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“One-pot” synthesis of amidoxime via Pd-catalyzed cyanation and amidoximation

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I. General Information

a. Materials

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried Schlenk tubes under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere (purity \geq 99.999%). The following chemicals were purchased and used as received: LiO^tBu , Na₂CO₃, K₂CO₃(99.9%, Alfa-Aesar), KO^tBu, NaO^tBu (99%, Acros), Aryl bromides (Alfa-Aesar or Aldrich), Pd(OAc)₂, Pd₂(dba)₃, DPPF, P(Cy)₃, x-phos, s-phos(Aldrich), K₄[Fe(CN)₆]·3H₂O, NH₂OH·HCl (Alfa-Aesar). Anhydrous DMF (Acros) and anhydrous NMP (Acros) were stored over 4 Å molecular sieves under an argon atmosphere in a septum-capped bottle. All other reagents and solvents mentioned in this text were purchased from commercial sources and used without purification.

b. Analytical Methods

¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F-NMR spectra were recorded either on Bruker Avance 400 or Varian Mercury 400 spectrometer at ambient temperature in CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted. Data for ¹H-NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, integration, and coupling constant (Hz). Data for ¹³C-NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). Gas chromatographic (GC) analysis was acquired on a Shimadzu GC-2014 Series GC System equipped with a flame-ionization detector. GC-MS analysis was performed either on Thermo Scientific AS 3000 Series GC-MS System or Agilent 6890N gas chromatograph coupled to an Agilent 5973 inert mass selective detector. HRMS analysis was performed on Finnigan LCQ advantage Max Series MS System. Elementary Analysis was carried out on Elementar Vario EL III elemental analyzer.

II. Experimental Procedures and Spectral Data

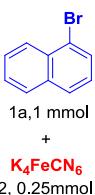
Pd-catalyzed cyanation of 1-Bromonaphthalene (1a) ¹

 1a, 1 mmol	$\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ 2, 0.25 mmol	Ligand 0.2 mol% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 0.1 mol%	Na_2CO_3 , 1 mmol, 12 h NMP 1 mL, 120 °C	 3a		
Entry	Catalyst (0.1 mol%)	Ligand (0.2 mol %)	Base	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Yield (%) ^a
1	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PPh_3	Na_2CO_3	NMP	120	24
2	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	PCy_3	Na_2CO_3	NMP	120	61
3	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppf	Na_2CO_3	NMP	120	95
4	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	x-phos	Na_2CO_3	NMP	120	91
5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	s-phos	Na_2CO_3	NMP	120	92
6	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	$\text{P}(\text{t-Bu})_3$	Na_2CO_3	NMP	120	45
7	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppm	Na_2CO_3	NMP	120	13
8	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppf	Na_2CO_3	^b BuOH	120	18

^a GC yields after 18 hours (average of two runs).

Experimental Procedures for Examples Described in Table 1.

In air, Pd-atalyst (0.001 mmol), Ligand (0.002 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (1 mmol), and $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ (0.25 mmol) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). NMP (1 mL) and 1-Bromonaphthalene (1 mmol) were added in turn under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12h, then $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ (3 mmol), base (3 mmol), solvent (2 mL) were added to the Schlenk tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for another 12h, then diluted with EtOAc, filtered through silica gel with copious washings (EtOAc), washed with water, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography.

 1a, 1 mmol	$\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ 2, 0.25 mmol	Ligand 0.2 mol% $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ 0.1 mol%	Na_2CO_3 , 1 mmol, 12 h NMP 1 mL, 120 °C	Base, 3 mmol $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$, 3 mmol Solvent, 2 mL 120 °C, 12 h	 3a	 4a
Entry	Cat. (0.1 mol%)	Ligand (0.2 mol%)	Base	Solvent	Yield 3a (%)	Yield 4a (%) ^b
1	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppf	Na_2CO_3	NMP	94	Trace
2	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppf	K_2CO_3	NMP	92	Trace
3	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppf	Cs_2CO_3	NMP	91	Trace
4	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppf	KO'Bu	NMP	85	Trace
5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	dppf	$\text{NaO}'\text{Bu}$	NMP	88	Trace

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6	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	LiO'Bu	NMP	90	Trace
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	91	Trace
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMSO	89	Trace
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	Dioxane	93	Trace
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	PhMe	92	Trace
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	'BuOH	76	21
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	EtOH	54	45
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH	12	74
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(9:1)	5	83
15	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(9:1)	6	79
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	x-phos	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(9:1)	10	73
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	s-phos	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(9:1)	7	81
18 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(9:1)	11	76
19 ^d	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(9:1)	4	69
20	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(1:1)	34	47
21	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(3:1)	14	61
22	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(5:1)	8	76
23	Pd(OAc) ₂	dppf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH: H ₂ O(20:1)	9	77

^a Conditions: 1a (1 mmol), 2 (0.25 mmol), Pd catalyst (0.1 mol %), ligand (0.2 mol %), Na₂CO₃ (1 mmol),

NMP (1 mL), 120 °C, 12h; then base (3 mmol), NH₂OH·HCl (3 mmol), solvent (2 mL), 120°C , 12h.

^b Isolated yield. ^c 1-Iodonaphthalene was used. ^d 1-Chloronaphthalene was used.

Experimental Procedures for Examples Described in Table 2.

General Procedure A. In air, Pd(OAc)₂ (0.001 mmol), dppf (0.002 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (1 mmol), and K₄[Fe(CN)₆] (0.25 mmol) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). NMP (1 mL) and aryl bromide (1 mmol) were added in turn under an argon atmosphere (if the aryl bromide is a solid, it was added along with the Pd(OAc)₂). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12h, then NH₂OH·HCl (3 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (3 mmol), MeOH (1.8 mL) and H₂O (0.2 mL) were added to the Schlenk tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for another 12h, then diluted with EtOAc, filtered through silica gel with copious washings (EtOAc), washed with water, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography.

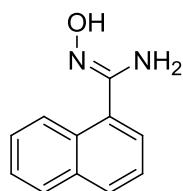
General Procedure B. In air, Pd(OAc)₂ (0.001 mmol), dppf (0.002 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (1 mmol),

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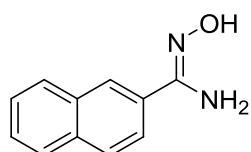
and $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ (0.25 mmol) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). NMP (1 mL) and aryl bromide (1 mmol) were added in turn under an argon atmosphere (if the aryl bromide is a solid, it was added along with the $Pd(OAc)_2$). The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12h, then $NH_2OH \cdot HCl$ (2 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (2 mmol), MeOH (0.9 mL) and H_2O (0.1 mL) were added to the Schlenk tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for another 8h, then $NH_2OH \cdot HCl$ (2 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (2 mmol), MeOH (0.9 mL) and H_2O (0.1 mL) were added to the Schlenk tube. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 8h, then diluted with EtOAc, filtered through silica gel with copious washings (EtOAc), washed with water, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography.

General Procedure C. In air, $Pd(OAc)_2$ (0.002 mmol), dppf (0.004 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (1 mmol), and $K_4[Fe(CN)_6]$ (0.25 mmol) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). NMP (1 mL) and heteroaryl bromide (1 mmol) were added in turn under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12h, then $NH_2OH \cdot HCl$ (3 mmol), Na_2CO_3 (3 mmol), MeOH (1.8 mL) and H_2O (0.2 mL) were added to the Schlenk tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for another 12h, then diluted with EtOAc, filtered through silica gel with copious washings (EtOAc), washed with water, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography.

NMR Spectral Data

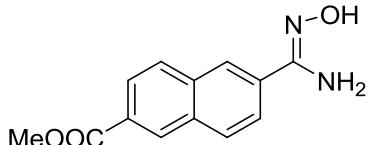


N' -hydroxy-1-naphthimidamide (3a), follow General Procedure A, white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 8.42 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 7.97 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 5.97 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) δ 152.1, 133.7, 132.7, 131.5, 129.3, 128.5, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 125.7 ppm. HRMS calcd for $C_{11}H_{10}N_2O$ ($M+$): 186.0793; found: 187.0860 ($M+H$).

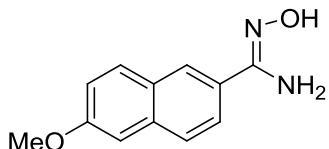


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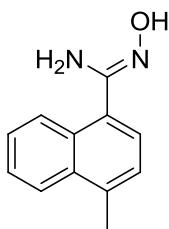
N'-hydroxy-2-naphthimidamide (3b), follow General Procedure A, white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.94 – 7.84 (m, 4H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 151.1, 133.6, 133.0, 131.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 126.9, 126.8, 124.8, 123.8 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}+)$: 186.0793; found: 187.0865 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).



Methyl 6-(N'-hydroxycarbamimidoyl)-2-naphthoate (3c), follow General Procedure A, white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.94 (s, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.8, 150.8, 135.2, 133.6, 132.6, 130.7, 129.5, 129.3, 127.6, 125.7, 124.8, 124.5, 52.8 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 (\text{M}+)$: 244.0848; found: 245.0919 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).



N'-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2-naphthimidamide (3d), follow General Procedure B, white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.79 (dt, $J = 12.4, 8.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.32 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 158.1, 151.3, 135.0, 130.2, 128.9, 128.3, 126.8, 124.7, 124.3, 119.3, 106.4, 55.7 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 (\text{M}+)$: 216.0899; found: 217.0970 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).

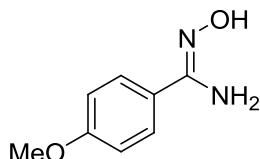


N'-hydroxy-4-methyl-1-naphthimidamide (3e), follow General Procedure B, white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.51 (s, 1H), 8.31 (dd, $J = 7.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 7.1, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 22.5, 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 152.2, 135.4, 132.6, 131.6, 131.1, 126.9, 126.6, 126.3, 126.3, 126.2, 124.6, 19.65 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}+)$: 200.0950; found: 201.1024 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).

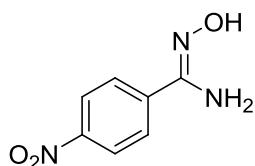
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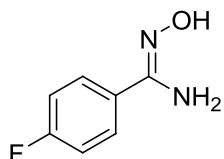
N'-hydroxybenzimidamide (3f), follow General Procedure A, colourless liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.63 (s, 1H), 7.76 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.5 Hz, 3H), 5.81 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 151.3, 133.8, 129.3, 128.6, 125.8 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}+)$: 136.0637; found: 137.0709 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).



N'-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzimidamide (3g), follow General Procedure B, white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 7.67 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 5.72 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 160.3, 151.0, 127.2, 126.2, 113.9, 55.6 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 (\text{M}+)$: 166.0742; found: 167.0818 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).

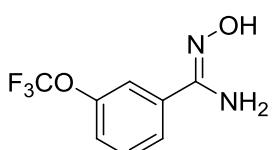
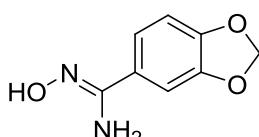
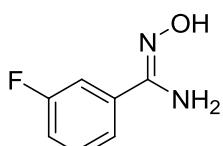
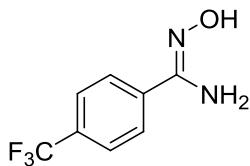


N'-hydroxy-4-nitrobenzimidamide (3h), follow General Procedure C, yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.14 (1 H, s), 8.28 – 8.19 (2 H, m), 7.99 – 7.91 (2 H, m), 6.08 (2 H, s) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 149.8, 147.9, 140.0, 126.9, 123.8 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_3 (\text{M}+)$: 181.0487; found: 182.0556 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).



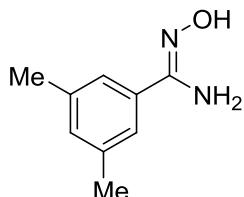
4-fluoro-N'-hydroxybenzimidamide (3i), follow General Procedure A, colourless liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.64 (s, 1H), 7.80 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.85 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 162.9 (d, J = 250.5 Hz), 150.5, 130.3 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 21.4 Hz) ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{OF} (\text{M}+)$: 154.0542; found: 155.0618 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).

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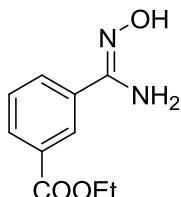


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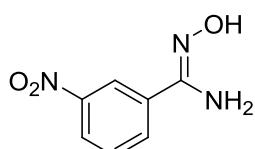
150.0, 148.7, 136.1, 130.7, 124.8, 121.8, 121.7, 118.1, (124.3, 121.8, 119.3, 116.7: CF₃, q, J=256.7Hz) ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ -56.7 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₈H₇F₃N₂O₂ (M+): 220.0460; found: 221.0538 (M+H).



N'-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylbenzimidamide(3n), follow General Procedure B, white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 151.4, 137.4, 133.7, 130.7, 123.7, 21.4 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₉H₁₂N₂O (M+): 164.0950; found: 165.1020 (M+H).

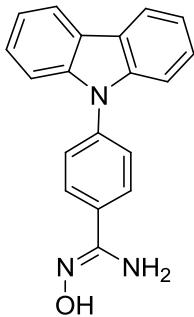


Ethyl 3-(N'-hydroxycarbamimidoyl)benzoate(3o), follow General Procedure A, white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.30 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.02 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 166.0, 150.5, 134.3, 130.4, 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 126.6, 61.3, 14.6 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₁₀H₁₂N₂O₃ (M+): 208.0848; found: 209.0926 (M+H).

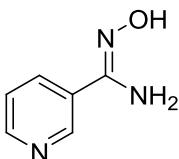


N'-hydroxy-3-nitrobenzimidamide(3p), follow General Procedure C, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 8.52 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 149.6, 148.2, 135.4, 132.0, 130.3, 124.0, 120.4 ppm. HRMS calcd for C₇H₇N₃O₃ (M+): 181.0487; found: 182.0568 (M+H).

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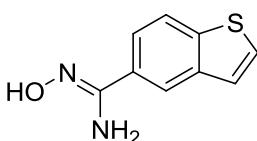
4-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)-N'-hydroxybenzimidamide(3q), follow General Procedure C, faint yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 10.5, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 150.8, 140.4, 137.7, 132.9, 127.6, 126.8, 126.7, 123.3, 121.0, 120.6, 110.1 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ (M^+): 301.1215; found: 302.1289 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).



N'-hydroxynicotinimidamide(4a), follow General Procedure C, faint yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 8.85 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 150.2, 149.4, 147.0, 133.3, 129.5, 123.7 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}$ (M^+): 137.0589; found: 138.0662 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).



N'-hydroxy-2-methylisonicotinimidamide (4b), follow General Procedure C, faint yellow liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 158.4, 149.5, 149.4, 141.3, 119.3, 117.3, 24.6 ppm. HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}$ (M^+): 151.0746; found: 152.0818 ($\text{M}+\text{H}$).



