

Supporting information

Tetrahydroindazolone substituted 2-aminobenzamides as fluorescent probes: switching metal ion selectivity from zinc to cadmium by interchanging the amino and carbamoyl groups on the fluorophore

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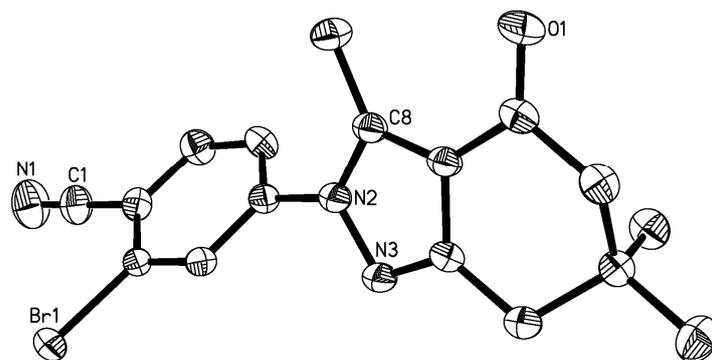


Figure S1. X-ray crystallographic structure of **8b**.

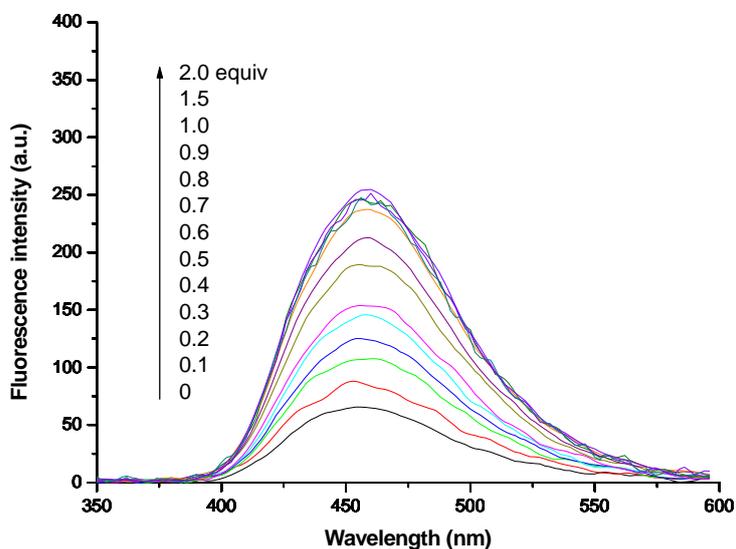


Figure S2. Fluorescence emission spectra ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 260$ nm) of CdABA (10 μM , 25mM HEPES buffer, 0.1 M NaClO₄, pH = 7.4, $I = 0.1$) upon addition of Cd²⁺ [added as Cd(ClO₄)₂, 0-20 μM].

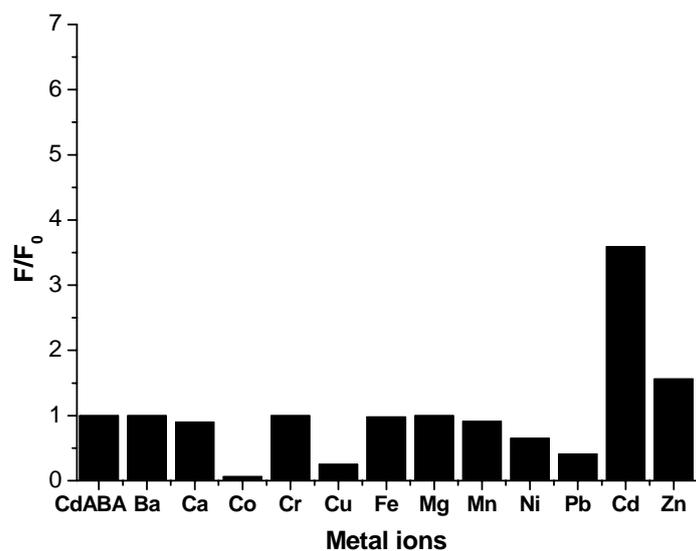


Figure S3. Selectivity of CdABA towards various metal ions. Experimental conditions: CdABA (10 μM , 25mM HEPES buffer, 0.1 M NaClO₄, pH = 7.4, $I = 0.1$), 10 μM Ba²⁺, Ca²⁺, Co²⁺, Cr³⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe³⁺, Mg²⁺, Mn²⁺, Ni²⁺, Pb²⁺, Cd²⁺ and Zn²⁺, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 260$ nm, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 454$ nm.

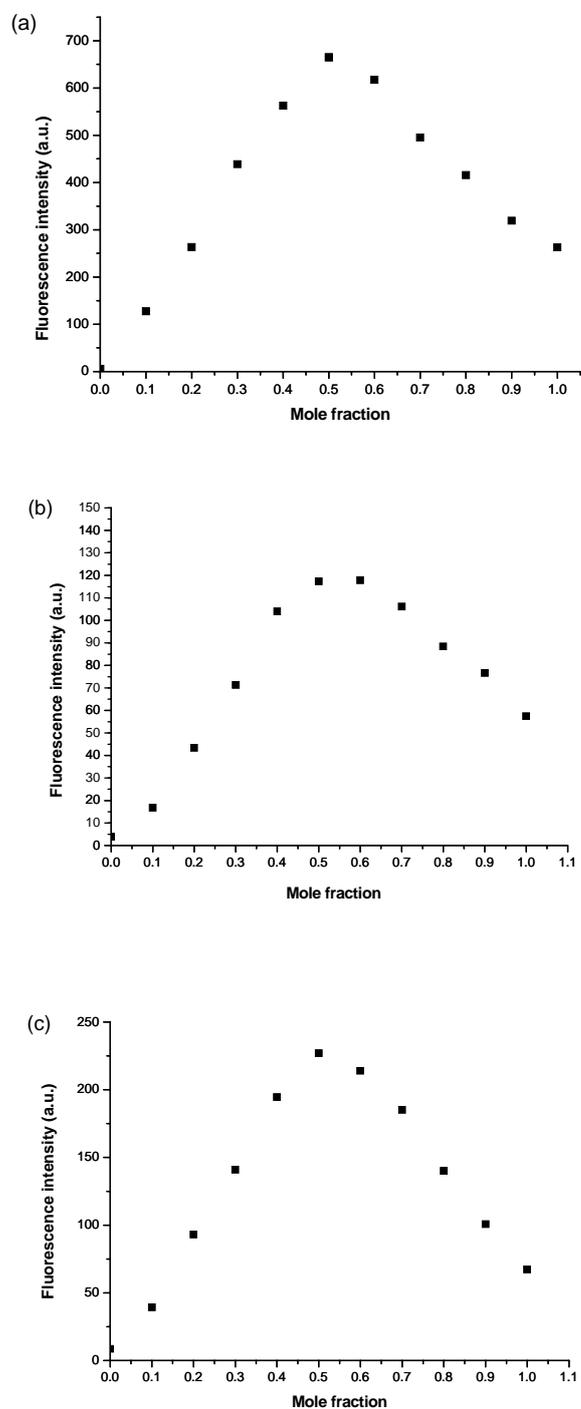


Figure S4. A Job's plot of (a) CdABA' and Cd²⁺, (b) CdABA and Cd²⁺, and (c) ZnABA' and Zn²⁺. The total concentrations of sensors and Zn²⁺/Cd²⁺ are 10 μM. The experiments were measured at room temperature in buffer solution (HEPES buffer, 25 mM, 0.1 M NaClO₄, pH = 7.4, *I* = 0.1).

