

Supporting Information for:

**Copper-Catalyzed Intermolecular Cyclization of Nitriles and
2-Aminobenzylamine for 3,4-Dihydroquinazolines and
Quinazolines Synthesis via Cascade Coupling and Aerobic
Oxidation**

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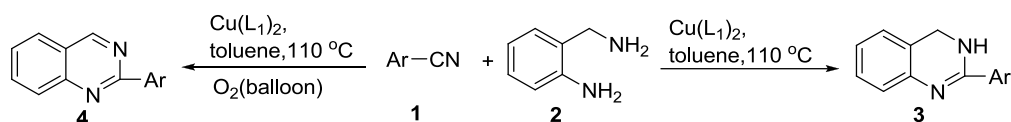
1. General information

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian instrument (400 MHz) and (100 MHz). The following abbreviations (or combinations thereof) were used to explain multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, b = broad. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm using TMS as internal standard and spin-spin coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR spectrometer. Preparative TLC was performed on TLC plates, analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 10-25 μm silica gel GF254, visualization was carried out with UV light. Flash column chromatography was performed with SiO_2 (Silica Gel 60 (200-300 mesh)). Melting points were determined using a standard melting point instrument and are uncorrected. The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured by ESI. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification.

2. Preparation of copper cinnamate

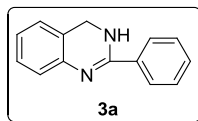
Cinnamic acid (10 mmol) was slowly added into the solution of NaOH (8 mmol NaOH in 10 mL of water) whilst stirring. To the solution, an aqueous solution of CuCl_2 (4 mmol $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in 14 mL of water) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 5 min to give a blue precipitate, which was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried in vacuo to provide copper cinnamate (1.48 g, 94% yield).

3. Procedure for synthesis of dihydroquinazolines and quinazolines

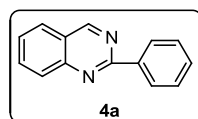


Nitrile (1 mmol), 2-aminobenzylamine (1.25 mmol), $\text{Cu}(\text{L}_1)_2$ (L_1 =cinnamate, 0.1 mmol) and toluene (2 mL) were charged in a 10 mL round bottom flask. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C under air and oxygen atmosphere. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and the catalyst was removed by filtration. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the corresponding 3,4-dihydroquinazolines and quinazolines with ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether as eluent.

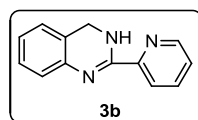
4. Characterization data of products



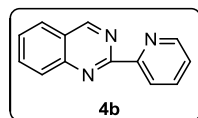
2-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3a): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.57); white solid; mp 142-143 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.04, 141.21, 135.24, 130.57, 128.56, 128.07, 126.49, 125.52, 124.49, 121.57, 120.15, 44.67; IR (KBr): 3213, 3030, 2832, 1585, 1540, 1520, 1475, 1453, 1332, 758, 709, 694, 557, 489 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2$: 209.1079; found: 209.1083.



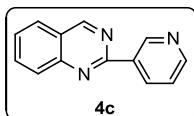
2-phenylquinazoline (4a): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:3, R_f = 0.46); white solid; mp 102-103 °C (lit.¹ 97-99 °C); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 8.59 (dd, 7.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.08-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.30, 159.72, 149.81, 137.41, 134.81, 130.80, 128.72, 128.07, 127.87, 127.79, 127.73, 123.32; IR (KBr): 3063, 2920, 1614, 1586, 1566, 1551, 1483, 1380, 1341, 779, 705, 636 cm^{-1} ;



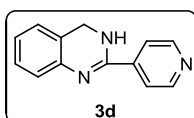
2-(pyridin-2-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3b): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.33); yellow solid, mp 79-80 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 2H), 7.02-6.97 (m, 3H), 4.83 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.85, 159.71, 154.96, 150.57, 150.07, 136.90, 134.26, 129.00, 128.00, 127.02, 124.69, 123.97, 123.90, 45.75; IR (KBr): 3375, 3053, 2851, 1655, 1562, 1520, 1480, 1434, 1343, 766, 727, 573 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$: 210.1031; found: 210.1034.



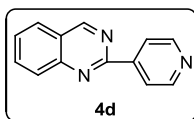
2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinazoline (4b): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:3, R_f = 0.29); yellow solid, mp 90-92 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.58 (s, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98-7.90 (m, 3H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.94, 155.08, 150.33, 147.80, 136.97, 136.81, 134.33, 129.12, 128.07, 127.97, 127.11, 125.77, 125.14, 124.46, 121.32; IR (KBr): 3055, 1617, 1586, 1551, 1487, 1442, 1397, 1380, 783, 737, 703, 638 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3$: 208.0875; found: 208.0877.



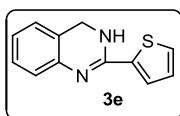
2-(pyridin-3-yl)quinazoline (4c): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:3, Rf = 0.24); yellow solid; mp 97-99 °C (lit.² 94-96 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 9.69 (s, 1H), 8.85-8.83 (m, 1H), 8.76 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.75, 163.38, 156.53, 154.84, 154.41, 140.52, 140.26, 138.05, 133.36, 133.09, 133.05, 129.04, 128.69; IR (KBr): 3038, 2922, 1619, 1582, 1565, 1551, 1424, 1401, 1021, 977, 823, 768, 716, 638, 621, 474 cm⁻¹.



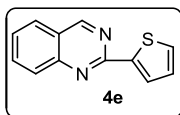
2-(pyridin-4-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3d): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, Rf = 0.29); yellow solid; mp 83-85 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.68 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 3H), 4.68 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.91, 157.43, 155.70, 155.10, 146.80, 140.40, 132.95, 130.86, 129.58, 125.86, 49.04; IR (KBr): 3414, 3286, 3093, 2853, 1666, 1607, 1576, 1561, 1491, 1542, 1336, 1282, 1204, 861, 840, 761 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [(M+H)⁺] calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₃: 210.1031 ; found: 210.1033.



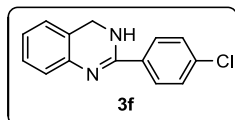
2-(pyridin-4-yl)quinazoline (4d): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:3, Rf = 0.25); white solid; mp 134-138 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.83 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 166.84, 163.06, 155.66, 154.77, 149.68, 140.35, 133.85, 133.24, 133.08, 129.02, 127.00; IR (KBr): 3023, 1616, 1598, 1581, 1543, 1488, 1450, 1410, 1401, 1381, 795, 760, 739, 704, 668, 634 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [(M+H)⁺] calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₃: 208.0875; found: 208.0876.



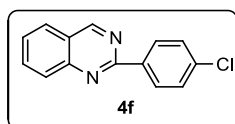
2-(thiophen-2-yl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3e): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, Rf = 0.35); yellow solid; mp 152-153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.92 (m, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 155.98, 148.79, 145.36, 134.76, 132.85, 132.71, 131.56, 130.77, 128.99, 128.64, 126.70, 46.99; IR (KBr): 3419, 3193, 3066, 1583, 1558, 1504, 1479, 1453, 1424, 1315, 1273, 854, 768, 722 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [(M+H)⁺] calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₂S: 215.0643; found: 215.0648.



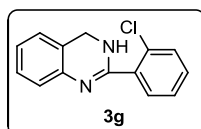
2-(thiophen-2-yl)quinazoline (4e): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.50); yellow solid; mp 136-137 °C (lit.³ 132-134 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.62 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.82 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.43, 149.66, 143.28, 135.07, 131.02, 129.24, 128.66, 128.01, 127.43, 127.32, 123.08; IR (KBr): 2923, 2852, 1617, 1584, 1567, 1554, 1530, 1485, 1452, 1424, 1397, 1379, 1379, 1045, 765, 711 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M + H)⁺] calcd for C₁₂H₉N₂S: 213.0486; found: 213.0492.



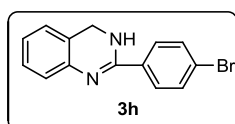
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3f): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.48); white solid; mp 171-172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 3H), 4.64 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 158.04, 140.09, 138.69, 134.94, 133.55, 133.30, 132.75, 130.63, 128.92, 125.54, 49.04; IR (KBr): 3426, 3195, 3036, 2824, 1587, 1550, 1532, 1489, 1478, 1445, 1342, 1091, 834, 763, 721 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H)⁺] calcd for C₁₄H₁₂ClN₂: 243.0689; found: 243.0691.



2-(4-chlorophenyl)quinazoline (4f): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.31); white solid; mp 139-140 °C (lit.⁴ 133-135 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.72 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78-7.75 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.46, 158.73, 149.72, 136.26, 135.69, 134.98, 129.79, 128.84, 127.97, 127.85, 123.35; IR (KBr): 1619, 1585, 1562, 1549, 1405, 1489, 1449, 1405, 1380, 1340, 1083, 1008, 850, 799, 764, 728, 690, 453 cm⁻¹;

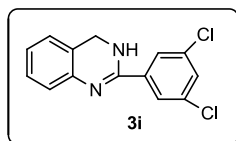


2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3g): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.43); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 6.99 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (dd, J = 13.2, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.15, 147.25, 135.53, 133.42, 133.33, 132.91, 128.73, 125.90, 121.39, 121.11, 120.03, 119.57, 57.27; IR (KBr): 3376, 3207, 3043, 2923, 2851, 1606, 1494, 1459, 1280, 1115, 1087, 1266, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H)⁺] calcd for C₁₄H₁₂ClN₂: 243.0689 ; found: 243.0693.

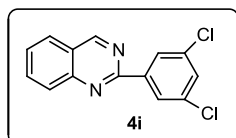


2-(4-bromophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3h): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.45); yellow solid; mp 170-172 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 6.98 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.60-6.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53-6.48 (m, 2H), 5.20 (s, 1H),

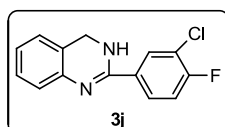
4,73 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.10, 147.20, 135.48, 133.37, 133.28, 132.86, 128.69, 125.86, 121.35, 121.07, 120.00, 119.53, 57.22; IR (KBr): 3423, 3368, 3034, 2929, 2860, 1607, 1495, 1383, 1323, 1115, 1065, 758, 746 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrN}_2$: 287.0184; found: 287.0188.



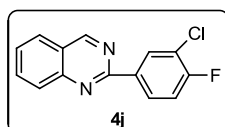
2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3i): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.59); yellow solid; mp 162-163 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.98 (s, 2H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 4.66 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 156.43, 143.12, 139.16, 134.62, 132.80, 131.44, 130.65, 130.38, 129.30, 125.46, 120.89, 48.67; IR (KBr): 3428, 3013, 2832, 1590, 1572, 1550, 1481, 1455, 1414, 1390, 1339, 866, 802, 765 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2$: 277. 0299; found: 277.0292.



2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)quinazoline (4i): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.38); white solid; mp 170-171 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.53, 158.36, 150.45, 140.86, 135.24, 134.41, 130.18, 128.62, 127.91, 127.09, 126.84, 123.80; IR (KBr): 3421, 3091, 1621, 1584, 1549, 1494, 1398, 1384, 1336, 1282, 1246, 860, 799, 761, 721, 666 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2$: 275. 0143; found: 275.0143.

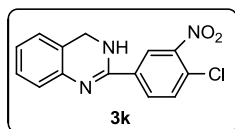


2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3j): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.47); yellow solid; mp 130-132 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (dd, J = 15.9, 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.45 (d, J_{CF} = 291 Hz), 142.03, 139.86, 129.19, 128.00, 127.27, 124.42 (d, J_{CF} = 28 Hz), 121.47, 120.32, 115.44 (d, J_{CF} = 5 Hz), 113.84 (d, J_{CF} = 26 Hz), 111.18, 105.94, 40.22; IR (KBr): 3404, 3361, 3218, 3069, 1629, 1620, 1600, 1520, 1495, 1458, 1336, 775 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClFN}_2$: 261. 0595; found: 261.0590.

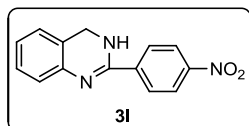


2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)quinazoline (4j): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.30); white solid; mp 195-196 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.73 (dd, J = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.55-8.52 (m, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.94, 159.68 (d, J_{CF} = 167 Hz), 158.43, 150.53, 135.14,

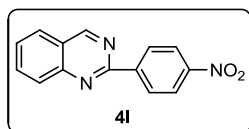
134.33, 130.93, 128.48, 128.39, 127.56, 127.10, 123.54, 121.44, 116.57 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz); IR (KBr): 3033, 1618, 1582, 1566, 1502, 1487, 1452, 1408, 1341, 1287, 1257, 1069, 895, 783, 757, 723 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^{+}$] calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{ClFN}_2$: 259.0438; found: 261.0443.



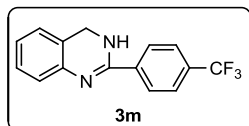
2-(4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)quinazoline (3k): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =2:1, R_f = 0.37); yellow solid; mp 206-208 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 152.06, 151.43, 142.59, 136.94, 136.15, 133.33, 133.22, 124.69, 123.39, 121.35, 121.27, 120.38, 101.64, 48.38. IR (KBr): 3444, 3370, 3234, 3034, 2922, 2869, 1826, 1622, 1581, 1556, 1521, 1406, 1361, 1269, 919, 819, 786 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^{+}$] calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2$: 288.0540; found: 288.0546.



2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3l): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.45); yellow solid; mp 128-130 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.32 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.00-7.03 (m, 3H), 4.70 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 153.53, 147.20, 145.85, 138.60, 133.05, 132.92, 130.78, 129.58, 128.53, 121.32, 118.59, 69.30; IR (KBr): 3375, 2851, 1645, 1588, 1567, 1516, 1492, 1347, 1108, 857, 752, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^{+}$] calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$: 254.0930; found: 254.0937.

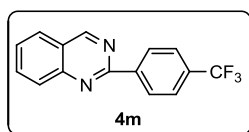


2-(4-nitrophenyl)quinazoline (4l): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.42); white solid; mp 227-228 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (lit.⁵ 218-219); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 8.84 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.40 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.15-8.17 (m, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.71 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.25, 158.31, 150.12, 148.69, 143.35, 134.15, 128.91, 128.38, 127.86, 126.75, 123.40, 123.29; IR (KBr): 3068, 1618, 1555, 1517, 1486, 1410, 1347, 861, 847, 802, 766, 748, 710 cm^{-1} ;

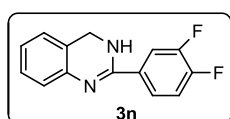


2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3m): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.54); white solid; mp 189-190 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.15 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.00-7.02 (m, 3H), 4.69 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 158.57, 143.82, 135.36 (dd, J_{CF} = 63, 31 Hz), 133.32, 132.86, 132.56, 130.74, 130.62, 130.27 (d, J_{CF} = 4 Hz), 129.44 (d, J_{CF} = 12 Hz), 127.91, 123.72 (d, J_{CF} = 294 Hz), 47.35; IR (KBr): 3230, 3072, 1598, 1566, 1487, 1457, 1406, 1327, 1175, 1123, 1068, 1019, 941, 765, 697 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z

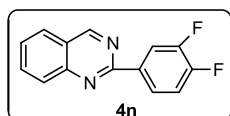
$[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}F_3N_2$: 277.0953; found: 277.0956.



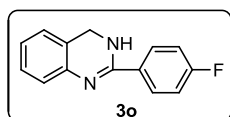
2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinazoline (4m): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.39); white solid; mp 146-147 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (q, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.57, 158.30, 149.67, 141.16, 135.09, 131.03, 130.71, 130.39, 128.69, 128.35, 127.94 (d, J_{CF} = 9 Hz), 125.65 (dd, J_{CF} = 7, 4 Hz), 124.55 (d, J_{CF} = 200 Hz); IR (KBr): 1620, 1584, 1566, 1553, 1489, 1453, 1414, 1325, 1162, 1069, 1069, 858, 803, 765, 704, 646 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $C_{15}H_{10}F_3N_2$: 275.0796; found: 275.0798.



2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3n): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.48); white solid; mp 144 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.00-7.95 (m, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.99-6.97 (m, 3H), 4.64 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 152.67, 151.96, 149.13 (d, J_{CF} = 243 Hz), 149.00 (d, J_{CF} = 244 Hz), 132.31, 127.76, 125.51, 124.32, 124.05, 123.69 (dd, J_{CF} = 6, 3 Hz), 121.35, 121.29, 117.29 (d, J_{CF} = 17 Hz), 115.79 (d, J_{CF} = 19 Hz), 41.93; IR (KBr): 3200, 3025, 2829, 1618, 1582, 1550, 1531, 1511, 1476, 1334, 1274, 889, 836, 776, 762, 597, 478 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $C_{14}H_{11}F_2N_2$: 245.0890; found: 245.0886.

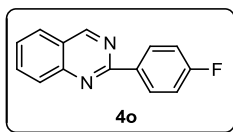


2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)quinazoline (4n): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.31); white solid; mp 141-142 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.48 (dd, J = 11.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 160.46, 158.88, 152.54 (dd, J_{CF} = 166, 13 Hz), 150.05 (dd, J_{CF} = 161, 13 Hz), 150.49, 135.11 (dd, J_{CF} = 6, 4 Hz), 134.28, 128.47, 127.52, 127.07, 124.79 (dd, J_{CF} = 7, 4 Hz), 123.51, 117.36 (dd, J_{CF} = 33, 19 Hz); IR (KBr): 3064, 1615, 1583, 1567, 1553, 1519, 1490, 1457, 1406, 1273, 1224, 979, 926, 798, 774, 759, 722 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $C_{14}H_9F_2N_2$: 243.0734; found: 243.0733.

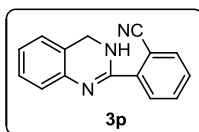


2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (3o): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.47); white solid; mp 161-162 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.02-7.99 (m, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.2 Hz, 3H), 4.64 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 163.35 (d, J_{CF} = 247 Hz), 149.00, 143.89, 131.28 (d, J_{CF} = 3 Hz), 129.49 (d, J_{CF} = 9 Hz), 127.62, 125.47, 124.51, 123.90, 120.64, 115.00 (d, J_{CF} = 21 Hz), 42.06; IR (KBr): 3211, 3056, 2823, 1589,

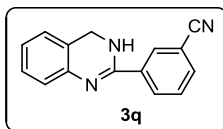
1575, 1546, 1499, 1480, 1454, 1345, 1323, 1020, 841, 774, 726 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{FN}_2$: 227.0985 ; found: 227.0979.



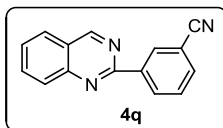
2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazoline (4o): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =1:1, R_f = 0.28); white solid; mp 134-135 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (lit.⁵ 129-130 $^{\circ}\text{C}$); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 8.63-8.61 (m, 2H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.56 (d, J_{CF} = 249.0 Hz), 160.40, 159.99, 150.59, 134.10, 130.56 (d, J_{CF} = 9.0 Hz), 130.09, 128.43, 127.11 (d, J_{CF} = 13.0 Hz), 126.64, 123.37, 115.45 (d, J_{CF} = 22.0 Hz).



2-(3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3p): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.39); yellow solid; mp 212-213 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.6 Hz 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.88, 140.98, 133.54, 133.32, 133.08, 131.63, 131.49, 128.62, 127.35, 126.82, 126.77, 122.38, 121.15, 120.89, 41.59; IR (KBr): 3423, 3222, 2891, 2232, 1660, 1624, 1596, 1571, 1486, 1428, 1169, 1135, 1108, 890, 858, 765, 688, 525 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$: 234.1031; found: 234.1032.

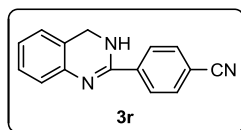


3-(3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3q): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.31); yellow solid; mp 72-73 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 7.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 3H), 4.68 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.28, 146.83, 140.95, 138.87, 136.49, 135.27, 134.72, 132.88, 130.75, 129.27, 125.52, 123.69, 116.50, 48.95; IR (KBr): 3321, 3069, 2920, 2851, 2231, 1691, 1592, 1560, 1544, 1488, 1455, 1335, 1272, 814, 758, 708, 572 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$: 234.1031; found: 234.1035.

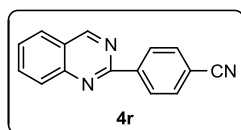


3-(quinazolin-2-yl)benzonitrile (4q): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.43); yellow solid; mp 197-198 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.52 (s, 1H), 9.00 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.92-8.89 (m, 1H), 8.15-8.13 (m, 1H), 8.02-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.81 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.66 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.27, 158.31, 150.11, 138.71, 134.11, 133.19, 132.13, 131.88, 128.97, 128.24, 127.57, 126.76, 123.43, 118.35, 112.41; IR (KBr): 3069, 2923, 2224, 1620, 1583, 1566, 1553, 1489, 1448, 1391, 1381, 791, 756, 719, 677, 637 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z $[(M+H)^+]$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3$:

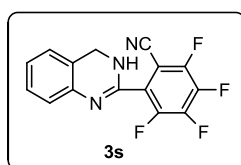
232.0875; found: 232.0918.



4-(3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2-yl)benzonitrile (3r): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.40); yellow solid; mp 174-175 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.04, 139.46, 132.31, 128.27, 127.13, 125.62, 125.26, 119.93, 118.29, 113.83, 44.63; IR (KBr): 3211, 3056, 2822, 2224, 1589, 1546, 1499, 1481, 1455, 1346, 1323, 1241, 1200, 841, 774, 727 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3$: 234.1031; found: 234.1034.

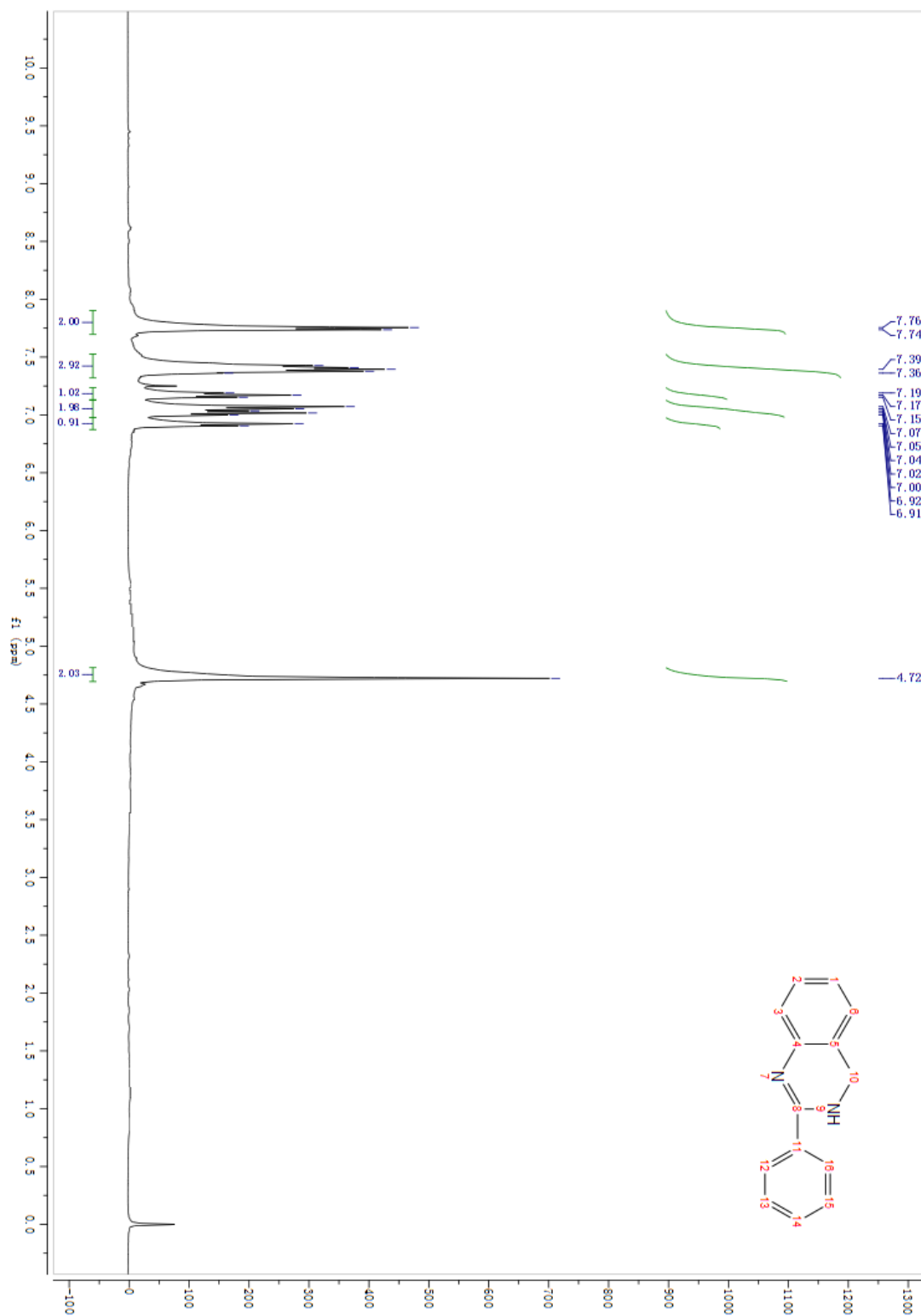
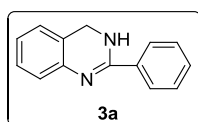


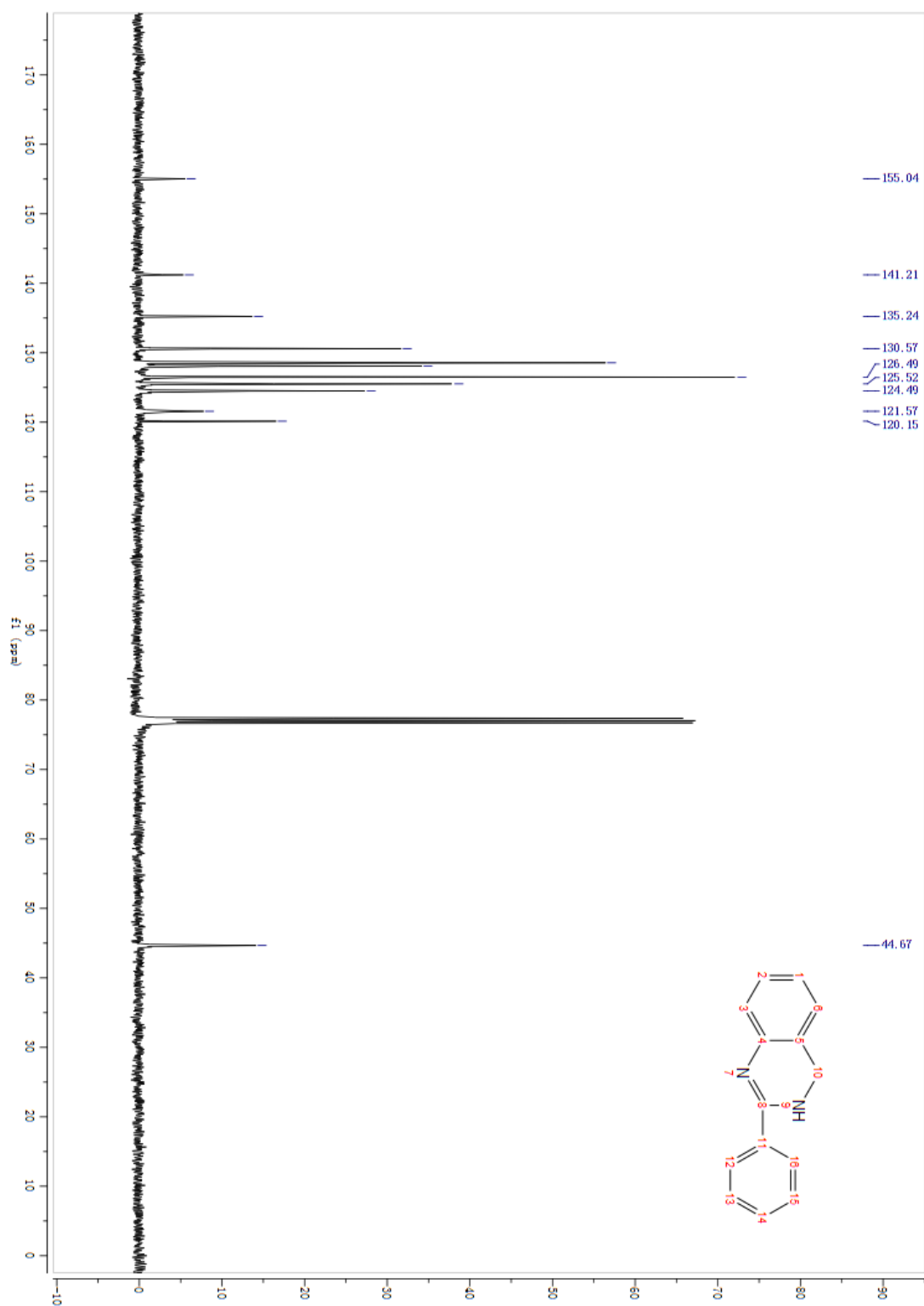
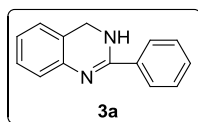
3-(quinazolin-2-yl)benzonitrile (4r): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =10:1, R_f = 0.45); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.50 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.59, 158.98, 150.49, 142.01, 134.45, 132.30, 128.90, 128.70, 128.08, 127.11, 123.76, 118.81, 113.68; IR (KBr): 2922, 2851, 2225, 1617, 1585, 1548, 1450, 1403, 1379, 1055, 860, 802, 772, 737, 564 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3$: 232.0875; found: 232.0875.

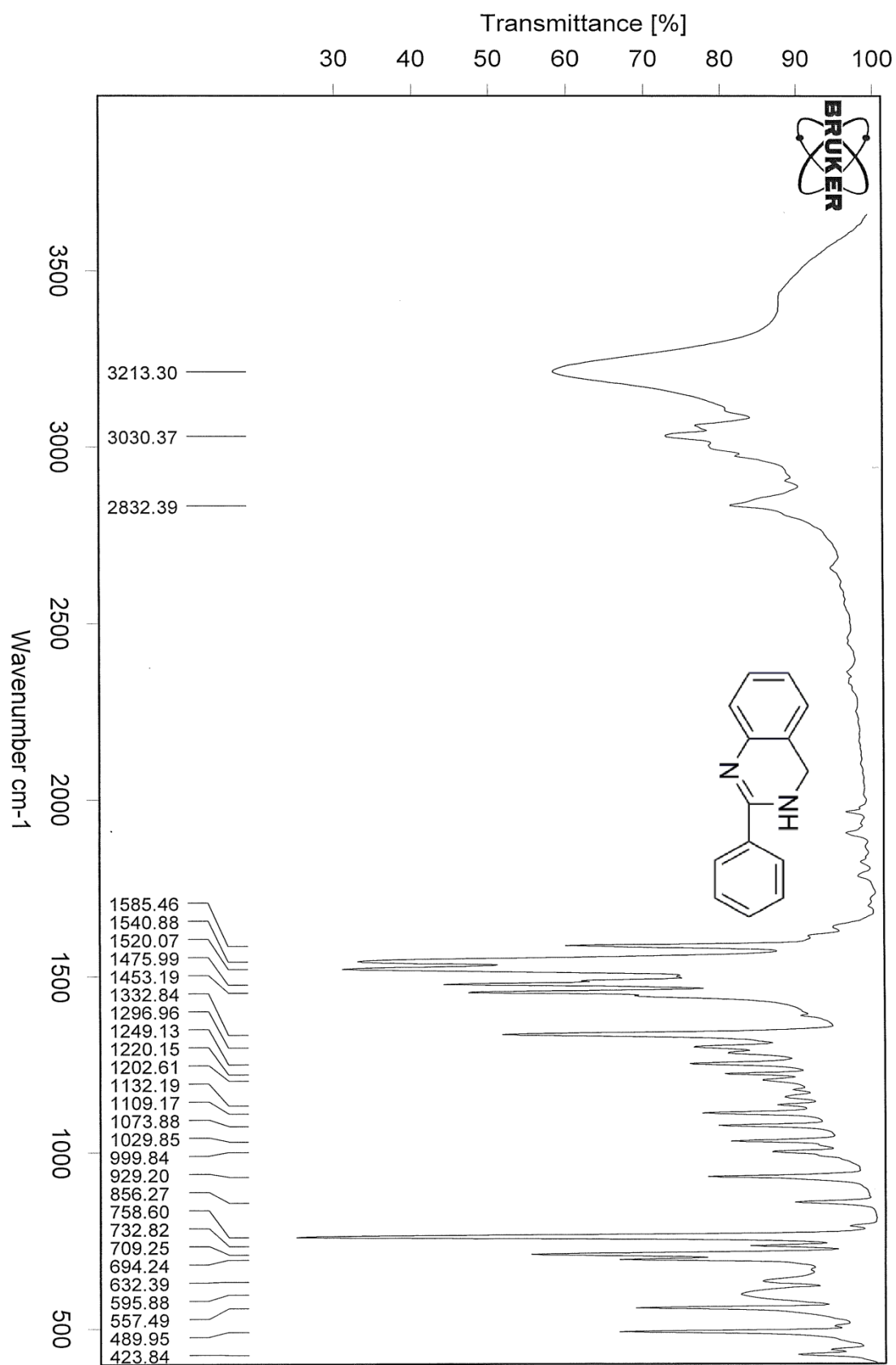
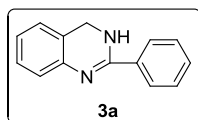


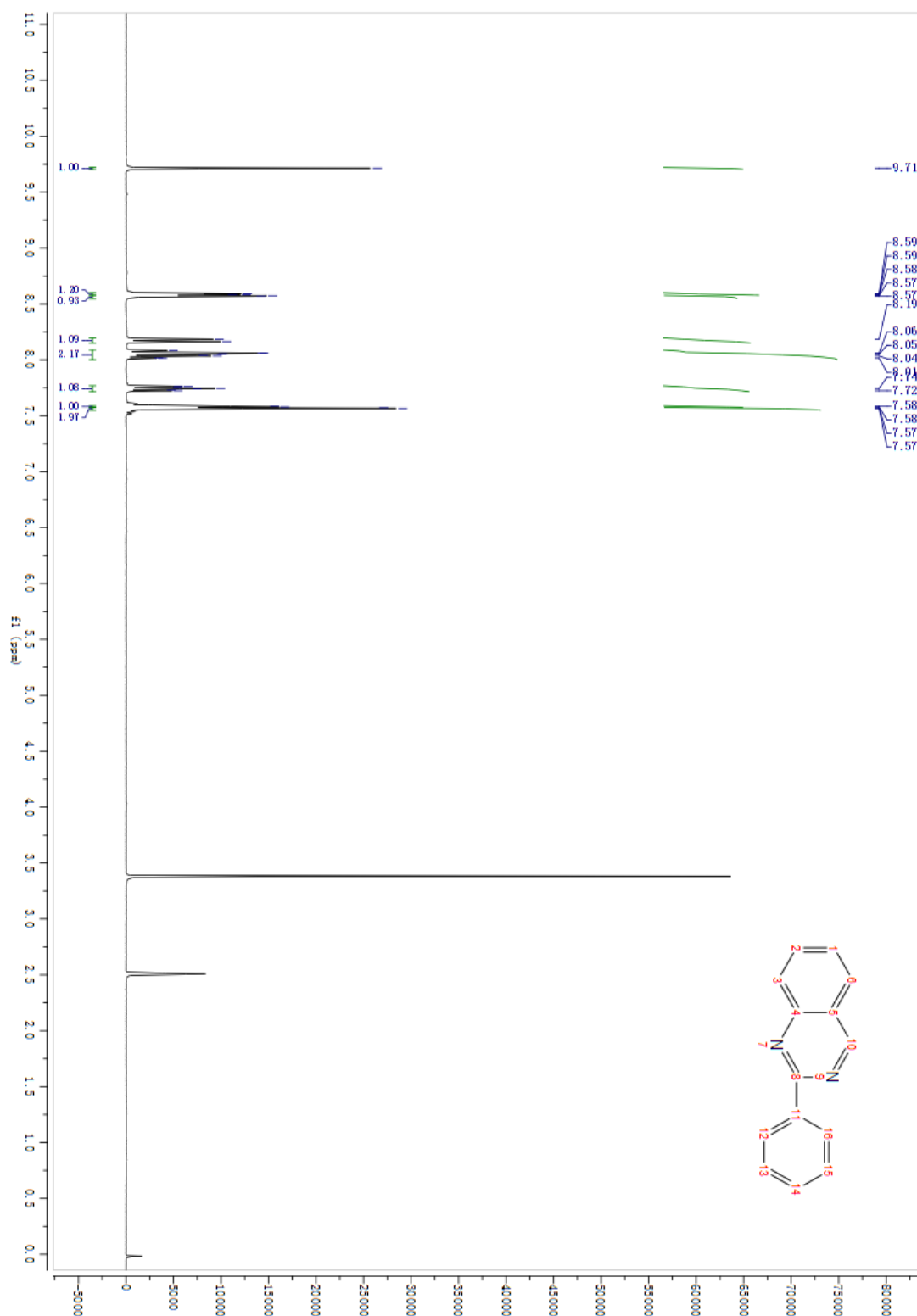
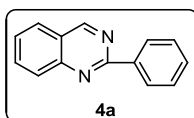
2-(3,4-dihydroquinazolin-2-yl)-3,4,5,6-tetrafluorobenzonitrile (3s): eluent (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =2:1, R_f = 0.39); white solid; mp 142-144 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 157.00, 154.95 (dd, J_{CF} =252, 14 Hz), 154.13 (dd, J_{CF} =252, 10 Hz), 150.85, 146.09 (dd, J_{CF} =249, 10 Hz), 145.94 (dd, J_{CF} =248, 10 Hz), 133.00, 132.19, 126.56, 121.05, 120.01, 116.28 (d, J_{CF} = 55 Hz), 103.89 (dd, J_{CF} =16, 4 Hz), 91.28 (dd, J_{CF} =16, 3 Hz), 49.57; IR (KBr): 3425, 3370, 3314, 2242, 1619, 1585, 1542, 1504, 1458, 1442, 1425, 1320, 1275, 1107, 952, 762 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI): m/z [(M+H) $^+$] calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{F}_4\text{N}_3$: 306.0654; found: 306.0659.

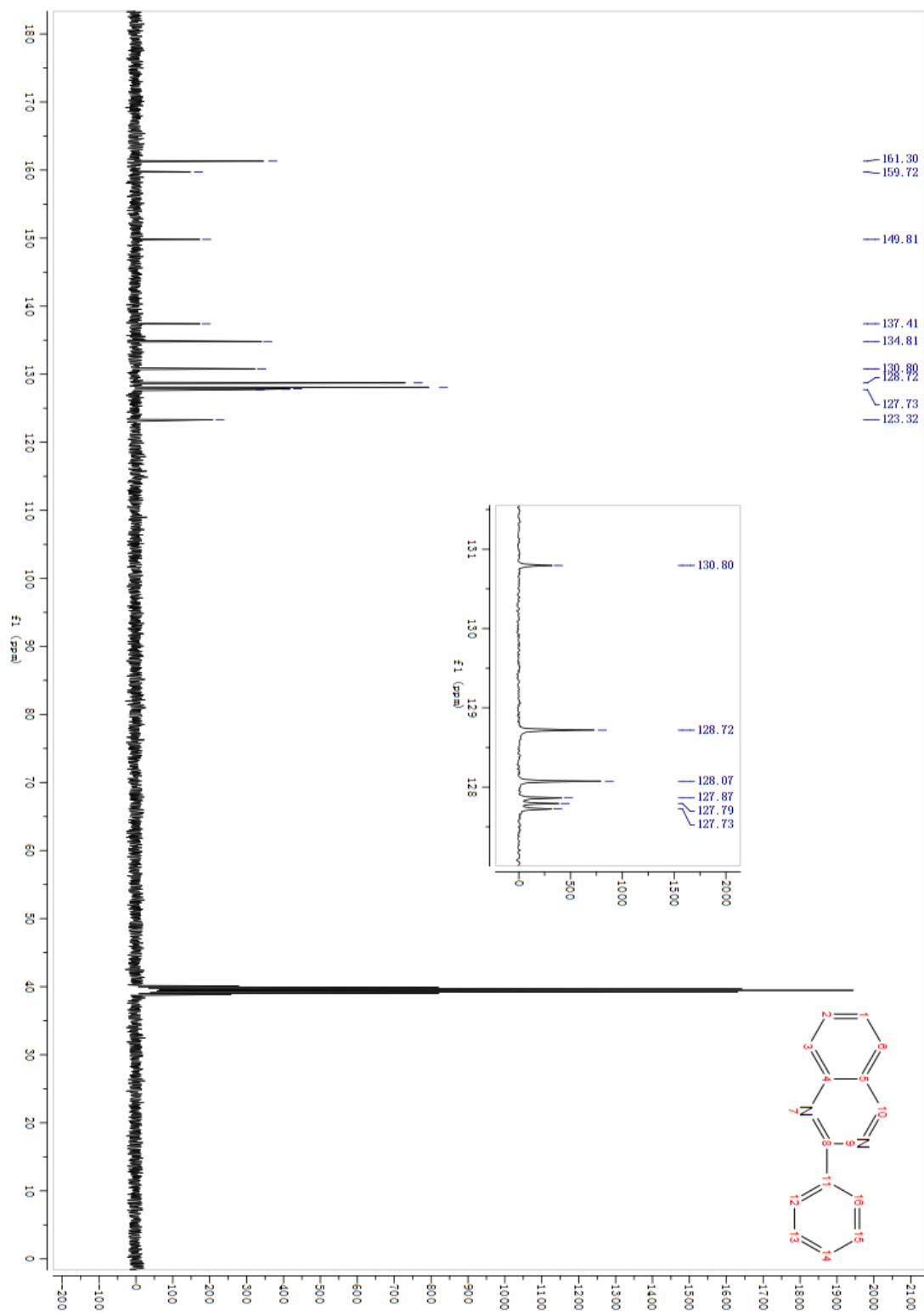
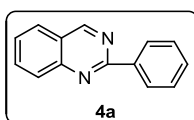
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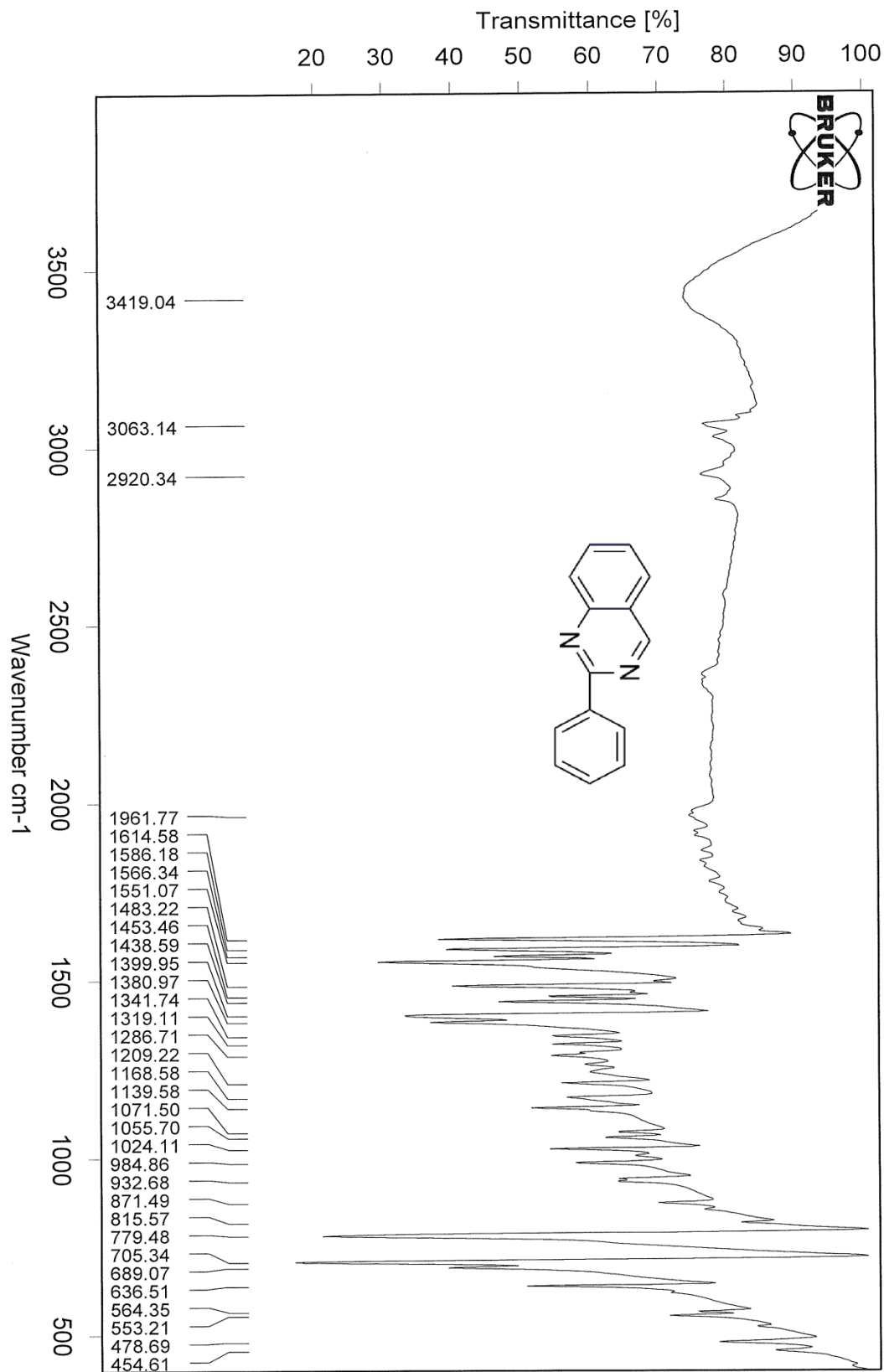
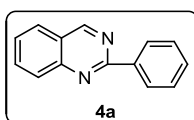


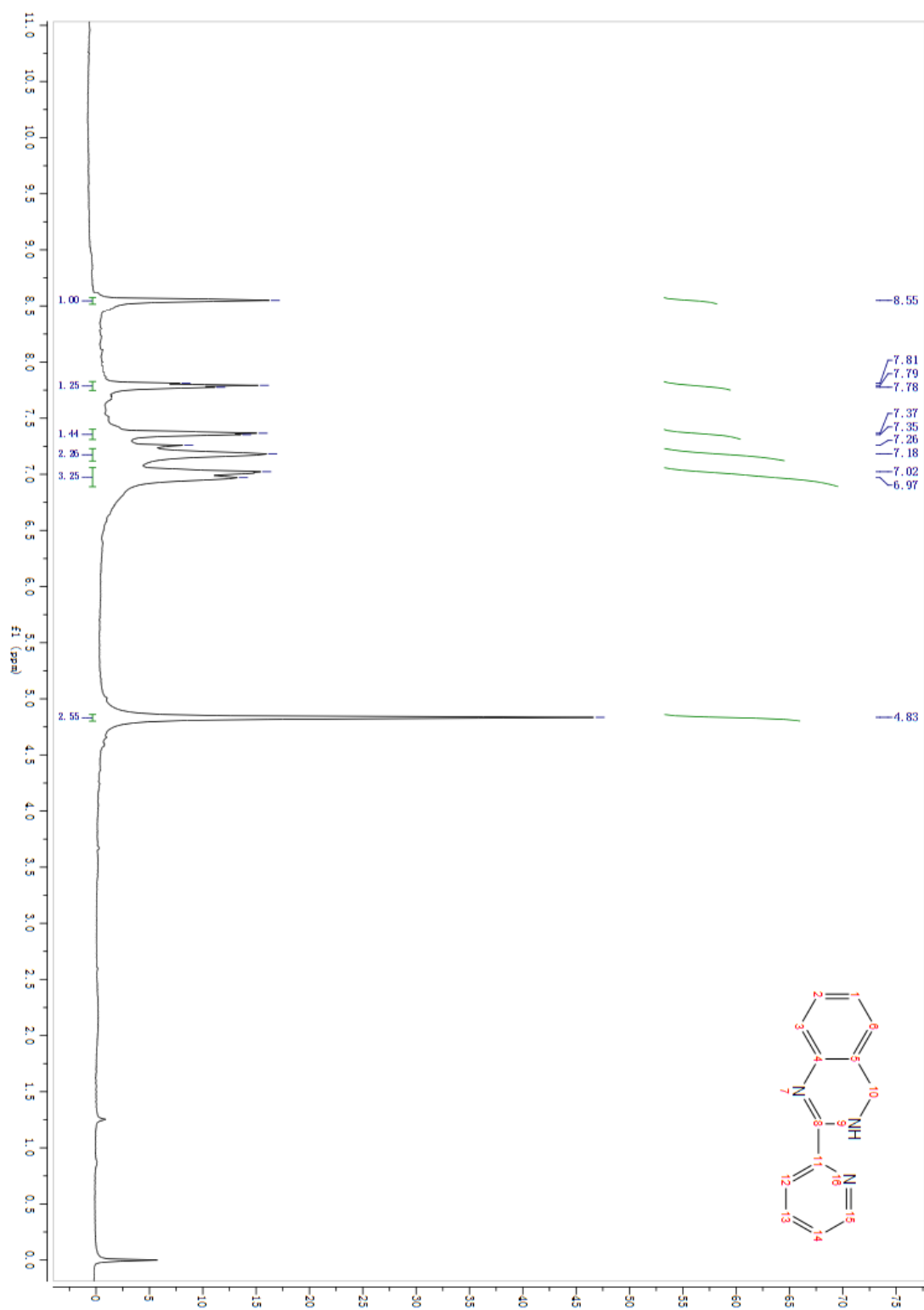
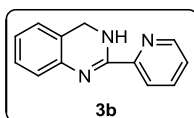


