

Supporting Information

Organocatalytic cascade nucleophilic/aza-Michael addition reactions: Metal-free catalytic strategy for the synthesis of hydantoins

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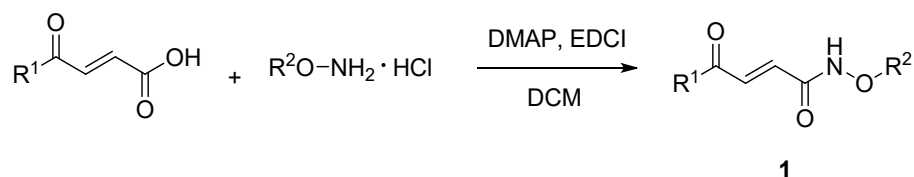
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1. General information

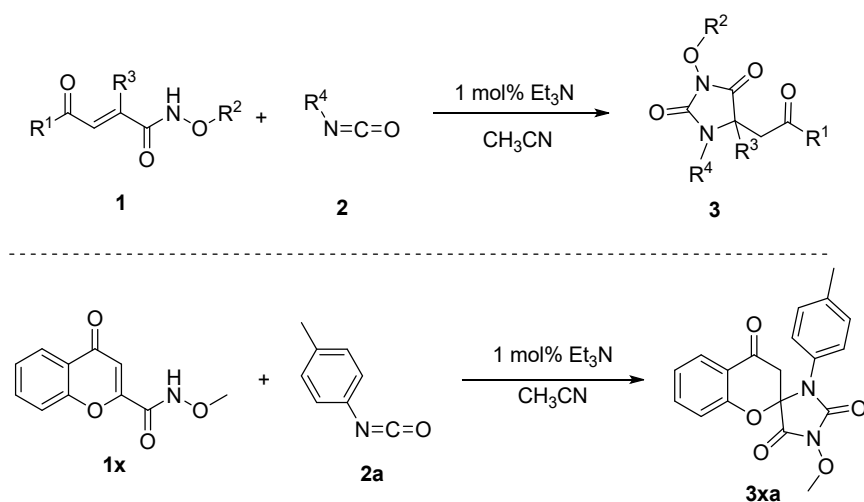
All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of air in oven dried glassware with magnetic stirring. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator or an oil pump. Flash column chromatography was performed using Qingdao Haiyang flash silica gel (100–200 mesh). NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance DPX400 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Mass spectra were acquired with an Agilent 6520 Q-TOF MS system equipped with an Electrospray ionization (ESI) source. Melting points were determined on a Stuart SMP3 melting point apparatus. X-raycrystallographic data were collected using a Bruker APEX-II CCD.

2. General procedure for the synthesis of β -oxo-acrylamide **1**



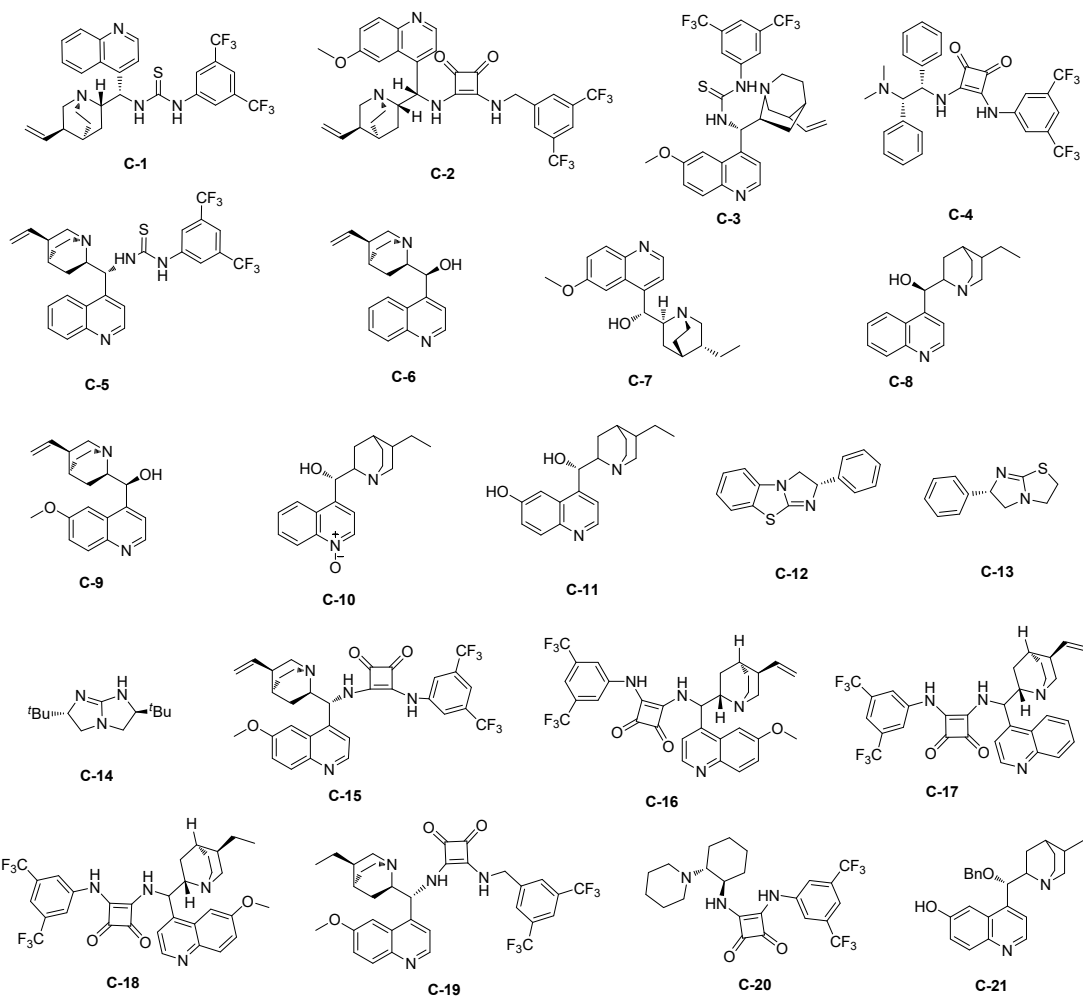
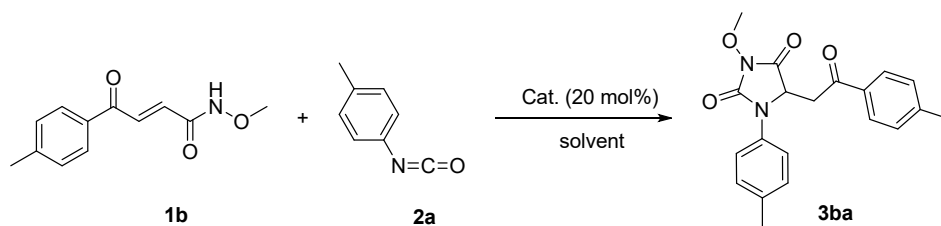
A mixture of EDCI (1.34g, 7 mmol, 1.4 equiv), DMAP (0.85g, 7 mmol, 1.4 equiv), aryl or alkanoyl acrylic acids¹ (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and *O*-alkylhydroxylamine HCl (6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After completing reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (25 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL $\times$ 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL), and then dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtration, the solvent was concentrated in vacuo. The crude products were purified by column chromatography with petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as an eluent.

3. General procedure for the cascade reactions of β -oxo-acrylamides **1** and isocyanates **2**



To a stirred solution of β -oxo-acrylamide **1** (0.20 mmol) and isocyanates **2** (0.22 mmol) in anhydrous CH₃CN (2.0 mL), Et₃N (0.01 equiv.) was added. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC. After the reaction was complete, solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 3:1 or 1:1) to furnish the corresponding product **3**.

4. Optimization of reaction conditions for the organocatalytic asymmetric cascade reaction of β -oxo-acrylamides **1b and isocyanates **2a**^a**



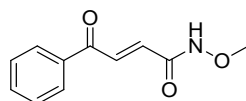
Entry	Cat.	Solvent	Time(h)	Yield(%) ^b	ee(%) ^c
1	C-1	DCM	24	75	0
2	C-2	DCM	24	73	12
3	C-3	DCM	24	70	-4
4	C-4	DCM	24	trace	nd ^d
5	C-5	DCM	24	76	17
6	C-6	DCM	24	80	2
7	C-7	DCM	24	77	-2
8	C-8	DCM	24	82	0

9	C-9	DCM	24	83	2
10	C-10	DCM	24	73	-2
11	C-11	DCM	24	85	25
12	C-12	DCM	24	65	7
13	C-13	DCM	24	67	0
14	C-14	DCM	24	trace	nd
15	C-15	DCM	24	88	0
16	C-16	DCM	24	87	31
17	C-17	DCM	24	83	28
18	C-18	DCM	24	85	20
19	C-19	DCM	24	80	-7
20	C-20	DCM	24	trace	nd
21	C-21	DCM	24	76	13
22	C-16	DCE	24	88	15
23	C-16	CH ₃ CN	24	90	5
24	C-16	toluene	24	75	40
25	C-16	CHCl ₃	24	80	27

^aReactions were carried out with **1b** (0.20 mmol), **2a** (0.22 mmol), and 20 mol% catalyst in 2 mL of solvent at rt. ^bIsolated yields. ^cDetermined by HPLC analysis. ^dNot determined.

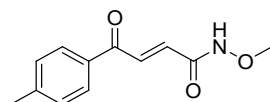
5. Characterization of the β -oxo-acrylamides **1**

(E)-N-methoxy-4-oxo-4-phenylbut-2-enamide (**1a**)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1a**. White solid; mp: 106.2 – 108.4 °C; 358.8 mg; 35% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.75 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 9.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J = 7.3, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd, J = 15.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 189.76, 160.95, 136.91, 134.32, 133.71, 133.02, 129.50, 129.16, 63.85. HRMS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NO₃: 206.0817, Found: 206.0847.

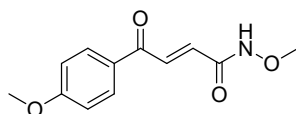
(E)-N-methoxy-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)but-2-enamide (**1b**)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1b**. White solid; mp: 106.2 – 108.6 °C; 470.9 mg; 43% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 189.05, 161.12,

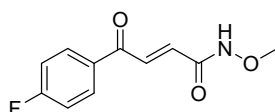
144.99, 134.41, 133.34, 133.07, 130.05, 129.31, 63.93, 21.68. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}NO_3Na$: 242.0793, Found: 242.0797.

(E)-N-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1c)



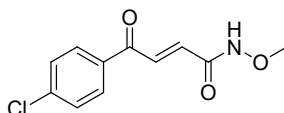
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1c**. White solid; mp: 103.6 – 105.2 °C; 305.5 mg; 26% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.74 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 187.62, 164.24, 161.21, 133.03, 132.93, 131.66, 129.84, 114.77, 63.91, 56.11. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}NO_4$: 236.0923, Found: 236.0950.

(E)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1d)



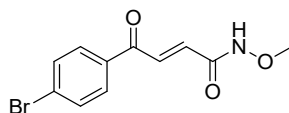
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1d**. White solid; mp: 112.4 – 113.9 °C; 412.6 mg; 37% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.73 (s, 1H), 8.16 – 8.09 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 188.24, 165.84 (d, J = 253.0 Hz), 160.99, 133.78, 133.64, 132.85, 132.27 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 116.53 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 63.81. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}FNO_3$: 224.0723, Found: 224.0752.

(E)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1e)



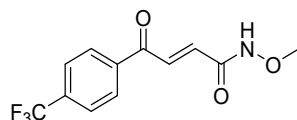
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1e**. White solid; mp: 113.5 – 115.5 °C; 394.4 mg; 33% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.74 (s, 1H), 8.11 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 188.65, 157.29, 139.27, 135.56, 134.01, 132.51, 131.06, 129.57, 63.79. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}ClNO_3$: 240.0427, Found: 240.0475.

(E)-4-(4-bromophenyl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1f)



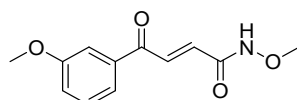
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1f**. White solid; mp: 120.7 – 122.2 °C; 367.9 mg; 26% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.73 (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.86 – 7.76 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 188.90, 160.67, 135.90, 134.04, 132.54, 131.14, 128.51, 63.79. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{11}H_{11}BrNO_3$: 283.9922, Found: 283.9948.

(E)-N-methoxy-4-oxo-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-2-enamide (1g)



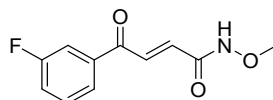
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1g**. White solid; mp: 105.3 – 107.8 °C; 398.3 mg; 27% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.78 (s, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 189.34, 160.78, 140.09, 134.55, 133.35 (q, *J* = 31.6 Hz), 132.78, 129.95, 126.35 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 124.16 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 63.81. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₁₂H₁₀NO₃NaF₃: 296.0516, Found: 296.0510.

(E)-N-methoxy-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1h)



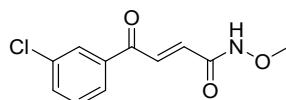
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(E)-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1i)



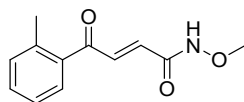
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1i**. White solid; mp: 95.3 – 98.1 °C; 423.7 mg; 38% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.77 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 188.77, 162.75 (d, *J* = 245.8 Hz), 160.89, 139.07, 134.27, 132.79, 131.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 125.51, 121.24 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 115.52 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 63.93. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₁H₁₁FNO₃: 224.0723, Found: 224.0752.

(E)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1j)



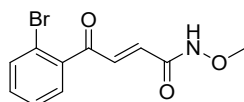
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(E)-N-methoxy-4-oxo-4-(o-tolyl)but-2-enamide (1k)



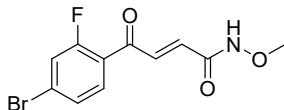
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1k**. White solid; mp: 112.5 – 114.6 °C; 284.7 mg; 26% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.67 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 194.69, 160.86, 137.58, 136.33, 134.38, 131.99, 131.96, 129.35, 126.36, 63.79, 20.57. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₃Na: 242.0793, Found: 242.0797.

(E)-4-(2-bromophenyl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1l)



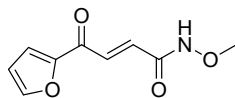
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1l**. White solid; mp: 95.9 – 98.2 °C; 353.8 mg; 25% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.66 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 6.4, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 194.13, 160.27, 139.89, 135.86, 135.50, 133.77, 132.95, 129.90, 128.44, 118.97, 63.72. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₁H₁₁BrNO₃: 283.9922, Found: 283.9943.

(E)-4-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1m)



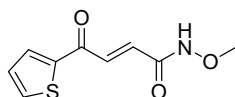
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1m**. White solid; mp: 132.8 – 133.6 °C; 526.8 mg; 35% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.72 (s, 1H), 7.82 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 187.65, 160.93 (d, *J* = 258.0 Hz), 134.12, 132.68 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 128.83 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 127.98 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 125.12 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 120.84, 120.64, 63.89. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₁H₁₀BrFNO₃: 301.9828, Found: 301.9859.

(E)-4-(furan-2-yl)-N-methoxy-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1n)



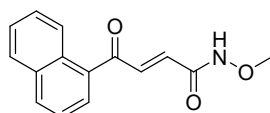
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1n**. Yellow solid; mp: 121.8 – 123.5 °C; 360.8 mg; 37% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.75 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 176.28, 160.81, 152.67, 149.81, 132.91, 132.66, 121.48, 113.66, 63.86. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₉H₁₀NO₄: 196.0610, Found: 196.0637.

(E)-N-methoxy-4-oxo-4-(thiophen-2-yl)but-2-enamide (1o)



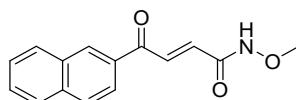
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1o**. White solid; mp: 103.2 – 105.6 °C; 400.9 mg; 38% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.76 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 37.8 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 181.54, 160.91, 144.47, 137.46, 135.48, 133.13, 132.75, 129.78, 63.96. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₉H₉NO₃Na: 234.0201, Found: 234.0208.

(E)-N-methoxy-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1p)



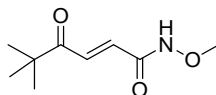
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1p**. White solid; mp: 137.1 – 138.2 °C; 548.3 mg; 43% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.71 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dt, *J* = 22.5, 11.6 Hz, 4H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 193.97, 160.87, 136.75, 134.94, 134.46, 133.91, 133.34, 130.18, 129.55, 129.13, 128.46, 127.17, 125.55, 125.37, 63.86. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₃Na: 278.0793, Found: 278.0793.

(E)-N-methoxy-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-oxobut-2-enamide (1q)



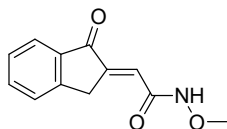
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1q**. White solid; mp: 142.7 – 143.4 °C; 573.8 mg; 45% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.79 (s, 1H), 8.83 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dt, *J* = 16.3, 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.67 (dt, *J* = 14.8, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 189.33, 161.13, 135.76, 134.25, 133.64, 133.07, 132.70, 131.71, 130.38, 129.59, 129.21, 128.17, 127.56, 124.21, 55.49. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₃Na: 278.0793, Found: 278.0793.

(E)-N-methoxy-5,5-dimethyl-4-oxohex-2-enamide (1r)



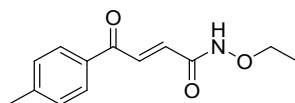
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1r**. White solid; mp: 110.8 – 112.5 °C; 138.8 mg; 15% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.66 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 203.64, 160.96, 132.41, 132.04, 63.79, 43.46, 25.82. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₉H₁₆NO₃: 186.1130, Found: 186.1159.

(E)-N-methoxy-2-(1-oxo-1H-inden-2(3H)-ylidene)acetamide (1s)



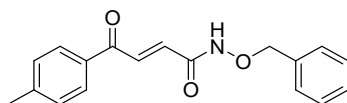
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1s**. White solid; mp: 158.3 – 159.4 °C; 368.9 mg; 34% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.73 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 193.66, 162.20, 151.49, 146.60, 136.98, 136.26, 128.25, 127.42, 124.30, 120.87, 63.92, 32.18. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₁₂H₁₁NO₃Na: 240.0637, Found: 240.0643.

(E)-N-ethoxy-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)but-2-enamide (1t)



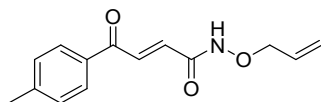
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1t**. White solid; mp: 120.7 – 122.2 °C; 454.4 mg; 39% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.61 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 189.06, 161.19, 144.92, 134.47, 133.57, 132.90, 130.05, 129.28, 71.39, 21.68, 14.00. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₃H₁₆NO₃: 234.1130, Found: 234.1160.

(E)-N-(benzyloxy)-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)but-2-enamide (1u)



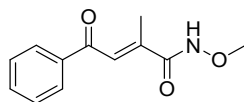
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1u**. White solid; mp: 98.4 – 100.7 °C; 634.3 mg; 43% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 11.72 (s, 1H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 7H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 189.06, 161.39, 144.95, 136.21, 134.47, 133.44, 133.06, 130.07, 129.29, 128.86, 77.51, 21.70. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃: 296.1287, Found: 296.1289.

(E)-N-(allyloxy)-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)but-2-enamide (1v)



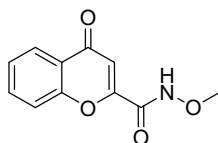
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1v**. White solid; mp: 75.4 – 77.1 °C; 392.0 mg; 32% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.22 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 25.3, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.21, 162.33, 145.27, 134.16, 133.78, 132.27, 131.89, 129.64, 129.14, 121.08, 77.62, 21.79. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₄H₁₆NO₃: 246.1130, Found: 246.1176.

(E)-N-methoxy-2-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbut-2-enamide (1w)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1w**. White solid; mp: 74.4 – 75.1 °C; 459.9 mg; 42% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.23 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.32, 166.93, 142.82, 137.44, 133.64, 128.77, 128.59, 128.01, 64.22, 14.97. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₃Na: 242.0793, Found: 242.0797.

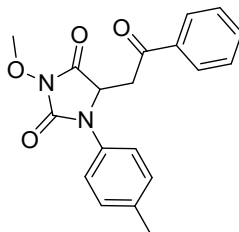
N-methoxy-4-oxo-4H-chromene-2-carboxamide (1x)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 1/1, v/v) was performed to afford **1x**. White solid; mp: 186.4 – 187.1 °C; 503.7 mg; 46% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.59 (s, 1H), 8.05 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ 177.40, 156.68, 155.50, 155.32, 135.51, 126.52, 125.39, 124.17, 119.15, 111.19, 64.00. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₁H₁₀NO₄: 220.0610, Found: 220.0614.

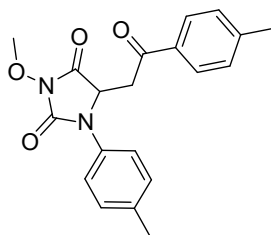
6. Characterization of the hydantoins 3

3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3aa)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3aa**. White solid; mp: 133.8 – 135.2 °C; 66.2 mg; 98% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.83, 166.75, 151.38, 136.48, 135.69, 133.84, 131.88, 130.15, 128.72, 127.99, 123.18, 64.95, 54.94, 36.28, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₉H₁₉N₂O₄: 339.1345, Found: 339.1354.

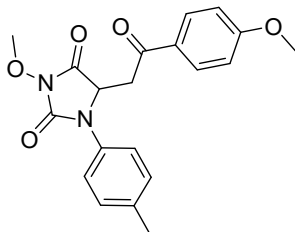
3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ba)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford

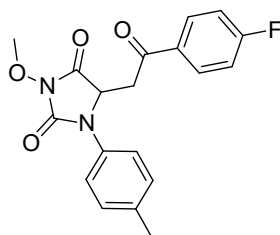
3ba. White solid; mp: 137.2 – 139.2 °C; 69.0 mg; 98% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.51 (dd, J = 18.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 18.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.36, 166.83, 151.40, 144.84, 136.43, 133.25, 131.91, 130.12, 129.39, 128.11, 123.20, 64.93, 54.98, 36.16, 21.69, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 353.1501, Found: 353.1517.

3-methoxy-5-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ca)



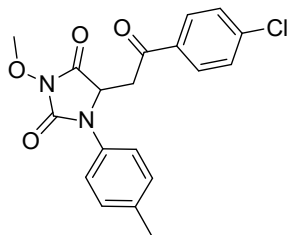
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3ca**. White solid; mp: 122.4 – 123.6 °C; 69.9 mg; 95% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.48 (dd, J = 18.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 18.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.08, 166.89, 164.04, 151.41, 136.40, 131.94, 130.35, 130.11, 128.78, 123.20, 113.86, 64.93, 55.54, 55.03, 35.93, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$: 369.1450, Found: 369.1461.

5-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3da)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3da**. White solid; mp: 117.8 – 119.9 °C; 69.1 mg; 97% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.49 (dd, J = 18.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 18.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.31, 166.70, 166.12 (d, J = 256.4 Hz), 151.35, 136.52, 132.13 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.84, 130.73 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 130.15, 123.15, 115.91 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 64.96, 54.91, 36.14, 20.93. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$: 357.1251, Found: 357.1260.

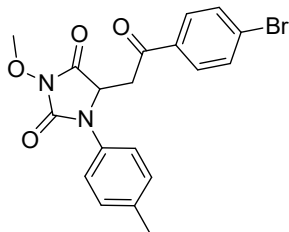
5-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ea)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford

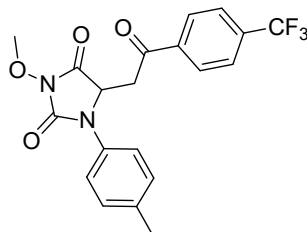
3ea. White solid; mp: 153.2 – 155.1 °C; 71.4 mg; 96% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.70, 166.61, 151.30, 140.45, 136.59, 133.98, 131.80, 130.18, 129.38, 129.08, 123.16, 64.98, 54.89, 36.22, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClN₂O₄: 373.0955, Found: 373.0962.

5-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3fa)



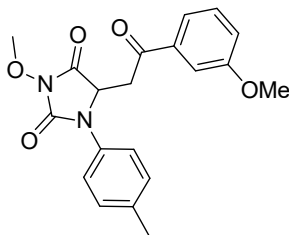
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 2/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3fa**. White solid; mp: 172.2 – 174.9 °C; 81.5 mg; 98% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 4.85 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.90, 166.59, 151.29, 136.61, 134.37, 132.08, 131.78, 130.19, 129.45, 129.22, 123.17, 64.98, 54.88, 36.21, 20.95. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₉BrN₂O₄: 417.0450, Found: 417.0452.

3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ga)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3ga**. White solid; mp: 152.3 – 154.2 °C; 75.5 mg; 93% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.14, 166.48, 151.25, 138.25, 136.68, 135.09 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 131.73, 130.22, 128.35, 125.82 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.36 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 123.15, 65.02, 54.84, 36.53, 20.92. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈F₃N₂O₄: 407.1219, Found: 407.1218.

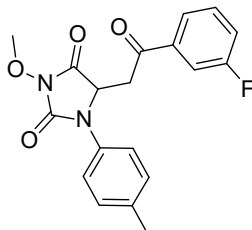
3-methoxy-5-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ha)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 2/1, v/v) was performed to afford

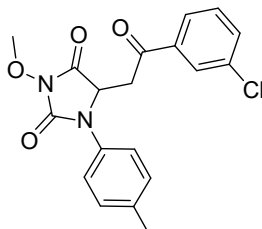
3ha. White solid; mp: 80.3 – 82.4 °C; 69.9 mg; 95% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 4.77 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.70, 166.75, 159.85, 151.39, 137.00, 136.48, 131.87, 130.15, 129.69, 123.18, 120.58, 120.40, 112.14, 64.97, 55.46, 54.96, 36.39, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₁N₂O₅: 369.1450, Found: 369.1458.

5-(2-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ia)



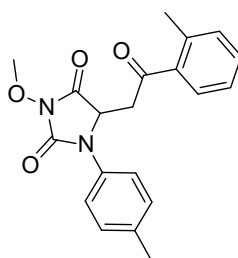
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 2/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3ia**. White solid; mp: 108.5 – 110.8 °C; 64.6 mg; 95% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, *J* = 8.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.76, 166.55, 162.75 (d, *J* = 248.9 Hz), 151.29, 137.64 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 136.61, 131.78, 130.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 130.19, 123.76 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 123.16, 120.93 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 114.78 (d, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 64.98, 54.86, 36.40, 20.93. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈FN₂O₄: 357.1251, Found: 357.1259.

5-(2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ja)



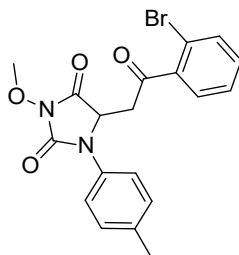
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3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(o-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ka)



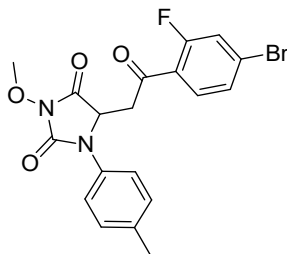
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5-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3la)



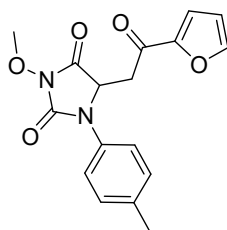
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3la**. White solid; mp: 131.8 – 132.6 °C; 81.5 mg; 98% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 4.79 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 18.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.57, 166.31, 151.14, 139.72, 136.54, 133.87, 132.39, 131.86, 130.16, 128.97, 127.52, 123.22, 118.74, 65.01, 55.00, 40.31, 20.98. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₉BrN₂O₄: 417.0450, Found: 417.0453.

5-(2-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ma)



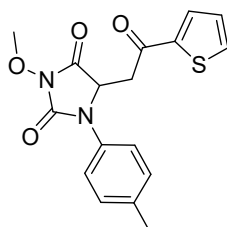
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 2/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3ma**. White solid; mp: 122.5 – 123.1 °C; 77.3 mg; 89% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 4.74 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H), 3.52 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.85, 191.81, 166.53, 161.62 (d, *J* = 259.2 Hz), 151.31, 136.54, 131.80, 131.73 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 130.18, 129.38 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 128.38 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 123.07, 122.88 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz), 120.36 (d, *J* = 26.8 Hz), 64.94, 54.92 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 40.84 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 20.96. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₁₈BrFN₂O₄: 435.0356, Found: 435.0348.

5-(2-(furan-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3na)



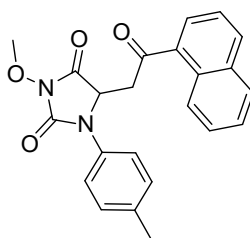
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3na**. White solid; mp: 144.4 – 146.1 °C; 61.0 mg; 93% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.60, 166.36, 151.55, 151.14, 146.95, 136.42, 131.85, 130.10, 123.06, 117.93, 112.61, 64.95, 54.66, 36.06, 20.95. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₅: 329.1137, Found: 329.1151.

3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3oa)



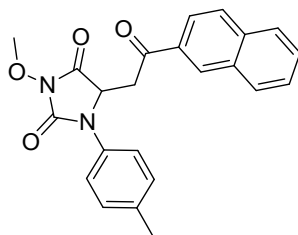
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3oa**. White solid; mp: 143.4 – 145.1 °C; 64.7 mg; 94% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 187.47, 166.44, 151.23, 142.51, 136.48, 134.75, 132.62, 131.84, 130.12, 128.25, 123.18, 64.98, 54.97, 36.80, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₂O₄S: 345.0909, Found: 345.0922.

3-methoxy-5-(2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3pa)



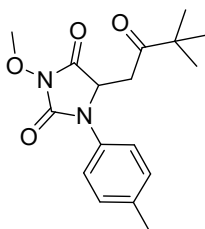
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3pa**. White solid; mp: 135.2 – 137.6 °C; 76.1 mg; 98% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.65, 166.79, 151.39, 136.63, 134.11, 133.85, 133.58, 131.90, 130.23, 129.89, 128.46, 128.35, 127.96, 126.75, 125.47, 124.16, 123.42, 65.02, 55.40, 39.56, 20.96. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₂O₄: 389.1501, Found: 389.1512.

3-methoxy-5-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3qa)



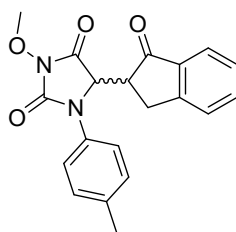
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3qa**. Light yellow solid; mp: 140.2 – 142.3 °C; 74.5 mg; 96% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.75 (qd, J = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 4H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (t, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J = 18.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 18.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.83, 166.83, 151.43, 136.50, 135.80, 133.03, 132.25, 131.91, 130.16, 129.99, 129.56, 128.94, 128.65, 127.82, 127.03, 123.35, 123.25, 64.99, 55.10, 36.37, 20.91. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$: 389.1501, Found: 389.1512.

5-(3,3-dimethyl-2-oxobutyl)-3-methoxy-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ra)



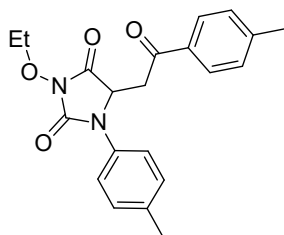
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3ra**. White solid; mp: 139.1 – 141.8 °C; 57.2 mg; 90% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 4.66 (dd, J = 4.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 3.11 (dd, J = 18.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 18.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.76, 166.87, 151.22, 136.26, 131.80, 129.99, 122.92, 64.91, 54.66, 44.00, 34.75, 25.92, 20.95. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 319.1658, Found: 319.1681.

3-methoxy-5-(1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3sa)



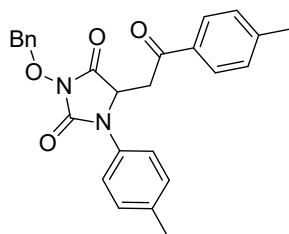
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3sa**. White solid; mp: 145.1 – 146.4 °C; 67.2 mg; 96% yield; 4:1 dr; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 0.25H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 1.29H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2.55H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 2.56H), 6.88 (q, J = 8.5 Hz, 4.09H), 5.17 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 0.25H), 5.11 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 0.75H), 3.24 – 3.14 (m, 2.40H), 3.02 (m, 1.34H), 2.70 – 2.64 (m, 0.26H), 2.27 (s, 0.75H), 2.13 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 203.30, 202.61, 165.72, 164.37, 152.38, 151.00, 137.22, 137.02, 136.45, 135.90, 135.31, 135.27, 130.99, 130.26, 129.57, 127.95, 127.47, 126.43, 126.35, 124.88, 124.22, 123.77, 123.39, 65.59, 65.50, 59.76, 59.04, 46.67, 45.96, 28.28, 26.79, 20.99, 20.90. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 373.1164, Found: 373.1163.

3-ethoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ta)



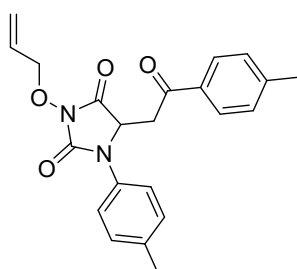
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3ta**. White solid; mp: 88.4 – 89.1 °C; 71.7 mg; 98% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 – 3.45 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.31, 167.23, 151.78, 144.78, 136.29, 133.32, 132.04, 130.08, 129.36, 128.11, 123.09, 73.55, 54.88, 36.18, 21.68, 20.93, 13.64. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₃N₂O₄: 367.1458, Found: 367.1479.

3-(benzyloxy)-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3ua)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3ua**. Colorless viscous oil; 81.3 mg; 95% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.31 – 5.21 (m, 2H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.41, 167.01, 151.63, 144.79, 136.26, 133.90, 133.31, 132.05, 130.08, 129.99, 129.37, 129.18, 128.50, 128.14, 123.04, 79.32, 54.87, 36.34, 21.69, 20.94. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₄N₂O₄Na: 451.1634, Found: 451.1639.

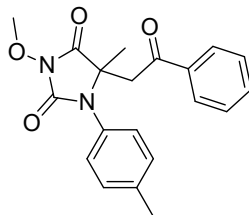
3-(allyloxy)-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3va)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3va**. White solid; mp: 119.6 – 120.3 °C; 68.1 mg; 90% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 5.9 Hz, 4H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.08 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.31, 167.24, 151.69, 144.79, 136.27, 133.29, 132.02, 131.28, 130.07, 129.37, 128.13, 123.03, 122.03, 78.41, 54.82, 36.34, 21.69, 20.93.

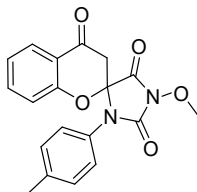
HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{23}N_2O_4$: 379.1658, Found: 379.1669.

3-methoxy-5-methyl-5-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3wa)



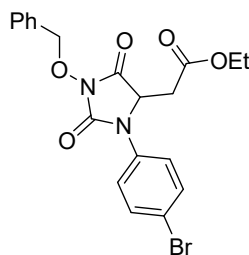
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1'-methoxy-3'-(p-tolyl)spiro[chroman-2,4'-imidazolidine]-2',4,5'-trione (3xa)



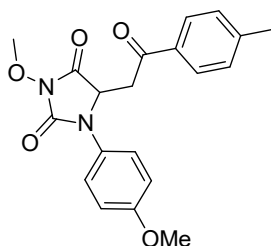
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 1/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3xa**. White solid; mp: 138.1 – 139.3 °C; 58.4 mg; 83% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.68 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 8.9, 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 187.26, 162.93, 157.90, 150.38, 139.71, 136.66, 130.39, 128.84, 128.55, 126.44, 122.81, 119.82, 117.53, 88.36, 65.88, 40.98, 29.71, 21.17. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{19}H_{16}N_2O_5Na$: 375.0957, Found: 375.0959.

Ethyl 2-(1-(benzyloxy)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2,5-dioxoimidazolidin-4-yl)acetate (3ye)



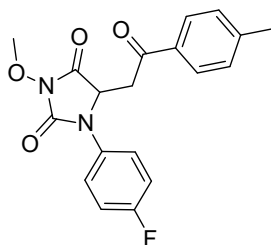
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3-methoxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bb)



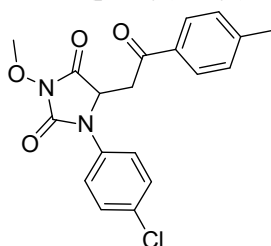
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bb**. White solid; mp: 119.6 – 121.5 °C; 67.7 mg; 92% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 6.3 Hz, 4H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.39, 166.94, 158.27, 151.66, 144.87, 133.26, 129.41, 128.10, 127.09, 125.64, 114.83, 64.94, 55.60, 55.49, 36.23, 21.70. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₂₀H₂₁N₂O₅: 369.1450, Found: 369.1460.

1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bc)



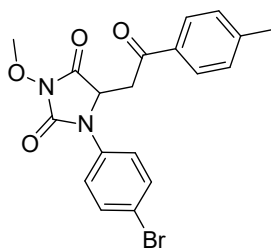
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bc**. White solid; mp: 152.4 – 154.4 °C; 67.6 mg; 96% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.33, 166.61, 160.76 (d, *J* = 247.0 Hz), 151.51, 145.06, 133.10, 130.51 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.46, 128.09, 125.34 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 116.47 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 64.99, 55.21, 36.13, 21.69. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₉H₁₈FN₂O₄: 357.1251, Found: 357.1261.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bd)



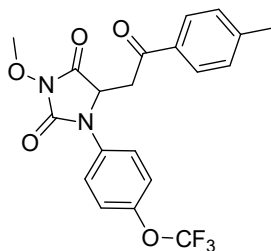
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bd**. White solid; mp: 152.3 – 153.7 °C; 72.9 mg; 98% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (q, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.18, 166.38, 151.24, 145.12, 133.22, 133.04, 131.79, 129.67, 129.48, 128.11, 123.97, 65.01, 54.67, 36.07, 21.71. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClN₂O₄: 373.0955, Found: 373.0962.

1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3be)



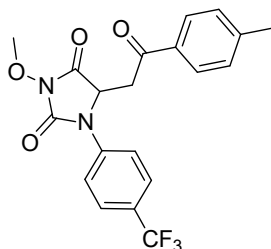
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3be**. White solid; mp: 157.5 – 159.8 °C; 79.1 mg; 95% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 4.87 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.20, 166.36, 151.18, 145.12, 133.77, 133.03, 132.61, 129.48, 128.12, 124.16, 119.51, 65.01, 54.57, 36.05, 21.71. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₁₉H₁₉BrN₂O₄: 417.0450, Found: 417.0457.

3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bf)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bf**. White solid; mp: 93.1 – 95.2 °C; 79.3 mg; 94% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 4.83 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 18.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.23, 166.31, 151.32, 146.82, 145.15, 133.15 (d, *J* = 23.8 Hz), 129.48, 128.11, 124.02, 122.15, 120.35 (d, *J* = 257.7 Hz), 65.04, 54.77, 36.09, 21.69. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺calcd for C₂₀H₁₈F₃N₂O₅: 423.1168, Found: 423.1176.

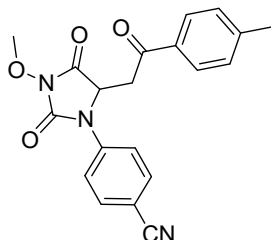
3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bg)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bg**. White solid; mp: 143.2 – 145.7 °C; 77.1 mg; 95% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.90 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 18.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.15, 166.10, 151.15, 145.22, 138.03, 132.95,

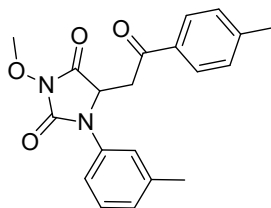
129.48, 128.13, 127.62 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 126.70 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 123.73 (q, $J = 271.9$ Hz), 121.62, 65.04, 54.21, 36.00, 21.69. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}F_3N_2O_4$: 407.1219, Found: 407.1222.

4-(3-methoxy-2,4-dioxo-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidin-1-yl)benzonitrile (3bh)



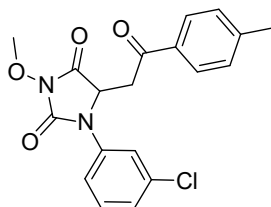
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 1/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bh**. White solid; mp: 133.2 – 134.8 °C; 65.3 mg; 90% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.71 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.96 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.69 (dd, $J = 18.3, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, $J = 18.3, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 193.93, 165.71, 150.96, 145.41, 139.02, 133.54, 132.83, 129.56, 128.14, 121.32, 118.16, 108.90, 65.09, 53.95, 36.02, 21.73. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}N_3O_4$: 364.1297, Found: 364.1247.

3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(m-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bi)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bi**. White solid; mp: 136.5 – 138.6 °C; 68.3 mg; 97% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dt, $J = 21.5, 8.2$ Hz, 4H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.52 (dd, $J = 18.2, 4.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, $J = 18.2, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 194.41, 166.74, 151.33, 144.84, 139.66, 134.49, 133.27, 129.38, 129.29, 128.11, 127.26, 123.89, 119.86, 64.92, 54.87, 36.17, 21.69, 21.42. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}N_2O_4$: 353.1501, Found: 353.1516.

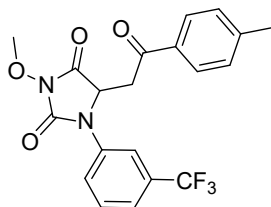
1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bj)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bj**. White solid; mp: 159.2 – 160.2 °C; 71.4 mg; 96% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.80 (t, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, $J = 18.3, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, $J = 18.3, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 194.20, 166.26, 151.15, 145.09, 135.94, 135.22, 133.06,

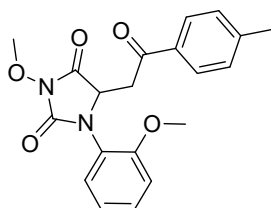
130.48, 129.46, 128.15, 126.26, 122.57, 120.30, 64.99, 54.53, 36.03, 21.71. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{19}H_{18}ClN_2O_4$: 373.0955, Found: 373.0966.

3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bk)



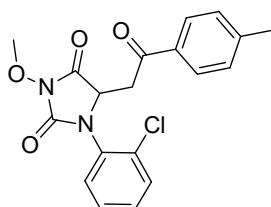
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bk**. Colorless viscous oil; 75.5 mg; 93% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 3H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (t, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, J = 18.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 18.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 194.20, 166.18, 151.27, 145.17, 135.47, 132.98, 131.95 (q, J = 32.8 Hz), 130.16, 129.47, 128.12, 125.50, 123.47 (q, J = 272.8 Hz), 122.67 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 119.00 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 65.03, 54.49, 36.04, 21.68. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}F_3N_2O_4$: 407.1219, Found: 407.1224.

3-methoxy-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bl)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 1/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bl**. Colorless viscous oil; 67.7 mg; 92% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 12.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, J = 18.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd, J = 18.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 194.51, 167.73, 155.36, 152.29, 144.65, 133.43, 130.02, 129.82, 129.37, 128.03, 122.49, 121.19, 111.91, 64.87, 56.09, 55.69, 36.63, 21.69. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+H]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{21}N_2O_5$: 369.1450, Found: 369.1460.

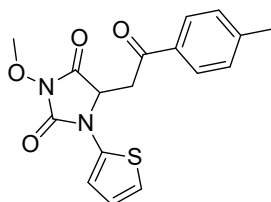
1-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bm)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bm**. Colorless viscous oil; 69.2 mg; 93% yield; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.60 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 17.5, 5.7 Hz, 4H), 4.86 (dd, J

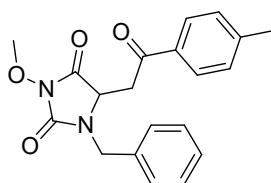
= 3.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H), 3.51 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.27 (dd, J = 18.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.47, 167.16, 152.00, 144.98, 133.14, 132.74, 131.68, 130.93, 130.68, 130.11, 129.47, 128.07, 128.03, 65.01, 55.97, 36.60, 21.72. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$: 373.0955, Found: 373.0966.

3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bn)



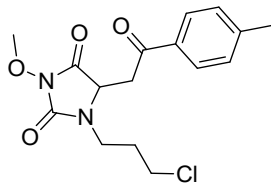
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bn**. Colorless viscous oil; 64.6 mg; 94% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 5.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (t, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (s, 3H), 3.80 (dd, J = 18.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dd, J = 18.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.30, 166.40, 151.11, 145.05, 136.31, 133.14, 129.49, 128.19, 125.48, 121.89, 119.11, 64.98, 56.85, 36.10, 21.73. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 345.0909, Found: 345.0913.

1-benzyl-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bo)



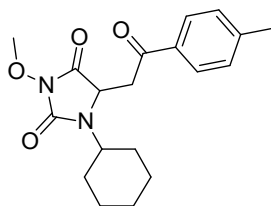
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bo**. White solid; mp: 121.6 – 123.8 °C; 59.8 mg; 85% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 3.40 (dd, J = 18.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 18.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.38, 167.44, 153.41, 144.84, 135.55, 133.10, 129.35, 128.90, 128.11, 128.08, 128.06, 65.02, 53.91, 45.79, 37.43, 21.73. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 353.1501, Found: 353.1511.

1-(3-chloropropyl)-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bp)



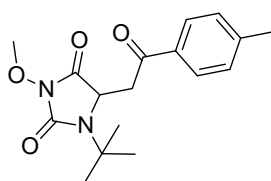
Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bo**. Colorless viscous oil; 55.4 mg; 82% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 3H), 3.67 (dd, J = 18.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dt, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.43 (m, 2H), 3.40 (dd, J = 18.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.04 – 1.93 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.55, 167.38, 153.17, 145.23, 133.08, 129.62, 128.29, 65.09, 54.20, 42.06, 39.71, 37.93, 30.64, 21.76. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$: 339.1112, Found: 339.1123.

1-cyclohexyl-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3bq)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bp**. Colorless viscous oil; 57.8 mg; 84% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.66 (dd, J = 18.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 – 3.52 (m, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 18.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.35 – 1.25 (m, 1H), 1.25 – 1.13 (m, 3H), 1.05 – 0.95 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.37, 167.66, 152.68, 144.93, 133.47, 129.59, 128.17, 64.79, 53.86, 52.80, 38.65, 31.59, 30.44, 25.80, 25.16, 21.74. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 345.1814, Found: 345.1826.

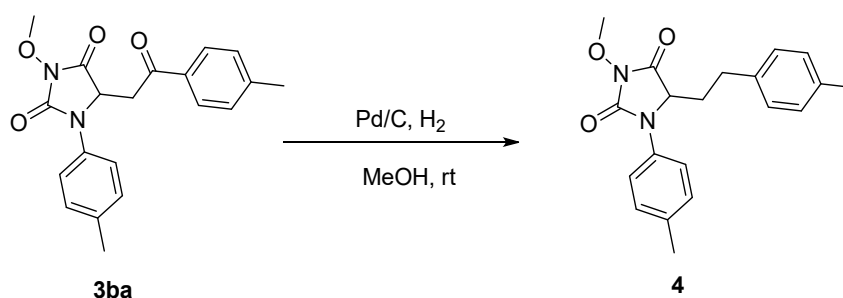
1-(tert-butyl)-3-methoxy-5-(2-oxo-2-(p-tolyl)ethyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (3br)



Flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5/1, v/v) was performed to afford **3bq**. White solid; mp: 130.2 – 132.7°C; 50.9 mg; 80% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 4.30 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dd, J = 18.0, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, J = 18.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.45, 167.34, 153.14, 144.84, 133.73, 129.55, 128.16, 64.52, 56.26, 53.49, 40.05, 28.57, 21.72. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$: 319.1658, Found: 319.1665.

7. Transformation of the products 3ba

3-methoxy-5-(4-methylphenethyl)-1-(p-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (4)²



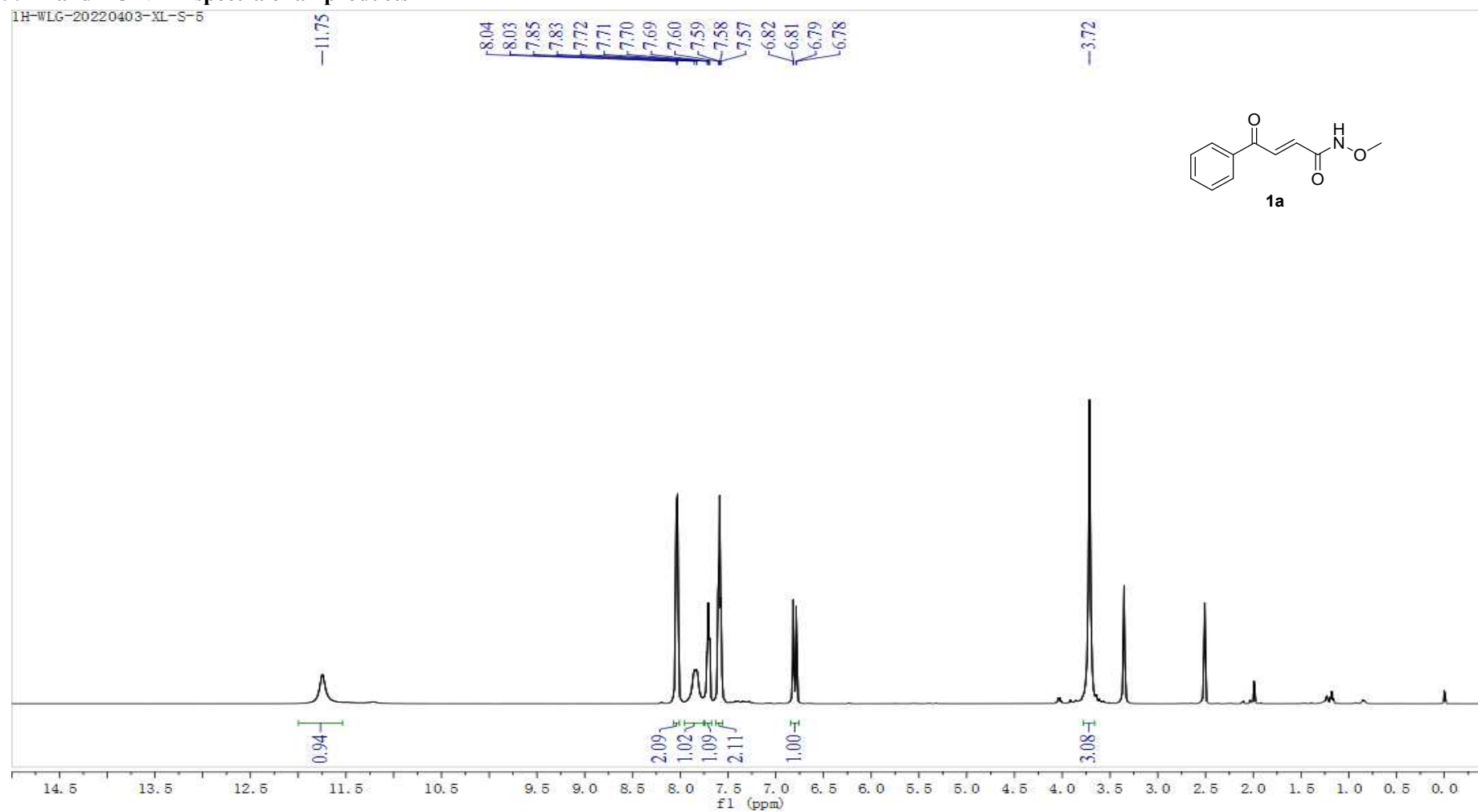
To a solution of **3ba** (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) in MeOH (3.0 mL) added 10% Pd/C (9 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 24 hours. After filtration through a plug of Celite, the volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified via flash column chromatography (PE/EA = 2/1) to afford compound **4** as a white solid in 70% yield. mp: 131.5 – 132.1 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.14 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 4H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.59 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.22 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 2.20 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.96 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.30, 149.69, 135.45, 134.97, 131.15, 129.00, 128.21, 127.27, 121.10, 64.40, 56.46, 29.10,

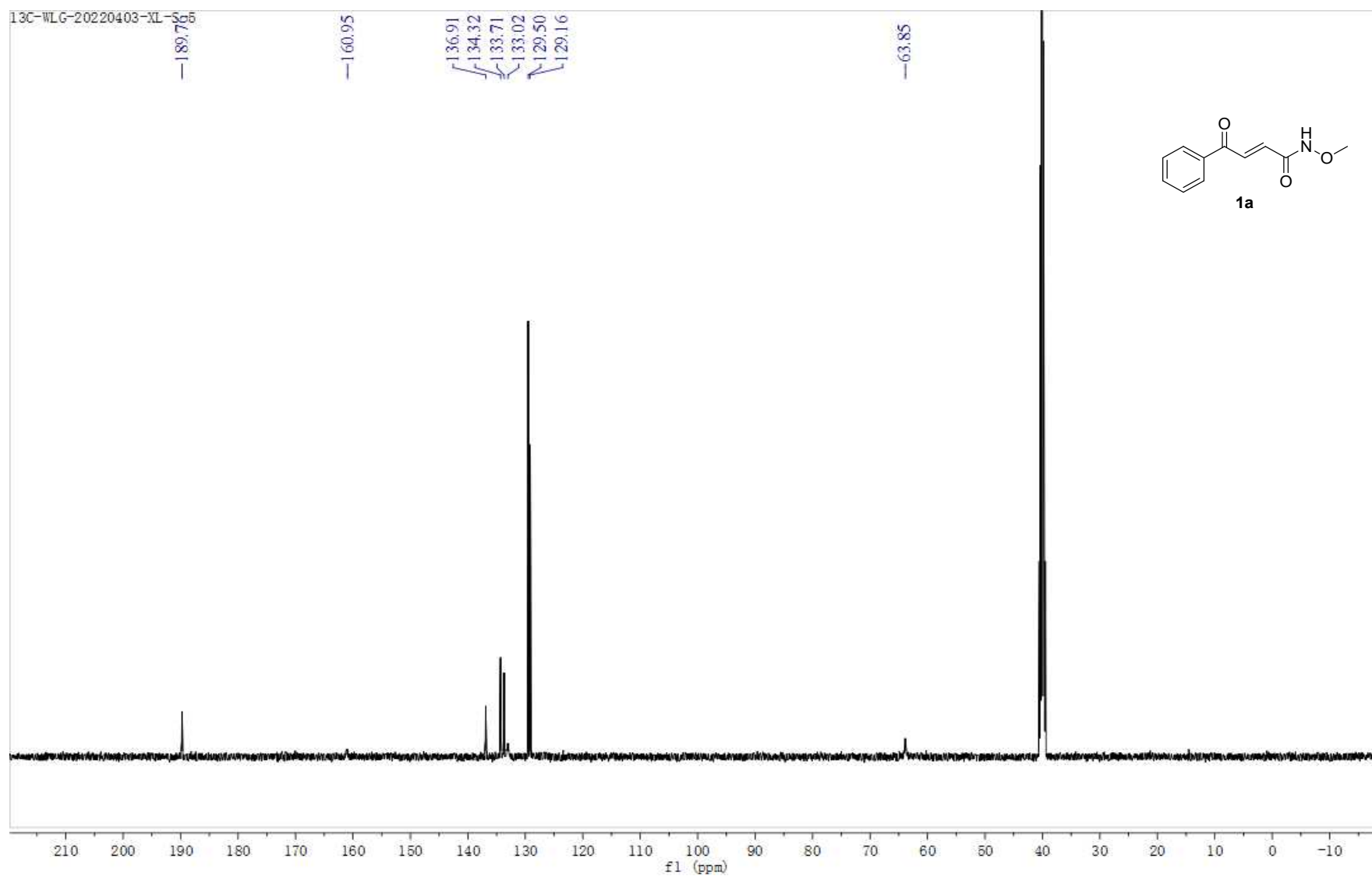
27.94, 19.96, 19.91. HRMS (ESI) m/z $[M+Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{20}H_{22}N_2O_3Na$: 361.1528, Found: 361.1533.

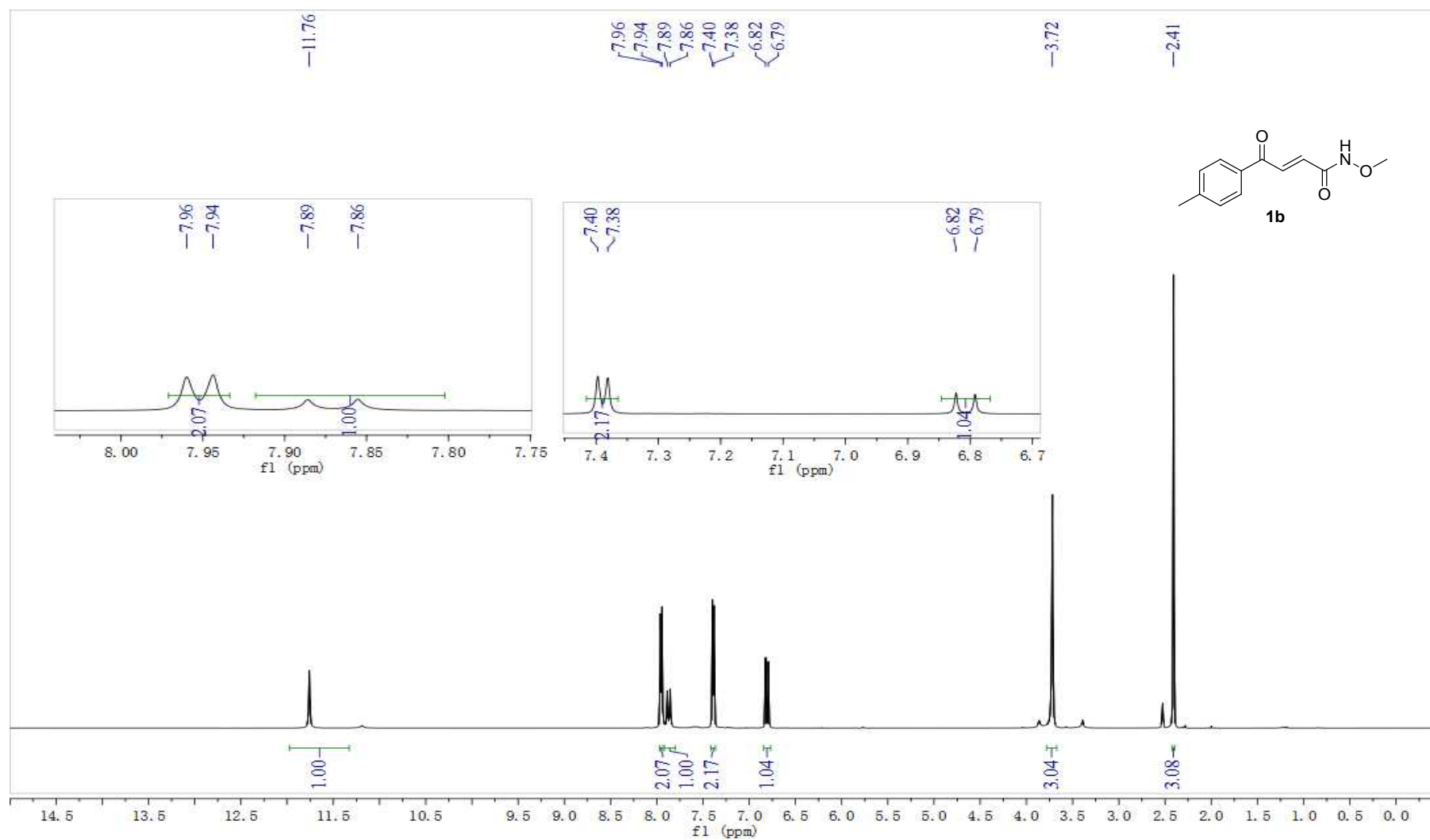
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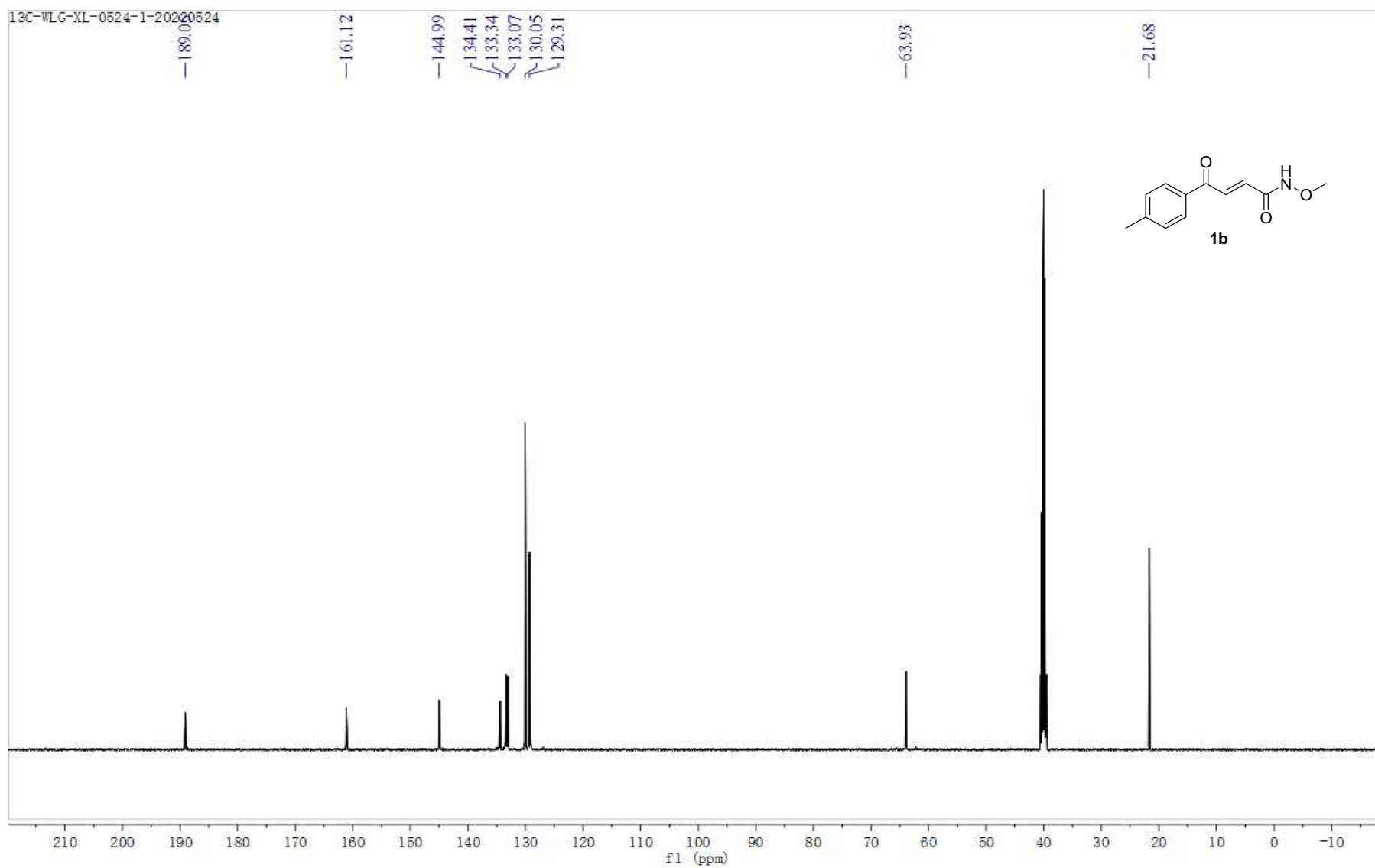
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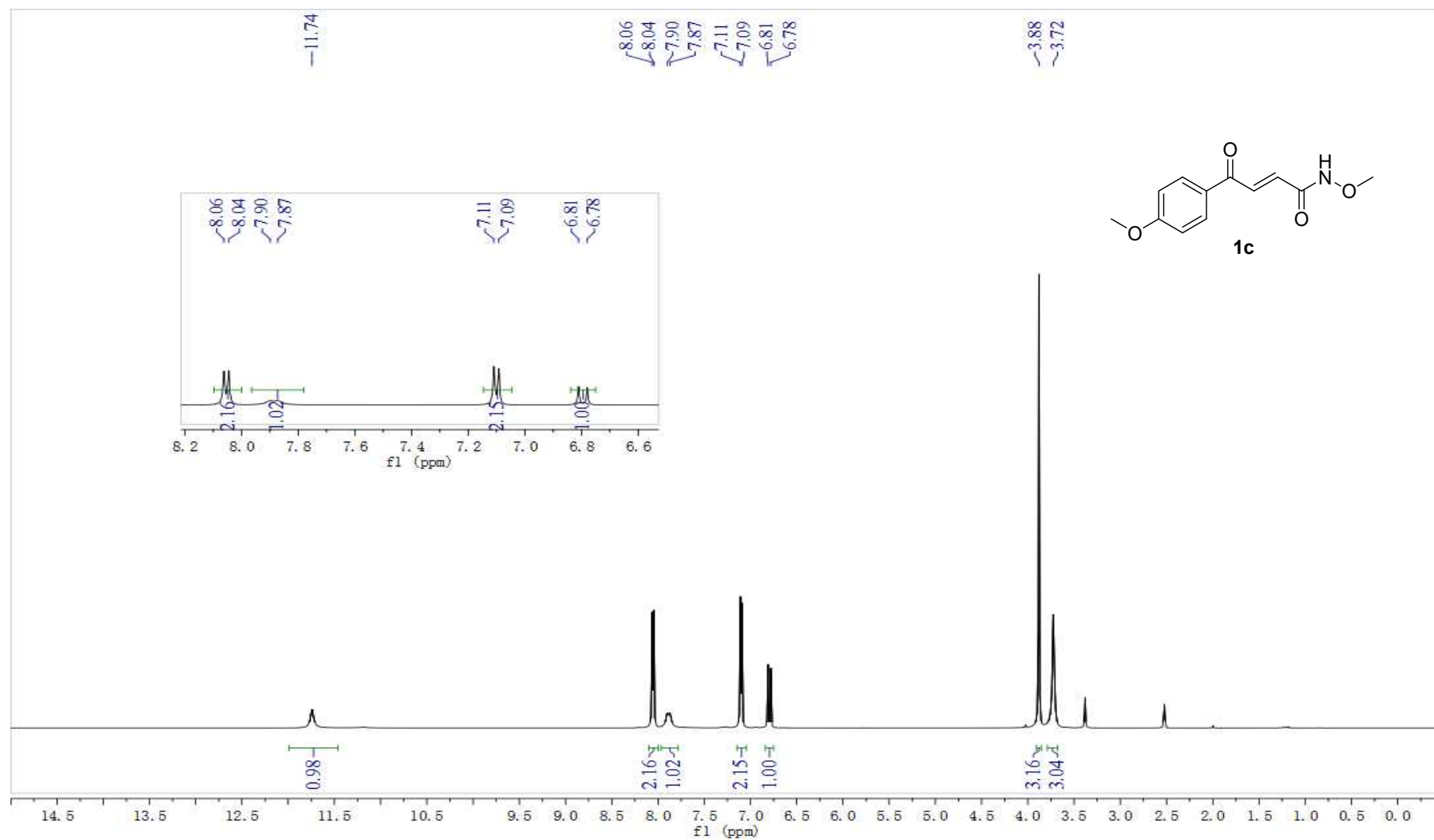
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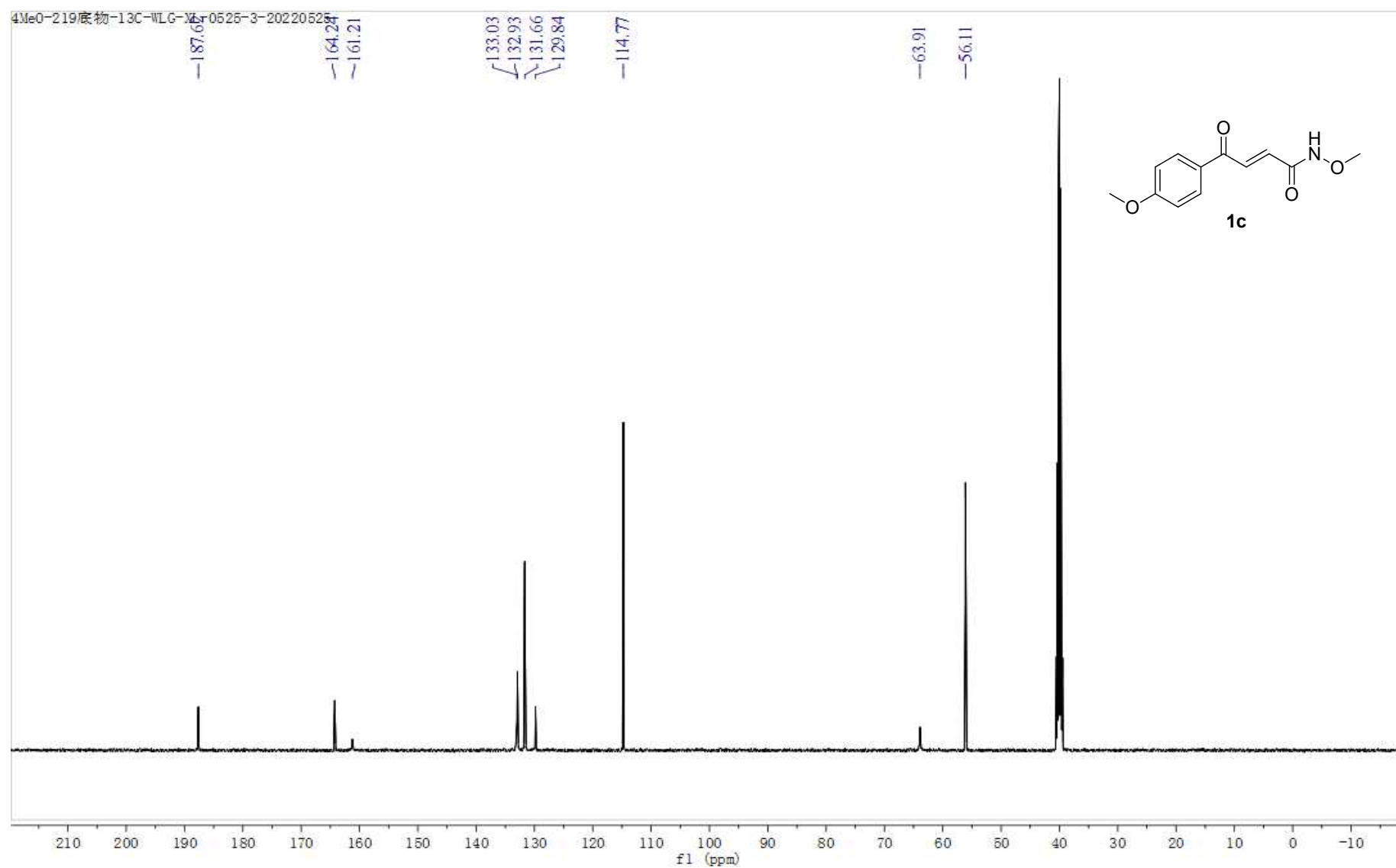


