

Supporting Information

One-pot Synthesis of 11-Sulfenyl Dibenzodiazepines via Tandem Sulfenylation/Cyclization of *o*-Isocyanodiaryl Amines and Diaryl Disulfides

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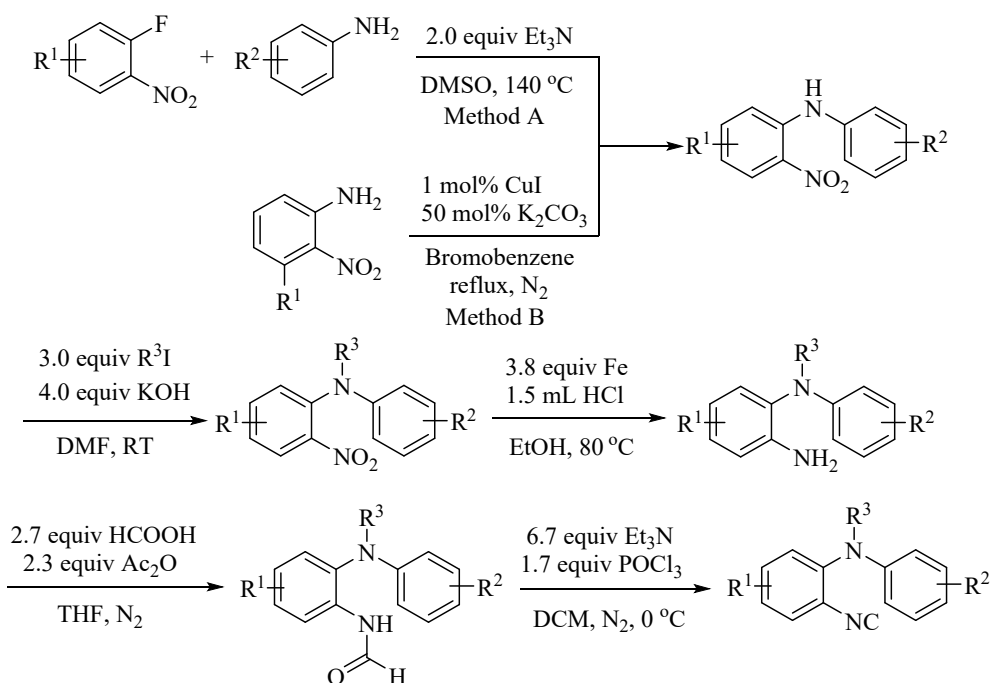
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1. General experimental details

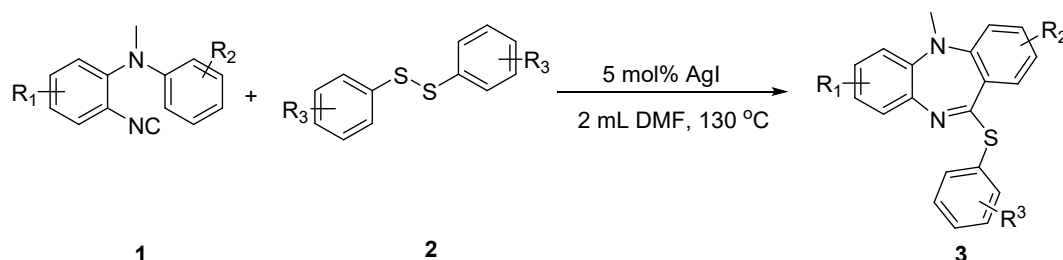
The reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) and observed under UV light. The product was obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (300-400 mesh) from a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR were recorded on a spectrometer at 400 Hz at ambient temperature using CDCl_3 as solvent and TMS as internal standard. The chemical shifts are in ppm and the coupling constant J is in Hz. ^1H NMR data are reported as chemical shifts, multiplicities, coupling constants and integrals. ^{13}C NMR data are reported as chemical shifts. Unless otherwise stated, chemicals were used directly without purification. Using YCYQ WRX-4 to determine the melting points of the products and The single crystal structure of product **3a** was determined using Agilent SuperNova EG8910B.

2. General synthesis method of substrate 1



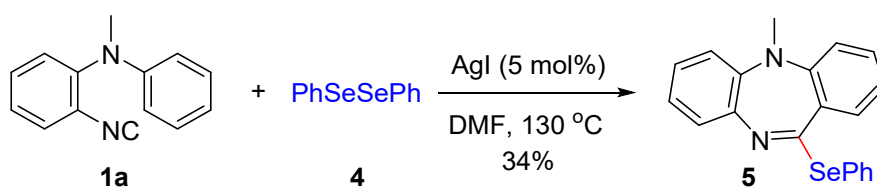
Referring to the work of predecessors,¹⁻⁵ most substrates are prepared according to the route of Method A. However, if you want to prepare the 3-substituted *o*-arylamino aryl isonitrile, you need to follow the route of Method B.

3. General Procedure for the Synthesis of Dibenzodiazepines **3**



Functionalized 2-isocyano-*N*-phenylaniline **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), diaryl disulfide or diphenyl diselenide **2** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and AgI (2.3 mg, 5 mol%) were added to the test tube, respectively, 2 mL of DMF was added to dissolve the mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 24 h. The reaction was detected by TLC. After the reaction was completed, it was quenched by adding 5 mL of H₂O, extracted with EA (3 x 5 mL), and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography eluting with petroleum ether-ethyl acetate (PE/EA) to give the expected product.

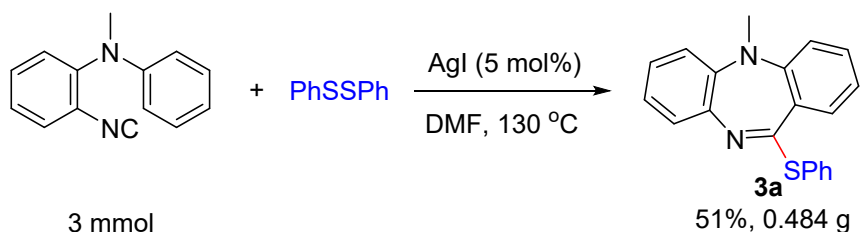
4. Selenium etherification of 2-isocyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylaniline



A test tube containing a mixture of 2-isocyano-*N*-methyl-*N*-phenylaniline **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), diphenyl diselenide **4** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and AgI (5 mol%) was injected with 2mL DMF, then heated it at 130 °C until the consumption of **1a** was

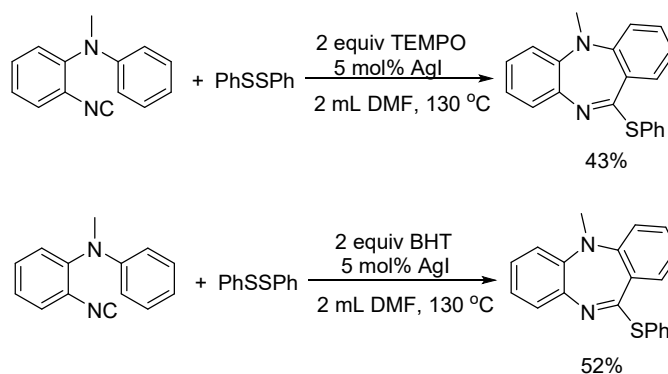
complete. After extracting, drying and vacuum concentration. Using the mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA=200:1) as eluent, 34% product **5** (24.8mg) was obtained by column chromatography.

5. Scale-up Reaction



Add 2-isocyano-*N*-methyl-phenylaniline **1a** (3 mmol, 1equiv), diphenyl disulfide **2a** (3 mmol, 1 equiv) and AgI to a round bottom flask (100 mL) in turn, then inject 30 mL DMF, and react for 96 h at 130°C. After cooling, it was quenched by adding 30 mL of H₂O, extracted with EA (3×30 mL), and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product is purified by silica gel column chromatography and eluted with petroleum ether ethyl acetate (PE: EA=100:1) to obtain product **3a** in 51% yield (0.484 mg).

6. Control experiments



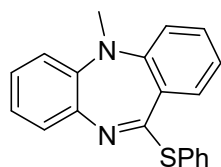
After adding **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and AgI (5 mol%), TEMPO (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) and BHT (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) were also added, and then 2mL DMF was added to react at 130 °C for 24h. Other operations were the same as the

above operations for preparing dibenzodiazepines, and **3a** was finally obtained in 43% and 52% yields, respectively.

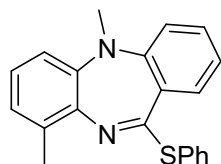
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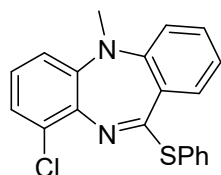
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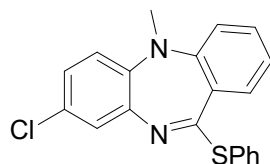
5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3a) : PE/EA = 100:1, yellow solid (23 mg, 72%). mp: 120.9 - 121.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.08 – 6.84 (m, 6H), 3.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 156.5, 145.7, 142.4, 135.0, 132.3, 130.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 126.6, 125.8, 124.0, 123.1, 118.0, 117.3, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆N₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 317.1107, Found: 317.1112.



5,9-dimethyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3b) : PE/EA = 100:1, yellow solid (41.1 mg, 62%). mp: 101.4 - 103.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 156.6, 145.8, 140.5, 136.0, 135.6, 135.0, 132.3, 130.6, 128.9, 128.8, 125.6, 125.5, 123.0, 117.4, 115.6, 112.4, 37.3, 18.4. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₁H₁₈N₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 331.1263, Found: 331.1271.

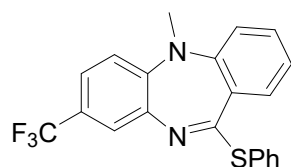


9-chloro-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3c) : PE/EA = 100:1, yellow solid (32.2 mg, 46%). mp: 151.1 - 152.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.4, 156.0, 147.5, 139.2, 135.4, 132.6, 131.1, 129.9, 128.9 (2C), 128.8, 128.7, 125.8, 125.1, 123.5, 117.7, 116.3, 37.3. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆ClN₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 351.0717, Found: 351.0714.



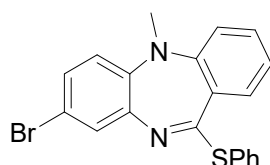
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4H), 6.96 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 156.0, 144.4, 143.4, 135.2, 132.6, 130.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9 (2C), 128.5, 126.3, 125.3, 123.4, 118.9, 117.4, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 351.0717, Found: 351.0719.



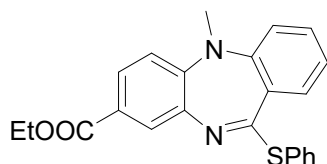
5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-8-(trifluoromethyl)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3e) :

PE/EA = 200:1, yellow solid (36 mg, 47%). mp: 115.6 – 116.8 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 7.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td, $J = 7.2, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 155.5, 148.7, 142.4, 135.2, 132.7, 130.0, 129.09, 129.05, 129.0, 128.5, 126.2 (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 32.2$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 270.0$ Hz), 123.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.8$ Hz), 123.6, 122.4 (q, $^3J_{\text{CF}} = 3.7$ Hz), 118.2, 117.7, 37.2. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 385.0981, Found: 385.0981.



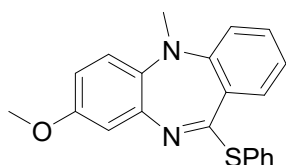
8-bromo-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3f) :

PE/EA = 400:1, yellow solid (39.5 mg, 50%). mp: 142.1 – 143.1 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 156.0, 144.9, 143.7, 135.2, 132.6, 130.2, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 123.4, 119.3, 117.5, 116.6, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrN}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 395.0212, Found: 395.0201.

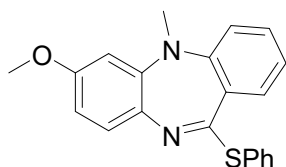


ethyl 5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine-8-carboxylate (3g) :

PE/EA = 20:1, yellow solid (39.3 mg, 51%). mp: 126.6 – 128.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.3, 166.2, 155.4, 150.1, 142.0, 135.1, 132.5, 130.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.1, 126.2, 123.5, 117.8, 117.7, 60.7, 37.2, 14.4. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₃H₂₁N₂O₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 389.1318, Found: 389.1315.

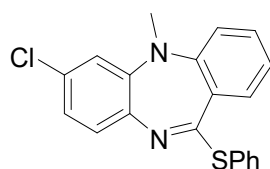


8-methoxy-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3h) : PE/EA = 20:1, yellow solid (38.7 mg, 56%). mp: 92.9 – 93.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 156.9, 156.4, 143.2, 139.1, 135.0, 132.4, 130.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 122.9, 118.4, 117.0, 111.6, 111.3, 55.6, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₂OS⁺ (M+H⁺): 347.1213, Found: 347.1202.

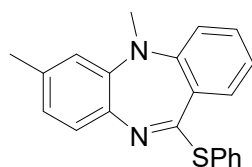


7-methoxy-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3i) : PE/EA = 50:1, yellow solid (30.9 mg, 48%). mp: 188.5 – 191.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.93 (t, *J* =

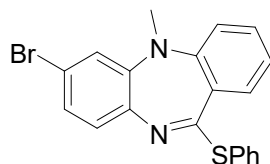
7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 158.5, 155.7, 146.6, 136.1, 134.8, 132.1, 131.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 127.4, 123.2, 117.4, 108.3, 105.0, 55.5, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 347.1213, Found: 347.1213.



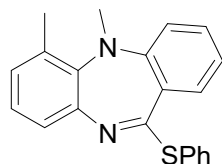
7-chloro-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3j) : PE/EA = 200:1, yellow solid (41.0 mg, 59%). mp: 146.9 – 147.6 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.0, 155.7, 146.4, 141.0, 135.1, 132.6, 131.4, 130.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.5, 124.0, 123.5, 118.5, 117.6, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 351.0717, Found: 351.0724.



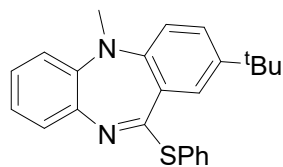
5,7-dimethyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3k) : PE/EA = 150:1, yellow solid (41.1 mg, 62%). mp: 173.5 – 174.7 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.04 (td, $J = 7.6, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.5, 156.4, 145.4, 140.0, 135.7, 134.9, 132.2, 131.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 126.5, 124.7, 123.0, 118.7, 117.3, 37.1, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 331.1263, Found: 331.1263.



7-bromo-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3l) : PE/EA = 400:1, yellow solid (45.8 mg, 58%). mp: 147.7 – 149.2 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 155.7, 146.7, 141.4, 135.1, 132.6, 130.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.0, 123.5, 121.4, 119.2, 117.6, 37.2. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆BrN₂S⁺ (*M*+H⁺): 395.0212, Found: 395.0212.

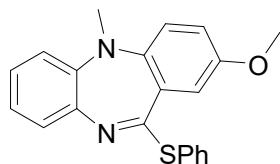


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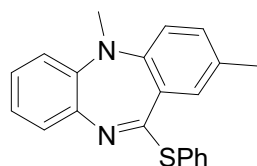


2-(tert-butyl)-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3n) : PE/EA = 100:1, yellow solid (48 mg, 65%). mp: 157.6 – 159.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

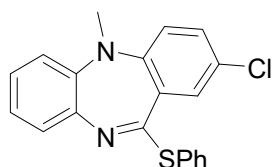
CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 154.0, 146.0, 145.9, 142.5, 134.7, 131.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 126.6, 126.2, 125.8, 123.9, 117.8, 116.8, 37.0, 34.3, 31.3. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for C₂₄H₂₅N₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 373.1733, Found: 373.1739.



2-methoxy-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3o) : PE/EA = 80:1, yellow solid (30.8 mg, 45%). mp: 208.4 – 211.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.89 (m, 5H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.6, 155.4, 149.5, 146.1, 142.2, 134.9, 130.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 126.6, 125.8, 123.8, 118.2, 118.1, 117.6, 113.7, 55.7, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₂OS⁺ (M+H⁺): 347.1213, Found: 347.1204.

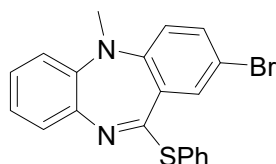


2,5-dimethyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3p) : PE/EA = 100:1, yellow solid (39.1 mg, 59%). mp: 147.5 – 148.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.86 (m, 4H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.2, 154.0, 145.9, 142.4, 135.1, 132.9, 132.6, 130.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 126.6, 125.7, 123.9, 117.8, 117.1, 37.0, 20.6. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 331.1263, Found: 331.1270.

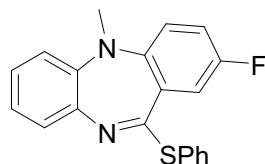


2-chloro-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3q) : PE/EA = 500:1, yellow solid (36.3 mg, 51%). mp: 112.7 – 113.4 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

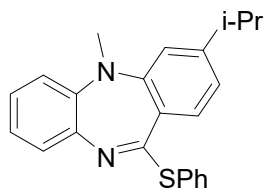
CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.23 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 154.9, 145.2, 142.1, 135.1, 132.0, 130.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 126.8, 126.0, 124.3, 118.5, 118.0, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆ClN₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 351.0717, Found: 351.0720.



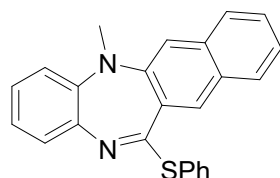
2-bromo-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3r) : PE/EA = 300:1, yellow solid (38.5 mg, 49%). mp: 144.4 – 145.8 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.25 (m, 4H), 6.94 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 155.5, 145.1, 142.1, 135.1, 134.9, 131.7, 130.3, 130.1, 128.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 124.3, 118.9, 118.0, 115.8, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆BrN₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 395.0212, Found: 395.0216.



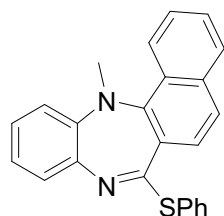
2-fluoro-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3s) : PE/EA = 50:1, yellow solid (31 mg, 46%). mp: 136.5 – 140.3 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.85 (m, 4H), 3.18 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 158.4 (d, ¹ J_{CF} = 241.8 Hz), 152.2 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 145.5, 142.1, 135.0, 130.2, 129.7 (d, ³ J_{CF} = 7.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.8, 126.8, 126.0, 124.1, 118.8 (d, ² J_{CF} = 22.3 Hz), 118.4 (d, ³ J_{CF} = 8.0 Hz), 117.8, 115.6 (d, ² J_{CF} = 24.2 Hz), 37.3. HRMS (ESI) M/Z : Calculated for C₂₀H₁₅FN₂SNa⁺ (M+Na⁺): 357.0832, Found: 357.0825.



3-isopropyl-5-methyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3t) : PE/EA = 50:1, yellow solid (25.4 mg, 35%). mp: 131.6 – 132.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.75 (m, 4H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 2.82 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.3, 156.5, 153.8, 145.8, 142.5, 135.1, 130.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 126.6, 126.2, 125.6, 123.9, 121.0, 118.0, 115.6, 37.1, 34.4, 23.8, 23.7. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₃H₂₃N₂S⁺ (*M*+H⁺): 359.1576, Found: 359.1584.

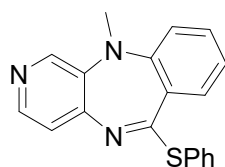


5-methyl-12-(phenylthio)-5H-benzo[*b*]naphtho[2,3-*e*][1,4]diazepine (3u) : PE/EA = 200:1, yellow solid (26.6 mg, 36%). mp: 189.2 – 190.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.94 (m, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 156.5, 146.6, 143.9, 134.4, 131.8, 131.1, 131.0, 130.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 126.4, 126.2, 125.6, 125.1, 124.6, 124.2, 121.4, 118.1, 116.4, 36.8. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₄H₁₉N₂S⁺ (*M*+H⁺): 367.1263, Found: 367.1266.

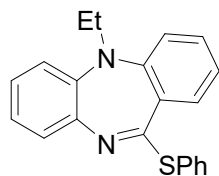


13-methyl-7-(phenylthio)-13H-benzo[*b*]naphtho[1,2-*e*][1,4]diazepine (3v) : PE/EA = 300:1, yellow solid (25.6 mg, 35%). mp: 126.0 – 127.6 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz,

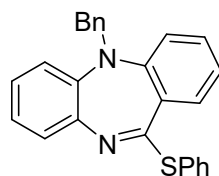
1H), 7.63 – 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 3.08 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 149.7, 146.0, 143.4, 136.4, 135.1, 131.4, 130.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 125.3, 124.8, 40.7. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 367.1263, Found: 367.1254.



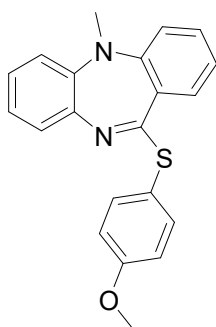
11-methyl-6-(phenylthio)-11H-benzo[e]pyrido[4,3-b][1,4]diazepine (3w) : PE/EA = 50:1, yellow solid (38.2 mg, 61%). mp: 122.3 – 125.4 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (dd, $J = 4.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 7.0$, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.0$, 1H), 7.50 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.4, 154.6, 154.5, 144.0, 136.8, 135.2, 134.3, 132.8, 130.4, 129.0, 128.9 (2C), 128.4, 123.2, 119.7, 118.5, 35.9. HRMS (ESI) M/Z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{SNa}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 340.0879, Found: 340.0886.



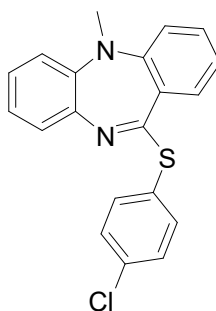
5-ethyl-11-(phenylthio)-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]diazepine (3x) : PE/EA = 200:1, yellow solid (37.3 mg, 56%). mp: 133.5 – 136.9 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.12–7.04 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.61 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.4, 155.2, 144.7, 143.2, 134.6, 132.1, 131.2, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 126.5, 125.8, 124.0, 123.2, 119.0, 118.4, 42.8, 13.4. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{S}^+$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 331.1263, Found: 331.1257.



5-benzyl-11-(phenylthio)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3y): PE/EA = 100:1, yellow solid [42.8 mg (on 1.0 mmol scale , 11%]. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.88 (m, 6H), 4.92 – 4.75 (m, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7, 154.6, 144.7, 143.1, 137.3, 134.7, 132.0, 131.1, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 126.5, 125.8, 124.3, 123.5, 119.4, 118.9, 52.9. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₆H₂₁N₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 393.1420, Found: 393.1417.

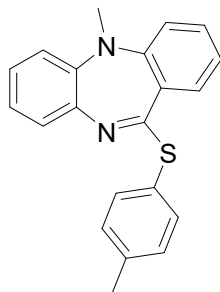


11-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-5-methyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3z) : PE/EA = 50:1, yellow solid (39.6 mg, 57%). mp: 140.0 – 140.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 160.3, 156.4, 145.7, 142.5, 136.9, 132.3, 129.0, 128.6, 126.7, 125.7, 124.0, 123.0, 121.4, 118.0, 117.3, 114.5, 55.4, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₂OS⁺ (M+H⁺): 347.1213, Found: 347.1204.

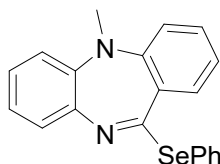


11-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-5-methyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (3aa) : PE/EA = 300:1, yellow solid (44.4 mg, 63%). mp: 153.0 – 154.9 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 3.10 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR

(100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7, 156.5, 145.7, 142.2, 136.4, 135.0, 132.5, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 126.7, 126.0, 124.1, 123.2, 118.1, 117.5, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for C₂₀H₁₆ClN₂S⁺ (M+H⁺): 351.0717, Found: 351.0725.



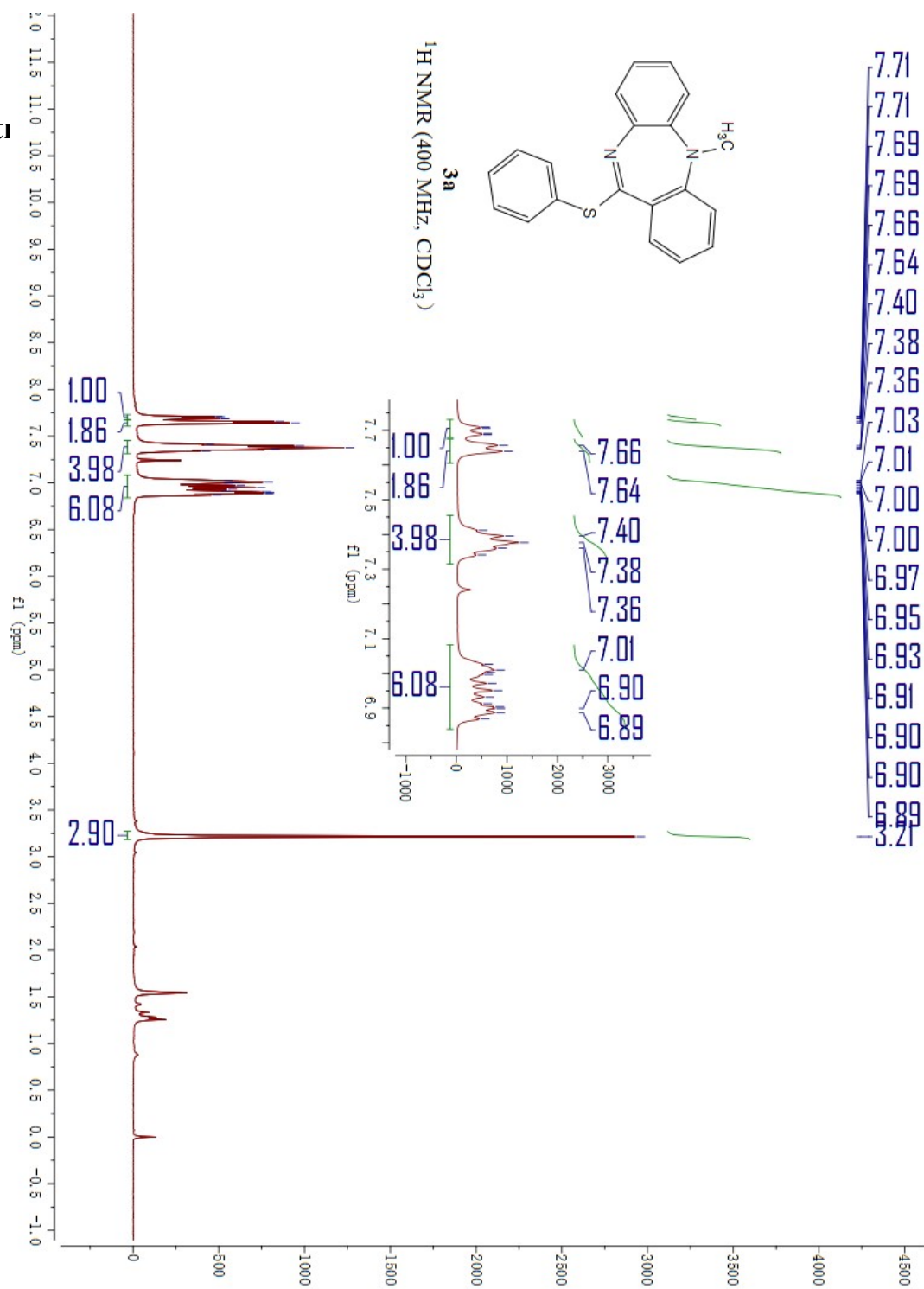
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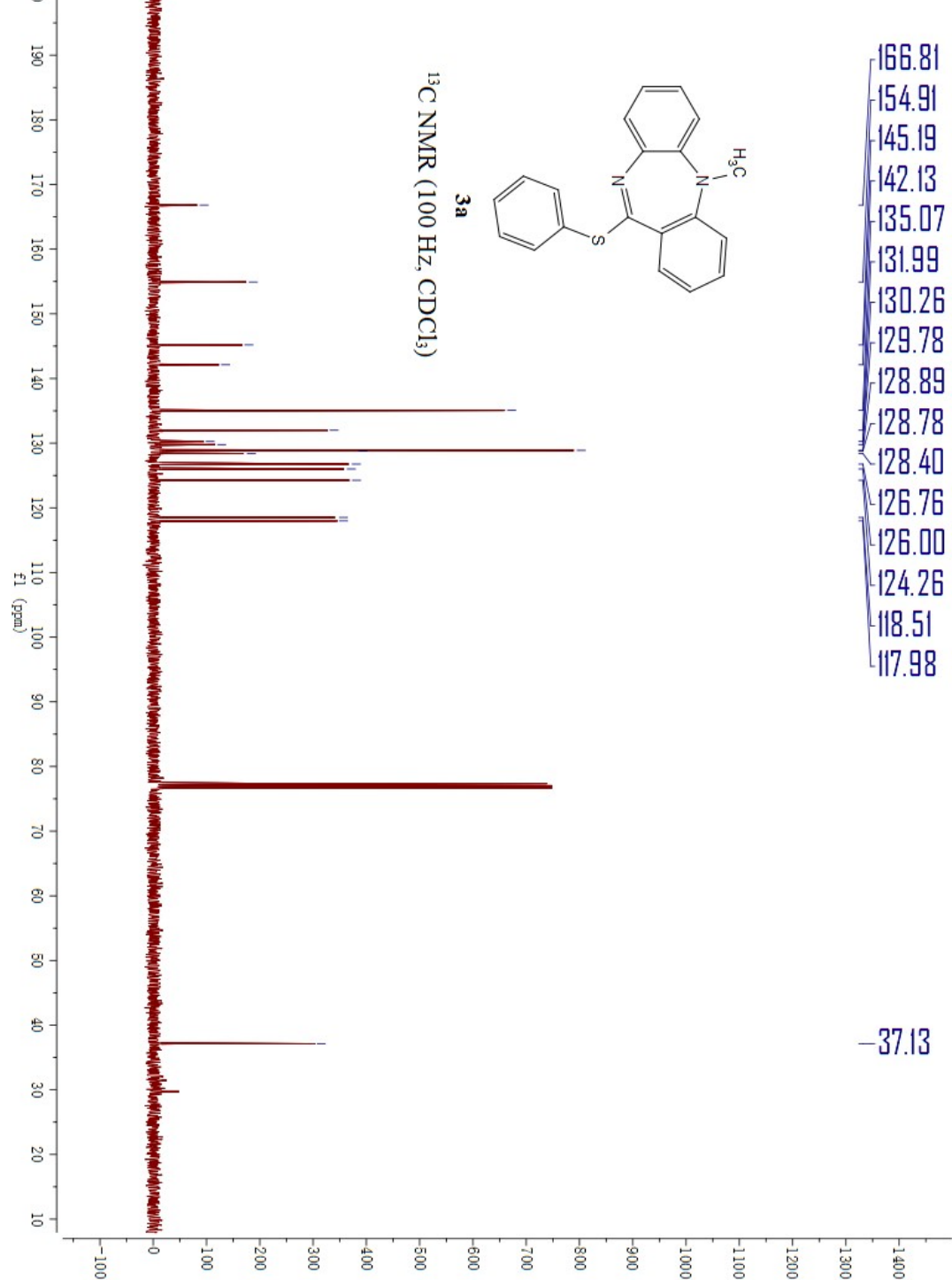
5-methyl-11-(phenylselanyl)-5H-dibenzo[*b,e*][1,4]diazepine (5) : PE/EA = 200:1, yellow solid (24.8 mg, 34%). mp: 127.4 – 129.7 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.62 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 6.82 (m, 6H), 3.21 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 156.0, 145.8, 142.8, 135.9, 132.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 126.6, 126.0, 124.0, 123.0, 118.1, 117.4, 37.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z : Calculated for C₂₀H₁₇N₂Se⁺ (M+H⁺): 365.0552, Found: 365.0564.