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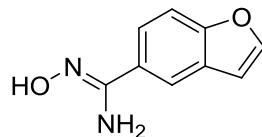
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.65 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H),

7.79 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 151.5, 139.9, 139.7, 130.3, 128.6, 124.7, 122.6, 122.3, 121.0

ppm. HRMS calcd for C₉H₈N₂OS (M+):192.0357; found: 193.0432 (M+H).



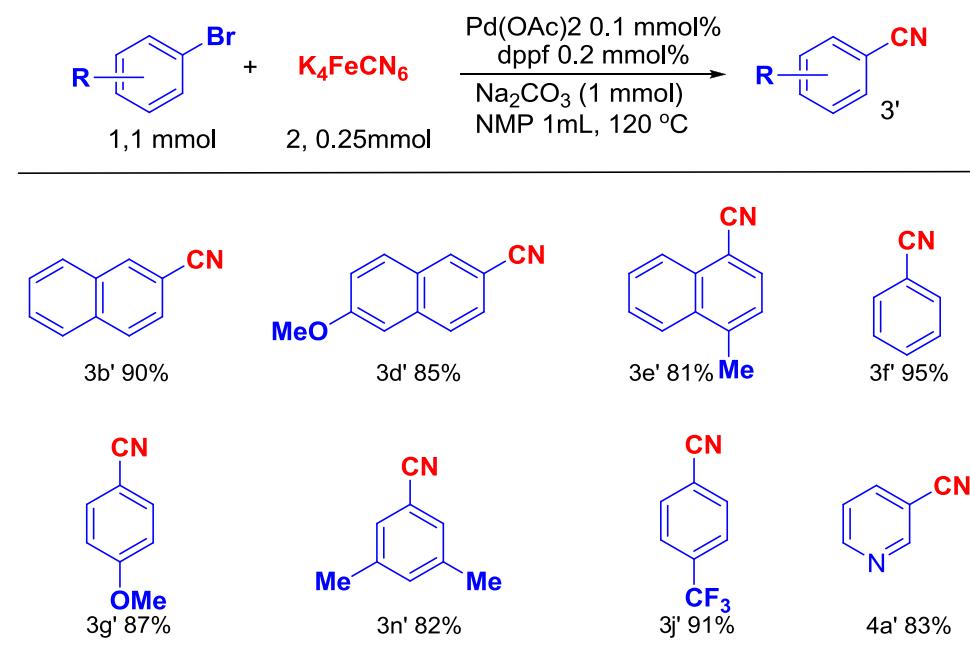
N'-hydroxybenzofuran-5-carboximidamide(4d), follow General Procedure C, white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.59 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H),

7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 155.1, 151.6, 147.1, 129.0, 127.4, 122.7, 118.9, 111.3, 107.4

ppm. HRMS calcd for C₉H₈N₂O₂ (M+): 176.0586; found: 177.0657 (M+H).

Pd-catalyzed cyanation of aryl bromides



In air, Pd(OAc)₂ (0.001 mmol), dppf (0.002 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (1 mmol), and K₄[Fe(CN)₆] (0.25 mmol) were added to a Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). NMP (1 mL) and aryl bromide (1 mmol) were added in turn under an argon atmosphere (if the aryl bromide is a solid, it was added along with the Pd(OAc)₂). The

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reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 12h, then diluted with EtOAc, filtered through silica gel with copious washings (EtOAc), washed with water, concentrated, and purified by column chromatography.

Supplementary Fluorescence Spectra

Figure S1. Fluorescence responses of 3a (4.2×10^{-6} M in EtOH solution) toward $[\text{UO}_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$ (0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 equiv) ($\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 220$ nm, slits: 5 nm/5 nm)

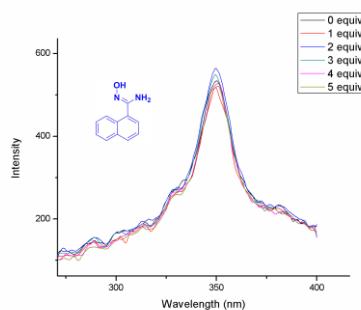
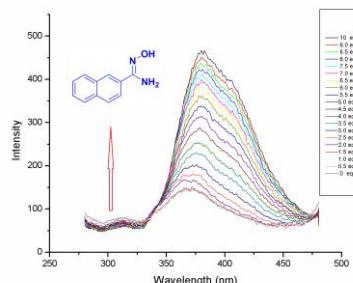


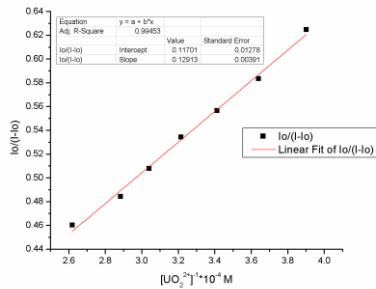
Figure S2. Fluorescence responses of 3b (4.2×10^{-6} M in EtOH solution) toward $[\text{UO}_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$ (0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0, 10 equiv) ($\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 250$ nm, slits: 5 nm/5 nm)



We calculated the binding constant of 3b with $[\text{UO}_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$ by using the linear Benesi-Hilderand expression²:

$$\frac{I_0}{I - I_0} = \frac{b}{a - b} \left\{ \frac{1}{K[M]} + 1 \right\}$$

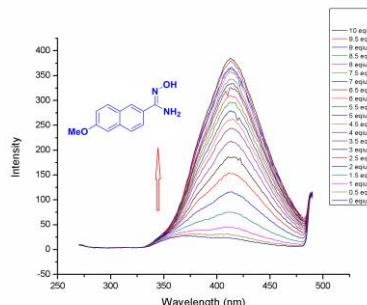
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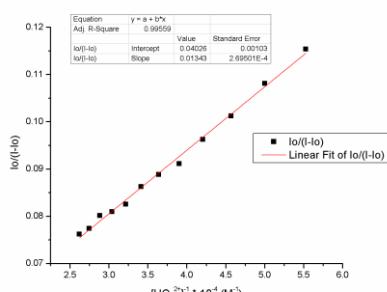
$$1/K = 0.012913 \times 10^{-4} / 0.11701$$

The binding constant of 3b with $[UO_2](NO_3)_2$ is **0.91×10^4**

Figure S3. Fluorescence responses of 3d (4.2×10^{-6} M in EtOH solution) toward $[UO_2](NO_3)_2$ (0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0, 9.5, 10 equiv) ($\lambda_{exc} = 250$ nm, slits: 5 nm/2.5 nm)



We calculated the binding constant of 3d with $[UO_2](NO_3)_2$ by using the linear Benesi-Hilderand expression.

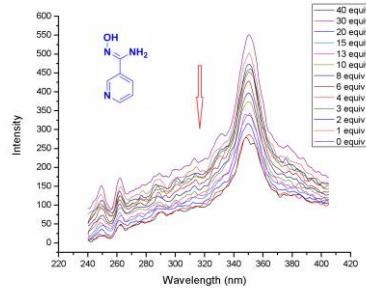


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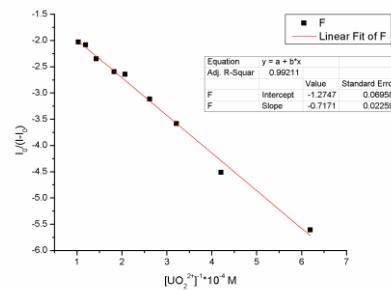
The binding constant of 3b with $[UO_2](NO_3)_2$ is **3×10^4**

Figure S4. Fluorescence responses of 4a (4.2×10^{-6} M in EtOH solution) toward $[UO_2](NO_3)_2$ (0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 6.0, 10, 13, 15, 20, 30, 40 equiv) ($\lambda_{exc} = 210$ nm, slits: 5 nm/5 nm)

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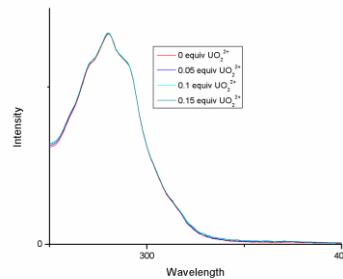
We calculated the binding constant of 4a with $[\text{UO}_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$ by using the linear Benesi-Hilderand expression.



$$1/K = -0.7171 \times 10^{-4} / -1.2747$$

The binding constant of 3b with $[\text{UO}_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$ is **1.8×10^4**

Figure S5. UV-Vis responses of 3a (2.1×10^{-4} M in EtOH solution) toward $[\text{UO}_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$ (0, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15 equiv) (pH = 7.4, 25 °C)



Supplementary Calculating Data

Thermal correction to enthalpy (TCE), total electronic energy in EtOH (E^{solv}), and the cartesian coordinates of all complexes calculated with B3LYP/(SDD-MWB60:6-311G(d,p)) method.³

3a

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Note:

- a) The relative energy of each species correspond to the addition of E^{solv} with TCE.
- b) In calculation, all species are calculated at the reference state of 1 mol/L, 298 K. A correction of 2.8 kcal/mol has been used in our study, because the concentration of HNO₃ will be far lower than 1mol/L (with the hypothesis of 0.01 mol/L HNO₃).

