

## Highly efficient synthesis and antioxidant capacity of N-substituted benzoselenazol-3(2H)-ones

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### I. General

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained at 400 or 700 MHz and chemical shifts were recorded relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub> (δ 0.00) or solvent resonance (CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ7.26, CD<sub>3</sub>OD δ3.31). Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (double doublet), ddd (double double doublet), t (triplet), dt (double triplet) and m (multiplet). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance was indicated by nH. Coupling constants were reported as a *J* value in Hz. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were acquired at 100.6 MHz and chemical shifts were recorded relative to solvent resonance (CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ77.25). NMR spectra were carried out using ACD/NMR Processor Academic Edition. Elemental analyses were performed on a Vario MACRO CHN analyzer. Commercially available solvents DMF, DCM and MeOH (Aldrich) and chemicals were used without further purification. Column chromatography was performed using Merck 40-63D 60Å silica gel.

## II. Substrate synthesis

**General procedure for the preparation of N-substituted *o*-iodobenzamides:** 2% NaOH (4.4 ml) was added to a solution of an amine (1.0 mmol) in DCM (2 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0°C and *o*-iodobenzoic acid chloride (1.1 mmol) dissolved in DCM (3 ml) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred in room temperature for 20h and the product was extracted with DCM. Combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and dried over magnesium sulphate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the product was obtained as white solid.

### ***N*-methyl-*o*-iodobenzamide (9a)**

Yield: 89%; mp 148-150°C (lit. <sup>1</sup> mp 145-147°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.04 (d, *J*= 4.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.81 (s, 1H, NH), 7.12 (ddd, *J*=2.1, 6.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.38-7.43 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.88 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 92.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 170.0 (C=O) ppm; IR 3282, 1626, 1584, 1540, 1404, 1314, 1257, 1780 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### ***N*-butyl-*o*-iodobenzamide (10a)**

Yield: 97%; mp 94-96°C (lit. <sup>2</sup> mp 94-96°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 0.98 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.42-1.49 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.48 (dt, *J*=5.6, 7.0 Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.74 (s, 1H, NH), 7.09 (ddd, *J*=2.1, 7.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.36-7.41 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.86 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 92.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 169.3 (C=O) ppm; IR 3271, 2952, 2928, 2863, 1632, 1584, 1543, 1425, 1313, 1257, 1012 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### ***N*-decyl-*o*-iodobenzamide (11a)**

Yield: 88%; mp 81-83 °C (lit. <sup>3</sup> mp 88 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 0.90 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25-1.46 (m, 14H, 7 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.61-1.70 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.46 (dt, *J*=6.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.75 (s, 1H, NH), 7.10 (ddd, *J*=2.8, 6.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.36-7.42 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.87 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ =14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.3

(CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 92.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 169.3 (C=O) ppm; IR 2853, 1634, 1540, 1377 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### ***N*-(3-methylbutyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (12a)<sup>4</sup>**

Yield: 90%; mp 72-74°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 0.97 (d, *J*=7.0 Hz, 6H, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.51-1.56 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.69-1.76 (m, 1H, CH), 3.46-3.51 (m, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.70 (s, 1H, NH), 7.09 (ddd, *J*=2.1, 7.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.39-7.41 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.86 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 22.4 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.9 (CH), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 92.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 169.3 (C=O) ppm; IR 3253, 3069, 2952, 2863, 1637, 1584, 1542, 1463, 1305, 1013 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### ***N*-tert-butyl-*o*-iodobenzamide (13a)**

Yield: 70%; mp 120-122 °C (lit. <sup>5</sup> mp 124-125°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 1.49 (s, 9H, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.53 (s, 1H, NH), 7.05-7.10 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.35-7.40 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.84 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 28.7 (3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.2 (C), 92.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 143.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 168.7 (C=O) ppm; IR 3274, 2970, 1629, 1587, 1541, 1449, 1430, 1361 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### ***N*-cyclohexyl-*o*-iodobenzamide (8a)**

Yield: 95%; mp 141-143°C, (lit. <sup>6</sup> mp 140°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.20-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.42-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.68 (dt, *J*= 3.5, 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dt, *J*= 4.2, 14.0 Hz, 2H), 2.07-2.15 (m, 2H), 4.00-4.08 (m, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H, NH), 7.11 (ddd, *J*=2.1, 7.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.88 (dd, *J*=0.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 25.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.5 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 49.9 (CH), 93.4 (C), 129.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 140.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 143.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 169.5 (C=O) ppm; IR 3286, 2853, 1730, 1636, 1537, 1168, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***N*-(1-phenylethyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (14a)**

Yield: 87%; mp 120-122°C, (lit.<sup>7</sup> mp 120-121°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 1.67 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.32-5.40 (m 1H, CH), 6.00 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.10 (ddd, *J*=2.0, 7.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.28-7.33 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.36-7.46 (m, 6H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.86 (dd, *J*=0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.5 (CH), 92.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 126.4 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.7 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 142.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 168.3 (C=O) ppm; IR 3435, 2853, 1652, 1376, 1256, 1104 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***N*-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (15a)<sup>8</sup>**

Yield: 93%; mp 118-120°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 2.94 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (dt, *J*=6.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.80 (s, 1H, NH), 6.88 (dd, *J*=2.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.10 (ddd, *J*=2.1, 7.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.22 (dd, *J*=2.1, 6.3 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.32-7.39 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.22 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 34.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 92.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 114.1 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.14 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.17 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.8 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 131.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 158.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 169.3 (C=O) ppm; IR 3302, 2936, 1639, 1583, 1531, 1301, 1242, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***N*-phenyl-*o*-iodobenzamide (1a)**

Yield: 95%; mp 142-144°C, (lit.<sup>9</sup> mp 143-145°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.13-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.55 (dd, *J*= 1.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J*= 7.6, 2H), 7.93 (dd, *J*= 0.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 92.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 120.0 (2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 124.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.1 (2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 140.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.1 (C=O) ppm; IR 3310, 2965, 1661, 1596, 1522, 1257, 1013 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### ***N*-(1-naphthyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (16a)**

Yield 85%; mp 234-236°C, (lit. <sup>10</sup> mp 233-234°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.19-7.23 (m 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.48-7.59 (m, 4H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.64-7.69 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.8 (s, 1H, NH), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.82-7.95 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 92.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 120.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 120.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.8 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 134.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 140.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.8 (C=O) ppm; IR 3250, 3053, 1650, 1524, 1502, 1346, 1294, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### ***N*-(2-naphthyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (17a)**

Yield: 88%; mp 180-182 °C, (lit. <sup>11</sup> mp 179-180°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.16-7.20 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.43-7.51 (m, 3H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.56-7.60 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.64 (s, 1H, NH), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.36 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 92.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 117.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 119.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.9 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 131.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 133.8 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 134.9 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 140.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.0 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.3 (C=O) ppm; IR 3243, 3050, 1653, 1537, 1500, 1430, 1294, 1013 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### ***N*-(2-antryl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (18a)**

Yield: 75%; mp 232-234 C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.18-7.25 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.45-7.55 (m, 4H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.60-7.65 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.95-8.06 (m, 4H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.43 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.58 (s, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 94.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 115.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 121.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.6 (2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 129.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.0 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 131.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.9 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 132.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 136.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 139.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 143.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 168.4 (C=O) ppm; IR 3282, 3045, 1655, 1512, 1460, 1429, 1309, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NOI (423.25): C, 59.59; H, 3.33. Found: C, 59.48; H, 3.32.

***N*-(4-nitrophenyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (19a)<sup>12</sup>**

Yield: 84%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.23 (ddd, *J*=1.6, 7.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.50 (dt, *J*=1.2, 7.2, Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.57 (dd, *J*=1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.85 (d, *J*=9.2 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.93 (s, 1H, NH), 7.95-7.98 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.28 (dd, *J*=1.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 92.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 119.4 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.1 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 132.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 140.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 141.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 143.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 144.0 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.3 (C=O) ppm; IR 3263, 3087, 1666, 1557, 1495, 1307, 1108 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***N*-(4-bromophenyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (20a)**

Yield: 87%; mp 153-155°C, (lit. <sup>13</sup> mp 159-160°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.18 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.46 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.50-7.58 (m, 6H, NH i 5H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.93 (dd, *J*=1.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 77.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 92.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 117.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 121.6 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 132.5 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 140.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 141.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.2 (C=O) ppm; IR 3237, 3167, 3097, 3048, 1654, 1594, 1528, 1483, 1390, 1319, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***N*-(4-iodophenyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (21a)<sup>14</sup>**

Yield: 93%; mp 189-191 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.20 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.42 (s, 1H, NH), 7.45-7.50 (m, 3H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.56 (dd, *J*=1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.72 (dd, *J*=2.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.95 (dd, *J*=0.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 89.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 93.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 122.8 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 132.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 138.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 139.1 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 141.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 168.1 (C=O) ppm; IR 3240, 1652, 1583, 1514, 1467, 1430, 1302, 1014 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-*o*-iodobenzamide (22a)**

Yield: 82%; mp 167-169°C, (lit. <sup>15</sup> mp 167-169°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.81 (s, 3H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.91 (dd, *J*=2.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.12 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.40 (ddd, *J*= 1.4, 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.45 (s, 1H, NH), 7.49 (dd, *J*= 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.53 (dd, *J*= 2.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.88 (dd, *J*= 0.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 55.5 (-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 92.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 114.3

(2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 122.0 (2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 131.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 140.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 142.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 156.9 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.1 (C=O) ppm; IR 3305, 1649, 1512, 1412, 1316, 1234, 1026 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

## II. Benzisoselenazol-3(2H)-one synthesis

**General procedure:** Hydrazine hydride (8.0 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture of selenium powder (1.2 mmol) and lithium hydroxide (3.6 mmol) in DMF (3 ml). Reaction was heated to 120°C and stirred for 15 minutes under argon atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature the amide (1.0 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was heated to 120°C and stirred for 20h under argon atmosphere. The solution was cooled, 25 mL of brine was added and the mixture was stirred for additional 20h. Precipitate was filtered under vacume, washed with water and dried in air. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, DCM:MeOH 99.2 : 0.8).

### ***N*-methyl-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (9)**

Yield: 59%; mp 155-157°C, (lit. <sup>16</sup> mp 156-158°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.44 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.44 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 7.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.59-7.63 (m, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>), 7.66 (dt, *J*=1.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.06 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 31.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 124.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.0 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.5 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 915.44 ppm; IR 2966, 2927, 1589, 1558, 1441, 1355, 1023 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### ***N*-butyl-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (10)**

Yield: 82%; mp 86-88°C, (lit. <sup>17</sup> mp 90-91°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 0.98 (t, *J*=7.6 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.39-1.50 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.68-1.77 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.88 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.44 (ddd, *J*=1.2, 6.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.56-7.67 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.06 (ddd, *J*=0.8, 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 13.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 123.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.1

(CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.1 (C=O) ppm, <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 884.15 ppm; IR 3270, 2956, 2925, 2865, 1634, 1601, 1585, 1257 cm<sup>-1</sup>

***N*-decyl-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (11)<sup>18</sup>**

Yield: 70%; mp 70-72°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 0.89 (t, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24-1.43 (m, 14H, 7 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.70-1.79 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.40-7.46 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.56-7.62 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.64 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>), 8.05 (d, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (2xCH<sub>2</sub>), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 123.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.1 (C=O) ppm, <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 884.12 ppm; IR 3303, 2921, 2851, 1626, 1615, 1584, 1534, 1467, 1317 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

***N*-(3-methylbutyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (12)**

Yield: 98%; mp 139-141°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 0.99 (d, *J*=6.4 Hz, 6H, 2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.60-1.65 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.67-1.76 (m, 1H, CH), 3.90 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.44 (ddd, *J*=1.2, 6.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.57-7.62 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.65 (ddd, *J*= 0.8, 1.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) 8.06 (ddd, *J*=0.8, 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 22.4 (2 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.7 (CH), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 123.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.1 (C=O) ppm, <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 882.23 ppm; IR 2945, 2912, 2863, 1588, 1558, 1439, 1376, 1348, 1306, 1021 cm<sup>-1</sup>, Elemental Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSe (268.21): C, 53.74; H, 5.64. Found: C, 54.34; H, 5.73.

***N*-tert-butyl-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (13)**

Yield: 92%; mp 113-115°C, (lit. <sup>19</sup> mp 137-138°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 1.70 (s, 9H, 3 x CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.41 (ddd, *J*=2.4, 6.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.54-7.61 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.98 (ddd, *J*=0.8, 1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 29.1 (3xCH<sub>3</sub>), 58.8



(C), 123.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.0 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 131.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 136.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 166.9 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 856.54 ppm; IR 2966, 2925, 2870, 1587, 1557, 1443, 1304, 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### ***N*-cyclohexyl-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (8)**

Yield: 88%; mp 158-160°C, (lit. <sup>20</sup> mp 158-160°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 1.19-1.26 (m, 1H), 1.42 (ddd, *J*= 3.50, 11.90, 23.8 Hz, 2H), 1.48-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.16 (m, 2H), 4.48-4.54 (m, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J*= 0.7, 7.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J*= 1.4, 7.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dt, *J*= 0.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (ddd, *J*= 0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 25.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.5 (2 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.2 (2 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 53.7 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 128.5 (2 x CH), 131.5 (CH), 137.9 (C), 166.5 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 837.33 ppm; IR 3285, 2925, 1636, 1583, 1551, 1244 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### ***N*-(1-phenylethyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (14)**

Yield: 65%; mp 126-128°C (lit. <sup>21</sup> mp 116-117.5°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 1.76 (d, *J*=6.8 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.94 (q, *J*=6.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.34-7.48 (m, 6H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.55-7.58 (m, 2H), 8.08 (dt, *J*=1.2, 8.0 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 19.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.8 (CH), 123.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.3 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.21 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.28 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.73 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.78 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 138.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 141.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 166.6 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 843.03 ppm; IR 2971, 2904, 1585, 1532, 1443, 1340, 1263, 1088, 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### ***N*-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (15)**

Yield: 85%; mp 120-122°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 2.98 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.08 (t, *J*=7.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (dd, *J*=2.1, 6.3 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.18 (dd, *J*=2.1, 6.3 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.41 (ddd, *J*=1.4, 4.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.56-7.58 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.04 (dt, *J*=1.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 35.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 46.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.2 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 77.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 114.0 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 123.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 128.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.9 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 138.0 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 158.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.2 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  = 901.43 ppm; IR 2969, 2899, 1591, 1508, 1373, 1244, 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup>, Elemental Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSe (332.26): C, 57.84; H, 4.55. Found: C, 57.87; H, 4.46.

### ***N*-phenyl-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (1)**

Yield: 92%; mp 184-186°C, (lit. <sup>22</sup> mp 182-183°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.28-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.64-7.70 (m, 4H), 8.14 (dt, *J* = 1.20, 8.00 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 123.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.4 (2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 129.3 (2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 132.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 139.1 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 165.7 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  = 962.24 ppm; IR 1585, 1576, 1559, 1343, 1027 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### ***N*-(1-naphthyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (16)**

Yield: 85%; mp 225-227 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.50-7.58 (m, 4H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.62 (dd, *J*=1.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.69-7.77 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.78-7.83 (m, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.92-7.97 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.21 (ddd, *J*=0.8, 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 123.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 124.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 125.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 126.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.0 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.8 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 132.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 134.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 134.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 139.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 167.0 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  = 994.30 ppm; IR 1572, 1598, 1340, 1019 cm<sup>-1</sup>, Elemental Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSe (324.24): C, 62.97; H, 3.42, Found: C, 62.76; H, 3.41.

### ***N*-(2-naphthyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (17)**

Yield: 87%; mp 189-191°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.52-7.56 (m, 3H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.69-7.74 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.84 (dd, *J*=2.1, 9.1 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.87-7.91 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.93 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.09 (d, *J*=2.1 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.18 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 123.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 123.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 123.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 127.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.9 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 132.6 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 133.5 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 136.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 137.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 165.8 (C=O) ppm,

$^{77}\text{Se}$  (76.3 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta = 965.42$  ppm; IR 1588, 1499, 1318, 1304, 1262, 1021  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Elemental Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOSe}$  (324.24): C, 62.97; H, 3.42, Found: C, 62.95; H, 3.34.

#### ***N*-(2-antryl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (18)**

Yield: 89%; mp 250-252°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.49$ -7.56 (m, 3 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 7.68-7.74 (m, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 7.86 (dd,  $J=2.4, 9.2$  Hz, 1 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 8.0-8.05 (m, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 8.08 (d,  $J=8.8$  Hz, 1 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 8.17-8.19 (m, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 8.45 (s, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 121.9$  ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 124.4 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.0 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.3 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.41 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.44 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.5 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.8 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 128.3 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 128.4 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 128.6 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 129.0 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 129.5 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 129.7 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 131.5 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 131.6 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 132.1 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 132.8 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 137.6 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 139.6 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 165.7 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ) ppm;  $^{77}\text{Se}$  (76.3 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta = 965.08$  ppm; IR 1607, 1444, 1257, 1080  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Elemental Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOSe}$  (374.29): C, 67.39; H, 3.50, Found: C, 67.48; H, 3.48.

#### ***N*-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (19)<sup>23</sup>**

Yield: 60%; mp 280-282 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (700 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.52$  (ddd,  $J=0.7, 7.0, 7.7$  Hz, 1 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 7.68-7.74 (m, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 7.93 (dd,  $J=2.1, 7.0$  Hz, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 8.14 (ddd,  $J=0.7, 1.4, 7.7$  Hz, 1 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 8.31 (dd,  $J=2.8, 7.0$  Hz, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 124.9$  (2 x  $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.3 (2 x  $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 127.4 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 128.0 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 129.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 129.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 134.5 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 140.0 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 144.9 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 147.8 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 167.2 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ) ppm;  $^{77}\text{Se}$  (76.3 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta = 922.92$  ppm; IR 1602, 1582, 1504, 1493, 1326, 1317, 1301, 1265, 1138, 1112  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

#### ***N*-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (20)**

Yield: 72%; mp 196-198 °C, (lit. <sup>24</sup> mp 194-196°C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.50$  (ddd,  $J=3.6, 4.8, 8.0$  Hz, 1 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 7.53-7.59 (m, 4 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 7.67-7.70 (m, 2 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 8.13 (dt,  $J=1.2, 8.0$  Hz, 1 $\text{H}_{\text{ar}}$ ) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.6 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 119.9$  ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 123.7 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.74 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 126.76 (2 x  $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 127.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 129.4 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 132.3 (2 x  $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 132.8 ( $\text{CH}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 137.3 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 138.2 ( $\text{C}_{\text{ar}}$ ), 165.6 ( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ ) ppm;  $^{77}\text{Se}$  (76.3 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta = 967.11$  ppm; IR 1589, 1486, 1442, 1326, 1024  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### ***N*-(4-iodophenyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (21)**

Yield: 82%; mp 198-200°C, (lit.<sup>25</sup> mp 201-202°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 7.44-7.46 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.51 (ddd, *J*=2.1, 5.6, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.67-7.72 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.76-7.79 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.14 (ddd, *J*=0.7, 1.4, 7.7 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 90.9 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 123.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.9 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.3 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 129.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 132.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.2 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 138.3 (2 x CH<sub>ar</sub>), 139.0 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 165.6 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 965.95 ppm; IR 1617, 1585, 1536, 1481, 1444, 1316, 1260 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### ***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (22)**

Yield: 86%; mp 155-157 °C, (lit.<sup>26</sup> mp 178-179°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 3.85 (s, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.97 (dd, *J*= 1.6, 6.8 Hz, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.46-7.55 (m, 3H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.65-7.69 (m, 2H<sub>ar</sub>), 8.13 (ddd, *J*= 0.8, 1.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H<sub>ar</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 55.5 (-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 114.5 (2xCH<sub>ar</sub>), 123.7 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.4 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 126.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 127.38 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 129.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 131.6 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 132.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 137.8 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 158.4 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 165.9 (C=O) ppm; <sup>77</sup>Se (76.3 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ = 964.71 ppm; IR 2957, 2926, 1611, 1506, 1442, 1334, 1245, 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### **IV. Benzisoselenazolone synthesis from corresponding diselenide**

#### **IV.I Reaction with potassium iodate**

Potassium iodate (0.14 mmol) was added to the dicyclohexyl diselenide (0.14 mmol) dissolved in DMF (3 ml). The reaction mixture was heated to 120°C for 20h under argon atmosphere. Brine was added and the mixture was stirred for additional 20h. Hydrochloric acid was added and the precipitated solid was filtered under reduce pressure, washed with water and dried on air. Yield: 50%.

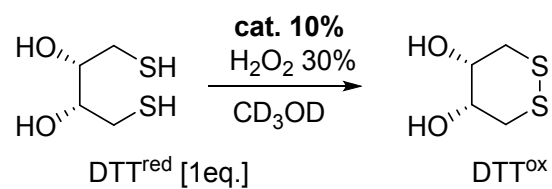
#### **IV.II Reaction with sodium iodide and lithium hydroxide**

Lithium hydroxide (0.28 mmol) and sodium iodide (0.28 mmol) was added to dicyclohexyl diselenide (0.14 mmol) dissolved in DMF (3 ml). The reaction mixture was heated to 120°C for 20h under argon atmosphere. Brine was added and the mixture was

stirred for additional 20h. Hydrochloric acid was added and the precipitated solid was filtered under reduce pressure, washed with water and dried on air. Yield: 57%.

#### **V. Evaluation of antioxidant activity.**

30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.15 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture of benzoselenazol-3(2H)-one **1**, **8-22** (0.015 mmol) and dithiothreitol DTT<sup>red</sup> (0.15 mmol) in CD<sub>3</sub>OD (1.1 ml). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured in specific time intervals. The concentration of the substrate was determined from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

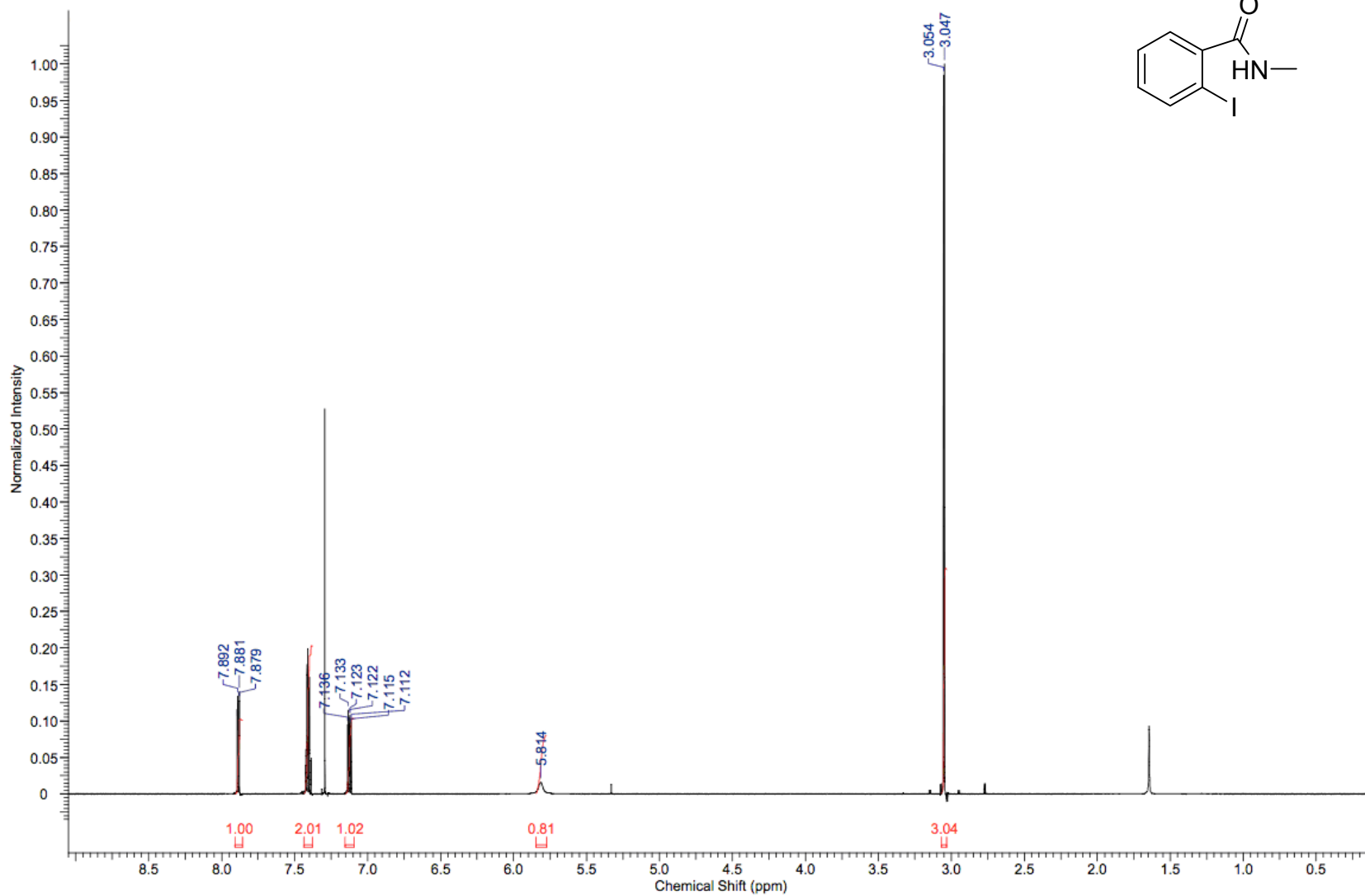


| Catalyst<br>[10%]  | $\text{DTT}^{\text{red}}$ concentration [%] |       |        |        |        |
|--------------------|---|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                    | 3 min                                       | 5 min | 15 min | 30 min | 60 min |
| <b>1 (Ebselen)</b> | 84  | 75    | 64     | 58     | 52     |
| <b>9</b>           | 78  | 65    | 35     | 11     | 0      |
| <b>10</b>          | 81  | 59    | 41     | 32     | 29     |
| <b>11</b>          | 98  | 97    | 94     | 91     | 85     |
| <b>12</b>          | 77  | 58    | 42     | 28     | 13     |
| <b>13</b>          | 97  | 96    | 94     | 93     | 91     |
| <b>8</b>           | 75  | 69    | 62     | 55     | 44     |
| <b>14</b>          | 85  | 74    | 55     | 35     | 11     |
| <b>15</b>          | 0   | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>16</b>          | 99  | 98    | 97     | 96     | 95     |
| <b>17</b>          | 87  | 83    | 78     | 71     | 62     |
| <b>18</b>          | 96  | 94    | 91     | 89     | 88     |
| <b>19</b>          | 25  | 7     | 5      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>20</b>          | 86  | 83    | 79     | 75     | 71     |
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| <b>22</b>          | 64  | 41    | 5      | 0      | 0      |

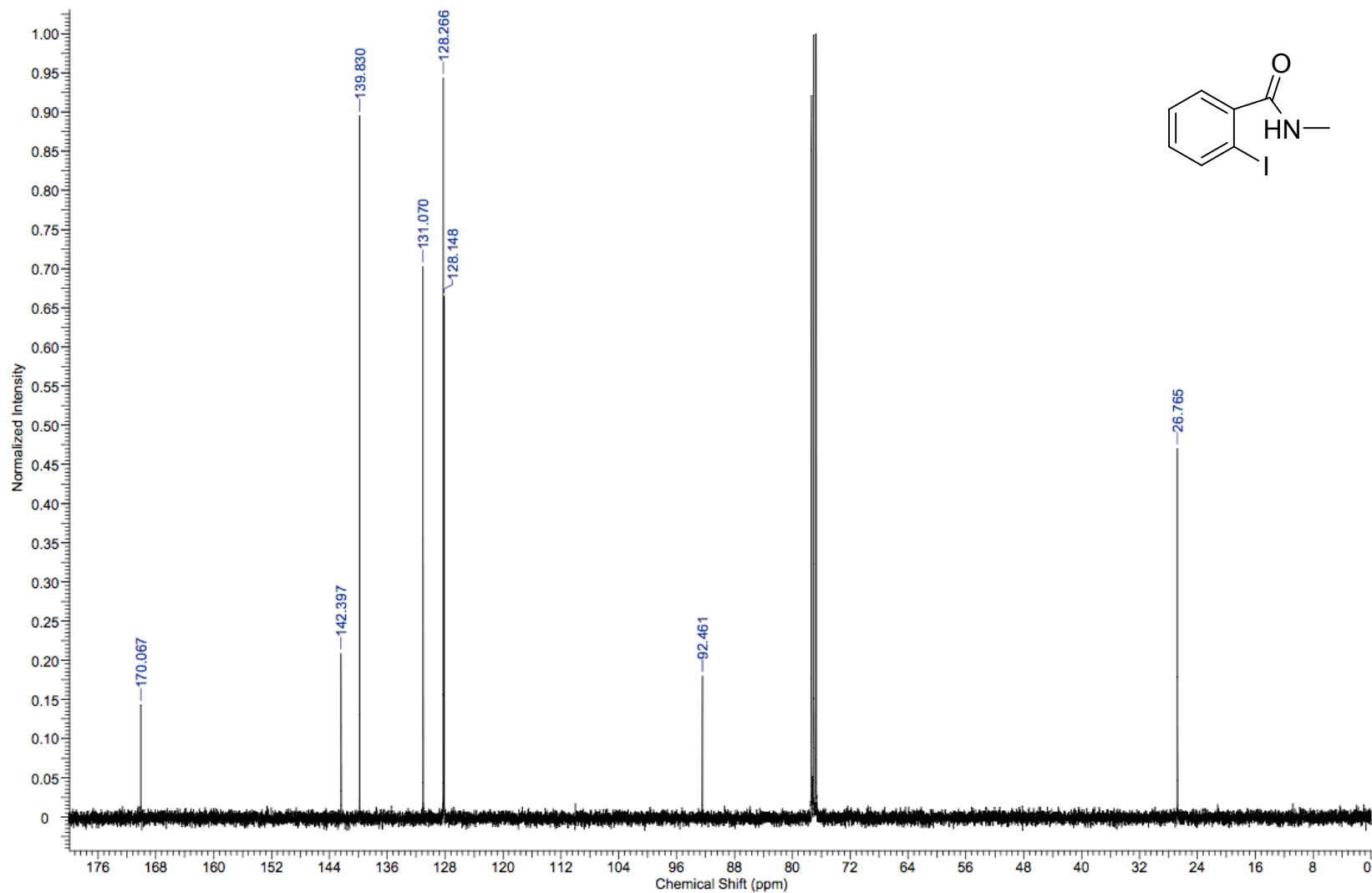
Table 1. Reactivity of the tested „ebselen-like“ catalysts

## VI. NMR spectra

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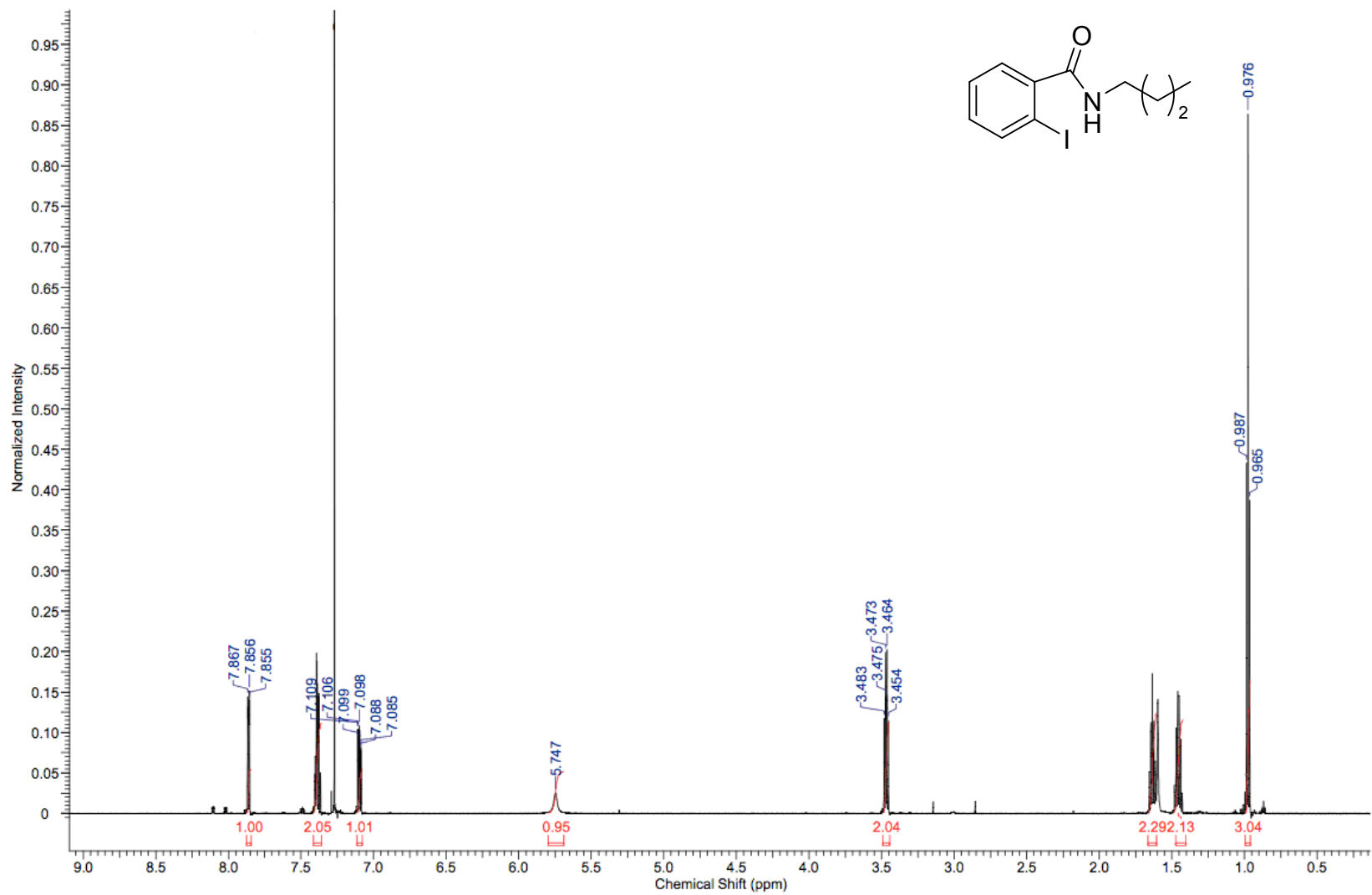


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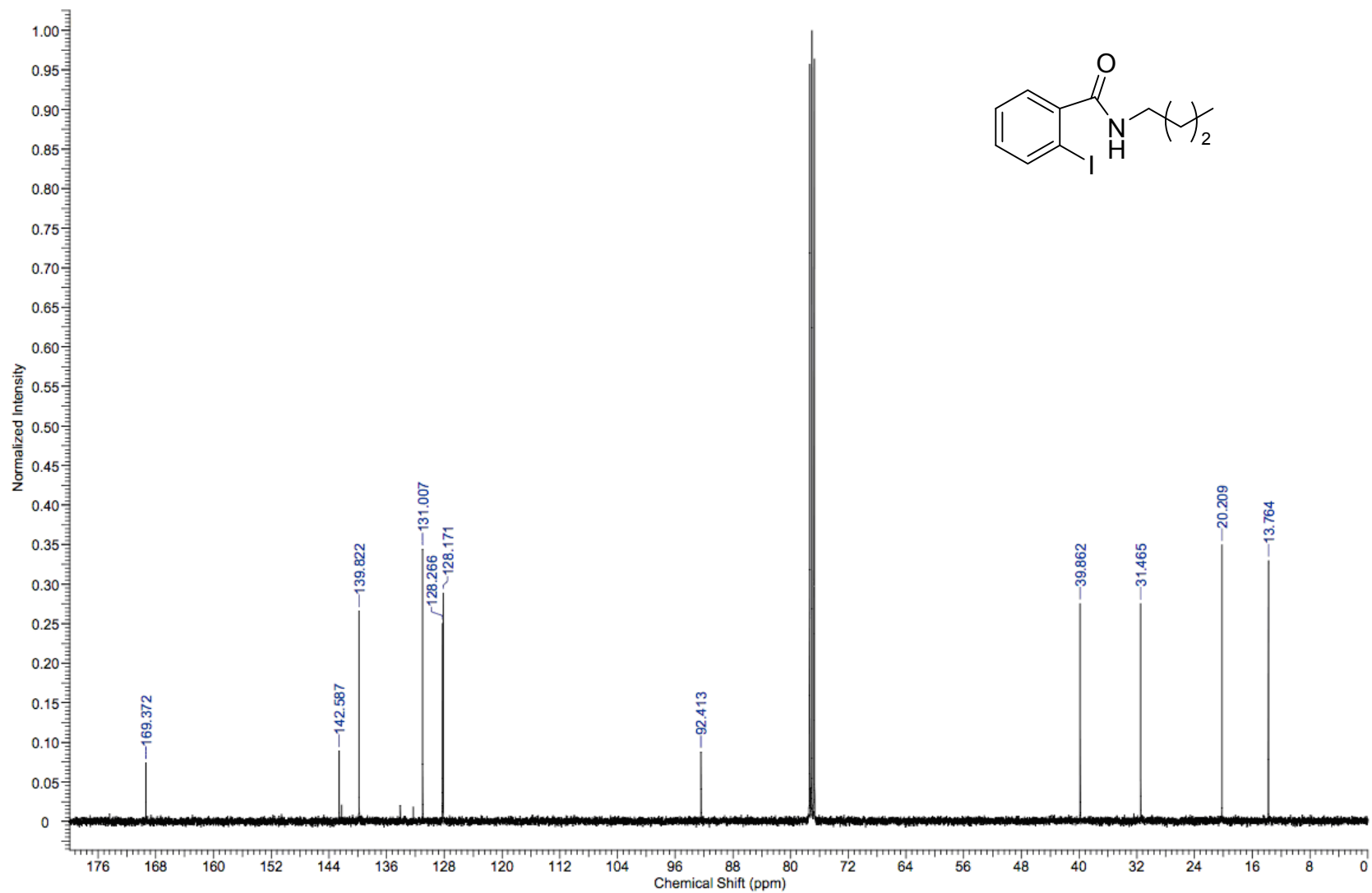




