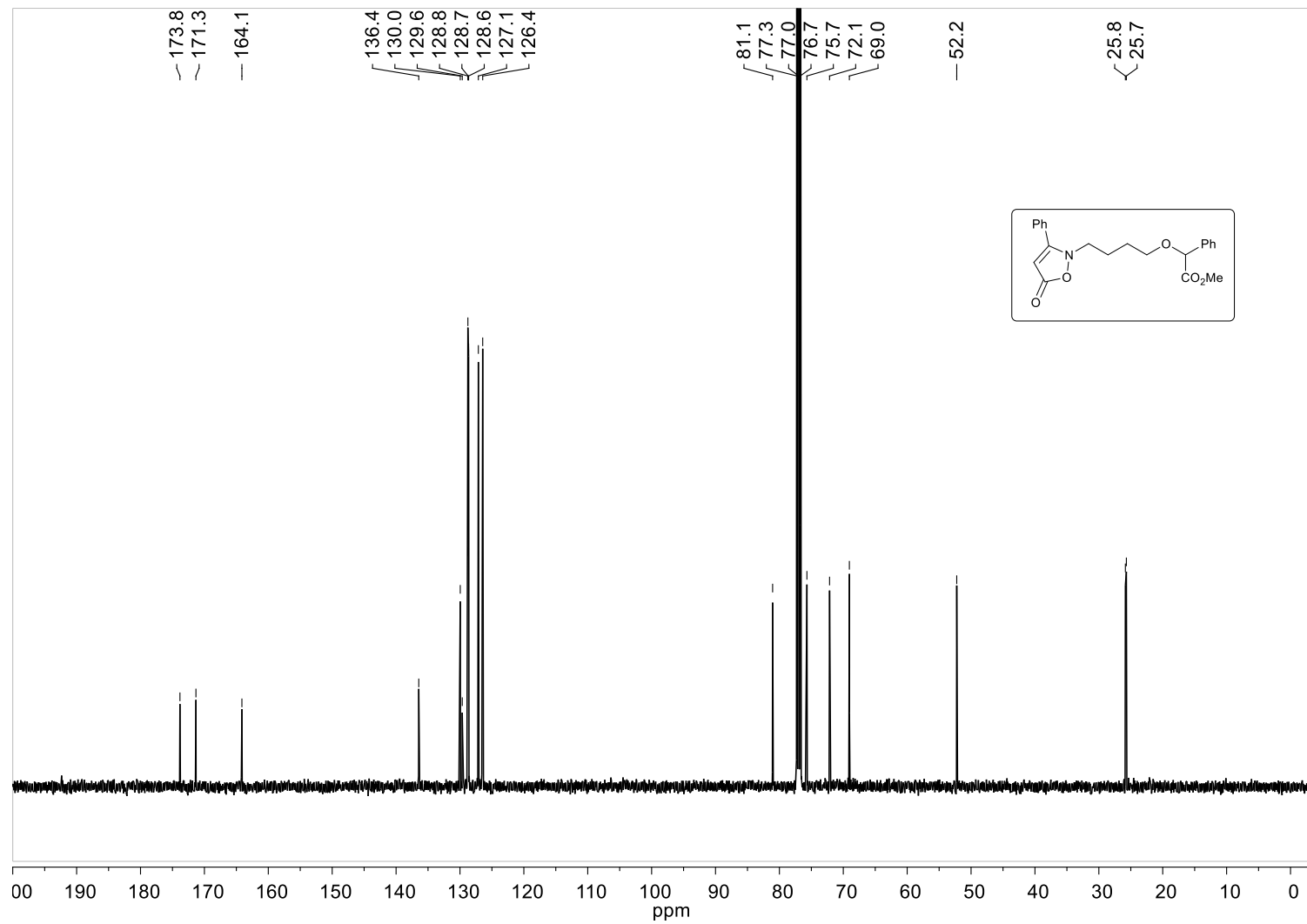
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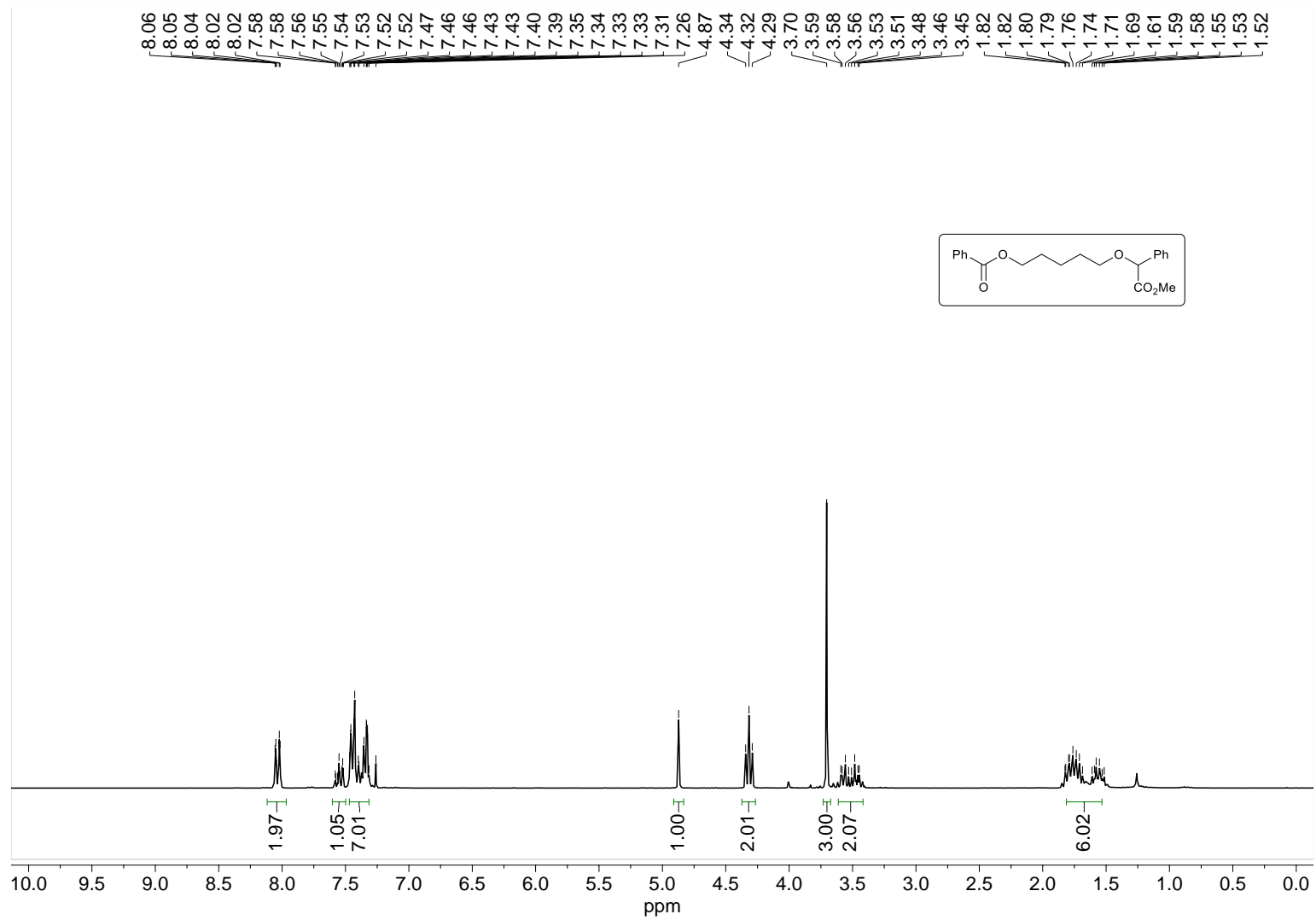