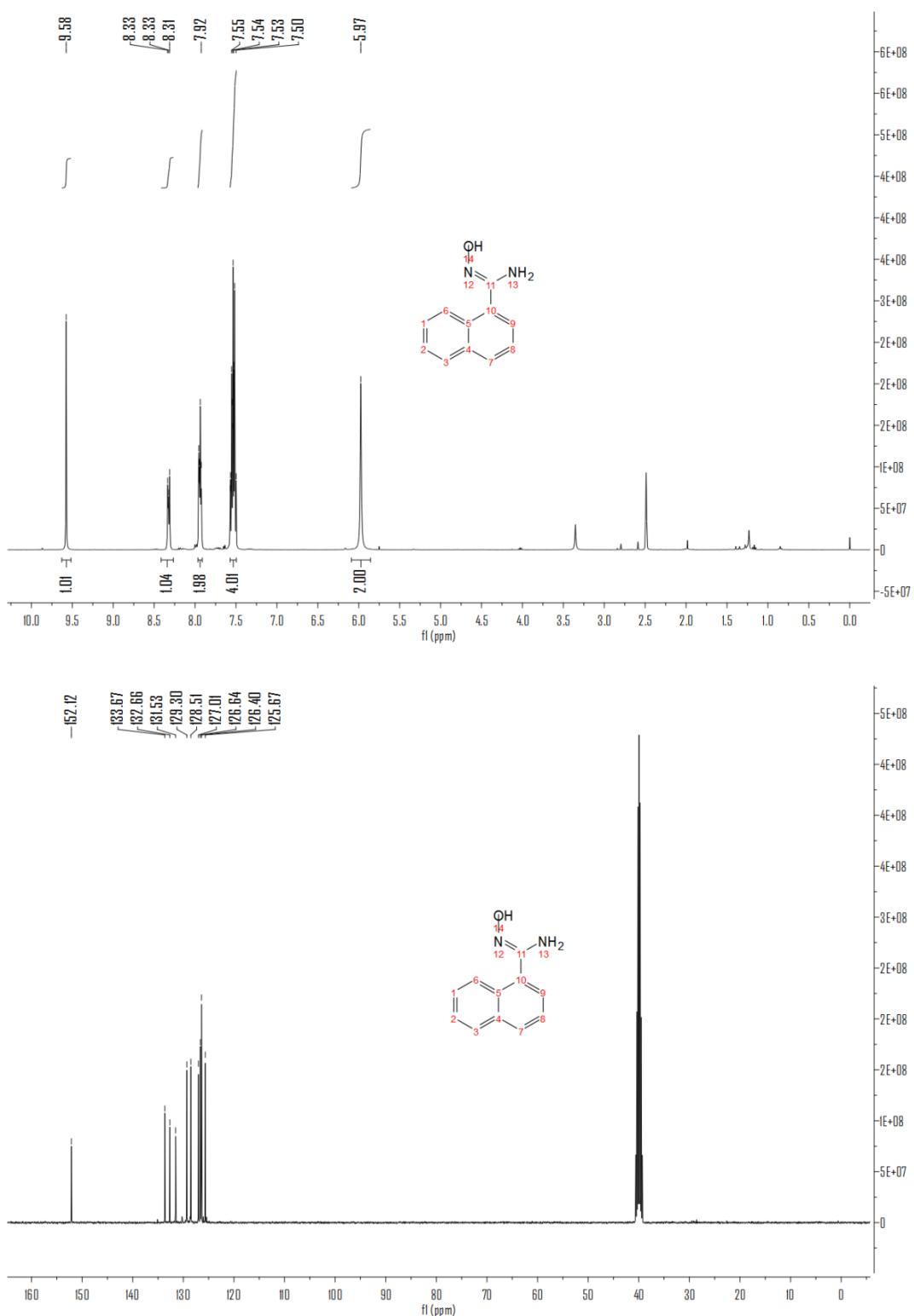
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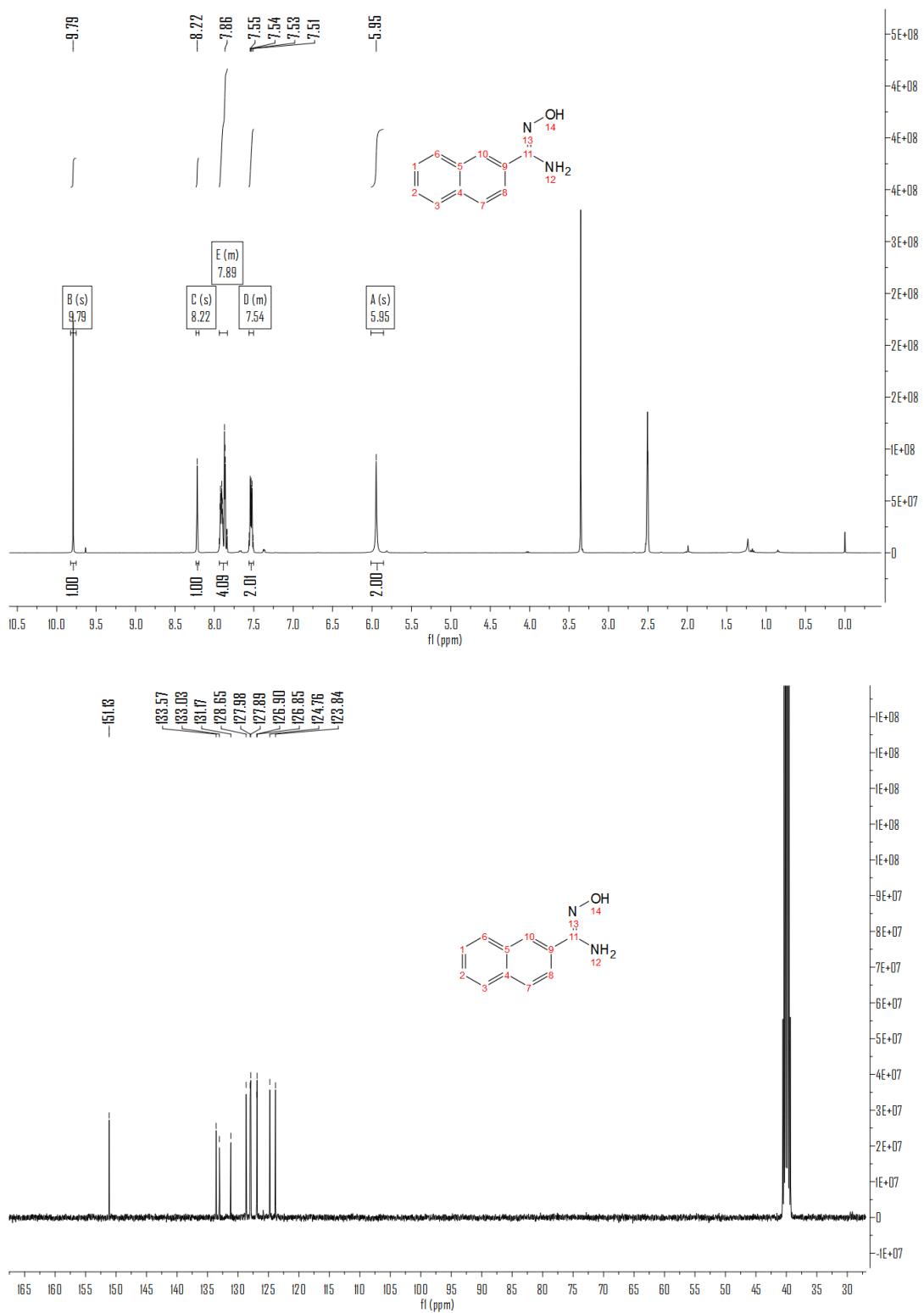
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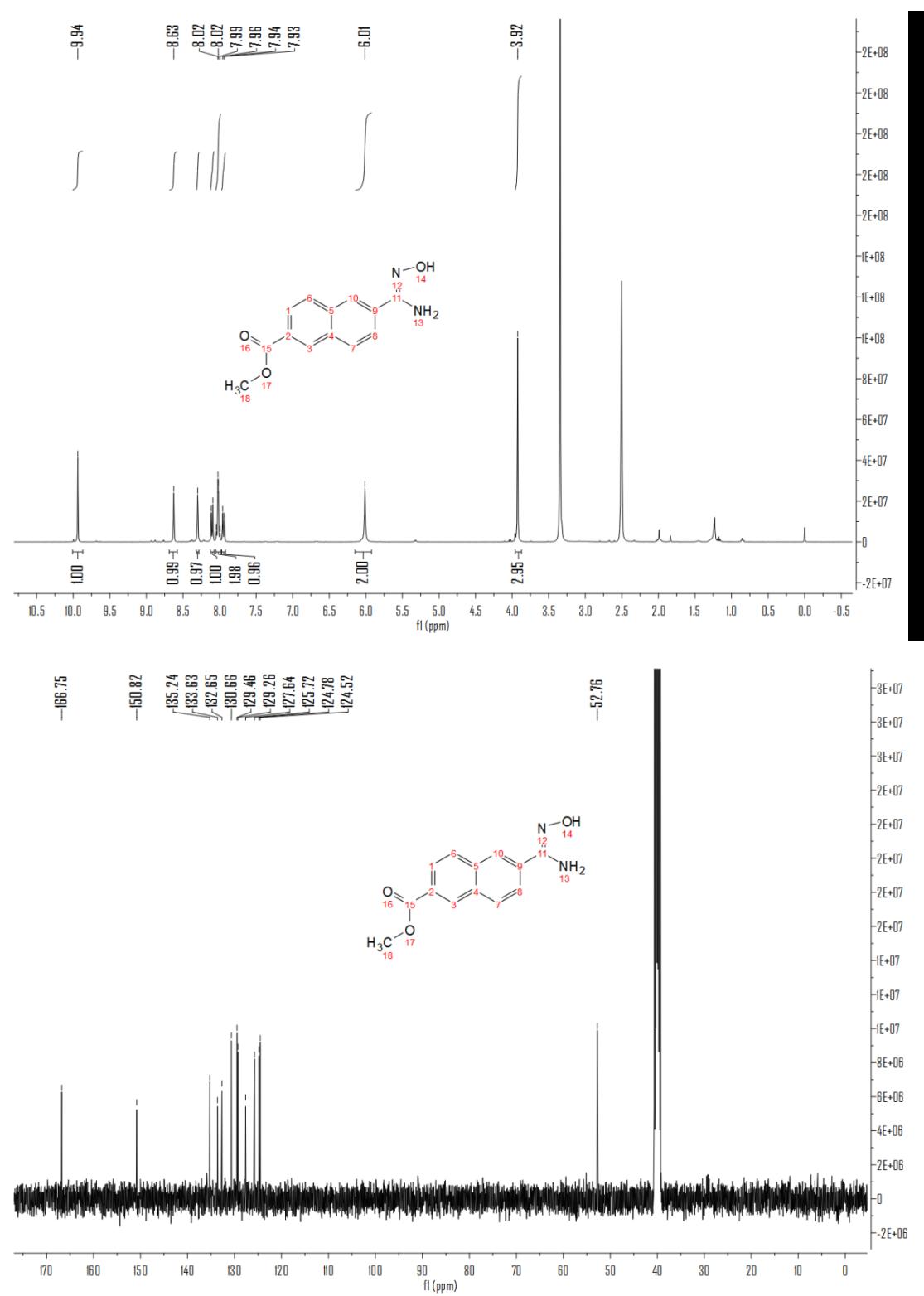
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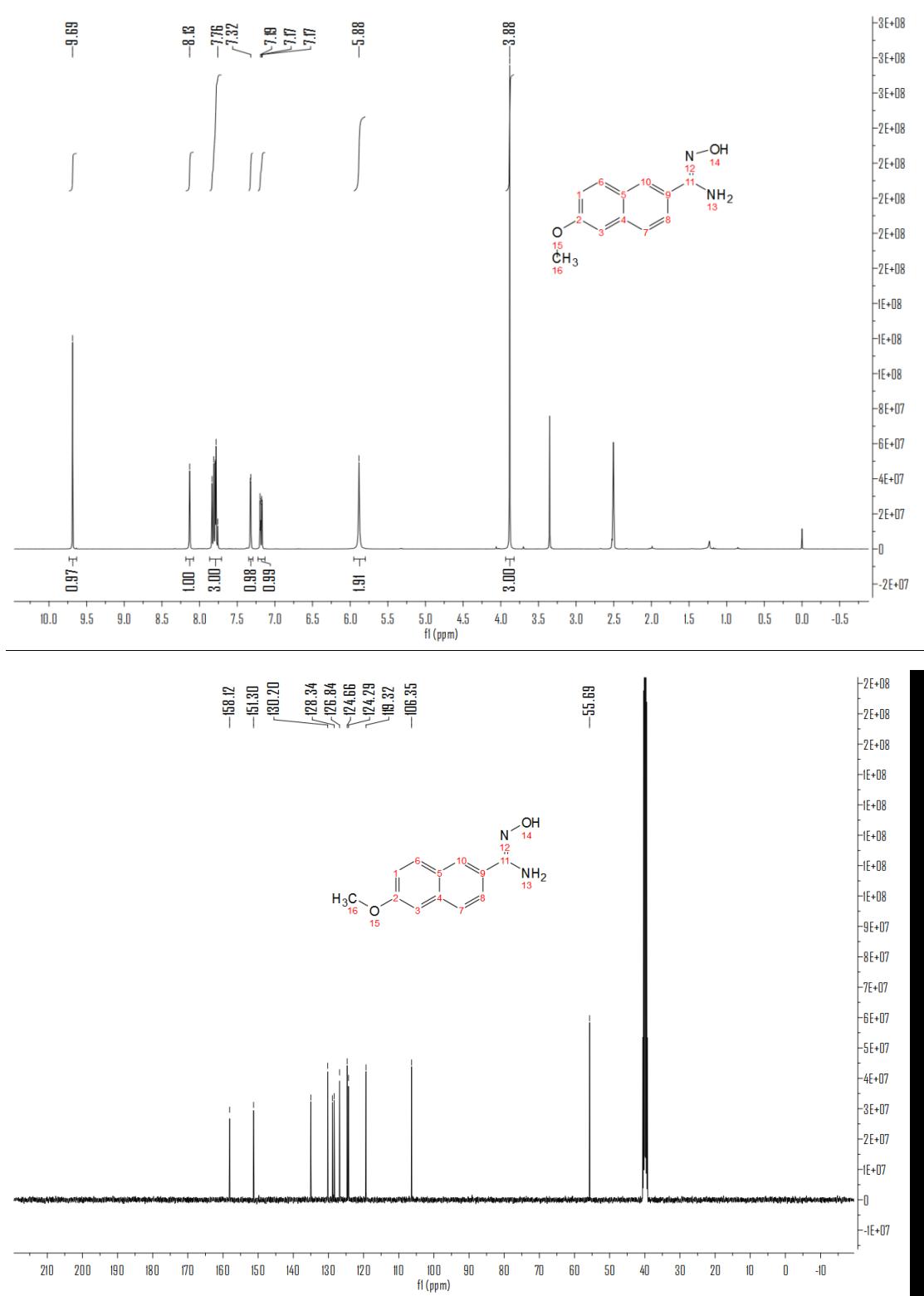
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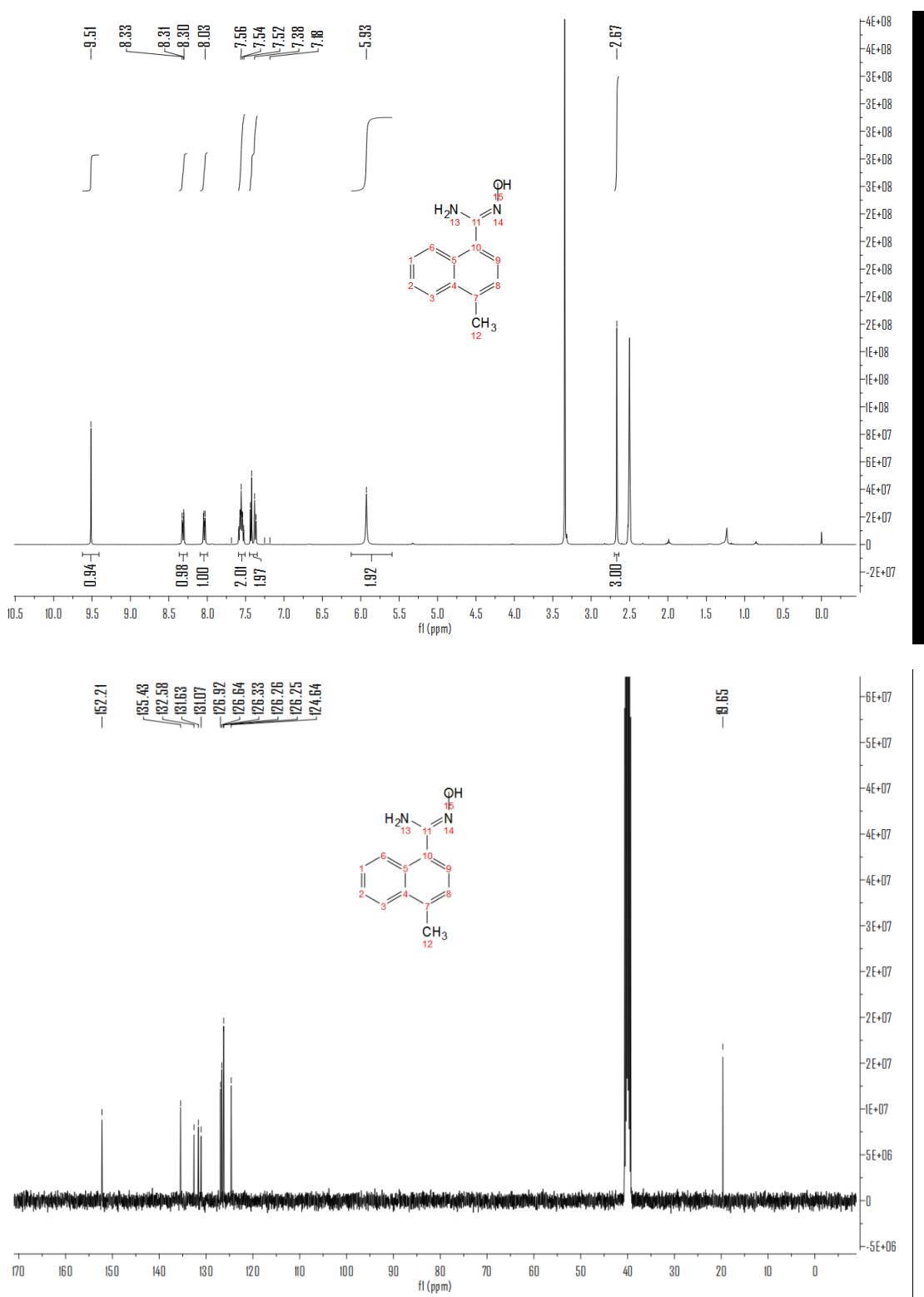