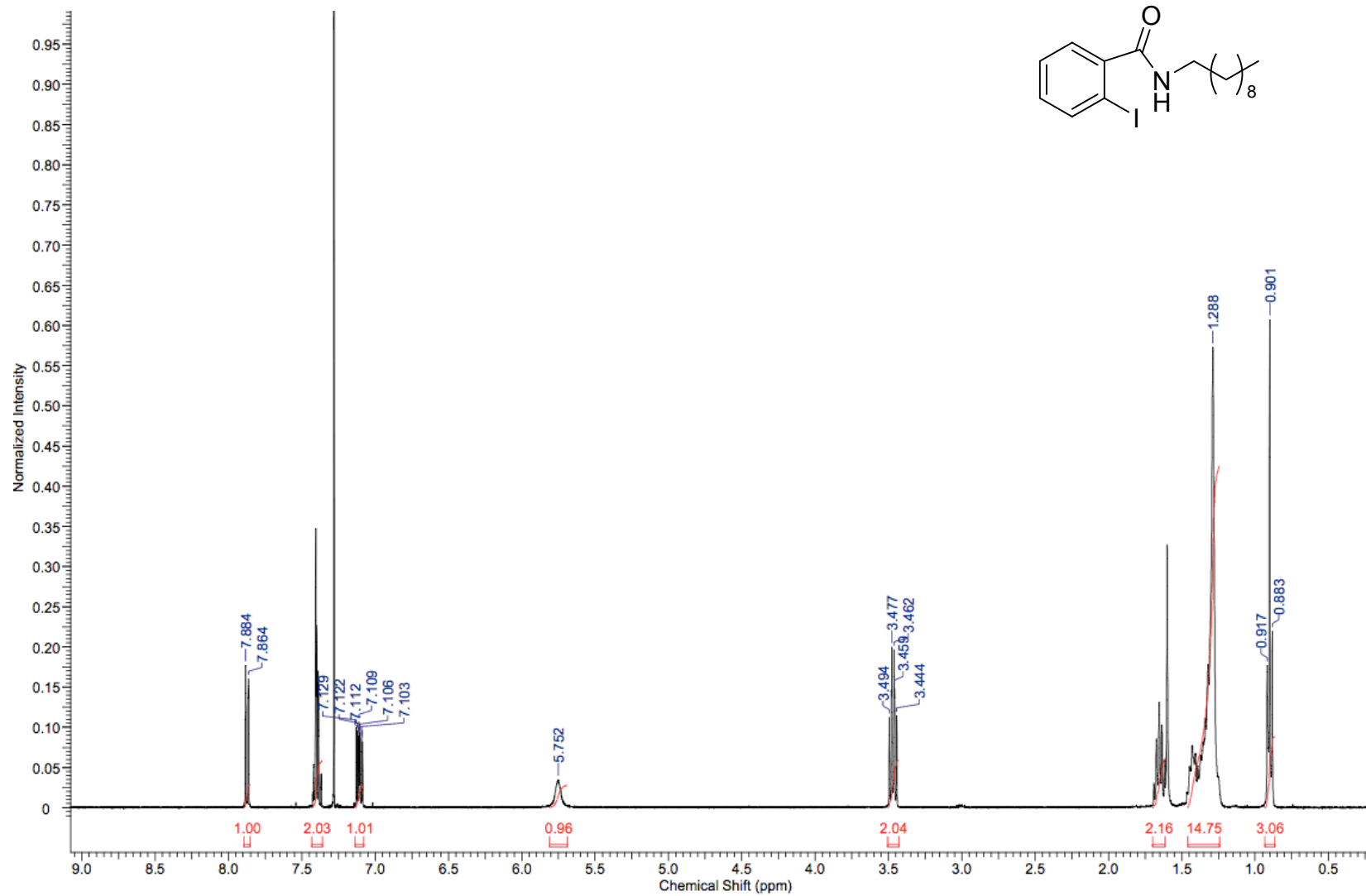
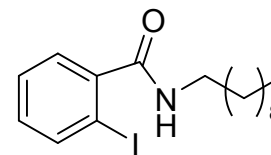
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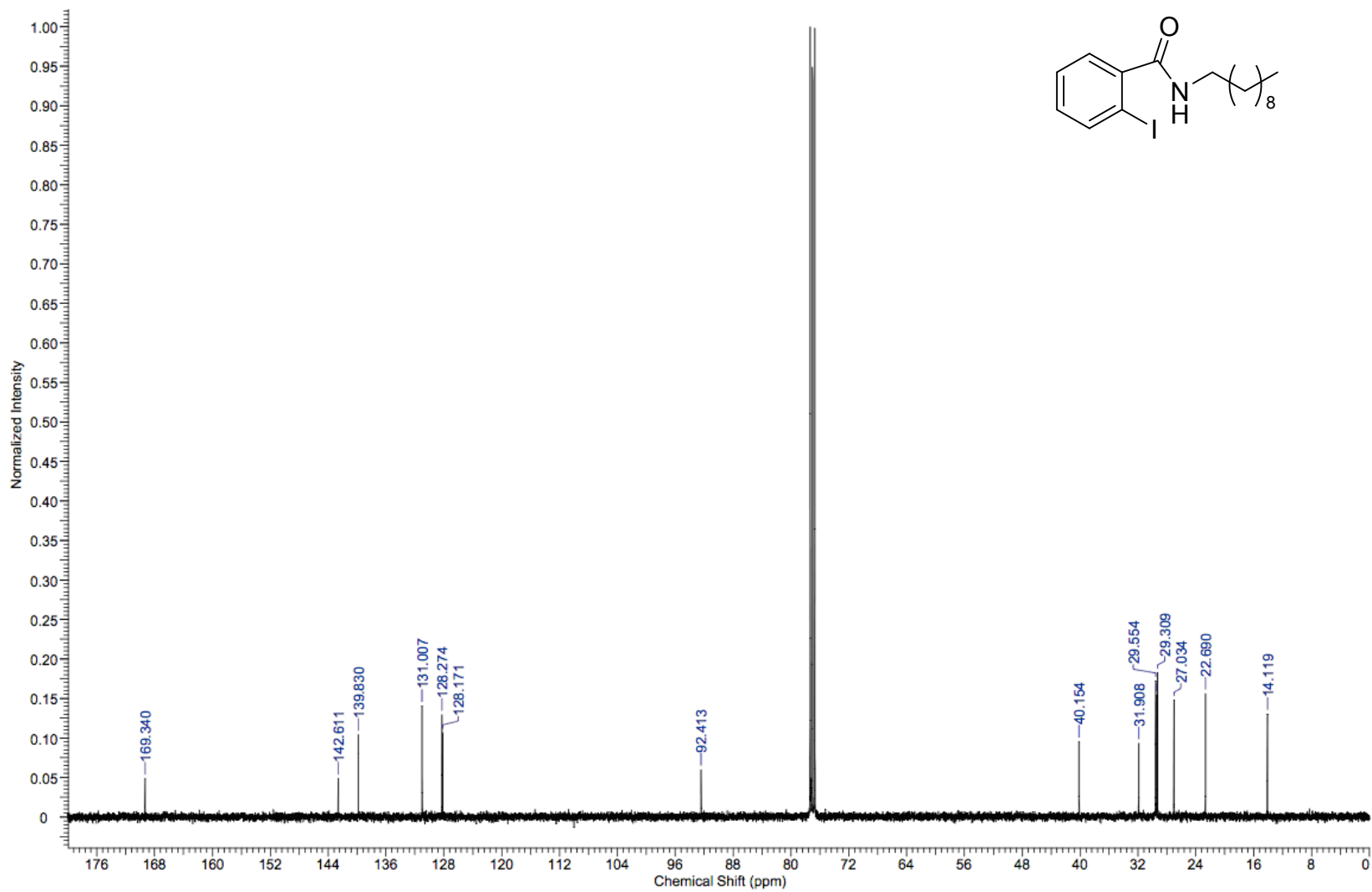
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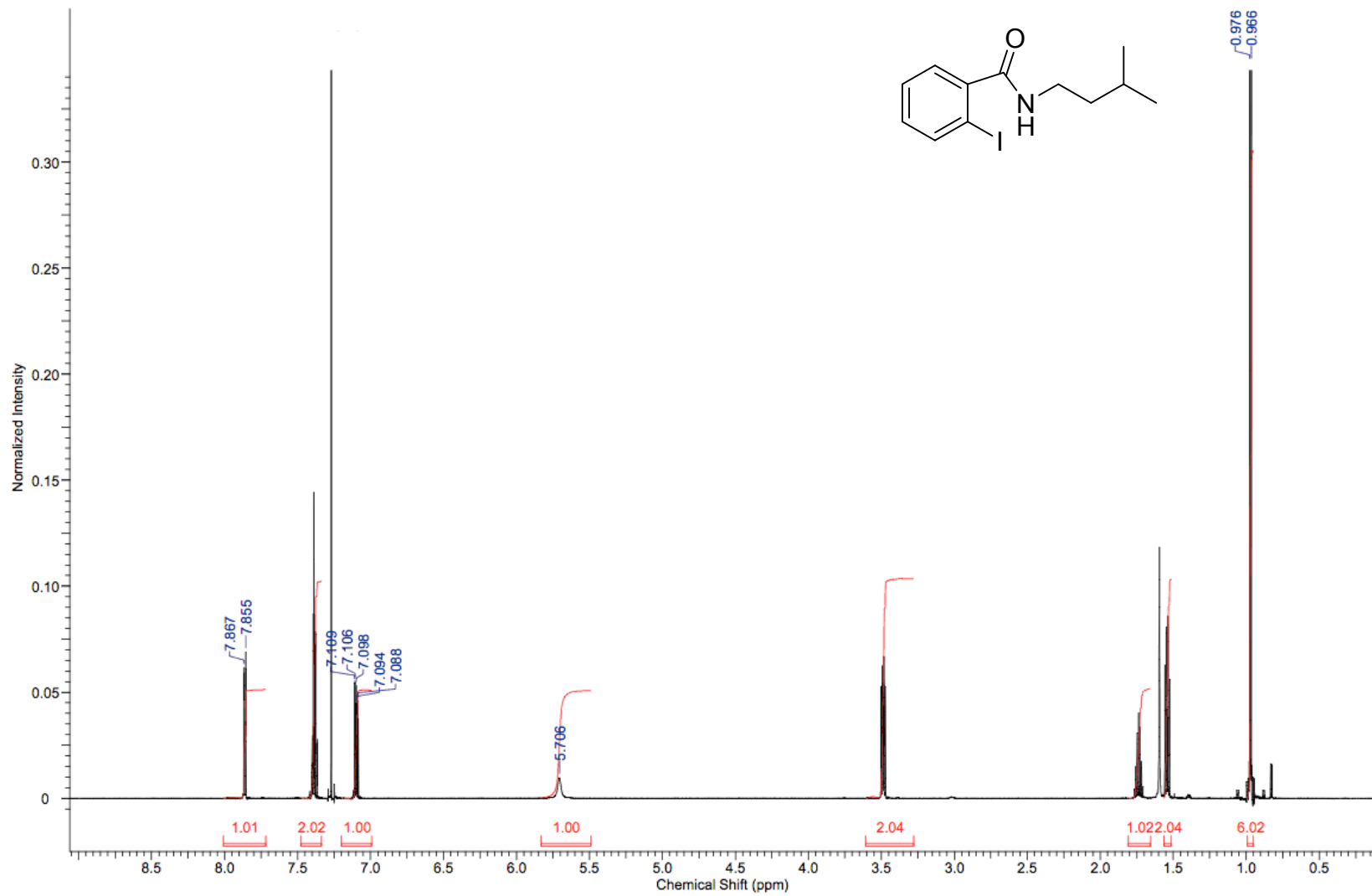
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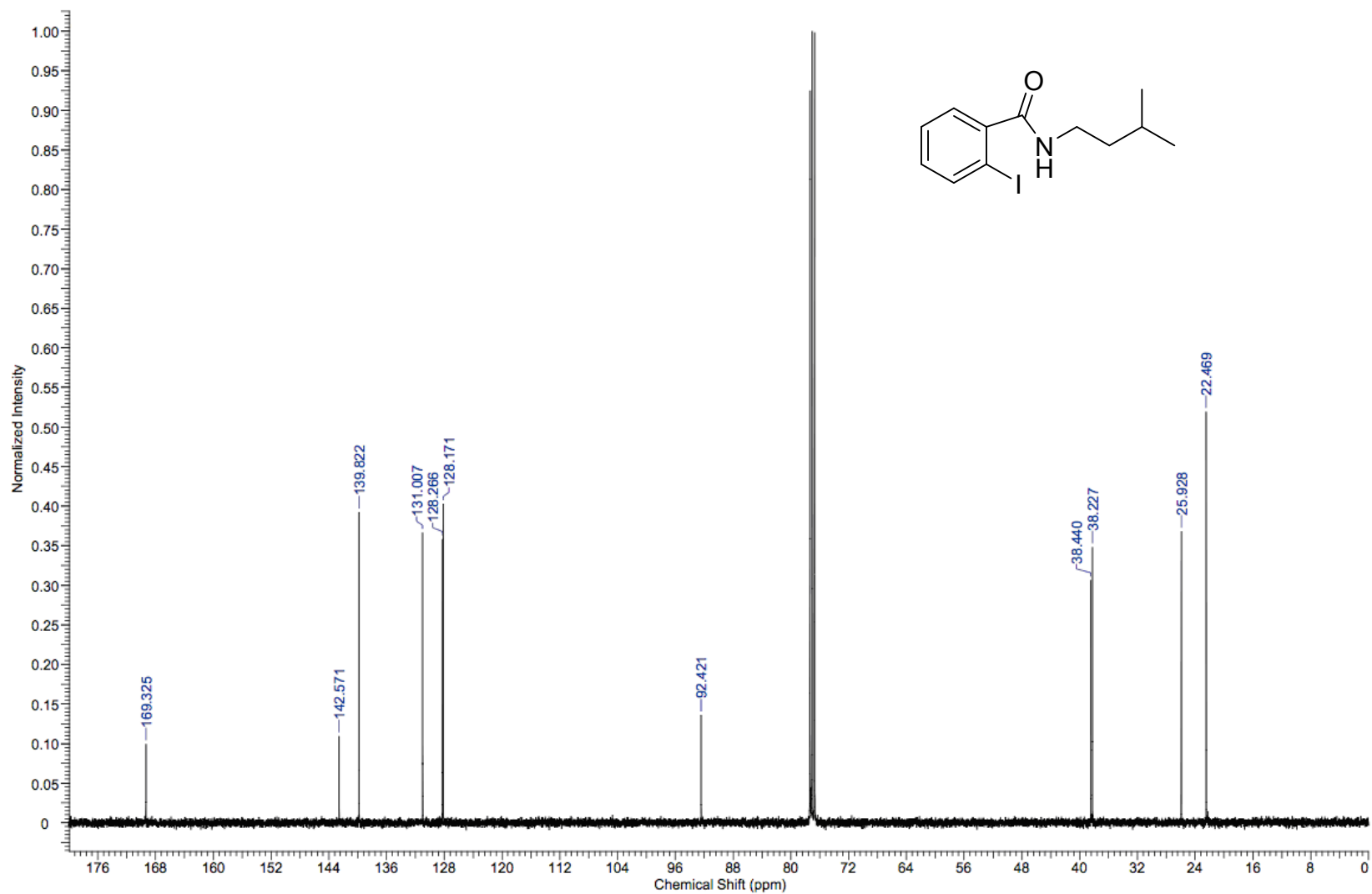
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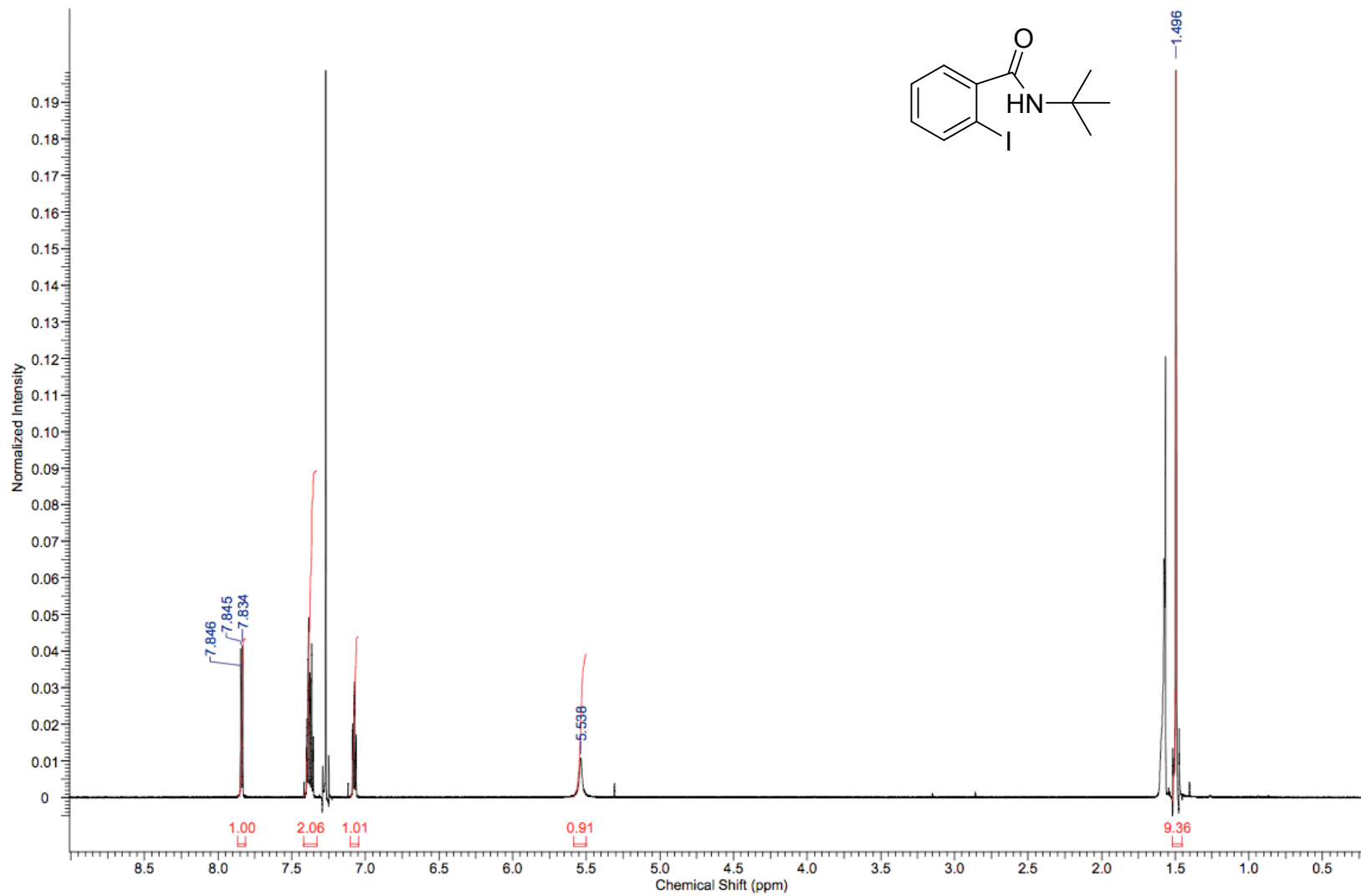
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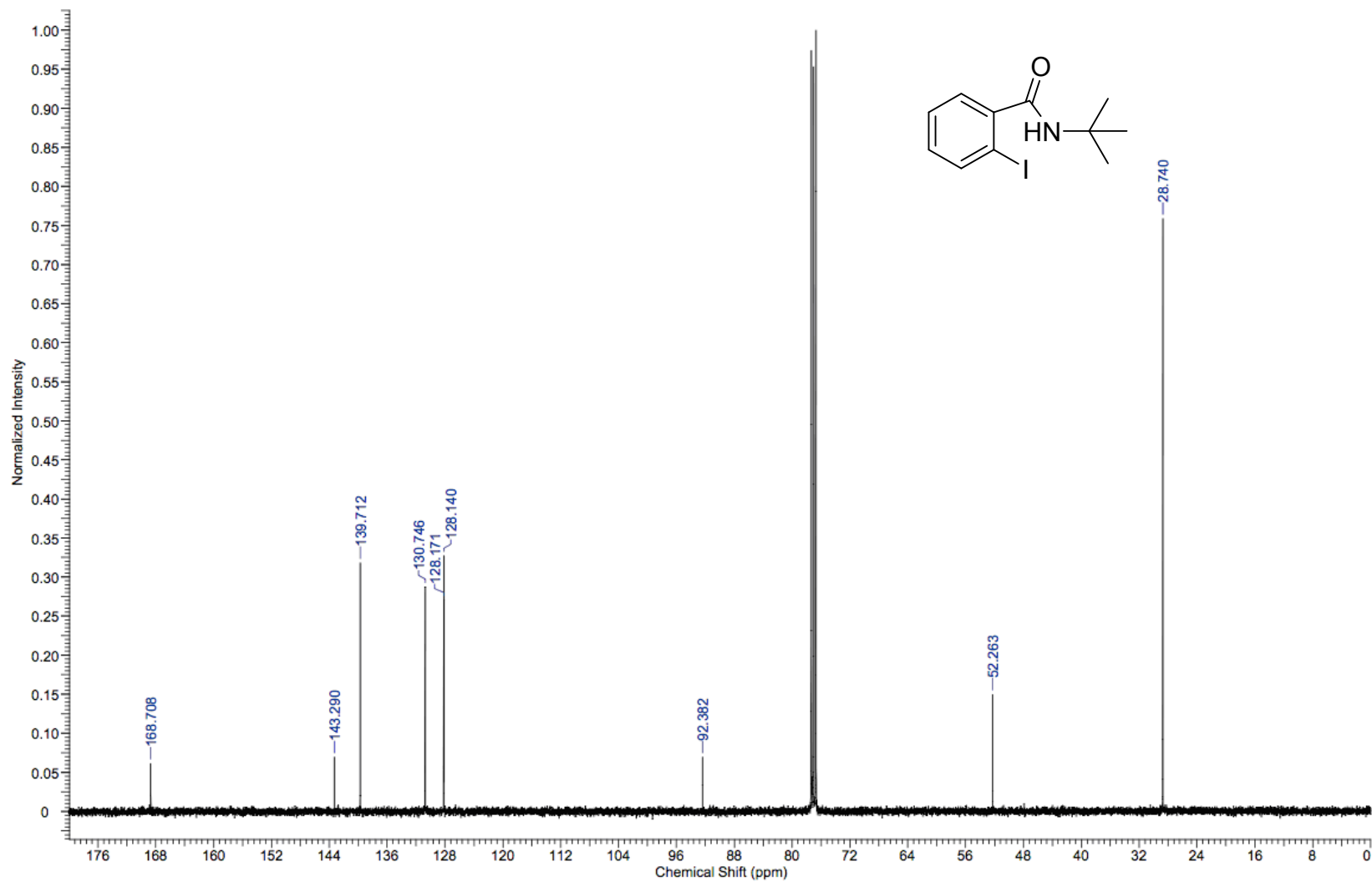
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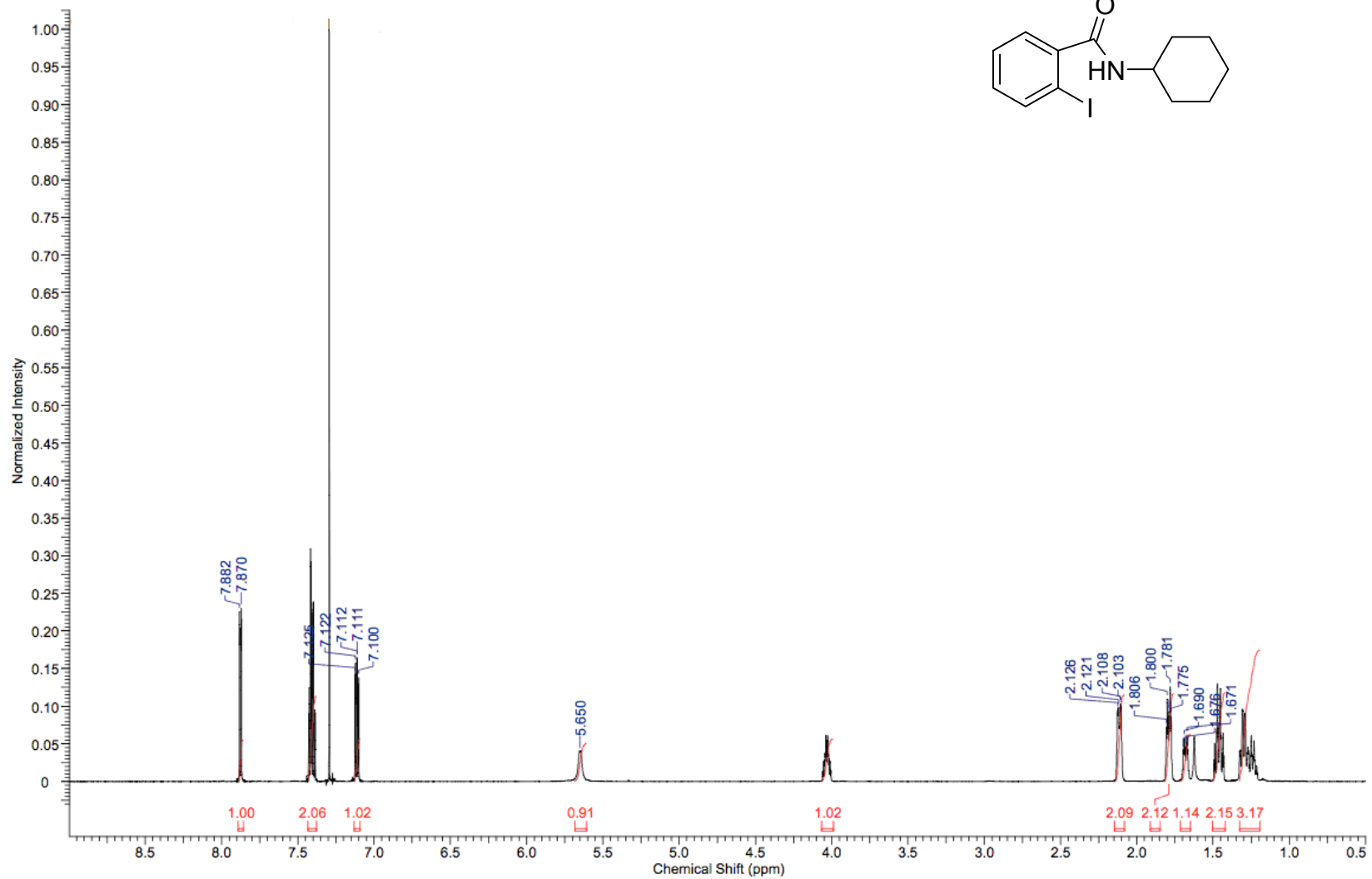
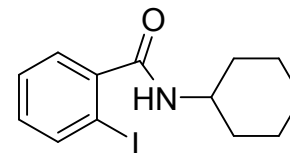


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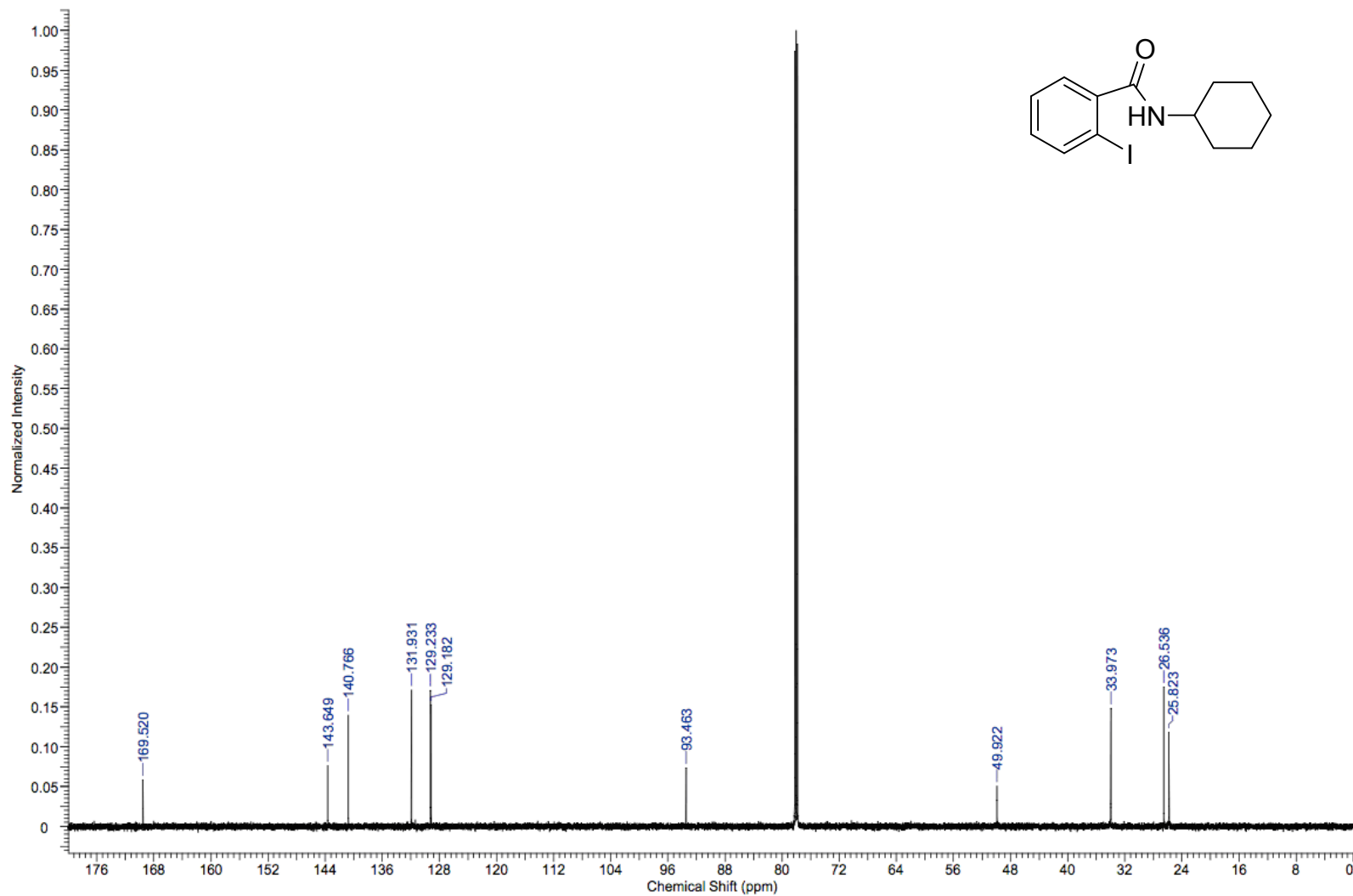
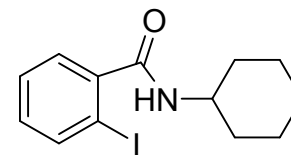