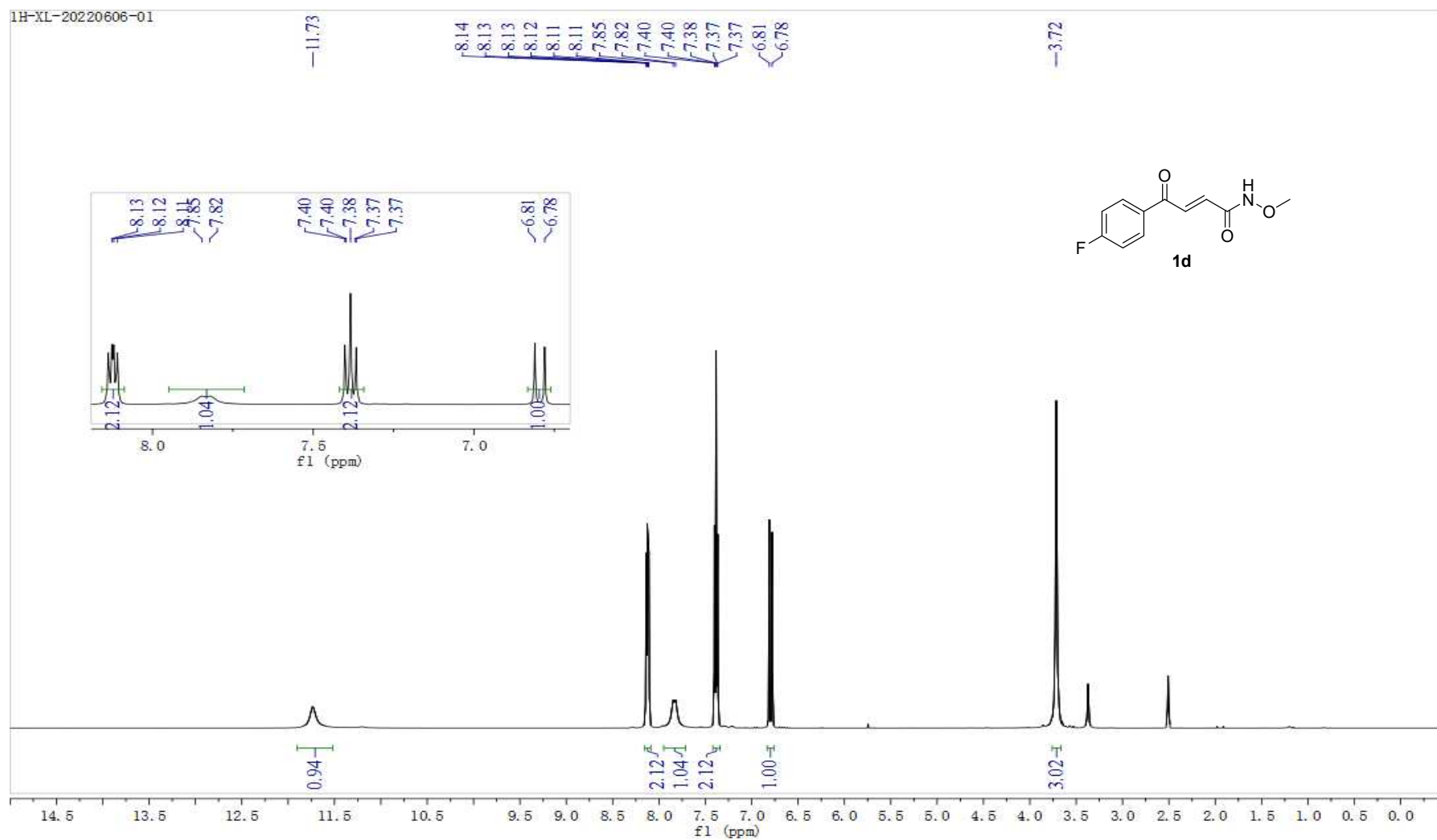


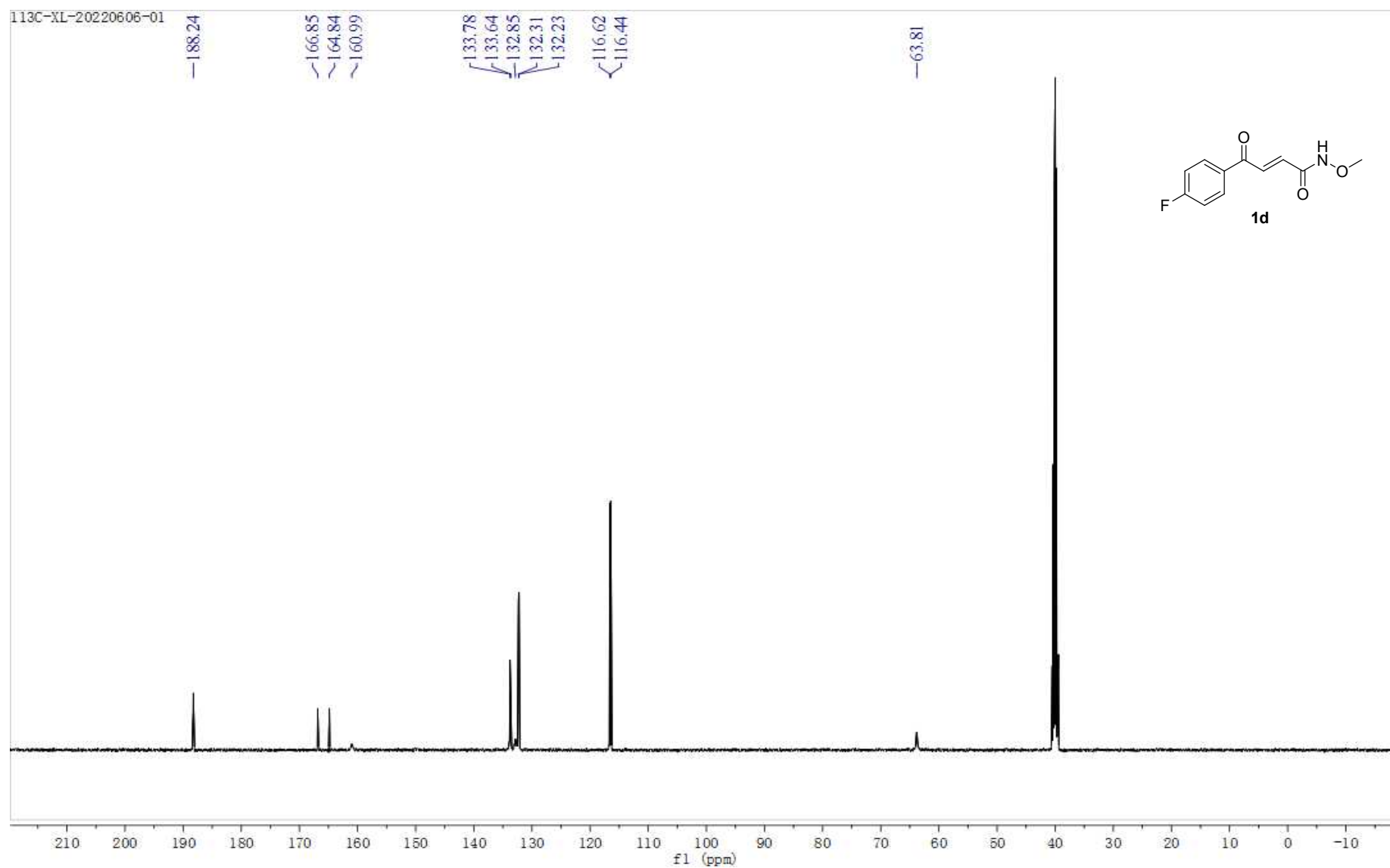


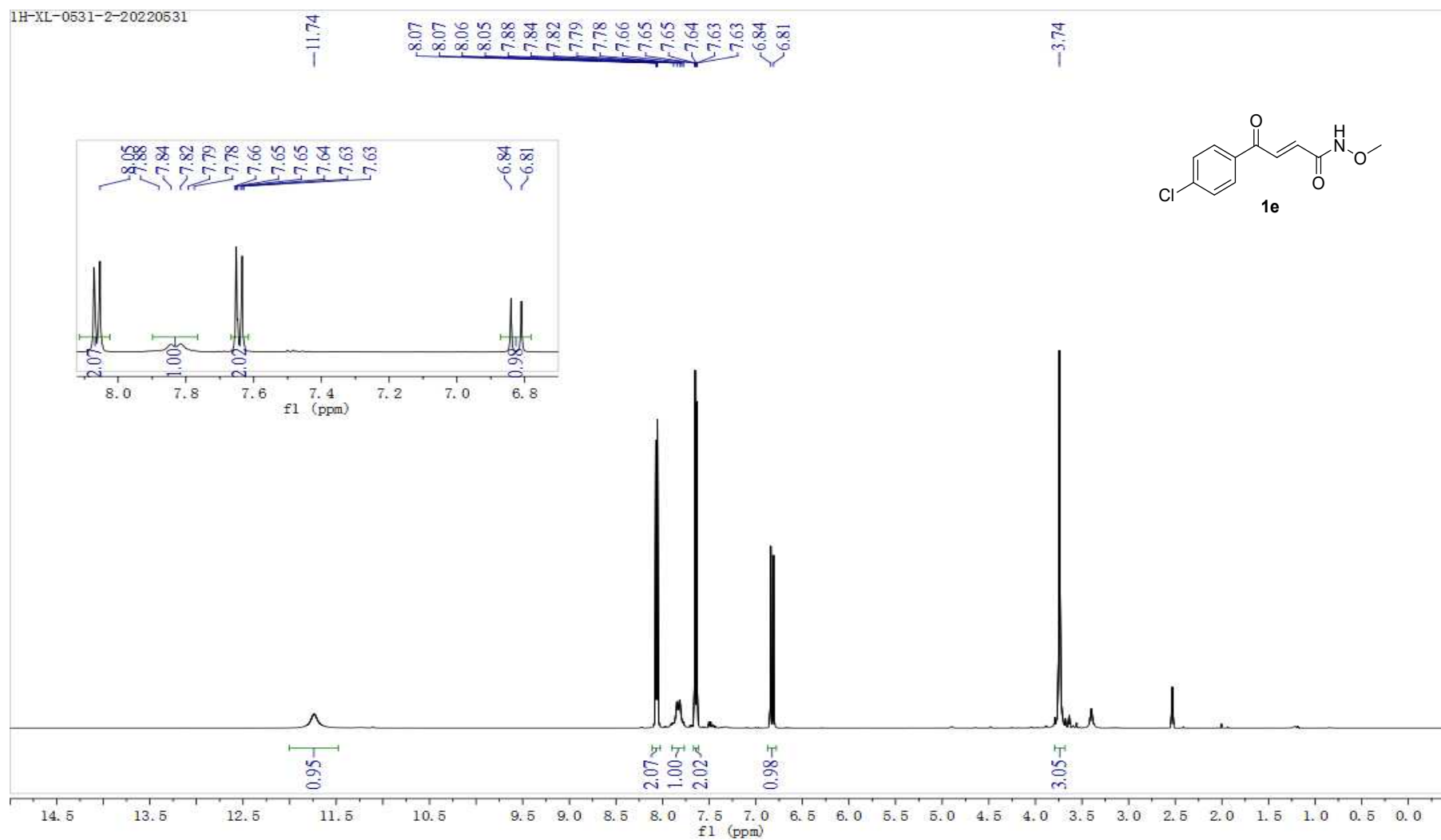


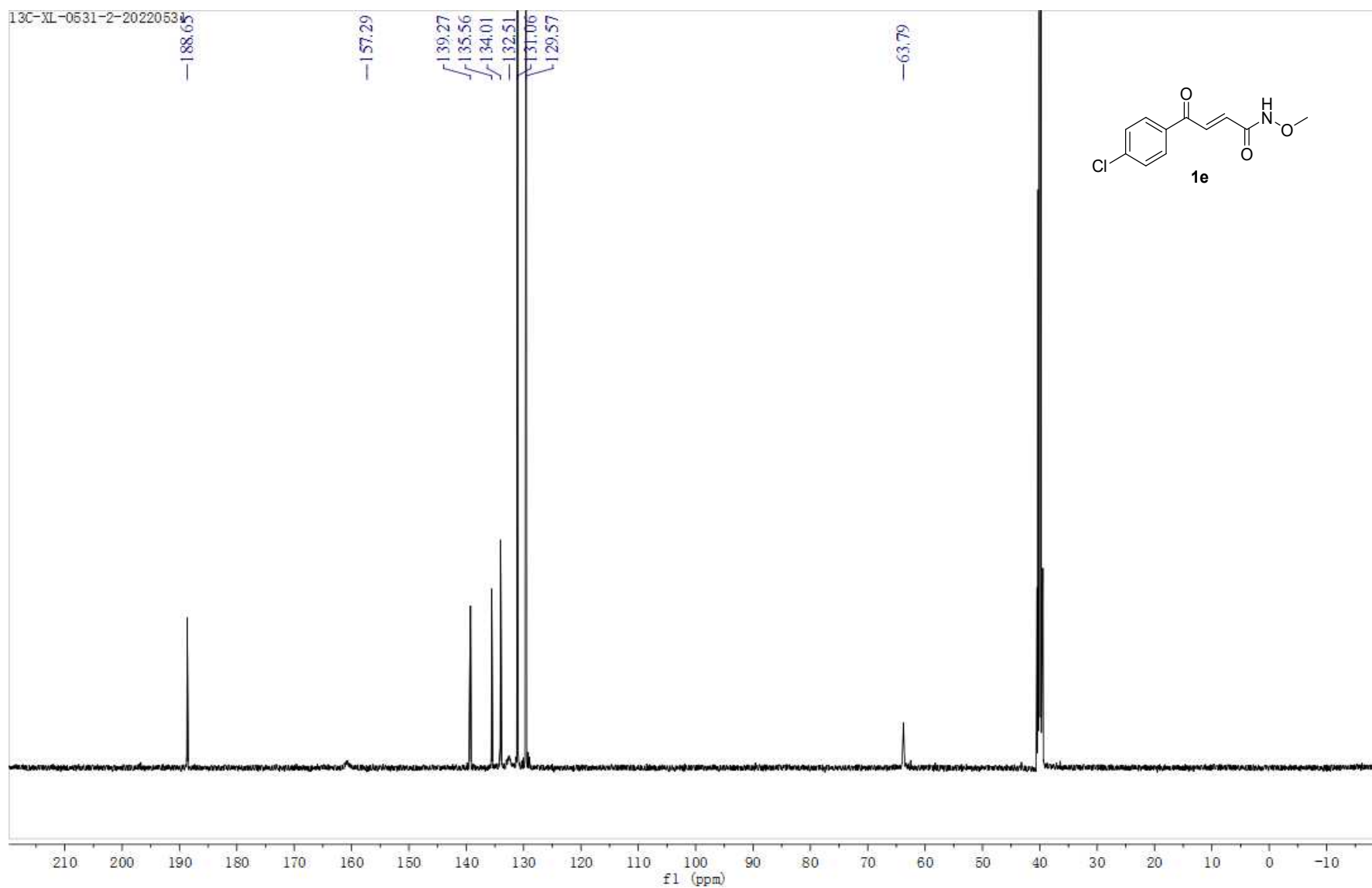


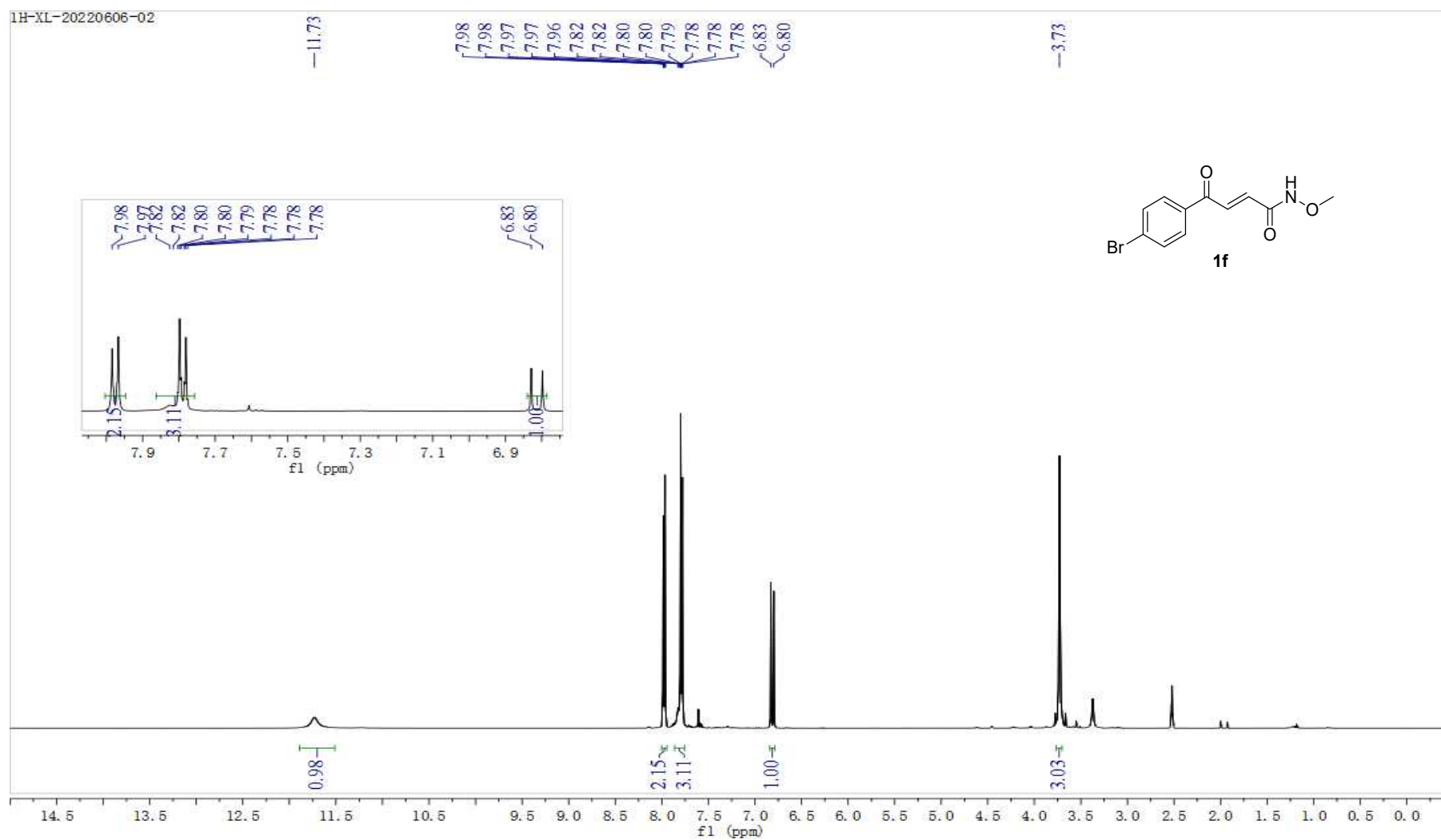


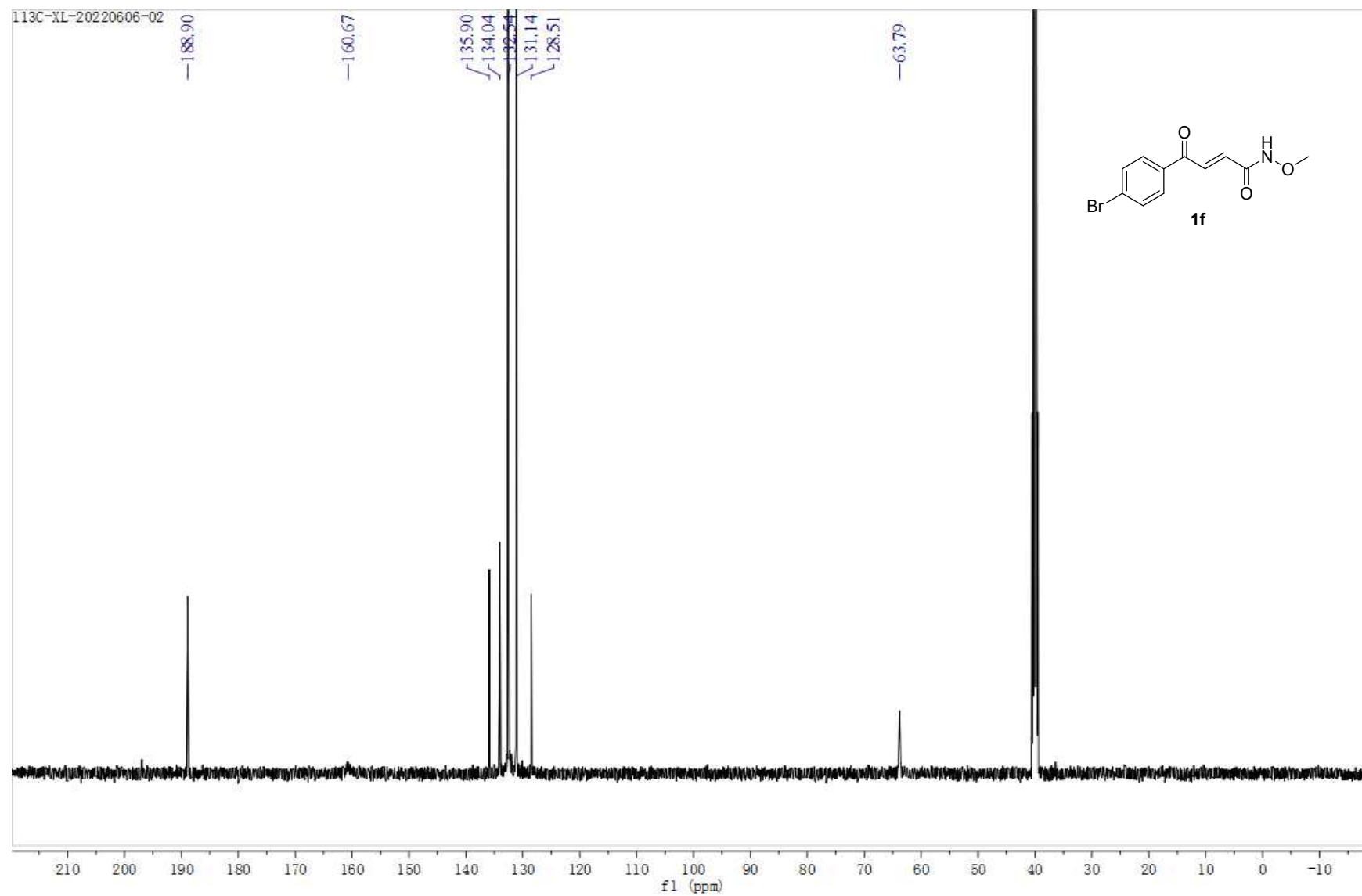


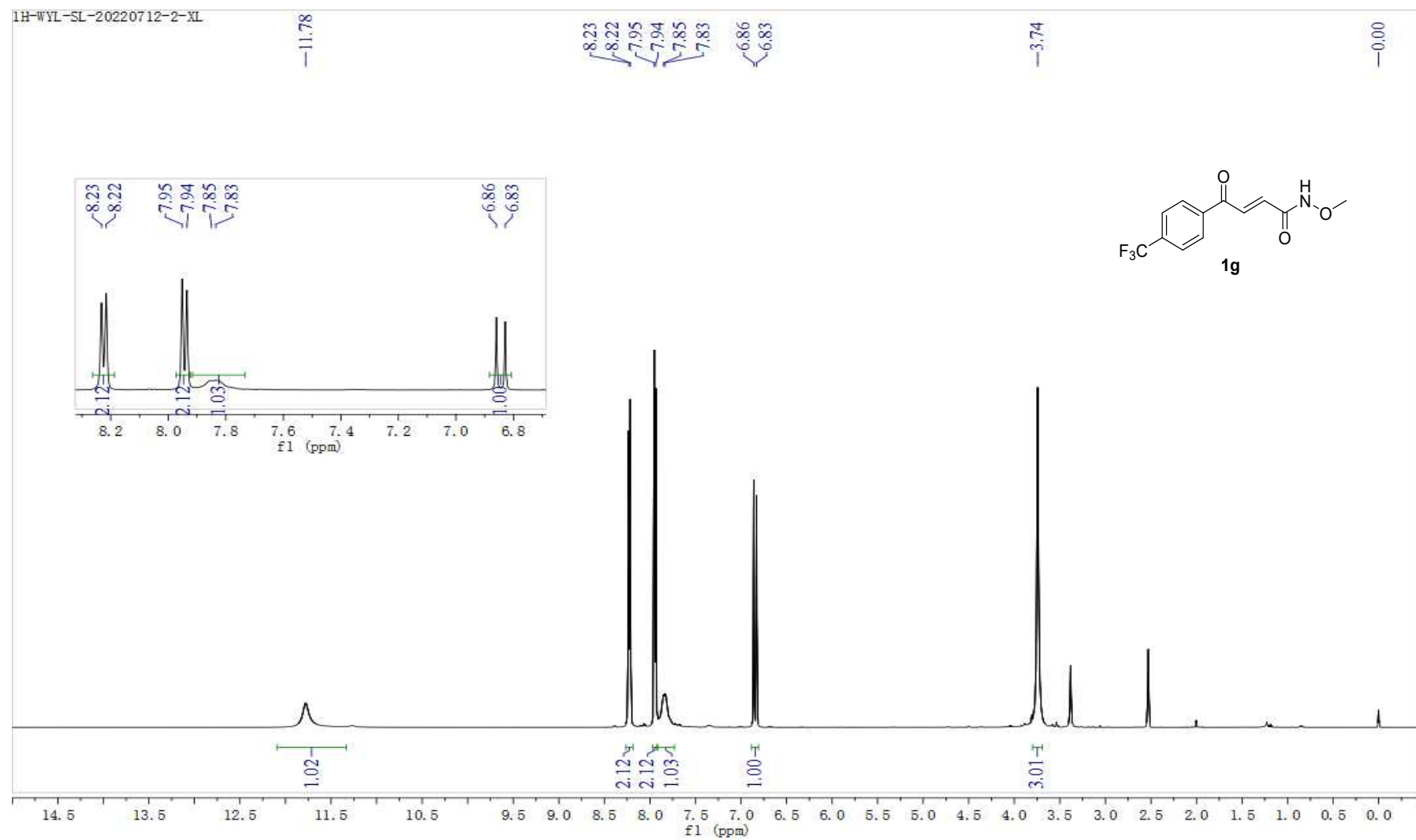


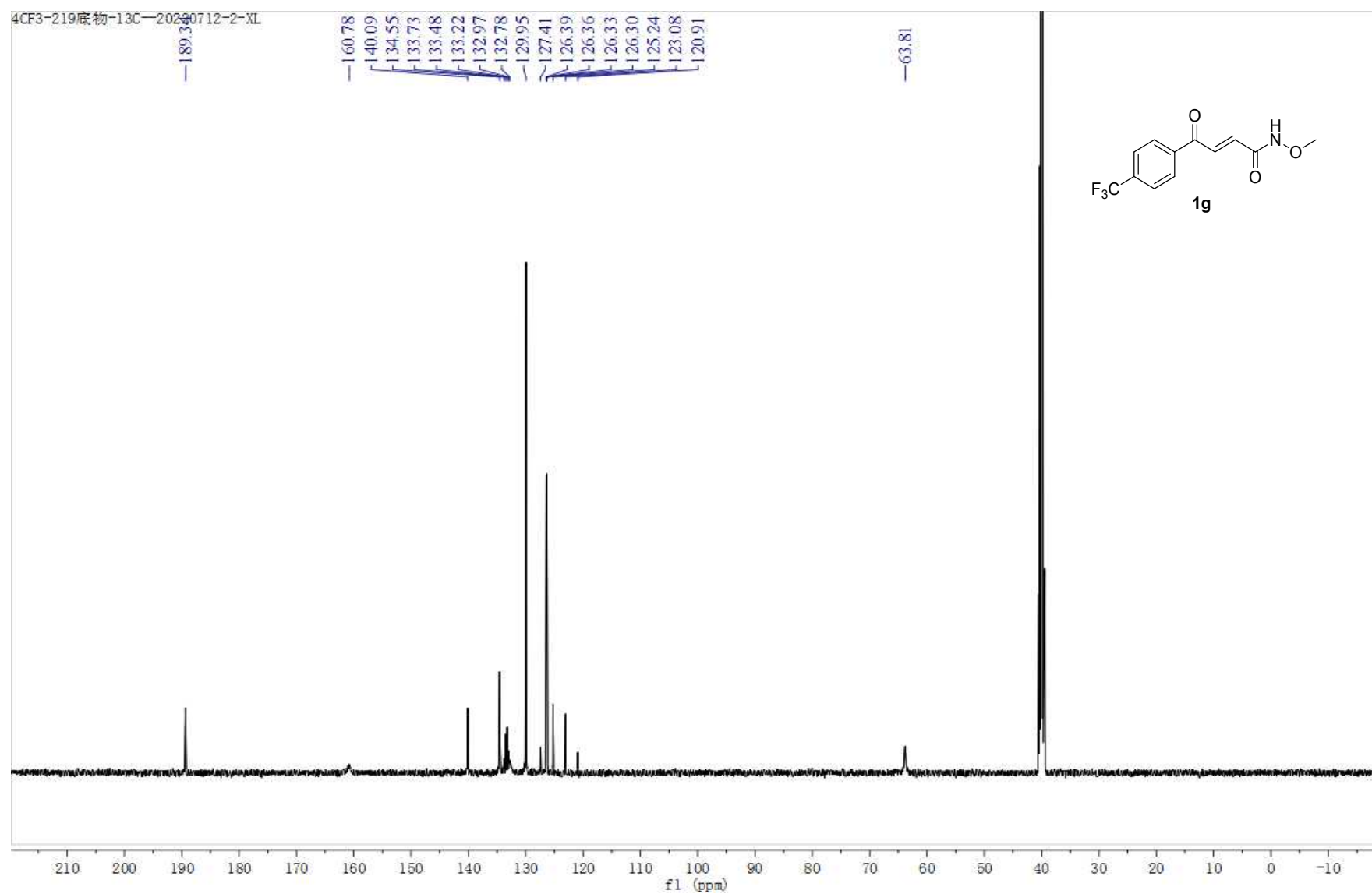


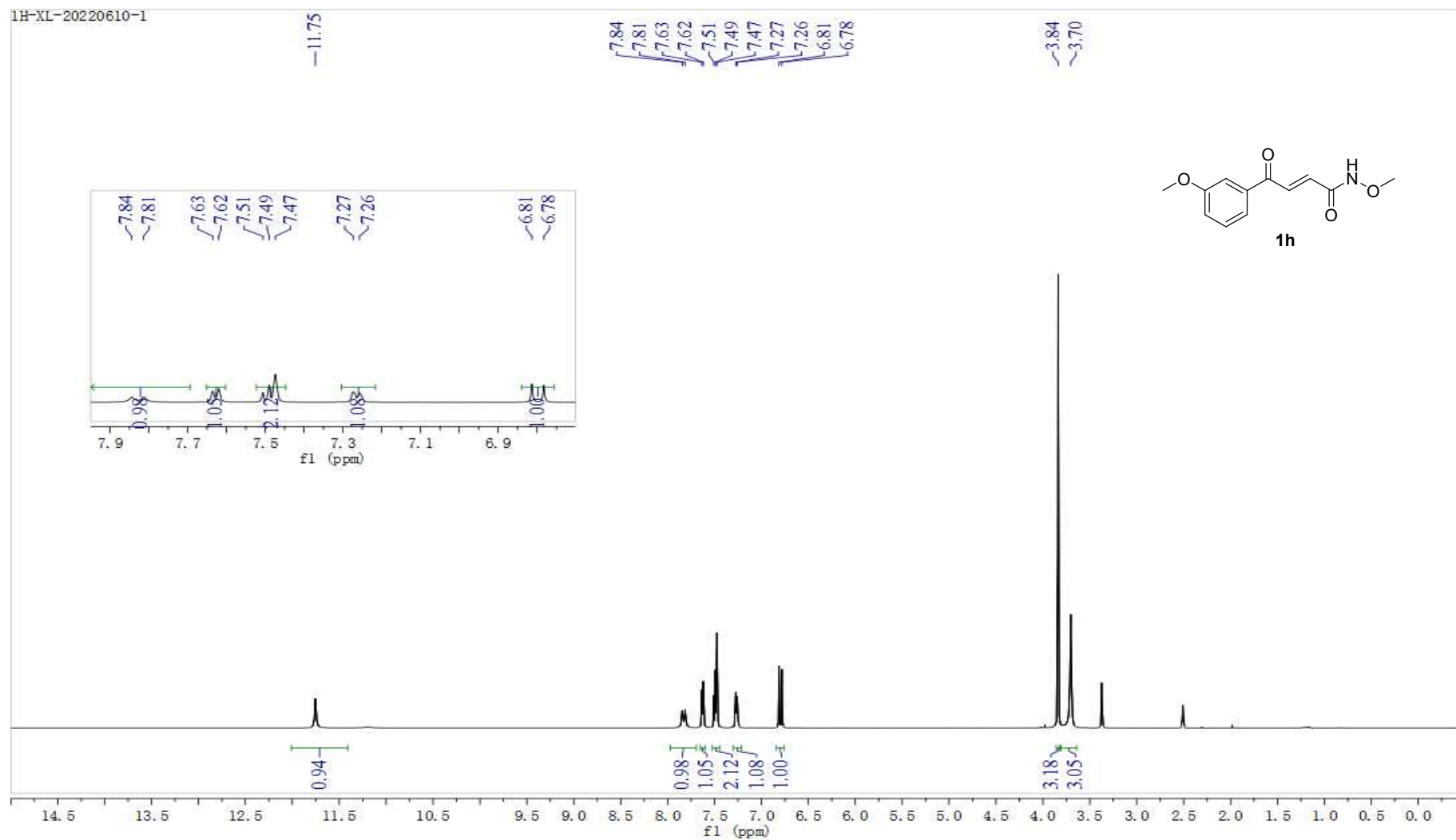


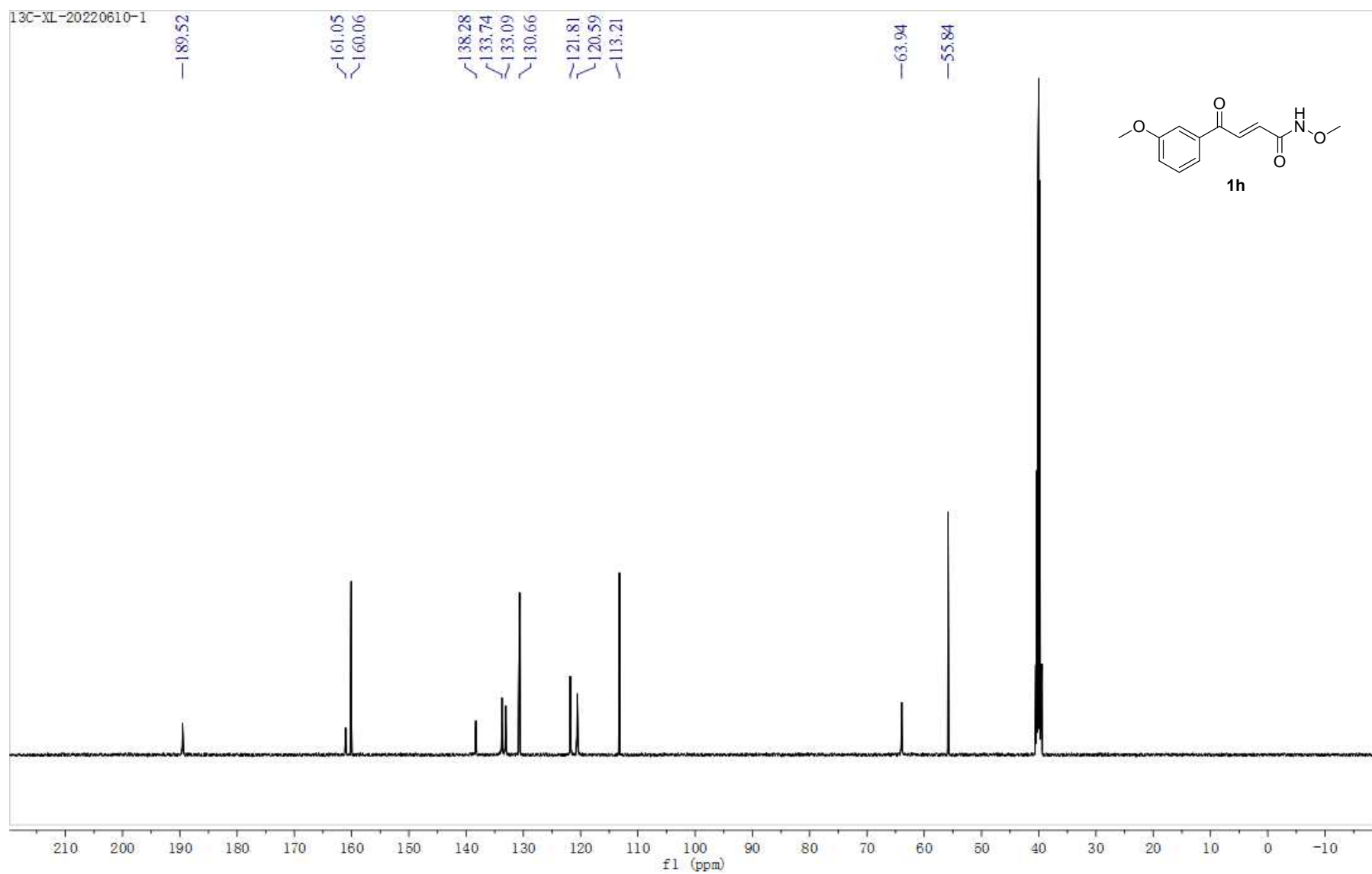




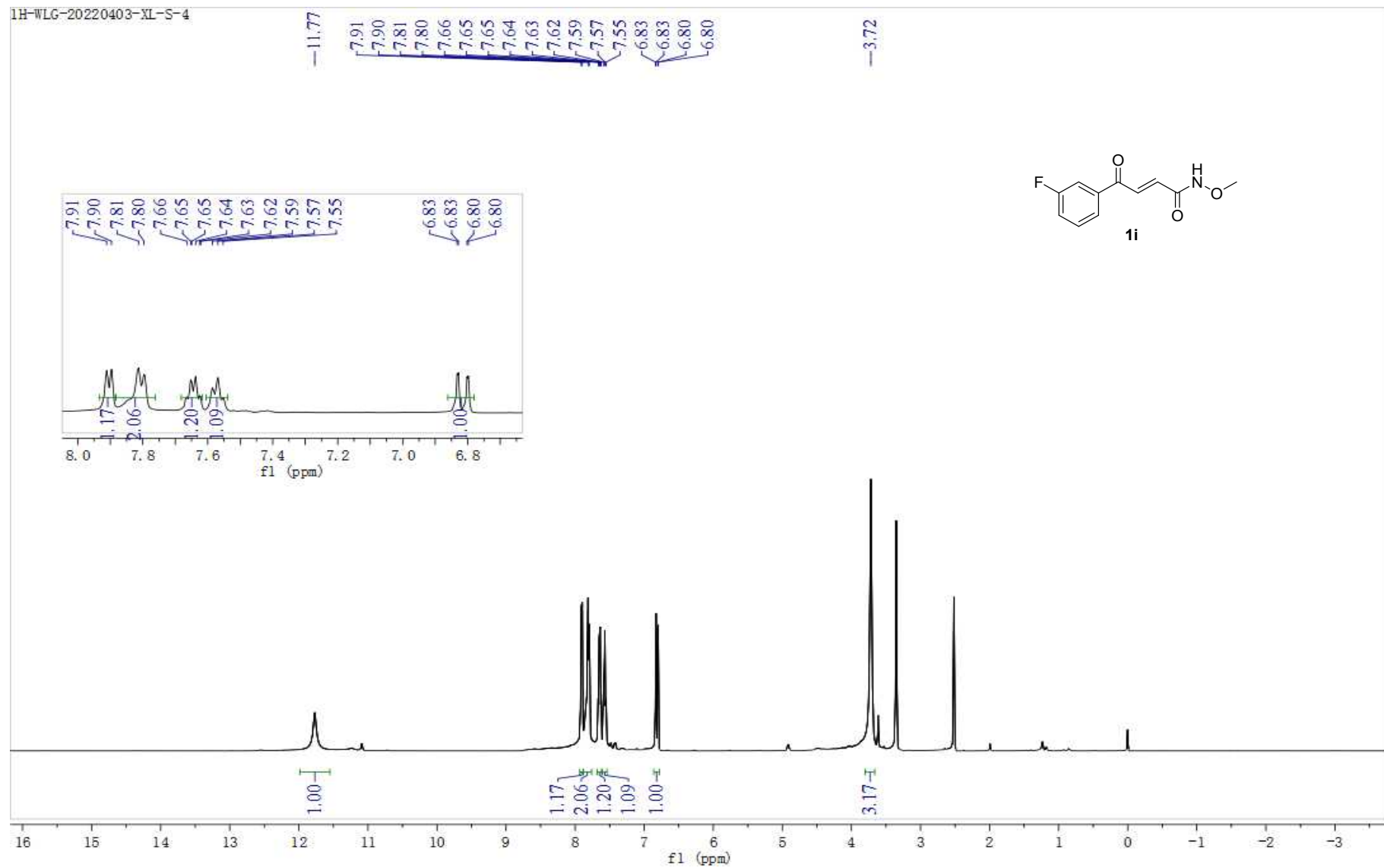


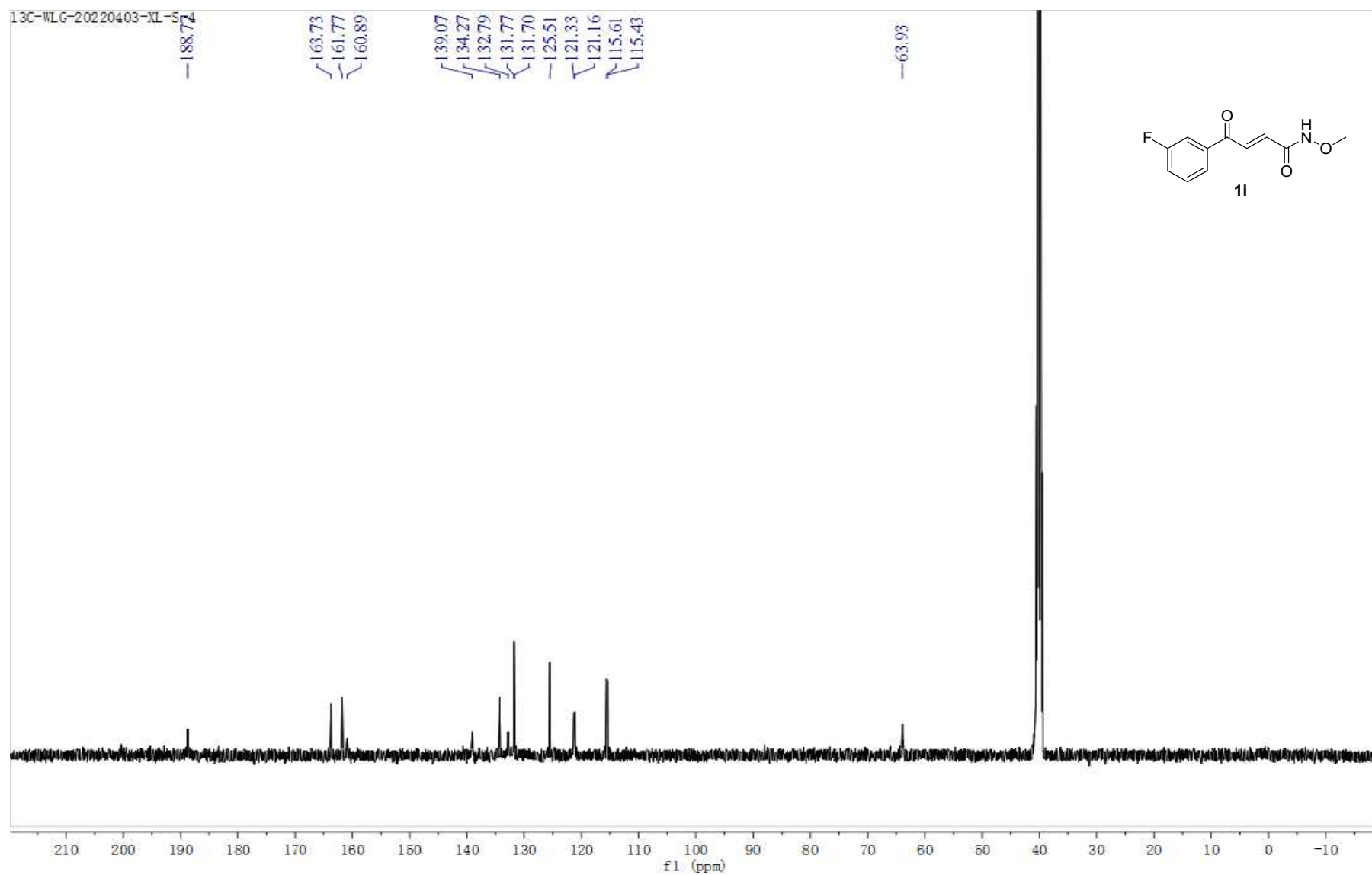




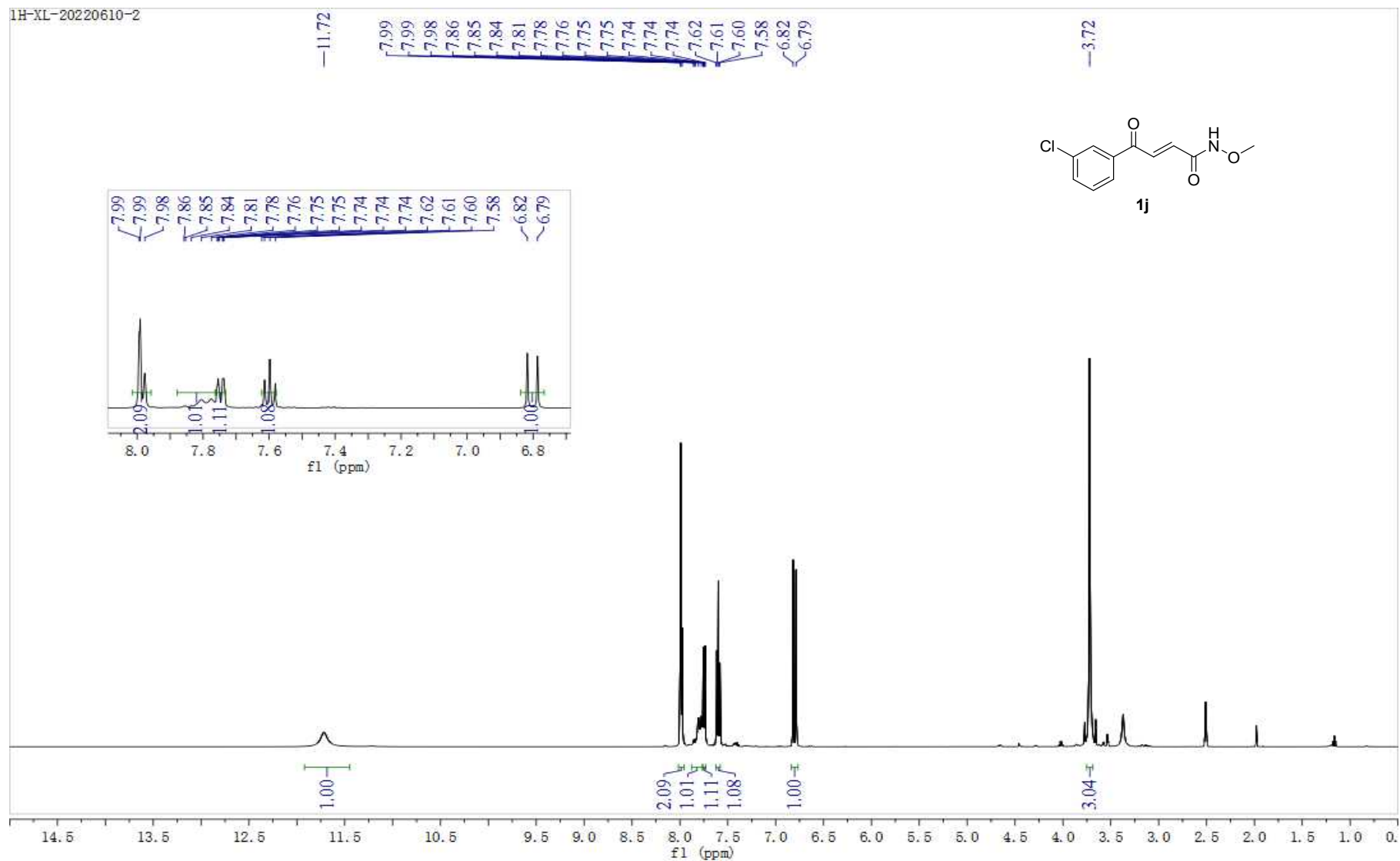


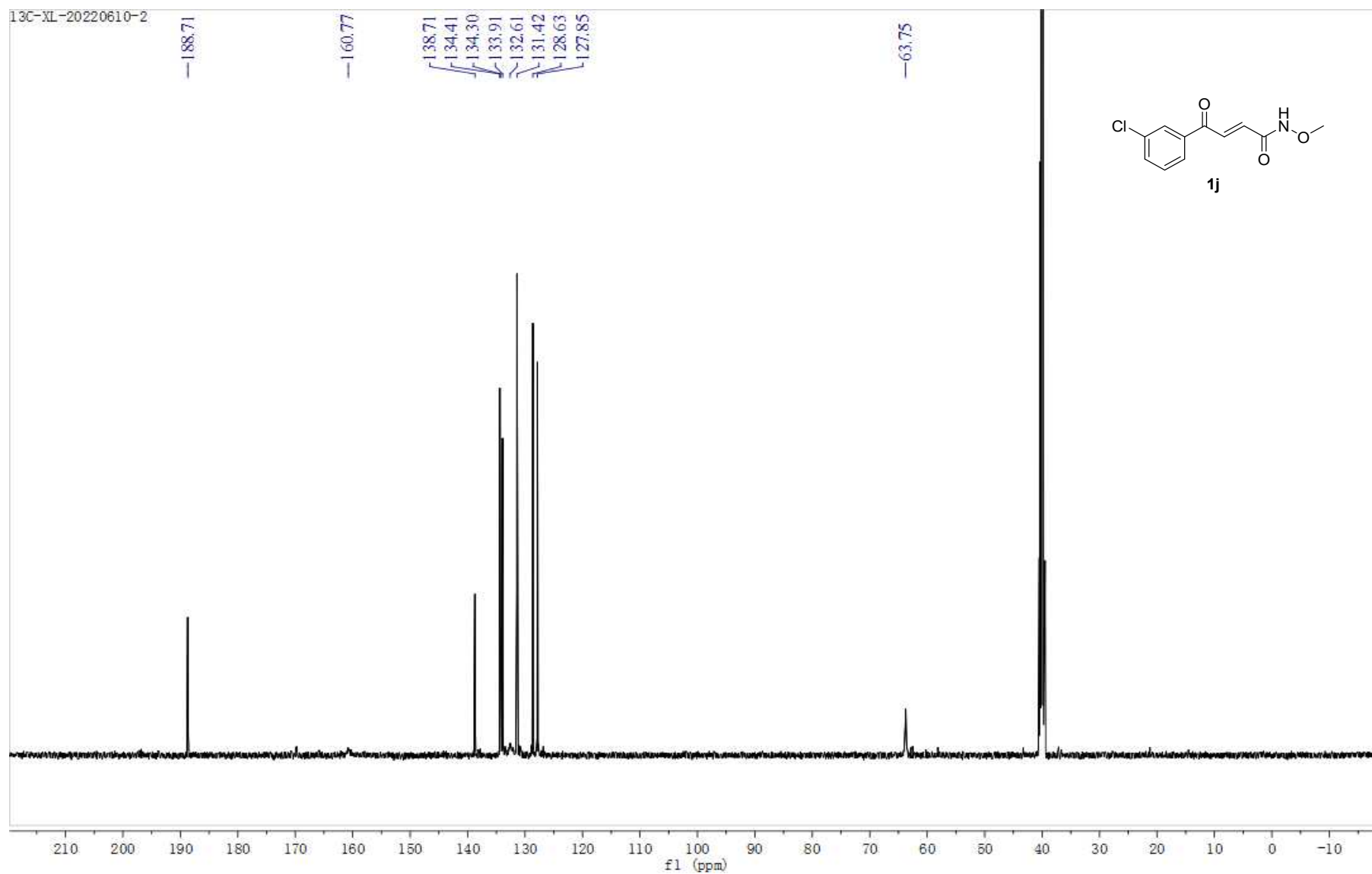
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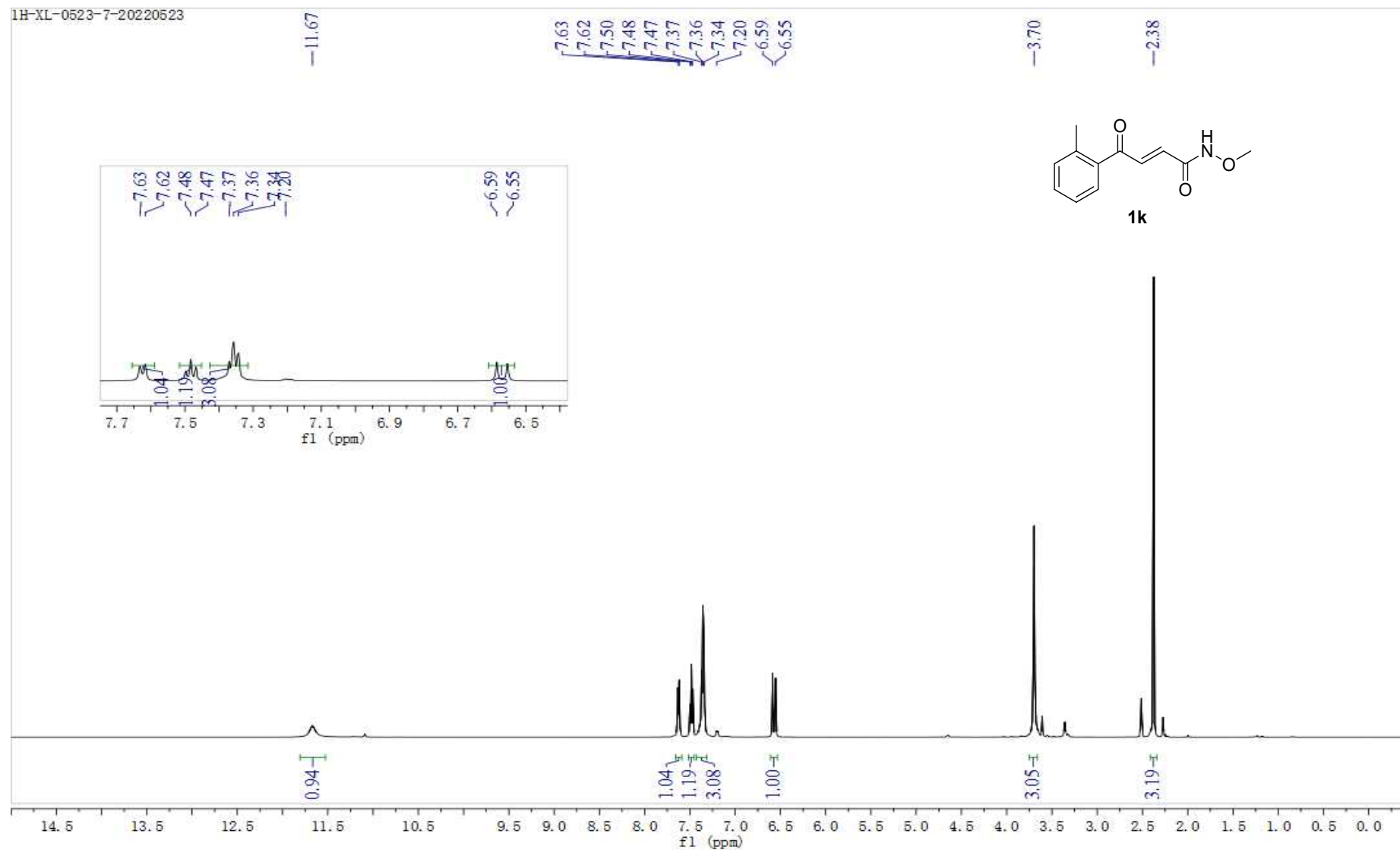


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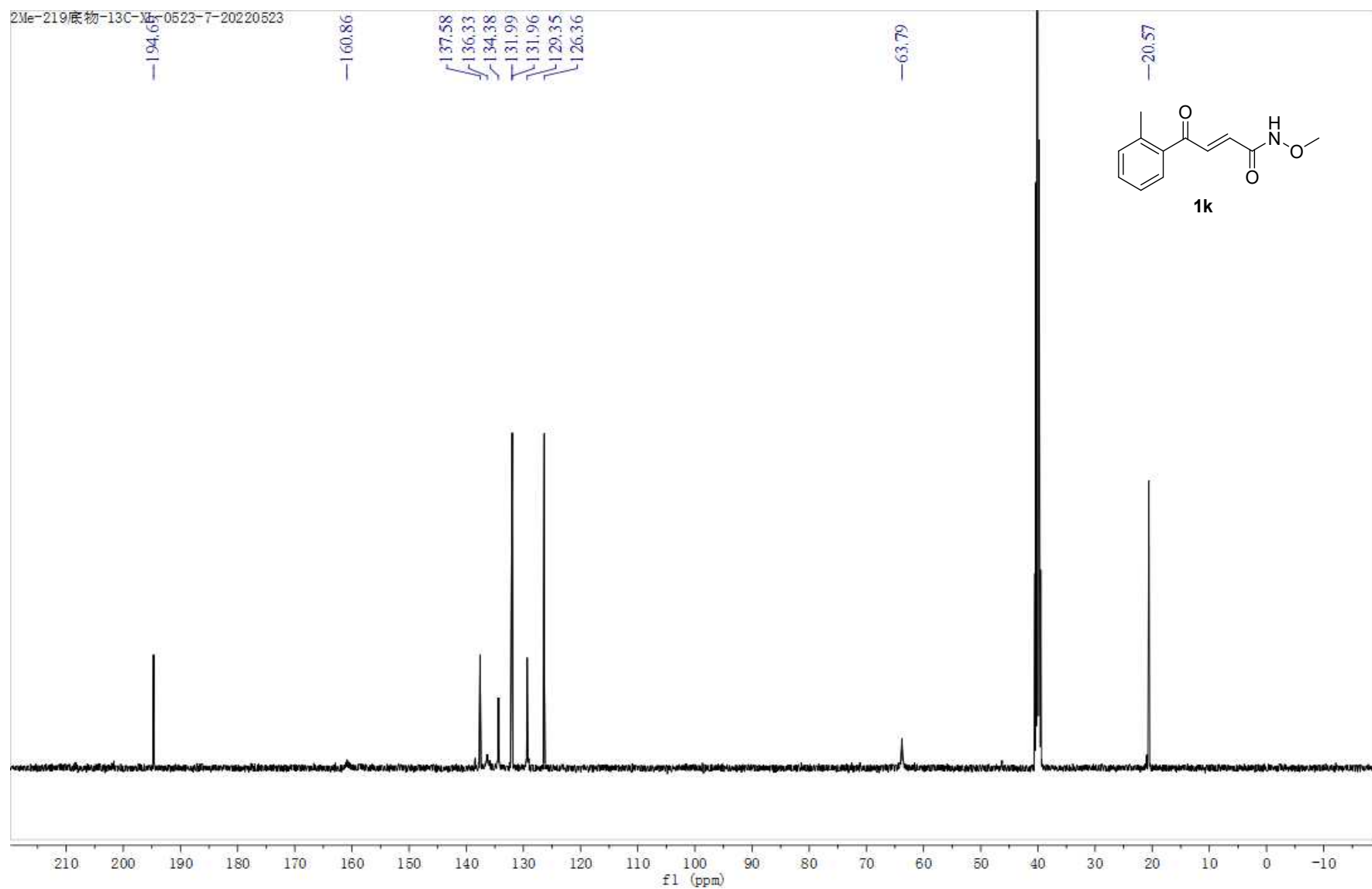


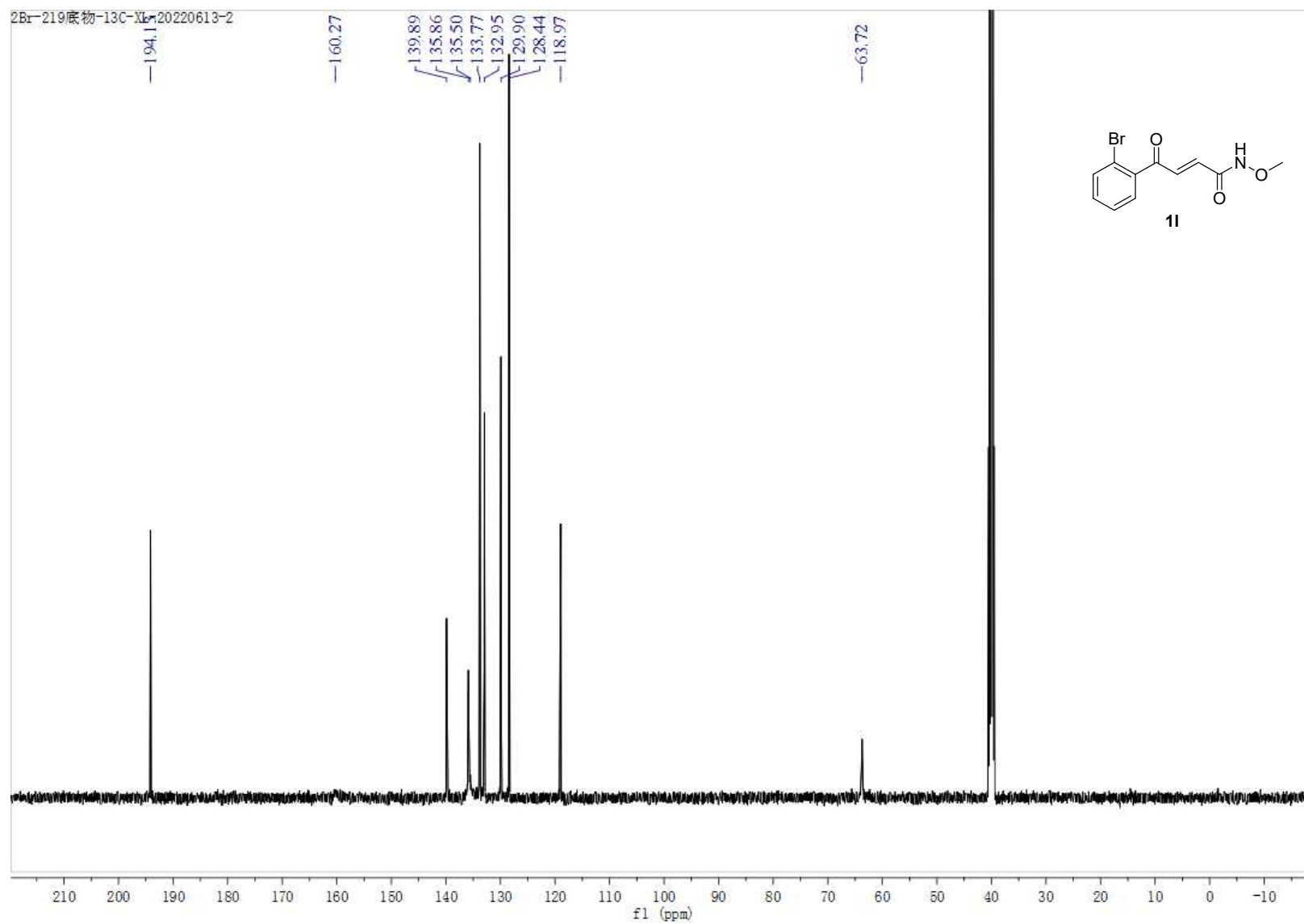


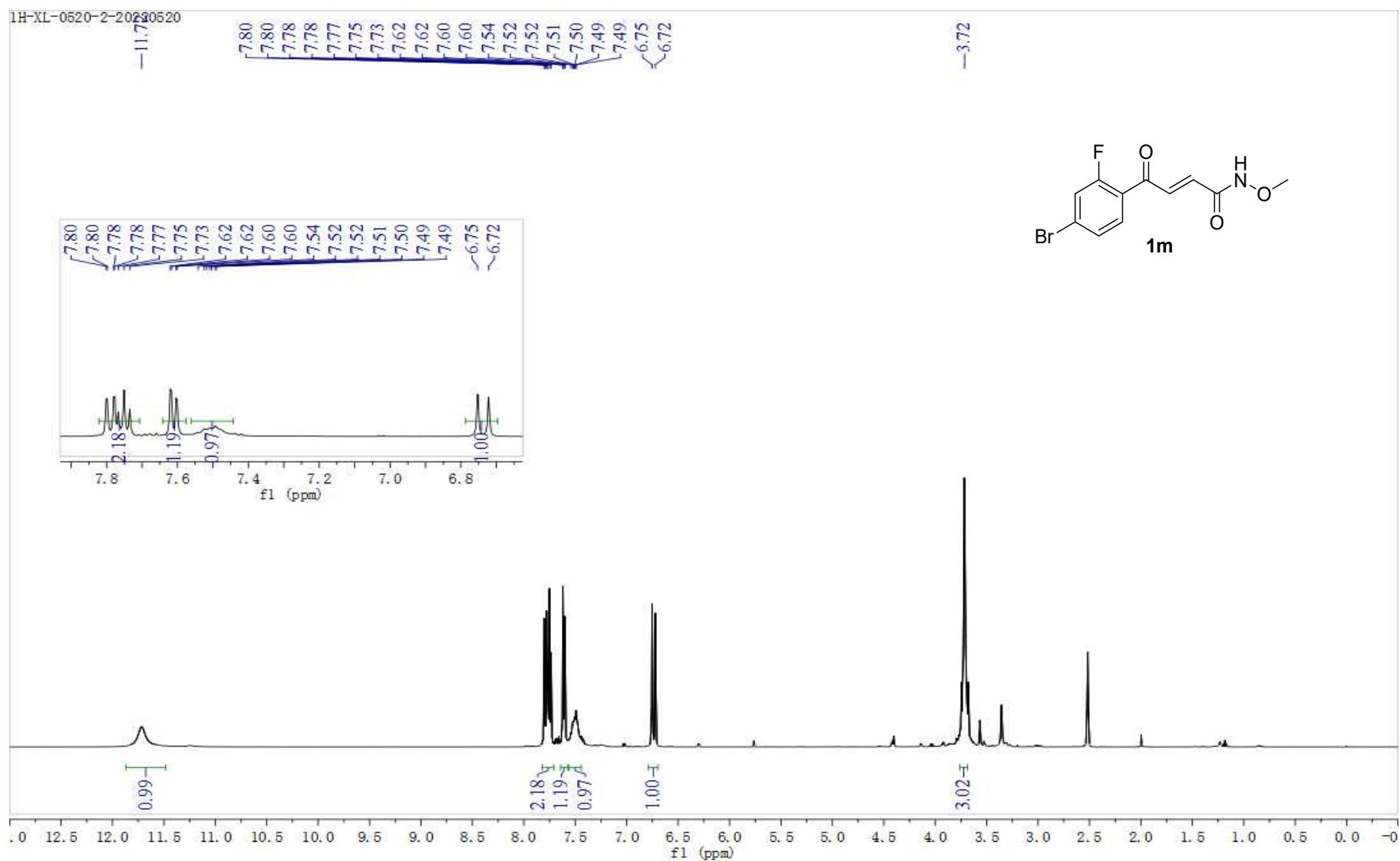
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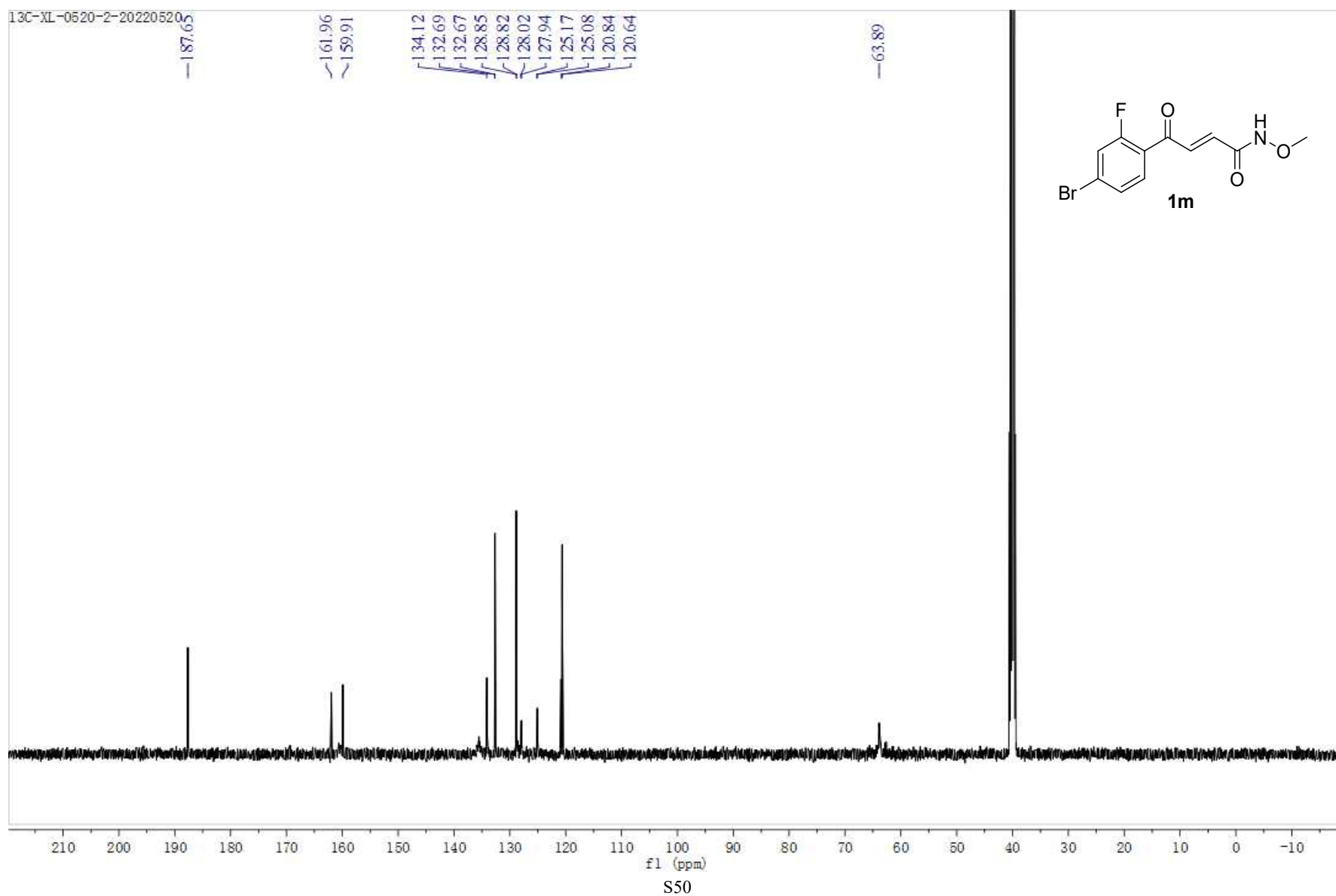