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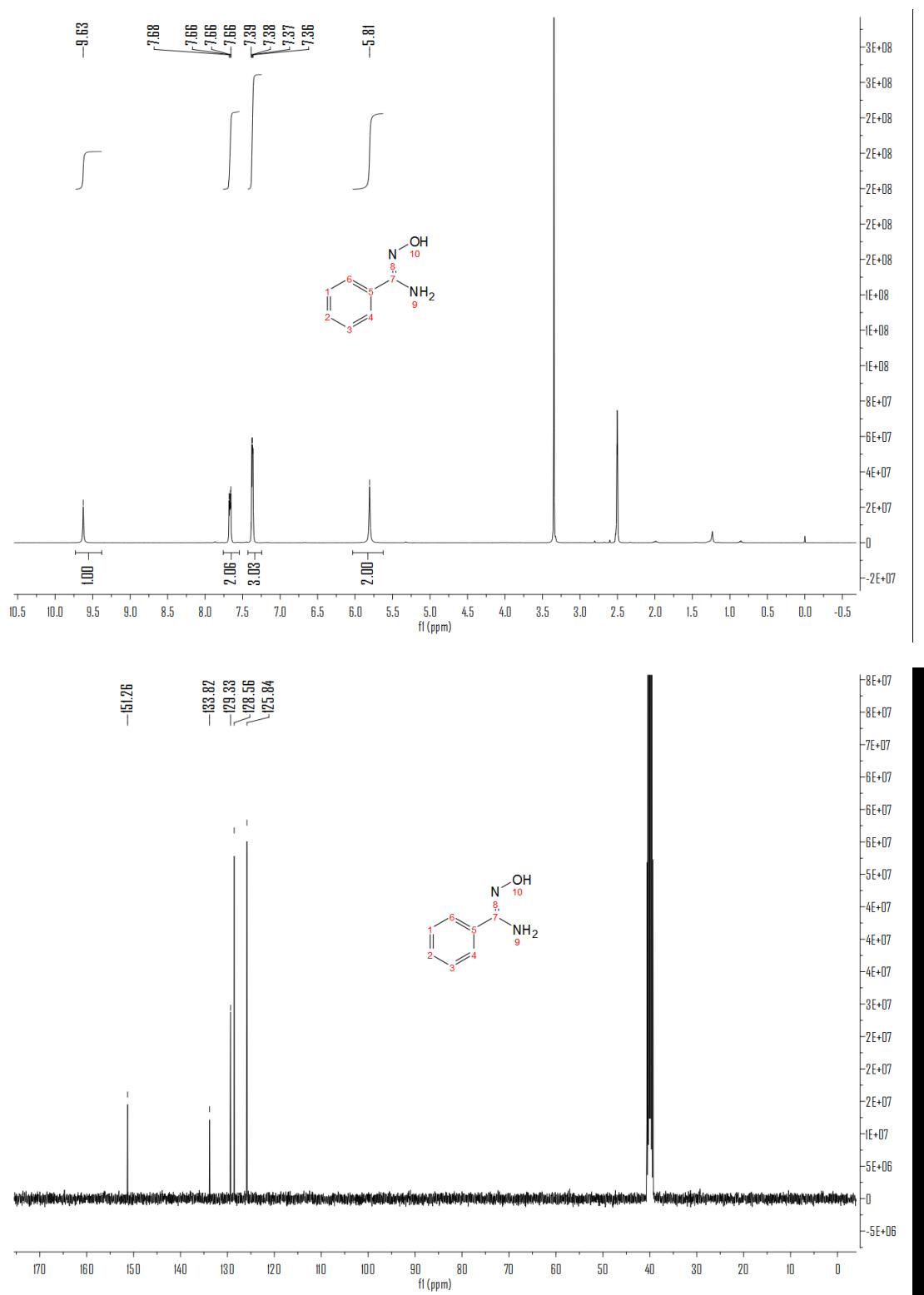
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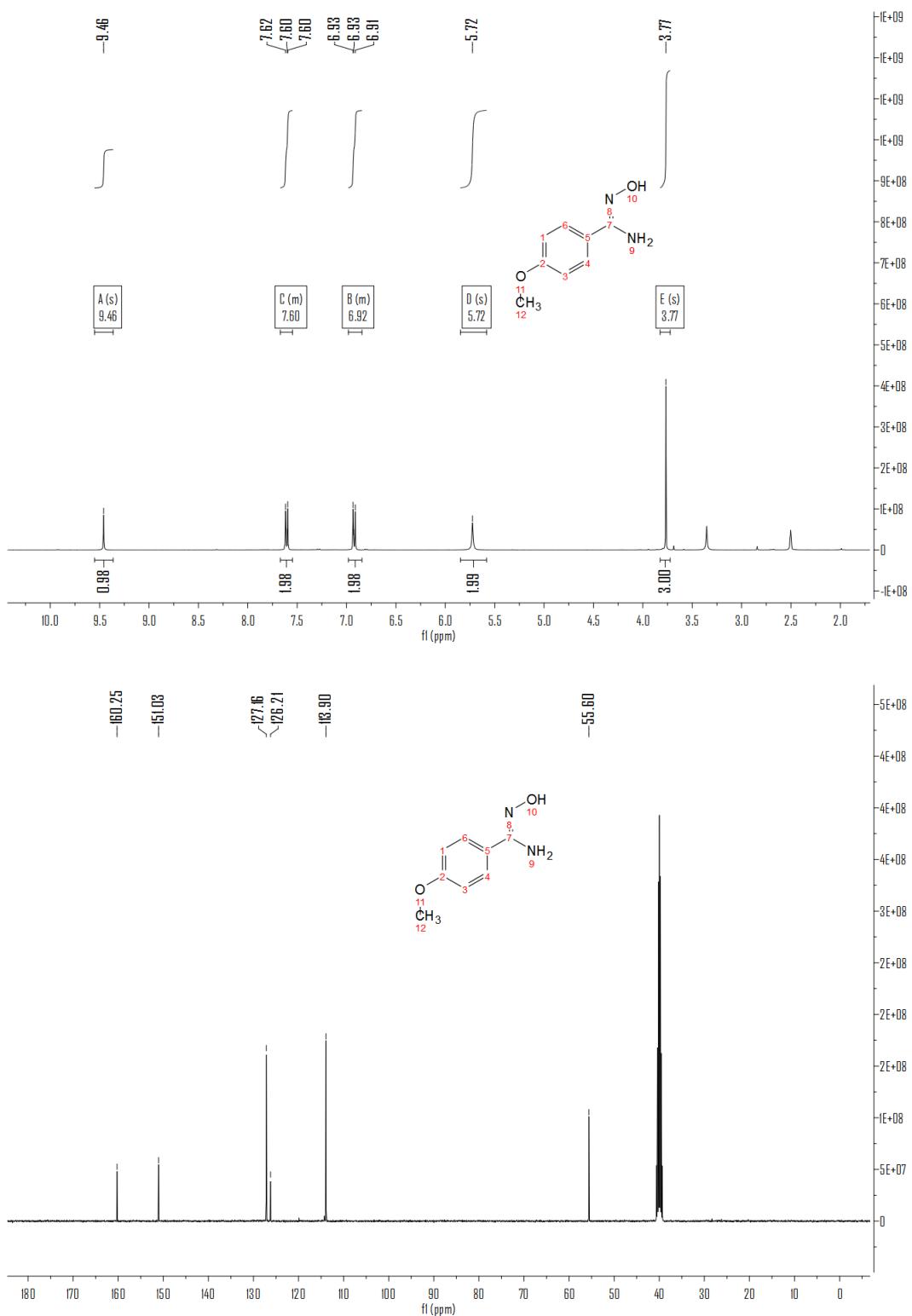
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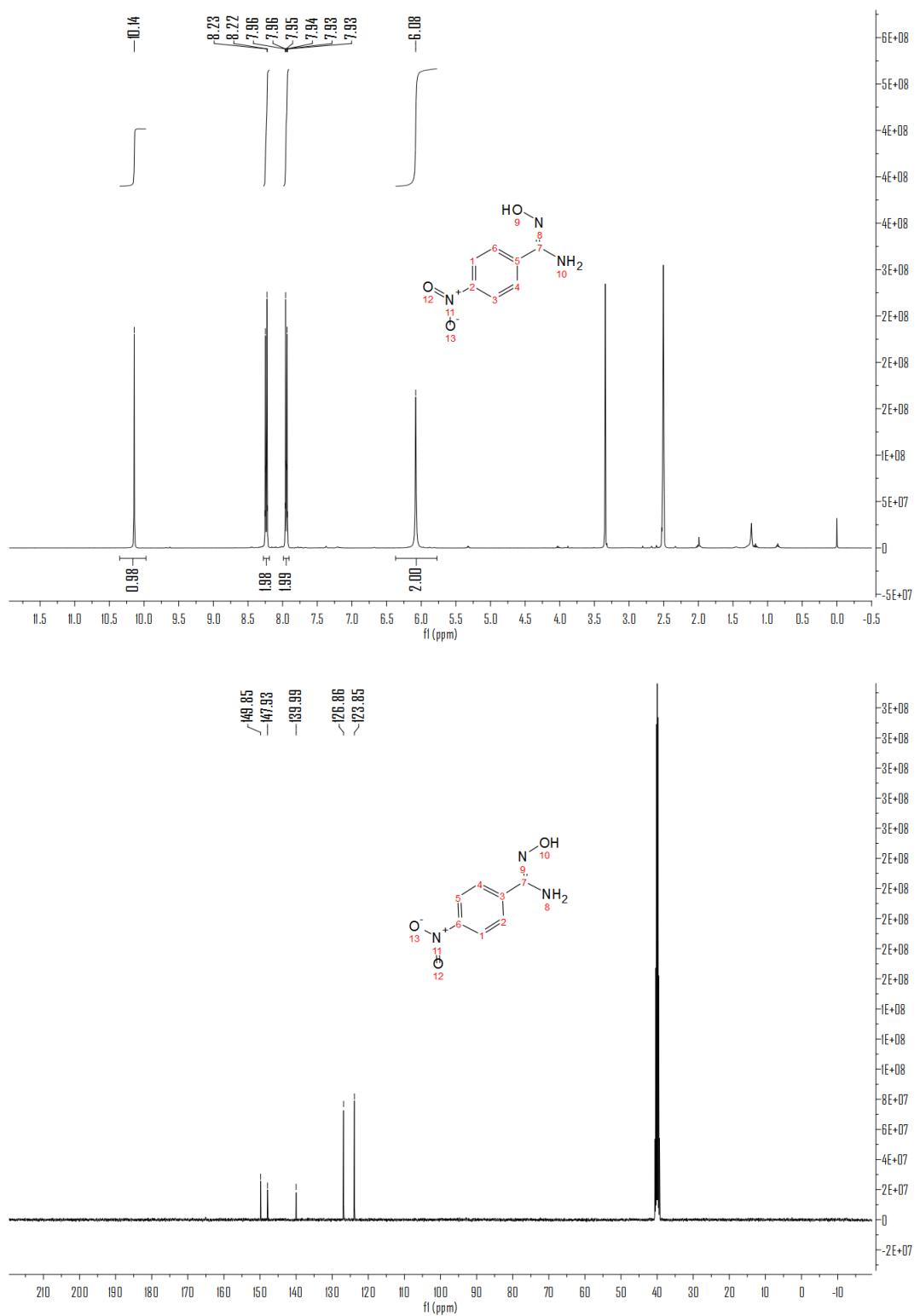
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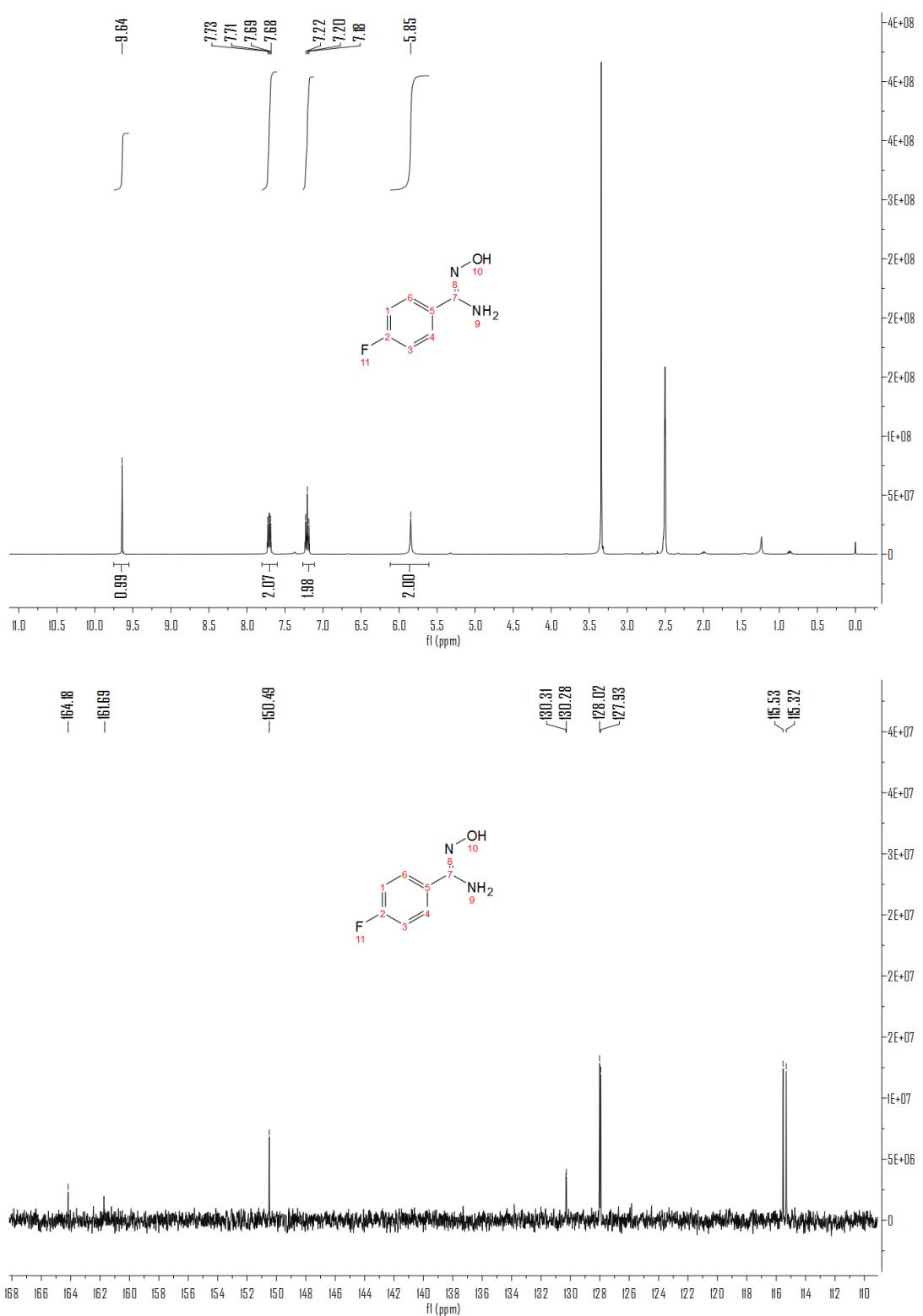