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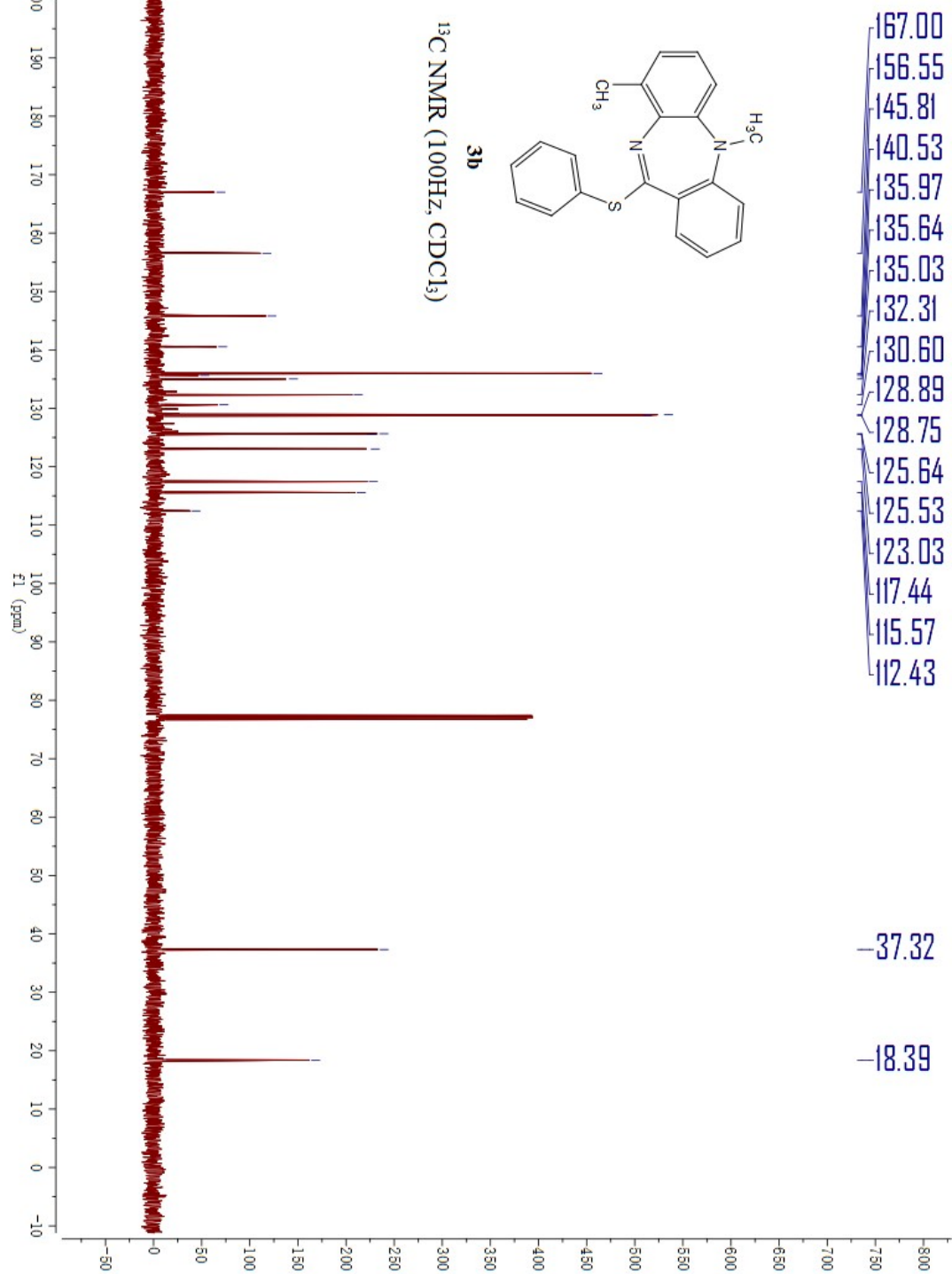
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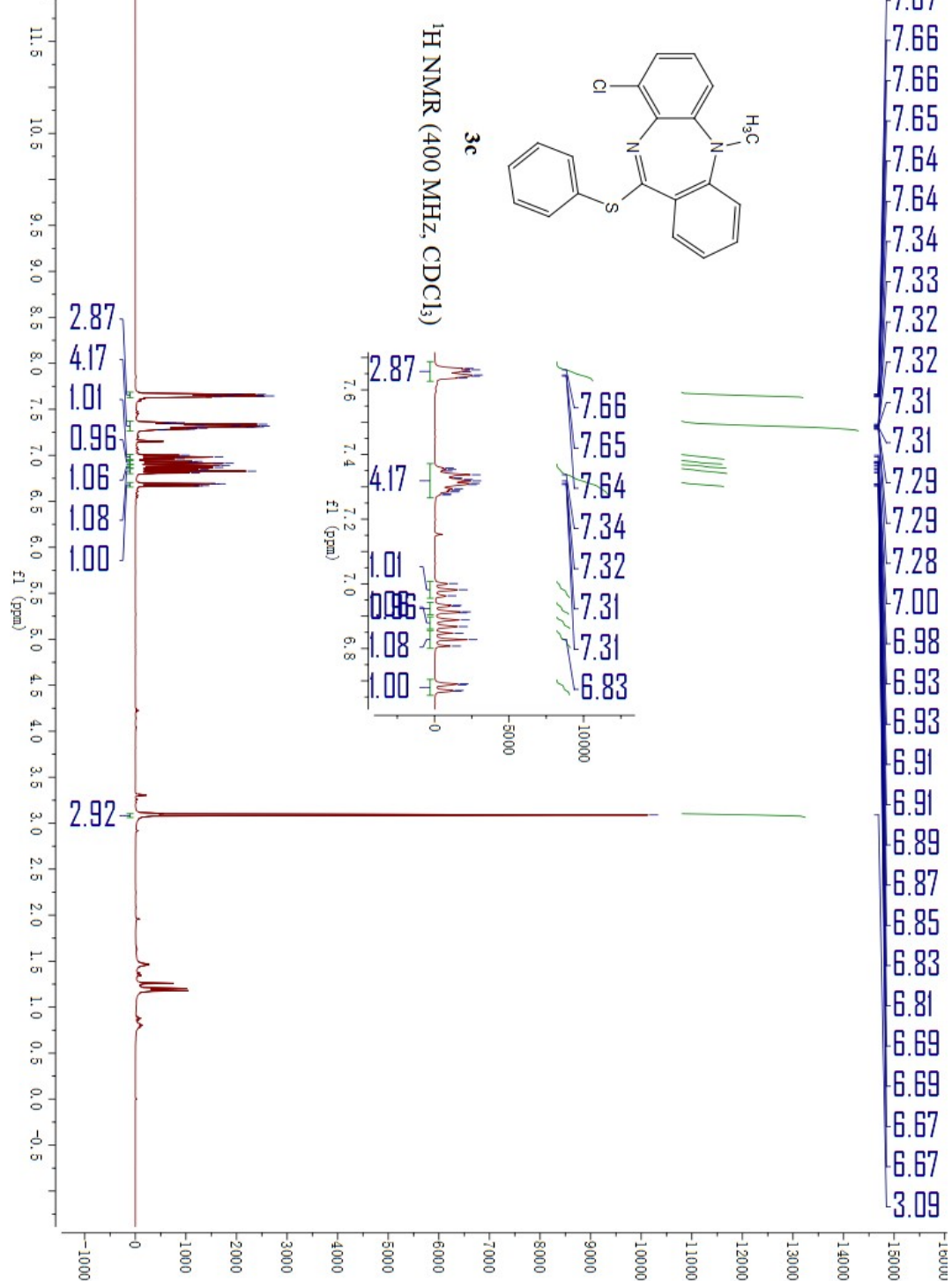
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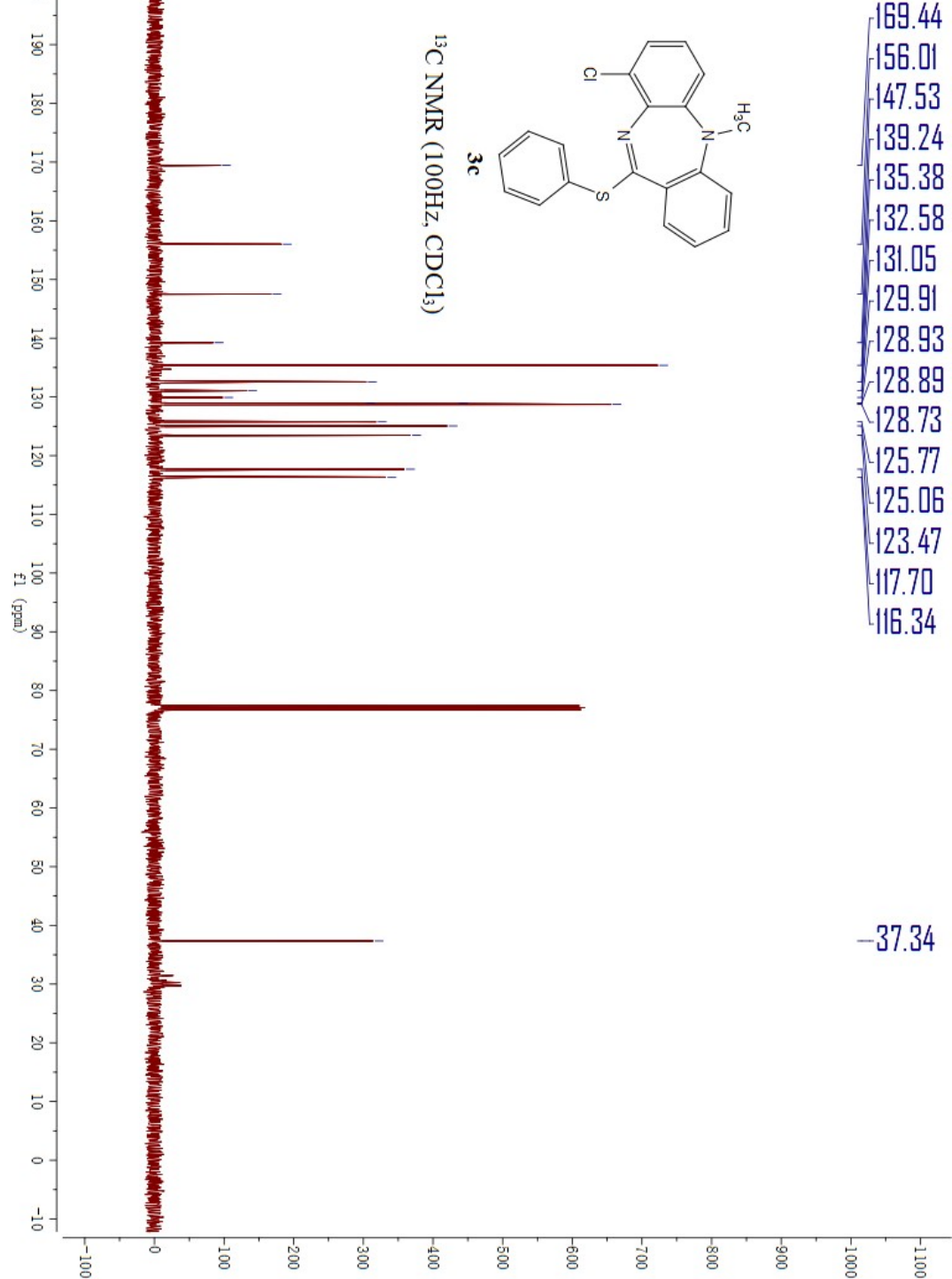
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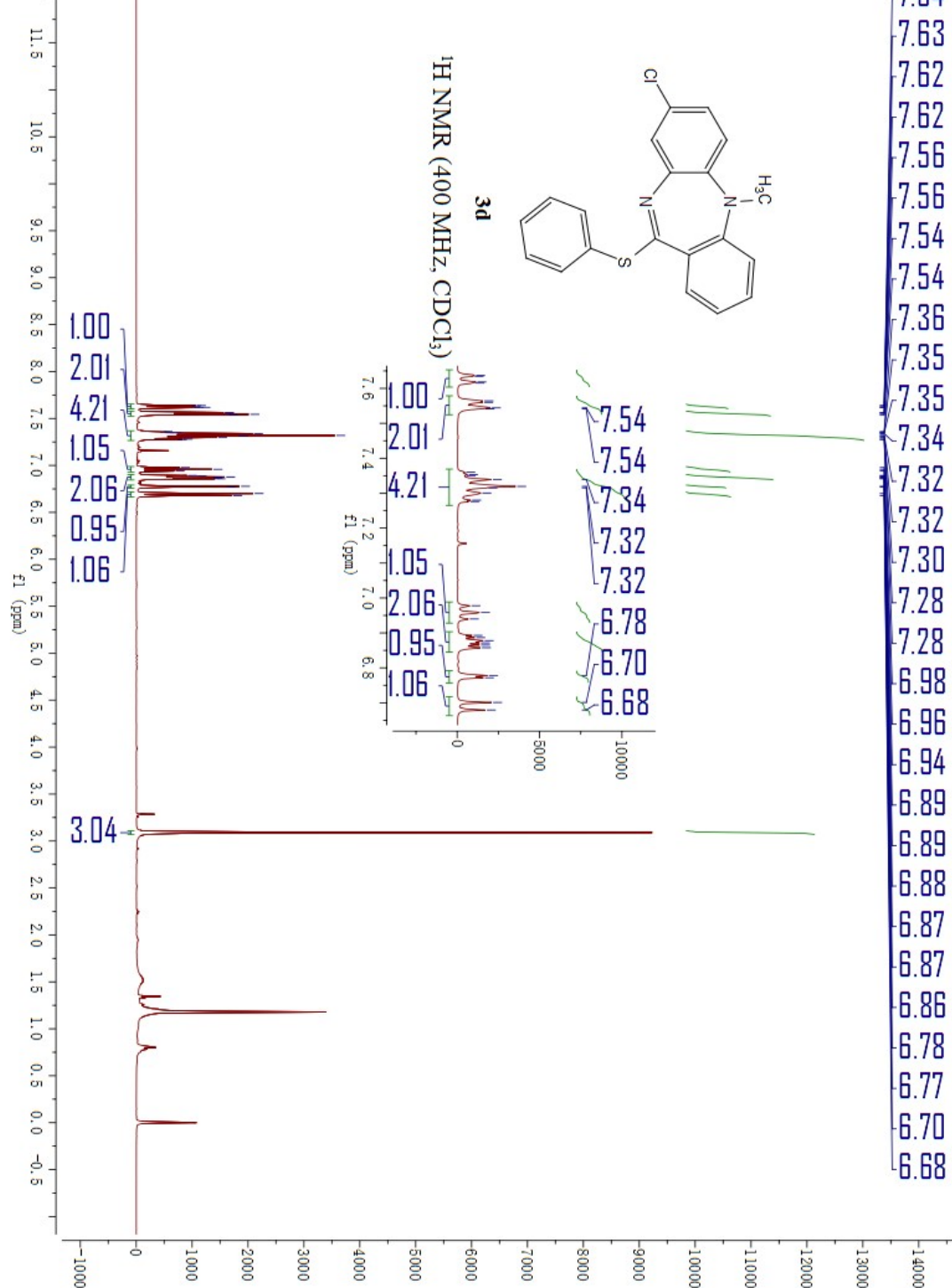
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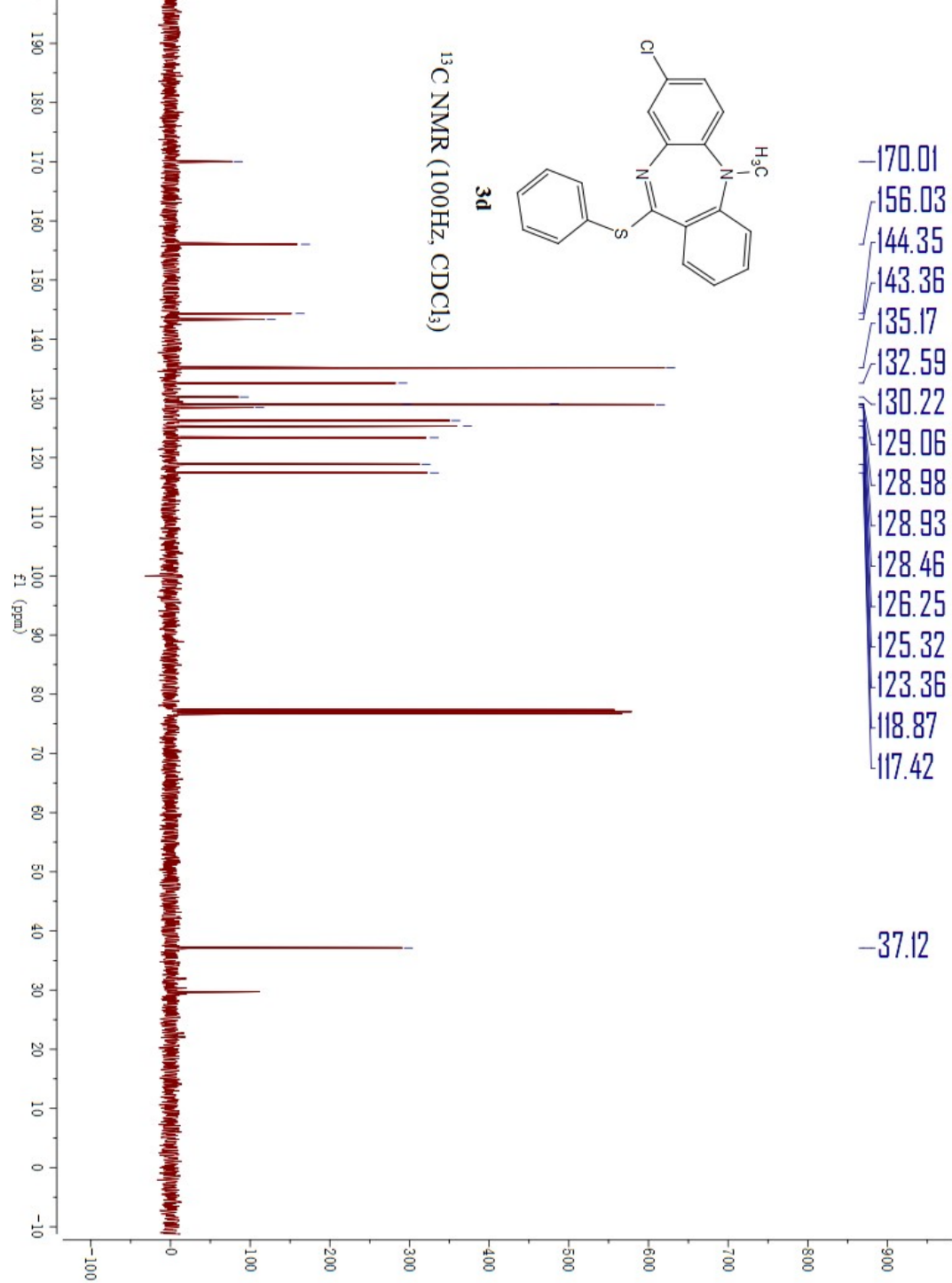
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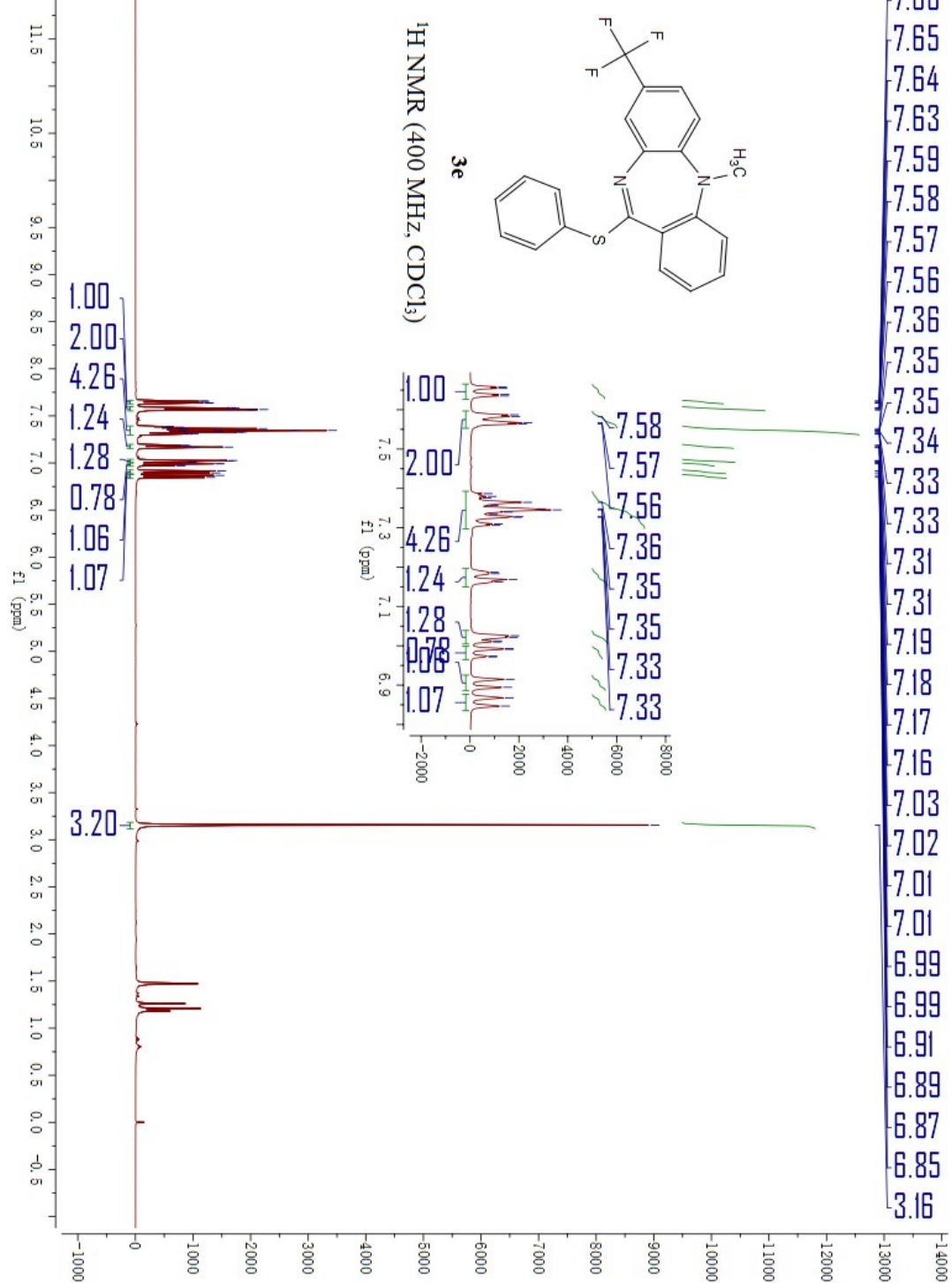
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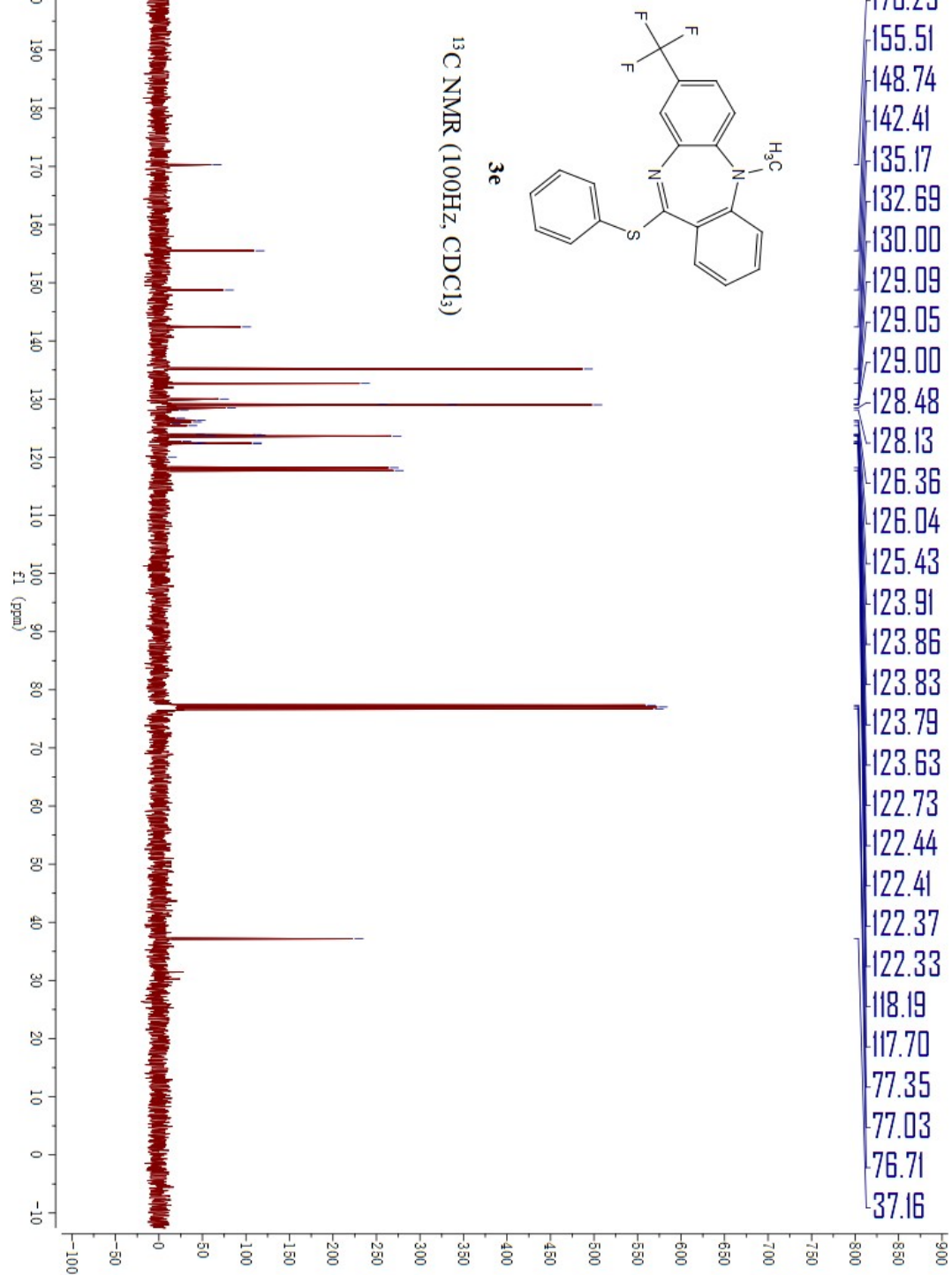
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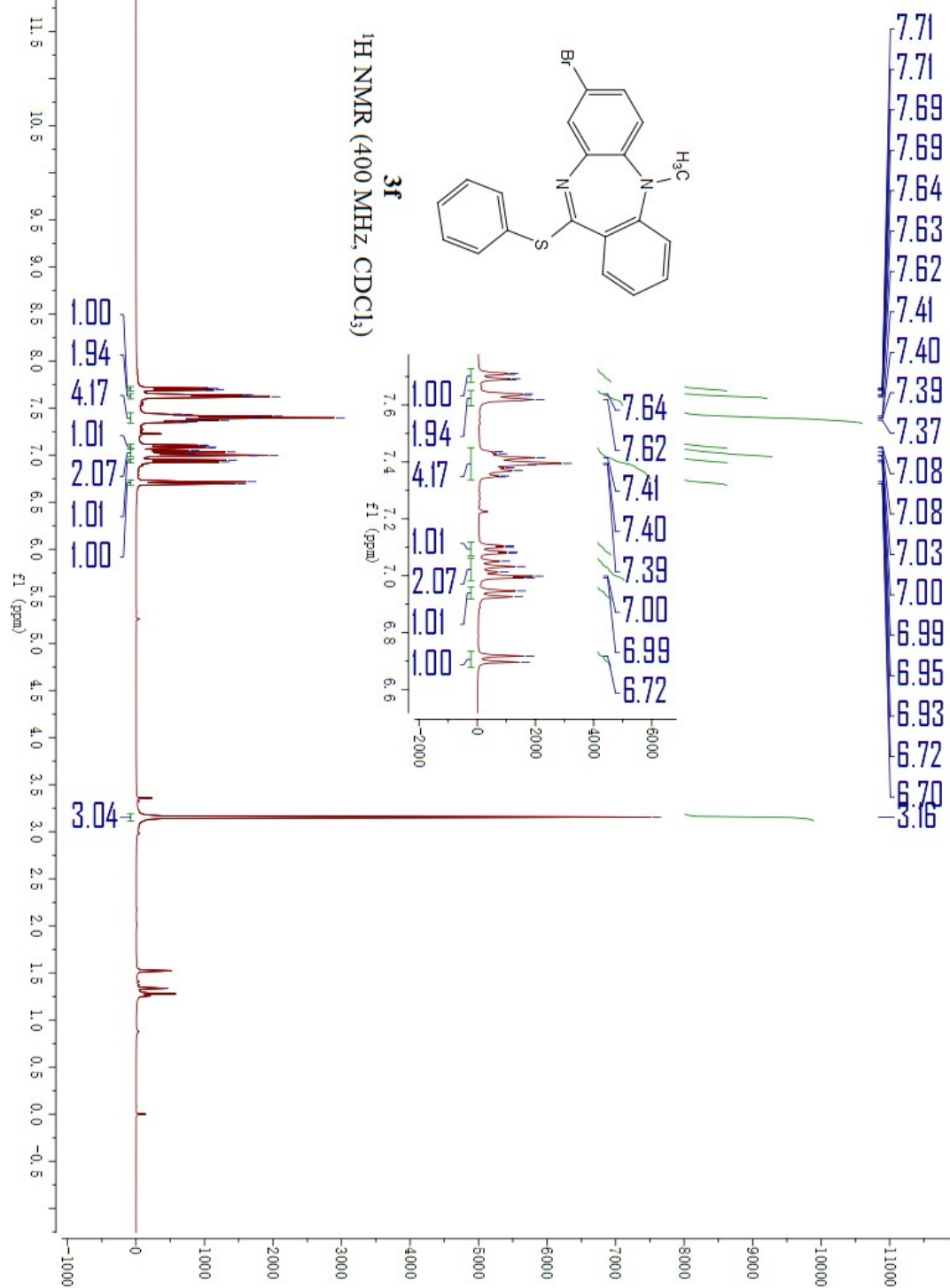
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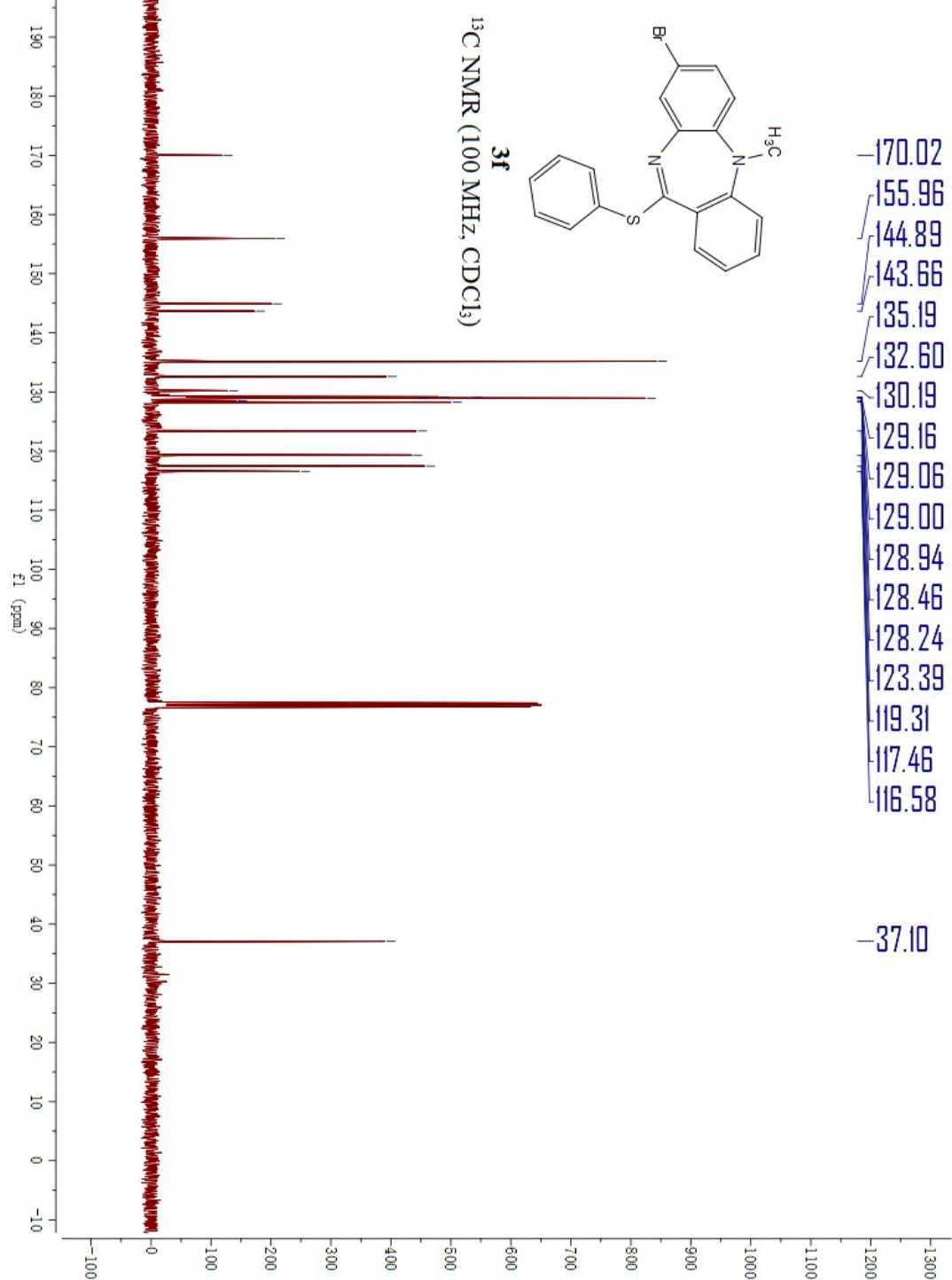
