

# Copper(II)-Catalyzed Methoxylation of Unactivated (Hetero)aryl C-H Bonds Using a Removable Bidentate Auxiliary

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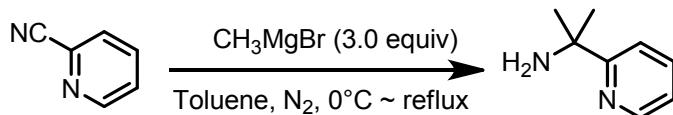
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## 1. General Information:

Methanol was dried by Sodium, distilled under reduced pressure and stored under nitrogen. KOCN and Cu<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was obtained from Aladdin® and Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> from Energy®. The other materials and solvents were purchased from Adamas® and other commercial suppliers and used without additional purification. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruke Avance operating for <sup>1</sup>H NMR at 400 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR at 100 MHz, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR at 376 MHz, using TMS as internal standard. The peaks were internally referenced to TMS (0.00 ppm) or residual undeuterated solvent signal (77.16 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, brs = broad singlet. Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on an HRMS-TOF instrument or a low-resolution MS instrument using EI ionization.

## 2. Experimental Section

### 2.1 Preparation of 2-(Pyridin-2-yl)isopropyl (PIP) Amine

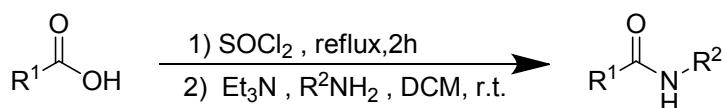


An improvement of the work-up procedure to the literature<sup>[1]</sup> was used: To a solution of 2-cyanopyridine (33.0 g, 0.32 mol) in 500 ml of toluene was added CH<sub>3</sub>MgBr (3.2 M in 2-methyl tetrahydrofuran, 300 ml, 0.96 mol) dropwise at 0 °C in a nitrogen atmosphere by vigorous magnetometric stirring. Upon completion of addition, the mixture was refluxed overnight. The reaction was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl dropwise at 0 °C until the dark mixture changed to yellow. The suspension was filtrated through a pad of celite® and the filtration was acidified by aqueous HCl (6 M, 10 ml). The resulting water phase combined with the filter residue was basified by saturated aqueous NaOH until the yellow colored mixture turned dark brown with slurry sticky to the bottom. The mixture was washed with dichloromethane (500 ml×4) carefully and the supernatant was combined and

concentrated using a rotary evaporator. The crude product was further purified by distillation under reduced pressure. The target product was obtained as a light yellow liquid (>98% purity, 24 g, 55%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.55 (d,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (ddd,  $J = 7.4, 4.8, 0.8$  Hz, 1 H), 1.87 (s, 2 H), 1.50 (s, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.32, 148.78, 136.55, 121.41, 118.53, 54.14, 31.35.

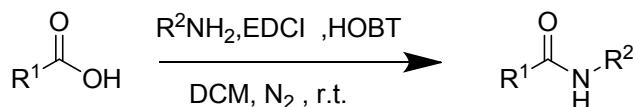
## 2.2 General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials

### General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials (Method A):



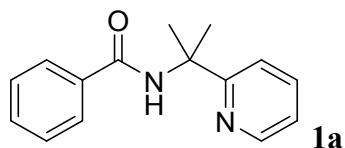
A solution of an acid (5 mmol) was refluxed in 5 mL  $\text{SOCl}_2$  for 2 h and cooled to RT. The excess of  $\text{SOCl}_2$  was removed under vacuum to give corresponding acid choloride. The acid choloride was then re-dissolved in 5 mL dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and added dropwiseto a 20 mL dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution containing amine (5 mmol) and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (10 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 6h at ambient temperature, the resulting mixture was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product.

### General Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials (Method B):



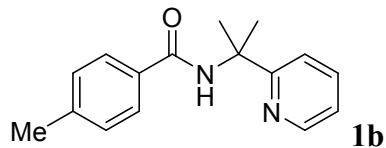
A mixture of amine (5 mmol), 6-bromohexanoic acid (5 mmol), EDCI (5.5 mmol) and HOBT (5.5 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight. Water was added and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the desired product.

**N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



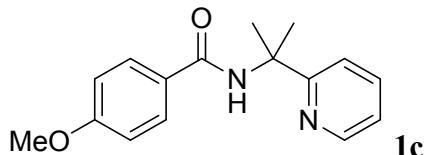
The title compound **1a** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.86 (s, 1H), 8.56 (ddd,  $J = 4.8, 1.6, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.75 (td,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.23 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.4, 164.8, 147.7, 137.4, 136.2, 128.6, 127.1, 122.1, 119.7, 56.8, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 240.1263, found: 240.1259.

**4-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **1b** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.77 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.75 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.4, 165.0, 147.7, 141.4, 137.3, 133.4, 129.2, 127.1, 122.0, 119.7, 56.7, 27.7, 21.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 254.1419, found: 254.1421.

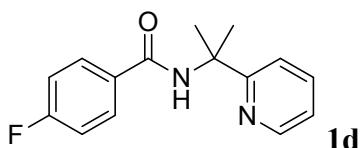
**4-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **1c** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.72 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.75 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,

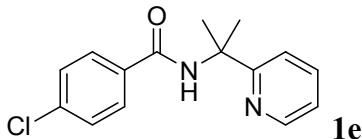
$\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.4, 165.0, 147.7, 141.4, 137.3, 133.4, 127.1, 122.0, 119.7, 56.7, 27.7, 21.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 270.1368, found: 270.1367.

#### 4-Fluoro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide **1d**



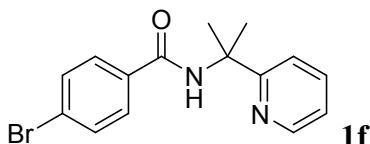
The title compound **1d** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.88 (br, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.76 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.87 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.0, 165.1(d,  $J = 54.6$  Hz), 163.5, 147.7, 137.5, 132.4 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 129.4 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 122.2, 119.7, 115.5 (d,  $J = 21.6$  Hz), 115.4, 56.8, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 258.1168, found: 258.1172.

#### 4-Chloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide **1e**



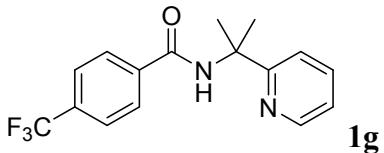
The title compound **1e** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.92 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 164.5, 147.5, 137.3, 137.2, 134.5, 128.6, 128.5, 122.0, 119.5, 56.7, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 274.0873, found: 274.0875.

#### 4-Bromo-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide



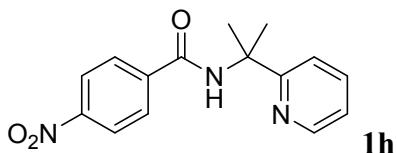
The title compound **1f** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.94 (s, 1H), 8.56-8.55 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  165.4, 164.7, 147.7, 137.5, 135.1, 131.8, 128.8, 125.8, 122.2, 119.7, 56.8, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 318.0368, found: 318.0369.

#### **N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide**



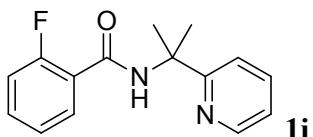
The title compound **1g** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.09 (s, 1H), 8.56 (ddd,  $J = 4.4, 2.0, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.78 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 1.89 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.0, 164.5, 147.6, 139.5, 137.5, 132.9 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 32.4$  Hz), 127.6, 125.6 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 124.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 270.8$  Hz), 122.2, 119.7, 56.9, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 308.1136, found: 308.1134.

#### **4-Nitro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



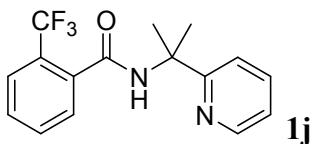
The title compound **1h** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  9.23 (s, 1H), 8.57 (ddd,  $J = 4.8, 1.2, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.32 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.80 (td,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 1.89 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.3, 164.2, 149.6, 147.6, 141.9, 137.7, 128.3, 123.9, 122.4, 119.7, 57.0, 27.5 ; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3 (\text{M}^+)$ : 285.1113, found: 285.1115.

#### **2-Fluoro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



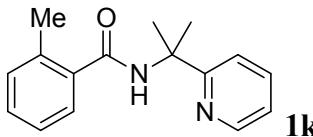
The title compound **1i** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.6, 162.4, 160.8 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.5 Hz), 148.0, 137.1, 132.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 131.9, 124.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 122.9, 122.0, 119.6, 116.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.6 Hz), 57.66, 27.80; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 258.1168, found: 258.1172.

#### N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide



The title compound **1j** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.44–8.42 (m, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.75–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.60–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 1.88 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.0, 164.2, 147.6, 137.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 137.3, 132.0, 129.4, 128.7, 127.7 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 31.7 Hz), 126.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 5.0 Hz), 123.9 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 272.1 Hz), 122.1, 119.6, 57.4, 27.2; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 308.1136, found: 308.1133.

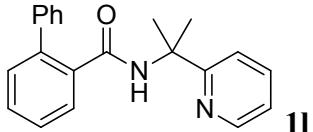
#### 2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide



The title compound **1k** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.48–8.47 (m, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 8.0,

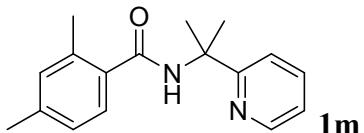
1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.4, 164.6, 147.7, 138.0, 137.2, 135.8, 131.0, 129.5, 127.0, 125.8, 122.0, 119.6, 57.1, 27.7, 20.0; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 254.1419, found: 254.1415.

#### N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide



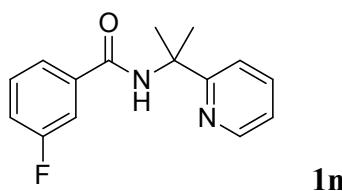
The title compound **1l** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.32 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.25 (dd,  $J = 12.4, 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.5, 164.3, 147.6, 140.7, 139.9, 137.3, 136.9, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 127.6, 121.7, 119.3, 57.1, 27.1; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 316.1576, found: 316.1581.

#### 2,4-Dimethyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide



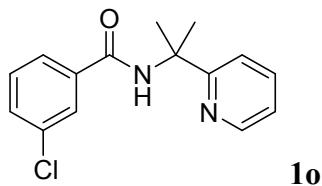
The title compound **1m** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.47 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.06 (brs, 1H), 7.72 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd,  $J = 7.4, 4.9, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.99 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.4, 164.6, 147.6, 139.3, 137.1, 135.9, 135.1, 131.7, 127.1, 126.3, 121.8, 119.5, 57.0, 27.6, 21.2, 19.9; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 268.1576, found: 268.1577.

#### 3-Fluoro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide



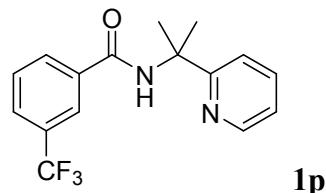
The title compound **1n** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.96 (s, 1H), 8.57-8.55(m, 1H), 7.76 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.60(m, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 5.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.3 Hz), 164.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 245.4 Hz), 164.6, 147.7, 138.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.5 Hz), 137.5, 130.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.8 Hz), 122.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.9 Hz), 119.7, 118.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.3 Hz), 114.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.6 Hz), 56.8, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 258.1168, found: 258.1165.

#### **3-Chloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



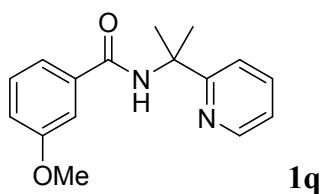
The title compound **1o** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (br, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.0, 164.6, 147.7, 138.0, 137.5, 134.8, 131.2, 129.9, 127.6, 125.2, 122.2, 119.7, 56.9, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 274.0873, found: 274.0877.

#### **N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide**



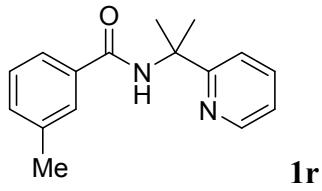
The title compound **1p** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.06 (s, 1H), 8.57 (ddd,  $J = 4.4, 2.0, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 1.89 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.8, 164.5, 147.7, 137.5, 137.0, 131.2 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 32.5$  Hz), 130.2, 129.1, 127.8 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.6$  Hz), 124.4 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.9$  Hz), 124.0 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 270.9$  Hz), 122.2, 119.7, 56.9, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 308.1136, found: 308.1136.

### **3-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **1q** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.81 (s, 1H), 8.56 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 0.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.2, 164.6, 159.8, 147.6, 137.4, 137.4, 129.4, 122.0, 119.6, 118.9, 117.47, 112.3, 56.7, 55.4, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2(\text{M}^+)$ : 270.1368, found: 270.1371.

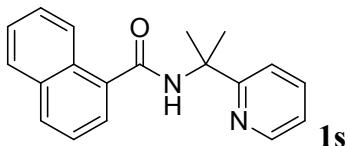
### **3-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **1r** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.73 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dd,  $J = 7.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H) 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$

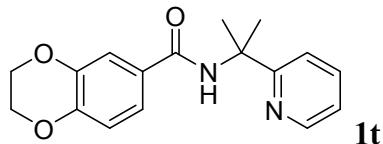
166.6, 164.9, 147.3, 138.3, 137.3, 136.1, 131.9, 128.4, 127.9, 124.0, 122.0, 119.7, 56.8, 27.6, 21.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 254.1419, found: 254.1418.

#### N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-1-naphthamide



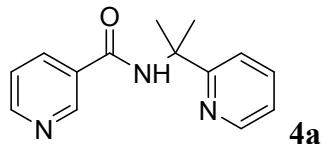
The title compound **1s** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.47 (ddd, *J* = 4.4, 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (m, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.0, 5.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 168.9, 164.4, 147.7, 137.2, 135.9, 133.8, 130.4, 130.1, 128.2, 126.9, 126.2, 125.7, 124.9, 121.9, 119.5, 57.3, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 290.1419, found: 290.1425.

#### N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine-6-carboxamide



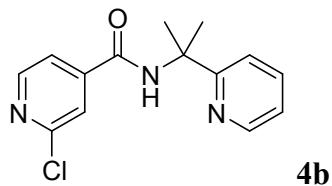
The title compound **1t** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 4H), 1.85 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 164.9, 147.7, 146.2, 143.4, 137.3, 129.6, 122.0, 120.6, 119.6, 117.2, 116.6, 64.7, 64.4, 56.7, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 298.1317, found: 298.1315.

#### N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide



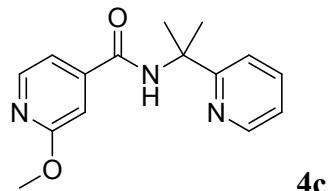
The title compound **4a** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.09 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.65 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 4.8, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 7.2, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3, 164.2, 151.8, 148.3, 147.5, 137.4, 134.9, 131.5, 123.4, 122.1, 119.5, 56.8, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 241.1215, found: 241.1217.

### **2-Chloro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide**



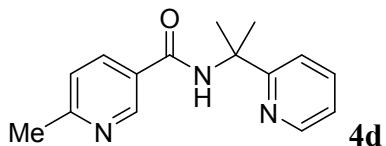
The title compound **4b** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.25 (br, 1H), 8.57 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 1.86 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.8, 162.8, 152.5, 150.4, 147.6, 146.3, 137.7, 122.3, 119.9, 119.6, 57.0, 27.3; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 275.0825, found: 275.0823.

### **2-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide**



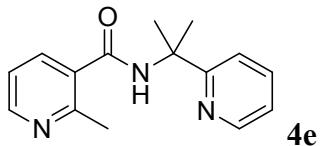
The title compound **4c** was prepared according to the General Procedure (Method B). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 8.55 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.85, 164.10, 149.13, 147.61, 147.48, 146.15, 137.44, 122.14, 119.51, 114.26, 108.77, 56.71, 53.78, 27.27.

### **6-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide**



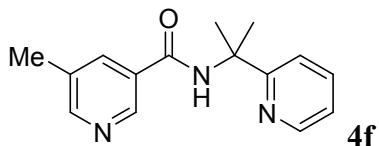
The title compound **4d** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.05 (s, 1H), 9.02 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.54 (ddd,  $J = 5.2, 1.6, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 (td,  $J = 7.6, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.5, 164.7, 161.2, 147.8, 147.5, 137.5, 135.3, 128.9, 123.0, 122.2, 119.6, 56.7, 27.5, 24.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 255.1372, found: 255.1370.

### **2-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide**



The title compound **4e** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.55 (dd,  $J = 4.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.50 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (ddd,  $J = 13.5, 6.7, 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.80, 164.11, 156.03, 149.82, 147.61, 137.42, 134.95, 133.25, 122.17, 120.90, 119.56, 57.20, 27.51, 23.18.

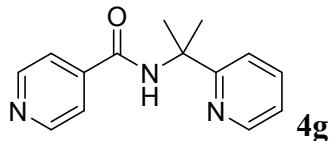
### **5-Methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide**



The title compound **4f** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.05 (s, 1H), 8.93 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.57 – 8.55 (m, 2H), 8.02 (br, 1H), 7.77 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 –

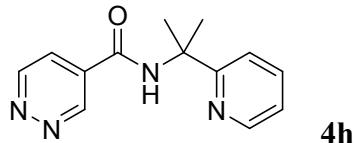
7.23 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.6, 164.4, 152.4, 147.6, 145.4, 137.5, 135.6, 133.2, 131.3, 122.2, 119.6, 56.9, 27.5, 18.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 255.1372, found: 255.1373.

#### *N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide



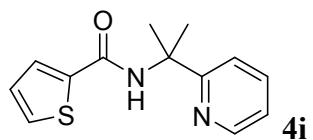
The title compound **4g** prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.17 (s, 1H), 8.72-8.70 (m, 2H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.21 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.79 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.2, 164.1, 150.5, 147.5, 143.1, 137.5, 122.2, 121.0, 119.6, 56.8, 27.3; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 241.1215, found: 241.1213.

#### *N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)pyridazine-4-carboxamide



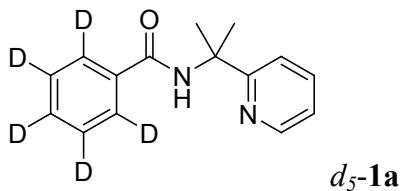
The title compound **4h** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.60 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 9.46 (s, 1H), 9.33 (dd,  $J = 5.2, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.50 (ddd,  $J = 4.8, 1.6, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd,  $J = 5.2, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd,  $J = 7.2, 5.6, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.82 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.5, 161.9, 151.9, 148.7, 147.4, 137.7, 133.0, 123.8, 122.4, 119.6, 57.0, 27.2; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O} (\text{M}^+)$ : 242.1168, found: 242.1164.

#### *N*-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide



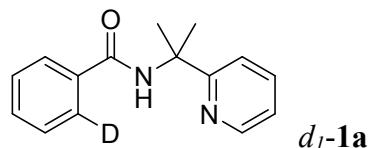
The title compound **4i** was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method B)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.56 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (td, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.23 (ddd, J = 7.6, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 5.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.4, 161.1, 147.6, 141.2, 137.4, 129.5, 127.6, 127.5, 122.1, 119.6, 56.9, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS (M<sup>+</sup>): 246.0827, found: 246.0825.

**N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide-2,3,4,5,6-d<sub>5</sub>**



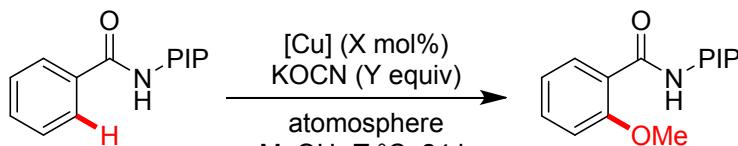
The title compound *d*<sub>5</sub>-1a was prepared according to the **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.86 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (td, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.4, 164.8, 147.7, 137.4, 136.0, 130.7 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.5 Hz, 1C), 128.1 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.7 Hz, 2C), 126.7 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.4 Hz, 2C), 122.1, 119.7, 56.8, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 245.1576, found: 245.1579.

**N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide-2-d<sub>1</sub>**



The title compound *d*<sub>1</sub>-1a was prepared according to the general **General Procedure (Method A)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.85 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.74 (td, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.22 (ddd, J = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.4, 164.8, 147.7, 137.4, 136.0, 131.2, 128.5, 128.4, 127.1, 126.8 (t, *J*<sub>C-D</sub> = 24.4 Hz), 122.1, 119.7, 56.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>DN<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 241.1325, found: 241.1329.

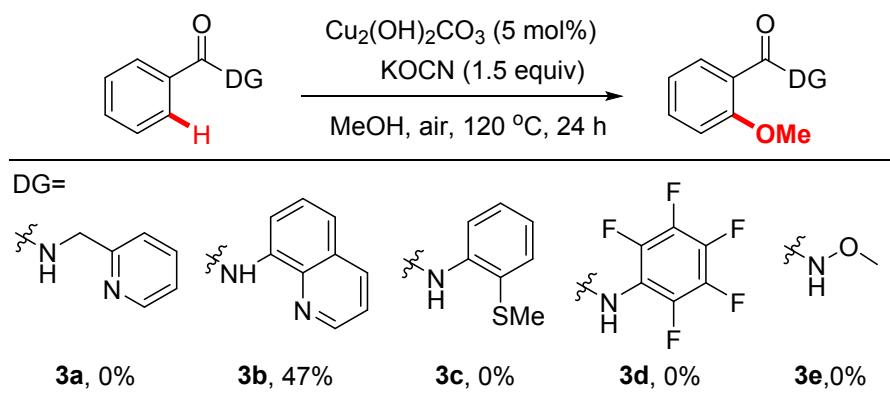
## 2.3 Optimization of Reaction Conditions



Entry	[Cu] (X mol%)	KOCN (Y equiv)	T (°C)/ Atmosphere	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	1.5	100 °C/O <sub>2</sub>	75
2	CuBr <sub>2</sub> (10)	1.5	100 °C/O <sub>2</sub>	69
3	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (10)	1.5	100 °C/O <sub>2</sub>	70
4	(CuOH) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (10)	1.5	100 °C/O <sub>2</sub>	78
5	(CuOH) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (10)	1.5	120 °C/O <sub>2</sub>	86
6	(CuOH) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (10)	3.0	140 °C/O <sub>2</sub>	72
7	(CuOH) <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (10)	3.0	120 °C/Air	84
8	<b>(CuOH)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>120 °C/Air</b>	<b>88 (86)<sup>c</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction Conditions: **1a** (0.15 mmol), [Cu] (X mol%), KOCN (Y equiv), in MeOH (2 mL). <sup>b</sup><sup>1</sup>H NMR yield using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yields.

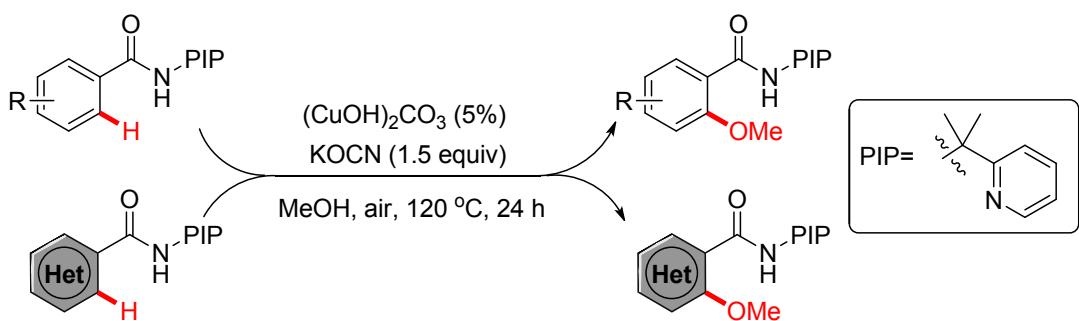
## 2.4 Effect of the Directing Groups:



To a 50 mL sealed tube was added substrate (0.15 mmol), (CuOH)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.6 mg, 0.0075 mmol), KOCN (18.2 mg, 0.225 mmol) and Methanol (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C oil bath for 24 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with saturated sodium sulfide solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was dried with

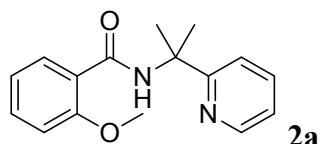
anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC to afford the product.

## 2.5 General Procedure for the Alkoxylation



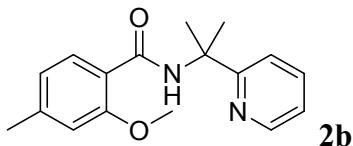
To a 50 mL sealed tube was added substrate (0.15 mmol),  $(\text{CuOH})_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.6 mg, 0.0075 mmol),  $\text{KOCN}$  (18.2 mg, 0.225 mmol) and Methanol (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  oil bath for 24 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with saturated sodium sulfide solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC to afford the product.

### 2-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide



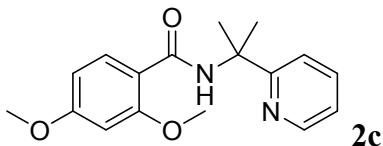
The title compound **2a** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2a** as a white solid (34.9 mg, 86%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.64 (brs, 1H), 8.58 (d,  $J$  = 4.4, 1H), 8.19 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.13 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 164.2, 157.8, 148.1, 136.9, 132.5, 132.2, 121.8, 121.3, 119.7, 111.5, 57.5, 56.1, 28.0; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 270.1368, found: 270.1367.

### **2-Methoxy-4-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



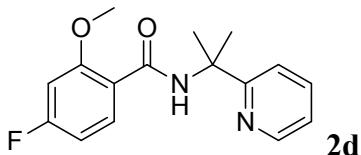
The title compound **2b** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2b** as a colorless oil (35.9 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.56 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 164.3, 157.7, 148.1, 143.2, 136.9, 132.1, 122.1, 121.7, 120.2, 119.7, 112.2, 57.5, 56.0, 28.0, 21.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 284.1525, found: 284.1526.

### **2,4-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2c** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1 gave **2c** as a colorless oil (36.3 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.47 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 164.1, 163.3, 159.0, 148.1, 136.9, 133.7, 121.7, 119.7, 115.9, 105.2, 98.7, 57.4, 56.0, 55.6, 28.1; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 300.1474, found: 300.1479.

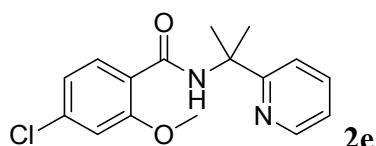
### **4-Fluoro-2-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2d** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2d** as a

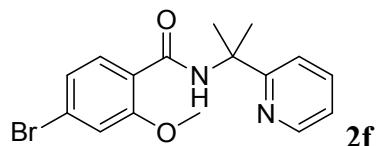
yellow solid (31.9 mg, 74%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.61 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (dd,  $J = 4.0, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.69 (dd,  $J = 10.6, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 249.9$  Hz), 165.30, 163.28, 159.1 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 10.2$  Hz), 148.0, 137.0, 134.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 10.5$  Hz), 121.8, 119.7, 119.3, 108.0 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 21.0$  Hz), 99.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 26.0$  Hz), 57.5, 56.3, 27.9; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 288.1274, found: 288.1268.

#### **4-Chloro-2-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2e** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 1 gave **2e** as a colorless oil (40.7 mg, 89%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.67 (brs, 1H), 8.55 (d,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.14 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 163.2, 158.1, 147.9, 138.0, 137.0, 133.2, 121.8, 121.6, 121.4, 119.7, 112.1, 57.6, 56.3, 27.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 304.0979, found: 304.0980.

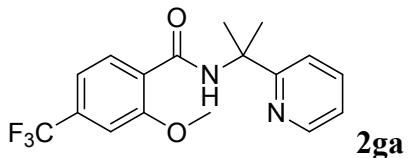
#### **4-Bromo-2-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2f** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 2 : 1 gave **2f** as a colorless oil (45.9 mg, 88%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.67 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (td,  $J = 7.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.2, 163.3, 158.1, 148.0, 137.1, 133.4, 126.3, 124.5,

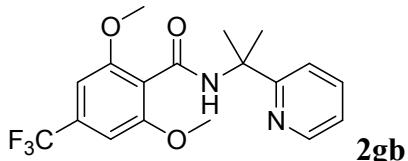
122.2, 121.9, 119.7, 115.0, 57.6, 56.4, 27.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{16}H_{17}BrN_2O_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 348.0473, found: 348.0473.

**2-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide**



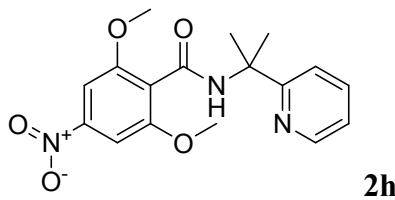
The title compound **2ga** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 4 gave **2ga** as a colorless solid (31.2 mg, 61%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.82 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 2H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 162.9, 157.7, 148.0, 137.1, 134.0 ( $q, J_{C-F}$  = 32.4 Hz), 132.8, 126.4, 123.8 ( $q, J_{C-F}$  = 271.0 Hz), 122.0, 119.7, 117.9 ( $q, J_{C-F}$  = 3.8 Hz), 108.5 ( $q, J_{C-F}$  = 3.7 Hz), 57.70, 56.38, 27.75; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{17}F_3N_2O_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 338.1242, found: 338.1241.

**2,6-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide**



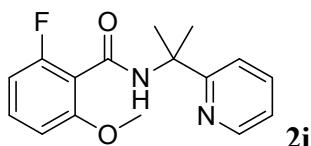
The title compound **2gb** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 4 gave **2gb** as a colorless solid (19.3 mg, 35%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.47 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (brs, 1H), 7.71 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J$  = 7.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 1.88 (s, 6H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  164.6, 163.8, 157.7, 147.7, 137.1, 132.4 ( $q, J_{C-F}$  = 32.5 Hz), 121.9, 119.7, 101.5 ( $q, J_{C-F}$  = 3.7 Hz), 57.7, 56.5, 27.9; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{19}F_3N_2O_3$  ( $M^+$ ): 368.1348, found: 368.1346.

**2,6-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



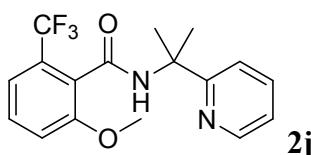
The title compound **2h** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1 gave **2h** as a yellow oil (18.3 mg, 35%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (brs, 1H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 6H), 1.89 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3, 163.0, 157.7, 149.5, 147.7, 137.3, 122.9, 122.0, 119.6, 100.1, 57.7, 56.7, 27.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 345.1325, found: 345.1319.

#### **2-Fluoro-6-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2i** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2i** as a yellow solid (18.3 mg, 42%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (ddd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.68 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 226.1 Hz), 157.9, 147.7, 137.2, 130.7, 130.6, 121.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.7 Hz), 119.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.2 Hz), 108.62, 108.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.1 Hz), 108.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.1 Hz), 107.0, 57.70, 56.45, 27.81; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 288.1274, found: 288.1277.

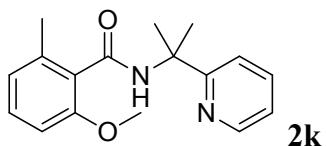
#### **2-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide**



The title compound **2j** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2j** as a

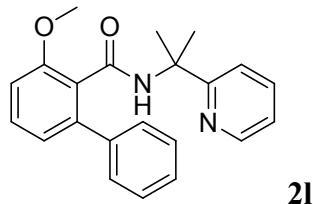
white solid (27.3 mg, 54%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 4.8$ , 1H), 8.02 (brs, 1H), 7.73 (td,  $J = 7.8$ , 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.8$ , 1H), 7.18 (dd,  $J = 7.2$ , 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.4, 164.0, 157.2, 147.6, 137.2, 130.1, 128.6 ( $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 31.5$  Hz), 126.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 2.0$  Hz), 123.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 272.5$  Hz), 118.1 (q,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 4.9$  Hz), 121.9, 119.7, 115.0, 57.6, 56.5, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 338.1242, found: 338.1248.

### **2-Methoxy-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2k** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 3 : 1 gave **2k** as a yellow oil (18.7 mg, 44%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.46 (dd,  $J = 4.8$ , 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.65 (m, 2 H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddd,  $J = 7.4$ , 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.3, 164.7, 156.4, 147.8, 137.0, 136.9, 129.4, 128.2, 122.8, 121.8, 119.6, 108.7, 57.5, 56.0, 27.9, 19.2; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 284.1525, found: 284.1530.

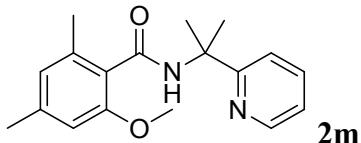
### **3-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxamide**



The title compound **2l** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2l** as a yellow solid (13.2 mg, 25%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.39 (dd,  $J = 4.8$ , 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td,  $J = 7.8$ , 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 7.4$ , 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$

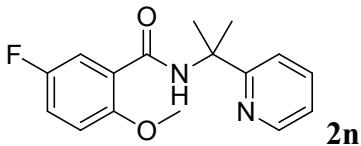
NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.5, 164.6, 156.7, 147.6, 141.3, 140.3, 136.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 122.3, 121.6, 119.5, 110.2, 57.4, 56.3, 27.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 346.1681, found: 346.1677.

### **2-Methoxy-4,6-dimethyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



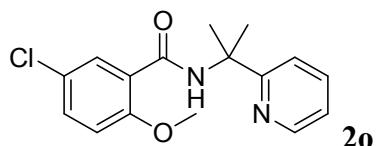
The title compound **2m** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 5 gave **2m** as a light yellow oil (13.8 mg, 31%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.46 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (brs, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 1.87 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.5, 164.8, 156.5, 147.8, 139.6, 137.0, 136.8, 125.5, 123.5, 121.8, 119.7, 109.5, 57.5, 56.0, 27.9, 21.7, 19.2; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 298.1681, found: 298.1685.

### **3-fluoro-2-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



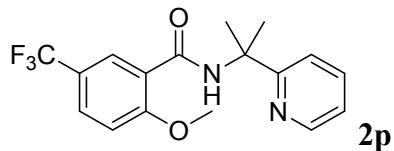
The title compound **2n** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 5 gave **2n** as a colorless oil (21.3 mg, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.79 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (ddd, *J* = 7.3, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 7.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 230.2 Hz), 158.5, 156.2, 153.9, 148.1, 137.1, 124.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.1 Hz), 121.9, 119.7, 118.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 25.4 Hz), 118.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 25.2 Hz), 112.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.3 Hz), 57.65, 56.74, 27.85; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 288.1274, found: 288.1266.

### **5-Chloro-2-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



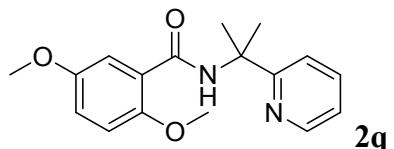
The title compound **2o** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2o** as a white solid (37.7 mg, 82%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.73 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.1, 162.8, 156.3, 148.0, 137.0, 132.0, 131.9, 126.6, 124.5, 121.9, 119.7, 113.0, 57.6, 56.4, 27.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 304.0979, found: 304.0982.

#### **2-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide**



The title compound **2p** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 4 gave **2p** as a colorless solid (37.3 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.82 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.1, 162.7, 159.9, 147.9, 137.1, 129.8 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 129.5 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.6 Hz), 123.6 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.1 Hz), 124.2(q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 269.8 Hz), 123.5, 122.0, 119.7, 111.7, 57.7, 56.4, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 338.1242, found: 338.1248.

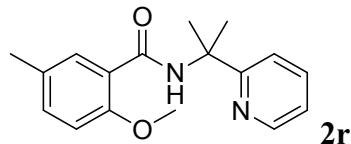
#### **2,5-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2q** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 5 gave **2q** as a colorless oil (28.7 mg, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.72 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J*

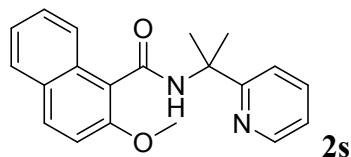
= 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03-6.88 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 163.9, 154.0, 152.1, 148.1, 136.9, 123.4, 121.7, 119.6, 119.5, 115.2, 113.3, 57.6, 56.8, 55.9, 28.0; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 300.1474, found: 300.1479.

### **2-methoxy-5-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide**



The title compound **2r** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 5 gave **2r** as a colorless solid (29.9 mg, 70%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.59 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.5, 164.4, 155.8, 148.1, 136.9, 132.9, 132.5, 130.6, 122.4, 121.7, 119.7, 111.5, 57.5, 56.2, 28.0, 20.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 284.1525, found: 284.1526.

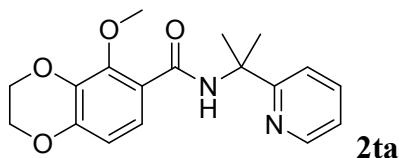
### **2-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-1-naphthamide**



The title compound **2s** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2s** as a light yellow solid (23.3 mg, 48%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (brs, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (td,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.369-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.8, 164.7, 153.6, 147.8, 137.1, 131.8,

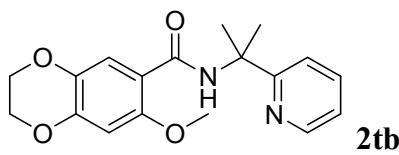
130.7, 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 124.6, 124.1, 122.5, 121.9, 119.7, 113.7, 57.7, 57.1, 28.0; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 320.1525, found: 320.1520.

**5-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine-6-carboxamide**



The title compound **2ta** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2ta** as a colorless oil (19.6 mg, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.58 (brs, 1H), 8.55 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.26 (m, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.3, 163.9, 148.1, 147.9, 147.1, 136.8, 136.8, 122.9, 121.7, 120.5, 119.5, 113.0, 64.4, 64.4, 61.6, 57.4, 28.0; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 328.1423, found: 328.1425.

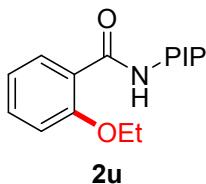
**7-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine-6-carboxamide**



The title compound **2tb** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2tb** as a colorless oil (17.5 mg, 36%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.49 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (s, 1H), 4.31 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 163.7, 152.7, 148.1, 146.6, 137.8, 136.9, 121.7, 120.6, 119.7, 116.4, 101.0, 65.1, 64.1,

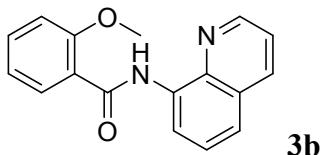
57.5, 56.6, 28.1; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}N_2O_4$  ( $M^+$ ): 328.1423, found: 328.1426.

### **2-Ethoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)benzamide 2u**



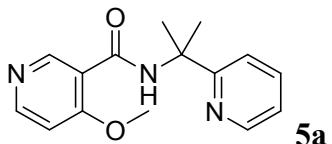
The title compound **2u** was prepared according to **General Procedure** using  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (5 mol%) as catalyst. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **2u** as a white solid (34.9 mg, 86%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  9.26 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (dd,  $J$  = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (td,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.4, 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.4, 4.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (s, 6H), 1.55 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  165.4, 164.4, 157.2, 148.3, 136.8, 132.5, 132.3, 123.0, 121.7, 121.2, 119.7, 112.4, 64.9, 57.7, 28.2, 15.1.; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{20}N_2O_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 284.1525, found: 284.1532.

### **2-Methoxy-N-(quinolin-8-yl)benzamide**



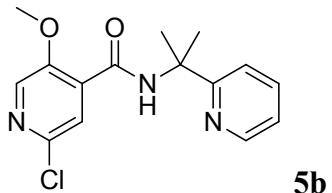
The title compound **3b** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **3b** as a brown solid (19.5 mg, 47%).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  12.34 (brs, 1H), 9.04 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.88 (dd,  $J$  = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  163.8, 157.9, 148.4, 139.5, 136.4, 135.9, 133.3, 132.5, 128.3, 127.7, 122.6, 121.6, 121.5, 117.5, 111.8, 56.3; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{14}N_2O_2$  ( $M^+$ ): 278.1055, found: 278.1057.

#### **4-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide**



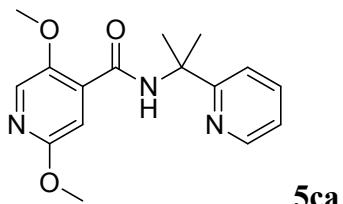
The title compound **5a** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in ethyl acetate gave **5a** as a white solid (37.3 mg, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.61 (brs, 1H), 9.20 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.9, 163.5, 162.7, 153.6, 153.5, 147.8, 137.2, 121.9, 119.7, 118.5, 106.5, 57.6, 56.0, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 271.1321, found: 271.1317.