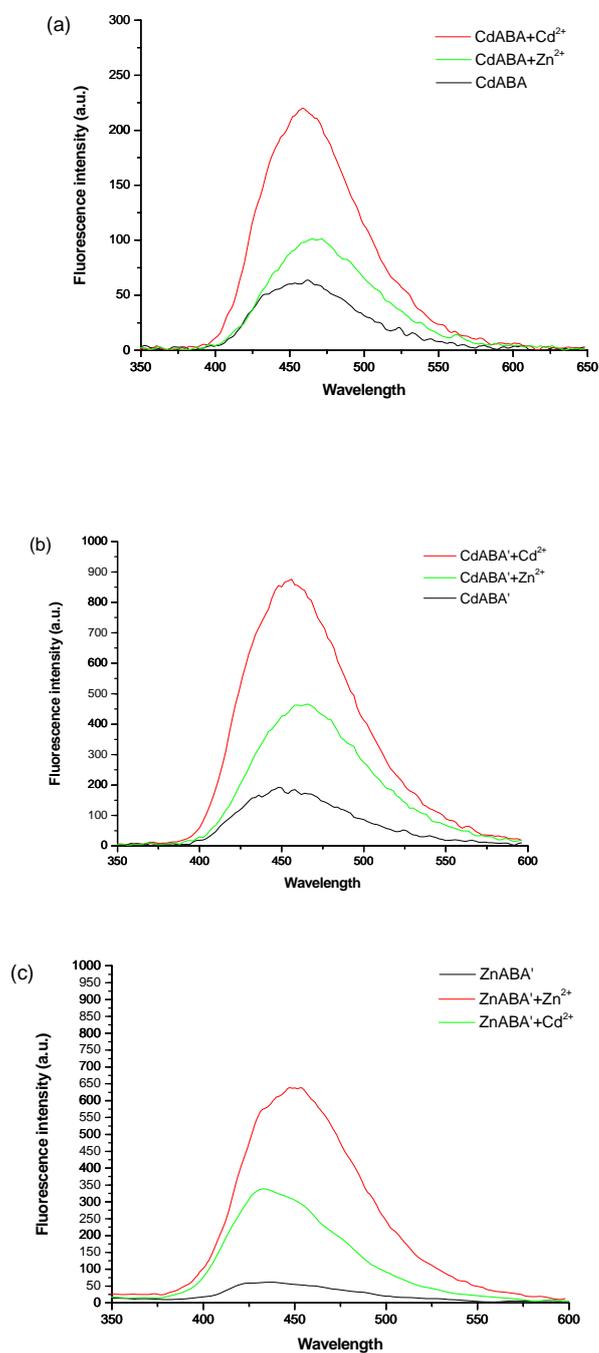


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