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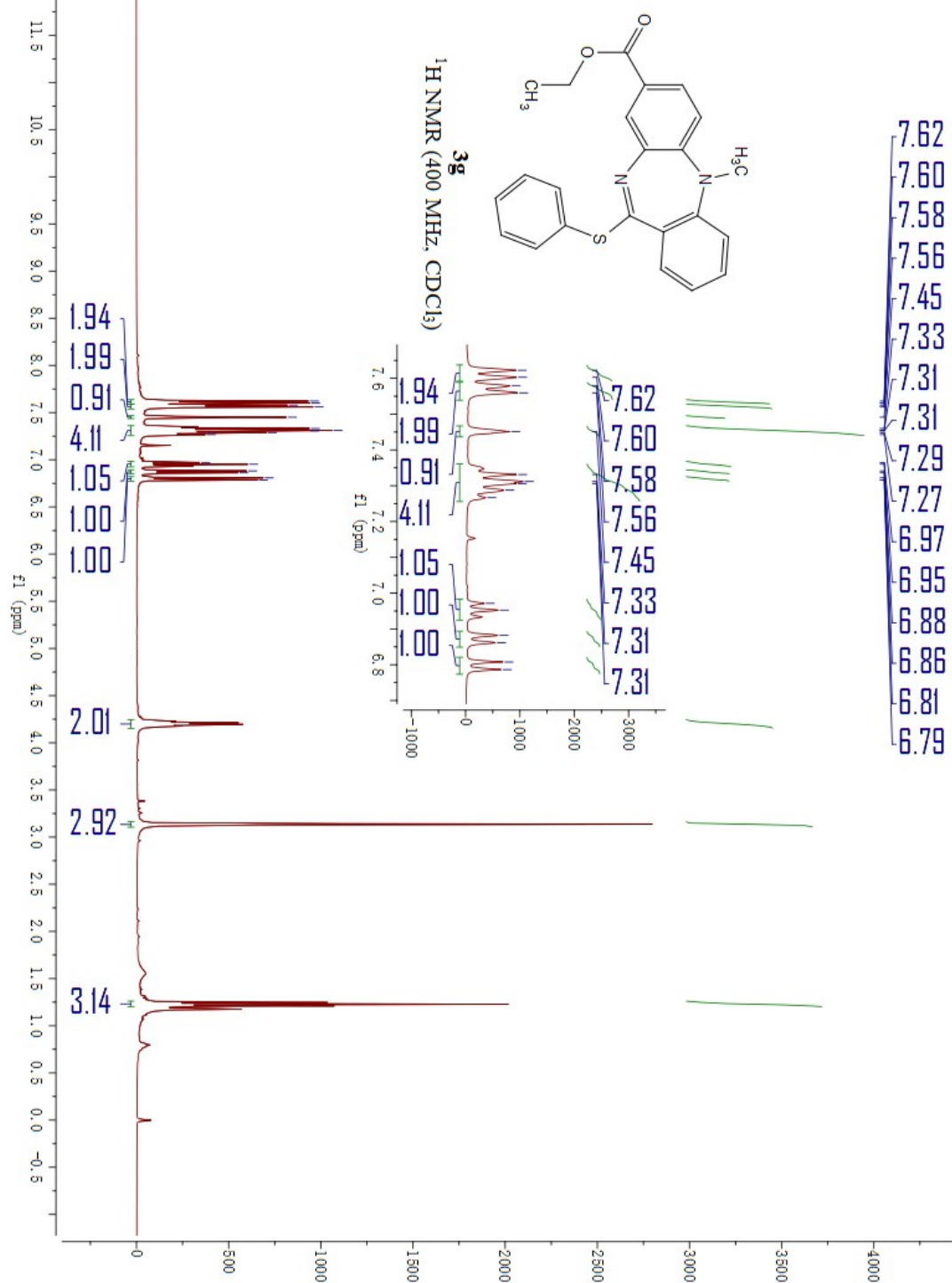
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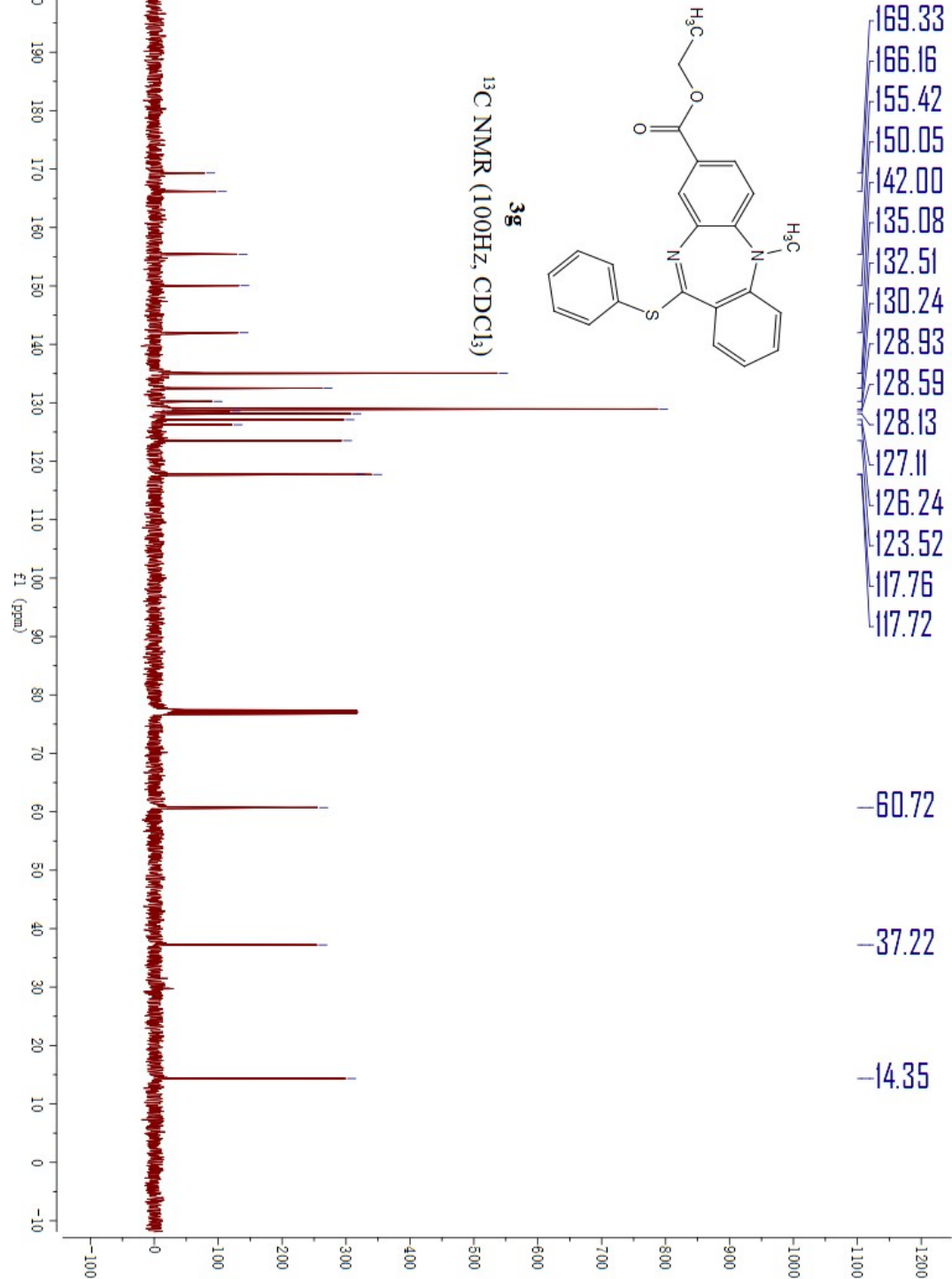
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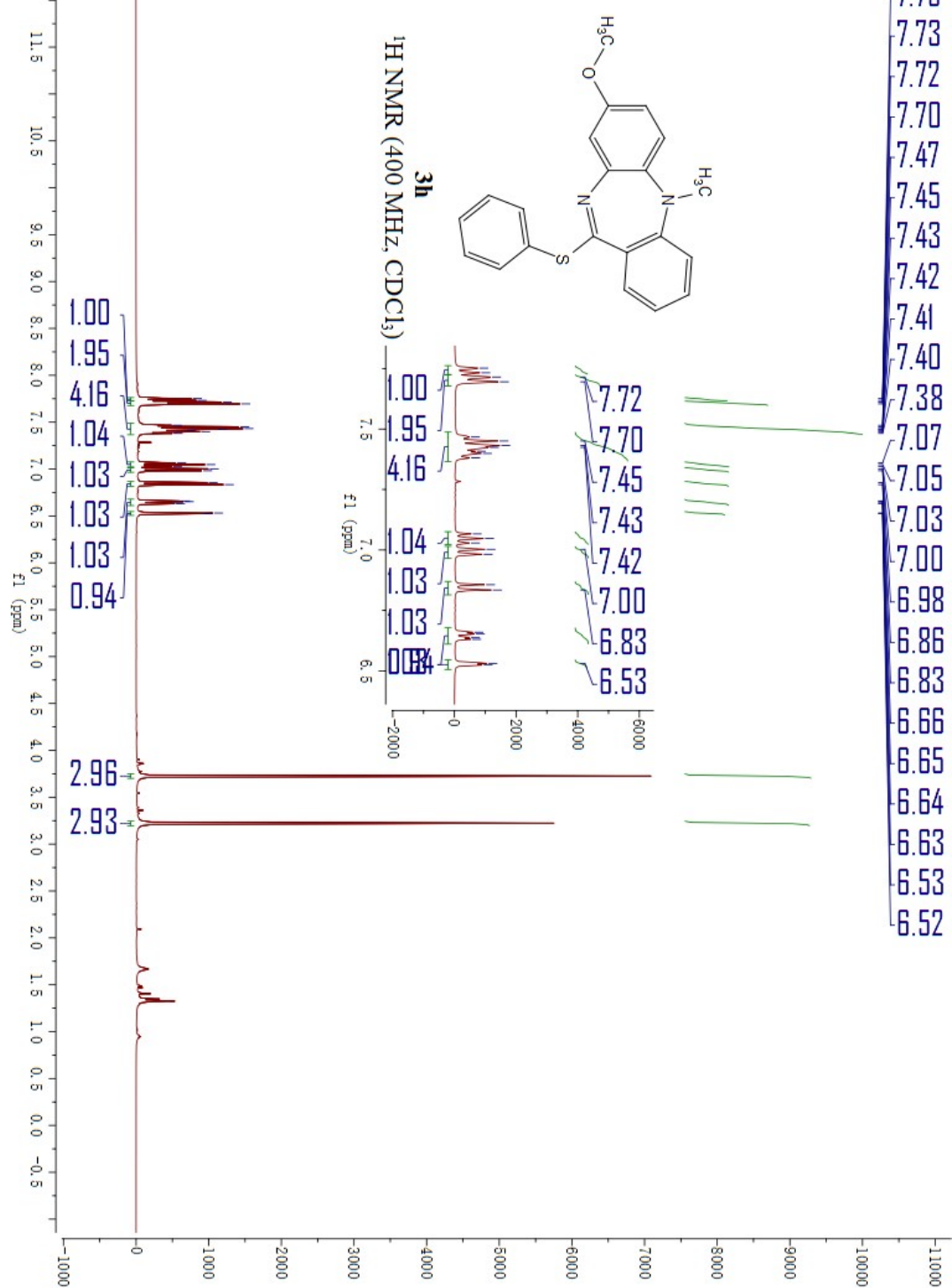
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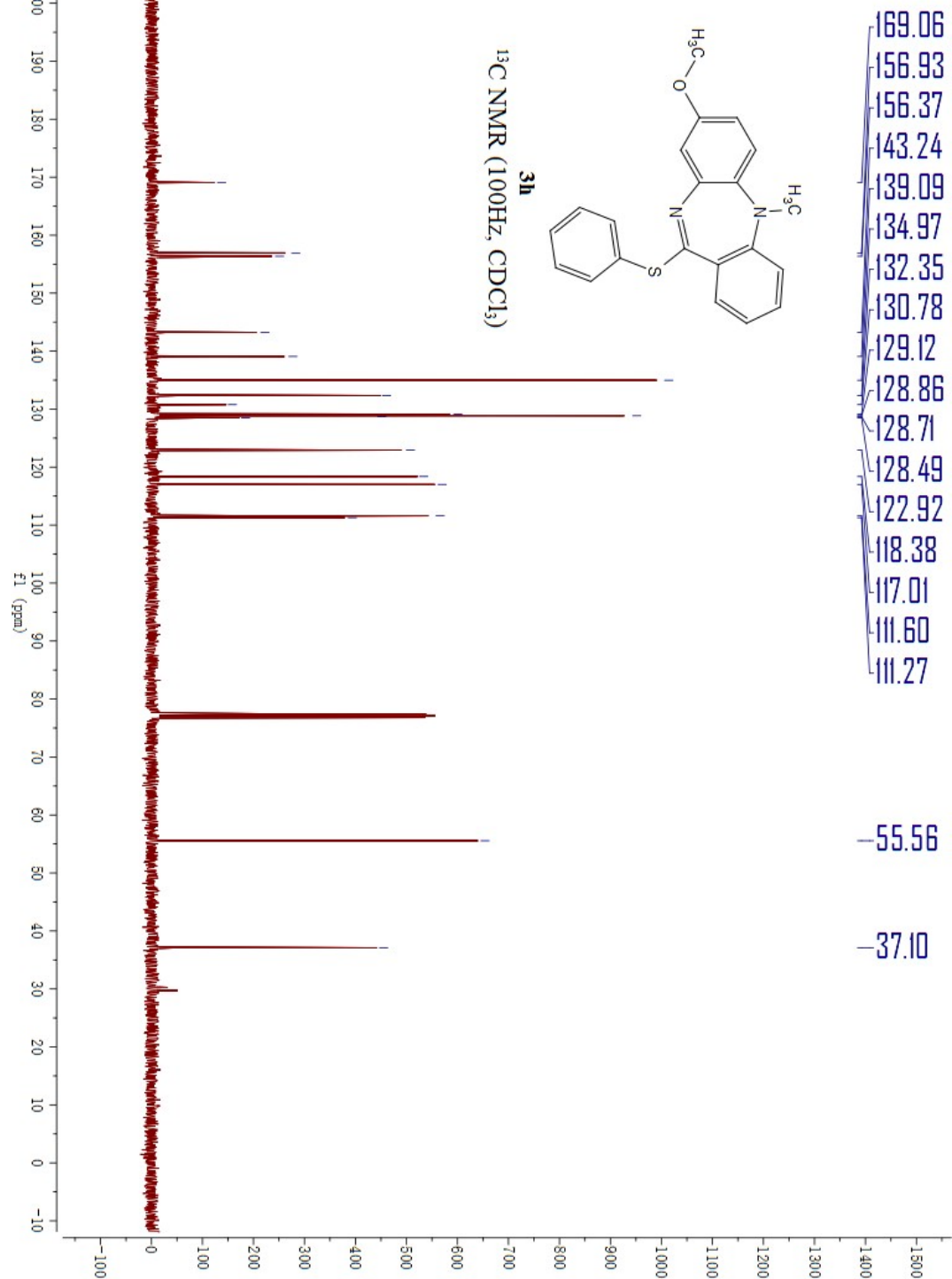
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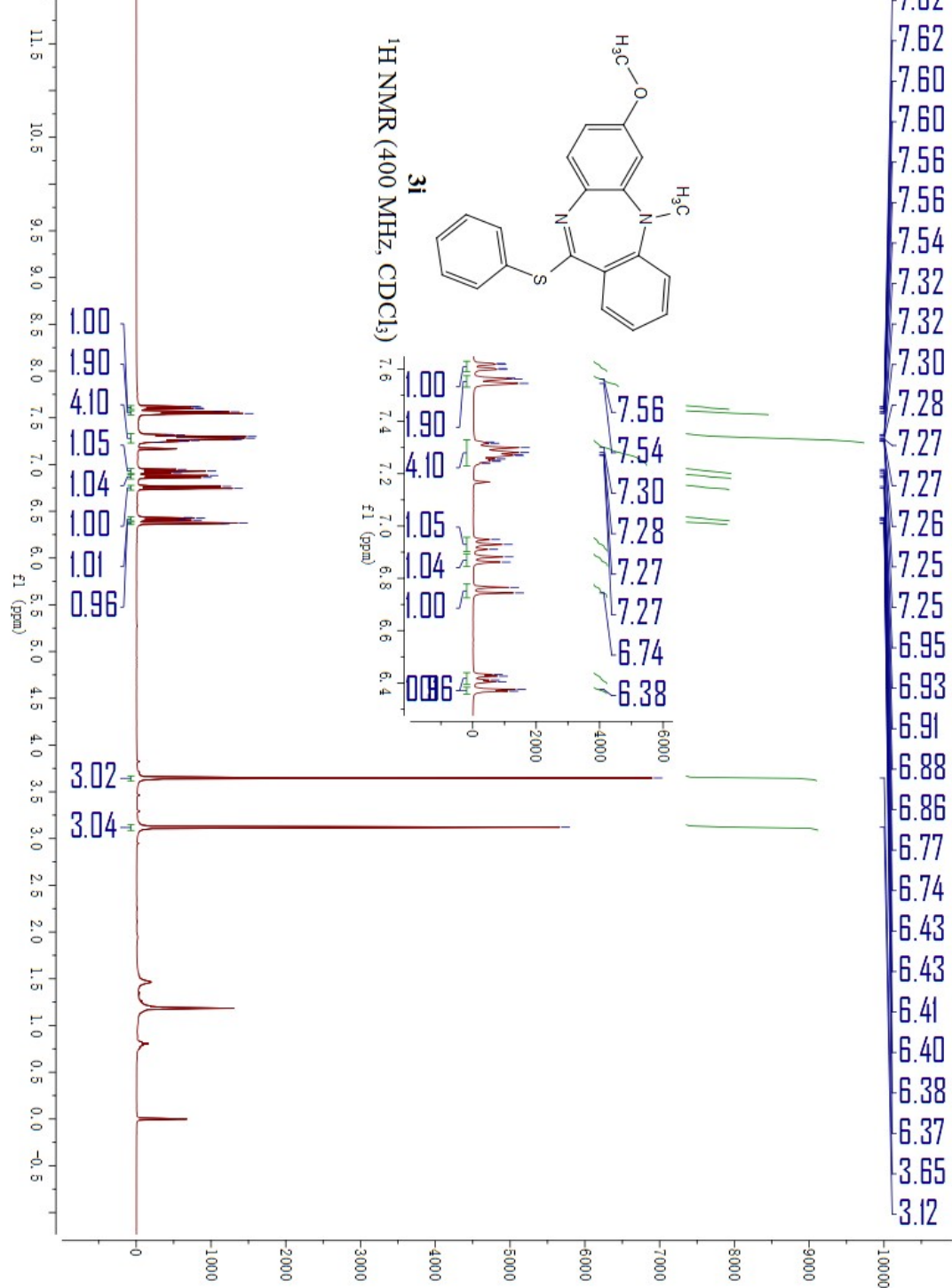
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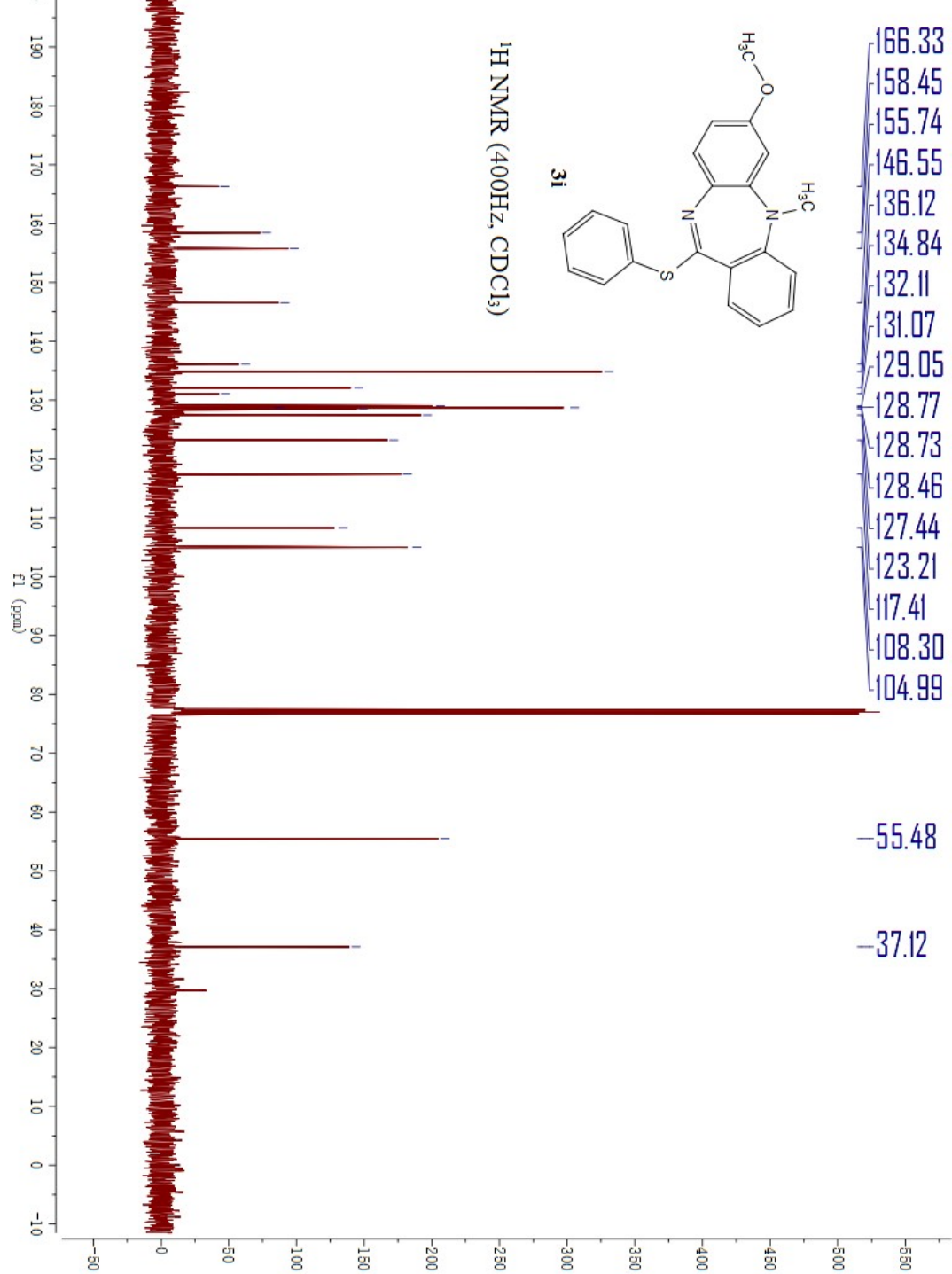
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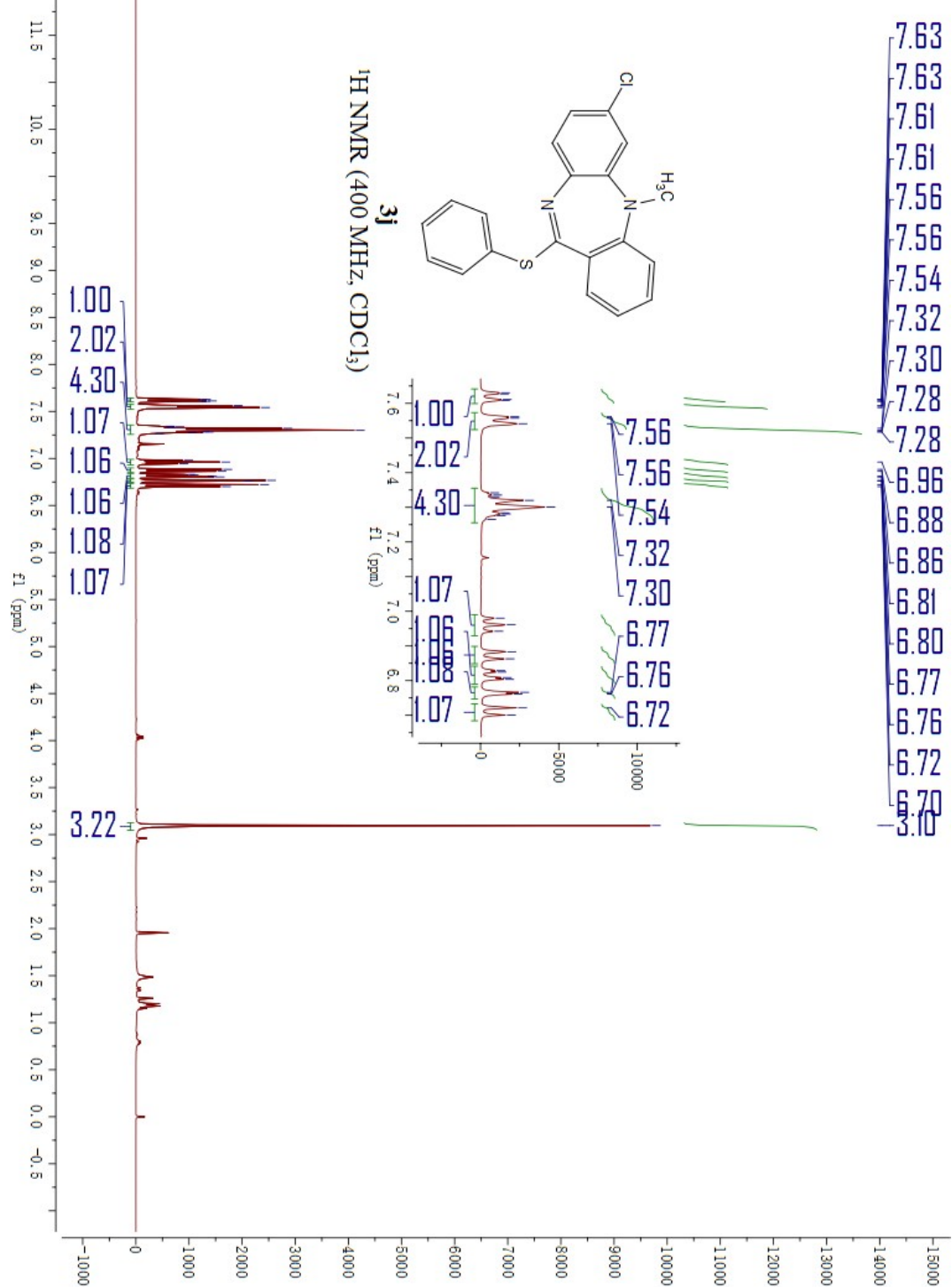
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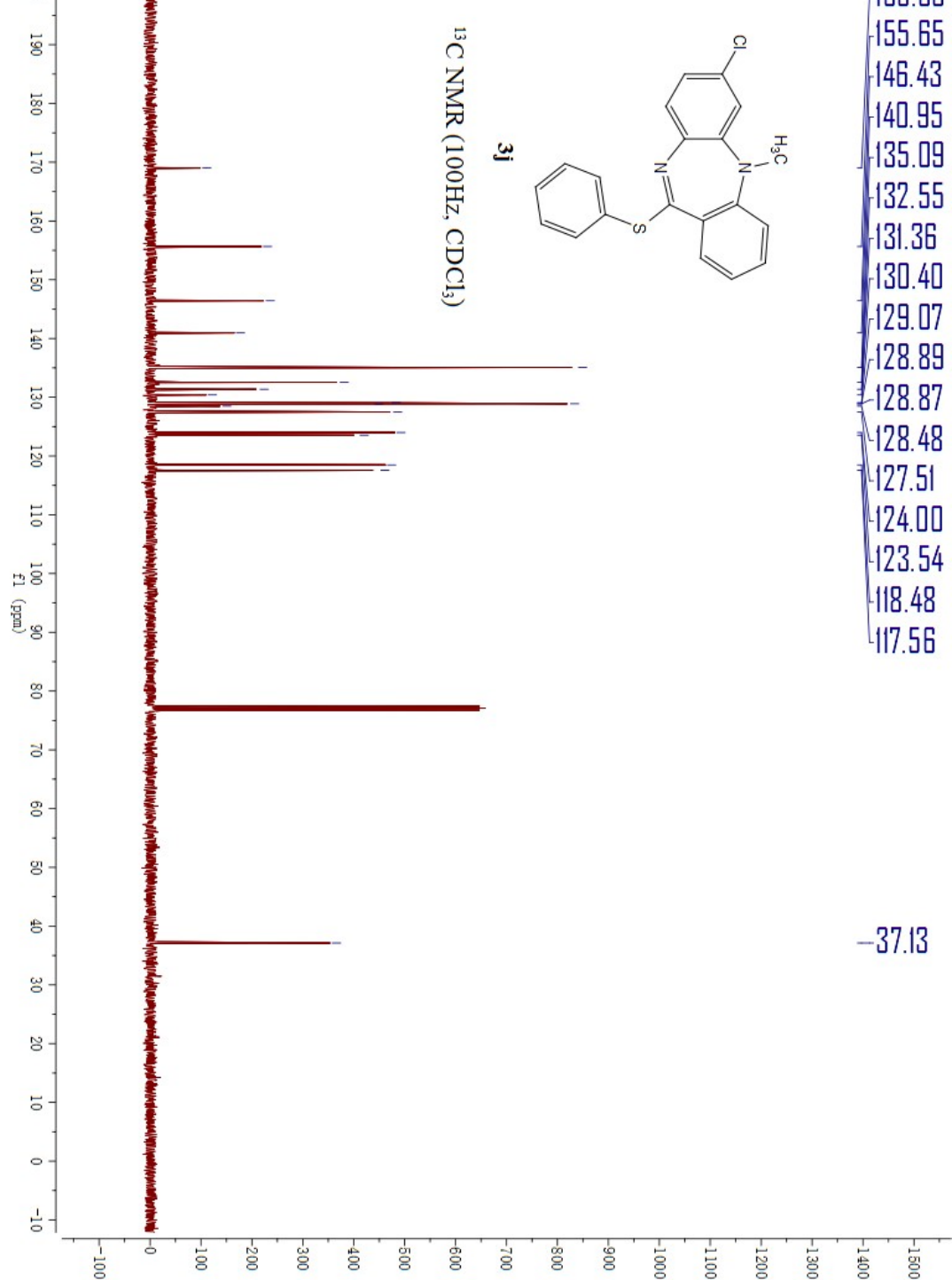
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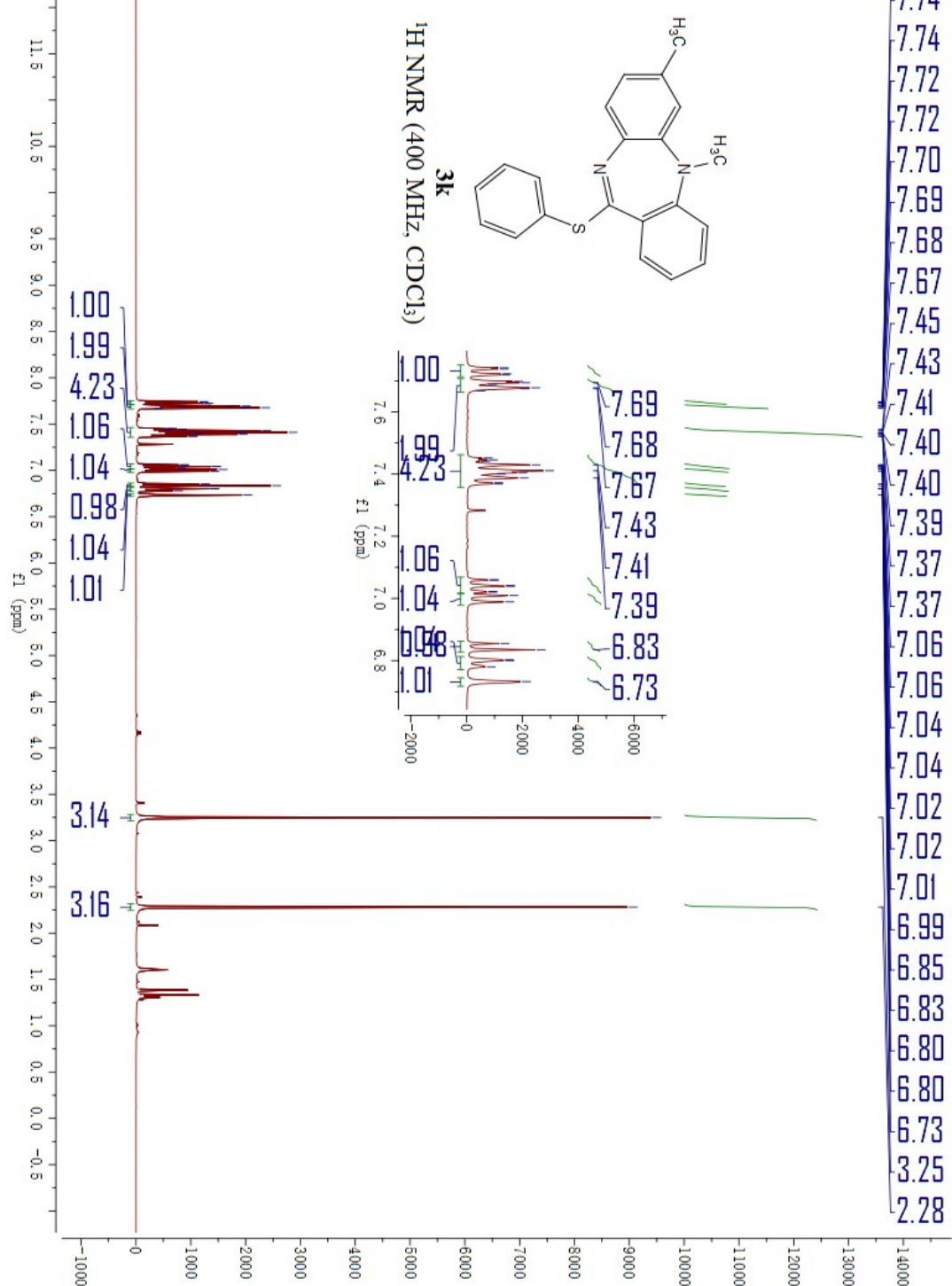