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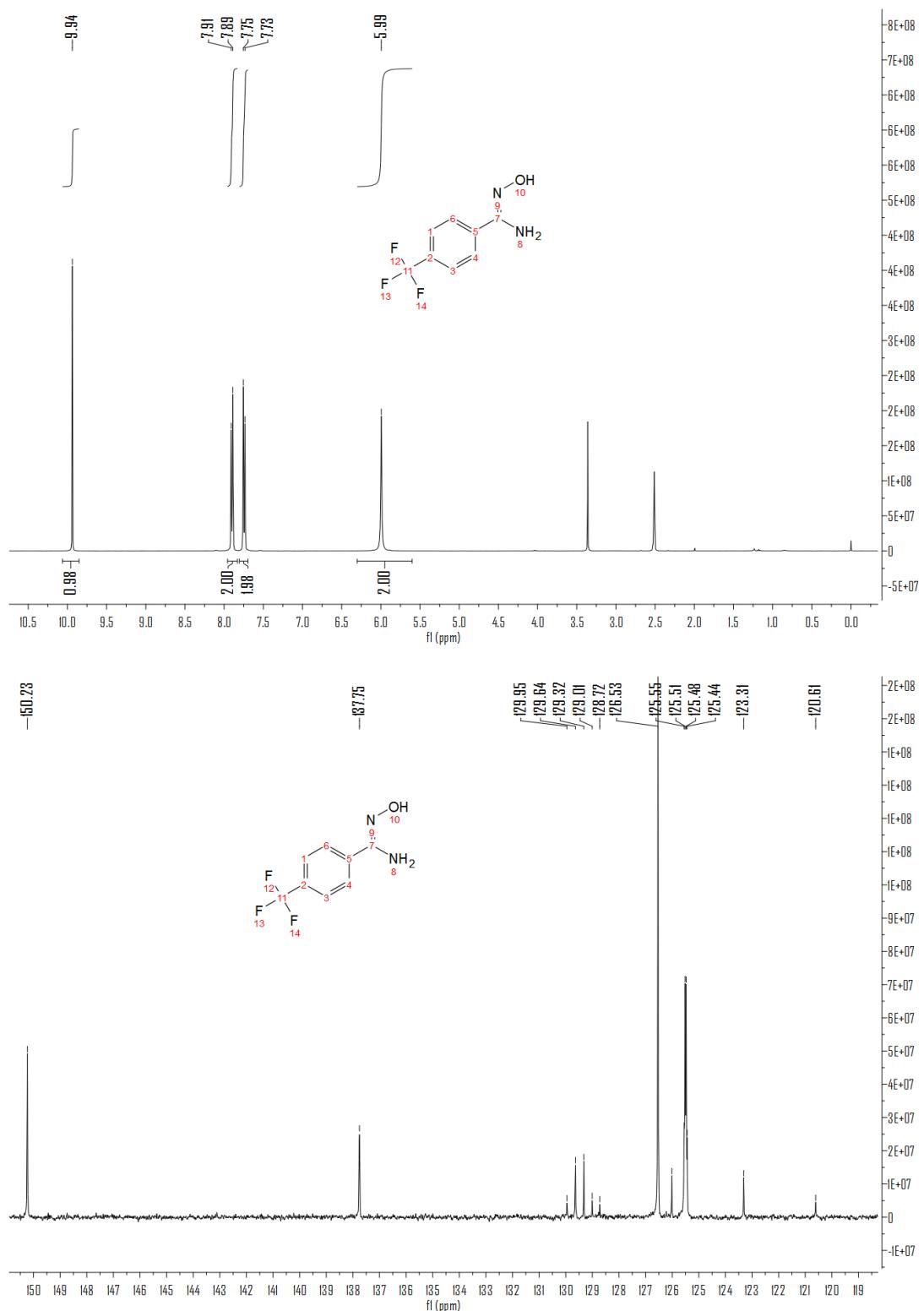
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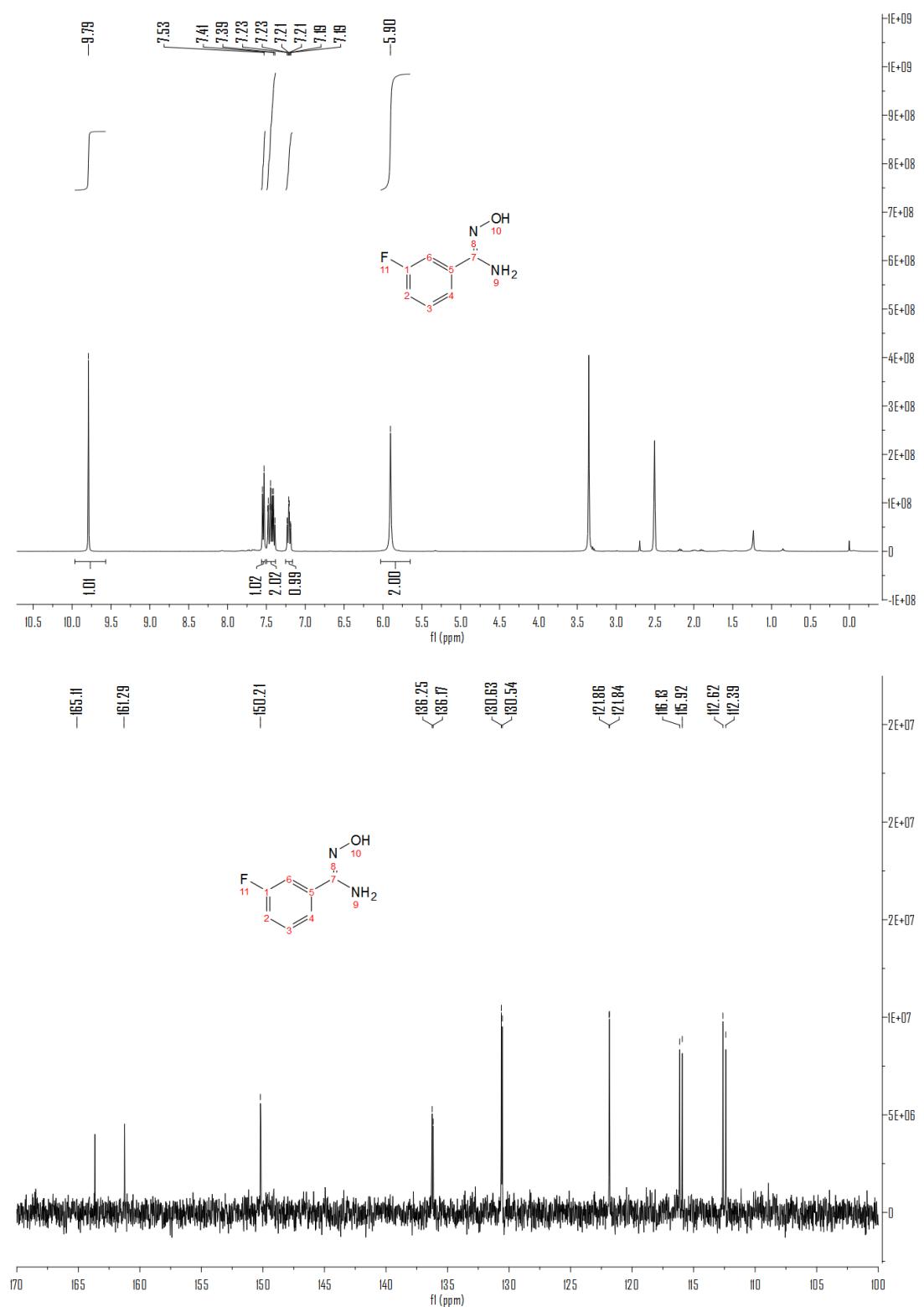
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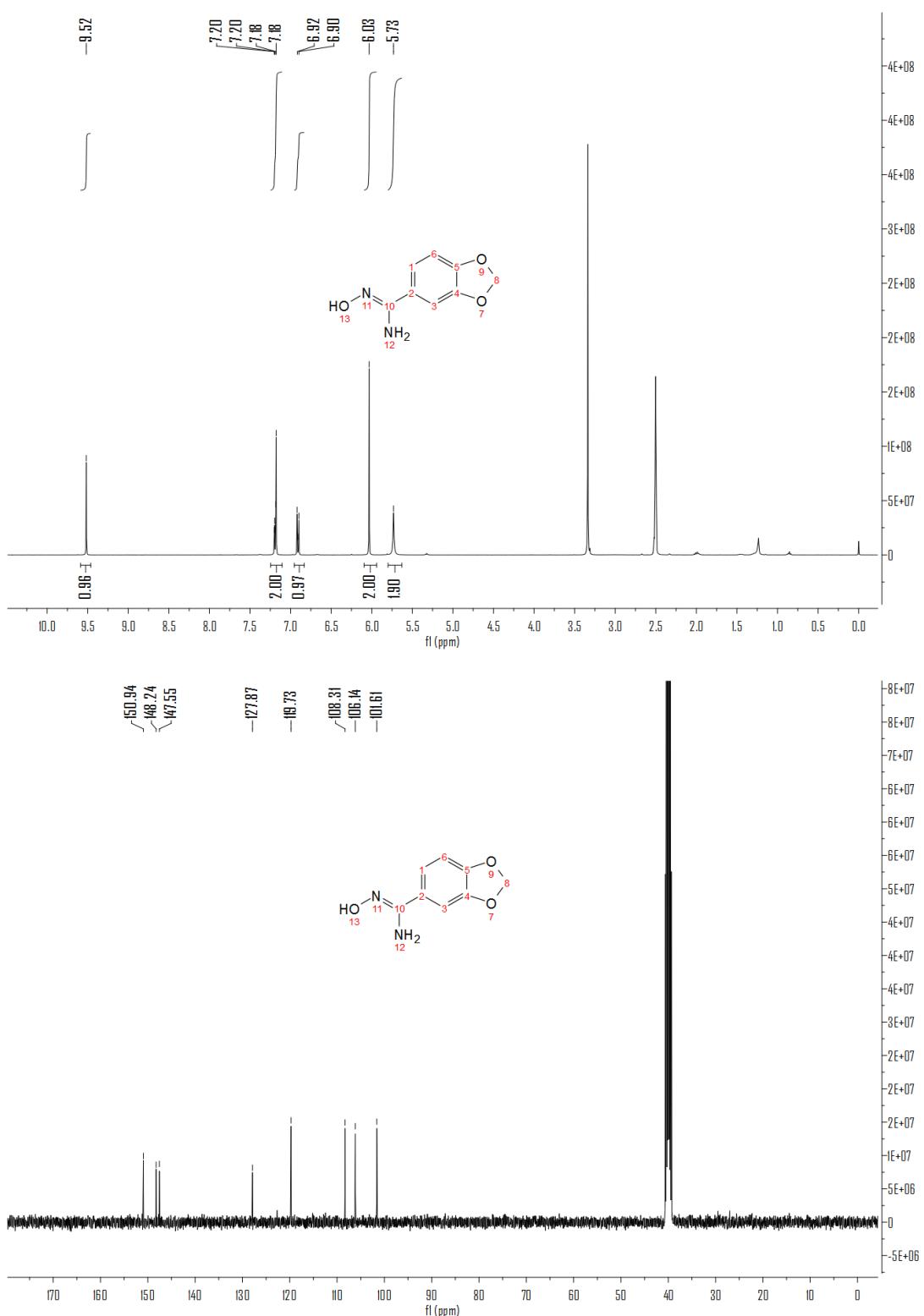
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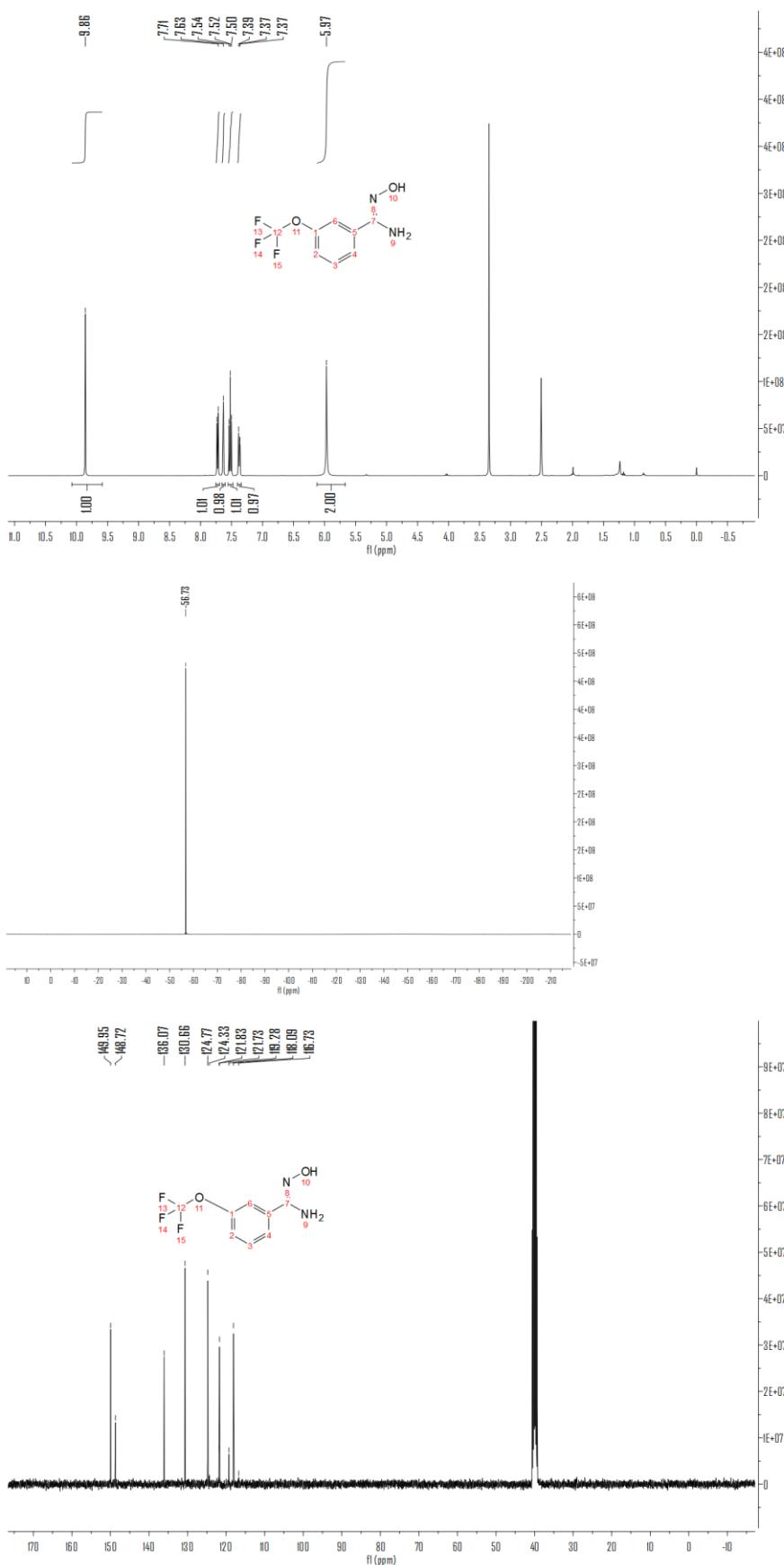