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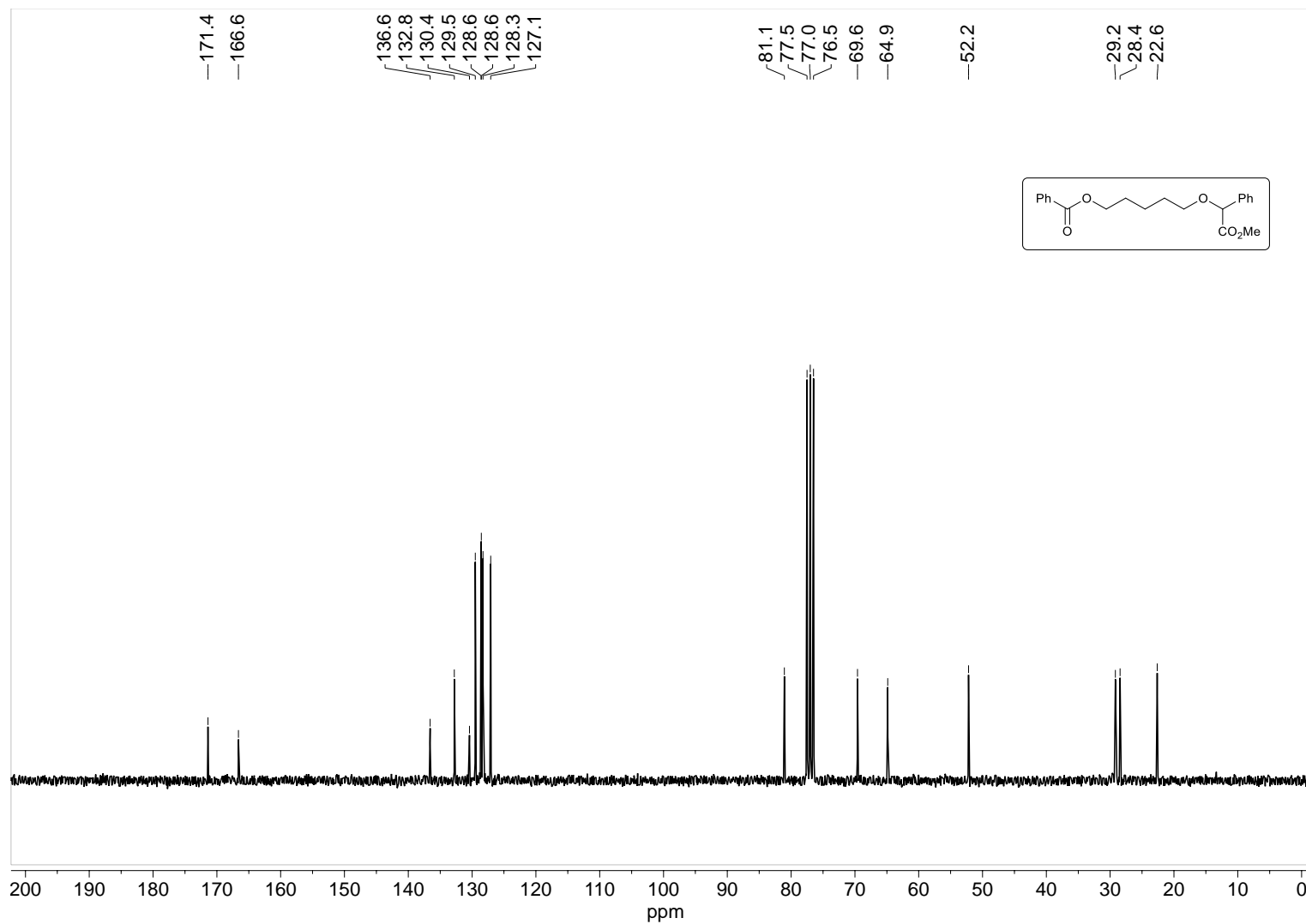
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