#### **2-chloro-5-methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide**



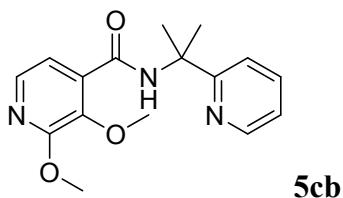
The title compound **5b** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : diethyl ether = 3 : 5 gave **5b** as a yellow solid (27.3 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.92 (brs, 1H), 8.61 – 8.52 (m, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.75 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.5, 160.8, 152.1, 147.9, 144.4, 137.3, 134.4, 133.0, 125.5, 122.2, 119.7, 57.9, 57.2, 27.5; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 305.0931, found: 305.0929.

#### **2,5-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide**



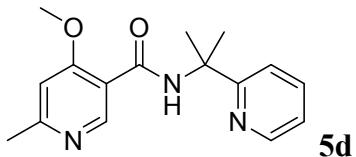
The title compound **5ca** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1 gave **5ca** as a white solid (19.3 mg, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.81 (brs, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.78 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.8, 162.0, 159.9, 148.4, 148.0, 137.2, 134.0, 131.1, 122.0, 119.7, 111.9, 57.8, 57.4, 53.9, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 301.1426, found: 301.1437.

#### **2,3-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide**



The title compound **5cb** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : ethyl acetate = 1 : 1 gave **5cb** as a colorless oil (18.9 mg, 42%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.87 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.6, 162.4, 158.3, 147.9, 141.8, 141.2, 137.3, 134.8, 122.1, 119.6, 117.30, 61.3, 57.6, 54.1, 27.7; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 301.1426, found: 301.1418.

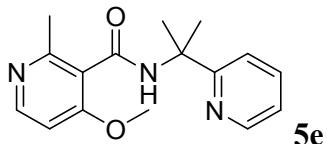
#### **4-Methoxy-6-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide**



The title compound **5d** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **5d** as a white solid (31.8 mg, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.52 (brs, 1H), 9.08 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.0, 163.7, 163.1, 162.9, 153.1, 147.9, 137.1, 121.9, 119.7, 116.3, 105.7,

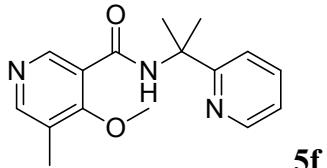
57.6, 55.9, 27.8, 24.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 285.1477, found: 285.1484.

**4-Methoxy-2-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide**



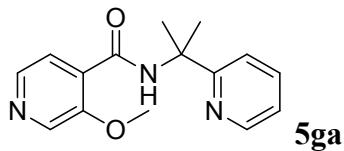
The title compound **5e** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in dichloromethane : diethyl ether = 1 : 1 gave **5e** as a colorless oil (26.1 mg, 61%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 – 8.41 (m, 1H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (brs, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 5.95 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 164.3, 162.8, 156.6, 150.6, 147.7, 137.3, 123.3, 122.0, 119.6, 104.5, 57.4, 55.8, 27.6, 22.1; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 285.1477, found: 285.1475.

**4-Methoxy-5-methyl-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)nicotinamide**



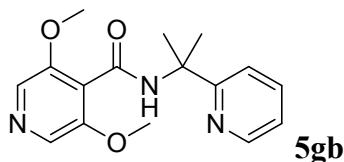
The title compound **5f** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 2 : 1 gave **5f** as a colorless oil (20.4 mg, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.36 (brs, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.59 – 8.50 (m, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.78–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.6, 163.6, 163.2, 154.4, 151.2, 147.9, 137.2, 126.4, 123.3, 122.1, 119.6, 61.2, 57.5, 27.6, 13.4; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 285.1477, found: 285.1487.

**3-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide**



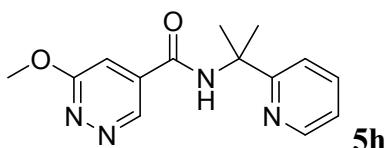
The title compound **5ga** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in ethyl acetate gave **5ga** as a colorless oil (30.8 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.85 (brs, 1H), 8.54 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.7, 162.0, 152.7, 147.9, 143.4, 137.2, 135.0, 129.6, 124.5, 122.0, 119.6, 57.7, 56.8, 27.6; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 271.1321, found: 271.1318.

### 3,5-Dimethoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)isonicotinamide



The title compound **5gb** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in ethyl acetate gave **5gb** as a colorless oil (8.8 mg, 19%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.47 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.93 (brs, 1H), 7.72 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 4.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 6H), 1.88 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.3, 162.6, 152.7, 147.7, 137.2, 128.0, 122.0, 119.6, 100.1, 57.7, 57.1, 27.8; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 301.1426, found: 301.1430.

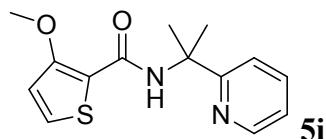
### 6-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)pyridazine-4-carboxamide



The title compound **5h** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in ethyl acetate : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 2 gave **5h** as a white solid (11.2 mg, 27%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.48 (brs, 1H), 8.67 (s, 1H),

8.60 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.64 (td,  $J = 7.9, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (ddd,  $J = 7.4, 4.8, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.5, 164.8, 161.9, 152.3, 148.7, 144.2, 141.8, 136.8, 121.8, 119.4, 57.8, 47.4, 28.1; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 272.1273, found: 272.1280.

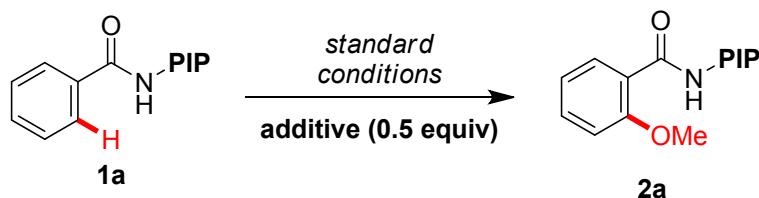
### 3-Methoxy-N-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)propan-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxamide



The title compound **5i** was prepared according to **General Procedure**. A purification by flash chromatography in petroleum ether : tetrahydrofuran = 3 : 1 gave **5i** as a white solid (27.7 mg, 67%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.88 (brs, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 161.2, 156.1, 148.1, 137.0, 128.3, 121.8, 119.6, 118.8, 115.6, 59.1, 57.4, 28.1; HRMS (EI-TOF) calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 276.0932, found: 276.0936.

## 2.6 Mechanistic Investigation

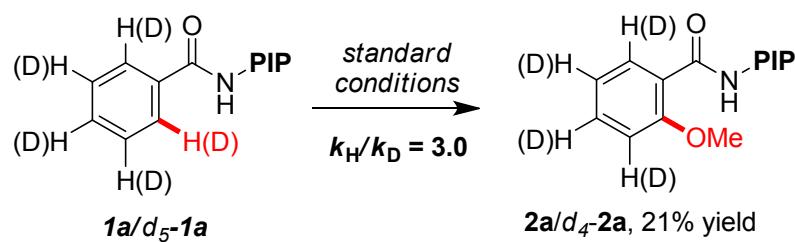
### Radical Scavenger Reactions



Additive	Yield
no additive	88%
1,4-dinitrobenzene	32%
1,1-diphenylethylene	50%
2,6-Di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol	35%

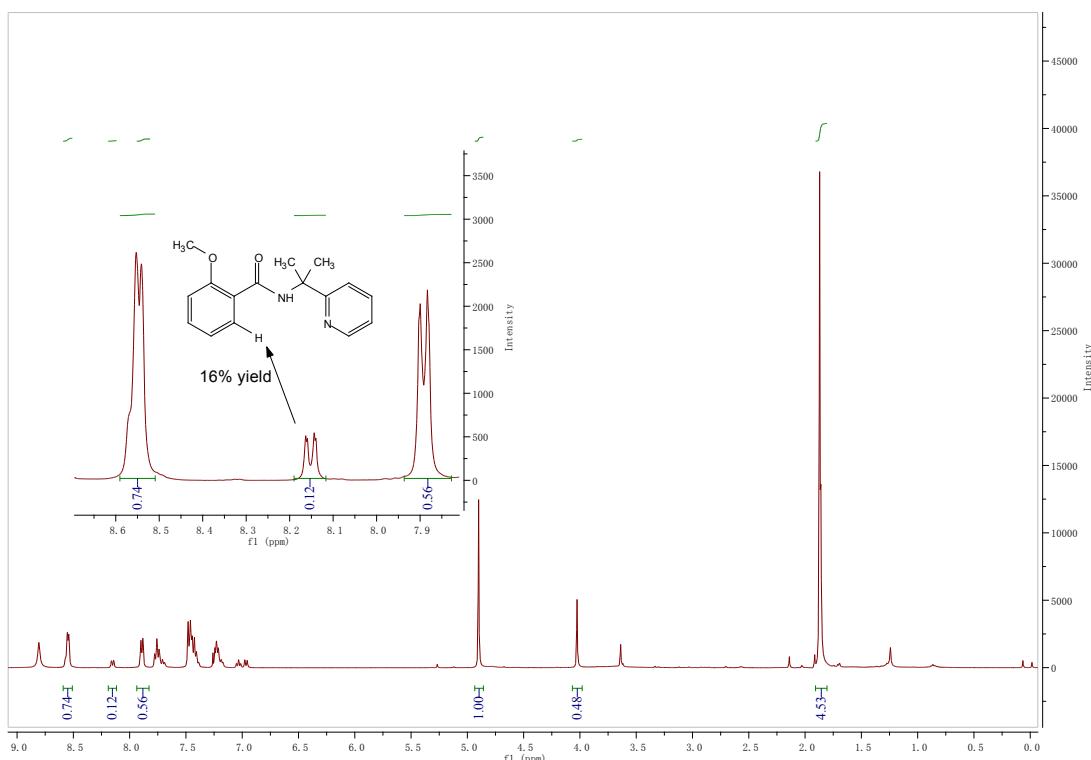
To a 50 mL sealed tube was added substrate (0.15 mmol),  $(\text{CuOH})_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.6 mg, 0.0075 mmol), KOCN (18.2 mg, 0.225 mmol) and additives (0.5 equiv ), Methanol (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C oil bath for 24 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with saturated sodium sulfide solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, the yields were determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy

### Intermolecular Competition KIE

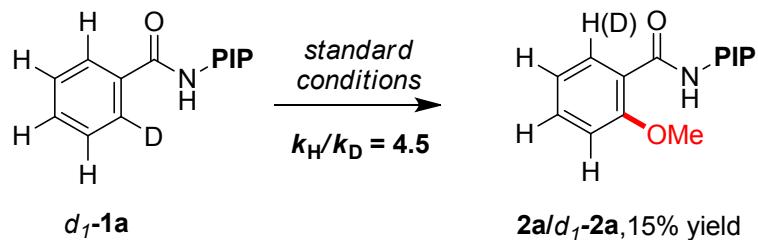


To a 50 mL sealed tube was added substrate **1a** (0.075 mmol) and *d*<sub>5</sub>-**1a** (0.075 mmol),  $(\text{CuOH})_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.6 mg, 0.0075 mmol), KOCN (18.2 mg, 0.225 mmol) and Methanol (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C oil bath for 6 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with saturated sodium sulfide solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 10$  mL). The combined organic phase was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, The ratio of product **2a/d**<sub>4</sub>-**2a** was analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  as an internal standard.

### **$^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of product from the intermolecular KIE experiment**

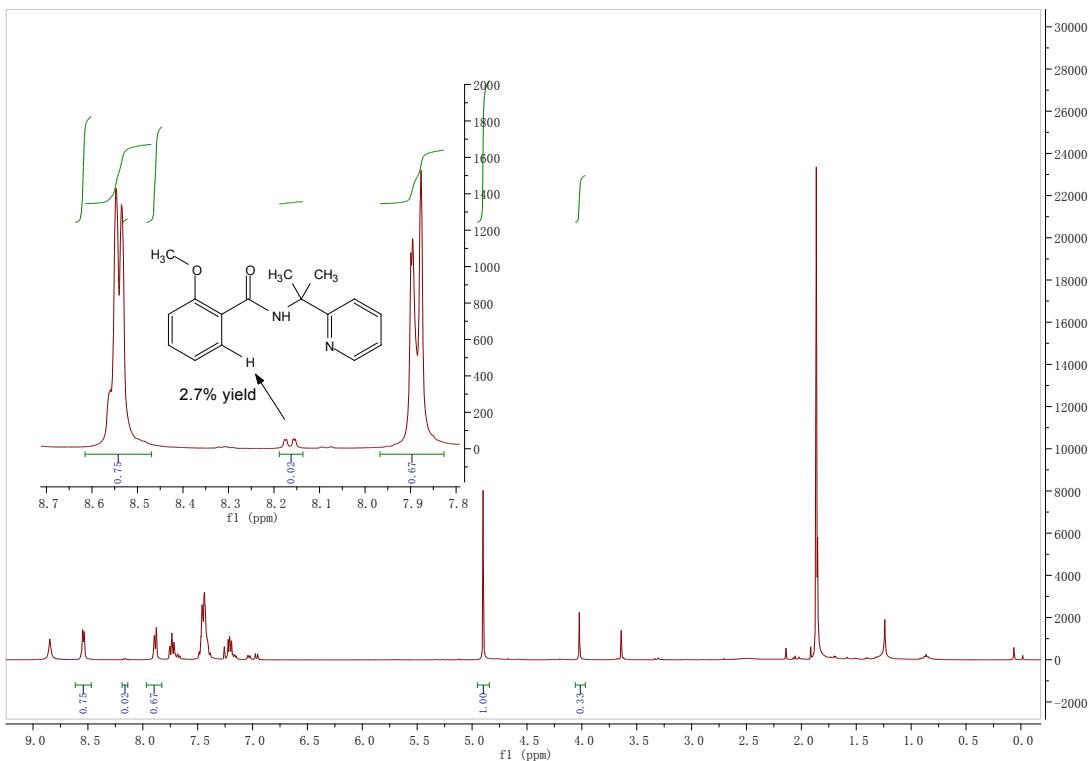


### Intramolecular Competition KIE

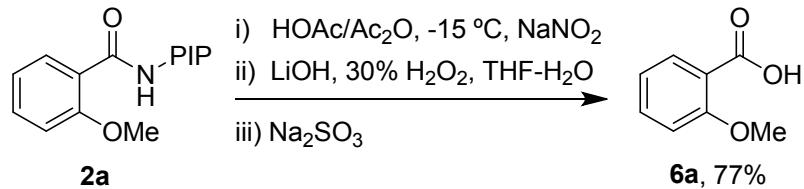


To a 50 mL sealed tube was added substrate *d*<sub>1</sub>-**1a** (0.15 mmol), (CuOH)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.6 mg, 0.0075 mmol), KOCN (18.2 mg, 0.225 mmol) and Methanol (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at 120 °C oil bath for 13 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and quenched with saturated sodium sulfide solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (3×10 mL). The combined organic phase was dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After concentration, The ratio of product **2a**/*d*<sub>1</sub>-**2a** was analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard.

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of product from the intramolecular KIE experiment



## 2.7 Removal of Directing Group<sup>[2]</sup>



A solution of substrate **2a** (67.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) in a mixture of acetic acid (0.7 mL) and acetic anhydride (3.5 mL) was cooled to -15 °C and 380 mg of granular sodium nitrite (22 equiv) was added slowly in portions. After being stirred for 48 hours at -15 °C and the mixture poured into a mixture of ice and water. (Caution! The nitrosoamide is unstable and the subsequent work-up should be carried out at 0 °C) The nitrosoamide was extracted with cold ether, and the organic phase was washed with ice water, with an aqueous solution of sodium carbonate (5%), with ice water, and then dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate under ice bath. The solvent was removed under reduce pressure under ice bath. The residue was dissolved in THF (10 mL)/ H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) and cooled to -15 °C. Then 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (1.2 mL) was added followed by lithium hydroxide monohydrate (209.8 mg, 5.0 mmol). The mixture was

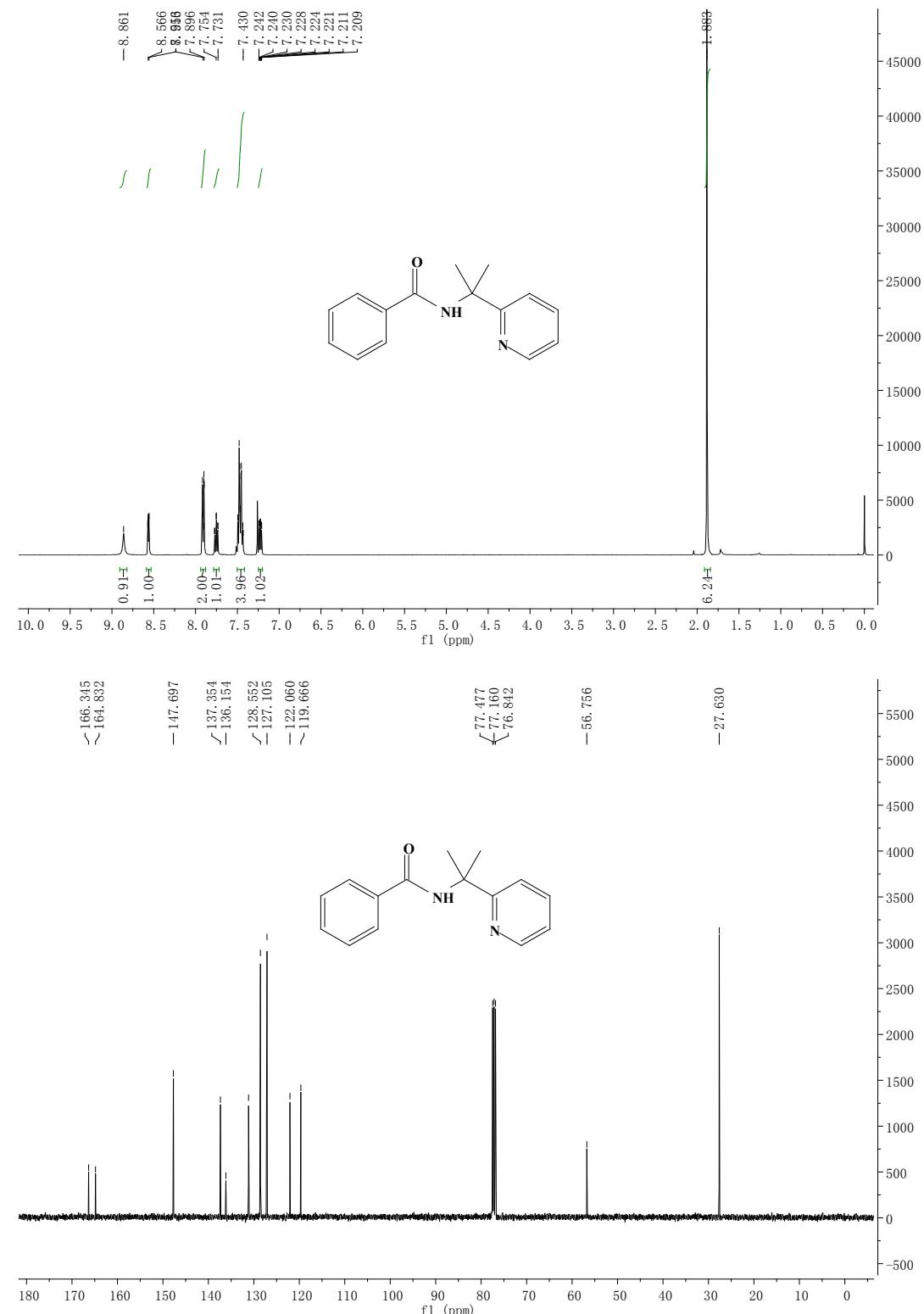
stirred at -15 °C for 2 hours and at 0 °C overnight, and then quenched with an aqueous solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was basified with 1N NaOH and washed with ethyl acetate. The aqueous phase was acidified with 1M HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate : acetic acid = 2 : 1 : 0.05). **6a** was obtained as a light yellow solid (29.2 mg, 77%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.83 (brs, 1H) ,8.16 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.7, 158.2, 135.2, 133.9, 122.3, 117.7, 111.8, 56.8. HRMS (EI-TOF) calc. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 152.0473, found: 152.0475.

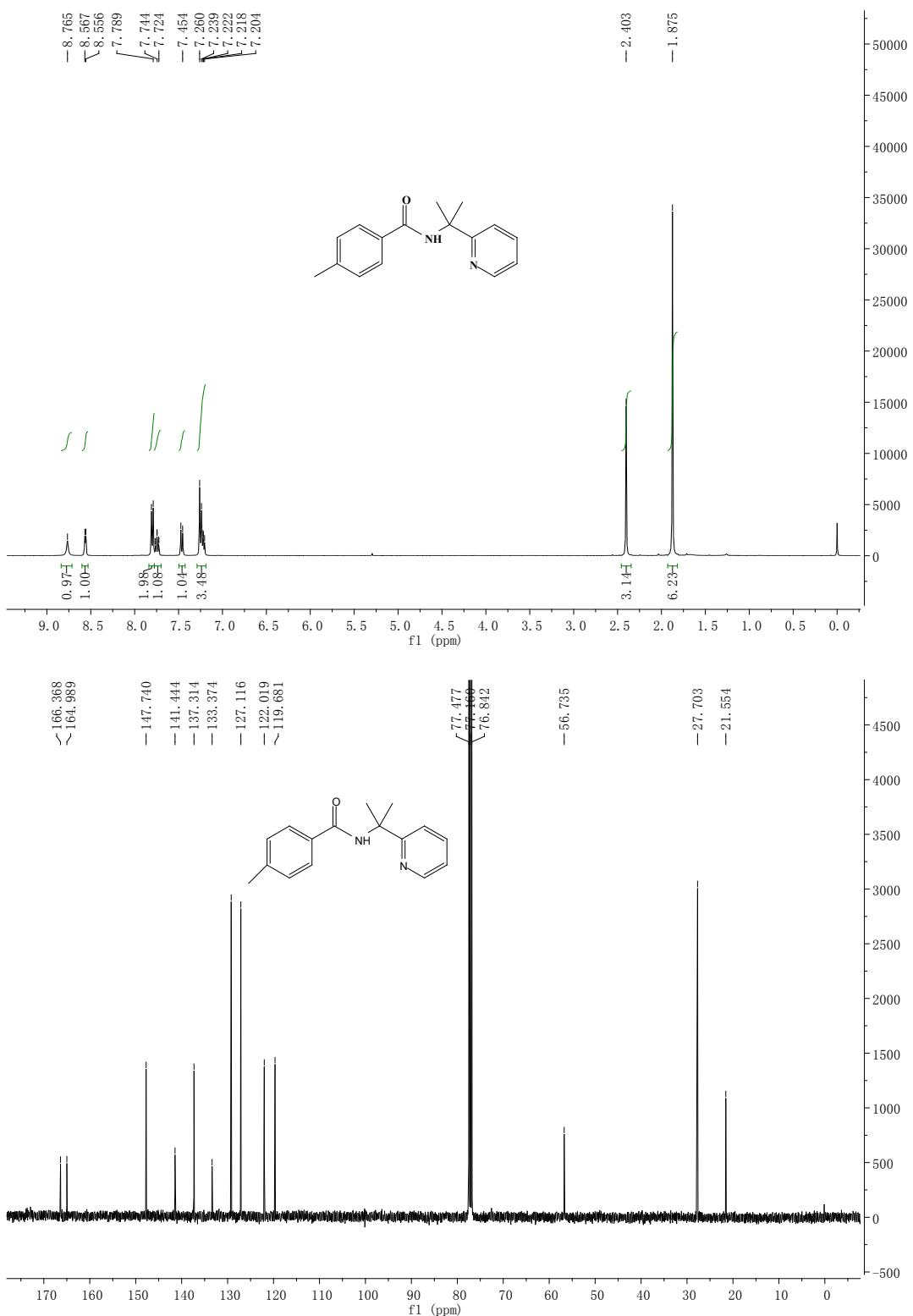
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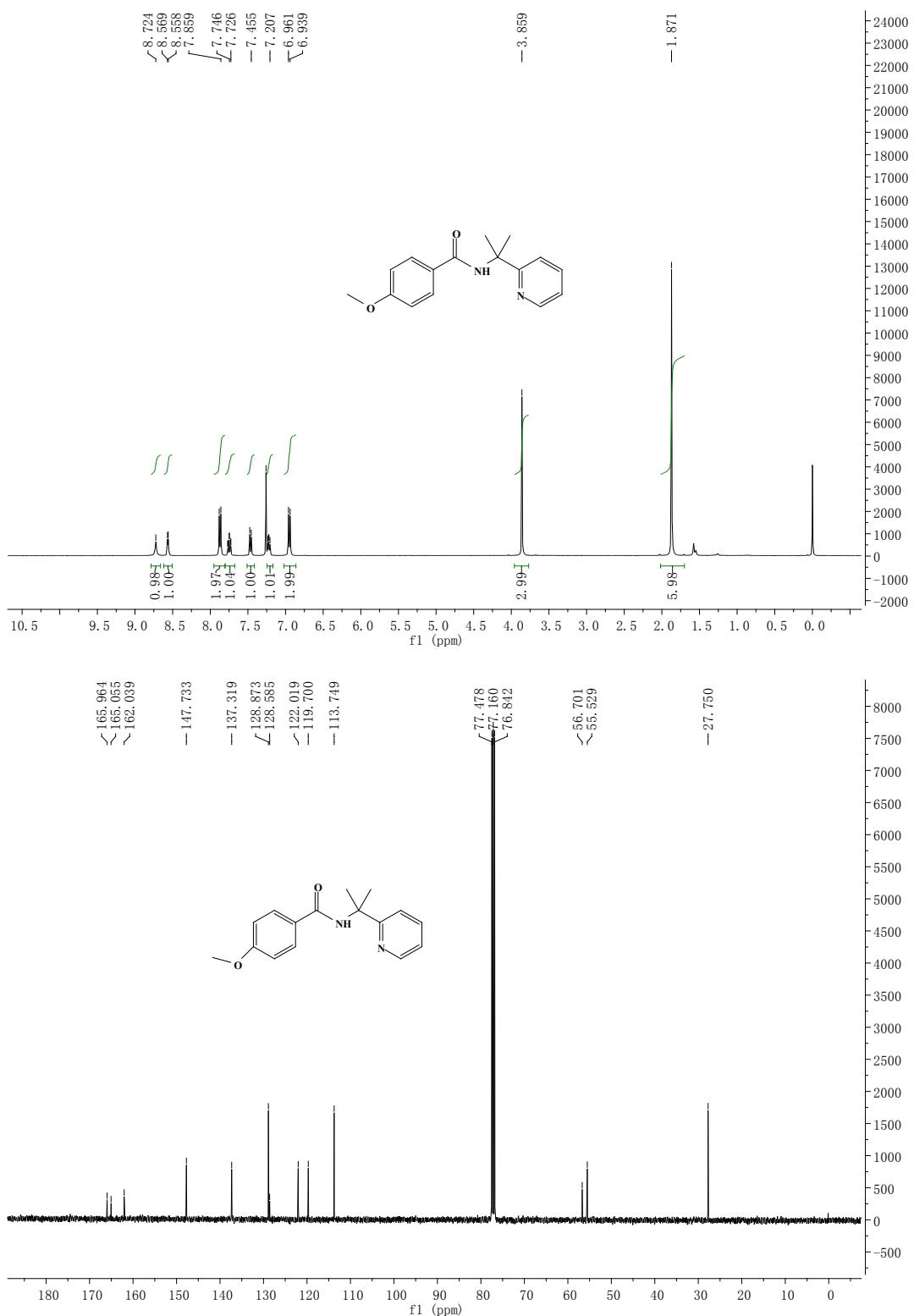
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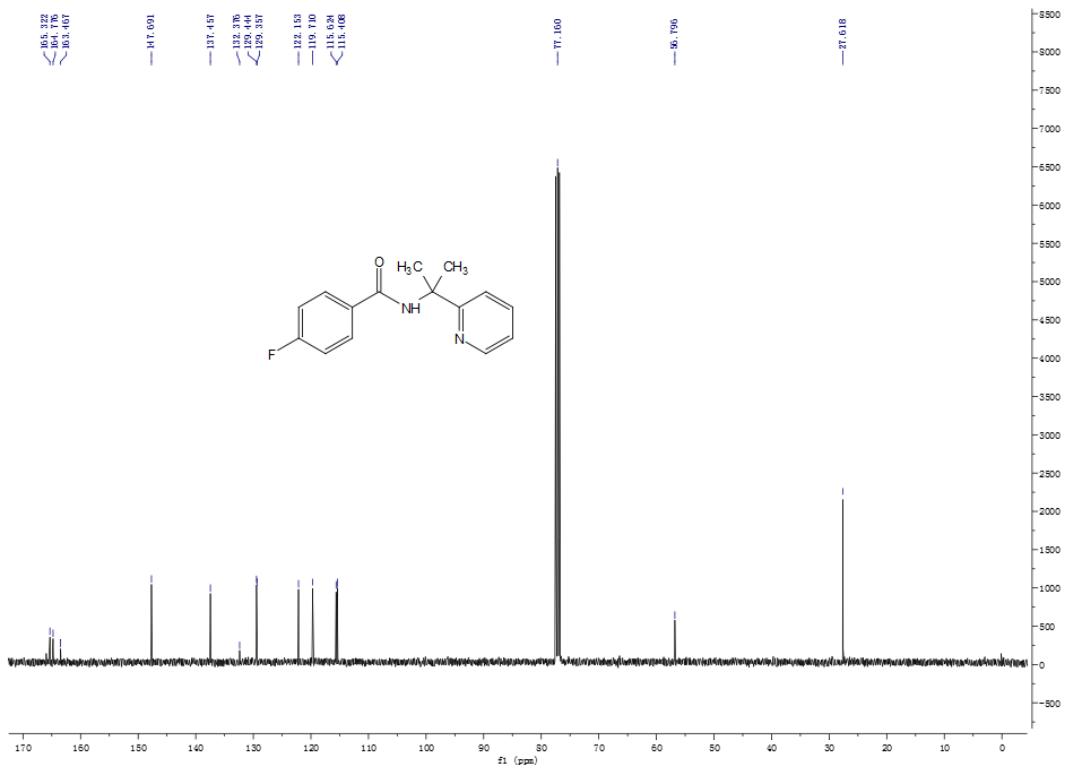
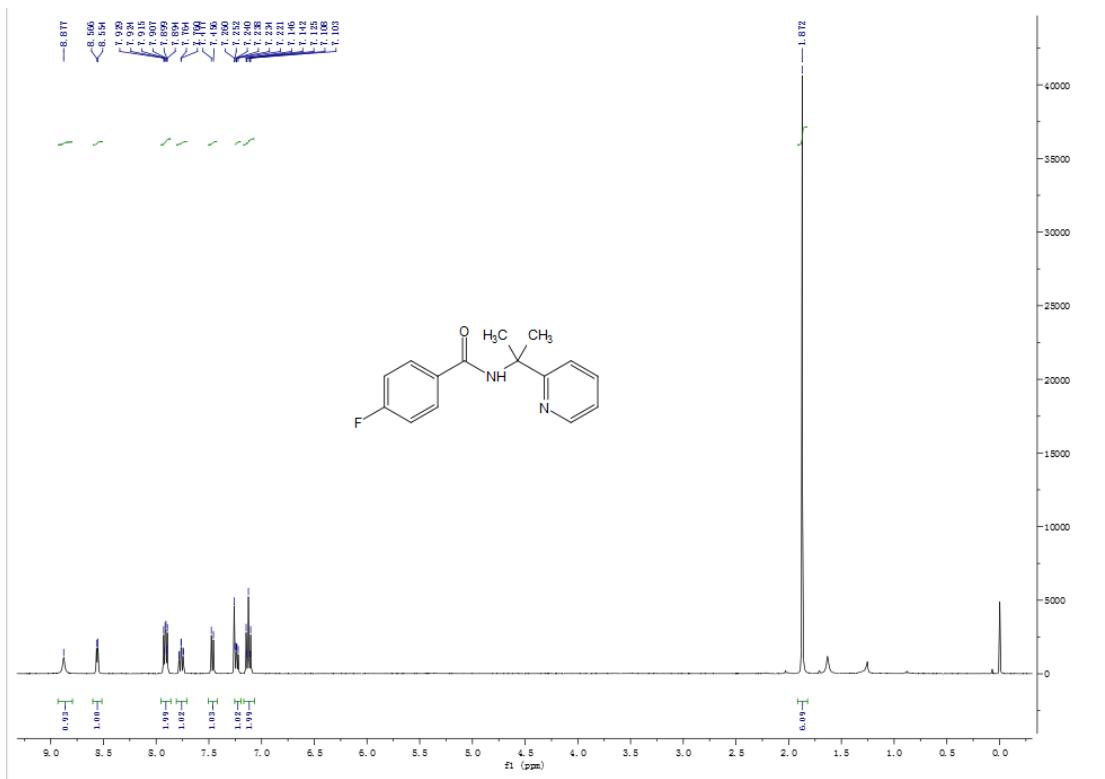
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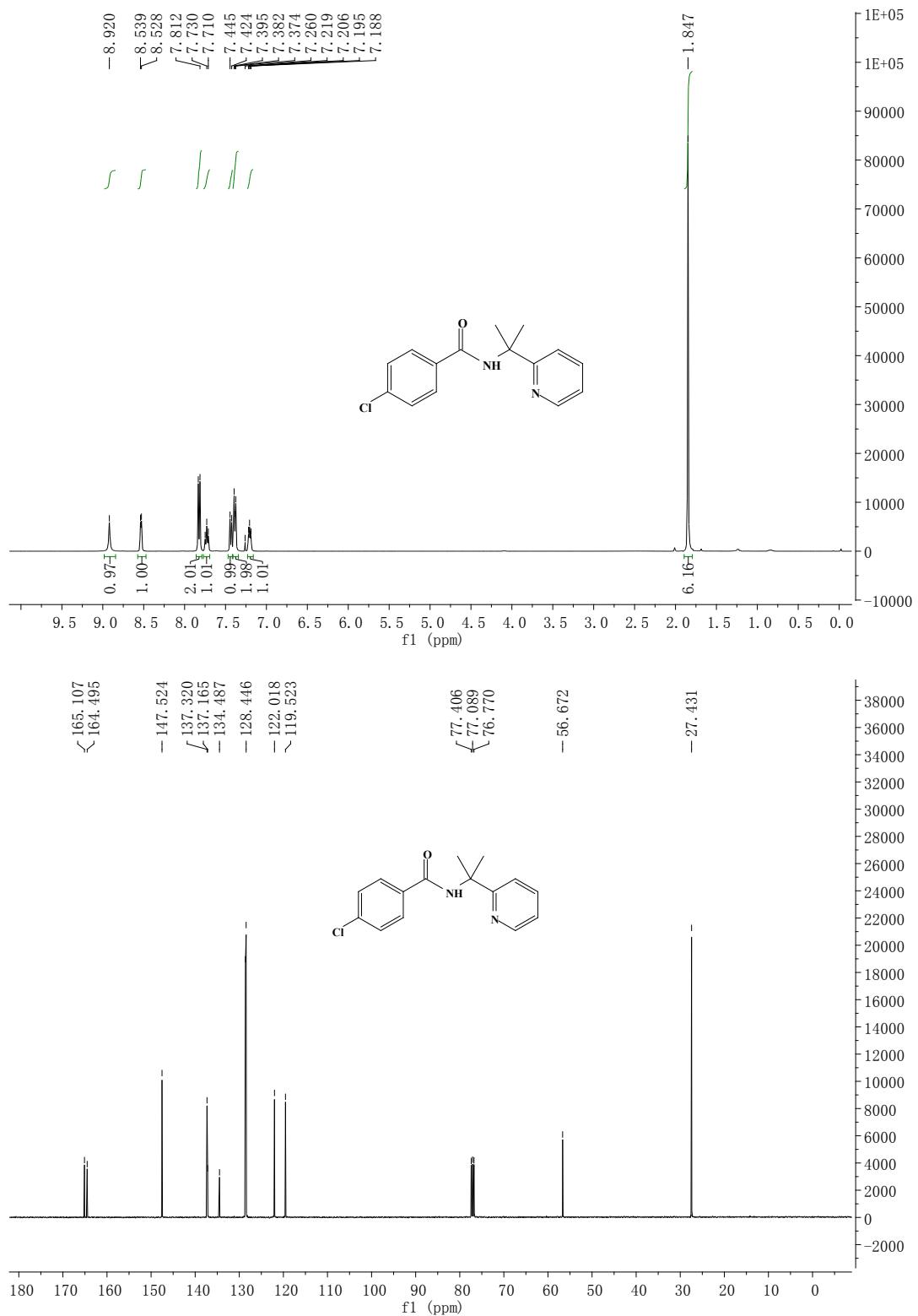