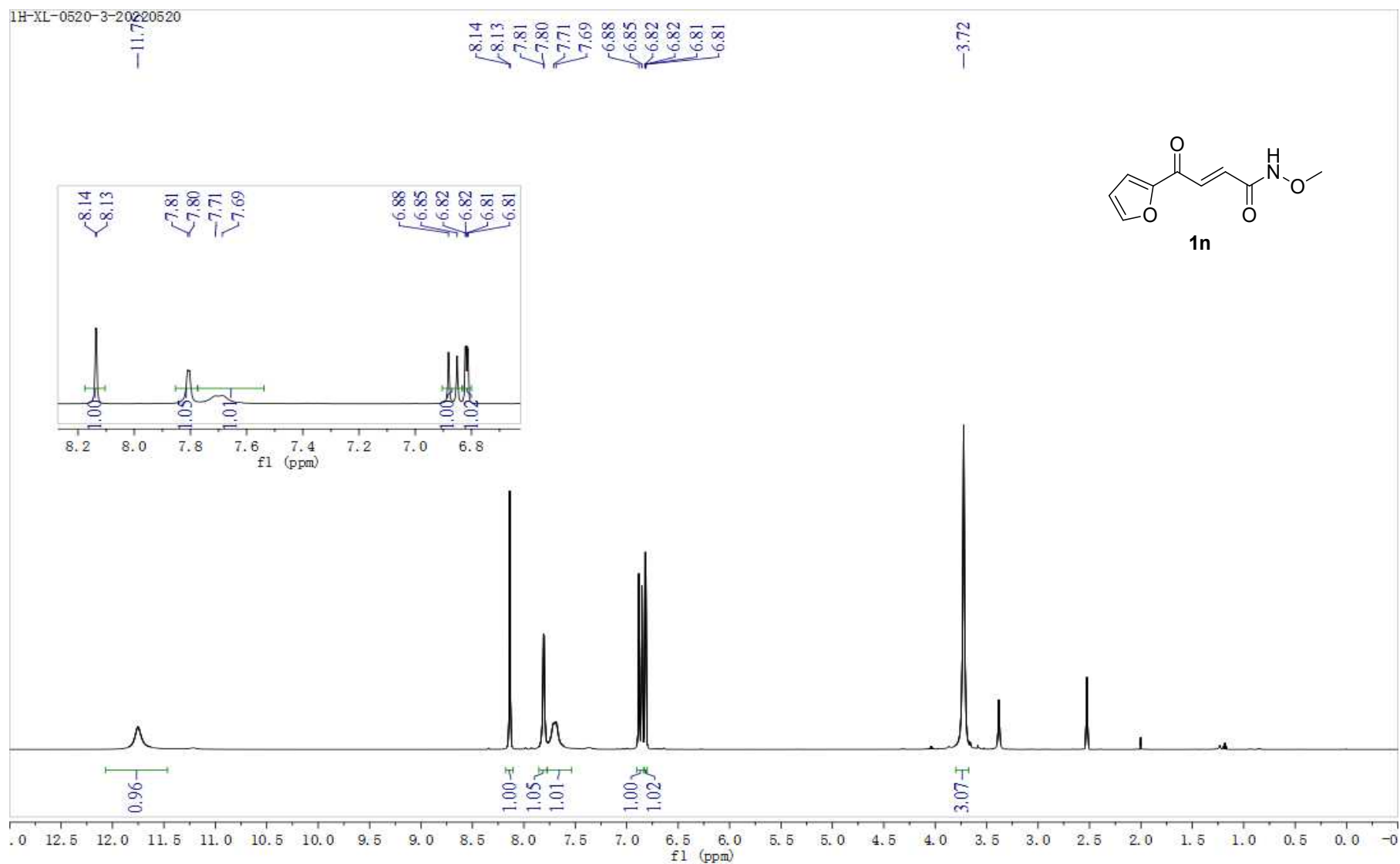
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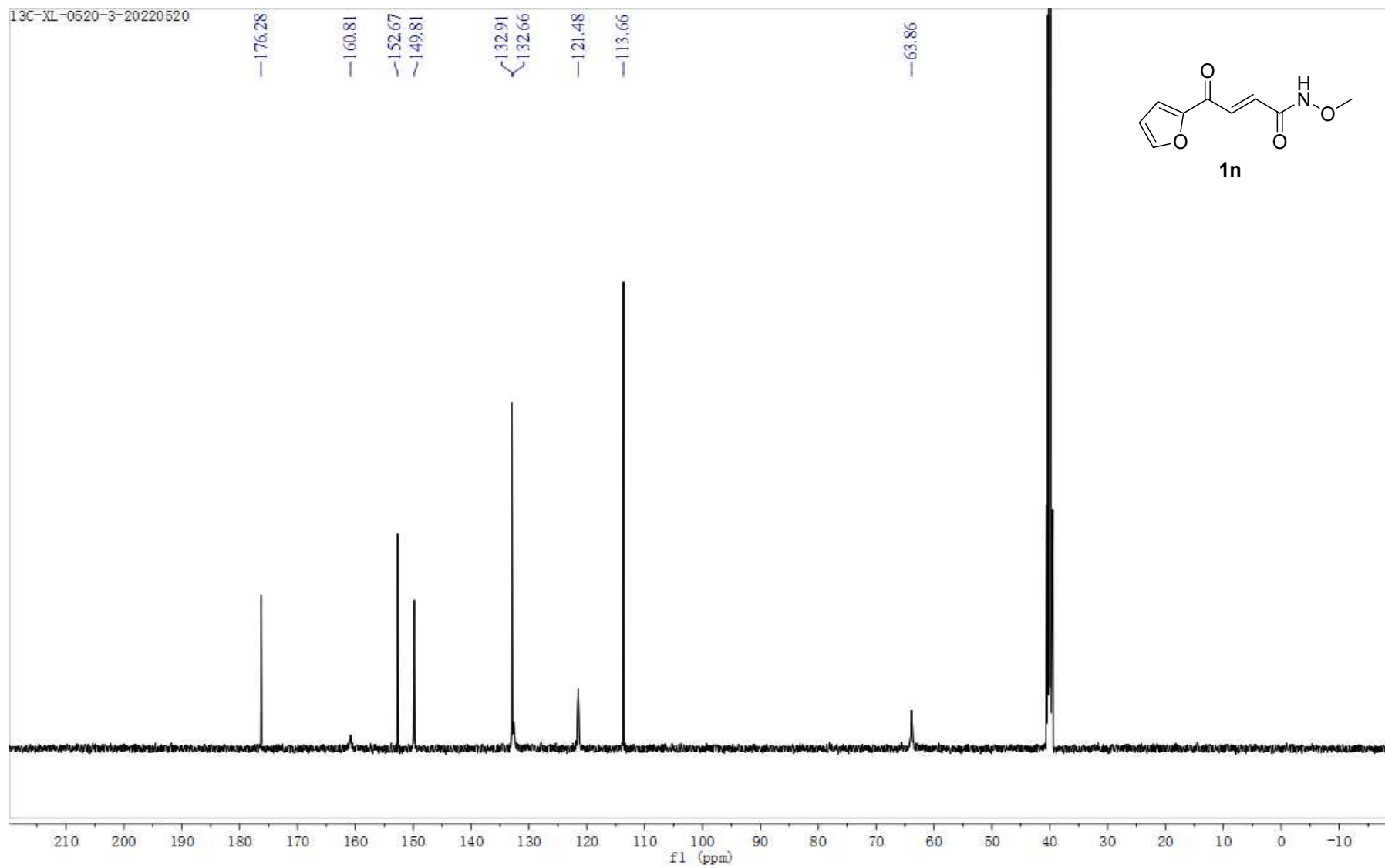


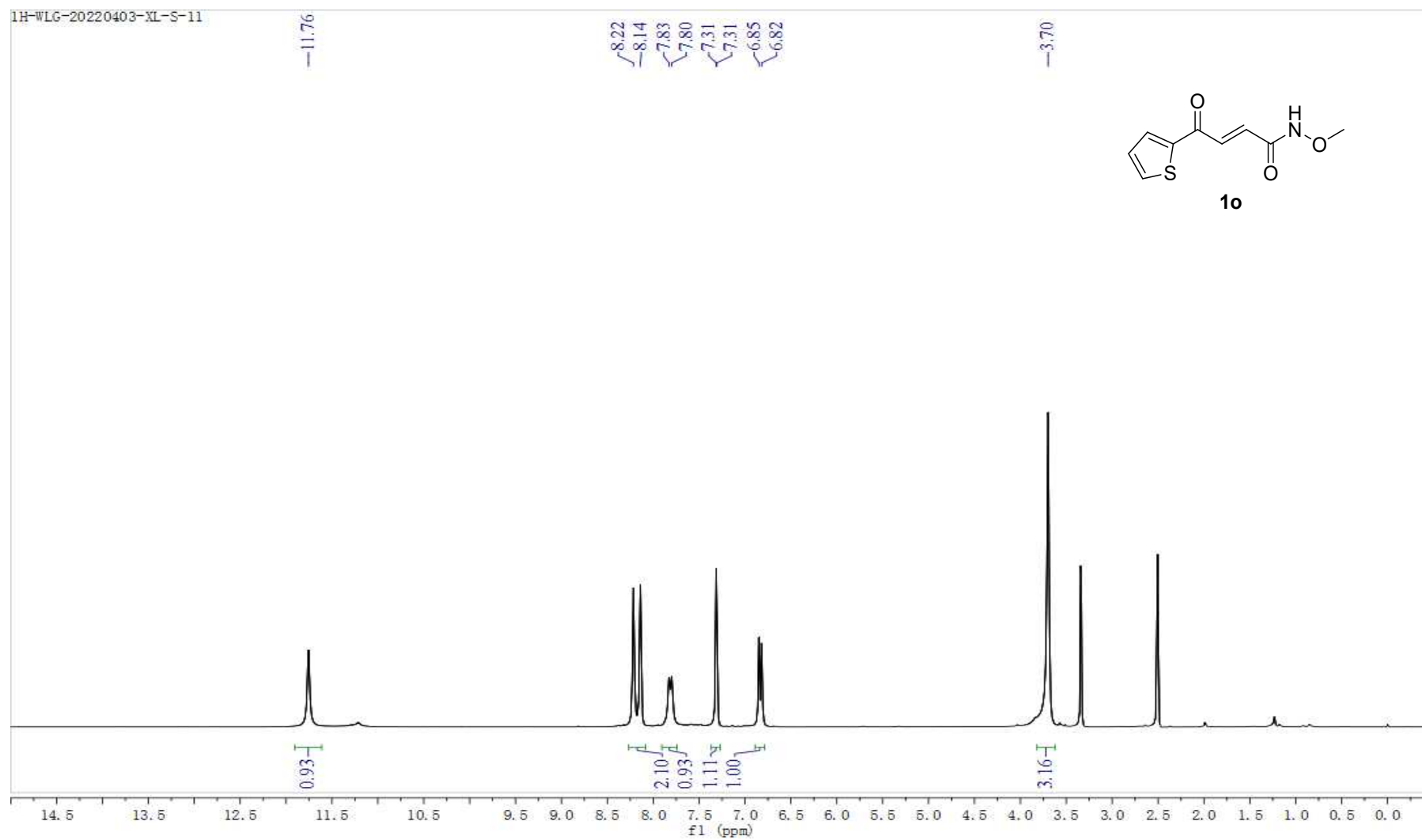


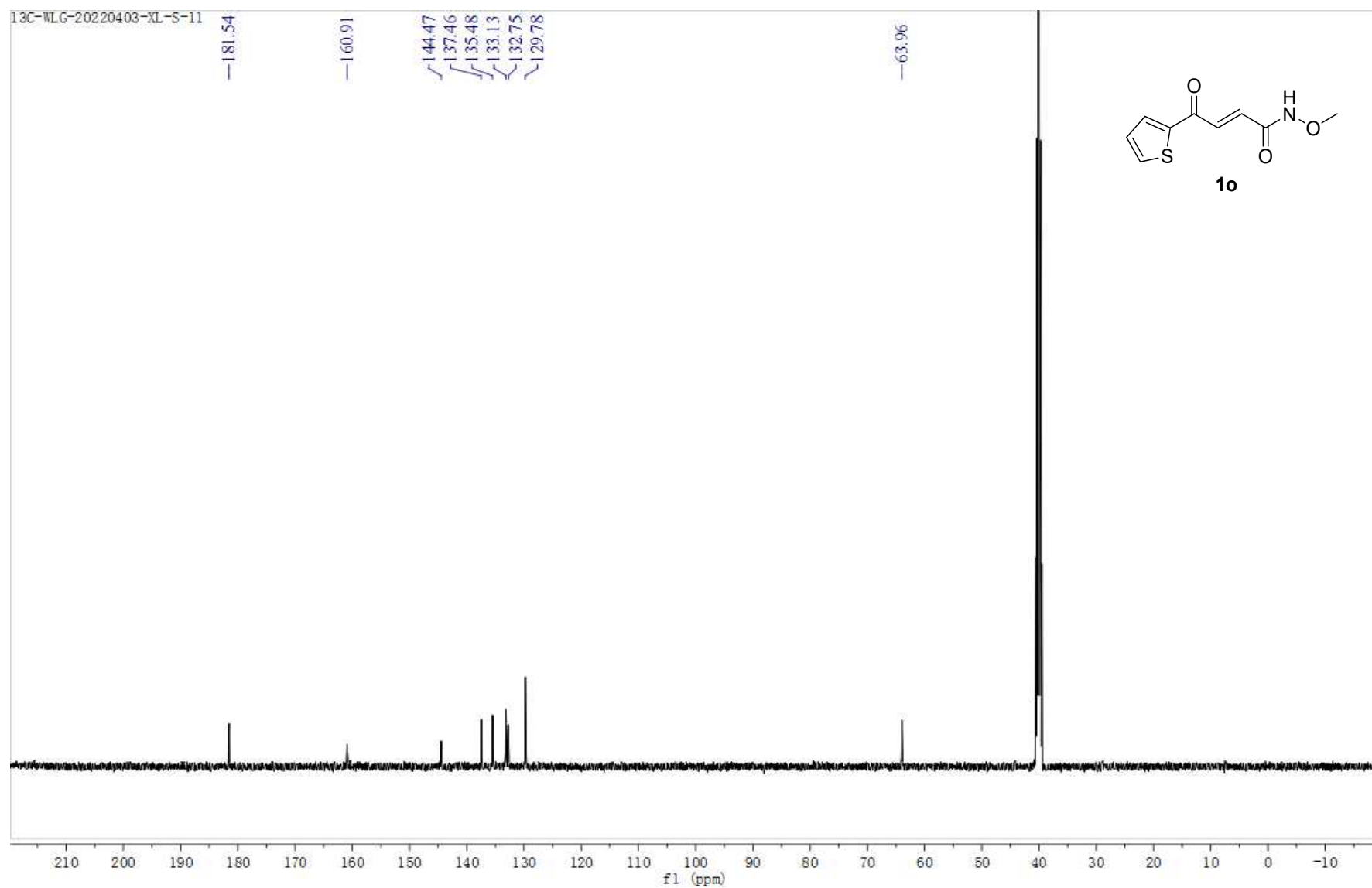


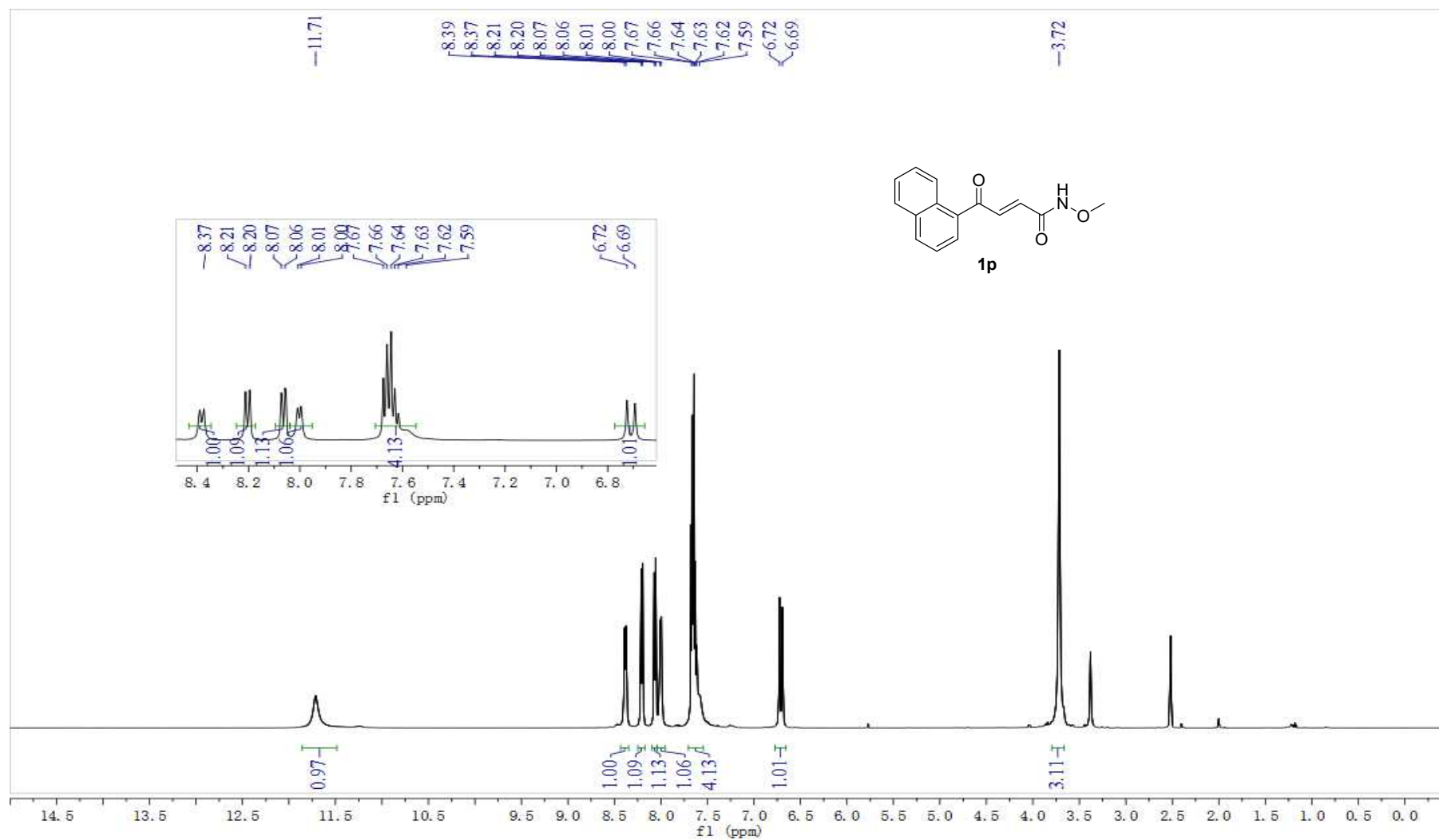


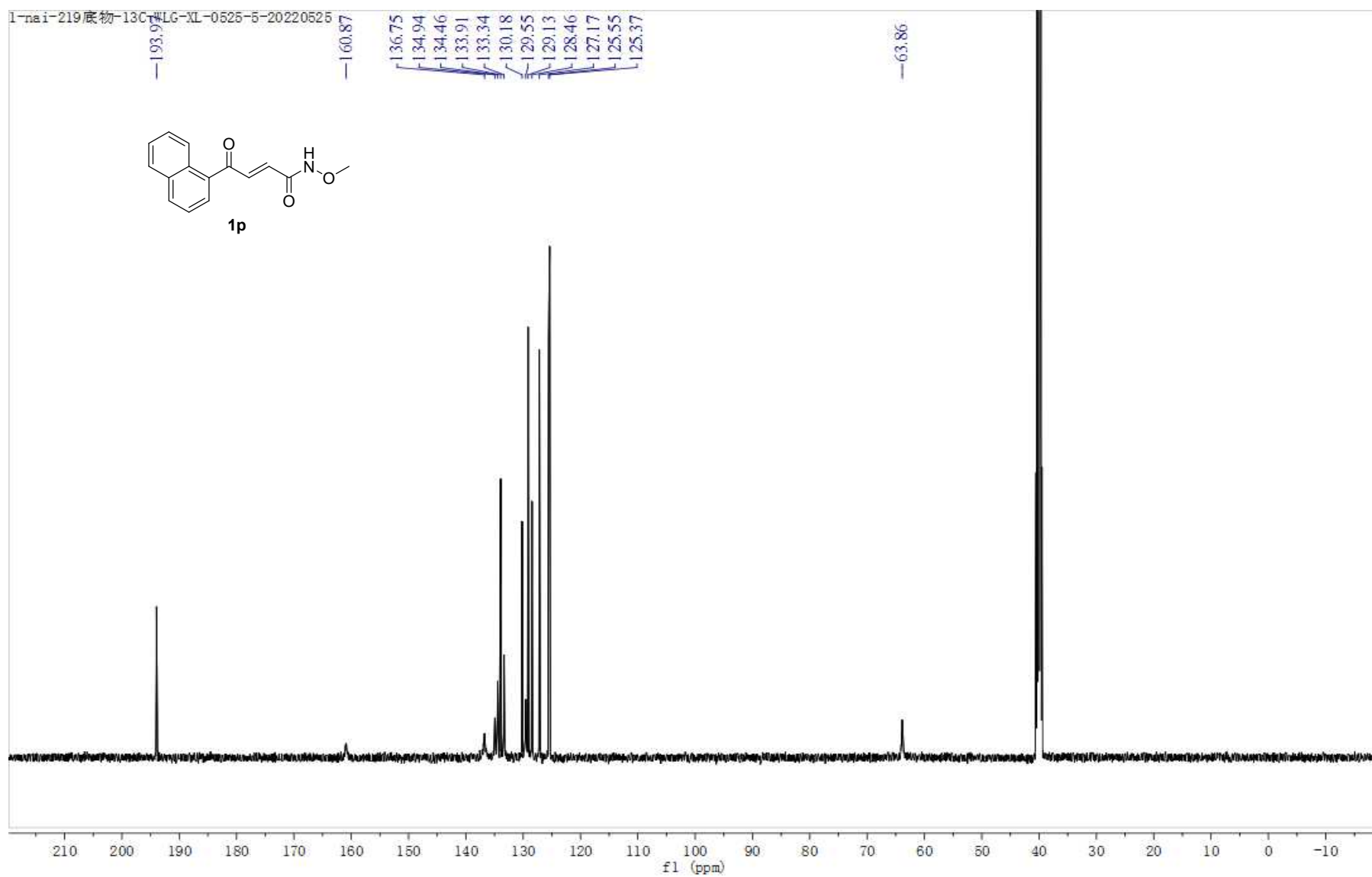
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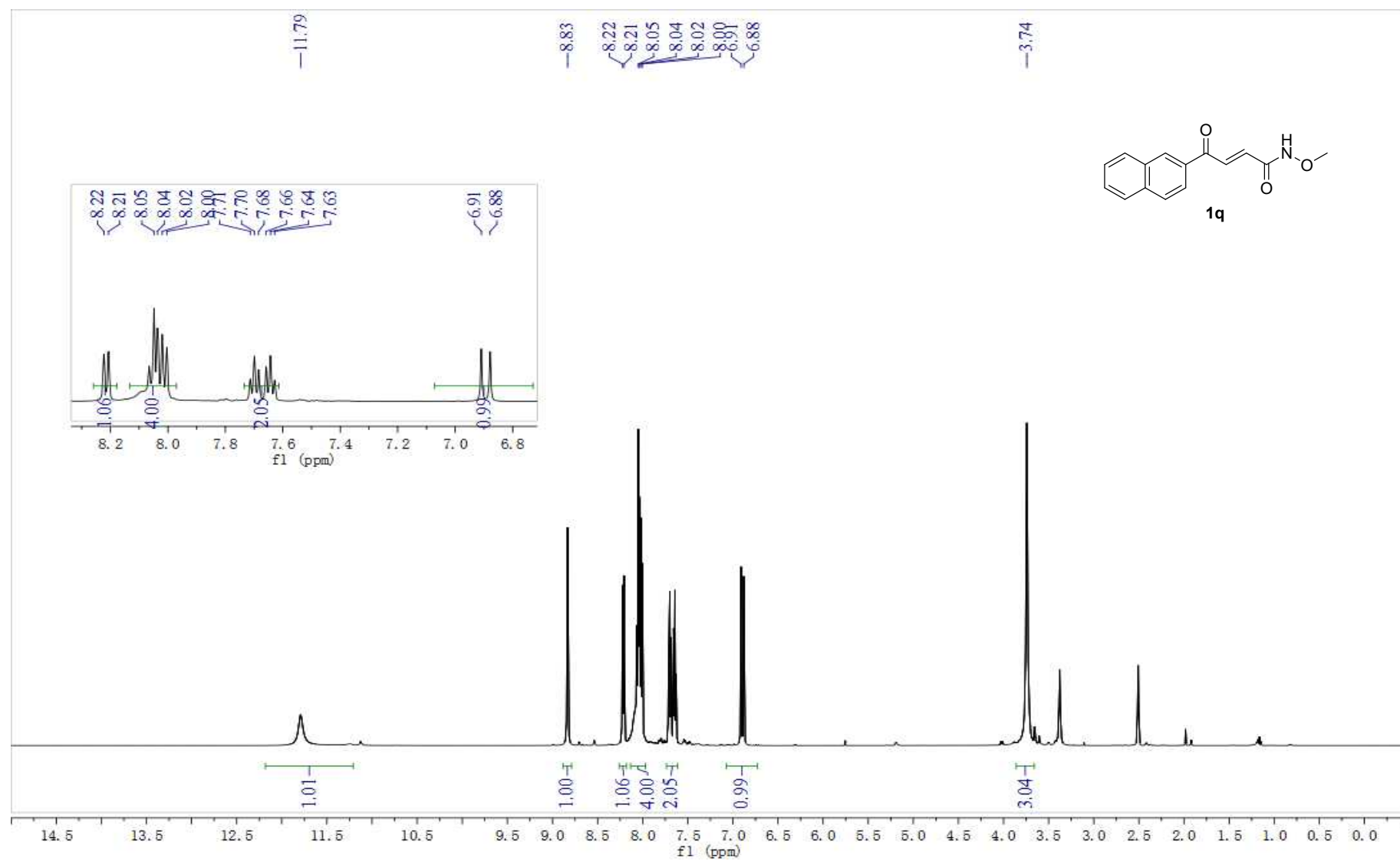


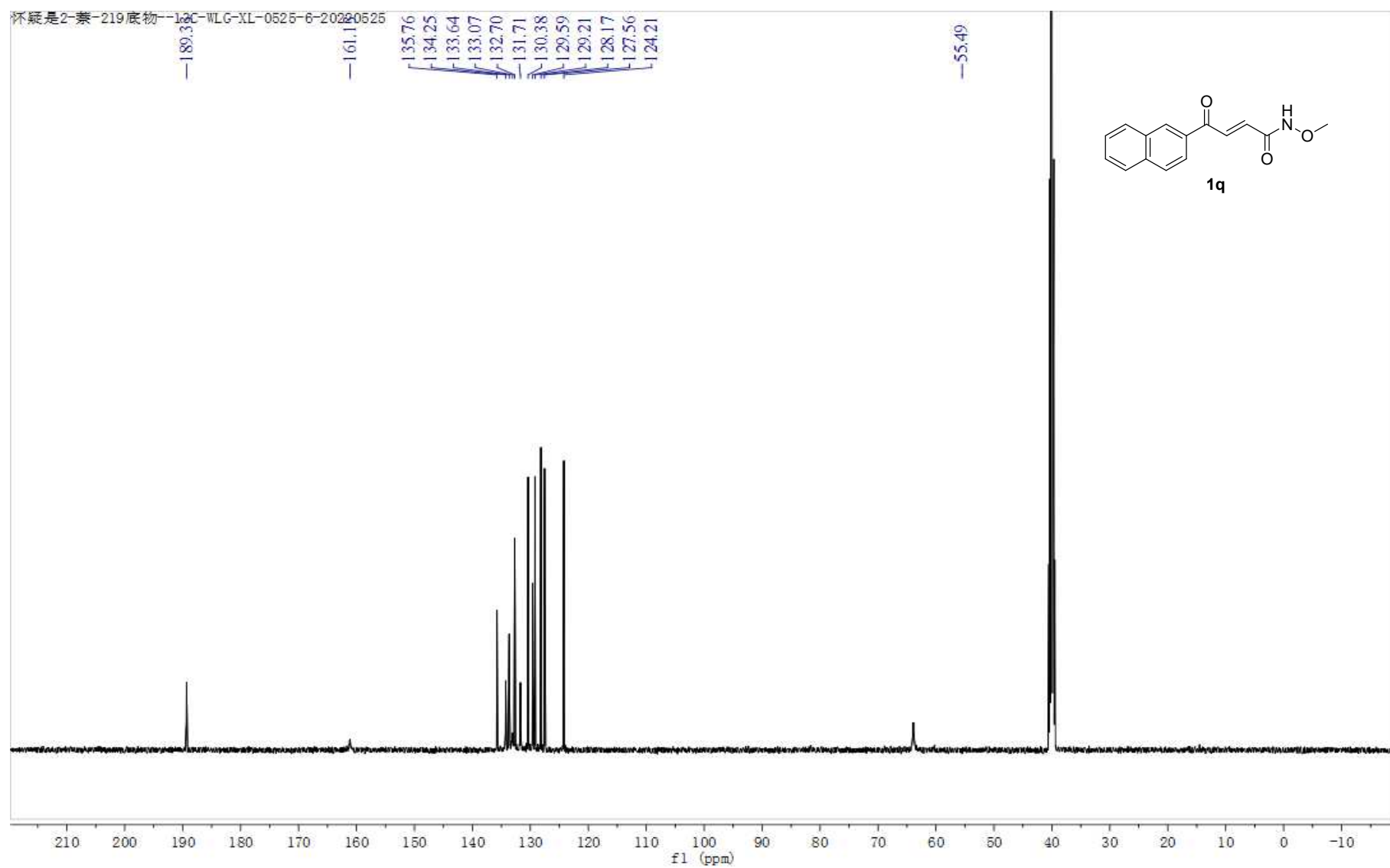


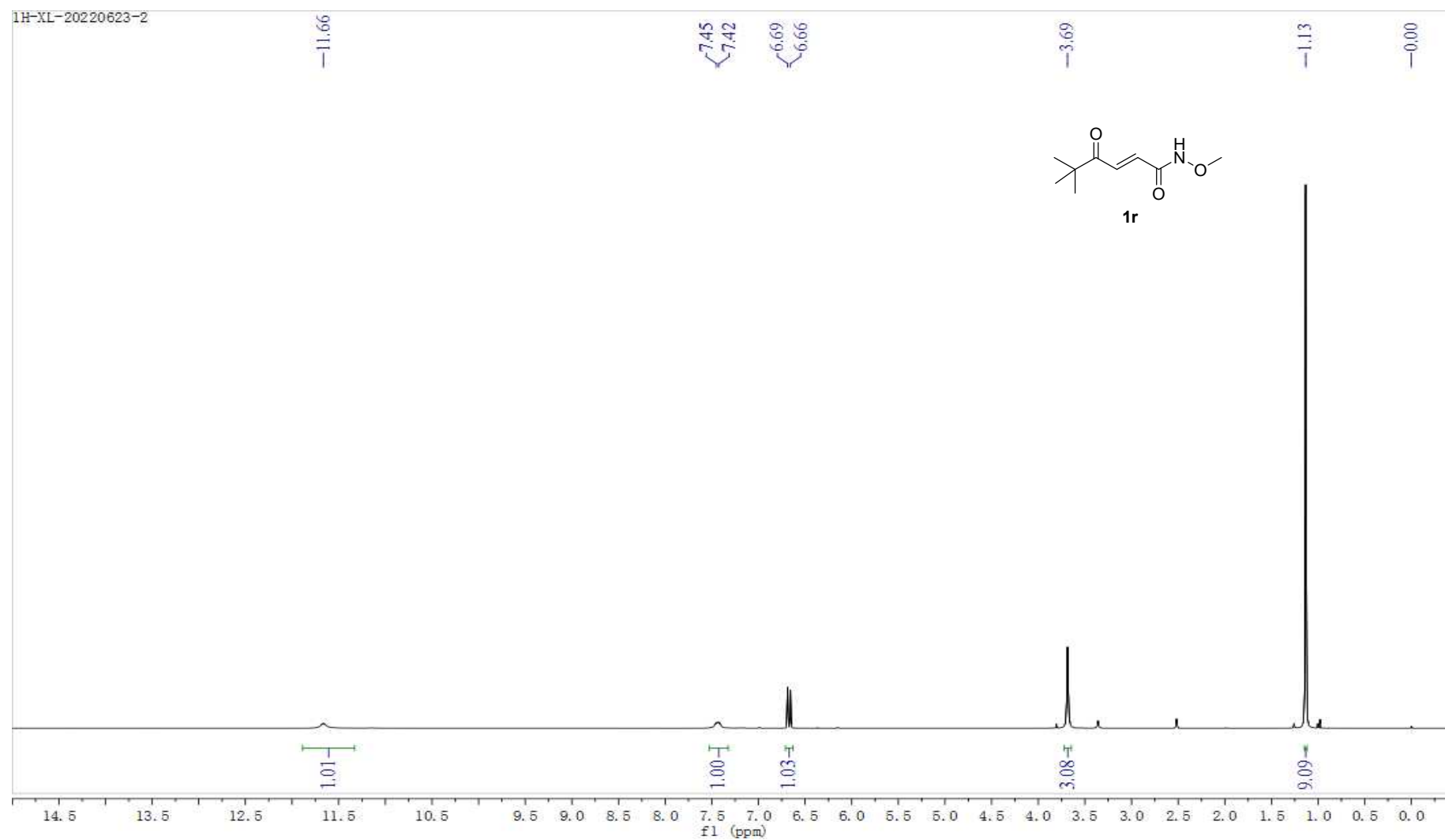




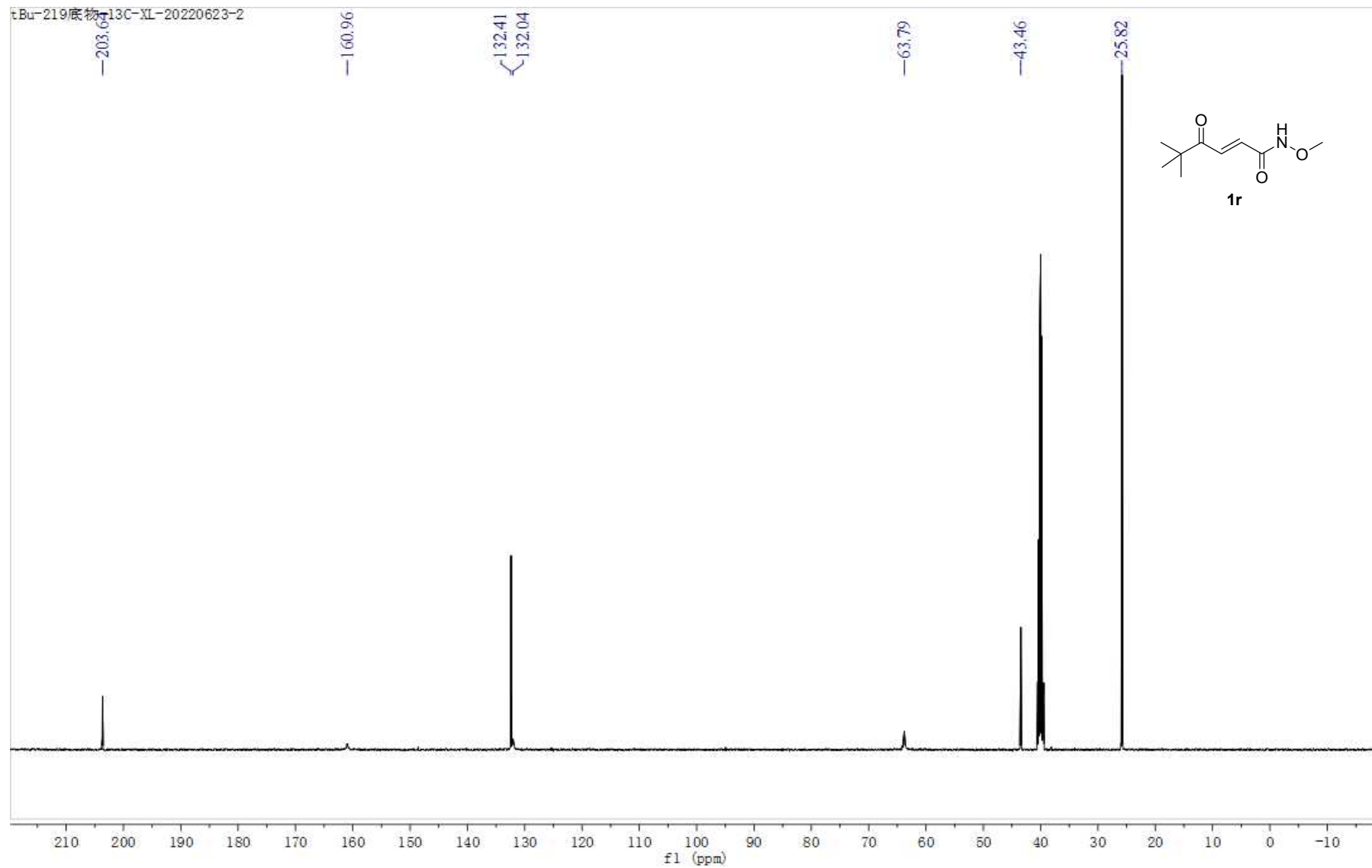


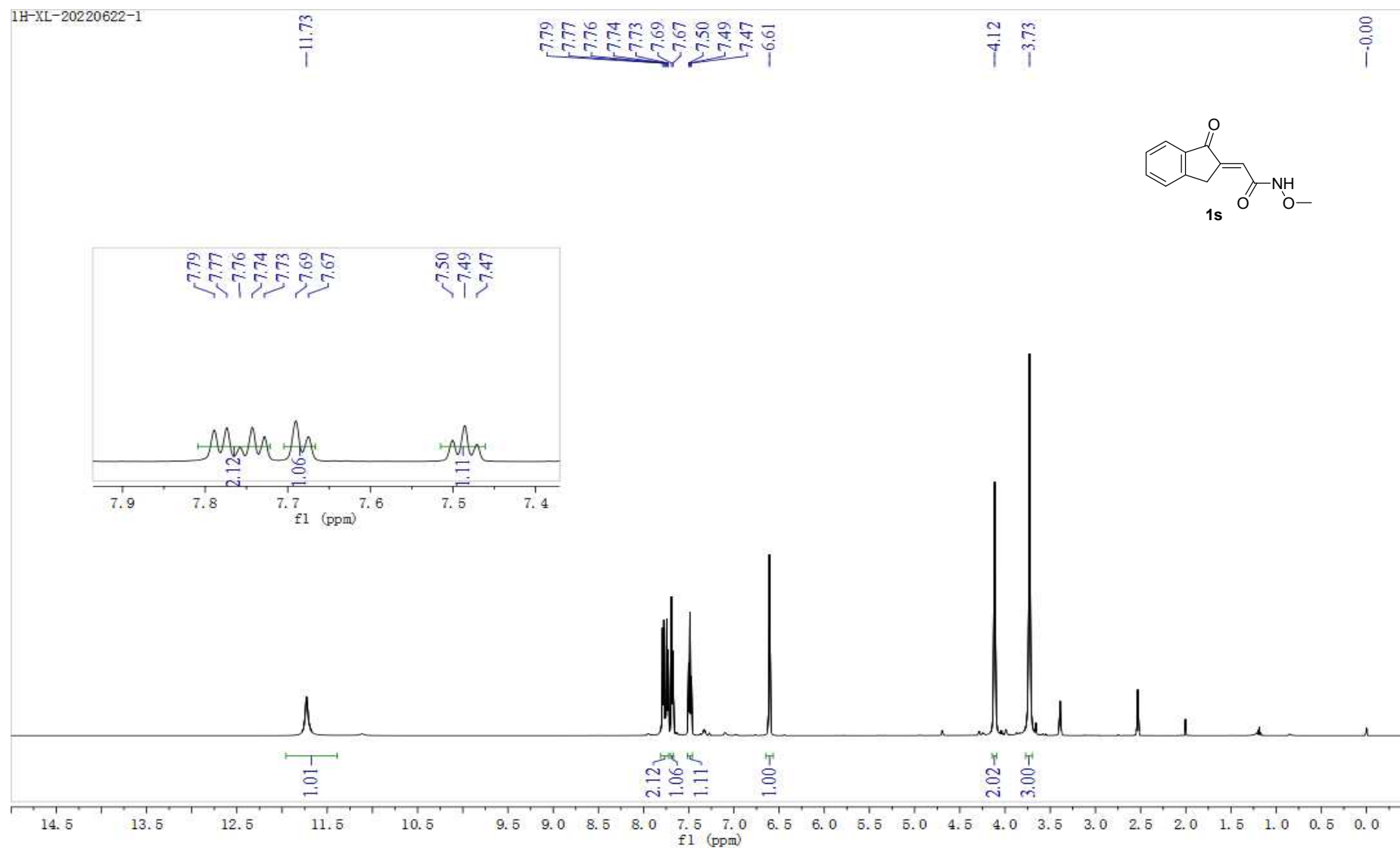




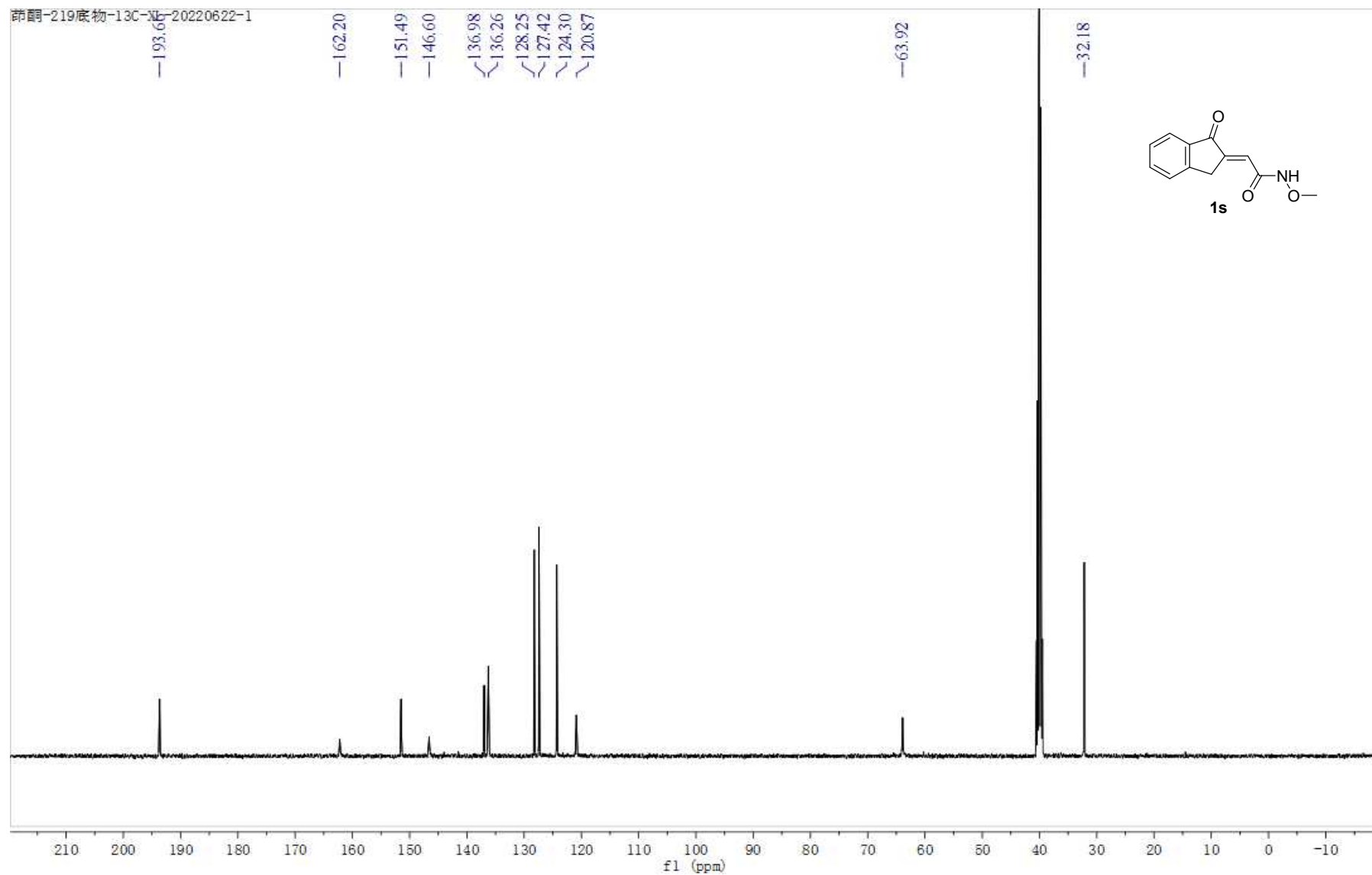


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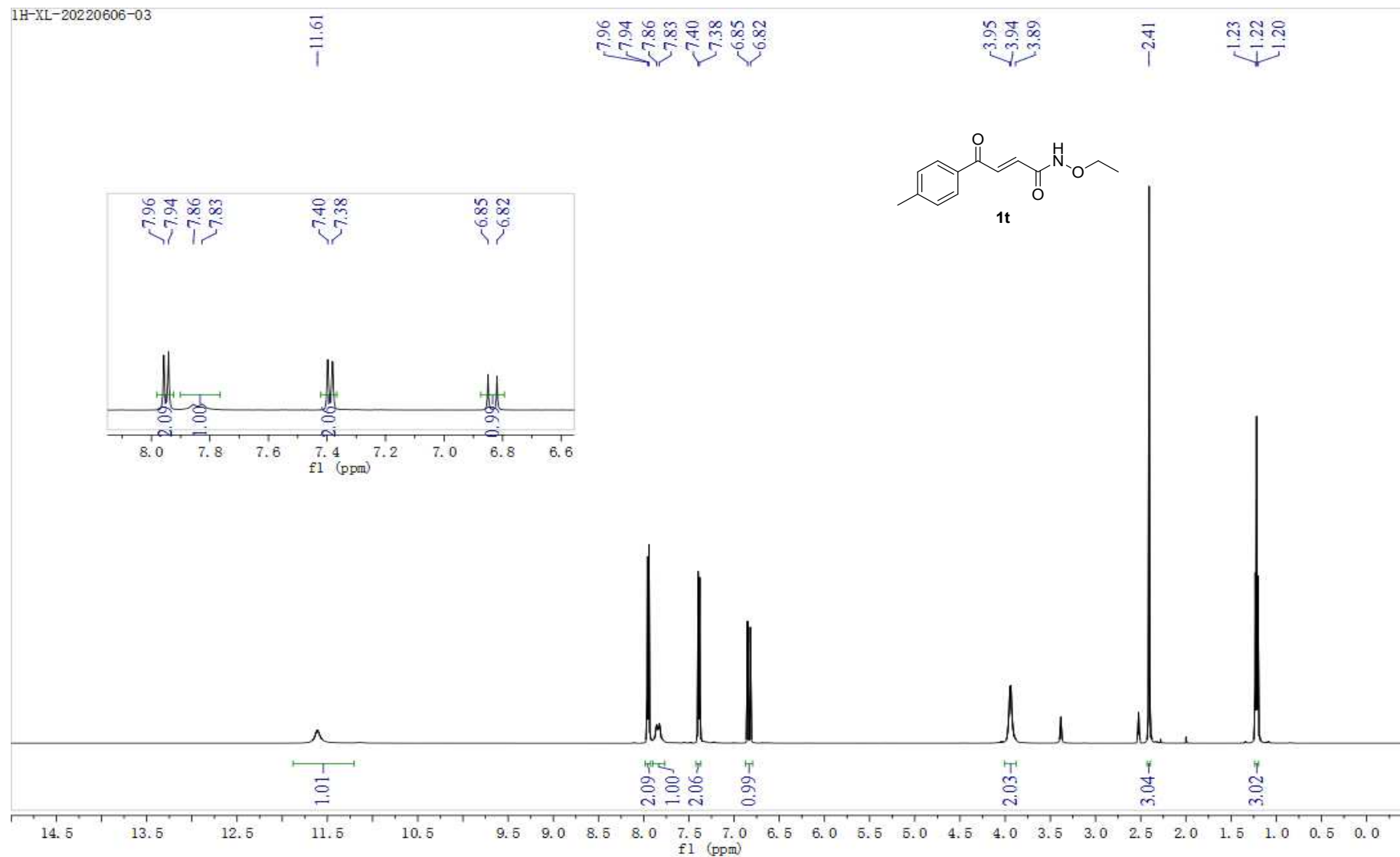


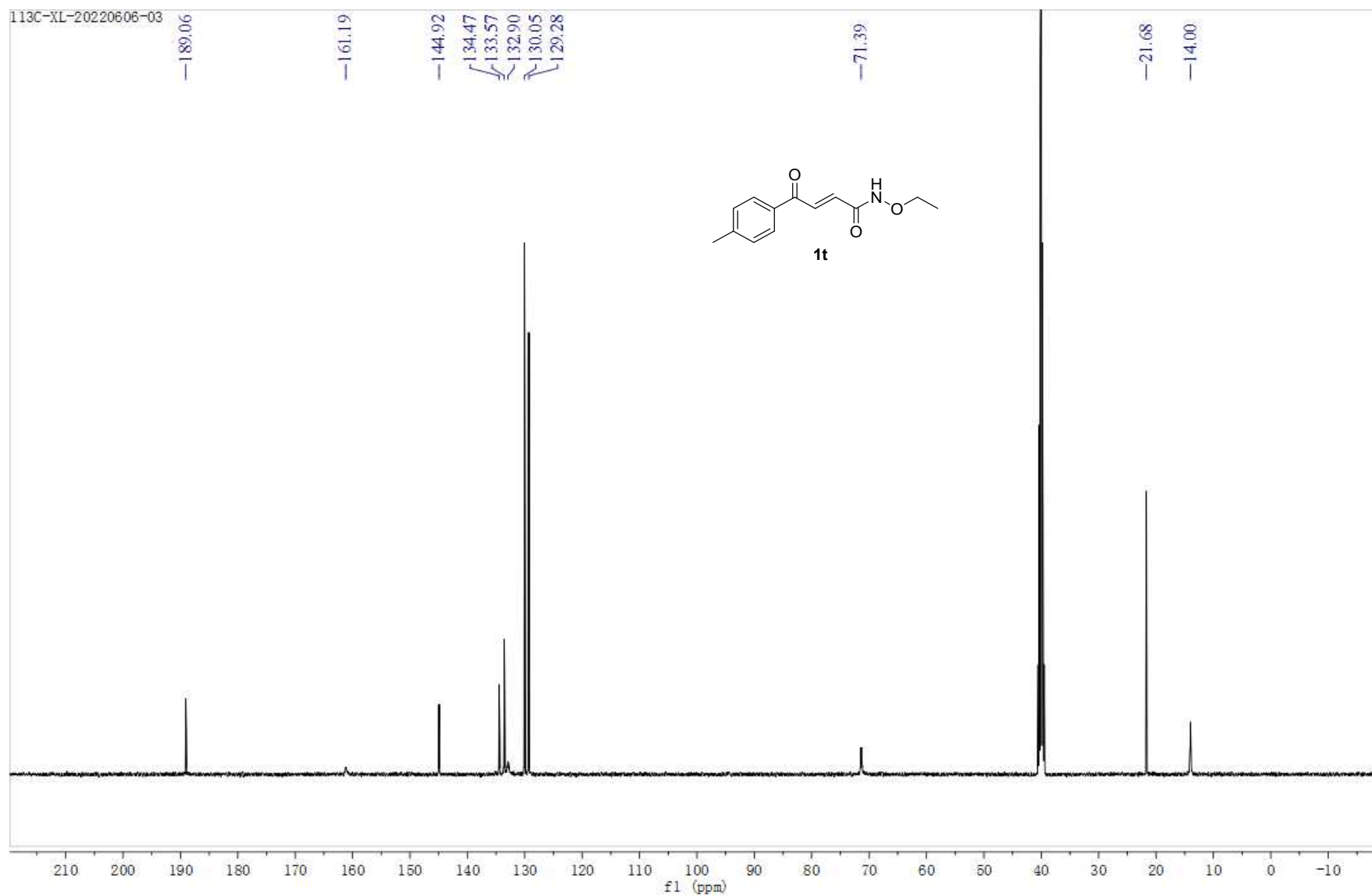


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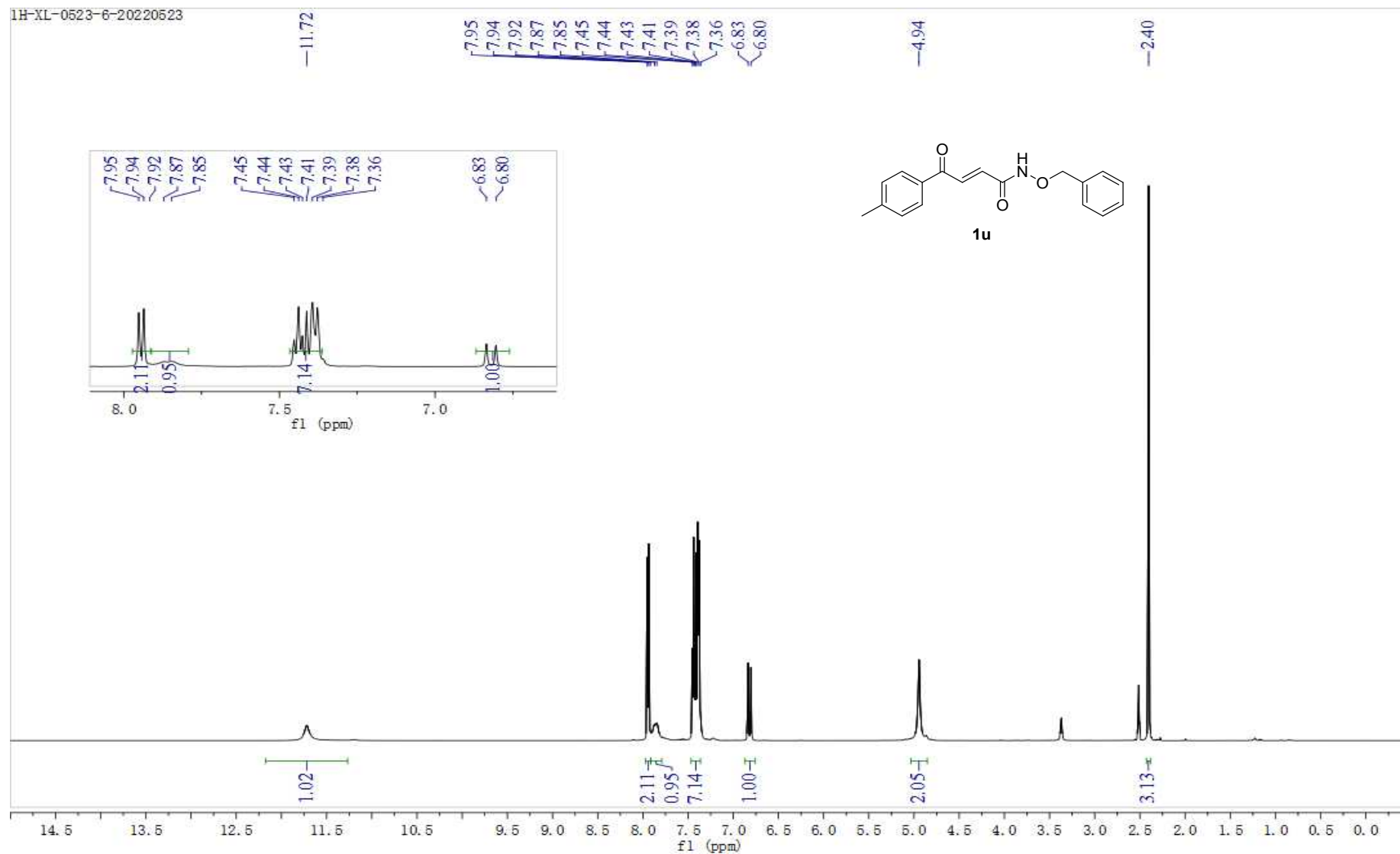


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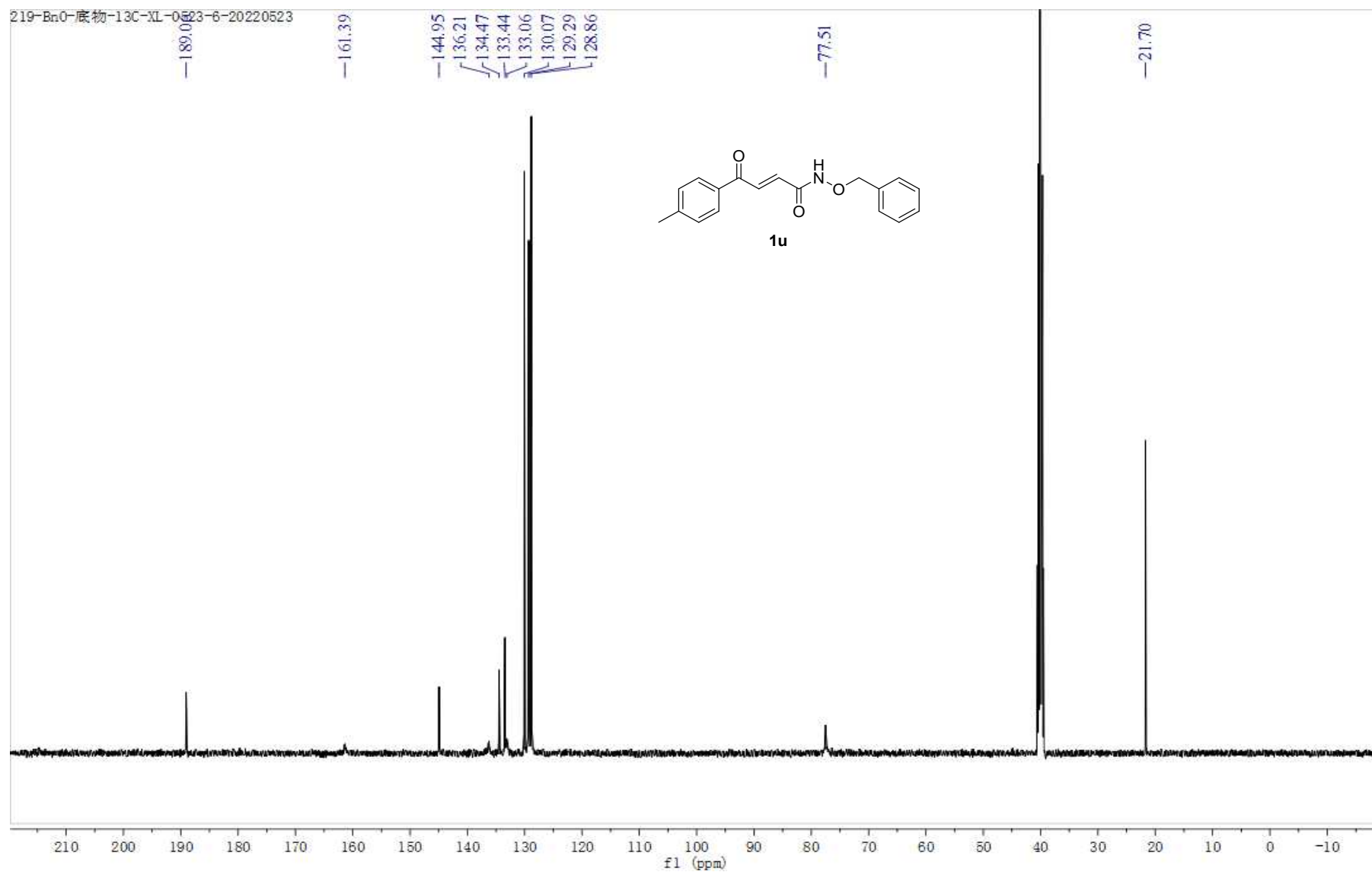