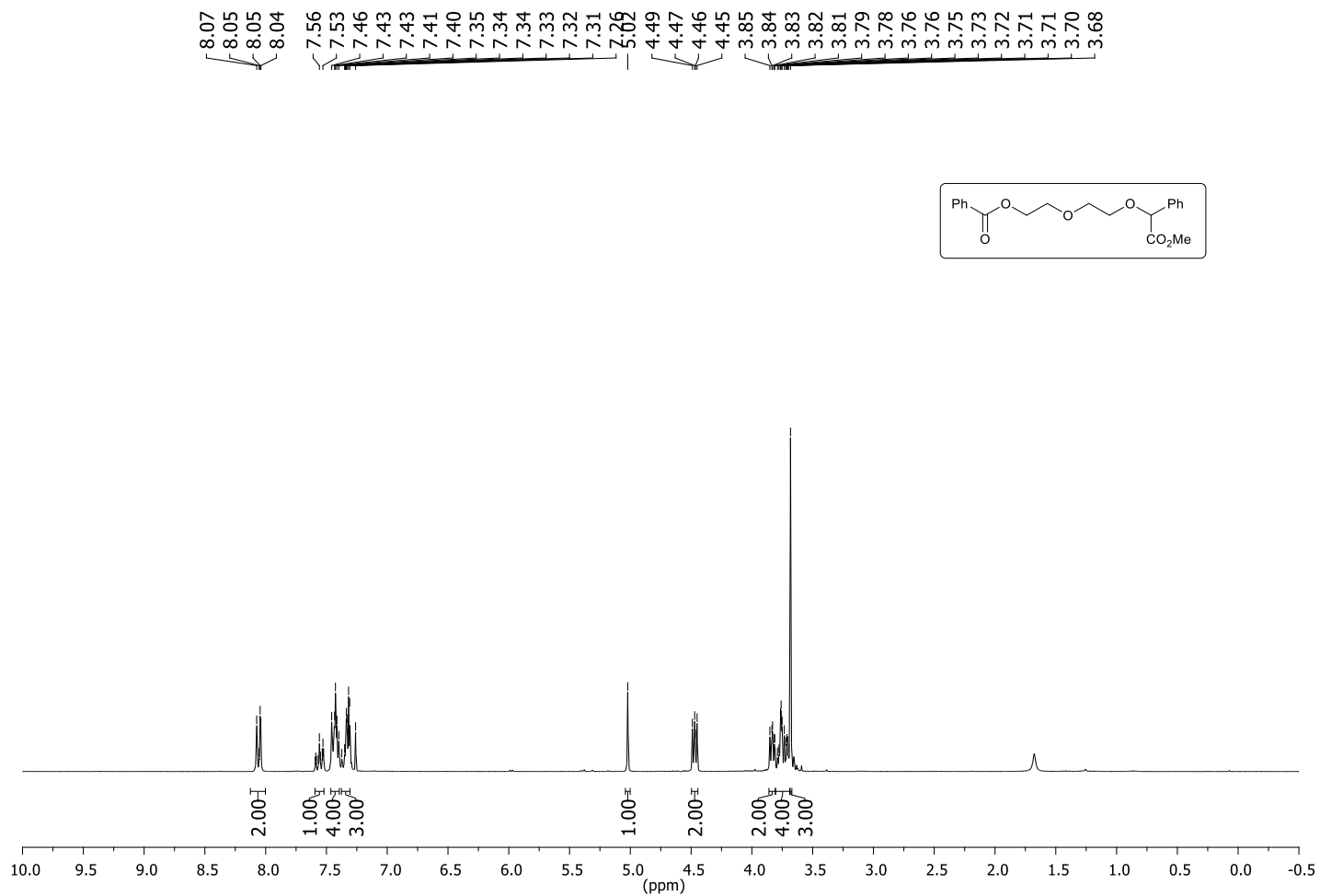
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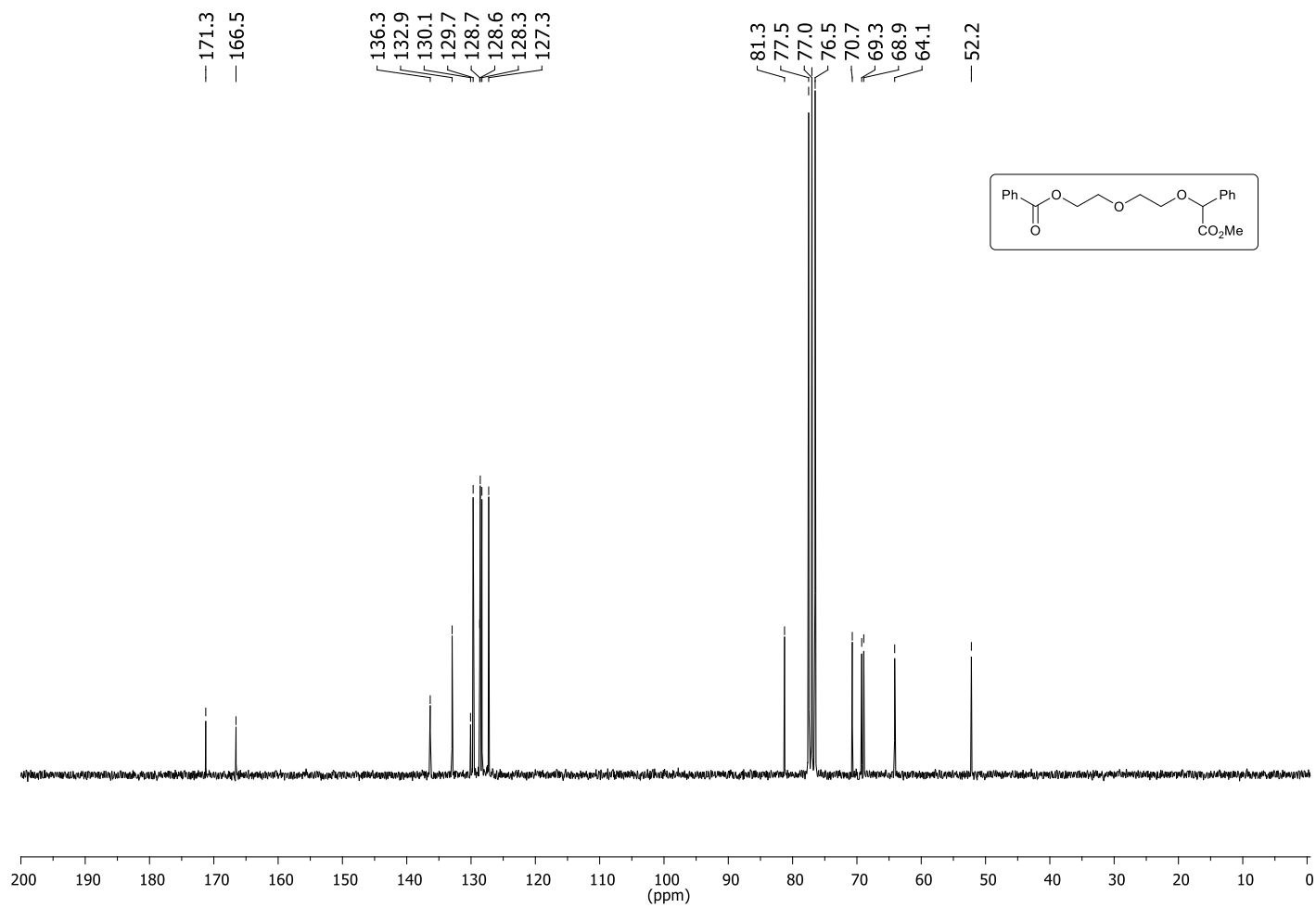
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Molecule 8gg - ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃)