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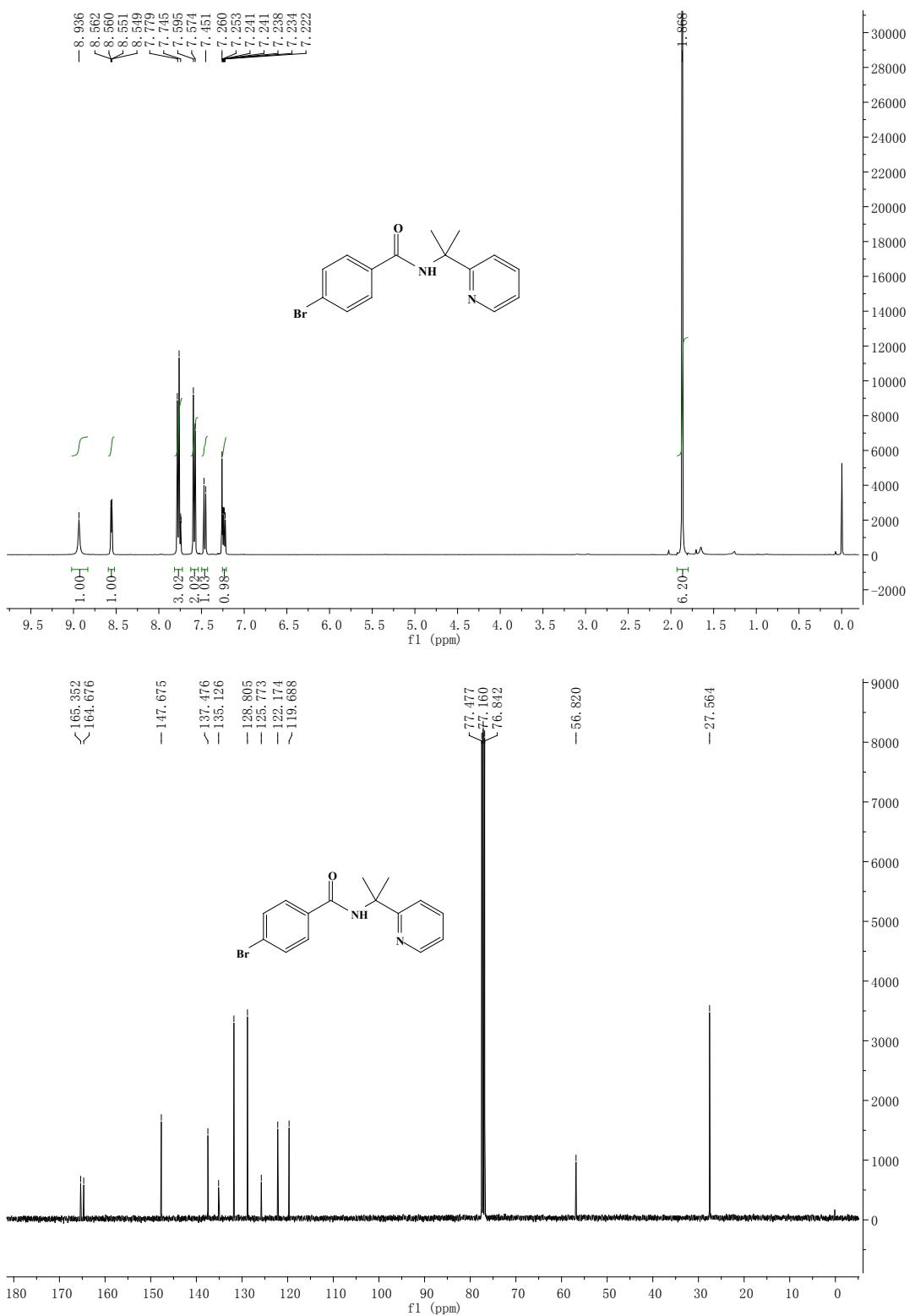
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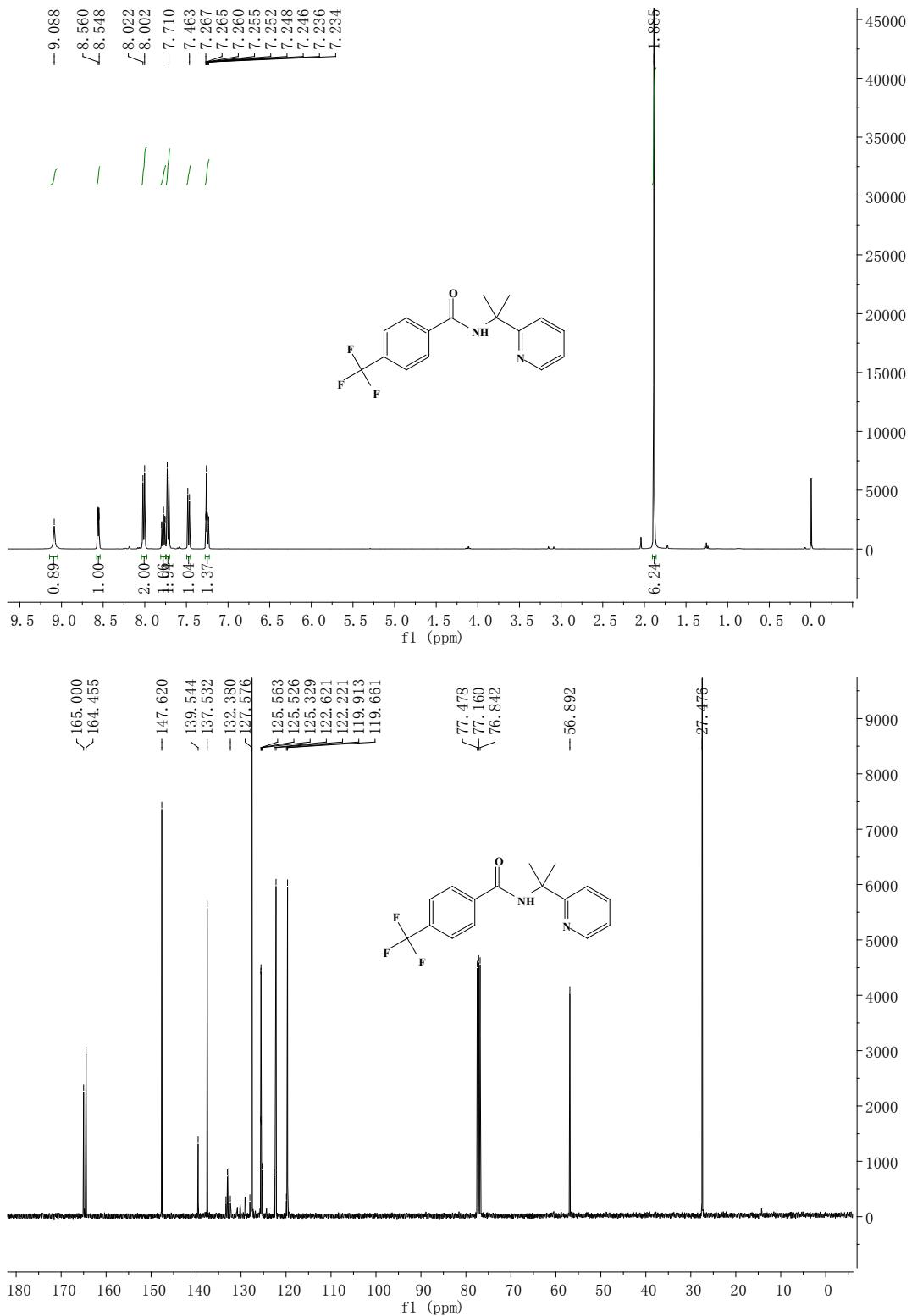


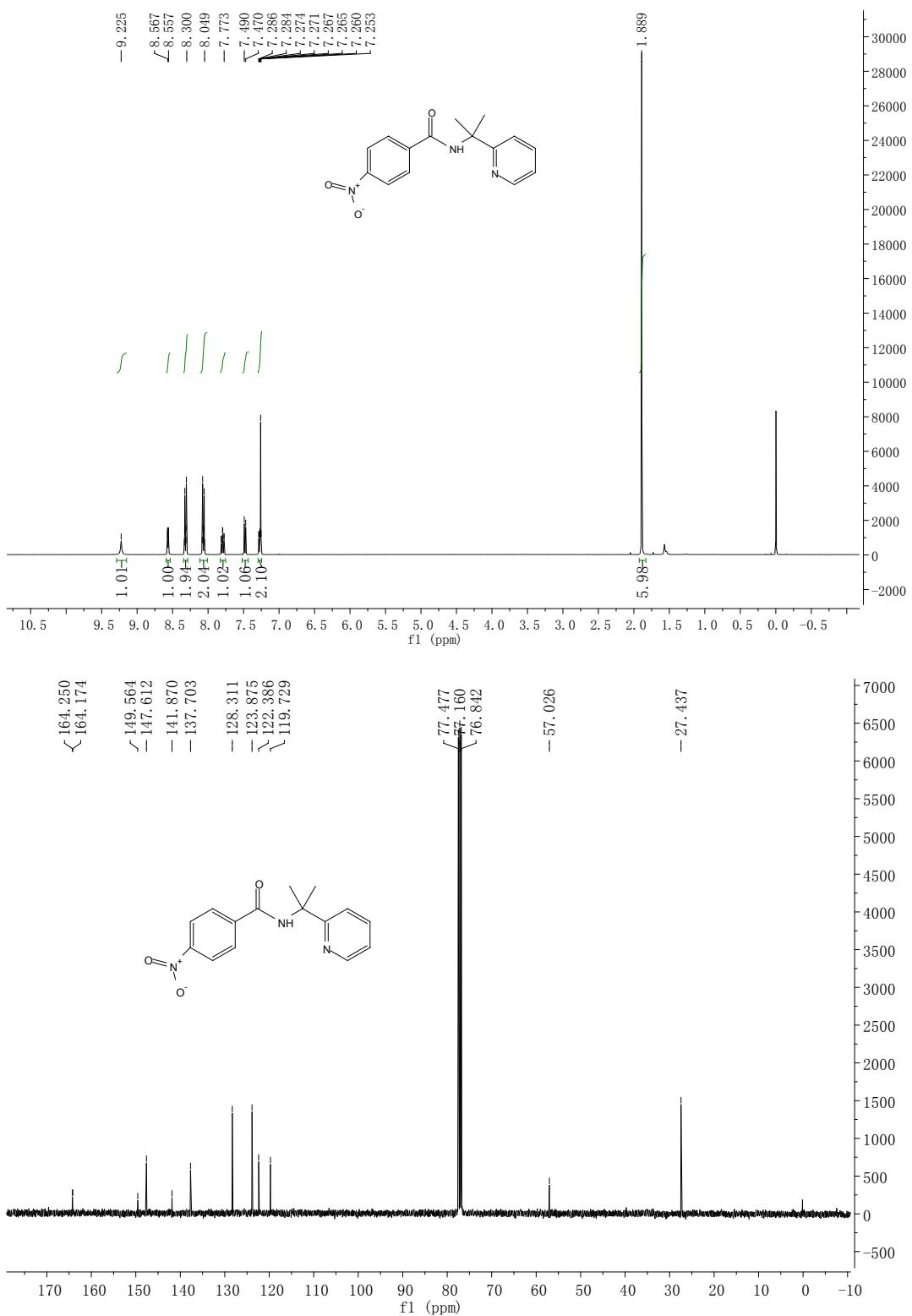
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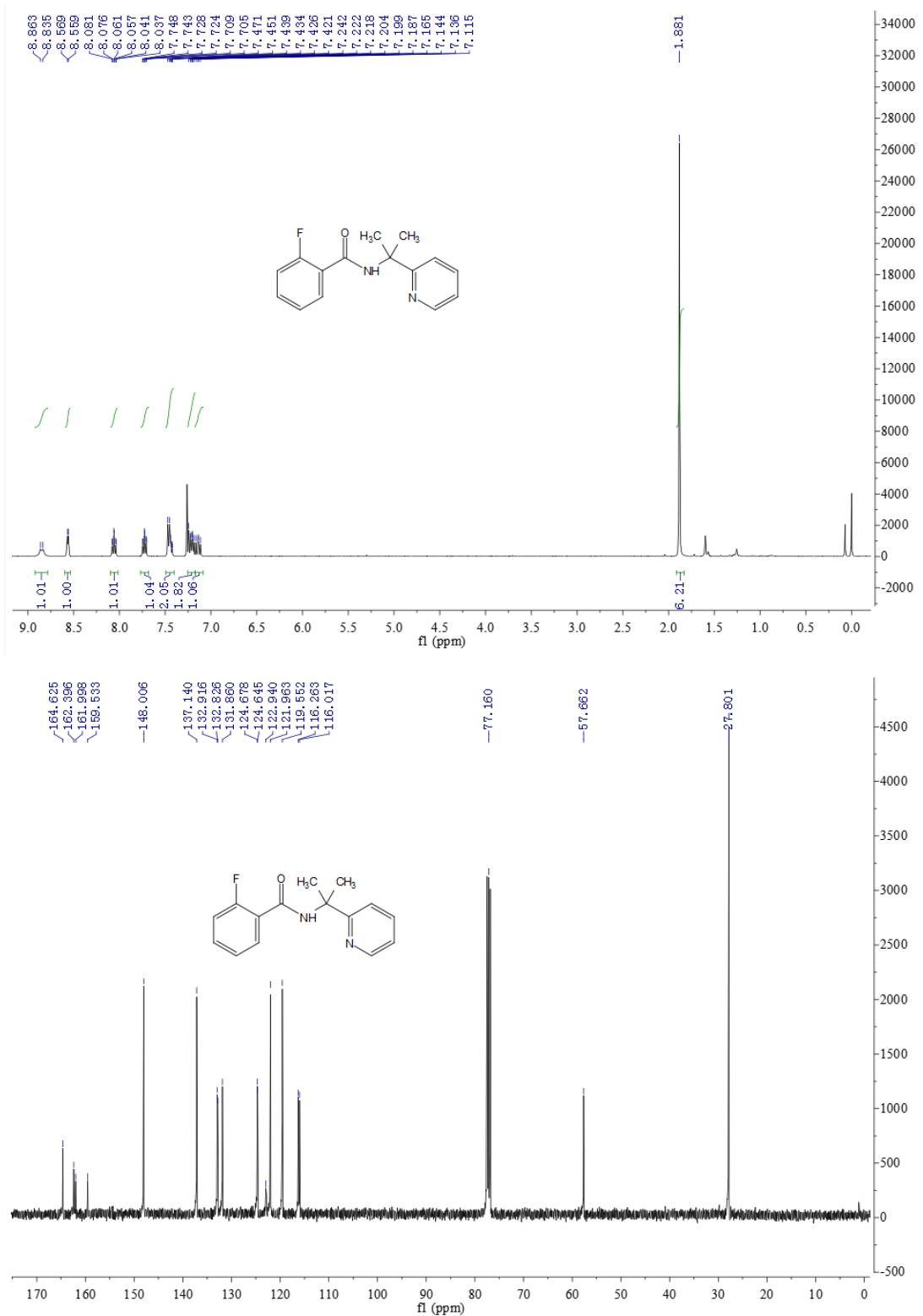


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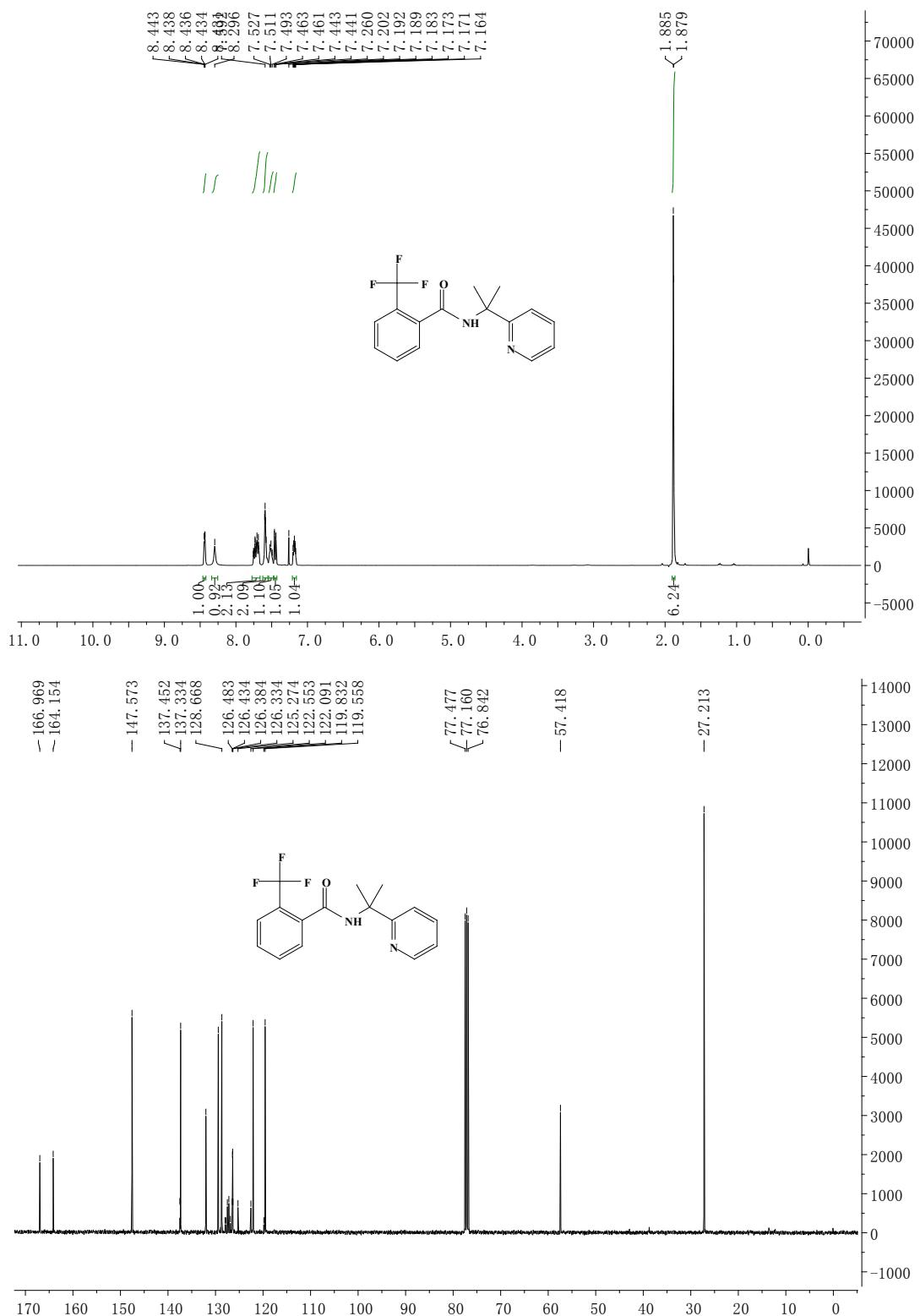


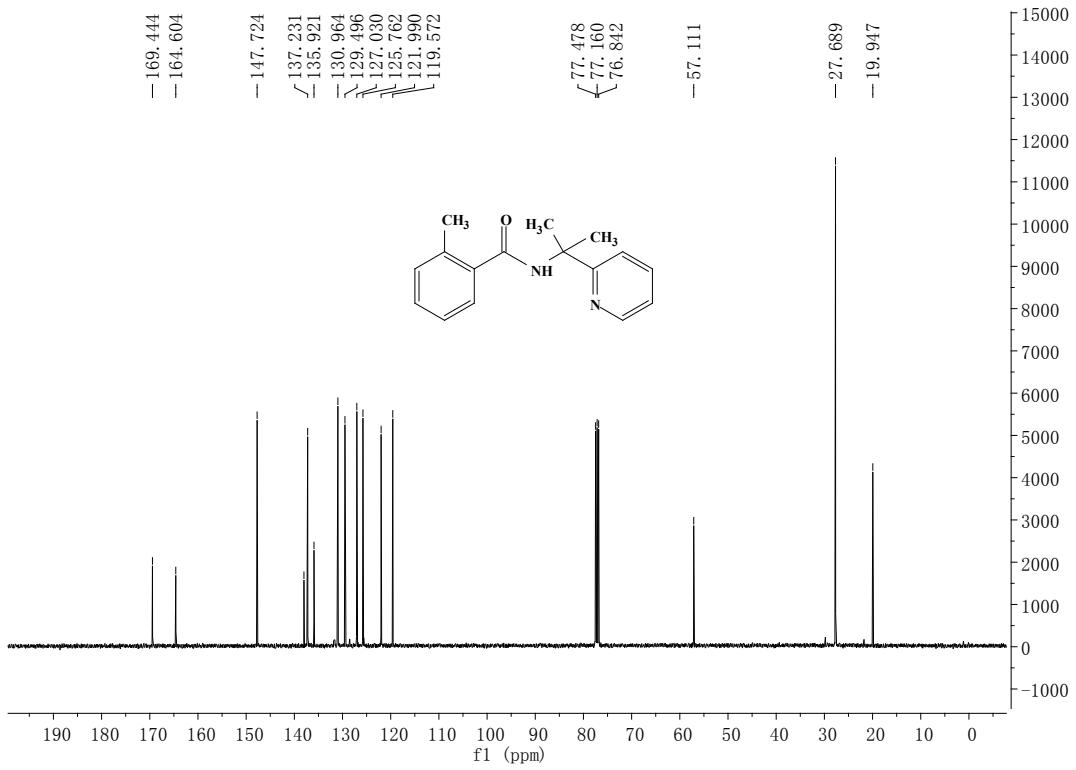
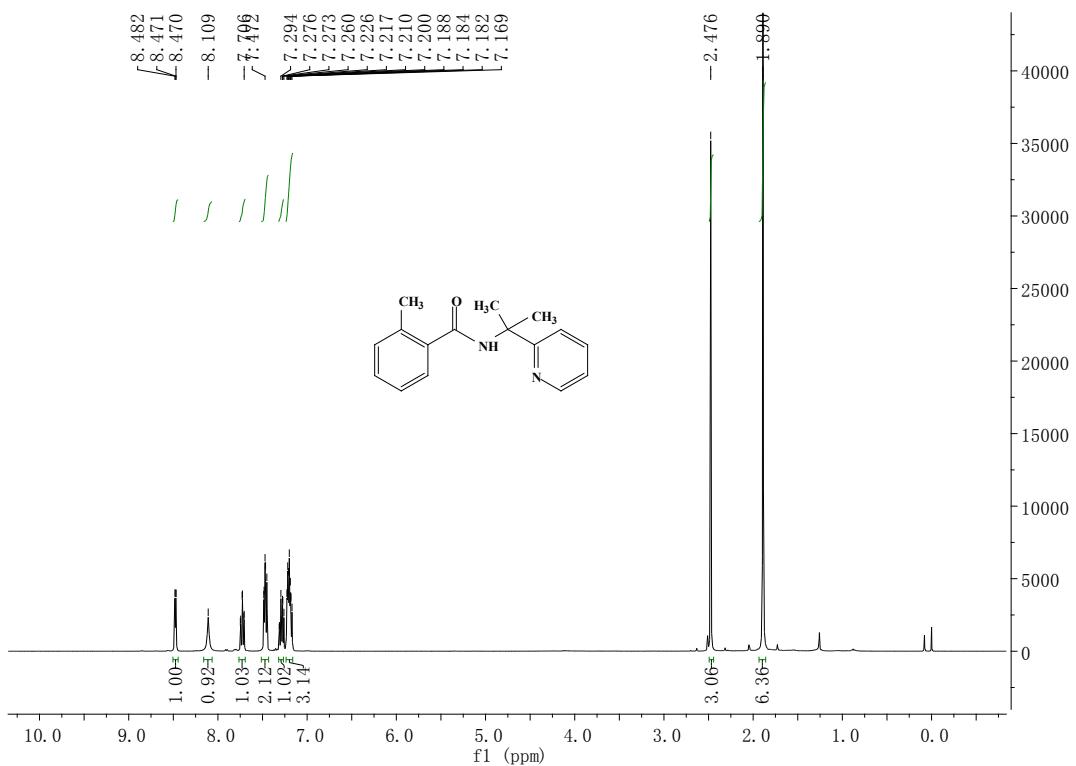
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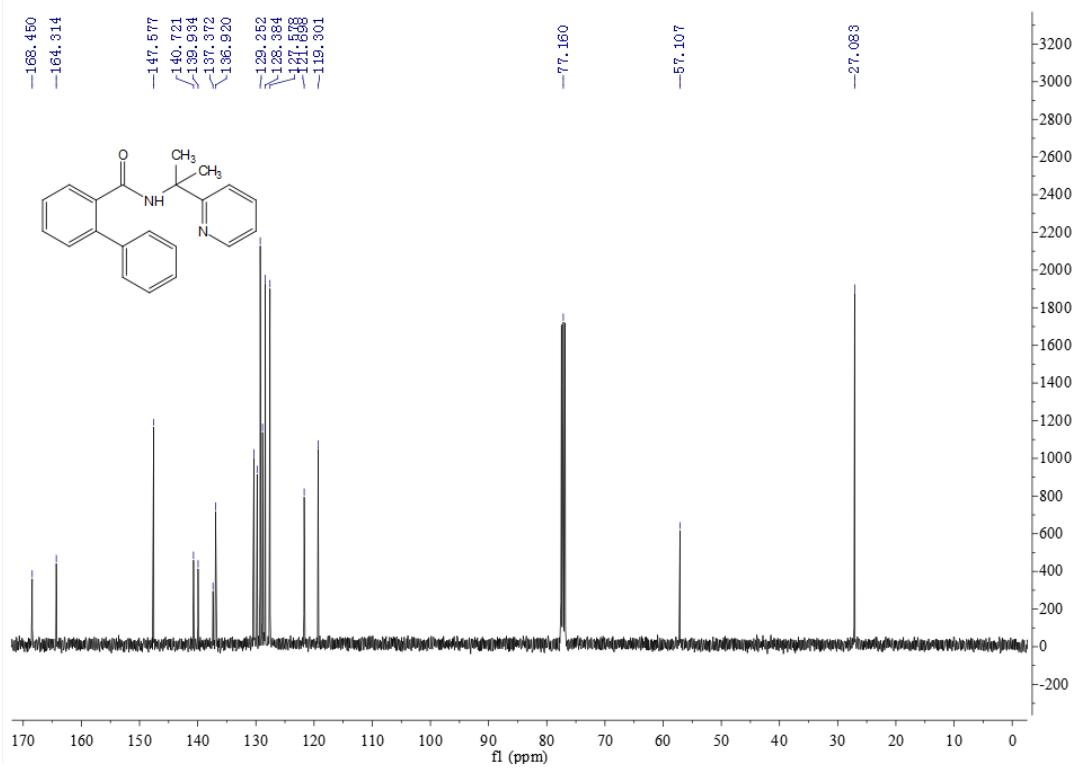
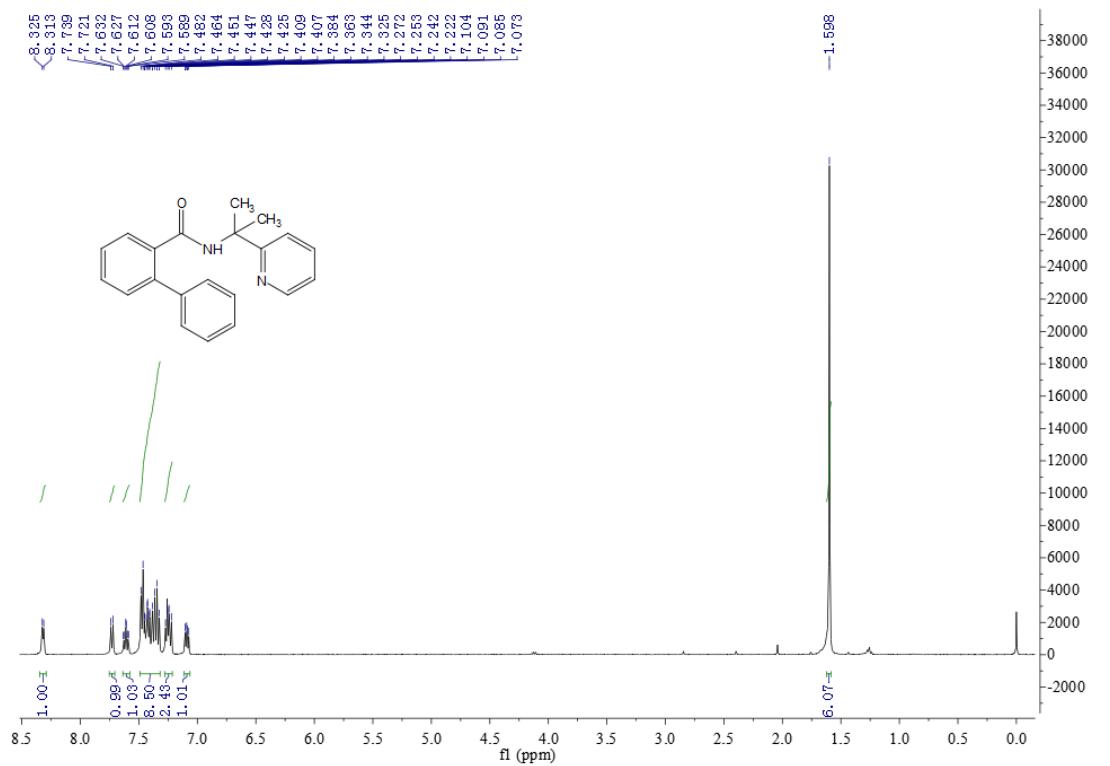
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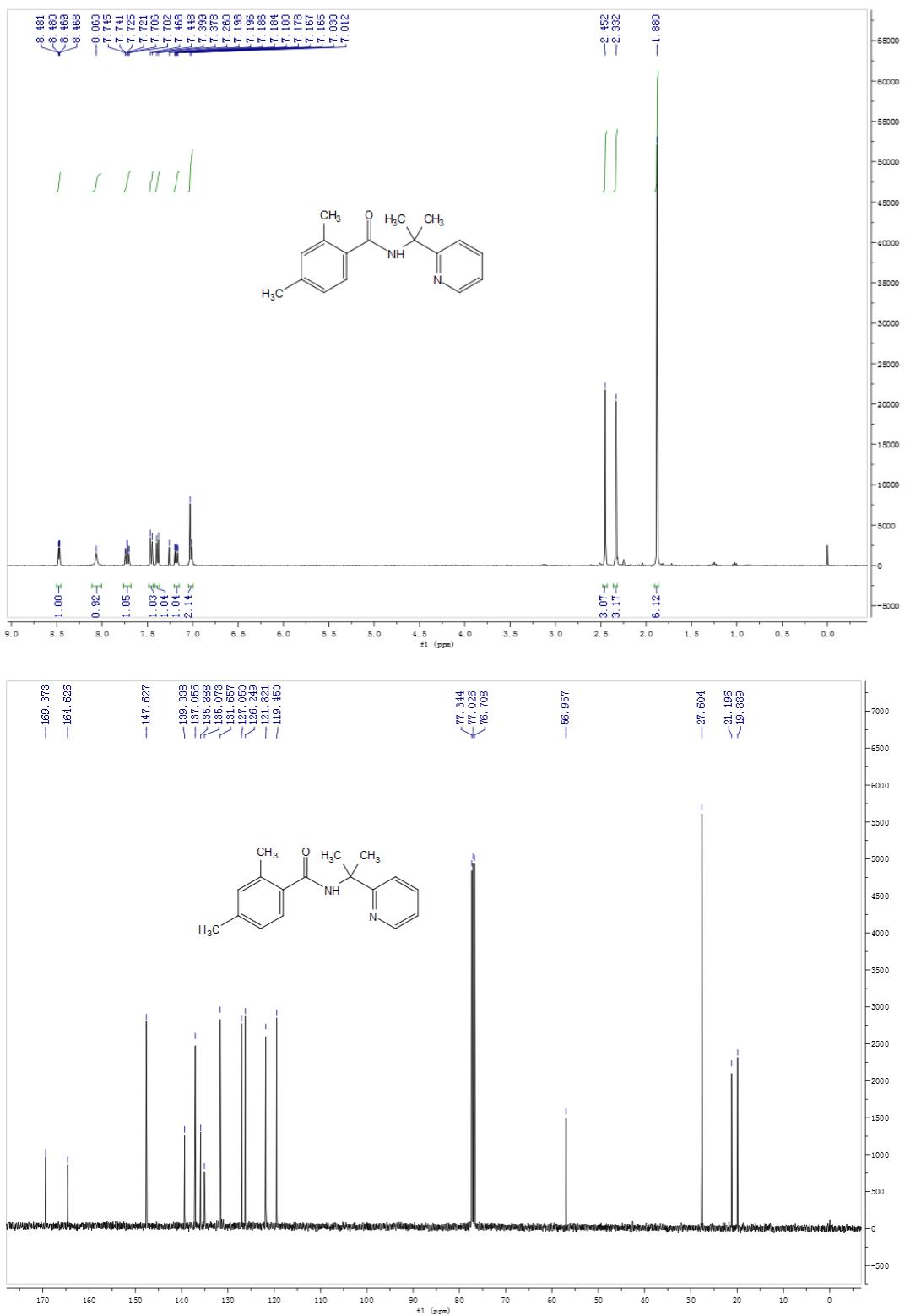


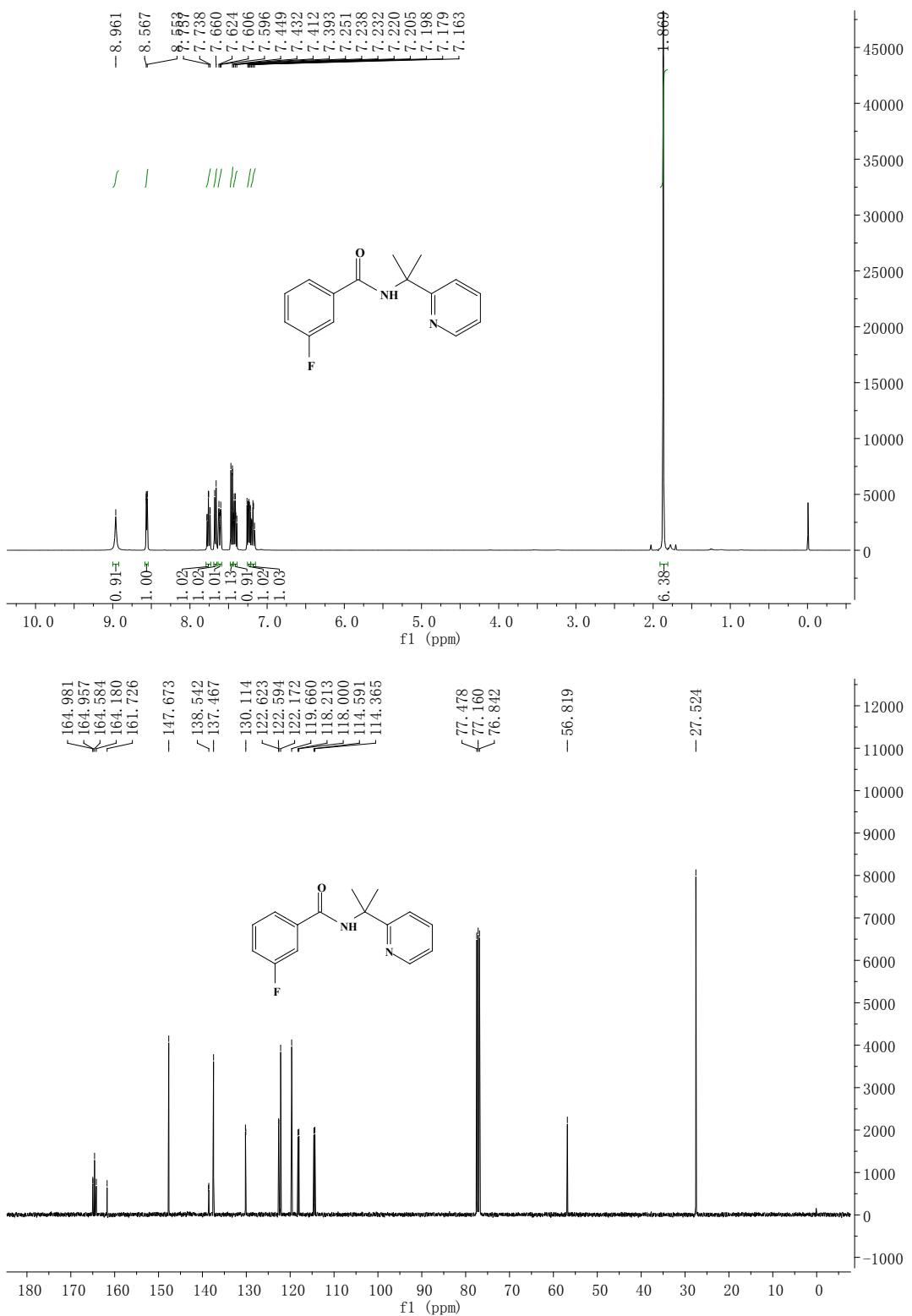
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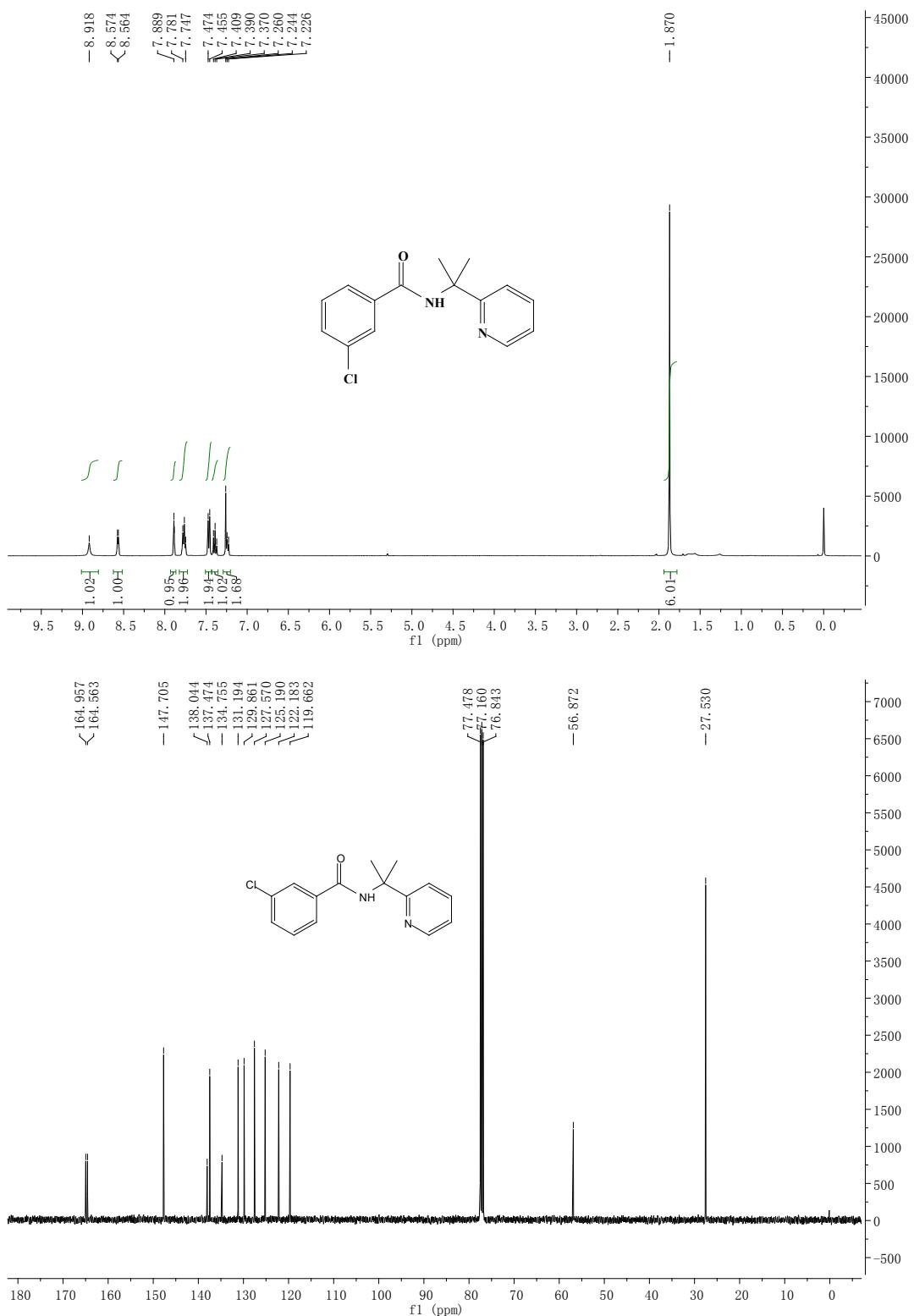


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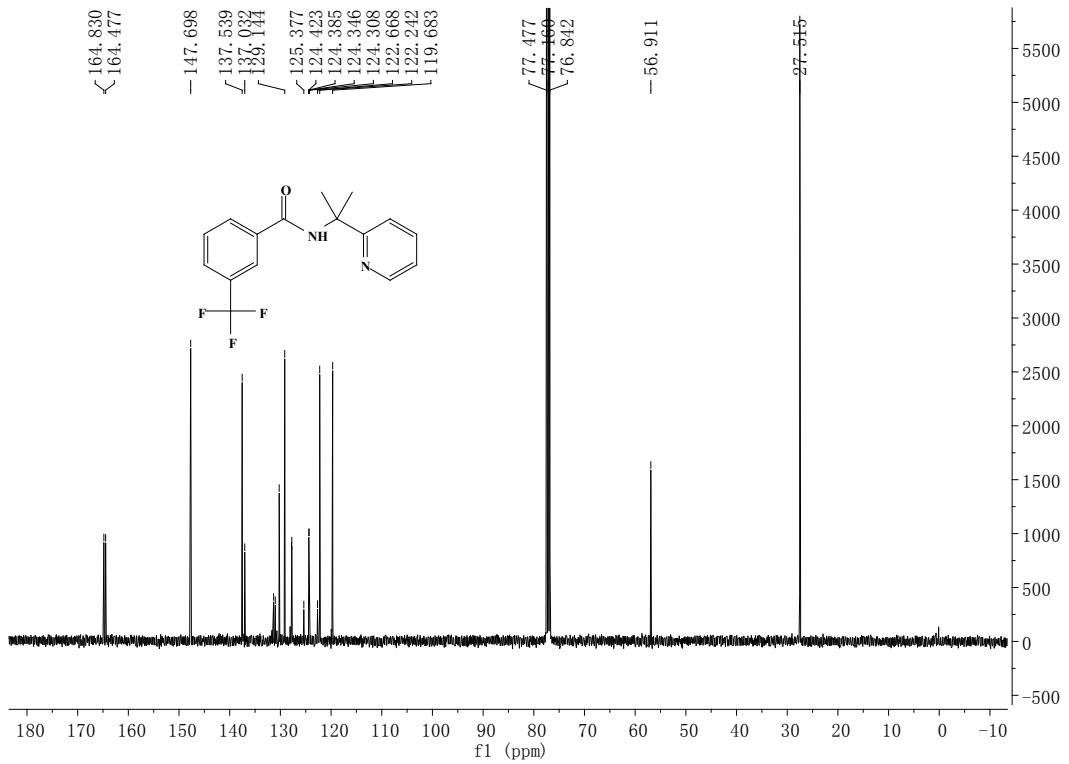
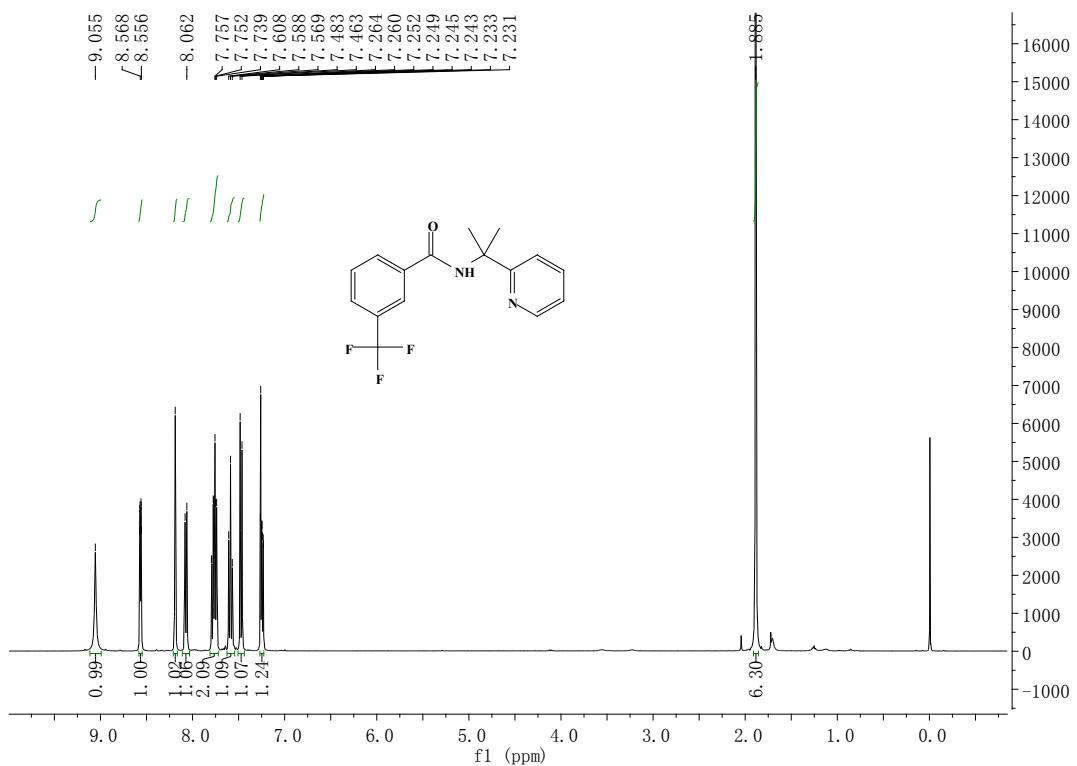