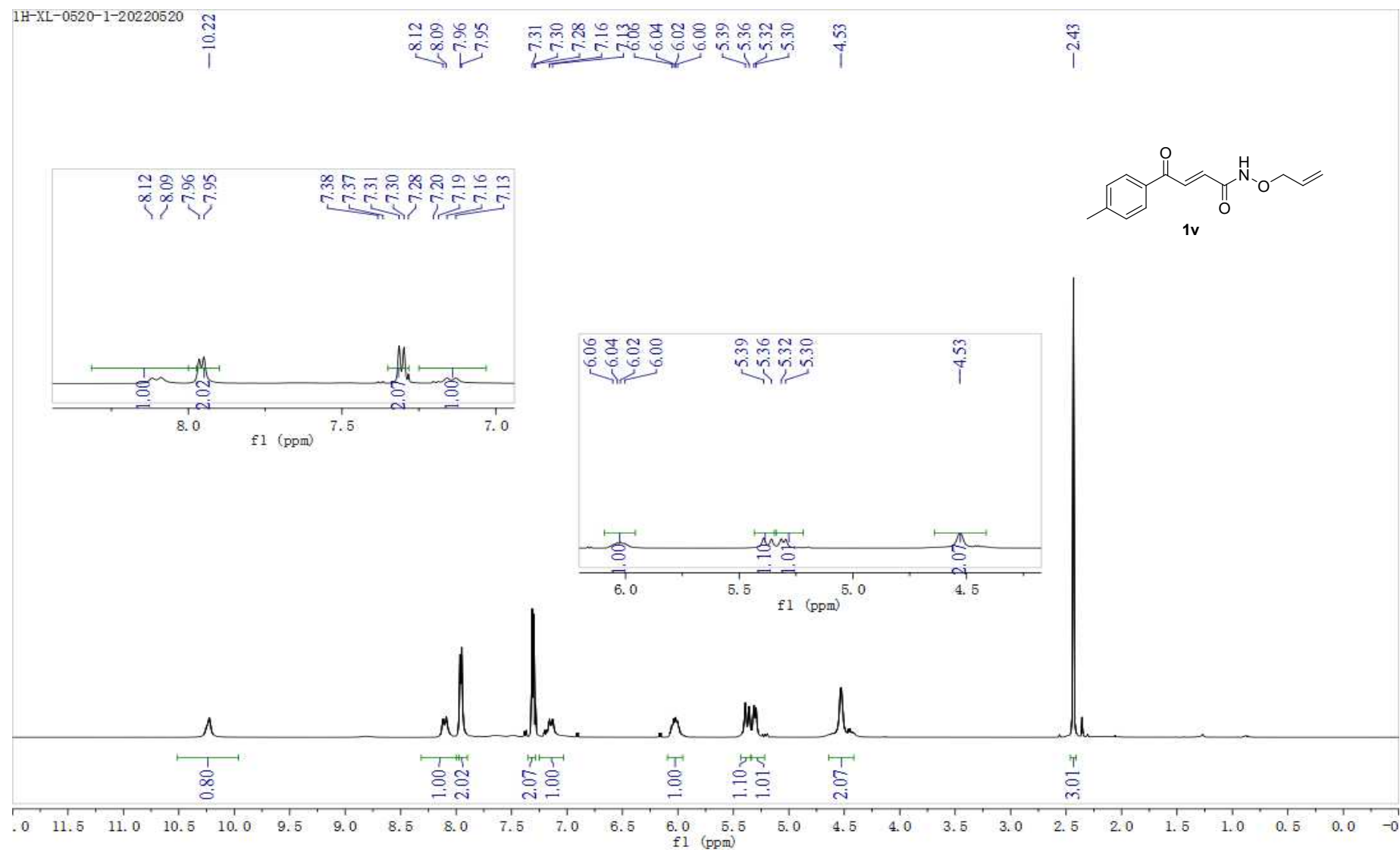


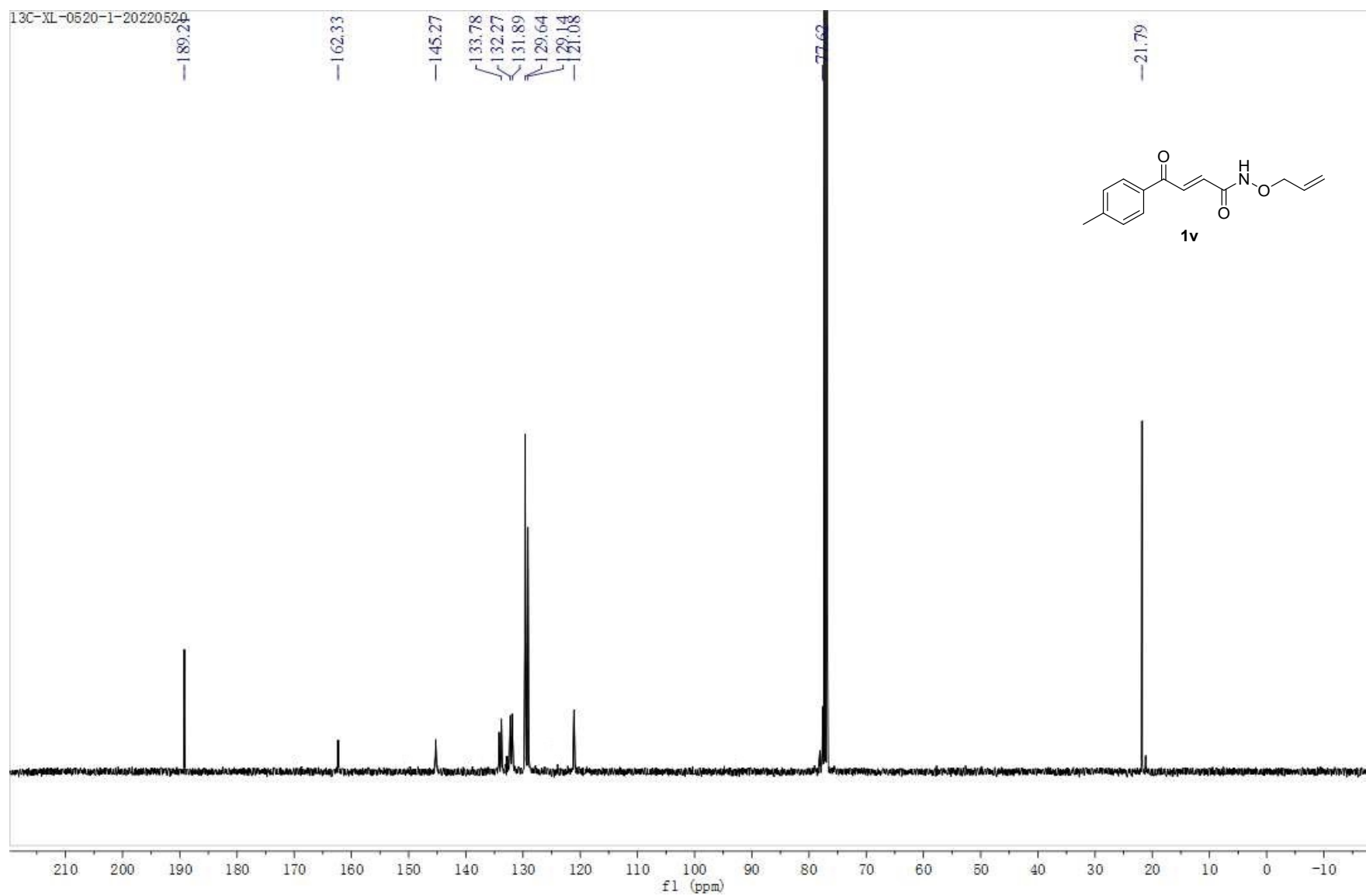
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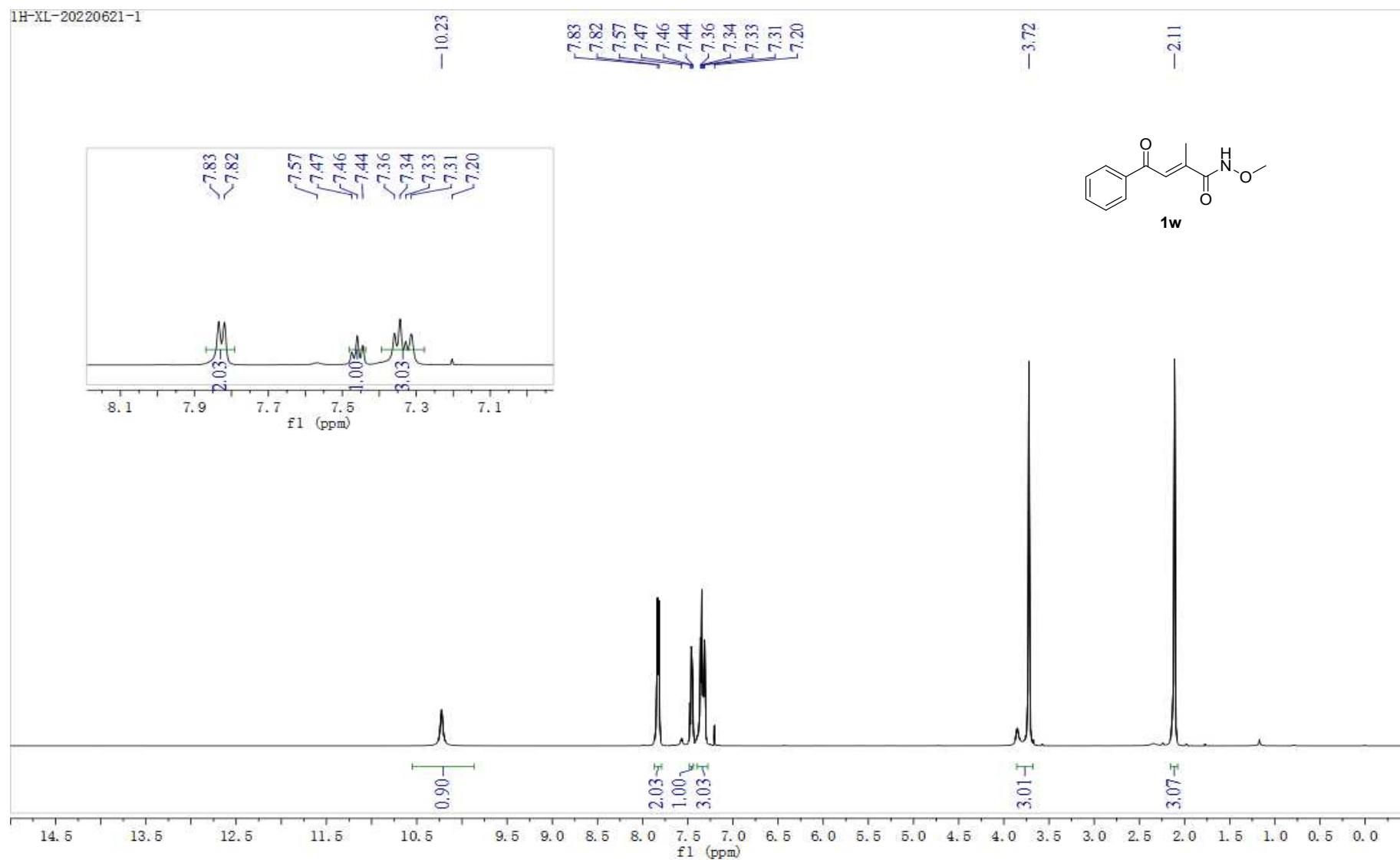


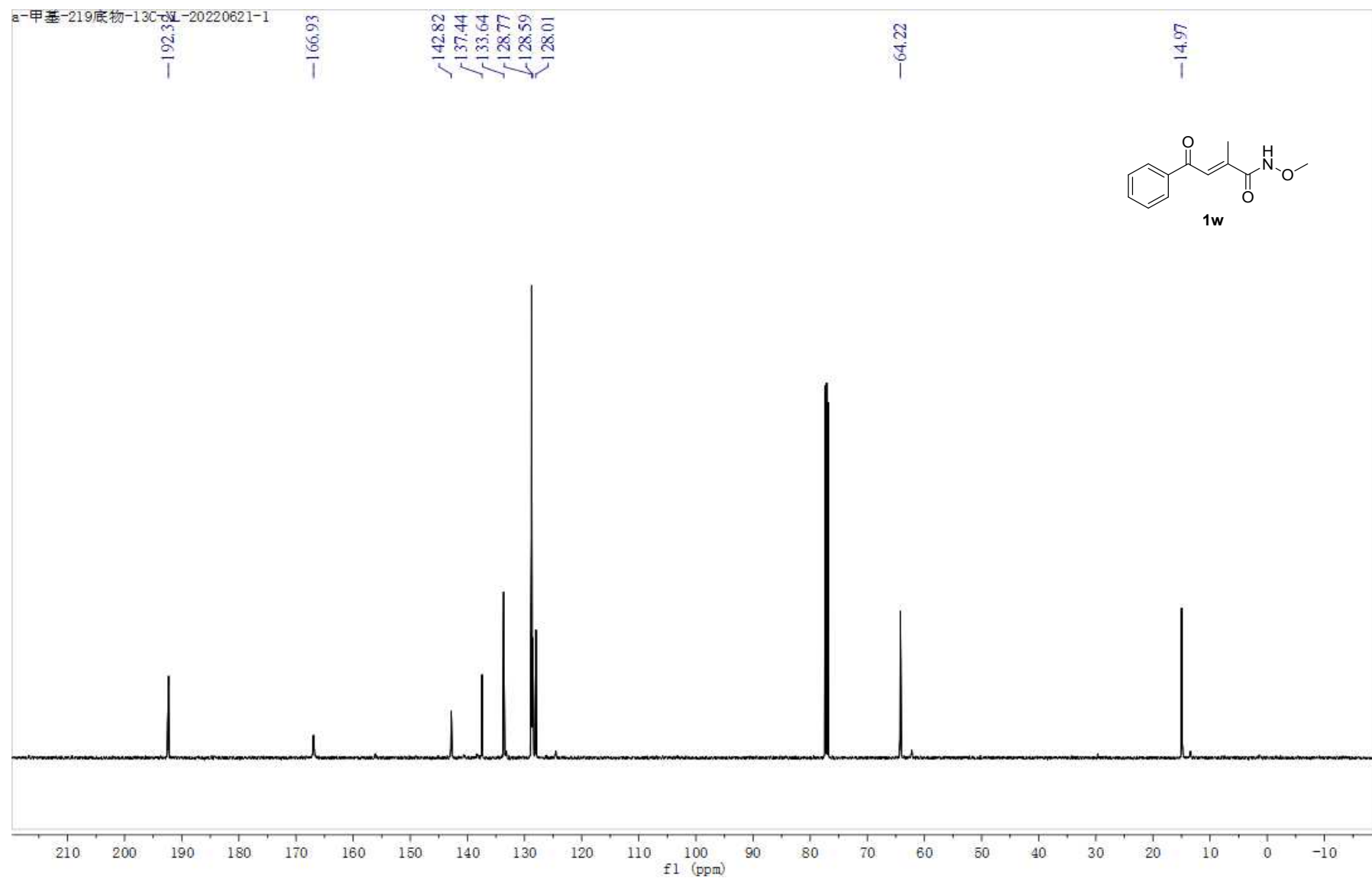
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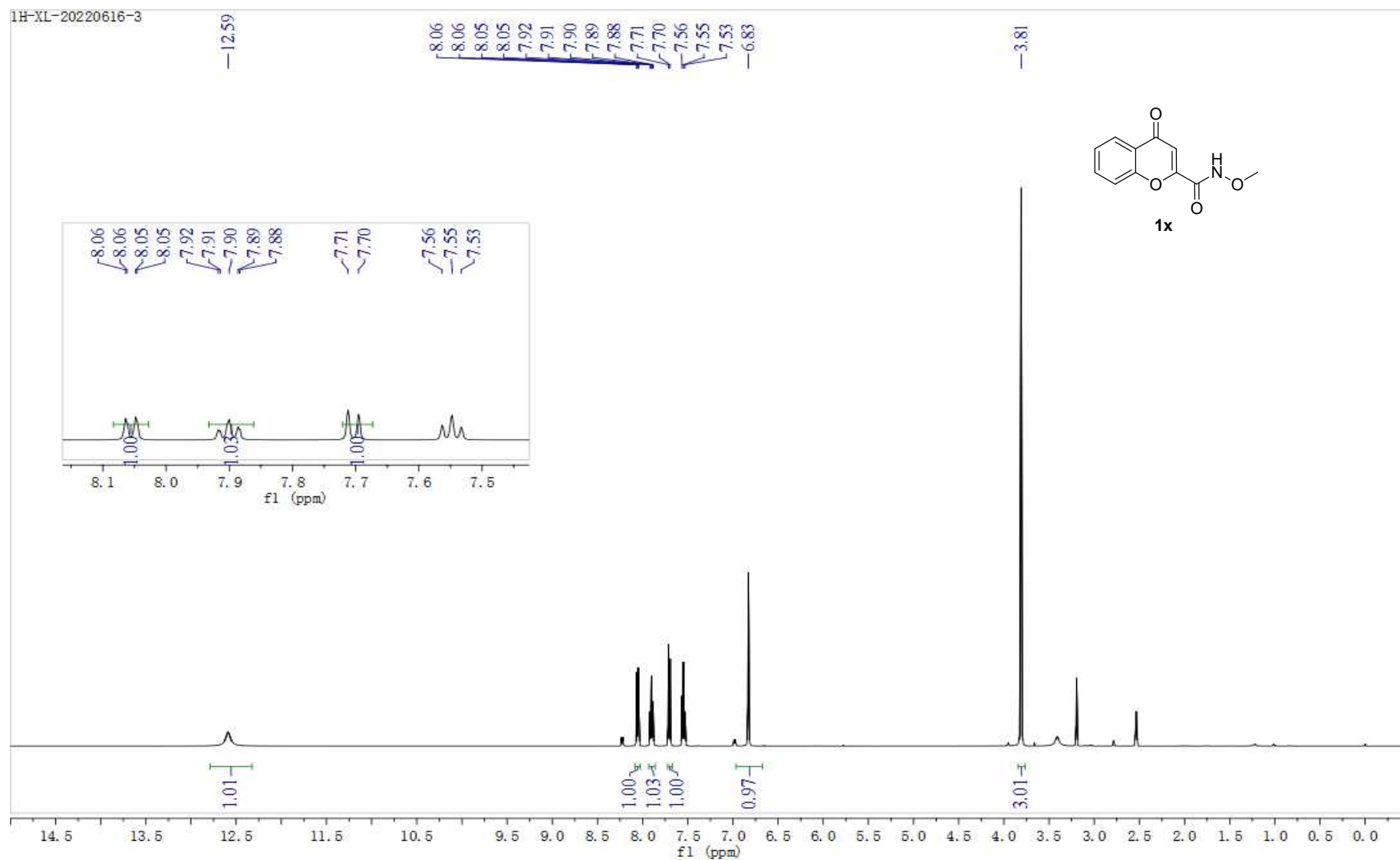




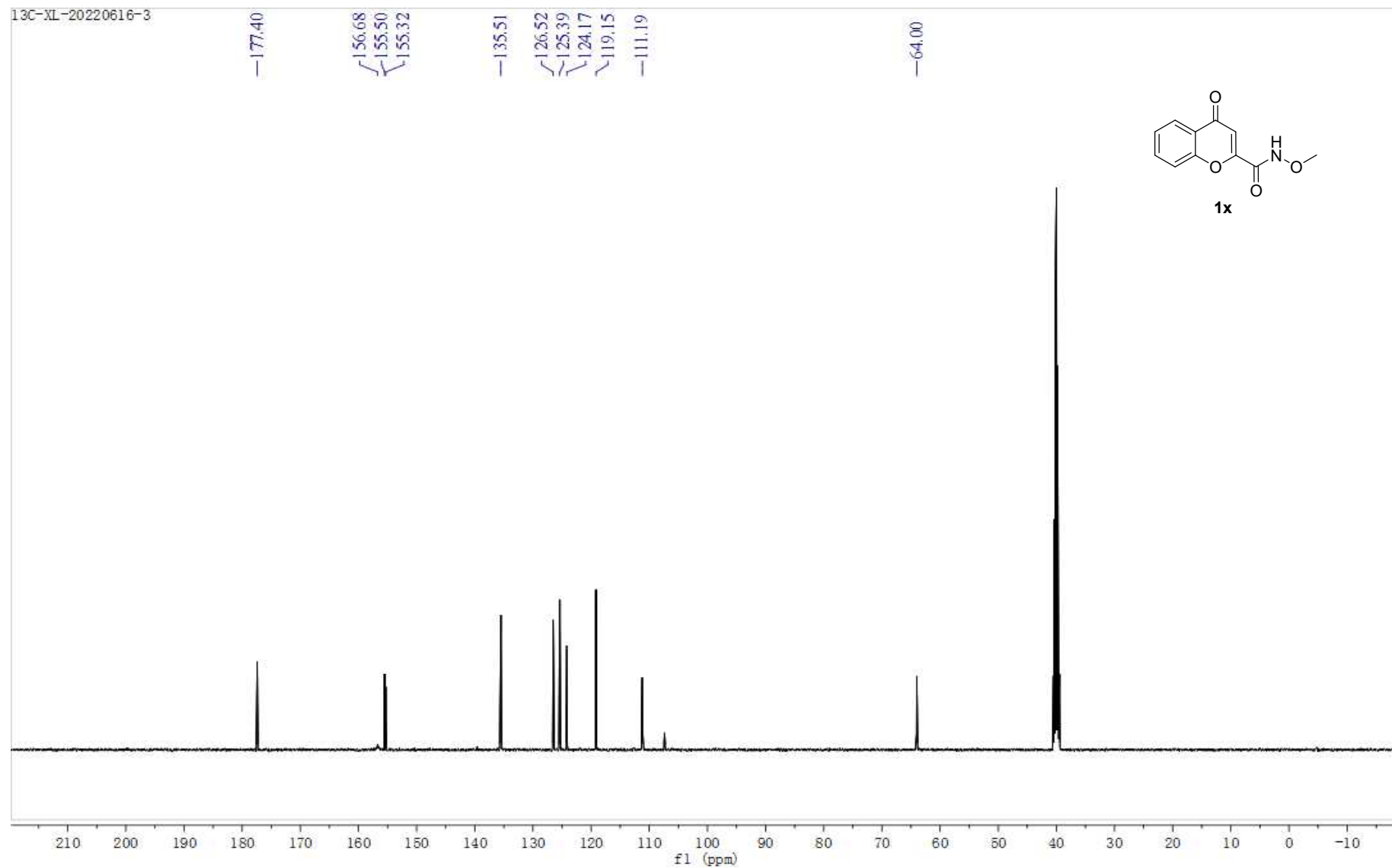


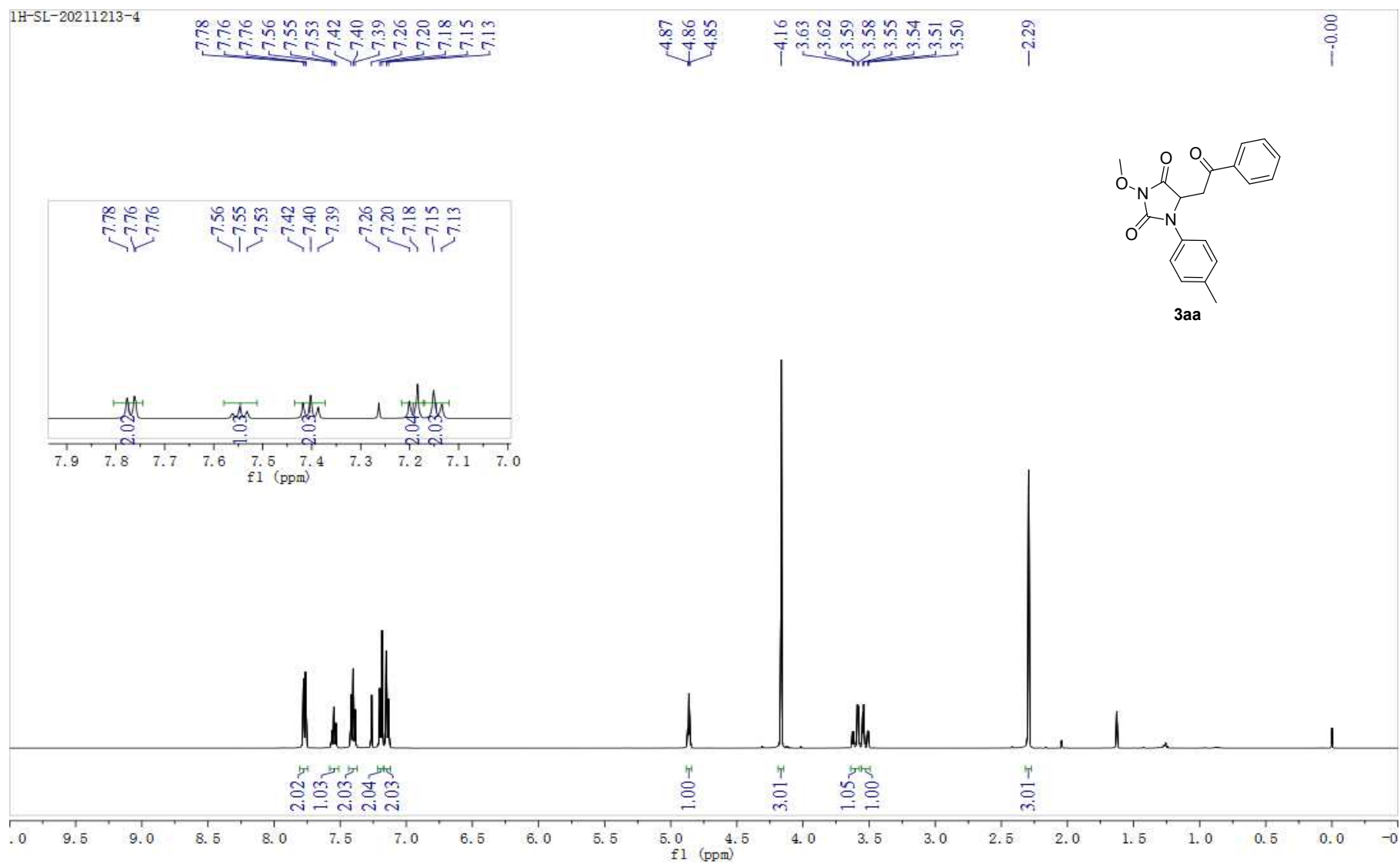


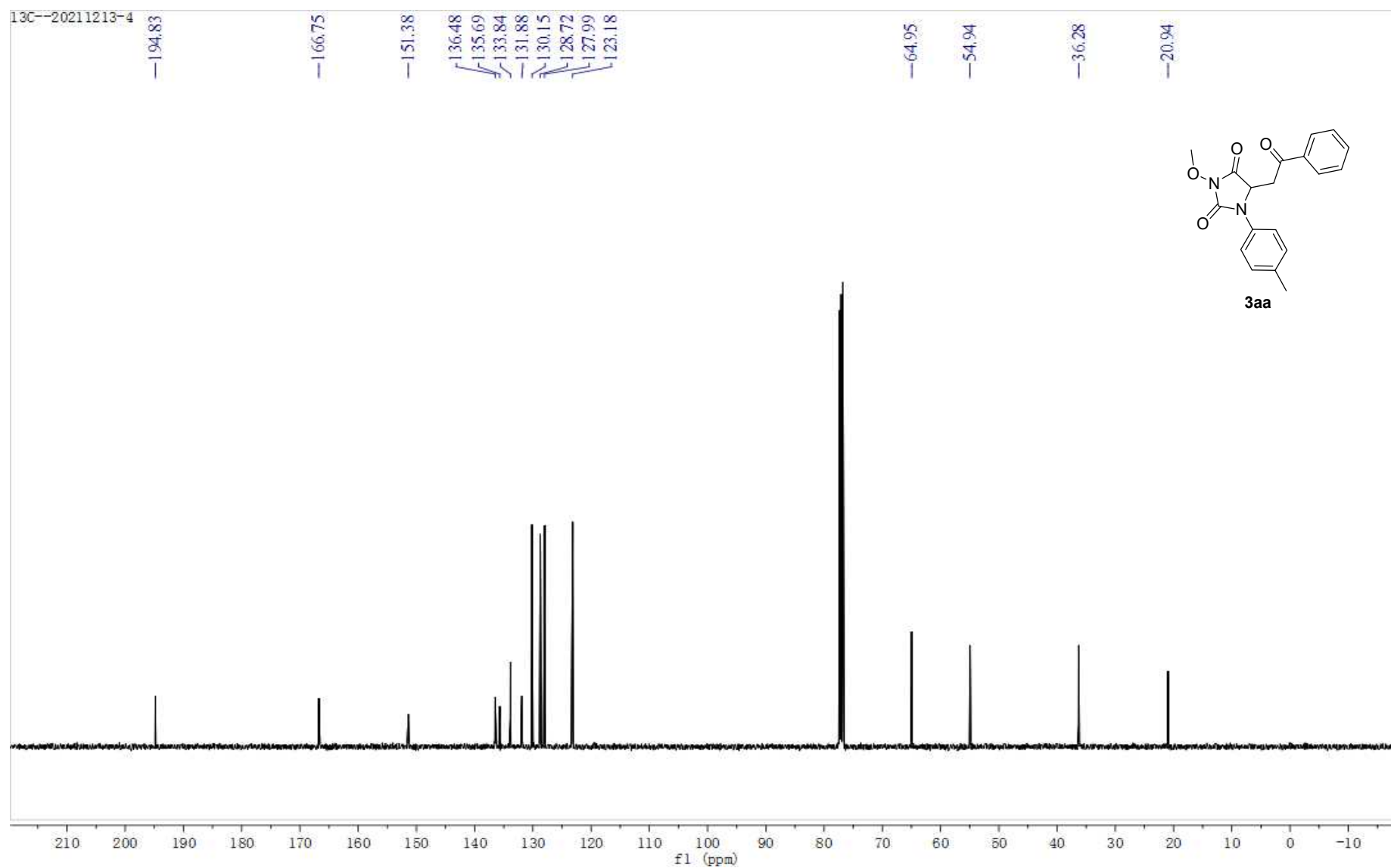


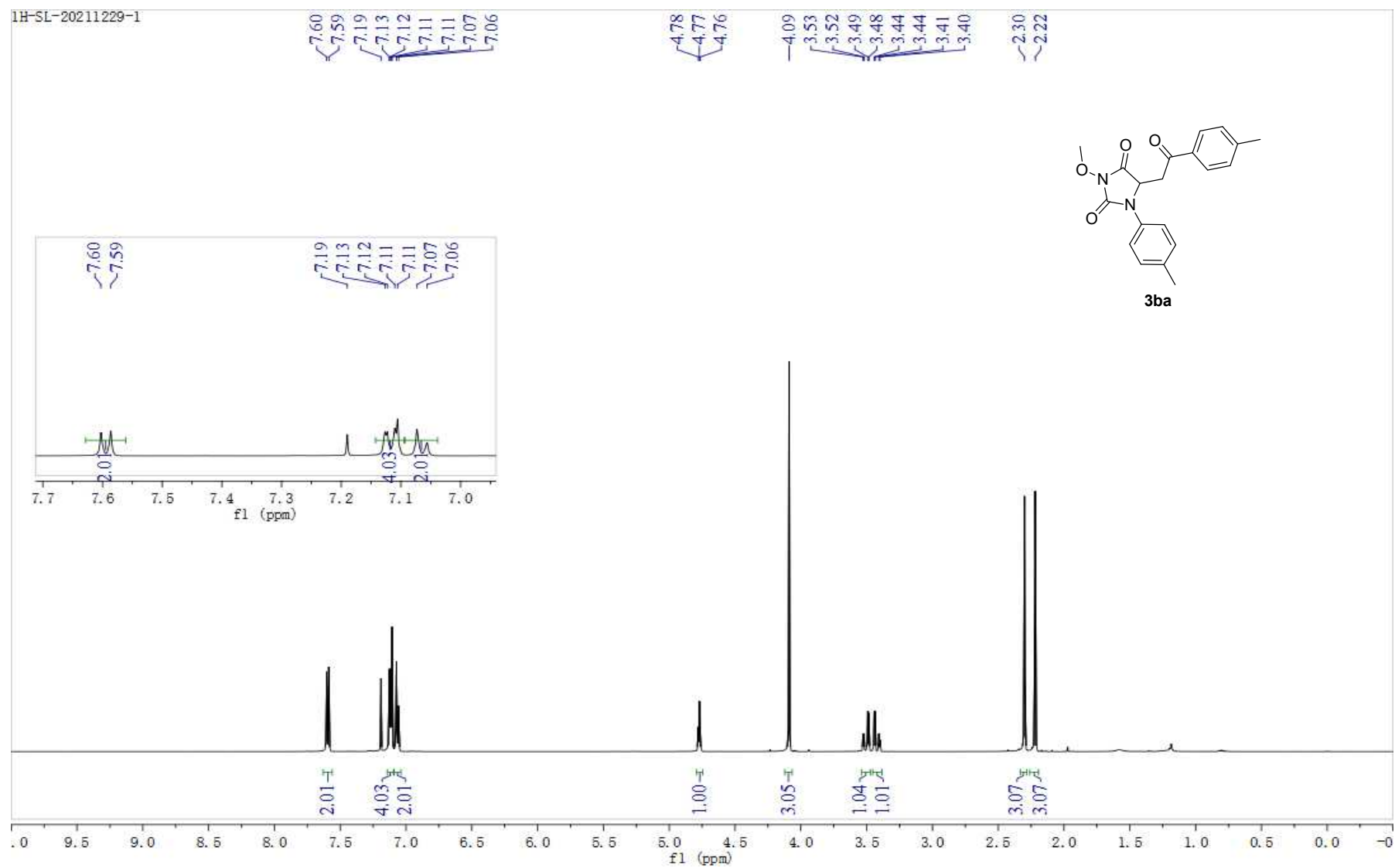


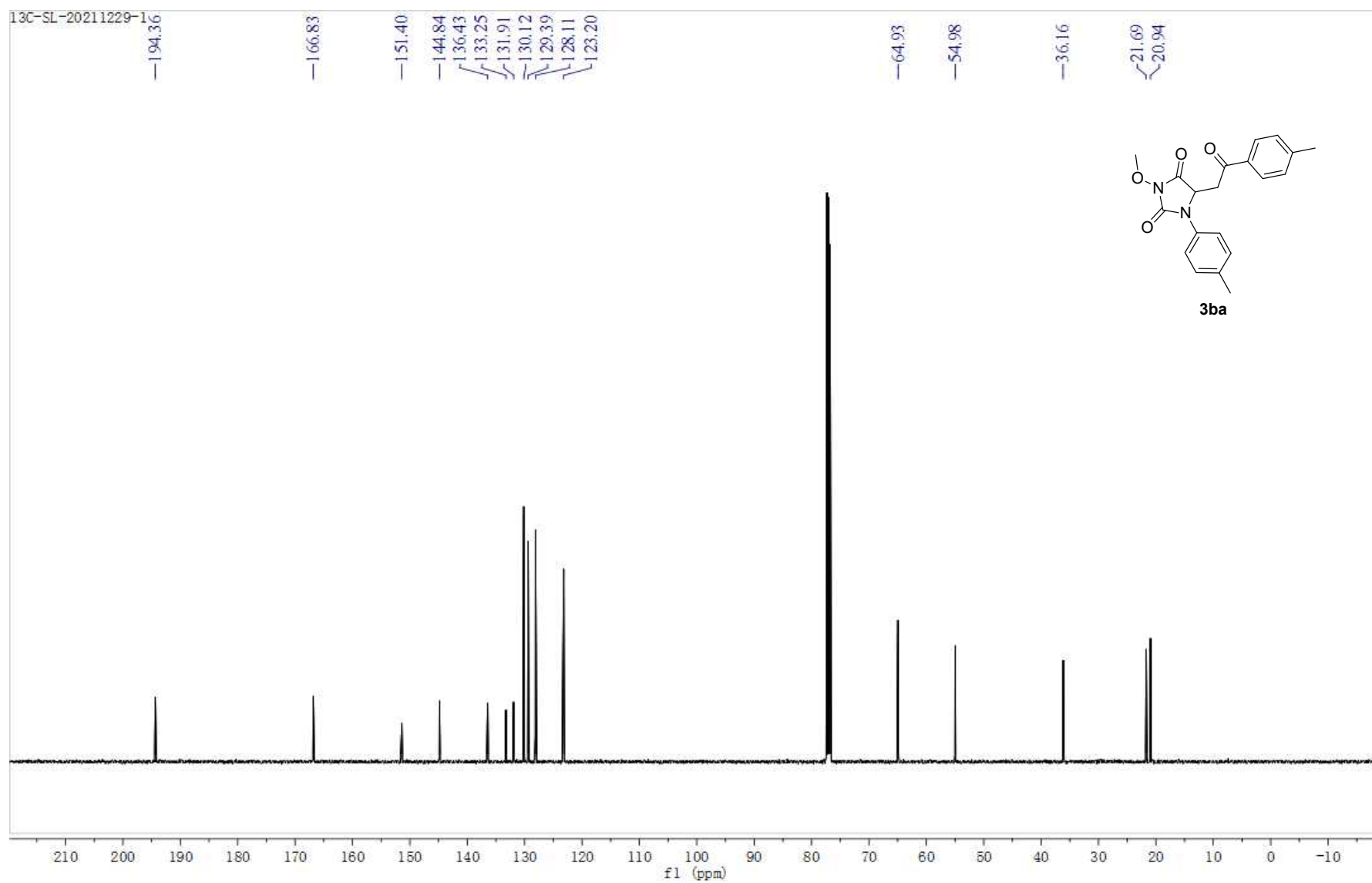
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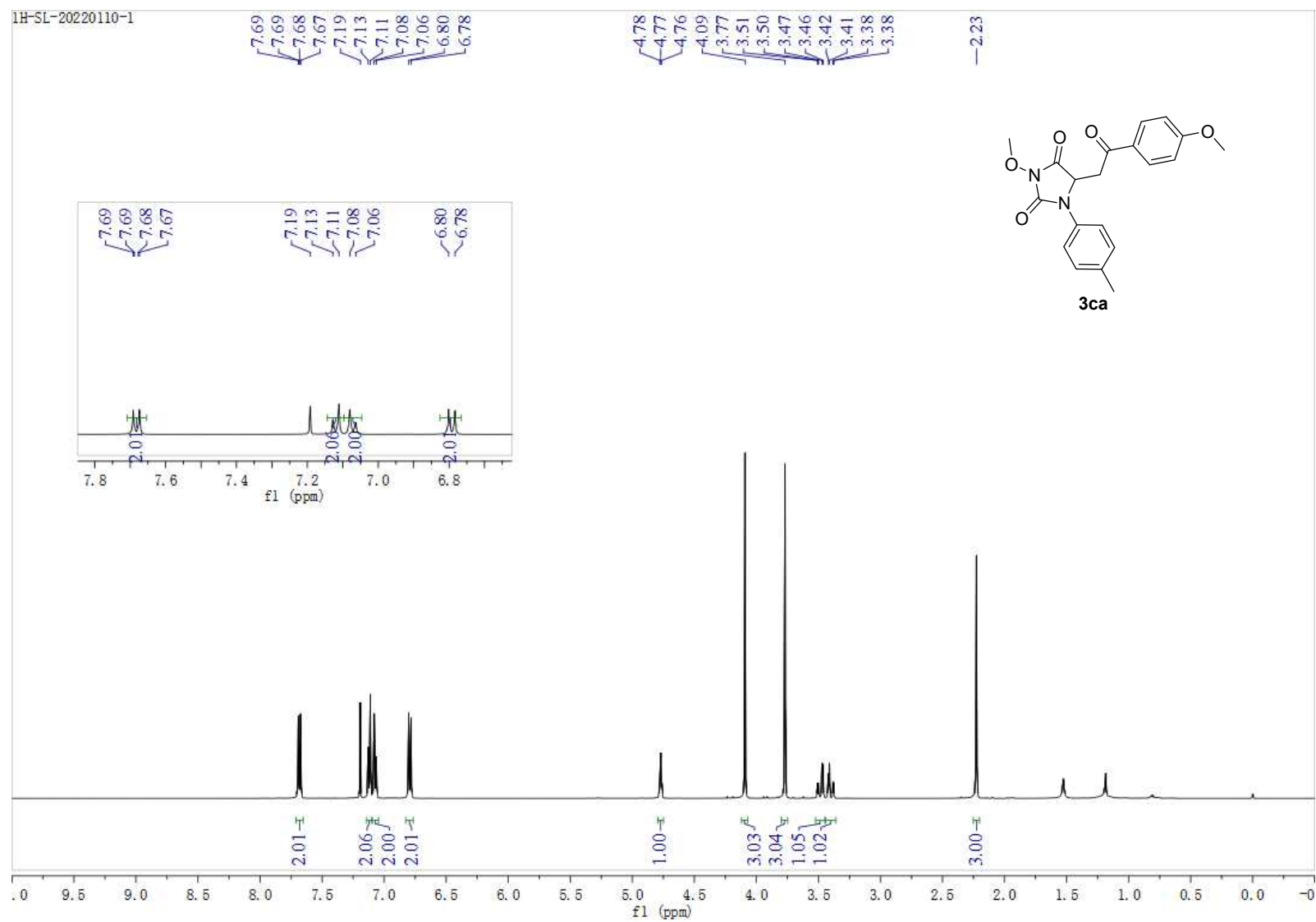


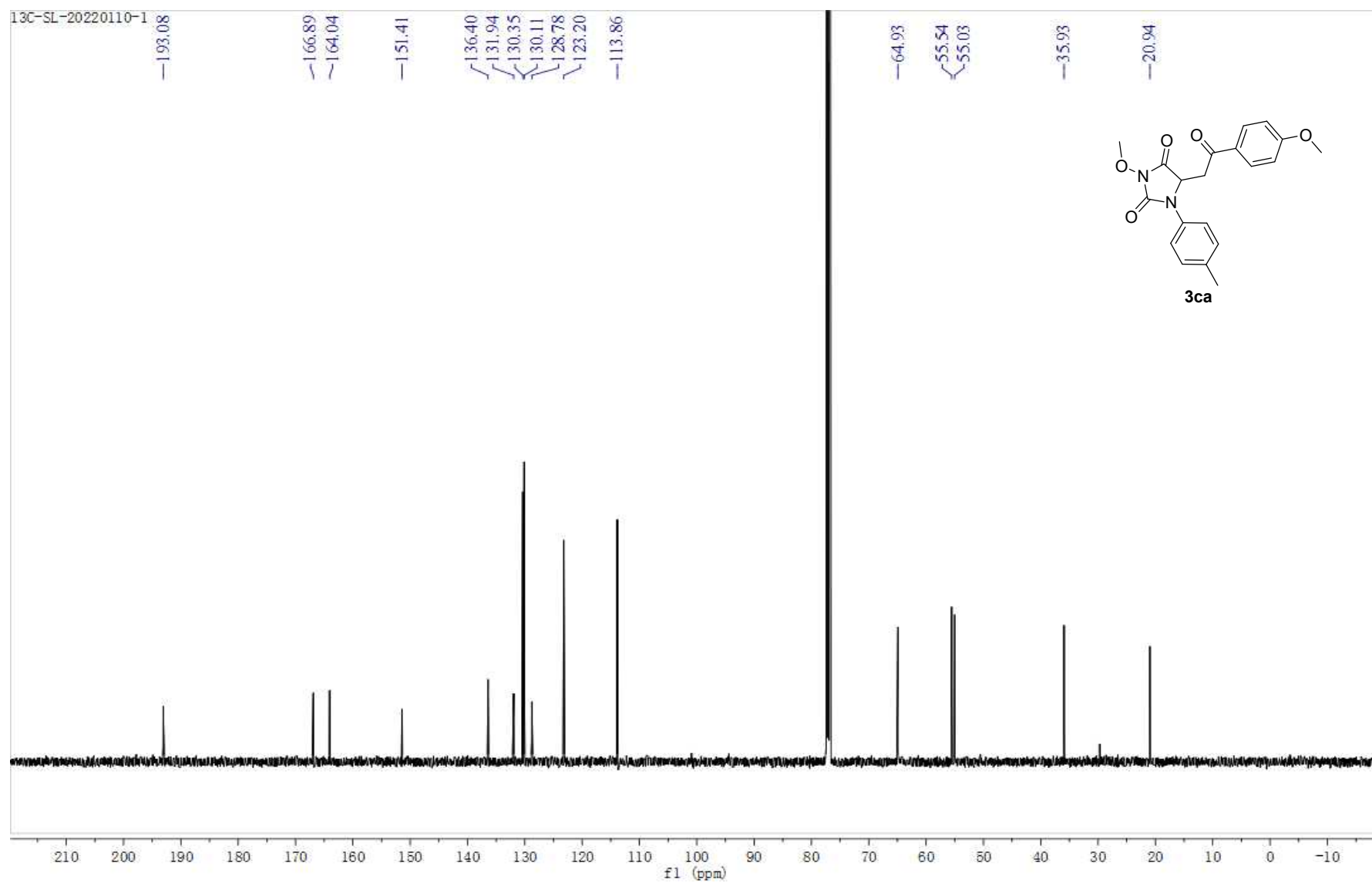


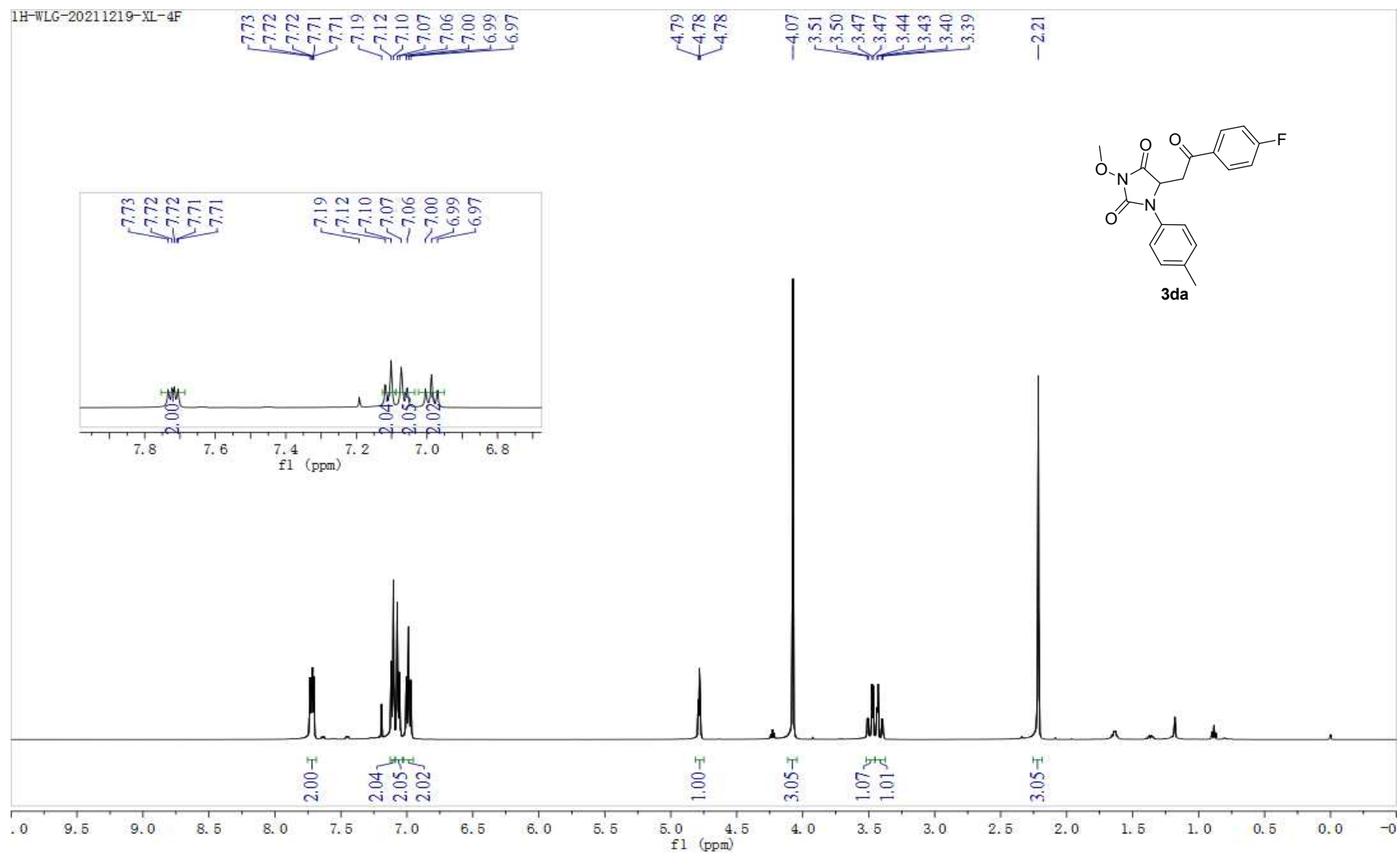




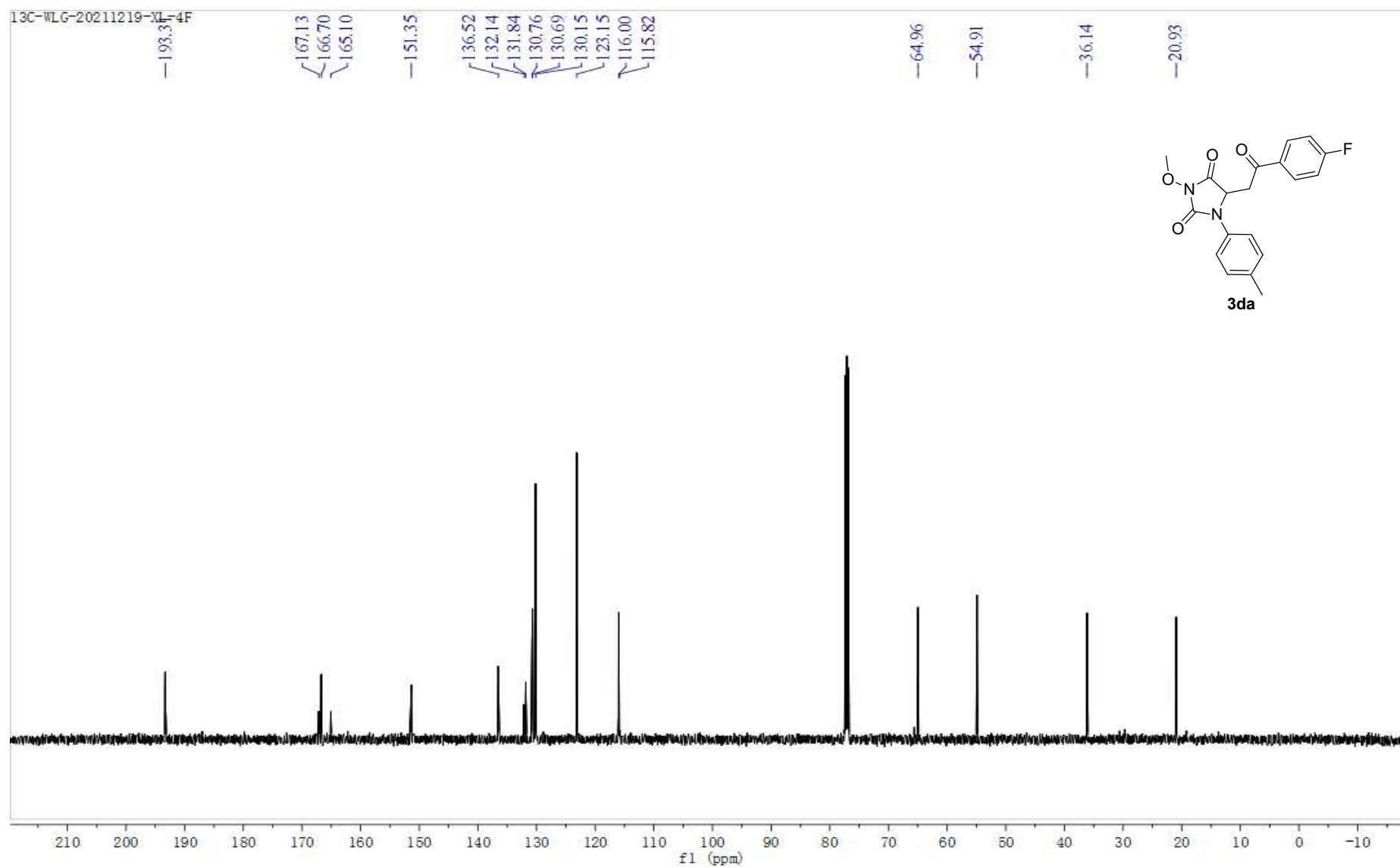


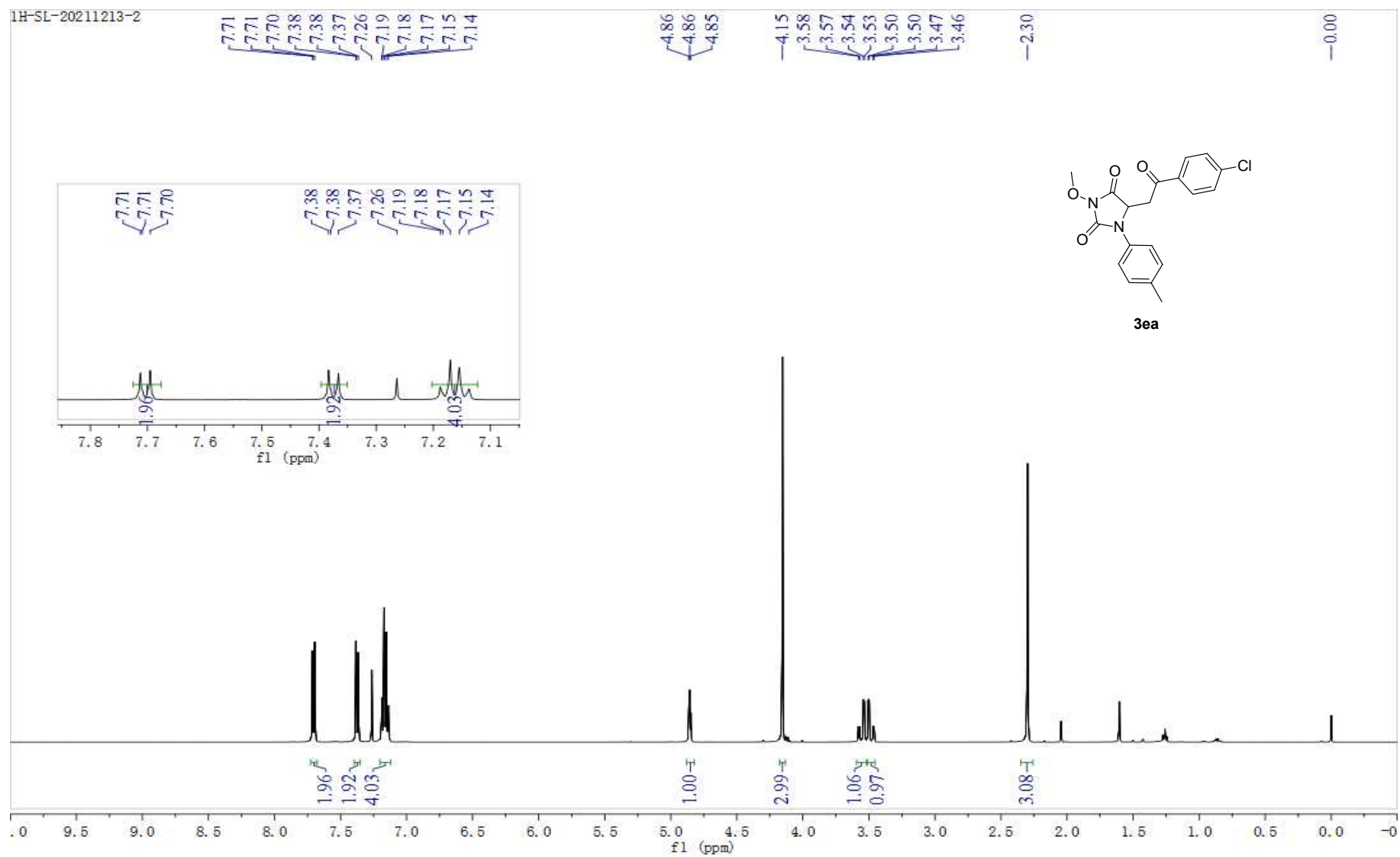


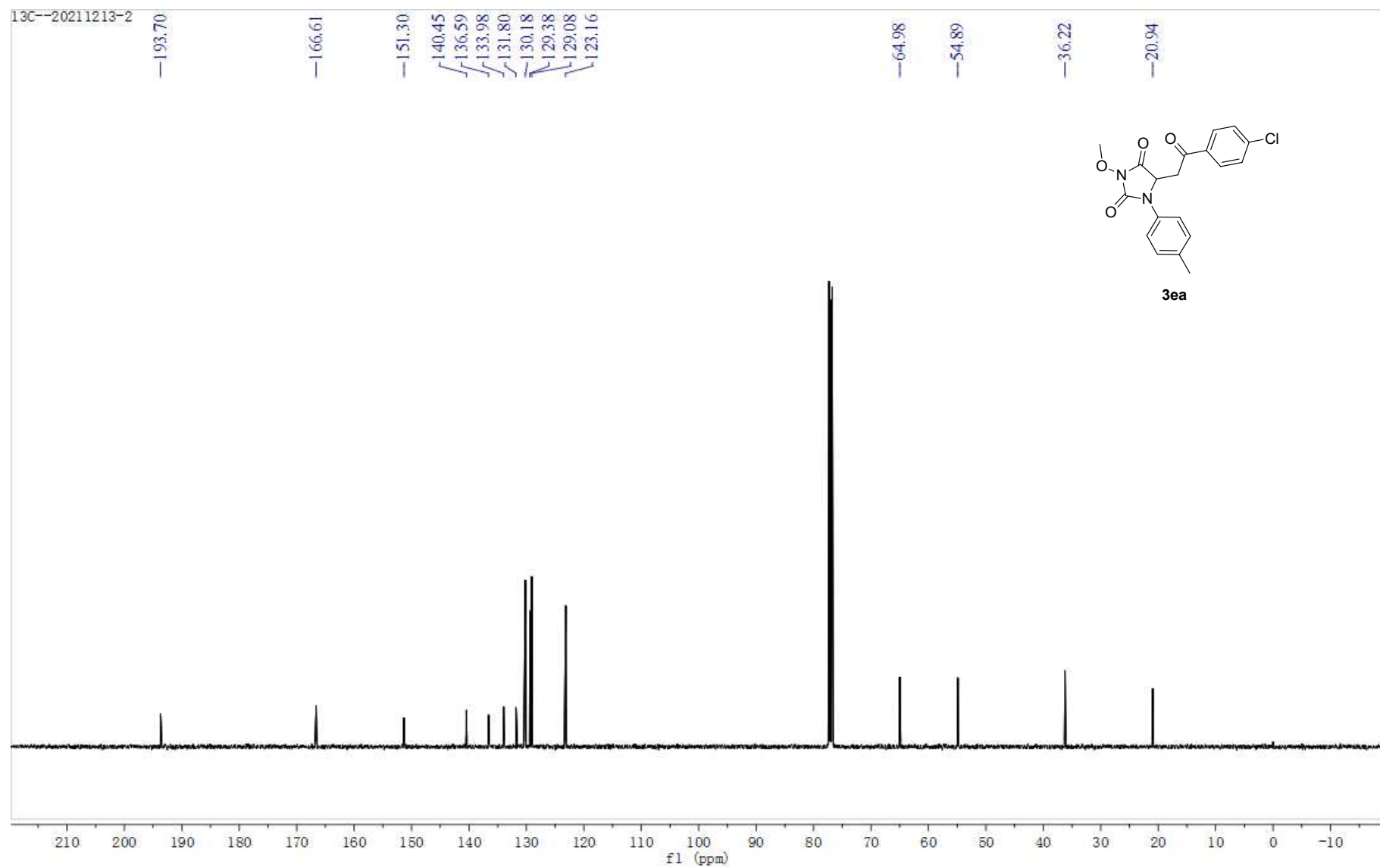


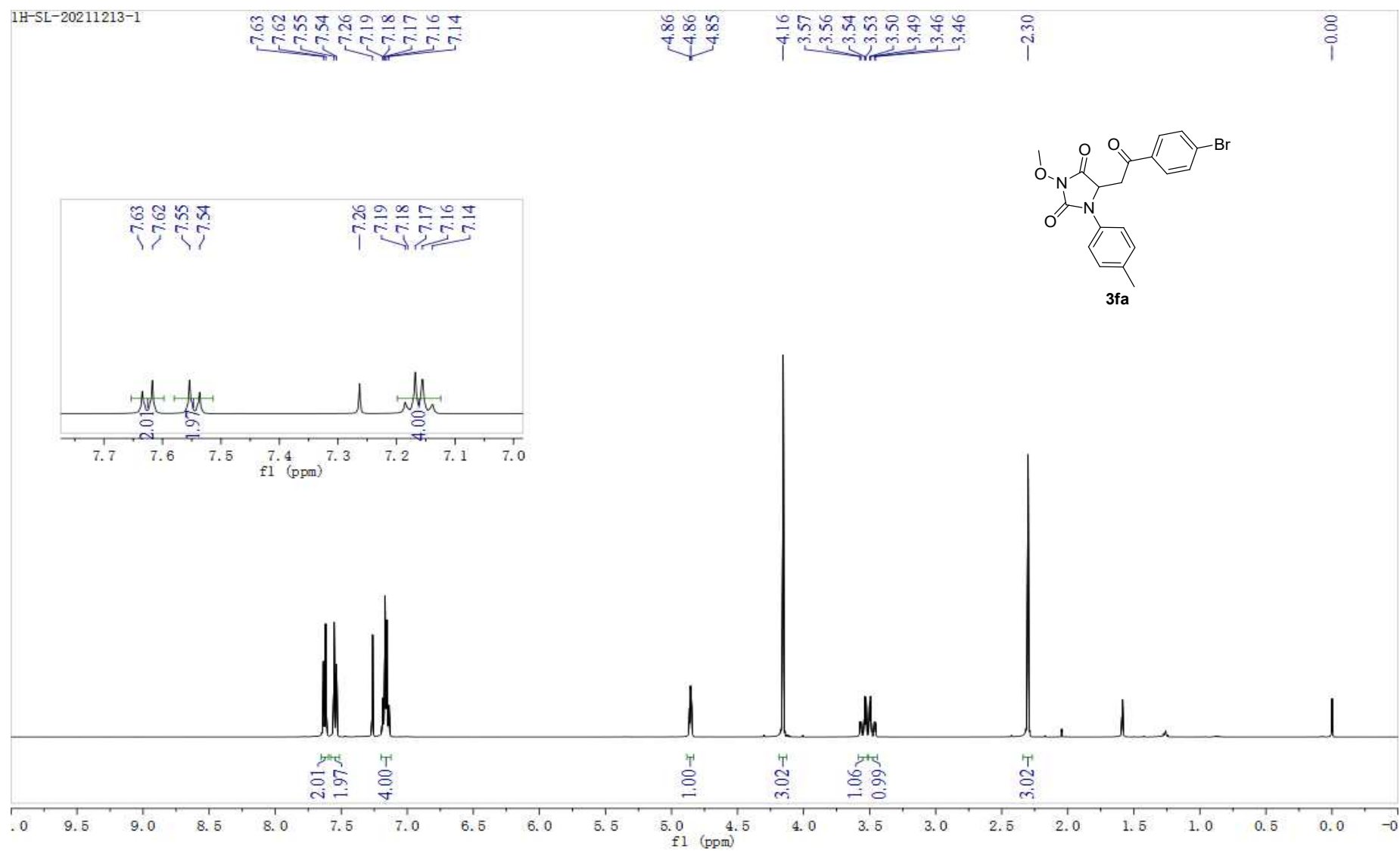


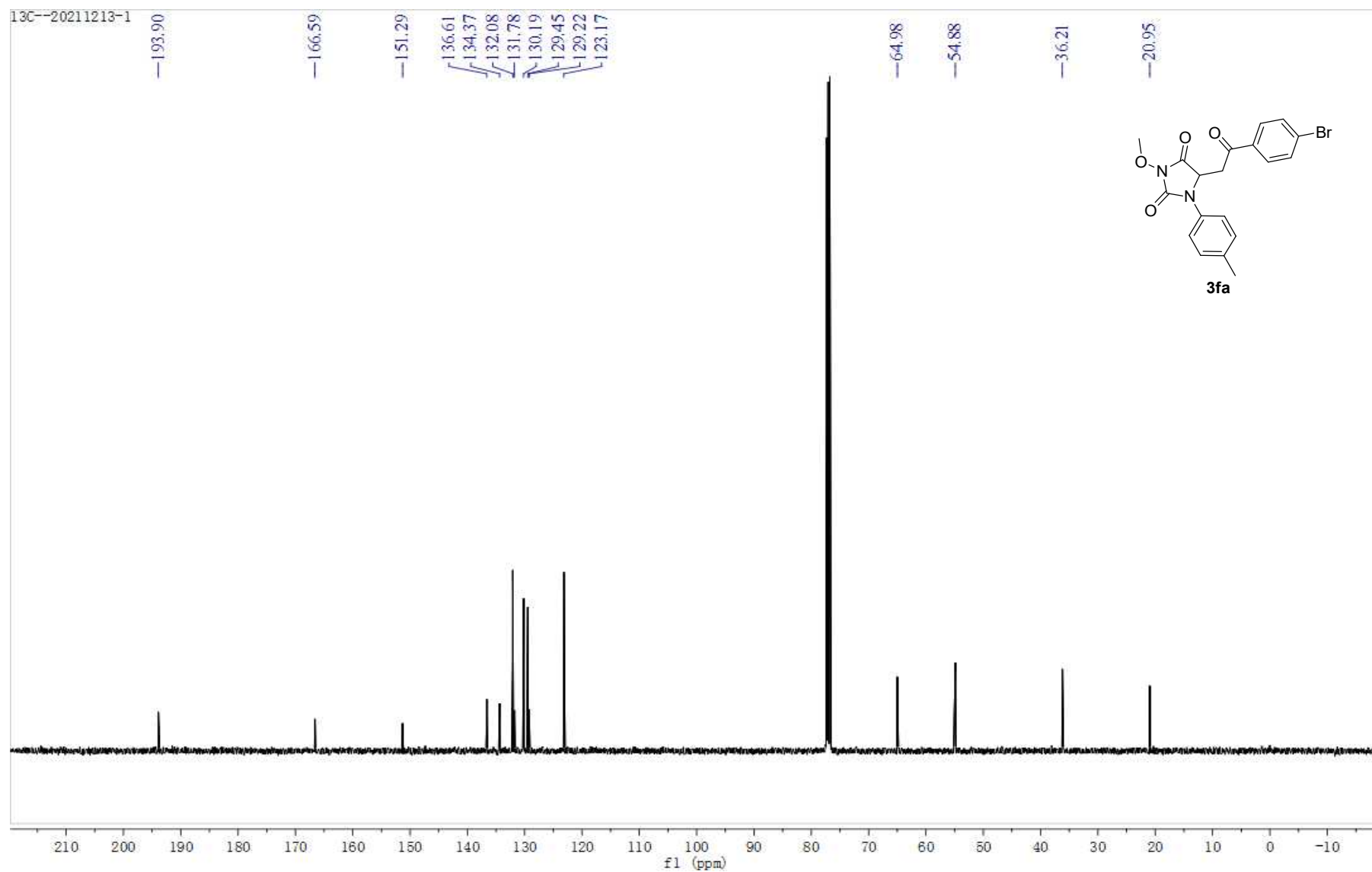
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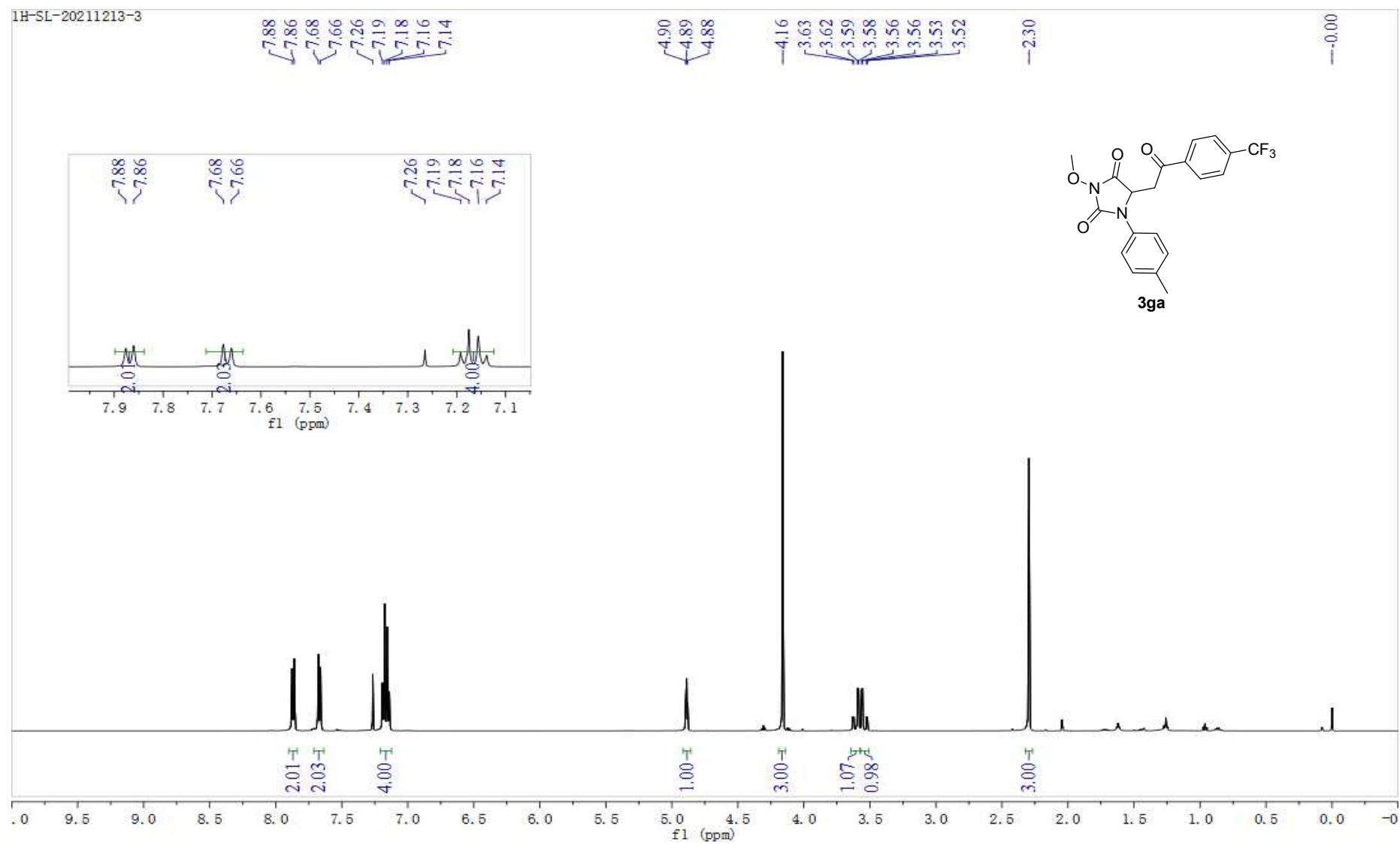