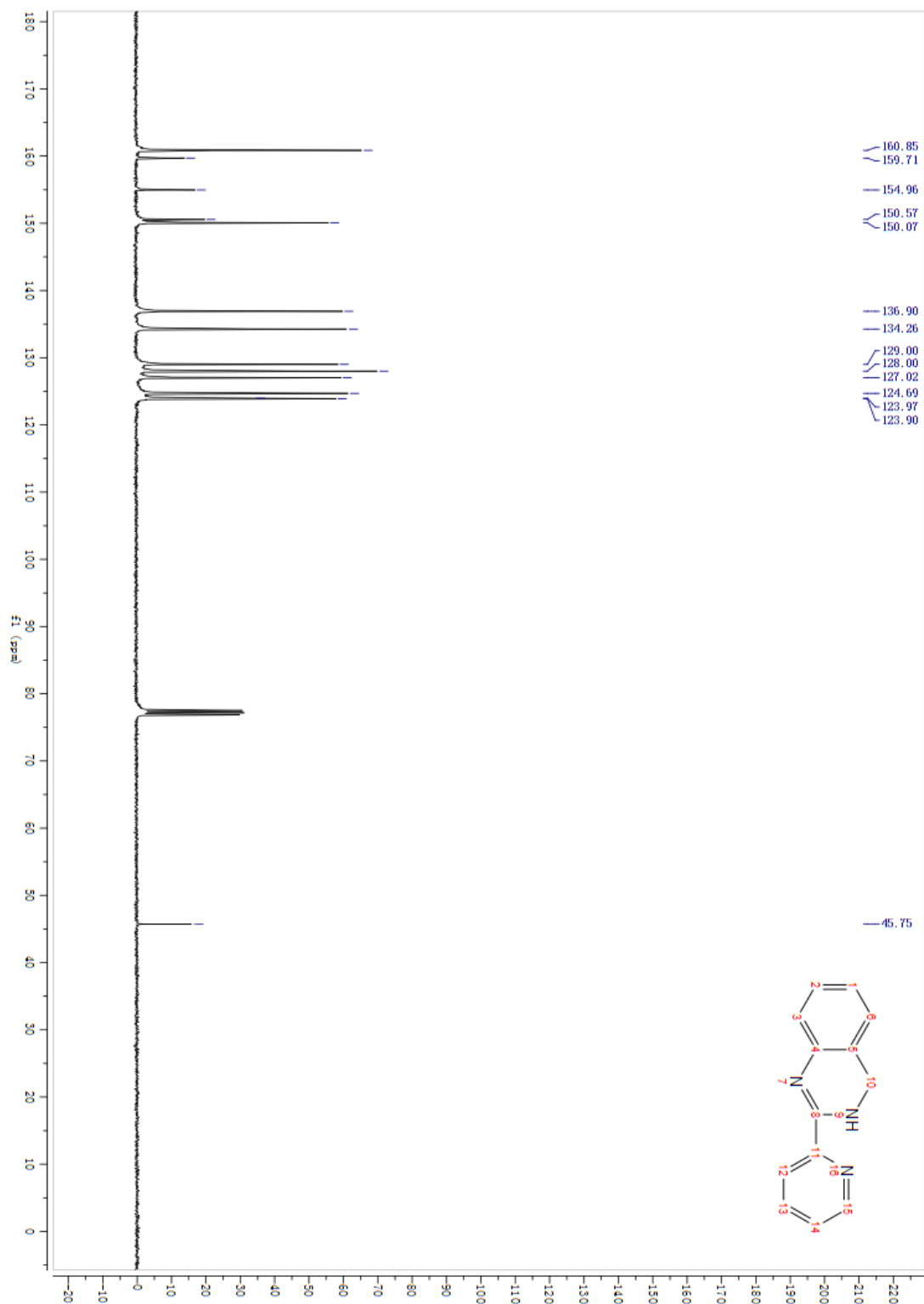
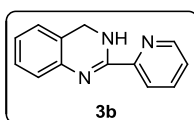


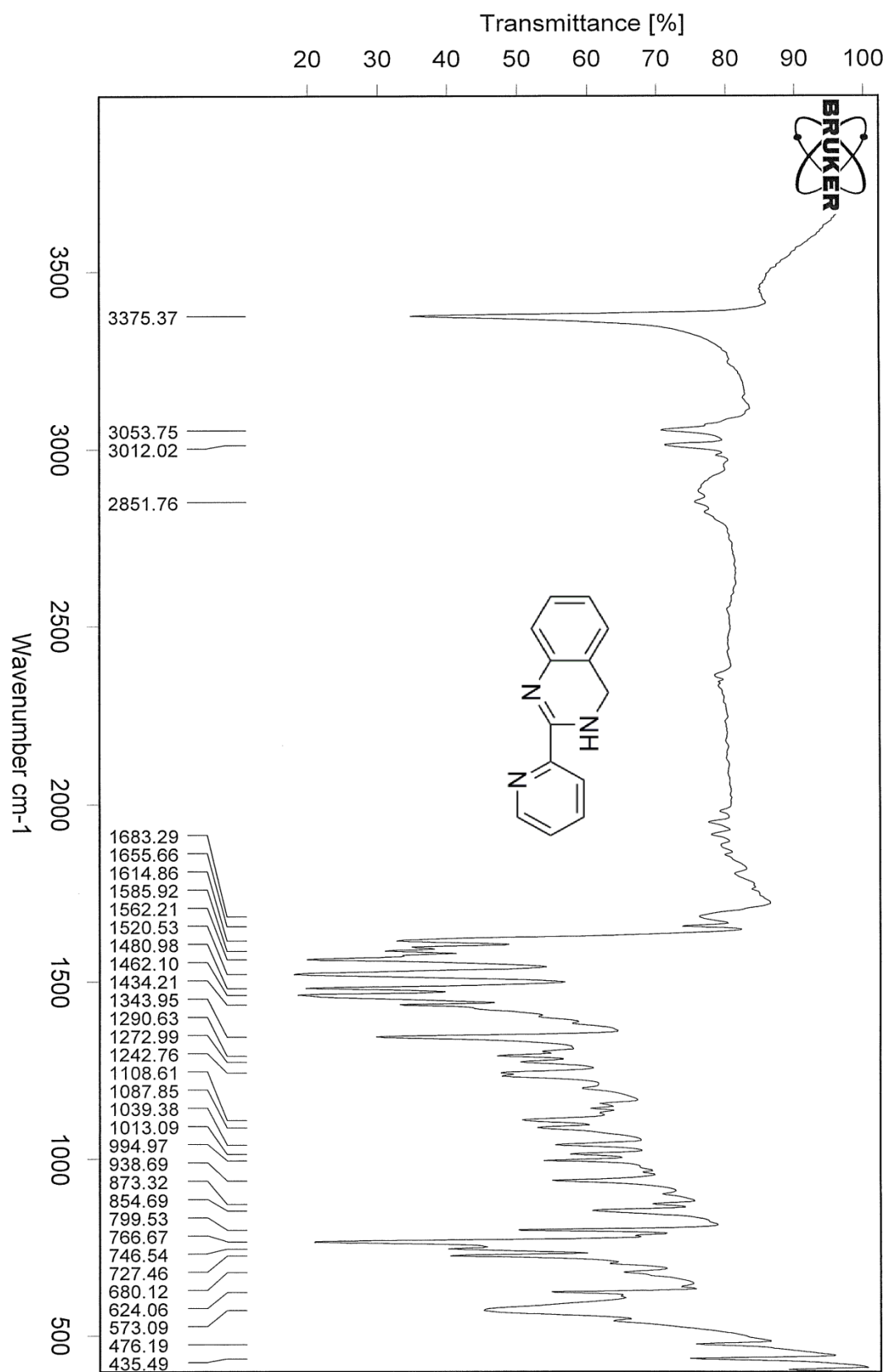
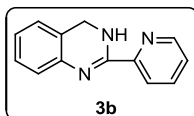


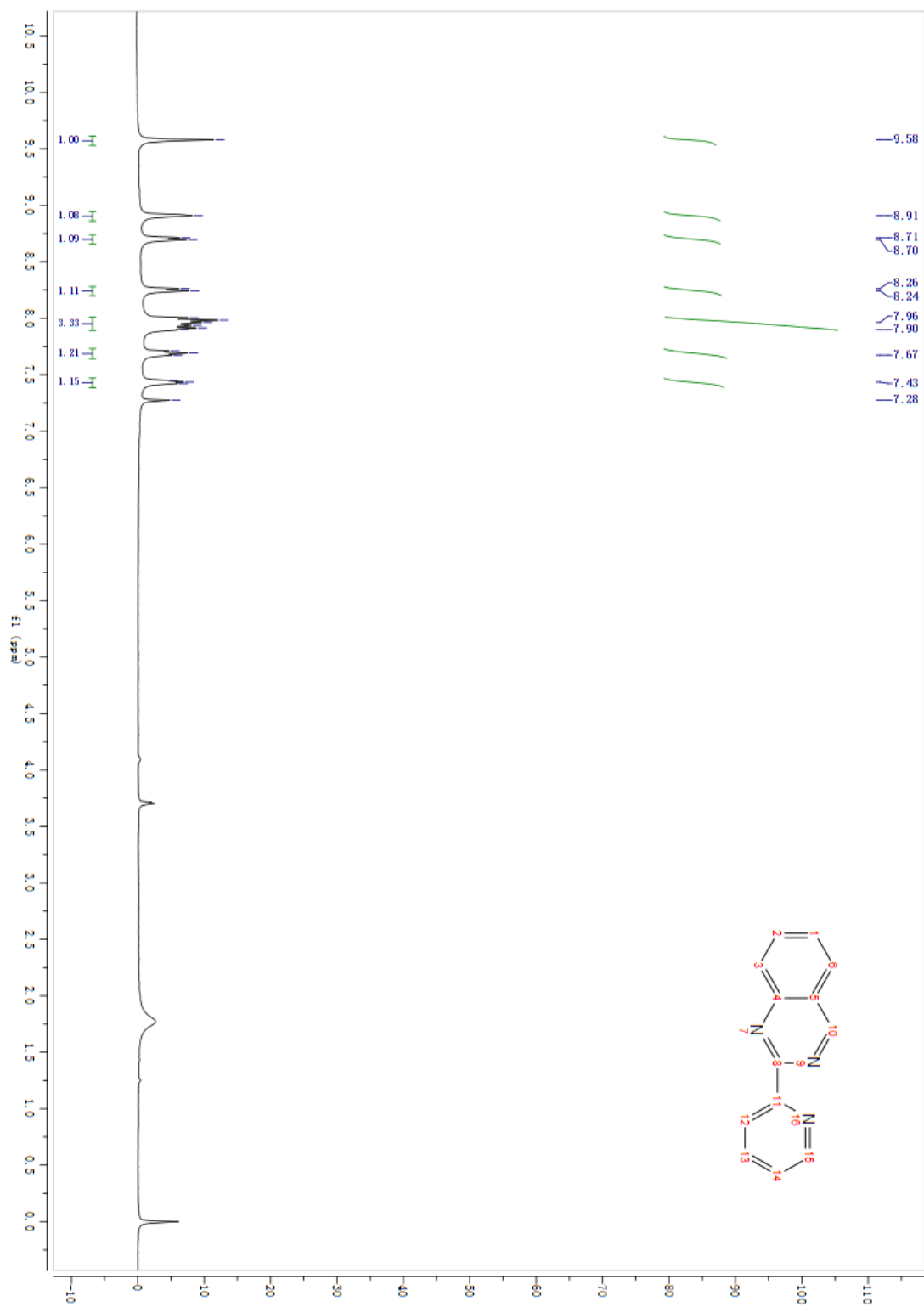
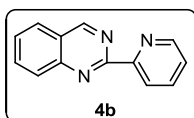


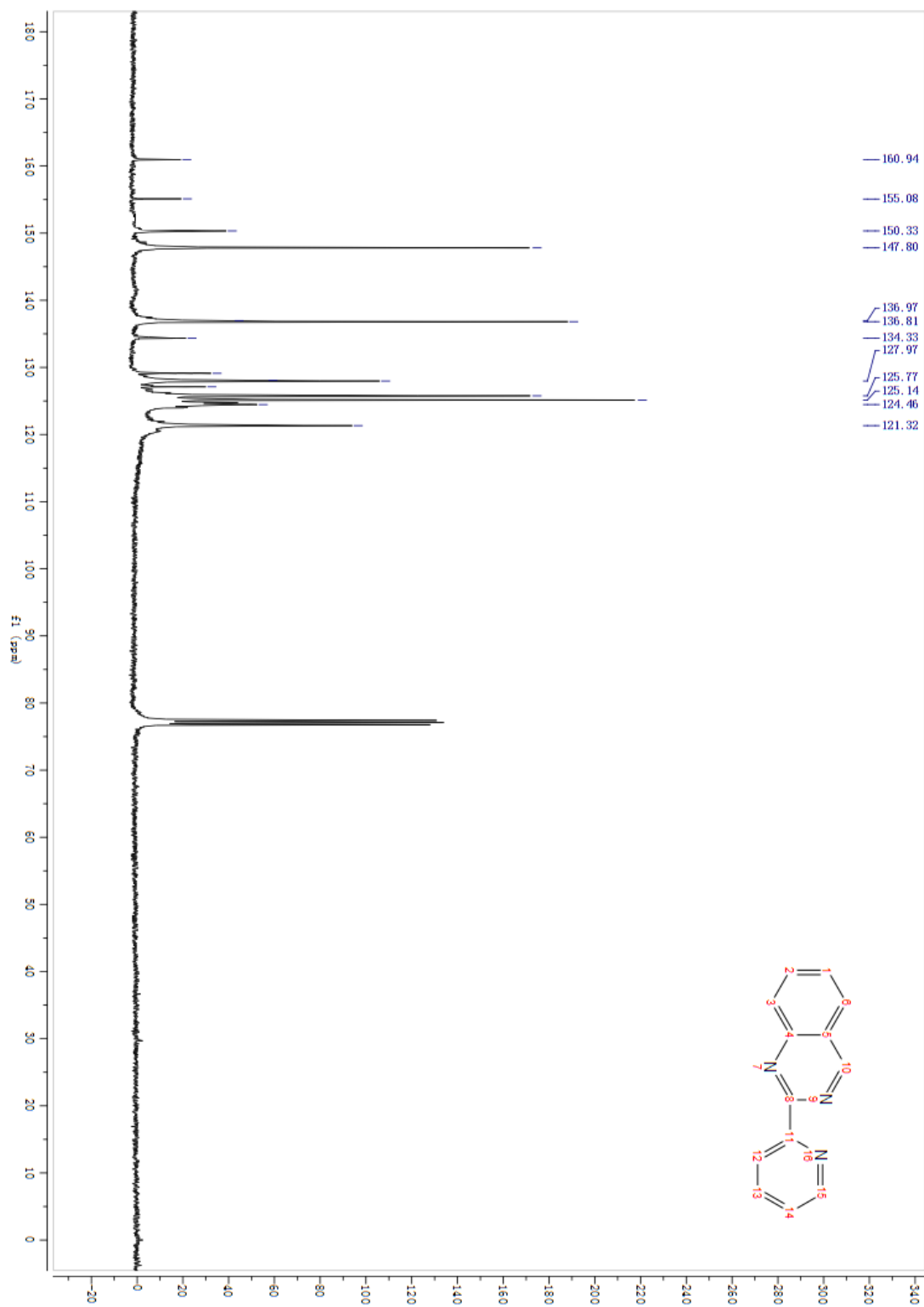
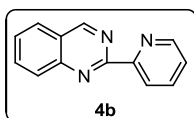


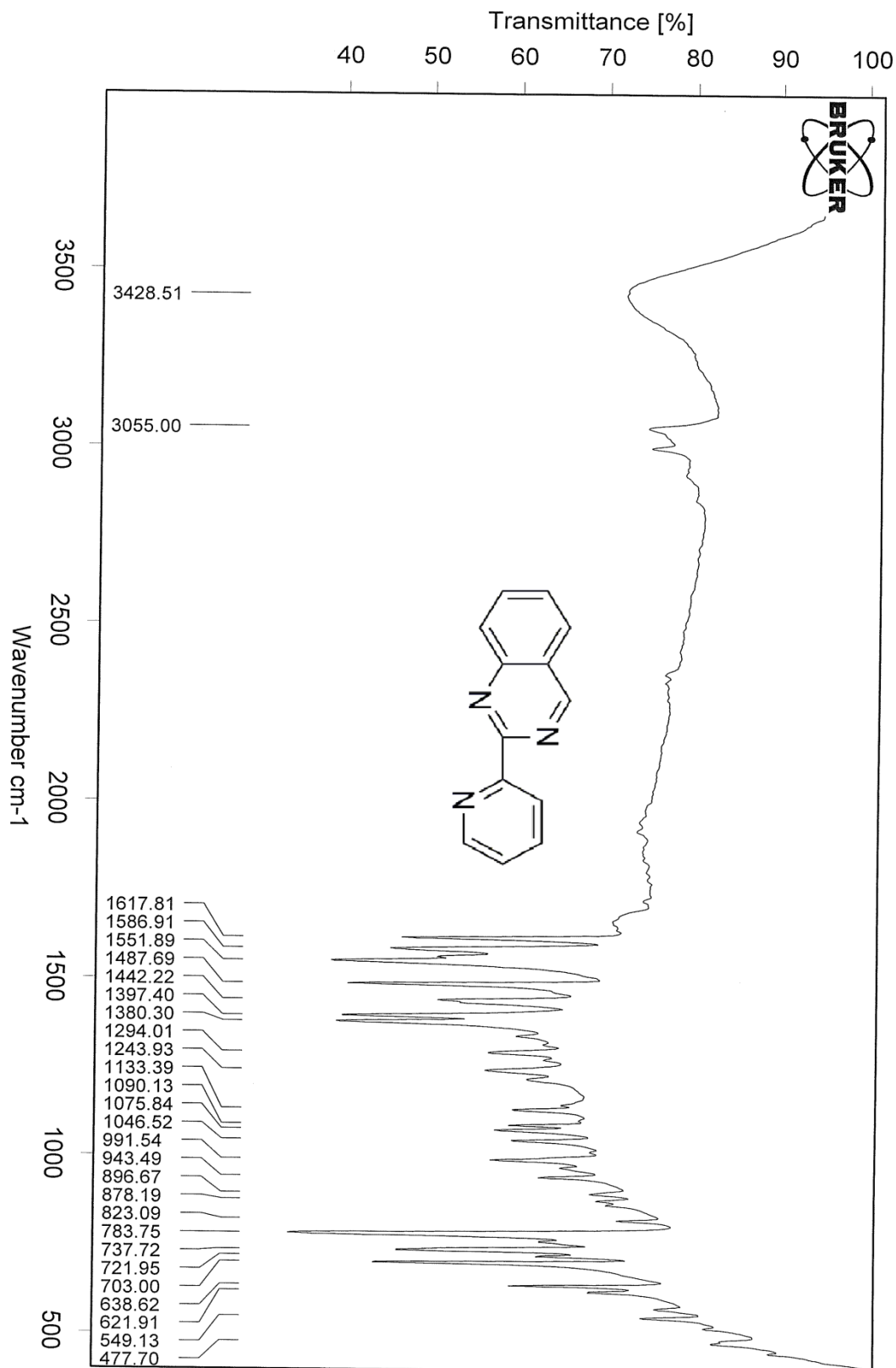
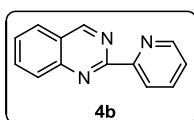


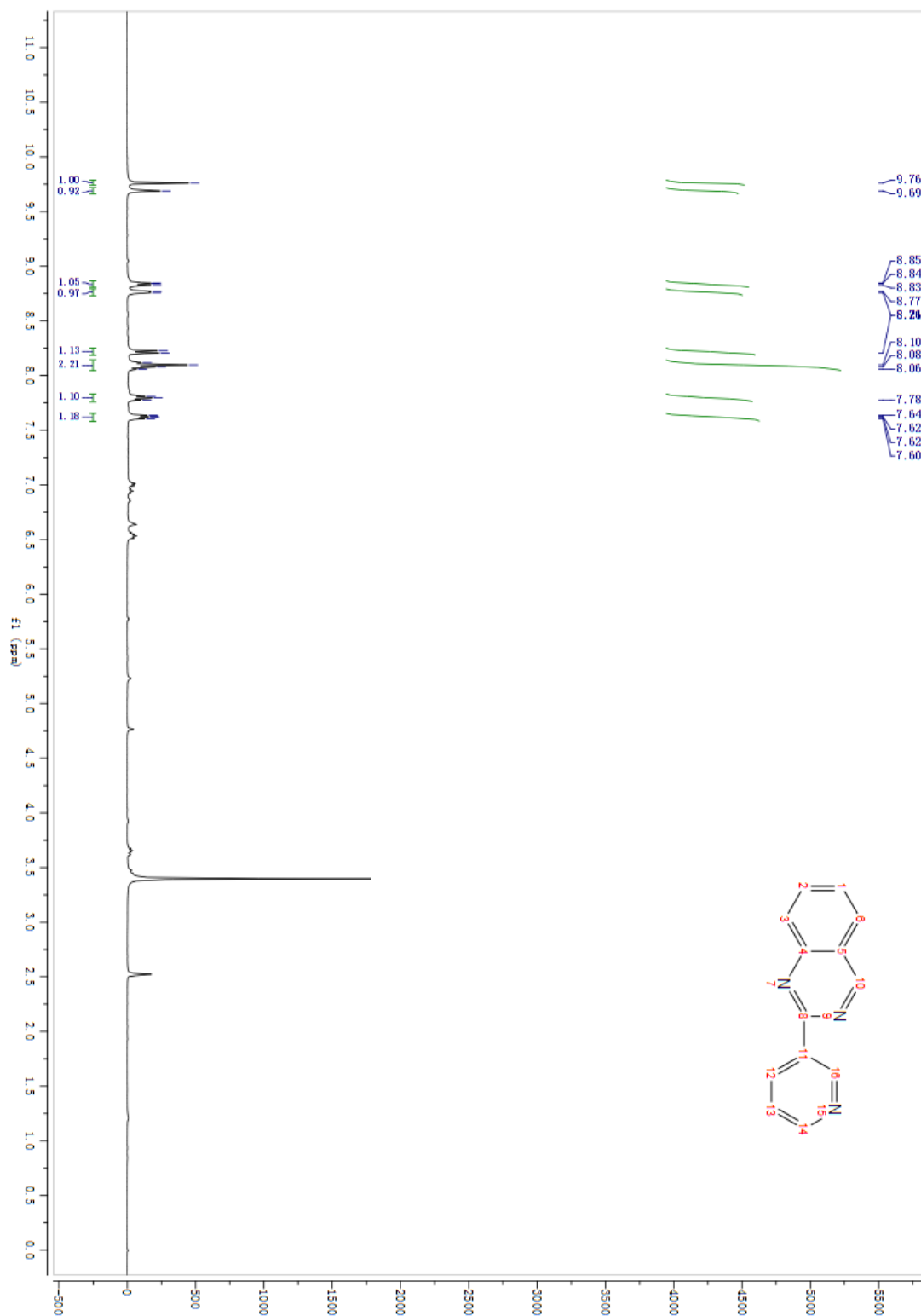
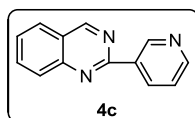


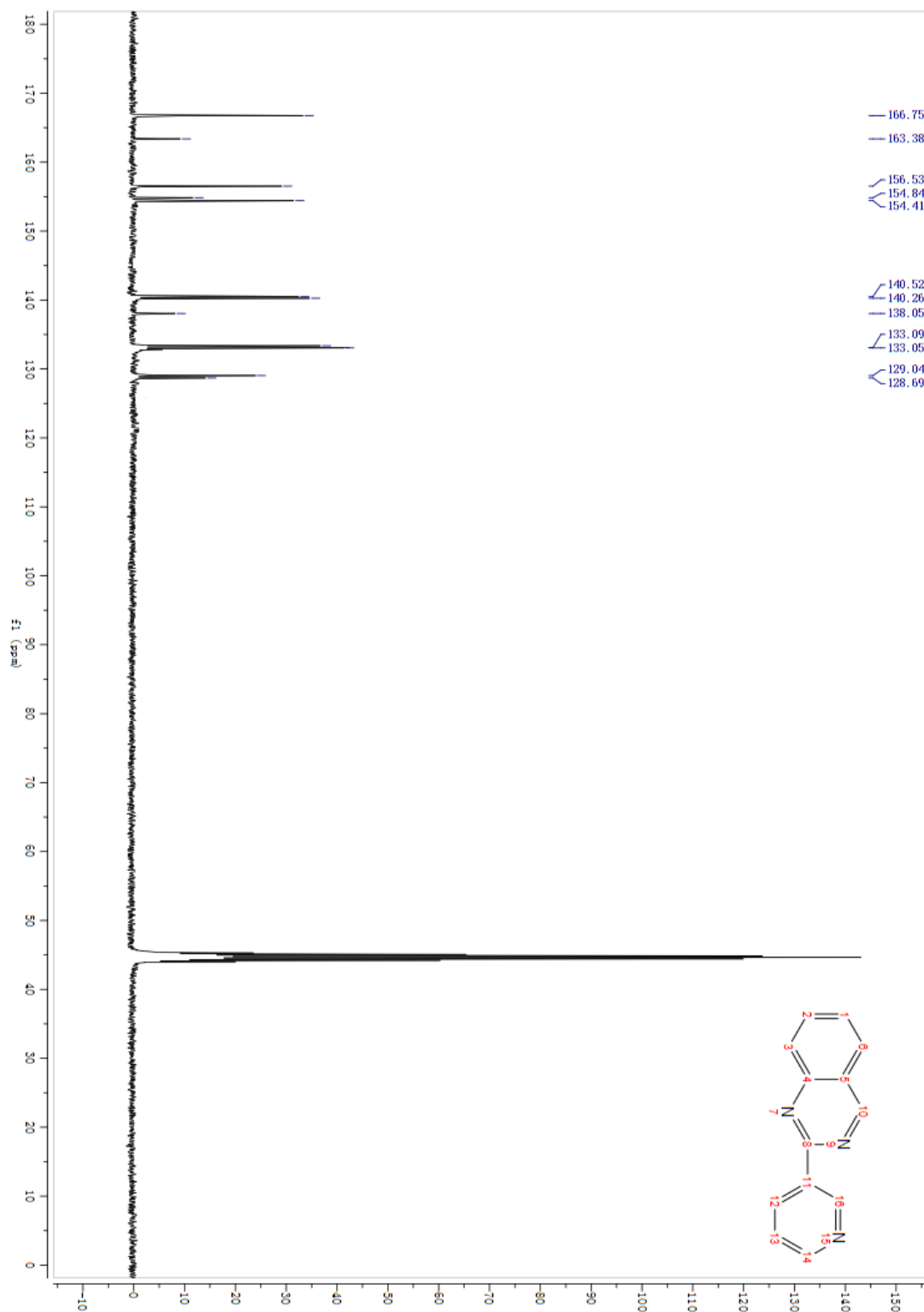
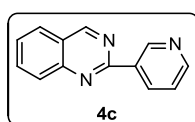


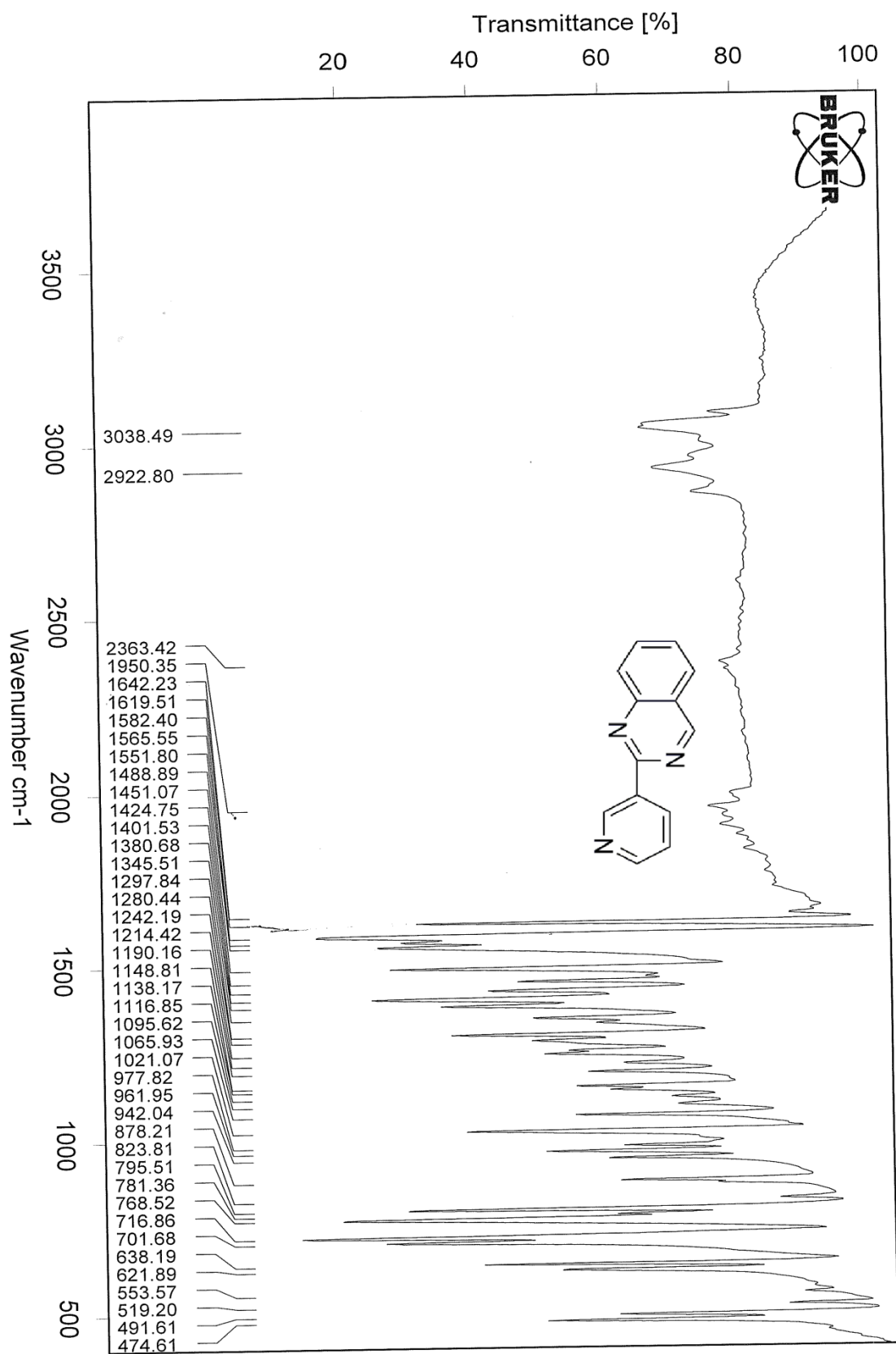
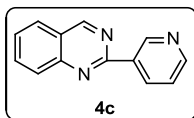


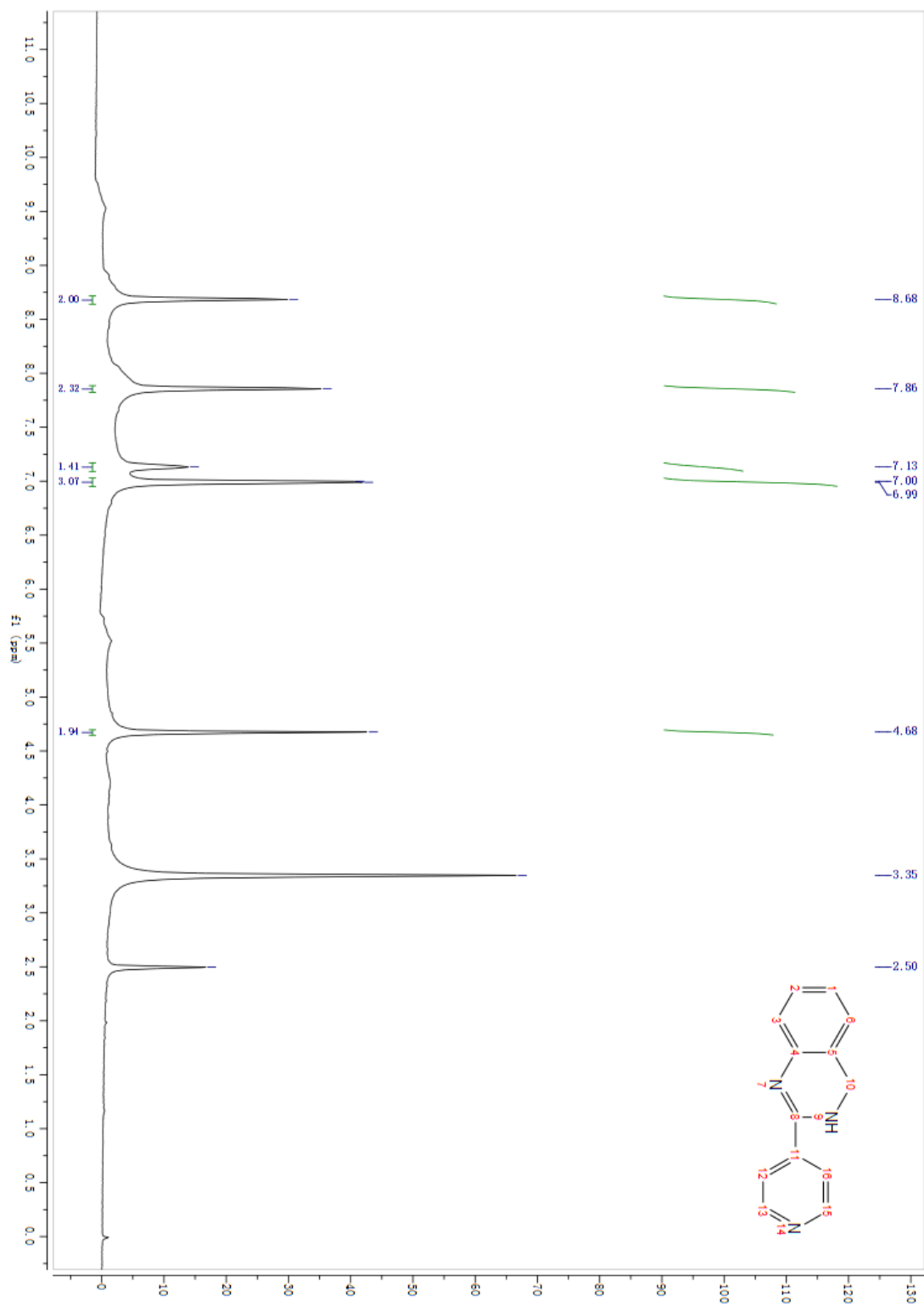
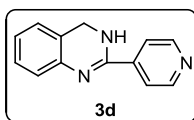


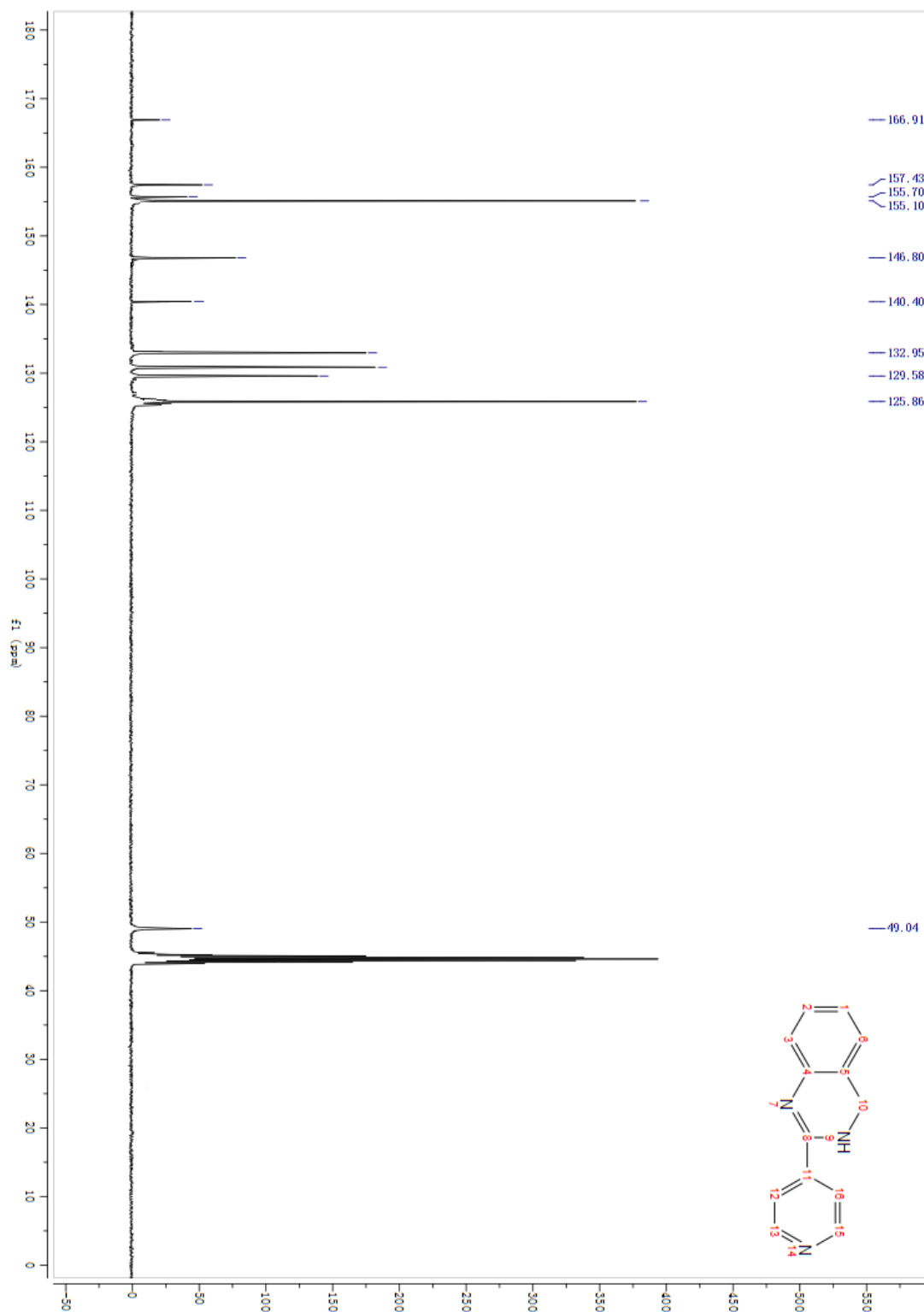
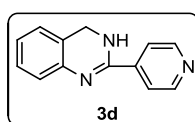


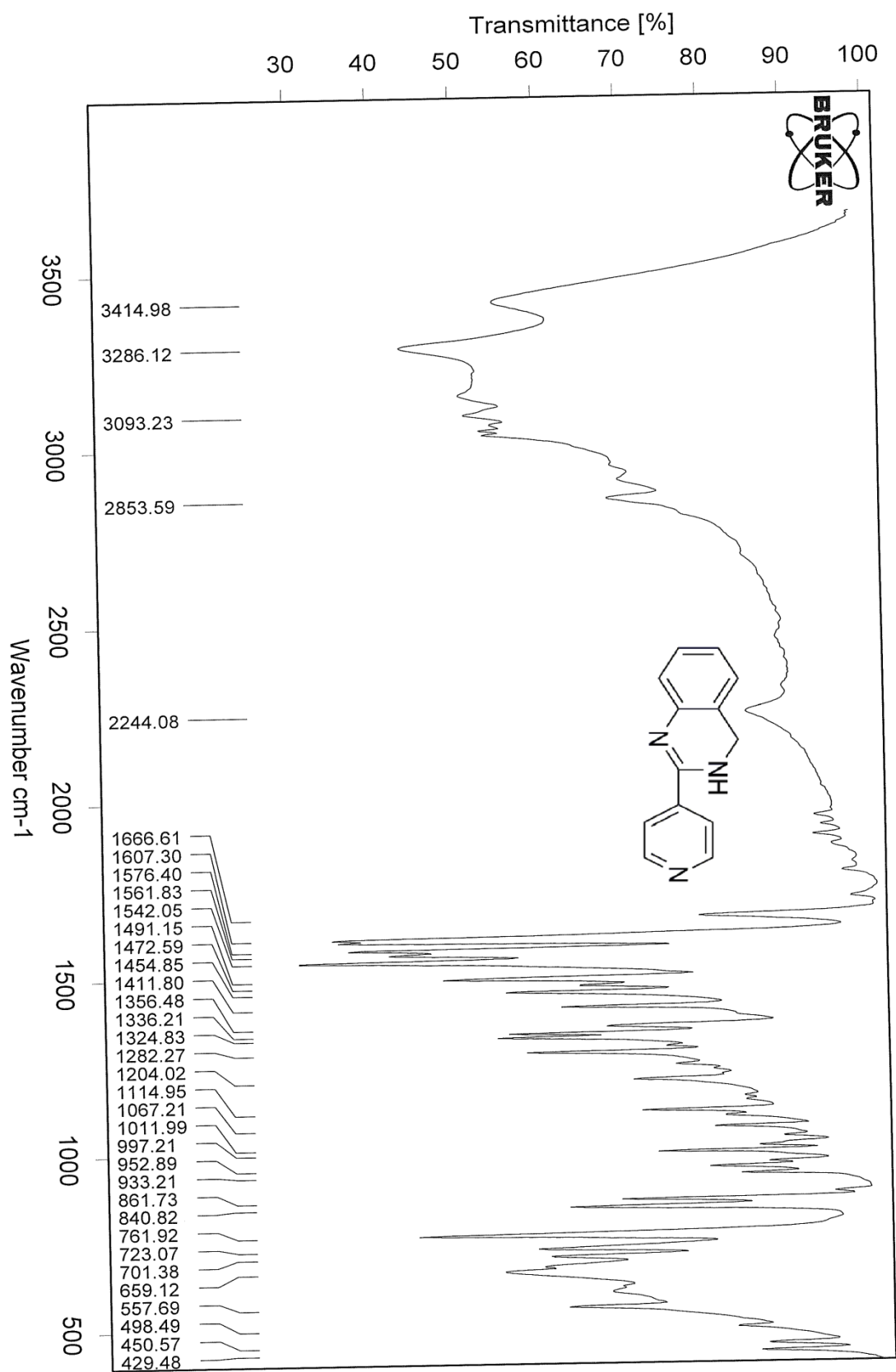
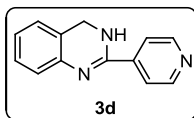


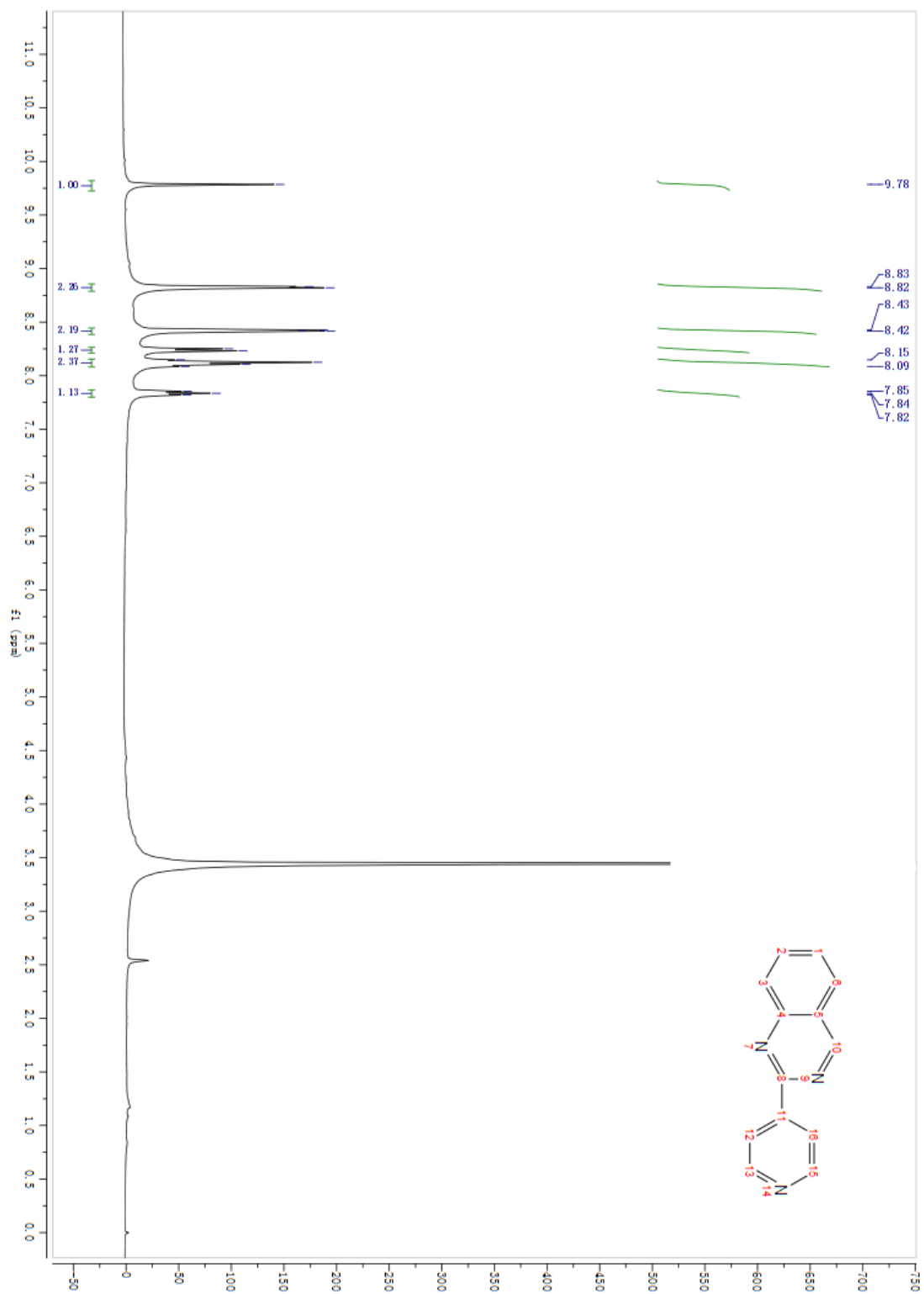
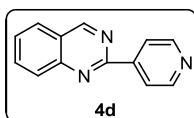


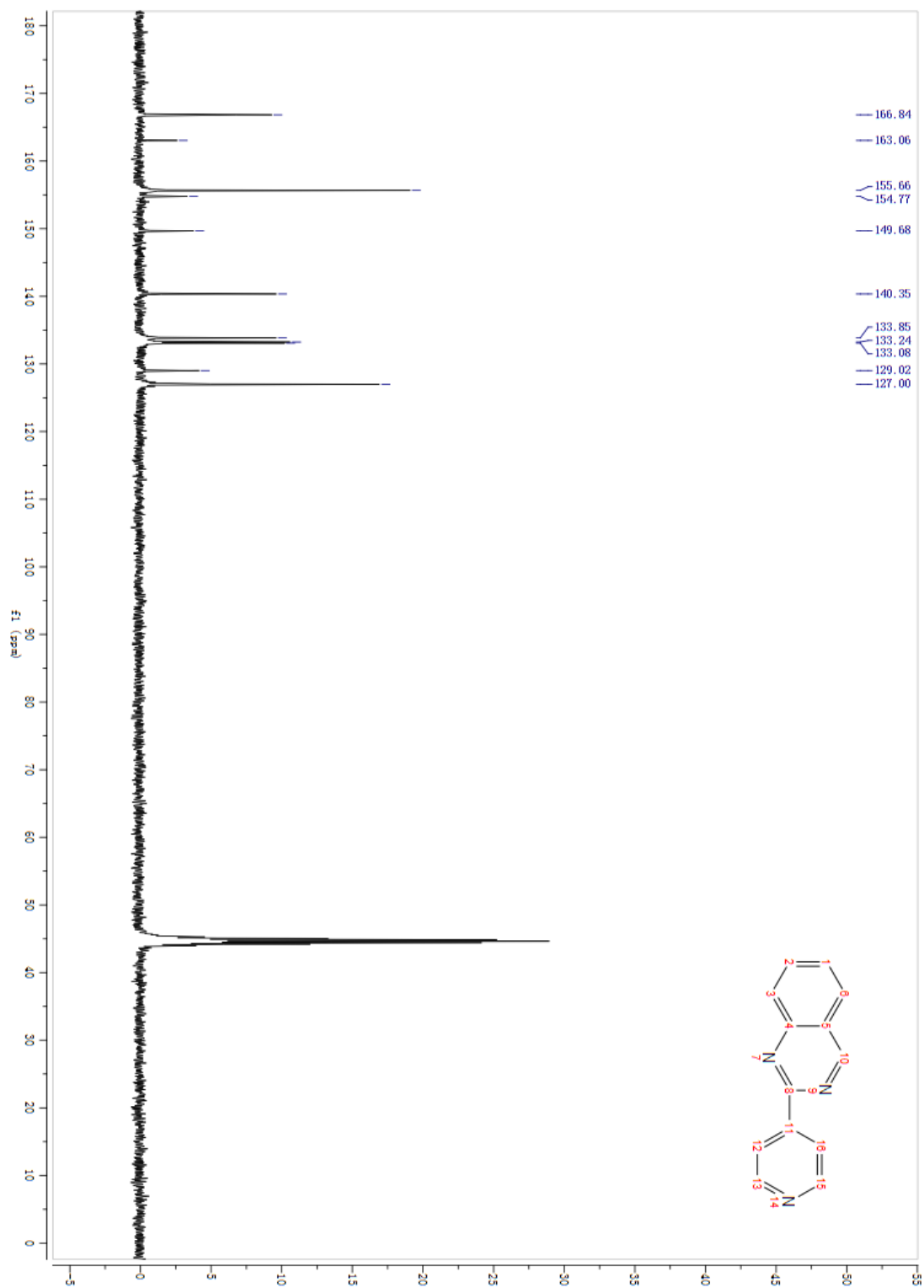
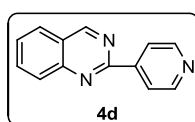