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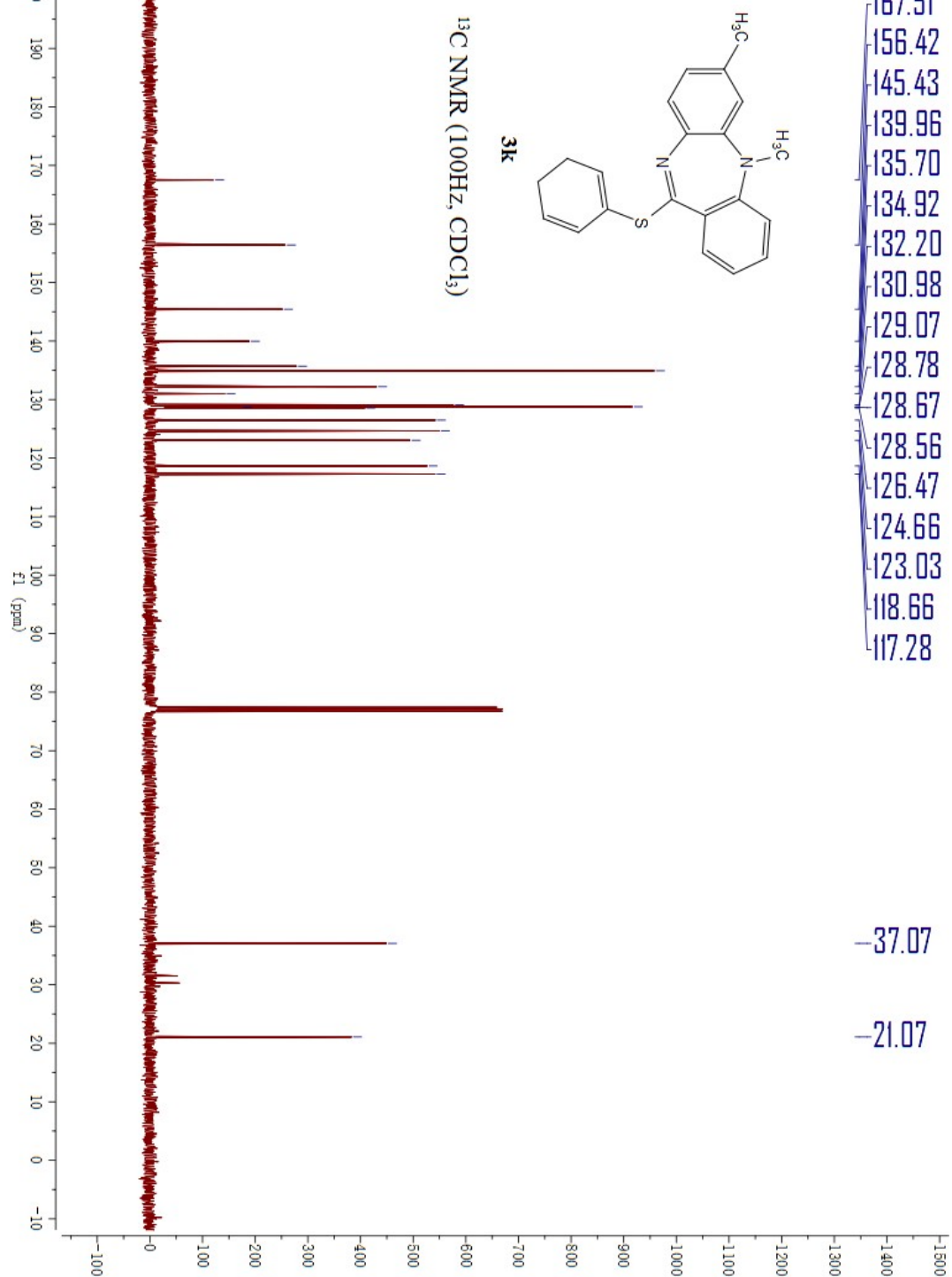
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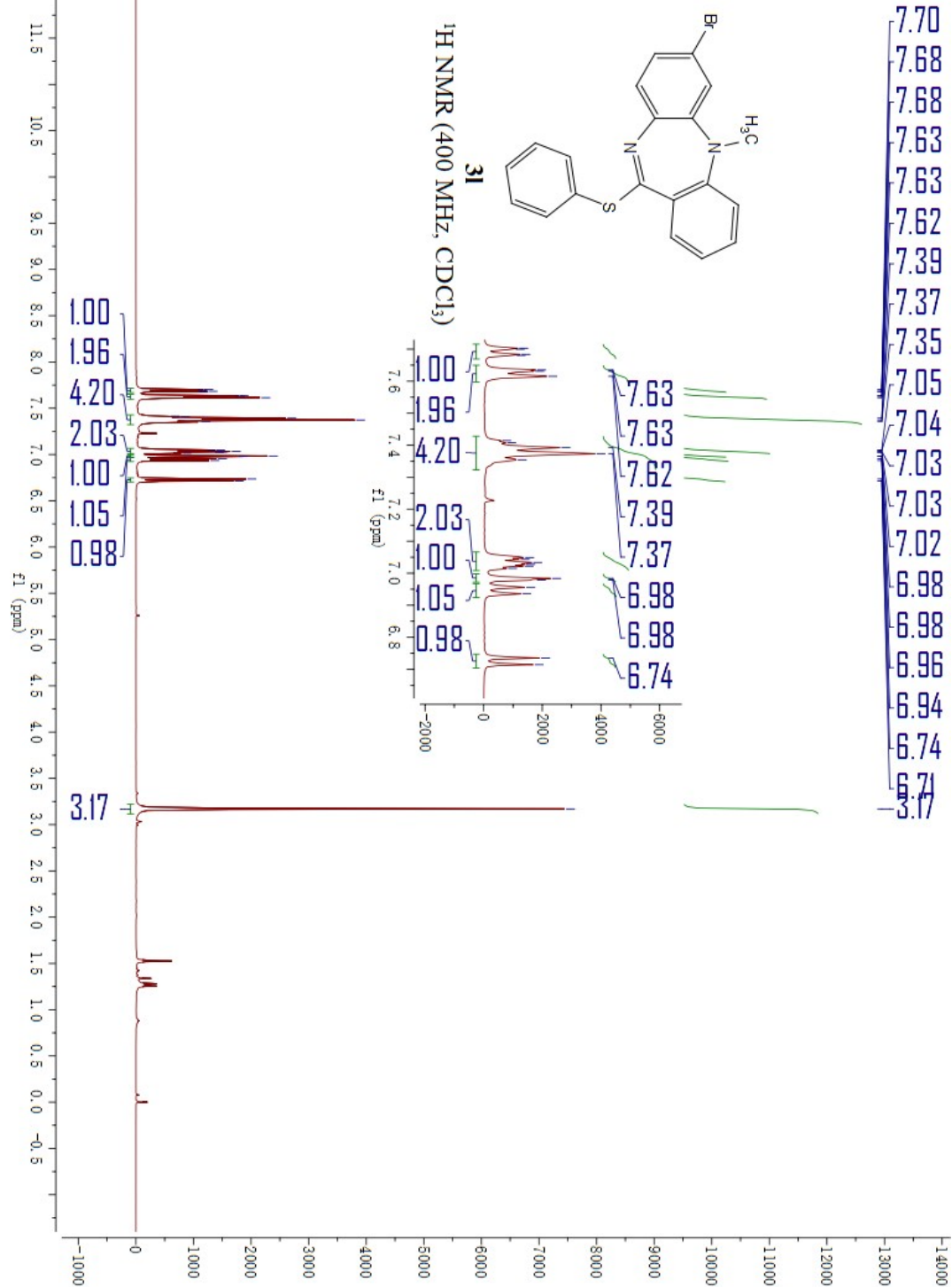
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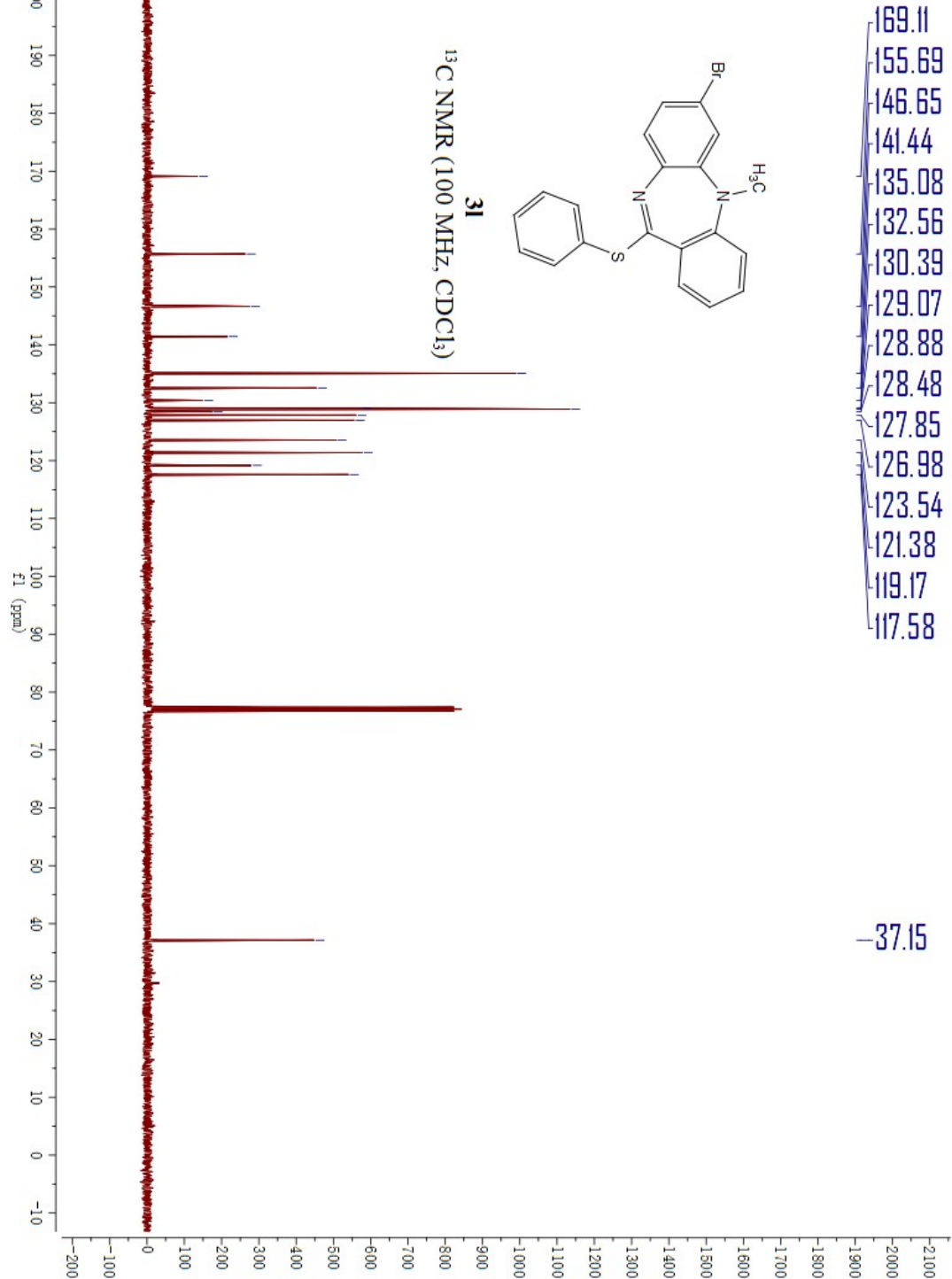
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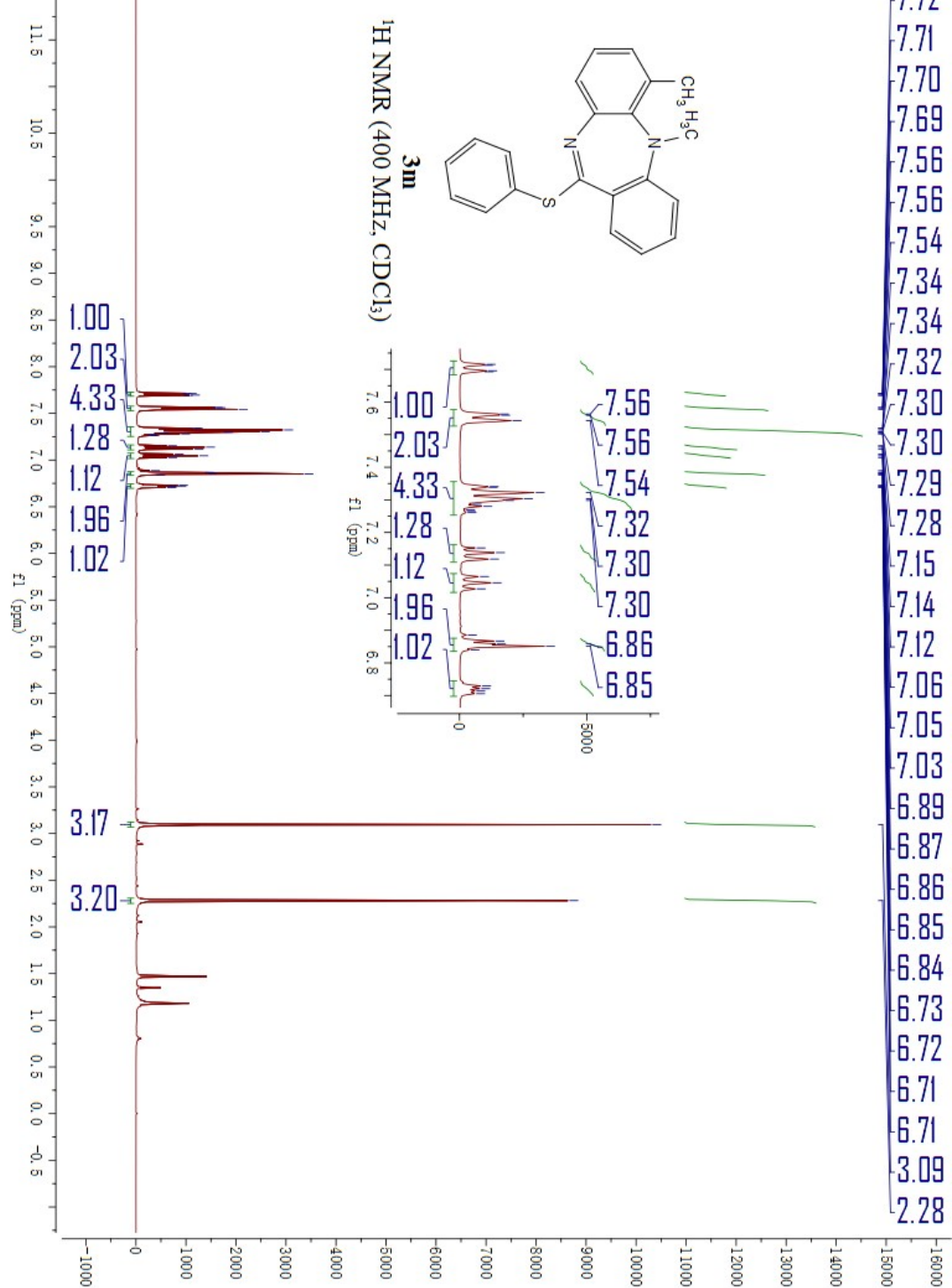
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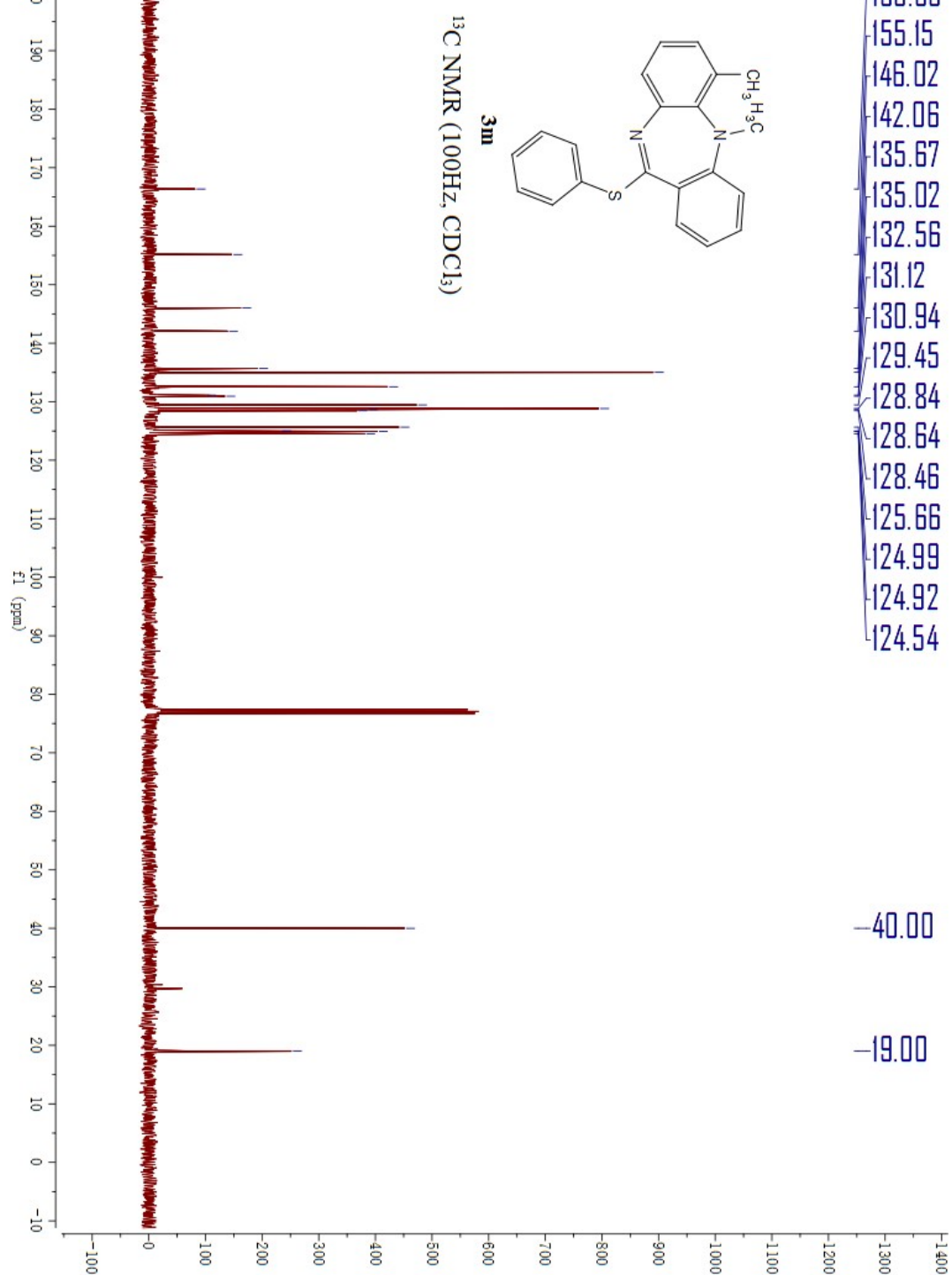
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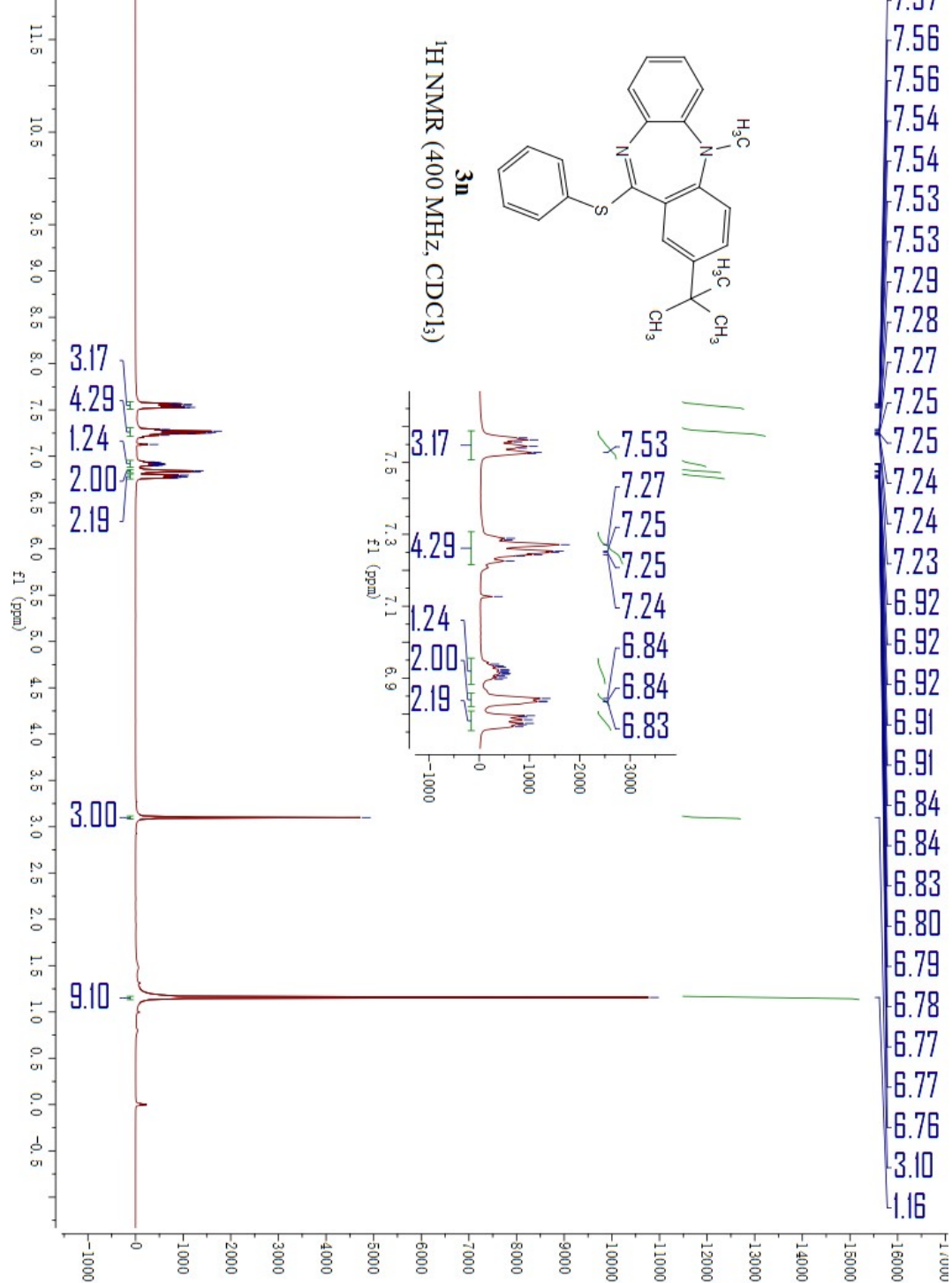
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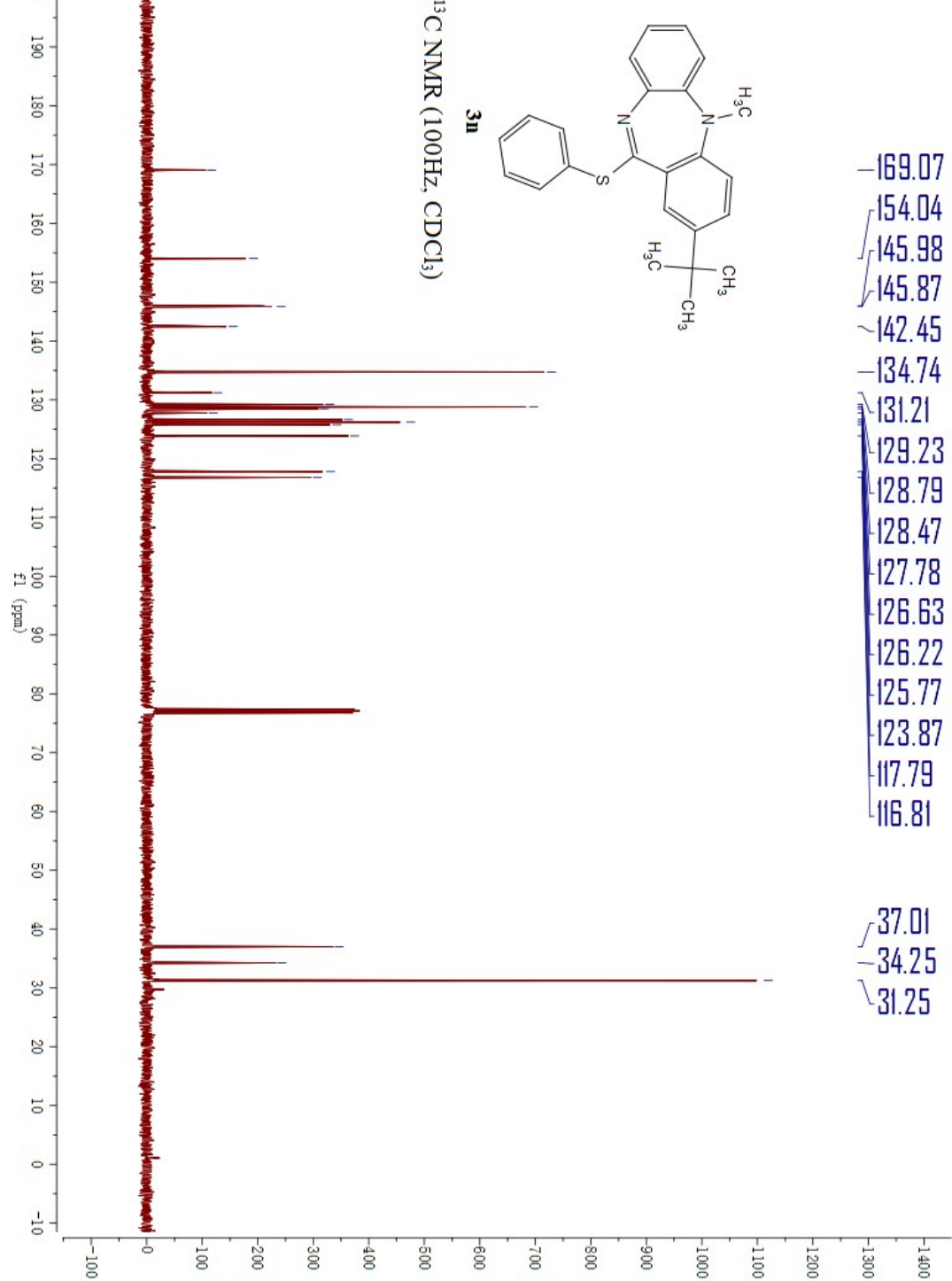
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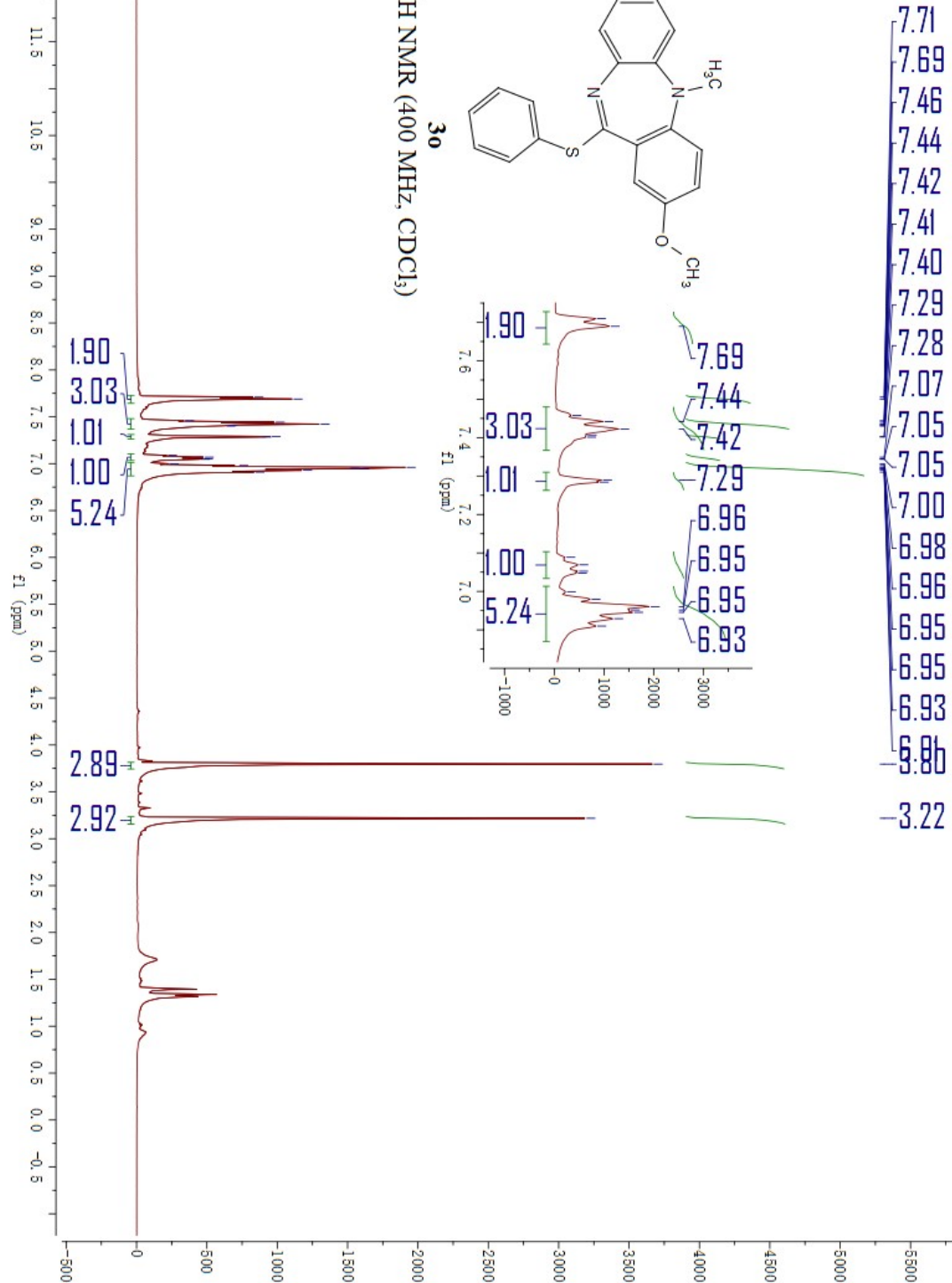
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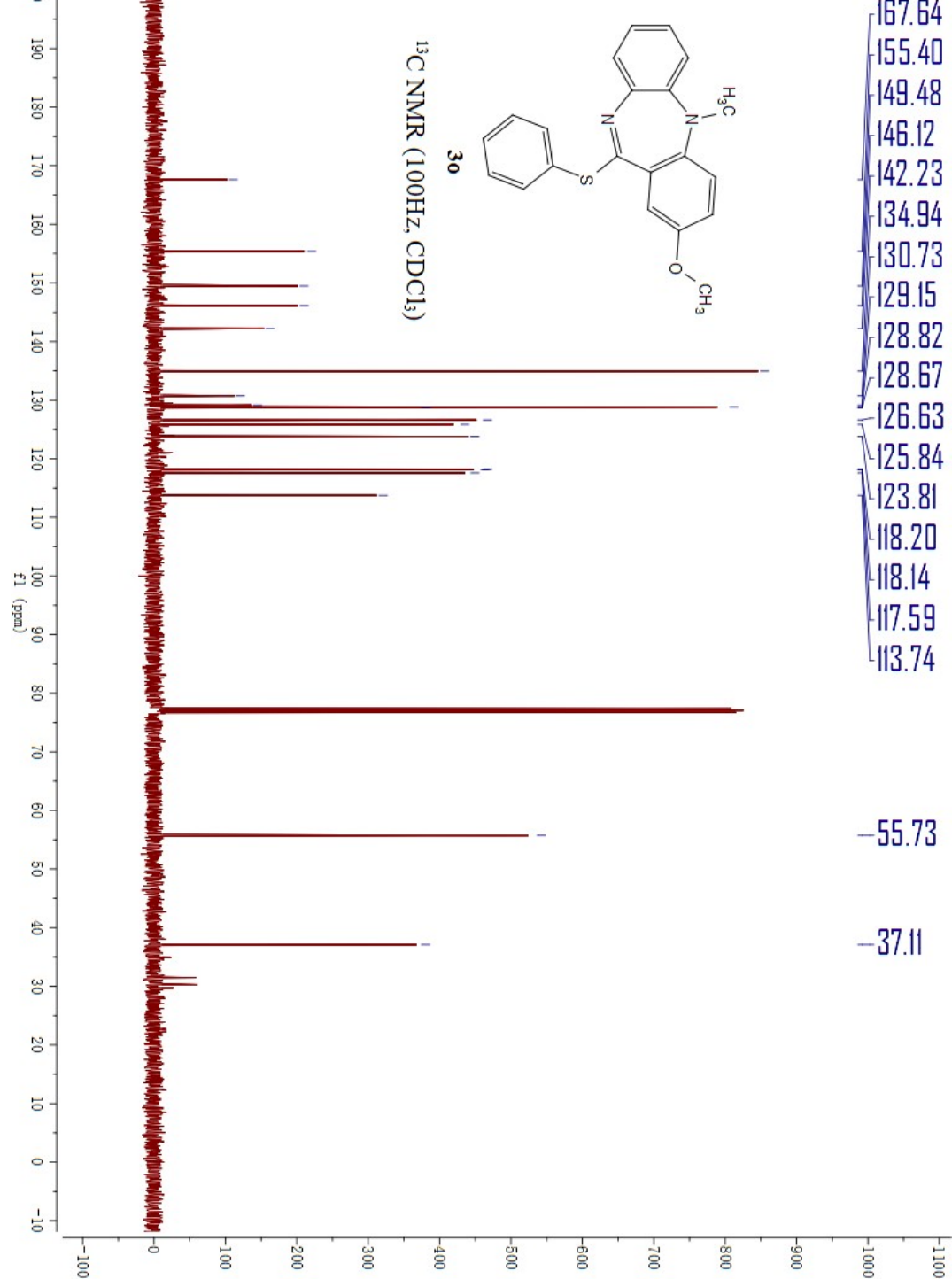