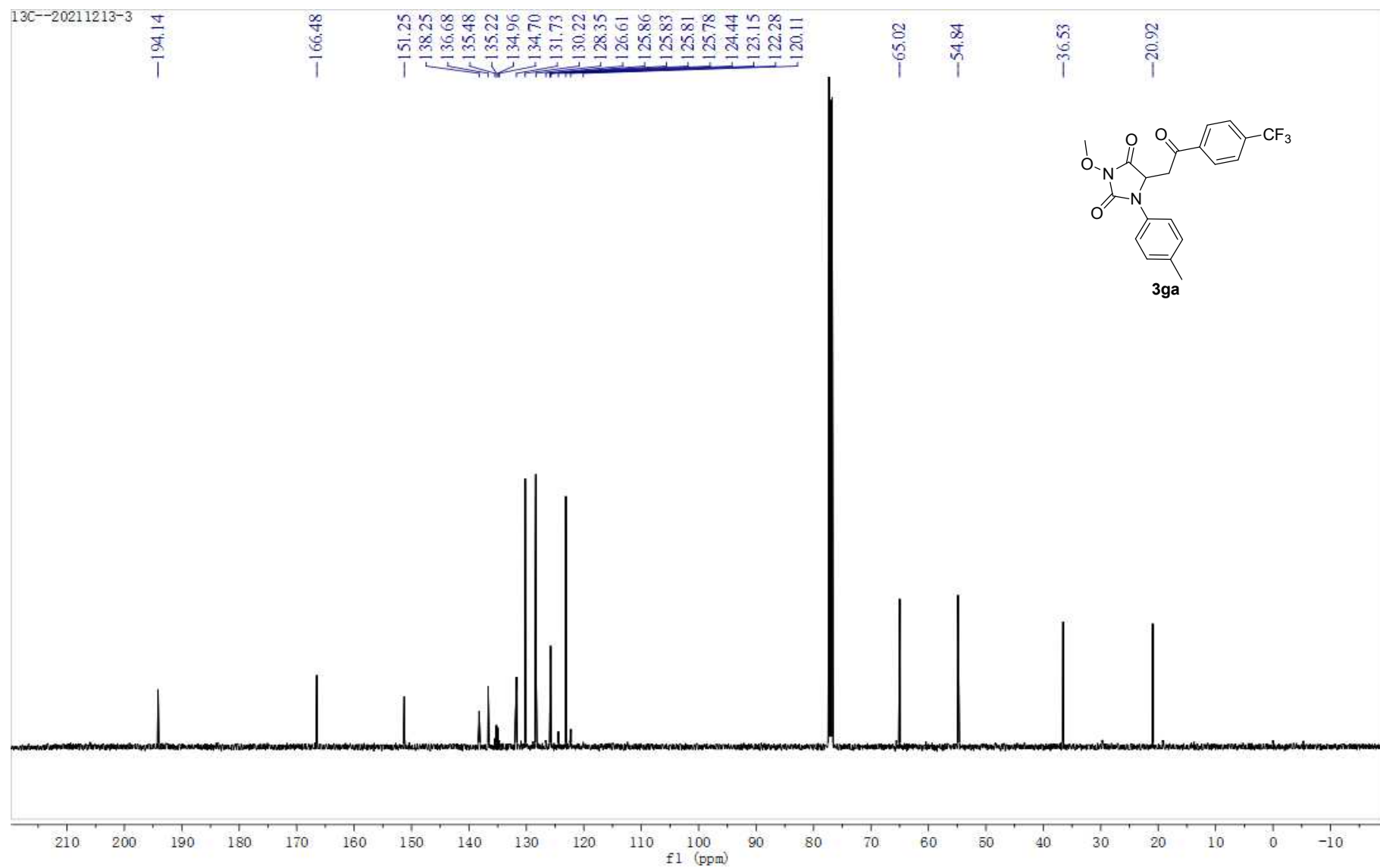


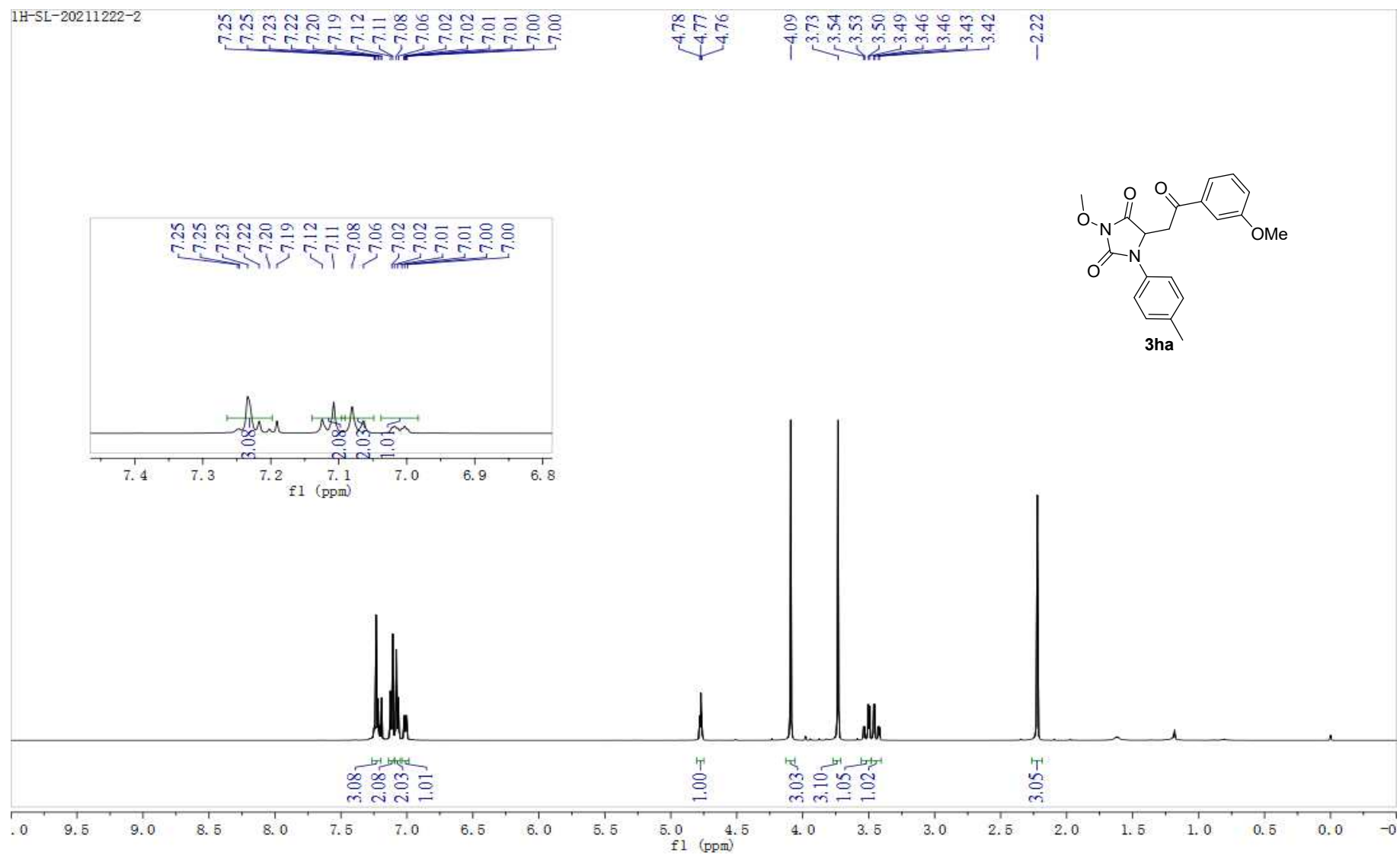


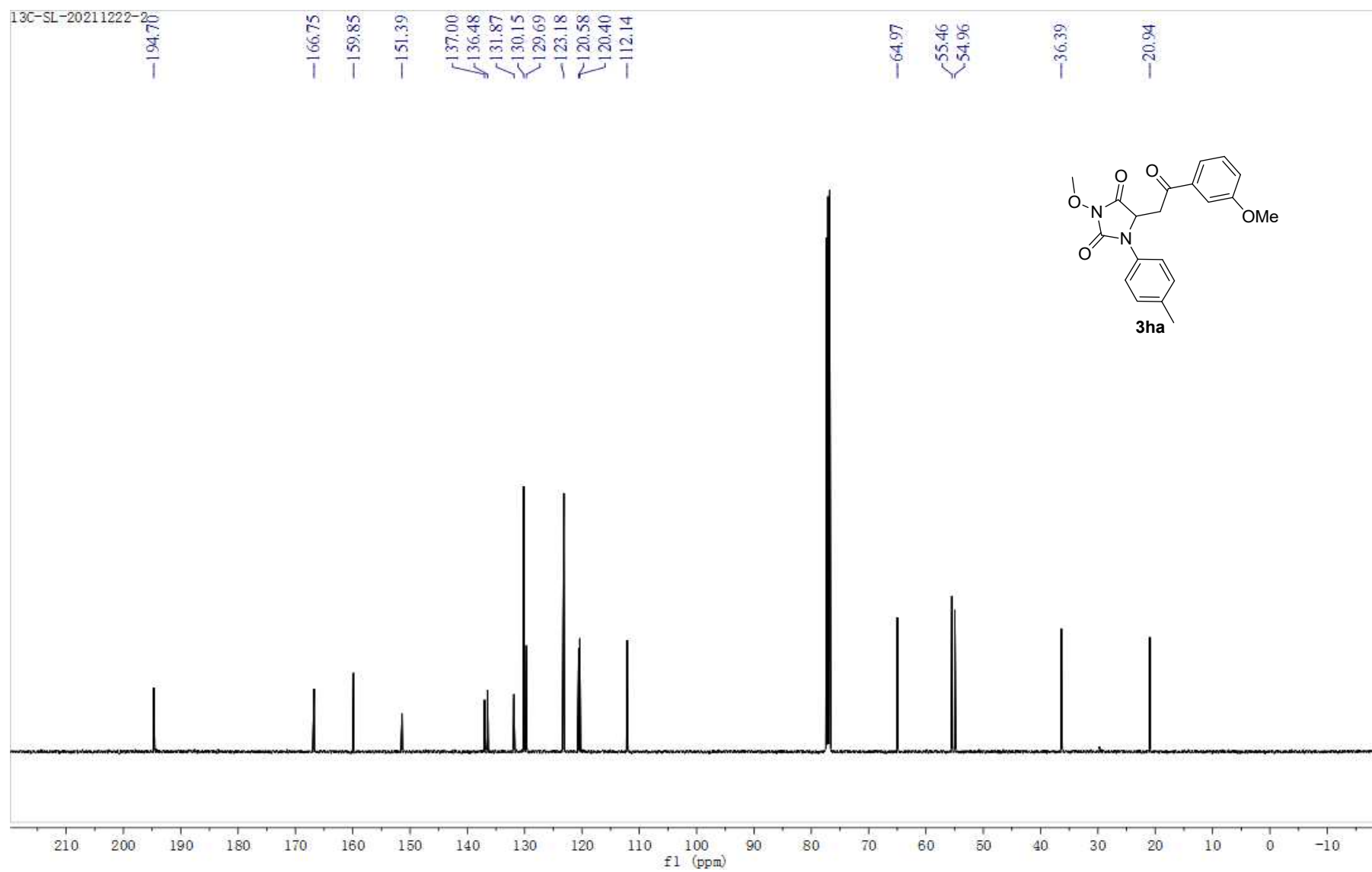


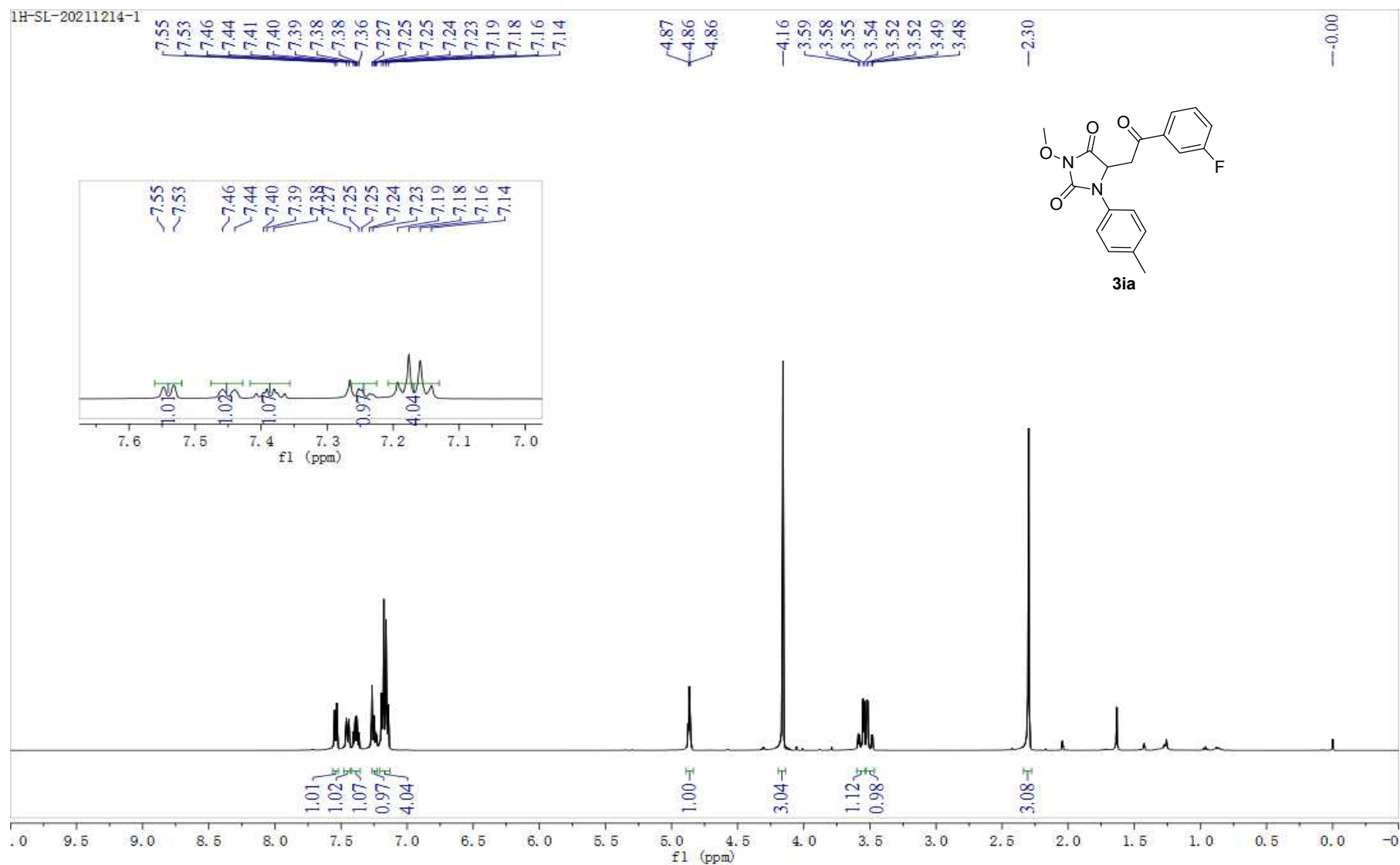


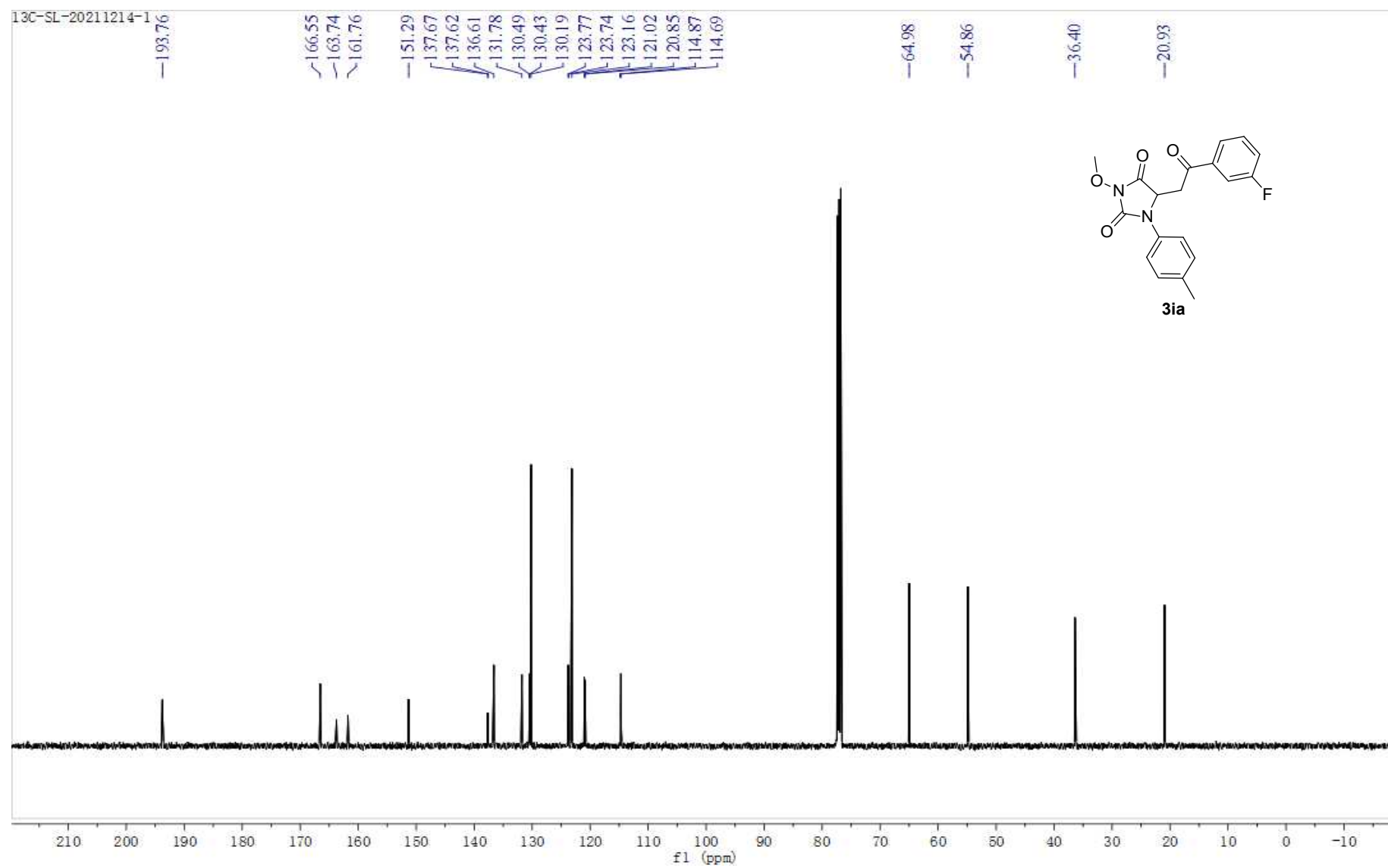


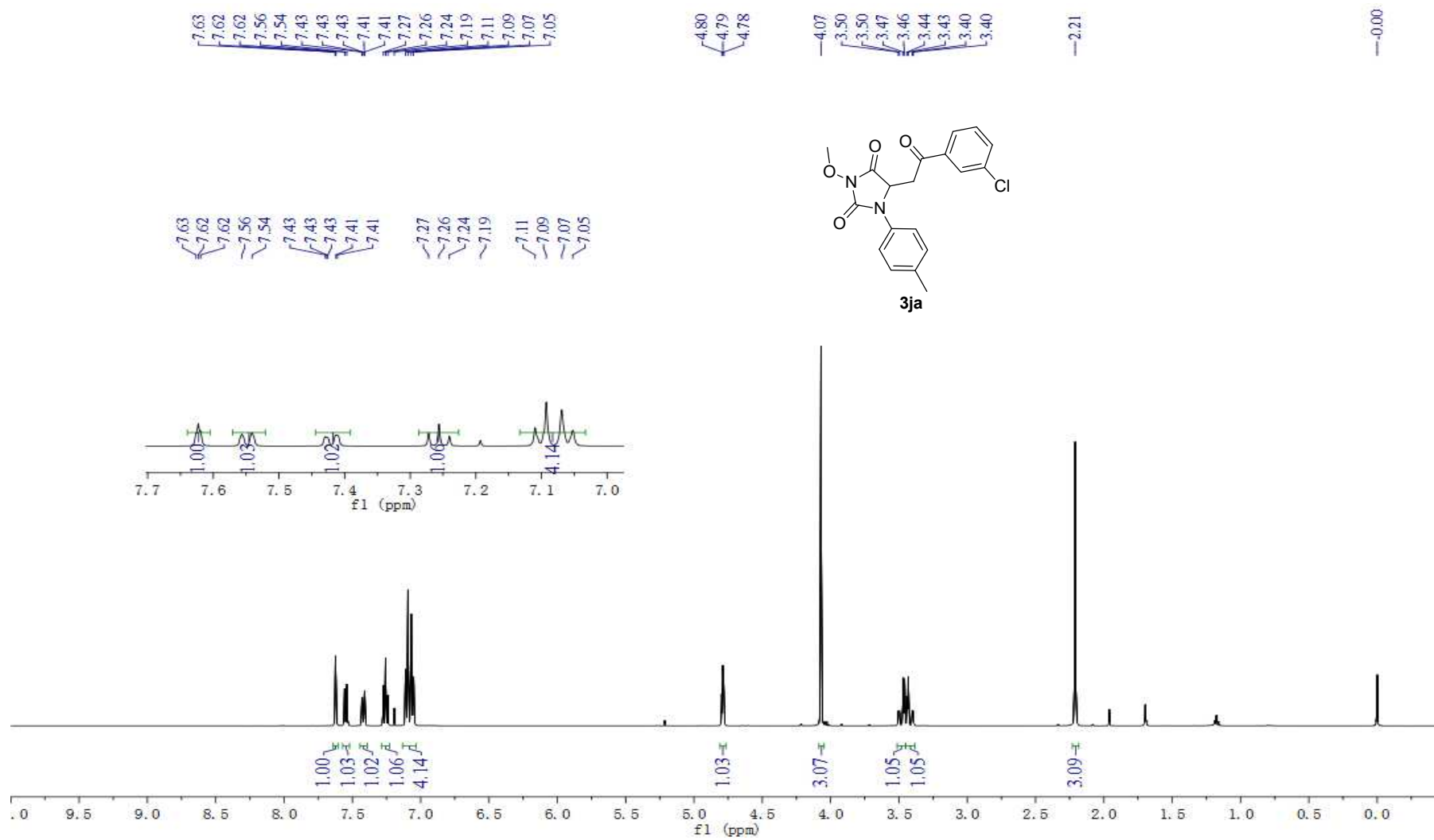


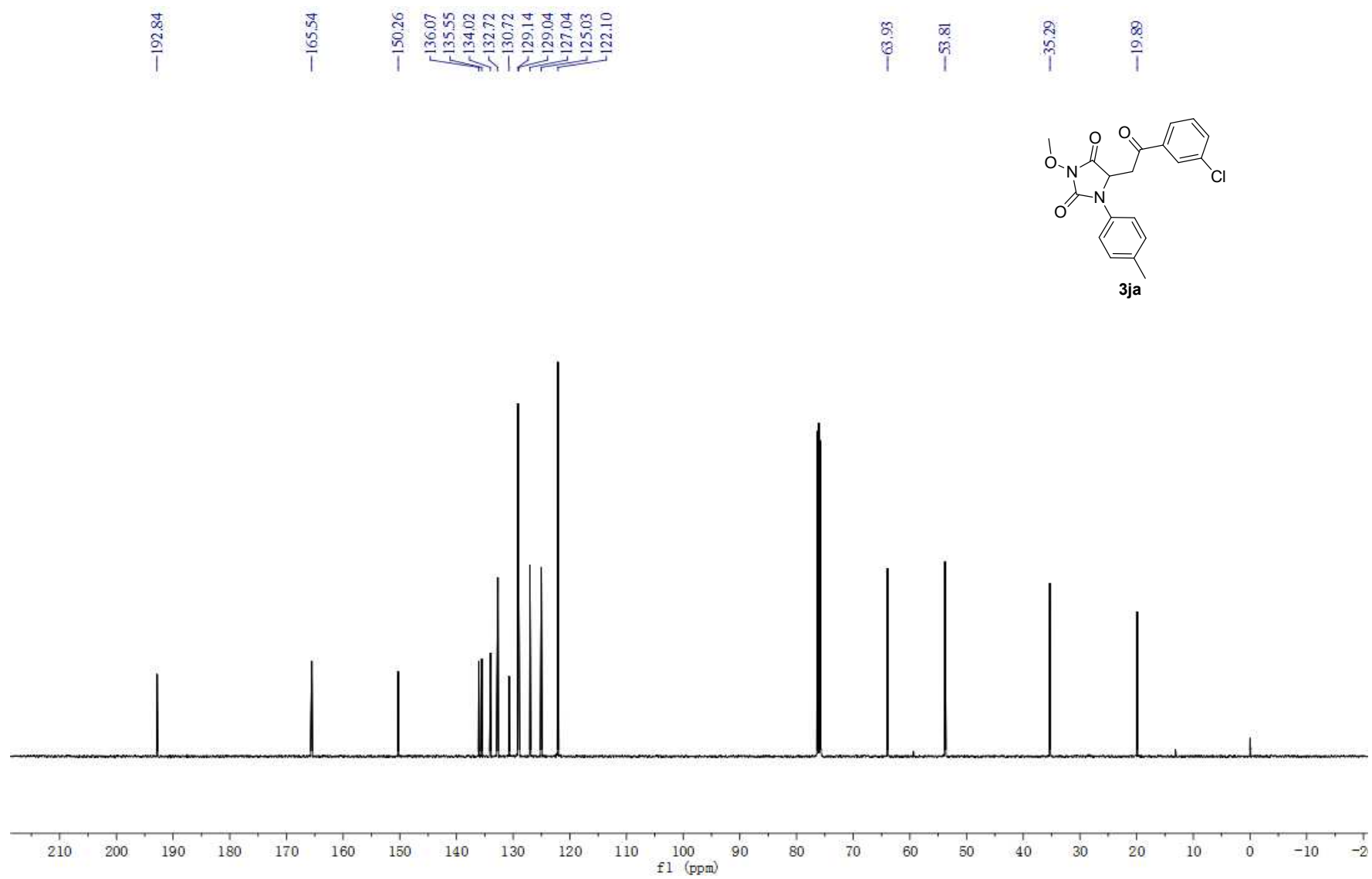


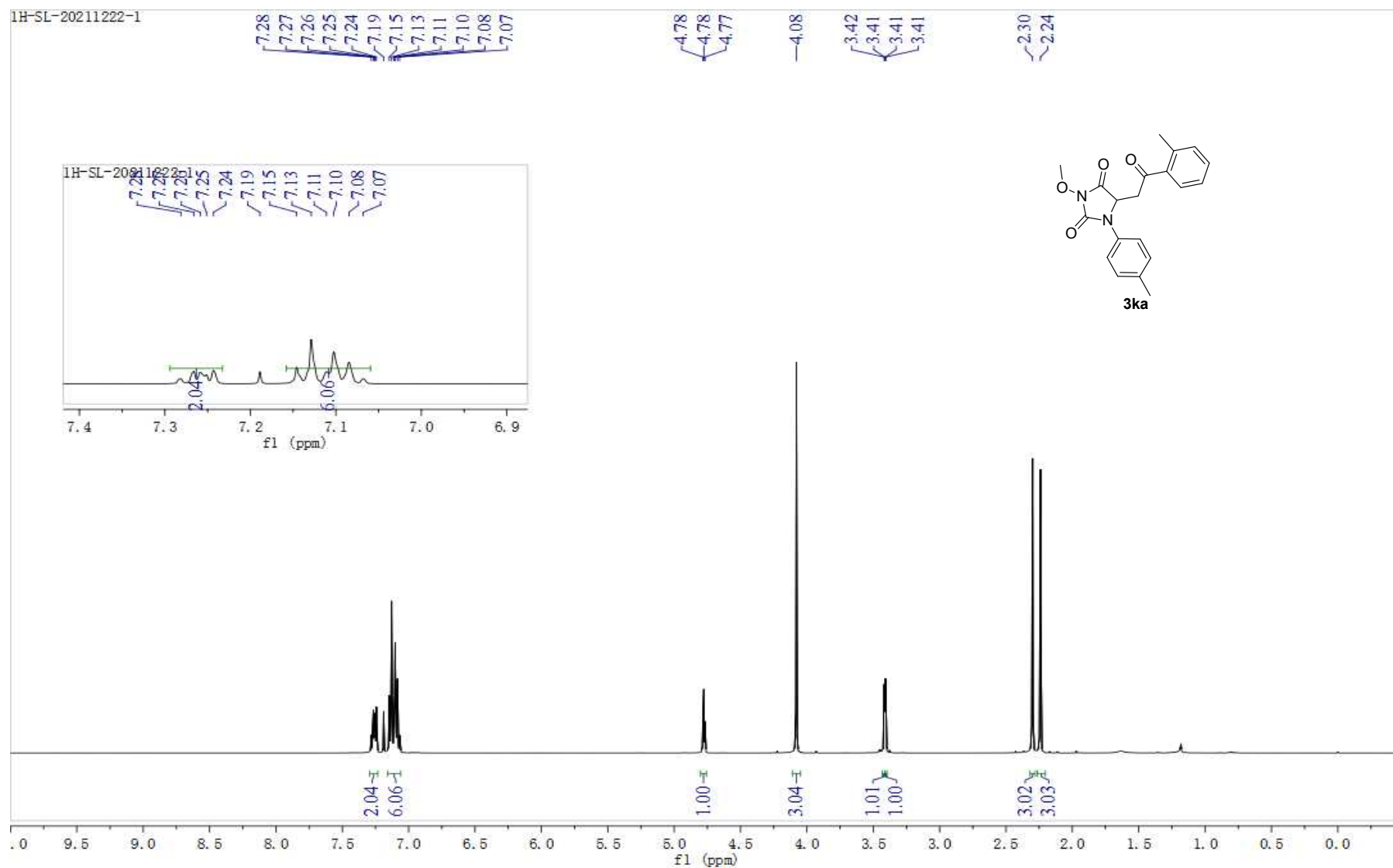


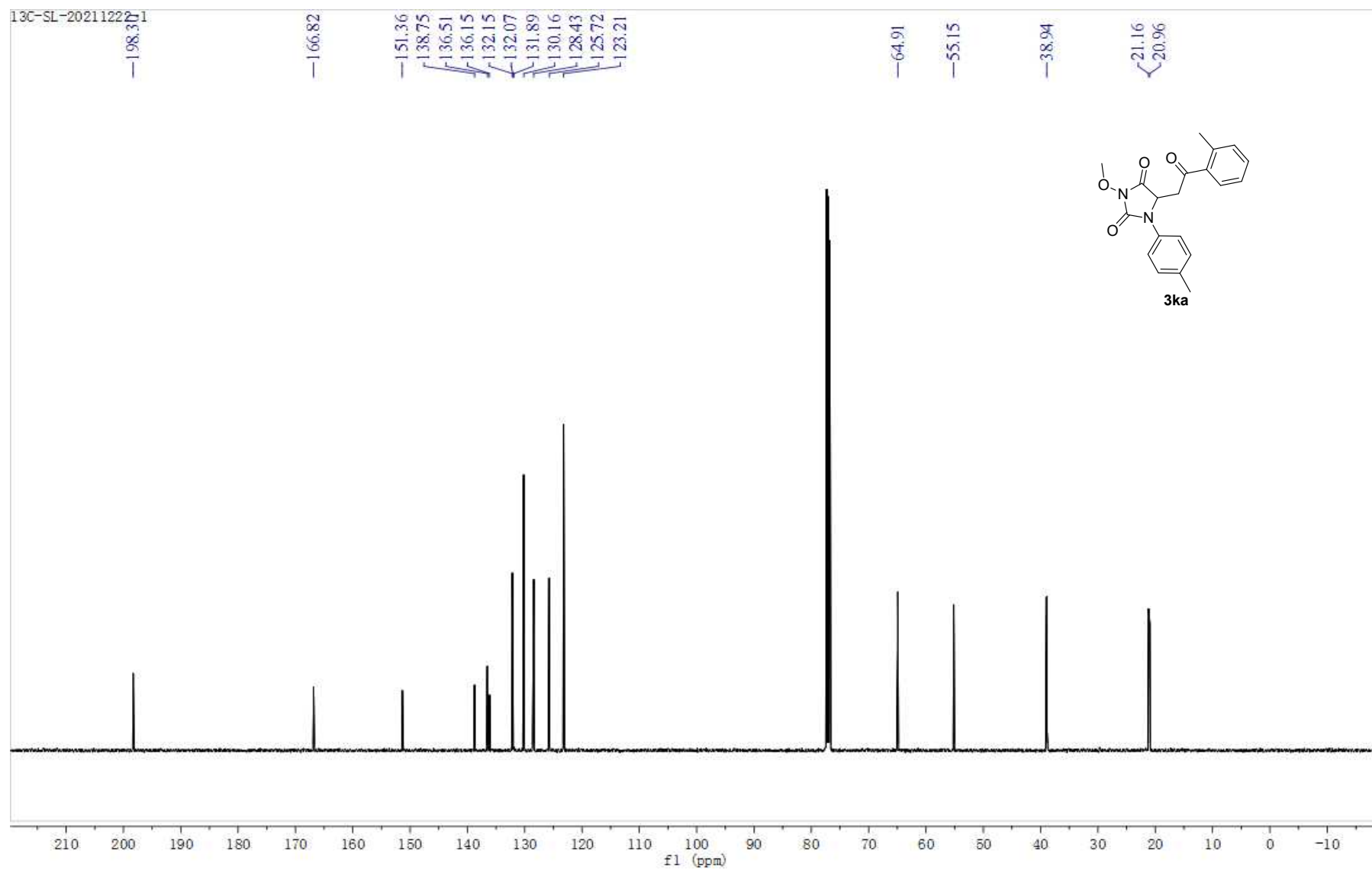


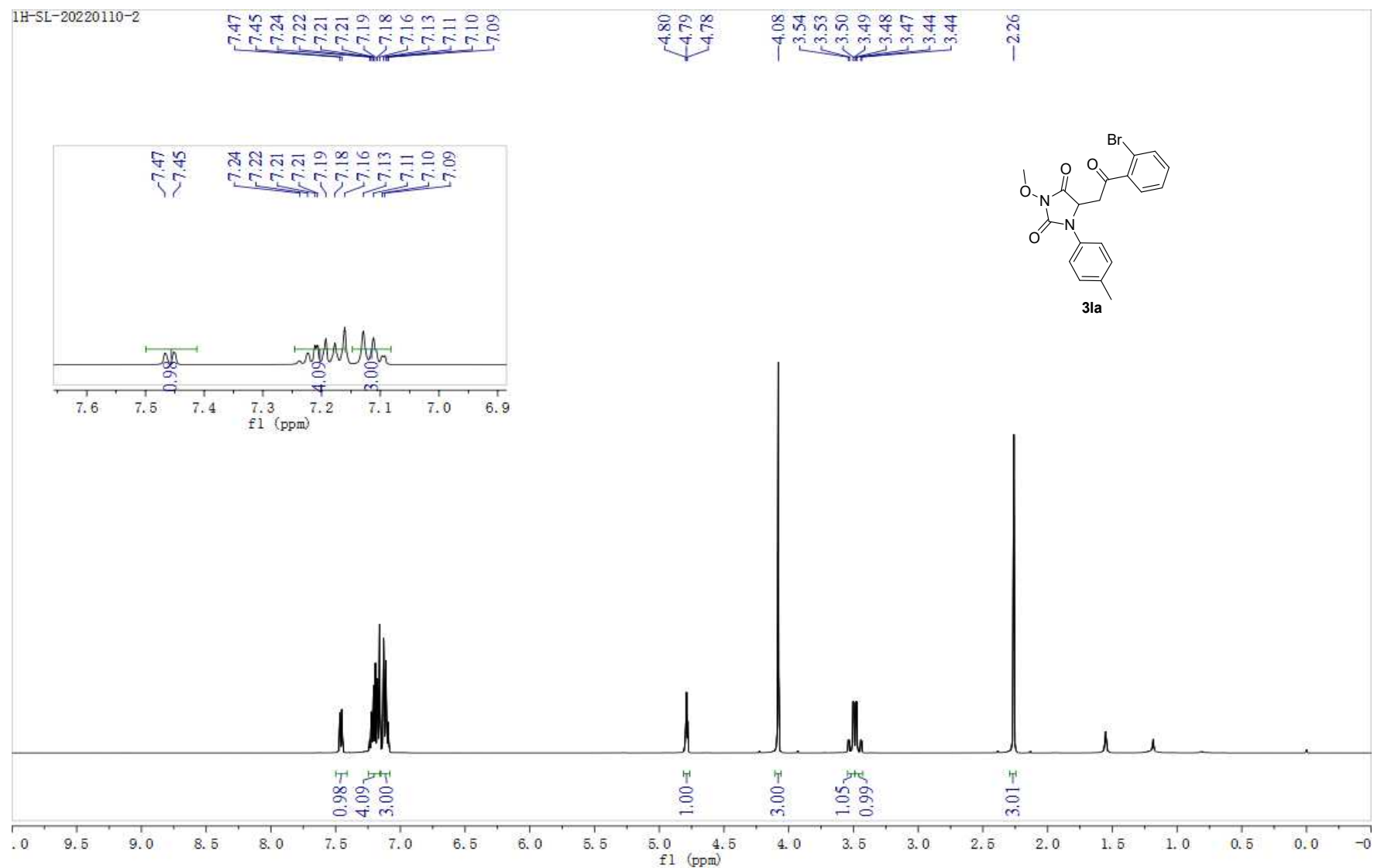


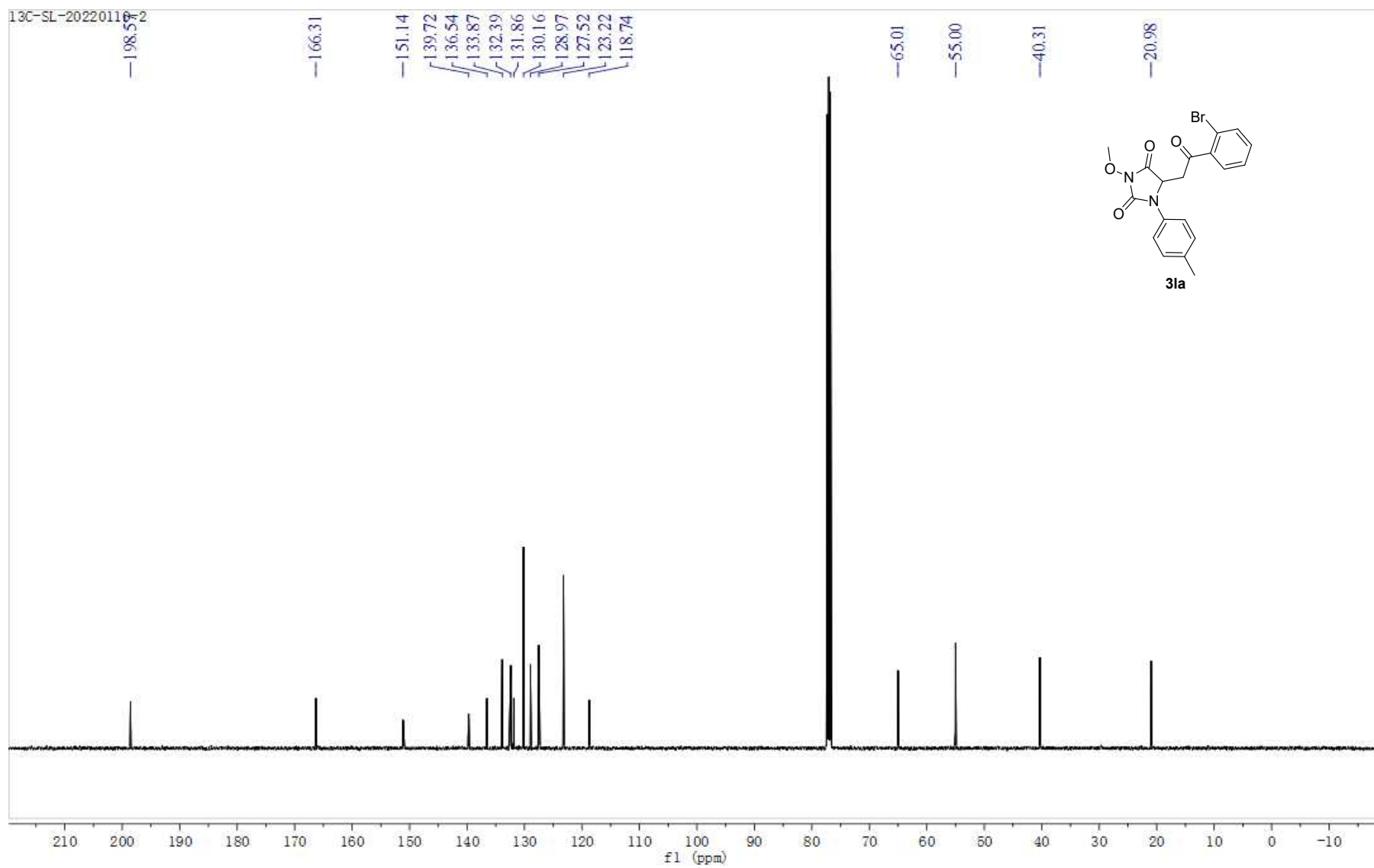


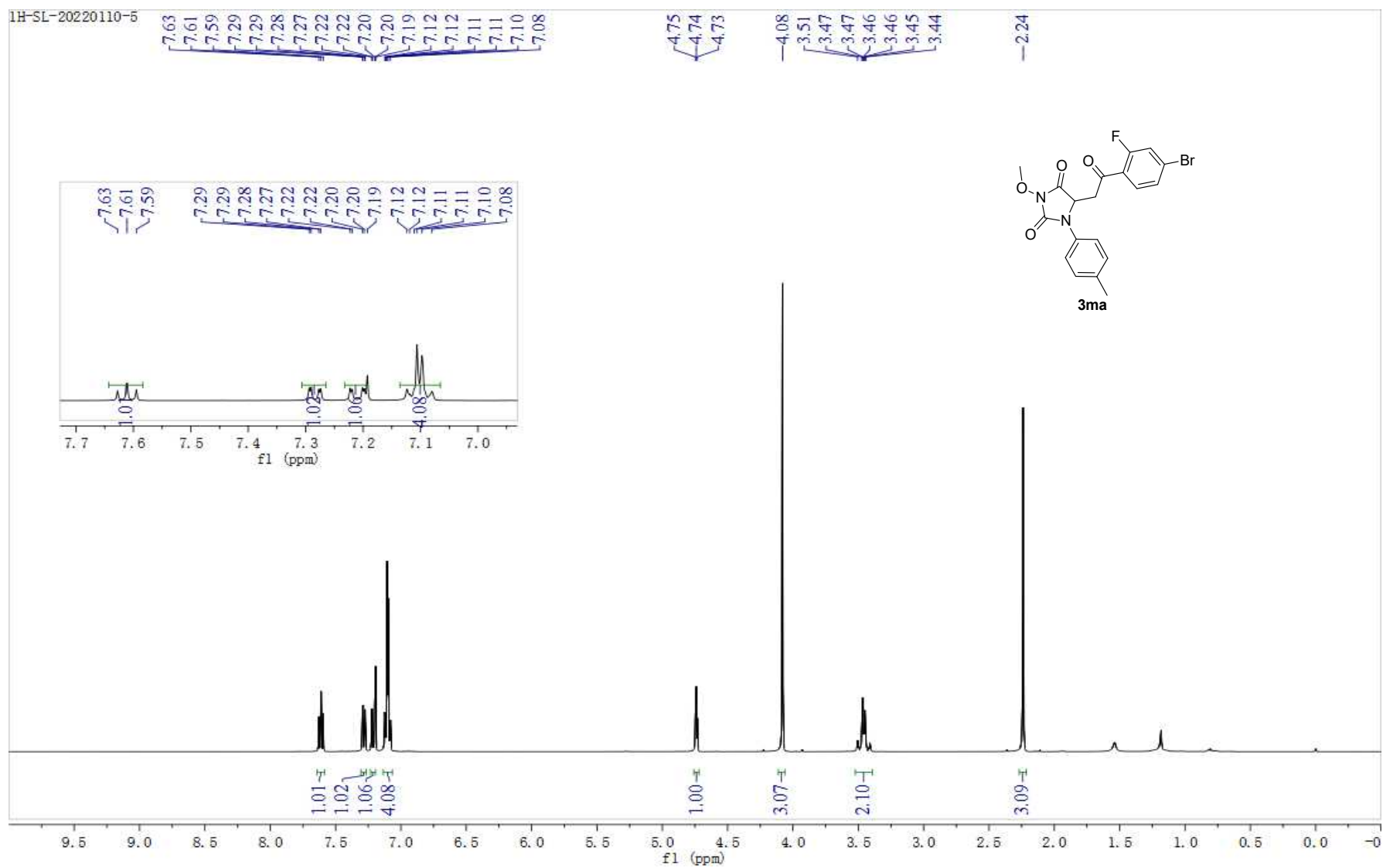


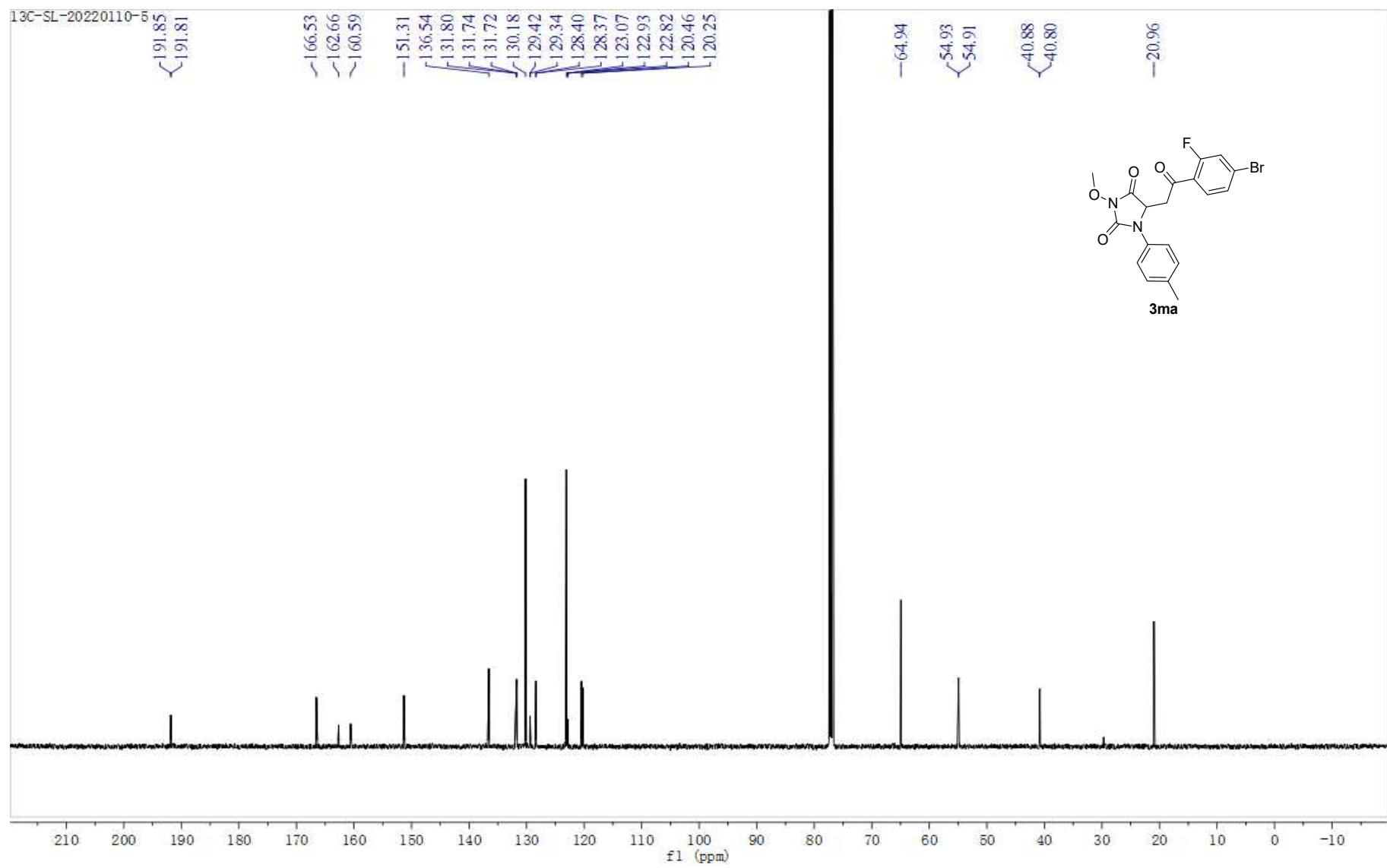


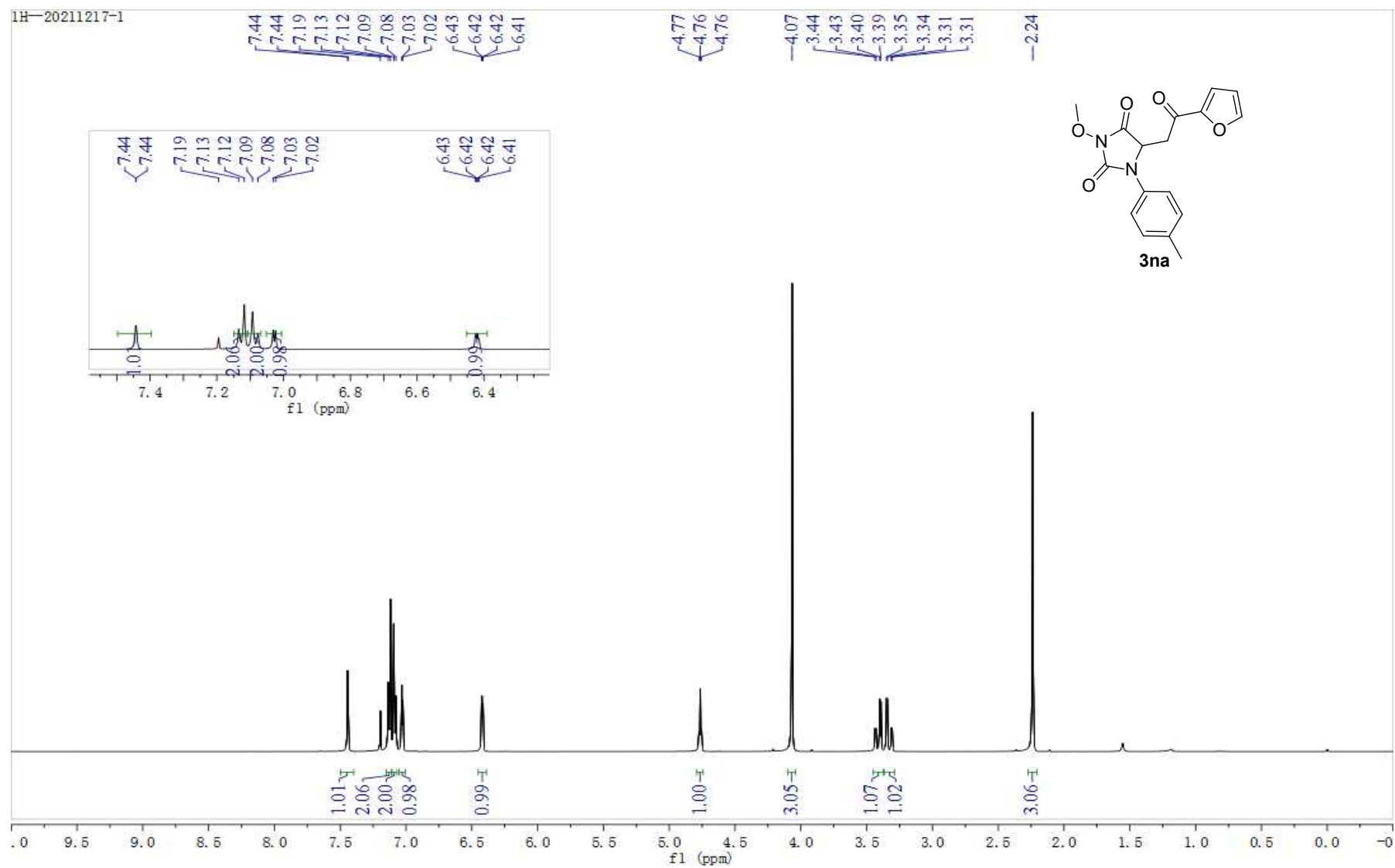


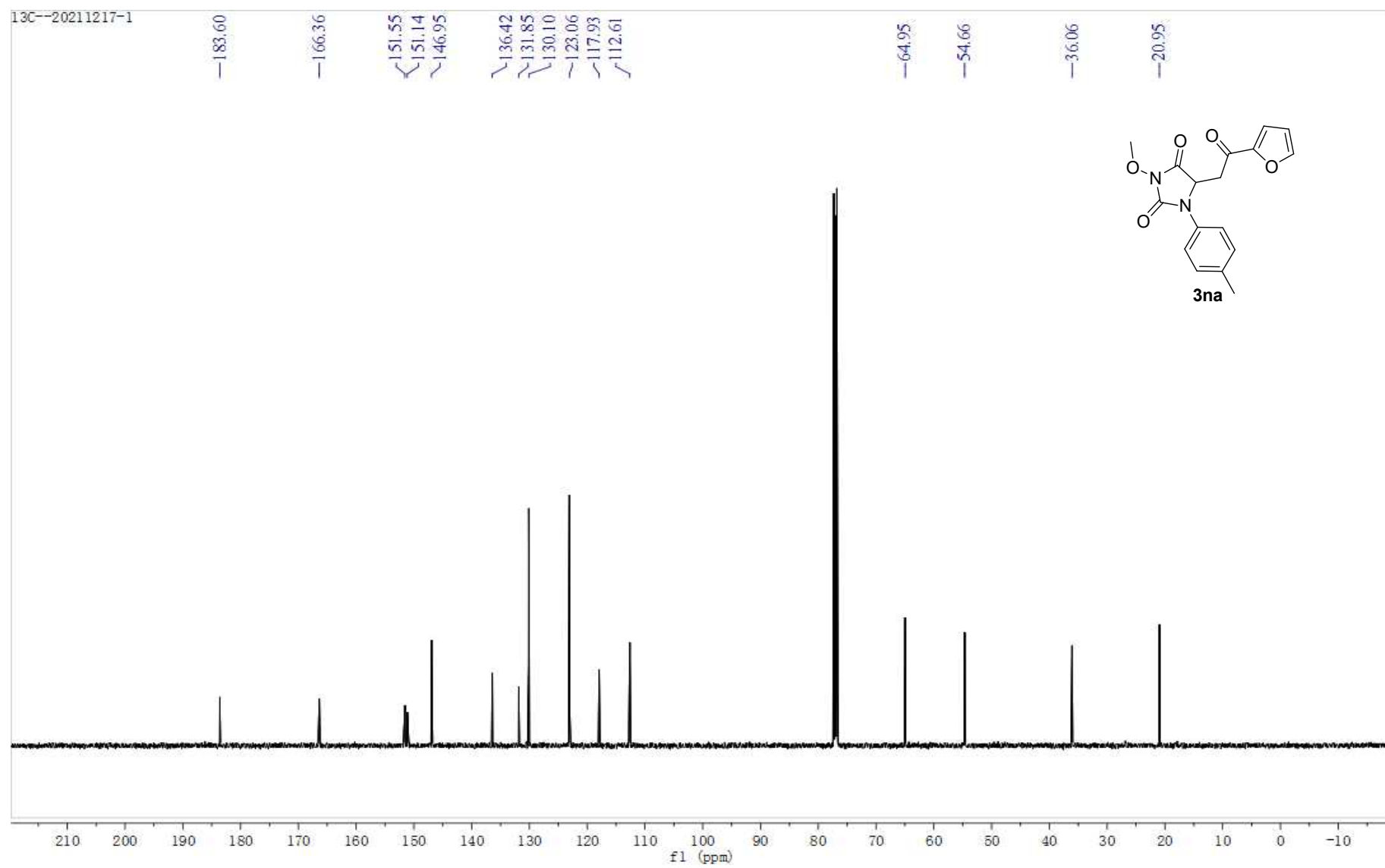




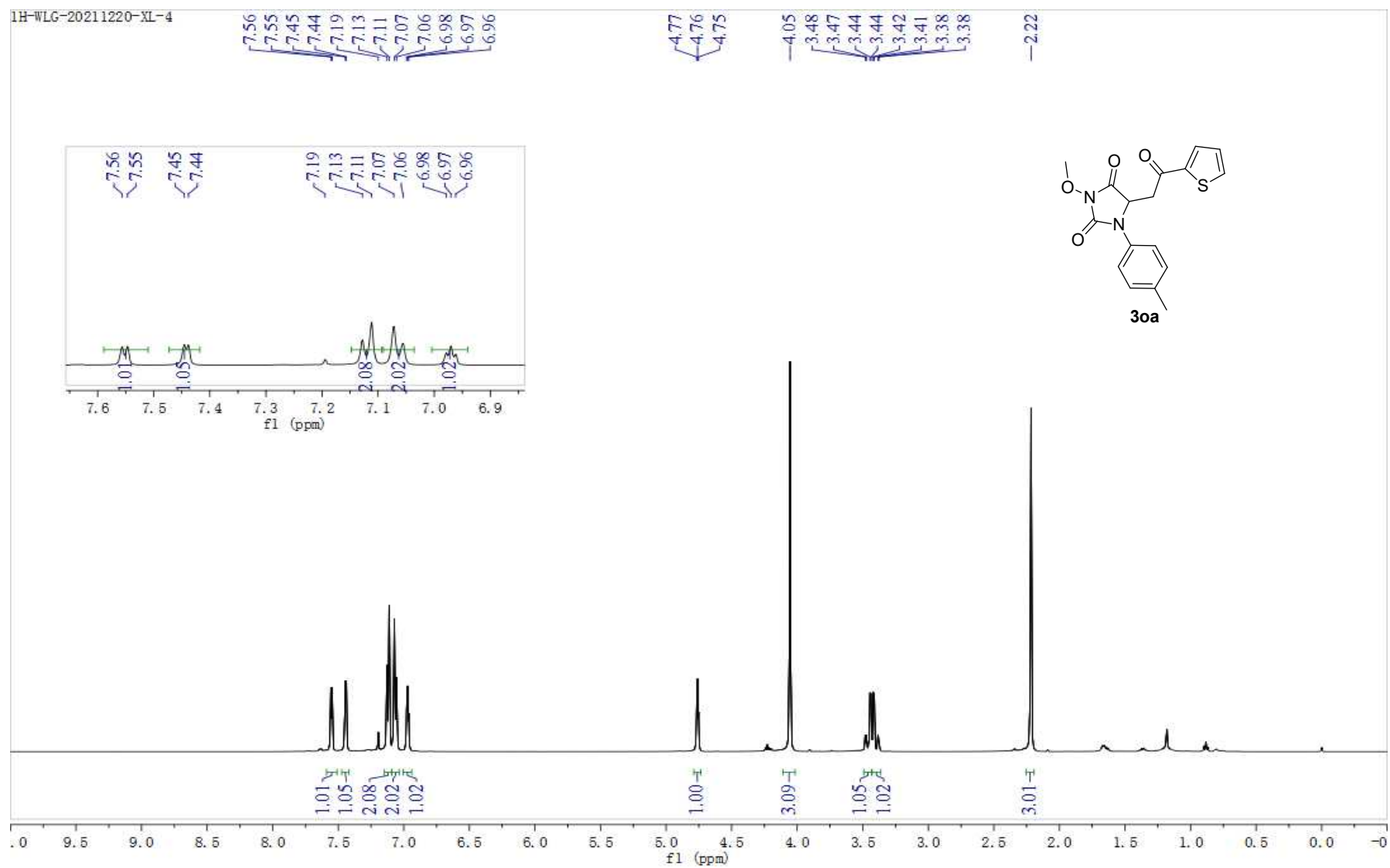


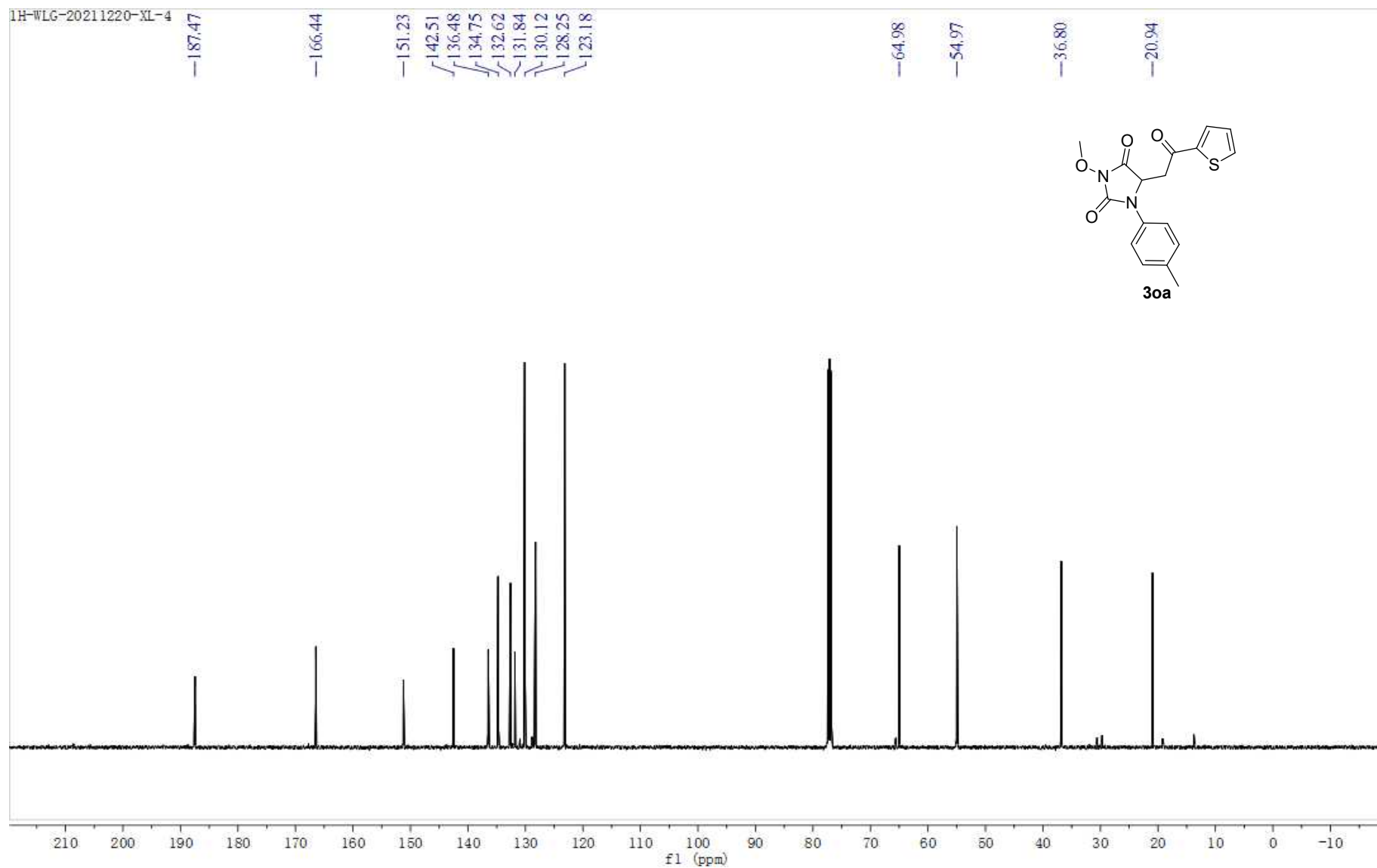






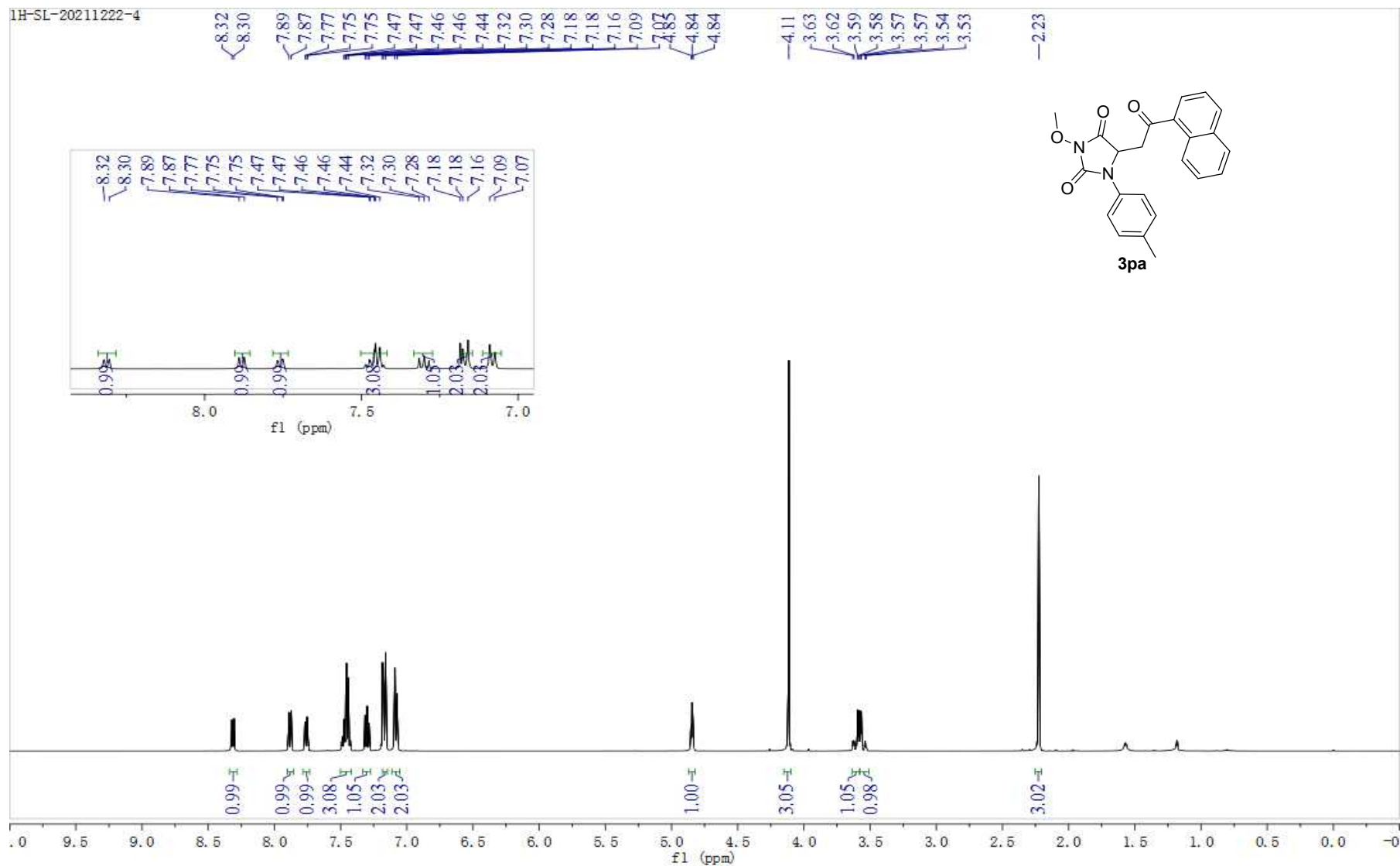
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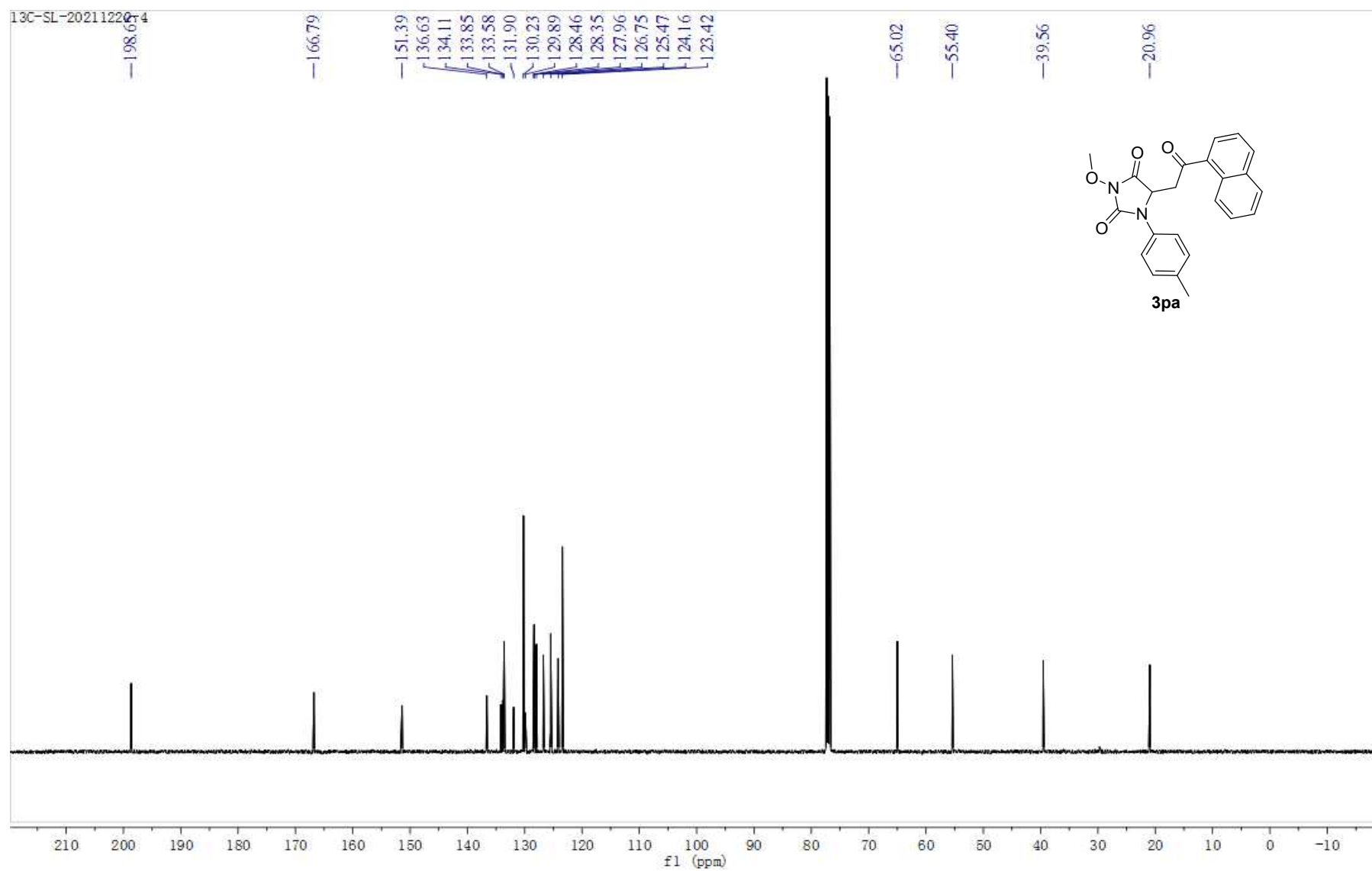