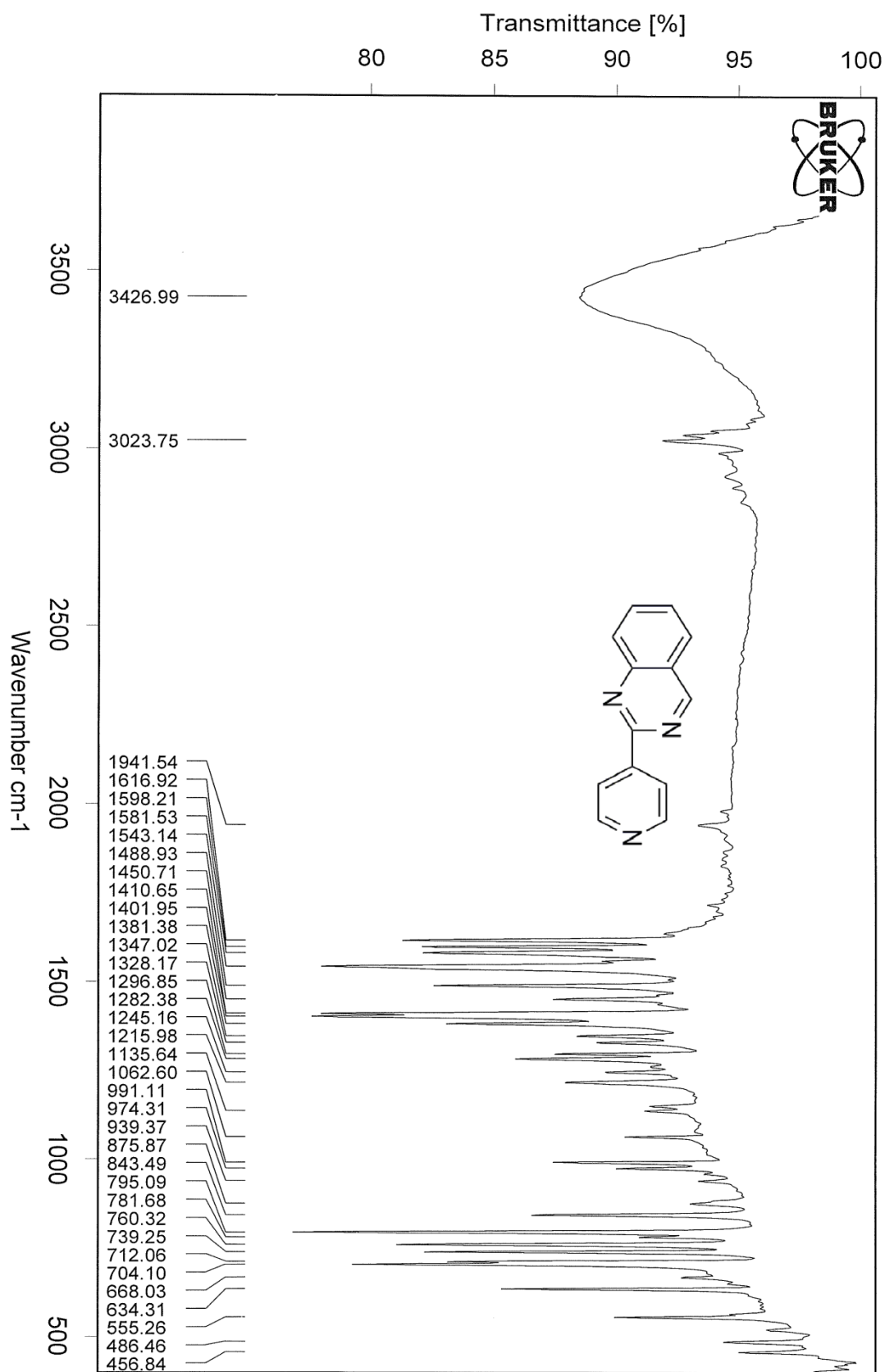
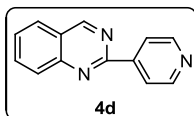


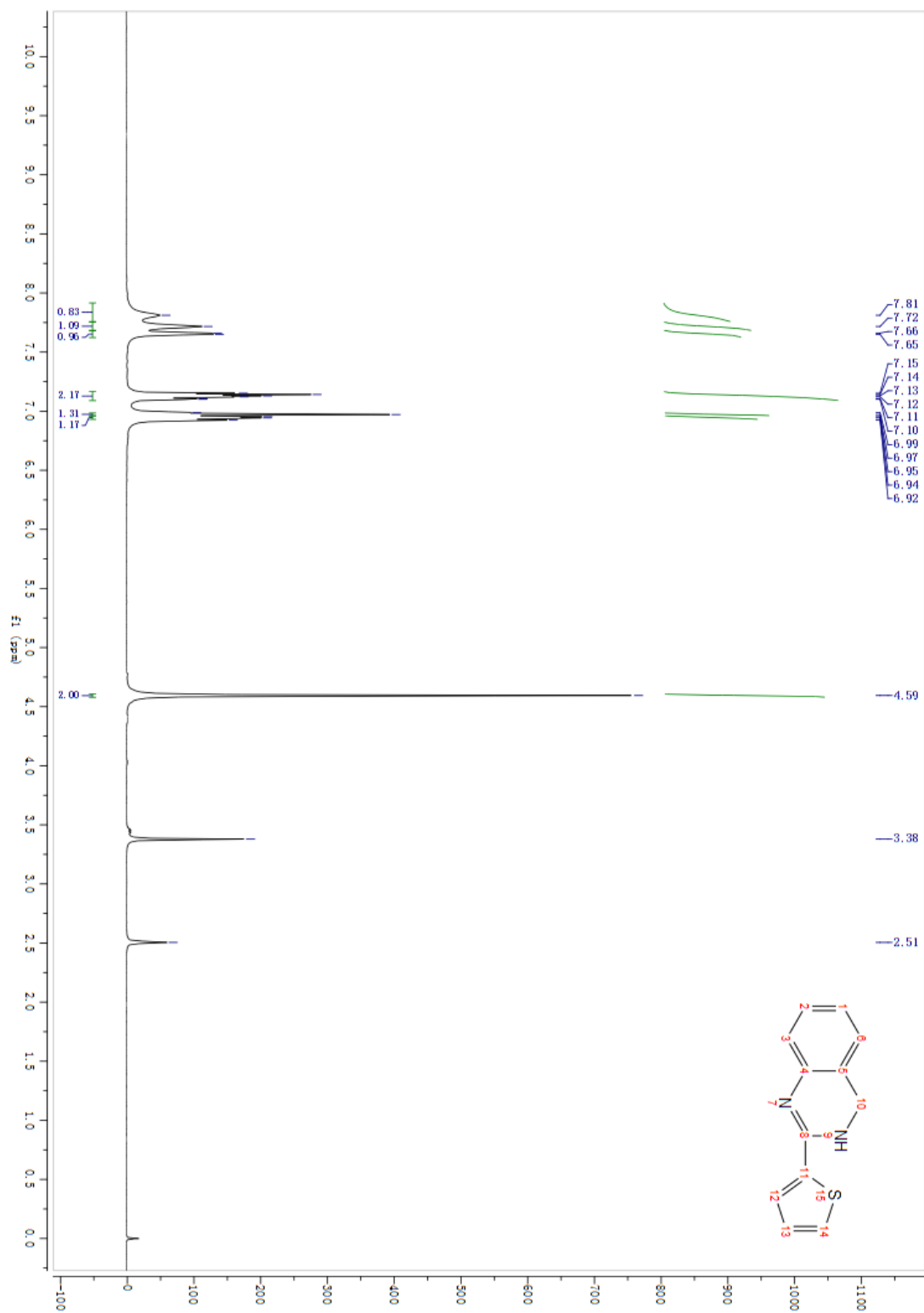
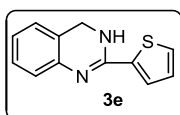


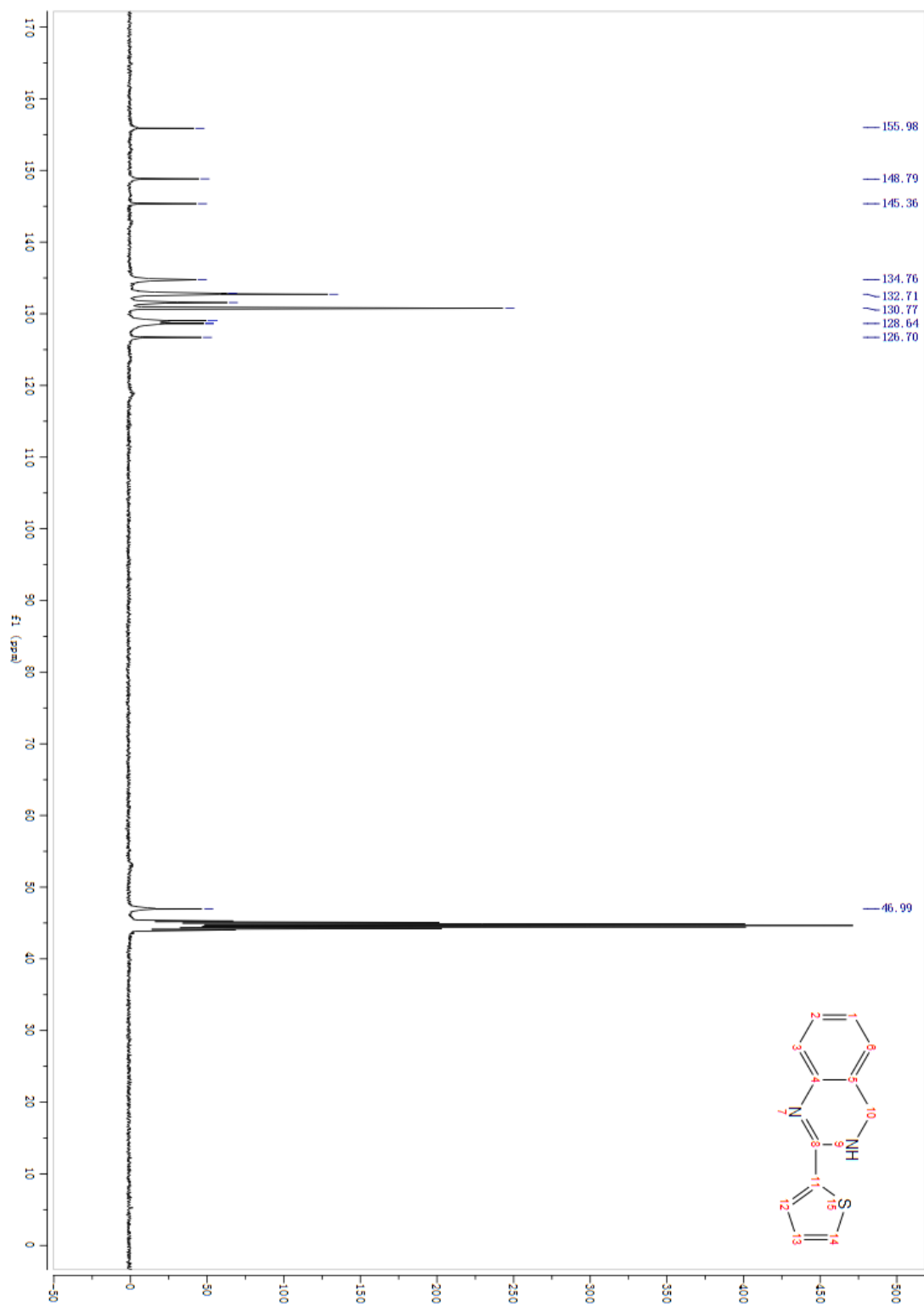
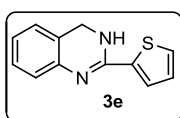


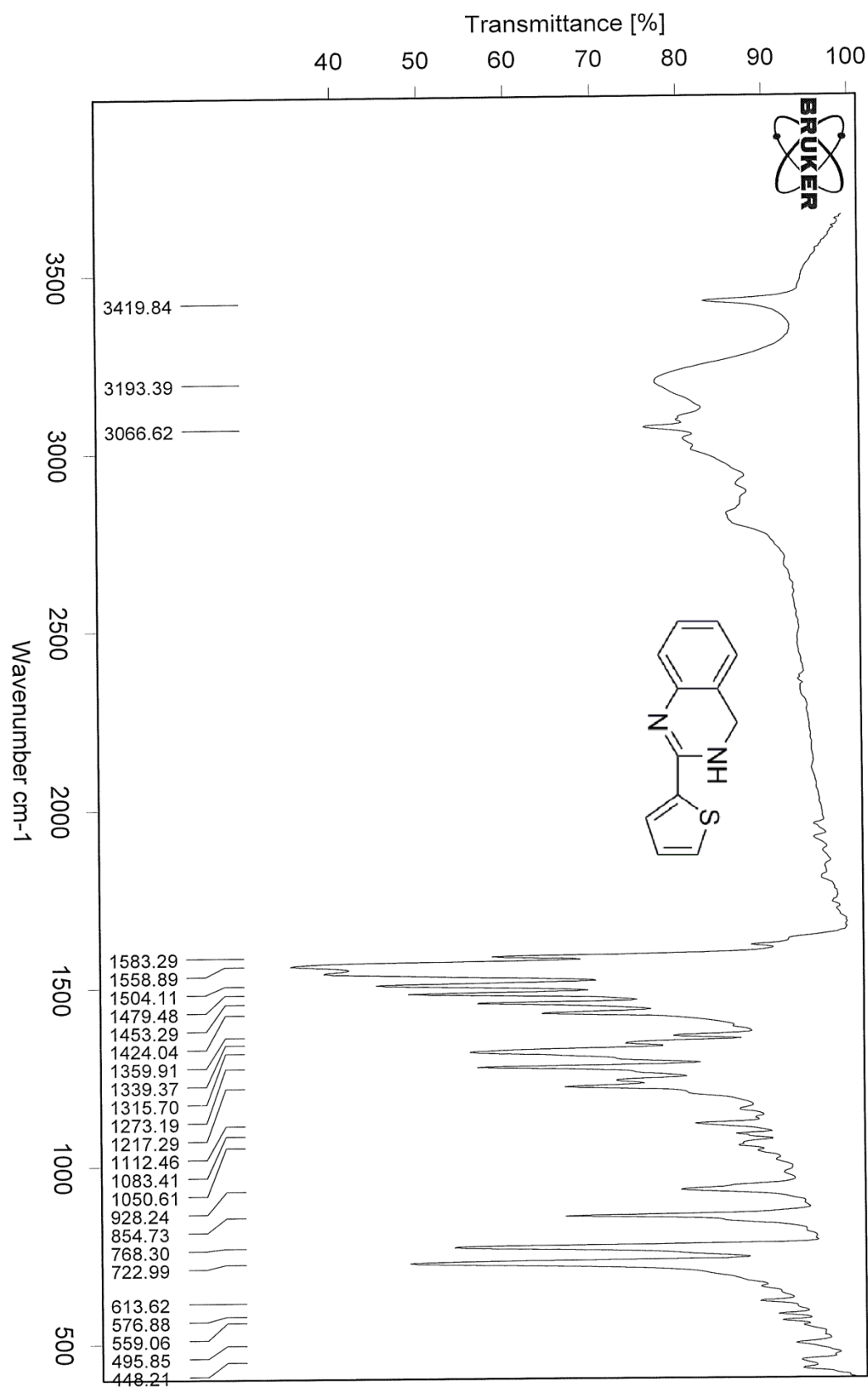
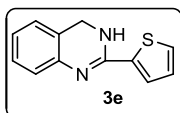


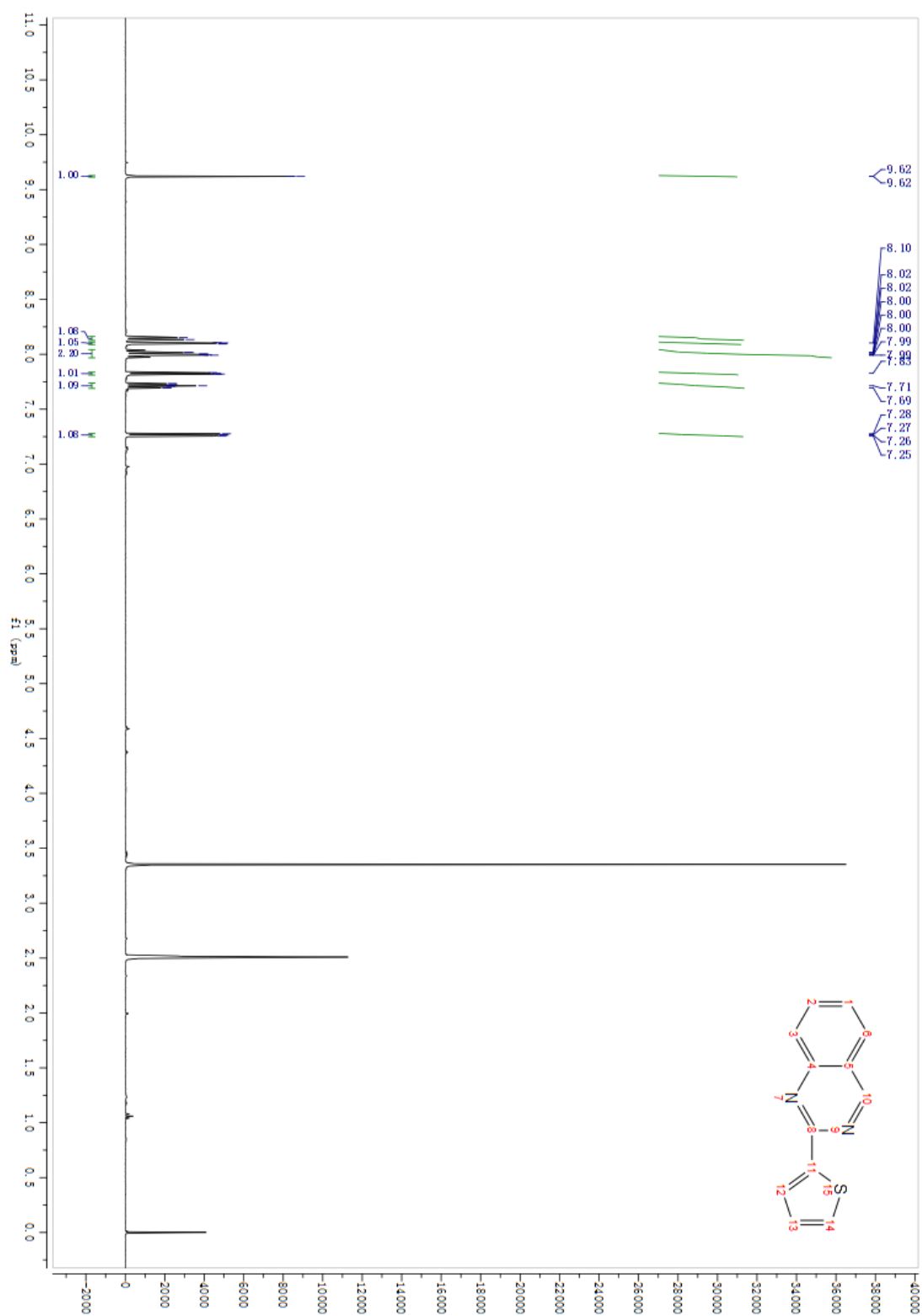
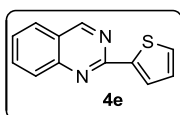


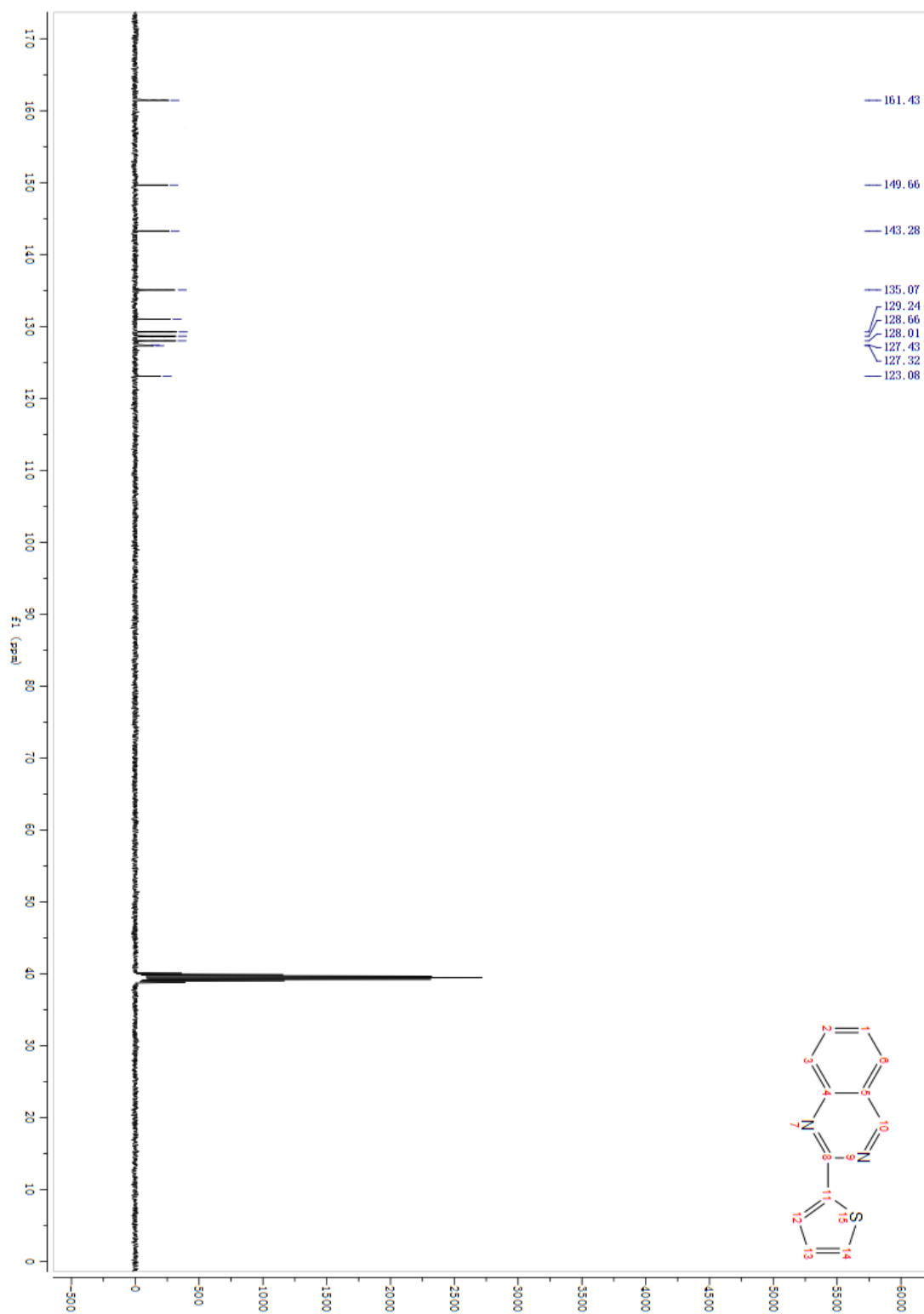
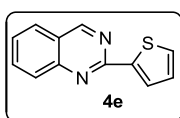


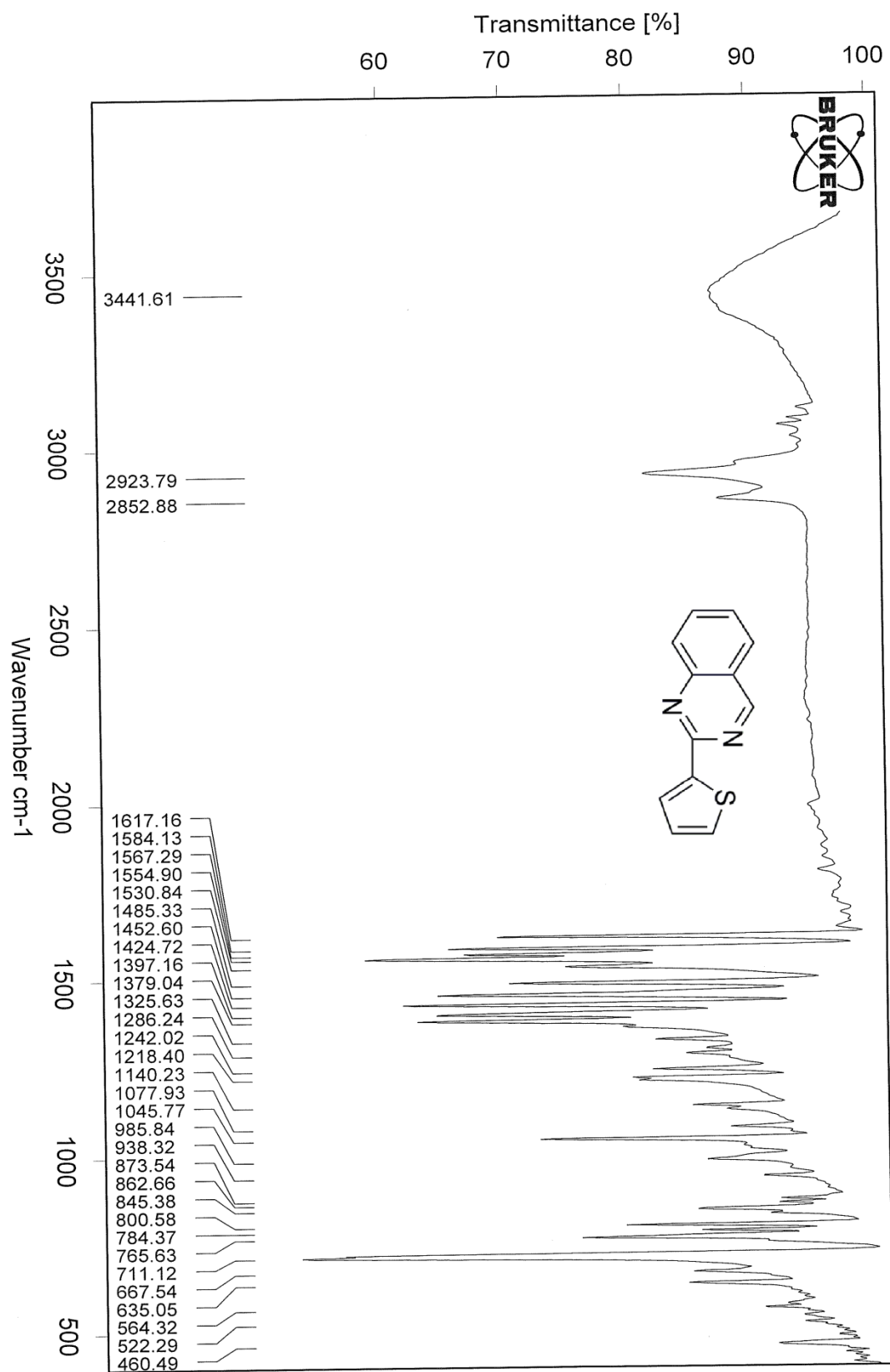
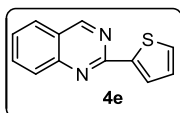


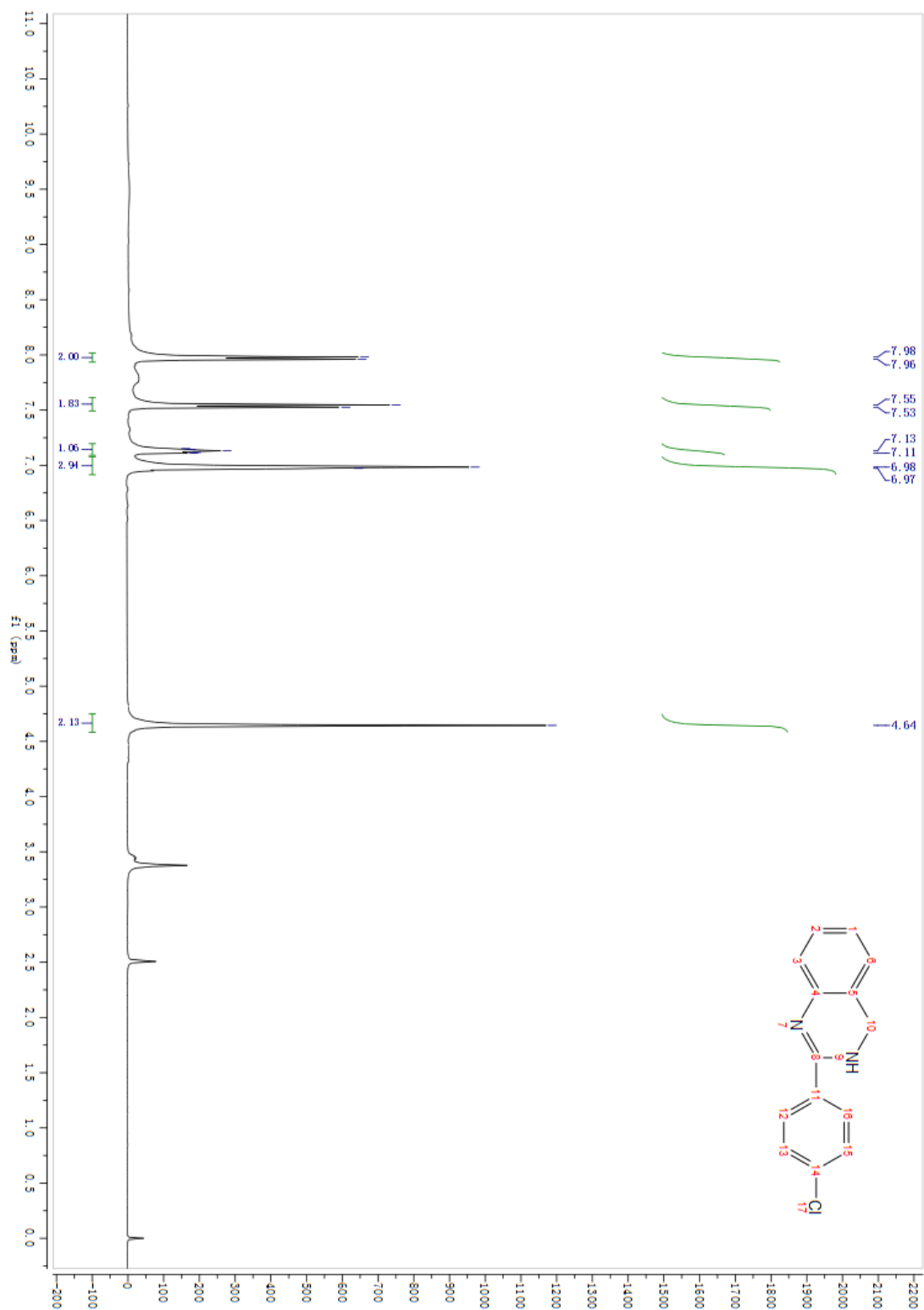
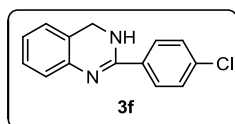


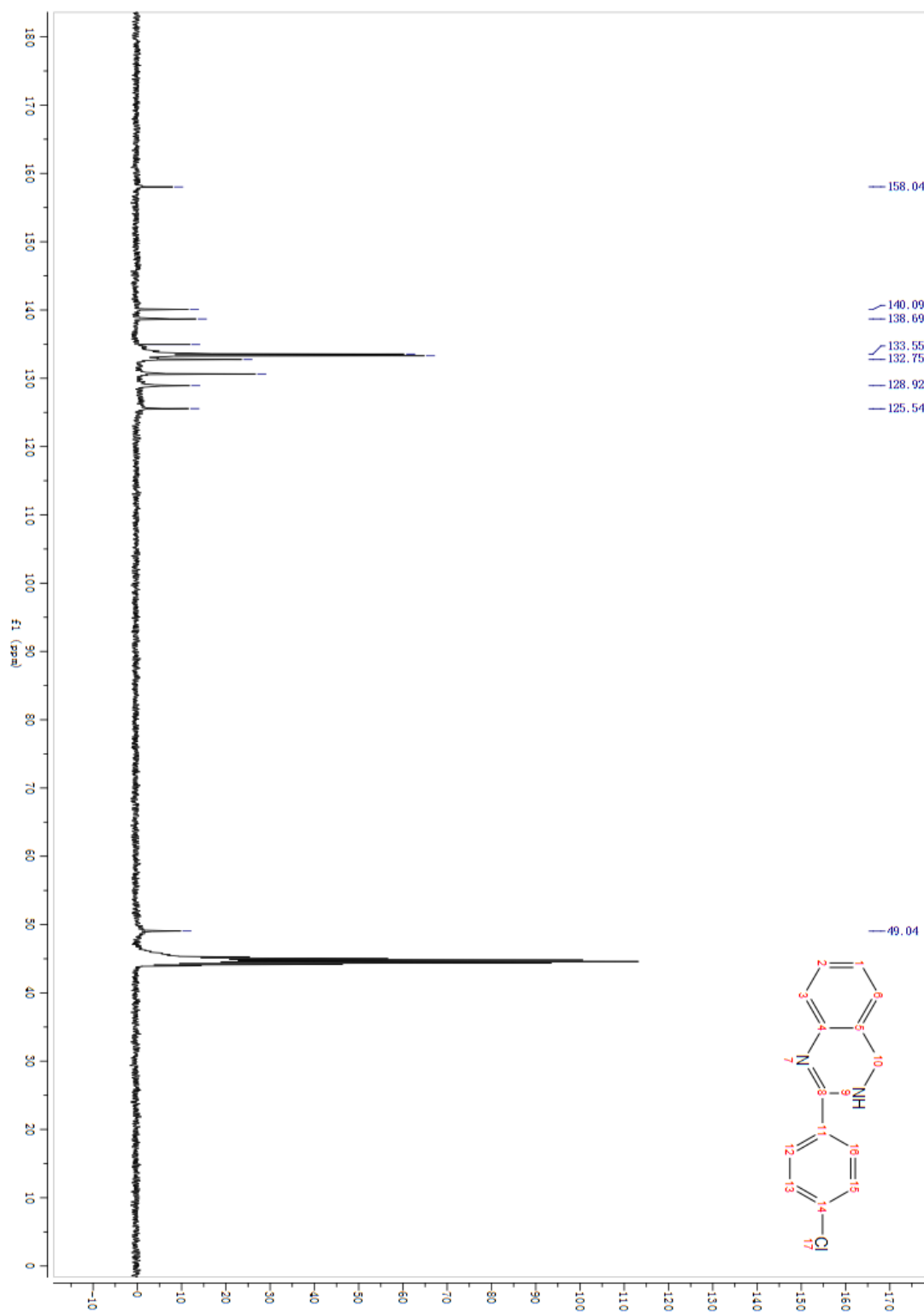
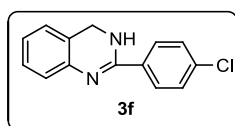


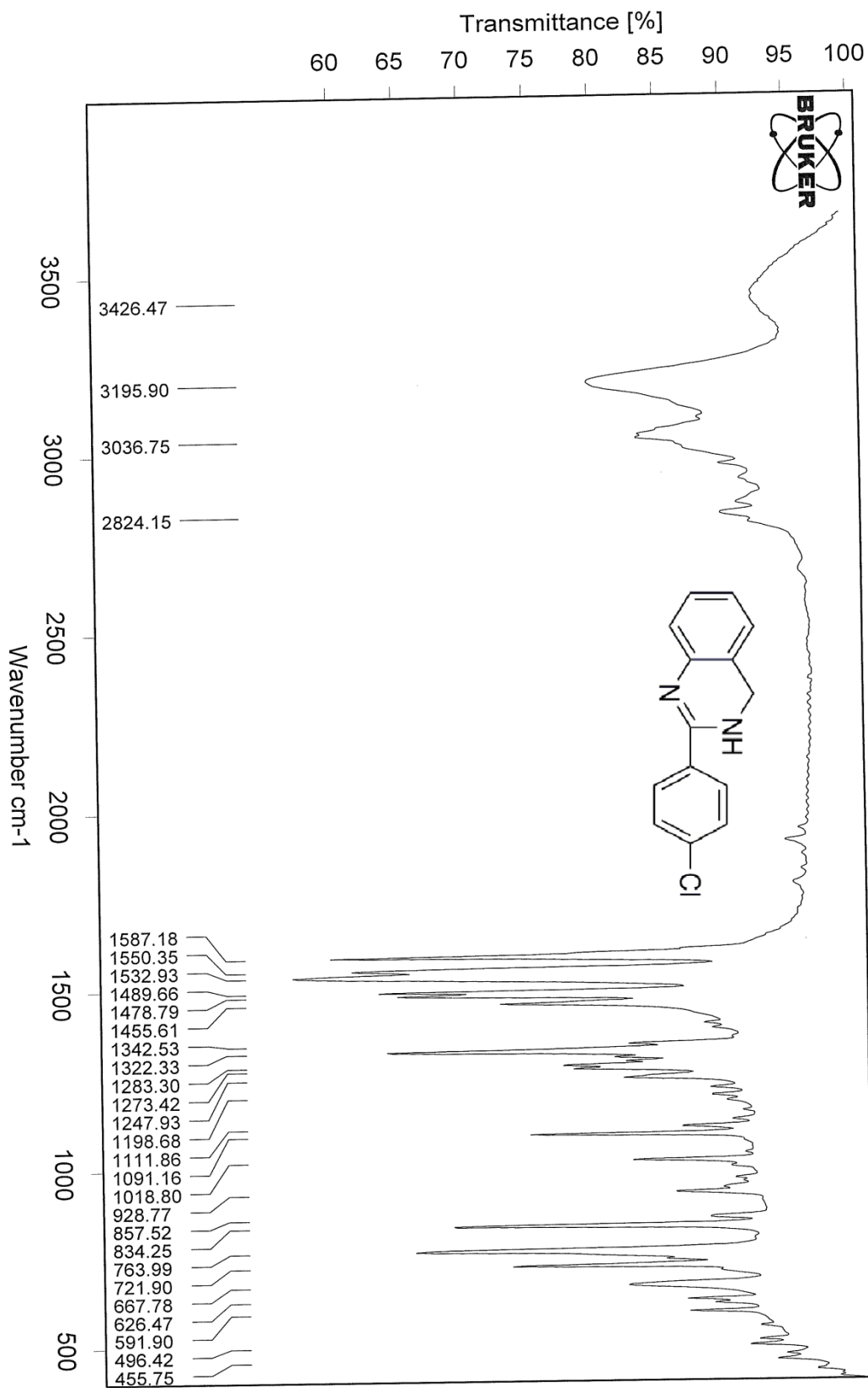
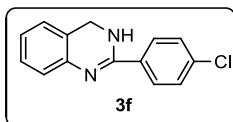


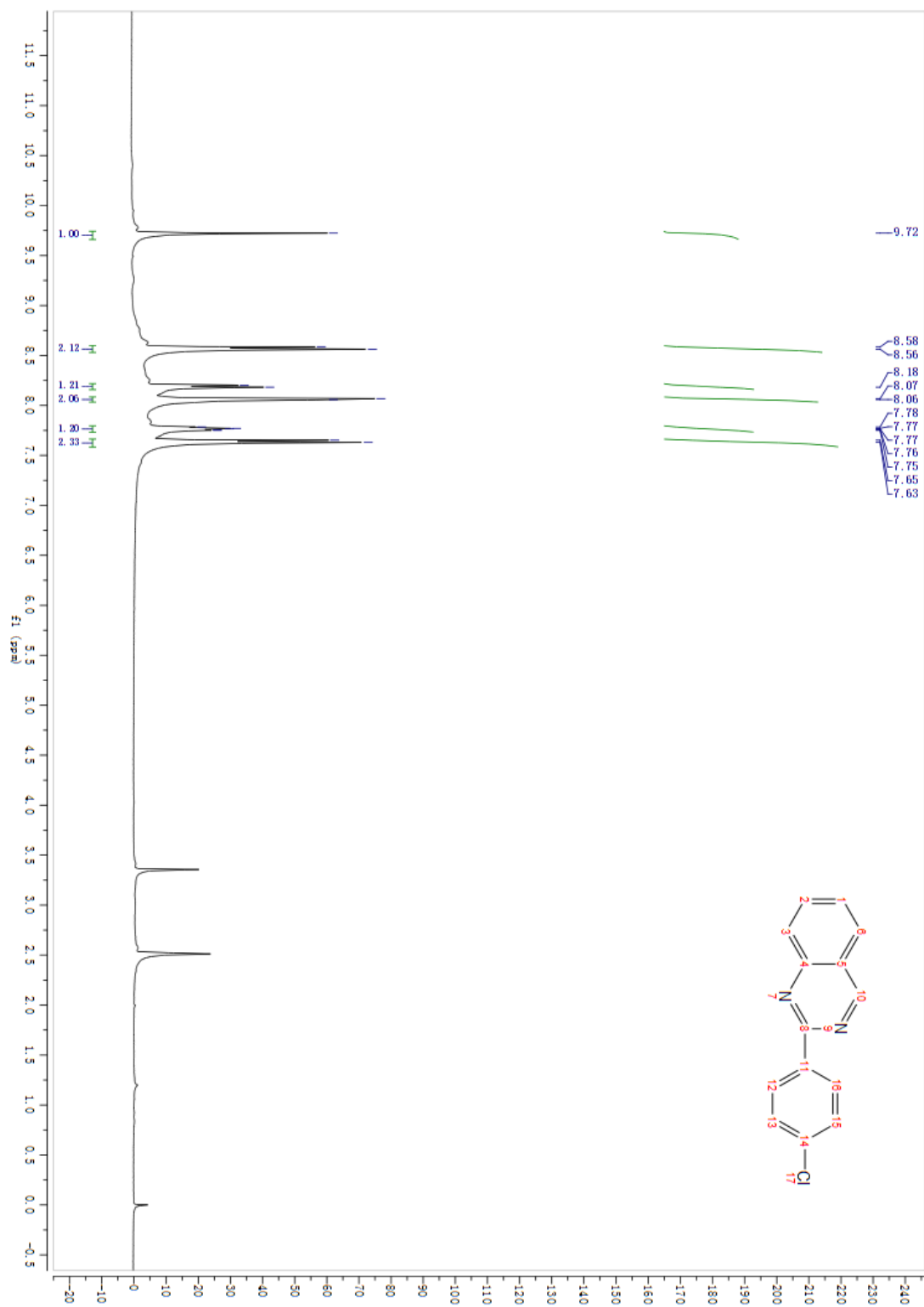
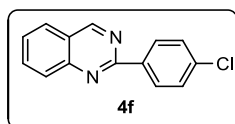


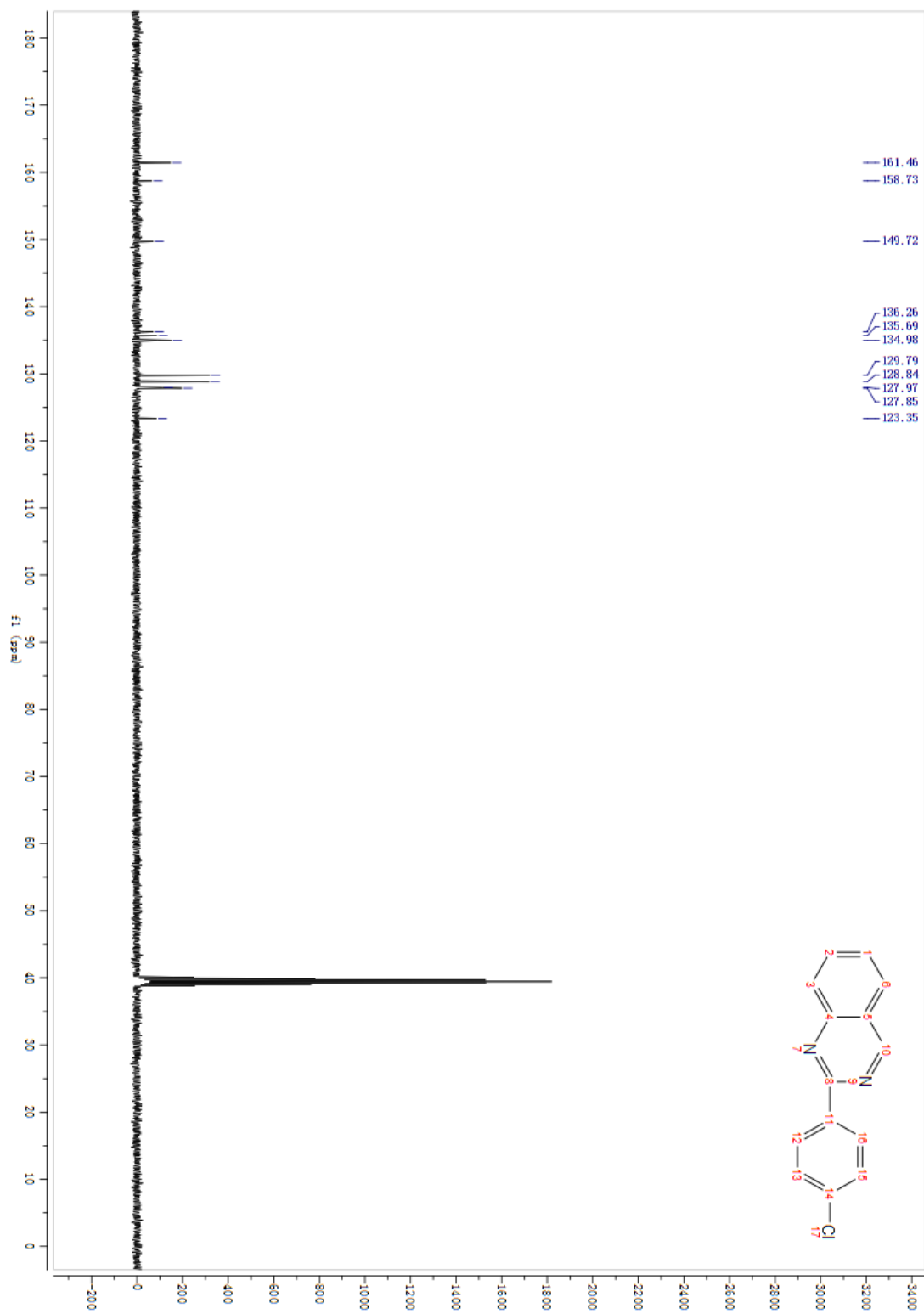
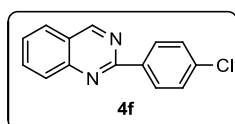