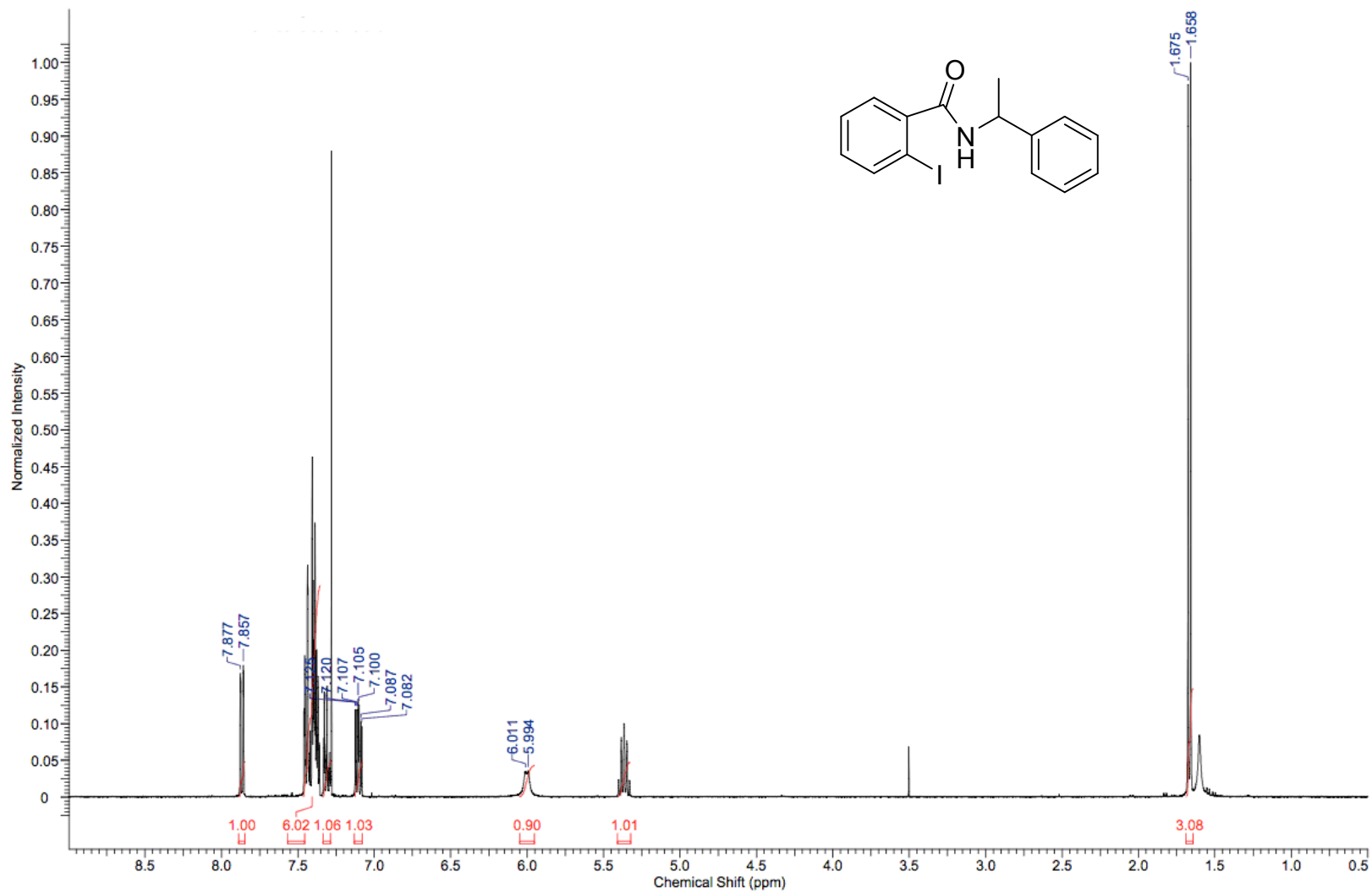
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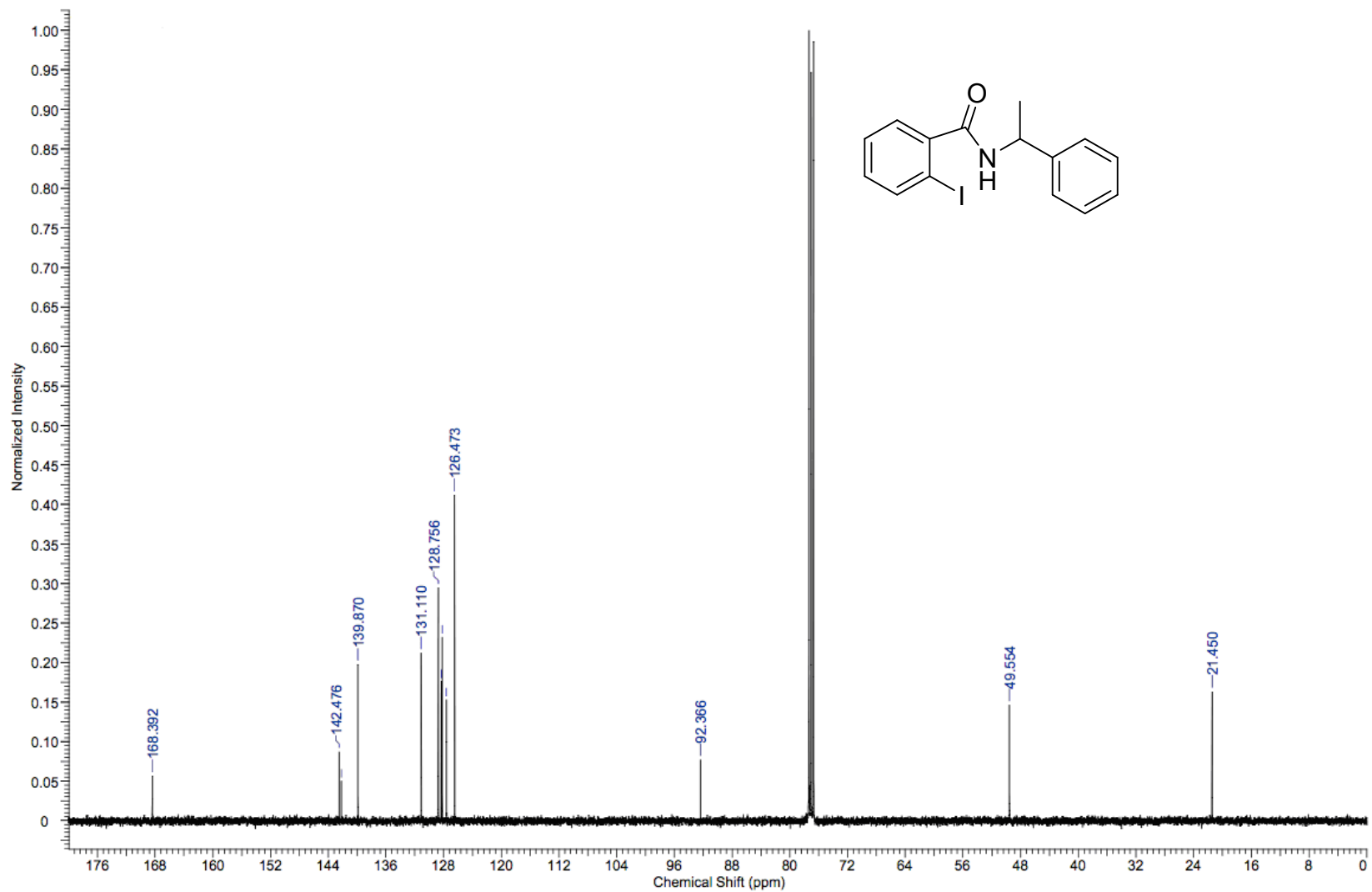
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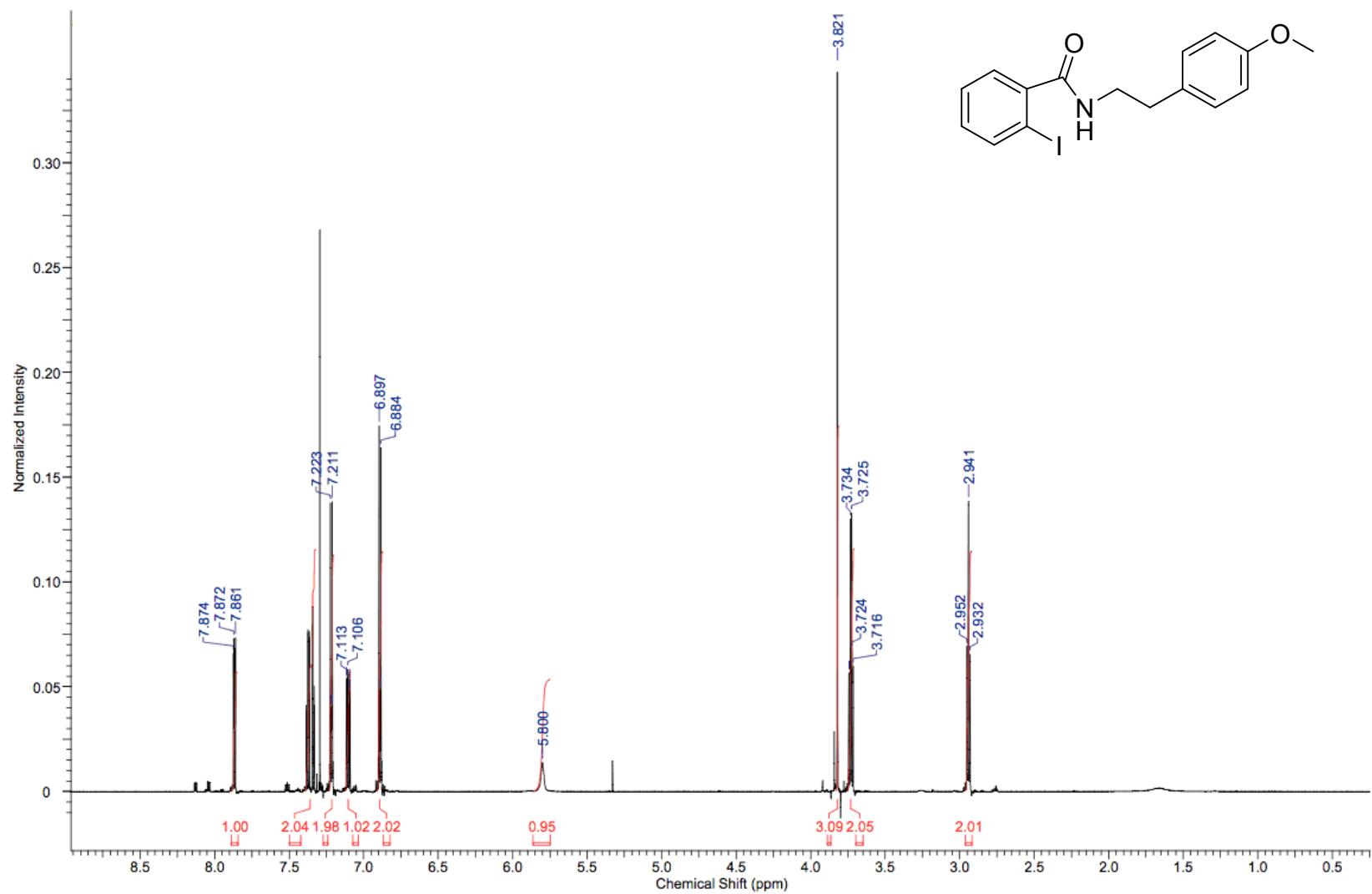
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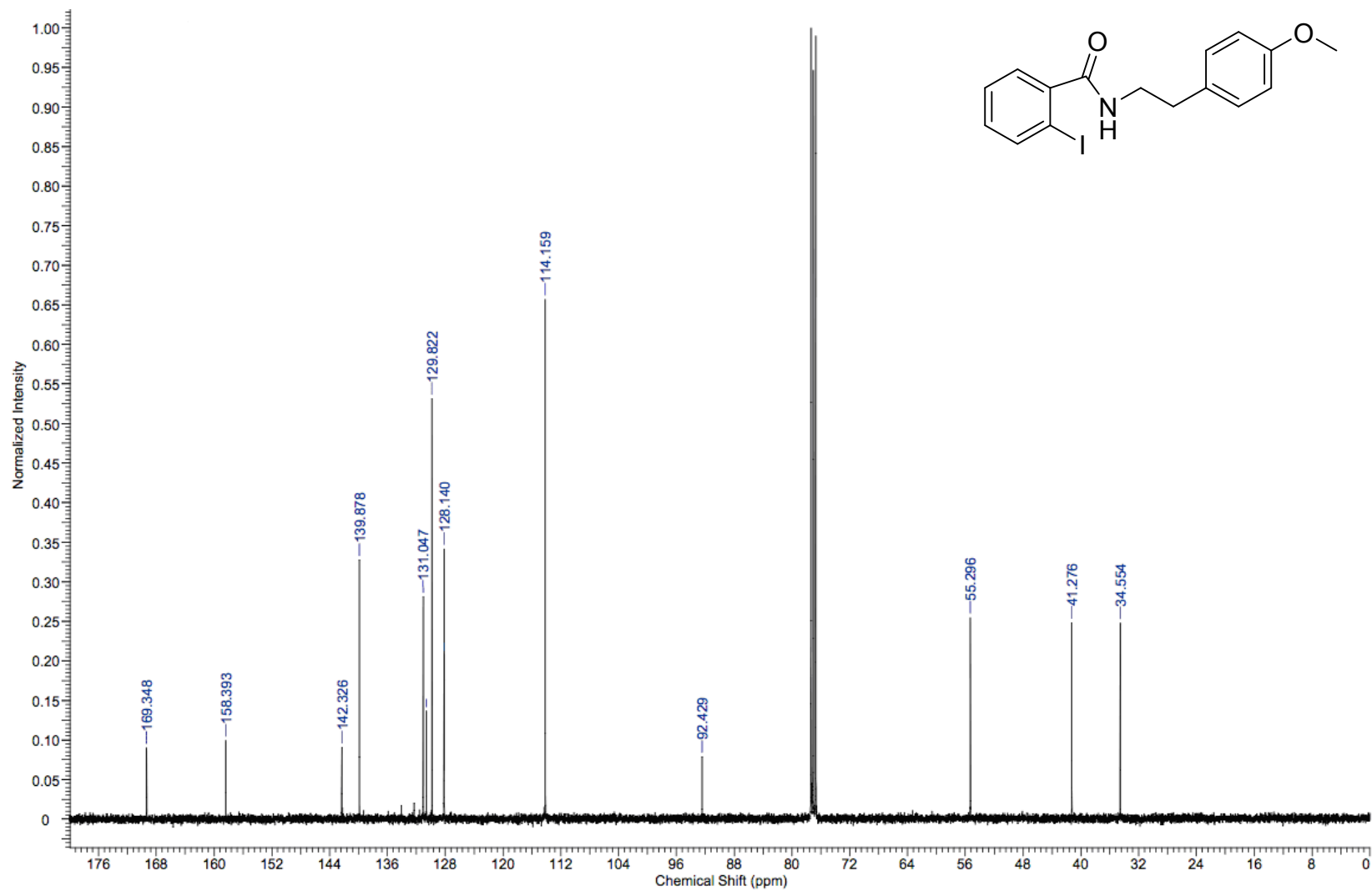
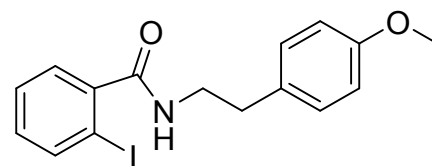
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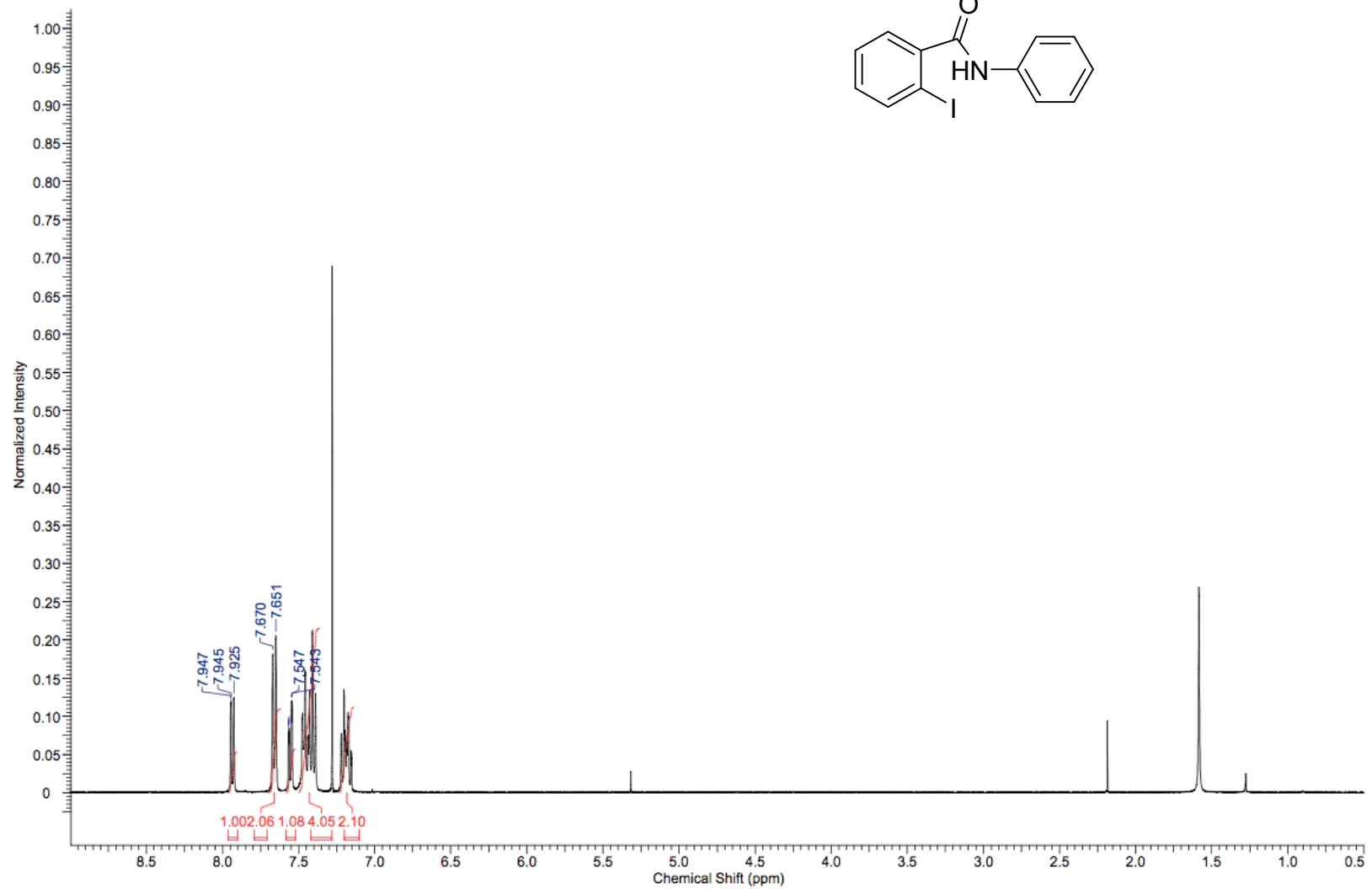
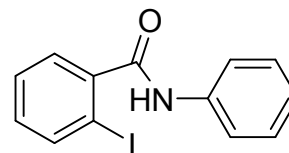
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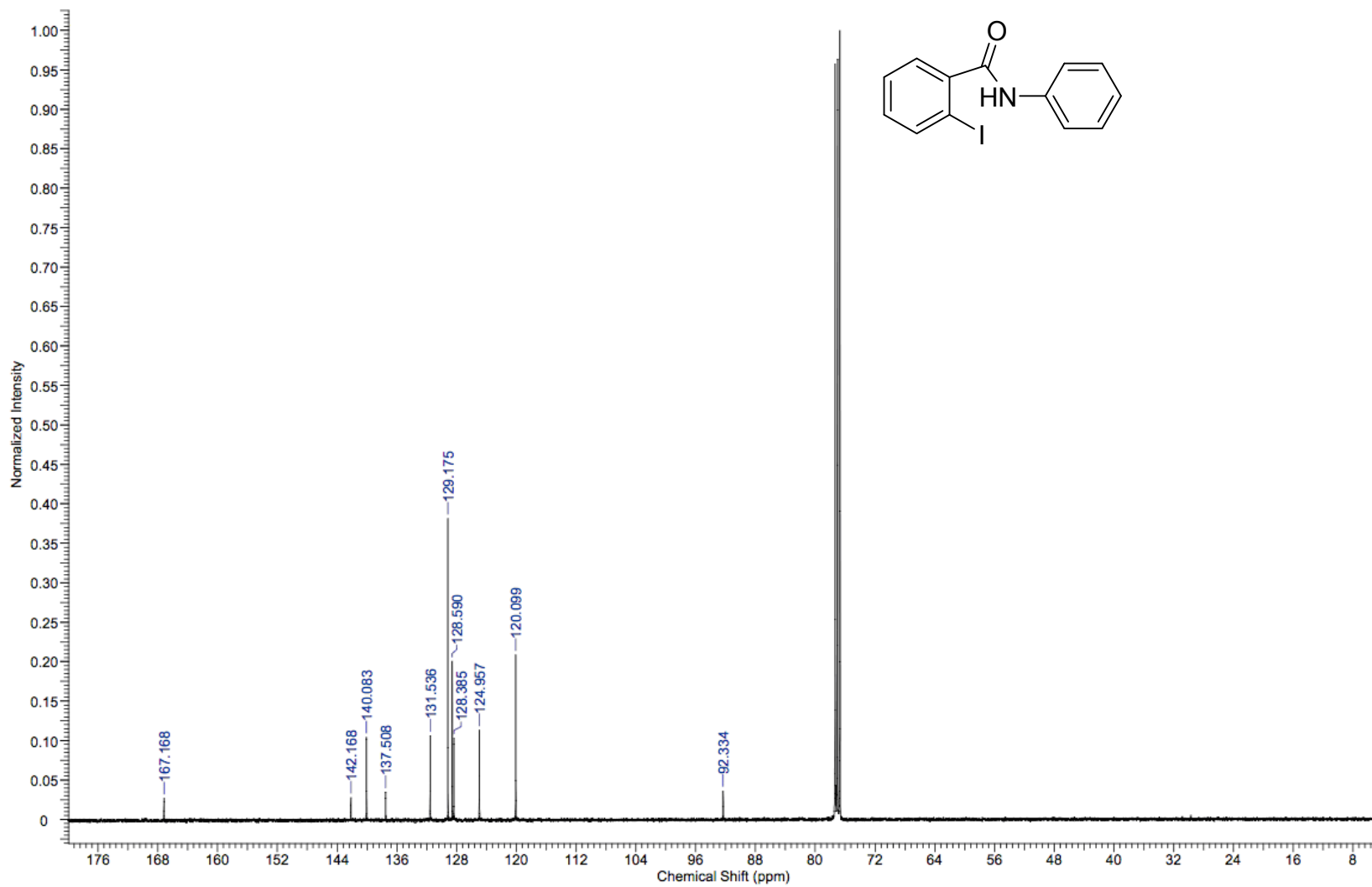
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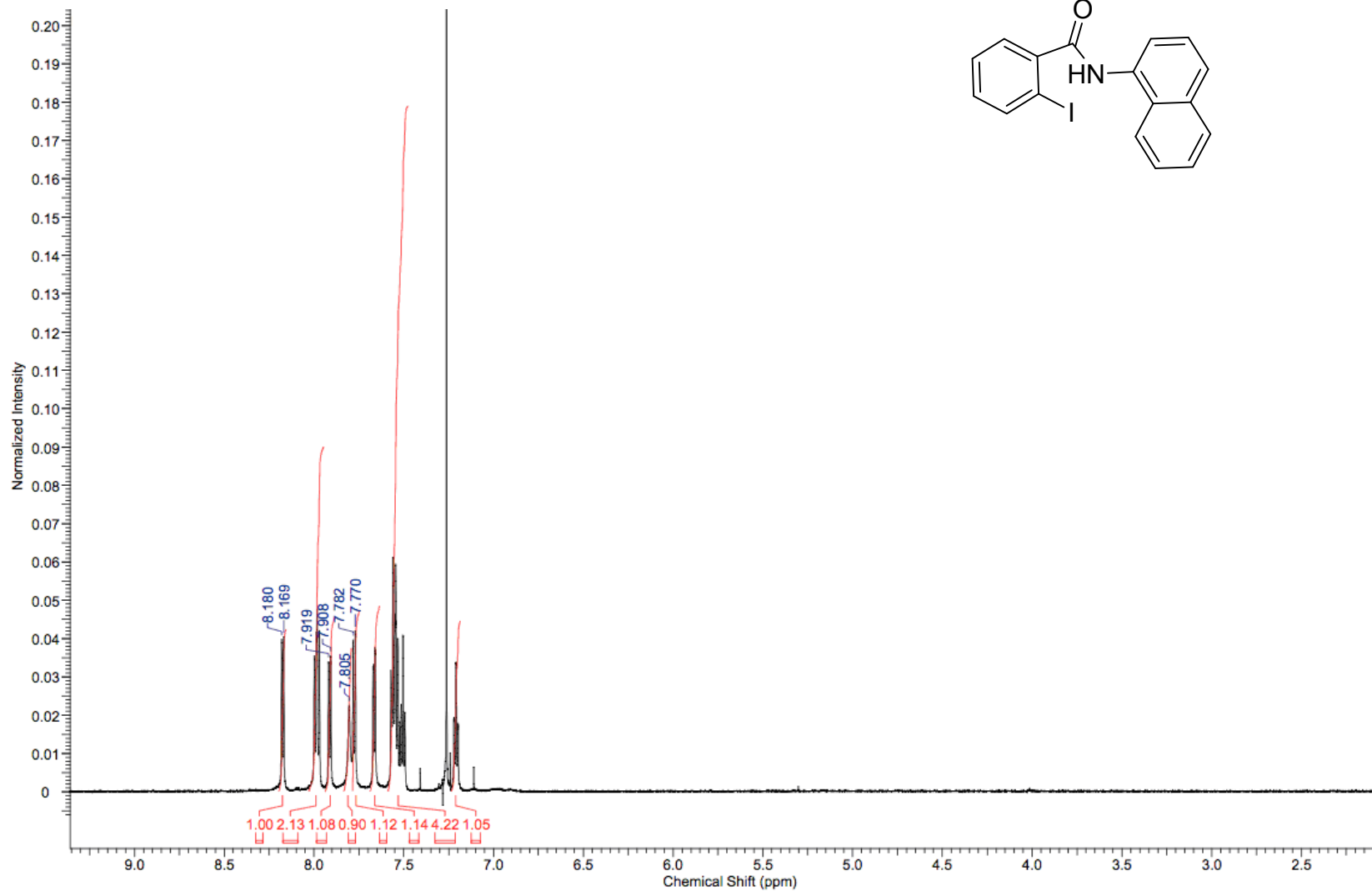
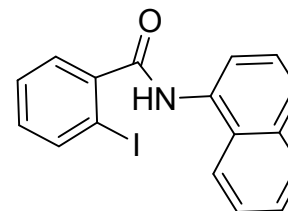


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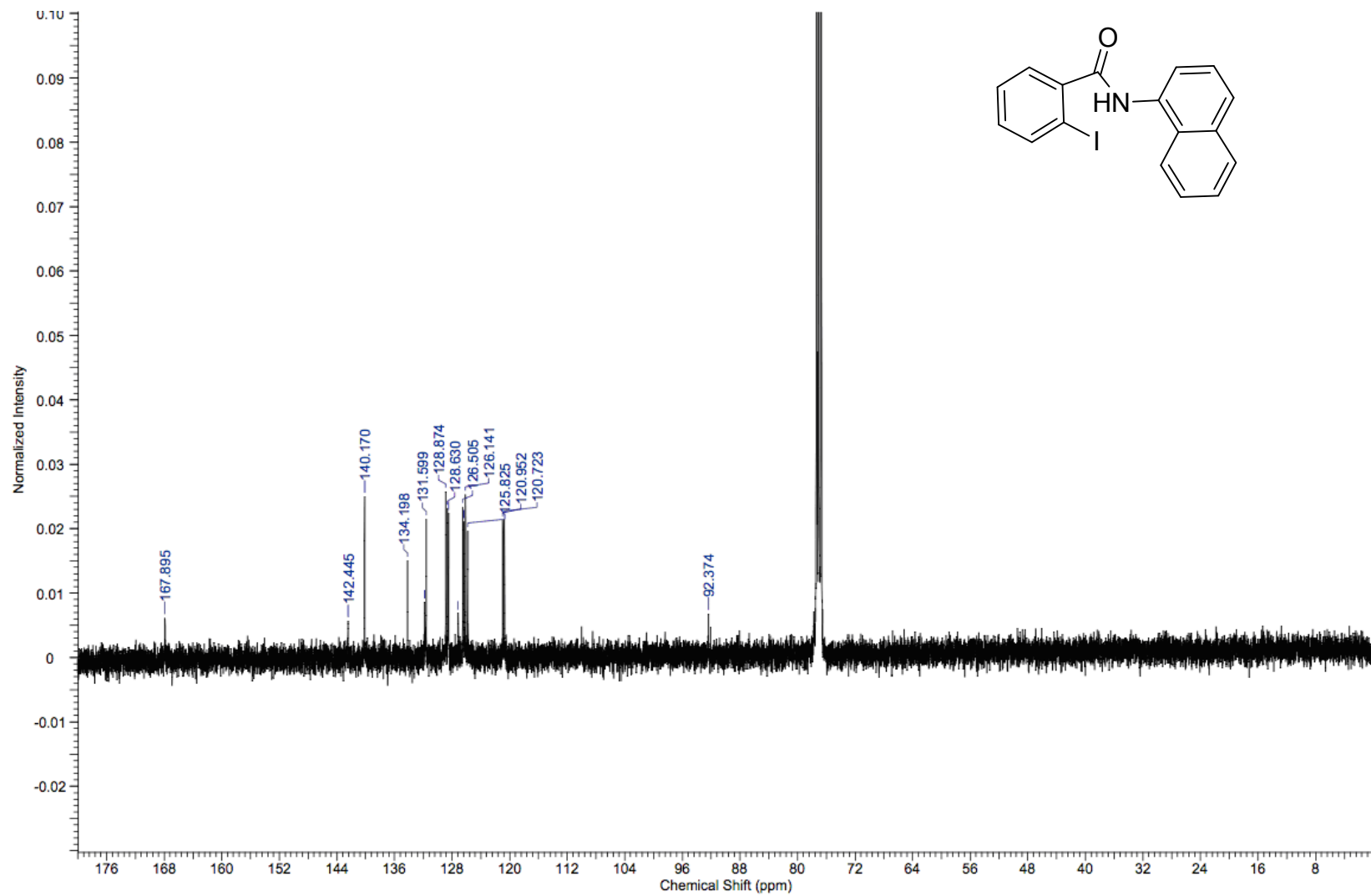




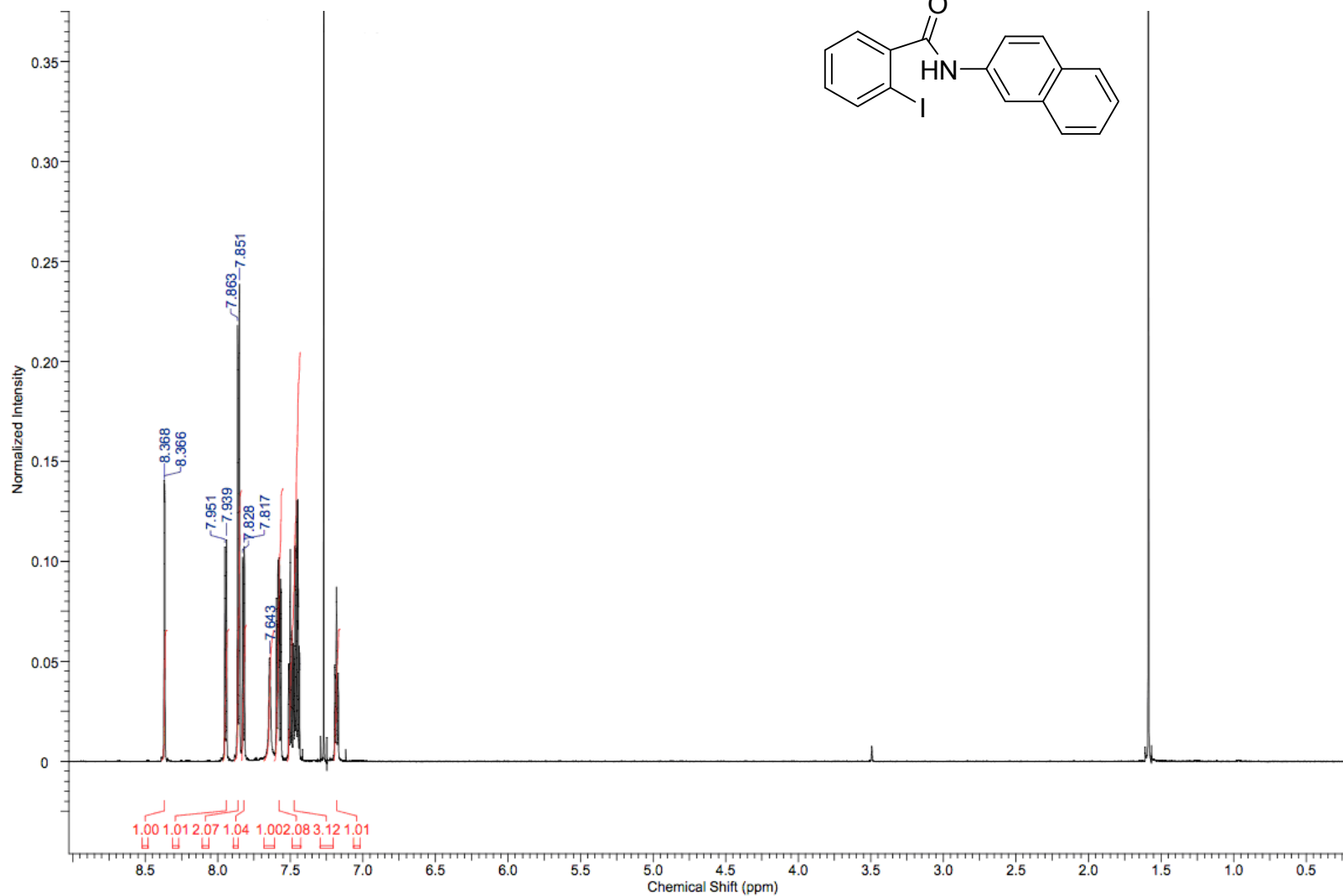
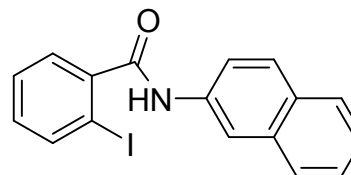
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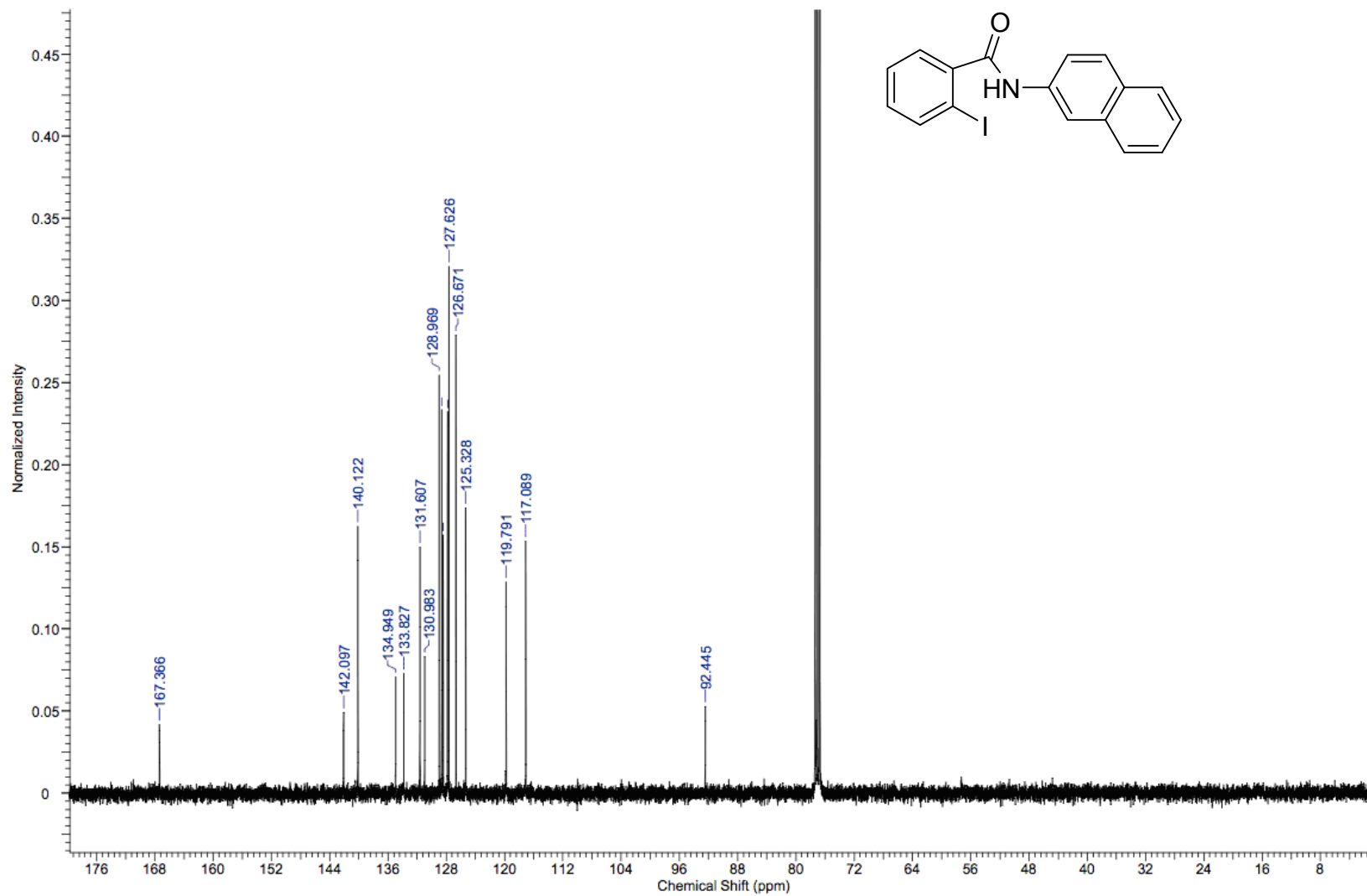
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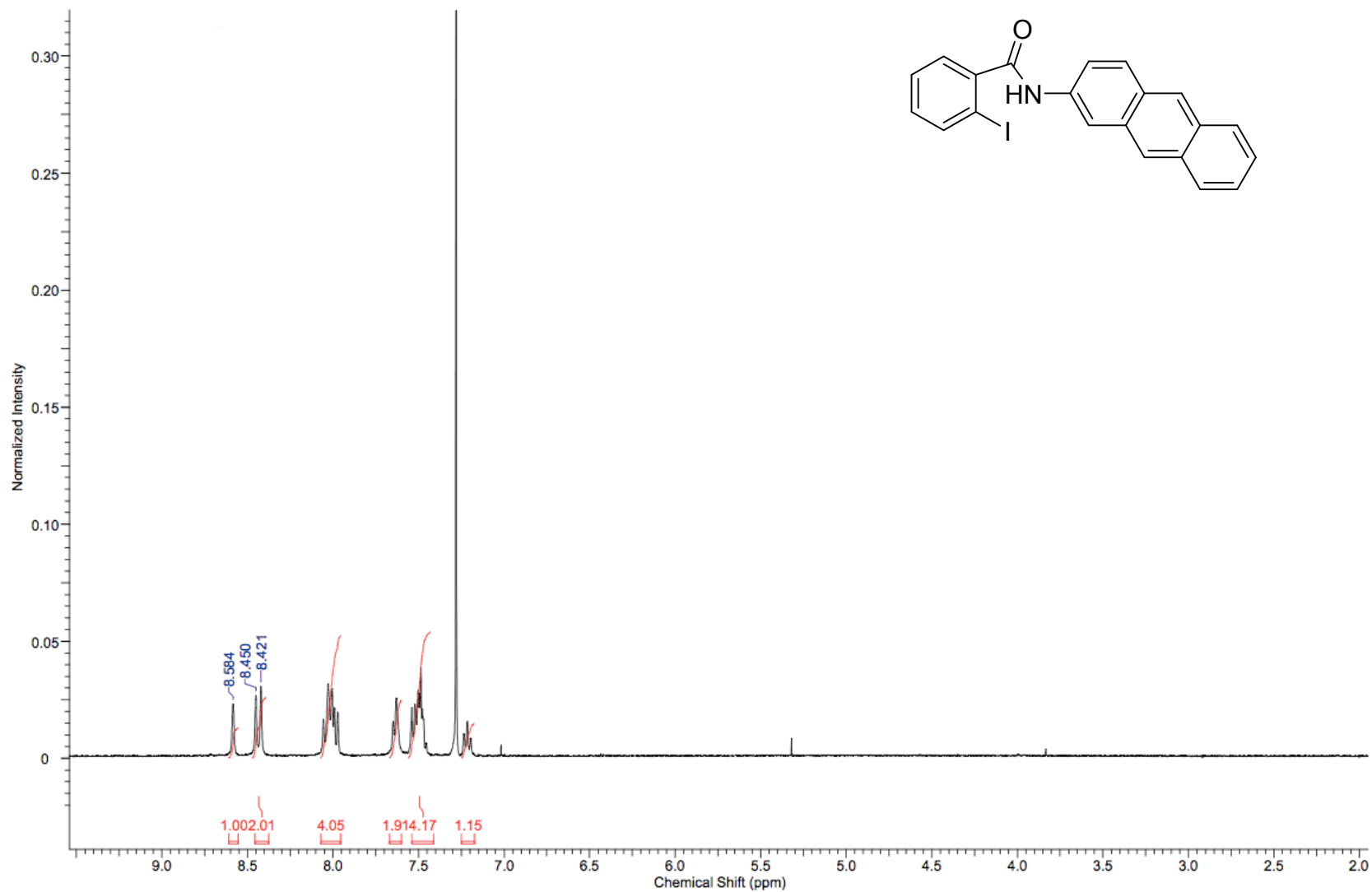
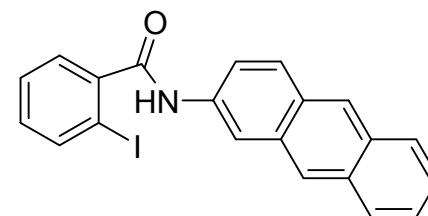
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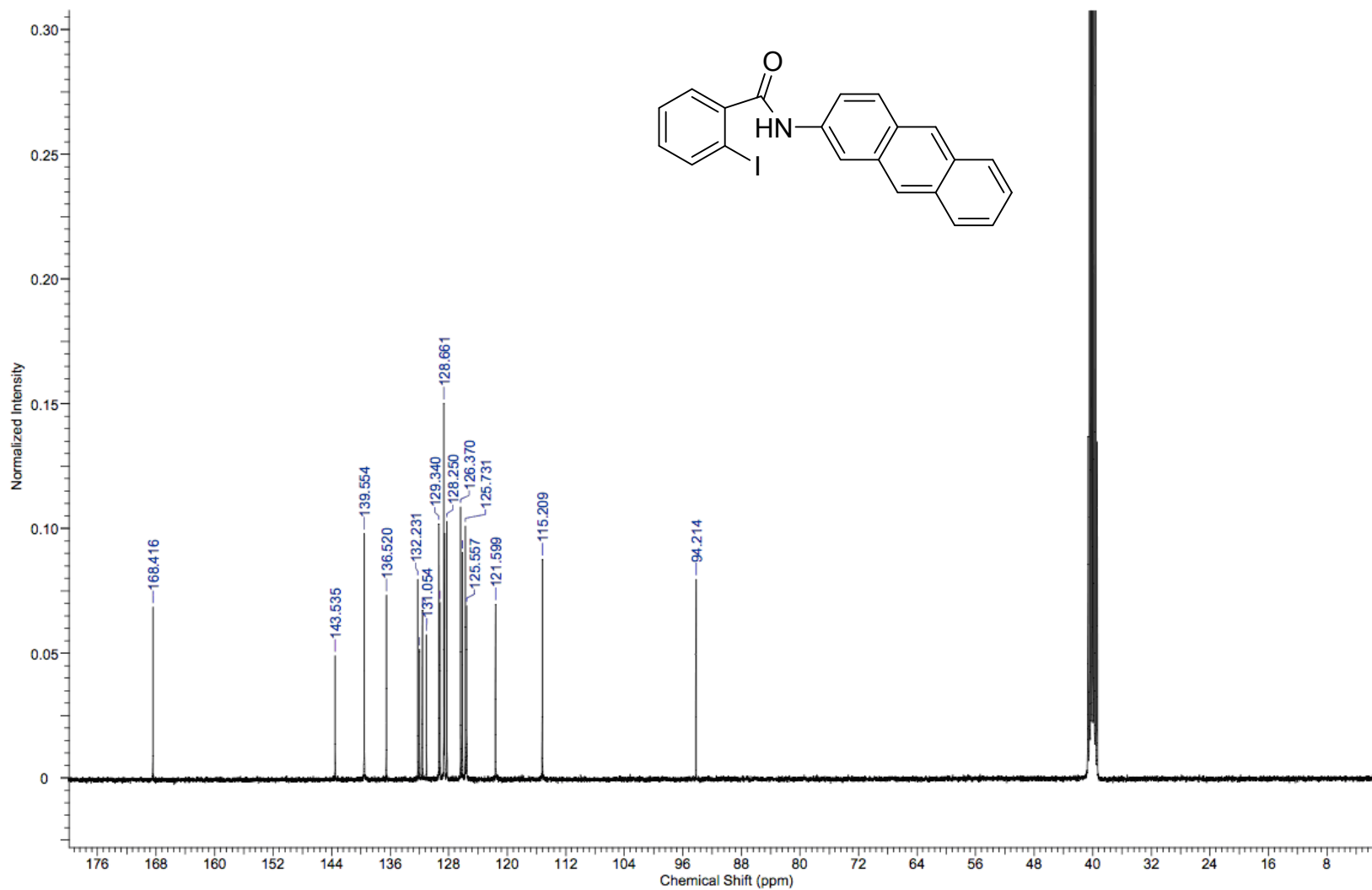
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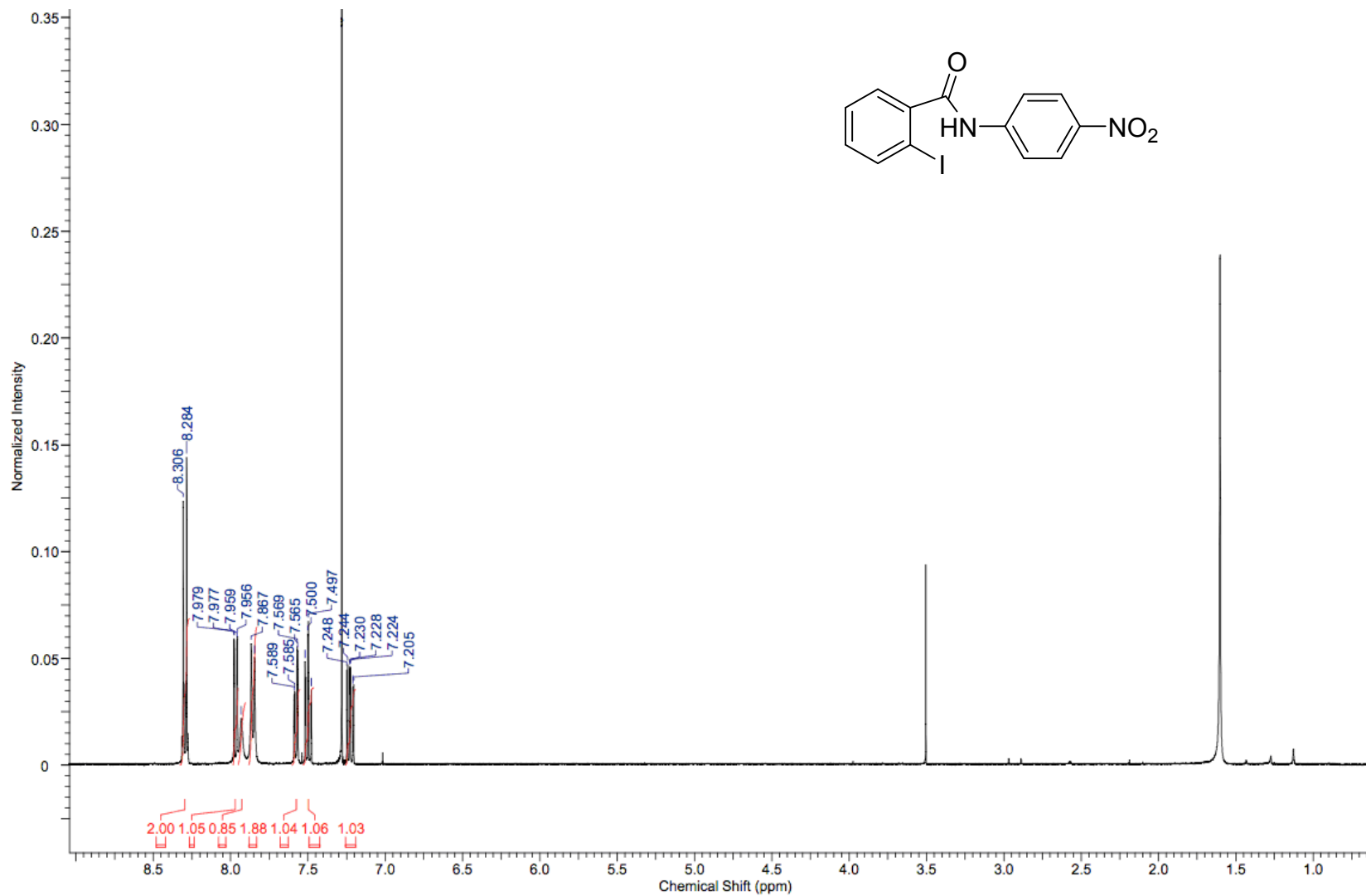
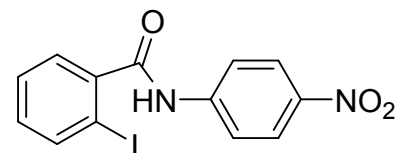
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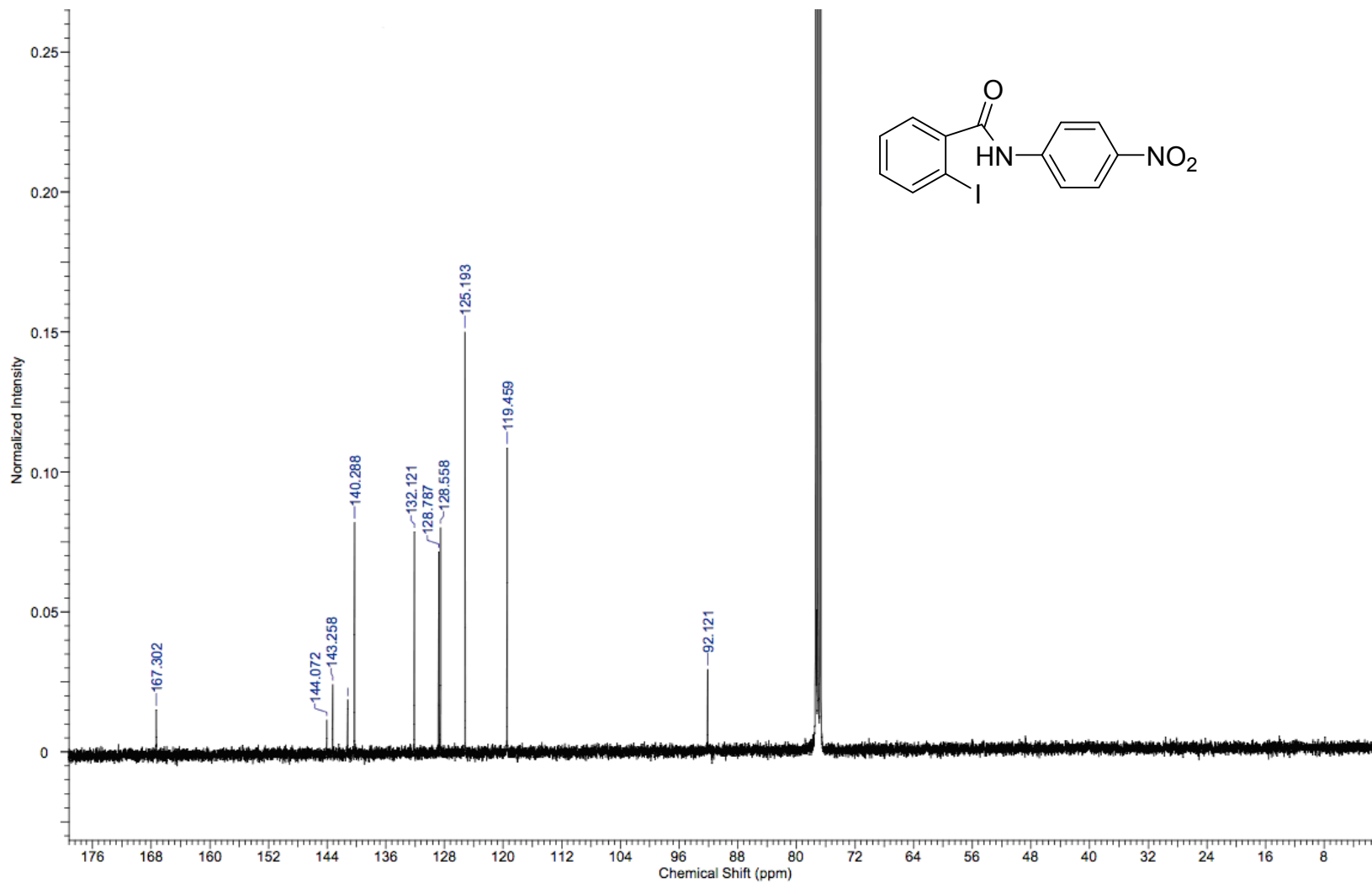
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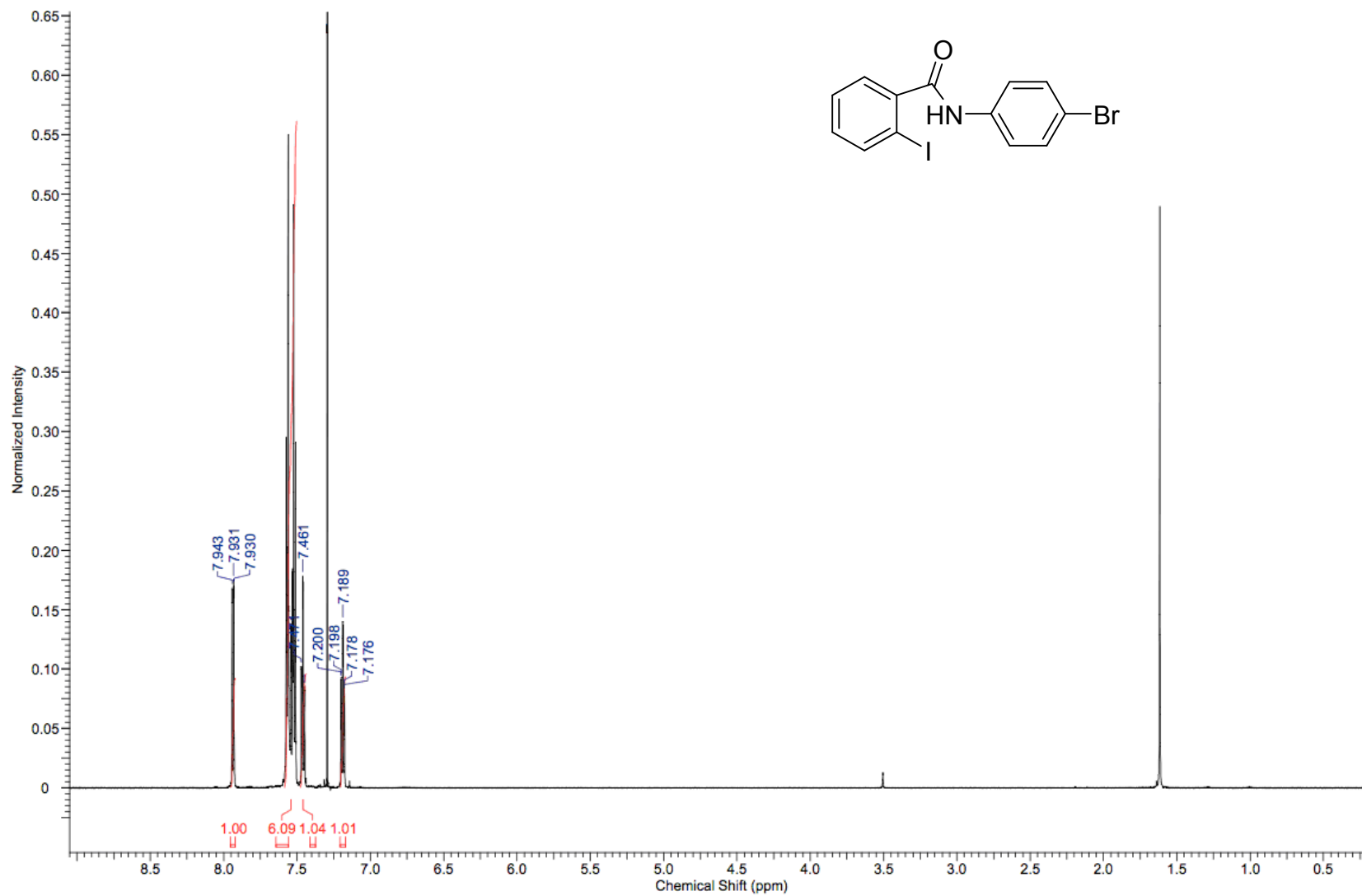