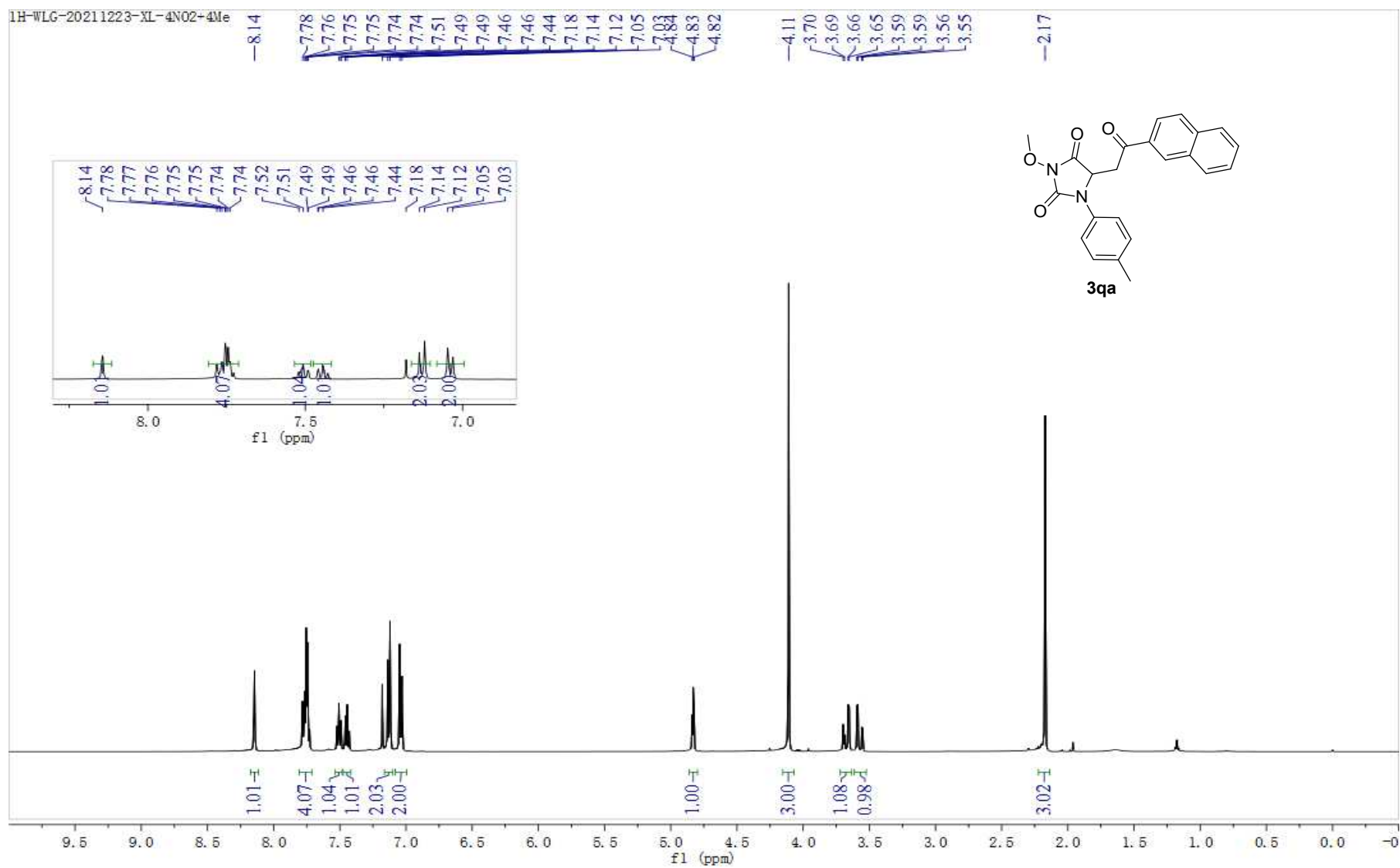


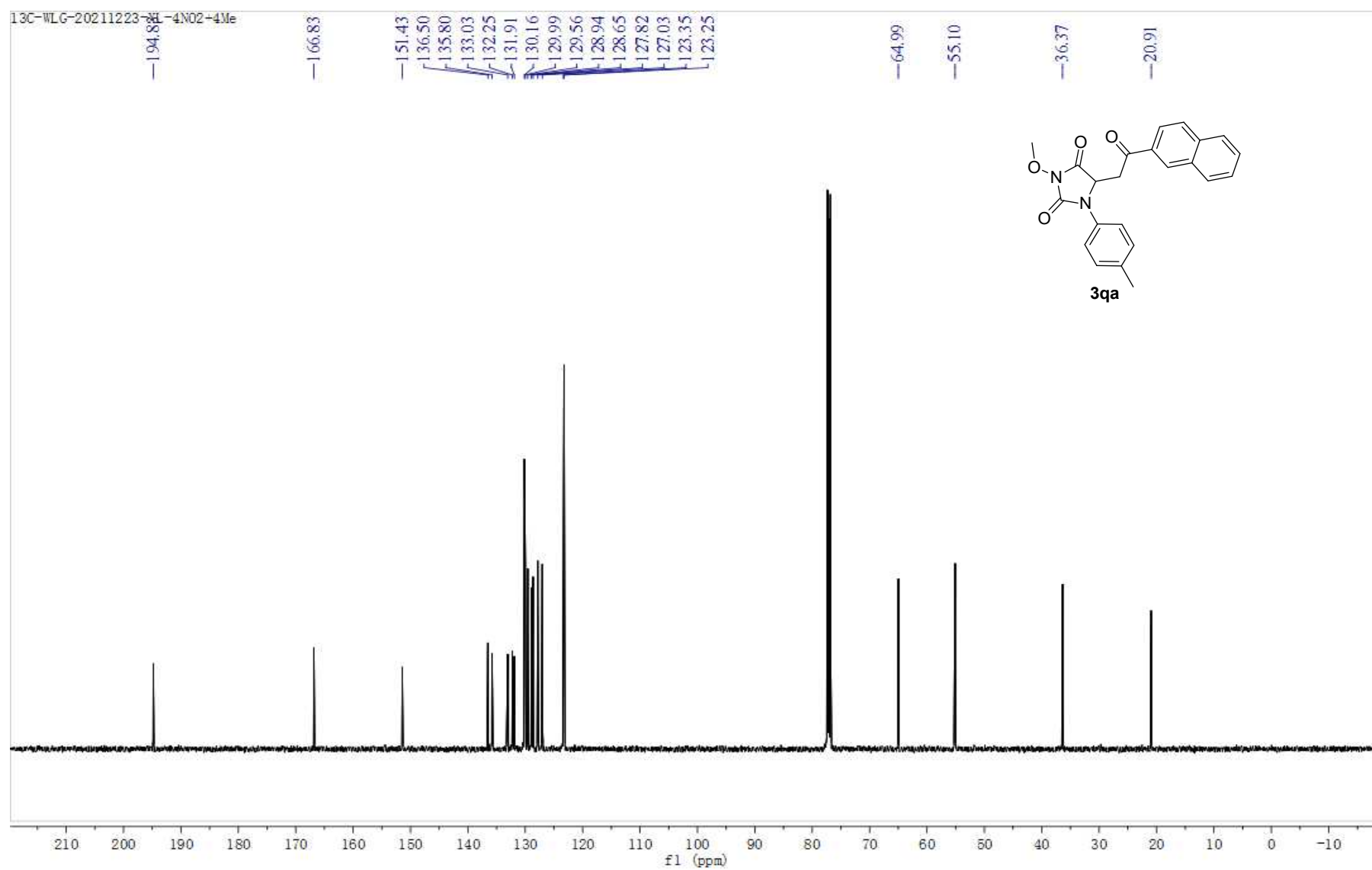
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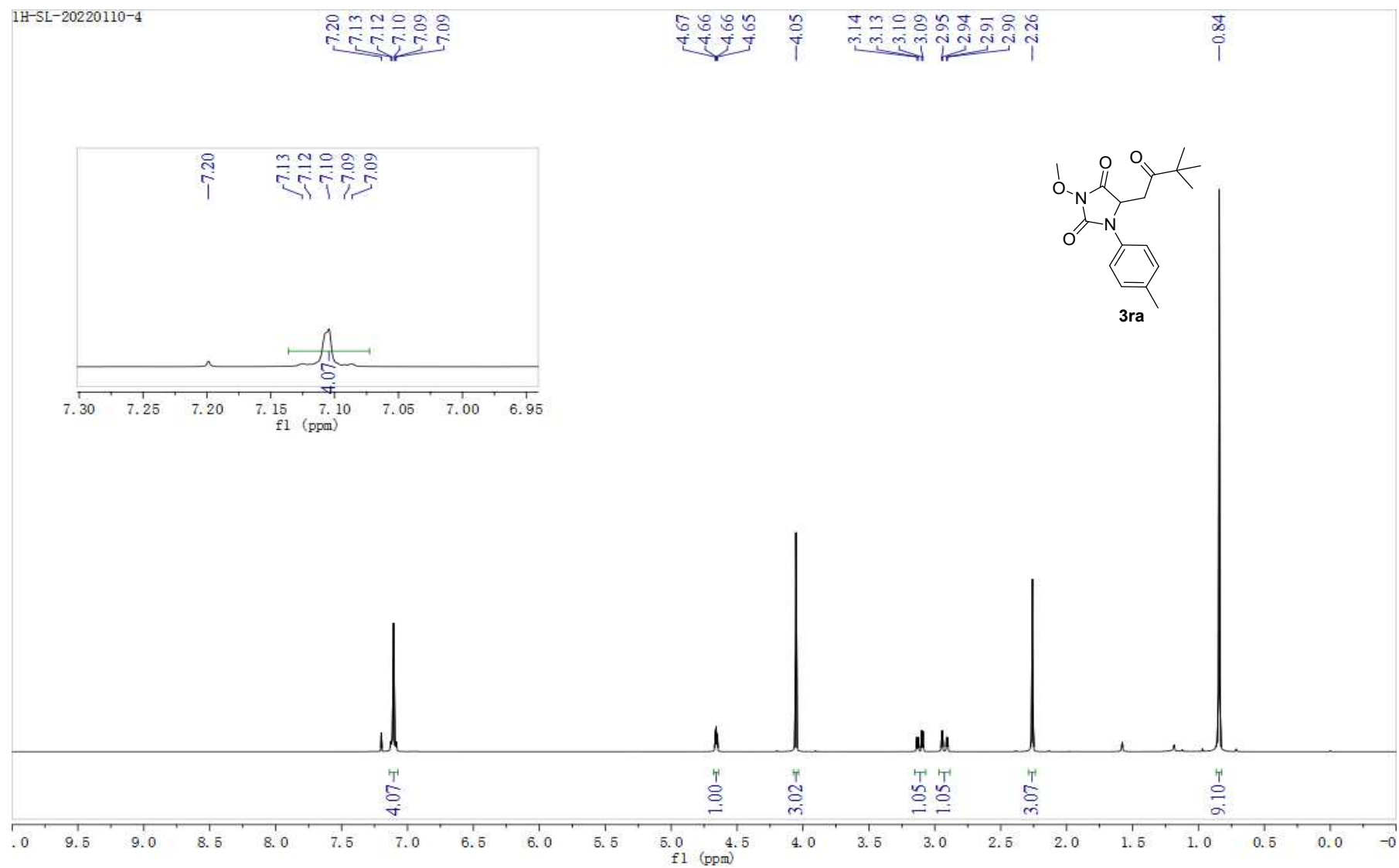
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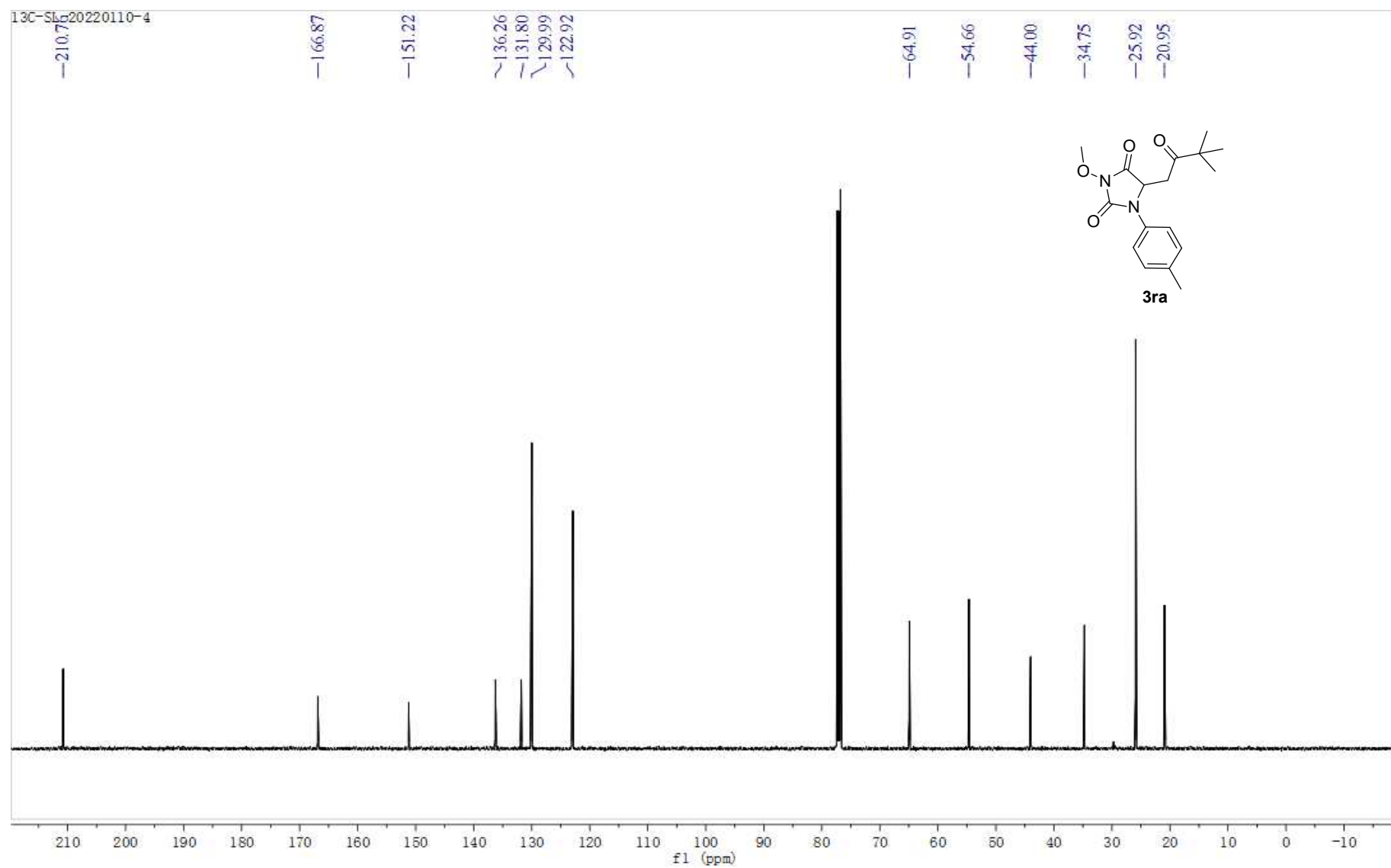




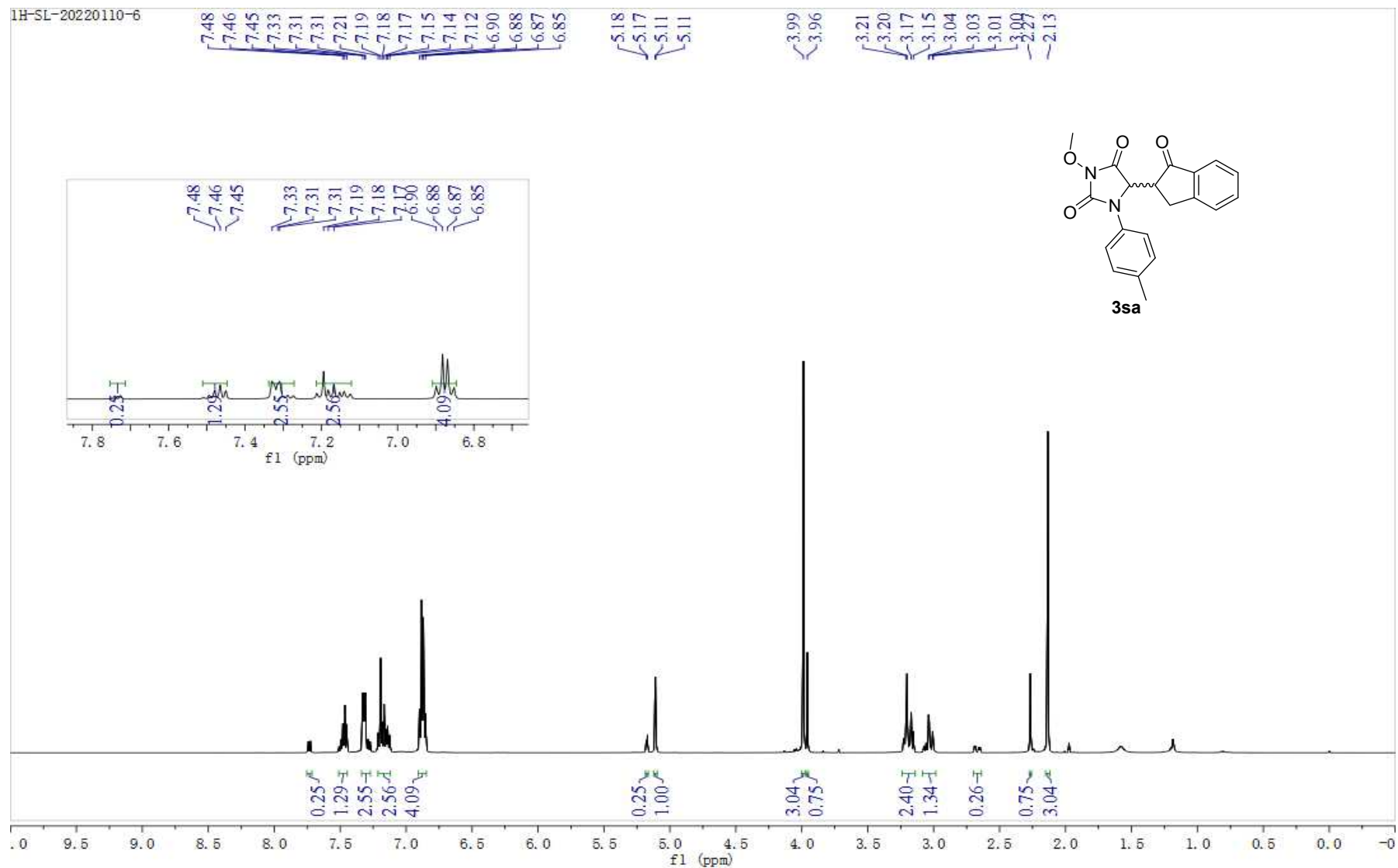


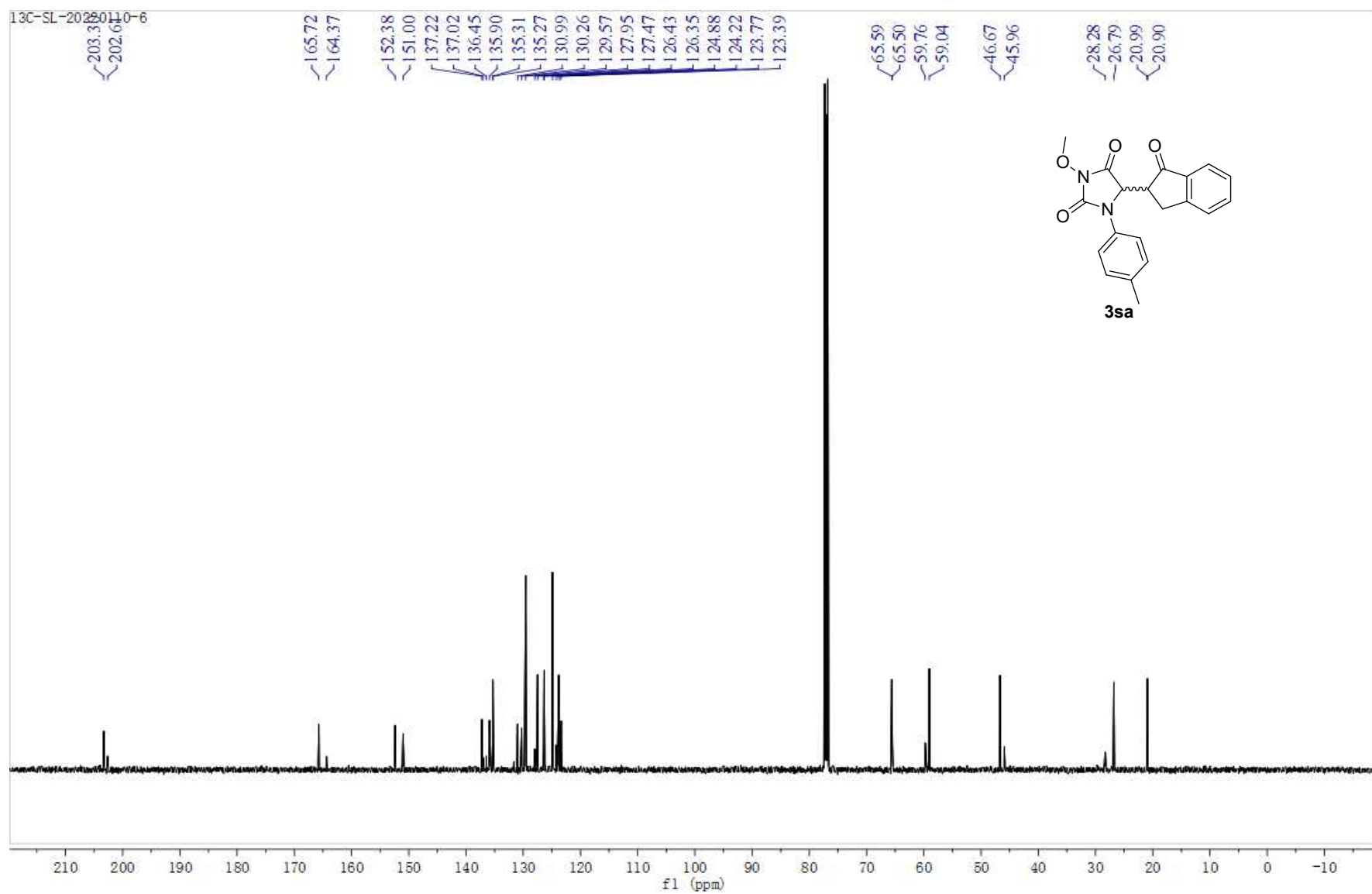






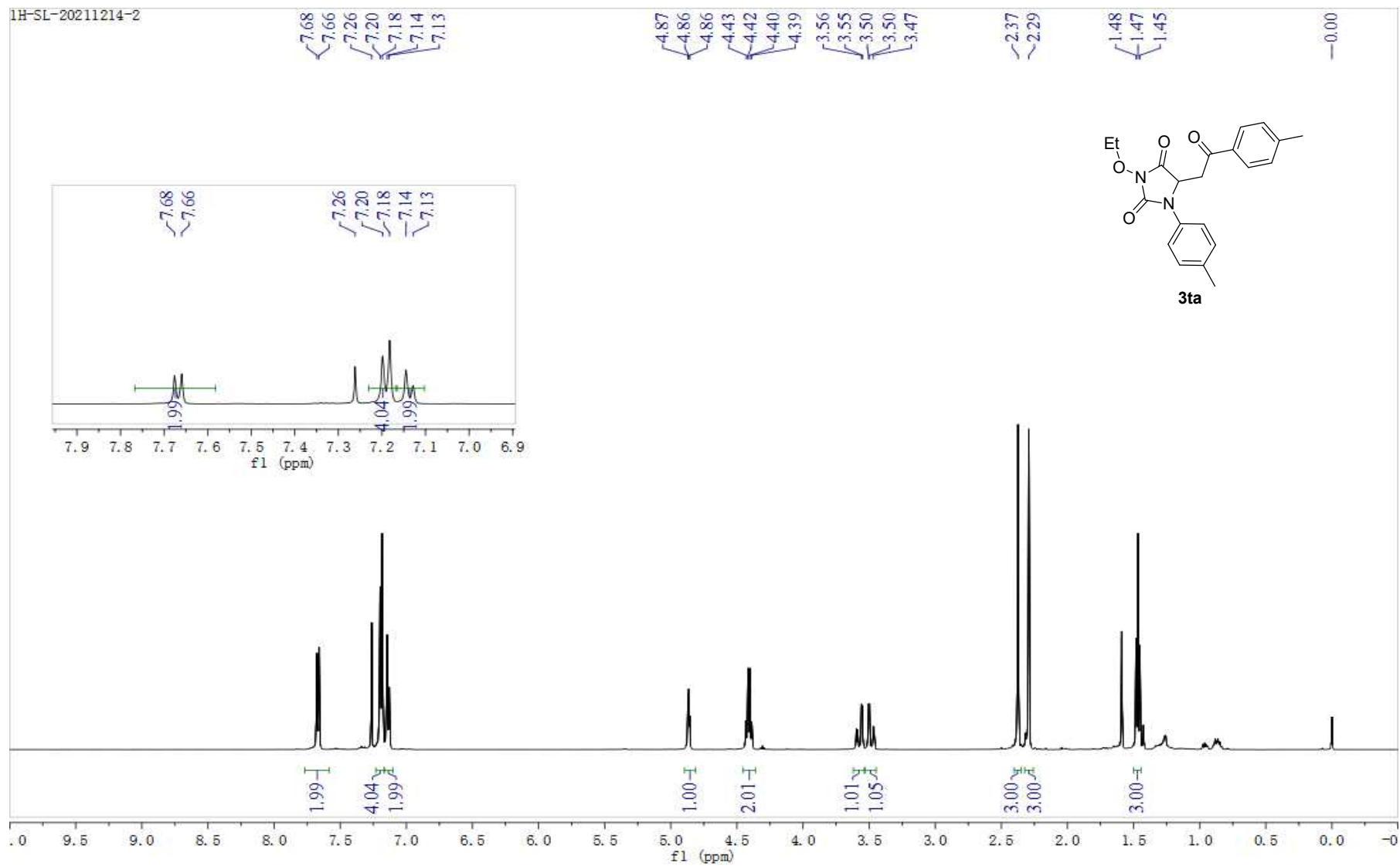
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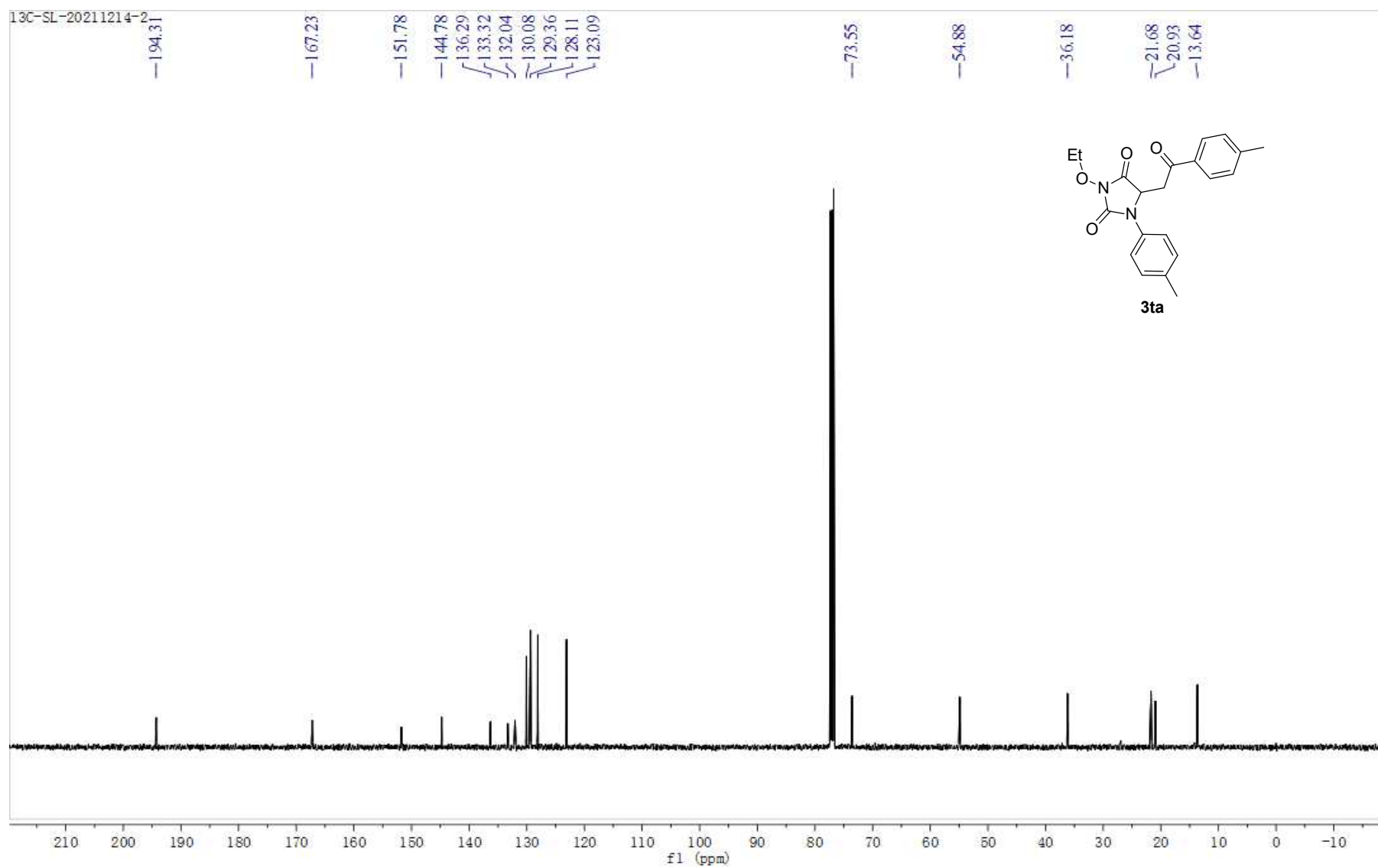


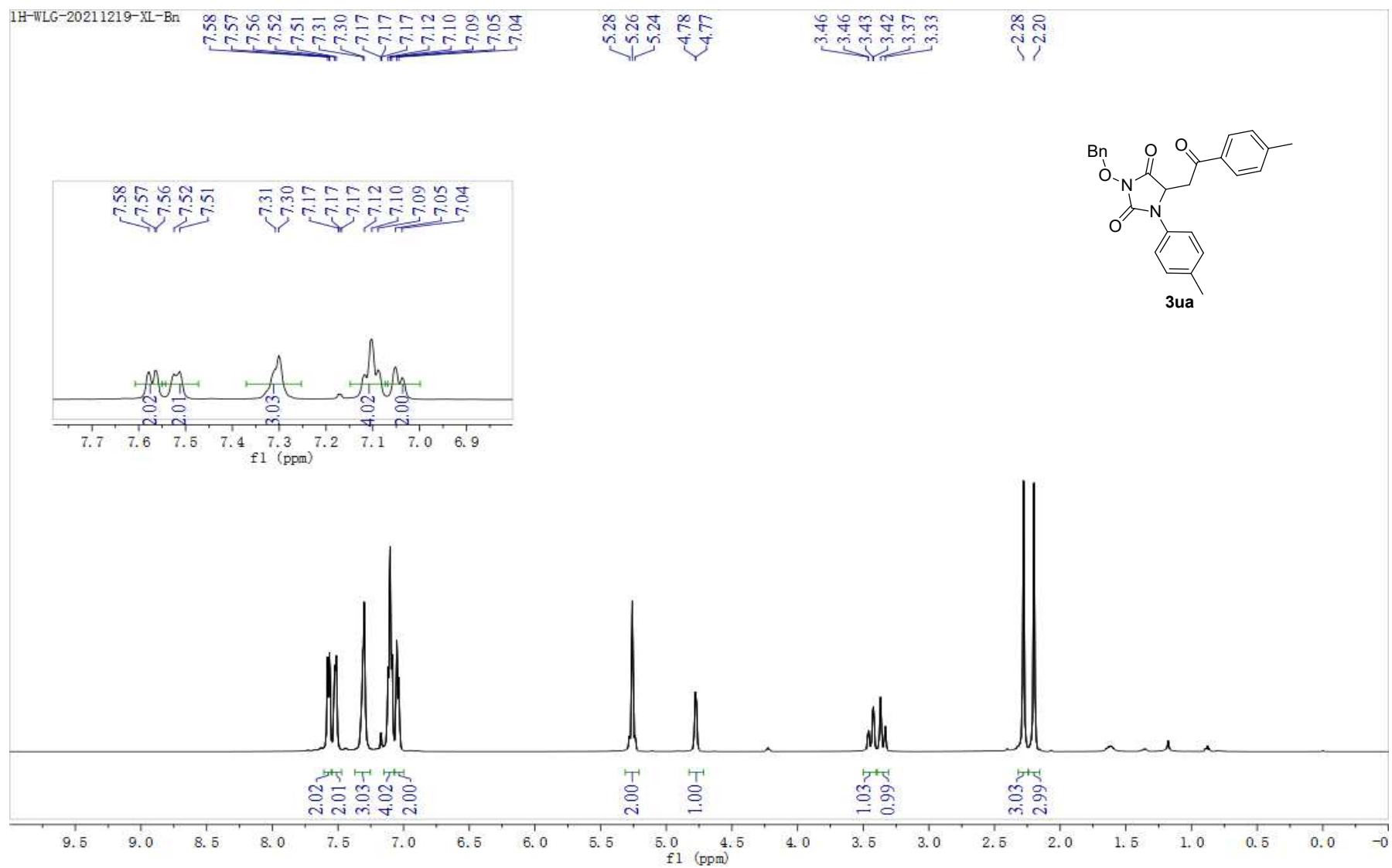


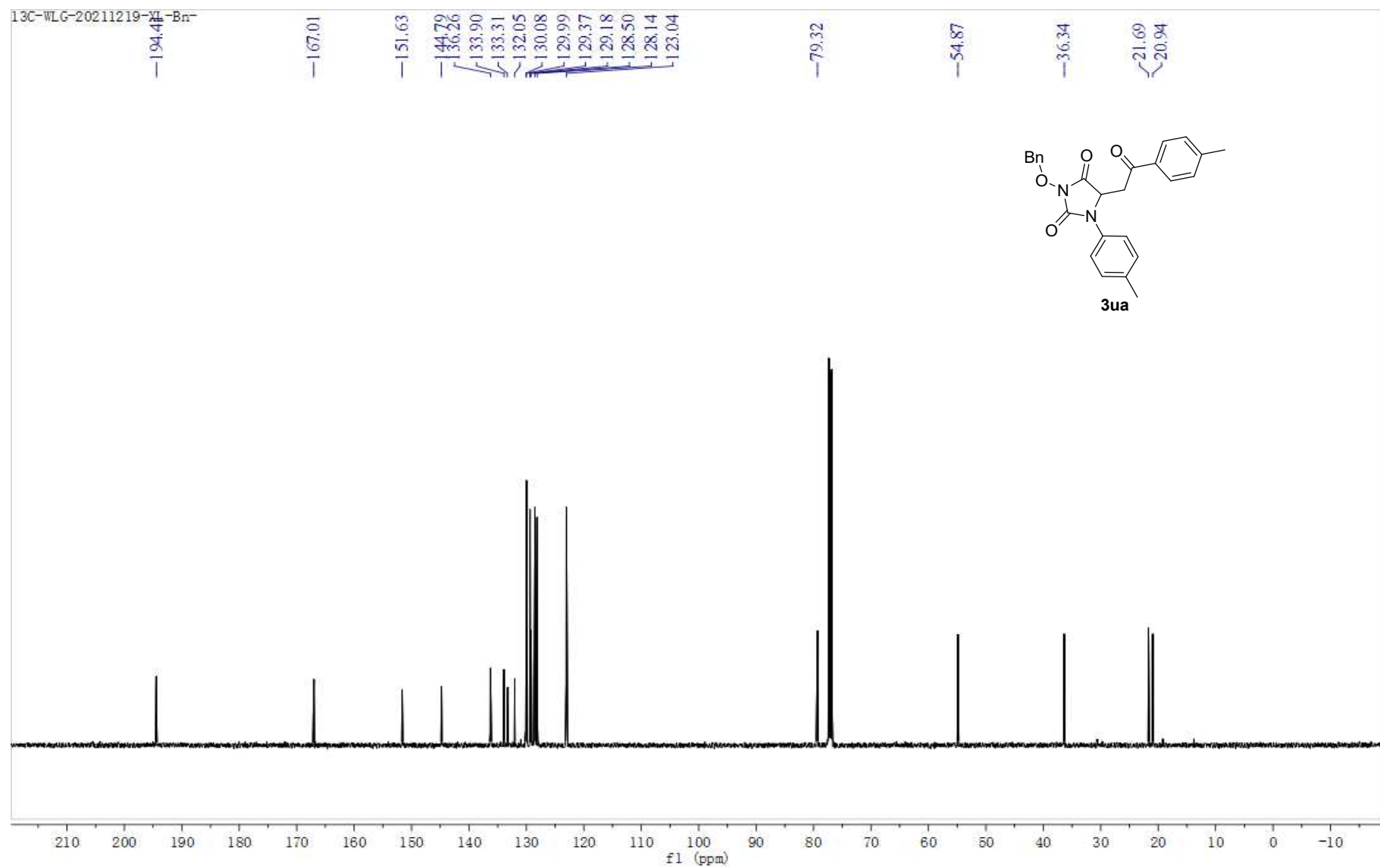
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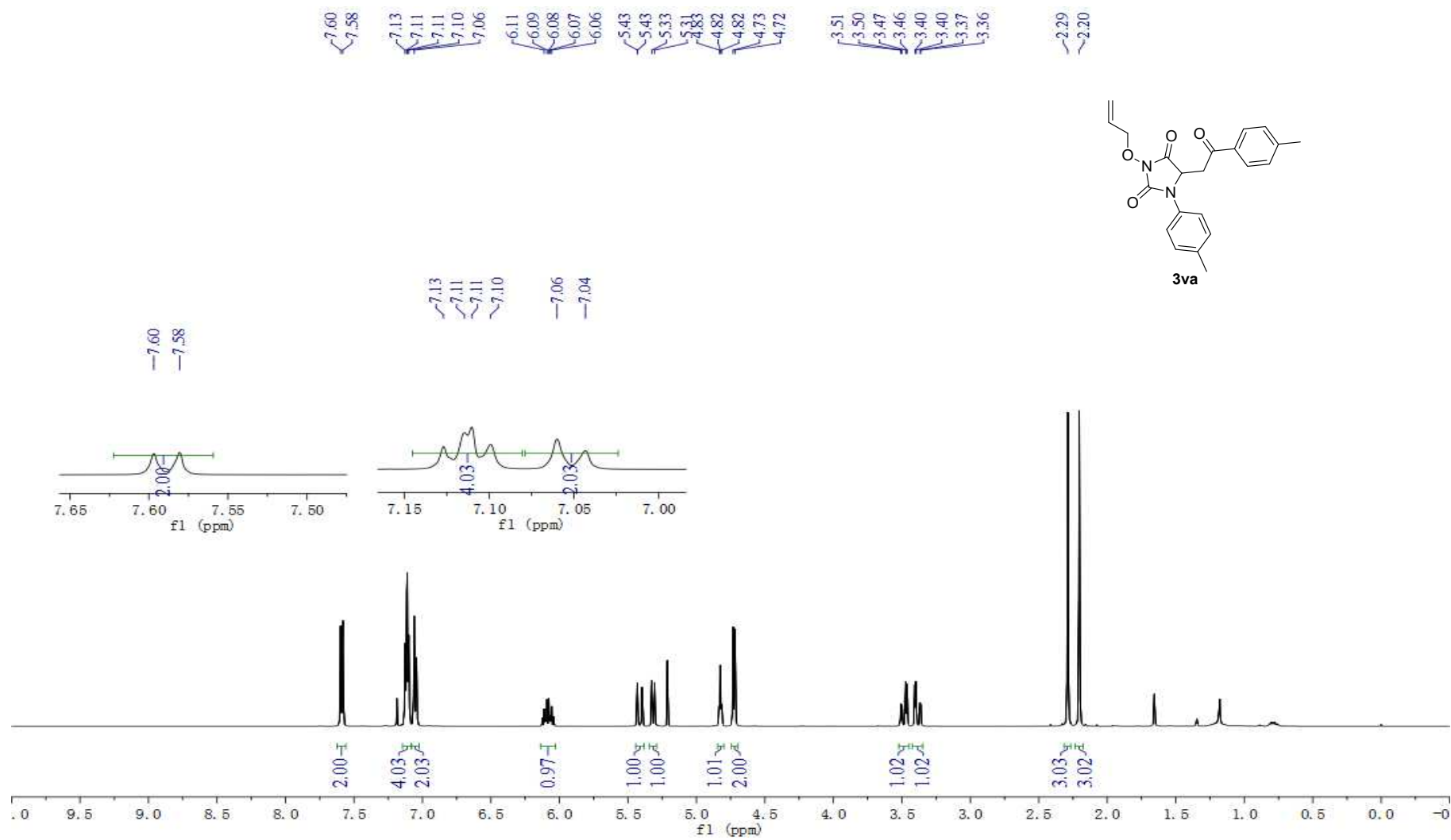


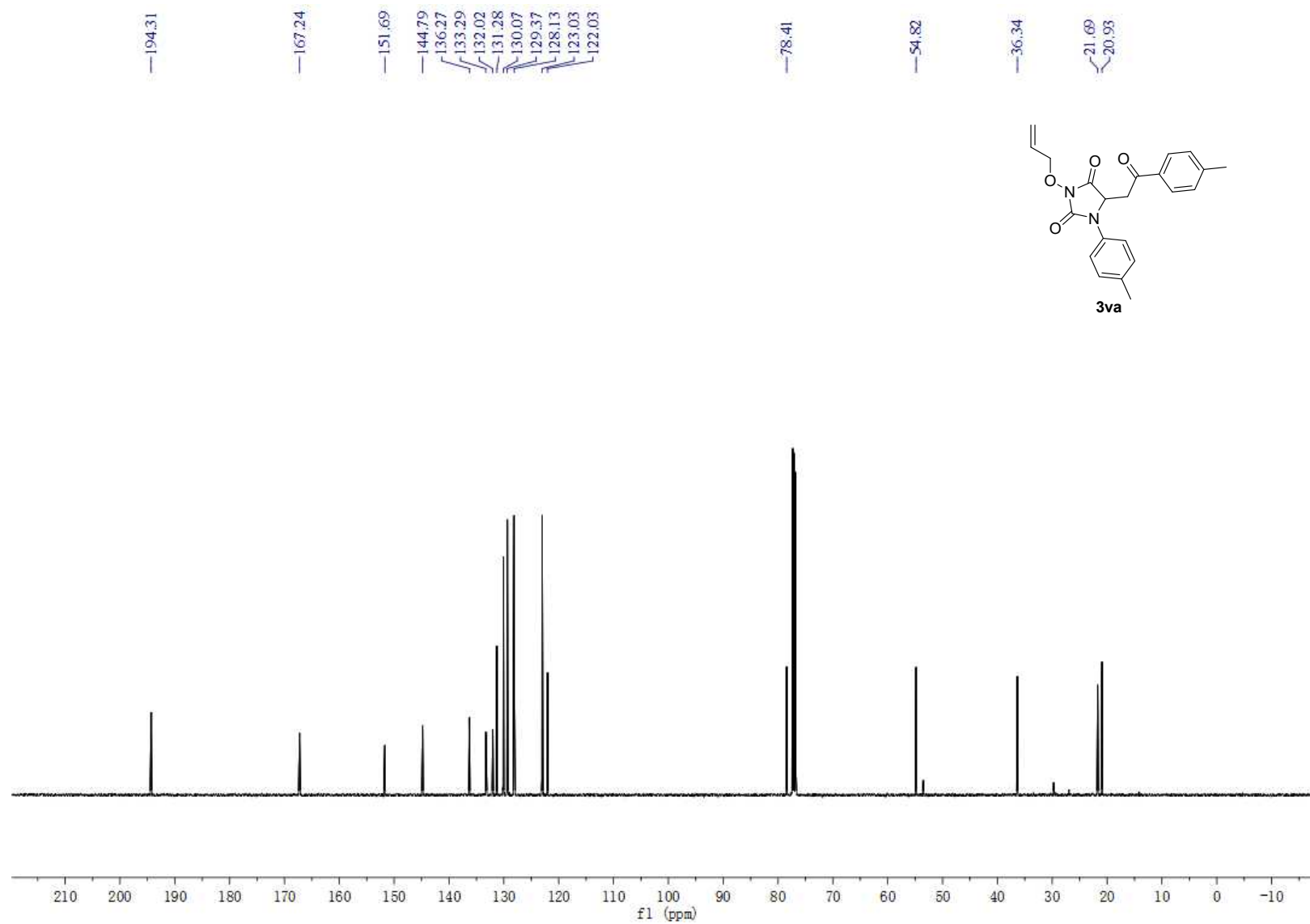




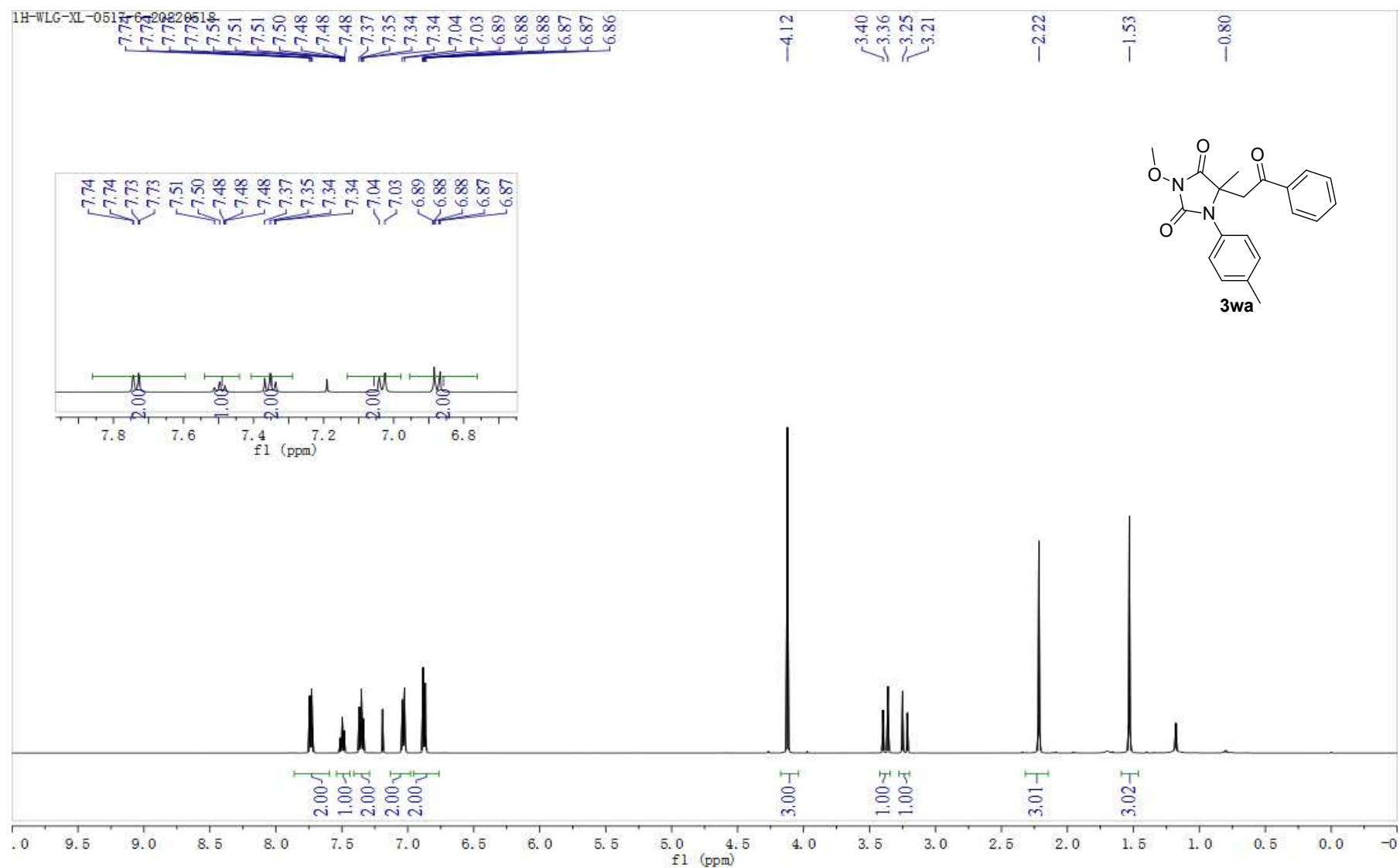


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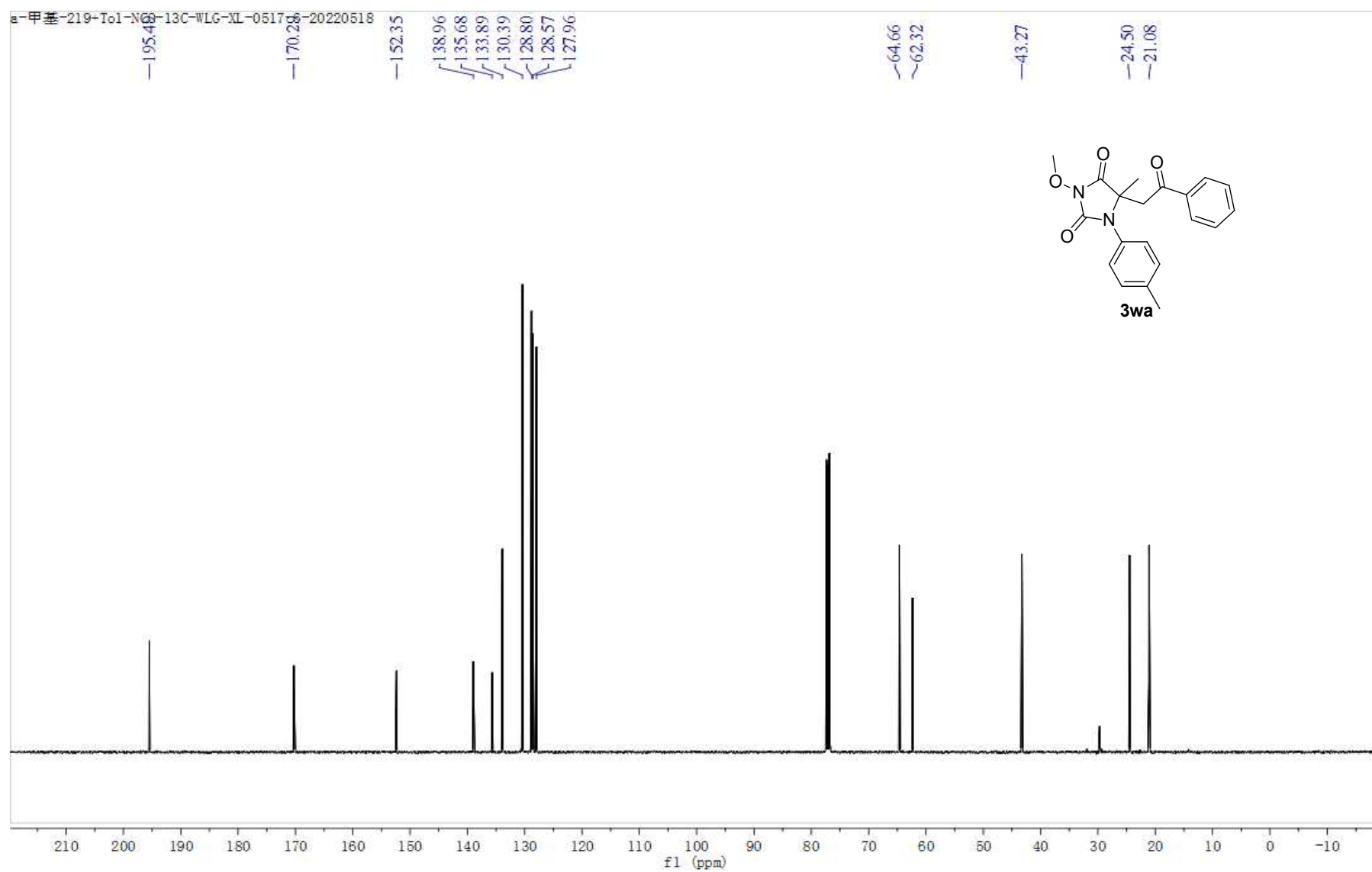




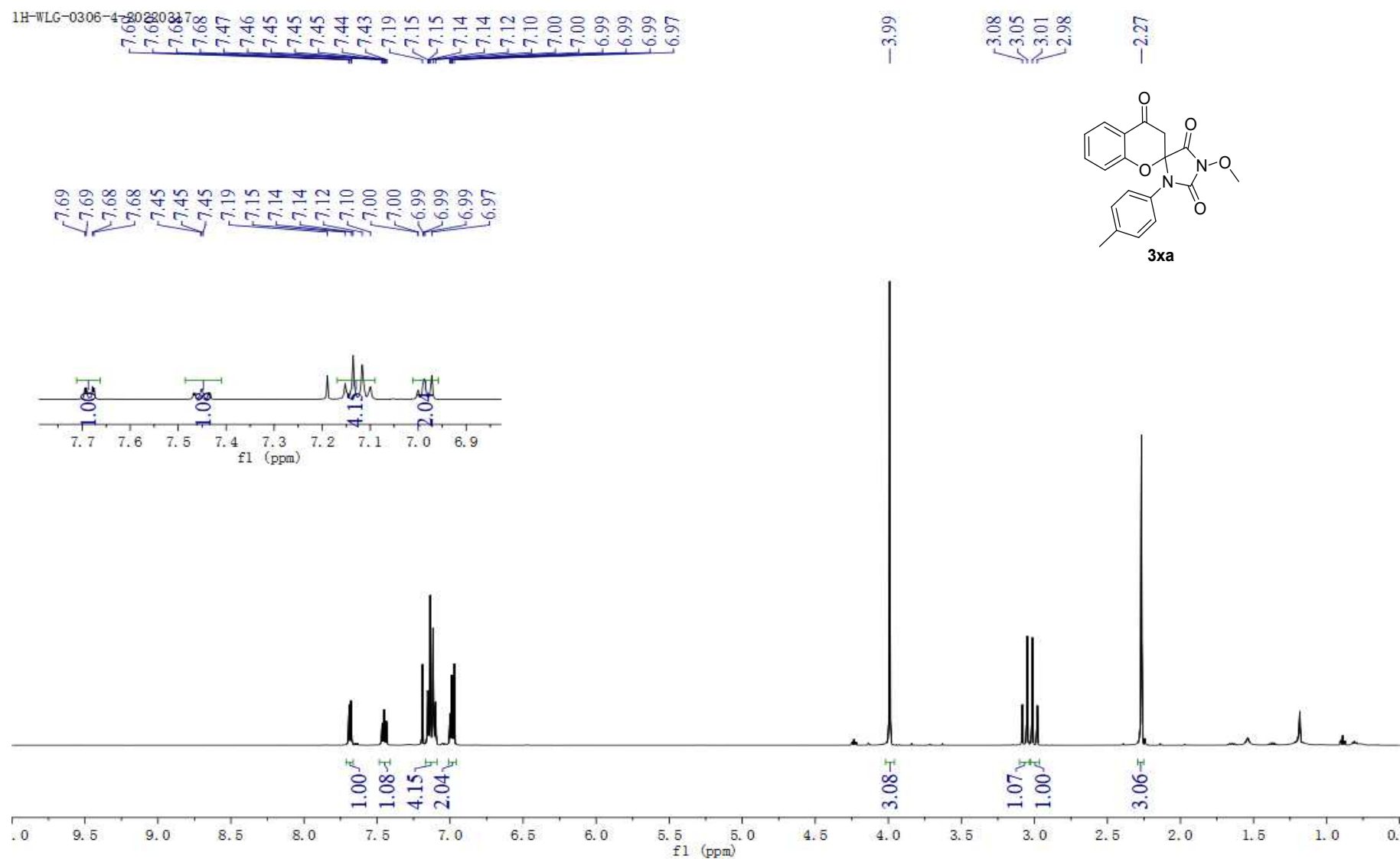
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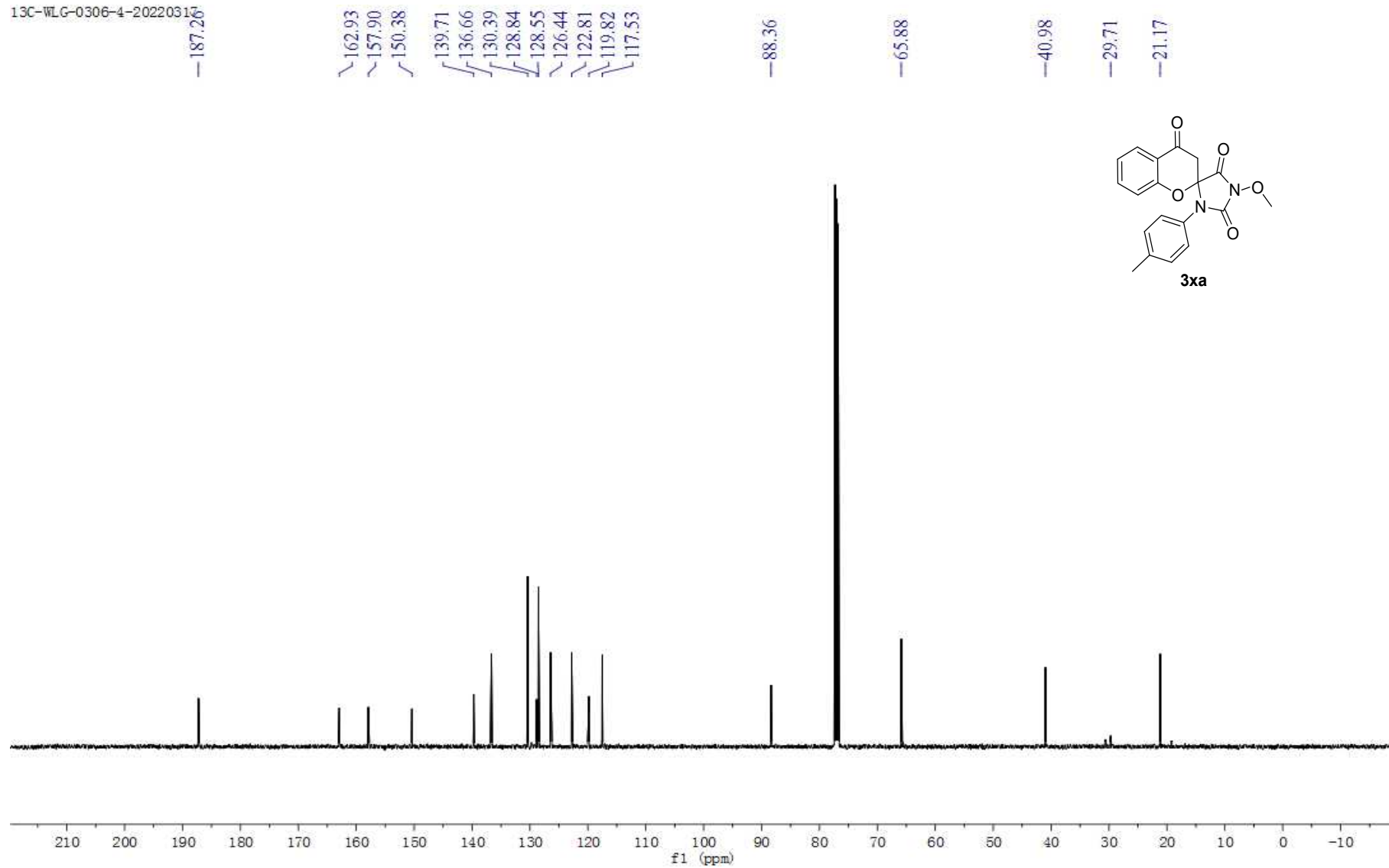
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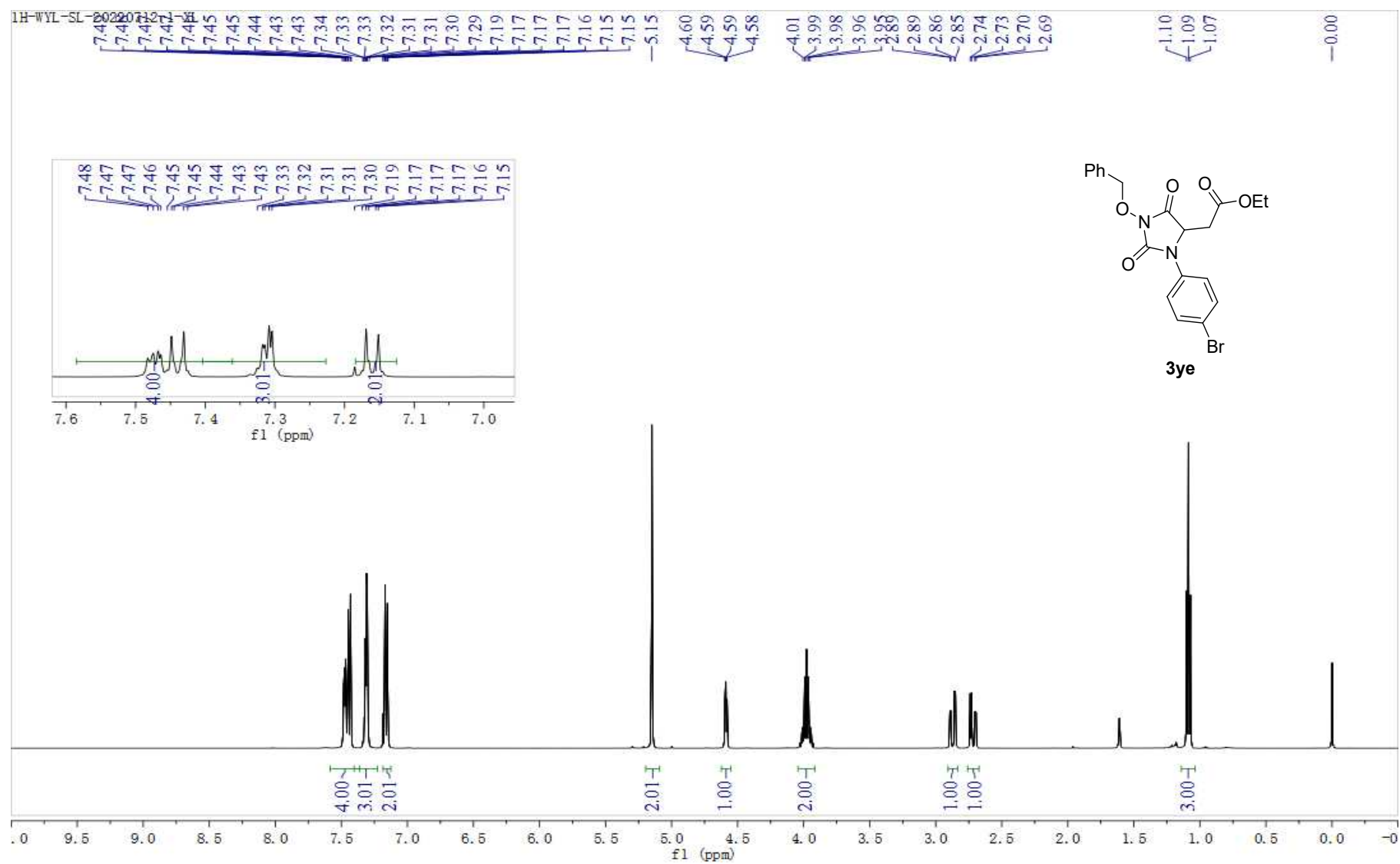
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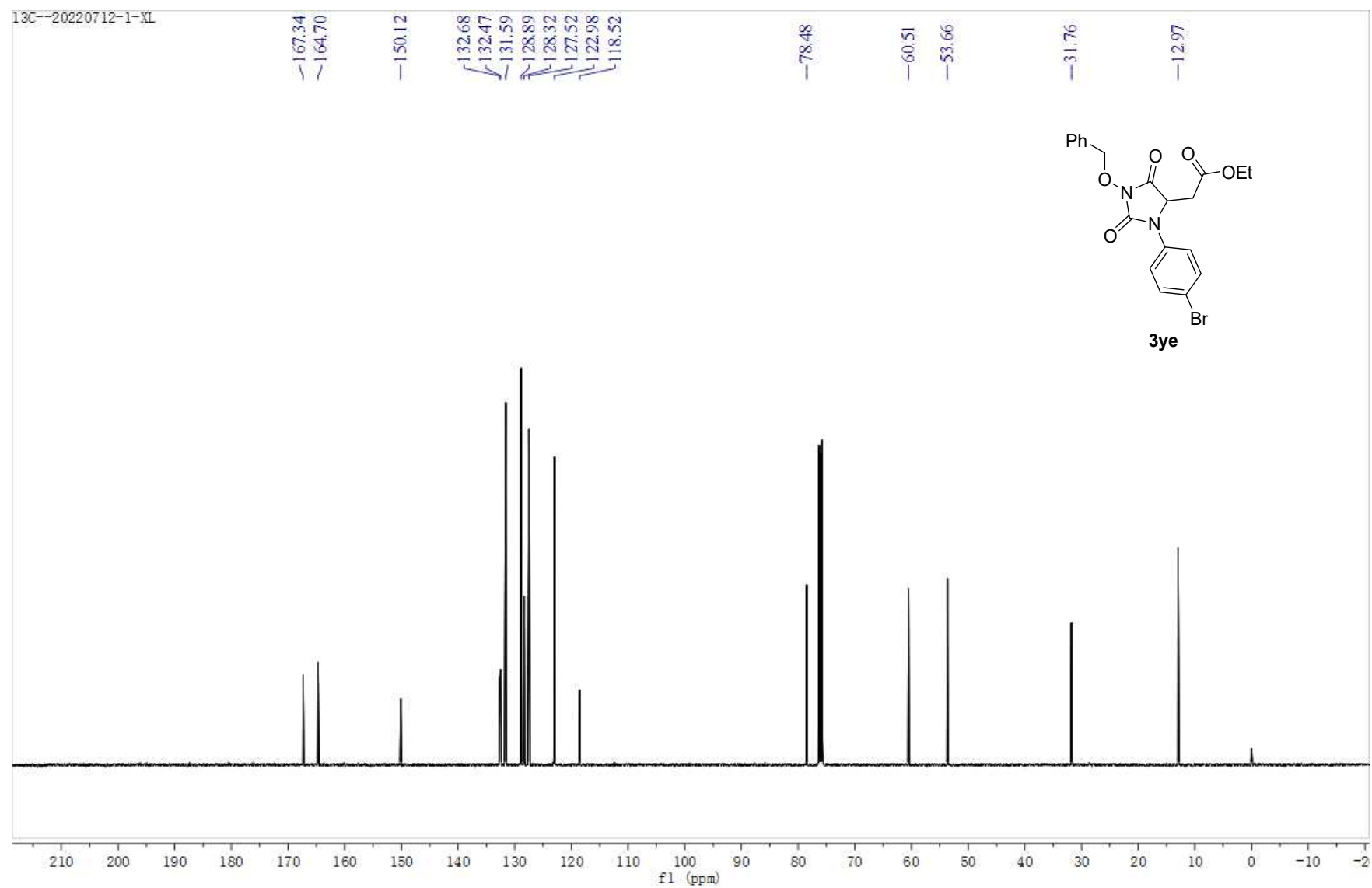