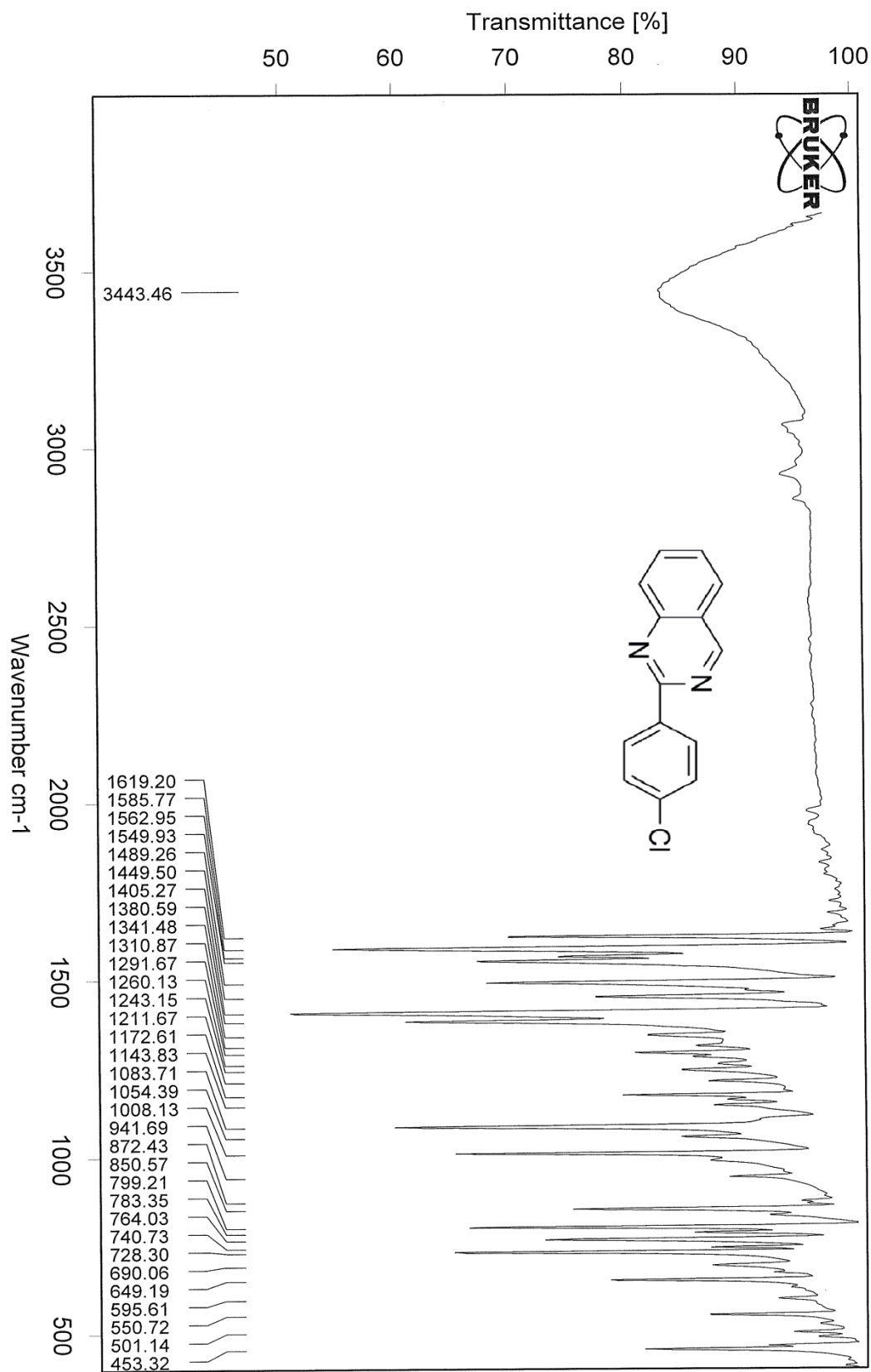
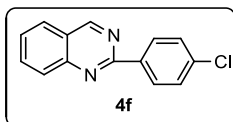


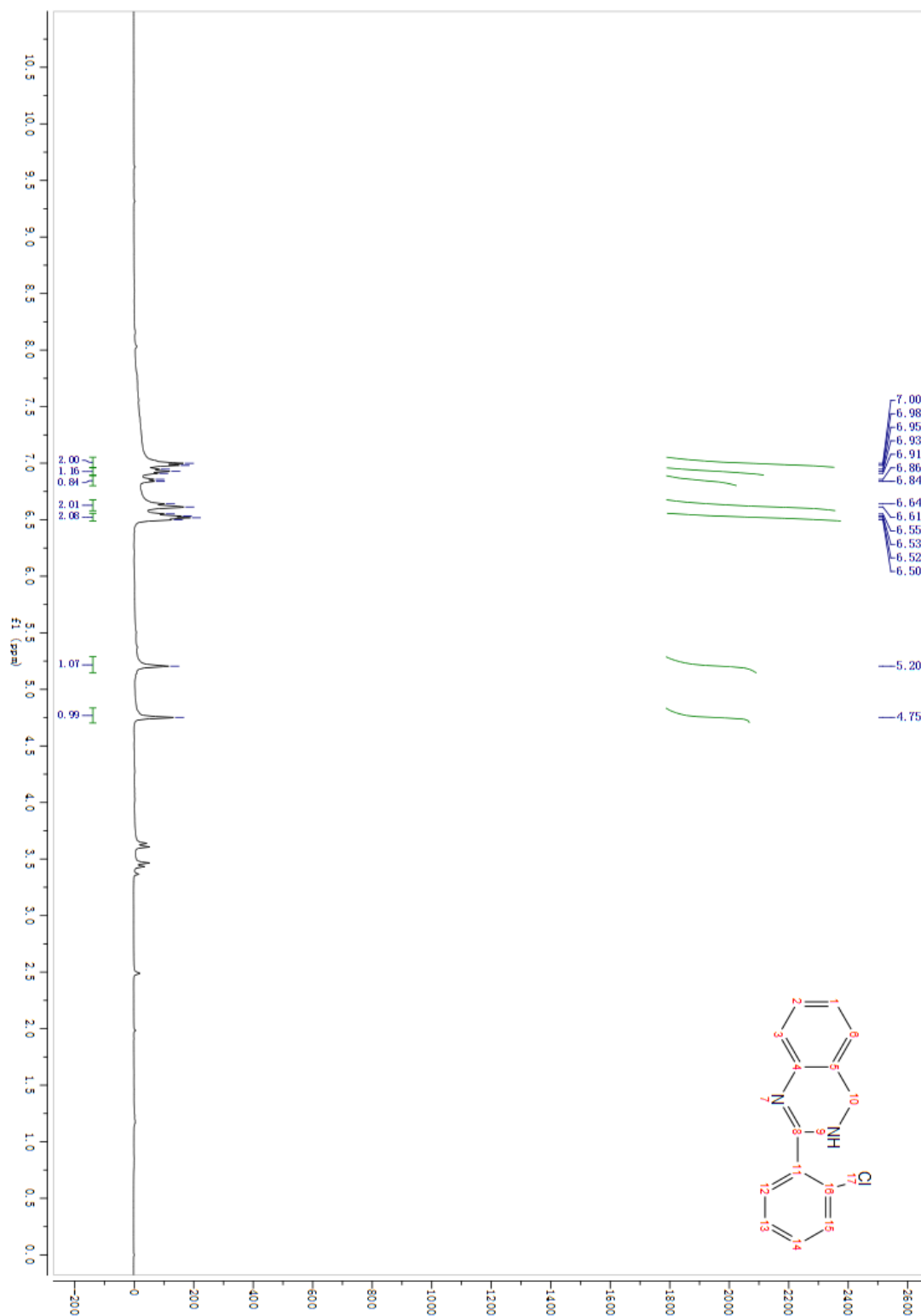
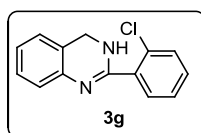


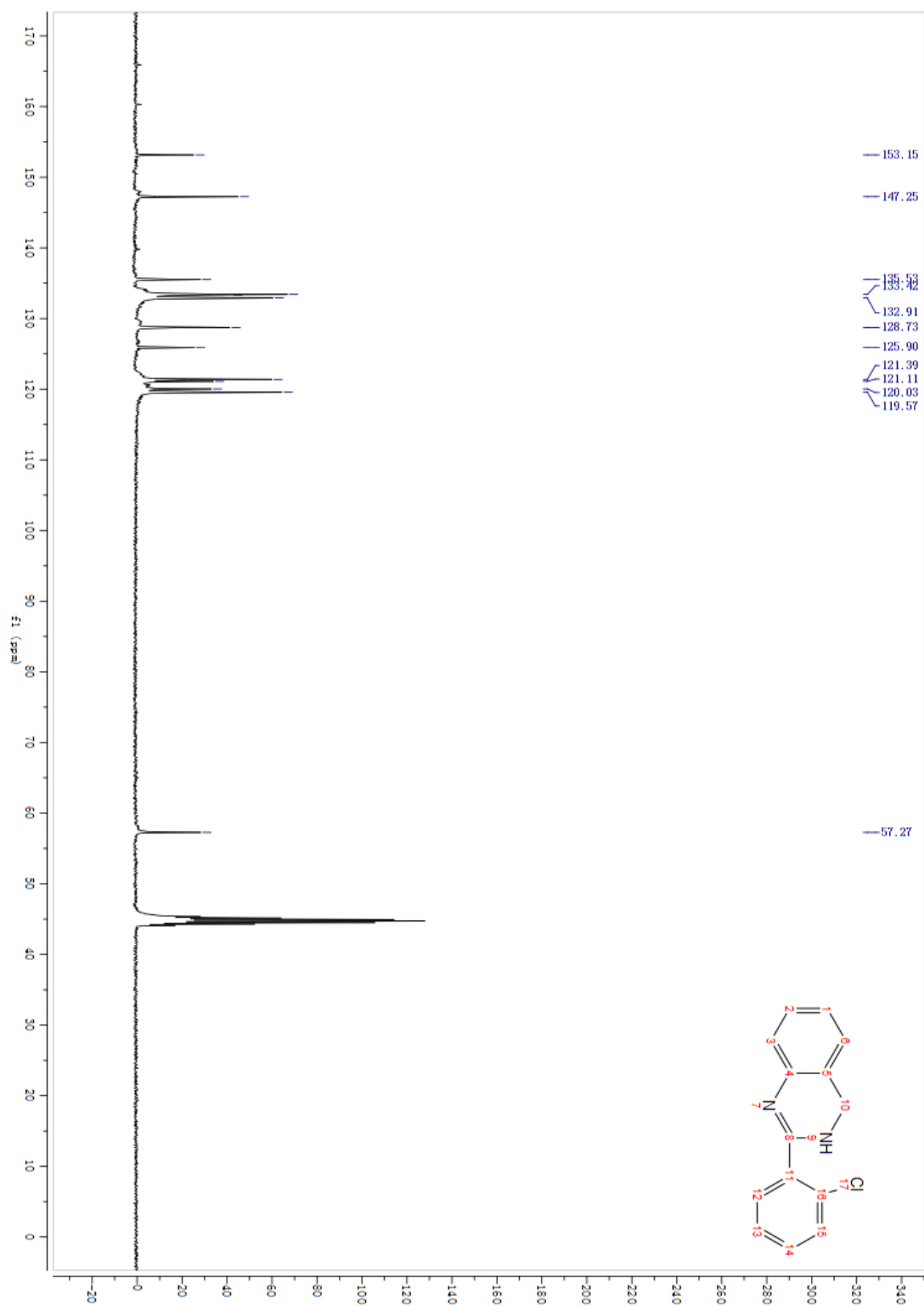
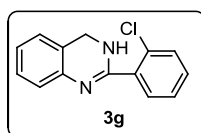


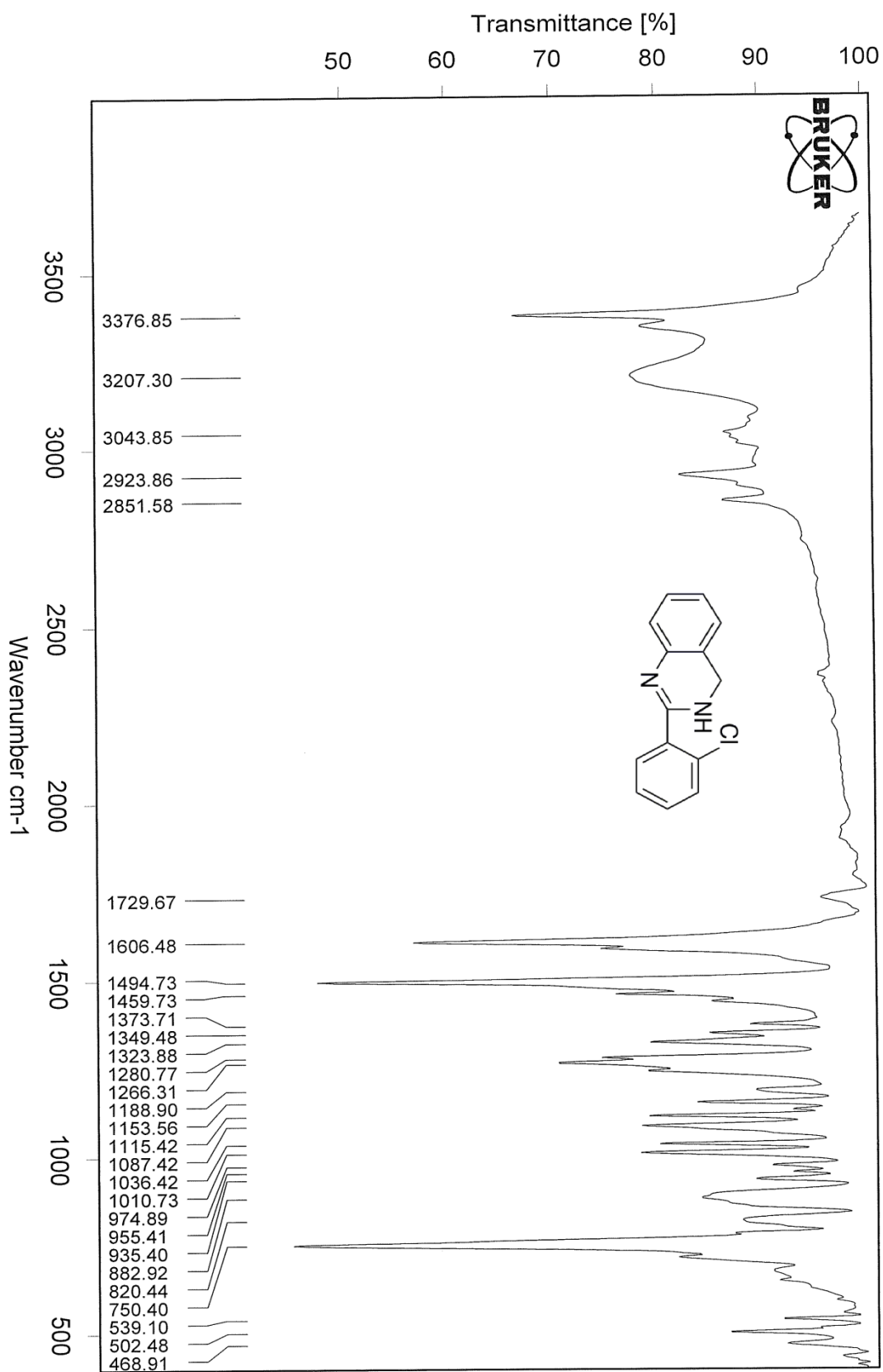
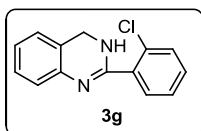


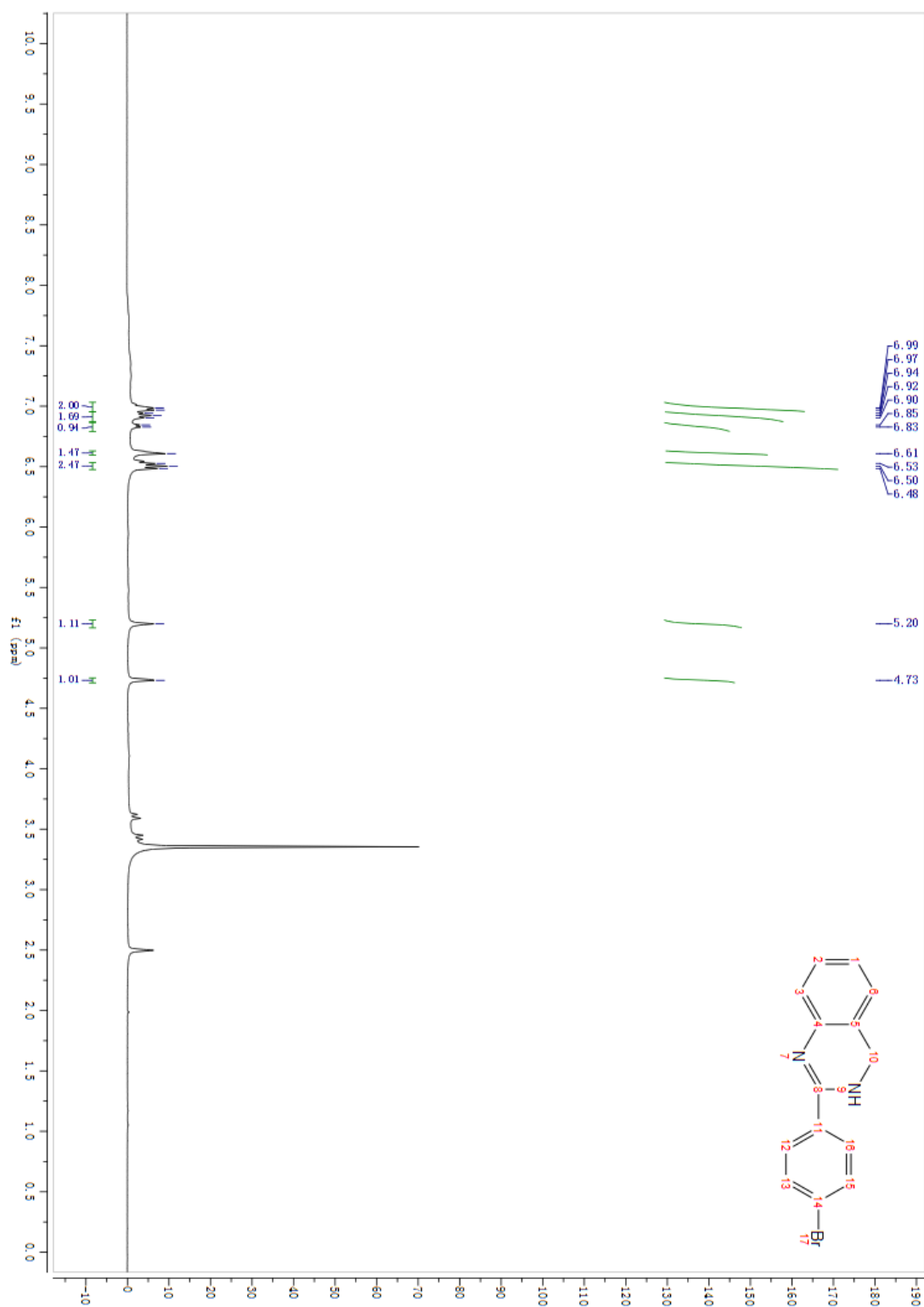
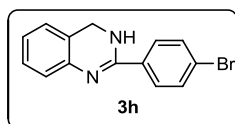


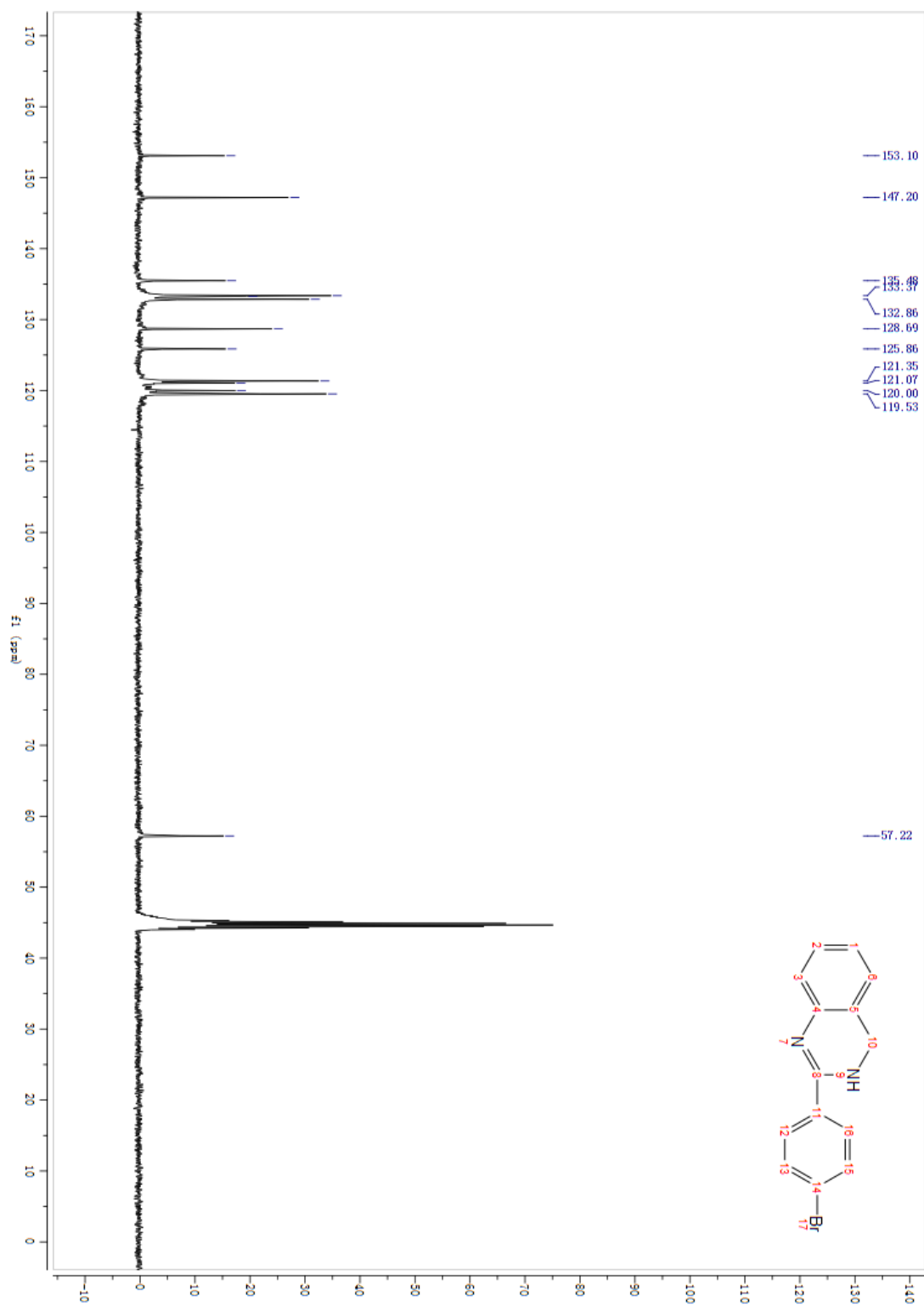
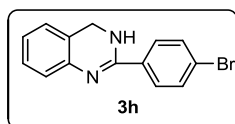


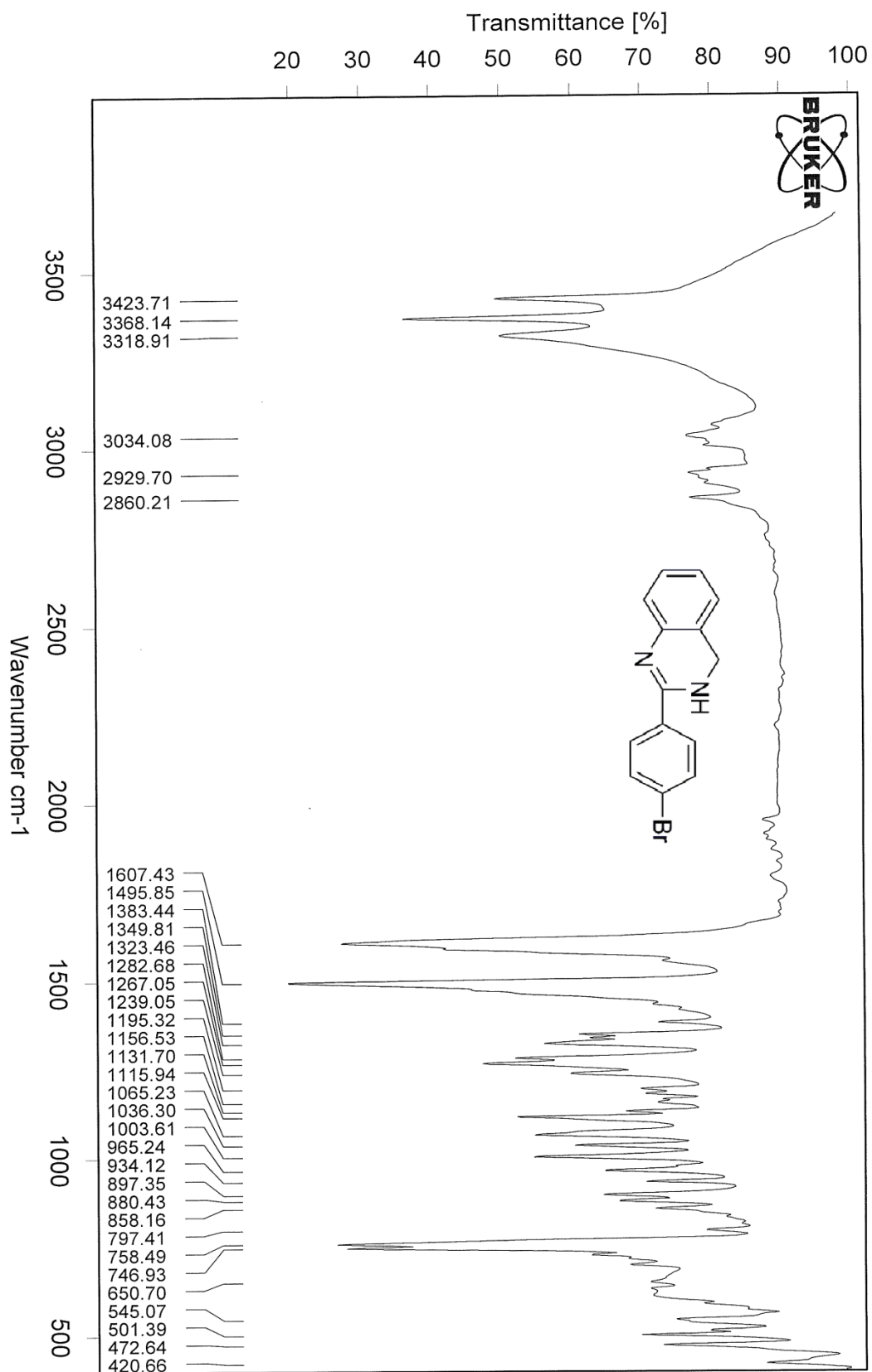
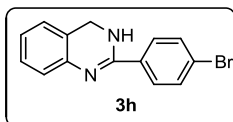


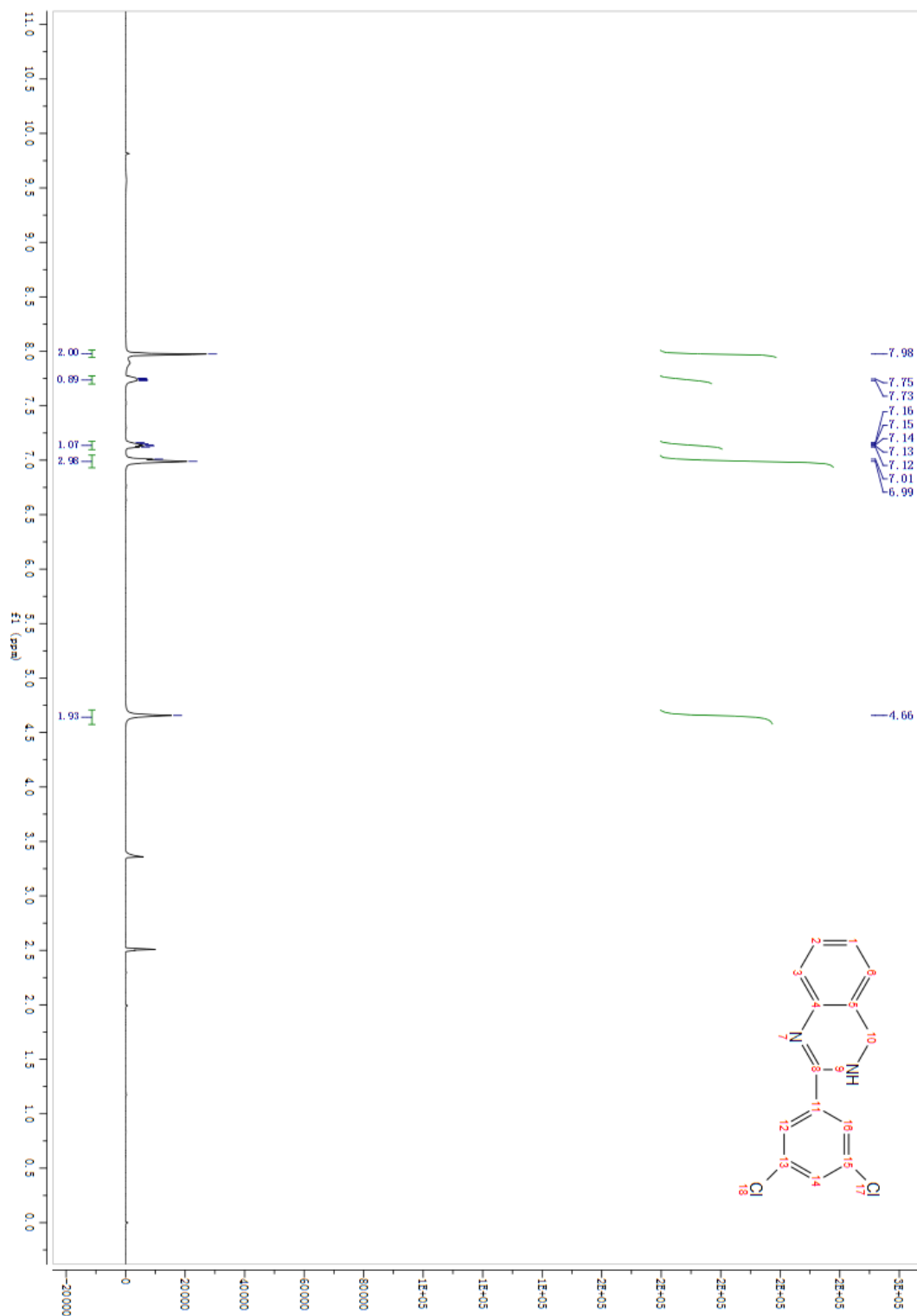
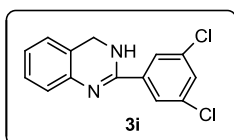


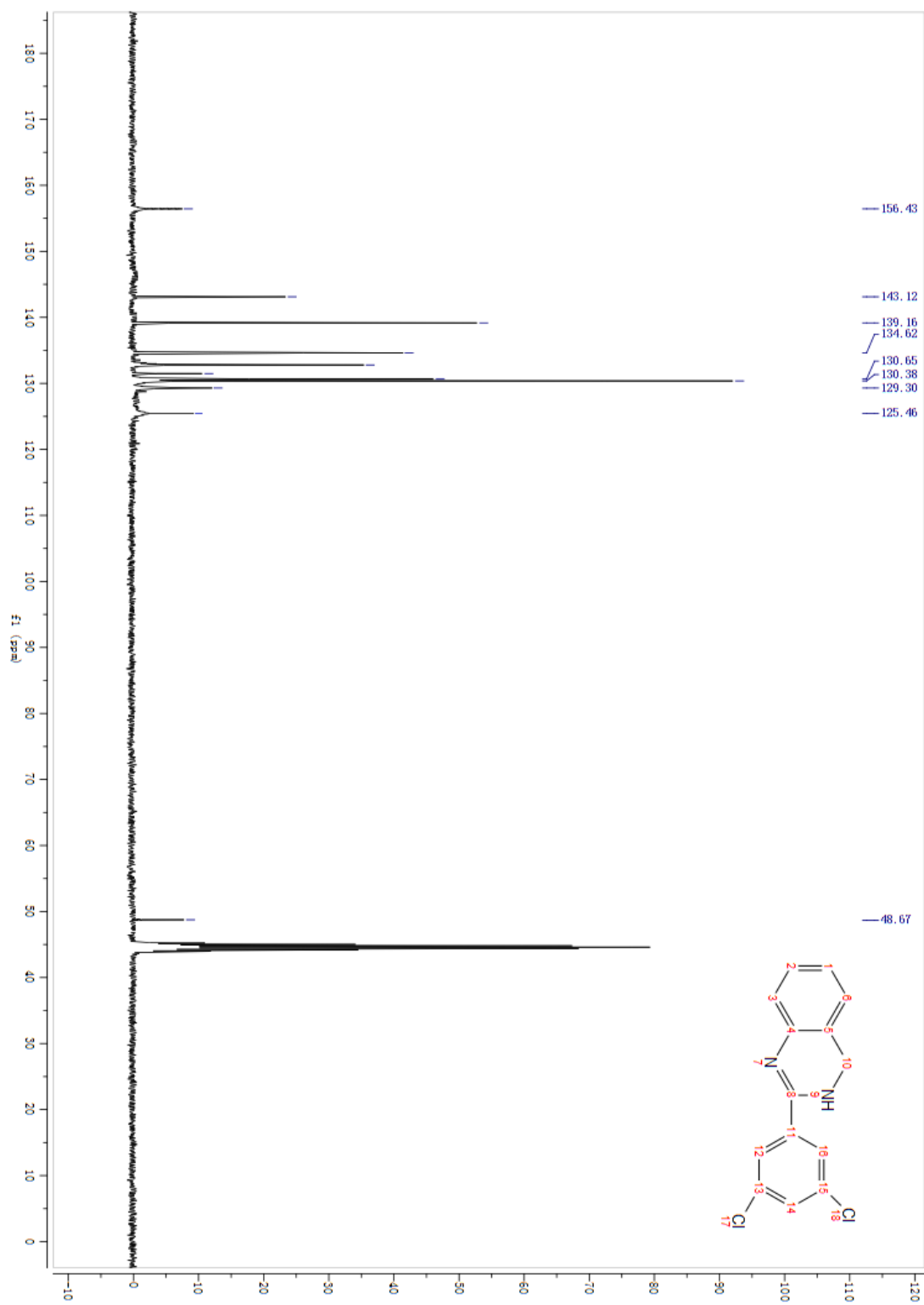
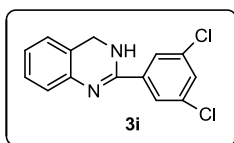


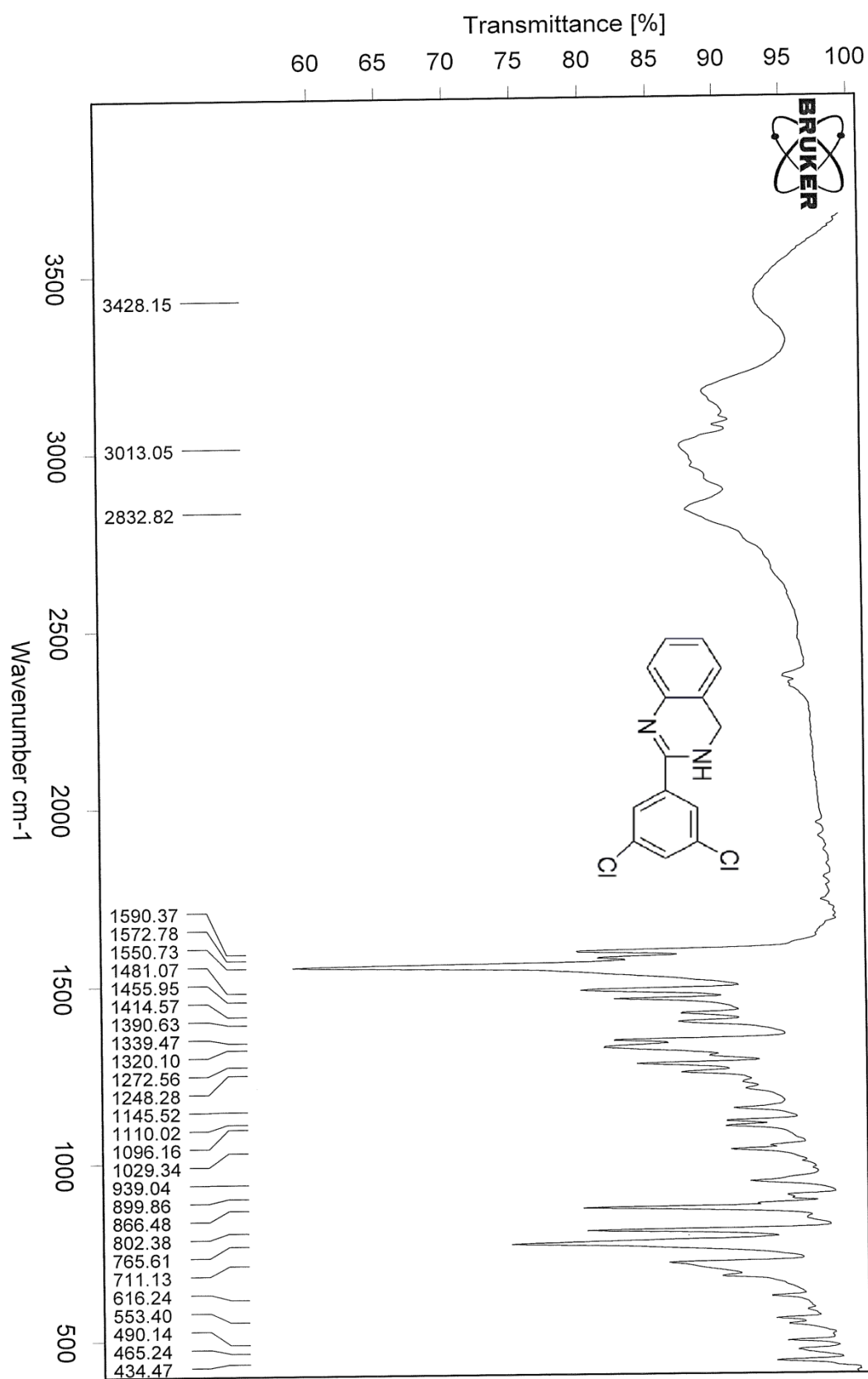
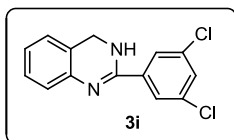


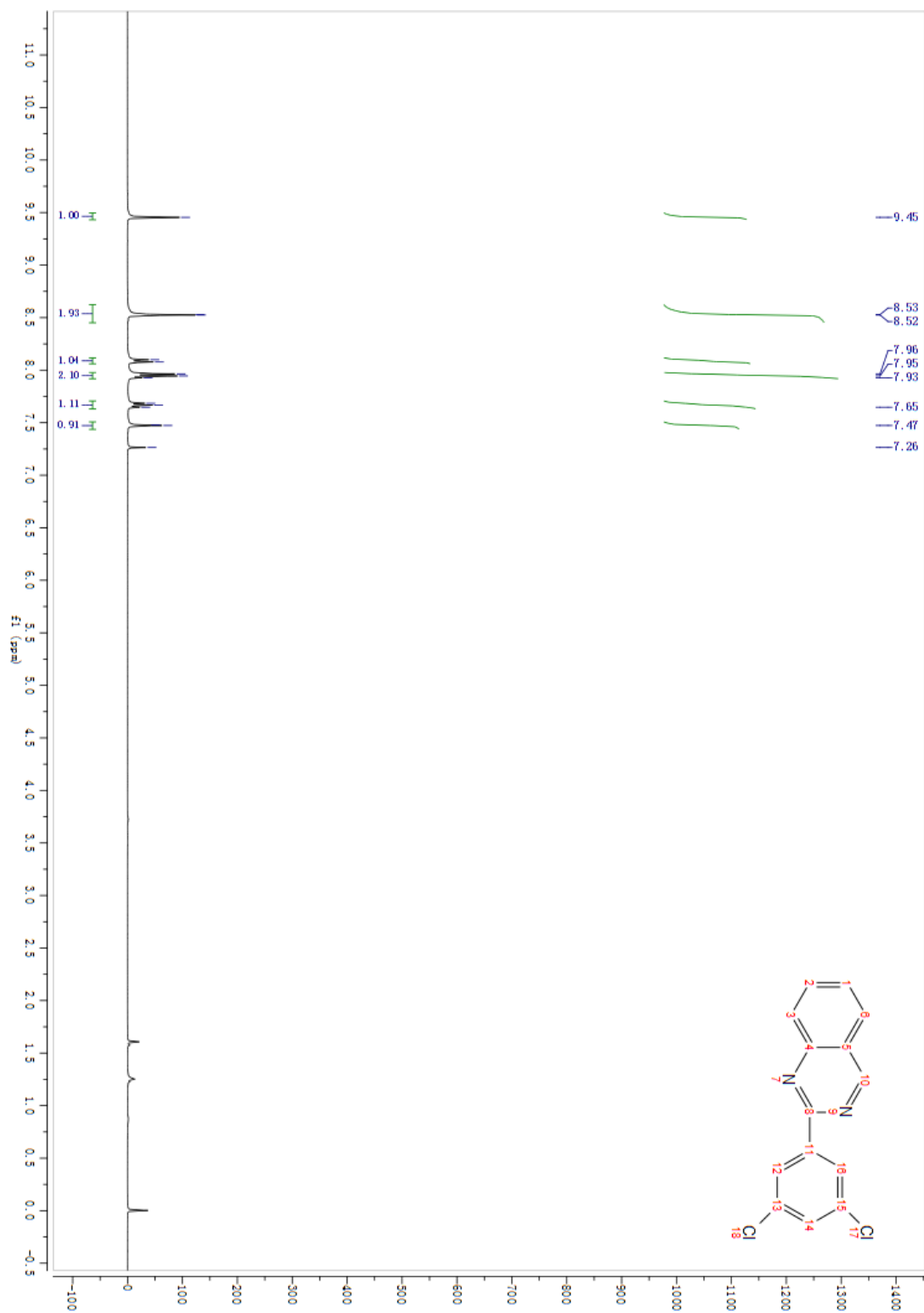
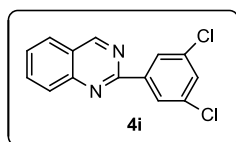


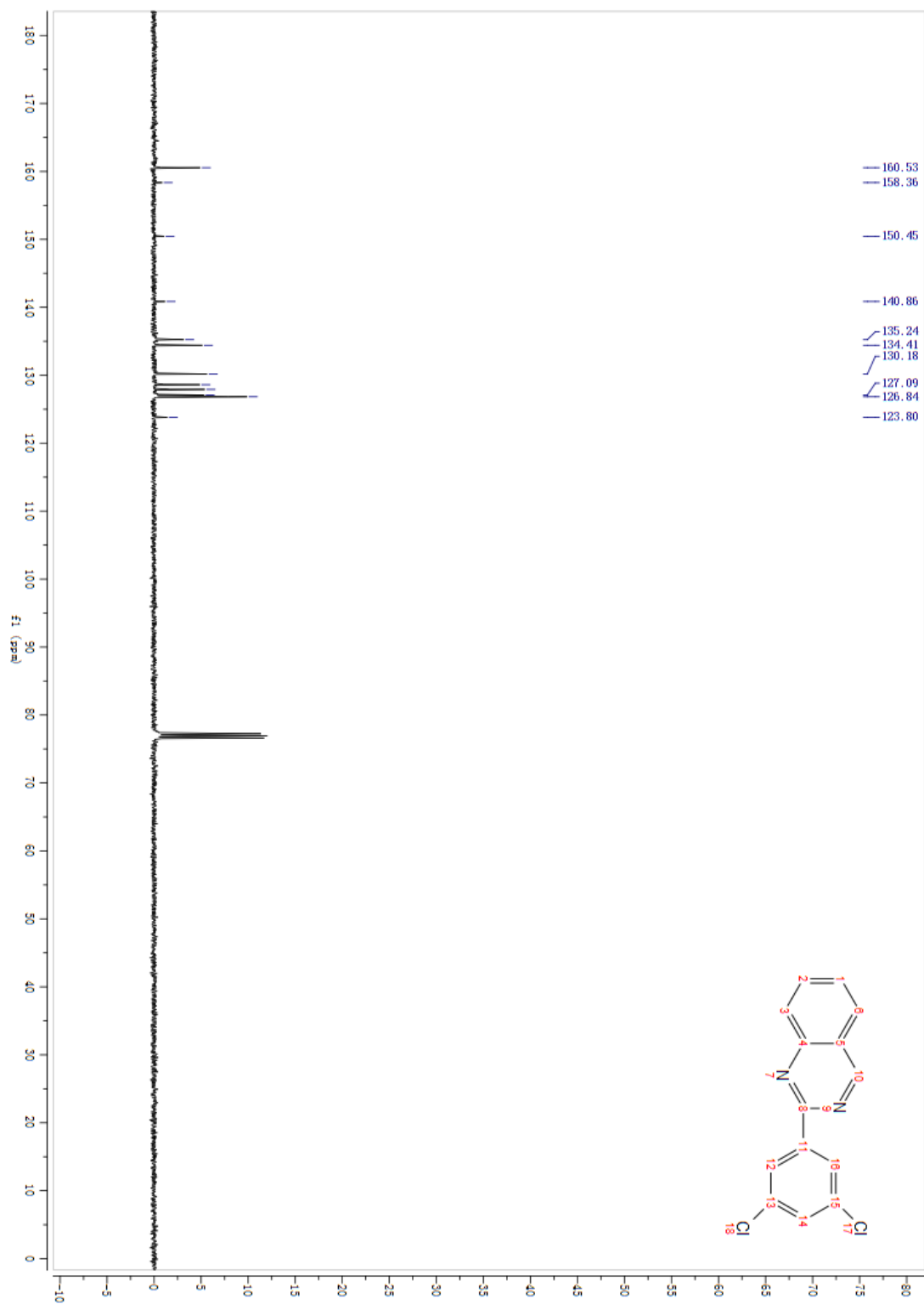
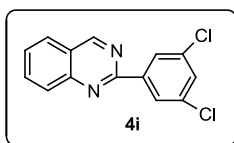


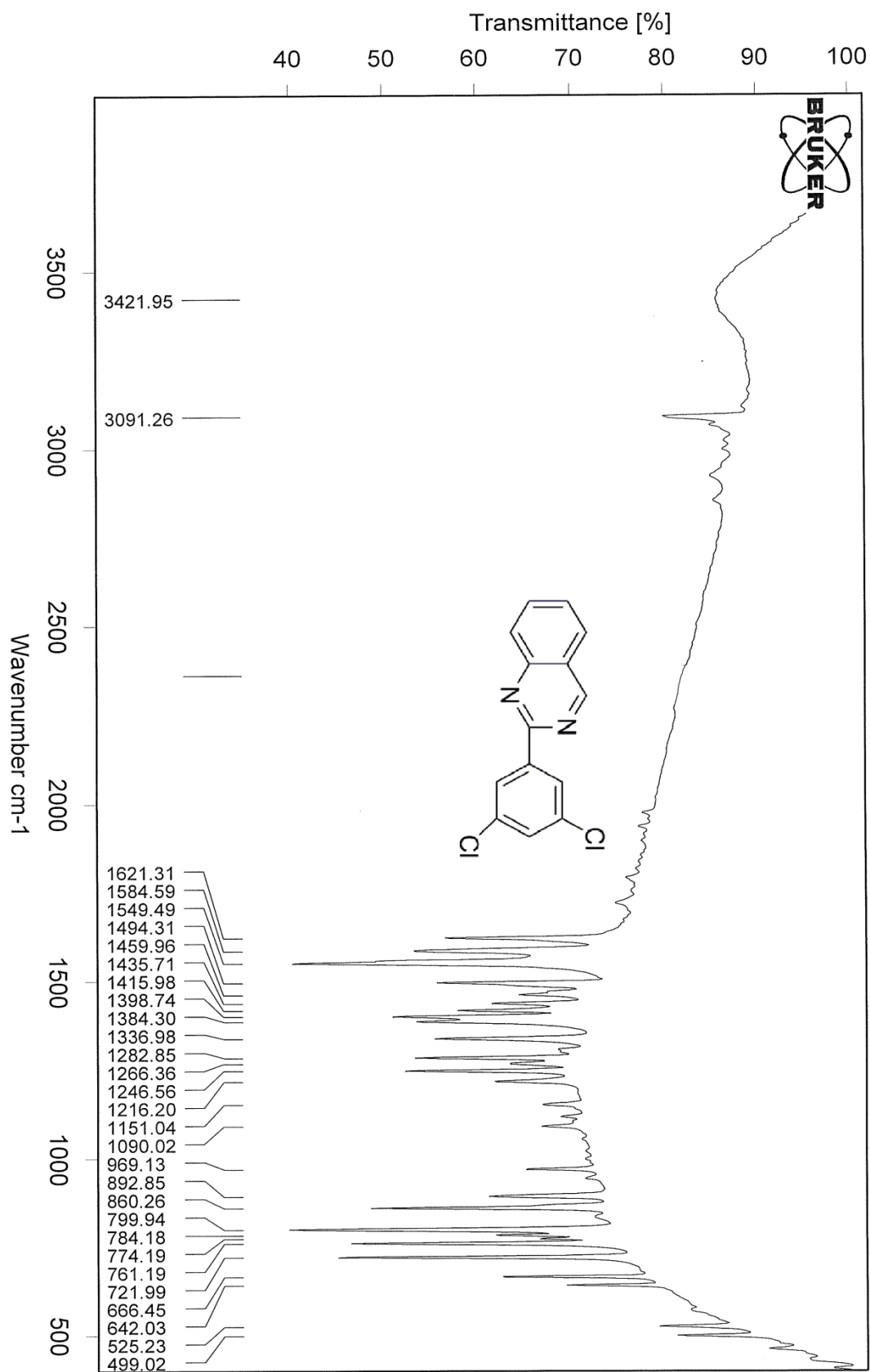
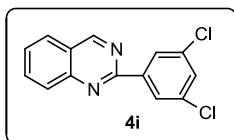