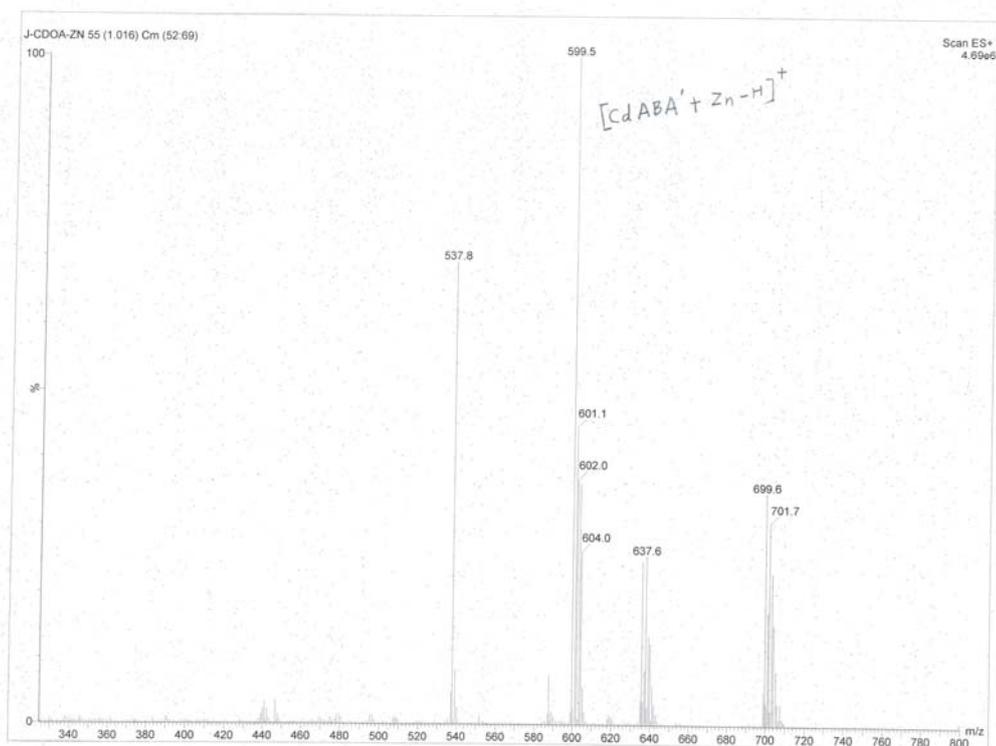
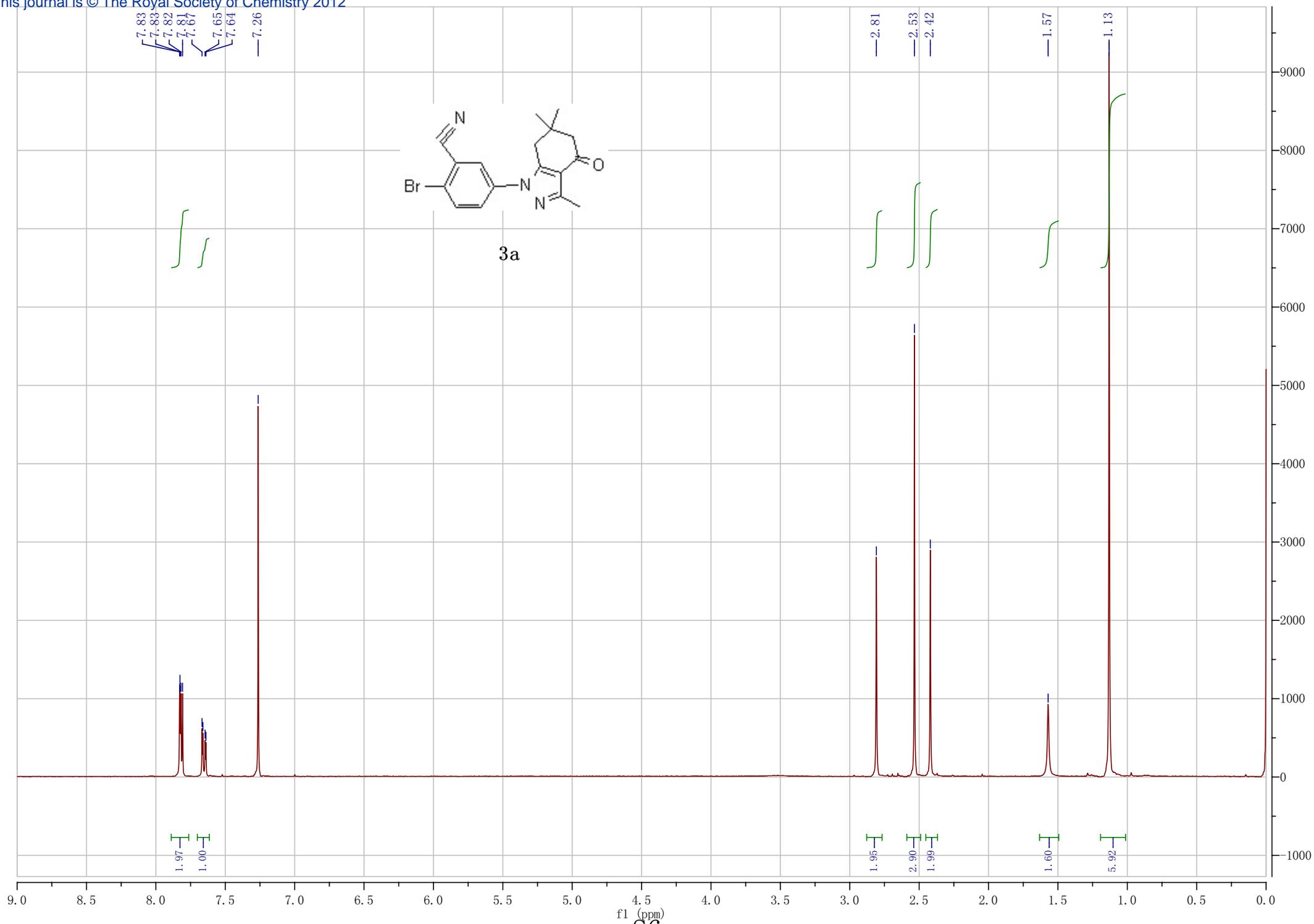
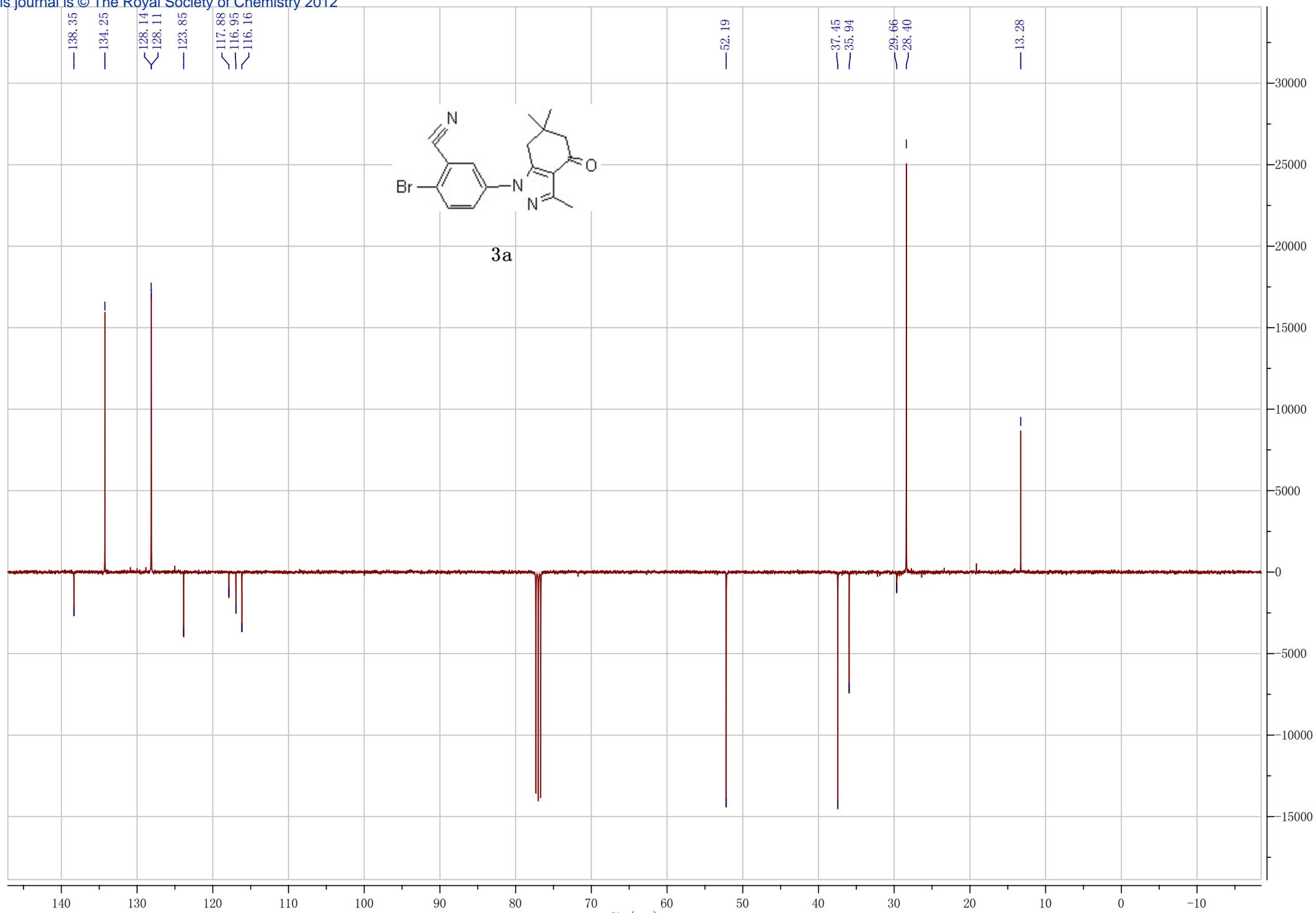