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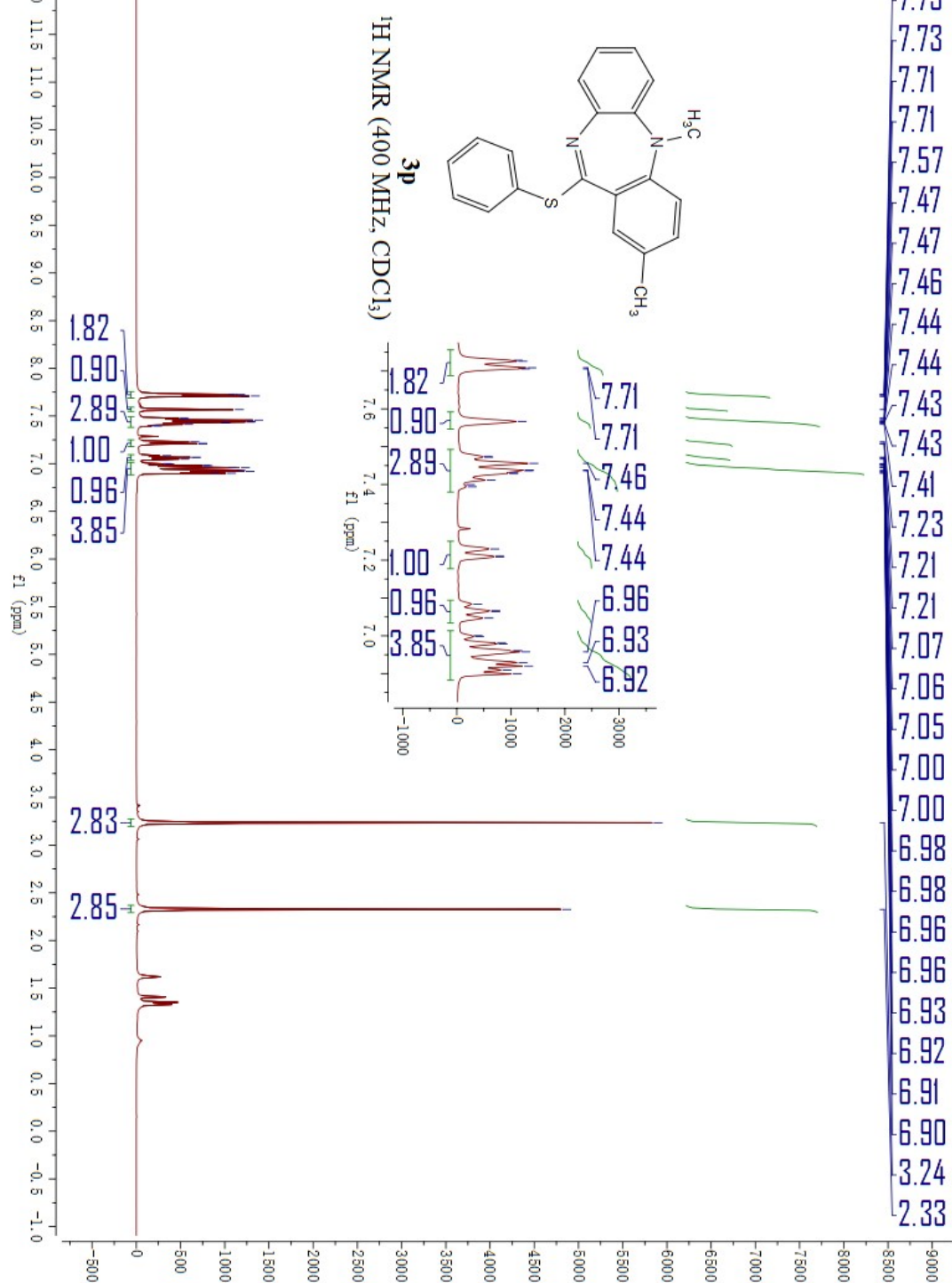
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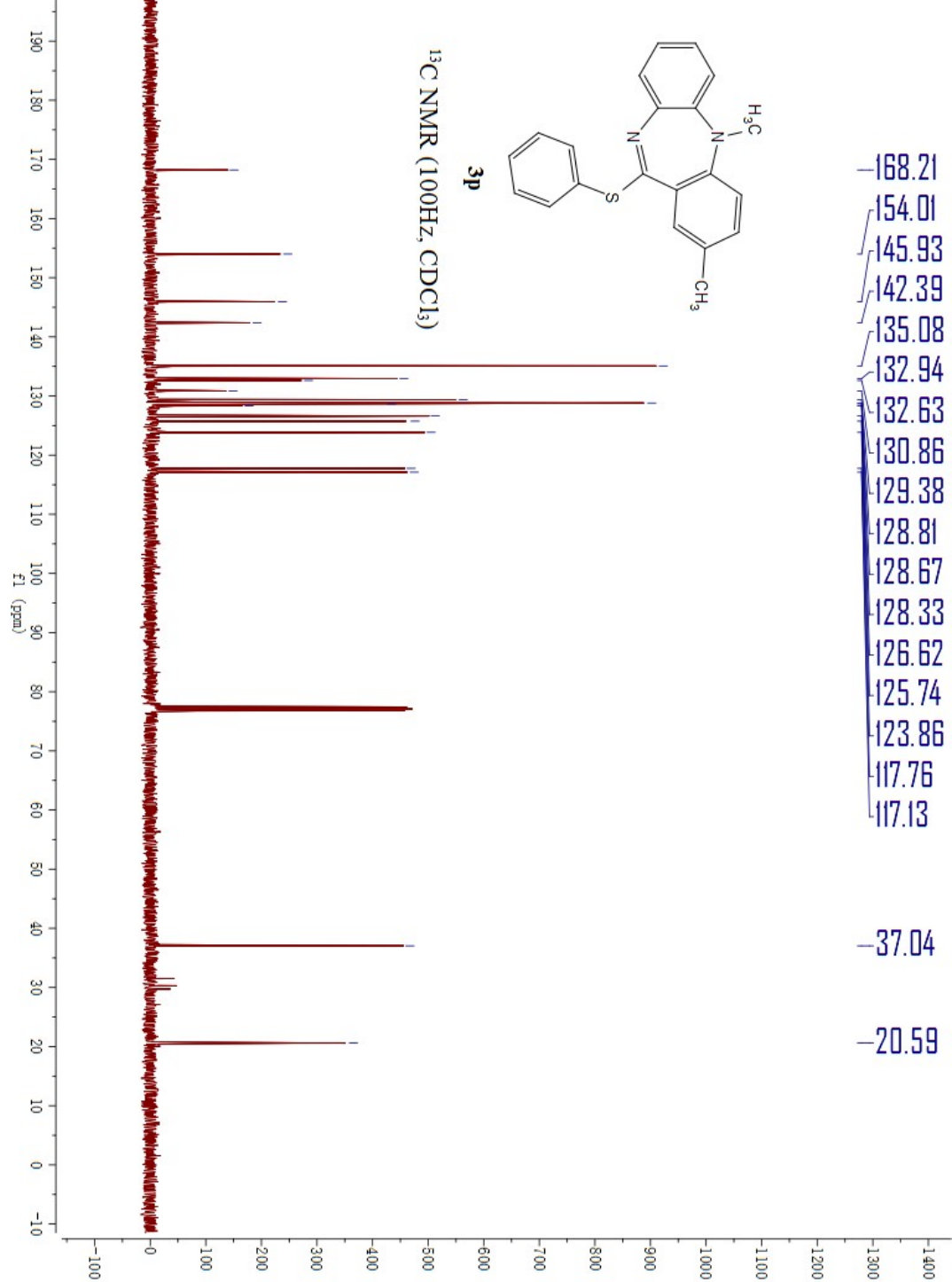
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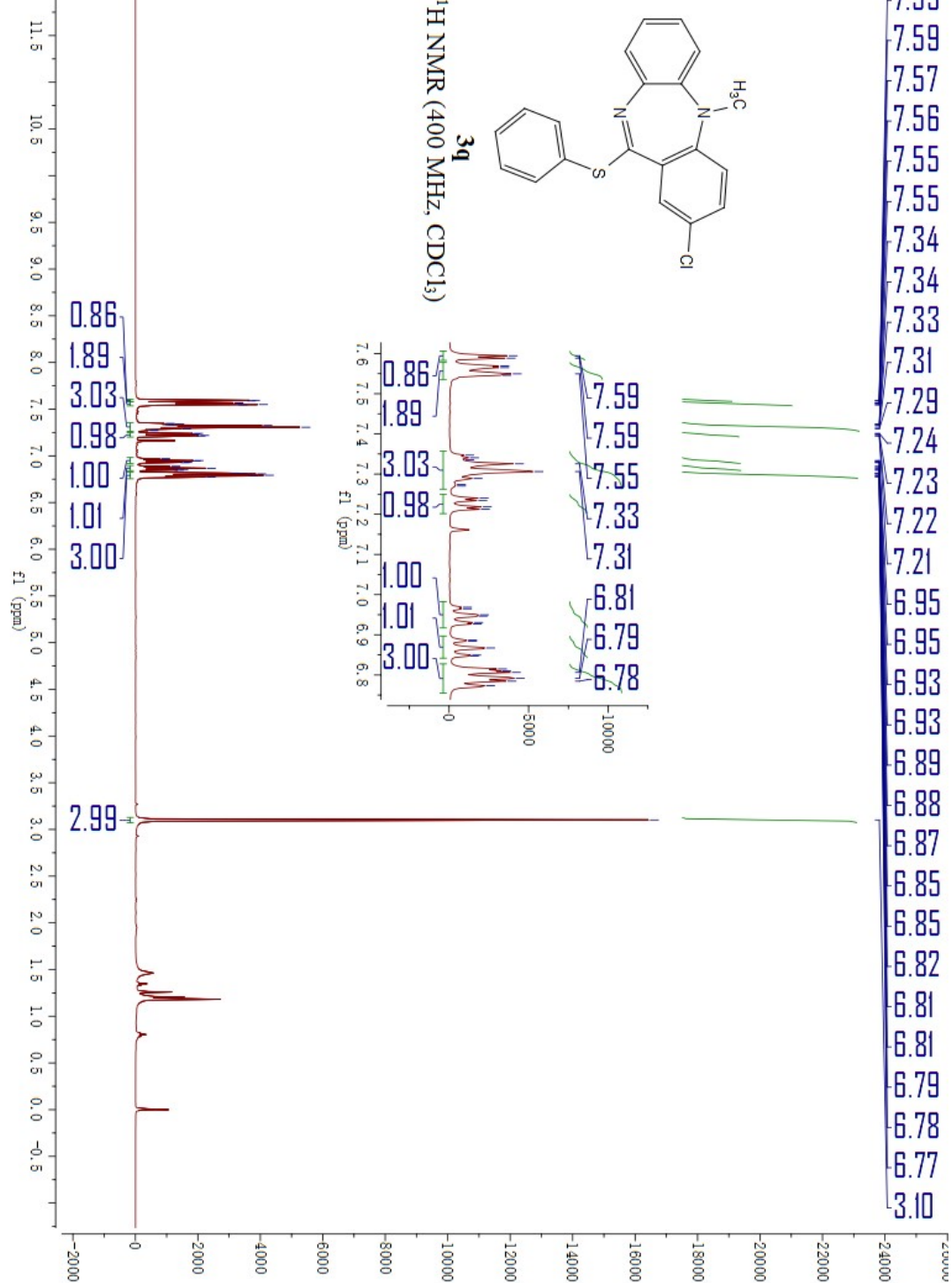
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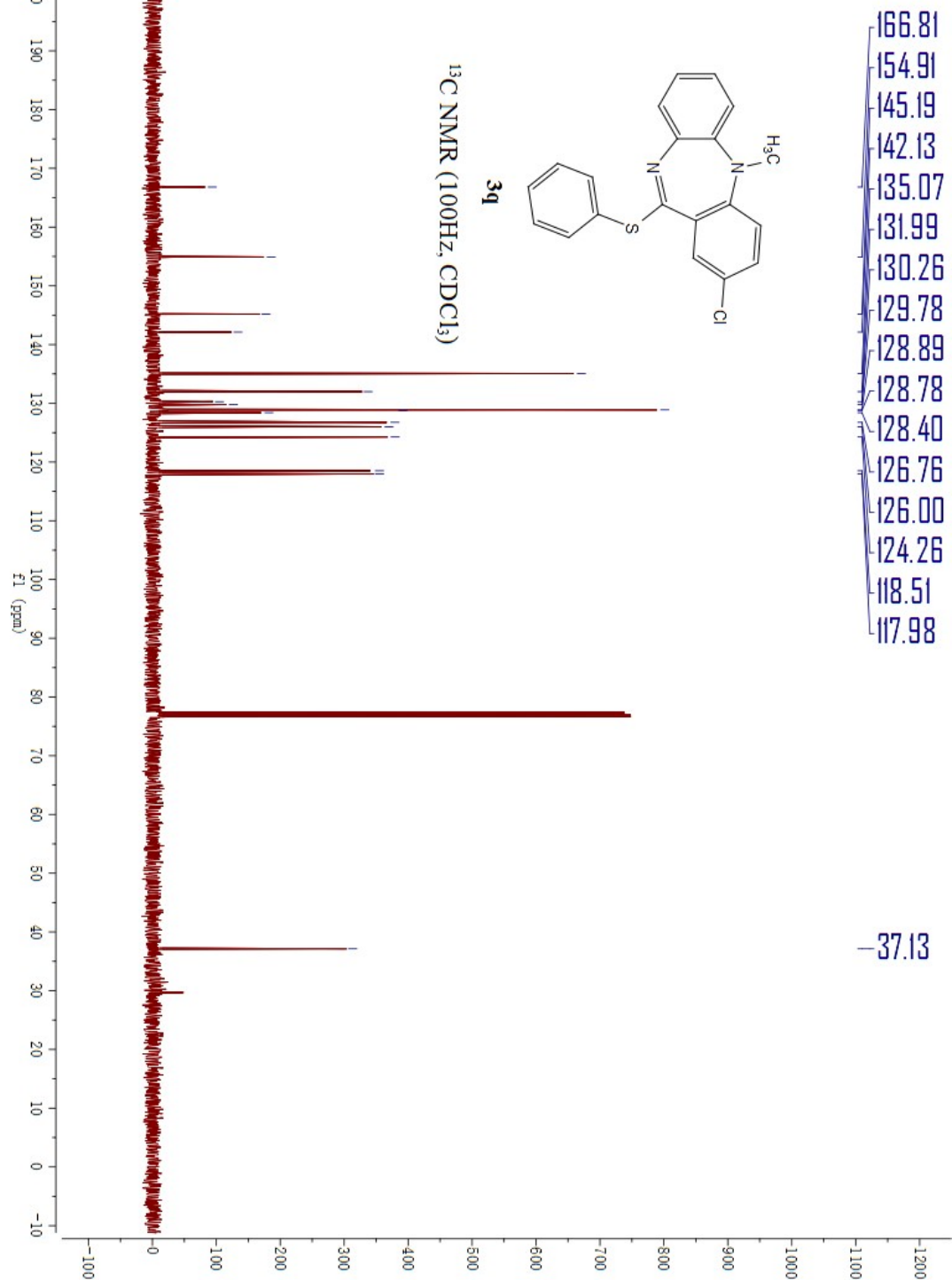
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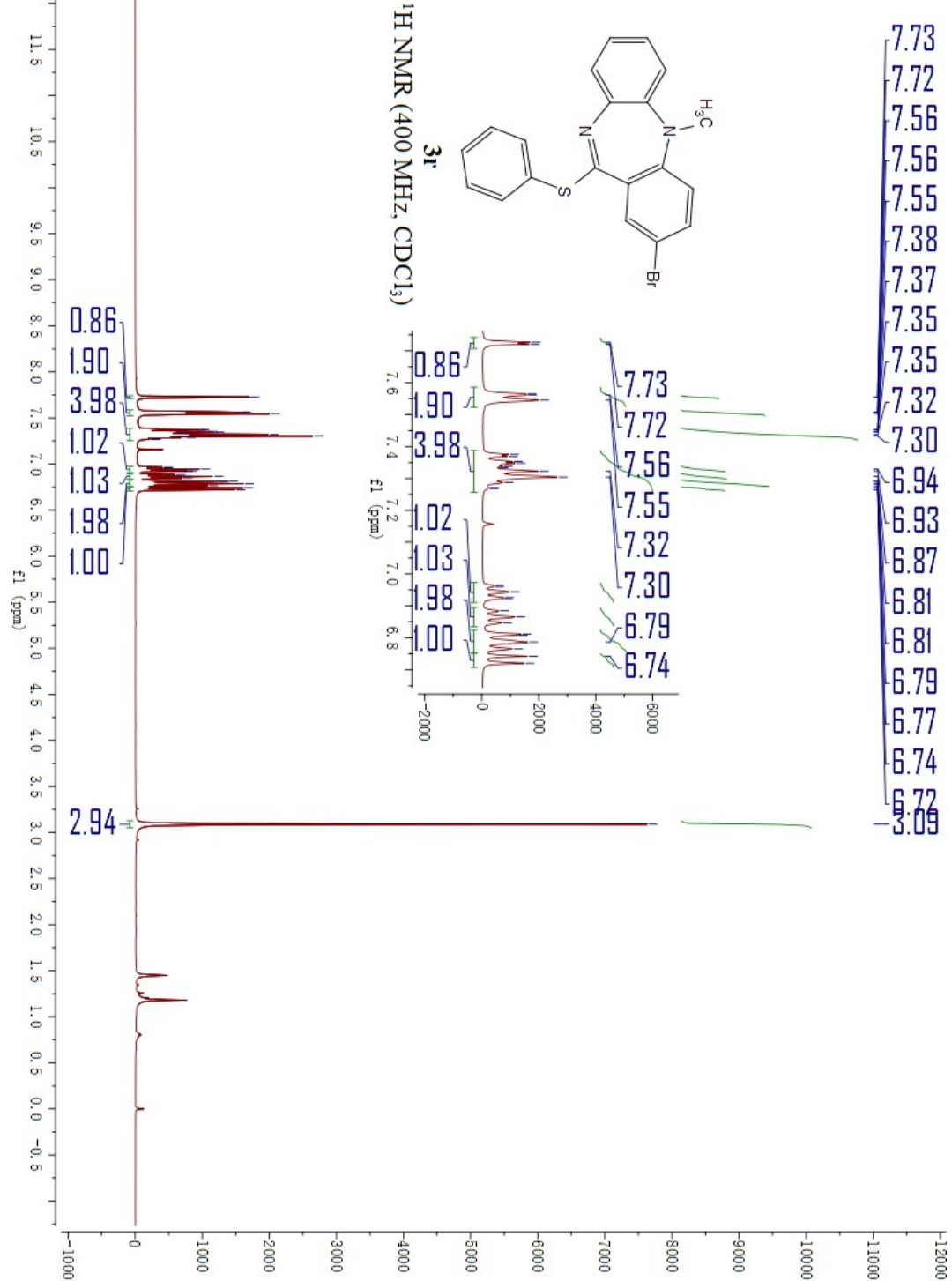
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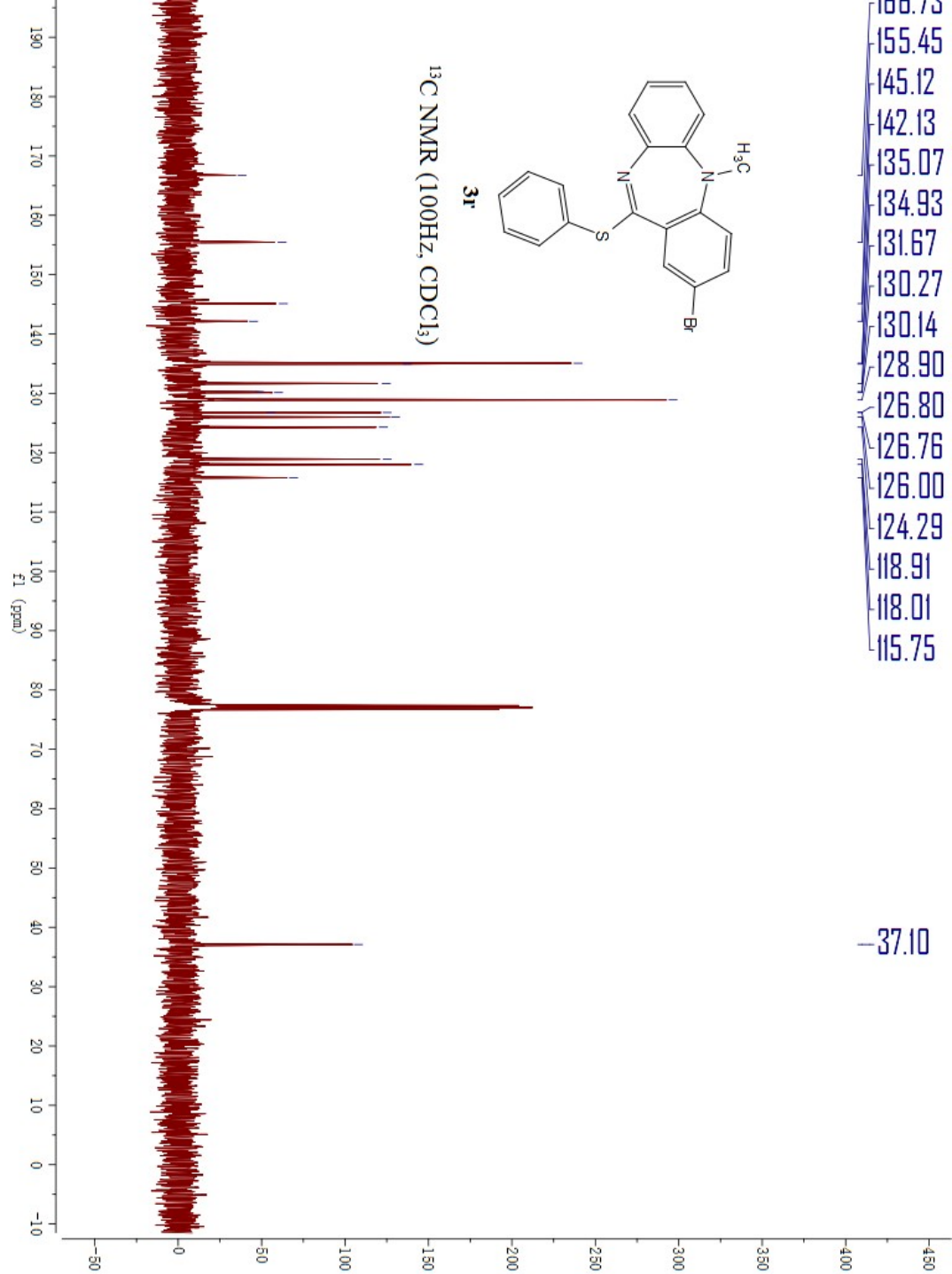
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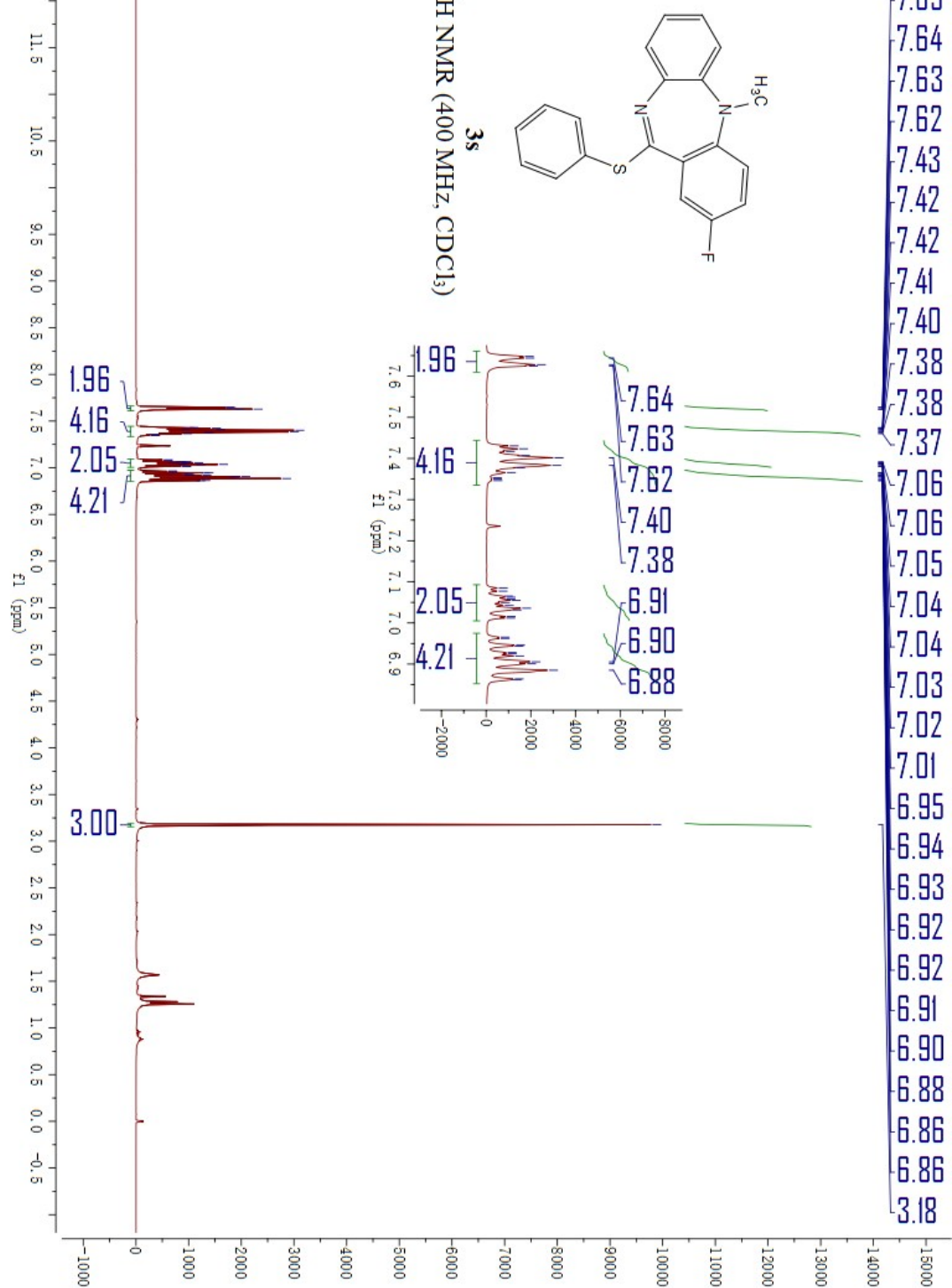
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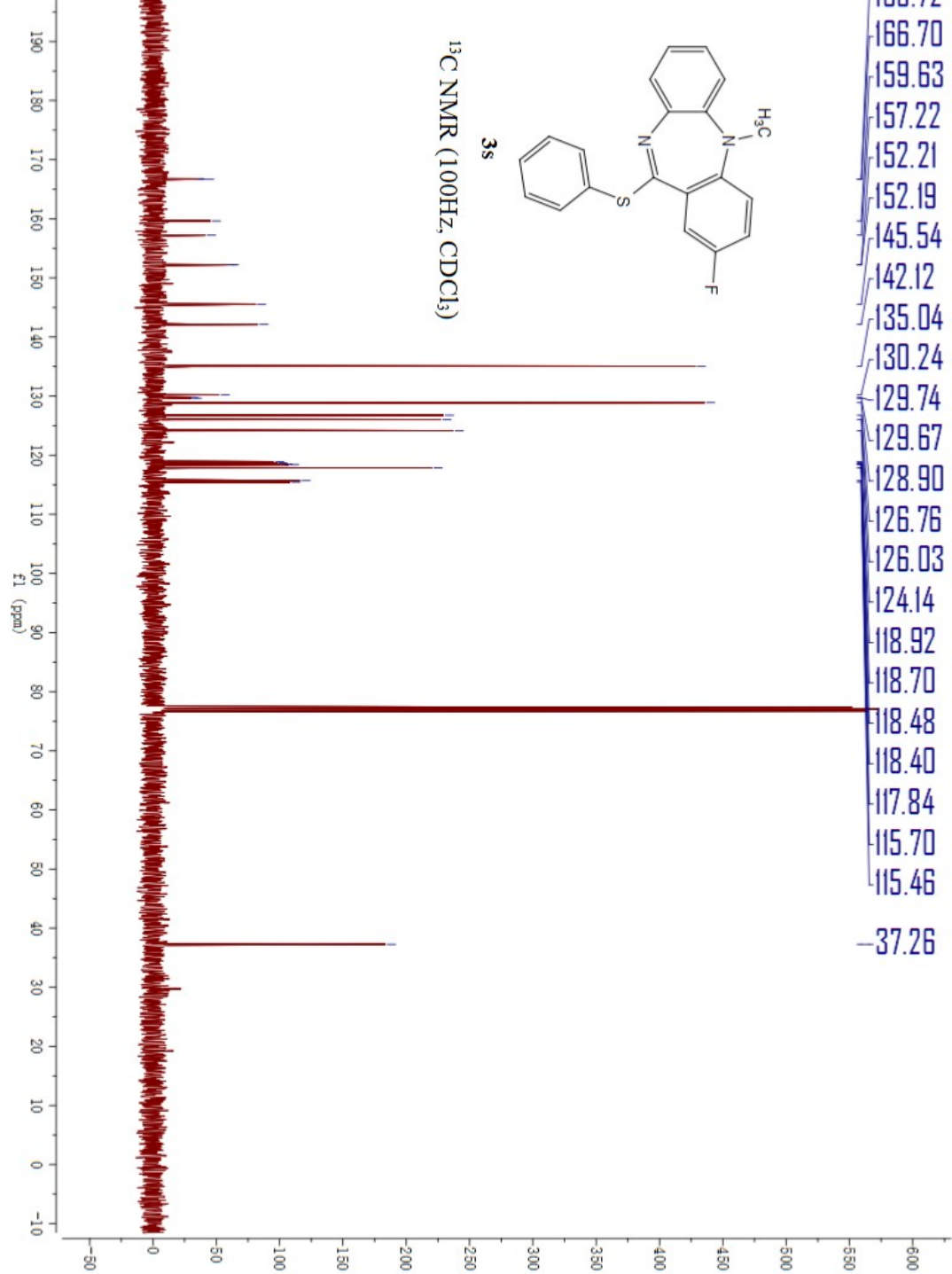