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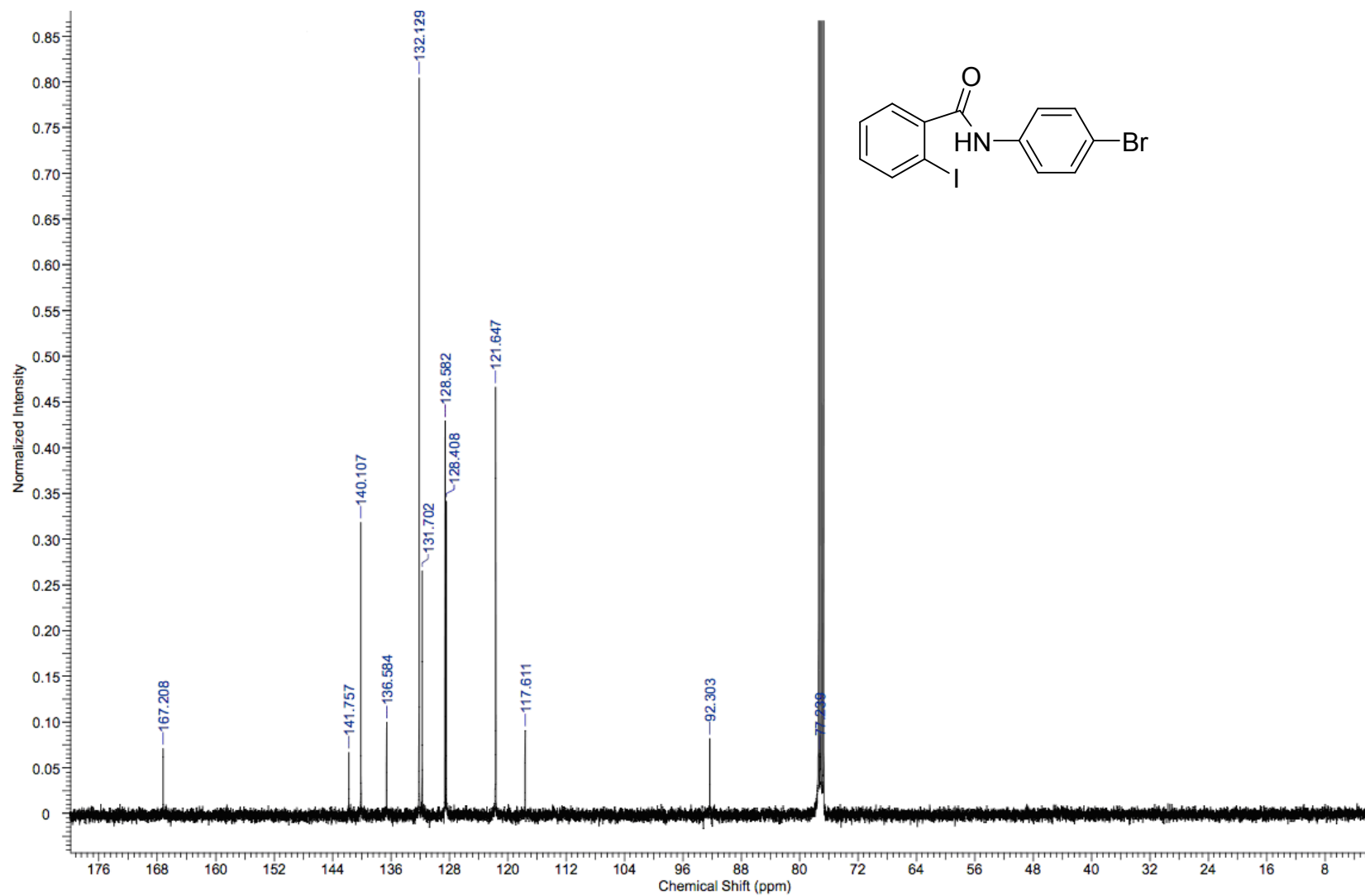




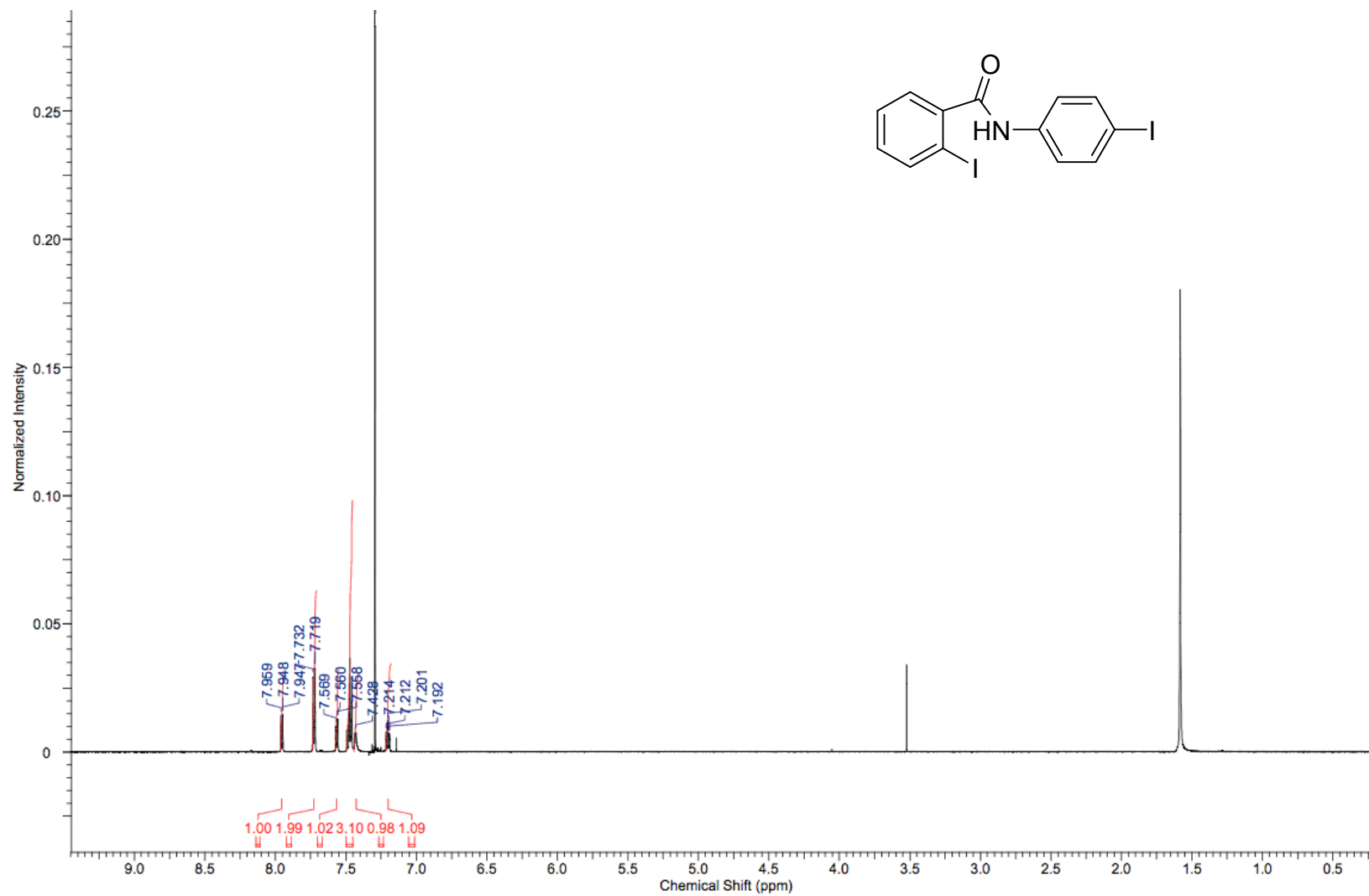
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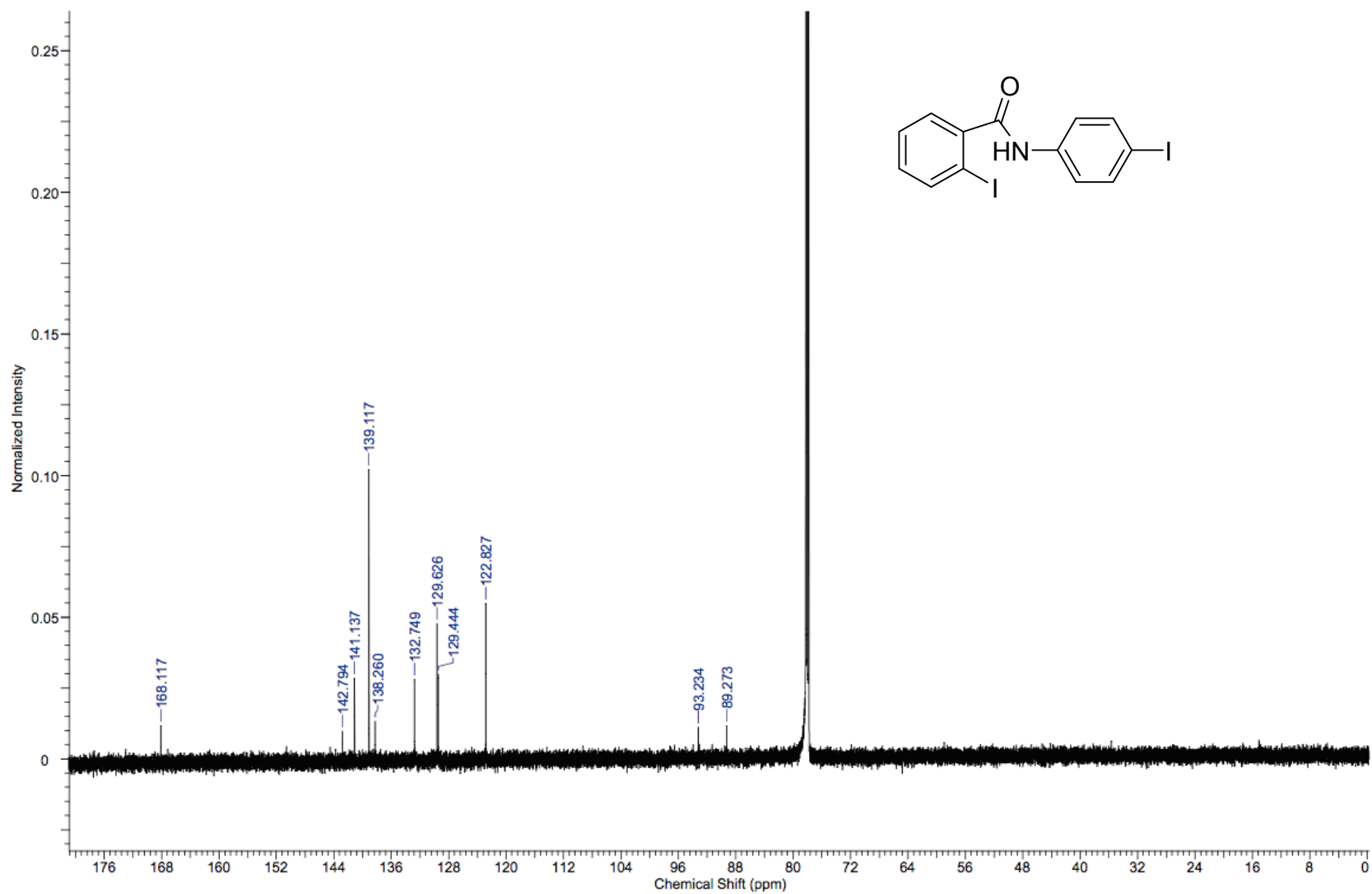
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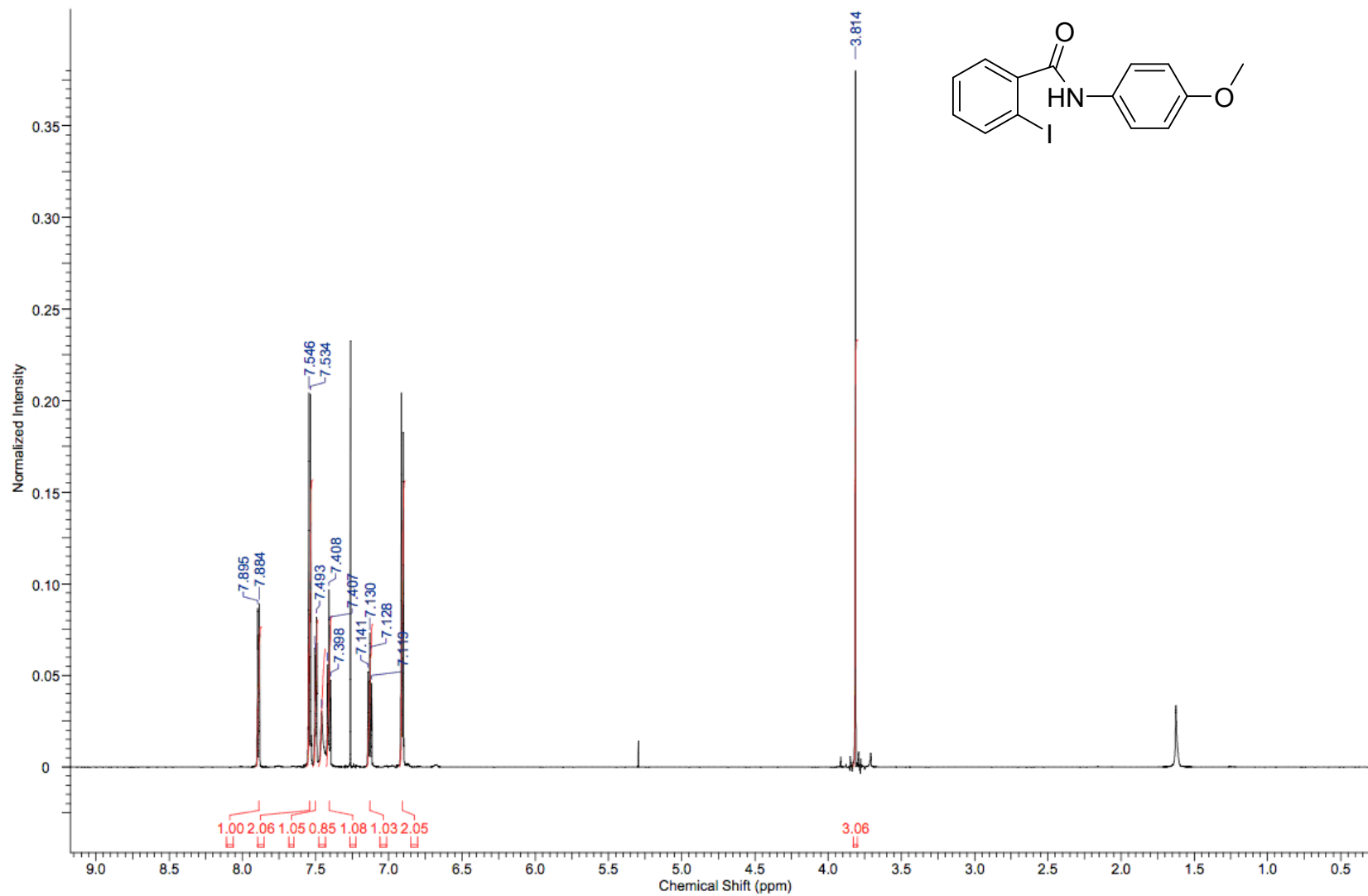
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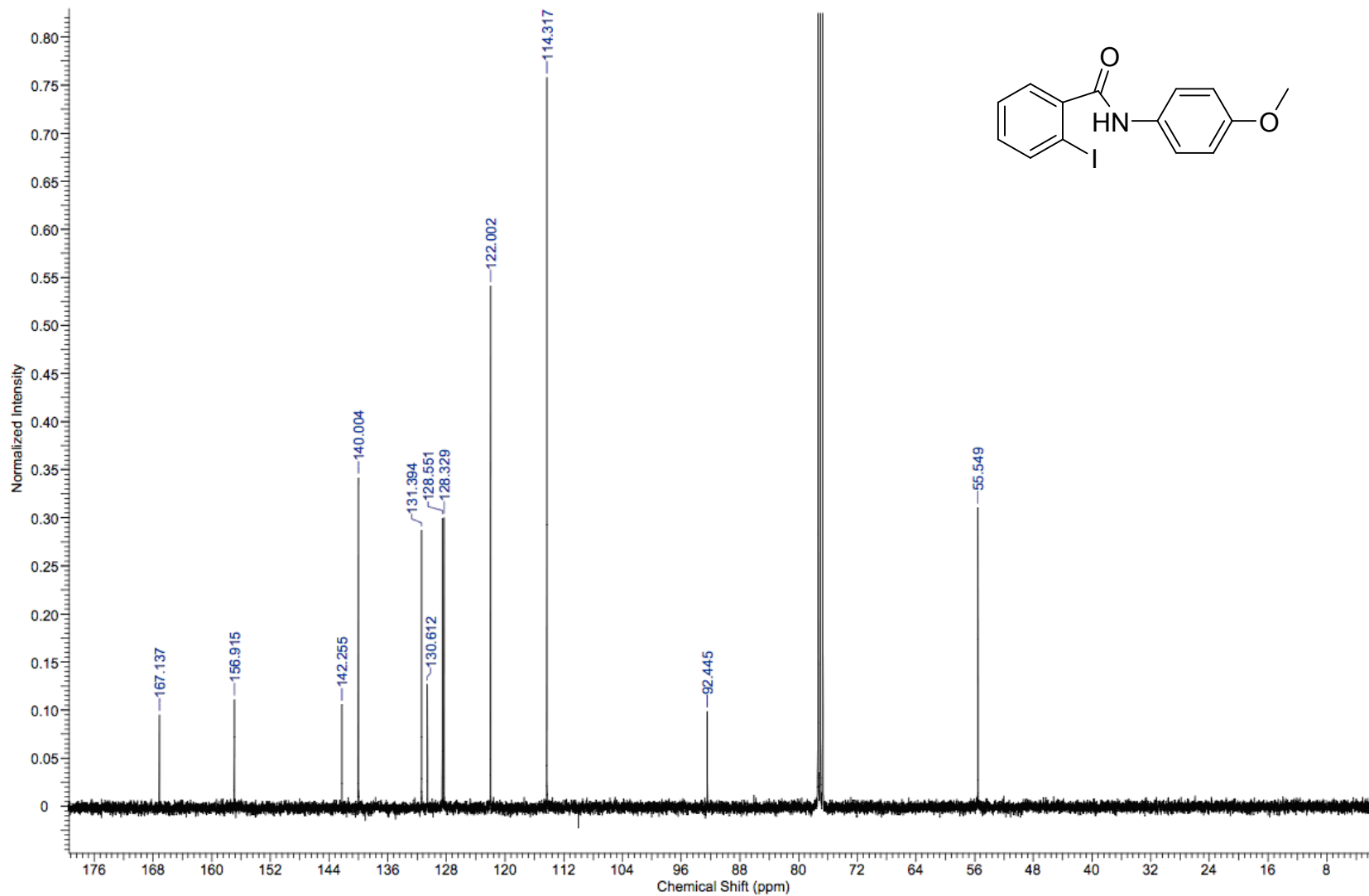
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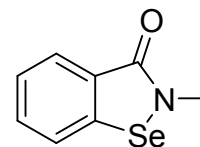
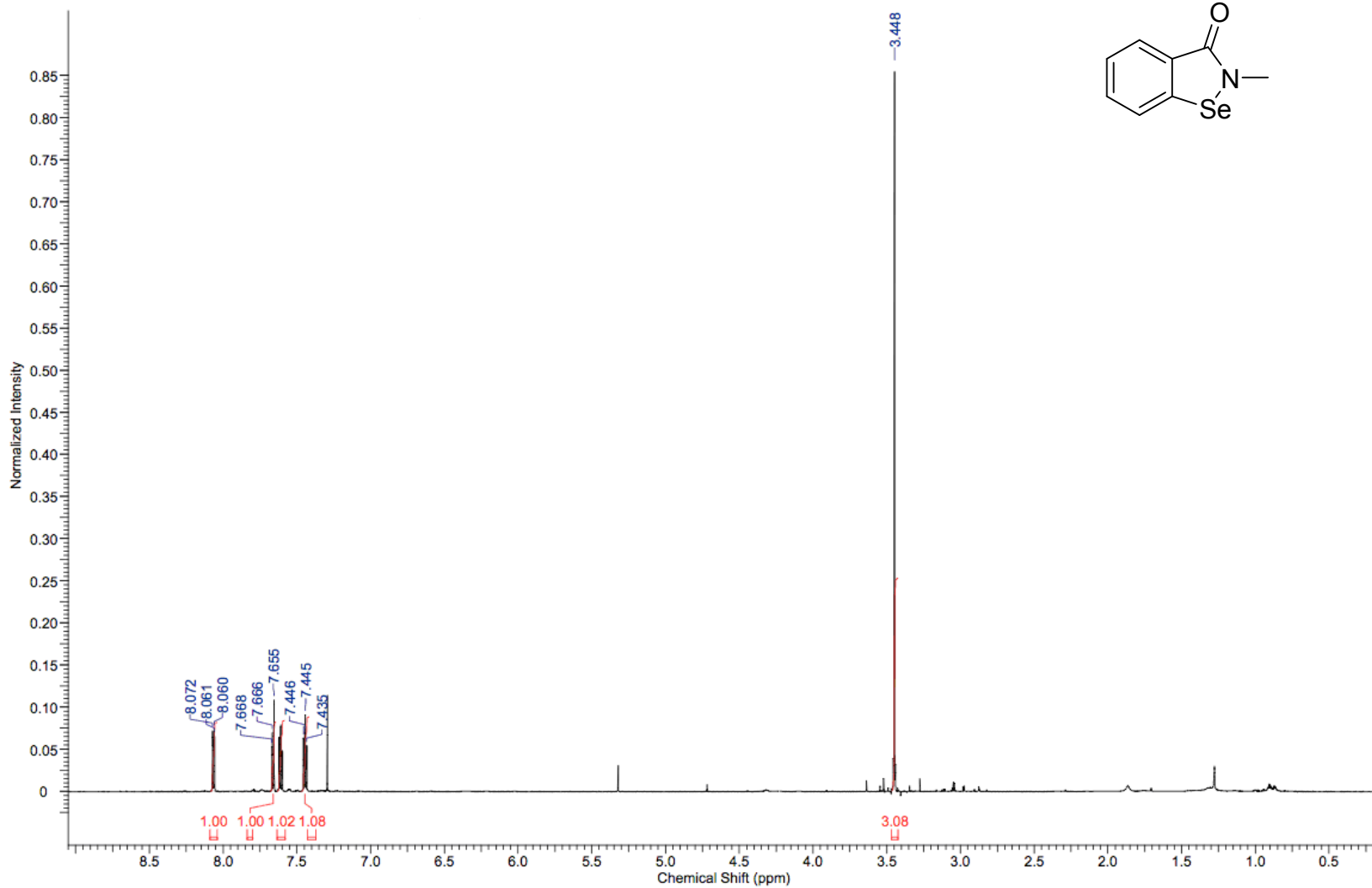
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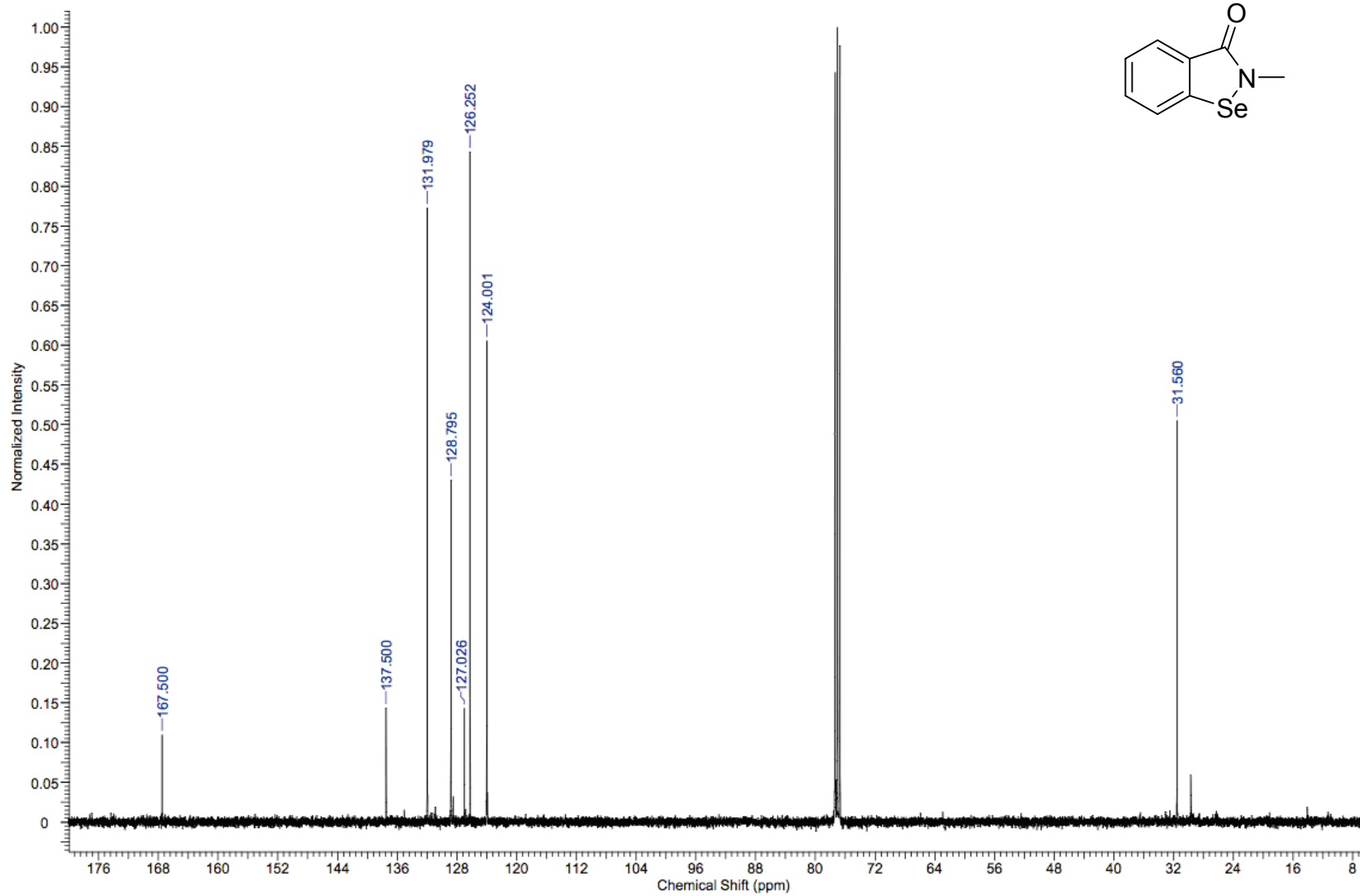
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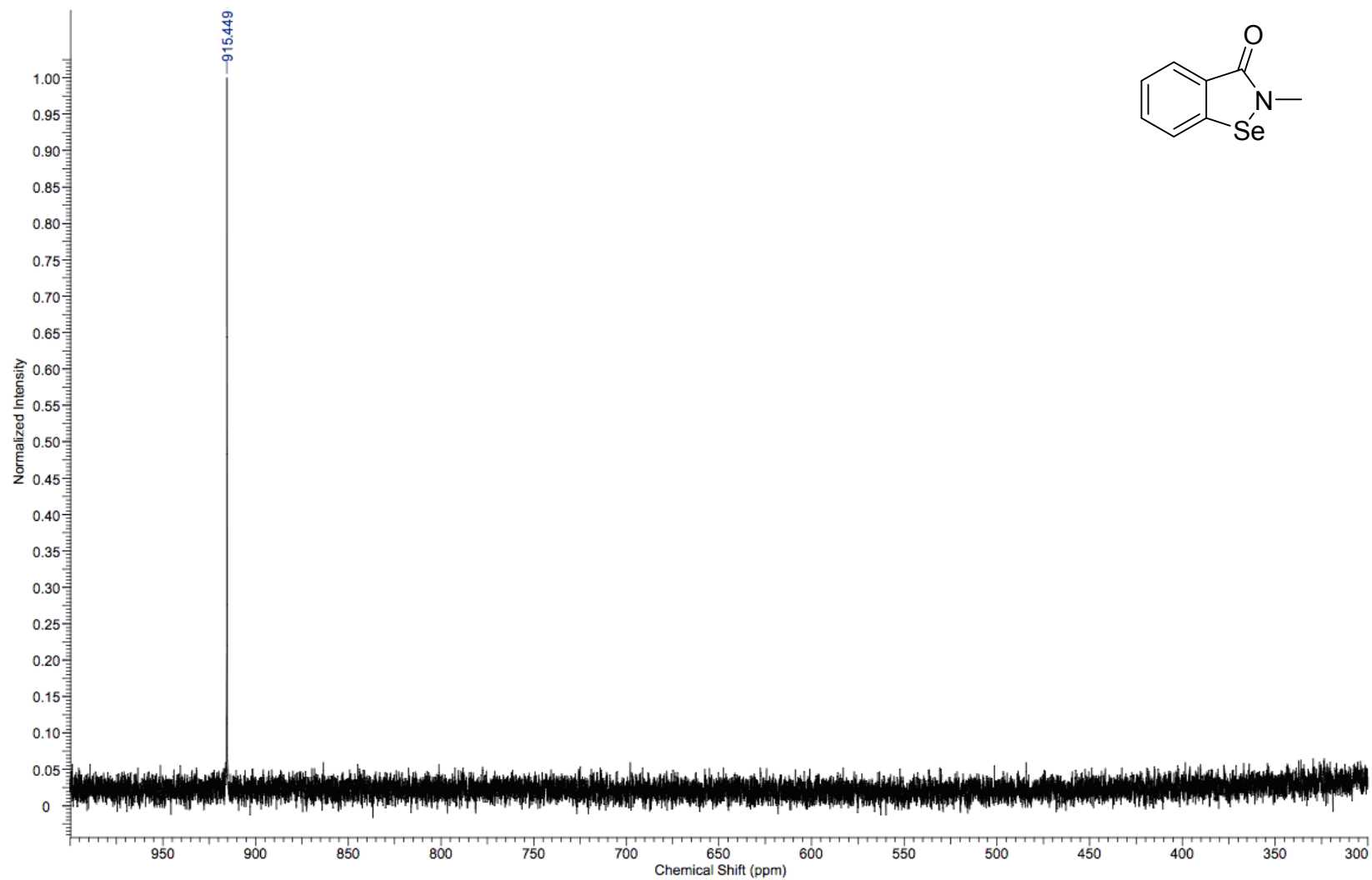


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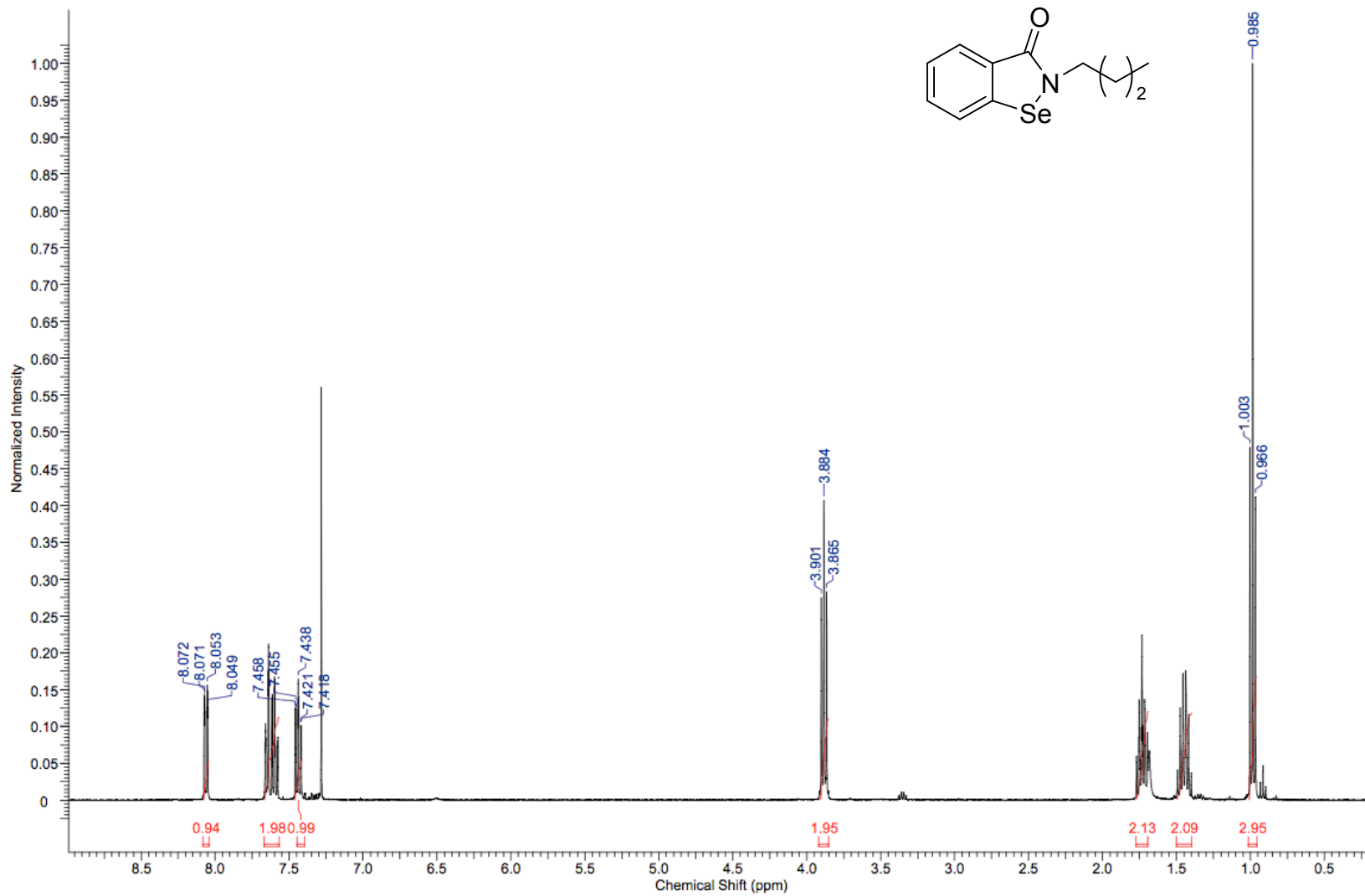