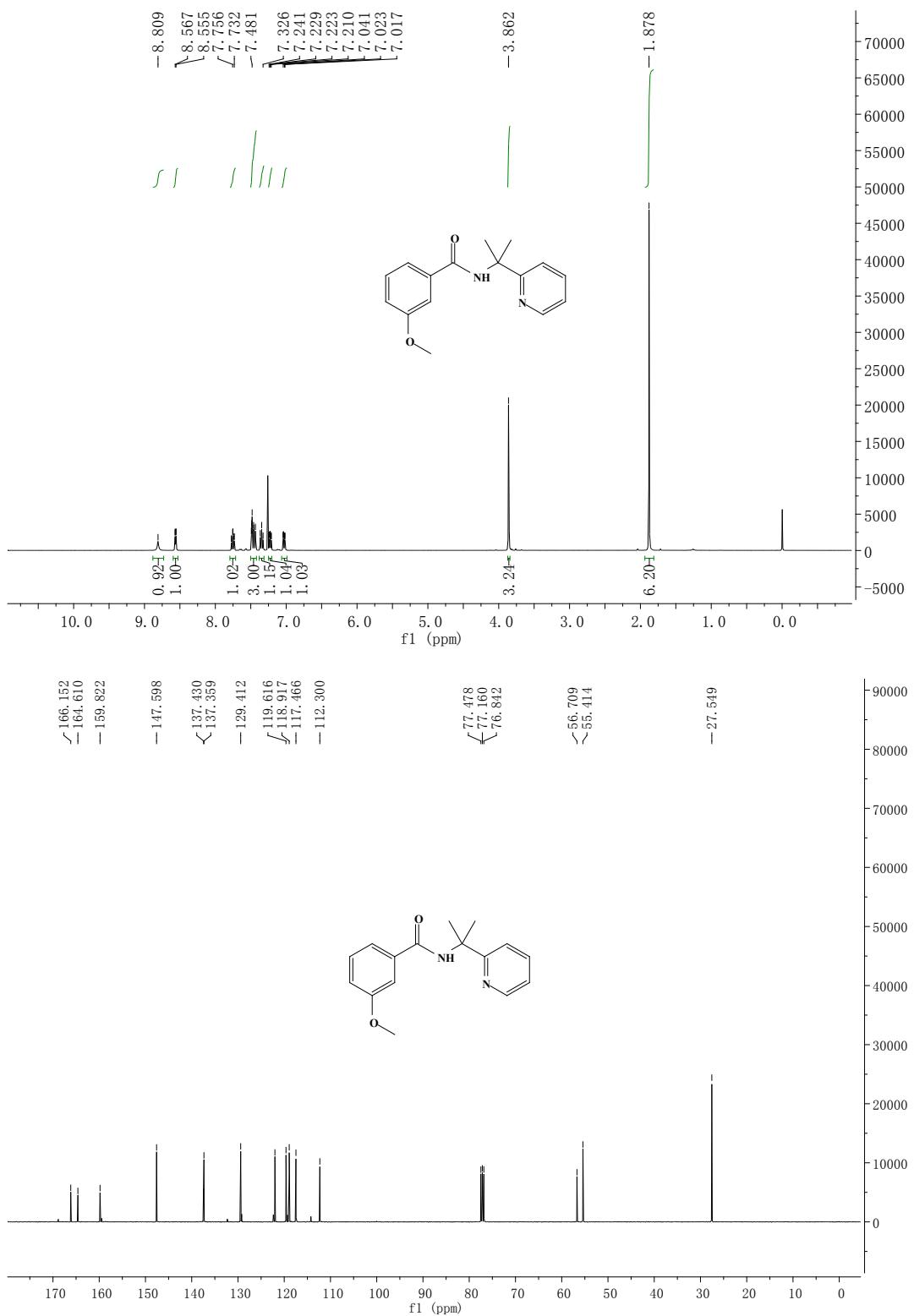
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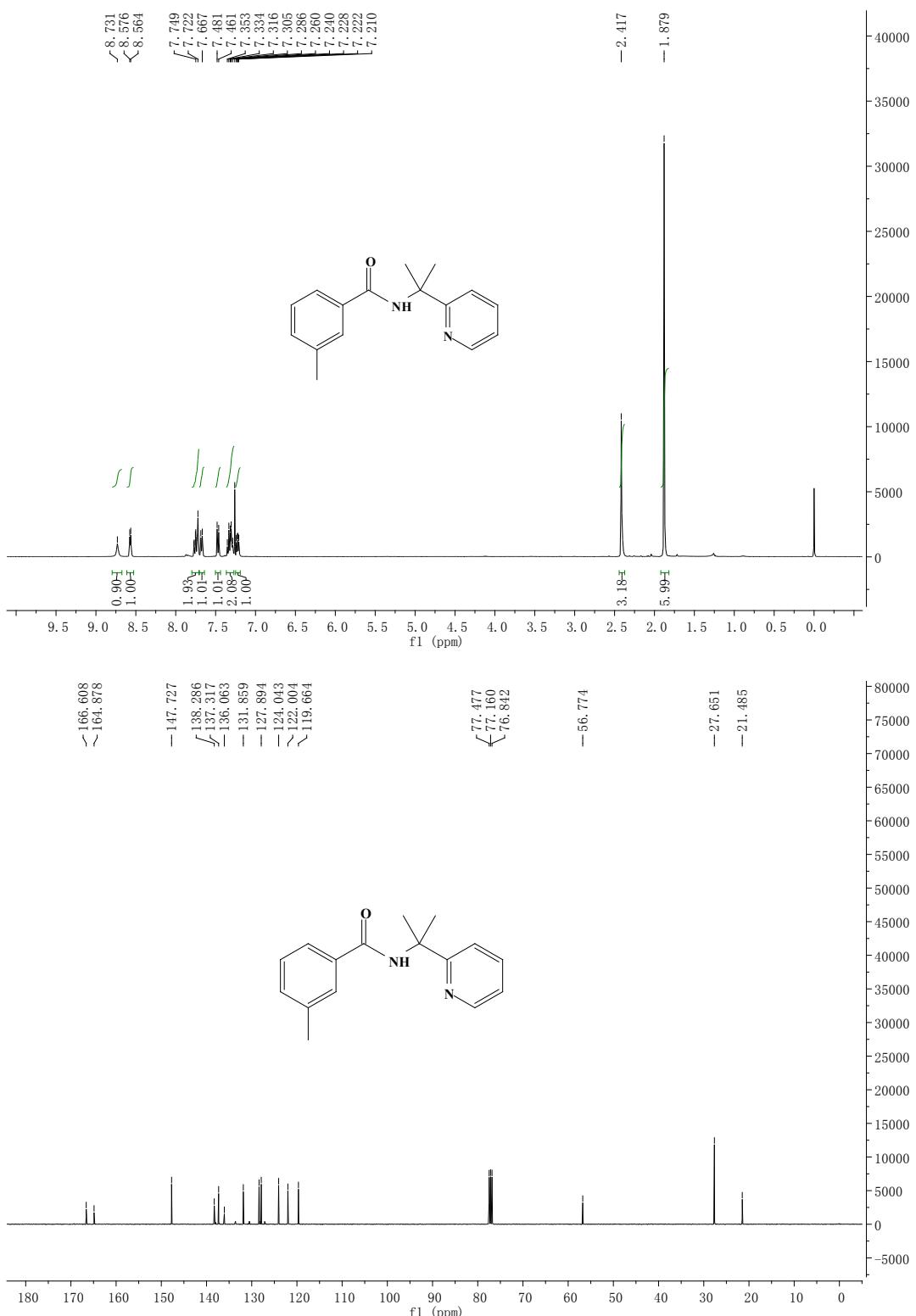
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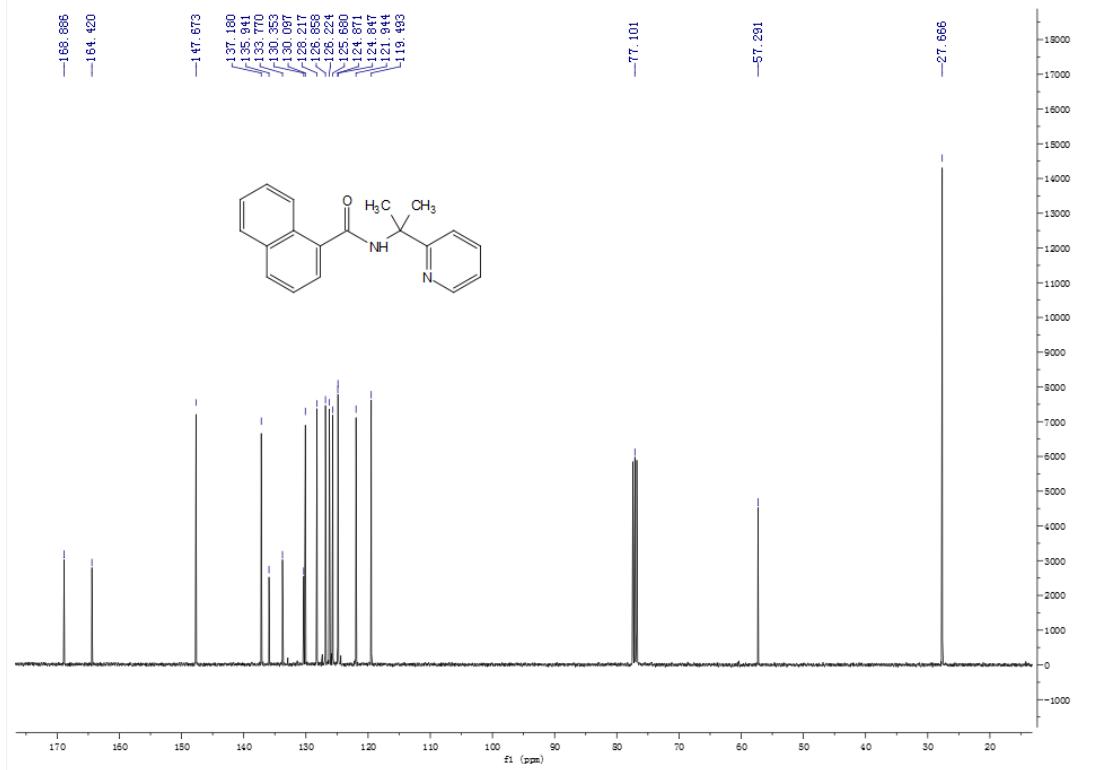
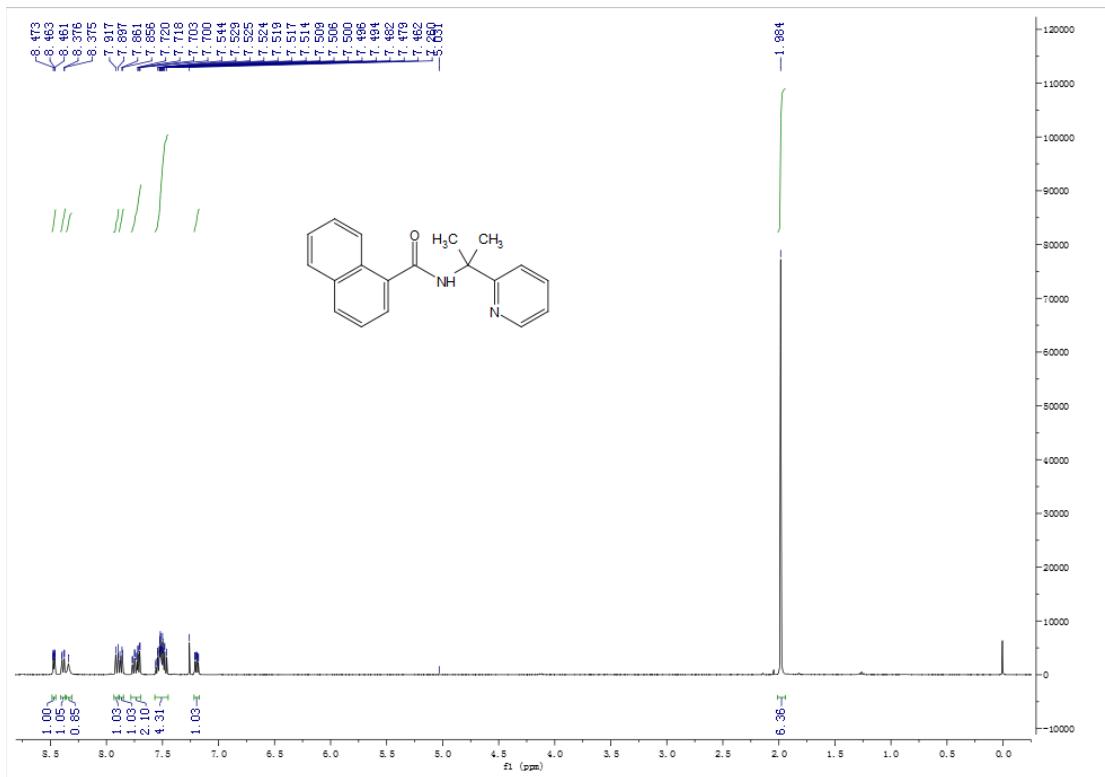
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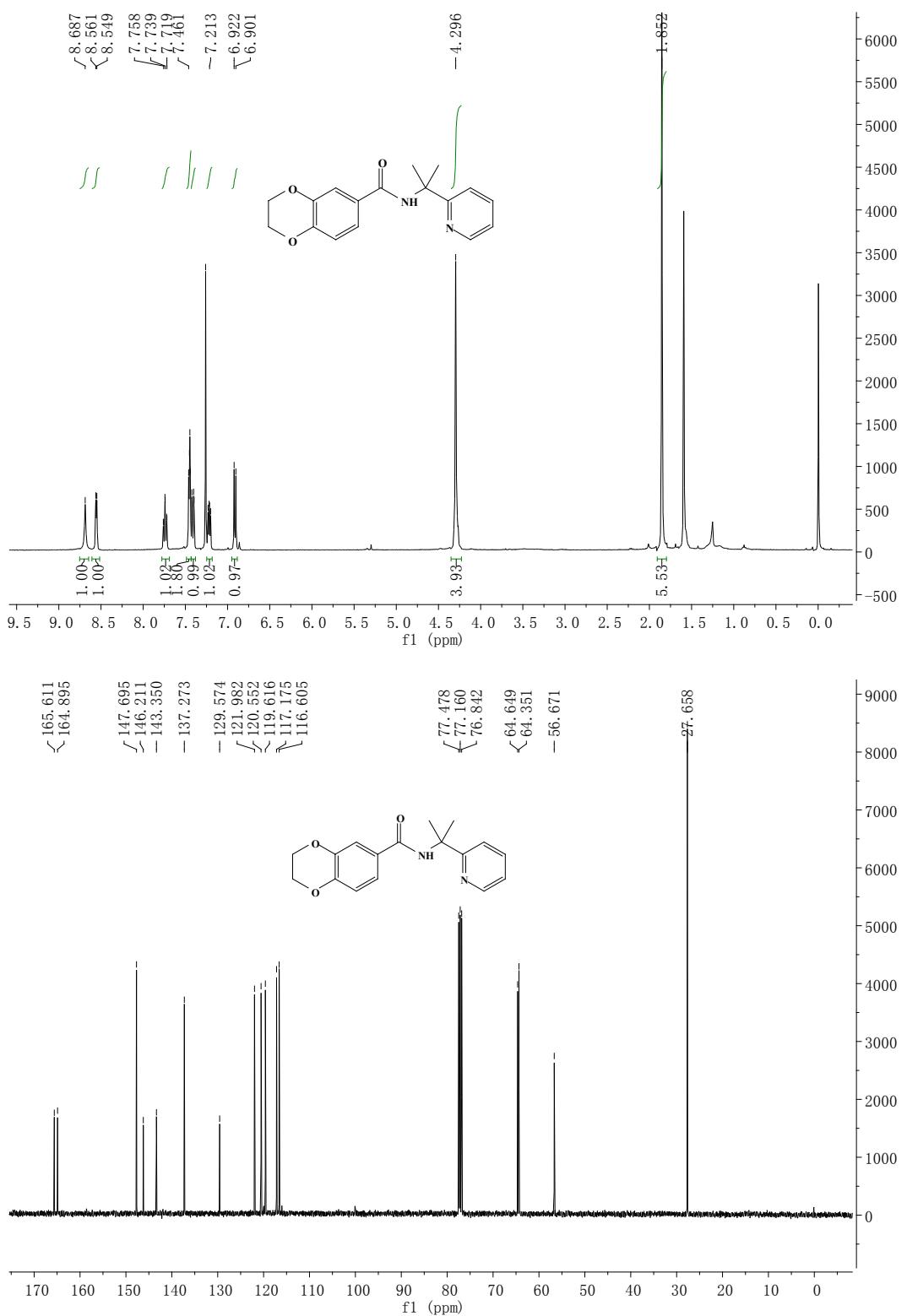


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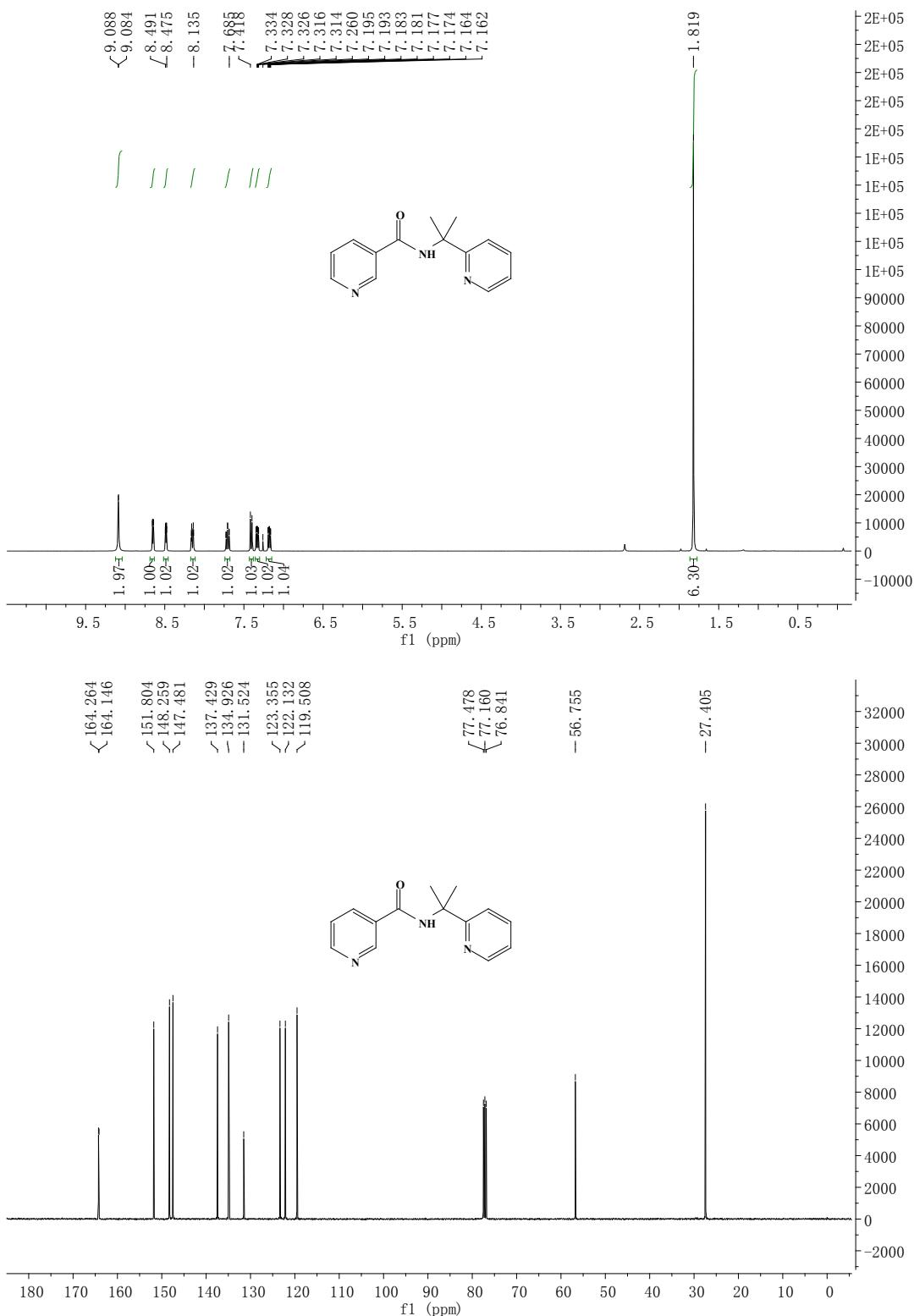
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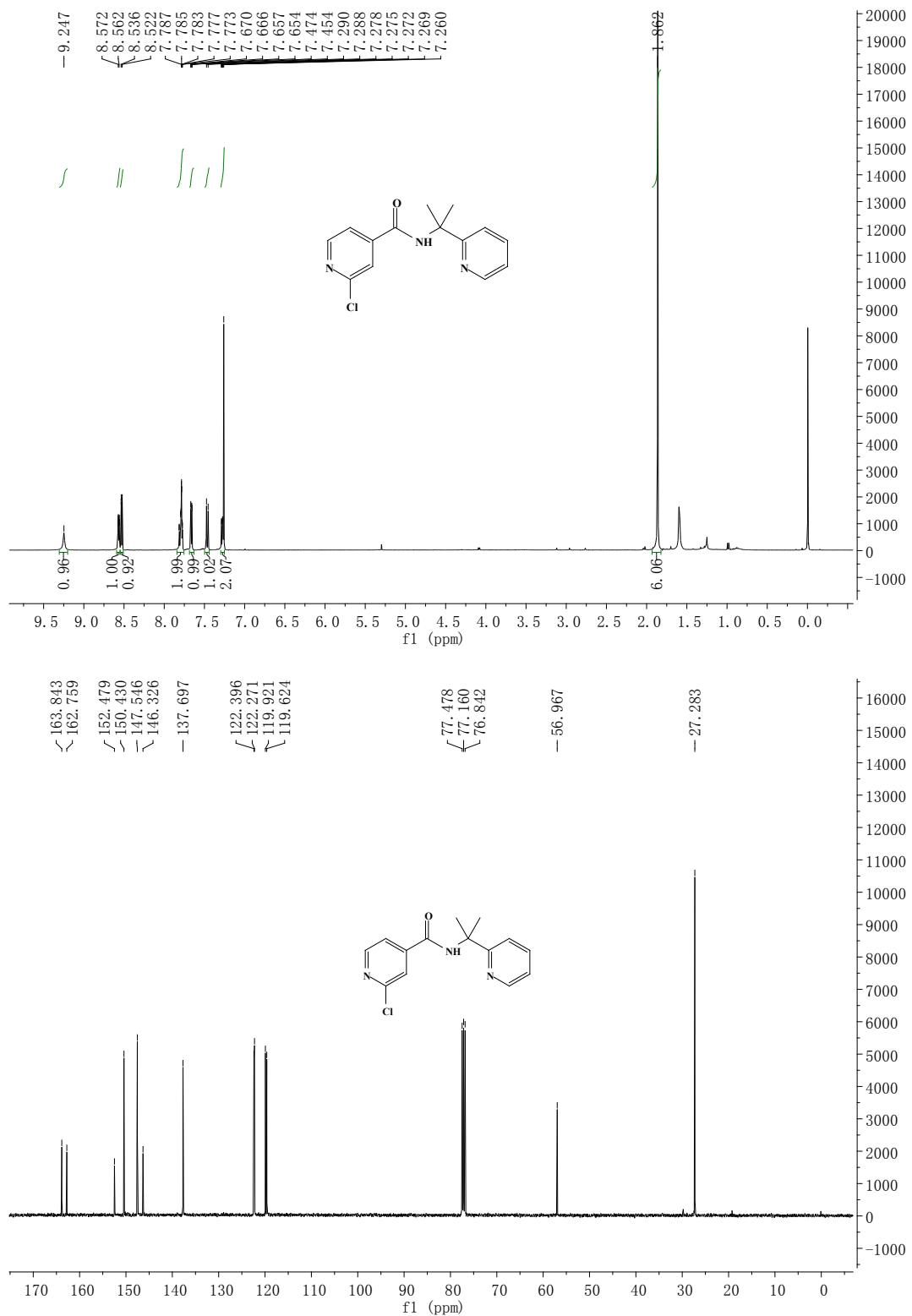
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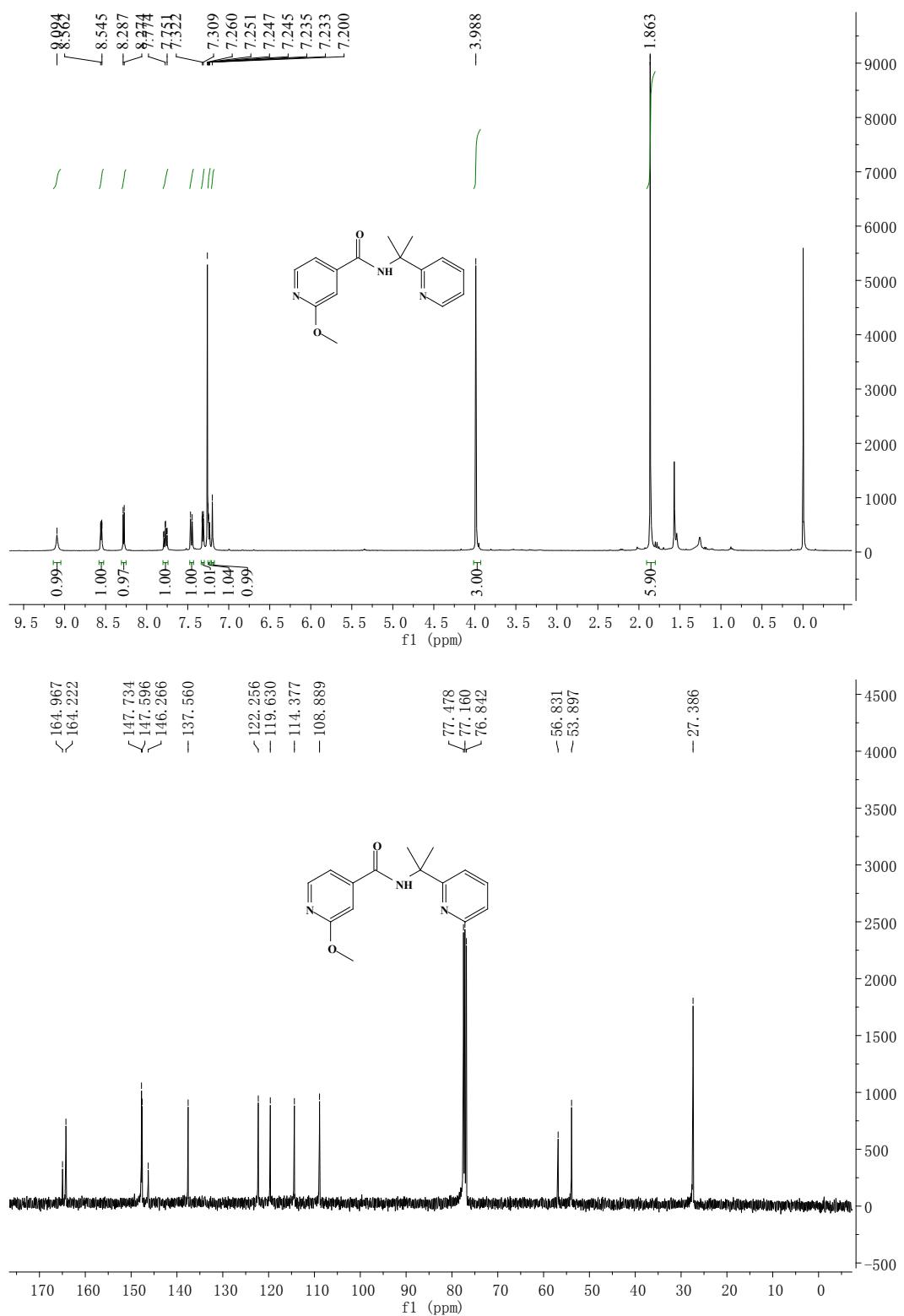


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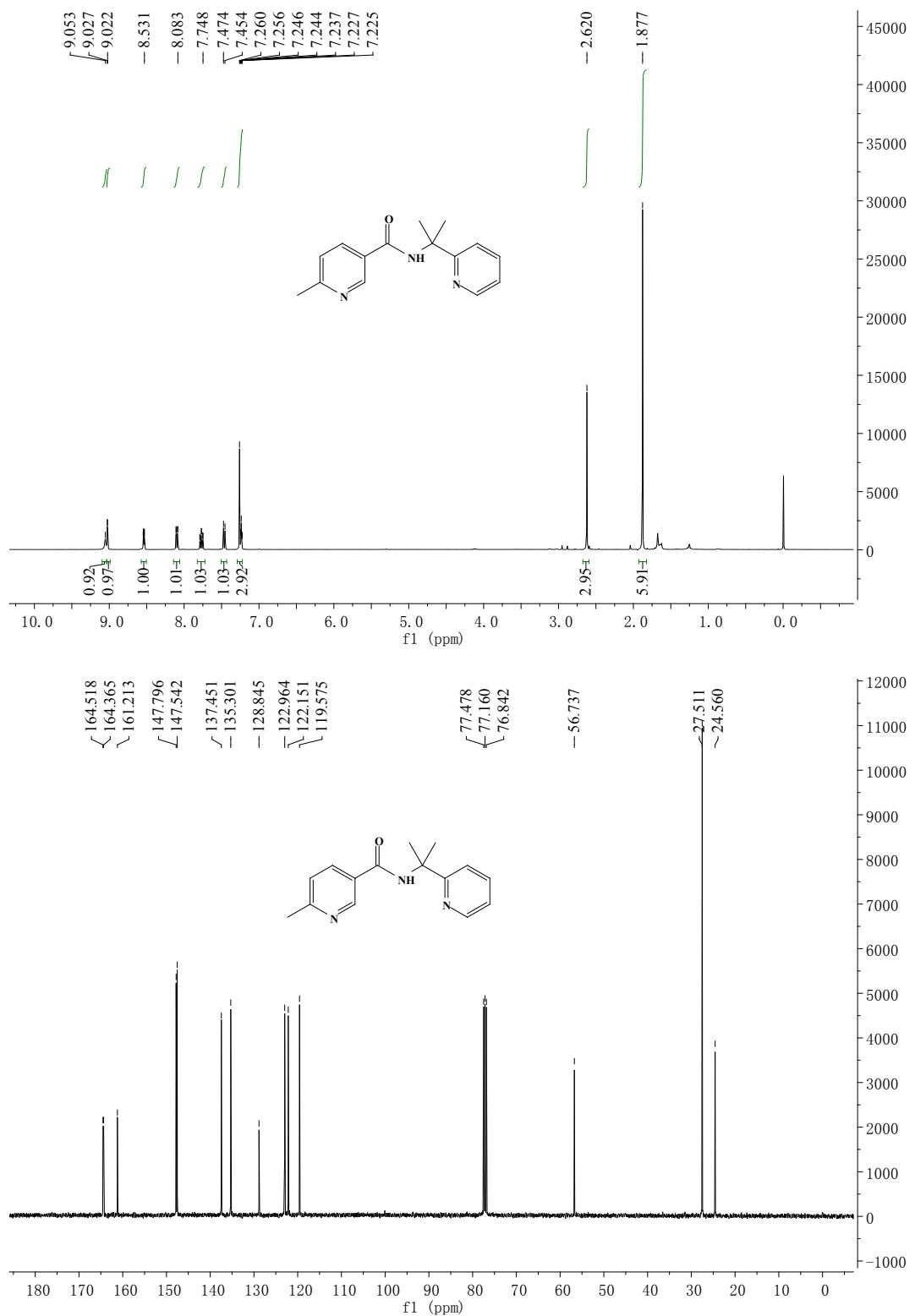


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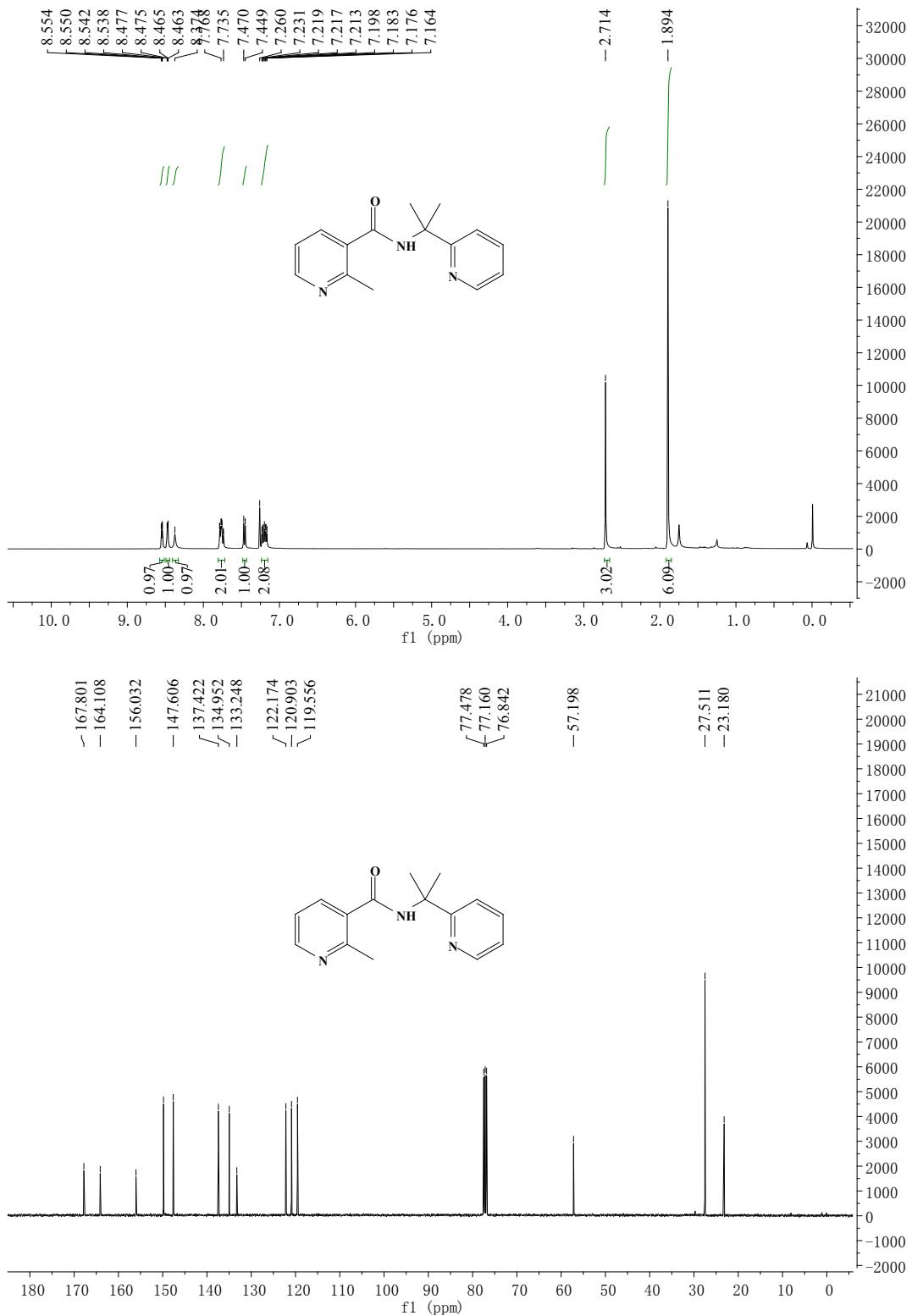
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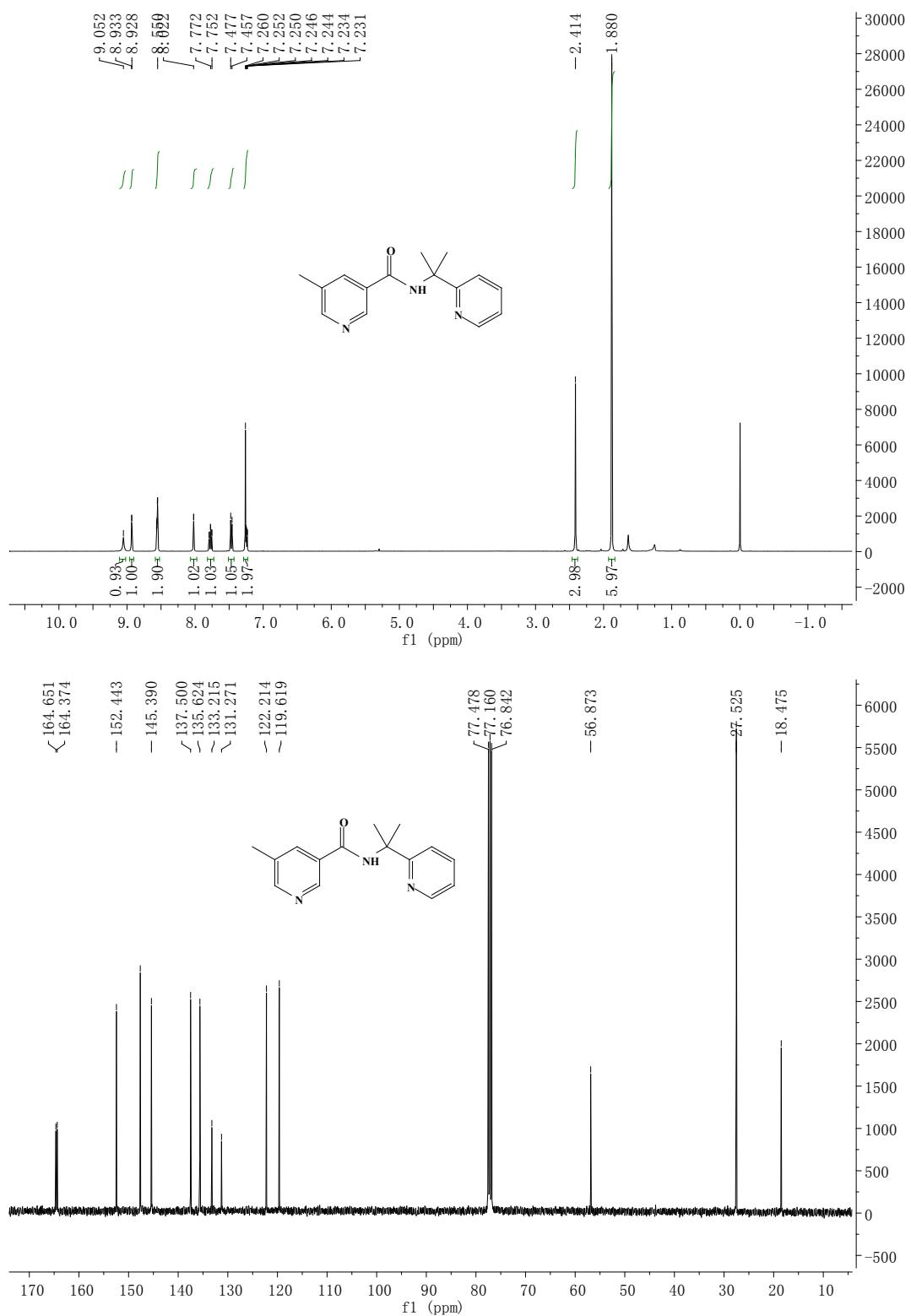
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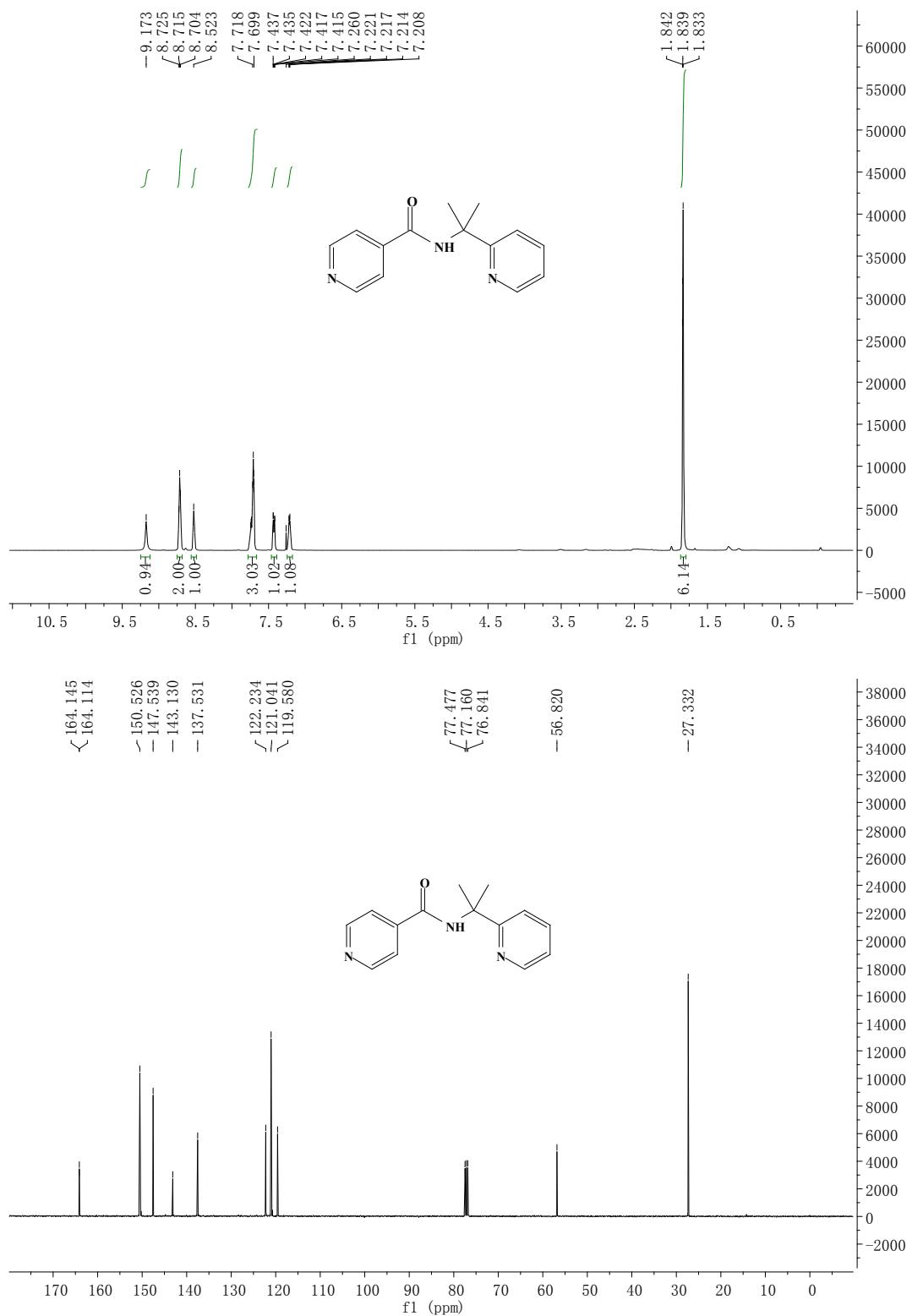