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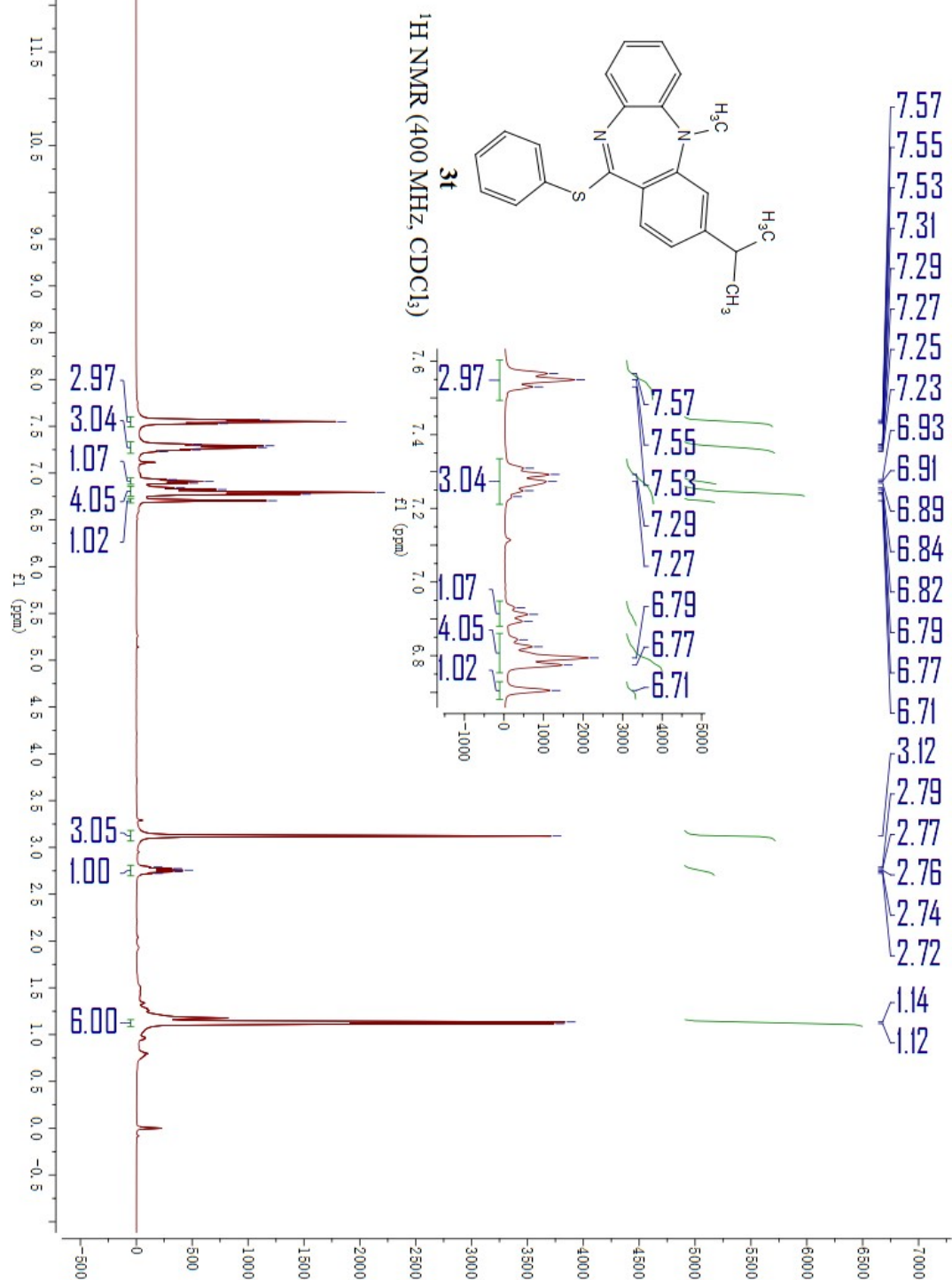
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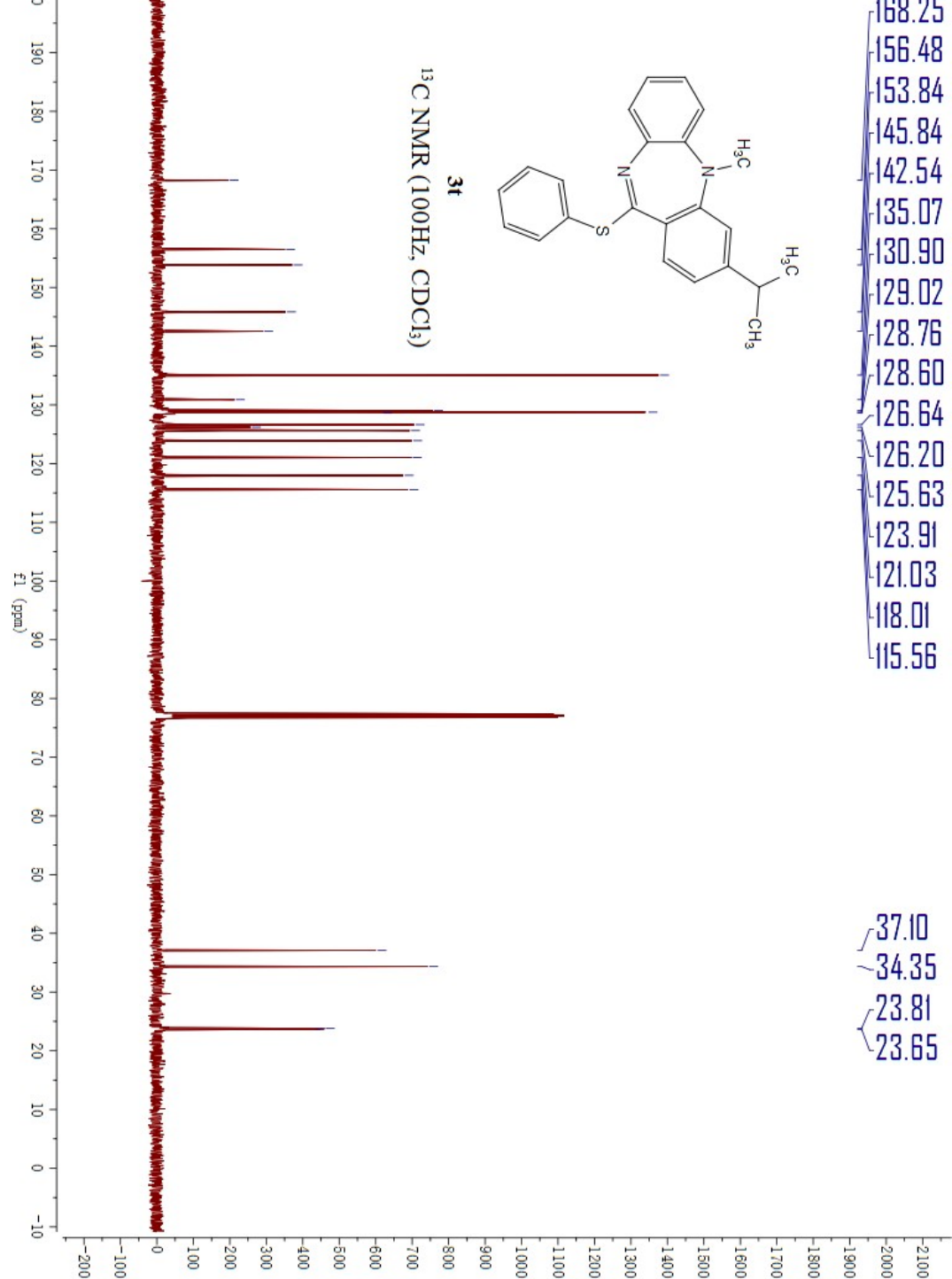
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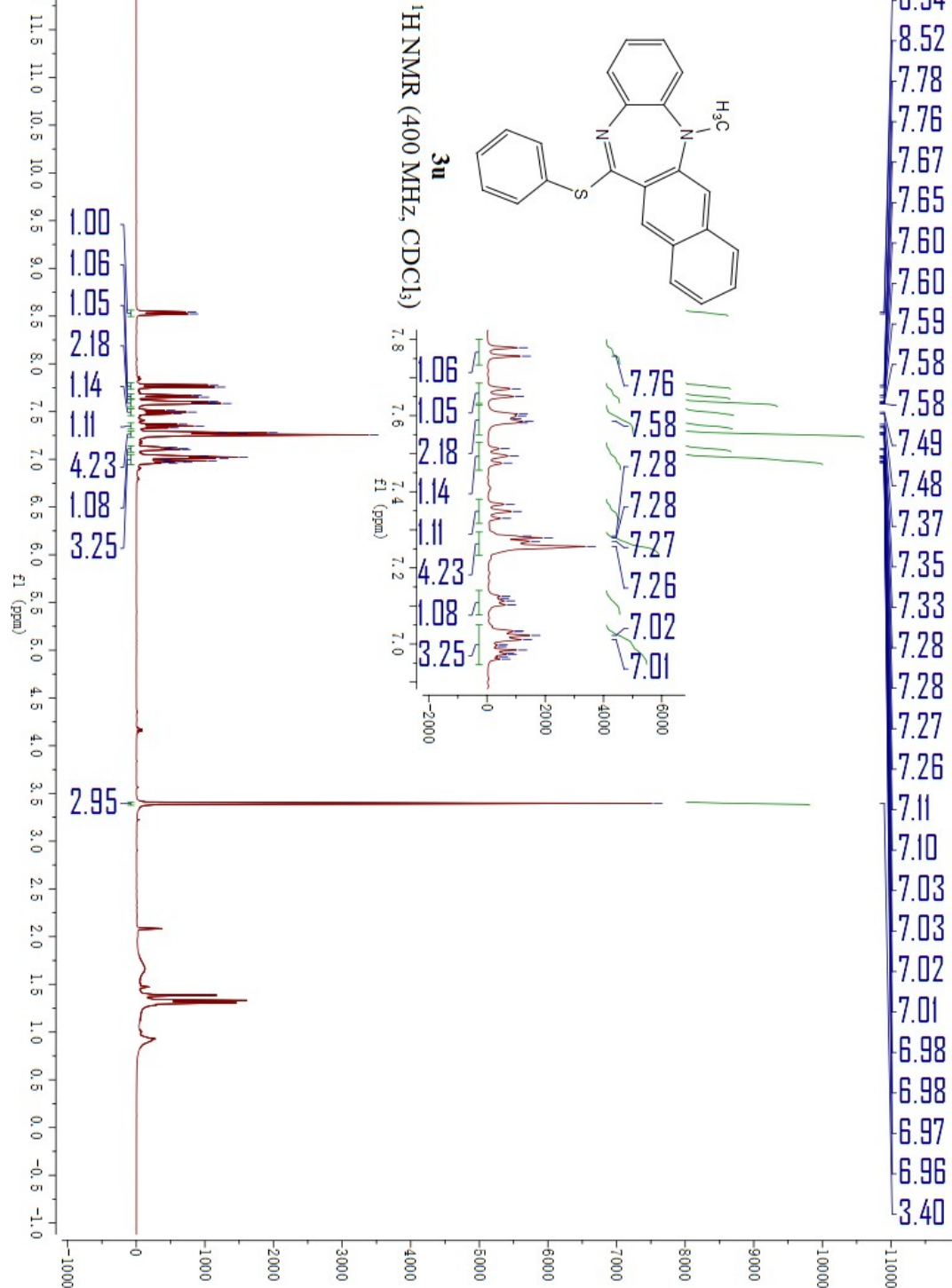
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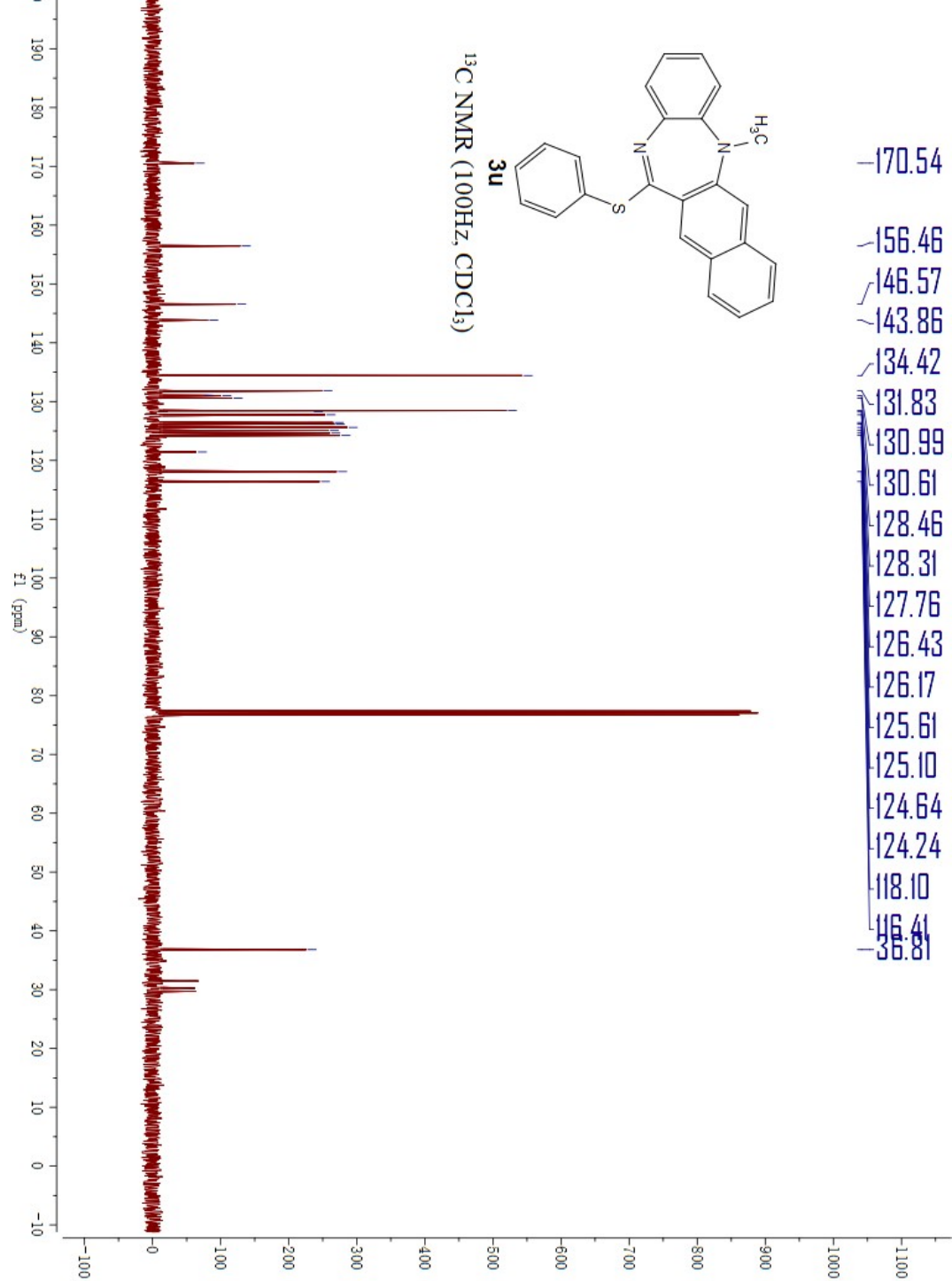
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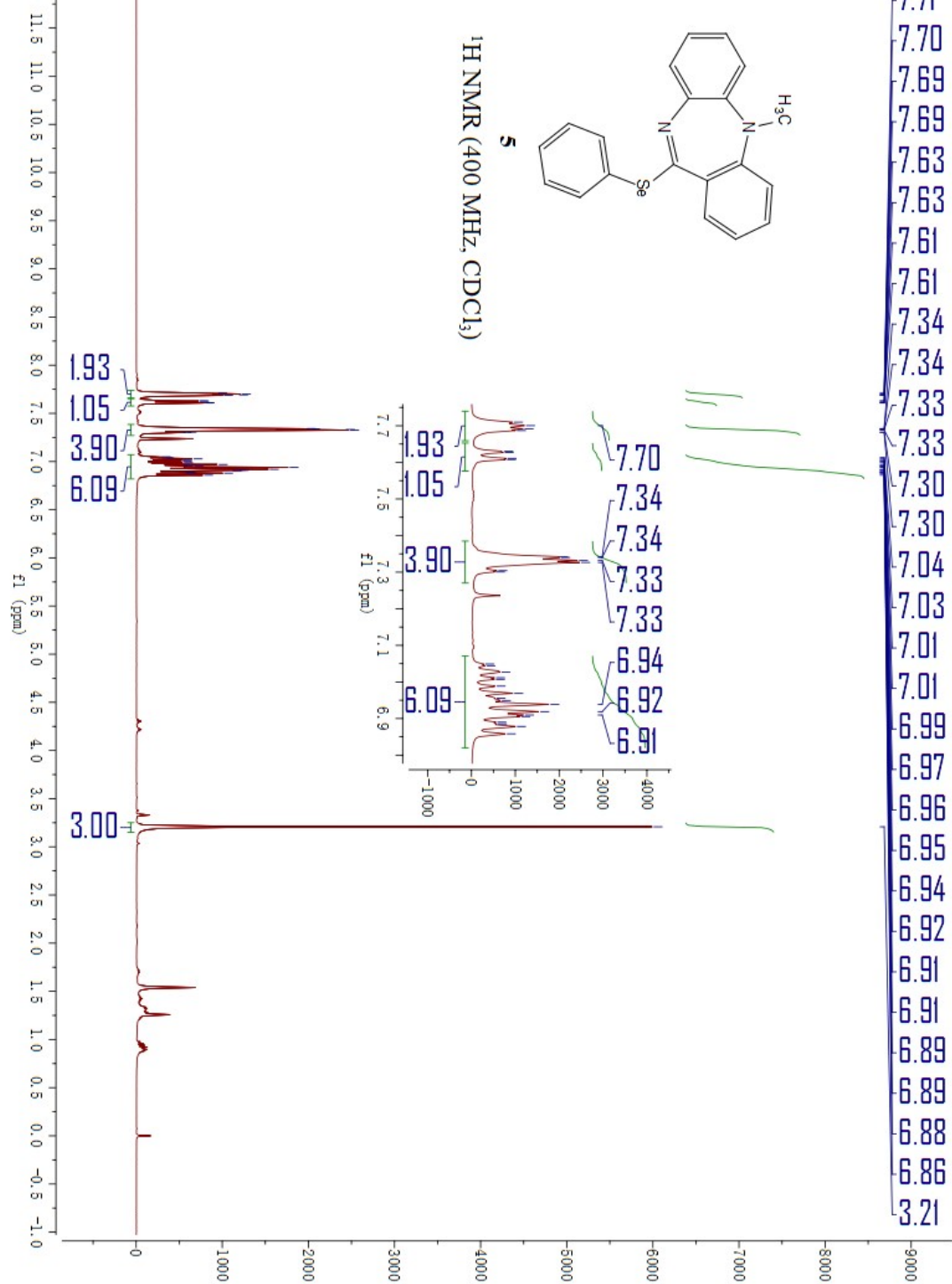
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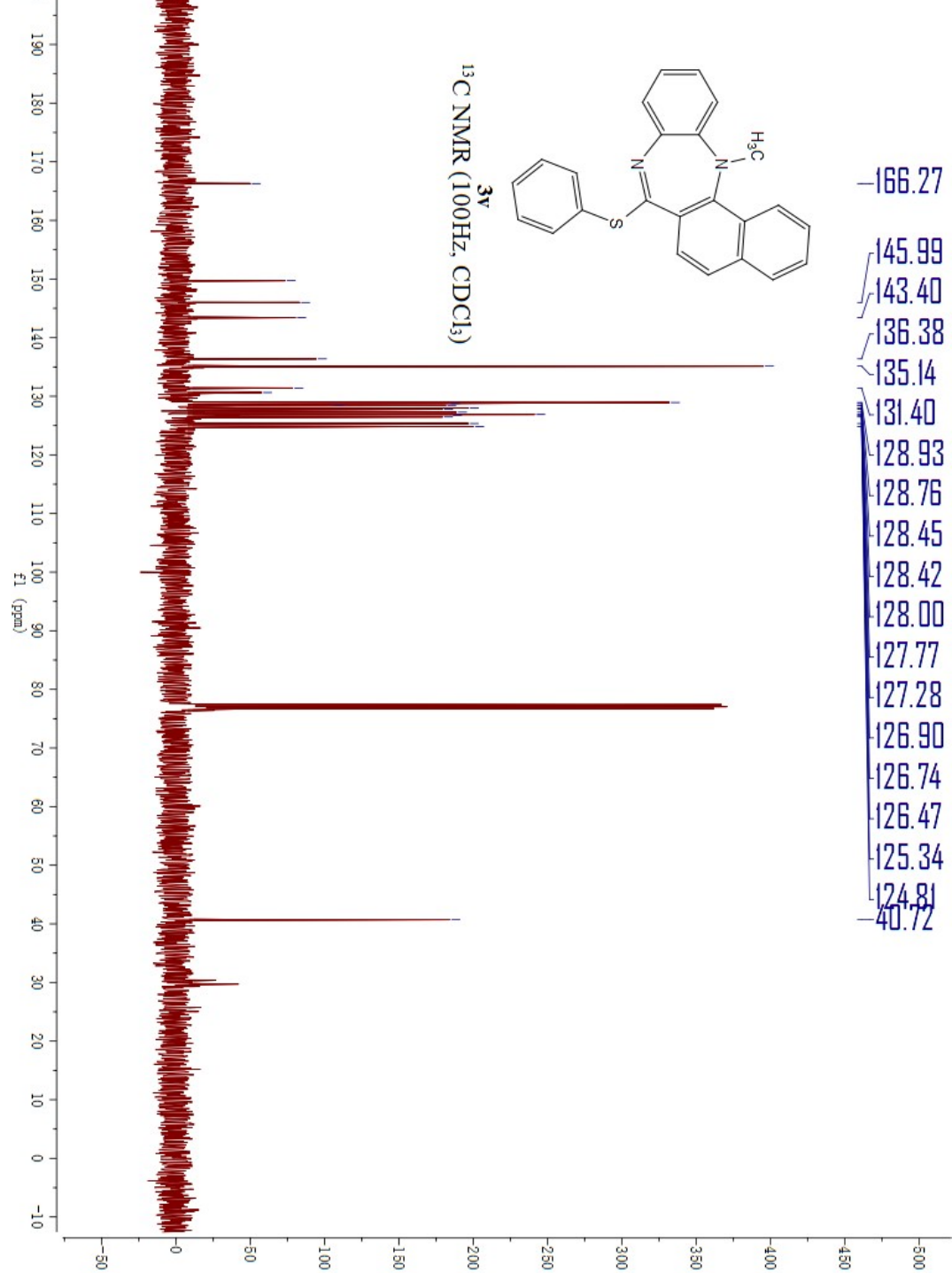
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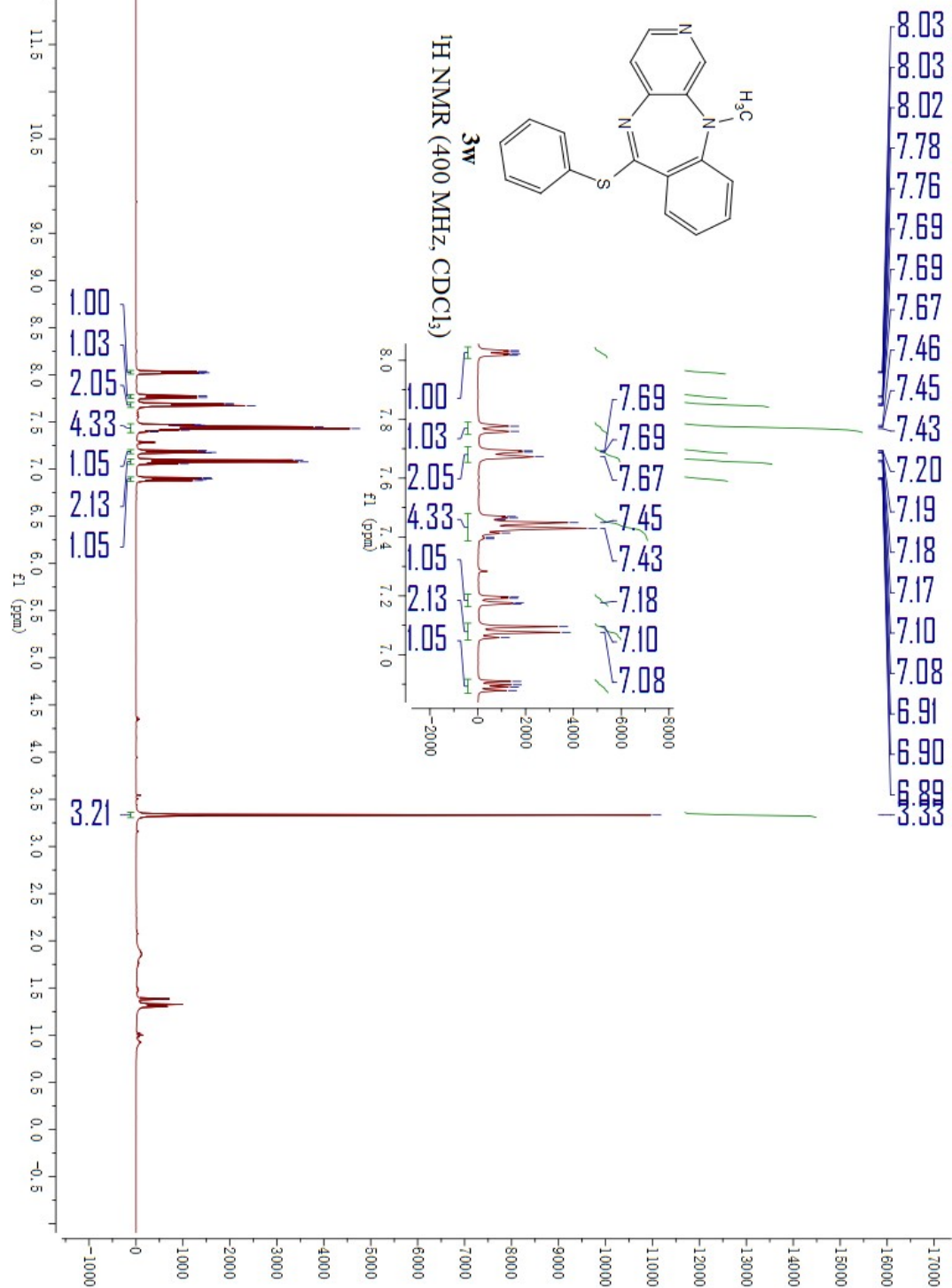
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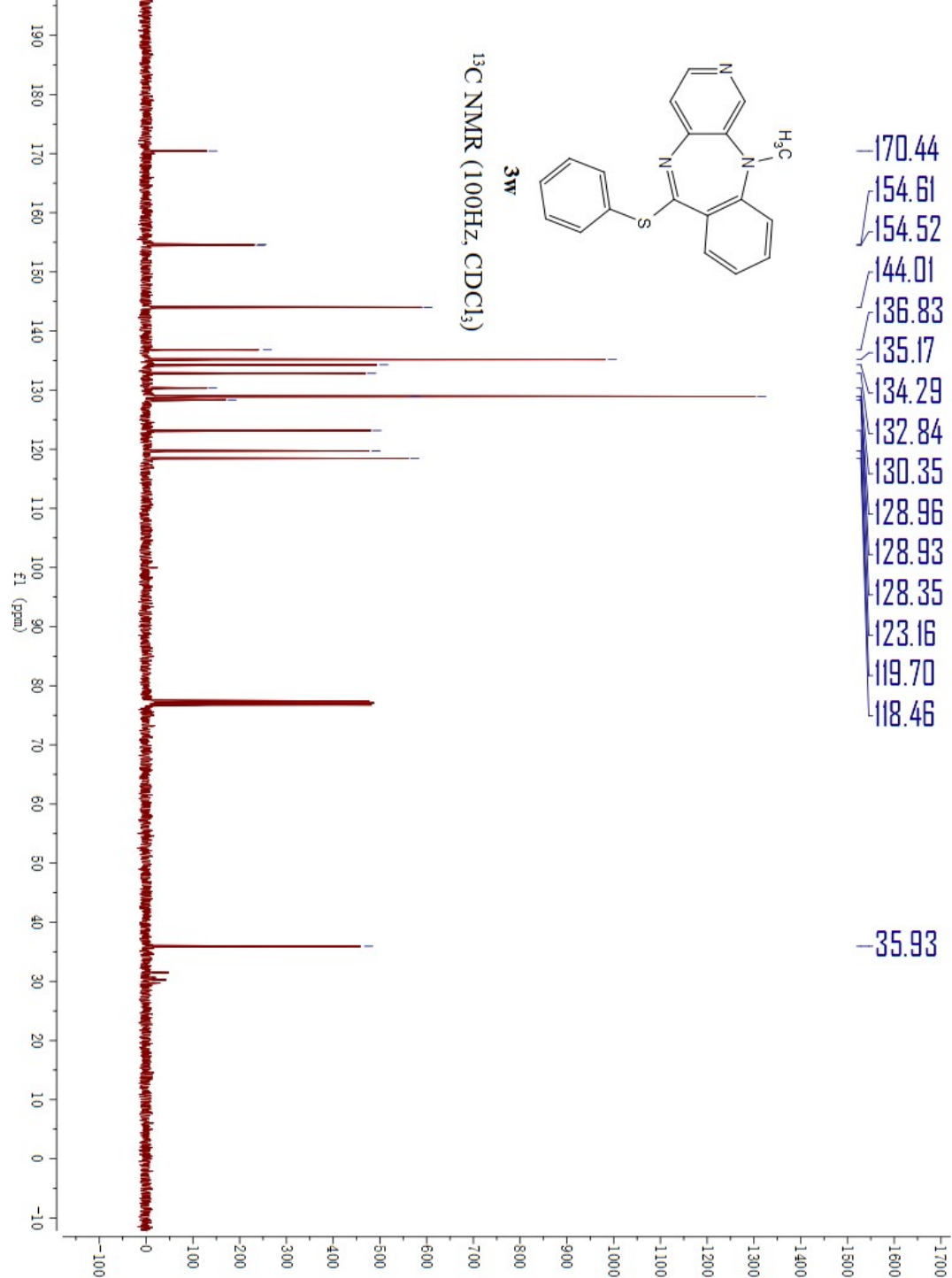
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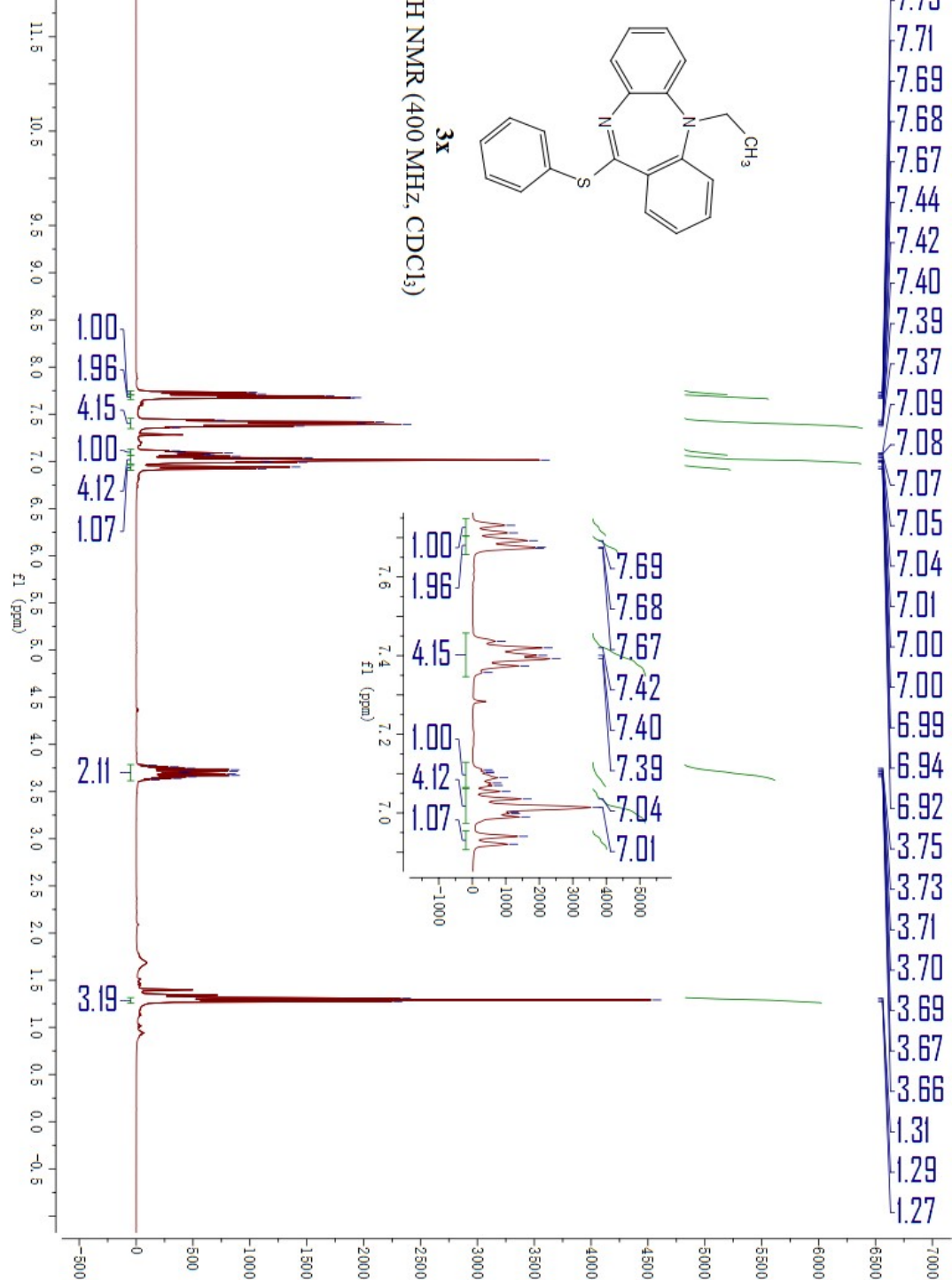