Molecule 8gg - ^{13}C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3)



4. COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

Initially, a conformational search was done for all starting materials using the Dreiding⁷ force field in MarvinSketch 21.14.⁸ The resulting conformers were reoptimized using Gaussian 16 Rev C.01⁹ at the B3LYP/6-31+G* level for the ground (S_0) and CIS/6-31+G* level for the first excited (S_1) states, respectively, and using the IEFPCM¹⁰ implicit solvent model with parameters of THF ($\epsilon = 7.43$). Frequency calculations at the same level of the optimizations were carried out to confirm the converged geometries as either minima (without negative frequencies) or transition states (one negative frequency). IRC calculations¹¹ at the same level of optimization and frequency calculations carried out to confirm whether the obtained transition states are connected with two minima for each reaction step. The rate constants were calculated from the Eyring equation by using the calculated Gibbs free energies for the rate determining step of the mechanism.

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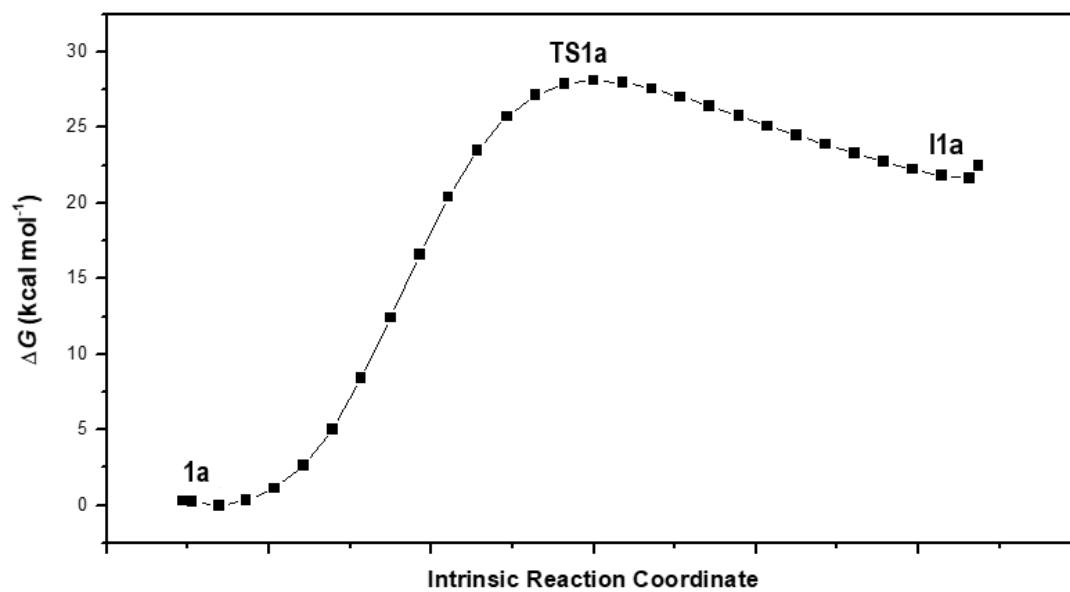
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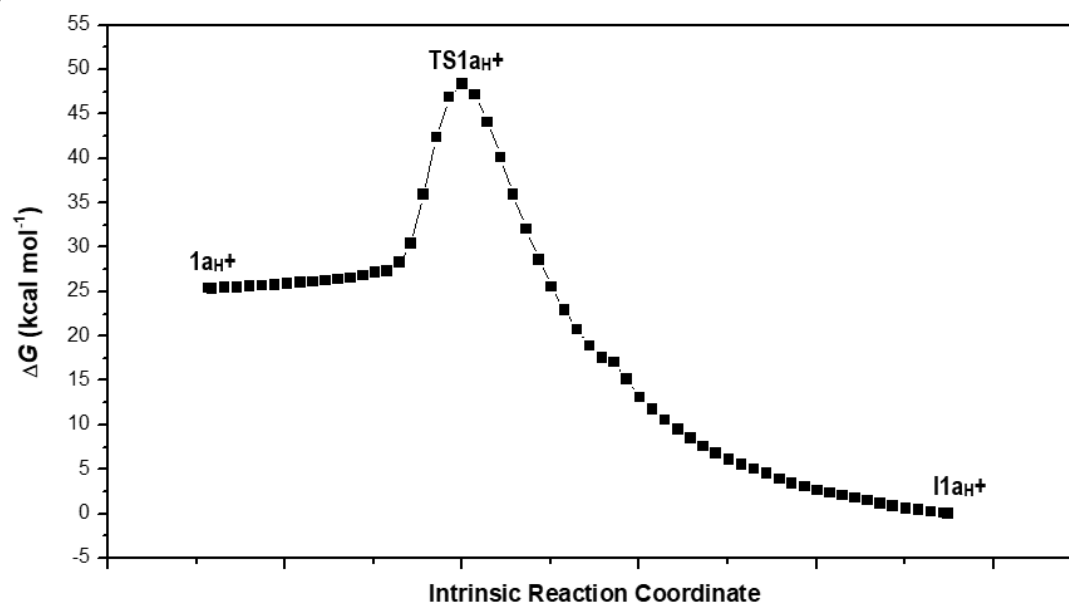
¹⁰ B. Mennucci, *WIREs Comput. Mol. Sci.*, 2012, **2**, 386–404.