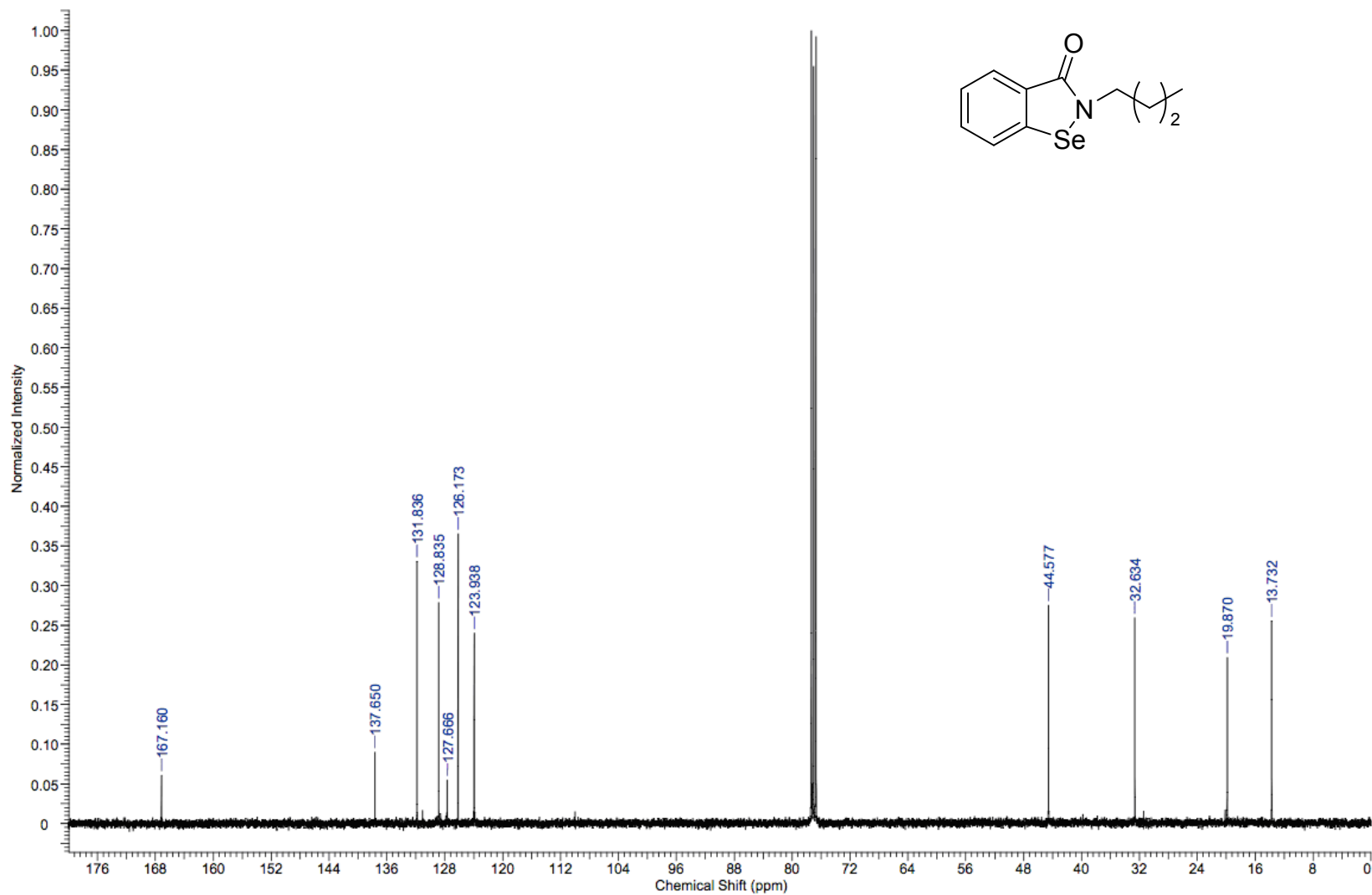
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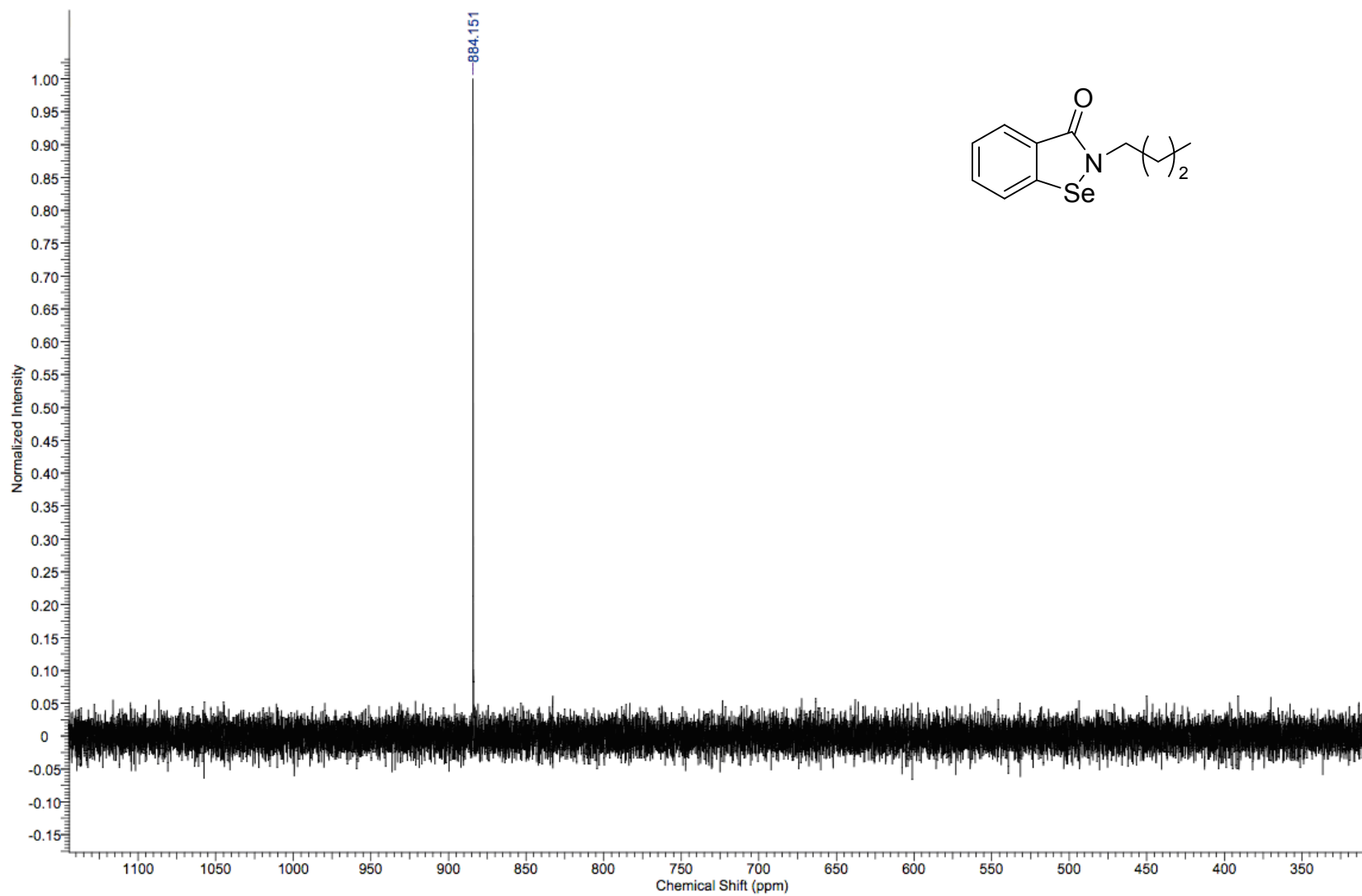
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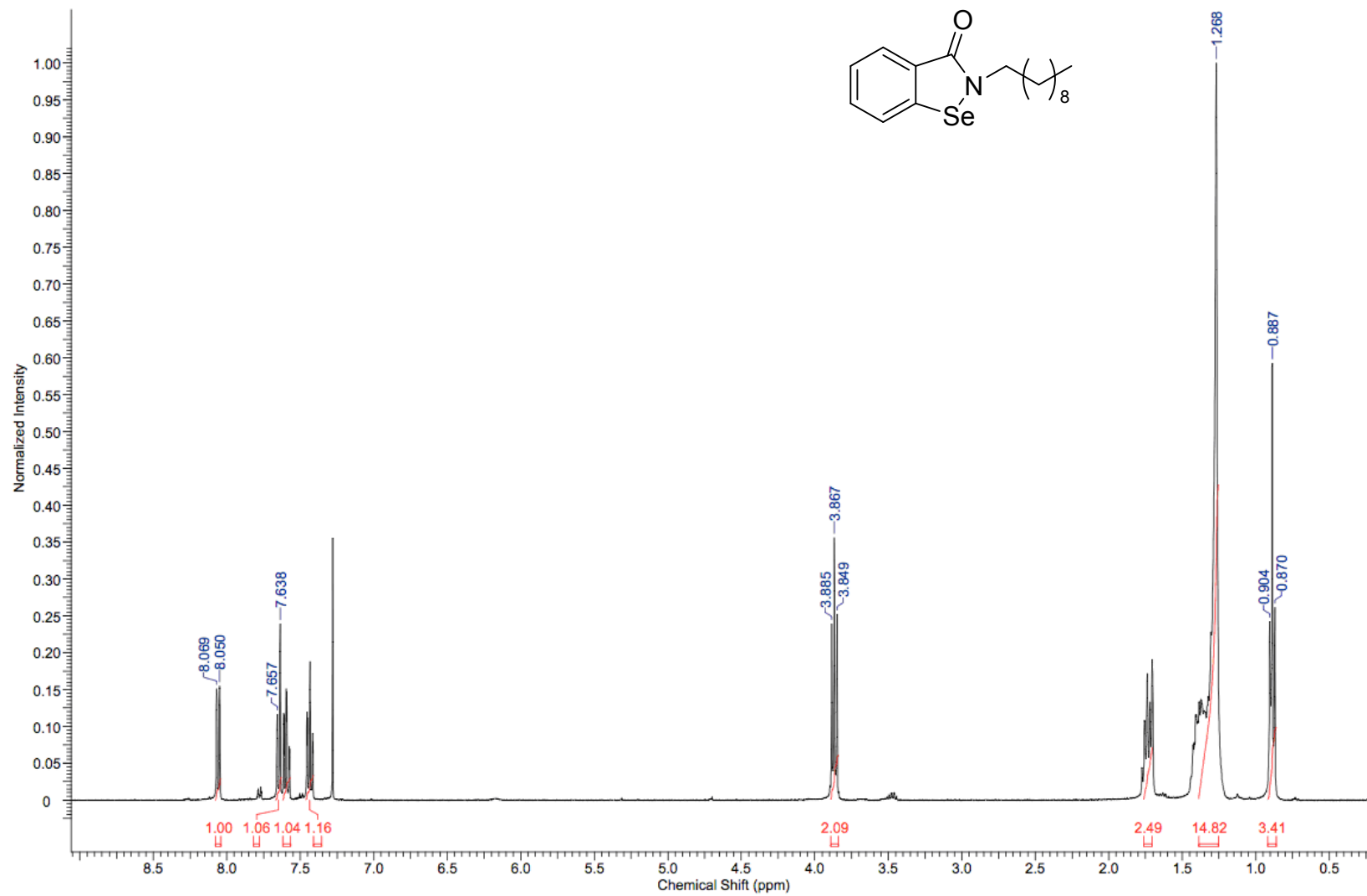
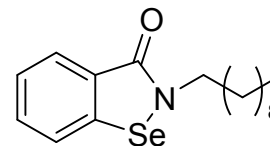
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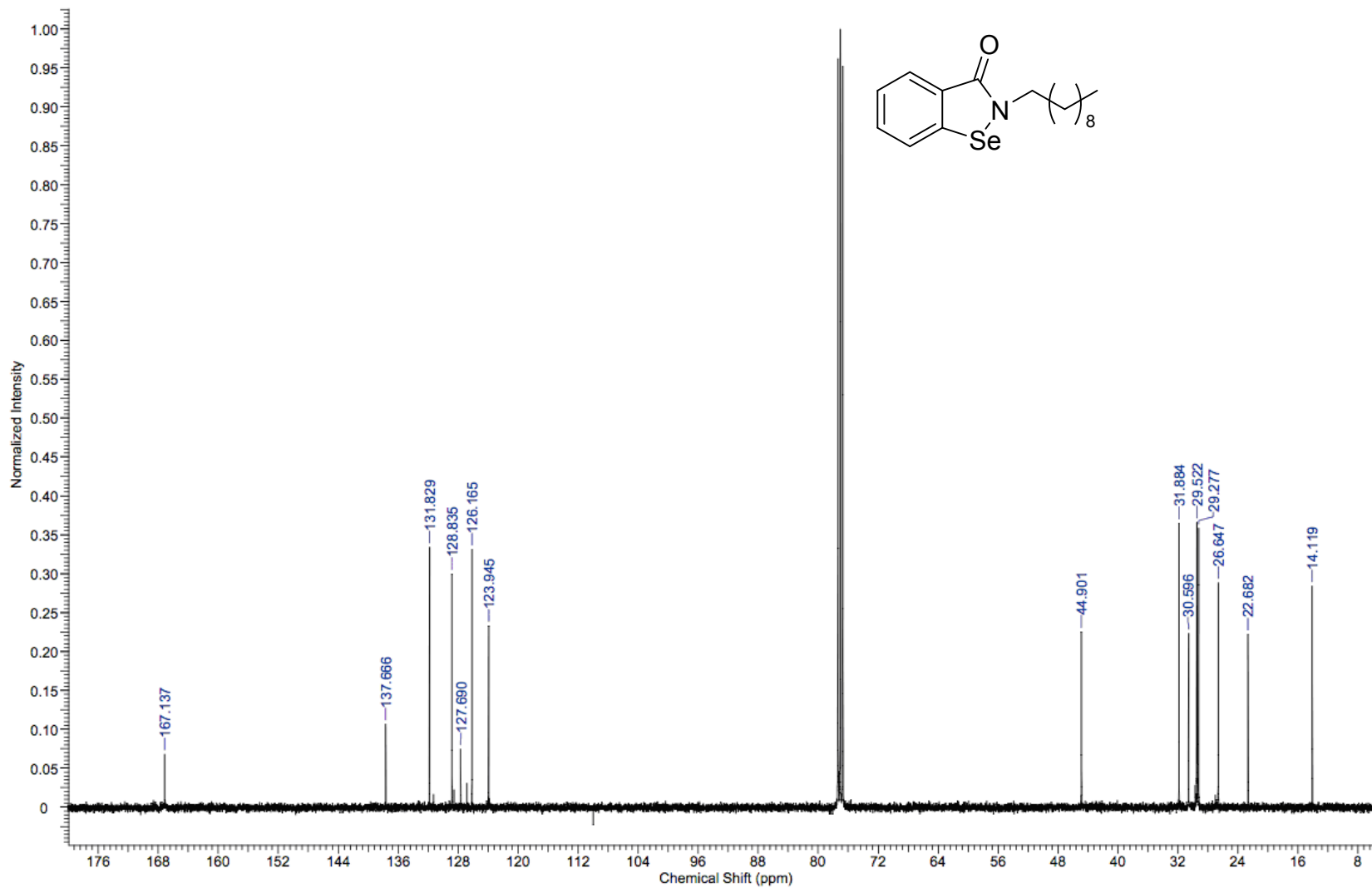
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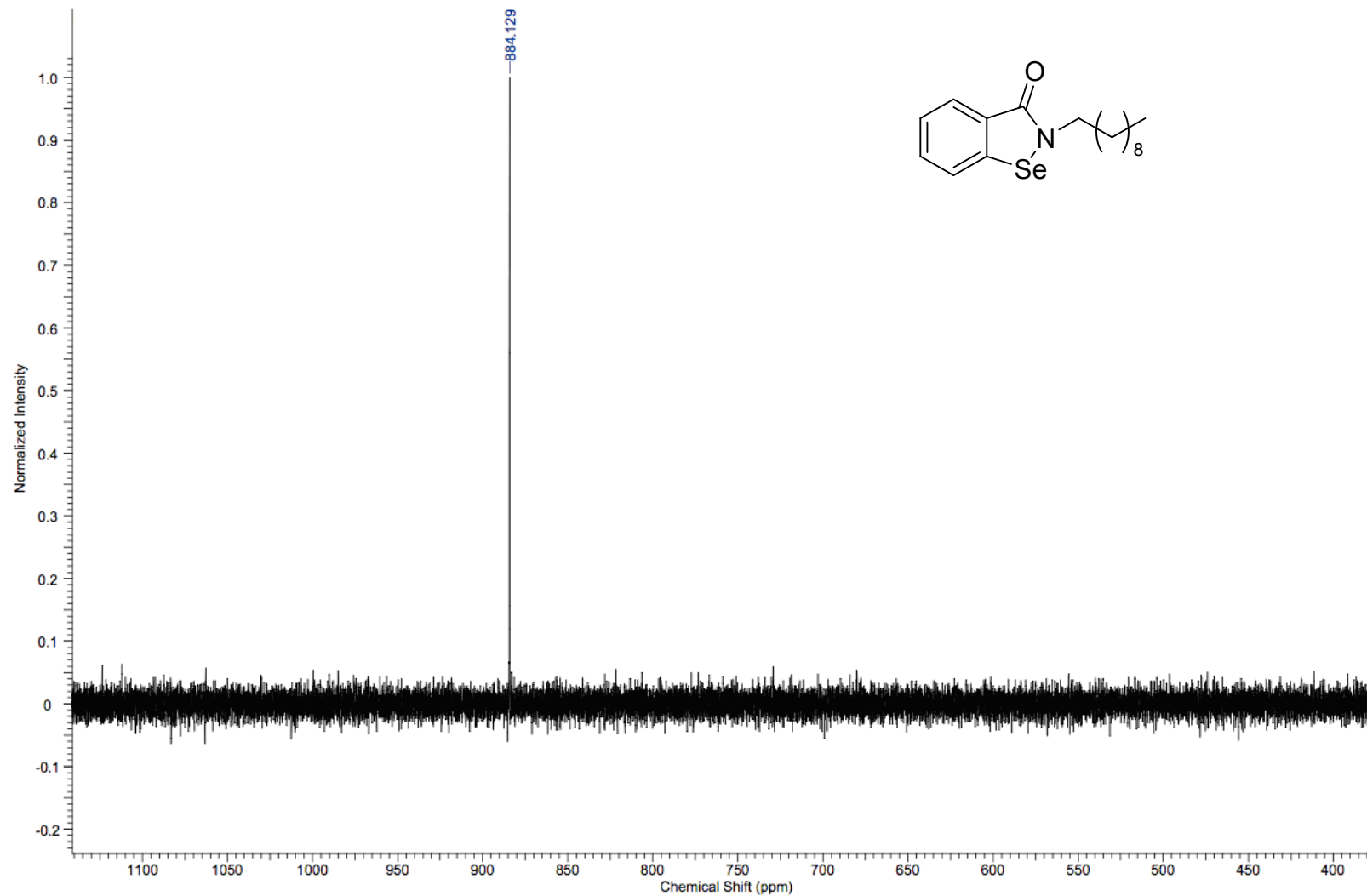
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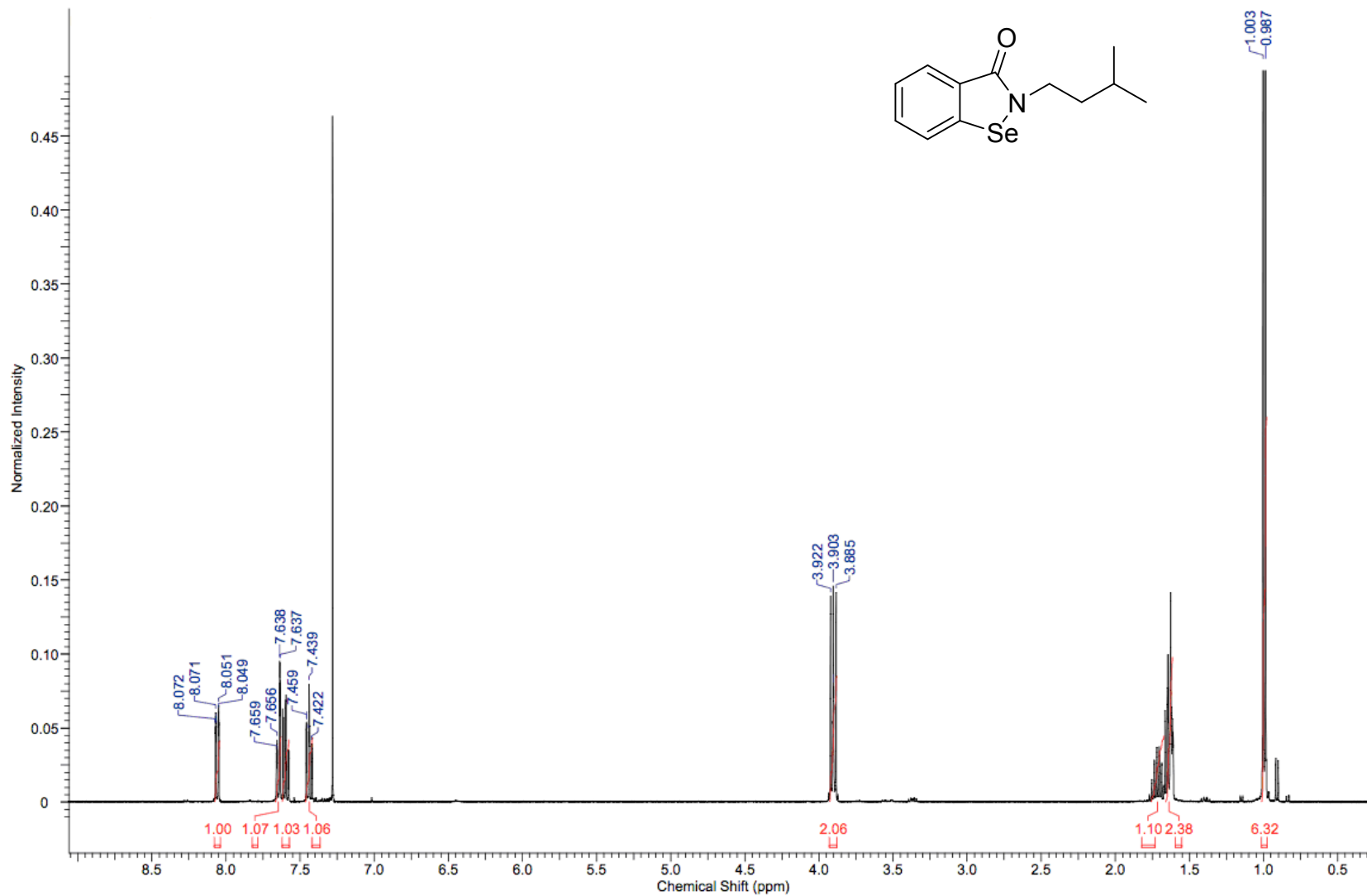
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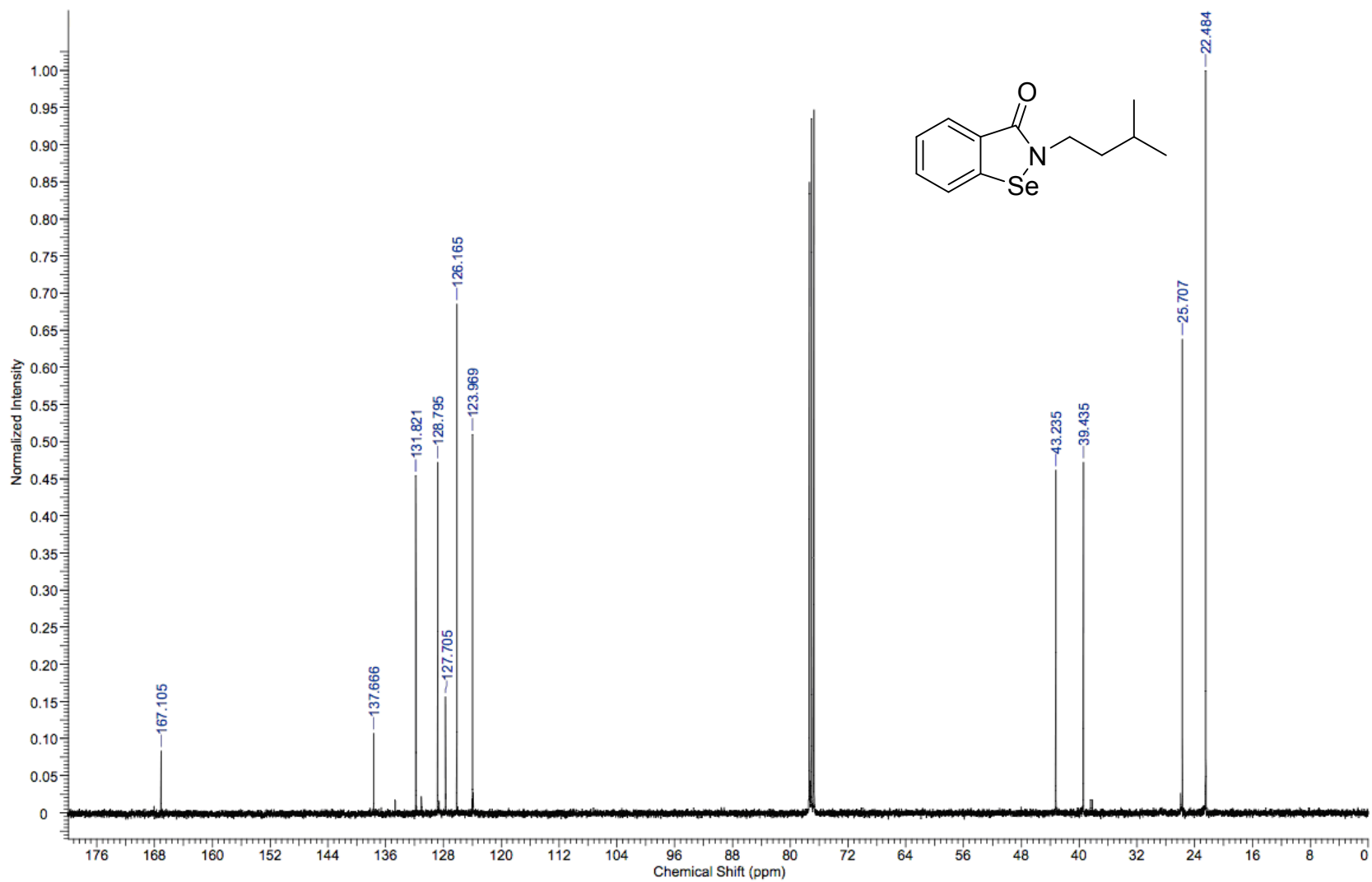


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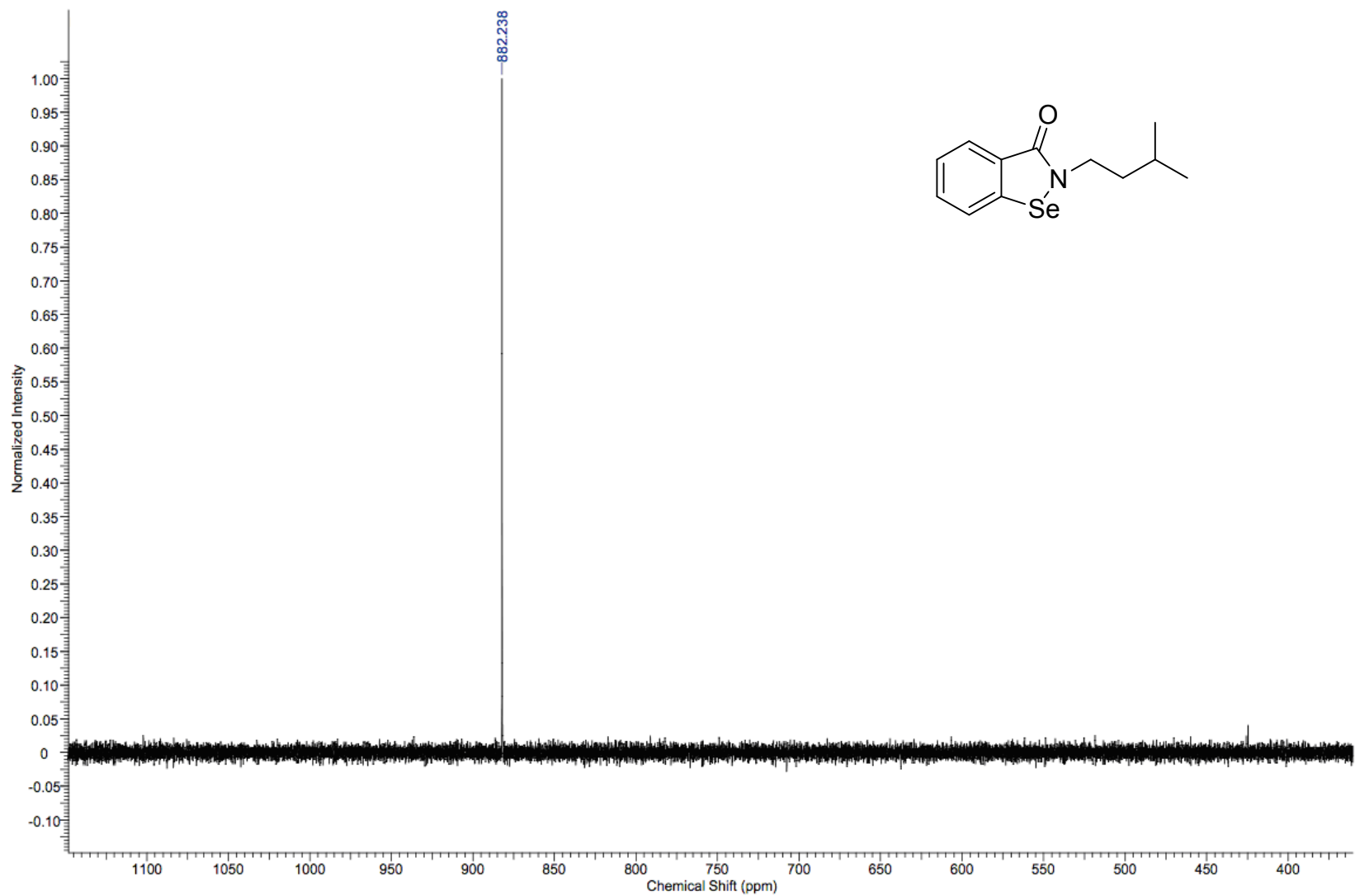




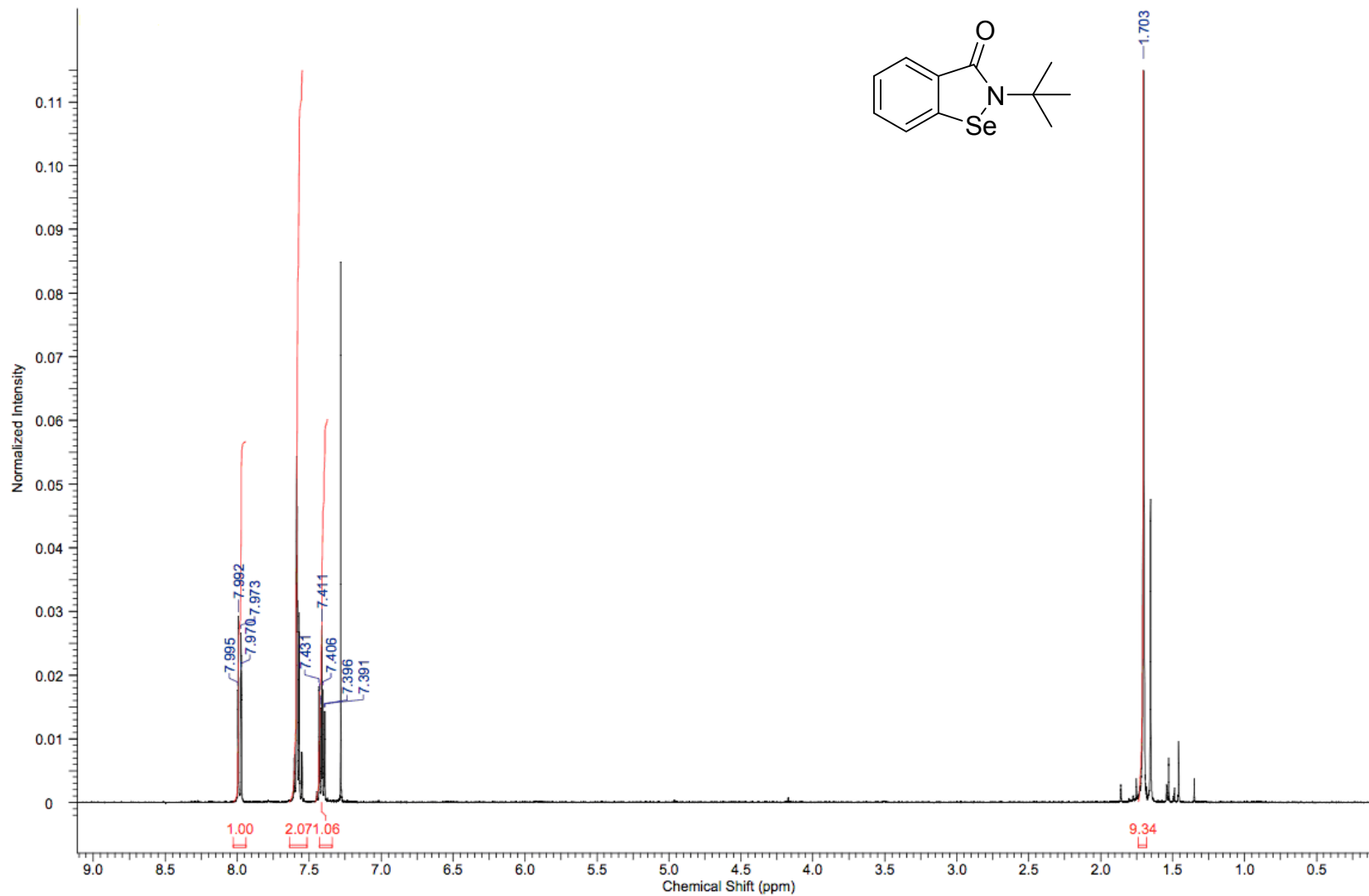
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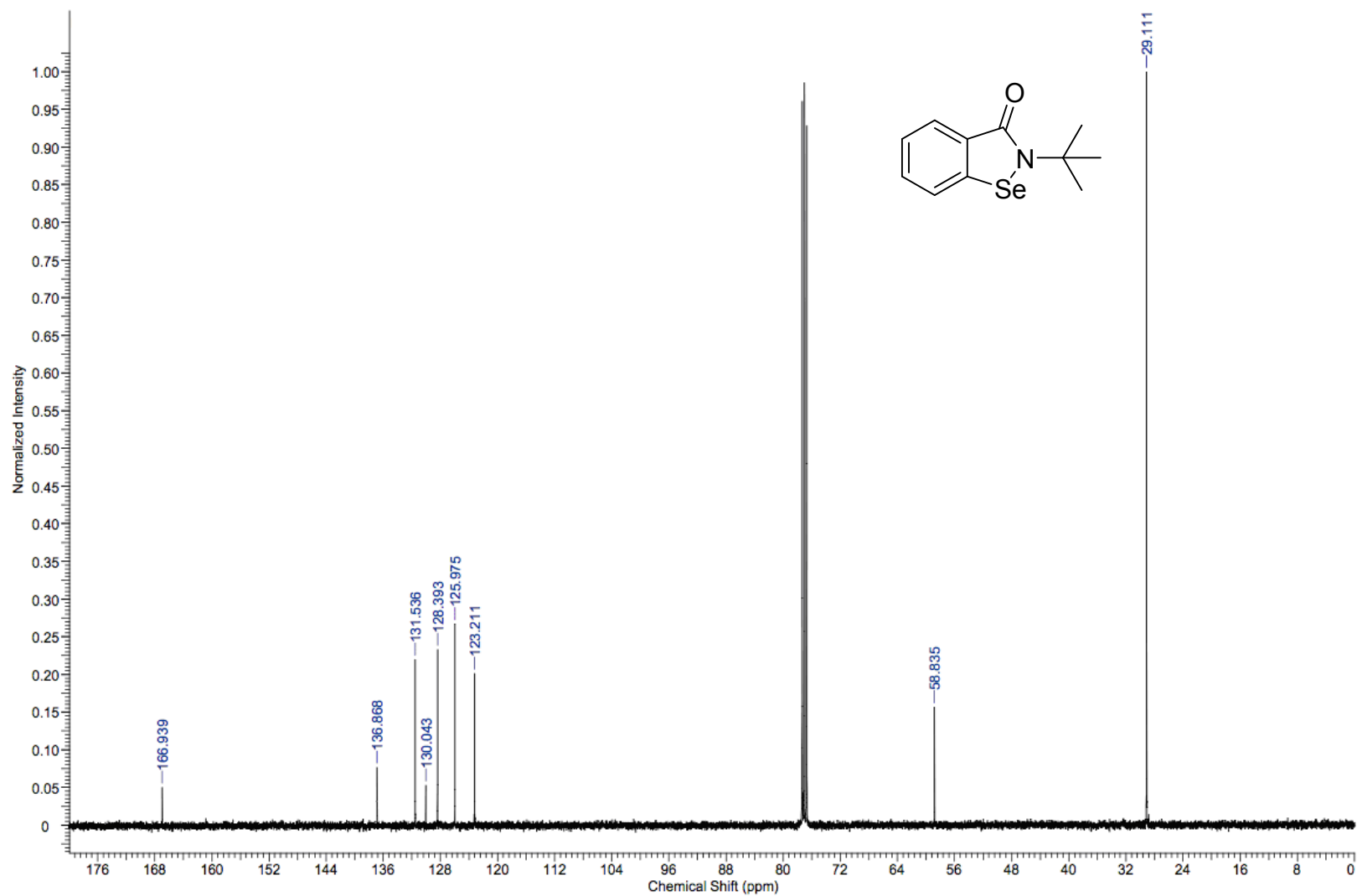
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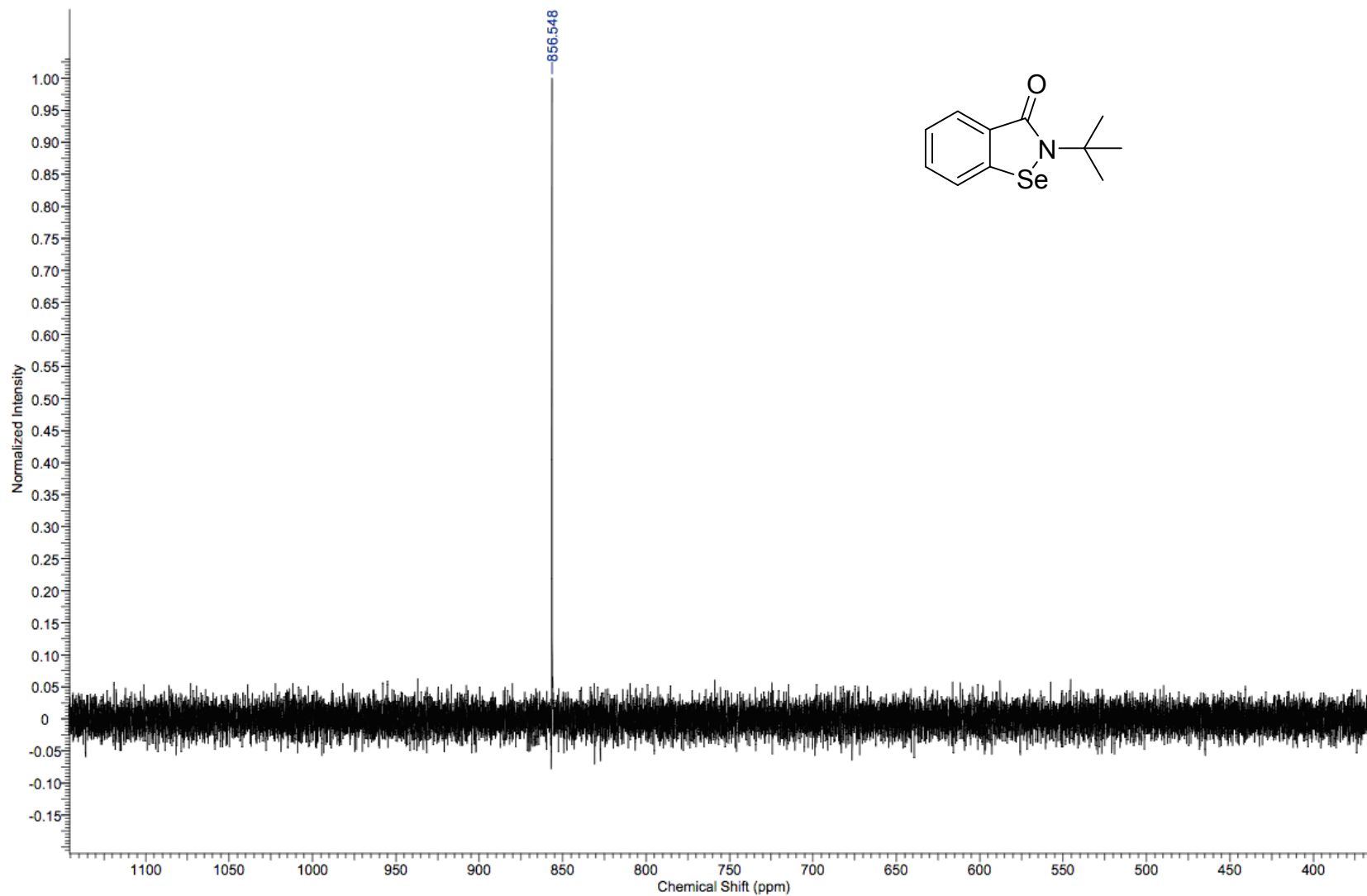
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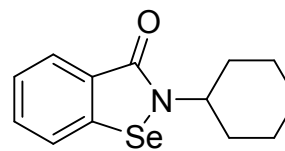
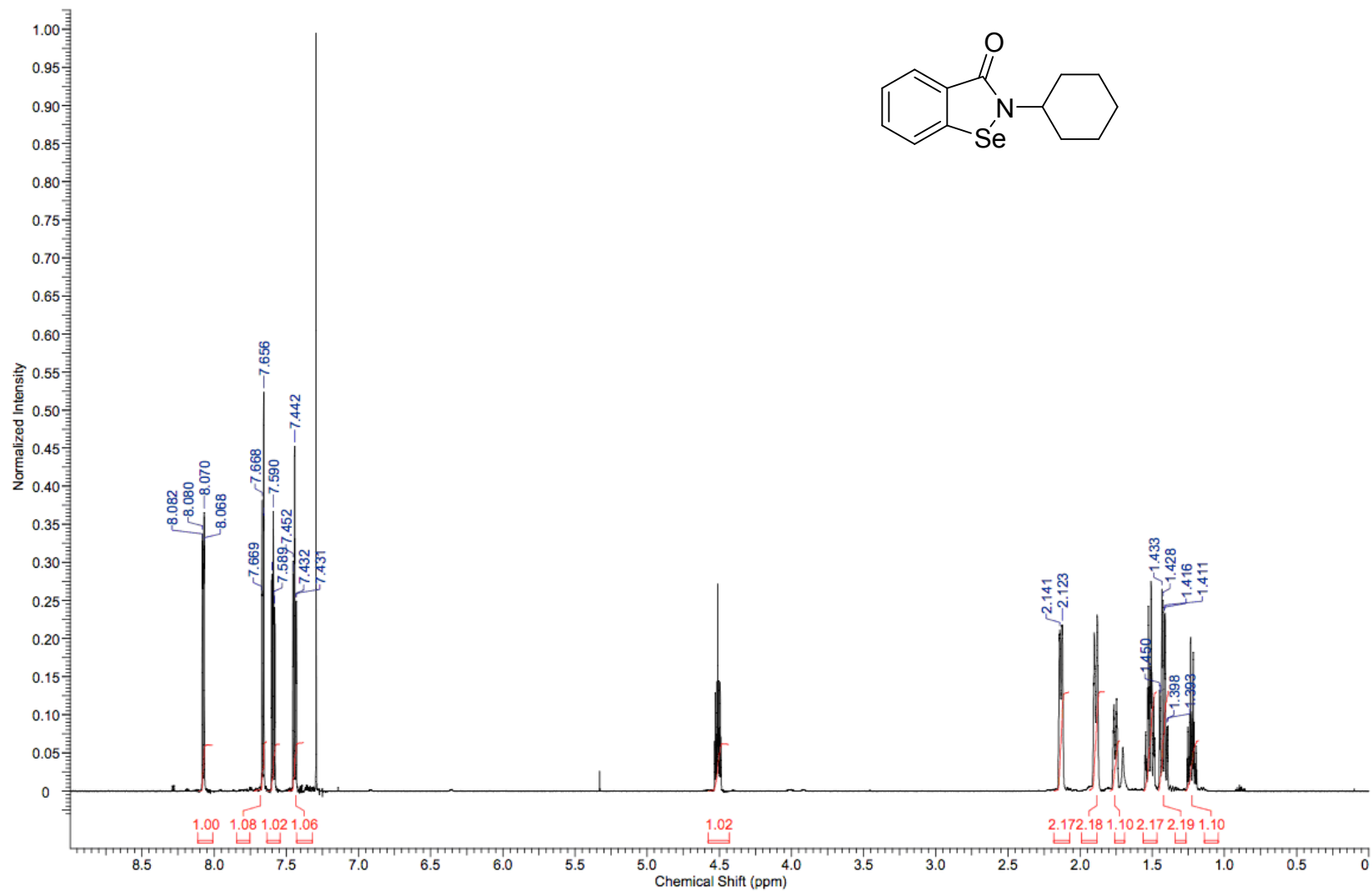
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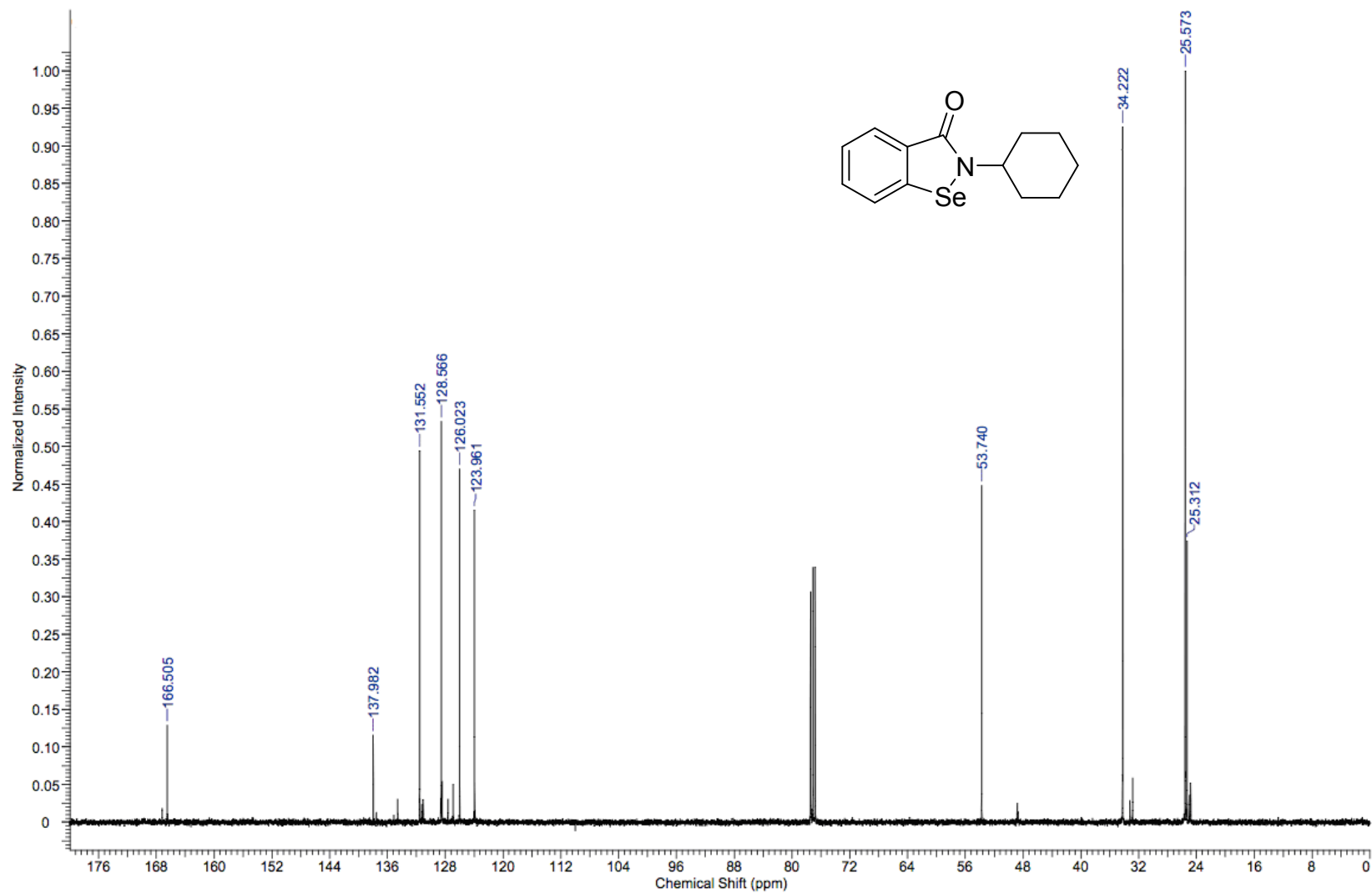
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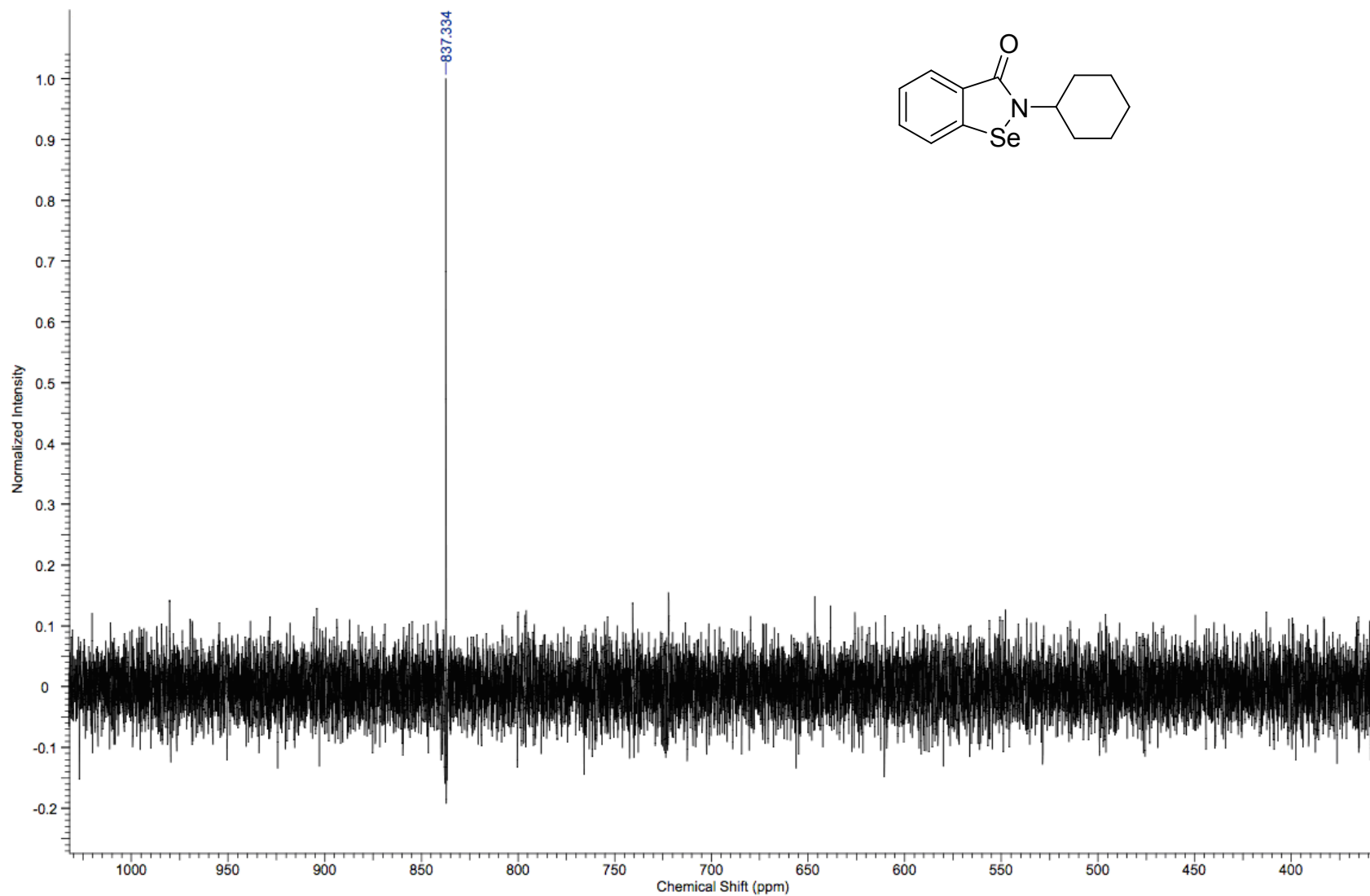
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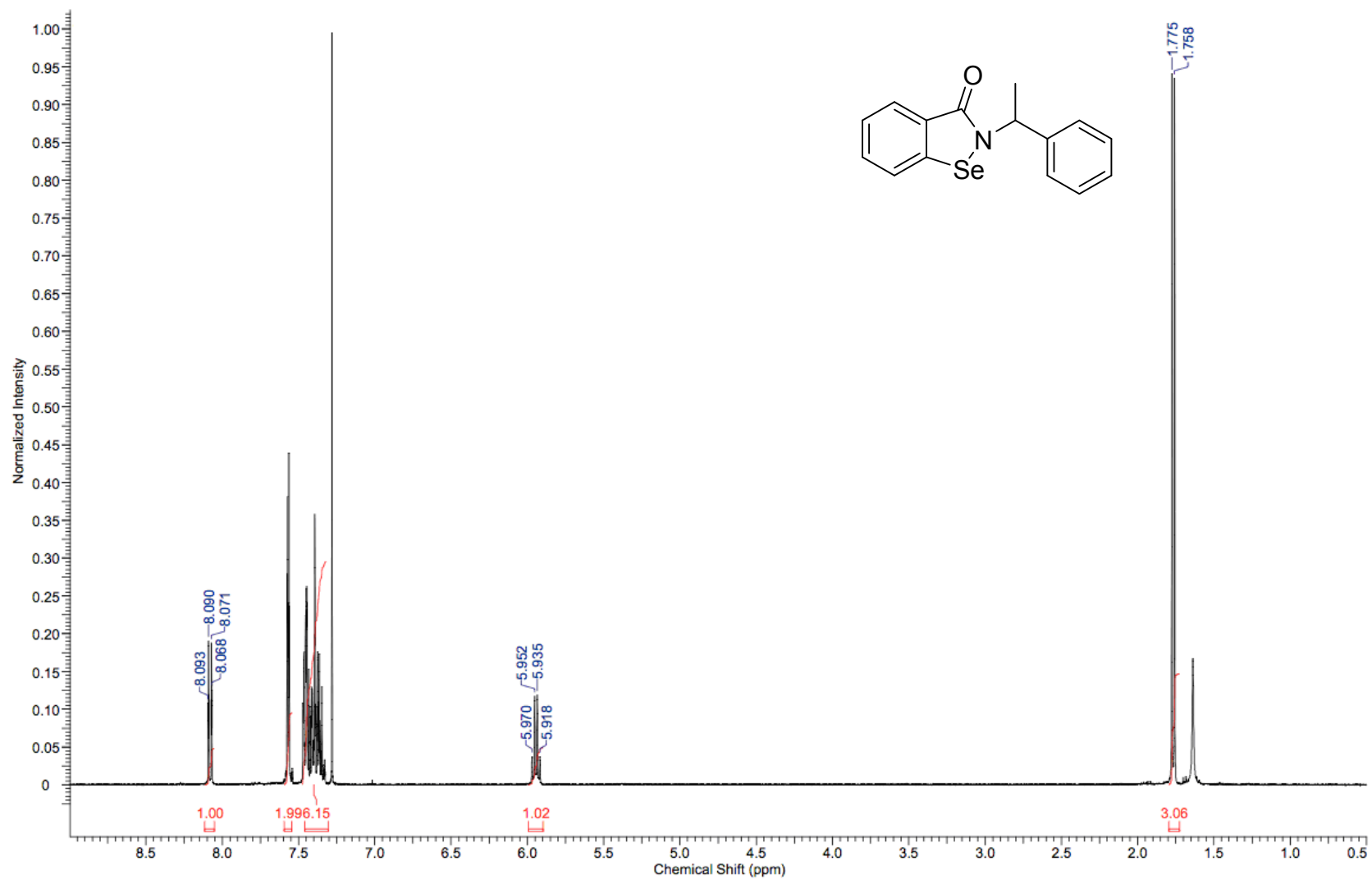