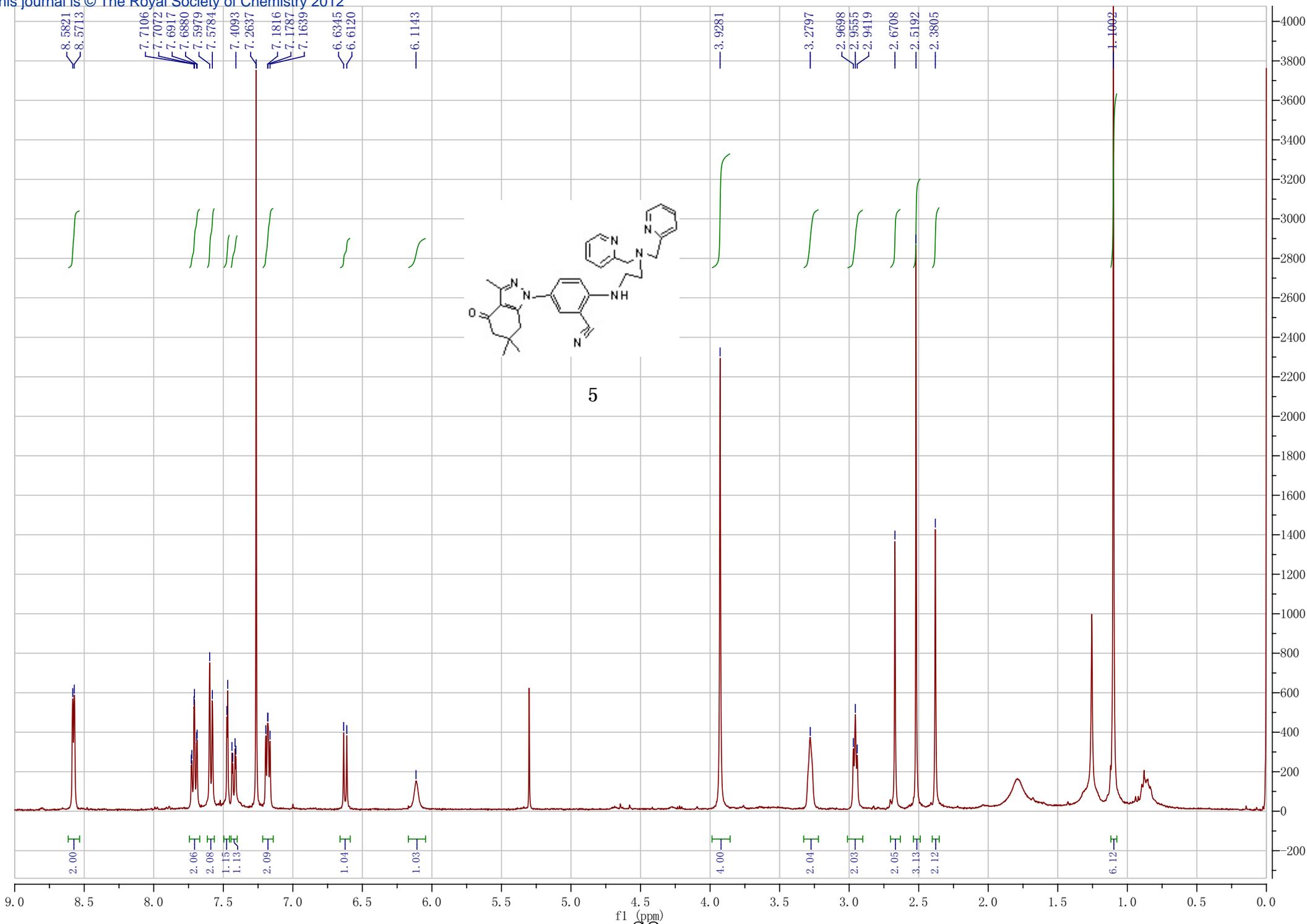
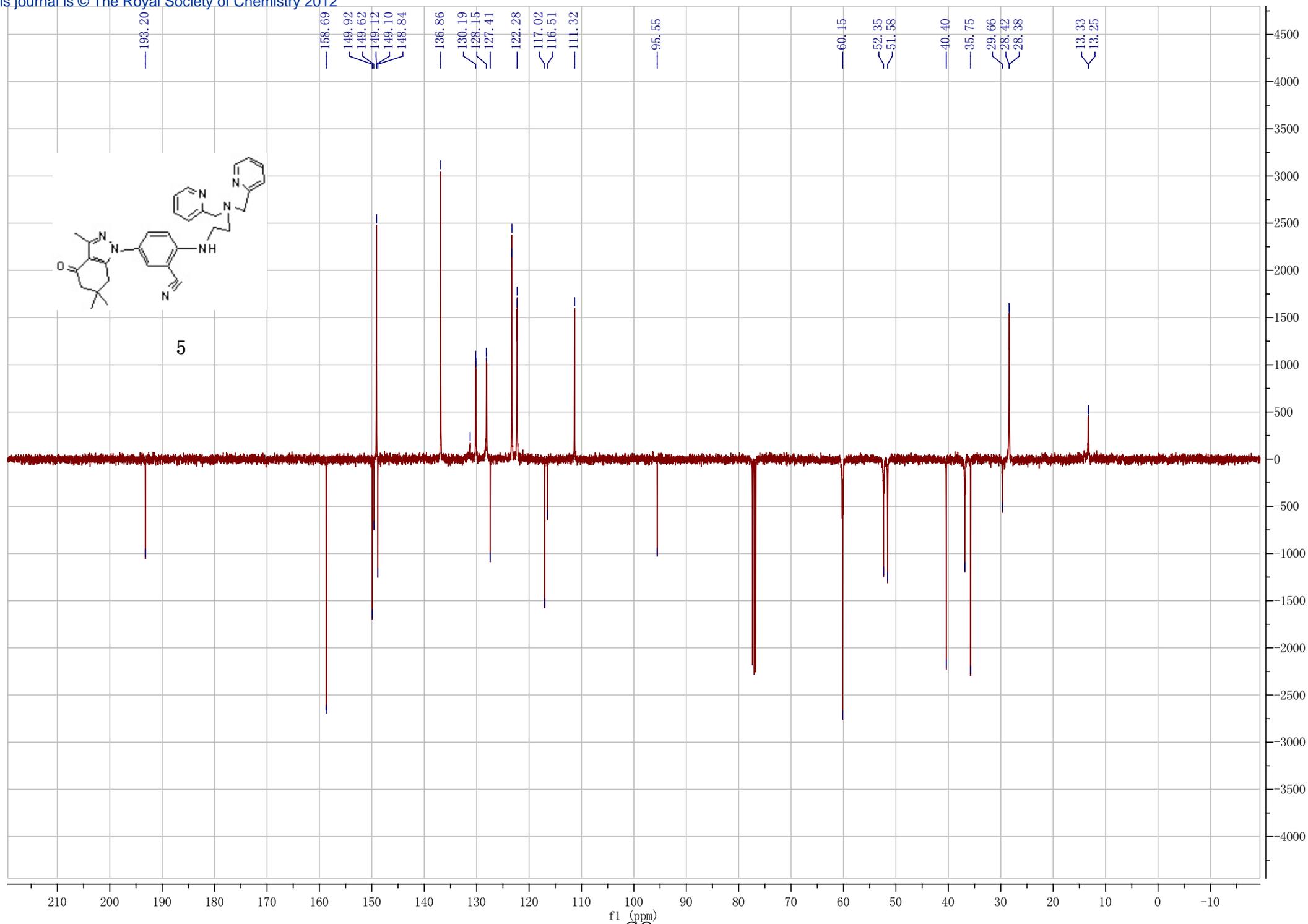