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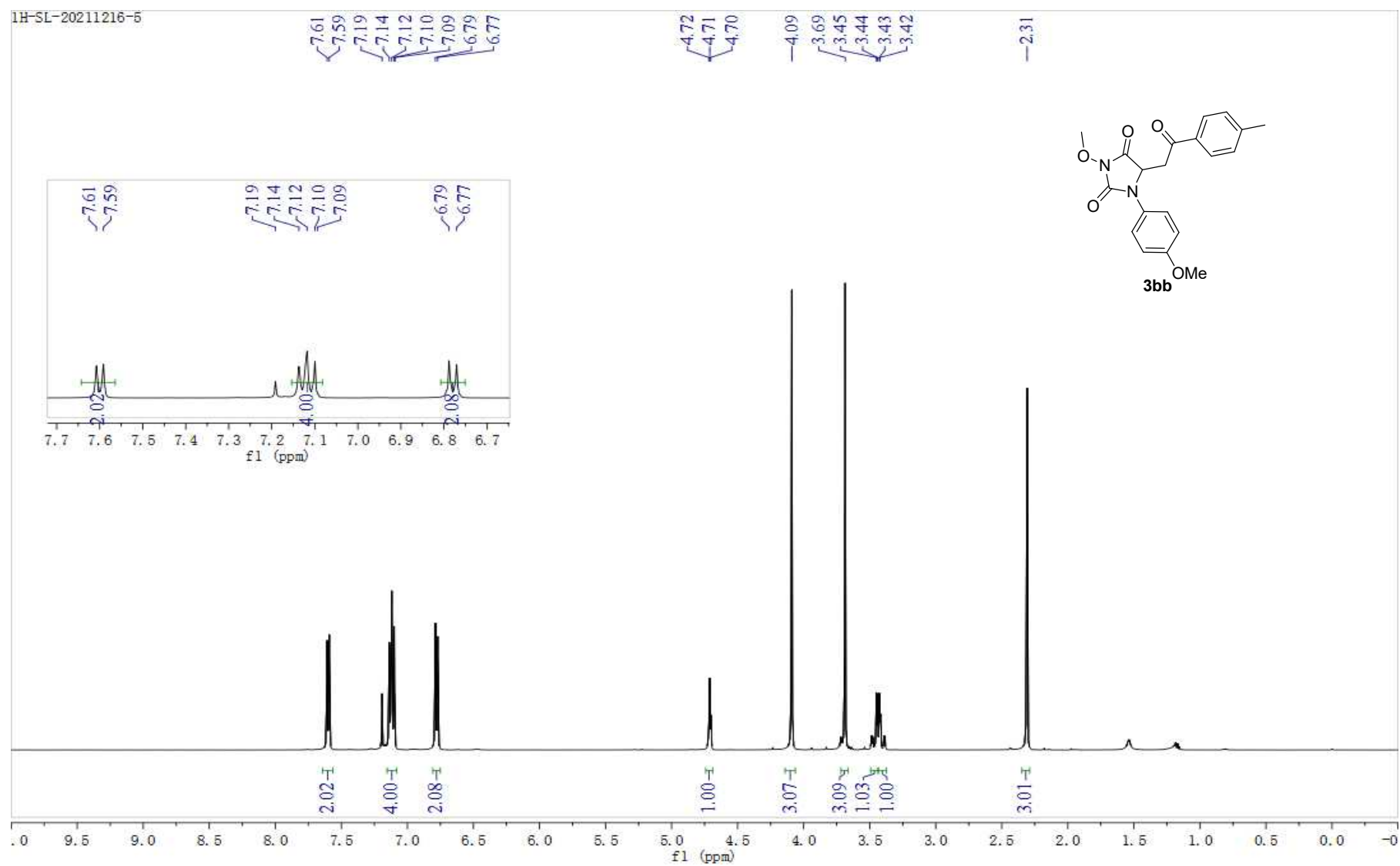


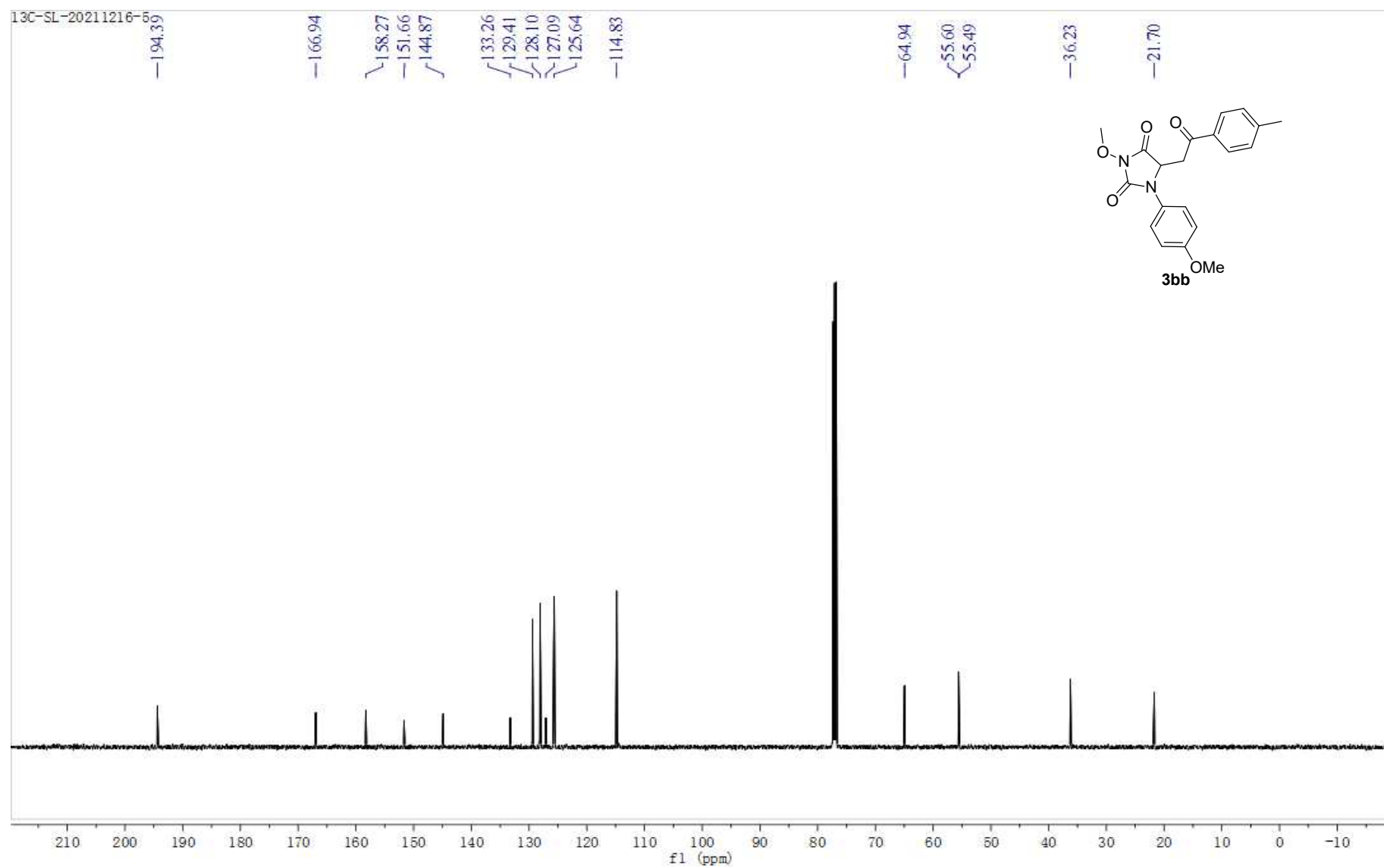
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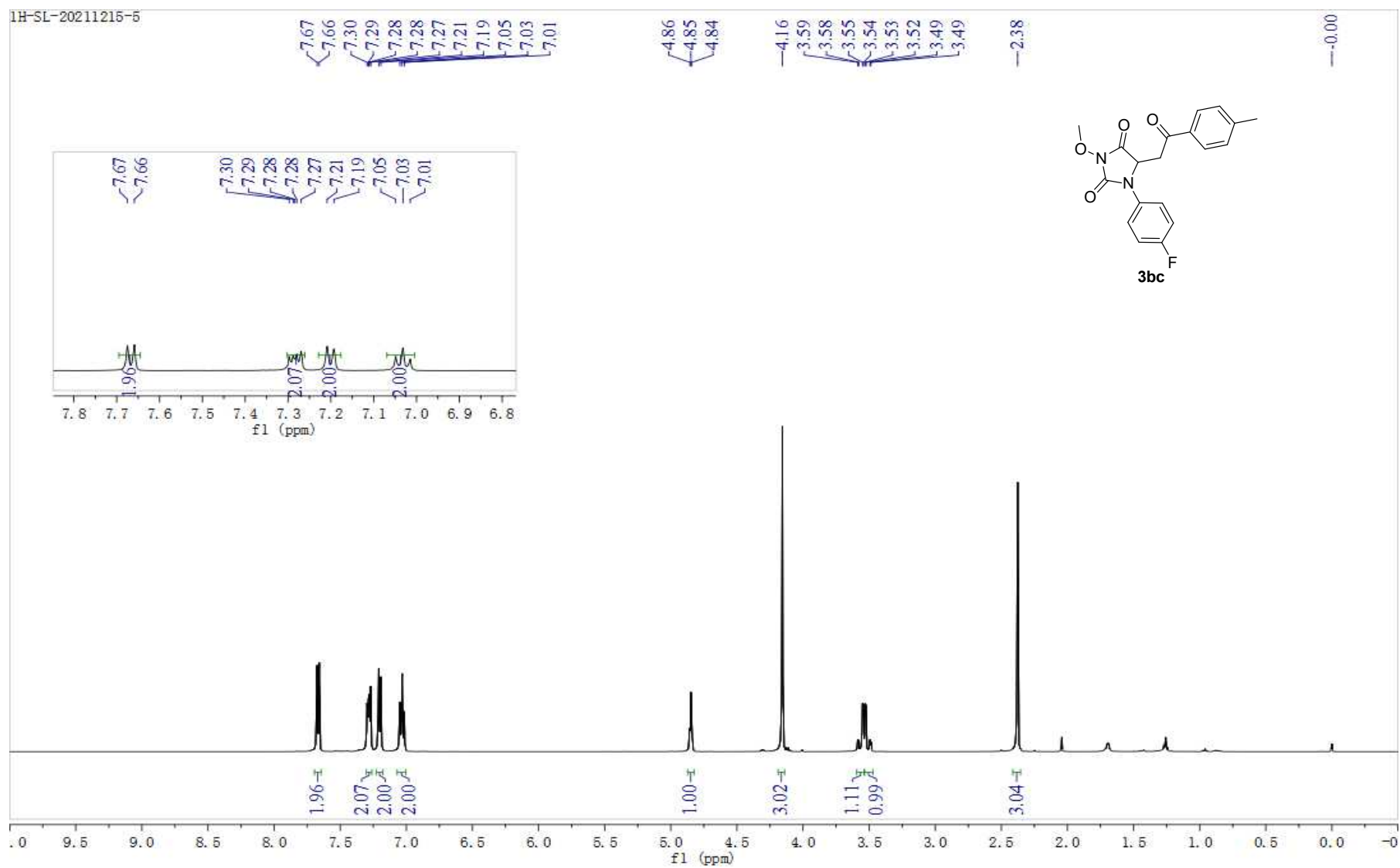


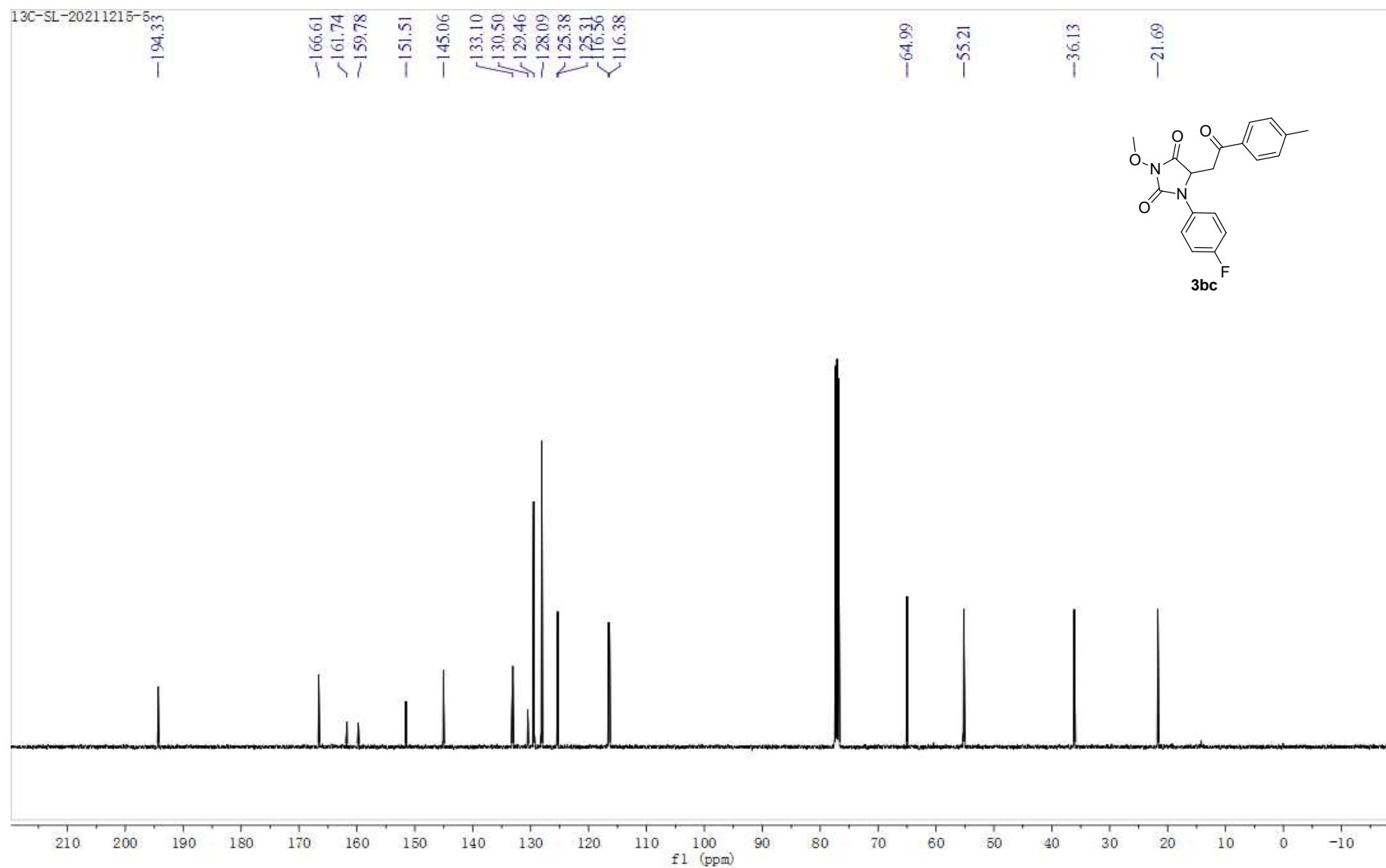


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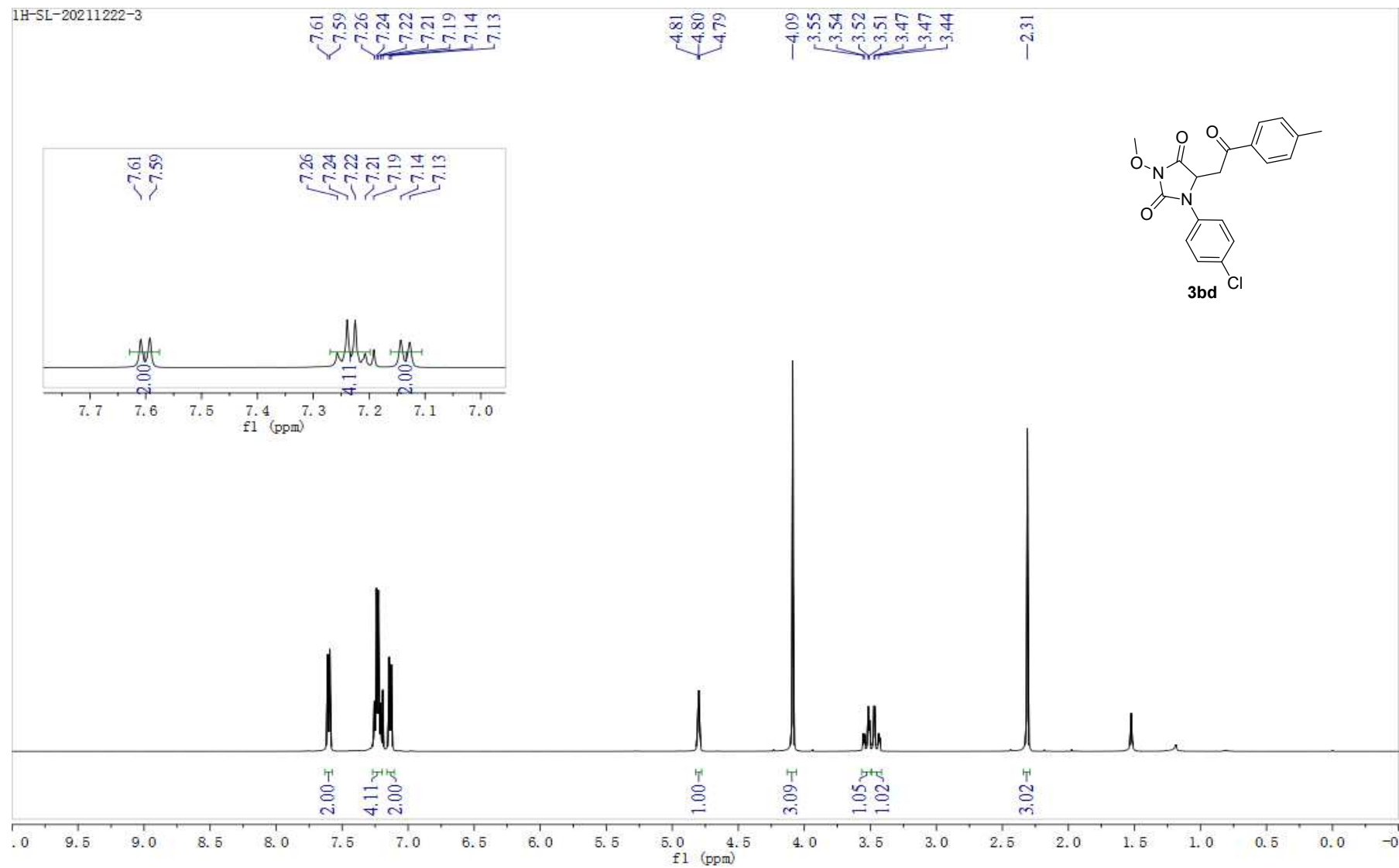


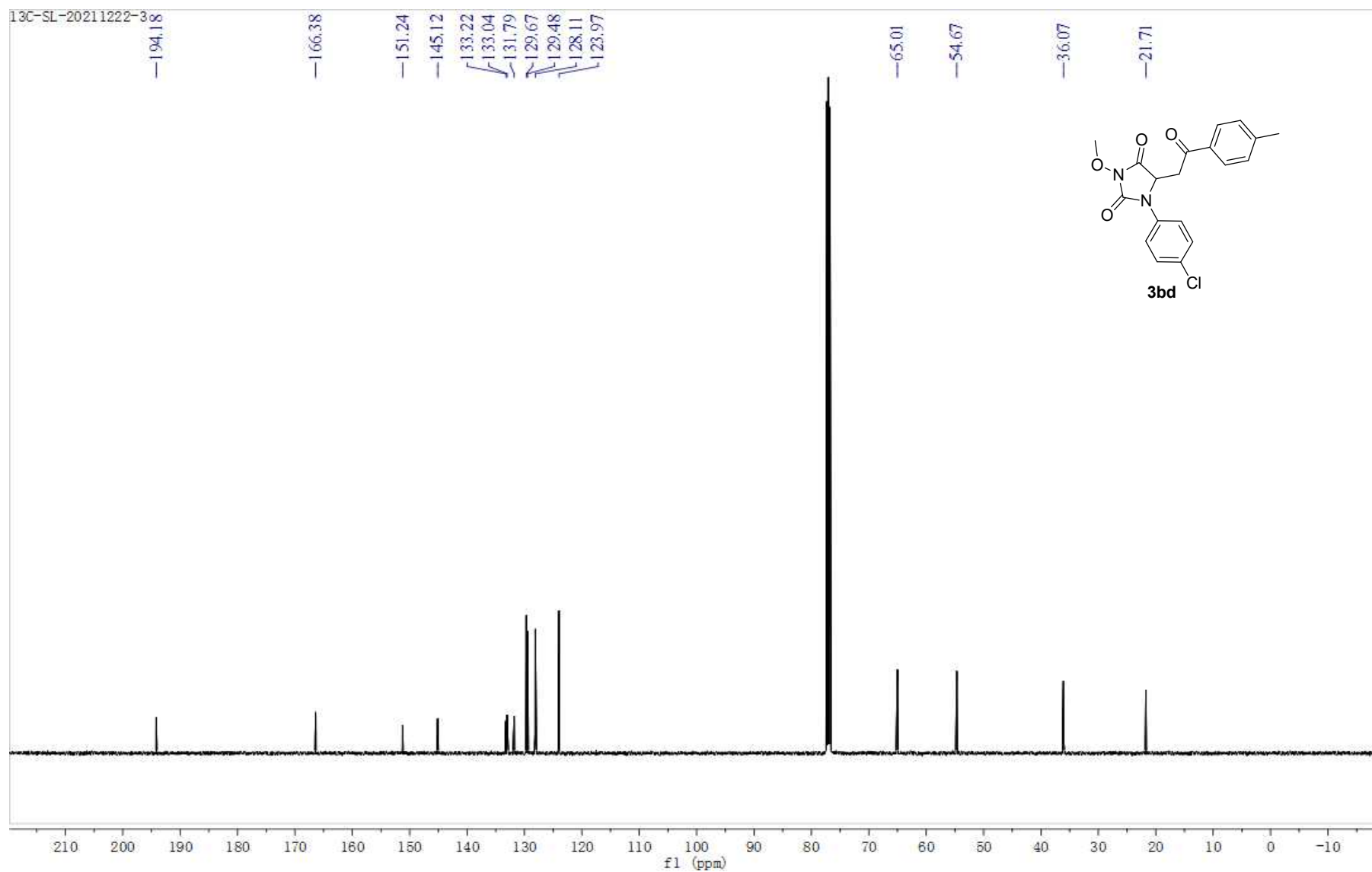


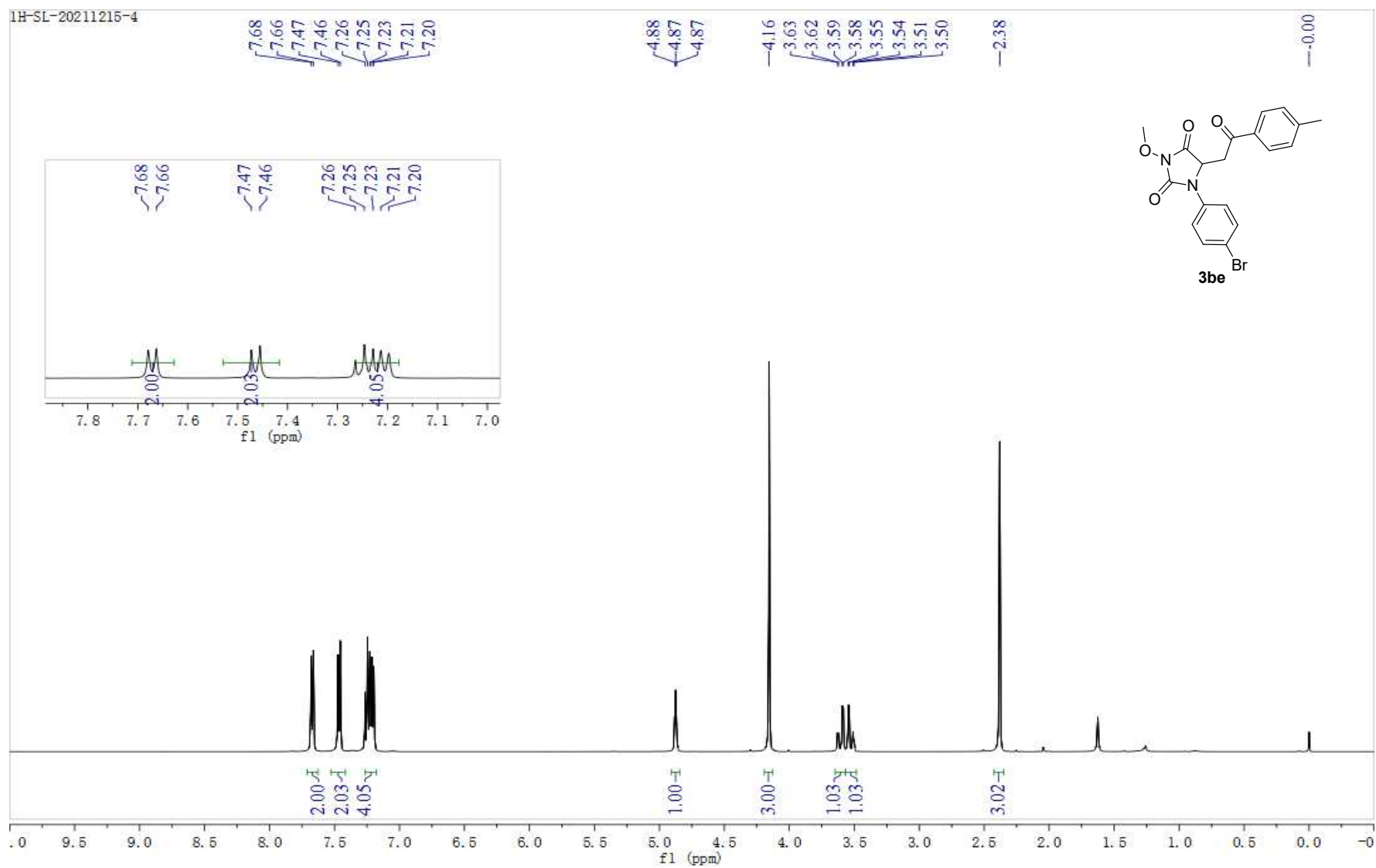


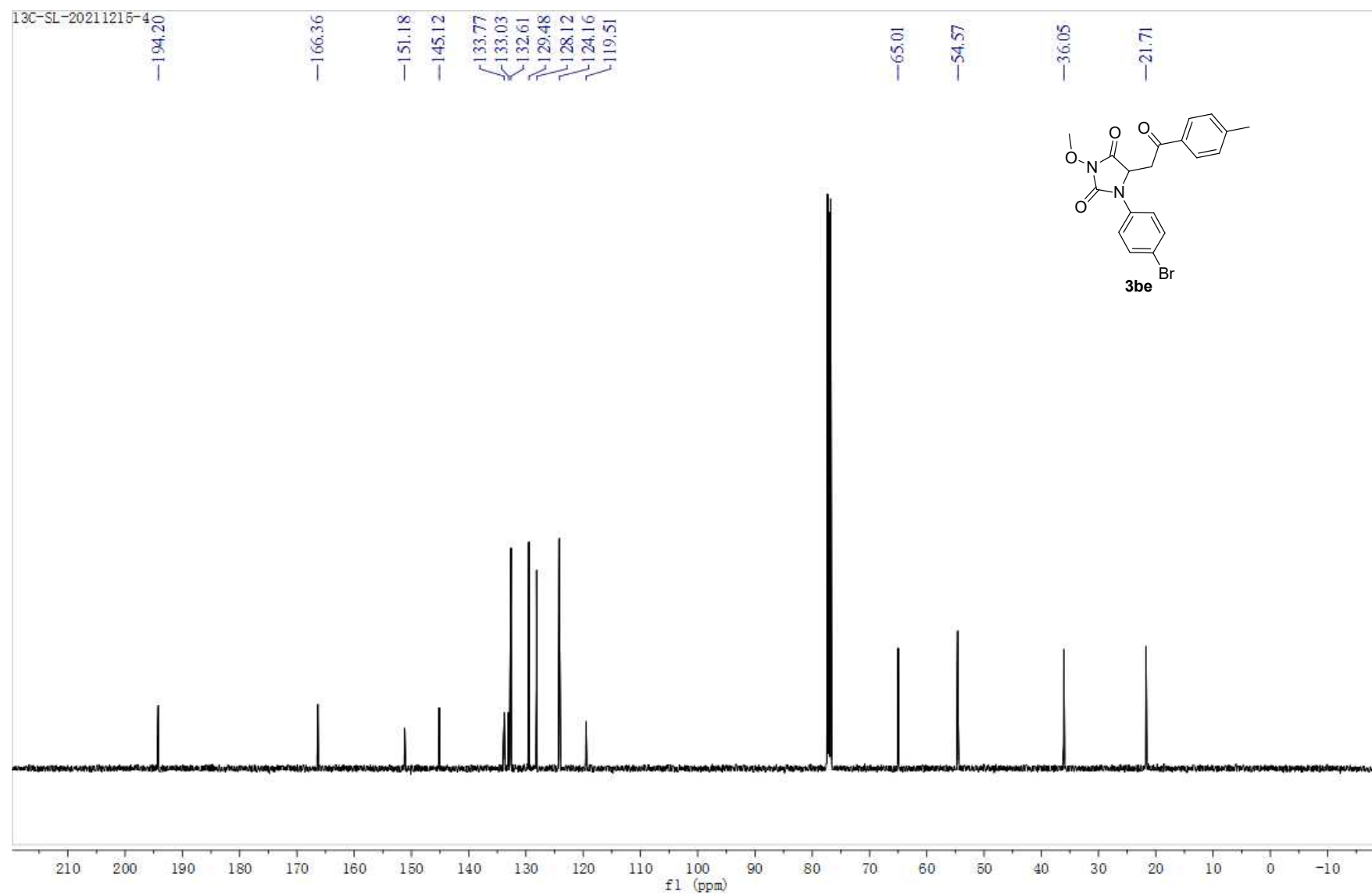


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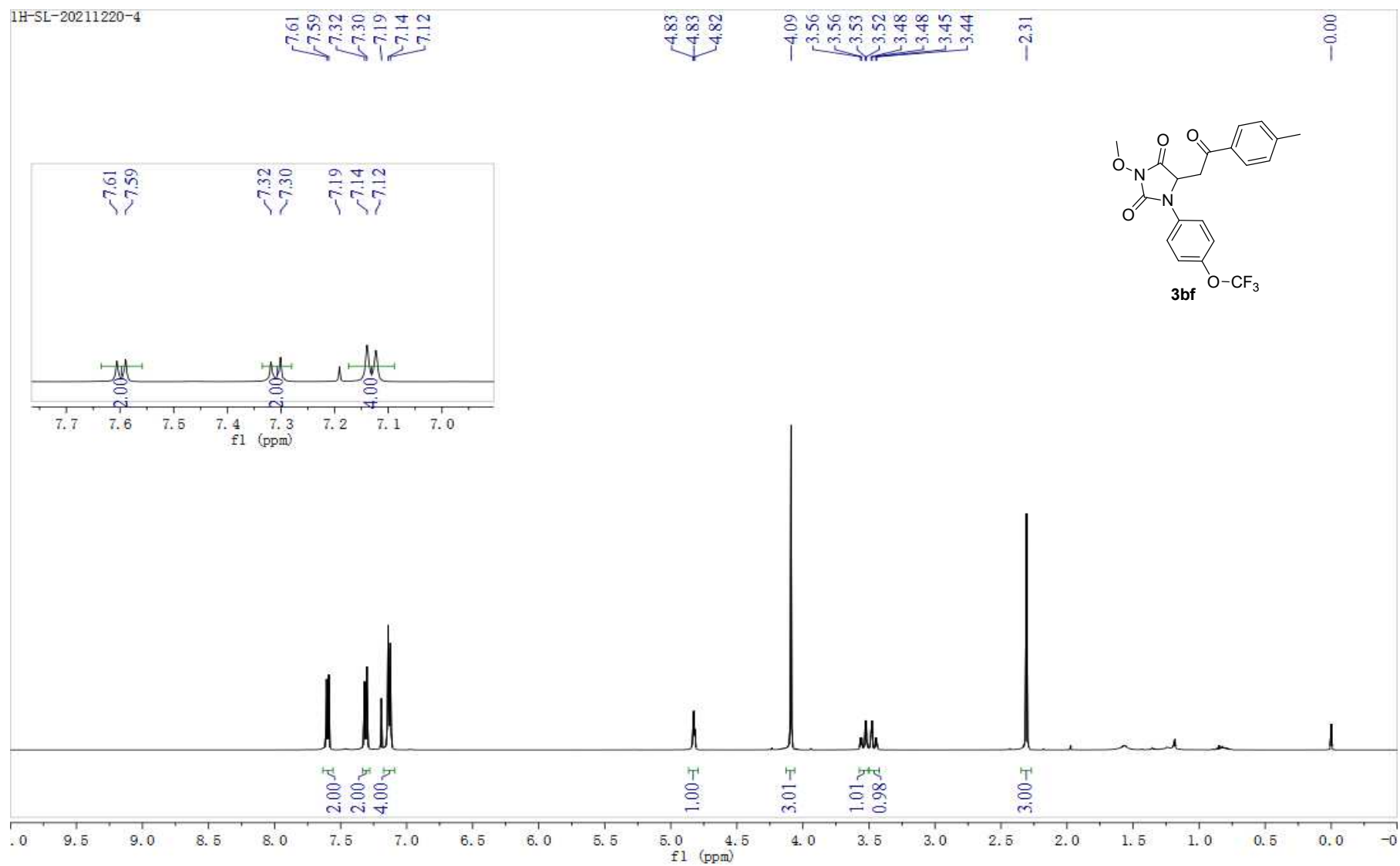


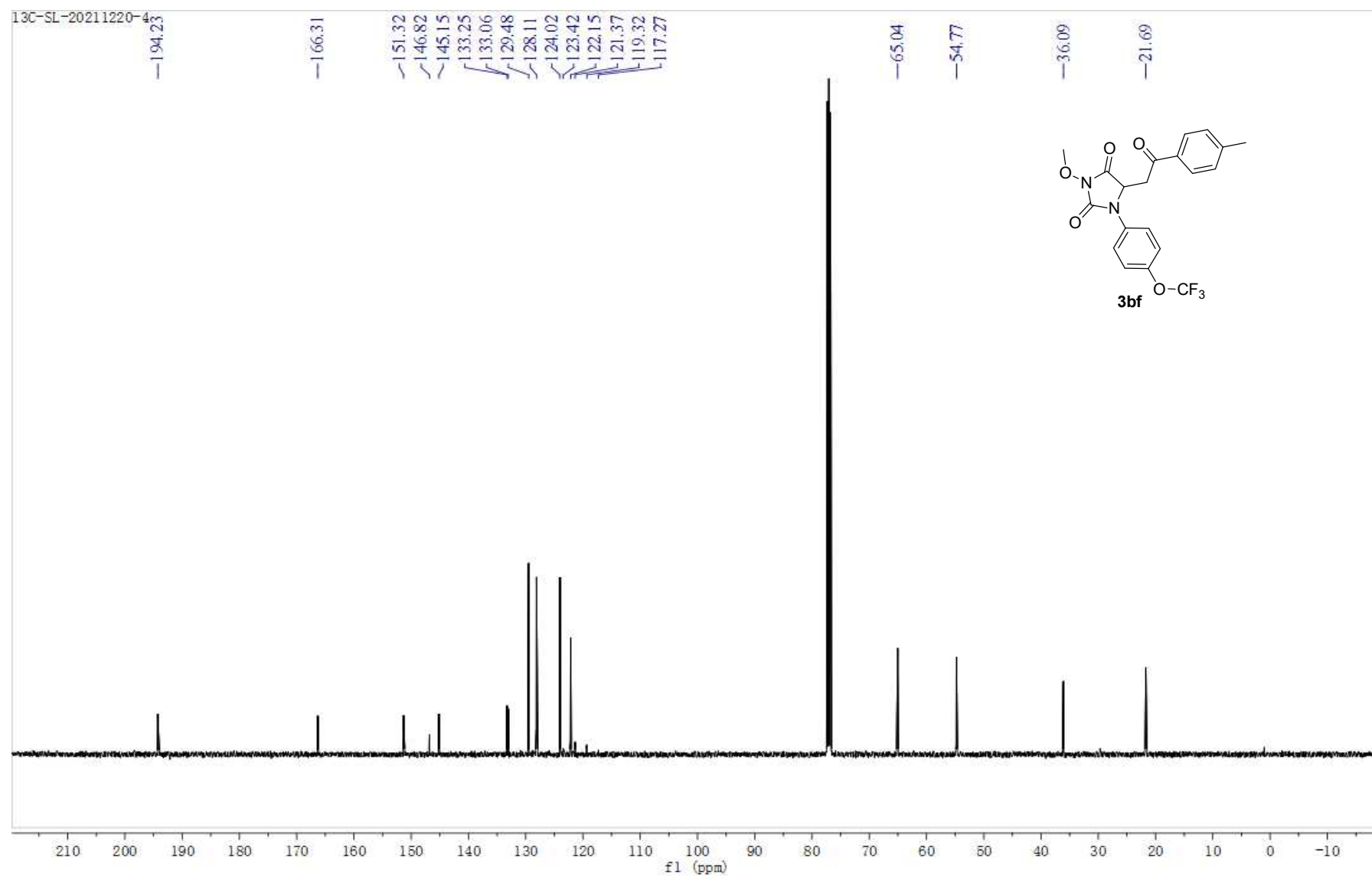


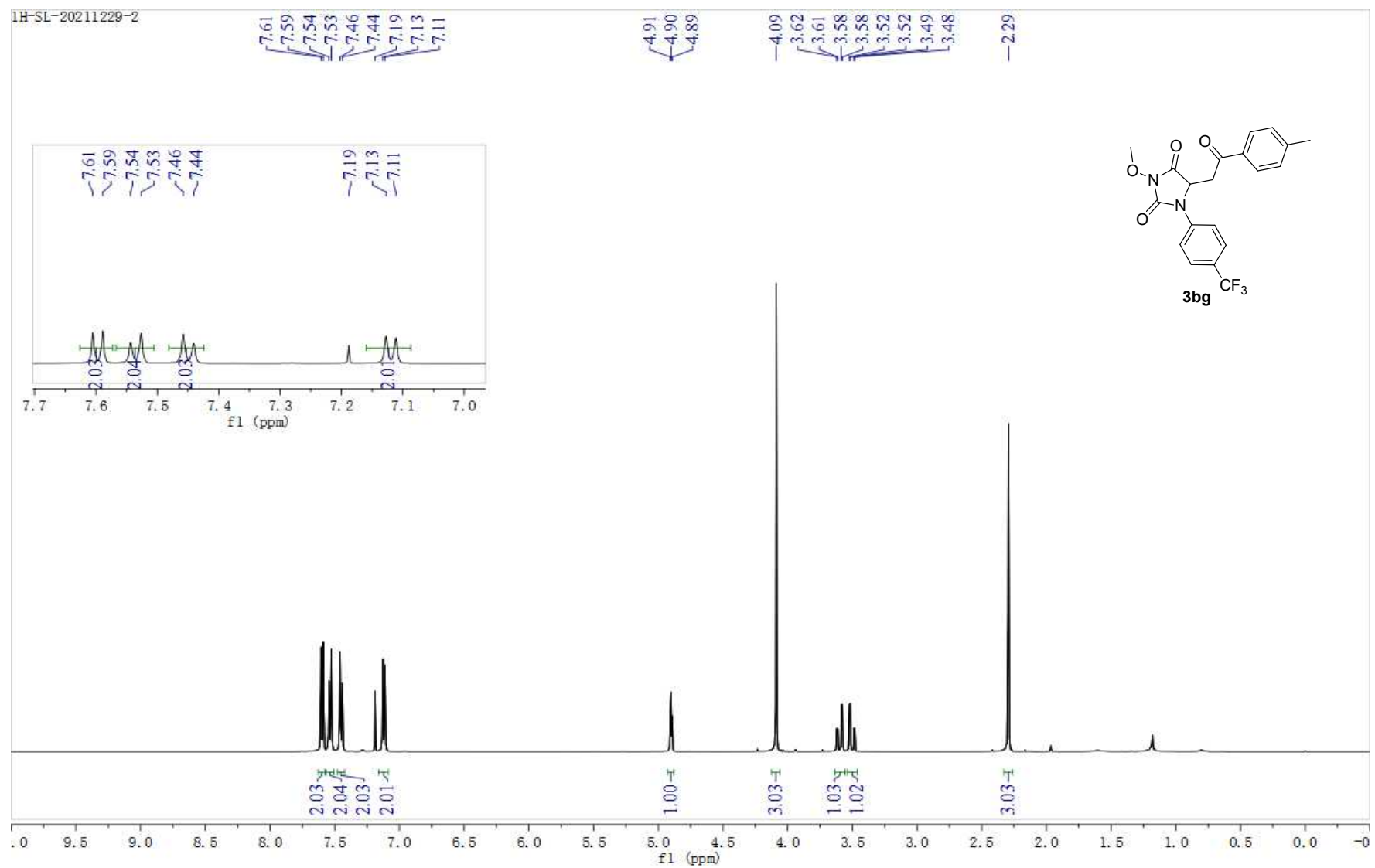


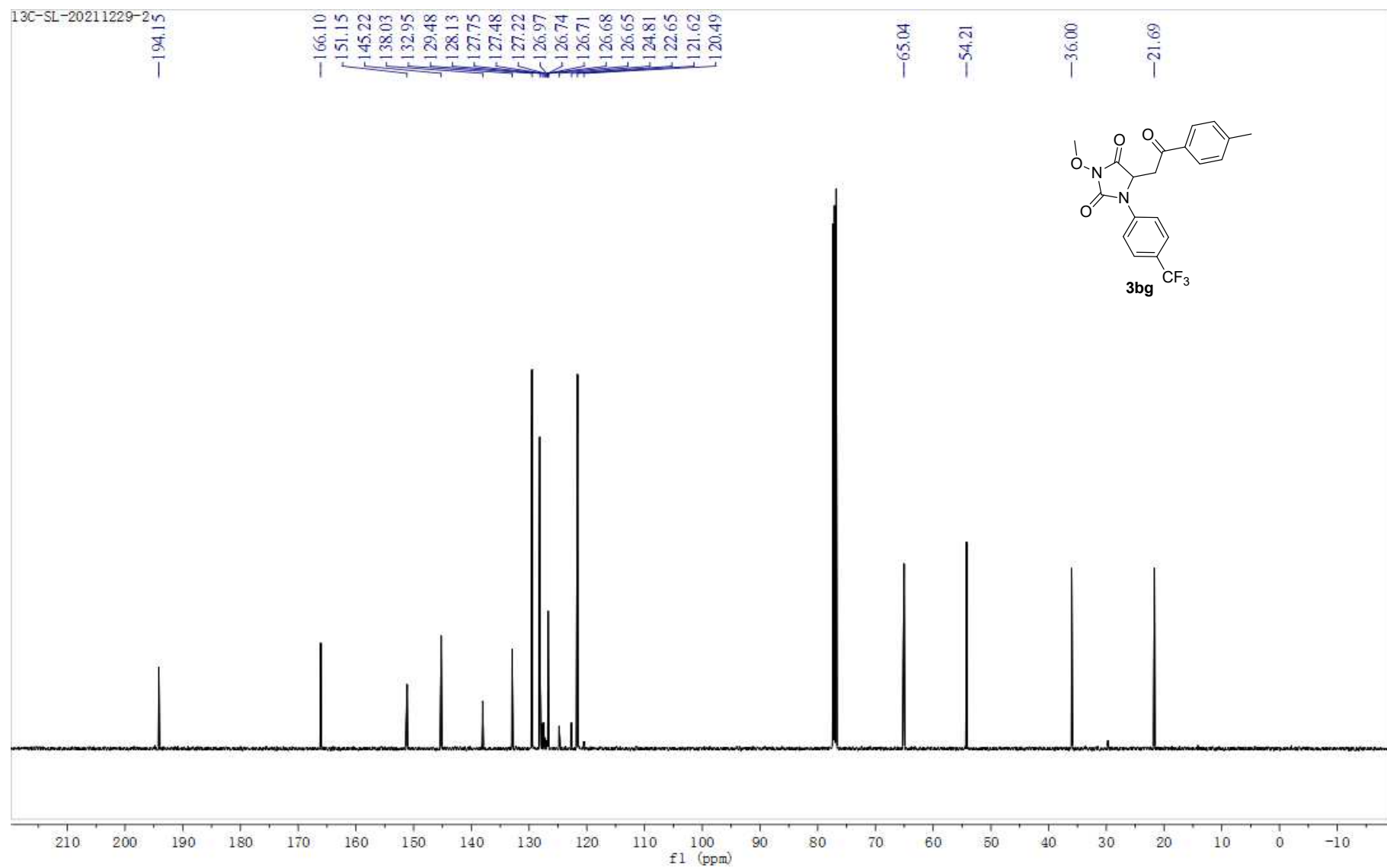


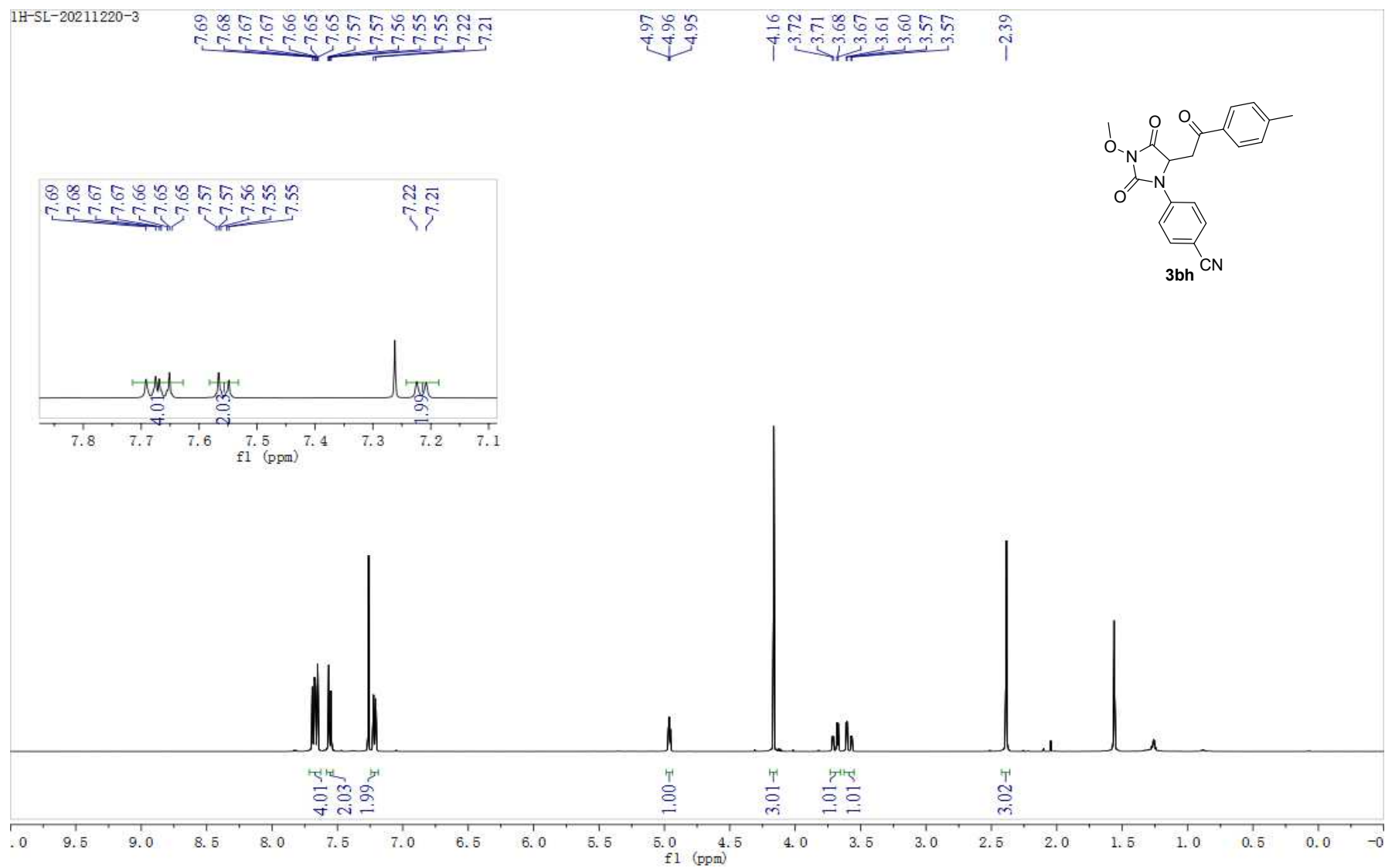
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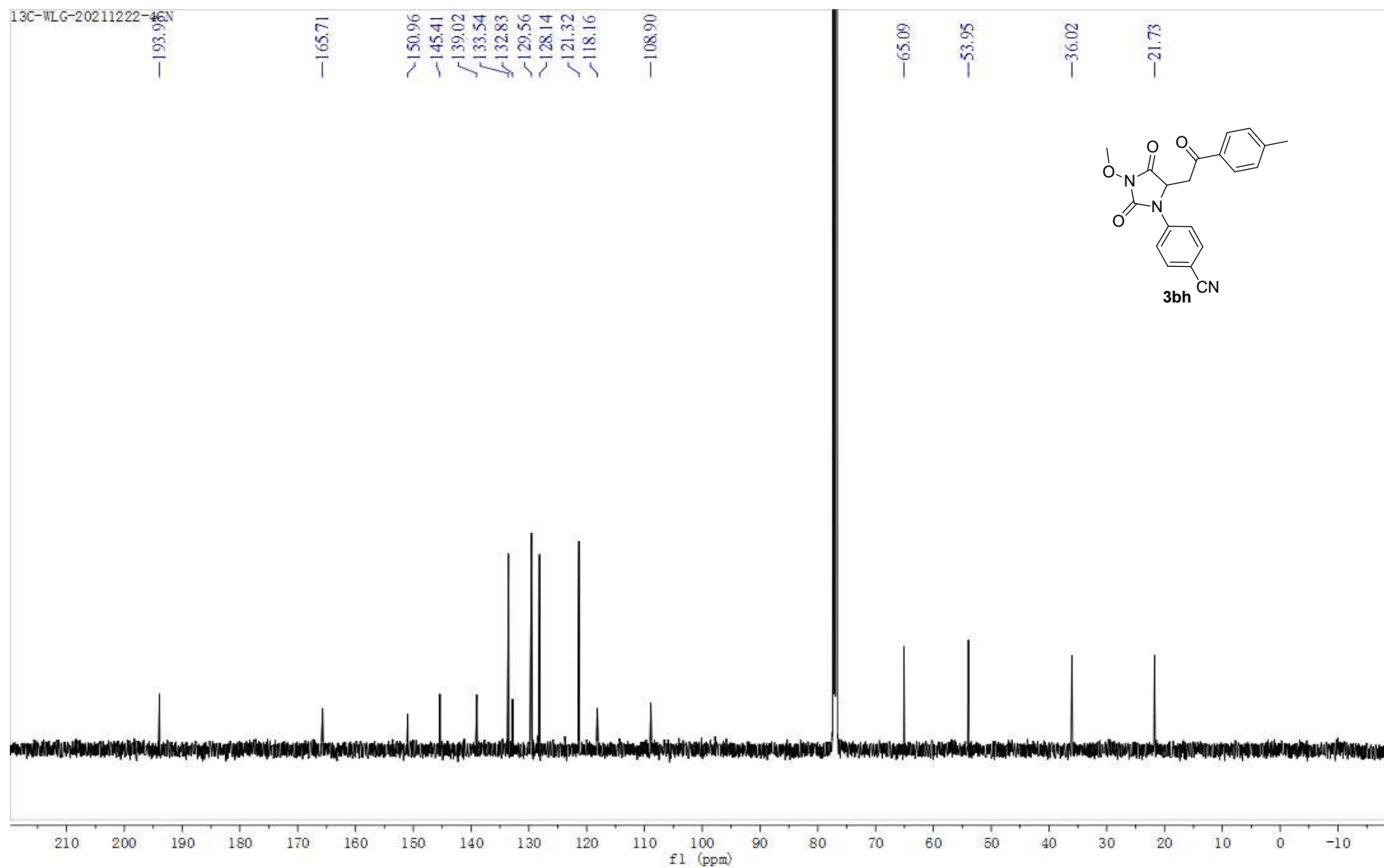