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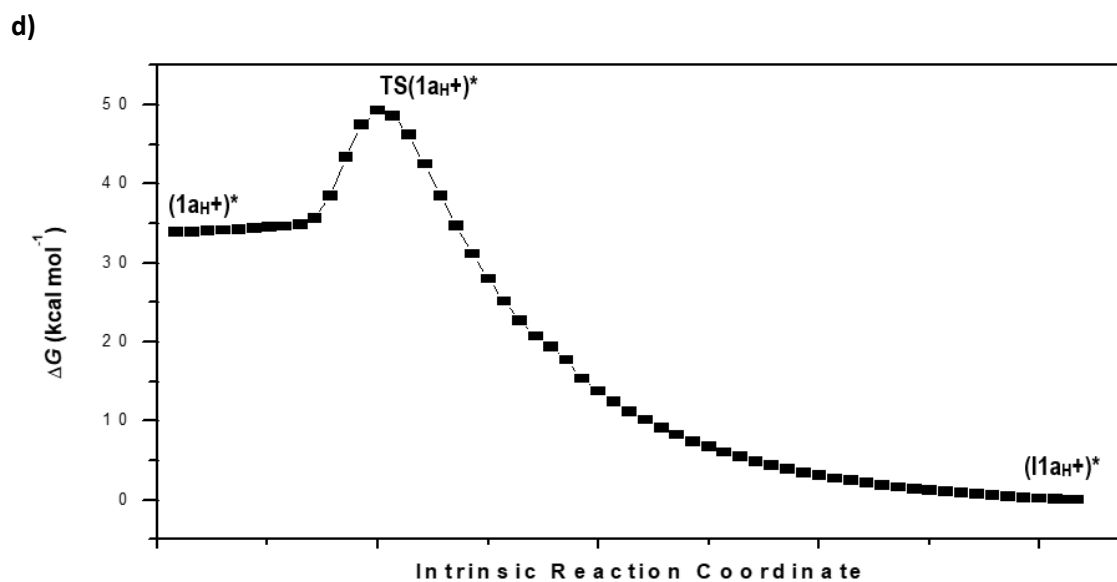
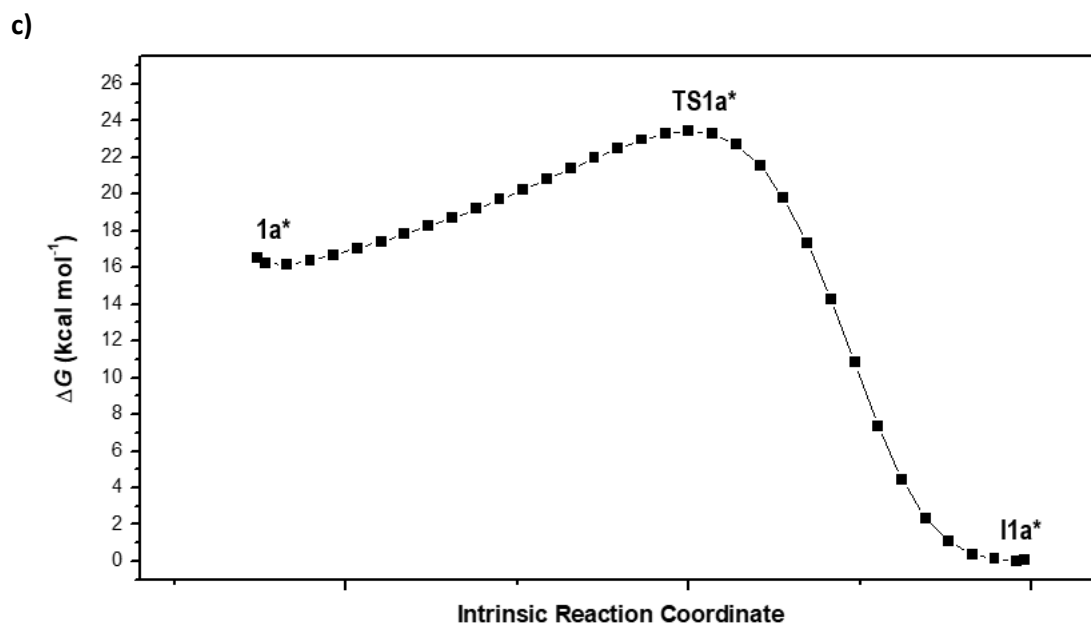


Figure S1: IRC calculation for the first reaction mechanism step (N_2 extrusion) for **a) $1a - TS1a - I1a$** pathway (B3LYP/6-31+G* level) **b) $1a_{H+} - TS1a_{H+} - I1a_{H+}$** pathway (B3LYP/6-31+G* level) **c) $1a^* - TS1a^* - I1a^*$** pathway (CIS/6-31+G* level) **d) $(1a_{H+})^* - TS(1a_{H+})^* - (I1a_{H+})^*$** pathway (CIS/6-31+G* level).

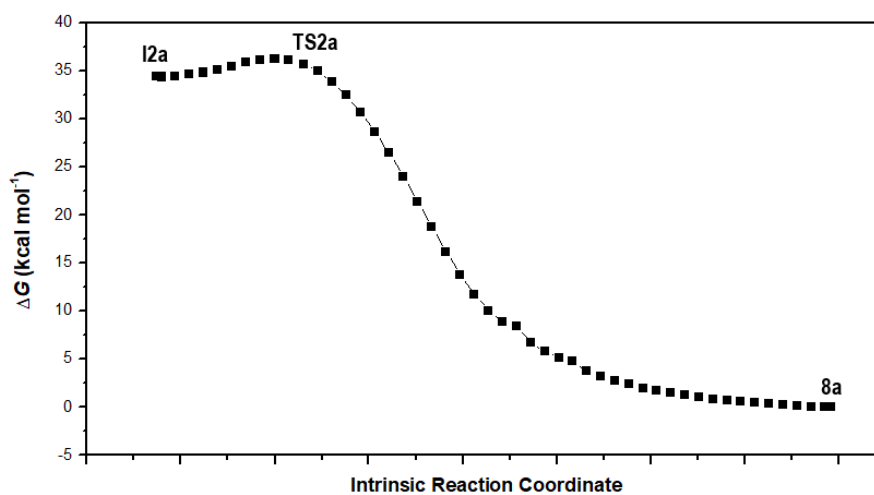


Figure S2: IRC calculation for the I2a - TS2a - 8a pathway calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G* level.