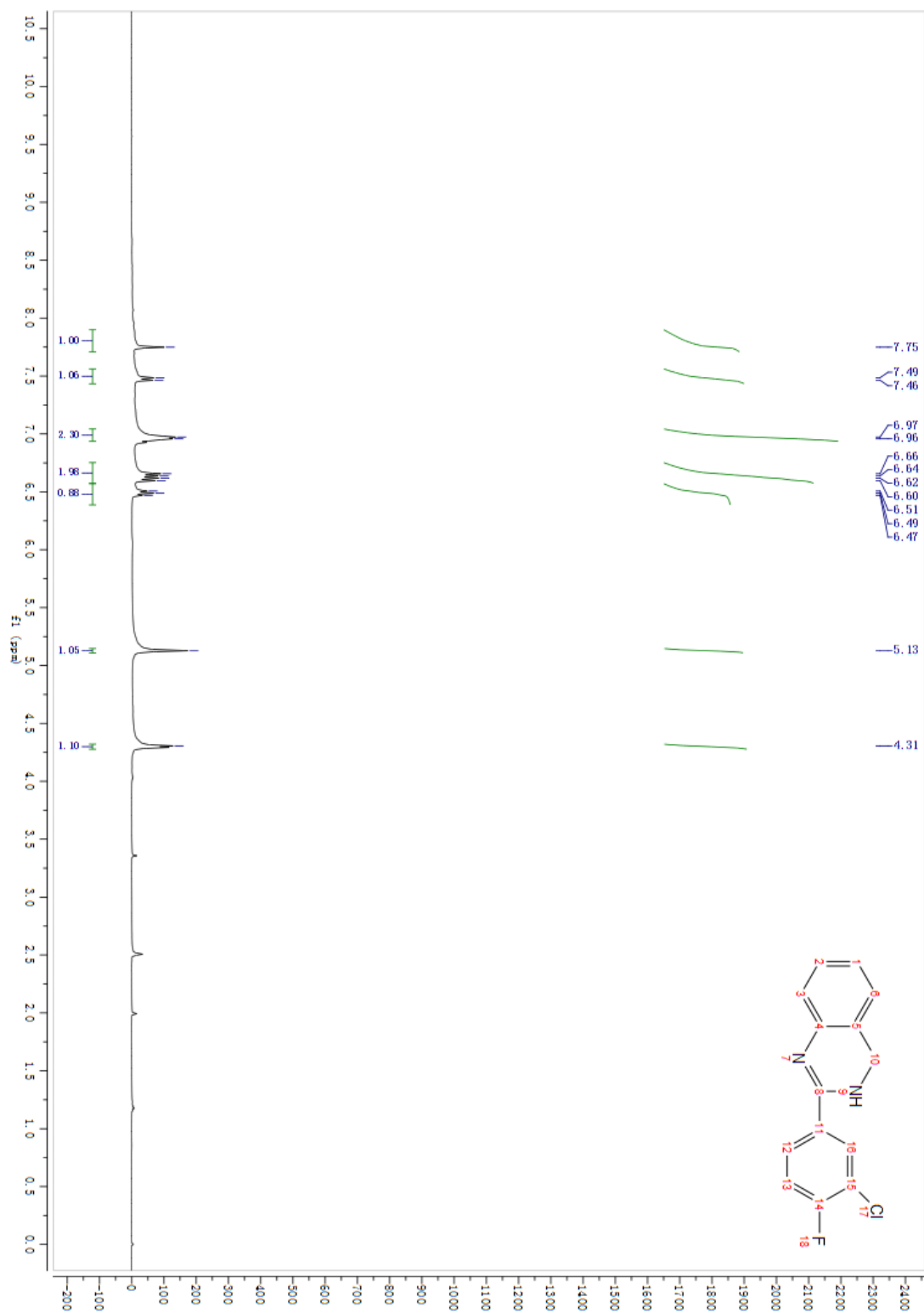
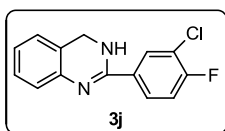


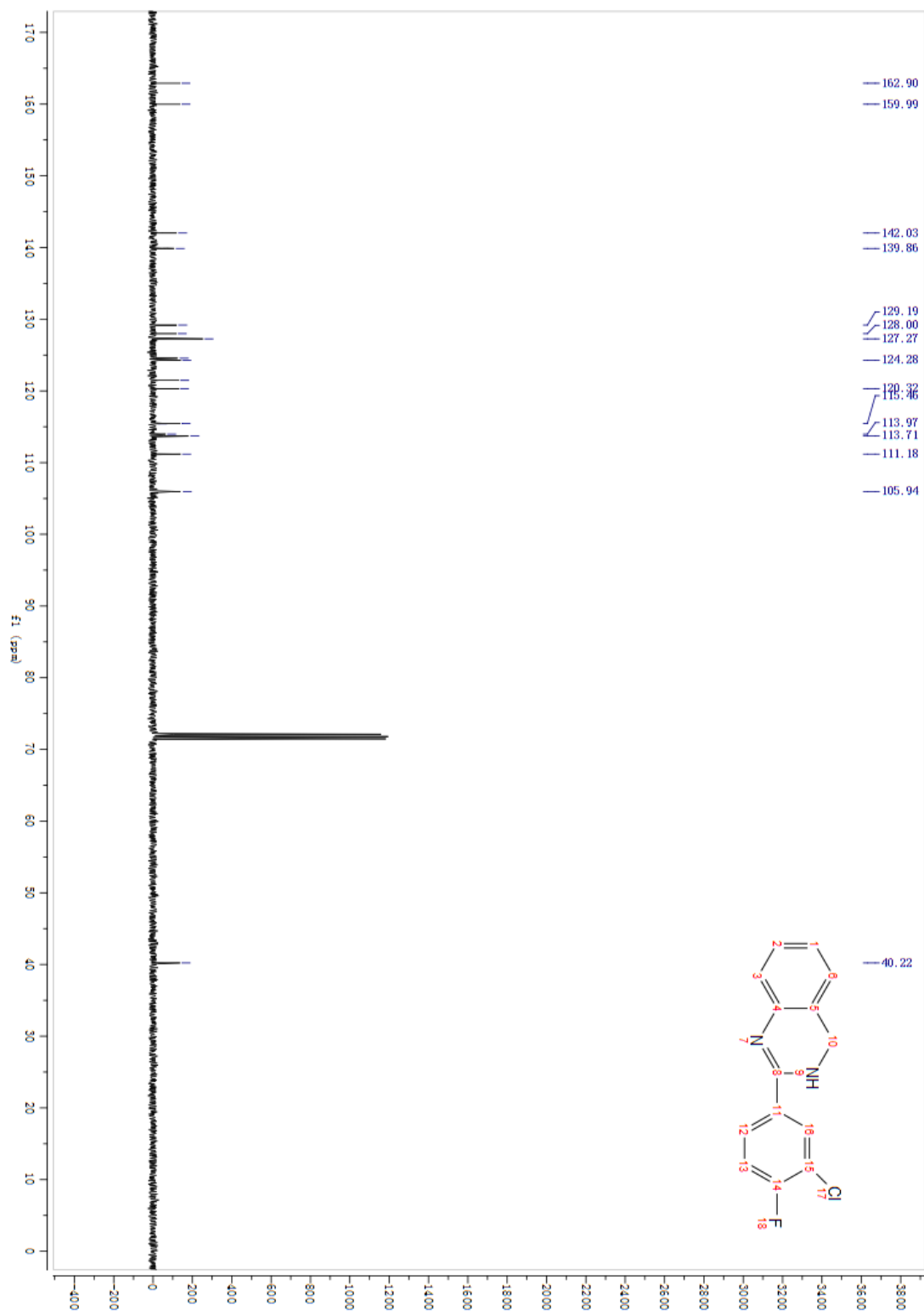
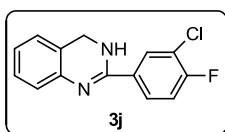


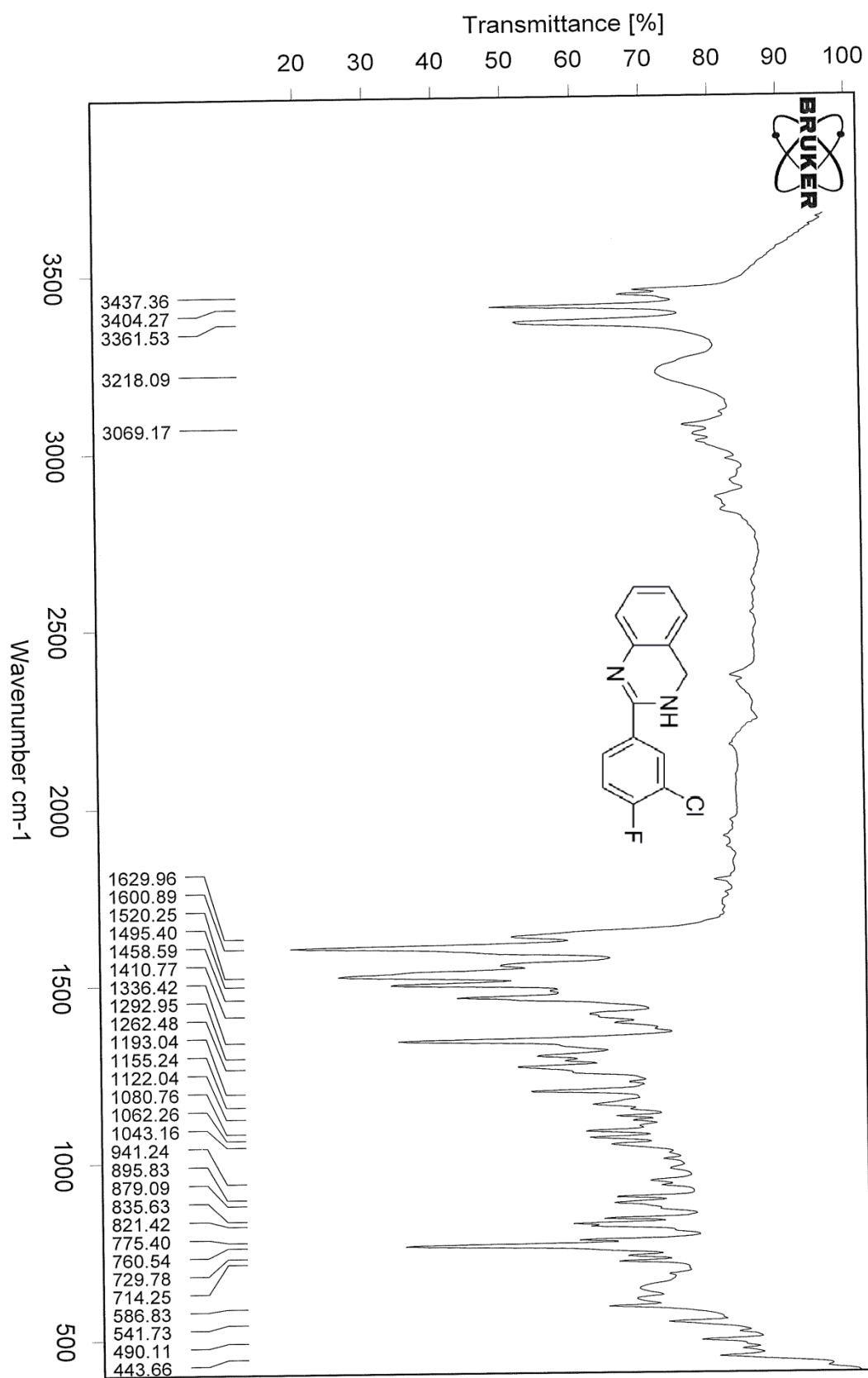
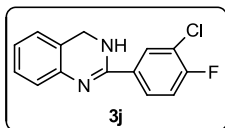


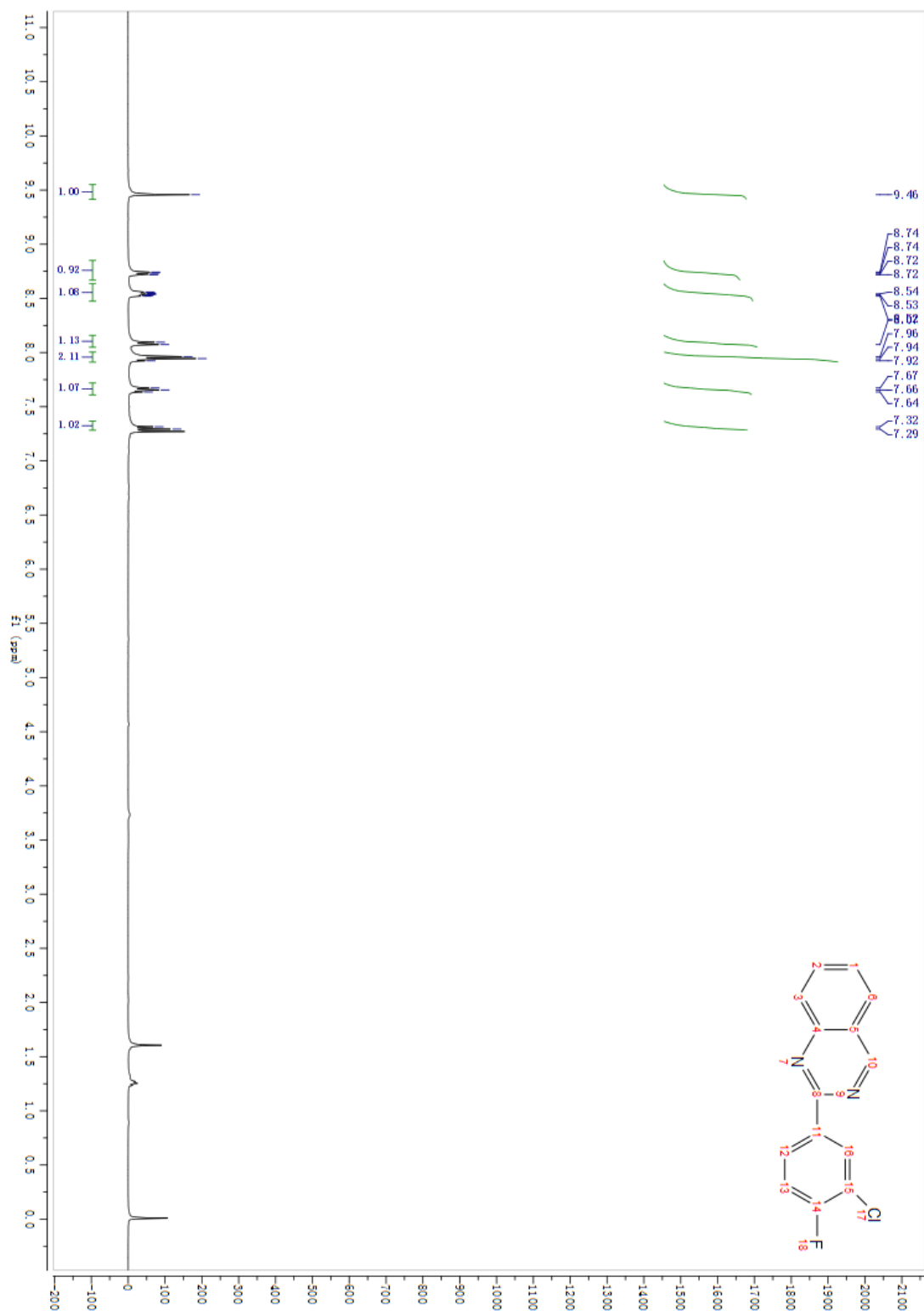
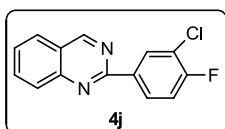


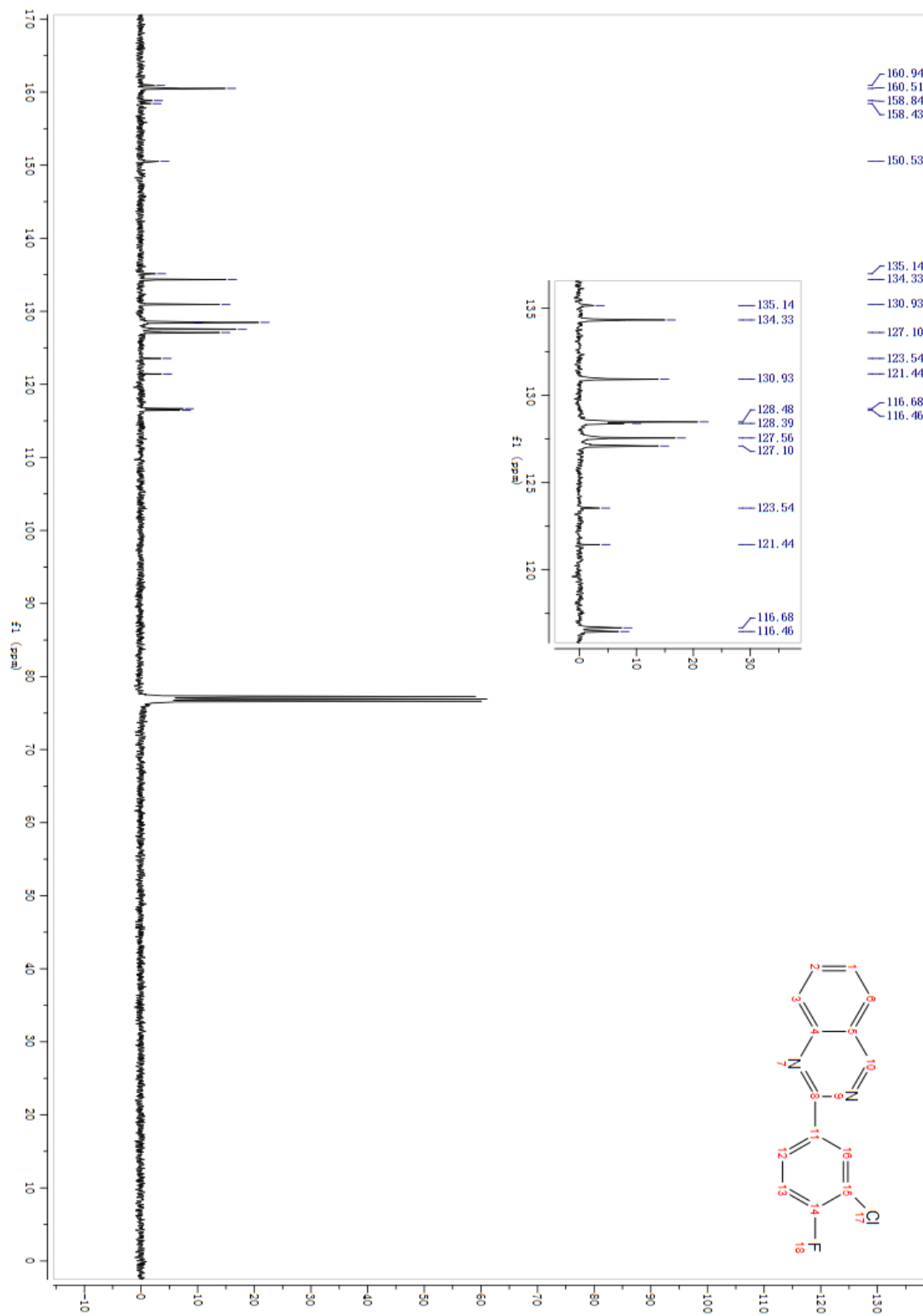
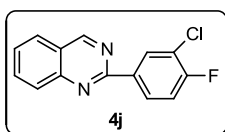


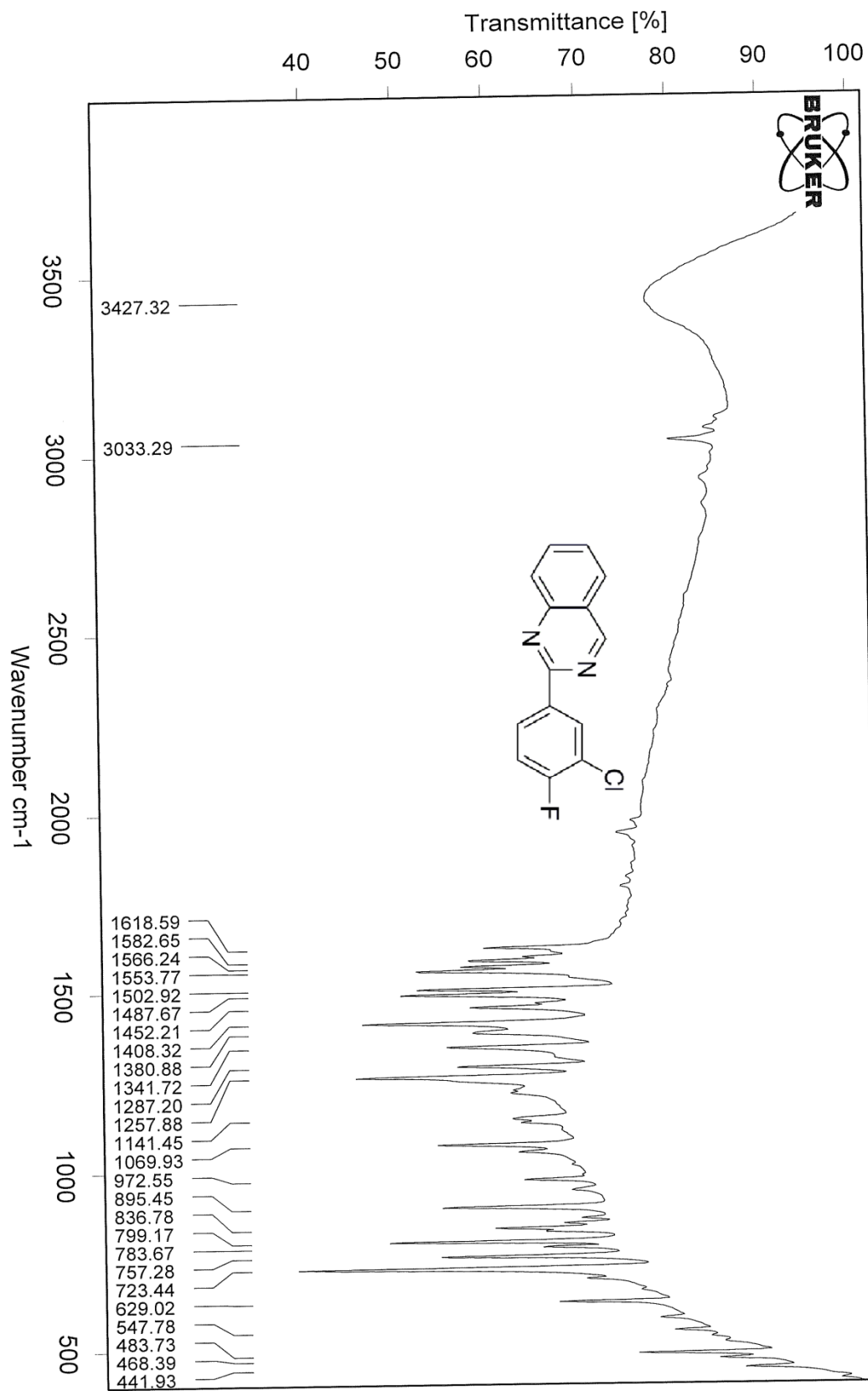
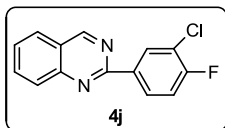


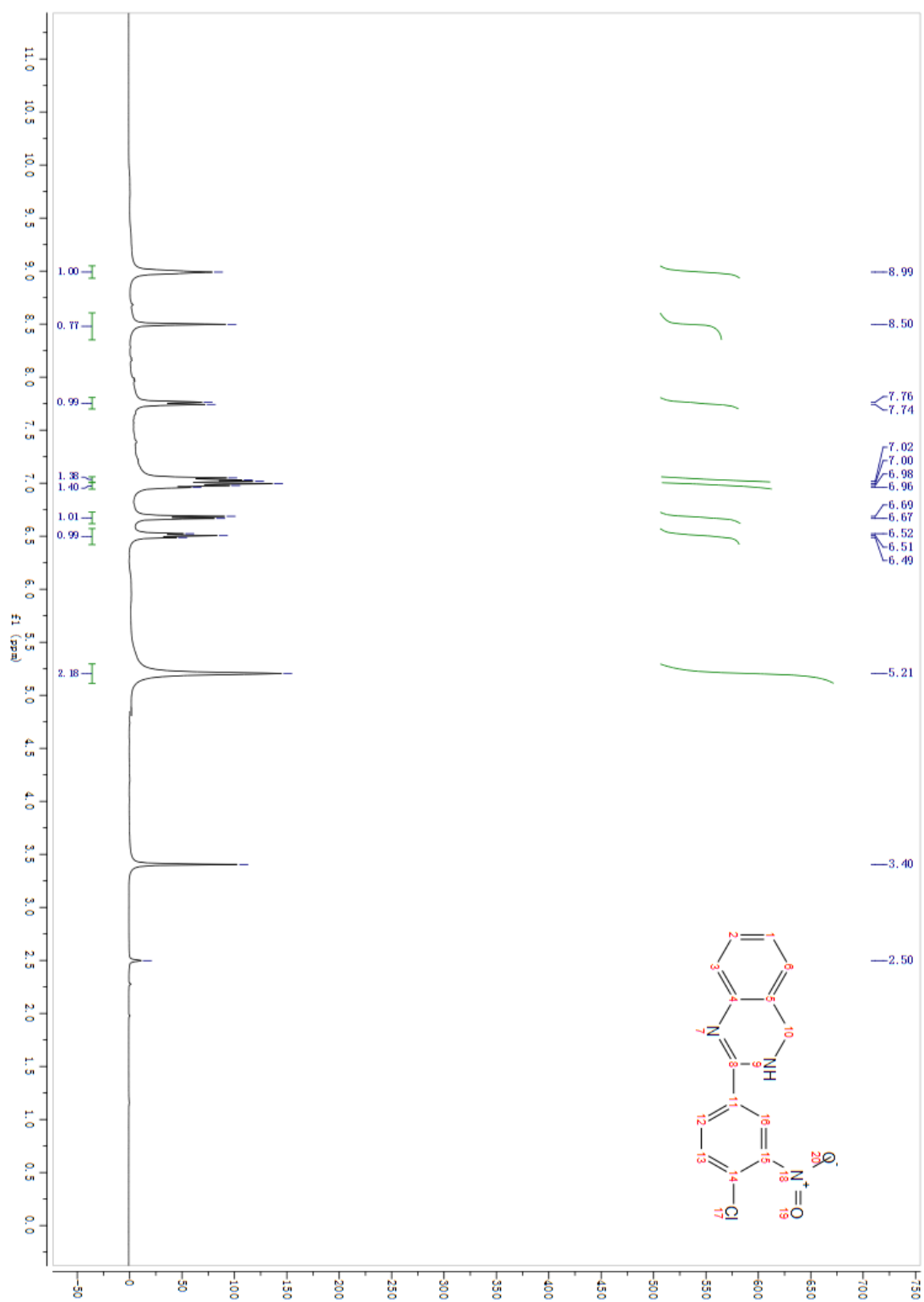
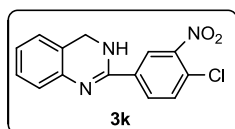


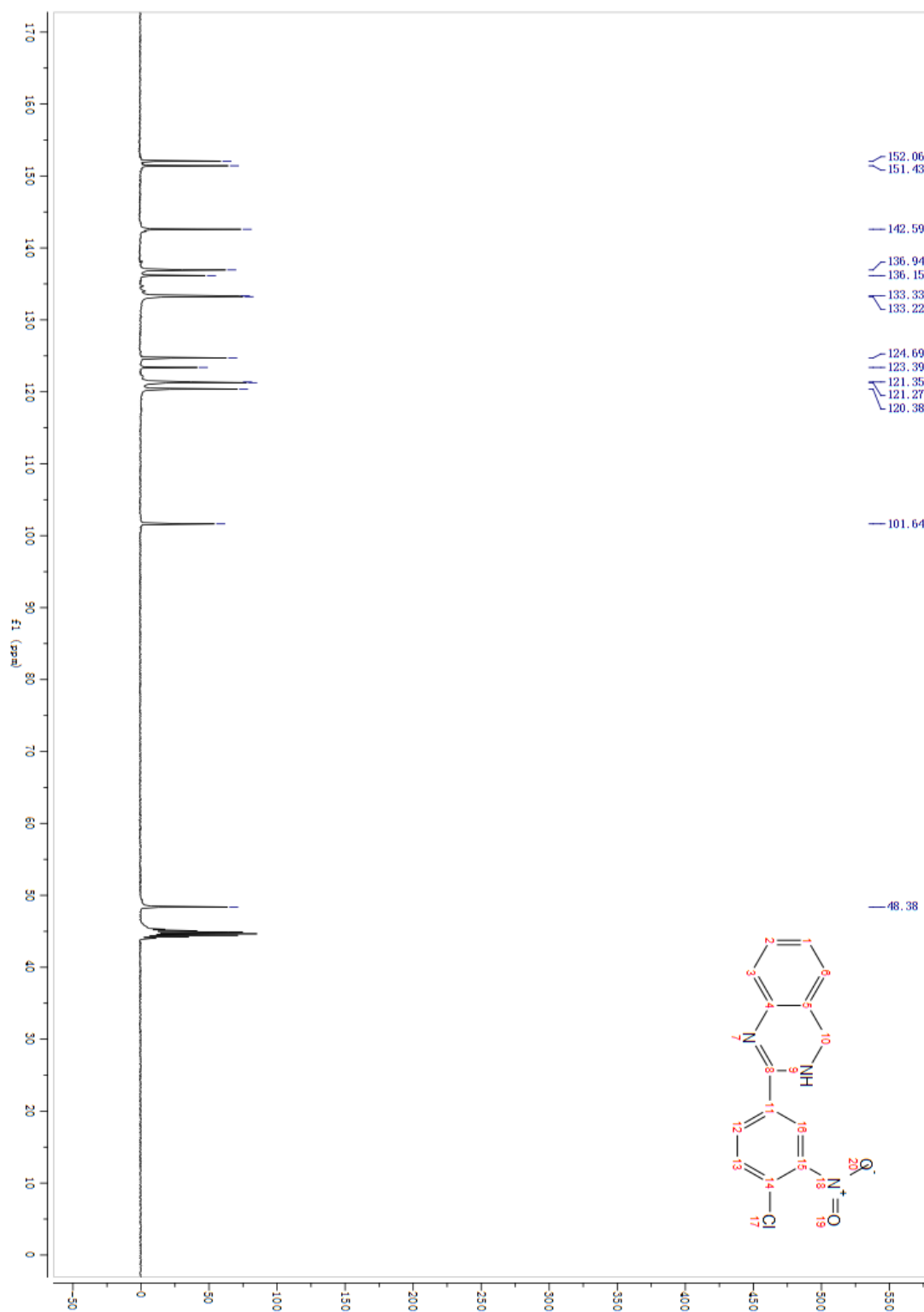
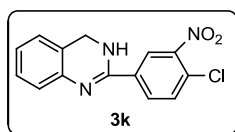


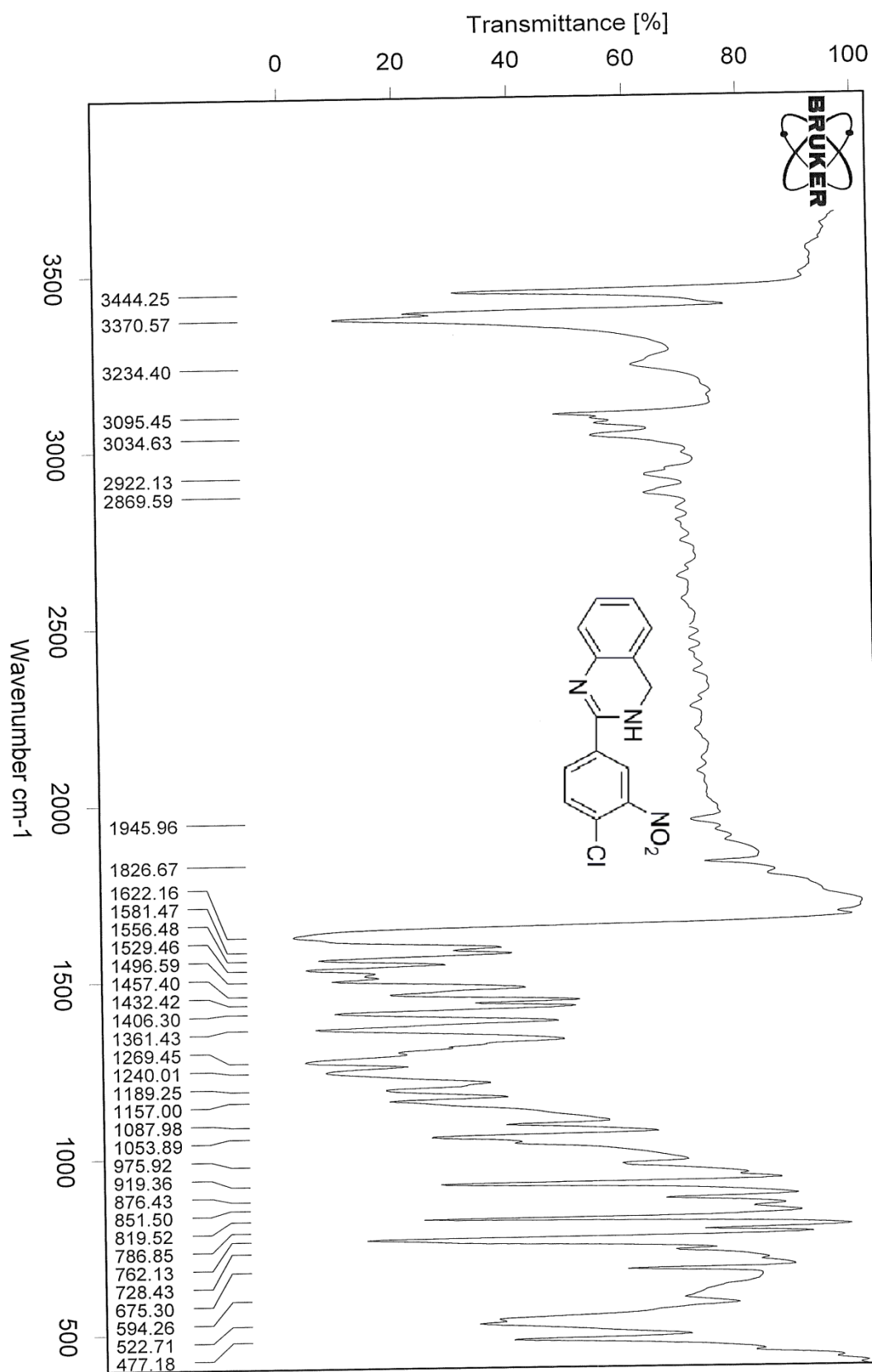
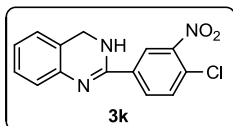


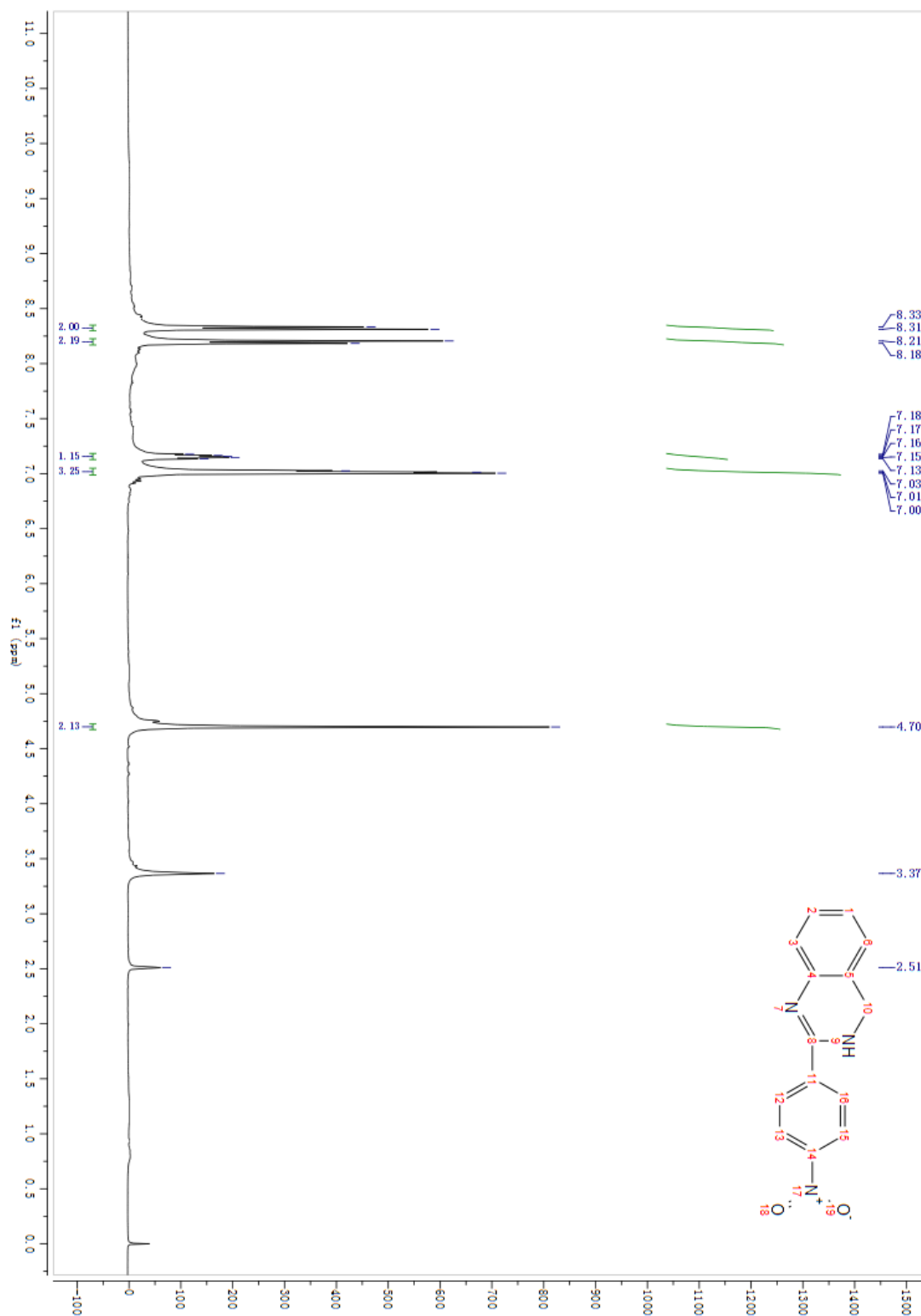
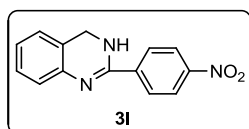


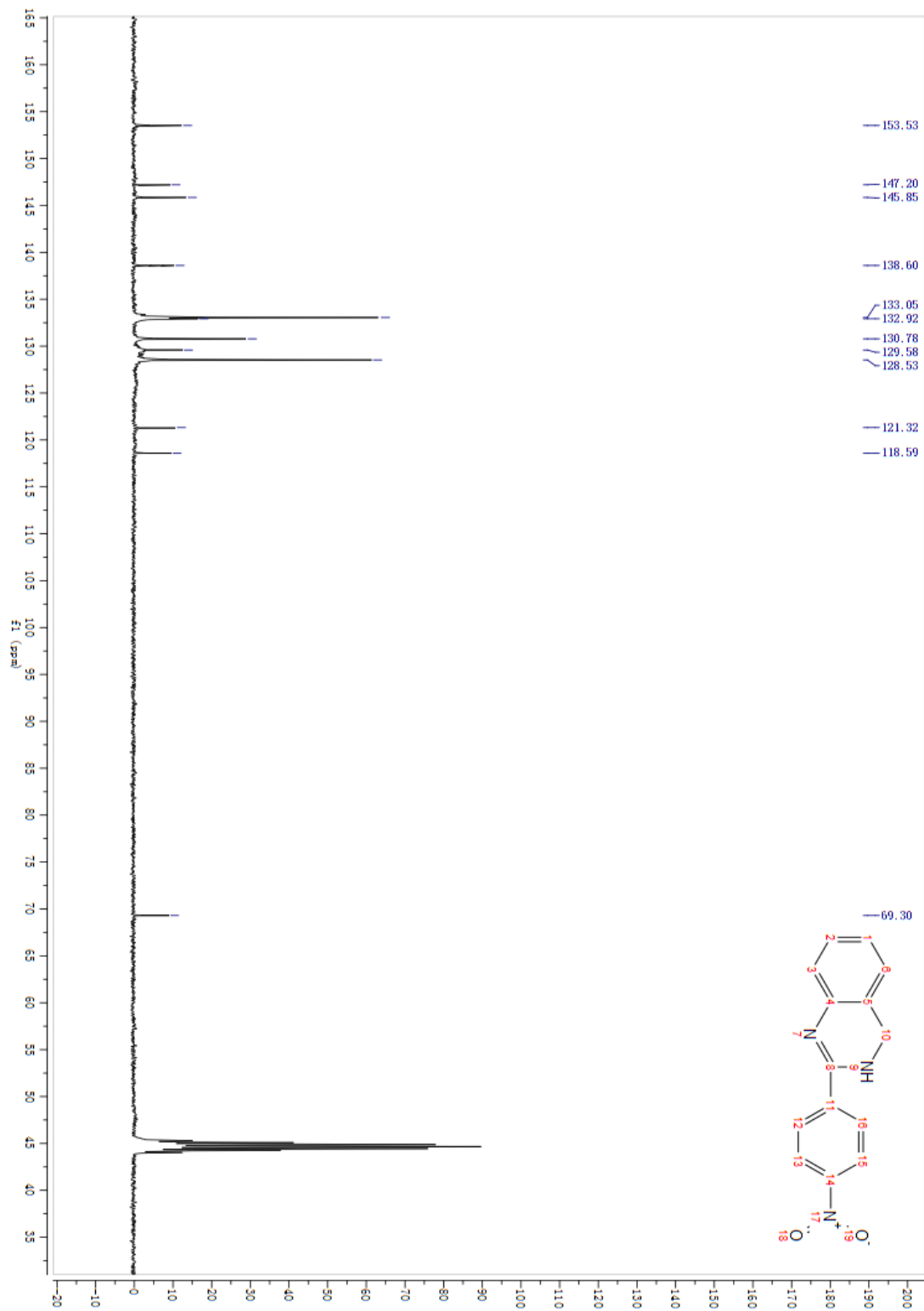
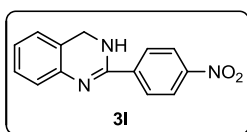


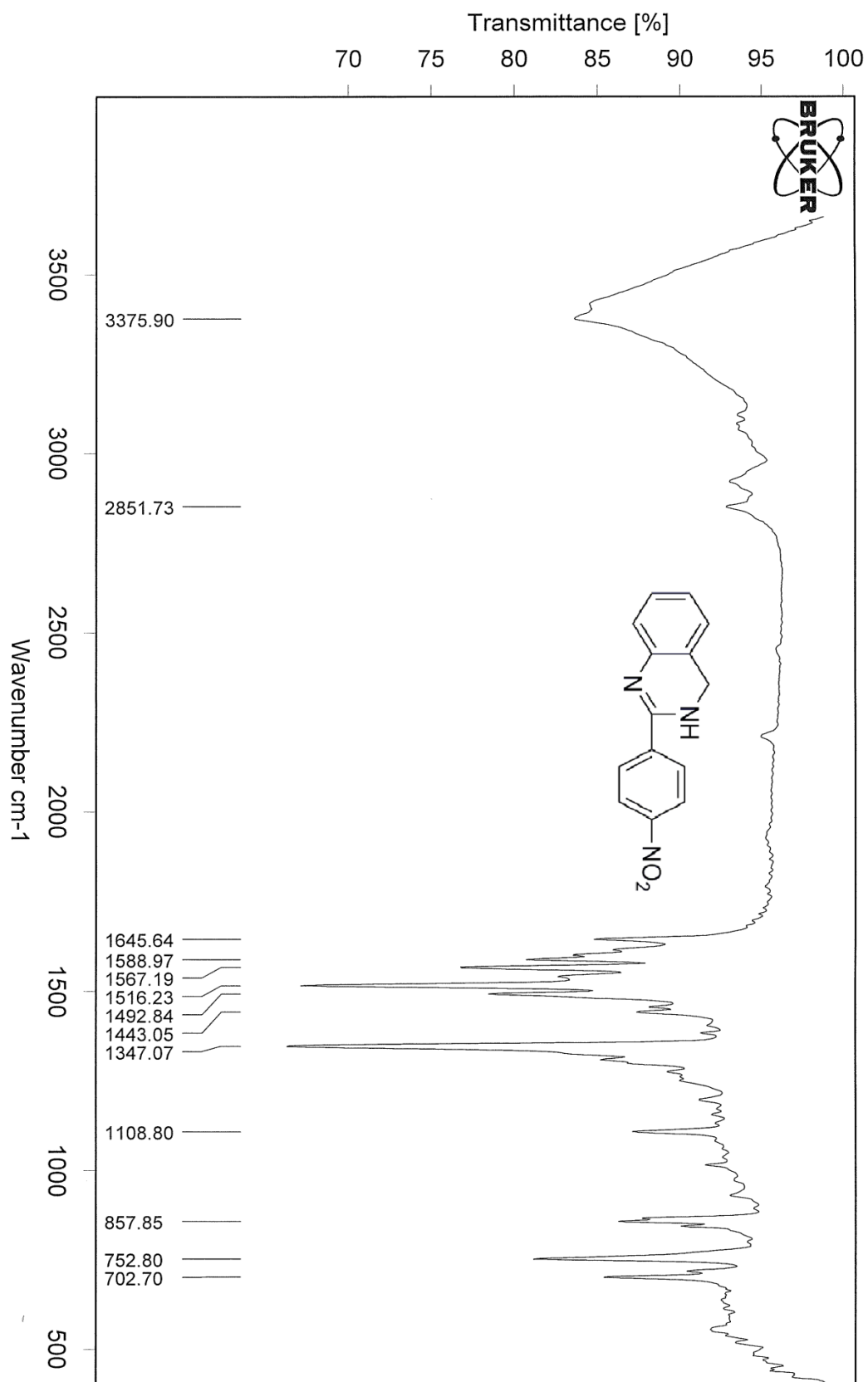
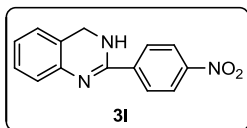


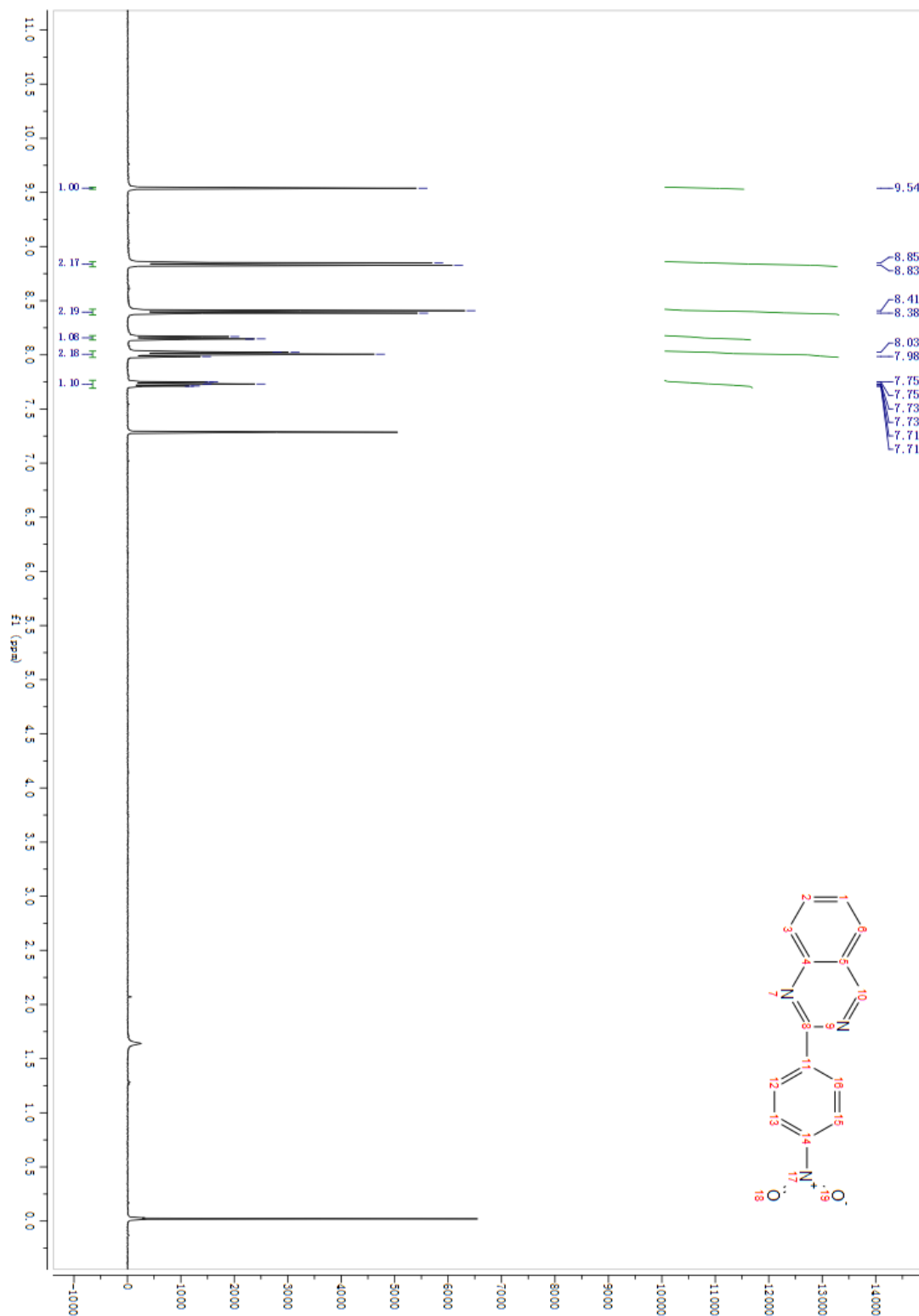
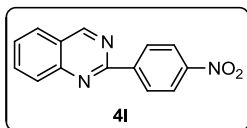