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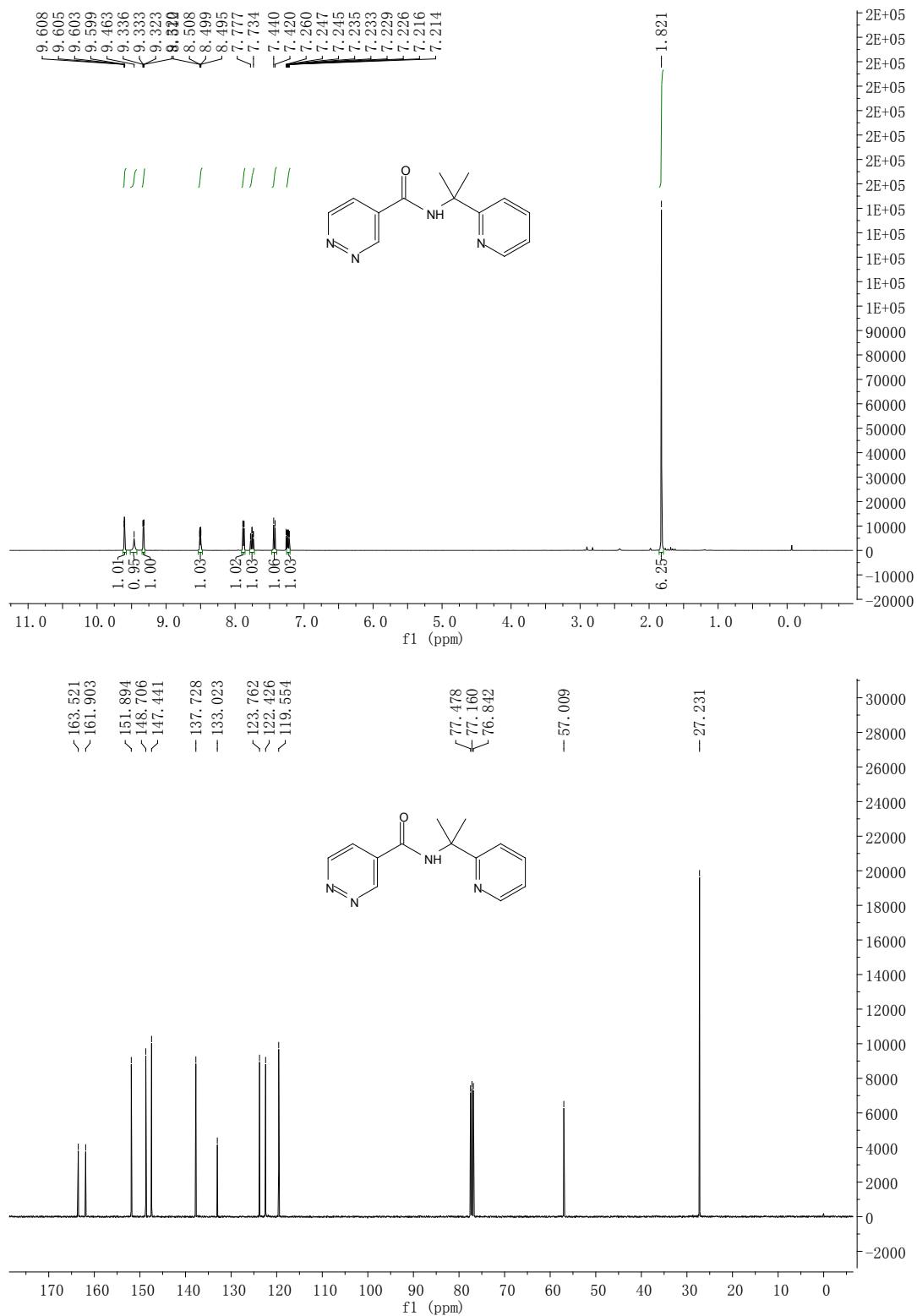


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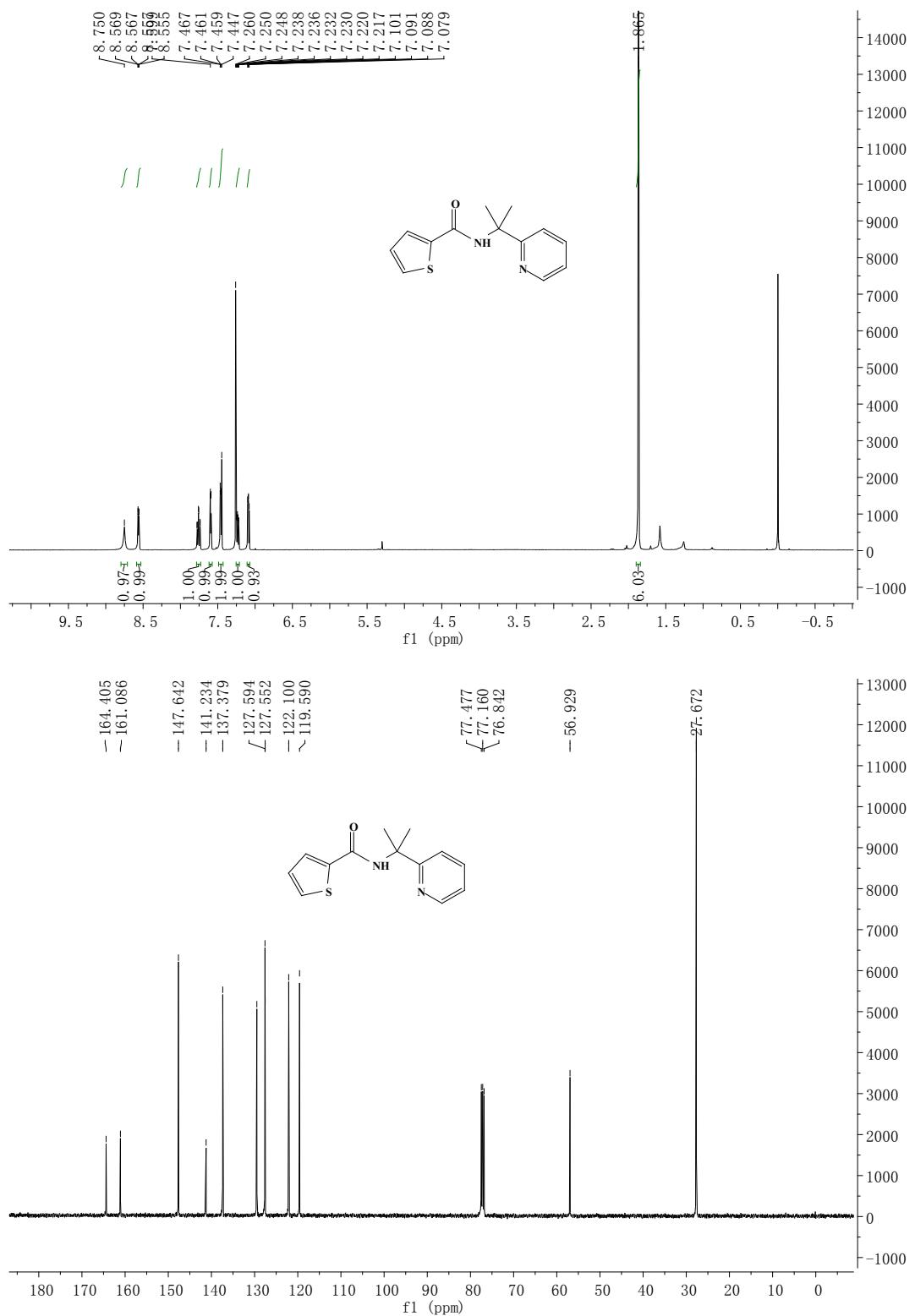


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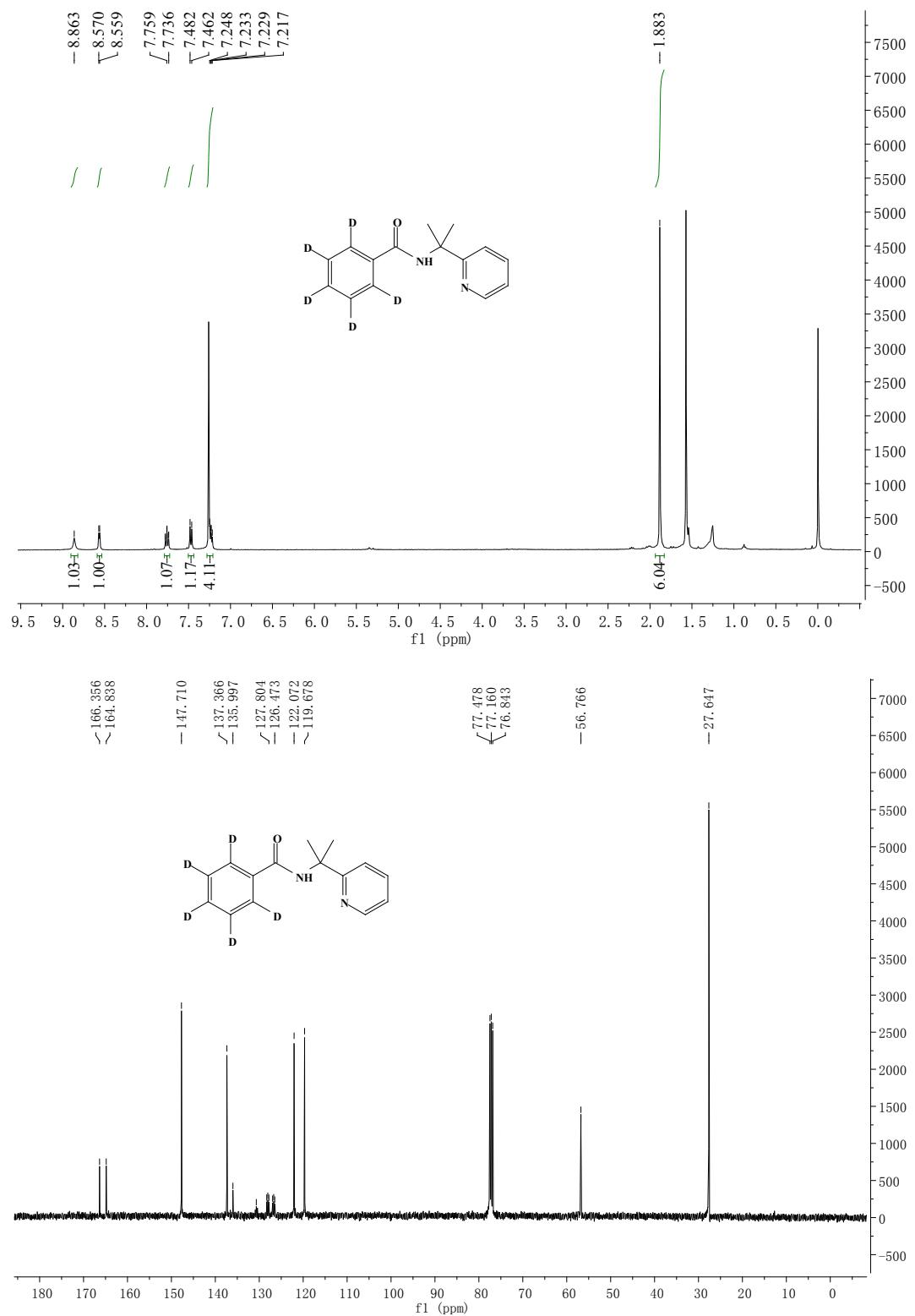
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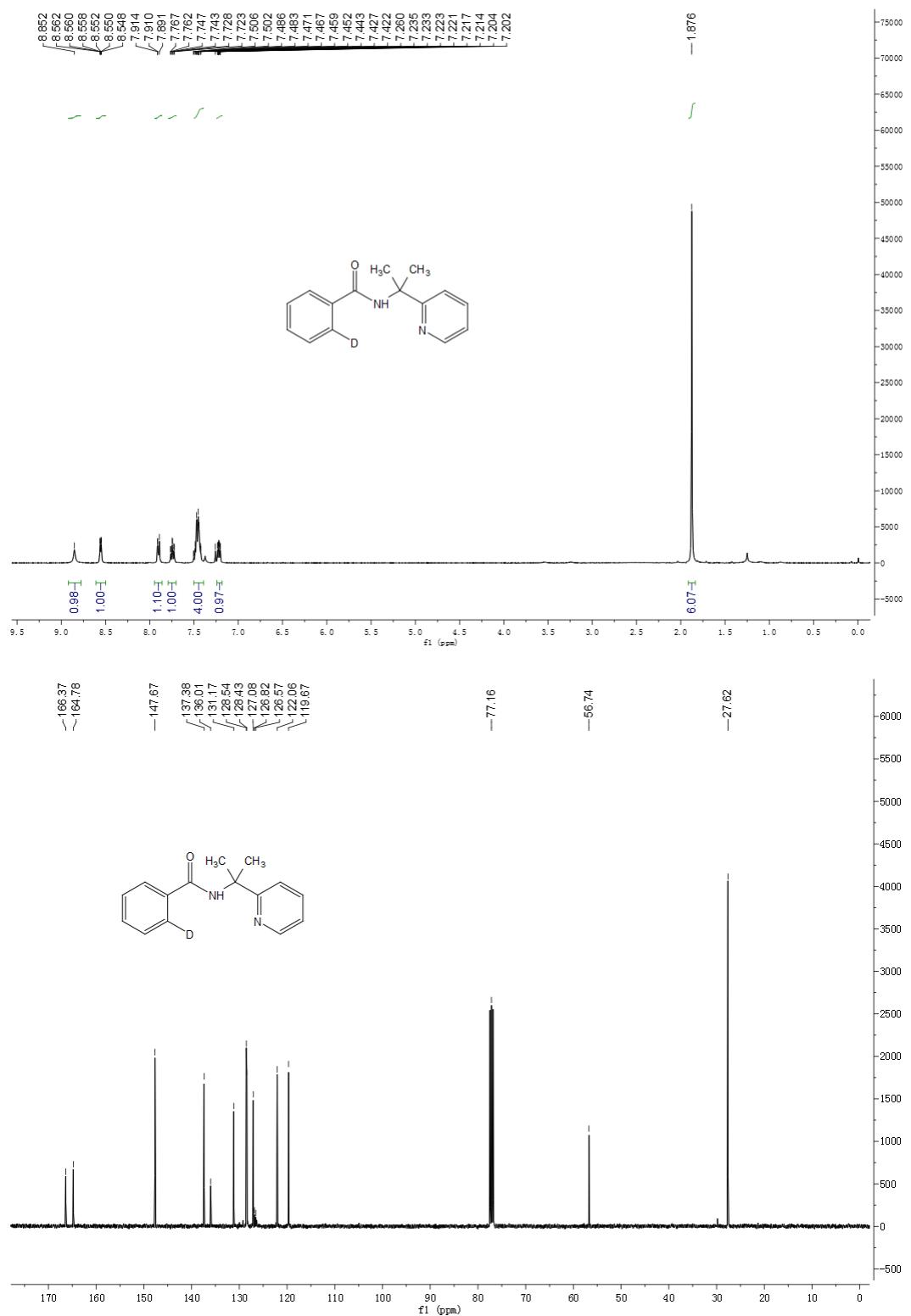
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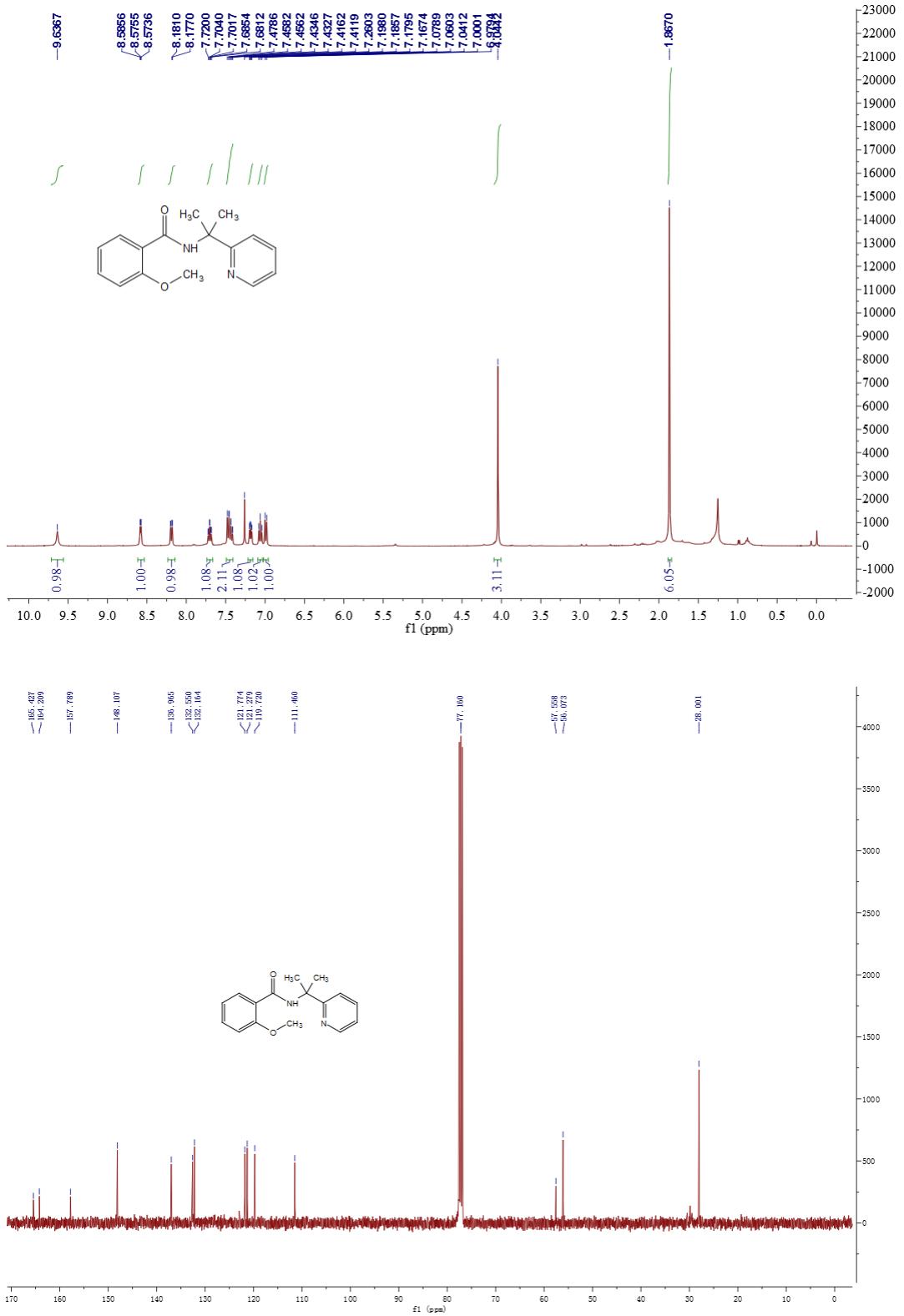
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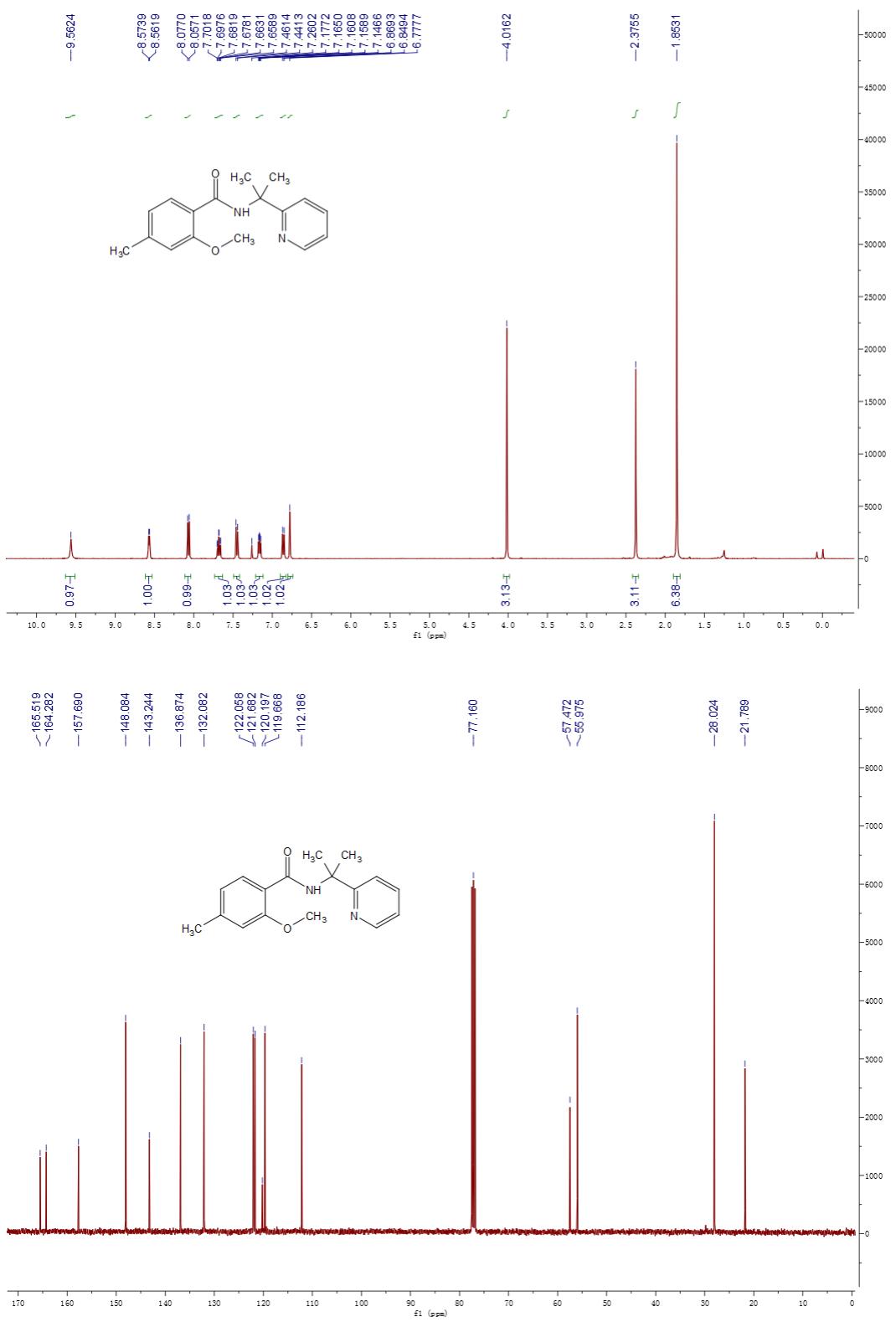
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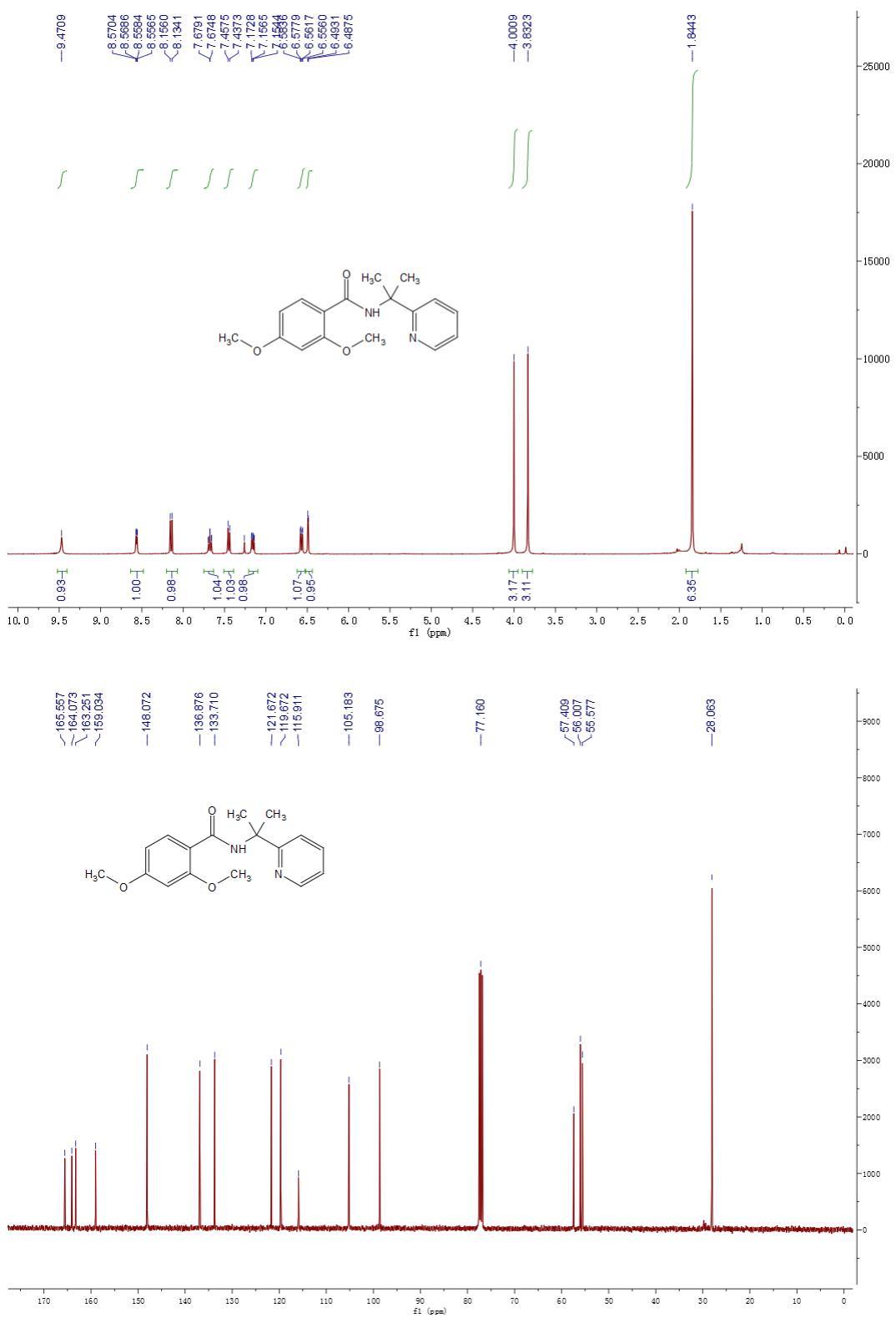
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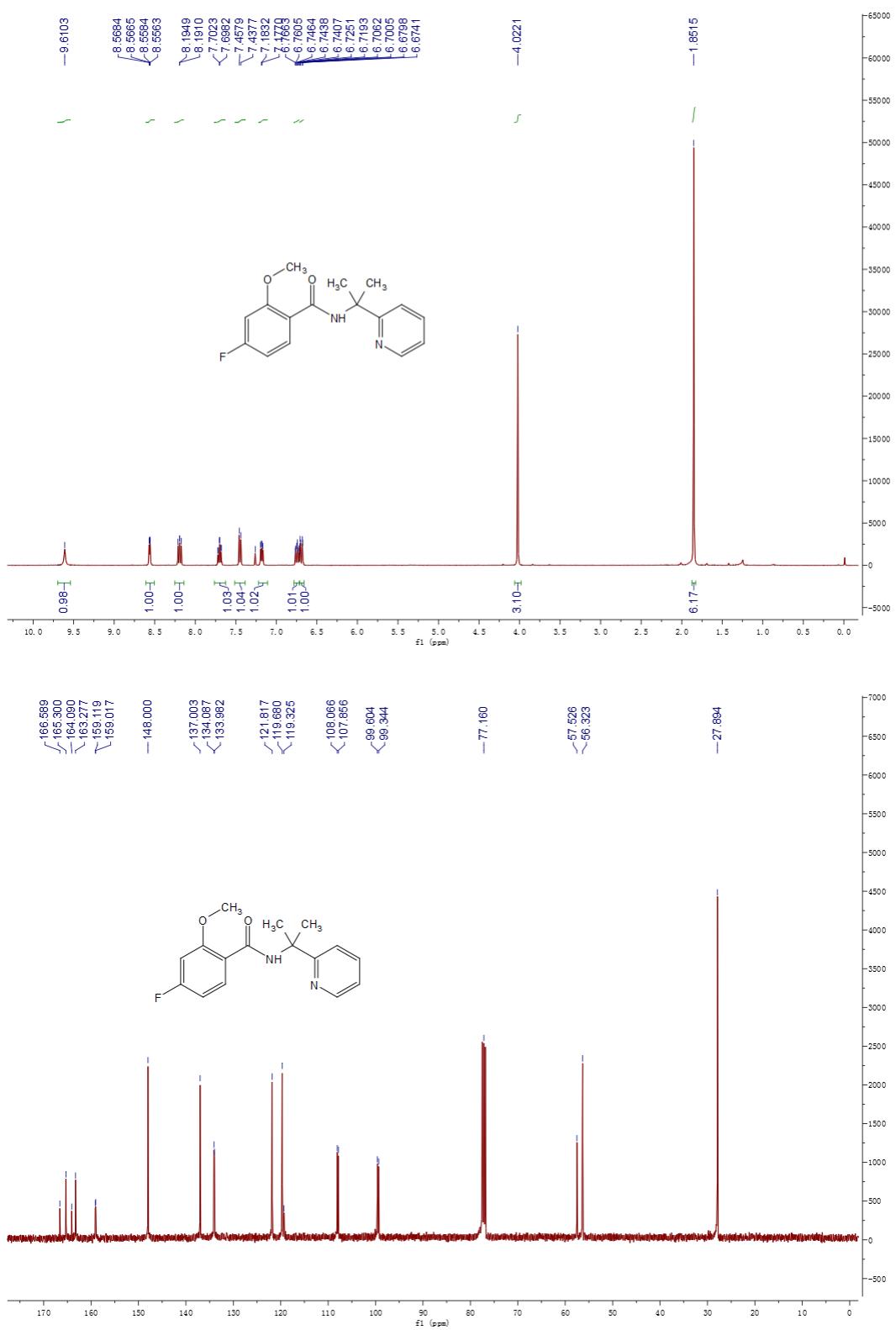
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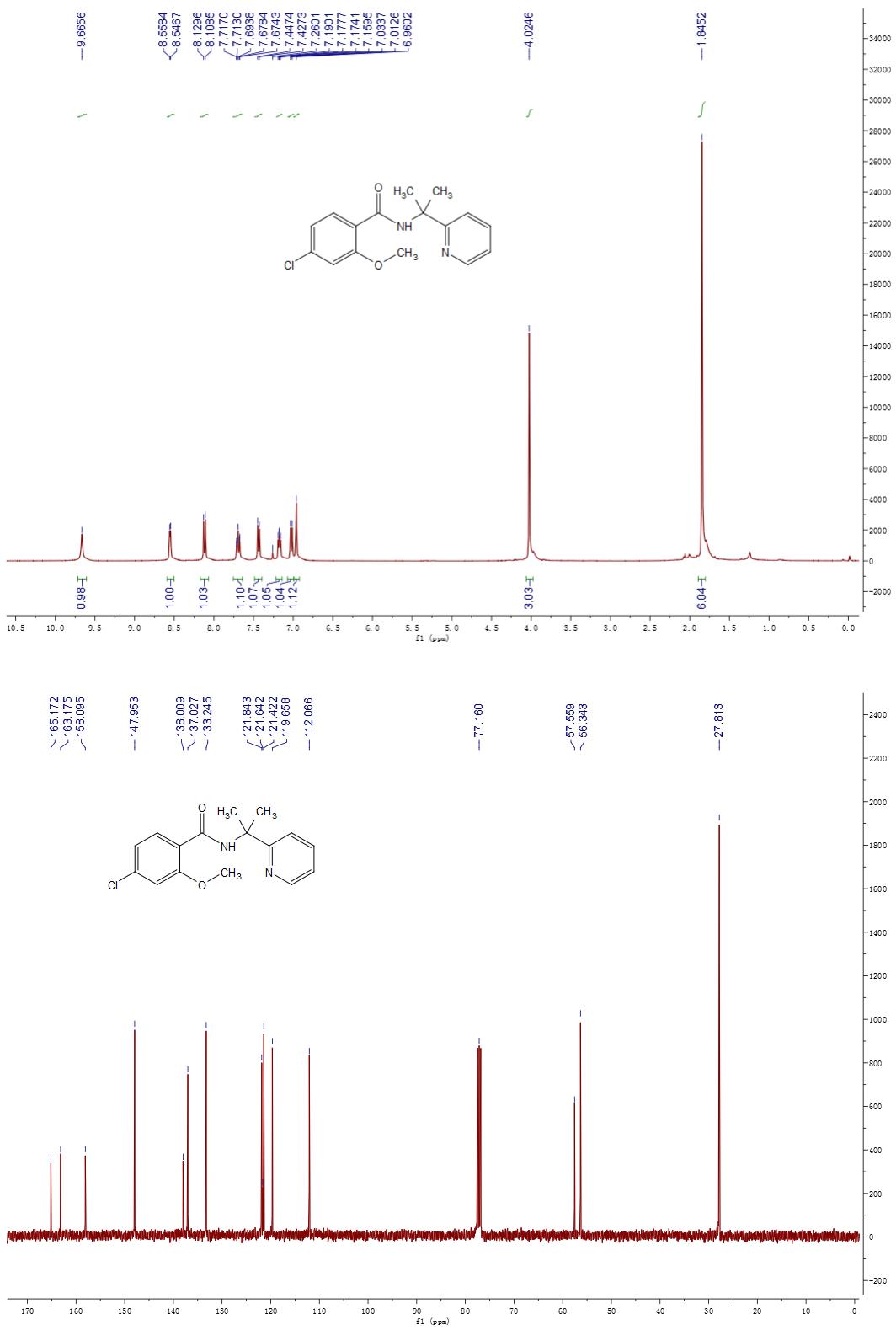
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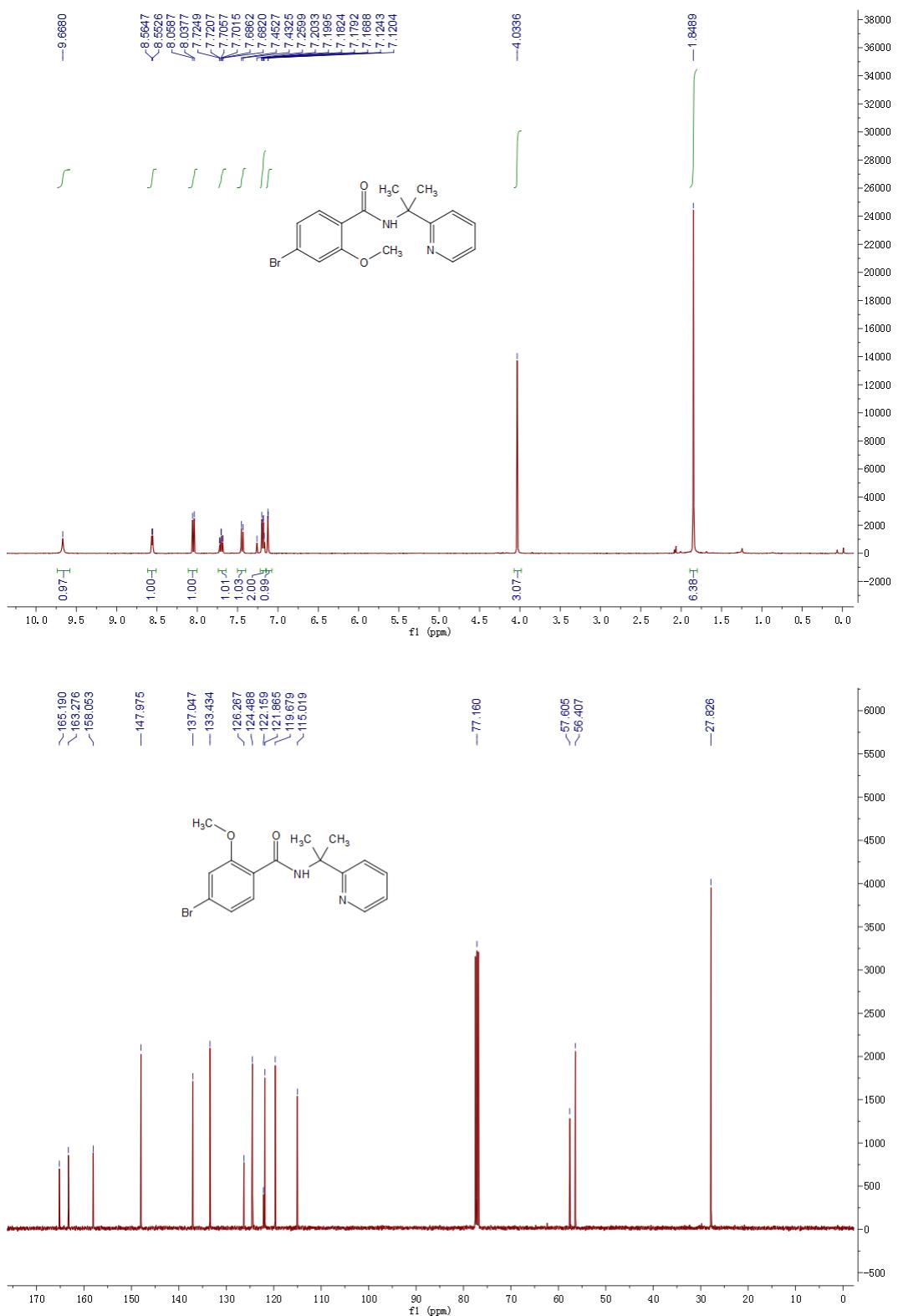
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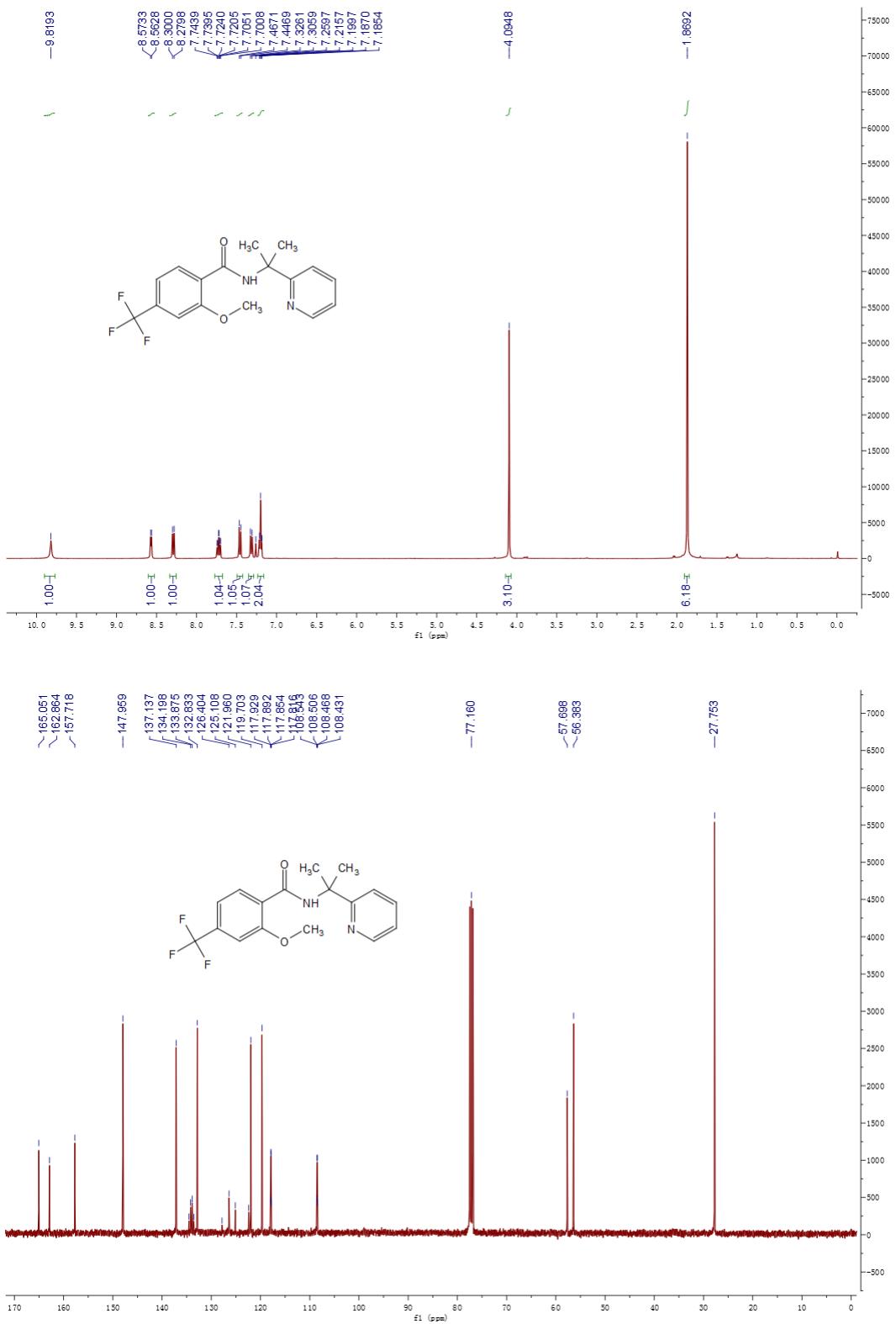
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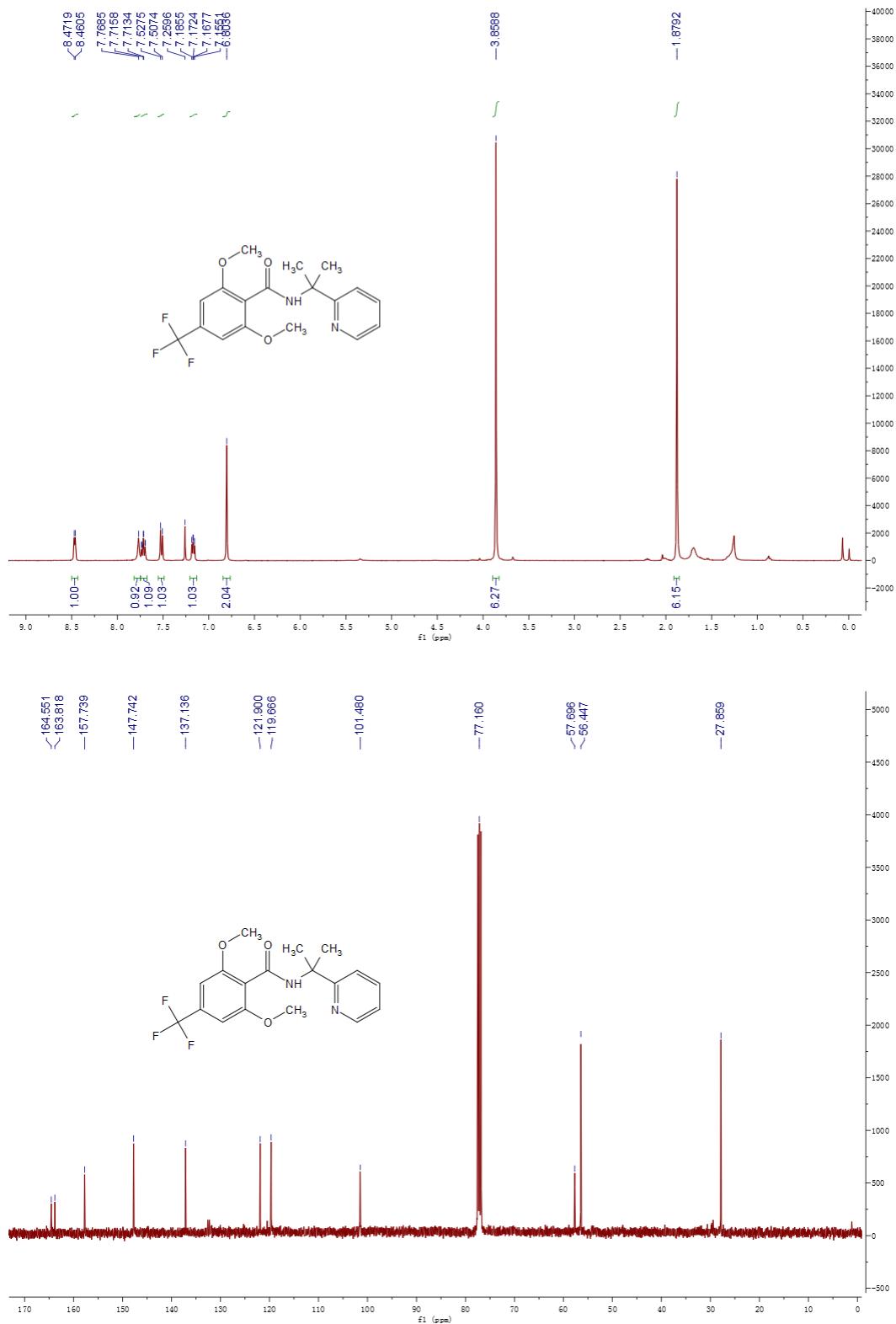
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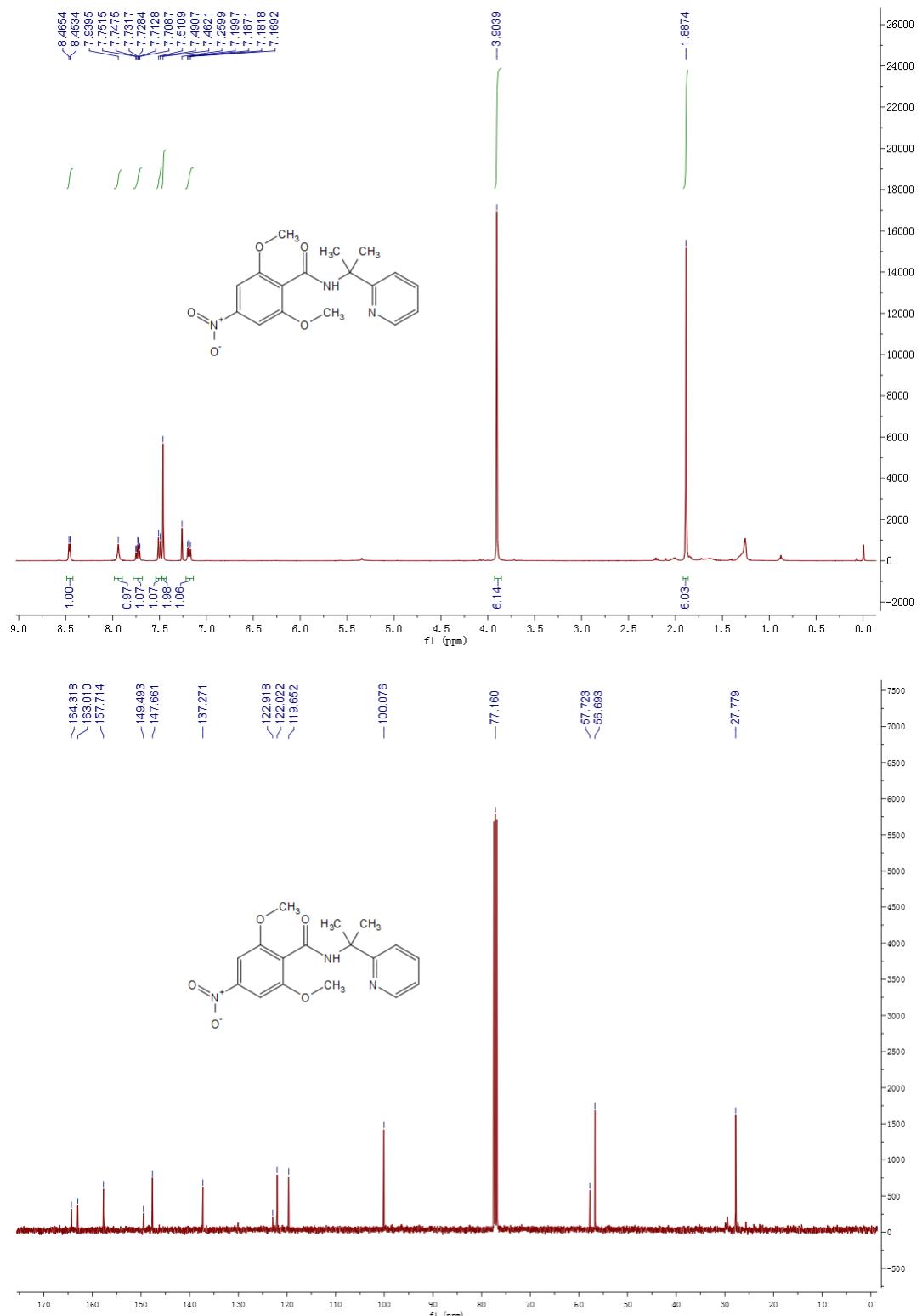
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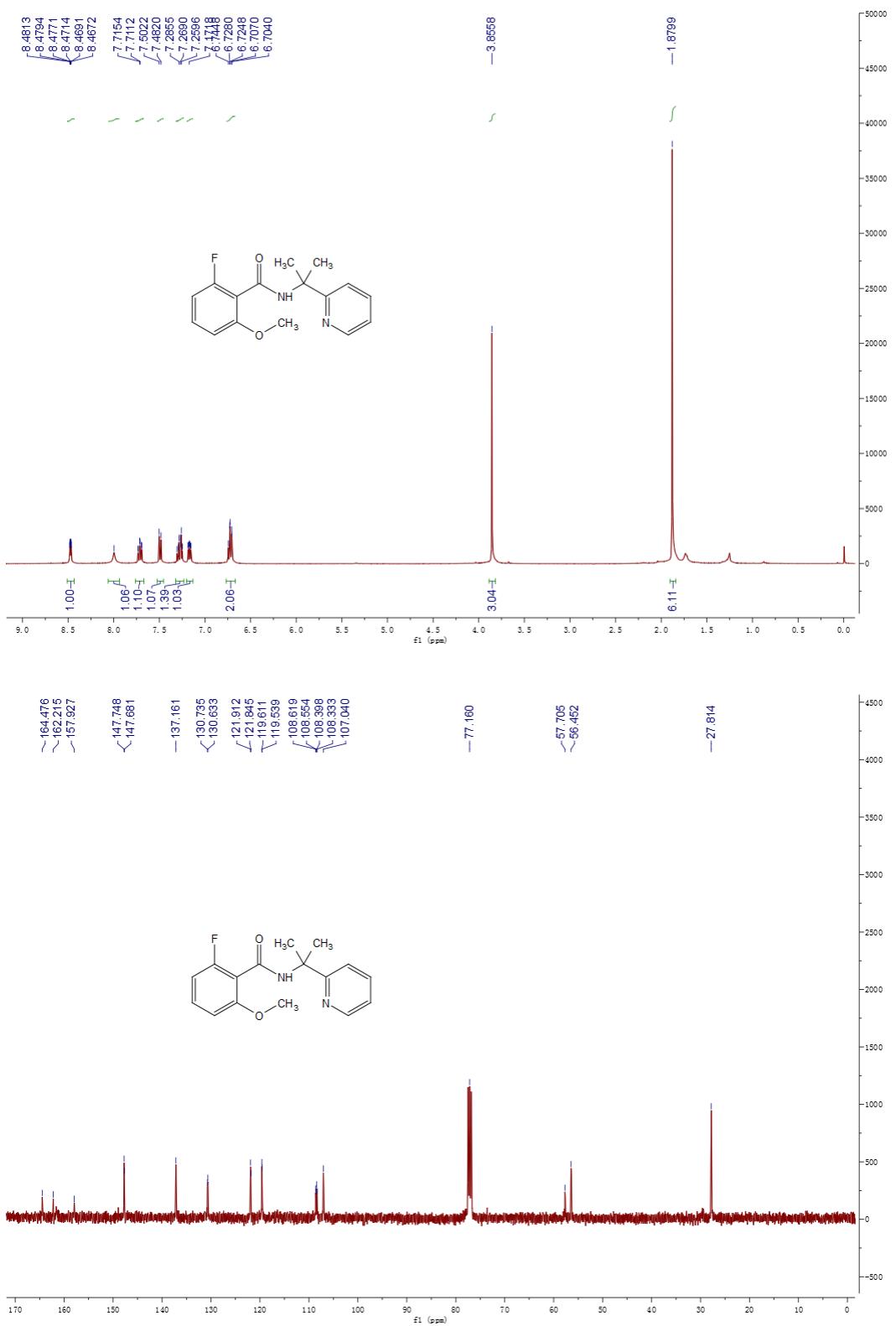
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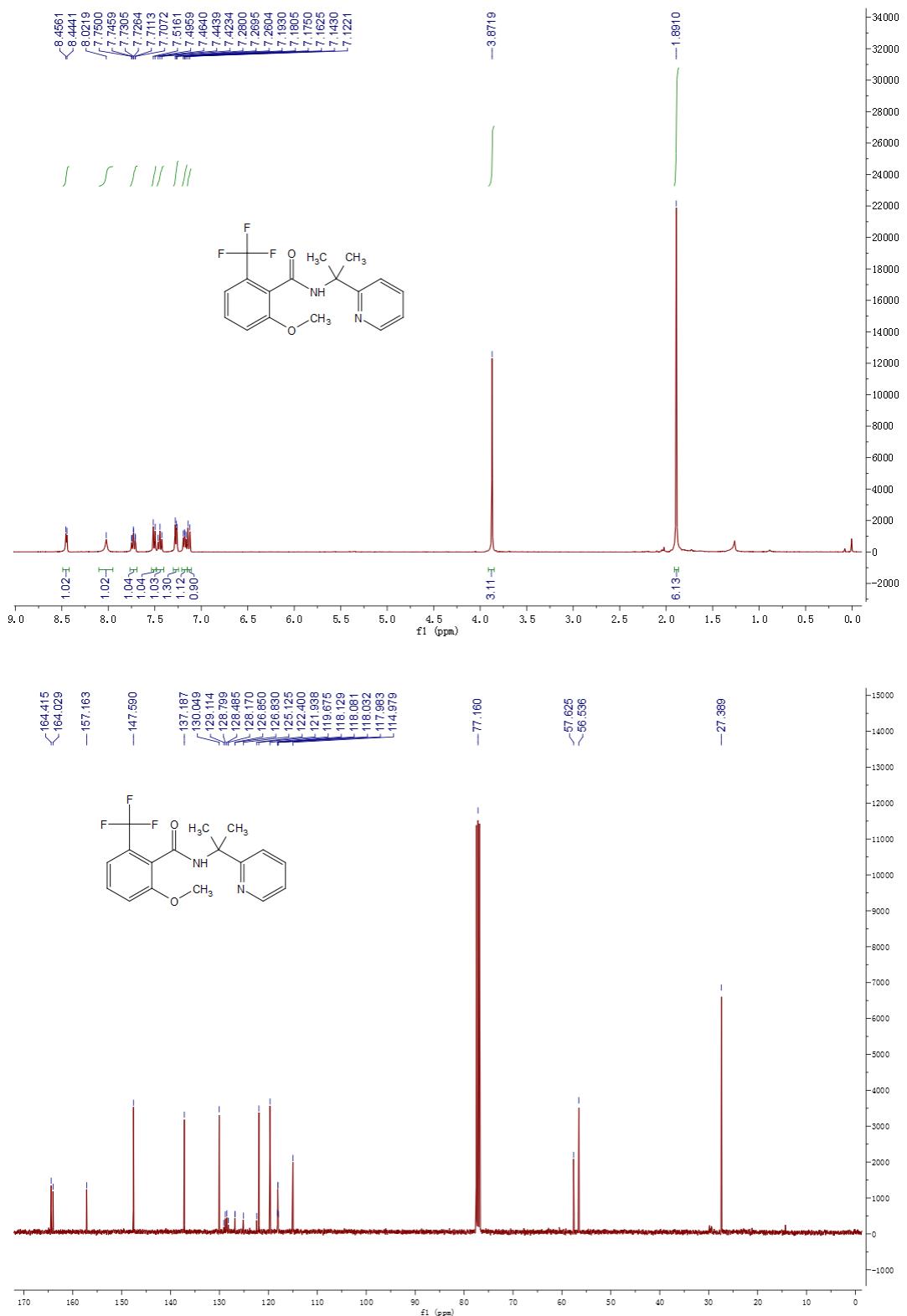
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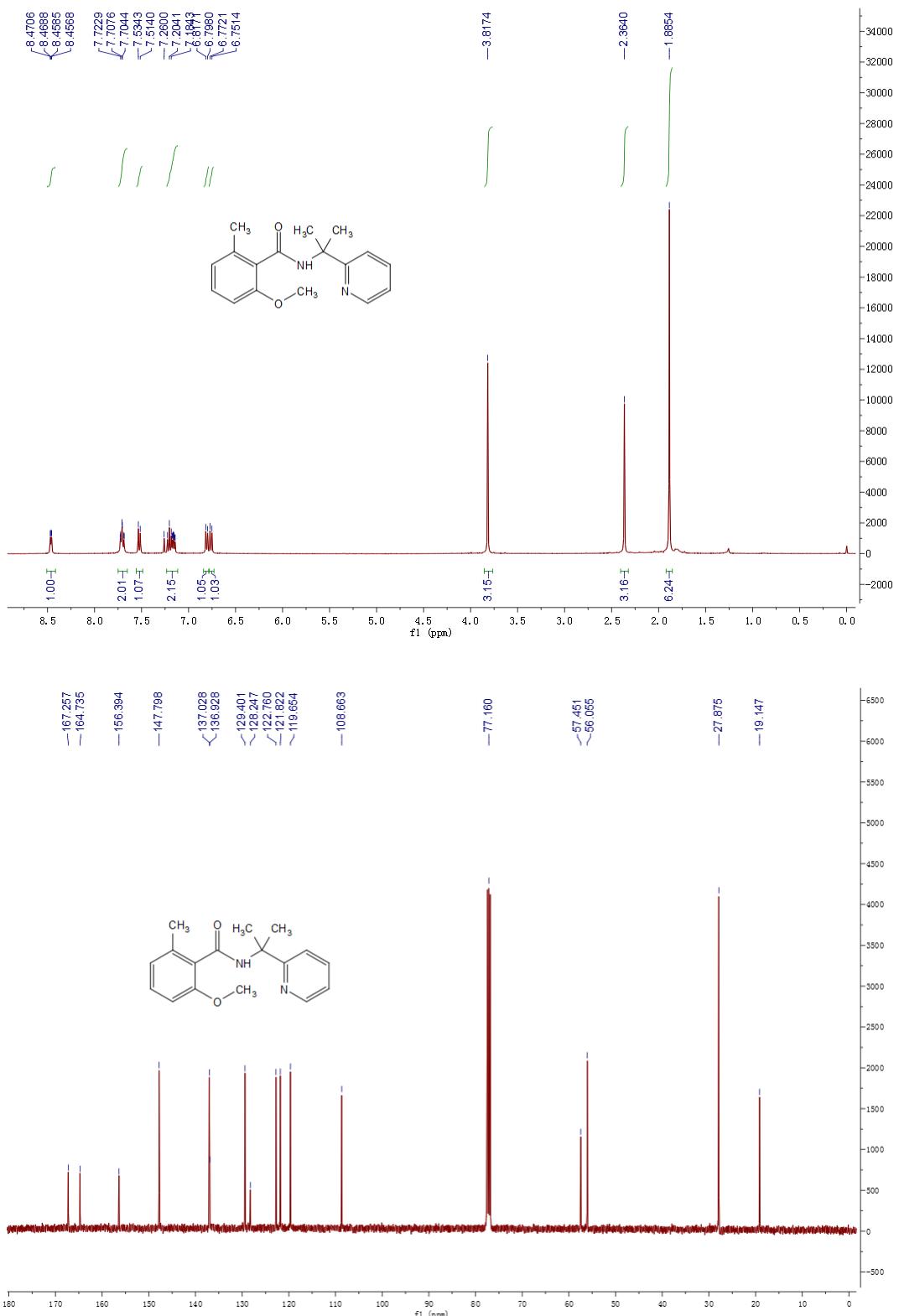
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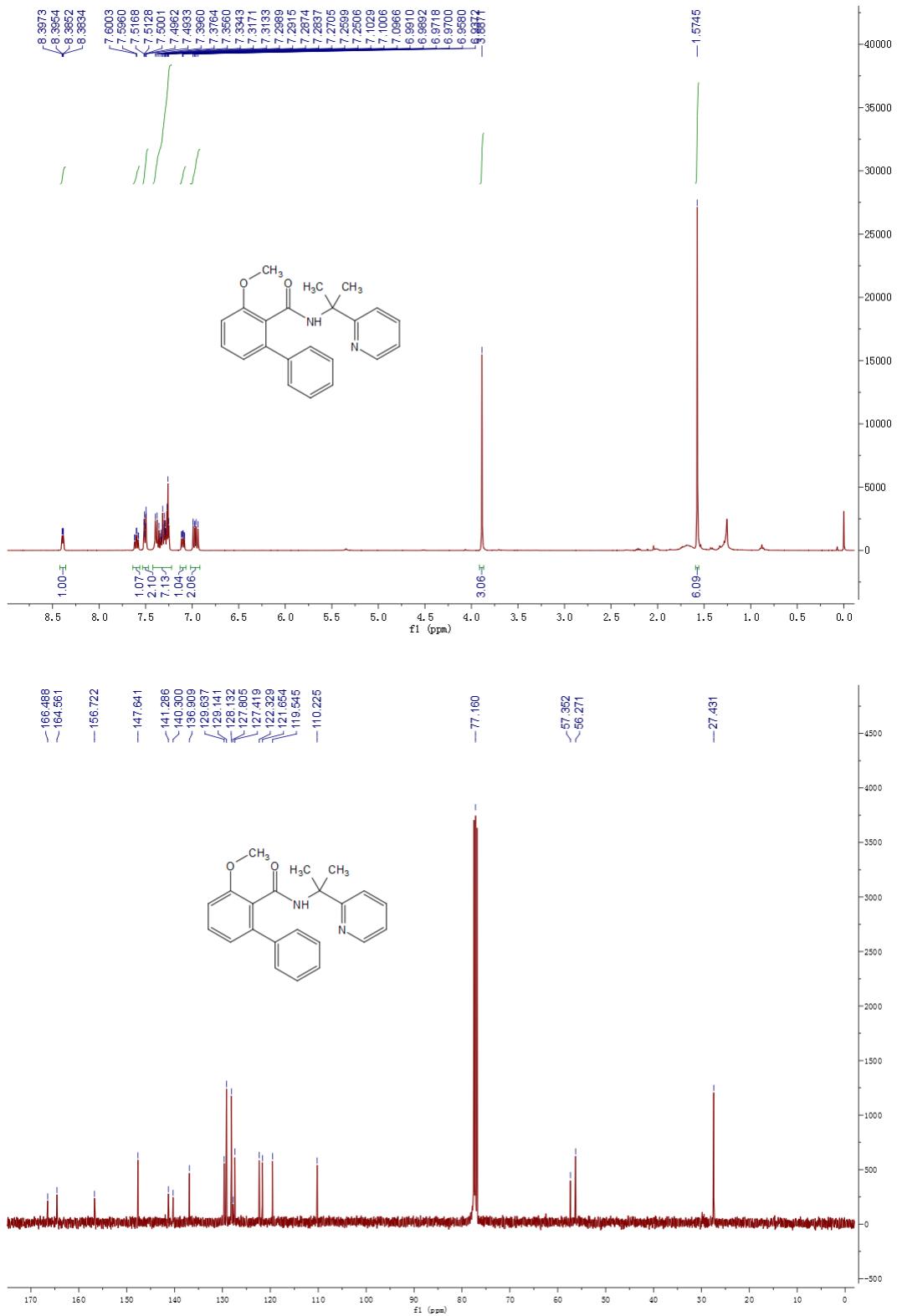