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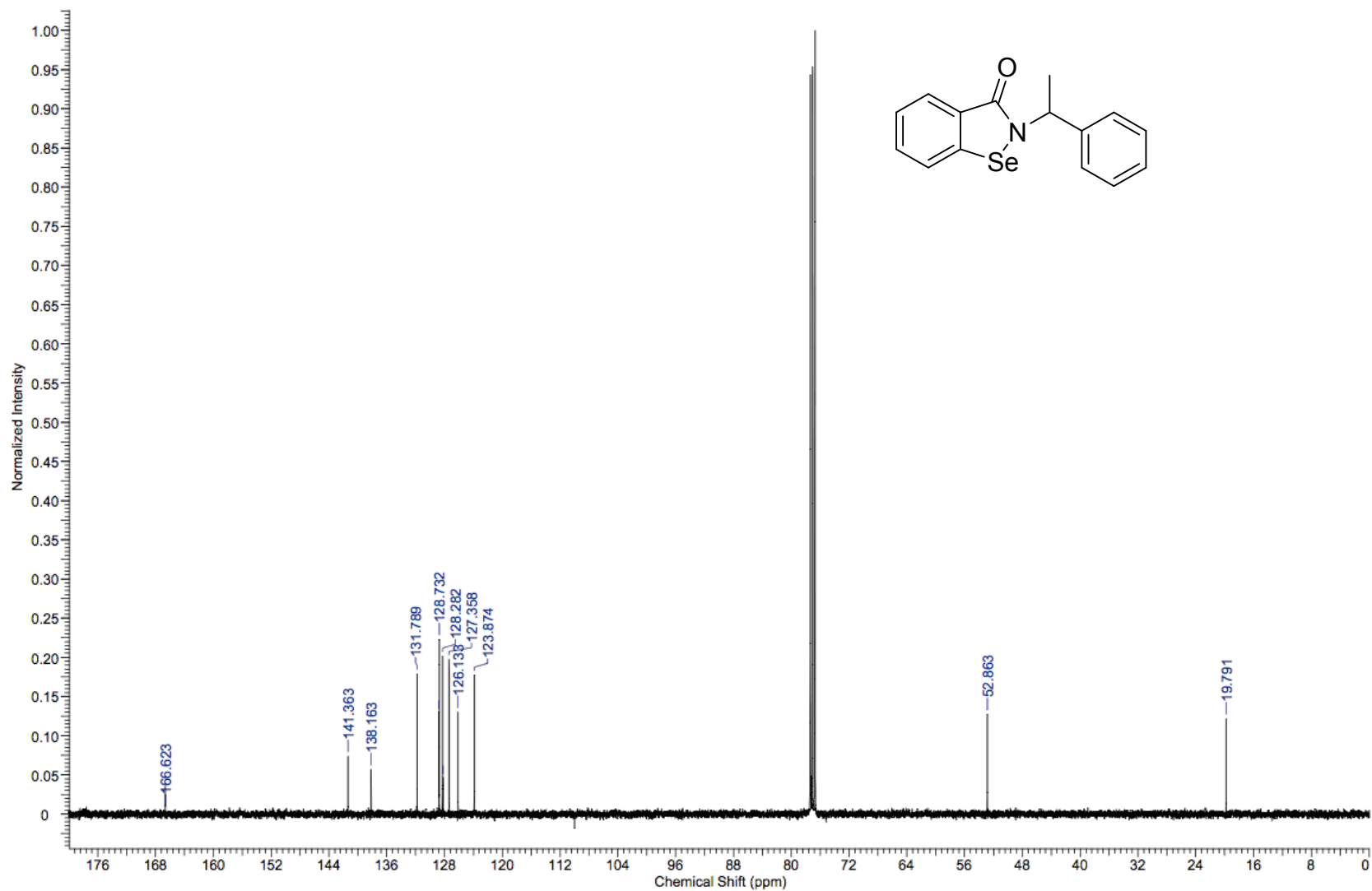




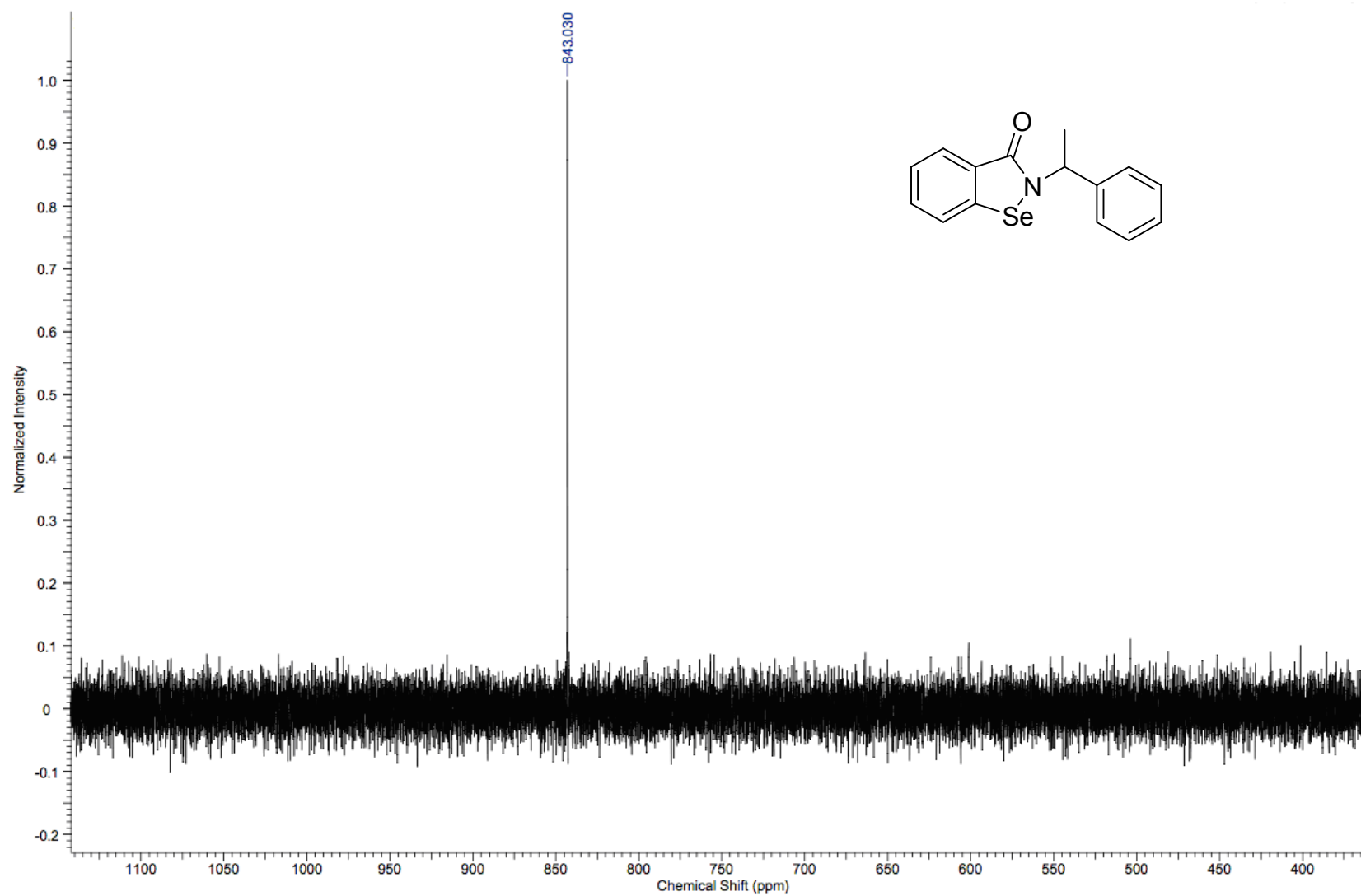
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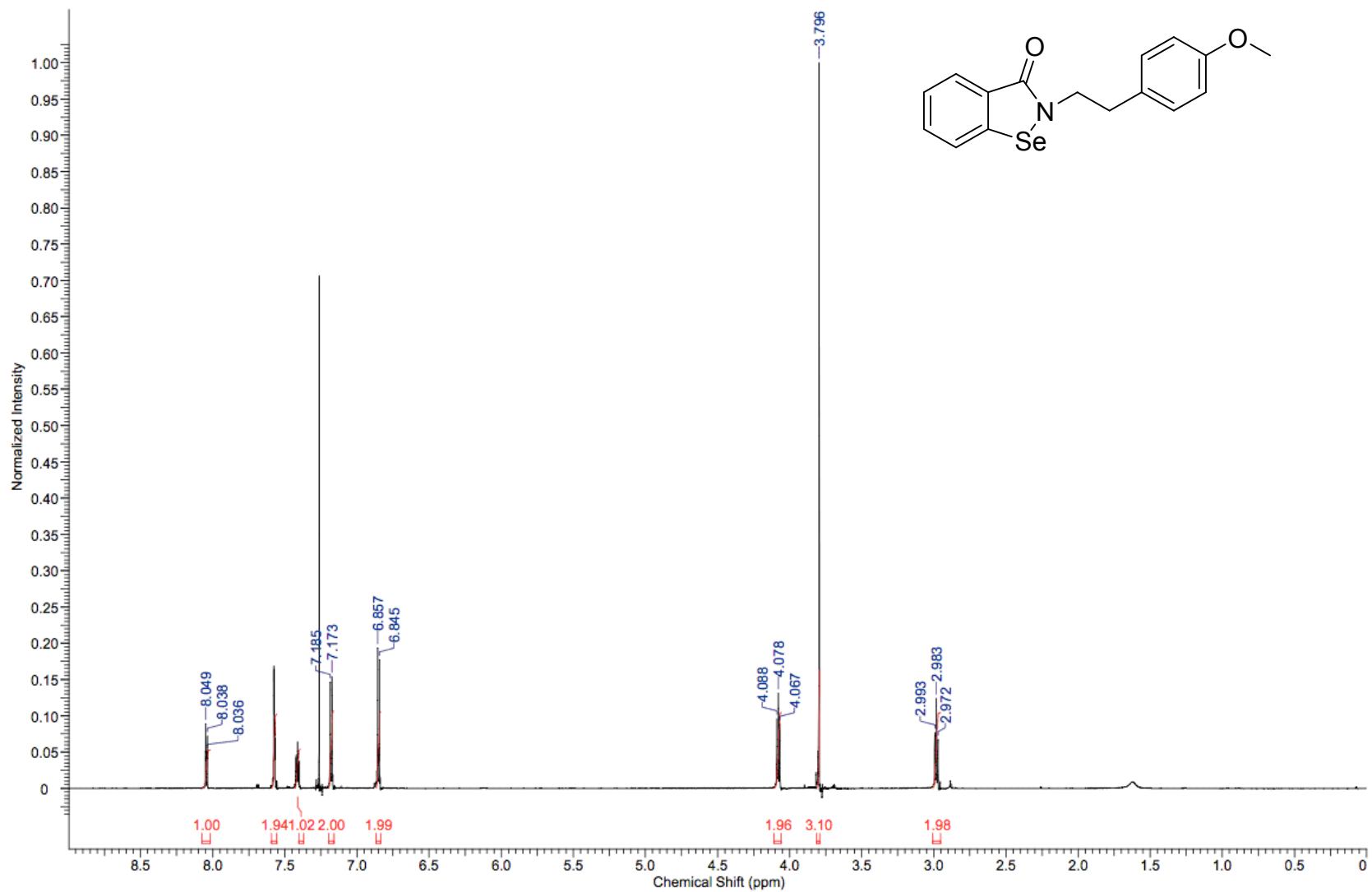
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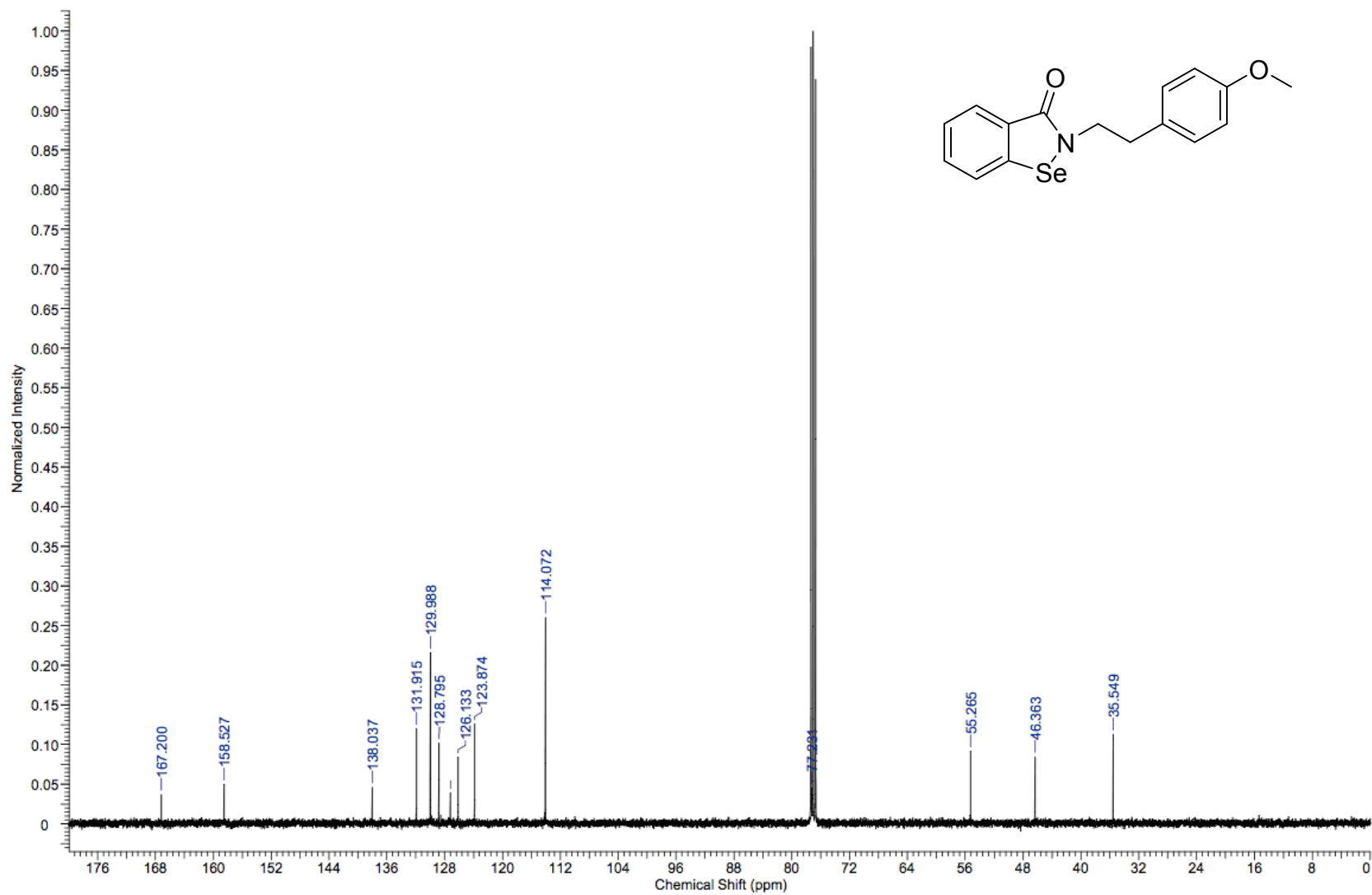
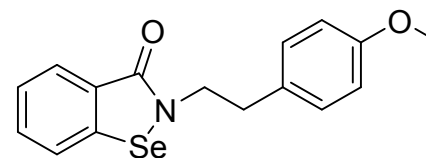
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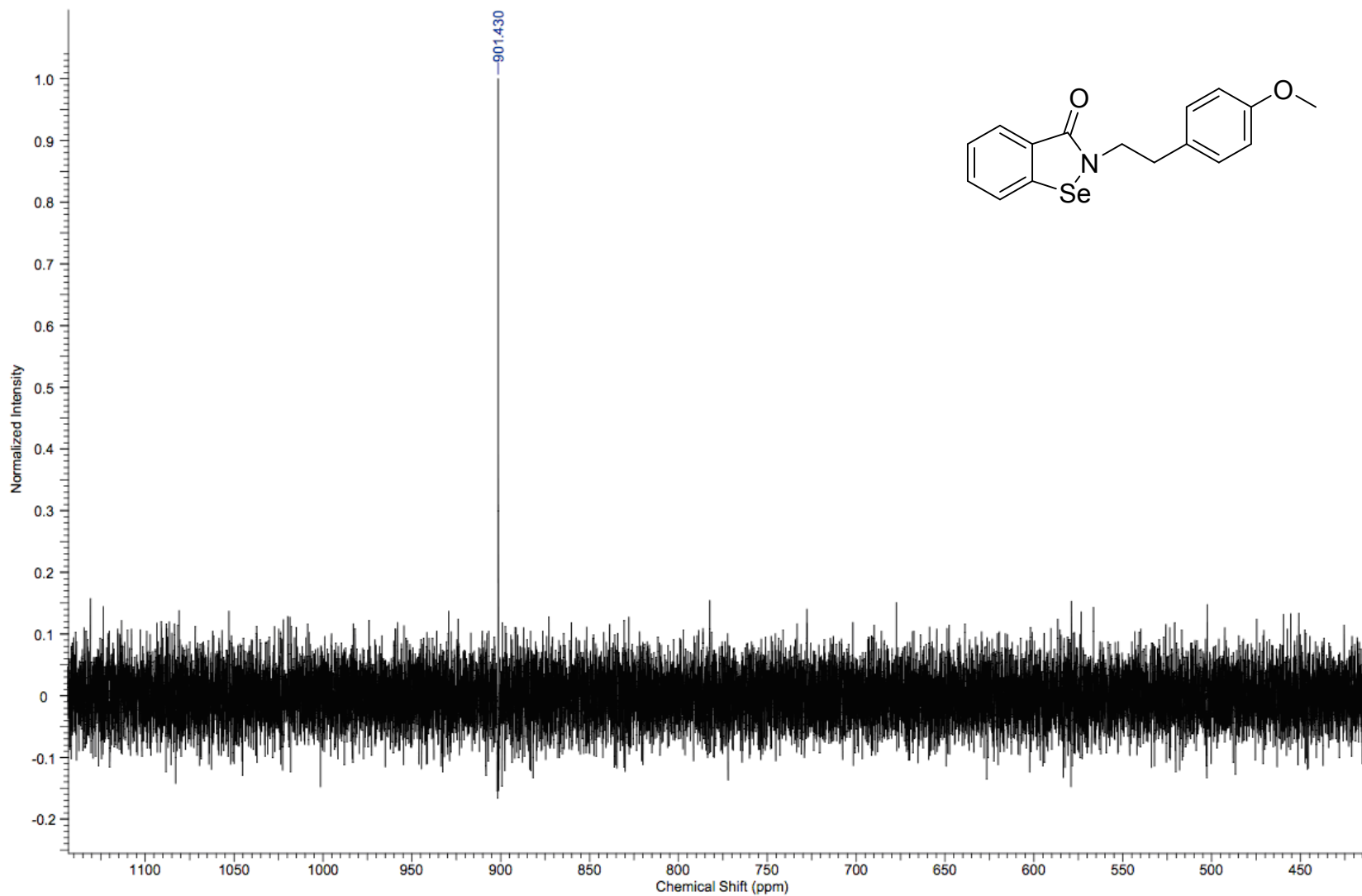
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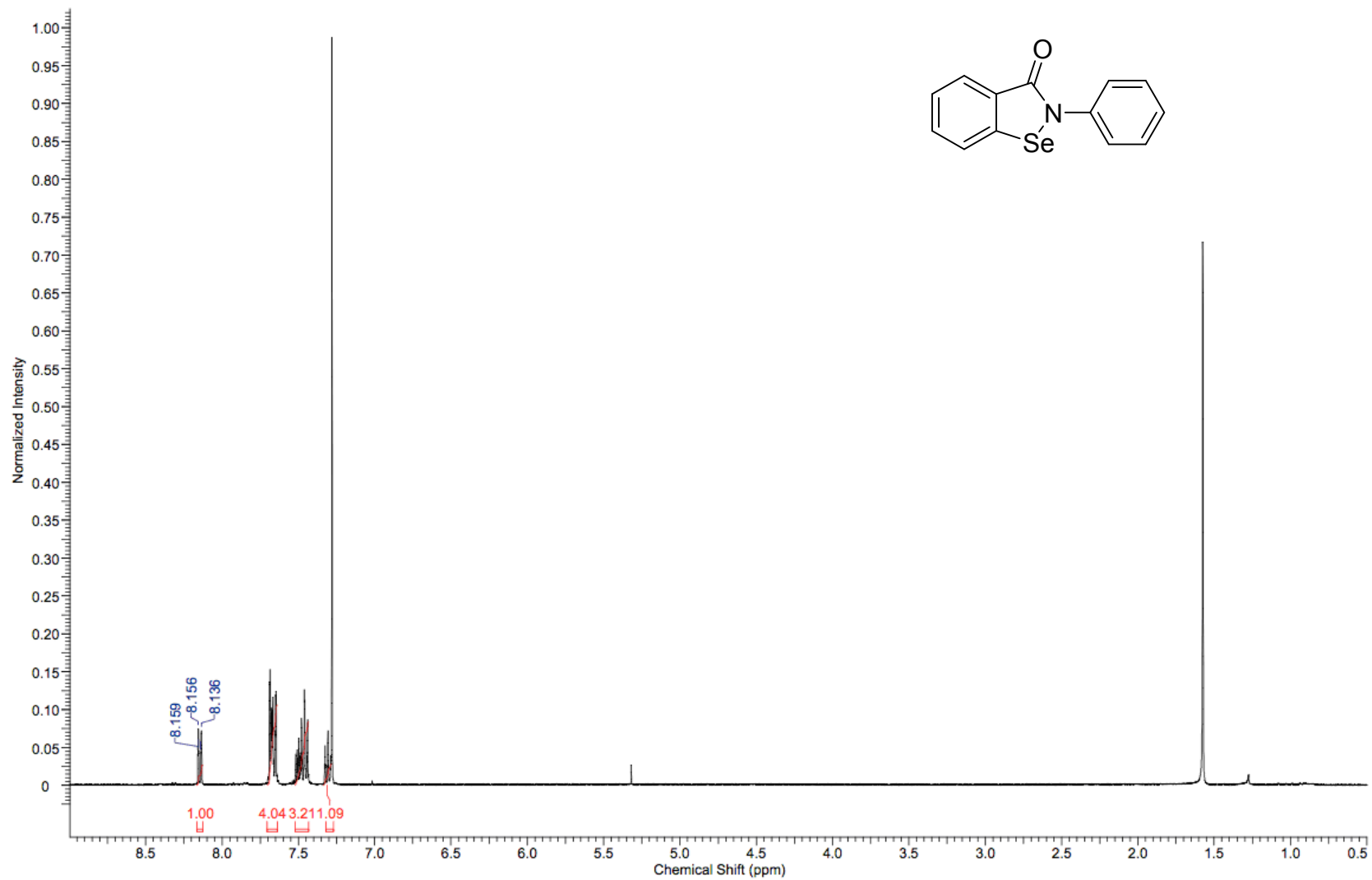
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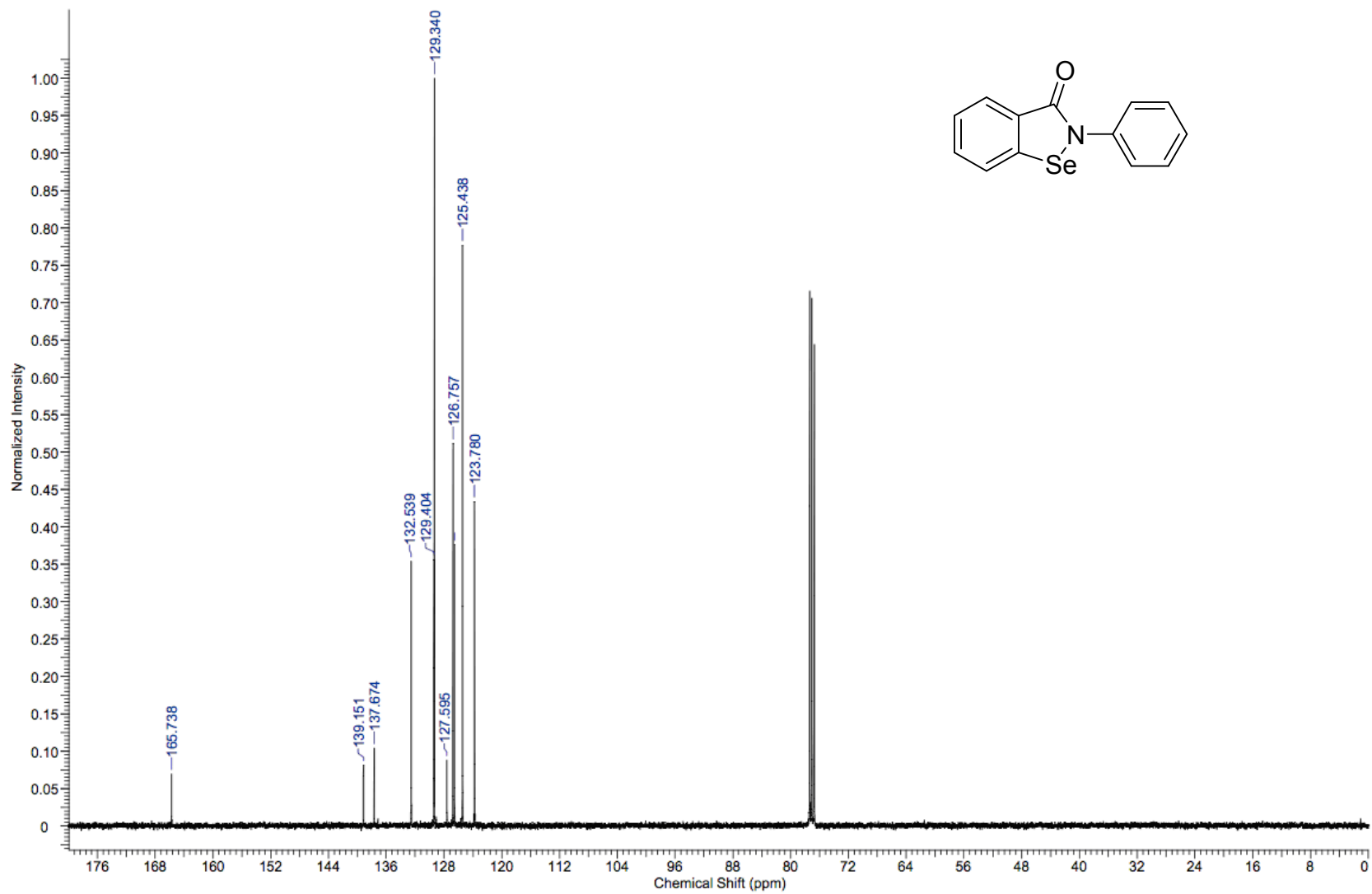
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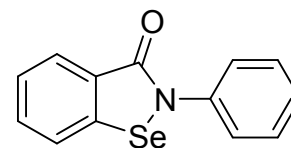
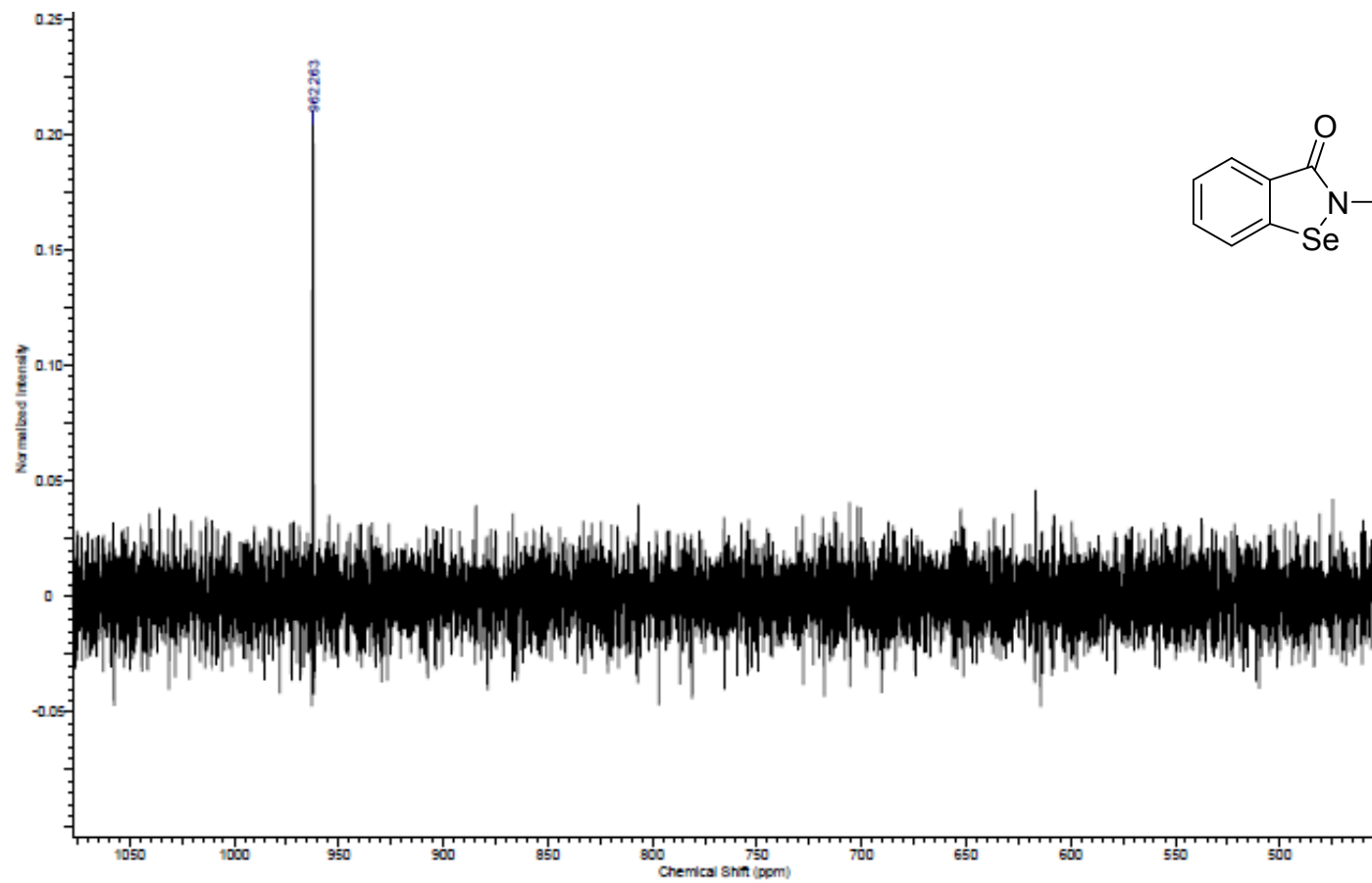