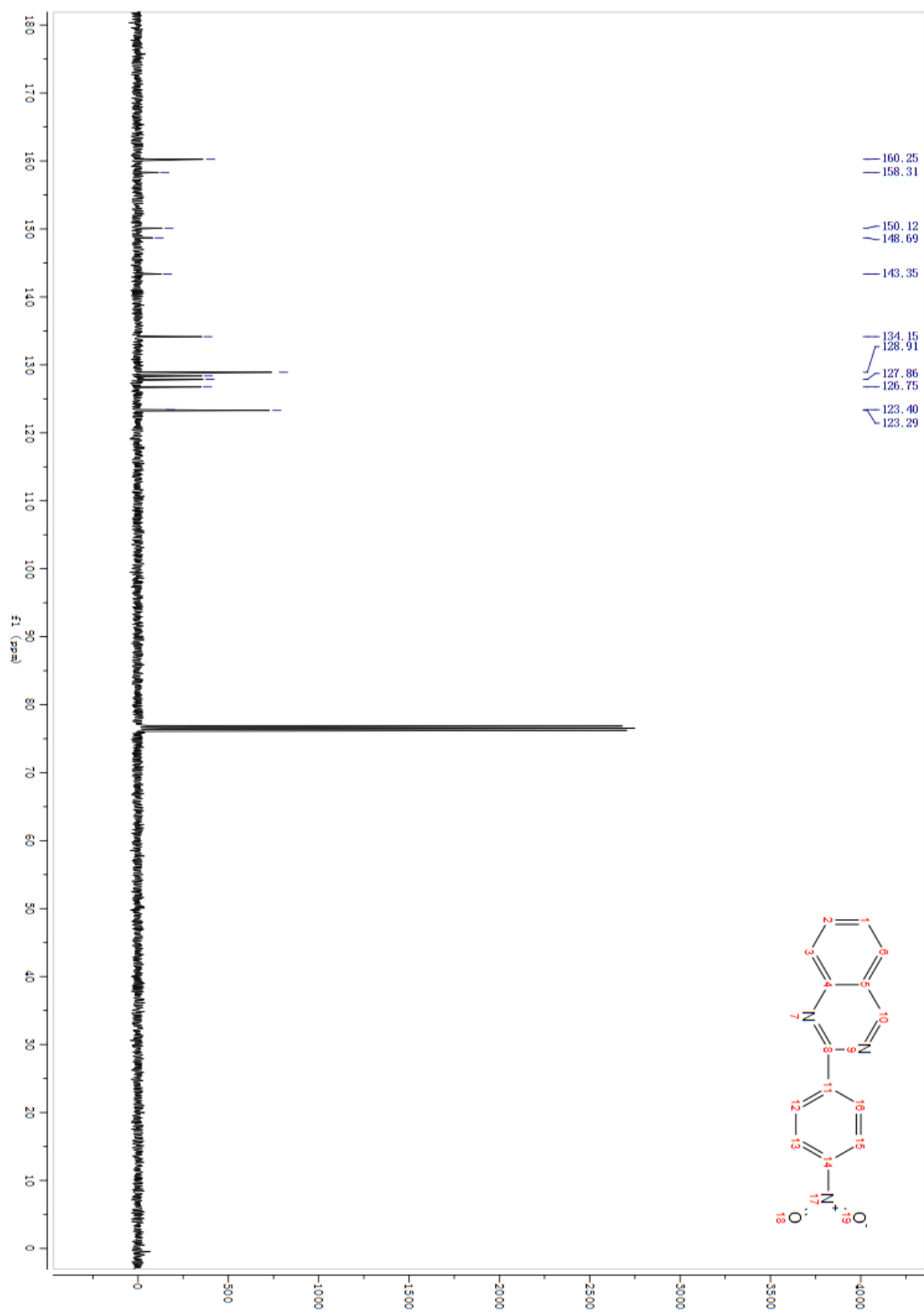
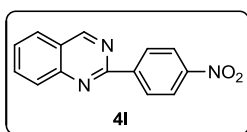


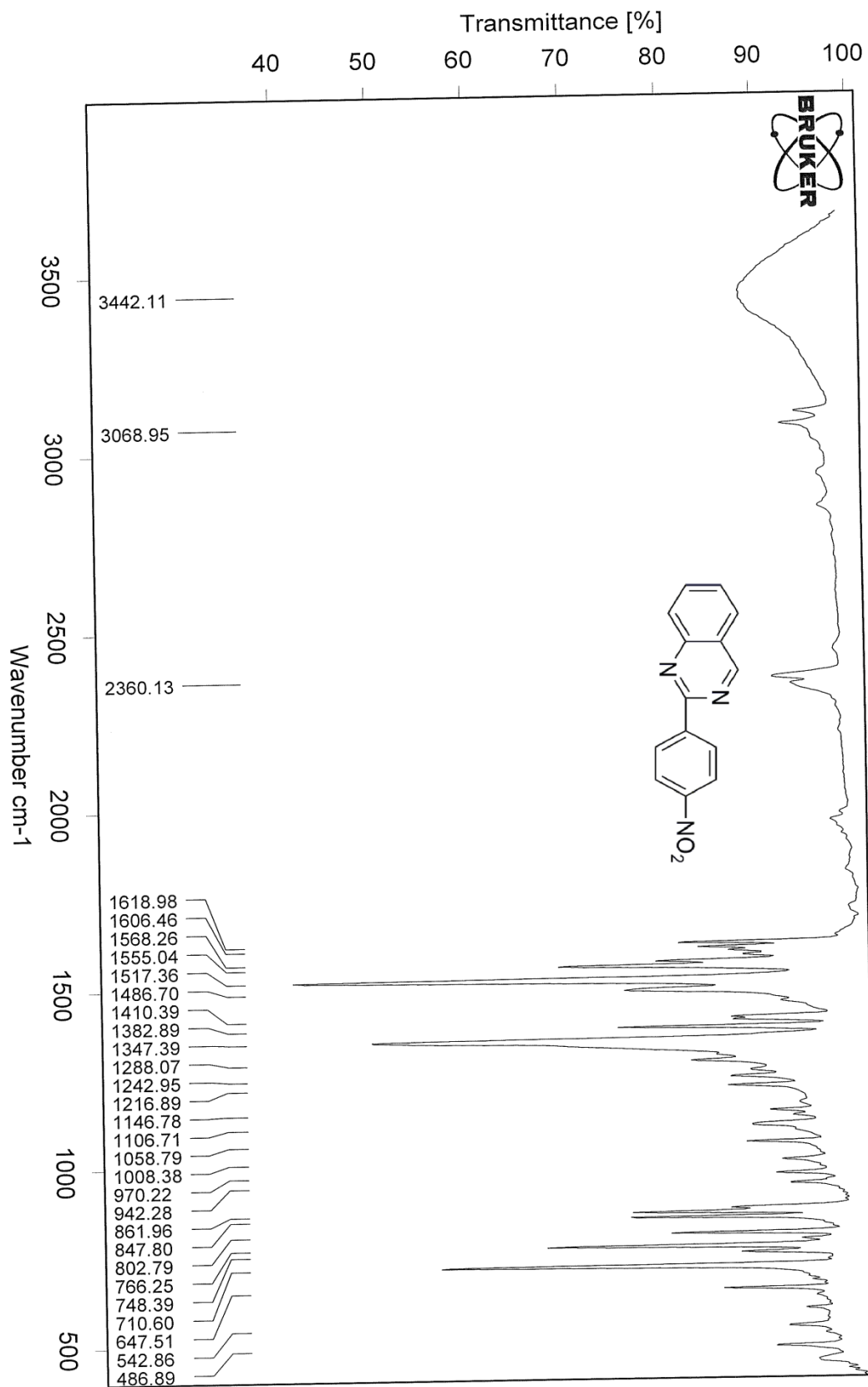
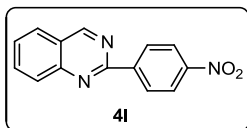


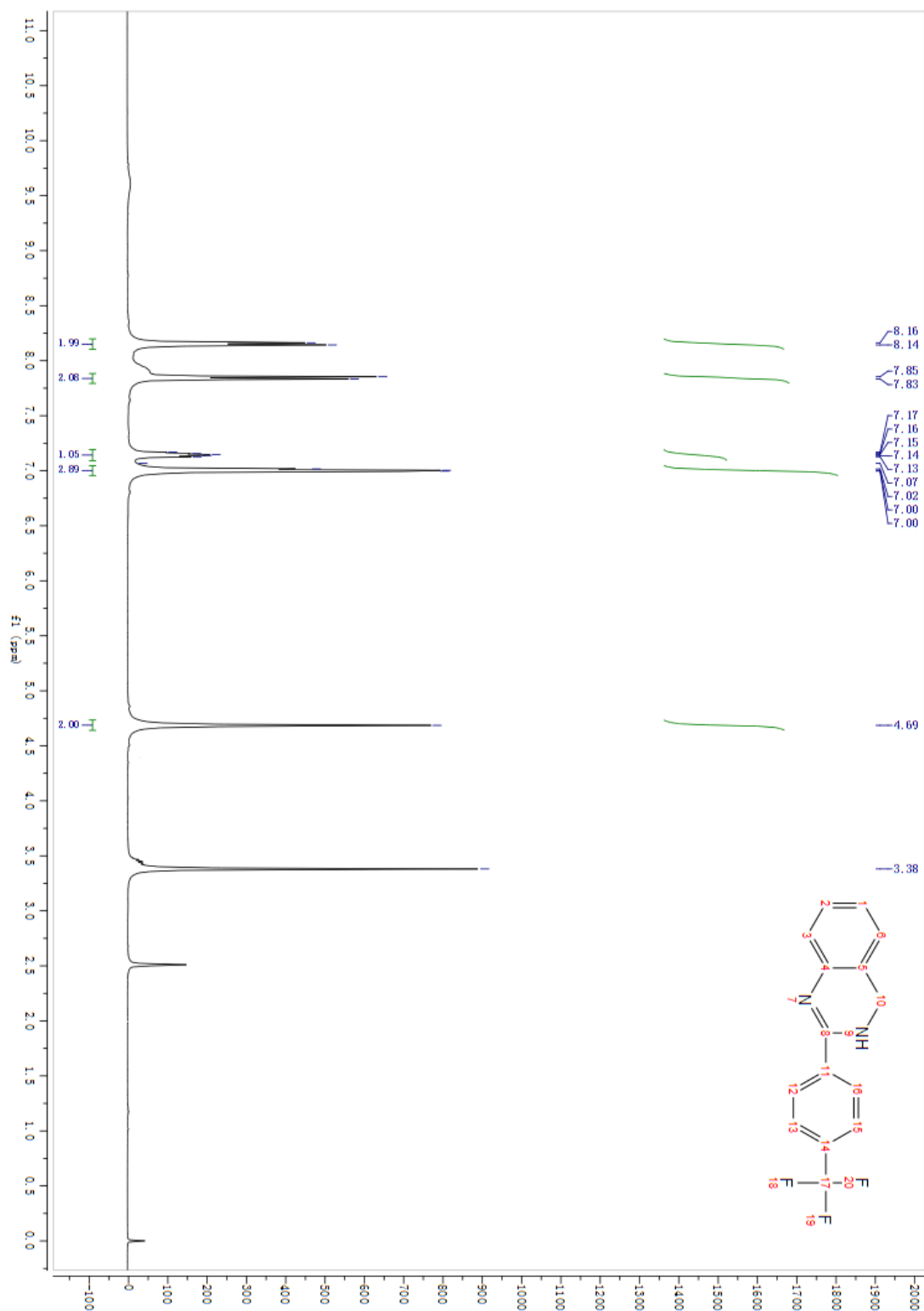
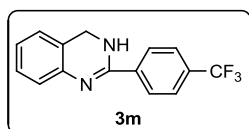


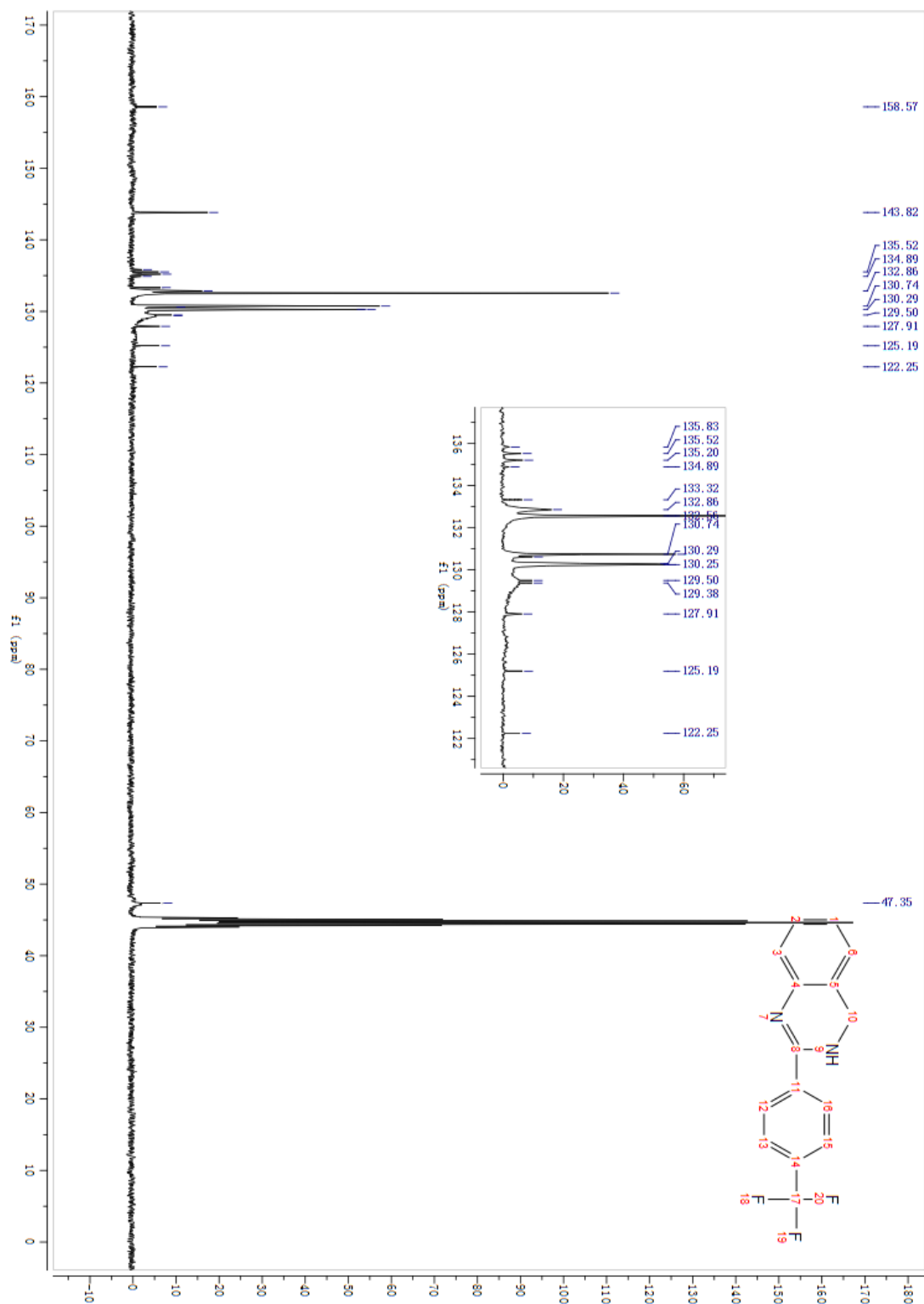
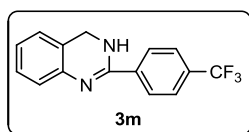


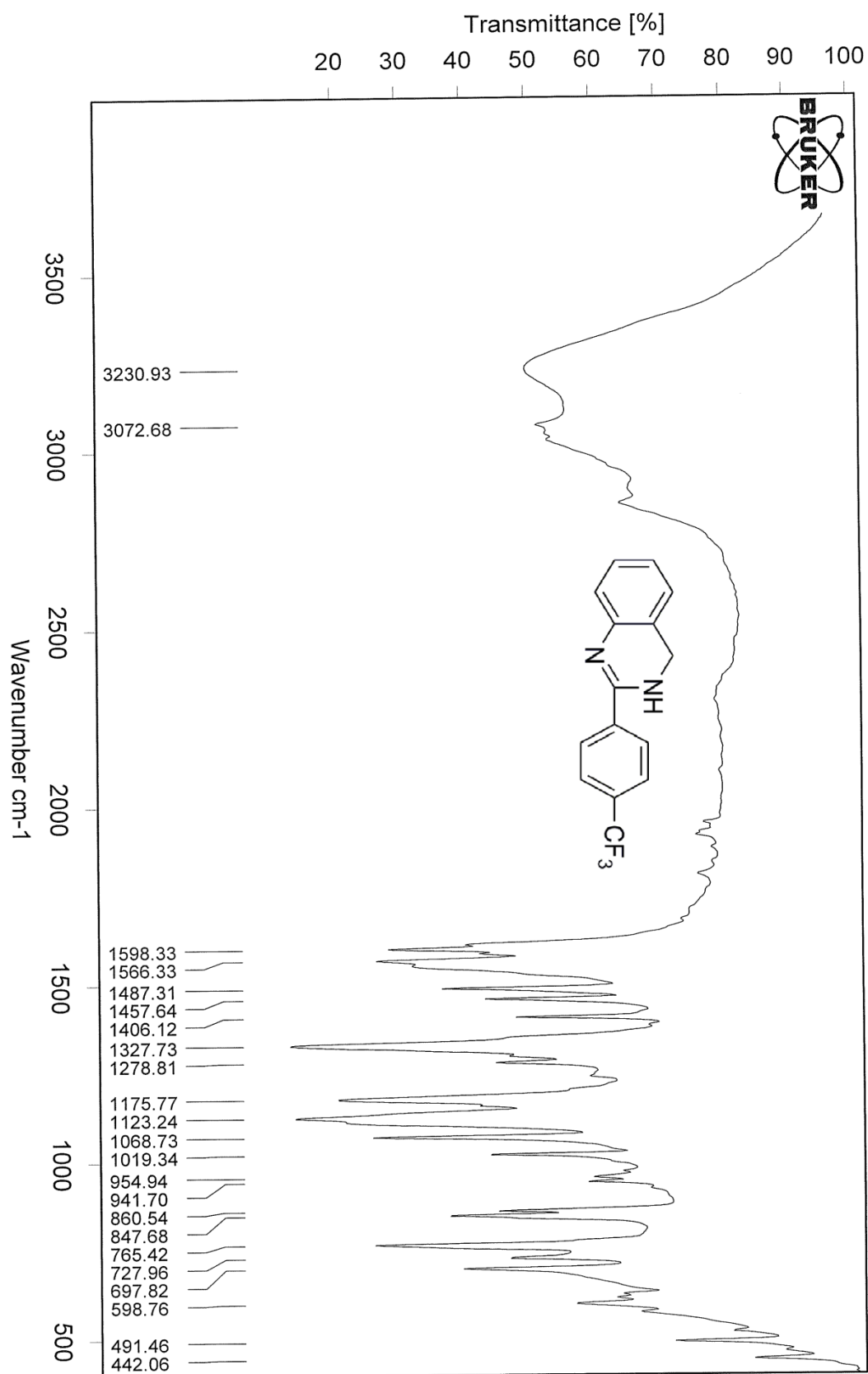
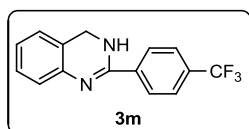


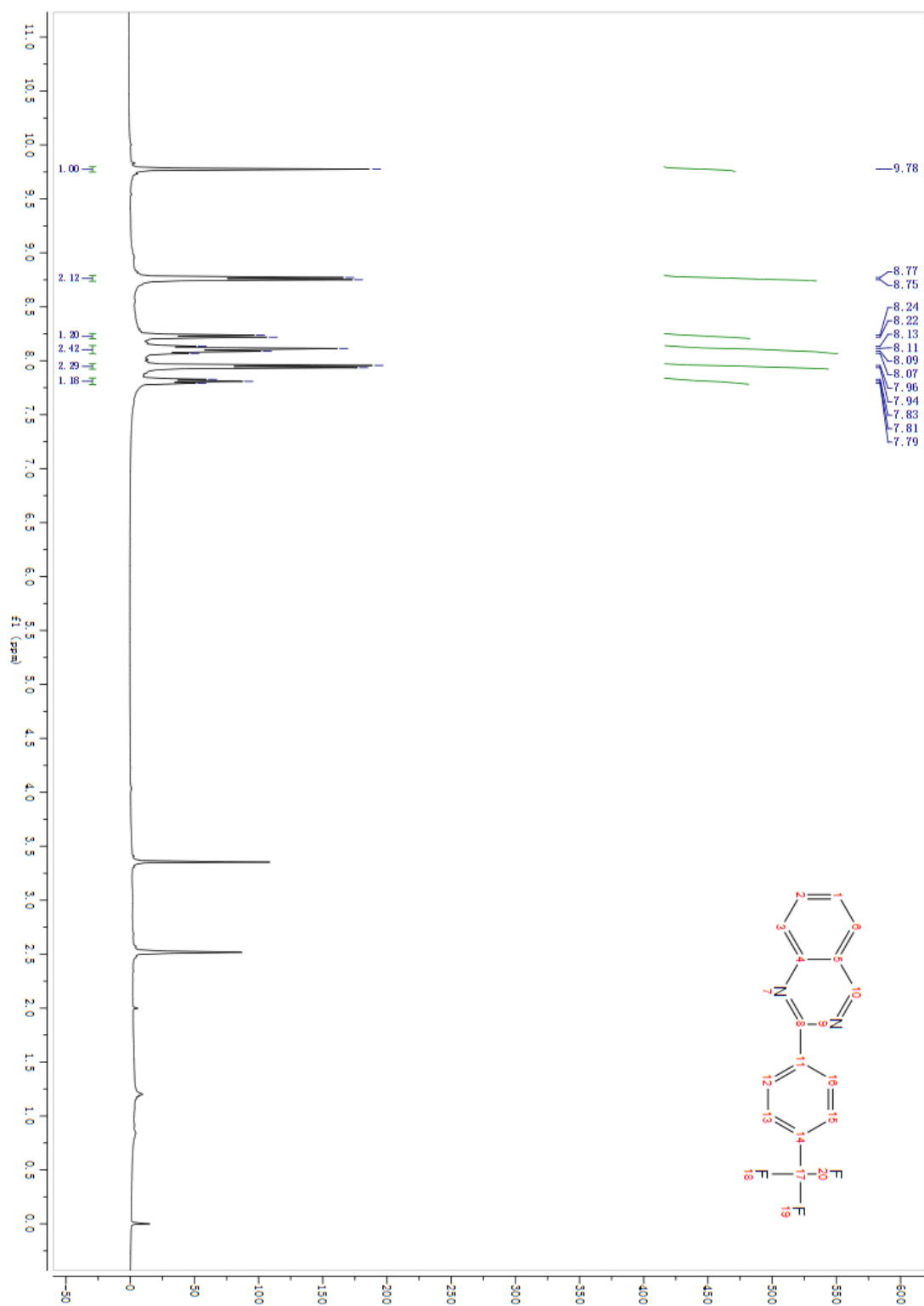
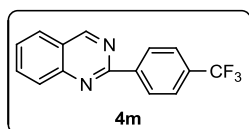


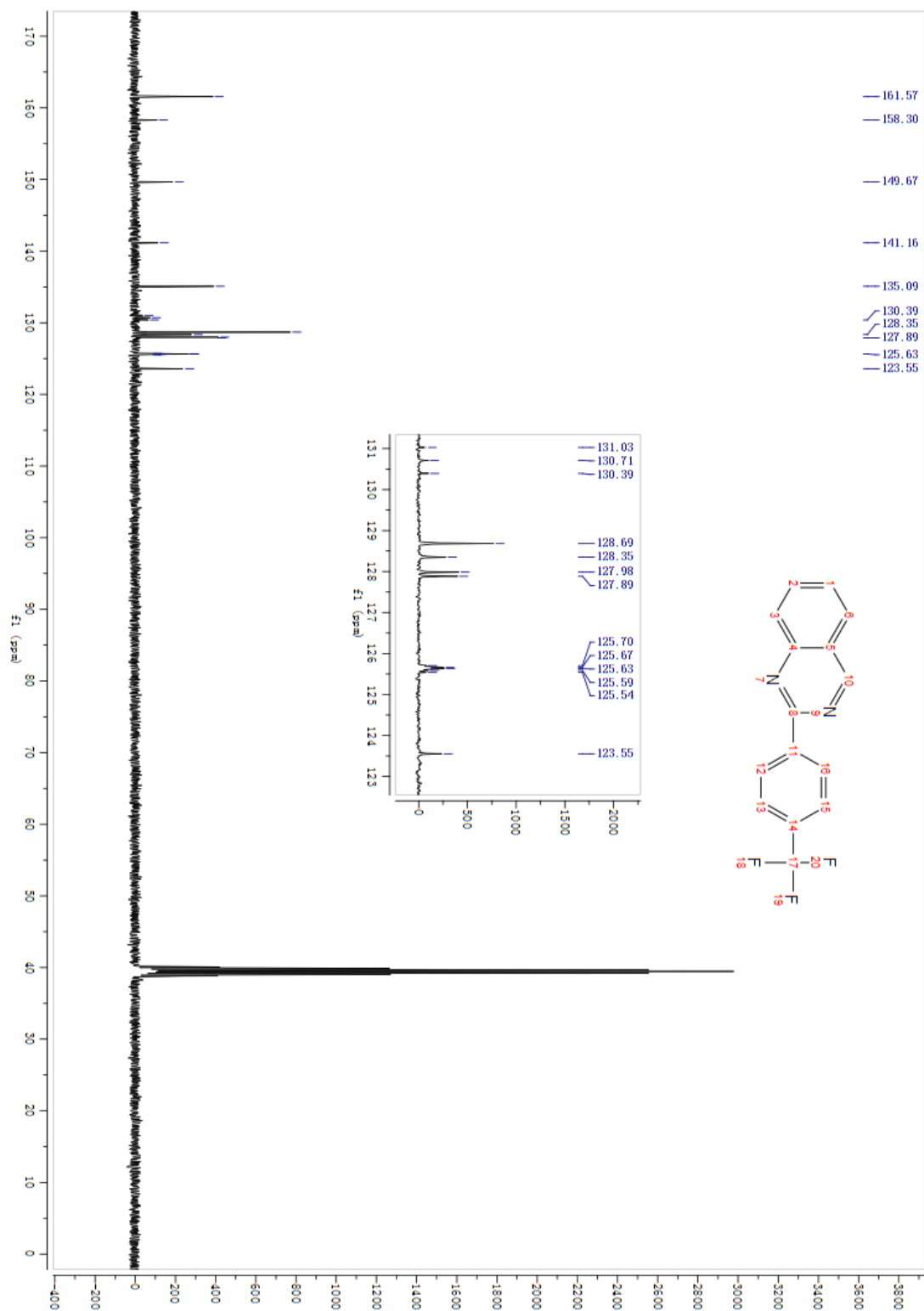
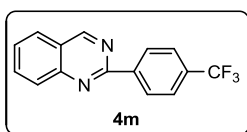


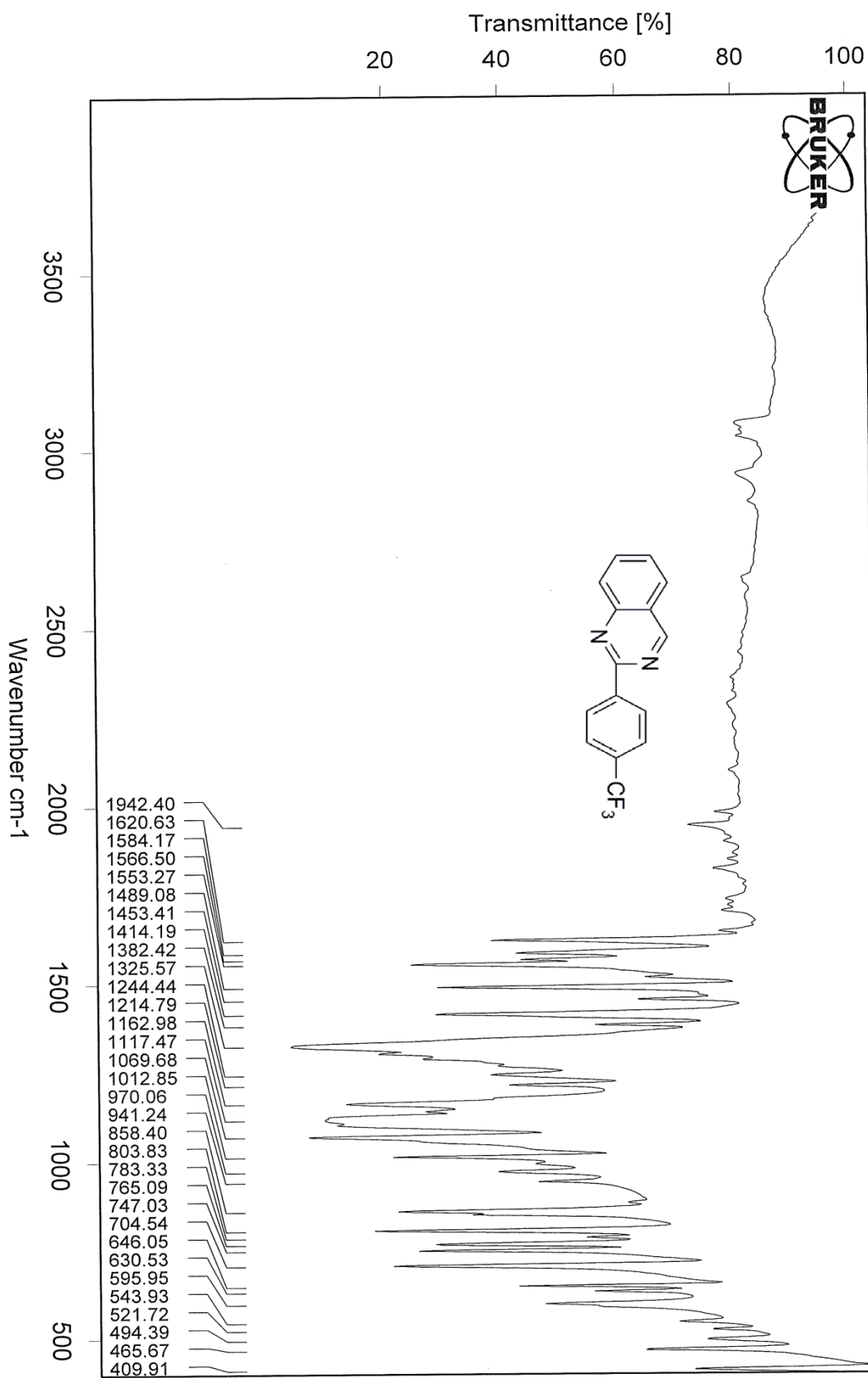
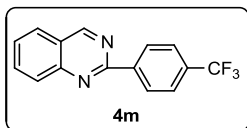


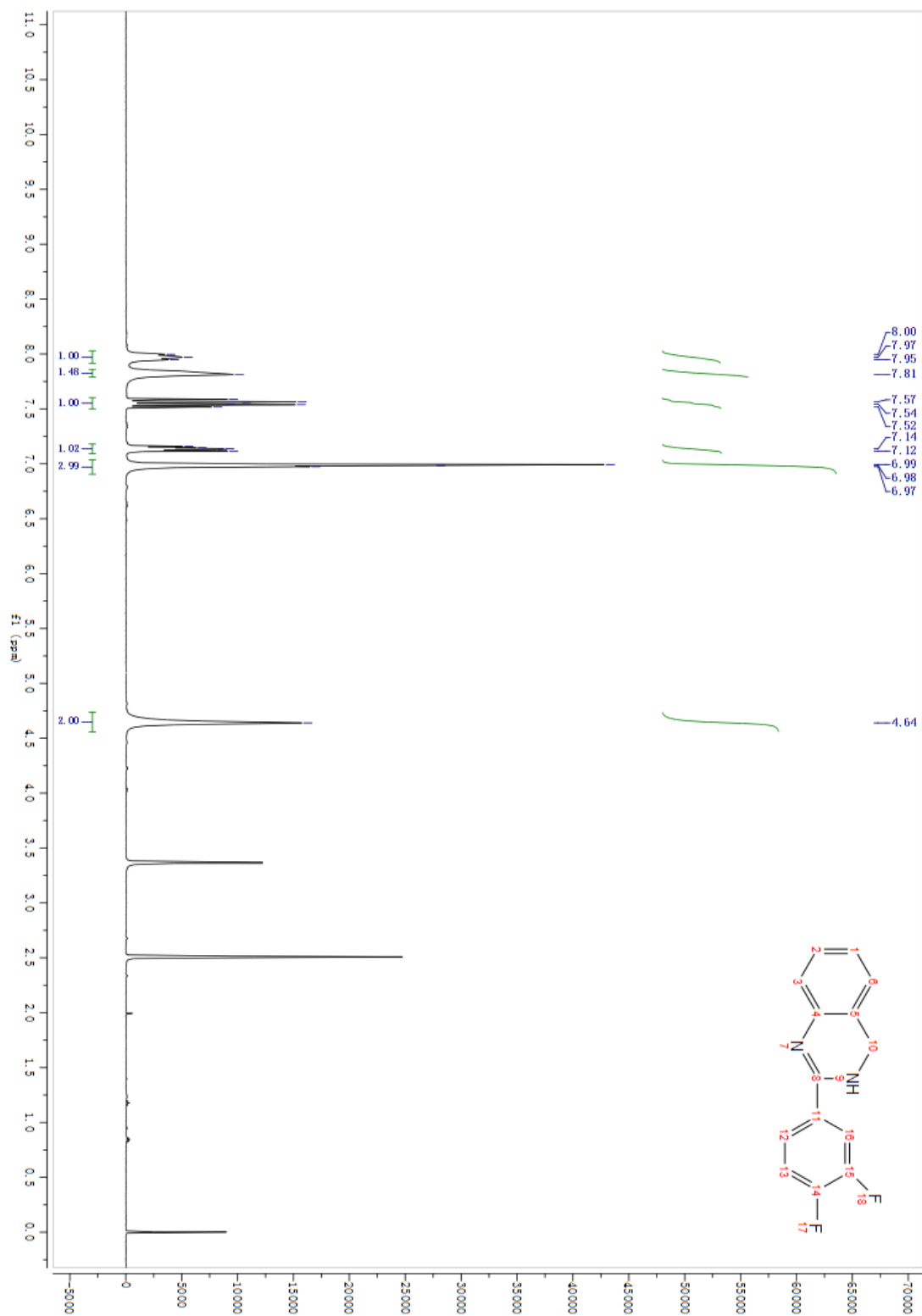
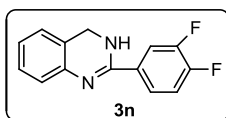


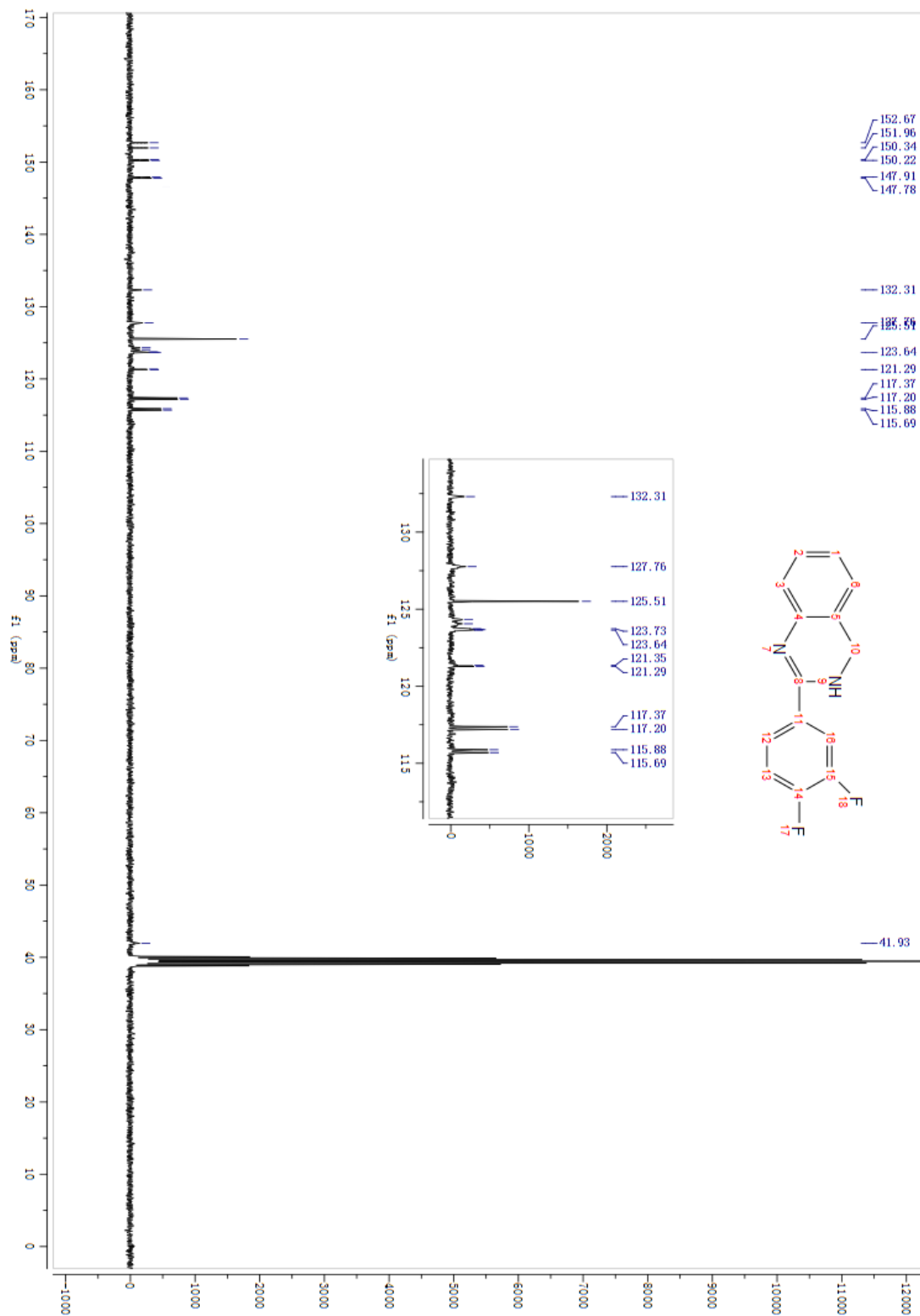
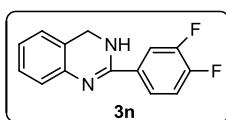


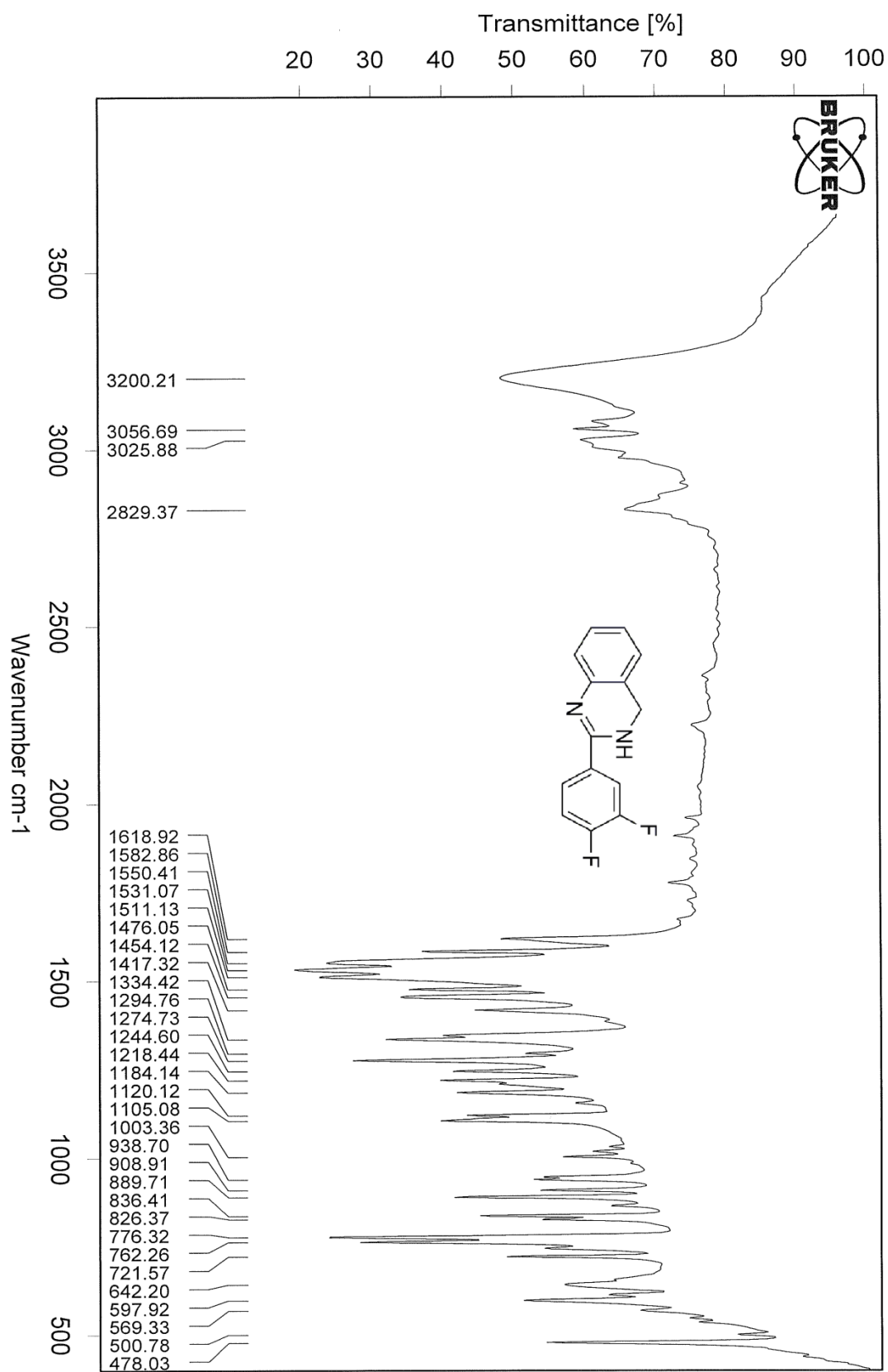
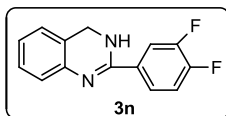


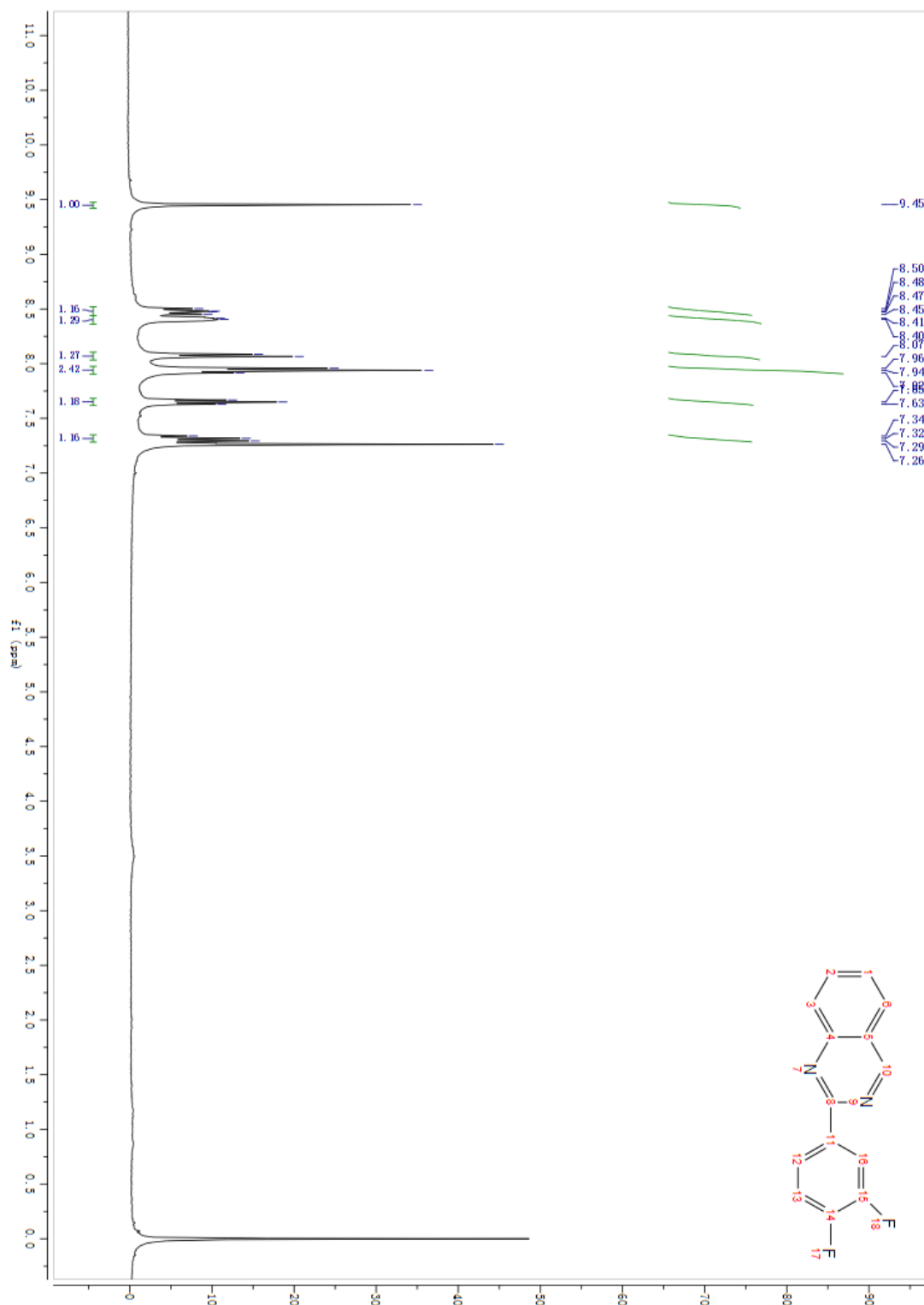
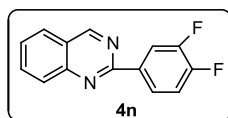