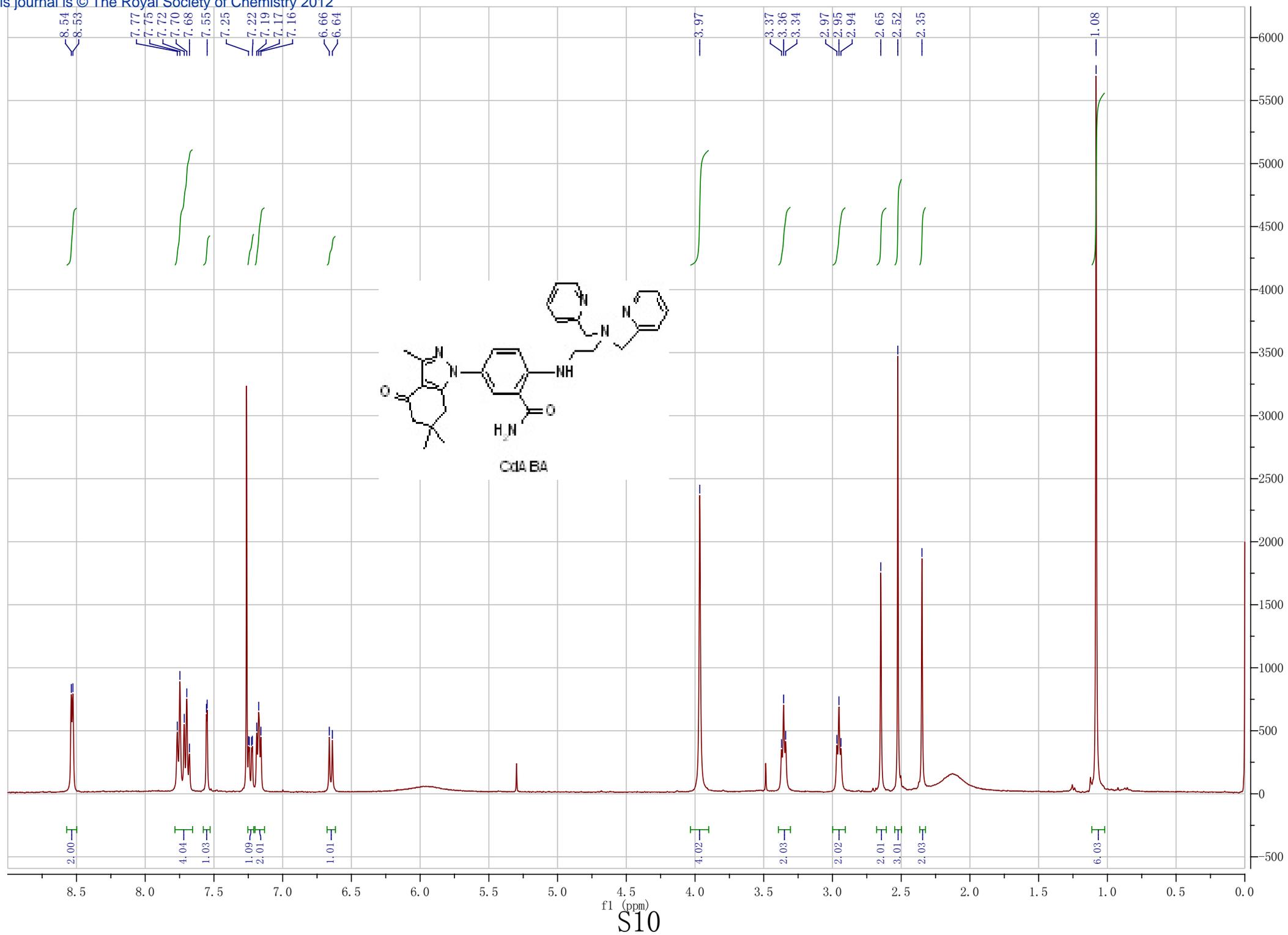
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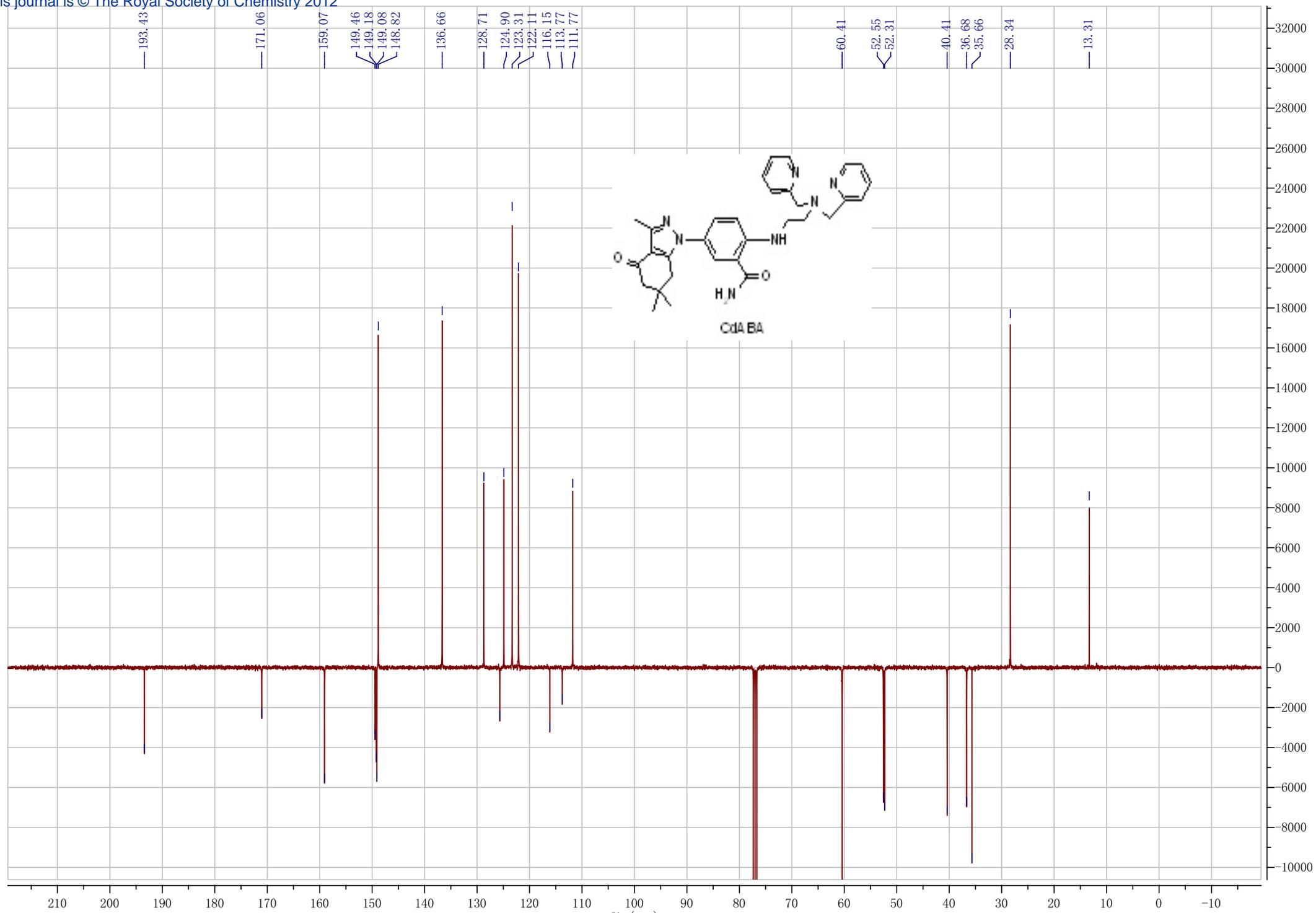