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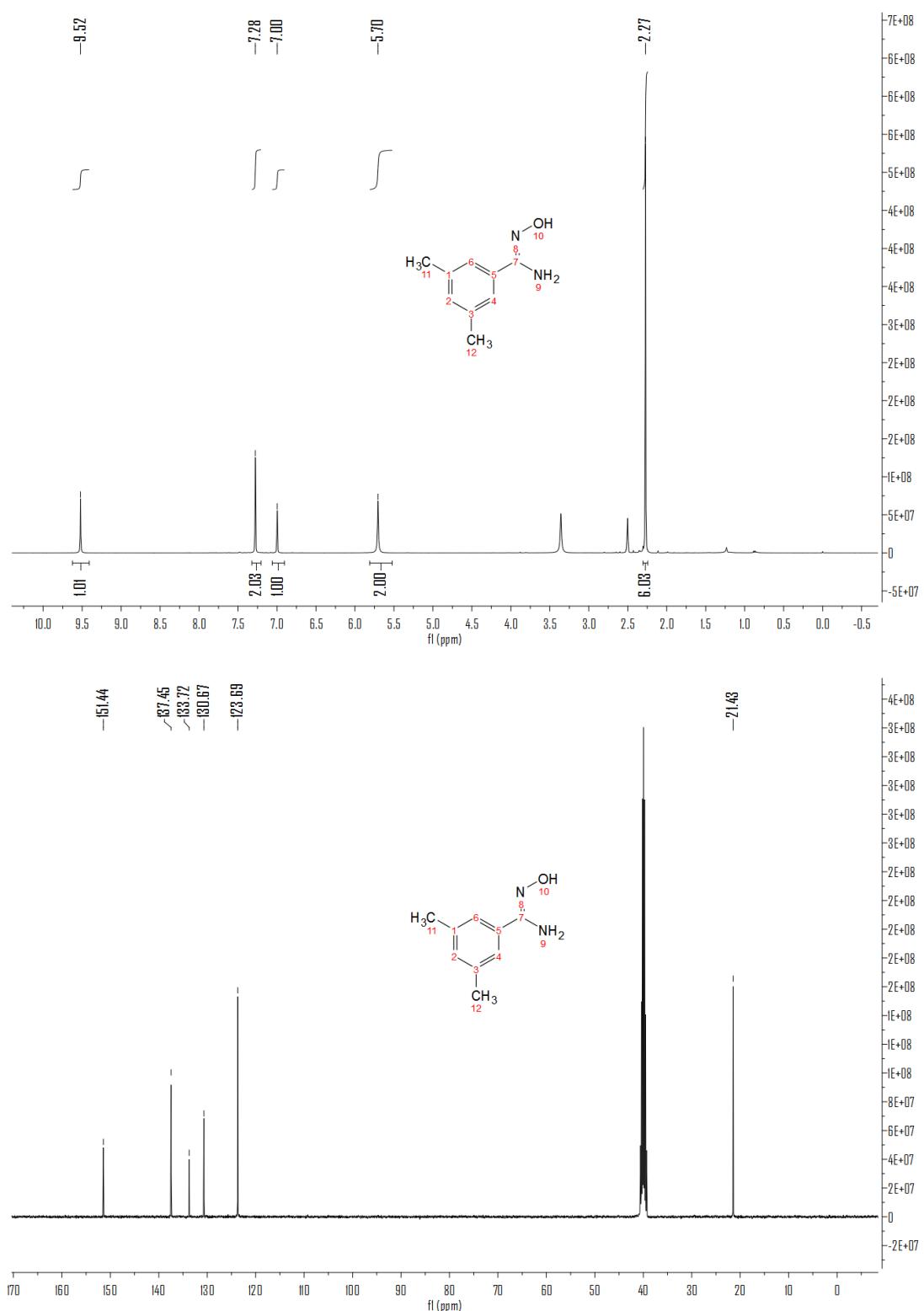
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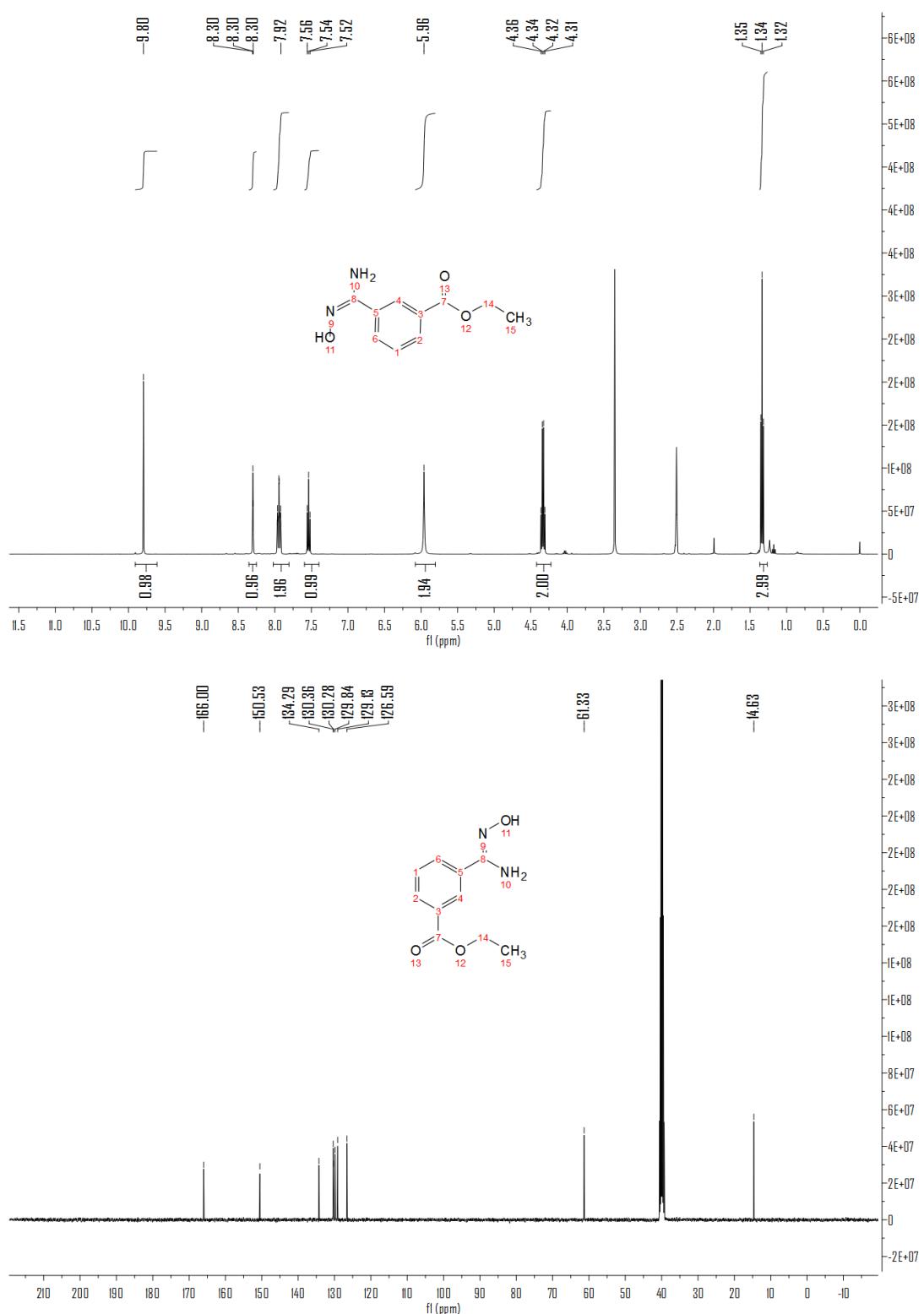
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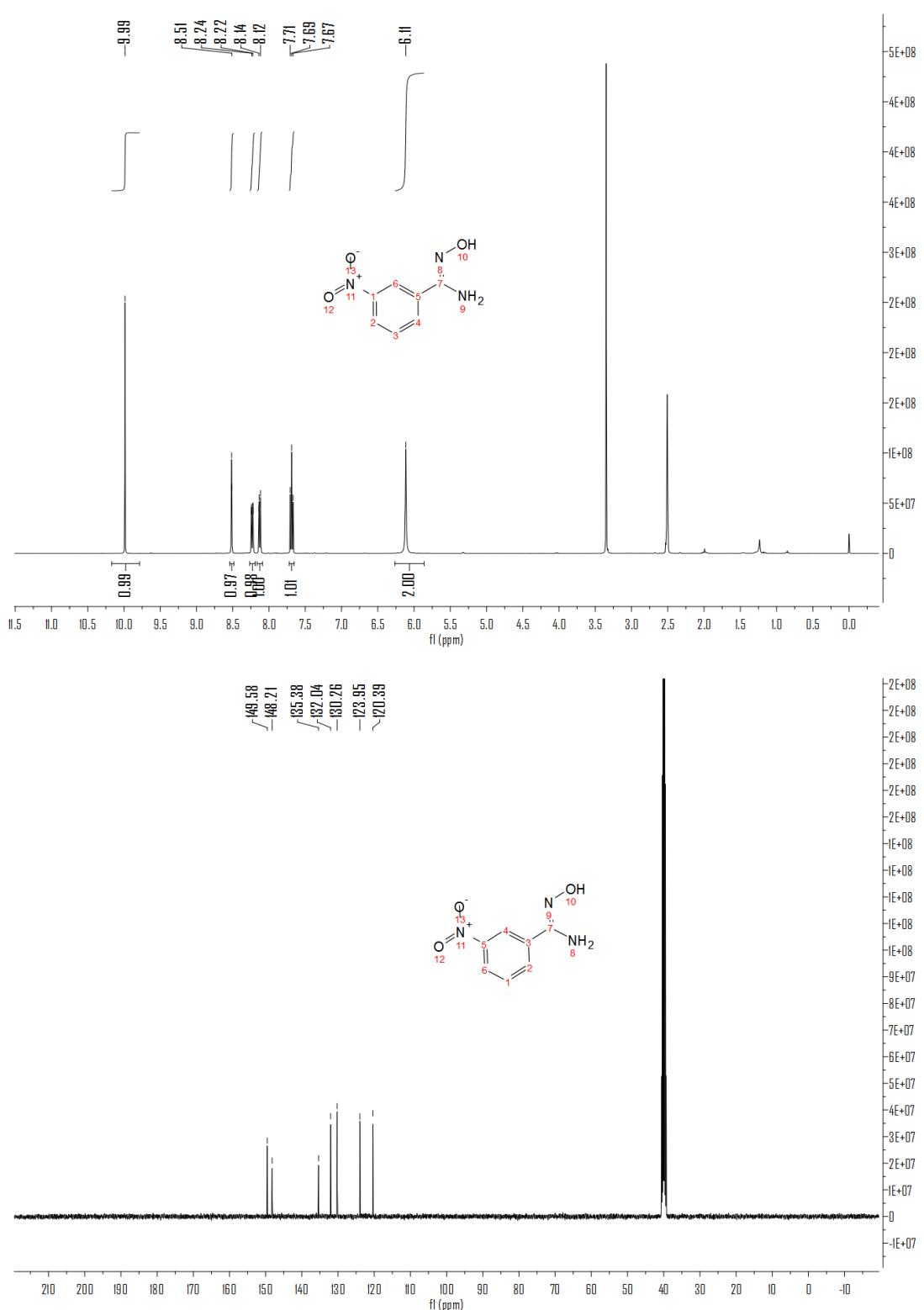
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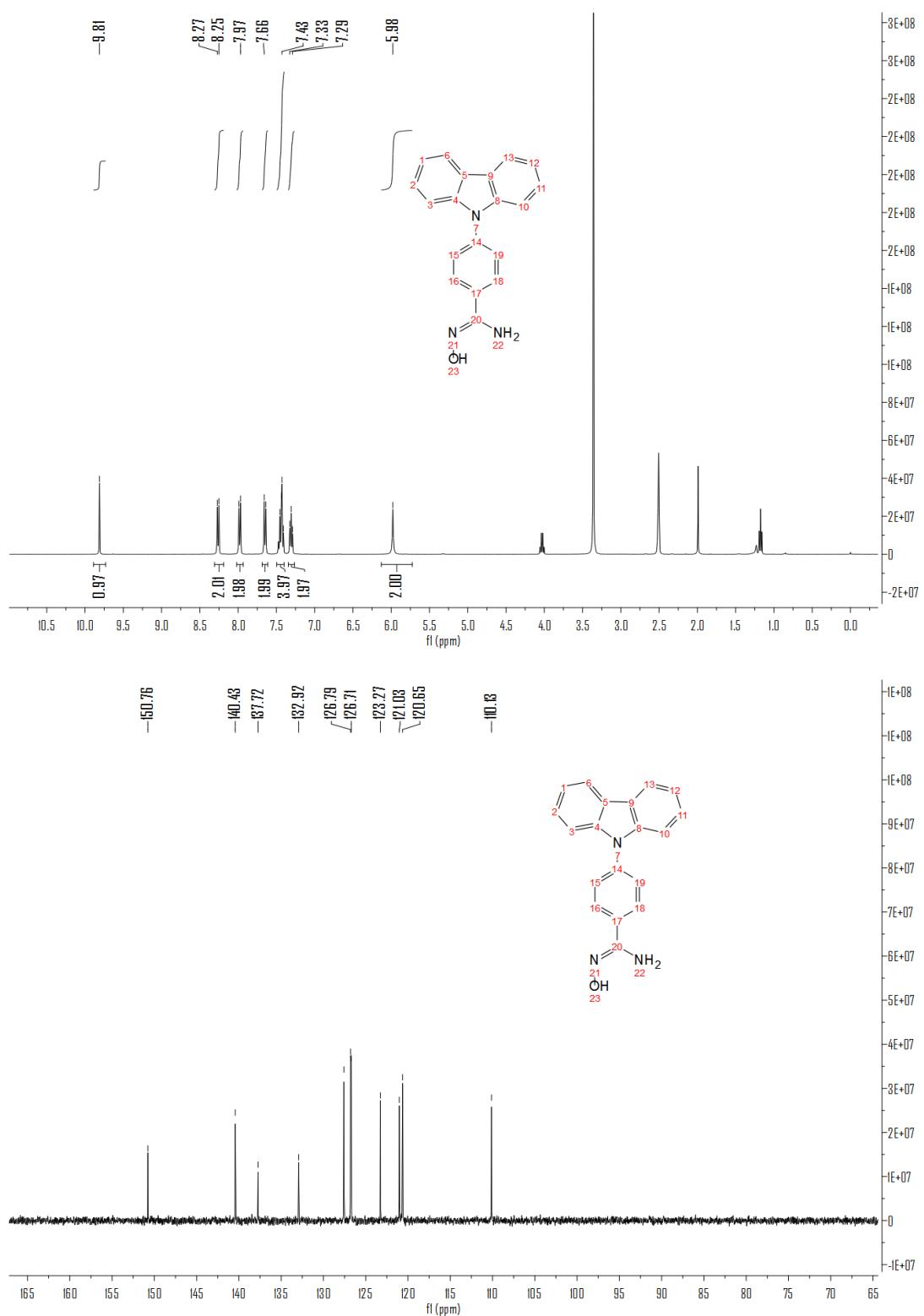
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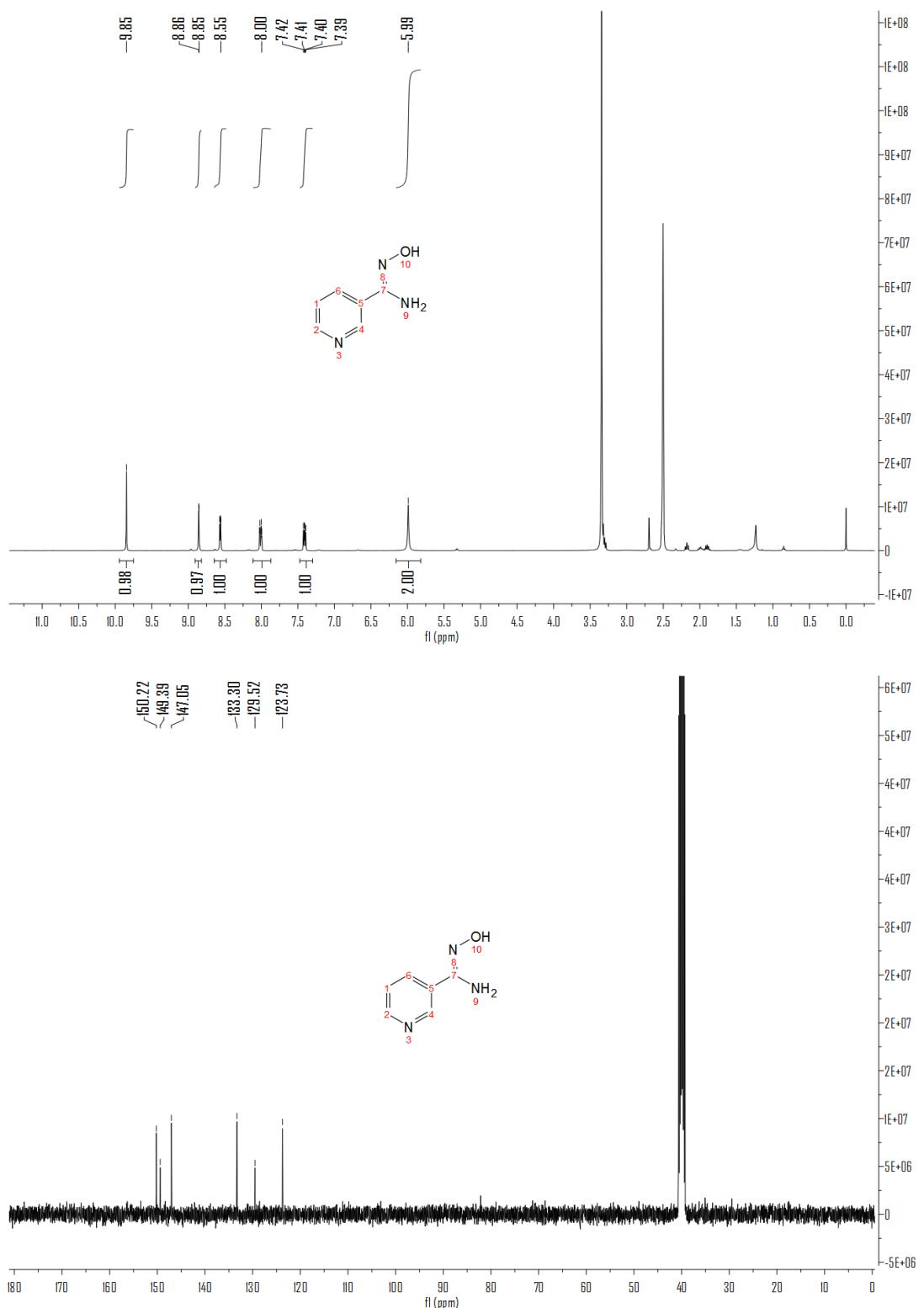