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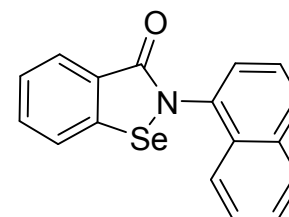
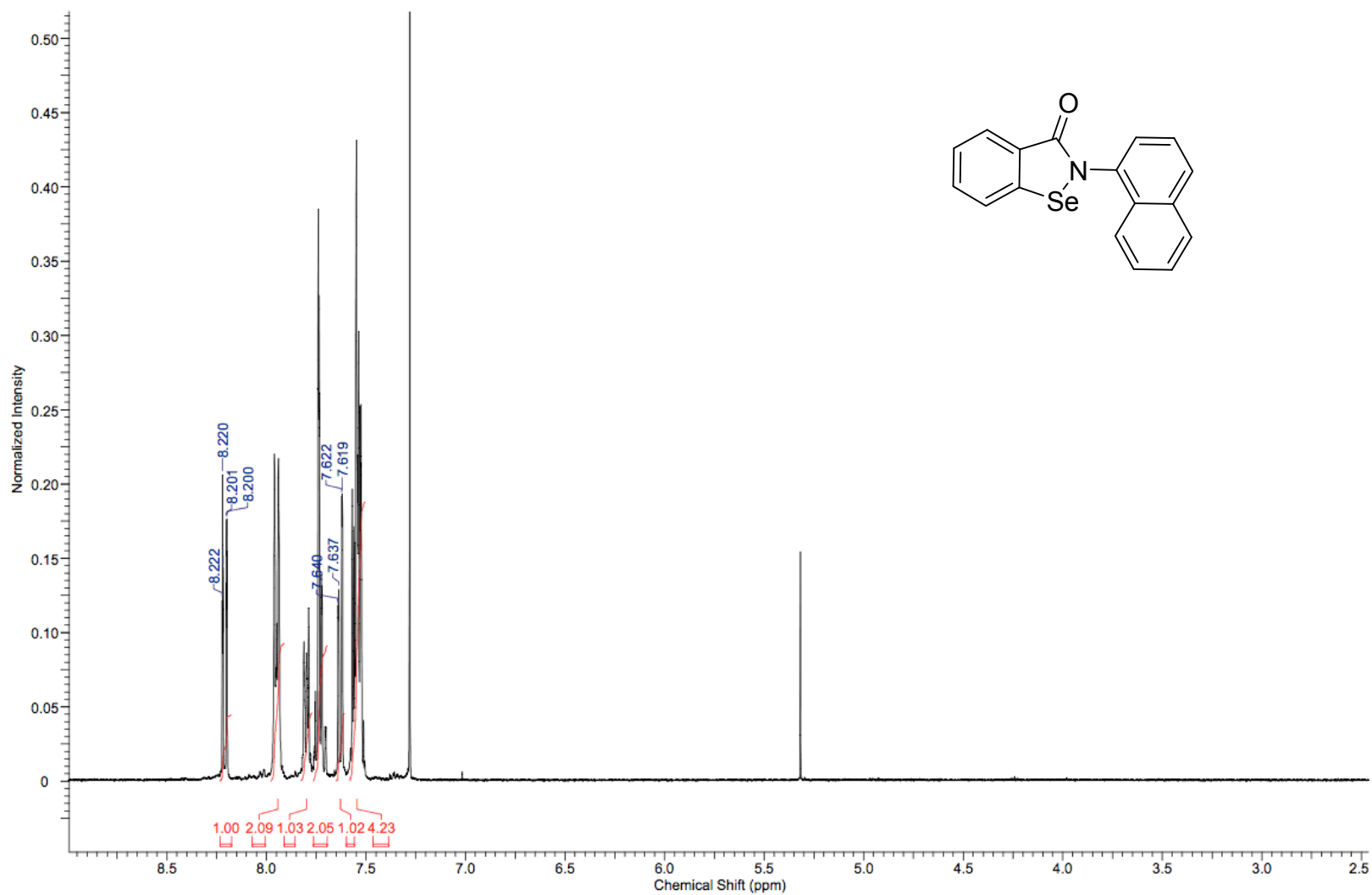




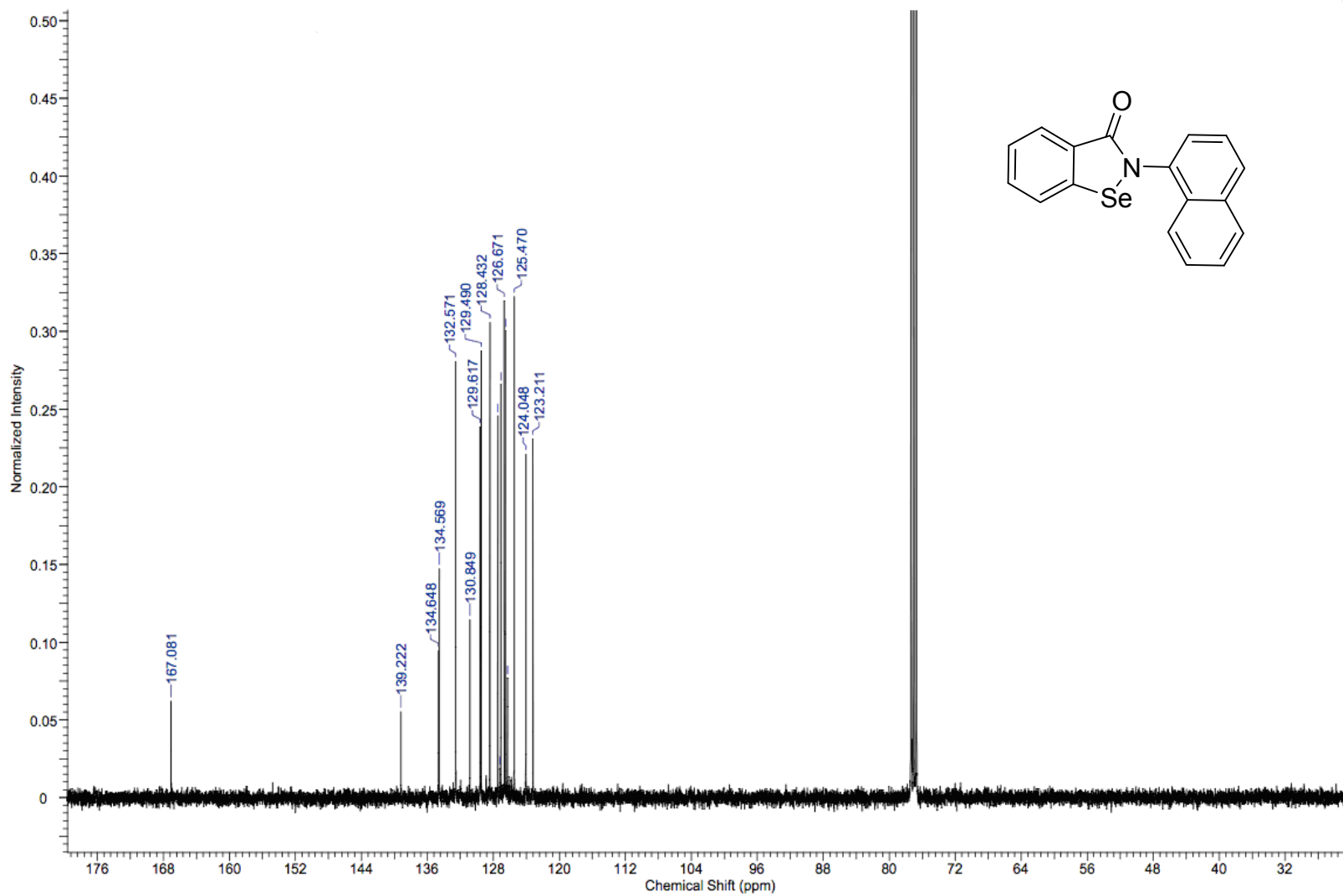
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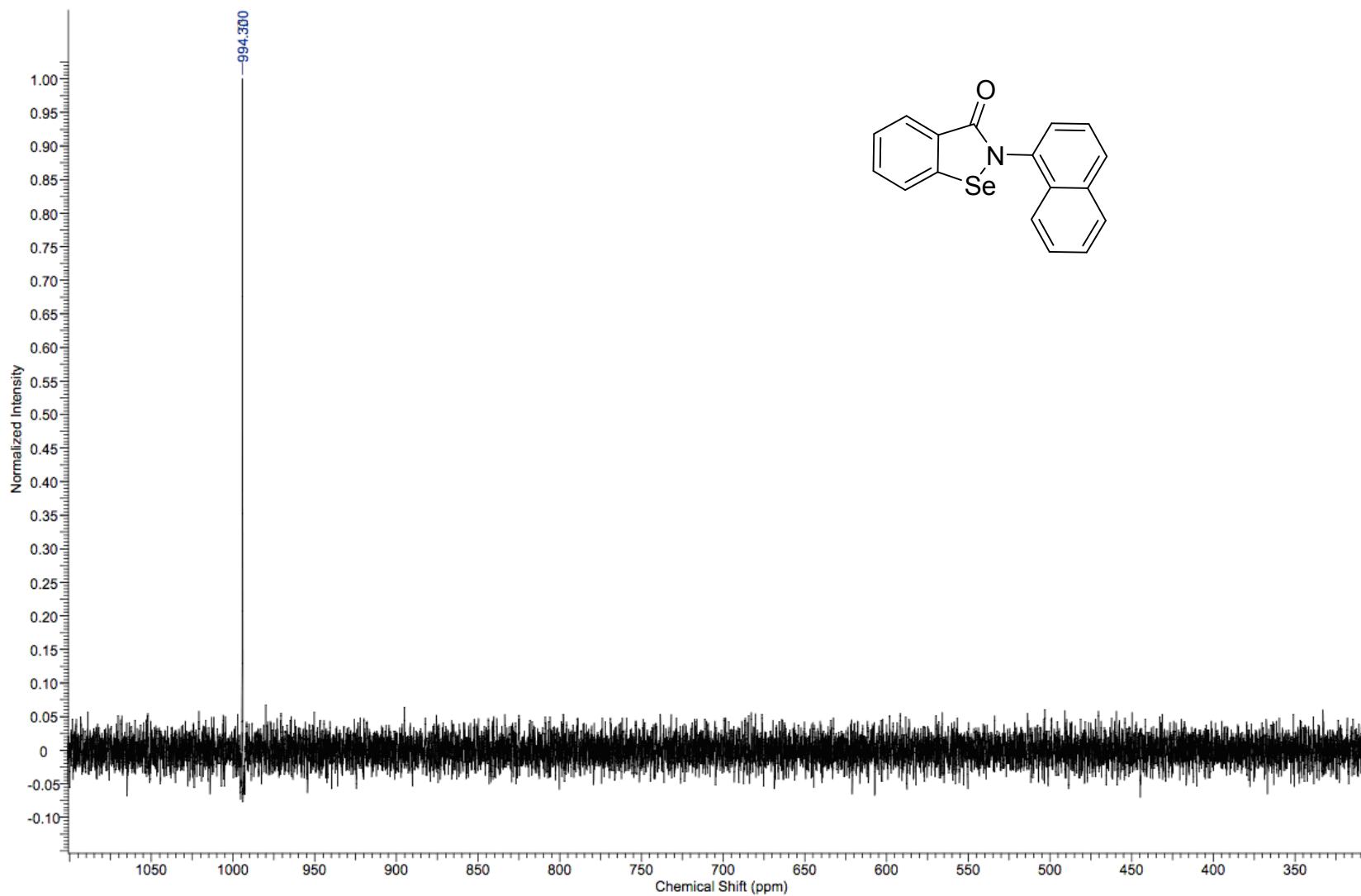
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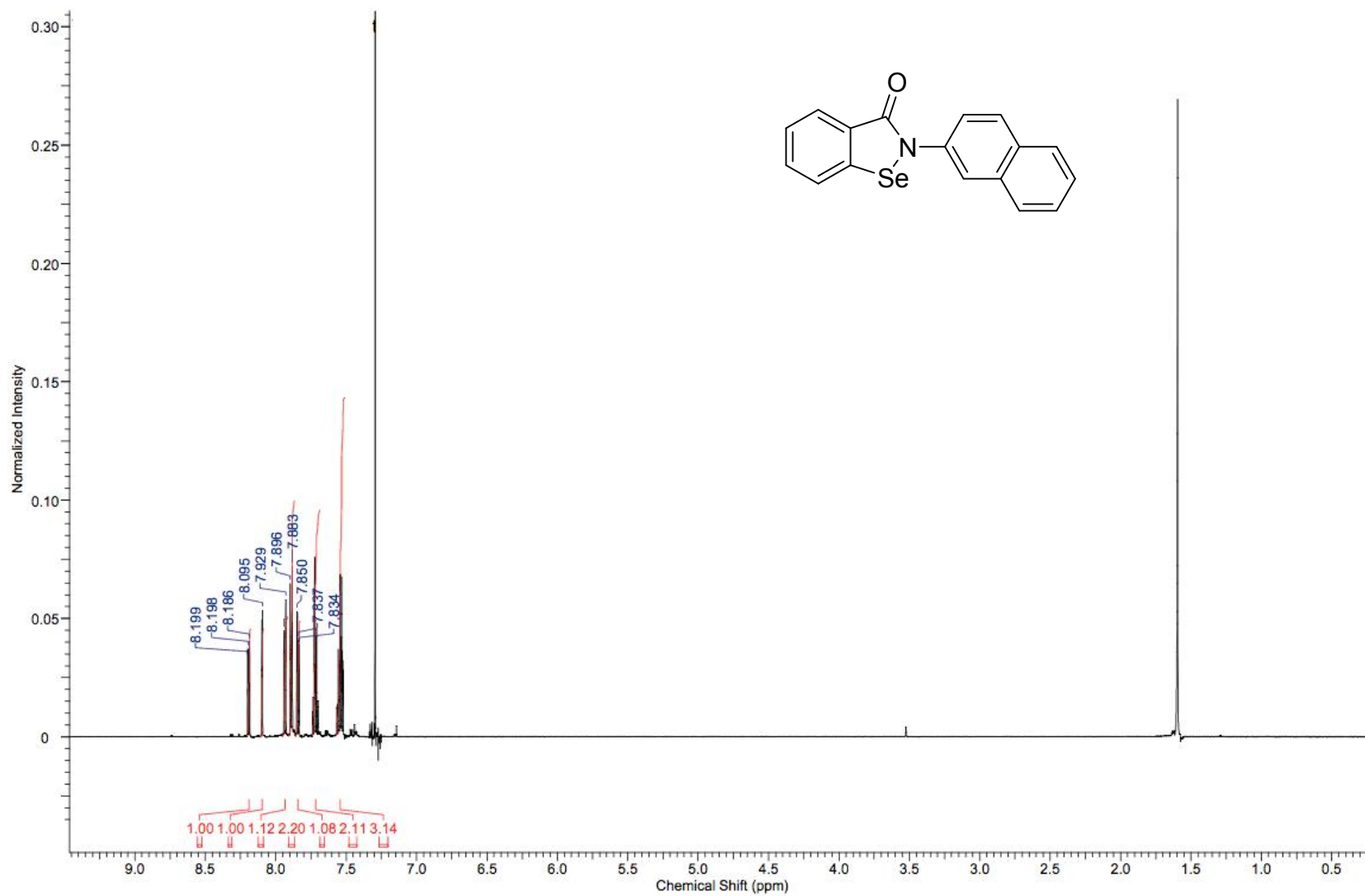
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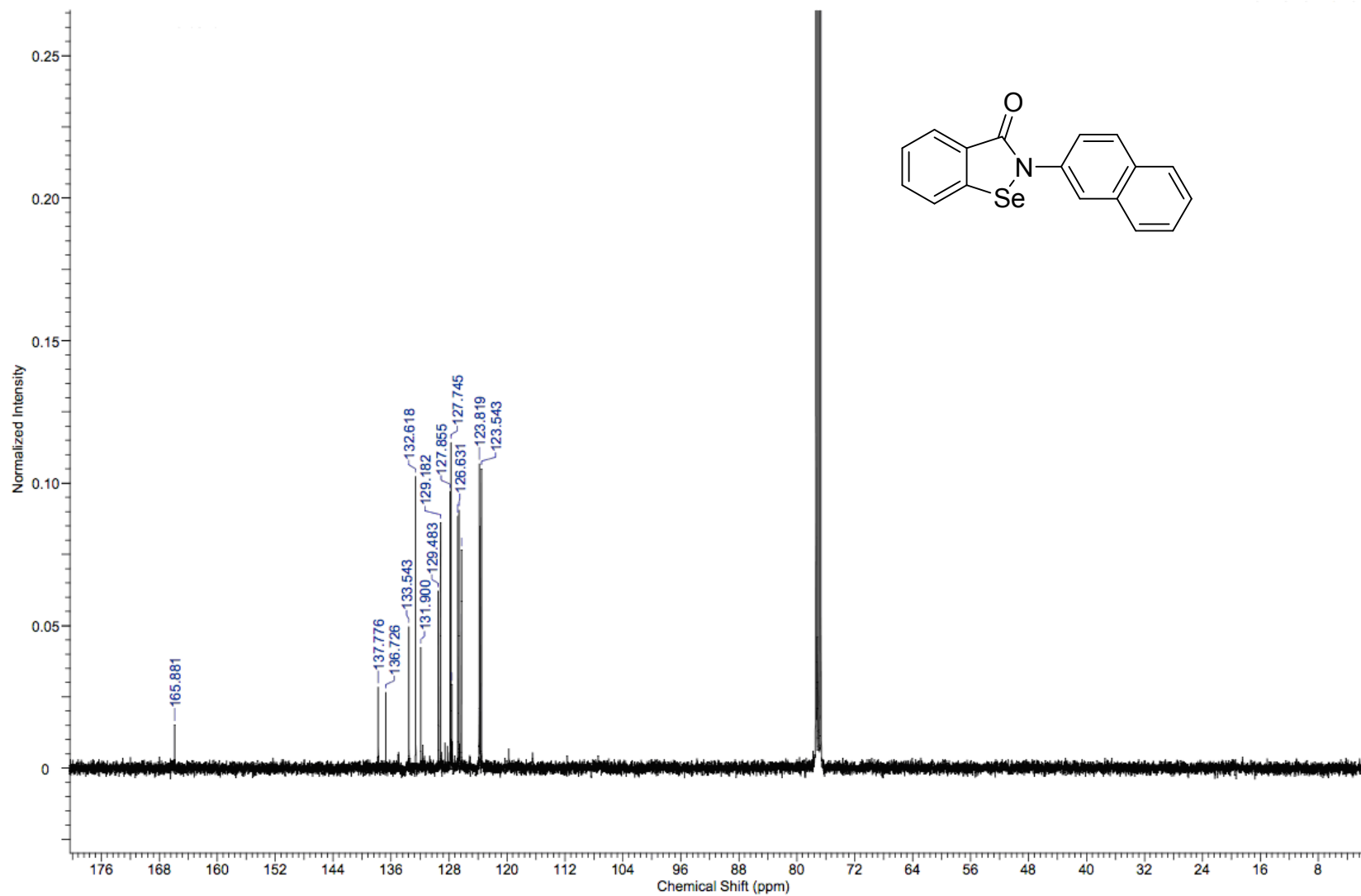
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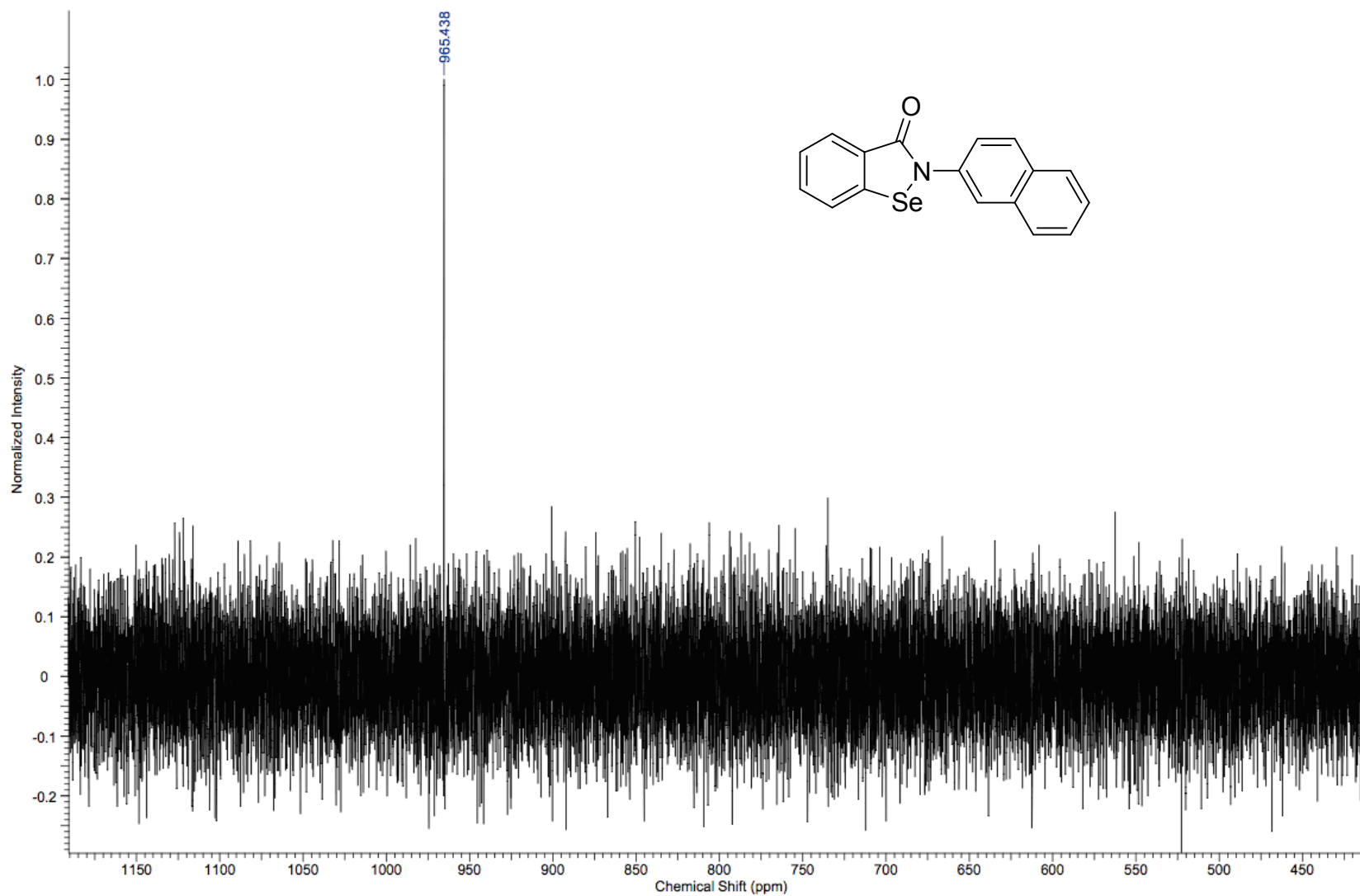
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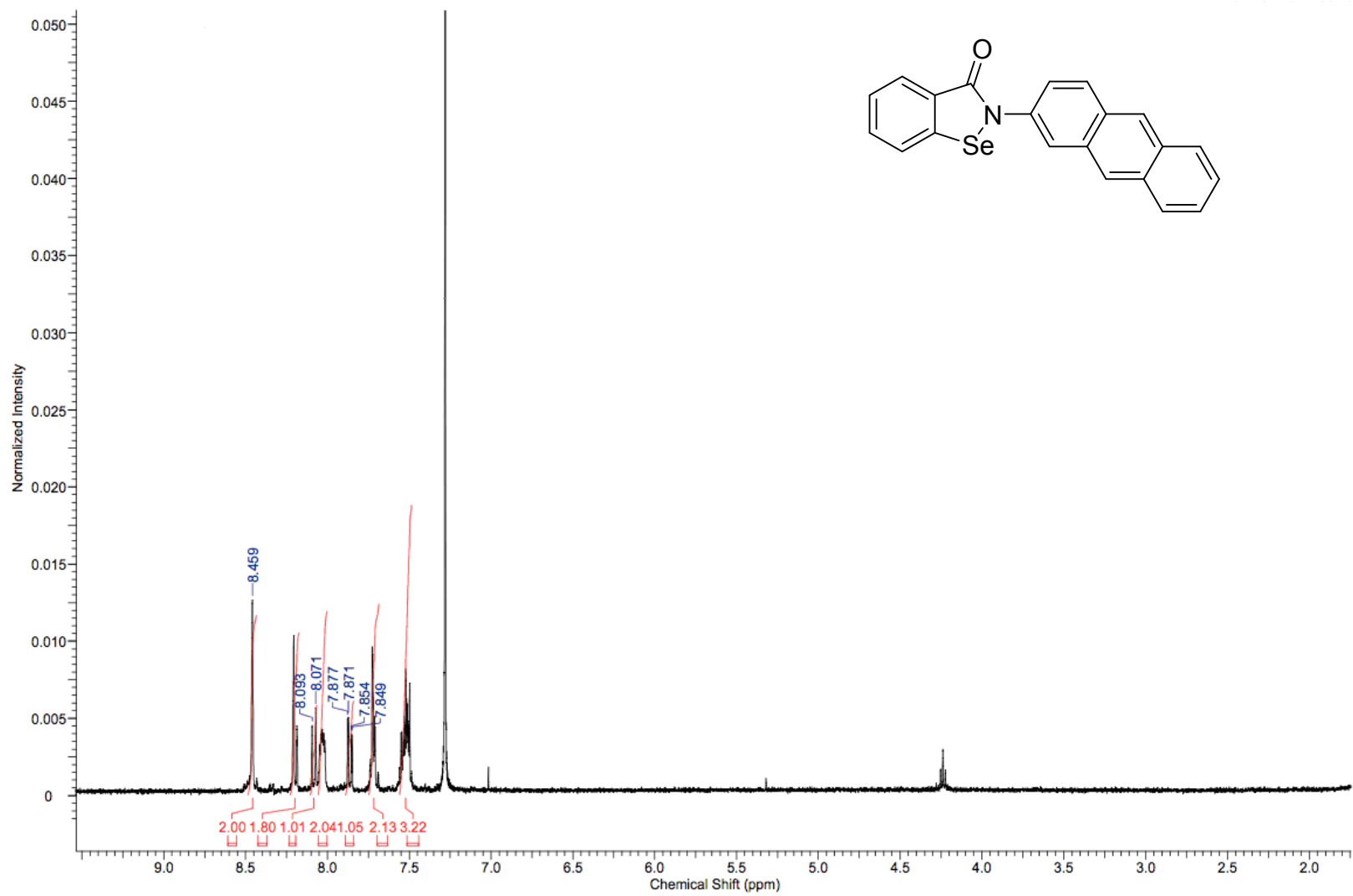
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***N*-(2-naphthyl)-1,2-benziselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (17)**

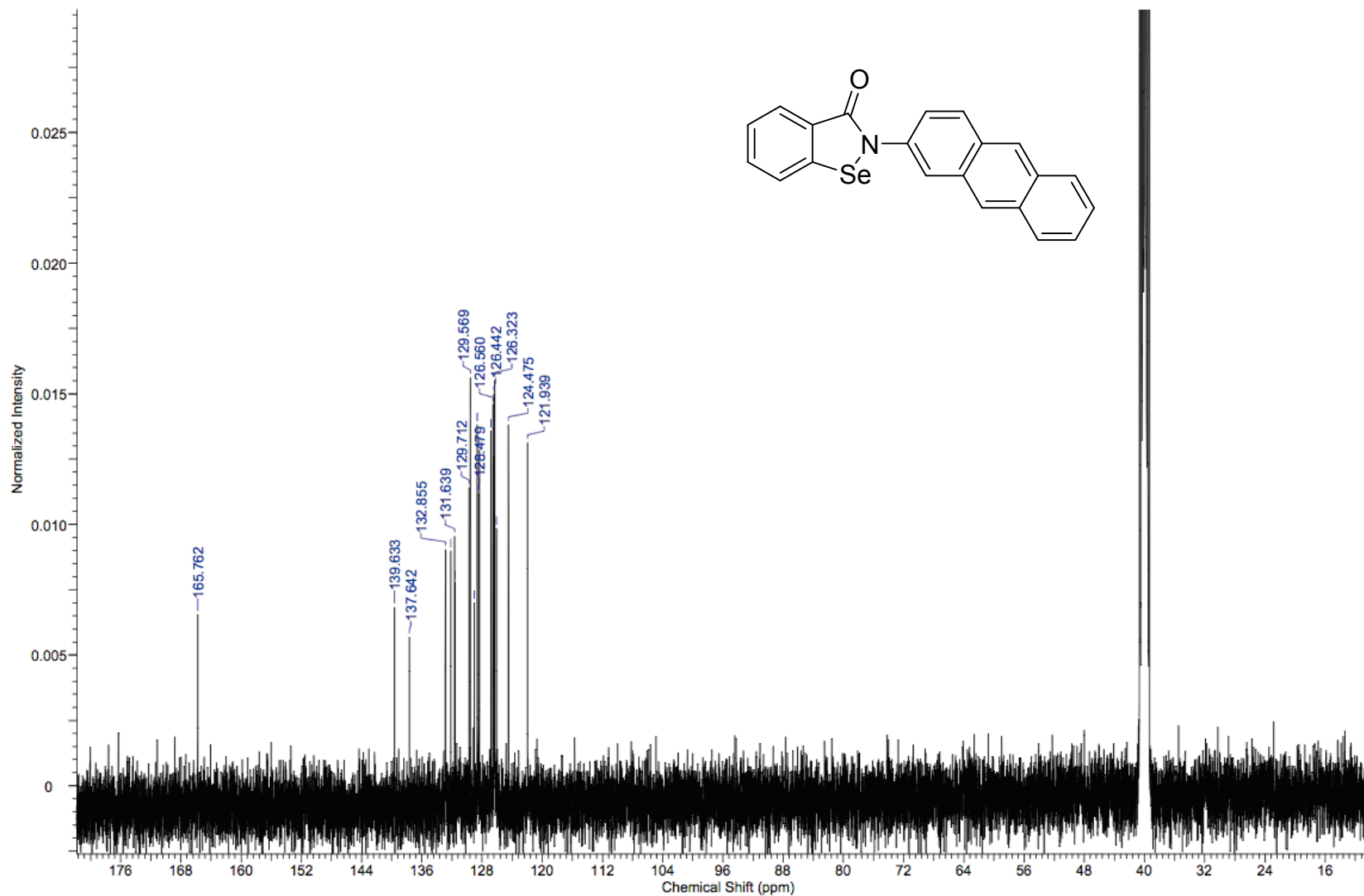


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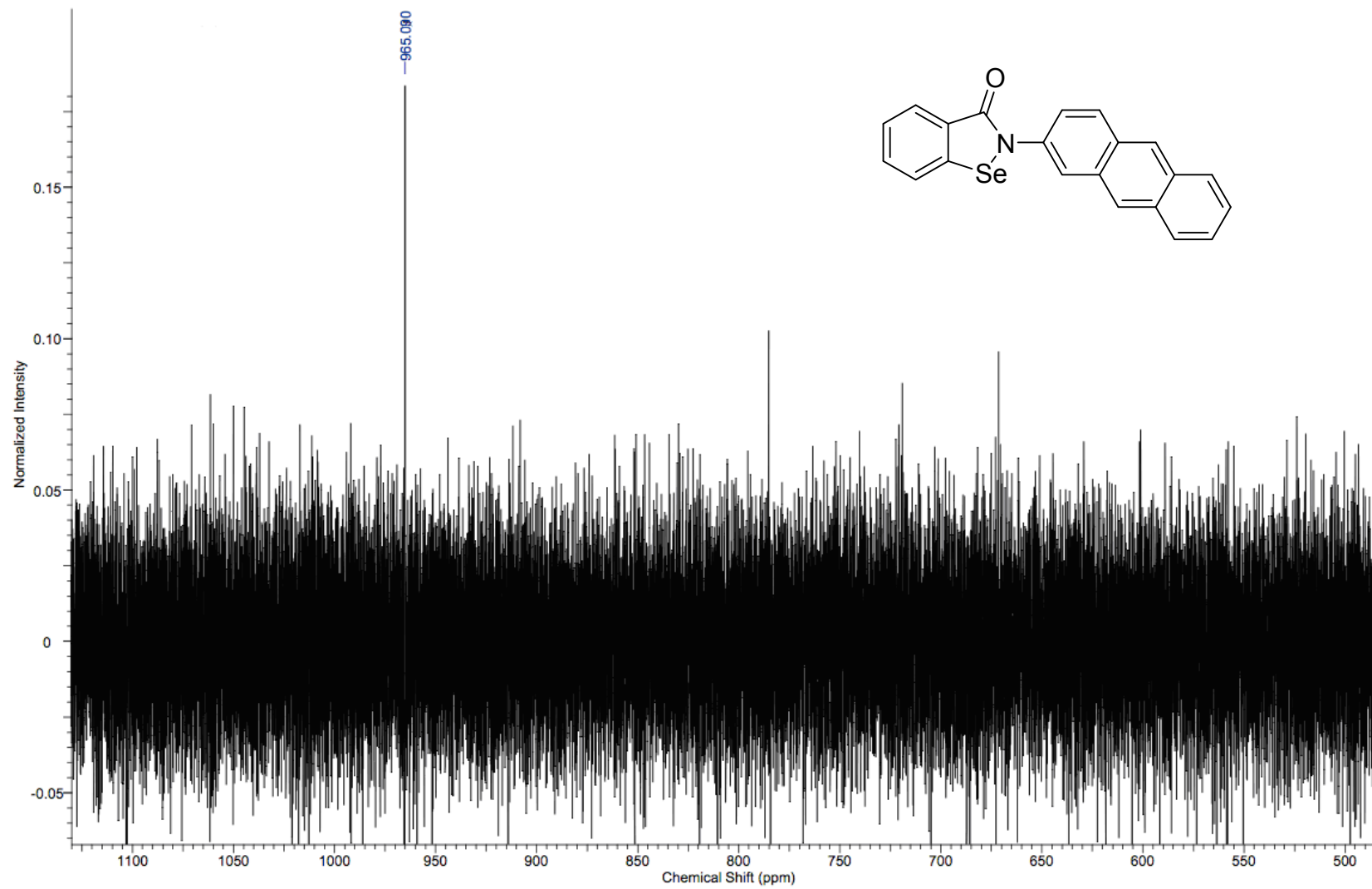