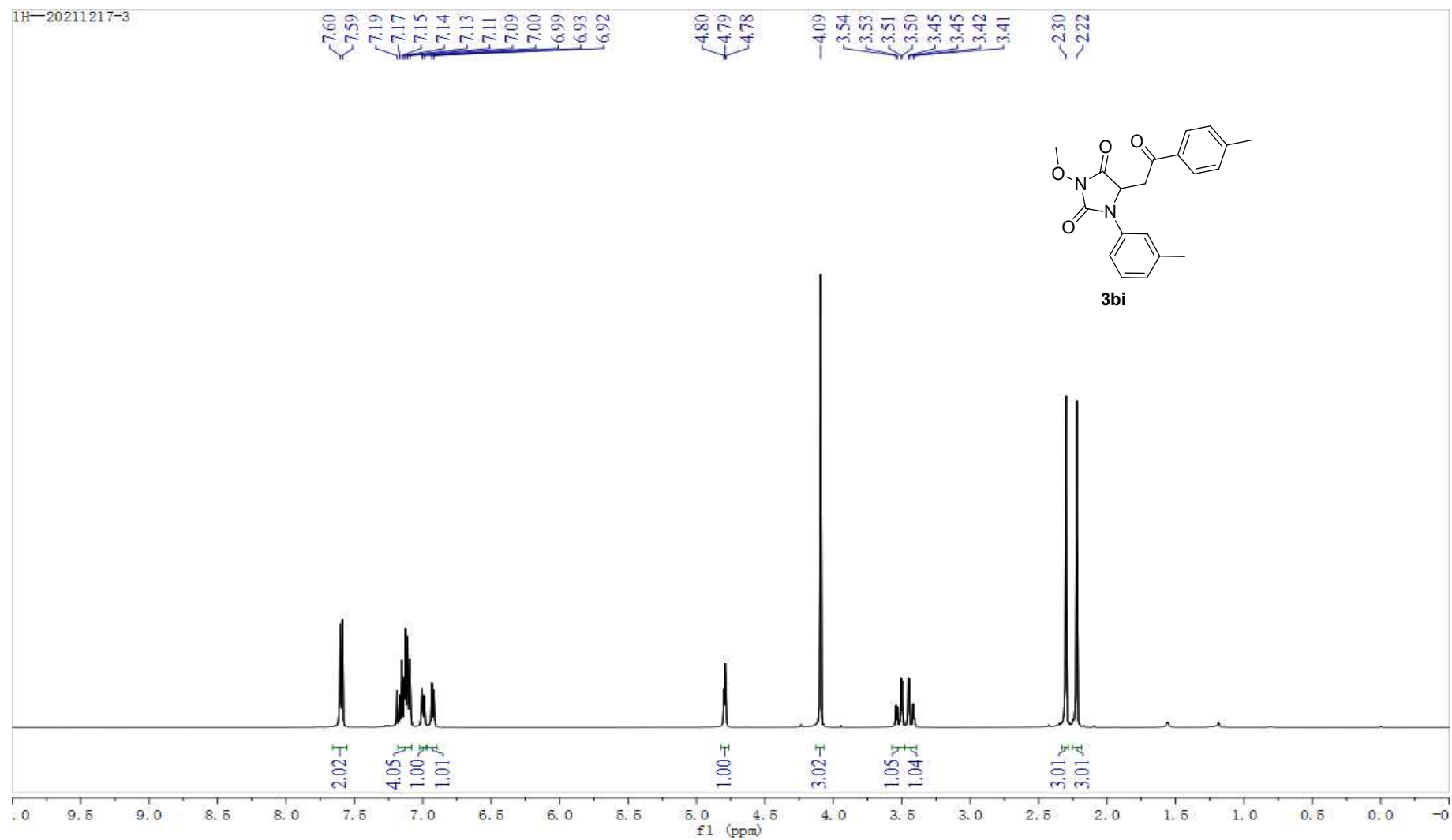


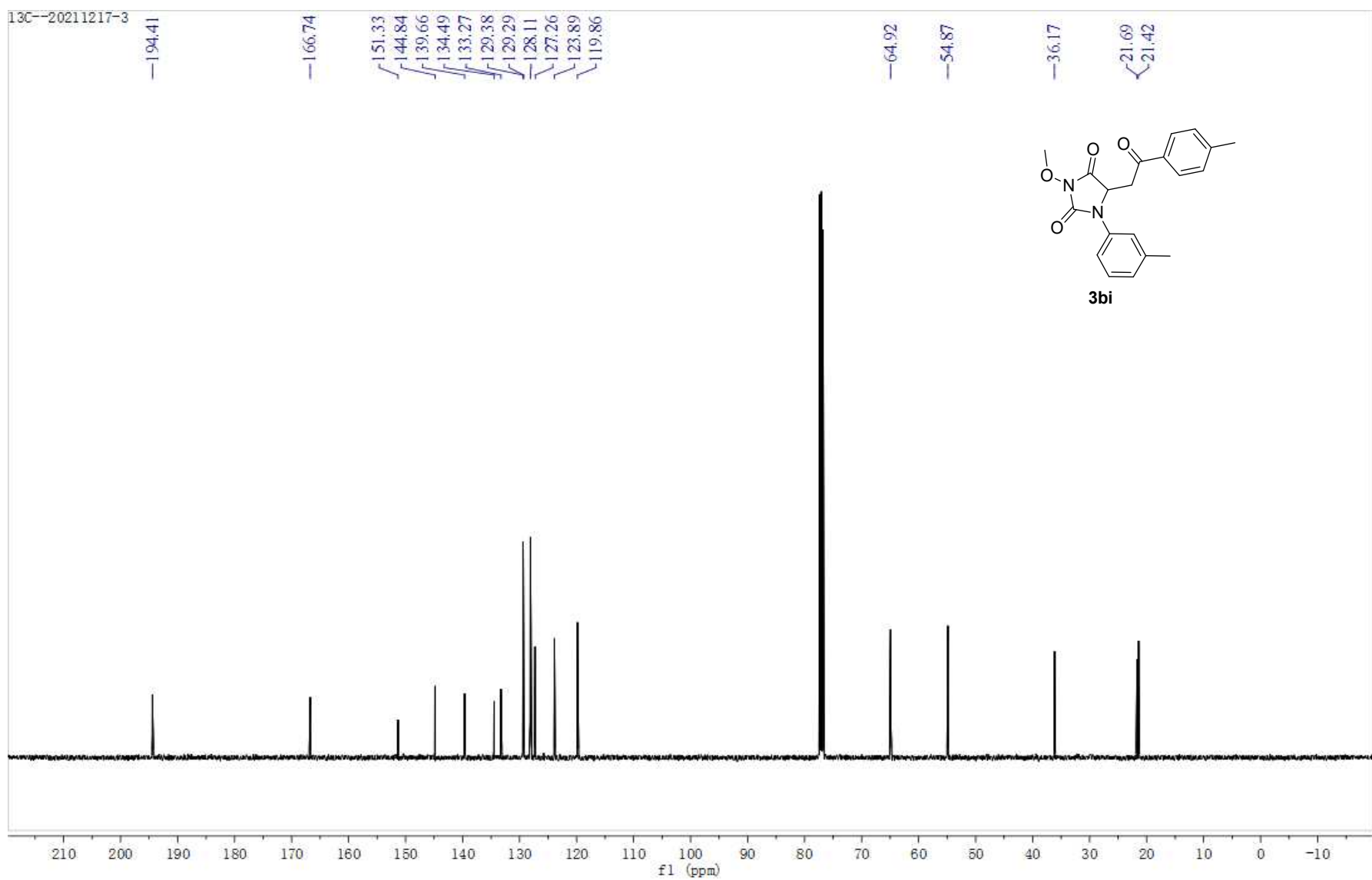


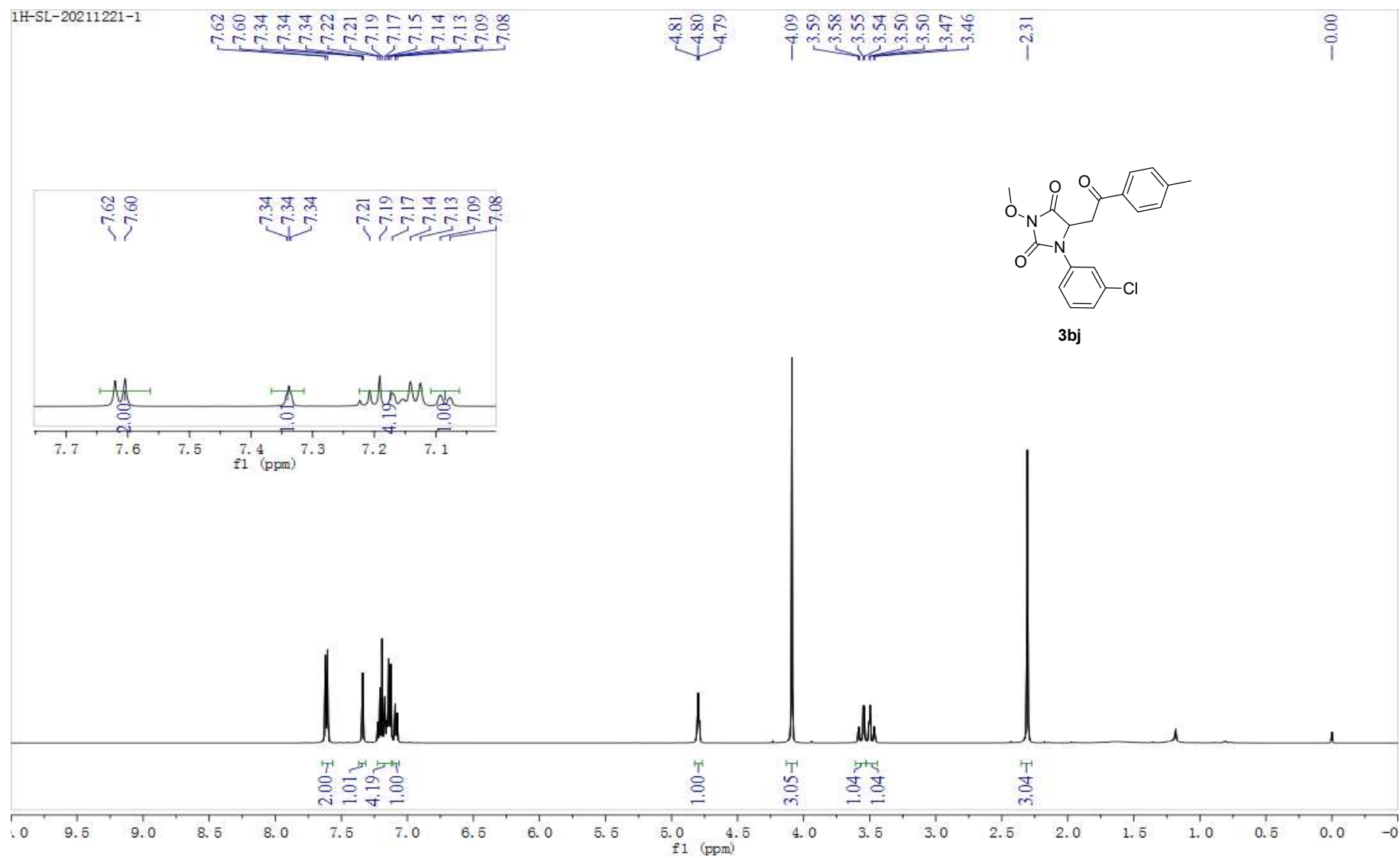


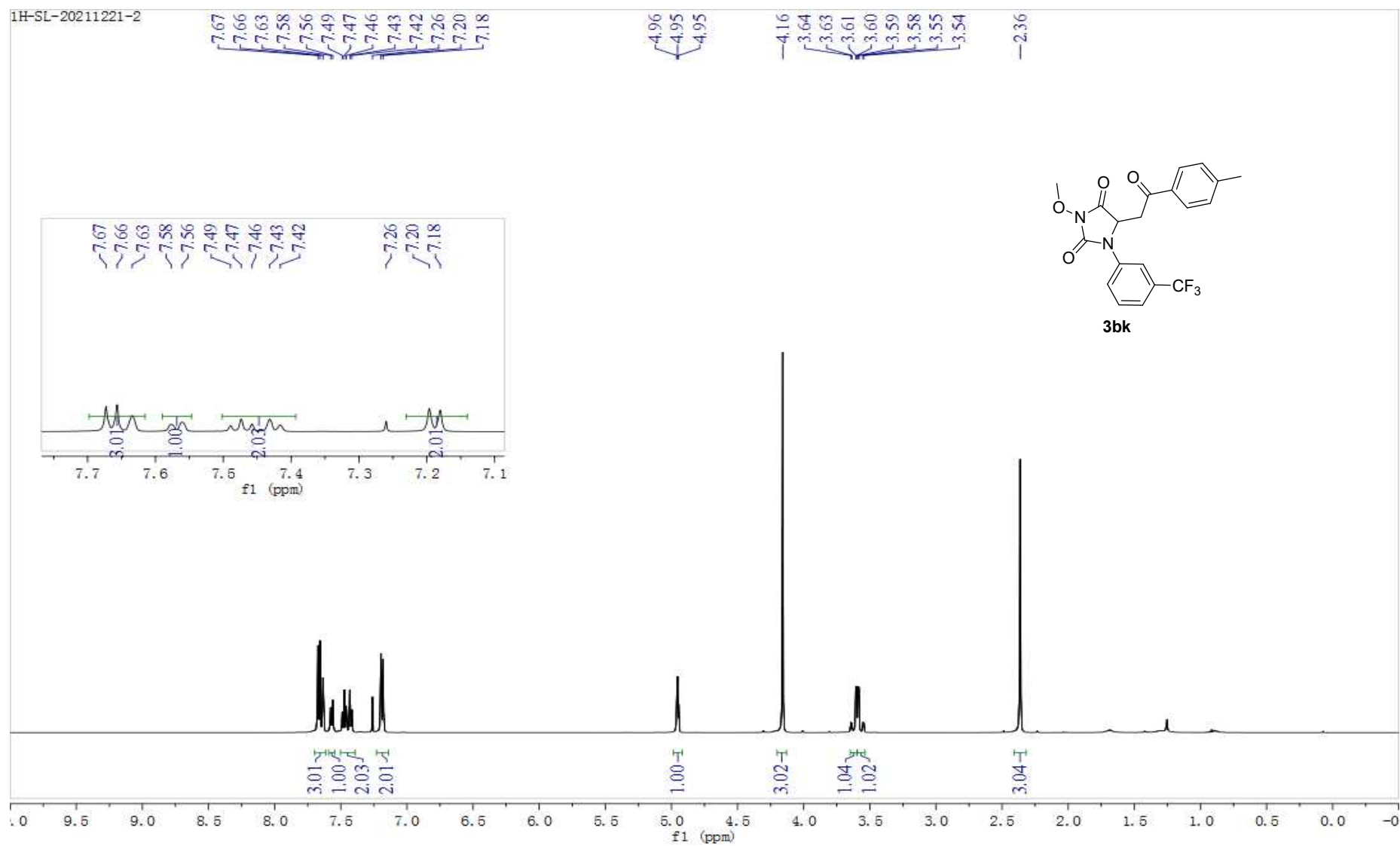


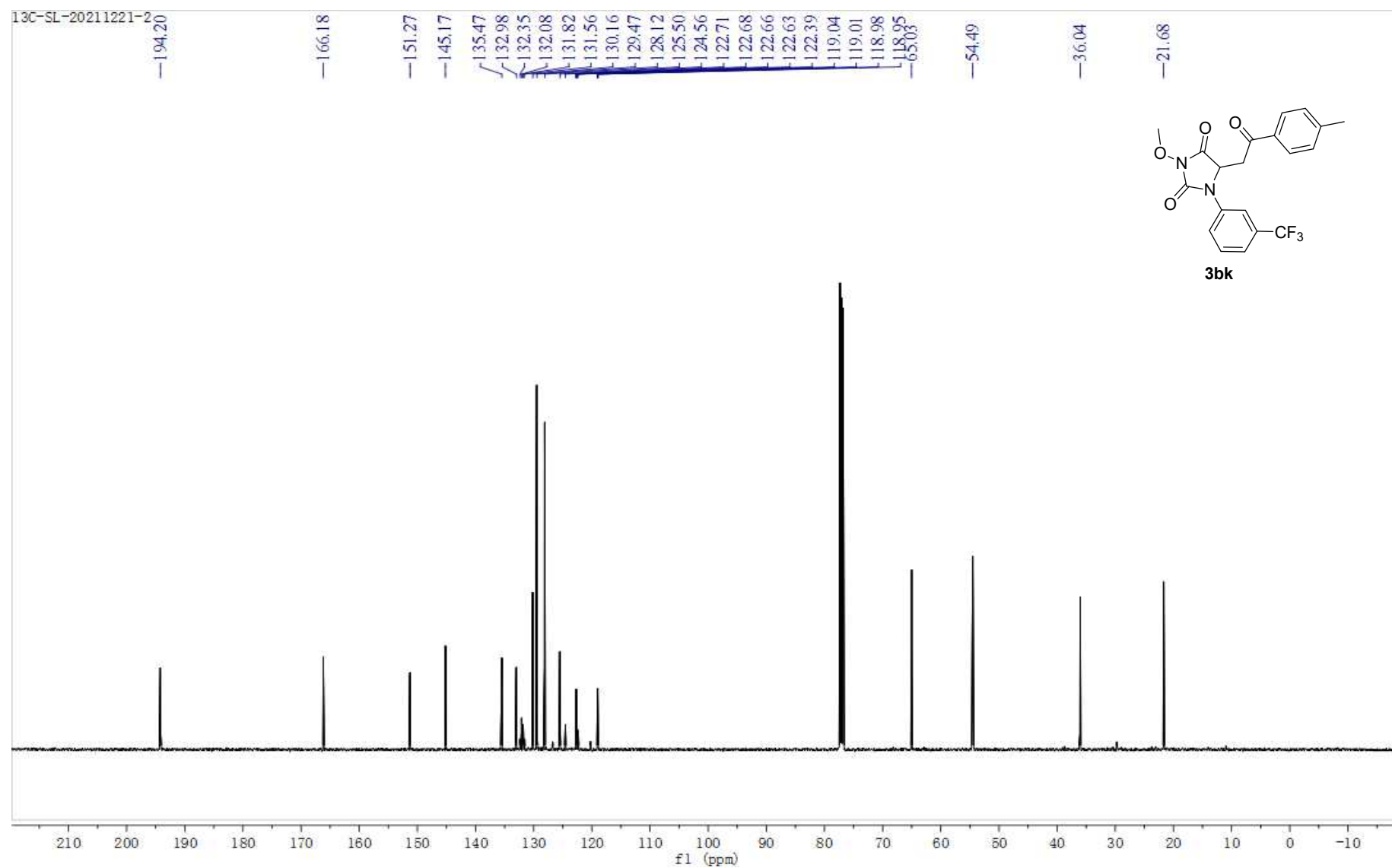




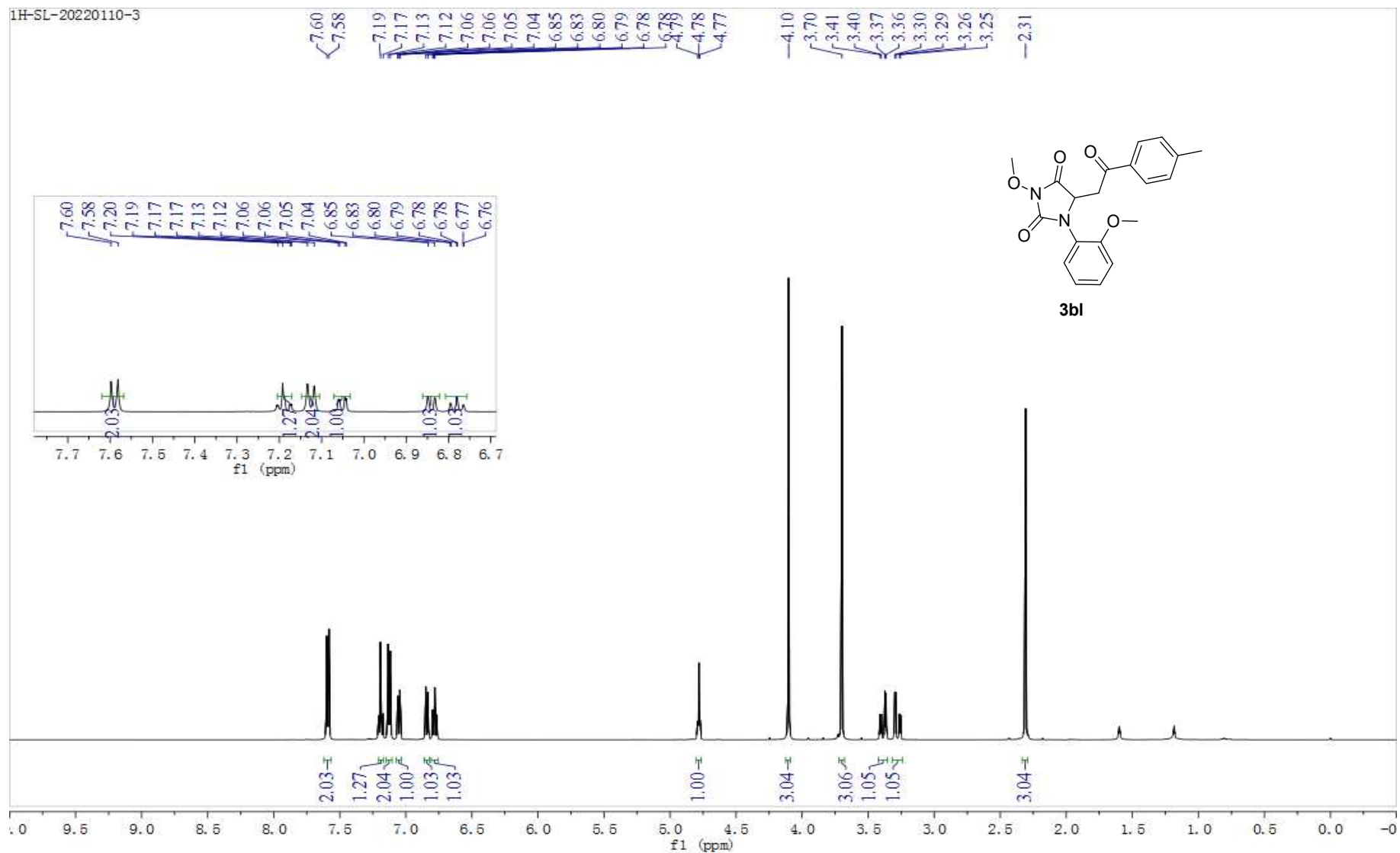


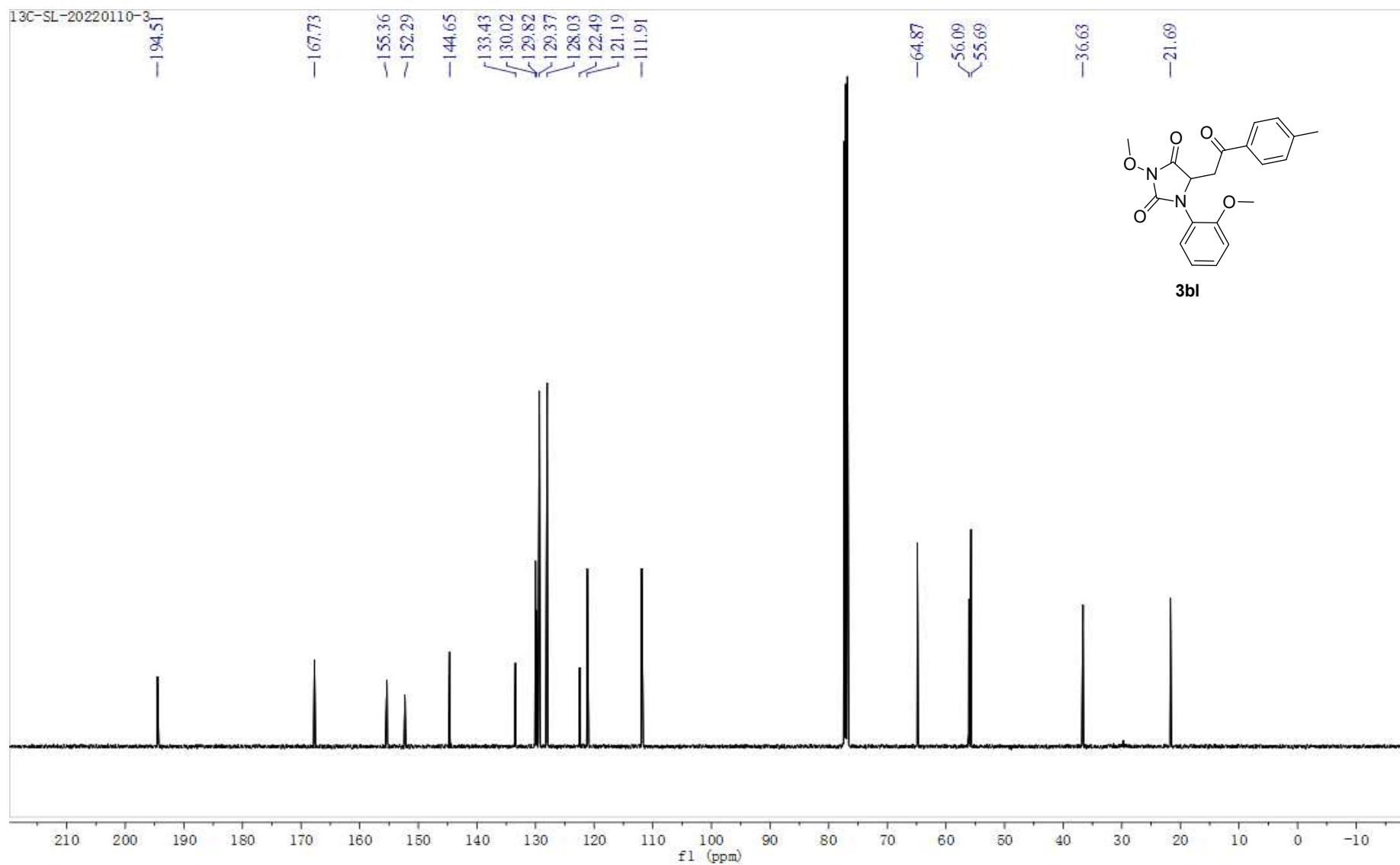


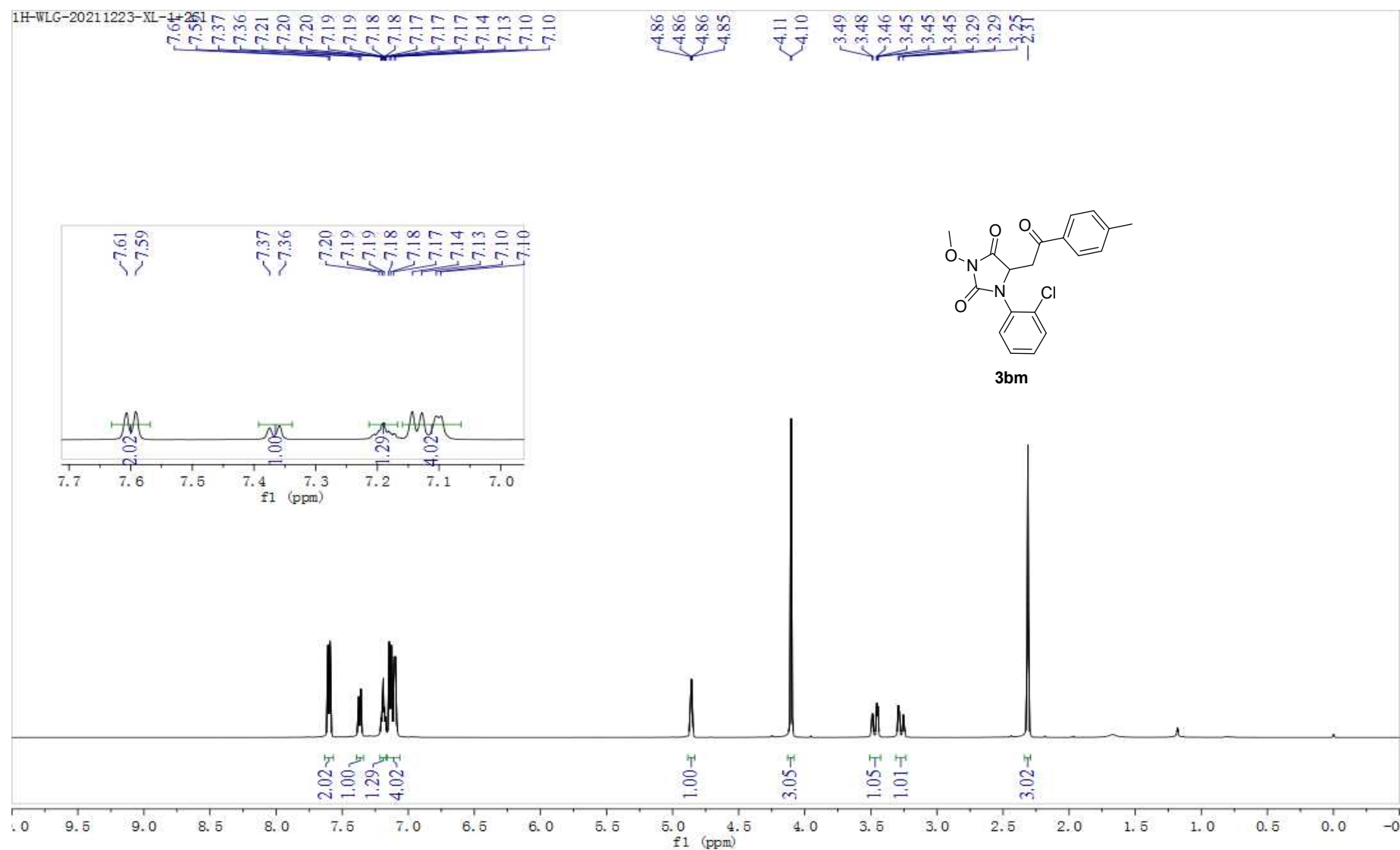


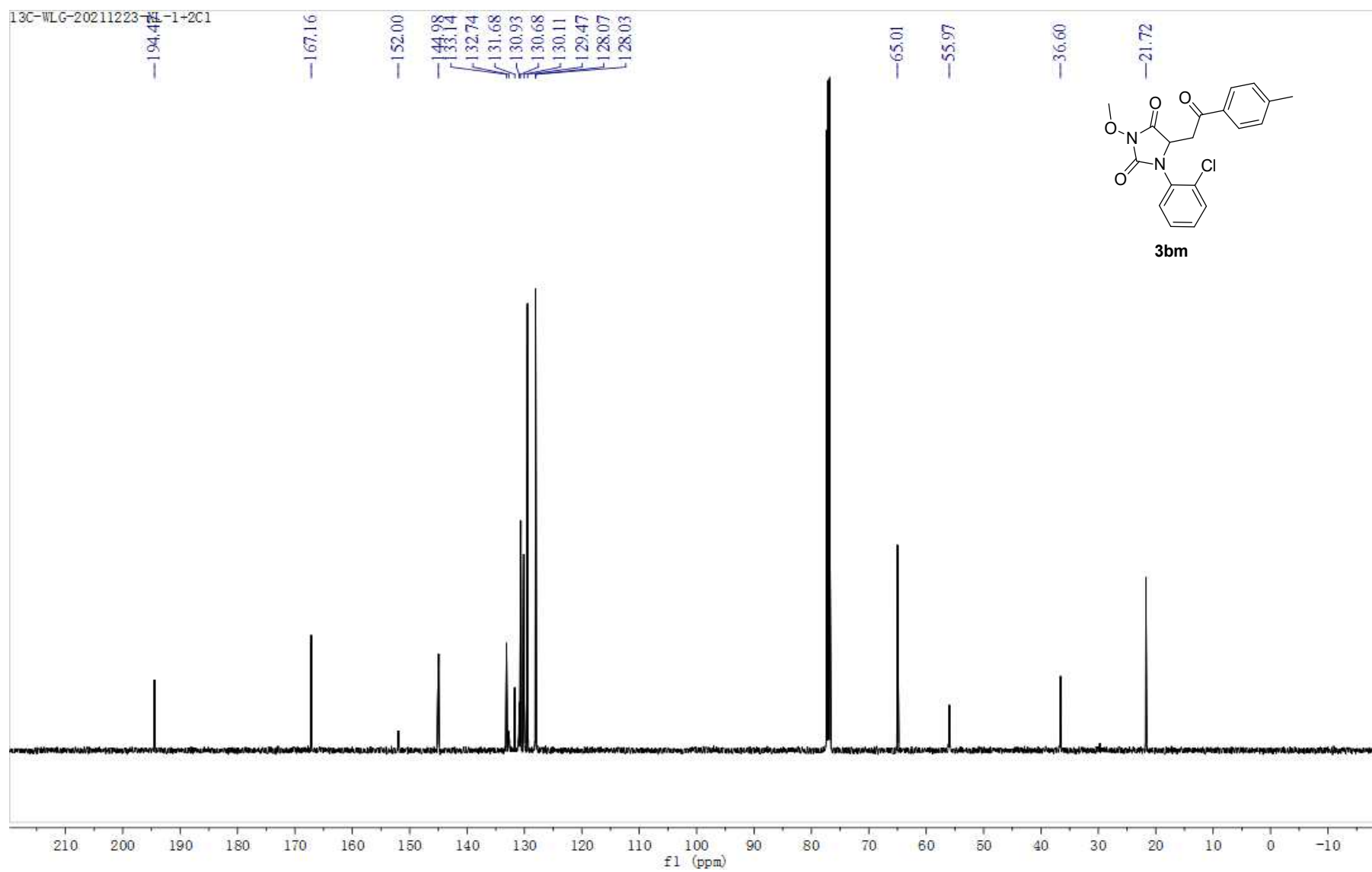


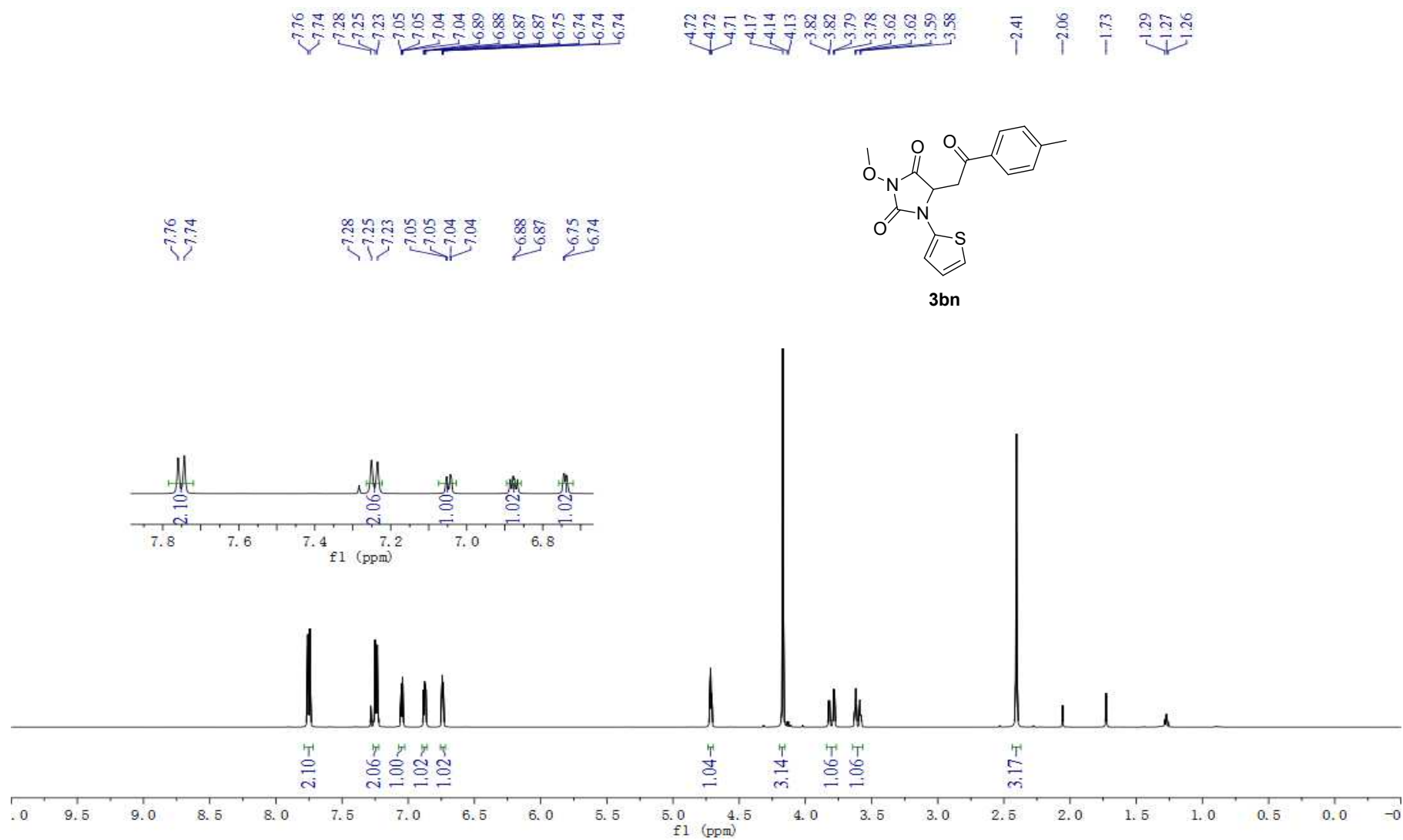
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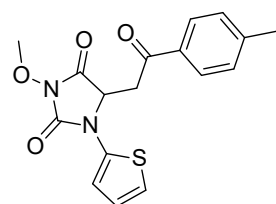




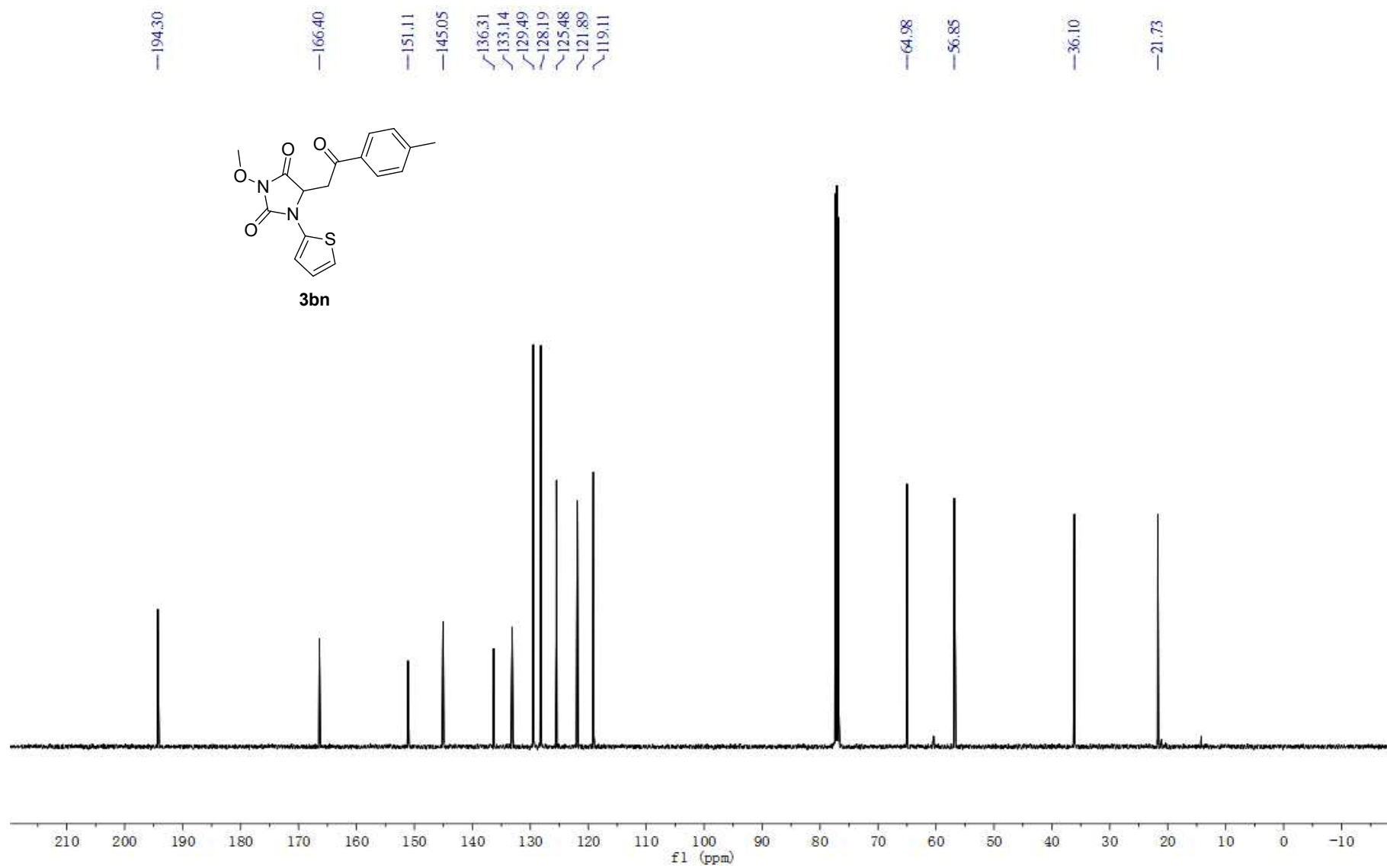


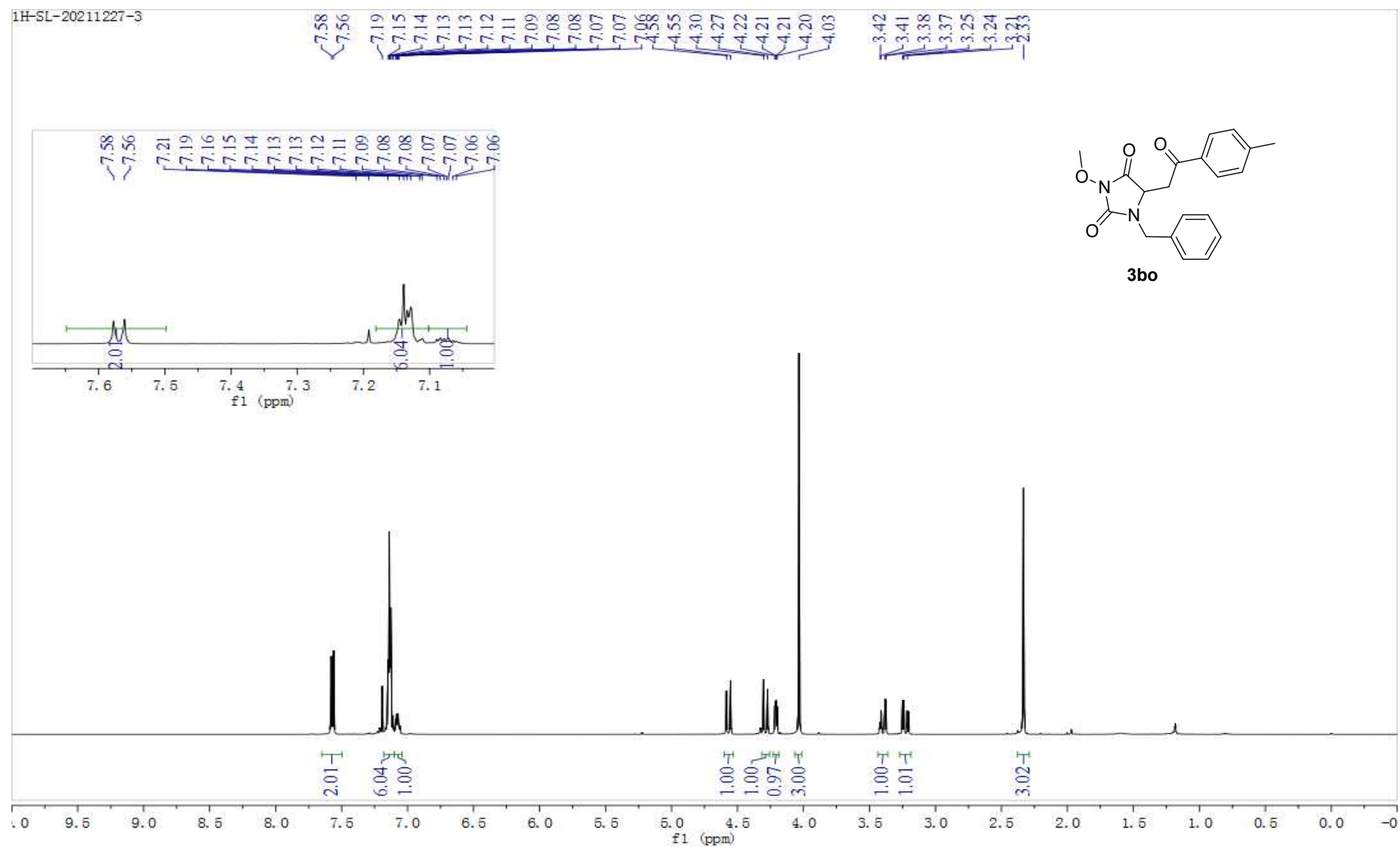


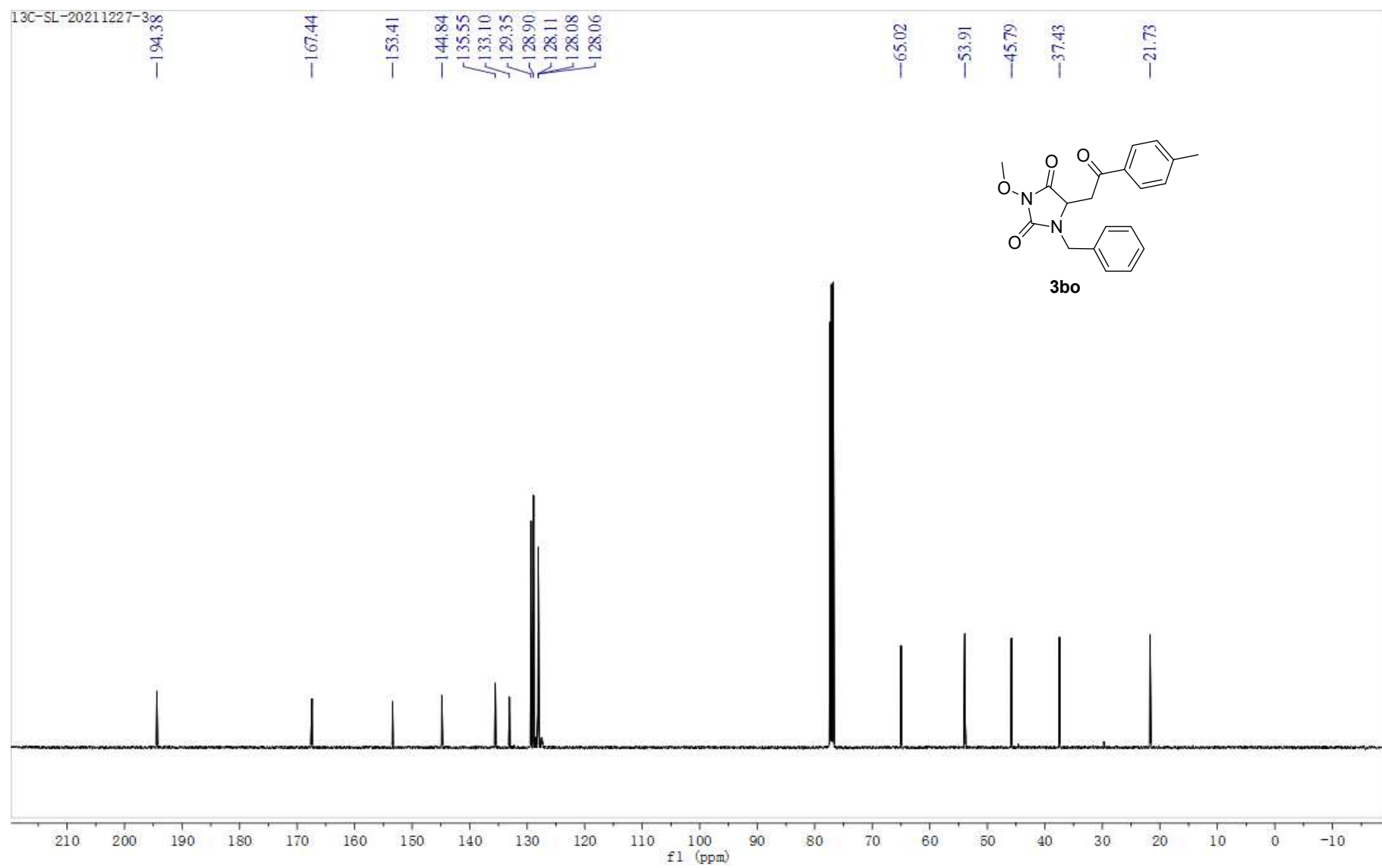




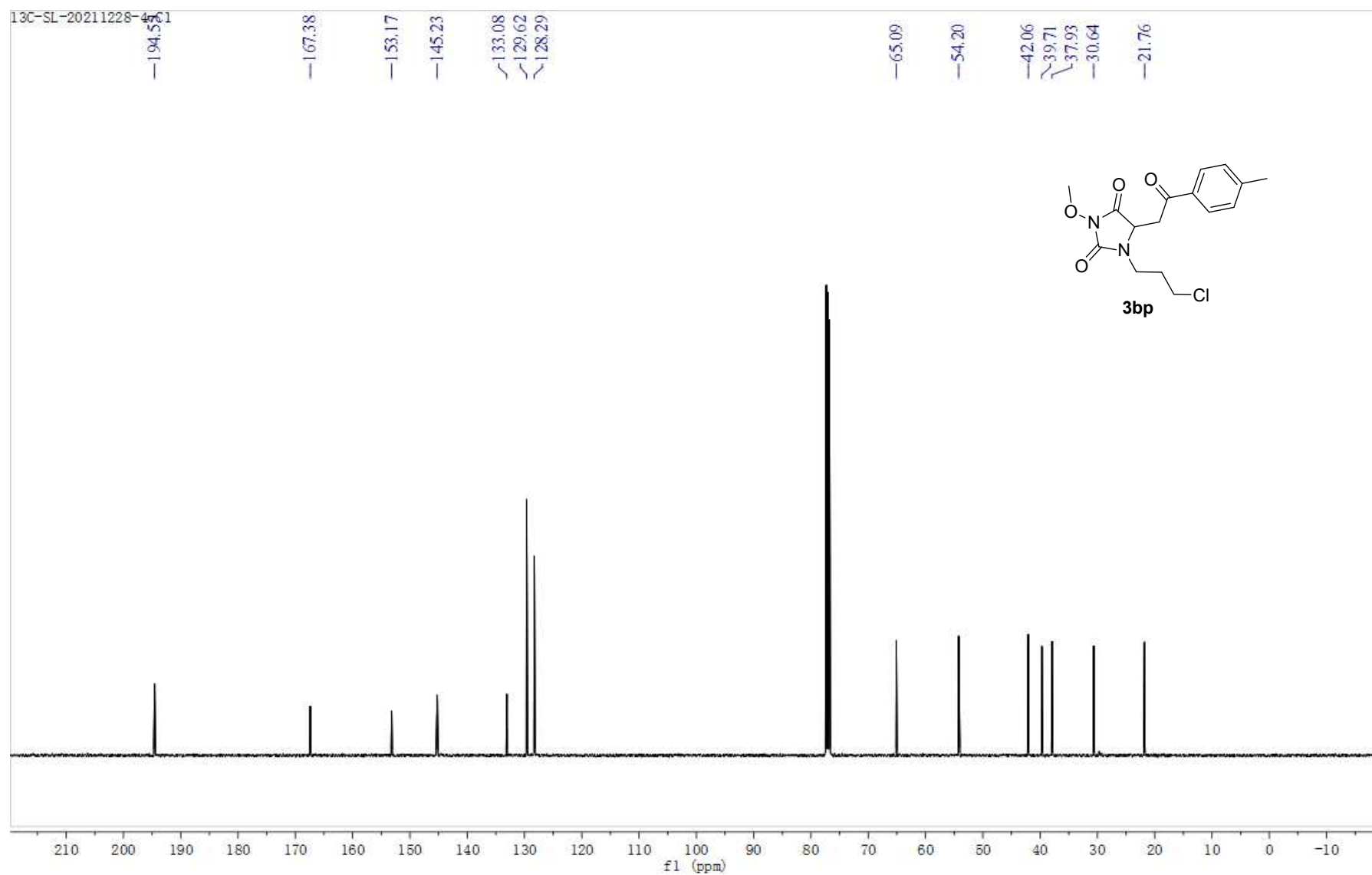
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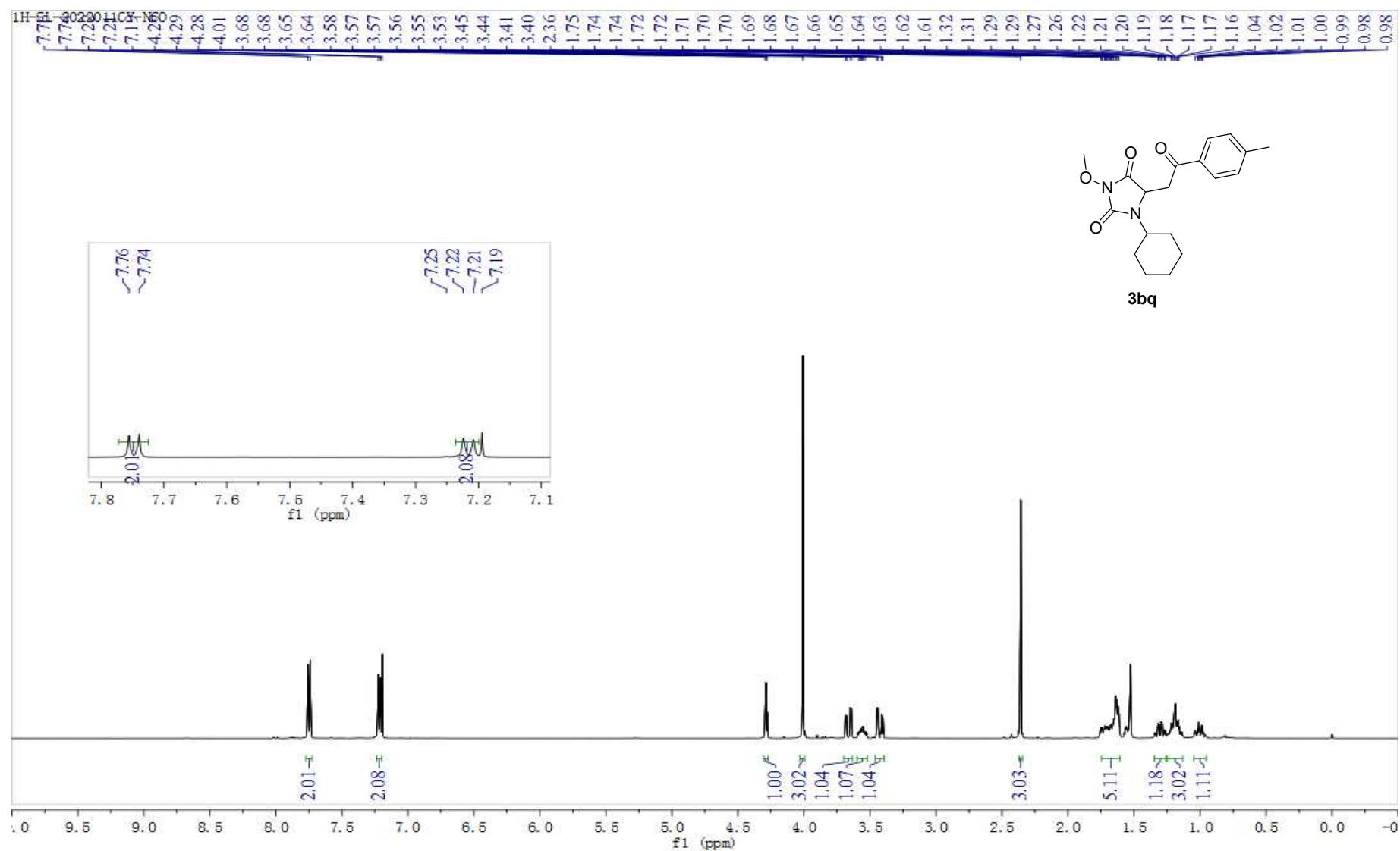




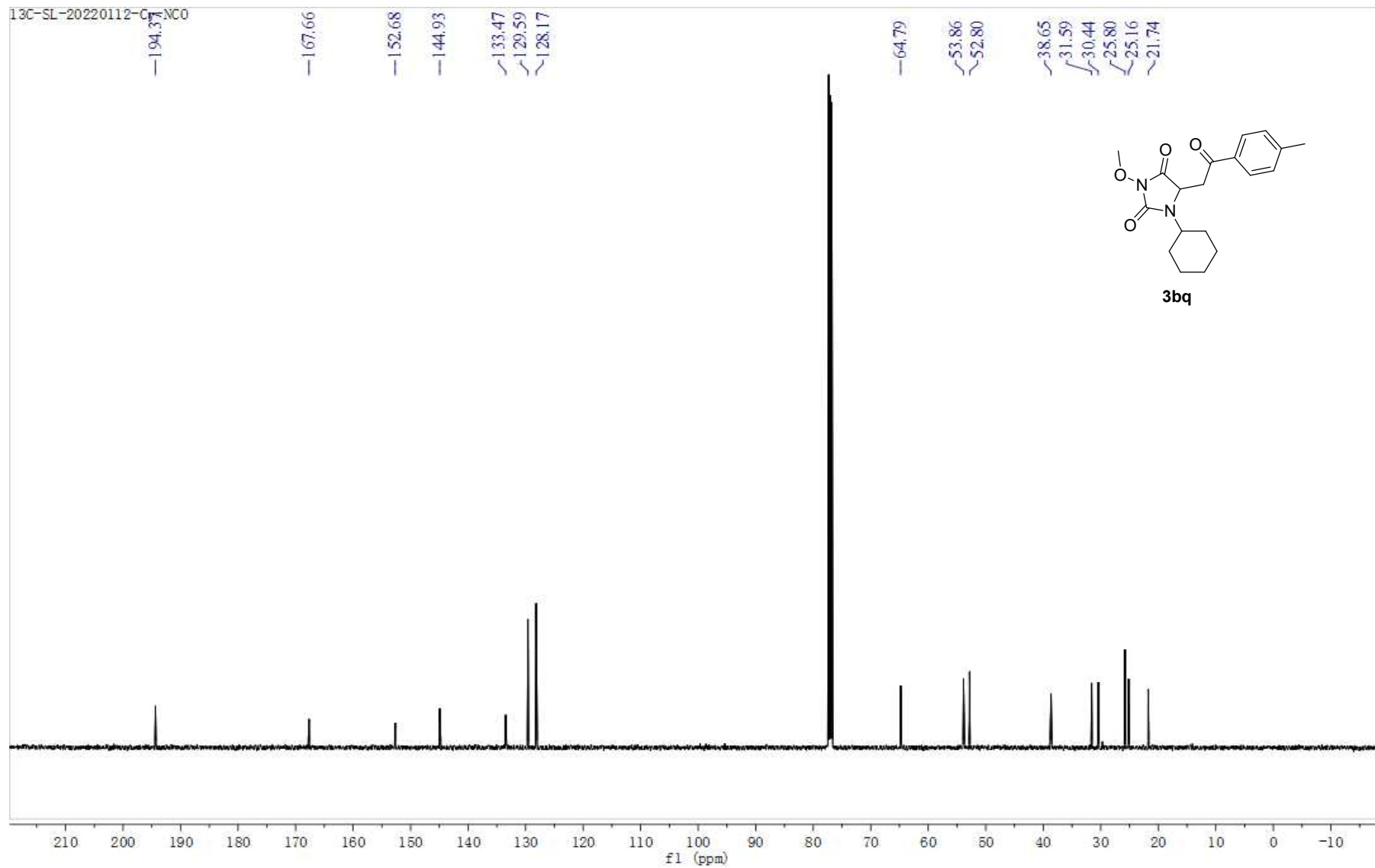
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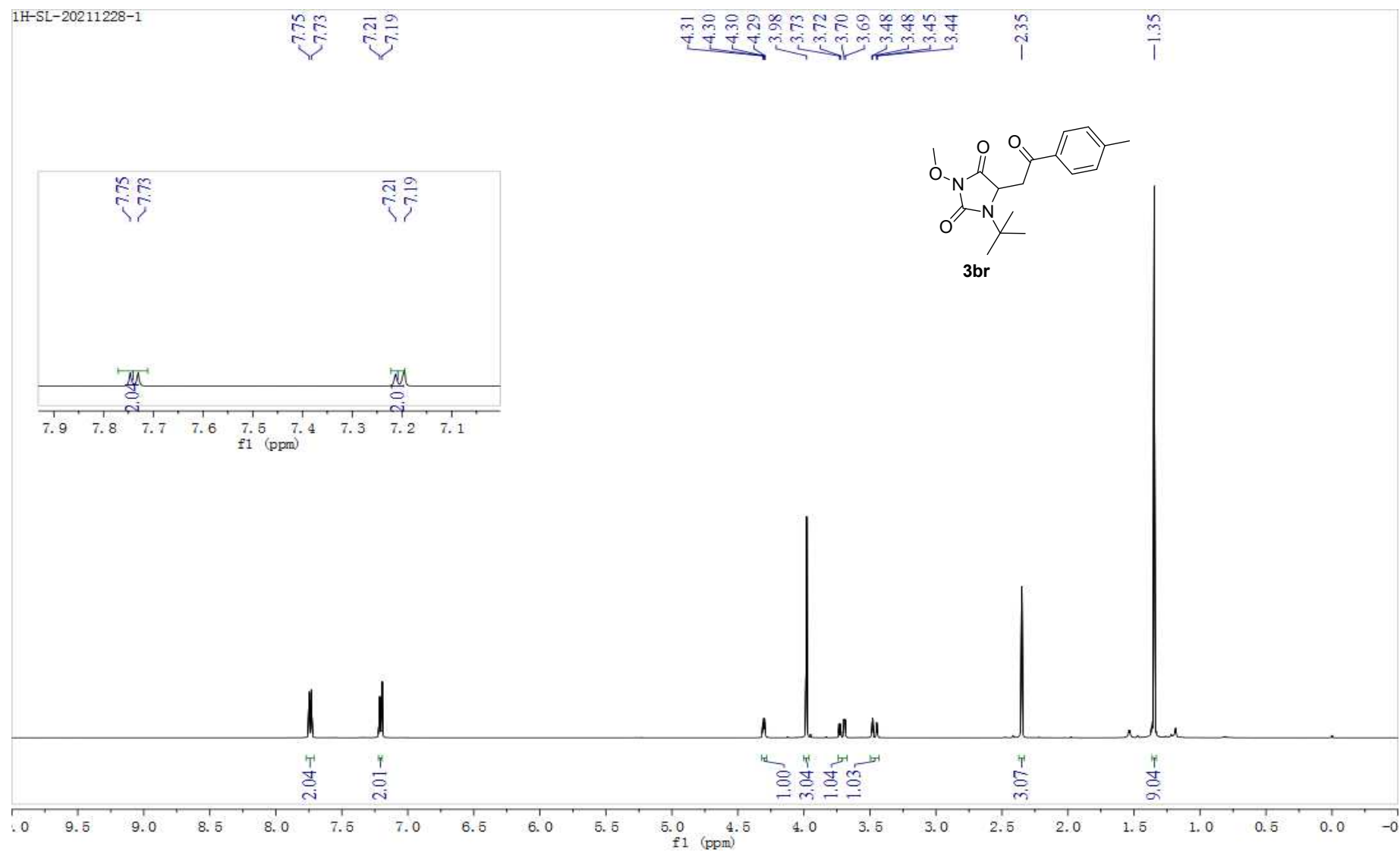
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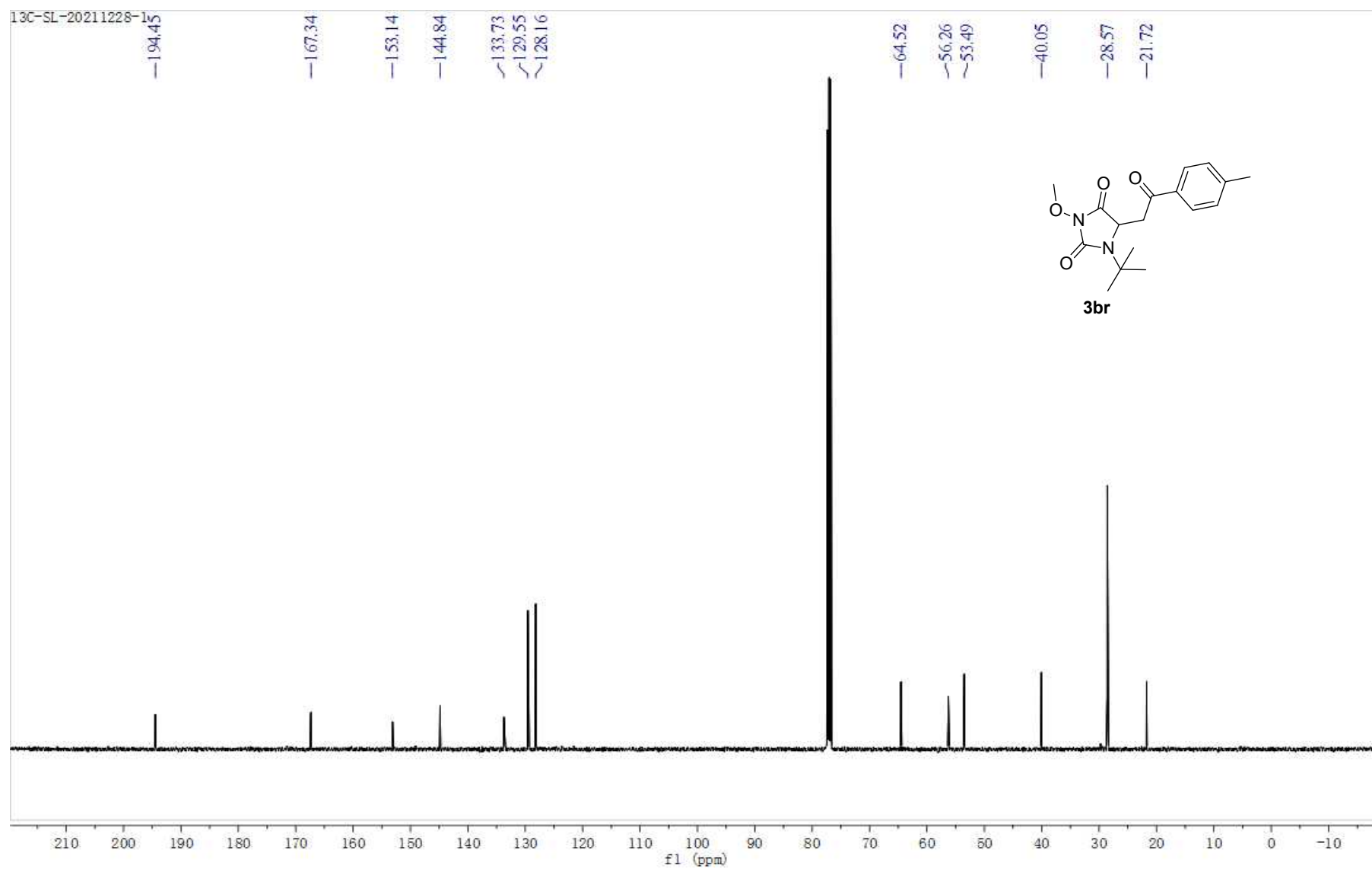


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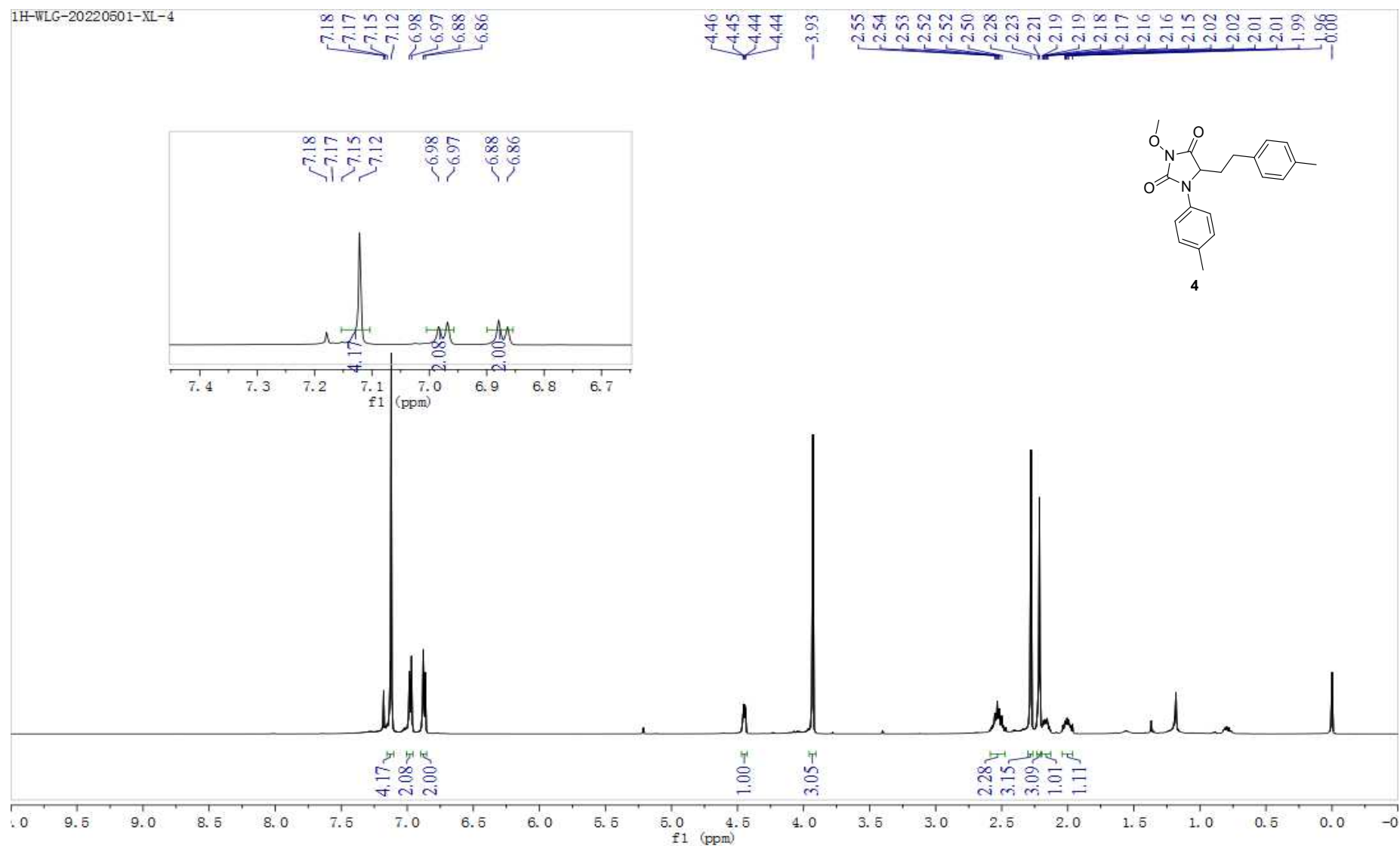


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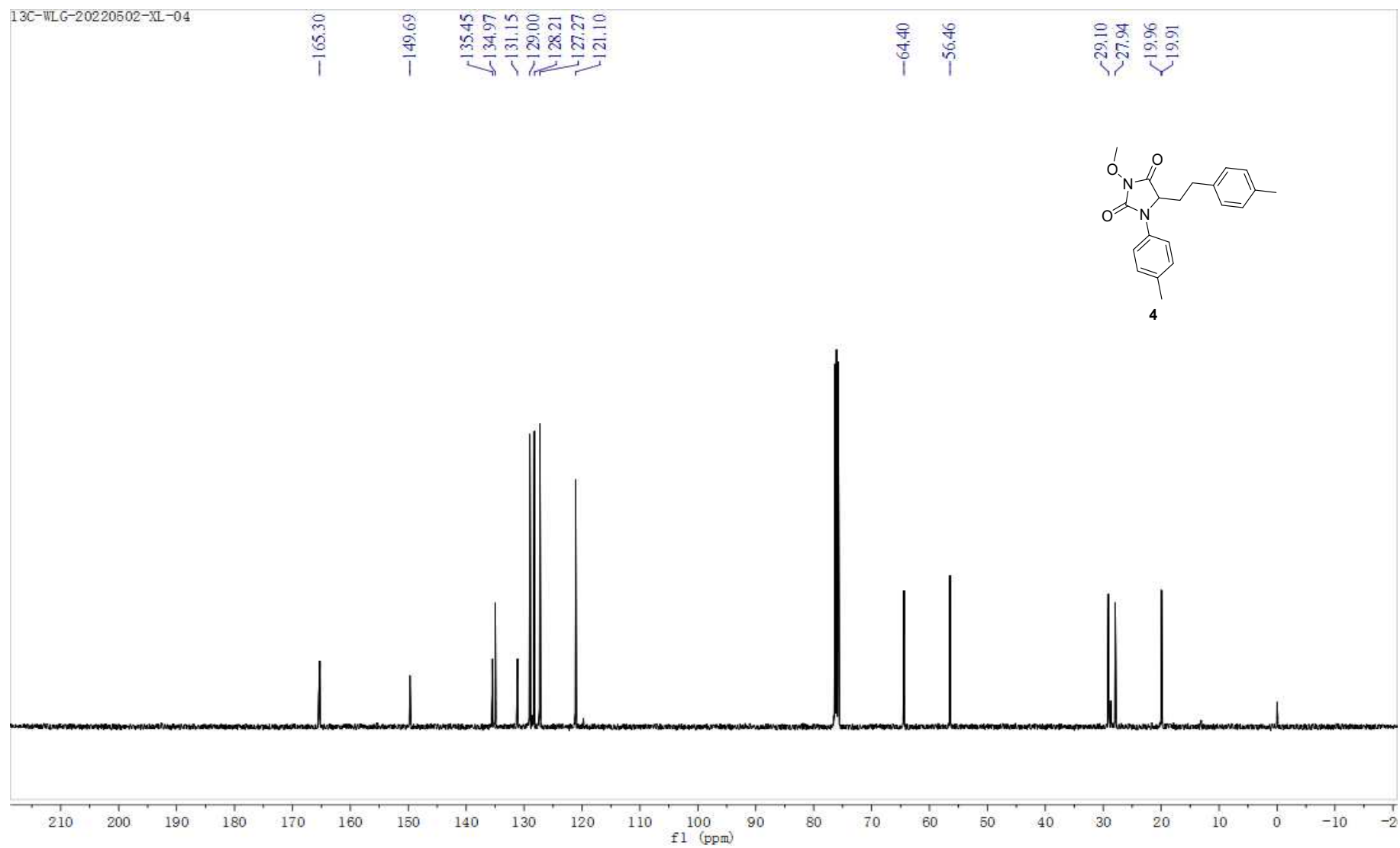




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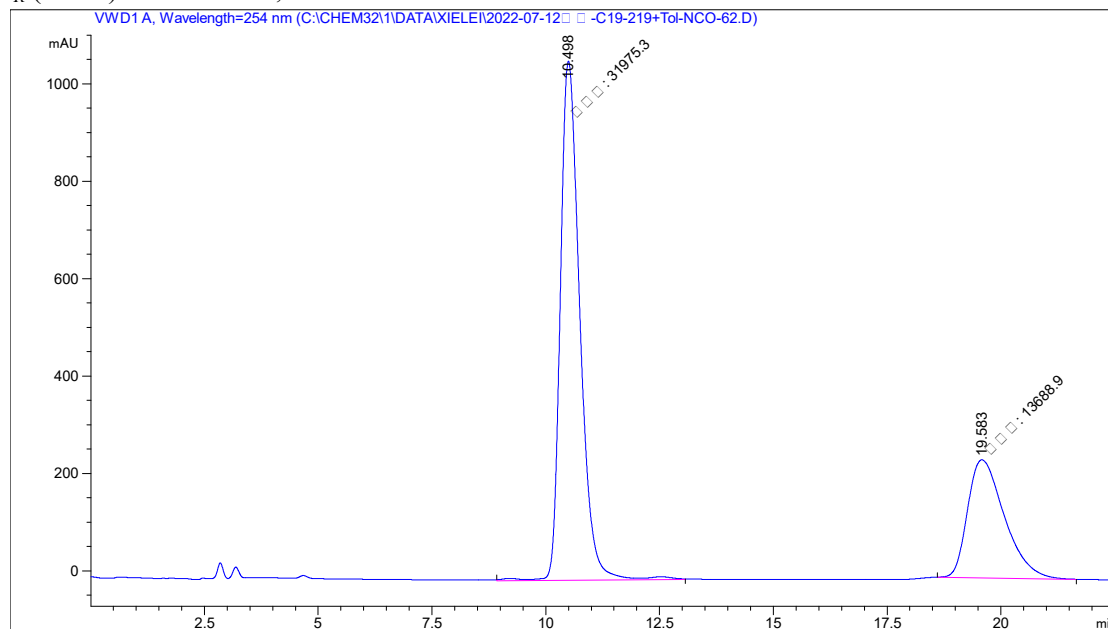


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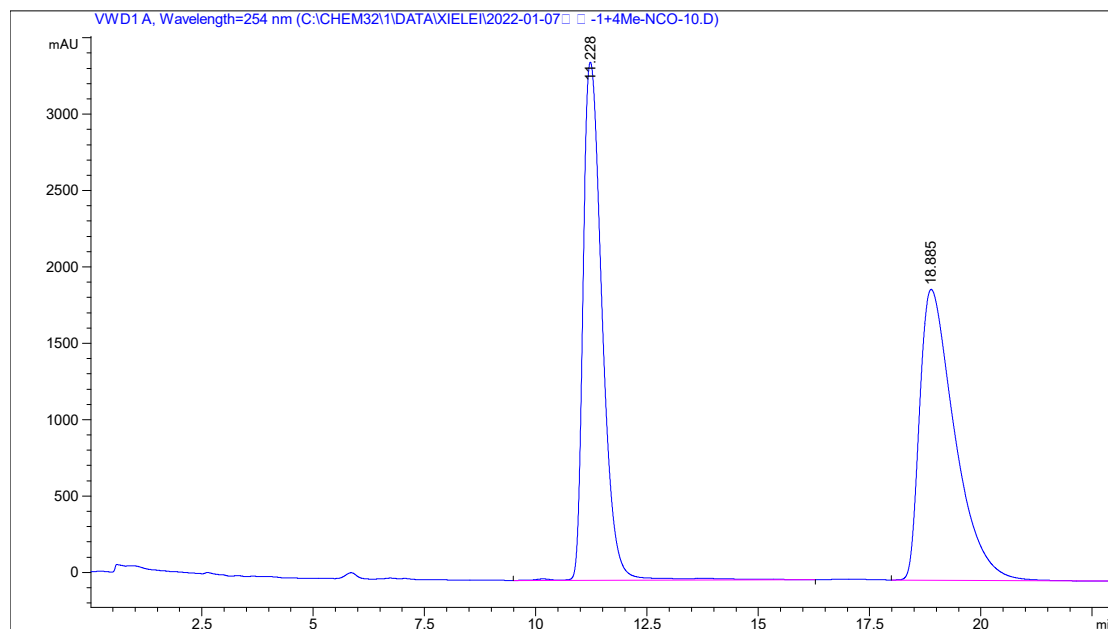


10. HPLC Chromatograms for the product 3ba

Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 70:30, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm; t_R (major) = 10.498 min, t_R (minor) = 19.583 min; 40% ee.

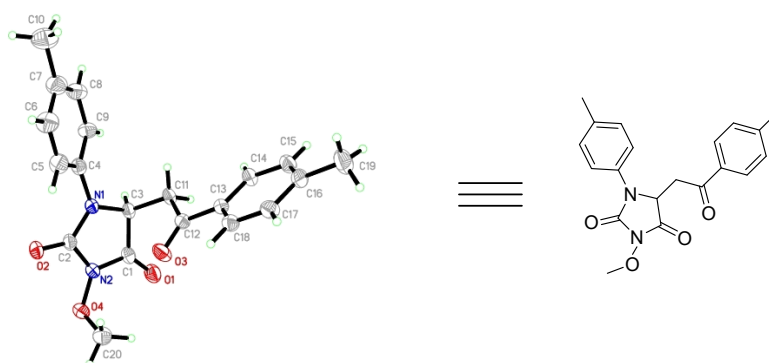


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2	19.583	13688.9	242.7	0.94	0.606	29.977



#	Time	Area	Height	Width	Symmetry	Area%
1	11.228	100985.1	3392	0.4582	0.583	49.279
2	18.885	103939.3	1903.7	0.825	0.458	50.721

11. X-Ray Crystallographic Data of 3ba



Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₄
Formula weight	352.38
Temperature/K	296.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	12.5244(17)
b/Å	15.008(2)
c/Å	12.4894(18)
α/°	90
β/°	116.449(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2101.8(5)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.114
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.078
F(000)	744.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.15 × 0.1
Radiation	Mo Kα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.542 to 55.5
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 11, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -14 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	12706
Independent reflections	4864 [R _{int} = 0.0260, R _{sigma} = 0.0345]
Data/restraints/parameters	4864/0/238
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.032
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0494, wR ₂ = 0.1306
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0836, wR ₂ = 0.1497
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.16/-0.21