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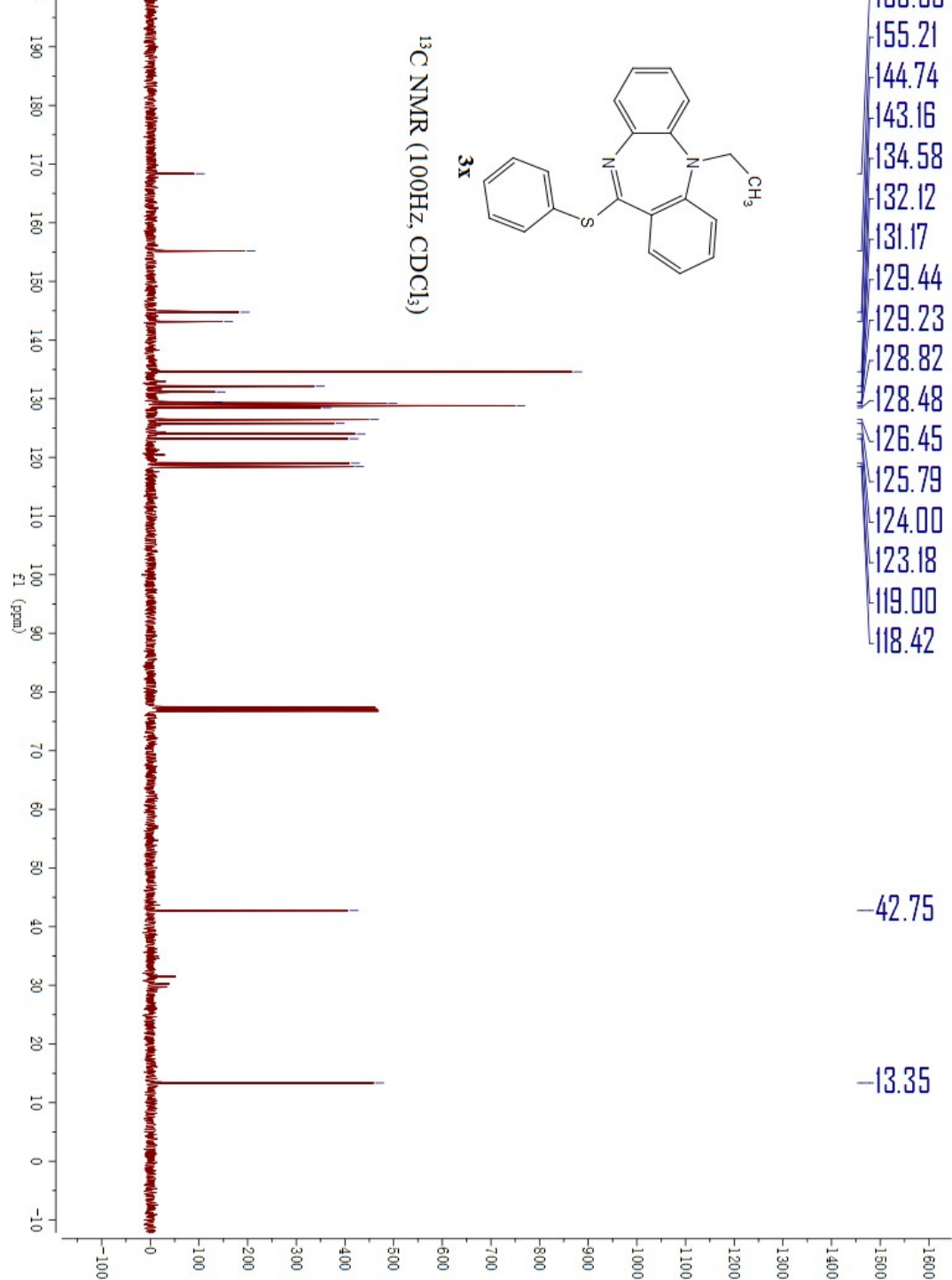
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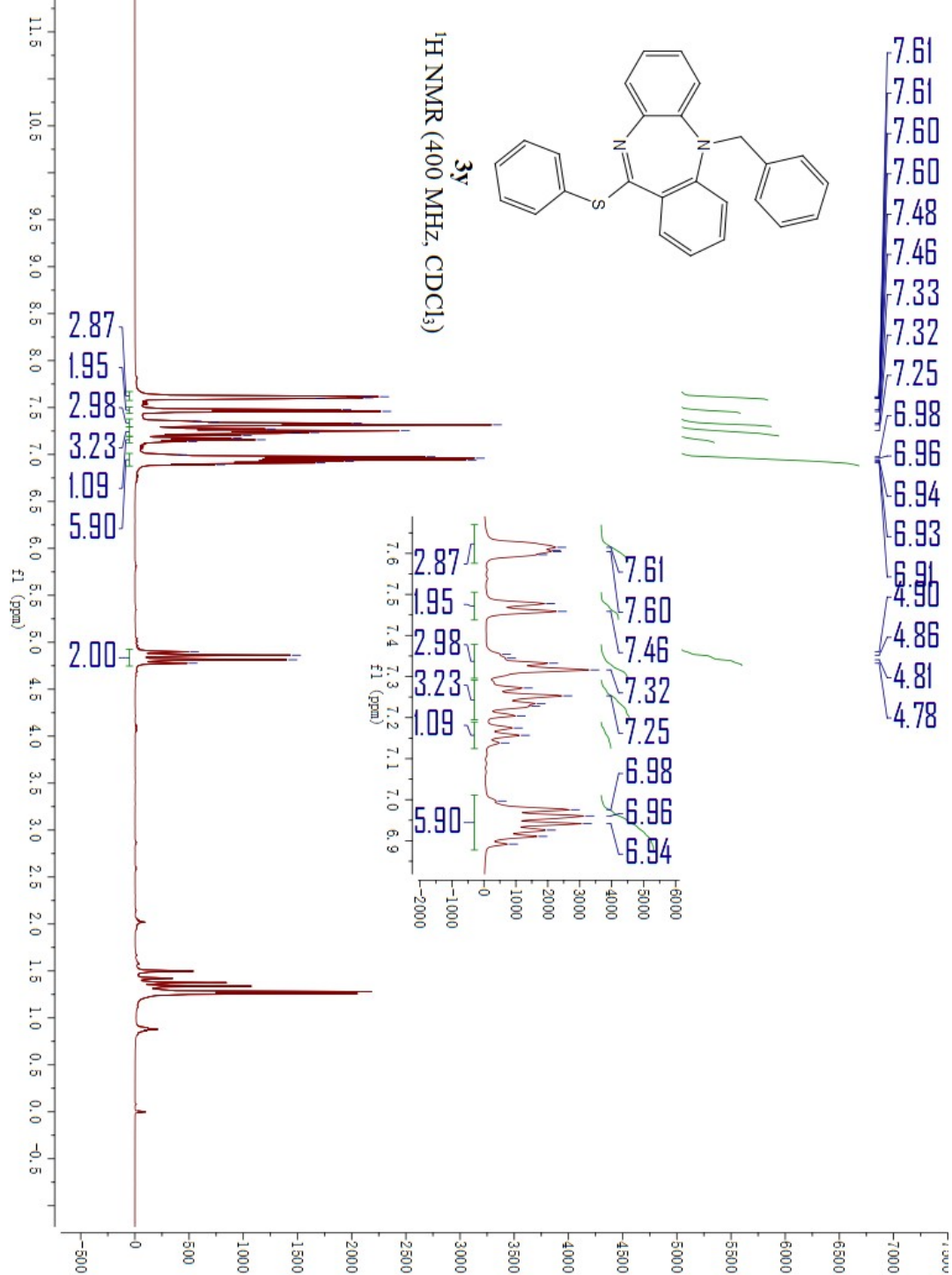
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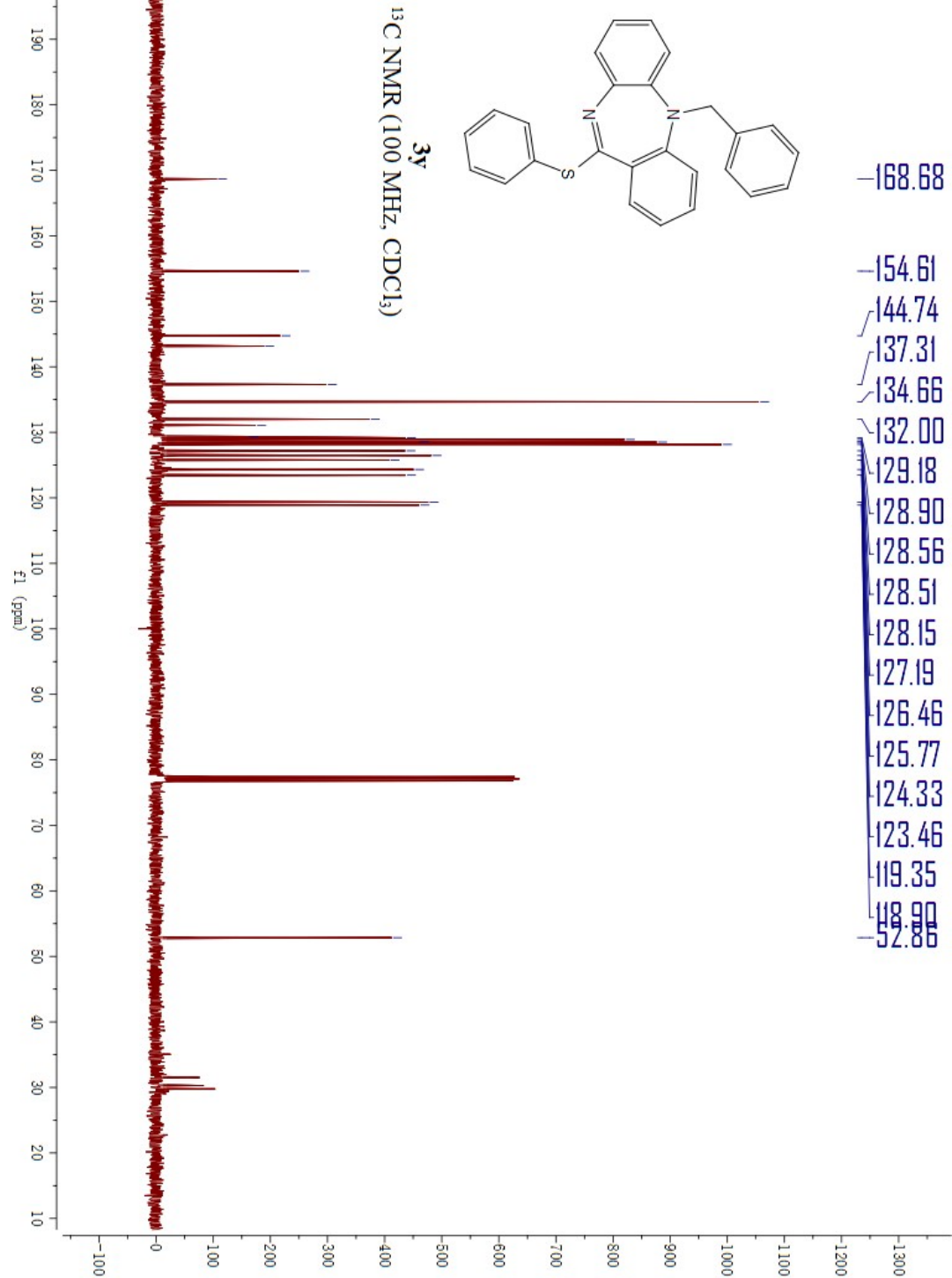
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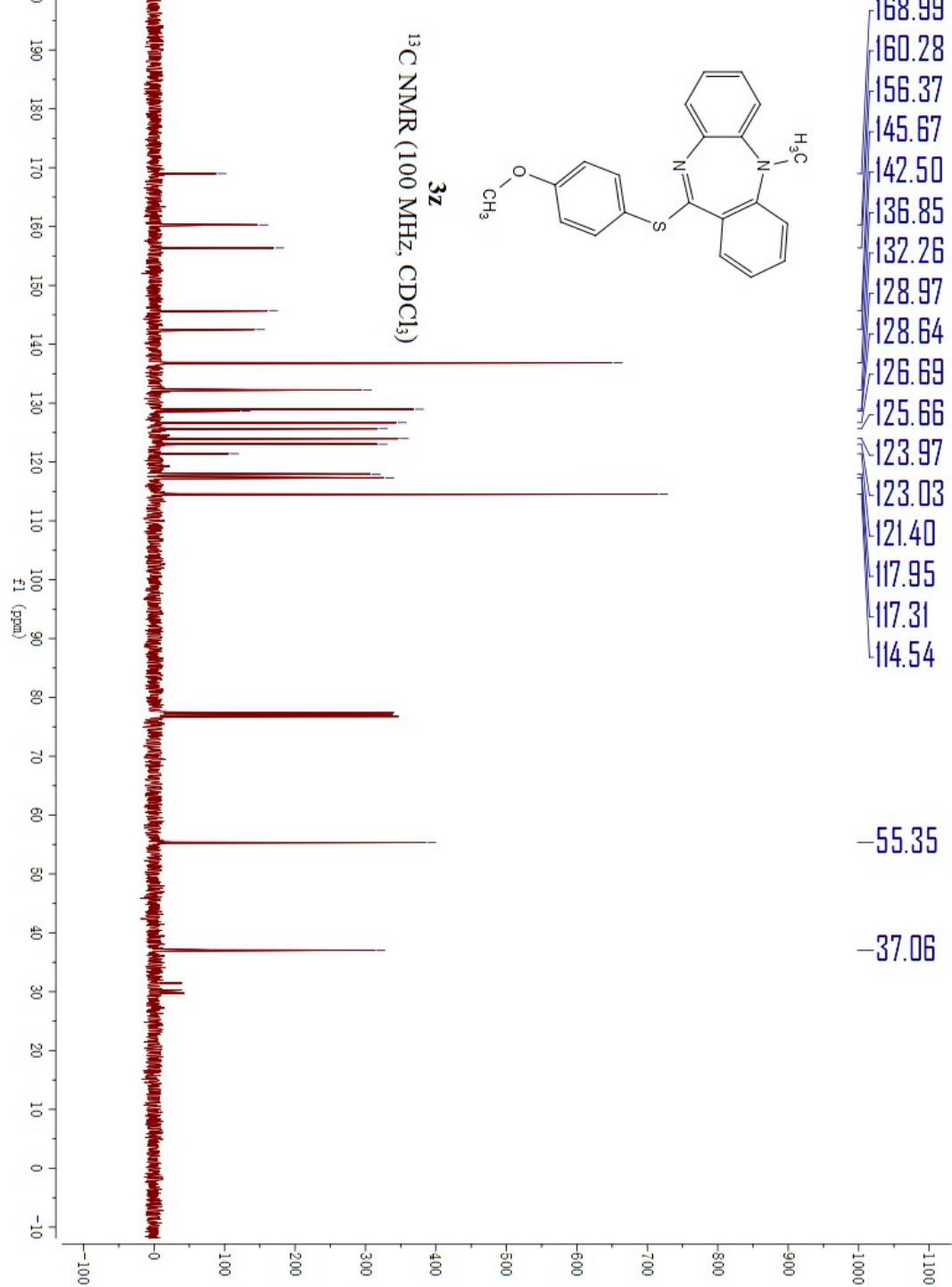
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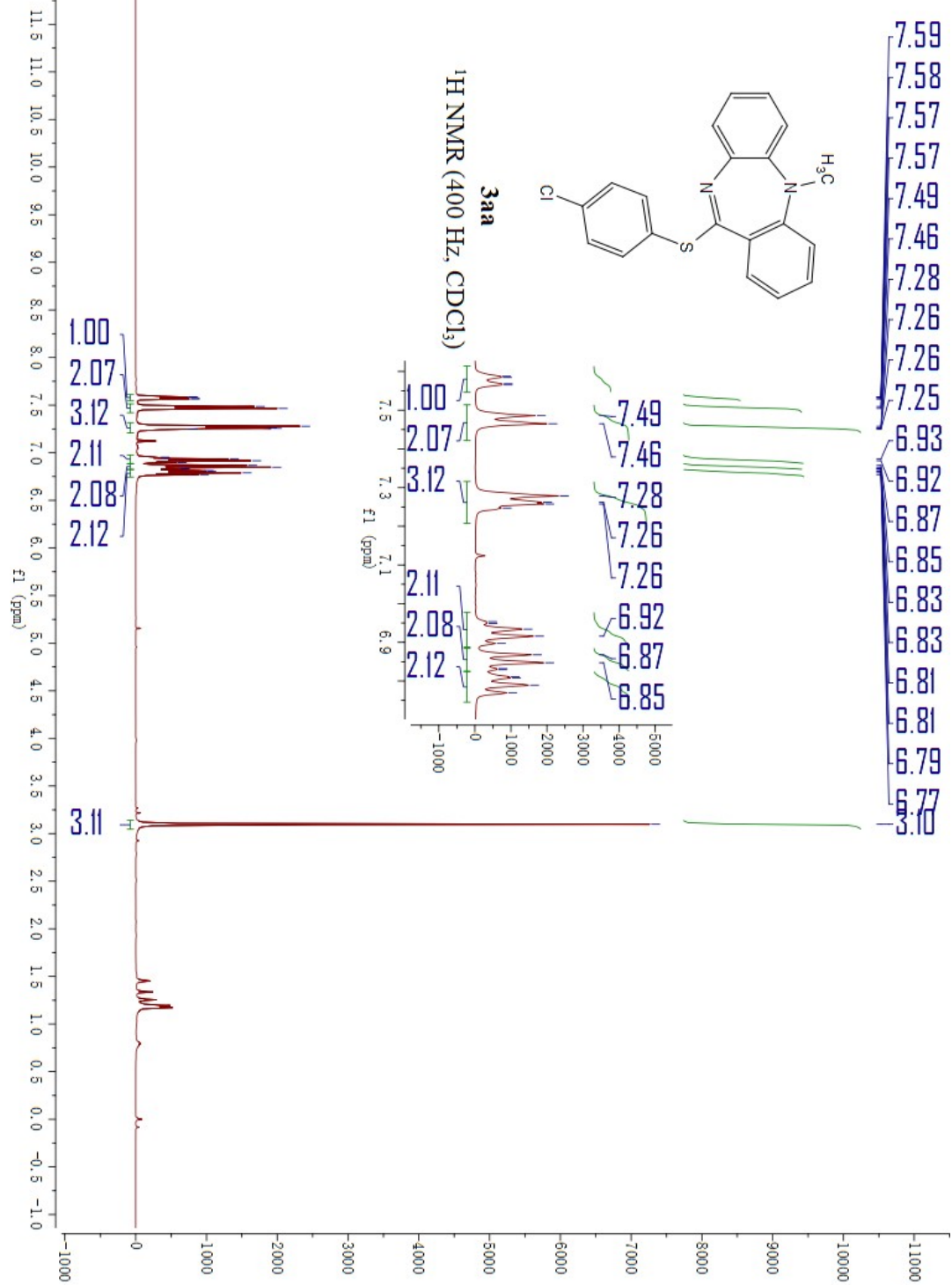
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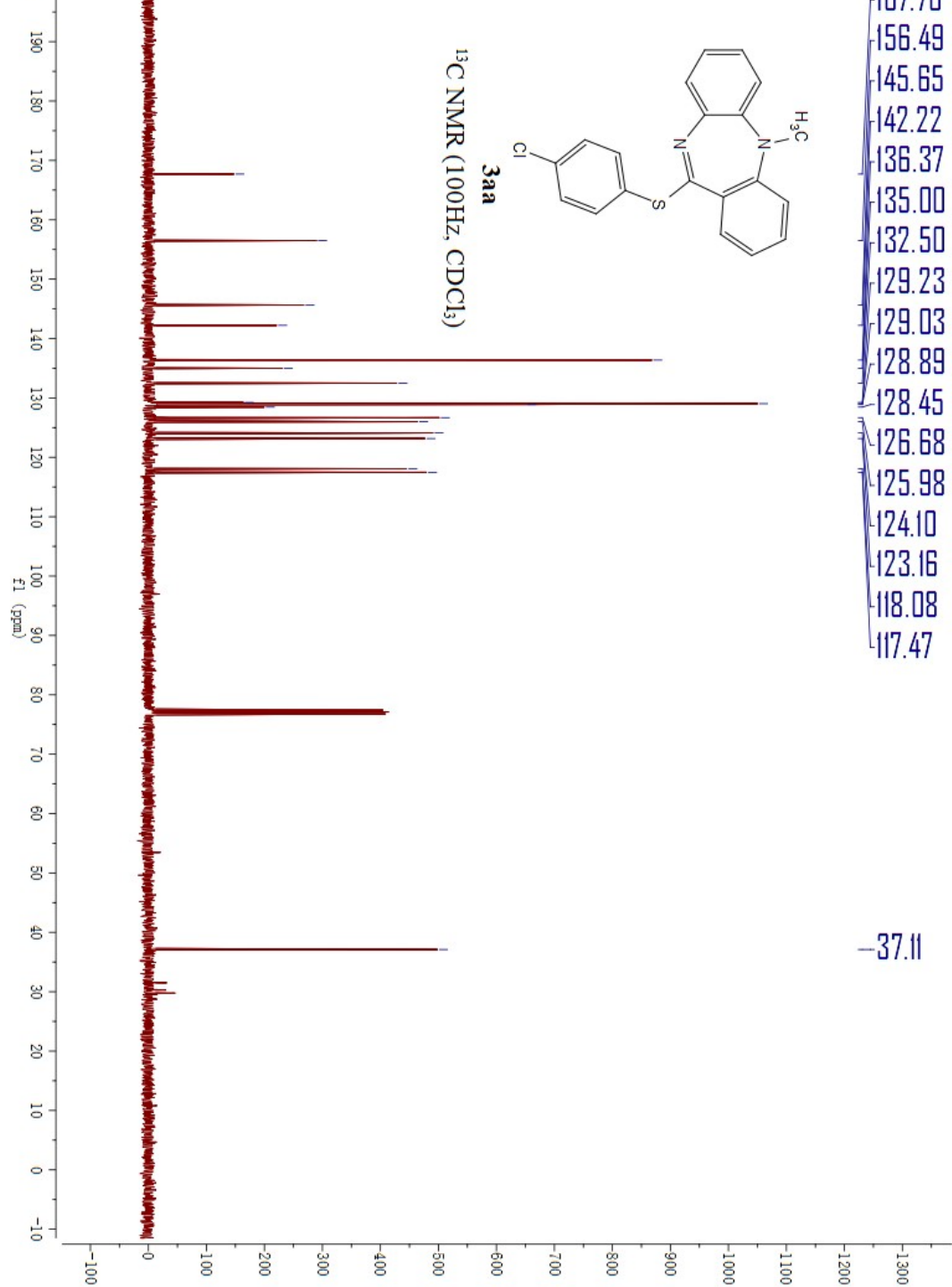
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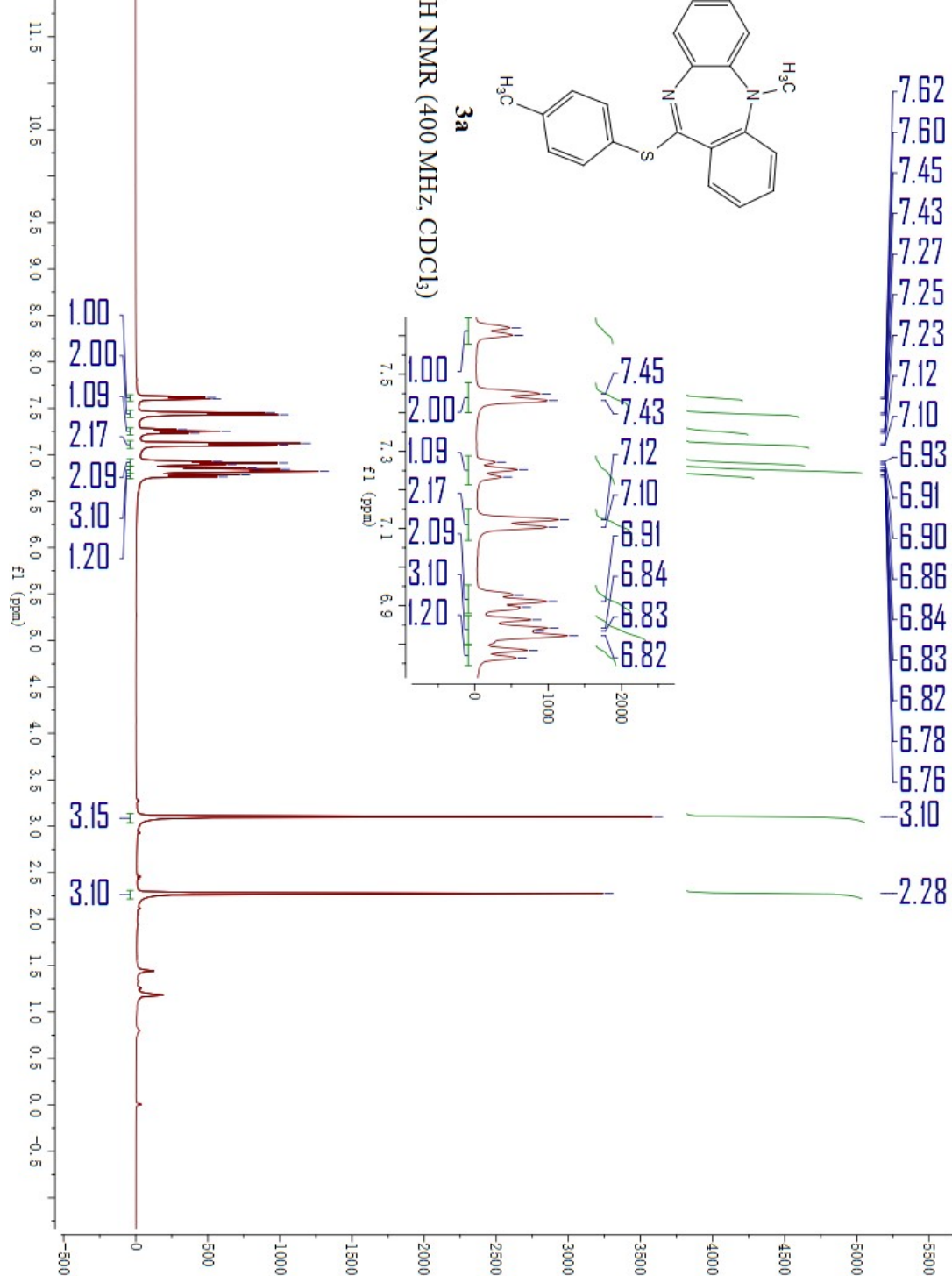
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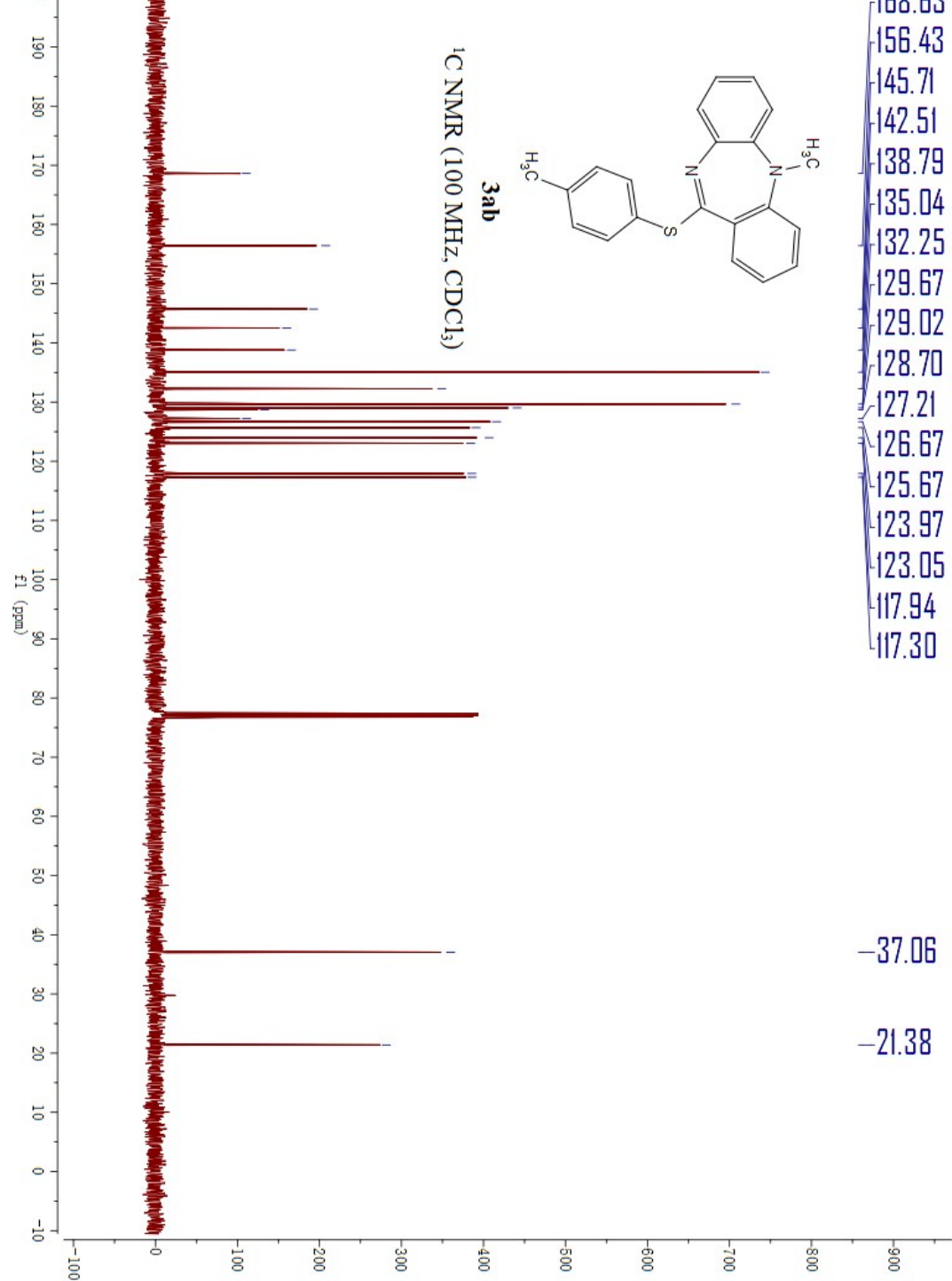
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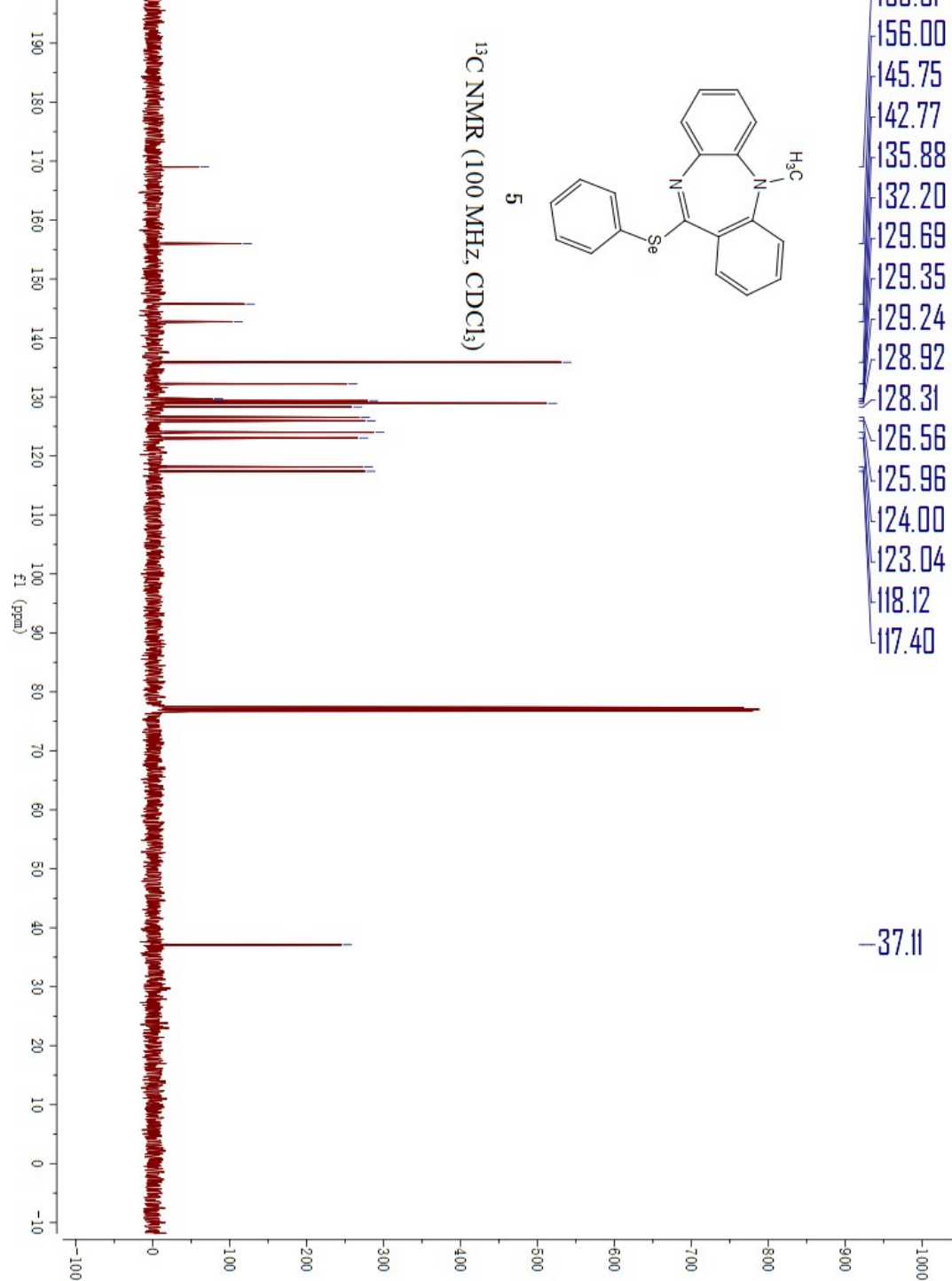