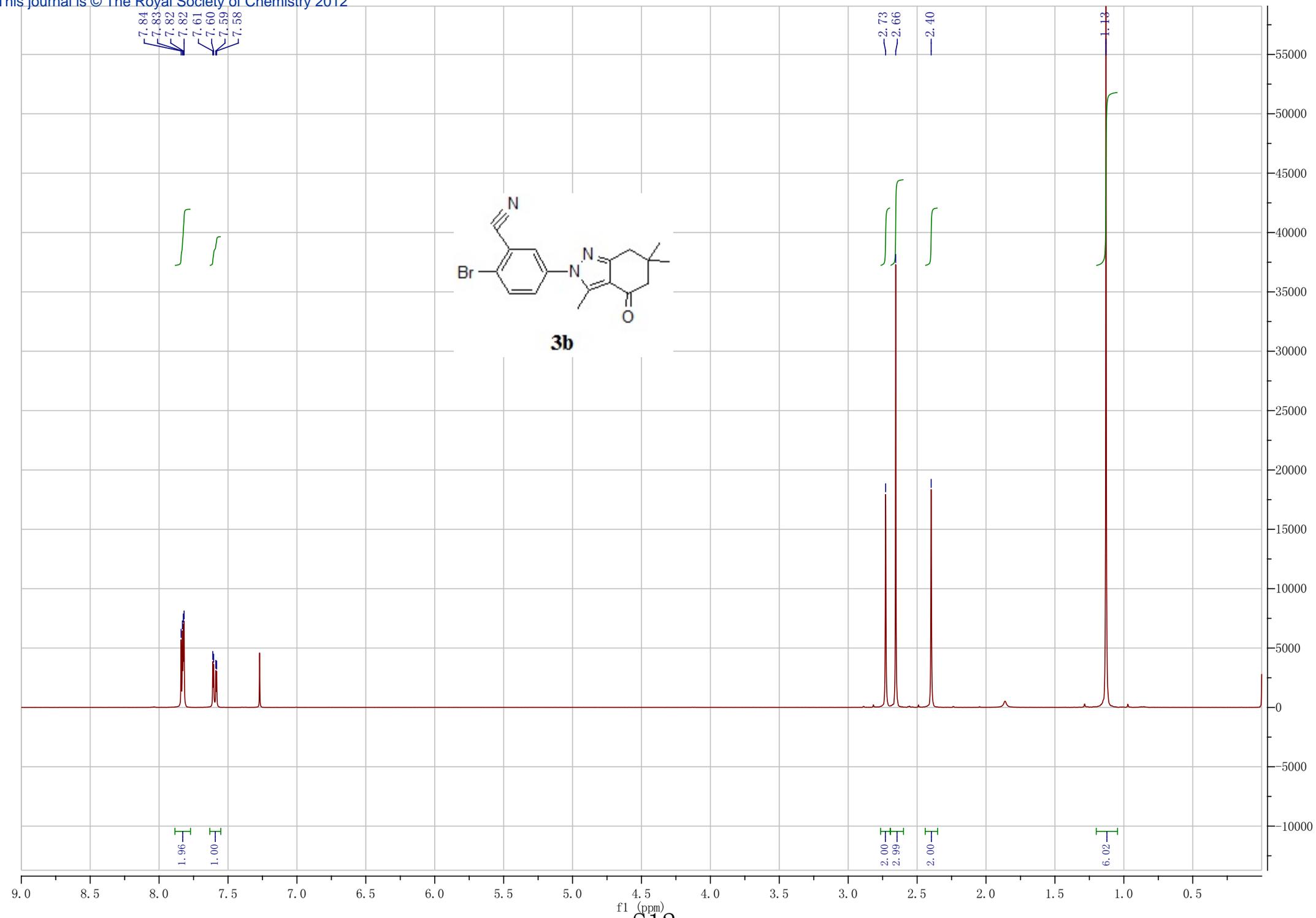


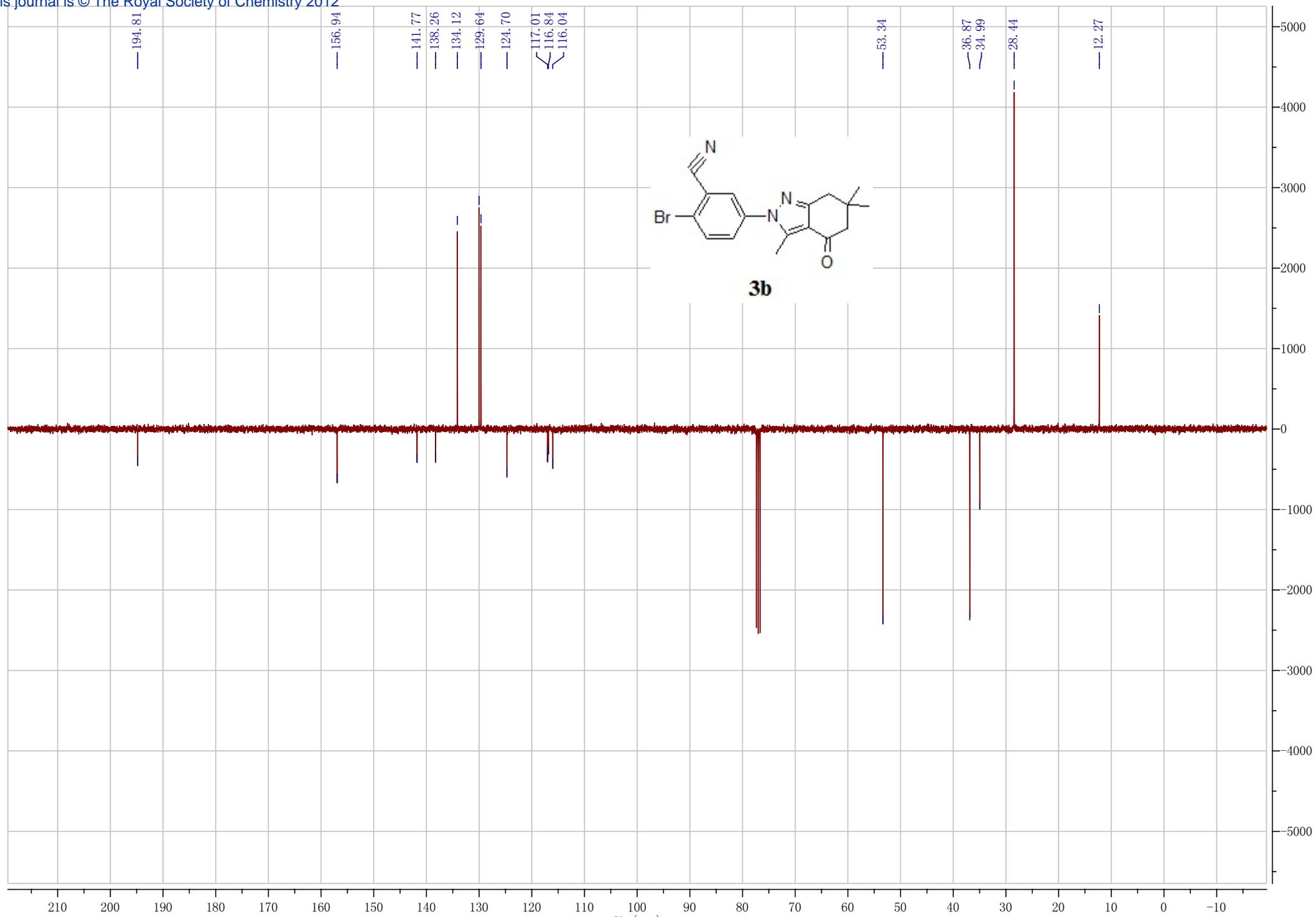