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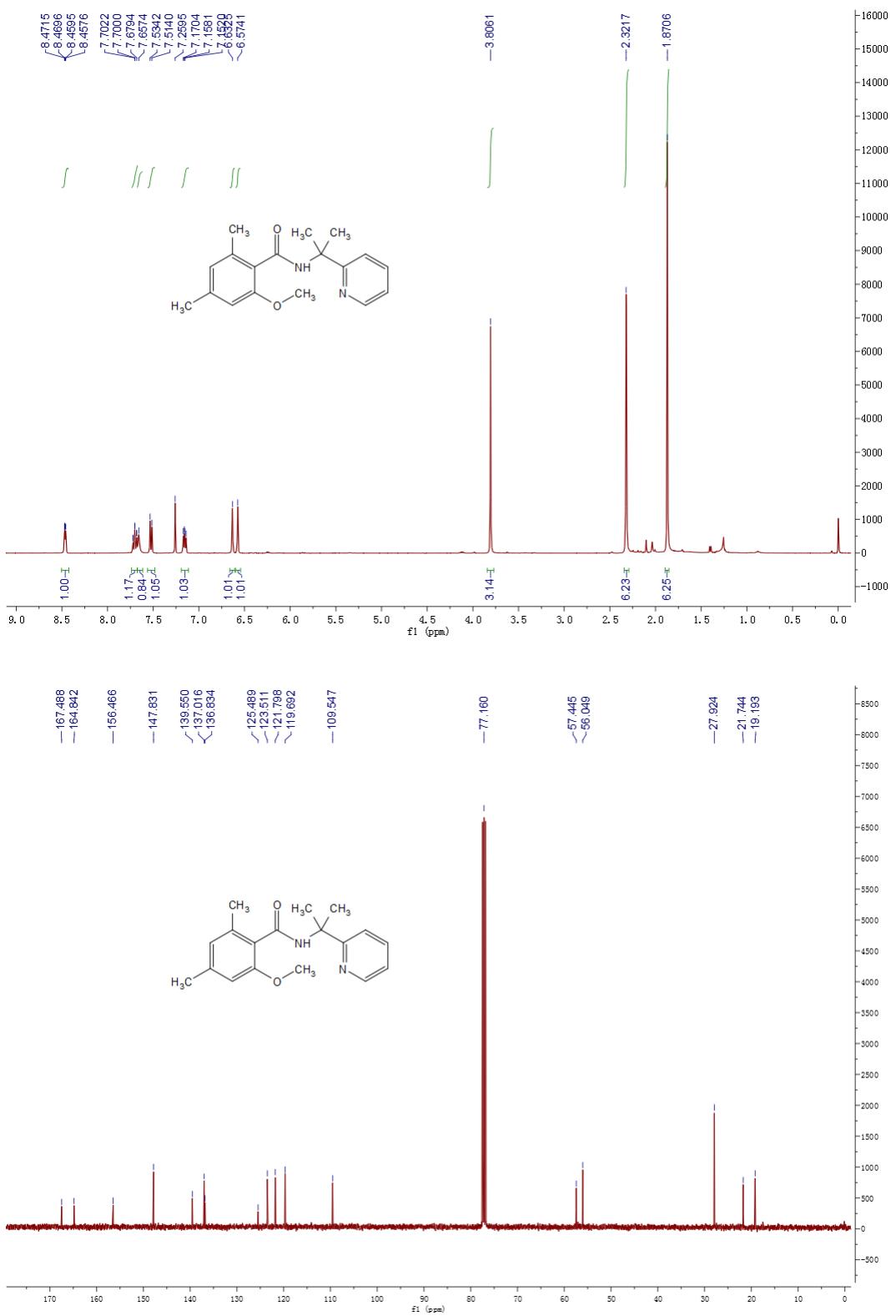


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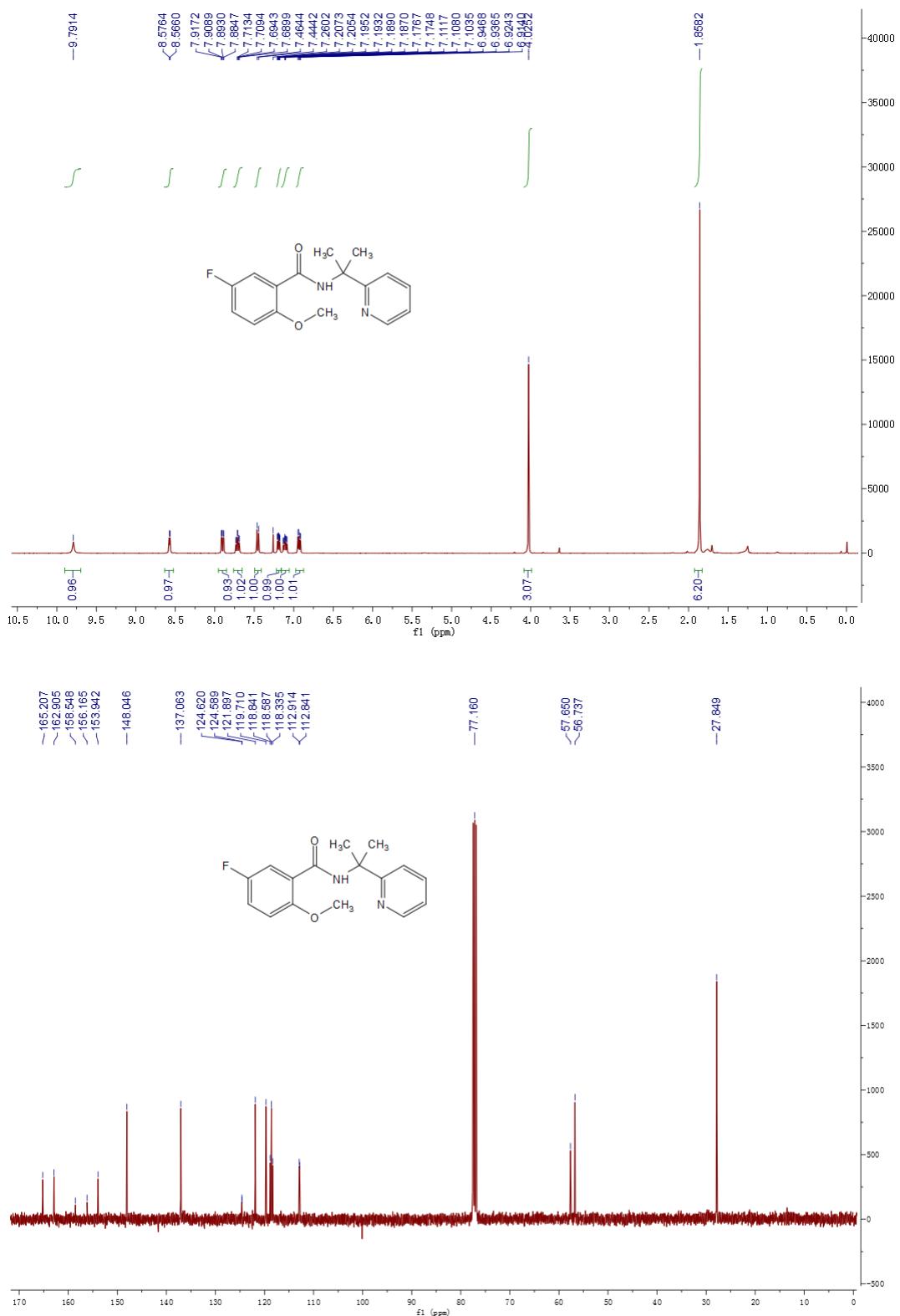