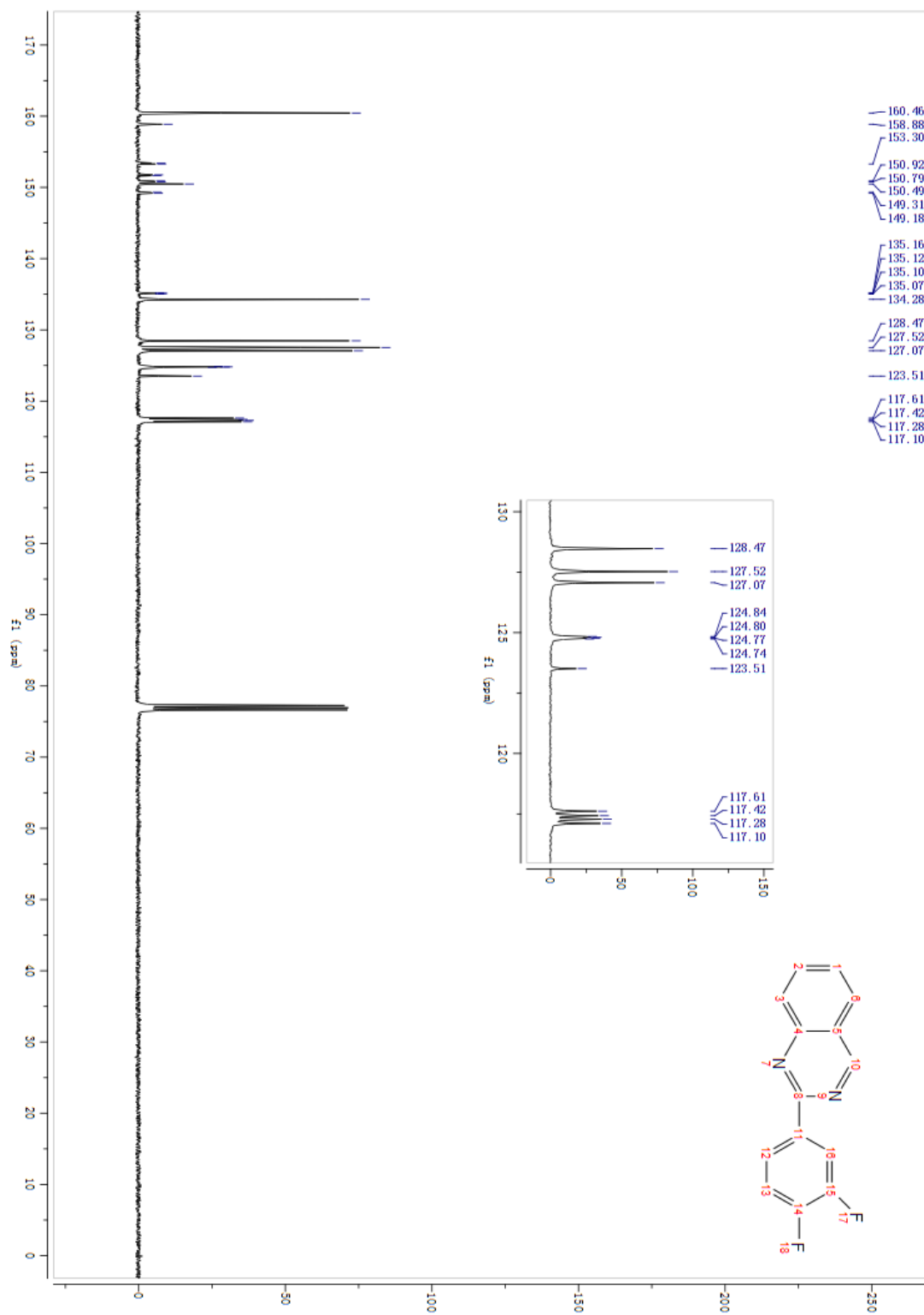
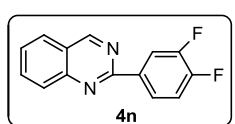


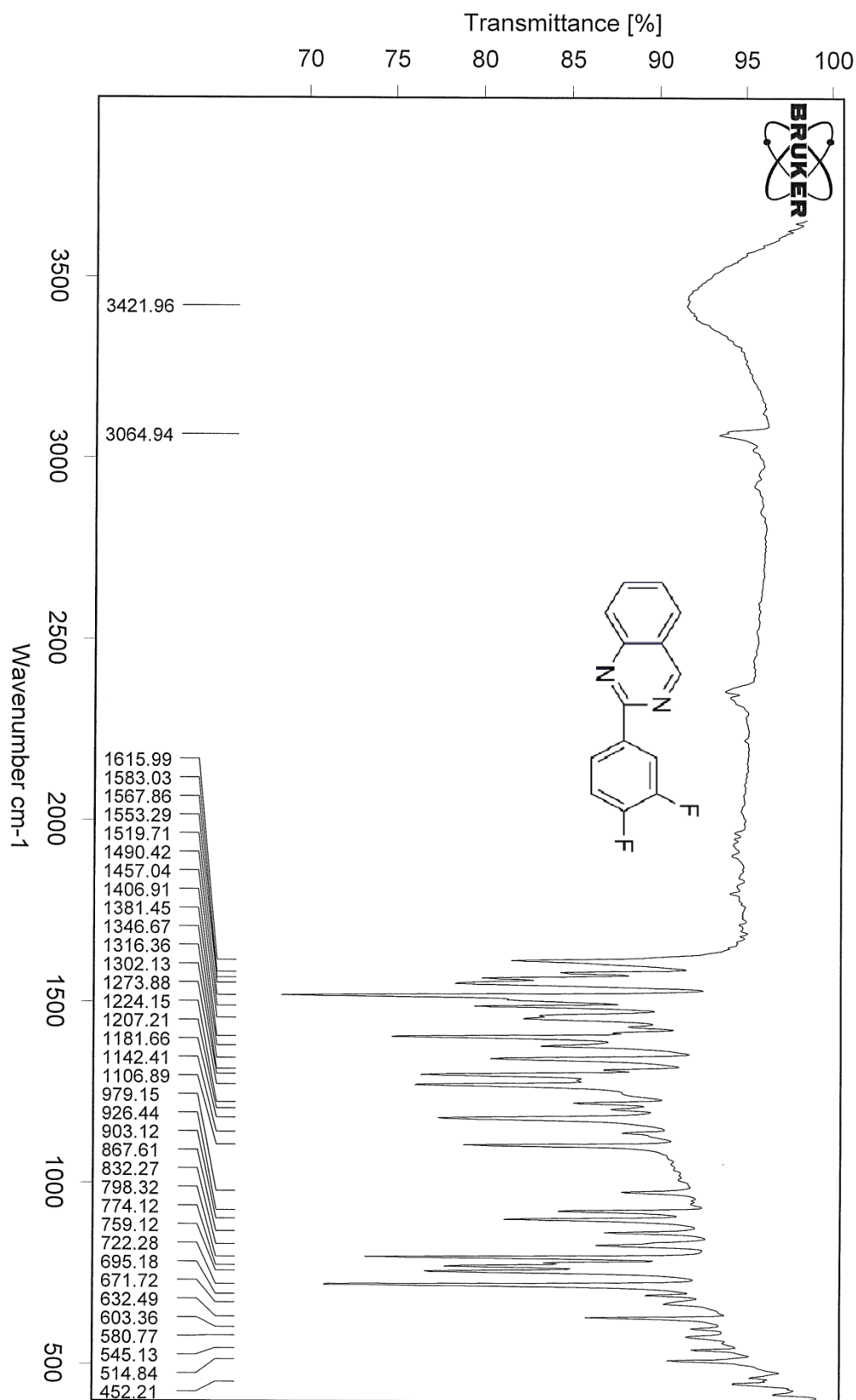
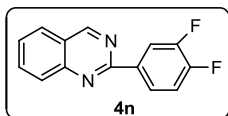


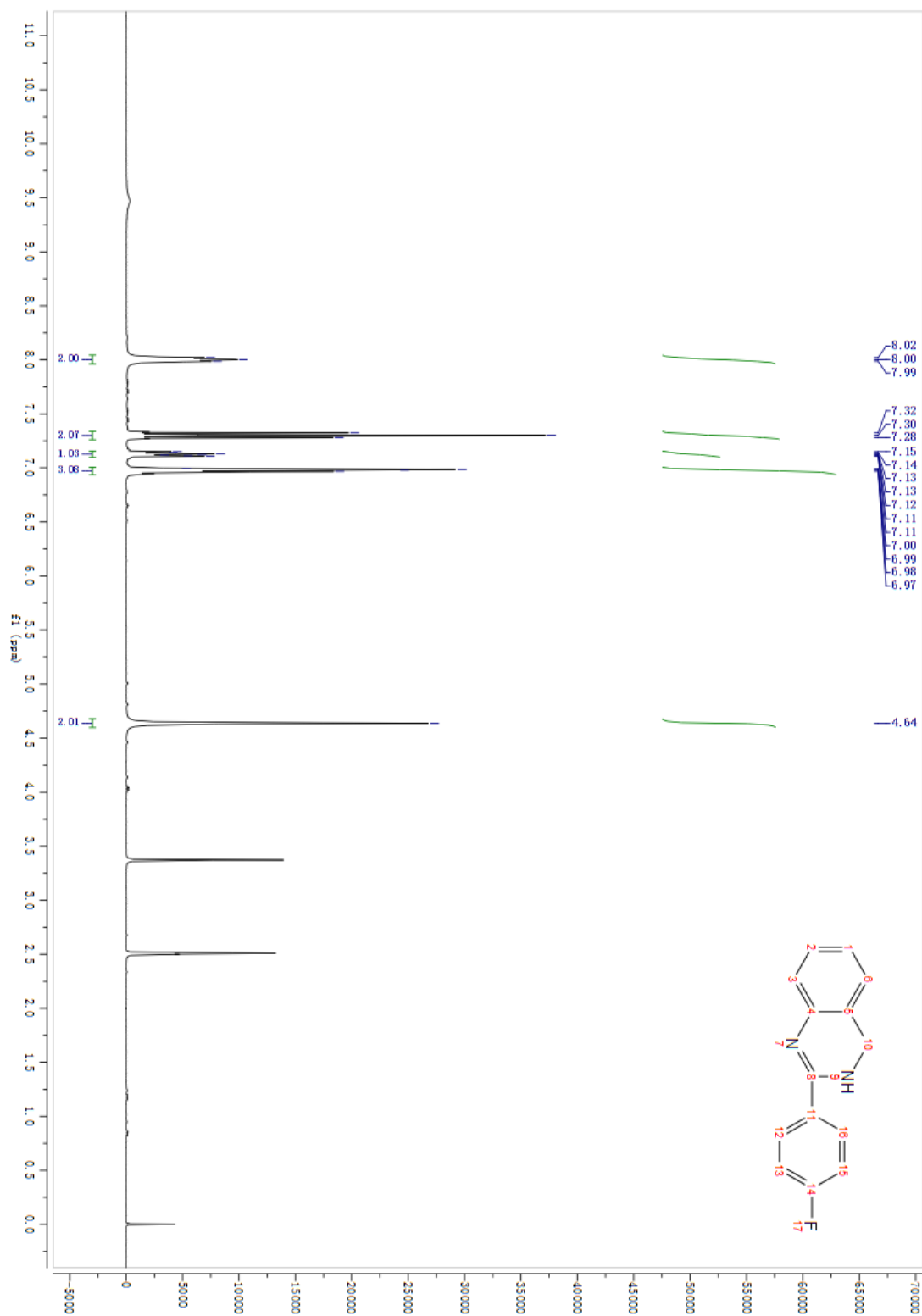
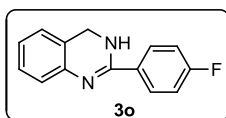


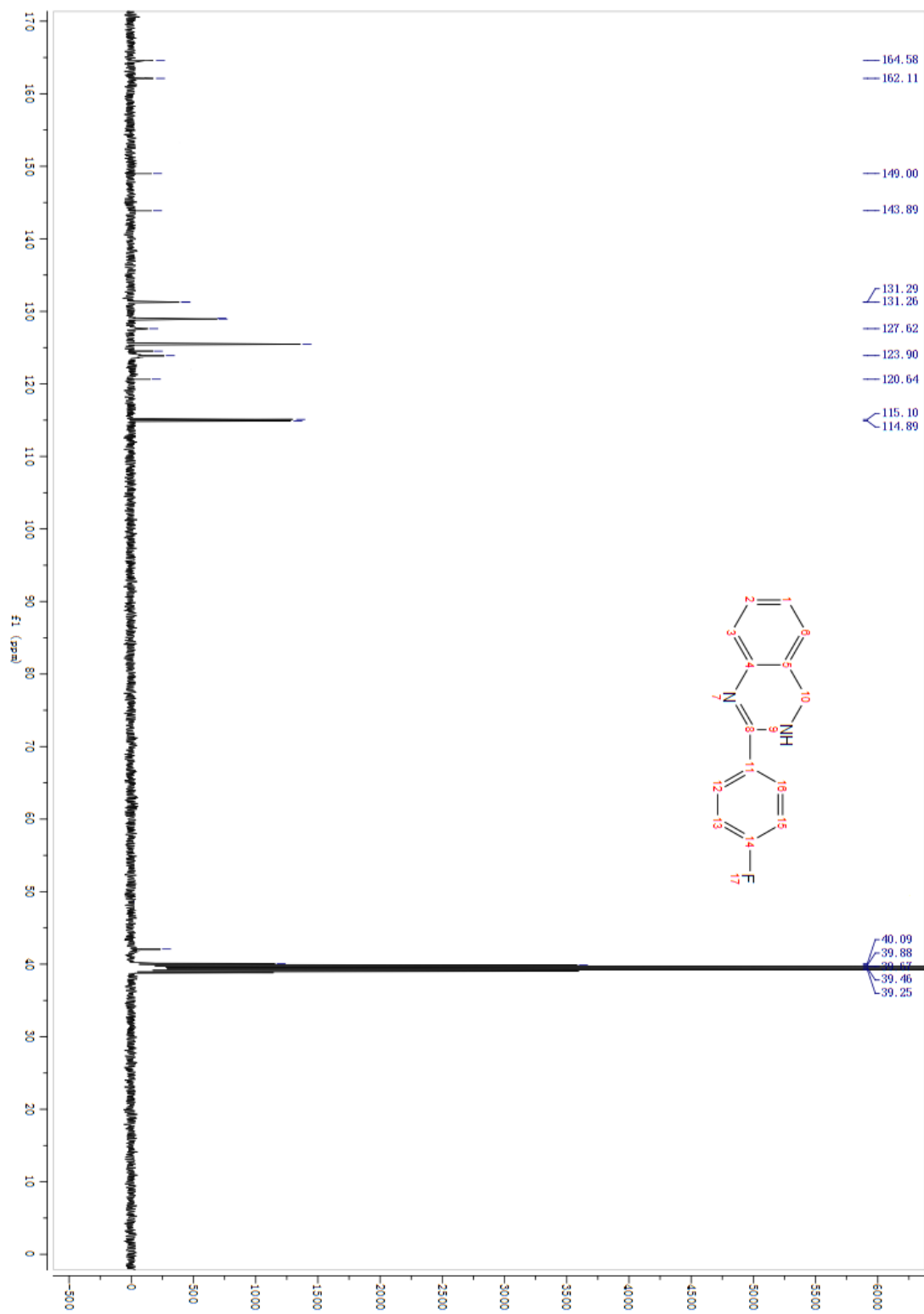
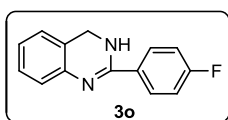


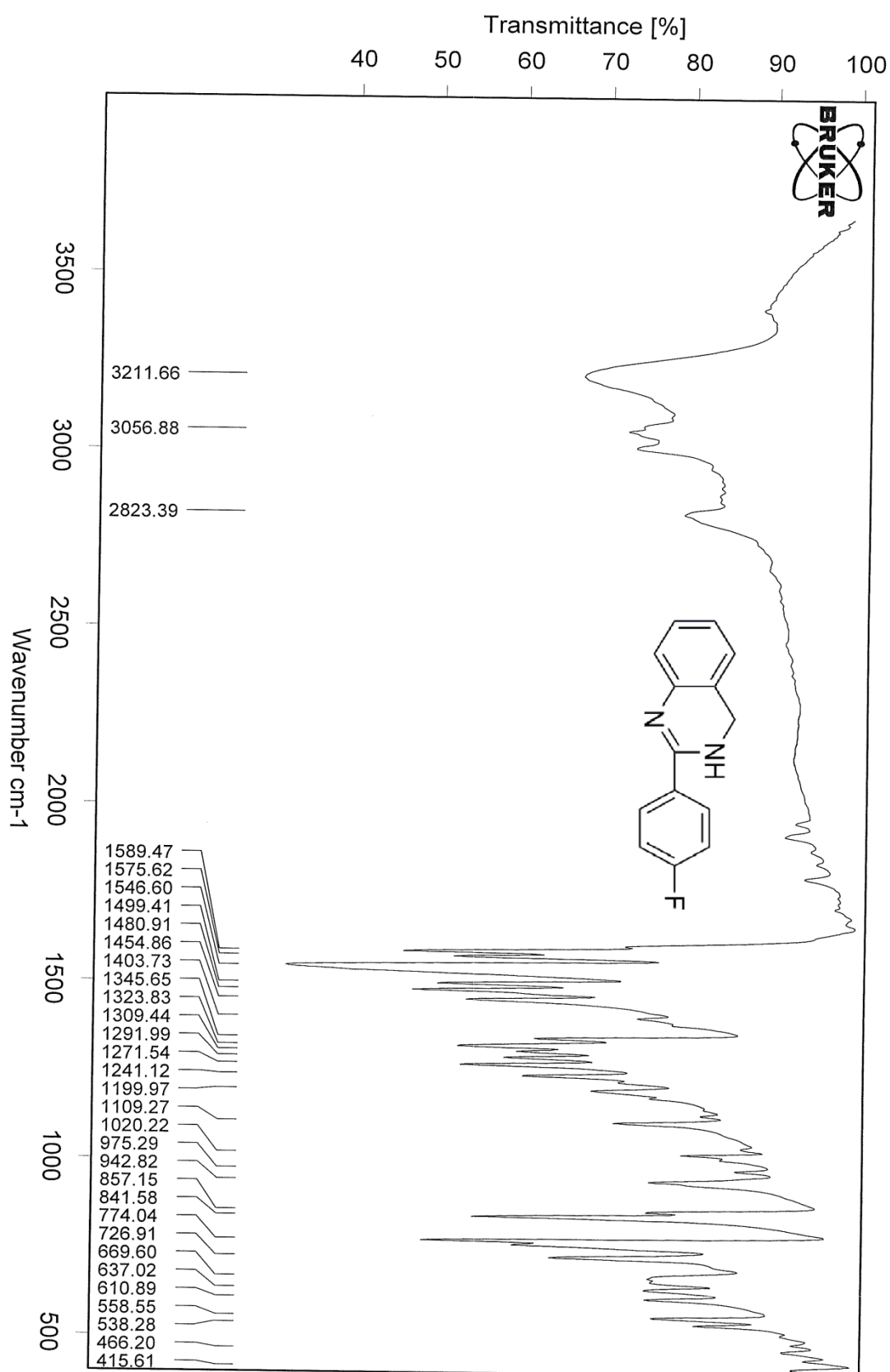
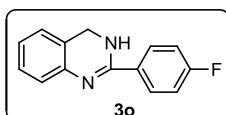


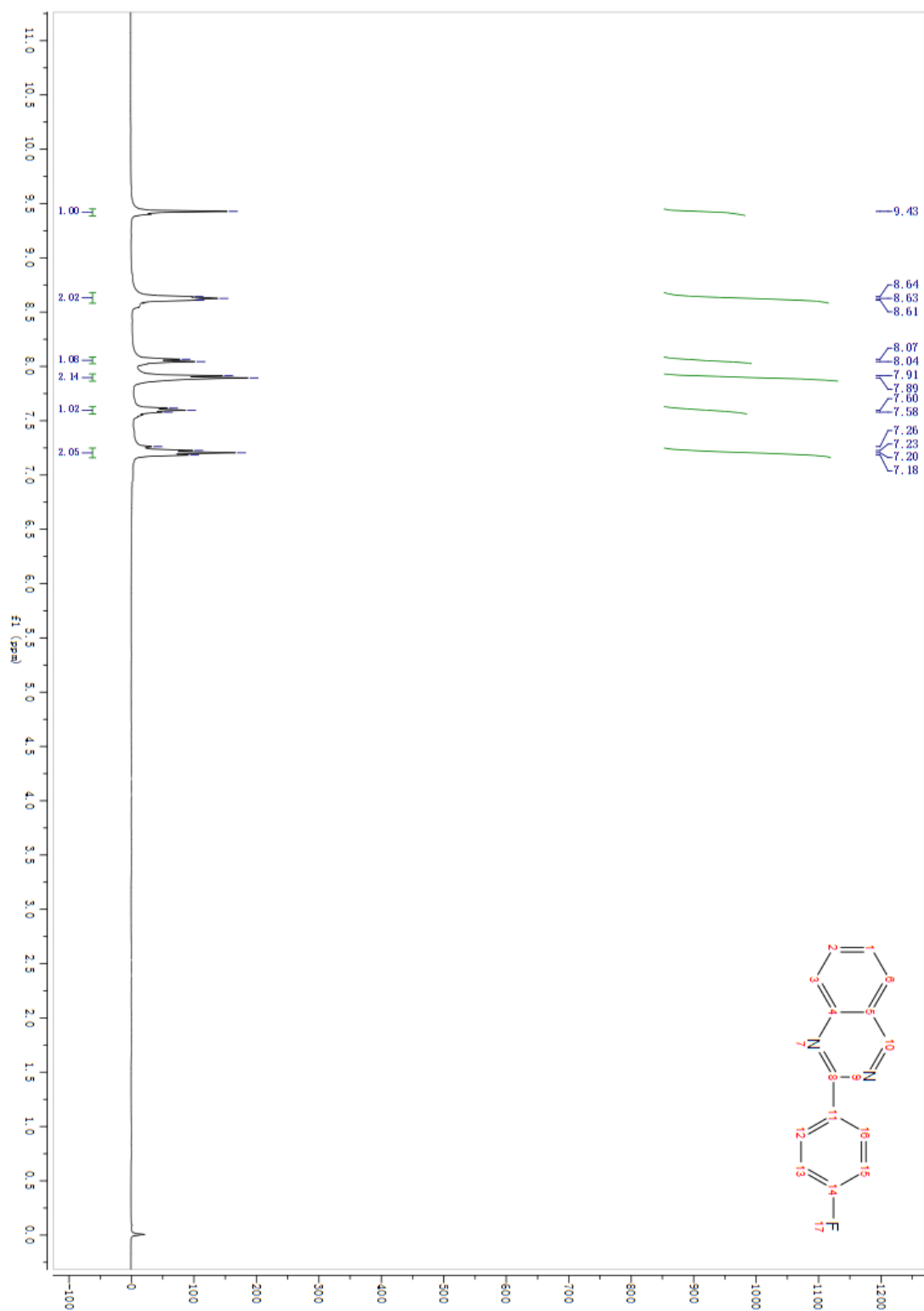
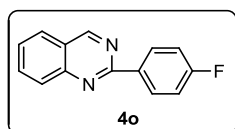


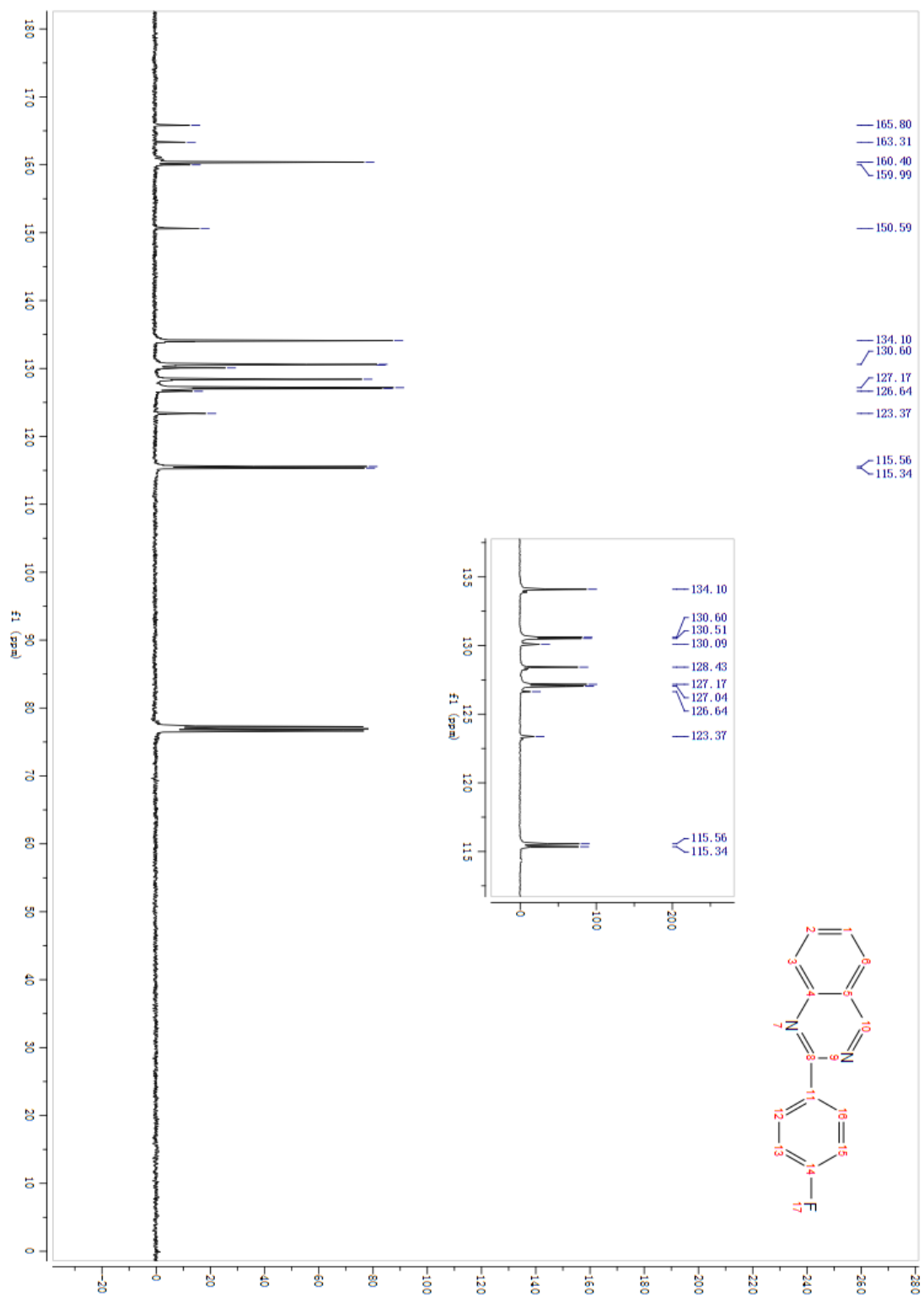
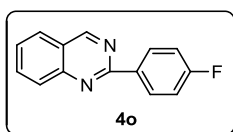


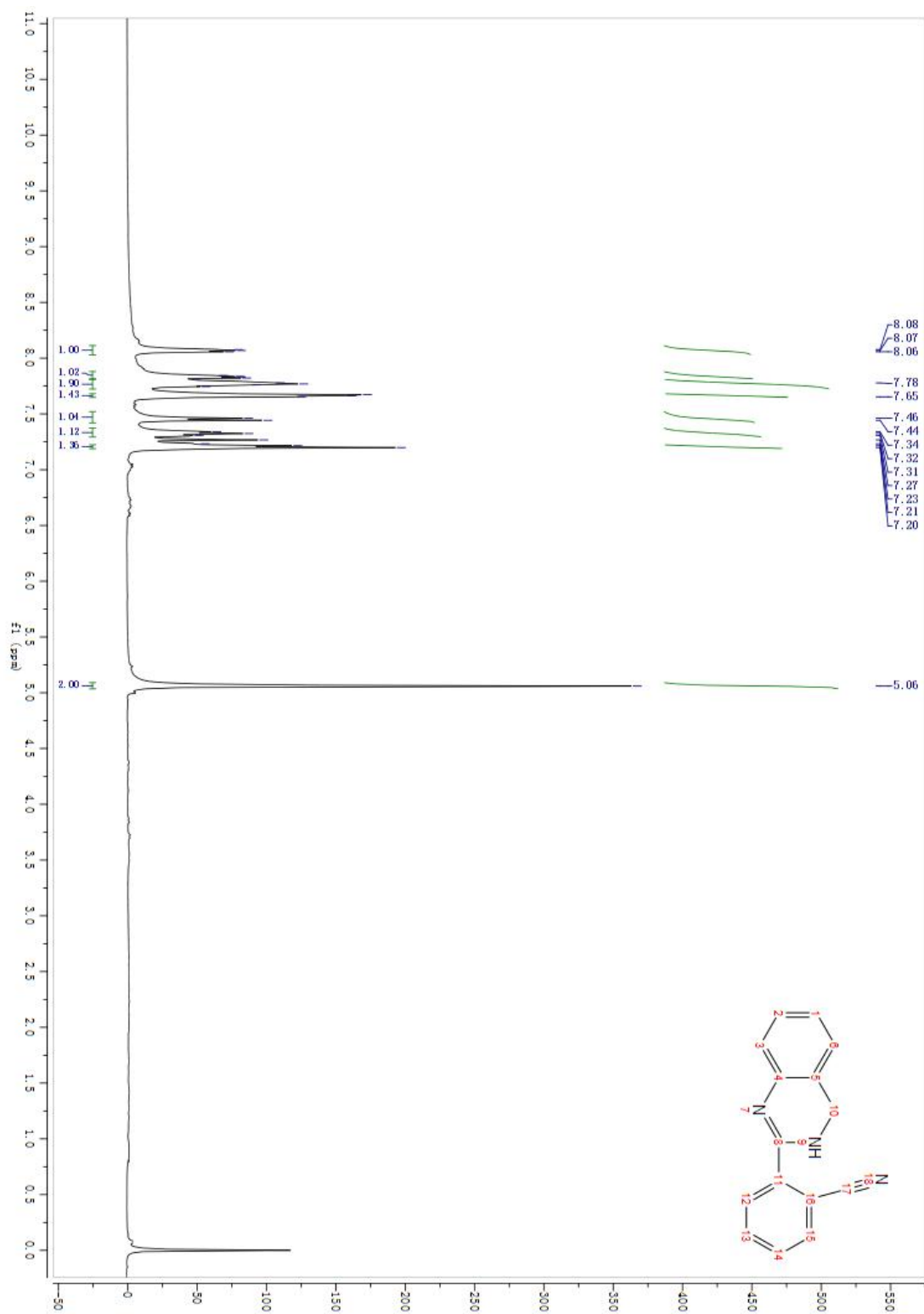
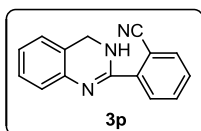


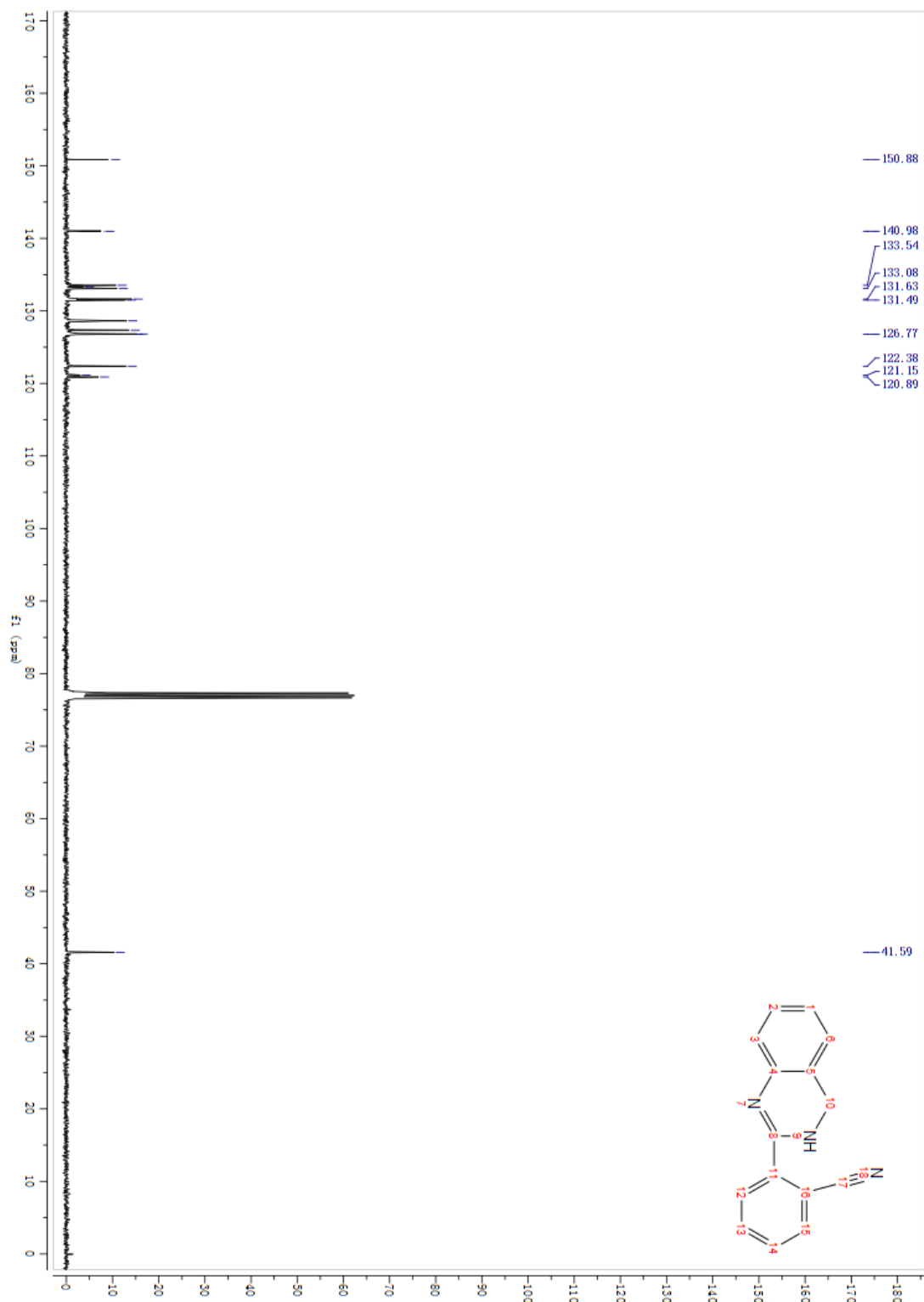
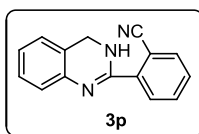


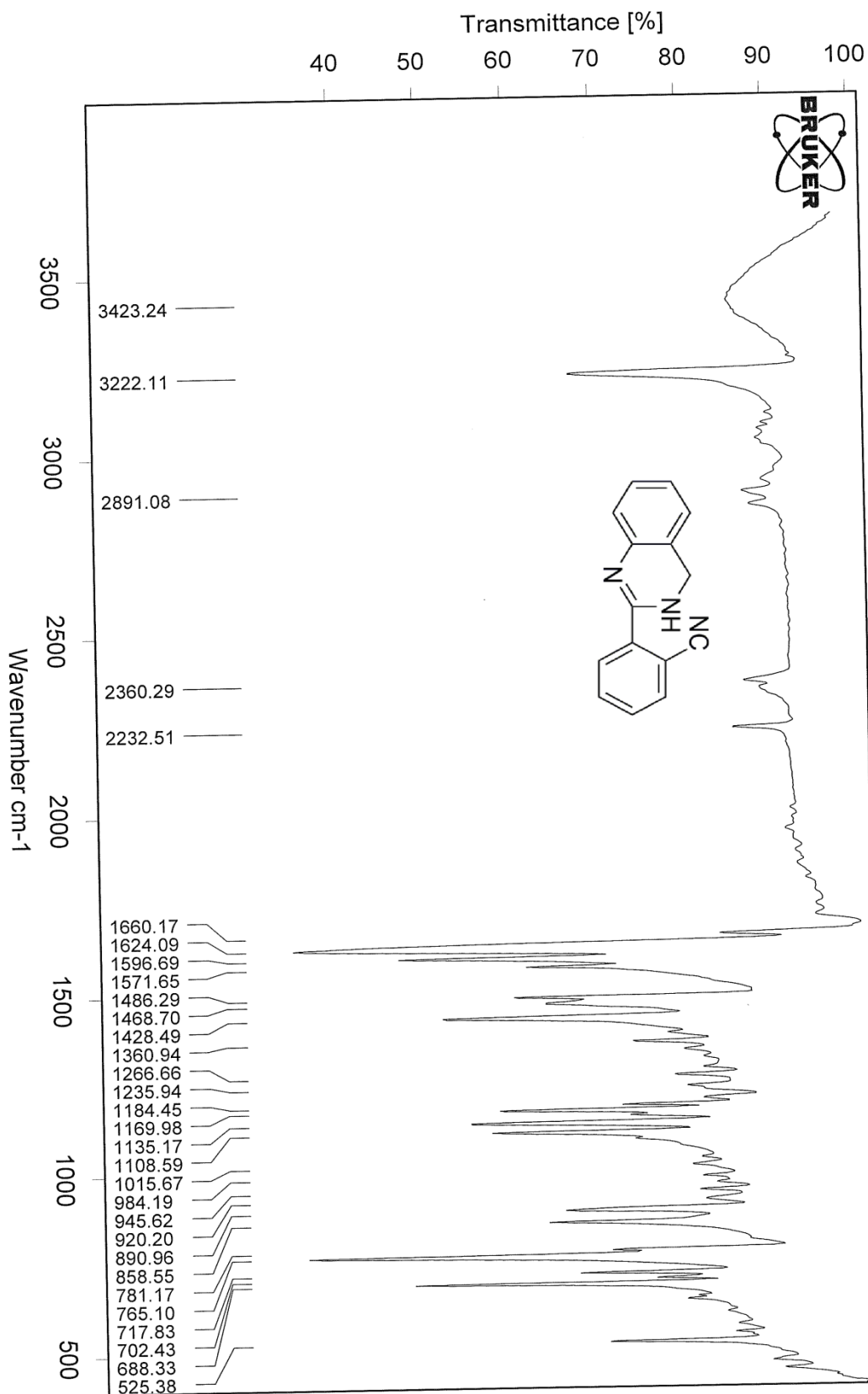
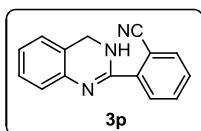


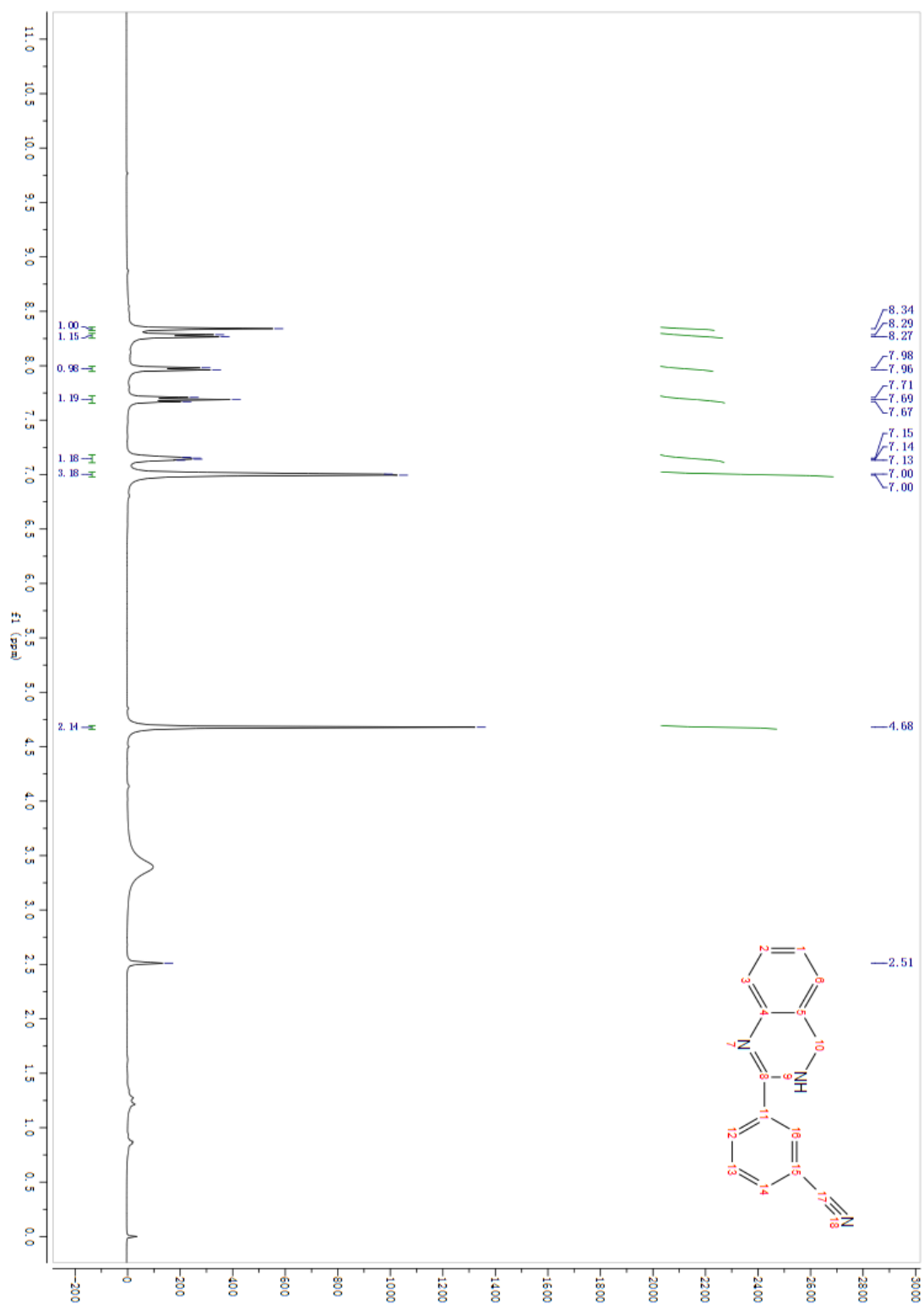
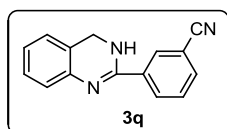


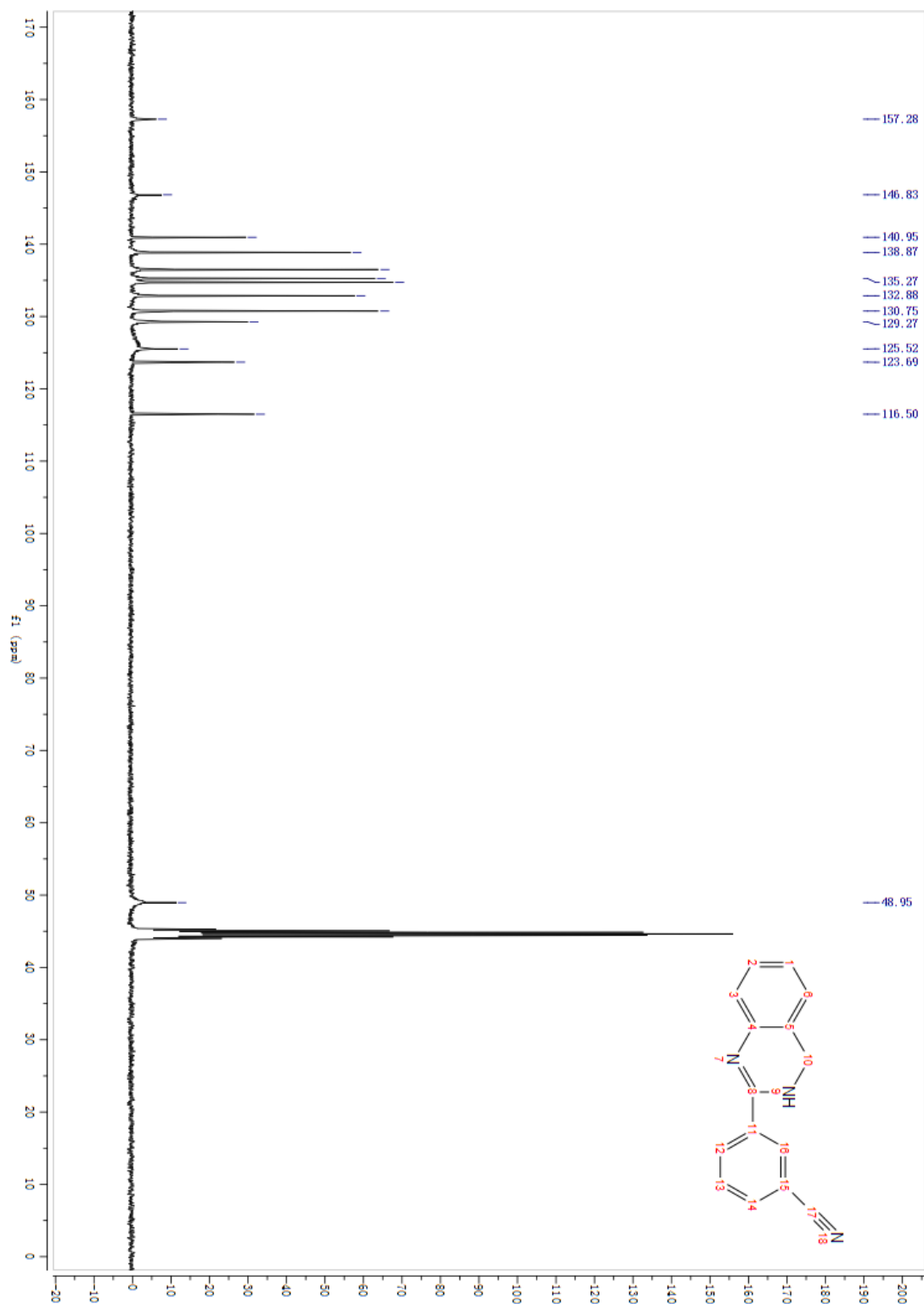
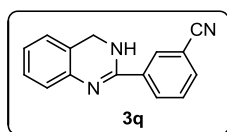


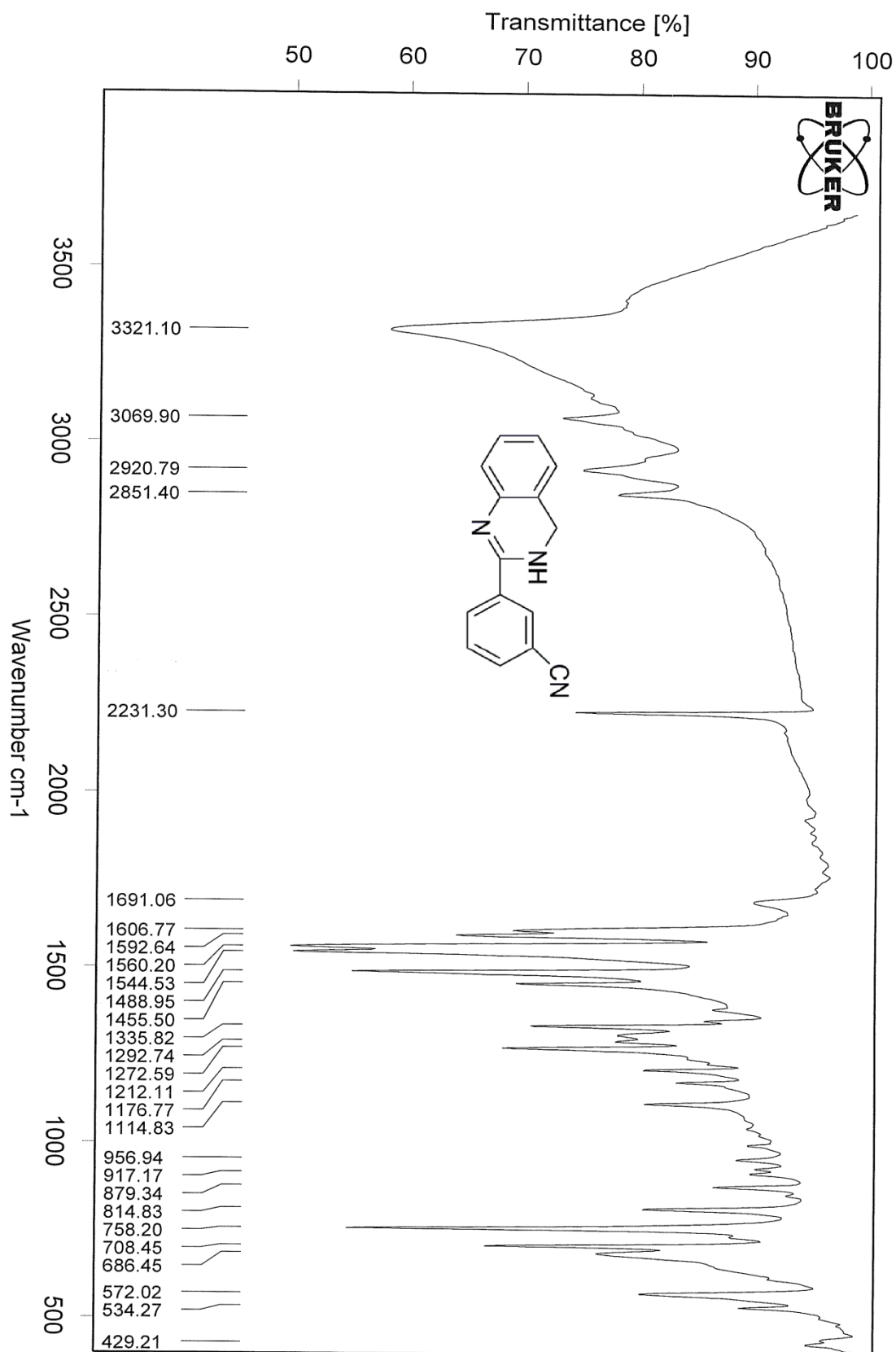
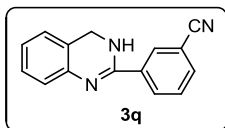