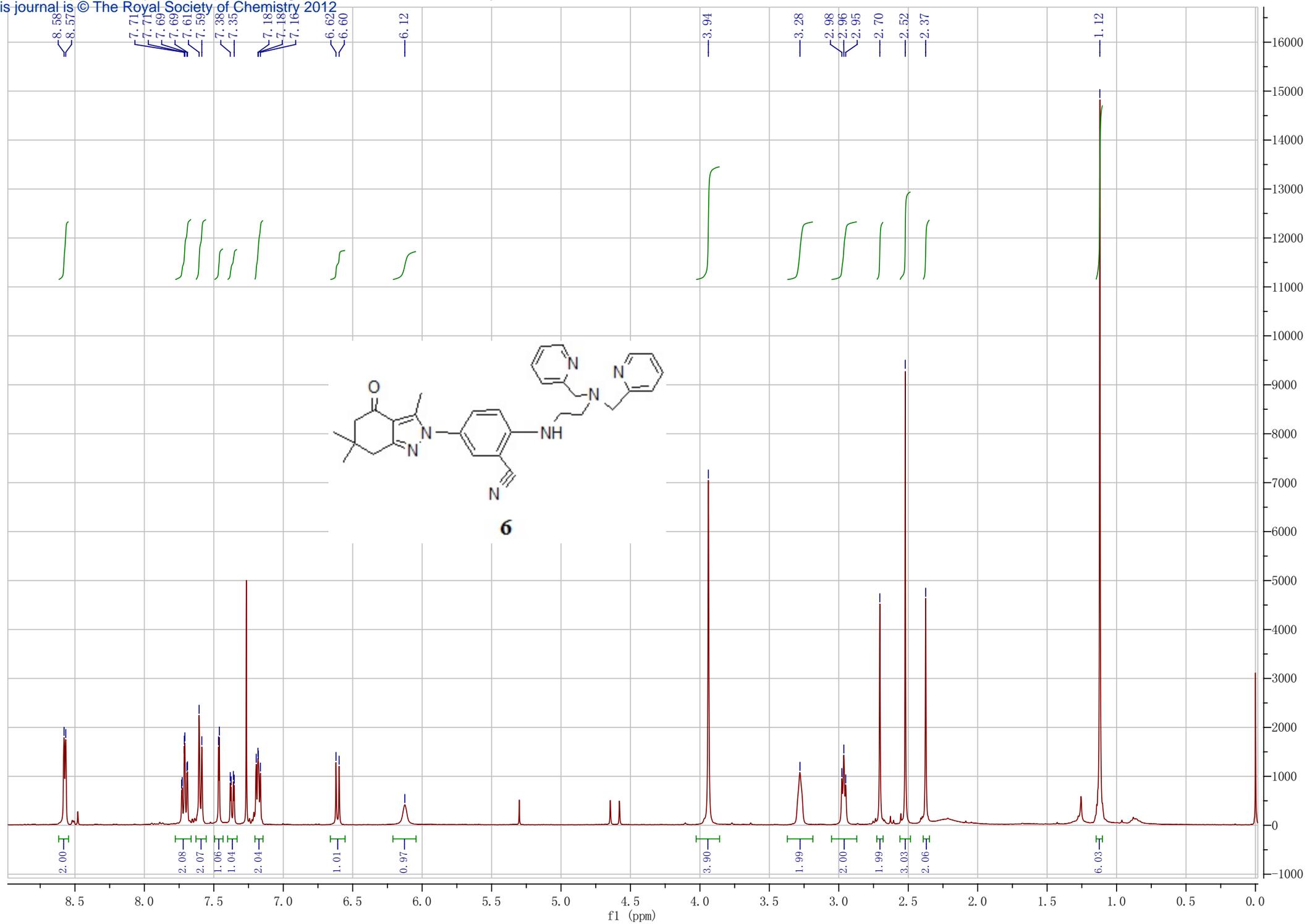


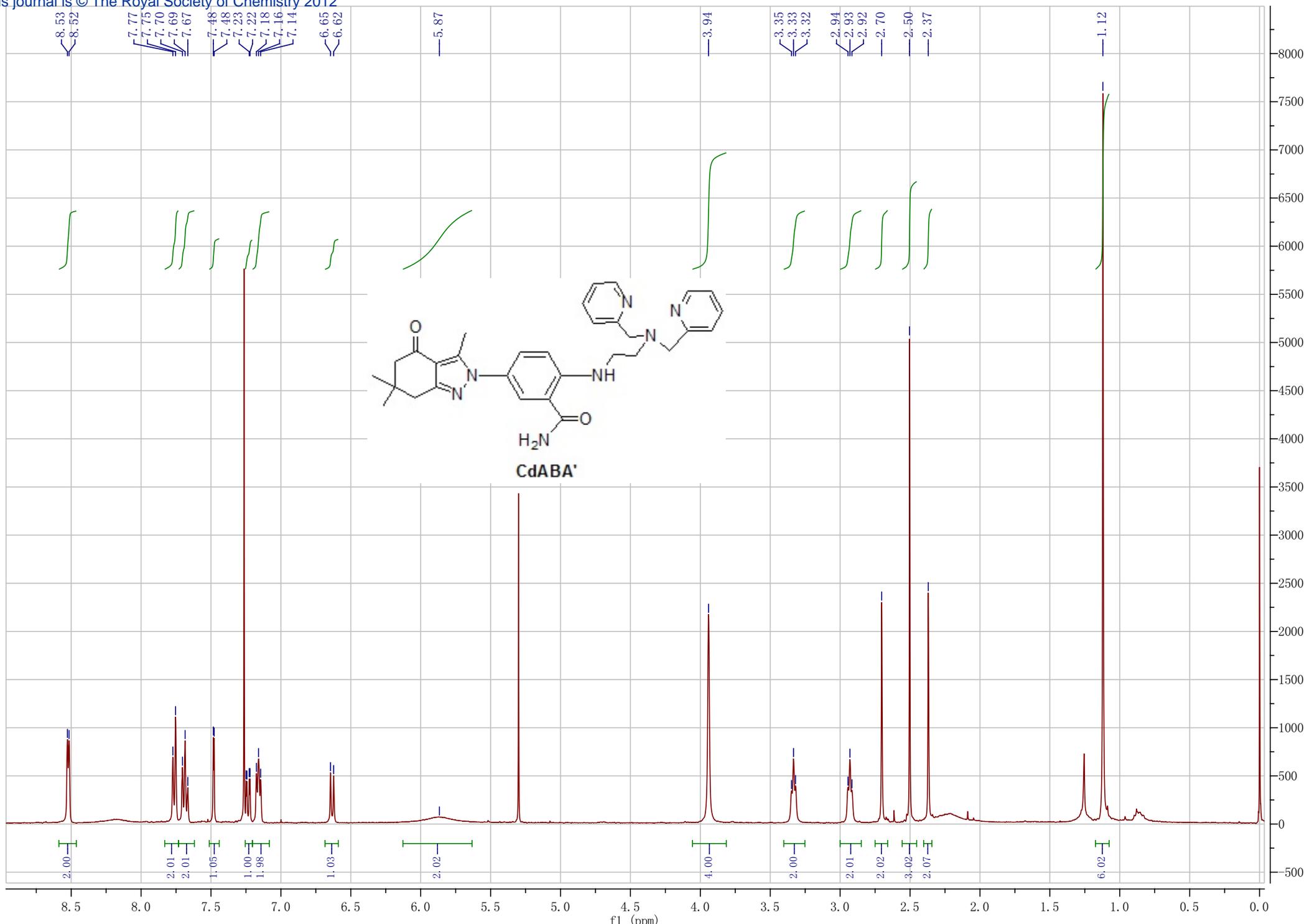