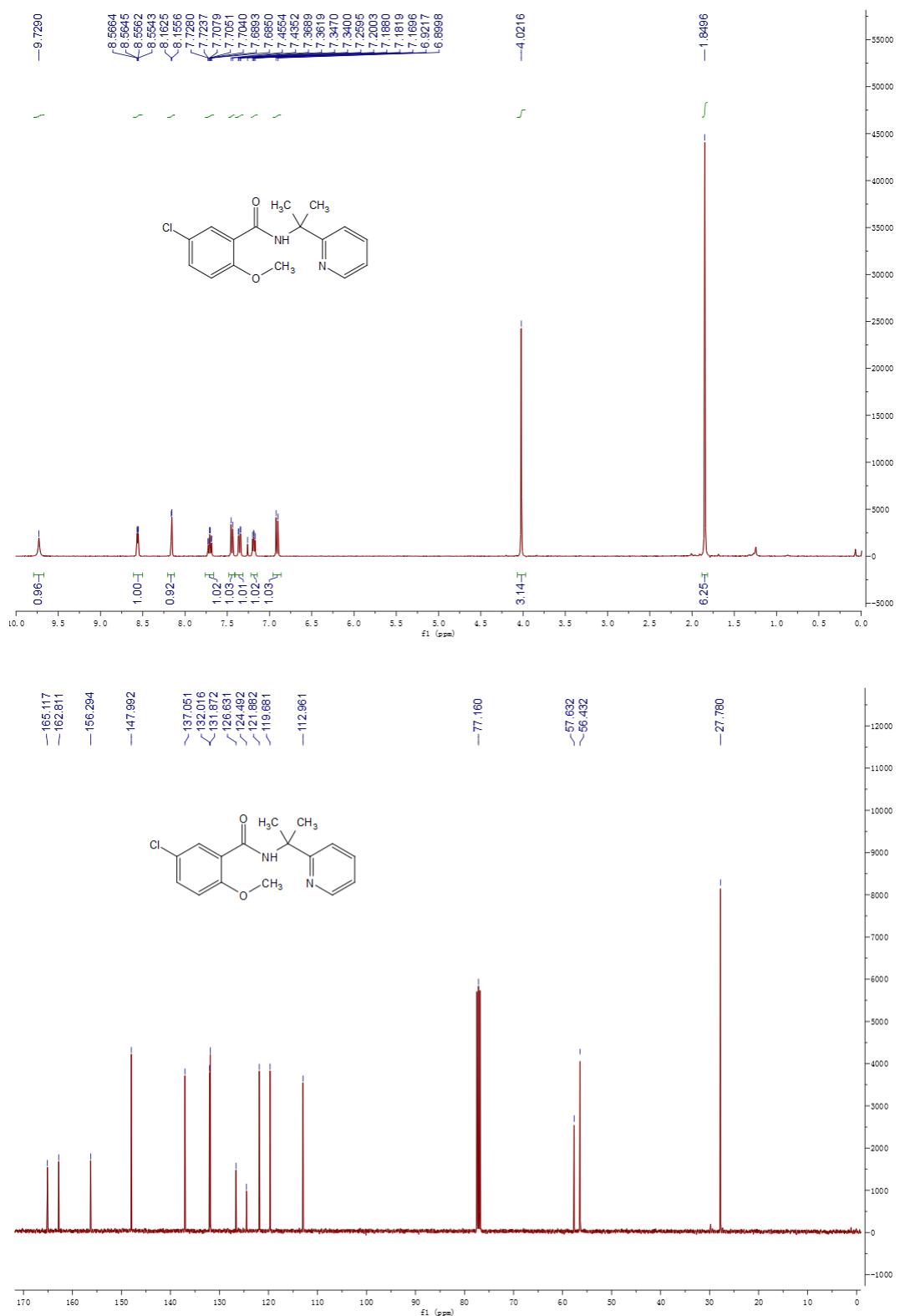
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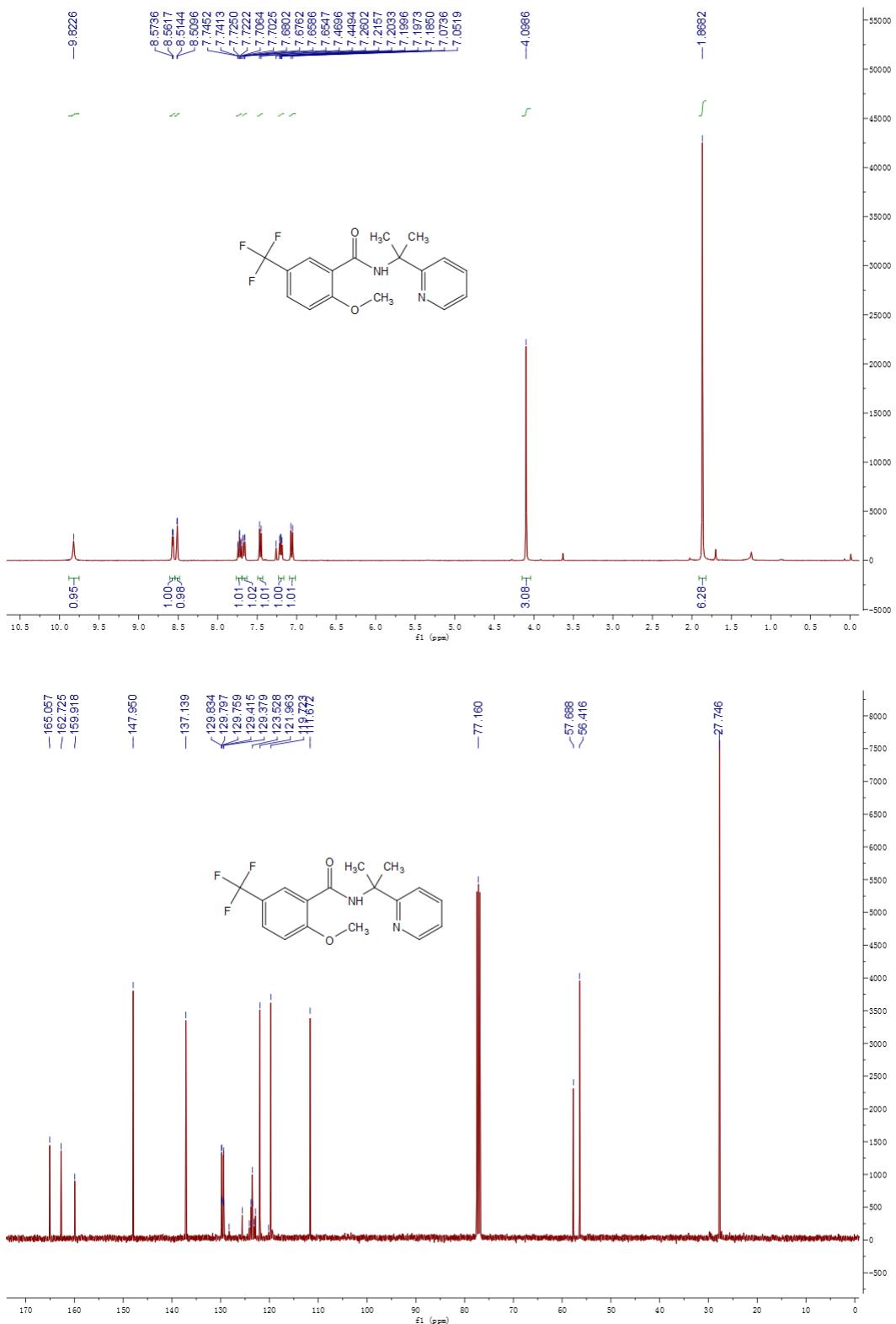
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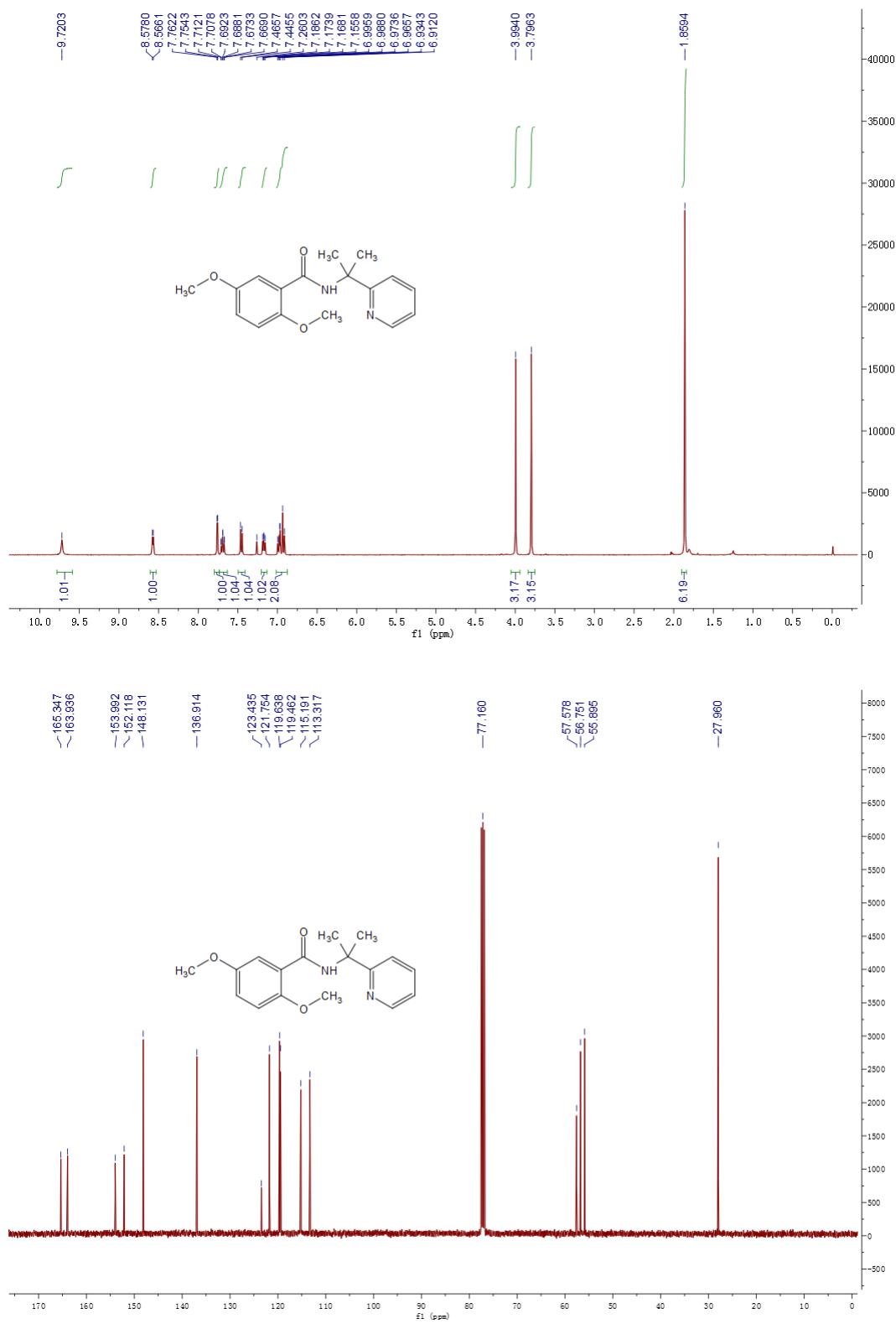
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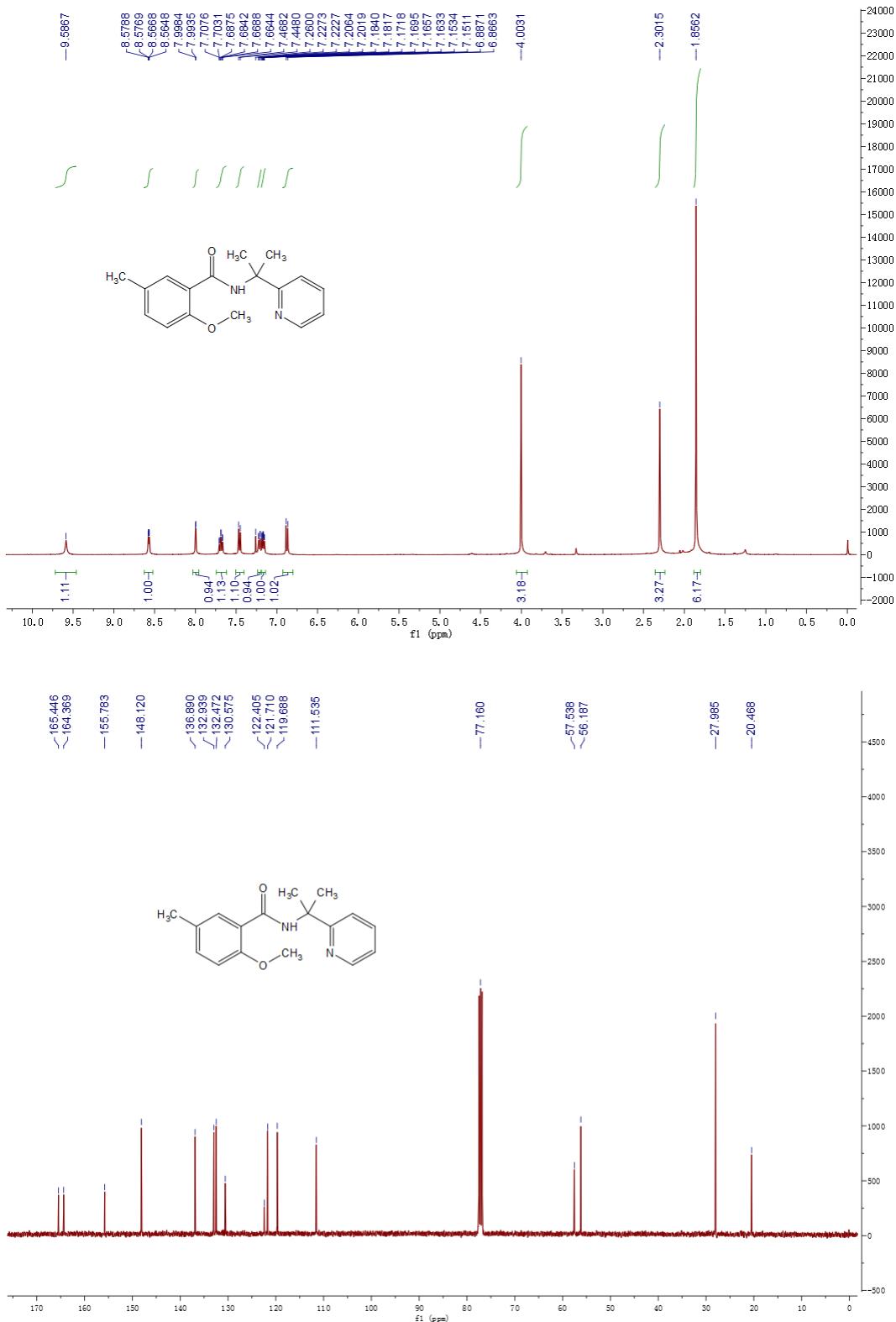
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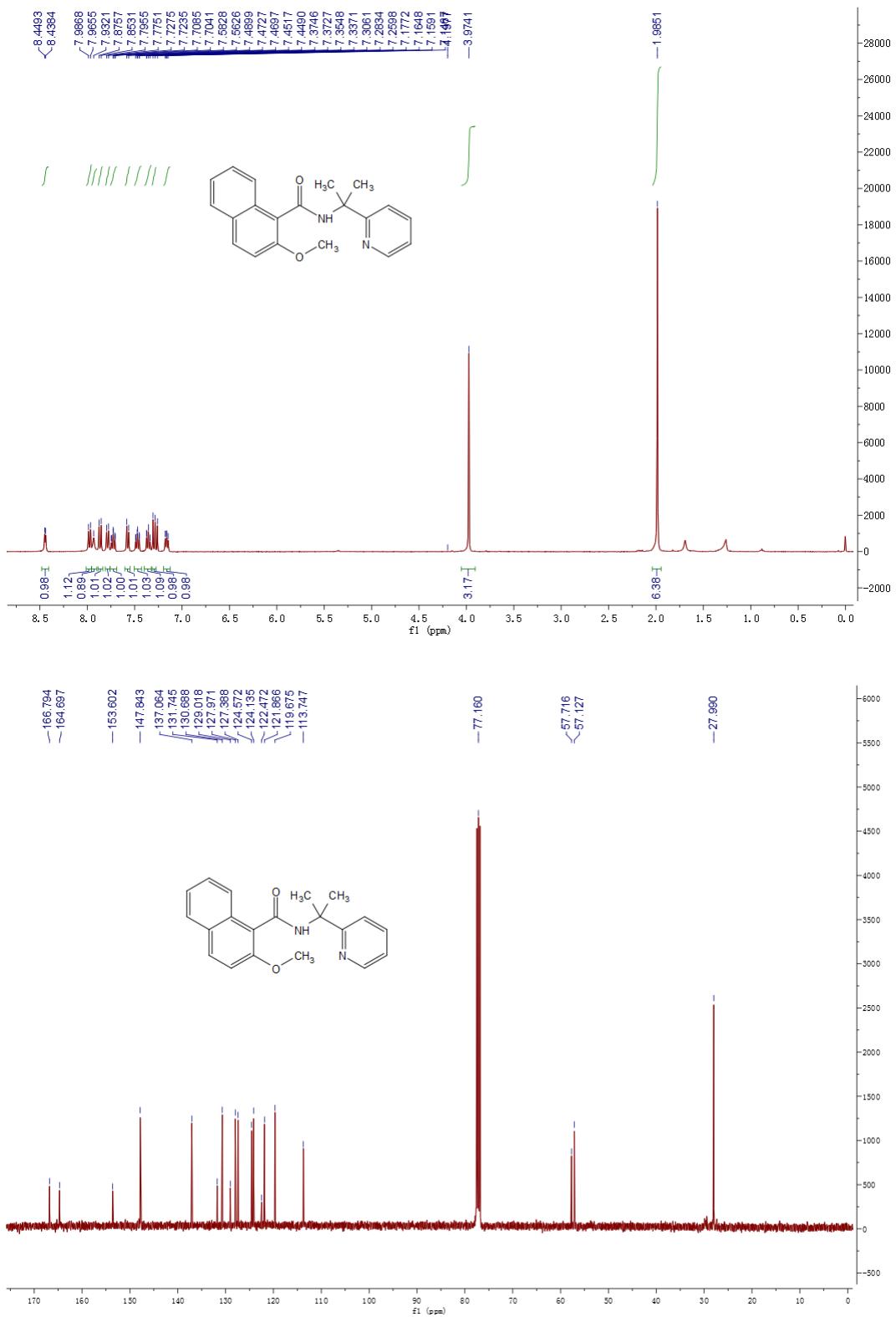
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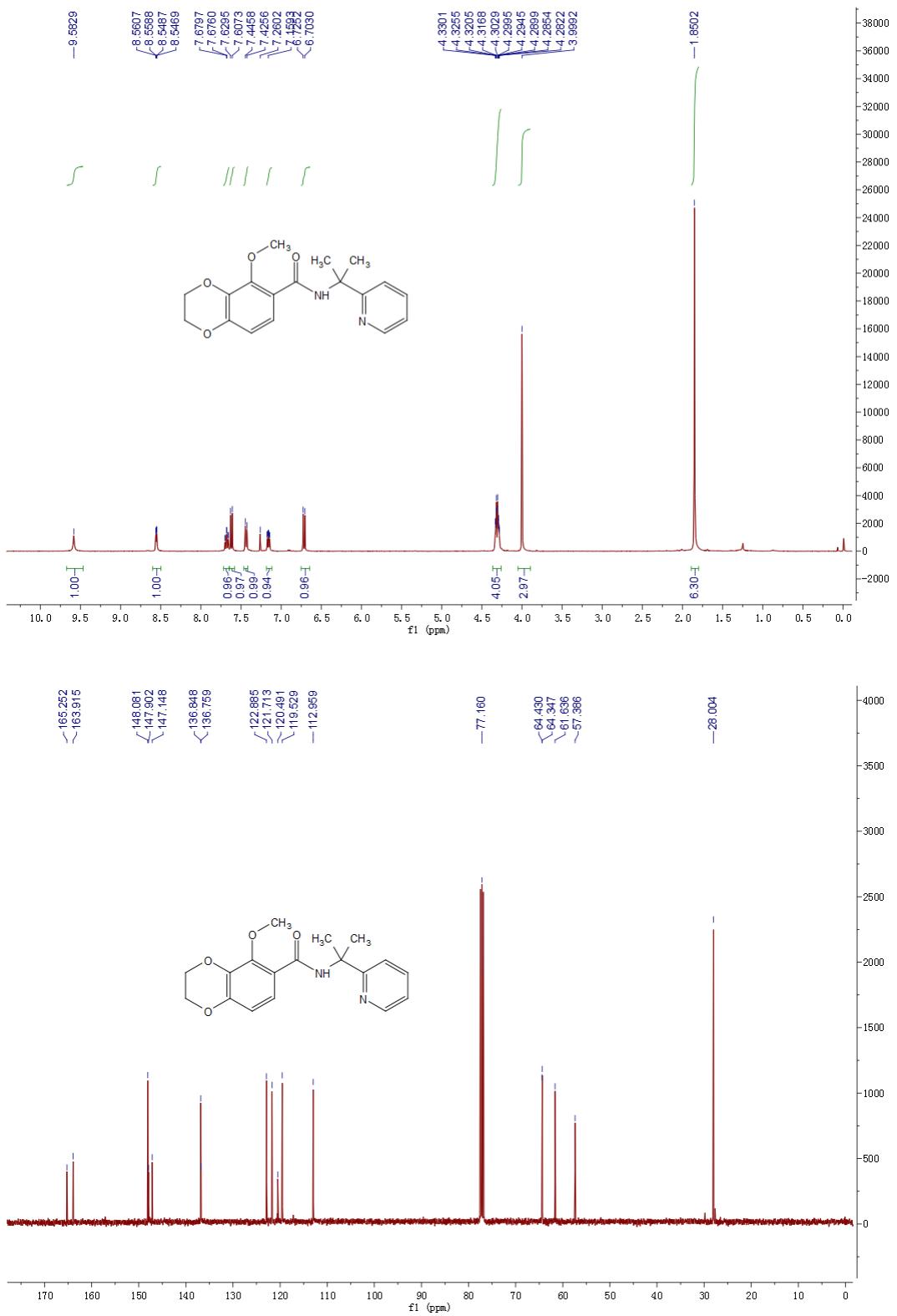
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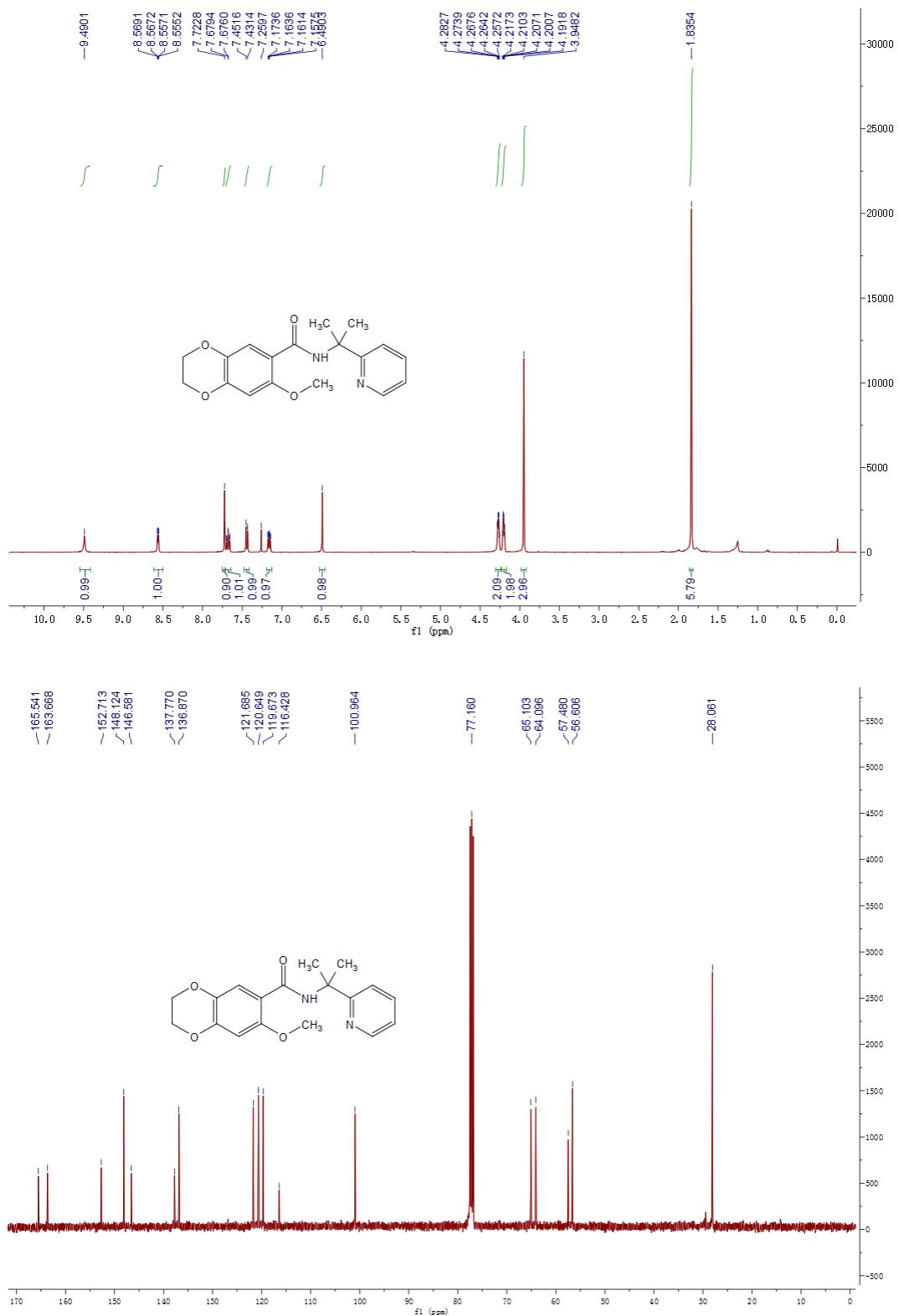
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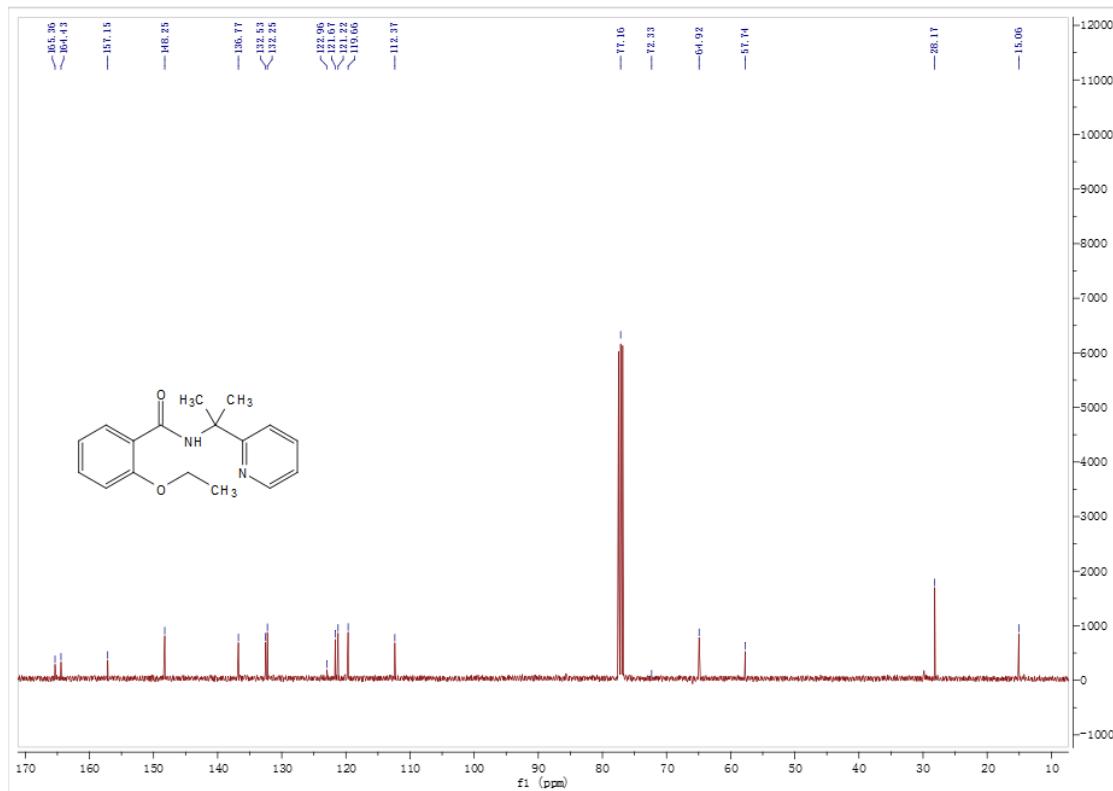
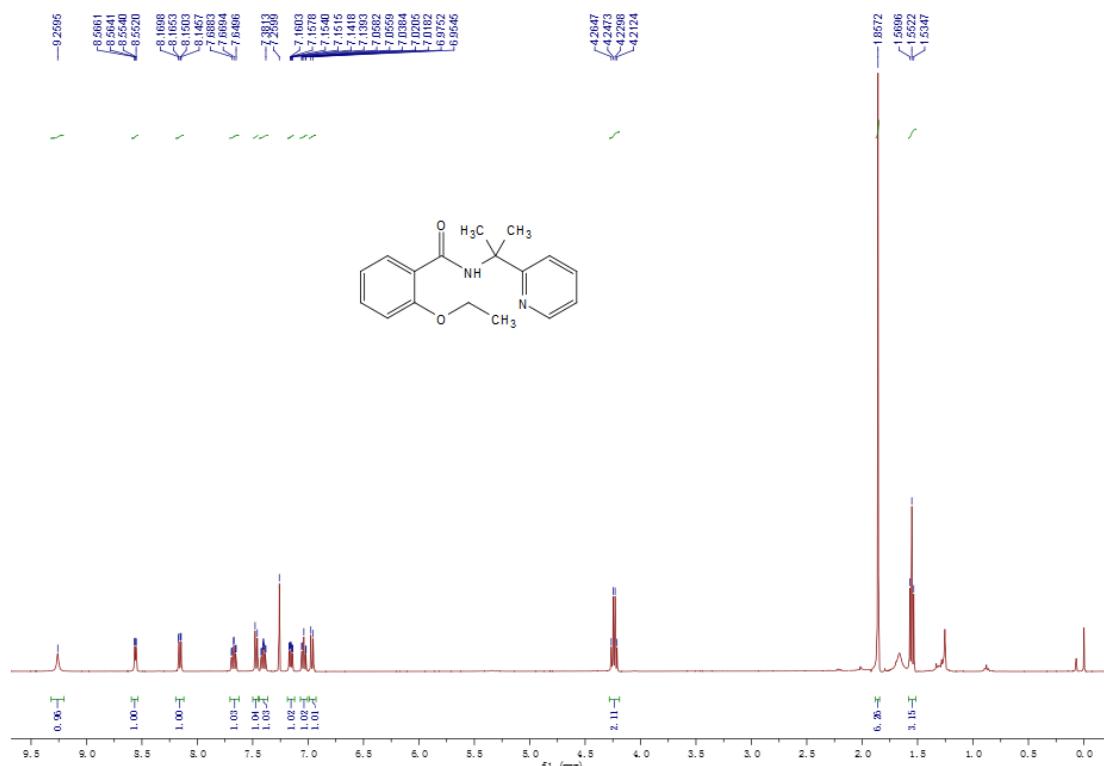


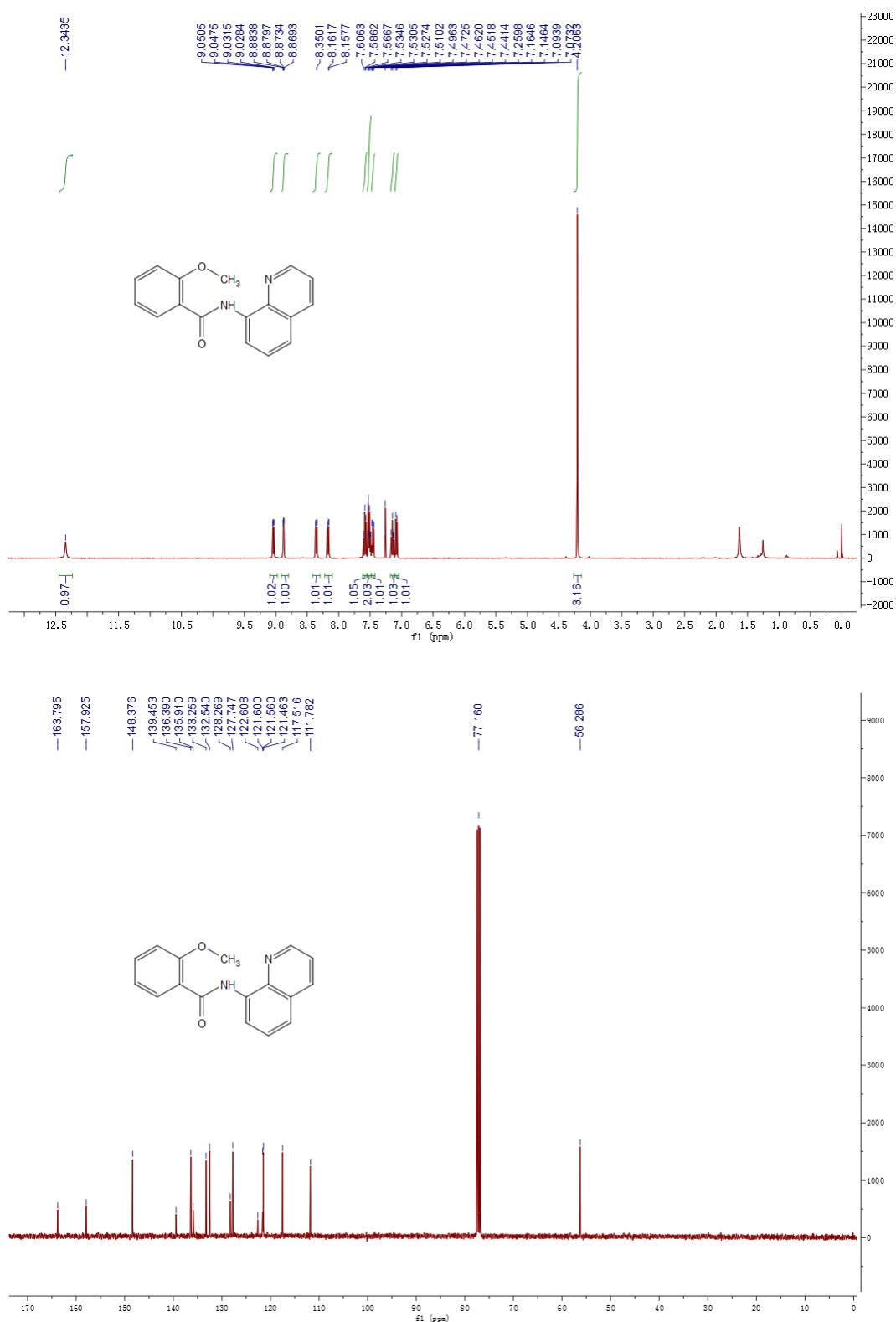
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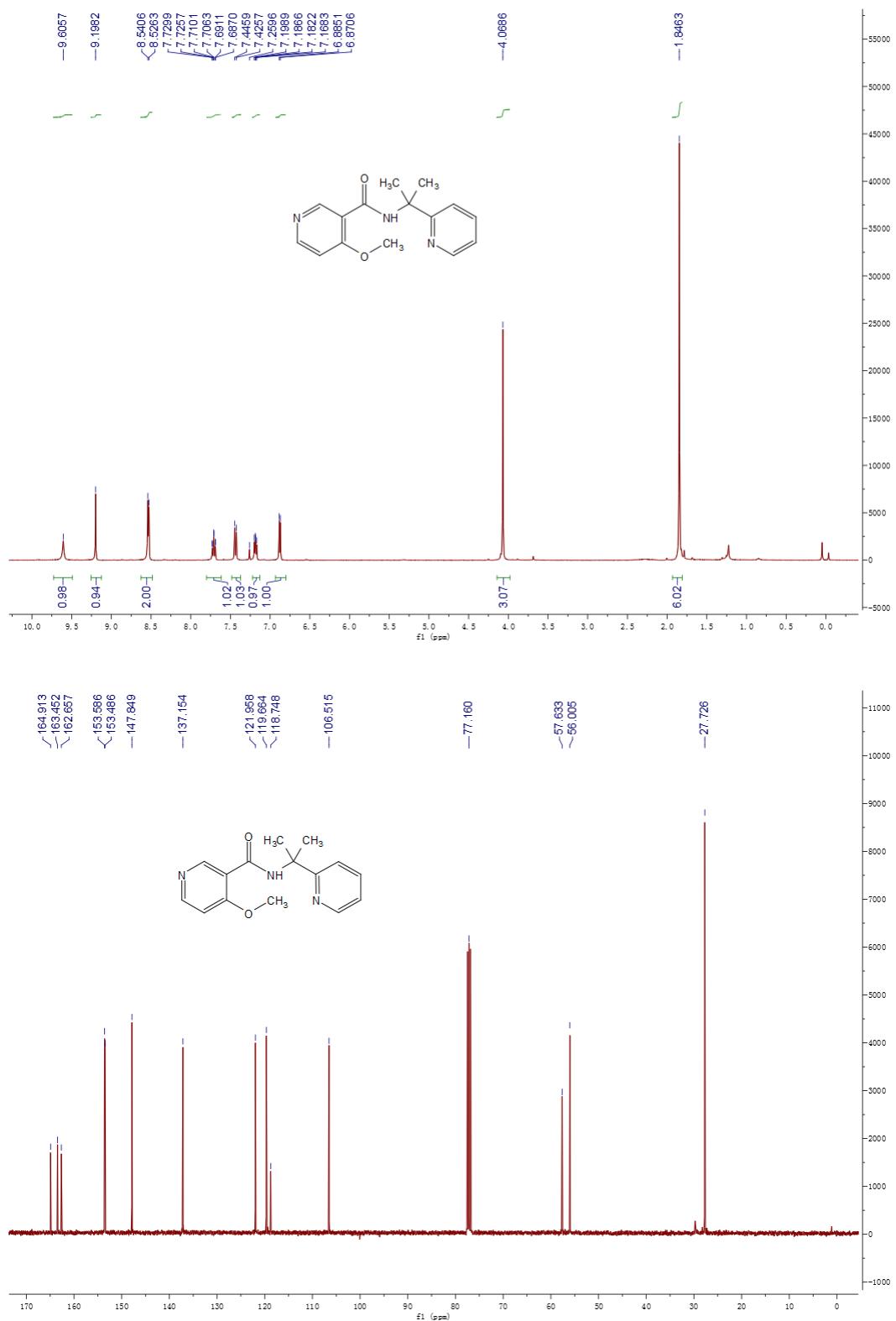


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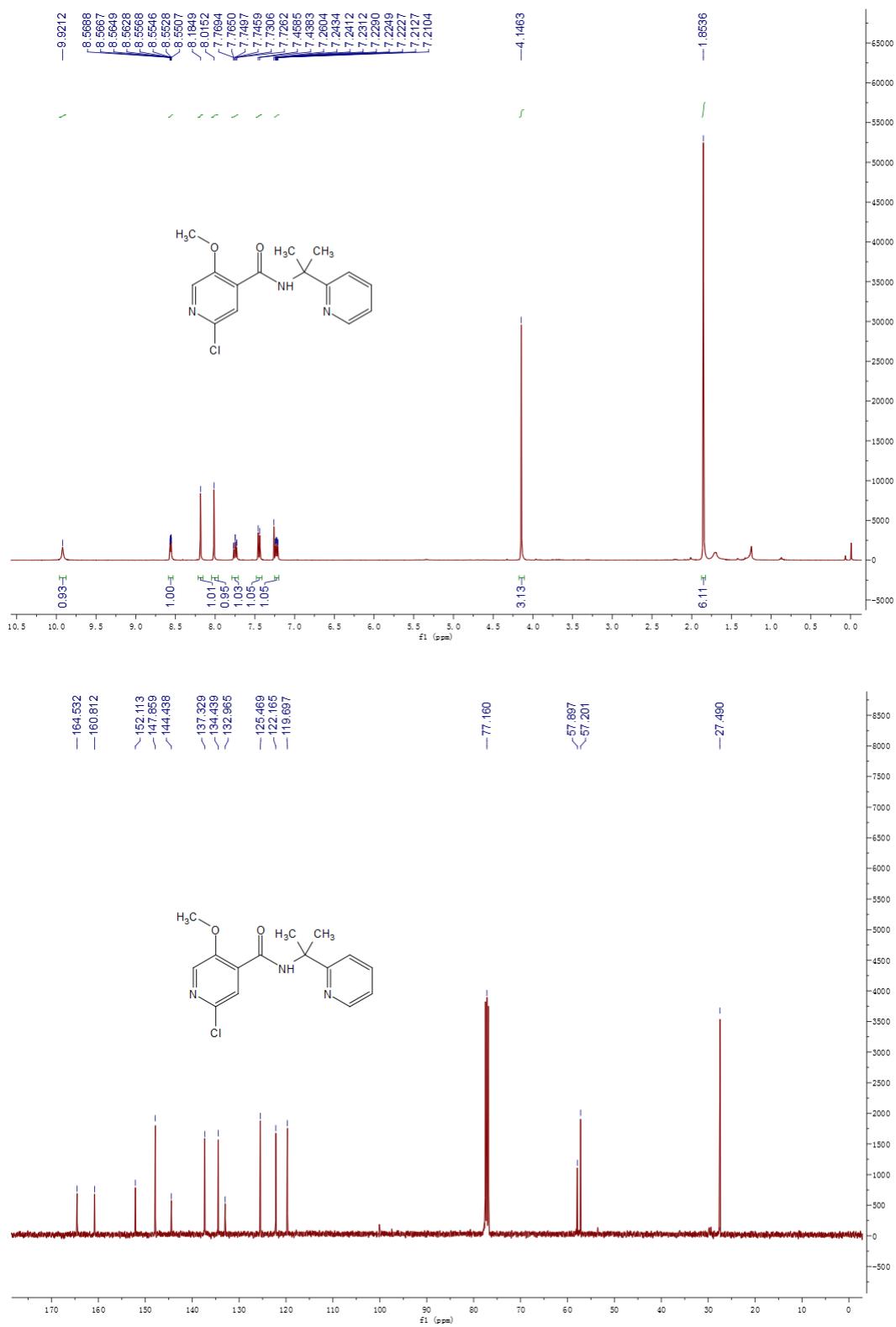