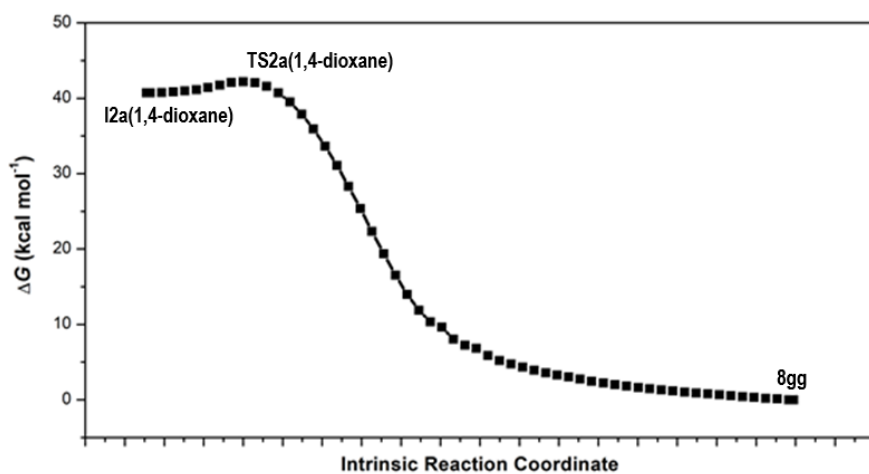
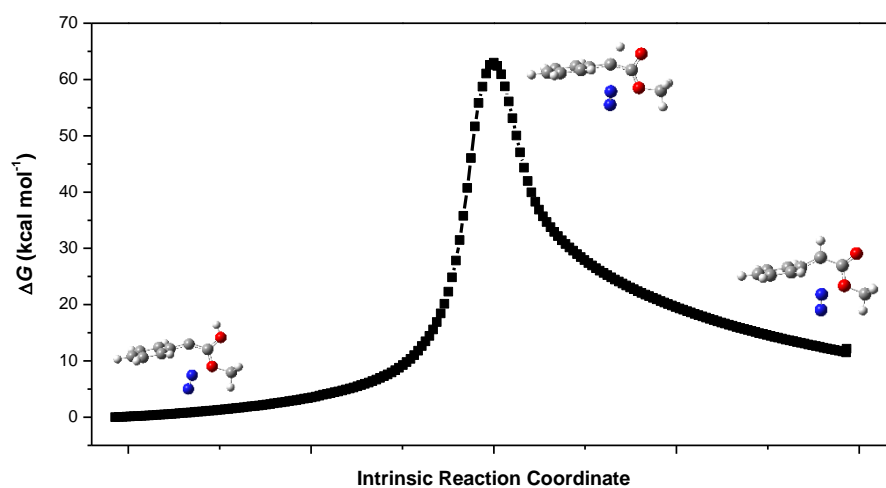


Figure S3: IRC calculation for the I2a(1,4-dioxane) - TS2a(1,4-dioxane) - 8gg pathway calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G* level.

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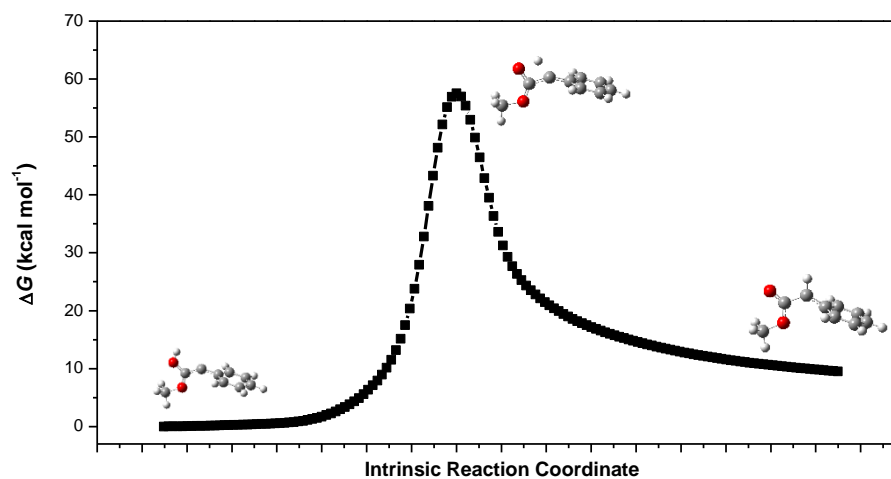


Figure S4: IRC calculation for intramolecular proton transfer event in the first excited state calculated at the CIS/6-31+G* level for **a) $(1a_{H^+})^*$** and **b) $(I1a_{H^+})^*$** .

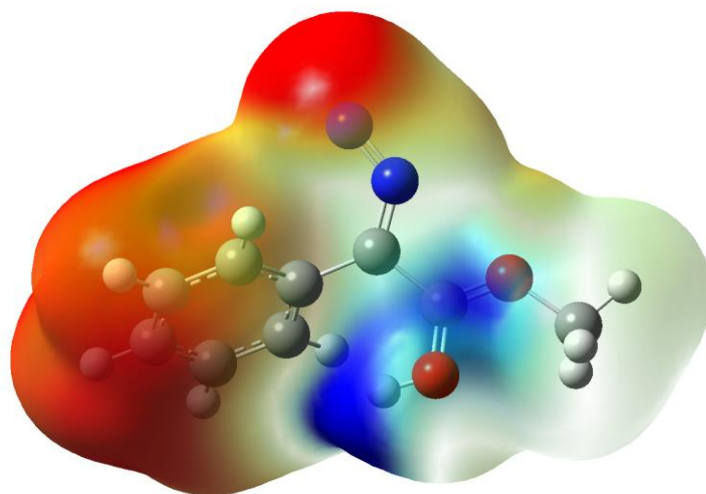


Figure S5: Calculated electrostatic profiles and dipole moments of **(1a_{H+})^{*}**. Red–green–blue colour scales used, from 0.010 atomic units (au) to 0.020 au.

Cartesian coordinates obtained from B3LYP/6-31+G* (ground state) and CIS/6-31+G* (excited state) theoretical calculations for each species.