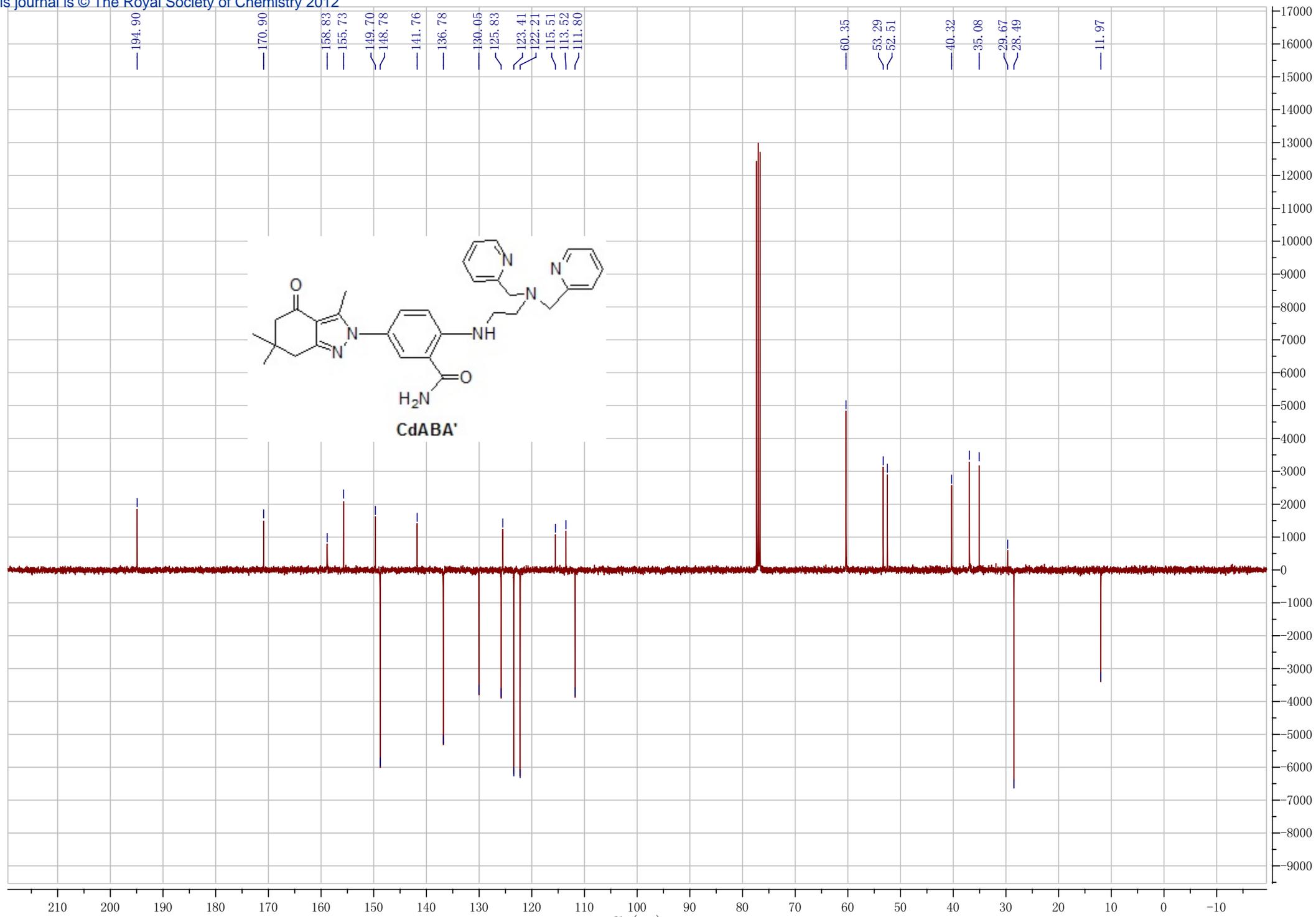


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