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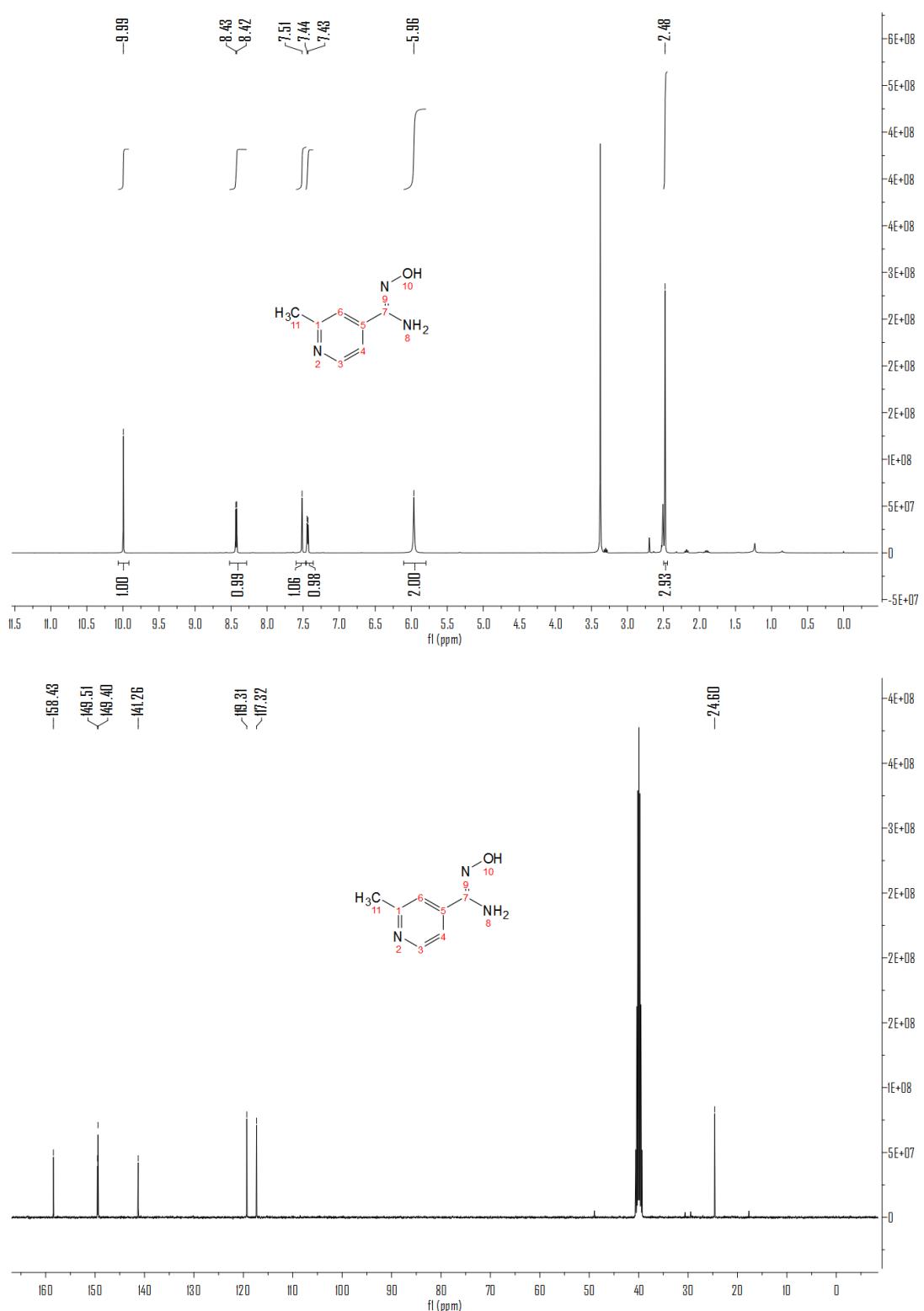
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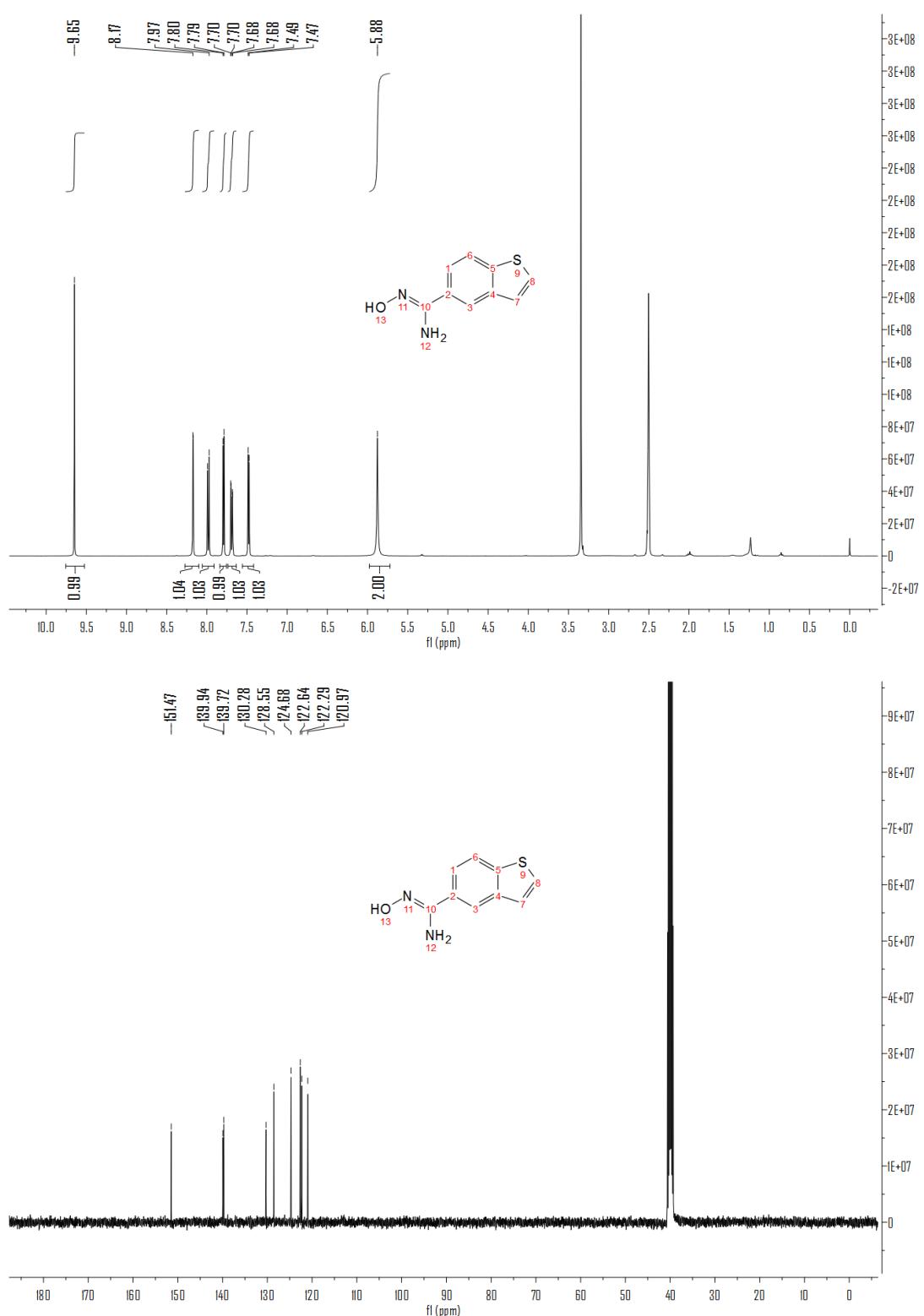
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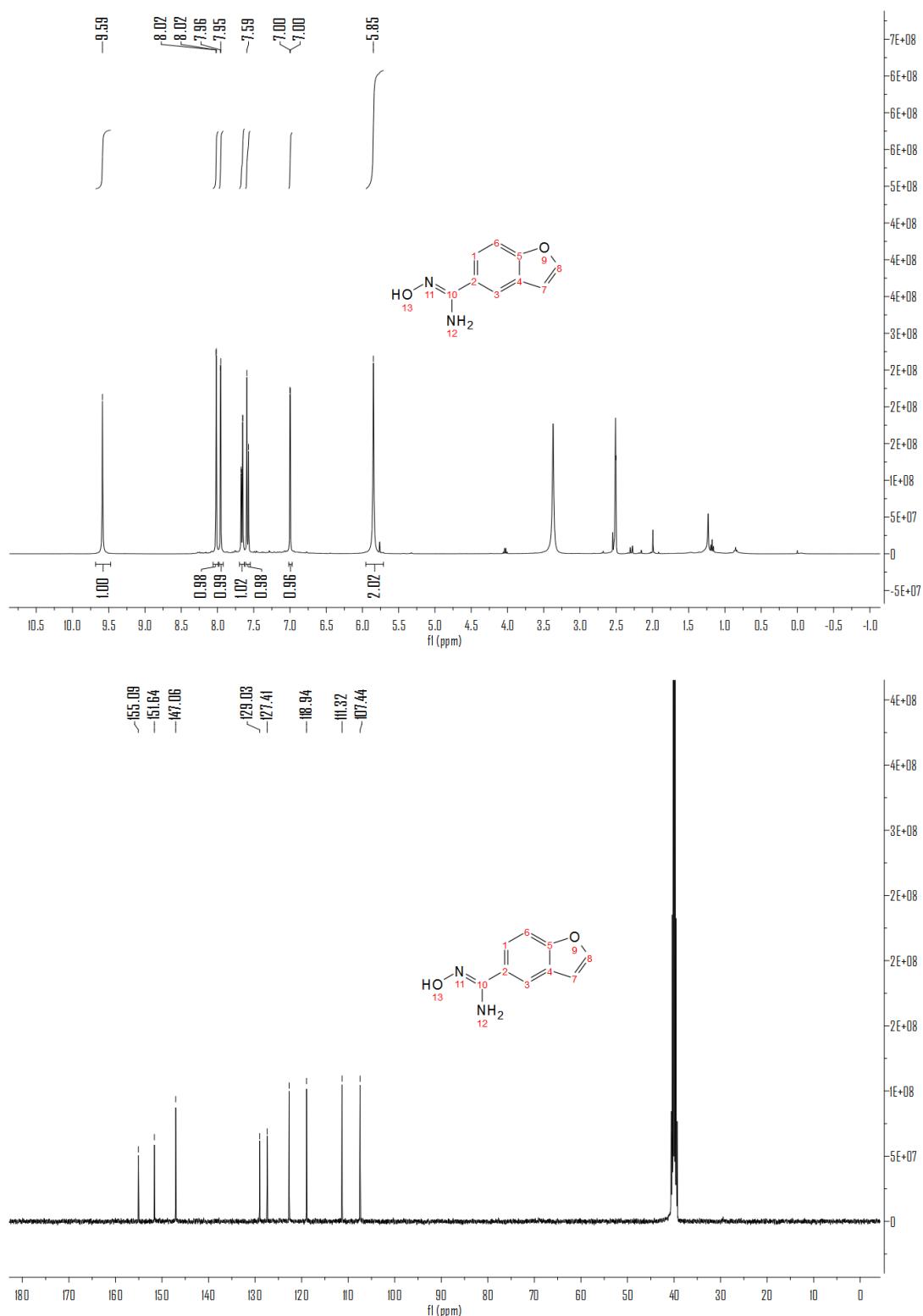
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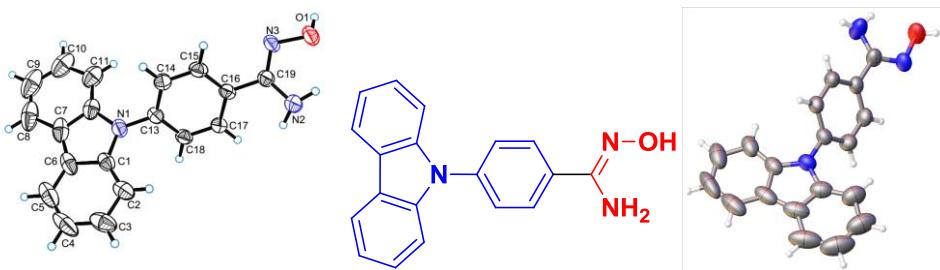


Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for ZZQ0923-1.

Identification code	ZZQ0923-1
Empirical formula	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ N ₃ O
Formula weight	301.34
Temperature/K	290(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	8.778(5)
b/Å	27.635(5)
c/Å	7.797(5)
α/°	90
β/°	105.261(5)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1824.7(16)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.090
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.070
F(000)	624.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.45 × 0.41 × 0.32
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data collection/ °	3.98 to 58.204
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 11, -36 ≤ k ≤ 22, -10 ≤ l ≤ 10
Reflections collected	12029
Independent reflections	4254 [R _{int} = 0.0216, R _{sigma} = 0.0272]
Data/restraints/parameters	4254/3/215
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.085
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0729, wR ₂ = 0.1903
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0952, wR ₂ = 0.1987
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.32/-0.25

Table 2 Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic

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Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for ZZQ0923-1. U_{eq} is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised U_{H} tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	$U(\text{eq})$
O1	6859(3)	-43.5(9)	-4170(3)	75.6(7)
N1	3576(3)	1446.0(9)	2466(3)	57.6(6)
N2	8040(4)	108.8(16)	-880(4)	96.8(12)
N3	5925(3)	249.9(9)	-3338(3)	56.4(6)
C13	4328(3)	1161.7(9)	1411(3)	49.8(6)
C14	4098(4)	1259.1(11)	-375(4)	57.9(7)
C16	5848(3)	611.9(10)	-603(3)	48.7(6)
C18	5337(3)	792.4(10)	2188(3)	52.0(7)
C6	3208(5)	1939.6(11)	4643(5)	74.1(10)
C9	-1066(7)	1843(2)	1889(10)	127(2)
C19	6638(3)	311.7(11)	-1685(4)	56.0(7)
C17	6085(3)	523.7(10)	1192(3)	52.1(7)
C1	4346(4)	1681.4(10)	4024(4)	57.2(7)
C2	5925(5)	1699.5(11)	4875(4)	70.6(9)
C12	1947(4)	1548.0(11)	2083(5)	67.0(8)
C3	6390(6)	1976.9(13)	6396(5)	93.7(14)
C15	4831(3)	984.4(11)	-1374(4)	55.9(7)
C8	131(7)	2006.3(17)	3280(8)	112.3(18)
C11	724(4)	1376.8(15)	713(6)	85.9(11)
C7	1710(5)	1854.6(12)	3403(5)	78.9(11)
C5	3711(8)	2216.5(14)	6173(6)	101.8(16)
C10	-761(5)	1529.4(19)	640(8)	111.1(16)
C4	5286(9)	2233.4(14)	7029(6)	112.8(19)

**Table 3 Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for ZZQ0923-1. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:
 $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^{*}b^{*}U_{12}+\dots]$.**

Atom	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
O1	56.3(13)	114.4(19)	60.2(13)	-29.5(12)	22.5(10)	5.3(12)
N1	64.6(15)	57.3(14)	55.9(14)	-3.1(11)	24.4(12)	6.8(11)
N2	57.6(18)	163(3)	63.6(18)	-30(2)	4.1(14)	31.9(19)
N3	50.7(13)	76.5(16)	46.7(13)	-14.1(11)	20.9(10)	-2.0(11)
C13	59.0(16)	47.4(14)	45.1(14)	-2.9(11)	17.4(12)	-1.2(12)
C14	66.8(19)	58.9(17)	48.0(15)	7.4(12)	15.5(13)	9.4(14)
C16	47.4(15)	57.4(16)	41.5(13)	-7.5(11)	11.8(11)	-6.5(12)

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C18	62.9(17)	54.2(16)	38.3(13)	0.0(11)	12.2(12)	1.2(13)
C6	128(3)	44.3(16)	67(2)	6.0(14)	56(2)	10.8(18)
C9	88(3)	125(4)	186(6)	62(4)	71(4)	35(3)
C19	41.7(14)	76.2(19)	50.9(16)	-10.7(13)	13.7(12)	-2.9(13)
C17	55.5(16)	55.2(16)	43.2(14)	-1.7(11)	8.7(12)	4.5(12)
C1	85(2)	44.9(15)	47.6(15)	1.8(12)	27.7(15)	0.9(14)
C2	109(3)	51.8(17)	50.3(17)	-2.0(13)	19.9(17)	-7.3(17)
C12	70(2)	59.6(18)	81(2)	16.5(16)	36.1(18)	11.4(15)
C3	151(4)	61(2)	60(2)	-4.3(17)	12(2)	-24(2)
C15	62.0(18)	67.2(18)	38.5(14)	3.5(12)	13.4(12)	-0.4(14)
C8	127(4)	87(3)	158(5)	40(3)	98(4)	40(3)
C11	64(2)	91(3)	103(3)	17(2)	23(2)	4.8(19)
C7	101(3)	60.2(19)	98(3)	21.7(18)	64(2)	19.9(19)
C5	183(5)	58(2)	82(3)	-3(2)	67(3)	14(3)
C10	69(3)	121(4)	145(4)	43(3)	30(3)	14(3)
C4	223(6)	58(2)	62(2)	-18.2(19)	46(3)	-9(3)

Table 4 Bond Lengths for ZZQ0923-1.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
O1	N3	1.425(3)	C6	C1	1.412(4)
N1	C13	1.419(3)	C6	C7	1.432(6)
N1	C1	1.386(4)	C6	C5	1.388(5)
N1	C12	1.411(4)	C9	C8	1.372(8)
N2	C19	1.348(4)	C9	C10	1.382(8)
N3	C19	1.287(3)	C1	C2	1.371(5)
C13	C14	1.380(4)	C2	C3	1.380(4)
C13	C18	1.382(4)	C12	C11	1.383(5)
C14	C15	1.364(4)	C12	C7	1.391(5)
C16	C19	1.480(4)	C3	C4	1.392(7)
C16	C17	1.381(4)	C8	C7	1.428(6)
C16	C15	1.391(4)	C11	C10	1.357(6)
C18	C17	1.362(4)	C5	C4	1.369(7)

Table 5 Bond Angles for ZZQ0923-1.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
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C1	N1	C13	125.0(3)	C18	C17	C16	121.0(3)
C1	N1	C12	109.0(2)	N1	C1	C6	108.2(3)
C12	N1	C13	126.0(3)	C2	C1	N1	129.7(3)
C19	N3	O1	110.2(2)	C2	C1	C6	122.1(3)
C14	C13	N1	120.7(3)	C1	C2	C3	118.0(4)
C14	C13	C18	119.5(2)	C11	C12	N1	129.3(3)
C18	C13	N1	119.8(2)	C11	C12	C7	122.9(4)
C15	C14	C13	120.1(3)	C7	C12	N1	107.8(3)
C17	C16	C19	120.7(3)	C2	C3	C4	120.7(5)
C17	C16	C15	118.5(2)	C14	C15	C16	120.7(3)
C15	C16	C19	120.8(2)	C9	C8	C7	119.0(5)
C17	C18	C13	120.1(2)	C10	C11	C12	117.9(5)
C1	C6	C7	107.0(3)	C12	C7	C6	108.1(3)
C5	C6	C1	118.7(4)	C12	C7	C8	117.4(5)
C5	C6	C7	134.3(4)	C8	C7	C6	134.4(4)
C8	C9	C10	120.9(5)	C4	C5	C6	119.3(4)
N2	C19	C16	118.4(3)	C11	C10	C9	121.9(5)
N3	C19	N2	123.7(3)	C5	C4	C3	121.2(4)
N3	C19	C16	117.9(3)				

Table 6 Hydrogen Bonds for ZZQ0923-1.

D	H	A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H-A)/Å	d(D-A)/Å	D-H-A/°
O1	H1	N3 ¹	0.79	2.05	2.752(3)	146.9
N2	H2	A O1	0.899(5)	2.03(4)	2.536(4)	115(4)

¹1-X,-Y,-1-Z

Table 7 Torsion Angles for ZZQ0923-1.

A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
O1	N3	C19	N2	-2.2(5)	C1	N1	C12	C11	-177.1(3)
O1	N3	C19	C16	179.5(2)	C1	N1	C12	C7	0.8(3)
N1	C13	C14	C15	179.8(3)	C1	C6	C7	C12	0.6(3)
N1	C13	C18	C17	-178.8(3)	C1	C6	C7	C8	179.6(4)
N1	C1	C2	C3	177.9(3)	C1	C6	C5	C4	0.3(5)
N1	C12	C11	C10	179.6(3)	C1	C2	C3	C4	-0.6(5)

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N1 C12 C7 C6	-0.9(3)	C2 C3 C4 C5	0.4(6)
N1 C12 C7 C8	180.0(3)	C12 N1 C13 C14	52.5(4)
C13 N1 C1 C6	177.8(2)	C12 N1 C13 C18	-129.4(3)
C13 N1 C1 C2	0.4(5)	C12 N1 C1 C6	-0.4(3)
C13 N1 C12 C11	4.8(5)	C12 N1 C1 C2	-177.8(3)
C13 N1 C12 C7	-177.4(3)	C12 C11 C10 C9	-0.4(6)
C13 C14 C15 C16	-1.7(5)	C15 C16 C19 N2	152.3(3)
C13 C18 C17 C16	-0.3(4)	C15 C16 C19 N3	-29.3(4)
C14 C13 C18 C17	-0.7(4)	C15 C16 C17 C18	0.3(4)
C18 C13 C14 C15	1.7(4)	C8 C9 C10 C11	-1.3(8)
C6 C1 C2 C3	0.8(4)	C11 C12 C7 C6	177.1(3)
C6 C5 C4 C3	-0.2(6)	C11 C12 C7 C8	-2.0(5)
C9 C8 C7 C6	-178.5(4)	C7 C6 C1 N1	-0.2(3)
C9 C8 C7 C12	0.3(6)	C7 C6 C1 C2	177.5(3)
C19 C16 C17 C18	-178.7(3)	C7 C6 C5 C4	-177.2(4)
C19 C16 C15 C14	179.7(3)	C7 C12 C11 C10	2.0(5)
C17 C16 C19 N2	-28.7(4)	C5 C6 C1 N1	-178.2(3)
C17 C16 C19 N3	149.7(3)	C5 C6 C1 C2	-0.6(5)
C17 C16 C15 C14	0.7(4)	C5 C6 C7 C12	178.3(4)
C1 N1 C13 C14	-125.4(3)	C5 C6 C7 C8	-2.8(7)
C1 N1 C13 C18	52.7(4)	C10 C9 C8 C7	1.3(7)

Table 8 Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA} \times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for ZZQ0923-1.

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
H1	6306	-178	-5004	113
H14	3442	1512	-899	69
H18	5505	727	3394	62
H9	-2096	1945	1786	152
H17	6765	277	1728	63
H2	6660	1530	4441	85
H3	7453	1993	7004	112
H15	4649	1047	-2584	67
H8	-84	2213	4130	135
H11	914	1164	-132	103
H5	2985	2389	6612	122
H10	-1598	1420	-275	133
H4	5625	2420	8052	135

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H2B	8280(40)	20(15)	266(19)	135
H2A	8420(50)	-27(16)	-1730(50)	135

Table 9 Solvent masks information for ZZQ0923-1.

Number	X	Y	Z	Volume	Electron count	Content
1	0.257	0.603	1.002	209		25

Experimental

A suitable crystal was selected on a diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 290(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2 [1], the structure was solved with the ShelXS [2] structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL [3] refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

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Crystal structure determination of [ZZQ0923-1]

Crystal Data for C₁₉H₁₅N₃O ($M=301.34$ g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2₁/c (no. 14), $a = 8.778(5)$ Å, $b = 27.635(5)$ Å, $c = 7.797(5)$ Å, $\beta = 105.261(5)$ °, $V = 1824.7(16)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $T = 290(2)$ K, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.070$ mm⁻¹, $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.090$ g/cm³, 12029 reflections measured ($6.398^\circ \leq 2\Theta \leq 58.204^\circ$), 4254 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0216$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0272$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 was 0.0729 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) and wR_2 was 0.1987 (all data).

Refinement model description

Number of restraints - 3, number of constraints - unknown.

Details:

1. Others

Fixed Uiso: H1(0.113) H14(0.069) H18(0.062) H9(0.152) H17(0.063) H2(0.085)
 H3(0.112) H15(0.067) H8(0.135) H11(0.103) H5(0.122) H10(0.133) H4(0.135)
 H2B(0.135) H2A(0.135)

Fixed X: H1(0.6306) H14(0.3442) H18(0.5505) H9(-0.2096) H17(0.6765) H2(0.666)
 H3(0.7453) H15(0.4649) H8(-0.0084) H11(0.0914) H5(0.2985) H10(-0.1598)
 H4(0.5625)

Fixed Y: H1(-0.0178) H14(0.1512) H18(0.0727) H9(0.1945) H17(0.0277) H2(0.153)
 H3(0.1993) H15(0.1047) H8(0.2213) H11(0.1164) H5(0.2389) H10(0.142) H4(0.242)

Fixed Z: H1(-0.5004) H14(-0.0899) H18(0.3394) H9(0.1786) H17(0.1728)
 H2(0.4441) H3(0.7004) H15(-0.2584) H8(0.413) H11(-0.0132) H5(0.6612) H10(-0.0275) H4(0.8052)

Electronic Supplementary Information

This report has been created with Olex2, compiled on 2014.07.22 svn.r2960 for OlexSys.