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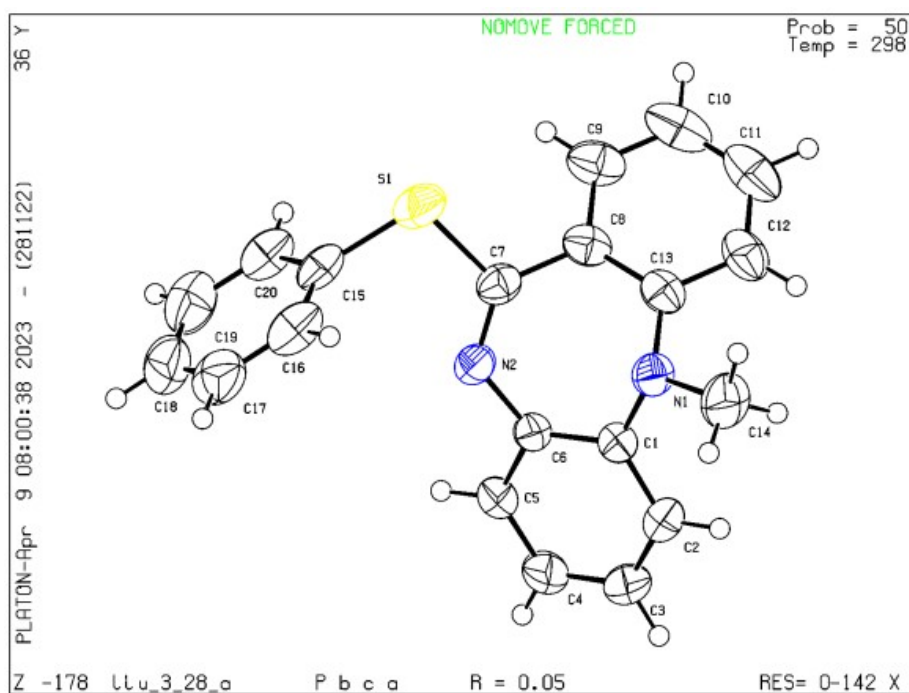


5. ¹H NMR

5. ^{13}C NMR



10. XRD data of the compound 3a



Crystal data and structure refinement for liuyi-3-28_auto (CCDC: 2183505).

Identification code	liuyi-3-28_auto
Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ S
Formula weight	316.41
Temperature	298(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, Pbca
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.3581(7) Å alpha = 90 deg. b = 15.8178(11) Å beta = 90 deg. c = 24.7199(17) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	3268.1(4) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	8, 1.286 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.199 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1328
Crystal size	0.170 × 0.160 × 0.140 mm
Limiting indices	-9 ≤ h ≤ 6, -18 ≤ k ≤ 17, -20 ≤ l ≤ 29
Reflections collected / unique	8265 / 2891 [R _(int) = 0.0249]
Completeness to theta = 25.099	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.48236
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2891 / 0 / 209
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.066
Final R indexes [I > 2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0468, wR ₂ = 0.1087
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0661, wR ₂ = 0.1173
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.152 and -0.259 e. Å ⁻³