B3LYP/6-31+G*							
1a			TS1a				
C	-1.619087	-0.007822	-1.218119	C	1.234111	-1.013191	-0.644441
C	-2.979688	-0.320071	-1.212407	C	2.563732	-1.315515	-0.922406
C	-3.657700	-0.471751	0.001666	C	3.588992	-0.562493	-0.333375
C	-2.979014	-0.314578	1.214701	C	3.284917	0.486607	0.542983
C	-1.618400	-0.002454	1.218353	C	1.954814	0.777915	0.835530
C	-0.933829	0.143293	-0.000425	C	0.903828	0.036908	0.246699
C	0.521144	0.482618	-0.001445	C	-0.460064	0.366418	0.611690
C	1.581524	-0.442477	-0.000028	C	-1.570798	-0.528650	0.404354
O	1.381348	-1.737248	-0.001483	O	-1.571258	-1.607885	1.006801
O	2.809577	-0.026177	0.003020	O	-2.622696	-0.081606	-0.315102
C	3.917052	-0.988475	0.002453	C	-3.808637	-0.904837	-0.284770
H	-1.088355	0.118276	-2.157545	H	0.438886	-1.591978	-1.105241
H	-3.509110	-0.439183	-2.152996	H	2.807175	-2.128189	-1.601072
H	-4.717439	-0.710475	0.002479	H	4.626587	-0.796346	-0.556987
H	-3.507956	-0.429494	2.156081	H	4.083485	1.063333	1.000836
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H	0.428994	-1.966188	-0.006468				
1aH ⁺			TS1aH ⁺				
C	-1.619087	-0.007822	-1.218119	C	-1.462591	-0.662431	-1.041322
C	-2.979688	-0.320071	-1.212407	C	-2.827698	-0.853619	-1.189555
C	-3.657700	-0.471751	0.001666	C	-3.705504	-0.409708	-0.187284
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8a

l2a(1,4-dioxane)

O	1.687085	-0.779091	0.602645	O	1.160911	-0.223091	-0.301493
C	-1.318016	-1.238536	0.323562	O	3.695992	-1.199069	0.436031
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H	-0.786265	-1.762407	-1.693061	H	-1.626041	3.903899	0.993576
H	0.701080	-3.161612	0.616001	H	-0.246330	4.513045	0.025282
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H	2.750480	-2.185595	-0.495604	H	-3.635513	-1.144265	2.059865
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H	-4.681378	-1.282662	-1.420767				
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C	-3.402433	-0.146067	0.739748				
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O	-2.923384	0.414414	1.716307				

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O	-1.613217	1.071451	0.102800	O	1.888623	-0.936075	0.702992
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C	-1.243423	-0.969119	-0.814412	C	1.406422	-1.202057	-0.243956
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C	-3.124122	0.339006	0.762920	C	3.271396	0.821879	0.145775
C	-1.817444	0.794596	0.737563	C	1.920407	1.113143	0.220025
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C	1.653699	-0.311873	0.162160	C	-1.566413	-0.527714	0.218927
O	1.471506	-1.416013	0.756188	O	-1.477498	-1.542382	0.851971
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C	3.967134	-0.841685	0.063729	C	-3.827325	-0.932191	-0.246134
H	-0.531093	-1.468431	-1.447825	H	0.693644	-1.989252	-0.391843
H	-2.842992	-2.255810	-1.389799	H	3.080962	-2.484978	-0.526743
H	-4.509343	-1.107919	0.017895	H	4.744430	-0.695248	-0.180058
H	-3.850161	0.839882	1.375676	H	3.992178	1.603437	0.303387
H	-1.534432	1.641586	1.333797	H	1.607479	2.114470	0.441069
H	4.082007	-0.929847	1.130218	H	-4.100924	-1.004054	0.795570
H	4.779511	-0.301648	-0.383600	H	-3.657409	-1.917163	-0.653720
H	3.810689	-1.796461	-0.406936	H	-4.592805	-0.418887	-0.803543
N	0.919305	1.839914	-0.282311	N	-0.770869	1.986627	-0.164319
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H	0.568423	-1.581880	1.035673				
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C	-1.243423	-0.969119	-0.814412	C	-1.277118	-1.150467	-0.605158
C	-2.554992	-1.412276	-0.790716	C	-2.607079	-1.504858	-0.638879
C	-3.492825	-0.760357	-0.001179	C	-3.563889	-0.677259	-0.052860
C	-3.124122	0.339006	0.762920	C	-3.188197	0.508964	0.561707
C	-1.817444	0.794596	0.737563	C	-1.857775	0.884400	0.592179
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C	0.522309	0.637147	-0.093608	C	0.494661	0.444859	0.012125

C	1.653699	-0.311873	0.162160	C	1.660235	-0.370672	0.163550
O	1.471506	-1.416013	0.756188	O	1.629426	-1.525363	0.719723
O	2.797217	0.002381	-0.203940	O	2.768913	0.057723	-0.240265
C	3.967134	-0.841685	0.063729	C	4.005027	-0.689422	-0.041418
H	-0.531093	-1.468431	-1.447825	H	-0.550341	-1.778203	-1.088248
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C	-1.872248	-1.288501	-0.053334	C	-1.872970	-0.924277	-1.079543
C	-3.251603	-1.181895	-0.048823	C	-3.246445	-0.856559	-0.934388
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C	0.349124	-0.211504	-0.011754	C	0.368631	-0.340355	-0.289960
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H	-3.852660	-2.072522	-0.085768	H	-3.881565	-1.354673	-1.642890
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