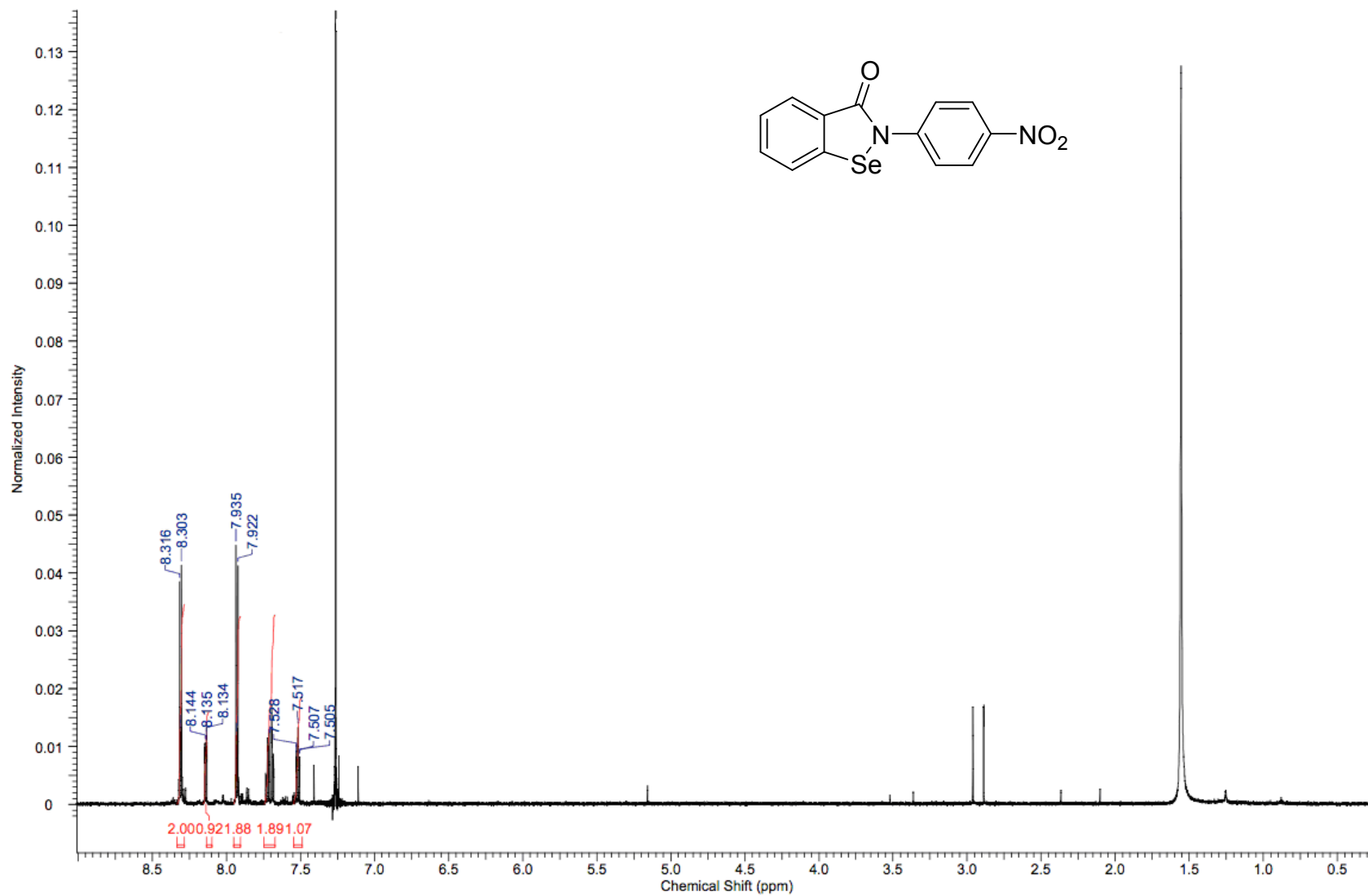
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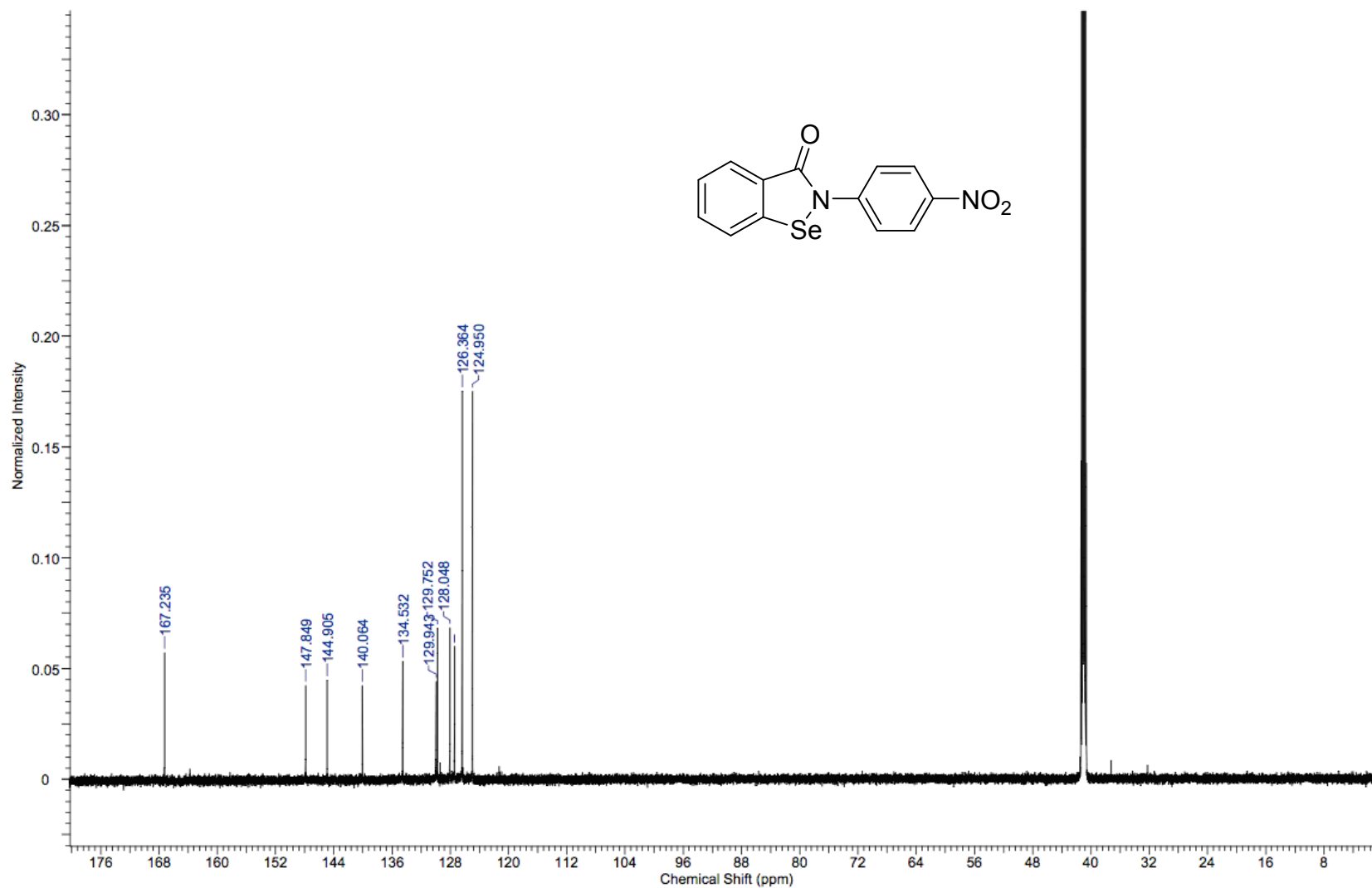
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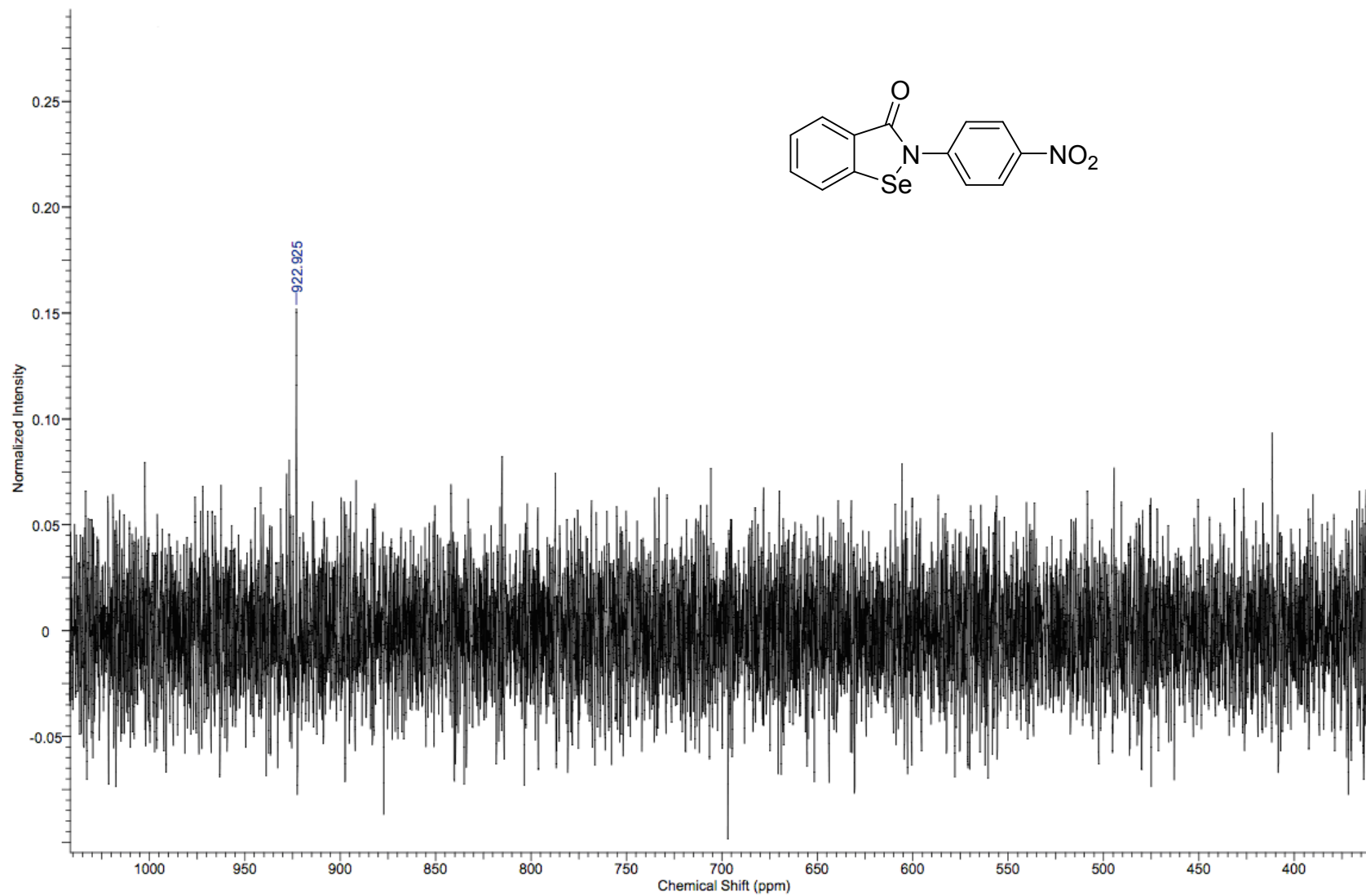
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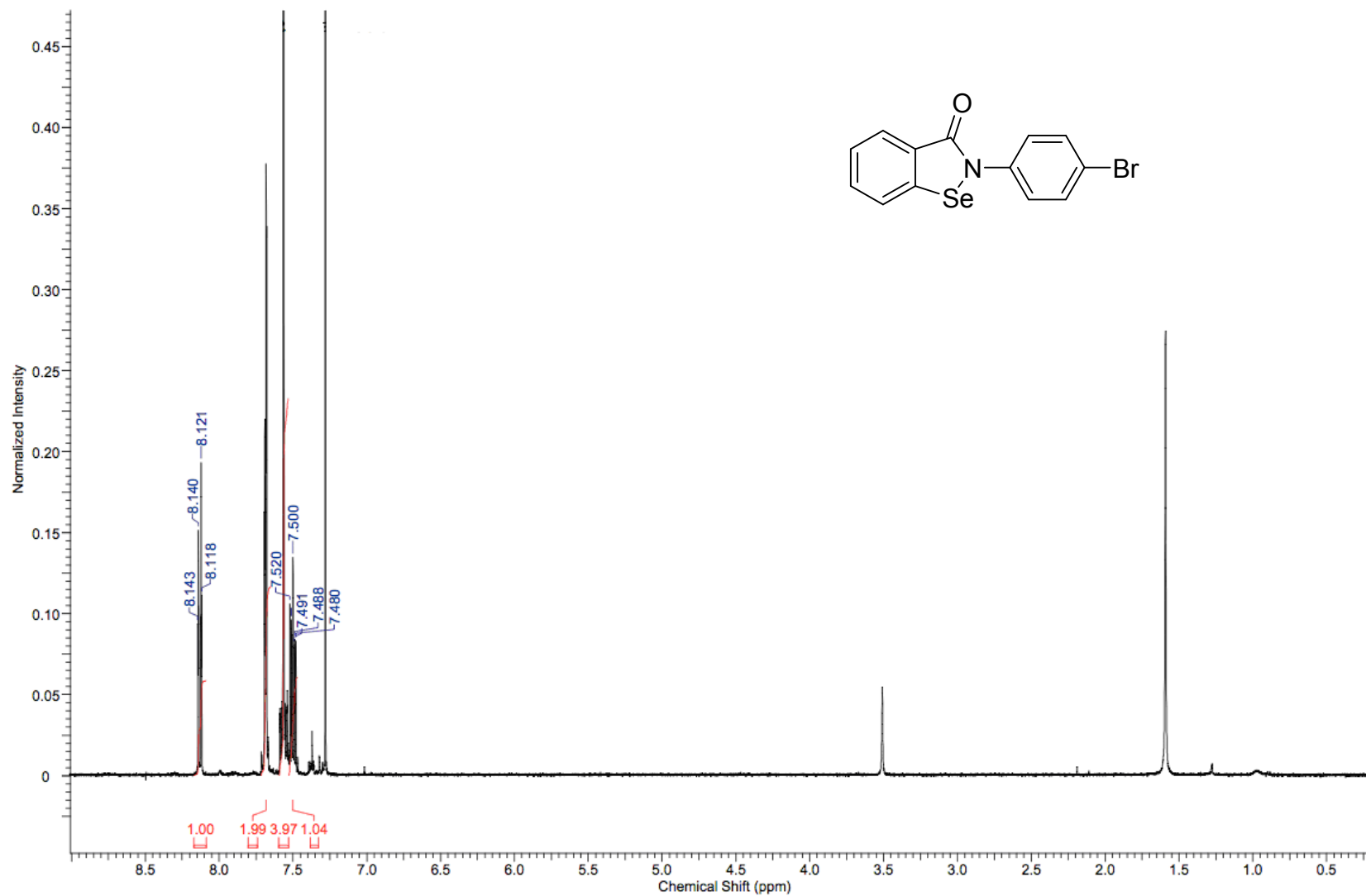
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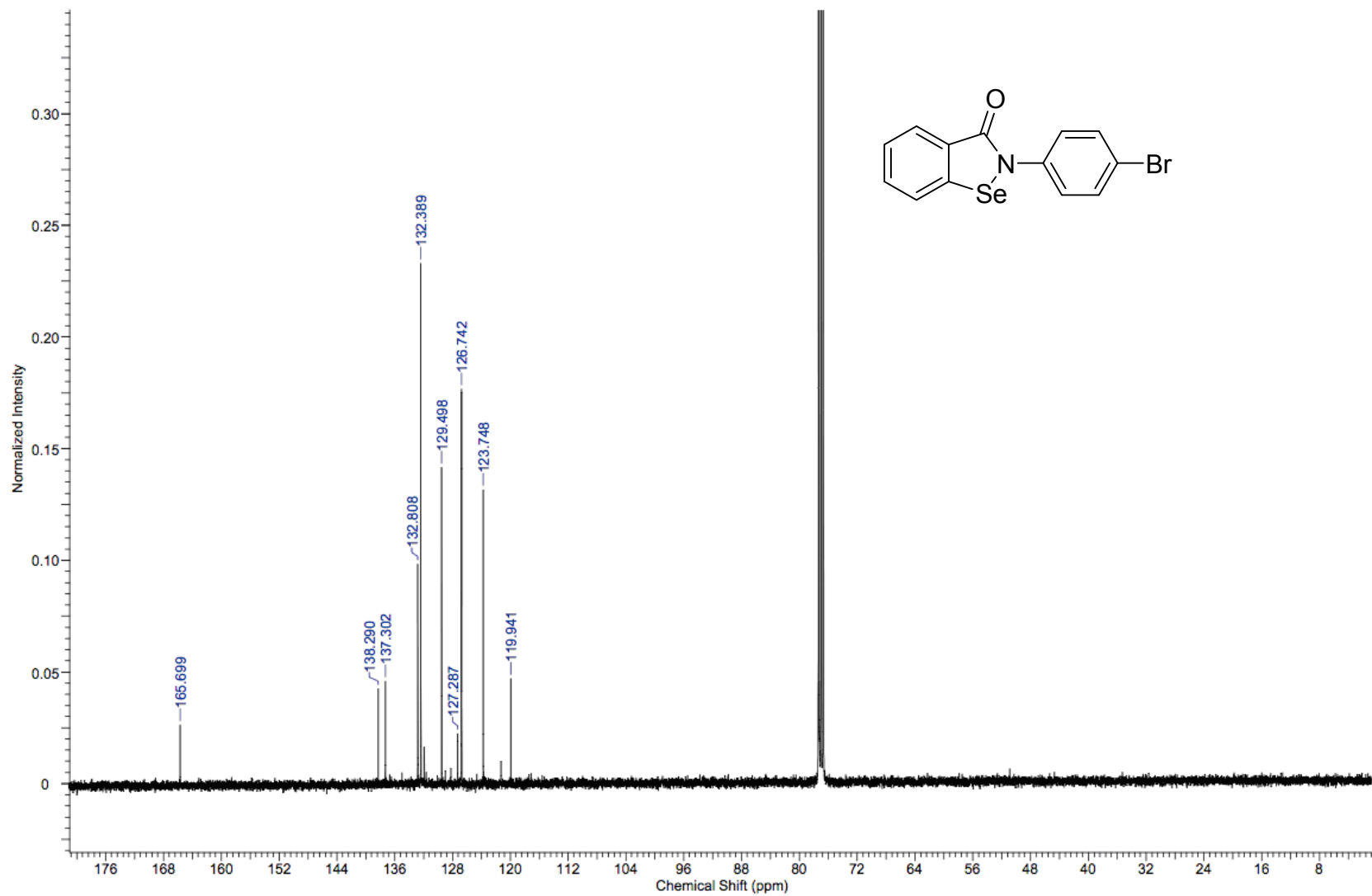
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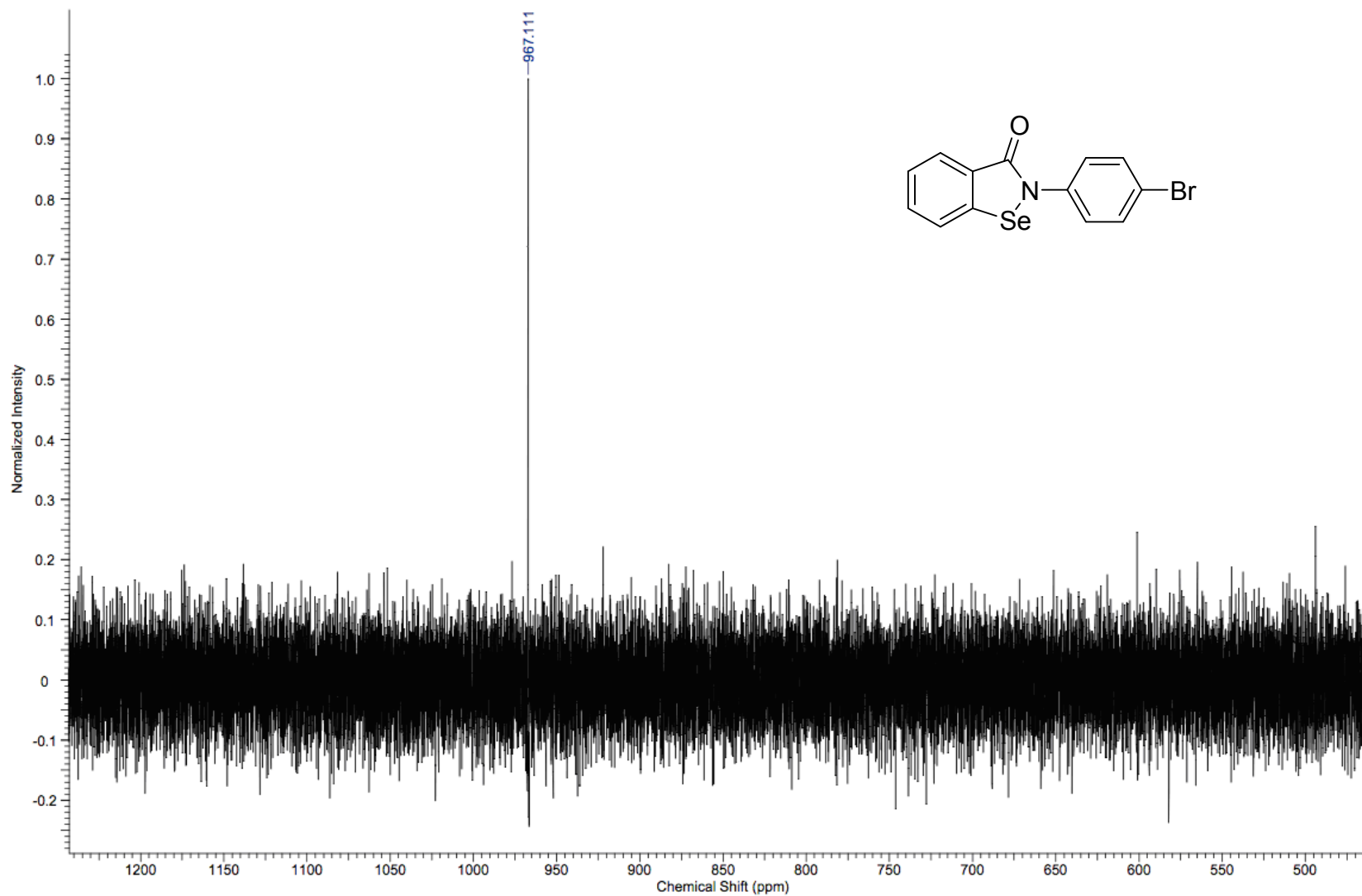
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***N*-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2-benziselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (20)**

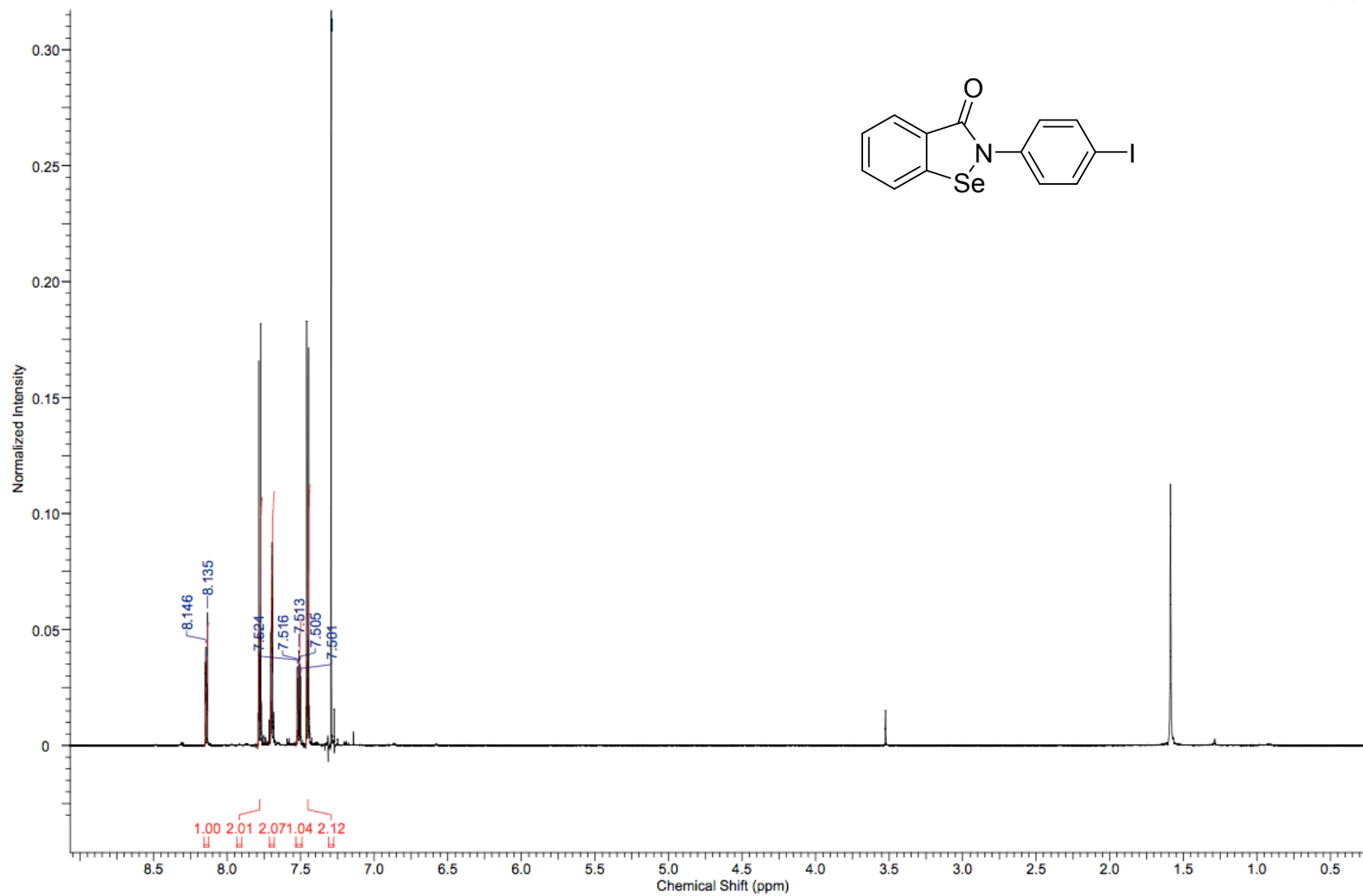


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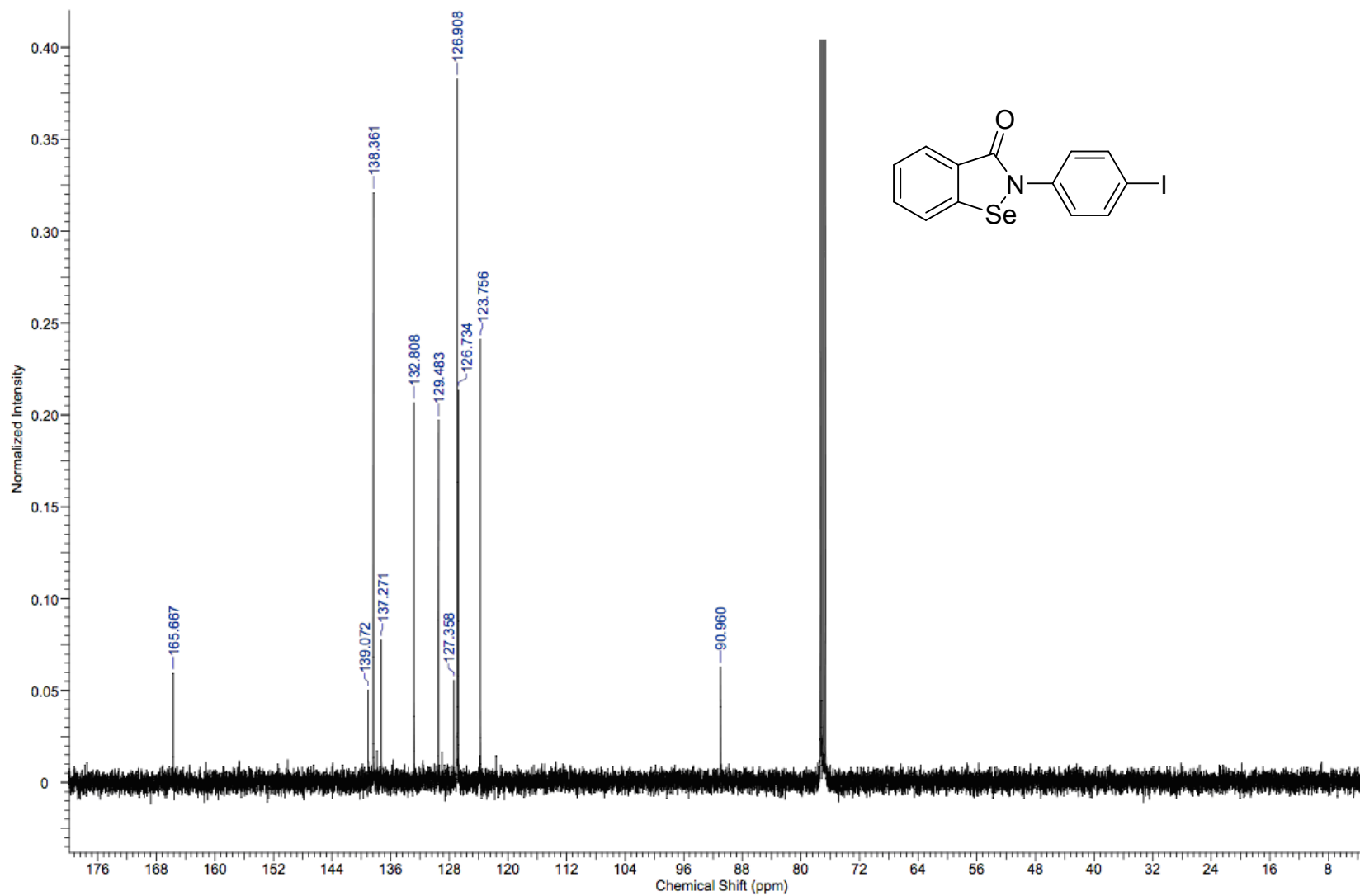




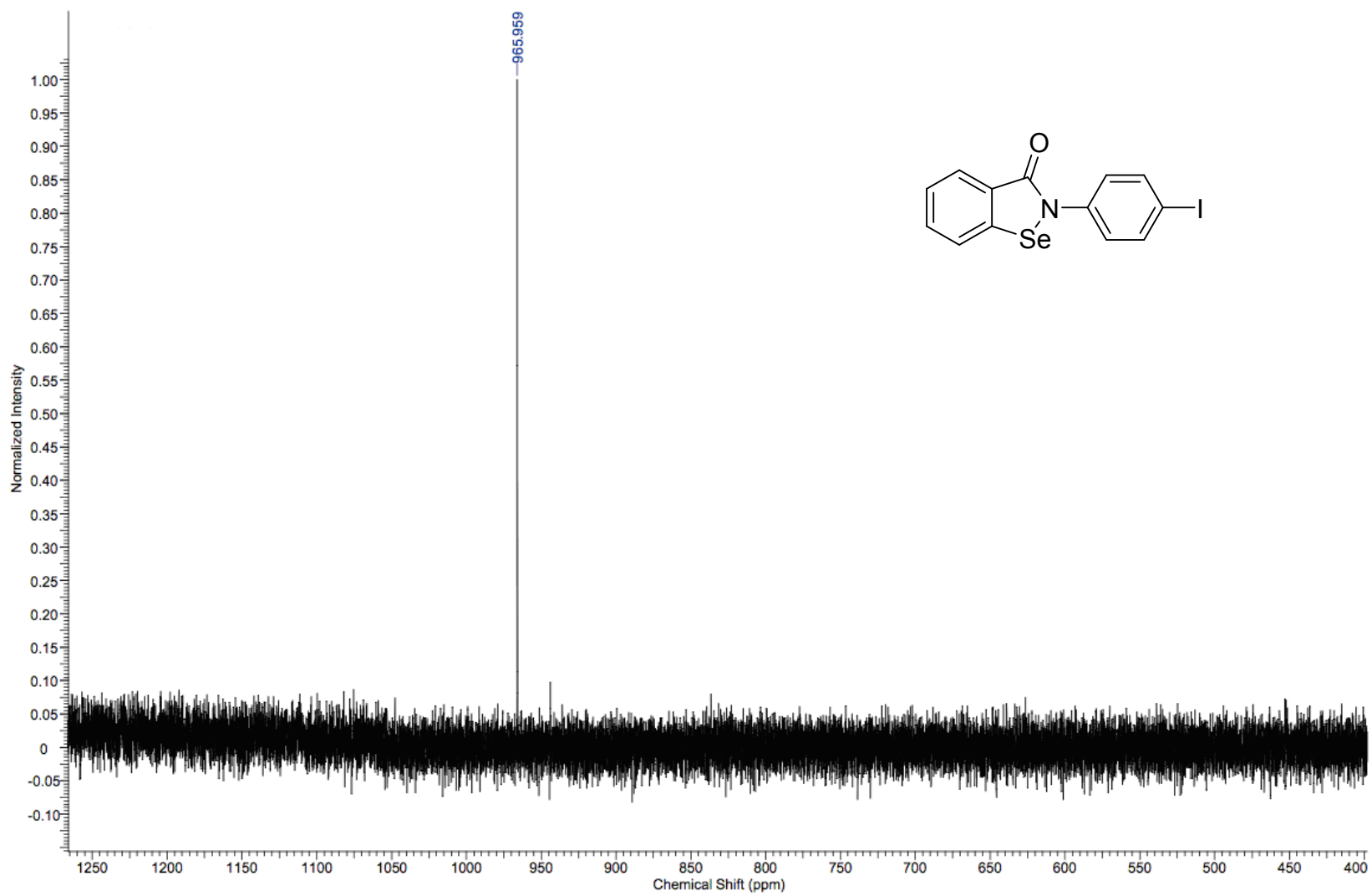
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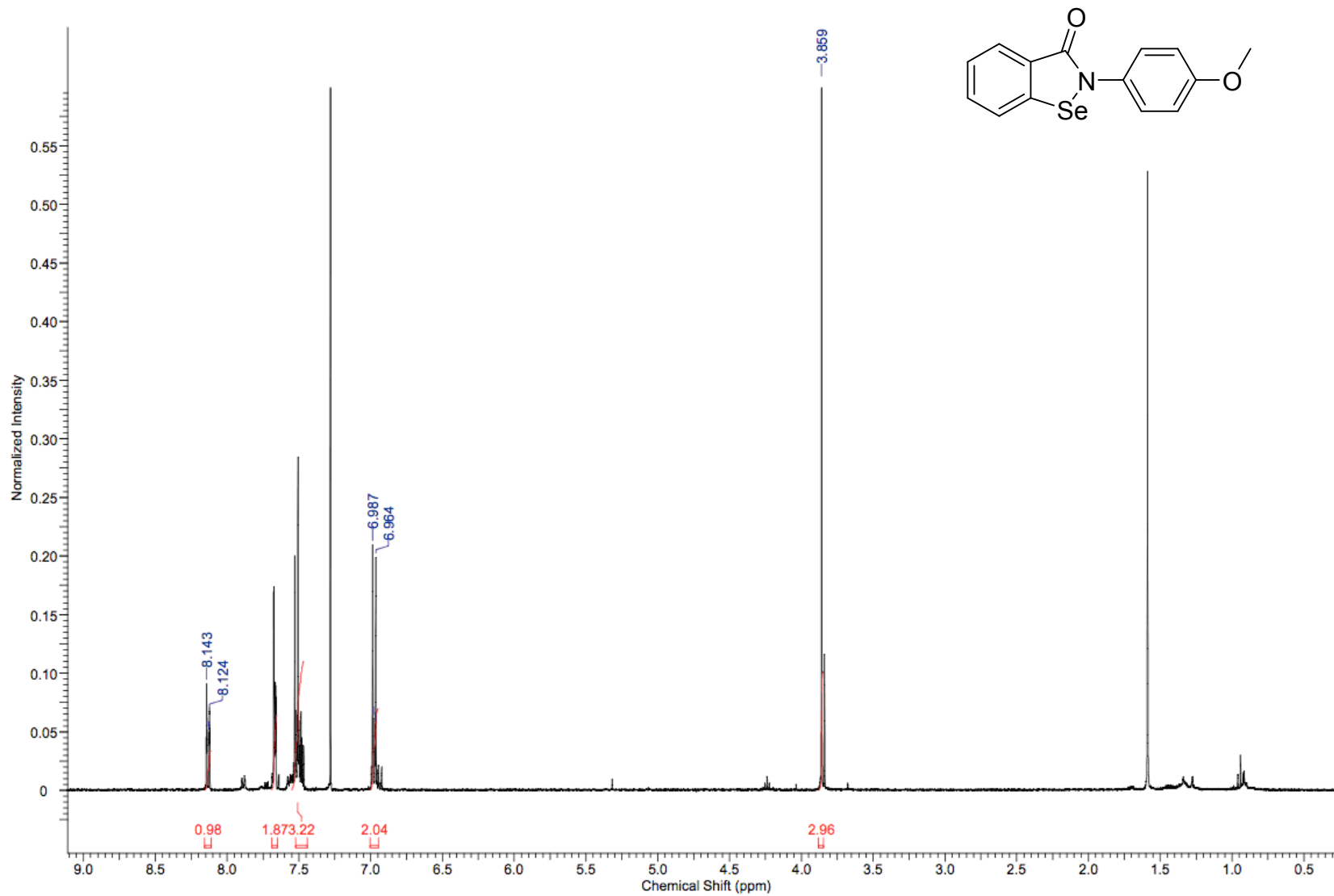
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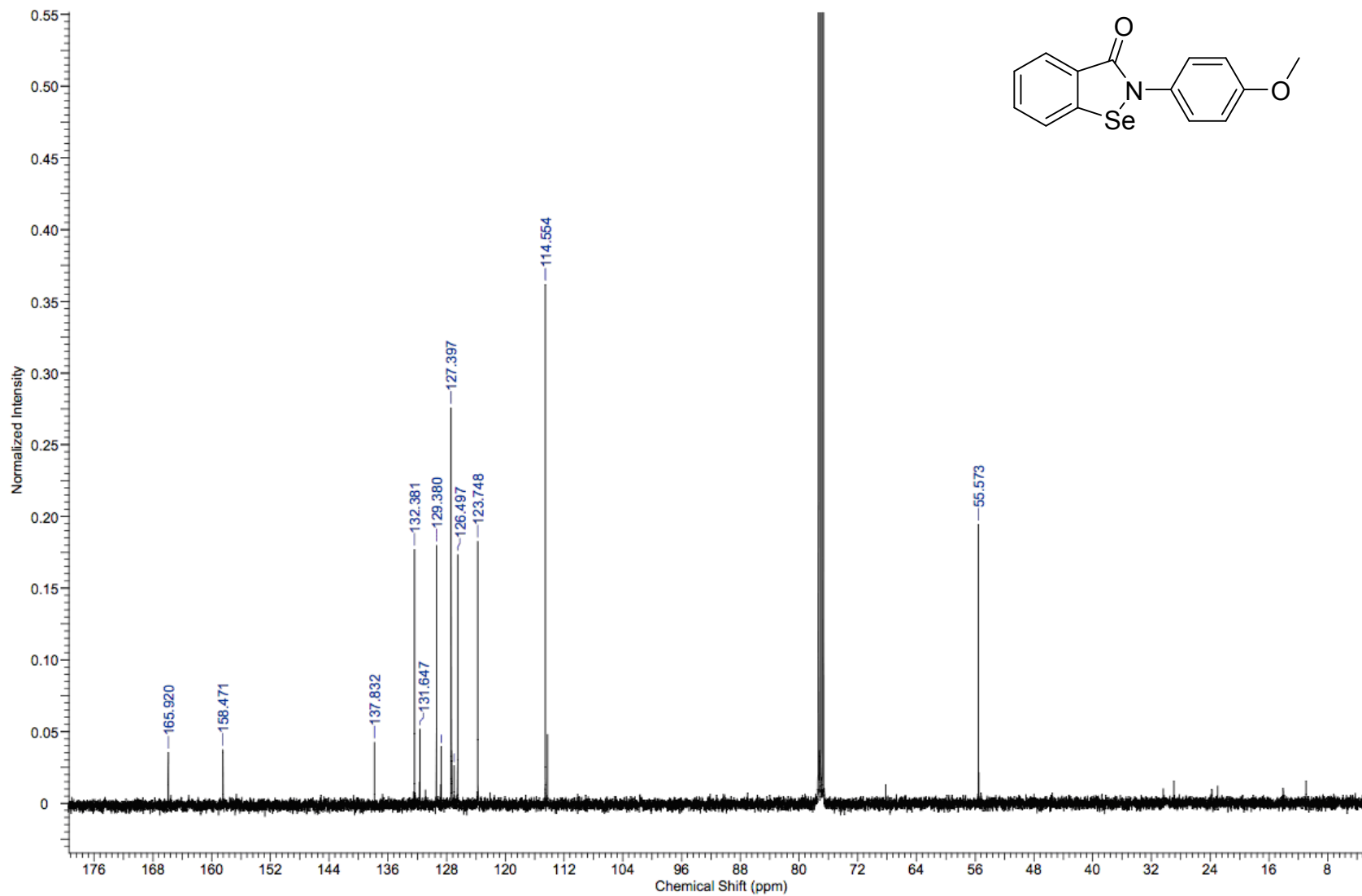
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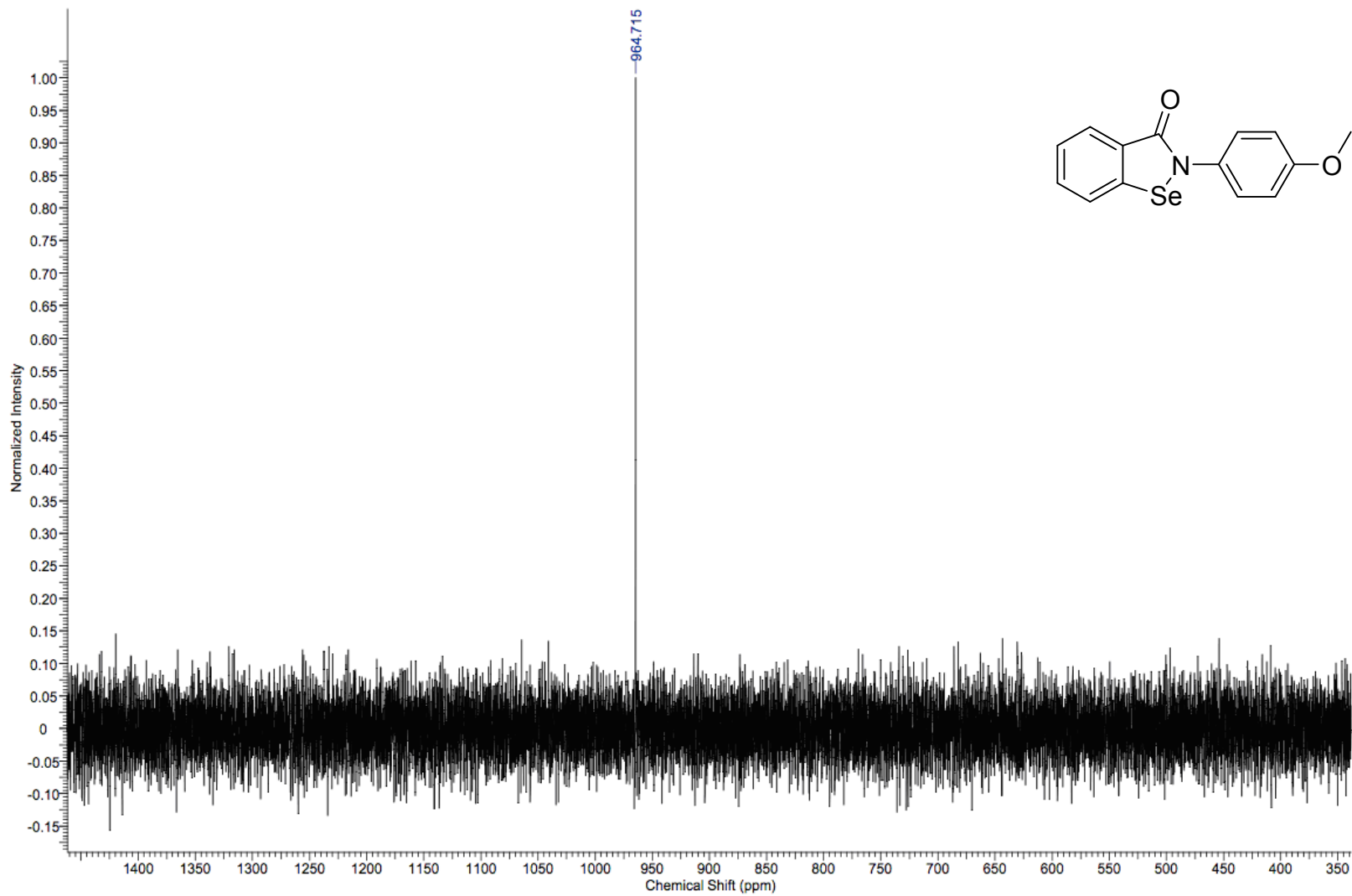
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***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (22)**



***N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2-benzisoselenazol-3(2*H*)-one (22)**



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