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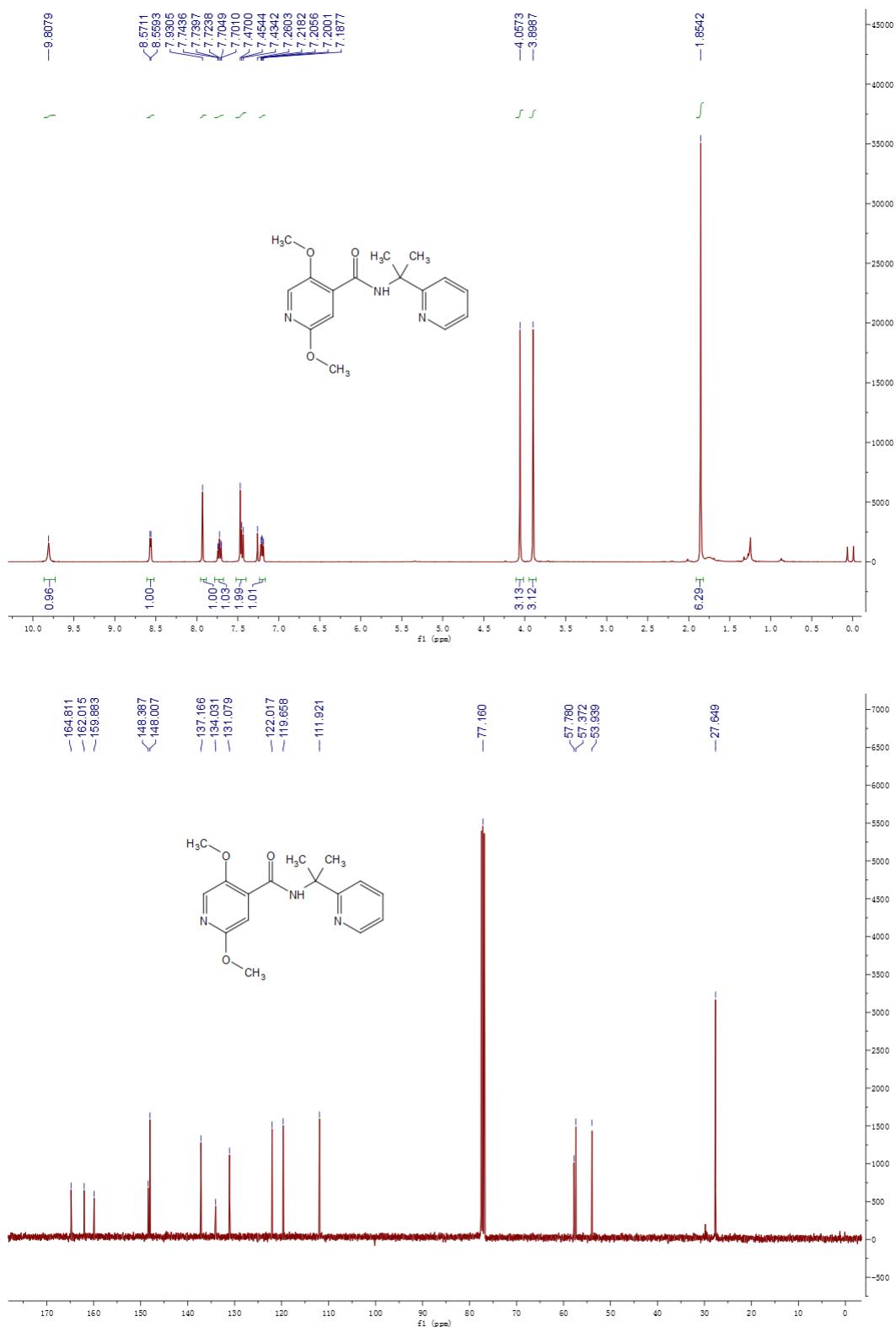
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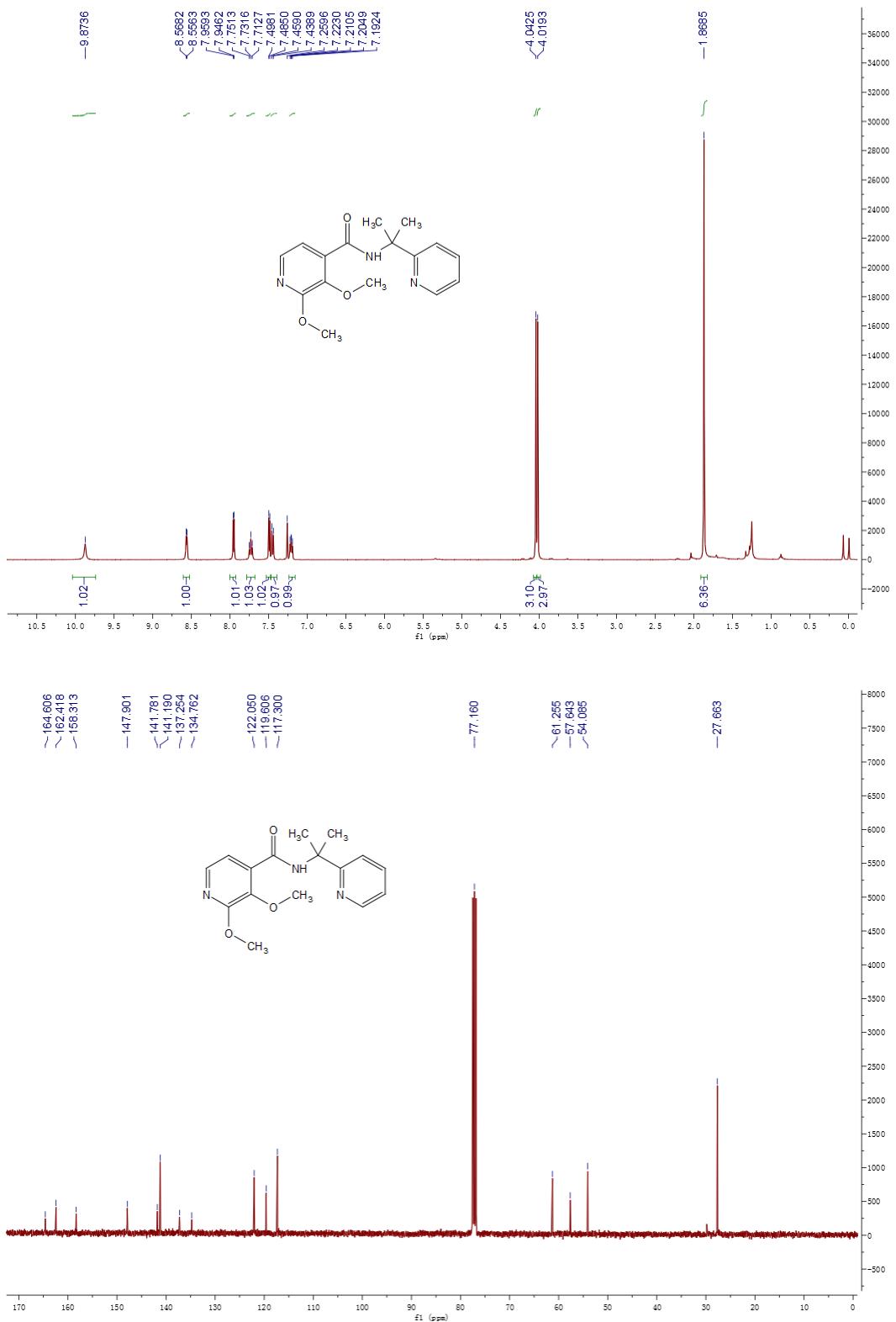
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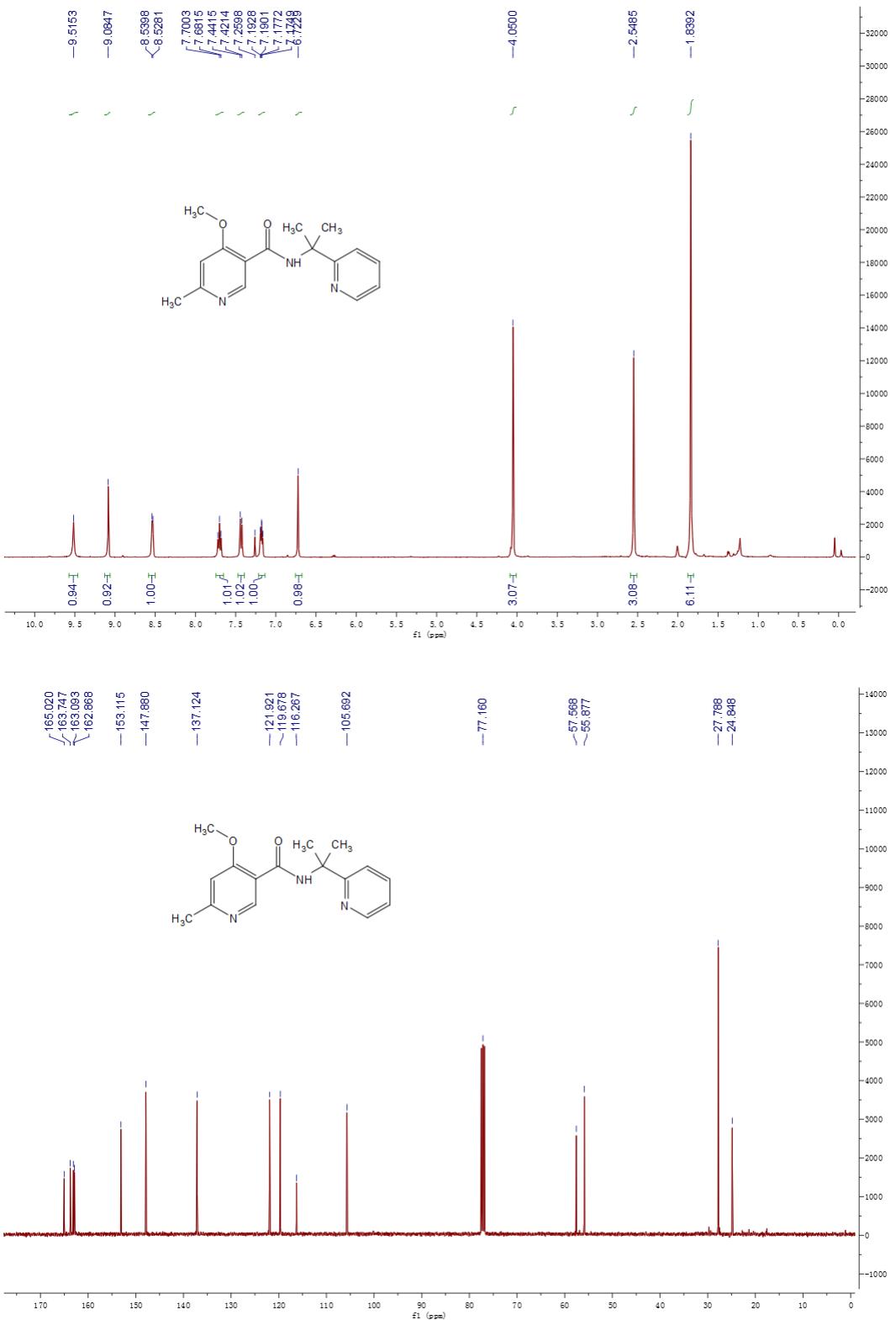
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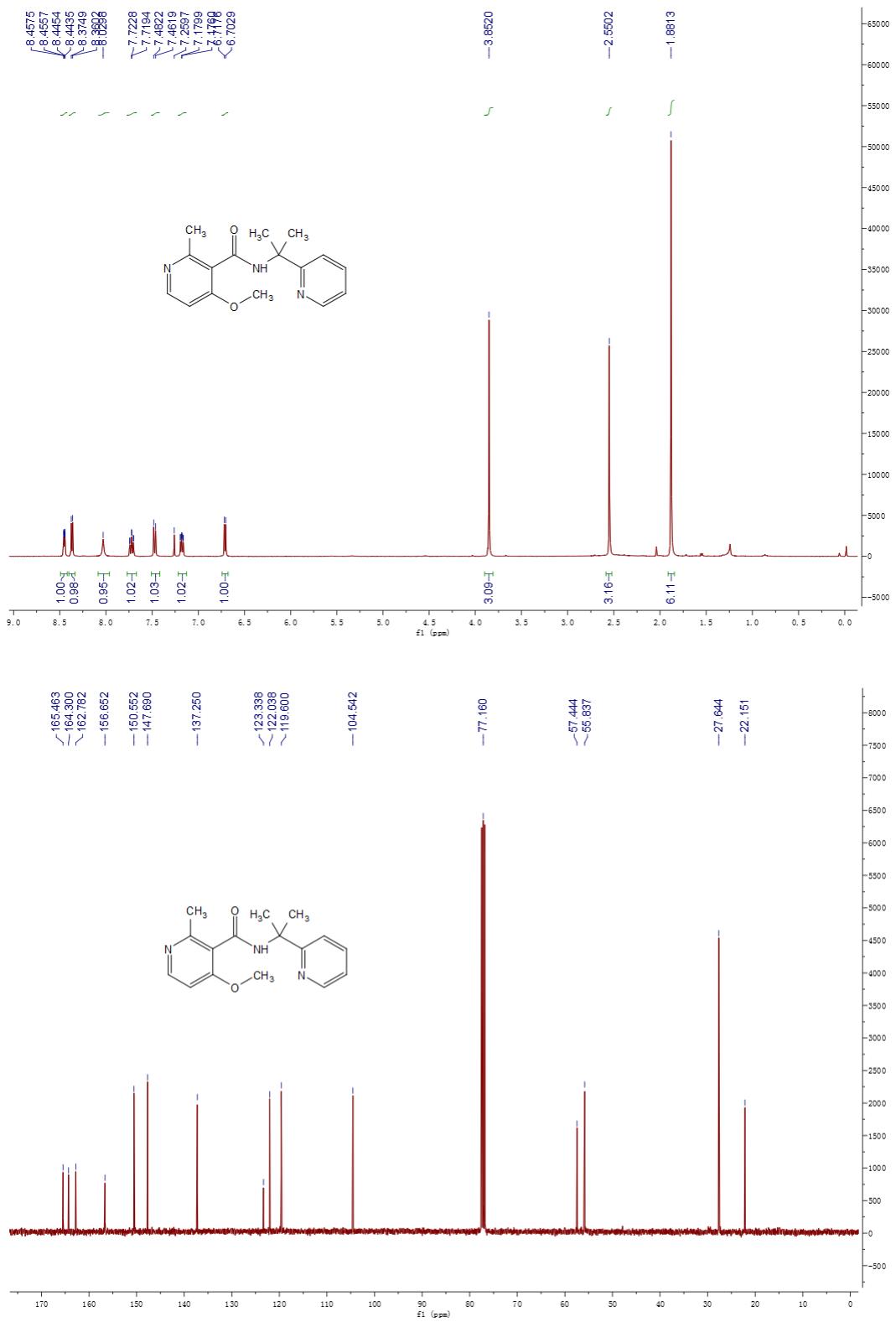
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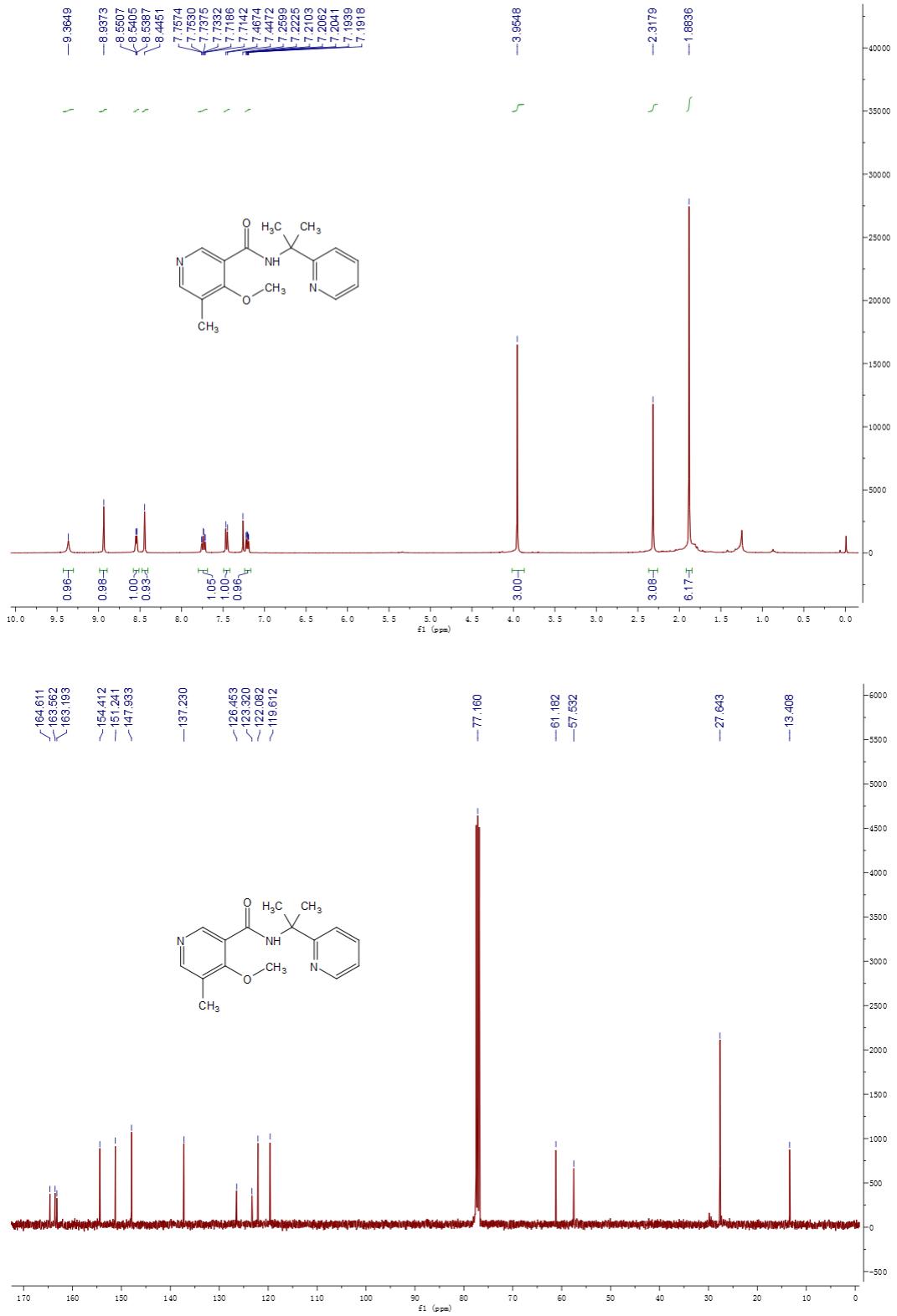


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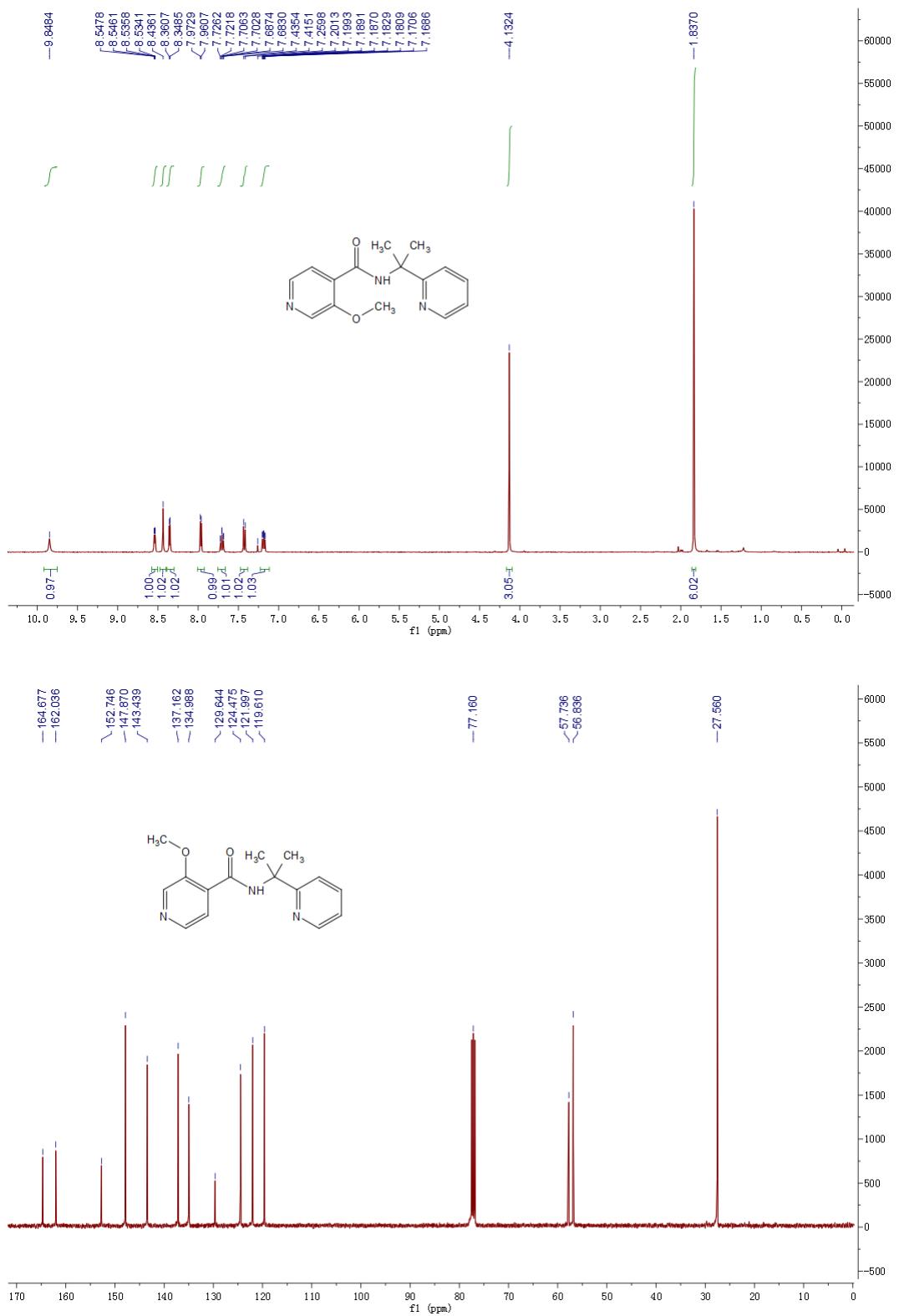


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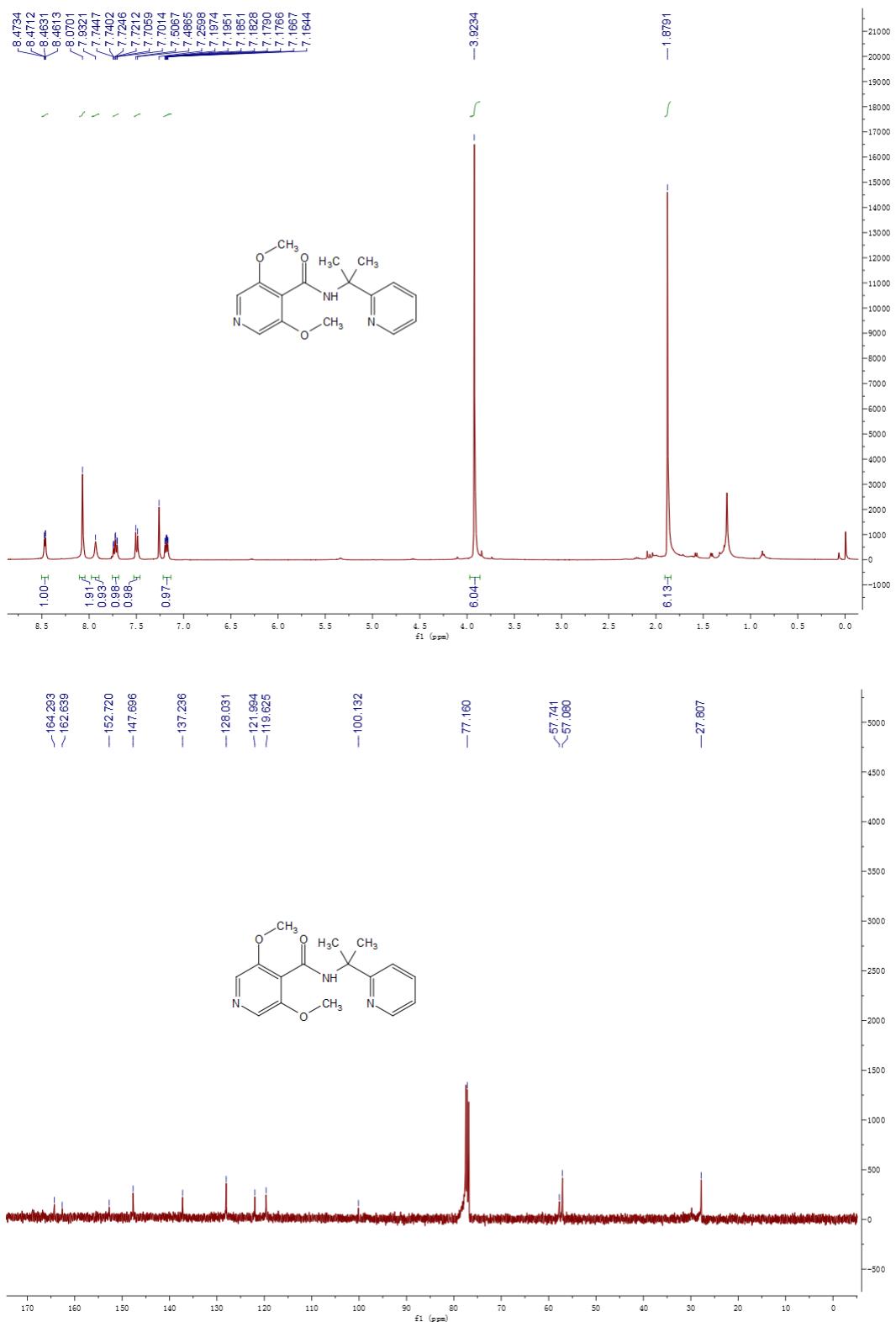


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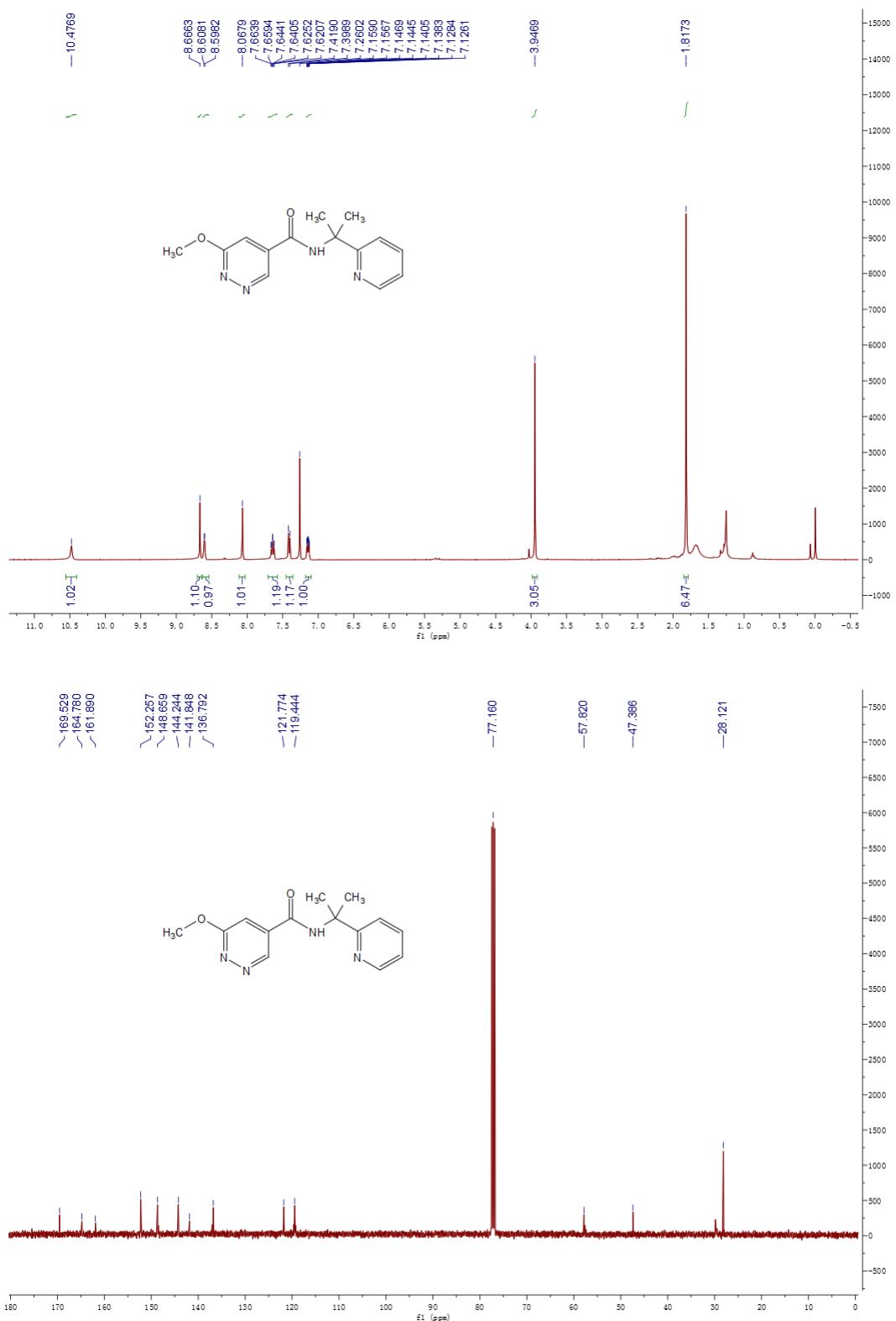
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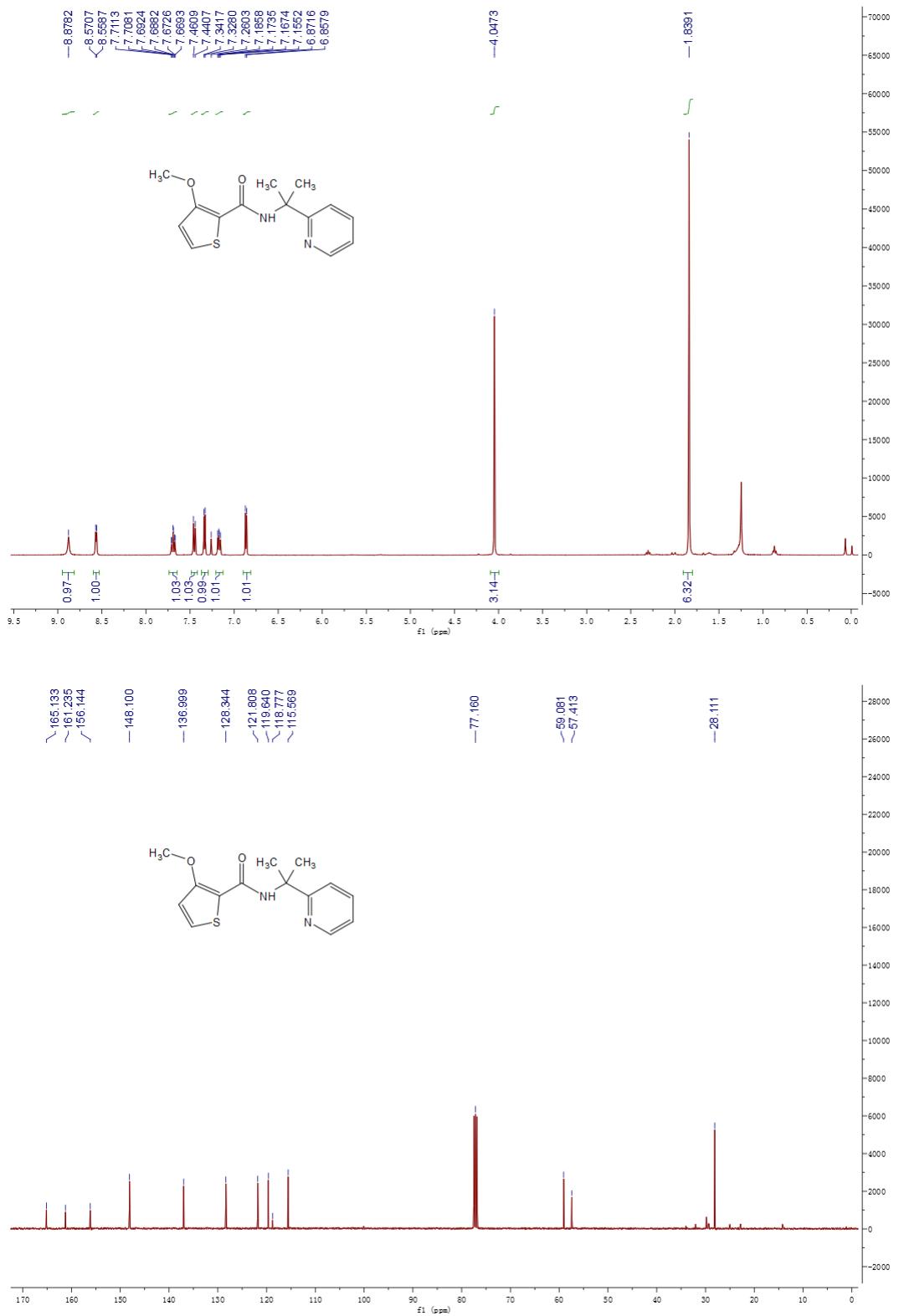
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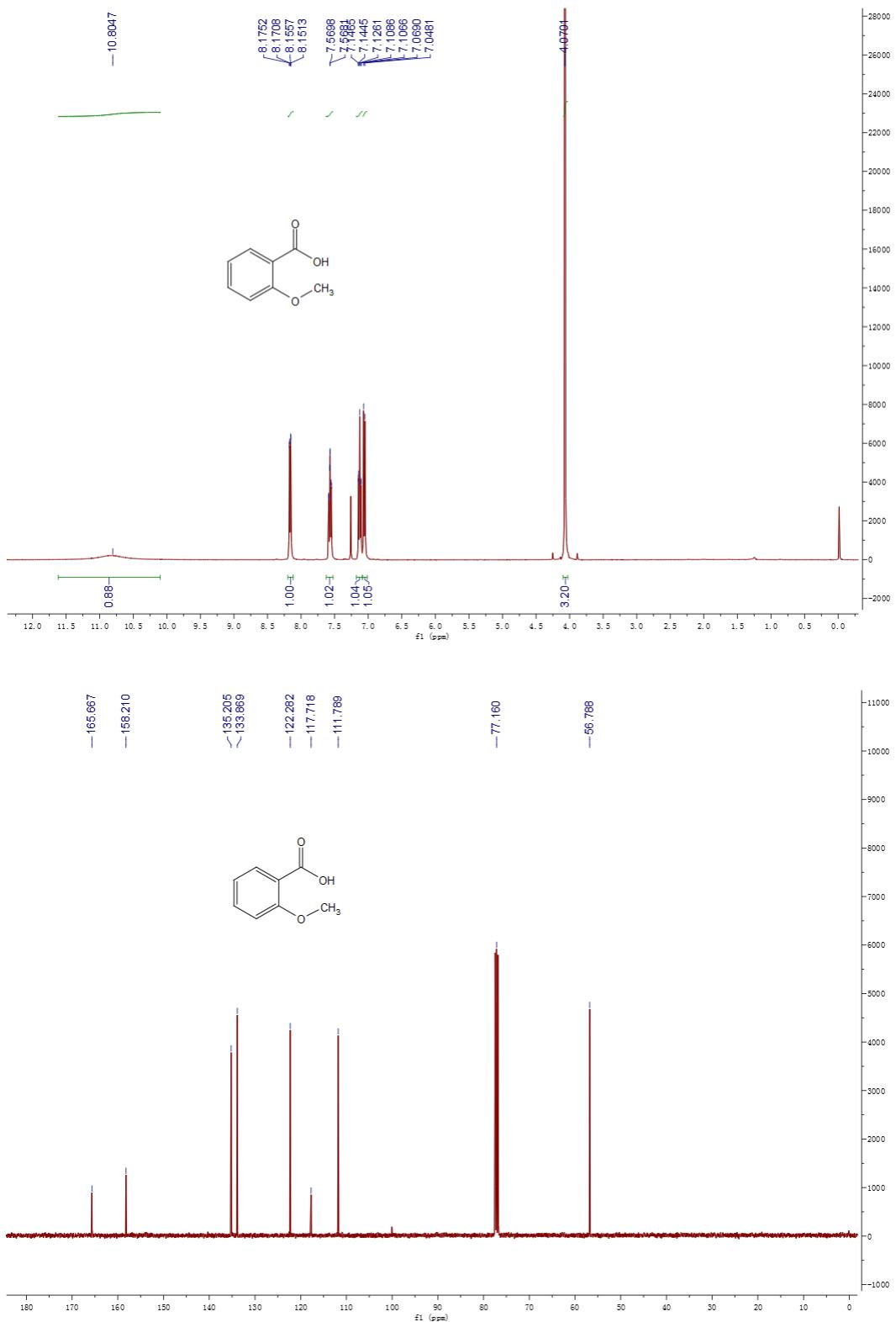


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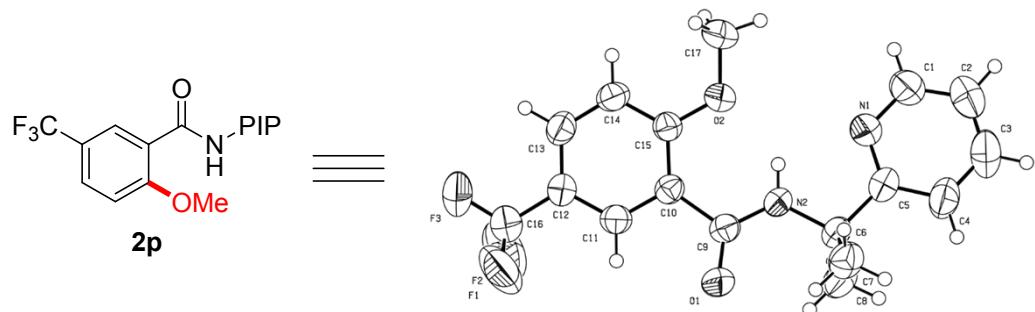
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**6a**

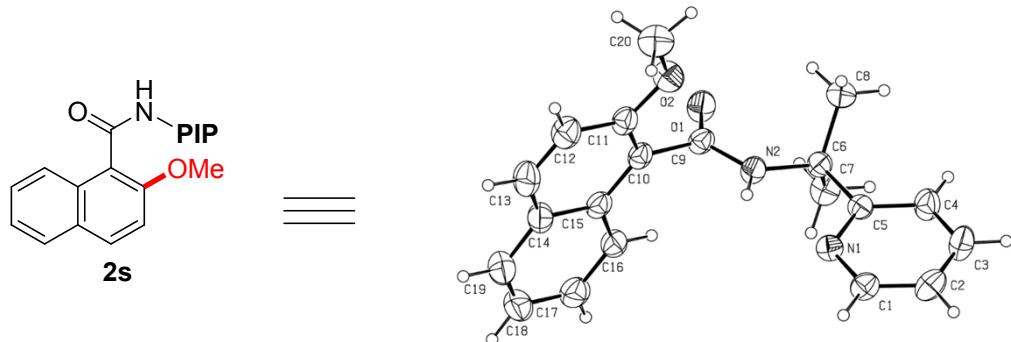
## 5. X-Ray Data

Crystal Data and Structure for **2p**



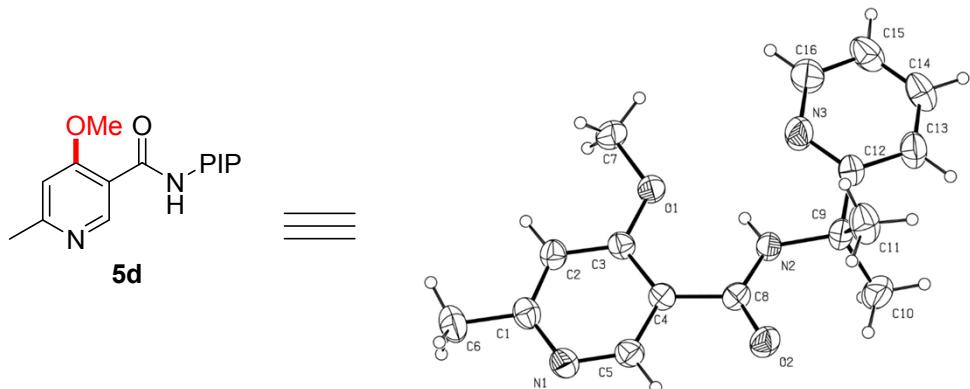
Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0045 Å	Wavelength=0.71073
Cell:	a=10.5428(12)	b=16.2625(12)
	alpha=90	c=10.8624(15)
		beta=118.846(16)
Temperature:	293 K	gamma=90
	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1631.3(4)	1631.3(3)
Space group	P 21/c	P 1 21/c 1
Hall group	-P 2ybc	-P 2ybc
Moiety formula	C17 H17 F3 N2 O2	C17 H17 F3 N2 O2
Sum formula	C17 H17 F3 N2 O2	C17 H17 F3 N2 O2
Mr	338.33	338.33
Dx,g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.378	1.378
Z	4	4
Mu (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.114	0.114
F000	704.0	704.0
F000'	704.45	
h,k,lmax	12,19,13	12,19,13
Nref	2987	2981
Tmin,Tmax	0.946,0.958	0.898,1.000
Tmin'	0.946	
Correction method=	MULTI-SCAN	
Data completeness=	0.998	Theta(max)= 25.340
R(reflections)=	0.0549( 1960)	wR2(reflections)= 0.1572( 2981)
S =	1.065	Npar= Npar = 221

## Crystal Data and Structure for **2s**



Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0060 Å	Wavelength=0.71073
Cell:	a=10.255(1) alpha=90	b=10.8108(12) beta=90 c=15.4763(16) gamma=90
Temperature:	293 K	
	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1715.8(3)	1715.8(3)
Space group	P 21 21 21	P 21 21 21
Hall group	P 2ac 2ab	P 2ac 2ab
Moiety formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Sum formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Mr	320.38	320.38
D <sub>x</sub> ,g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.240	1.240
Z	4	4
Mu (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.081	0.081
F000	680.0	680.0
F000'	680.28	
h,k,lmax	12,13,18	12,13,18
Nref	3140[ 1807]	1803
Tmin,Tmax	0.973,0.982	0.860,1.000
Tmin'	0.972	
Correction method=	MULTI-SCAN	
Data completeness=	1.00/0.57	Theta(max)= 25.350
R(reflections)=	0.0500( 1299)	wR2(reflections)= 0.1290( 1803)
S =	1.049	Npar= Npar = 220

## Crystal Data and Structure for **5d**



Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0034 Å	Wavelength=0.71073
Cell:	a=8.0742(5) alpha=71.940(7)	b=12.4409(10) beta=79.009(6)
Temperature:	293 K	gamma=17.6473(12) gamma=72.177(6)
	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1595.5(2)	1595.5(2)
Space group	P -1	P -1
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
Moiety formula	C16 H19 N3 O2	C16 H19 N3 O2
Sum formula	C16 H19 N3 O2	C16 H19 N3 O2
Mr	285.34	285.34
Dx,g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.188	1.188
Z	4	4
Mu (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.080	0.080
F000	608.0	608.0
F000'	608.24	
h,k,lmax	9,14,21	9,14,21
Nref	5841	5817
Tmin,Tmax	0.962,0.969	0.852,1.000
Tmin'	0.962	
Correction method=	MULTI-SCAN	
Data completeness=	0.996	Theta(max)= 25.350
R(reflections)=	0.0554( 3700)	wR2(reflections)= 0.1689( 5817)
S =	1.027	Npar= Npar = 387