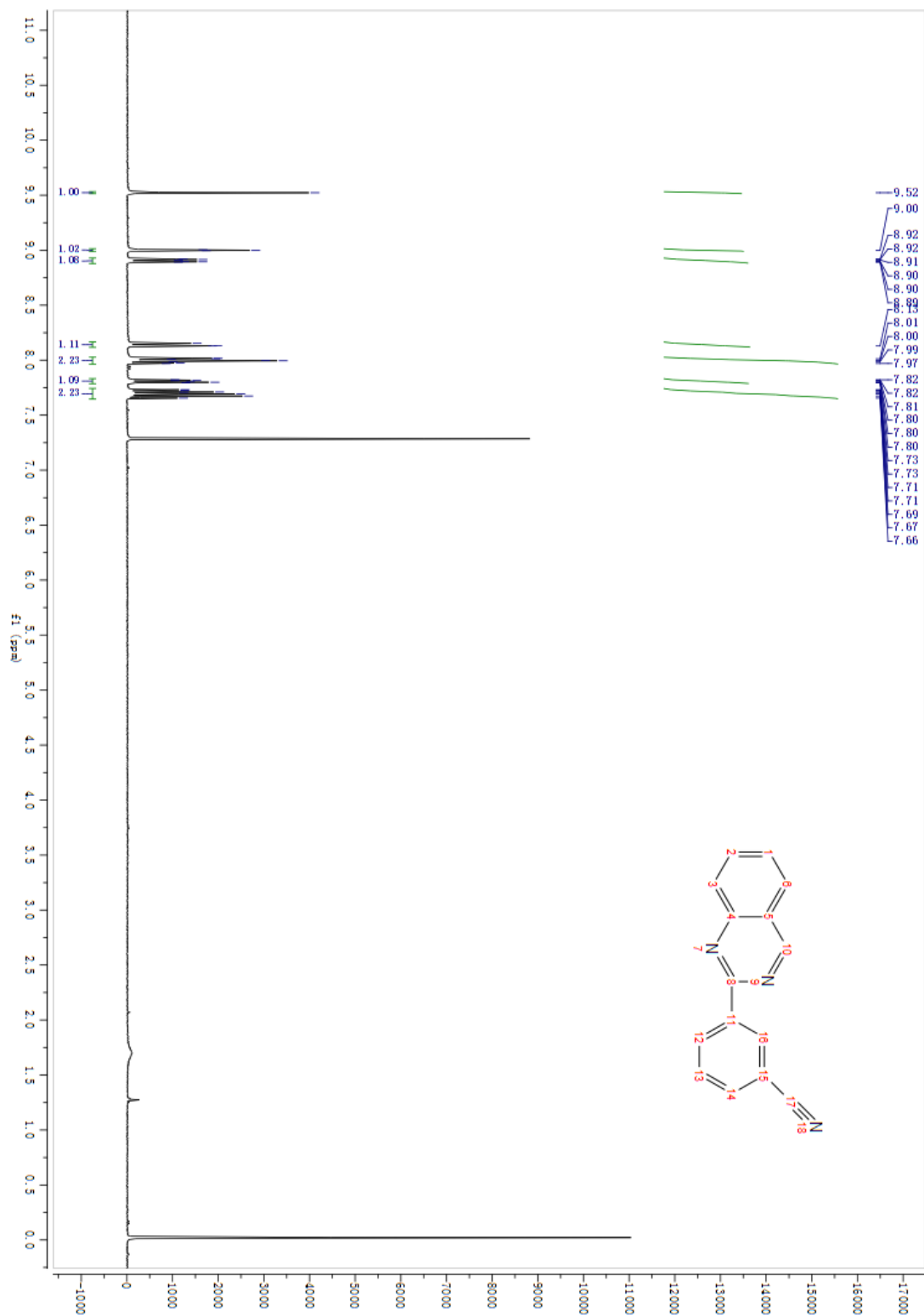
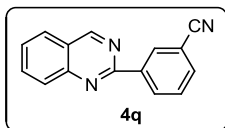


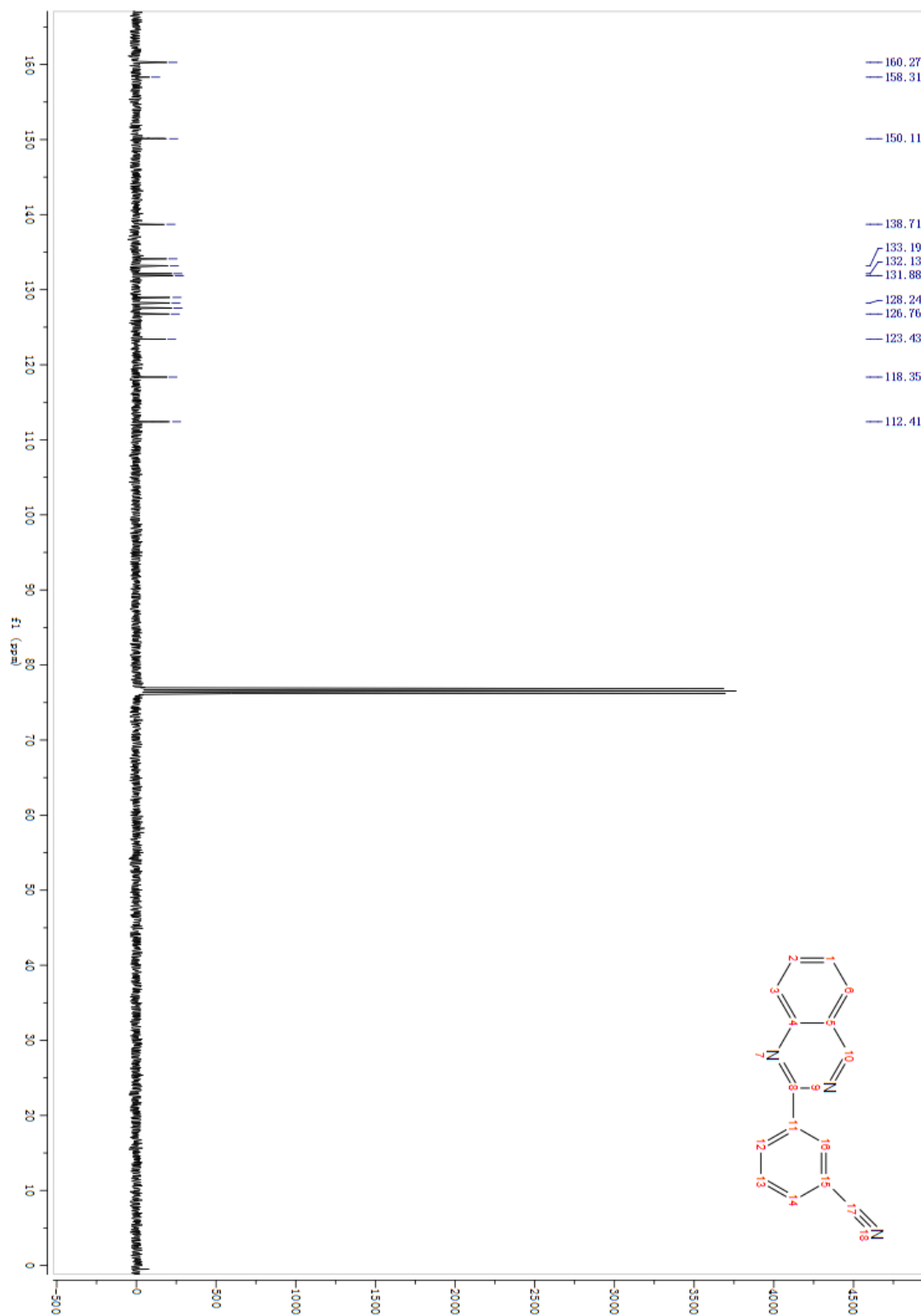
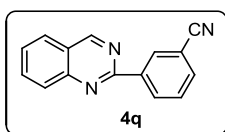


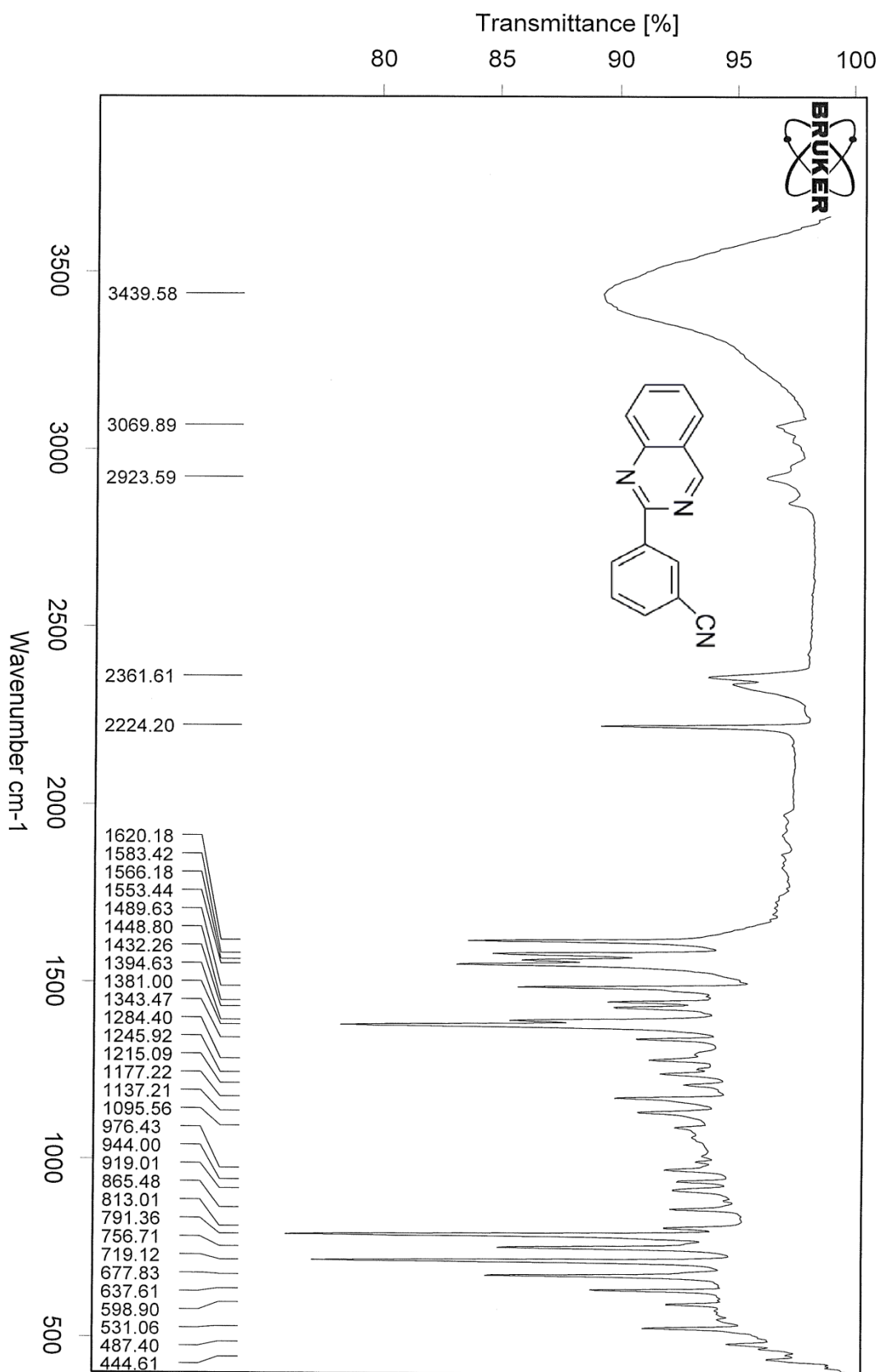
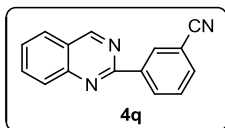


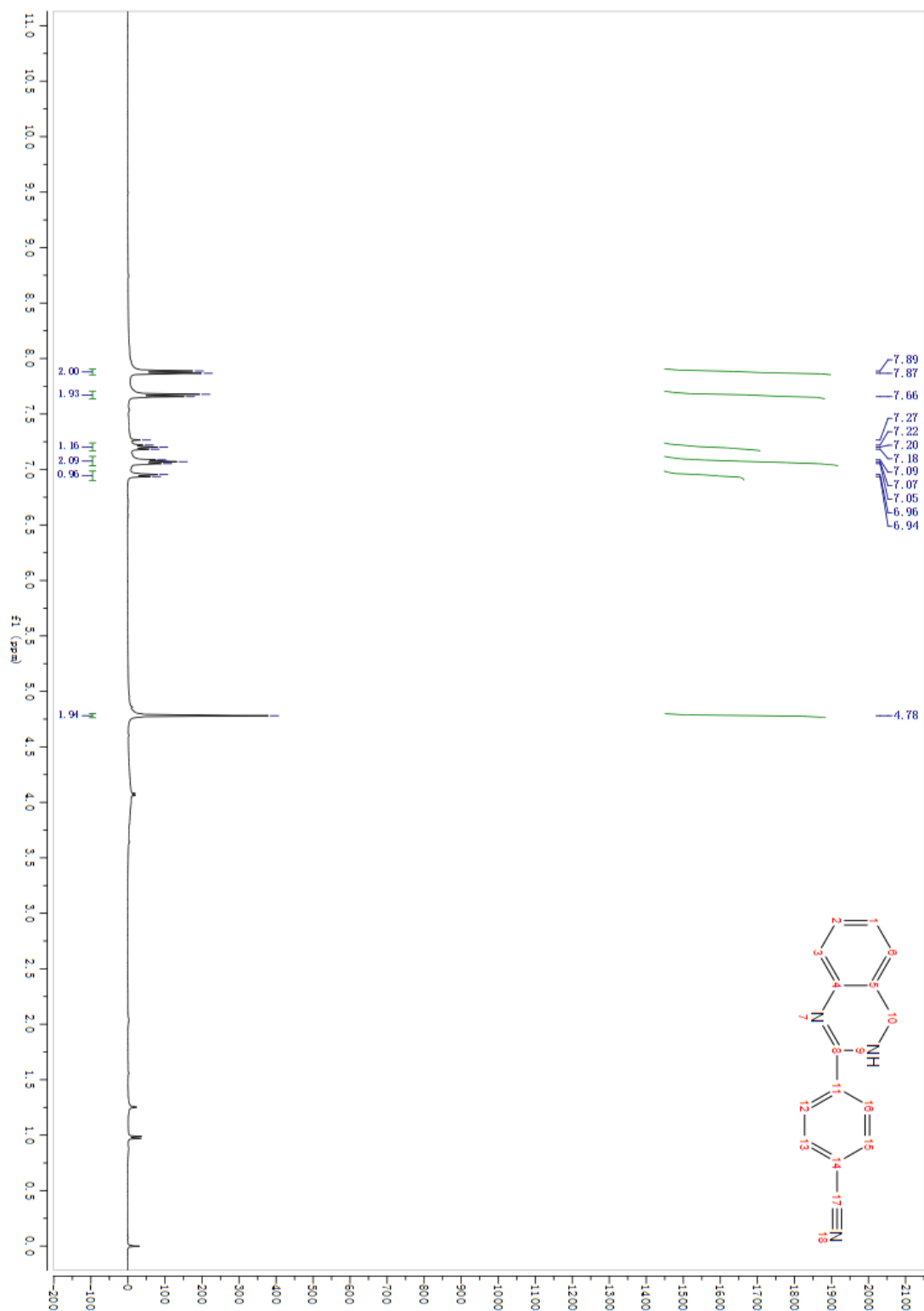
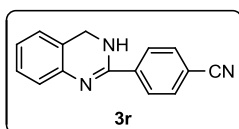


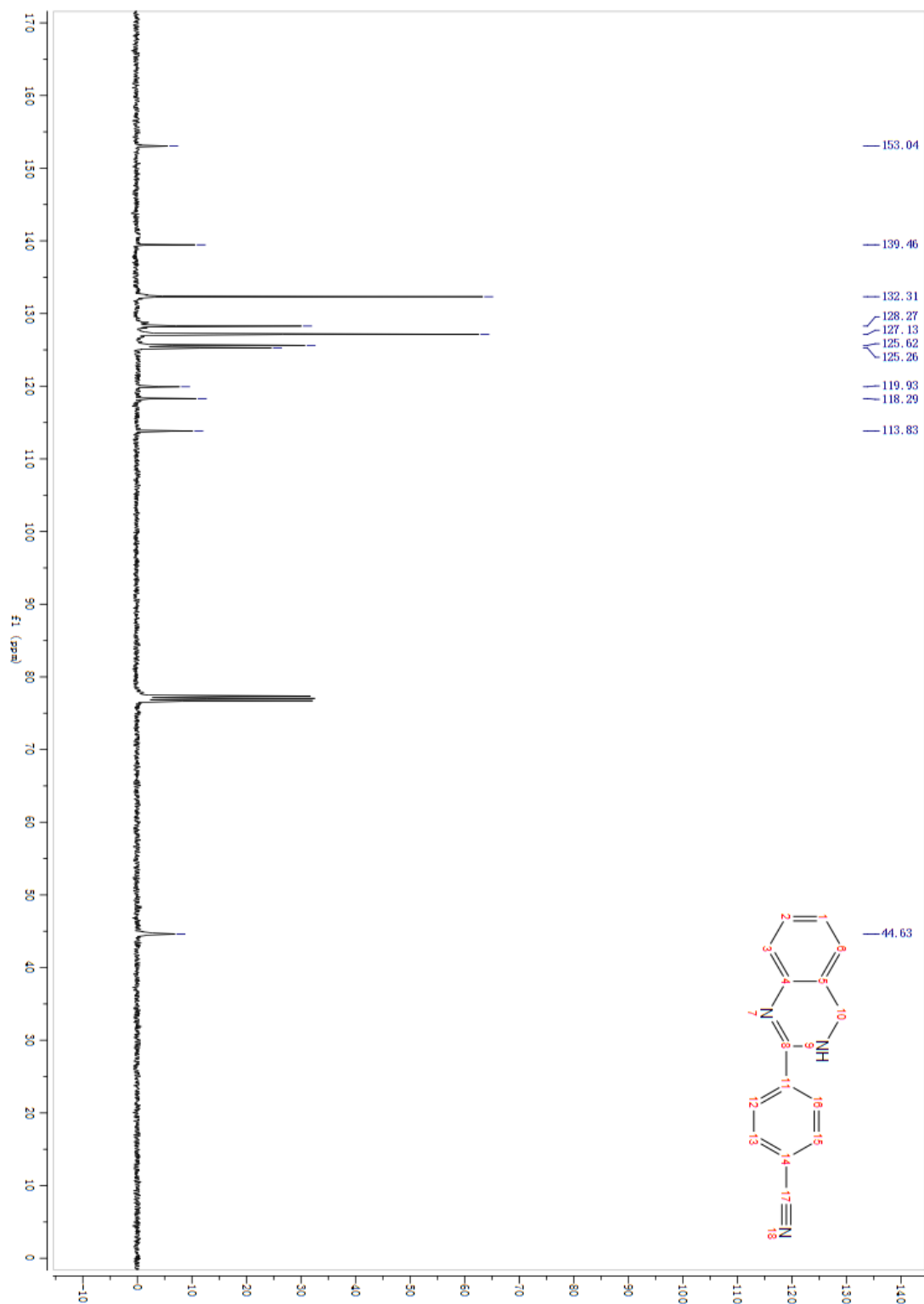
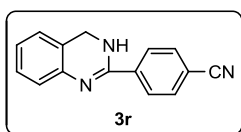


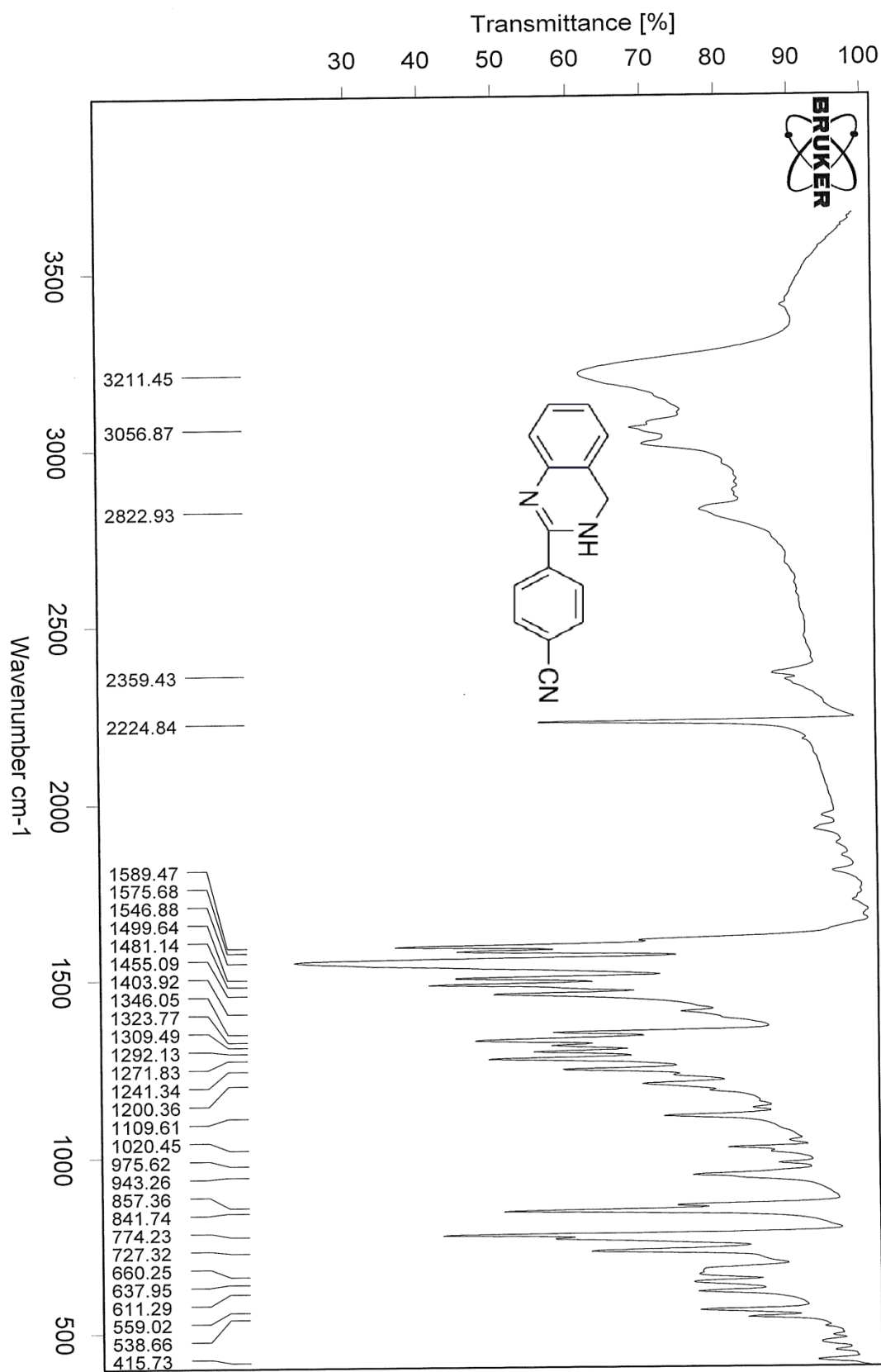
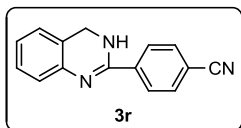


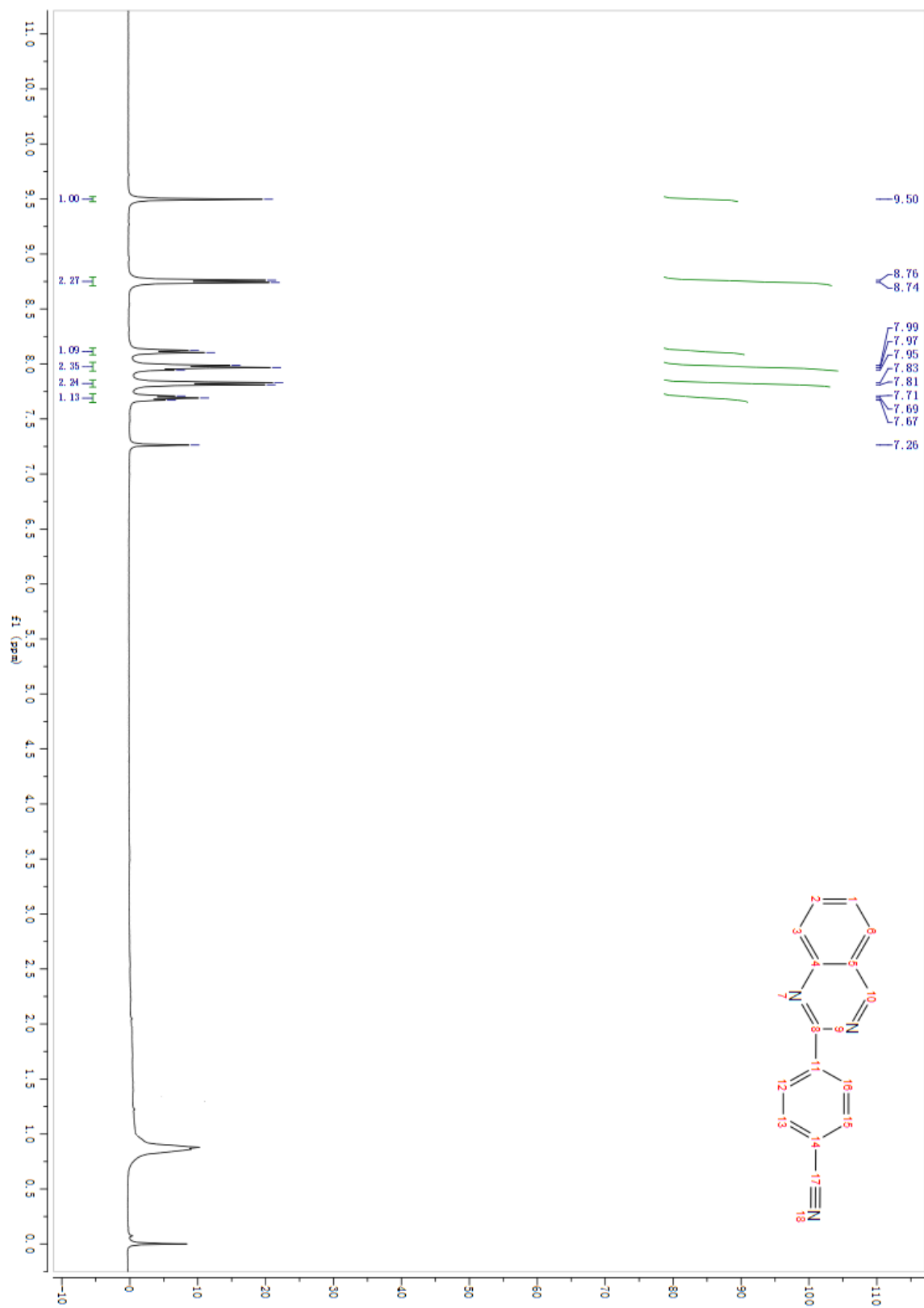
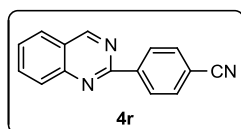


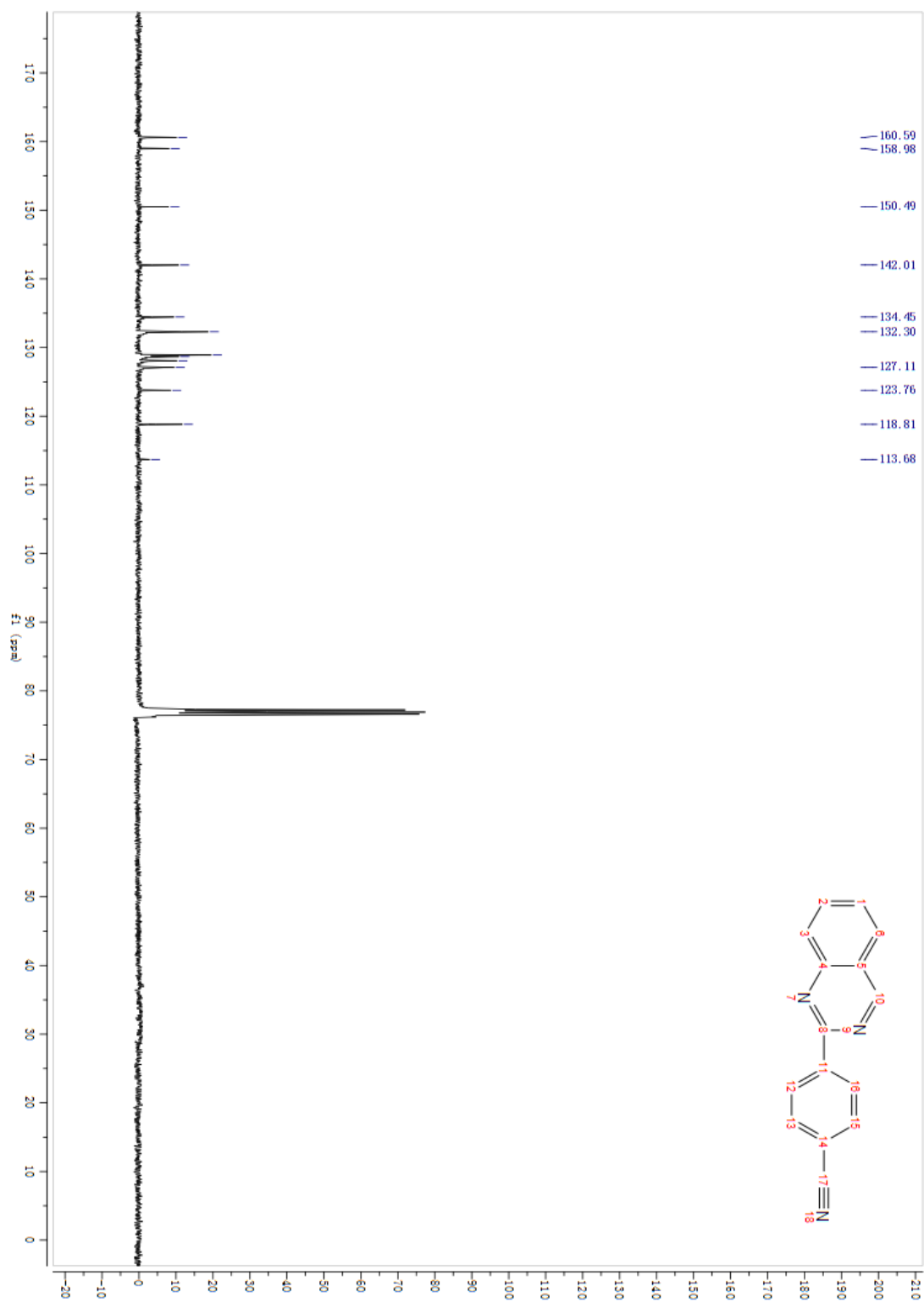
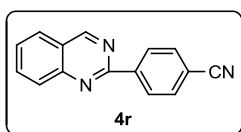


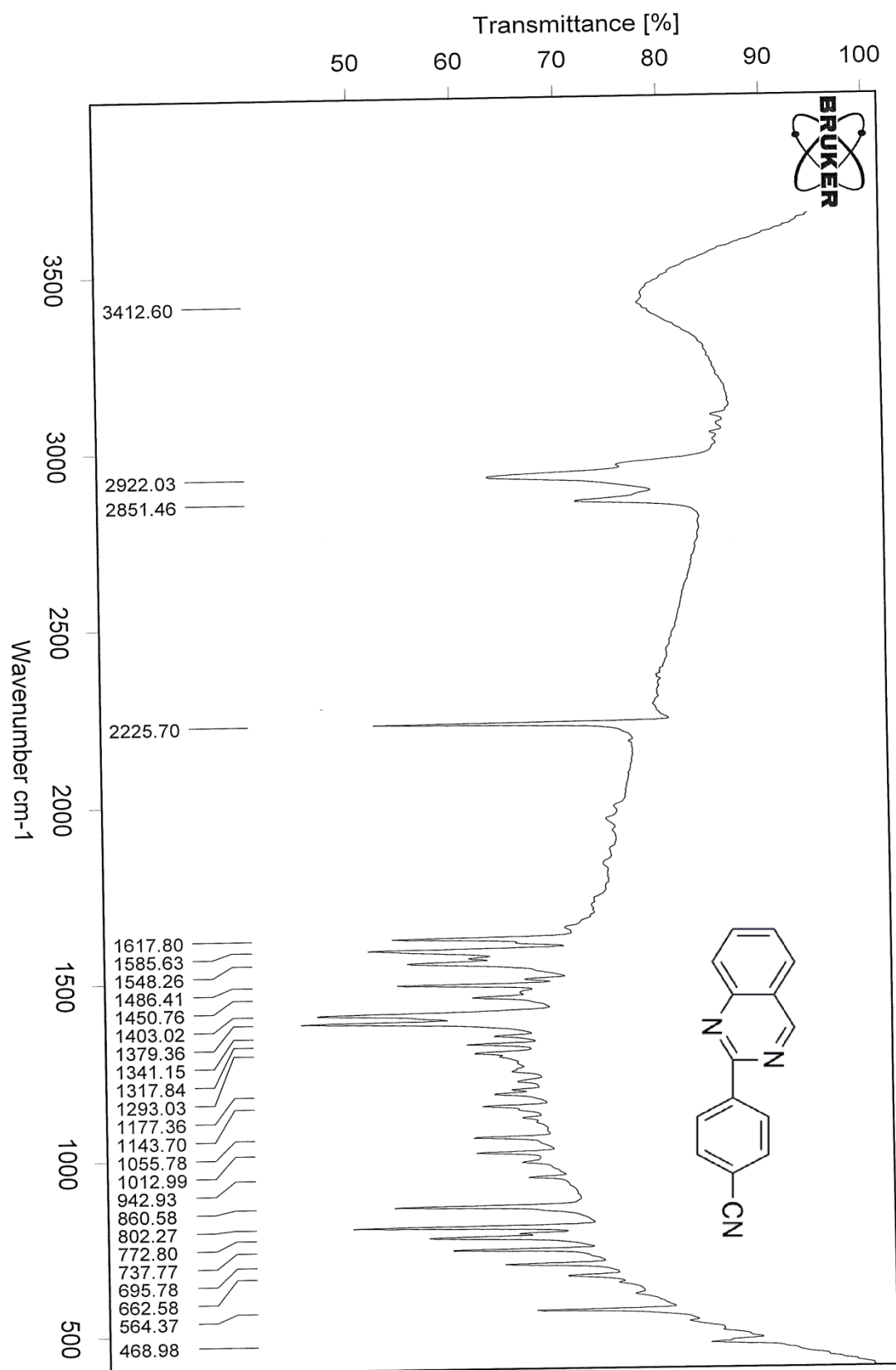
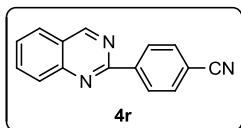


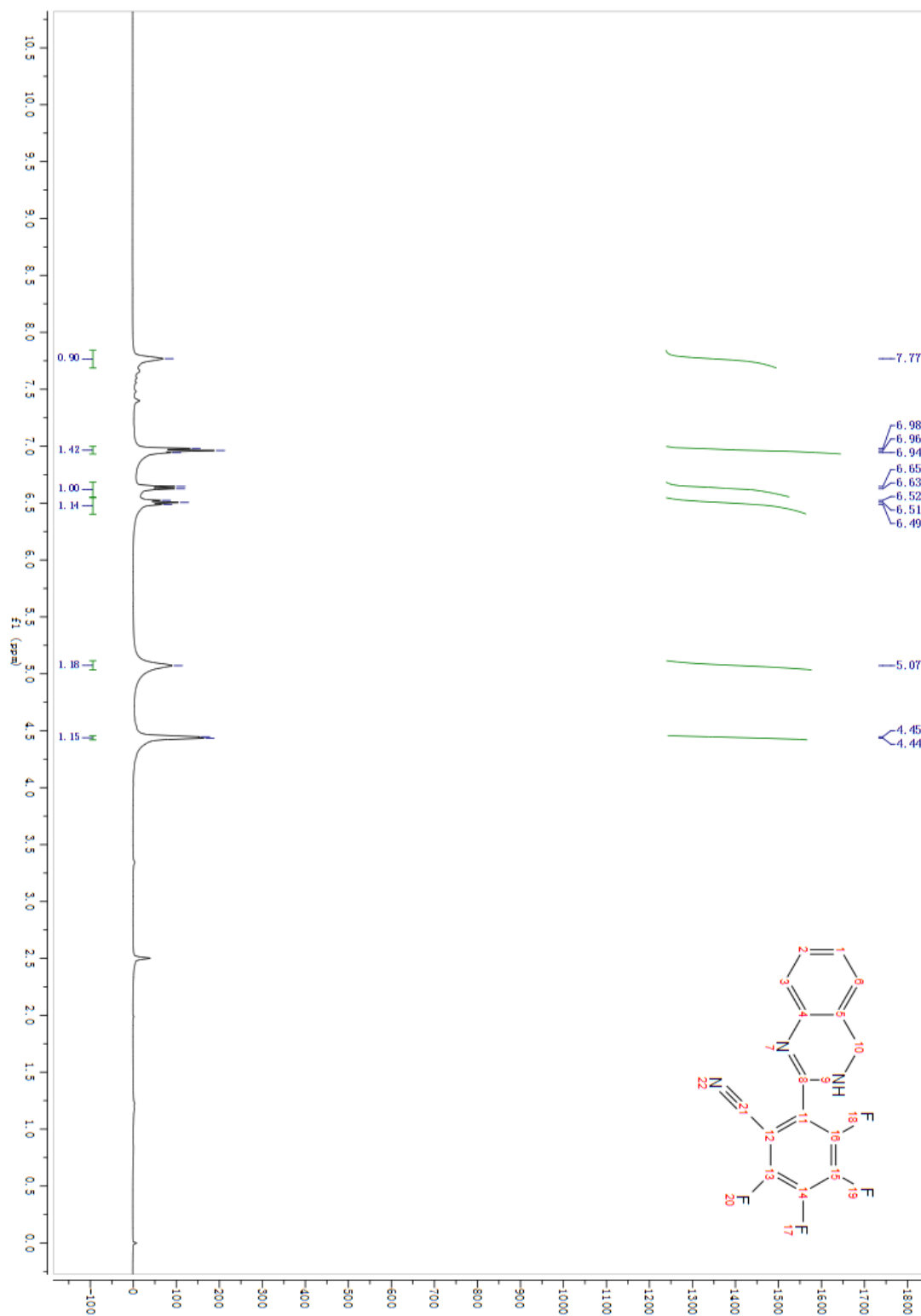
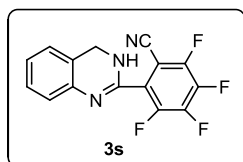


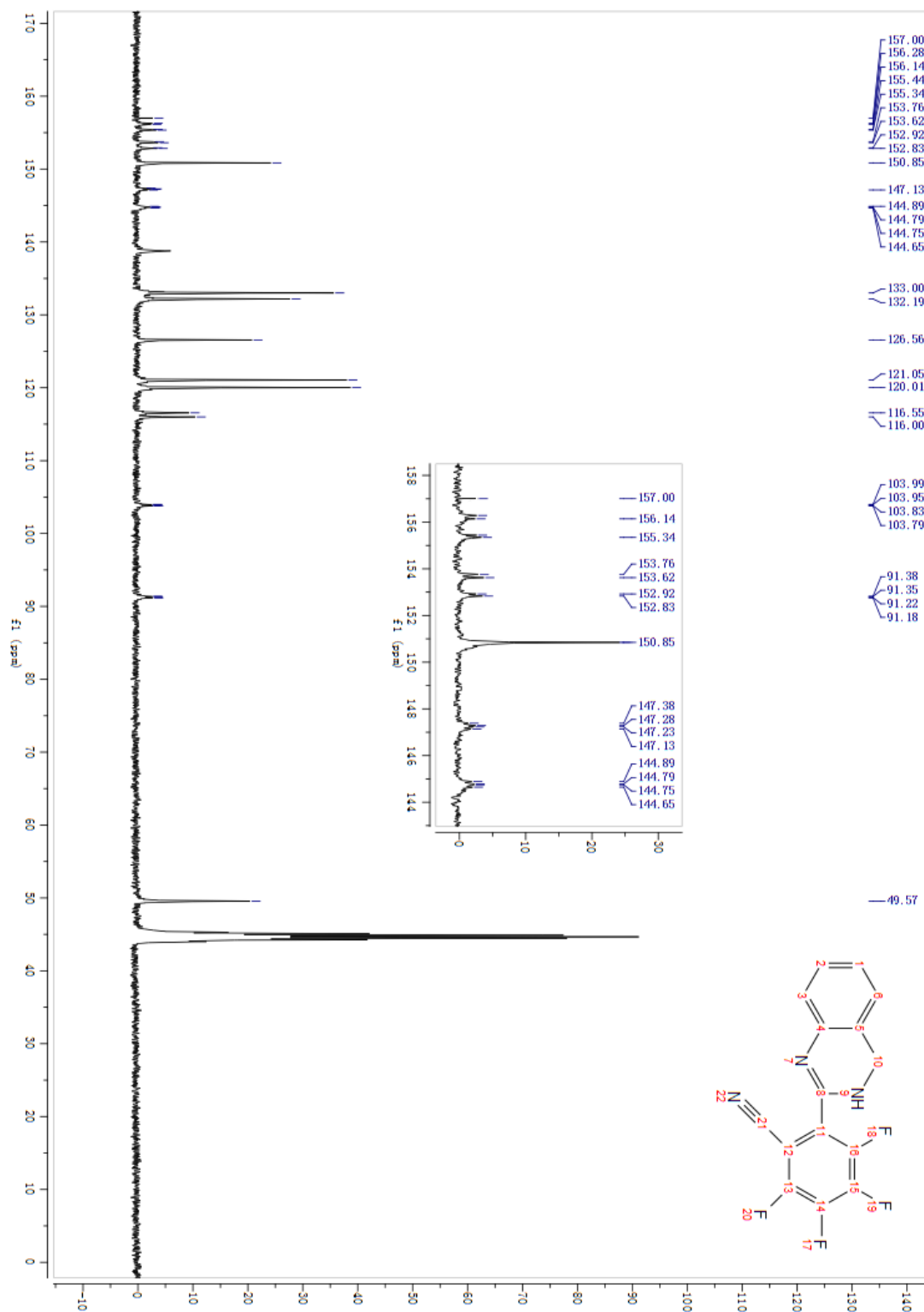
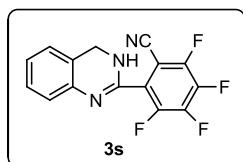


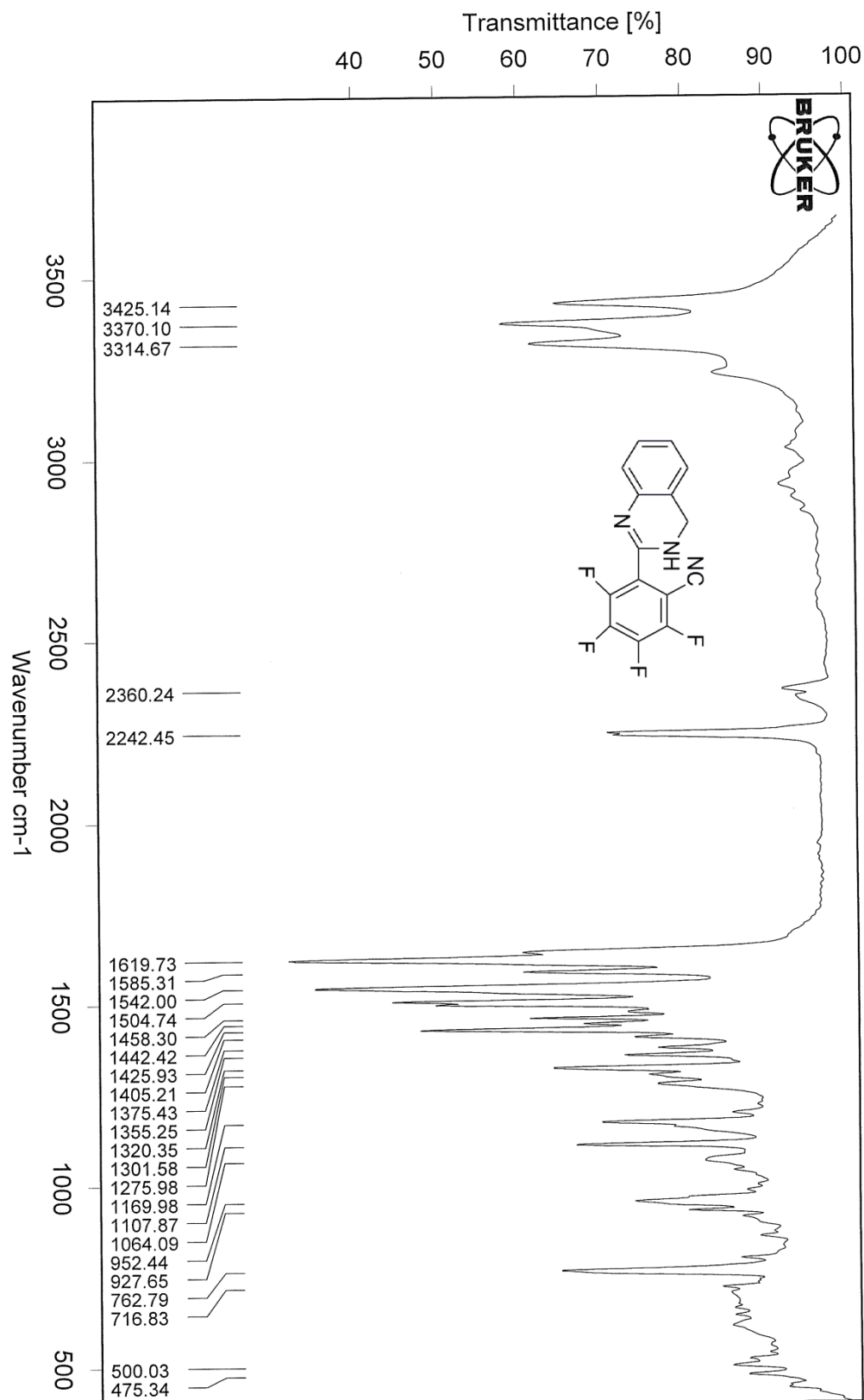
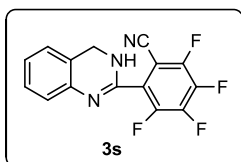






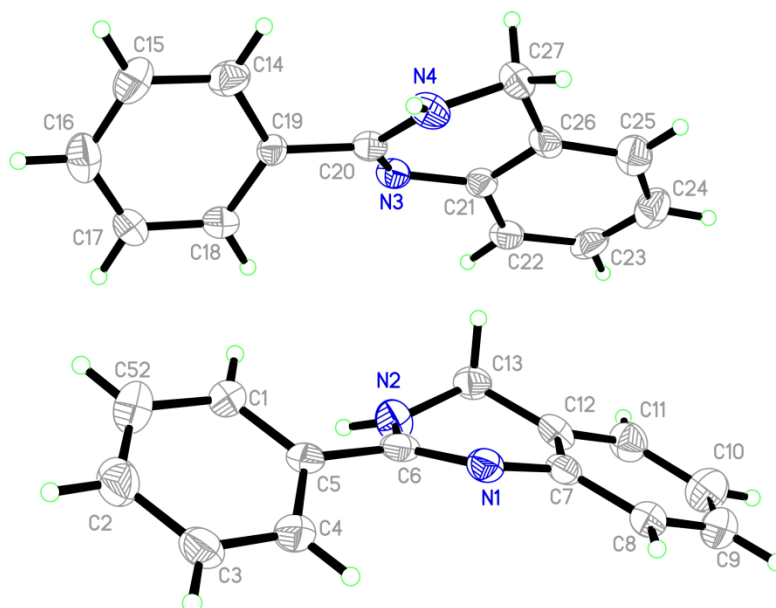




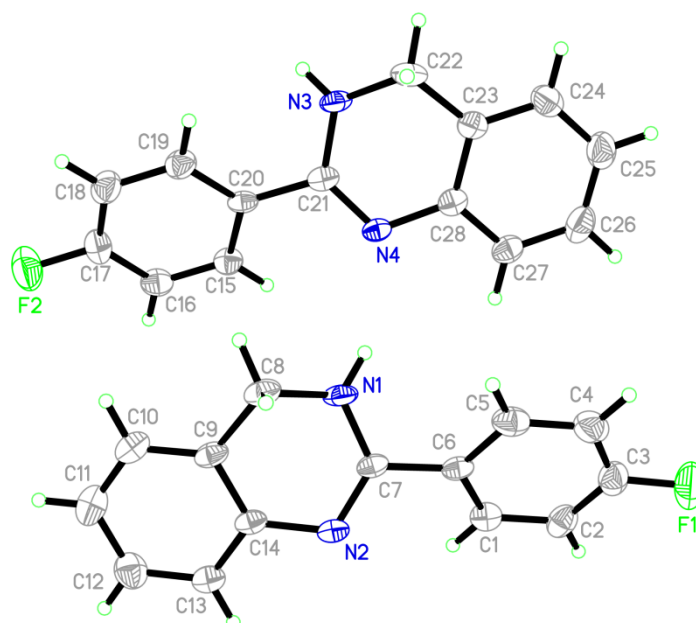


6. X-Ray structure of 3a and 3o

3a: 2-phenyl-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (CCDC 977533)



3o: 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,4-dihydroquinazoline (CCDC 977534)



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